

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 17-19, 2014
Margin of Error ±3.9%

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	40%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	18%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	14%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Ted Cruz?

Very favorable	11%
Somewhat favorable	18%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%
Very unfavorable	19%
Don't know	42%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ted Cruz is handling his job as a Senator from Texas?

Approve strongly	14%
Approve somewhat	17%
Disapprove somewhat	9%
Disapprove strongly	19%
Not sure	41%

5. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Ted Cruz, or have they treated him the same as other public figures?

Harder	25%
About the same	32%
Easier	8%
Not sure	35%

6. Do you think Ted Cruz...

Says what he believes	35%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	24%
Not sure	42%

7. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Ted Cruz as a person?

Like a lot	15%
Like somewhat	18%
Dislike	22%
Not sure	46%

8. Regardless of your overall opinion of Ted Cruz, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	21%
No	37%
Not sure	41%

9. Regardless of your overall opinion of Ted Cruz, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	30%
No	29%
Not sure	41%

10. How much do you think Ted Cruz cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	17%
Some	28%
Not much	23%
Not at all	31%

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

More honesty	21%
Same level of honesty	23%
Less honesty	21%
Not sure	35%

12. Are you confident in Ted Cruz's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	23%
Uneasy	32%
Not sure	45%

13. Would you say Ted Cruz is...

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	9%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	27%
Not sure	37%

14. Do you want Ted Cruz to run for President in 2016?

Yes	19%
No	38%
Not sure	43%

15. Do you think Ted Cruz is legally eligible to be President?

Yes	39%
No	17%
Not sure	44%

16. Which statement below best describes the circumstances of Ted Cruz' birth?

Both of his parents were U.S. citizens and he was born in the United State	6%
His mother was a U.S. citizen, his father was <u>NOT</u> a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States	3%
His mother was <u>NOT</u> a U.S. citizen, his father was a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States	2%
Neither of his parents was a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States	3%
Both of his parents parents were U.S. citizens and he was born OUTSIDE the United State	6%
His mother was a U.S. citizen, his father was NOT a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States	10%
His mother was NOT a U.S. citizen, his father was a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States	1%
Neither of his parents was a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States	4%
Not sure	66%

17. Do you think Barack Obama is legally eligible to be President?

Yes	56%
No	31%
Not sure	13%

18. Which statement below best describes the circumstances of Barack Obama's birth?

Both of his parents were U.S. citizens and he was born in the United State	9%
His mother was a U.S. citizen, his father was <u>NOT</u> a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States	30%
His mother was <u>NOT</u> a U.S. citizen, his father was a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States	1%
Neither of his parents was a U.S. citizen, and he was born in the United States	3%
Both of his parents parents were U.S. citizens and he was born OUTSIDE the United State	2%
His mother was a U.S. citizen, his father was NOT a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States	17%
His mother was NOT a U.S. citizen, his father was a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States	1%
Neither of his parents was a U.S. citizen, and he was born OUTSIDE the United States	8%
Not sure	29%

19. Do you consider Memorial Day to be the unofficial start of the summer?

Yes	61%
No	29%
Not sure	10%

20. What do you, personally, plan to do on the Memorial Day weekend and holiday? Select all that apply.

Stay home/relax	29%
Family/family get-together	24%
Cookout/barbecue/picnic	28%
Work	10%
Travel	6%
Camping/hiking	5%
Fishing	4%
Visit gravesites	9%
Local event/parade	4%
Home improvements/repairs	4%
Household chores	12%
Yard work/landscaping	12%
Graduation parties	2%
Birthday party	4%
Church/religious observances	8%
Beach	6%
Golf	1%
Watch sports	8%
Watch TV (not sports)	12%
Nothing/No plans	14%
Air travel	2%
Something else	5%
Not sure	9%
None of these	5%

21. Should America eliminate any of the following federal holidays? Select all that apply.

New Year's Day	1%
Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	13%
Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)	1%
Memorial Day	0%
Independence Day	1%
Labor Day	2%
Columbus Day	16%
Veterans' Day	1%
Thanksgiving Day	0%
Christmas Day	2%
None of these	56%
Not sure	5%

22. Should Easter be a federal holiday?

Yes	43%
No	46%
Not sure	11%

23. Should there be any other federal holidays added?

Yes	16%
No	51%
Not sure	32%

24. Do you personally know any military veterans?

Yes	78%
No	19%
Not sure	3%

25. Do you personally know any military veterans, living or dead, who served in the following wars?

	Yes	No	Not sure
World War I	15%	73%	12%
World War II	50%	41%	9%
Korean War	45%	44%	11%
Vietnam War	64%	28%	8%
Desert Storm	43%	44%	12%
Afghanistan	47%	42%	11%
Iraq	51%	38%	12%

26. Do you personally know anyone who lost their life while serving in the military?

Yes	26%
No	68%
Not sure	6%

27. How would you rate your personal health?

Excellent	17%
Good	57%
Fair	21%
Poor	5%

28. Over the past 12 months has your personal health improved or worsened, or have you not noticed any change?

Improved	14%
Remained the same	62%
Worsened	18%
Haven't noticed	6%

29. In the past 12 months have you...

Been seen by a dentist	45%
Been seen by a doctor	72%
Ordered prescription drugs	58%
None of these	19%

30. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a doctor because you could not afford it?

