

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 2000 General Population Respondents
Conducted February 24 - 27, 2016
Margin of Error $\pm 2.9\%$

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	49%
Some of the time	29%
Only now and then	12%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	9%

3. 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	21%	20%	11%	43%	5%
Bernie Sanders	21%	27%	15%	24%	12%

4. How would you feel if the person listed below was the 2016 Democratic presidential election nominee?

Asked of registered voters

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied but not enthusiastic	Dissatisfied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	20%	20%	14%	43%	3%
Bernie Sanders	23%	25%	20%	26%	6%

5. Who do you think is the most likely candidate to become the Democratic nominee for president in 2016?

Hillary Clinton	56%
Bernie Sanders	22%
Not sure	22%

6. Regardless of who the Republicans select as their nominee, do you think the Democratic presidential candidates listed below could possibly win or could never win the general election in November if he or she was to become the Democratic nominee?

	Could possibly win	Could never win	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	69%	19%	12%
Bernie Sanders	56%	25%	19%

7. Which Democratic candidate do you think has the better chance to win the general election in November?

Hillary Clinton	52%
Bernie Sanders	27%
Not sure	21%

8. Do you think who wins the Democratic nomination will be decided in the next few months, or do you think it won't be decided until the Democratic nominating convention in July?

Decided in next few months43%
 At the Democratic National Convention in July36%
 Not sure21%

9. Do you want the Democratic nominee to be decided quickly or do you want the contest to continue all the way to the nominating convention in July?

Decided quickly46%
 Decided at the convention in July54%

10. In your view, would it be better for one of the Democratic candidates running to win enough delegates in the primaries to secure the presidential nomination before the party's convention, or would it be better if neither one of the candidates won enough delegates so that the party can pick someone else to be the nominee at the convention?

Better if one wins enough delegates in primaries47%
 Better if neither one wins enough delegates and convention chooses24%
 Not sure29%

11. Do you think candidates below are running a fair campaign or a dirty campaign?

	Fair campaign	Dirty campaign	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	44%	40%	16%
Bernie Sanders	64%	14%	22%

12. 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%	26%	31%	14%
Ben Carson	13%	22%	19%	28%	18%
Ted Cruz	12%	18%	19%	35%	15%
John Kasich	8%	25%	20%	17%	30%
Marco Rubio	10%	27%	20%	26%	17%
Donald Trump	20%	16%	13%	46%	5%

13. How would you feel if the person listed below was the 2016 Republican presidential election nominee?

Asked of registered voters

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied but not enthusiastic	Dissatisfied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Ben Carson	14%	26%	24%	28%	8%
Ted Cruz	15%	21%	21%	36%	7%
John Kasich	10%	31%	24%	17%	17%
Marco Rubio	15%	29%	24%	24%	8%
Donald Trump	25%	17%	14%	40%	4%

14. Who do you think is the most likely candidate to become the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

Ben Carson	3%
Ted Cruz	8%
John Kasich	2%
Marco Rubio	10%
Donald Trump	56%
Not sure	22%

15. Regardless of who the Democrats select as their nominee, do you think the Republican presidential candidates listed below could possibly win or could never win the general election in November if he was to become the Republican nominee?

	Could possibly win	Could never win	Not sure
Ben Carson	21%	55%	23%
Ted Cruz	45%	33%	22%
John Kasich	26%	44%	30%
Marco Rubio	49%	27%	24%
Donald Trump	63%	25%	13%

16. Which Republican candidate do you think has the best chance to win the general election in November?

Ben Carson	3%
Ted Cruz	10%
John Kasich	5%
Marco Rubio	14%
Donald Trump	45%
Not sure	23%

17. Do you think who wins the Republican nomination will be decided in the next few months, or do you think it won't be decided until the Republican nominating convention in July?

Decided in next few months	44%
At the Republican National Convention in July	33%
Not sure	23%

18. Do you want the Republican nominee to be decided quickly or do you want the contest to continue all the way to the nominating convention in July?

Decided quickly	51%
Decided at the convention in July	49%

19. In your view, would it be better for one of the Republican candidates running to win enough delegates in the primaries to secure the presidential nomination before the party's convention, or would it be better if none of the candidates won enough delegates so that the party can pick someone else to be the nominee at the convention?

