

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted February 5 - 7, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	53%
Not sure	17%

2. How would you describe the mood of the country?

We're all in it together	18%
It's everyone for themselves	59%
Not sure	23%

3. Four years from now do you think the United States will be more respected or less respected in the world than it is today?

More respected than today	29%
About the same as today	13%
Less respected than today	47%
Not sure	11%

4. Four years from now do you think the United States will be more or less safe from terrorism than it is today?

More safe from terrorism than today	31%
About the same as today	22%
Less safe from terrorism than today	34%
Not sure	13%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Afghanistan	3%	10%	32%	28%	28%
Australia	44%	34%	3%	1%	18%
Canada	49%	34%	3%	1%	13%
China	5%	24%	32%	12%	27%
Germany	34%	37%	6%	2%	22%
Egypt	7%	30%	20%	6%	37%
United Kingdom	53%	27%	2%	1%	18%
Israel	33%	26%	10%	6%	25%
Iraq	2%	12%	31%	30%	26%
Iran	1%	3%	28%	43%	25%
Libya	1%	6%	33%	23%	37%
Mexico	15%	34%	25%	5%	21%
Pakistan	2%	12%	35%	18%	33%
Palestine	2%	13%	28%	19%	38%
Russian Federation	4%	15%	33%	21%	28%
Saudi Arabia	7%	23%	24%	14%	32%
Sudan	2%	9%	31%	18%	40%
Somalia	1%	11%	29%	20%	40%
Syria	1%	5%	31%	32%	31%
Turkey	8%	27%	21%	6%	38%
Yemen	2%	9%	27%	20%	42%

6. Which comes closer to your opinion:

- Presidents need to follow treaties and international agreements signed by previous presidents41%
- Every President should be able to choose which international agreements to keep and which to ignore.36%
- Not sure23%

7. Do you favor or oppose the following actions?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Reinstating the use of waterboarding and other enhanced interrogation techniques against people suspected of terrorism	31%	43%	26%
Building a wall on the Mexican border	38%	49%	13%
Moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem	25%	23%	52%
Reducing the number of refugees the US accepts to 50,000	46%	29%	25%
Stopping admitting Syrian refugees entirely	35%	41%	24%
Stopping admitting <u>ALL</u> refugees to the U.S. for four months	39%	42%	19%
A 90-day ban on people entering the US from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen	45%	38%	17%

8. Are we safer from terrorist attacks now than we were in 2001?

Much more safe	7%
Somewhat more safe	22%
About the same	27%
Somewhat less safe	14%
Much less safe	20%
Not sure	11%

9. What do you think are the chances of a terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?

Very likely (more than 50%)	24%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%)	40%
Not very likely (1% to 10%)	16%
Very unlikely (less than 1%)	5%
Not sure	14%

10. Which comes closer to your view?

In the long run, the United States will be safer from terrorism if it confronts the countries and groups that promote terrorism.	54%
In the long run, the United States will be safer from terrorism if it stays out of other countries' affairs.	46%

11. Do you think the policies of the Obama Administration made the United States more or less safe from terrorism?

More safe	30%
No difference	21%
Less safe	35%
Not sure	14%

12. Do you think the policies of the Trump Administration will make the United States more or less safe from terrorism?

More safe	36%
No difference	10%
Less safe	40%
Not sure	14%

13. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for Donald Trump to place his chief political strategist, Steve Bannon, on the National Security Council?

Good idea	22%
Bad idea	41%
Not sure	37%

14. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for Donald Trump to reduce the roles of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Director of National Intelligence on the National Security Council?

Good idea	13%
Bad idea	45%
Not sure	42%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to only take \$1 a year in salary as President?

Approve	69%
Disapprove	12%
Not sure	19%

16. Since 1972, all Republican and Democratic presidential nominees have released their income tax returns. How important do you think it is that candidates make their tax returns public?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	24%
Not very important	19%
Not important at all	17%

17. As you may know, Donald Trump has refused to release his tax returns. How much have you heard about Donald Trump's refusal to release his tax returns?

Heard a lot	49%
Heard a little	39%
Heard nothing at all	12%

18. Regardless of how you feel about Donald Trump, do you think that President Trump should release his tax returns?

Yes	57%
No	25%
Not sure	18%

19. Do you think news organizations have given too much, too little, or the right amount of attention to the issue of Donald Trump and his tax returns?

Too much	43%
The right amount	29%
Too little	28%

20. How much progress do you expect President Trump to make in the following areas?

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None	Not sure
Changing the partisan tone in Washington	17%	18%	14%	33%	18%
Improving the U.S. image in the world	26%	14%	9%	41%	10%
Improving the economy	33%	17%	14%	25%	11%

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
Melania Trump	21%	23%	14%	17%	25%
Ivanka Trump	24%	20%	13%	19%	24%
Donald Trump, Jr.	20%	15%	11%	28%	27%
Eric Trump	19%	15%	11%	24%	31%
Jared Kushner	11%	14%	12%	19%	44%

22. Which statement comes closest to your opinion about the President hiring a close relative to serve in the government?

