

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1451 US Adults
 Conducted November 28 - 29, 2016
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 25%
 Off on the wrong track 58%
 Not sure 18%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly Approve 19%
 Somewhat Approve 26%
 Somewhat Disapprove 13%
 Strongly Disapprove 27%
 Not Sure 16%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Betsy DeVos	5%	13%	9%	14%	58%
Rudy Giuliani	18%	22%	11%	25%	24%
Nikki Haley	10%	20%	14%	9%	48%
Mike Pompeo	6%	13%	10%	13%	59%
Mitt Romney	9%	30%	24%	18%	19%

4. Federal law prohibits federal officials, including the President, from hiring a relative to serve as a subordinate. Do you think the law should be changed and that presidents should be allowed to appoint close family members to administration jobs, or not?

Law should be changed	14%
Law should not be changed	69%
Not sure	18%

5. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	30%

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

Very strong	27%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	25%

7. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	49%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	35%
Not sure	16%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	45%
Not sure	10%

9. Would you use the words below to describe Donald Trump?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Hard worker	59%	28%	14%
Successful	69%	20%	10%
Dangerous	48%	36%	16%
Corrupt	40%	40%	20%
Patriotic	52%	32%	16%
Tough	61%	26%	13%
Smart	59%	28%	13%
Compassionate	28%	54%	18%
Racist	48%	37%	15%
Consistent	32%	50%	18%

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

Optimistic	43%
Pessimistic	37%
Not sure	19%

11. How good a President do you think Donald Trump will be?

Excellent	17%
Good	24%
Fair	22%
Poor	37%

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

A lot	19%
Some	25%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	34%
Not sure	7%

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

Yes	35%
No	47%
Not sure	18%

14. How qualified is Donald Trump to be President?

Very qualified	19%
Somewhat qualified	23%
Slightly qualified	15%
Not qualified	44%

15. About how many of Donald Trump's campaign promises do you think he will be able to keep?

All of them	4%
Most of them	22%
Some of them	33%
Hardly any of them	30%
Not sure	11%

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

Maintained consistent domestic policy positions	22%
Made significant changes to his domestic policy plans	34%
Not sure	43%

17. Do you expect that the country will be better off or worse off in four years?

Better off	34%
Worse off	37%
About the same	15%
Not sure	15%

18. Do you expect that you will be better off or worse off in four years?

Better off	33%
Worse off	25%
About the same	27%
Not sure	16%

19. Do you consider Cuba to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

Ally of U.S.	3%
Friendly	25%
Unfriendly	30%
Enemy of the U.S.	12%
Not sure	30%

20. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Fidel Castro?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	23%
Very unfavorable	46%
Don't know	21%

21. Would you say Fidel Castro was a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	40%
Somewhat strong	39%
Somewhat weak	10%
Very weak	11%

22. Do you think that people in Cuba have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the United States?

Very favorable	9%
Somewhat favorable	35%
Somewhat unfavorable	23%
Very unfavorable	8%
Don't know	25%

23. Do you favor or oppose having the United States re-establish diplomatic relations with Cuba?

Favor	53%
Oppose	17%
Not sure	31%

24. Should U.S. citizens be allowed to travel to Cuba?

Yes, they should be allowed to travel without restrictions.	56%
Yes, but only if they travel as part of religious, cultural, or academic groups.	13%
No, they should not be allowed to travel to Cuba.	9%
Not sure	22%

25. Currently, there is an embargo on U.S. trade with Cuba. Should Americans be allowed to buy products from Cuba?

Yes	56%
No	18%
Not sure	26%

26. Should Americans be allowed to send money to Cuban citizens who are not members of the Castro government or the Communist Party?

Yes	51%
No	20%
Not sure	29%

27. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	21%	4%	2%
Immigration	48%	36%	13%	4%
The environment	48%	33%	12%	6%
Terrorism	63%	24%	9%	3%
Gay rights	25%	26%	24%	25%
Education	63%	27%	8%	3%
Health care	74%	19%	5%	2%
Social security	68%	22%	6%	3%
The budget deficit	49%	35%	13%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	37%	39%	17%	7%
Taxes	58%	32%	8%	2%
Medicare	63%	27%	7%	3%
Abortion	38%	30%	20%	11%
Foreign policy	46%	39%	11%	3%
Gun control	49%	27%	16%	9%
International trade and globalization	35%	46%	15%	5%
Use of military force	43%	42%	12%	3%

