

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample            1000 General Population Respondents  
 Conducted        July 19-21, 2014  
 Margin of Error   ±4.3%

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 ..... 32%  
 Only now and then ..... 13%  
 Hardly at all ..... 9%  
 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 ..... 59%  
 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
Iraq	2%	12%	41%	26%	19%
Syria	1%	4%	39%	30%	25%
Egypt	4%	26%	33%	7%	30%
Ukraine	4%	36%	24%	7%	29%
Palestine	1%	6%	41%	24%	28%
Israel	44%	24%	10%	4%	19%
Russia	1%	9%	46%	26%	18%

**4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin?**

Very favorable .....	4%
Somewhat favorable .....	8%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	26%
Very unfavorable .....	42%
Don't know .....	19%

**5. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Ukraine between government forces and pro-Russia separatists, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?**

Has responsibility .....	23%
Does not have responsibility .....	57%
Not sure .....	20%

**6. Which side should the US support in the Ukrainian conflict?**

Ukrainian government .....	35%
It should support neither side .....	45%
Pro-Russian separatists .....	1%
Not sure .....	19%

**7. How much responsibility does President Obama have for the current crisis in Ukraine?**

All .....	3%
Most .....	9%
Half .....	6%
Some .....	22%
None .....	45%
Not sure .....	15%

8. How much responsibility does Russian President Vladimir Putin have for the current crisis in Ukraine?

All .....	25%
Most .....	39%
Half .....	10%
Some .....	9%
None .....	2%
Not sure .....	14%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the current crisis in Ukraine?

Strongly approve .....	11%
Somewhat approve .....	20%
Somewhat disapprove .....	17%
Strongly disapprove .....	23%
No opinion .....	28%

10. As you may know, a Malaysian Airlines 777 with 298 people aboard was shot down over Ukraine. How serious a threat to the peace of the world do you feel this shooting down of the Malaysian Airlines 777 has been?

Very serious .....	46%
Somewhat serious .....	41%
Not very serious .....	11%
Not serious at all .....	2%

11. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Bashir al-Assad?

Very favorable .....	3%
Somewhat favorable .....	5%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	16%
Very unfavorable .....	30%
Don't know .....	46%

12. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Syria between government forces and anti-government rebels, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

Has responsibility .....	18%
Does not have responsibility .....	60%
Not sure .....	22%

13. Which side should the US support in the Syrian conflict?

Syrian government .....	7%
It should support neither side .....	53%
Anti-government rebels .....	14%
Not sure .....	25%

14. How much responsibility does President Obama have for the current crisis in Syria?

All .....	3%
Most .....	5%
Half .....	8%
Some .....	21%
None .....	44%
Not sure .....	18%

15. How much responsibility does Syrian President Bashir al-Assad have for the current crisis in Syria?

All .....	26%
Most .....	29%
Half .....	11%
Some .....	10%
None .....	3%
Not sure .....	21%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the current crisis in Syria?

Strongly approve .....	8%
Somewhat approve .....	22%
Somewhat disapprove .....	18%
Strongly disapprove .....	19%
No opinion .....	32%

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

Very favorable .....	17%
Somewhat favorable .....	17%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	19%
Very unfavorable .....	8%
Don't know .....	39%

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

Very favorable .....	2%
Somewhat favorable .....	4%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	16%
Very unfavorable .....	44%
Don't know .....	34%

19. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Israel and the Palestinian territory between Israeli forces and Hamas, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

Has responsibility .....	35%
Does not have responsibility .....	47%
Not sure .....	18%

**20. Which side should the US support in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?**

Israeli government .....	38%
It should support neither side .....	40%
Palestinian authority .....	5%
Not sure .....	17%

**21. Do you think the rest of the world thinks the US treats both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict equally or do you think the rest of the world thinks the US favors one side over the other?**

The world thinks the US favors the Palestinians .....	6%
The world thinks the US favors both sides equally .....	10%
The world thinks the US favors the Israelis .....	52%
Don't know .....	31%

**22. Do you think the Israelis are using too much or too little force or are they using the right amount of force?**

Too much force .....	24%
Right amount of force .....	30%
Too little force .....	15%
Don't know .....	32%

**23. Based on what you know, do you think the Israelis are justified in launching a ground attack and air strikes against Hamas in the Palestinian territory?**

Yes, Israel is justified .....	46%
No, Israel is not justified .....	21%
Don't know .....	33%

**24. Which side has experienced more civilian deaths in the current conflict?**

The Israelis .....	5%
It's about equal .....	17%
The Palestinians .....	44%
Don't know .....	34%

25. How much responsibility does President Obama have for the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis?

All .....	4%
Most .....	3%
Half .....	5%
Some .....	28%
None .....	41%
Not sure .....	17%

26. How much responsibility does Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have for the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis?

