

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample            2000 General Population Respondents  
 Conducted        April 8 - 11, 2016  
 Margin of Error   ±2.8%

## 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 ..... 48%  
 Some of the time ..... 30%  
 Only now and then ..... 13%  
 Hardly at all ..... 9%  
 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 ..... 11%

## 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%	12%	44%	2%
Ted Cruz	11%	23%	19%	36%	12%
John Kasich	7%	28%	24%	18%	23%
Bernie Sanders	23%	28%	17%	26%	7%
Donald Trump	18%	16%	11%	52%	3%

**4. How would you feel if the person listed below was the 2016 Democratic nominee for President?**

*Asked of registered voters*

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied but not enthusiastic	Dissatisfied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	22%	20%	12%	43%	3%
Bernie Sanders	22%	29%	20%	23%	6%

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

Hillary Clinton	60%
Bernie Sanders	21%
Not sure	20%

**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	74%	14%	11%
Bernie Sanders	58%	24%	18%

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

Hillary Clinton	53%
Bernie Sanders	26%
Not sure	21%

8. Do you think the fact that the contest for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders is still going on is a good thing or a bad thing for the Democratic Party?

Good thing .....	57%
Bad thing .....	17%
Not sure .....	26%

9. Do you think Bernie Sanders should stay in the 2016 Presidential election race until the Democrats officially choose their presidential nominee at their convention in July, or do you think he should drop out?

Stay in .....	73%
Drop out .....	12%
Not sure .....	15%

10. Do you think that the Democrats will have an open convention this summer or do you think that one of the Democratic presidential candidates will win a majority of delegates and claim the nomination before the convention?

Democrats will have an open convention .....	25%
One Democratic presidential candidate will win the nomination before the convention .....	47%
Not sure .....	28%

11. If neither candidate wins enough delegates to clinch the Democratic nomination, do you think the delegates at the Democratic National Convention should nominate one of the candidates still running for office or should they nominate someone else?

Nominate one of the current candidates (Clinton or Sanders) .....	61%
Nominate someone else .....	19%
Not sure .....	20%

12. If the Democrats do have an open convention which candidate do you think should win the nomination?

- The candidate who won the most delegates .....22%
- The candidate who won the most votes ..... 35%
- The candidate who won the most states .....9%
- The candidate who the polls say will do better in the general election .... 12%
- Not sure .....22%

13. How likely do you think it is that there will be violent protests at the Democratic national convention this summer?

- Very likely .....8%
- Somewhat likely ..... 20%
- Not very likely ..... 35%
- Not likely at all .....24%
- Not sure ..... 13%

14. How would you feel if the person listed below was the 2016 Republican nominee for President?

*Asked of registered voters*

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied but not enthusiastic	Dissatisfied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Ted Cruz	13%	23%	22%	36%	6%
John Kasich	8%	31%	26%	22%	13%
Donald Trump	24%	15%	12%	45%	3%

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

- Ted Cruz ..... 22%
- John Kasich ..... 4%
- Donald Trump ..... 47%
- Not sure .....27%

16. 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
Ted Cruz	50%	33%	17%
John Kasich	32%	42%	25%
Donald Trump	57%	32%	11%

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

Ted Cruz	23%
John Kasich	13%
Donald Trump	41%
Not sure	24%

18. Do you think the fact that the contest for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination between Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, and John Kasich is still going on is a good thing or a bad thing for the Republican Party?

Good thing	32%
Bad thing	39%
Not sure	29%

19. Do you think John Kasich should stay in the 2016 Presidential election race until the Republicans officially choose their presidential nominee at their convention in July, or do you think he should drop out?

Stay in	41%
Drop out	40%
Not sure	20%

20. Do you think Ted Cruz should stay in the 2016 Presidential election race until the Republicans officially choose their presidential nominee at their convention in July, or do you think he should drop out?

Stay in .....	57%
Drop out .....	25%
Not sure .....	17%

21. Do you think that the Republicans will have an open convention this summer or do you think that one of the Republican presidential candidates will win a majority of delegates and claim the nomination before the convention?

