

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted July 18-20, 2015
 Margin of Error ±4.3%

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 44%
 Some of the time 31%
 Only now and then 15%
 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 14%

3. Which of the following countries do you consider to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally of U.S.	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy of the U.S.	Not sure
Turkey	10%	30%	19%	4%	36%
Greece	16%	49%	7%	1%	27%
Iran	1%	5%	32%	44%	18%
Israel	42%	22%	11%	7%	18%

4. Within your lifetime do you think the US will consider Iran to be a friendly country?

Yes 16%
 No 55%
 Not sure 29%

5. How serious a threat do you think Iran’s nuclear program poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	33%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	39%
A minor threat to the U.S.	15%
Not a threat to the U.S.	5%
Not sure	8%

6. What strategy should the US employ to get Iran to limit its nuclear program? (Select all that apply.)

Threaten Iran with of the possible use of military force	29%
Threaten Iran with harsher economic sanctions	37%
Reward Iran with easing of economic sanctions	20%
Reward Iran with a guarantee of no use of military force	9%
Reward Iran with resumption of diplomatic relations	19%
Something else	5%
Not sure	24%

7. In your opinion, which is more important?

Preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons, even if it means taking military actions	63%
Avoiding military conflict with Iran, even if it means they develop nuclear weapons	19%
Not sure	18%

8. Do you think the United States should or should not engage in negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program?

Should	59%
Should not	27%
Not sure	14%

9. How closely have you been following the news on the current round of negotiations to limit Iran’s nuclear capabilities?

Very closely	18%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	27%
Not closely at all	14%

10. Several world powers, including the United States, have reached an international agreement that will limit Iran’s nuclear activity in return for the lifting of major economic sanctions against Iran. Do you support or oppose this agreement?

Strongly support	15%
Tend to support	36%
Tend to oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	17%
Not sure	16%

11. How much do you trust the government of Iran to adhere to any agreement which limits that country’s ability to produce a nuclear weapon?

A great deal	5%
Some	21%
Not much	29%
Not at all	35%
Not sure	10%

12. Do you think inspectors will be able to verify if Iran is adhering to any agreement to limit its nuclear program?

Yes	28%
No	45%
Not sure	27%

13. Would you support or oppose the use of military force against Iran if it fails to abide by the terms of the international agreement to limit its nuclear program?

Support	56%
Oppose	21%
Not sure	23%

14. From what you know about it now, do you think the terms of the international agreement to limit Iran’s nuclear program makes the United States safer or less safe?

Safer	34%
Less safe	35%
Not sure	31%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling Iran?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	25%
No opinion	16%

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

Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Somewhat unfavorable	19%
Very unfavorable	11%
Don’t know	38%

17. Would you say Benjamin Netanyahu is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	24%
Somewhat strong	43%
Somewhat weak	26%
Very weak	7%

18. From what you know about it now, do you think the terms of the international agreement to limit Iran’s nuclear program makes Israel safer or less safe?

Safer	27%
Less safe	40%
Not sure	33%

19. How concerned should the United States be about the security of the state of Israel?

Very concerned	41%
Somewhat concerned	37%
Not concerned	12%
Not sure	10%

20. Which do you think is a more important policy for President Obama to pursue?

Negotiating a deal with Iran to curb its nuclear program, even if it means damaging the United States’ relationship with Israel	32%
Maintaining the United States’ relationship with Israel, even if it means stopping negotiations with Iran to curb its nuclear program	43%
Not sure	25%

21. Do you think President Obama’s actions have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	45%
No	26%
Not sure	29%

22. Do you think Benjamin Netanyahu’s actions have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	35%
No	28%
Not sure	38%

23. Who do you trust more when it comes to the international agreement to limit Iran’s nuclear program?

President Obama	31%
Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu	23%
Both equally	12%
Neither	19%
Not sure	14%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the nation’s policy toward Israel?

Strongly Approve	10%
Somewhat Approve	26%
Somewhat Disapprove	18%
Strongly Disapprove	25%
Not Sure	21%

25. Who do you trust more when it comes to negotiating treaties with other countries?

The President	28%
The US Senate	15%
Both equally	15%
Neither	30%
Not sure	12%

26. Do you want your Senators to support or oppose the international agreement to limit Iran’s nuclear program?

Support	45%
Oppose	27%
Not sure	27%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Majority Leader in the US Senate?

