

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted November 2-4, 2013  
Margin of Error  $\pm 5\%$

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	46%
Some of the time	25%
Only now and then	20%
Hardly at all	10%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	21%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	20%
No	76%
Not sure	4%

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

I have not been to any of the state websites .....	76%
Arkansas Health Connector - <a href="http://www.arhealthconnector.org">www.arhealthconnector.org</a> .....	1%
Covered California - <a href="http://www.coveredca.com">www.coveredca.com</a> .....	2%
Connect for Health Colorado - <a href="http://www.connectforhealthco.com">www.connectforhealthco.com</a> .....	1%
Access Health CT - <a href="http://www.accesshealthct.com">www.accesshealthct.com</a> .....	0%
DC Health Link - <a href="http://dchealthlink.com">dchealthlink.com</a> .....	0%
Hawaii Health Connector - <a href="http://www.hawaiihealthconnector.com">www.hawaiihealthconnector.com</a> .....	0%
Your Health Idaho - <a href="http://www.yourhealthidaho.org">www.yourhealthidaho.org</a> .....	0%
kynect: Kentucky's Healthcare Connection - <a href="http://kynect.ky.gov">kynect.ky.gov</a> .....	0%
Maryland Health Connection - <a href="http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov">www.marylandhealthconnection.gov</a> .....	1%
The Health Connector (Massachusetts) - <a href="http://www.mahealthconnector.org">www.mahealthconnector.org</a> .....	0%
MNSure - <a href="http://mn.gov/hix">mn.gov/hix</a> .....	1%
Nevada Health Link - <a href="http://www.nevadahealthlink.com">www.nevadahealthlink.com</a> .....	0%
Be Well NM - <a href="http://www.bewellnm.com">www.bewellnm.com</a> .....	0%
NY State of Health - <a href="http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov">nystateofhealth.ny.gov</a> .....	1%
Covered Oregon - <a href="http://coveredoregon.com">coveredoregon.com</a> .....	1%
Health Source Rhode Island - <a href="http://www.healthsourceri.com">www.healthsourceri.com</a> .....	0%
Avenue H (Utah small businesses) - <a href="http://avenueh.com">avenueh.com</a> .....	0%
Vermont Health Connect - <a href="http://healthconnect.vermont.gov">healthconnect.vermont.gov</a> .....	0%
Washington Healthplan Finder - <a href="http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org">www.wahealthplanfinder.org</a> .....	1%
Other website not listed above .....	5%

**5. Who would you trust the most to run the health insurance exchange websites?**

The federal government .....	15%
Your state's government .....	16%
The health insurance companies .....	27%
Not sure .....	43%

**6. Do you blame any of the people below for the failures of the health reform website?**

President Obama .....	42%
Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services .....	32%
Marilyn Tavenner, the Director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services .....	19%
The companies that built the website for the federal government .....	48%
The Republicans in Congress .....	18%
Other .....	10%
Not sure .....	20%

**7. Who do you blame the most for the failures of the health reform website?**

President Obama .....	30%
Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services .....	5%
Marilyn Tavenner, the Director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services .....	2%
The companies that built the website for the federal government .....	26%
The Republicans in Congress .....	10%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	24%

**8. 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 .....	35%
More of a failure than a success .....	18%
Equal amount of both failure and success .....	10%
More of a success than a failure .....	9%
A complete success .....	1%
Too early to tell .....	16%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Expanded .....	21%
Kept the same .....	12%
Repealed .....	46%
Not sure .....	22%

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

Yes .....	35%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	37%

**11. Should Marilyn Tavenner lose her job as the Director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services?**

Yes .....	26%
No .....	26%
Not sure .....	48%

**12. Please indicate if you know personally... (Check all that apply)**

	Yes, and that person is me	Yes, I know someone like this	No, don't know anyone like this
Someone who has a child in college	6%	51%	40%
Someone who has been denied coverage due to a preexisting condition	6%	26%	66%
Someone who is on Medicare	20%	55%	24%
Someone who is on Medicaid	11%	45%	41%

