

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted November 23-25, 2013
Margin of Error $\pm 3.8\%$

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	51%
Some of the time	28%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	6%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	66%
Not sure	10%

3. The U.S. Senate's filibuster rule lets a minority of Senators prevent voting on a bill unless 60 out of 100 Senators vote to end the filibuster. Is this a good or bad rule?

A good rule	34%
A bad rule	34%
Not sure	32%

4. Should Senators who filibuster a bill need to participate in debate for the entire filibuster, or should they be able to filibuster a bill without being physically present?

They should participate in debate for the entire filibuster	75%
They should be able to filibuster without being physically present	7%
Not sure	17%

5. Should the number of votes needed to end a filibuster be reduced to 51, so that bills could pass in the U.S. Senate with a simple majority of votes, or not?

Should be reduced to 51	36%
Should not be reduced	37%
Not sure	27%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of changing Senate rules to prevent filibusters on Presidential nominations - except in the case of Supreme Court Justice nominations?

Approve strongly	19%
Approve somewhat	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Disapprove somewhat	8%
Disapprove strongly	27%
Not sure	19%

7. 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	41%
More of a failure than a success	17%
Equal amount of both failure and success	14%
More of a success than a failure	11%
A complete success	1%
Too early to tell	10%
Not sure	5%

8. When will we know for sure whether the health care reform law is a success or failure?

We will never really know	9%
We will know after the law has been in effect for several years	25%
We will know after the law has been in effect for one year	20%
We will know in a few months when we find out how many people have enrolled	14%
We know now even before the law has been put into effect	33%

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

Yes	26%
No	72%
Not sure	3%

10. Was your experience at healthcare.gov positive or negative?

Asked of those who have tried to visit healthcare.gov

Very positive	9%
Somewhat positive	15%
Neither positive nor negative	19%
Somewhat negative	11%
Very negative	46%
Not sure	1%

11. How confident are you that the things you do online are private and will not be used by others without your permission?

Very confident	5%
Somewhat confident	21%
Not too confident	30%
Not at all confident	36%
Don't know	8%

12. How confident are you that the information on healthcare.gov is private and will not be used by others without your permission?

Very confident	10%
Somewhat confident	19%
Not too confident	15%
Not at all confident	44%
Don't know	13%

13. Should someone lose their job over the problems with healthcare.gov?

Yes	45%
No	34%
Not sure	21%

14. Should Kathleen Sebelius lose her job as the Secretary of Health and Human Services?

Yes	41%
No	33%
Not sure	26%

15. Have you visited any of the state run health insurance exchange websites listed below?

I have not been to any of the state websites	77%
Arkansas Health Connector - www.arhealthconnector.org	1%
Covered California - www.coveredca.com	3%
Connect for Health Colorado - www.connectforhealthco.com	1%
Access Health CT - www.accesshealthct.com	1%
DC Health Link - dchealthlink.com	1%
Hawaii Health Connector - www.hawaiihealthconnector.com	0%
Your Health Idaho - www.yourhealthidaho.org	0%
kynect: Kentucky's Healthcare Connection - kynect.ky.gov	1%
Maryland Health Connection - www.marylandhealthconnection.gov	1%
The Health Connector (Massachusetts) - www.mahealthconnector.org	0%
MNSure - mn.gov/hix	1%
Nevada Health Link - www.nevadahealthlink.com	0%
Be Well NM - www.bewellnm.com	1%
NY State of Health - nystateofhealth.ny.gov	2%
Covered Oregon - coveredoregon.com	1%
Health Source Rhode Island - www.healthsourceri.com	0%
Avenue H (Utah small businesses) - avenueh.com	0%
Vermont Health Connect - healthconnect.vermont.gov	1%
Washington Healthplan Finder - www.wahealthplanfinder.org	1%
Other website not listed above	2%

16. Was your experience at the state health insurance website positive or negative?

Asked of those who have tried to visit a state health insurance website

Very positive	21%
Somewhat positive	19%
Neither positive nor negative	26%
Somewhat negative	12%
Very negative	14%
Not sure	9%

17. Have you been personally affected by the new health care law?

Yes	32%
No	49%
Not sure	19%

18. 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	18%
About the same	17%
Worse	58%
Not sure	7%

19. Has at least one of your close relatives been personally affected by the new health care law? (For the purposes of this question, a close relative is a parent, spouse, brother, sister, or child.)

