

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted February 28-March 2, 2015
 Margin of Error ±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 47%
 Some of the time 31%
 Only now and then 13%
 Hardly at all 8%
 Don't know 1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 30%
 Off on the wrong track 57%
 Not sure 13%

3. How serious a threat do you think the following groups or countries pose to the United States?

	An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	A minor threat to the U.S.	Not a threat to the U.S.	Not sure
ISIS	58%	26%	9%	3%	4%
Al Qaeda	41%	34%	17%	3%	5%
Hamas	17%	26%	25%	11%	20%
Iran	25%	34%	20%	9%	11%
Russia	14%	42%	26%	9%	9%
Syria	21%	33%	25%	11%	11%

4. Excluding yourself, do you personally know anyone who is Muslim?

Yes 40%
No 53%
Not sure 7%

5. Which statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right?

The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers 53%
The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others 47%

6. In the war against terrorism, do you think most Muslims around the world are more sympathetic to the United States or the terrorists?

United States 51%
Terrorists 49%

7. Do you think most of the victims of ISIS have been Muslim, Christian, Jewish, or followers of other religions?

Muslim 31%
Christian 32%
Jewish 3%
Other religions 5%
Not sure 29%

8. Are there any predominantly Muslim countries participating in the international coalition striking ISIS targets?

Yes 48%
No 7%
Not sure 45%

9. Do you think it is possible for the United States to effectively fight ISIS using air strikes only, without sending ground troops?

Yes	23%
No	51%
Don't know	26%

10. Would you support or oppose the United States sending ground troops to fight ISIS?

Strongly support	23%
Somewhat support	30%
Somewhat oppose	20%
Strongly oppose	16%
Not sure	11%

11. Do you think the US should completely rule out sending ground troops to fight ISIS in countries in the Middle East, or should they keep the option open?

Asked of those who oppose sending ground troops or aren't sure

Already supports sending ground troops	52%
Completely rule out	13%
Keep the option open	25%
Don't know	9%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling ISIS?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	15%

13. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Scott Walker?

Very favorable	13%
Somewhat favorable	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	19%
Don't know	44%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Walker is handling his job as the Governor of Wisconsin?

Approve strongly	18%
Approve somewhat	12%
Disapprove somewhat	8%
Disapprove strongly	18%
Not sure	44%

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

Harder	20%
About the same	37%
Easier	9%
Not sure	34%

16. Do you think Scott Walker...

Says what he believes	32%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	27%
Not sure	42%

17. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Scott Walker as a person?

Like a lot	14%
Like somewhat	17%
Dislike	20%
Not sure	49%

18. Regardless of your overall opinion of Scott Walker, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	25%
No	36%
Not sure	39%

19. Regardless of your overall opinion of Scott Walker, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	28%
No	26%
Not sure	45%

20. How much do you think Scott Walker cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	19%
Some	30%
Not much	25%
Not at all	27%

21. Do you think Scott Walker 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	29%
Less honesty	19%
Not sure	34%

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

Confident	22%
Uneasy	35%
Not sure	43%

23. Would you say Scott Walker is...

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	10%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	21%
Not sure	38%

24. Do you think Scott Walker is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative	25%
About right	26%
Not conservative enough	7%
Don't know	42%

25. How intelligent is Scott Walker?

Very intelligent	23%
Somewhat intelligent	22%
Not very intelligent	9%
Not intelligent at all	7%
Not sure	39%

26. Would you say Scott Walker is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	20%
Somewhat strong	37%
Somewhat weak	29%
Very weak	14%

27. Do you think Scott Walker will run for President in 2016?

Yes	39%
No	13%
Not sure	48%

28. Do you want Scott Walker to run for President in 2016?

Yes	22%
No	35%
Not sure	43%

29. How likely is it that Scott Walker will win if he chooses to run for President in 2016?

Very likely	6%
Somewhat likely	21%
Not very likely	18%
Not likely at all	18%
Not sure	36%

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

Expanded	31%
Kept the same	18%
Repealed	41%
Not sure	11%

31. 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	17%
More of a failure than a success	25%
Equal amount of both failure and success	18%
More of a success than a failure	26%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	4%
Not sure	5%

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

Increased	55%
Remained the same	18%
Decreased	15%
Don't know	12%

33. 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	18%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	17%
Not sure	16%

34. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	88%
No	12%

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

Yes 80%
 No 20%

36. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	72%	24%	3%	0%
Immigration	48%	37%	12%	3%
The environment	46%	35%	13%	6%
Terrorism	62%	28%	7%	3%
Gay rights	23%	28%	21%	28%
Education	63%	28%	8%	1%
Health care	61%	30%	8%	1%
Social security	60%	29%	10%	1%
The budget deficit	49%	35%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	30%	46%	21%	3%
Taxes	55%	36%	8%	1%
Medicare	51%	33%	12%	3%
Abortion	34%	34%	23%	9%
Foreign policy	43%	40%	14%	3%

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

The economy	22%
Immigration	8%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	3%
Education	10%
Health care	7%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	6%
Foreign policy	2%

