

Sample 1447 US Adults
Conducted January 14 - 17, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	19%

2. Is the country better off now than it was eight years ago?

Better off now	34%
Better off eight years ago	32%
No difference	19%
Not sure	14%

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

Better off now	34%
Better off eight years ago	31%
No difference	26%
Not sure	9%

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

Better off	34%
Worse off	39%
About the same	10%
Not sure	17%

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

Better off	39%
Worse off	24%
About the same	21%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly Approve	22%
Somewhat Approve	18%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%
Strongly Disapprove	36%
Not Sure	12%

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

Optimistic	41%
Pessimistic	40%
Not sure	19%

8. How much progress do you expect Donald Trump to make in the following areas?

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None	Not sure
Changing the partisan tone in Washington	17%	18%	14%	36%	15%
Improving the U.S. image in the world	24%	14%	11%	41%	10%
Improving the economy	28%	19%	14%	27%	11%

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

Outstanding	12%
Above Average	18%
Average	13%
Below Average	10%
Poor	34%
Not Sure	14%

10. Do you think the Trump administration...

Will be largely free of major scandals	19%
Will have a major scandal or two	24%
Will have many major scandals	39%
Not sure	18%

11. How concerned are you about the potential for conflicts of interest for Donald Trump?

Very concerned	34%
Somewhat concerned	21%
Not very concerned	15%
Not concerned at all	20%
Not sure	10%

12. Do you think Donald Trump's plan to have his adult children run his businesses while he is President is or is not an effective way to prevent conflicts of interest?

Is effective	37%
Is not effective	39%
Not sure	24%

13. Even though there is much potential for conflicts of interest with his many business dealings, do you think Donald Trump will or will not be able to serve the best interest of the United States?

Will be able to serve the best interests of the U.S.	42%
Will not be able to serve the best interests of the U.S.	41%
Not sure	18%

14. Which statement comes closest to your opinion about the President hiring a close relative to serve in the government?

It should be legal	29%
It should be illegal	44%
Not sure	27%

15. Which statement comes closest to your opinion about the President hiring a close relative to serve in the government?

It is a good idea	23%
It is a bad idea	50%
Not sure	28%

16. Do you think the following presidential actions were appropriate or inappropriate?

	Appropriate	Inappropriate	Not sure
President John Adams appointed his son John Quincy Adams to serve as an ambassador	42%	27%	31%
President Franklin Roosevelt appointed his wife Eleanor Roosevelt to serve as assistant director of the Office of Civilian Defense	50%	21%	28%
President John Kennedy appointed his brother Bobby Kennedy to serve as the U.S. Attorney General	45%	29%	26%
President Bill Clinton appointed his wife Hillary Clinton to chair a task force on healthcare reform	47%	30%	24%
President-elect Trump has appointed his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, to serve as a senior adviser to the President	38%	36%	27%

17. How concerned are you about the potential for conflicts of interest for Donald Trump's Cabinet picks?

Very concerned	31%
Somewhat concerned	19%
Not very concerned	19%
Not concerned at all	19%
Not sure	12%

18. How concerned are you that some of Donald Trump’s Cabinet picks may not receive a full vetting from the Office of Government Ethics prior to being confirmed by the Senate?

Very concerned	29%
Somewhat concerned	19%
Not very concerned	17%
Not concerned at all	16%
Not sure	19%

19. Background checks for several of Donald Trump’s cabinet appointees have not yet been completed. Which statement do you agree with most?

The Senate should only hold confirmation hearings after all background checks have been completed on an appointee.	43%
The Senate should hold confirmation hearings right away, but wait to vote on the appointment until the background checks have been completed.	30%
The Senate should hold confirmation hearings right away and vote on the appointment right away, regardless of the status of an appointee’s background checks.	10%
Not sure	17%

20. Donald Trump has nominated several people to serve in his cabinet. How much have you heard about the following people?

