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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 14th to 18th)?**

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

Higher: 54.3%

Lower: 45.7%

Higher/Lower Difference: 8.6%

**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: 62.3%

Average For "Higher" Responses: 59.2%

Average For "Lower" Responses: 65.9%

Higher/Lower Difference: -6.7%

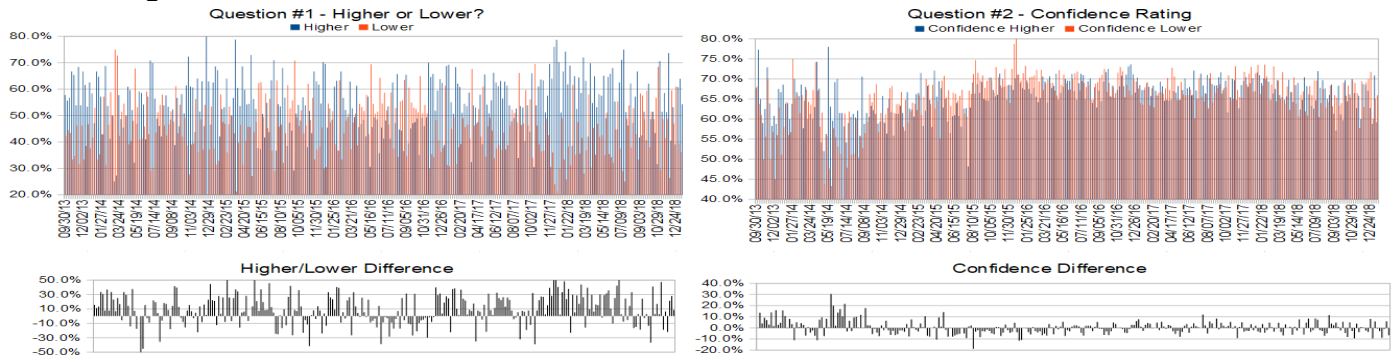
**Responses Submitted This Week: 36**

**52-Week Average Number of Responses: 43.0**

**TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Prediction: 53% Chance Higher**

*This prediction is an attempt by the editor of this newsletter to use the full 5 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 from the survey was 63.9% Higher, and the Crowd Forecast Indicator prediction was 69% Chance Higher; the S&P500 closed 2.39% Higher for the week. This week's majority sentiment from the survey is 54.3% Higher with a greater average confidence from those who responded Higher. Similar conditions have occurred 30 times in the previous 276 weeks, with the majority sentiment being correct 53% of the time and with an average S&P500 move of 0.07% Lower for the week. Based on that history, the TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator is forecasting a 53% Chance that the S&P500 is going to move Higher 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: 51.5%

Overall Sentiment 52-Week "Correct" Percentage: 56.9%

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.

