Interviewing: July 12-14, 2014

Sample: 1000 Adults nationwide online 694 registered voters nationwide online



# The Economist/YouGov Poll Weekly Tracking

For immediate release



### 1. Approval of Obama as President – Historical

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

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	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
July 12-14, 2014	43%	52%	16%	27%	13%	39%	5%
July 5-7, 2014	41%	56%	17%	24%	19%	37%	4%
June 28-30, 2014	45%	48%	16%	29%	13%	35%	7%
June 21-23, 2014	44%	52%	19%	25%	14%	38%	3%
June 14-16, 2014	41%	55%	17%	24%	17%	38%	4%
June 7-9, 2014	41%	54%	17%	24%	16%	38%	5%
May 31-June 2, 2014	41%	53%	16%	25%	16%	37%	6%
May 17-19, 2014	42%	53%	16%	26%	14%	39%	4%
May 10-12, 2014	43%	52%	16%	27%	16%	36%	4%
May 3-5, 2014	46%	49%	18%	28%	14%	35%	4%
One Year Ago	42%	53%	17%	25%	14%	39%	5%
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	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
July 12-14, 2014	42%	53%	16%	26%	11%	42%	5%
July 5-7, 2014	42%	56%	18%	24%	15%	41%	3%
June 28-30, 2014	46%	51%	17%	29%	12%	39%	4%
June 21-23, 2014	44%	54%	21%	23%	12%	42%	2%
June 14-16, 2014	43%	55%	18%	25%	11%	44%	2%
June 7-9, 2014	42%	55%	18%	24%	14%	41%	3%
May 31-June 2, 2014	42%	54%	17%	25%	14%	40%	4%
May 17-19, 2014	41%	57%	17%	24%	11%	46%	2%
May 10-12, 2014	45%	53%	18%	27%	13%	40%	2%
May 3-5, 2014	44%	53%	17%	27%	11%	42%	2%
One Year Ago	46%	53%	21%	25%	12%	41%	1%



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

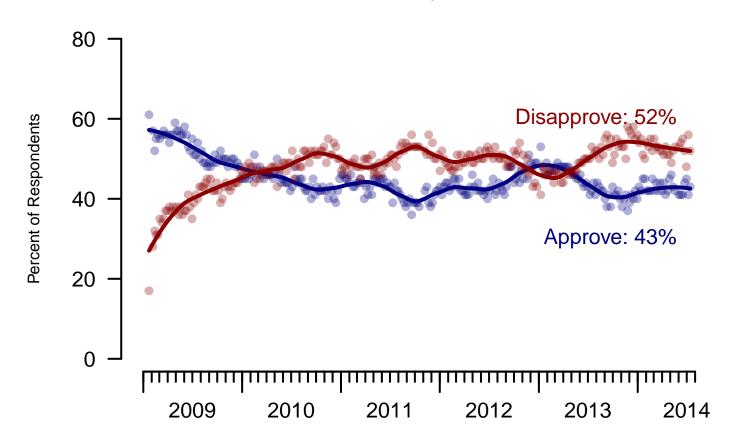


Figure 1: Obama Approval - All Adults



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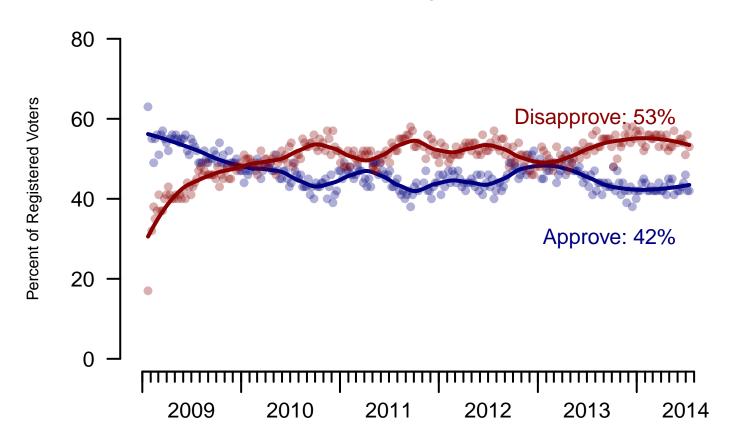


