

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted July 12-14, 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	48%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	8%
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	13%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Benjamin Netanyahu?

Very favorable	17%
Somewhat favorable	18%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	10%
Don't know	40%

4. How closely have you been following recent news about the fighting that has taken place after the killings of 3 Israeli teenagers and 1 Palestinian teenager?

Very closely	15%
Somewhat closely	37%
Not very closely	30%
Not at all	18%

5. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

The Israelis	37%
About equal	29%
The Palestinians	9%
Not sure	25%

6. Which side in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict do you think the US government favors?

The Israeli side	41%
Treats both sides equally	13%
The Palestinian side	17%
Not sure	29%

7. Should the US offer to mediate a peaceful solution to the current round of violence in Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Yes	37%
No	38%
Not sure	25%

8. Do US policies in the Middle East give too much or too little support to Israel?

Too much support	25%
The right amount of support	19%
To little support	30%
Not sure	26%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	29%
No opinion	30%

10. Do you think most Israelis hate Palestinians?

Yes	31%
No	32%
Not sure	37%

11. Do you think most Palestinians hate Israelis?

Yes	49%
No	18%
Not sure	33%

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

Very favorable	19%
Somewhat favorable	27%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	32%
Don't know	8%

13. Do you think Hillary Clinton will run for President in 2016?

Yes	67%
No	12%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	39%
No	43%
Not sure	18%

15. How likely is it that Hillary Clinton will win if she chooses to run for President in 2016?

Very likely	22%
Somewhat likely	38%
Not very likely	17%
Not likely at all	10%
Not sure	14%

16. Do you think Hillary Clinton understands the problems facing ordinary middle class people?

Yes	38%
No	44%
Not sure	17%

17. How would you describe Hillary Clinton's social class now?

Wealthy	75%
Upper middle class	13%
Middle class	5%
Lower middle class	1%
Poor	1%
Not sure	6%

18. How would you describe Hillary Clinton's social class before 1992, the year her husband was elected President?

Wealthy	33%
Upper middle class	41%
Middle class	12%
Lower middle class	1%
Poor	1%
Not sure	12%

19. How would you describe the social class of the following men before they ran for President?

	Wealthy	Upper middle class	Middle class	Lower middle class	Poor	Not sure
Barack Obama	32%	38%	15%	4%	2%	8%
Mitt Romney	72%	11%	6%	1%	1%	9%
John McCain	51%	27%	8%	3%	0%	12%
George W. Bush	72%	14%	4%	2%	1%	7%
John Kerry	58%	17%	9%	1%	1%	12%
Al Gore	48%	28%	9%	2%	0%	13%
Bill Clinton	40%	36%	12%	2%	1%	8%
Bob Dole	43%	26%	10%	1%	1%	19%
George H.W. Bush	72%	14%	4%	1%	1%	9%

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

Expanded	29%
Kept the same	13%
Repealed	45%
Not sure	13%

21. 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	22%
More of a failure than a success	25%
Equal amount of both failure and success	18%
More of a success than a failure	17%
A complete success	3%
Too early to tell	8%
Not sure	6%

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

Increased	43%
Remained the same	21%
Decreased	22%
Don't know	15%

23. 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	47%
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	15%
Not sure	20%

24. Do you support or oppose requiring businesses with more than 50 employees to provide a health insurance option for their employees?

Support	57%
Oppose	26%
Not sure	17%

25. The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, includes a requirement that businesses with more than 50 employees provide a health insurance option for their employees by 2014 or face a fine. The Obama administration issued rules that delayed the penalties for companies that failed to provide a health insurance option until 2015. Do you support or oppose the President's decision to delay enforcing the law requiring businesses with more than 50 employees provide a health insurance option for their employees?

Support	41%
Oppose	34%
Not sure	24%

26. Do you think Barack Obama has exceeded the limits of authority granted a President by the US Constitution?

Yes	49%
No	38%
Not sure	13%

27. Do you think the Republicans in the US House of Representatives who want to sue President Obama think his actions are serious enough to warrant a lawsuit or mostly because they want to damage Barack Obama and the Democrats?

Actions warrant a lawsuit	29%
Damage Obama and the Democrats	40%
Both	19%
Don't know	13%

28. Here are the six dramas that have been nominated for the Emmy award for Best Drama Series on television. Which of them have you ever watched? (Select all that apply.)

