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**Question #1. Which direction do you think the S&P500 index will move from this coming Monday's open to Friday's close (January 8th to January 12th)?**

*(The order of possible responses to this question on the survey were randomized for each viewer.)*

Higher: 66.7%

Lower: 33.3%

Higher/Lower Difference: 33.3%

**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: 72.3%

Average For "Higher" Responses: 71.6%

Average For "Lower" Responses: 73.5%

Higher/Lower Difference: -1.9%

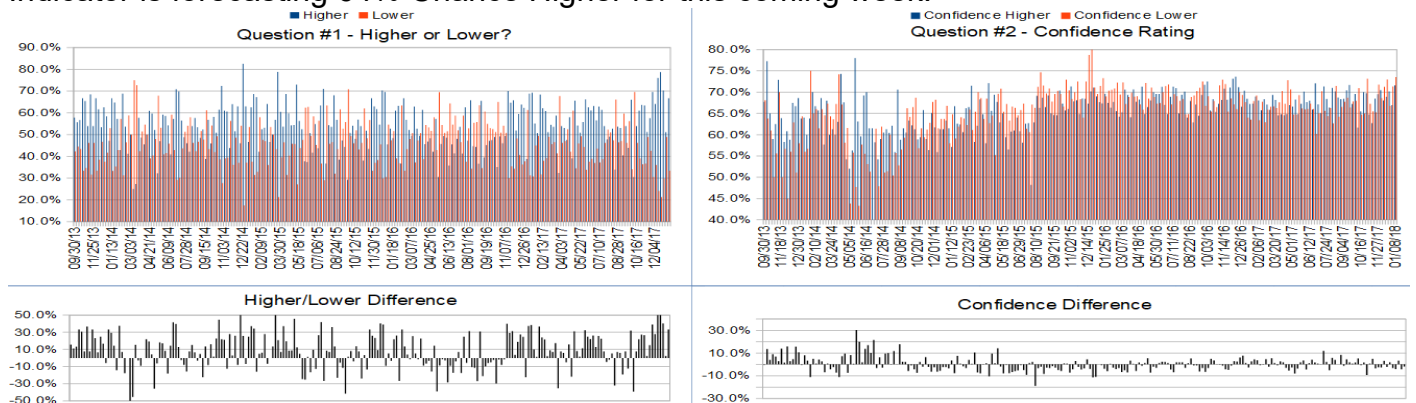
**Responses Submitted This Week: 53**

**26-Week Average Number of Responses Per Week: 53.1**

**TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Prediction: 64% Chance Higher**

*This prediction is an attempt by the editor of this newsletter to use the full 4+ 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 51.1% Higher, and the Crowd Forecast Indicator prediction was 52% Chance Lower; the S&P500 closed 2.21% Higher for the week. This week's majority sentiment is 66.7% Higher with a greater average confidence from those who responded Higher. Similar conditions have been observed 14 times in the previous 223 weeks, with the majority sentiment being correct 64% of the time, with an average S&P500 move for the week of 0.07% Higher during those weeks. Based on that history, the TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator is forecasting 64% Chance Higher for this coming week.



Raw Data Page (raw data files include full history spreadsheet and the above charts): [TimingResearch.com/data](http://TimingResearch.com/data).

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Full Weekly Results (full version of this chart available in the [raw data](#) spreadsheet for this week, "Date" field below lists the Monday of the week being predicted).

Overall Sentiment All-Time "Correct" Percentage: 72.3%

Overall Sentiment 52-Week "Correct" Percentage: 71.6%

Overall Sentiment 12-Week "Correct" Percentage: 73.5%

Only the previous 52 weeks of data are shown below, please [download the raw data](#) to see the full range of past data.

