

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted June 6-8, 2015  
Margin of Error  $\pm 4.7\%$

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	33%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	10%
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	60%
Not sure	11%

3. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	13%
Equally positive and negative	43%
Mostly negative	31%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	14%

4. When you have discussed the economy with your friends and family, has the discussion been mostly positive or mostly negative, or have you not discussed the economy at all with your friends and family?

Mostly positive	9%
Equally positive and negative	32%
Mostly negative	42%
Not discussed the economy at all	18%

5. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 5%	3%
Between 5% and 6%	30%
Between 6% and 7%	19%
Between 7% and 8%	16%
Greater than 8%	19%
Not sure	13%

6. According to the figures just released by the federal government for May 2015, is the national unemployment rate NOW higher or lower than the national unemployment rate was back in January 2009, when President Obama first took office?

Higher now	16%
About the same	19%
Lower now	52%
Don't know	13%

7. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	20%
Stayed the same	34%
Decreased	22%
Don't know	24%

8. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	41%
Somewhat serious	42%
A minor problem	12%
Not a problem	1%
Not sure	4%

9. How serious a problem is unemployment in your LOCAL community?

Very serious .....	26%
Somewhat serious .....	37%
A minor problem .....	23%
Not a problem .....	5%
Not sure .....	10%

10. Is the number of jobs today higher or lower than the number of jobs in the US before the Great Recession of 2008?

Higher now .....	33%
The same .....	18%
Lower now .....	30%
Not sure .....	20%

11. Is increasing the number of jobs something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

Yes, the President can do a lot .....	49%
No, it is beyond the President's control .....	36%
Don't know .....	15%

12. Should the federal government encourage employment through various incentives, laws and regulations or should the federal government not be directly involved?

Federal government should encourage employment .....	62%
Federal government should not be directly involved .....	25%
Not sure .....	13%

**13. How would you rate the job the federal government has done in encouraging employment?**

*Asked of those who think the federal government should attempt to encourage employment*

Federal government should not be directly involved	25%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	13%
Very good	4%
Good	19%
Poor	21%
Very poor	11%
Not sure	8%

**14. Should the federal government attempt to stimulate economic growth through various incentives, laws and regulations or should the federal government not be directly involved?**

Federal government should attempt to stimulate economic growth	64%
Federal government should not be directly involved	25%
Not sure	11%

**15. How would you rate the job the federal government has done in stimulating economic growth?**

*Asked of those who think the federal government should attempt to stimulate economic growth*

Federal government should not be directly involved	25%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	11%
Very good	3%
Good	21%
Poor	23%
Very poor	11%
Not sure	6%

16. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole unemployment rates during THE NEXT YEAR will increase, decrease or remain about the same?

- Unemployment rates will be a lot lower than they are today .....5%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat lower than they are today .....21%
- Unemployment rates will be about the same as they are today .....37%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat higher than they are today .....16%
- Unemployment rates will be a lot higher than they are today .....10%
- Not sure .....12%

17. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole unemployment rates during THE NEXT FIVE YEARS will increase, decrease or remain about the same?

- Unemployment rates will be a lot lower than they are today .....7%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat lower than they are today .....22%
- Unemployment rates will be about the same as they are today .....21%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat higher than they are today .....19%
- Unemployment rates will be a lot higher than they are today .....9%
- Not sure .....21%

18. How much responsibility do you think the following people have for the economy improving?

	All of it	Most of it	Some of it	None of it	Not sure
President Obama	8%	23%	43%	16%	9%
Republicans in Congress	8%	16%	48%	19%	9%
American consumers	9%	29%	49%	7%	5%
American businesses	12%	37%	42%	4%	5%
Wall St	6%	19%	46%	17%	11%

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

More honesty .....	5%
Same level of honesty .....	25%
Less honesty .....	9%
Not sure .....	61%

20. Are you confident in Lincoln Chafee's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	9%
Uneasy .....	24%
Not sure .....	66%

