

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted March 14-16, 2015
Margin of Error $\pm 4.3\%$

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	45%
Some of the time	31%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

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 Hillary Clinton?

Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	32%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	34%
Don't know	5%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton handled her job as the Secretary of State?

Approve strongly	21%
Approve somewhat	29%
Disapprove somewhat	14%
Disapprove strongly	28%
Not sure	8%

5. How closely have you followed the news about Hillary Clinton using a personal email address to conduct government business while working as Secretary of State?

Very closely	26%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	26%
Not at all	7%

6. How serious of a problem do you think it is that Hillary Clinton used a personal email address to conduct government business while working as Secretary of State?

Very serious	32%
Somewhat serious	26%
Not very serious	25%
Not serious at all	13%
Not sure	4%

7. Do you think the media coverage of Clinton’s emails is:

Asked of those who are following the news about Clinton using a personal email address while Secretary of State

Making too big a deal about it	44%
About right	28%
Not making enough of a big deal about it	22%
Not sure	6%

8. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Hillary Clinton, or have they treated her the same as other public figures?

Harder	35%
About the same	36%
Easier	23%
Not sure	7%

9. Do you think Hillary Clinton...

Says what she believes	36%
Says what she thinks people want to hear	53%
Not sure	11%

10. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like Hillary Clinton as a person?

Like a lot	25%
Like somewhat	32%
Dislike	32%
Not sure	10%

11. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you think she has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	49%
No	41%
Not sure	10%

12. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you think she shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	44%
No	40%
Not sure	17%

13. How much do you think Hillary Clinton cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	23%
Some	31%
Not much	21%
Not at all	26%

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

More honesty	18%
Same level of honesty	42%
Less honesty	36%
Not sure	4%

15. Are you confident in Hillary Clinton's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?

Confident	42%
Uneasy	42%
Not sure	16%

16. Would you say Hillary Clinton is...

Very liberal	24%
Liberal	30%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	8%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	13%

17. How intelligent is Hillary Clinton?

Very intelligent	57%
Somewhat intelligent	27%
Not very intelligent	6%
Not intelligent at all	5%
Not sure	5%

18. Would you say Hillary Clinton is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	29%
Somewhat strong	36%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	16%

19. Do you think Hillary Clinton will run for President in 2016?

Yes	72%
No	9%
Not sure	20%

20. Do you want Hillary Clinton to run for President in 2016?

Yes	42%
No	41%
Not sure	17%

21. How likely is it that Hillary Clinton will win the Democratic nomination if she chooses to run for President in 2016?

Very likely	43%
Somewhat likely	32%
Not very likely	12%
Not likely at all	5%
Not sure	9%

22. How likely is it that Hillary Clinton will win the presidency if she chooses to run for President in 2016?

Very likely	19%
Somewhat likely	37%
Not very likely	19%
Not likely at all	12%
Not sure	13%

23. How good a job do you think police departments around the country are doing in the following areas?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Holding police officers accountable when misconduct occurs	9%	30%	23%	38%
Using the right amount of force for each situation	8%	33%	24%	35%
Treating racial and ethnic groups equally	10%	27%	25%	38%
Respecting people's privacy	10%	30%	31%	29%
Protecting people from crime	11%	43%	31%	14%

24. How good a job do you think the police department in your LOCAL community is doing in the following areas?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Holding police officers accountable when misconduct occurs	16%	37%	25%	22%
Using the right amount of force for each situation	19%	37%	25%	19%
Treating racial and ethnic groups equally	18%	35%	27%	20%
Respecting people's privacy	19%	37%	25%	19%
Protecting people from crime	21%	41%	26%	12%

25. If you were on a jury in a trial, would you be more willing to believe the testimony of a police officer than another witness who is not a police officer?

