

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted June 20-22, 2015
Margin of Error $\pm 4.2\%$

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	46%
Some of the time	31%
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	25%
Off on the wrong track	64%
Not sure	11%

3. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	59%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	25%
The world's climate is NOT changing	6%
Not sure	10%

4. How sure are you that climate changes is (changing as a result of human activity / changing but NOT because of human activity / NOT changing)?

Absolutely sure	34%
Pretty sure	38%
Somewhat sure	21%
Not very sure	6%
Not sure at all	1%

5. To the best of your knowledge, do you think there is a consensus in the scientific community that climate change is occurring and is mainly caused by human activity?

Yes	61%
No	23%
Not sure	15%

6. Do you think the world's most developed countries have a greater responsibility to control greenhouse gases and pollution than less developed countries do?

Yes	63%
No	26%
Not sure	11%

7. Do you agree or disagree that developed countries have a responsibility to help poorer nations with the effects of climate change?

Strongly agree	24%
Somewhat agree	39%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	12%
Not sure	11%

8. In general, how many of the statistics reported by NASA and NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, about air and ocean temperatures are reliable and accurate?

None	4%
A small portion	15%
About half	22%
Most	47%
All	12%

9. NOAA and NASA have reported that 2014 was the warmest year in recorded history. Do you think the actual global temperature is warmer or cooler than what the government has reported?

Actual global temperature is warmer than NOAA and NASA have reported 10%
 Actual global temperature is about what NOAA and NASA have reported 52%
 Actual global temperature is cooler than NOAA and NASA have reported 16%
 Not sure22%

10. How much do you trust the following groups to tell the truth about climate change?

	Completely	A lot	A moderate amount	A little	Not at all
Climate scientists	19%	27%	26%	16%	12%
Republican politicians	2%	7%	18%	26%	47%
Democratic politicians	4%	12%	22%	23%	39%
Military officials	3%	12%	29%	30%	26%
Federal government officials	3%	7%	24%	29%	37%
State government officials	3%	6%	27%	31%	33%
Representatives from oil and gas companies	2%	4%	16%	23%	55%
Pope Francis	10%	16%	20%	20%	34%

11. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Pope Francis?

Very favorable 24%
 Somewhat favorable 35%
 Somewhat unfavorable 11%
 Very unfavorable 9%
 Don't know 22%

12. Do you think that the Pope has a great deal of influence in world affairs, some influence, or no influence at all?

A great deal of influence	21%
Some influence	59%
No influence at all	11%
Not sure	10%

13. Do you think the issue of climate change is a moral issue?

Moral issue	34%
Not a moral issue	48%
Not sure	18%

14. How much have you heard about Pope Francis' encyclical letter about the environment?

Heard a lot	16%
Heard a little	44%
Heard nothing at all	40%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the Pope urging world leaders to work to stop climate change?

Approve strongly	36%
Approve somewhat	30%
Disapprove somewhat	9%
Disapprove strongly	11%
Not sure	14%

16. Do you think Catholics have or do not have an obligation to follow the Pope's teachings on the environment and climate change?

Have an obligation to follow	40%
Do not have an obligation to follow	35%
Not sure	25%

17. Do you think the Pope should take an active part in world affairs when he thinks he can help, or whether he should stay out?

Should take an active part	58%
Should stay out	22%
Not sure	21%

18. Do you think Donald Trump 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	36%
Less honesty	44%
Not sure	8%

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

Confident	19%
Uneasy	63%
Not sure	18%

20. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	17%
Somewhat strong	33%
Somewhat weak	23%
Very weak	27%

21. Regardless of your overall opinion of Donald Trump, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	26%
No	60%
Not sure	14%

22. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	21%
Not sure	22%

23. Do you think Donald Trump is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative	26%
About right	25%
Not conservative enough	17%
Don't know	31%

24. How likely is it that Donald Trump will win the presidency in 2016?

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	12%
Not very likely	22%
Not likely at all	56%
Not sure	6%

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

Expanded	31%
Kept the same	12%
Repealed	46%
Not sure	11%

26. 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	20%
More of a failure than a success	24%
Equal amount of both failure and success	21%
More of a success than a failure	23%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	4%
Not sure	4%

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

Increased	58%
Remained the same	17%
Decreased	15%
Don't know	9%

28. 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	53%
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	18%
Not sure	14%

29. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	84%
No	16%

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

Yes 78%
 No 22%

31. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	71%	26%	1%	1%
Immigration	50%	33%	13%	4%
The environment	45%	36%	14%	6%
Terrorism	57%	32%	8%	3%
Gay rights	20%	26%	24%	30%
Education	59%	30%	7%	3%
Health care	62%	30%	7%	1%
Social security	62%	29%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	48%	36%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	30%	43%	22%	5%
Taxes	54%	39%	6%	1%
Medicare	52%	34%	11%	2%
Abortion	33%	32%	21%	14%
Foreign policy	41%	43%	13%	4%

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

The economy	21%
Immigration	6%
The environment	10%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	2%
Education	10%
Health care	7%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%

33. 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%	26%	12%	37%	2%
John Boehner	4%	18%	21%	33%	24%
Mitch McConnell	2%	17%	19%	28%	34%
Nancy Pelosi	6%	23%	16%	38%	18%
Harry Reid	5%	16%	16%	33%	31%

34. 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%	23%	22%	33%	14%
Ben Carson	13%	16%	12%	20%	38%
Chris Christie	5%	22%	23%	32%	18%
Ted Cruz	9%	20%	14%	31%	25%
Carly Fiorina	8%	17%	12%	23%	40%
Lindsey Graham	4%	15%	15%	29%	37%
Mike Huckabee	9%	21%	15%	27%	27%
Bobby Jindal	9%	15%	14%	22%	41%
John Kasich	4%	13%	12%	15%	56%
George Pataki	4%	14%	16%	16%	50%
Rand Paul	9%	26%	22%	21%	22%
Rick Perry	8%	21%	16%	28%	28%
Marco Rubio	13%	21%	14%	25%	26%
Rick Santorum	6%	18%	17%	30%	30%
Donald Trump	10%	22%	15%	45%	8%
Scott Walker	13%	15%	13%	23%	37%

35. 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%	28%	17%	30%	9%
Lincoln Chafee	2%	10%	12%	17%	59%
Hillary Clinton	23%	23%	13%	37%	3%
Martin O'Malley	2%	12%	13%	19%	53%
Bernie Sanders	12%	17%	13%	22%	37%
Jim Webb	2%	14%	11%	15%	58%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	2%

37. 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%	18%	33%	8%
Immigration	12%	23%	13%	41%	12%
The environment	14%	30%	14%	27%	15%
Terrorism	13%	28%	16%	34%	9%
Gay rights	16%	25%	11%	28%	20%
Education	15%	29%	17%	27%	12%
Health care	20%	23%	13%	40%	4%
Social security	12%	24%	20%	28%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	10%	25%	22%	32%	10%
The budget deficit	14%	22%	18%	35%	11%
Taxes	12%	23%	20%	31%	14%
Medicare	15%	24%	18%	28%	15%
Abortion	12%	20%	12%	27%	29%
Foreign policy	11%	24%	17%	35%	13%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	27%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	6%

39. 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	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	14%

40. 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	7%
About the same	34%
Less than usual	43%
Not sure	16%

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

Better off now	26%
About the same	31%
Worse off now	39%
Not sure	5%

42. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	36%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	17%
Somewhat strong	32%
Somewhat weak	22%
Very weak	29%

44. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	31%
Like somewhat	30%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	37%	35%	28%
Bold	27%	54%	19%
Effective	21%	46%	33%
Exciting	13%	59%	28%
Experienced	22%	48%	30%
Honest	28%	36%	36%
Hypocritical	35%	39%	26%
Inspiring	29%	41%	30%
Intelligent	50%	34%	16%
Partisan	22%	65%	13%
Patriotic	26%	44%	30%
Religious	13%	55%	32%
Sincere	30%	39%	31%
Steady	24%	54%	22%
Strong	27%	45%	28%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	37%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

48. How liberal or conservative are you? What about your mother and father?

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

You	51
Your mother	53
Your father	58

49. Disclosure reporting the percentage of respondents who selected 'not sure' about the comparative ideology of the listed person.

	Rated person	Not sure
You	98%	2%
Your mother	88%	12%
Your father	84%	16%

50. How liberal or conservative are the Democrats listed below?

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

Barack Obama	24
Joe Biden	27
Lincoln Chafee	32
Hillary Clinton	27
Bernie Sanders	24
Martin O'Malley	35
Jim Webb	42

51. Disclosure reporting the percentage of respondents who selected 'not sure' about the comparative ideology of the listed person.

