

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted July 27-29, 2013  
Margin of Error  $\pm 4.5\%$

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	45%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	17%

3. Edward Snowden, a former NSA contractor, made the news recently for leaking information of government surveillance on Americans, including monitoring internet usage and telephone records, to the press. What is your opinion on Snowden, if any?

Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	18%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	27%
Not sure	25%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of Snowden’s decision to leak information about U.S. surveillance activities?

Strongly approve .....	16%
Somewhat approve .....	22%
Somewhat disapprove .....	13%
Strongly disapprove .....	29%
Not sure .....	20%

5. Would you support or oppose the prosecution of Edward Snowden for leaking the information?

I would support prosecution .....	33%
I neither support nor oppose .....	22%
I would oppose his prosecution .....	25%
Not sure .....	20%

6. If Snowden was convicted of leaking classified information, what should be the penalty?

Death .....	6%
Life in prison .....	11%
Long prison term, but not life .....	21%
Short prison term .....	15%
Monetary fine only .....	8%
No penalty .....	14%
Not sure .....	25%

7. How closely have you been following the trial of Private First Class Bradley Manning, the Army Soldier accused of leaking classified information to WikiLeaks?

Very closely .....	4%
Somewhat closely .....	24%
Not very closely .....	37%
Not at all .....	35%

8. Manning has already plead guilty to leaking classified information to the website WikiLeaks while he was serving in Iraq. What is your opinion on Manning, if any?

Very favorable	6%
Somewhat favorable	11%
Somewhat unfavorable	21%
Very unfavorable	30%
Not sure	33%

9. In addition to leaking classified information, Manning is on trial for the more serious charge of "aiding the enemy." Do you agree or disagree that Manning intended the enemy to see the documents he leaked?

Strongly agree	23%
Somewhat agree	20%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	9%
Not sure	36%

10. What should be Manning's penalty for his actions?

Death	9%
Life in prison	14%
Long prison term, but not life	20%
Short prison term	12%
Monetary fine only	4%
No penalty	6%
Not sure	35%

**11. Which party does a better job handling the following issues?**

	Republicans	Democrats	Neither	Not sure
Immigration	20%	28%	36%	16%
Gay rights	13%	41%	28%	18%
Education	18%	29%	35%	18%
Health care	20%	33%	31%	16%
Taxes	24%	23%	35%	18%
Abortion	23%	32%	29%	17%
The economy	24%	24%	35%	17%
Creating Jobs	25%	22%	35%	18%

**12. Which party is better for the following groups?**

	Republicans	Democrats	Neither	Not sure
Gays and Lesbians	6%	56%	19%	18%
Women	18%	41%	20%	21%
Blacks/African-Americans	14%	48%	20%	18%
Hispanics	15%	43%	21%	21%
Families	28%	31%	22%	19%
Small business owners	30%	26%	22%	22%
Gun owners	57%	9%	17%	17%
Christians	41%	16%	23%	21%

**13. 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 .....	49%
Oppose .....	36%
Not sure .....	15%

14. Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

Favor .....	41%
Oppose .....	43%
Not sure .....	15%

15. 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 .....	1%
About the same .....	23%
Less than usual .....	54%
Not sure .....	21%

16. Who do you think is setting the agenda in Washington DC these days?

President Obama .....	17%
House Republicans .....	7%
Senate Republicans .....	3%
Senate Democrats .....	4%
House Democrats .....	2%
The media .....	9%
The Supreme Court .....	2%
Lobbyists .....	23%
Not sure .....	33%

17. About how often do you go to see movies in a movie theater

Once a week or more .....	3%
2 - 3 times a month .....	5%
About once a month .....	12%
Few times a year .....	34%
Almost never or never .....	46%

**18. Do you prefer to see movies in a movie theater or wait for them to come out on home release?**

In a movie theater .....	24%
At home .....	54%
Neither .....	8%
I don't like to see movies. ....	5%
Not sure .....	9%

**19. From the following list of movies, how many have you already seen, want to see in a theater, will wait for home release, or do not want to see?**

	Already seen	Will see in a theater	Will wait for home release	Do not want to see	Not sure
Iron Man 3	16%	4%	35%	36%	9%
Despicable Me 2	9%	7%	39%	35%	10%
Man of Steel	11%	4%	38%	36%	11%
Monsters University	8%	4%	40%	36%	12%
Fast and Furious 6	7%	4%	31%	50%	8%
Star Trek Into Darkness	13%	4%	31%	42%	10%
World War Z	6%	6%	38%	38%	12%
The Lone Ranger	4%	4%	40%	41%	12%
The Great Gatsby	6%	3%	36%	43%	12%
The Wolverine	3%	11%	35%	37%	13%

**20. What is your favorite item to eat when watching a movie?**

Popcorn .....	49%
Candy .....	8%
Hot dog .....	1%
Pizza .....	5%
Nachos .....	8%
Other .....	5%
Nothing .....	18%
Not sure .....	6%

**21. Do you get butter on your popcorn?**

Yes .....	68%
No .....	17%
I don't eat popcorn .....	12%
Not sure .....	2%

**22. What time of the year are the best movies released?**

Spring .....	2%
Summer .....	25%
Fall .....	7%
Between Thanksgiving and Christmas .....	14%
After Christmas .....	1%
I don't care .....	29%
Not sure .....	22%

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

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	19%	3%	1%
Immigration	38%	41%	15%	6%
The environment	39%	39%	13%	8%
Terrorism	48%	33%	12%	7%
Gay rights	20%	27%	22%	31%
Education	57%	30%	8%	5%
Health care	69%	25%	5%	2%
Social security	57%	31%	9%	3%
The budget deficit	53%	30%	11%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	30%	42%	20%	8%
Taxes	58%	31%	8%	3%
Medicare	53%	32%	11%	4%
Abortion	37%	32%	19%	12%