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

The economy	17%
Immigration	9%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	11%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	5%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	3%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Barack Obama	36%	20%	11%	30%	3%
Donald Trump	20%	24%	10%	40%	6%
Joe Biden	27%	23%	17%	17%	16%
Mike Pence	23%	20%	10%	25%	21%
Paul Ryan	8%	24%	22%	20%	26%
Mitch McConnell	3%	14%	20%	25%	38%
Nancy Pelosi	6%	20%	14%	30%	29%
Harry Reid	6%	15%	14%	26%	39%
Chuck Schumer	6%	18%	11%	16%	48%

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
Howard Dean	6%	15%	13%	17%	48%
Keith Ellison	6%	11%	7%	11%	65%
Tim Ryan	5%	15%	12%	8%	59%
Bernie Sanders	30%	25%	16%	17%	13%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	14%	10%	22%	38%

31. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	37%
About right	28%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	22%

32. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	35%
About right	26%
Not conservative enough	15%
Not sure	24%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Strongly Approve	28%
Somewhat Approve	23%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%
Strongly Disapprove	28%
Not Sure	8%

34. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	30%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	16%

35. Would you say Barack Obama is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	25%
Somewhat strong	31%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	24%

36. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	48%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	41%
Not sure	12%

37. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

Like a lot	40%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	25%
Not sure	10%

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Abortion	22%	20%	12%	23%	23%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	23%	22%	26%	16%
The budget deficit	17%	22%	16%	29%	17%
The economy	23%	23%	14%	28%	12%
Education	23%	25%	16%	21%	15%
The environment	25%	25%	14%	21%	15%
Foreign policy	20%	23%	15%	27%	15%
Gay rights	27%	20%	9%	24%	20%
Gun control	17%	22%	17%	29%	15%
Health care	24%	20%	14%	32%	10%
Immigration	19%	22%	14%	32%	13%
Medicare	22%	23%	16%	23%	16%
Social security	21%	23%	16%	21%	19%
Taxes	18%	23%	16%	26%	17%
Terrorism	20%	22%	16%	28%	14%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	21%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	16%

40. 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%	26%	17%
Republicans in Congress	8%	20%	23%	32%	17%

41. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	29%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	37%

43. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Harry Reid is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	39%

44. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	33%

45. Do you think Nancy Pelosi has done a good enough job and remain as the Minority Leader in the U.S. House of Representatives or should someone else become the leader of Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives?

Nancy Pelosi should remain as Minority Leader	17%
Democrats should choose someone else	44%
Not sure	39%

46. 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	5%
About the same	28%
Less than usual	42%
Not sure	25%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	11%
Republicans in Congress	45%
Both equally	41%
Neither	2%
Not sure	1%

48. Do you think the next Congress will accomplish more or less than this Congress has?

Next Congress will accomplish more	33%
About the same	26%
Next Congress will accomplish less	13%
Not sure	28%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	27%
Not sure	16%

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

Higher	28%
About the same	25%
Lower	21%
Not sure	26%

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

Better off financially	16%
About the same as now	48%
Worse off financially	24%
Not sure	11%

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

More jobs	29%
The same amount of jobs	33%
Fewer jobs	19%
Not sure	19%

53. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	57%

54. 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.	34%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	19%
Not sure	10%

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

Very happy	24%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	5%

56. 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	29%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%
Don’t know	5%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	30%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very Conservative	10%
Not sure	13%

59. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

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

Yes	56%
No	44%

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

Hillary Clinton	26%
Donald Trump	26%
Gary Johnson	1%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	45%

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

Democrat	37%
Republican	27%
Independent	32%
Other	3%

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

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	13%
Not sure	8%

64. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	17%
No	51%
Not sure	32%

65. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	34%
No	36%
Not sure	29%

66. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

67. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	26%
45-64	33%
65+	20%

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

HS or less	40%
Some college	32%
College grad	18%
Postgrad	10%

69. What is your marital status?

Married	47%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	5%
Single	28%
Domestic partnership	5%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

71. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

City	35%
Suburb	31%
Town	14%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	34%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	12%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	9%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	55%
\$50-100K	22%
\$100K or more	11%
Prefer not to say	13%

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	2%
Family member	7%
I served previously	11%
Family served previously	35%
None	51%

76. 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%

77. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	28%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	20%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	15%
Seldom	19%
Never	27%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

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

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	16%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	8%
Seldom	13%
Never	16%
Don't know	5%

81. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	34%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	5%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	6%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 28 - 29, 2016
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, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.69.
Number of respondents	1451 1257 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	25 questions not reported.