

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted June 21-23, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4\%$

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	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	30%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	11%

3. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dick Cheney?

Very favorable	10%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	22%
Very unfavorable	30%
Don't know	17%

4. Do you think Dick Cheney is more or less honest than other politicians?

More honest	16%
About the same	40%
Less honest	32%
Not sure	11%

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

Very closely	22%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	28%
Not at all	7%

6. Do you think current policymakers should take the advice of Dick Cheney about what to do in Iraq now?

Yes	21%
No	38%
Don't know	41%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dick Cheney handled Iraq?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	28%
No opinion	26%

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

Yes	55%
No	30%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	31%
No	53%
Not sure	15%

10. Who do you think is the most responsible for the current crisis in Iraq, the US government or the government of Iraq?

US government	26%
Iraqi government	57%
Not sure	17%

11. 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	4%
Send ground troops to fight with the Iraqis	10%
Send military troop trainers to help the Iraqis fight	20%
Conduct air strikes against Islamist militants in Iraq	29%
Conduct drone strikes against Islamist militants in Iraq	34%
Something else	14%
None of the above	31%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
No opinion	16%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	36%
No opinion	13%

14. Do you favor or oppose providing a legal way for illegal immigrants already in the United States to become U.S. citizens?

Favor strongly	21%
Favor somewhat	29%
Oppose somewhat	18%
Oppose strongly	25%
Not sure	8%

15. What do you think should happen to the illegal immigrants already living and working in the country who do not have any criminal history?

Create a path to legal citizenship	44%
Grant permanent residency but not citizenship	13%
Grant only temporary residency	14%
Do not grant any legal status	22%
Not sure	8%

16. Do you support or oppose creating a path to US citizenship for illegal immigrant children who are brought into the country through no fault of their own?

Support strongly	32%
Support somewhat	29%
Oppose somewhat	15%
Oppose strongly	17%
Not sure	8%

17. How likely is it that Congress will pass immigration reform this year?

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	13%
Somewhat unlikely	23%
Very unlikely	36%
Not sure	21%

18. Do you want Congress to pass immigration reform this year?

Definitely yes	29%
Probably yes	24%
Probably no	13%
Definitely no	15%
Not sure	19%

19. When it comes to immigration reform, which party do you trust most?

Republican party	20%
Democratic party	31%
Both equally	5%
Neither	37%
Not sure	7%

20. Have you heard many news stories about the surge in unaccompanied children from Central America illegally crossing the border into the United States?

Yes	59%
No	41%

21. How would you rate your personal health?

Excellent	21%
Good	53%
Fair	22%
Poor	5%

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

Improved	11%
Remained the same	65%
Worsened	19%
Haven't noticed	5%

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

Been seen by a dentist	44%
Been seen by a doctor	73%
Ordered prescription drugs	57%
None of these	18%

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

Yes	24%
No	71%
Prefer not to say	5%

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

Yes	34%
No	62%
Prefer not to say	4%

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

Yes	19%
No	79%
Prefer not to say	2%

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

More	36%
The same	45%
Less	9%
Not sure	9%

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

Better	10%
The same	62%
Worse	22%
Not sure	6%

29. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	85%
No	15%

30. 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	37%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare	17%
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	10%
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	15%
Does not have health insurance	15%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes	79%
No	20%
Not sure	1%

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

Expanded	29%
Kept the same	14%
Repealed	40%
Not sure	16%

33. 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	21%
Equal amount of both failure and success	17%
More of a success than a failure	18%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	9%
Not sure	6%

34. Who do you think is the greatest rock 'n' roll star of all time?

Elvis Presley	36%
Jimi Hendrix	7%
John Lennon	9%
Mick Jagger	5%
Bruce Springsteen	4%
Michael Jackson	21%
Other	5%
Not sure	13%

35. Which group do you think is the greatest boy band of all time?

'N Sync	6%
Backstreet Boys	7%
One Direction	2%
Jackson 5	21%
The Monkees	10%
New Kids on the Block	3%
Boys II Men	9%
New Edition	3%
Menudo	1%
Dion and the Belmonts	3%
The Four Seasons	12%
Other	8%
Not sure	17%

36. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Michael Jackson?

