

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted July 5-7, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.1\%$

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	43%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	14%

3. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	13%
Equally positive and negative	40%
Mostly negative	38%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	10%

4. When you have discussed the economy with your friends and family, has the discussion been mostly positive or mostly negative, or have you not discussed the economy at all with your friends and family?

Mostly positive	11%
Equally positive and negative	26%
Mostly negative	49%
Not discussed the economy at all	15%

5. Please give us your best guess to the following question. How has the unemployment rate in the country changed from January 2009, when President Obama first took office, to June 2014?

Unemployment rate <u>decreased</u> by 1% or more	33%
Unemployment rate <u>decreased</u> by between 0% and 1%	11%
Unemployment rate is the same	13%
Unemployment rate <u>increased</u> by between 0% and 1%	7%
Unemployment rate <u>increased</u> by 1% or more	23%
Don't know	13%

6. Is the number of jobs today higher or lower than the number of jobs in the US before the Great Recession of 2008?

Higher now	28%
The same	19%
Lower now	39%
Not sure	13%

7. Is increasing the number of jobs something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

Yes, the President can do a lot	52%
No, it is beyond the President's control	34%
Don't know	14%

8. Should the federal government encourage employment through various incentives, laws and regulations or should the federal government not be directly involved?

Federal government should encourage employment	61%
Federal government should not be directly involved	27%
Not sure	12%

9. How would you rate the job the federal government has done in encouraging employment?

Asked of those who think the federal government should attempt to encourage employment

Very good	3%
Good	16%
Poor	16%
Very poor	16%
Not sure	10%
Federal government should not be directly involved	27%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	12%

10. Should the federal government attempt to stimulate economic growth through various incentives, laws and regulations or should the federal government not be directly involved?

Federal government should attempt to stimulate economic growth	60%
Federal government should not be directly involved	27%
Not sure	13%

11. How would you rate the job the federal government has done in stimulating economic growth?

Asked of those who think the federal government should attempt to stimulate economic growth

Very good	3%
Good	17%
Poor	18%
Very poor	15%
Not sure	7%
Federal government should not be directly involved	27%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	13%

12. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole unemployment rates during THE NEXT YEAR will increase, decrease or remain about the same?

Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot lower</u> than they are today	7%
Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat lower</u> than they are today	23%
Unemployment rates will be <u>about the same</u> as they are today	35%
Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat higher</u> than they are today	18%
Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot higher</u> than they are today	8%
Not sure	10%

13. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole unemployment rates during THE NEXT FIVE YEARS will increase, decrease or remain about the same?

Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot lower</u> than they are today	9%
Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat lower</u> than they are today	26%
Unemployment rates will be <u>about the same</u> as they are today	22%
Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat higher</u> than they are today	17%
Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot higher</u> than they are today	10%
Not sure	17%

14. Which part of the government do you trust MOST to do what's right?

Congress	10%
The Supreme Court	21%
The President	24%
Political parties	3%
Not sure	42%

15. Which part of the government do you trust LEAST to do what's right?

Congress	29%
The Supreme Court	7%
The President	31%
Political parties	19%
Not sure	13%

16. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very favorable	6%
Somewhat favorable	38%
Somewhat unfavorable	27%
Very unfavorable	14%
Don't know	15%

17. Thinking about the current Supreme Court, please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
The Supreme Court should be able to throw out any law it considered unconstitutional	27%	23%	19%	12%	12%	7%
The Supreme Court gets too mixed up in politics	30%	30%	22%	8%	4%	6%
The decisions of the Supreme Court favor some groups more than others	27%	32%	22%	8%	3%	7%
If the Supreme Court started making a lot of rulings that most Americans disagreed with, it might be better to do away with the Court altogether	12%	15%	22%	16%	26%	8%
The Supreme Court can usually be trusted to make decisions that are right for the country as a whole	11%	31%	21%	20%	12%	6%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court decision which ruled that private or closely held corporations whose owners hold sincere religious objections do not have to comply with the health care insurance mandate to provide female employees with free access to twenty different kinds of birth control?

Approve strongly	32%
Approve somewhat	15%
Disapprove somewhat	12%
Disapprove strongly	29%
Not sure	11%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court decision which ruled that public sector employee unions could not require non-union members to pay union fees?

Approve strongly	40%
Approve somewhat	25%
Disapprove somewhat	8%
Disapprove strongly	10%
Not sure	17%

20. How much do you know or have you heard about the Justices who are currently serving on the Supreme Court? For each justice below, would you say you know/have heard about this person...?

