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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 (April 16th to April 20th)?

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

Higher: 64.9%

Lower: 35.1%

Higher/Lower Difference: 29.7%

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: 67.2%

Average For "Higher" Responses: 69.8%

Average For "Lower" Responses: 62.3%

Higher/Lower Difference: 7.5%

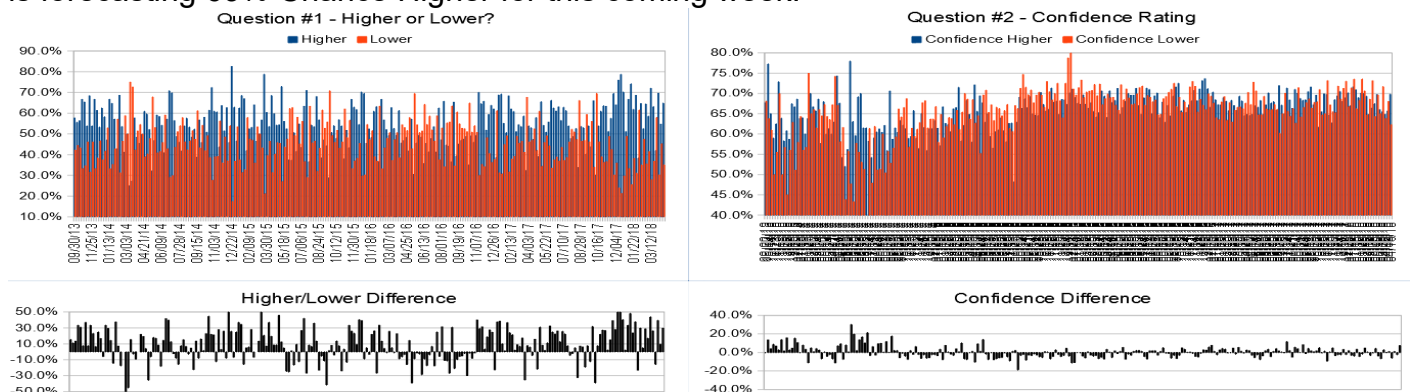
Responses Submitted This Week: 41

26-Week Average Number of Responses: 50.3

TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Prediction: 69% 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 54.7% Higher, and the Crowd Forecast Indicator prediction was 53% Chance Higher; the S&P500 closed 1.49% Higher for the week. This week's majority sentiment from the survey is 64.9% Higher with a greater average confidence from those who responded Higher. Similar conditions have been observed 26 times in the previous 237 weeks, with the majority sentiment being correct 69% of the time, with an average S&P500 move for the week of 0.33% Higher. Based on that history, the TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator is forecasting 69% Chance Higher 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: 50.2%

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.

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%	67.2%	-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	59%	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%	67.1%	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%	68.6%	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	Higher	No	0	1	50.2%	2,619.35	2,640.87	21.52	0.82%
236	04/02/18	69.8%	30.2%	39.5%	64.5%	64.8%	63.9%	1.0%	Higher	64%	Lower	Lower	No	0	0	50.0%	2,633.45	2,604.47	-28.98	-1.10%
237	04/09/18	54.7%	45.3%	9.4%	66.8%	65.7%	68.1%	-2.4%	Higher	53%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.2%	2,617.18	2,656.30	39.12	1.49%
238	04/16/18	64.9%	35.1%	29.7%	67.2%	69.8%	62.3%	7.5%	Higher	69%	Higher	???	???	???	???	???	???	???	???	???

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Any feedback email: news@timingresearch.com

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:

- Expecting markets to start out lower due to global political strife; then recover towards the end of the week due to positive earnings reports going forward.
- Donald Trump
- earnings
- the political climate will soften next week and allow the market to work it's own magic
- Good earnings reports and the threat of major conflict in Syria with Russian involvement seems to be less likely
- Elliott Wave
- Upcoming strong earnings
- Gold continues its march to break 1369 as war drums get louder. Markets increase at the same time even though they normally diverge. Afterall.... WAR is good for business!
- historically the best six months of the year
- Economy is good.
- Healthy earnings should help. S&P rebounded at end of Friday's session; expecting more bounce.
- Higher? Why not? Political scandals, a divided country, a trade war, crazy PE ratios, and WW3 are all nonsense to be ignored.

“Lower” Respondent Answers:

- Elliott Wave and News are aligning
- nflx will sell off after earnings and bring down the tech sector
- The downside correction will continue until there is a selling climax. "Just get me out!!!!"
- Bounced off the trend line and global situations
- geo-political instability Oil
- Rates to rise
- mean reversion
- Same old reason - market is in an unsustainable climactic upmove which won't end well.

Question #4. What type(s) of trading do you focus on and why? Have you tried other forms of trading that you did not do as well with?

- Stocks and options
- sell option premium easy money
- Forex because you make money going up and down.
- options because there are 3 ways to make money you can change puts to calls and visa versa
- Long term I seek daytrading futures methods
- Swing trading stocks
- Technical trading has worked best for me. Fundamental trading turned out to be more of a crap shoot when attempted. Have more recently started selling options & rely less on technicals & more on options liquidity, implied volatility, & options greeks.
- options my personality
- Stocks, ETF
- I sell out-of-the-money ES options. NOT doing well because I've been selling calls. Anybody know anyone who can fund me?
- investing and day trading. the same stocks
- SPX options
- Swing trading. Day trading works well but I don't have the time.

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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.

- there will be a large drop in the stock market so keep some cash on hand
- Long gold and digital currencies as there is a belief that these are the new safe havens in times of struggle.

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.