

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted March 21-23, 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	30%
Only now and then	15%
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 think America is ready to see a woman serve as **the Secretary of Defense** or not?

Yes	59%
No	29%
Not sure	12%

4. Do you think America is ready to see a woman serve as **Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff** or not?

Yes	63%
No	24%
Not sure	13%

5. Do you think America is ready to see a woman serve as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or not?

Yes 78%
No 14%
Not sure 8%

6. Do you think America is ready to elect a woman president, or not?

Yes 67%
No 22%
Not sure 12%

7. Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is a woman, or not?

Yes 56%
No 20%
Not sure 24%

8. Do you personally hope that the United States has a woman president in your lifetime?

Yes 61%
No 18%
Not sure 21%

9. Do you think the United States will have a woman president in your lifetime?

Yes 66%
No 14%
Not sure 20%

10. Do you think it's appropriate for female candidates to show their emotions in public, or is that not appropriate?

Appropriate	65%
Inappropriate	21%
Not sure	14%

11. Do you think it's appropriate for male candidates to show their emotions in public, or is that not appropriate?

Appropriate	65%
Inappropriate	22%
Not sure	14%

12. Do you think female candidates for office have **to appear to be tougher on national defense** than male candidates, or not?

Yes	39%
No	42%
Not sure	19%

13. Do you think male politicians or female politicians are tougher on national defense?

Male politicians	28%
Female politicians	11%
About the same	47%
Not sure	15%

14. All other things being equal, how much of a factor is a candidate's stand on women's health issues in determining your vote?

The single most important factor	6%
One of several important factors	58%
Not an important factor	36%

15. Would you ever vote for a candidate for President who does not share your views on the following issues?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Abortion	27%	56%	17%
National defense	27%	55%	17%
Economic policy	25%	58%	17%
Taxes	27%	55%	18%
The environment	31%	51%	18%
Gay rights	27%	55%	19%

16. Have you ever been a member of a college fraternity or sorority?

Yes	10%
No	90%

17. How much confidence do you have that college and university administrators will make the right decisions in addressing student discipline on college campuses?

A great deal of confidence	7%
A fair amount of confidence	42%
Not too much confidence	38%
No confidence at all	14%

18. Do you think a student should or should not be expelled from his or her college for making racist comments?

Should be expelled	39%
Should NOT be expelled	44%
Not sure	18%

19. Have you heard the news story about a video which depicts Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity members singing a racist chant at the University of Oklahoma?

Yes	73%
No	23%
Don't remember	4%

20. Do you support or oppose the university administration's decision to close that chapter of the fraternity?

Support	63%
Oppose	21%
Not sure	17%

21. Do you support or oppose the university administration's decision to expel two fraternity members it identified in the video?

Support	54%
Oppose	28%
Not sure	17%

22. How serious a problem is rape and sexual assault on the campuses of US colleges and universities?

Very serious	53%
Somewhat serious	33%
Not very serious	10%
Not serious at all	3%

23. Do you think the problem of rape and sexual assault on the campuses of US colleges and universities is exaggerated, paid the appropriate amount of attention, or not taken seriously enough?

Exaggerated	12%
Paid the appropriate amount of attention	22%
Not taken seriously enough	58%
Not sure	8%

24. Which number do you think is larger?

The number of people who are reluctant to report being a victim of rape or sexual assault 75%
 The number of people who falsely report being a victim of rape or sexual assault 10%
 Not sure 15%

25. Which number do you think is larger?

The number of people who are reluctant to report being a victim of rape or sexual assault 70%
 The number of people who are falsely accused of committing rape or sexual assault 12%
 Not sure 18%

26. Do you think colleges and universities should or should not be required to report the number of rapes and other sexual assaults that were reported on their campuses each year?

Should be required to report 86%
 Should NOT be required to report 6%
 Not sure 8%

27. Do you think a student should or should not be expelled from his or her college for being accused of committing a sexual assault?

