

Sample 1500 US Adults
Conducted August 27 - 29, 2017
Margin of Error $\pm 3\%$

1. Would you say things in this country today are... Generally headed in the right direction27% Off on the wrong track 60% Not sure 13% 2. How would you describe the mood of the country? 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? About the same as today 4. Four years from now do you think the United States will be more or less safe from terrorism than it is today? 5. How optimistic or pessimistic are you that Republicans and Democrats in Congress can come together to solve the country's problems?

 Very pessimistic
 37%

 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%	13%	36%	25%	22%
China	6%	28%	28%	11%	27%
Mexico	14%	39%	21%	6%	21%
United Kingdom	51%	28%	3%	1%	17%
France	39%	35%	5%	2%	19%
Germany	34%	31%	9%	2%	24%
Italy	33%	40%	3%	1%	23%
Israel	37%	23%	10%	4%	25%
Egypt	8%	32%	21%	4%	35%
Iraq	3%	14%	30%	28%	25%
Iran	2%	5%	26%	42%	25%
Saudi Arabia	8%	26%	24%	13%	29%
North Korea	2%	3%	13%	67%	14%
The Republic of Korea					
(South Korea)	34%	28%	9%	9%	20%
Japan	37%	31%	7%	3%	22%
Canada	50%	32%	3%	1%	14%
Australia	43%	34%	4%	2%	18%
India	14%	43%	10%	3%	31%
Taiwan	15%	38%	8%	3%	36%
Palestine	3%	14%	29%	18%	35%
Syria	2%	7%	27%	37%	27%
Turkey	8%	25%	22%	8%	37%

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	12%	30%	22%	13%	24%
Mexico	5%	24%	30%	19%	22%
China	5%	23%	26%	18%	28%
Israel	35%	22%	9%	7%	26%
Australia	27%	35%	9%	4%	25%
Germany	19%	33%	15%	7%	27%
Syria	3%	6%	24%	38%	29%
North Korea	2%	4%	9%	66%	18%
The Republic of Korea					
(South Korea)	26%	31%	9%	11%	23%
Canada	33%	33%	10%	4%	20%
Turkey	7%	24%	19%	11%	39%
Saudi Arabia	14%	26%	16%	15%	30%



8. 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 Kelly	12%	19%	11%	9%	50%
Rex Tillerson	11%	17%	14%	13%	45%
Steve Bannon	6%	12%	11%	29%	41%
James Mattis	16%	16%	10%	8%	49%
H. R. McMaster	8%	16%	12%	8%	56%
Sebastian Gorka	7%	9%	9%	19%	56%

9. Which statement do you agree with more?

Donald Trump considers carefully what he says before commenting	21%
Donald Trump reacts and speaks without thinking very much	79%

10. Do you think Donald Trump...

Mostly follows his advisers' guidance	
Mostly ignores his advisers' guidance	59%
Not sure	23%

11. In your view, can a president who did not serve in the military be an effective commander-in-chief of the armed forces, or not?

Yes, can be an effective commander-in-chief56	i %
No, cannot be an effective commander-in-chief24	%
Not sure)%

12. How confident are you in Donald Trump's ability to be an effective commander-in-chief of the nation's military?

Very confident	20%
Somewhat confident	22%
Not too confident	17%
Not at all confident	40%



13. Please indicate if you know personally...

	Yes, and that person is me	Yes, I know someone like this	No, I don't know anyone like this
Served military	13%	71%	17%
Served Iraq	4%	48%	49%
Served Afghanistan	2%	46%	52%

14. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in the following wars?

	Yes	No	Not sure
World War I	13%	65%	23%
World War II	10%	70%	20%
Korea	27%	43%	30%
Vietnam	50%	26%	24%
Desert Shield/Desert			
Storm	28%	43%	30%
Afghanistan	37%	36%	27%
Iraq	46%	29%	25%

15. Do you think we are winning or losing the war in Afghanistan?

Winning	%
Losing	%
Not sure	%

16. Do you support or oppose the Trump administration's plan to send additional troops to Afghanistan?

Support strongly	11%
Support somewhat	15%
Neither support nor oppose	19%
Oppose somewhat	16%
Oppose strongly	24%
Not sure	15%

