

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted June 14-16, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.2\%$

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	46%
Some of the time	31%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	12%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of George W. Bush?

Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	31%
Somewhat unfavorable	21%
Very unfavorable	28%
Don't know	4%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush handled his job as President?

Approve strongly	13%
Approve somewhat	33%
Disapprove somewhat	19%
Disapprove strongly	32%
Not sure	4%

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

	Yes, and that person is me	Yes, I know someone like this	No, I don't know anyone like this
Anyone who has served in the military?	12%	72%	15%
Anyone who has served in Iraq?	4%	50%	46%
Anyone who has served in Afghanistan?	3%	45%	52%

6. Do you think removing Saddam Hussein from power was worth the loss of American life and other costs of attacking Iraq, or not?

Worth it	33%
Not worth it	43%
Don't know	24%

7. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Iraq?

Yes	52%
No	31%
Not sure	17%

8. Regardless of whether you think taking military action in Iraq was the right thing to do—would you say the United States succeeded in accomplishing its objectives in Iraq, or did it not succeed?

Succeeded	27%
Did not succeed	52%
Not sure	21%

9. Which of these do you think is most likely?

Iraq will become a stable democracy in the next year or two.	3%
Iraq will become a stable democracy, but it will take longer than a year or two.	18%
Iraq will probably never become a stable democracy.	63%
Not sure	15%

10. Are Iraqi civilians better off today than they were when the war in Iraq began?

Definitely yes	5%
Probably yes	25%
Probably no	32%
Definitely no	18%
Not sure	19%

11. Do you think the United States made a mistake withdrawing troops from Iraq back in 2011?

Yes	31%
No	53%
Not sure	16%

12. How closely are you following the news about the current situation in Iraq?

Very closely	24%
Somewhat closely	43%
Not very closely	25%
Not at all	8%

13. In dealing with the current situation in Iraq, which of the following things do you think the U.S. should do?

Send ground troops to fight for the Iraqis	3%
Send ground troops to fight with the Iraqis	7%
Send military troop trainers to help the Iraqis fight	17%
Conduct air strikes against Islamist militants in Iraq	28%
Conduct drone strikes against Islamist militants in Iraq	34%
Something else	12%
None of the above	34%

14. How much does it matter to the US if violent Islamist insurgents take over control of central Iraq?

A great deal	41%
Somewhat	38%
Not a lot	14%
Nothing at all	7%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling Iraq?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	32%
No opinion	14%

16. How much responsibility do you think President Barack Obama has for the current situation in Iraq today?

Most	33%
Some	29%
Only a little	19%
None	14%
Not sure	6%

17. How much responsibility do you think former President George W. Bush has for the current situation in Iraq today?

Most	33%
Some	27%
Only a little	17%
None	17%
Not sure	6%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush handled Iraq?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	32%
No opinion	10%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	38%
No opinion	10%

20. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Afghanistan?

Yes	40%
No	38%
Not sure	22%

21. Do you think the United States is making a mistake withdrawing troops from Afghanistan?

Yes	28%
No	52%
Not sure	20%

22. How would you rate your personal health?

Excellent	20%
Good	55%
Fair	22%
Poor	3%

23. Over the past 12 months has your personal health improved or worsened, or have you not noticed any change?

Improved	11%
Remained the same	67%
Worsened	15%
Haven't noticed	6%

24. In the past 12 months have you...

Been seen by a dentist	46%
Been seen by a doctor	71%
Ordered prescription drugs	55%
None of these	19%

25. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a doctor because you could not afford it?

Yes	26%
No	70%
Prefer not to say	4%

26. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a dentist because you could not afford it?

