

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted April 10 - 11, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	53%
Not sure	15%

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	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	28%
About the same as today	19%
Less respected than today	43%
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	28%
Less safe from terrorism than today	35%
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	4%
Somewhat optimistic	17%
Somewhat pessimistic	28%
Very pessimistic	38%
Not sure	14%

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
Russian Federation	3%	11%	35%	27%	24%
China	5%	32%	30%	8%	25%
Mexico	16%	42%	20%	4%	18%
United Kingdom	58%	24%	2%	1%	16%
France	42%	35%	5%	2%	16%
Germany	39%	36%	5%	3%	18%
Italy	35%	43%	3%	1%	17%
Israel	41%	25%	8%	4%	22%
Egypt	9%	39%	18%	4%	30%
Iraq	2%	18%	30%	27%	23%
Iran	2%	6%	28%	46%	19%
Saudi Arabia	9%	32%	21%	12%	26%
North Korea	2%	4%	13%	65%	16%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	37%	28%	7%	9%	19%
Japan	39%	33%	6%	3%	19%
Canada	58%	27%	2%	1%	12%
Australia	48%	34%	3%	1%	15%
India	14%	50%	8%	2%	26%
Taiwan	14%	44%	7%	2%	32%
Palestine	3%	15%	32%	17%	34%
Syria	2%	6%	26%	46%	19%

7. 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	11%	29%	22%	13%	26%
Mexico	7%	25%	30%	17%	21%
China	5%	26%	28%	17%	25%
Israel	36%	24%	8%	7%	24%
Australia	30%	36%	7%	4%	23%
Germany	22%	37%	12%	5%	24%
Syria	2%	6%	19%	50%	22%

8. How serious a threat do you think the following groups or countries pose to the United States?

	An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	A minor threat to the U.S.	Not a threat to the U.S.	Not sure
Iran	29%	30%	18%	7%	16%
ISIS	57%	20%	10%	2%	11%
Russia	25%	35%	18%	6%	16%
Syria	27%	28%	20%	11%	15%
China	9%	29%	28%	15%	19%

9. In today's world, does the United States have a responsibility to intervene militarily in trouble spots around the globe, or is this not a responsibility of the United States?

Has responsibility to intervene	37%
Has no responsibility to intervene	34%
Not sure	29%

10. Do you support or oppose...

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
Sending weapons to moderate groups to fight ISIS	44%	29%	27%
U.S. air strikes in Iraq and Syria against ISIS	59%	22%	19%
Sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS	38%	38%	23%

11. Do you favor or oppose cooperating with Syria in order to fight ISIS?

Favor strongly	6%
Favor somewhat	29%
Oppose somewhat	19%
Oppose strongly	20%
Not sure	26%

12. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Bashir al-Assad?

Very favorable	2%
Somewhat favorable	4%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	52%
Don't know	29%

13. Do you favor or oppose cooperating with Russia in order to fight ISIS?

Favor strongly	12%
Favor somewhat	38%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	12%
Not sure	23%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	27%
Very unfavorable	35%
Don't know	19%

15. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Syria between government forces and anti-government rebels, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

Has responsibility	28%
Does not have responsibility	42%
Not sure	30%

16. How much have you heard about the use of chemical weapons in the fighting between government forces and rebels in Syria?

Heard a lot	49%
Heard a little	39%
Heard nothing at all	12%

17. Do you support or oppose President Trump's decision to order military airstrikes against a Syrian air force base in response to a chemical weapons attack against civilians?

