

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted March 8-10, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4\%$

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	29%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	25%
No	50%
Not sure	24%

4. In dealing with the Ukraine crisis, which of the following things do you think the U.S. should do?

Impose economic sanctions on Russia	40%
Provide economic aid to Ukraine	27%
Hold diplomatic negotiations with Russia	44%
Provide military weapons to Ukraine	11%
Send U.S. troops to Ukraine	6%
None of the above	30%

5. If the U.S. imposes economic sanctions on Russia, how likely is Russia to remove its troops from Ukraine?

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	17%
Not at all likely	55%
Don't know	25%

6. If the U.S. sends troops to Ukraine, how likely is Russia to remove its troops from Ukraine?

Very likely	6%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not at all likely	50%
Don't know	25%

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

Approve strongly	9%
Approve somewhat	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Disapprove somewhat	13%
Disapprove strongly	22%
Not sure	17%

8. In the Ukraine crisis, are your sympathies more with...?

Ukrainians	42%
About equal	25%
Ethnic Russians living in Crimea	5%
Not sure	28%

9. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	9%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%
Very unfavorable	38%
Don't know	21%

10. Would you say Vladimir Putin is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	33%
Somewhat strong	45%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	8%

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

Very closely	19%
Somewhat closely	39%
Not very closely	25%
Not closely at all	17%

12. 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	37%
Mostly negative	37%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	13%

13. 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	8%
Equally positive and negative	25%
Mostly negative	48%
Not discussed the economy at all	19%

14. 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 February 2014?

Unemployment rate <u>decreased</u> by 1% or more	31%
Unemployment rate <u>decreased</u> by between 0% and 1%	13%
Unemployment rate is the same	9%
Unemployment rate <u>increased</u> by between 0% and 1%	7%
Unemployment rate <u>increased</u> by 1% or more	26%
Don't know	13%

15. Do you think President Barack Obama is doing enough to create new jobs for Americans or should he do more?

Doing enough	20%
Should do more	68%
Not sure	13%

16. Do you think Republicans in Congress are doing enough to create new jobs for Americans or should they do more?

Doing enough	13%
Should do more	73%
Not sure	15%

17. Do you think Democrats in Congress are doing enough to create new jobs for Americans or should they do more?

Doing enough	14%
Should do more	71%
Not sure	15%

18. 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	54%
Federal government should not be directly involved	30%
Not sure	16%

19. 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	2%
Good	15%
Poor	20%
Very poor	13%
Not sure	4%
Federal government should not be directly involved	30%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	16%

20. 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	55%
Federal government should not be directly involved	29%
Not sure	17%

21. 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	2%
Good	15%
Poor	20%
Very poor	12%
Not sure	5%
Federal government should not be directly involved	29%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	17%

22. 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	3%
Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat lower</u> than they are today	25%
Unemployment rates will be <u>about the same</u> as they are today	29%
Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat higher</u> than they are today	19%
Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot higher</u> than they are today	11%
Not sure	13%

23. 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	11%
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	19%
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	11%
Not sure	17%

24. 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	16%
More of a success than a failure	19%
A complete success	1%
Too early to tell	11%
Not sure	6%

25. 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	8%
Equally positive and negative	27%
Mostly negative	55%
Not heard much news at all	10%

26. 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	16%
Equally positive and negative	22%
Mostly negative	49%
Not discussed at all	13%

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

Yes	36%
No	52%
Not sure	12%

28. 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	5%
Worse	20%
Not sure	3%
Has not been personally affected by the law	52%
Not sure if they have been personally affected	12%

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

Yes	45%
No	33%
Not sure	23%

30. 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	11%
About the same	8%
Worse	23%
Not sure	2%
Has not been personally affected by the law	33%
Not sure if they have been personally affected	23%

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

Yes	27%
No	69%
Not sure	4%

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

October	2%
November	5%
December	5%
January	6%
February	4%
March	3%
Doesn't remember	3%
Has not tried to visit the federal website	69%
Not sure about visiting the federal website	4%

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

Expanded	28%
Kept the same	12%
Repealed	43%
Not sure	16%

34. 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	31%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something worse	9%
Leave the Affordable Care Act as it is	40%

35. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	78%
No	22%

36. 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	38%
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	6%
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	7%
Prefer not to say	6%
Does not have health insurance	22%

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

Yes	76%
No	23%
Not sure	2%

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following men and women have handled the job of Secretary of State?

