

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted December 17 - 19, 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. Do you consider the countries listed below to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Canada	55%	31%	3%	1%	11%
China	7%	33%	28%	9%	24%
Germany	34%	32%	8%	3%	22%
Iran	2%	6%	30%	41%	20%
Israel	38%	25%	10%	4%	23%
Japan	40%	31%	5%	4%	20%
North Korea	2%	3%	12%	69%	14%
South Korea	40%	29%	6%	7%	18%
Mexico	20%	38%	19%	3%	20%
Russia	5%	14%	35%	24%	22%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Canada	33%	35%	6%	5%	21%
China	7%	31%	23%	13%	27%
Germany	20%	31%	15%	7%	27%
Iran	3%	6%	15%	52%	24%
Israel	43%	21%	5%	9%	23%
Japan	30%	31%	7%	7%	25%
North Korea	2%	4%	9%	69%	16%
South Korea	31%	30%	6%	11%	23%
Mexico	9%	25%	28%	17%	21%
Russia	18%	33%	18%	10%	22%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
John Kelly	12%	18%	13%	10%	47%
James Mattis	17%	16%	13%	7%	47%
Rex Tillerson	12%	18%	16%	12%	42%

5. How likely do you think it is that...

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not likely at all	Not sure
The Democrats will win a majority of seats in the U.S. Senate in 2018	17%	32%	21%	10%	19%
The Democrats will win a majority of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018	16%	30%	24%	11%	19%
Donald Trump will not win reelection in 2020	34%	19%	13%	17%	17%
Donald Trump will not run for reelection in 2020	16%	18%	22%	24%	20%
Donald Trump will leave office before the next presidential election	14%	18%	23%	29%	16%

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

Favor	37%
Oppose	46%
Not sure	17%

7. Do you support or oppose, DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which is a policy that grants temporary legal status to "dreamers", otherwise law-abiding children and young adults who were brought into the United States at a very young age by parents who are illegal immigrants?

Support strongly	31%
Support somewhat	23%
Oppose somewhat	13%
Oppose strongly	15%
Not sure	18%

8. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who...

Compromises to get things done.	66%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	34%

9. If you had to choose, would you rather have a President who...

Compromises to get things done.	66%
Sticks to his principles, no matter what.	34%

10. How much have you heard or read about the possibility of a shutdown of the federal government if Congress fails to pass legislation funding the federal government?

A lot	20%
A little	52%
Nothing at all	27%

11. Do you think that you would be personally affected by a shutdown of the federal government?

Definitely yes	11%
Probably yes	19%
Hard to say	34%
Probably no	24%
Definitely no	12%

12. If President Trump and Congress do not reach a budget agreement in time to avoid a shutdown of the federal government, who do you think will be most to blame?

Democrats in Congress	28%
Republicans in Congress	26%
President Trump	20%
Not sure	26%

13. How likely is it that Congress will...?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Not sure
Pass immigration reform legislation	12%	31%	23%	15%	20%
Repeal the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)	16%	30%	24%	12%	18%
Pass legislation that will help create jobs	20%	27%	19%	18%	16%
Pass tax reform legislation	32%	36%	9%	5%	18%
Pass gun control legislation	7%	15%	21%	39%	17%
Restore health insurance subsidies	6%	20%	25%	22%	26%

14. How closely are you following the news about the Republican tax plan being debated in Congress?

Very closely	22%
Somewhat closely	37%
Not very closely	25%
Not following at all	16%

15. From what you know about it now, do you support or oppose the Republican tax plan being debated in Congress?

Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	28%
No opinion	26%

16. From what you know about it now do you think the Republican tax plan being debated in Congress will cut taxes for everyone?

Yes, the tax plan will cut taxes for everyone	19%
No, the tax plan will not cut taxes for everyone	53%
Not sure	28%

17. Do you favor or oppose cutting tax rates for everyone?

Favor strongly	22%
Favor somewhat	28%
Oppose somewhat	17%
Oppose strongly	13%
Not sure	20%

18. When you file your taxes, do you itemize deductions or do you take the standard deduction?

Itemize deductions	28%
Standard deduction	42%
Not sure	18%
Prefer not to say	12%

19. Do you support or oppose reducing the corporate income tax from 35% to 21%?

Support strongly	19%
Support somewhat	16%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	25%
Not sure	23%

20. Do you support or oppose reducing the home mortgage interest cap from \$1,000,000 to \$750,000?

Support strongly	16%
Support somewhat	27%
Oppose somewhat	13%
Oppose strongly	10%
Not sure	33%

21. Do you support or oppose increasing the child tax credit from \$1000 per child under age 17 to \$2000 per child under age 17?

