

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted May 30-June 1, 2015  
Margin of Error  $\pm 4.4\%$

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	45%
Some of the time	31%
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	27%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	14%

3. Are you in favor or opposed to the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

Favor the death penalty	60%
Opposed to the death penalty	27%
Not sure	13%

4. Do you think the death penalty is imposed too often or not often enough?

Too often	22%
About right	20%
Not often enough	41%
Not sure	17%

5. Which of the following methods should be used to execute criminals? Choose all that apply.

Lethal injection .....	62%
Electric chair .....	24%
Firing squad .....	30%
None of the above .....	24%

6. Which one do you think is a worse punishment for a person convicted of murder?

Execution .....	44%
Life in prison without the possibility of parole .....	46%
Not sure .....	10%

7. Do you think that any innocent people have been executed in the U.S. during the last five years?

Yes .....	51%
No .....	17%
Not sure .....	32%

8. Do you think that executing murderers deters others from committing murder?

Yes .....	34%
No .....	50%
Not sure .....	16%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the death penalty carried out on Timothy McVeigh, the man convicted of the 1993 Oklahoma City Bombing?

Approve strongly .....	55%
Approve somewhat .....	16%
Disapprove somewhat .....	9%
Disapprove strongly .....	10%
Not sure .....	10%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the jury imposing the death penalty on Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the man convicted of bombing the Boston Marathon in 2013?

Approve strongly	53%
Approve somewhat	16%
Disapprove somewhat	12%
Disapprove strongly	12%
Not sure	8%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the prosecutors seeking the death penalty against James Eagan Holmes, the man accused of killing a dozen people in a shooting rampage at a Colorado movie theater in 2012?

Approve strongly	51%
Approve somewhat	19%
Disapprove somewhat	9%
Disapprove strongly	11%
Not sure	9%

12. How much have you heard about several recent botched executions by lethal injection which resulted in prolonged, painful deaths by the inmates?

Heard a lot	28%
Heard a little	48%
Heard nothing at all	24%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the Nebraska state legislature's decision to eliminate the death penalty in Nebraska?

Approve strongly	21%
Approve somewhat	16%
Disapprove somewhat	18%
Disapprove strongly	29%
Not sure	16%

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

More honesty .....	13%
Same level of honesty .....	31%
Less honesty .....	25%
Not sure .....	32%

15. Are you confident in Rick Santorum’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	14%
Uneasy .....	42%
Not sure .....	44%

16. Would you say Rick Santorum is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	7%
Somewhat strong .....	34%
Somewhat weak .....	36%
Very weak .....	24%

17. Regardless of your overall opinion of Rick Santorum, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	23%
No .....	41%
Not sure .....	37%

18. Would you say Rick Santorum is...

Very liberal .....	1%
Liberal .....	3%
Moderate .....	11%
Conservative .....	24%
Very conservative .....	28%
Not sure .....	33%

19. Do you think Rick Santorum is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative .....	31%
About right .....	24%
Not conservative enough .....	8%
Don't know .....	36%

20. How likely is it that Rick Santorum will win the presidency in 2016?

Very likely .....	3%
Somewhat likely .....	11%
Not very likely .....	22%
Not likely at all .....	38%
Not sure .....	26%

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

More honesty .....	4%
Same level of honesty .....	33%
Less honesty .....	10%
Not sure .....	52%

22. Are you confident in George Pataki's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	10%
Uneasy .....	25%
Not sure .....	64%

23. Would you say George Pataki is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	5%
Somewhat strong .....	37%
Somewhat weak .....	44%
Very weak .....	14%

24. Regardless of your overall opinion of George Pataki, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	16%
No .....	31%
Not sure .....	53%

25. Would you say George Pataki is...

Very liberal .....	2%
Liberal .....	6%
Moderate .....	20%
Conservative .....	14%
Very conservative .....	4%
Not sure .....	54%

26. Do you think George Pataki is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative .....	11%
About right .....	18%
Not conservative enough .....	13%
Don't know .....	58%

**27. How likely is it that George Pataki will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely	2%
Somewhat likely	7%
Not very likely	18%
Not likely at all	36%
Not sure	38%

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

Expanded	37%
Kept the same	11%
Repealed	42%
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	23%
Equal amount of both failure and success	23%
More of a success than a failure	24%
A complete success	3%
Too early to tell	4%
Not sure	6%

**30. Do you think the number of people with health insurance has increased, remained the same, or decreased since 2013?**

Increased	58%
Remained the same	18%
Decreased	12%
Don't know	11%

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 .....	51%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people .....	17%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do .....	17%
Not sure .....	14%

32. Do you have health insurance?

Yes .....	83%
No .....	17%

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

Yes .....	79%
No .....	21%

34. How interested, if at all, are you in soccer?

Very interested .....	9%
Fairly interested .....	15%
Not very interested .....	27%
Not at all interested .....	48%

35. From what you have seen or heard, do you think the process through which Russia and Qatar won the right to host the 2018 and 2022 soccer World Cup contests was or was not corrupt?

