

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1500 US Adults
 Conducted December 31, 2017 - January 2, 2018
 Margin of Error ±3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 33%
 Off on the wrong track 52%
 Not sure 14%

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	50%	34%	3%	1%	13%
China	6%	29%	29%	9%	26%
Germany	31%	34%	8%	3%	23%
Iran	2%	5%	28%	42%	23%
Israel	38%	23%	9%	6%	24%
Japan	38%	31%	8%	4%	20%
North Korea	1%	2%	13%	70%	13%
South Korea	39%	28%	8%	7%	18%
Mexico	15%	43%	16%	4%	21%
Russia	3%	12%	34%	28%	23%

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	30%	35%	8%	5%	23%
China	6%	26%	27%	13%	27%
Germany	16%	32%	16%	8%	27%
Iran	2%	4%	16%	54%	24%
Israel	41%	20%	7%	9%	23%
Japan	28%	30%	10%	6%	26%
North Korea	2%	4%	8%	69%	17%
South Korea	29%	28%	8%	11%	24%
Mexico	7%	24%	31%	18%	21%
Russia	14%	29%	19%	14%	24%

4. 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	13%	15%	13%	11%	48%
James Mattis	19%	14%	11%	8%	48%
Rex Tillerson	11%	18%	13%	13%	44%

5. How likely do you think it is that...

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not likely at all	Not sure
The Democrats will win a majority of seats in the U.S. Senate in 2018	18%	31%	20%	10%	21%
The Democrats will win a majority of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2018	14%	31%	24%	10%	20%
Donald Trump will not win reelection in 2020	34%	19%	15%	18%	15%
Donald Trump will not run for reelection in 2020	15%	16%	19%	29%	20%
Donald Trump will leave office before the next presidential election	13%	19%	21%	32%	16%

6. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the US-Mexico border to try to stop illegal immigration?

Favor	39%
Oppose	44%
Not sure	17%

7. Do you support or oppose, DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which is a policy that grants temporary legal status to "dreamers", otherwise law-abiding children and young adults who were brought into the United States at a very young age by parents who are illegal immigrants?

Support strongly	29%
Support somewhat	24%
Oppose somewhat	14%
Oppose strongly	15%
Not sure	18%

8. From what you know about it now, do you support or oppose the new tax reform law?

Strongly support	18%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	27%
No opinion	24%

9. When you file your taxes, do you itemize deductions or do you take the standard deduction?

Itemize deductions	29%
Standard deduction	40%
Not sure	19%
Prefer not to say	12%

10. From what you know about it now, do you think you will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	25%
Pay about the same	27%
Pay less	21%
Not sure	28%

11. From what you know about it now, do you think most Americans will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	33%
Pay about the same	17%
Pay less	27%
Not sure	23%

12. From what you know about it now, do you think most wealthy people will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	12%
Pay about the same	17%
Pay less	53%
Not sure	18%

13. From what you know about it now, do you think Donald Trump will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	11%
Pay about the same	16%
Pay less	52%
Not sure	21%

14. As you may know, Donald Trump has refused to release his tax returns. How much have you heard about Donald Trump's refusal to release his tax returns?

Heard a lot	43%
Heard a little	41%
Heard nothing at all	16%

15. Regardless of how you feel about Donald Trump, do you think that President Trump should release his tax returns?

Yes	55%
No	28%
Not sure	17%

16. Do you think news organizations have given too much, too little, or the right amount of attention to the issue of Donald Trump and his tax returns?

Too much	39%
The right amount	31%
Too little	30%

17. Fill in the blank: Life in America today is _____ 50 years ago for people like me.

Better than it was	32%
Worse than it was	43%
About the same as	13%
Don't know	12%

18. How serious of a problem do you think sexual harassment is in the United States?

Very serious	39%
Somewhat serious	34%
Not very serious	16%
Not at all serious	3%
Not sure	8%

19. What percentage of women in the U.S. would you guess say they have been sexually harassed?

Minimum	0
Maximum	100
Mean	51
Standard deviation	28

20. Would you say you have ever been sexually harassed?

Yes, I have	34%
No, I have not	55%
Prefer not to say	5%
Don't know	6%

21. On ANY occasion when you were sexually harassed, did you ever report it to someone?
Asked of those who have ever been sexually harassed

Yes	36%
No	60%
Prefer not to say	4%

22. On ANY occasion when you were sexually harassed, did you ever NOT report it to someone?
Asked of those who have ever been sexually harassed

Yes	76%
No	20%
Prefer not to say	4%

23. Which do you think is the bigger problem?

Sexual assaults that go unreported or unpunished	59%
False accusations of sexual assault	41%

24. What's your feeling about the year ahead? Generally speaking, are you optimistic or pessimistic about what kind of year 2018 will be for the world?

