

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted March 6-8, 2010
Margin of Error $\pm 3.5\%$

1. Some people say that global temperatures have been going up slowly over the past 100 years - the phenomenon called "global warming." Do you think that global warming is happening?

Definitely is happening	33%
Probably is happening	26%
Probably is not happening	15%
Definitely is not happening	15%
Not sure	11%

2. How serious a problem do you think global warming is? (Asked of all respondents except those saying global warming is definitely not happening)

Very serious	43%
Somewhat serious	28%
Not very serious	20%
Not sure	9%

3. Do you think global warming has been caused by pollution from human activities (such as emissions from cars and factories) or by natural causes? (Asked of all respondents except those saying global warming is definitely not happening)

Pollution from human activities	58%
Natural causes not related to human activities	19%
Not sure	23%

4. When do you think global warming will start to cause serious problems? (Asked of all respondents except those saying global warming is definitely not happening)

They have already begun to happen	45%
In 10 years	4%
In 25 years	5%
In 50 years	5%
In 100 years	7%
It will never cause serious problems	10%
Not sure	24%

5. How do you feel about increased drilling for oil and natural gas offshore in U.S. waters?

Strongly favor	38%
Mildly favor	24%
Mildly oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	11%
Not sure	13%

6. Would you approve or disapprove of building more nuclear power plants to generate electricity?

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	14%

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

Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	31%
Somewhat unlikely	23%
Very unlikely	17%
Not sure	16%

8. 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	19%
Support somewhat	31%
Oppose somewhat	17%
Oppose strongly	33%

9. When, if ever, do you think the health care system should be reformed?

Immediately	48%
Next year	8%
In a few years	14%
Not necessary to reform the health care system	14%
Not sure	16%

10. In the Senate, it takes the votes of 60 out of 100 Senators to stop debate and force a vote on a bill. But Democrats in the Senate may use a parliamentary procedure known as budget reconciliation to pass the health care bill with only 51 votes. How do you feel about using budget reconciliation to pass the existing health care bill with a simple majority?

Strongly Approve	22%
Somewhat Approve	14%
Somewhat Disapprove	10%
Strongly Disapprove	34%
Not Sure	20%

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	18%
About the same	33%
Worse care	33%
Not sure	15%

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	48%
About the same	26%
Pay less	9%
Not sure	17%

13. 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	12%
Very important	47%
Somewhat important	26%
Not very important	4%
Don't plan to vote	11%

14. Do you think the majority of the public favors or opposes health care reform?

Favors	30%
Evenly split	32%
Opposes	38%

15. How much confidence do you have in the following groups or individuals to make the right decisions about health care reform?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	None at all	Not sure
The Democrats in Congress	13%	26%	21%	30%	11%
The Republicans in Congress	9%	21%	25%	33%	11%
President Barack Obama	28%	18%	14%	32%	8%
Insurance companies	3%	13%	24%	50%	9%

16. 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	16%	31%	21%	21%	11%
The economy	17%	23%	15%	38%	8%
Immigration	10%	22%	16%	31%	22%
The environment	17%	27%	14%	24%	18%
Terrorism	21%	24%	15%	28%	12%
Gay rights	11%	25%	13%	21%	30%
Education	20%	25%	18%	20%	17%
Health care	20%	21%	12%	39%	8%
Social security	14%	21%	15%	32%	18%
The budget deficit	12%	22%	13%	41%	11%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	29%	20%	23%	13%

17. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	47%	38%	11%	4%
The economy	85%	13%	2%	0%
Immigration	43%	35%	16%	5%
The environment	48%	34%	13%	5%
Terrorism	58%	30%	10%	2%
Gay rights	23%	24%	26%	27%
Education	62%	29%	7%	2%
Health care	75%	17%	6%	2%
Social security	66%	24%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	64%	27%	7%	1%
The war in Afghanistan	48%	36%	13%	4%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	40%
Immigration	3%
The environment	3%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	2%
Education	5%
Health care	23%
Social security	10%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	2%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	7%

20. 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	41%
Not sure	11%

21. 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	36%
Not Sure	17%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	31%
Off on the wrong track	56%
Not sure	14%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	43%
Not sure	3%

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

Higher	30%
About the same	34%
Lower	17%
Not sure	19%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	36%	35%	29%
Intelligent	65%	26%	9%
Religious	14%	60%	27%
Inspiring	42%	41%	18%
Patriotic	30%	47%	23%
Strong	36%	46%	18%
Bold	37%	51%	12%
Experienced	14%	43%	43%
Sincere	40%	35%	25%
Partisan	23%	57%	20%
Effective	21%	51%	28%
Unifying	21%	50%	29%
In Touch	28%	43%	29%
Realistic	31%	39%	30%
Decisive	23%	54%	23%

27. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	30%
Somewhat liberal	22%
Moderate	22%
Somewhat conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	19%

28. Do you think Barack Obama ...

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

29. 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	11%