

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted March 7-9, 2015
Margin of Error $\pm 4.2\%$

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	45%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	14%

3. 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	20%
Equally positive and negative	41%
Mostly negative	30%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	9%

4. 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	13%
Equally positive and negative	34%
Mostly negative	40%
Not discussed the economy at all	13%

5. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 5%	2%
Between 5% and 6%	33%
Between 6% and 7%	17%
Between 7% and 8%	17%
Greater than 8%	20%
Not sure	11%

6. According to the figures just released by the federal government for February 2015, is the national unemployment rate NOW higher or lower than the national unemployment rate was back in January 2009, when President Obama first took office?

Higher now	13%
About the same	21%
Lower now	55%
Don't know	11%

7. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	37%
Somewhat serious	45%
A minor problem	14%
Not a problem	1%
Not sure	3%

8. How serious a problem is unemployment in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	24%
Somewhat serious	37%
A minor problem	26%
Not a problem	8%
Not sure	6%

9. Is the number of jobs today higher or lower than the number of jobs in the US before the Great Recession of 2008?

Higher now	32%
The same	19%
Lower now	32%
Not sure	17%

10. Is increasing the number of jobs something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

Yes, the President can do a lot	52%
No, it is beyond the President's control	35%
Don't know	12%

11. 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	59%
Federal government should not be directly involved	26%
Not sure	15%

12. 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

Federal government should not be directly involved	26%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	15%
Very good	4%
Good	19%
Poor	22%
Very poor	9%
Not sure	5%

13. 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	59%
Federal government should not be directly involved	24%
Not sure	17%

14. 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

Federal government should not be directly involved	24%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	17%
Very good	3%
Good	22%
Poor	20%
Very poor	9%
Not sure	5%

15. 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	6%
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	39%
Unemployment rates will be <u>somewhat higher</u> than they are today	15%
Unemployment rates will be <u>a lot higher</u> than they are today	7%
Not sure	9%

16. 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 a lot lower than they are today 9%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat lower than they are today 23%
- Unemployment rates will be about the same as they are today 25%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat higher than they are today 20%
- Unemployment rates will be a lot higher than they are today 7%
- Not sure 16%

17. How much responsibility do you think the following people have for the economy improving?

	All of it	Most of it	Some of it	None of it	Not sure
President Obama	10%	21%	46%	13%	10%
Republicans in Congress	7%	17%	45%	21%	11%
American consumers	8%	30%	48%	7%	7%
American businesses	10%	39%	40%	5%	6%
Wall St	7%	18%	45%	17%	13%

18. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Hillary Clinton?

- Very favorable 16%
- Somewhat favorable 31%
- Somewhat unfavorable 16%
- Very unfavorable 31%
- Don't know 7%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton handled her job as the Secretary of State?

Approve strongly	19%
Approve somewhat	27%
Disapprove somewhat	18%
Disapprove strongly	25%
Not sure	11%

20. How closely have you followed the news about Hillary Clinton using a personal email address to conduct government business while working as Secretary of State?

Very closely	22%
Somewhat closely	39%
Not very closely	26%
Not at all	12%

21. How serious of a problem do you think it is that Hillary Clinton used a personal email address to conduct government business while working as Secretary of State?

Very serious	30%
Somewhat serious	26%
Not very serious	24%
Not serious at all	12%
Not sure	7%

22. Do you think the media coverage of Clinton's emails is:

Asked of those who are following the news about Clinton using a personal email address while Secretary of State

Making too big a deal about it	38%
About right	27%
Not making enough of a big deal about it	25%
Not sure	9%

23. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Hillary Clinton, or have they treated her the same as other public figures?

Harder	25%
About the same	36%
Easier	26%
Not sure	13%

24. Do you think Hillary Clinton...

Says what she believes	37%
Says what she thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	13%

25. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like Hillary Clinton as a person?

Like a lot	21%
Like somewhat	36%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	12%

26. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you think she has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	51%
No	37%
Not sure	13%

27. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you think she shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	44%
No	40%
Not sure	17%

28. How much do you think Hillary Clinton cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	19%
Some	35%
Not much	20%
Not at all	25%

29. Do you think Hillary Clinton has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

More honesty	20%
Same level of honesty	41%
Less honesty	33%
Not sure	6%

30. Are you confident in Hillary Clinton's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?

Confident	40%
Uneasy	42%
Not sure	18%

31. Would you say Hillary Clinton is...

Very liberal	26%
Liberal	31%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	13%

32. How intelligent is Hillary Clinton?

Very intelligent	56%
Somewhat intelligent	25%
Not very intelligent	6%
Not intelligent at all	4%
Not sure	8%

33. Would you say Hillary Clinton is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	26%
Somewhat strong	39%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	16%

34. Do you think Hillary Clinton will run for President in 2016?

Yes	71%
No	10%
Not sure	20%

35. Do you want Hillary Clinton to run for President in 2016?

Yes	42%
No	39%
Not sure	18%

36. How likely is it that Hillary Clinton will win the Democratic nomination if she chooses to run for President in 2016?

