

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted January 31-February 2, 2015
Margin of Error $\pm 4.1\%$

1. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...?

Most of the time	44%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	2%

2. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	58%
Not sure	16%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of John McCain?

Very favorable	7%
Somewhat favorable	30%
Somewhat unfavorable	27%
Very unfavorable	18%
Don't know	17%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Sarah Palin?

Very favorable	9%
Somewhat favorable	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Very unfavorable	38%
Don't know	11%

5. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Sarah Palin, or have they treated her the same as other public figures?

Harder	42%
About the same	35%
Easier	9%
Not sure	14%

6. Do you think Sarah Palin...

Says what she believes	49%
Says what she thinks people want to hear	30%
Not sure	21%

7. Regardless of your overall opinion of Sarah Palin, do you think she has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	19%
No	64%
Not sure	18%

8. Do you want Sarah Palin to run for President in 2016?

Yes	17%
No	64%
Not sure	19%

9. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Very favorable	12%
Somewhat favorable	25%
Somewhat unfavorable	27%
Very unfavorable	23%
Don't know	14%

10. This week, Mitt Romney announced that he would not run for President in 2016. Do you wish he had decided to run for President in 2016?

Yes	17%
No	64%
Not sure	19%

11. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Paul Ryan?

Very favorable	10%
Somewhat favorable	25%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	20%
Don't know	29%

12. Earlier, Paul Ryan announced that he would not run for President in 2016. Do you wish he had decided to run for President in 2016?

Yes	15%
No	50%
Not sure	34%

13. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Elizabeth Warren?

Very favorable	13%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%
Very unfavorable	17%
Don't know	44%

14. Earlier, Elizabeth Warren announced that she would not run for President in 2016. Do you wish she had decided to run for President in 2016?

Yes	20%
No	39%
Not sure	41%

15. What do you think is more important?

Protecting the environment	14%
Growing the economy	35%
Equally important	51%

16. In general, do you think there is too much or too little regulation of business by the government?

Too much	40%
About the right amount	23%
Too little	22%
Not sure	14%

17. How much have you heard or read about hydraulic fracturing, or fracking?

Heard a lot	35%
Heard a little	41%
Heard nothing at all	24%

18. Do you think "fracking" is a safe way to extract natural gas from the ground?

Very safe	11%
Somewhat safe	23%
Not very safe	22%
Not at all safe	16%
Not sure	28%

19. Do you favor or oppose the increased use of fracking to extract oil and natural gas from underground rock formations?

Favor	30%
Oppose	34%
Not sure	35%

20. Policymakers in Washington have been debating whether to allow construction of a large oil pipeline, known as the Keystone pipeline, across the central United States. How much have you heard or read about the Keystone pipeline?

Heard a lot	42%
Heard a little	36%
Heard nothing at all	21%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the legislation passed by Congress that authorizes construction the Keystone pipeline?

Approve	39%
Disapprove	28%
Not sure	33%

22. Do you think President Obama should or should not veto the legislation authorizing construction of the Keystone pipeline?

Should	28%
Should not	41%
Not sure	31%

23. Do you think the health care reform law should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded	29%
Kept the same	16%
Repealed	42%
Not sure	12%

24. From all that you know now, has the health care reform law been a complete success, a complete failure, or something in between?

A complete failure	19%
More of a failure than a success	23%
Equal amount of both failure and success	19%
More of a success than a failure	22%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	5%
Not sure	7%

25. Do you think the number of people with health insurance has increased, remained the same, or decreased over the last 12 months?

Increased	50%
Remained the same	21%
Decreased	14%
Don't know	15%

26. Do you think the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase by more or less than they usually do?

The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase more than they usually do	46%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	17%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	15%
Not sure	22%

27. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	83%
No	17%

28. Did you have health insurance for all of 2013?

Yes	77%
No	23%

29. How closely are you following the news about measles?

Very closely	19%
Somewhat closely	38%
Not very closely	28%
Not following at all	15%

30. How concerned are you about a measles epidemic here in the United States?

Very concerned	15%
Somewhat concerned	38%
Not very concerned	32%
Not concerned at all	15%

31. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing measles?

Very worried	6%
Somewhat worried	18%
Not too worried	38%
Not worried at all	38%

32. Do you think the government should or should not require parents have their children vaccinated against infectious diseases (e.g. measles, mumps, whooping cough)?

Should	68%
Should not	18%
Not sure	14%

33. Do you think children who have NOT been vaccinated against infectious diseases (e.g. measles, mumps, whooping cough) should or should not be banned from attending public schools?

Should	55%
Should not	25%
Not sure	19%

34. Do you think people who have NOT been vaccinated against infectious diseases (e.g. measles, mumps, whooping cough) should or should not be banned from going to public places like Disneyland or the Super Bowl?

Should	45%
Should not	31%
Not sure	24%

35. How closely are you following the news about Ebola?

Very closely	19%
Somewhat closely	45%
Not very closely	27%
Not following at all	9%

36. How concerned are you about an Ebola epidemic here in the United States?

Very concerned	12%
Somewhat concerned	26%
Not very concerned	36%
Not concerned at all	26%

37. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing Ebola?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	17%
Not too worried	34%
Not worried at all	40%

38. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	20%	4%	1%
Immigration	45%	35%	14%	6%
The environment	44%	36%	15%	5%
Terrorism	54%	30%	13%	4%
Gay rights	19%	23%	24%	33%
Education	53%	34%	11%	3%
Health care	62%	29%	5%	3%
Social security	59%	30%	9%	2%
The budget deficit	50%	31%	13%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	29%	44%	19%	8%
Taxes	60%	29%	8%	3%
Medicare	50%	33%	13%	4%
Abortion	34%	29%	21%	16%
Foreign policy	37%	44%	14%	5%

