

Topline questionnaire

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see our [international survey methods database](#).
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, Pew Research Center has used an automated process to generate toplines for its Global Attitudes surveys. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- The U.S. survey was conducted on Pew Research Center’s American Trends Panel. Many questions have been asked in previous surveys on the phone. Phone trends for comparison are provided in separate tables throughout the topline. The extent of the mode differences varies across questions; while there are negligible differences on some questions, other have more pronounced differences. Caution should be taken when evaluating online and phone estimates.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q4b. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of _____. b. China							
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	99	Total	N=
United States	Spring, 2021	1	19	37	39	0	3	100	1287
	March, 2020	2	17	44	35	2	0	100	8914

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		Q4b. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of _____. b. China					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Summer, 2020	3	19	31	42	6	100
	Spring, 2020	3	23	33	33	7	100
	Spring, 2019	4	22	37	23	13	100
	Spring, 2018	5	33	32	15	14	100
	Spring, 2017	5	39	33	14	10	100
	Spring, 2016	6	31	36	19	9	100
	Spring, 2015	4	34	33	21	8	100
	Spring, 2014	7	28	34	21	10	100
	Spring, 2013	7	30	32	20	12	100
	Spring, 2012	6	34	25	15	19	100
	Spring, 2011	12	39	22	14	12	100
	Spring, 2010	10	39	24	12	14	100
	Spring, 2009	9	41	25	13	13	100
	Spring, 2008	9	30	26	16	19	100
	Spring, 2007	8	34	25	14	18	100
Spring, 2006	12	40	19	10	19	100	
Spring, 2005	9	34	22	13	22	100	

		THERMCHINA. How do you feel toward China?							
		Very cold	Somewhat cold	Neutral	Somewhat warm	Very warm	DK/Refused	Total	N=
United States	Spring, 2021	47	20	20	7	4	1	100	1309
	July, 2018	23	23	30	13	8	2	100	2275
	October, 2016	27	23	28	11	7	4	100	4265

		Q6a. Do you think the government of ____ respects the personal freedoms of its people or don't you think so? a. China			
		Yes, respects personal freedoms	No, does not respect personal freedoms	99	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	8	90	2	100

		Q7b. Would you say that each of the following has done a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak? b. China					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	99	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	12	31	26	28	3	100

		Q7c. Would you say that each of the following has done a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak? c. (Survey country)					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	99	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	7	35	33	25	1	100

		Q20. Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (Survey country) should...			
		Try to promote human rights in China, even if it harms economic relations with China	Prioritize strengthening economic relations with China, even if it means not addressing human rights issues	99	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	70	26	4	100

		Q21b. For each, tell me how much confidence you have in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs – a lot of confidence, some confidence, not too much confidence, or no confidence at all. b. Chinese President Xi Jinping						
		A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not too much confidence	No confidence at all	DK/Refused	99	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	2	13	39	43	0	3	100
	March, 2020	2	17	40	38	3	0	100

		Q33d. Would you say that each of the following is doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job dealing with global climate change? d. China					
		Very good job	Somewhat good job	Somewhat bad job	Very bad job	Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	2	16	34	45	4	100

		Q48. On balance, do you think of China as a partner of the U.S., a competitor of the U.S. or an enemy of the U.S.?				
		Partner	Competitor	Enemy	99	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	9	55	34	2	100

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		Q48. On balance, do you think of China as a partner of the U.S., a competitor of the U.S. or an enemy of the U.S.?				
		Partner	Competitor	Enemy	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Summer, 2020	16	57	26	2	100
	May, 2012	16	66	15	3	100

		Q49. Overall, do you think current economic relations between the U.S. and China are very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	1	33	50	14	2	100

		Q50. Thinking about our economic and trade policy toward China, which is more important?				
		Building a strong relationship with China on economic issues	Getting tougher with China on economic issues			Total
United States	Spring, 2021	44	53	3	99	100

		Q51a. Please indicate how much of a problem, if at all, each would be for the U.S. a. The loss of U.S. jobs to China						
		Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	(VOL) Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	53	31	13	2	0	2	100
	March, 2020	47	37	13	2	1	0	100

		Q51b. Please indicate how much of a problem, if at all, each would be for the U.S. b. The U.S. trade deficit with China						
		Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	(VOL) Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	43	42	10	2	0	2	100
	March, 2020	42	41	12	3	2	0	100

		Q51c. Please indicate how much of a problem, if at all, each would be for the U.S. c. China's policies on human rights						
		Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	(VOL) Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	50	34	12	2	0	2	100
	March, 2020	43	37	15	4	1	0	100

		Q51d. Please indicate how much of a problem, if at all, each would be for the U.S. d. Tensions between China and Taiwan					
		Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem	99	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	28	46	20	3	3	100

		Q51e. Please indicate how much of a problem, if at all, each would be for the U.S. e. Cyberattacks from China						
		Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	(VOL) Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	65	26	6	1	0	2	100
	March, 2020	58	31	8	2	1	0	100

		Q51f. Please indicate how much of a problem, if at all, each would be for the U.S. f. China's growing military power						
		Very serious problem	Somewhat serious problem	Not too serious of a problem	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	52	34	10	2	0	2	100
	March, 2020	46	39	12	2	1	0	100

		Q51g. Please indicate how much of a problem, if at all, each would be for the U.S. g. China's growing technological power						
		Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	(VOL) Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	47	37	12	3	0	2	100
	March, 2020	41	39	15	3	1	0	100

		Q51h. Please indicate how much of a problem, if at all, each would be for the U.S. h. Tensions between Mainland China and Hong Kong						
		Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	Not a problem at all	DK/Refused	(VOL) Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	31	45	18	3	0	3	100
	March, 2020	26	46	22	5	2	0	100

		Q52. As you may know, over the past few years the U.S. has imposed tariffs, or fees on imported goods from foreign countries, including China. [SHORTENED] Overall, do you think these increased tariffs were...				
		Good for the U.S.	Bad for the U.S.	No real effect either way	Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	30	44	23	3	100

		Q53. As you may know, over the past few years the U.S. has imposed tariffs, or fees on imported goods from foreign countries, including China. [SHORTENED] Overall, do you think these increased tariffs were...				
		Good for you personally	Bad for you personally	No real effect either way	Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	12	30	56	3	100

		Q54. Do you think it's good or bad for U.S. colleges and universities to accept international students?			
		Good	Bad	Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	80	19	1	100

		Q55. When it comes to whether or not to limit Chinese students studying in the U.S., do you...					
		Strongly support limiting Chinese students	Somewhat support limiting Chinese students	Somewhat oppose limiting Chinese students	Strongly oppose limiting Chinese students	Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	21	34	25	18	2	100