

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
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Margin of Error  $\pm 4.6\%$

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	47%
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	29%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	12%

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	16%
Equally positive and negative	41%
Mostly negative	30%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	12%

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	12%
Equally positive and negative	31%
Mostly negative	41%
Not discussed the economy at all	16%

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%	3%
Between 5% and 6%	31%
Between 6% and 7%	21%
Between 7% and 8%	18%
Greater than 8%	14%
Not sure	13%

6. According to the figures just released by the federal government for April 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	18%
About the same	19%
Lower now	52%
Don't know	12%

7. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	15%
Stayed the same	32%
Decreased	32%
Don't know	21%

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

Very serious	42%
Somewhat serious	41%
A minor problem	12%
Not a problem	1%
Not sure	3%

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

Very serious	26%
Somewhat serious	37%
A minor problem	20%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	10%

10. 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	31%
The same	17%
Lower now	31%
Not sure	20%

11. 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	51%
No, it is beyond the President's control	33%
Don't know	16%

12. 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	62%
Federal government should not be directly involved	27%
Not sure	11%

**13. 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	27%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	11%
Very good	3%
Good	20%
Poor	20%
Very poor	12%
Not sure	6%

**14. 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	62%
Federal government should not be directly involved	24%
Not sure	14%

**15. 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	25%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	14%
Very good	3%
Good	21%
Poor	20%
Very poor	12%
Not sure	5%

16. 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 a lot lower than they are today ..... 6%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat lower than they are today ..... 20%
- Unemployment rates will be about the same as they are today ..... 38%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat higher than they are today ..... 18%
- Unemployment rates will be a lot higher than they are today ..... 7%
- Not sure ..... 10%

17. 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 ..... 7%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat lower than they are today ..... 26%
- Unemployment rates will be about the same as they are today ..... 22%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat higher than they are today ..... 16%
- Unemployment rates will be a lot higher than they are today ..... 11%
- Not sure ..... 19%

18. 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	15%	21%	43%	13%	8%
Republicans in Congress	9%	18%	42%	20%	11%
American consumers	10%	27%	51%	7%	6%
American businesses	12%	36%	44%	3%	5%
Wall St	8%	22%	42%	17%	11%

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

More honesty .....	19%
Same level of honesty .....	26%
Less honesty .....	14%
Not sure .....	40%

20. Are you confident in Bernie Sanders's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	18%
Uneasy .....	32%
Not sure .....	50%

21. Would you say Bernie Sanders is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	11%
Somewhat strong .....	34%
Somewhat weak .....	41%
Very weak .....	15%

22. Regardless of your overall opinion of Bernie Sanders, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	25%
No .....	30%
Not sure .....	44%

**23. Would you say Bernie Sanders is...**

Very liberal .....	19%
Liberal .....	20%
Moderate .....	12%
Conservative .....	5%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	42%

**24. Do you think Bernie Sanders is too liberal or not liberal enough?**

Too liberal .....	20%
About right .....	27%
Not liberal enough .....	6%
Don't know .....	48%

**25. How likely is it that Bernie Sanders will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely .....	4%
Somewhat likely .....	12%
Not very likely .....	20%
Not likely at all .....	31%
Not sure .....	33%

**26. Do you think Ben Carson has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?**

More honesty .....	27%
Same level of honesty .....	24%
Less honesty .....	14%
Not sure .....	34%

27. Are you confident in Ben Carson's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	26%
Uneasy .....	31%
Not sure .....	44%

28. Would you say Ben Carson is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	14%
Somewhat strong .....	39%
Somewhat weak .....	30%
Very weak .....	17%

29. Regardless of your overall opinion of Ben Carson, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	28%
No .....	32%
Not sure .....	40%

30. Would you say Ben Carson is...

Very liberal .....	2%
Liberal .....	4%
Moderate .....	10%
Conservative .....	28%
Very conservative .....	20%
Not sure .....	34%

31. Do you think Ben Carson is too conservative or not conservative enough?

Too conservative .....	21%
About right .....	31%
Not conservative enough .....	7%
Don't know .....	41%

