

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted November 1-3, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 5\%$

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	34%
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	28%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	13%

3. How closely are you following the news about Ebola?

Very closely	28%
Somewhat closely	51%
Not very closely	17%
Not following at all	4%

4. How concerned are you about an Ebola epidemic here in the United States?

Very concerned	21%
Somewhat concerned	37%
Not very concerned	28%
Not concerned at all	14%

5. How would you describe the way most Americans are thinking about Ebola?

They are not taking the risks serious enough	23%
They are behaving appropriately	35%
They are overreacting to the actual risks of contracting the virus	33%
Not sure	9%

6. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing Ebola?

Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	23%
Not too worried	38%
Not worried at all	26%

7. Do you think the medical facilities in your community are prepared to handle a patient who is infected with Ebola?

Yes	24%
No	43%
Not sure	33%

8. Do you think medical personnel who treat Ebola infected patients here in the United States should be required to stay in quarantine until 21 days after the last time they were in contact with an infected patient?

Yes	65%
No	15%
Not sure	20%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the policy of New York's and New Jersey's governors to require a mandatory 21 day quarantine for medical personnel returning from treating Ebola patients in west Africa?

Approve	67%
Disapprove	17%
Not sure	15%

10. Do you think the US government should quarantine people in the United States who have recently been in any of the countries in western Africa where there is a major Ebola outbreak?

Yes	63%
No	18%
Not sure	19%

11. Should the government allow people who have recently been in any of the countries in western Africa where there is a major Ebola outbreak to enter the United States?

Yes	34%
No	42%
Not sure	24%

12. Do you think the United States is doing enough, too much, or not enough to contain the Ebola outbreak?

Doing too much	2%
Doing enough	41%
Not doing enough	40%
Don't know	16%

13. Do you think the federal government should or should not spend money on fighting contagious diseases in foreign countries?

Should	55%
Should not	22%
Not sure	23%

14. Does the US government have a responsibility to help fight infectious diseases in foreign countries or is it only the responsibility of the country experiencing the outbreak?

US government has a responsibility	48%
Only the country experiencing the outbreak	32%
Not sure	20%

15. Should the US government increase or decrease spending on Ebola research, or should it continue to spend the current amount?

Increase spending	32%
Spend the same	47%
Decrease spending	7%
Not sure	14%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama’s handling of the Ebola outbreak?

Approve strongly	13%
Approve somewhat	28%
Disapprove somewhat	17%
Disapprove strongly	25%
Not sure	16%

17. Has the media has done a good job accurately reporting about Ebola or has the media made it seem better or worse than it really is?

Made the Ebola epidemic seem worse than it really is	36%
Accurately reported on the scale of the Ebola epidemic	28%
Made Ebola epidemic seem better than it really is	18%
Not sure	18%

18. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Barack Obama, or have they treated him the same as other public figures?

Harder	29%
About the same	31%
Easier	34%
Not sure	6%

19. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	28%
Like somewhat	31%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	11%

21. Regardless of your overall opinion of Barack Obama, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	41%
No	43%
Not sure	16%

22. How much do you think Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	23%
Some	25%
Not much	21%
Not at all	30%

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

More honesty	19%
Same level of honesty	35%
Less honesty	38%
Not sure	7%

24. Are you confident in Barack Obama’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	32%
Uneasy	55%
Not sure	14%

25. Due to the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, Barack Obama may not run for a third term. Do you wish Barack Obama could run for President in 2016?

Yes	19%
No	69%
Not sure	12%

26. Which politician do you prefer?

Hillary Clinton	25%
Barack Obama	21%
Neither one	45%
Not sure	9%

27. Which politician do you think is worse?

Asked of those who prefer neither Clinton nor Obama

Hillary Clinton	19%
Barack Obama	45%
Not sure	36%

28. Which politician do you prefer?

Combined with responses to follow up question for those who answered 'neither one'

Hillary Clinton	45%
Barack Obama	30%
Not sure	25%

29. Thinking about some different professions, how much do you think the following contribute to the well-being of our society?

	A lot	Some	Not very much	Nothing at all	Don't know
Scientists	65%	25%	4%	2%	4%
Engineers	60%	29%	5%	2%	5%
Clergy	35%	32%	19%	9%	5%
Medical doctors	67%	23%	4%	2%	4%
Journalists	17%	41%	26%	11%	4%
Artists	21%	37%	26%	10%	6%
Members of the military	66%	20%	5%	5%	4%
Lawyers	13%	35%	34%	13%	5%
Business executives	17%	39%	25%	14%	6%
Teachers	62%	25%	7%	2%	4%

30. In achieving its goals in Iraq, the US...

Has failed	62%
Has succeeded	14%
Not sure	24%

31. In achieving its goals in Afghanistan, the US...

Has failed	55%
Has succeeded	16%
Not sure	28%

32. Do you think the US Department of Veterans Affairs has lived up to its motto "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan"?

Yes	11%
No	66%
Not sure	23%

33. Do you have to work on Veterans Day?

Yes	35%
No	55%
Not sure	10%

34. Are the public schools in your community open on Veterans Day?

Yes	26%
No	36%
Not sure	38%

35. Do you think the United States should return to the military draft at this time, or not?

Yes, return to draft	17%
No, don't return to draft	67%
Not sure	16%

36. Do you support or oppose allowing women in the military to serve in ground units that engage in close combat?

Support strongly	28%
Support somewhat	32%
Oppose somewhat	15%
Oppose strongly	12%
Don't know	13%

37. Do you think allowing women to serve in combat roles has made military effectiveness better, worse, or not made much difference?

Better	18%
Not made much difference	51%
Worse	14%
Don't know	17%

38. Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?

