

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted July 31 - August 1, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	17%

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

We're all in it together	16%
It's everyone for themselves	66%
Not sure	18%

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	21%
About the same as today	22%
Less respected than today	46%
Not sure	11%

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	24%
About the same as today	32%
Less safe from terrorism than today	32%
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	5%
Somewhat optimistic	15%
Somewhat pessimistic	26%
Very pessimistic	38%
Not sure	15%

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	3%	12%	32%	30%	22%
China	5%	30%	28%	10%	27%
Mexico	14%	39%	21%	5%	21%
United Kingdom	53%	23%	4%	2%	18%
France	41%	33%	5%	2%	19%
Germany	37%	32%	7%	2%	22%
Italy	33%	42%	4%	1%	20%
Israel	39%	24%	9%	5%	24%
Egypt	7%	36%	20%	3%	34%
Iraq	3%	17%	28%	29%	23%
Iran	1%	7%	25%	45%	22%
Saudi Arabia	9%	31%	19%	12%	29%
North Korea	1%	6%	10%	67%	16%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	34%	28%	6%	11%	20%
Japan	38%	31%	6%	4%	21%
Canada	50%	30%	3%	1%	15%
Australia	44%	32%	3%	1%	20%
India	12%	48%	8%	2%	30%
Taiwan	16%	40%	7%	3%	34%
Palestine	3%	14%	31%	18%	34%
Syria	1%	8%	27%	37%	27%
Turkey	7%	27%	25%	7%	34%

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	13%	32%	19%	12%	24%
Mexico	7%	24%	30%	17%	22%
China	5%	28%	24%	16%	27%
Israel	38%	21%	7%	8%	25%
Australia	30%	34%	8%	4%	25%
Germany	19%	32%	17%	5%	27%
Syria	2%	8%	22%	39%	29%
North Korea	1%	5%	12%	62%	20%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	27%	29%	8%	11%	25%
Canada	35%	33%	7%	4%	21%
Turkey	7%	26%	20%	9%	37%
Saudi Arabia	17%	27%	14%	11%	31%

8. Do you favor or oppose a bill passed by Congress that would impose new sanctions on Russia and also limit President Trump’s ability to lift those sanctions?

Favor strongly	30%
Favor somewhat	21%
Oppose somewhat	13%
Oppose strongly	9%
Not sure	27%

9. 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	5%	13%	13%	29%	41%
Reince Priebus	5%	13%	19%	20%	43%
John Kelly	13%	15%	11%	10%	50%
Anthony Scaramucci	8%	13%	10%	27%	42%
Sean Spicer	8%	17%	19%	20%	35%
Jeff Sessions	11%	16%	14%	24%	35%
Jared Kushner	9%	14%	13%	28%	37%
Donald Trump, Jr.	16%	17%	15%	36%	15%
Robert Mueller	15%	14%	11%	14%	46%

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

Very well	19%
Fairly well	34%
Not very well	27%
Not at all	10%
Not sure	11%

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

Very concerned	33%
Somewhat concerned	22%
Not very concerned	15%
Not concerned at all	19%
Not sure	11%

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

Yes	42%
No	35%
Not sure	23%

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

Yes	38%
No	37%
Not sure	25%

14. Do you think the FBI investigation into Trump Administration members' contacts with Russian government officials before the Inauguration is...

A serious attempt to find out what really happened	38%
A politically-motivated attempt to embarrass Donald Trump	27%
Equally-motivated by both of these	17%
Not sure	17%

15. Do you agree or disagree with Jeff Sessions' decision to recuse himself from any investigation of Russian influence on the election in 2016?

Strongly agree	27%
Somewhat agree	17%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	10%
Not sure	33%

16. Do you think Jeff Sessions should or should not resign as the U.S. Attorney General?

Should resign	26%
Should not resign	33%
Not sure	40%

17. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not fire Jeff Sessions?

Should fire Jeff Sessions	17%
Should not fire Jeff Sessions	40%
Not sure	43%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the Department of Justice appointing a special counsel to oversee the investigation of Russian influence on the 2016 election?

Approve strongly	33%
Approve somewhat	20%
Disapprove somewhat	12%
Disapprove strongly	16%
Not sure	19%

19. 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	47%
Has not attempted to influence the investigation	31%
Not sure	22%

20. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not fire Robert Mueller, the special counsel assigned to oversee the investigation of Russian influence on the 2016 election?

