

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1465 US Adults
Conducted December 10 - 13, 2016
Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	56%
Not sure	17%

2. Do you expect that the country will be better off or worse off in four years?

Better off	33%
Worse off	37%
About the same	16%
Not sure	13%

3. Do you expect that you will be better off or worse off in four years?

Better off	33%
Worse off	24%
About the same	28%
Not sure	14%

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

Strongly Approve	21%
Somewhat Approve	21%
Somewhat Disapprove	13%
Strongly Disapprove	29%
Not Sure	15%

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

Optimistic	41%
Pessimistic	40%
Not sure	19%

6. 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	8%	13%	9%	22%	48%
Ben Carson	20%	22%	15%	18%	25%
Mike Flynn	10%	14%	9%	17%	50%
John Kelly	9%	13%	9%	11%	58%
Donald McGahn	6%	10%	9%	11%	65%
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	7%	10%	9%	11%	63%
Scott Pruitt	7%	11%	8%	15%	59%
Andy Puzder	7%	11%	8%	13%	61%

7. In making his nominations to Cabinet positions, how much attention do you think President-elect Trump is paying to the needs and problems of...

	Too much	Too little	The right amount	Not sure
Rich people	45%	8%	26%	21%
Middle class people	5%	44%	33%	18%
Poor people	5%	49%	27%	19%
Wall Street	35%	9%	25%	30%
Small business	5%	40%	31%	24%
Working people	6%	44%	32%	19%
People like you	5%	48%	28%	19%

8. 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 13%
 Law should not be changed 67%
 Not sure 20%

9. Were you surprised by Donald Trump having won the election for President?

Yes 59%
 No 41%

10. Do you think the election was rigged?

Yes 24%
 No 52%
 Not sure 24%

11. Do you support or oppose efforts to get vote recounts in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania?

Support 34%
 Oppose 45%
 Not sure 22%

12. Do you consider the countries listed below to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
China	5%	23%	37%	13%	21%
Russia	5%	16%	37%	21%	21%
South Korea	22%	29%	15%	13%	22%

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

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	18%
Somewhat unfavorable	25%
Very unfavorable	31%
Don't know	22%

14. Would you say Vladimir Putin is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	36%
Somewhat strong	42%
Somewhat weak	14%
Very weak	9%

15. Do you think Donald Trump considers Russia to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

Ally	10%
Friendly	44%
Unfriendly	15%
Enemy	6%
Not sure	26%

16. Are you confident or uneasy about Donald Trump's ability handle Russia?

Confident	33%
Uneasy	45%
Not sure	22%

17. How much confidence do you have in the Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA?

A great deal	10%
Quite a lot	20%
Some	45%
Very little	24%

18. How much have you heard about Democratic National Committee emails leaked to the media right before the start of the Democratic National Convention?

Heard a lot	37%
Heard a little	40%
Heard nothing at all	23%

19. From what you have heard, do you believe the Russian government was responsible for hacking into the DNC computers and leaking the emails?

Russia is responsible	33%
Russia is not responsible	22%
Not sure	45%

20. Do you think Russia did this mostly to...

Asked of those who believe the Russian government was responsible for hacking into the DNC

Undermine confidence in the US electoral system	25%
Elect Donald Trump president	68%
Not sure	7%

21. Which statement do you agree with more?

The media should report news stories even if the information has been obtained illegally	49%
The media should only report news stories based on information that has been legally obtained	51%

22. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Wikileaks?

Very favorable	11%
Somewhat favorable	25%
Somewhat unfavorable	19%
Very unfavorable	17%
Don't know	28%

23. Several years ago, Edward Snowden, a former NSA contractor, made the news for leaking information of government surveillance on Americans, including monitoring internet usage and telephone records, to the press. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Edward Snowden?

Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	23%
Very unfavorable	17%
Not sure	23%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of Edward Snowden’s decision to leak information about U.S. surveillance activities?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	20%

25. Would you support or oppose the prosecution of Edward Snowden for leaking the information?

I would support prosecution	29%
I would oppose his prosecution	28%
I neither support nor oppose	24%
Not sure	19%

26. Would you support or oppose the President granting Edward Snowden a pardon for leaking the information?

I would support granting a pardon	30%
I would oppose granting a pardon	29%
I neither support nor oppose	21%
Not sure	20%

27. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	70%	23%	5%	2%
Immigration	50%	33%	13%	5%
The environment	47%	36%	12%	5%
Terrorism	62%	26%	8%	4%
Gay rights	24%	28%	24%	23%
Education	61%	30%	7%	3%
Health care	72%	21%	5%	2%
Social security	67%	24%	7%	3%
The budget deficit	50%	32%	13%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	34%	41%	17%	7%
Taxes	58%	32%	7%	3%
Medicare	63%	29%	6%	3%
Abortion	38%	33%	19%	10%
Foreign policy	46%	39%	11%	4%
Gun control	48%	28%	15%	9%
International trade and globalization	37%	44%	14%	5%
Use of military force	49%	37%	10%	4%