Figure 2: Obama Approval - Registered Voters



### 2. Approval of Obama as President – This Week – All Adults

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

			А	ge			R	ace			Re	gion	
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North- east	Mid- west	South	West
Strongly approve	16%	18%	13%	16%	16%	11%	39%	16%	14%	20%	12%	16%	14%
Somewhat approve	27%	33%	30%	26%	17%	25%	28%	39%	28%	33%	32%	22%	28%
Somewhat													
disapprove	13%	16%	17%	10%	9%	15%	3%	19%	10%	13%	14%	13%	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%	23%	34%	47%	57%	46%	16%	22%	41%	30%	38%	44%	40%
Not sure	5%	10%	7%	1%	1%	3%	14%	3%	7%	5%	4%	5%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (185)	100% (305)	100% (370)	100% (140)	100% (686)	100% (136)	100% (114)	100% (64)	100% (163)	100% (200)	100% (366)	100% (271)

			Party ID			Ideology		Ge	nder	Fa	amily Incon	пе
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly approve	16%	34%	7%	6%	31%	17%	5%	15%	16%	16%	15%	14%
Somewhat approve Somewhat	27%	43%	29%	5%	44%	33%	14%	29%	26%	30%	24%	26%
disapprove	13%	11%	15%	13%	11%	16%	12%	12%	14%	17%	10%	16%
Strongly disapprove	39%	7%	42%	76%	8%	28%	67%	39%	39%	31%	47%	43%
Not sure	5%	5%	7%	1%	6%	6%	3%	5%	5%	6%	4%	0%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (355)	100% (322)	100% (236)	100% (242)	100% (359)	100% (331)	100% (471)	100% (529)	100% (388)	100% (354)	100% (108)



### 3. Approval of U.S. Congress – Historical

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

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	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
July 12-14, 2014	10%	68%	3%	7%	15%	25%	43%	7%
July 5-7, 2014	11%	64%	3%	8%	18%	26%	38%	8%
June 28-30, 2014	11%	63%	3%	8%	18%	19%	44%	8%
June 21-23, 2014	9%	67%	2%	7%	18%	24%	43%	6%
June 14-16, 2014	9%	69%	1%	8%	15%	22%	47%	6%
June 7-9, 2014	12%	65%	3%	9%	15%	23%	42%	8%
May 31-June 2, 2014	8%	66%	2%	6%	18%	28%	38%	7%
May 17-19, 2014	11%	67%	2%	9%	16%	27%	40%	7%
May 10-12, 2014	13%	66%	4%	9%	14%	22%	44%	8%
May 3-5, 2014	13%	64%	3%	10%	17%	26%	38%	7%
One Year Ago	9%	65%	2%	7%	18%	21%	44%	9%

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	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
July 12-14, 2014	9%	74%	3%	6%	12%	26%	48%	5%
July 5-7, 2014	11%	66%	3%	8%	17%	25%	41%	7%
June 28-30, 2014	9%	72%	2%	7%	13%	22%	50%	6%
June 21-23, 2014	9%	73%	2%	7%	14%	26%	47%	4%
June 14-16, 2014	9%	73%	1%	8%	13%	21%	52%	4%
June 7-9, 2014	10%	72%	2%	8%	13%	24%	48%	5%
May 31-June 2, 2014	8%	74%	2%	6%	14%	30%	44%	4%
May 17-19, 2014	9%	74%	1%	8%	13%	26%	48%	4%
May 10-12, 2014	10%	72%	2%	8%	14%	23%	49%	4%
May 3-5, 2014	10%	71%	2%	8%	16%	25%	46%	4%
One Year Ago	9%	72%	3%	6%	12%	23%	49%	6%



Congress Approval "Do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?"

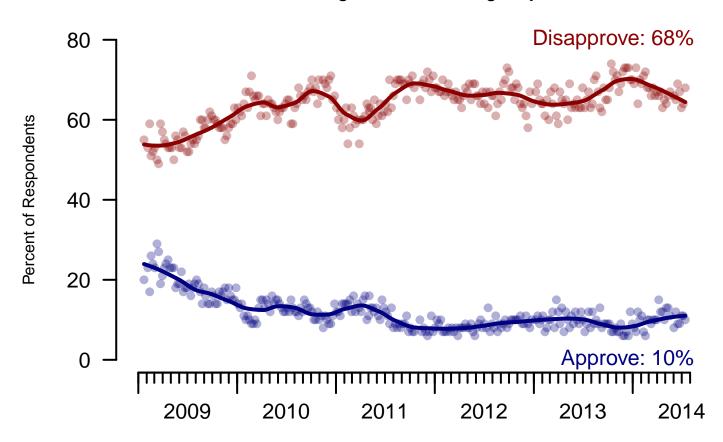


Figure 3: Congress Approval – All Adults



Congress Approval "Do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?"

