

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample            1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted        April 11-13, 2015  
Margin of Error   ±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	45%
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	29%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	15%

3. Do you think police officers are more or less honest than most people, or do you think they are about the same?

More honest	11%
About the same	61%
Less honest	24%
Not sure	4%

4. If you were on a jury in a trial, would you be more willing to believe the testimony of a police officer than another witness who is not a police officer?

Yes, more willing to believe a police officer	28%
No, not more willing	49%
Not sure	23%

5. Which level of government do you think should investigate and prosecute cases of LOCAL police department misconduct?

Local .....	14%
State .....	50%
Federal .....	27%
Not sure .....	9%

6. Do you support or oppose a proposal for police officers to wear body cameras?

Support strongly .....	56%
Support somewhat .....	32%
Oppose somewhat .....	6%
Oppose strongly .....	2%
Not sure .....	4%

7. Do you support or oppose a Wisconsin law that requires any deaths in police custody to be investigated by outside organizations?

Support .....	74%
Oppose .....	10%
Not sure .....	16%

8. Do you think the racial makeup of a community's police department should be similar to the racial makeup of that community as a whole, or don't you think that's necessary?

Should be similar .....	52%
Not necessary .....	35%
Not sure .....	13%

9. Have you heard any news stories about Michael Brown, an unarmed black man who was shot and killed by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri in August 2014?

Yes .....	91%
No .....	6%
Don't remember .....	4%

10. Based on what you know, do you think the police officer should or should NOT have been charged with any crime, or don't you know enough about it to say?

Should have been charged .....	39%
Should <u>NOT</u> have been charged .....	41%
Don't know .....	20%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision of the US Department of Justice not to pursue federal civil rights charges against that police officer?

Approve strongly .....	31%
Approve somewhat .....	15%
Disapprove somewhat .....	19%
Disapprove strongly .....	21%
Not sure .....	14%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision of the local government in Ferguson, Missouri to fire the top court clerk and ask for the resignations of two police supervisors because the Department of Justice investigation discovered they had used their work email accounts to exchange racist emails with other employees?

Approve strongly .....	45%
Approve somewhat .....	27%
Disapprove somewhat .....	11%
Disapprove strongly .....	6%
Not sure .....	11%

13. Have you heard any news stories about Walter Scott, an unarmed black man who was shot and killed by a white police officer in North Charleston, South Carolina on April 4, 2015?

Yes .....	78%
No .....	16%
Don't remember .....	6%

14. Have you seen or heard about the video recording that shows the police officer shooting Walter Scott?

Yes .....	73%
No .....	23%
Don't remember .....	4%

15. Do you agree or disagree with the decision to charge the police officer who shot Walter Scott with murder?

Agree .....	67%
Disagree .....	7%
Not sure .....	25%

16. How serious a problem is racism in the United States?

Very serious .....	35%
Somewhat serious .....	40%
A minor problem .....	19%
Not a problem .....	5%
Not sure .....	2%

17. How serious a problem is racism in your LOCAL community?

Very serious .....	11%
Somewhat serious .....	26%
A minor problem .....	33%
Not a problem .....	25%
Not sure .....	6%

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

More honesty .....	14%
Same level of honesty .....	46%
Less honesty .....	36%
Not sure .....	5%

19. Are you confident in Hillary Clinton's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?

Confident .....	46%
Uneasy .....	42%
Not sure .....	12%

20. Would you say Hillary Clinton is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	28%
Somewhat strong .....	37%
Somewhat weak .....	13%
Very weak .....	22%

21. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you think she has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	58%
No .....	34%
Not sure .....	8%

**22. Would you say Hillary Clinton is...**

Very liberal .....	29%
Liberal .....	28%
Moderate .....	24%
Conservative .....	6%
Very conservative .....	3%
Not sure .....	9%

**23. Do you think Hillary Clinton is too liberal or not liberal enough?**

Too liberal .....	34%
About right .....	39%
Not liberal enough .....	11%
Don't know .....	16%

**24. How likely is it that Hillary Clinton will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely .....	25%
Somewhat likely .....	39%
Not very likely .....	15%
Not likely at all .....	14%
Not sure .....	8%

**25. Do you think Marco Rubio has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?**

More honesty .....	12%
Same level of honesty .....	38%
Less honesty .....	16%
Not sure .....	35%

26. Are you confident in Marco Rubio’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	20%
Uneasy .....	31%
Not sure .....	50%

