

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted July 9 - 11, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	14%

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

We're all in it together	15%
It's everyone for themselves	69%
Not sure	17%

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	25%
About the same as today	20%
Less respected than today	45%
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	25%
About the same as today	31%
Less safe from terrorism than today	31%
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	27%
Very pessimistic	39%
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%	17%	30%	27%	23%
China	5%	31%	28%	10%	25%
Mexico	16%	39%	18%	6%	20%
United Kingdom	52%	27%	4%	1%	16%
France	39%	35%	6%	2%	18%
Germany	33%	34%	10%	3%	20%
Italy	34%	41%	4%	1%	20%
Israel	39%	23%	8%	6%	24%
Egypt	9%	34%	18%	5%	34%
Iraq	4%	16%	29%	26%	25%
Iran	1%	7%	25%	43%	24%
Saudi Arabia	11%	30%	19%	13%	27%
North Korea	2%	4%	11%	68%	14%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	36%	28%	8%	9%	19%
Japan	38%	32%	6%	4%	21%
Canada	52%	30%	3%	2%	13%
Australia	44%	34%	3%	1%	17%
India	14%	47%	7%	3%	29%
Taiwan	16%	41%	7%	2%	34%
Palestine	2%	14%	29%	18%	37%
Syria	2%	5%	28%	38%	28%
Turkey	8%	27%	21%	8%	36%
Afghanistan	3%	12%	31%	27%	26%
Jordan	10%	31%	14%	5%	41%
Libya	2%	9%	30%	21%	39%
Pakistan	2%	15%	34%	17%	32%
Poland	26%	39%	5%	1%	28%

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	14%	34%	17%	11%	24%
Mexico	6%	25%	29%	17%	23%
China	7%	28%	21%	15%	29%
Israel	36%	22%	8%	7%	27%
Australia	29%	35%	8%	4%	25%
Germany	19%	33%	15%	6%	27%
Syria	1%	7%	24%	38%	30%
North Korea	1%	4%	11%	64%	20%
The Republic of Korea (South Korea)	28%	28%	7%	11%	26%
Canada	34%	33%	7%	4%	22%
Turkey	8%	26%	16%	10%	41%
Saudi Arabia	18%	28%	12%	12%	30%
Afghanistan	3%	12%	24%	28%	33%
Jordan	9%	25%	13%	11%	43%
Libya	2%	9%	22%	24%	42%
Pakistan	2%	14%	25%	21%	38%
Poland	24%	33%	6%	4%	33%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump has handled his recent trip to attend the G20 Summit in Hamburg, Germany?

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	24%

9. These days, do you think the United States has a responsibility to give military assistance in trouble spots around the world when it is asked to by its allies, or don't you think the United States has that responsibility?

U.S. has a responsibility to give military assistance51%
 U.S. does not have a responsibility to give military assistance28%
 Not sure22%

10. 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%	12%	10%	31%	39%
Rex Tillerson	15%	14%	13%	17%	40%
Ivanka Trump	20%	22%	18%	25%	15%
Jared Kushner	10%	16%	13%	26%	35%

11. Which statement do you agree with more?

Donald Trump considers carefully what he says before commenting22%
 Donald Trump reacts and speaks without thinking very much78%

12. 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%	28%	24%	36%
Improve the way government works	14%	26%	27%	32%
Set a high moral standard	12%	27%	24%	37%
Use the office to enrich family and friends	34%	29%	23%	14%
Cut taxes	15%	42%	27%	16%
Repeal Obamacare	17%	48%	28%	7%

13. How well do you feel Donald Trump understands foreign policy?

Very well	15%
Fairly well	21%
Not very well	21%
Not at all	31%
Not sure	11%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Xi Jinping?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	21%
Very unfavorable	10%
Don't know	54%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling China?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	16%
No opinion	31%

16. During the campaign, Donald Trump said China was a currency manipulator. So far, as president, he has NOT labeled China as a currency manipulator. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to not label China a currency manipulator?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	9%
No opinion	41%

17. Do you favor or oppose cooperating with China in order to contain North Korea?

Favor strongly	33%
Favor somewhat	35%
Oppose somewhat	7%
Oppose strongly	5%
Not sure	21%

18. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Kim Jong-un?

Very favorable	2%
Somewhat favorable	4%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	64%
Don't know	20%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling North Korea?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	18%
No opinion	27%

20. Do you support or oppose direct negotiations between the United States and North Korea in order to end that country's nuclear program?

Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support	33%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	8%
No opinion	22%

21. Do you support or oppose the United States taking military action against North Korea in order to end that country's nuclear program?

Strongly support	18%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	20%
No opinion	21%

22. Even if it could lead to war with China do you support or oppose the United States taking military action against North Korea?

Asked of those who support taking military action against North Korea

Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support	36%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	10%
No opinion	9%

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

Very favorable	5%
Somewhat favorable	14%
Somewhat unfavorable	25%
Very unfavorable	36%
Don't know	20%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling Russia?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	31%
No opinion	21%

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

Favor strongly	25%
Favor somewhat	35%
Oppose somewhat	9%
Oppose strongly	9%
Not sure	22%

26. Do you think the following statements are true or not true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably not true	Definitely not true
Russia hacked the email of Democrats in order to increase the chance that Donald Trump would win the Presidential election.	28%	29%	26%	17%
Millions of illegal votes were cast in the election.	17%	29%	26%	28%
Russia tampered with vote tallies in order to get Donald Trump elected President.	15%	25%	33%	27%

27. Do you think the 2016 election outcome would have been different if the Russians had not meddled?

Yes, the outcome would have been different	34%
No, the outcome would have been the same	44%
Not sure	22%

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

Very well	17%
Fairly well	37%
Not very well	23%
Not at all	7%
Not sure	16%

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

Very concerned	30%
Somewhat concerned	20%
Not very concerned	18%
Not concerned at all	18%
Not sure	13%

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

Yes	34%
No	40%
Not sure	26%

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

Yes	33%
No	42%
Not sure	26%

32. 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	36%
A politically-motivated attempt to embarrass Donald Trump	30%
Equally-motivated by both of these	18%
Not sure	16%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump firing James Comey?

