

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted February 18 - 22, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	33%
Off on the wrong track	51%
Not sure	16%

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

We're all in it together	20%
It's everyone for themselves	60%
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	42%
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	32%
About the same as today	23%
Less safe from terrorism than today	31%
Not sure	14%

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	3%	13%	34%	24%	26%
China	4%	25%	33%	12%	26%
Mexico	15%	38%	20%	5%	23%
United Kingdom	55%	23%	3%	1%	18%
France	39%	35%	5%	2%	19%
Germany	35%	33%	6%	2%	24%
Italy	30%	45%	3%	1%	21%
Israel	38%	26%	7%	5%	23%
Egypt	7%	34%	20%	4%	34%
Iraq	3%	12%	33%	30%	23%
Iran	1%	4%	27%	46%	22%
Saudi Arabia	6%	28%	25%	13%	28%
North Korea	2%	4%	16%	59%	19%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	29%	29%	10%	9%	23%
Japan	36%	32%	6%	3%	22%
Canada	50%	33%	2%	1%	14%
Australia	45%	34%	2%	1%	18%
India	9%	49%	9%	3%	30%
Taiwan	12%	42%	7%	3%	36%
Palestine	3%	13%	29%	19%	36%

6. Are you confident or uneasy about Donald Trump’s ability to handle Russia?

Confident	34%
Uneasy	49%
Not sure	16%

7. Do you think Donald Trump considers Russia to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

Ally	8%
Friendly	42%
Unfriendly	15%
Enemy	7%
Not sure	29%

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	31%
Somewhat likely	22%
Not very likely	14%
Very unlikely	10%
Not sure	22%

9. Was that contact between members of the Trump campaign and the Russian government appropriate or not appropriate?

Asked of respondents who believe the Trump campaign was likely to discuss US policy with Russian officials

Appropriate	27%
Not appropriate	73%

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

	Should	Should not
Trump Administration members' contacts with Russian government officials before the Inauguration	63%	37%
Russian hacking of campaign emails before the election	67%	33%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Reince Priebus	10%	14%	13%	18%	45%
Jeff Sessions	16%	12%	10%	24%	38%
Steve Bannon	10%	12%	8%	29%	41%
Kellyanne Conway	15%	13%	9%	28%	35%
Betsy DeVos	10%	14%	9%	29%	37%

12. Which of the following is a more accurate description of Trump's White House?

In chaos	49%
Running like a finely-tuned machine	24%
Not sure	26%

13. Do you think the Affordable Care Act should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded	31%
Kept the same	14%
Repealed	39%
Not sure	17%

14. From all that you know now, has the Affordable Care Act been a complete success, a complete failure, or something in between?

A complete success	4%
More of a success than a failure	26%
Equal amount of both failure and success	16%
More of a failure than a success	20%
A complete failure	19%
Too early to tell	4%
Not sure	11%

15. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid)

Covered by health insurance	78%
Not covered by health insurance	13%
Don't know	9%

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

I have always had health insurance	37%
At some point, I have not had health insurance	53%
Not sure	10%

17. Do you think that the proportion of persons without insurance has increased or decreased over the past five years?

Increased	32%
Stayed the same	28%
Decreased	40%

18. 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	11%
Repeal Obamacare now and replace it with something else later	20%
Repeal Obamacare later when they have a replacement plan	69%

19. If the Republican Congress replaces Obamacare, should the replacement plan make sure anyone covered today continues to receive coverage?

Yes	73%
No	9%
Not sure	18%

20. If the Republican Congress replaces Obamacare, would you favor or oppose these provisions in a new bill...

	Favor	Oppose
Requiring all U.S. citizens and legal residents to have health insurance, or pay a tax penalty	34%	66%
Requiring employers to offer their employees health insurance, or pay a tax penalty	63%	37%
Requiring health plans to provide coverage for children up to age 26	72%	28%
Preventing insurers from charging more to cover people who are in poor health	75%	25%
Preventing insurers from imposing lifetime limits on benefits	72%	28%
Requiring all insurance policies to provide a minimum package of benefits	81%	19%
Providing a subsidy to help people with incomes of between \$22,000 and \$44,000 per year (for a family of 4) afford insurance	80%	20%
Providing tax credits instead of direct subsidies to people buying health insurance plans	61%	39%
Reducing the amount of money the Federal Government gives states to provide insurance through Medicaid	33%	67%

21. When the media challenges Donald Trump about whether things he and his Administration say are correct, or not correct, do you feel...

