

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 54 SEPTEMBER
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 16-SEPTEMBER 29, 2019
TOTAL N=6,878**

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	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	6,878	+/- 1.6 percentage points
<i>Lower income</i>	1,645	+/- 3.3 percentage points
<i>Middle income</i>	3,351	+/- 2.2 percentage points
<i>Upper income</i>	1,614	+/- 3.0 percentage points

ASK ALL:

ECIMP

How much power and influence do you think each of the following have in TODAY'S ECONOMY? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN REVERSE FOR ALL ITEMS FOR A RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

a. Politicians		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
84	Too much power and influence	82	86	81
5	Not enough power and influence	6	4	5
10	About the right amount	10	9	14
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

b. Technology companies		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
61	Too much power and influence	59	61	66
8	Not enough power and influence	11	6	4
30	About the right amount	29	31	29
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

c. Labor unions		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
31	Too much power and influence	28	31	35
36	Not enough power and influence	38	36	36
32	About the right amount	31	32	27
2	No answer	2	2	1

ECIMP CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:**

d.	Banks and other financial institutions			
	Sep 16-		Lower	Middle
	<u>29, 2019</u>		<u>income</u>	<u>income</u>
	64	Too much power and influence	61	66
	7	Not enough power and influence	12	4
	29	About the right amount	26	30
	1	No answer	1	1
			Upper	income

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

e.	Small businesses			
	Sep 16-		Lower	Middle
	<u>29, 2019</u>		<u>income</u>	<u>income</u>
	4	Too much power and influence	5	3
	73	Not enough power and influence	78	73
	22	About the right amount	16	24
	1	No answer	1	1
			Upper	income

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

f.	Large corporations			
	Sep 16-		Lower	Middle
	<u>29, 2019</u>		<u>income</u>	<u>income</u>
	82	Too much power and influence	83	83
	3	Not enough power and influence	5	3
	14	About the right amount	11	14
	1	No answer	2	*
			Upper	income

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

g.	People who are wealthy			
	Sep 16-		Lower	Middle
	<u>29, 2019</u>		<u>income</u>	<u>income</u>
	82	Too much power and influence	85	82
	3	Not enough power and influence	4	2
	15	About the right amount	10	16
	1	No answer	1	1
			Upper	income

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

h.	People who are poor			
	Sep 16-		Lower	Middle
	<u>29, 2019</u>		<u>income</u>	<u>income</u>
	5	Too much power and influence	5	6
	75	Not enough power and influence	82	72
	19	About the right amount	12	21
	1	No answer	1	1
			Upper	income

ECIMP CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

i. The middle class			Lower <u>income</u>	Middle <u>income</u>	Upper <u>income</u>
	Sep 16- <u>29, 2019</u>				
5	Too much power and influence		10	3	1
72	Not enough power and influence		69	73	74
23	About the right amount		20	23	24
1	No answer		1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

j. Health insurance companies			Lower <u>income</u>	Middle <u>income</u>	Upper <u>income</u>
	Sep 16- <u>29, 2019</u>				
74	Too much power and influence		64	81	81
9	Not enough power and influence		17	5	4
16	About the right amount		18	14	14
1	No answer		1	1	1

TREND¹:

		Too much power and <u>influence</u>	Not enough power and <u>influence</u>	About the <u>right amount</u>	No <u>Answer</u>
b.	Technology companies May 29-Jun 11, 2018	55	7	37	*
c.	Labor unions May 29-Jun 11, 2018	30	39	30	1
d.	Banks and other financial institutions May 29-Jun 11, 2018	72	5	23	*
e.	Small businesses May 29-Jun 11, 2018	2	76	21	1

ASK ALL:

INC_SDT1

In a previous survey we asked you about your income. The next question asks for slightly more detail for different income levels.

Last year, that is in 2018, what was your total income from all sources, before taxes?

Sep 16- <u>29, 2019</u>	
24	Less than \$30,000
12	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
9	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
8	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
7	\$60,000 to less than \$70,000
6	\$70,000 to less than \$80,000
4	\$80,000 to less than \$90,000
5	\$90,000 to less than \$100,000
19	\$100,000 or more
7	No answer

¹ There are no trends available for items a, f, g, h, i and j.

