

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 185: Politics Survey  
January 20-26, 2026**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Note:** The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("Don't know" in phone mode) and 99 ("Refusal" in phone mode and "No answer" in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

**PN = Programming note**

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**\*CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC\***

**X\_FORM**

- 1 Form 1
- 2 Form 2

Note: Flag to randomly assign panelists to one of two forms (Form 1, Form 2) and weight within form  
Source: Randomly assigned for each survey.

**X\_CITIZEN**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Refused

Note: Flag to identify citizens filtered on CONG.  
Source: Frame file variable F\_CITIZEN.

**X\_PARTYSUMFINAL**

- 1 Rep/Lean Rep
- 2 Dem/Lean Dem
- 9 DK/Refused/No lean

Note: Flag to identify republicans, republican leaners and non-leaners.  
Source: Frame file variable F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL. Same codes as F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL.

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**QUE: SATIS****ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

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

- 1 Satisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: YEARAHEAD****ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

Looking ahead, as far as you are concerned, do you think that 2026 will be...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Better than 2025
- 2 Worse than 2025
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: POL1DT****ASK ALL:**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

[ PN: IF CATI: ] [ INTERVIEWER: IF R SAYS "It Depends", PROBE ONCE WITH:  
 Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS, ENTER AS "Don't know". ]

- 1 Approve
- 2 Disapprove
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: POL1DTSTR****ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF TRUMP (POL1DT=1 OR 2):**

Do you [ **PN: IF POL1DT=1 INSERT** "approve"; **IF POL1DT=2 INSERT** "disapprove" ] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 Very strongly
- 2 Not so strongly
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: DTSUCCESS****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

In the long run, do you think Donald Trump will be...

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 A successful president
- 2 An unsuccessful president
- 3 Too early to tell
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**BAT: QUALPRES\_TRMP****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Thinking about the qualities needed to serve as president, how confident are you that Donald Trump...

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Thinking about the qualities needed to serve as president, how confident are you that Donald Trump **(INSERT ITEM)**? Are you **(READ LIST)**?

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:)** How confident are you that Donald Trump **(INSERT ITEM)**? Are you **(READ LIST)?**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

MF Has the mental fitness needed to do the job  
 PHY Has the physical fitness needed to do the job  
 FIRM **ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):** Has the leadership skills needed to do the job  
 RSP **ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):** Respects the country's democratic values  
 ADV **ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):** Picks good advisers  
 ETH **ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):** Acts ethically in office

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Extremely confident  
 2 Very confident  
 3 Somewhat confident  
 4 Not too confident  
 5 Not at all confident  
 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know  
 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**


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**TXT:****DISPLAY TO FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

Thinking about important issues facing the country today...

**QUE: TRUMPISSUE1****ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

Overall, would you say you tend to agree with Donald Trump on...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 All or nearly all issues
  - 2 Many, but not all issues
  - 3 A few issues
  - 4 No or almost no issues
  - 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
  - 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused
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**QUE: TRUMPISSUE2****ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

Now thinking not about issues, but just about the way Donald Trump conducts himself as president, would you say you...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Like the way he conducts himself
- 2 Have mixed feelings about the way he conducts himself
- 3 Don't like the way he conducts himself
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

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**QUE: NEWPRES\_SUPP**

**ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How many of Donald Trump's policies and plans would you say you support?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 All of them
  - 2 Most of them
  - 3 Some of them
  - 4 Only a few of them
  - 5 None of them
  - 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
  - 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused
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**QUE: NEWPRES\_ACTNS**

**ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Would you say the Trump administration's actions since taking office last year have been...

