

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted May 13 - 16, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	31%
Off on the wrong track	55%
Not sure	14%

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

We're all in it together	16%
It's everyone for themselves	65%
Not sure	18%

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	25%
About the same as today	18%
Less respected than today	47%
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	26%
About the same as today	30%
Less safe from terrorism than today	31%
Not sure	13%

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	16%
Somewhat pessimistic	26%
Very pessimistic	38%
Not sure	15%

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	3%	13%	36%	27%	21%
China	6%	32%	27%	10%	24%
Mexico	15%	38%	22%	6%	20%
United Kingdom	56%	22%	3%	3%	17%
France	38%	35%	7%	2%	18%
Germany	34%	34%	7%	3%	21%
Italy	31%	42%	4%	2%	22%
Israel	36%	26%	9%	6%	22%
Egypt	7%	33%	19%	5%	35%
Iraq	4%	14%	29%	30%	23%
Iran	1%	6%	27%	42%	23%
Saudi Arabia	8%	25%	24%	15%	29%
North Korea	1%	3%	12%	69%	15%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	33%	29%	9%	8%	20%
Japan	36%	32%	6%	4%	22%
Canada	54%	29%	4%	1%	13%
Australia	45%	33%	3%	1%	18%
India	12%	46%	9%	4%	30%
Taiwan	14%	38%	8%	3%	36%
Palestine	3%	13%	29%	19%	36%
Syria	3%	6%	28%	38%	25%
Turkey	7%	27%	24%	7%	36%

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	13%	30%	20%	13%	24%
Mexico	5%	22%	33%	17%	23%
China	6%	32%	22%	14%	25%
Israel	34%	22%	8%	9%	27%
Australia	27%	38%	6%	4%	25%
Germany	21%	36%	11%	5%	28%
Syria	2%	7%	21%	44%	27%
North Korea	2%	5%	11%	63%	19%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	22%	31%	10%	11%	26%
Canada	33%	35%	7%	4%	21%
Turkey	5%	26%	20%	11%	38%

8. How concerned are you that your computer could be shut down or damaged by viruses or other hacker attacks?

Very concerned	25%
Fairly concerned	23%
Somewhat concerned	37%
Not at all concerned	15%

9. Compared to the average person's computer, do you think your computer is more or less safe from hacking?

More safe from hacking	24%
Less safe from hacking	14%
About the same as the average person	52%
Not sure	11%

10. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Wikileaks?

Very favorable	7%
Somewhat favorable	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	21%
Very unfavorable	15%
Don't know	34%

11. 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.	20%	34%	30%	16%
Millions of illegal votes were cast in the election.	10%	33%	29%	27%
Russia tampered with vote tallies in order to get Donald Trump elected President.	11%	24%	38%	27%

12. 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	58%	25%	17%
Russian hacking of campaign emails before the election	60%	24%	16%

13. When it comes to 2016 presidential election, which one do you believe was the biggest problem?

Voter fraud	23%
Voter suppression	18%
Outside interference	31%
Not sure	29%

14. 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)	10%	22%	43%	15%	10%
The FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)	11%	24%	41%	16%	9%
The military	27%	31%	27%	11%	5%
The police	14%	27%	34%	17%	9%
The criminal justice system	5%	13%	41%	28%	13%
The church (organized religion)	11%	18%	33%	20%	18%
The medical system	7%	21%	43%	20%	8%
The public schools	6%	20%	42%	22%	10%
The President	15%	13%	24%	16%	32%
The Congress	3%	5%	35%	35%	22%
The U.S. Supreme Court	9%	22%	41%	17%	11%
Television News	5%	12%	35%	29%	19%
Internet News	3%	9%	36%	36%	15%
Newspapers	7%	15%	37%	25%	17%
Wall Street	2%	8%	35%	34%	21%
Big business	4%	10%	39%	31%	16%
Small business	13%	36%	36%	10%	5%
Public opinion polls	5%	12%	43%	27%	13%

15. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of James Comey?

Very favorable	6%
Somewhat favorable	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	23%
Very unfavorable	13%
Don't know	37%

16. Would you say James Comey is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	13%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	50%

17. Did you agree or disagree with the decision of FBI Director Jim Comey to recommend that Hillary Clinton should not face any criminal charges for using a personal email server while she was the Secretary of State?

