

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted August 6 - 8, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	16%

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

We're all in it together	13%
It's everyone for themselves	68%
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	22%
About the same as today	21%
Less respected than today	45%
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	25%
About the same as today	32%
Less safe from terrorism than today	30%
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	4%
Somewhat optimistic	18%
Somewhat pessimistic	28%
Very pessimistic	35%
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	2%	13%	32%	29%	24%
China	6%	32%	28%	10%	25%
Mexico	15%	40%	20%	6%	19%
United Kingdom	53%	24%	3%	2%	18%
France	39%	36%	5%	2%	18%
Germany	34%	32%	7%	3%	24%
Italy	32%	42%	3%	2%	21%
Israel	38%	25%	10%	5%	22%
Egypt	7%	35%	20%	5%	33%
Iraq	3%	14%	30%	27%	25%
Iran	1%	6%	28%	41%	24%
Saudi Arabia	7%	28%	22%	13%	30%
North Korea	1%	4%	12%	68%	15%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	32%	30%	8%	9%	21%
Japan	36%	32%	7%	3%	22%
Canada	51%	31%	3%	2%	14%
Australia	44%	35%	2%	2%	17%
India	13%	47%	8%	3%	30%
Taiwan	16%	38%	7%	3%	36%
Palestine	4%	14%	28%	19%	35%
Syria	2%	8%	29%	36%	26%
Turkey	7%	27%	22%	8%	35%

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	14%	31%	18%	12%	25%
Mexico	6%	27%	28%	17%	23%
China	5%	26%	25%	15%	28%
Israel	35%	23%	8%	10%	25%
Australia	26%	35%	8%	5%	26%
Germany	17%	35%	13%	7%	28%
Syria	2%	7%	24%	38%	29%
North Korea	1%	5%	10%	65%	19%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	23%	33%	8%	10%	27%
Canada	33%	35%	6%	5%	21%
Turkey	7%	25%	19%	11%	38%
Saudi Arabia	13%	27%	15%	13%	31%

8. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	28%
Equally positive and negative	33%
Mostly negative	16%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	23%

9. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	11%
The unemployment rate and job reports	33%
The prices of goods and services you buy	26%
Your personal finances	13%
Don't know	18%

10. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 5%	26%
Between 5% and 6%	17%
Between 6% and 7%	13%
Between 7% and 8%	10%
Greater than 8%	11%
Not sure	22%

11. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	11%
Stayed the same	28%
Decreased	39%
Don't know	22%

12. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	25%
Somewhat serious	40%
A minor problem	21%
Not a problem	5%
Not sure	9%

13. How serious a problem is unemployment in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	18%
Somewhat serious	29%
A minor problem	28%
Not a problem	11%
Not sure	13%

14. How good of a job do you think the national unemployment rate explains the actual health of the national economy?

Very good	5%
Good	23%
Fair	33%
Poor	15%
Very poor	7%
Don't know	17%

15. In your opinion, has the United States recovered from the financial crisis of 2008?

Has recovered	30%
Has yet to recover	44%
Will never recover	7%
Not sure	19%

16. Is the number of jobs today higher or lower than the number of jobs in the US before the Great Recession of 2008?

Higher now	37%
The same	19%
Lower now	20%
Not sure	25%

17. Should the federal government encourage employment through various incentives, laws and regulations or should the federal government not be directly involved?

Federal government should encourage employment	53%
Federal government should not be directly involved	25%
Not sure	22%

18. Is increasing the number of jobs something a president can do a lot about, or is that beyond any president's control?

Yes, the President can do a lot	51%
No, it is beyond the President's control	28%
Don't know	21%

19. Which President do you think deserves more of the credit for the low unemployment numbers released last week?

President Obama	36%
President Trump	32%
Neither one	18%
Not sure	14%

20. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
Donald Trump is a successful business man	36%	19%	13%	9%	18%	6%
Donald Trump is an excellent negotiator	19%	18%	15%	12%	28%	9%
Donald Trump hires the best people	12%	18%	16%	12%	34%	8%
Donald Trump can get people to do what he wants	12%	27%	22%	13%	19%	7%
Donald Trump fires people who need to be fired	19%	18%	17%	12%	24%	10%
Donald Trump understands important issues in detail	14%	16%	16%	12%	36%	7%
Donald Trump cares about people like you	16%	16%	12%	10%	40%	6%
Donald Trump is an excellent father	20%	14%	22%	8%	20%	17%

