

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted August 30-September 1, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4\%$

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	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	25%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	12%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	26%
Very unfavorable	48%
Don't know	15%

4. Would you say Vladimir Putin is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	35%
Somewhat strong	42%
Somewhat weak	16%
Very weak	7%

5. How closely have you been following recent events going on in Ukraine?

Very closely	20%
Somewhat closely	46%
Not very closely	23%
Not closely at all	11%

6. The EU is considering imposing even tougher sanctions against Russia. Do you think tougher sanctions will prevent further Russian aggression against Ukraine?

Yes	14%
No	55%
Not sure	31%

7. In dealing with the Ukraine crisis, which of the following things do you think the U.S. should do? (Select all that apply.)

Do nothing	15%
Impose greater economic sanctions on Russia	45%
Provide economic aid to Ukraine	29%
Hold diplomatic negotiations with Russia	37%
Provide military weapons to Ukraine	22%
Send U.S. troops to Ukraine	9%
None of the above	11%

8. Do you think Russia will invade Ukraine?

The Russians already have invaded Ukraine	50%
Yes, the Russians will invade Ukraine	24%
No, the Russians will not invade Ukraine	3%
Not sure	23%

9. Do you think President Obama has a clear plan for U.S. strategy in Ukraine?

Yes	12%
No	64%
Not sure	23%

10. How closely are you following the news about the current situation in Iraq?

Very closely	25%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	22%
Not at all	11%

11. In dealing with the current situation in Iraq, which of the following things do you think the U.S. should do? (Select all that apply.)

Send ground troops to fight for the Iraqis	4%
Send ground troops to fight with the Iraqis	12%
Send military troop trainers to help the Iraqis fight	22%
Conduct air strikes against Islamist militants in Iraq	48%
Conduct drone strikes against Islamist militants in Iraq	47%
Conduct air strikes against Islamist militants in Syria	45%
Conduct drone strikes against Islamist militants in Syria	44%
Send ground troops to fight against Islamist militants in Syria	11%
Something else	8%
None of the above	25%

12. Have you heard anything about President Obama’s recent press conference where he discussed Ukraine, Iraq and Syria?

Yes	46%
No	42%
Don’t remember	12%

13. Do you think President Obama has a clear plan for U.S. strategy to deal with ISIS fighters in Iraq and Syria?

Yes 12%
 No 61%
 Not sure 26%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the following international crises?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Fighting between ISIS fighters and the government of Iraq	9%	22%	17%	29%	24%
Fighting between Israelis and Palestinians in Gaza	7%	19%	19%	29%	25%
Fighting between pro-Russia separatists and the government of Ukraine	8%	21%	18%	28%	25%
Fighting between rebels and the government of Syria	7%	19%	19%	28%	27%

15. Would you say Barack Obama was a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong 13%
 Somewhat strong 28%
 Somewhat weak 24%
 Very weak 35%

16. Which program provides health insurance coverage to low income people?

Medicare	17%
Medicaid	75%
Not sure	8%

17. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following government programs?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Medicare	36%	36%	11%	6%	11%
Medicaid	28%	36%	17%	9%	11%

18. Do you favor or oppose expanding Medicaid to cover more people with lower incomes?

Favor strongly	34%
Favor somewhat	26%
Oppose somewhat	15%
Oppose strongly	14%
Not sure	11%

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

Expanded	31%
Kept the same	14%
Repealed	41%
Not sure	15%

20. 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	22%
More of a failure than a success	22%
Equal amount of both failure and success	20%
More of a success than a failure	20%
A complete success	3%
Too early to tell	8%
Not sure	6%

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

Increased	46%
Remained the same	19%
Decreased	20%
Don't know	14%

22. 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	47%
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	16%
Not sure	21%

23. How much do you like or dislike the dark suit pictured above?

Like a lot	46%
Like somewhat	43%
Dislike somewhat	6%
Dislike a lot	2%
Not sure	2%

24. How much do you like or dislike the light suit pictured above?

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	42%
Dislike somewhat	18%
Dislike a lot	6%
Not sure	4%

25. If you had to choose, which suit would you prefer?

Dark suit	75%
Light suit	25%

26. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	78%	18%	3%	1%
Immigration	53%	31%	11%	4%
The environment	43%	33%	15%	9%
Terrorism	61%	29%	7%	3%
Gay rights	21%	25%	22%	31%
Education	63%	27%	7%	2%
Health care	66%	28%	5%	1%
Social security	63%	29%	7%	1%
The budget deficit	57%	31%	8%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	29%	44%	21%	6%
Taxes	59%	34%	5%	2%
Medicare	50%	38%	11%	1%
Abortion	36%	29%	23%	12%
Foreign policy	42%	41%	13%	5%

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

The economy	26%
Immigration	7%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	3%
Education	8%
Health care	8%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%

28. 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	23%	23%	12%	39%	4%
Joe Biden	16%	26%	16%	27%	15%
John Boehner	4%	18%	20%	32%	26%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	18%	25%	36%
Harry Reid	5%	19%	12%	31%	33%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	20%	11%	37%	22%
John Kerry	11%	25%	18%	27%	19%

29. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Rand Paul	12%	21%	19%	21%	28%
Chris Christie	8%	25%	24%	22%	21%
Paul Ryan	14%	23%	13%	27%	23%
Jeb Bush	9%	25%	22%	23%	21%
Mike Huckabee	15%	22%	15%	21%	26%
Marco Rubio	10%	21%	16%	21%	31%
Hillary Clinton	23%	28%	13%	29%	7%
Elizabeth Warren	18%	16%	11%	17%	38%
Ted Cruz	14%	17%	12%	26%	32%
Scott Walker	12%	16%	10%	18%	44%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	9%	12%	9%	68%
Rick Perry	13%	18%	14%	28%	26%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	4%

31. 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	14%	25%	16%	38%	7%
Immigration	11%	22%	14%	41%	11%
The environment	13%	26%	16%	28%	18%
Terrorism	15%	25%	15%	34%	10%
Gay rights	17%	24%	11%	28%	20%
Education	14%	29%	16%	27%	14%
Health care	18%	25%	12%	39%	6%
Social security	13%	23%	20%	27%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	27%	20%	30%	12%
The budget deficit	11%	23%	15%	38%	12%
Taxes	13%	24%	17%	35%	11%
Medicare	17%	23%	17%	27%	15%
Abortion	11%	24%	12%	27%	25%
Foreign policy	10%	21%	17%	36%	16%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	6%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	8%

33. 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%

34. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	36%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	12%

35. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	49%
Not sure	14%

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

Like a lot	28%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	35%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	40%	33%	27%
Bold	20%	58%	22%
Effective	16%	46%	38%
Exciting	12%	60%	28%
Experienced	19%	47%	34%
Honest	24%	36%	39%
Hypocritical	37%	40%	24%
Inspiring	26%	42%	32%
Intelligent	51%	33%	17%
Partisan	24%	61%	15%
Patriotic	22%	46%	33%
Religious	11%	59%	30%
Sincere	28%	39%	33%
Steady	24%	55%	22%
Strong	27%	42%	31%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	5%

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

More jobs	19%
The same amount of jobs	43%
Fewer jobs	23%
Not sure	15%

40. 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	35%
Military Household - None	51%

41. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

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

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	17%
Neither support, nor oppose	20%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	20%

43. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	25%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

44. Age

18-29	24%
30-44	28%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

45. Race

White	67%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

46. Region

Northeast	18%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	22%

47. Party Identification

Democratic	38%
Independent	35%
Republican	27%

48. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	73%
No	25%
Don't know	2%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 30-September 1, 2014
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 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.81.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.