

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 2-4, 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	27%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	13%

3. How closely have you followed the news about the death of Freddie Gray while in the custody of the Baltimore Police Department?

Very closely	28%
Somewhat closely	46%
Not very closely	19%
Not followed at all	8%

4. Do you think the general tone of the media coverage of recent deaths of black men in police custody has been fair or unfair?

Mostly fair	19%
About even	27%
Mostly unfair	41%
Not sure	13%

5. Do you think the general tone of the media coverage of community unrest in places like Baltimore, New York City, and Ferguson, Missouri has been fair or unfair?

Mostly fair	22%
About even	25%
Mostly unfair	43%
Not sure	11%

6. Do you think the response from local politicians in Maryland to the death of Freddie Gray and its aftermath was adequate or inadequate?

Adequate	32%
Inadequate	40%
Not sure	28%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision of the Maryland State’s Attorney to file murder and manslaughter charges against the police officers associated with the death of Freddie Gray?

Approve strongly	35%
Approve somewhat	23%
Disapprove somewhat	14%
Disapprove strongly	13%
Not sure	14%

8. Which level of government do you think should investigate and prosecute cases of LOCAL police department misconduct?

Local	13%
State	44%
Federal	32%
Not sure	10%

9. Do you support or oppose a new Wisconsin law that requires any deaths in police custody to be investigated by outside organizations?

Support	78%
Oppose	9%
Not sure	13%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision of the grand jury in Ferguson, Missouri not to charge the police officer who shot to death Michael Brown with any crime?

Approve strongly	28%
Approve somewhat	18%
Disapprove somewhat	16%
Disapprove strongly	26%
Not sure	12%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision of the grand jury in Staten Island, New York not to charge the police officer who used a choke hold that resulted in the death of Eric Garner with any crime?

Approve strongly	11%
Approve somewhat	18%
Disapprove somewhat	20%
Disapprove strongly	38%
Not sure	14%

12. Have you heard any news stories about Walter Scott, an unarmed black man who was shot and killed by a white police officer in North Charleston, South Carolina on April 4, 2015?

Yes	57%
No	28%
Don't remember	15%

13. Have you seen or heard about the video recording that shows the police officer shooting Walter Scott?

Yes	57%
No	29%
Don't remember	14%

14. Do you agree or disagree with the decision to charge the police officer who shot Walter Scott with murder?

Agree	61%
Disagree	6%
Not sure	32%

15. Do you think President Obama has spent too much time talking about issues of race, has spent too little time, or has spent the right amount of time?

Too much time	30%
About the right amount of time	36%
Too little time	22%
Not sure	12%

16. Since Barack Obama has been President, do you think race relations in the United States have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

Gotten better	8%
Stayed about the same	30%
Gotten worse	55%
Not sure	7%

17. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Bill Clinton?

Very favorable	21%
Somewhat favorable	32%
Somewhat unfavorable	17%
Very unfavorable	20%
Don't know	10%

18. Do you think Bill Clinton is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	31%
Not honest and trustworthy	47%
Not sure	23%

19. Do you think Hillary Clinton is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	36%
Not honest and trustworthy	45%
Not sure	19%

20. Do you think the general tone of media coverage of Bill and Hillary Clinton is mostly fair or unfair?

Mostly fair	21%
About even	40%
Mostly unfair	23%
Not sure	16%

21. Do you think the general tone of media coverage of Bill and Hillary Clinton is mostly positive or negative?

Mostly positive	23%
About even	39%
Mostly negative	26%
Not sure	12%

22. Do you think the media is biased FOR or AGAINST Bill and Hillary Clinton?

Biased FOR	30%
The bias is equal	33%
Biased AGAINST	22%
Not sure	16%

23. Regardless of your feelings about the Clintons themselves, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Clinton Foundation?

Very favorable	17%
Somewhat favorable	28%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	18%
Don't know	26%

24. How closely have you followed the news about foreign donations to the Clinton Foundation?

Very closely	14%
Somewhat closely	26%
Not very closely	30%
Not followed at all	30%

25. Do you think any of Hillary Clinton's actions while Secretary of State were influenced by foreign donations to the Clinton Foundation?

Foreign donations influenced Hillary Clinton	39%
Foreign donations did NOT influence Hillary Clinton	26%
Not sure	35%

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

Expanded	35%
Kept the same	13%
Repealed	41%
Not sure	12%

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	18%
More of a failure than a success	24%
Equal amount of both failure and success	19%
More of a success than a failure	23%
A complete success	6%
Too early to tell	5%
Not sure	5%

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

Increased	62%
Remained the same	18%
Decreased	10%
Don't know	11%

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	50%
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	21%
Not sure	14%

30. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	85%
No	15%

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

Yes 78%
 No 22%

32. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	72%	24%	3%	2%
Immigration	52%	32%	13%	4%
The environment	50%	32%	11%	7%
Terrorism	59%	27%	11%	3%
Gay rights	27%	23%	24%	26%
Education	62%	29%	7%	2%
Health care	64%	28%	6%	1%
Social security	63%	26%	9%	1%
The budget deficit	52%	33%	13%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	44%	21%	8%
Taxes	56%	35%	6%	3%
Medicare	52%	33%	13%	2%
Abortion	40%	29%	19%	11%
Foreign policy	42%	42%	12%	4%

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

The economy	20%
Immigration	7%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	5%
Education	10%
Health care	9%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%
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	27%	22%	12%	35%	4%
John Boehner	5%	15%	22%	32%	26%
Mitch McConnell	4%	15%	19%	28%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	20%	13%	37%	23%
Harry Reid	6%	17%	13%	32%	32%

