

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample            2000 General Population Respondents  
 Conducted        September 11 - 15, 2015  
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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 ..... 31%  
 Only now and then ..... 12%  
 Hardly at all ..... 8%  
 Don’t know ..... 2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction ..... 29%  
 Off on the wrong track ..... 57%  
 Not sure ..... 14%

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
Joe Biden	19%	29%	18%	19%	14%
Lincoln Chafee	2%	9%	12%	14%	63%
Hillary Clinton	19%	23%	12%	40%	6%
Martin O’Malley	3%	13%	14%	14%	55%
Bernie Sanders	19%	20%	14%	19%	29%
Jim Webb	2%	13%	13%	12%	59%

**4. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would you want to be the Democratic nominee for president in 2016?**

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats*

Joe Biden .....	19%
Lincoln Chafee .....	1%
Hillary Clinton .....	45%
Martin O'Malley .....	1%
Bernie Sanders .....	26%
Jim Webb .....	1%
Other .....	1%
No preference .....	6%

**5. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would be your SECOND choice for the Democratic nominee for president in 2016?**

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats*

Joe Biden .....	35%
Lincoln Chafee .....	1%
Hillary Clinton .....	25%
Martin O'Malley .....	5%
Bernie Sanders .....	16%
Jim Webb .....	2%
Other .....	1%
No preference .....	15%

**6. How would you feel if (your first choice) was the 2016 Democratic presidential election nominee?**

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats*

Enthusiastic .....	68%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic .....	28%
Dissatisfied but not upset .....	2%
Upset .....	1%
Not sure .....	2%

**7. How do you feel about the field of Democratic candidates running for president in 2016?**

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats*

Would like to see someone else run for the Democratic nomination	32%
Satisfied with the choices	56%
Don't know	11%

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

Joe Biden	18%
Lincoln Chafee	0%
Hillary Clinton	42%
Martin O'Malley	0%
Bernie Sanders	15%
Jim Webb	1%
Not sure	23%

**9. 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
Joe Biden	61%	19%	20%
Lincoln Chafee	8%	45%	48%
Hillary Clinton	65%	22%	14%
Martin O'Malley	13%	41%	46%
Bernie Sanders	45%	25%	30%
Jim Webb	12%	40%	48%

10. 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	9%	26%	24%	27%	14%
Ben Carson	18%	23%	14%	15%	30%
Chris Christie	6%	22%	22%	28%	22%
Ted Cruz	12%	20%	14%	28%	26%
Carly Fiorina	13%	19%	17%	15%	37%
Jim Gilmore	2%	9%	14%	13%	62%
Lindsey Graham	2%	14%	20%	25%	40%
Mike Huckabee	9%	22%	16%	29%	24%
Bobby Jindal	5%	17%	16%	23%	38%
John Kasich	7%	16%	17%	13%	47%
George Pataki	2%	14%	20%	16%	47%
Rand Paul	7%	21%	20%	24%	29%
Rick Perry	4%	19%	19%	28%	29%
Marco Rubio	11%	22%	16%	24%	27%
Rick Santorum	4%	18%	18%	30%	31%
Donald Trump	20%	19%	11%	42%	7%
Scott Walker	9%	18%	13%	26%	35%

11. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would you want to be the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans*

Jeb Bush	7%
Ben Carson	17%
Chris Christie	2%
Ted Cruz	8%
Carly Fiorina	6%
Jim Gilmore	-
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	2%
Bobby Jindal	0%
John Kasich	3%
George Pataki	1%
Rand Paul	4%
Rick Perry	0%
Marco Rubio	7%
Rick Santorum	1%
Donald Trump	33%
Scott Walker	5%
Other	-
No preference	4%

**12. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would be your SECOND choice for the Republican nominee for president in 2016?**

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans*

Jeb Bush	8%
Ben Carson	17%
Chris Christie	4%
Ted Cruz	12%
Carly Fiorina	7%
Jim Gilmore	1%
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	3%
Bobby Jindal	2%
John Kasich	3%
George Pataki	1%
Rand Paul	6%
Rick Perry	1%
Marco Rubio	7%
Rick Santorum	1%
Donald Trump	14%
Scott Walker	5%
Other	0%
No preference	8%

