

The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted June 19-22, 2010
Margin of Error ±3.9%

1. Which of the following sports do you follow on a regular basis and/or consider yourself to be a fan of? (Please select all that apply)

College Basketball	13%
College Football	22%
PGA - Professional Golfers' Association	8%
MLB - Major League Baseball	23%
NBA - National Basketball Association	18%
NFL - National Football League	40%
NHL - National Hockey League	11%
MLS - Major League Soccer	5%
I do not follow/am not a fan of any of these sports	40%

2. How closely are you following the 2010 World Cup soccer tournament taking place in South Africa?

Very closely	7%
Somewhat closely	14%
Not very closely	24%
Not at all	55%

3. Are you more or less interested in the World Cup than you were four years ago?

Much more	6%
Somewhat more	15%
About the same	53%
Somewhat less	6%
Much less	21%

4. Which country do you think has the best chance of winning the 2010 World Cup? (Asked if respondent is following the World Cup)

Argentina	10%
Brazil	25%
Spain	4%
England	2%
Netherlands	2%
Germany	4%
Italy	1%
Portugal	0%
Mexico	1%
Uruguay	1%
USA	15%
Other	1%
Not sure	33%

5. Are you rooting for the U.S. to win the World Cup, or some other country? (Asked if respondent is following the World Cup)

U.S.	70%
Other country	11%
No preference	19%

6. How far do you think that the U.S. soccer team will go in the World Cup? (Asked if respondent is following the World Cup)

Will not make it out of the group stage	3%
Round of 16	27%
Quarterfinals	17%
Semifinals	10%
Finals	9%
Will win the World Cup	4%
Not sure	29%

7. 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	11%	30%	20%	26%	12%
The economy	14%	24%	14%	41%	8%
Immigration	8%	20%	13%	42%	16%
The environment	13%	27%	15%	32%	13%
Terrorism	17%	23%	14%	33%	13%
Gay rights	14%	24%	12%	26%	25%
Education	15%	30%	13%	26%	15%
Health care	20%	22%	11%	40%	8%
Social security	11%	22%	15%	34%	18%
The budget deficit	9%	21%	15%	43%	11%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	28%	20%	28%	13%
Taxes	13%	25%	12%	38%	13%

8. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	44%	38%	13%	4%
The economy	82%	15%	2%	1%
Immigration	51%	32%	13%	5%
The environment	56%	27%	12%	5%
Terrorism	58%	29%	9%	4%
Gay rights	27%	25%	22%	27%
Education	62%	28%	8%	3%
Health care	75%	19%	4%	2%
Social security	64%	26%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	62%	29%	7%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	44%	38%	14%	4%
Taxes	62%	30%	6%	3%

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

The war in Iraq	1%
The economy	34%
Immigration	8%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	3%
Education	7%
Health care	15%
Social security	10%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	7%

11. How do you feel about increased drilling for oil and natural gas offshore in U.S. waters?

Strongly favor	29%
Mildly favor	15%
Mildly oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	16%

12. How much have you heard or read about the recent explosion on an offshore oil rig off the coast of Louisiana that killed 11 workers and resulted in an oil spill of thousands of barrels a day?

A lot 78%
 A little 17%
 Nothing at all 5%

13. Did you watch the President’s Oval Office address about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico last Tuesday night?

Yes, listened to all of it 23%
 Yes, listened to part of it 24%
 No, did not listen to it 53%

14. How would you rate President Obama’s Oval Office address to the nation? (Asked if respondent listened to President’s Oval Office address about the oil spill)

Very good 16%
 Good 27%
 Fair 27%
 Poor 30%

15. In his address to the nation, President Obama called for a transition away from fossil fuels and an expansion of the clean energy industry. How successful do think the President will be in achieving the following goals?

	Very successful	Somewhat successful	Not very successful	Not at all successful	Not sure
Reducing U.S. dependence on fossil fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas)	5%	22%	27%	30%	16%
Creating environmentally friendly "green jobs"	9%	29%	22%	24%	16%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of how President Obama has responded to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve, nor disapprove	25%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	29%

17. Do you agree or disagree that President Obama cares about the needs and problems of people on the Gulf Coast who have been affected by the oil spill? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Strongly agree	33%
Somewhat agree	19%
Neither agree, nor disagree	15%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	20%
Not sure	3%

18. How much trust do you have in BP to do the right thing in stopping the oil spill and cleaning it up? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

A great deal	6%
Quite a bit	13%
Only some	24%
Very little	24%
None at all	27%
Not sure	5%

19. How much have you heard or read about the deal between BP and the U.S. government, in which BP agreed to set up a \$20 billion compensation fund for the victims of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

A lot	45%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	12%

20. Was the Obama Administration too tough or not tough enough on BP when it negotiated the deal to set up a compensation fund for oil spill victims? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico and read about the deal between BP and the U.S. government)