38. 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%	24%	11%	36%	2%
John Boehner	5%	21%	22%	32%	21%
Mitch McConnell	4%	20%	19%	27%	30%
Harry Reid	6%	18%	17%	29%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	25%	14%	36%	17%

39. 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%	26%	26%	26%	16%
Ben Carson	17%	12%	11%	13%	48%
Chris Christie	7%	23%	24%	25%	22%
Ted Cruz	11%	20%	10%	26%	33%
Carly Fiorina	6%	14%	11%	12%	57%
Lindsey Graham	5%	16%	15%	21%	44%
Mike Huckabee	15%	21%	15%	24%	26%
Bobby Jindal	9%	17%	11%	17%	46%
John Kasich	5%	16%	9%	10%	60%
Rand Paul	10%	25%	18%	20%	27%
Rick Perry	9%	21%	14%	26%	30%
Marco Rubio	12%	21%	15%	18%	33%
Rick Santorum	8%	20%	16%	24%	32%

40. Do you think the people listed below are too conservative or not conservative enough?

	Too conservative	About right	Not conservative enough	Don't know
Jeb Bush	25%	28%	19%	28%
Ben Carson	17%	26%	5%	52%
Chris Christie	19%	28%	20%	33%
Ted Cruz	30%	27%	5%	38%
Carly Fiorina	14%	19%	7%	60%
Lindsey Graham	24%	17%	12%	47%
Mike Huckabee	29%	28%	7%	36%
Bobby Jindal	19%	27%	5%	49%
John Kasich	12%	18%	6%	65%
Rand Paul	27%	29%	10%	34%
Rick Perry	30%	28%	7%	36%
Marco Rubio	22%	30%	8%	40%
Rick Santorum	30%	25%	7%	38%

41. 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%	28%	17%	28%	11%
Hillary Clinton	27%	25%	8%	36%	4%
Martin O'Malley	3%	11%	10%	9%	67%
Bernie Sanders	12%	13%	10%	12%	53%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	13%	8%	9%	69%
Jim Webb	4%	14%	11%	8%	63%

42. Do you think the people listed below are too liberal or not liberal enough?

	Too liberal	About right	Not liberal enough	Don't know
Joe Biden	31%	39%	9%	21%
Hillary Clinton	34%	39%	12%	15%
Martin O'Malley	12%	15%	6%	67%
Bernie Sanders	20%	22%	5%	54%
Brian Schweitzer	11%	11%	8%	70%
Jim Webb	12%	16%	7%	64%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	3%

44. 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%	28%	13%	35%	5%
Immigration	18%	22%	14%	37%	8%
The environment	16%	29%	19%	23%	12%
Terrorism	17%	29%	14%	34%	6%
Gay rights	19%	25%	13%	24%	19%
Education	17%	29%	17%	26%	11%
Health care	26%	22%	12%	37%	3%
Social security	17%	23%	16%	28%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	26%	18%	31%	10%
The budget deficit	15%	26%	12%	37%	10%
Taxes	17%	27%	14%	33%	10%
Medicare	19%	23%	16%	29%	13%
Abortion	16%	23%	11%	27%	23%
Foreign policy	14%	29%	13%	34%	11%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off now	26%
About the same	35%
Worse off now	35%
Not sure	4%

47. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	25%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	12%

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

Very strong	17%
Somewhat strong	33%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	31%

49. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	43%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	47%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	36%
Like somewhat	25%
Dislike	32%
Not sure	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	36%	32%	31%
Bold	24%	58%	18%
Effective	22%	45%	33%
Exciting	12%	63%	25%
Experienced	20%	52%	28%
Honest	30%	35%	35%
Hypocritical	34%	36%	29%
Inspiring	26%	48%	26%
Intelligent	52%	32%	16%
Partisan	20%	66%	14%
Patriotic	27%	44%	29%
Religious	10%	62%	29%
Sincere	32%	39%	29%
Steady	23%	59%	18%
Strong	26%	45%	29%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	37%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

53. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	70%
No	28%
Don't know	3%

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

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	36%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	6%
Not sure	21%
I would not vote	2%

55. 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	8%
Somewhat approve	21%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	18%

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

Getting better	30%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	30%
Not sure	3%

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

Owned by you or your family	59%
Rented from someone else	40%
Other	1%

58. 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	20%
Not sure	7%

59. 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	43%
Stayed about the same	30%
Decreased	11%
Not sure	16%

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

Will increase a lot	8%
Will increase a little	37%
Will stay about the same	29%
Will decrease a little	10%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	13%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not worried	36%
Don't have mortgage payments	31%

62. 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	80%

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

More jobs	26%
The same amount of jobs	38%
Fewer jobs	23%
Not sure	13%

64. 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	7%
Military Household - I served previously	13%
Military Household - Family served previously	37%
Military Household - None	48%

65. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support, nor oppose	18%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	28%
Not sure	18%

67. Education

No high school	8%
High school graduate	33%
Some college	26%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

68. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	25%
45-64	35%
65+	15%

69. Race

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	8%

70. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	24%
South	34%
West	23%

71. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	34%
Republican	30%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 28-March 2, 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 0.92.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.