Yes	33%
No	63%
Prefer not to say	4%

27. In the past 12 months have decided not to fill a prescription because you could not afford it?

Yes	17%
No	81%
Prefer not to say	2%

28. Compared to a year ago, are you paying more or less for health care coverage today?

More	41%
The same	43%
Less	9%
Not sure	7%

29. Compared to a year ago, would you say the quality of your health care is better or worse today?

Better	12%
The same	62%
Worse	21%
Not sure	5%

30. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	82%
No	18%

31. 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	7%
I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits	4%
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	3%

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

Yes	80%
No	19%
Not sure	1%

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

Expanded	29%
Kept the same	13%
Repealed	42%
Not sure	16%

34. 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	24%
More of a failure than a success	19%
Equal amount of both failure and success	16%
More of a success than a failure	20%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	9%
Not sure	7%

35. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	19%	2%	1%
Immigration	43%	33%	17%	7%
The environment	42%	35%	14%	8%
Terrorism	50%	32%	13%	5%
Gay rights	20%	22%	26%	32%
Education	57%	33%	7%	4%
Health care	63%	29%	4%	3%
Social security	62%	29%	6%	3%
The budget deficit	56%	27%	12%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	26%	43%	21%	10%
Taxes	59%	31%	8%	3%
Medicare	49%	36%	11%	3%
Abortion	35%	27%	20%	18%

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

The economy	31%
Immigration	7%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	10%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	7%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	4%

37. 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	26%	19%	13%	39%	4%
Joe Biden	18%	22%	16%	33%	11%
John Boehner	4%	18%	20%	36%	22%
Mitch McConnell	3%	16%	19%	33%	30%
Harry Reid	8%	17%	14%	35%	26%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	18%	13%	42%	17%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Rand Paul	12%	24%	14%	25%	26%
Chris Christie	7%	27%	23%	24%	19%
Paul Ryan	9%	26%	12%	30%	23%
Jeb Bush	9%	21%	21%	25%	23%
Mike Huckabee	12%	25%	16%	23%	25%
Marco Rubio	10%	20%	17%	22%	31%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	14%	14%	19%	38%
Ted Cruz	11%	18%	12%	28%	31%
Scott Walker	10%	14%	11%	22%	43%
Hillary Clinton	27%	19%	16%	33%	5%

39. Would you say Hillary Clinton is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	29%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	4%

41. 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	17%	22%	12%	40%	8%
Immigration	15%	19%	16%	40%	11%
The environment	17%	27%	14%	30%	13%
Terrorism	17%	24%	14%	33%	11%
Gay rights	20%	22%	9%	32%	17%
Education	15%	26%	16%	29%	15%
Health care	23%	19%	10%	42%	6%
Social security	15%	24%	16%	31%	14%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	24%	17%	34%	10%
The budget deficit	15%	21%	13%	41%	9%
Taxes	14%	20%	16%	39%	11%
Medicare	17%	20%	14%	33%	16%
Abortion	13%	21%	11%	31%	25%

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

Strongly approve	1%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	47%
Not sure	6%

43. 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%

44. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	38%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	20%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	9%

45. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	36%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	54%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	12%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	42%	33%	25%
Bold	25%	57%	19%
Effective	20%	47%	33%
Exciting	12%	64%	24%
Experienced	19%	49%	32%
Honest	26%	34%	39%
Hypocritical	40%	38%	23%
Inspiring	29%	43%	27%
Intelligent	48%	39%	13%
Partisan	25%	60%	16%
Patriotic	26%	44%	31%
Religious	13%	58%	29%
Sincere	28%	42%	31%
Steady	25%	52%	23%
Strong	26%	49%	25%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	40%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	3%

49. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	70%
No	26%
Don't know	4%

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

More jobs	19%
The same amount of jobs	41%
Fewer jobs	29%
Not sure	11%

51. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	1%
Military Household - Family	10%
Military Household - I served previously	11%
Military Household - Family served previously	43%
Military Household - None	42%

52. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	19%
Neither support, nor oppose	20%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	17%

54. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	25%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

55. Age

18-29	26%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

56. Race

White	68%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	6%

57. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	25%
South	36%
West	22%

58. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	36%
Republican	27%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 14-16, 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 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.91.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.