

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted July 4-6, 2015  
Margin of Error  $\pm 4.7\%$

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	8%
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	58%
Not sure	13%

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	17%
Equally positive and negative	36%
Mostly negative	37%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	11%

4. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	4%
The unemployment rate and job reports	40%
The prices of goods and services you buy	33%
Your personal finances	13%
Don't know	10%

5. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 5%	4%
Between 5% and 6%	32%
Between 6% and 7%	17%
Between 7% and 8%	17%
Greater than 8%	18%
Not sure	13%

6. According to the figures just released by the federal government for June 2015, is the national unemployment rate NOW higher or lower than the national unemployment rate was back in January 2009, when President Obama first took office?

Higher now	14%
About the same	21%
Lower now	53%
Don't know	13%

7. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	19%
Stayed the same	31%
Decreased	27%
Don't know	23%

8. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	43%
Somewhat serious	40%
A minor problem	13%
Not a problem	1%
Not sure	4%

9. How serious a problem is unemployment in your LOCAL community?

Very serious .....	27%
Somewhat serious .....	40%
A minor problem .....	19%
Not a problem .....	5%
Not sure .....	8%

10. How good of a job do you think the national unemployment rate explains the actual health of the national economy?

Very good .....	6%
Good .....	20%
Fair .....	33%
Poor .....	15%
Very poor .....	14%
Don't know .....	11%

11. In your opinion, has the United States recovered from the financial crisis of 2008?

Has recovered .....	18%
Has yet to recover .....	61%
Will never recover .....	11%
Not sure .....	9%

12. How much have you heard about a new government proposal to increase the number of workers eligible for overtime pay?

A lot .....	17%
Some .....	47%
Nothing at all .....	36%

13. Currently, businesses are exempt from paying salaried employees who earn more than \$23,660 overtime pay. The federal government has proposed a new rule to raise the threshold to \$50,440. Some people argue this will help workers because it will increase the number of people eligible to receive overtime pay. Other people argue that this will hurt workers because the new rule will force employers to reduce employee hours or cut the number of employees. Do you approve or disapprove of the new overtime proposal?

Approve .....	37%
Disapprove .....	35%
Not sure .....	28%

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

More honesty .....	7%
Same level of honesty .....	28%
Less honesty .....	9%
Not sure .....	56%

15. Are you confident in Jim Webb's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	13%
Uneasy .....	22%
Not sure .....	65%

16. Would you say Jim Webb is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	4%
Somewhat strong .....	34%
Somewhat weak .....	46%
Very weak .....	16%

17. Regardless of your overall opinion of Jim Webb, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	19%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	54%

18. Would you say Jim Webb is...

Very liberal .....	4%
Liberal .....	12%
Moderate .....	17%
Conservative .....	10%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	55%

19. Do you think Jim Webb is too liberal or not liberal enough?

Too liberal .....	15%
About right .....	15%
Not liberal enough .....	11%
Don't know .....	59%

20. How likely is it that Jim Webb will win the presidency in 2016?

Very likely .....	3%
Somewhat likely .....	8%
Not very likely .....	20%
Not likely at all .....	32%
Not sure .....	37%

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

More honesty .....	9%
Same level of honesty .....	36%
Less honesty .....	35%
Not sure .....	20%

22. Are you confident in Chris Christie's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	22%
Uneasy .....	48%
Not sure .....	30%

23. Would you say Chris Christie is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	10%
Somewhat strong .....	39%
Somewhat weak .....	33%
Very weak .....	18%

24. Regardless of your overall opinion of Chris Christie, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	30%
No .....	44%
Not sure .....	25%

**25. Would you say Chris Christie is...**

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	7%
Not sure	29%

**26. Do you think Chris Christie is too conservative or not conservative enough?**

Too conservative	18%
About right	26%
Not conservative enough	23%
Don't know	32%

**27. How likely is it that Chris Christie will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	15%
Not very likely	27%
Not likely at all	37%
Not sure	18%

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

Expanded	30%
Kept the same	17%
Repealed	42%
Not sure	10%

29. 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 .....	26%
Equal amount of both failure and success .....	16%
More of a success than a failure .....	25%
A complete success .....	6%
Too early to tell .....	5%
Not sure .....	7%

30. Do you think the number of people with health insurance has increased, remained the same, or decreased since 2013?

Increased .....	58%
Remained the same .....	17%
Decreased .....	14%
Don't know .....	12%

31. 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 .....	49%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	14%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do .....	22%
Not sure .....	14%

32. Do you have health insurance?

Yes .....	84%
No .....	16%



**33. Did you have health insurance for all of 2013?**

Yes ..... 75%  
 No ..... 25%

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

Very favorable ..... 9%  
 Somewhat favorable ..... 35%  
 Somewhat unfavorable ..... 25%  
 Very unfavorable ..... 21%  
 Don't know ..... 11%

**35. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Supreme Court Justices?**

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Elena Kagan	12%	18%	12%	17%	41%
Sonia Sotomayor	14%	19%	14%	19%	33%
Samuel Alito	10%	19%	13%	17%	42%
John Roberts	7%	21%	19%	14%	38%
Stephen Breyer	7%	19%	15%	14%	45%
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	18%	15%	14%	20%	33%
Clarence Thomas	16%	18%	13%	21%	32%
Anthony Kennedy	7%	24%	16%	12%	41%
Antonin Scalia	15%	16%	13%	18%	38%

**36. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court?**

Very liberal ..... 11%  
 Liberal ..... 27%  
 Moderate ..... 28%  
 Conservative ..... 13%  
 Very conservative ..... 4%  
 Not sure ..... 17%

37. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court decision which ruled that independent redistricting commissions could replace state legislatures in drawing up district boundaries for elected offices?

