

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted March 12-15, 2011
Margin of Error $\pm 4\%$

1. 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	14%	27%	21%	24%	14%
The economy	15%	21%	15%	38%	10%
Immigration	10%	23%	16%	35%	17%
The environment	13%	27%	18%	22%	20%
Terrorism	16%	27%	16%	27%	13%
Gay rights	16%	24%	13%	24%	23%
Education	18%	26%	17%	24%	15%
Health care	19%	20%	11%	40%	9%
Social security	12%	21%	18%	31%	18%
The budget deficit	11%	20%	16%	41%	12%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	29%	21%	25%	15%
Taxes	11%	23%	20%	34%	12%

2. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	36%	44%	12%	7%
The economy	81%	15%	2%	2%
Immigration	46%	33%	14%	6%
The environment	46%	38%	11%	6%
Terrorism	54%	30%	11%	5%
Gay rights	22%	30%	23%	25%
Education	58%	30%	7%	5%
Health care	71%	22%	3%	3%
Social security	62%	26%	8%	3%
The budget deficit	61%	28%	6%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	39%	44%	11%	6%
Taxes	63%	30%	5%	3%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	36%
Immigration	5%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	1%
Education	10%
Health care	13%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	11%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%

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

Strongly Approve	19%
Somewhat Approve	26%
Somewhat Disapprove	14%
Strongly Disapprove	31%
Not Sure	10%

5. How much have you heard or read about the violent conflict in Libya between rebels and forces loyal to Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi?

A lot	50%
A little	37%
Nothing at all	14%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama has responded to the protests in Libya? Asked if respondent is aware of protests in Libya

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	18%
No opinion	20%

7. How should the international community respond to events in Libya? Please check all options that you support. Asked if respondent is aware of protests in Libya

Enforce sanctions	53%
Send humanitarian aid	43%
Evacuate refugees	42%
Intervene militarily	15%
Impose a "no-fly zone" over Libya	46%
None of these	18%

8. Should the U.S. help Libyan rebels fighting against Muammar Gaddafi or should it stay out of the conflict? Asked if respondent is aware of protests in Libya

Help	19%
Stay out	57%
Not sure	25%

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The Libyan army is so weak that the United States could easily impose a no-fly zone over Libya." Asked if respondent is aware of protests in Libya

Strongly agree	19%
Somewhat agree	24%
Neither agree, nor disagree	20%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	7%
Not sure	20%

10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The United States is already fighting two wars in Muslim countries. It should not become militarily involved in any more conflicts in that part of the world." Asked if respondent is aware of protests in Libya

Strongly agree	45%
Somewhat agree	23%
Neither agree, nor disagree	12%
Somewhat disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	6%
Not sure	6%

11. In today's world, does the United States have a responsibility to intervene militarily in trouble spots around the globe, or is this not a responsibility of the United States?

Has responsibility to intervene	18%
Has no responsibility to intervene	50%
Not sure	32%

12. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in the following countries?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Iraq (2003)	55%	29%	16%
Iraq (1991)	33%	46%	21%
Afghanistan	35%	45%	20%
Bosnia	31%	35%	34%
Vietnam	56%	22%	21%
Korea	29%	43%	28%

13. How much would you say you know about the religion of Islam and its practices?

A great deal	12%
Some	42%
Not very much	29%
Nothing at all	17%

14. As of today, what is your impression of the religion called Islam?

Very favorable	5%
Somewhat favorable	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	24%
Very unfavorable	23%
Not sure	29%

15. Do you think Islam is more or less likely than other religions to encourage violence?

More	41%
About the same	34%
Less	4%
Not sure	21%

16. Compared with other American citizens, do you think Arab Americans are...

More patriotic 4%
 About as patriotic 56%
 Less patriotic 40%

17. Some people believe that the Muslim-American community is not doing enough to discourage extremism among its members. Others believe that the entire Muslim-American community is being unfairly singled out for criticism. Do you think Muslim-Americans are doing enough to discourage extremism or should they do more?

Doing enough 17%
 Should do more 52%
 Not sure 32%

18. How much discrimination do the following groups face in America today?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	None at all
Arab Americans	35%	35%	21%	9%
Asian Americans	5%	23%	52%	19%
African Americans	16%	34%	38%	12%
Mexican Americans	25%	41%	24%	10%

19. How much have you heard about the video showing National Public Radio's (NPR) fundraising director describing the Tea Party as racist and his subsequent resignation along with the chief executive of NPR?

A lot 29%
 A little 32%
 Nothing at all 39%

20. NPR receives federal money indirectly, through grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and from member station dues, that add up to less than 10% of its budget. Would you favor or oppose cutting off taxpayer money going to NPR?

Strongly favor	28%
Somewhat favor	6%
Neither favor, nor oppose	16%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	20%
Not sure	23%

21. During the last seven days, did you listen to any NPR programs?

Yes	23%
No	66%
Not sure	11%

22. In general, would you describe LIBERALS as tolerant or intolerant of opinions that differ from their own?

Very tolerant	8%
Somewhat tolerant	22%
Somewhat intolerant	20%
Very intolerant	29%
Not sure	21%

23. In general, would you describe CONSERVATIVES as tolerant or intolerant of opinions that differ from their own?

Very tolerant	8%
Somewhat tolerant	20%
Somewhat intolerant	24%
Very intolerant	29%
Not sure	20%

24. Are you personally or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I personally belong to a union 9%
 I do not belong to a union, but someone in my household does 12%
 No 79%

25. Are you personally or is someone in your household a public sector employee?

Yes, I am a public employee 10%
 I am not a public employee, but someone in my household is 10%
 No 80%

26. How much have you heard or read about a new law in Wisconsin that limits collective-bargaining rights for public employees?

A lot 47%
 A little 26%
 Nothing at all 27%

27. Through collective bargaining, workers are able to act as a group to negotiate such things as wages, benefits, and working conditions. Do you support or oppose the right of public employees to collective bargaining?

Support collective bargaining on all employment issues 31%
 Support collective bargaining on a limited range of employment issues ... 29%
 Oppose collective bargaining on all employment issues 17%
 Not sure 24%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of labor unions?

Strongly approve 21%
 Somewhat approve 19%
 Neither approve, nor disapprove 28%
 Somewhat disapprove 17%
 Strongly disapprove 15%

29. Would you say labor unions have too much or too little influence on the policies of the Obama Administration?

Too much	40%
About the right amount	45%
Too little	15%

30. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	30%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	21%

31. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	45%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	55%

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

Like a lot	34%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	22%
Not sure	15%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	33%	38%	29%
Intelligent	64%	27%	9%
Religious	17%	56%	27%
Inspiring	36%	43%	21%
Patriotic	34%	40%	25%
Strong	30%	45%	25%
Bold	29%	51%	21%
Experienced	15%	42%	43%
Sincere	37%	36%	27%
Partisan	29%	54%	17%
Effective	25%	45%	30%
Unifying	19%	48%	33%
In touch	26%	44%	30%
Realistic	29%	41%	30%
Decisive	23%	47%	30%

34. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	10%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	56%
Not sure	18%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	10%

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

Higher	24%
About the same	32%
Lower	21%
Not sure	22%

38. 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	43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	37%
Not sure	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 12-15, 2011
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's PollingPoint panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2005–2007 American Community Study. Voter registration, turnout, religion, news interest, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement and the Pew Religion in American Life Survey. Matching respondents were selected from the PollingPoint panel, an opt-in Internet panel.
Weighting	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 0.5 to 7.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.82.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	31 questions not reported.