

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
 Conducted April 5-7, 2014  
 Margin of Error ±4.2%

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 ..... 43%  
 Some of the time ..... 33%  
 Only now and then ..... 15%  
 Hardly at all ..... 10%

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

Generally headed in the right direction ..... 28%  
 Off on the wrong track ..... 59%  
 Not sure ..... 13%

3. 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
Tunisia	3%	15%	19%	7%	56%
Ivory Coast	3%	17%	18%	6%	56%
Laos	4%	22%	15%	5%	53%
Slovenia	6%	24%	13%	4%	53%
Macedonia	5%	23%	12%	3%	56%
Bhutan	1%	14%	17%	4%	64%
Cuba	3%	9%	42%	26%	20%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Fidel Castro?

Very favorable	2%
Somewhat favorable	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	32%
Very unfavorable	43%
Don't know	15%

5. Would you say Fidel Castro was a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	30%
Somewhat strong	45%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	10%

6. Do you think that people in Cuba have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the United States?

Very favorable	9%
Somewhat favorable	36%
Somewhat unfavorable	29%
Very unfavorable	12%
Don't know	14%

7. Do you favor or oppose having the United States re-establish diplomatic relations with Cuba?

Favor	51%
Oppose	20%
Not sure	29%

**8. Should U.S. citizens be allowed to travel to Cuba?**

Yes, they should be allowed to travel without restrictions. ....	55%
Yes, but only if they travel as part of religious, cultural, or academic groups. .....	14%
No, they should not be allowed to travel to Cuba. ....	13%
Not sure .....	17%

**9. Currently, there is an embargo on U.S. trade with Cuba. Should Americans be allowed to buy products from Cuba?**

Yes .....	51%
No .....	29%
Not sure .....	19%

**10. Should Americans be allowed to send money to Cuban citizens who are not members of the Castro government or the Communist Party?**

Yes .....	55%
No .....	24%
Not sure .....	21%

**11. How much have you heard about the US government setting up a Twitter-like social media service in Cuba?**

Heard a lot .....	4%
Heard a little .....	26%
Heard nothing at all .....	70%

**12. Do you approve or disapprove of the US government covertly setting up a social media service in an attempt to encourage anti-government protests in Cuba?**

Approve strongly .....	9%
Approve somewhat .....	25%
Disapprove somewhat .....	22%
Disapprove strongly .....	19%
Don't know .....	24%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the US government covertly attempting to undermine governments it considers oppressive?

Approve strongly	10%
Approve somewhat	25%
Disapprove somewhat	25%
Disapprove strongly	17%
Don't know	23%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Rand Paul?

Very favorable	14%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	19%
Don't know	31%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rand Paul is handling his job as a US Senator from Kentucky?

Approve strongly	13%
Approve somewhat	23%
Disapprove somewhat	13%
Disapprove strongly	14%
Not sure	36%

16. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Rand Paul, or have they treated him the same as other public figures?

Harder	24%
About the same	36%
Easier	11%
Not sure	29%

**17. Do you think Rand Paul...**

Says what he believes .....	45%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	26%
Not sure .....	29%

**18. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Rand Paul as a person?**

Like a lot .....	17%
Like somewhat .....	24%
Dislike .....	20%
Not sure .....	40%

**19. Regardless of your overall opinion of Rand Paul, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?**

Yes .....	28%
No .....	39%
Not sure .....	33%

**20. Regardless of your overall opinion of Rand Paul, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?**

Yes .....	34%
No .....	32%
Not sure .....	34%

**21. How much do you think Rand Paul cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?**

A lot .....	19%
Some .....	31%
Not much .....	23%
Not at all .....	27%

22. Do you think Rand Paul has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

More honesty .....	23%
Same level of honesty .....	34%
Less honesty .....	19%
Not sure .....	24%

23. Are you confident in Rand Paul’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	27%
Uneasy .....	36%
Not sure .....	37%

24. Would you say Rand Paul is...

Very liberal .....	4%
Liberal .....	4%
Moderate .....	15%
Conservative .....	27%
Very conservative .....	23%
Not sure .....	27%

25. Do you want Rand Paul to run for President in 2016?

Yes .....	25%
No .....	40%
Not sure .....	35%

26. 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 .....	25%
More of a failure than a success .....	22%
Equal amount of both failure and success .....	15%
More of a success than a failure .....	18%
A complete success .....	4%
Too early to tell .....	8%
Not sure .....	8%

27. 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 .....	11%
Equally positive and negative .....	28%
Mostly negative .....	51%
Not heard much news at all .....	10%

28. 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 .....	18%
Equally positive and negative .....	18%
Mostly negative .....	45%
Not discussed at all .....	19%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	57%
Not sure .....	11%

**30. 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 .....	7%
About the same .....	5%
Worse .....	18%
Not sure .....	2%
Has not been personally affected by the law .....	57%
Not sure if they have been personally affected .....	11%

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

Yes .....	44%
No .....	35%
Not sure .....	21%

**32. 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 .....	11%
About the same .....	5%
Worse .....	25%
Has not been personally affected by the law .....	35%
Not sure if they have been personally affected .....	21%
Not sure .....	2%

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

Yes .....	31%
No .....	65%
Not sure .....	4%



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

October .....	3%
November .....	4%
December .....	3%
January .....	5%
February .....	5%
March .....	8%
Has not tried to visit the federal website .....	65%
Not sure about visiting the federal website .....	4%
I don't remember .....	4%

