

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted October 25-27, 2009  
Margin of Error  $\pm 4.7\%$

## 1. How closely have you followed news about the outbreak of the H1N1 or swine flu?

Very closely .....	21%
Somewhat closely .....	57%
Not very closely .....	19%
Not at all .....	4%

## 2. Do you know anyone who has been infected with the H1N1 or swine flu?

Yes .....	34%
No .....	66%

## 3. How concerned are you personally about becoming infected with the H1N1 or swine flu?

(Asked of respondents who have not been infected with swine flu)

Very concerned .....	13%
Somewhat concerned .....	38%
Not very concerned .....	35%
Not at all concerned .....	15%

## 4. Last year, did you get a flu shot?

Yes .....	38%
No .....	61%
Not sure .....	1%

**5. How likely is it that you will get vaccinated this year against the H1N1 or swine flu?**

Already have .....	3%
Very likely .....	20%
Somewhat likely .....	18%
Not very likely .....	28%
Not at all likely .....	30%

**6. How likely is it that you will have your children vaccinated this year against the H1N1 or swine flu? (Asked of respondents who are the parents or guardians of children under 18)**

Already have .....	8%
Very likely .....	30%
Somewhat likely .....	24%
Not very likely .....	20%
Not at all likely .....	18%

**7. 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 .....	21%
Support somewhat .....	32%
Oppose somewhat .....	15%
Oppose strongly .....	32%

**8. Do you favor or oppose having a "public option" which would allow individuals to purchase health insurance coverage from the government?**

Favor .....	41%
Oppose .....	29%
Not sure .....	30%

9. Are you in favor of allowing the government to set the salaries of top executives at banks and financial institutions that receive assistance from the federal government?

Favor .....	58%
Oppose .....	24%
Not sure .....	19%

10. Since taking office, do you think Barack Obama has accomplished...

More than I expected .....	14%
About what I expected .....	37%
Less than I expected .....	39%
Not sure .....	11%

11. How much progress has Barack Obama made in achieving the following campaign promises?

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None	Not sure
Changing the partisan tone in Washington	7%	18%	17%	46%	12%
Improving the U.S. image in the world	31%	16%	16%	31%	6%
Improving the economy	9%	25%	19%	40%	6%
Reducing the number of U.S. combat troops in Iraq	8%	21%	21%	38%	12%

12. 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	12%	29%	18%	25%	14%
The economy	15%	28%	12%	35%	8%
Immigration	8%	21%	14%	33%	23%
The environment	17%	28%	13%	24%	18%
Terrorism	15%	25%	13%	29%	16%
Gay rights	11%	23%	10%	24%	31%
Education	18%	27%	12%	23%	18%
Health care	21%	24%	10%	35%	8%
Social security	11%	21%	12%	31%	25%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	24%	19%	30%	15%

13. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	48%	39%	9%	3%
The economy	85%	12%	1%	1%
Immigration	48%	31%	14%	5%
The environment	49%	33%	11%	6%
Terrorism	60%	29%	8%	2%
Gay rights	22%	24%	24%	29%
Education	64%	28%	5%	2%
Health care	74%	18%	5%	2%
Social security	64%	28%	5%	2%
The budget deficit	61%	29%	6%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	51%	37%	9%	2%

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

The war in Iraq .....	2%
The economy .....	40%
Immigration .....	4%
The environment .....	4%
Terrorism .....	3%
Gay rights .....	3%
Education .....	5%
Health care .....	20%
Social security .....	8%
The budget deficit .....	8%
The war in Afghanistan .....	2%

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

Strongly approve .....	24%
Somewhat approve .....	26%
Somewhat disapprove .....	13%
Strongly disapprove .....	30%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Strongly approve .....	2%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	14%
Somewhat disapprove .....	20%
Strongly disapprove .....	38%
Not sure .....	10%

17. 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 .....	8%
Lean Democrat .....	8%
Democrat .....	39%
Not Sure .....	12%

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

Generally headed in the right direction .....	36%
Off on the wrong track .....	49%
Not sure .....	15%

19. What do you think is more of a threat?

Big business .....	38%
Big government .....	62%

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

Getting better .....	28%
About the same .....	31%
Getting worse .....	35%
Not sure .....	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	7%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	38%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	52%
Not sure .....	3%

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

Higher .....	35%
About the same .....	30%
Lower .....	19%
Not sure .....	16%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	36%	32%	31%
Intelligent	64%	25%	11%
Religious	17%	55%	28%
Inspiring	43%	36%	21%
Patriotic	31%	43%	27%
Strong	38%	42%	20%
Bold	39%	44%	17%
Experienced	13%	39%	48%
Sincere	39%	33%	28%
Partisan	22%	53%	25%
Effective	27%	43%	30%
Unifying	25%	44%	32%
In Touch	32%	42%	27%
Realistic	33%	36%	30%
Decisive	25%	51%	24%

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

Very liberal .....	36%
Somewhat liberal .....	19%
Moderate .....	22%
Somewhat conservative .....	3%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	18%

25. Do you think Barack Obama ...

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

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

Like a lot ..... 40%  
Like somewhat ..... 26%  
Dislike ..... 20%  
Not sure ..... 13%