Should be expelled 50%
 Should NOT be expelled 30%
 Not sure 20%

28. In cases of alleged sexual assault, which one do you think colleges and universities place the most emphasis on?

Protecting the rights of the accused 8%
 Protecting the rights of the victim 24%
 Protecting the reputation of the college or university 58%
 Not sure 10%

29. **Rape culture** has been defined as a culture in which sexual violence is considered the norm, in which people aren't taught not to rape, but are taught not to be raped.

Do you think America has or does not have a rape culture?

Has a rape culture	46%
Does <u>NOT</u> have a rape culture	30%
Not sure	24%

30. **Rape culture** has been defined as a culture in which sexual violence is considered the norm, in which people aren't taught not to rape, but are taught not to be raped.

Do you think American colleges and universities have or do not have a rape culture?

Have a rape culture	46%
Do <u>NOT</u> have a rape culture	25%
Not sure	30%

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

Expanded	34%
Kept the same	13%
Repealed	39%
Not sure	13%

32. 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	19%
More of a failure than a success	21%
Equal amount of both failure and success	20%
More of a success than a failure	23%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	5%
Not sure	7%

33. 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	15%
Decreased	15%
Don't know	11%

34. 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	47%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	18%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	18%
Not sure	17%

35. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	87%
No	13%

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

Yes	80%
No	20%

37. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	71%	26%	2%	1%
Immigration	53%	34%	10%	4%
The environment	46%	35%	13%	6%
Terrorism	62%	26%	9%	3%
Gay rights	26%	24%	25%	26%
Education	60%	28%	8%	3%
Health care	62%	30%	6%	2%
Social security	61%	28%	10%	1%
The budget deficit	50%	35%	12%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	48%	16%	6%
Taxes	58%	35%	6%	1%
Medicare	54%	32%	11%	2%
Abortion	39%	34%	16%	12%
Foreign policy	43%	43%	13%	2%

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

The economy	20%
Immigration	8%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	4%
Education	11%
Health care	6%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	2%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	3%

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
Barack Obama	27%	21%	11%	35%	5%
John Boehner	4%	17%	23%	31%	26%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	18%	25%	36%
Harry Reid	6%	18%	12%	29%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	22%	12%	34%	23%

40. 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%	22%	20%	28%	20%
Ben Carson	13%	14%	8%	18%	48%
Chris Christie	5%	23%	22%	23%	27%
Ted Cruz	12%	19%	10%	25%	35%
Carly Fiorina	5%	12%	8%	14%	62%
Lindsey Graham	5%	13%	13%	22%	47%
Mike Huckabee	11%	20%	14%	25%	30%
Bobby Jindal	10%	15%	9%	19%	47%
John Kasich	5%	12%	9%	12%	63%
Rand Paul	11%	23%	16%	19%	32%
Rick Perry	9%	20%	12%	25%	34%
Marco Rubio	10%	21%	12%	21%	36%
Rick Santorum	8%	17%	12%	27%	35%
Scott Walker	18%	10%	8%	22%	41%

41. Do you think the people listed below are too conservative or not conservative enough?

	Too conservative	About right	Not conservative enough	Don't know
Jeb Bush	24%	29%	20%	27%
Ben Carson	18%	23%	8%	50%
Chris Christie	19%	25%	22%	33%
Ted Cruz	27%	26%	7%	40%
Carly Fiorina	13%	16%	8%	63%
Lindsey Graham	19%	16%	14%	51%
Mike Huckabee	28%	25%	9%	38%
Bobby Jindal	18%	25%	6%	52%
John Kasich	12%	17%	7%	64%
Rand Paul	25%	30%	8%	37%
Rick Perry	24%	27%	9%	39%
Marco Rubio	22%	27%	11%	41%
Rick Santorum	29%	22%	8%	41%
Scott Walker	21%	27%	6%	45%

42. 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	16%	25%	13%	30%	16%
Martin O'Malley	3%	11%	8%	10%	68%
Bernie Sanders	12%	10%	6%	15%	56%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	9%	7%	10%	71%
Jim Webb	3%	13%	9%	9%	65%
Hillary Clinton	25%	24%	8%	35%	8%

