

The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents

Conducted January 24-26, 2010

Margin of Error $\pm 3.5\%$

1. Over the last year, do you think the Obama Administration has put too much or too little emphasis on achieving each of these policy goals?

	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure
Achieving health care reform	46%	27%	20%	8%
Reducing unemployment	3%	26%	60%	11%
Stimulating the economy	11%	34%	45%	10%
Reducing the budget deficit	4%	28%	56%	12%
Fighting terrorism	7%	42%	40%	12%
Ending the war in Iraq	8%	42%	36%	14%
Improving education	5%	39%	39%	17%
Improving the environment	21%	36%	27%	16%
Tax reform	8%	23%	49%	20%

2. In the next year, do you think the Obama Administration should spend more or less time on each of these policy areas?

	More time	About the same amount of time	Less time	Not sure
Achieving health care reform	32%	21%	38%	8%
Reducing unemployment	72%	16%	5%	8%
Stimulating the economy	65%	19%	9%	7%
Reducing the budget deficit	61%	24%	5%	9%
Fighting terrorism	45%	36%	9%	9%
Ending the war in Iraq	39%	40%	10%	10%
Improving education	46%	37%	7%	10%
Improving the environment	32%	35%	23%	10%
Tax reform	47%	27%	10%	15%

3. President Obama will give his State of the Union Address this Wednesday, January 27th, at 9 p.m. Eastern Time. Do you think you will watch his speech?

Yes	45%
No	32%
Not sure	23%

4. Do you think Barack Obama will be able to accomplish more or less than Presidents usually do in their second year in office?

Much more	9%
Somewhat more	19%
About the same	24%
Somewhat less	15%
Much less	21%
Not sure	11%

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

Very strong	17%
Somewhat strong	37%
Somewhat weak	21%
Very weak	25%

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

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	28%
Somewhat unlikely	27%
Very unlikely	22%
Not sure	13%

7. 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	14%
Support somewhat	31%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	38%

8. For a bill to become a law, both houses of Congress must agree to the same bill. Would you like to see Congress pass a health care reform bill this year?

Yes	45%
No	35%
Not sure	20%

9. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate have passed health care reform bills. Regardless of how you feel about health care reform in general, which do you think is a better bill?

The bill passed by the House of Representatives	17%
The bill passed by the Senate	7%
The bills are about the same	25%
Not sure	51%

10. When deciding whom to support in the 2010 elections, how important will the candidate's position on health care reform be in your decision?

The most important factor	9%
Very important	45%
Somewhat important	30%
Not very important	7%
Don't plan to vote	9%

11. If President Obama and Congress pass a health care reform plan, do you think you personally would receive better or worse care than you receive now?

Better care	17%
About the same	32%
Worse care	37%
Not sure	14%

12. Do you think you personally would pay more, either in taxes or insurance costs, if President Obama and Congress pass a health care reform plan?

Pay more	52%
About the same	25%
Pay less	8%
Not sure	15%

13. How do you feel about the following things?

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied but not enthusiastic	Dissatisfied but not angry	Angry	No opinion
Congress	2%	14%	27%	43%	14%
The Obama Administration	16%	24%	21%	29%	9%
The health care reform legislation being discussed in Congress	7%	18%	25%	40%	11%
The handling of the financial crisis	5%	18%	27%	40%	10%
The Supreme Court	5%	29%	26%	20%	19%

14. In the Senate, it takes the votes of 60 out of 100 Senators to stop debate and force a vote on a bill. This allows 40 Senators to block passage of a bill. What comes closest to you opinion?

It's unfair for a minority in the Senate to be able to block passage of a bill.	34%
Requiring a majority of 60 votes keeps the Senate from passing bills without the support of moderates.	66%

15. Which one of the following two positions on campaign financing do you favor more?

- Limiting the amount of money individuals can spend in support of a political campaign. 67%
- Allowing individuals to spend as much money to support a political campaign as they'd like. 33%

16. Which one of the following two positions on campaign financing do you favor more?

- Limiting the amount of money corporations and businesses can spend in support of a political campaign. 82%
- Allowing corporations and businesses to spend as much money to support a political campaign as they'd like. 18%

17. Which one of the following two positions on campaign financing do you favor more?

- Limiting the amount of money labor unions can spend in support of a political campaign. 82%
- Allowing labor unions to spend as much money to support a political campaign as they'd like. 18%

18. 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	15%	29%	23%	23%	9%
The economy	13%	27%	15%	39%	6%
Immigration	10%	22%	15%	34%	19%
The environment	17%	29%	14%	23%	16%
Terrorism	19%	26%	15%	30%	10%
Gay rights	9%	23%	16%	21%	31%
Education	17%	31%	14%	20%	17%
Health care	16%	21%	13%	42%	7%
Social security	12%	20%	17%	30%	21%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	29%	21%	26%	11%

19. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	46%	41%	10%	3%
The economy	86%	12%	1%	1%
Immigration	46%	33%	15%	6%
The environment	49%	31%	15%	5%
Terrorism	64%	25%	7%	3%
Gay rights	23%	22%	26%	29%
Education	61%	30%	6%	2%
Health care	73%	19%	7%	2%
Social security	64%	27%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	65%	27%	5%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	51%	38%	7%	4%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	40%
Immigration	4%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	8%
Gay rights	3%
Education	6%
Health care	17%
Social security	10%
The budget deficit	6%
The war in Afghanistan	1%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	10%

23. 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	5%
Lean Democrat	8%
Democrat	36%
Not Sure	17%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	56%
Not sure	17%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	38%
Not sure	6%

26. 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	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	49%
Not sure	5%

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

Higher	31%
About the same	30%
Lower	20%
Not sure	19%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	37%	35%	28%
Intelligent	63%	27%	9%
Religious	15%	58%	26%
Inspiring	41%	40%	19%
Patriotic	32%	43%	25%
Strong	33%	43%	23%
Bold	36%	48%	15%
Experienced	13%	42%	46%
Sincere	38%	36%	26%
Partisan	23%	56%	21%
Effective	21%	49%	30%
Unifying	19%	52%	29%
In Touch	27%	44%	29%
Realistic	29%	38%	32%
Decisive	24%	53%	23%

29. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	33%
Somewhat liberal	21%
Moderate	23%
Somewhat conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	16%

30. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	46%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	54%

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

Like a lot	38%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	22%
Not sure	12%