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1,001 U.S. adults ages 18 and over

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Weighted by age, race, and education

Poll Questions

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

First, I just need to confirm in what state you live. **(If needed:)** People sometimes take their phone number when they move to another state, so we just need to determine what state I'm talking to.

In general, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
Jul-17	32	61	8
Dec-16	37	49	14
Aug-16	25	68	7
Jun-16	23	68	8
Mar-16	27	65	7
Nov-15	23	69	8
Sep-15	24	66	10
Apr-15	31	61	8
Dec-14	24	65	11
Jun-14	26	64	10
Mar-14	30	62	8
Dec-13	27	67	6
Sep-13	25	68	7
Jun-13	32	60	8
Feb-13	37	54	9
Dec-12	38	55	7
Sep-12	33	60	7
Jun-12	31	62	7
Mar-12	31	61	8
Sep-11	20	72	8
Jun-11	26	66	8
Mar-11	28	63	9
Dec-10	27	66	7
Oct-10	32	62	6
Jul-10	31	63	6
Mar-10	34	58	8
Dec-09	32	59	9
Sep-09	40	52	8

Which of the following do you see as the most important issue facing the country right now? **(Read list. Rotate.)**

	Immigration	Health care	Relationship with Russia	Terrorism	Climate change	Taxes	Unemployment and jobs	Trade	Other (VOL) (specify:)	None of these (VOL)	Not sure
Jul-17	10	35	6	11	10	4	13	2	4	2	2

Now, I'm going to mention some people and groups in the news recently. [Previous wording: Now, I'd like to mention some major economic and political figures and groups.] For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough to answer, just say so. (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)

		Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Donald Trump, president of the United States	Jul-17	41	55	21	20	14	40	4
Donald Trump, president-elect of the United States	Dec-16	50	43	26	24	10	33	7
Donald Trump, the Republican nominee for president	Aug-16	33	63	14	19	17	46	4
Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee for president	Jun-16	31	66	11	20	15	51	3
Donald Trump, a businessman from New York	Mar-16 Nov-15 Sep-15	29 34 31	68 61 61	12 11 10	17 23 20	15 21 20	53 40 41	3 5 9
Donald Trump, businessman and television personality	Jun-12 Mar-11	33 37	55 43	8 10	25 27	26 24	29 19	12 20
James Comey, former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation—the FBI	Jul-17	43	36	14	29	19	16	21
Vladimir Putin, president of the Russian Federation	Jul-17 Aug-16	15 10	65 64	4 1	11 8	26 25	39 39	21 26

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing: [ITEM FROM LIST]?

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
As president	Jul-17	40	56	4
As president (Barack Obama)	Dec-16	54	42	4
	Aug-16	50	44	6
	Jun-16	53	42	5
	Mar-16	50	44	6
	Nov-15	44	51	5
	Sep-15	46	47	7
	Apr-15	47	46	7
	Dec-14	39	52	9
	Jun-14	43	53	4
	Mar-14	48	48	4
	Dec-13	42	55	3
	Sep-13	45	49	6
	Jun-13	49	46	5
	Feb-13	55	40	5
	Dec-12	53	44	3
	Sep-12	49	46	5
	Jun-12	53	44	3
	Mar-12	48	47	5
	Sep-11	45	49	6
	Jun-11	49	44	7
	Mar-11	51	43	6
	Dec-10	47	48	5
	Oct-10	48	45	7
	Jul-10	52	44	4
	Mar-10	50	45	5
	Dec-09	54	41	5
	Sep-09	56	37	7
With the economy	Jul-17	46	44	10
With the economy (Barack Obama)	Jun-16	49	47	4
	Mar-16	49	46	5
	Nov-15	44	51	5
	Sep-15	47	48	5
	Apr-15	49	46	5
	Dec-14	42	53	5
	Jun-14	38	57	5
	Mar-14	43	53	4
	Dec-13	38	58	4
	Sep-13	38	56	6
	Jun-13	42	53	5
	Feb-13	47	49	4
	Dec-12	48	48	4
	Sep-12	41	53	6
	Jun-12	43	53	4
	Mar-12	41	56	3
	Sep-11	33	62	5
	Jun-11	39	57	4
	Mar-11	43	52	5
	Dec-10	41	54	5
	Oct-10	44	51	5
	Jul-10	44	52	4
	Mar-10	44	51	5
	Dec-09	45	50	5
	Sep-09	50	45	5
With immigration	Jul-17	39	55	6
With immigration (Barack Obama)	Dec-14	37	54	9
	Mar-14	39	47	14
	Jun-13	40	49	11
	Feb-13	47	38	15

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
With relations with other countries	Jul-17	38	58	5
With relations with other countries (Barack Obama)	Jun-16	49	44	7
	Mar-16	53	43	4
	Nov-15	44	50	6
	Feb-13	52	35	13
	Dec-12	54	39	7
	Sep-12	45	47	8
	Mar-12*	54	40	6
	Dec-10	56	37	7
	Oct-10	54	36	10
	Mar-10	58	35	7
	Dec-09	59	35	6
Sep-09	60	32	8	

*Mar-12: n=746. Was not included until second night in field.

