

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults  
Conducted March 6 - 7, 2017  
Margin of Error  $\pm 3.4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction .....	32%
Off on the wrong track .....	52%
Not sure .....	17%

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

We're all in it together .....	16%
It's everyone for themselves .....	64%
Not sure .....	20%

## 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 .....	30%
About the same as today .....	15%
Less respected than today .....	45%
Not sure .....	10%

## 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 .....	27%
Less safe from terrorism than today .....	31%
Not sure .....	12%

**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
Russian Federation	4%	16%	30%	25%	25%
China	5%	28%	30%	13%	25%
Mexico	14%	41%	20%	5%	20%
United Kingdom	54%	27%	2%	1%	16%
France	37%	37%	6%	1%	19%
Germany	33%	38%	6%	2%	21%
Italy	30%	47%	3%	1%	19%
Israel	38%	28%	7%	4%	24%
Egypt	7%	36%	21%	3%	33%
Iraq	5%	18%	29%	25%	24%
Iran	2%	6%	32%	39%	21%
Saudi Arabia	7%	29%	24%	12%	28%
North Korea	3%	6%	14%	59%	18%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	32%	28%	9%	8%	22%
Japan	35%	33%	8%	3%	21%
Canada	50%	34%	3%	1%	13%
Australia	43%	37%	2%	1%	16%
India	11%	48%	9%	2%	29%
Taiwan	13%	44%	6%	2%	34%
Palestine	4%	15%	30%	16%	35%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russian Federation	13%	35%	15%	10%	27%
Mexico	5%	23%	31%	20%	21%
China	4%	21%	27%	20%	28%
Israel	32%	24%	10%	7%	26%
Australia	23%	36%	9%	4%	28%
Germany	19%	33%	12%	5%	31%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Steve Bannon	9%	12%	8%	28%	43%
Kellyanne Conway	13%	14%	11%	30%	33%
Jeff Sessions	14%	12%	10%	28%	36%
Rex Tillerson	12%	12%	11%	17%	48%
John Kelly	9%	13%	10%	12%	56%
Ivanka Trump	23%	23%	16%	17%	20%
Jared Kushner	9%	15%	11%	16%	48%

8. How likely do you think it is that members of the Trump campaign discussed U.S. policy with representatives of the Russian government before the Inauguration?

Very likely	33%
Somewhat likely	20%
Not very likely	17%
Very unlikely	15%
Not sure	16%

9. Was that contact between members of the Trump campaign and the Russian government appropriate or inappropriate?

*Asked of those who thought it was very likely or somewhat likely that members of the Trump campaign discussed U.S. policy with representatives of the Russian government before the Inauguration*

Appropriate	16%
Inappropriate	71%
Not sure	13%

10. How much have you heard about Jeff Sessions' contact with the Russian ambassador before becoming the U.S. Attorney General?

A lot	31%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	27%

11. Do you think then U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions' contact with the Russian ambassador at the Republican National Convention in July was appropriate or inappropriate?

Appropriate .....	24%
Inappropriate .....	41%
Not sure .....	35%

12. How serious a problem is it that Jeff Sessions failed to disclose meeting with the Russian ambassador during the election campaign?

Very serious problem .....	33%
Somewhat serious problem .....	28%
Not very serious problem .....	22%
Not a problem at all .....	17%

13. Do you think Jeff Sessions' failure to mention his meeting with the Russian ambassador was an honest mistake or that he was trying to hide something?

Honest mistake .....	29%
Trying to hide something .....	48%
Not sure .....	23%

14. Do you agree or disagree with Jeff Sessions' decision to recuse himself from any investigation of Russian influence on the election in 2016?

Strongly agree .....	31%
Somewhat agree .....	19%
Somewhat disagree .....	11%
Strongly disagree .....	14%
Not sure .....	26%

15. Do you think Jeff Sessions should or should not resign as the U.S. Attorney General?

Should resign .....	43%
Should not resign .....	30%
Not sure .....	27%

16. Do you think Congress should or should not investigate:

	Should	Should not	Not sure
Trump Administration members' contacts with Russian government officials before the Inauguration	57%	26%	17%
Russian hacking of campaign emails before the election	64%	20%	16%

17. Do you think there should or should not be a special prosecutor appointed to investigate Trump Administration members' contacts with Russian government officials before the Inauguration?

