

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted January 26-28, 2013  
Margin of Error  $\pm 5.1\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction .....	34%
Off on the wrong track .....	50%
Not sure .....	16%

## 2. What's more important?

The right of people to own guns .....	19%
Protecting people from gun violence .....	28%
Both are equally important .....	49%
Not sure .....	4%

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

Very favorable .....	22%
Somewhat favorable .....	22%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	12%
Very unfavorable .....	25%
Not sure .....	19%

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

More strict .....	52%
No change .....	31%
Less strict .....	11%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Does .....	35%
Does not .....	30%
Not sure .....	35%

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	82%	6%	12%
Banning semi-automatic weapons	51%	36%	13%
Banning the sale of all handguns, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers	15%	73%	11%
Banning the sale of magazine clips for semi-automatic weapons that hold more than 10 rounds	59%	30%	11%
Requiring people who purchase handguns to wait five days before they receive that gun	70%	17%	13%
Requiring gun owners to register their guns with a national gun registry	63%	27%	10%
Limiting the number of handguns a person can own	44%	44%	12%
Preventing people from carrying a concealed gun in public	37%	48%	15%
Requiring people to obtain a police permit before buying a handgun	50%	34%	16%
Having the Centers for Disease Control conduct research on gun violence	40%	33%	27%
Spending \$50 million to hire officers and counselors for schools, and provide emergency planning in schools	43%	33%	24%
Requiring criminal and mental background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales	78%	13%	9%
Stationing armed guards at all schools	37%	37%	26%

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

I personally own a gun .....	22%
I don't personally but someone in household does .....	14%
No .....	64%

**8. Do you plan on watching all, most, some, or none of the Super Bowl this coming Sunday, February 3?**

All .....	23%
Most .....	17%
Some .....	26%
None .....	33%

**9. Do you watch the Super Bowl more for the game or for the commercials?**

*Asked of respondents who plan on watching at least some of the Super Bowl this coming Sunday (n = 666)*

The game .....	64%
The commercials .....	36%

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

Strongly support .....	34%
Somewhat support .....	17%
Neither support nor oppose .....	21%
Somewhat oppose .....	9%
Strongly oppose .....	12%
Not sure .....	7%

11. 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	34%	17%	10%	33%	6%
John Boehner	6%	16%	26%	28%	24%
Joe Biden	27%	22%	13%	29%	10%
Hillary Clinton	35%	23%	13%	22%	8%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	20%	14%	35%	20%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton is handling her job as Secretary of State?

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	16%

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

Approve strongly	25%
Approve somewhat	24%
Disapprove somewhat	13%
Disapprove strongly	33%
Not sure	5%

14. 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	20%	24%	15%	33%	8%
Immigration	16%	26%	14%	29%	14%
The environment	16%	26%	17%	23%	18%
Terrorism	23%	24%	16%	24%	13%
Gay rights	23%	22%	10%	26%	19%
Education	18%	29%	16%	21%	15%
Health care	23%	23%	11%	35%	8%
Social security	18%	24%	19%	26%	13%
The budget deficit	16%	22%	14%	37%	10%
The war in Afghanistan	17%	29%	18%	23%	13%
Taxes	19%	23%	14%	32%	12%
Medicare	18%	24%	18%	26%	15%
Abortion	20%	18%	13%	26%	23%

15. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	10%

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

Very liberal .....	9%
Liberal .....	20%
Moderate .....	23%
Conservative .....	27%
Very conservative .....	10%
Not sure .....	11%

17. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal .....	31%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	24%
Conservative .....	7%
Very conservative .....	1%
Not sure .....	18%

18. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes .....	46%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	44%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Like a lot .....	36%
Like somewhat .....	25%
Dislike .....	26%
Not sure .....	14%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	33%	35%	32%
Bold	32%	55%	14%
Effective	27%	48%	25%
Exciting	19%	62%	19%
Experienced	27%	45%	29%
Honest	33%	38%	30%
Hypocritical	30%	40%	30%
Inspiring	36%	42%	22%
Intelligent	58%	29%	13%
Partisan	20%	62%	18%
Patriotic	29%	42%	29%
Religious	15%	59%	26%
Sincere	34%	40%	25%
Steady	27%	59%	14%
Strong	36%	47%	17%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	32%
Not sure	7%

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

Higher	25%
About the same	33%
Lower	20%
Not sure	22%

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the recent legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Obama that raises taxes and averts the "fiscal cliff"?

Approve strongly	7%
Approve somewhat	23%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Disapprove somewhat	17%
Disapprove strongly	21%
Not sure	13%

24. How much do you expect your taxes to increase because of the deal on the "fiscal cliff"?

A lot	18%
Some	42%
A little	22%
None	18%

25. There is talk in Washington about spending cuts and further tax increases to cut the deficit. What do you think Congress and the President should do?

Cut spending and raise taxes	25%
Only cut spending	45%
Only raise taxes	8%
Neither cut spending nor raise taxes	7%
Not sure	15%

26. Congress recently raised taxes on people earning over \$400,000 per year. Would you support further tax increases on incomes over \$400,000?

Favor an additional increase	56%
Oppose an additional increase	29%
Not sure	16%



**27. How about individual incomes between \$250,000 and \$400,000 per year? Do you favor or oppose increasing these people's taxes?**

Favor increasing their taxes .....	52%
Oppose increasing their taxes .....	33%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	32%
Not sure .....	4%

**29. Gender**

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

**30. Education**

No high school .....	8%
High school graduate .....	37%
Some college .....	23%
2-year college .....	11%
4-year college .....	14%
Post-graduate .....	7%

**31. Age**

18-29 .....	23%
30-44 .....	27%
45-64 .....	37%
65+ .....	12%

**32. Race**

White .....	70%
Black .....	12%
Hispanic .....	10%
Other .....	8%

**33. Region**

Northeast .....	18%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	39%
West .....	21%

**34. Party Identification**

Democrat .....	38%
Lean Democrat .....	8%
Independent .....	24%
Lean Republican .....	6%
Republican .....	24%

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	January 26-28, 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 7.3, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.31.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 5.1% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	34 questions not reported.