

The Economist/YouGov Poll (Likely Voters)



Sample 3677 Likely Voters
Conducted November 4 - 7, 2016
Margin of Error $\pm 1.7\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	9%

2. When you think about your personal situation, would you say that you are...

Optimistic about the future	48%
Pessimistic about the future	34%
Neither	18%

3. What comes closest to your view about the state of the country?

Things are terrible and we need radical change	45%
Lots of things could be improved, but these just require adjustment, not fundamental changes	49%
Things are good and we should keep on the same path	6%

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

Better off now	34%
Better off eight years ago	37%
No difference	22%
Not sure	6%

5. Would you say there is too much or too little democracy in America?

Too much	11%
About the right amount	28%
Too little	45%
Don't know	15%

6. How much do you care about who wins the Presidential election on Tuesday?

Don't care very much	6%
Care a good deal	91%
Don't know	3%

7. Are you planning to vote in the election on November 8?

Yes	61%
No	0%
Not sure	1%
Already voted	37%
Not registered to vote	-

8. How likely are you to vote in the election?

Asked of those who are planning to vote in the election on November 8 or are not sure

Already voted	37%
Certain to vote	58%
Probably will vote	4%
Maybe will vote	1%
Unlikely to vote	0%
Not voting	0%

9. Method of voting

Early	22%
Absentee	24%
Precinct	53%
Non-voter	0%
Don't know	1%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Hillary Clinton	25%	18%	8%	48%	1%
Donald Trump	22%	17%	9%	51%	1%

11. Who [did/will] you vote for in the election for President?

Hillary Clinton (Democrat)	45%
Donald Trump (Republican)	41%
Gary Johnson (Libertarian)	5%
Jill Stein (Green)	2%
Other	3%
Not sure	4%

12. Which candidate do you prefer more, Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

Asked of registered voters who would vote for Gary Johnson, Jill Stein, or someone else or are not sure yet for whom they would vote

Hillary Clinton	26%
Donald Trump	24%
No preference	50%

13. Which candidate do you prefer more, Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

Registered voters

Hillary Clinton	49%
Donald Trump	45%
Someone else / Not sure yet / No preference	7%

14. Who do you think your spouse will vote for?

Asked of those who are married or in a domestic partnership

Hillary Clinton (Democrat)	38%
Donald Trump (Republican)	45%
Gary Johnson (Libertarian)	3%
Jill Stein (Green)	1%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	6%
Probably won't vote	5%

15. How many of your friends and family members do you think will be voting for the same candidate as you?

Asked of registered voters who will vote for a presidential candidate

Pretty much all of them	29%
Most of them	34%
About half of them	14%
Less than half of them	6%
Very few, if any of them	6%
Not sure	11%

16. Regardless of how you [are voting/voted], who do you think is most likely to win the election for President?

Hillary Clinton	51%
Donald Trump	27%
Not sure	22%

17. How do you feel about the presidential candidates listed below?

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied but not enthusiastic	Dissatisfied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	22%	20%	12%	46%	2%
Donald Trump	23%	14%	13%	47%	2%

18. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Hillary Clinton or AGAINST Donald Trump?

Asked of those who would vote for Hillary Clinton

I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Hillary Clinton	62%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Donald Trump	36%
Not sure	2%

19. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Donald Trump or AGAINST Hillary Clinton?

Asked of those who would vote for Donald Trump

I'm mostly voting <u>FOR</u> Donald Trump	52%
I'm mostly voting <u>AGAINST</u> Hillary Clinton	47%
Not sure	1%

20. If you could choose the outcome in Tuesday's election, what would you most prefer the result to be?

Clinton as President with a Democratic Congress	43%
Trump as President with a Republican Congress	40%
Clinton as President with a Republican Congress	6%
Trump as President with a Democratic Congress	3%
None of these	9%

21. If these were your only choices, which would you pick?

Clinton as President with a Democratic Congress	31%
Trump as President with a Republican Congress	31%
Clinton as President with a Republican Congress	23%
Trump as President with a Democratic Congress	15%

22. If Hillary Clinton is elected President, do you think there will be more or less partisanship in Washington, or do you think it remain about the same?

More partisanship	36%
Less partisanship	19%
Remain about the same	31%
Not sure	15%

23. If Donald Trump is elected President, do you think there will be more or less partisanship in Washington, or do you think it remain about the same?

More partisanship	34%
Less partisanship	29%
Remain about the same	18%
Not sure	19%

24. How much do you think Hillary Clinton cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	25%
Some	21%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	40%
Not sure	2%

25. Do you think Hillary Clinton is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	29%
Not honest and trustworthy	59%
Not sure	12%

26. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you feel she has the qualifications to be president?

