

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted April 26-28, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.3\%$

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	42%
Some of the time	33%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	58%
Not sure	11%

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

Very closely	16%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	29%
Not closely at all	15%

4. Do you think the U.S. should get involved in Russia's dispute with Ukraine?

Yes	21%
No	55%
Not sure	24%

5. Now that Russia has annexed Crimea, do you think the Russians will attempt to take control of more parts of Ukraine?

Yes	65%
No	12%
Not sure	23%

6. Do you think Russia will attempt to take control of other parts of eastern Europe?

Yes	40%
No	25%
Not sure	35%

7. Do you think Russia wants to re-establish control over the old borders of the Soviet Union?

Yes	60%
No	13%
Not sure	26%

8. Do you think Russia is a global power or a regional power?

Global power	37%
Regional power	41%
Neither	8%
Not sure	14%

9. Do you think the world is safer now or was it safer 25 years ago during the Cold War?

Safer now	22%
About the same	38%
Safer during the Cold War	23%
Not sure	17%

10. Do you think Russia is friendlier to the US now or back when it was the Soviet Union during the Cold War?

Friendlier now	28%
About the same	40%
Friendlier during the Cold War	11%
Not sure	21%

11. Do you think the US and Russia are entering into another Cold War?

Yes	33%
No	31%
Not sure	36%

12. Should the US devote more or less of its military budget to defense against Russia?

More	24%
About the same	37%
Less	22%
Not sure	17%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of the crisis in Ukraine?

Approve strongly	12%
Approve somewhat	24%
Disapprove somewhat	21%
Disapprove strongly	22%
Not sure	21%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of Russia?

Approve strongly	12%
Approve somewhat	22%
Disapprove somewhat	20%
Disapprove strongly	23%
Not sure	22%

15. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Marco Rubio?

Very favorable	9%
Somewhat favorable	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	17%
Don't know	39%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Marco Rubio is handling his job as a Senator from Florida?

Approve strongly	10%
Approve somewhat	19%
Disapprove somewhat	15%
Disapprove strongly	16%
Not sure	39%

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

Harder	21%
About the same	38%
Easier	11%
Not sure	31%

18. Do you think Marco Rubio...

Says what he believes	30%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	35%
Not sure	35%

19. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Marco Rubio as a person?

Like a lot	15%
Like somewhat	23%
Dislike	20%
Not sure	43%

20. Regardless of your overall opinion of Marco Rubio, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	20%
No	45%
Not sure	35%

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

Yes	30%
No	32%
Not sure	38%

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

A lot	13%
Some	32%
Not much	28%
Not at all	28%

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

More honesty	17%
Same level of honesty	36%
Less honesty	18%
Not sure	29%

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

Confident	19%
Uneasy	38%
Not sure	42%

25. Would you say Marco Rubio is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	13%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	35%

26. Do you want Marco Rubio to run for President in 2016?

Yes	17%
No	44%
Not sure	39%

27. How would you rate your personal health?

Excellent	19%
Good	53%
Fair	22%
Poor	6%

28. Over the past 12 months has your personal health improved or worsened, or have you not noticed any change?

Improved	10%
Remained the same	66%
Worsened	19%
Haven’t noticed	5%

29. In the past 12 months have you...

Been seen by a dentist	45%
Been seen by a doctor	73%
Ordered prescription drugs	59%
None of these	18%

30. In the past 12 months have you decided not to see a doctor because you could not afford it?

Yes	25%
No	71%
Prefer not to say	4%

31. In the past 12 months have you decided not to see a dentist because you could not afford it?

Yes	35%
No	62%
Prefer not to say	3%

32. In the past 12 months have you decided not to fill a prescription because you could not afford it?

Yes	19%
No	78%
Prefer not to say	3%

33. Compared to a year ago, are you paying more or less for health care coverage today?

More	39%
The same	44%
Less	8%
Not sure	10%

34. Compared to a year ago, would you say the quality of your health care is better or worse today?

Better	12%
The same	63%
Worse	19%
Not sure	6%

35. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	83%
No	17%

36. Which of the following best describes your primary health insurance?

Asked of those who reported having health insurance

I have health insurance that is provided through my or a family member's employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	37%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare	17%
I have health insurance that I or a family member purchased directly from the health insurance company or HMO, not through an employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	9%
I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits	5%
I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid	12%
Does not have health insurance	17%
Prefer not to say	4%

37. Did you have health insurance before January 1, 2014?

Yes	77%
No	21%
Not sure	2%

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

Expanded	31%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	40%
Not sure	14%

39. 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	23%
More of a failure than a success	17%
Equal amount of both failure and success	20%
More of a success than a failure	20%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	10%
Not sure	6%

40. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	20%	3%	1%
Immigration	42%	37%	17%	4%
The environment	42%	32%	18%	8%
Terrorism	50%	32%	13%	4%
Gay rights	19%	25%	26%	29%
Education	58%	32%	8%	2%
Health care	65%	27%	6%	2%
Social security	60%	31%	8%	1%
The budget deficit	54%	32%	11%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	38%	26%	9%
Taxes	58%	30%	9%	2%
Medicare	52%	33%	12%	3%
Abortion	34%	29%	23%	14%

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

The economy	32%
Immigration	6%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	2%
Education	9%
Health care	10%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%

42. 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	26%	24%	13%	34%	3%
Joe Biden	19%	27%	17%	28%	9%
John Boehner	5%	18%	23%	30%	24%
Mitch McConnell	6%	14%	23%	27%	30%
Harry Reid	8%	19%	16%	30%	26%
Nancy Pelosi	12%	21%	17%	34%	16%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Hillary Clinton	29%	25%	13%	28%	6%
Rand Paul	12%	21%	18%	24%	25%
Chris Christie	8%	27%	23%	24%	18%
Elizabeth Warren	17%	16%	15%	16%	36%
Jeb Bush	10%	23%	20%	24%	23%
Mike Huckabee	12%	22%	18%	24%	24%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	4%

45. 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	17%	28%	14%	35%	6%
Immigration	15%	23%	19%	33%	11%
The environment	15%	29%	20%	23%	12%
Terrorism	21%	27%	18%	25%	9%
Gay rights	21%	22%	15%	27%	15%
Education	20%	28%	21%	22%	10%
Health care	23%	22%	13%	36%	5%
Social security	17%	25%	20%	26%	13%
The war in Afghanistan	17%	28%	20%	24%	11%
The budget deficit	16%	22%	19%	36%	8%
Taxes	15%	26%	19%	30%	9%
Medicare	18%	25%	17%	27%	13%
Abortion	18%	21%	13%	27%	21%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	6%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

48. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	36%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	9%

49. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	34%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	30%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	36%	34%	30%
Bold	28%	56%	16%
Effective	19%	49%	32%
Exciting	13%	68%	19%
Experienced	22%	49%	30%
Honest	27%	40%	33%
Hypocritical	34%	43%	23%
Inspiring	32%	47%	22%
Intelligent	54%	35%	11%
Partisan	22%	66%	12%
Patriotic	26%	49%	25%
Religious	15%	61%	24%
Sincere	28%	45%	27%
Steady	23%	61%	16%
Strong	27%	52%	21%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	43%
Getting worse	31%
Not sure	4%

53. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	68%
No	29%
Don't know	3%

54. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support, nor oppose	23%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	13%

56. Education

No high school	12%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	22%
2-year college	11%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	7%

57. Age

18-29	26%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	14%

58. Race

White	66%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	8%

59. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	24%
South	37%
West	22%

60. Party Identification

Democratic	38%
Independent	35%
Republican	27%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 26-28, 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 5, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.94.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.