Should	51%
Should not	28%
Not sure	21%

18. How much have you heard about President Trump's accusation that former President Obama ordered wire taps on Donald Trump's phones?

A lot	38%
A little	44%
Nothing at all	18%

19. Do you think President Trump has or does not have evidence to prove his accusation of wire taps?

Has evidence	20%
Does not have evidence	49%
Not sure	31%

20. Do you think wire taps of Donald Trump's phone would or would not have produced evidence of improper contact between the Trump campaign and representatives of the Russian government?

Would have produced evidence .....	36%
Would not have produced evidence .....	30%
Not sure .....	34%

21. Do you think it is true or false that former President Obama ordered wire taps on Donald Trump's phones?

Definitely true .....	9%
Probably true .....	21%
Probably false .....	21%
Definitely false .....	29%
Not sure .....	20%

22. When it comes to allegations of wire tapping, who do you believe more?

Obama administration officials .....	46%
Trump administration officials .....	29%
Not sure .....	25%

23. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	22%	2%	3%
Immigration	50%	34%	10%	6%
The environment	50%	31%	13%	6%
Terrorism	64%	24%	8%	4%
Gay rights	26%	24%	21%	28%
Education	64%	26%	6%	3%
Health care	76%	17%	5%	2%
Social security	70%	21%	5%	3%
The budget deficit	51%	34%	10%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	34%	40%	17%	8%
Taxes	59%	32%	5%	4%
Medicare	66%	24%	6%	4%
Abortion	39%	30%	18%	13%
Foreign policy	48%	38%	10%	3%
Gun control	44%	28%	15%	12%
International trade and globalization	37%	45%	12%	6%
Use of military force	48%	37%	9%	5%

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

The economy .....	15%
Immigration .....	7%
The environment .....	7%
Terrorism .....	10%
Gay rights .....	1%
Education .....	9%
Health care .....	12%
Social security .....	19%
The budget deficit .....	3%
The war in Afghanistan .....	0%
Taxes .....	2%
Medicare .....	5%
Abortion .....	4%
Foreign policy .....	1%
Gun control .....	3%

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
Donald Trump	26%	15%	10%	40%	8%
Mike Pence	24%	18%	15%	25%	18%
Paul Ryan	9%	27%	16%	26%	22%
Mitch McConnell	5%	17%	15%	29%	34%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	19%	14%	35%	23%
Chuck Schumer	8%	18%	10%	24%	40%



**26. 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%	25%	20%	28%	12%
The Republican Party	14%	24%	17%	33%	12%

**27. Is the Democratic Party...**

Too liberal	40%
About right	25%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	22%

**28. Is the Republican Party...**

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

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	9%

**30. 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	17%	15%	9%	30%	29%
The budget deficit	18%	19%	12%	26%	24%
Civil rights	18%	18%	10%	31%	22%
The economy	24%	20%	12%	25%	18%
Education	21%	19%	9%	29%	22%
The environment	17%	16%	11%	34%	22%
Foreign policy	20%	19%	11%	32%	19%
Gay rights	14%	17%	11%	28%	31%
Gun control	22%	16%	10%	25%	28%
Health care	24%	19%	10%	31%	16%
Immigration	29%	15%	10%	37%	9%
Medicare	18%	19%	9%	26%	29%
Social security	18%	19%	10%	24%	29%
Taxes	21%	19%	10%	28%	23%
Terrorism	28%	18%	9%	28%	17%
Veterans	27%	18%	7%	21%	27%
Women's rights	19%	17%	10%	31%	23%

**31. Would you say Donald Trump is...**

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	17%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	19%
Not sure	31%

**32. Do you think Donald Trump...**

Says what he believes	51%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	34%
Not sure	15%

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

Like a lot .....	21%
Like somewhat .....	22%
Dislike .....	45%
Not sure .....	12%

