

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults  
Conducted January 14 - 16, 2018  
Margin of Error  $\pm 3.3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction ..... 37%  
Off on the wrong track ..... 51%  
Not sure ..... 12%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Canada	51%	33%	3%	1%	11%
China	5%	35%	28%	10%	22%
Germany	34%	36%	8%	3%	19%
Iran	1%	5%	30%	42%	21%
Israel	41%	24%	9%	5%	20%
Japan	42%	31%	6%	3%	18%
North Korea	1%	2%	15%	72%	11%
South Korea	38%	33%	8%	7%	15%
Mexico	16%	41%	21%	4%	18%
Russia	3%	16%	39%	24%	17%

3. Do you think Donald Trump considers these countries to be friends or enemies of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Canada	32%	36%	7%	6%	20%
China	5%	30%	25%	17%	23%
Germany	18%	34%	16%	8%	24%
Iran	2%	5%	15%	58%	21%
Israel	44%	19%	7%	9%	21%
Japan	31%	31%	9%	8%	21%
North Korea	1%	3%	8%	74%	14%
South Korea	29%	31%	8%	13%	19%
Mexico	6%	23%	33%	20%	19%
Russia	12%	34%	20%	13%	21%

4. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the men and women who have been appointed to run the executive agencies listed below?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Rex Tillerson	15%	22%	14%	17%	31%
Steven Mnuchin	12%	19%	10%	21%	38%
James Mattis	24%	22%	12%	9%	33%
Jeff Sessions	9%	20%	17%	27%	27%
Ryan Zinke	10%	15%	8%	18%	48%
Sonny Perdue	11%	18%	9%	15%	46%
Wilbur Ross	10%	17%	9%	14%	49%
Alex Acosta	9%	20%	9%	13%	49%
Eric Hargan	9%	17%	11%	14%	49%
Ben Carson	22%	19%	10%	23%	26%
Elaine Chao	11%	19%	9%	12%	48%
Rick Perry	16%	18%	10%	23%	33%
Betsy DeVos	16%	15%	9%	32%	28%
David Shulkin	11%	18%	10%	11%	49%
Kirstjen Nielsen	12%	17%	8%	12%	50%

5. 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	26%	22%	15%	18%	18%
Ivanka Trump	20%	21%	18%	24%	16%
Donald Trump, Jr.	18%	18%	13%	36%	15%
Eric Trump	16%	16%	13%	30%	24%
Jared Kushner	10%	15%	14%	30%	31%

6. Do you think Donald Trump...

Mostly follows his advisers' guidance	23%
Mostly ignores his advisers' guidance	52%
Not sure	24%

7. Do you think Donald Trump exercises mostly good or mostly bad judgment?

Mostly good judgment	37%
Mostly bad judgment	50%
Not sure	13%

8. Which statement do you agree with more?

Donald Trump considers carefully what he says before commenting	20%
Donald Trump reacts and speaks without thinking very much	80%

9. How often do you think Donald Trump says things that may not be correct?

All the time	27%
Often	23%
Sometimes	26%
Rarely	13%
Never	4%
Not sure	7%

10. When Donald Trump says things that may not be correct, do you think it is on purpose or an accident?

On purpose .....	41%
An accident .....	27%
Not sure .....	29%
He never says incorrect things .....	4%

11. How many of Donald Trump's supporters do you think are racist?

All .....	9%
Most .....	13%
More than half .....	16%
About half .....	10%
Less than half .....	8%
Some .....	30%
None .....	14%

12. Do you think that Donald Trump has intentionally tried to win support from white nationalists and racists?

Yes .....	44%
No .....	35%
Don't know .....	21%

13. Do you think President Trump is racist, or not?

Racist .....	44%
Not racist .....	40%
Not sure .....	16%

14. How would you rate the Presidents listed below?

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Not Sure
Jimmy Carter	8%	19%	28%	13%	17%	15%
Ronald Reagan	28%	28%	21%	8%	6%	9%
George H.W. Bush	5%	21%	41%	15%	9%	9%
Bill Clinton	12%	27%	25%	15%	14%	7%
George W. Bush	6%	20%	36%	18%	12%	8%
Barack Obama	26%	16%	16%	10%	26%	5%

15. As a President, how do you think Donald Trump will go down in history?

Outstanding	13%
Above Average	14%
Average	12%
Below Average	12%
Poor	39%
Not Sure	10%

16. Compared to the other Presidents since World War II, would you say Donald Trump is more or less organized?

More organized	17%
About the same	21%
Less organized	49%
Not sure	13%

17. Compared to the other Presidents since World War II, would you say Donald Trump is a harder worker or does he work less hard?