Yes	24%
No	72%
Prefer not to say	4%

31. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a dentist because you could not afford it?

Yes	35%
No	62%
Prefer not to say	4%

32. In the past 12 months have decided not to fill a prescription because you could not afford it?

Yes	21%
No	76%
Prefer not to say	3%

33. Compared to a year ago, are you paying more or less for health care coverage today?

More	37%
The same	45%
Less	9%
Not sure	9%

34. Compared to a year ago, would you say the quality of your health care is better or worse today?

Better	11%
The same	62%
Worse	19%
Not sure	8%

35. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	82%
No	18%

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	35%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare	18%
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	9%
I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits	4%
I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid	13%
Does not have health insurance	18%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes	77%
No	21%
Not sure	1%

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

Expanded	28%
Kept the same	14%
Repealed	41%
Not sure	17%

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	23%
More of a failure than a success	22%
Equal amount of both failure and success	16%
More of a success than a failure	17%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	9%
Not sure	7%

40. Do you consider a child born under the following circumstances to be a natural born American citizen?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Both parents are U.S. citizens and the child is born in the United State	91%	5%	4%
The mother is a U.S. citizen, the father is NOT a U.S. citizen, and the child is born in the United States	77%	14%	8%
The mother is NOT a U.S. citizen, the father is a U.S. citizen, and the child is born in the United States	74%	16%	9%
Neither parent is a U.S. citizen, and the child is born in the United States	47%	40%	13%
Both parents are U.S. citizens and the child is born OUTSIDE the United State	61%	26%	13%
The mother is a U.S. citizen, the father is NOT a U.S. citizen, and the child is born OUTSIDE the United States	31%	52%	17%
The mother is NOT a U.S. citizen, the father is a U.S. citizen, and the child is born OUTSIDE the United States	29%	54%	17%
Neither parent is a U.S. citizen, and the child is born OUTSIDE the United States	6%	87%	7%

41. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	71%	24%	4%	1%
Immigration	42%	35%	18%	6%
The environment	41%	32%	18%	9%
Terrorism	50%	31%	14%	6%
Gay rights	20%	22%	23%	34%
Education	56%	29%	11%	3%
Health care	62%	28%	6%	3%
Social security	58%	32%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	55%	29%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	35%	23%	11%
Taxes	54%	32%	11%	2%
Medicare	51%	34%	11%	4%
Abortion	37%	24%	21%	18%

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

The economy	30%
Immigration	6%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	3%
Education	10%
Health care	10%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	6%

43. 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%	19%	13%	38%	5%
Joe Biden	19%	22%	15%	31%	13%
John Boehner	5%	19%	24%	27%	26%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	19%	24%	36%
Harry Reid	7%	18%	16%	30%	29%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	19%	15%	35%	21%

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
Hillary Clinton	26%	22%	12%	31%	10%
Rand Paul	12%	24%	16%	20%	28%
Chris Christie	8%	26%	24%	20%	21%
Paul Ryan	13%	23%	14%	24%	26%
Jeb Bush	10%	24%	22%	20%	24%
Mike Huckabee	13%	21%	16%	20%	29%
Marco Rubio	11%	21%	16%	18%	34%
Elizabeth Warren	13%	16%	10%	18%	42%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	4%

46. 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%	25%	16%	38%	8%
Immigration	12%	24%	14%	36%	14%
The environment	11%	31%	15%	25%	17%
Terrorism	17%	28%	14%	28%	12%
Gay rights	16%	24%	9%	31%	19%
Education	15%	29%	18%	24%	15%
Health care	18%	21%	13%	38%	8%
Social security	14%	24%	16%	30%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	27%	17%	30%	13%
The budget deficit	12%	22%	14%	39%	12%
Taxes	12%	24%	17%	35%	13%
Medicare	15%	26%	15%	30%	14%
Abortion	12%	24%	10%	28%	25%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	27%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	2%

49. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	36%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	12%

50. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	36%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	55%
Not sure	9%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	35%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	41%	32%	26%
Bold	25%	57%	18%
Effective	19%	44%	37%
Exciting	11%	62%	26%
Experienced	19%	48%	32%
Honest	27%	34%	39%
Hypocritical	39%	40%	21%
Inspiring	26%	47%	27%
Intelligent	50%	33%	17%
Partisan	25%	61%	14%
Patriotic	26%	45%	29%
Religious	12%	58%	30%
Sincere	28%	38%	34%
Steady	23%	56%	22%
Strong	26%	46%	28%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	4%

54. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	65%
No	32%
Don't know	3%

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

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	41%
Fewer jobs	26%
Not sure	13%

56. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	14%
Somewhat support	18%
Neither support, nor oppose	22%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	21%
Not sure	19%

58. Education

No high school	12%
High school graduate	35%
Some college	23%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	14%
Post-graduate	8%

59. Age

18-29	26%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	14%

60. Race

White	65%
Black	15%
Hispanic	12%
Other	8%

61. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	21%

62. Party Identification

Democratic	38%
Independent	33%
Republican	30%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 17-19, 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 0.3 to 4, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.79.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.