Approve strongly	13%
Approve somewhat	20%
Disapprove somewhat	13%
Disapprove strongly	13%
Not sure	40%

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court decision which ruled that state governments can continue to use certain drugs when administering a lethal injection even though some condemned prisoners in recent executions have experienced very painful deaths?

Approve strongly	26%
Approve somewhat	23%
Disapprove somewhat	16%
Disapprove strongly	17%
Not sure	18%

39. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court decision which ruled that the Environmental Protection Agency must do a cost-benefit analysis before it issues any regulations?

Approve strongly	25%
Approve somewhat	27%
Disapprove somewhat	16%
Disapprove strongly	8%
Not sure	24%

40. Do you think race relations in the United States are generally...

Good	36%
Bad	64%

41. Since the 1960's, do you think race relations in the United States have gotten...

Better .....	46%
Stayed about the same .....	27%
Worse .....	27%

42. Since Barack Obama has been president, do you think race relations in the United States have gotten...

Better .....	11%
Stayed about the same .....	38%
Worse .....	51%

43. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	69%	25%	4%	2%
Immigration	50%	32%	12%	6%
The environment	49%	34%	12%	6%
Terrorism	57%	27%	11%	5%
Gay rights	21%	20%	23%	36%
Education	59%	31%	8%	2%
Health care	66%	26%	6%	3%
Social security	58%	29%	9%	4%
The budget deficit	51%	34%	10%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	34%	39%	17%	11%
Taxes	58%	33%	6%	4%
Medicare	54%	32%	12%	3%
Abortion	39%	32%	17%	12%
Foreign policy	44%	36%	13%	7%

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

The economy .....	22%
Immigration .....	8%
The environment .....	9%
Terrorism .....	9%
Gay rights .....	2%
Education .....	8%
Health care .....	9%
Social security .....	15%
The budget deficit .....	6%
The war in Afghanistan .....	1%
Taxes .....	2%
Medicare .....	3%
Abortion .....	4%
Foreign policy .....	2%

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%	17%	12%	36%	3%
John Boehner	3%	17%	21%	31%	27%
Mitch McConnell	4%	14%	20%	25%	36%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	18%	13%	40%	22%
Harry Reid	5%	14%	16%	31%	34%

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
Jeb Bush	9%	25%	22%	28%	16%
Ben Carson	15%	15%	11%	18%	40%
Chris Christie	7%	24%	22%	29%	18%
Ted Cruz	17%	19%	9%	30%	25%
Carly Fiorina	11%	16%	12%	18%	43%
Lindsey Graham	5%	16%	16%	22%	42%
Mike Huckabee	12%	18%	17%	27%	27%
Bobby Jindal	11%	17%	10%	23%	40%
John Kasich	6%	14%	12%	12%	56%
George Pataki	3%	16%	16%	13%	52%
Rand Paul	11%	24%	20%	19%	27%
Rick Perry	9%	20%	17%	25%	29%
Marco Rubio	14%	19%	15%	20%	31%
Rick Santorum	9%	18%	14%	29%	31%
Donald Trump	18%	16%	12%	46%	9%
Scott Walker	14%	14%	11%	22%	39%

47. 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	17%	23%	18%	32%	11%
Lincoln Chafee	2%	12%	10%	15%	60%
Hillary Clinton	24%	21%	10%	40%	6%
Martin O'Malley	3%	14%	12%	16%	55%
Bernie Sanders	14%	18%	13%	19%	36%
Jim Webb	4%	17%	15%	13%	52%

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

Strongly approve .....	19%
Somewhat approve .....	26%
Somewhat disapprove .....	18%
Strongly disapprove .....	34%
Not sure .....	3%

**49. 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%	22%	19%	31%	7%
Immigration	16%	22%	14%	40%	9%
The environment	15%	31%	16%	25%	12%
Terrorism	16%	25%	18%	32%	10%
Gay rights	26%	18%	8%	36%	12%
Education	16%	29%	16%	27%	12%
Health care	26%	19%	12%	38%	5%
Social security	13%	24%	16%	28%	19%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	24%	19%	30%	13%
The budget deficit	16%	22%	17%	35%	11%
Taxes	15%	23%	18%	31%	13%
Medicare	18%	21%	21%	25%	14%
Abortion	14%	21%	11%	29%	25%
Foreign policy	14%	22%	16%	34%	14%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	8%

51. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	17%

52. 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	4%
About the same	35%
Less than usual	41%
Not sure	20%

