

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted May 3-5, 2009  
Margin of Error ±4.8%

## 1. How closely have you followed news about the outbreak of swine flu?

Very closely ..... 27%  
Somewhat closely ..... 54%  
Not very closely ..... 16%  
Not at all ..... 3%  
Not sure ..... 0%

## 2. How concerned are you personally about becoming infected with swine flu?

Very concerned ..... 10%  
Somewhat concerned ..... 30%  
Not very concerned ..... 41%  
Not at all concerned ..... 19%  
Not sure ..... 0%

## 3. Has the risk of being infected with the swine flu caused you to reduce or stop doing any of the following activities?

	No effect	Reduced frequency	Stopped completely
Traveling by airplane	91%	4%	5%
Using public transportation	91%	6%	3%
Eating pork	90%	7%	4%
Attending public gatherings	84%	14%	2%

**4. Do you think the news media have given too much or too little attention to the swine flu?**

Too little attention .....	2%
About right .....	40%
Too much attention .....	50%
Not sure .....	7%

**5. What comes closer to your feelings about the media coverage of swine flu?**

The news media are helping to raise awareness about swine flu. ....	42%
The news media are exaggerating the threat of swine flu. ....	47%
Not sure .....	10%

**6. What comes closer to your feelings about the role of social networking websites like Facebook and Twitter in raising awareness about swine flu?**

Social networking sites are helping to raise awareness about swine flu. ...	19%
Social networking sites are exaggerating the threat of swine flu. ....	25%
Not sure .....	55%

**7. Do you favor providing aid to the following groups or industries? Check all that apply.**

Farmers .....	53%
Auto companies .....	15%
Banks .....	12%
Homeowners .....	57%
Unions .....	16%
None of the above .....	27%

8. As you may know, Chrysler filed for bankruptcy last week. How likely do you think it is that Chrysler will survive?

Very likely .....	17%
Somewhat likely .....	35%
Somewhat unlikely .....	22%
Very unlikely .....	12%
Not sure .....	14%

9. Supreme Court Justice David Souter announced his retirement last week. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Justice Souter?

Very favorable .....	10%
Somewhat favorable .....	17%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	13%
Very unfavorable .....	9%
Not sure .....	50%

10. What political views would you like Justice Souter’s replacement to have?

Very liberal .....	8%
Somewhat liberal .....	13%
Moderate .....	34%
Somewhat conservative .....	18%
Very conservative .....	13%
Don’t care about the views of Souter’s replacement .....	15%

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

Strongly approve .....	33%
Somewhat approve .....	24%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	24%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Strongly approve .....	3%
Somewhat approve .....	20%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	17%
Strongly disapprove .....	36%
Not sure .....	6%

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

Republican .....	31%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Democrat .....	39%
Not Sure .....	15%

**14. Would you say things in this country today are ...**

Generally headed in the right direction .....	41%
Off on the wrong track .....	47%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Getting better .....	25%
About the same .....	35%
Getting worse .....	36%
Not sure .....	3%

**16. Would you say that you and your household are ...**

Better off financially than you were a year ago ..... 11%  
 About the same financially as you were a year ago ..... 39%  
 Worse off financially than you were a year ago ..... 48%  
 Not sure ..... 2%

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

Higher ..... 40%  
 About the same ..... 27%  
 Lower ..... 17%  
 Not sure ..... 17%

**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
War in Iraq	24%	30%	17%	19%	11%
Economy	26%	25%	12%	31%	6%
Immigration	12%	23%	15%	29%	21%
Environment	25%	29%	11%	19%	16%
Terrorism	22%	25%	13%	28%	12%
Gay Rights	15%	19%	14%	21%	31%
Education	24%	29%	13%	17%	16%
Health Care	26%	23%	13%	27%	11%
Social Security	18%	22%	14%	20%	27%

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

Honest .....	43%
Intelligent .....	65%
Religious .....	17%
Inspiring .....	47%
Patriotic .....	33%
Strong .....	44%
Bold .....	40%
Experienced .....	18%
Sincere .....	43%
Partisan .....	25%
Effective .....	36%
Unifying .....	30%
In Touch .....	38%
Realistic .....	39%
Decisive .....	37%

**20. Which of these words would you definitely not use to describe Barack Obama?**

Honest .....	26%
Intelligent .....	9%
Religious .....	31%
Inspiring .....	17%
Patriotic .....	26%
Strong .....	14%
Bold .....	12%
Experienced .....	50%
Sincere .....	21%
Partisan .....	22%
Effective .....	19%
Unifying .....	26%
In Touch .....	21%
Realistic .....	28%
Decisive .....	16%

**21. Would you say Barack Obama is ...**

Very liberal .....	36%
Somewhat liberal .....	26%
Moderate .....	21%
Somewhat conservative .....	4%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	11%

**22. Do you think Barack Obama ...**

Says what he believes .....	56%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	44%

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

Like a lot .....	43%
Like somewhat .....	26%
Dislike .....	19%
Not sure .....	12%