17. Do you think Donald Trump has a clear plan for U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan?

Yes	,
No51%	,
Not sure	,



18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling Afghanistan?				
Strongly approve of disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling Alghanistan? Strongly approve				19% 18% 26%
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	A lot	Some	Not much	Not at all
Hispanic People	16%	23%	19%	42%
Black people	19%	24%	19%	38%
White people	43%	37%	11%	9%
Poor people	19%	21%	20%	40%
Working men and women	25%	26%	22%	27%
Wealthy people	56%	30%	7%	7%
20. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who Compromises to get things done				
21. If you had to choose, would you rather have a President who				
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Compromises to get things done				
22. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Joe Arpaio?				
Very favorable				12% 8% 27%



23. How much do you know about the case of former Maricopa County (Arizona) Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was recently convicted of contempt of court?
A lot 18% Some 28% A little 23% None 30%
24. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to pardon former Maricopa County (Arizona) Sheriff Joe Arpaio?
Strongly approve18%Somewhat approve12%Somewhat disapprove9%Strongly disapprove32%Not sure29%
25. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in the U.S. as a whole?
Very serious 32% Somewhat serious 27% A minor problem 27% Not a problem 8% Not sure 7%
26. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in your LOCAL community?
Very serious 12% Somewhat serious 17% A minor problem 26% Not a problem 32% Not sure 14%
27. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.?
They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and apply for citizenship



28. If you had to choose, what do you think should happen to illegal immigrants?
They should be given a chance to keep their jobs and eventually apply for legal status 56% They should be deported back to their native country
29. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the US-Mexico border to try to stop illegal immigration?
Favor 36% Oppose 48% Not sure 16%
30. How much have you heard or read about the possibility of a shutdown of the federal government if Congress and the President cannot reach an agreement on federal funding of the border wall?
A lot
31. Do you support or oppose shutting down the federal government in order to force Congress to approve funding the border wall with Mexico?
Strongly support10%Somewhat support10%Somewhat oppose15%Strongly oppose48%Not sure17%
32. Which outcome is the most important to you?
Funding the border wall – even if that means shutting down the federal government temporarily



33. Do you think that you would be personally affected by a shutdown of the federal government?
Definitely yes 17% Probably yes 22% Hard to say 32% Probably no 20% Definitely no 10%
34. If President Trump and Congress do not reach a budget agreement in time to avoid a shutdown of the federal government, who do you think will be to blame?(Select as many as you want.)
President Trump
35. As you may know, the limit on the country's overall liabilities, including the federal deficit and other government debts, is called the debt ceiling. In order for the U.S. Treasury to incur debt above the ceiling, Congress needs to vote to raise the ceiling. Congress is currently considering whether to raise the debt ceiling, since the current limit will be reached this fall. What is your opinion?
Congress should raise the debt ceiling 31% Congress should not raise the debt ceiling 34% Not sure 34%
36. If you were setting priorities for the government these days, would you place a higher priority on reducing the budget deficit or cutting taxes?
Reducing the budget deficit
37. How concerned are you about the size of the federal budget deficit?
Very concerned 26% Somewhat concerned 40% Not very concerned 11% Not at all concerned 6% Not sure 17%



38. Do you favor or oppose cutting tax rates for everyone?	
Favor strongly22%Favor somewhat28%Oppose somewhat18%Oppose strongly14%Not sure19%	
39. Do you favor or oppose cutting corporate tax rates?	
Favor strongly 15% Favor somewhat 18% Oppose somewhat 20% Oppose strongly 27% Not sure 20%	
40. Do you favor or oppose increasing taxes on families making over \$250,000 per year?	
Favor strongly 32% Favor somewhat 33% Oppose somewhat 13% Oppose strongly 8% Not sure 15%	
41. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling Hurricane Harvey?	
Strongly approve24%Somewhat approve15%Somewhat disapprove10%Strongly disapprove14%No opinion36%	
42. On the subject of climate change do you think:	
The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	



43. How sure are you that the climate [is changing as a result of human activity / is changing but NOT because of human activity / is NOT changing]?

Absolutely sure	. 39%
Pretty sure	. 34%
Somewhat sure	.18%
Not very sure	7%
Not sure at all	2%

44. Has the United States already been harmed by climate change?

Yes5	7%
No1	9%
Not sure	4%

45. How worried are you that the United States will be harmed by climate change in the next 50 years?

Very worried	36%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not very worried	15%
Not worried at all	12%
Not sure	12%

46. How worried are you that you or your family will be personally harmed by climate change in the next 50 years?

Very worried	%
Somewhat worried27	'%
Not very worried	%
Not worried at all	%
Not sure	!%

47. Do you think the severity of recent hurricanes is most likely the result of global climate change, or is it just the kind of severe weather events that happen from time to time?