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

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

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

Very liberal .....	37%
Liberal .....	22%
Moderate .....	22%
Conservative .....	5%
Very conservative .....	3%
Not sure .....	11%

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

Very strong .....	20%
Somewhat strong .....	29%
Somewhat weak .....	20%
Very weak .....	31%

**56. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	51%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Like a lot .....	34%
Like somewhat .....	25%
Dislike .....	31%
Not sure .....	10%



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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	39%	30%	31%
Bold	30%	53%	17%
Effective	23%	45%	33%
Exciting	12%	64%	24%
Experienced	19%	51%	30%
Honest	25%	37%	38%
Hypocritical	38%	36%	26%
Inspiring	30%	41%	29%
Intelligent	51%	31%	18%
Partisan	24%	64%	12%
Patriotic	28%	40%	33%
Religious	16%	56%	28%
Sincere	25%	43%	32%
Steady	24%	55%	21%
Strong	27%	44%	30%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

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

Yes	66%
No	28%
Don't know	5%

61. 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 or Independents*

Joe Biden	12%
Lincoln Chafee	1%
Hillary Clinton	43%
Bernie Sanders	25%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Jim Webb	4%
Other	5%
No preference	11%

62. 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 or Independents*

Joe Biden	23%
Lincoln Chafee	6%
Hillary Clinton	18%
Bernie Sanders	16%
Martin O'Malley	4%
Jim Webb	5%
Other	3%
No preference	25%

63. If an election for the Democratic nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, would you vote for...

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats or Independents*

Hillary Clinton	51%
Bernie Sanders	32%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	9%

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

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats or Independents*

Joe Biden .....	5%
Lincoln Chafee .....	0%
Hillary Clinton .....	69%
Bernie Sanders .....	10%
Martin O'Malley .....	3%
Jim Webb .....	3%
Other .....	1%
No preference .....	10%

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

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats or Independents*

Would you like to see someone else run for the Democratic nomination ..	31%
Satisfied with the choices .....	50%
Don't know .....	19%

66. 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 or Independents*

Jeb Bush	9%
Ben Carson	8%
Chris Christie	5%
Ted Cruz	5%
Carly Fiorina	3%
Lindsey Graham	2%
Mike Huckabee	8%
Bobby Jindal	2%
John Kasich	2%
George Pataki	0%
Rand Paul	10%
Rick Perry	2%
Marco Rubio	6%
Rick Santorum	1%
Donald Trump	18%
Scott Walker	8%
Other	1%
No preference	11%

67. 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 or Independents*

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

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

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans or Independents*

Jeb Bush	27%
Ben Carson	4%
Chris Christie	4%
Ted Cruz	5%
Carly Fiorina	1%
Lindsey Graham	2%
Mike Huckabee	3%
Bobby Jindal	0%
John Kasich	1%
George Pataki	0%
Rand Paul	6%
Rick Perry	2%
Marco Rubio	7%
Rick Santorum	1%
Donald Trump	9%
Scott Walker	10%
Other	1%
No preference	16%

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

*Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans or Independents*

Would you like to see someone else run for the Republican nomination	21%
Satisfied with the choices	60%
Don't know	19%

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

Getting better	27%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	4%

**71. Is the place where you live owned or rented?**

Owned by you or your family .....	56%
Rented from someone else .....	41%
Other .....	3%

**72. 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 .....	35%
Stayed about the same .....	39%
Decreased .....	18%
Not sure .....	8%

**73. 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 .....	47%
Stayed about the same .....	33%
Decreased .....	8%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Will increase a lot .....	10%
Will increase a little .....	36%
Will stay about the same .....	26%
Will decrease a little .....	12%
Will decrease a lot .....	2%
Not sure .....	14%

**75. How worried are you about making your mortgage payments?**

*Asked of those who own their own homes*

Very worried .....	11%
Somewhat worried .....	22%
Not worried .....	36%
Don't have mortgage payments .....	31%

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

Will definitely buy a home .....	5%
Am considering buying a home .....	17%
Not looking for a home now .....	78%

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

More jobs .....	22%
The same amount of jobs .....	44%
Fewer jobs .....	22%
Not sure .....	12%

**78. 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 .....	2%
Military Household - Family .....	8%
Military Household - I served previously .....	13%
Military Household - Family served previously .....	33%
Military Household - None .....	51%

**79. Gender**

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



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

Strongly support .....	11%
Somewhat support .....	15%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	21%
Somewhat oppose .....	7%
Strongly oppose .....	25%
Not sure .....	21%

**81. Education**

No high school .....	10%
High school graduate .....	32%
Some college .....	24%
2-year college .....	10%
4-year college .....	17%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**82. Age**

18-29 .....	25%
30-44 .....	27%
45-64 .....	35%
65+ .....	14%

**83. Race**

White .....	66%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	9%

**84. Region**

Northeast .....	21%
Midwest .....	21%
South .....	35%
West .....	24%

**85. Party Identification**

Democratic .....	36%
Independent .....	35%
Republican .....	29%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	July 4-6, 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 0.1 to 7.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.15.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.7% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.