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

The economy .....	34%
Immigration .....	4%
The environment .....	6%
Terrorism .....	2%
Gay rights .....	2%
Education .....	9%
Health care .....	13%
Social security .....	10%
The budget deficit .....	8%
The war in Afghanistan .....	1%
Taxes .....	4%
Medicare .....	3%
Abortion .....	4%

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

The economy .....	39%
Immigration .....	4%
The environment .....	7%
Terrorism .....	0%
Gay rights .....	1%
Education .....	2%
Health care .....	7%
Social security .....	6%
The budget deficit .....	18%
The war in Afghanistan .....	0%
Taxes .....	5%
Medicare .....	0%
Abortion .....	10%



26. 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	22%	21%	11%	36%	10%
John Boehner	4%	16%	19%	31%	30%
Mitch McConnell	2%	17%	17%	24%	40%
Harry Reid	3%	16%	15%	32%	34%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	21%	10%	37%	24%
Joe Biden	18%	21%	13%	32%	16%
Hillary Clinton	26%	23%	9%	31%	11%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	8%

28. 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	12%	25%	11%	39%	13%
Immigration	14%	21%	12%	37%	16%
The environment	10%	25%	17%	27%	22%
Terrorism	17%	25%	13%	29%	16%
Gay rights	18%	19%	9%	33%	21%
Education	11%	25%	13%	30%	20%
Health care	18%	19%	8%	42%	12%
Social security	10%	22%	13%	33%	21%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	26%	17%	26%	18%
The budget deficit	11%	20%	13%	40%	16%
Taxes	10%	23%	14%	36%	17%
Medicare	11%	22%	12%	36%	19%
Abortion	12%	23%	9%	33%	23%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	6%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal .....	7%
Liberal .....	14%
Moderate .....	33%
Conservative .....	28%
Very conservative .....	9%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Very liberal .....	36%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	23%
Conservative .....	5%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	15%

**32. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	54%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Like a lot .....	30%
Like somewhat .....	26%
Dislike .....	34%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Getting better .....	23%
About the same .....	38%
Getting worse .....	33%
Not sure .....	6%

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

Higher .....	20%
About the same .....	34%
Lower .....	21%
Not sure .....	25%

**36. Would you say that you and your family are...**

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	29%
Not sure .....	6%

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

Owned by you or your family .....	60%
Rented from someone else .....	38%
Other .....	2%

**38. Do you think the value of your home has increased or decreased in the last year?**

Increased .....	23%
Stayed about the same .....	39%
Decreased .....	25%
Not sure .....	12%

**39. Do you think home prices in your area have increased or decreased in the last year?**

Increased .....	28%
Stayed about the same .....	39%
Decreased .....	6%
Not sure .....	27%

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

Will increase a lot .....	6%
Will increase a little .....	30%
Will stay about the same .....	32%
Will decrease a little .....	8%
Will decrease a lot .....	4%
Not sure .....	21%

**41. How worried are you about making your mortgage payments?**

Very worried .....	9%
Somewhat worried .....	21%
Not worried .....	32%
Don't have mortgage payments .....	38%

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

Will definitely buy a home .....	3%
Am considering buying a home .....	12%
Not looking for a home now .....	84%

**43. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?**

Yes .....	28%
No .....	72%

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

Yes .....	66%
No .....	30%
Don't know .....	4%

**45. Are you currently enrolled as a student?**

Full-time student .....	1%
Part-time student .....	4%
Not a student .....	94%

**46. Do you have a job outside of school?**

Full-time job .....	30%
Part-time job .....	24%
No job outside of school .....	46%

**47. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?**

Full-time employed .....	41%
Part-time employed .....	15%
Self-employed .....	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	11%
Retired .....	17%
Permanently disabled .....	8%
Homemaker .....	9%
Other .....	1%

**48. Do you currently have more than one job?**

Yes .....	15%
No .....	85%

**49. In a typical week, about how many hours do you work for pay?**

Mean ..... 18

**50. How worried are you about losing your job?**

Very worried ..... 10%  
 Somewhat worried ..... 29%  
 Not very worried ..... 61%

**51. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?**

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut. .... 36%  
 Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.  
 ..... 39%  
 Not very hard ..... 19%  
 Not sure ..... 7%

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

More jobs ..... 17%  
 The same amount of jobs ..... 40%  
 Fewer jobs ..... 29%  
 Not sure ..... 14%

**53. How happy would you say you are with your current job?**

Very happy ..... 21%  
 Happy ..... 36%  
 Neither happy nor unhappy ..... 30%  
 Unhappy ..... 9%  
 Very unhappy ..... 5%

**54. How would you guess your total family income to be six months from now?**

Higher .....	19%
Same .....	65%
Lower .....	15%

**55. If you lost your job, how long would it be before you exhausted your savings?**

I don't have any savings .....	41%
I could last a few weeks on my savings .....	19%
I could last a few months on my savings .....	22%
I could last a year on my savings .....	9%
I could last more than a year on my savings .....	10%

**56. Gender**

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

**57. Education**

No high school .....	11%
High school graduate .....	31%
Some college .....	27%
2-year college .....	7%
4-year college .....	17%
Post-graduate .....	7%

**58. Age**

18-29 .....	22%
30-44 .....	33%
45-64 .....	32%
65+ .....	13%



**59. Race**

White .....	67%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	7%

**60. Region**

Northeast .....	14%
Midwest .....	25%
South .....	37%
West .....	24%

**61. Party Identification**

Democrat .....	35%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	26%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Republican .....	22%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	July 27-29, 2013
<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 0.3 to 7.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.04.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.5% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.