

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted October 25-27, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.4\%$

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	45%
Some of the time	32%
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	29%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	11%

3. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing Ebola?

Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not too worried	35%
Not worried at all	27%

4. How concerned are you about an Ebola epidemic here in the United States?

Very concerned	21%
Somewhat concerned	35%
Not very concerned	28%
Not concerned at all	16%

5. Should the government allow people who have recently been in any of the countries in western Africa where there is a major Ebola outbreak to enter the United States?

Yes 25%
No 57%
Not sure 18%

6. Do you think the US government should quarantine people in the United States who have recently been in any of the countries in western Africa where there is a major Ebola outbreak?

Yes 72%
No 14%
Not sure 14%

7. Do you think the government should quarantine medical personnel who have recently treated a person infected with Ebola?

Yes 80%
No 9%
Not sure 11%

8. How closely are you following the news about Ebola?

Very closely 27%
Somewhat closely 48%
Not very closely 21%
Not following at all 3%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the policy of New York's and New Jersey's governors to require a mandatory 21 day quarantine for medical personnel returning from treating Ebola patients in west Africa?

Approve 79%
Disapprove 8%
Not sure 13%

10. Has the media done a good job accurately reporting about Ebola or has the media made it seem better or worse than it really is?

Made the Ebola epidemic seem worse than it really is	38%
Accurately reported on the scale of the Ebola epidemic	30%
Made Ebola epidemic seem better than it really is	13%
Not sure	18%

11. Do you think the United States is doing enough, too much, or not enough to contain the Ebola outbreak?

Doing too much	3%
Doing enough	36%
Not doing enough	47%
Don't know	14%

12. Should the US government increase or decrease spending on Ebola research, or should it continue to spend the current amount?

Increase spending	36%
Spend the same	43%
Decrease spending	4%
Not sure	18%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of the Ebola outbreak?

Approve strongly	16%
Approve somewhat	24%
Disapprove somewhat	15%
Disapprove strongly	29%
Not sure	16%

14. Since taking office, do you think Barack Obama has accomplished...

More than I expected	13%
About what I expected	31%
Less than I expected	49%
Not sure	7%

15. As a President, how do you think Barack Obama will go down in history?

Outstanding	9%
Above Average	16%
Average	22%
Below Average	13%
Poor	36%
Not Sure	4%

16. How much progress has Barack Obama made in achieving the following campaign promises?

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None	Not sure
Changing the partisan tone in Washington	5%	10%	13%	61%	11%
Improving the U.S. image in the world	12%	15%	15%	50%	7%
Improving the economy	15%	20%	18%	41%	5%

17. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Michelle Obama?

Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	29%
Don't know	11%

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

Expanded	27%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	47%
Not sure	12%

19. 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	26%
More of a failure than a success	20%
Equal amount of both failure and success	19%
More of a success than a failure	19%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	5%
Not sure	7%

20. Do you think the number of people with health insurance has increased, remained the same, or decreased over the last 12 months?

Increased	45%
Remained the same	18%
Decreased	23%
Don't know	14%

21. Do you think the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase by more or less than they usually do?

The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase more than they usually do	52%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	17%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	14%
Not sure	16%

22. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	20%	4%	1%
Immigration	46%	34%	15%	5%
The environment	39%	36%	16%	10%
Terrorism	53%	31%	12%	4%
Gay rights	22%	23%	25%	30%
Education	56%	33%	8%	3%
Health care	64%	30%	5%	2%
Social security	62%	30%	7%	1%
The budget deficit	53%	32%	11%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	46%	19%	9%
Taxes	58%	32%	8%	2%
Medicare	54%	33%	11%	2%
Abortion	34%	32%	21%	12%
Foreign policy	39%	42%	14%	4%

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

The economy	26%
Immigration	9%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	1%
Education	8%
Health care	8%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%

24. 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	21%	21%	11%	42%	4%
Joe Biden	15%	25%	16%	34%	10%
John Boehner	4%	17%	23%	36%	20%
Mitch McConnell	4%	13%	22%	27%	34%
Harry Reid	7%	13%	17%	35%	28%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	16%	13%	43%	19%