Support strongly	30%
Support somewhat	24%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	16%
Not sure	14%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling the situation in Syria?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	22%
No opinion	17%

19. Do you favor or oppose the following actions?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Reinstating the use of waterboarding and other enhanced interrogation techniques against people suspected of terrorism	32%	42%	26%
Reducing the number of refugees the US accepts to 50,000	45%	31%	25%
Stopping admitting Syrian refugees entirely	36%	42%	23%
Stopping admitting ALL refugees to the U.S. for four months	38%	42%	19%
A 90-day ban on people entering the US from Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen	49%	34%	17%

20. Do you think the United States should or should not accept Syrian refugees who are Christian?

Should accept Christian Syrian refugees	70%
Should not accept Christian Syrian refugees	30%

21. Do you think the United States should or should not accept Syrian refugees who are Muslim?

Should accept Muslim Syrian refugees52%
 Should not accept Muslim Syrian refugees48%

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
Steve Bannon	7%	14%	11%	31%	37%
Kellyanne Conway	14%	13%	11%	31%	30%
Jeff Sessions	16%	13%	9%	28%	34%
Rex Tillerson	14%	14%	13%	19%	40%
Ivanka Trump	24%	20%	19%	19%	17%
Jared Kushner	11%	16%	16%	18%	39%
Sean Spicer	13%	15%	13%	26%	34%

23. How much have you heard about Steve Bannon being removed from the National Security Council?

A lot27%
 A little44%
 Nothing at all28%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of Steve Bannon being removed from the National Security Council?

Strongly approve31%
 Somewhat approve17%
 Somewhat disapprove8%
 Strongly disapprove3%
 Not sure41%

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

Expanded	36%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	34%
Not sure	14%

26. How closely have you been following the news about Republican plans to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare?

Very closely	34%
Somewhat closely	35%
Not very closely	21%
Not following it at all	10%

27. How likely do you think it is that Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives will pass legislation this year to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare?

Will definitely happen (100% likely)	4%
Very likely (greater than 75%)	12%
Somewhat likely (greater than 50%)	16%
Even chance (exactly 50%)	17%
Somewhat unlikely (less than 50%)	15%
Very unlikely (less than 25%)	15%
Definitely will not happen (0% likely)	7%
Not sure	14%

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

Very favorable	10%
Somewhat favorable	42%
Somewhat unfavorable	22%
Very unfavorable	7%
Don't know	19%

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

A lot	49%
A little	30%
Nothing at all	21%

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

Very favorable	24%
Somewhat favorable	14%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	14%
Don't know	32%

31. Would you say Neil Gorsuch is...

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	11%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	22%
Not sure	31%

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. Senate confirming Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States?

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	27%

33. The filibuster is a procedure in the U.S. Senate in which legislation or presidential appointments can be blocked unless sixty senators out of 100 vote to end the filibuster. In general, do you think the filibuster rule in the U.S. Senate is a good thing or a bad thing?

Good idea	40%
Bad idea	27%
Not sure	33%

34. Last week, Democrats launched a filibuster to prevent the U.S. Senate from confirming Judge Gorsuch. In response, Republicans changed Senate rules to eliminate the filibuster for all presidential appointments, but maintaining the filibuster for considering legislation. Do you approve or disapprove of the Senate eliminating the filibuster for presidential appointments?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	24%

35. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not eliminate the filibuster entirely?

Should eliminate filibuster entirely	22%
Should keep filibuster for legislation	46%
Not sure	32%

36. 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	10%
About the same	30%
Less than usual	33%
Not sure	27%

37. 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	46%
Both equally	37%
Neither	2%
Not sure	1%

38. 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	37%
Other	2%
Not sure	15%
I would not vote	6%

39. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	69%	25%	4%	3%
Immigration	49%	34%	12%	4%
The environment	50%	31%	12%	6%
Terrorism	64%	25%	7%	3%
Gay rights	25%	27%	23%	25%
Education	63%	28%	7%	2%
Health care	73%	22%	4%	1%
Social security	66%	26%	5%	3%
The budget deficit	48%	35%	13%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	30%	42%	22%	6%
Taxes	54%	35%	9%	2%
Medicare	64%	26%	7%	2%
Abortion	40%	31%	18%	11%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	10%	3%
Gun control	45%	28%	15%	12%
International trade and globalization	32%	49%	14%	5%
Use of military force	48%	38%	11%	4%

