

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted May 6 - 9, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	33%
Off on the wrong track	52%
Not sure	15%

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

We're all in it together	14%
It's everyone for themselves	67%
Not sure	19%

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	17%
Less respected than today	44%
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	25%
About the same as today	30%
Less safe from terrorism than today	33%
Not sure	12%

5. How optimistic or pessimistic are you that Republicans and Democrats in Congress can come together to solve the country's problems?

Very optimistic	5%
Somewhat optimistic	18%
Somewhat pessimistic	27%
Very pessimistic	36%
Not sure	13%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	4%	12%	35%	28%	22%
China	6%	33%	26%	9%	26%
Mexico	13%	39%	23%	4%	21%
United Kingdom	55%	24%	3%	2%	16%
France	41%	35%	7%	1%	16%
Germany	35%	34%	9%	2%	20%
Italy	31%	45%	4%	1%	19%
Israel	40%	25%	10%	6%	20%
Egypt	7%	36%	19%	4%	33%
Iraq	5%	16%	32%	26%	21%
Iran	2%	6%	29%	42%	21%
Saudi Arabia	9%	29%	21%	12%	30%
North Korea	2%	4%	14%	63%	16%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	34%	29%	7%	10%	20%
Japan	39%	31%	6%	3%	22%
Canada	52%	31%	4%	1%	12%
Australia	47%	31%	4%	2%	16%
India	11%	48%	8%	1%	30%
Taiwan	15%	41%	7%	3%	35%
Palestine	3%	14%	31%	17%	34%
Syria	3%	7%	32%	37%	23%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	12%	30%	21%	13%	25%
Mexico	5%	27%	32%	16%	20%
China	7%	33%	20%	13%	26%
Israel	38%	23%	6%	9%	25%
Australia	30%	36%	6%	4%	24%
Germany	21%	37%	11%	6%	24%
Syria	2%	7%	23%	41%	26%
North Korea	2%	6%	13%	60%	19%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	24%	34%	7%	11%	24%
Canada	34%	35%	7%	4%	20%

8. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view about using human rights as a tool in American foreign policy?

- Human rights abuses should be a principal concern in our dealings with countries where they occur.48%
- Human rights abuses, while important as a policy consideration, should be secondary to economic and security issues in our dealings with countries where they occur. 31%
- Human rights abuses should not be much of a concern in our dealings with countries where they occur. 4%
- Not sure 18%

9. In its relations toward foreign countries, is it better for the U.S. government to...?

- Support a non-democratic government that is a steady ally of the U.S. ...34%
- Support a democratically elected government regardless of its attitude toward the U.S.27%
- Not sure 39%

10. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	21%
Equally positive and negative	38%
Mostly negative	20%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	21%

11. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 5%	28%
Between 5% and 6%	15%
Between 6% and 7%	15%
Between 7% and 8%	11%
Greater than 8%	11%
Not sure	20%

12. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	12%
Stayed the same	25%
Decreased	42%
Don't know	22%

13. How much have you heard about the budget deal signed into law last week that keeps the federal government funded through September?

A lot	18%
A little	53%
Nothing at all	29%

14. Which side did better or "won" the budget deal?

Democrats	16%
Republicans	20%
Both sides did equally well	20%
Not sure	44%

15. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the US-Mexico border to try to stop illegal immigration?

Favor	40%
Oppose	46%
Not sure	14%

16. Do you support or oppose shutting down the federal government in order to force Democrats in Congress to approve funding the border wall with Mexico?

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	46%
Not sure	17%

17. How often do you get news from...

	Often	Sometimes	Hardly ever	Never
Local television news	41%	30%	15%	13%
Cable television news (such as CNN, The Fox News cable channel, or MSNBC)	36%	28%	17%	19%
Local newspaper	20%	29%	23%	28%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter)	25%	34%	15%	25%
Comedians	7%	21%	21%	51%

18. How trustworthy do you rate the following news organizations:

	Very trustworthy	Trustworthy	Neither	Untrustworthy	Very untrustworthy
The New York Times	14%	31%	28%	11%	16%
The Washington Post	12%	31%	33%	11%	13%
The Wall Street Journal	11%	36%	35%	10%	9%
CNN	11%	32%	26%	11%	21%
Fox News	12%	29%	26%	13%	20%
MSNBC	8%	31%	30%	10%	20%

19. In general, do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for an employee to date one of his or her co-workers?

Appropriate	48%
Inappropriate	26%
Not sure	26%

20. In general, do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for a supervisor to date an employee who works for him or her?