173	01/16/17	69.2%	30.8%	38.5%	66.1%	67.2%	63.5%	3.7%	Higher	63%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.7%	2,269.14	2,271.31	2.17	0.10%
174	01/23/17	55.1%	44.9%	10.1%	67.5%	67.3%	67.9%	-0.6%	Higher	54%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.0%	2,267.78	2,294.69	26.91	1.19%
175	01/30/17	50.6%	49.4%	1.3%	69.1%	69.0%	69.2%	-0.2%	Higher	63%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.3%	2,286.01	2,297.42	11.41	0.50%
176	02/06/17	68.4%	31.6%	36.7%	66.6%	68.1%	63.4%	4.7%	Higher	61%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.6%	2,294.28	2,316.10	21.82	0.95%
177	02/13/17	62.1%	37.9%	24.1%	66.5%	65.7%	67.7%	-2.0%	Higher	55%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.9%	2,321.72	2,351.16	29.44	1.27%
178	02/20/17	60.8%	39.2%	21.6%	66.2%	68.3%	62.9%	5.4%	Higher	63%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.1%	2,354.91	2,367.34	12.43	0.53%
179	02/27/17	51.1%	48.9%	2.1%	66.5%	67.1%	65.9%	1.2%	Higher	53%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.4%	2,365.23	2,383.12	17.89	0.76%
180	03/06/17	54.4%	45.6%	8.9%	66.2%	65.8%	66.6%	-0.8%	Higher	59%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	51.1%	2,375.23	2,372.60	-2.63	-0.11%
181	03/13/17	53.5%	46.5%	7.0%	68.1%	69.3%	66.7%	2.7%	Higher	56%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.4%	2,371.56	2,378.25	6.69	0.28%
182	03/20/17	58.7%	41.3%	17.3%	67.4%	68.2%	66.3%	1.9%	Higher	64%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	51.1%	2,378.24	2,343.98	-34.26	-1.44%
183	03/27/17	32.4%	67.6%	-35.3%	66.6%	64.6%	67.6%	-3.1%	Lower	57%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	50.8%	2,329.11	2,362.72	33.61	1.44%
184	04/03/17	53.8%	46.2%	7.7%	67.3%	64.8%	70.2%	-5.4%	Higher	56%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	50.6%	2,362.34	2,355.54	-6.80	-0.29%
185	04/10/17	53.0%	47.0%	6.1%	65.8%	64.6%	67.3%	-2.7%	Higher	53%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	50.3%	2,357.16	2,328.95	-28.21	-1.20%
186	04/17/17	47.5%	52.5%	-4.9%	69.0%	64.8%	72.8%	-8.0%	Lower	56%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	50.0%	2,332.62	2,348.69	16.07	0.69%
187	04/24/17	57.9%	42.1%	15.8%	68.5%	67.0%	70.6%	-3.7%	Higher	56%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.3%	2,370.33	2,384.20	13.87	0.59%
188	05/01/17	39.1%	60.9%	-21.9%	65.5%	66.6%	64.7%	1.9%	Lower	57%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	50.0%	2,388.50	2,399.29	10.79	0.45%
189	05/08/17	65.6%	34.4%	31.1%	67.1%	68.3%	64.8%	3.5%	Higher	64%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	49.7%	2,399.94	2,390.90	-9.04	-0.38%
190	05/15/17	54.1%	45.9%	8.2%	66.9%	64.9%	69.3%	-4.4%	Higher	55%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	49.5%	2,393.98	2,381.73	-12.25	-0.51%
191	05/22/17	50.8%	49.2%	1.6%	66.7%	67.3%	66.2%	1.1%	Higher	59%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.7%	2,387.21	2,415.82	28.61	1.20%
192	05/29/17	55.7%	44.3%	11.4%	68.3%	70.1%	66.0%	4.2%	Higher	62%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.0%	2,411.67	2,439.07	27.40	1.14%
193	06/05/17	66.2%	33.8%	32.4%	67.1%	67.7%	66.0%	1.6%	Higher	62%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	49.7%	2,437.83	2,431.77	-6.06	-0.25%
194	06/12/17	62.5%	37.5%	25.0%	67.7%	68.0%	67.3%	0.7%	Higher	60%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.0%	2,425.88	2,433.15	7.27	0.30%
195	06/19/17	61.1%	38.9%	22.2%	66.0%	65.9%	66.1%	-0.2%	Higher	52%	Lower	Lower	No	0	0	49.7%	2,442.55	2,438.30	-4.25	-0.17%
196	06/26/17	63.1%	36.9%	26.2%	67.7%	72.1%	60.2%	11.9%	Higher	69%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	49.5%	2,443.32	2,423.41	-19.91	-0.81%
197	07/03/17	56.5%	43.5%	12.9%	66.2%	67.1%	65.0%	2.1%	Higher	61%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	49.2%	2,431.39	2,425.18	-6.21	-0.26%
198	07/10/17	62.9%	37.1%	25.7%	67.0%	65.1%	70.2%	-5.1%	Higher	55%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.5%	2,424.51	2,459.27	34.76	1.43%
