

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1434 US Adults
Conducted November 19 - 22, 2016
Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction 25%
Off on the wrong track 57%
Not sure 18%

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

Optimistic 42%
Pessimistic 38%
Not sure 21%

3. Do you think Washington will get to work again with unified government, or not?

Will get working again 53%
Will not get working again 47%

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

	Yes	No	Not sure
Hard worker	56%	28%	16%
Successful	63%	23%	14%
Dangerous	51%	31%	18%
Corrupt	42%	36%	22%
Patriotic	50%	31%	19%
Tough	60%	24%	16%
Smart	55%	30%	15%
Compassionate	26%	53%	22%
Racist	49%	35%	16%
Consistent	33%	45%	22%

5. How qualified is Donald Trump to be President?

Very qualified	18%
Somewhat qualified	22%
Slightly qualified	14%
Not qualified	46%

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

A lot	23%
Some	17%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	38%
Not sure	7%

7. 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	36%
Not sure	39%

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

Yes	34%
No	50%
Not sure	17%

9. Do you think Donald Trump can bring about real change in the way things are done in Washington, or can't he do that?

Can bring about real change	42%
Cannot bring about real change	38%
Not sure	20%

10. Do you think that Donald Trump will or will not be able to reach across party lines to get things done?

Yes, he will 34%
 No, he won't 42%
 Not sure 24%

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

Very likely 25%
 Fairly likely 23%
 Fairly unlikely 19%
 Very unlikely 14%
 Not sure 19%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Melania Trump	16%	19%	16%	22%	26%
Ivanka Trump	18%	18%	14%	20%	29%
Donald Trump, Jr.	15%	14%	11%	28%	32%
Eric Trump	13%	13%	12%	23%	39%
Tiffany Trump	10%	14%	11%	15%	50%
Barron Trump	12%	12%	8%	17%	51%
Jared Kushner	9%	12%	10%	19%	50%

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

Strongly Approve 22%
 Somewhat Approve 21%
 Somewhat Disapprove 12%
 Strongly Disapprove 27%
 Not Sure 17%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Mike Flynn	12%	11%	10%	18%	49%
Jeff Sessions	13%	11%	11%	20%	45%
Steve Bannon	8%	12%	11%	25%	44%
Reince Priebus	11%	13%	14%	16%	46%

15. 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	14%
Law should not be changed	67%
Not sure	18%

16. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for a President to "tweet", send public messages via Twitter?

Appropriate	35%
Inappropriate	43%
Not sure	22%

17. What do you think should happen to the federal medical programs below?

	Expand it	Leave it as is	Repeal some of it	Repeal all of it	Not sure
The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)	23%	12%	27%	25%	12%
Medicare	43%	24%	14%	6%	15%
Medicaid	37%	23%	18%	7%	15%
Veterans Administration medical system	52%	14%	12%	6%	16%

18. Do you agree or disagree that there should be "a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on"?

Agree	36%
Disagree	43%
Not sure	21%

19. Would you support or oppose a national registry for immigrants from countries where terrorist groups are active?

Support	49%
Oppose	30%
Not sure	22%

20. Would you support or oppose a national registry of all Muslims in the United States?

Support	33%
Oppose	43%
Not sure	24%

21. Thinking about immigration in your community, would you say that immigrants have a positive or negative effect on the community?

Very positive	19%
Somewhat positive	20%
Neither positive nor negative	26%
Somewhat negative	14%
Very negative	8%
Not sure	12%

22. Thinking about the town or city in which you live, do you think the number of violent crime incidents (homicide, sexual assault, robbery, assault, domestic violence) over the past 12 months is higher or lower compared to ten years ago?

Much higher	14%
Somewhat higher	25%
About the same	27%
Somewhat lower	11%
Much lower	6%
Not sure	17%

23. Thinking about the nation as a whole, do you think the number of violent crime incidents (homicide, sexual assault, robbery, assault, domestic violence) over the past 12 months is higher or lower compared to ten years ago?

Much higher	23%
Somewhat higher	31%
About the same	14%
Somewhat lower	13%
Much lower	4%
Not sure	14%

24. Thinking about the town or city in which you live, do you think crimes motivated by hatred (racist, anti-religious, homophobic and anti-ethnic) over the past 12 months are higher or lower compared to ten years ago?

Much higher	11%
Somewhat higher	22%
About the same	33%
Somewhat lower	10%
Much lower	6%
Not sure	18%

25. Thinking about the nation as a whole, do you think crimes motivated by hatred (racist, anti-religious, homophobic and anti-ethnic) over the past 12 months are higher or lower compared to ten years ago?