Very optimistic	17%
Somewhat optimistic	25%
Neither optimistic, nor pessimistic	31%
Somewhat pessimistic	18%
Very pessimistic	9%

25. How do you feel about your family's future in the upcoming year?

Very optimistic	18%
Somewhat optimistic	32%
Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	31%
Somewhat pessimistic	13%
Very pessimistic	5%

26. In the year ahead, will the United States become more respected or less respected in the world?

More respected	26%
No change	30%
Less respected	44%

27. In 2018, do you think things will be better off or worse off than they were in 2017 when it comes to:

	Much better	Somewhat better	No change	Somewhat worse	Much worse	Not sure
The Middle East	5%	12%	24%	24%	19%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	7%	16%	32%	15%	11%	19%
Energy issues	11%	15%	26%	18%	16%	14%
The environment	5%	11%	30%	18%	23%	13%
The economy in your area	10%	23%	31%	15%	9%	12%
Job security	12%	22%	24%	17%	10%	14%
Government spending	7%	17%	19%	22%	22%	14%
Health care coverage	7%	16%	19%	22%	25%	12%
Education	6%	15%	30%	21%	16%	12%
Social Security and Medicare	5%	11%	27%	23%	20%	15%
The U.S. financial system	11%	19%	20%	19%	15%	15%
Wall Street	15%	21%	24%	10%	9%	20%
The national economy	17%	21%	17%	19%	13%	15%

28. In the year ahead, do you think politics will be more or less interesting?

More interesting	26%
About the same	46%
Less interesting	12%
Not sure	16%

29. In the year ahead, do you think political discussion will become more negative or less negative?

More negative	47%
About the same	31%
Less negative	7%
Not sure	15%

30. Do you think the US will be more or less safe from terrorist attacks this time next year?

Much more safe next year	5%
Somewhat more safe next year	14%
About the same	41%
Somewhat less safe next year	16%
Much less safe next year	11%
Not sure	12%

31. In the year ahead, do you think your community will be more or less safe from terrorist attacks this time next year?

Much more safe next year	6%
Somewhat more safe next year	11%
About the same	57%
Somewhat less safe next year	9%
Much less safe next year	5%
Not sure	13%

32. What do you think are the chances of a major terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?

Very likely (more than 50%)	19%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%)	43%
Not very likely (1% to 10%)	17%
Very unlikely (less than 1%)	5%
Not sure	17%

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

Outstanding	12%
Above Average	16%
Average	11%
Below Average	12%
Poor	38%
Not Sure	12%

34. In 2018, do you think the Congress will accomplish more or less than Congress usually does in a year?

More than usual	14%
About the same	37%
Less than usual	29%
Not sure	20%

35. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	62%	31%	6%	2%
Immigration	41%	36%	16%	7%
The environment	44%	34%	16%	6%
Terrorism	54%	31%	11%	4%
Gay rights	21%	24%	24%	31%
Education	53%	34%	10%	3%
Health care	66%	26%	6%	2%
Social security	63%	27%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	39%	42%	15%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	45%	22%	7%
Taxes	52%	37%	8%	3%
Medicare	58%	29%	9%	3%
Abortion	38%	29%	19%	14%
Foreign policy	38%	43%	14%	5%
Gun control	44%	27%	17%	12%
International trade and globalization	28%	48%	18%	5%
Use of military force	41%	42%	12%	5%

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

The economy	16%
Immigration	8%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	8%
Gay rights	2%
Education	5%
Health care	16%
Social security	17%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	5%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%
Gun control	4%

37. 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	25%	15%	10%	44%	7%
Mike Pence	25%	14%	11%	31%	19%
Paul Ryan	8%	23%	16%	30%	23%
Mitch McConnell	3%	17%	18%	30%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	18%	13%	36%	24%
Chuck Schumer	9%	16%	11%	29%	36%

38. 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	15%	23%	16%	31%	14%
The Republican Party	10%	22%	17%	36%	14%

39. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	26%
Not liberal enough	14%
Not sure	21%

40. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	36%
About right	21%
Not conservative enough	19%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	9%