Very likely	40%
Somewhat likely	37%
Not very likely	10%
Not likely at all	4%
Not sure	9%

37. How likely is it that Hillary Clinton will win the presidency if she chooses to run for President in 2016?

Very likely	23%
Somewhat likely	33%
Not very likely	20%
Not likely at all	11%
Not sure	13%

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

Expanded	30%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	43%
Not sure	13%

39. 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	16%
More of a failure than a success	26%
Equal amount of both failure and success	23%
More of a success than a failure	21%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	6%
Not sure	5%

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

Increased	56%
Remained the same	19%
Decreased	15%
Don't know	9%

41. 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	49%
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	18%
Not sure	16%

42. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	85%
No	15%

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

Yes	77%
No	23%

44. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	72%	24%	2%	2%
Immigration	46%	36%	13%	5%
The environment	43%	37%	13%	7%
Terrorism	59%	27%	11%	4%
Gay rights	22%	24%	25%	29%
Education	58%	31%	8%	3%
Health care	62%	31%	6%	2%
Social security	59%	32%	8%	1%
The budget deficit	46%	40%	12%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	45%	18%	6%
Taxes	58%	33%	7%	3%
Medicare	50%	35%	12%	2%
Abortion	36%	27%	27%	10%
Foreign policy	41%	42%	12%	5%

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

The economy	20%
Immigration	10%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	3%
Education	10%
Health care	8%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	2%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%

46. 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	25%	22%	13%	38%	3%
John Boehner	5%	18%	22%	29%	26%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	19%	24%	35%
Harry Reid	6%	15%	13%	31%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	16%	17%	38%	20%

47. 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	8%	23%	24%	26%	18%
Ben Carson	14%	13%	9%	15%	50%
Chris Christie	7%	25%	20%	23%	25%
Ted Cruz	12%	15%	13%	24%	34%
Carly Fiorina	5%	12%	11%	13%	58%
Lindsey Graham	6%	15%	14%	19%	45%
Mike Huckabee	12%	19%	17%	22%	30%
Bobby Jindal	10%	16%	10%	16%	49%
John Kasich	7%	11%	10%	11%	62%
Rand Paul	13%	22%	17%	20%	28%
Rick Perry	12%	17%	14%	25%	32%
Marco Rubio	12%	18%	14%	19%	37%
Rick Santorum	9%	18%	13%	24%	36%
Scott Walker	16%	11%	9%	20%	44%

48. 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	14%	23%	21%	25%	16%
Martin O'Malley	4%	7%	11%	9%	70%
Bernie Sanders	9%	11%	10%	11%	60%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	8%	10%	7%	73%
Jim Webb	4%	12%	9%	7%	68%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	3%

50. 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	16%	28%	16%	32%	8%
Immigration	19%	21%	11%	41%	8%
The environment	15%	30%	17%	25%	13%
Terrorism	15%	24%	14%	35%	12%
Gay rights	20%	22%	14%	28%	17%
Education	17%	27%	20%	24%	12%
Health care	20%	26%	11%	38%	5%
Social security	14%	23%	20%	25%	18%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	26%	20%	31%	10%
The budget deficit	12%	24%	18%	35%	11%
Taxes	13%	26%	17%	32%	13%
Medicare	16%	24%	18%	25%	17%
Abortion	15%	18%	14%	26%	27%
Foreign policy	12%	24%	16%	35%	13%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	29%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off now	26%
About the same	36%
Worse off now	34%
Not sure	4%

53. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	28%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	11%

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

Very strong	18%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	26%
Very weak	28%

55. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52%
Not sure	11%

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

Like a lot	29%
Like somewhat	30%
Dislike	32%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	39%	31%	29%
Bold	25%	57%	19%
Effective	22%	46%	33%
Exciting	12%	62%	25%
Experienced	18%	53%	29%
Honest	27%	38%	34%
Hypocritical	35%	39%	26%
Inspiring	27%	46%	27%
Intelligent	52%	34%	14%
Partisan	24%	60%	16%
Patriotic	26%	43%	31%
Religious	11%	58%	30%
Sincere	28%	41%	30%
Steady	22%	60%	18%
Strong	27%	47%	26%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

59. Are you registered to vote?

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

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

	Yes	No	Not sure
Joe Biden	21%	50%	28%
Martin O'Malley	6%	31%	63%
Bernie Sanders	13%	32%	55%
Brian Schweitzer	6%	28%	66%
Jim Webb	7%	30%	63%

61. 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	16%
Hillary Clinton	34%
Brian Schweitzer	2%
Bernie Sanders	6%
Martin O'Malley	3%
Jim Webb	3%
Other	6%
No preference	30%

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

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	36%
The Republican Party candidate	37%
Other	4%
Not sure	20%
I would not vote	3%

63. 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	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	17%

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

Getting better	29%
About the same	39%
Getting worse	27%
Not sure	5%

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

Owned by you or your family	59%
Rented from someone else	39%
Other	2%

66. 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	41%
Decreased	21%
Not sure	9%

67. 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	50%
Stayed about the same	27%
Decreased	10%
Not sure	13%

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

Will increase a lot	8%
Will increase a little	39%
Will stay about the same	29%
Will decrease a little	11%
Will decrease a lot	2%
Not sure	9%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not worried	34%
Don't have mortgage payments	34%

70. Do you plan to buy a home in the next 12 months?

Will definitely buy a home	3%
Am considering buying a home	16%
Not looking for a home now	81%

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

More jobs	23%
The same amount of jobs	45%
Fewer jobs	21%
Not sure	11%

72. 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	9%
Military Household - I served previously	10%
Military Household - Family served previously	36%
Military Household - None	49%

73. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support, nor oppose	21%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	25%
Not sure	21%

75. Education

No high school	9%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	27%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

76. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	26%
45-64	34%
65+	14%

77. Race

White	67%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	8%

78. Region

Northeast	20%
Midwest	22%
South	35%
West	23%

79. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	37%
Republican	27%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 7-9, 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 0.1 to 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.91.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.