

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 2000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted March 10 - 12, 2016
 Margin of Error ±2.9%

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 26%
 Off on the wrong track 63%
 Not sure 12%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don’t know
Hillary Clinton	23%	20%	12%	42%	3%
Ted Cruz	10%	22%	22%	33%	12%
John Kasich	10%	30%	20%	16%	25%
Marco Rubio	8%	25%	25%	27%	15%
Bernie Sanders	22%	28%	15%	26%	9%
Donald Trump	19%	17%	11%	50%	3%

4. Who do you think is the most likely candidate to become the Democratic nominee for president in 2016?

Hillary Clinton	63%
Bernie Sanders	19%
Not sure	18%

5. Regardless of who the Republicans select as their nominee, do you think the Democratic presidential candidates listed below could possibly win or could never win the general election in November if he or she was to become the Democratic nominee?

	Could possibly win	Could never win	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	71%	16%	13%
Bernie Sanders	50%	27%	23%

6. Which Democratic candidate do you think has the better chance to win the general election in November?

Hillary Clinton	57%
Bernie Sanders	23%
Not sure	20%

7. Do you think who wins the Democratic nomination will be decided in the next few months, or do you think it won't be decided until the Democratic nominating convention in July?

Decided in next few months	47%
At the Democratic National Convention in July	31%
Not sure	22%

8. Who do you think is the most likely candidate to become the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

Ted Cruz	12%
John Kasich	3%
Marco Rubio	5%
Donald Trump	59%
Not sure	21%

9. Regardless of who the Democrats select as their nominee, do you think the Republican presidential candidates listed below could possibly win or could never win the general election in November if he was to become the Republican nominee?

	Could possibly win	Could never win	Not sure
Ted Cruz	45%	35%	21%
John Kasich	30%	42%	28%
Marco Rubio	31%	46%	23%
Donald Trump	58%	31%	12%

10. Which Republican candidate do you think has the best chance to win the general election in November?

Ted Cruz	14%
John Kasich	8%
Marco Rubio	8%
Donald Trump	45%
Not sure	24%

11. Do you think who wins the Republican nomination will be decided in the next few months, or do you think it won't be decided until the Republican nominating convention in July?

Decided in next few months	35%
At the Republican National Convention in July	40%
Not sure	25%

12. Has what you've seen, read or heard about these candidates lately given you a more or less positive impression about them, or is your impression staying about the same?

	More positive	Staying about the same	Less positive
Hillary Clinton	22%	39%	39%
Ted Cruz	13%	52%	35%
John Kasich	18%	63%	20%
Marco Rubio	9%	54%	37%
Bernie Sanders	26%	49%	25%
Donald Trump	17%	31%	51%

13. Do you think the following presidential candidates are ready to be Commander-in-Chief?

	Ready	Not ready	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	46%	45%	9%
Ted Cruz	28%	48%	24%
John Kasich	29%	34%	37%
Marco Rubio	19%	53%	28%
Bernie Sanders	33%	44%	23%
Donald Trump	30%	60%	10%

14. Do you think the following presidential candidates are honest and trustworthy, or not?

	Honest and trustworthy	Not honest and trustworthy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	30%	57%	13%
Ted Cruz	25%	46%	29%
John Kasich	37%	24%	38%
Marco Rubio	26%	41%	33%
Bernie Sanders	51%	25%	24%
Donald Trump	27%	61%	13%

15. Are you confident or uneasy about the following presidential candidates' ability to deal wisely with the U.S. economy?

	Confident	Uneasy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	38%	51%	11%
Ted Cruz	26%	49%	25%
John Kasich	30%	32%	38%
Marco Rubio	19%	51%	29%
Bernie Sanders	34%	46%	20%
Donald Trump	33%	57%	10%

16. Do you think the each one of the Presidential candidates...

	Says what he or she believes	Says what he or she thinks people want to hear	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	28%	65%	7%
Ted Cruz	32%	49%	19%
John Kasich	38%	30%	32%
Marco Rubio	25%	51%	23%
Bernie Sanders	53%	33%	14%
Donald Trump	43%	48%	8%

17. Do you think each one of the Presidential candidates cares about people like you?

	Cares	Doesn't care
Hillary Clinton	42%	58%
Ted Cruz	38%	62%
John Kasich	48%	52%
Marco Rubio	40%	60%
Bernie Sanders	60%	40%
Donald Trump	30%	70%

18. What do you think each one of the Presidential candidates cares about more?

	Himself or Herself	The country
Hillary Clinton	61%	39%
Ted Cruz	58%	42%
John Kasich	44%	56%
Marco Rubio	59%	41%
Bernie Sanders	35%	65%
Donald Trump	69%	31%

