

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1300 General Population Respondents
 Conducted August 19 - 23, 2016
 Margin of Error $\pm 4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction 29%
 Off on the wrong track 61%
 Not sure 11%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Hillary Clinton	23%	21%	11%	42%	3%
Donald Trump	17%	18%	13%	49%	4%
Gary Johnson	5%	17%	17%	9%	52%
Jill Stein	4%	14%	17%	13%	52%
Tim Kaine	12%	21%	15%	16%	36%
Mike Pence	15%	20%	14%	20%	31%

3. How do you feel about the presidential candidates listed below?

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied but not enthusiastic	Dissatisfied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	21%	22%	14%	40%	3%
Donald Trump	17%	13%	18%	46%	6%

4. Do you have a good idea of which candidate you'll vote for in the presidential election in November, or are you still making up your mind?

Asked of registered voters

I have a good idea of who I'll vote for	83%
I'm still making up my mind	11%
I don't plan to vote in the election this November	4%
Not sure	2%

5. If the 2016 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, Donald Trump, the Republican, Gary Johnson, the Libertarian, and Jill Stein, from the Green Party, who would you vote for?

Registered voters only

Hillary Clinton	42%
Donald Trump	38%
Gary Johnson	6%
Jill Stein	4%
Someone else	2%
Not sure yet	7%
Probably won't vote	3%

6. Which candidate do you prefer more, Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

Asked of registered voters who would vote for Gary Johnson, Jill Stein, someone else or are not sure yet who they would vote for

Hillary Clinton	29%
Donald Trump	31%
No preference	40%

7. Which candidate do you prefer more, Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

Registered voters

Hillary Clinton	47%
Donald Trump	44%
Someone else / Not sure yet / No preference	7%
Probably won't vote	3%

8. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Hillary Clinton or AGAINST Donald Trump?

Asked of those who would vote for Hillary Clinton

I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Hillary Clinton	63%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Donald Trump	35%
Not sure	2%

9. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Donald Trump or AGAINST Hillary Clinton?

Asked of those who would vote for Donald Trump

I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Donald Trump	60%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Hillary Clinton	39%
Not sure	1%

10. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Gary Johnson, AGAINST Hillary Clinton or AGAINST Donald Trump?

Asked of those who would vote for Gary Johnson

I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Gary Johnson	66%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Hillary Clinton	16%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Donald Trump	15%
Not sure	4%

11. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Jill Stein, AGAINST Hillary Clinton or AGAINST Donald Trump?

Asked of those who would vote for Jill Stein

I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Jill Stein	61%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Hillary Clinton	17%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Donald Trump	19%
Not sure	3%

12. Primary voter motivation

I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Hillary Clinton	29%
I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Donald Trump	26%
I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Gary Johnson	4%
I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Jill Stein	2%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Hillary Clinton	19%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Donald Trump	18%
Not sure	2%

13. Would you consider voting for Hillary Clinton?

Asked of registered voters

I plan on voting for Hillary Clinton	43%
Might consider voting for her	7%
Would never vote for her	47%
Not sure	4%

14. Would you consider voting for Donald Trump?

Asked of registered voters

I plan on voting for Donald Trump	40%
Might consider voting for him	8%
Would never vote for him	50%
Not sure	3%

15. Would you consider voting for Gary Johnson?

Asked of registered voters

I plan on voting for Gary Johnson	6%
Might consider voting for him	25%
Would never vote for him	43%
Not sure	27%

16. Would you consider voting for Jill Stein?

Asked of registered voters

I plan on voting for Jill Stein	4%
Might consider voting for her	20%
Would never vote for her	50%
Not sure	27%

17. How many Democrats do you think will vote for Hillary Clinton in the general election?

All of them	16%
Most of them	50%
Half of them	13%
Some of them	11%
None of them	2%
Not sure	9%

18. How many Republicans do you think will vote for Donald Trump in the general election?

All of them	4%
Most of them	33%
Half of them	22%
Some of them	25%
None of them	4%
Not sure	13%

19. What do you think is the most likely outcome of the presidential election with Hillary Clinton as the Democratic nominee and Donald Trump as the Republican nominee?

