

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1417 US Adults  
 Conducted December 3 - 5, 2016  
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction ..... 26%  
 Off on the wrong track ..... 56%  
 Not sure ..... 18%

## 2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly Approve ..... 22%  
 Somewhat Approve ..... 20%  
 Somewhat Disapprove ..... 12%  
 Strongly Disapprove ..... 31%  
 Not Sure ..... 14%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
James N. Mattis	15%	12%	10%	11%	52%
Steven Mnuchin	8%	14%	9%	16%	53%
Elaine L. Chao	8%	16%	11%	10%	54%
Tom Price	9%	13%	9%	14%	56%
Wilbur Ross	8%	12%	8%	11%	61%

4. Federal law prohibits federal officials, including the President, from hiring a relative to serve as a subordinate. Do you think the law should be changed and that presidents should be allowed to appoint close family members to administration jobs, or not?

Law should be changed .....	16%
Law should not be changed .....	67%
Not sure .....	16%

5. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal .....	6%
Liberal .....	4%
Moderate .....	21%
Conservative .....	24%
Very conservative .....	16%
Not sure .....	29%

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

Very strong .....	29%
Somewhat strong .....	28%
Somewhat weak .....	17%
Very weak .....	26%

7. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes .....	46%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	39%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Like a lot .....	19%
Like somewhat .....	21%
Dislike .....	47%
Not sure .....	13%

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

	Yes	No	Not sure
Hard worker	55%	31%	15%
Successful	63%	23%	13%
Dangerous	53%	33%	14%
Corrupt	43%	36%	20%
Patriotic	48%	32%	20%
Tough	57%	27%	15%
Smart	54%	33%	13%
Compassionate	27%	54%	18%
Racist	50%	35%	16%
Consistent	33%	48%	19%

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

Optimistic	42%
Pessimistic	40%
Not sure	18%

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

Excellent	18%
Good	23%
Fair	17%
Poor	42%

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

A lot	21%
Some	19%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	9%

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

Yes .....	35%
No .....	47%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Very likely .....	24%
Fairly likely .....	25%
Fairly unlikely .....	20%
Very unlikely .....	12%
Not sure .....	20%

**15. How qualified is Donald Trump to be President?**

Very qualified .....	22%
Somewhat qualified .....	19%
Slightly qualified .....	13%
Not qualified .....	47%

**16. About how many of Donald Trump's campaign promises do you think he will be able to keep?**

All of them .....	5%
Most of them .....	23%
Some of them .....	27%
Hardly any of them .....	31%
Not sure .....	14%

**17. About how many of Donald Trump’s campaign promises do you think he will TRY to keep?**

All of them .....	15%
Most of them .....	22%
Some of them .....	31%
Hardly any of them .....	19%
Not sure .....	13%

**18. 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%	30%	26%	31%
Improve the way government works	17%	31%	28%	25%
Set a high moral standard	14%	30%	23%	33%
Use the office to enrich family and friends	27%	29%	26%	18%
Cut taxes	17%	42%	25%	16%
Repeal Obamacare	24%	48%	20%	9%

**19. Do you think Donald Trump has maintained consistent domestic policy positions or has he made significant changes to his domestic policy plans?**

Maintained consistent domestic policy positions .....	25%
Made significant changes to his domestic policy plans .....	34%
Not sure .....	41%

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

Better off .....	33%
Worse off .....	40%
About the same .....	12%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Better off .....	30%
Worse off .....	29%
About the same .....	25%
Not sure .....	17%

22. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "The free market has been sorting [the economy] out and America's been losing"

Agree .....	41%
Disagree .....	25%
Not sure .....	34%

23. How much, if anything, have you heard about a deal Donald Trump negotiated with Carrier, an air conditioning equipment manufacturer, to reduce the number of jobs the company had planned to relocate from a plant in Indiana to Mexico?

A lot .....	33%
A little .....	38%
Nothing at all .....	28%

24. From what you know about it now, do you approve or disapprove of the deal?

Approve .....	38%
Disapprove .....	27%
Not sure .....	35%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump negotiated the deal with Carrier?

