

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
 Conducted April 3-6, 2010  
 Margin of Error ±3.5%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Tiger Woods	9%	23%	26%	29%	13%
Brett Favre	21%	28%	12%	6%	33%
Alex Rodriguez	6%	21%	21%	12%	41%
Michael Phelps	20%	36%	12%	6%	25%
Kobe Bryant	10%	24%	24%	17%	26%
Shaun White	16%	25%	6%	4%	49%

2. 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	17%
College Football	25%
PGA - Professional Golfers' Association	14%
MLB - Major League Baseball	27%
NBA - National Basketball Association	16%
NFL - National Football League	43%
NHL - National Hockey League	12%
I do not follow/am not a fan of any of these sports	37%

3. How closely have you followed news about Tiger Woods returning to the golf tour after taking time off after his car accident and his extramarital affairs became public?

Very closely	7%
Somewhat closely	30%
Not very closely	37%
Not at all	26%

**4. What do you think Tiger Woods should do with regard to his golf career?**

Resume playing professional golf this season ..... 59%  
 Remain out of the sport for a longer period but return eventually ..... 9%  
 Retire permanently from the sport ..... 8%  
 Not sure ..... 24%

**5. If you know that Tiger Woods is going to be playing in a golf tournament on TV, does that make you more or less likely to watch that tournament?**

More likely ..... 19%  
 No difference ..... 70%  
 Less Likely ..... 11%

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

Strongly favor ..... 39%  
 Mildly favor ..... 24%  
 Mildly oppose ..... 12%  
 Strongly oppose ..... 11%  
 Not sure ..... 15%

**7. Would offshore oil and natural gas drilling in U.S. waters help or hurt the following issues?**

	Help	Neither help nor hurt	Hurt	Not sure
The environment	11%	36%	35%	18%
The U.S. economy	68%	15%	4%	13%
U.S. national security	39%	33%	6%	22%

8. President Obama has proposed lifting the moratorium on offshore oil drilling on the East Coast, northern Alaska, and the eastern Gulf of Mexico. Which of these comes closest to your opinion?

- Lifting the moratorium in these places is the right decision. . . . . 39%
- The moratorium on offshore oil drilling should be lifted in more places, and not just these. . . . . 41%
- There should be no offshore drilling in these places. . . . . 20%

9. Do you think that President Obama’s plan to allow more offshore drilling will affect the price that you personally pay for gas?

- Will increase price . . . . . 7%
- Will not affect price . . . . . 34%
- Will decrease price . . . . . 31%
- Not sure . . . . . 27%

10. Overall, given what you know about them, do you support or oppose the changes to the health care system recently passed by Congress and signed by President Obama?

- Support strongly . . . . . 22%
- Support somewhat . . . . . 27%
- Oppose somewhat . . . . . 13%
- Oppose strongly . . . . . 38%

11. Under the health care reform bill recently passed by Congress and signed by President Obama, do you think you personally will receive better or worse care than you receive now?

- Better care . . . . . 15%
- About the same . . . . . 38%
- Worse care . . . . . 37%
- Not sure . . . . . 11%

12. Do you think you personally would pay more, either in taxes or insurance costs, under the health care reform bill recently passed by Congress and signed by President Obama?

Pay more .....	54%
About the same .....	25%
Pay less .....	7%
Not sure .....	14%

13. Did your representative in Congress vote in favor or against the health care reform bill?

Voted in favor .....	34%
Voted against .....	29%
Not sure .....	37%

14. How well do you feel that you understand the health care reform bill that was recently signed into law?

Very well .....	13%
Fairly well .....	47%
Not very well .....	29%
Not at all .....	11%

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 .....	12%
Very important .....	47%
Somewhat important .....	23%
Not very important .....	5%
Don't plan to vote .....	13%

16. How about the federal budget deficit? When deciding whom to support in the 2010 elections, how important will the candidate's position on the deficit be in your decision?

The most important factor .....	10%
Very important .....	47%
Somewhat important .....	25%
Not very important .....	5%
Don't plan to vote .....	12%

17. President Obama said that he would cut the federal deficit in half by 2013. In your opinion, how likely is he to succeed in this pledge?

Very likely .....	9%
Somewhat likely .....	20%
Not too likely .....	22%
Not at all likely .....	38%
Not sure .....	11%

18. How much responsibility do you think President Barack Obama has for the current size of the federal budget deficit?

Most .....	29%
Some .....	31%
Only a little .....	23%
None .....	8%
Not sure .....	8%

19. How much responsibility do you think former President George W. Bush has for the current size of the federal budget deficit?

