

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
W169 - SCIENCE TOPLINE  
APR 28-MAY 4, 2025  
N=5,085**

**Note:** All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

**"No answer"** includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say 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.

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

**PN = Programming note**

	<b>Sample size</b>	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b>
U.S. adults	5,085	+/- 1.6 percentage points

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**ASK ALL:**

All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	32	67	1
Mar 10-16, 2025	34	65	1
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	38	61	1
Nov 12-17, 2024	29	70	1
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	23	76	<1
Aug 5-11, 2024	24	75	1
Jul 1-7, 2024	18	82	<1
May 13-19, 2024	22	78	1
Jan 16-21, 2024	21	78	1
Nov 27-Dec 3, 2023	22	77	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	22	77	1
Jun 5-11, 2023	21	78	1
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	19	80	1
Jan 18-24, 2023	22	78	<1
Nov 16-27, 2022	24	75	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	21	79	1
Aug 1-14, 2022	18	81	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	24	75	1
Jan 10-17, 2022	21	78	1
Sep 20-26, 2021	25	74	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	26	74	<1
Mar 1-7, 2021	33	66	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	22	77	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	18	82	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	12	87	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>1</sup>	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

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

**OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.****HLTHPROB****ASK ALL:****[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS. ]**

How much of a problem do you think each of the following issues is for the country today?

		<u>A major problem</u>	<u>A minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>No answer</u>
OBESITY	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b> Obesity and being overweight Apr 28-May 4, 2025	84	14	2	<1
OPIOID	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b> Opioid addiction Apr 28-May 4, 2025	79	19	2	1
MEASLES	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b> Measles Apr 28-May 4, 2025	25	57	18	<1
ALZ	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b> Alzheimer's disease Apr 28-May 4, 2025	64	34	2	<1
LONELY	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b> Loneliness Apr 28-May 4, 2025	55	37	8	1
BIRDFLU	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b> Bird flu Apr 28-May 4, 2025	26	55	19	1
CANCER	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b> Cancer Apr 28-May 4, 2025	84	14	2	<1
HEART	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b> Heart disease Apr 28-May 4, 2025	80	17	2	<1

**HLTHINFLU****ASK ALL:****[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 4 LAST. ]**

Thinking about public debates about health policy, how much influence do you think each of the following has?

		<u>Too much influence</u>	<u>Not enough influence</u>	<u>About the right amount of influence</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b>					
a.	Your local elected officials Apr 28-May 4, 2025	31	21	23	25	<1
	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b>					
b.	The general public Apr 28-May 4, 2025	21	40	21	17	<1
	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b>					
c.	Doctors or other healthcare providers Apr 28-May 4, 2025	11	47	29	12	<1
	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b>					
d.	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Apr 28-May 4, 2025	25	33	27	15	<1
	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b>					
e.	Federal courts Apr 28-May 4, 2025	34	17	23	26	1
	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b>					
f.	Health scientists Apr 28-May 4, 2025	14	51	19	15	1
	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b>					
g.	Health insurance companies Apr 28-May 4, 2025	69	9	9	12	<1
	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b>					
h.	Congress Apr 28-May 4, 2025	42	18	19	21	1

**OTHER QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****FEDHLTH****ASK ALL:****[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1. ]**

How important do you think it is for the federal government to...

		<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
DISEASE	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b>						
	Track the spread of contagious diseases around the country Apr 28-May 4, 2025	54	31	12	2	1	<1
LABELS	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b>						
	Make rules about listing ingredients on food packaging Apr 28-May 4, 2025	48	33	15	2	1	<1
DISPAIR	<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:</b>						
	Study health issues that affect women and girls Apr 28-May 4, 2025	45	32	18	3	2	<1
DRUGS	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b>						
	Test drugs for safety Apr 28-May 4, 2025	63	27	7	2	1	<1
FRAUD	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b>						
	Investigate health insurance fraud Apr 28-May 4, 2025	46	32	16	4	1	<1
RURAL	<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:</b>						
	Develop programs to place doctors and nurses in rural communities Apr 28-May 4, 2025	31	35	25	6	2	1

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>2</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>
28	28	28	14	2	18	20

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