

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted June 13-15, 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	47%
Some of the time	30%
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	26%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	13%

3. In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the US and other countries have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

Very good	12%
Somewhat good	38%
Somewhat bad	19%
Very bad	12%
Not sure	20%

4. Do free trade agreements make the price of products sold in the US higher, lower or not make a difference?

Higher prices	24%
Not make a difference	15%
Lower prices	35%
Not sure	27%

5. Do free trade agreements make the wages of American workers higher, lower or not make a difference?

Higher wages .....	8%
Not make a difference .....	21%
Lower wages .....	44%
Not sure .....	26%

6. Do free trade agreements create jobs in the US, lead to job losses, or not make a difference?

Create jobs .....	16%
Not make a difference .....	13%
Job losses .....	45%
Not sure .....	26%

7. Are free trade agreements good for the people of developing countries, bad for the people of developing countries, or not make a difference?

Good for people in developing countries .....	52%
Not make a difference .....	12%
Bad for people in developing countries .....	10%
Not sure .....	26%

8. Do you think free trade agreements have definitely helped, probably helped, probably hurt, or definitely hurt the financial situation of you and your family?

Definitely helped .....	7%
Probably helped .....	23%
Probably hurt .....	23%
Definitely hurt .....	10%
Not sure .....	37%

9. Do free trade agreements make the American economy grow, slow the economy down, or not make a difference?

American economy grow .....	25%
Not make a difference .....	12%
Slow the economy down .....	35%
Not sure .....	27%

10. Do you think the North American Free Trade Agreement, also known as NAFTA, is good or bad for...

	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	Not sure
The US economy	10%	27%	23%	16%	24%
Consumers like you	11%	38%	20%	10%	22%
American companies	16%	29%	20%	13%	21%
Creating jobs in the US	8%	24%	25%	20%	23%

11. Do you think that NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, has been good or bad for the United States?

Very good .....	9%
Somewhat good .....	29%
Somewhat bad .....	28%
Very bad .....	13%
Not sure .....	22%

12. How much have you heard about the following free trade proposals?

	Heard a lot	Heard a little	Heard nothing at all
The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)	15%	38%	47%
The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)	10%	34%	56%

13. Do you think that TTIP, a free trade agreement currently being negotiated between the European Union and the United States, would be good or bad for the United States?

Very good	7%
Somewhat good	25%
Somewhat bad	19%
Very bad	9%
Not sure	40%

14. Do you think that the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a free trade agreement currently being negotiated between the US and various Asian countries, would be good or bad for the United States?

Very good	8%
Somewhat good	24%
Somewhat bad	20%
Very bad	15%
Not sure	33%

15. How much would you say you know about the so-called 'trade promotion authority' sometimes known as 'fast track' trade legislation that has been debated in Congress?

a lot	8%
some	20%
only a little	29%
nothing at all	44%

16. Overall, do you think that free trade between the United States and other countries has been good or bad for the United States?

Very good	9%
Somewhat good	33%
Somewhat bad	26%
Very bad	10%
Not sure	22%

17. Do you think free trade between the United States and other countries has been good or bad for you personally?

Very good	9%
Somewhat good	29%
Somewhat bad	16%
Very bad	8%
Not sure	38%

18. Which statement is closer to your view?

It is more important to keep industrial jobs in the U.S., even if prices in stores are higher	64%
It is more important to keep prices low, even if some jobs are lost	19%
Not sure	18%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling free trade agreements?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	29%
No opinion	29%

20. As you may know, Congress recently rejected President Obama's request for 'fast track' approval for TPP. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling free trade agreements?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	10%
No opinion	30%

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

More honesty .....	14%
Same level of honesty .....	33%
Less honesty .....	28%
Not sure .....	25%

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

Confident .....	19%
Uneasy .....	41%
Not sure .....	39%

23. Would you say Rick Perry is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	10%
Somewhat strong .....	39%
Somewhat weak .....	29%
Very weak .....	22%

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

Yes .....	27%
No .....	42%
Not sure .....	31%

**25. Would you say Rick Perry is...**

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	4%
Moderate .....	11%
Conservative .....	28%
Very conservative .....	24%
Not sure .....	31%

