

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1376 US Adults
Conducted December 17 - 20, 2016
Margin of Error $\pm 3.3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	17%

2. Is the country better off now than it was eight years ago?

Better off now	30%
Better off eight years ago	36%
No difference	19%
Not sure	15%

3. Are you better off now than you were eight years ago?

Better off now	33%
Better off eight years ago	32%
No difference	26%
Not sure	10%

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

Better off	37%
Worse off	34%
About the same	11%
Not sure	18%

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

Better off	41%
Worse off	22%
About the same	22%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly Approve	23%
Somewhat Approve	21%
Somewhat Disapprove	12%
Strongly Disapprove	30%
Not Sure	14%

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

Optimistic	43%
Pessimistic	37%
Not sure	19%

8. Donald Trump has nominated several people to serve in his cabinet. How much have you heard about the following people?

	A lot	A little	Not much	Nothing at all
Ben Carson	42%	26%	13%	19%
Mike Flynn	17%	22%	25%	35%
James N. Mattis	15%	22%	23%	40%
Rick Perry	31%	27%	16%	26%
Jeff Sessions	25%	21%	21%	34%
Rex Tillerson	19%	22%	21%	37%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of nominating the following people to serve in Donald Trump's cabinet?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Ben Carson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development	41%	28%	31%
Mike Flynn, National Security Advisor	27%	26%	47%
James N. Mattis, Secretary of Defense	34%	21%	46%
Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy	32%	27%	40%
Jeff Sessions, Attorney General	30%	27%	43%
Rex Tillerson, Secretary of State	25%	28%	47%

10. 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	42%	8%	27%	23%
Working people	3%	42%	33%	21%
Poor people	4%	47%	27%	22%
People like you	3%	47%	29%	21%

11. About how many of Donald Trump's campaign promises do you think he will be able to keep?

All of them	3%
Most of them	20%
Some of them	31%
Hardly any of them	31%
Not sure	14%

12. About how many of Donald Trump’s campaign promises do you think he will TRY to keep?

All of them	14%
Most of them	24%
Some of them	27%
Hardly any of them	23%
Not sure	12%

13. How likely is Donald Trump to do the following things as President?

	Definitely will happen	Probably will happen	Unlikely to happen	Will not happen
Run an open and transparent administration	12%	35%	28%	25%
Improve the way government works	15%	32%	31%	22%
Set a high moral standard	13%	30%	28%	29%
Use the office to enrich family and friends	28%	34%	24%	14%
Cut taxes	15%	43%	29%	13%
Repeal Obamacare	20%	53%	20%	6%

14. Do you agree or disagree that what is good for business is good for the country?

Agree strongly	18%
Agree somewhat	33%
Disagree somewhat	19%
Disagree strongly	14%
Not sure	17%

15. How much do you think Donald Trump's business interests and positions will affect his decision-making while serving as President?

A lot	37%
Some	33%
Not much	15%
Not at all	14%

16. Do you think this is mainly a good thing, or mainly a bad thing?

Mainly a good thing	33%
Mainly a bad thing	42%
Not sure	25%

17. Do you agree or disagree that what is good for Donald Trump's business is good for the country?

Agree strongly	9%
Agree somewhat	21%
Disagree somewhat	15%
Disagree strongly	34%
Not sure	21%

18. Whose interests do you think Donald Trump will put first?

The interests of the U.S.	35%
His business interests	40%
Donald Trump's business interests are the same as the interests of the U.S.	10%
Not sure	15%

19. From all that you know now, has the health care reform law been a complete success, a complete failure, or something in between?

A complete success	4%
More of a success than a failure	21%
Equal amount of both failure and success	16%
More of a failure than a success	19%
A complete failure	21%
Too early to tell	4%
Not sure	15%

20. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid)

Covered by health insurance	75%
Not covered by health insurance	15%
Don't know	10%

21. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or Medicaid, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Asked of those who are covered by health insurance

Plan through your employer	25%
Plan through your spouse's employer	12%
Plan you purchased yourself	10%
Medicare	31%
Medicaid	13%
Somewhere else	4%
Plan through your parents/mother/father	4%
Don't know	0%

22. Over the past five years, has the amount you pay for health insurance increased or decreased?

Asked of those who are covered by health insurance

Increased a lot	22%
Increased somewhat	33%
About the same	36%
Decreased somewhat	6%
Decreased a lot	4%

23. Over the past five years, has the quality of healthcare that you receive gotten better or worse?

Much better	6%
Somewhat better	13%
About the same	52%
Somewhat worse	16%
Much worse	13%

24. Do you think that the proportion of persons without insurance has increased or decreased over the past five years?

Increased	31%
Stayed the same	32%
Decreased	37%

25. Overall, do you think the Affordable Care Act has been a good or bad thing?

Very good	14%
Somewhat good	25%
Neither good nor bad	19%
Somewhat bad	18%
Very bad	25%

26. If Donald Trump and the Republican controlled Congress repeal the Affordable Care Act, do you think that the proportion of persons without health insurance will increase or decrease?