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	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	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.4%	2,670.10	2,670.14	0.04	0.00%
239	04/23/18	53.1%	46.9%	6.3%	66.7%	66.8%	66.7%	0.1%	Higher	61%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	50.2%	2,675.40	2,669.91	-5.49	-0.21%
240	04/30/18	58.1%	41.9%	16.1%	66.9%	64.3%	70.4%	-6.1%	Higher	60%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	50.0%	2,675.47	2,663.42	-12.05	-0.45%
241	05/07/18	57.5%	42.5%	15.0%	66.5%	68.5%	63.8%	4.7%	Higher	67%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.2%	2,680.34	2,727.72	47.38	1.77%
242	05/14/18	65.1%	34.9%	30.2%	66.1%	69.0%	60.7%	8.3%	Higher	69%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	50.0%	2,738.47	2,712.97	-25.50	-0.93%
243	05/21/18	48.9%	51.1%	-2.1%	64.3%	62.4%	66.0%	-3.7%	Lower	87%	Higher	Lower	Yes	1	0	50.2%	2,735.39	2,721.33	-14.06	-0.51%
244	05/28/18	64.6%	35.4%	29.2%	65.9%	64.8%	66.9%	-2.1%	Higher	54%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.4%	2,705.11	2,734.62	29.51	1.09%
245	06/04/18	65.8%	34.2%	31.6%	67.5%	70.4%	61.9%	8.5%	Higher	58%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.6%	2,741.67	2,779.03	37.36	1.36%
246	06/11/18	67.9%	32.1%	35.8%	65.9%	68.2%	60.9%	7.3%	Higher	62%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	50.4%	2,780.18	2,779.42	-0.76	-0.03%
247	06/18/18	55.3%	44.7%	10.5%	67.1%	66.2%	68.2%	-2.1%	Higher	53%	Lower	Lower	No	0	0	50.2%	2,765.79	2,754.88	-10.91	-0.39%
248	06/25/18	44.7%	55.3%	-10.5%	64.7%	63.2%	66.0%	-2.7%	Lower	59%	Higher	Lower	Yes	1	0	50.4%	2,742.94	2,718.37	-24.57	-0.90%
249	07/02/18	62.5%	37.5%	25.0%	65.3%	62.6%	69.7%	-7.1%	Higher	59%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.6%	2,704.95	2,759.82	54.87	2.03%
250	07/09/18	71.1%	28.9%	42.2%	66.1%	64.7%	69.6%	-4.9%	Higher	56%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.8%	2,775.62	2,801.31	25.69	0.93%
251	07/16/18	75.0%	25.0%	50.0%	69.1%	72.0%	60.5%	11.5%	Higher	63%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.0%	2,797.36	2,801.83	4.47	0.16%
252	07/23/18	51.3%	48.7%	2.6%	65.9%	67.8%	64.0%	3.8%	Higher	64%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.2%	2,799.17	2,818.82	19.65	0.70%
253	07/30/18	46.2%	53.8%	-7.7%	68.5%	69.7%	67.4%	2.3%	Lower	64%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	51.0%	2,819.00	2,840.35	21.35	0.76%
254	08/06/18	62.2%	37.8%	24.3%	65.8%	67.6%	62.9%	4.8%	Higher	73%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	50.8%	2,840.29	2,833.28	-7.01	-0.25%
255	08/13/18	47.2%	52.8%	-5.6%	64.6%	65.0%	64.2%	0.8%	Lower	65%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	50.6%	2,835.46	2,850.13	14.67	0.52%
256	08/20/18	57.1%	42.9%	14.3%	67.0%	66.0%	68.3%	-2.3%	Higher	67%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1	50.8%	2,853.93	2,874.69	20.76	0.73%
257	08/27/18	66.7%	33.3%	33.3%	66.8%	68.6%	63.2%	5.5%	Higher	65%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.0%	2,884.69	2,901.52	16.83	0.58%
258	09/03/18	41.7%	58.3%	-16.7%	64.0%	61.3%	66.0%	-4.6%	Lower	58%	Higher	Lower	Yes	1	0	51.2%	2,896.96	2,871.68	-25.28	-0.87%
259	09/10/18	42.4%	57.6%	-15.2%	61.8%	57.1%	65.3%	-8.1%	Lower	68%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	51.0%	2,881.39	2,904.98	23.59	0.82%
260	09/17/18	51.4%	48.6%	2.9%	65.9%	68.3%	63.2%	5.1%	Higher	60%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.2%	2,903.83	2,929.67	25.84	0.89%
261	09/24/18	40.6%	59.4%	-18.8%	62.8%	61.2%	64.0%	-2.8%	Lower	57%	Higher	Lower	Yes	1	0	51.4%	2,921.83	2,913.98	-7.85	-0.27%
262	10/01/18	62.1%	37.9%	24.1%	63.3%	59.7%	69.1%	-9.4%	Higher	52%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	51.2%	2,926.29	2,885.57	-40.72	-1.39%
263	10/08/18	48.6%	51.4%	-2.9%	67.7%	69.7%	65.8%	3.9%	Lower	66%	Higher	Lower	Yes	1	0	51.4%	2,877.53	2,767.13	-110.40	-3.84%
264	10/15/18	51.4%	48.6%	2.9%	66.4%	64.4%	68.3%	-3.9%	Higher	54%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.5%	2,763.83	2,767.78	3.95	0.14%
265	10/22/18	43.3%	56.7%	-13.3%	65.7%	66.2%	65.3%	0.9%	Lower	64%	Higher	Lower	Yes	1	0	51.7%	2,773.94	2,658.69	-115.25	-4.15%
266	10/29/18	31.6%	68.4%	-36.8%	69.7%	70.0%	69.6%	0.4%	Lower	67%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	51.5%	2,682.65	2,723.06	40.41	1.51%
267	11/05/18	70.6%	29.4%	41.2%	67.2%	66.5%	69.0%	-2.5%	Higher	58%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.7%	2,726.37	2,781.01	54.64	2.00%
268	11/12/18	51.4%	48.6%	2.9%	64.6%	62.8%	66.5%	-3.7%	Higher	75%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	51.5%	2,773.93	2,736.27	-37.66	-1.36%
269	11/19/18	58.5%	41.5%	17.1%	62.9%	65.8%	57.8%	8.0%	Higher	64%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	51.3%	2,730.74	2,632.56	-98.18	-3.60%
270	11/26/18	51.3%	48.7%	2.6%	64.7%	60.0%	69.5%	-9.5%	Higher	69%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.5%	2,849.97	2,760.16	-110.19	-4.16%
271	12/03/18	73.7%	26.3%	47.4%	67.2%	68.8%	63.0%	5.8%	Higher	58%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	51.3%	2,790.50	2,633.08	-157.42	-5.64%
272	12/10/18	40.5%	59.5%	-19.0%	68.9%	68.5%	69.2%	-0.7%	Lower	71%	Lower	Lower	Yes	1	0	51.5%	2,630.86	2,599.95	-30.91	-1.17%
273	12/17/18	53.1%	46.9%	6.3%	68.4%	67.1%	70.0%	-2.9%	Higher	55%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0	51.3%	2,590.75	2,416.58	-174.17	-6.72%
274	12/24/18	39.0%	61.0%	-22.0%	68.3%	62.8%	71.8%	-9.0%	Lower	83%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	51.1%	2,400.56	2,485.74	85.18	3.55%
275	12/31/18	60.7%	39.3%	21.4%	59.3%	58.8%	60.0%	-1.2%	Higher	56%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.3%	2,498.94	2,531.94	33.00	1.32%
276	01/07/19	63.9%	36.1%	27.8%	68.8%	70.9%	65.0%	5.9%	Higher	69%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1	51.5%	2,535.61	2,596.26	60.65	2.39%
277	01/14/19	54.3%	45.7%	8.6%	62.3%	59.2%	65.9%	-6.7%	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:**