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

The economy	17%
Immigration	7%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	14%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	4%

29. 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	36%	17%	13%	30%	5%
Donald Trump	20%	22%	12%	38%	7%
Hillary Clinton	16%	24%	15%	39%	6%
Joe Biden	26%	25%	15%	17%	16%
Mike Pence	20%	21%	14%	24%	22%
Paul Ryan	8%	25%	21%	20%	24%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	18%	24%	38%
Nancy Pelosi	6%	19%	17%	30%	28%
Harry Reid	7%	16%	14%	24%	39%
Chuck Schumer	7%	16%	13%	16%	47%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Bernie Sanders	27%	29%	14%	18%	13%
Elizabeth Warren	17%	17%	12%	22%	32%

31. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	36%
About right	26%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	24%

32. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	32%
About right	28%
Not conservative enough	14%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly Approve	25%
Somewhat Approve	23%
Somewhat Disapprove	14%
Strongly Disapprove	28%
Not Sure	9%

34. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	19%

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

Very strong	24%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	27%

36. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	47%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	40%
Not sure	13%

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

Like a lot	41%
Like somewhat	23%
Dislike	23%
Not sure	13%

38. How much do you think Barack Obama cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	31%
Some	22%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	25%
Not sure	8%

39. Do you think Barack Obama has maintained consistent policy positions or has he made significant changes to his policy plans?

Maintained consistent policy positions	39%
Made significant changes to his policy plans	33%
Not sure	28%

40. 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	20%	21%	12%	24%	23%
The war in Afghanistan	13%	24%	20%	26%	17%
The budget deficit	16%	23%	16%	29%	15%
The economy	22%	24%	15%	27%	12%
Education	19%	29%	16%	21%	15%
The environment	22%	28%	14%	19%	17%
Foreign policy	18%	24%	15%	26%	16%
Gay rights	25%	22%	10%	22%	20%
Gun control	15%	25%	17%	29%	14%
Health care	23%	22%	13%	32%	10%
Immigration	19%	21%	15%	33%	13%
Medicare	20%	26%	15%	24%	16%
Social security	19%	23%	18%	22%	17%
Taxes	16%	24%	15%	27%	18%
Terrorism	19%	25%	12%	30%	14%

41. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	5%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	16%
Not sure	31%

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

Very strong	26%
Somewhat strong	31%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	26%

43. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	45%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	42%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	25%
Dislike	45%
Not sure	12%

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

A lot	19%
Some	18%
Not much	16%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	11%

46. Do you think Donald Trump has maintained consistent policy positions or has he made significant changes to his policy plans?

Maintained consistent policy positions	22%
Made significant changes to his policy plans	46%
Not sure	33%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	16%

48. 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%	20%	29%	17%
Republicans in Congress	6%	20%	23%	34%	17%

49. 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	24%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	30%

50. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	37%

51. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Harry Reid is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	41%

52. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	32%

53. 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	4%
About the same	27%
Less than usual	45%
Not sure	25%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	14%
Republicans in Congress	35%
Both equally	45%
Neither	3%
Not sure	2%

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

Next Congress will accomplish more	31%
About the same	27%
Next Congress will accomplish less	15%
Not sure	27%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	26%
Not sure	16%

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

Higher	30%
About the same	23%
Lower	21%
Not sure	26%

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

Better off financially	15%
About the same as now	47%
Worse off financially	27%
Not sure	11%

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

More jobs	29%
The same amount of jobs	29%
Fewer jobs	20%
Not sure	22%

60. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	15%
Somewhat worried	28%
Not very worried	57%

61. 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.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	38%
Not very hard	21%
Not sure	11%

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

Very happy	25%
Happy	34%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	5%

63. 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	41%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	6%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	30%
Not sure	12%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	21%
Very Conservative	9%
Not sure	12%

66. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	72%
Not registered	28%

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

Yes	56%
No	44%

68. 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%

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

Democrat	36%
Republican	28%
Independent	33%
Other	3%

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

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	14%
Not sure	9%

71. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	14%
No	54%
Not sure	32%

72. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	33%
No	35%
Not sure	32%

73. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

74. Respondent age by category

Under 30	22%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

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

HS or less	41%
Some college	31%
College grad	18%
Postgrad	10%

76. What is your marital status?

Married	46%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Single	29%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

78. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	22%
Midwest	20%
South	37%
West	21%

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

City	35%
Suburb	30%
Town	15%
Rural area	20%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	31%
Part-time employed	13%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	11%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	11%
Homemaker	9%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	52%
\$50-100K	23%
\$100K or more	11%
Prefer not to say	15%

82. 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	37%
None	49%

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

Yes, I am	8%
Yes, household member is	8%
No	84%

84. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	30%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	20%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	10%
A few times a year	15%
Seldom	21%
Never	26%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	16%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	17%
Don't know	5%

88. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	33%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	4%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	6%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 10 - 13, 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 0.2 to 5.4, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.65.
Number of respondents	1465 1216 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	25 questions not reported.