Very favorable	21%
Somewhat favorable	40%
Somewhat unfavorable	25%
Very unfavorable	7%
Don't know	7%

37. Compared to the way the news media have treated other celebrities, have the news media been harder on Michael Jackson, easier on Michael Jackson, or have they treated him the same as other celebrities?

Easier on Michael Jackson	15%
About the same	38%
Harder on Michael Jackson	40%
Don't know	7%

38. Which one of the Michael Jackson hit songs listed below do you like the most?

Billie Jean	23%
Beat It	20%
Rock with You	6%
Man in the Mirror	18%
The Way You Make Me Feel	6%
Black or White	6%
I Just Can't Stop Loving You	6%
Bad	5%
Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough	6%
Rockin' Robin	4%

39. When people look back on Michael Jackson years from now, do you think Michael Jackson will be remembered more for his music, or more for his personal troubles?

Music	69%
Personal troubles	21%
Don't know	10%

40. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	78%	18%	2%	2%
Immigration	46%	34%	13%	7%
The environment	49%	29%	13%	9%
Terrorism	56%	29%	10%	5%
Gay rights	25%	20%	21%	33%
Education	62%	26%	8%	4%
Health care	67%	26%	5%	2%
Social security	66%	24%	7%	4%
The budget deficit	53%	33%	9%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	33%	40%	17%	10%
Taxes	59%	30%	8%	3%
Medicare	57%	30%	10%	3%
Abortion	36%	29%	19%	16%

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

The economy	28%
Immigration	5%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	6%
Gay rights	3%
Education	11%
Health care	8%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%

42. 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	25%	21%	11%	39%	4%
Joe Biden	19%	26%	14%	30%	11%
John Boehner	5%	17%	23%	31%	24%
Mitch McConnell	5%	15%	18%	28%	34%
Harry Reid	7%	17%	14%	32%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	18%	14%	38%	20%

43. 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	14%	21%	13%	24%	28%
Chris Christie	7%	22%	28%	23%	20%
Paul Ryan	13%	23%	12%	27%	25%
Jeb Bush	9%	22%	22%	26%	20%
Mike Huckabee	12%	21%	17%	22%	28%
Marco Rubio	12%	20%	16%	21%	31%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	13%	13%	15%	43%
Ted Cruz	15%	15%	14%	26%	31%
Scott Walker	12%	13%	11%	19%	45%
Hillary Clinton	28%	22%	13%	33%	5%
Brian Schweitzer	4%	9%	13%	8%	66%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	3%

45. 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%	13%	39%	10%
Immigration	12%	20%	17%	37%	14%
The environment	15%	24%	15%	30%	16%
Terrorism	18%	24%	16%	31%	11%
Gay rights	21%	20%	11%	30%	18%
Education	16%	26%	16%	27%	15%
Health care	20%	21%	11%	41%	7%
Social security	14%	20%	17%	29%	20%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	23%	18%	34%	12%
The budget deficit	12%	22%	16%	39%	11%
Taxes	14%	23%	17%	33%	13%
Medicare	15%	22%	16%	29%	18%
Abortion	15%	20%	12%	28%	25%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	6%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

48. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	37%
Liberal	25%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	8%

49. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	13%

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

Like a lot	32%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	34%	28%
Bold	24%	60%	17%
Effective	20%	48%	32%
Exciting	11%	65%	23%
Experienced	20%	49%	30%
Honest	25%	39%	36%
Hypocritical	36%	39%	25%
Inspiring	29%	45%	25%
Intelligent	55%	30%	15%
Partisan	21%	65%	14%
Patriotic	28%	43%	30%
Religious	12%	62%	26%
Sincere	27%	43%	29%
Steady	24%	59%	17%
Strong	27%	48%	24%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	42%
Getting worse	33%
Not sure	4%

53. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	67%
No	29%
Don't know	4%

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

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	43%
Fewer jobs	25%
Not sure	12%

55. 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	10%
Military Household - Family served previously	36%
Military Household - None	50%

56. Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

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

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	21%
Neither support, nor oppose	17%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	18%

58. Education

No high school	12%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	25%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

59. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

60. Race

White	68%
Black	14%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

61. Region

Northeast	18%
Midwest	24%
South	35%
West	23%

62. Party Identification

Democratic	39%
Independent	33%
Republican	28%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 21-23, 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, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.84.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.