- Good FOMC maybe now group
- In the first part of the week the correction to 2550, until the end of the week penetration rates in 2600
- Looks like we're rebounding
- Temporary upswing
- Mean reversion and gut feeling
- Market pulling back drawing in more longs.
- China NewYear
- We are at a decision point !!! Either direction can apply. The weekly RSI is dropping, the Day RSI has turned up. The tricky part is the H4 RSI is nearing a high with the H1 RSI being confused. The H4 will either pull back Monday, Tuesday and then continue Long or it will fail and retest 2500 area.
- Index stochastics (daily chart) are in reversal range.
- Honestly I dunno where the heck it's going!

### **“Lower” Respondent Answers:**

- fragile and reduced buying
- Magic 8 ball
- we are now up at key resistance spx 2600 and dow 24k -time to re-test .
- continued government shutdown
- Recent rally stops at resistance. This weeks earnings reports will put a damper on recent rally.
- Bank earnings this week; expecting uncertainty as they look to the future. Financial sector uncertainty with gov shutdown and future growth expectations can hold back the S&P.
- No resolutions to the 2 primary problems and earnings forecast will be lower
- Short term overbought condition combined with corresponding decline in A/D volume.
- hit the resistance
- volume is low

### **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?**

- If I knew the answer I'd still be trading and doing it successfully.
- Do NOT trade where you think it's going. Instead, have a plan with stops based on risk/reward/probability. Assume probability is 40-60%.
- lack of a plan and discipline
- Poor money and risk management
- psychological
- fear
- Everything is a trap. If you haven't seen it, you are in it. If it looks obvious it's a trap. Wait for the play and then enter.
- Be patient
- Many traders jump into trades carelessly and pay too much attention to bad advice and news headlines.
- You must look at all TF's and look from the top down as I have in Question #1 If the direction is not clear, do not trade, wait for that clear direction.
- Market Volatility induced by exogenous events.
- too many institutions with more money in the market speculating
- They do not lose losses until they are small. They too believes in their own infallibility.
- Discipline. Trade your plan.
- Stop sells at purchase price
- get better at interpreting candlesticks
- Knowledge needed of trends and market behavior. Few gain the knowledge.

### 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.

- No, thank you, you are the expert.
- The more you learn the more you earn. Never ever give up! you will get it in time.
- Not Sure
- political gridlock

## 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 #264, 10/14/18 Report** - Do you think the drop in the markets this week were the start of a longer downtrend or a minor correction on the way to new highs (i.e. 6 months from now do you think the S&P500 will be higher or lower than today)?

- 64% - minor correction (S&P500 heading higher)
- 36% - start of a longer downtrend (S&P500 heading lower)

**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.