All .....	10%
Most .....	19%
Half .....	18%
Some .....	23%
None .....	10%
Not sure .....	20%

27. How much responsibility does Hamas have for the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis?

All .....	20%
Most .....	26%
Half .....	20%
Some .....	11%
None .....	1%
Not sure .....	22%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Strongly approve .....	9%
Somewhat approve .....	19%
Somewhat disapprove .....	20%
Strongly disapprove .....	21%
No opinion .....	32%

**29. How serious a problem is immigration in the US?**

Very serious .....	58%
Somewhat serious .....	22%
A minor problem .....	11%
Not a problem .....	3%
Not sure .....	5%

**30. How serious a problem is immigration in your LOCAL community?**

Very serious .....	11%
Somewhat serious .....	25%
A minor problem .....	25%
Not a problem .....	26%
Not sure .....	13%

**31. How serious a problem is illegal immigration into the United States by unaccompanied children?**

Very serious .....	60%
Somewhat serious .....	21%
A minor problem .....	8%
Not a problem .....	4%
Not sure .....	7%

**32. How much sympathy do you have for the unaccompanied children who cross the border illegally?**

A lot .....	31%
Some .....	35%
Not much .....	18%
None .....	16%



33. Which do you think is a more important priority for dealing with unaccompanied immigrant children who come to the United States illegally?

- Deporting them to their home countries as soon as possible .....46%
- Letting them stay in the United States until it's certain they have a safe place to return .....41%
- Not sure ..... 14%

34. Which comes closest to your opinion about the immigrant children crossing the border illegally unaccompanied by an adult?

- Most of them have a safe place to return to but would prefer to live in the United States ..... 36%
- Most of them are fleeing unsafe places and don't have somewhere safe to return ..... 43%
- Not sure .....21%

35. What do you think is the main reason there has been an increase in the number of unaccompanied children attempting to illegally cross into the United States?

- Increase in violent crime in Central America .....29%
- Belief that the US government is or will be granting amnesty to undocumented immigrant children .....57%
- Not sure ..... 14%

36. What should the US government do with the unaccompanied children it has in custody now who have crossed the border illegally?

- Return them to the Mexican border ..... 10%
- Return them to their family in their home country, regardless of conditions in their home country .....32%
- Return them to their family in their home country, only if conditions in their home country are safe ..... 35%
- Allow them to stay in the US ..... 11%
- Something else ..... 3%
- Don't know ..... 10%

37. As you may know, there is over crowding of unaccompanied children in immigration facilities near the border. Do you support or oppose temporarily housing the unaccompanied children who are in federal custody at a facility in states further away from the southern border while the US government processes their cases?

Support .....	38%
Oppose .....	41%
Not sure .....	21%

38. Do you support or oppose temporarily housing the unaccompanied children who are in federal custody at a facility in your state while the US government processes their cases?

Support .....	42%
Oppose .....	41%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Expanded .....	27%
Kept the same .....	15%
Repealed .....	42%
Not sure .....	15%

40. 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 .....	21%
More of a failure than a success .....	24%
Equal amount of both failure and success .....	14%
More of a success than a failure .....	21%
A complete success .....	5%
Too early to tell .....	7%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Increased .....	47%
Remained the same .....	18%
Decreased .....	20%
Don't know .....	15%

42. 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 .....	50%
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 .....	15%
Not sure .....	19%

43. Do you support or oppose requiring businesses with more than 50 employees to provide a health insurance option for their employees?

Support .....	62%
Oppose .....	23%
Not sure .....	15%

44. Do you support or oppose the government delaying the mandate requiring businesses with more than 50 employees provide a health insurance option for their employees?

Support .....	37%
Oppose .....	37%
Not sure .....	26%

45. Do you think the Republicans in the US House of Representatives who want to sue President Obama think his actions are serious enough to warrant a lawsuit or mostly because they want to damage Barack Obama and the Democrats?

