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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 (March 26th to March 30th)?**

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

Higher: 42.0%

Lower: 58.0%

Higher/Lower Difference: -16.0%

**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: 69.1%

Average For "Higher" Responses: 65.5%

Average For "Lower" Responses: 71.7%

Higher/Lower Difference: -6.2%

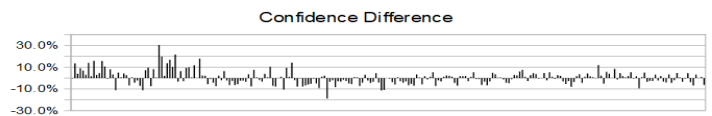
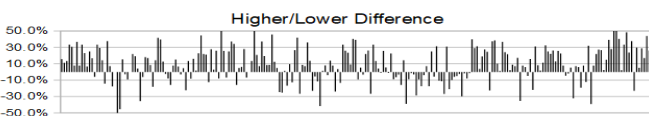
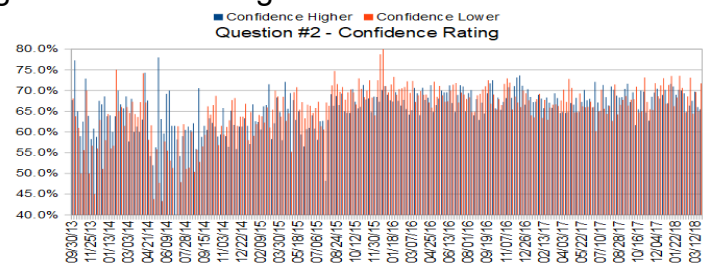
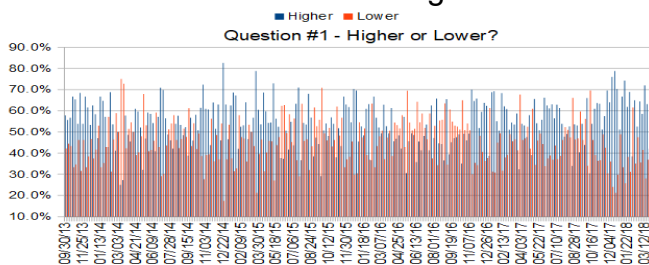
**Responses Submitted This Week: 50**

**26-Week Average Number of Responses: 50.2**

**TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Prediction: 80% 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 63.2% Higher, and the Crowd Forecast Indicator prediction was 57% Chance Higher; the S&P500 closed 5.59% Lower for the week. This week's majority sentiment from the survey is 58.0% Lower with a greater average confidence from those who responded Lower. Similar conditions have been observed 10 times in the previous 234 weeks, with the majority sentiment being correct 20% of the time, with an average S&P500 move for the week of 0.64% Higher during those weeks. Based on that history, the TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator is forecasting 80% 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: 50.4%

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

Overall Sentiment 12-Week "Correct" Percentage: 63.6%

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

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%	2,458.50	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%	67.2%	-0.6%	Lower	63%	Higher	Lower	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%	2,808.16	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	59%	Lower	Lower	No	0	0	50.7%	2,757.37	2,691.25	-66.12	-2.40%
232	03/05/18	58.5%	41.5%	17.1%	66.2%	67.5%	64.4%	3.1%	Higher	64%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.9%	2,681.06	2,786.57	105.51	3.94%
233	03/12/18	72.0%	28.0%	44.0%	69.7%	69.7%	69.6%	0.1%	Higher	54%	Lower	Lower	No	0	0	50.7%	2,790.54	2,752.01	-38.53	-1.38%
234	03/19/18	63.2%	36.8%	26.3%	65.5%	66.0%	65.0%	1.0%	Higher	57%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	50.4%	2,741.38	2,588.26	-153.12	-5.59%
235	03/26/18	42.0%	58.0%	-16.0%	69.1%	65.5%	71.7%	-6.2%	Lower	80%	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:**

- Elliott Wave
- Dividend income is good on Apple
- sim
- everything that goes up, comes back down; in stock & options market, that is call a correction no matter how big or how little the correction is !
- my voice in me
- up trend
- Market near support and likely to bounce by Friday
- I am convinced that the stress of the trade war is over
- Best six months of year historically
- Expecting a bounce this week due to the oversold condition of the market.
- Holiday week short trading time.
- Similar action in February; typically retest (even slightly exceed) previous lows, suck in the bears, then bounce. Historically, major tops occur Mar/Apr, while major drops/bottoms tend more to Sep/Oct (i.e., 1929, 2000,2007).
- Vix
- Economy is good, but market is down.