Should fire Robert Mueller	15%
Should not fire Robert Mueller	46%
Not sure	39%

21. How concerned are you about health care reform?

Very concerned	55%
Somewhat concerned	26%
Not very concerned	6%
Not concerned at all	6%
Not sure	8%

22. Do you currently have health insurance? (Please check all that apply)

Yes, through my job or a family member's employer	35%
Yes, through a government program, such as Medicare or Medicaid	39%
Yes, through my school	3%
Yes, I purchased my own	12%
No	10%
Not sure	6%

23. At any point in your life have you ever NOT had health insurance coverage?

I have always had health insurance	38%
At some point, I have not had health insurance	55%
Not sure	7%

24. Do you think the health care system in this country...

Works pretty well and requires only minor changes	20%
Needs fundamental changes	38%
Needs to be completely rebuilt	31%
Not sure	11%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare"?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	11%

26. From all that you know now, has the Affordable Care Act been a complete success, a complete failure, or something in between?

A complete success	5%
More of a success than a failure	27%
Equal amount of both failure and success	20%
More of a failure than a success	15%
A complete failure	19%
Too early to tell	3%
Not sure	9%

27. Which comes closer to your opinion?

If policymakers made the right changes, they could reform the health care system without spending more money to do it.	70%
To make any real reforms to the health care system, policymakers will need to spend more money, either by raising some taxes, taking from other programs or increasing the deficit.	30%

28. Which party do you think would do a better job handling the problem of health care?

Democrats	39%
Republicans	25%
About the same	35%

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

Expanded	35%
Kept the same	14%
Repealed	35%
Not sure	16%

30. Donald Trump and many Republicans in Congress promised to repeal and replace Obamacare. Do you think they should...

Repeal Obamacare now and not replace it with anything	16%
Repeal Obamacare now and replace it with something else later	20%
Repeal Obamacare later when they have a replacement plan	64%

31. How likely are Donald Trump and Congress to Repeal Obamacare?

Definitely will happen	9%
Probably will happen	38%
Unlikely to happen	41%
Will never happen	12%

32. When do you think Congress will repeal Obamacare?

In the next two months	5%
Before the end of 2017	16%
Before the end of 2018	30%
Later than the end of 2018	20%
Never	29%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is handling health care?

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	8%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	47%
No opinion	16%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
John McCain	13%	29%	18%	18%	21%
Susan Collins	11%	17%	10%	15%	47%
Lisa Murkowski	10%	16%	11%	13%	50%
Lindsey Graham	5%	19%	17%	17%	42%

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

Very closely	27%
Somewhat closely	36%
Not very closely	26%
Not following it at all	10%

36. From what you know about them right now, do you approve or disapprove of Republican proposals for health care reform?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	23%

37. Overall, if President Trump and Congress pass health care reform, do you think you personally would be better or worse off?

Better off	14%
About the same	32%
Worse off	36%
Not sure	18%

38. Republicans in the Senate failed to pass legislation to repeal or replace Obamacare. What do you want Republicans in Congress to do now?

- Keep working on another plan to repeal or replace Obamacare using only Republican votes 15%
- Keep working on another plan to fix Obamacare that includes Democrats 40%
- Stop working on health care reform for now and focus on other issues like tax reform 26%
- Not sure 19%

39. Do you favor or oppose creating a single-payer health care system, in which all Americans would get their health insurance from one government plan that is financed by taxes?

- Favor strongly 20%
- Favor somewhat 19%
- Oppose somewhat 12%
- Oppose strongly 22%
- Not sure 27%

40. Do you personally know someone who is...

	Yes	No	Not sure
A military veteran	75%	21%	4%
Currently in the military	43%	52%	5%
Gay	75%	20%	6%
Transgender	25%	66%	9%

41. Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military?

- Favor strongly 41%
- Favor somewhat 18%
- Oppose somewhat 10%
- Oppose strongly 16%
- Don't know 15%

42. Do you think allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military has made military effectiveness better, worse, or not made much difference?

Better	12%
Not made much difference	55%
Worse	17%
Don't know	16%

43. Do you favor or oppose allowing transgender people to serve openly in the military?

Favor strongly	34%
Favor somewhat	15%
Oppose somewhat	11%
Oppose strongly	23%
Don't know	17%

44. Do you think allowing transgender people to serve openly in the military has made military effectiveness better, worse, or not made much difference?

Better	11%
Not made much difference	45%
Worse	23%
Don't know	20%

45. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump issuing a ban on transgender people serving in the military?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	14%

46. Do you think it was appropriate or inappropriate for Donald Trump to issue a ban on transgender people serving in the military through Twitter?

