

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted April 25-27, 2015
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...?

Most of the time	47%
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	28%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	14%

3. Are we safer from terrorist attacks now than we were in 2001?

Much more safe	10%
Somewhat more safe	28%
About the same	25%
Somewhat less safe	14%
Much less safe	18%
Not sure	5%

4. What do you think are the chances of a terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?

Very likely (more than 50%)	18%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%)	39%
Not very likely (1% to 10%)	25%
Very unlikely (less than 1%)	9%
Not sure	9%

5. Which comes closer to your view?

In the long run, the United States will be safer from terrorism if it confronts the countries and groups that promote terrorism.	55%
In the long run, the United States will be safer from terrorism if it stays out of other countries' affairs.	45%

6. Do you think the policies of the Obama Administration have made the United States more or less safe from terrorism?

More safe	24%
No difference	27%
Less safe	37%
Not sure	13%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama Administration using drones to kill high-level terrorism suspects overseas?

Approve	59%
Disapprove	16%
Not sure	25%

8. How much do you trust the Obama Administration’s judgment to enable him the right decisions about when to order drone strikes and whom to target?

A great deal	17%
Some	35%
Not much	19%
Not at all	17%
Not sure	11%

9. In general, do you think the Obama Administration has ordered too many drone strikes on terrorism suspects overseas, about the right amount of drone strikes, or too few drone strikes?

Too many	15%
About the right amount	27%
Too few	19%
Not sure	39%

10. How would you rate the job being done by the Secret Service?

Excellent	6%
Good	31%
Fair	40%
Poor	22%

11. How confident are you the Secret Service can protect President Obama from harm?

Extremely confident	13%
Very confident	30%
Somewhat confident	44%
Not at all confident	13%

12. How confident are you the Secret Service can protect former Presidents from harm?

Extremely confident	10%
Very confident	34%
Somewhat confident	44%
Not at all confident	12%

13. Have you heard any of the following news stories about the Secret Service?

	Yes	No	Don't remember
Alarm system at the home of former President George H.W. Bush was inoperable for 13 months	28%	52%	20%
Agents sent home from Columbia for hiring prostitutes in 2012	71%	18%	10%
Agency fails to notice bullets fired at White House for four days in 2011	38%	38%	24%
A knife-wielding man climbs the fence and enters the White House in 2014	79%	14%	8%

14. Do you think recent problems with the Secret Service are mainly isolated incidents or signs of broader problems with the agency?

Isolated incidents	26%
Broader problems	58%
Not sure	16%

15. Looking ahead, how much confidence do you have in the Secret Service to improve the job it does providing security?

A great deal of confidence	11%
A fair amount of confidence	52%
Not too much confidence	30%
No confidence at all	7%

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

Expanded	30%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	42%
Not sure	13%

17. 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	18%
More of a failure than a success	24%
Equal amount of both failure and success	19%
More of a success than a failure	24%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	5%
Not sure	4%

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

Increased	55%
Remained the same	18%
Decreased	14%
Don't know	12%

19. 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	46%
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	19%
Not sure	19%

20. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	87%
No	13%

21. Did you have health insurance for all of 2013?

Yes	79%
No	21%

22. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	22%	3%	0%
Immigration	49%	34%	14%	3%
The environment	48%	36%	10%	7%
Terrorism	59%	29%	9%	2%
Gay rights	26%	24%	22%	27%
Education	63%	29%	5%	2%
Health care	64%	29%	5%	1%
Social security	59%	31%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	50%	37%	10%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	33%	43%	21%	4%
Taxes	57%	35%	6%	1%
Medicare	54%	33%	11%	2%
Abortion	36%	31%	20%	14%
Foreign policy	44%	42%	11%	3%

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

The economy	23%
Immigration	7%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	4%
Education	9%
Health care	10%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	6%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	2%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%

24. 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%	25%	10%	37%	3%
John Boehner	3%	19%	20%	29%	29%
Mitch McConnell	3%	18%	15%	26%	37%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	20%	12%	39%	22%
Harry Reid	5%	16%	15%	32%	33%

25. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Jeb Bush	10%	20%	26%	25%	20%
Ben Carson	13%	14%	10%	15%	48%
Chris Christie	5%	25%	22%	25%	22%
Ted Cruz	12%	21%	12%	27%	27%
Carly Fiorina	6%	14%	12%	13%	55%
Lindsey Graham	4%	15%	14%	22%	44%
Mike Huckabee	12%	20%	16%	23%	29%
Bobby Jindal	9%	15%	12%	18%	45%
John Kasich	6%	13%	9%	10%	62%
Rand Paul	10%	23%	19%	21%	27%
Rick Perry	8%	19%	15%	25%	32%
Marco Rubio	15%	17%	14%	21%	33%
Rick Santorum	8%	17%	13%	28%	35%
Scott Walker	15%	14%	9%	21%	41%

26. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	16%	24%	19%	29%	12%
Hillary Clinton	23%	23%	12%	38%	5%
Martin O'Malley	4%	11%	10%	12%	64%
Bernie Sanders	9%	12%	11%	14%	53%
Jim Webb	4%	11%	10%	11%	63%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	4%

