

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted March 1-3, 2014
 Margin of Error $\pm 3.9\%$

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 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 27%
 Off on the wrong track 60%
 Not sure 13%

3. How much do you care about the following international news items?

	A lot	A little	Not much	Not at all	Don't know
Civil unrest in Ukraine	30%	35%	18%	10%	6%
Israeli-Palestinian peace	33%	32%	18%	12%	5%
The drug war in Mexico	37%	33%	17%	9%	5%
Gay rights in Uganda	16%	21%	24%	33%	7%
Human rights in China	24%	38%	20%	12%	6%
Civil unrest in Egypt	23%	36%	23%	12%	6%
The civil war in Syria	25%	36%	20%	13%	6%
Russian reaction to Ukraine	37%	31%	17%	10%	5%

4. Should the US government get involved in the following international news items?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Civil unrest in Ukraine	20%	58%	22%
Israeli-Palestinian peace	38%	44%	18%
The drug war in Mexico	51%	34%	16%
Gay rights in Uganda	15%	68%	18%
Human rights in China	27%	53%	20%
Civil unrest in Egypt	20%	59%	20%
The civil war in Syria	21%	57%	22%
Russian reaction to Ukraine	28%	50%	23%

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

Very closely	16%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	25%
Not closely at all	17%

6. Is there any country today which poses a serious military threat to the United States?

Yes	54%
No	20%
Not sure	25%

7. What country or countries pose a serious military threat to the United States?

Asked of those who believe there is at least one country today that poses a serious military to the United States

Russia	26%
China	24%
North Korea	17%
Iran	14%
Cuba	0%
Other Middle East	7%
Other	6%
Not sure	25%
No other serious threat	20%

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

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	33%
Very unfavorable	33%
Don't know	19%

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

Very strong	31%
Somewhat strong	33%
Somewhat weak	9%
Very weak	5%
Not sure	22%

10. Since Vladimir Putin became the Russian leader, do you think Russia has become more friendly towards the United States, less friendly to the United States, or has there been no change in relations?

More friendly	6%
No change	28%
Less friendly	47%
Not sure	19%

11. Do you think Vladimir Putin poses a threat to the United States?

Yes	43%
No	27%
Not sure	30%

12. How important is it to the United States to maintain friendly relations with Russia?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	44%
Not very important	6%
Not important at all	3%
Not sure	10%

13. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Joe Biden?

Very favorable	20%
Somewhat favorable	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	17%
Very unfavorable	28%
Don't know	12%

14. What is Joe Biden’s current title?

President of the United States	1%
Vice President of the United States	89%
Speaker of the House	0%
House Majority Leader	1%
US Senator	1%
Not sure	7%

15. Who do you think has been the best Vice President in the past 50 years?

Hubert Humphrey	4%
Spiro Agnew	2%
Gerald Ford	10%
Nelson Rockefeller	3%
Walter Mondale	2%
George H. W. Bush	20%
Dan Quayle	3%
Al Gore	24%
Dick Cheney	15%
Joe Biden	18%

16. Who do you think has been the worst Vice President in the past 50 years?

Hubert Humphrey	1%
Spiro Agnew	8%
Gerald Ford	2%
Nelson Rockefeller	1%
Walter Mondale	3%
George H. W. Bush	11%
Dan Quayle	12%
Al Gore	16%
Dick Cheney	28%
Joe Biden	18%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as Vice President?