Qualified to be president	55%
Not qualified to be president	40%
Not sure	5%

27. Do you think Hillary Clinton has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	53%
No	40%
Not sure	7%

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

A lot	26%
Some	17%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	44%
Not sure	3%

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

Honest and trustworthy	34%
Not honest and trustworthy	55%
Not sure	11%

30. 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 president 55%
 Not sure 8%

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

Yes33%
 No57%
 Not sure 10%

32. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	79%	19%	2%	0%
Immigration	55%	32%	10%	3%
The environment	45%	33%	15%	7%
Terrorism	66%	25%	7%	2%
Gay rights	24%	28%	24%	24%
Education	60%	33%	6%	2%
Health care	75%	21%	3%	1%
Social security	68%	25%	6%	1%
The budget deficit	56%	31%	10%	2%
The war in Afghanistan	38%	44%	15%	3%
Taxes	60%	33%	6%	1%
Medicare	63%	28%	7%	1%
Abortion	40%	32%	19%	10%
Foreign policy	54%	38%	6%	1%
Gun control	54%	24%	12%	10%
International trade and globalization	41%	45%	11%	3%
Use of military force	52%	39%	8%	2%

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

The economy	20%
Immigration	8%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	10%
Gay rights	2%
Education	5%
Health care	11%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	5%

34. 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	38%	13%	10%	38%	1%
Joe Biden	31%	20%	15%	26%	8%
Paul Ryan	8%	25%	25%	29%	14%
Mitch McConnell	2%	14%	20%	37%	27%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	21%	11%	41%	17%
Harry Reid	9%	17%	12%	35%	26%

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

Strongly Approve	31%
Somewhat Approve	19%
Somewhat Disapprove	10%
Strongly Disapprove	39%
Not Sure	1%

36. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	37%
Liberal	27%
Moderate	20%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	10%

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

Very strong	27%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	16%
Very weak	34%

38. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	50%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	43%
Not sure	7%

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

Like a lot	43%
Like somewhat	19%
Dislike	30%
Not sure	7%

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	24%	20%	11%	30%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	25%	20%	33%	8%
The budget deficit	18%	22%	11%	40%	8%
The economy	25%	22%	12%	36%	5%
Education	20%	27%	15%	29%	9%
The environment	22%	27%	14%	27%	10%
Foreign policy	19%	24%	13%	37%	7%
Gay rights	30%	21%	10%	27%	12%
Gun control	19%	22%	14%	38%	6%
Health care	23%	20%	10%	44%	3%
Immigration	19%	23%	12%	41%	5%
Medicare	20%	23%	15%	30%	12%
Social security	18%	24%	14%	30%	13%
Taxes	17%	26%	14%	34%	9%
Terrorism	20%	24%	12%	38%	7%

41. 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	15%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	6%

42. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the member of the U.S. House of Representatives that represents your Congressional district is handling his or her job?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	19%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	12%

43. If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for...

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	45%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	1%

44. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections?

Congress controlled by Democrats	45%
Congress controlled by Republicans	45%
Not sure	11%

45. 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	25%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	17%

46. 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	29%
Less than usual	54%
Not sure	14%

47. Assuming the Republican Party retains majority control of the US House of Representatives, would you Prefer Paul Ryan remain the Speaker of the House or a different Republican is more conservative or less conservative than Paul Ryan?

Paul Ryan remain Speaker of the House	24%
A Speaker who is more conservative than Paul Ryan	22%
A Speaker who is less conservative than Paul Ryan	29%
Not sure	25%

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

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	11%
Republicans in Congress	50%
Both equally	36%
Neither	1%
Not sure	2%

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

More than usual	17%
About the same	37%
Less than usual	10%
Not sure	36%

50. 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	64%
Some of the time	26%
Only now and then	8%
Hardly at all	3%
Don’t know	-

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

Liberal	27%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	35%
Not sure	6%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	23%
Very Conservative	12%
Not sure	6%

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

Democrat	39%
Republican	31%
Independent	27%
Other	3%

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

Strong Democrat	27%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	11%
Lean Republican	10%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	2%

55. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	17%
Neither support, nor oppose	18%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	30%
Not sure	14%

56. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	11%
No	73%
Not Sure	16%

57. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for...

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	47%
The Republican Party candidate	39%
Other	6%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	1%

58. Are you male or female?

Male	48%
Female	52%

59. Respondent age by category

Under 30	17%
30-44	22%
45-64	37%
65+	25%

60. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	73%
Black	13%
Hispanic	9%
Other	6%

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

HS or less	34%
Some college	33%
College grad	20%
Postgrad	13%

62. What is your marital status?

Married	51%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Single	25%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

64. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

City	31%
Suburb	36%
Town	14%
Rural area	19%
Other	1%

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

Full-time employed	36%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	7%
Retired	28%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	8%
Other	1%

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

Under \$50K	45%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	15%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

Yes, I am	8%
Yes, household member is	8%
No	85%

69. 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	1%
Family member	8%
I served previously	13%
Family served previously	43%
None	43%

70. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	19%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	15%
Seldom	22%
Never	26%
Don't know	1%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

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

Several times a day	29%
Once a day	16%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	13%
Never	17%
Don't know	3%

74. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	39%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	16%
Something else	6%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 4 - 7, 2016
Target population	Likely Voters
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, region, and 2012 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0 to 6.7, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.57.
Number of respondents	3677
Margin of error	± 0% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	36 questions not reported.