Global climate change	38%
They just happen from time to time	44%
Not sure	18%



48. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	67%	26%	4%	3%
Immigration	38%	36%	19%	6%
The environment	49%	34%	11%	6%
Terrorism	60%	27%	8%	5%
Gay rights	24%	25%	22%	29%
Education	62%	29%	6%	3%
Health care	74%	20%	4%	2%
Social security	68%	24%	5%	3%
The budget deficit	38%	43%	13%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	28%	46%	18%	8%
Taxes	51%	39%	8%	3%
Medicare	64%	27%	6%	3%
Abortion	39%	29%	19%	14%
Foreign policy	43%	39%	13%	5%
Gun control	43%	28%	15%	13%
International trade and				
globalization	31%	47%	16%	7%
Use of military force	44%	40%	10%	5%

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

The economy	14%
Immigration	
The environment	8%
Terrorism	
Gay rights	
Education	
Health care	
Social security	
The budget deficit	
The war in Afghanistan	
Taxes	
Medicare	5%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	2%



50. 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%	16%	9%	45%	7%
Mike Pence	23%	16%	12%	29%	19%
Paul Ryan	6%	20%	21%	30%	23%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	18%	32%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	7%	19%	14%	35%	25%
Chuck Schumer	9%	20%	12%	25%	35%

51. 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%	22%	19%	31%	14%
The Republican Party	10%	19%	19%	36%	15%

52. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	24%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	24%

53. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	37%
About right	20%
Not conservative enough	17%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	10%



55. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	
	approve	approve	disapprove	disapprove	No opinion
Abortion	14%	16%	10%	30%	29%
Budget deficit	13%	18%	14%	30%	25%
Civil rights	17%	17%	10%	37%	18%
Economy	21%	18%	14%	30%	17%
Education	15%	18%	13%	32%	22%
Environment	16%	16%	9%	38%	21%
Foreign policy	19%	16%	15%	32%	18%
Gay rights	14%	13%	11%	35%	28%
Gun control	21%	16%	11%	29%	24%
Health care	15%	18%	13%	40%	14%
Immigration	25%	15%	11%	37%	12%
Medicare	14%	17%	12%	34%	22%
Social security	15%	15%	14%	29%	27%
Taxes	17%	17%	12%	32%	21%
Terrorism	25%	16%	12%	28%	19%
Veterans	25%	19%	12%	22%	22%
Women's rights	18%	13%	11%	35%	24%

56. Which of these words would you use to describe Donald Trump, and which of these words would you definitely not use to describe Donald Trump? (Please check all that apply.)

	Positive	Negative	No Opinion
Honest	19%	44%	37%
Intelligent	27%	37%	35%
Religious	8%	35%	57%
Inspiring	17%	40%	44%
Patriotic	30%	26%	45%
Strong	31%	28%	41%
Bold	42%	15%	43%
Experienced	12%	46%	42%
Sincere	19%	42%	39%
Partisan	13%	18%	69%
Effective	20%	39%	42%
Exciting	13%	25%	62%
Steady	14%	34%	51%
Hypocritical	44%	16%	41%
Arrogant	64%	11%	25%



57. Would you say Donald Trump is	
Very liberal 4% Liberal 3% Moderate 16% Conservative 24% Very conservative 20% Not sure 33%	
58. Do you think Donald Trump	
Says what he believes	
59. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Donald Trump as a person?	
Like a lot 18% Like somewhat 22% Dislike 47% Not sure 13%	
60. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?	
A lot 19% Some 17% Not much 14% Doesn't care at all 42% Not sure 8%	
61. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?	
Very strong23%Somewhat strong22%Somewhat weak18%Very weak37%	



62.	Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?
	Honest and trustworthy
63.	Regardless of your overall opinion of Donald Trump, do you feel he has the qualifications to be president?
	Qualified to be president37%Not qualified to be president52%Not sure12%
64.	Regardless of your overall opinion of Donald Trump, do you feel he has enough experience to be president?
	Has enough experience33%Does not have enough experience54%Not sure13%
65.	Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?
	Yes 31% No 54% Not sure 15%
66.	How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump will get us into a war?
	Very likely 32% Fairly likely 26% Fairly unlikely 16% Very unlikely 7% Not sure 18%
	Do you think the way Donald Trump uses Twitter is appropriate or inappropriate for the President of the United tes?
	Appropriate 23% Inappropriate 61%