Too tough on BP	9%
Came to a fair agreement for now with BP	39%
Not tough enough	35%
Not sure	17%

21. In the next few years, how likely is it that: (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Neither likely, nor unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Not sure
BP will go bankrupt	12%	20%	15%	19%	23%	11%
Offshore oil drilling will resume at previous levels or more	26%	33%	11%	14%	7%	9%
The spill will be cleaned up successfully	12%	22%	12%	21%	25%	7%

22. Does BP's handling of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico make you feel more favorable or less favorable toward the British in general? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Much more favorable	3%
Somewhat more favorable	3%
No effect	73%
Somewhat less favorable	14%
Much less favorable	8%

23. In the long run, will this Gulf oil spill help or hurt the following things: (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

	Help	Have no effect	Hurt	Not sure
The relationship between the governments of the U.S. and Great Britain	5%	51%	26%	19%
The ability of the U.S. to be energy independent and get more of the oil it uses from domestic oil fields like those in the Gulf of Mexico	15%	23%	38%	24%
The safety of oil drilling operations in the U.S.	47%	14%	23%	15%
The health of residents of Louisiana and other Gulf Coast states	3%	13%	71%	12%
The economy of Louisiana and Mississippi	5%	6%	80%	9%

24. Would you support or oppose a movement among drivers to boycott BP gas stations due to the spill in the Gulf of Mexico? (Asked if respondent is aware of oil spill in Gulf of Mexico)

Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	13%
Neither support, nor oppose	35%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	25%

25. How much have you heard or read about President Obama’s nomination of Elena Kagan to replace John Paul Stevens as a Supreme Court Justice?

A lot	32%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	30%

26. Elena Kagan is the Solicitor General of the United States. She was appointed by President Obama. She graduated from Princeton University and then earned her law degree from the University of Chicago. She was formerly a professor of law at both the University of Chicago and Harvard, and the dean of Harvard Law School.

Do you think Elena Kagan would make a good Supreme Court Justice?

Definitely yes	13%
Probably yes	23%
Hard to say	37%
Probably no	10%
Definitely no	18%

27. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm Elena Kagan as a Supreme Court Justice?

Should confirm	35%
Should not confirm	27%
Not sure	38%

28. Do you favor the death penalty for serious crimes such as murder and rape?

Favor	62%
Oppose	22%
Not sure	16%

29. In your opinion, is the death penalty imposed too often or not often enough? (Asked if respondent favors the death penalty for serious crimes)

Too often	3%
About the right amount	21%
Not often enough	76%

30. Do you think that any innocent persons have been executed in the U.S. during the last five years?

Yes	46%
No	16%
Not sure	38%

31. Which of the following are methods that should be used to execute criminals? Choose all that apply. (Asked if respondent favors the death penalty for serious crimes)

Lethal injection	87%
Electric chair	43%
Firing squad	45%
None of the above	1%

32. What is the youngest age at which someone should be eligible to receive the death penalty? (Asked if respondent favors the death penalty for serious crimes - Open-ended question grouped into categories)

15 and under	11%
16-17	16%
18-20	41%
21 and over	33%

33. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for... (Asked if respondent favors the death penalty for serious crimes)

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Women	81%	6%	13%
The mentally ill	27%	42%	31%
The mentally retarded	18%	58%	24%
First time offenders	53%	22%	25%

34. Do you think that executing murderers deters others from committing murder?

Yes	38%
No	44%
Not sure	18%

35. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	20%

36. Do you think Barack Obama...

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

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

Like a lot	36%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	26%
Not sure	12%

38. Do you think Barack Obama is tough enough to make the hard choices a President has to make or not?

Yes50%
 No50%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	34%	34%	32%
Intelligent	63%	24%	14%
Religious	17%	53%	31%
Inspiring	39%	37%	24%
Patriotic	30%	40%	29%
Strong	33%	44%	23%
Bold	33%	49%	17%
Experienced	14%	43%	43%
Sincere	37%	33%	29%
Partisan	24%	54%	22%
Effective	25%	42%	33%
Unifying	20%	47%	32%
In Touch	28%	42%	30%
Realistic	30%	40%	30%
Decisive	26%	51%	23%

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

Generally headed in the right direction30%
 Off on the wrong track55%
 Not sure15%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	9%

42. 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					
(N = 718, MoE = ±4.2%)	39%	5%	7%	38%	11%
All Respondents	35%	5%	7%	37%	16%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	38%
Not sure	5%

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

Higher	22%
About the same	35%
Lower	24%
Not sure	19%

45. 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	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	42%
Not sure	4%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 19–22, 2010
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 0.4 to 6.0, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.8.
Number of respondents	1,000
Margin of error	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	25 questions not reported.