ASK IF FAMILY INCOME IS \$30,000 OR LESS (INC_SDT1=1) [n=1,310]:

INC_SDT2 And in 2018, would you say that your total family income from all sources, before taxes, was...

Sep 16-
29, 2019

24	Less than \$5,000
16	\$5,000 to less than \$10,000
13	\$10,000 to less than \$15,000
13	\$15,000 to less than \$20,000
17	\$20,000 to less than \$25,000
16	\$25,000 to less than \$30,000
2	No answer

ASK IF FAMILY INCOME IS \$100,000 OR MORE (INC_SDT1=9) [n=1,643]:

INC_SDT3 And in 2018, would you say that your total family income from all sources, before taxes, was...

Sep 16-
29, 2019

31	\$100,000 to less than \$125,000
25	\$125,000 to less than \$150,000
11	\$150,000 to less than \$175,000
9	\$175,000 to less than \$200,000
6	\$200,000 to less than \$225,000
4	\$225,000 to less than \$250,000
11	\$250,000 or more
3	No answer

COMBO TABLE BASED ON INC_SDT1/INC_SDT2/INC_SDT3

Sep 16-
29, 2019

24	Less than \$30,000
6	Less than \$5,000
4	\$5,000 to less than \$10,000
3	\$10,000 to less than \$15,000
3	\$15,000 to less than \$20,000
4	\$20,000 to less than \$25,000
4	\$25,000 to less than \$30,000
*	No answer to INC_SDT2
12	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
9	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
8	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
7	\$60,000 to less than \$70,000
6	\$70,000 to less than \$80,000
4	\$80,000 to less than \$90,000
5	\$90,000 to less than \$100,000
19	\$100,000 or more
6	\$100,000 to less than \$125,000
5	\$125,000 to less than \$150,000
2	\$150,000 to less than \$175,000
2	\$175,000 to less than \$200,000
1	\$200,000 to less than \$225,000
1	\$225,000 to less than \$250,000

- 2 \$250,000 or more
- 1 No answer to INC_SDT3
- 7 No answer to INC_SDT1

ASK ALL²:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4 or REFUSED):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

<u>Sep 16- 29, 2019</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
27	Republican	17	31	32
31	Democrat	35	29	32
28	Independent	29	28	28
13	Something else	18	11	7
1	No answer to PARTY	2	1	1
17	Lean Rep	16	18	16
21	Lean Dem	25	19	19

² PARTY and PARTYLN were asked in a prior survey.

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 53 SEPTEMBER
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 3-15, 2019
TOTAL N=9,895**

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<i>Lower income</i>	1,541	+/- 3.2 percentage points
<i>Middle income</i>	3,202	+/- 2.2 percentage points
<i>Upper income</i>	1,567	+/- 3.1 percentage points

ASK ALL:

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]:

ASK ALL:

ECONFAIR

<u>Sep 3-15, 2019</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
70	The economic system in this country unfairly favors powerful interests	73	69	66
29	The economic system in this country is generally fair to most Americans	25	30	34
1	No answer	2	1	1

TREND²:

	<u>The economic system in this country unfairly favors powerful interests</u>	<u>The economic system in this country is generally fair to most Americans</u>	<u>No answer</u>
March 18-April 1, 2019	71	28	1
Feb. 26-March 11, 2018	73	25	2
Oct. 25-Nov. 8, 2016	74	24	3
Aug. 16-Sept. 12, 2016	72	25	3
June 7-July 5, 2016	71	23	3
April 5-May 2, 2016	73	25	3

¹ Sample sizes, percentages, and margins of error for the total numbers include all respondents who answered the September 3-15, 2019 wave of the American Trends Panel (n=9,895). Sample sizes, percentages, and margins of error for income tiers in this topline include only respondents who answered both September 3-15, 2019 and September 6-29, 2019 survey waves (n=6,553).

² In the 2016 surveys this question was ECONFAIR2. In the 2019 survey this question was TYPOLGYe.