

The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted January 10-12, 2010
Margin of Error $\pm 3.5\%$

1. In which area do you think the Obama Administration has been most successful over the past year?

The war in Iraq	12%
The economy	21%
Immigration	1%
The environment	10%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	12%
Education	9%
Health care	21%
Social security	1%
The war in Afghanistan	8%

2. In which area do you think the Obama Administration has been least successful over the past year?

The war in Iraq	8%
The economy	32%
Immigration	6%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	7%
Education	3%
Health care	18%
Social security	5%
The war in Afghanistan	8%

3. Since taking office, do you think Barack Obama has accomplished...

More than I expected	10%
About what I expected	40%
Less than I expected	41%
Not sure	10%

4. In 2009, do you think President Obama accomplished more or less than Presidents usually do in the year they are inaugurated?

Much more	12%
Somewhat more	20%
About the same	21%
Somewhat less	13%
Much less	25%
Not sure	9%

5. As a President, how do you think Barack Obama will go down in history?

Outstanding	12%
Above Average	23%
Average	16%
Below Average	12%
Poor	23%
Not Sure	14%

6. Since Barack Obama has been President, do you think the United States' image in the world has gotten better or worse?

Gotten better	41%
Obama's Presidency has had no effect on U.S. image in the world	15%
Gotten worse	30%
Not sure	13%

7. Has your opinion of President Obama grown more or less favorable since he was elected?

Much more favorable	5%
Somewhat more favorable	10%
Stayed about the same	37%
Somewhat less favorable	18%
Much less favorable	30%

8. How is your opinion of Barack Obama’s policies in the following areas changing as you hear more about them?

	Becoming more negative	Unchanged	Becoming more positive
Health care policies	53%	29%	18%
Economic policies	45%	40%	15%
Terrorism policies	38%	47%	16%
Environmental policies	30%	57%	13%

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

Very strong	18%
Somewhat strong	35%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	27%

10. Would you be more likely to describe Barack Obama as more or less liberal than you would like?

More liberal than you would like	36%
About as liberal as you would like	27%
Not as liberal as you would like	13%
Not sure	23%

11. In general, do you think Barack Obama is...

Leading the country in the right direction	39%
Taking the country down the wrong track	43%
Not sure	18%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
George W. Bush	11%	20%	20%	43%	5%
Barack Obama	30%	21%	11%	31%	7%
Michelle Obama	33%	24%	14%	16%	13%
Joe Biden	14%	26%	18%	24%	17%

13. What do you think are the chances of a terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?

Very likely (more than 50%)	31%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%)	34%
Not very likely (1% to 10%)	18%
Very unlikely (less than 1%)	7%
Not sure	11%

14. Do you think the policies of the Obama Administration have made the United States more or less safe from terrorism?

More safe	20%
No effect	45%
Less safe	35%

15. Would you describe yourself as...

A frequent air traveler	7%
An occasional air traveler	74%
Never flown	19%

16. How much have you heard or read about the attempt to blow up a Northwest flight from Amsterdam to Detroit on Christmas Day?

A lot	62%
A little	32%
Nothing at all	7%

17. Do you think American intelligence agencies had enough information about the activities of Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab to have prevented him from attempting to destroy the Northwest flight from Amsterdam on Christmas Day? (Asked if respondent has heard or read about attempt)

Yes, could have prevented attempt	70%
No, could not have prevented attempt	8%
Not sure	22%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the aftermath of the attempt to blow up Northwest Flight 253? (Asked if respondent has heard or read about attempt)

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	20%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	11%

19. How much confidence do you have that the Department of Homeland Security, including the intelligence agencies, will be able to protect the country from terrorist attacks?