27. Would you say Marco Rubio is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	8%
Somewhat strong .....	42%
Somewhat weak .....	36%
Very weak .....	15%

28. Regardless of your overall opinion of Marco Rubio, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	25%
No .....	32%
Not sure .....	42%

29. Would you say Marco Rubio is...

Very liberal .....	1%
Liberal .....	3%
Moderate .....	14%
Conservative .....	30%
Very conservative .....	17%
Not sure .....	35%

30. Do you think Marco Rubio is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative .....	22%
About right .....	26%
Not conservative enough .....	10%
Don’t know .....	41%

**31. How likely is it that Marco Rubio will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely .....	4%
Somewhat likely .....	16%
Not very likely .....	25%
Not likely at all .....	24%
Not sure .....	31%

**32. Do you think Rand Paul has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?**

More honesty .....	14%
Same level of honesty .....	39%
Less honesty .....	20%
Not sure .....	27%

**33. Are you confident in Rand Paul’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?**

Confident .....	21%
Uneasy .....	39%
Not sure .....	40%

**34. Would you say Rand Paul is a strong or a weak leader?**

Very strong .....	10%
Somewhat strong .....	42%
Somewhat weak .....	34%
Very weak .....	14%

**35. Regardless of your overall opinion of Rand Paul, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?**

Yes .....	33%
No .....	33%
Not sure .....	34%



**36. Would you say Rand Paul is...**

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	14%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	24%
Not sure	29%

**37. Do you think Rand Paul is too conservative or not conservative enough?**

Too conservative	29%
About right	29%
Not conservative enough	8%
Don't know	34%

**38. How likely is it that Rand Paul will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely	6%
Somewhat likely	18%
Not very likely	26%
Not likely at all	24%
Not sure	26%

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

Expanded	31%
Kept the same	18%
Repealed	41%
Not sure	10%

40. 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 .....	18%
More of a success than a failure .....	25%
A complete success .....	4%
Too early to tell .....	5%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Increased .....	59%
Remained the same .....	21%
Decreased .....	13%
Don't know .....	7%

42. 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 .....	18%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do .....	18%
Not sure .....	15%

43. Do you have health insurance?

Yes .....	86%
No .....	14%

**44. Did you have health insurance for all of 2013?**

Yes ..... 78%  
 No ..... 22%

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

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	23%	4%	1%
Immigration	49%	36%	11%	4%
The environment	42%	38%	14%	5%
Terrorism	61%	27%	11%	2%
Gay rights	25%	24%	26%	25%
Education	60%	31%	8%	2%
Health care	63%	28%	7%	1%
Social security	61%	28%	9%	2%
The budget deficit	51%	34%	12%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	46%	17%	4%
Taxes	54%	36%	9%	1%
Medicare	49%	33%	15%	2%
Abortion	38%	30%	21%	11%
Foreign policy	44%	43%	11%	2%

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

The economy	20%
Immigration	5%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	6%
Education	12%
Health care	10%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	6%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	3%

47. 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%	22%	12%	39%	2%
John Boehner	4%	20%	21%	30%	25%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	17%	28%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	18%	18%	37%	20%
Harry Reid	5%	19%	15%	29%	32%

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
Jeb Bush	6%	29%	23%	25%	17%
Ben Carson	11%	16%	11%	14%	47%
Chris Christie	6%	23%	26%	26%	19%
Ted Cruz	13%	19%	15%	26%	27%
Carly Fiorina	5%	14%	10%	15%	56%
Lindsey Graham	4%	14%	16%	20%	46%
Mike Huckabee	10%	20%	17%	25%	28%
Bobby Jindal	8%	16%	11%	18%	46%
John Kasich	6%	12%	12%	9%	61%
Rand Paul	10%	28%	18%	21%	23%
Rick Perry	7%	22%	14%	26%	31%
Marco Rubio	11%	23%	16%	19%	31%
Rick Santorum	6%	20%	14%	28%	32%
Scott Walker	14%	15%	11%	19%	41%

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
Joe Biden	14%	27%	17%	31%	11%
Hillary Clinton	28%	23%	12%	33%	4%
Martin O'Malley	4%	13%	13%	10%	60%
Bernie Sanders	10%	12%	12%	16%	51%
Jim Webb	3%	16%	10%	9%	62%

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

Strongly approve .....	20%
Somewhat approve .....	26%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	38%
Not sure .....	2%