Yes, more willing to believe a police officer	33%
No, not more willing	40%
Not sure	27%

26. Which level of government do you think should investigate and prosecute cases of LOCAL police department misconduct?

Local	15%
State	49%
Federal	28%
Not sure	8%

27. Do you support or oppose a Wisconsin law that requires any deaths in police custody to be investigated by outside organizations?

Support	69%
Oppose	12%
Not sure	19%

28. Do you think the racial makeup of a community's police department should be similar to the racial makeup of that community as a whole, or don't you think that's necessary?

Should be similar	52%
Not necessary	33%
Not sure	15%

29. Was there ever a specific instance when you felt discriminated against by the police because of your race or ethnic background?

Yes	22%
No	72%
Not sure	6%

30. "Stop and Frisk" is a policing method where officers stop and frisk anyone who they think looks suspicious. Supporters of the method say that it cuts crime rates, while opponents say it is overwhelmingly used on ethnic minorities and violates constitutional rights. Overall, do you support or oppose use of this policing method?

Strongly support	18%
Somewhat support	23%
Somewhat oppose	22%
Strongly oppose	28%
Not sure	9%

31. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics there were 11,075 arrests for murder and non-negligent manslaughter in the United States in 2012. Which number do you think is higher?

The number of white people arrested for murder and non-negligent manslaughter	13%
The number of black people arrested for murder and non-negligent manslaughter	58%
They are about the same	13%
Not sure	17%

32. According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports for 2011, do you think most white victims of murder were killed by...

A white person	50%
A black person	19%
Not sure	31%

33. According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports for 2011, do you think most black victims of murder were killed by...

A white person	12%
A black person	65%
Not sure	23%

34. How serious a problem is racism in the United States?

Very serious	30%
Somewhat serious	41%
A minor problem	23%
Not a problem	4%
Not sure	2%

35. How serious a problem is racism in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	13%
Somewhat serious	23%
A minor problem	32%
Not a problem	26%
Not sure	6%

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision of the US Department of Justice not to pursue federal civil rights charges against the police officer who shot and killed an unarmed black man in Ferguson, Missouri last year?

Approve strongly	33%
Approve somewhat	18%
Disapprove somewhat	14%
Disapprove strongly	25%
Not sure	11%

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

Expanded	32%
Kept the same	18%
Repealed	39%
Not sure	11%

38. 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	16%
More of a failure than a success	23%
Equal amount of both failure and success	20%
More of a success than a failure	25%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	6%
Not sure	6%

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

Increased	59%
Remained the same	19%
Decreased	13%
Don't know	9%

40. 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	48%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	19%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	17%
Not sure	16%

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

Yes	79%
No	21%

42. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	71%	23%	3%	3%
Immigration	46%	38%	12%	4%
The environment	43%	36%	15%	6%
Terrorism	60%	29%	9%	3%
Gay rights	25%	26%	23%	26%
Education	60%	30%	8%	2%
Health care	61%	31%	7%	1%
Social security	58%	31%	8%	3%
The budget deficit	50%	34%	14%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	42%	21%	5%
Taxes	54%	36%	7%	3%
Medicare	51%	34%	11%	4%
Abortion	34%	31%	23%	13%
Foreign policy	43%	40%	15%	3%

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

The economy	20%
Immigration	7%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	2%
Education	12%
Health care	9%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	6%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	2%

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
Barack Obama	28%	21%	11%	37%	3%
John Boehner	6%	17%	19%	34%	24%
Mitch McConnell	5%	17%	17%	26%	35%
Harry Reid	6%	18%	16%	28%	32%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	22%	16%	33%	19%