Strongly Approve	3%
Somewhat Approve	18%
Somewhat Disapprove	19%
Strongly Disapprove	21%
Not Sure	39%

28. Would you say Mitch McConnell is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	3%
Somewhat strong	36%
Somewhat weak	42%
Very weak	18%

29. Do you think Mitch McConnell is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative	25%
About right	17%
Not conservative enough	23%
Don't know	34%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Boehner is handling his job as Speaker of the US House of Representatives?

Strongly Approve	3%
Somewhat Approve	24%
Somewhat Disapprove	20%
Strongly Disapprove	25%
Not Sure	29%

31. Would you say John Boehner is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	4%
Somewhat strong	37%
Somewhat weak	35%
Very weak	24%

32. Do you think John Boehner is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative	24%
About right	22%
Not conservative enough	23%
Don't know	30%

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

More honesty	15%
Same level of honesty	28%
Less honesty	20%
Not sure	37%

34. Are you confident in Scott Walker's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	23%
Uneasy	32%
Not sure	45%

35. Would you say Scott Walker is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	13%
Somewhat strong	39%
Somewhat weak	33%
Very weak	15%

36. Regardless of your overall opinion of Scott Walker, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	27%
No	35%
Not sure	38%

37. Would you say Scott Walker is...

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	5%
Moderate	15%
Conservative	25%
Very conservative	16%
Not sure	38%

38. Do you think Scott Walker is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative	22%
About right	24%
Not conservative enough	12%
Don't know	42%

39. How likely is it that Scott Walker will win the presidency in 2016?

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	20%
Not very likely	22%
Not likely at all	27%
Not sure	28%

40. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	78%	19%	2%	1%
Immigration	54%	34%	9%	3%
The environment	52%	30%	12%	6%
Terrorism	65%	25%	8%	2%
Gay rights	25%	24%	23%	29%
Education	66%	24%	7%	3%
Health care	69%	24%	6%	1%
Social security	62%	29%	6%	3%
The budget deficit	55%	34%	8%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	34%	45%	16%	5%
Taxes	57%	33%	8%	2%
Medicare	56%	33%	8%	3%
Abortion	40%	29%	19%	12%
Foreign policy	47%	39%	11%	3%

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

The economy	20%
Immigration	10%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	3%
Education	8%
Health care	10%
Social security	11%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	6%
Foreign policy	2%

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
Barack Obama	27%	23%	12%	36%	3%
John Boehner	2%	21%	24%	28%	25%
Mitch McConnell	2%	21%	22%	24%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	19%	14%	36%	23%
Harry Reid	3%	20%	14%	29%	33%

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
Jeb Bush	7%	25%	22%	27%	18%
Ben Carson	14%	19%	9%	16%	42%
Chris Christie	6%	23%	20%	26%	26%
Ted Cruz	10%	23%	12%	26%	29%
Carly Fiorina	9%	17%	12%	16%	47%
Lindsey Graham	4%	17%	16%	22%	40%
Mike Huckabee	10%	21%	16%	25%	28%
Bobby Jindal	7%	17%	12%	21%	42%
John Kasich	5%	13%	13%	11%	58%
George Pataki	3%	14%	16%	14%	52%
Rand Paul	7%	30%	18%	17%	28%
Rick Perry	7%	22%	15%	24%	31%
Marco Rubio	14%	24%	14%	19%	28%
Rick Santorum	6%	19%	17%	25%	32%
Donald Trump	17%	16%	16%	44%	7%
Scott Walker	15%	18%	14%	20%	34%

44. 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	18%	25%	17%	27%	14%
Lincoln Chafee	2%	13%	13%	13%	59%
Hillary Clinton	23%	22%	10%	37%	7%
Martin O'Malley	3%	12%	14%	15%	55%
Bernie Sanders	16%	17%	12%	18%	37%
Jim Webb	3%	16%	15%	11%	54%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	5%

46. 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	22%	24%	14%	31%	9%
Immigration	18%	20%	14%	37%	11%
The environment	16%	31%	16%	23%	14%
Terrorism	18%	26%	15%	30%	11%
Gay rights	28%	19%	9%	28%	16%
Education	17%	28%	18%	21%	16%
Health care	26%	20%	11%	36%	7%
Social security	17%	23%	15%	25%	19%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	26%	19%	27%	14%
The budget deficit	15%	21%	17%	33%	15%
Taxes	14%	25%	18%	29%	14%
Medicare	17%	24%	18%	25%	16%
Abortion	15%	21%	11%	27%	26%
Foreign policy	16%	23%	14%	30%	16%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	11%

48. 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	6%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	17%

49. 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	35%
Less than usual	38%
Not sure	21%

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

Better off now	28%
About the same	30%
Worse off now	35%
Not sure	7%

51. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	15%

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

Very strong	19%
Somewhat strong	34%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	28%

53. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	32%
Like somewhat	30%
Dislike	29%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	36%	35%	29%
Bold	28%	54%	18%
Effective	24%	47%	29%
Exciting	13%	61%	26%
Experienced	22%	51%	27%
Honest	27%	35%	37%
Hypocritical	36%	39%	25%
Inspiring	28%	46%	26%
Intelligent	50%	37%	13%
Partisan	21%	64%	15%
Patriotic	25%	46%	29%
Religious	14%	60%	27%
Sincere	27%	42%	31%
Steady	26%	57%	17%
Strong	28%	45%	27%

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

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	8%
Not sure	5%

57. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	68%
No	30%
Don't know	2%

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

Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats

Joe Biden	13%
Lincoln Chafee	1%
Hillary Clinton	56%
Bernie Sanders	18%
Martin O'Malley	-
Jim Webb	0%
Other	2%
No preference	10%

59. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would be your SECOND choice for the Democratic nominee for President in 2016?

Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats

Joe Biden	34%
Lincoln Chafee	1%
Hillary Clinton	21%
Bernie Sanders	12%
Martin O'Malley	5%
Jim Webb	3%
Other	2%
No preference	23%

60. 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 of registered voters who identify as Democrats

Hillary Clinton	65%
Bernie Sanders	24%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	1%

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

Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats

Joe Biden	11%
Lincoln Chafee	0%
Hillary Clinton	74%
Bernie Sanders	7%
Martin O'Malley	-
Jim Webb	0%
Other	0%
No preference	7%

62. How do you feel about the field of Democratic candidates running for president in 2016?

Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats

Would you like to see someone else run for the Democratic nomination ..	23%
Satisfied with the choices	61%
Don't know	16%

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 of registered voters who identify as Republicans

Jeb Bush	14%
Ben Carson	7%
Chris Christie	3%
Ted Cruz	4%
Carly Fiorina	3%
Lindsey Graham	2%
Mike Huckabee	3%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	2%
George Pataki	0%
Rand Paul	5%
Rick Perry	2%
Marco Rubio	4%
Rick Santorum	1%
Donald Trump	28%
Scott Walker	13%
Other	0%
No preference	8%

64. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would be your SECOND choice for the Republican nominee for President in 2016?

Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans

Jeb Bush	6%
Ben Carson	6%
Chris Christie	4%
Ted Cruz	4%
Carly Fiorina	3%
Lindsey Graham	3%
Mike Huckabee	10%
Bobby Jindal	2%
John Kasich	3%
George Pataki	0%
Rand Paul	6%
Rick Perry	3%
Marco Rubio	15%
Rick Santorum	3%
Donald Trump	10%
Scott Walker	12%
Other	0%
No preference	11%

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

Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans

Jeb Bush	36%
Ben Carson	2%
Chris Christie	2%
Ted Cruz	4%
Carly Fiorina	-
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	1%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	3%
George Pataki	-
Rand Paul	4%
Rick Perry	0%
Marco Rubio	7%
Rick Santorum	-
Donald Trump	10%
Scott Walker	11%
Other	2%
No preference	15%

66. How do you feel about the field of Republican candidates running for president in 2016?

Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans

Would you like to see someone else run for the Republican nomination ..	15%
Satisfied with the choices	75%
Don't know	10%

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

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	39%
The Republican Party candidate	37%
Other	3%
Not sure	18%
I would not vote	3%

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

Getting better	26%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	6%

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

Owned by you or your family	56%
Rented from someone else	43%
Other	1%

70. 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	35%
Stayed about the same	37%
Decreased	21%
Not sure	7%

71. 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	49%
Stayed about the same	30%
Decreased	8%
Not sure	14%

72. 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	35%
Will stay about the same	29%
Will decrease a little	10%
Will decrease a lot	4%
Not sure	14%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	22%
Not worried	34%
Don't have mortgage payments	35%

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

Will definitely buy a home	3%
Am considering buying a home	17%
Not looking for a home now	79%

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

More jobs	22%
The same amount of jobs	38%
Fewer jobs	25%
Not sure	15%

76. 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	10%
Military Household - Family served previously	37%
Military Household - None	49%

77. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	17%
Neither support, nor oppose	25%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	19%

79. Education

No high school	9%
High school graduate	33%
Some college	26%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	15%
Post-graduate	7%

80. Age

18-29	26%
30-44	28%
45-64	33%
65+	13%

81. Race

White	64%
Black	16%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

82. Region

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

83. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	38%
Republican	26%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 18-20, 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 7.7, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.95.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.