

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults  
Conducted June 11 - 13, 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	51%
Not sure	16%

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

We're all in it together	14%
It's everyone for themselves	67%
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	26%
About the same as today	18%
Less respected than today	46%
Not sure	10%

## 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	26%
About the same as today	32%
Less safe from terrorism than today	31%
Not sure	11%

5. How optimistic or pessimistic are you that Republicans and Democrats in Congress can come together to solve the country's problems?

Very optimistic	5%
Somewhat optimistic	16%
Somewhat pessimistic	29%
Very pessimistic	37%
Not sure	14%

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	4%	14%	33%	29%	21%
China	5%	32%	30%	9%	25%
Mexico	17%	39%	21%	4%	20%
United Kingdom	52%	24%	5%	2%	17%
France	38%	34%	9%	2%	18%
Germany	33%	33%	9%	3%	22%
Italy	32%	42%	5%	2%	20%
Israel	40%	21%	9%	7%	23%
Egypt	8%	32%	20%	6%	34%
Iraq	3%	15%	31%	27%	24%
Iran	1%	5%	26%	43%	23%
Saudi Arabia	9%	29%	21%	14%	28%
North Korea	1%	4%	15%	65%	15%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	32%	28%	8%	10%	21%
Japan	37%	33%	7%	4%	20%
Canada	50%	31%	4%	1%	13%
Australia	44%	33%	3%	1%	18%
India	12%	46%	10%	3%	29%
Taiwan	18%	38%	7%	3%	34%
Palestine	3%	11%	29%	19%	37%
Syria	2%	5%	29%	40%	24%
Turkey	8%	25%	24%	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%	32%	18%	11%	25%
Mexico	6%	26%	30%	17%	21%
China	5%	27%	25%	15%	28%
Israel	38%	20%	8%	8%	26%
Australia	30%	32%	7%	5%	27%
Germany	17%	33%	16%	7%	27%
Syria	1%	8%	22%	41%	28%
North Korea	2%	6%	11%	60%	21%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	25%	28%	8%	11%	28%
Canada	33%	35%	6%	4%	21%
Turkey	8%	26%	18%	11%	37%
Saudi Arabia	17%	29%	12%	15%	27%

**8. What do you think are the chances of a terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?**

Very likely (more than 50%)	29%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%)	39%
Not very likely (1% to 10%)	16%
Very unlikely (less than 1%)	5%
Not sure	12%

**9. Are we safer from terrorist attacks now than we were in 2001?**

Much more safe	7%
Somewhat more safe	25%
About the same	26%
Somewhat less safe	15%
Much less safe	14%
Not sure	12%

10. Do you think the following statements are true or not true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably not true	Definitely not true
Russia hacked the email of Democrats in order to increase the chance that Donald Trump would win the Presidential election.	23%	32%	26%	20%
Millions of illegal votes were cast in the election.	14%	34%	26%	26%
Russia tampered with vote tallies in order to get Donald Trump elected President.	12%	29%	32%	27%

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

Very well	18%
Fairly well	37%
Not very well	25%
Not at all	7%
Not sure	12%

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

Very concerned	33%
Somewhat concerned	22%
Not very concerned	16%
Not concerned at all	19%
Not sure	10%

13. Do you think Congress should or should not investigate:

	Should	Should not	Not sure
Trump Administration members' contacts with Russian government officials before the Inauguration	54%	30%	15%
Russian hacking of campaign emails before the election	61%	25%	14%

14. Do you think any member of the Trump administration or Trump campaign, other than Donald Trump himself, did anything improper in their dealings with Russian officials before the Inauguration?

Yes	42%
No	29%
Not sure	28%

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

Yes	37%
No	37%
Not sure	26%

16. Do you think any member of the Trump administration or Trump campaign, other than Donald Trump himself, did anything illegal in their dealings with Russian officials before the Inauguration?

Yes	41%
No	29%
Not sure	30%

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

Yes .....	33%
No .....	39%
Not sure .....	28%

18. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of James Comey?

