

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 180 POLITICS SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2025
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2025
N=3,445**

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 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.

* "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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

VLNTEXT2 Thinking about the possibility of violent extremism in the country, how much of a problem, if at all, are each of the following for the country today? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		Major <u>problem</u>	Minor <u>problem</u>	Not a <u>problem</u>	No <u>answer</u> *
LEFT	Left-wing extremism				
	Sep 22-28, 2025	53	34	10	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	51	34	13	2
RGHT	Right-wing extremism				
	Sep 22-28, 2025	52	33	13	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	52	33	12	3
MIX	Extremism from people without clear political views				
	Sep 22-28, 2025	47	38	13	2

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ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,718]:

POLVIOL_CHNG

Do you think politically motivated violence in this country today is... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**Sep 22-28,
2025

85	Increasing
3	Decreasing
12	Staying about the same
*	No answer*

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,718]:

POLVIOL_OE

What do you think are some of the main reasons for politically motivated violence in this country over the past several years?

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14	Rhetoric/Behavior of Trump/Republicans/conservatives/MAGA
11	Partisan polarization
10	Unwillingness to engage with/understand those with different views
9	Acceptance of violence
9	Rhetoric/Behavior of politicians/parties (general)
8	Rhetoric/Behavior of Democrats/liberals
6	Social media
6	Traditional Media
3	Gun access/Gun violence
3	Mental health
3	Misinformation/Fake news
2	Racism
2	Frustration with government/the "system"
2	Frustration with the economy
2	Rhetoric/Behavior of influential people/powerful people
2	Technology/Internet
1	Left-wing media
1	Right-wing media
10	Other
29	No answer

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses***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...¹

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer*</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
28	28	28	14	2	18	18

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.