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Not sure
John Kerry	14%	28%	12%	26%	19%
Hillary Clinton	26%	24%	13%	28%	10%
Condoleezza Rice	23%	28%	15%	16%	18%
Colin Powell	20%	36%	15%	8%	21%

39. Do you think President Obama uses too much power, not enough power, or the right amount of power?

Too much power	42%
The right amount of power	25%
Not enough power	26%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	14%
Somewhat strong	31%
Somewhat weak	26%
Very weak	29%

41. Do you think Barack Obama has exceeded the limits of authority granted a President by the US Constitution?

Yes	45%
No	42%
Not sure	13%

42. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	76%	19%	3%	2%
Immigration	40%	36%	17%	7%
The environment	42%	36%	15%	8%
Terrorism	50%	30%	14%	6%
Gay rights	18%	25%	21%	35%
Education	58%	32%	7%	3%
Health care	59%	30%	8%	4%
Social security	57%	33%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	55%	32%	10%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	26%	40%	22%	13%
Taxes	56%	33%	7%	3%
Medicare	51%	32%	13%	3%
Abortion	32%	29%	21%	17%

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

The economy	33%
Immigration	4%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	1%
Education	10%
Health care	9%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	4%

44. 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	24%	23%	11%	36%	6%
Joe Biden	17%	24%	14%	30%	15%
John Boehner	5%	19%	21%	32%	23%
Mitch McConnell	5%	17%	22%	26%	31%
Harry Reid	8%	20%	14%	32%	26%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	20%	14%	37%	19%

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
Amy Klobuchar	5%	12%	6%	5%	72%
Claire McCaskill	6%	16%	10%	11%	57%
Jeanne Shaheen	4%	11%	8%	9%	68%
Kay Hagan	4%	12%	9%	9%	66%
Kirsten Gillibrand	9%	14%	9%	8%	61%
Tammy Baldwin	8%	13%	6%	6%	67%
Heidi Heitkamp	3%	12%	7%	5%	72%
Mazie Hirono	3%	12%	6%	4%	75%
Elizabeth Warren	15%	16%	7%	15%	47%
Deb Fischer	3%	12%	7%	6%	73%
Kelly Ayotte	7%	14%	7%	7%	66%
Hillary Clinton	29%	24%	12%	29%	7%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	3%

47. 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	13%	26%	14%	38%	8%
Immigration	12%	23%	17%	34%	14%
The environment	12%	28%	19%	26%	16%
Terrorism	17%	26%	17%	26%	14%
Gay rights	19%	24%	11%	26%	20%
Education	13%	28%	18%	26%	15%
Health care	20%	20%	12%	39%	9%
Social security	12%	23%	18%	28%	18%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	26%	21%	28%	11%
The budget deficit	11%	23%	14%	40%	11%
Taxes	12%	24%	15%	35%	14%
Medicare	14%	23%	19%	28%	17%
Abortion	12%	21%	14%	27%	26%

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

Strongly approve	1%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

50. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	12%

51. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	33%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	41%	32%	27%
Bold	25%	57%	17%
Effective	18%	50%	32%
Exciting	12%	65%	23%
Experienced	17%	54%	29%
Honest	27%	36%	37%
Hypocritical	37%	39%	23%
Inspiring	28%	47%	24%
Intelligent	53%	32%	15%
Partisan	24%	61%	14%
Patriotic	24%	49%	27%
Religious	13%	60%	26%
Sincere	29%	40%	31%
Steady	23%	58%	19%
Strong	27%	46%	27%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	5%

55. Are you registered to vote?

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

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

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	40%
Fewer jobs	27%
Not sure	13%

57. Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

58. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	30%
Some college	24%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

59. Age

18-29	24%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	16%

60. Race

White	67%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

61. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	23%
South	37%
West	21%

62. Party Identification

Democratic	38%
Independent	35%
Republican	27%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 8-10, 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 0.84.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.