Increase	44%
Stay the same	35%
Decrease	21%

27. If Donald Trump and the Republican controlled Congress repeal the Affordable Care Act, how worried are you about losing your health insurance?

Asked of those who are covered by health insurance

Very worried	14%
Somewhat worried	17%
Not very worried	20%
Not worried at all	42%
Not sure	7%

28. If Donald Trump and the Republican controlled Congress repeal the Affordable Care Act, how worried are you worried about someone close to you, a friend or family member, losing his or her health insurance?

Very worried	22%
Somewhat worried	21%
Not very worried	18%
Not worried at all	26%
Not sure	13%

29. If Donald Trump and the Republican controlled Congress repeal the Affordable Care Act, do you think the amount you pay for health insurance will increase or decrease?

Increase a lot	16%
Increase somewhat	22%
About the same	41%
Decrease somewhat	14%
Decrease a lot	7%

30. If Donald Trump and the Republican controlled Congress repeal the Affordable Care Act, do you think the quality of healthcare that you receive will get better or worse?

Much better	8%
Somewhat better	15%
About the same	51%
Somewhat worse	16%
Much worse	10%

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

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	62%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	28%
The world's climate is NOT changing	10%

32. Do you think the following statements are true or not true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably not true	Definitely not true
Vaccines have been shown to cause autism.	8%	23%	39%	31%
The U.S. government helped plan the attacks of 9/11.	7%	18%	27%	47%
Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction before the invasion of Iraq in 2003 that the U.S. never found.	13%	40%	24%	23%
The financial crash of 2008 was secretly orchestrated by a handful of Wall Street bankers.	13%	39%	33%	15%
President Obama was born in Kenya.	12%	24%	23%	41%
Russia hacked the email of Democrats in order to increase the chance that Donald Trump would win the Presidential election.	20%	32%	29%	19%
Leaked email from some of Hillary Clinton's campaign staffers contained code words for pedophilia, human trafficking and satanic ritual abuse - what some people refer to as 'Pizzagate'.	9%	29%	34%	29%
Millions of illegal votes were cast in the election.	11%	35%	28%	26%
Russia tampered with vote tallies in order to get Donald Trump elected.	11%	35%	28%	26%

33. Which holiday greeting do you prefer?

Merry Christmas	66%
Happy Holidays	25%
Not sure	10%

34. Do you plan to send out Christmas or holiday cards this year?

Plan on sending cards this year	44%
Not planning to send out any cards	47%
Not sure	9%

35. Compared to last year, do you think you will spend more or less money on holiday gifts this year?

Spend more money this year	21%
Spend less money this year	36%
Spend about the same amount	37%
Prefer not to say	6%

36. Do you normally do most of your holiday shopping...

At least a month before the holiday	30%
A few weeks before the holiday	36%
Less than a week before the holiday	15%
A day or two before the holiday	7%
Prefer not to say	12%

37. Do you think about Christmas more as a religious holiday, or more as a family holiday?

Religious holiday	38%
Family holiday	52%
Not sure	10%

38. Do you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or none of these holidays? Select all that apply.

Christmas	85%
Hanukkah	6%
Kwanzaa	3%
None of these	9%

39. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	69%	24%	5%	2%
Immigration	48%	35%	12%	5%
The environment	50%	33%	12%	5%
Terrorism	60%	28%	10%	3%
Gay rights	24%	27%	23%	26%
Education	63%	28%	7%	3%
Health care	72%	23%	4%	2%
Social security	70%	23%	6%	1%
The budget deficit	48%	36%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	43%	20%	6%
Taxes	58%	32%	7%	2%
Medicare	64%	26%	7%	2%
Abortion	37%	32%	21%	10%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	11%	4%
Gun control	47%	28%	15%	10%
International trade and globalization	35%	45%	15%	5%
Use of military force	46%	40%	11%	3%

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

The economy	16%
Immigration	7%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	9%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	12%
Social security	18%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	6%
Foreign policy	1%
Gun control	4%

41. 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	34%	19%	9%	33%	5%
Donald Trump	23%	22%	9%	40%	6%
Hillary Clinton	17%	23%	13%	41%	6%
Joe Biden	27%	21%	14%	20%	18%
Mike Pence	20%	19%	11%	25%	24%
Paul Ryan	8%	24%	20%	22%	26%
Mitch McConnell	3%	14%	19%	26%	38%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	17%	13%	33%	28%
Harry Reid	8%	14%	15%	26%	37%
Chuck Schumer	7%	15%	13%	17%	48%