Was probably corrupt .....	54%
Was probably not corrupt .....	5%
Don't know .....	40%



36. Do you think FIFA, the organization that runs world soccer, is or is not corrupt?

Is corrupt .....	54%
Is not corrupt .....	6%
Don't know .....	40%

37. Do you think this corruption is widespread or does it mainly involve a few people at the top of FIFA?

*Asked of those who think FIFA is corrupt*

Widespread .....	38%
Only involves a few people at the top of FIFA .....	12%
Not applicable, there has not been any corruption at FIFA .....	6%
Don't know .....	44%

38. Several members of FIFA were arrested on Wednesday on charges of corruption. How closely are you following this story?

Very closely .....	4%
Fairly closely .....	20%
Not very closely .....	20%
I am aware of the story but am not following it .....	30%
I am not aware of the story .....	26%

39. Over the years there have been many serious allegations of corruption within FIFA, which is based in Switzerland, but it is the American FBI which has taken action. Do you think it does or does not reflect poorly on European authorities that they have not taken action earlier?

Does reflect poorly on European authorities .....	61%
Does not reflect poorly on European authorities .....	11%
Not sure .....	28%

40. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	72%	25%	3%	1%
Immigration	49%	33%	14%	4%
The environment	52%	31%	12%	6%
Terrorism	62%	25%	9%	4%
Gay rights	23%	28%	21%	27%
Education	65%	26%	8%	1%
Health care	67%	27%	6%	1%
Social security	62%	28%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	53%	31%	11%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	36%	42%	15%	7%
Taxes	60%	30%	8%	2%
Medicare	55%	35%	9%	2%
Abortion	37%	34%	20%	9%
Foreign policy	44%	38%	13%	5%

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

The economy	19%
Immigration	6%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	4%
Education	12%
Health care	8%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	2%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	6%
Foreign policy	2%

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	25%	22%	11%	38%	3%
John Boehner	4%	21%	19%	29%	28%
Mitch McConnell	5%	18%	17%	27%	34%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	20%	14%	35%	22%
Harry Reid	5%	17%	12%	29%	36%

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
Jeb Bush	6%	24%	22%	28%	19%
Ben Carson	12%	15%	11%	19%	43%
Chris Christie	7%	22%	19%	28%	24%
Ted Cruz	13%	19%	11%	27%	30%
Carly Fiorina	9%	13%	12%	18%	48%
Lindsey Graham	4%	14%	15%	23%	43%
Mike Huckabee	13%	19%	17%	25%	26%
Bobby Jindal	7%	14%	12%	19%	49%
John Kasich	4%	12%	12%	11%	61%
George Pataki	5%	14%	19%	12%	49%
Rand Paul	11%	26%	18%	19%	27%
Rick Perry	8%	21%	14%	26%	32%
Marco Rubio	16%	16%	15%	21%	33%
Rick Santorum	8%	18%	14%	30%	30%
Scott Walker	12%	13%	10%	18%	46%

44. 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	17%	29%	15%	28%	11%
Lincoln Chafee	3%	10%	10%	12%	65%
Hillary Clinton	24%	23%	11%	38%	4%
Martin O'Malley	3%	15%	11%	15%	55%
Bernie Sanders	12%	15%	14%	17%	42%
Jim Webb	3%	12%	11%	12%	62%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	3%

46. 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%	29%	10%	34%	7%
Immigration	18%	23%	15%	36%	9%
The environment	15%	30%	16%	25%	14%
Terrorism	18%	27%	13%	32%	9%
Gay rights	18%	24%	10%	25%	22%
Education	16%	31%	17%	25%	12%
Health care	24%	20%	14%	37%	5%
Social security	15%	26%	15%	27%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	26%	20%	30%	11%
The budget deficit	15%	25%	14%	36%	10%
Taxes	14%	28%	16%	29%	12%
Medicare	16%	25%	17%	29%	14%
Abortion	14%	23%	12%	27%	25%
Foreign policy	15%	23%	14%	34%	13%

47. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	8%

48. 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	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	14%

49. 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	8%
About the same	35%
Less than usual	41%
Not sure	15%

50. 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	35%
Not sure	6%

51. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	30%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	8%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	12%

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

Very strong .....	17%
Somewhat strong .....	34%
Somewhat weak .....	17%
Very weak .....	32%