21. 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	6%	12%	11%	29%	42%
John Kelly	13%	19%	10%	7%	50%
Jeff Sessions	12%	14%	17%	21%	36%
Robert Mueller	16%	17%	11%	12%	44%
Stephen Miller	5%	11%	10%	16%	58%

22. How well do you feel you understand the issues relating to the Trump administration's relationship with Russia?

Very well	19%
Fairly well	36%
Not very well	24%
Not at all	7%
Not sure	14%

23. How concerned are you about improper relations between the Trump administration and Russia?

Very concerned	32%
Somewhat concerned	21%
Not very concerned	16%
Not concerned at all	19%
Not sure	12%

24. Do you think Donald Trump himself did anything improper in his dealings with Russian officials before the Inauguration?

Yes	40%
No	36%
Not sure	24%

25. Do you think Donald Trump himself did anything illegal in his dealings with Russian officials before the Inauguration?

Yes	36%
No	38%
Not sure	26%

26. Do you think the FBI investigation into Trump Administration members' contacts with Russian government officials before the Inauguration is...

A serious attempt to find out what really happened	38%
A politically-motivated attempt to embarrass Donald Trump	31%
Equally-motivated by both of these	14%
Not sure	17%

27. Do you agree or disagree with Jeff Sessions' decision to recuse himself from any investigation of Russian influence on the election in 2016?

Strongly agree	24%
Somewhat agree	18%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	10%
Not sure	36%

28. Do you think Jeff Sessions should or should not resign as the U.S. Attorney General?

Should resign	24%
Should not resign	33%
Not sure	44%

29. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not fire Jeff Sessions?

Should fire Jeff Sessions	15%
Should not fire Jeff Sessions	39%
Not sure	46%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the Department of Justice appointing a special counsel to oversee the investigation of Russian influence on the 2016 election?

Approve strongly	32%
Approve somewhat	18%
Disapprove somewhat	13%
Disapprove strongly	15%
Not sure	22%

31. Do you think Donald Trump has or has not attempted to influence the FBI investigation of Russian influence on the 2016 election?

Has attempted to influence the investigation	44%
Has not attempted to influence the investigation	31%
Not sure	25%

32. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not fire Robert Mueller, the special counsel assigned to oversee the investigation of Russian influence on the 2016 election?

Should fire Robert Mueller	14%
Should not fire Robert Mueller	44%
Not sure	42%

33. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in the U.S. as a whole?

Very serious	31%
Somewhat serious	28%
A minor problem	25%
Not a problem	8%
Not sure	8%

34. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	12%
Somewhat serious	21%
A minor problem	26%
Not a problem	24%
Not sure	16%

35. 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%

36. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.?

They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and apply for citizenship.	52%
They should be allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens.	13%
They should be required to leave the U.S.	35%

37. If you had to choose, what do you think should happen to illegal immigrants?

They should be given a chance to keep their jobs and eventually apply for legal status.	55%
They should be deported back to their native country.	32%
Not sure	13%

38. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease the level of LEGAL immigration into the United States, or leave the level the same?

Increase <u>LEGAL</u> immigration	23%
Decrease <u>LEGAL</u> immigration	27%
Not change the level of <u>LEGAL</u> immigration	32%
Not sure	19%

39. Do you support or oppose reducing LEGAL immigration by 50%?

Support strongly	19%
Support somewhat	18%
Oppose somewhat	18%
Oppose strongly	24%
Not sur	21%

40. Do you think the government should give a higher priority to accepting immigration applications from the following types of people?

	Should give higher priority	Should not give higher priority	Not sure
People who already speak English	42%	33%	25%
People who have a close family member already living in the country	45%	31%	24%
People who have a close family member who is already a citizen	50%	29%	21%
People who have enough money to start a new business when they arrive	36%	38%	26%
People who are trying to escape from areas devastated by war	51%	25%	25%
People who are trying to escape from areas with poor economies	29%	41%	30%

41. On the base of the Statue of Liberty the following words appear: ...Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door! Do you think this message..

