

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted March 15-17, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 3.9\%$

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	45%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	14%

3. Do you favor or oppose providing a legal way for illegal immigrants already in the United States to become U.S. citizens?

Favor strongly	25%
Favor somewhat	28%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	25%
Not sure	7%

4. What do you think should happen to the illegal immigrants already living and working in the country who do not have any criminal history?

Create a path to legal citizenship	44%
Grant permanent residency but not citizenship	13%
Grant only temporary residency	15%
Do not grant any legal status	20%
Not sure	8%

5. Do you support or oppose creating a path to US citizenship for illegal immigrant children who are brought into the country through no fault of their own?

Support strongly	32%
Support somewhat	29%
Oppose somewhat	15%
Oppose strongly	17%
Not sure	8%

6. How likely is it that Congress will pass immigration reform this year?

Very likely	5%
Somewhat likely	14%
Somewhat unlikely	29%
Very unlikely	33%
Not sure	19%

7. When it comes to immigration reform, which party do you trust most?

Republican party	15%
Democratic party	32%
Both equally	4%
Neither	41%
Not sure	8%

8. Do you think most Republicans want an immigration reform law to pass this year or not?

Yes	13%
No	51%
Not sure	36%

9. Do you think most Democrats want an immigration reform law to pass this year or not?

Yes	50%
No	19%
Not sure	31%

10. Do you think most of the Republicans who want immigration reform to pass this year are motivated by politics or because they think it is the best policy?

Motivated by politics	52%
Think it is the best policy	10%
Both equally	17%
Not sure	20%

11. Do you think most of the Democrats who want immigration reform to pass this year are motivated by politics or because they think it is the best policy?

Motivated by politics	46%
Think it is the best policy	16%
Both equally	23%
Not sure	16%

12. Do you think America is ready to see a woman serve as the Secretary of Defense or not?

Yes	58%
No	28%
Not sure	14%

13. Do you think America is ready to see a woman serve as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or not?

Yes	57%
No	26%
Not sure	17%

14. Do you think America is ready to see a woman serve as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or not?

Yes	73%
No	13%
Not sure	14%

15. Do you think America is ready to elect a woman president, or not?

Yes 65%
No 22%
Not sure 13%

16. Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is a woman, or not?

Yes 54%
No 19%
Not sure 27%

17. Do you personally hope that the United States has a woman president in your lifetime?

Yes 58%
No 17%
Not sure 25%

18. Do you think the United States will have a woman president in your lifetime?

Yes 63%
No 14%
Not sure 23%

19. Do you think it's appropriate for female candidates to show their emotions in public, or is that not appropriate?

Appropriate 62%
Inappropriate 20%
Not sure 18%

20. Do you think it's appropriate for male candidates to show their emotions in public, or is that not appropriate?

Appropriate	62%
Inappropriate	19%
Not sure	19%

21. Do you have confidence in a female president's ability to deal with an international crisis, or would you feel uneasy about her?

Yes	61%
No	18%
Not sure	21%

22. Do you think female candidates for office have to appear to be tougher on national defense than male candidates, or not?

Yes	37%
No	43%
Not sure	20%

23. Do you think male politicians or female politicians are tougher on national defense?

Male politicians	24%
Female politicians	8%
About the same	49%
Not sure	20%

24. All other things being equal, how much of a factor is a candidate's stand on women's health issues in determining your vote?

The single most important factor	7%
One of several important factors	57%
Not an important factor	35%

25. Would you ever vote for a candidate for President who does not share your views on the following issues?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Abortion	29%	53%	18%
National defense	29%	50%	21%
Economic policy	25%	56%	19%
Taxes	26%	55%	19%
The environment	32%	48%	19%
Gay rights	26%	55%	19%

26. Do you think President George W. Bush used too much power, not enough power, or the right amount of power?

Too much power	45%
The right amount of power	32%
Not enough power	11%
Not sure	13%

27. Would you say George W. Bush was a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	18%
Somewhat strong	38%
Somewhat weak	26%
Very weak	18%

28. Do you think George W. Bush exceeded the limits of authority granted a President by the US Constitution?

Yes	40%
No	41%
Not sure	19%

29. 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	29%
More of a failure than a success	18%
Equal amount of both failure and success	14%
More of a success than a failure	18%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	12%
Not sure	5%

30. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the healthcare law, or have you not heard much news at all about the healthcare law?

Mostly positive	9%
Equally positive and negative	27%
Mostly negative	53%
Not heard much news at all	11%

31. When you have discussed the new healthcare law with your friends and family, has the discussion been mostly positive or mostly negative, or have you not discussed the healthcare law at all with your friends and family?