Strongly Approve .....	18%
Somewhat Approve .....	19%
Somewhat Disapprove .....	11%
Strongly Disapprove .....	19%
Not Sure .....	34%

26. Do you approve or disapprove of state or local governments granting special tax breaks to companies in order to keep jobs in those communities?

Approve .....	48%
Disapprove .....	24%
Not sure .....	28%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of imposing stiff tariffs or other taxes on U.S. companies that relocate jobs from the U.S. to foreign countries?

Approve .....	56%
Disapprove .....	17%
Not sure .....	27%

28. Do you agree or disagree that the Carrier deal is an example of "crony capitalism"?

Agree .....	30%
Disagree .....	24%
Not sure .....	46%

29. Do you agree or disagree that the Carrier deal will lead to other companies attempting to "shakedown" other state and local governments for tax breaks?

Agree .....	45%
Disagree .....	17%
Not sure .....	38%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump has talked with foreign leaders while President-elect?

Strongly Approve	17%
Somewhat Approve	21%
Somewhat Disapprove	15%
Strongly Disapprove	23%
Not Sure	24%

31. Do you consider the contries listed below to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally of U.S.	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy of the U.S.	Not sure
Taiwan	15%	34%	14%	5%	32%
China	6%	23%	35%	16%	20%

32. How much, if anything, have you heard about relations between China and Taiwan?

A lot	19%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	35%

33. Both the People’s Republic of China on the mainland and the Republic of China on Taiwan claim to be the legitimate government of all China. What do you think the focus of U.S. policy should be on the China/Taiwan issue?

We should keep a low profile and let the Chinese deal with the problem themselves.	31%
We should continue to help Taiwan defend itself against possible attack from the mainland, including arms sales to Taiwan, even if this hurts our relations with China.	17%
We should improve relations with the People’s Republic of China first, to increase our leverage in bringing influence on both sides to find a peaceful solution.	25%
Not sure	27%



34. Current U.S. policy toward Taiwan can be summed up as 'no independence for Taiwan, and no use of force by China to compel Taiwan to rejoin mainland China'. Given this, which is closer to your view?

- We should continue this policy. ....37%
- The US should support Taiwan's moves toward independence, even if that provokes a confrontation with China. ....21%
- Not sure .....42%

35. Which is more important for the U.S.?

- To take a strong stand so that China does not take over Taiwan by force .26%
- For the US to maintain good relations with China .....39%
- Not sure .....35%

36. In the future, if an armed conflict were to arise between China and Taiwan, do you think that the U.S. should or should not help protect Taiwan militarily from China or do you not know enough about the topic to say?

- U.S. should help protect Taiwan with military force .....20%
- U.S. should not help protect Taiwan with military force .....24%
- Do not know enough about the topic to say .....56%

37. Do you consider Japan to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

- Ally of U.S. ....32%
- Friendly .....35%
- Unfriendly .....8%
- Enemy of the U.S. ....4%
- Not sure .....21%

38. Today, do you hold it against Japan for attacking Pearl Harbor, or don't you hold it against Japan, or don't you know enough about it to have an opinion?

- Hold it against Japan .....19%
- Do not hold it against Japan .....56%
- Do not know enough about it to have an opinion .....25%

39. Today, do you think most American people hold it against Japan for attacking Pearl Harbor, or don't they hold it against them, or don't you know enough about that to have an opinion?

Hold it against Japan .....	22%
Do not hold it against Japan .....	48%
Do not know enough about it to have an opinion .....	30%

40. Do you think most Japanese respect Americans, or do you think they look down on Americans?

Respect Americans .....	41%
Look down on Americans .....	23%
Not sure .....	36%

41. Do you think most Americans respect Japanese, or do you think they look down on Japanese?

Respect Japanese .....	49%
Look down on Japanese .....	19%
Not sure .....	32%

42. In the future, do you think that Japan will be an ally that the United States can depend on, or not?

Can depend on .....	50%
Can not depend on .....	14%
Not sure .....	37%

43. Overall, are your feelings toward Japan generally friendly or generally unfriendly?

Generally friendly .....	68%
Generally unfriendly .....	9%
Not sure .....	23%

44. Do you think Japan has become a world power that should assume responsibilities to other countries, or do you think Japan is not yet a world power

Is a world power .....	44%
Is not a world power .....	26%
Not sure .....	30%

45. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Dropping atomic bombs on Japan in World War Two was morally wrong.