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

A lot .....	23%
Some .....	16%
Not much .....	12%
Doesn't care at all .....	40%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Very strong .....	29%
Somewhat strong .....	23%
Somewhat weak .....	17%
Very weak .....	32%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	33%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	50%
Not sure .....	17%

**37. 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%

38. 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 .....	55%
Not sure .....	11%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	52%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Very likely .....	29%
Fairly likely .....	25%
Fairly unlikely .....	18%
Very unlikely .....	12%
Not sure .....	16%

41. 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%

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

Optimistic .....	39%
Pessimistic .....	43%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Strongly approve .....	5%
Somewhat approve .....	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	19%
Somewhat disapprove .....	19%
Strongly disapprove .....	31%
Not sure .....	15%

44. 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%	24%	21%	29%	14%
Republicans in Congress	10%	25%	18%	34%	14%

45. 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 .....	9%
Somewhat approve .....	26%
Somewhat disapprove .....	15%
Strongly disapprove .....	23%
Not sure .....	27%

46. 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 .....	21%
Somewhat disapprove .....	16%
Strongly disapprove .....	27%
Not sure .....	31%

47. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	36%

48. 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	9%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	27%

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

More than usual	26%
About the same	32%
Less than usual	23%
Not sure	19%

50. 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	12%
Republicans in Congress	43%
Both equally	34%
Neither	5%
Not sure	6%

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

Getting better .....	29%
About the same .....	34%
Getting worse .....	23%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Higher .....	33%
About the same .....	23%
Lower .....	20%
Not sure .....	24%

**53. 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 .....	9%

**54. Six months from now do you think there will be...**

More jobs .....	35%
The same amount of jobs .....	28%
Fewer jobs .....	19%
Not sure .....	18%

**55. How worried are you about losing your job?**

Very worried .....	10%
Somewhat worried .....	28%
Not very worried .....	62%

56. 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 .....	27%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Very happy .....	26%
Happy .....	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	26%
Unhappy .....	8%
Very unhappy .....	5%

58. 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 .....	43%
Some of the time .....	28%
Only now and then .....	16%
Hardly at all .....	7%
Don’t know .....	6%

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

Liberal .....	25%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	31%
Not sure .....	13%



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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	15%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	18%
Very Conservative .....	13%
Not sure .....	13%

**61. Are you registered to vote?**

Registered .....	78%
Not registered .....	22%

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

Yes .....	56%
No .....	44%

**63. 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 .....	45%

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

Democrat .....	34%
Republican .....	24%
Independent .....	28%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	11%

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

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	14%
Not sure	8%

66. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

67. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	24%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

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

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

**69. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	44%
Separated .....	4%
Divorced .....	11%
Widowed .....	7%
Single .....	28%
Domestic partnership .....	6%

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

Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%

**71. U.S. Region**

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast .....	20%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	35%
West .....	23%

**72. How would you describe the place where you live?**

City .....	34%
Suburb .....	31%
Town .....	14%
Rural area .....	19%
Other .....	1%

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

Full-time employed .....	33%
Part-time employed .....	12%
Self-employed .....	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	13%
Retired .....	23%
Permanently disabled .....	8%
Homemaker .....	9%
Other .....	2%

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

Under \$50K .....	56%
\$50-100K .....	24%
\$100K or more .....	10%
Prefer not to say .....	10%

**75. 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 .....	3%
Family member .....	8%
I served previously .....	12%
Family served previously .....	38%
None .....	46%

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

Yes, I am .....	8%
Yes, household member is .....	9%
No .....	83%

**77. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	40%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	19%

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

More than once a week .....	10%
Once a week .....	19%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	14%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	24%
Don't know .....	4%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	68%

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

Several times a day .....	30%
Once a day .....	16%
A few times a week .....	10%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	13%
Never .....	18%
Don't know .....	4%

81. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	38%
Roman Catholic .....	18%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	3%
Buddhist .....	2%
Hindu .....	-
Atheist .....	5%
Agnostic .....	4%
Nothing in particular .....	19%
Something else .....	6%

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	March 6 - 7, 2017
<b>Target population</b>	US Adult Population
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.2 to 6, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.91.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1359 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.4% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	44 questions not reported.