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Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted June 7-9, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.1\%$

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...?

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|-------------------|-----|
| Most of the time | 43% |
| Some of the time | 32% |
| Only now and then | 14% |
| Hardly at all | 9% |
| Don't know | 1% |

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

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|---|-----|
| Generally headed in the right direction | 26% |
| Off on the wrong track | 62% |
| Not sure | 12% |

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Hillary Clinton?

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|----------------------|-----|
| Very favorable | 22% |
| Somewhat favorable | 27% |
| Somewhat unfavorable | 15% |
| Very unfavorable | 29% |
| Don't know | 6% |

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton handled her job as Secretary of State?

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|---------------------|-----|
| Approve strongly | 24% |
| Approve somewhat | 26% |
| Disapprove somewhat | 12% |
| Disapprove strongly | 27% |
| Not sure | 11% |

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton handled her job as First Lady?

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|---------------------|-----|
| Approve strongly | 30% |
| Approve somewhat | 27% |
| Disapprove somewhat | 14% |
| Disapprove strongly | 17% |
| Not sure | 12% |

6. Who did you want to win the Democratic nomination for President in 2008, or didn't you care?

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| Barack Obama | 27% |
| Hilary Clinton | 24% |
| Another Democrat | 14% |
| Didn't care | 27% |
| Not sure | 8% |

7. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder on Hillary Clinton, easier on Hillary Clinton, or have they treated her the same as other public figures?

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| Harder on Hillary Clinton | 29% |
| Have treated her the same as other public figures | 26% |
| Easier on Hillary Clinton | 33% |
| Not sure | 12% |

8. Do you think Hillary Clinton...

| | |
|--|-----|
| Says what she believes | 42% |
| Says what she thinks people want to hear | 43% |
| Not sure | 15% |

9. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like Hillary Clinton as a person?

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|---------------------|-----|
| Like a lot | 27% |
| Like somewhat | 32% |
| Dislike | 29% |
| Not sure | 12% |

10. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you think she has the qualifications to be President.

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|----------------|-----|
| Yes | 52% |
| No | 35% |
| Not sure | 12% |

11. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you think she shares the values most people try to live by?

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|----------------|-----|
| Yes | 46% |
| No | 36% |
| Not sure | 19% |

12. How much do you think Hillary Clinton cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

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|------------------|-----|
| A lot | 20% |
| Some | 34% |
| Not much | 19% |
| Not at all | 27% |

13. Do you think Hillary Clinton has more honesty and integrity than most people in public life, less honesty and integrity than most people in public life, or about the same honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| More honesty | 22% |
| Same level of honesty | 39% |
| Less honesty | 30% |
| Not sure | 8% |

14. Are you confident in Hillary Clinton’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?

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|-----------------|-----|
| Confident | 43% |
| Uneasy | 42% |
| Not sure | 15% |

15. Do you want Hillary Clinton to run for President in 2016?

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| Yes | 42% |
| No | 42% |
| Not sure | 16% |

16. If Hillary Clinton runs for President in 2016, how likely is she to win?

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Very likely | 20% |
| Somewhat likely | 36% |
| Not very likely | 18% |
| Not likely at all | 11% |
| Not sure | 16% |

17. Should Hillary Clinton become President, how confident are you that her administration and the U.S. Department of State would take the right steps to prevent future attacks like the one on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi?

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|----------------------------|-----|
| Very confident | 24% |
| Somewhat confident | 22% |
| Not very confident | 14% |
| Not confident at all | 29% |
| Not sure | 10% |

18. Do you approve or disapprove of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s handling of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya?

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Approve strongly | 15% |
| Approve somewhat | 19% |
| Disapprove somewhat | 9% |
| Disapprove strongly | 33% |
| Not sure | 24% |

19. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Bill Clinton?

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Very favorable | 26% |
| Somewhat favorable | 30% |
| Somewhat unfavorable | 19% |
| Very unfavorable | 19% |
| Don’t know | 6% |

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton handled his job as President?

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|---------------------|-----|
| Approve strongly | 28% |
| Approve somewhat | 33% |
| Disapprove somewhat | 15% |
| Disapprove strongly | 17% |
| Not sure | 7% |

21. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

| | |
|--|-----|
| Mostly positive | 12% |
| Equally positive and negative | 39% |
| Mostly negative | 35% |
| Not heard much news about the economy at all | 13% |

22. When you have discussed the economy with your friends and family, has the discussion been mostly positive or mostly negative, or have you not discussed the economy at all with your friends and family?

| | |
|--|-----|
| Mostly positive | 10% |
| Equally positive and negative | 26% |
| Mostly negative | 46% |
| Not discussed the economy at all | 18% |

23. Please give us your best guess to the following question. How has the unemployment rate in the country changed from January 2009, when President Obama first took office, to May 2014?