39. Which of these is the **most** important issue for you?

The economy	24%
Immigration	6%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	10%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	1%

40. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Barack Obama	23%	24%	10%	39%	5%
Joe Biden	14%	26%	17%	29%	14%
John Boehner	5%	18%	22%	32%	24%
Mitch McConnell	6%	17%	19%	25%	33%
Harry Reid	5%	16%	16%	33%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	19%	14%	40%	20%

41. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Rand Paul	11%	23%	17%	20%	29%
Chris Christie	7%	23%	24%	25%	20%
Jeb Bush	7%	25%	22%	26%	20%
Mike Huckabee	13%	19%	14%	25%	29%
Marco Rubio	11%	21%	16%	20%	32%
Hillary Clinton	23%	24%	11%	34%	8%
Ted Cruz	13%	15%	13%	27%	33%
Scott Walker	13%	13%	7%	18%	49%
Brian Schweitzer	1%	9%	9%	7%	74%
Rick Perry	10%	20%	15%	25%	30%
Bernie Sanders	11%	9%	9%	13%	57%
Martin O'Malley	3%	10%	9%	9%	70%
Jim Webb	3%	11%	10%	9%	68%
Lindsey Graham	4%	14%	14%	21%	48%
Carly Fiorina	4%	12%	9%	9%	66%
Bobby Jindal	10%	16%	12%	17%	45%
Rick Santorum	5%	20%	16%	23%	36%
Ben Carson	14%	12%	8%	13%	53%
John Kasich	7%	11%	10%	9%	63%

42. Do you want the following people to run for President in 2016?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Rand Paul	23%	42%	35%
Chris Christie	22%	49%	29%
Jeb Bush	24%	50%	26%
Mike Huckabee	18%	51%	31%
Marco Rubio	22%	42%	35%
Ted Cruz	22%	46%	32%
Scott Walker	19%	41%	40%
Rick Perry	21%	48%	31%
Lindsey Graham	11%	50%	39%
Carly Fiorina	8%	43%	48%
Bobby Jindal	17%	43%	41%
Rick Santorum	13%	52%	35%
Ben Carson	19%	38%	44%
John Kasich	12%	39%	50%

43. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	5%

44. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
The economy	19%	24%	12%	35%	10%
Immigration	16%	20%	11%	39%	15%
The environment	14%	29%	18%	25%	14%
Terrorism	15%	24%	15%	33%	13%
Gay rights	19%	22%	9%	28%	22%
Education	16%	27%	16%	25%	16%
Health care	22%	21%	11%	39%	7%
Social security	14%	21%	16%	28%	20%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	25%	19%	29%	16%
The budget deficit	15%	19%	14%	37%	15%
Taxes	14%	23%	14%	35%	14%
Medicare	14%	25%	15%	29%	17%
Abortion	13%	18%	12%	25%	31%
Foreign policy	13%	23%	15%	33%	16%

45. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	10%

46. Are you better off now than you were when President Obama first took office in 2009?

Better off now	25%
About the same	34%
Worse off now	35%
Not sure	5%

47. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	14%

48. Would you say Barack Obama is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	14%
Somewhat strong	32%
Somewhat weak	24%
Very weak	31%

49. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	43%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	45%
Not sure	12%

50. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

Like a lot	32%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	30%
Not sure	12%

51. Which of these words would you use to describe Barack Obama?

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	40%	33%	27%
Bold	23%	58%	18%
Effective	20%	48%	32%
Exciting	11%	66%	23%
Experienced	19%	51%	30%
Honest	24%	40%	36%
Hypocritical	35%	41%	24%
Inspiring	25%	48%	27%
Intelligent	53%	32%	15%
Partisan	23%	64%	13%
Patriotic	26%	42%	33%
Religious	9%	62%	29%
Sincere	26%	42%	31%
Steady	22%	59%	19%
Strong	24%	46%	29%

52. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	37%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

53. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	69%
No	28%
Don't know	3%

54. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	37%
The Republican Party candidate	39%
Other	3%
Not sure	18%
I would not vote	4%

55. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the member of the US House of Representatives that represents your Congressional district is handling his or her job?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	26%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	20%

56. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	27%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	30%
Not sure	6%

57. Is the place where you live owned or rented?

Owned by you or your family	63%
Rented from someone else	36%
Other	1%

58. Do you think the value of your home has increased or decreased in the last year?

Asked of those who own their own homes

Increased	25%
Stayed about the same	42%
Decreased	22%
Not sure	11%

59. Do you think home prices in your area have increased or decreased in the last year?

Asked of those who do NOT own their own homes

Increased	42%
Stayed about the same	33%
Decreased	6%
Not sure	18%

60. Thinking ahead, do you think home prices in your area will increase or decrease in the next year?

Will increase a lot	7%
Will increase a little	33%
Will stay about the same	28%
Will decrease a little	9%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	20%

61. How worried are you about making your mortgage payments?

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	6%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not worried	32%
Don't have mortgage payments	39%

62. Do you plan to buy a home in the next 12 months?

Will definitely buy a home	4%
Am considering buying a home	14%
Not looking for a home now	82%

63. Six months from now, do you think there will be...

More jobs	21%
The same amount of jobs	43%
Fewer jobs	21%
Not sure	15%

64. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	2%
Military Household - Family	6%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	33%
Military Household - None	52%

65. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

66. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support, nor oppose	19%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	18%

67. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	23%
2-year college	11%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

68. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

69. Race

White	65%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%
Other	9%

70. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	25%
South	35%
West	21%

71. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	38%
Republican	26%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 31-February 2, 2015
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, political interest, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, news interest, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.1 to 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.85.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.