	Rated person	Not sure
Barack Obama	95%	5%
Joe Biden	86%	14%
Lincoln Chafee	41%	59%
Hillary Clinton	93%	7%
Bernie Sanders	60%	40%
Martin O'Malley	43%	57%
Jim Webb	42%	58%

52. How liberal or conservative are the Republicans listed below?

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

Jeb Bush	62
Ben Carson	64
Chris Christie	57
Ted Cruz	73
Carly Fiorina	62
Lindsey Graham	62
Mike Huckabee	70
Bobby Jindal	68
John Kasich	55
George Pataki	50
Rand Paul	65
Rick Perry	69
Marco Rubio	65
Rick Santorum	71
Donald Trump	63
Scott Walker	70

53. Disclosure reporting the percentage of respondents who selected 'not sure' about the comparative ideology of the listed person.

	Rated person	Not sure
Jeb Bush	89%	11%
Ben Carson	59%	41%
Chris Christie	78%	22%
Ted Cruz	73%	27%
Carly Fiorina	53%	47%
Lindsey Graham	56%	44%
Mike Huckabee	75%	25%
Bobby Jindal	60%	40%
John Kasich	43%	57%
George Pataki	44%	56%
Rand Paul	77%	23%
Rick Perry	69%	31%
Marco Rubio	70%	30%
Rick Santorum	68%	32%
Donald Trump	86%	14%
Scott Walker	64%	36%

54. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	70%
No	26%
Don't know	4%

55. 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	6%
Chris Christie	4%
Ted Cruz	5%
Carly Fiorina	3%
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	5%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	2%
George Pataki	2%
Rand Paul	9%
Rick Perry	1%
Marco Rubio	7%
Rick Santorum	1%
Donald Trump	10%
Scott Walker	6%
Other	3%
No preference	25%

56. 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	29%
Ben Carson	2%
Chris Christie	3%
Ted Cruz	4%
Carly Fiorina	1%
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	3%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	1%
George Pataki	0%
Rand Paul	5%
Rick Perry	1%
Marco Rubio	8%
Rick Santorum	2%
Donald Trump	7%
Scott Walker	7%
Other	2%
No preference	23%

57. So far, Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Rick Perry, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum, and Donald Trump 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	17%
Somewhat satisfied	29%
Somewhat dissatisfied	16%
Very dissatisfied	24%
Not sure	14%

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 only of registered voters

Joe Biden	13%
Lincoln Chafee	1%
Hillary Clinton	29%
Bernie Sanders	16%
Martin O'Malley	2%
Jim Webb	5%
Other	4%
No preference	29%

59. 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	6%
Lincoln Chafee	0%
Hillary Clinton	66%
Bernie Sanders	7%
Martin O'Malley	2%
Jim Webb	1%
Other	1%
No preference	17%

60. 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	17%
Somewhat satisfied	28%
Somewhat dissatisfied	13%
Very dissatisfied	24%
Not sure	18%

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

Asked only of registered voters

Hillary Clinton	46%
Donald Trump	35%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	13%

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

Asked only of registered voters

Hillary Clinton	44%
Jeb Bush	38%
Not sure	8%
I would not vote	11%

63. 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	40%
Other	3%
Not sure	14%
I would not vote	3%

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

Getting better	26%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	4%

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

Owned by you or your family	61%
Rented from someone else	38%
Other	2%

66. 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	33%
Stayed about the same	40%
Decreased	20%
Not sure	7%

67. 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	30%
Decreased	10%
Not sure	14%

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

Will increase a lot	9%
Will increase a little	36%
Will stay about the same	29%
Will decrease a little	11%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	13%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	22%
Not worried	33%
Don't have mortgage payments	37%

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

Will definitely buy a home	4%
Am considering buying a home	16%
Not looking for a home now	80%

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

More jobs	21%
The same amount of jobs	42%
Fewer jobs	23%
Not sure	14%

72. 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	11%
Military Household - Family served previously	37%
Military Household - None	50%

73. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	15%
Neither support, nor oppose	22%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	25%
Not sure	17%

75. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	25%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

76. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

77. Race

White	69%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

78. Region

Northeast	18%
Midwest	23%
South	36%
West	23%

79. Party Identification

Democratic	32%
Independent	35%
Republican	33%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 20-22, 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 4.2, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.91.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.