Approve strongly	21%
Approve somewhat	23%
Disapprove somewhat	16%
Disapprove strongly	25%
Not sure	14%

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

Harder	11%
About the same	41%
Easier	34%
Not sure	13%

19. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	43%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	40%
Not sure	16%

20. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	26%
Like somewhat	30%
Dislike	22%
Not sure	22%

21. Regardless of your overall opinion of Joe Biden, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	30%
No	49%
Not sure	21%

22. Regardless of your overall opinion of Joe Biden, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	44%
No	35%
Not sure	22%

23. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	21%
Some	28%
Not much	25%
Not at all	26%

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

More honesty	23%
Same level of honesty	39%
Less honesty	27%
Not sure	11%

25. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	32%
Uneasy	49%
Not sure	19%

26. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	26%
Liberal	28%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	9%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	12%

27. Do you want Joe Biden to run for President in 2016?

Yes	22%
No	50%
Not sure	27%

28. 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	28%
More of a failure than a success	21%
Equal amount of both failure and success	17%
More of a success than a failure	16%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	10%
Not sure	5%

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

Yes	28%
No	70%
Not sure	2%

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

Expanded	26%
Kept the same	13%
Repealed	45%
Not sure	16%

31. How likely is it that Congress will...

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Not sure
Repeal the Affordable Care Act and not replace it with anything else	11%	18%	23%	32%	16%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something better	10%	20%	25%	31%	14%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something worse	14%	23%	19%	27%	17%
Leave the Affordable Care Act as it is	18%	33%	15%	19%	16%

32. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	80%
No	20%

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

Yes	79%
No	21%

34. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	76%	20%	2%	2%
Immigration	40%	35%	18%	7%
The environment	39%	35%	16%	10%
Terrorism	51%	32%	11%	6%
Gay rights	20%	22%	24%	34%
Education	60%	28%	8%	4%
Health care	62%	26%	8%	4%
Social security	61%	28%	8%	4%
The budget deficit	55%	29%	11%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	20%	42%	28%	10%
Taxes	57%	30%	9%	3%
Medicare	51%	33%	12%	4%
Abortion	34%	26%	22%	19%

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

The economy	32%
Immigration	4%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	2%
Education	9%
Health care	10%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%

36. 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	23%	22%	12%	39%	4%
John Boehner	7%	18%	22%	35%	18%
Mitch McConnell	5%	16%	20%	31%	28%
Harry Reid	8%	20%	14%	35%	23%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	21%	13%	41%	14%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Jan Brewer	11%	15%	14%	18%	42%
Nikki Haley	11%	11%	10%	14%	54%
Susana Martinez	6%	10%	11%	7%	65%
Mary Fallin	5%	9%	9%	8%	70%
Maggie Hassan	4%	8%	9%	7%	73%
Sarah Palin	16%	21%	15%	41%	8%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	3%

39. 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	14%	24%	14%	39%	8%
Immigration	13%	23%	17%	34%	13%
The environment	11%	28%	17%	28%	16%
Terrorism	18%	26%	17%	28%	11%
Gay rights	19%	25%	9%	28%	19%
Education	15%	26%	20%	26%	14%
Health care	20%	19%	13%	42%	6%
Social security	15%	22%	19%	30%	14%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	27%	18%	29%	12%
The budget deficit	13%	20%	15%	41%	11%
Taxes	12%	23%	19%	35%	12%
Medicare	15%	21%	21%	31%	13%
Abortion	12%	24%	11%	28%	24%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

42. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	38%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	9%

43. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	31%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	33%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	43%	32%	25%
Bold	26%	57%	17%
Effective	19%	49%	32%
Exciting	13%	66%	21%
Experienced	16%	55%	29%
Honest	24%	40%	35%
Hypocritical	38%	39%	24%
Inspiring	26%	51%	23%
Intelligent	50%	36%	13%
Partisan	26%	62%	12%
Patriotic	25%	48%	27%
Religious	12%	63%	25%
Sincere	26%	41%	32%
Steady	25%	56%	19%
Strong	27%	49%	24%

46. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	71%
No	23%
Don't know	6%

47. Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

48. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?
Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement

Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support, nor oppose	21%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	25%
Not sure	12%

49. Education

No high school	12%
High school graduate	30%
Some college	25%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

50. Age

18-29	23%
30-44	27%
45-64	35%
65+	15%

51. Race

White	68%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

52. Region

Northeast	20%
Midwest	22%
South	36%
West	22%

53. Party Identification

Democrat	35%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	10%
Republican	25%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 1-3, 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, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.78.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.