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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 19th to March 23th)?

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

Higher: 63.2% Lower: 36.8%

Higher/Lower Difference: 26.3%

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: 65.5%

Average For "Higher" Responses: 66.0% Average For "Lower" Responses: 65.0%

Higher/Lower Difference: 1.0%

Responses Submitted This Week: 41

26-Week Average Number of Responses: 50.5

#### **TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Prediction: 57% 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 72.0% Higher, and the Crowd Forecast Indicator prediction was 54% Chance Lower; the S&P500 closed 1.38% Lower for the week. This week's majority sentiment from the survey is 63.2% Higher with a greater average confidence from those who responded Higher. Similar conditions have been observed 30 times in the previous 233 weeks, with the majority sentiment being correct 57% of the time, with an average S&P500 move for the week of 0.26% Higher during those weeks. Based on that history, the TimingResearch Crowd Forecast Indicator is forecasting 57% Chance Lower 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 <u>raw data</u> spreadsheet for this week, "Date" field below lists the Monday of the week being predicted).

Overall Sentiment All-Time "Correct" Percentage: 50.7% Overall Sentiment 52-Week "Correct" Percentage: 49.0% Overall Sentiment 12-Week "Correct" Percentage: 72.7%

Only the previous 52 weeks of data are shown below, please <u>download the raw data</u> to see the full range of past data.

183 03/27/17 <mark>32.4%</mark>	67.6% -3	35.3%	66.6%	64.6%	67.6%	-3.1%	Lower	57%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1	50.8%	2,329.11	2,362.72	33.61	1.44%
184 04/03/17 <mark>53.8%</mark>	46.2% 7		67.3%	64.8%	70.2%	-5.4%	Higher	56%	Higher		No	0	0		2,362.34	2,355.54	-6.80	-0.29%
185 04/10/17 <mark>53.0%</mark>	47.0% 6		65.8%	64.6%	67.3%	-2.7%	Higher	53%	Higher	Lower	No	0	0				-28.21	-1.20%
186 04/17/17 <mark>47.5%</mark>	52.5% -4		69.0%	64.8%	72.8%	-8.0%	Lower	56%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1				16.07	0.69%
187 04/24/17 <mark>57.9%</mark>	42.1% 1		68.5%	67.0%	70.6%	-3.7%	Higher	56%	Lower	Higher	Yes	1	1		2,370.33		13.87	0.59%
188 05/01/17 <mark>39.1%</mark>			65.5%	66.6%	64.7%	1.9%	Lower	57%	Higher	Higher	No	0	1		2,388.50	2,399.29	10.79	0.45%
189 05/08/17 <mark>65.6%</mark>	34.4% 3	1.1%	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 <mark>54.1%</mark>	45.9% 8		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 <mark>50.8%</mark>	49.2% 1		66.7%	67.3%	66.2%	1.1%	Higher	59%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1		2,387.21		28.61	1.20%
192 05/29/17 <mark>55.7%</mark>	44.3% 1		68.3%	70.1%		4.2%	Higher	62%	Higher	Higher	Yes	1	1				27.40	1.14%
193 06/05/17 <mark>66.2%</mark>	33.8% 3	2.4%	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 <mark>62.5%</mark>	37.5% 2	5.0%	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 <mark>61.1%</mark>	38.9% 2	2.2%	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 <mark>63.1%</mark>	36.9% 2	6.2%	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 <mark>56.5%</mark>	43.5% 1	2.9%	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 <mark>62.9%</mark>	37.1% 2	5.7%	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 <mark>61.3%</mark>	38.7% 2	2.6%	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 <mark>47.8%</mark>	52.2% -4	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	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 <mark>52.6%</mark>	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% -3	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 <mark>53.0%</mark>	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 <mark>53.8%</mark>	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%	67.8%	-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 <mark>66.0%</mark>	34.0% 3	2.0%	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 <mark>30.4%</mark>	69.6% -3	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 <mark>53.8%</mark>	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 <mark>61.0%</mark>	39.0% 2	2.0%	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% 2	7.3%	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% 2	6.7%	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 <mark>51.2%</mark>	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 <mark>57.5%</mark>	42.5% 1	5.0%	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 <mark>69.6%</mark>	30.4% 3	9.1%	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% 2	8.0%	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% 5	2.0%	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% 5	7.4%	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% 4	0.4%	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 <mark>51.1%</mark>	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 <mark>66.7%</mark>	33.3% 3	3.3%	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% 4	8.4%	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% 2	3.6%	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% 3	7.8%	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 <mark>38.5%</mark>	61.5% -2	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 <mark>64.9%</mark>	35.1% 2	9.8%	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 <mark>52.5%</mark>	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 <mark>64.4%</mark>	35.6% 2	8.9%	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 <mark>58.5%</mark>	41.5% 1	7.1%	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% 4	4.0%	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% 2	6.3%	65.5%	66.0%	65.0%	1.0%	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 <u>TimingResearch.com/data</u>.

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 Republican policy
- No bear sentiment in the majority of places/people.
- Tariffs, taxes
- S&P500 closed last week right at support on the weekly chart & at the 10d ema, after bouncing from the 20d ema, on the daily chart.
- Elliott wave
- Earnings and Russia
- (\$) awaiting a pullback
- Good bottoming around 1307.
- Hunch

#### "Lower" Respondent Answers:

- The market is range bound here and futures are up before opens and the market does not follow through with what the futures are telling us.
- 450
- the weakness of last week is likely to continue. Rather it seems that the price will not change much
- Complete the bearish engulfing pattern on SPY
- uncertainty
- European response to Trump tariffs.
- The S&P was down 4 of 5 days this past week. The positive day, Friday, was not strong, and showed no signs of an upcoming short-term rally. Expecting at least a 2% drop to lower Bollinger band.
- I think it will break the wedge on the daily.
- I've not really changed my overall view of what is happening this year in the stock market. However I believe the President's trade policies are at odds with his obvious reliance on stock market indexes to mirror his belief that he's good for the economy. The current raising of interest rates is not helping him look any better through his expected continued increase of stock market indexes. I think until he realizes the evidence has long been "in" on the adverse effects of retaliatory trade tarriffs, thr markets could continue to slide in general,

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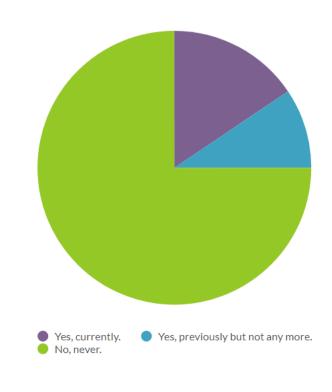
but not to the degree of a "crash", at least not yet.

- geopolitics
- Sideways/downtrend to consolidate

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# Question #4a. Have you ever, or do you currently, use any type of auto-trading execution with your strategies?



Value	Percent	Responses
Yes, currently.	15.6%	5
Yes, previously but not any more.	9.4%	3
No, never.	75.0%	24

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### Question #4b. How well has that worked for you?

### Yes, currently:

- saves some time in routine trades.
- Good, especially for stops & target exists
- Ehh 50,50
- as expected, with exception

#### Yes, previously but not any more:

· Not well when broadband fails

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## **Question #5. Additional Comments/Questions/Suggestions?**

Thank you for all the feedback, feel free to <u>contact us</u> at any time with any other questions or comments.

- · No fireworks for awhile
- Market appears to need a rest. Very difficult to find trending stocks to trade.
- SIM

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#### **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.