Harder worker	25%
About the same	20%
Works less hard	43%
Not sure	12%

18. Compared to the other Presidents since World War II, would you say Donald Trump is more or less intelligent?

More intelligent	20%
About the same	27%
Less intelligent	44%
Not sure	10%

19. Compared to the other Presidents since World War II, would you say Donald Trump is more or less competent?

More competent	21%
About the same	21%
Less competent	49%
Not sure	9%

20. Do you think Donald Trump is a good or bad role model for children?

Good role model	25%
Bad role model	56%
Not sure	19%

21. Do you think Donald Trump handles criticism well or not?

Handles criticism well	16%
Does not handle criticism well	71%
Not sure	13%

22. Over the last year, do you think the Trump Administration has put too much or too little emphasis on achieving each of these policy goals?

	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not sure
Repealing the Affordable Care Act / Obamacare	39%	27%	23%	11%
Reducing unemployment	4%	50%	32%	14%
Stimulating the economy	7%	51%	28%	14%
Reducing the budget deficit	4%	34%	46%	15%
Fighting terrorism	12%	50%	22%	16%
Improving education	3%	31%	52%	14%
Improving the environment	3%	33%	51%	13%
Immigration reform	28%	32%	28%	13%

23. In the next year, do you think the Trump Administration should spend more or less time on each of these policy areas?

	More time	About the same amount of time	Less time	Not sure
Repealing the Affordable Care Act / Obamacare	25%	26%	37%	12%
Reducing unemployment	36%	42%	11%	10%
Stimulating the economy	37%	42%	9%	12%
Reducing the budget deficit	46%	31%	10%	13%
Fighting terrorism	33%	41%	15%	12%
Improving education	47%	31%	10%	12%
Improving the environment	42%	29%	18%	11%
Immigration reform	34%	28%	25%	13%

24. Do you think Donald Trump will be able to accomplish more or less than Presidents usually do in their second year in office?

Much more	13%
Somewhat more	17%
About the same	17%
Somewhat less	13%
Much less	30%
Not sure	10%

25. In the 2020 election for President, do you want some other Republican to challenge President Trump in the Republican presidential primaries?

Yes	47%
No	30%
Not sure	23%



26. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	68%	28%	3%	1%
Immigration	45%	35%	15%	5%
The environment	51%	29%	14%	6%
Terrorism	58%	30%	10%	3%
Gay rights	22%	25%	23%	29%
Education	58%	30%	9%	2%
Health care	69%	25%	5%	1%
Social security	66%	28%	6%	1%
The budget deficit	47%	37%	13%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	28%	43%	23%	6%
Taxes	53%	36%	10%	2%
Medicare	60%	30%	8%	1%
Abortion	37%	30%	21%	12%
Foreign policy	44%	41%	12%	3%
Gun control	46%	26%	17%	11%
International trade and globalization	33%	49%	15%	3%
Use of military force	41%	41%	14%	3%

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

The economy	17%
Immigration	9%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	8%
Gay rights	1%
Education	7%
Health care	16%
Social security	15%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	3%

28. 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	26%	17%	9%	43%	6%
Mike Pence	24%	19%	13%	28%	15%
Paul Ryan	7%	25%	19%	30%	19%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	21%	31%	27%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	21%	14%	36%	20%
Chuck Schumer	9%	18%	15%	28%	29%

29. 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%	27%	18%	33%	8%
The Republican Party	10%	25%	20%	36%	9%

30. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	42%
About right	27%
Not liberal enough	11%
Not sure	21%

31. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	36%
About right	22%
Not conservative enough	19%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	6%

33. 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%	18%	11%	26%	30%
Budget deficit	16%	21%	16%	30%	16%
Civil rights	17%	19%	11%	34%	18%
Economy	29%	20%	14%	25%	13%
Education	15%	22%	13%	34%	17%
Environment	16%	18%	11%	37%	18%
Foreign policy	20%	20%	12%	33%	14%
Gay rights	13%	16%	12%	29%	30%
Gun control	20%	18%	12%	31%	19%
Health care	16%	20%	14%	38%	12%
Immigration	24%	18%	12%	37%	9%
Medicare	13%	20%	14%	34%	19%
Social security	13%	19%	16%	30%	22%
Taxes	24%	17%	13%	31%	14%
Terrorism	26%	22%	13%	24%	15%
Veterans	23%	21%	13%	22%	21%
Women's rights	17%	15%	11%	34%	23%

34. 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	22%	40%	38%
Intelligent	31%	34%	35%
Religious	10%	31%	59%
Inspiring	16%	38%	46%
Patriotic	34%	21%	45%
Strong	32%	24%	44%
Bold	45%	13%	43%
Experienced	15%	41%	44%
Sincere	21%	40%	40%
Partisan	16%	16%	68%
Effective	27%	32%	41%
Exciting	18%	23%	59%
Steady	14%	33%	53%
Hypocritical	45%	17%	37%
Arrogant	61%	11%	28%

35. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	31%

36. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	56%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	30%
Not sure	15%