With creating jobs	Jul-17	47	40	13
With creating jobs (Barack Obama)	Jun-12	46	48	6
	Mar-12	44	50	6
	Sep-11	36	57	7
	Jun-11	38	57	5
	Mar-11	44	51	5
	Dec-10	40	55	5
	Oct-10	44	49	7
	Jul-10	46	50	4
	Mar-10	43	52	5
	Dec-09	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Sep-09	n/a	n/a	n/a

With trade agreements **Jul-17** **36** **46** **18**

With health care **Jul-17** **28** **64** **8**

With health care (Barack Obama)	Jun-16	44	52	4
	Mar-16	46	50	4
	Nov-15	40	56	4
	Sep-15	44	51	5
	Apr-15	43	53	4
	Dec-14	41	55	4
	Jun-14	38	58	4
	Mar-14	40	54	6
	Dec-13	37	60	3
	Sep-13	39	54	7
	Jun-13	40	56	4
	Jun-12	43	52	5
	Mar-12	40	54	6
	Sep-11	39	53	8
	Jun-11	45	50	5
	Mar-11	44	50	6
	Dec-10	44	51	5
	Oct-10	51	45	4
	Jul-10	46	51	3
	Mar-10	43	52	5
Dec-09	40	53	7	
Sep-09	47	48	5	

I'm going to mention some aspects of your personal situation. For each, please tell me if you expect things to be better in 2017, worse, or about the same as 2016. If the item does not apply to you, just say so.

(Rotate list.) [Dec-12: "...better in 2013, worse, or about the same as 2012." Feb-13 through Sep-15: "...better in the next 12 months, worse, or about the same as the last 12 months."]

		Better	Worse	About the Same	Does not Apply	Not Sure
Household income	Jul-17	36	12	45	5	1
	Dec-16	39	10	45	5	1
	Jun-14	31	11	53	4	1
	Jun-13	33	11	50	5	1
	Feb-13	28	13	54	4	1
	Dec-12	30	17	49	3	1
Job security for workers in your household	Jul-17	28	11	41	19	1
	Dec-16	25	10	44	20	1
	Sep-15	20	13	46	19	2
	Apr-15	25	9	48	17	1
	Jun-14	21	12	48	18	1
	Dec-13	22	15	47	16	-
	Sep-13	23	15	45	16	1
	Jun-13	24	10	46	19	1
	Feb-13	22	14	47	16	1
	Dec-12	18	12	46	22	2
Retirement savings	Jul-17	30	14	39	14	3
	Dec-16	35	13	36	14	2
	Jun-14	26	14	44	15	1
	Dec-13	24	24	40	11	1
	Sep-13	28	17	41	13	1
	Jun-13	30	14	40	15	1
	Feb-13	22	24	37	16	1
	Dec-12	19	21	40	18	2
The market value of your home	Jul-17	40	9	27	21	4
	Dec-16	35	8	32	23	2
	Sep-15	29	14	34	19	3
	Apr-15	32	11	32	23	2
	Jun-14	28	12	35	24	1
	Dec-13	30	16	34	18	2
	Sep-13	30	13	33	23	1
	Jun-13	35	10	29	25	1
	Feb-13	27	16	34	20	3
	Dec-12	20	20	33	22	5
Overall financial security	Jul-17	35	16	43	4	2
	Dec-16	38	12	45	3	1
	Sep-15	27	15	52	5	2
	Apr-15	35	11	47	6	1
	Jun-14	33	10	49	7	1
	Dec-13	31	14	51	3	1
	Sep-13	35	14	45	5	1
	Jun-13	35	11	48	6	-
	Feb-13	32	14	48	5	1
	Dec-12	25	21	46	6	2

Do you feel you are moving closer to your hopes for your career and/or finances, or do you feel you are moving further away from your dreams?