Yes	33%
No	38%
Not sure	29%

20. 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	18%
About the same	10%
Worse	61%
Not sure	10%

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

Expanded	23%
Kept the same	10%
Repealed	51%
Not sure	17%

22. Will you buy a health insurance plan before the deadline or will you pay the fine instead?

Asked of those who do not have health insurance

Buy health insurance	23%
Pay the fine	25%
Not sure	53%

23. How concerned are you about the health care costs you will face in the future?

Very concerned	54%
Somewhat concerned	31%
Not very concerned	9%
Not at all concerned	6%

24. Do you think that you will receive better or worse care under the new health care system?

A lot better	7%
A little better	6%
About the same	27%
A little worse	13%
A lot worse	33%
Not sure	15%

25. Have you ever had to work on Thanksgiving Day?

Yes	47%
No	47%
Don't remember	6%

26. Have you ever had to work on the Friday after Thanksgiving?

Yes	73%
No	22%
Don't remember	6%

27. When do you think it is appropriate for stores to open for their big Thanksgiving weekend "Black Friday" sales?

Friday morning	54%
Friday at Midnight	19%
Thursday evening (Thanksgiving Day)	7%
Thursday morning (Thanksgiving Day)	5%
Not sure	14%

28. Will you go out shopping at the big Thanksgiving weekend "Black Friday" sales?

Yes, definitely will	5%
Probably will	9%
Probably won't	23%
No, definitely won't	57%
Not sure	7%

29. When will you go out shopping at the big Thanksgiving weekend "Black Friday" sales?

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Friday morning	51%
Friday at Midnight	14%
Thursday evening (Thanksgiving Day)	20%
Thursday morning (Thanksgiving Day)	5%
Not sure	11%

30. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	19%	2%	2%
Immigration	41%	32%	18%	9%
The environment	42%	31%	16%	11%
Terrorism	47%	29%	16%	8%
Gay rights	20%	20%	23%	36%
Education	55%	29%	11%	5%
Health care	67%	23%	8%	3%
Social security	59%	27%	11%	3%
The budget deficit	59%	26%	10%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	35%	24%	10%
Taxes	60%	30%	8%	3%
Medicare	52%	30%	12%	6%
Abortion	34%	27%	21%	18%

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

The economy	34%
Immigration	4%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	2%
Gay rights	3%
Education	6%
Health care	8%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	11%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%

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

The economy	47%
Immigration	2%
The environment	2%
Terrorism	0%
Gay rights	0%
Education	5%
Health care	10%
Social security	4%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	6%
Taxes	14%
Medicare	0%
Abortion	6%

33. 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	22%	19%	8%	47%	4%
Joe Biden	21%	19%	13%	39%	9%
John Boehner	5%	17%	20%	40%	19%
Mitch McConnell	5%	14%	19%	35%	28%
Harry Reid	9%	16%	12%	40%	23%
Nancy Pelosi	13%	16%	12%	45%	14%
Hillary Clinton	27%	19%	11%	37%	6%
John Kerry	13%	25%	15%	33%	13%
Kathleen Sebelius	5%	17%	14%	35%	28%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	4%

35. 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%	22%	11%	46%	7%
Immigration	11%	22%	14%	39%	13%
The environment	13%	26%	13%	33%	16%
Terrorism	16%	26%	14%	32%	11%
Gay rights	15%	22%	11%	32%	20%
Education	13%	24%	16%	31%	15%
Health care	17%	19%	9%	49%	7%
Social security	11%	21%	17%	37%	14%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	26%	19%	32%	10%
The budget deficit	12%	20%	13%	47%	8%
Taxes	12%	22%	14%	40%	12%
Medicare	13%	23%	13%	37%	14%
Abortion	11%	22%	9%	35%	23%

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

Strongly approve	1%
Somewhat approve	5%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	50%
Not sure	7%

37. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	12%	23%	13%	44%	7%
Republicans in Congress	5%	19%	22%	46%	8%

38. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	14%	23%	13%	44%	6%
The Republican Party	6%	19%	23%	45%	7%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	35%
The Republican Party candidate	30%
Other	7%
Not sure	21%
I would not vote	7%

40. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

The Democratic Party candidate	36%
The Republican Party candidate	32%
Other	4%
Not sure	20%
I would not vote	7%

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

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	6%

42. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	40%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	10%

43. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	34%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	55%
Not sure	11%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	22%
Dislike	39%
Not sure	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	44%	35%	22%
Bold	26%	57%	17%
Effective	17%	45%	37%
Exciting	13%	63%	24%
Experienced	19%	44%	37%
Honest	23%	36%	41%
Hypocritical	43%	37%	20%
Inspiring	27%	42%	32%
Intelligent	47%	36%	17%
Partisan	29%	57%	15%
Patriotic	22%	44%	34%
Religious	10%	61%	28%
Sincere	26%	37%	36%
Steady	22%	55%	23%
Strong	23%	52%	25%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	39%
Not sure	5%

47. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	22%
About the same	36%
Lower	18%
Not sure	25%

48. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	36%
Not sure	5%

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

Owned by you or your family	64%
Rented from someone else	34%
Other	1%

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

Increased	23%
Stayed about the same	44%
Decreased	24%
Not sure	8%

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

Increased	29%
Stayed about the same	43%
Decreased	10%
Not sure	19%

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

Will increase a lot	4%
Will increase a little	29%
Will stay about the same	34%
Will decrease a little	10%
Will decrease a lot	5%
Not sure	18%

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

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	23%
Not worried	35%
Don't have mortgage payments	35%

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

Will definitely buy a home	3%
Am considering buying a home	11%
Not looking for a home now	86%

55. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	26%
No	74%

56. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	3%
Part-time student	2%
Not a student	96%

57. Do you have a job outside of school?

Full-time job	56%
Part-time job	44%
No job outside of school	0%

58. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	39%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	13%
Retired	17%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	9%
Other	3%

59. Do you currently have more than one job?

Yes	19%
No	81%

60. In a typical week, about how many hours do you work for pay?

Mean	18
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61. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	28%
Not very worried	61%

62. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	37%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	35%
Not very hard	19%
Not sure	9%

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

More jobs	18%
The same amount of jobs	42%
Fewer jobs	28%
Not sure	13%

64. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	22%
Happy	33%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	6%

65. How would you guess your total family income to be six months from now?

Higher	16%
Same	65%
Lower	18%

66. If you lost your job, how long would it be before you exhausted your savings?

I don't have any savings	36%
I could last a few weeks on my savings	18%
I could last a few months on my savings	24%
I could last a year on my savings	11%
I could last more than a year on my savings	11%

67. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

68. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	36%
Republican	26%
Independent	30%
Other	4%
Not sure	4%

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

Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement

Strongly support	16%
Somewhat support	19%
Neither support, nor oppose	16%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	27%
Not sure	13%

70. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	17%
No	70%
Not Sure	12%

71. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	15%
Hispanic	10%
Asian	2%
Native American	1%
Middle Eastern	0%
Mixed	4%
Other	1%

72. Education

No high school	9%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	28%
2-year college	7%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

73. What is your marital status?

Married	49%
Separated	2%
Divorced	9%
Widowed	5%
Single	29%
Domestic partnership	6%

74. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	31%
No	69%

75. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	42%
Somewhat important	23%
Not too important	12%
Not at all important	24%

76. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	12%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	30%
Don't know	3%

77. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	33%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	9%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	15%
Never	19%
Don't know	3%

78. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	37%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	4%

79. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	28%
45-64	33%
65+	14%

80. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	36%
Republican	26%
Independent	29%
Other	4%
Not sure	5%

81. Race

White	67%
Black	15%
Hispanic	10%
Other	8%

82. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	23%
South	37%
West	20%

83. Party Identification

Democrat	36%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	10%
Republican	26%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 23-25, 2013
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 0.4 to 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.72.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.8% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.