13. Do you have health insurance?

Yes .....	75%
No .....	25%

14. Why do you not have health insurance at the moment? Check all that apply.

*Asked if respondent does not have health insurance*

Too expensive .....	64%
Healthy and did not need it .....	24%
Refused by an insurance company .....	4%
Lost my job .....	15%
Other .....	14%
Prefer not to say .....	10%

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

Very concerned .....	51%
Somewhat concerned .....	34%
Not very concerned .....	7%
Not at all concerned .....	9%

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

A lot better .....	6%
A little better .....	6%
About the same .....	25%
A little worse .....	12%
A lot worse .....	32%
Not sure .....	20%

**17. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the federal government?**

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	26%
Very unfavorable	39%
Don't know	13%

**18. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of private health insurance companies?**

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	26%
Very unfavorable	29%
Don't know	18%

**19. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of government provided health insurance?**

Very favorable	10%
Somewhat favorable	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	38%
Don't know	20%

**20. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Medicare?**

Very favorable	17%
Somewhat favorable	37%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	8%
Don't know	25%

**21. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Medicaid?**

Very favorable .....	13%
Somewhat favorable .....	26%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	18%
Very unfavorable .....	13%
Don't know .....	30%

**22. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Veterans Health Administration?**

Very favorable .....	9%
Somewhat favorable .....	25%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	20%
Very unfavorable .....	12%
Don't know .....	34%

**23. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the federal government's Childrens Health Insurance Program?**

Very favorable .....	12%
Somewhat favorable .....	20%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	10%
Very unfavorable .....	14%
Don't know .....	44%

**24. Do you think the federal government or private insurance companies are better at controlling health care costs?**

Federal government .....	18%
Private insurance companies .....	20%
They both control costs about the same .....	10%
Neither one controls costs .....	30%
Don't know .....	22%

25. Who do you think provides better health care coverage, the federal government or private insurance companies?

Federal government .....	14%
Private insurance companies .....	35%
They both provide good coverage .....	11%
Neither one provides good coverage .....	17%
Don't know .....	23%

26. Would you prefer to buy health insurance directly from the federal government, directly from a private health insurance company, through where you work, or not buy any health insurance coverage?

Directly from the government .....	17%
Directly from a health insurance company .....	21%
Through where you work .....	30%
Not buy health insurance .....	10%
Not sure .....	22%

27. Did the recent government shutdown improve or diminish the national reputation of the Republican party?

Improved a lot .....	4%
Improved a little .....	5%
Neither improved nor diminished .....	15%
Diminished a little .....	16%
Diminished a lot .....	47%
Not sure .....	12%



28. Did the recent government shutdown improve or diminish the national reputation of the Democratic party?

Improved a lot .....	6%
Improved a little .....	9%
Neither improved nor diminished .....	25%
Diminished a little .....	18%
Diminished a lot .....	28%
Not sure .....	14%

29. Did the recent government shutdown improve or diminish the national reputation of President Obama?

Improved a lot .....	5%
Improved a little .....	9%
Neither improved nor diminished .....	21%
Diminished a little .....	18%
Diminished a lot .....	35%
Not sure .....	12%

30. Did the recent government shutdown improve or diminish your opinion of the Republican party?

Improved a lot .....	7%
Improved a little .....	9%
Neither improved nor diminished .....	21%
Diminished a little .....	12%
Diminished a lot .....	42%
Not sure .....	9%

31. Did the recent government shutdown improve or diminish your opinion of the Democratic party?

Improved a lot	7%
Improved a little	7%
Neither improved nor diminished	33%
Diminished a little	12%
Diminished a lot	31%
Not sure	10%

32. Did the recent government shutdown improve or diminish your opinion of President Obama?

Improved a lot	9%
Improved a little	8%
Neither improved nor diminished	30%
Diminished a little	9%
Diminished a lot	36%
Not sure	8%

33. Do you support or oppose the US government monitoring the cell phone calls of leaders of foreign countries?

Support strongly	6%
Support somewhat	16%
Neither support nor oppose	21%
Oppose somewhat	14%
Oppose strongly	29%
Not sure	14%

34. Do you approve or disapprove of Snowden's decision to leak information about U.S. surveillance activities?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	20%