Very favorable .....	11%
Somewhat favorable .....	24%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	16%
Very unfavorable .....	19%
Not sure .....	29%

19. How much have you heard about Donald Trump firing James Comey as the Director of the FBI?

Heard a lot .....	54%
Heard a little .....	36%
Heard nothing at all .....	10%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump firing James Comey?

Approve strongly .....	21%
Approve somewhat .....	15%
Disapprove somewhat .....	15%
Disapprove strongly .....	29%
Not sure .....	20%

**21. How important a factor do you think the following were to the firing of James Comey?**

	Major factor	Minor factor	Not a factor	Not sure
The Clinton email server investigation	27%	27%	28%	18%
The investigation into Russian contacts with the Trump campaign	51%	18%	17%	15%
Comey's alleged refusal to give personal loyalty to President Trump	49%	20%	15%	15%
Allegations of poor morale among FBI agents due to Comey's leadership	23%	25%	33%	18%

**22. Do you think Donald Trump's decision to fire James Comey was justified or not?**

Justified	34%
Not justified	43%
Not sure	23%

**23. Do you think Donald Trump's decision to fire James Comey was well thought out or hasty?**

Well thought out	30%
Hasty	49%
Not sure	21%

**24. Former FBI Director James Comey recently testified at a Senate hearing. Did you watch this hearing?**

I watched the entire hearing	14%
I watched part of the hearing	30%
I read or watched news stories discussing the hearing	33%
I haven't heard anything about it	24%

25. 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 .....	46%
Has not attempted to influence the investigation .....	32%
Not sure .....	22%

26. During his testimony, James Comey admitted that he was responsible for the leak about memos he wrote detailing the conversations he had with President Trump? Do you think James Comey did anything improper by leaking the information about the memos?

Yes .....	41%
No .....	33%
Not sure .....	26%

27. During his testimony, James Comey admitted that he was responsible for the leak about memos he wrote detailing the conversations he had with President Trump? Do you think James Comey did anything illegal by leaking the information about the memos?

Yes .....	35%
No .....	35%
Not sure .....	30%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of James Comey decision to leak information about the memos he wrote detailing the conversations he had with President Trump?

Approve strongly .....	18%
Approve somewhat .....	20%
Disapprove somewhat .....	13%
Disapprove strongly .....	28%
Not sure .....	20%

29. Whose version of events do you believe more?

James Comey .....	43%
Donald Trump .....	30%
Not sure .....	27%



30. Do you think more people in the United States think of themselves as Republicans, or do more people think of themselves as Democrats?

Democrats .....	30%
Republicans .....	23%
Not sure .....	47%

31. Do you think more of your close friends think of themselves as Republicans, or do more of your close friends think of themselves as Democrats?

Democrats .....	37%
Republicans .....	31%
Not sure .....	31%

32. Did more of the members of your immediate family vote for Clinton, vote for Trump, vote for someone else, or not vote for President?

Hillary Clinton .....	32%
Donald Trump .....	32%
Someone else .....	6%
Not vote for President .....	10%
Not sure .....	20%

33. Did more of your close friends vote for Clinton, vote for Trump, vote for someone else, or not vote for President?

Hillary Clinton .....	35%
Donald Trump .....	27%
Someone else .....	7%
Not vote for President .....	9%
Not sure .....	23%

34. Did more of the people who live in your community vote for Clinton, vote for Trump, vote for someone else, or not vote for President?

Hillary Clinton .....	31%
Donald Trump .....	33%
Someone else .....	4%
Not vote for President .....	5%
Not sure .....	27%

35. Did more Americans vote for Clinton, vote for Trump, vote for someone else, or not vote for President?

Hillary Clinton .....	46%
Donald Trump .....	25%
Someone else .....	3%
Not vote for President .....	7%
Not sure .....	19%

36. 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 .....	28%
Less than usual .....	40%
Not sure .....	23%

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

*Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual*

Democrats in Congress .....	17%
Republicans in Congress .....	40%
Both equally .....	37%
Neither .....	5%
Not sure .....	2%

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

The Democratic Party candidate .....	38%
The Republican Party candidate .....	36%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	15%
I would not vote .....	8%

39. Thinking for a moment about people who consider themselves Democrats, which of these comes closer to your views about them?

