

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted July 26-28, 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	43%
Some of the time	31%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	23%
Off on the wrong track	64%
Not sure	13%

3. How important is it to the United States to maintain embassies and consulates around the world?

Very important	43%
Somewhat important	41%
Not very important	8%
Not important at all	3%
Not sure	5%

4. Do you think it is too dangerous to keep the American embassy open in each of the countries on the list below?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Iraq	58%	18%	23%
Syria	57%	18%	25%
Israel	29%	51%	21%
Pakistan	46%	29%	26%
Afghanistan	52%	24%	23%
Lebanon	35%	34%	30%
Libya	50%	21%	29%
Egypt	32%	43%	25%

5. Have you heard the news that the US has evacuated all of its personnel from the American embassy in Tripoli, Libya?

Yes	47%
No	45%
Don't remember	8%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to evacuate the American embassy in Tripoli, Libya?

Strongly Approve	42%
Somewhat Approve	24%
Somewhat Disapprove	7%
Strongly Disapprove	1%
Not Sure	25%

7. How much have you read or heard about the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya in 2012 that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya?

Heard a lot	50%
Heard a little	31%
Heard nothing at all	14%
Not sure	5%

8. Based on what you know, which of the following is closer to your opinion on information released to the public about the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Libya back in 2012?

The Obama Administration deliberately misled the American people	44%
The Obama Administration shared facts as they became available	30%
Not sure	26%

9. How confident are you that the Obama 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 Libya?

Very confident	19%
Somewhat confident	22%
Not very confident	23%
Not at all confident	24%
Not sure	12%

10. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Rick Perry?

Very favorable	10%
Somewhat favorable	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	22%
Don't know	35%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Rick Perry is handling his job as the Governor of Texas?

Approve strongly	17%
Approve somewhat	19%
Disapprove somewhat	13%
Disapprove strongly	17%
Not sure	33%

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

Harder	21%
About the same	42%
Easier	8%
Not sure	28%

13. Do you think Rick Perry...

Says what he believes	35%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	35%
Not sure	30%

14. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Rick Perry as a person?

Like a lot	13%
Like somewhat	23%
Dislike	23%
Not sure	42%

15. Regardless of your overall opinion of Rick Perry, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	21%
No	40%
Not sure	40%

16. Regardless of your overall opinion of Rick Perry, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	30%
No	34%
Not sure	36%

17. How much do you think Rick Perry cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	14%
Some	31%
Not much	25%
Not at all	30%

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

More honesty	19%
Same level of honesty	32%
Less honesty	23%
Not sure	25%

19. Are you confident in Rick Perry's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	21%
Uneasy	38%
Not sure	41%

20. Would you say Rick Perry is...

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	13%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	22%
Not sure	27%

21. Do you think Rick Perry will run for President in 2016?

Yes	33%
No	17%
Not sure	50%

22. Do you want Rick Perry to run for President in 2016?

Yes	20%
No	38%
Not sure	41%

23. How likely is it that Rick Perry will win if he chooses to run for President in 2016?

Very likely	4%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not very likely	24%
Not likely at all	22%
Not sure	31%

24. How intelligent is Rick Perry?

Very intelligent	20%
Somewhat intelligent	29%
Not very intelligent	12%
Not intelligent at all	10%
Not sure	30%

25. How would you describe Rick Perry's social class now?

Wealthy	43%
Upper middle class	22%
Middle class	5%
Lower middle class	2%
Poor	1%
Not sure	27%

26. Do you consider yourself to be a feminist, or not?

Yes, I consider myself a feminist 25%
No, I do not 75%

27. Do you consider calling someone a feminist to be a compliment, an insult, or a neutral description?

Compliment 14%
Insult 26%
Neutral description 60%

28. One dictionary definition of a feminist is someone who believes in the social, political and economic equality of the sexes. As you think about that definition, do you think of yourself as a feminist or not?

Yes, I think of myself as a feminist 60%
No, I do not 40%

29. Compared to when you were a child, do you think being a mother today is harder, easier, or about the same?

Harder 58%
Easier 17%
About the same 25%

30. Do you think children are better off if their mother is home and doesn't hold a job, or are the children just as well off if the mother works?

