

The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted July 5-7, 2009
Margin of Error ±5%

1. How would you describe yourself?

Very patriotic	42%
Somewhat patriotic	42%
Not very patriotic	9%
Not at all patriotic	7%

2. Do you think Americans are becoming more or less patriotic?

More patriotic	13%
About the same	44%
Less patriotic	43%

3. Is it possible for someone to do the following things and still be considered patriotic?

	Yes	No
Refuse to serve in a war that they oppose	56%	44%
Disobey a law that they think is immoral	62%	38%
Criticize our leaders to foreigners	53%	47%
Refuse to pay taxes	44%	56%
Burn an American flag in protest	22%	78%

4. Which political party do you think is more patriotic?

Democratic party	15%
About the same	56%
Republican party	29%

5. Do you think a candidate's patriotism is a fair topic for political discussion?

Yes 52%
 No 25%
 Not sure 23%

6. How would you rank the following values in terms of their importance to you? The value that you consider most important should be ranked first and the one you consider least important should be ranked last.

	Most Important		Least Important
	1	2	3
Freedom of speech	42%	42%	16%
Freedom of religion	22%	28%	50%
Equality	36%	30%	34%

7. Do you favor taxing the rich to redistribute income to the poor?

Favor strongly 28%
 Favor somewhat 25%
 Oppose somewhat 11%
 Oppose strongly 26%
 Not sure 9%

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

Strongly approve 25%
 Somewhat approve 26%
 Somewhat disapprove 14%
 Strongly disapprove 25%
 Not sure 9%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	8%

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	7%
Lean Democrat	7%
Democrat	36%
Not Sure	19%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	33%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	17%

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

Big business	39%
Big government	61%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	43%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago 10%
 About the same financially as you were a year ago 35%
 Worse off financially than you were a year ago 51%
 Not sure 5%

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

Higher 31%
 About the same 28%
 Lower 24%
 Not sure 17%

16. 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	20%	32%	16%	17%	15%
Economy	20%	26%	11%	32%	10%
Immigration	11%	20%	15%	28%	26%
Environment	21%	29%	12%	21%	17%
Terrorism	21%	27%	12%	24%	16%
Gay Rights	11%	22%	18%	23%	27%
Education	23%	27%	14%	18%	18%
Health Care	24%	22%	11%	31%	12%
Social Security	15%	22%	14%	24%	25%

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

Honest	37%
Intelligent	64%
Religious	15%
Inspiring	43%
Patriotic	30%
Strong	43%
Bold	38%
Experienced	16%
Sincere	40%
Partisan	21%
Effective	33%
Unifying	25%
In Touch	35%
Realistic	36%
Decisive	31%

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

Honest	27%
Intelligent	9%
Religious	25%
Inspiring	18%
Patriotic	24%
Strong	16%
Bold	16%
Experienced	44%
Sincere	24%
Partisan	21%
Effective	21%
Unifying	26%
In Touch	23%
Realistic	27%
Decisive	19%

19. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	31%
Somewhat liberal	17%
Moderate	27%
Somewhat conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	17%

20. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	52%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	48%

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

Like a lot	41%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	20%
Not sure	14%