**32. How likely is it that Ben Carson will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely .....	4%
Somewhat likely .....	16%
Not very likely .....	18%
Not likely at all .....	31%
Not sure .....	31%

**33. Do you think Carly Fiorina has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?**

More honesty .....	13%
Same level of honesty .....	31%
Less honesty .....	16%
Not sure .....	40%

**34. Are you confident in Carly Fiorina’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?**

Confident .....	16%
Uneasy .....	35%
Not sure .....	49%

**35. Would you say Carly Fiorina is a strong or a weak leader?**

Very strong .....	12%
Somewhat strong .....	32%
Somewhat weak .....	36%
Very weak .....	19%

**36. Regardless of your overall opinion of Carly Fiorina, do you think she has the qualifications to be President?**

Yes .....	19%
No .....	36%
Not sure .....	45%

**37. Would you say Carly Fiorina is...**

Very liberal .....	2%
Liberal .....	6%
Moderate .....	13%
Conservative .....	26%
Very conservative .....	12%
Not sure .....	41%

**38. Do you think Carly Fiorina is too conservative or not conservative enough?**

Too conservative .....	18%
About right .....	25%
Not conservative enough .....	9%
Don't know .....	48%

**39. How likely is it that Carly Fiorina will win the presidency in 2016?**

Very likely .....	4%
Somewhat likely .....	10%
Not very likely .....	22%
Not likely at all .....	34%
Not sure .....	30%

**40. Do you think Republicans are ready to nominate a black person to be their party's candidate for president, or not?**

Yes .....	33%
No .....	43%
Not sure .....	24%

41. Do you think Democrats are ready to nominate a woman to be their party's candidate for president, or not?

Yes ..... 76%  
No ..... 12%  
Not sure ..... 12%

42. Do you think Republicans are ready to nominate a woman to be their party's candidate for president, or not?

Yes ..... 40%  
No ..... 41%  
Not sure ..... 19%

43. Do you think America is ready to elect a woman president, or not?

Yes ..... 61%  
No ..... 21%  
Not sure ..... 18%

44. Do you think most people you know would vote for a presidential candidate who is a woman, or not?

Yes ..... 55%  
No ..... 22%  
Not sure ..... 23%

45. Do you personally hope that the United States has a woman president in your lifetime?

Yes ..... 60%  
No ..... 19%  
Not sure ..... 21%

46. Do you think the United States will have a woman president in your lifetime?

Yes .....	67%
No .....	15%
Not sure .....	18%

47. Do you favor or oppose providing a way for illegal immigrants currently in the country to gain legal citizenship if they pass background checks, pay fines, and have jobs?

Favor .....	57%
Oppose .....	33%
Not sure .....	10%

48. Do you favor or oppose a federal policy that would grant temporary work authorization and defer deportation proceedings against illegal immigrants who are parents of US citizens, have passed a background check, and pay taxes?

Favor .....	53%
Oppose .....	32%
Not sure .....	15%

49. Do you favor or oppose a federal policy that would allow immigrant students who arrived illegally as minors to apply for temporary legal status if enrolled in college or the military?

Favor .....	46%
Oppose .....	37%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Expanded .....	32%
Kept the same .....	13%
Repealed .....	41%
Not sure .....	14%

51. 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 .....	18%
More of a failure than a success .....	25%
Equal amount of both failure and success .....	22%
More of a success than a failure .....	20%
A complete success .....	7%
Too early to tell .....	3%
Not sure .....	5%

52. 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 .....	21%
Decreased .....	13%
Don't know .....	11%

53. 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 .....	20%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do .....	14%
Not sure .....	16%

54. Do you have health insurance?

Yes .....	87%
No .....	13%

**55. Did you have health insurance for all of 2013?**

Yes ..... 81%  
 No ..... 19%

**56. How important are the following issues to you?**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	66%	29%	4%	1%
Immigration	45%	35%	15%	5%
The environment	48%	34%	12%	6%
Terrorism	60%	28%	9%	3%
Gay rights	26%	22%	25%	27%
Education	62%	28%	8%	2%
Health care	63%	28%	8%	1%
Social security	62%	27%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	51%	37%	9%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	33%	43%	18%	6%
Taxes	51%	39%	8%	2%
Medicare	52%	32%	14%	2%
Abortion	35%	28%	26%	11%
Foreign policy	46%	38%	13%	3%