Favor strongly	43%
Favor somewhat	21%
Oppose somewhat	12%
Oppose strongly	11%
Don't know	13%

39. Do you think allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military has made military effectiveness better, worse, or not made much difference?

Better	12%
Not made much difference	57%
Worse	15%
Don't know	15%

40. Do you support or oppose raising taxes to pay for...

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
The war in Iraq	15%	72%	14%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	75%	14%
Social Security	57%	31%	13%
Medicare	56%	30%	14%
Programs for veterans	60%	26%	15%
Ebola research	42%	41%	17%

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

Expanded	26%
Kept the same	20%
Repealed	42%
Not sure	13%

42. 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	19%
More of a failure than a success	24%
Equal amount of both failure and success	21%
More of a success than a failure	18%
A complete success	3%
Too early to tell	8%
Not sure	8%

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

Increased	43%
Remained the same	24%
Decreased	18%
Don't know	15%

44. 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	46%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	18%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	15%
Not sure	21%

45. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	22%	3%	0%
Immigration	42%	37%	15%	6%
The environment	43%	35%	15%	7%
Terrorism	52%	31%	12%	5%
Gay rights	20%	25%	27%	28%
Education	63%	27%	8%	2%
Health care	64%	29%	6%	2%
Social security	61%	33%	5%	1%
The budget deficit	51%	34%	12%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	21%	38%	29%	11%
Taxes	57%	37%	5%	1%
Medicare	57%	31%	9%	3%
Abortion	30%	31%	24%	15%
Foreign policy	36%	45%	15%	4%

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

The economy	33%
Immigration	5%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	6%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	9%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	1%

47. 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	22%	18%	15%	39%	6%
Joe Biden	14%	24%	15%	32%	14%
John Boehner	4%	16%	21%	33%	27%
Mitch McConnell	4%	14%	16%	28%	37%
Harry Reid	7%	17%	12%	32%	32%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	19%	13%	36%	22%

48. 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	11%	28%	12%	22%	28%
Chris Christie	8%	27%	19%	25%	21%
Paul Ryan	12%	24%	11%	25%	28%
Jeb Bush	10%	23%	20%	25%	22%
Mike Huckabee	14%	21%	16%	21%	28%
Marco Rubio	10%	20%	14%	22%	35%
Hillary Clinton	23%	26%	11%	32%	8%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	14%	12%	18%	40%
Ted Cruz	13%	15%	12%	28%	33%
Scott Walker	12%	12%	11%	19%	47%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	10%	11%	8%	68%
Rick Perry	11%	19%	17%	27%	27%
Bernie Sanders	11%	10%	9%	15%	55%
Martin O'Malley	5%	10%	8%	10%	66%
Jim Webb	6%	9%	10%	8%	66%
Mitt Romney	15%	25%	18%	30%	12%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	4%

50. 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	16%	22%	19%	35%	8%
Immigration	11%	21%	14%	41%	12%
The environment	13%	28%	15%	28%	16%
Terrorism	15%	23%	18%	33%	11%
Gay rights	17%	24%	12%	29%	17%
Education	15%	26%	18%	26%	15%
Health care	19%	21%	14%	37%	9%
Social security	11%	23%	19%	30%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	23%	19%	32%	15%
The budget deficit	15%	17%	17%	36%	16%
Taxes	12%	24%	19%	34%	11%
Medicare	16%	19%	19%	30%	16%
Abortion	13%	22%	14%	28%	23%
Foreign policy	14%	19%	18%	35%	14%

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

Strongly approve	1%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	21%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	6%

52. 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	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	16%

53. How likely is it that you will vote in the election on November 4, 2014?

Asked of those who are registered to vote

Definitely will vote	49%
Probably will vote	6%
Maybe will vote	5%
Probably will not vote	2%
Definitely will not vote	6%
Don't know	2%
Not registered to vote	30%

54. Do you think your Representative deserves to be reelected to Congress?

Asked only of likely voters

Not a likely voter	44%
Yes	22%
No	20%
Not sure	13%

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

Not a registered voter	29%
The Democratic Party candidate	27%
The Republican Party candidate	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	1%

56. In the election for U.S. Congress in the district where you live, which candidate are you voting for?

Asked only of likely voters

Not a likely voter	44%
The Democratic Party candidate	24%
The Republican Party candidate	24%
Other	2%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	0%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

58. Would you say your Representative in Congress is...

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	23%
Very Conservative	9%
Not sure	26%

59. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	8%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	11%

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

Very strong	12%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	28%
Very weak	33%

61. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	35%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	57%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	26%
Like somewhat	33%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	10%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	37%	38%	25%
Bold	21%	58%	21%
Effective	17%	49%	35%
Exciting	13%	65%	22%
Experienced	15%	57%	28%
Honest	27%	37%	36%
Hypocritical	38%	43%	20%
Inspiring	22%	49%	29%
Intelligent	47%	38%	15%
Partisan	22%	66%	12%
Patriotic	22%	50%	29%
Religious	11%	64%	25%
Sincere	24%	44%	33%
Steady	23%	60%	18%
Strong	21%	47%	32%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	43%
Getting worse	31%
Not sure	5%

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

More jobs	18%
The same amount of jobs	51%
Fewer jobs	21%
Not sure	10%

66. 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	5%
Military Household - I served previously	11%
Military Household - Family served previously	36%
Military Household - None	49%

67. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

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

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	18%
Neither support, nor oppose	23%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	18%

69. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	30%
Some college	25%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	18%
Post-graduate	8%

70. Age

18-29	23%
30-44	27%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

71. Race

White	65%
Black	15%
Hispanic	12%
Other	9%

72. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	25%
South	33%
West	23%

73. Party Identification

Democratic	43%
Independent	31%
Republican	26%

74. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	71%
No	26%
Don't know	4%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 1-3, 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 to 7.2, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.25.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.