

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted October 18-20, 2014  
Margin of Error  $\pm 5\%$

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	42%
Some of the time	34%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	15%

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	31%
Not too worried	34%
Not worried at all	21%

4. How would you describe the way most Americans are thinking about Ebola?

They are not taking the risks serious enough	23%
They are behaving appropriately	32%
They are overreacting to the actual risks of contracting the virus	35%
Not sure	9%

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

Very concerned	22%
Somewhat concerned	38%
Not very concerned	26%
Not concerned at all	14%

6. 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	16%
No	65%
Not sure	19%

7. Do you think the US government...

Should ban all direct flights from Africa	54%
Should not ban all direct flights from Africa	26%
Not sure	20%

8. Would you be afraid to sit next to a person who had recently been in any of the countries in western Africa where there is a major Ebola outbreak?

Yes	68%
No	16%
Not sure	16%

9. 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	69%
No	13%
Not sure	18%

10. Would you be afraid to sit next to medical personnel who have recently treated a person infected with Ebola?

Yes ..... 67%  
No ..... 18%  
Not sure ..... 16%

11. Would you be afraid to travel on a plane with someone who has Ebola?

Yes ..... 78%  
No ..... 12%  
Not sure ..... 10%

12. Would you be afraid to travel on a plane that someone who has Ebola had flown on in a previous flight?

Yes ..... 57%  
No ..... 23%  
Not sure ..... 21%

13. Would you be afraid to be in the same room with someone who has recently flown on a plane that one of the other passengers had Ebola?

Yes ..... 58%  
No ..... 25%  
Not sure ..... 18%

14. Do you think we should quarantine medical personnel who have recently treated a person infected with Ebola?

Yes ..... 71%  
No ..... 12%  
Not sure ..... 18%

15. How much would you say you know about the Ebola virus?

A lot .....	17%
Some .....	64%
Not much .....	19%

16. Here are some ways people say you get Ebola. For each of them, please tell me whether or not you think it's possible to get Ebola that way.

	Yes	No	Not sure
Through the air	22%	52%	25%
Through water	25%	44%	31%
Someone who is not already sick	28%	50%	22%
Mosquito bites	26%	43%	30%
Properly cooked food	4%	77%	18%
Direct contact with the bodily fluids of an infectious person	93%	1%	6%
Touching an infected surface	64%	15%	21%
An infectious person sneezes on you	78%	7%	16%

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

Very closely .....	17%
Somewhat closely .....	53%
Not very closely .....	25%
Not following at all .....	5%

18. Has the media has done a good job acurately 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 .....	39%
Accurately reported on the scale of the Ebola epidemic .....	26%
Made Ebola epidemic seem better than it really is .....	15%
Not sure .....	19%

19. 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 .....	26%
Not doing enough .....	54%
Don't know .....	18%

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

Increase spending .....	43%
Spend the same .....	33%
Decrease spending .....	5%
Not sure .....	19%

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

Approve strongly .....	12%
Approve somewhat .....	23%
Disapprove somewhat .....	17%
Disapprove strongly .....	27%
Not sure .....	22%

**22. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?**

Very favorable .....	13%
Somewhat favorable .....	23%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	20%
Very unfavorable .....	27%
Don't know .....	17%

**23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitt Romney handled his job as the Governor of Massachusetts?**

Approve strongly .....	10%
Approve somewhat .....	26%
Disapprove somewhat .....	15%
Disapprove strongly .....	10%
Not sure .....	39%

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

Harder .....	30%
About the same .....	42%
Easier .....	13%
Not sure .....	15%

**25. Do you think Mitt Romney...**

Says what he believes .....	35%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	44%
Not sure .....	21%

26. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Mitt Romney as a person?

