

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents

Conducted March 29-31, 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	48%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	13%

3. How closely have you been following recent events going on in Ukraine?

Very closely	17%
Somewhat closely	44%
Not very closely	24%
Not closely at all	14%

4. Do you think the U.S. should get involved in Russia's dispute with Ukraine?

Yes	20%
No	56%
Not sure	24%

5. Now that Russia has annexed Crimea, do you think the Russians will attempt to take control of more parts of Ukraine?

Yes .....	60%
No .....	13%
Not sure .....	27%

6. Do you think Russia will attempt to take control of other parts of eastern Europe?

Yes .....	37%
No .....	26%
Not sure .....	37%

7. Do you think Russia wants to re-establish control over the old borders of the Soviet Union?

Yes .....	61%
No .....	13%
Not sure .....	26%

8. Do you think Russia is a global power or a regional power?

Global power .....	42%
Regional power .....	34%
Neither .....	7%
Not sure .....	18%

9. Do you think the world is safer now or was it safer 25 years ago during the Cold War?

Safer now .....	21%
About the same .....	40%
Safer during the Cold War .....	21%
Not sure .....	17%

10. Do you think Russia is friendlier to the US now or back when it was the Soviet Union during the Cold War?

Friendlier now .....	23%
About the same .....	45%
Friendlier during the Cold War .....	10%
Not sure .....	22%

11. Do you think the US and Russia are entering into another Cold War?

Yes .....	31%
No .....	30%
Not sure .....	39%

12. Should the US devote more or less of its military budget to defense against Russia?

More .....	19%
About the same .....	39%
Less .....	22%
Not sure .....	19%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of the crisis in Ukraine?

Approve strongly .....	13%
Approve somewhat .....	22%
Disapprove somewhat .....	19%
Disapprove strongly .....	26%
Not sure .....	19%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of Russia?

Approve strongly .....	13%
Approve somewhat .....	22%
Disapprove somewhat .....	19%
Disapprove strongly .....	28%
Not sure .....	18%

15. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following banks and financial institutions?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Goldman Sachs	5%	13%	18%	28%	36%
JPMorgan Chase	11%	22%	18%	22%	28%
Citigroup	7%	20%	20%	20%	32%
Morgan Stanley	6%	19%	17%	21%	37%
Bank of America	11%	24%	17%	29%	19%
American International Group (AIG)	5%	13%	19%	23%	40%

16. Did the financial crisis of 2008 have much of an impact on you personally?

A serious effect	36%
Not a very serious effect.	53%
Not sure	10%

17. Are you in favor of having the federal government take over and control banks?

Favor	20%
Oppose	56%
Not sure	23%

18. What do you think would have happened if the government had not rescued failing banks and insurance companies in the 2008 financial crisis?

Nothing much – it wasn't necessary.	17%
The markets would have fallen further, but the damage would have been limited.	37%
Government intervention prevented a financial catastrophe.	29%
Not sure	17%

19. What do you think is more of a threat?

Big business .....	38%
Big government .....	62%

20. Do you think the problems with banks in the 2008 financial crisis have been fixed?

Most problems have been fixed .....	21%
Most problems have not been fixed .....	54%
Not sure .....	25%

21. Do you think financial markets need more or less regulation by the Federal Government?

More .....	32%
About the same .....	27%
Less .....	24%
Not sure .....	17%

22. Do you think that the U.S. banking system can survive an economic crisis?

Definitely can .....	9%
Probably can .....	42%
Probably cannot .....	26%
Definitely cannot .....	7%
Not sure .....	15%

23. How well do you think the Obama administration has handled the recent problems in financial markets?

Very well .....	10%
Somewhat well .....	25%
Somewhat poorly .....	22%
Very poorly .....	28%
Not sure .....	15%

24. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Chris Christie?

Very favorable .....	6%
Somewhat favorable .....	24%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	26%
Very unfavorable .....	20%
Don't know .....	24%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling his job as Governor of New Jersey?

Approve strongly .....	11%
Approve somewhat .....	24%
Disapprove somewhat .....	21%
Disapprove strongly .....	14%
Not sure .....	29%

26. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Chris Christie, or have they treated him the same as other public figures?

Harder .....	33%
About the same .....	40%
Easier .....	10%
Not sure .....	17%

27. Do you think Chris Christie...

Says what he believes .....	35%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	40%
Not sure .....	26%

28. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Chris Christie as a person?

Like a lot .....	12%
Like somewhat .....	32%
Dislike .....	26%
Not sure .....	30%

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

Yes .....	25%
No .....	44%
Not sure .....	31%

30. Regardless of your overall opinion of Chris Christie, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes .....	30%
No .....	36%
Not sure .....	35%

31. How much do you think Chris Christie cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot .....	11%
Some .....	35%
Not much .....	32%
Not at all .....	22%

32. 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 .....	16%
Same level of honesty .....	40%
Less honesty .....	27%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Confident .....	23%
Uneasy .....	45%
Not sure .....	32%

34. Would you say Chris Christie is...

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	6%
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	30%
Very conservative .....	7%
Not sure .....	24%

35. Do you want Chris Christie to run for President in 2016?

Yes .....	20%
No .....	48%
Not sure .....	32%

36. 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 .....	27%
More of a failure than a success .....	21%
Equal amount of both failure and success .....	17%
More of a success than a failure .....	19%
A complete success .....	3%
Too early to tell .....	9%
Not sure .....	4%



37. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the healthcare law, or have you not heard much news at all about the healthcare law?

Mostly positive .....	10%
Equally positive and negative .....	31%
Mostly negative .....	52%
Not heard much news at all .....	7%

38. When you have discussed the new healthcare law with your friends and family, has the discussion been mostly positive or mostly negative, or have you not discussed the healthcare law at all with your friends and family?

Mostly positive .....	17%
Equally positive and negative .....	22%
Mostly negative .....	46%
Not discussed at all .....	15%

39. Have you been personally affected by the new healthcare law?

Yes .....	35%
No .....	53%
Not sure .....	11%

40. Has the new health care law made your life better or worse?

*Asked of those who reported being personally affected by the new health care law*

Better .....	7%
About the same .....	7%
Worse .....	19%
Not sure .....	3%
Has not been personally affected by the law .....	53%
Not sure if they have been personally affected .....	11%

41. Has at least one of your close relatives been personally affected by the new health care law?

Yes .....	40%
No .....	39%
Not sure .....	21%

42. Thinking about the close relative who has been personally affected by the new health care law, has their life been made better or worse?

*Asked of those who reported a close relative has been personally affected by the new health care law*

Better .....	8%
About the same .....	7%
Worse .....	24%
Has not been personally affected by the law .....	39%
Not sure if they have been personally affected .....	21%
Not sure .....	2%

43. Have you tried to visit the federal health insurance exchange website, healthcare.gov?

Yes .....	29%
No .....	66%
Not sure .....	5%

44. Which month was your most recent visit to healthcare.gov?

October .....	2%
November .....	3%
December .....	3%
January .....	6%
February .....	5%
March .....	6%
Has not tried to visit the federal website .....	66%
Not sure about visiting the federal website .....	5%
I don't remember .....	4%

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

Expanded .....	26%
Kept the same .....	16%
Repealed .....	44%
Not sure .....	15%

**46. What do you think is the most likely action Congress will take on the new healthcare law?**

Repeal the Affordable Care Act and not replace it with anything else .....	20%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something better .....	29%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something worse .....	12%
Leave the Affordable Care Act as it is .....	40%

**47. Do you have health insurance?**

Yes .....	83%
No .....	17%

**48. 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 .....	36%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare .....	20%
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 .....	9%
I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits .....	3%
I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid .....	12%
Does not have health insurance .....	17%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

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

Yes .....	79%
No .....	18%
Not sure .....	3%

**50. How important are the following issues to you?**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	70%	25%	3%	2%
Immigration	35%	36%	21%	8%
The environment	40%	33%	16%	11%
Terrorism	46%	33%	15%	6%
Gay rights	22%	25%	20%	33%
Education	55%	31%	9%	4%
Health care	59%	33%	5%	3%
Social security	57%	30%	9%	3%
The budget deficit	50%	32%	13%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	22%	39%	28%	11%
Taxes	54%	33%	10%	3%
Medicare	50%	32%	12%	6%
Abortion	35%	29%	21%	15%

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

The economy .....	31%
Immigration .....	5%
The environment .....	6%
Terrorism .....	4%
Gay rights .....	1%
Education .....	9%
Health care .....	8%
Social security .....	14%
The budget deficit .....	8%
The war in Afghanistan .....	2%
Taxes .....	3%
Medicare .....	4%
Abortion .....	4%

52. 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	22%	24%	13%	37%	4%
Joe Biden	17%	27%	14%	32%	10%
John Boehner	6%	20%	19%	33%	22%
Mitch McConnell	5%	14%	18%	30%	33%
Harry Reid	7%	20%	14%	30%	29%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	20%	16%	37%	17%

**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
Andrew Cuomo	7%	19%	15%	17%	41%
Martin O'Malley	5%	10%	10%	11%	63%
Mark Warner	5%	14%	10%	11%	60%
Elizabeth Warren	17%	13%	10%	16%	44%
Kirsten Gillibrand	7%	14%	10%	11%	57%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	5%

**55. 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	14%	26%	15%	38%	7%
Immigration	11%	24%	18%	34%	13%
The environment	12%	30%	15%	27%	15%
Terrorism	20%	26%	17%	27%	10%
Gay rights	17%	24%	13%	28%	17%
Education	15%	26%	20%	28%	11%
Health care	21%	18%	13%	42%	6%
Social security	14%	25%	17%	30%	13%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	24%	19%	30%	11%
The budget deficit	13%	24%	15%	40%	8%
Taxes	11%	26%	19%	33%	11%
Medicare	14%	25%	16%	31%	15%
Abortion	14%	21%	14%	31%	21%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

58. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	36%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	13%

59. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	35%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	54%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot .....	29%
Like somewhat .....	29%
Dislike .....	33%
Not sure .....	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	36%	26%
Bold	21%	61%	18%
Effective	17%	49%	34%
Exciting	11%	65%	23%
Experienced	19%	51%	31%
Honest	25%	38%	37%
Hypocritical	37%	43%	20%
Inspiring	27%	49%	24%
Intelligent	47%	37%	16%
Partisan	20%	66%	13%
Patriotic	22%	49%	29%
Religious	10%	62%	28%
Sincere	25%	46%	29%
Steady	23%	59%	18%
Strong	23%	53%	23%

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

Getting better .....	22%
About the same .....	36%
Getting worse .....	38%
Not sure .....	5%



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

Yes .....	71%
No .....	24%
Don't know .....	5%

**64. Gender**

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

**65. Education**

No high school .....	10%
High school graduate .....	33%
Some college .....	24%
2-year college .....	9%
4-year college .....	16%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**66. Age**

18-29 .....	25%
30-44 .....	27%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	15%

**67. Race**

White .....	67%
Black .....	15%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	7%

68. Region

Northeast .....	19%
Midwest .....	24%
South .....	36%
West .....	20%

69. 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>	March 29-31, 2014
<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 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.87.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.