Appropriate	18%
Inappropriate	64%
Not sure	18%

21. Have you ever been aware of any situations at your work where romantic involvement between two employees appeared to result in the advancement of at least one of the employees?

Yes	30%
No	55%
Not sure	15%

22. How much sexual harassment, if any, would you say goes on in most American workplaces today?

A lot	28%
Some	46%
Not much	15%
None	1%
Not sure	10%

23. Have you personally ever been a victim of sexual harassment at work?

Yes	22%
No	70%
Prefer not to say	8%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Sean Hannity	16%	13%	10%	23%	39%
Bill O'Reilly	11%	17%	15%	32%	25%
Joe Scarborough	5%	13%	16%	10%	57%
Mika Brzezinski	5%	11%	11%	10%	63%

25. How much have you heard about Fox News removing Bill O'Reilly after several allegations of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior?

A lot	38%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	16%

26. Do you approve or disapprove of Fox News' decision to remove Bill O'Reilly after several allegations of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior?

Strongly approve	43%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	9%
Not sure	18%

27. How much have you heard about the engagement of Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski?

A lot	6%
A little	25%
Nothing at all	69%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the engagement of Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	5%
Not sure	68%

29. How often do you watch any of the following shows?

	Every episode	Most episodes	Some episodes	Very few episodes	Never seen	Don't remember
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	2%	6%	19%	37%	31%	4%
Jimmy Kimmel Live!	1%	3%	18%	37%	35%	5%
The Late Show with Stephen Colbert	3%	6%	16%	25%	46%	5%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Jimmy Fallon	24%	33%	12%	9%	22%
Jimmy Kimmel	21%	32%	13%	10%	24%
Stephen Colbert	24%	20%	9%	20%	27%

31. In general, do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for late night talk show hosts to advocate for Congress to act in a specific way when considering legislation?

Appropriate	39%
Inappropriate	36%
Not sure	25%

32. Do you think it was appropriate or inappropriate for Jimmy Kimmel to use his opening monologue to bring up his newborn son's medical condition as an example for why the U.S. Congress ought to protect people with pre-existing medical conditions?

Appropriate	55%
Inappropriate	25%
Not sure	20%

33. At any point in your life have you ever NOT had health insurance coverage?

I have always had health insurance	31%
At some point, I have not had health insurance	59%
Not sure	10%

34. Do you think the health care system in this country...

Works pretty well and requires only minor changes	19%
Needs fundamental changes	37%
Needs to be completely rebuilt	34%
Not sure	10%

35. Which comes closer to your opinion?

- If policymakers made the right changes, they could reform the health care system without spending more money to do it. 69%
- To make any real reforms to the health care system, policymakers will need to spend more money, either by raising some taxes, taking from other programs or increasing the deficit. 31%

36. How closely have you been following the news about the American Health Care Act, the Republican legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare?

- Very closely 25%
- Somewhat closely 38%
- Not very closely 25%
- Not following it at all 11%

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

- Support strongly 11%
- Support somewhat 20%
- Oppose somewhat 13%
- Oppose strongly 34%
- Not sure 21%

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

- Better off 15%
- About the same 32%
- Worse off 36%
- Not sure 16%

39. Which of the following would you prefer:

- Adopting the health care reform plan proposed by President Trump and the Republicans in Congress 33%
- No change in the current health care system 40%
- Not sure 27%

40. In this next series of questions, we want to know if you think the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare or the American Health Care Act (the Republican replacement for the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare)...

	The Affordable Care Act/Obamacare	American Health Care Act – the Republican Replacement	About the same	Not sure
Covers more people	44%	16%	16%	25%
Costs you more	24%	36%	16%	25%
Provides you with more benefits	39%	19%	16%	26%
Does a better job of letting you choose your doctor	27%	28%	16%	29%
Does a better job of reducing healthcare costs for middle-class families	34%	26%	12%	28%
Does a better job of protecting Medicare	39%	16%	13%	31%
Costs taxpayers less money	25%	30%	16%	30%

41. When it comes to health care, what scares you more?

- The government making decisions about medical coverage and treatment 16%
- Insurance companies making decisions about medical coverage and treatment 17%
- Both equally 59%
- Neither 7%

42. Do you think Donald Trump has maintained consistent policy positions or has he made significant changes to his policy plans?