Like a lot .....	17%
Like somewhat .....	31%
Dislike .....	30%
Not sure .....	22%

27. Regardless of your overall opinion of Mitt Romney, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	40%
No .....	39%
Not sure .....	20%

28. Regardless of your overall opinion of Mitt Romney, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes .....	35%
No .....	43%
Not sure .....	22%

29. How much do you think Mitt Romney cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot .....	17%
Some .....	26%
Not much .....	25%
Not at all .....	33%

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

More honesty .....	21%
Same level of honesty .....	33%
Less honesty .....	29%
Not sure .....	17%

31. Are you confident in Mitt Romney's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	32%
Uneasy .....	41%
Not sure .....	27%

32. Would you say Mitt Romney is...

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	5%
Moderate .....	17%
Conservative .....	40%
Very conservative .....	17%
Not sure .....	18%

33. Do you want Mitt Romney to run for President in 2016?

Yes .....	22%
No .....	50%
Not sure .....	28%

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

Yes .....	42%
No .....	43%
Not sure .....	16%

35. If the presidential election was being held today and the Republican nominee was Mitt Romney and the Democratic nominee was Hillary Clinton, who would you vote for?

Hillary Clinton .....	43%
Mitt Romney .....	32%
Won't vote .....	13%
Not sure .....	12%



36. If the 2016 Republican nominee was Mitt Romney and the Democratic nominee was Hillary Clinton, who do you think would win?

Hillary Clinton .....	50%
Mitt Romney .....	22%
Not sure .....	27%

37. In general, do you think the Nobel Peace Prize Committee makes good decisions about who wins the prize?

Good decisions .....	39%
Bad decisions .....	31%
Not sure .....	31%

38. Malala Yousafzai was one of two people awarded this year's Nobel Peace Prize for her struggle for the right of all children to an education. Do you approve or disapprove of Malala Yousafzai receiving the Nobel Peace Prize?

Approve .....	68%
Disapprove .....	5%
Not sure .....	27%

39. Which of these statements best describes how you feel about Malala Yousafzai being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014?

I think Malala Yousafzai deserved the Nobel Peace Prize .....	72%
I am happy Malala Yousafzai received the prize, but the Nobel Committee really should have waited until she is older than 17 .....	21%
I think that awarding the prize to Malala Yousafzai was a mistake; she did not deserve it .....	7%

40. How closely do you follow the professional sports listed below?

	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all
NFL - Football	28%	22%	14%	36%
MLB - Baseball	15%	17%	21%	47%
NBA - Basketball	10%	15%	19%	56%
NHL - Hockey	8%	10%	17%	66%

41. Which team do you want to win the World Series?

Kansas City Royals	30%
San Francisco Giants	16%
Not sure	9%
Don't care	45%

42. Which team do you think will win the World Series?

Kansas City Royals	22%
San Francisco Giants	22%
Not sure	16%
Don't care	40%

43. Do you think the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by professional athletes is a major problem or not?

Major problem	47%
Minor problem	32%
Not a problem at all	7%
Not sure	15%

**44. How many professional baseball players do you think use performance-enhancing drugs?**

None	1%
Some	33%
Many	32%
Most	11%
All	4%
Not sure	19%

**45. How would you rate Major League Baseball’s efforts to prevent the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by its players?**

Very good	6%
Somewhat good	35%
Somewhat poor	23%
Very poor	10%
Not sure	26%

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

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	21%	3%	1%
Immigration	48%	33%	13%	6%
The environment	44%	33%	13%	10%
Terrorism	52%	29%	12%	7%
Gay rights	23%	26%	21%	31%
Education	60%	28%	9%	3%
Health care	65%	28%	4%	3%
Social security	61%	30%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	57%	29%	10%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	36%	42%	15%	7%
Taxes	56%	33%	8%	3%
Medicare	53%	36%	8%	4%
Abortion	36%	27%	21%	16%
Foreign policy	40%	42%	10%	7%

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

The economy .....	26%
Immigration .....	7%
The environment .....	6%
Terrorism .....	5%
Gay rights .....	2%
Education .....	11%
Health care .....	14%
Social security .....	10%
The budget deficit .....	6%
The war in Afghanistan .....	0%
Taxes .....	3%
Medicare .....	3%
Abortion .....	4%
Foreign policy .....	1%