Appropriate	20%
Inappropriate	62%
Not sure	18%

47. 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	6%
About the same	23%
Less than usual	48%
Not sure	23%

48. 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	41%
Both equally	39%
Neither	2%
Not sure	1%

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

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	39%
The Republican Party candidate	34%
Other	3%
Not sure	17%
I would not vote	8%

50. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus

Donald Trump	58%
Somemone else	42%

51. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	67%	26%	5%	2%
Immigration	48%	33%	13%	5%
The environment	52%	29%	13%	7%
Terrorism	60%	25%	12%	4%
Gay rights	27%	26%	23%	24%
Education	59%	29%	8%	3%
Health care	72%	22%	5%	2%
Social security	67%	24%	7%	3%
The budget deficit	44%	36%	15%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	41%	21%	6%
Taxes	57%	33%	8%	2%
Medicare	62%	26%	8%	3%
Abortion	36%	31%	21%	12%
Foreign policy	45%	39%	12%	5%
Gun control	43%	29%	18%	10%
International trade and globalization	33%	44%	17%	6%
Use of military force	49%	35%	12%	4%

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

The economy	12%
Immigration	5%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	12%
Gay rights	1%
Education	9%
Health care	18%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	2%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	6%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	3%

53. 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	23%	15%	10%	45%	6%
Mike Pence	23%	15%	12%	32%	18%
Paul Ryan	7%	20%	16%	34%	24%
Mitch McConnell	5%	13%	15%	34%	33%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	18%	14%	35%	24%
Chuck Schumer	10%	16%	12%	27%	35%

54. 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	16%	22%	19%	31%	12%
The Republican Party	12%	20%	18%	39%	12%

55. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	37%
About right	26%
Not liberal enough	14%
Not sure	24%

56. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	37%
About right	20%
Not conservative enough	18%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	9%

58. 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	13%	15%	10%	32%	31%
The budget deficit	13%	20%	12%	28%	27%
Civil rights	15%	17%	10%	35%	23%
The economy	22%	20%	12%	28%	18%
Education	14%	18%	12%	32%	23%
The environment	16%	16%	10%	38%	20%
Foreign policy	18%	17%	11%	34%	19%
Gay rights	14%	14%	12%	38%	23%
Gun control	19%	17%	11%	28%	26%
Health care	15%	18%	13%	41%	13%
Immigration	27%	16%	9%	38%	11%
Medicare	13%	16%	14%	34%	23%
Social security	13%	17%	11%	29%	29%
Taxes	15%	18%	11%	31%	24%
Terrorism	27%	16%	12%	27%	18%
Veterans	23%	20%	10%	25%	22%
Women's rights	15%	14%	13%	34%	24%

59. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	17%
Not sure	32%

60. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	48%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	36%
Not sure	17%

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

Like a lot	20%
Like somewhat	20%
Dislike	49%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	20%
Some	15%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	43%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	24%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	36%

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

Honest and trustworthy	31%
Not honest and trustworthy	53%
Not sure	17%

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

Qualified to be president	35%
Not qualified to be president	53%
Not sure	12%

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

Has enough experience	31%
Does not have enough experience	58%
Not sure	11%

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

Yes	32%
No	55%
Not sure	13%

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

Very likely	28%
Fairly likely	29%
Fairly unlikely	16%
Very unlikely	8%
Not sure	19%

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

Appropriate	22%
Inappropriate	63%
Not sure	15%

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

Optimistic	34%
Pessimistic	48%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	16%

72. 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%	23%	18%	32%	14%
Republicans in Congress	7%	18%	23%	39%	14%

73. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	26%

74. 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	15%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	29%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	34%

76. 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	13%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	28%

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

Getting better	26%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	24%
Not sure	15%

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

Higher	26%
About the same	27%
Lower	20%
Not sure	27%

79. 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	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	23%
Not sure	10%

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

More jobs	28%
The same amount of jobs	35%
Fewer jobs	19%
Not sure	19%

81. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	57%

82. 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.	28%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	38%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	9%

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

Very happy	24%
Happy	35%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	5%

84. 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	44%
Some of the time	26%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	10%
Don’t know	7%

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

Liberal	26%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	18%
Very Conservative	13%
Not sure	15%

87. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	78%
Not registered	22%

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

Asked of registered voters

Yes	58%
No	42%

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

Hillary Clinton	27%
Donald Trump	26%
Gary Johnson	1%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	44%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	26%
Independent	28%
Other	3%
Not sure	12%

91. 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	15%
Not sure	8%

92. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

93. Respondent age by category

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

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

HS or less	39%
Some college	33%
College grad	18%
Postgrad	10%

95. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	3%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	5%
Single	31%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

97. U.S. Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	20%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	19%

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

City	31%
Suburb	35%
Town	13%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	35%
Part-time employed	12%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	11%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	9%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	53%
\$50-100K	22%
\$100K or more	11%
Prefer not to say	14%

101. 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	9%
I served previously	11%
Family served previously	38%
None	46%

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

Yes, I am	7%
Yes, household member is	7%
No	86%

103. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	28%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	19%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	15%
Seldom	23%
Never	26%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

106. 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	14%
Never	18%
Don't know	4%

107. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	36%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	5%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 31 - August 1, 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 5.6, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.8.
Number of respondents	1500 1329 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.