Maintained consistent policy positions	26%
Made significant changes to his policy plans	48%
Not sure	26%

43. 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	11%
About the same	32%
Less than usual	33%
Not sure	24%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	12%
Republicans in Congress	44%
Both equally	41%
Neither	2%
Not sure	2%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	40%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	3%
Not sure	16%
I would not vote	6%

46. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	64%	30%	4%	2%
Immigration	43%	36%	15%	6%
The environment	47%	32%	14%	7%
Terrorism	59%	27%	10%	5%
Gay rights	23%	27%	23%	27%
Education	56%	32%	10%	2%
Health care	69%	26%	4%	1%
Social security	65%	26%	7%	3%
The budget deficit	40%	40%	15%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	30%	42%	21%	8%
Taxes	54%	35%	9%	3%
Medicare	61%	28%	8%	3%
Abortion	35%	31%	22%	12%
Foreign policy	40%	44%	12%	4%
Gun control	44%	28%	18%	10%
International trade and globalization	31%	48%	17%	4%
Use of military force	44%	39%	13%	4%

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

The economy	10%
Immigration	7%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	17%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	2%

48. 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	23%	18%	10%	43%	6%
Mike Pence	24%	17%	13%	30%	16%
Paul Ryan	6%	23%	19%	32%	20%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	17%	29%	33%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	20%	15%	35%	20%
Chuck Schumer	9%	19%	11%	27%	34%

49. 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%	25%	19%	31%	10%
The Republican Party	12%	24%	19%	35%	10%

50. Is the Democratic Party...

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

51. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	38%
About right	23%
Not conservative enough	15%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	8%

53. 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%	17%	11%	31%	26%
The budget deficit	15%	21%	13%	29%	22%
Civil rights	15%	18%	11%	34%	21%
The economy	21%	21%	13%	29%	16%
Education	15%	21%	10%	34%	20%
The environment	15%	18%	11%	39%	17%
Foreign policy	20%	19%	13%	33%	14%
Gay rights	12%	16%	12%	28%	32%
Gun control	21%	18%	10%	30%	21%
Health care	16%	21%	12%	39%	12%
Immigration	27%	15%	10%	38%	10%
Medicare	13%	20%	13%	33%	22%
Social security	12%	19%	12%	29%	27%
Taxes	20%	18%	12%	32%	19%
Terrorism	28%	19%	11%	29%	14%
Veterans	23%	19%	11%	24%	22%
Women's rights	16%	17%	11%	35%	22%

54. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	17%
Not sure	29%

55. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	48%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	37%
Not sure	14%

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

Like a lot	20%
Like somewhat	23%
Dislike	46%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	20%
Some	18%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	40%
Not sure	7%

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

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	33%

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

Honest and trustworthy	32%
Not honest and trustworthy	51%
Not sure	18%

60. 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	53%
Not sure	11%

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

Has enough experience	33%
Does not have enough experience	54%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes	32%
No	55%
Not sure	13%

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

Very likely	31%
Fairly likely	28%
Fairly unlikely	15%
Very unlikely	8%
Not sure	17%

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

Appropriate	26%
Inappropriate	55%
Not sure	19%

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

Optimistic	39%
Pessimistic	45%
Not sure	15%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	13%

67. 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	12%	24%	21%	31%	12%
Republicans in Congress	9%	21%	22%	38%	11%

68. 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	18%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	31%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	33%

71. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	25%

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

Getting better	29%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	25%
Not sure	13%

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

Higher	30%
About the same	25%
Lower	22%
Not sure	24%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	24%
Not sure	10%

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

More jobs	34%
The same amount of jobs	28%
Fewer jobs	20%
Not sure	18%

76. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	57%

77. 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.	36%
Not very hard	27%
Not sure	10%

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

Very happy	23%
Happy	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	4%

79. 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	27%
Only now and then	17%
Hardly at all	6%
Don’t know	6%

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

Liberal	23%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	13%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very Conservative	11%
Not sure	13%

82. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	75%
Not registered	25%

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

Yes	56%
No	44%

84. 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%

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

Democrat	32%
Republican	26%
Independent	30%
Other	3%
Not sure	10%

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

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	7%

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+	20%

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

HS or less	40%
Some college	32%
College grad	19%
Postgrad	9%

90. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Single	34%
Domestic partnership	3%

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

Yes	25%
No	75%

92. U.S. Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	20%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	21%

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

City	35%
Suburb	32%
Town	14%
Rural area	20%
Other	0%

94. 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	14%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	6%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	51%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	9%
Prefer not to say	15%

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	2%
Family member	7%
I served previously	11%
Family served previously	38%
None	47%

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

Yes, I am	7%
Yes, household member is	8%
No	85%

98. How important is religion in your life?

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

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	14%
Seldom	23%
Never	29%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

101. 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	15%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	8%
Seldom	14%
Never	16%
Don't know	4%

102. What is your present religion, if any?

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

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 6 - 9, 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 6, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.69.
Number of respondents	1500 1287 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.