35. Would you support or oppose the prosecution of Edward Snowden for leaking the information?

I would support prosecution	31%
I neither support nor oppose	20%
I would oppose his prosecution	26%
Not sure	22%

36. Do you approve of the way President Obama has handled the Snowden situation?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	38%

37. Which of the following countries do you consider to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally of U.S.	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy of the U.S.	Not sure
Brazil	12%	41%	11%	3%	33%
Portugal	17%	39%	5%	2%	36%
Italy	26%	38%	7%	3%	27%
South Africa	10%	38%	13%	5%	34%
Nigeria	4%	20%	24%	12%	41%
Australia	43%	30%	2%	1%	24%
Pakistan	3%	9%	32%	28%	28%

38. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	76%	18%	3%	2%
Immigration	42%	31%	16%	10%
The environment	38%	33%	17%	13%
Terrorism	47%	32%	13%	8%
Gay rights	19%	23%	21%	37%
Education	54%	30%	10%	6%
Health care	64%	23%	7%	6%
Social security	61%	23%	11%	6%
The budget deficit	58%	26%	12%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	37%	22%	14%
Taxes	60%	27%	8%	5%
Medicare	50%	29%	15%	7%
Abortion	31%	28%	21%	20%

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

The economy	34%
Immigration	4%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	2%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	11%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	10%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	6%

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

The economy	48%
Immigration	1%
The environment	0%
Terrorism	0%
Gay rights	1%
Education	3%
Health care	21%
Social security	0%
The budget deficit	1%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	7%
Medicare	0%
Abortion	19%

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
Barack Obama	23%	17%	8%	42%	9%
Joe Biden	16%	22%	12%	34%	16%
John Boehner	5%	15%	17%	39%	25%
Mitch McConnell	5%	12%	17%	31%	34%
Harry Reid	8%	14%	12%	35%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	20%	8%	40%	24%
Hillary Clinton	26%	20%	11%	32%	11%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	8%

43. 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	13%	24%	8%	43%	12%
Immigration	12%	21%	13%	38%	16%
The environment	12%	23%	11%	30%	24%
Terrorism	16%	26%	10%	30%	17%
Gay rights	16%	23%	7%	32%	22%
Education	14%	23%	13%	31%	19%
Health care	18%	19%	9%	45%	10%
Social security	11%	23%	12%	35%	19%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	23%	17%	30%	17%
The budget deficit	13%	19%	11%	44%	13%
Taxes	13%	22%	11%	39%	15%
Medicare	13%	24%	11%	33%	19%
Abortion	13%	19%	10%	31%	28%

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

Strongly approve	1%
Somewhat approve	6%
Neither approve nor disapprove	12%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	51%
Not sure	10%

**45. 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	11%	24%	15%	38%	12%
Republicans in Congress	6%	14%	22%	47%	11%

**46. 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	11%	26%	14%	37%	11%
The Republican Party	6%	15%	21%	47%	11%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	33%
The Republican Party candidate	24%
Other	7%
Not sure	20%
I would not vote	17%

**48. 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	35%
The Republican Party candidate	27%
Other	4%
Not sure	17%
I would not vote	16%

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

Very liberal .....	6%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	27%
Conservative .....	28%
Very conservative .....	10%
Not sure .....	12%

**50. Would you say Barack Obama is...**

Very liberal .....	34%
Liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	21%
Conservative .....	4%
Very conservative .....	1%
Not sure .....	18%

**51. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	36%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	51%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Like a lot .....	29%
Like somewhat .....	21%
Dislike .....	34%
Not sure .....	16%



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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	43%	35%	22%
Bold	25%	58%	17%
Effective	19%	45%	36%
Exciting	11%	66%	23%
Experienced	18%	47%	35%
Honest	21%	42%	37%
Hypocritical	38%	40%	22%
Inspiring	29%	44%	26%
Intelligent	49%	34%	17%
Partisan	28%	58%	13%
Patriotic	24%	44%	32%
Religious	11%	62%	27%
Sincere	27%	39%	33%
Steady	22%	59%	20%
Strong	25%	52%	23%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	40%
Not sure	8%