	Yes	No	Not sure
Applied in the past	72%	10%	18%
Applies right now in the present	43%	35%	22%
Should apply in the future	55%	20%	25%

42. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	66%	28%	4%	2%
Immigration	42%	38%	16%	4%
The environment	47%	34%	12%	7%
Terrorism	62%	25%	9%	4%
Gay rights	20%	28%	23%	29%
Education	59%	31%	7%	4%
Health care	74%	21%	3%	2%
Social security	68%	25%	5%	2%
The budget deficit	44%	36%	14%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	43%	21%	9%
Taxes	52%	36%	9%	2%
Medicare	66%	25%	7%	3%
Abortion	35%	29%	22%	14%
Foreign policy	42%	42%	11%	5%
Gun control	42%	30%	17%	11%
International trade and globalization	29%	48%	16%	6%
Use of military force	42%	43%	11%	5%

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

The economy	13%
Immigration	6%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	18%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	5%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	3%

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%	9%	43%	8%
Mike Pence	23%	15%	12%	31%	19%
Paul Ryan	6%	21%	18%	31%	24%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	18%	30%	33%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	18%	14%	35%	25%
Chuck Schumer	8%	18%	12%	25%	36%

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%	24%	19%	32%	11%
The Republican Party	10%	23%	20%	36%	12%

46. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	40%
About right	24%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	23%

47. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	36%
About right	22%
Not conservative enough	17%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	11%

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	16%	15%	10%	29%	31%
The budget deficit	17%	18%	13%	26%	26%
Civil rights	15%	19%	11%	33%	23%
The economy	24%	19%	14%	25%	18%
Education	14%	20%	11%	31%	24%
The environment	16%	18%	11%	35%	20%
Foreign policy	18%	20%	13%	32%	18%
Gay rights	13%	17%	10%	31%	29%
Gun control	19%	19%	9%	26%	27%
Health care	15%	18%	14%	40%	13%
Immigration	25%	16%	11%	35%	12%
Medicare	15%	16%	12%	34%	23%
Social security	14%	17%	13%	29%	28%
Taxes	18%	17%	14%	28%	23%
Terrorism	28%	16%	10%	26%	21%
Veterans	25%	20%	11%	21%	23%
Women's rights	17%	17%	11%	32%	23%

50. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	18%
Not sure	33%

51. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	46%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	38%
Not sure	15%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	23%
Dislike	45%
Not sure	13%

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

A lot	19%
Some	18%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	41%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	24%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	35%

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

Honest and trustworthy	31%
Not honest and trustworthy	51%
Not sure	18%

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	50%
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	30%
No	54%
Not sure	16%

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

Very likely	25%
Fairly likely	26%
Fairly unlikely	18%
Very unlikely	9%
Not sure	21%

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

Appropriate	22%
Inappropriate	59%
Not sure	19%

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

Optimistic	36%
Pessimistic	45%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	28%
No	53%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	16%

64. 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%	22%	19%	33%	15%
Republicans in Congress	6%	17%	25%	37%	15%

65. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	28%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	32%

67. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	35%

68. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	29%

69. 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	6%
About the same	22%
Less than usual	48%
Not sure	24%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	14%
Republicans in Congress	37%
Both equally	47%
Neither	2%
Not sure	1%

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

Getting better	30%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	20%
Not sure	15%

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

Higher	26%
About the same	27%
Lower	18%
Not sure	28%

73. 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	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	23%
Not sure	10%

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

More jobs	30%
The same amount of jobs	32%
Fewer jobs	16%
Not sure	21%

75. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	63%

76. 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.	37%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	13%

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

Very happy	26%
Happy	33%
Neither happy nor unhappy	31%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	4%

78. 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	39%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	9%
Don’t know	6%

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

Liberal	24%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	19%
Very Conservative	12%
Not sure	14%

81. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

82. 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	39%
The Republican Party candidate	34%
Other	4%
Not sure	18%
I would not vote	6%

83. 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	25%
Have no effect on your vote choice	37%
Not sure	13%

84. 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	55%
Somemone else	45%

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

Asked of registered voters

Yes	60%
No	40%

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

Hillary Clinton	28%
Donald Trump	26%
Gary Johnson	2%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	42%

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

Democrat	32%
Republican	27%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%

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

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	8%

89. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

90. Respondent age by category

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

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

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

92. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	1%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Single	32%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

94. U.S. Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

City	33%
Suburb	34%
Town	13%
Rural area	20%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	34%
Part-time employed	14%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	11%
Retired	25%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	9%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	53%
\$50-100K	23%
\$100K or more	11%
Prefer not to say	13%

98. 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	1%
Family member	9%
I served previously	11%
Family served previously	36%
None	48%

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

Yes, I am	6%
Yes, household member is	6%
No	89%

100. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	29%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	19%

101. 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	9%
A few times a year	16%
Seldom	22%
Never	26%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

103. 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	11%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	14%
Never	16%
Don't know	4%

104. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	38%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	5%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 6 - 8, 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 0.72.
Number of respondents	1500 1303 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.