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 A lot better than you expected
  - 2 A little better than you expected
  - 3 About what you expected
  - 4 A little worse than you expected
  - 5 A lot worse than you expected
  - 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
  - 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused
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**TXT:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PRESWITHOP AND OPWITHPRES SUCH THAT FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1) GETS PRESWITHOP FIRST AND OPWITHPRES SECOND WHILE FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2) GETS OPWITHPRES FIRST AND PRESWITHOP SECOND; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]

**QUE: PRESWITHOP****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS OPWITHPRES, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

This year, do you think Donald Trump should...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Try as best he can to work with Democratic congressional leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing people who voted for him
- 2 Stand up to Democratic congressional leaders on issues that are important to people who voted for him, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**TXT:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PRESWITHOP AND OPWITHPRES SUCH THAT FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1) GETS PRESWITHOP FIRST AND OPWITHPRES SECOND WHILE FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2) GETS OPWITHPRES FIRST AND PRESWITHOP SECOND; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]

**QUE: OPWITHPRES****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS PRESWITHOP, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

This year, do you think Democratic congressional leaders should...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Try as best they can to work with Donald Trump to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing people who voted for them
- 2 Stand up to Donald Trump on issues that are important to people who voted for them, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

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**BAT: IMMIG\_FAVOPP****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VEN\_MADREMV, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

[ PN: IF WEB: ] Thinking about immigration policy, do you favor or oppose each of the following?

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] Thinking about immigration policy, do you favor or oppose each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: Thinking about immigration policy, do you favor or oppose this? (READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

SCMED Requiring people who want to enter the U.S. to let immigration officers review their social media accounts

FEE Giving people priority in the immigration process if they pay a \$1 million fee

ASY Suspending all asylum applications from people seeking to live in the U.S. to escape violence or danger

MIL Maintaining a large military presence at the U.S. border with Mexico

DTN Keeping large numbers of immigrants in detention centers while their cases are decided

PAU75 Pausing visa applications from people in 75 countries seeking to legally immigrate to the U.S.

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Strongly favor

2 Somewhat favor

3 Somewhat oppose

4 Strongly oppose

98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**TXT:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF IMMIGPPL\_ACCEPT AND IMMIGAGNT\_ACCEPT; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]

**BAT: IMMIGPPL\_ACCEPT****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS IMMIGAGNT\_ACCEPT, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

[ PN: IF WEB: ] Do you think each of the following is acceptable or unacceptable for people to do?

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] Do you think each of the following is acceptable or unacceptable for people to do? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**?

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Do you think this is acceptable or unacceptable for people to do? **(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

VIDEO Record video of immigration officers while they make arrests

TRCK Share information about where immigration officers are arresting people

REPT Report people who they think may be in the country illegally to immigration officers

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Definitely acceptable

2 Probably acceptable

3 Probably unacceptable

4 Definitely unacceptable

98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**TXT:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF IMMIGPPL\_ACCEPT AND IMMIGAGNT\_ACCEPT; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]

**BAT: IMMIGAGNT\_ACCEPT****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS IMMIGPPL\_ACCEPT, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

[ PN: IF WEB: ] Do you think each of the following is acceptable or unacceptable for federal immigration officers to do?

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] Do you think each of the following is acceptable or unacceptable for federal immigration officers to do? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**?

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Do you think this is acceptable or unacceptable for federal immigration officers to do? **(READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

MASK Wear face coverings that hide their identities while working  
 NGBH Increase their presence in neighborhoods with many immigrants  
 RLAN Use a person's looks or the language they speak as a reason to check their immigration status  
 CITZ Arrest U.S. citizens who help people avoid immigration officers

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Definitely acceptable  
 2 Probably acceptable  
 3 Probably unacceptable  
 4 Definitely unacceptable  
 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know  
 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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**QUE: EXPAND\_GRNLND\_MOD**

**ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS QUALPRES\_TRMP, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Donald Trump has mentioned an interest in the U.S. taking over Greenland. How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump will do this?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 Extremely likely
- 2 Very likely
- 3 Somewhat likely
- 4 Not too likely
- 5 Not at all likely

**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**

- 6 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
  - 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused
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**QUE: EXPAND2\_GRNLND**

**ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VEN\_MADREMV, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Do you favor or oppose the U.S. taking over Greenland, as Donald Trump has proposed?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 Strongly favor
- 2 Somewhat favor
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose

**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**

- 5 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
  - 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused
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**QUE: REPWORKTRMP**

**ASK IF REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (X\_PARTYSUMFINAL=1):**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Republicans in Congress...

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 Have an obligation to support Donald Trump's policies and programs because he is a Republican president
- 2 Do not have an obligation to support Donald Trump's policies and programs if they disagree with him
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused