

The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted March 20-22, 2010
 Margin of Error ±3.7%

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

| | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Not sure |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------|
| Nancy Pelosi | 12% | 15% | 11% | 39% | 23% |
| Harry Reid | 5% | 14% | 12% | 32% | 37% |
| Barack Obama | 28% | 18% | 13% | 34% | 7% |
| The Democrats in Congress | 9% | 22% | 19% | 38% | 12% |
| The Republicans in Congress | 7% | 19% | 24% | 36% | 12% |

2. How do you feel about President Obama's decision to delay his trip to Indonesia and Australia in order to help pass health care reform?

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| Strongly Approve | 37% |
| Somewhat Approve | 16% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 10% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 19% |
| Not Sure | 18% |

3. Overall, given what you know about them, do you support or oppose the proposed changes to the health care system being developed by Congress and the Obama Administration?

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| Support strongly | 20% |
| Support somewhat | 30% |
| Oppose somewhat | 15% |
| Oppose strongly | 35% |

4. When, if ever, do you think the health care system should be reformed?

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| Immediately | 49% |
| Next year | 9% |
| In a few years | 15% |
| Not necessary to reform the health care system | 11% |
| Not sure | 17% |

5. Which of the following three statements comes closest to expressing your overall view of the current health care reform bill?

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| On the whole, the current health care reform bill is the best bill that can be passed by Congress at this time. | 17% |
| There are some good things in the current health care reform bill, but it could have been significantly better. | 43% |
| The current health care reform bill has so much wrong with it that it should not become law. | 40% |

6. In the Senate, it takes the votes of 60 out of 100 Senators to stop debate and force a vote on a bill. But Democrats in the Senate may use a parliamentary procedure known as budget reconciliation to pass the health care bill with only 51 votes. How do you feel about using budget reconciliation to pass the health care bill with 51 votes?

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| Strongly Approve | 22% |
| Somewhat Approve | 15% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 8% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 40% |
| Not Sure | 14% |

7. If President Obama and Congress pass a health care reform plan, do you think you personally would receive better or worse care than you receive now?

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| Better care | 17% |
| About the same | 31% |
| Worse care | 39% |
| Not sure | 13% |

8. Do you think you personally would pay more, either in taxes or insurance costs, if President Obama and Congress pass a health care reform plan?

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| Pay more | 52% |
| About the same | 26% |
| Pay less | 8% |
| Not sure | 14% |

9. If Congress passes and the President signs a health care reform bill, do you think...

| | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| there will be long-term savings in health care costs? | 45% | 55% |
| health care will be rationed? | 55% | 45% |
| there will be limits to medical care for the elderly and people with disabilities? | 54% | 46% |
| you would be able to keep your health care coverage even if you became seriously ill? | 66% | 34% |
| you would be able to keep your current doctors if you wished? | 62% | 38% |
| the plan will give health care coverage to illegal immigrants? | 56% | 44% |
| there will be cuts in Medicare coverage? | 61% | 39% |
| the deficit would increase by billions of dollars? | 63% | 37% |
| you might lose your own health care coverage? | 40% | 60% |
| people will be able to get health insurance coverage for pre-existing conditions? | 72% | 28% |
| the elderly will be required to have consultations with doctors about end of life decisions? | 52% | 48% |

10. If the health care reform bill becomes law, do you think that by 2012 the bill will increase or decrease overall health care costs?

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| Increase a lot | 32% |
| Increase somewhat | 22% |
| Have no impact | 8% |
| Decrease somewhat | 18% |
| Decrease a lot | 4% |
| Not sure | 16% |

11. What about ten years from now? If the health care reform bill becomes law, do you think that ten years from now the bill will increase or decrease overall health care costs?

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| Increase a lot | 34% |
| Increase somewhat | 15% |
| Have no impact | 5% |
| Decrease somewhat | 17% |
| Decrease a lot | 13% |
| Not sure | 15% |

12. Would you prefer that your House member vote for or against health care reform?

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| For health care reform | 43% |
| Against health care reform | 44% |
| No preference | 14% |

13. If you learn that your House member voted FOR the current health care reform bill, would you...

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| Definitely vote for him/her | 18% |
| Probably vote for him/her | 21% |
| Probably vote against him/her | 10% |
| Definitely vote against him/her | 33% |
| Don't plan to vote | 17% |

14. If you learn that your House member voted AGAINST the current health care reform bill, would you...

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| Definitely vote for him/her | 15% |
| Probably vote for him/her | 27% |
| Probably vote against him/her | 19% |
| Definitely vote against him/her | 21% |
| Don't plan to vote | 17% |

15. When deciding whom to support in the 2010 elections, how important will the candidate's position on health care reform be in your decision?