*Asked of Republicans and Independents*

People who consider themselves Democrats feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals. ....	49%
People who consider themselves Democrats feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals either. ....	51%

40. Thinking for a moment about people who consider themselves Republicans, which of these comes closer to your views about them?

*Asked of Democrats and Independents*

People who consider themselves Republicans feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals. ....	46%
People who consider themselves Republicans feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals either. ....	54%

41. Thinking for a moment about people who voted for Donald Trump, which of these comes closer to your views about them?

*Asked of those who voted for someone other than Donald Trump or did not vote*

People who voted for Donald Trump feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals. ....	37%
People who voted for Donald Trump feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals either. ....	63%

42. Thinking for a moment about people who voted for Hillary Clinton, which of these comes closer to your views about them?

*Asked of those who voted for someone other than Hillary Clinton or did not vote*

People who voted for Hillary Clinton feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals. .... 37%

People who voted for Hillary Clinton feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals either. .... 63%

43. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	70%	24%	4%	2%
Immigration	49%	34%	11%	6%
The environment	48%	32%	13%	7%
Terrorism	63%	26%	8%	4%
Gay rights	23%	23%	25%	29%
Education	59%	30%	9%	2%
Health care	73%	21%	4%	2%
Social security	68%	23%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	48%	34%	14%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	42%	18%	8%
Taxes	54%	34%	9%	3%
Medicare	65%	24%	7%	4%
Abortion	38%	27%	21%	14%
Foreign policy	45%	40%	11%	4%
Gun control	42%	28%	19%	12%
International trade and globalization	35%	44%	16%	5%
Use of military force	46%	37%	12%	4%

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

The economy .....	15%
Immigration .....	5%
The environment .....	6%
Terrorism .....	13%
Gay rights .....	1%
Education .....	7%
Health care .....	18%
Social security .....	16%
The budget deficit .....	2%
The war in Afghanistan .....	1%
Taxes .....	3%
Medicare .....	6%
Abortion .....	3%
Foreign policy .....	2%
Gun control .....	2%

45. 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%	17%	11%	40%	7%
Mike Pence	24%	18%	13%	28%	16%
Paul Ryan	8%	24%	21%	29%	18%
Mitch McConnell	4%	20%	17%	28%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	20%	13%	35%	22%
Chuck Schumer	9%	18%	14%	25%	34%

**46. 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%	17%	32%	12%
The Republican Party	13%	20%	19%	36%	11%

**47. Is the Democratic Party...**

Too liberal	39%
About right	23%
Not liberal enough	14%
Not sure	23%

**48. Is the Republican Party...**

Too conservative	36%
About right	23%
Not conservative enough	16%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	10%

**50. 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%	17%	10%	30%	28%
The budget deficit	18%	19%	13%	30%	21%
Civil rights	18%	16%	10%	34%	22%
The economy	23%	19%	11%	30%	17%
Education	17%	17%	11%	35%	20%
The environment	17%	17%	11%	38%	16%
Foreign policy	20%	17%	11%	35%	17%
Gay rights	12%	14%	9%	31%	34%
Gun control	21%	16%	9%	28%	26%
Health care	18%	19%	12%	39%	13%
Immigration	26%	16%	10%	37%	11%
Medicare	16%	18%	13%	33%	20%
Social security	16%	15%	11%	31%	26%
Taxes	20%	18%	11%	31%	20%
Terrorism	27%	18%	11%	28%	16%
Veterans	25%	18%	10%	25%	22%
Women's rights	17%	16%	11%	34%	22%

**51. Would you say Donald Trump is...**

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	25%
Very conservative	17%
Not sure	31%

