

TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Newsletter (Beta)

Week 126 – 02/21/16 Report

Open-ended responses for Questions #1, #4, and #5 start on page 3.

Question #2. Based on any technical or fundamental indicators you want to use, would you predict that the S&P500 index will move higher or lower from Monday's open to Friday's close (February 22nd to February 26th)?

Higher: 56.7%
Lower: 43.3%

Question #3. Rate your confidence in your answer to Question #2 by estimating the probability you have correctly predicted next week's market move.

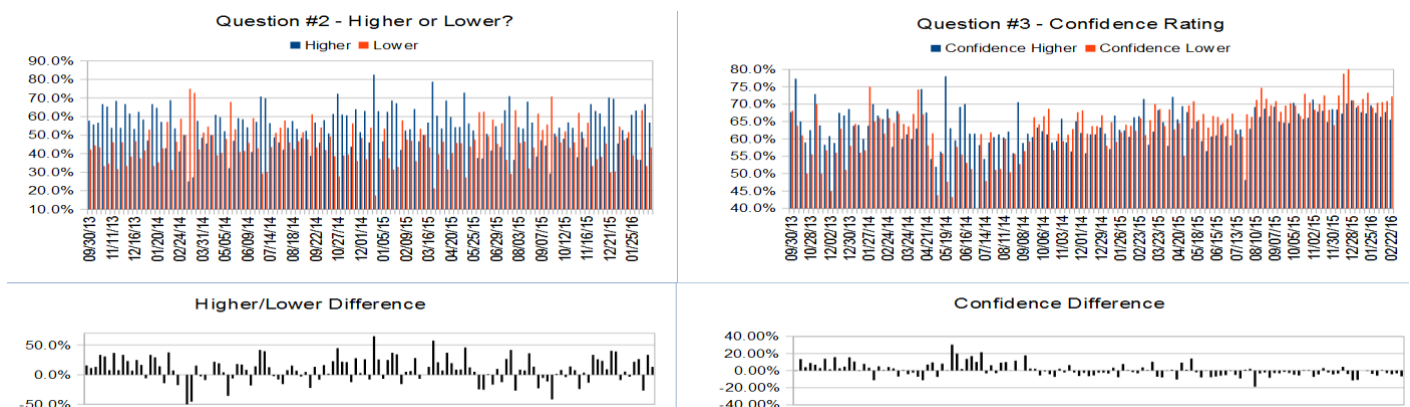
Average of All Responses: 68.43%
Average For "Higher" Responses: 65.53%
Average For "Lower" Responses: 72.24%

Responses Submitted This Week: 68

TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Prediction: NONE (54/46)

This prediction is an attempt by the editor of this newsletter to use the full 2+ 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 Higher, and the Crowd Forecast Indicator prediction was NONE (54/46); the S&P500 ended up 2.48% for the week. This week's majority sentiment is Higher (with a greater than 10% difference) and with a slightly higher average confidence on the bearish side. Similar conditions have been observed 26 times since the start of this project with the majority sentiment being correct only 46% of the time with an average S&P500 move for the week of -0.57% during those weeks. Based on that history, the TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator is making no prediction for the coming week.



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

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NOTE: The following open-ended answers are solely the opinions of the anonymous responders to this survey. Responses are mostly unedited, but some have been reformatted slightly for to make them easier to read and are listed in order of submission. Some useless/irrelevant responses (e.g. "none") have been omitted. All responses for each week, unedited, are available in the raw data spreadsheets at TimingResearch.com/rawdata.

Question #1. What developing events (technical or fundamental) will you be watching out for during the trading week of February 22nd to February 26th that might have a positive or negative impact on the S&P500 and other US markets?

- Credit Spreads, Money Market direction and NYSE volume
- Technicals, oil, central bank/Fed chatter & actions...the usual suspects.
- Oil prices moving higher.
- If the SPX can't break and hold above 1950 we will retest 1910. Oil price will determine that.
- Breaking 1860 S&P
- Problems surface in big banks.
- Always watching FED reports, changes to interest rates, news out of oil producing regions and any news on terrorists activity that may cause even short term market moves.
- tech
- Vix, China, Oil
- Higher gold and oil price
- price action (technicals, volatility)
- Market sentiment, cycles, shorting and short covering
- oil, china
- stay above 1875 we head higher
- Oil. crazy volatility, Good stocks go down, lousy stocks go up
- 1925 and 1900 levels on SPX
- VIX Shanghai
- the test of support on the s&p
- VIX.
- cycles
- end of month
- Consumer confidence
- the dollar oil & the nikkie
- oil, breakout below or above S&P 1810 - 1950 range
- Syria
- oil prices
- support and resistance, weekly macd's
- just the facts
- 16500 on the Dow.
- Terrorism
- All technical
- Primaries9
- I follow volatility pattern: from VIX cycle and level perspective, i predict market can go up a bit from here, early next week, then drop.
- Oil and China
- fear factor
- volume