21. Would you say Lincoln Chafee is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	3%
Somewhat strong .....	33%
Somewhat weak .....	44%
Very weak .....	20%

22. Regardless of your overall opinion of Lincoln Chafee, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	12%
No .....	29%
Not sure .....	59%

**23. Would you say Lincoln Chafee is...**

Very liberal .....	6%
Liberal .....	15%
Moderate .....	13%
Conservative .....	6%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	59%

**24. Do you think Lincoln Chafee is too liberal or not liberal enough?**

Too liberal .....	17%
About right .....	14%
Not liberal enough .....	7%
Don't know .....	62%

**25. How likely is it that Lincoln Chafee will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely .....	2%
Somewhat likely .....	8%
Not very likely .....	15%
Not likely at all .....	34%
Not sure .....	41%

**26. Do you think Martin O'Malley has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?**

More honesty .....	4%
Same level of honesty .....	33%
Less honesty .....	10%
Not sure .....	53%

27. Are you confident in Martin O'Malley's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	11%
Uneasy .....	25%
Not sure .....	64%

28. Would you say Martin O'Malley is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	3%
Somewhat strong .....	35%
Somewhat weak .....	44%
Very weak .....	18%

29. Regardless of your overall opinion of Martin O'Malley, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	16%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	56%

30. Would you say Martin O'Malley is...

Very liberal .....	8%
Liberal .....	20%
Moderate .....	12%
Conservative .....	6%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	52%

31. Do you think Martin O'Malley is too liberal or not liberal enough?

Too liberal .....	17%
About right .....	17%
Not liberal enough .....	7%
Don't know .....	59%



**32. How likely is it that Martin O'Malley will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely .....	2%
Somewhat likely .....	10%
Not very likely .....	17%
Not likely at all .....	30%
Not sure .....	42%

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

Expanded .....	29%
Kept the same .....	13%
Repealed .....	43%
Not sure .....	14%

**34. 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 .....	26%
Equal amount of both failure and success .....	21%
More of a success than a failure .....	20%
A complete success .....	3%
Too early to tell .....	4%
Not sure .....	9%

**35. Do you think the number of people with health insurance has increased, remained the same, or decreased since 2013?**

Increased .....	55%
Remained the same .....	18%
Decreased .....	15%
Don't know .....	12%

36. 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 .....	17%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do .....	14%
Not sure .....	19%

37. Do you have health insurance?

Yes .....	85%
No .....	15%

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

Yes .....	76%
No .....	24%

39. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	67%	29%	4%	0%
Immigration	50%	32%	14%	4%
The environment	44%	38%	13%	5%
Terrorism	57%	30%	11%	2%
Gay rights	22%	21%	24%	33%
Education	57%	33%	7%	3%
Health care	63%	30%	6%	1%
Social security	60%	35%	4%	2%
The budget deficit	49%	37%	13%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	29%	43%	22%	6%
Taxes	55%	35%	9%	2%
Medicare	51%	36%	11%	2%
Abortion	32%	30%	20%	18%
Foreign policy	39%	41%	15%	5%

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

The economy	21%
Immigration	7%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	3%
Education	12%
Health care	9%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	3%

41. 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	24%	25%	11%	38%	2%
John Boehner	4%	19%	22%	29%	27%
Mitch McConnell	3%	17%	21%	25%	33%
Nancy Pelosi	5%	21%	14%	38%	22%
Harry Reid	4%	15%	17%	31%	34%

42. 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	8%	27%	22%	28%	15%
Ben Carson	11%	20%	12%	16%	42%
Chris Christie	6%	24%	21%	27%	22%
Ted Cruz	11%	20%	16%	26%	27%
Carly Fiorina	9%	17%	14%	19%	41%
Lindsey Graham	3%	18%	20%	21%	38%
Mike Huckabee	11%	22%	16%	25%	26%
Bobby Jindal	7%	19%	14%	20%	40%
John Kasich	4%	14%	11%	13%	58%
George Pataki	2%	17%	17%	13%	51%
Rand Paul	9%	23%	21%	19%	26%
Rick Perry	8%	23%	16%	22%	31%
Marco Rubio	12%	23%	14%	19%	31%
Rick Santorum	6%	21%	16%	25%	31%
Scott Walker	12%	17%	10%	20%	41%

