

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted July 12-14, 2009
Margin of Error $\pm 5\%$

1. How familiar are you with the Federal Reserve Board?

Very familiar	6%
Somewhat familiar	36%
Not very familiar	37%
Not sure what it is	22%

2. Who do you trust MOST to handle the problems of the economy? (Asked if respondent knows what the Federal Reserve Board is)

Congress	22%
The President	39%
The Federal Reserve Board	40%

3. Who do you trust LEAST to handle the problems of the economy? (Asked if respondent knows what the Federal Reserve Board is)

Congress	57%
The President	28%
The Federal Reserve Board	15%

4. Who would you rather have as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board? (Asked if respondent knows what the Federal Reserve Board is)

Ben Bernanke	19%
Larry Summers	6%
Not sure	75%

5. About six months ago, Congress passed President Obama’s \$787 billion economic stimulus bill. Do you think the stimulus bill is working?

Yes	18%
No	51%
Not sure	31%

6. Would you support a second stimulus?

Yes	29%
No	46%
Not sure	25%

7. Who do you think is more responsible for the current state of the economy?

George W. Bush	52%
Barack Obama	21%
Equally responsible	28%

8. Are you in favor of affirmative action? (Asked of half of respondents)

Favor	25%
Oppose	39%
Not sure	36%

9. Are you in favor of affirmative action programs for racial and ethnic minorities? (Asked of half of respondents)

Favor	23%
Oppose	44%
Not sure	33%

10. How important is it to have ethnic and gender diversity on the Supreme Court?

Very important	30%
Somewhat important	27%
Not very important	13%
Shouldn't be a consideration	31%

11. Who do you think the courts tend to favor more?

Business	24%
Trial lawyers	13%
About the same	25%
Not sure	38%

12. In a case recently heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, a city used a test to determine which firefighters should receive promotions. No black firefighters scored high enough to be promoted, so the city decided not to offer any promotions because it feared a lawsuit over the test's disparate impact on a protected minority. Do you think that a city should be allowed to use a test for promotions that results in no blacks being promoted?

Yes	49%
No	34%
Not sure	16%

13. Do you think race should ever be factor in deciding who gets promoted for a job?

Yes	9%
No	85%
Not sure	7%

14. As you may know, President Obama has nominated Judge Sonia Sotomayor to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Generally speaking, how would you rate President Obama's choice of Sonia Sotomayor as a nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court?

Excellent	18%
Good	20%
Only Fair	14%
Poor	25%
Not sure	23%

15. Would you say that Sonia Sotomayor is . . .

Very liberal	23%
Somewhat liberal	16%
Moderate	17%
Somewhat conservative	2%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	40%

16. In terms of her education, experience, temperament, and integrity, how would you rate Judge Sotomayor?

Well qualified	23%
Qualified	28%
Not qualified	20%
Not sure	29%

17. Do you think the U.S. Senate should confirm or should not confirm Sonia Sotomayor as a Supreme Court justice?

Should confirm	41%
Should not confirm	29%
Not sure	30%

18. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

Just about always	1%
Most of the time	10%
Some of the time	48%
Almost never	37%
Don't Know	4%

19. Which part of the government do you trust MOST to do what's right?

Congress	6%
The Supreme Court	32%
The President	22%
Political parties	3%
Don't Know	38%

20. Which part of the government do you trust LEAST to do what's right?

Congress	34%
The Supreme Court	3%
The President	10%
Political parties	34%
Don't Know	20%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Hillary Clinton	22%	27%	16%	27%	7%
Joe Biden	12%	30%	17%	26%	15%
Sarah Palin	19%	20%	16%	36%	9%
Mitt Romney	14%	21%	19%	18%	28%
Mike Huckabee	17%	22%	20%	15%	27%
George W. Bush	14%	21%	14%	45%	6%
Dick Cheney	11%	18%	15%	44%	13%
Newt Gingrich	13%	19%	16%	28%	24%

22. Would you consider voting for Alaska Governor Sarah Palin if she runs for President in 2012?

Yes	35%
No	65%

23. 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	27%
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	9%

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

Republican	31%
Lean Republican	6%
Lean Democrat	9%
Democrat	37%
Not Sure	18%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	35%
Off on the wrong track	51%
Not sure	14%

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

Big business	39%
Big government	61%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	39%
Not sure	8%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	9%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	48%
Not sure	4%

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

Higher	29%
About the same	31%
Lower	22%
Not sure	18%

31. 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%	35%	14%	18%	13%
Economy	16%	29%	13%	34%	9%
Immigration	8%	22%	14%	30%	26%
Environment	20%	30%	10%	22%	17%
Terrorism	19%	28%	12%	25%	16%
Gay Rights	10%	22%	17%	23%	28%
Education	17%	31%	13%	18%	20%
Health Care	21%	24%	11%	33%	11%
Social Security	13%	23%	16%	24%	25%

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

Honest	37%
Intelligent	67%
Religious	15%
Inspiring	45%
Patriotic	31%
Strong	41%
Bold	41%
Experienced	18%
Sincere	42%
Partisan	22%
Effective	32%
Unifying	27%
In Touch	35%
Realistic	35%
Decisive	30%

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

Honest	25%
Intelligent	9%
Religious	27%
Inspiring	15%
Patriotic	25%
Strong	14%
Bold	13%
Experienced	45%
Sincere	23%
Partisan	20%
Effective	22%
Unifying	25%
In Touch	22%
Realistic	27%
Decisive	18%

34. Would you say Barack Obama is ...

Very liberal	33%
Somewhat liberal	21%
Moderate	20%
Somewhat conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	20%

35. Do you think Barack Obama ...

Says what he believes	53%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	47%

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

Like a lot	40%
Like somewhat	30%
Dislike	19%
Not sure	10%