37. 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 .....	42%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Very strong .....	25%
Somewhat strong .....	24%
Somewhat weak .....	17%
Very weak .....	34%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	32%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	53%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	54%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Very likely .....	25%
Fairly likely .....	30%
Fairly unlikely .....	18%
Very unlikely .....	12%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Appropriate .....	28%
Inappropriate .....	60%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Optimistic .....	38%
Pessimistic .....	45%
Not sure .....	17%

44. Do you want Donald Trump to run for re-election in 2020?

Yes .....	31%
No .....	52%
Not sure .....	16%

45. 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 .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	24%
Strongly disapprove .....	37%
Not sure .....	11%

46. 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	10%	25%	18%	33%	14%
Republicans in Congress	5%	23%	21%	36%	15%

47. 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	24%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	22%

48. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	26%

49. 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	15%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	29%



50. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	24%

51. 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	9%
About the same	27%
Less than usual	42%
Not sure	22%

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

*Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual*

Democrats in Congress	12%
Republicans in Congress	47%
Both equally	35%
Neither	2%
Not sure	3%

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

Getting better	36%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	21%
Not sure	11%

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

Higher .....	34%
About the same .....	25%
Lower .....	17%
Not sure .....	25%

**55. Would you say that you and your family are...**

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	22%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	23%
Not sure .....	8%

**56. Is the place where you live owned or rented?**

Owned by you or your family .....	65%
Rented from someone else .....	33%
Other .....	1%

**57. Do you have a mortgage?**

*Asked of those who own the place where they live*

Yes .....	49%
No .....	51%

**58. Six months from now do you think there will be...**

More jobs .....	33%
The same amount of jobs .....	36%
Fewer jobs .....	16%
Not sure .....	15%

59. How worried are you about losing your job?

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

60. 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.	36%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	10%

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

Very happy	26%
Happy	34%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	4%

62. 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	14%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	8%

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

Liberal .....	24%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	33%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	14%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	22%
Very conservative .....	11%
Not sure .....	12%

65. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	67%
Not registered .....	33%

66. 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 voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	42%
The Republican Party candidate .....	36%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	17%
I would not vote .....	4%

67. 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 candidate	23%
Less likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate	24%
Have no effect on your vote choice	46%
Not sure	8%

68. Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

*Asked of registered voters*

Yes, I voted the Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	36%
Yes, I voted the Republican Presidential primary or caucus	34%
No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	25%
I don't remember	5%

69. 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 caucus*

Hillary Clinton	61%
Martin O'Malley	2%
Bernie Sanders	35%
Someone else	2%

70. 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	50%
Someone else	50%

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

*Asked of registered voters*

Yes .....	56%
No .....	44%

**72. 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%

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

Democrat .....	32%
Republican .....	24%
Independent .....	30%
Other .....	4%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Strong Democrat .....	20%
Not very strong Democrat .....	12%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	19%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Not very strong Republican .....	11%
Strong Republican .....	14%
Not sure .....	7%

**75. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2012 Presidential election?**

*Asked of registered voters old enough to vote in 2012*

Barack Obama .....	28%
Mitt Romney .....	25%
Other candidate .....	1%
I did not vote .....	47%

**76. What is your gender?**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

**77. Respondent age by category**

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

**78. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

White .....	70%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	11%
Other .....	6%

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

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

**80. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	42%
Separated .....	1%
Divorced .....	12%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	37%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	3%

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

Yes .....	21%
No .....	79%

**82. Calculated from respondent's state of residence**

Northeast .....	21%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	41%
West .....	16%

**83. Which of the following best describes the place where you live?**

A large city .....	20%
A suburb near a large city .....	31%
A small city or town .....	32%
A rural area .....	18%

**84. Overall, how would you rate your city or town as a place to live?**

Excellent .....	15%
Very good .....	32%
Good .....	35%
Only fair .....	14%
Poor .....	4%



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

Full-time employed .....	38%
Part-time employed .....	12%
Self-employed .....	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff .....	9%
Retired .....	22%
Permanently disabled .....	10%
Homemaker .....	7%
Other .....	1%

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

Under \$50K .....	46%
\$50-100K .....	26%
\$100K or more .....	12%
Prefer not to say .....	16%

**87. 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 .....	1%
Military Household - Family .....	8%
Military Household - I served previously .....	11%
Military Household - Family served previously .....	41%
Military Household - None .....	47%

**88. 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%

**89. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	37%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not too important .....	17%
Not at all important .....	20%

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

More than once a week .....	8%
Once a week .....	18%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	13%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	28%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Yes .....	31%
No .....	69%

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

Several times a day .....	25%
Once a day .....	15%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	5%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	14%
Never .....	18%
Don't know .....	4%

93. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	36%
Roman Catholic .....	19%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	4%
Nothing in particular .....	25%
Something else .....	4%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	January 14 - 16, 2018
<b>Target population</b>	US Adult Population
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.221 to 6.421, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.807.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1311 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	25 questions not reported.