42. 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	18%	25%	15%	30%	12%
The Republican Party	14%	23%	19%	32%	13%

43. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	38%
About right	25%
Not liberal enough	11%
Not sure	26%

44. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	33%
About right	24%
Not conservative enough	16%
Not sure	27%

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

Strongly Approve	24%
Somewhat Approve	24%
Somewhat Disapprove	11%
Strongly Disapprove	32%
Not Sure	9%

46. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	19%

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

Very strong	23%
Somewhat strong	30%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	29%

48. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	44%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	43%
Not sure	13%

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

Like a lot	36%
Like somewhat	25%
Dislike	27%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	30%
Some	20%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	27%
Not sure	7%

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

Maintained consistent policy positions	40%
Made significant changes to his policy plans	31%
Not sure	29%

52. On the subject of climate change what do you think Barack Obama believes?

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	76%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	15%
The world's climate is NOT changing	9%

53. 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%	19%	12%	25%	24%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	19%	20%	29%	17%
The budget deficit	17%	19%	16%	30%	18%
The economy	23%	22%	14%	28%	12%
Education	21%	23%	16%	22%	17%
The environment	23%	23%	14%	22%	18%
Foreign policy	18%	21%	16%	28%	17%
Gay rights	26%	17%	11%	24%	21%
Gun control	17%	21%	17%	29%	16%
Health care	25%	19%	12%	35%	10%
Immigration	18%	20%	13%	35%	14%
Medicare	22%	22%	13%	26%	17%
Social security	21%	20%	16%	24%	18%
Taxes	18%	22%	15%	28%	17%
Terrorism	20%	20%	13%	31%	16%

54. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	5%
Moderate	20%
Conservative	25%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	30%

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

Very strong	27%
Somewhat strong	31%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	27%

56. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	45%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	41%
Not sure	14%

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

Like a lot	19%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	45%
Not sure	10%

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

A lot	18%
Some	21%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	37%
Not sure	10%

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

Maintained consistent policy positions	26%
Made significant changes to his policy plans	41%
Not sure	33%

60. On the subject of climate change what do you think Donald Trump believes?

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	23%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	37%
The world's climate is NOT changing	39%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	15%

62. 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	14%	22%	18%	30%	16%
Republicans in Congress	8%	19%	21%	36%	16%

63. 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	20%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	31%

64. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	38%

65. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	39%

66. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	34%

67. 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	3%
About the same	25%
Less than usual	44%
Not sure	27%

68. 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	40%
Both equally	43%
Neither	1%
Not sure	2%

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

Next Congress will accomplish more	35%
About the same	24%
Next Congress will accomplish less	14%
Not sure	27%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	27%
Not sure	15%

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

Higher	30%
About the same	23%
Lower	19%
Not sure	29%

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

Better off financially	21%
About the same as now	43%
Worse off financially	27%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	33%
The same amount of jobs	28%
Fewer jobs	20%
Not sure	20%

74. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	7%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	62%

75. 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.	37%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	11%

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

Very happy	24%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	3%

77. Do you think the health care reform law should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded	28%
Kept the same	11%
Repealed	41%
Not sure	20%

78. 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	29%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	10%
Don’t know	5%

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

Liberal	25%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	30%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	21%
Very Conservative	10%
Not sure	14%

81. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

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

Yes	56%
No	44%

83. Who did you vote for in the election for President?

Hillary Clinton	26%
Donald Trump	26%
Gary Johnson	2%
Jill Stein	0%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	0%
Did not vote for President	45%

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

Democrat	40%
Republican	28%
Independent	28%
Other	4%

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

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	14%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	8%

86. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes	14%
No	55%
Not sure	31%

87. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes	34%
No	37%
Not sure	29%

88. Are you male or female?

Male	49%
Female	51%

89. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

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

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

91. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	3%
Divorced	14%
Widowed	6%
Single	27%
Domestic partnership	5%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

93. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	20%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	20%

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

City	37%
Suburb	29%
Town	15%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	32%
Part-time employed	14%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	11%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	8%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	55%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	9%
Prefer not to say	11%

97. 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	13%
Family served previously	38%
None	46%

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

Yes, I am	7%
Yes, household member is	10%
No	84%

99. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	19%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	15%
Seldom	22%
Never	28%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

102. 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	14%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	9%
Seldom	14%
Never	17%
Don't know	5%

103. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	36%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	6%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 17 - 20, 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 6, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.76.
Number of respondents	1376 1193 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	24 questions not reported.