Agree strongly	23%
Agree somewhat	17%
Disagree somewhat	13%
Disagree strongly	27%
Not sure	21%

18. Did you agree or disagree with the decision of FBI Director Jim Comey to inform Congress last October shortly before the election that it was reviewing additional emails related to Hillary Clinton's personal server?

Agree strongly	16%
Agree somewhat	23%
Disagree somewhat	15%
Disagree strongly	22%
Not sure	24%

19. Do you think James Comey's actions during the election favored Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump more?

Hillary Clinton	15%
Donald Trump	36%
Neither one	25%
Not sure	23%

20. How much have you heard about Donald Trump firing James Comey as the Director of the FBI?

Heard a lot	48%
Heard a little	39%
Heard nothing at all	12%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump firing James Comey?

Approve strongly	20%
Approve somewhat	14%
Disapprove somewhat	13%
Disapprove strongly	27%
Not sure	26%

22. Do you think Donald Trump’s decision to fire James Comey was well thought out or hasty?

Well thought out	28%
Hasty	46%
Not sure	26%

23. How important a factor do you think the following were to the firing of James Comey?

	Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor	Not sure
The Clinton email server investigation	31%	24%	26%	20%
The investigation into Russian contacts with the Trump campaign	49%	19%	13%	19%
Comey’s alleged refusal to give personal loyalty to President Trump	49%	17%	13%	21%
Allegations of poor morale among FBI agents due to Comey’s leadership	23%	24%	29%	23%

24. 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	27%
Not sure	22%

25. Do you think a Congressional investigation into Trump Administration members' contacts with Russian government officials before the Inauguration would be...

A serious attempt to find out what really happened	32%
A politically-motivated attempt to embarrass Donald Trump	24%
Equally-motivated by both of these	23%
Not sure	21%

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

I have always had health insurance	36%
At some point, I have not had health insurance	53%
Not sure	11%

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

Works pretty well and requires only minor changes	19%
Needs fundamental changes	38%
Needs to be completely rebuilt	33%
Not sure	10%

28. 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.	71%
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.	29%

29. Donald Trump and many Republicans in Congress promised to repeal and replace Obamacare. Do you think they should...

- Repeal Obamacare now and not replace it with anything 13%
- Repeal Obamacare now and replace it with something else later 20%
- Repeal Obamacare later when they have a replacement plan 67%

30. How likely are Donald Trump and Congress to Repeal Obamacare?

- Definitely will happen 18%
- Probably will happen 48%
- Unlikely to happen 26%
- Will never happen 8%

31. When do you think Congress will repeal Obamacare?

- In the next two months 8%
- Before the end of 2017 32%
- Before the end of 2018 26%
- Later than the end of 2018 16%
- Never 17%

32. 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 22%
- Somewhat closely 39%
- Not very closely 24%
- Not following it at all 15%

33. 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	10%
Support somewhat	21%
Oppose somewhat	14%
Oppose strongly	33%
Not sure	23%

34. 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	33%
Not sure	20%

35. Which of the following would you prefer:

Adopting the health care reform plan proposed by President Trump and the Republicans in Congress	29%
No change in the current health care system	38%
Not sure	33%

36. 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	41%	15%	16%	28%
Costs you more	24%	30%	19%	27%
Provides you with more benefits	35%	17%	20%	29%
Does a better job of letting you choose your doctor	25%	23%	20%	32%
Does a better job of reducing healthcare costs for middle-class families	34%	24%	14%	27%
Does a better job of protecting Medicare	39%	17%	15%	29%
Costs taxpayers less money	23%	28%	16%	33%

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

The government making decisions about medical coverage and treatment	17%
Insurance companies making decisions about medical coverage and treatment	18%
Both equally	58%
Neither	8%

38. Setting aside how you feel about the policies of the Trump administration, all in all, do you think the administration has been competent and effective in managing the federal government, or not?