199	07/17/17	61.3%	38.7%	22.6%	69.1%	71.3%	65.6%	5.7%	Higher	64%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.7%	2,459.50	2,472.54	13.04	0.53%
200	07/24/17	53.8%	46.2%	7.7%	66.5%	68.4%	64.4%	4.0%	Higher	61%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.0%	2,472.04	2,472.10	0.06	0.00%
201	07/31/17	47.8%	52.2%	-4.5%	66.3%	66.4%	66.3%	0.1%	Lower	57%	Lower	Higher	No	0	1	49.7%	2,475.94	2,476.83	0.89	0.04%
202	08/07/17	49.0%	51.0%	-2.0%	66.8%	71.0%	62.7%	8.3%	Lower	53%	Higher	Lower	Yes	1	0	50.0%	2,477.14	2,441.32	-35.82	-1.45%
203	08/14/17	52.6%	47.4%	5.3%	70.8%	70.2%	71.5%	-1.3%	Higher	52%	Lower	Lower	No	0	0	49.7%	2,454.96	2,425.55	-29.41	-1.20%
204	08/21/17	33.9%	66.1%	-32.2%	65.8%	68.8%	64.2%	4.5%	Lower	70%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	49.5%	2,425.50	2,443.05	17.55	0.72%
205	08/28/17	53.6%	46.4%	7.1%	67.5%	68.3%	66.5%	1.8%	Higher	73%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.8%	2,447.35	2,476.55	29.20	1.19%
206	09/04/17	53.0%	47.0%	6.1%	68.1%	68.4%	67.7%	0.7%	Higher	75%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	49.5%	2,470.35	2,461.43	-8.92	-0.36%
207	09/11/17	40.4%	59.6%	-19.3%	69.4%	70.4%	68.7%	1.8%	Lower	73%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	49.3%	2,474.52	2,500.23	25.71	1.04%
208	09/18/17	53.8%	46.2%	7.7%	69.2%	71.7%	66.4%	5.3%	Higher	68%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	49.0%	2,502.51	2,502.22	-0.29	-0.01%
209	09/25/17	43.9%	56.1%	-12.3%	67.5%	67.2%	67.8%	-0.6%	Lower	63%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	48.8%	2,499.39	2,519.36	19.97	0.80%
210	10/02/17	66.0%	34.0%	32.0%	69.0%	69.6%	67.9%	1.6%	Higher	61%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.0%	2,521.20	2,549.33	28.13	1.12%
211	10/09/17	30.4%	69.6%	-39.1%	68.4%	61.7%	70.9%	-9.3%	Lower	55%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	48.8%	2,551.39	2,553.17	1.78	0.07%
212	10/16/17	53.8%	46.2%	7.7%	65.1%	65.5%	64.7%	0.8%	Higher	59%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.0%	2,555.57	2,575.21	19.64	0.77%
213	10/23/17	61.0%	39.0%	22.0%	68.1%	70.0%	65.0%	5.0%	Higher	62%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.3%	2,578.08	2,581.07	2.99	0.12%
214	10/30/17	63.6%	36.4%	27.3%	70.9%	69.7%	73.2%	-3.4%	Higher	52%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.5%	2,577.75	2,587.84	10.09	0.39%
215	11/06/17	63.3%	36.7%	26.7%	65.7%	64.7%	67.3%	-2.5%	Higher	52%	Lower	Lower	No	0	0	49.3%	2,587.47	2,582.30	-5.17	-0.20%
216	11/13/17	51.2%	48.8%	2.3%	64.1%	62.7%	65.5%	-2.8%	Higher	55%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.5%	2,576.53	2,578.85	2.32	0.09%
217	11/20/17	57.5%	42.5%	15.0%	67.1%	68.5%	65.3%	3.2%	Higher	60%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.8%	2,579.49	2,602.42	22.93	0.89%
218	11/27/17	69.6%	30.4%	39.1%	70.2%	69.5%	71.8%	-2.3%	Higher	63%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.0%	2,602.66	2,642.22	39.56	1.52%
219	12/04/17	64.0%	36.0%	28.0%	69.8%	70.5%	68.6%	1.9%	Higher	58%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	49.8%	2,657.19	2,651.50	-5.69	-0.21%
220	12/11/17	76.0%	24.0%	52.0%	68.8%	68.0%	71.3%	-3.2%	Higher	67%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.0%	2,652.19	2,675.81	23.62	0.89%
221	12/18/17	78.7%	21.3%	57.4%	69.8%	68.9%	73.0%	-4.1%	Higher	70%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	49.8%	2,685.92	2,683.34	-2.58	-0.10%
222	12/25/17	70.2%	29.8%	40.4%	69.2%	70.2%	70.2%	3.4%	Higher	55%	Lower	Lower	No	0	0	49.5%	2,679.09	2,673.61	-5.48	-0.20%
223	01/01/18	51.1%	48.9%	2.2%	69.1%	67.0%	71.4%	-4.4%	Higher	52%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	49.8%	2,683.73	2,743.15	59.42	2.21%
224	01/08/18	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%	72.3%	71.6%	73.5%	-1.9%	Higher	64%	Higher	???	???	???	???	???	???	???	???	???

