

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted February 21-23, 2015
Margin of Error $\pm 4.6\%$

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	44%
Some of the time	31%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	58%
Not sure	15%

3. Which of the following countries do you consider to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally of U.S.	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy of the U.S.	Not sure
Turkey	10%	34%	20%	6%	30%
Syria	2%	5%	38%	33%	20%
Iran	1%	5%	34%	46%	14%
Israel	45%	26%	11%	4%	14%
Greece	19%	50%	7%	2%	22%
Spain	26%	47%	5%	2%	21%

4. How serious a threat do you think Iran poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	25%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	41%
A minor threat to the U.S.	22%
Not a threat to the U.S.	5%
Not sure	7%

5. What strategy should the US employ to get Iran to limit its nuclear program?

Threaten Iran with of the possible use of military force	25%
Threaten Iran with harsher economic sanctions	35%
Reward Iran with easing of economic sanctions	16%
Reward Iran with a guarantee of no use of military force	8%
Reward Iran with resumption of diplomatic relations	12%
Something else	6%
Not sure	24%

6. How closely have you been following the news on the current round of negotiations to limit Iran’s nuclear capabilities?

Very closely	8%
Somewhat closely	39%
Not very closely	34%
Not closely at all	19%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of an international agreement which requires Iran to temporarily freeze parts of its nuclear program and participate in international negotiations to limit its nuclear program permanently in exchange for a temporary easing of economic sanctions?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	9%
No opinion	16%

8. How much do you trust the government of Iran to adhere to any agreement which limits Iran's ability to produce a nuclear weapon?

A great deal	4%
Some	18%
Not much	33%
Not at all	37%
Not sure	8%

9. When it comes to setting national policy on Iran, do you think the President is motivated more by political considerations or what he thinks is in the best interest of the US?

Political considerations	46%
Best interests of the US	35%
Not sure	19%

10. When it comes to setting national policy on Iran, do you think the members of the US Congress are motivated more by political considerations or what the members think is in the best interest of the US?

Political considerations	58%
Best interests of the US	24%
Not sure	18%

11. Who do you trust more when it comes to negotiating treaties with other countries?

The President	27%
The US Senate	16%
Both equally	16%
Neither	31%
Not sure	9%

12. Do you think the United States should or should not go to war with Iran if that country refuses to negotiate an end to its nuclear weapons development program?

Should go to war	23%
Should <u>NOT</u> go to war	53%
Not sure	25%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling Iran?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	26%
No opinion	20%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Benjamin Netanyahu?

Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	18%
Somewhat unfavorable	17%
Very unfavorable	10%
Don't know	38%

15. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for Congressional leaders to invite a foreign head of government to give a speech in Congress to advocate against the policy of a sitting US President?

Appropriate	31%
Inappropriate	48%
Not sure	21%

16. How much have you heard about the invitation to Benjamin Netanyahu to address Congress about Iran made by Speaker of the House John Boehner?

A lot	18%
Some	28%
Not much	22%
Nothing at all	32%

17. Usually, foreign leaders only address Congress after consulting with the White House. This did not take place for the Netanyahu invitation. Some people say this was a breach of protocol, others say Congress can make its own decisions. What is your opinion?

Breach of protocol	45%
Congress can make its own decisions	35%
Not sure	19%

18. Do you think President Obama's actions have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	39%
No	33%
Not sure	28%

19. Do you think Benjamin Netanyahu's actions have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	24%
No	30%
Not sure	45%

20. Do you think John Boehner's actions have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	27%
No	31%
Not sure	42%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the nation's policy toward Israel?

Strongly Approve	9%
Somewhat Approve	26%
Somewhat Disapprove	20%
Strongly Disapprove	25%
Not Sure	20%

22. Some people argue that during hard economic times, the government should increase spending which will lead to businesses and people having more money to spend on goods and services which will allow the economy to recover more quickly. Other people argue that during hard economic times the government should reduce spending because increasing government debt is a bad thing and could lead to greater inflation which could destroy the value of people's savings. In general, do you think the government should increase or decrease spending during hard economic times?