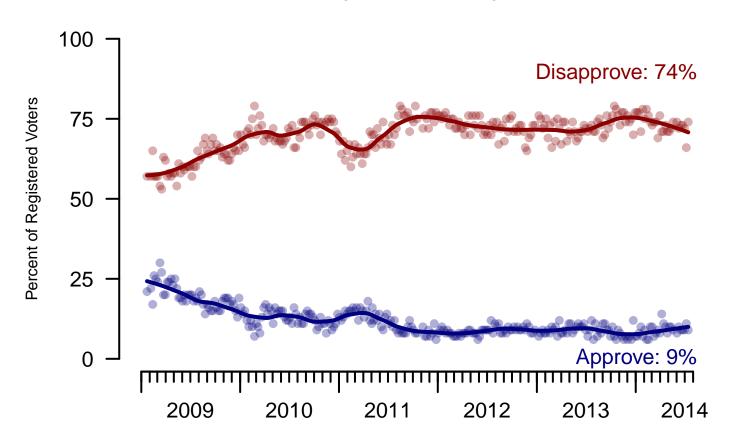


Figure 4: Congress Approval – Registered Voters



**4. Approval of U.S. Congress – This Week – All Adults**Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

			А	ge			R	ace			Re	gion	
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North- east	Mid- west	South	West
Strongly approve	3%	5%	4%	1%	_	2%	7%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%	4%
Somewhat approve	7%	15%	6%	4%	5%	7%	10%	5%	7%	9%	4%	8%	8%
Neither approve nor													
disapprove	15%	17%	20%	13%	8%	12%	16%	36%	14%	17%	12%	17%	13%
Somewhat													
disapprove	25%	19%	23%	31%	27%	28%	21%	18%	25%	29%	25%	28%	17%
Strongly disapprove	43%	31%	38%	48%	59%	47%	35%	32%	34%	37%	52%	37%	48%
Not sure	7%	13%	10%	3%	2%	5%	12%	6%	18%	6%	5%	7%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(184)	(304)	(370)	(140)	(684)	(136)	(114)	(64)	(163)	(200)	(365)	(270)

			Party ID			Ideology		Ge	nder	Fa	amily Incon	пе
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 40	40-100	100+
Strongly approve	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%
Somewhat approve	7%	11%	4%	7%	6%	10%	6%	8%	6%	7%	7%	6%
Neither approve nor												
disapprove	15%	12%	13%	20%	9%	16%	18%	13%	17%	19%	13%	8%
Somewhat												
disapprove	25%	21%	25%	34%	14%	23%	33%	26%	24%	24%	26%	26%
Strongly disapprove	43%	45%	50%	32%	58%	41%	36%	44%	41%	36%	48%	54%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	4%	11%	7%	3%	5%	9%	10%	4%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(998)	(354)	(322)	(236)	(241)	(359)	(330)	(471)	(527)	(388)	(354)	(108)

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### 5. Direction of country – Historical

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

	All Adults						
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure				
July 12-14, 2014	25%	62%	13%				
July 5-7, 2014	28%	57%	14%				
June 28-30, 2014	28%	58%	13%				
June 21-23, 2014	30%	59%	11%				
June 14-16, 2014	25%	62%	12%				
June 7-9, 2014	26%	62%	12%				
May 31-June 2, 2014	28%	58%	13%				
May 17-19, 2014	27%	59%	14%				
May 10-12, 2014	26%	59%	15%				
May 3-5, 2014	31%	56%	12%				
One Year Ago	27%	58%	15%				

	Registered Voters						
	Right	Wrong	Not				
	Direction	Track	Sure				
July 12-14, 2014	25%	63%	12%				
July 5-7, 2014	28%	60%	13%				
June 28-30, 2014	29%	59%	12%				
June 21-23, 2014	29%	59%	11%				
June 14-16, 2014	27%	63%	10%				
June 7-9, 2014	26%	63%	11%				
May 31-June 2, 2014	28%	60%	12%				
May 17-19, 2014	26%	63%	11%				
May 10-12, 2014	28%	58%	14%				
May 3-5, 2014	28%	60%	11%				
One Year Ago	31%	58%	11%				



**Direction of Country**"Would you say things in this country today are generally headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?"

