

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted April 18-20, 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	45%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%
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	61%
Not sure	11%

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

More honesty	10%
Same level of honesty	35%
Less honesty	36%
Not sure	20%

4. Are you confident in Chris Christie's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	18%
Uneasy	52%
Not sure	30%

5. Would you say Chris Christie is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	12%
Somewhat strong .....	39%
Somewhat weak .....	29%
Very weak .....	19%

6. Regardless of your overall opinion of Chris Christie, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	27%
No .....	45%
Not sure .....	27%

7. Would you say Chris Christie is...

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	11%
Moderate .....	26%
Conservative .....	29%
Very conservative .....	8%
Not sure .....	24%

8. Do you think Chris Christie is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative .....	22%
About right .....	25%
Not conservative enough .....	24%
Don't know .....	29%

9. If he chooses to run, how likely is it that Chris Christie will win the presidency in 2016?

Very likely	4%
Somewhat likely	14%
Not very likely	32%
Not likely at all	32%
Not sure	18%

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

More honesty	23%
Same level of honesty	28%
Less honesty	22%
Not sure	26%

11. Are you confident in Mike Huckabee’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	22%
Uneasy	41%
Not sure	36%

12. Would you say Mike Huckabee is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	8%
Somewhat strong	38%
Somewhat weak	34%
Very weak	20%

13. Regardless of your overall opinion of Mike Huckabee, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	27%
No	40%
Not sure	33%

14. Would you say Mike Huckabee is...

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	11%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	30%
Not sure	28%

15. Do you think Mike Huckabee is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative	32%
About right	27%
Not conservative enough	7%
Don't know	33%

16. If he chooses to run, how likely is it that Mike Huckabee will win the presidency in 2016?

Very likely	2%
Somewhat likely	13%
Not very likely	29%
Not likely at all	33%
Not sure	23%

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

More honesty	13%
Same level of honesty	40%
Less honesty	29%
Not sure	18%

18. Are you confident in Jeb Bush’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	24%
Uneasy .....	48%
Not sure .....	28%

19. Would you say Jeb Bush is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	9%
Somewhat strong .....	40%
Somewhat weak .....	32%
Very weak .....	19%

20. Regardless of your overall opinion of Jeb Bush, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	37%
No .....	40%
Not sure .....	23%

21. Would you say Jeb Bush is...

Very liberal .....	4%
Liberal .....	6%
Moderate .....	24%
Conservative .....	32%
Very conservative .....	13%
Not sure .....	21%

22. Do you think Jeb Bush is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative .....	25%
About right .....	28%
Not conservative enough .....	19%
Don’t know .....	28%

23. If he chooses to run, how likely is it that Jeb Bush will win the presidency in 2016?

Very likely .....	7%
Somewhat likely .....	28%
Not very likely .....	25%
Not likely at all .....	22%
Not sure .....	18%

24. Do you support or oppose the following proposals to preserve the Social Security trust fund?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
Eliminate Social Security benefits for retirees with \$200,000 or more in other income	49%	29%	21%
Increasing the retirement age for Social Security	27%	56%	16%
Increasing the retirement age for Medicare	24%	58%	18%
Imposing Social Security payroll taxes on income above \$118,500	55%	23%	22%
Decrease Social Security benefits for all retirees	13%	77%	11%
Decrease Social Security benefits for retirees making \$80,000 or more in other income	44%	37%	19%

25. When it comes to dealing with Social Security which party do you think would do a better job?

The Democratic Party .....	37%
The Republican Party .....	27%
Both about the same .....	16%
Neither one .....	20%

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

Expanded .....	33%
Kept the same .....	16%
Repealed .....	41%
Not sure .....	10%

27. 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 .....	17%
More of a failure than a success .....	25%
Equal amount of both failure and success .....	19%
More of a success than a failure .....	25%
A complete success .....	5%
Too early to tell .....	4%
Not sure .....	4%

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

Increased .....	61%
Remained the same .....	16%
Decreased .....	13%
Don't know .....	9%

29. 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 .....	19%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do .....	17%
Not sure .....	15%

30. Do you have health insurance?

Yes .....	88%
No .....	12%

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

Yes .....	81%
No .....	19%



32. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	72%	25%	2%	1%
Immigration	49%	36%	11%	3%
The environment	48%	30%	16%	5%
Terrorism	62%	26%	9%	4%
Gay rights	26%	21%	25%	28%
Education	62%	27%	8%	2%
Health care	65%	28%	6%	1%
Social security	64%	27%	8%	1%
The budget deficit	53%	33%	11%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	35%	43%	17%	5%
Taxes	57%	35%	6%	2%
Medicare	54%	33%	11%	2%
Abortion	38%	30%	17%	15%
Foreign policy	49%	38%	11%	2%

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

The economy	20%
Immigration	9%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	8%
Gay rights	2%
Education	11%
Health care	8%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	2%

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
Barack Obama	26%	21%	10%	38%	5%
John Boehner	6%	14%	23%	33%	23%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	21%	27%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	20%	15%	38%	18%
Harry Reid	6%	17%	13%	33%	31%

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
Jeb Bush	9%	26%	23%	27%	14%
Ben Carson	13%	15%	11%	19%	42%
Chris Christie	9%	24%	22%	27%	18%
Ted Cruz	15%	19%	12%	30%	24%
Carly Fiorina	8%	13%	13%	16%	50%
Lindsey Graham	5%	16%	16%	25%	39%
Mike Huckabee	11%	23%	17%	25%	24%
Bobby Jindal	8%	18%	13%	18%	43%
John Kasich	5%	13%	13%	11%	58%
Rand Paul	13%	23%	17%	25%	22%
Rick Perry	9%	21%	13%	30%	26%
Marco Rubio	16%	22%	16%	22%	24%
Rick Santorum	8%	20%	17%	27%	29%
Scott Walker	17%	15%	11%	22%	36%