	A lot	A little	Not much	Nothing at all
Ben Carson	46%	26%	11%	17%
Mike Flynn	20%	23%	26%	32%
James N. Mattis	23%	21%	23%	33%
Rick Perry	33%	25%	17%	25%
Jeff Sessions	36%	21%	15%	28%
Rex Tillerson	29%	20%	19%	32%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of nominating the following people to serve in Donald Trump’s cabinet?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Ben Carson Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	40%	32%	28%
Mike Flynn National Security Advisor	28%	28%	44%
James N. Mattis Secretary of Defense	36%	22%	42%
Rick Perry Secretary of Energy	32%	31%	36%
Jeff Sessions Attorney General	29%	33%	38%
Rex Tillerson Secretary of State	27%	31%	42%

22. In making his nominations to Cabinet positions, how much attention do you think President-elect Trump is paying to the needs and problems of...

	Too much	Too little	The right amount	Not sure
Rich people	46%	8%	26%	20%
Working people	4%	47%	31%	18%
Poor people	4%	50%	27%	19%
People like you	3%	50%	27%	19%

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

All of them	4%
Most of them	20%
Some of them	28%
Hardly any of them	35%
Not sure	13%

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

All of them	16%
Most of them	24%
Some of them	27%
Hardly any of them	22%
Not sure	11%

25. 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	12%	29%	29%	29%
Improve the way government works	15%	32%	29%	25%
Set a high moral standard	13%	27%	27%	33%
Use the office to enrich family and friends	27%	33%	25%	15%
Cut taxes	17%	39%	30%	14%
Repeal Obamacare	34%	48%	13%	6%

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly Approve	32%
Somewhat Approve	22%
Somewhat Disapprove	12%
Strongly Disapprove	21%
Not Sure	12%

27. As a President, how do you think Barack Obama will go down in history?

Outstanding	23%
Above Average	21%
Average	16%
Below Average	15%
Poor	19%
Not Sure	7%

28. Do you think the Obama administration...

Was largely free of major scandals	48%
Had a major scandal or two	19%
Had many major scandals	21%
Not sure	12%

29. Since taking office, do you think Barack Obama accomplished...

More than I expected	25%
About what I expected	31%
Less than I expected	34%
Not sure	10%

30. How much progress did Barack Obama make in achieving the following campaign promises?

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None	Not sure
Changing the partisan tone in Washington	11%	14%	18%	45%	12%
Improving the U.S. image in the world	26%	20%	12%	34%	8%
Improving the economy	28%	20%	18%	26%	7%

31. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	74%	20%	5%	2%
Immigration	47%	33%	15%	5%
The environment	47%	35%	13%	6%
Terrorism	63%	23%	10%	4%
Gay rights	24%	28%	24%	24%
Education	59%	28%	8%	4%
Health care	73%	20%	5%	1%
Social security	68%	23%	6%	3%
The budget deficit	47%	34%	14%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	38%	37%	18%	8%
Taxes	58%	31%	9%	2%
Medicare	65%	25%	8%	3%
Abortion	38%	30%	20%	13%
Foreign policy	48%	35%	13%	4%
Gun control	46%	28%	16%	10%
International trade and globalization	38%	43%	15%	4%
Use of military force	47%	37%	12%	4%

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

The economy	18%
Immigration	6%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	12%
Gay rights	1%
Education	6%
Health care	16%
Social security	18%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	3%
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
Barack Obama	38%	17%	12%	28%	4%
Donald Trump	21%	19%	12%	42%	6%
Joe Biden	32%	23%	14%	16%	15%
Mike Pence	23%	17%	11%	26%	23%
Paul Ryan	9%	24%	20%	23%	23%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	18%	26%	36%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	21%	15%	30%	26%
Chuck Schumer	7%	16%	15%	18%	43%

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	17%	26%	19%	28%	11%
The Republican Party	13%	23%	19%	34%	11%

35. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	37%
About right	27%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	22%

36. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	36%
About right	24%
Not conservative enough	16%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly Approve	32%
Somewhat Approve	20%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%
Strongly Disapprove	27%
Not Sure	8%

38. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	27%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	17%

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

Very strong	27%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	26%

40. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	51%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	37%
Not sure	11%

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

Like a lot	44%
Like somewhat	23%
Dislike	23%
Not sure	11%

42. How much do you think Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	34%
Some	20%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	25%
Not sure	6%

43. Do you think Barack Obama has maintained consistent policy positions or has he made significant changes to his policy plans?