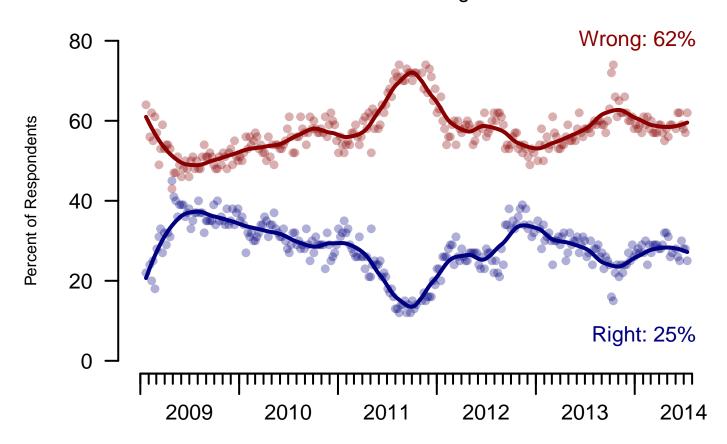


Figure 5: Direction of Country - All Adults



**Direction of Country**"Would you say things in this country today are generally headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?"

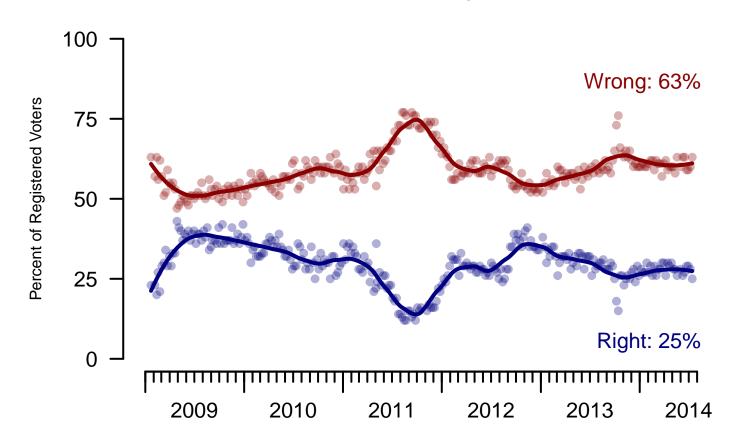


Figure 6: Direction of Country - Registered Voters



### 6. Direction of Country – This Week – All Adults

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

	Age						Race				Region			
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North- east	Mid- west	South	West	
Generally headed in														
the right direction	25%	29%	23%	23%	22%	20%	45%	23%	26%	33%	21%	23%	23%	
Off on the wrong														
track	62%	51%	61%	67%	72%	71%	32%	54%	61%	51%	66%	67%	62%	
Not sure	13%	19%	15%	10%	6%	9%	23%	23%	13%	17%	13%	10%	16%	
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (185)	100% (305)	100% (370)	100% (140)	100% (686)	100% (136)	100% (114)	100% (64)	100% (163)	100% (200)	100% (366)	100% (271)	

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 40	40-100	100+
Generally headed in												
the right direction	25%	44%	19%	8%	40%	33%	9%	26%	23%	25%	21%	30%
Off on the wrong												
track	62%	37%	67%	86%	38%	54%	83%	64%	61%	59%	67%	62%
Not sure	13%	19%	13%	6%	21%	14%	8%	10%	16%	15%	11%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(355)	(322)	(236)	(242)	(359)	(331)	(471)	(529)	(388)	(354)	(108)



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Fieldwork YouGov

Interviewing Dates July 12-14, 2014

**Target population** U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.

Sampling method Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel us-

ing 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 0.11 to 4.04,

with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.8.

Number of respondents 1,000

**Margin of error**  $\pm$  4% (adjusted for weighting)

**Margin of error (Registered Voters)**  $\pm$  4.5% (adjusted for weighting)

Survey mode Web-based interviews

Full results Available online at

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