	A lot	A moderate amount	A little	Did not even know this person was on the Supreme Court
John Roberts	17%	22%	26%	35%
Antonin Scalia	16%	21%	27%	36%
Anthony Kennedy	9%	19%	29%	43%
Clarence Thomas	23%	26%	24%	27%
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	18%	22%	27%	34%
Stephen Breyer	6%	14%	31%	49%
Samuel Alito	12%	19%	30%	39%
Sonia Sotomayor	20%	24%	28%	28%
Elena Kagan	11%	17%	29%	43%

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

Asked of respondents who indicated they knew of each of the following justices

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable
John Roberts	12%	47%	27%	14%
Antonin Scalia	23%	36%	16%	25%
Anthony Kennedy	14%	46%	30%	9%
Clarence Thomas	23%	31%	19%	27%
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	32%	30%	18%	19%
Stephen Breyer	18%	44%	28%	10%
Samuel Alito	19%	39%	18%	24%
Sonia Sotomayor	30%	30%	20%	21%
Elena Kagan	26%	28%	23%	24%

22. How would you rate your personal health?

Excellent	21%
Good	54%
Fair	20%
Poor	6%

23. Over the past 12 months has your personal health improved or worsened, or have you not noticed any change?

Improved	13%
Remained the same	66%
Worsened	17%
Haven't noticed	4%

24. In the past 12 months have you...

Been seen by a dentist	46%
Been seen by a doctor	72%
Ordered prescription drugs	60%
None of these	16%

25. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a doctor because you could not afford it?

Yes	27%
No	70%
Prefer not to say	3%

26. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a dentist because you could not afford it?

Yes	34%
No	63%
Prefer not to say	3%

27. In the past 12 months have decided not to fill a prescription because you could not afford it?

Yes	21%
No	77%
Prefer not to say	3%

28. Compared to a year ago, are you paying more or less for health care coverage today?

More	43%
The same	42%
Less	7%
Not sure	7%

29. Compared to a year ago, would you say the quality of your health care is better or worse today?

Better	11%
The same	61%
Worse	22%
Not sure	7%

30. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	84%
No	16%

31. Which of the following best describes your primary health insurance?

Asked of those who reported having health insurance

I have health insurance that is provided through my or a family member's employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	40%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare	17%
I have health insurance that I or a family member purchased directly from the health insurance company or HMO, not through an employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	7%
I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits	4%
I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid	13%
Does not have health insurance	16%
Prefer not to say	3%

32. Did you have health insurance before January 1, 2014?

Yes	78%
No	21%
Not sure	1%

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

Expanded	28%
Kept the same	16%
Repealed	40%
Not sure	16%

34. 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	22%
More of a failure than a success	26%
Equal amount of both failure and success	17%
More of a success than a failure	17%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	8%
Not sure	6%

35. Would you describe yourself as...

A frequent air traveler	7%
An occasional air traveler	68%
Never flown	25%

36. Do you think the passenger screening procedures that you saw the last time you flew were too tight or not tight enough?

Asked of those who have flown before

Too tight	16%
About right	51%
Not tight enough	8%
Never flown	25%

37. During your most recent experience going through airport security, did you personally receive, or did you see others receive a full body pat down?

Asked of those who have flown before

I personally received a pat down	16%
I saw others receive a pat down	27%
No, I did not see anyone receive a pat down	32%
Never flown	25%

38. During your most recent experience going through airport security, did you personally go through, or did you see others go through a full body scanning machine?
Asked of those who have flown before

I personally went through a full body scanning machine	38%
I saw others go through a full body scanning machine	13%
No, I did not see anyone go through a full body scanning machine	24%
Never flown	25%

39. Have you heard of the TSA Pre-Check program?

Yes	44%
No	56%

40. Do you approve or disapprove of the TSA Pre-Check program which offers air travelers preferred screening status if they submit to a background check?

Approve	44%
Disapprove	28%
Not sure	28%

41. Do you think the TSA Pre-Check program will make flying less safe or not?

Will make flying less safe	17%
Won't make much difference	47%
Will make flying safer	15%
Not sure	21%

42. Do you think the TSA Pre-Check program will make flying more convenient or not?

Will make flying more convenient	38%
Won't make much difference	32%
Will make flying less convenient	9%
Not sure	21%

43. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Tim Howard?