It is a good idea	21%
It is a bad idea	53%
Not sure	26%

23. Which statement comes closest to your opinion about the President hiring a close relative to serve in the government?

It should be legal	29%
It should be illegal	42%
Not sure	29%

24. Do you think the following presidential actions were appropriate or inappropriate?

	Appropriate	Inappropriate	Not sure
President John Adams appointed his son John Quincy Adams to serve as an ambassador	44%	27%	29%
President Franklin Roosevelt appointed his wife Eleanor Roosevelt to serve as assistant director of the Office of Civilian Defense	52%	22%	26%
President John Kennedy appointed his brother Bobby Kennedy to serve as the U.S. Attorney General	46%	28%	26%
President Bill Clinton appointed his wife Hillary Clinton to chair a task force on healthcare reform	49%	29%	22%
President Trump appointed his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, to serve as a senior adviser to the President	37%	35%	27%

25. Ever since 1967, federal law prohibits federal officials, including the President, from hiring a relative to serve in one of the federal executive agencies. However, a court ruling in 1993 suggested that White House staff was exempt from this law. Do you think presidents should be allowed to appoint close family members to administration jobs, or not?

Should be allowed to appoint close family members	33%
Should not be allowed to appoint close family members	43%
Not sure	24%

26. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for President Trump’s daughter, Ivanka, to take on some of the symbolic duties usually reserved for the First Lady?

Appropriate	38%
Inappropriate	41%
Not sure	22%

27. Do you think it was appropriate or inappropriate for Ivanka Trump to accompany her father to Dover Air Force Base at the somber ceremony for the return of the body of a Navy SEAL killed in a military raid in Yemen?

Appropriate	53%
Inappropriate	26%
Not sure	21%

28. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very favorable	10%
Somewhat favorable	35%
Somewhat unfavorable	24%
Very unfavorable	8%
Don’t know	23%

29. As you may know, Justice Antonin Scalia died last February and his seat has remained vacant for a year. How important is the choice of the next Supreme Court justice to you personally?

Very important	49%
Somewhat important	22%
Not too important	8%
Not at all important	6%
Not sure	15%

30. Do you want the next Supreme Court justice to be...

More liberal than Scalia	27%
About the same as Scalia	27%
More conservative than Scalia	18%
Not sure	28%

31. How much have you heard about Donald Trump nominating federal judge Neil Gorsuch to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court?

A lot	34%
A little	39%
Nothing at all	26%

32. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Neil Gorsuch?

Very favorable	18%
Somewhat favorable	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	10%
Don't know	42%

33. Would you say Neil Gorsuch is...

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	8%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	20%
Not sure	41%

34. From what you know now, do you think Neil Gorsuch is or is not qualified to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court?

Qualified	47%
Not qualified	12%
Not sure	41%

35. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not confirm Neil Gorsuch as a Supreme Court Justice?

Should confirm	37%
Should not confirm	23%
Not sure	40%

36. Some people say the Senate should have confirmed a replacement nominated by President Obama. Other people say the Senate was right to wait to confirm a replacement nominated by the winner of the 2016 Presidential election. Do you think the Senate should have...

Confirmed President Obama's nominee	41%
Waited to confirm a nominee from the winner of the 2016 Presidential election	39%
Not sure	20%

37. The filibuster is a procedure in the U.S. Senate in which legislation or presidential appointments can be blocked unless sixty senators out of 100 vote to end the filibuster. In general, do you think the filibuster rule in the U.S. Senate is a good thing or a bad thing?

Good idea	42%
Bad idea	22%
Not sure	36%

38. Do you think Democratic Senators used the filibuster too much or not enough when George W. Bush was President and Republicans had a majority in the Senate?

Too much	19%
The right number of times	16%
Not enough	15%
Not sure	50%

39. Do you think Republican Senators used the filibuster too much or not enough when Barack Obama was President and Democrats had a majority in the Senate?

Too much	27%
The right number of times	14%
Not enough	17%
Not sure	42%

40. Do you think Democratic Senators should or should not use the filibuster to prevent the confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court?

Should filibuster	29%
Should not filibuster	33%
Not sure	39%

41. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not eliminate the filibuster as a way to block Presidential appointments?

Should eliminate filibuster	22%
Should not eliminate filibuster	39%
Not sure	38%

42. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	22%	3%	2%
Immigration	54%	34%	10%	2%
The environment	52%	33%	11%	5%
Terrorism	65%	25%	7%	3%
Gay rights	25%	22%	25%	28%
Education	63%	28%	6%	3%
Health care	75%	19%	4%	1%
Social security	71%	23%	5%	1%
The budget deficit	50%	35%	10%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	42%	20%	6%
Taxes	60%	32%	7%	2%
Medicare	65%	27%	7%	2%
Abortion	40%	29%	20%	11%
Foreign policy	49%	38%	9%	4%
Gun control	49%	28%	13%	11%
International trade and globalization	41%	42%	13%	4%
Use of military force	49%	38%	10%	3%