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

The economy	22%
Immigration	6%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	14%
Gay rights	3%
Education	10%
Health care	6%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%

58. 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	26%	21%	12%	38%	3%
John Boehner	6%	17%	23%	30%	24%
Mitch McConnell	6%	18%	22%	24%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	19%	13%	38%	20%
Harry Reid	7%	18%	16%	30%	30%

59. 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	10%	25%	23%	28%	15%
Ben Carson	18%	19%	11%	19%	32%
Chris Christie	6%	21%	26%	29%	18%
Ted Cruz	12%	23%	15%	27%	23%
Carly Fiorina	8%	21%	13%	21%	37%
Lindsey Graham	4%	18%	18%	23%	38%
Mike Huckabee	12%	23%	16%	25%	25%
Bobby Jindal	10%	19%	10%	21%	41%
John Kasich	5%	13%	13%	13%	57%
Rand Paul	8%	29%	16%	22%	25%
Rick Perry	8%	22%	14%	28%	29%
Marco Rubio	15%	21%	12%	24%	28%
Rick Santorum	7%	20%	15%	28%	30%
Scott Walker	15%	15%	9%	23%	38%

60. 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	16%	25%	20%	28%	12%
Lincoln Chafee	3%	9%	12%	10%	65%
Hillary Clinton	27%	21%	11%	38%	4%
Martin O'Malley	4%	12%	15%	12%	57%
Bernie Sanders	15%	16%	14%	17%	38%
Jim Webb	3%	15%	14%	10%	59%

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

Strongly approve .....	19%
Somewhat approve .....	28%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	37%
Not sure .....	3%

**62. 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	17%	26%	16%	34%	7%
Immigration	19%	22%	11%	39%	9%
The environment	17%	27%	16%	25%	14%
Terrorism	16%	27%	16%	34%	7%
Gay rights	20%	24%	9%	29%	18%
Education	17%	27%	15%	26%	14%
Health care	23%	22%	12%	38%	5%
Social security	14%	26%	16%	28%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	26%	19%	30%	11%
The budget deficit	14%	24%	18%	33%	11%
Taxes	14%	26%	17%	30%	13%
Medicare	16%	26%	14%	30%	15%
Abortion	15%	18%	12%	28%	27%
Foreign policy	15%	24%	16%	34%	10%

63. 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	27%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	8%

64. 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	19%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	16%

65. 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	8%
About the same	34%
Less than usual	44%
Not sure	15%

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

Better off now	25%
About the same	35%
Worse off now	34%
Not sure	6%

67. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal .....	37%
Liberal .....	24%
Moderate .....	22%
Conservative .....	7%
Very conservative .....	1%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Very strong .....	19%
Somewhat strong .....	32%
Somewhat weak .....	18%
Very weak .....	30%

69. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes .....	41%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	49%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Like a lot .....	31%
Like somewhat .....	27%
Dislike .....	33%
Not sure .....	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	39%	34%	27%
Bold	27%	56%	17%
Effective	24%	45%	31%
Exciting	14%	61%	26%
Experienced	23%	51%	26%
Honest	27%	39%	34%
Hypocritical	34%	39%	27%
Inspiring	28%	48%	24%
Intelligent	53%	32%	15%
Partisan	26%	62%	12%
Patriotic	27%	43%	30%
Religious	13%	57%	30%
Sincere	29%	40%	31%
Steady	26%	56%	18%
Strong	29%	44%	27%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

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

Yes	68%
No	28%
Don't know	3%

74. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would you want to be the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Jeb Bush .....	9%
Ben Carson .....	8%
Chris Christie .....	4%
Ted Cruz .....	7%
Carly Fiorina .....	4%
Lindsey Graham .....	2%
Mike Huckabee .....	6%
Bobby Jindal .....	1%
John Kasich .....	2%
Rand Paul .....	6%
Rick Perry .....	1%
Marco Rubio .....	8%
Rick Santorum .....	3%
Scott Walker .....	9%
Other .....	4%
No preference .....	27%

