

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults  
Conducted December 24 - 26, 2017  
Margin of Error  $\pm 3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction ..... 34%  
Off on the wrong track ..... 52%  
Not sure ..... 14%

## 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	49%	35%	3%	1%	13%
China	6%	28%	30%	10%	26%
Germany	33%	34%	8%	3%	22%
Iran	2%	5%	28%	43%	22%
Israel	40%	24%	8%	5%	23%
Japan	39%	35%	6%	2%	19%
North Korea	1%	2%	12%	71%	14%
South Korea	42%	27%	7%	6%	18%
Mexico	16%	41%	18%	4%	21%
Russia	3%	13%	35%	27%	21%

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	31%	37%	8%	4%	20%
China	7%	28%	25%	14%	25%
Germany	18%	33%	15%	6%	27%
Iran	2%	5%	16%	54%	24%
Israel	45%	19%	7%	8%	22%
Japan	30%	33%	7%	6%	25%
North Korea	2%	3%	8%	72%	15%
South Korea	31%	30%	7%	9%	22%
Mexico	7%	25%	30%	16%	21%
Russia	14%	32%	19%	12%	23%

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	11%	17%	13%	11%	47%
James Mattis	19%	15%	12%	8%	47%
Rex Tillerson	13%	19%	14%	13%	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	16%	31%	23%	10%	19%
The Democrats will win a majority of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018	16%	29%	24%	12%	19%
Donald Trump will not win reelection in 2020	34%	16%	15%	15%	19%
Donald Trump will not run for reelection in 2020	17%	17%	20%	26%	20%
Donald Trump will leave office before the next presidential election	12%	19%	21%	31%	17%

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

Favor .....	39%
Oppose .....	45%
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	30%
Support somewhat	22%
Oppose somewhat	14%
Oppose strongly	17%
Not sure	17%

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

Very serious	39%
Somewhat serious	34%
Not very serious	15%
Not at all serious	5%
Not sure	8%

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

Minimum	0
Maximum	100
Mean	51
Standard deviation	28

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

Yes, I have	34%
No, I have not	54%
Prefer not to say	5%
Don't know	7%

11. 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 ..... 29%  
No ..... 68%  
Prefer not to say ..... 4%

12. 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 ..... 71%  
No ..... 23%  
Prefer not to say ..... 6%

13. Which do you think is the bigger problem?

Sexual assaults that go unreported or unpunished ..... 58%  
False accusations of sexual assault ..... 42%

14. Looking back at 2017, how would you describe the year for the world?

A very good year ..... 7%  
A good year ..... 36%  
A bad year ..... 39%  
A very bad year ..... 18%

15. Looking back at 2017, how would you describe the year for you and your family?

A very good year ..... 11%  
A good year ..... 56%  
A bad year ..... 26%  
A very bad year ..... 8%

16. In the last year, has the United States become more respected or less respected in the world?

More respected .....	21%
No change .....	26%
Less respected .....	52%

17. Do you think things are better off or worse off than they were a year ago when it comes to:

	Much better	Somewhat better	No change	Somewhat worse	Much worse	Not sure
The Middle East	6%	13%	27%	22%	17%	14%
The war in Afghanistan	8%	15%	38%	13%	8%	17%
Energy issues	10%	15%	29%	17%	16%	13%
The environment	7%	8%	33%	20%	22%	9%
The economy in your area	11%	23%	38%	10%	6%	12%
Job security	12%	21%	31%	13%	10%	13%
Government spending	5%	12%	25%	21%	22%	15%
Health care coverage	6%	12%	26%	20%	24%	12%
Education	4%	10%	37%	20%	16%	11%
Social Security and Medicare	5%	8%	37%	24%	16%	11%
The U.S. financial system	12%	17%	26%	18%	13%	14%
Wall Street	22%	20%	26%	9%	6%	17%
The national economy	16%	22%	25%	15%	9%	13%

18. Compared to a year ago, do you find politics more or less interesting?

More interesting .....	27%
About the same .....	42%
Less interesting .....	21%
Not sure .....	10%

19. Compared to a year ago, do you think political discussion has become more negative or less negative?

More negative .....	66%
About the same .....	18%
Less negative .....	6%
Not sure .....	10%

20. Compared to a year ago, do you think the US is more or less safe from terrorist attacks now?

Much more safe now .....	6%
Somewhat more safe now .....	14%
About the same .....	37%
Somewhat less safe now .....	18%
Much less safe now .....	16%
Not sure .....	9%

21. Compared to a year ago, do you think your community is more or less safe from terrorist attacks now?

Much more safe now .....	6%
Somewhat more safe now .....	9%
About the same .....	57%
Somewhat less safe now .....	9%
Much less safe now .....	9%
Not sure .....	10%

22. Since taking office, do you think Donald Trump has accomplished...

More than I expected .....	23%
About what I expected .....	34%
Less than I expected .....	29%
Not sure .....	14%

