

The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted April 26-28, 2009
Margin of Error ±5%

1. Barack Obama has been President for about 100 days. Has he performed better or worse than you expected when he became President?

Much better than I expected	13%
A little better than I expected	19%
About the same as I expected	45%
A little worse than I expected	10%
A lot worse than I expected	14%

2. Do you think America's standing in the world has improved or worsened since Obama became President?

Improved	44%
Stayed about the same	27%
Worsened	24%
Not sure	5%

3. Do you think the U.S. economy has gotten better or worse since Obama became President?

Better	23%
Stayed about the same	36%
Worse	37%
Not sure	4%

4. Do you think the U.S. has gotten more or less safe from a terrorist attack since Obama became President?

More safe	16%
Stayed about the same	45%
Less safe	32%
Not sure	7%

5. Has partisanship in Washington increased or decreased since Obama became President?

Increased	24%
Stayed about the same	52%
Gotten worse	24%

6. What do you think is the better economic system?

Capitalism	54%
Socialism	11%
Not sure	35%

7. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
Non-interference	66%	18%	15%
"People should have the opportunity to get rich without interference from government."			
Social safety net	64%	22%	14%
"The government should provide a safety net that helps people who are poor or disadvantaged."			
Universal health care	46%	39%	15%
"Government should provide and pay for health care for everyone."			
Employment and standard of living	39%	44%	17%
"The government should see to it that everyone has a job and a good standard of living."			
Regulation	37%	46%	17%
"The economy needs more regulation by government."			
Redistribution of income	20%	67%	13%
"Taxes should be used to redistribute income so that everyone has about the same income."			
Government-run companies	12%	69%	19%
"It would be better if large companies were run by the government rather than to maximize profits."			

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

Strongly approve	33%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	5%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	19%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	7%

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

Republican	30%
Lean Republican	9%
Lean Democrat	11%
Democrat	36%
Not Sure	13%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	45%
Off on the wrong track	43%
Not sure	12%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	38%
Not sure	4%

13. Would you say that you and your household are ...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	44%
Not sure	2%

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

Higher	38%
About the same	30%
Lower	18%
Not sure	14%

15. 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	25%	30%	18%	18%	8%
Economy	25%	27%	11%	32%	5%
Immigration	12%	23%	14%	30%	20%
Environment	27%	27%	12%	19%	15%
Terrorism	24%	26%	11%	28%	11%
Gay Rights	15%	22%	12%	23%	27%
Education	24%	29%	14%	17%	16%
Health Care	23%	27%	12%	27%	11%
Social Security	18%	26%	12%	21%	24%

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

Honest	42%
Intelligent	66%
Religious	17%
Inspiring	48%
Patriotic	34%
Strong	42%
Bold	40%
Experienced	14%
Sincere	43%
Partisan	23%
Effective	34%
Unifying	26%
In Touch	37%
Realistic	35%
Decisive	36%

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

Honest	26%
Intelligent	10%
Religious	31%
Inspiring	17%
Patriotic	26%
Strong	17%
Bold	13%
Experienced	48%
Sincere	24%
Partisan	24%
Effective	25%
Unifying	30%
In Touch	25%
Realistic	28%
Decisive	19%

18. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	37%
Somewhat liberal	25%
Moderate	21%
Somewhat conservative	3%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	11%

19. Do you think Barack Obama ...

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

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

Like a lot	44%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	18%
Not sure	12%