

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1659 US Adults
Conducted November 12 - 15, 2016
Margin of Error $\pm 2.8\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction 23%
Off on the wrong track 60%
Not sure 16%

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	21%	22%	14%	38%	5%
Donald Trump	21%	20%	12%	41%	6%

3. Are you registered to vote?

Registered 68%
Not registered 32%

4. Did you vote in the election on Tuesday?

Asked of registered voters

Yes 81%
No 19%

5. How did you vote?

Asked of those who voted

In person on election day 51%
In person before the election 25%
By mail 24%

6. Did you have to show any form of identification when you went to vote?

Asked of those who voted in person

Yes	67%
No	33%

7. Did you experience or witness any intimidation at the polls?

Asked of those who voted in person

Experienced voter intimidation	3%
Witnessed voter intimidation	4%
Both	2%
Neither	91%

8. Did you experience or witness any voting irregularities at the polls? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who voted in person

Malfunctioning voting machines	4%
Very long waiting lines	12%
Had to cast a provisional ballot	2%
Untrained voting staff	5%
Lack of voting supplies	3%
Saw ineligible people trying to vote	2%
Something else	2%
None of the above	78%

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

Asked of those who voted in the election

Hillary Clinton	46%
Donald Trump	46%
Gary Johnson	2%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	3%

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

Including non-voters

Hillary Clinton	26%
Donald Trump	26%
Someone else	3%
Non-voter	45%

11. When did you decide how you were going to vote?

Asked of those who voted for President

In the last few days	8%
In the last week	5%
In October	11%
In September	10%
Before that	66%

12. If you had to choose, would you have preferred Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump to have won the Presidential election?

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

Hillary Clinton	41%
Donald Trump	36%
No Preference	23%

13. Thinking back in time, did you, at any point in this campaign, think about voting for Hillary Clinton?

Asked of those who did not vote for Hillary Clinton or did not vote at all

Yes	27%
No	73%

14. Thinking back in time, did you, at any point in this campaign, think about voting for Donald Trump?

Asked of those who did not vote for Donald Trump or did not vote at all

Yes	21%
No	79%

15. Who did your [spouse/partner] vote for?

Asked of those who are married or in a domestic partnership

Hillary Clinton (Democrat)	31%
Donald Trump (Republican)	40%
Gary Johnson (Libertarian)	2%
Jill Stein (Green)	1%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	9%
Probably won't vote	15%

16. Did more of your friends vote for Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

More voted for Hillary Clinton	35%
About the same	12%
More voted for Donald Trump	31%
Not sure	23%

17. Who won the Presidential election in your state?

Hillary Clinton	32%
Donald Trump	57%
Not sure	11%

18. Popular votes are still being counted. What do you think will be the percentage of votes won by each of the following candidates? Enter a percentage for each candidate. The total must sum to 100.

Hillary Clinton	46
Donald Trump	42
Other	4

19. Please confirm your previous answer:

Donald Trump received more votes than Hillary Clinton	39%
Donald Trump received the same number of votes as Hillary Clinton	9%
Donald Trump received fewer votes than Hillary Clinton	52%

20. Were you surprised by Donald Trump having won the election for President?

Yes 66%
No 34%

21. Do you think the election was rigged?

Yes 20%
No 55%
Not sure 25%

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

Optimistic 40%
Pessimistic 35%
Not sure 25%

23. Do you expect that the country will be better off or worse off in four years?

Better off 36%
Worse off 38%
About the same 10%
Not sure 17%

24. Do you expect that you will be better off or worse off in four years?

Better off 33%
Worse off 26%
About the same 24%
Not sure 16%

25. Would you be in favor or opposed to a constitutional amendment abolishing the Electoral College?

In favor of abolishing the Electoral College	38%
Opposed to abolishing the Electoral College	27%
Not sure	35%

26. How good a President do you think Donald Trump will be?

Excellent	17%
Good	23%
Fair	22%
Poor	38%

27. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	20%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	31%

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

Very strong	29%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	24%

29. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	50%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	35%
Not sure	15%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	25%
Dislike	44%
Not sure	13%

31. How qualified is Donald Trump to be President?

Very qualified	19%
Somewhat qualified	22%
Slightly qualified	14%
Not qualified	45%

32. How likely is Donald Trump to do the following things as President?

	Definitely will happen	Probably will happen	Unlikely to happen	Will not happen
Run an open and transparent administration	13%	32%	28%	27%
Improve the way government works	19%	29%	29%	23%
Set a high moral standard	14%	30%	27%	30%
Use the office to enrich family and friends	23%	32%	28%	17%
Cut taxes	19%	41%	27%	13%
Repeal Obamacare	25%	46%	21%	8%

