

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted February 13-16, 2010
Margin of Error $\pm 3.5\%$

1. How much have you heard or read about the political movement known as the Tea Party?

A great deal	26%
A fair amount	34%
Not much	21%
Nothing at all	19%

2. From what you have heard or read, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party movement? (Asked if respondent is aware of the Tea Party movement)

Very favorable	24%
Somewhat favorable	25%
Somewhat unfavorable	26%
Very unfavorable	25%

3. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement? (Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement)

Yes	25%
No	75%

4. From what you have heard or read, do you think most Americans have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party movement? (Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement)

Very favorable	14%
Somewhat favorable	39%
Somewhat unfavorable	39%
Very unfavorable	9%

5. From what you have heard or read, do you think most Republicans have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Tea Party movement? (Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement)

Very favorable	31%
Somewhat favorable	48%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	4%

6. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Sarah Palin	22%	17%	12%	38%	11%
Rush Limbaugh	15%	15%	12%	42%	16%
Glenn Beck	18%	13%	7%	29%	33%
Tom Tancredo	5%	7%	8%	16%	65%
Scott Brown	16%	14%	14%	10%	47%
Dick Armey	6%	8%	11%	16%	59%

Please tell us whether you think the following statements are true or false.

7. Barack Obama was not born in the United States (Asked of half respondents)

True	21%
False	58%
Not sure	21%

8. Barack Obama was born in the United States (Asked of half respondents)

True	58%
False	24%
Not sure	18%

9. Barack Obama is a socialist (Asked of half respondents)

True	34%
False	44%
Not sure	23%

10. Barack Obama is not a socialist (Asked of half respondents)

True	40%
False	36%
Not sure	25%

11. ACORN stole the 2008 election (Asked of half respondents)

True	20%
False	45%
Not sure	35%

12. ACORN did not steal the 2008 election (Asked of half respondents)

True	36%
False	25%
Not sure	39%

13. Sarah Palin is more qualified to be President than Barack Obama (Asked of half respondents)

True	25%
False	56%
Not sure	18%

14. Sarah Palin is less qualified to be President than Barack Obama (Asked of half respondents)

True	54%
False	34%
Not sure	12%

15. Barack Obama is a racist who hates White people (Asked of half respondents)

True 12%
False 70%
Not sure 17%

16. Barack Obama is not a racist who hates White people (Asked of half respondents)

True 69%
False 15%
Not sure 16%

17. The birth control pill is abortion (Asked of half respondents)

True 10%
False 79%
Not sure 11%

18. The birth control pill is not abortion (Asked of half respondents)

True 82%
False 8%
Not sure 10%

19. Abortion is murder (Asked of half respondents)

True 43%
False 35%
Not sure 21%

20. Abortion is not murder (Asked of half respondents)

True 33%
False 46%
Not sure 22%

Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

21. Barack Obama should be impeached (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	16%
Disagree	70%
Not sure	14%

22. Barack Obama should not be impeached (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	60%
Disagree	21%
Not sure	19%

23. Barack Obama wants the terrorists to win (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	12%
Disagree	75%
Not sure	13%

24. Barack Obama does not want the terrorists to win (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	69%
Disagree	12%
Not sure	18%

25. Your state should secede from the United States (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	7%
Disagree	76%
Not sure	17%

26. Your state should not secede from the United States (Asked of half respondents)

Agree70%
Disagree 13%
Not sure 17%

27. Congress should make it harder for workers to form and join labor unions (Asked of half respondents)

Agree 18%
Disagree 64%
Not sure 17%

28. Congress should make it easier for workers to form and join labor unions (Asked of half respondents)

Agree42%
Disagree 32%
Not sure 26%

29. Illegal immigrants now living in the United States should not have the right to live here legally if they pay a fine and learn English (Asked of half respondents)

Agree39%
Disagree 40%
Not sure 20%

30. Illegal immigrants now living in the United States should have the right to live here legally if they pay a fine and learn English (Asked of half respondents)

Agree32%
Disagree 49%
Not sure 19%

31. Openly gay men and women should not be allowed to serve in the military (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	25%
Disagree	61%
Not sure	15%

32. Openly gay men and women should be allowed to serve in the military (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	61%
Disagree	23%
Not sure	16%

33. Same sex couples should not be allowed to marry (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	43%
Disagree	45%
Not sure	12%

34. Same sex couples should be allowed to marry (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	41%
Disagree	44%
Not sure	15%

35. Gay couples should not receive any state or federal benefits (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	28%
Disagree	59%
Not sure	13%

