

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
 Conducted November 1-3, 2009  
 Margin of Error ±3.9%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	26%	30%	18%	19%	7%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	19%	15%	34%	23%
Sarah Palin	20%	17%	15%	38%	11%
Joe Biden	18%	27%	16%	25%	15%
Harry Reid	4%	16%	13%	27%	40%

2. Compared with other Presidents you know about, do you think Barack Obama has more or less honesty and integrity?

More .....	37%
About the same .....	23%
Less .....	34%
Not sure .....	6%

3. In February, Congress passed President Obama's \$787 billion economic stimulus bill. Do you think the stimulus bill is working?

Yes .....	27%
No .....	48%
Not sure .....	25%

4. Do you think the stimulus bill WILL work? (Asked of respondents who are unsure or do not believe the stimulus is working.)

Yes .....	13%
No .....	57%
Not sure .....	30%

5. From what you know so far, which comes closest to your own view about the economic stimulus package?

It has already created a substantial number of new jobs in the U.S. ....	9%
It will create a substantial number of new jobs in the U.S. but hasn't done that yet. ....	39%
It will not create a substantial number of new jobs. ....	52%

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

Very worried .....	10%
Somewhat worried .....	32%
Not very worried .....	58%

7. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now? (Asked of full-time, part-time, or self-employed respondents)

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut. ....	36%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	37%
Not very hard .....	18%
Not sure .....	9%

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

More jobs .....	24%
The same amount of jobs .....	29%
Fewer jobs .....	36%
Not sure .....	11%

**9. How likely is it that Congress will pass health care reform legislation this year?**

Very likely .....	14%
Somewhat likely .....	37%
Somewhat unlikely .....	22%
Very unlikely .....	12%
Not sure .....	15%

**10. Overall, given what you know about them, do you support or oppose the proposed changes to the health care system being developed by Congress and the Obama Administration?**

Support strongly .....	23%
Support somewhat .....	28%
Oppose somewhat .....	16%
Oppose strongly .....	33%

**11. Do you think Barack Obama has clearly explained what his plans for health care reform would mean?**

Yes .....	29%
No .....	51%
Not sure .....	20%

**12. If President Obama and Congress pass a health care reform plan, do you think you personally would receive better or worse care than you receive now?**

Better care .....	19%
About the same .....	33%
Worse care .....	36%
Not sure .....	13%

13. Do you think you personally would pay more, either in taxes or insurance costs, if President Obama and Congress pass a health care reform plan?

Pay more .....	50%
About the same .....	25%
Pay less .....	9%
Not sure .....	15%

14. Overall, if President Obama and Congress pass health care reform, do you think you personally would be better or worse off?

Better off .....	21%
About the same .....	28%
Worse off .....	40%
Not sure .....	12%

15. Do you favor or oppose having a "public option" which would allow individuals to purchase health insurance coverage from the government?

Favor .....	45%
Oppose .....	31%
Not sure .....	24%

16. Would you say the U.S. is winning the war in Iraq?

Yes .....	33%
No .....	41%
Not sure .....	26%

17. Do you think U.S. troops will still be in Iraq in 2012?

Yes .....	62%
No .....	19%
Not sure .....	19%

**18. Do you favor increasing or decreasing the number of U.S. troops in Iraq?**

Increase .....	13%
Keep the same .....	25%
Decrease .....	63%

**19. What do you think will eventually happen in Iraq?**

The United States will win the war in Iraq. ....	33%
The United States will withdraw from Iraq without winning. ....	67%

**20. How much responsibility do you think President Barack Obama has for the current situation in Iraq today?**

Most .....	13%
Some .....	31%
Only a little .....	29%
None .....	20%
Not sure .....	7%

**21. How much responsibility do you think former President George W. Bush has for the current situation in Iraq today?**

Most .....	63%
Some .....	21%
Only a little .....	6%
None .....	4%
Not sure .....	6%

**22. Would you say the U.S. is winning the war in Afghanistan?**

Yes .....	9%
No .....	63%
Not sure .....	28%

**23. Do you think U.S. troops will still be in Afghanistan in 2012?**

Yes .....	69%
No .....	11%
Not sure .....	20%

**24. Do you favor increasing the number of troops in Afghanistan?**

Increase .....	41%
Keep the same .....	17%
Decrease .....	42%

**25. What do you think will eventually happen in Afghanistan?**

The United States will win the war in Afghanistan. ....	28%
The United States will withdraw from Afghanistan without winning. ....	72%

**26. How much responsibility do you think President Barack Obama has for the current situation in Afghanistan today?**

Most .....	21%
Some .....	33%
Only a little .....	25%
None .....	13%
Not sure .....	8%

**27. How much responsibility do you think former President George W. Bush has for the current situation in Afghanistan today?**

Most .....	48%
Some .....	28%
Only a little .....	11%
None .....	6%
Not sure .....	7%

28. 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%	29%	22%	24%	14%
The economy	21%	25%	15%	32%	7%
Immigration	11%	20%	14%	33%	22%
The environment	22%	26%	12%	23%	18%
Terrorism	18%	23%	16%	27%	15%
Gay rights	14%	22%	12%	24%	27%
Education	23%	25%	13%	18%	20%
Health care	26%	20%	11%	35%	8%
Social security	16%	17%	17%	28%	22%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	24%	20%	31%	14%

29. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Unimportant
The war in Iraq	40%	40%	17%	4%
The economy	83%	15%	1%	1%
Immigration	47%	34%	14%	5%
The environment	48%	34%	12%	6%
Terrorism	62%	27%	9%	3%
Gay rights	18%	25%	26%	30%
Education	63%	30%	6%	2%
Health care	74%	19%	4%	3%
Social security	65%	28%	5%	2%
The budget deficit	60%	30%	8%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	44%	38%	15%	4%

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

The war in Iraq .....	2%
The economy .....	39%
Immigration .....	4%
The environment .....	4%
Terrorism .....	3%
Gay rights .....	2%
Education .....	5%
Health care .....	19%
Social security .....	12%
The budget deficit .....	7%
The war in Afghanistan .....	2%

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

Strongly approve .....	26%
Somewhat approve .....	24%
Somewhat disapprove .....	15%
Strongly disapprove .....	29%
Not sure .....	8%

**32. 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 .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	21%
Strongly disapprove .....	37%
Not sure .....	8%



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

Republican .....	32%
Lean Republican .....	5%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Democrat .....	39%
Not Sure .....	17%

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

Generally headed in the right direction .....	35%
Off on the wrong track .....	52%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Big business .....	40%
Big government .....	60%

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

Getting better .....	23%
About the same .....	34%
Getting worse .....	37%
Not sure .....	5%

37. 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 .....	38%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	50%
Not sure .....	3%

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

Higher .....	33%
About the same .....	29%
Lower .....	20%
Not sure .....	17%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Honest	39%	29%	32%
Intelligent	67%	23%	10%
Religious	18%	53%	29%
Inspiring	44%	39%	17%
Patriotic	34%	39%	27%
Strong	37%	46%	17%
Bold	42%	43%	15%
Experienced	16%	37%	46%
Sincere	41%	33%	27%
Partisan	24%	52%	23%
Effective	30%	44%	26%
Unifying	26%	44%	30%
In Touch	35%	40%	25%
Realistic	33%	38%	29%
Decisive	27%	48%	25%

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

Very liberal .....	35%
Somewhat liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	20%
Somewhat conservative .....	4%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	17%

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

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

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

Like a lot ..... 39%  
Like somewhat ..... 25%  
Dislike ..... 24%  
Not sure ..... 12%