

The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted March 27-30, 2010
Margin of Error ±3.3%

1. Should these things be required as part of the educational curriculum for students in public elementary and high schools?

	Yes	No
Physical Education	89%	11%
Art	73%	27%
Math	98%	2%
Grades	91%	9%
Standardized tests	69%	31%
Vocational education	77%	23%
Music	74%	26%
Science	96%	4%
Foreign language	67%	33%

2. Do you think that public schools place too much or too little emphasis on standardized tests?

Too much	52%
About right	31%
Too little	17%

3. Do you think the "No Child Left Behind" law has helped or hurt U.S. schools?

Helped	15%
No effect	18%
Hurt	41%
Not sure	25%

4. Would you favor or oppose making teachers' salaries be based on their students' performance, such as gains on standardized tests?

Favor strongly	16%
Favor somewhat	28%
Oppose somewhat	23%
Oppose strongly	24%
No opinion	10%

5. When choosing a school for your children, how would you rank the following factors in order of importance?

	Ranked first	Ranked second	Ranked third	Ranked fourth
The school's reputation in the community	55%	25%	13%	7%
The number of students	10%	25%	35%	31%
The school's closeness to your home	15%	24%	29%	32%
Students' average scores in standardized-tests	20%	26%	23%	31%

6. Would you let your child attend a school where over 50% of students are black? (Asked of white respondents)

Definitely yes	31%
Probably yes	35%
Probably no	14%
Definitely no	8%
Not sure	12%

7. Would you let your child attend a school where over 50% of students are white? (Asked of black respondents)

Definitely yes	54%
Probably yes	29%
Probably no	6%
Definitely no	3%
Not sure	9%

8. Do you agree or disagree that the Constitution should guarantee every child the right to an equal education?

Strongly Agree	64%
Somewhat Agree	20%
Somewhat Disagree	7%
Strongly Disagree	8%

9. Do you think the Constitution does guarantee every child the right to an equal education?

Yes	35%
No	39%
Not sure	26%

10. Do you agree or disagree that the Constitution should guarantee every child the right to an adequate education?

Strongly Agree	59%
Somewhat Agree	26%
Somewhat Disagree	9%
Strongly Disagree	6%

11. Which statement comes closer to your opinion?

The federal government should set national education standards for schools. 43%
 Each state should set its own education standards. 41%
 Not sure 16%

12. How important is it that the U.S. set education standards that are internationally comparable to the standards in countries with the highest performing educational systems in the world? (Asked if respondent supports national education standards)

Very Important 65%
 Somewhat Important 24%
 Not very Important 3%
 Unimportant 1%
 Not sure 7%

13. Do you think the quality of primary and secondary education is better or worse in the following countries than in the U.S.?

	Better	Same	Worse	Don't know
Canada	26%	32%	6%	36%
United Kingdom	29%	27%	7%	36%
Japan	62%	6%	8%	25%
Mexico	8%	7%	56%	28%
France	28%	22%	10%	41%
Germany	37%	18%	7%	39%

14. How do you feel about the health care reform bill becoming law?

Enthusiastic 21%
 Satisfied but not enthusiastic 26%
 Dissatisfied but not angry 21%
 Angry 32%

15. Under the health care reform bill recently passed by Congress and signed by President Obama, do you think you personally will receive better or worse care than you receive now?

Better care	16%
About the same	32%
Worse care	37%
Not sure	15%

16. When do you expect to see changes in the quality of the health care that you personally receive due to the new health care law? (Asked of respondents who think new law will improve quality of health care)

Immediately	21%
Next year	28%
In a few years	40%
In a decade or more	2%
Not sure	9%

17. When do you expect to see changes in the quality of the health care that you personally receive due to the new health care law? (Asked of respondents who think new law will worsen quality of health care)

Immediately	18%
Next year	19%
In a few years	38%
In a decade or more	10%
Not sure	15%

18. Do you think you personally would pay more, either in taxes or insurance costs, under the health care reform bill recently passed by Congress and signed by President Obama?

Pay more	53%
About the same	23%
Pay less	6%
Not sure	17%

19. When do you expect to see changes in the taxes or insurance costs that you currently pay due to the new health care law? (Asked of respondents who think new law will increase taxes or insurance costs)

Immediately	36%
Next year	30%
In a few years	22%
In a decade or more	2%
Not sure	10%

20. When do you expect to see changes in the taxes or insurance costs that you currently pay due to the new health care law? (Asked of respondents who think new law will decrease taxes or insurance costs)

Immediately	9%
Next year	34%
In a few years	42%
In a decade or more	2%
Not sure	12%

21. Did your representative in Congress vote in favor or against the health care reform bill?

Voted in favor	37%
Voted against	28%
Not sure	35%

22. How well do you feel that you understand the health care reform bill that was recently signed into law?

Very well	10%
Fairly well	45%
Not very well	32%
Not at all	13%

23. When deciding whom to support in the 2010 elections, how important will the candidate's position on health care reform be in your decision?

The most important factor	16%
Very important	44%
Somewhat important	24%
Not very important	5%
Don't plan to vote	10%

24. This year, the Census Bureau is conducting a census to try to count every person living in the United States. How much have you heard or read about the efforts of the Census Bureau this year?