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| The most important factor | 15% |
| Very important | 40% |
| Somewhat important | 25% |
| Not very important | 6% |
| Don't plan to vote | 13% |

16. Which of the following countries do you consider to be allies or enemies of the United States?

| | Ally of U.S. | Friendly | Unfriendly | Enemy of the U.S. | Not sure |
|-------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------------------|----------|
| China | 4% | 28% | 32% | 17% | 18% |
| Japan | 31% | 39% | 9% | 4% | 17% |
| South Korea | 29% | 35% | 10% | 7% | 19% |
| Israel | 40% | 25% | 10% | 6% | 19% |
| France | 28% | 31% | 19% | 4% | 17% |
| India | 15% | 47% | 11% | 3% | 23% |
| Mexico | 20% | 44% | 16% | 6% | 15% |
| Russia | 5% | 29% | 33% | 13% | 19% |
| North Korea | 1% | 3% | 23% | 56% | 16% |

17. Do you think that people in these countries have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the United States?

| | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Not sure |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------|
| China | 4% | 28% | 29% | 21% | 18% |
| Japan | 17% | 40% | 16% | 9% | 18% |
| South Korea | 16% | 37% | 15% | 12% | 20% |
| Israel | 21% | 35% | 15% | 11% | 19% |
| France | 8% | 29% | 30% | 15% | 18% |
| India | 13% | 38% | 19% | 9% | 22% |
| Mexico | 19% | 37% | 18% | 10% | 16% |
| Russia | 3% | 24% | 32% | 21% | 20% |
| North Korea | 1% | 5% | 20% | 55% | 20% |

18. In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

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| Israelis | 33% |
| About equal | 29% |
| Palestinians | 9% |
| Not sure | 29% |

19. Do you favor or oppose the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza strip?

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| Favor | 33% |
| Oppose | 18% |
| Not sure | 50% |

20. Below are some issues facing the country. For each one, indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling that issue.

| | Strongly Approve | Somewhat Approve | Somewhat Disapprove | Strongly Disapprove | No Opinion |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| The war in Iraq | 16% | 29% | 21% | 24% | 9% |
| The economy | 16% | 22% | 16% | 40% | 6% |
| Immigration | 8% | 21% | 16% | 35% | 20% |
| The environment | 14% | 29% | 18% | 25% | 15% |
| Terrorism | 18% | 26% | 16% | 28% | 12% |
| Gay rights | 11% | 22% | 18% | 23% | 24% |
| Education | 17% | 27% | 18% | 25% | 12% |
| Health care | 25% | 18% | 9% | 42% | 6% |
| Social security | 13% | 19% | 17% | 33% | 18% |
| The budget deficit | 12% | 21% | 16% | 42% | 8% |
| The war in Afghanistan | 15% | 27% | 21% | 27% | 11% |

21. How important are the following issues to you?

| | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not Very Important | Unimportant |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| The war in Iraq | 46% | 38% | 11% | 4% |
| The economy | 84% | 14% | 1% | 1% |
| Immigration | 46% | 35% | 13% | 6% |
| The environment | 47% | 38% | 11% | 5% |
| Terrorism | 57% | 30% | 9% | 4% |
| Gay rights | 23% | 27% | 23% | 27% |
| Education | 65% | 29% | 5% | 1% |
| Health care | 76% | 19% | 3% | 2% |
| Social security | 62% | 27% | 8% | 3% |
| The budget deficit | 64% | 29% | 5% | 1% |
| The war in Afghanistan | 47% | 36% | 12% | 4% |

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

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| The war in Iraq | 1% |
| The economy | 35% |
| Immigration | 4% |
| The environment | 4% |
| Terrorism | 3% |
| Gay rights | 3% |
| Education | 7% |
| Health care | 25% |
| Social security | 8% |
| The budget deficit | 8% |
| The war in Afghanistan | 2% |

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

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| Strongly approve | 21% |
| Somewhat approve | 24% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 12% |
| Strongly disapprove | 35% |
| Not sure | 7% |

24. Overall, do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

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| Strongly approve | 2% |
| Somewhat approve | 11% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 12% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 22% |
| Strongly disapprove | 44% |
| Not sure | 10% |

25. If the 2010 elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

| | Republican | Lean Republican | Lean Democrat | Democrat | Not Sure |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Registered Voters | 37% | 5% | 7% | 40% | 11% |
| All Respondents | 34% | 6% | 7% | 35% | 19% |

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

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| Generally headed in the right direction | 34% |
| Off on the wrong track | 54% |
| Not sure | 11% |

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

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| Getting better | 23% |
| About the same | 31% |
| Getting worse | 41% |
| Not sure | 4% |

28. Would you say that you and your family are...

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| Better off financially than you were a year ago | 13% |
| About the same financially as you were a year ago | 39% |
| Worse off financially than you were a year ago | 44% |
| Not sure | 4% |

29. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

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| Higher | 27% |
| About the same | 33% |
| Lower | 22% |
| Not sure | 18% |

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

| | Yes | No Opinion | No |
|-------------|-----|------------|-----|
| Honest | 36% | 31% | 33% |
| Intelligent | 62% | 26% | 12% |
| Religious | 16% | 55% | 29% |
| Inspiring | 42% | 38% | 20% |
| Patriotic | 32% | 41% | 28% |
| Strong | 39% | 43% | 19% |
| Bold | 41% | 44% | 15% |
| Experienced | 15% | 38% | 48% |
| Sincere | 36% | 36% | 28% |
| Partisan | 25% | 51% | 24% |
| Effective | 25% | 48% | 27% |
| Unifying | 21% | 47% | 33% |
| In Touch | 29% | 41% | 30% |
| Realistic | 31% | 38% | 31% |
| Decisive | 28% | 50% | 22% |

31. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

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| Very liberal | 36% |
| Somewhat liberal | 23% |
| Moderate | 19% |
| Somewhat conservative | 3% |
| Very conservative | 2% |
| Not sure | 17% |

32. Do you think Barack Obama ...

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| Says what he believes | 49% |
| Says what he thinks people want to hear | 51% |

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

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| Like a lot | 38% |
| Like somewhat | 25% |
| Dislike | 27% |
| Not sure | 10% |