68. Are you optimistic or pess	imistic about th	e next four year	s with Donald Tr	ump as Presider	ıt?
Optimistic Pessimistic Not sure					46%
69. Do you want Donald Trum	p to run for re-	election in 2020'	?		
Yes No Not sure					53%
70. Overall, do you approve o	r disapprove of	the way that the	United States C	Congress is hand	lling its job?
Strongly approve Somewhat approve Neither approve nor di Somewhat disapprove Strongly disapprove Not sure	sapprove				8% 15% 22% 37%
71. Do you have a favorable of	or unfavorable o	pinion of the foll	owing groups in	Congress?	
Democrats in Congress Republicans in Congress	Very favorable 11% 7%	Somewhat favorable 21% 17%	Somewhat unfavorable 20% 23%	Very unfavorable 32% 37%	Don't know 16% 16%
72. 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 Somewhat approve Somewhat disapprove Strongly disapprove Not sure					18% 19% 29%



73. 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	. 16%
Somewhat disapprove	. 17%
Strongly disapprove	. 33%
Not sure	.30%

74. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	35%

75. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	27%

76. 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	
About the same	23%
Less than usual	
Not sure	24%

77. 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	38%
Both equally	43%
Neither	3%
Not sure	2%



78. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?
Getting better 24% About the same 38% Getting worse 25% Not sure 13%
79. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?
Higher 23% About the same 28% Lower 22% Not sure 27%
80. Would you say that you and your family are
Better off financially than you were a year ago
81. Six months from now do you think there will be
More jobs 29% The same amount of jobs 33% Fewer jobs 18% Not sure 20%
82. How worried are you about losing your job?
Very worried10%Somewhat worried26%Not very worried64%
83. 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



84. How happy would you say you are with your current job?
Very happy 29% Happy 34% Neither happy nor unhappy 25% Unhappy 7% Very unhappy 4%
85. 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 42% Some of the time 28% Only now and then 15% Hardly at all 8% Don't know 8%
86. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?
Liberal 27% Moderate 27% Conservative 32% Not sure 14%
87. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?
Very liberal 10% Liberal 17% Moderate 27% Conservative 20% Very conservative 12% Not sure 14%
88. Are you registered to vote?
Registered



89. 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 voters3% 90. If Donald Trump runs for re-election in 2020, would that make you more or less likely to vote the Republican Congressional candidate in the district where you live, or would it have no effect on how you vote? Asked of registered voters More likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate24% Have no effect on your vote choice40% 91. Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential primary or caucus in your state? Asked of registered voters No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus . 26% 92. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus in your state? Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus61% Martin O'Malley 93. 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 57%



94. Did you vote in the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016? Asked of registered voters	
Yes	
95. Who did you vote for in the election for President?	
Hillary Clinton26%Donald Trump25%Gary Johnson1%Jill Stein1%Evan McMullin0%Other1%Did not vote for President45%	
96. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a?	
Democrat 30% Republican 26% Independent 28% Other 4% Not sure 12%	
97. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a?	
Strong Democrat20%Not very strong Democrat11%Lean Democrat.9%Independent.20%Lean Republican.8%Not very strong Republican.11%Strong Republican.14%Not sure.8%	
98. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential election? Asked of registered voters old enough to vote in 2012	
Barack Obama	



99. What is your gender?	
Male	
100. Respondent age by category	
Under 30 22% 30-44 24% 45-64 34% 65+ 21%	
101. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White 70% Black 13% Hispanic 11% Other 6%	
102. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	
103. What is your marital status?	
Married 46% Separated 2% Divorced 11% Widowed 6% Never married 32% Domestic / civil partnership 4%	
104. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	





110. 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.

Military Household - I am	
111. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?	
Yes, I am 9% Yes, household member is .7% No .84%	
112. How important is religion in your life?	
Very important.41%Somewhat important.25%Not too important.15%Not at all important.20%	
113. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?	
More than once a week .8% Once a week .19% Once or twice a month .8% A few times a year .13% Seldom .22% Never .26% Don't know .4%	
114. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?	
Yes	



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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	16%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	13%
Never	16%
Don't know	4%

116. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	
Muslim	
Buddhist	
Hindu	
Atheist	
Agnostic	
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	6%



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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,

2012 and 2016 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.237 to 6.003, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of

0.65.

Number of respondents 1500

1278 (Registered voters)

Margin of error \pm 3% (adjusted for weighting)

 \pm 3.1% (Registered voters)

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