A lot of confidence	6%
Some confidence	42%
Not too much confidence	38%
No confidence at all	14%

20. How would you rate the job airlines are doing following government safety and security standards for air travel?

Excellent	4%
Good	35%
Only fair	36%
Poor	14%
Not sure	10%

21. How would you rate the job the government is doing setting safety and security standards for air travel?

Excellent	4%
Good	27%
Only fair	38%
Poor	23%
Not sure	8%

22. Do you favor or oppose the following security measures for air travel?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Not allowing passengers on flights to the United States to leave their seats during the last hour of flight	39%	40%	22%
Not allowing passengers on flights to the United States to have any personal items in their laps during the last hour of flight	41%	35%	24%
Requiring extra screening for passengers from 14 countries identified as places where terrorists may come from	83%	7%	11%

23. Overall, do you think the air travel security measures that have been implemented since Christmas will make flying safer or not?

Will make flying safer	21%
Won't make much difference	51%
Not sure	28%

24. Some airports are now using full-body scanner machines that produce a detailed picture of travelers and items that are hidden on their bodies. It might have detected the explosives that were meant to be ignited on the Christmas Day Northwest flight from Amsterdam to Detroit. But many privacy advocates have objected to them. The scanners would not detect items within a person’s body. What is your opinion of the use of full-body scanners at airports?

They should be used for all passengers	52%
They should be used, but only on people who screeners think may pose a threat	27%
They should not be used	8%
Not sure	13%

25. How likely is it that Congress will pass health care reform legislation this year?

Very likely	24%
Somewhat likely	39%
Somewhat unlikely	14%
Very unlikely	8%
Not sure	15%

26. Overall, given what you know about them, do you support or oppose the proposed changes to the health care system being developed by Congress and the Obama Administration?

Support strongly	13%
Support somewhat	33%
Oppose somewhat	17%
Oppose strongly	38%

27. Overall, if President Obama and Congress pass health care reform, do you think you personally would be better or worse off?

Better off	16%
About the same	31%
Worse off	42%
Not sure	11%

28. Below are some issues facing the country. For each one, indicate whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling that issue.

	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	No Opinion
The war in Iraq	12%	29%	23%	27%	10%
The economy	14%	26%	14%	40%	6%
Immigration	6%	22%	14%	35%	22%
The environment	13%	32%	13%	25%	17%
Terrorism	17%	25%	13%	35%	9%
Gay rights	10%	23%	16%	23%	28%
Education	13%	31%	16%	21%	18%
Health care	15%	25%	10%	43%	7%
Social security	10%	23%	15%	34%	19%
The war in Afghanistan	10%	29%	22%	29%	9%

29. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	50%	36%	11%	3%
The economy	85%	13%	1%	1%
Immigration	44%	34%	16%	5%
The environment	51%	33%	11%	6%
Terrorism	68%	23%	7%	3%
Gay rights	23%	27%	24%	26%
Education	62%	30%	5%	3%
Health care	73%	19%	6%	3%
Social security	61%	30%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	61%	30%	7%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	55%	32%	10%	4%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	40%
Immigration	3%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	8%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	17%
Social security	9%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	2%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	8%

32. Overall, do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	8%

33. If the 2010 elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

Republican	33%
Lean Republican	6%
Lean Democrat	9%
Democrat	37%
Not Sure	16%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	36%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	15%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	9%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	46%
Not sure	5%

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

Higher	31%
About the same	33%
Lower	14%
Not sure	21%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	34%	37%	29%
Intelligent	64%	24%	12%
Religious	15%	56%	28%
Inspiring	39%	40%	21%
Patriotic	31%	42%	27%
Strong	35%	41%	25%
Bold	34%	49%	18%
Experienced	13%	40%	47%
Sincere	38%	35%	27%
Partisan	24%	55%	22%
Effective	26%	45%	30%
Unifying	21%	48%	31%
In Touch	30%	43%	27%
Realistic	32%	38%	30%
Decisive	27%	46%	28%

39. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	34%
Somewhat liberal	23%
Moderate	20%
Somewhat conservative	3%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	18%

40. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	47%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	53%

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

Like a lot	35%
Like somewhat	31%
Dislike	23%
Not sure	12%