48. 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%	12%	41%	5%
Joe Biden	15%	24%	18%	30%	13%
John Boehner	5%	19%	19%	33%	24%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	21%	26%	34%
Harry Reid	5%	17%	13%	32%	33%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	23%	13%	37%	19%

49. 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	10%	23%	15%	23%	29%
Chris Christie	7%	25%	19%	25%	24%
Paul Ryan	9%	22%	14%	25%	30%
Jeb Bush	7%	22%	21%	26%	24%
Mike Huckabee	12%	21%	14%	23%	30%
Marco Rubio	9%	22%	14%	18%	36%
Hillary Clinton	25%	21%	12%	33%	8%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	14%	11%	21%	39%
Ted Cruz	11%	19%	10%	26%	33%
Scott Walker	12%	12%	9%	19%	49%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	9%	9%	8%	71%
Rick Perry	10%	20%	13%	26%	31%
Bernie Sanders	10%	8%	11%	14%	57%
Martin O'Malley	2%	9%	8%	12%	70%
Jim Webb	2%	10%	8%	11%	68%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	6%

51. 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%	27%	11%	38%	7%
Immigration	9%	25%	15%	40%	11%
The environment	14%	29%	14%	29%	14%
Terrorism	15%	26%	16%	33%	9%
Gay rights	19%	25%	10%	30%	16%
Education	14%	29%	15%	28%	14%
Health care	22%	20%	11%	41%	5%
Social security	15%	22%	19%	30%	15%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	26%	19%	31%	10%
The budget deficit	15%	21%	15%	38%	11%
Taxes	13%	24%	16%	35%	12%
Medicare	18%	21%	18%	30%	13%
Abortion	16%	22%	9%	31%	23%
Foreign policy	13%	25%	16%	36%	11%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	8%

53. 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 .....	6%
Somewhat approve .....	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	25%
Somewhat disapprove .....	18%
Strongly disapprove .....	22%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Very liberal .....	6%
Liberal .....	19%
Moderate .....	36%
Conservative .....	28%
Very conservative .....	8%
Not sure .....	3%

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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	14%
Moderate .....	19%
Conservative .....	25%
Very Conservative .....	7%
Not sure .....	25%

56. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal .....	35%
Liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	24%
Conservative .....	8%
Very conservative .....	1%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Very strong .....	15%
Somewhat strong .....	29%
Somewhat weak .....	20%
Very weak .....	36%

**58. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	49%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Like a lot .....	30%
Like somewhat .....	27%
Dislike .....	33%
Not sure .....	9%



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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	33%	28%
Bold	22%	59%	19%
Effective	20%	43%	37%
Exciting	12%	61%	27%
Experienced	19%	50%	32%
Honest	28%	33%	39%
Hypocritical	38%	38%	24%
Inspiring	26%	44%	30%
Intelligent	49%	35%	17%
Partisan	25%	61%	14%
Patriotic	23%	43%	34%
Religious	11%	61%	28%
Sincere	28%	38%	33%
Steady	24%	56%	20%
Strong	27%	41%	32%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	7%

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

More jobs	17%
The same amount of jobs	45%
Fewer jobs	28%
Not sure	10%

63. 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 .....	7%
Military Household - I served previously .....	12%
Military Household - Family served previously .....	34%
Military Household - None .....	50%

**64. Gender**

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

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

Strongly support .....	12%
Somewhat support .....	18%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	19%
Somewhat oppose .....	8%
Strongly oppose .....	26%
Not sure .....	16%

**66. Education**

No high school .....	8%
High school graduate .....	33%
Some college .....	27%
2-year college .....	8%
4-year college .....	17%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**67. Age**

18-29 .....	23%
30-44 .....	27%
45-64 .....	35%
65+ .....	15%

**68. Race**

White .....	67%
Black .....	15%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	8%

**69. Region**

Northeast .....	17%
Midwest .....	26%
South .....	36%
West .....	22%

**70. Party Identification**

Democratic .....	38%
Independent .....	37%
Republican .....	25%

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

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

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	October 18-20, 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 7.2, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.27.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 5% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.