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*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. Some irrelevant responses (e.g. "none"), or anything obviously fake, or copy and pasted responses have been omitted. 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](http://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:**

- The market has been rising for over 14 mths- nothing really matters.
- I like it!!
- Tax Reform is continuing the positive bias. FOMO peak will be this week. Energy,Base Metals,Tech still in uptrend.
- The trend is your friend...
- Best six months of the year
- money flow in
- tax break for small to mid sized corporations
- The SPX benefited from the explosion in tech and financials last week and will continue as we approach earnings. The market is almost euphoric but for good cause unless earnings disappoint or we have adverse geopolitical events. Every selloff will be bought and short covering will spirit the market higher. No one wants to be left out and a lot of us are angry that we weren't buyers during the last week of 2017. Inflation is mild, interest rates are not threatening and optimism precedes earnings.
- Last week was a short week and many were still vacationing. This coming week is actually the first full week of the year. Seeing how good last week was, I can only predict an even better week ahead.
- The trend is too strong. But I think the second half of the next week can be corrected.
- bull market
- earning expectation and tax reductions
- Momentum, Bull Market, 2018 trajectory so far
- Momentum
- Elliott wave
- still buying
- for comments, consult previous statement as my comments have not changed
- late stage bubble meltup
- employment
- Short covering plus people on the side lines are in FOMO mode
- Hard to say what will happen from week to week, but I am generally expecting for the market to "trudge" or march higher due to the recent tax legislations initiated by the Trump Administration. I believe that we will see more corporations buy back their shares, which

will cause a long term positive bias to the market (notwithstanding any surprise bad news or events). We may have some down weeks, but in the bigger picture this market is going higher.

- Looks like the market is complacent w/a bullish flavor.
- Beginning of new financial year
- New higher highs and momentum into earnings