Agree strongly .....	19%
Agree somewhat .....	21%
Disagree somewhat .....	20%
Disagree strongly .....	19%
Not sure .....	21%

46. Which of these statements most closely reflects your opinion about World War II?

The war is a closed chapter in history and we should move on and not talk about such things .....	37%
The war has been discussed too little and we should make more efforts to discuss it and teach it to young people .....	63%

47. The United States and Japan have a treaty in which Japan provides bases for United States military forces. In return, the United States promises to defend Japan if it is attacked. Do you think this treaty should be continued or should it be abolished?

Continue treaty .....	64%
Abolish treaty .....	13%
Not sure .....	24%

48. Do you think Japan should or should not have nuclear weapons?

Should have nuclear weapons .....	16%
Should not have nuclear weapons .....	56%
Not sure .....	28%

49. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	72%	22%	4%	2%
Immigration	50%	33%	13%	4%
The environment	50%	32%	11%	7%
Terrorism	63%	24%	9%	4%
Gay rights	25%	25%	23%	27%
Education	62%	29%	6%	3%
Health care	72%	22%	4%	2%
Social security	72%	21%	6%	2%
The budget deficit	49%	36%	11%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	41%	20%	7%
Taxes	57%	35%	6%	2%
Medicare	66%	26%	6%	2%
Abortion	39%	30%	21%	10%
Foreign policy	49%	40%	9%	3%
Gun control	48%	27%	16%	9%
International trade and globalization	41%	41%	14%	4%
Use of military force	48%	39%	10%	3%

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

The economy	17%
Immigration	7%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	2%
Education	10%
Health care	11%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	5%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	3%
Gun control	3%

51. 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	39%	17%	9%	31%	4%
Donald Trump	24%	18%	10%	42%	5%
Joe Biden	26%	22%	15%	19%	17%
Mike Pence	23%	17%	12%	26%	23%
Paul Ryan	7%	24%	21%	24%	25%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	17%	26%	36%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	21%	13%	30%	27%
Harry Reid	7%	16%	14%	25%	38%
Chuck Schumer	6%	17%	14%	17%	45%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Bernie Sanders	29%	24%	16%	16%	15%
Elizabeth Warren	19%	15%	11%	23%	33%

**53. Is the Democratic Party...**

Too liberal	37%
About right	26%
Not liberal enough	12%
Not sure	25%

**54. Is the Republican Party...**

Too conservative	36%
About right	23%
Not conservative enough	15%
Not sure	27%

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

Strongly Approve	30%
Somewhat Approve	22%
Somewhat Disapprove	11%
Strongly Disapprove	29%
Not Sure	9%

56. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	18%

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

Very strong	29%
Somewhat strong	26%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	27%

58. Do you think Barack Obama...

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

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

Like a lot	41%
Like somewhat	24%
Dislike	26%
Not sure	10%

60. 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	24%	19%	11%	25%	21%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	23%	20%	26%	16%
The budget deficit	20%	20%	16%	30%	15%
The economy	26%	21%	13%	28%	11%
Education	22%	27%	15%	22%	14%
The environment	24%	26%	12%	23%	14%
Foreign policy	20%	23%	14%	28%	15%
Gay rights	27%	20%	10%	26%	17%
Gun control	19%	22%	15%	30%	13%
Health care	26%	21%	11%	34%	9%
Immigration	20%	22%	15%	32%	12%
Medicare	25%	22%	15%	24%	15%
Social security	23%	22%	17%	23%	15%
Taxes	17%	26%	16%	26%	14%
Terrorism	22%	21%	15%	29%	13%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	16%