Approve strongly	20%
Approve somewhat	13%
Disapprove somewhat	13%
Disapprove strongly	29%
Not sure	25%

34. 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	34%
Approve somewhat	20%
Disapprove somewhat	11%
Disapprove strongly	13%
Not sure	22%

35. 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	45%
Has not attempted to influence the investigation	34%
Not sure	21%

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	8%
About the same	27%
Less than usual	42%
Not sure	23%

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	40%
Both equally	40%
Neither	3%
Not sure	2%

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	39%
The Republican Party candidate	32%
Other	3%
Not sure	19%
I would not vote	6%

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

Donald Trump	58%
Somemone else	42%

40. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	71%	23%	4%	2%
Immigration	47%	34%	15%	5%
The environment	49%	31%	13%	7%
Terrorism	62%	27%	7%	5%
Gay rights	24%	24%	23%	30%
Education	62%	26%	9%	2%
Health care	75%	19%	5%	2%
Social security	68%	22%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	43%	38%	13%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	42%	20%	7%
Taxes	55%	34%	8%	3%
Medicare	67%	24%	6%	4%
Abortion	38%	29%	20%	13%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	11%	4%
Gun control	45%	28%	17%	11%
International trade and globalization	34%	47%	15%	5%
Use of military force	46%	38%	12%	4%

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

The economy	13%
Immigration	6%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	19%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	2%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	6%
Abortion	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	3%

42. 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	24%	18%	10%	42%	6%
Mike Pence	24%	16%	12%	30%	18%
Paul Ryan	8%	23%	19%	30%	20%
Mitch McConnell	3%	19%	17%	31%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	18%	16%	36%	22%
Chuck Schumer	8%	18%	13%	28%	33%

43. 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	15%	24%	18%	32%	10%
The Republican Party	10%	21%	21%	37%	11%

44. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	40%
About right	23%
Not liberal enough	14%
Not sure	22%

45. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	37%
About right	21%
Not conservative enough	17%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	11%

47. 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	14%	15%	12%	27%	32%
The budget deficit	16%	20%	14%	25%	25%
Civil rights	16%	17%	11%	31%	25%
The economy	23%	20%	13%	26%	18%
Education	16%	20%	11%	32%	21%
The environment	17%	18%	11%	37%	18%
Foreign policy	19%	20%	14%	30%	17%
Gay rights	12%	14%	12%	25%	36%
Gun control	21%	16%	9%	27%	27%
Health care	15%	20%	14%	39%	12%
Immigration	26%	18%	11%	34%	12%
Medicare	14%	19%	12%	35%	20%
Social security	14%	18%	14%	29%	26%
Taxes	17%	20%	13%	30%	20%
Terrorism	27%	18%	12%	25%	18%
Veterans	24%	21%	9%	21%	24%
Women's rights	17%	16%	11%	33%	24%

48. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	25%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	31%

49. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	50%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	37%
Not sure	14%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	22%
Dislike	48%
Not sure	13%

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

A lot	20%
Some	18%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	41%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	33%

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

Honest and trustworthy	31%
Not honest and trustworthy	52%
Not sure	17%

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

Qualified to be president	36%
Not qualified to be president	53%
Not sure	11%

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

Has enough experience	32%
Does not have enough experience	55%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes	30%
No	55%
Not sure	15%

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

Very likely	26%
Fairly likely	31%
Fairly unlikely	18%
Very unlikely	7%
Not sure	19%

58. 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	16%

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

Optimistic	36%
Pessimistic	45%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	14%

61. 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	11%	21%	19%	34%	14%
Republicans in Congress	7%	19%	23%	36%	15%

62. 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	17%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	26%

63. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	31%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	33%

65. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	26%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	24%
Not sure	13%

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

Higher	28%
About the same	25%
Lower	21%
Not sure	27%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	19%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	23%
Not sure	9%

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

More jobs	30%
The same amount of jobs	30%
Fewer jobs	20%
Not sure	20%

70. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	28%
Not very worried	64%

71. 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%

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

Very happy	23%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	5%

73. 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	13%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	8%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	32%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	21%
Very Conservative	11%
Not sure	14%

76. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

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

Yes	59%
No	41%

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

Hillary Clinton	27%
Donald Trump	27%
Gary Johnson	1%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	43%

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

Democrat	32%
Republican	22%
Independent	30%
Other	4%
Not sure	12%

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

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	10%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	14%
Not sure	8%

81. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

82. Respondent age by category

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

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

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

84. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	14%
Widowed	4%
Single	32%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

86. U.S. Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	21%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	20%

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

City	33%
Suburb	33%
Town	14%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	36%
Part-time employed	12%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	12%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	5%
Homemaker	9%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	51%
\$50-100K	24%
\$100K or more	11%
Prefer not to say	14%

90. 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	46%

91. 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%

92. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	20%

93. 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	9%
A few times a year	14%
Seldom	21%
Never	28%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

95. 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	15%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	19%
Don't know	4%

96. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	33%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	4%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 9 - 11, 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 5.9, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.72.
Number of respondents	1500 1284 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.