

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted December 3 - 5, 2017
Margin of Error ±3.4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 29%
Off on the wrong track 57%
Not sure 14%

2. Do you consider the countries listed below to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Canada	52%	30%	4%	1%	13%
China	6%	32%	27%	9%	26%
Germany	34%	33%	10%	3%	20%
Iran	1%	6%	27%	45%	21%
Israel	41%	22%	9%	6%	22%
Japan	43%	30%	6%	2%	19%
North Korea	2%	2%	11%	71%	14%
South Korea	41%	28%	7%	7%	17%
Mexico	18%	39%	19%	4%	20%
Russia	3%	12%	36%	26%	23%

3. Do you think Donald Trump considers these countries to be friends or enemies of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Canada	34%	33%	8%	4%	21%
China	6%	34%	22%	12%	26%
Germany	19%	35%	16%	6%	24%
Iran	1%	5%	16%	55%	23%
Israel	40%	21%	8%	8%	24%
Japan	32%	31%	7%	6%	24%
North Korea	2%	3%	7%	74%	15%
South Korea	33%	29%	7%	10%	21%
Mexico	6%	25%	29%	20%	20%
Russia	14%	32%	20%	10%	24%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
John Kelly	11%	15%	11%	13%	49%
James Mattis	16%	15%	11%	11%	47%
Rex Tillerson	11%	16%	13%	16%	43%
Steven Mnuchin	6%	11%	8%	21%	55%
Gary Cohn	3%	9%	10%	15%	63%

5. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Kim Jong-un?

Very favorable	2%
Somewhat favorable	3%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%
Very unfavorable	71%
Don't know	17%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling North Korea?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	32%
No opinion	16%

7. Do you support or oppose direct negotiations between the United States and North Korea in order to end that country's nuclear program?

Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	33%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	6%
No opinion	20%

8. Do you support or oppose the United States taking military action against North Korea in order to end that country's nuclear program?

Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	17%
Strongly oppose	23%
No opinion	20%

9. Even if it could lead to war with China, do you support or oppose the United States taking military action against North Korea?

Asked of those who support taking military action against North Korea

Strongly support	30%
Somewhat support	43%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	5%
No opinion	6%

10. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. will use military force against North Korea?

Very likely	14%
Fairly likely	35%
Fairly unlikely	19%
Very unlikely	6%
Not sure	26%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Mike Flynn	5%	10%	17%	29%	40%
Jared Kushner	6%	15%	14%	28%	38%
Robert Mueller	19%	13%	10%	17%	41%
James Comey	13%	15%	14%	23%	36%
K. T. McFarland	5%	10%	8%	12%	65%
Paul Manafort	3%	8%	13%	28%	49%

12. Do you think the people below are honest and trustworthy, or not?

	Honest and trustworthy	Not honest and trustworthy	Not sure
Mike Flynn	10%	46%	44%
Jared Kushner	16%	41%	43%
Robert Mueller	28%	26%	46%
James Comey	25%	33%	42%
K. T. McFarland	12%	20%	68%
Paul Manafort	6%	40%	54%

13. Do you think the following statements are true or not true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably not true	Definitely not true
Russia hacked the email of Democrats in order to increase the chance that Donald Trump would win the Presidential election.	25%	32%	26%	17%
Millions of illegal votes were cast in the election.	15%	34%	23%	27%
President Obama was born in Kenya.	10%	21%	26%	43%
Russia tampered with vote tallies in order to get Donald Trump elected President.	16%	27%	30%	27%
Russia created and spread fake news stories to help Donald Trump win the election.	26%	32%	24%	17%
The Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown, CT was a hoax spread by people who want to impose strict gun control laws.	4%	12%	19%	65%

14. How concerned are you about improper relations between the Trump campaign and Russia?

Very concerned	31%
Somewhat concerned	19%
Not very concerned	17%
Not concerned at all	20%
Not sure	13%

15. Do you think the FBI investigation into Trump campaign officials' contacts with Russian government officials before the Inauguration is...

A serious attempt to find out what really happened	38%
A politically-motivated attempt to embarrass Donald Trump	27%
Equally-motivated by both of these	16%
Not sure	19%

16. Do you think Donald Trump himself did anything improper in his dealings with Russian officials before the Inauguration?

