

Sample 1,178 SOTU watchers¹
 Conducted January 30, 2018
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

1. In general, did you approve or disapprove of the President’s speech tonight?

Asked of SOTU watchers

Approve 75%
 Disapprove 25%

2. Did the speech make you feel... (Check all that apply)

Asked of SOTU watchers

Proud 65%
 Safer 35%
 Scared 14%
 Angry 21%

3. How much credit do you feel Donald Trump should get for the current state of the economy?

Asked of SOTU watchers

A lot 54%
 Some 18%
 A little 13%
 Not much or none 15%

4. Overall, do you favor or oppose the proposals you heard tonight on immigration?

Asked of SOTU watchers

Favor 72%
 Oppose 28%

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5. Did you feel the speech was trying to unite the country, or divide the country?

Asked of SOTU watchers

Unite	81%
Divide	19%

6. Do you think the policies you heard tonight will...

Asked of SOTU watchers

Help you personally	54%
Hurt you personally	14%
Not affect you personally	32%

7. Do you favor or oppose what you heard about roads, bridges and infrastructure?

Asked of SOTU watchers

Favor	91%
Oppose	9%

8. Do you favor or oppose the ideas you heard for handling national security?

Asked of SOTU watchers

Favor	75%
Oppose	25%

9. In his State of the Union speech, which of these do you think Donald Trump should try to do more of:*

Asked before SOTU address

Appeal to all Americans, even the ones who disagree with him	75%
Stand up for his supporters, and take on his critics	25%

10. What do you think Congressional Democrats should do at the speech?*

Asked before SOTU address

Show clear opposition to what they don't like during the speech	14%
Wait until the speech is done and respond after it	86%

11. These days, do you generally consider yourself...*

Asked before SOTU address

A Trump supporter	52%
A Trump opponent	32%
Something in between	16%

12. How much credit do you feel Donald Trump should get for the current state of the economy?*

Asked before SOTU address

A lot	51%
Some	18%
A little	15%
Not much or none	16%

13. Generally speaking, are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next three years with Donald Trump as President?*

Asked before SOTU address

Optimistic	64%
Pessimistic	36%

14. Do you favor or oppose Donald Trump's plans for...*

Asked before SOTU address

	Favor	Oppose
Immigration	61%	39%
Jobs and the economy	77%	23%
Handling North Korea	61%	39%
Infrastructure, roads, and bridges	80%	20%

15. Do you favor or oppose DACA – or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals – allowing young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children to remain in the country, if they meet certain requirements such as going to school, joining the military, and don't have a criminal record?*

Asked before SOTU address

Favor 72%
 Oppose 28%

16. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border?*

Asked before SOTU address

Favor 59%
 Oppose 41%

17. Would you approve or disapprove of a deal that funded the building of the border wall, in exchange for allowing DACA immigrants to stay in the U.S. permanently?*

Asked before SOTU address

Approve 59%
 Disapprove 41%

18. Do you think the new tax law will...*

Asked before SOTU address

Help you 42%
 Hurt you 20%
 Not change much for you either way 38%

19. In what year were you born?

18-29 14%
 30-44 20%
 45-64 37%
 65+ 29%

20. What is your gender?

Male	59%
Female	41%

21. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	79%
Black	9%
Hispanic	8%
Other	4%

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

HS or less	33%
Some college	35%
College grad	20%
Post grad	12%

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

Strong Democrat	17%
Not very strong Democrat	8%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	12%
Lean Republican	13%
Not very strong Republican	15%
Strong Republican	27%
Not sure	0%

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

Very liberal	6%
Somewhat liberal	13%
Moderate	29%
Somewhat conservative	32%
Very conservative	17%
Not sure	3%

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

January 30, 2018

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The initial sample of U.S. residents was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the American Community Survey, conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, as well as 2012 and 2016 Presidential vote. Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of all U.S. residents. The final sample was weighted to be representative of those who said they would watch the State of the Union address according to gender, age, race, education, and party identification. The weights range from 0.3 to 3.9, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.4.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately 3.1%. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.