

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults  
Conducted April 10 - 11, 2017  
Margin of Error  $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	53%
Not sure	15%

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

We're all in it together	16%
It's everyone for themselves	65%
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	28%
About the same as today	19%
Less respected than today	43%
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	28%
Less safe from terrorism than today	35%
Not sure	12%

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

Very optimistic	4%
Somewhat optimistic	17%
Somewhat pessimistic	28%
Very pessimistic	38%
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
Russian Federation	3%	11%	35%	27%	24%
China	5%	32%	30%	8%	25%
Mexico	16%	42%	20%	4%	18%
United Kingdom	58%	24%	2%	1%	16%
France	42%	35%	5%	2%	16%
Germany	39%	36%	5%	3%	18%
Italy	35%	43%	3%	1%	17%
Israel	41%	25%	8%	4%	22%
Egypt	9%	39%	18%	4%	30%
Iraq	2%	18%	30%	27%	23%
Iran	2%	6%	28%	46%	19%
Saudi Arabia	9%	32%	21%	12%	26%
North Korea	2%	4%	13%	65%	16%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	37%	28%	7%	9%	19%
Japan	39%	33%	6%	3%	19%
Canada	58%	27%	2%	1%	12%
Australia	48%	34%	3%	1%	15%
India	14%	50%	8%	2%	26%
Taiwan	14%	44%	7%	2%	32%
Palestine	3%	15%	32%	17%	34%
Syria	2%	6%	26%	46%	19%

7. Do you think *Donald Trump* considers these countries to be friends or enemies of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russian Federation	11%	29%	22%	13%	26%
Mexico	7%	25%	30%	17%	21%
China	5%	26%	28%	17%	25%
Israel	36%	24%	8%	7%	24%
Australia	30%	36%	7%	4%	23%
Germany	22%	37%	12%	5%	24%
Syria	2%	6%	19%	50%	22%

8. How serious a threat do you think the following groups or countries pose to the United States?

	An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	A minor threat to the U.S.	Not a threat to the U.S.	Not sure
Iran	29%	30%	18%	7%	16%
ISIS	57%	20%	10%	2%	11%
Russia	25%	35%	18%	6%	16%
Syria	27%	28%	20%	11%	15%
China	9%	29%	28%	15%	19%

9. In today's world, does the United States have a responsibility to intervene militarily in trouble spots around the globe, or is this not a responsibility of the United States?

Has responsibility to intervene .....	37%
Has no responsibility to intervene .....	34%
Not sure .....	29%

**10. Do you support or oppose...**

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
Sending weapons to moderate groups to fight ISIS	44%	29%	27%
U.S. air strikes in Iraq and Syria against ISIS	59%	22%	19%
Sending U.S. ground troops to fight ISIS	38%	38%	23%

**11. Do you favor or oppose cooperating with Syria in order to fight ISIS?**

Favor strongly	6%
Favor somewhat	29%
Oppose somewhat	19%
Oppose strongly	20%
Not sure	26%

**12. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Bashar al-Assad?**

Very favorable	2%
Somewhat favorable	4%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	52%
Don't know	29%

**13. Do you favor or oppose cooperating with Russia in order to fight ISIS?**

Favor strongly	12%
Favor somewhat	38%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	12%
Not sure	23%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin?

Very favorable .....	3%
Somewhat favorable .....	15%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	27%
Very unfavorable .....	35%
Don't know .....	19%

15. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Syria between government forces and anti-government rebels, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

Has responsibility .....	28%
Does not have responsibility .....	42%
Not sure .....	30%

16. How much have you heard about the use of chemical weapons in the fighting between government forces and rebels in Syria?

Heard a lot .....	49%
Heard a little .....	39%
Heard nothing at all .....	12%

17. Do you support or oppose President Trump's decision to order military airstrikes against a Syrian air force base in response to a chemical weapons attack against civilians?

Support strongly .....	30%
Support somewhat .....	24%
Oppose somewhat .....	16%
Oppose strongly .....	16%
Not sure .....	14%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling the situation in Syria?

Strongly approve .....	22%
Somewhat approve .....	23%
Somewhat disapprove .....	16%
Strongly disapprove .....	22%
No opinion .....	17%

19. Do you favor or oppose the following actions?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Reinstating the use of waterboarding and other enhanced interrogation techniques against people suspected of terrorism	32%	42%	26%
Reducing the number of refugees the US accepts to 50,000	45%	31%	25%
Stopping admitting Syrian refugees entirely	36%	42%	23%
Stopping admitting <u>ALL</u> refugees to the U.S. for four months	38%	42%	19%
A 90-day ban on people entering the US from Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen	49%	34%	17%

20. Do you think the United States should or should not accept Syrian refugees who are Christian?

Should accept Christian Syrian refugees .....	70%
Should not accept Christian Syrian refugees .....	30%

21. Do you think the United States should or should not accept Syrian refugees who are Muslim?

Should accept Muslim Syrian refugees .....52%  
Should not accept Muslim Syrian refugees .....48%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Steve Bannon	7%	14%	11%	31%	37%
Kellyanne Conway	14%	13%	11%	31%	30%
Jeff Sessions	16%	13%	9%	28%	34%
Rex Tillerson	14%	14%	13%	19%	40%
Ivanka Trump	24%	20%	19%	19%	17%
Jared Kushner	11%	16%	16%	18%	39%
Sean Spicer	13%	15%	13%	26%	34%

23. How much have you heard about Steve Bannon being removed from the National Security Council?

A lot .....27%  
A little .....44%  
Nothing at all .....28%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of Steve Bannon being removed from the National Security Council?