Trump and the Administration usually turn out to be right on the facts 31%
 The media usually turns out to be right on the facts 39%
 Not sure 30%

22. How often do you think mainstream media outlets report something that could be described as "fake news"?

Most of the time 27%
 Sometimes 31%
 Rarely 25%
 Never 8%
 Not sure 10%

23. Do you consider the media to be a friend or an enemy of the American people?

Ally 17%
 Friendly 23%
 Unfriendly 24%
 Enemy 18%
 Not sure 19%

24. Do you consider the following media to be a friend or an enemy of the American people?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
ABC	17%	33%	20%	11%	19%
NBC	18%	31%	19%	13%	19%
CBS	17%	33%	20%	11%	19%
CNN	18%	26%	17%	19%	20%
The New York Times	19%	25%	19%	16%	22%
Fox News	14%	33%	17%	16%	20%

25. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	22%	2%	2%
Immigration	52%	33%	10%	5%
The environment	53%	31%	12%	4%
Terrorism	64%	25%	7%	4%
Gay rights	24%	26%	23%	27%
Education	64%	26%	7%	3%
Health care	71%	23%	4%	2%
Social security	68%	24%	5%	2%
The budget deficit	49%	36%	11%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	33%	41%	19%	7%
Taxes	56%	36%	6%	2%
Medicare	63%	27%	7%	3%
Abortion	40%	30%	19%	11%
Foreign policy	49%	37%	10%	4%
Gun control	46%	29%	14%	11%
International trade and globalization	36%	46%	13%	5%
Use of military force	47%	39%	10%	3%

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

The economy	16%
Immigration	7%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	2%
Education	10%
Health care	11%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	3%

27. 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	27%	16%	10%	40%	8%
Mike Pence	27%	17%	12%	26%	18%
Paul Ryan	11%	23%	18%	24%	25%
Mitch McConnell	4%	18%	17%	28%	32%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	18%	14%	34%	25%
Chuck Schumer	9%	17%	13%	24%	38%

28. 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	17%	24%	18%	29%	12%
The Republican Party	13%	24%	18%	31%	14%

29. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	27%
Not liberal enough	11%
Not sure	23%

30. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	35%
About right	24%
Not conservative enough	17%
Not sure	24%

31. 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	37%
Not sure	11%

32. 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	18%	17%	10%	28%	27%
The budget deficit	18%	18%	10%	23%	31%
Civil rights	19%	18%	9%	31%	22%
The economy	26%	19%	10%	26%	20%
Education	19%	18%	9%	31%	23%
The environment	16%	16%	8%	34%	25%
Foreign policy	21%	18%	10%	33%	18%
Gay rights	12%	14%	12%	24%	37%
Gun control	22%	16%	9%	25%	28%
Health care	22%	19%	10%	30%	18%
Immigration	31%	13%	9%	35%	11%
Medicare	18%	16%	11%	25%	30%
Social security	17%	18%	9%	22%	33%
Taxes	21%	19%	10%	26%	25%
Terrorism	28%	15%	9%	29%	19%
Veterans	27%	16%	9%	21%	27%
Women's rights	19%	15%	10%	31%	25%

33. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	16%
Not sure	32%

34. Do you think Donald Trump...

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

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

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

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

A lot	24%
Some	17%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	39%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	29%
Somewhat strong	24%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	30%

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

Honest and trustworthy	34%
Not honest and trustworthy	49%
Not sure	18%

39. 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	12%

40. 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	53%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	33%
No	52%
Not sure	15%

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

Very likely	28%
Fairly likely	23%
Fairly unlikely	18%
Very unlikely	11%
Not sure	20%

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

Appropriate	24%
Inappropriate	55%
Not sure	21%

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

Optimistic	41%
Pessimistic	40%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	15%

46. 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%	23%	18%	29%	17%
Republicans in Congress	9%	24%	16%	33%	17%

47. 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	10%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	27%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	32%

49. 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	13%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	37%

50. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	29%

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

More than usual	31%
About the same	27%
Less than usual	22%
Not sure	20%

52. 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	48%
Both equally	36%
Neither	6%
Not sure	5%

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

Getting better	28%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	21%
Not sure	16%

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

Higher	31%
About the same	22%
Lower	21%
Not sure	26%

55. 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	21%
Not sure	9%

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

More jobs	36%
The same amount of jobs	28%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	19%

57. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	62%

58. 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.	37%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	11%

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

Very happy	26%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	2%

60. 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	28%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	7%
Don’t know	7%

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

Liberal	22%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	13%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	20%
Very Conservative	12%
Not sure	15%

63. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	69%
Not registered	31%

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

Yes	55%
No	45%

65. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	25%
Independent	28%
Other	3%
Not sure	12%

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

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	8%

68. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	14%
No	55%
Not sure	31%

69. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	31%
No	36%
Not sure	33%

70. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

71. Respondent age by category

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

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

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

73. What is your marital status?

Married	47%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Single	29%
Domestic partnership	5%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

75. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

City	35%
Suburb	31%
Town	14%
Rural area	20%
Other	0%

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

Full-time employed	37%
Part-time employed	13%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	11%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	8%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	53%
\$50-100K	24%
\$100K or more	9%
Prefer not to say	14%

79. 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	12%
Family served previously	39%
None	46%

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

Yes, I am	7%
Yes, household member is	9%
No	85%

81. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	42%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	18%

82. 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	8%
A few times a year	16%
Seldom	21%
Never	26%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

84. 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	16%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	13%
Never	16%
Don't know	5%

85. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	35%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	4%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	18%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 18 - 22, 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 5.7, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.62.
Number of respondents	1500 1198 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	44 questions not reported.