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|---|-----|
| Unemployment rate <u>decreased</u> by 1% or more | 29% |
| Unemployment rate <u>decreased</u> by between 0% and 1% | 12% |
| Unemployment rate is the same | 10% |
| Unemployment rate <u>increased</u> by between 0% and 1% | 6% |
| Unemployment rate <u>increased</u> by 1% or more | 26% |
| Don't know | 16% |

24. Is the number of jobs today higher or lower than the number of jobs in the US before the Great Recession of 2008?

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Higher now | 28% |
| The same | 21% |
| Lower now | 34% |
| Not sure | 17% |

25. Is increasing the number of jobs something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

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| Yes, the President can do a lot | 50% |
| No, it is beyond the President's control | 36% |
| Don't know | 14% |

26. Should the federal government encourage employment through various incentives, laws and regulations or should the federal government not be directly involved?

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|--|-----|
| Federal government should encourage employment | 56% |
| Federal government should not be directly involved | 30% |
| Not sure | 14% |

27. How would you rate the job the federal government has done in encouraging employment?

Asked of those who think the federal government should attempt to encourage employment

| | |
|--|-----|
| Very good | 4% |
| Good | 13% |
| Poor | 20% |
| Very poor | 11% |
| Not sure | 8% |
| Federal government should not be directly involved | 30% |
| Not sure if federal government should be involved | 14% |

28. Should the federal government attempt to stimulate economic growth through various incentives, laws and regulations or should the federal government not be directly involved?

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|--|-----|
| Federal government should attempt to stimulate economic growth | 56% |
| Federal government should not be directly involved | 29% |
| Not sure | 14% |

29. How would you rate the job the federal government has done in stimulating economic growth?

Asked of those who think the federal government should attempt to stimulate economic growth

| | |
|--|-----|
| Very good | 3% |
| Good | 16% |
| Poor | 18% |
| Very poor | 11% |
| Not sure | 8% |
| Federal government should not be directly involved | 29% |
| Not sure if federal government should be involved | 14% |

30. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole unemployment rates during THE NEXT YEAR will increase, decrease or remain about the same?

| | |
|---|-----|
| Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot lower</u> than they are today | 6% |
| Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat lower</u> than they are today | 22% |
| Unemployment rates will be <u>about the same</u> as they are today | 34% |
| Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat higher</u> than they are today | 14% |
| Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot higher</u> than they are today | 12% |
| Not sure | 12% |

31. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole unemployment rates during THE NEXT FIVE YEARS will increase, decrease or remain about the same?

| | |
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| Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot lower</u> than they are today | 9% |
| Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat lower</u> than they are today | 24% |
| Unemployment rates will be <u>about the same</u> as they are today | 24% |
| Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat higher</u> than they are today | 17% |
| Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot higher</u> than they are today | 10% |
| Not sure | 16% |

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

| | |
|---|-----|
| Harder on Barack Obama | 34% |
| Have treated him the same as other public figures | 22% |
| Easier on Barack Obama | 38% |
| Not sure | 6% |

33. Regardless of your overall opinion of Barack Obama, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

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|----------|-----|
| Yes | 44% |
| No | 43% |
| Not sure | 13% |

34. How much do you think Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| A lot | 24% |
| Some | 27% |
| Not much | 16% |
| Not at all | 34% |

35. Do you think Barack Obama has more honesty and integrity than most people in public life, less honesty and integrity than most people in public life, or about the same honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| More honesty | 25% |
| Same level of honesty | 27% |
| Less honesty | 40% |
| Not sure | 7% |

36. Are you confident in Barack Obama's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

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|-----------------|-----|
| Confident | 37% |
| Uneasy | 50% |
| Not sure | 12% |

37. How confident are you that Obama's administration and the U.S. Department of State are taking the right steps to prevent future attacks like the one on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi?

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|----------------------------|-----|
| Very confident | 19% |
| Somewhat confident | 23% |
| Not very confident | 13% |
| Not confident at all | 35% |
| Not sure | 10% |

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama administration’s handling of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya?