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

Higher	19%
About the same	31%
Lower	19%
Not sure	30%

**56. 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 .....	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	37%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Owned by you or your family .....	62%
Rented from someone else .....	36%
Other .....	1%

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

Increased .....	21%
Stayed about the same .....	46%
Decreased .....	23%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Increased .....	34%
Stayed about the same .....	33%
Decreased .....	8%
Not sure .....	25%

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

Will increase a lot .....	5%
Will increase a little .....	27%
Will stay about the same .....	34%
Will decrease a little .....	10%
Will decrease a lot .....	4%
Not sure .....	20%

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

Very worried .....	9%
Somewhat worried .....	20%
Not worried .....	31%
Don't have mortgage payments .....	40%

**62. 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%

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

Yes .....	25%
No .....	75%

**64. Are you registered to vote?**

Yes .....	69%
No .....	26%
Don't know .....	5%

**65. Are you currently enrolled as a student?**

Full-time student .....	11%
Part-time student .....	3%
Not a student .....	87%

**66. Do you have a job outside of school?**

Full-time job .....	23%
Part-time job .....	23%
No job outside of school .....	55%

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

Full-time employed .....	39%
Part-time employed .....	14%
Self-employed .....	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	13%
Retired .....	19%
Permanently disabled .....	5%
Homemaker .....	9%
Other .....	1%

68. Do you currently have more than one job?

Yes .....	22%
No .....	78%

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

Mean .....	19
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70. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried .....	9%
Somewhat worried .....	34%
Not very worried .....	57%

71. 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. ....	32%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. .....	37%
Not very hard .....	22%
Not sure .....	10%

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

More jobs .....	16%
The same amount of jobs .....	40%
Fewer jobs .....	30%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Very happy .....	23%
Happy .....	33%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	34%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	4%

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

Higher .....	16%
Same .....	69%
Lower .....	15%

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

I don't have any savings .....	42%
I could last a few weeks on my savings .....	16%
I could last a few months on my savings .....	20%
I could last a year on my savings .....	11%
I could last more than a year on my savings .....	11%

**76. Gender**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

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

Democrat .....	36%
Republican .....	23%
Independent .....	31%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	8%

**78. 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 .....	13%
Somewhat support .....	17%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	19%
Somewhat oppose .....	7%
Strongly oppose .....	23%
Not sure .....	20%

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

Yes .....	15%
No .....	69%
Not Sure .....	17%

**80. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

White .....	68%
Black .....	15%
Hispanic .....	12%
Asian .....	2%
Native American .....	1%
Middle Eastern .....	0%
Mixed .....	2%
Other .....	1%

**81. Education**

No high school .....	9%
High school graduate .....	33%
Some college .....	26%
2-year college .....	8%
4-year college .....	15%
Post-graduate .....	9%

**82. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	44%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	12%
Widowed .....	3%
Single .....	33%
Domestic partnership .....	6%

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

Yes .....	28%
No .....	72%

**84. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	40%
Somewhat important .....	24%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	21%

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

More than once a week .....	10%
Once a week .....	16%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	11%
Seldom .....	20%
Never .....	31%
Don't know .....	5%

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

Several times a day .....	27%
Once a day .....	11%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	6%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	21%
Don't know .....	5%

**87. What is your present religion, if any?**

Protestant .....	35%
Roman Catholic .....	16%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	0%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	4%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	25%
Something else .....	5%



**88. Age**

18-29 .....	24%
30-44 .....	28%
45-64 .....	32%
65+ .....	15%

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

Democrat .....	35%
Republican .....	23%
Independent .....	26%
Other .....	4%
Not sure .....	12%

**90. Race**

White .....	68%
Black .....	15%
Hispanic .....	12%
Other .....	5%

**91. Region**

Northeast .....	19%
Midwest .....	23%
South .....	35%
West .....	23%

**92. Party Identification**

Democrat .....	36%
Lean Democrat .....	8%
Independent .....	24%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Republican .....	23%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	November 2-4, 2013
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 7.3, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.28.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 5% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.