Much higher	26%
Somewhat higher	31%
About the same	18%
Somewhat lower	7%
Much lower	3%
Not sure	14%

26. Have you personally been the victim or a witness of a crime over the past three years?

Yes	18%
No	76%
Prefer not to say	7%

27. Over the past three years have ever personally felt threatened by another individual because of your (choose as many as apply):

Gender	11%
Skin color	15%
Ethnicity	10%
Sexuality	6%
Religion	10%
None of the above	67%

28. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	63%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	28%
The world's climate is NOT changing	9%

29. Do you think the threat of climate change has been exaggerated, or not?

Exaggerated	33%
Has not been exaggerated	48%
Not sure	19%

30. Have you been following news about the Paris climate accords?

Yes	34%
No	66%

31. Last December, countries from around the world, including the United States met in France to discuss how they could work together to reduce emissions of gases that cause climate change. Which of the following do you think should have been the American strategy at this meeting?

Play a leadership role in setting ambitious targets to address climate change as quickly as possible.	38%
Take a more moderate approach and support only gradual action to address climate change.	27%
Do not agree to any international agreement that addresses climate change.	13%
Don't know	22%

32. Nearly 200 countries, including the United States, signed the Paris climate agreement to reduce global warming. The agreement went into effect on November 4. Do you think the U.S. should remain a part of the agreement or should the U.S. withdraw?

U.S. should remain in the Paris agreement	58%
U.S. should withdraw from the Paris agreement	18%
Not sure	24%

33. Do you usually celebrate Thanksgiving?

Yes	87%
No	13%

34. Will you watch a football game on TV on Thanksgiving day?

Yes	39%
No	47%
Not sure	14%

35. Will you eat your Thanksgiving day dinner and watch a football game on TV at the same time?

Asked of those who watch football on Thanksgiving and usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Yes	51%
No	35%
Not sure	13%

36. When it comes to turkey, do you prefer dark meat (leg or thigh) or white meat (turkey breast)?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Dark meat (leg or thigh)	20%
White meat (turkey breast)	40%
I like both	32%
I do not eat turkey	5%
Not sure	2%

37. Do you prefer sweet potato side dishes with or without marshmallows?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

With marshmallows	23%
Without marshmallows	31%
I like them either way	19%
I do not eat sweet potatoes	23%
Not sure	4%

38. Do you like cranberry sauce or not?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Yes	61%
No	34%
Not sure	4%

39. Do you prefer canned cranberry sauce or cranberry sauce made from scratch?

Asked of those who usually like cranberry sauce and celebrate Thanksgiving

Canned	34%
Made from scratch	25%
I like it either way	35%
Not sure	5%

40. Do you or your family invite people who might otherwise be alone on Thanksgiving to join your Thanksgiving meal?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Yes	63%
No	32%
I don't remember	5%

41. Have you ever been invited to join someone else's Thanksgiving day plans when you would have otherwise been alone on Thanksgiving day?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Yes	54%
No	40%
I don't remember	6%

42. Does your family have a tradition of going around the table and announcing what you are thankful for this year?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Yes	29%
No	51%
Sometimes	20%

43. Does anyone at your Thanksgiving celebration ever discuss politics?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Yes	39%
No	56%
Prefer not to say	6%

44. Do people at your Thanksgiving celebration mostly agree or disagree about politics?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Agree	30%
Disagree	15%
About equal	32%
Not sure	24%

45. Are there ever arguments about politics at your Thanksgiving celebration?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Yes	18%
No	76%
Prefer not to say	6%

46. Do you think there will be more, less or about the same amount of argument this year?

Asked of those who have experienced political arguments at Thanksgiving

More	41%
Less	21%
About the same	35%
Prefer not to say	3%

47. Are you thankful this year?

Yes	86%
No	14%

48. Are you more thankful this year, less thankful this year or about as thankful this year as you were this time last year?

More thankful this year	40%
About the same	40%
Less thankful this year	11%
Prefer not to say	4%
Not sure	5%

49. Do you personally plan on doing any shopping in a store on the Friday after Thanksgiving?

Yes	20%
No	61%
Maybe	19%

50. Do you personally plan on doing any shopping in a store on Thanksgiving Day itself?

Yes	13%
No	74%
Maybe	12%

51. In general, should businesses open Thanksgiving Day if there is demand for it, or should businesses close Thanksgiving day so workers can have the day off?

They should feel free to stay open	22%
They should close so workers can have the day off	67%
Not sure	12%

52. Would you prefer that retailers open for business on Thanksgiving Day, or that they wait to open until the Friday after Thanksgiving?