Clinton will win in a landslide	24%
Clinton will win narrowly	29%
Trump will win narrowly	19%
Trump will win in a landslide	9%
Not sure	19%

20. Are you better off now than you were eight years ago?

Better off now	30%
Better off eight years ago	36%
No difference	27%
Not sure	7%

21. Compared to eight years ago, has the U.S. become more respected or less respected in the world?

More respected	18%
Less respected	59%
No difference	14%
Not sure	9%

22. How important will the following issues be in your vote for president this year?

Asked of likely voters

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	Not sure
Income inequality	42%	29%	13%	14%	1%
Social Security	68%	26%	4%	1%	1%
Climate change	38%	27%	15%	18%	2%
The minimum wage	36%	33%	17%	13%	1%
Health care	71%	22%	4%	1%	1%
College tuition	26%	39%	19%	15%	1%
Money in politics	46%	33%	12%	6%	3%
Immigration reform	62%	26%	6%	4%	1%
Gun control	56%	20%	11%	12%	1%
Fighting terrorism	71%	22%	4%	1%	1%
Job creation	67%	26%	4%	1%	2%
National security	74%	21%	3%	1%	1%
Free trade agreements	34%	41%	14%	3%	7%
Religious liberty	48%	28%	10%	11%	3%
Wall Street reform	38%	38%	12%	6%	5%
Taxes	58%	35%	4%	2%	1%
Vice-Presidential running mate	28%	40%	19%	9%	4%
Police brutality	43%	30%	15%	11%	1%
Law and order	61%	25%	9%	2%	3%
LGBTQ equality	27%	27%	16%	25%	5%

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

Asked of likely voters

Income inequality	4%
Social Security	14%
Climate change	6%
The minimum wage	1%
Health care	10%
College tuition	1%
Money in politics	3%
Immigration reform	8%
Gun control	6%
Fighting terrorism	12%
Job creation	7%
National security	14%
Free trade agreements	1%
Religious liberty	4%
Wall Street reform	1%
Taxes	3%
Vice-Presidential running mate	-
Police brutality	1%
Law and order	1%
LGBTQ equality	2%

24. Which is more important: picking a candidate who...

Asked of registered voters

Is honest and trustworthy	33%
Is best prepared to win the general election	3%
Shakes up politics-as-usual	10%
Has policy proposals I agree with	26%
Has the experience to be president	26%
Something else	1%

25. How much does a presidential candidate’s ability to manage his or her campaign affect your view of that candidate?

A great deal	35%
A moderate amount	42%
Not much	16%
Not at all	7%

26. Do you think the following presidential candidates are running well managed or poorly run campaigns?

	Well managed	Poorly run	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	56%	24%	19%
Donald Trump	24%	57%	19%

27. Which candidate do you think is older?

Hillary Clinton	30%
Donald Trump	41%
Not sure	28%

28. Regardless of your overall opinion of the candidates, do you think each one is in good enough physical condition to serve effectively as president for the next four years?

	Physical condition is good enough	Physical condition not good enough	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	59%	29%	12%
Donald Trump	65%	16%	18%

29. Regardless of your overall opinion of the candidates listed below, do you feel each one has the qualifications to be president?

	Qualified to be president	Not qualified to be president	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	56%	36%	8%
Donald Trump	29%	62%	9%

30. Do you think the following presidential candidates are ready to be Commander-in-Chief?

	Ready	Not ready	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	50%	41%	9%
Donald Trump	28%	60%	12%

31. Do you think the following presidential candidates are honest and trustworthy, or not?

	Honest and trustworthy	Not honest and trustworthy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	27%	59%	14%
Donald Trump	30%	55%	15%

32. Are you confident or uneasy about the following presidential candidates' ability to deal wisely with terrorism?

	Confident	Uneasy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	41%	50%	9%
Donald Trump	32%	58%	10%

33. Are you confident or uneasy about the following presidential candidates' ability to make the right decisions on tax policy?