36. 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%	25%	16%	32%	12%
Hillary Clinton	25%	21%	10%	38%	5%
Martin O'Malley	5%	11%	12%	13%	59%
Bernie Sanders	10%	12%	11%	17%	49%
Jim Webb	3%	13%	13%	12%	59%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	3%

38. 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	21%	25%	15%	32%	7%
Immigration	19%	20%	13%	40%	8%
The environment	17%	28%	16%	25%	13%
Terrorism	18%	23%	14%	35%	10%
Gay rights	19%	23%	11%	28%	19%
Education	19%	30%	16%	24%	11%
Health care	25%	25%	9%	38%	4%
Social security	16%	27%	15%	25%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	25%	20%	30%	11%
The budget deficit	15%	25%	15%	35%	11%
Taxes	14%	29%	15%	32%	10%
Medicare	16%	29%	14%	27%	15%
Abortion	15%	22%	9%	28%	26%
Foreign policy	15%	25%	11%	36%	12%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	6%

40. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	19%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	12%

41. 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	32%
Less than usual	46%
Not sure	15%

42. 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	37%
Not sure	6%

43. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	25%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong .....	21%
Somewhat strong .....	31%
Somewhat weak .....	17%
Very weak .....	32%

**45. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	53%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Like a lot .....	32%
Like somewhat .....	26%
Dislike .....	34%
Not sure .....	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	39%	30%	31%
Bold	31%	52%	18%
Effective	26%	42%	32%
Exciting	15%	58%	27%
Experienced	22%	50%	28%
Honest	27%	35%	39%
Hypocritical	38%	34%	28%
Inspiring	29%	44%	27%
Intelligent	54%	32%	15%
Partisan	23%	62%	15%
Patriotic	27%	39%	34%
Religious	13%	54%	33%
Sincere	30%	38%	32%
Steady	25%	56%	19%
Strong	28%	45%	27%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

49. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	69%
No	27%
Don't know	4%

50. 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	12%
Ben Carson	6%
Chris Christie	8%
Ted Cruz	5%
Carly Fiorina	1%
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	4%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	2%
Rand Paul	9%
Rick Perry	1%
Marco Rubio	7%
Rick Santorum	1%
Scott Walker	8%
Other	6%
No preference	27%

51. 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	13%
Somewhat satisfied	26%
Somewhat dissatisfied	14%
Very dissatisfied	29%
Not sure	18%



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

*Asked only of registered voters*

Ted Cruz .....	15%
Rand Paul .....	20%
Marco Rubio .....	22%
None of them .....	43%

53. 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 .....	7%
Martin O'Malley .....	3%
Jim Webb .....	6%
Other .....	7%
No preference .....	30%

54. 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 .....	23%
Somewhat satisfied .....	19%
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	11%
Very dissatisfied .....	39%
Not sure .....	9%

55. 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 .....	3%
Not sure .....	14%
I would not vote .....	4%

56. If an election for president was going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Hillary Clinton and the Republican nominee was Ted Cruz, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Hillary Clinton .....	46%
Ted Cruz .....	37%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	7%
I would not vote .....	7%

57. If an election for president was going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Hillary Clinton and the Republican nominee was Rand Paul, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Hillary Clinton .....	46%
Rand Paul .....	40%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	7%
I would not vote .....	5%

58. If an election for president was going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Hillary Clinton and the Republican nominee was Marco Rubio, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Hillary Clinton .....	44%
Marco Rubio .....	40%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	7%
I would not vote .....	6%

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

Getting better .....	30%
About the same .....	34%
Getting worse .....	33%
Not sure .....	3%

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

Owned by you or your family .....	58%
Rented from someone else .....	39%
Other .....	3%

**61. 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 .....	32%
Stayed about the same .....	42%
Decreased .....	20%
Not sure .....	7%

**62. 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 .....	31%
Decreased .....	7%
Not sure .....	13%

**63. 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 .....	37%
Will stay about the same .....	27%
Will decrease a little .....	8%
Will decrease a lot .....	3%
Not sure .....	16%

**64. 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 .....	35%
Don't have mortgage payments .....	34%

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

Will definitely buy a home .....	4%
Am considering buying a home .....	18%
Not looking for a home now .....	78%

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

More jobs .....	23%
The same amount of jobs .....	40%
Fewer jobs .....	23%
Not sure .....	14%

**67. 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 .....	9%
Military Household - I served previously .....	12%
Military Household - Family served previously .....	34%
Military Household - None .....	50%

**68. Gender**

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

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

Strongly support .....	12%
Somewhat support .....	15%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	20%
Somewhat oppose .....	8%
Strongly oppose .....	26%
Not sure .....	19%

**70. Education**

No high school .....	10%
High school graduate .....	33%
Some college .....	25%
2-year college .....	9%
4-year college .....	16%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**71. Age**

18-29 .....	26%
30-44 .....	27%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	14%

**72. Race**

White .....	65%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	12%
Other .....	9%

73. Region

Northeast .....	18%
Midwest .....	21%
South .....	36%
West .....	24%

74. Party Identification

Democratic .....	38%
Independent .....	33%
Republican .....	29%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	April 18-20, 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 0.88.
<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.