

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted March 28-30, 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	14%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	15%

3. How do you feel about flying in an airplane?

Afraid of it	15%
Bothers you slightly	40%
Not at all afraid	41%
Don't know	4%

4. How much confidence do you have in the following to do all they can to maintain air safety?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	None at all
Pilots	43%	42%	11%	4%
FAA	28%	50%	16%	7%
Air Traffic Controllers	40%	45%	10%	5%
Aircraft Manufacturers	40%	43%	12%	5%
TSA	19%	43%	26%	12%

5. Have you heard about the crash of a German airliner last week?

Yes	86%
No	11%
Don't remember	3%

6. From what you know, was the crash an accident or something else?

Asked of those who had heard about the crash

An accident	6%
Something else	85%
Not sure	9%

7. How would you classify the crash?

Asked of those who had heard about the crash

An accident	6%
A suicide	26%
A mass murder	46%
A terrorist act	10%
Not sure	13%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ted Cruz is handling his job as a United States Senator?

Approve strongly	15%
Approve somewhat	15%
Disapprove somewhat	14%
Disapprove strongly	27%
Not sure	29%

9. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media have been harder or easier on Ted Cruz, or have they treated him the same as other public figures?

Harder	23%
About the same	45%
Easier	11%
Not sure	21%

10. Do you think Ted Cruz...

Says what he believes	36%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	36%
Not sure	27%

11. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Ted Cruz as a person?

Like a lot	13%
Like somewhat	24%
Dislike	28%
Not sure	35%

12. Regardless of your overall opinion of Ted Cruz, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	25%
No	43%
Not sure	32%

13. Regardless of your overall opinion of Ted Cruz, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	31%
No	41%
Not sure	28%

14. How much do you think Ted Cruz cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	16%
Some	28%
Not much	23%
Not at all	33%

15. Do you think Ted Cruz 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	37%
Less honesty	24%
Not sure	21%

16. Are you confident in Ted Cruz' ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	22%
Uneasy	46%
Not sure	32%

17. Would you say Ted Cruz is...

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	7%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	38%
Not sure	28%

18. Do you think Ted Cruz is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative	36%
About right	27%
Not conservative enough	7%
Don't know	29%

19. How intelligent is Ted Cruz?

Very intelligent	29%
Somewhat intelligent	28%
Not very intelligent	10%
Not intelligent at all	9%
Not sure	24%

20. Would you say Ted Cruz is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	17%
Somewhat strong	39%
Somewhat weak	25%
Very weak	20%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of Ted Cruz running for President in 2016?

Approve strongly	16%
Approve somewhat	20%
Disapprove somewhat	13%
Disapprove strongly	29%
Not sure	22%

22. How likely is it that Ted Cruz will win the Republican nomination for President in 2016?

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	25%
Not very likely	23%
Not likely at all	19%
Not sure	25%

23. How likely is it that Ted Cruz will win the presidential election in 2016?

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	18%
Not very likely	19%
Not likely at all	31%
Not sure	25%

24. Do you think Ted Cruz is legally eligible to be President?

Yes	52%
No	14%
Not sure	35%

25. Which statement below best describes the circumstances of Ted Cruz' birth?

- Both of his parents were U.S. citizens and he was born in the United State 4%
- His mother was a U.S. citizen, his father was NOT a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States2%
- His mother was NOT a U.S. citizen, his father was a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States2%
- Neither of his parents was a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States 1%
- Both of his parents parents were U.S. citizens and he was born OUTSIDE the United State 8%
- His mother was a U.S. citizen, his father was NOT a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States 27%
- His mother was NOT a U.S. citizen, his father was a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States 2%
- Neither of his parents was a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States 3%
- Not sure51%

26. Do you think Barack Obama is legally eligible to be President?

- Yes63%
- No24%
- Not sure 13%

27. Which statement below best describes the circumstances of Barack Obama's birth?

Both of his parents were U.S. citizens and he was born in the United State	7%
His mother was a U.S. citizen, his father was <u>NOT</u> a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States	32%
His mother was <u>NOT</u> a U.S. citizen, his father was a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States	4%
Neither of his parents was a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States	2%
Both of his parents parents were U.S. citizens and he was born OUTSIDE the United State	2%
His mother was a U.S. citizen, his father was NOT a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States	15%
His mother was NOT a U.S. citizen, his father was a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States	2%
Neither of his parents was a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States	6%
Not sure	30%

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

Expanded	35%
Kept the same	14%
Repealed	41%
Not sure	10%

29. 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	18%
More of a failure than a success	24%
Equal amount of both failure and success	19%
More of a success than a failure	25%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	5%
Not sure	4%

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

Increased	58%
Remained the same	19%
Decreased	13%
Don't know	10%

31. 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	15%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	19%
Not sure	17%

32. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	84%
No	16%

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

Yes	75%
No	25%

34. Do you approve or disapprove of Ted Cruz signing his family up for health insurance on the Obamacare exchange in Washington DC?