19. Which candidate do you think would best represent the interests of...

	Clinton	Cruz	Kasich	Rubio	Sanders	Trump
Blacks / African-Americans	39%	9%	5%	6%	27%	14%
Women	50%	9%	5%	6%	16%	14%
Working people	25%	10%	7%	6%	27%	25%
Hispanics	28%	14%	3%	23%	20%	12%
LGBT people (Lesbian / Gay / Bisexual / Transgender)	49%	7%	5%	4%	26%	10%
Christians	25%	24%	9%	10%	15%	17%
People like you	29%	11%	7%	6%	24%	23%

20. Which one of these individuals do you want to win the election for President in 2016?

Hillary Clinton	27%
Ted Cruz	9%
John Kasich	5%
Marco Rubio	6%
Bernie Sanders	19%
Donald Trump	23%
Not sure	11%

21. Which is more important: picking a candidate who...

Is honest and trustworthy	32%
Is best prepared to win the general election in November	7%
Shakes up politics-as-usual	11%
Has policy proposals I agree with	25%
Has the experience to be president	20%
Something else	5%

22. Would you say you follow what's going on in the presidential election...

Most of the time	49%
Some of the time	27%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	7%
Don't know	3%

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

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	40%
The Republican Party candidate	44%
Other	3%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	1%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Bill Clinton	26%	25%	17%	26%	5%
Mitt Romney	7%	24%	27%	27%	15%
John McCain	11%	33%	25%	18%	14%

25. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "The (Republican Party) does not prey on people's prejudices. (The Republican Party) appeal(s) to their highest ideals. (It) is the Party of Lincoln"

Agree strongly	13%
Agree somewhat	25%
Disagree somewhat	16%
Disagree strongly	26%
Not sure	20%

26. What do you think is the main reason so many people are supporting Donald Trump?

Immigration policy	13%
Tax policy	2%
Trade policy	1%
He is not politically correct	32%
Business success	16%
Something else	22%
Not sure	14%

27. If Donald Trump is the Republican nominee, do you think the Republican establishment should support him?

The Republican establishment should support Donald Trump	41%
The Republican establishment should not support Donald Trump	34%
Not sure	18%
Prefer not to say	7%

28. As you may know, the death of Justice Antonin Scalia has created a vacancy on the Supreme Court. How important is the choice of the next Supreme Court justice to you personally?

Very important	47%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	10%
Not at all important	5%
Not sure	10%

29. Do you think Barack Obama should nominate someone to fill the vacancy or should the seat remain vacant until a new president takes office in January 2017?

Should nominate	51%
Seat remain vacant	36%
Not sure	13%

30. President Obama has said that he will nominate someone to fill the Supreme Court vacancy caused by Antonin Scalia’s death. Do you think the Republican leadership in the Senate should or should not hold hearings on the nominee?

Should hold hearings	49%
Should not hold hearings	20%
Depends on who is nominated	16%
Not sure	15%

31. Suppose all or most of the Republicans in the Senate oppose President Obama’s Supreme Court nominee. Do you think they would be justified—or not justified—in using Senate procedures, such as filibuster, to prevent an up-or-down vote on the nominee?

Justified	38%
Not justified	36%
Not sure	26%

32. Who do you think would do the best job handling nominations to the US Supreme Court?

Hillary Clinton	25%
Ted Cruz	11%
John Kasich	7%
Marco Rubio	5%
Bernie Sanders	15%
Donald Trump	15%
Not sure	23%

33. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	80%	17%	2%	1%
Immigration	53%	34%	10%	4%
The environment	50%	32%	12%	6%
Terrorism	68%	23%	7%	2%
Gay rights	22%	25%	24%	30%
Education	61%	28%	8%	2%
Health care	71%	23%	4%	1%
Social security	70%	24%	5%	2%
The budget deficit	60%	29%	9%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	39%	39%	15%	6%
Taxes	61%	32%	6%	2%
Medicare	64%	26%	8%	2%
Abortion	39%	30%	21%	9%
Foreign policy	53%	36%	7%	3%
Gun control	53%	26%	12%	9%

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

The economy	21%
Immigration	8%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	9%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	5%

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
Barack Obama	30%	19%	12%	36%	2%
Joe Biden	22%	26%	17%	21%	15%
Paul Ryan	8%	26%	20%	20%	27%
Mitch McConnell	3%	13%	22%	28%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	17%	16%	36%	25%
Harry Reid	5%	17%	15%	29%	34%