Mostly positive	17%
Equally positive and negative	21%
Mostly negative	44%
Not discussed at all	18%

32. Have you been personally affected by the new healthcare law?

Yes	36%
No	52%
Not sure	12%

33. Has the new health care law made your life better or worse?

Asked of those who reported being personally affected by the new health care law

Better	8%
About the same	5%
Worse	21%
Not sure	3%
Has not been personally affected by the law	52%
Not sure if they have been personally affected	12%

34. Has at least one of your close relatives been personally affected by the new health care law?

Yes	39%
No	40%
Not sure	21%

35. Thinking about the close relative who has been personally affected by the new health care law, has their life been made better or worse?

Asked of those who reported a close relative has been personally affected by the new health care law

Better	10%
About the same	5%
Worse	22%
Has not been personally affected by the law	40%
Not sure if they have been personally affected	21%
Not sure	2%

36. Have you tried to visit the federal health insurance exchange website, healthcare.gov?

Yes	29%
No	68%
Not sure	2%

37. Which month was your most recent visit to healthcare.gov?

October	2%
November	4%
December	3%
January	8%
February	5%
March	4%
Has not tried to visit the federal website	68%
Not sure about visiting the federal website	2%
I don't remember	3%

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

Expanded	27%
Kept the same	12%
Repealed	45%
Not sure	17%

39. What do you think is the most likely action Congress will take on the new healthcare law?

Repeal the Affordable Care Act and not replace it with anything else	20%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something better	24%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something worse	10%
Leave the Affordable Care Act as it is	46%

40. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	80%
No	20%

41. Which of the following best describes your primary health insurance?

Asked of those who reported having health insurance

I have health insurance that is provided through my or a family member's employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	39%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare	16%
I have health insurance that I or a family member purchased directly from the health insurance company or HMO, not through an employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	6%
I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits	3%
I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid	11%
Does not have health insurance	20%
Prefer not to say	6%

42. Did you have health insurance before January 1, 2014?

Yes	79%
No	19%
Not sure	2%

43. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	78%	19%	2%	1%
Immigration	36%	38%	19%	7%
The environment	40%	35%	16%	9%
Terrorism	49%	34%	14%	3%
Gay rights	25%	25%	23%	27%
Education	58%	29%	10%	4%
Health care	61%	28%	9%	2%
Social security	61%	29%	8%	3%
The budget deficit	54%	30%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	29%	37%	23%	12%
Taxes	59%	32%	7%	2%
Medicare	53%	33%	11%	3%
Abortion	37%	31%	20%	12%

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

The economy	36%
Immigration	4%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	8%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%

45. 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%	23%	8%	40%	6%
Joe Biden	16%	26%	13%	34%	11%
John Boehner	5%	18%	25%	31%	21%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	19%	31%	30%
Harry Reid	6%	19%	12%	34%	28%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	21%	12%	37%	20%
George W. Bush	19%	28%	14%	33%	6%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Lisa Murkowski	2%	11%	11%	11%	65%
Dianne Feinstein	8%	19%	12%	26%	35%
Barbara Boxer	8%	17%	8%	26%	40%
Mary Landrieu	2%	12%	12%	16%	58%
Susan Collins	3%	13%	13%	9%	61%
Barbara Mikulski	5%	9%	10%	11%	65%
Debbie Stabenow	4%	8%	7%	13%	68%
Patty Murray	5%	9%	8%	13%	65%
Maria Cantwell	3%	9%	8%	10%	70%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	5%

48. 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	14%	24%	13%	38%	10%
Immigration	12%	24%	14%	34%	15%
The environment	13%	27%	14%	30%	17%
Terrorism	19%	27%	12%	29%	14%
Gay rights	20%	22%	11%	28%	20%
Education	16%	25%	14%	28%	17%
Health care	21%	21%	11%	41%	7%
Social security	14%	23%	17%	30%	15%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	25%	17%	29%	15%
The budget deficit	14%	22%	12%	39%	13%
Taxes	13%	24%	12%	37%	14%
Medicare	14%	22%	14%	33%	16%
Abortion	15%	20%	11%	29%	25%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

51. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	38%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	12%

52. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	31%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	33%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	32%	30%
Bold	25%	58%	17%
Effective	21%	45%	34%
Exciting	13%	63%	24%
Experienced	19%	49%	31%
Honest	26%	36%	37%
Hypocritical	37%	39%	25%
Inspiring	27%	48%	25%
Intelligent	52%	33%	14%
Partisan	26%	58%	16%
Patriotic	27%	44%	29%
Religious	12%	60%	28%
Sincere	29%	41%	30%
Steady	23%	58%	19%
Strong	28%	45%	27%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	39%
Not sure	2%

56. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	72%
No	25%
Don't know	4%

57. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

58. Education

No high school	9%
High school graduate	33%
Some college	26%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

59. Age

18-29	24%
30-44	27%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

60. Race

White	65%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	9%

61. Region

Northeast	18%
Midwest	24%
South	36%
West	22%

62. Party Identification

Democratic	38%
Independent	36%
Republican	26%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 15-17, 2014
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, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.78.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.