

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted February 9-11, 2013
Margin of Error $\pm 4.5\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	31%
Off on the wrong track	56%
Not sure	14%

2. What's more important?

The right of people to own guns	16%
Protecting people from gun violence	28%
Both are equally important	51%
Not sure	5%

3. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the NRA?

Very favorable	23%
Somewhat favorable	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	25%
Not sure	18%

4. Do you think gun control laws should be made more or less strict than they are now?

More strict	52%
No change	28%
Less strict	10%
Not sure	9%

5. Do you think the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does or does not allow states to regulate guns?

Does	29%
Does not	34%
Not sure	37%

6. Do you favor or oppose the following gun control measures?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Preventing persons with a history of mental illness from owning guns	83%	7%	10%
Banning semi-automatic weapons	48%	35%	17%
Banning the sale of all handguns, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers	19%	68%	13%
Banning the sale of magazine clips for semi-automatic weapons that hold more than 10 rounds	57%	31%	13%
Requiring people who purchase handguns to wait five days before they receive that gun	67%	22%	11%
Requiring gun owners to register their guns with a national gun registry	64%	26%	10%
Limiting the number of handguns a person can own	44%	46%	10%
Preventing people from carrying a concealed gun in public	38%	46%	16%
Requiring people to obtain a police permit before buying a handgun	49%	35%	16%
Having the Centers for Disease Control conduct research on gun violence	37%	39%	24%
Spending \$50 million to hire officers and counselors for schools, and provide emergency planning in schools	47%	32%	21%
Requiring criminal and mental background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales	78%	12%	10%
Stationing armed guards at all schools	42%	38%	19%

7. Do you or anyone else in your household own a gun?

I personally own a gun	24%
I don't personally but someone in household does	14%
No	62%

8. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	82%	15%	2%	2%
Immigration	46%	34%	13%	7%
The environment	46%	33%	13%	9%
Terrorism	53%	30%	11%	6%
Gay rights	26%	22%	20%	32%
Education	66%	23%	7%	4%
Health care	69%	21%	6%	4%
Social security	62%	29%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	62%	25%	9%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	41%	18%	10%
Taxes	64%	26%	8%	2%
Medicare	56%	30%	9%	5%
Abortion	38%	27%	19%	16%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama Administration using drones to kill high-level terrorism suspects overseas?

Approve	51%
Disapprove	19%
Not sure	30%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama Administration using drones to kill high-level terrorism suspects overseas, even if those suspects are American citizens?

Asked of respondents who approve using drone strikes on high-level terrorism suspects

Approve	73%
Disapprove	11%
Not sure	16%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the Obama administration using drones to kill high-level terrorism suspects overseas, even if innocent civilians may also be killed?

Asked of respondents who approve using drone strikes on high-level terrorism suspects

Approve	45%
Disapprove	34%
Not sure	21%

12. Which comes closest to your opinion about who should be permitted to order drone strikes against suspected terrorists who are U.S. citizens?

Only the president	20%
The president OR top military and CIA officials	41%
Nobody	17%
Not sure	22%

13. Who do you think should be responsible for setting the rules for when the CIA or U.S. military may use drone strikes on American citizens suspected of being terrorists?

The president	17%
Congress	14%
Both the president and Congress	51%
Not sure	18%

14. The Postal Service has been losing money and says it will have to eliminate Saturday deliveries. How much of an impact will that have on your life?

A major impact	7%
A moderate impact	15%
A small impact	25%
No impact	48%
Not sure	6%

15. On average, how often do you mail items through the U.S. Postal Service?

Once a week or more	23%
Several times a month	28%
About once a month	19%
Less than once a month	24%
Never	6%

16. Does your household pay most of its bills electronically over the Internet or by mail?

Electronically	50%
By mail	22%
Use both methods equally	22%
Not sure	7%

17. How serious a problem would it be for you personally if the U.S. Postal Service were to shut down?

Very serious	34%
Somewhat serious	31%
A minor problem	21%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	6%

18. Would you support or oppose the U.S. Postal Service taking the following measures to cut costs or raise revenues in order to prevent a shut down?

	Support	Neither support nor oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Closing some post offices	47%	23%	25%	5%
Ending Saturday mail delivery	63%	16%	18%	3%
Raising postage rates	34%	26%	36%	4%
Laying off postal workers	25%	30%	37%	8%

19. Do you support or oppose requiring employers to provide health care plans that cover the cost of contraceptives for their employees?

Support	47%
Oppose	37%
Not sure	16%

20. Do you think religiously-affiliated hospitals and colleges should be exempt from requirements that their health care plans cover the cost of contraceptives for their employees?

They should be exempt	33%
They should not be exempt	43%
Not sure	24%

21. Do you support or oppose allowing women in the military to serve in ground units that engage in close combat?

Strongly support	30%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support nor oppose	18%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	14%
Not sure	8%

22. Do you favor or oppose providing a legal way for illegal immigrants already in the United States to become U.S. citizens?