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|---------------------|-----|
| Approve strongly | 13% |
| Approve somewhat | 20% |
| Disapprove somewhat | 11% |
| Disapprove strongly | 37% |
| Not sure | 18% |

39. How would you rate your personal health?

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|-----------|-----|
| Excellent | 16% |
| Good | 58% |
| Fair | 21% |
| Poor | 5% |

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

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|-------------------|-----|
| Improved | 13% |
| Remained the same | 66% |
| Worsened | 16% |
| Haven’t noticed | 5% |

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

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|----------------------------|-----|
| Been seen by a dentist | 44% |
| Been seen by a doctor | 69% |
| Ordered prescription drugs | 55% |
| None of these | 22% |

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

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|-------------------|-----|
| Yes | 22% |
| No | 74% |
| Prefer not to say | 4% |

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

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 36% |
| No | 59% |
| Prefer not to say | 4% |

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

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| Yes | 19% |
| No | 77% |
| Prefer not to say | 4% |

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

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|----------------|-----|
| More | 36% |
| The same | 44% |
| Less | 9% |
| Not sure | 11% |

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

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|----------------|-----|
| Better | 10% |
| The same | 61% |
| Worse | 20% |
| Not sure | 8% |

47. Do you have health insurance?

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|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 82% |
| No | 18% |

48. Which of the following best describes your primary health insurance?

Asked of those who reported having health insurance

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|--|-----|
| I have health insurance that is provided through my or a family member's employer, union, school, trade group or professional association | 35% |
| 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 | 11% |
| I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits | 5% |
| I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid | 12% |
| Does not have health insurance | 18% |
| Prefer not to say | 3% |

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

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|----------------|-----|
| Yes | 77% |
| No | 21% |
| Not sure | 3% |

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

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|---------------------|-----|
| Expanded | 27% |
| Kept the same | 15% |
| Repealed | 46% |
| Not sure | 12% |

51. From all that you know now, has the health care reform law been a complete success, a complete failure, or something in between?

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|--|-----|
| A complete failure | 24% |
| More of a failure than a success | 23% |
| Equal amount of both failure and success | 15% |
| More of a success than a failure | 18% |
| A complete success | 4% |
| Too early to tell | 7% |
| Not sure | 7% |

52. Have you ever heard of O.J. Simpson?

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|----------------|-----|
| Yes | 93% |
| No | 4% |
| Not sure | 2% |

53. Twenty years ago, O.J. Simpson was tried in criminal court for the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. What is your opinion of the case now? Do you think O.J. Simpson is probably guilty or probably not guilty?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Probably guilty | 74% |
| Probably not guilty | 10% |
| Not sure | 16% |

54. How closely did you follow news stories about the O.J. Simpson case?

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|------------------------|-----|
| Very closely | 24% |
| Somewhat closely | 39% |
| Not very closely | 22% |
| Not at all | 13% |
| Not sure | 2% |

55. How satisfied were you with the jury’s verdict in the criminal trial?

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Very satisfied | 8% |
| Somewhat satisfied | 11% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 20% |
| Very dissatisfied | 39% |
| Not sure | 22% |

56. In 2008, O.J. Simpson was convicted of numerous felonies, including armed robbery, and was sentenced to 33 years in a Nevada prison. Which one of the following statements do you agree with the most?

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|---|-----|
| Justice has been finally served. | 23% |
| The armed robbery conviction is too little, too late. | 14% |
| The government was out to get O.J. anyway it could. | 11% |
| This conviction is completely unrelated to the murder trial. | 37% |
| Don’t know | 15% |

57. How important are the following issues to you?

| | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not very Important | Unimportant |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| The economy | 75% | 21% | 3% | 1% |
| Immigration | 42% | 34% | 16% | 7% |
| The environment | 46% | 31% | 14% | 9% |
| Terrorism | 55% | 28% | 13% | 4% |
| Gay rights | 22% | 22% | 23% | 33% |
| Education | 58% | 32% | 8% | 3% |
| Health care | 66% | 26% | 6% | 2% |
| Social security | 60% | 29% | 8% | 3% |
| The budget deficit | 53% | 31% | 13% | 3% |
| The war in Afghanistan | 32% | 39% | 20% | 9% |
| Taxes | 55% | 33% | 10% | 2% |
| Medicare | 50% | 36% | 11% | 4% |
| Abortion | 37% | 28% | 21% | 14% |

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

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|------------------------------|-----|
| The economy | 29% |
| Immigration | 4% |
| The environment | 7% |
| Terrorism | 4% |
| Gay rights | 2% |
| Education | 8% |
| Health care | 9% |
| Social security | 13% |
| The budget deficit | 7% |
| The war in Afghanistan | 1% |
| Taxes | 6% |
| Medicare | 4% |
| Abortion | 5% |

59. 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% | 11% | 39% | 5% |
| Joe Biden | 14% | 24% | 20% | 30% | 11% |
| John Boehner | 4% | 18% | 22% | 30% | 26% |
| Mitch McConnell | 4% | 16% | 20% | 26% | 35% |
| Harry Reid | 7% | 14% | 16% | 32% | 31% |
| Nancy Pelosi | 10% | 17% | 16% | 36% | 21% |