**35. 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 .....	25%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something better .....	27%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something worse .....	10%
Leave the Affordable Care Act as it is .....	38%

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

Expanded .....	29%
Kept the same .....	14%
Repealed .....	44%
Not sure .....	13%

**37. If the Affordable Care Act is repealed, what should happen to the people who signed up for insurance through the ACA?**

*Asked of those who think the Affordable Care Act should be repealed or aren't sure if the law should be repealed*

Does not think the ACA should be repealed .....	49%
They should keep the coverage they purchased .....	5%
They should be able to choose to keep or cancel the coverage they purchased .....	33%
All insurance policies purchased through the Affordable Care Act should be canceled .....	9%
Not sure .....	4%

**38. Do you have health insurance?**

Yes .....	82%
No .....	18%

**39. 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 .....	38%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare .....	15%
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 .....	9%
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 .....	13%
Does not have health insurance .....	18%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

**40. Have you visited a doctor or ordered prescription drugs in 2014?**

*Asked of those who have health insurance*

Visited a doctor .....	15%
Ordered prescription drugs .....	11%
Neither .....	28%
Both .....	46%

**41. Compared to last year's cost, is your co-pay this year higher, lower or about the same?**

*Asked of those with insurance who have either visited a doctor or ordered prescription drugs in 2014*

Higher .....	33%
About the same .....	52%
Lower .....	9%
Not sure .....	7%

**42. Was there any time this year that you were unable to make an appointment to see a doctor when you needed to?**

*Asked of those with insurance who have either visited a doctor or ordered prescription drugs in 2014*

Yes .....	20%
No .....	76%
Not sure .....	4%

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

Yes .....	77%
No .....	21%
Not sure .....	2%

**44. How important are the following issues to you?**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	20%	3%	2%
Immigration	41%	38%	14%	6%
The environment	48%	34%	12%	6%
Terrorism	55%	30%	10%	5%
Gay rights	26%	27%	24%	23%
Education	65%	24%	8%	3%
Health care	64%	25%	8%	3%
Social security	64%	27%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	58%	28%	10%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	39%	19%	9%
Taxes	58%	30%	10%	2%
Medicare	55%	31%	11%	4%
Abortion	37%	30%	21%	12%

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

The economy .....	33%
Immigration .....	3%
The environment .....	8%
Terrorism .....	5%
Gay rights .....	3%
Education .....	10%
Health care .....	8%
Social security .....	11%
The budget deficit .....	10%
The war in Afghanistan .....	0%
Taxes .....	4%
Medicare .....	2%
Abortion .....	3%

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
Barack Obama	24%	20%	13%	36%	6%
Joe Biden	17%	26%	14%	30%	13%
John Boehner	5%	21%	22%	27%	25%
Mitch McConnell	4%	20%	17%	23%	36%
Harry Reid	8%	17%	14%	31%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	21%	15%	35%	20%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Hillary Clinton	27%	25%	13%	28%	7%
Jeb Bush	11%	26%	19%	19%	25%
Chris Christie	9%	29%	22%	20%	20%
Elizabeth Warren	14%	13%	12%	15%	47%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	5%

**49. 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	16%	25%	14%	37%	8%
Immigration	13%	24%	16%	34%	13%
The environment	13%	28%	20%	25%	13%
Terrorism	21%	25%	14%	27%	13%
Gay rights	18%	27%	11%	28%	16%
Education	17%	27%	17%	24%	15%
Health care	22%	20%	12%	40%	7%
Social security	15%	25%	16%	27%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	26%	19%	27%	13%
The budget deficit	15%	21%	12%	42%	11%
Taxes	14%	25%	16%	32%	12%
Medicare	18%	22%	16%	28%	16%
Abortion	15%	23%	13%	25%	24%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	5%

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

Very liberal .....	6%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	37%
Conservative .....	29%
Very conservative .....	9%
Not sure .....	1%

52. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal .....	34%
Liberal .....	24%
Moderate .....	23%
Conservative .....	6%
Very conservative .....	4%
Not sure .....	9%

53. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes .....	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	54%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Like a lot .....	31%
Like somewhat .....	26%
Dislike .....	34%
Not sure .....	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	35%	27%
Bold	25%	59%	16%
Effective	20%	48%	32%
Exciting	12%	67%	21%
Experienced	19%	52%	28%
Honest	27%	37%	36%
Hypocritical	35%	42%	23%
Inspiring	29%	47%	24%
Intelligent	51%	33%	16%
Partisan	22%	63%	15%
Patriotic	24%	45%	30%
Religious	15%	57%	28%
Sincere	28%	43%	29%
Steady	25%	59%	16%
Strong	26%	52%	23%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	35%
Not sure	4%

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

Yes	69%
No	23%
Don't know	8%

**58. Gender**

Male	49%
Female	51%

**59. Education**

No high school .....	9%
High school graduate .....	34%
Some college .....	23%
2-year college .....	10%
4-year college .....	16%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**60. Age**

18-29 .....	27%
30-44 .....	28%
45-64 .....	32%
65+ .....	13%

**61. Race**

White .....	64%
Black .....	15%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	9%

**62. Region**

Northeast .....	20%
Midwest .....	23%
South .....	35%
West .....	22%

**63. Party Identification**

Democratic .....	35%
Independent .....	37%
Republican .....	29%



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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	April 5-7, 2014
<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 4.4, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.93.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.