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

The economy	15%
Immigration	7%
The environment	9%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	1%
Education	7%
Health care	15%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	2%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	3%

41. 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	25%	16%	12%	42%	5%
Mike Pence	26%	15%	14%	28%	17%
Paul Ryan	8%	19%	23%	30%	21%
Mitch McConnell	5%	19%	17%	29%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	21%	14%	33%	22%
Chuck Schumer	9%	17%	14%	27%	33%

42. 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%	25%	20%	31%	11%
The Republican Party	14%	22%	20%	34%	11%

43. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	26%
Not liberal enough	14%
Not sure	21%

44. Is the Republican Party...

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

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

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	10%

46. 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%	15%	12%	29%	28%
The budget deficit	19%	19%	13%	26%	24%
Civil rights	18%	17%	12%	31%	23%
The economy	23%	20%	13%	26%	17%
Education	17%	17%	13%	31%	22%
The environment	17%	16%	11%	37%	19%
Foreign policy	21%	18%	15%	30%	17%
Gay rights	13%	15%	13%	26%	33%
Gun control	21%	16%	12%	25%	25%
Health care	16%	20%	16%	35%	13%
Immigration	26%	15%	11%	36%	12%
Medicare	14%	18%	14%	27%	26%
Social security	15%	17%	13%	25%	30%
Taxes	18%	19%	13%	28%	23%
Terrorism	27%	19%	12%	27%	17%
Veterans	24%	18%	11%	20%	26%
Women's rights	18%	16%	9%	33%	24%

47. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	15%
Not sure	29%

48. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	47%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	40%
Not sure	14%

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

Like a lot	20%
Like somewhat	23%
Dislike	47%
Not sure	10%

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

A lot	20%
Some	19%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	40%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	26%
Somewhat strong	24%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	32%

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

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

53. 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	51%
Not sure	11%

54. 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	54%
Not sure	13%

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

Yes	32%
No	54%
Not sure	14%

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

Very likely	33%
Fairly likely	29%
Fairly unlikely	15%
Very unlikely	7%
Not sure	16%

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

Appropriate	24%
Inappropriate	60%
Not sure	17%

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

Optimistic	37%
Pessimistic	46%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	14%

60. 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%	24%	21%	31%	14%
Republicans in Congress	10%	22%	20%	35%	13%

61. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	25%

62. 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	14%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	30%

63. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	32%

64. 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	21%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	26%

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

Getting better	26%
About the same	34%
Getting worse	26%
Not sure	14%

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

Higher	29%
About the same	23%
Lower	22%
Not sure	26%

67. 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	54%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	22%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	34%
The same amount of jobs	27%
Fewer jobs	20%
Not sure	18%

69. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	26%
Not very worried	65%

70. 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.	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	36%
Not very hard	24%
Not sure	10%

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

Very happy	25%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	4%

72. 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	45%
Some of the time	29%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	8%
Don’t know	4%

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

Liberal	27%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	32%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	17%
Very Conservative	15%
Not sure	14%

75. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	76%
Not registered	24%

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

Yes	56%
No	44%

77. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	25%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	12%

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

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	14%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	8%

80. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

81. Respondent age by category

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

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

HS or less	39%
Some college	33%
College grad	19%
Postgrad	9%

83. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Single	31%
Domestic partnership	3%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

85. U.S. Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	19%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	21%

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

City	34%
Suburb	34%
Town	12%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	36%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	10%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	12%
Homemaker	8%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	52%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	10%
Prefer not to say	13%

89. 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	11%
Family served previously	39%
None	47%

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

Yes, I am	6%
Yes, household member is	9%
No	85%

91. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	20%

92. 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	7%
A few times a year	16%
Seldom	20%
Never	29%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

94. 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	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	19%
Don't know	4%

95. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	36%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	6%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 10 - 11, 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 0.1 to 6.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.77.
Number of respondents	1500 1330 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	43 questions not reported.