42. 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%	16%	11%	30%	29%
Budget deficit	14%	20%	14%	32%	20%
Civil rights	17%	17%	10%	34%	22%
Economy	28%	16%	12%	29%	15%
Education	14%	19%	11%	32%	24%
Environment	17%	15%	11%	37%	20%
Foreign policy	22%	15%	12%	34%	17%
Gay rights	12%	13%	11%	33%	30%
Gun control	21%	16%	11%	32%	20%
Health care	18%	18%	12%	38%	14%
Immigration	24%	16%	10%	37%	13%
Medicare	13%	18%	13%	34%	22%
Social security	13%	18%	14%	32%	23%
Taxes	23%	15%	11%	36%	15%
Terrorism	26%	17%	12%	27%	18%
Veterans	24%	17%	13%	24%	22%
Women's rights	16%	17%	9%	35%	23%

43. 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	21%	42%	37%
Intelligent	29%	34%	37%
Religious	11%	32%	57%
Inspiring	17%	38%	45%
Patriotic	32%	22%	45%
Strong	32%	26%	42%
Bold	41%	13%	46%
Experienced	15%	42%	43%
Sincere	21%	40%	39%
Partisan	15%	14%	71%
Effective	27%	33%	40%
Exciting	15%	24%	62%
Steady	16%	30%	54%
Hypocritical	44%	17%	39%
Arrogant	64%	9%	27%

44. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	18%
Not sure	32%

45. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	50%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	34%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	20%
Some	16%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	42%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	25%
Somewhat strong	21%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	37%

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

Honest and trustworthy	32%
Not honest and trustworthy	52%
Not sure	16%

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

Yes	31%
No	55%
Not sure	13%

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

Very likely	29%
Fairly likely	28%
Fairly unlikely	17%
Very unlikely	8%
Not sure	17%

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

Appropriate	23%
Inappropriate	60%
Not sure	16%

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

Optimistic	35%
Pessimistic	45%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	32%
No	53%
Not sure	15%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	14%

55. 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%	22%	18%	31%	18%
Republicans in Congress	6%	20%	19%	37%	18%

56. 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	8%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	26%

57. 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	17%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	31%

58. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	36%

59. 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	9%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	27%

60. 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	11%
About the same	28%
Less than usual	39%
Not sure	23%

61. 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	48%
Both equally	35%
Neither	2%
Not sure	3%

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

Getting better	32%
About the same	30%
Getting worse	24%
Not sure	14%

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

Higher	33%
About the same	25%
Lower	17%
Not sure	25%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	23%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	21%
Not sure	10%

65. Is the place where you live owned or rented?

Owned by you or your family	62%
Rented from someone else	36%
Other	2%

66. Do you have a mortgage?

Asked of those who own the place where they live

Yes	45%
No	55%

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

More jobs	32%
The same amount of jobs	34%
Fewer jobs	19%
Not sure	15%

68. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not very worried	67%

69. 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.	25%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	38%
Not very hard	24%
Not sure	13%

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

Very happy	23%
Happy	35%
Neither happy nor unhappy	34%
Unhappy	5%
Very unhappy	3%

71. 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	27%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	8%

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

Liberal	24%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	33%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	14%

74. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	67%
Not registered	33%

75. 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	16%
I would not vote	4%

76. 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	24%
Less likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate	26%
Have no effect on your vote choice	42%
Not sure	8%

77. 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	35%
Yes, I voted the Republican Presidential primary or caucus	36%
No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	22%
I don't remember	6%

78. 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	66%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Bernie Sanders	30%
Someone else	3%

79. 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	53%
Someone else	47%

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

Asked of registered voters

Yes	56%
No	44%

81. 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	46%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	26%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%

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

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	15%
Not sure	7%

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

Asked of registered voters old enough to vote in 2012

Barack Obama	27%
Mitt Romney	25%
Other candidate	1%
I did not vote	47%

85. What is your gender?

Male	49%
Female	51%

86. Respondent age by category

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

87. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

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

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

89. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	1%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	25%
No	75%

91. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	24%
South	38%
West	21%

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

A large city	19%
A suburb near a large city	31%
A small city or town	31%
A rural area	19%

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

Excellent	16%
Very good	31%
Good	36%
Only fair	12%
Poor	5%

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

Full-time employed	39%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	9%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	8%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	46%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	12%
Prefer not to say	14%

96. 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	2%
Military Household - Family	9%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	39%
Military Household - None	47%

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

Yes, I am	7%
Yes, household member is	7%
No	86%

98. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	23%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	20%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	18%
Never	29%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

101. 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	15%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	13%
Never	19%
Don't know	4%

102. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	35%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	5%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 31, 2017 - January 2, 2018
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 0.239 to 5.177, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.623.
Number of respondents	1500 1277 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	25 questions not reported.