**26. Do you think Rick Perry is too conservative or not conservative enough?**

Too conservative .....	29%
About right .....	28%
Not conservative enough .....	9%
Don't know .....	33%

**27. How likely is it that Rick Perry will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely .....	3%
Somewhat likely .....	12%
Not very likely .....	25%
Not likely at all .....	37%
Not sure .....	23%

**28. Do you think Jeb Bush 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 .....	39%
Less honesty .....	30%
Not sure .....	18%

29. Are you confident in Jeb Bush’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	27%
Uneasy .....	44%
Not sure .....	30%

30. Would you say Jeb Bush is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	10%
Somewhat strong .....	39%
Somewhat weak .....	31%
Very weak .....	20%

31. Regardless of your overall opinion of Jeb Bush, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	39%
No .....	39%
Not sure .....	22%

32. Would you say Jeb Bush is...

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	5%
Moderate .....	21%
Conservative .....	34%
Very conservative .....	15%
Not sure .....	22%

33. Do you think Jeb Bush is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative .....	24%
About right .....	29%
Not conservative enough .....	17%
Don’t know .....	30%



**34. How likely is it that Jeb Bush will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely .....	4%
Somewhat likely .....	28%
Not very likely .....	24%
Not likely at all .....	23%
Not sure .....	20%

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

Expanded .....	32%
Kept the same .....	17%
Repealed .....	41%
Not sure .....	10%

**36. 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 .....	26%
Equal amount of both failure and success .....	18%
More of a success than a failure .....	24%
A complete success .....	5%
Too early to tell .....	5%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Increased .....	60%
Remained the same .....	16%
Decreased .....	13%
Don't know .....	11%

38. 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	17%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do .....	18%
Not sure .....	17%

39. Do you have health insurance?

Yes .....	85%
No .....	15%

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

Yes .....	75%
No .....	25%

41. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	74%	22%	3%	1%
Immigration	48%	36%	12%	4%
The environment	49%	32%	13%	6%
Terrorism	59%	27%	12%	3%
Gay rights	22%	24%	22%	32%
Education	57%	33%	8%	2%
Health care	65%	27%	7%	1%
Social security	61%	28%	10%	1%
The budget deficit	51%	33%	14%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	45%	17%	7%
Taxes	61%	30%	8%	1%
Medicare	53%	33%	12%	3%
Abortion	37%	31%	19%	13%
Foreign policy	43%	40%	12%	4%

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

The economy	19%
Immigration	6%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	8%
Gay rights	4%
Education	12%
Health care	9%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	6%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%

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
Barack Obama	26%	23%	14%	36%	1%
John Boehner	3%	16%	23%	31%	26%
Mitch McConnell	3%	14%	21%	30%	33%
Nancy Pelosi	6%	23%	15%	37%	20%
Harry Reid	5%	18%	14%	32%	31%

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
Jeb Bush	10%	26%	22%	28%	14%
Ben Carson	13%	15%	11%	19%	42%
Chris Christie	5%	26%	19%	29%	21%
Ted Cruz	11%	21%	12%	29%	27%
Carly Fiorina	5%	17%	14%	20%	43%
Lindsey Graham	3%	16%	17%	25%	39%
Mike Huckabee	11%	22%	18%	25%	25%
Bobby Jindal	7%	15%	14%	21%	43%
John Kasich	6%	11%	11%	12%	60%
George Pataki	4%	12%	18%	11%	55%
Rand Paul	9%	24%	21%	21%	26%
Rick Perry	9%	22%	15%	29%	25%
Marco Rubio	14%	17%	15%	23%	30%
Rick Santorum	7%	18%	16%	29%	31%
Donald Trump	6%	20%	21%	39%	14%
Scott Walker	12%	14%	9%	25%	40%

45. 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%	27%	16%	29%	13%
Lincoln Chafee	2%	11%	11%	14%	63%
Hillary Clinton	25%	21%	13%	36%	4%
Martin O'Malley	3%	14%	14%	12%	57%
Bernie Sanders	14%	14%	13%	22%	37%
Jim Webb	4%	11%	12%	13%	61%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	2%