33. Do you want Donald Trump to keep his campaign promise to...

	Yes	No	Not sure
Build a wall on the border with Mexico (and have Mexico pay for it?)	34%	44%	22%
Ask a Special Prosecutor to investigate Hillary Clinton	37%	37%	25%
Ask Congress to repeal Obamacare on his first day in office	42%	35%	23%
Renegotiate the Trans Pacific Partnership, or TPP	44%	17%	39%
Renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA	46%	19%	35%
Release his tax returns once he is through with his audit	41%	33%	25%
Start deporting millions illegal immigrants	41%	35%	24%

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Release his tax returns once he is through with his audit	28%	46%	26%
Start deporting millions illegal immigrants	43%	31%	26%

35. 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	30%
About the same as today	18%
Less respected than today	38%
Not sure	14%

36. 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	28%
About the same as today	28%
Less safe from terrorism than today	29%
Not sure	15%

37. Four years from now do you think there will be more or fewer illegal immigrants in the United States than there are today?

More illegal immigrants than today	6%
About the same number as today	27%
Fewer illegal immigrants than today	50%
Not sure	17%

38. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	74%	20%	4%	2%
Immigration	47%	35%	14%	5%
The environment	50%	29%	14%	6%
Terrorism	62%	26%	8%	4%
Gay rights	25%	25%	23%	27%
Education	62%	26%	8%	4%
Health care	74%	21%	3%	2%
Social security	68%	23%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	49%	36%	11%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	36%	39%	18%	7%
Taxes	55%	36%	7%	2%
Medicare	63%	26%	8%	3%
Abortion	41%	29%	18%	12%
Foreign policy	50%	37%	10%	3%
Gun control	50%	27%	14%	10%
International trade and globalization	39%	42%	14%	5%
Use of military force	47%	38%	11%	3%

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

The economy	18%
Immigration	6%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	2%
Education	9%
Health care	12%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	4%

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	37%	19%	10%	30%	4%
Joe Biden	25%	22%	14%	19%	20%
Paul Ryan	7%	22%	23%	20%	27%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	17%	25%	39%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	20%	13%	29%	31%
Harry Reid	7%	16%	13%	24%	40%

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

Strongly Approve	29%
Somewhat Approve	22%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%
Strongly Disapprove	28%
Not Sure	8%

42. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	18%

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

Very strong	29%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	25%

44. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	48%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	40%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	40%
Like somewhat	25%
Dislike	25%
Not sure	10%

46. 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	25%	16%	10%	27%	22%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	25%	19%	26%	16%
The budget deficit	18%	22%	14%	31%	15%
The economy	24%	23%	13%	28%	12%
Education	22%	27%	13%	22%	15%
The environment	22%	28%	13%	20%	17%
Foreign policy	20%	23%	14%	28%	15%
Gay rights	30%	19%	8%	25%	19%
Gun control	18%	23%	14%	30%	14%
Health care	27%	21%	9%	34%	8%
Immigration	18%	22%	13%	34%	13%
Medicare	22%	25%	14%	24%	16%
Social security	21%	22%	14%	25%	18%
Taxes	18%	24%	16%	27%	15%
Terrorism	22%	22%	13%	31%	13%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	15%

48. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	30%

49. 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	5%
About the same	28%
Less than usual	42%
Not sure	25%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	12%
Republicans in Congress	45%
Both equally	38%
Neither	2%
Not sure	3%

51. Do you think the next Congress will accomplish more or less than this Congress has?

More than usual	34%
About the same	25%
Less than usual	14%
Not sure	27%

52. 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	13%
Hardly at all	9%
Don’t know	7%

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

Liberal	24%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very Conservative	10%
Not sure	13%

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

Democrat	39%
Republican	26%
Independent	31%
Other	4%

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

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	13%
Not sure	8%

57. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

58. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	26%
45-64	33%
65+	20%

59. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	64%
Black	13%
Hispanic	15%
Other	8%

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

HS or less	44%
Some college	29%
College grad	18%
Postgrad	10%

61. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	3%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Single	29%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

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

Full-time employed	34%
Part-time employed	13%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	10%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	9%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	53%
\$50-100K	22%
\$100K or more	10%
Prefer not to say	14%

65. 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	12%
Family served previously	37%
None	48%

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

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

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

City	35%
Suburb	30%
Town	15%
Rural area	18%
Other	1%

68. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	20%

69. 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	10%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	25%
Don't know	5%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

71. 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	14%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	17%
Don't know	5%

72. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	33%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	5%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 12 - 15, 2016
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 0.2 to 2.8, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.56.
Number of respondents	1659
Margin of error	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	26 questions not reported.