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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 (February 26th to March 2nd)?

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

Higher: 64.4%
Lower: 35.6%
Higher/Lower Difference: 28.9%

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

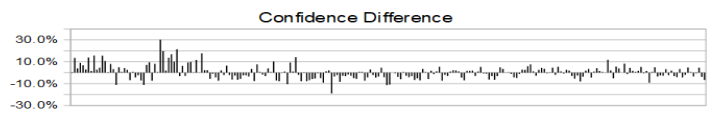
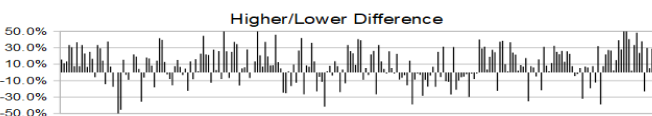
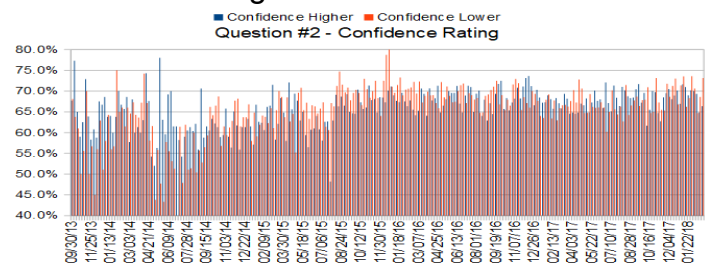
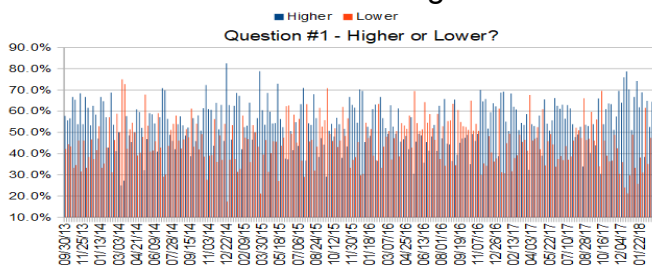
Average of All Responses: 68.8%
Average For "Higher" Responses: 66.4%
Average For "Lower" Responses: 73.1%
Higher/Lower Difference: -6.8%

Responses Submitted This Week: 45
26-Week Average Number of Responses: 51.7

TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Prediction: 59% Chance Lower

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 52.5% Higher, and the Crowd Forecast Indicator prediction was 56% Chance Lower; the S&P500 closed 0.89% Higher for the week. This week's majority sentiment from the survey is 64.4% Higher with a greater average confidence from those who responded Lower. Similar conditions have been observed 22 times in the previous 230 weeks, with the majority sentiment being correct 41% of the time, with an average S&P500 move for the week of 0.81% Lower during those weeks. Based on that history, the TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator is forecasting 59% Chance Lower for this coming week.



Raw Data Page (raw data files include full history spreadsheet and the above charts): 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: 50.9%

Overall Sentiment 52-Week "Correct" Percentage: 49.0%

Overall Sentiment 12-Week "Correct" Percentage: 72.7%

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

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	2,415.62	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	1	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%	66.8%	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	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.0%	2,742.67	2,786.24	43.57	1.59%
225	01/15/18	74.2%	25.8%	48.4%	69.8%	71.0%	66.3%	4.7%	Higher	73%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.2%	2,798.96	2,810.30	11.34	0.41%
226	01/22/18	61.8%	38.2%	23.6%	68.7%	69.0%	68.3%	0.6%	Higher	56%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.5%	2,809.16	2,872.87	63.71	2.27%
227	01/29/18	68.9%	31.1%	37.8%	71.2%	70.2%	73.6%	-3.4%	Higher	53%	Lower	Lower	No	0	0	50.2%	2,867.23	2,762.13	-105.10	-3.67%
228	02/05/18	38.5%	61.5%	-23.1%	70.4%	70.0%	70.6%	-0.6%	Lower	58%	Higher	Lower	Yes	1	0	50.4%	2,741.06	2,619.55	-121.51	-4.43%
229	02/12/18	64.9%	35.1%	29.8%	67.7%	69.3%	64.8%	4.6%	Higher	63%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.7%	2,636.75	2,732.22	95.47	3.62%
230	02/19/18	52.5%	47.5%	5.1%	66.6%	64.8%	68.6%	-3.7%	Higher	56%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.9%	2,722.99	2,747.30	24.31	0.89%
231	02/26/18	64.4%	35.6%	28.9%	68.8%	66.4%	73.1%	-6.8%	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.