Republicans will have an open convention .....	49%
One Republican presidential candidate will win the nomination before the convention .....	22%
Not sure .....	29%

22. If no candidate wins enough delegates to clinch the Republican nomination, do you think the delegates at the Republican National Convention should nominate one of the candidates still running for office or should they nominate someone else?

Nominate one of the current candidates (Cruz, Kasich, or Trump) .....	54%
Nominate someone else .....	24%
Not sure .....	23%

23. If the Republicans do have an open convention which candidate do you think should win the nomination?

The candidate who won the most delegates .....	19%
The candidate who won the most votes .....	31%
The candidate who won the most states .....	9%
The candidate who the polls say will do better in the general election ....	14%
Not sure .....	27%

24. How likely do you think it is that there will be violent protests at the Republican national convention this summer?

Very likely	27%
Somewhat likely	42%
Not very likely	15%
Not likely at all	5%
Not sure	11%

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

Is honest and trustworthy	32%
Is best prepared to win the general election in November	8%
Shakes up politics-as-usual	10%
Has policy proposals I agree with	26%
Has the experience to be president	19%
Something else	5%

26. Would you say each one of the candidates listed below is a strong or a weak leader?

	Very strong	Somewhat strong	Somewhat weak	Very weak
Hillary Clinton	28%	29%	18%	25%
Ted Cruz	14%	34%	28%	24%
John Kasich	7%	35%	38%	20%
Bernie Sanders	19%	33%	26%	21%
Donald Trump	33%	24%	13%	30%

27. Would you say each one of the candidates listed below understands the problems a president has to deal with?

	Understands	Does not understand	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	67%	25%	8%
Ted Cruz	40%	38%	21%
John Kasich	41%	28%	31%
Bernie Sanders	48%	34%	19%
Donald Trump	32%	58%	10%

28. Do you think the presidential candidate's policies would make the US more safe or less safe from terrorism?

	More safe	Less safe	Make no difference	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	29%	40%	19%	12%
Ted Cruz	26%	31%	22%	21%
John Kasich	18%	22%	29%	31%
Bernie Sanders	25%	33%	21%	21%
Donald Trump	35%	45%	10%	10%

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

	Ready	Not ready	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	52%	40%	9%
Ted Cruz	32%	47%	20%
John Kasich	29%	40%	31%
Bernie Sanders	38%	42%	21%
Donald Trump	31%	58%	11%



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

	Honest and trustworthy	Not honest and trustworthy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	30%	59%	10%
Ted Cruz	30%	48%	23%
John Kasich	34%	27%	39%
Bernie Sanders	54%	22%	23%
Donald Trump	27%	60%	13%

31. Regardless of your overall opinion of the candidates listed below, do you feel each one has the qualifications to be president.

	Qualified to be president	Not qualified to be president	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	56%	38%	7%
Ted Cruz	39%	40%	21%
John Kasich	39%	29%	32%
Bernie Sanders	48%	34%	17%
Donald Trump	33%	58%	9%

32. Would you say each one of the candidates listed below inspires you about the future of the country?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	33%	55%	12%
Ted Cruz	24%	57%	19%
John Kasich	20%	49%	31%
Bernie Sanders	39%	44%	18%
Donald Trump	32%	57%	11%

33. If elected President, how likely is each one of the candidates listed below to accomplish his or her campaign promises?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	20%	27%	14%	32%	7%
Ted Cruz	11%	28%	20%	28%	14%
John Kasich	6%	29%	18%	21%	26%
Bernie Sanders	13%	28%	18%	31%	10%
Donald Trump	17%	19%	12%	43%	8%

34. If the person you want to be your party's nominee isn't nominated what will you do in November?

*Asked of registered voters who have already voted or plan to vote in a presidential primary or caucus this year*

Vote for your party's nominee	62%
Vote for the other party's nominee	10%
Vote for a third-party/independent candidate	18%
Not vote for president	9%

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

Most of the time	50%
Some of the time	27%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	7%
Don't know	2%

36. All in all, do you think America's best days are ahead of it, or behind it?

Ahead	50%
Behind	50%

**37. Do you think the future of the next generation of Americans will be better, worse, or about the same as life today?**

Better .....	19%
About the same .....	29%
Worse .....	40%
Not sure .....	13%

**38. Do you think America needs a political revolution?**

Yes .....	59%
No .....	18%
Not sure .....	22%

**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
Bill Clinton	25%	26%	18%	26%	5%
Heidi Cruz	10%	21%	12%	12%	45%
Melania Trump	12%	20%	17%	20%	31%
Michelle Obama	33%	20%	12%	27%	8%
Megyn Kelly	9%	20%	17%	16%	37%
Marco Rubio	10%	27%	21%	21%	21%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	14%	11%	16%	42%

40. Looking back, do you think the United States did the right thing in taking military action, or should the U.S. have stayed out?

