

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted February 12 - 14, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	53%
Not sure	18%

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

We're all in it together	16%
It's everyone for themselves	60%
Not sure	24%

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	28%
About the same as today	14%
Less respected than today	46%
Not sure	12%

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	23%
Less safe from terrorism than today	33%
Not sure	13%

5. How much confidence do you, yourself, have in each one of the following institutions in American society?

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little	None at all
The CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)	9%	24%	44%	14%	8%
The FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)	9%	25%	45%	15%	6%
The court system	9%	18%	38%	25%	10%
The military	24%	35%	30%	6%	5%
The police	13%	30%	36%	13%	8%
The criminal justice system	4%	15%	43%	27%	12%
The church (organized religion)	12%	21%	32%	19%	16%
The medical system	7%	24%	43%	20%	7%
The public schools	6%	19%	44%	21%	9%
The President	16%	13%	24%	15%	31%
The Congress	2%	8%	37%	34%	19%
The U.S. Supreme Court	9%	19%	45%	19%	8%
Television News	4%	13%	36%	30%	18%
Internet News	3%	8%	40%	34%	15%
Newspapers	5%	14%	39%	27%	15%
Wall Street	2%	6%	37%	36%	18%
Big business	5%	10%	40%	31%	15%
Small business	11%	34%	41%	10%	4%

6. Do you favor or oppose the following actions?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Building a wall on the Mexican border	40%	46%	15%
Reducing the number of refugees the US accepts to 50,000	44%	27%	28%
Stopping admitting Syrian refugees entirely	37%	38%	25%
Stopping admitting <u>ALL</u> refugees to the U.S. for four months	39%	39%	21%
A 90-day ban on people entering the US from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen	45%	37%	18%

7. How much of a national security risk do the following groups of people pose the United States?

	Pose a risk	Do not pose a risk	Not sure
Muslim tourists	40%	30%	30%
Refugees from the Syrian civil war	40%	29%	31%
Iraqi citizens who worked as translators for U.S. forces during the war	20%	48%	32%
U.S. Permanent residents (green card holders)	15%	57%	28%
Christians from predominantly Muslim countries	18%	48%	34%
Illegal immigration across the border with Mexico	49%	29%	22%
Foreign tourists with legal visas	22%	45%	33%
Foreign workers with legal work visas	23%	47%	29%
Foreign students with legal student visas	25%	45%	30%

8. Do you think that President Trump's executive actions on immigration will increase or decrease U.S. national security, or will they have no effect?

Increase national security	43%
Decrease national security	24%
Have no effect on national security	15%
Not sure	18%

9. Do you think that restraining orders that prevent the government from implementing President Trump’s executive actions on immigration will harm U.S. national security, or will they have no effect?

Harm national security	37%
Have no effect on national security	34%
Not sure	29%

10. Which one do you think is more important?

Freedom of religion	32%
National security	48%
Not sure	20%

11. 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.	51%
In the long run, the United States will be safer from terrorism if it stays out of other countries’ affairs.	49%

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

More safe	35%
No difference	15%
Less safe	35%
Not sure	15%

13. Do you think that President Trump’s executive actions on immigration are constitutional or unconstitutional?

Constitutional	40%
Unconstitutional	41%
Not sure	19%

14. Do you think the federal courts should or should not have the authority to review presidents' executive orders that involve national security?

Courts should have authority to review	57%
Courts should not have authority to review	25%
Not sure	18%

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

Very favorable	11%
Somewhat favorable	39%
Somewhat unfavorable	22%
Very unfavorable	8%
Don't know	20%

16. Which one of the following statements is closer to your point of view, even if neither is exactly right?

The current US Supreme Court justices often let their own personal or political views influence their decisions	60%
The current US Supreme Court justices usually decide their cases based on legal analysis without regard to their own personal or political views	40%

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

A lot	36%
A little	39%
Nothing at all	25%

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

Very favorable	18%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	11%
Don't know	42%

19. If confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court, do you think Neil Gorsuch will...

Often let his own personal or political views influence his decisions	45%
Usually decide cases based on legal analysis without regard to his own personal or political views	55%

20. If confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court and hearing a case involving the Trump administration, do you think Neil Gorsuch would be able to evaluate the case in an independent fashion or do you think he would be more likely to side with President Trump?

Evaluate the case in an independent fashion	40%
Side with President Trump	31%
Not sure	29%

21. If Neil Gorsuch is confirmed to sit on the Supreme Court, do you think he will favor certain groups over others when making his judicial decisions, or do you think he will treat all groups the same under the law?