**13. How would you feel if (your first choice) was the 2016 Republican presidential election nominee?**

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans*

Enthusiastic	76%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	22%
Dissatisfied but not upset	0%
Upset	0%
Not sure	2%

**14. How do you feel about the field of Republican candidates running for president in 2016?**  
*Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans*

Would like to see someone else run for the Republican nomination	11%
Satisfied with the choices	79%
Don't know	10%

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

Jeb Bush	19%
Ben Carson	7%
Chris Christie	2%
Ted Cruz	4%
Carly Fiorina	2%
Jim Gilmore	0%
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	2%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	2%
George Pataki	0%
Rand Paul	1%
Rick Perry	1%
Marco Rubio	3%
Rick Santorum	0%
Donald Trump	29%
Scott Walker	1%
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 or she was to become the Republican nominee?

	Could possibly win	Could never win	Not sure
Jeb Bush	52%	27%	21%
Ben Carson	42%	28%	30%
Chris Christie	25%	45%	29%
Ted Cruz	29%	41%	30%
Carly Fiorina	29%	37%	34%
Jim Gilmore	8%	47%	45%
Lindsey Graham	11%	53%	36%
Mike Huckabee	20%	50%	30%
Bobby Jindal	14%	50%	36%
John Kasich	22%	37%	42%
George Pataki	11%	47%	42%
Rand Paul	22%	46%	31%
Rick Perry	16%	53%	30%
Marco Rubio	33%	35%	32%
Rick Santorum	15%	52%	33%
Donald Trump	52%	33%	15%
Scott Walker	24%	38%	38%

17. On Wednesday, September 16 the 2016 Republican presidential candidates will participate in either of two nationally televised debates. The top tier candidates will debate in prime time while the second tier candidates will debate earlier in the evening. How interested are you in watching either debate?

Very interested	33%
Somewhat interested	33%
Not very interested	17%
Not at all interested	16%



18. Do you plan to watch the early debate?

Yes .....	35%
No .....	37%
Not sure .....	29%

19. Do you plan to watch the prime time debate?

Yes .....	49%
No .....	27%
Not sure .....	24%

20. How important is a candidate's debate performance in deciding your vote for the (2016) Republican nominee for president?

Very important .....	22%
Somewhat important .....	43%
Not very important .....	18%
Not at all important .....	18%

21. If you had to choose, would you rather have a President who...

Compromises to get things done. ....	57%
Sticks to his or her principles, no matter what. ....	43%

22. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who...

Compromises to get things done. ....	61%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what. ....	39%

23. How likely is it that Congress will...?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Not sure
Pass legislation to fight climate change	9%	25%	23%	25%	18%
Pass legislation to restrict access to abortion	9%	21%	26%	25%	20%
Pass legislation to increase legal immigration	10%	24%	23%	24%	19%
Pass legislation to reduce income inequality	7%	20%	25%	29%	19%
Pass legislation to provide better care for immigrants	9%	21%	22%	29%	19%

24. Do you WANT Congress to...?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Pass legislation to fight climate change	53%	27%	20%
Pass legislation to restrict access to abortion	35%	47%	18%
Pass legislation to increase legal immigration	38%	40%	22%
Pass legislation to reduce income inequality	50%	29%	21%
Pass legislation to provide better care for immigrants	34%	44%	22%

**25. Do you support or oppose the nuclear deal with Iran?**

*Asked of half of respondents*

Strongly support .....	10%
Tend to support .....	19%
Tend to oppose .....	15%
Strongly oppose .....	33%
Not sure .....	23%

**26. Several world powers, including the United States, have reached an international agreement that will limit Iran’s nuclear activity in return for the lifting of major economic sanctions against Iran. Do you support or oppose this agreement?**

*Asked of half of respondents*

Strongly support .....	14%
Tend to support .....	25%
Tend to oppose .....	12%
Strongly oppose .....	26%
Not sure .....	23%

**27. Do you think the disagreements between President Obama and the Republicans in Congress over federal spending will lead to a shutdown of the federal government, or do you think they will reach an agreement in time to avoid a shutdown?**