Yes	40%
No	34%
Not sure	26%

17. Do you think Donald Trump himself did anything illegal in his dealings with Russian officials before the Inauguration?

Yes	37%
No	37%
Not sure	26%

18. Do you think any member of the Trump campaign, other than Donald Trump himself, did anything improper in their dealings with Russian officials before the Inauguration?

Yes	47%
No	22%
Not sure	30%

19. Do you think any member of the Trump campaign, other than Donald Trump himself, did anything illegal in their dealings with Russian officials before the Inauguration?

Yes	45%
No	24%
Not sure	31%

20. Do you think Donald Trump has or has not attempted to influence the FBI investigation of Russian influence on the 2016 election?

Has attempted to influence the investigation	47%
Has not attempted to influence the investigation	30%
Not sure	24%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the Department of Justice appointing a special counsel to oversee the investigation of Russian influence on the 2016 election?

Approve strongly	34%
Approve somewhat	19%
Disapprove somewhat	11%
Disapprove strongly	14%
Not sure	21%

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert Mueller is handling his job as special counsel?

Approve strongly	23%
Approve somewhat	13%
Disapprove somewhat	10%
Disapprove strongly	15%
Not sure	38%

23. If special counsel Robert Mueller is able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that members of the Trump campaign colluded with officials from the Russian government to influence the 2016 Presidential election, do you think President Trump should fight the charges or resign from office?

Fight all charges	30%
Resign from office	46%
Not sure	24%

24. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not fire Robert Mueller, the special counsel assigned to oversee the investigation of Russian influence on the 2016 election?

Should fire Robert Mueller	16%
Should not fire Robert Mueller	48%
Not sure	36%

25. How much have you heard about former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn pleading guilty to making false statements to the FBI?

Heard a lot	35%
Heard a little	45%
Heard nothing at all	20%

26. Do you think Michael Flynn did anything improper in his dealings with Russian officials before the Inauguration?

Yes	42%
No	19%
Not sure	39%

27. How likely is it that Congress will...?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Not sure
Pass immigration reform legislation	12%	30%	23%	15%	21%
Repeal the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)	17%	31%	23%	12%	16%
Pass legislation that will help create jobs	17%	29%	17%	20%	17%
Pass tax reform legislation	34%	33%	8%	7%	17%
Pass gun control legislation	5%	16%	24%	38%	17%
Restore health insurance subsidies	6%	21%	23%	23%	27%

28. How closely are you following the news about the Republican tax plan being debated in Congress?

Very closely	22%
Somewhat closely	36%
Not very closely	25%
Not following at all	17%

29. From what you know about it now, do you support or oppose the Republican tax plan being debated in Congress?

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	29%
No opinion	27%

30. From what you know about it now do you think the Republican tax plan being debated in Congress will cut taxes for everyone?

Yes, the tax plan will cut taxes for everyone	17%
No, the tax plan will not cut taxes for everyone	58%
Not sure	25%

31. When you file your taxes, do you itemize deductions or do you take the standard deduction?

Itemize deductions	28%
Standard deduction	43%
Not sure	17%
Prefer not to say	12%

32. From what you know about them now, which version of tax reform do you prefer, the version passed by the House of Representatives or the version passed by the Senate?

House version	13%
Senate version	12%
Not sure	74%

33. Under current law, the Affordable Care Act requires individuals to have health insurance or face a tax penalty. The House version makes no changes to the individual mandate. The Senate version includes a provision that repeals the individual mandate tax penalty. Which version do you prefer?

House version - make no changes to the individual mandate	26%
Senate version - repeals the individual mandate	41%
Not sure	33%

34. Under current law, people must pay 40% tax on any amount they inherit over \$5.5 million dollars. In both versions, the first \$11 million dollars can be inherited tax free. In the House version, the estate tax is eliminated in 2024. Which version do you prefer?

House version - estate tax exemption is increased to \$11 million, and the tax is eliminated in 2024	28%
Senate version - estate tax exemption is increased to \$11 million, but remains after 2024	34%
Not sure	38%

35. Under current law, the child tax credit is \$1000 per child. In the House version, the child tax credit is increased to \$1600 per child. In the Senate version, the child tax credit is increased to \$2000. Which version do you prefer?