	Moving closer	Moving further away	Not sure
Jul-17	58	27	15
Jun-16*	55	35	10
Sep-15	54	32	13
Apr-15	58	30	12
Jun-14	55	32	13
Dec-13	52	35	13
Sep-13	56	35	9
Jun-13	50	37	13
Feb-13	49	37	14

*Asked only June 10th through the 12th; n=742. Margin of error: ±3.6 percentage points.

At the end of 2017, do you think the U.S. stock market will be higher or lower than it is today?

	Higher	Lower	About the same (VOL)	Not sure
Jul-17	51	30	10	9
Dec-16	54	24	9	12

Have Donald Trump’s statements and actions since the election made you more optimistic or more pessimistic about his [Dec-16: “upcoming”] presidency?

	More optimistic	More pessimistic	Not sure
Jul-17	39	56	5
Dec-16	55	35	10

For each of the following promises made by Donald Trump during the campaign, please tell me if you think it will or will not be accomplished during the next four years—just answer yes or no. (Read list. Rotate.)

		Yes, will be accomplished	No, will not be accomplished	Not Sure
Build a wall on the Mexican border	Jul-17	30	67	3
	Dec-16	32	65	3
Deport millions of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally	Jul-17	53	45	3
	Dec-16	38	57	5
Create trade deals with other countries that are more beneficial to the U.S.	Jul-17	54	44	2
	Dec-16	66	30	4
Bring a substantial number of jobs at U.S. corporations back to the U.S. from other countries	Jul-17	50	49	2
Make significant cuts in government regulation	Jul-17	66	31	3
Revive the coal industry	Jul-17	43	52	5
Significantly reform the tax code	Jul-17	47	51	2

For each of the following countries, please tell me if you think relations with the U.S. will be better or worse within the next four years. **(Read list. Rotate.)**

		Better	Worse	Not Sure
Mexico	Jul-17	23	73	4
	Dec-16	30	62	9
Germany	Jul-17	38	55	7
	Dec-16	52	33	14
The United Kingdom	Jul-17	51	43	6
	Dec-16	60	28	12
Cuba	Jul-17	32	62	7
	Dec-16	44	46	10

How confident are you that when President Trump deals with foreign leaders, he will put the nation’s best interest ahead of the interest of his companies and family—are you very confident, mostly confident, mostly skeptical, or very skeptical?

	Very confident	Mostly confident	Mostly skeptical	Very skeptical	Not sure
Jul-17	24	16	17	43	-
Dec-16	27	24	18	29	2

For each of the following [before Jul-17: major U.S. institutions], please tell me if your impression is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don’t know enough to give your feelings, just say so. **(Rotate list.)**

	Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure	
The FBI	Jul-17	68	20	20	48	13	6	12
	Dec-16	58	28	16	42	20	8	14
The White House	Jul-17	45	48	20	25	25	23	7
	Dec-16	63	27	18	45	16	11	10
	Mar-10	44	45	14	30	19	26	11
	Dec-09	51	39	18	33	21	18	10

For each of the following, please tell me whether you think this is realistic or unrealistic in the next several years. **(Read list. Rotate.)**

	Realistic	Unrealistic	Not Sure
North Korea will launch a nuclear weapon aimed at the U.S.	55	42	3
Russian hacking will disrupt U.S. elections	53	43	4
Illegal immigration will be almost completely stopped	22	76	2
Terrorists will make a major attack on U.S. soil	68	29	3
Arab countries in the Middle East will reach lasting peace with Israel	15	81	4
Healthcare legislation will be passed that lowers premiums and covers more people	35	60	4
Republicans and Democrats will work together for the benefit of the American people	21	78	1
The U.S. will suffer another financial crisis like 2008	63	34	3

What is your age?

	Under 25	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 and over	Refused/ not sure
Jul-17	12	8	7	11	8	7	11	7	9	18	1
Dec-16	12	7	9	8	9	8	12	6	9	19	1
Aug-16	12	8	7	9	9	7	8	9	10	19	1
Jun-16	12	8	8	17			19		16	19	1
Mar-16	13	8	7	18			19		16	18	-
Nov-15	12	7	10	18			17		17	19	-
Sep-15	12	8	9	17			18		16	20	-
Apr-15	11	8	8	18			18		17	19	1
Dec-14	12	7	9	18			19		16	18	1
Jun-14	13	7	9	18			20		16	17	-
Mar-14	13	7	10	18			17		16	19	-
Dec-13	13	7	10	18			19		17	16	-
Sep-13	13	8	10	17			20		16	16	-
Jun-13	12	8	9	18			20		17	16	-
Feb-13	12	8	8	18			20		16	17	1
Dec-12	10	8	11	17			12		17	24	1
Sep-12	12	8	8	14			17		19	22	-
Jun-12	13	9	10	18			20		14	16	-
Mar-12	14	7	10	18			18		16	17	-
Sep-11	14		18	18			18		15	17	-
Jun-11	14		17	18			19		15	17	-
Mar-11	14		18	18			19		15	16	-
Dec-10	14		18	19			19		14	16	-
early Oct-10	13		17	20			19		15	16	-
Jul-10	13		18	19			19		14	17	-
Mar-10	13		18	18			19		15	17	-
Dec-09	13		18	19			18		15	17	-
Sep-09	13		18	20			18		14	17	-