Strongly approve .....31%  
Somewhat approve .....17%  
Somewhat disapprove .....8%  
Strongly disapprove .....3%  
Not sure .....41%

25. Do you think the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded .....	36%
Kept the same .....	15%
Repealed .....	34%
Not sure .....	14%

26. How closely have you been following the news about Republican plans to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare?

Very closely .....	34%
Somewhat closely .....	35%
Not very closely .....	21%
Not following it at all .....	10%

27. How likely do you think it is that Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives will pass legislation this year to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare?

Will definitely happen (100% likely) .....	4%
Very likely (greater than 75%) .....	12%
Somewhat likely (greater than 50%) .....	16%
Even chance (exactly 50%) .....	17%
Somewhat unlikely (less than 50%) .....	15%
Very unlikely (less than 25%) .....	15%
Definitely will not happen (0% likely) .....	7%
Not sure .....	14%

28. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very favorable .....	10%
Somewhat favorable .....	42%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	22%
Very unfavorable .....	7%
Don't know .....	19%

29. How much have you heard about Donald Trump nominating federal judge Neil Gorsuch to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court?

A lot .....	49%
A little .....	30%
Nothing at all .....	21%

30. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Neil Gorsuch?

Very favorable .....	24%
Somewhat favorable .....	14%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	16%
Very unfavorable .....	14%
Don't know .....	32%

31. Would you say Neil Gorsuch is...

Very liberal .....	2%
Liberal .....	3%
Moderate .....	11%
Conservative .....	31%
Very conservative .....	22%
Not sure .....	31%

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. Senate confirming Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court of the United States?

Strongly approve .....	25%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Somewhat disapprove .....	13%
Strongly disapprove .....	20%
Not sure .....	27%

33. The filibuster is a procedure in the U.S. Senate in which legislation or presidential appointments can be blocked unless sixty senators out of 100 vote to end the filibuster. In general, do you think the filibuster rule in the U.S. Senate is a good thing or a bad thing?

Good idea .....	40%
Bad idea .....	27%
Not sure .....	33%

34. Last week, Democrats launched a filibuster to prevent the U.S. Senate from confirming Judge Gorsuch. In response, Republicans changed Senate rules to eliminate the filibuster for all presidential appointments, but maintaining the filibuster for considering legislation. Do you approve or disapprove of the Senate eliminating the filibuster for presidential appointments?

Strongly approve .....	17%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	30%
Not sure .....	24%

35. Do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not eliminate the filibuster entirely?

Should eliminate filibuster entirely .....	22%
Should keep filibuster for legislation .....	46%
Not sure .....	32%

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 .....	10%
About the same .....	30%
Less than usual .....	33%
Not sure .....	27%

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

*Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual*

Democrats in Congress .....	15%
Republicans in Congress .....	46%
Both equally .....	37%
Neither .....	2%
Not sure .....	1%

## 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 .....	40%
The Republican Party candidate .....	37%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	15%
I would not vote .....	6%

39. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	69%	25%	4%	3%
Immigration	49%	34%	12%	4%
The environment	50%	31%	12%	6%
Terrorism	64%	25%	7%	3%
Gay rights	25%	27%	23%	25%
Education	63%	28%	7%	2%
Health care	73%	22%	4%	1%
Social security	66%	26%	5%	3%
The budget deficit	48%	35%	13%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	30%	42%	22%	6%
Taxes	54%	35%	9%	2%
Medicare	64%	26%	7%	2%
Abortion	40%	31%	18%	11%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	10%	3%
Gun control	45%	28%	15%	12%
International trade and globalization	32%	49%	14%	5%
Use of military force	48%	38%	11%	4%

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

The economy .....	15%
Immigration .....	7%
The environment .....	9%
Terrorism .....	11%
Gay rights .....	1%
Education .....	7%
Health care .....	15%
Social security .....	14%
The budget deficit .....	2%
The war in Afghanistan .....	0%
Taxes .....	4%
Medicare .....	4%
Abortion .....	5%
Foreign policy .....	2%
Gun control .....	3%

41. 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%	16%	12%	42%	5%
Mike Pence	26%	15%	14%	28%	17%
Paul Ryan	8%	19%	23%	30%	21%
Mitch McConnell	5%	19%	17%	29%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	21%	14%	33%	22%
Chuck Schumer	9%	17%	14%	27%	33%