	Did the right thing	Should have stayed out	Not sure
World War I	68%	11%	21%
World War II	78%	8%	15%
Korean War	45%	24%	30%
Vietnam War	22%	58%	20%
Invasion of Panama	33%	28%	38%
Desert Storm / Desert Shield in 1990-1991	48%	29%	23%
Afghanistan	39%	42%	19%
Invasion of Iraq in 2003	30%	51%	19%

41. What do you think is the main reason so many people are supporting Donald Trump?

His immigration policy	7%
He is not politically correct	12%
His business success	10%
Americans are angry	18%
He is an outsider	7%
He appeals to Americans' fears and/or bigotry	27%
His honesty	5%
He is a celebrity	8%
Not sure	7%

42. How likely do you think it is that there will be violent protests at the Republican national convention this summer if Donald Trump does not win the nomination?

Very likely	31%
Somewhat likely	37%
Not very likely	14%
Not likely at all	6%
Not sure	12%

43. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	78%	19%	2%	1%
Immigration	53%	32%	11%	3%
The environment	47%	34%	14%	6%
Terrorism	68%	24%	6%	2%
Gay rights	21%	26%	24%	29%
Education	62%	28%	8%	2%
Health care	73%	21%	4%	1%
Social security	71%	23%	4%	2%
The budget deficit	57%	31%	9%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	41%	22%	5%
Taxes	62%	31%	6%	1%
Medicare	66%	27%	5%	2%
Abortion	38%	31%	20%	11%
Foreign policy	52%	35%	10%	3%
Gun control	50%	25%	16%	9%

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

The economy	18%
Immigration	8%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	13%
Gay rights	1%
Education	6%
Health care	11%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	4%

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
Barack Obama	31%	18%	11%	38%	3%
Joe Biden	21%	26%	16%	23%	13%
Paul Ryan	10%	25%	21%	19%	26%
Mitch McConnell	3%	14%	20%	29%	34%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	18%	14%	36%	25%
Harry Reid	5%	17%	13%	30%	35%

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

Strongly Approve	22%
Somewhat Approve	25%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%
Strongly Disapprove	38%
Not Sure	3%

47. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	14%

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

Very strong	21%
Somewhat strong	26%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	33%

**49. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	46%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	43%
Not sure .....	11%

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

Like a lot .....	35%
Like somewhat .....	24%
Dislike .....	31%
Not sure .....	10%

**51. 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	17%	20%	12%	27%	24%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	22%	19%	31%	15%
The budget deficit	15%	21%	15%	36%	13%
The economy	19%	23%	15%	33%	9%
Education	19%	27%	13%	26%	14%
The environment	18%	27%	13%	25%	17%
Foreign policy	16%	22%	13%	34%	14%
Gay rights	23%	21%	8%	29%	19%
Gun control	17%	21%	15%	37%	10%
Health care	23%	19%	11%	41%	6%
Immigration	16%	20%	14%	40%	10%
Medicare	18%	23%	14%	30%	15%
Social security	16%	23%	16%	28%	16%
Taxes	14%	23%	15%	33%	16%
Terrorism	18%	22%	14%	35%	11%

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

Strongly approve .....	3%
Somewhat approve .....	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	21%
Strongly disapprove .....	40%
Not sure .....	10%

53. 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 .....	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	22%
Somewhat disapprove .....	18%
Strongly disapprove .....	26%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Strongly approve .....	7%
Somewhat approve .....	27%
Somewhat disapprove .....	19%
Strongly disapprove .....	19%
Not sure .....	28%