Open for business on Thanksgiving	13%
Wait until the Friday after Thanksgiving	70%
Not sure	16%

53. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	70%	23%	4%	3%
Immigration	47%	35%	14%	4%
The environment	48%	34%	12%	5%
Terrorism	62%	25%	8%	5%
Gay rights	25%	26%	25%	23%
Education	60%	29%	7%	3%
Health care	74%	21%	3%	2%
Social security	68%	24%	5%	3%
The budget deficit	49%	35%	11%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	36%	39%	18%	7%
Taxes	54%	35%	8%	3%
Medicare	61%	29%	7%	3%
Abortion	40%	31%	18%	11%
Foreign policy	44%	41%	12%	4%
Gun control	49%	28%	14%	9%
International trade and globalization	38%	41%	16%	5%
Use of military force	46%	38%	12%	4%

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

The economy	16%
Immigration	7%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	2%
Education	10%
Health care	14%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	5%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	4%

55. 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%	18%	11%	28%	4%
Donald Trump	20%	18%	13%	41%	8%
Joe Biden	25%	25%	14%	15%	21%
Mike Pence	20%	17%	13%	25%	24%
Paul Ryan	8%	22%	19%	21%	29%
Mitch McConnell	4%	13%	17%	24%	42%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	19%	14%	29%	30%
Harry Reid	6%	16%	13%	24%	40%
Chuck Schumer	7%	17%	13%	15%	48%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Howard Dean	5%	17%	12%	16%	49%
Keith Ellison	6%	11%	9%	12%	62%
Tim Ryan	5%	13%	11%	10%	62%
Bernie Sanders	27%	24%	17%	14%	18%
Elizabeth Warren	18%	15%	10%	20%	37%

57. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	33%
About right	26%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	28%

58. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	32%
About right	24%
Not conservative enough	14%
Not sure	30%

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

Strongly Approve	29%
Somewhat Approve	23%
Somewhat Disapprove	15%
Strongly Disapprove	25%
Not Sure	8%

60. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	26%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	18%

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

Very strong	29%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	24%

62. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	51%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	37%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	43%
Like somewhat	24%
Dislike	22%
Not sure	11%

64. 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	21%	21%	12%	23%	22%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	23%	21%	24%	16%
The budget deficit	18%	24%	16%	26%	16%
The economy	25%	26%	14%	24%	12%
Education	21%	28%	15%	20%	16%
The environment	23%	29%	13%	20%	15%
Foreign policy	22%	22%	15%	25%	16%
Gay rights	27%	21%	12%	21%	19%
Gun control	17%	23%	16%	30%	14%
Health care	25%	25%	11%	31%	9%
Immigration	20%	23%	15%	29%	12%
Medicare	22%	26%	15%	21%	16%
Social security	20%	25%	15%	21%	19%
Taxes	18%	26%	18%	23%	16%
Terrorism	21%	23%	15%	28%	13%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	14%

66. 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%	19%	25%	19%
Republicans in Congress	7%	20%	22%	32%	19%

67. 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	26%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Not sure	32%

68. 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	23%
Not sure	38%

69. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	40%

70. 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	14%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	32%

71. Do you think Nancy Pelosi has done a good enough job and remain as the Minority Leader in the U.S. House of Representatives or should someone else become the leader of Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives?

Nancy Pelosi should remain as Minority Leader	18%
Democrats should choose someone else	44%
Not sure	38%

72. 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	5%
About the same	25%
Less than usual	43%
Not sure	27%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	13%
Republicans in Congress	42%
Both equally	41%
Neither	3%
Not sure	2%

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

More than usual	31%
About the same	25%
Less than usual	15%
Not sure	29%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	29%
Not sure	15%

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

Higher	27%
About the same	23%
Lower	22%
Not sure	28%

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

Better off financially	18%
About the same as now	45%
Worse off financially	26%
Not sure	10%

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

More jobs	28%
The same amount of jobs	31%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	24%

79. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	17%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	53%

80. 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.	33%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	36%
Not very hard	19%
Not sure	12%

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

Very happy	22%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	4%

82. 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	38%
Some of the time	33%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%
Don’t know	6%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	27%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	18%
Very Conservative	9%
Not sure	15%

85. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	70%
Not registered	30%

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

Yes	56%
No	44%

87. 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%

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

Democrat	38%
Republican	26%
Independent	32%
Other	4%

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

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	13%
Not sure	11%

90. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	18%
No	53%
Not sure	29%

91. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	33%
No	36%
Not sure	31%

92. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

93. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	27%
45-64	32%
65+	20%

94. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	62%
Black	13%
Hispanic	15%
Other	10%

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

HS or less	39%
Some college	34%
College grad	18%
Postgrad	10%

96. What is your marital status?

Married	47%
Separated	4%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	4%
Single	29%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

98. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	21%
Midwest	21%
South	36%
West	23%

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

City	35%
Suburb	28%
Town	17%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	32%
Part-time employed	13%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	11%
Retired	21%
Permanently disabled	11%
Homemaker	10%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	55%
\$50-100K	23%
\$100K or more	10%
Prefer not to say	13%

102. 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	4%
Family member	10%
I served previously	11%
Family served previously	36%
None	48%

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

Yes, I am	7%
Yes, household member is	10%
No	83%

104. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	42%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	18%

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

More than once a week	11%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	16%
Seldom	19%
Never	24%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	29%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	16%
Don't know	6%

108. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	5%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	4%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 19 - 22, 2016
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 0.1 to 4.4, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.66.
Number of respondents	1434 1194 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	25 questions not reported.