25. 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%	26%	12%	21%	28%
Chris Christie	9%	25%	20%	24%	22%
Paul Ryan	12%	22%	12%	26%	28%
Jeb Bush	8%	23%	22%	27%	20%
Mike Huckabee	17%	17%	14%	24%	28%
Marco Rubio	12%	17%	12%	22%	37%
Hillary Clinton	25%	22%	9%	34%	9%
Elizabeth Warren	17%	12%	10%	23%	39%
Ted Cruz	15%	17%	11%	26%	30%
Scott Walker	14%	11%	10%	19%	45%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	6%	8%	7%	76%
Rick Perry	15%	18%	12%	28%	27%
Bernie Sanders	10%	8%	10%	13%	59%
Martin O'Malley	5%	6%	7%	9%	73%
Jim Webb	3%	10%	8%	8%	72%
Mitt Romney	18%	19%	16%	32%	14%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	5%

27. 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	15%	25%	12%	40%	9%
Immigration	12%	20%	13%	45%	11%
The environment	12%	29%	12%	33%	14%
Terrorism	17%	25%	14%	34%	10%
Gay rights	18%	23%	8%	33%	17%
Education	13%	26%	15%	32%	14%
Health care	21%	18%	10%	44%	7%
Social security	13%	21%	16%	33%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	22%	19%	35%	11%
The budget deficit	12%	21%	13%	43%	11%
Taxes	13%	21%	17%	37%	12%
Medicare	15%	21%	15%	33%	16%
Abortion	14%	23%	11%	31%	23%
Foreign policy	12%	21%	15%	38%	13%

28. 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	16%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	10%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the member of the US House of Representatives that represents your Congressional district is handling his or her job?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	21%

30. How likely is it that you will vote in the election on November 4, 2014?

Asked of those who are registered to vote

Definitely will vote	52%
Probably will vote	6%
Maybe will vote	3%
Probably will not vote	2%
Definitely will not vote	5%
Don't know	2%
Not registered to vote	31%

31. Do you think your Representative deserves to be reelected to Congress?

Asked only of likely voters

Not a likely voter	42%
Yes	23%
No	21%
Not sure	14%

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

Asked only of registered voters

Not a registered voter	31%
The Democratic Party candidate	25%
The Republican Party candidate	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	1%

33. In the election for U.S. Congress in the district where you live, which candidate are you voting for?

Asked only of likely voters

Not a likely voter	42%
The Democratic Party candidate	24%
The Republican Party candidate	24%
Other	2%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	0%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

35. Would you say your Representative in Congress is...

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	12%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	21%
Very Conservative	8%
Not sure	29%

36. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	39%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	20%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	11%

37. Would you say Barack Obama is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	13%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	40%

38. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52%
Not sure	11%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	24%
Dislike	35%
Not sure	11%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	42%	29%	28%
Bold	20%	60%	19%
Effective	17%	48%	35%
Exciting	12%	65%	23%
Experienced	15%	48%	37%
Honest	23%	37%	40%
Hypocritical	41%	36%	23%
Inspiring	27%	45%	28%
Intelligent	46%	36%	18%
Partisan	25%	60%	15%
Patriotic	22%	45%	32%
Religious	11%	61%	29%
Sincere	25%	43%	33%
Steady	24%	55%	20%
Strong	23%	47%	30%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	5%

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

More jobs	21%
The same amount of jobs	39%
Fewer jobs	27%
Not sure	13%

43. 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	8%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	37%
Military Household - None	50%

44. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	15%
Somewhat support	19%
Neither support, nor oppose	17%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	15%

46. Education

No high school	9%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	26%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

47. Age

18-29	23%
30-44	26%
45-64	34%
65+	17%

48. Race

White	65%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	10%

49. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	23%
South	36%
West	23%

50. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	38%
Republican	26%

51. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	70%
No	27%
Don't know	3%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 25-27, 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 5.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.99.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.