

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted April 23 - 25, 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	51%
Not sure	17%

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

We're all in it together	17%
It's everyone for themselves	64%
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	29%
About the same as today	16%
Less respected than today	43%
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	26%
About the same as today	30%
Less safe from terrorism than today	29%
Not sure	15%

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

Very optimistic	6%
Somewhat optimistic	16%
Somewhat pessimistic	30%
Very pessimistic	34%
Not sure	15%

6. Donald Trump has been President for about 100 days. Has he performed better or worse than you expected when he became President?

Much better than I expected	13%
A little better than I expected	18%
About the same as I expected	34%
A little worse than I expected	12%
A lot worse than I expected	23%

7. During his first 100 days in office, would you say Donald Trump has accomplished...

A great deal	14%
A good amount	27%
Not very much	21%
Little or nothing	29%
Not sure	9%

8. Who's mainly responsible for Donald Trump not having accomplished not very much?

Asked of those who say Donald Trump has accomplished not very much/little or nothing

Donald Trump	54%
Republicans in Congress	6%
Democrats in Congress	4%
All of them	29%
Not sure	7%

9. How satisfied are you with what Donald Trump has accomplished in his first 100 days as president?

Very satisfied	21%
Somewhat satisfied	22%
Not very satisfied	12%
Not at all satisfied	34%
Not sure	10%

10. How satisfied do you think Donald Trump is with what he has accomplished in his first 100 days as president?

Very satisfied	28%
Somewhat satisfied	27%
Not very satisfied	15%
Not at all satisfied	16%
Not sure	13%

11. Do you think America's standing in the world has improved or worsened since Donald Trump became President?

Improved	26%
Stayed about the same	18%
Worsened	44%
Not sure	12%

12. Do you think the U.S. economy has gotten better or worse since Donald Trump became President?

Better	29%
Stayed about the same	36%
Worse	22%
Not sure	14%

13. Do you think the U.S. has gotten more or less safe from a terrorist attack since Donald Trump became President?

More safe	25%
Stayed about the same	30%
Less safe	32%
Not sure	13%

14. Has partisanship in Washington has gotten better or worse since Donald Trump became President?

Better	6%
Stayed about the same	31%
Worse	44%
Not sure	19%

15. How important is the role of the media in determining how well presidents do their jobs these days?

Very important	28%
Somewhat important	31%
Not important	27%
Not sure	14%

16. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of the press. In general, do you think the news media abuse this freedom, or do you think the news media use this freedom responsibly?

Use responsibly	35%
Abuse	45%
Not sure	21%

17. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Hasan Minhaj?

Very favorable	5%
Somewhat favorable	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%
Very unfavorable	7%
Don't know who Hasan Minhaj is	74%

18. How much have you heard about the White House Correspondents Association?

Heard a lot	12%
Heard a little	46%
Not heard anything at all	42%

19. This year's White House Correspondents Dinner will take place on April 29th. How closely have you been following news about this year's annual White House Correspondents Dinner?

Very closely	6%
Somewhat closely	21%
Not very closely	29%
Not following at all	44%

20. Do you plan on watching any part of this year's White House Correspondents Dinner?

Yes	20%
No	71%
Don't remember	9%

21. Have you ever watched any part of the White House Correspondents Dinner in previous years?

Yes	31%
No	60%
Not sure	10%

22. For the last 36 years, every President has attended the annual White House Correspondents Dinner. The last President to not attend the dinner was President Reagan in 1981 who was recovering from a failed assassination attempt. Prior to that, both Presidents Carter and Nixon had skipped the event twice. On February 25th, President Trump tweeted that he will not be attending this year’s White House Correspondents Dinner. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump not attending this year’s annual White House Correspondents Dinner?

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	25%

23. Some major news organizations announced earlier this year that they would not sponsor the annual White House Correspondents Dinner as they had in years past in protest of President Trump’s attacks on the media. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for news organizations to cancel sponsorship of the event in protest of President Trump’s attacks on the media?

Appropriate	35%
Inappropriate	36%
Not sure	28%

24. On a regular basis, Congress must pass bills that authorize the federal government to spend money for a certain amount of time. When that time expires, the government must shut down until Congress passes a new spending bill. How closely are you following the news that Congress has not acted yet to extend government funding beyond April 28?

Very closely	15%
Somewhat closely	35%
Not very closely	29%
Not following the news at all	21%

25. Who do you think is more to blame for the delay in Congress passing a new spending bill?

Democrats	30%
Republicans	31%
Not sure	39%

26. Which do you think is more important for Congress to do?

Approve a spending bill that would avoid a government shutdown	62%
Provide \$3 billion to start building a border wall between the US and Mexico, even if it means a government shutdown	17%
Not sure	22%

27. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease the amount of money it spends on Defense next year?

Increase spending a lot	16%
Increase spending a little	20%
Keep spending levels the same	21%
Decrease spending a little	12%
Decrease spending a lot	13%
Not sure	17%

28. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease the amount of money it spends on domestic programs next year?

Increase spending a lot	17%
Increase spending a little	19%
Keep spending levels the same	21%
Decrease spending a little	12%
Decrease spending a lot	11%
Not sure	21%

29. Do you support or oppose President Trump’s proposal to cut all federal funding for the Public Broadcasting Service, National Public Radio, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities?