55. 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 .....	30%
Less than usual .....	46%
Not sure .....	19%



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

*Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual*

Republicans in Congress .....	42%
Democrats in Congress .....	9%
Both equally .....	47%
Neither .....	0%
Not sure .....	2%

**57. 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	20%	23%	19%	31%	7%
The Republican Party	8%	24%	25%	35%	8%

**58. 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	13%	26%	21%	29%	11%
Republicans in Congress	7%	18%	26%	38%	12%

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

Getting better .....	19%
About the same .....	34%
Getting worse .....	42%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Higher .....	18%
About the same .....	32%
Lower .....	23%
Not sure .....	27%

**61. Would you say that you and your family are...**

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	18%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	34%
Not sure .....	4%

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

More jobs .....	19%
The same amount of jobs .....	38%
Fewer jobs .....	27%
Not sure .....	17%

**63. How worried are you about losing your job?**

Very worried .....	12%
Somewhat worried .....	31%
Not very worried .....	57%

**64. 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. ....	31%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. .....	40%
Not very hard .....	20%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Very happy .....	25%
Happy .....	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	27%
Unhappy .....	6%
Very unhappy .....	5%

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

Liberal .....	22%
Moderate .....	42%
Conservative .....	36%
Not sure .....	-

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

Very liberal .....	6%
Liberal .....	16%
Moderate .....	37%
Conservative .....	28%
Very Conservative .....	8%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Democrat .....	39%
Republican .....	29%
Independent .....	30%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	-

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

Strong Democrat .....	23%
Not very strong Democrat .....	16%
Lean Democrat .....	8%
Independent .....	11%
Lean Republican .....	11%
Not very strong Republican .....	12%
Strong Republican .....	17%
Not sure .....	2%

**70. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?**

Yes .....	17%
No .....	54%
Not sure .....	29%

**71. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?**

Yes .....	33%
No .....	39%
Not sure .....	28%

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

Strongly support .....	10%
Somewhat support .....	17%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	23%
Somewhat oppose .....	8%
Strongly oppose .....	24%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Yes .....	10%
No .....	68%
Not Sure .....	22%

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

Registered .....	70%
Not registered .....	30%

**75. 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 .....	34%
Nearly always .....	19%
Part of the time .....	12%
Seldom .....	11%
Never .....	20%
Unsure .....	4%

**76. Are you male or female?**

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

**77. Respondent age by category**

Under 30 .....	20%
30-44 .....	23%
45-64 .....	34%
65+ .....	23%

**78. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

White .....	70%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	6%

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

HS or less .....	42%
Some college .....	33%
College grad .....	16%
Postgrad .....	9%

**80. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	48%
Separated .....	3%
Divorced .....	11%
Widowed .....	6%
Single .....	28%
Domestic partnership .....	5%

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

Yes .....	27%
No .....	73%

**82. Calculated from respondent's state of residence**

Northeast .....	18%
Midwest .....	21%
South .....	40%
West .....	22%

**83. How would you describe the place where you live?**

City .....	33%
Suburb .....	32%
Town .....	14%
Rural area .....	21%
Other .....	1%

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

Full-time employed .....	32%
Part-time employed .....	11%
Self-employed .....	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	9%
Retired .....	27%
Permanently disabled .....	10%
Homemaker .....	9%
Other .....	2%

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

Under \$50K .....	52%
\$50-100K .....	25%
\$100K or more .....	10%
Prefer not to say .....	13%

**86. 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 .....	13%
Family served previously .....	39%
None .....	48%

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

Yes, I am .....	6%
Yes, household member is .....	7%
No .....	88%

**88. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	42%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not too important .....	12%
Not at all important .....	19%

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

More than once a week .....	7%
Once a week .....	18%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	15%
Seldom .....	23%
Never .....	27%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	30%
No .....	70%



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

Several times a day .....	29%
Once a day .....	17%
A few times a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	14%
Never .....	16%
Don't know .....	3%

92. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	39%
Roman Catholic .....	20%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	5%
Nothing in particular .....	18%
Something else .....	4%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	April 8 - 11, 2016
<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 gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on gender, age, race, education, voter registration, and political ideology. The weights range from 0 to 7, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.79.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	2000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.