A lot	57%
A little	36%
Nothing at all	7%

25. Has your household received the 2010 census questionnaire in the mail yet?

Yes	81%
No	12%
Not sure	7%

26. Census records indicate that many Americans have not yet had the opportunity to return their 2010 U.S. Census forms. Which one of the following statements applies to your household? (Asked if respondent received census form)

You have not had the chance to fill out the form yet, but you plan to.	14%
You have misplaced or lost the form.	1%
You object to the form and don't plan to fill it out.	2%
You have already filled out the form, but have not yet returned it.	8%
You have already filled out the form and returned it.	75%

27. Was the 2010 census form easy or difficult to fill out? (Asked if respondent filled out census form)

Very easy	81%
Fairly easy	12%
Fairly difficult	0%
Very difficult	0%
Not sure; didn't personally fill it out	5%

28. Do you think the government has good reason to ask all the questions it does on the census, or do you think it asks for more information than it really needs to know?

Has good reason to ask all the questions it does on the census	51%
Asks for more information than it needs to know	30%
Not sure	19%

29. How important do you think it is that you are counted in the census?

Very Important	59%
Somewhat Important	26%
Not very Important	9%
Unimportant	5%

30. Which of the following countries do you consider to be allies or enemies of the United States?

	Ally of U.S.	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy of the U.S.	Not sure
China	4%	29%	33%	13%	22%
Japan	35%	37%	6%	2%	20%
South Korea	32%	29%	8%	6%	25%
Israel	43%	22%	10%	4%	22%
France	28%	35%	16%	3%	18%
India	14%	48%	6%	2%	29%
Mexico	19%	44%	14%	4%	19%
Russia	5%	28%	33%	10%	25%
North Korea	1%	5%	19%	53%	23%

31. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the following companies?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Google	51%	34%	5%	3%	7%
Microsoft	39%	39%	11%	5%	6%
Apple	35%	36%	11%	4%	15%
Yahoo	36%	43%	10%	3%	8%

32. Last Monday, Google pulled its search operations out of mainland China. Google now redirects Chinese users to its uncensored site in Hong Kong. How much have you heard about this decision by Google?

A lot	19%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	38%

33. How do you feel about Google’s decision to stop censoring Internet searches in mainland China by shifting its search engine to Hong Kong?

Strongly support	38%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	3%
Not sure	37%

34. How do you feel about U.S. Internet companies that comply with Chinese censorship rules in order to operate in China?

Strongly support	3%
Somewhat support	9%
Somewhat oppose	24%
Strongly oppose	29%
Not sure	35%

35. Do you think the United States should increase or decrease trade with China?

Increase	7%
Keep the same	23%
Decrease	47%
Not sure	23%

36. How serious a threat do you think foreign nuclear weapons arsenals pose to the security of the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	27%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	42%
A minor threat to the U.S.	16%
Not a threat to the U.S.	3%
Not sure	12%

37. As you may know, the United States and Russia have been negotiating a treaty that would substantially reduce the number of nuclear weapons in each of these countries. How much have you heard or read about this agreement?

A lot	18%
A little	52%
Nothing at all	30%

38. Do you approve or disapprove of a new agreement between the United States and Russia to substantially reduce the number of nuclear weapons in each country?

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	8%
Not sure	21%

39. Below are some issues facing the country. For each one, indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling that issue.

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No Opinion
The war in Iraq	16%	30%	17%	24%	13%
The economy	17%	23%	13%	39%	8%
Immigration	9%	23%	15%	33%	21%
The environment	16%	28%	15%	24%	18%
Terrorism	18%	26%	15%	28%	13%
Gay rights	11%	23%	14%	24%	27%
Education	19%	26%	14%	26%	15%
Health care	27%	17%	8%	40%	8%
Social security	14%	20%	14%	33%	19%
The budget deficit	13%	24%	12%	41%	11%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	28%	19%	25%	14%

40. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	48%	39%	10%	3%
The economy	84%	14%	2%	0%
Immigration	44%	33%	17%	5%
The environment	47%	36%	11%	6%
Terrorism	60%	28%	9%	2%
Gay rights	24%	25%	24%	26%
Education	64%	28%	6%	2%
Health care	75%	20%	4%	2%
Social security	64%	27%	8%	1%
The budget deficit	65%	28%	5%	1%
The war in Afghanistan	49%	37%	12%	3%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	40%
Immigration	3%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	3%
Education	6%
Health care	20%
Social security	8%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	2%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	7%

43. Overall, do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	11%

44. If the 2010 elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

	Republican	Lean Republican	Lean Democrat	Democrat	Not Sure
Registered Voters	40%	4%	7%	40%	9%
All Respondents	34%	5%	8%	36%	17%

45. Would you say things in this country today are ...

Generally headed in the right direction	34%
Off on the wrong track	52%
Not sure	14%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	38%
Not sure	6%

47. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	41%
Not sure	4%

48. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	31%
About the same	27%
Lower	22%
Not sure	20%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	35%	32%	33%
Intelligent	64%	23%	13%
Religious	15%	55%	30%
Inspiring	41%	36%	23%
Patriotic	33%	38%	29%
Strong	39%	43%	19%
Bold	45%	40%	14%
Experienced	16%	39%	45%
Sincere	39%	31%	31%
Partisan	28%	51%	21%
Effective	31%	42%	27%
Unifying	21%	47%	32%
In Touch	31%	36%	33%
Realistic	30%	38%	32%
Decisive	33%	48%	20%

50. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	37%
Somewhat liberal	21%
Moderate	21%
Somewhat conservative	2%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	17%

51. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	51%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	49%

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

Like a lot	38%
Like somewhat	23%
Dislike	27%
Not sure	12%