Approve	49%
Disapprove	18%
Not sure	33%

35. Do you celebrate Easter?

Yes73%
No27%

36. Do you celebrate Passover?

Yes22%
No78%

37. Will you decorate Easter eggs?

Yes40%
No60%

38. Will you have a family gathering Easter weekend?

Asked of those who celebrate Easter

Yes69%
No31%

39. Will you go to church?

Asked of those who celebrate Easter

Yes55%
No45%

40. Will you take time off from work?

Yes23%
No77%

41. Will you celebrate a seder on the first night of Passover?

Asked of those who celebrate Passover

Yes 45%
No 55%

42. Will you celebrate a second seder on the second night of Passover?

Asked of those who celebrate Passover

Yes 35%
No 65%

43. Do you consider a child born under the following circumstances to be a natural born American citizen?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Both parents are U.S. citizens and the child is born in the United State	92%	6%	3%
The mother is a U.S. citizen, the father is NOT a U.S. citizen, and the child is born in the United States	86%	8%	6%
The mother is NOT a U.S. citizen, the father is a U.S. citizen, and the child is born in the United States	83%	10%	7%
Neither parent is a U.S. citizen, and the child is born in the United States	57%	33%	10%
Both parents are U.S. citizens and the child is born OUTSIDE the United State	68%	23%	10%
The mother is a U.S. citizen, the father is NOT a U.S. citizen, and the child is born OUTSIDE the United States	40%	44%	16%
The mother is NOT a U.S. citizen, the father is a U.S. citizen, and the child is born OUTSIDE the United States	38%	46%	16%
Neither parent is a U.S. citizen, and the child is born OUTSIDE the United States	5%	91%	4%

44. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	72%	25%	2%	1%
Immigration	49%	35%	13%	4%
The environment	49%	34%	11%	5%
Terrorism	63%	27%	8%	3%
Gay rights	25%	29%	22%	24%
Education	62%	31%	6%	1%
Health care	64%	29%	6%	1%
Social security	63%	28%	9%	1%
The budget deficit	50%	36%	12%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	35%	45%	15%	6%
Taxes	56%	35%	8%	1%
Medicare	52%	35%	12%	1%
Abortion	39%	31%	20%	10%
Foreign policy	47%	39%	11%	3%

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

The economy	19%
Immigration	5%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	4%
Education	11%
Health care	9%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	4%

46. 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	27%	21%	12%	36%	4%
John Boehner	6%	17%	21%	31%	25%
Mitch McConnell	6%	16%	18%	24%	35%
Harry Reid	8%	17%	16%	27%	32%
Nancy Pelosi	12%	19%	13%	36%	20%

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
Jeb Bush	10%	26%	21%	25%	18%
Ben Carson	15%	14%	10%	13%	48%
Chris Christie	5%	25%	24%	26%	21%
Ted Cruz	13%	21%	15%	29%	22%
Carly Fiorina	8%	12%	12%	11%	57%
Lindsey Graham	5%	15%	15%	20%	45%
Mike Huckabee	13%	21%	17%	21%	29%
Bobby Jindal	10%	15%	12%	15%	49%
John Kasich	4%	13%	11%	10%	62%
Rand Paul	9%	24%	19%	17%	31%
Rick Perry	8%	21%	14%	26%	31%
Marco Rubio	13%	18%	15%	17%	37%
Rick Santorum	7%	19%	15%	24%	35%
Scott Walker	15%	13%	9%	19%	45%

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
Joe Biden	16%	27%	16%	29%	13%
Hillary Clinton	26%	24%	11%	36%	4%
Martin O'Malley	5%	9%	11%	9%	66%
Bernie Sanders	10%	14%	10%	12%	53%
Brian Schweitzer	4%	8%	11%	8%	70%
Jim Webb	6%	12%	11%	8%	64%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	3%

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	20%	25%	15%	33%	6%
Immigration	19%	23%	11%	40%	8%
The environment	18%	31%	14%	23%	14%
Terrorism	18%	28%	13%	32%	9%
Gay rights	20%	25%	11%	27%	17%
Education	18%	29%	15%	26%	12%
Health care	27%	21%	12%	35%	5%
Social security	16%	26%	16%	28%	15%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	29%	19%	30%	10%
The budget deficit	16%	23%	13%	36%	11%
Taxes	15%	28%	16%	30%	12%
Medicare	18%	26%	16%	25%	15%
Abortion	15%	21%	13%	27%	25%
Foreign policy	14%	26%	12%	35%	13%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	21%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	36%
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	22%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	15%

53. 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	33%
Less than usual	44%
Not sure	15%

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

Better off now	27%
About the same	31%
Worse off now	37%
Not sure	6%

55. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	26%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	10%

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

Very strong	19%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	21%
Very weak	31%

57. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	31%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	10%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	42%	29%	29%
Bold	28%	54%	19%
Effective	26%	41%	33%
Exciting	15%	61%	24%
Experienced	23%	48%	29%
Honest	29%	35%	36%
Hypocritical	37%	34%	28%
Inspiring	29%	41%	30%
Intelligent	53%	32%	15%
Partisan	23%	61%	15%
Patriotic	25%	43%	33%
Religious	14%	56%	30%
Sincere	30%	38%	31%
Steady	26%	55%	19%
Strong	29%	40%	31%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

61. Are you registered to vote?

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

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

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	35%
The Republican Party candidate	33%
Other	4%
Not sure	26%
I would not vote	3%

63. 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	45%
Ted Cruz	35%
Other	4%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	5%

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

Getting better	30%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	30%
Not sure	5%

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

Owned by you or your family	56%
Rented from someone else	42%
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	29%
Stayed about the same	43%
Decreased	21%
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	42%
Stayed about the same	34%
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	28%
Will decrease a little	10%
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	9%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not worried	31%
Don't have mortgage payments	36%

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

Will definitely buy a home	4%
Am considering buying a home	20%
Not looking for a home now	77%

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

More jobs	26%
The same amount of jobs	41%
Fewer jobs	21%
Not sure	12%

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	10%
Military Household - I served previously	14%
Military Household - Family served previously	35%
Military Household - None	47%

73. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	17%
Neither support, nor oppose	19%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	27%
Not sure	17%

75. Education

No high school	9%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	25%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	9%

76. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	26%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

77. Race

White	69%
Black	15%
Hispanic	10%
Other	6%

78. Region

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

79. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	37%
Republican	27%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 28-30, 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 0.2 to 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.9.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.