In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent? **(If independent, ask:)** Do you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats, or are you totally independent?

	Republican	Lean Republican	Totally independent	Lean Democrat	Democrat	Other (VOL)	Refused/ Not sure
Jul-17	22	8	29	9	28	1	3
Dec-16	27	11	19	8	29	2	4
Dec-12	24	10	20	9	34	1	2
Sep-12	22	11	25	10	27	1	4
Jun-12	25	8	26	7	31	-	3
Mar-12	24	10	27	7	28	2	2
Sep-11	23	8	27	10	29	1	2

We have not broken out independents into leaners among general population since 2012, so here is the tracking if we had stopped with the first part of the question—if they had only identified themselves as Rep, Dem, or independent.

In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Other (VOL)	Refused/ not sure
Jul-17	22	28	46	1	3
Dec-16	27	29	38	2	4
Aug-16	25	27	42	3	4
Jun-16	25	33	37	1	4
Mar-16	24	30	41	1	3
Apr-15	23	33	39	2	3
Dec-14	28	29	41	-	2
Jun-14	24	31	40	1	4
Mar-14	21	29	46	1	3
Dec-13	21	24	50	3	2
Sep-13	20	31	44	2	3
Jun-13	24	32	38	1	5
Feb-13	21	32	43	2	2
Dec-12	24	34	39	1	2
Sep-12	22	27	46	1	4
Jun-12	25	31	41	-	3
Mar-12	24	28	44	2	2
Sep-11	23	29	45	1	2
Jun-11	27	32	39	-	2
Mar-11	22	30	44	1	3
Dec-10	26	31	40	1	2
early Oct-10	25	34	37	2	2
Jul-10	24	31	42	1	2
Mar-10	24	30	43	1	2
Dec-09	25	31	40	1	3
Sep-09	23	32	41	2	2

What is the last grade of school you completed?

	High school graduate or less	Some college	Associate's (two-year) degree	Bachelor's (four-year) degree	Postgraduate work or degree	Refused/ not sure
Jul-17	40	19	7	19	13	2
Dec-16	40	19	9	16	14	2

With what racial or ethnic group do you identify most—White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, or some other group? **(If not Hispanic, ask:)** Are you from a Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish-speaking background? **(If yes, code AC=3 in b. Then reclassify all into c.)**

Addition of b/c in Nov-15	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Multi- racial	Refused/ not sure
Jul-17	64	12	15	3	3	1	3
Dec-16	64	12	15	2	4	1	3
Aug-16	64	12	13	3	5	2	2
Jun-16	67	12	11	3	4	1	3
Mar-16	67	12	12	2	3	1	2
Nov-15	67	12	12	3	3	4	-

Sex:

	Male	Female
Jul-17	52	48
Dec-16	50	50
Aug-16	48	52
Jun-16	53	47
Mar-16	50	50
Nov-15	51	49
Sep-15	51	49
Apr-15	51	49
Dec-14	50	50
Jun-14	50	50
Mar-14	50	50
Dec-13	49	51
Sep-13	49	51
Jun-13	49	51
Feb-13	50	50
Dec-12	47	53
Sep-12	49	51
Jun-12	47	53
Mar-12	49	51
Sep-11	48	52
Jun-11	50	50
Mar-11	48	52
Dec-10	48	52
early Oct-10	49	51
Jul-10	48	52
Mar-10	50	50
Dec-09	49	51
Sep-09	50	50

Methodology

Jul. 17 (Bloomberg) -- The Bloomberg News National Poll, conducted Jul. 8-12 for Bloomberg News by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, IA, is based on interviews with 1,001 U.S. adults ages 18 or older.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone telephone numbers supplied by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were administered in English.

Percentages based on the full probability sample of 1,001 respondents may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.1 percentage points for questions asked of the general population. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error. Responses were weighted by age, race, and educational attainment to reflect the general population based on recent census data.

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