43. 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	17%	26%	17%	25%	14%
Lincoln Chafee	4%	12%	14%	16%	55%
Hillary Clinton	22%	23%	10%	40%	5%
Martin O'Malley	4%	15%	16%	15%	50%
Bernie Sanders	10%	15%	12%	20%	43%
Jim Webb	2%	14%	12%	12%	60%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	3%

45. 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%	26%	15%	34%	9%
Immigration	16%	18%	13%	41%	11%
The environment	13%	27%	17%	26%	16%
Terrorism	13%	27%	14%	36%	10%
Gay rights	17%	22%	11%	28%	22%
Education	15%	27%	17%	25%	17%
Health care	19%	22%	13%	40%	6%
Social security	12%	21%	18%	30%	18%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	25%	20%	30%	14%
The budget deficit	12%	22%	16%	35%	13%
Taxes	12%	22%	16%	34%	15%
Medicare	13%	24%	13%	30%	20%
Abortion	11%	20%	12%	28%	29%
Foreign policy	12%	22%	17%	34%	16%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	7%

47. 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	5%
Somewhat approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	24%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	16%

48. 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	31%
Less than usual	44%
Not sure	18%

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

Better off now	26%
About the same	30%
Worse off now	38%
Not sure	5%

50. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	28%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	12%

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

Very strong .....	17%
Somewhat strong .....	29%
Somewhat weak .....	24%
Very weak .....	31%

**52. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	49%
Not sure .....	11%

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

Like a lot .....	31%
Like somewhat .....	30%
Dislike .....	29%
Not sure .....	9%



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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	42%	30%	28%
Bold	24%	56%	20%
Effective	21%	46%	33%
Exciting	15%	61%	24%
Experienced	19%	51%	30%
Honest	28%	37%	35%
Hypocritical	37%	37%	26%
Inspiring	29%	43%	28%
Intelligent	50%	33%	17%
Partisan	22%	63%	15%
Patriotic	27%	42%	31%
Religious	12%	61%	27%
Sincere	29%	41%	30%
Steady	23%	57%	20%
Strong	27%	46%	27%

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

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	8%
Not sure	3%

**56. How liberal or conservative are the Democrats listed below?**

*Respondent placed item on scale from 0 - "Very Liberal" to 100 - "Very Conservative".*

Barack Obama .....	21
Joe Biden .....	25
Lincoln Chafee .....	30
Hillary Clinton .....	24
Bernie Sanders .....	23
Martin O'Malley .....	33
Jim Webb .....	42

**57. How liberal or conservative are the Republicans listed below?**

*Respondent placed item on scale from 0 - "Very Liberal" to 100 - "Very Conservative".*

Jeb Bush .....	61
Ben Carson .....	65
Chris Christie .....	52
Ted Cruz .....	70
Carly Fiorina .....	62
Lindsey Graham .....	59
Mike Huckabee .....	71
Bobby Jindal .....	67
John Kasich .....	53
George Pataki .....	51
Rand Paul .....	60
Rick Perry .....	68
Marco Rubio .....	63
Rick Santorum .....	69
Scott Walker .....	69

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

Yes .....	66%
No .....	29%
Don't know .....	6%

59. 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	7%
Ben Carson	6%
Chris Christie	6%
Ted Cruz	5%
Carly Fiorina	4%
Lindsey Graham	3%
Mike Huckabee	4%
Bobby Jindal	2%
John Kasich	1%
George Pataki	2%
Rand Paul	8%
Rick Perry	2%
Marco Rubio	6%
Rick Santorum	2%
Scott Walker	7%
Other	4%
No preference	32%