Government will shutdown .....	27%
Both sides will agree to a deal .....	46%
Not sure .....	27%

**28. If President Obama and the Republicans in Congress do not reach an agreement over federal spending in time to avoid a shutdown of the federal government, who do you think will be more to blame—President Obama or the Republican Congress?**

President Obama .....	26%
Republicans in Congress .....	33%
Both .....	27%
Neither .....	3%
Not sure .....	11%

**29. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be...**

Legal in all cases	20%
Legal in most cases	35%
Illegal in most cases	33%
Illegal in all cases	12%

**30. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Planned Parenthood?**

Very favorable	27%
Somewhat favorable	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	25%
Don't know	13%

**31. Which of the following services do you primarily associate with Planned Parenthood? Please select up to three.**

HIV screening and counseling	12%
Contraception	53%
Abortion services	48%
Breast and cervical cancer screening	13%
Testicular cancer screening	2%
Testing for sexually transmitted diseases	26%
Vasectomies	3%
Sexual education	30%
Pregnancy testing	41%
None of these	2%
Don't know	9%

**32. How much have you heard about recently released videos that show officials from Planned Parenthood discussing the use of fetal organs for medical research?**

Heard a lot	34%
Heard a little	39%
Heard nothing at all	26%

33. Have you seen any of the videos or clips of the videos?

*Asked of those who have heard at least a little about videos*

Yes ..... 48%  
No ..... 52%

34. Based on what you have seen or heard, do the videos show officials from Planned Parenthood breaking the law?

*Asked of those who have heard at least a little about videos*

Yes ..... 48%  
No ..... 52%

35. Which outcome is the most important to you?

Defunding Planned Parenthood – even if that means shutting down the federal government temporarily ..... 20%  
Defunding Planned Parenthood – but only if the federal government isn't shutdown temporarily ..... 12%  
Protecting Planned Parenthood funding – but only if the federal government isn't shutdown temporarily ..... 22%  
Protecting Planned Parenthood funding – even if that means shutting down the federal government temporarily ..... 17%  
Not sure ..... 28%

36. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	71%	24%	3%	2%
Immigration	47%	35%	12%	6%
The environment	49%	33%	11%	7%
Terrorism	60%	28%	8%	4%
Gay rights	24%	25%	23%	28%
Education	60%	27%	8%	4%
Health care	68%	25%	4%	3%
Social security	64%	26%	6%	3%
The budget deficit	50%	35%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	36%	42%	16%	7%
Taxes	57%	33%	7%	3%
Medicare	57%	30%	9%	4%
Abortion	38%	34%	20%	9%
Foreign policy	46%	37%	12%	5%
Gun control	48%	27%	16%	9%

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

The economy	19%
Immigration	7%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	2%
Education	9%
Health care	9%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	2%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	4%

**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%	22%	11%	35%	5%
John Boehner	3%	14%	19%	35%	29%
Mitch McConnell	2%	14%	18%	30%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	6%	20%	14%	35%	26%
Harry Reid	4%	17%	12%	29%	38%

**39. 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	14%	25%	19%	32%	9%
The Republican Party	6%	25%	26%	33%	10%

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

*Asked of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	38%
The Republican Party candidate .....	38%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	18%
I would not vote .....	3%

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

Strongly Approve .....	19%
Somewhat Approve .....	28%
Somewhat Disapprove .....	13%
Strongly Disapprove .....	34%
Not Sure .....	6%

**42. Would you say Barack Obama is...**

Very liberal .....	31%
Liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	21%
Conservative .....	6%
Very conservative .....	3%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Very strong .....	19%
Somewhat strong .....	31%
Somewhat weak .....	21%
Very weak .....	30%

**44. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	48%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Like a lot .....	32%
Like somewhat .....	29%
Dislike .....	28%
Not sure .....	12%