Better if one wins enough delegates in primaries 46%
 Better if none wins enough delegates and convention chooses 26%
 Not sure 28%

20. Do you think candidates below are running a fair campaign or a dirty campaign?

	Fair campaign	Dirty campaign	Not sure
Ben Carson	55%	14%	31%
Ted Cruz	30%	43%	27%
John Kasich	49%	12%	39%
Marco Rubio	42%	27%	31%
Donald Trump	30%	54%	16%

21. Which is more important: picking a candidate who...

Is honest and trustworthy 38%
 Is best prepared to win the general election in November 9%
 Shakes up politics-as-usual 10%
 Has policy proposals I agree with 22%
 Has the experience to be president 16%
 Something else 5%

22. Would you say you follow what's going on in the presidential election...

Most of the time 47%
 Some of the time 26%
 Only now and then 14%
 Hardly at all 9%
 Don't know 4%

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

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	40%
The Republican Party candidate	44%
Other	3%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	2%

24. Do you think the following presidential candidates are ready to be Commander-in-Chief?

	Ready	Not ready	Not sure
Ben Carson	17%	59%	23%
Hillary Clinton	50%	39%	11%
Ted Cruz	30%	47%	24%
John Kasich	27%	39%	33%
Marco Rubio	29%	46%	25%
Bernie Sanders	37%	42%	21%
Donald Trump	33%	54%	13%

25. Do you think the following presidential candidates are honest and trustworthy, or not?

	Honest and trustworthy	Not honest and trustworthy	Not sure
Ben Carson	40%	29%	31%
Hillary Clinton	29%	57%	14%
Ted Cruz	27%	44%	29%
John Kasich	35%	22%	43%
Marco Rubio	32%	34%	34%
Bernie Sanders	50%	23%	27%
Donald Trump	27%	55%	18%

26. Are you confident or uneasy about the following presidential candidates' ability to deal wisely with the U.S. economy?

	Confident	Uneasy	Not sure
Ben Carson	21%	50%	28%
Hillary Clinton	39%	49%	12%
Ted Cruz	27%	48%	25%
John Kasich	28%	33%	39%
Marco Rubio	29%	43%	28%
Bernie Sanders	35%	44%	21%
Donald Trump	37%	52%	11%

27. Are you confident or uneasy about the following presidential candidates' ability to deal wisely with immigration?

	Confident	Uneasy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	40%	46%	14%
Ted Cruz	28%	48%	24%
John Kasich	22%	38%	40%
Marco Rubio	27%	46%	27%
Bernie Sanders	34%	41%	24%
Donald Trump	35%	54%	11%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Michael Bloomberg	6%	21%	16%	18%	39%
Bill Clinton	23%	26%	19%	23%	9%
Antonin Scalia	24%	17%	11%	13%	35%

29. Which President appointed Justice Scalia to the Supreme Court?

Gerald Ford	1%
Jimmy Carter	1%
Ronald Reagan	42%
George H. W. Bush	5%
Bill Clinton	3%
George W. Bush	4%
Barack Obama	5%
Don't know	38%

30. Should President Obama nominate a replacement for Justice Scalia on the Supreme Court now or wait until after the election?

Nominate a replacement now	47%
Wait until after the election	38%
Not sure	15%

31. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	21%	1%	1%
Immigration	53%	34%	10%	3%
The environment	48%	34%	12%	6%
Terrorism	68%	22%	8%	3%
Gay rights	22%	25%	25%	28%
Education	61%	29%	8%	2%
Health care	72%	22%	4%	2%
Social security	68%	26%	5%	1%
The budget deficit	55%	34%	9%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	38%	41%	15%	6%
Taxes	58%	35%	6%	1%
Medicare	62%	28%	8%	2%
Abortion	38%	32%	20%	9%
Foreign policy	52%	36%	9%	3%
Gun control	53%	26%	13%	9%

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

The economy	19%
Immigration	8%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	13%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	13%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	2%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	5%

33. 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	28%	20%	11%	37%	4%
Joe Biden	20%	26%	15%	20%	18%
Paul Ryan	7%	25%	17%	20%	31%
Mitch McConnell	3%	14%	17%	28%	38%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	19%	12%	35%	28%
Harry Reid	5%	17%	11%	29%	38%

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

Strongly Approve	21%
Somewhat Approve	25%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%
Strongly Disapprove	37%
Not Sure	4%

35. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	30%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	18%

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

Very strong	19%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	21%
Very weak	33%

37. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	44%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	44%
Not sure	11%

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

Like a lot	33%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	29%
Not sure	11%

39. 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
Abortion	15%	21%	12%	26%	25%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	20%	20%	33%	15%
The budget deficit	13%	22%	14%	37%	14%
The economy	18%	22%	15%	34%	11%
Education	16%	26%	16%	24%	17%
The environment	18%	27%	13%	26%	16%
Foreign policy	15%	21%	14%	35%	15%
Gay rights	23%	21%	10%	27%	19%
Gun control	17%	21%	15%	37%	10%
Health care	22%	20%	11%	39%	7%
Immigration	15%	19%	15%	39%	12%
Medicare	16%	22%	17%	30%	16%
Social security	13%	22%	15%	30%	19%
Taxes	13%	23%	17%	31%	16%
Terrorism	16%	23%	14%	35%	13%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	11%

41. 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	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	17%

42. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Paul Ryan is handling his job as Speaker of the US House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Not sure	33%

43. 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	5%
About the same	34%
Less than usual	40%
Not sure	21%

44. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Republicans in Congress	46%
Democrats in Congress	9%
Both equally	40%
Neither	3%
Not sure	2%

45. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	18%	25%	19%	30%	9%
The Republican Party	9%	24%	25%	32%	10%

46. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	11%	24%	23%	25%	16%
Republicans in Congress	6%	20%	20%	37%	16%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	40%
Not sure	6%

48. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	20%
About the same	31%
Lower	26%
Not sure	24%

49. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	19%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	30%
Not sure	5%

50. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	21%
The same amount of jobs	36%
Fewer jobs	29%
Not sure	15%

51. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	33%
Not very worried	57%

52. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	40%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	7%

53. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	23%
Happy	34%
Neither happy nor unhappy	31%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Liberal	21%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	36%
Not sure	9%

55. Thinking about politics these days, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	29%
Very Conservative	6%
Not sure	9%

56. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	32%
Republican	26%
Independent	31%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

57. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	32%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	23%
Lean Republican	9%
Republican	26%

58. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	5%

59. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	17%
No	53%
Not sure	30%

60. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	33%
No	35%
Not sure	32%

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

Strongly support	8%
Somewhat support	15%
Neither support, nor oppose	26%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	22%
Not sure	20%

62. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	9%
No	69%
Not Sure	22%

63. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	63%
Not registered	37%

64. How often would you say you vote in primary or caucus elections—that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you vote in primary or caucus elections...?

Always	31%
Nearly always	16%
Part of the time	13%
Seldom	9%
Never	26%
Unsure	4%

65. In the 2016 primary election or caucus in your state, are you likely to vote?

Likely to vote in Democratic primary or attend Democratic caucus	33%
Likely to vote in Republican primary or attend Republican caucus	33%
Not likely to vote in a primary election or attend a caucus	34%

66. Do you have a good idea of which candidate you'll vote for in your party's presidential primary next year, or are you still making up your mind?

Asked of those who said they are likely to vote in their party's presidential primary or caucus next year

I have a good idea of who I'll vote for	66%
I'm still making up my mind	30%
I don't plan to vote in the primary election or caucus	3%
Not sure	2%

67. Are you male or female?

Male	48%
Female	52%

68. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	26%
45-64	35%
65+	17%

69. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	12%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

70. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	43%
Some college	31%
College grad	17%
Postgrad	9%

71. What is your marital status?

Married	48%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Single	29%
Domestic partnership	4%

72. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	29%
No	71%

73. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	19%
Midwest	20%
South	39%
West	23%

74. How would you describe the place where you live?

City	32%
Suburb	33%
Town	15%
Rural area	20%
Other	1%

75. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	35%
Part-time employed	13%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	10%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	10%
Other	1%

76. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family’s annual income?

Under \$50K	53%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	11%
Prefer not to say	11%

77. 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.

I am	1%
Family member	9%
I served previously	12%
Family served previously	35%
None	52%

78. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am	6%
Yes, household member is	6%
No	89%

79. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	28%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	17%

80. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	14%
Seldom	25%
Never	26%
Don't know	1%

81. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	30%
No	70%

82. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	17%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	16%
Never	15%
Don't know	3%

83. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	40%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	19%
Something else	5%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 24 - 27, 2016
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 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.84.
Number of respondents	2000
Margin of error	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.