Will favor certain groups	33%
Will treat all groups the same	36%
Not sure	31%

22. 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	11%	12%	9%	20%	48%
Jeff Sessions	16%	13%	8%	25%	38%
Steve Bannon	7%	13%	8%	28%	43%
Kellyanne Conway	15%	13%	9%	29%	34%
Betsy DeVos	9%	14%	10%	29%	38%

23. 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	23%	20%	16%	20%	20%
Ivanka Trump	24%	22%	15%	21%	18%
Donald Trump, Jr.	20%	19%	12%	28%	21%
Eric Trump	18%	17%	12%	26%	26%
Jared Kushner	12%	14%	12%	19%	43%

24. How likely is Donald Trump to do the following things as President?

	Definitely will happen	Probably will happen	Unlikely to happen	Will not happen
Run an open and transparent administration	13%	30%	25%	31%
Improve the way government works	18%	28%	28%	26%
Set a high moral standard	14%	29%	23%	34%
Use the office to enrich family and friends	28%	30%	25%	17%
Cut taxes	18%	41%	28%	13%
Repeal Obamacare	25%	52%	17%	5%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Corey Booker	11%	13%	10%	16%	49%
Bernie Sanders	27%	24%	15%	20%	14%
Elizabeth Warren	18%	16%	8%	26%	32%

26. About how often do you go to see movies in a movie theater?

Once a week or more	3%
2-3 times a month	6%
About once a month	14%
Few times a year	31%
Almost never	27%
Never	18%

27. Which one do you prefer?

Going to see a movie in a movie theater	12%
Watching movies at home	52%
Neither	8%
Both equally	24%
Not sure	4%

28. Have you seen, want to see, or at least heard of the movies listed below?

	I have never heard of this movie	I do not want to see this movie	I want to see this movie	I have already seen this movie	Not sure
Arrival	43%	12%	21%	8%	16%
Captain Fantastic	49%	20%	11%	2%	18%
Elle	61%	10%	8%	1%	20%
Fences	39%	14%	23%	6%	17%
Florence Foster Jenkins	55%	13%	10%	4%	18%
Hacksaw Ridge	33%	16%	26%	7%	17%
Hell or High Water	54%	10%	13%	5%	18%
Hidden Figures	40%	11%	26%	10%	14%
La La Land	23%	31%	23%	7%	16%
Lion	50%	12%	17%	3%	19%
Loving	56%	11%	13%	3%	17%
Jackie	48%	14%	16%	3%	18%
Manchester by the Sea	39%	20%	21%	4%	17%
Moonlight	49%	13%	14%	3%	21%
Nocturnal Animals	52%	14%	13%	3%	18%

29. How many of the movies nominated for Best Picture have you already seen?

mean 1
 median 0

30. Do you follow the Academy Awards very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

Very closely 3%
 Fairly closely 15%
 Not too closely 28%
 Not at all closely 54%

31. Which one of the following movies do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Picture?

Arrival	3%
Fences	5%
Hacksaw Ridge	9%
Hell or High Water	1%
Hidden Figures	11%
La La Land	9%
Lion	2%
Manchester by the Sea	4%
Moonlight	2%
Not sure	54%

32. Which one of the following actresses do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Actress?

Isabelle Huppert, Elle	1%
Ruth Negga, Loving	4%
Natalie Portman, Jackie	8%
Emma Stone, La La Land	14%
Meryl Streep, Florence Foster Jenkins	9%
Not sure	63%

33. Which one of the following actors do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Actor?

Casey Affleck, Manchester by the Sea	6%
Andrew Garfield, Hacksaw Ridge	7%
Ryan Gosling, La La Land	8%
Viggo Mortensen, Captain Fantastic	3%
Denzel Washington, Fences	22%
Not sure	54%

34. Which one of the following actresses do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress?

Viola Davis, Fences	11%
Naomi Harris, Moonlight	2%
Nicole Kidman, Lion	9%
Octavia Spencer, Hidden Figures	13%
Michelle Williams, Manchester by the Sea	5%
Not sure	60%

35. Which one of the following actors do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor?

Mahershala Ali, Moonlight	6%
Jeff Bridges, Hell or High Water	13%
Lucas Hedges, Manchester by the Sea	5%
Dev Patel, Lion	5%
Michael Shannon, Nocturnal Animals	3%
Not sure	69%

36. Which one of the following directors do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Director?

Denis Villeneuve, Arrival	4%
Mel Gibson, Hacksaw Ridge	19%
Damien Chazelle, La La Land	8%
Kenneth Lonergan, Manchester by the Sea	5%
Barry Jenkins, Moonlight	3%
Not sure	61%

37. In general, do you think the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences does a good job or a bad job of nominating people and films for its annual awards?