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
Abortion	13%	23%	13%	27%	25%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	23%	17%	30%	17%
The budget deficit	12%	23%	16%	33%	16%
The economy	17%	23%	14%	33%	13%
Education	16%	29%	15%	22%	18%
The environment	16%	27%	14%	25%	18%
Foreign policy	13%	22%	15%	34%	16%
Gay rights	24%	20%	11%	27%	18%
Gun control	13%	20%	17%	32%	18%
Health care	22%	21%	12%	36%	10%
Immigration	14%	22%	13%	38%	13%
Medicare	15%	23%	16%	27%	19%
Social security	14%	23%	15%	26%	22%
Taxes	12%	23%	15%	33%	18%
Terrorism	15%	23%	13%	33%	16%

47. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	12%

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	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	20%

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	5%
About the same	34%
Less than usual	42%
Not sure	19%

50. 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%	21%	28%	16%
Republicans in Congress	5%	16%	24%	38%	17%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	39%
Getting worse	33%
Not sure	6%

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

Higher .....	19%
About the same .....	34%
Lower .....	25%
Not sure .....	23%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	33%
Not sure .....	5%

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

More jobs .....	20%
The same amount of jobs .....	42%
Fewer jobs .....	24%
Not sure .....	14%

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

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

**56. 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. ....	33%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. .....	36%
Not very hard .....	23%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Very happy .....	24%
Happy .....	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	27%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	6%

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

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

**59. Age**

18-29 .....	21%
30-44 .....	26%
45-64 .....	35%
65+ .....	17%

**60. Race**

White .....	69%
Black .....	11%
Hispanic .....	13%
Other .....	7%

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

HS or less .....	41%
Some college .....	32%
College grad .....	17%
Postgrad .....	10%

**62. Region**

Northeast .....	17%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	39%
West .....	23%

63. 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 .....	8%
I served previously .....	13%
Family served previously .....	33%
None .....	52%

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

Full-time employed .....	34%
Part-time employed .....	12%
Self-employed .....	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	11%
Retired .....	22%
Permanently disabled .....	10%
Homemaker .....	9%
Other .....	2%

**65. Family Income**

Under 50 .....	61%
50-100 .....	25%
100+ .....	13%

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

Married .....	47%
Separated .....	3%
Divorced .....	11%
Widowed .....	5%
Single .....	29%
Domestic partnership .....	5%

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

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

**68. 3 Point Ideology**

Liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	44%
Conservative .....	35%

**69. 5 Point Ideology**

Very liberal .....	5%
Liberal .....	16%
Moderate .....	44%
Conservative .....	29%
Very conservative .....	6%

**70. 3 Point Party ID**

Democrat .....	33%
Independent .....	43%
Republican .....	24%

**71. 5 Point Party ID**

Democrat .....	33%
Lean Democrat .....	10%
Independent .....	24%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Republican .....	24%

**72. 7 Point Party ID**

Strong Democrat .....	18%
Not very strong Democrat .....	15%
Lean Democrat .....	10%
Independent .....	18%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Not very strong Republican .....	10%
Strong Republican .....	14%
Not sure .....	6%

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

Strongly support .....	9%
Somewhat support .....	16%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	26%
Somewhat oppose .....	8%
Strongly oppose .....	23%
Not sure .....	19%

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

Yes .....	9%
No .....	69%
Not Sure .....	23%

**75. Voter Registration**

Registered .....	67%
Not registered .....	33%

**76. 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 .....	30%
Nearly always .....	18%
Part of the time .....	12%
Seldom .....	10%
Never .....	22%
Unsure .....	8%

**77. 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 .....	34%
Likely to vote in Republican primary or attend Republican caucus .....	32%
Not likely to vote in a primary election or attend a caucus .....	35%

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

Yes .....	31%
No .....	69%

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

Very important .....	39%
Somewhat important .....	29%
Not too important .....	13%
Not at all important .....	18%



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

More than once a week .....	8%
Once a week .....	18%
Once or twice a month .....	9%
A few times a year .....	16%
Seldom .....	23%
Never .....	25%
Don't know .....	1%

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

Several times a day .....	26%
Once a day .....	17%
A few times a week .....	15%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	6%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	16%
Don't know .....	3%

**82. What is your present religion, if any?**

Protestant .....	37%
Roman Catholic .....	21%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	0%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	5%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	20%
Something else .....	5%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	September 11 - 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 0.2 to 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.84.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	2000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	41 questions not reported.