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:

- Overcame resistance levels on Friday.
- Dividends were ok on some large company traded stocks like IBM maybe ok dividend
- Technical
- I responded higher for next week. We have recently seen a correction and I think not enough bad news out there to sink this bull. FED rate increases will have an impact, we will see how much. Again, while I expect a more significant correction in the future, I have to continue believing in the bull and "It ain't over til it's over."
- Staying above key moving averages, month end retirement fund demand. the uncertainty is from the price still face big topline hurdles
- Historically best six months of the year
- melt up
- Even though Friday's price action was a lower high & a lower low than last Friday's, this Friday had a higher close showing greater commitment. Yes, volume was low but IV is now flat instead of inverted. Powell will speak on Tues & will not likely rattle the markets which will actually be a market boost. SPX traded within the expected range last week showing improved market efficiency. It's almost spring & everything is coming up roses. 100% of all companies will be reporting higher earnings.
- Reversal has momentum, strong business environment
- Apparently breaking through some weak resistance and will be watching the 280 area closely.
- Economy is getting better
- Lower taxes create more opportunity for businesses.
- nothing new too add. Prior statement stands.
- momentum longer term
- The past two weeks of correction that has taken place with a steady fight to climb higher.
- no new highs before summer
- Breakout from Highs led by Techs and Banks
- the prise of the petrol

“Lower” Respondent Answers:

- 2760 area has been a strong level of resistance since the rebound from the 200d ma. Expecting weakness due to a lack of new highs increasing & low market breadth in the current rebound.
- Technical lower high and seasonality
- The market will move down to test the recent low.
- Still in correction
- The downside correction continues until we have a selling climax.
- It looked like the S&P bears were going to be correct last week, but Friday reversed broadly and relentlessly to the upside to give the bulls the win. Next resistance may be at congestion at around 2825.
- A very strong resistance
- Economy and higher Interest rates plus the global conditions are not good
- Friday's close was up and more negative pressure will follow.
- Overbought

Question #4. Which do you think is best, trading one methodology or system all the time or trading multiple strategies that adapt to the markets? Why?

- with different strategies .
- More information is always better. Confluence of probabilities is always better.
- Multiple, better diversification with different methods due to pin action throughout the market
- Working towards learning to trade a few different strategies that work in all market conditions.
- One needs short and long strategies
- Trade what you have confidence in, not every new, hot deal you'd do not understand.
- Most of my trades are selling premium for income. The risk profile for CSPs and Covered Call is the same yet I sell calls in an upmarket against my stocks and ETFs. I sell put options on pullbacks to earn income when volatility is higher and perhaps pick up some stock on the cheap. I guess this qualifies as two separate strategies, one for down days and one for up days. We also purchase a few long options for spec trades w/house money to keep it fun, strategy #3.
- multiple strategies - better but more work
- Trading one methodology. I have found success in concentrating on and constantly improving one methodology. I found multiple methodologies time consuming & harder to monitor / measure for continued improvement.
- line charts because i dont have the best software
- One methodology at a time is easier for watching data (not too much of it), and managing it.
- Find what works for you and stick with it. Forget trying to get rich, work on finding what will make regular profit regardless of the percentage return, work on steady profits.
- pullback to trendline
- charting
- multiple for flexibility.
- The KISS system
- One
- trading multiple strategies that adapt to the markets:
- Multiple methodologies because the number of occasions for potential profits will increase.
- All strategies
- It's nice to have a very big bag of tricks but I been told and I believe and I've experienced that getting good at one, two or a few things and doing them over and over is the best money maker and that the people employing that approach are the only ones making serious money. Of course, when the market changes, you have to make changes but the tactical approach will be consistent in the market you have.

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.

- Buy when dip and sell when high... Simple strategy
- Like to learn some from the SITREPs; thanks "Whiz."
- The market is still showing questionable signs of concern so size of positions should remain small for the present.
- Thanks for a chance to voice my opinion
- I feel the present situation with the running of this country has a lot to do with it our allies are pissed and we are alienating ourselves from the world and we have a leader that cannot run this country successfully!!!!!!
- The US has fewer mass shooting than many other places in the world but as we can't tolerate the shooter, we can't tolerate cowardly police officers either. Cruz should not be allowed to escape the death penalty by pleading guilty. Try him and if guilty, take his life. It too bad that we can't execute him over and over.

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](#).

Week 171, 01/21/18 Report - The S&P500 closed for 2017 at 2,673.61. Where do you think it will close for 2018?

- 57.8%: Higher 2-20%.
- 15.6%: Lower 2-20%.
- 13.3%: Higher 21% or more.
- 6.7%: Unchanged. Less than 2% change Higher or Lower.
- 6.7%: Lower 21% or more.