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- Positive trade week stocks
- Month end window dressing
- Oil movement, retail earnings
- Oil Prices
- Crude Oil prices

Question #4. Have you been following the legal battle between Apple and the FBI over unlocking the iPhone of the San Bernardino terrorists? What do you think the consequences will be for Apple and other similar companies?

- If we have another terrorist attack in the US and we find that information on the phone could have saved your family, Apple will have larger problems than unlocking the phone.
- A moot point. What can the gov't do? Fine them? Apple has more dough than the FBI. They can't shut them down. You cannot physically force someone to create something. All they could do is put the CEO in jail--good luck.
- Apple could unlock the i-phone and give the FBI the info they want without showing them how they did it.
- none, they will be forced to comply possibly behind the scenes of the press so as not to show it was done.
- not sure
- None
- No change
- Tim Cook is absolutely correct. Other law enforcement agencies, here and abroad, will use this "one time" warrant to compel Apple and others in the future.
- Big Brother will win and there will be no security
- Yes. Government will use this as green light to steal another personal liberty.
- No. Apples job is to build devices. The FBI apprehends and prosecutes the terrorists this should NEVER have been allowed into the country in the first place.
- down
- Gov't will win
- Could be more Gov. Intrusion though I don't blame FBI for wanting to get in to that particular phone
- None
- no idea & not really concerned (both parties have their perspectives & arguments supporting them)
- Valid search warrants must be followed or the CEO should be jailed.
- political only
- No
- No
- Consequences? None. But I hope AAPL does NOT relent on preventing what little privacy we have left.
- yes the cos hv already lost in china
- Yes. None.
- bad
- yes, they lose we lose
- small
- negative if they are forced by the gov. to comply
- yes; not sure
- Police state will dominate
- None
- gov will win
- No,none it's already a surveillance state.
- No
- Leave the United Stupidity of America

- no
- No.
- It will not be good for private enterprises such as Apple because it will open the door for more such Government intervention using national security as an excuse.
- they will cave
- not closely
- Subpoenas
- It's a slippery slope for all involved. If the Feds have grounds for a court order then refusal to unlock results in contempt and then apple execs could face incarceration. It seems to me that the Feds are only fishing and have no reasonable grounds to pursue the issue, outside of someone's ego being bruised.
- Too early to tell yet.
- Future additional demands will be made
- None
- Apple has a right to deny and is good for our privacy if he give I will switch my phone from apple to samsung
- No

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.

- CMG down?
- I'm buying 1/3 at 1500 and 1/3 at 1100 and prepared to wait until the market recovers.
- Peace, love and freedom are still good ideas
- 1894 then to 1860s
- Gold will be up for the week. Money will flow out of bonds and into stocks.
- None
- Agree national security is a factor.

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 121, 01/17/16 Report - What do you think is the lowest price that Crude Oil will trade at during 2016? (it is currently around \$30)
Average Of All Numerical Answers: \$22.22

Week 119, 01/03/16 Report - What do you think the closing price for the S&P500 will be for 2015?
Average of all numerical responses: 1,968.09
Level at the time of the question: 2,043.94

Week 111, 11/08/15 Report - Which Republican Party presidential candidate do you think will end up with the nomination?
44.83% - Trump
24.14% - Rubio
10.34% - Cruz
6.90% - Bush
6.90% - Carson
6.90% - Kasich

Week 111, 11/08/15 Report - Which Democratic Party presidential candidate do you think will end up with the nomination?
100.00% - Clinton

Week 110, 11/01/15 Report - What do you think the closing price for the S&P500 will be for 2015?
Average of all valid responses: 2,137.11
Level at the time of the question: 2,079.36

Week 52, 09/21/14 Report - If Hilary Clinton runs for president in 2016, do you think she will win?
If she wins, do you think she will do a good job as president?
Yes - 41.5%
No - 58.5%