28. 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	18%	26%	14%	34%	8%
Immigration	16%	22%	14%	38%	10%
The environment	16%	30%	15%	24%	16%
Terrorism	15%	30%	17%	29%	9%
Gay rights	20%	23%	9%	26%	21%
Education	17%	30%	14%	26%	13%
Health care	20%	25%	14%	36%	4%
Social security	13%	25%	17%	27%	19%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	30%	21%	26%	11%
The budget deficit	13%	23%	18%	34%	12%
Taxes	14%	25%	18%	32%	12%
Medicare	17%	24%	18%	26%	15%
Abortion	14%	22%	14%	26%	25%
Foreign policy	14%	26%	14%	32%	14%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	7%

30. 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	9%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	24%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	17%

31. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

More than usual	9%
About the same	34%
Less than usual	40%
Not sure	18%

32. Are you better off now than you were when President Obama first took office in 2009?

Better off now	29%
About the same	34%
Worse off now	32%
Not sure	5%

33. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	26%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	11%

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

Very strong	17%
Somewhat strong	33%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	32%

35. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	11%

36. 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	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	32%	30%
Bold	25%	57%	18%
Effective	22%	47%	31%
Exciting	12%	63%	26%
Experienced	23%	49%	28%
Honest	25%	39%	36%
Hypocritical	36%	39%	25%
Inspiring	28%	47%	26%
Intelligent	52%	35%	13%
Partisan	23%	64%	13%
Patriotic	28%	42%	30%
Religious	10%	59%	31%
Sincere	27%	44%	29%
Steady	26%	55%	19%
Strong	29%	44%	28%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	37%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

39. Are you registered to vote?

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

40. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would you want to be the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

Asked only of registered voters

Jeb Bush	8%
Ben Carson	4%
Chris Christie	7%
Ted Cruz	7%
Carly Fiorina	2%
Lindsey Graham	2%
Mike Huckabee	4%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	2%
Rand Paul	8%
Rick Perry	2%
Marco Rubio	10%
Rick Santorum	2%
Scott Walker	9%
Other	5%
No preference	28%

41. So far, only Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, and Marco Rubio have formally announced candidacies for the Republican nomination for President in 2016. How satisfied are you with these three options?

Asked only of registered voters

Very satisfied	12%
Somewhat satisfied	27%
Somewhat dissatisfied	15%
Very dissatisfied	27%
Not sure	19%

42. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would you want to be the Democratic nominee for president in 2016?

Asked only of registered voters

Joe Biden	12%
Hillary Clinton	35%
Bernie Sanders	9%
Martin O'Malley	4%
Jim Webb	3%
Other	5%
No preference	32%

43. So far, only Hillary Clinton has formally announced a candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President in 2016. How satisfied are you with Hillary Clinton as the only option?

Asked only of registered voters

Very satisfied	20%
Somewhat satisfied	21%
Somewhat dissatisfied	11%
Very dissatisfied	39%
Not sure	8%

44. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	41%
The Republican Party candidate	39%
Other	4%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	3%

45. If an election for president was going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Hillary Clinton and the Republican nominee was Jeb Bush, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

Hillary Clinton	46%
Jeb Bush	34%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	9%

46. If an election for president was going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Hillary Clinton and the Republican nominee was Mike Huckabee, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

Hillary Clinton	48%
Mike Huckabee	34%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%
I would not vote	6%

47. If an election for president was going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Hillary Clinton and the Republican nominee was Chris Christie, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

Hillary Clinton	46%
Chris Christie	34%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%
I would not vote	9%

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

Getting better	27%
About the same	38%
Getting worse	31%
Not sure	4%

49. Is the place where you live owned or rented?

Owned by you or your family	58%
Rented from someone else	41%
Other	2%

50. Do you think the value of your home has increased or decreased in the last year?

Asked of those who own their own homes

Increased	29%
Stayed about the same	47%
Decreased	18%
Not sure	6%

51. Do you think home prices in your area have increased or decreased in the last year?

Asked of those who do NOT own their own homes

Increased	42%
Stayed about the same	35%
Decreased	7%
Not sure	16%

52. Thinking ahead, do you think home prices in your area will increase or decrease in the next year?

Will increase a lot	7%
Will increase a little	35%
Will stay about the same	30%
Will decrease a little	9%
Will decrease a lot	4%
Not sure	15%

53. How worried are you about making your mortgage payments?

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	5%
Somewhat worried	22%
Not worried	36%
Don't have mortgage payments	37%

54. Do you plan to buy a home in the next 12 months?

Will definitely buy a home	3%
Am considering buying a home	14%
Not looking for a home now	83%

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

More jobs	21%
The same amount of jobs	43%
Fewer jobs	24%
Not sure	11%

56. 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	8%
Military Household - I served previously	11%
Military Household - Family served previously	39%
Military Household - None	47%

57. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support, nor oppose	21%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	19%

59. Education

No high school	12%
High school graduate	30%
Some college	24%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

60. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	26%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

61. Race

White	69%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	6%

62. Region

Northeast	20%
Midwest	23%
South	35%
West	21%

63. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	36%
Republican	29%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 25-27, 2015
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.