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

Strongly Approve	22%
Somewhat Approve	25%
Somewhat Disapprove	14%
Strongly Disapprove	35%
Not Sure	3%

37. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	32%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	17%

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

Very strong	21%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	32%

39. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	45%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	43%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	34%
Like somewhat	24%
Dislike	30%
Not sure	12%

41. 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
Abortion	15%	23%	11%	26%	25%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	23%	20%	32%	12%
The budget deficit	14%	21%	15%	36%	14%
The economy	20%	22%	15%	33%	9%
Education	17%	27%	18%	24%	14%
The environment	18%	28%	15%	24%	16%
Foreign policy	16%	21%	16%	34%	14%
Gay rights	23%	22%	9%	27%	19%
Gun control	16%	21%	16%	36%	10%
Health care	24%	18%	13%	38%	7%
Immigration	15%	22%	16%	36%	11%
Medicare	16%	23%	17%	28%	16%
Social security	14%	25%	18%	26%	17%
Taxes	14%	23%	18%	29%	16%
Terrorism	17%	23%	15%	34%	12%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	10%

43. 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	5%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	16%

44. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Paul Ryan is handling his job as Speaker of the US House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Not sure	31%

45. 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	33%
Less than usual	43%
Not sure	20%

46. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Republicans in Congress	44%
Democrats in Congress	6%
Both equally	42%
Neither	3%
Not sure	4%

47. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	18%	27%	20%	29%	7%
The Republican Party	8%	28%	23%	34%	7%

48. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	12%	21%	23%	30%	14%
Republicans in Congress	6%	21%	23%	35%	14%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	40%
Not sure	6%

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

Higher	19%
About the same	31%
Lower	24%
Not sure	25%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	20%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	31%
Not sure	4%

52. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	39%
Fewer jobs	25%
Not sure	16%

53. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	33%
Not very worried	56%

54. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	31%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	39%
Not very hard	20%
Not sure	10%

55. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	25%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

56. Thinking about politics these days, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	30%
Very Conservative	6%
Not sure	9%

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

Liberal	20%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	36%
Not sure	9%

58. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	4%

59. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	34%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	21%
Lean Republican	9%
Republican	28%

60. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	34%
Republican	28%
Independent	28%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

61. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	17%
No	51%
Not sure	32%

62. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	31%
No	39%
Not sure	30%

63. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	66%
Not registered	34%

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

Strongly support	7%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support, nor oppose	25%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	22%
Not sure	20%

65. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	8%
No	68%
Not Sure	24%

66. How often would you say you vote in primary or caucus elections—that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you vote in primary or caucus elections...?

Always	31%
Nearly always	18%
Part of the time	12%
Seldom	11%
Never	23%
Unsure	4%

67. Have you voted in (your state's) Presidential primary or caucus?

Asked of registered voters living in a state that has already conducted its Presidential primary/caucus

Voted in the Democratic primary/caucus	32%
Voted in the Republican primary/caucus	34%
Did not vote in either	35%

68. In the 2016 primary election or caucus in your state, are you...

Asked of registered voters

Likely to vote in Democratic primary or attend Democratic caucus	38%
Likely to vote in Republican primary or attend Republican caucus	40%
Not likely to vote in a primary election or attend a caucus	22%

69. Do you have a good idea of which candidate you'll vote for in your party's presidential primary next year, or are you still making up your mind?

Asked of those who said they are likely to vote in their party's presidential primary or caucus next year

I have a good idea of who I'll vote for	80%
I'm still making up my mind	18%
I don't plan to vote in the primary election or caucus	0%
Not sure	1%

70. Are you male or female?

Male	47%
Female	53%

71. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	26%
45-64	35%
65+	17%

72. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

73. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	43%
Some college	31%
College grad	17%
Postgrad	9%

74. What is your marital status?

Married	48%
Separated	3%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%
Single	30%
Domestic partnership	4%

75. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	31%
No	69%

76. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

77. How would you describe the place where you live?

City	31%
Suburb	35%
Town	14%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

78. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	34%
Part-time employed	10%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	11%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	10%
Other	2%

79. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family’s annual income?

Under \$50K	52%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	11%
Prefer not to say	11%

80. 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.

I am	2%
Family member	9%
I served previously	12%
Family served previously	37%
None	52%

81. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am	6%
Yes, household member is	9%
No	86%

82. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	29%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	17%

83. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	16%
Seldom	25%
Never	25%
Don't know	2%

84. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	30%
No	70%

85. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	16%
A few times a week	14%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	15%
Don't know	3%

86. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	37%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	5%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 10 - 12, 2016
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 6.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.86.
Number of respondents	2000
Margin of error	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.