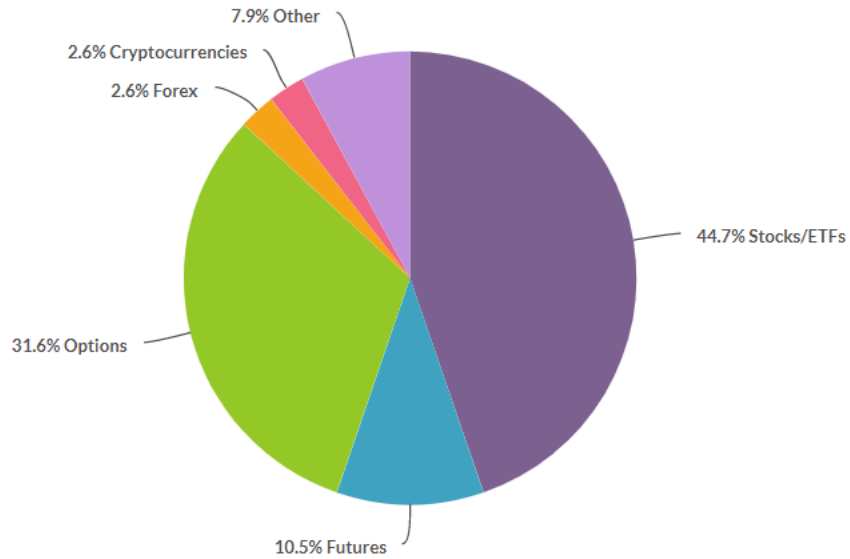
### **“Lower” Respondent Answers:**

- Short term extra-overbought. Expecting market to rest this week before rising further with good earnings results on the horizon.
- statistics for the first week of 2018. (period 2006-2017) show higher:lower= 7:5, but statistics for the second week show higher:lower= 6:6, also, there is resistance area between 2745-2749, and the change was 2.53% and it could indicate slower change (growth) next week.
- Back to work for the pros. Gold now firmly at resistance and will start the move down for the Feb contract.
- climatic action is starting to show in the P/V activity, combined with timing
- S&P has moved up steeply of recent, now above the upper Bollinger band. The odds favor a move down from here.
- Market is way overbought. Market will return to the mean.
- Overbought
- RSI overbought
- Too far too fast! Time for catch up...
- Mkt is now in blowoff. Blow-offs always go further than one expects. So it'll drop soon enough but may continue up first. Thus I've lowered my probability.

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**4a. Which asset type did you make the most profit trading in 2017?**

*(The order of possible responses to this question on the survey were randomized for each viewer.)*



Value	Percent	Responses
Stocks/ETFs	44.7%	17
Futures	10.5%	4
Options	31.6%	12
Forex	2.6%	1
Cryptocurrencies	2.6%	1
<a href="#">Other (click to view)</a>	7.9%	3
		<b>Totals: 38</b>

## Question #4b. Why do you think that was most profitable for you?

### Cryptocurrencies:

- bubble

### Futures:

- Overall, however, I ended at zero.
- Real results as low of channel in gold GC played

### Options:

- bull market
- Focus
- Good strategy. Don't need to be right about direction.
- High success (90%) trading iron condors & selling covered calls.
- It's what I focus on for income & continual improvement.
- Low Volatility in a constantly rising market
- so job frame
- The way I trade, I have a 100% probability of a predictable outcome. Either my short OTM index puts will expired worthless or I can roll to a future period for an additional premium or I will be assigned at a lower effective price than the price that the product was at when I entered the trade which I am willing to accept for a longer term position. I know the market won't go up forever and by selling puts, I miss a lot a fantastic bullish moves and subject myself to a downside risk that I would suffer anyway for a long position. However, I make money when my short OTM index puts expire worthless and only have to worry about a recession, not a pull back or correction. It takes a lot of capital to do this but currently I'm making 80% on risk even though I'm missing the big moves and big thrills. Base hits rather than home runs when the game for me.

### Stocks/ETFs:

- 50 years experience in trading.
- conservative
- held longest
- I day trade
- i didn't have to time the market or pick among unpickable securities.
- I didn't manage theta well last year.
- It's the only asset type I traded.
- It's the only thing I know how to trade
- majority of holdings
- More predictable on a day to day basis.
- Stick tithe trading rules

### 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.

- The DNC and the DOJ attempted a coup with the last presidential election and the DOJ continues to be a shadow government failing to prosecute law violators like James Comey, the Clintons, the Clinton crowd and biased FBI investigators. The Dems prefer their party to their country and vote in a block like lemmings. We all should be "mad as hell and not take it anymore." Our tax dollars are being wasted on obstruction and there ought to be enforceable laws that provide equal treatment for all.
- about you information
- I am the coolest dude ever

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## Recently Closed Predictions

**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

**Actual Close: 2,673.61** (15% higher than the average of all predictions)

## 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](#).

NONE CURRENTLY