### **“Lower” Respondent Answers:**

- trade war
- this weeks market action
- Trade wars, gov. debt, business debt, personal debt at all time high and keeps going higher. Interest rates.
- Tradewar
- The economic devastation of tariffs, the excessive spending of Congress with no debate, the collapse of FB causing the onset of tech regulation, the increase in interest rates in addition to margin call Monday & the ensuing long weekend will cause selling to continue. Powell will not have to worry about growth & inflation because Trump & the Congress just killed the economy. The market's down two trillion so we can punish China for \$50 billion. No market gains also means no taxable gains.

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- Results from this past month.
- The momentum is downward, with a quick bounce back looking less likely. China planning tariff retaliation on US steel pipes, fresh fruit, wine, pork, and recycled aluminium.
- nothing new to add.
- I am undecided
- uncertainty, price action
- Recent price action, wave 3.
- Trade wars to likely escalate and wreak further havoc on markets, with potential to test and breach S&P 200SMA, and lower if retaliatory measures increase...Trump giveth, and taketh away!
- We might crack the 200-day moving average and that will be the catalyst for a bigger downward move
- The downside correction should continue for 2 more days.
- Trump
- downward momentum

### Question #4. What do you think are the main reasons why most traders are not successful and consistent? What could the average trader do to improve consistency?

- education n time
- I don't think most traders properly manage their positions.
- lose their nerve
- Buy puts
- nao
- just pick yourself up, dust up, pick up the ball and throw it higher, start the process to making \$\$\$ profit, have faith in your skill to predict the market, use your knowledge, put your learning curve to work !!!
- Every one is following everyone, lost the ability to follow real earnings and news concerning the economy.
- Learn
- reclama piu good and for him respect full to the client.
- Over trading, poor money management, scared money, no trading plan, lack of knowledge, gambling, low probability trades, no edge, over confidence followed by no confidence, lack of preparation and dedication. Try Chaiken Analytics and follow the plan.
- prepare charts
- They need more professional trading!!! Average traders could take better/more online trading courses & read more news stories consistently on the internet!!!
- Lack of a plan and strategy. Complacency
- It's a difficult game, filled with false stock moves and irrelevant news that fools people.
- it is the art to correctly recognize the change in sentiment and benefit from it in the UP or DOWN trend. Knowing EW can be used successfully. If I can not do this forever I will lose
- Stick with trading rules
- Keep a trade log.
- trading the plan
- emotion and lack of strategy.
- Develop and follow a trading plan!
- Patience
- Overtrading & not understanding proper position sizing. Understand, and trade to, predefined entry, stop, & target parameters. Size the trading position to those parameters.
- Too much greed or fear in making trading decisions. Take as much emotion out of your trading decisions as you can
- They don't follow the rules of the system that they are using.
- Not doing their homework.
- Eliminate emotion. Fear is really the SINGLE dominant emotion (fear of loss, either up OR down; "greed" is really just fear of missing out).
- Take losses early

## 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.

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- Trumps bully tactics will implode US and world economies. Trade sanctions are being overused and abused.
- thank you!
- The federal reserve stupidly raised interest rates forcing the government to have to pay a greater and greater portion of the budget to cover interest rates and debt service. Accommodation can be reduced by accelerating the reduction of the balance sheet before increasing interest rates. Congressional leaders need to be replaced with patriots instead of the pigs that they are. We have the best Congress that money can buy!
- buy in april sell in may
- Definitely want results to Survey #235!!!
- Make sure to have a written trade plan and follow the rules.
- I have none
- If the POTUS thinks of the stock market as his Nielsen Ratings, let's hope he's been watching what's going on and does something more positive for markets!

## 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.