Good job	36%
Bad job	22%
Not sure	43%

38. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	72%	24%	3%	2%
Immigration	52%	34%	11%	3%
The environment	49%	33%	12%	6%
Terrorism	62%	27%	7%	4%
Gay rights	24%	26%	24%	26%
Education	64%	28%	6%	2%
Health care	73%	22%	3%	2%
Social security	70%	21%	6%	3%
The budget deficit	46%	39%	11%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	43%	20%	6%
Taxes	57%	34%	7%	2%
Medicare	63%	27%	7%	3%
Abortion	41%	26%	21%	12%
Foreign policy	47%	40%	9%	4%
Gun control	45%	29%	15%	12%
International trade and globalization	36%	45%	13%	6%
Use of military force	47%	39%	9%	5%

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

The economy	16%
Immigration	7%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	1%
Education	10%
Health care	12%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	4%

40. 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%	16%	7%	43%	8%
Mike Pence	24%	16%	12%	28%	20%
Paul Ryan	9%	22%	17%	26%	26%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	16%	28%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	17%	15%	33%	28%
Chuck Schumer	6%	17%	11%	26%	40%

41. 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	13%	24%	18%	31%	14%
The Republican Party	13%	21%	18%	34%	14%

42. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	41%
About right	23%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	23%

43. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	36%
About right	25%
Not conservative enough	15%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	10%

45. 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	16%	13%	10%	30%	30%
The budget deficit	16%	18%	10%	24%	32%
Civil rights	17%	16%	9%	32%	26%
The economy	21%	19%	11%	25%	24%
Education	17%	17%	10%	32%	24%
The environment	15%	15%	10%	33%	27%
Foreign policy	21%	18%	10%	33%	19%
Gay rights	11%	15%	9%	25%	40%
Gun control	19%	16%	9%	25%	31%
Health care	21%	19%	10%	30%	20%
Immigration	29%	15%	8%	38%	11%
Medicare	15%	17%	10%	25%	33%
Social security	16%	16%	9%	23%	36%
Taxes	20%	16%	12%	24%	27%
Terrorism	29%	13%	9%	31%	18%
Veterans	24%	16%	8%	21%	30%
Women's rights	16%	14%	9%	33%	27%

46. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	16%
Not sure	34%

47. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	53%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	33%
Not sure	14%

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

Like a lot	20%
Like somewhat	21%
Dislike	47%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	21%
Some	18%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	41%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	29%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	14%
Very weak	31%

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

Honest and trustworthy	34%
Not honest and trustworthy	50%
Not sure	16%

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

Qualified to be president	37%
Not qualified to be president	50%
Not sure	13%

53. 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	53%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes	32%
No	52%
Not sure	16%

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

Very likely	30%
Fairly likely	22%
Fairly unlikely	17%
Very unlikely	12%
Not sure	19%

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

Appropriate	23%
Inappropriate	58%
Not sure	19%

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

Optimistic	39%
Pessimistic	43%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	16%

59. 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%	22%	19%	31%	18%
Republicans in Congress	8%	22%	17%	35%	18%

60. 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	25%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	30%

61. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	34%

62. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	39%

63. 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	6%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	34%

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

More than usual	27%
About the same	29%
Less than usual	19%
Not sure	24%

65. 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	6%
Republicans in Congress	46%
Both equally	35%
Neither	4%
Not sure	8%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	23%
Not sure	17%

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

Higher	29%
About the same	22%
Lower	22%
Not sure	26%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	17%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	25%
Not sure	9%

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

More jobs	34%
The same amount of jobs	30%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	19%

70. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not very worried	64%

71. 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.	27%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	38%
Not very hard	21%
Not sure	14%

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

Very happy	24%
Happy	39%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	4%

73. 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	41%
Some of the time	28%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	9%
Don’t know	6%

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

Liberal	23%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	21%
Very Conservative	10%
Not sure	14%

76. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

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

Yes	55%
No	45%

78. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	25%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	13%

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

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	14%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	14%
Not sure	8%

81. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	13%
No	56%
Not sure	31%

82. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	30%
No	38%
Not sure	32%

83. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

84. Respondent age by category

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

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

HS or less	39%
Some college	33%
College grad	18%
Postgrad	9%

86. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	3%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	5%
Single	31%
Domestic partnership	5%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

88. National Region

Northeast	21%
Midwest	20%
South	37%
West	22%

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

City	33%
Suburb	34%
Town	14%
Rural area	18%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	32%
Part-time employed	12%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	10%
Retired	25%
Permanently disabled	11%
Homemaker	8%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	51%
\$50-100K	24%
\$100K or more	10%
Prefer not to say	14%

92. 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	2%
Family member	8%
I served previously	12%
Family served previously	37%
None	48%

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

Yes, I am	7%
Yes, household member is	7%
No	87%

94. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	14%
Seldom	21%
Never	28%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	8%
Seldom	14%
Never	17%
Don't know	5%

98. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	36%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	6%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 12 - 14, 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 0.2 to 5.6, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.69.
Number of respondents	1500 1283 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	44 questions not reported.