

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted January 31-February 2, 2010
 Margin of Error ±3.7%

1. In the next year, do you think the Obama Administration will 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	33%	27%	27%	14%
Reducing unemployment	4%	34%	47%	15%
Stimulating the economy	10%	35%	41%	13%
Reducing the budget deficit	4%	30%	51%	14%
Fighting terrorism	8%	38%	38%	15%
Ending the war in Iraq	11%	39%	32%	18%
Improving education	6%	42%	31%	21%
Improving the environment	21%	33%	28%	18%
Tax reform	8%	29%	43%	20%

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

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	29%
Somewhat unlikely	25%
Very unlikely	20%
Not sure	14%

3. 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	32%
Oppose somewhat	21%
Oppose strongly	33%

4. 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	51%
Somewhat important	24%
Not very important	5%
Don't plan to vote	9%

5. 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	16%
About the same	35%
Worse care	36%
Not sure	13%

6. 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	54%
About the same	23%
Pay less	9%
Not sure	15%

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

Leading the country in the right direction	38%
Taking the country down the wrong track	42%
Not sure	20%

8. 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	52%
Not sure	17%

9. Do you think the stimulus bill WILL help the economy? (Asked if respondents are unsure or don't think the stimulus bill has helped the economy)

Yes	12%
No	64%
Not sure	24%

10. Did you listen to President Obama's State of the Union Address last Wednesday?

Yes, listened to all of it	27%
Yes, listened to part of it	30%
No, did not listen to it	43%

11. In his State of the Union speech, President Obama said that he will withdraw all U.S. combat troops from Iraq by the end of August 2010. In your opinion, how likely is he to succeed in this pledge?

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	31%
Not too likely	33%
Not at all likely	16%
Not sure	9%

12. Generally speaking, do you think nuclear power plants are safe or not safe?

Safe	47%
Not safe	31%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	15%

14. Would you say the following groups have too much or too little influence on the policies of the Obama Administration?

	Too much	About the right amount	Too little
Big Business	66%	25%	9%
Labor Unions	47%	34%	19%
Wall Street	65%	27%	8%
Middle Class People	4%	23%	73%

15. Do you think that so far the policies of the Obama Administration have helped or hurt...

	Helped	No effect	Hurt	Not sure
The Economy	30%	18%	42%	10%
The Stock Market	36%	22%	26%	16%
Major Corporations	41%	20%	23%	16%
Labor Unions	37%	26%	12%	24%
The Middle Class	20%	21%	49%	10%
The Rich	31%	29%	23%	17%
The Poor	25%	25%	38%	11%

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

	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly
Barack Obama cares about people like me.	23%	30%	15%	31%
Barack Obama understands people like me.	21%	26%	18%	35%
Barack Obama respects people like me.	25%	29%	16%	29%
Barack Obama looks down on people like me.	23%	16%	23%	38%

17. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the following car companies?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Toyota	27%	31%	17%	13%	13%
Honda	32%	36%	10%	9%	13%
Volkswagen	19%	41%	14%	9%	17%
General Motors	21%	30%	21%	17%	11%
Ford	37%	33%	11%	9%	10%
Chrysler	12%	29%	26%	19%	14%

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%	32%	22%	23%	8%
The economy	15%	26%	15%	38%	6%
Immigration	10%	22%	17%	31%	20%
The environment	16%	30%	16%	23%	15%
Terrorism	18%	25%	16%	31%	10%
Gay rights	10%	25%	17%	23%	25%
Education	20%	28%	18%	19%	15%
Health care	18%	22%	14%	40%	5%
Social security	13%	20%	19%	30%	17%
The budget deficit	13%	23%	15%	41%	9%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	31%	20%	27%	9%

19. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	45%	40%	10%	5%
The economy	84%	13%	1%	2%
Immigration	44%	31%	18%	6%
The environment	48%	34%	12%	7%
Terrorism	58%	30%	8%	4%
Gay rights	23%	22%	27%	28%
Education	61%	29%	6%	4%
Health care	73%	19%	6%	3%
Social security	61%	30%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	62%	28%	7%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	47%	38%	10%	5%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	40%
Immigration	3%
The environment	3%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	3%
Education	6%
Health care	19%
Social security	10%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	1%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	6%

22. 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%

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	32%
Lean Republican	6%
Lean Democrat	10%
Democrat	33%
Not Sure	19%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	53%
Not sure	16%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	8%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	50%
Not sure	3%

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

Higher	30%
About the same	34%
Lower	18%
Not sure	18%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	33%	37%	30%
Intelligent	65%	24%	11%
Religious	15%	55%	30%
Inspiring	43%	36%	20%
Patriotic	31%	44%	25%
Strong	36%	45%	19%
Bold	39%	48%	14%
Experienced	16%	39%	44%
Sincere	37%	35%	28%
Partisan	24%	52%	24%
Effective	23%	46%	31%
Unifying	19%	48%	32%
In Touch	28%	38%	34%
Realistic	29%	36%	35%
Decisive	25%	51%	24%

29. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	33%
Somewhat liberal	19%
Moderate	24%
Somewhat conservative	5%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	18%

30. Do you think Barack Obama ...

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

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

Like a lot	37%
Like somewhat	30%
Dislike	20%
Not sure	13%