60. 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 | 15% | 19% | 14% | 20% | 32% |
| Chris Christie | 8% | 22% | 22% | 23% | 24% |
| Paul Ryan | 12% | 21% | 15% | 24% | 28% |
| Jeb Bush | 9% | 21% | 23% | 20% | 26% |
| Mike Huckabee | 12% | 20% | 16% | 20% | 33% |
| Marco Rubio | 10% | 19% | 15% | 19% | 38% |
| Elizabeth Warren | 14% | 17% | 12% | 12% | 45% |
| Ted Cruz | 14% | 16% | 11% | 25% | 34% |
| Scott Walker | 10% | 13% | 10% | 18% | 49% |

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

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|---------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve | 17% |
| Somewhat approve | 24% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 16% |
| Strongly disapprove | 38% |
| Not sure | 5% |

62. 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% | 23% | 16% | 38% | 7% |
| Immigration | 13% | 20% | 18% | 38% | 12% |
| The environment | 15% | 25% | 18% | 27% | 15% |
| Terrorism | 19% | 23% | 15% | 33% | 11% |
| Gay rights | 20% | 21% | 10% | 29% | 20% |
| Education | 15% | 26% | 18% | 26% | 14% |
| Health care | 19% | 19% | 12% | 42% | 8% |
| Social security | 14% | 22% | 17% | 30% | 17% |
| The war in Afghanistan | 15% | 25% | 18% | 31% | 11% |
| The budget deficit | 14% | 19% | 15% | 42% | 9% |
| Taxes | 13% | 23% | 19% | 34% | 11% |
| Medicare | 15% | 22% | 17% | 30% | 16% |
| Abortion | 13% | 20% | 15% | 27% | 26% |

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

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve | 3% |
| Somewhat approve | 9% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 15% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 23% |
| Strongly disapprove | 42% |
| Not sure | 8% |

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

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|-------------------|-----|
| Very liberal | 6% |
| Liberal | 18% |
| Moderate | 36% |
| Conservative | 30% |
| Very conservative | 9% |
| Not sure | 1% |

65. Would you say Barack Obama is...

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Very liberal | 36% |
| Liberal | 23% |
| Moderate | 22% |
| Conservative | 6% |
| Very conservative | 2% |
| Not sure | 11% |

66. Do you think Barack Obama...

| | |
|---|-----|
| Says what he believes | 34% |
| Says what he thinks people want to hear | 53% |
| Not sure | 13% |

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

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Like a lot | 27% |
| Like somewhat | 29% |
| Dislike | 35% |
| Not sure | 9% |

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

| | Yes | No Opinion | No |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|
| Arrogant | 40% | 30% | 29% |
| Bold | 30% | 51% | 19% |
| Effective | 20% | 44% | 36% |
| Exciting | 13% | 63% | 24% |
| Experienced | 23% | 46% | 31% |
| Honest | 24% | 36% | 40% |
| Hypocritical | 37% | 38% | 25% |
| Inspiring | 26% | 46% | 28% |
| Intelligent | 49% | 35% | 16% |
| Partisan | 23% | 62% | 14% |
| Patriotic | 25% | 43% | 33% |
| Religious | 13% | 59% | 28% |
| Sincere | 28% | 39% | 33% |
| Steady | 25% | 54% | 21% |
| Strong | 28% | 47% | 25% |

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

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Getting better | 23% |
| About the same | 40% |
| Getting worse | 33% |
| Not sure | 5% |

70. Are you registered to vote?

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| Yes | 69% |
| No | 28% |
| Don't know | 3% |

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

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| More jobs | 19% |
| The same amount of jobs | 44% |
| Fewer jobs | 24% |
| Not sure | 12% |

72. Gender

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| Male | 49% |
| Female | 51% |

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

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Strongly support | 13% |
| Somewhat support | 20% |
| Neither support, nor oppose | 20% |
| Somewhat oppose | 7% |
| Strongly oppose | 22% |
| Not sure | 18% |

74. Education

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| No high school | 11% |
| High school graduate | 31% |
| Some college | 25% |
| 2-year college | 9% |
| 4-year college | 15% |
| Post-graduate | 7% |

75. Age

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

76. Race

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| White | 67% |
| Black | 14% |
| Hispanic | 11% |
| Other | 7% |

77. Region

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| Northeast | 19% |
| Midwest | 23% |
| South | 36% |
| West | 22% |

78. Party Identification

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|-------------------|-----|
| Democratic | 35% |
| Independent | 40% |
| Republican | 25% |

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| Sponsorship | <i>The Economist</i> |
| Fieldwork | YouGov |
| Interviewing Dates | June 7-9, 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 0.88. |
| Number of respondents | 1000 |
| Margin of error | ± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting) |
| Survey mode | Web-based interviews |
| Questions not reported | 21 questions not reported. |