Favor	43%
Oppose	40%
Unsure	17%

23. 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?

Asked of respondents who weren't sure or opposed a generic path to citizenship in previous question

Favor	42%
Oppose	40%
Not sure	18%

24. Passing a law that would allow illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status if they go to college

Strongly support	25%
Somewhat support	25%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	14%

25. Passing a law that would allow illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military

Strongly support	32%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	22%
Not sure	12%

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

Very serious	17%
Somewhat serious	18%
A minor problem	25%
Not a problem	25%
Not sure	15%

27. Do you personally know anyone who is an illegal immigrant?

Yes	24%
No	61%
Not sure	15%

28. Do you support building more border fences?

Favor	55%
Oppose	25%
Not sure	20%

29. Would you favor a program allowing people from other countries to be guest workers in the U.S. for a temporary period of time, and then be required to return to their home country?

Favor	49%
Oppose	30%
Not sure	22%

30. How much do you know about each of the following figures of the Republican Party?

	Know a lot	Know a little	Have not heard of this person
Chris Christie	33%	37%	29%
Rand Paul	25%	40%	35%
Mitch Daniels	13%	31%	56%
Marco Rubio	27%	31%	42%
Michael Steele	18%	26%	56%
Fred Thompson	22%	35%	43%
Rick Perry	29%	41%	30%
Herman Cain	26%	36%	38%
Michelle Bachmann	29%	39%	32%
Jeb Bush	28%	46%	26%

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

Asked of respondents who indicated they had heard of each of the following people

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable
Chris Christie	18%	44%	24%	13%
Rand Paul	18%	30%	24%	27%
Mitch Daniels	12%	36%	30%	22%
Marco Rubio	26%	30%	24%	20%
Michael Steele	11%	40%	30%	19%
Fred Thompson	17%	41%	26%	16%
Rick Perry	10%	33%	24%	33%
Herman Cain	16%	25%	30%	29%
Michelle Bachmann	13%	29%	21%	37%
Jeb Bush	14%	37%	27%	22%

32. 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	33%	16%	11%	32%	7%
John Boehner	7%	18%	16%	29%	30%
Mitch McConnell	6%	16%	13%	23%	41%
Harry Reid	8%	17%	11%	30%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	13%	19%	10%	35%	23%
Joe Biden	26%	20%	11%	28%	14%
Hillary Clinton	33%	21%	12%	25%	9%
John Kerry	17%	26%	15%	24%	18%

33. Who do you think should be the Republican nominee for President in 2016?

Mitch Daniels	1%
Chris Christie	13%
Marco Rubio	9%
Jeb Bush	4%
Condoleezza Rice	4%
Paul Ryan	4%
Bobby Jindal	3%
Rick Santorum	3%
Sarah Palin	5%
Rand Paul	4%
Rick Perry	1%
Michael Steele	1%
Herman Cain	2%
Other	5%
Not sure	41%

34. Do you think the Republican Presidential nominee in 2016 should be more conservative or less conservative than Mitt Romney?

More conservative	23%
About the same	22%
Less conservative	28%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly Approve	24%
Somewhat Approve	23%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%
Strongly Disapprove	34%
Not Sure	6%

36. 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	19%	19%	12%	38%	12%
Immigration	17%	20%	12%	33%	18%
The environment	15%	27%	13%	24%	21%
Terrorism	22%	25%	12%	23%	18%
Gay rights	22%	20%	10%	29%	19%
Education	19%	24%	16%	24%	18%
Health care	22%	19%	10%	38%	12%
Social security	16%	20%	16%	30%	18%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	26%	18%	22%	18%
The budget deficit	17%	18%	12%	39%	15%
Taxes	17%	19%	12%	36%	15%
Medicare	16%	18%	15%	30%	21%
Abortion	17%	17%	11%	29%	27%

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

Strongly approve	1%
Somewhat approve	6%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	13%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	26%
Very Conservative	10%
Not sure	13%

39. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	16%

40. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	43%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	45%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	34%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	27%
Not sure	12%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	34%	35%	31%
Bold	32%	54%	13%
Effective	24%	48%	28%
Exciting	16%	64%	20%
Experienced	23%	50%	27%
Honest	30%	38%	33%
Hypocritical	31%	41%	28%
Inspiring	32%	45%	23%
Intelligent	54%	35%	11%
Partisan	21%	65%	14%
Patriotic	28%	47%	25%
Religious	14%	61%	25%
Sincere	32%	42%	26%
Steady	27%	57%	16%
Strong	34%	50%	15%

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

Getting better	26%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	33%
Not sure	6%

44. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	23%
About the same	34%
Lower	18%
Not sure	24%

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 9-11, 2013
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 0.4 to 7.2, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.05.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	34 questions not reported.