Question #1. Which direction do you think the S&P500 index will move from this coming Monday's open to Friday’s close (July 24th to July 28th)?

Higher: 53.8%
Lower: 46.2%

Question #2. Rate your confidence in your answer to Question #2 by estimating the probability you have correctly predicted next week’s market move.

Average of All Responses: 66.5%
Average For "Higher" Responses: 68.4%
Average For "Lower" Responses: 64.4%

Responses Submitted This Week: 53
12-Week Average Number of Responses Per Week: 63.3

TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Prediction: 61% Chance Higher

This prediction is an attempt by the editor of this newsletter to use the full 3+ year history of data collected from this project to forecast a probability estimate for whether this week’s sentiment is going to be correct and ultimately what the markets will do this coming week.

Details: Last week’s majority sentiment was Higher, and the Crowd Forecast Indicator prediction was 61% Chance Higher, but the S&P500 ended up 0.53% for the week. This week’s majority sentiment is slightly Higher (less than 10% difference) with a slightly higher average confidence on the bullish side. Similar conditions have been observed 18 times in the previous 199 weeks, with the majority sentiment being correct 61% of the time with an average S&P500 move for the week of up 0.70% during those weeks. Based on that history, the TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator is forecasting 61% Chance Higher for this coming week.

Raw Data Page (raw data files include full history spreadsheet and the above charts): TimingResearch.com/data.
Overall Sentiment All-Time “Correct” Percentage: 49.7%
Overall Sentiment 52-Week “Correct” Percentage: 51.0%
Overall Sentiment 12-Week “Correct” Percentage: 45.5%

Only the previous 52 weeks of data are shown below, please download the raw data to see the full range of past data.
NOTE: The following open-ended answers are solely the opinions of the anonymous respondents to this survey. Responses are mostly unedited, but some have been reformatted slightly for to make them easier to read and are listed in order of submission. Some irrelevant responses (e.g. "none"), or obviously fake and copy and pasted responses have been omitted, and all-caps responses have been changed to all lowercase. All responses for each week, unedited, are available in the raw data spreadsheets at TimingResearch.com/data.

Question #3. For your answer to Question #1, please share what specific reason(s) you think the S&P500 will be heading the direction you chose.

“Higher” Respondent Answers:

• end of the month
• Price and momentum indicators are in sync to the upside.
• shirt squeeze
• I reluctantly answered higher with a low conviction. If earnings are good we go up. If earnings are not good, what else is holding up this market? Overdue for correction.
• I feel it will grind higher
• The graphs MN, W1 and D1 are up We look at D1 the bulls have the control to be pushing upwards 10 consecutive days until historical maximums
• Bonds seem to be incongruent with ES. Starting to move in unison at key volume times. Rising with ES.
• Mfg
• Earnings start, some heavy hitters and the results I believe will drive markets higher
• Dips being bought, continued grind up short term.
• momentum cautiously bullish
• There isn’t one good reason for the market to keep going up.
• Folks, follow the trend!
• momentum
• confutation of trend to SPY 248; FANG earnings help QQQ
• Earnings

“Lower” Respondent Answers:

• Run up is overbought
• The pullback to SP 2300 ish begins at some point over the next 3 weeks
• I think the S&P will be flat in the coming week
• consolidation and then down
• Even though the squeezes fired long in all the major averages, the breakout was mild lacking follow-through and the markets still seem to be consolidating with declining energy so I think the market will be lower but not by much. Because prices have run up, I think the market will sell on the earnings news, the GDP news, and the Fed news. The DJT1 is fading; bonds are rising indicating some fear or preference over equities. Financials are weak and volatility is low enough to become fearful.
• Overextended
• Techs may rally but the rest of the market will drop
• Market looks tired looking for a choppy downward correction
• fibonacci

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• Upside exhaustion
• Seasonality and mean reversion
• Historically weak period
• Dollar rises
• Bid week for earnings. Momentum for the market will be down.
• Just can't keep soaring up in overpriced territory forever. A blowoff can last way longer than we expect but it will reverse eventually.
Question #4. What methods or techniques do you use to overcome the emotional aspects of trading?

- bullish percentsbitcoin
- Buy mostly hi rated stocks  Set defined stop loss ranges. 8-12 %
- Keep a trading journal for both technical and emotional aspects.
- I just stop trading for awhile. Get away. Go for a walk.
- I dont
- No methods or techniques that are trading related per se. Just work on overall character which then permeates every aspect of my life including not succumbing to emotional pitfalls when trading.
- Primal scream therapy
- alerts and targets
- Live below your means, always have a backup plan, trade below your comfort level and your means, only take what you perceive as high probability trades, know when to hold, fold and walk away, determine first how much you might lose before you calculate high much you might make, have a plan for every trade and for your trading in general, learn from every trade you make, get enough sleep and exercise and have a good diet, never trade scared or when you're tried or distracted.
- stops
- brown water
- Take a walk or run an errand.
- Stick to the written trade plan. You may tweak the plan from time to time as you learn new things, but you should follow the plan.
- Exerting more patience
- Still have bouts of emotional weakness. Aim to use stop strategies with automatic trade basket orders on entry.
- Use rsi7 and tick
- small trade size
- Trading rules and systems
- trend following
- Stops
- vodka drinking and blindfolds.
Question #5. Additional Comments/Questions/Suggestions?

Thank you for all the feedback, feel free to contact us at any time with any other questions or comments.

• I buy mostly highly rated stocks using 3 services. I will buy an occasional Moderate rated stock if it has good option premium. I usually have at least 10 covered call options at any one time.
• The temporal differential we call wakefulness is the cosmic interaction of subatomic particles operating in the quantum field, the (quantum)leap represents a fundamental universal constant that we can only speculate upon in the macro scale of wave form frequencies.
• There are old traders & there are bold traders, but there are no old bold traders. In real life, Goldilocks would have been eaten by the 3 bears. Separately, it would be so easy to repeal Obamacare & replace it with universal catastrophic & preexisting coverage for all. All other healthcare should be the obligation of the individual & available from all insurers across state lines. Medicare payroll taxes are so small that they could be doubled at least to provide for medicaid. Problem solved!
• Don't take investing too seriously.
Standing Predictions

Below are some of the one-time prediction-type questions asked in previous weeks that have not been finalized yet or have been finalized recently. Suggest a future question [here].

Week 171, 01/02/17 Report - In 2016 the S&P500 opened at 2,038.20 and closed at 2,238.83. Where do you think the S&P500 will close in 2017? Average: 2,318.53