House version - increase child tax credit to \$1600 per child	19%
Senate version - increase child tax credit to \$2000 per child	51%
Not sure	30%

36. Under current law, a married couple can deduct the interest paid on a home mortgage with a loan value up to \$1,000,000. In the House version, homeowners will only be able to deduct mortgage interest on home mortgages with a loan value up to \$500,000. The Senate version leaved the mortgage interest deduction unchanged. Which version do you prefer?

House version - lower home mortgage interest deduction to home loans of \$500,000 or less	32%
Senate version - no change to current mortgage interest deduction	36%
Not sure	32%

37. Under current law, there are seven tax brackets (10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, 35%, 39.6%). In the House version, there are only four tax brackets (12%, 25%, 35%, 39.6%). The Senate version retains 7 tax brackets but lowers the top tax bracket from 39.6% to 38.5%. Which version do you prefer?

House version - changes from seven to four tax brackets	31%
Senate version - keeps seven tax brackets but lowers the top rate	27%
Not sure	42%

38. Under current law, the corporate tax rate is 35%. Both versions cut the corporate tax rate to 20%. In the House version, the lower corporate rate takes effect in 2018. In the Senate version, the lower corporate tax rate takes effect in 2019. Which version do you prefer?

House version - lower corporate tax rate takes effect in 2018	34%
Senate version - lower corporate tax rate takes effect in 2019	26%
Not sure	40%

39. Under current law, the standard deduction is \$6,500 for individuals, \$9,500 for heads of households, and \$13,000 for married couples filing jointly. The House version increases the standard deduction increase to \$12,200/\$18,300/\$24,400. The Senate version increases the standard deduction to \$12,000/\$18,000/\$24,000.

House version - increase standard deduction to \$12,200/\$18,300/\$24,400	41%
Senate version - increase standard deduction to \$12,000/\$18,000/\$24,000	21%
Not sure	38%

40. Under current law, people are allowed a personal exemption of \$4,050 for the individual, another \$4,050 exemption for a spouse filing jointly, and \$4,050 per dependent child. Both versions get rid of the personal exemption in exchange for increasing the standard deduction. Do you support or oppose eliminating the personal exemption if Congress raises the standard deduction?

Support strongly	7%
Support somewhat	20%
Oppose somewhat	11%
Oppose strongly	13%
Not sure	49%

41. Do you support or oppose limiting the deduction for property taxes to only \$10,000 if Congress raises the standard deduction?

Support strongly	8%
Support somewhat	20%
Oppose somewhat	12%
Oppose strongly	17%
Not sure	43%

42. Do you support or oppose eliminating the deduction for state and local income taxes if Congress raises the standard deduction?

Support strongly	10%
Support somewhat	14%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	22%
Not sure	38%

43. Do you support or oppose eliminating the deduction for student loan interest if Congress raises the standard deduction?

Support strongly	9%
Support somewhat	16%
Oppose somewhat	15%
Oppose strongly	28%
Not sure	33%

44. Do you support or oppose eliminating the deduction for medical expenses if Congress raises the standard deduction?

Support strongly	6%
Support somewhat	12%
Oppose somewhat	17%
Oppose strongly	32%
Not sure	33%

45. Do you support or oppose changing tax laws to require graduate students to count tuition waivers as taxable income?

Support strongly	8%
Support somewhat	15%
Oppose somewhat	14%
Oppose strongly	27%
Not sure	36%

46. From what you know about it now, do you think you will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	28%
Pay about the same	26%
Pay less	15%
Not sure	31%

47. From what you know about it now, do you think most Americans will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	34%
Pay about the same	17%
Pay less	22%
Not sure	27%

48. From what you know about it now, do you think most wealthy people will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	9%
Pay about the same	20%
Pay less	49%
Not sure	22%

49. From what you know about it now, do you think Donald Trump will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	11%
Pay about the same	16%
Pay less	47%
Not sure	26%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Al Franken	8%	13%	16%	32%	32%
Roy Moore	7%	11%	11%	32%	39%
John Conyers	3%	7%	12%	29%	49%
Blake Farenthold	3%	4%	6%	16%	72%
Joe Barton	2%	4%	9%	17%	68%
Matt Lauer	3%	9%	19%	43%	26%

51. How serious of a problem do you think sexual harassment is in the United States?

Very serious	44%
Somewhat serious	31%
Not very serious	14%
Not at all serious	2%
Not sure	9%

