

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 172 – SCIENCE TOPLINE
June 2-8, 2025
N=5,044**

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

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,044	+/- 1.6 percentage points

OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**HIROSHIMA****ASK FORM 1 [N=2,514]:**

As you may know, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 near the end of World War II.

Looking back, would you say using the atomic bomb on Japanese cities in 1945 was justified or was it not justified?

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35	Justified
31	Not justified
33	Not sure
1	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Pew Research Center survey conducted by telephone: As you may know, the United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 near the end of World War II. Looking back, would you say using the atomic bomb on Japanese cities in 1945 was justified or was it not justified?

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56	<i>Justified</i>
34	<i>Not justified</i>
10	<i>DK/Refused</i>

HIROSHIMAKN**ASK FORM 1 [N=2,514]:**

How much would you say you know about the events surrounding the United States' use of atomic bombs near the end of World War II against the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?

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29	A lot
54	A little
16	Nothing at all
1	No answer

NUKESAFE**ASK FORM 2 [N=2,530]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

Do you think the development of nuclear weapons has made each of the following more or less safe?

		<u>More safe</u>	<u>Less safe</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	The U.S.				
	Jun 2-8, 2025	26	47	26	<1
b.	The world				
	Jun 2-8, 2025	10	69	21	<1

NUKEDISARM**ASK FORM 2 [N=2,530]:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

How important do you think it is for the U.S. to be a world leader in international efforts to reduce nuclear weapons?

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37	Extremely important
29	Very important
25	Somewhat important
5	Not too important
3	Not at all important
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

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...¹

<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>
29	27	29	14	1	18	20

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.