**23. As a President, how do you think Donald Trump will go down in history?**

Outstanding .....	15%
Above Average .....	14%
Average .....	9%
Below Average .....	10%
Poor .....	40%
Not Sure .....	12%

**24. Do you think Donald Trump has done the following things?**

	Yes	No	Not sure
Run an open and transparent administration	32%	50%	18%
Improve the way government works	28%	56%	16%
Set a high moral standard	25%	59%	17%
Use the office to enrich family and friends	46%	36%	18%
Cut taxes	49%	34%	17%
Repeal Obamacare	31%	49%	21%

**25. Do you think the current Congress is better or worse than the previous Congress?**

Better .....	10%
About the same .....	38%
Worse .....	38%
Not sure .....	15%



26. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following universities?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Clemson University	8%	20%	7%	4%	61%
The University of Oklahoma	7%	20%	6%	4%	62%
The University of Georgia	8%	21%	6%	4%	61%
The University of Alabama	8%	17%	9%	5%	60%

27. What is your level of interest in NCAA Division I college football?

This is one of my TOP interests .....	9%
Somewhat interested .....	15%
A little bit interested .....	14%
Not at all interested .....	54%
Don't know .....	9%

28. What is your level of interest in NCAA Division I college football?

Interested .....	37%
Not interested .....	63%

29. Do you think you will watch any of the college football playoff games?

Definitely will .....	14%
Probably will .....	17%
Probably won't .....	14%
Definitely won't .....	45%
Not sure .....	9%

**30. Which team do you want to win the college football national championship?**

Clemson .....	22%
Oklahoma .....	26%
Georgia .....	28%
Alabama .....	25%

**31. How important are the following issues to you?**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	69%	26%	3%	2%
Immigration	47%	36%	13%	4%
The environment	51%	32%	11%	6%
Terrorism	59%	29%	8%	4%
Gay rights	25%	25%	23%	26%
Education	57%	30%	9%	4%
Health care	72%	21%	5%	2%
Social security	66%	27%	5%	3%
The budget deficit	44%	40%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	33%	42%	18%	7%
Taxes	59%	32%	8%	2%
Medicare	61%	30%	6%	2%
Abortion	37%	33%	18%	12%
Foreign policy	44%	40%	13%	3%
Gun control	47%	25%	16%	11%
International trade and globalization	33%	45%	17%	5%
Use of military force	43%	39%	13%	5%

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

The economy .....	13%
Immigration .....	6%
The environment .....	9%
Terrorism .....	10%
Gay rights .....	2%
Education .....	8%
Health care .....	18%
Social security .....	17%
The budget deficit .....	3%
The war in Afghanistan .....	1%
Taxes .....	3%
Medicare .....	4%
Abortion .....	4%
Foreign policy .....	1%
Gun control .....	3%

**33. 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%	13%	9%	46%	7%
Mike Pence	23%	14%	12%	33%	19%
Paul Ryan	6%	24%	14%	34%	22%
Mitch McConnell	3%	17%	17%	33%	29%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	20%	13%	35%	23%
Chuck Schumer	8%	17%	12%	29%	34%

**34. 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	15%	25%	17%	32%	12%
The Republican Party	10%	20%	19%	39%	12%

**35. Is the Democratic Party...**

Too liberal .....	39%
About right .....	25%
Not liberal enough .....	14%
Not sure .....	22%

**36. Is the Republican Party...**

Too conservative .....	37%
About right .....	21%
Not conservative enough .....	19%
Not sure .....	24%

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

Strongly approve .....	22%
Somewhat approve .....	16%
Somewhat disapprove .....	10%
Strongly disapprove .....	42%
Not sure .....	9%

38. 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	14%	18%	10%	29%	28%
Budget deficit	14%	20%	14%	35%	17%
Civil rights	15%	18%	10%	36%	21%
Economy	24%	20%	13%	28%	14%
Education	14%	19%	12%	33%	23%
Environment	16%	17%	11%	37%	18%
Foreign policy	22%	17%	11%	35%	16%
Gay rights	14%	14%	11%	31%	30%
Gun control	22%	16%	9%	33%	21%
Health care	16%	21%	10%	39%	14%
Immigration	25%	16%	9%	38%	12%
Medicare	12%	18%	14%	35%	21%
Social security	13%	18%	12%	34%	23%
Taxes	24%	16%	10%	36%	14%
Terrorism	27%	16%	11%	29%	18%
Veterans	25%	16%	12%	24%	22%
Women's rights	17%	16%	10%	35%	22%

39. 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%	42%	38%
Intelligent	28%	35%	38%
Religious	11%	32%	57%
Inspiring	17%	38%	44%
Patriotic	31%	24%	45%
Strong	34%	24%	42%
Bold	40%	14%	45%
Experienced	14%	40%	45%
Sincere	19%	39%	42%
Partisan	16%	16%	68%
Effective	25%	33%	42%
Exciting	16%	25%	59%
Steady	14%	30%	55%
Hypocritical	44%	17%	40%
Arrogant	61%	11%	28%

40. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	18%
Not sure	31%

41. Do you think Donald Trump...

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

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

A lot .....	20%
Some .....	15%
Not much .....	13%
Doesn't care at all .....	45%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Very strong .....	25%
Somewhat strong .....	20%
Somewhat weak .....	17%
Very weak .....	38%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	32%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	54%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	55%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Very likely .....	27%
Fairly likely .....	30%
Fairly unlikely .....	17%
Very unlikely .....	9%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Appropriate .....	26%
Inappropriate .....	59%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Optimistic .....	36%
Pessimistic .....	46%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Yes .....	30%
No .....	53%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Strongly approve .....	3%
Somewhat approve .....	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	16%
Somewhat disapprove .....	19%
Strongly disapprove .....	38%
Not sure .....	15%



51. 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%	23%	18%	32%	16%
Republicans in Congress	6%	19%	18%	40%	16%

52. 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	24%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	26%

53. 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	16%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	30%

54. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	33%

55. 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 .....	20%
Somewhat disapprove .....	12%
Strongly disapprove .....	33%
Not sure .....	27%

56. 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 .....	12%
About the same .....	25%
Less than usual .....	40%
Not sure .....	23%

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

*Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual*

Democrats in Congress .....	10%
Republicans in Congress .....	55%
Both equally .....	31%
Neither .....	3%
Not sure .....	1%

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

Getting better .....	31%
About the same .....	32%
Getting worse .....	22%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Higher .....	27%
About the same .....	27%
Lower .....	17%
Not sure .....	29%

**60. Would you say that you and your family are...**

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	20%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	51%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	19%
Not sure .....	10%

**61. Is the place where you live owned or rented?**

Owned by you or your family .....	61%
Rented from someone else .....	37%
Other .....	2%

**62. Do you have a mortgage?**

*Asked of those who own the place where they live*

Yes .....	42%
No .....	58%

**63. Six months from now do you think there will be...**

More jobs .....	31%
The same amount of jobs .....	35%
Fewer jobs .....	16%
Not sure .....	18%

64. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	62%

65. 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.	35%
Not very hard	24%
Not sure	12%

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

Very happy	23%
Happy	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	30%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	5%

67. 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	44%
Some of the time	22%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	8%

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

Liberal .....	26%
Moderate .....	30%
Conservative .....	31%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	16%
Moderate .....	30%
Conservative .....	19%
Very conservative .....	12%
Not sure .....	14%

70. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	67%
Not registered .....	33%

71. 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 .....	36%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	14%
I would not vote .....	4%

72. 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 .....	43%
Not sure .....	8%

73. 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 .....	24%
I don't remember .....	5%

74. 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 .....	60%
Martin O'Malley .....	1%
Bernie Sanders .....	36%
Someone else .....	3%

75. 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 .....	53%
Someone else .....	47%

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

*Asked of registered voters*

Yes .....	55%
No .....	45%

**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 .....	21%
Independent .....	30%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Strong Democrat .....	21%
Not very strong Democrat .....	13%
Lean Democrat .....	8%
Independent .....	21%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	9%
Strong Republican .....	13%
Not sure .....	8%

**80. 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%

**81. What is your gender?**

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

**82. Respondent age by category**

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

**83. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

White .....	68%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	7%

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

HS or less .....	39%
Some college .....	33%
College grad .....	17%
Postgrad .....	10%



**85. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	42%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	13%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	35%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	3%

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

Yes .....	21%
No .....	79%

**87. Calculated from respondent's state of residence**

Northeast .....	19%
Midwest .....	21%
South .....	40%
West .....	21%

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

A large city .....	20%
A suburb near a large city .....	34%
A small city or town .....	27%
A rural area .....	19%

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

Excellent .....	15%
Very good .....	29%
Good .....	39%
Only fair .....	15%
Poor .....	3%

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

Full-time employed .....	36%
Part-time employed .....	12%
Self-employed .....	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	10%
Retired .....	24%
Permanently disabled .....	9%
Homemaker .....	7%
Other .....	2%

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

Under \$50K .....	49%
\$50-100K .....	25%
\$100K or more .....	11%
Prefer not to say .....	16%

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.

Military Household - I am .....	1%
Military Household - Family .....	7%
Military Household - I served previously .....	12%
Military Household - Family served previously .....	38%
Military Household - None .....	49%

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

Yes, I am .....	7%
Yes, household member is .....	6%
No .....	88%

**94. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	35%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not too important .....	14%
Not at all important .....	24%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	14%
Once or twice a month .....	6%
A few times a year .....	12%
Seldom .....	21%
Never .....	33%
Don't know .....	4%

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

Yes .....	27%
No .....	73%

**97. 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 .....	15%
A few times a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	6%
Seldom .....	14%
Never .....	21%
Don't know .....	5%

98. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	31%
Roman Catholic .....	19%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	0%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	1%
Atheist .....	7%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	25%
Something else .....	5%

<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	December 24 - 26, 2017
<b>Target population</b>	US Adult Population
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.199 to 5.916, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.661.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1236 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	25 questions not reported.