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

The economy	18%
Immigration	6%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	12%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	3%

44. 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	26%	17%	9%	41%	7%
Mike Pence	24%	16%	12%	30%	18%
Paul Ryan	8%	25%	19%	25%	23%
Mitch McConnell	5%	15%	18%	26%	36%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	18%	15%	33%	26%
Chuck Schumer	7%	19%	12%	24%	39%

45. 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	16%	23%	18%	31%	12%
The Republican Party	15%	23%	18%	33%	12%

46. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	26%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	22%

47. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	37%
About right	26%
Not conservative enough	15%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	11%

49. 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	19%	11%	9%	31%	30%
The budget deficit	18%	17%	10%	22%	34%
Civil rights	18%	16%	10%	30%	26%
The economy	26%	18%	10%	22%	24%
Education	19%	16%	8%	27%	31%
The environment	17%	13%	9%	34%	27%
Foreign policy	22%	17%	12%	31%	18%
Gay rights	13%	15%	9%	23%	39%
Gun control	21%	14%	8%	23%	34%
Health care	23%	17%	11%	29%	21%
Immigration	30%	13%	9%	37%	11%
Medicare	17%	15%	10%	24%	35%
Social security	17%	16%	9%	22%	37%
Taxes	21%	16%	9%	25%	29%
Terrorism	30%	13%	9%	29%	19%
Veterans	24%	15%	8%	18%	34%
Women's rights	18%	13%	8%	34%	27%

50. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	18%
Not sure	29%

51. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	54%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	34%
Not sure	13%

52. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	21%
Like somewhat	24%
Dislike	45%
Not sure	10%

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

A lot	23%
Some	17%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	39%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	31%
Somewhat strong	26%
Somewhat weak	14%
Very weak	29%

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

Honest and trustworthy	35%
Not honest and trustworthy	48%
Not sure	17%

56. Regardless of your overall opinion of Donald Trump, do you feel he has the qualifications to be president?

Qualified to be president	38%
Not qualified to be president	50%
Not sure	11%

57. Regardless of your overall opinion of Donald Trump, do you feel he has enough experience to be president?

Has enough experience	34%
Does not have enough experience	54%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes	34%
No	52%
Not sure	14%

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

Very likely	32%
Fairly likely	24%
Fairly unlikely	17%
Very unlikely	11%
Not sure	17%

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

Appropriate	25%
Inappropriate	58%
Not sure	17%

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

Optimistic	41%
Pessimistic	42%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	19%

63. 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	10%	24%	19%	29%	18%
Republicans in Congress	11%	22%	19%	31%	17%

64. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	29%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	36%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	39%

67. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	30%

68. Do you think this new congress will accomplish more or less than usual?

More than usual	31%
About the same	27%
Less than usual	21%
Not sure	21%

69. Who do you think will be more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?

Asked if respondent says Congress will accomplish less than usual

Democrats in Congress	11%
Republicans in Congress	46%
Both equally	31%
Neither	4%
Not sure	8%

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

Getting better	26%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	23%
Not sure	15%

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

Higher	29%
About the same	23%
Lower	22%
Not sure	25%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	20%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	50%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	23%
Not sure	7%

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

More jobs	38%
The same amount of jobs	26%
Fewer jobs	17%
Not sure	19%

74. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	60%

75. 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.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	39%
Not very hard	19%
Not sure	12%

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

Very happy	26%
Happy	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	24%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	6%

77. 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	42%
Some of the time	29%
Only now and then	17%
Hardly at all	9%
Don’t know	4%

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

Liberal	24%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	32%
Not sure	12%

79. Thinking about politics these days, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	22%
Very Conservative	11%
Not sure	12%

80. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	72%
Not registered	28%

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

Yes	55%
No	45%

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

Hillary Clinton	26%
Donald Trump	25%
Gary Johnson	1%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	46%

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	25%
Independent	30%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%

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

Strong Democrat	18%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	10%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	14%
Not sure	7%

85. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	14%
No	53%
Not sure	33%

86. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	31%
No	35%
Not sure	33%

87. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

88. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	24%
45-64	34%
65+	21%

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

HS or less	39%
Some college	33%
College grad	18%
Postgrad	10%

90. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	7%
Single	33%
Domestic partnership	5%

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

Yes	25%
No	75%

92. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	20%
Midwest	21%
South	39%
West	20%

93. How would you describe the place where you live?

City	31%
Suburb	34%
Town	14%
Rural area	21%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	32%
Part-time employed	13%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	11%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	8%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	54%
\$50-100K	23%
\$100K or more	9%
Prefer not to say	14%

96. 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.

I am	1%
Family member	7%
I served previously	11%
Family served previously	38%
None	49%

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

Yes, I am	7%
Yes, household member is	6%
No	88%

98. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	14%
Seldom	22%
Never	29%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

101. 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	14%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	19%
Don't know	4%

102. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	35%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 5 - 7, 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, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.1 to 7, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.8.
Number of respondents	1500 1315 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	26 questions not reported.