62. 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%	25%	21%	25%	16%
Republicans in Congress	8%	21%	21%	34%	16%

63. 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	24%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	29%

64. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	35%

65. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Harry Reid is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	38%

66. 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 .....	19%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	28%
Not sure .....	31%

67. 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 .....	26%
Less than usual .....	44%
Not sure .....	25%

68. 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 .....	45%
Both equally .....	39%
Neither .....	1%
Not sure .....	2%

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

Next Congress will accomplish more .....	33%
About the same .....	27%
Next Congress will accomplish less .....	12%
Not sure .....	28%

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

Getting better .....	24%
About the same .....	35%
Getting worse .....	27%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Higher .....	26%
About the same .....	24%
Lower .....	19%
Not sure .....	31%

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

Better off financially .....	16%
About the same as now .....	46%
Worse off financially .....	27%
Not sure .....	10%

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

More jobs .....	29%
The same amount of jobs .....	29%
Fewer jobs .....	19%
Not sure .....	22%

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

Very worried .....	15%
Somewhat worried .....	29%
Not very worried .....	56%

75. 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. ....	31%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	36%
Not very hard .....	19%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Very happy .....	26%
Happy .....	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	27%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	3%

77. 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 .....	43%
Some of the time .....	28%
Only now and then .....	15%
Hardly at all .....	8%
Don’t know .....	5%

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

Liberal .....	27%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	30%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	17%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	20%
Very Conservative .....	10%
Not sure .....	12%

**80. Are you registered to vote?**

Registered .....	69%
Not registered .....	31%

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

Yes .....	56%
No .....	44%

**82. Who did you vote for in the election for President?**

Hillary Clinton .....	26%
Donald Trump .....	26%
Gary Johnson .....	1%
Jill Stein .....	1%
Evan McMullin .....	0%
Other .....	1%
Did not vote for President .....	45%

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

Democrat .....	39%
Republican .....	28%
Independent .....	29%
Other .....	4%

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

Strong Democrat .....	21%
Not very strong Democrat .....	12%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Independent .....	18%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	10%
Strong Republican .....	13%
Not sure .....	10%

**85. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?**

Yes .....	14%
No .....	55%
Not sure .....	31%

**86. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?**

Yes .....	32%
No .....	36%
Not sure .....	32%

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

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

**88. Respondent age by category**

Under 30 .....	22%
30-44 .....	25%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	20%

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

HS or less .....	41%
Some college .....	32%
College grad .....	17%
Postgrad .....	10%

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

Married .....	44%
Separated .....	3%
Divorced .....	13%
Widowed .....	5%
Single .....	30%
Domestic partnership .....	6%

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

Yes .....	28%
No .....	72%

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

Northeast .....	22%
Midwest .....	20%
South .....	34%
West .....	24%

**93. How would you describe the place where you live?**

City .....	37%
Suburb .....	30%
Town .....	13%
Rural area .....	20%
Other .....	1%

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

Full-time employed .....	32%
Part-time employed .....	14%
Self-employed .....	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	11%
Retired .....	23%
Permanently disabled .....	10%
Homemaker .....	9%
Other .....	2%

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

Under \$50K .....	56%
\$50-100K .....	22%
\$100K or more .....	9%
Prefer not to say .....	13%

**96. 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 .....	35%
None .....	50%

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

Yes, I am .....	7%
Yes, household member is .....	9%
No .....	84%



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

Very important .....	42%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	17%

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

More than once a week .....	10%
Once a week .....	15%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	15%
Seldom .....	24%
Never .....	24%
Don't know .....	5%

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

Yes .....	31%
No .....	69%

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

Several times a day .....	30%
Once a day .....	13%
A few times a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	8%
Seldom .....	13%
Never .....	16%
Don't know .....	5%

102. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	30%
Roman Catholic .....	20%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	6%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	1%
Atheist .....	5%
Agnostic .....	4%
Nothing in particular .....	22%
Something else .....	6%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	December 3 - 5, 2016
<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 0.1 to 3.7, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.68.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1417 1181 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	25 questions not reported.