43. Do you think the people listed below are too liberal or not liberal enough?

	Too liberal	About right	Not liberal enough	Don't know
Joe Biden	32%	37%	8%	23%
Martin O'Malley	12%	14%	5%	69%
Bernie Sanders	18%	20%	4%	58%
Brian Schweitzer	10%	11%	7%	72%
Jim Webb	12%	15%	7%	67%
Hillary Clinton	36%	38%	10%	16%

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

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	4%

45. 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	20%	25%	13%	34%	7%
Immigration	20%	20%	13%	39%	8%
The environment	15%	29%	16%	26%	14%
Terrorism	17%	26%	13%	34%	10%
Gay rights	19%	23%	12%	26%	20%
Education	18%	30%	16%	24%	12%
Health care	26%	20%	10%	38%	5%
Social security	15%	25%	18%	26%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	24%	19%	30%	12%
The budget deficit	16%	24%	13%	36%	11%
Taxes	15%	26%	17%	31%	11%
Medicare	18%	26%	13%	29%	14%
Abortion	16%	22%	10%	27%	26%
Foreign policy	15%	24%	13%	34%	13%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off now	27%
About the same	36%
Worse off now	32%
Not sure	5%

48. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	13%

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

Very strong	16%
Somewhat strong	35%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	29%

50. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	46%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	45%
Not sure	9%

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

Like a lot	35%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	28%
Not sure	11%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	27%	34%
Bold	27%	55%	18%
Effective	25%	42%	33%
Exciting	11%	62%	27%
Experienced	21%	52%	27%
Honest	30%	36%	35%
Hypocritical	34%	35%	31%
Inspiring	30%	43%	27%
Intelligent	51%	36%	14%
Partisan	22%	62%	16%
Patriotic	29%	39%	32%
Religious	11%	56%	33%
Sincere	31%	39%	29%
Steady	27%	54%	19%
Strong	30%	42%	28%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

54. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	70%
No	27%
Don't know	3%

55. 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	9%
Ben Carson	5%
Chris Christie	8%
Ted Cruz	7%
Carly Fiorina	2%
Lindsey Graham	2%
Mike Huckabee	3%
Bobby Jindal	2%
John Kasich	2%
Rand Paul	8%
Rick Perry	2%
Marco Rubio	3%
Rick Santorum	2%
Scott Walker	13%
Other	5%
No preference	28%

56. 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%
Hillary Clinton	35%
Brian Schweitzer	2%
Bernie Sanders	5%
Martin O'Malley	4%
Jim Webb	5%
Other	7%
No preference	29%

57. 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	39%
Other	2%
Not sure	14%
I would not vote	4%

58. 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	8%
Somewhat approve	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Not sure	20%

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

Getting better	31%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	30%
Not sure	7%

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

Owned by you or your family	58%
Rented from someone else	40%
Other	2%

61. 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	29%
Stayed about the same	45%
Decreased	17%
Not sure	9%

62. 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	48%
Stayed about the same	27%
Decreased	10%
Not sure	14%

63. Thinking ahead, do you think home prices in your area will increase or decrease in the next year?

Will increase a lot	9%
Will increase a little	38%
Will stay about the same	27%
Will decrease a little	9%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	14%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	5%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not worried	36%
Don't have mortgage payments	32%

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

Will definitely buy a home	4%
Am considering buying a home	16%
Not looking for a home now	80%

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

More jobs	26%
The same amount of jobs	40%
Fewer jobs	22%
Not sure	12%

67. 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	5%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	36%
Military Household - None	49%

68. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

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

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	15%
Neither support, nor oppose	20%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	29%
Not sure	18%

70. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	29%
Some college	25%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

71. Age

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

72. Race

White	65%
Black	14%
Hispanic	12%
Other	10%

73. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	24%
South	35%
West	25%

74. Party Identification

Democratic	37%
Independent	35%
Republican	28%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 21-23, 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.