**52. Do you think Donald Trump...**

Says what he believes	49%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	36%
Not sure	15%

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

Like a lot .....	21%
Like somewhat .....	20%
Dislike .....	47%
Not sure .....	12%

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

A lot .....	21%
Some .....	16%
Not much .....	14%
Doesn't care at all .....	42%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Very strong .....	27%
Somewhat strong .....	24%
Somewhat weak .....	16%
Very weak .....	34%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	31%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	52%
Not sure .....	17%

57. Regardless of your overall opinion of Donald Trump, do you feel he has the qualifications to be president?

Qualified to be president .....	38%
Not qualified to be president .....	51%
Not sure .....	11%



58. Regardless of your overall opinion of Donald Trump, do you feel he has enough experience to be president?

Has enough experience .....	34%
Does not have enough experience .....	55%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Yes .....	33%
No .....	55%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Very likely .....	29%
Fairly likely .....	27%
Fairly unlikely .....	17%
Very unlikely .....	10%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Appropriate .....	24%
Inappropriate .....	59%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Optimistic .....	35%
Pessimistic .....	47%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Strongly approve .....	4%
Somewhat approve .....	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	20%
Strongly disapprove .....	35%
Not sure .....	14%

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	10%	23%	16%	33%	17%
Republicans in Congress	8%	19%	21%	36%	16%

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 .....	6%
Somewhat approve .....	21%
Somewhat disapprove .....	20%
Strongly disapprove .....	28%
Not sure .....	25%

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 .....	5%
Somewhat approve .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	17%
Strongly disapprove .....	28%
Not sure .....	33%

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	8%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	34%

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	9%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	28%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	25%
Not sure	13%

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

Higher	28%
About the same	27%
Lower	21%
Not sure	24%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	18%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	25%
Not sure .....	9%

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

More jobs .....	31%
The same amount of jobs .....	33%
Fewer jobs .....	18%
Not sure .....	18%

**73. How worried are you about losing your job?**

Very worried .....	10%
Somewhat worried .....	31%
Not very worried .....	59%

**74. 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. ....	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. .....	36%
Not very hard .....	22%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Very happy .....	22%
Happy .....	33%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	32%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	6%

76. 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	40%
Some of the time	31%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	7%
Don’t know	6%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	32%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	19%
Very Conservative	13%
Not sure	14%

79. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

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

Yes	56%
No	44%

**81. 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%

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

Democrat .....	30%
Republican .....	25%
Independent .....	29%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Strong Democrat .....	18%
Not very strong Democrat .....	12%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	19%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	11%
Strong Republican .....	14%
Not sure .....	9%

**84. Are you male or female?**

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

**85. Respondent age by category**

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

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

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

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

Married .....	44%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	12%
Widowed .....	5%
Single .....	35%
Domestic partnership .....	2%

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

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

**89. U.S. Region**

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast .....	21%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	35%
West .....	22%

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

City .....	33%
Suburb .....	34%
Town .....	13%
Rural area .....	20%
Other .....	0%

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

Full-time employed .....	37%
Part-time employed .....	12%
Self-employed .....	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	10%
Retired .....	24%
Permanently disabled .....	9%
Homemaker .....	8%
Other .....	1%

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

Under \$50K .....	52%
\$50-100K .....	24%
\$100K or more .....	11%
Prefer not to say .....	14%

93. We’d like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

I am .....	2%
Family member .....	8%
I served previously .....	11%
Family served previously .....	38%
None .....	47%



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

Yes, I am .....	9%
Yes, household member is .....	8%
No .....	84%

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

Very important .....	39%
Somewhat important .....	25%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	20%

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

More than once a week .....	8%
Once a week .....	19%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	13%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	28%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	68%

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

Several times a day .....	24%
Once a day .....	16%
A few times a week .....	13%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	6%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	19%
Don't know .....	3%

99. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	36%
Roman Catholic .....	19%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	22%
Something else .....	4%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	June 11 - 13, 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, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.2 to 5.4, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.71.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1310 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	42 questions not reported.