

TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Newsletter (Beta)

Week 117 – 12/20/15 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&P 500 index will move higher or lower from Monday's open to Friday's close (December 21st to December 24th)?

Higher: 70.2%
Lower: 29.8%

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

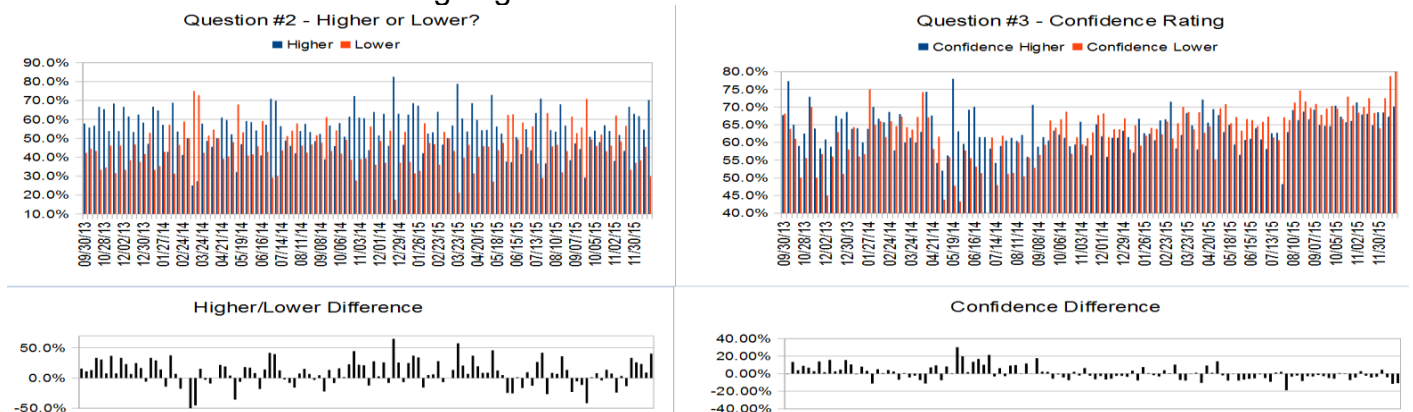
Average of All Responses: 73.4%
Average For "Higher" Responses: 70.2%
Average For "Lower" Responses: 81.1%

Responses Submitted This Week: 47

TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator: 57% Chance Higher

This indicator 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 50% change Lower. The S&P500 ended down 0.39% for the week. This week's majority sentiment is "Higher" with a greater than 20% difference in the guesses, but there is a much higher average confidence on the bearish side. Similar conditions have been observed 21 times since the start of this project with the majority sentiment being incorrect 57% of the time with an average S&P500 move for the week of 0.20% during those weeks. Based on that history, the TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator is predicting that sentiment is probably CORRECT and a 57% chance of the S&P500 going UP this week.



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

TimingResearch.com/rawdata.

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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 December 21st to December 24th that might have a positive or negative impact on the S&P 500 and other US markets?

- A Monday rebound from Friday's lows
- Global news; everyone in the US that matters is on vacation.
- Price action, plus Christmas dinner =)
- GDP, Unemployment Report
- Monday: higher from previous Friday closing. 24th closing lower.
- Failing American Imperialism.
- down... then up for the week
- Support levels
- oil price
- Market has sold off, and is ripe for a reversal.
- stay above 1990
- Always watching FED reports, any changes to interest rates, news out of oil producing regions, any news on terrorists activities that may cause even short term market moves.
- RSI
- VIX.
- Technically I'm looking for the S&P to drop back to test lower prices but Ultimately I expect it will bounce and close higher on the week. The \$VIX I expect will run up a bit reflecting the bearish tendency but I expect it to back off below 20.
- technical price action; support & resistance levels
- volatility
- price of oil
- political discussion between democrats and republicans
- Large block trades
- Ongoing market response to FED interest rate decision
- technical
- the market top this market is going to drop another 1,000 points plus
- Holiday markets will be quiet as always.
- santa
- us dollar
- The S&P500 closed right on a support zone at the 2000 area. Seasonality from the past suggests that the market will close higher on a holiday shortened week. On the technicals the market is extremely oversold.
- Volatility, shorten week, cycles that are currently failing, thin markets, short day on the 24th, market adjustments to interest rates

Question #4. What procedures do you use to monitor and evaluate your trading results and progress over time?

- ROI from month to month and percentage of trades that I follow my trading plan exactly.
- Annual P/L
- The value of the managed portfolio, in brief, economic results.
- Journal.
- option
- Volatility, Support levels, MACD
- Recording Trade results.
- EW
- log book
- I keep spreadsheets on many positions and my brokerage firm provides excellent monitoring tools.
- % up, down
- Profit/loss spreadsheet.
- Check Bollinger Bands, 8day EMA, check the trading volumes on the index, relation of prices to the above
- P&L
- RSI
- learn from experience
- monitor value of portfolio
- number of net positive trades vs total trades
- rebound
- this survey
- journal
- profit, what else?
- Since I'm a technical trader, I use charts to evaluate a decision to enter a position. I've had a better than a 92% winning trades that speaks for itself.
- I compare my actual results at the end of the month to my expected results at the beginning of the month.

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.

- Hope the forced selling from hedge funds stops and we get a bounce!
- Happy Holidays to the TimingResearch Team!
- Janet is the Grinch
- Get Lance Jepsen on the show.
- You should present a listing of predictions by guests compared with actual results. Also, you should change questions to those asked by the audience.

Bonus: What non-fiction books have you read in 2015 that were especially good and/or what books are you planning on reading in 2016?

- The Option Workbook Trading Option Greeks & Options as a Strategic Investment were three very good books For 2016 I will try High Probability Trading The Disciplined Trader & The Complete Encyclopedia for Covered Call Writing
- "So You're 50; Now What?" by Charles Schwab; Will try to read Investment Mistakes Even Smart Investors Make and How to Avoid Them as well.
- The Intelligent Investor.
- 2015 - Doctoring data : how to sort out medical advice from medical nonsense by Dr. Malcolm Kendrick Nothing in the radar yet for 2016.
- Extraordinary popular delusions and the madness of crowds . Book 2003 The wisdom of crowds : why the many are smarter than the few and how collective wisdom shapes business, economies, societies and nations
- Red Notice
- I hope to read more WW2 history. After a move to the Republic of the Philippine Islands three years ago, I am in the middle of where much of the action occurred. It would difficult for any American to stand where I stood on Corregidor and not be moved deep within. I want to read and experience much, much more!
- Selling Options
- How to Break or Renegotiate Any Contract, Market Wizards (anything by Schwager), Edwards & Magee, Structure of Reason, anything by Gavin Kennedy (Negotiation)
- investment related
- The killing of Reagan
- trading triads the case against diversification
- Boomerang
- 2015 - O'Reilly's killing books, Memoirs of US Grant, Such Troops as These (bio of Stonewall Jackson), Legends & Lies, Hitler's Last Days 2016 - Undecided

NEW! Standing Predictions

Below are some of the one-time prediction-type questions asked in previous weeks that have not been finalized yet. Suggest a future question [here](#).

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%