**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	19%	27%	15%	32%	7%
Immigration	18%	22%	10%	41%	9%
The environment	16%	29%	14%	25%	15%
Terrorism	18%	27%	14%	34%	8%
Gay rights	19%	24%	11%	24%	21%
Education	16%	28%	19%	25%	13%
Health care	25%	21%	12%	38%	4%
Social security	16%	25%	16%	28%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	28%	19%	29%	11%
The budget deficit	15%	24%	16%	35%	10%
Taxes	15%	27%	15%	31%	12%
Medicare	16%	25%	18%	26%	15%
Abortion	15%	19%	13%	25%	28%
Foreign policy	16%	25%	12%	34%	13%

52. 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 .....	20%
Somewhat disapprove .....	23%
Strongly disapprove .....	34%
Not sure .....	7%

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 .....	8%
Somewhat approve .....	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	22%
Somewhat disapprove .....	21%
Strongly disapprove .....	16%
Not sure .....	16%

54. 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 .....	6%
About the same .....	33%
Less than usual .....	45%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Better off now .....	27%
About the same .....	31%
Worse off now .....	35%
Not sure .....	7%

56. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal .....	33%
Liberal .....	27%
Moderate .....	21%
Conservative .....	6%
Very conservative .....	3%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Very strong .....	19%
Somewhat strong .....	32%
Somewhat weak .....	16%
Very weak .....	32%

58. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes .....	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	49%
Not sure .....	10%

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

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



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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	40%	33%	26%
Bold	27%	58%	16%
Effective	26%	42%	32%
Exciting	12%	64%	24%
Experienced	23%	49%	28%
Honest	30%	34%	36%
Hypocritical	37%	36%	27%
Inspiring	27%	47%	26%
Intelligent	52%	33%	15%
Partisan	21%	65%	14%
Patriotic	26%	42%	32%
Religious	11%	60%	29%
Sincere	30%	40%	30%
Steady	26%	55%	19%
Strong	30%	43%	27%

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

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

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

Yes	69%
No	27%
Don't know	5%

63. 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	10%
Ben Carson	5%
Chris Christie	7%
Ted Cruz	8%
Carly Fiorina	2%
Lindsey Graham	2%
Mike Huckabee	3%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	3%
Rand Paul	10%
Rick Perry	2%
Marco Rubio	5%
Rick Santorum	2%
Scott Walker	9%
Other	4%
No preference	26%

64. 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	13%
Hillary Clinton	40%
Bernie Sanders	6%
Martin O'Malley	4%
Jim Webb	4%
Other	6%
No preference	28%

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

*Asked only of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	40%
The Republican Party candidate .....	37%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	17%
I would not vote .....	4%

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

Getting better .....	28%
About the same .....	39%
Getting worse .....	30%
Not sure .....	3%

**67. Is the place where you live owned or rented?**

Owned by you or your family .....	54%
Rented from someone else .....	44%
Other .....	2%

**68. 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 .....	27%
Stayed about the same .....	46%
Decreased .....	19%
Not sure .....	8%

**69. 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 .....	46%
Stayed about the same .....	32%
Decreased .....	7%
Not sure .....	15%

70. 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 .....	33%
Will stay about the same .....	32%
Will decrease a little .....	8%
Will decrease a lot .....	3%
Not sure .....	16%

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

*Asked of those who own their own homes*

Very worried .....	6%
Somewhat worried .....	30%
Not worried .....	32%
Don't have mortgage payments .....	32%

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

Will definitely buy a home .....	5%
Am considering buying a home .....	17%
Not looking for a home now .....	78%

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

More jobs .....	25%
The same amount of jobs .....	42%
Fewer jobs .....	22%
Not sure .....	10%

74. 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 .....	38%
Military Household - None .....	48%

**75. Gender**

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

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

Strongly support .....	10%
Somewhat support .....	16%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	20%
Somewhat oppose .....	8%
Strongly oppose .....	25%
Not sure .....	20%

**77. Education**

No high school .....	10%
High school graduate .....	31%
Some college .....	26%
2-year college .....	8%
4-year college .....	16%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**78. Age**

18-29 .....	26%
30-44 .....	28%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	14%

**79. Race**

White .....	69%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	5%

**80. Region**

Northeast .....	18%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	37%
West .....	23%

**81. Party Identification**

Democratic .....	37%
Independent .....	34%
Republican .....	28%

## **The Economist/YouGov Poll**



<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	April 11-13, 2015
<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 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.85.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.