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	7%	22%	24%	30%	17%
Ben Carson	11%	16%	9%	19%	45%
Chris Christie	5%	22%	22%	29%	22%
Ted Cruz	12%	20%	11%	29%	27%
Carly Fiorina	6%	12%	11%	18%	53%
Lindsey Graham	4%	14%	17%	23%	43%
Mike Huckabee	11%	23%	14%	25%	28%
Bobby Jindal	9%	16%	10%	19%	45%
John Kasich	6%	11%	11%	11%	60%
Rand Paul	9%	23%	19%	23%	26%
Rick Perry	9%	21%	14%	26%	30%
Marco Rubio	14%	19%	14%	22%	30%
Rick Santorum	6%	19%	12%	28%	34%
Scott Walker	13%	12%	9%	22%	43%

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	15%	26%	16%	32%	11%
Hillary Clinton	23%	22%	13%	37%	5%
Martin O'Malley	3%	12%	13%	13%	58%
Bernie Sanders	13%	13%	13%	16%	47%
Jim Webb	2%	15%	12%	12%	58%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	4%

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	19%	24%	15%	33%	9%
Immigration	18%	16%	14%	41%	11%
The environment	15%	28%	16%	25%	16%
Terrorism	18%	25%	16%	33%	8%
Gay rights	18%	25%	13%	25%	19%
Education	19%	28%	16%	24%	13%
Health care	26%	20%	11%	37%	5%
Social security	15%	22%	17%	26%	20%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	22%	21%	29%	13%
The budget deficit	15%	20%	15%	36%	14%
Taxes	14%	25%	16%	31%	14%
Medicare	19%	22%	16%	26%	17%
Abortion	13%	18%	14%	24%	30%
Foreign policy	14%	22%	16%	33%	15%

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

Strongly approve	0%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	8%

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	5%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	14%

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	33%
Less than usual	44%
Not sure	16%

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

Better off now	28%
About the same	32%
Worse off now	35%
Not sure	5%

43. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	28%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	12%

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

Very strong	15%
Somewhat strong	34%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	33%

45. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	41%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	34%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	28%
Not sure	11%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	36%	32%	31%
Bold	27%	57%	16%
Effective	27%	43%	31%
Exciting	15%	63%	22%
Experienced	22%	50%	29%
Honest	29%	36%	35%
Hypocritical	35%	38%	27%
Inspiring	31%	43%	26%
Intelligent	52%	33%	14%
Partisan	22%	62%	16%
Patriotic	26%	45%	29%
Religious	11%	60%	29%
Sincere	28%	44%	28%
Steady	27%	57%	16%
Strong	28%	44%	28%

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

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	8%
Not sure	2%

49. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	69%
No	25%
Don't know	5%

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	11%
Ben Carson	4%
Chris Christie	5%
Ted Cruz	5%
Carly Fiorina	1%
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	5%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	4%
Rand Paul	9%
Rick Perry	4%
Marco Rubio	8%
Rick Santorum	1%
Scott Walker	8%
Other	4%
No preference	28%

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	12%
Somewhat satisfied	21%
Somewhat dissatisfied	17%
Very dissatisfied	33%
Not sure	18%

52. If an election for the Republican nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Marco Rubio and Jeb Bush, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

Marco Rubio	32%
Jeb Bush	21%
Not sure	17%
I would not vote	30%

53. If an election for the Republican nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Marco Rubio and Scott Walker, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

Marco Rubio	25%
Scott Walker	20%
Not sure	25%
I would not vote	30%

54. Would you ever consider voting for a presidential candidate who is a Socialist?

Would consider voting for	23%
Would never vote for	39%
Not sure	37%

55. 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	11%
Hillary Clinton	32%
Bernie Sanders	15%
Martin O'Malley	4%
Jim Webb	5%
Other	4%
No preference	29%

56. So far, only Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders have formally announced candidacies for the Democratic nomination for President in 2016. How satisfied are you with these two options?

Asked only of registered voters

Very satisfied	20%
Somewhat satisfied	25%
Somewhat dissatisfied	15%
Very dissatisfied	28%
Not sure	12%

57. If an election for the Democratic nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

Hillary Clinton	39%
Bernie Sanders	23%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	26%

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

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	45%
The Republican Party candidate	36%
Other	2%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	3%

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

Getting better	28%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	4%

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

Owned by you or your family	54%
Rented from someone else	44%
Other	2%

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	36%
Stayed about the same	39%
Decreased	18%
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	51%
Stayed about the same	31%
Decreased	7%
Not sure	11%

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	40%
Will stay about the same	27%
Will decrease a little	8%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	12%

64. How worried are you about making your mortgage payments?

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not worried	37%
Don't have mortgage payments	30%

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

Will definitely buy a home	3%
Am considering buying a home	16%
Not looking for a home now	81%

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

More jobs	24%
The same amount of jobs	41%
Fewer jobs	23%
Not sure	12%

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	1%
Military Household - Family	9%
Military Household - I served previously	10%
Military Household - Family served previously	36%
Military Household - None	48%

68. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	17%
Neither support, nor oppose	19%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	27%
Not sure	19%

70. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	26%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

71. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	27%
45-64	34%
65+	14%

72. Race

White	67%
Black	15%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

73. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	24%

74. Party Identification

Democratic	39%
Independent	33%
Republican	28%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 2-4, 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 0.1 to 4.2, 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.