

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 87 APRIL 2021  
FINAL TOPLINE  
APRIL 5-11, 2021  
N=5,109**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,545]:**

USCONF\_FUT How much confidence do you have in the future of the United States? [**SHOW IN ORDER**]

Apr 5-11 <u>2021</u>		July 27- Aug 2, <u>2020</u>
18	Quite a lot	18
51	Some	48
25	Very little	29
5	None at all	5
*	No answer	*

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

GOVFEEL Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	<u>Basically content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 5-11, 2021	29	52	17	2
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	18	57	24	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	22	55	23	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>1</sup>	20	57	22	*

**GOVFEEL PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<u>Basically content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	<b>(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u></b>
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	19	54	24	3
Mar 20-25, 2019	18	57	21	4
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	17	55	24	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	19	55	22	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	20	57	21	2
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	18	57	22	3
Feb 12-26, 2014	17	62	19	2
Oct 9-13, 2013	12	55	30	3
Sep 25-29, 2013	17	51	26	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	20	58	19	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	58	21	3
Aug 17-21, 2011	11	60	26	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	22	59	14	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	21	52	23	4
Apr 1-5, 2010	23	52	21	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	19	56	21	5
Early January, 2007	21	58	16	5
Early October, 2006	21	54	20	5

<sup>1</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

**GOVFEEL PHONE TREND CONTINUED**

	Basically <u>content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
March, 2004	32	52	13	3
Mid November, 2001	53	34	8	5
June, 2000	28	53	13	6
February, 2000	33	54	10	3
October, 1997	29	56	12	3

**ASK ALL:**

TRUSTFEDGOV How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

	Just about <u>always</u>	Most of <u>the time</u>	Only some <u>of the time</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 5-11, 2021	2	22	61	14	1
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	2	18	65	14	1
Apr 7-12, 2020 <sup>2</sup>	2	24	60	12	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	3	25	61	10	1
Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014 <sup>3</sup>	3	21	56	19	2

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

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July 23-Aug 4, 2020	5	15	66	12	2
Mar 20-25, 2019 <sup>4</sup>	3	14	71	10	2
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	3	15	67	14	2
Apr 5-11, 2017	4	16	68	11	2
Aug 27- Oct 4, 2015	3	16	67	13	1
Feb 12-26, 2014	3	21	68	7	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	3	16	68	12	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	3	23	67	6	2
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	3	17	72	7	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	16	72	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	4	25	65	4	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	3	21	65	10	1
Apr 1-5, 2010	5	20	61	13	1
Mar 11-21, 2010	3	19	65	11	2
January, 2007	3	28	63	5	1
February, 2006	4	30	59	6	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1
November, 1998 <sup>5</sup>	4	22	61	11	2
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

<sup>2</sup> In Wave 65 and earlier surveys, the question asked, "How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?"

<sup>3</sup> In the Wave 9 survey TRUSTFED was asked in a battery that also measured how often you can trust state government and local government to do what is right.

<sup>4</sup> In phone surveys the question asked, "How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?"

<sup>5</sup> The November, 1998 survey was conducted Oct. 26-Dec. 1, 1998. The question asked, "How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do the right thing? Just about always, most the time, or only some of the time?"

**ASK ALL:**

GOVT\_ROLE Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?  
**[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Government should do more to solve problems</u>	<u>Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 5-11, 2021	55	44	1
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	59	39	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	43	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	58	40	2
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	43	2
Feb 26-March 11, 2018	55	42	2
Dec 4-Dec 18, 2017	56	43	1
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	53	44	2
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015	47	51	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

GOVRESP Do you think each of the following is something the federal government has a responsibility to provide for all Americans? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans</u>	<u>No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. An adequate standard of living			
Apr 5-11, 2021	56	43	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	56	43	1

**NO ITEM b**

c. High quality K-12 education			
Apr 5-11, 2021	79	20	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	80	19	1
d. A college education			
Apr 5-11, 2021	39	60	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	36	64	1
e. Adequate income in retirement			
Apr 5-11, 2021	58	41	2
Sep 16-29, 2019	59	40	1

**NO ITEM f**

g. Health insurance			
Apr 5-11, 2021	64	35	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	64	35	1
h. Access to high speed internet			
Apr 5-11, 2021	43	56	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	28	71	1
i. Clean air and water			
Apr 5-11, 2021	87	13	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=2,016]:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>6</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
24	32	27	16	1	19	20

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<sup>6</sup> Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.