Increase spending	18%
Maintain the same level of spending	21%
Decrease spending	45%
Not sure	16%

23. How closely have you been following the news about Greece's debt problem and how it affects the rest of Europe?

Very closely	6%
Somewhat closely	31%
Not very closely	35%
Not following at all	28%

24. In 2010, a group of international creditors consisting of the European Central Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and several European nations put together an emergency bailout package in order to prevent Greece’s financial collapse. The repayment terms of the bailout package required the Greek government to slash government spending by laying off government workers, selling off government assets and reducing social spending. The same group of creditors approved a second bailout package in 2012. Some people argue that the austerity measures were too strict and further damaged Greece’s economy while others argued that while the austerity measures were indeed painful, they were also helping the Greek economy to recover. The newly elected Greek government ran on a platform of easing austerity measures and have demanded a modification to the terms of the agreement or else the country will enter bankruptcy. Do you think the group of creditors should...

Modify the terms of the bailout to ease Greek economic pain and make repayment of its debts more manageable, but risk Greece demanding further concessions in the future	47%
Maintain the current terms, even if that means Greece may declare bankruptcy and never repay its debts	24%
Not sure	29%

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

Expanded	29%
Kept the same	16%
Repealed	43%
Not sure	11%

26. 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	17%
More of a failure than a success	25%
Equal amount of both failure and success	18%
More of a success than a failure	23%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	6%
Not sure	6%

27. Do you think the number of people with health insurance has increased, remained the same, or decreased over the last 12 months?

Increased	55%
Remained the same	21%
Decreased	14%
Don't know	10%

28. 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	53%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	16%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	14%
Not sure	16%

29. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	86%
No	14%

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

Yes	79%
No	21%

31. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	70%	26%	4%	0%
Immigration	49%	35%	11%	5%
The environment	47%	32%	15%	5%
Terrorism	62%	28%	7%	3%
Gay rights	25%	23%	20%	33%
Education	60%	28%	9%	2%
Health care	63%	31%	5%	2%
Social security	62%	30%	8%	1%
The budget deficit	45%	41%	10%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	34%	43%	18%	5%
Taxes	56%	36%	6%	1%
Medicare	55%	30%	12%	2%
Abortion	41%	26%	21%	13%
Foreign policy	42%	42%	12%	4%

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

The economy	22%
Immigration	5%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	16%
Gay rights	4%
Education	9%
Health care	8%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%

33. 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	21%	24%	13%	37%	5%
John Boehner	6%	23%	21%	27%	23%
Mitch McConnell	5%	21%	17%	19%	38%
Harry Reid	4%	18%	15%	27%	36%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	20%	15%	34%	23%

34. 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	7%	25%	25%	24%	19%
Ben Carson	15%	12%	11%	11%	51%
Chris Christie	6%	22%	26%	20%	25%
Ted Cruz	10%	19%	11%	23%	36%
Carly Fiorina	3%	11%	10%	10%	65%
Lindsey Graham	4%	16%	16%	15%	49%
Mike Huckabee	13%	21%	15%	20%	32%
Bobby Jindal	8%	16%	12%	14%	49%
John Kasich	5%	11%	11%	8%	64%
Rand Paul	9%	27%	18%	17%	30%
Rick Perry	8%	20%	13%	24%	35%
Marco Rubio	11%	18%	13%	17%	40%
Rick Santorum	8%	19%	15%	21%	37%
Scott Walker	14%	11%	10%	16%	48%

35. 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	12%	28%	16%	29%	14%
Hillary Clinton	25%	23%	12%	34%	7%
Martin O'Malley	4%	9%	9%	9%	68%
Bernie Sanders	11%	9%	9%	11%	59%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	11%	8%	7%	72%
Jim Webb	4%	11%	8%	8%	69%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	4%

37. 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	17%	23%	18%	33%	10%
Immigration	16%	18%	14%	41%	10%
The environment	12%	30%	16%	24%	17%
Terrorism	14%	24%	19%	30%	12%
Gay rights	17%	21%	13%	27%	23%
Education	15%	28%	18%	24%	15%
Health care	22%	18%	15%	38%	7%
Social security	12%	20%	19%	26%	22%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	23%	23%	28%	14%
The budget deficit	11%	23%	18%	34%	14%
Taxes	12%	24%	18%	31%	14%
Medicare	13%	23%	20%	28%	17%
Abortion	11%	21%	15%	26%	27%
Foreign policy	13%	23%	15%	32%	17%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	7%