52. What percentage of women in the U.S. would you guess say they have been sexually harassed?

Minimum	0
Maximum	100
Mean	52
Standard deviation	28

53. Would you say you have ever been sexually harassed?

Yes, I have	38%
No, I have not	53%
Prefer not to say	5%
Don't know	5%

54. On ANY occasion when you were sexually harassed, did you ever report it to someone?
Asked of those who have ever been sexually harassed

Yes 33%
No 61%
Prefer not to say 6%

55. On ANY occasion when you were sexually harassed, did you ever NOT report it to someone?
Asked of those who have ever been sexually harassed

Yes 77%
No 17%
Prefer not to say 6%

56. Which do you think is the bigger problem?

Sexual assaults that go unreported or unpunished 64%
False accusations of sexual assault 36%

57. How much have you heard about the news that Today show host Matt Lauer was accused of sexual harassment by several women?

Heard a lot 44%
Heard a little 46%
Heard nothing at all 10%

58. Several women have accused Matt Lauer of sexual misconduct. Do you think he did it or not?

Definitely did it 33%
Probably did it 38%
Probably did not do it 7%
Definitely did not do it 2%
Not sure 20%

59. NBC News fired Matt Lauer. Do you think this punishment is excessive, appropriate, or not harsh enough?

Excessive	10%
Appropriate	58%
Not harsh enough	14%
Not sure	18%

60. How much have you heard about the news a radio host accused current Senator Al Franken of sexual harassment during a USO tour prior to Franken’s election to the U.S. Senate?

Heard a lot	35%
Heard a little	41%
Heard nothing at all	24%

61. A radio host accused current Senator Al Franken of sexual harassment during a USO tour prior to Franken’s election to the U.S. Senate. Do you think he did it or not?

Definitely did it	30%
Probably did it	31%
Probably did not do it	7%
Definitely did not do it	2%
Not sure	30%

62. Do you think Senator Franken should resign his office?

Yes, he should resign	43%
No, he should not resign	23%
Not sure	35%

63. How much have you heard about the news that Representative John Conyers used \$27,000 in government funds to pay a legal settlement to a former staffer who says she was fired for resisting the congressman’s sexual advances?

Heard a lot	25%
Heard a little	34%
Heard nothing at all	41%

64. BuzzFeed has reported that Representative John Conyers used \$27,000 in government funds to pay a legal settlement to a former staffer who says she was fired for resisting the congressman’s sexual advances. Do you think he fired the staffer for resisting the congressman’s sexual advances or not?

Definitely did it	26%
Probably did it	34%
Probably did not do it	5%
Definitely did not do it	2%
Not sure	33%

65. Do you think Representative Conyers should resign his office?

Yes, he should resign	58%
No, he should not resign	9%
Not sure	34%

66. How much have you heard about the news that Representative Blake Farenthold used \$84,000 in government funds to pay a legal settlement to a former staffer who says she was fired when she complained about sexual harassment?

Heard a lot	9%
Heard a little	29%
Heard nothing at all	63%

67. Politico has reported that Representative Blake Farenthold used \$84,000 in government funds to pay a legal settlement to a former staffer who says she was fired when she complained about sexual harassment. Do you think he fired the staffer for complaining about sexual harassment or not?

Definitely did it	20%
Probably did it	37%
Probably did not do it	4%
Definitely did not do it	1%
Not sure	37%

68. Do you think Representative Farenthold should resign his office?

Yes, he should resign	53%
No, he should not resign	6%
Not sure	41%

69. How much have you heard about the news that someone posted online a nude selfie that Representative Joe Barton had sent to a woman with whom he had had a consensual sexual relationship while he was separated from his second wife?

Heard a lot	12%
Heard a little	30%
Heard nothing at all	58%

70. Do you think the person who posted the picture online committed a crime or not?

Yes, whoever posted the picture committed a crime	49%
No, no crime was committed	20%
Not sure	31%

71. Do you think Representative Barton should resign his office?

Yes, he should resign	27%
No, he should not resign	34%
Not sure	39%

72. How much have you heard about the news that Several women have accused Alabama U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore of improper sexual contact when he was local prosecutor and the women were high school students?