Most .....	41%
Some .....	34%
Only a little .....	15%
None .....	3%
Not sure .....	7%

**20. How concerned are you about the size of the federal budget deficit?**

Very concerned .....	49%
Somewhat concerned .....	37%
Not very concerned .....	10%
Not at all concerned .....	4%

**21. When, if ever, do you think the federal budget should be balanced?**

Immediately .....	32%
Next year .....	14%
In a few years .....	47%
Not necessary to balance the budget .....	8%

**22. Which party do you trust more to handle the problem of the federal budget deficit?**

Democrats .....	35%
Republicans .....	30%
About the same .....	35%

**23. If you had to choose, which of the following measures would you prefer in order to balance the federal budget deficit?**

Increase taxes .....	5%
Decrease government spending .....	62%
Both .....	24%
Neither .....	9%

**24. If taxes are raised, should they be raised on everyone or just some groups?**

Raised for everyone .....	34%
Raised only for the wealthy .....	53%
Other .....	13%

**25. Do you favor increasing taxes on families making over \$250,000 per year?**

Favor .....	59%
Oppose .....	22%
Not sure .....	19%

**26. If government spending is reduced in order to balance the budget, which of the following government programs should receive lower federal funding than they currently do? (Please check all that apply.)**

Social Security .....	7%
National Defense .....	22%
Medicare .....	7%
Aid to the Poor .....	17%
Medicaid .....	11%
Veterans' Benefits .....	6%
Health research .....	13%
Education .....	12%
Highways .....	12%
Mass Transit .....	27%
Foreign Aid .....	71%
Unemployment benefits .....	19%
Science and Technology .....	22%
Agriculture .....	27%
Housing .....	27%
The Environment .....	29%
None of the above .....	12%

**27. How worried are you about losing your job? (Asked of full-time, part-time, or self-employed respondents)**

Very worried .....	11%
Somewhat worried .....	28%
Not very worried .....	61%

28. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs .....	25%
The same amount of jobs .....	32%
Fewer jobs .....	29%
Not sure .....	13%

29. 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%	28%	21%	21%	13%
The economy	17%	23%	12%	40%	8%
Immigration	9%	21%	14%	35%	22%
The environment	15%	29%	16%	24%	16%
Terrorism	21%	23%	14%	29%	13%
Gay rights	10%	23%	15%	24%	27%
Education	20%	25%	16%	23%	16%
Health care	25%	20%	7%	42%	6%
Social security	15%	18%	15%	33%	19%
The budget deficit	13%	21%	13%	43%	10%
The war in Afghanistan	17%	28%	19%	22%	14%

**30. How important are the following issues to you?**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	46%	37%	12%	4%
The economy	85%	12%	2%	1%
Immigration	47%	34%	14%	5%
The environment	48%	36%	13%	3%
Terrorism	61%	28%	7%	4%
Gay rights	23%	24%	28%	25%
Education	62%	31%	6%	1%
Health care	75%	18%	5%	2%
Social security	65%	26%	8%	1%
The budget deficit	66%	26%	6%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	47%	37%	12%	4%

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

The war in Iraq	0%
The economy	39%
Immigration	4%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	20%
Social security	9%
The budget deficit	9%
The war in Afghanistan	1%

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

Strongly approve .....	21%
Somewhat approve .....	25%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	36%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Strongly approve .....	2%
Somewhat approve .....	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	12%
Somewhat disapprove .....	22%
Strongly disapprove .....	42%
Not sure .....	9%

**34. 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 = 714)	39%	5%	5%	42%	9%
All Respondents	34%	5%	7%	37%	17%

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

Generally headed in the right direction .....	36%
Off on the wrong track .....	52%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Getting better .....	27%
About the same .....	29%
Getting worse .....	37%
Not sure .....	6%

**37. 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 .....	36%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	45%
Not sure .....	6%

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

Higher .....	32%
About the same .....	31%
Lower .....	15%
Not sure .....	22%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	36%	32%	32%
Intelligent	60%	27%	12%
Religious	16%	54%	30%
Inspiring	38%	40%	22%
Patriotic	34%	38%	28%
Strong	38%	45%	17%
Bold	44%	43%	13%
Experienced	14%	41%	45%
Sincere	39%	33%	29%
Partisan	26%	50%	25%
Effective	29%	44%	27%
Unifying	18%	47%	35%
In Touch	31%	39%	31%
Realistic	31%	35%	34%
Decisive	32%	48%	20%

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

Very liberal	37%
Somewhat liberal	19%
Moderate	21%
Somewhat conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	18%

**41. Do you think Barack Obama ...**

Says what he believes	50%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%

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

Like a lot .....	36%
Like somewhat .....	27%
Dislike .....	27%
Not sure .....	11%