Maintained consistent policy positions	42%
Made significant changes to his policy plans	30%
Not sure	28%

44. 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	23%	18%	14%	22%	23%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	22%	20%	25%	17%
The budget deficit	18%	22%	15%	28%	17%
The economy	28%	21%	13%	26%	12%
Education	23%	28%	13%	19%	17%
The environment	25%	25%	14%	19%	17%
Foreign policy	21%	22%	14%	28%	15%
Gay rights	28%	20%	11%	21%	20%
Gun control	18%	22%	16%	29%	15%
Health care	28%	21%	11%	32%	9%
Immigration	20%	20%	13%	33%	14%
Medicare	25%	22%	15%	21%	17%
Social security	22%	22%	15%	22%	18%
Taxes	18%	25%	16%	25%	16%
Terrorism	22%	22%	11%	31%	14%

45. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	20%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	15%
Not sure	28%

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

Very strong	27%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	28%

47. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	46%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	41%
Not sure	13%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	22%
Dislike	49%
Not sure	12%

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

A lot	17%
Some	21%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	39%
Not sure	8%

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

Maintained consistent policy positions	26%
Made significant changes to his policy plans	39%
Not sure	35%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	15%

52. 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	14%	22%	21%	29%	15%
Republicans in Congress	8%	21%	20%	37%	14%

53. 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	8%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	29%

54. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	36%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	42%

56. 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	10%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	31%

57. Do you think this new congress will accomplish more or less than usual?

More than usual	31%
About the same	30%
Less than usual	17%
Not sure	21%

58. Who do you think will be more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?
Asked if respondent says Congress will accomplish less than usual

Democrats in Congress	5%
Republicans in Congress	52%
Both equally	33%
Neither	4%
Not sure	6%

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

Getting better	28%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	26%
Not sure	14%

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

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

61. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially	20%
About the same as now	44%
Worse off financially	26%
Not sure	10%

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

More jobs	33%
The same amount of jobs	29%
Fewer jobs	20%
Not sure	19%

63. If you could do over your presidential vote, would you vote for...

Hillary Clinton	36%
Donald Trump	32%
Gary Johnson	4%
Jill Stein	2%
Evan McMullin	1%
Someone else	11%
I would not vote for President	14%

64. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	58%

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.	34%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	34%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	10%

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

Very happy	28%
Happy	34%
Neither happy nor unhappy	24%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	6%

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	43%
Some of the time	28%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	8%
Don’t know	6%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very Conservative	10%
Not sure	14%

70. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	75%
Not registered	25%

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

Yes	60%
No	40%

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

Hillary Clinton	29%
Donald Trump	27%
Gary Johnson	1%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	41%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	26%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%

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

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	7%

75. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	14%
No	56%
Not sure	30%

76. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	34%
No	36%
Not sure	30%

77. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

78. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

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

HS or less	40%
Some college	32%
College grad	17%
Postgrad	10%

80. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	14%
Widowed	6%
Single	31%
Domestic partnership	5%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

82. U.S. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	20%

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

City	35%
Suburb	31%
Town	14%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	34%
Part-time employed	12%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	12%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	8%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	54%
\$50-100K	24%
\$100K or more	9%
Prefer not to say	13%

86. 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	3%
Family member	8%
I served previously	11%
Family served previously	36%
None	51%

87. 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%

88. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	22%

89. 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	8%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	20%
Never	31%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

91. 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	16%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	19%
Don't know	3%

92. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	34%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	6%

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 14 - 17, 2017
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 4.2, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.59.
Number of respondents	1447 1234 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	26 questions not reported.