Breaking Bad	28%
Downton Abbey	18%
Game of Thrones	24%
House of Cards	13%
Mad Men	13%
True Detective	11%
None of them	46%

29. Which one of the nominated drama series listed below do you want to win the Emmy?

Breaking Bad	16%
Downton Abbey	9%
Game of Thrones	13%
House of Cards	6%
Mad Men	3%
True Detective	5%
Don't know	48%

30. Here are the six comedy series that have been nominated for the Emmy Award of Best Comedy Series. Which of them have you ever watched? (Select all that apply.)

Louie	8%
Modern Family	34%
Orange is the New Black	17%
Silicon Valley	6%
The Big Bang Theory	52%
Veep	7%
None of them	30%

31. Which one of the nominated drama series listed below do you want to win the Emmy?

Louie	2%
Modern Family	15%
Orange is the New Black	11%
Silicon Valley	2%
The Big Bang Theory	32%
Veep	3%
None of them	34%

32. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	78%	17%	4%	1%
Immigration	51%	31%	12%	6%
The environment	43%	35%	15%	7%
Terrorism	53%	30%	11%	6%
Gay rights	22%	24%	23%	31%
Education	60%	29%	8%	4%
Health care	63%	29%	6%	2%
Social security	60%	31%	6%	3%
The budget deficit	59%	28%	9%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	28%	40%	23%	9%
Taxes	62%	28%	7%	2%
Medicare	53%	36%	8%	4%
Abortion	37%	29%	22%	12%
Foreign policy	40%	39%	14%	7%

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

The economy	28%
Immigration	7%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	3%
Education	7%
Health care	9%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	9%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%

34. 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	23%	22%	12%	39%	4%
Joe Biden	16%	24%	15%	33%	12%
John Boehner	5%	16%	25%	35%	20%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	21%	29%	31%
Harry Reid	6%	16%	15%	36%	26%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	21%	13%	40%	17%

35. 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%	23%	15%	22%	25%
Chris Christie	6%	23%	24%	23%	23%
Paul Ryan	13%	21%	16%	25%	25%
Jeb Bush	9%	22%	21%	27%	21%
Mike Huckabee	15%	21%	16%	21%	27%
Marco Rubio	11%	17%	17%	21%	34%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	15%	11%	19%	39%
Ted Cruz	15%	16%	12%	26%	32%
Scott Walker	14%	14%	10%	20%	43%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	10%	10%	10%	67%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	5%

37. 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	14%	24%	14%	40%	9%
Immigration	11%	21%	16%	42%	11%
The environment	13%	27%	16%	29%	15%
Terrorism	15%	25%	15%	33%	12%
Gay rights	16%	21%	14%	30%	19%
Education	15%	27%	16%	28%	14%
Health care	21%	22%	10%	42%	7%
Social security	12%	24%	15%	31%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	23%	20%	32%	13%
The budget deficit	11%	21%	14%	42%	12%
Taxes	13%	23%	16%	35%	13%
Medicare	15%	23%	16%	31%	15%
Abortion	12%	22%	13%	32%	22%
Foreign policy	13%	21%	16%	36%	14%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

40. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	38%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	9%

41. Do you think Barack Obama...

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

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

Like a lot	28%
Like somewhat	31%
Dislike	32%
Not sure	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	41%	34%	24%
Bold	30%	54%	16%
Effective	18%	48%	33%
Exciting	14%	64%	22%
Experienced	18%	49%	33%
Honest	27%	34%	39%
Hypocritical	39%	38%	22%
Inspiring	28%	45%	27%
Intelligent	50%	34%	17%
Partisan	23%	65%	12%
Patriotic	24%	44%	32%
Religious	14%	55%	31%
Sincere	29%	39%	31%
Steady	23%	56%	21%
Strong	28%	47%	25%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	39%
Getting worse	33%
Not sure	4%

45. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	69%
No	30%
Don't know	1%

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

More jobs	19%
The same amount of jobs	42%
Fewer jobs	29%
Not sure	10%

47. 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	0%
Military Household - Family	8%
Military Household - I served previously	11%
Military Household - Family served previously	37%
Military Household - None	50%

48. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	15%
Somewhat support	18%
Neither support, nor oppose	18%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	17%

50. Education

No high school	8%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	26%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

51. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	26%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

52. Race

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

53. Region

Northeast	20%
Midwest	22%
South	37%
West	21%

54. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	38%
Republican	27%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 12-14, 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 0.83.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.