Heard a lot	45%
Heard a little	26%
Heard nothing at all	29%

73. Several women have accused Alabama U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore of improper sexual contact when he was local prosecutor and the women were high school students. Do you think he did it or not?

Definitely did it	25%
Probably did it	23%
Probably did not do it	13%
Definitely did not do it	6%
Not sure	33%

74. Do you think Roy Moore should drop out of the race for U.S. Senate?

Yes, he should drop out	47%
No, he should not drop out	22%
Not sure	31%

75. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for a 30 year old man to date high school aged women?

Appropriate	7%
Inappropriate	76%
Not sure	17%

76. If you were registered to vote in Alabama, who would you vote for in the special election to fill the seat vacated when Jeff Sessions became U.S. Attorney General?

Doug Jones, the Democrat	33%
Roy Moore, the Republican	21%
Write in some other name	12%
I would not vote	34%

77. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	66%	26%	5%	2%
Immigration	46%	34%	14%	6%
The environment	48%	32%	14%	6%
Terrorism	58%	28%	9%	6%
Gay rights	23%	25%	25%	26%
Education	61%	29%	7%	3%
Health care	71%	24%	4%	1%
Social security	64%	26%	7%	3%
The budget deficit	44%	37%	14%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	33%	40%	20%	8%
Taxes	59%	31%	7%	3%
Medicare	60%	30%	8%	2%
Abortion	36%	33%	20%	11%
Foreign policy	42%	42%	12%	4%
Gun control	48%	25%	15%	12%
International trade and globalization	32%	47%	16%	5%
Use of military force	45%	39%	13%	3%

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

The economy	14%
Immigration	7%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	7%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	18%
Social security	17%
The budget deficit	2%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	6%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	5%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	24%	13%	10%	46%	7%
Mike Pence	24%	13%	12%	32%	18%
Paul Ryan	8%	20%	19%	32%	22%
Mitch McConnell	4%	13%	17%	36%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	21%	13%	36%	22%
Chuck Schumer	8%	19%	10%	30%	33%

80. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	14%	23%	17%	32%	15%
The Republican Party	10%	20%	19%	37%	14%

81. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	25%
Not liberal enough	12%
Not sure	24%

82. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	35%
About right	18%
Not conservative enough	21%
Not sure	26%

83. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	11%

84. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Abortion	15%	15%	10%	32%	28%
Budget deficit	16%	18%	14%	33%	20%
Civil rights	16%	18%	10%	36%	20%
Economy	25%	18%	14%	29%	15%
Education	16%	16%	10%	35%	23%
Environment	17%	14%	10%	39%	21%
Foreign policy	20%	14%	12%	37%	17%
Gay rights	15%	13%	12%	33%	28%
Gun control	21%	15%	9%	34%	21%
Health care	18%	18%	12%	39%	13%
Immigration	24%	15%	10%	37%	13%
Medicare	15%	16%	12%	35%	22%
Social security	15%	16%	11%	32%	25%
Taxes	21%	17%	11%	36%	15%
Terrorism	26%	15%	12%	31%	16%
Veterans	24%	17%	12%	27%	18%
Women's rights	18%	14%	10%	38%	19%

85. Which of these words would you use to describe Donald Trump, and which of these words would you definitely not use to describe Donald Trump? (Please check all that apply.)

	Positive	Negative	No Opinion
Honest	19%	43%	38%
Intelligent	27%	35%	38%
Religious	11%	31%	58%
Inspiring	16%	37%	46%
Patriotic	32%	23%	45%
Strong	32%	25%	43%
Bold	41%	14%	44%
Experienced	15%	41%	44%
Sincere	20%	39%	42%
Partisan	15%	16%	69%
Effective	24%	33%	43%
Exciting	16%	26%	58%
Steady	16%	32%	52%
Hypocritical	45%	16%	40%
Arrogant	64%	9%	28%

86. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	18%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	17%
Not sure	30%

87. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	47%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	36%
Not sure	17%

88. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	20%
Some	15%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	42%
Not sure	9%

89. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	20%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	38%

90. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	30%
Not honest and trustworthy	53%
Not sure	16%

91. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	31%
No	56%
Not sure	13%

92. How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump will get us into a war?

Very likely	28%
Fairly likely	30%
Fairly unlikely	16%
Very unlikely	8%
Not sure	18%

93. Do you think the way Donald Trump uses Twitter is appropriate or inappropriate for the President of the United States?