Yes, it has	30%
No, it has not	45%
Not sure	24%

39. 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	27%
Less than usual	35%
Not sure	27%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	15%
Republicans in Congress	45%
Both equally	37%
Neither	2%
Not sure	2%

41. 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	33%
Other	3%
Not sure	16%
I would not vote	8%

42. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	65%	27%	5%	3%
Immigration	41%	35%	19%	6%
The environment	44%	34%	14%	8%
Terrorism	57%	28%	10%	5%
Gay rights	20%	25%	23%	32%
Education	58%	29%	10%	3%
Health care	70%	22%	4%	3%
Social security	65%	24%	7%	4%
The budget deficit	41%	39%	13%	6%
The war in Afghanistan	28%	43%	20%	9%
Taxes	51%	37%	9%	4%
Medicare	59%	27%	11%	3%
Abortion	34%	29%	21%	15%
Foreign policy	40%	40%	13%	6%
Gun control	41%	31%	16%	13%
International trade and globalization	29%	45%	19%	7%
Use of military force	45%	36%	13%	6%

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

The economy	14%
Immigration	6%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	16%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	6%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	2%

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	22%	18%	10%	44%	7%
Mike Pence	22%	17%	11%	30%	19%
Paul Ryan	5%	22%	20%	32%	22%
Mitch McConnell	3%	17%	16%	30%	32%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	18%	14%	33%	25%
Chuck Schumer	9%	18%	12%	27%	34%

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	14%	25%	18%	31%	12%
The Republican Party	10%	22%	18%	39%	11%

46. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	25%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	24%

47. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	39%
About right	20%
Not conservative enough	16%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	10%

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	15%	15%	9%	29%	33%
The budget deficit	16%	18%	11%	27%	27%
Civil rights	17%	17%	10%	31%	26%
The economy	22%	19%	11%	27%	21%
Education	17%	17%	11%	31%	24%
The environment	14%	16%	10%	36%	23%
Foreign policy	19%	18%	12%	30%	21%
Gay rights	11%	13%	9%	27%	40%
Gun control	21%	15%	10%	27%	28%
Health care	16%	17%	13%	37%	16%
Immigration	25%	16%	10%	35%	14%
Medicare	15%	16%	14%	31%	25%
Social security	15%	16%	12%	27%	30%
Taxes	19%	19%	10%	29%	23%
Terrorism	26%	17%	10%	25%	21%
Veterans	22%	16%	11%	22%	29%
Women's rights	16%	15%	10%	33%	26%

50. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	18%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	16%
Not sure	32%

51. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	48%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	35%
Not sure	17%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	21%
Dislike	46%
Not sure	14%

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

A lot	19%
Some	17%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	40%
Not sure	12%

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

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	33%

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

Honest and trustworthy	29%
Not honest and trustworthy	49%
Not sure	21%

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

Qualified to be president	35%
Not qualified to be president	51%
Not sure	14%

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

Has enough experience	30%
Does not have enough experience	55%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	33%
No	52%
Not sure	16%

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

Very likely	27%
Fairly likely	32%
Fairly unlikely	15%
Very unlikely	7%
Not sure	19%

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

Appropriate	23%
Inappropriate	57%
Not sure	20%

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

Optimistic	35%
Pessimistic	44%
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	17%

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	11%	24%	19%	31%	15%
Republicans in Congress	8%	19%	19%	39%	15%

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	5%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	28%

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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	33%

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	8%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	35%

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	9%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	29%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	23%
Not sure	17%

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

Higher	27%
About the same	27%
Lower	19%
Not sure	26%

70. 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	51%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	22%
Not sure	10%

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

More jobs	31%
The same amount of jobs	33%
Fewer jobs	17%
Not sure	19%

72. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	61%

73. 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.	28%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	36%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	11%

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

Very happy	22%
Happy	39%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	5%

75. 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	30%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	9%
Don’t know	6%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	22%
Very Conservative	9%
Not sure	15%

78. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

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

Yes	56%
No	44%

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

Hillary Clinton	26%
Donald Trump	25%
Gary Johnson	2%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	46%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	24%
Independent	28%
Other	3%
Not sure	13%

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

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	21%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	13%
Not sure	9%

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	19%
Postgrad	9%

86. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	4%
Single	35%
Domestic partnership	3%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

88. U.S. Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

City	32%
Suburb	31%
Town	16%
Rural area	20%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	37%
Part-time employed	12%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	9%
Retired	21%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	9%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	54%
\$50-100K	23%
\$100K or more	12%
Prefer not to say	12%

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	7%
I served previously	11%
Family served previously	37%
None	49%

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

Yes, I am	8%
Yes, household member is	9%
No	84%

94. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	23%
Not too important	15%
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	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	16%
Seldom	21%
Never	29%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

97. 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	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	19%
Don't know	5%

98. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	34%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	5%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 13 - 16, 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 6.4, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.76.
Number of respondents	1500 1298 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.