

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 161 POLITICS SURVEY FEBRUARY 2025  
FINAL TOPLINE  
JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 2, 2025  
N=5,086**

Note: This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel (ATP) surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). ATP surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the Methodology.

\* "No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say that they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "No answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

NATPROBS

How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON EACH SCREEN AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREENS]**

**[SCREEN 1]**

		A very big <u>problem</u>	A moderately <u>big problem</u>	A small <u>problem</u>	Not a problem <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,557]:</b>						
GUN	Gun violence					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	48	29	18	4	*
	May 13-19, 2024	49	27	19	4	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	60	23	13	4	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	51	25	20	4	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	48	24	22	6	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	53	28	14	4	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	48	27	20	4	*
INFR	Condition of roads, bridges and other infrastructure					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	31	46	20	2	*
	May 13-19, 2024	30	49	19	2	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	34	47	17	2	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	30	47	22	1	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	34	40	23	2	*
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018 <sup>1</sup>	33	44	20	2	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	37	44	18	1	1

<sup>1</sup> In December 2018, the question asked about "the condition of roads bridges and public transportation across the country."

**NATRPOBS CONTINUED...**

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IMM	Illegal immigration					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	48	26	22	5	*
	May 13-19, 2024	51	26	20	3	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	47	26	21	6	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	38	26	27	8	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	43	29	23	5	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	48	29	19	3	*
	Jun 16-22, 2020	28	29	33	9	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	43	27	24	6	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	38	28	28	6	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	42	26	25	6	*	
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	44	30	21	5	1	
HC	The affordability of health care					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	67	25	6	1	*
	May 13-19, 2024	57	32	9	2	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	64	27	7	2	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	55	32	12	1	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	56	30	11	2	1
	Jun 16-22, 2020	57	31	10	2	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	66	26	6	2	*
Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	67	26	5	2	*	
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	70	23	5	2	*	
MNPOL	The role of money in politics					
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	72	21	6	2	*	
AI	The use of artificial intelligence (AI)					
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	27	37	27	8	1	
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,529]:</b>						
CLIM	Climate change					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	41	24	20	15	*
	May 13-19, 2024	36	28	22	13	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	39	27	20	12	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	42	27	19	11	1
	Jul 8-18, 2021	47	23	18	11	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	40	25	22	12	*
	Jun 16-22, 2020	40	26	21	13	1
	Sep 3-15, 2019	48	24	17	10	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	46	27	18	9	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	43	28	20	9	*	
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	40	26	21	12	1	
DEF	The federal budget deficit					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	57	33	8	2	1
	May 13-19, 2024	53	34	11	1	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	56	32	9	2	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	51	33	13	3	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	50	34	11	3	1
	Apr 5-11, 2021	49	33	14	3	1
	Jun 16-22, 2020	47	38	12	3	1
	Sep 3-15, 2019	53	38	8	1	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	35	8	2	1	

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VCRI	Violent crime					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	47	36	16	1	*
	May 13-19, 2024	48	36	15	1	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	59	30	10	1	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	54	34	10	1	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	61	29	9	1	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	48	36	15	1	*
	Jun 16-22, 2020	41	38	20	2	*
Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	49	37	13	1	*	
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	52	33	13	1	*	
K12	The quality of public K-12 schools					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	45	40	12	3	*
	May 13-19, 2024	42	39	15	3	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	47	38	13	2	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	39	39	18	4	1
	Apr 5-11, 2021	39	40	18	3	*
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	36	42	18	3	*	
POVTY	The number of Americans living in poverty					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	53	34	12	1	*
LONE	The number of Americans feeling lonely or isolated					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	30	37	28	5	1

**[SCREEN 2]**

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<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,557]:</b>						
INFL	Inflation					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	63	27	8	1	*
	May 13-19, 2024	62	29	8	1	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	65	27	6	1	*
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	70	23	6	1	*	
ITERR	International terrorism					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	36	38	22	3	1
	May 13-19, 2024	31	39	25	4	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	30	40	26	3	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	26	41	29	3	1	
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>						
	<i>Terrorism</i>					
	Jun 16-22, 2020	25	38	31	5	1
	Sep 3-15, 2019	39	39	20	2	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	34	40	23	2	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	35	37	25	3	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	53	30	13	3	1

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COMP	The ability of Democrats and Republicans to work together in Washington					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	56	31	10	2	1
	May 13-19, 2024	60	31	7	2	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	62	29	6	2	1
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	62	28	7	2	*
MOR	The state of moral values in the country					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	50	33	14	3	*
	May 13-19, 2024	46	31	17	6	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	54	27	13	6	*
SSMED	The financial stability of Social Security and Medicare					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	47	39	10	3	*
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	53	35	9	2	1
NTDIS	The impact of natural disasters					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	44	40	14	1	*
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,529]:</b>						
RAC	Racism					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	36	28	28	8	*
	May 13-19, 2024	29	35	29	6	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	35	31	26	7	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	35	34	25	6	1
	Jul 8-18, 2021	45	28	21	6	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	45	27	20	7	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	43	31	21	4	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	40	37	19	3	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	46	32	18	4	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	39	38	19	3	1
UNEM	Unemployment					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	25	37	32	5	*
	May 13-19, 2024	25	36	32	6	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	24	39	29	8	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	23	38	30	10	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	41	41	16	2	*
	Jun 16-22, 2020	50	35	12	2	*
DTERR	Domestic terrorism					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	34	38	24	3	1
	May 13-19, 2024	29	39	27	4	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	34	37	24	4	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	35	40	21	3	1

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DRG	Drug addiction					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	51	38	10	2	*
	May 13-19, 2024	55	34	9	1	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	61	31	8	*	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	64	28	6	1	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	70	26	4	1	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	25	6	1	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	56	32	9	2	1
PLSYS	The way the U.S. political system operates					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	48	36	12	3	1
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	30	11	3	1
FCT	Americans' level of agreement on the basic facts about issues and events					
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	45	37	15	3	1
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	42	43	13	2	1

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

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

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3, 4 OR REFUSED):**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>2</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer*</u>	<i>Lean <u>Rep</u></i>	<i>Lean <u>Dem</u></i>
29	29	28	13	1	19	19

<sup>2</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.