Support strongly	32%
Support somewhat	32%
Oppose somewhat	8%
Oppose strongly	7%
Not sure	21%

22. Do you support or oppose changing the personal income tax brackets from (10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33%, 35%, 39.6%) to (10%, 12%, 22%, 24%, 32%, 35%, 37%)?

Support strongly	17%
Support somewhat	27%
Oppose somewhat	13%
Oppose strongly	10%
Not sure	33%

23. Do you support or oppose eliminating the deduction for interest on home equity loans?

Support strongly	9%
Support somewhat	16%
Oppose somewhat	20%
Oppose strongly	23%
Not sure	32%

24. Do you support or oppose limiting the deduction for state and local income or property taxes to \$10,000?

Support strongly	11%
Support somewhat	19%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	19%
Not sure	36%

25. Do you favor or oppose eliminating the financial penalty for people who don't have health insurance, also known as the individual mandate?

Favor strongly	36%
Favor somewhat	17%
Oppose somewhat	12%
Oppose strongly	16%
Not sure	19%

26. From what you know about it now, do you think you will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	25%
Pay about the same	31%
Pay less	16%
Not sure	28%

27. From what you know about it now, do you think most Americans will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	29%
Pay about the same	21%
Pay less	24%
Not sure	26%

28. From what you know about it now, do you think most wealthy people will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	7%
Pay about the same	19%
Pay less	55%
Not sure	19%

29. From what you know about it now, do you think Donald Trump will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	6%
Pay about the same	18%
Pay less	53%
Not sure	23%

30. How serious of a problem do you think sexual harassment is in the United States?

Very serious	38%
Somewhat serious	34%
Not very serious	13%
Not at all serious	4%
Not sure	11%

31. What percentage of women in the U.S. would you guess say they have been sexually harassed?

Minimum	0
Maximum	100
Mean	49
Standard deviation	29

32. Would you say you have ever been sexually harassed?

Yes, I have	32%
No, I have not	55%
Prefer not to say	7%
Don't know	6%

33. On ANY occasion when you were sexually harassed, did you ever report it to someone?

Asked of those who have ever been sexually harassed

Yes	30%
No	64%
Prefer not to say	6%

34. On ANY occasion when you were sexually harassed, did you ever NOT report it to someone?

Asked of those who have ever been sexually harassed

Yes	72%
No	21%
Prefer not to say	8%

35. Which do you think is the bigger problem?

Sexual assaults that go unreported or unpunished	57%
False accusations of sexual assault	43%

36. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	65%	28%	5%	2%
Immigration	44%	36%	15%	6%
The environment	47%	33%	14%	7%
Terrorism	58%	26%	11%	5%
Gay rights	24%	25%	22%	28%
Education	61%	26%	10%	3%
Health care	68%	23%	5%	3%
Social security	66%	25%	5%	3%
The budget deficit	41%	40%	13%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	28%	42%	22%	8%
Taxes	54%	37%	7%	2%
Medicare	60%	28%	8%	4%
Abortion	35%	30%	21%	13%
Foreign policy	40%	41%	14%	4%
Gun control	45%	27%	18%	11%
International trade and globalization	29%	46%	17%	7%
Use of military force	41%	39%	15%	5%

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

The economy	15%
Immigration	5%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	8%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	16%
Social security	17%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	6%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	3%

38. 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	24%	16%	10%	44%	7%
Mike Pence	24%	16%	11%	31%	18%
Paul Ryan	6%	23%	19%	30%	22%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	21%	33%	29%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	20%	15%	34%	22%
Chuck Schumer	9%	18%	13%	27%	33%

39. 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%	24%	20%	30%	13%
The Republican Party	9%	23%	19%	36%	13%

40. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	41%
About right	25%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	22%

41. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	39%
About right	18%
Not conservative enough	19%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	10%

43. 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%	14%	12%	31%	28%
Budget deficit	14%	20%	14%	32%	20%
Civil rights	18%	17%	11%	36%	18%
Economy	25%	16%	14%	28%	17%
Education	16%	20%	11%	33%	20%
Environment	17%	16%	10%	38%	18%
Foreign policy	20%	17%	12%	35%	17%
Gay rights	14%	14%	11%	33%	28%
Gun control	21%	16%	11%	32%	20%
Health care	18%	19%	12%	37%	14%
Immigration	23%	16%	12%	37%	13%
Medicare	14%	18%	14%	33%	21%
Social security	15%	18%	13%	31%	24%
Taxes	21%	16%	12%	35%	15%
Terrorism	25%	17%	13%	28%	17%
Veterans	24%	20%	11%	25%	20%
Women's rights	18%	16%	10%	35%	21%

44. Which of these words would you use to describe Donald Trump, and which of these words would you definitely not use to describe Donald Trump? (Please check all that apply.)