60. Who do you think is the most likely candidate to become the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Jeb Bush	25%
Ben Carson	2%
Chris Christie	5%
Ted Cruz	5%
Carly Fiorina	1%
Lindsey Graham	2%
Mike Huckabee	2%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	0%
George Pataki	0%
Rand Paul	6%
Rick Perry	2%
Marco Rubio	8%
Rick Santorum	1%
Scott Walker	8%
Other	2%
No preference	31%

61. So far, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Mike Huckabee, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, and Rick Santorum have formally announced candidacies for the Republican nomination for President in 2016. How satisfied are you with these options?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Very satisfied	11%
Somewhat satisfied	27%
Somewhat dissatisfied	16%
Very dissatisfied	23%
Not sure	23%

62. If these were the only candidates running for the Republican presidential nomination, which one would you choose?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Ben Carson	9%
Ted Cruz	8%
Carly Fiorina	5%
Mike Huckabee	9%
Rand Paul	13%
Marco Rubio	13%
Rick Santorum	2%
None of them	41%

63. 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	14%
Lincoln Chafee	3%
Hillary Clinton	29%
Bernie Sanders	10%
Martin O'Malley	4%
Jim Webb	4%
Other	3%
No preference	33%

64. Who do you think is the most likely candidate to become the Democratic nominee for president in 2016?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Joe Biden	9%
Lincoln Chafee	1%
Hillary Clinton	59%
Bernie Sanders	4%
Martin O'Malley	3%
Jim Webb	1%
Other	2%
No preference	22%

65. So far, Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley and Bernie Sanders have formally announced candidacies for the Democratic nomination for President in 2016. How satisfied are you with these options?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Very satisfied .....	15%
Somewhat satisfied .....	25%
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	15%
Very dissatisfied .....	25%
Not sure .....	20%

66. If an election for the Democratic nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Hillary Clinton .....	42%
Bernie Sanders .....	25%
Not sure .....	8%
I would not vote .....	24%

67. If an election for the Democratic nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Hillary Clinton and Martin O'Malley, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Hillary Clinton .....	44%
Martin O'Malley .....	20%
Not sure .....	11%
I would not vote .....	25%

68. If an election for the Democratic nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Hillary Clinton and Lincoln Chafee, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Hillary Clinton .....	45%
Lincoln Chafee .....	16%
Not sure .....	10%
I would not vote .....	28%

**69. 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 .....	15%
I would not vote .....	5%

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

Getting better .....	25%
About the same .....	40%
Getting worse .....	30%
Not sure .....	6%

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

Owned by you or your family .....	52%
Rented from someone else .....	44%
Other .....	4%

**72. 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 .....	36%
Stayed about the same .....	42%
Decreased .....	15%
Not sure .....	7%

**73. 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 .....	38%
Stayed about the same .....	37%
Decreased .....	9%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Will increase a lot .....	8%
Will increase a little .....	32%
Will stay about the same .....	31%
Will decrease a little .....	12%
Will decrease a lot .....	2%
Not sure .....	15%

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

*Asked of those who own their own homes*

Very worried .....	6%
Somewhat worried .....	26%
Not worried .....	29%
Don't have mortgage payments .....	39%

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

Will definitely buy a home .....	2%
Am considering buying a home .....	18%
Not looking for a home now .....	80%

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

More jobs .....	16%
The same amount of jobs .....	45%
Fewer jobs .....	22%
Not sure .....	17%



78. 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 .....	32%
Military Household - None .....	52%

**79. Gender**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

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

Strongly support .....	9%
Somewhat support .....	17%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	22%
Somewhat oppose .....	7%
Strongly oppose .....	23%
Not sure .....	22%

**81. Education**

No high school .....	8%
High school graduate .....	33%
Some college .....	25%
2-year college .....	10%
4-year college .....	16%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**82. Age**

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

**83. Race**

White .....	67%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	13%
Other .....	6%

**84. Region**

Northeast .....	19%
Midwest .....	23%
South .....	36%
West .....	22%

**85. Party Identification**

Democratic .....	36%
Independent .....	34%
Republican .....	29%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	June 6-8, 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 0.2 to 6.2, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.14.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.7% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.