

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted March 20-22, 2010
 Margin of Error ±3.7%

1. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people or groups?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Nancy Pelosi	12%	15%	11%	39%	23%
Harry Reid	5%	14%	12%	32%	37%
Barack Obama	28%	18%	13%	34%	7%
The Democrats in Congress	9%	22%	19%	38%	12%
The Republicans in Congress	7%	19%	24%	36%	12%

2. How do you feel about President Obama's decision to delay his trip to Indonesia and Australia in order to help pass health care reform?

Strongly Approve	37%
Somewhat Approve	16%
Somewhat Disapprove	10%
Strongly Disapprove	19%
Not Sure	18%

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	20%
Support somewhat	30%
Oppose somewhat	15%
Oppose strongly	35%

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

Immediately	49%
Next year	9%
In a few years	15%
Not necessary to reform the health care system	11%
Not sure	17%

5. Which of the following three statements comes closest to expressing your overall view of the current health care reform bill?

On the whole, the current health care reform bill is the best bill that can be passed by Congress at this time.	17%
There are some good things in the current health care reform bill, but it could have been significantly better.	43%
The current health care reform bill has so much wrong with it that it should not become law.	40%

6. 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 health care bill with 51 votes?

Strongly Approve	22%
Somewhat Approve	15%
Somewhat Disapprove	8%
Strongly Disapprove	40%
Not Sure	14%

7. 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	31%
Worse care	39%
Not sure	13%

8. 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	26%
Pay less	8%
Not sure	14%

9. If Congress passes and the President signs a health care reform bill, do you think...

	Yes	No
there will be long-term savings in health care costs?	45%	55%
health care will be rationed?	55%	45%
there will be limits to medical care for the elderly and people with disabilities?	54%	46%
you would be able to keep your health care coverage even if you became seriously ill?	66%	34%
you would be able to keep your current doctors if you wished?	62%	38%
the plan will give health care coverage to illegal immigrants?	56%	44%
there will be cuts in Medicare coverage?	61%	39%
the deficit would increase by billions of dollars?	63%	37%
you might lose your own health care coverage?	40%	60%
people will be able to get health insurance coverage for pre-existing conditions?	72%	28%
the elderly will be required to have consultations with doctors about end of life decisions?	52%	48%

10. If the health care reform bill becomes law, do you think that by 2012 the bill will increase or decrease overall health care costs?

Increase a lot	32%
Increase somewhat	22%
Have no impact	8%
Decrease somewhat	18%
Decrease a lot	4%
Not sure	16%

11. What about ten years from now? If the health care reform bill becomes law, do you think that ten years from now the bill will increase or decrease overall health care costs?

Increase a lot	34%
Increase somewhat	15%
Have no impact	5%
Decrease somewhat	17%
Decrease a lot	13%
Not sure	15%

12. Would you prefer that your House member vote for or against health care reform?

For health care reform	43%
Against health care reform	44%
No preference	14%

13. If you learn that your House member voted FOR the current health care reform bill, would you...

Definitely vote for him/her	18%
Probably vote for him/her	21%
Probably vote against him/her	10%
Definitely vote against him/her	33%
Don't plan to vote	17%

14. If you learn that your House member voted AGAINST the current health care reform bill, would you...

Definitely vote for him/her	15%
Probably vote for him/her	27%
Probably vote against him/her	19%
Definitely vote against him/her	21%
Don't plan to vote	17%

15. 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	15%
Very important	40%
Somewhat important	25%
Not very important	6%
Don't plan to vote	13%

16. Which of the following countries do you consider to be allies or enemies of the United States?

	Ally of U.S.	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy of the U.S.	Not sure
China	4%	28%	32%	17%	18%
Japan	31%	39%	9%	4%	17%
South Korea	29%	35%	10%	7%	19%
Israel	40%	25%	10%	6%	19%
France	28%	31%	19%	4%	17%
India	15%	47%	11%	3%	23%
Mexico	20%	44%	16%	6%	15%
Russia	5%	29%	33%	13%	19%
North Korea	1%	3%	23%	56%	16%

17. Do you think that people in these countries have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the United States?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
China	4%	28%	29%	21%	18%
Japan	17%	40%	16%	9%	18%
South Korea	16%	37%	15%	12%	20%
Israel	21%	35%	15%	11%	19%
France	8%	29%	30%	15%	18%
India	13%	38%	19%	9%	22%
Mexico	19%	37%	18%	10%	16%
Russia	3%	24%	32%	21%	20%
North Korea	1%	5%	20%	55%	20%

18. In the Middle East situation, are your sympathies more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

Israelis	33%
About equal	29%
Palestinians	9%
Not sure	29%

19. Do you favor or oppose the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza strip?

Favor	33%
Oppose	18%
Not sure	50%

20. 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%	29%	21%	24%	9%
The economy	16%	22%	16%	40%	6%
Immigration	8%	21%	16%	35%	20%
The environment	14%	29%	18%	25%	15%
Terrorism	18%	26%	16%	28%	12%
Gay rights	11%	22%	18%	23%	24%
Education	17%	27%	18%	25%	12%
Health care	25%	18%	9%	42%	6%
Social security	13%	19%	17%	33%	18%
The budget deficit	12%	21%	16%	42%	8%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	27%	21%	27%	11%

21. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	46%	38%	11%	4%
The economy	84%	14%	1%	1%
Immigration	46%	35%	13%	6%
The environment	47%	38%	11%	5%
Terrorism	57%	30%	9%	4%
Gay rights	23%	27%	23%	27%
Education	65%	29%	5%	1%
Health care	76%	19%	3%	2%
Social security	62%	27%	8%	3%
The budget deficit	64%	29%	5%	1%
The war in Afghanistan	47%	36%	12%	4%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	35%
Immigration	4%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	3%
Education	7%
Health care	25%
Social security	8%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	2%

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

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	12%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Not sure	10%

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

	Republican	Lean Republican	Lean Democrat	Democrat	Not Sure
Registered Voters	37%	5%	7%	40%	11%
All Respondents	34%	6%	7%	35%	19%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	34%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	11%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	31%
Getting worse	41%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	13%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	44%
Not sure	4%

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

Higher	27%
About the same	33%
Lower	22%
Not sure	18%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	36%	31%	33%
Intelligent	62%	26%	12%
Religious	16%	55%	29%
Inspiring	42%	38%	20%
Patriotic	32%	41%	28%
Strong	39%	43%	19%
Bold	41%	44%	15%
Experienced	15%	38%	48%
Sincere	36%	36%	28%
Partisan	25%	51%	24%
Effective	25%	48%	27%
Unifying	21%	47%	33%
In Touch	29%	41%	30%
Realistic	31%	38%	31%
Decisive	28%	50%	22%

31. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	36%
Somewhat liberal	23%
Moderate	19%
Somewhat conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	17%

32. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	49%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%

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

Like a lot	38%
Like somewhat	25%
Dislike	27%
Not sure	10%