42. 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	13%	25%	20%	31%	11%
The Republican Party	14%	22%	20%	34%	11%

43. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	26%
Not liberal enough	14%
Not sure	21%

44. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	38%
About right	23%
Not conservative enough	15%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	10%

**46. 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	16%	15%	12%	29%	28%
The budget deficit	19%	19%	13%	26%	24%
Civil rights	18%	17%	12%	31%	23%
The economy	23%	20%	13%	26%	17%
Education	17%	17%	13%	31%	22%
The environment	17%	16%	11%	37%	19%
Foreign policy	21%	18%	15%	30%	17%
Gay rights	13%	15%	13%	26%	33%
Gun control	21%	16%	12%	25%	25%
Health care	16%	20%	16%	35%	13%
Immigration	26%	15%	11%	36%	12%
Medicare	14%	18%	14%	27%	26%
Social security	15%	17%	13%	25%	30%
Taxes	18%	19%	13%	28%	23%
Terrorism	27%	19%	12%	27%	17%
Veterans	24%	18%	11%	20%	26%
Women's rights	18%	16%	9%	33%	24%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	15%
Not sure	29%

**48. Do you think Donald Trump...**

Says what he believes	47%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	40%
Not sure	14%

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

Like a lot .....	20%
Like somewhat .....	23%
Dislike .....	47%
Not sure .....	10%

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

A lot .....	20%
Some .....	19%
Not much .....	13%
Doesn't care at all .....	40%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Very strong .....	26%
Somewhat strong .....	24%
Somewhat weak .....	18%
Very weak .....	32%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	33%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	50%
Not sure .....	17%

53. 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%

54. 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 .....	54%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	54%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Very likely .....	33%
Fairly likely .....	29%
Fairly unlikely .....	15%
Very unlikely .....	7%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Appropriate .....	24%
Inappropriate .....	60%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Optimistic .....	37%
Pessimistic .....	46%
Not sure .....	17%

59. 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 .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	21%
Strongly disapprove .....	34%
Not sure .....	14%

60. 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%	24%	21%	31%	14%
Republicans in Congress	10%	22%	20%	35%	13%

61. 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 .....	20%
Somewhat disapprove .....	18%
Strongly disapprove .....	31%
Not sure .....	25%

62. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve .....	6%
Somewhat approve .....	20%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	30%
Not sure .....	30%

63. 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 .....	20%
Somewhat disapprove .....	12%
Strongly disapprove .....	27%
Not sure .....	32%

64. 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 .....	21%
Somewhat disapprove .....	13%
Strongly disapprove .....	32%
Not sure .....	26%

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

Getting better .....	26%
About the same .....	34%
Getting worse .....	26%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Higher .....	29%
About the same .....	23%
Lower .....	22%
Not sure .....	26%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	54%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	22%
Not sure .....	8%

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

More jobs .....	34%
The same amount of jobs .....	27%
Fewer jobs .....	20%
Not sure .....	18%

69. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried .....	9%
Somewhat worried .....	26%
Not very worried .....	65%

70. 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 .....	24%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Very happy .....	25%
Happy .....	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	27%
Unhappy .....	8%
Very unhappy .....	4%

72. 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	45%
Some of the time	29%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	4%

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

Liberal	27%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	32%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	17%
Very Conservative	15%
Not sure	14%

75. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	76%
Not registered	24%

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

Yes	56%
No	44%

**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 .....	25%
Independent .....	26%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Strong Democrat .....	20%
Not very strong Democrat .....	14%
Lean Democrat .....	8%
Independent .....	16%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Not very strong Republican .....	9%
Strong Republican .....	16%
Not sure .....	8%

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

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

**81. Respondent age by category**

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

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

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

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

Married .....	45%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	13%
Widowed .....	6%
Single .....	31%
Domestic partnership .....	3%

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

Yes .....	24%
No .....	76%

**85. U.S. Region**

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast .....	19%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	38%
West .....	21%

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

City .....	34%
Suburb .....	34%
Town .....	12%
Rural area .....	19%
Other .....	1%

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

Full-time employed .....	36%
Part-time employed .....	11%
Self-employed .....	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	10%
Retired .....	22%
Permanently disabled .....	12%
Homemaker .....	8%
Other .....	2%

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

Under \$50K .....	52%
\$50-100K .....	25%
\$100K or more .....	10%
Prefer not to say .....	13%

89. 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 .....	39%
None .....	47%

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

Yes, I am .....	6%
Yes, household member is .....	9%
No .....	85%

91. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	37%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not too important .....	16%
Not at all important .....	20%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	16%
Once or twice a month .....	7%
A few times a year .....	16%
Seldom .....	20%
Never .....	29%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	33%
No .....	67%

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

Several times a day .....	27%
Once a day .....	14%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	19%
Don't know .....	4%

95. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	36%
Roman Catholic .....	18%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	5%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	21%
Something else .....	6%

<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	April 10 - 11, 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 0.1 to 6.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.77.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1330 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	43 questions not reported.