Children are better off if their mother is at home 56%
Children are just as well off if their mother works 44%

31. Do you approve of a married woman holding a job in business or industry if her husband is able to support her?

Approve	91%
Disapprove	9%

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

Expanded	31%
Kept the same	12%
Repealed	42%
Not sure	15%

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	22%
More of a failure than a success	23%
Equal amount of both failure and success	20%
More of a success than a failure	17%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	7%
Not sure	7%

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

Increased	49%
Remained the same	17%
Decreased	15%
Don't know	19%

35. 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 49%

The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people 15%

The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do 15%

Not sure 21%

36. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	22%	2%	2%
Immigration	49%	34%	13%	4%
The environment	48%	31%	15%	6%
Terrorism	53%	29%	12%	6%
Gay rights	27%	23%	22%	28%
Education	62%	27%	7%	4%
Health care	62%	28%	8%	2%
Social security	58%	33%	6%	3%
The budget deficit	52%	32%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	28%	40%	22%	11%
Taxes	55%	34%	7%	4%
Medicare	51%	35%	11%	3%
Abortion	34%	30%	20%	16%
Foreign policy	38%	38%	16%	8%

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

The economy	28%
Immigration	8%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	4%
Education	8%
Health care	8%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	3%

38. 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	20%	24%	12%	39%	6%
Joe Biden	16%	24%	16%	31%	12%
John Boehner	4%	15%	24%	34%	24%
Mitch McConnell	4%	13%	22%	28%	34%
Harry Reid	6%	18%	18%	30%	28%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	21%	16%	35%	19%

39. 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%	20%	19%	22%	30%
Chris Christie	8%	22%	24%	25%	22%
Paul Ryan	12%	18%	17%	25%	29%
Jeb Bush	8%	23%	22%	25%	22%
Mike Huckabee	12%	16%	21%	22%	29%
Marco Rubio	10%	19%	15%	23%	33%
Hillary Clinton	24%	25%	13%	29%	10%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	13%	12%	20%	39%
Ted Cruz	14%	12%	11%	28%	36%
Scott Walker	10%	14%	10%	22%	44%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	7%	12%	10%	68%
John McCain	9%	24%	26%	28%	13%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	5%

41. 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%	22%	15%	37%	10%
Immigration	10%	19%	15%	41%	13%
The environment	14%	25%	16%	27%	18%
Terrorism	17%	21%	14%	36%	12%
Gay rights	21%	23%	10%	26%	20%
Education	15%	27%	16%	24%	17%
Health care	20%	18%	16%	38%	8%
Social security	12%	22%	18%	29%	19%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	20%	22%	30%	13%
The budget deficit	13%	16%	16%	41%	14%
Taxes	12%	19%	20%	35%	15%
Medicare	13%	23%	20%	29%	16%
Abortion	15%	19%	14%	26%	26%
Foreign policy	13%	18%	16%	37%	15%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	4%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	5%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

44. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	12%

45. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	33%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	56%
Not sure	11%

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

Like a lot	28%
Like somewhat	30%
Dislike	34%
Not sure	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	41%	34%	25%
Bold	26%	60%	14%
Effective	17%	47%	36%
Exciting	12%	67%	21%
Experienced	19%	51%	30%
Honest	24%	37%	39%
Hypocritical	37%	39%	23%
Inspiring	24%	48%	28%
Intelligent	53%	34%	13%
Partisan	21%	64%	15%
Patriotic	28%	46%	25%
Religious	14%	61%	25%
Sincere	26%	42%	32%
Steady	24%	58%	18%
Strong	24%	50%	25%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	4%

49. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	70%
No	29%
Don't know	1%

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

More jobs	21%
The same amount of jobs	41%
Fewer jobs	24%
Not sure	14%

51. 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	2%
Military Household - Family	8%
Military Household - I served previously	9%
Military Household - Family served previously	34%
Military Household - None	51%

52. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	17%
Neither support, nor oppose	23%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	15%

54. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	26%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	15%
Post-graduate	8%

55. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	27%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

56. Race

White	68%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%
Other	6%

57. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	22%
South	35%
West	24%

58. Party Identification

Democratic	35%
Independent	39%
Republican	26%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 26-28, 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 to 7.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.26.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.