Actions warrant a lawsuit .....	26%
Damage Obama and the Democrats .....	42%
Both .....	18%
Don't know .....	14%

46. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	22%	3%	1%
Immigration	55%	30%	11%	4%
The environment	48%	32%	13%	6%
Terrorism	53%	29%	14%	4%
Gay rights	20%	25%	23%	32%
Education	63%	27%	8%	2%
Health care	63%	30%	6%	1%
Social security	63%	27%	9%	2%
The budget deficit	56%	30%	10%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	24%	40%	25%	11%
Taxes	55%	34%	8%	4%
Medicare	54%	32%	12%	2%
Abortion	33%	31%	20%	15%
Foreign policy	38%	41%	15%	6%

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

The economy .....	27%
Immigration .....	9%
The environment .....	8%
Terrorism .....	4%
Gay rights .....	2%
Education .....	7%
Health care .....	9%
Social security .....	13%
The budget deficit .....	7%
The war in Afghanistan .....	1%
Taxes .....	4%
Medicare .....	3%
Abortion .....	5%
Foreign policy .....	1%

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
Barack Obama	25%	20%	14%	37%	4%
Joe Biden	17%	24%	17%	30%	13%
John Boehner	5%	17%	25%	31%	23%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	18%	29%	34%
Harry Reid	7%	16%	15%	33%	28%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	19%	12%	39%	20%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Rand Paul	12%	22%	16%	20%	30%
Chris Christie	7%	27%	23%	21%	22%
Paul Ryan	12%	22%	13%	28%	25%
Jeb Bush	8%	25%	22%	24%	22%
Mike Huckabee	14%	21%	16%	21%	27%
Marco Rubio	10%	21%	16%	20%	33%
Hillary Clinton	24%	27%	9%	34%	7%
Elizabeth Warren	12%	13%	12%	22%	41%
Ted Cruz	13%	15%	14%	26%	32%
Scott Walker	13%	15%	8%	20%	44%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	8%	12%	11%	67%
John McCain	8%	26%	27%	27%	13%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	4%

51. 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%	24%	14%	36%	10%
Immigration	10%	22%	14%	40%	14%
The environment	15%	27%	16%	26%	17%
Terrorism	16%	26%	12%	32%	13%
Gay rights	17%	23%	12%	30%	19%
Education	15%	27%	16%	29%	14%
Health care	22%	19%	10%	41%	8%
Social security	13%	24%	18%	28%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	27%	17%	29%	15%
The budget deficit	13%	21%	14%	40%	12%
Taxes	14%	22%	15%	33%	15%
Medicare	14%	24%	15%	31%	16%
Abortion	13%	22%	13%	29%	22%
Foreign policy	11%	26%	13%	35%	15%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal .....	5%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	35%
Conservative .....	31%
Very conservative .....	9%
Not sure .....	2%

**54. Would you say Barack Obama is...**

Very liberal .....	37%
Liberal .....	20%
Moderate .....	25%
Conservative .....	4%
Very conservative .....	3%
Not sure .....	11%

**55. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	51%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Like a lot .....	30%
Like somewhat .....	26%
Dislike .....	33%
Not sure .....	10%



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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	39%	34%	27%
Bold	27%	58%	15%
Effective	20%	46%	35%
Exciting	13%	66%	21%
Experienced	21%	47%	32%
Honest	27%	37%	36%
Hypocritical	36%	40%	24%
Inspiring	27%	48%	25%
Intelligent	52%	34%	15%
Partisan	24%	63%	12%
Patriotic	26%	43%	31%
Religious	12%	62%	26%
Sincere	31%	40%	29%
Steady	23%	57%	19%
Strong	25%	51%	24%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	38%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	4%

**59. Are you registered to vote?**

Yes	70%
No	30%
Don't know	0%

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

More jobs .....	20%
The same amount of jobs .....	40%
Fewer jobs .....	30%
Not sure .....	10%

61. 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 .....	7%
Military Household - I served previously .....	13%
Military Household - Family served previously .....	35%
Military Household - None .....	50%

62. Gender

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

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

Strongly support .....	13%
Somewhat support .....	21%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	22%
Somewhat oppose .....	9%
Strongly oppose .....	23%
Not sure .....	14%

**64. Education**

No high school .....	9%
High school graduate .....	33%
Some college .....	25%
2-year college .....	9%
4-year college .....	17%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**65. Age**

18-29 .....	25%
30-44 .....	26%
45-64 .....	34%
65+ .....	15%

**66. Race**

White .....	66%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	8%

**67. Region**

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

**68. Party Identification**

Democratic .....	36%
Independent .....	40%
Republican .....	24%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	July 19-21, 2014
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.97.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.3% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.