	Confident	Uneasy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	42%	48%	11%
Donald Trump	32%	56%	12%

34. Are you confident or uneasy about the following presidential candidates' ability handle the economy?

	Confident	Uneasy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	42%	48%	10%
Donald Trump	38%	52%	11%

35. Would you use the words below to describe Hillary Clinton?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Capable	57%	34%	9%
Hard worker	64%	25%	11%
Successful	71%	22%	7%
Dangerous	45%	46%	8%
Crazy	30%	59%	11%
Corrupt	53%	35%	12%
Evil	38%	53%	10%
Patriotic	53%	33%	14%
Religious	22%	45%	33%
Tough	60%	29%	11%
Smart	74%	18%	8%
Compassionate	47%	40%	13%

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

	Yes	No	Not sure
Capable	43%	46%	11%
Hard worker	59%	30%	11%
Successful	69%	22%	9%
Dangerous	58%	31%	11%
Crazy	56%	34%	10%
Corrupt	43%	38%	18%
Evil	39%	50%	11%
Patriotic	52%	31%	17%
Religious	15%	55%	30%
Tough	67%	24%	9%
Smart	56%	32%	12%
Compassionate	25%	55%	20%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Bill Clinton	28%	23%	17%	27%	6%
Bernie Sanders	28%	29%	15%	17%	10%
Michelle Obama	40%	19%	11%	24%	6%
Melania Trump	17%	22%	21%	19%	22%

38. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	80%	18%	1%	1%
Immigration	53%	34%	10%	3%
The environment	50%	33%	11%	6%
Terrorism	68%	23%	6%	2%
Gay rights	24%	30%	23%	23%
Education	61%	29%	8%	2%
Health care	75%	21%	3%	1%
Social security	72%	21%	5%	2%
The budget deficit	53%	35%	10%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	39%	41%	14%	6%
Taxes	61%	31%	6%	1%
Medicare	67%	24%	6%	3%
Abortion	33%	35%	20%	12%
Foreign policy	52%	38%	8%	2%
Gun control	51%	28%	13%	8%
International trade and globalization	39%	43%	14%	3%
Use of military force	51%	37%	9%	3%

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

The economy	18%
Immigration	8%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	15%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	10%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	2%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	5%

40. 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	34%	18%	9%	35%	3%
Joe Biden	25%	23%	16%	20%	15%
Paul Ryan	5%	26%	24%	20%	25%
Mitch McConnell	2%	13%	18%	30%	37%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	16%	17%	32%	27%
Harry Reid	5%	16%	15%	26%	39%

41. 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	20%	28%	15%	31%	5%
The Republican Party	9%	23%	26%	35%	7%

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

Strongly Approve	25%
Somewhat Approve	27%
Somewhat Disapprove	11%
Strongly Disapprove	34%
Not Sure	3%

43. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	30%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	13%

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

Very strong	25%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	29%

45. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	46%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	43%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	40%
Like somewhat	25%
Dislike	29%
Not sure	6%

47. 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	18%	23%	12%	24%	23%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	27%	19%	30%	11%
The budget deficit	16%	21%	15%	34%	14%
The economy	20%	27%	11%	33%	8%
Education	19%	28%	16%	23%	14%
The environment	20%	29%	13%	23%	15%
Foreign policy	17%	23%	16%	31%	13%
Gay rights	25%	25%	11%	25%	15%
Gun control	16%	24%	16%	34%	10%
Health care	22%	22%	14%	37%	6%
Immigration	17%	23%	15%	35%	9%
Medicare	18%	26%	15%	27%	13%
Social security	17%	27%	12%	28%	16%
Taxes	15%	28%	14%	30%	14%
Terrorism	18%	24%	13%	34%	11%

48. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	9%

49. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the member of the US House of Representatives that represents your Congressional district is handling his or her job?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	16%

50. If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for...

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	44%
The Republican Party candidate	37%
Other	3%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	3%

51. About how often do you vote for the Democratic Party candidate for Congress?

Asked of registered voters

Always	21%
Usually, but not always	19%
About half the time	15%
Sometimes, but not often	23%
Never	23%

52. About how often do you vote for the Republican Party candidate for Congress?

Asked of registered voters

Always	16%
Usually, but not always	20%
About half the time	14%
Sometimes, but not often	23%
Never	27%

53. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Paul Ryan is handling his job as Speaker of the US House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	26%

54. 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	4%
About the same	28%
Less than usual	48%
Not sure	19%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	7%
Republicans in Congress	46%
Both equally	45%
Neither	1%
Not sure	2%

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%	29%	18%	28%	12%
Republicans in Congress	5%	19%	24%	40%	12%

57. Are the two US Senators who represent your state...

Both Democrats	19%
Both Republicans	18%
One is a Democrat and the other is a Republican	19%
One is a Democrat and the other is an Independent	2%
One is a Republican and the other is an Independent	0%
Not sure	41%

58. Is the member of Congress who represents your district a...

Democrat	25%
Republican	33%
Independent	2%
Not sure	39%

59. If the election were being held today and the member of Congress who represents your district was running, would you...

Asked of registered voters

Definitely vote <u>FOR</u> your member of Congress	21%
Probably vote <u>FOR</u> your member of Congress	20%
Probably vote <u>AGAINST</u> your member of Congress	11%
Definitely vote <u>AGAINST</u> your member of Congress	17%
Not sure	31%

60. Would a congressional candidate's endorsement of Donald Trump make you...

Asked of registered voters

More likely to support the candidate for Congress	24%
Less likely to support the candidate for Congress	39%
No difference	38%

61. Would a congressional candidate's endorsement of Donald Trump make you...

Asked of registered voters

More likely to support Trump	16%
Less likely to support Trump	25%
No difference	58%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	30%
Getting worse	41%
Not sure	6%

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

Higher	21%
About the same	28%
Lower	21%
Not sure	30%

64. 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	45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	33%
Not sure	4%

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

More jobs	23%
The same amount of jobs	34%
Fewer jobs	24%
Not sure	18%

66. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	14%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not very worried	58%

67. 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.	38%
Not very hard	23%
Not sure	6%

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

Very happy	21%
Happy	41%
Neither happy nor unhappy	26%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	4%

69. 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	47%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	9%
Don’t know	1%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	39%
Conservative	35%
Not sure	2%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	39%
Conservative	29%
Very Conservative	6%
Not sure	2%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	24%
Independent	40%
Other	3%
Not sure	-

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

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	15%
Independent	14%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	13%
Not sure	4%

74. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	15%
No	55%
Not sure	30%

75. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	35%
No	38%
Not sure	28%

76. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?

Strongly support	8%
Somewhat support	15%
Neither support, nor oppose	21%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	22%

77. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	9%
No	70%
Not Sure	21%

78. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	70%
Not registered	30%

79. Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential primary or caucus in [your state]?

Asked of registered voters

I voted in 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus in [your state]	34%
I voted in 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus in [your state]	32%
I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus in [your state] this year	31%
Don't remember	3%

80. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2016 Presidential election in November?

Definitely will vote	60%
Probably will vote	9%
Maybe will vote	8%
Probably will not vote	7%
Definitely will not vote	14%
Don't know	3%

81. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for...

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	43%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Other	7%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	3%

82. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

83. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	20%
45-64	36%
65+	23%

84. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	69%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

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

HS or less	42%
Some college	33%
College grad	15%
Postgrad	9%

86. What is your marital status?

Married	47%
Separated	2%
Divorced	14%
Widowed	6%
Single	26%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

88. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	37%
West	24%

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

City	33%
Suburb	30%
Town	18%
Rural area	19%
Other	0%

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

Full-time employed	30%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	11%
Retired	29%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	7%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	55%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	9%
Prefer not to say	10%

92. 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	8%
I served previously	13%
Family served previously	38%
None	47%

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

Yes, I am	8%
Yes, household member is	7%
No	86%

94. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	19%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	15%
Seldom	23%
Never	28%
Don't know	1%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

97. 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	17%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	16%
Never	16%
Don't know	3%

98. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	38%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	1%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	4%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	19%
Something else	7%

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 19 - 23, 2016
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
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 using propensity scores based on gender, age, race, education, voter registration, and political ideology. The weights range from 0.1 to 6.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.07.
Number of respondents	1300
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	40 questions not reported.