36. Gay couples should receive state or federal benefits (Asked of half respondents)

Agree46%
Disagree 35%
Not sure 19%

37. Openly gay men and women should not be allowed to teach in public schools (Asked of half respondents)

Agree26%
Disagree 65%
Not sure 9%

38. Openly gay men and women should be allowed to teach in public schools (Asked of half respondents)

Agree57%
Disagree 30%
Not sure 13%

39. Sex education should not be taught in the public schools (Asked of half respondents)

Agree19%
Disagree 73%
Not sure 7%

40. Sex education should be taught in the public schools (Asked of half respondents)

Agree77%
Disagree 15%
Not sure 8%

41. Public school students should be taught that the book of Genesis in the Bible explains how God created the world (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	40%
Disagree	43%
Not sure	18%

42. Public school students should not be taught that the book of Genesis in the Bible explains how God created the world (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	37%
Disagree	45%
Not sure	18%

43. Contraceptive use should be outlawed (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	4%
Disagree	87%
Not sure	10%

44. Contraceptive use should not be outlawed (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	71%
Disagree	18%
Not sure	11%

45. The death penalty should be legal (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	66%
Disagree	19%
Not sure	15%

46. The death penalty should be illegal (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	19%
Disagree	63%
Not sure	18%

47. Women should not work outside the home (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	5%
Disagree	91%
Not sure	4%

48. Women should work outside the home (Asked of half respondents)

Agree	71%
Disagree	10%
Not sure	19%

49. Which statement comes closer to your opinion?

Marriages are equal partnerships	89%
Men are the leaders of their households	11%

50. Which statement comes closest to your opinion?

The only way for an individual to go to heaven is through Jesus Christ	44%
One can make it to heaven through another faith	39%
I don't believe in heaven	17%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	5%

52. How worried are you about losing your job? (Asked of full-time, part-time, or self-employed respondents)

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	60%

53. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	25%
The same amount of jobs	35%
Fewer jobs	27%
Not sure	13%

54. Last February, Congress passed President Obama’s \$787 billion economic stimulus bill. Do you think the stimulus bill has helped the economy?

Yes	31%
No	49%
Not sure	21%

55. Do you think the stimulus bill WILL help the economy?

Yes	13%
No	60%
Not sure	27%

56. How much responsibility do you think President Barack Obama has for current unemployment levels?

Most	18%
Some	33%
Only a little	24%
None	19%
Not sure	5%

57. How much responsibility do you think former President George W. Bush has for current unemployment levels?

Most	39%
Some	35%
Only a little	14%
None	7%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	43%
Not sure	4%

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

Higher	29%
About the same	34%
Lower	17%
Not sure	20%

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

Very likely	8%
Somewhat likely	25%
Somewhat unlikely	29%
Very unlikely	23%
Not sure	15%

61. 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	16%
Support somewhat	32%
Oppose somewhat	20%
Oppose strongly	32%

62. 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	17%	35%	16%	20%	12%
The economy	15%	28%	14%	36%	8%
Immigration	8%	21%	17%	30%	24%
The environment	19%	27%	16%	20%	18%
Terrorism	21%	27%	12%	28%	13%
Gay rights	14%	26%	13%	21%	26%
Education	21%	27%	14%	18%	19%
Health care	16%	27%	14%	34%	9%
Social security	13%	21%	17%	24%	25%
The budget deficit	12%	22%	17%	39%	10%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	33%	16%	21%	14%

63. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	48%	36%	12%	4%
The economy	85%	13%	1%	1%
Immigration	44%	34%	17%	5%
The environment	48%	33%	13%	6%
Terrorism	65%	25%	8%	2%
Gay rights	23%	24%	28%	24%
Education	65%	28%	5%	2%
Health care	68%	23%	6%	3%
Social security	64%	27%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	63%	28%	6%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	53%	32%	10%	5%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	40%
Immigration	4%
The environment	3%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	17%
Social security	9%
The budget deficit	9%
The war in Afghanistan	2%

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

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	5%

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

Strongly approve	1%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	9%

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

Republican	30%
Lean Republican	6%
Lean Democrat	9%
Democrat	38%
Not Sure	17%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	14%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	40%	32%	29%
Intelligent	71%	22%	7%
Religious	18%	55%	28%
Inspiring	45%	38%	17%
Patriotic	33%	44%	22%
Strong	40%	43%	17%
Bold	38%	46%	16%
Experienced	17%	40%	43%
Sincere	43%	33%	25%
Partisan	23%	52%	25%
Effective	26%	44%	30%
Unifying	19%	52%	29%
In Touch	29%	43%	28%
Realistic	33%	37%	30%
Decisive	24%	49%	27%

70. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	33%
Somewhat liberal	25%
Moderate	19%
Somewhat conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	18%

71. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	52%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	48%

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

Like a lot	42%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	21%
Not sure	10%