	Positive	Negative	No Opinion
Honest	20%	44%	37%
Intelligent	28%	35%	37%
Religious	11%	31%	58%
Inspiring	17%	40%	43%
Patriotic	31%	23%	46%
Strong	29%	23%	47%
Bold	41%	13%	46%
Experienced	15%	42%	43%
Sincere	19%	41%	39%
Partisan	17%	17%	65%
Effective	23%	33%	44%
Exciting	16%	26%	59%
Steady	16%	30%	54%
Hypocritical	44%	17%	39%
Arrogant	62%	9%	29%

45. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	2%
Moderate	17%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	15%
Not sure	33%

46. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	50%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	34%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	19%
Some	17%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	42%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	36%

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

Honest and trustworthy	31%
Not honest and trustworthy	53%
Not sure	16%

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

Yes	32%
No	54%
Not sure	14%

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

Very likely	27%
Fairly likely	29%
Fairly unlikely	18%
Very unlikely	9%
Not sure	17%

52. 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	19%

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

Optimistic	34%
Pessimistic	45%
Not sure	20%

54. Do you want Donald Trump to run for re-election in 2020?

Yes	30%
No	54%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	16%

56. 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	13%	22%	21%	31%	14%
Republicans in Congress	6%	21%	22%	37%	14%

57. 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	23%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	25%

58. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	27%

59. 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	14%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	33%

60. 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	15%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	26%

61. 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	9%
About the same	27%
Less than usual	40%
Not sure	24%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	13%
Republicans in Congress	47%
Both equally	37%
Neither	3%
Not sure	1%

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

Getting better	31%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	21%
Not sure	15%

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

Higher	29%
About the same	25%
Lower	17%
Not sure	28%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	19%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	22%
Not sure	10%

66. Is the place where you live owned or rented?

Owned by you or your family	62%
Rented from someone else	36%
Other	2%

67. Do you have a mortgage?

Asked of those who own the place where they live

Yes	45%
No	55%

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

More jobs	31%
The same amount of jobs	34%
Fewer jobs	16%
Not sure	18%

69. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	26%
Not very worried	62%

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.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	36%
Not very hard	23%
Not sure	12%

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

Very happy	23%
Happy	35%
Neither happy nor unhappy	30%
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	43%
Some of the time	25%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	8%

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

Liberal	24%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	15%

75. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	67%
Not registered	33%

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

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	44%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	3%
Not sure	15%
I would not vote	4%

77. If Donald Trump runs for re-election in 2020, would that make you more or less likely to vote the Republican Congressional candidate in the district where you live, or would it have no effect on how you vote?

Asked of registered voters

More likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate	24%
Less likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate	26%
Have no effect on your vote choice	42%
Not sure	8%

78. Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters

Yes, I voted the Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	36%
Yes, I voted the Republican Presidential primary or caucus	35%
No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	22%
I don't remember	7%

79. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus

Hillary Clinton	66%
Martin O'Malley	3%
Bernie Sanders	28%
Someone else	2%

80. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus

Donald Trump	58%
Someone else	42%

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

Asked of registered voters

Yes	56%
No	44%

82. 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%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	25%
Independent	30%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%

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

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	14%
Not sure	8%

85. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential election?

Asked of registered voters old enough to vote in 2012

Barack Obama	27%
Mitt Romney	25%
Other candidate	1%
I did not vote	47%

86. What is your gender?

Male	49%
Female	51%

87. Respondent age by category

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

88. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	69%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	6%

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

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

90. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	25%
No	75%

92. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	19%
Midwest	21%
South	41%
West	19%

93. Which of the following best describes the place where you live?

A large city	20%
A suburb near a large city	33%
A small city or town	28%
A rural area	18%

94. Overall, how would you rate your city or town as a place to live?

Excellent	14%
Very good	32%
Good	36%
Only fair	13%
Poor	6%

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

Full-time employed	38%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	10%
Retired	21%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	8%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	14%
Prefer not to say	16%

97. 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.

Military Household - I am	2%
Military Household - Family	8%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	37%
Military Household - None	48%

98. 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%

99. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	6%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	23%
Never	31%
Don't know	5%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

102. 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	9%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	16%
Never	19%
Don't know	5%

103. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	32%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	6%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 17 - 19, 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, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.172 to 5.021, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.688.
Number of respondents	1500 1291 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.8% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	25 questions not reported.