47. 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	18%	25%	17%	32%	7%
Immigration	17%	21%	11%	40%	11%
The environment	19%	28%	16%	25%	12%
Terrorism	18%	24%	16%	33%	9%
Gay rights	18%	25%	10%	28%	20%
Education	17%	28%	16%	27%	12%
Health care	26%	21%	12%	37%	4%
Social security	16%	23%	17%	27%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	25%	20%	28%	14%
The budget deficit	14%	20%	16%	36%	13%
Taxes	14%	24%	18%	30%	14%
Medicare	18%	23%	16%	27%	16%
Abortion	16%	20%	10%	30%	25%
Foreign policy	16%	19%	16%	34%	16%

48. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	8%

49. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	24%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	11%

50. 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	36%
Less than usual	42%
Not sure	15%

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

Better off now	24%
About the same	35%
Worse off now	35%
Not sure	5%

52. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	32%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	11%

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

Very strong .....	18%
Somewhat strong .....	31%
Somewhat weak .....	20%
Very weak .....	30%

**54. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	36%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	53%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Like a lot .....	32%
Like somewhat .....	30%
Dislike .....	28%
Not sure .....	10%



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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	33%	28%
Bold	30%	54%	16%
Effective	24%	44%	32%
Exciting	16%	60%	24%
Experienced	24%	50%	26%
Honest	26%	39%	35%
Hypocritical	34%	39%	27%
Inspiring	30%	46%	24%
Intelligent	53%	33%	14%
Partisan	21%	65%	13%
Patriotic	27%	42%	31%
Religious	13%	56%	31%
Sincere	28%	44%	28%
Steady	26%	58%	17%
Strong	30%	41%	29%

57. 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%

**58. How liberal or conservative are the Democrats listed below?**

*Respondent placed item on scale from 0 - "Very Liberal" to 100 - "Very Conservative".*

Barack Obama	24
Joe Biden	27
Lincoln Chafee	32
Hillary Clinton	25
Bernie Sanders	23
Martin O'Malley	36
Jim Webb	44

**59. How liberal or conservative are the Republicans listed below?**

*Respondent placed item on scale from 0 - "Very Liberal" to 100 - "Very Conservative".*

Jeb Bush	58
Ben Carson	65
Chris Christie	54
Ted Cruz	73
Carly Fiorina	61
Lindsey Graham	61
Mike Huckabee	70
Bobby Jindal	66
John Kasich	53
George Pataki	47
Rand Paul	63
Rick Perry	67
Marco Rubio	64
Rick Santorum	71
Donald Trump	60
Scott Walker	70

60. The percentage of respondents who selected 'not sure' about the comparative ideology of the listed politicians.

	Rated candidate	Not sure
Barack Obama	95%	5%
Joe Biden	88%	12%
Lincoln Chafee	47%	53%
Hillary Clinton	95%	5%
Bernie Sanders	68%	32%
Martin O'Malley	49%	51%
Jim Webb	45%	55%
Jeb Bush	88%	12%
Ben Carson	63%	37%
Chris Christie	80%	20%
Ted Cruz	77%	23%
Carly Fiorina	55%	45%
Lindsey Graham	59%	41%
Mike Huckabee	78%	22%
Bobby Jindal	61%	39%
John Kasich	44%	56%
George Pataki	48%	52%
Rand Paul	80%	20%
Rick Perry	82%	18%
Marco Rubio	75%	25%
Rick Santorum	76%	24%
Donald Trump	85%	15%
Scott Walker	67%	33%

61. Are you registered to vote?

Yes .....	69%
No .....	28%
Don't know .....	2%

62. 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	12%
Ben Carson	6%
Chris Christie	7%
Ted Cruz	4%
Carly Fiorina	3%
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	5%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	3%
George Pataki	1%
Rand Paul	9%
Rick Perry	4%
Marco Rubio	6%
Rick Santorum	2%
Donald Trump	5%
Scott Walker	6%
Other	3%
No preference	24%