39. In 2015, do you think the Congress will accomplish more or less than Congress usually does in a year?

More than usual	15%
About the same	43%
Less than usual	30%
Not sure	11%

40. In 2015, do you think the Congress will accomplish more or less than what they accomplished in 2014?

More than 2014	17%
About the same as 2014	46%
Less than 2014	25%
Not sure	12%

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

Better off now	26%
About the same	31%
Worse off now	37%
Not sure	6%

42. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	13%

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

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

44. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	30%
Not sure	11%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	35%	27%
Bold	28%	54%	18%
Effective	21%	44%	35%
Exciting	12%	63%	25%
Experienced	16%	55%	28%
Honest	25%	38%	37%
Hypocritical	36%	37%	27%
Inspiring	26%	47%	27%
Intelligent	51%	35%	13%
Partisan	24%	64%	12%
Patriotic	29%	39%	32%
Religious	13%	58%	29%
Sincere	29%	37%	33%
Steady	25%	56%	19%
Strong	27%	43%	31%

47. 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%

48. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	69%
No	28%
Don't know	3%

49. Do you want the following people to run for President in 2016?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Joe Biden	21%	56%	24%
Hillary Clinton	42%	42%	16%
Martin O'Malley	7%	36%	57%
Bernie Sanders	13%	39%	48%
Brian Schweitzer	6%	37%	58%
Jim Webb	11%	36%	54%

50. 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	12%
Hillary Clinton	39%
Brian Schweitzer	1%
Bernie Sanders	8%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Jim Webb	6%
Other	6%
No preference	26%

51. Do you want the following people to run for President in 2016?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Jeb Bush	25%	50%	25%
Ben Carson	20%	38%	42%
Chris Christie	18%	50%	31%
Ted Cruz	19%	43%	37%
Carly Fiorina	8%	42%	51%
Lindsey Graham	10%	49%	42%
Mike Huckabee	22%	46%	32%
Bobby Jindal	14%	43%	43%
John Kasich	10%	38%	52%
Rand Paul	27%	43%	30%
Rick Perry	19%	47%	34%
Marco Rubio	22%	39%	39%
Rick Santorum	17%	47%	36%
Scott Walker	22%	36%	42%

52. 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

Rand Paul	9%
Chris Christie	9%
Jeb Bush	13%
Mike Huckabee	7%
Marco Rubio	5%
Ted Cruz	6%
Scott Walker	10%
Rick Perry	3%
Lindsey Graham	2%
Ben Carson	8%
Rick Santorum	2%
John Kasich	1%
Carly Fiorina	1%
Bobby Jindal	3%
Other	3%
No preference	20%

53. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for...

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	38%
The Republican Party candidate	40%
Other	3%
Not sure	17%
I would not vote	1%

54. 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	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Not sure	21%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	44%
Getting worse	27%
Not sure	4%

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

Owned by you or your family	61%
Rented from someone else	35%
Other	3%

57. 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	44%
Decreased	21%
Not sure	6%

58. 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	35%
Decreased	6%
Not sure	11%

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

Will increase a lot	7%
Will increase a little	39%
Will stay about the same	27%
Will decrease a little	8%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	16%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	7%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not worried	34%
Don't have mortgage payments	34%

61. 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%

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

More jobs	22%
The same amount of jobs	46%
Fewer jobs	19%
Not sure	13%

63. 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	8%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	34%
Military Household - None	52%

64. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

65. 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	8%
Strongly oppose	25%
Not sure	20%

66. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	29%
Some college	27%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

67. Age

18-29	24%
30-44	25%
45-64	36%
65+	15%

68. Race

White	69%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	8%

69. Region

Northeast	18%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	22%

70. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	32%
Republican	32%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 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 to 6.2, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.11.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.6% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.