75. So far, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul, and Marco Rubio have formally announced candidacies for the Republican nomination for President in 2016. How satisfied are you with these options?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Very satisfied .....	18%
Somewhat satisfied .....	29%
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	12%
Very dissatisfied .....	22%
Not sure .....	19%

76. If these were the only candidates running for the Republican presidential nomination, which one would you choose?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Ben Carson .....	10%
Ted Cruz .....	11%
Carly Fiorina .....	6%
Mike Huckabee .....	10%
Rand Paul .....	11%
Marco Rubio .....	15%
None of them .....	37%

77. If an election for the Republican nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Marco Rubio and Jeb Bush, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Marco Rubio .....	36%
Jeb Bush .....	21%
Not sure .....	18%
I would not vote .....	25%

78. If an election for the Republican nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Marco Rubio and Scott Walker, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Marco Rubio .....	29%
Scott Walker .....	21%
Not sure .....	22%
I would not vote .....	29%

79. Would you ever consider voting for a presidential candidate who is a Socialist?

Would consider voting for .....	25%
Would never vote for .....	42%
Not sure .....	32%

80. 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 .....	11%
Hillary Clinton .....	34%
Bernie Sanders .....	13%
Martin O'Malley .....	4%
Jim Webb .....	5%
Other .....	6%
No preference .....	28%

81. So far, only Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders have formally announced candidacies for the Democratic nomination for President in 2016. How satisfied are you with these two options?

*Asked only of registered voters*

Very satisfied .....	22%
Somewhat satisfied .....	23%
Somewhat dissatisfied .....	12%
Very dissatisfied .....	31%
Not sure .....	12%

82. If an election for the Democratic nomination for president was going to be held now and the only candidates were Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, would you vote for...

*Asked only of registered voters*

Hillary Clinton .....	38%
Bernie Sanders .....	24%
Not sure .....	11%
I would not vote .....	27%

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

*Asked only of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	43%
The Republican Party candidate .....	40%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	12%
I would not vote .....	3%

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

Getting better .....	25%
About the same .....	36%
Getting worse .....	32%
Not sure .....	6%

**85. Is the place where you live owned or rented?**

Owned by you or your family .....	56%
Rented from someone else .....	41%
Other .....	3%

**86. 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 .....	43%
Decreased .....	21%
Not sure .....	8%

**87. 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 .....	44%
Stayed about the same .....	38%
Decreased .....	4%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Will increase a lot .....	7%
Will increase a little .....	36%
Will stay about the same .....	33%
Will decrease a little .....	8%
Will decrease a lot .....	2%
Not sure .....	15%

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

*Asked of those who own their own homes*

Very worried .....	6%
Somewhat worried .....	20%
Not worried .....	37%
Don't have mortgage payments .....	37%

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

Will definitely buy a home .....	5%
Am considering buying a home .....	16%
Not looking for a home now .....	78%

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

More jobs .....	22%
The same amount of jobs .....	43%
Fewer jobs .....	22%
Not sure .....	13%

92. 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 .....	2%
Military Household - Family .....	9%
Military Household - I served previously .....	13%
Military Household - Family served previously .....	33%
Military Household - None .....	48%

93. Gender

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

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

Strongly support .....	12%
Somewhat support .....	16%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	21%
Somewhat oppose .....	8%
Strongly oppose .....	25%
Not sure .....	17%

95. Education

No high school .....	10%
High school graduate .....	32%
Some college .....	24%
2-year college .....	10%
4-year college .....	16%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**96. Age**

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

**97. Race**

White .....	65%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	12%
Other .....	9%

**98. Region**

Northeast .....	18%
Midwest .....	23%
South .....	35%
West .....	23%

**99. Party Identification**

Democratic .....	36%
Independent .....	33%
Republican .....	30%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	May 9-11, 2015
<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 7.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.08.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.6% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.