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

*Asked only of registered voters*

Jeb Bush .....	32%
Ben Carson .....	2%
Chris Christie .....	3%
Ted Cruz .....	5%
Carly Fiorina .....	1%
Lindsey Graham .....	1%
Mike Huckabee .....	2%
Bobby Jindal .....	0%
John Kasich .....	1%
George Pataki .....	1%
Rand Paul .....	4%
Rick Perry .....	4%
Marco Rubio .....	9%
Rick Santorum .....	1%
Donald Trump .....	4%
Scott Walker .....	7%
Other .....	1%
No preference .....	23%

**64. So far, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, George Pataki, Rand Paul, Rick Perry, Marco Rubio, and Rick Santorum have formally announced candidacies for the Republican nomination for President in 2016. Jeb Bush is expected to announce on Monday, June 15. How satisfied are you with these options?**

*Asked only of registered voters*

Very satisfied .....	19%
Somewhat satisfied .....	29%
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	12%
Very dissatisfied .....	22%
Not sure .....	18%

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

*Asked only of registered voters*

Jeb Bush .....	21%
Ben Carson .....	9%
Ted Cruz .....	6%
Carly Fiorina .....	5%
Lindsey Graham .....	3%
Mike Huckabee .....	8%
George Pataki .....	1%
Rand Paul .....	15%
Rick Perry .....	6%
Marco Rubio .....	13%
Rick Santorum .....	3%
None of them .....	9%

66. 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 .....	13%
Lincoln Chafee .....	2%
Hillary Clinton .....	34%
Bernie Sanders .....	12%
Martin O'Malley .....	2%
Jim Webb .....	7%
Other .....	3%
No preference .....	27%

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

*Asked only of registered voters*

Joe Biden .....	7%
Lincoln Chafee .....	1%
Hillary Clinton .....	70%
Bernie Sanders .....	4%
Martin O'Malley .....	1%
Jim Webb .....	1%
Other .....	1%
No preference .....	15%

68. So far, Lincoln Chafee, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley and Bernie Sanders have formally announced candidacies for the Democratic nomination for President in 2016. How satisfied are you with these options?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Very satisfied .....	19%
Somewhat satisfied .....	26%
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	10%
Very dissatisfied .....	29%
Not sure .....	16%

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

*Asked only of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	42%
The Republican Party candidate .....	41%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	13%
I would not vote .....	3%

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

Getting better .....	24%
About the same .....	36%
Getting worse .....	36%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Owned by you or your family .....	53%
Rented from someone else .....	45%
Other .....	2%

**72. 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 .....	34%
Stayed about the same .....	43%
Decreased .....	18%
Not sure .....	5%

**73. 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 .....	32%
Decreased .....	7%
Not sure .....	17%

**74. 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 .....	36%
Will stay about the same .....	27%
Will decrease a little .....	9%
Will decrease a lot .....	3%
Not sure .....	14%



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

*Asked of those who own their own homes*

Very worried .....	7%
Somewhat worried .....	26%
Not worried .....	35%
Don't have mortgage payments .....	33%

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

Will definitely buy a home .....	4%
Am considering buying a home .....	20%
Not looking for a home now .....	76%

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

More jobs .....	20%
The same amount of jobs .....	43%
Fewer jobs .....	26%
Not sure .....	12%

**78. 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 .....	2%
Military Household - Family .....	7%
Military Household - I served previously .....	14%
Military Household - Family served previously .....	35%
Military Household - None .....	48%

**79. Gender**

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

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

Strongly support .....	11%
Somewhat support .....	18%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	19%
Somewhat oppose .....	7%
Strongly oppose .....	24%
Not sure .....	20%

**81. Education**

No high school .....	10%
High school graduate .....	32%
Some college .....	26%
2-year college .....	7%
4-year college .....	17%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**82. Age**

18-29 .....	24%
30-44 .....	26%
45-64 .....	34%
65+ .....	15%

**83. Race**

White .....	68%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	7%

**84. Region**

Northeast .....	17%
Midwest .....	24%
South .....	36%
West .....	23%

**85. Party Identification**

Democratic .....	38%
Independent .....	34%
Republican .....	28%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	June 13-15, 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, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.99.
<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.