Appropriate	24%
Inappropriate	58%
Not sure	17%

94. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Donald Trump as President?

Optimistic	33%
Pessimistic	47%
Not sure	21%

95. Do you want Donald Trump to run for re-election in 2020?

Yes	30%
No	54%
Not sure	16%

96. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	17%

97. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	13%	20%	16%	32%	19%
Republicans in Congress	6%	18%	20%	38%	19%

98. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Paul Ryan is handling his job as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	27%

99. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	31%

100. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	35%

101. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	28%

102. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

More than usual	8%
About the same	23%
Less than usual	42%
Not sure	27%

103. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	10%
Republicans in Congress	47%
Both equally	39%
Neither	1%
Not sure	2%

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

Getting better	30%
About the same	30%
Getting worse	25%
Not sure	15%

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

Higher	29%
About the same	27%
Lower	17%
Not sure	27%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	19%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	22%
Not sure	10%

107. Is the place where you live owned or rented?

Owned by you or your family	62%
Rented from someone else	36%
Other	2%

108. Do you have a mortgage?

Asked of those who own the place where they live

Yes	46%
No	54%

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

More jobs	31%
The same amount of jobs	35%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	17%

110. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	60%

111. 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?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	26%
Not sure	12%

112. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	23%
Happy	32%
Neither happy nor unhappy	31%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	5%

113. Some people seem to follow what’s going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there’s an election going on or not. Others aren’t that interested. Would you say you follow what’s going on in government and public affairs ...

Most of the time	44%
Some of the time	25%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	10%
Don’t know	9%

114. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Liberal	24%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	34%
Not sure	14%

115. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	14%

116. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	68%
Not registered	32%

117. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	42%
The Republican Party candidate	36%
Other	2%
Not sure	16%
I would not vote	4%

118. If Donald Trump runs for re-election in 2020, would that make you more or less likely to vote the Republican Congressional candidate in the district where you live, or would it have no effect on how you vote?

Asked of registered voters

More likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate	23%
Less likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate	26%
Have no effect on your vote choice	41%
Not sure	10%

119. Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters

Yes, I voted the Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	36%
Yes, I voted the Republican Presidential primary or caucus	36%
No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	21%
I don't remember	7%

120. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus

Hillary Clinton	64%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Bernie Sanders	33%
Someone else	2%

121. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus

Donald Trump	51%
Someone else	49%

122. Did you vote in the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016?

Asked of registered voters

Yes	57%
No	43%

123. Who did you vote for in the election for President?

Hillary Clinton	27%
Donald Trump	26%
Gary Johnson	1%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	44%

124. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	30%
Republican	27%
Independent	29%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%

125. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Strong Democrat	18%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	9%

126. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential election?

Asked of registered voters old enough to vote in 2012

Barack Obama	28%
Mitt Romney	25%
Other candidate	1%
I did not vote	46%

127. What is your gender?

Male	48%
Female	52%

128. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	35%
65+	21%

129. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	69%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

130. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	40%
Some college	33%
College grad	19%
Postgrad	9%

131. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	7%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

132. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	28%
No	72%

133. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	20%
Midwest	20%
South	40%
West	20%

134. Which of the following best describes the place where you live?

A large city	19%
A suburb near a large city	32%
A small city or town	29%
A rural area	21%

135. Overall, how would you rate your city or town as a place to live?

Excellent	14%
Very good	33%
Good	35%
Only fair	15%
Poor	4%

136. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	35%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	9%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	11%
Homemaker	8%
Other	3%

137. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family’s annual income?

Under \$50K	48%
\$50-100K	22%
\$100K or more	13%
Prefer not to say	16%

138. We’d like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	1%
Military Household - Family	9%
Military Household - I served previously	11%
Military Household - Family served previously	37%
Military Household - None	48%

139. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am	7%
Yes, household member is	8%
No	86%

140. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	21%

141. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	22%
Never	29%
Don't know	4%

142. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	32%
No	68%

143. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	16%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	14%
Never	20%
Don't know	3%

144. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	34%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	6%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 3 - 5, 2017
Target population	US Adult Population
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.21 to 6.531, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.892.
Number of respondents	1500 1341 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	26 questions not reported.