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
Jeb Bush	7%	26%	22%	27%	18%
Ben Carson	14%	15%	9%	14%	47%
Chris Christie	6%	25%	22%	25%	23%
Ted Cruz	12%	21%	12%	24%	31%
Carly Fiorina	7%	14%	8%	15%	55%
Lindsey Graham	5%	17%	16%	21%	41%
Mike Huckabee	13%	21%	14%	25%	28%
Bobby Jindal	10%	17%	10%	19%	44%
John Kasich	6%	13%	9%	11%	62%
Rand Paul	10%	23%	18%	19%	30%
Rick Perry	6%	22%	15%	26%	31%
Marco Rubio	13%	18%	14%	22%	34%
Rick Santorum	9%	17%	14%	27%	33%
Scott Walker	16%	12%	9%	22%	41%

46. 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%	28%	15%	27%	11%
Martin O'Malley	3%	13%	10%	10%	64%
Bernie Sanders	13%	11%	9%	13%	53%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	11%	10%	8%	69%
Jim Webb	3%	14%	11%	9%	62%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	3%

48. 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	21%	27%	12%	34%	6%
Immigration	19%	21%	13%	40%	8%
The environment	16%	28%	17%	27%	12%
Terrorism	18%	25%	15%	36%	7%
Gay rights	20%	23%	12%	27%	19%
Education	17%	29%	18%	25%	11%
Health care	25%	22%	12%	37%	4%
Social security	16%	23%	18%	27%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	28%	18%	33%	8%
The budget deficit	14%	22%	17%	38%	10%
Taxes	15%	25%	18%	31%	11%
Medicare	19%	24%	16%	27%	14%
Abortion	17%	22%	12%	25%	24%
Foreign policy	16%	23%	15%	36%	10%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off now	27%
About the same	34%
Worse off now	34%
Not sure	6%

51. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	26%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	10%

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

Very strong	18%
Somewhat strong	33%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	30%

53. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	9%

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

Like a lot	33%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	39%	30%	31%
Bold	26%	55%	19%
Effective	25%	43%	32%
Exciting	16%	62%	22%
Experienced	23%	51%	26%
Honest	27%	38%	36%
Hypocritical	34%	37%	29%
Inspiring	28%	46%	25%
Intelligent	52%	34%	15%
Partisan	20%	63%	17%
Patriotic	29%	42%	29%
Religious	10%	61%	29%
Sincere	29%	41%	30%
Steady	24%	59%	18%
Strong	28%	45%	27%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	1%

57. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	69%
No	27%
Don't know	3%

58. Do you want the following people to run for President in 2016?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Joe Biden	27%	49%	24%
Martin O'Malley	9%	33%	58%
Bernie Sanders	16%	34%	51%
Brian Schweitzer	9%	32%	60%
Jim Webb	10%	33%	57%

59. 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	12%
Hillary Clinton	35%
Brian Schweitzer	2%
Bernie Sanders	7%
Martin O'Malley	3%
Jim Webb	4%
Other	6%
No preference	30%

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

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	43%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	4%
Not sure	16%
I would not vote	2%

61. 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	9%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	25%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	15%

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

Getting better	31%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	30%
Not sure	5%

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

Owned by you or your family	61%
Rented from someone else	37%
Other	2%

64. 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	32%
Stayed about the same	42%
Decreased	20%
Not sure	6%

65. 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	45%
Stayed about the same	35%
Decreased	5%
Not sure	15%

66. 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	35%
Will stay about the same	30%
Will decrease a little	10%
Will decrease a lot	2%
Not sure	15%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not worried	38%
Don't have mortgage payments	29%

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

Will definitely buy a home	3%
Am considering buying a home	15%
Not looking for a home now	82%

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

More jobs	27%
The same amount of jobs	40%
Fewer jobs	22%
Not sure	10%

70. 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	9%
Military Household - I served previously	13%
Military Household - Family served previously	35%
Military Household - None	48%

71. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support, nor oppose	22%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	28%
Not sure	18%

73. Education

No high school	9%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	27%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

74. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	26%
45-64	35%
65+	15%

75. Race

White	66%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	10%

76. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	23%
South	35%
West	23%

77. Party Identification

Democratic	37%
Independent	37%
Republican	26%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 14-16, 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 0.96.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.