**53. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	49%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Like a lot .....	34%
Like somewhat .....	28%
Dislike .....	30%
Not sure .....	7%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	40%	30%	29%
Bold	25%	55%	20%
Effective	27%	43%	31%
Exciting	15%	57%	29%
Experienced	24%	50%	26%
Honest	29%	37%	34%
Hypocritical	36%	37%	27%
Inspiring	31%	43%	25%
Intelligent	54%	32%	14%
Partisan	22%	66%	12%
Patriotic	30%	40%	30%
Religious	14%	58%	28%
Sincere	30%	42%	29%
Steady	24%	59%	17%
Strong	30%	41%	29%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

**57. Are you registered to vote?**

Yes	68%
No	30%
Don't know	2%



58. 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 .....	10%
Ben Carson .....	5%
Chris Christie .....	5%
Ted Cruz .....	6%
Carly Fiorina .....	3%
Lindsey Graham .....	1%
Mike Huckabee .....	5%
Bobby Jindal .....	2%
John Kasich .....	2%
George Pataki .....	3%
Rand Paul .....	10%
Rick Perry .....	1%
Marco Rubio .....	5%
Rick Santorum .....	3%
Scott Walker .....	6%
Other .....	5%
No preference .....	27%

59. So far, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Mike Huckabee, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, and Rick Santorum have formally announced candidacies for the Republican nomination for President in 2016. How satisfied are you with these options?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Very satisfied .....	15%
Somewhat satisfied .....	28%
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	13%
Very dissatisfied .....	25%
Not sure .....	19%

60. If these were the only candidates running for the Republican presidential nomination, which one would you choose?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Ben Carson	8%
Ted Cruz	7%
Carly Fiorina	5%
Mike Huckabee	11%
Rand Paul	16%
Marco Rubio	10%
Rick Santorum	7%
None of them	37%

61. 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	15%
Lincoln Chafee	1%
Hillary Clinton	31%
Bernie Sanders	11%
Martin O'Malley	4%
Jim Webb	6%
Other	4%
No preference	28%

62. 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	19%
Somewhat satisfied	23%
Somewhat dissatisfied	14%
Very dissatisfied	32%
Not sure	12%

63. 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 .....	42%
Bernie Sanders .....	22%
Not sure .....	9%
I would not vote .....	27%

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

*Asked only of registered voters*

Hillary Clinton .....	39%
Bernie Sanders .....	16%
Martin O'Malley .....	9%
Not sure .....	11%
I would not vote .....	24%

65. If an election for the Democratic nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Martin O'Malley and Bernie Sanders, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Martin O'Malley .....	20%
Bernie Sanders .....	41%
Not sure .....	27%
I would not vote .....	11%

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

*Asked only of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	40%
The Republican Party candidate .....	41%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	13%
I would not vote .....	3%

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

Getting better .....	31%
About the same .....	31%
Getting worse .....	35%
Not sure .....	3%

**68. Is the place where you live owned or rented?**

Owned by you or your family .....	57%
Rented from someone else .....	41%
Other .....	2%

**69. 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 .....	35%
Stayed about the same .....	38%
Decreased .....	19%
Not sure .....	9%

**70. 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 .....	48%
Stayed about the same .....	29%
Decreased .....	7%
Not sure .....	16%

**71. Thinking ahead, do you think home prices in your area will increase or decrease in the next year?**

Will increase a lot .....	11%
Will increase a little .....	38%
Will stay about the same .....	24%
Will decrease a little .....	11%
Will decrease a lot .....	3%
Not sure .....	13%

**72. How worried are you about making your mortgage payments?**

*Asked of those who own their own homes*

Very worried .....	6%
Somewhat worried .....	24%
Not worried .....	35%
Don't have mortgage payments .....	35%

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

Will definitely buy a home .....	2%
Am considering buying a home .....	17%
Not looking for a home now .....	81%

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

More jobs .....	26%
The same amount of jobs .....	40%
Fewer jobs .....	22%
Not sure .....	12%

75. 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 .....	40%
Military Household - None .....	47%

**76. Gender**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

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

Strongly support .....	11%
Somewhat support .....	16%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	19%
Somewhat oppose .....	8%
Strongly oppose .....	24%
Not sure .....	22%

**78. Education**

No high school .....	10%
High school graduate .....	31%
Some college .....	24%
2-year college .....	10%
4-year college .....	16%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**79. Age**

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

**80. Race**

White .....	66%
Black .....	15%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	8%

**81. Region**

Northeast .....	16%
Midwest .....	25%
South .....	37%
West .....	22%

**82. Party Identification**

Democratic .....	37%
Independent .....	33%
Republican .....	31%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	May 30-June 1, 2015
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 6.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.01.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.4% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.