Support strongly	16%
Support somewhat	13%
Oppose somewhat	15%
Oppose strongly	37%
Not sure	20%

30. Do you support or oppose President Trump’s proposal to increase Defense spending next year by \$54 billion while cutting domestic programs by the same amount?

Support strongly	16%
Support somewhat	17%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	34%
Not sure	17%

31. If you had to eliminate a federal agency, which one would you eliminate?

Agriculture	5%
Commerce	8%
Defense	5%
Education	11%
Energy	7%
Health and Human Services	3%
Homeland Security	11%
Housing and Urban Development	10%
Interior	18%
Justice	2%
Labor	4%
State	5%
Transportation	5%
Treasury	3%
Veterans Affairs	3%

32. 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	31%
Less than usual	38%
Not sure	25%

33. 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	42%
Both equally	35%
Neither	3%
Not sure	2%

34. 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	34%
Other	3%
Not sure	17%
I would not vote	7%

35. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	67%	27%	4%	2%
Immigration	46%	34%	15%	6%
The environment	48%	32%	14%	6%
Terrorism	59%	28%	9%	4%
Gay rights	22%	23%	24%	31%
Education	61%	26%	8%	4%
Health care	72%	22%	3%	2%
Social security	69%	25%	4%	1%
The budget deficit	43%	40%	13%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	42%	18%	8%
Taxes	52%	38%	7%	3%
Medicare	65%	26%	7%	2%
Abortion	37%	30%	18%	14%
Foreign policy	41%	41%	13%	5%
Gun control	44%	27%	19%	11%
International trade and globalization	31%	47%	16%	6%
Use of military force	49%	37%	11%	4%

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

The economy	14%
Immigration	5%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	15%
Social security	17%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	5%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	3%

37. 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	27%	15%	9%	43%	6%
Mike Pence	24%	19%	11%	30%	16%
Paul Ryan	7%	23%	19%	31%	20%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	18%	30%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	19%	13%	37%	22%
Chuck Schumer	8%	18%	13%	27%	34%

38. 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%	15%	33%	13%
The Republican Party	12%	21%	19%	35%	12%

39. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	25%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	23%

40. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	39%
About right	22%
Not conservative enough	14%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	10%

42. 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%	11%	29%	28%
The budget deficit	16%	19%	13%	28%	24%
Civil rights	18%	17%	10%	31%	23%
The economy	24%	20%	14%	25%	17%
Education	18%	18%	11%	33%	21%
The environment	16%	16%	12%	35%	21%
Foreign policy	22%	18%	13%	30%	17%
Gay rights	11%	16%	11%	26%	36%
Gun control	20%	16%	10%	26%	27%
Health care	17%	20%	13%	36%	14%
Immigration	28%	13%	11%	36%	11%
Medicare	14%	18%	14%	30%	23%
Social security	15%	19%	12%	28%	26%
Taxes	18%	19%	13%	28%	22%
Terrorism	28%	16%	11%	28%	17%
Veterans	25%	19%	10%	22%	24%
Women's rights	18%	15%	10%	32%	25%

43. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	15%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	15%
Not sure	34%

44. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	49%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	35%
Not sure	15%

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

Like a lot	23%
Like somewhat	20%
Dislike	45%
Not sure	12%

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

A lot	21%
Some	17%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	40%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	28%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	32%

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

Honest and trustworthy	35%
Not honest and trustworthy	49%
Not sure	16%

49. 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	49%
Not sure	13%

50. 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	12%

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

Yes	35%
No	51%
Not sure	14%

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

Very likely	32%
Fairly likely	28%
Fairly unlikely	14%
Very unlikely	8%
Not sure	18%

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

Appropriate	25%
Inappropriate	56%
Not sure	19%

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

Optimistic	37%
Pessimistic	44%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	15%

56. 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%	23%	17%	34%	16%
Republicans in Congress	9%	20%	20%	35%	16%

57. 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	19%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	27%

58. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	34%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	35%

60. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	28%

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

Getting better	28%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	23%
Not sure	13%

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

Higher	26%
About the same	25%
Lower	22%
Not sure	27%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	17%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	52%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	23%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	34%
The same amount of jobs	29%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	19%

65. How worried are you about losing your job?

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

66. 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.	25%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	38%
Not very hard	26%
Not sure	11%

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

Very happy	27%
Happy	34%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	4%

68. 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	25%
Only now and then	18%
Hardly at all	7%
Don’t know	6%

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

Liberal	26%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	32%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	20%
Very Conservative	12%
Not sure	14%

71. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	75%
Not registered	25%

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

Yes	55%
No	45%

73. 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	45%

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

Democrat	32%
Republican	26%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	13%

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

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	9%

76. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

77. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	21%

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

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

79. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	7%
Single	35%
Domestic partnership	2%

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

Yes	25%
No	75%

81. U.S. Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	19%
Midwest	23%
South	38%
West	20%

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

City	35%
Suburb	33%
Town	13%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

83. 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	13%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	7%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	49%
\$50-100K	24%
\$100K or more	9%
Prefer not to say	18%

85. 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	7%
I served previously	12%
Family served previously	37%
None	48%

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

Yes, I am	6%
Yes, household member is	7%
No	87%

87. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	20%

88. 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	22%
Never	29%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

90. 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	13%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	15%
Never	17%
Don't know	5%

91. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	37%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	6%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 23 - 25, 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 6, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.74.
Number of respondents	1500 1295 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	43 questions not reported.