Very favorable	12%
Somewhat favorable	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	3%
Very unfavorable	2%
Don't know	70%

44. What role does Tim Howard play in the US men's national soccer team?

Head coach	3%
General manager	2%
Goalie	27%
Defender	1%
Midfielder	2%
Forward	2%
Don't know	63%

45. How closely are you following the 2014 World Cup soccer tournament taking place in Brazil?

Very closely	11%
Somewhat closely	14%
Not very closely	23%
Not at all	52%

46. Are you more or less interested in the World Cup than you were four years ago?

Much more	7%
Somewhat more	12%
About the same	57%
Somewhat less	6%
Much less	18%

47. Which country do you want to win the World Cup?

Argentina	6%
Belgium	2%
Brazil	15%
Costa Rica	5%
Germany	12%
Netherlands	7%
None of them	53%

48. More generally, which teams would you be HAPPY to see win the World Cup? (Please select all that apply.)

Argentina	17%
Belgium	11%
Brazil	26%
Costa Rica	16%
Germany	19%
Netherlands	18%
None of these	16%
Don't know	37%

49. Which teams would you be UNHAPPY to see win the World Cup? (Please select all that apply.)

Argentina	6%
Belgium	7%
Brazil	9%
Costa Rica	4%
Germany	11%
Netherlands	5%
None of these	31%
Don't know	40%

50. Compared to other World Cups, how exciting has the 2014 World Cup been?

Most exciting ever	6%
One of the most exciting	13%
About average	17%
One of the most boring	3%
Most boring ever	2%
Don't know or haven't watched enough to know	58%

51. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	78%	16%	6%	0%
Immigration	55%	28%	11%	5%
The environment	45%	29%	16%	10%
Terrorism	58%	25%	10%	6%
Gay rights	24%	21%	22%	33%
Education	59%	29%	8%	4%
Health care	67%	24%	7%	1%
Social security	61%	28%	8%	3%
The budget deficit	53%	29%	13%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	38%	36%	16%	10%
Taxes	61%	28%	8%	3%
Medicare	54%	31%	13%	2%
Abortion	40%	27%	18%	15%

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

The economy	27%
Immigration	8%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	6%
Gay rights	1%
Education	10%
Health care	8%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	2%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	5%

53. 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%	19%	12%	38%	4%
Joe Biden	18%	25%	13%	30%	14%
John Boehner	5%	20%	20%	31%	24%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	20%	25%	35%
Harry Reid	8%	17%	12%	32%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	17%	13%	38%	21%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Rand Paul	14%	22%	14%	22%	29%
Chris Christie	9%	23%	22%	25%	23%
Paul Ryan	12%	22%	15%	25%	26%
Jeb Bush	9%	23%	17%	25%	25%
Mike Huckabee	14%	21%	14%	22%	28%
Marco Rubio	11%	21%	12%	23%	33%
Elizabeth Warren	15%	15%	10%	18%	41%
Ted Cruz	13%	16%	8%	27%	36%
Scott Walker	12%	15%	9%	18%	45%
Hillary Clinton	27%	24%	12%	31%	6%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	10%	8%	10%	69%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	4%

56. 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	16%	25%	15%	36%	8%
Immigration	15%	18%	13%	41%	13%
The environment	15%	28%	13%	28%	16%
Terrorism	19%	25%	14%	30%	12%
Gay rights	21%	19%	10%	29%	20%
Education	18%	26%	14%	27%	15%
Health care	21%	22%	12%	39%	7%
Social security	16%	23%	14%	28%	20%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	23%	18%	30%	13%
The budget deficit	15%	22%	14%	39%	11%
Taxes	14%	22%	17%	34%	13%
Medicare	16%	24%	12%	28%	19%
Abortion	16%	21%	11%	31%	22%

57. 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	26%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	8%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

59. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	39%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	11%

60. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%
Not sure	11%

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

Like a lot	32%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	41%	31%	29%
Bold	24%	60%	15%
Effective	18%	45%	36%
Exciting	14%	62%	24%
Experienced	21%	47%	32%
Honest	27%	36%	37%
Hypocritical	36%	40%	24%
Inspiring	27%	46%	27%
Intelligent	51%	35%	14%
Partisan	22%	62%	15%
Patriotic	29%	42%	29%
Religious	14%	56%	31%
Sincere	28%	40%	32%
Steady	26%	55%	19%
Strong	29%	46%	25%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	39%
Getting worse	32%
Not sure	4%

64. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	68%
No	30%
Don't know	2%

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

More jobs	21%
The same amount of jobs	43%
Fewer jobs	26%
Not sure	11%

66. 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	3%
Military Household - Family	9%
Military Household - I served previously	9%
Military Household - Family served previously	35%
Military Household - None	50%

67. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

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

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	21%
Neither support, nor oppose	19%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	25%
Not sure	19%

69. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	30%
Some college	23%
2-year college	11%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

70. Age

18-29	26%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

71. Race

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

72. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	22%

73. Party Identification

Democratic	41%
Independent	32%
Republican	27%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 5-7, 2014
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 0.86.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.