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

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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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

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QUE: DTECON
ASK ALL:

Since taking office, have Donald Trump's economic policies made economic conditions...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Better
2   Worse
3   Not had much of an effect
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: ECON1
ASK ALL:

Thinking about the nation's economy...

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Excellent
2   Good
3   Only fair
4   Poor
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: ECON1B
ASK ALL:

A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Better
2   Worse
3   About the same as now
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: ECONCONC
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How concerned, if at all, are you personally about each of the following economic issues in the country today?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How concerned, if at all, are you personally about each of the following economic issues in the country today? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(READ AS NECESSARY: How concerned, if at all, are you personally about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:
UNEM   People who want to work being unable to find jobs
PRICE   The price of food and consumer goods
REAL   The cost of housing
HC   The cost of health care
GAS   **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** The price of gasoline
ELEC   **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** The price of electricity
ENG2 **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** The price of gasoline and energy
STCK   **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** How the stock market is doing

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   Very concerned
2   Somewhat concerned
3   Not too concerned
4   Not at all concerned
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: VEN_MADREMV
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

> **[PN: IF WEB:]** From what you've read and heard, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. using military force to remove Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro?
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> **[PN: IF CATI:]** From what you've read and heard, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. using military force to remove Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro **(PRONO: NI-KUH-LUHS MUH-DOO-ROW)**?
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> **[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)**
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> 1 Strongly approve
> 2 Somewhat approve
> 3 Somewhat disapprove
> 4 Strongly disapprove
> **[PN: ADD 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: VEN_DTCONF
ASK ALL:

> How confident are you that Donald Trump can make wise decisions when it comes to U.S. policy toward Venezuela?
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> **[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)**
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> 1 Very confident
> 2 Somewhat confident
> 3 Not too confident
> 4 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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QUE: VEN_USROLE
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS QUALPRES_TRMP, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How involved do you think the U.S. should be in how Venezuela is governed over the next several months?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Extremely involved
2   Very involved
3   Somewhat involved
4   Not too involved
5   Not at all involved
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: VEN_ACTIONS
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VEN_MADREMV, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Would you favor or oppose the U.S. doing each of the following?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Would you favor or oppose the U.S. doing each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**.
(READ AS NECESSARY: Would you **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:
TROOP   Sending U.S. ground troops to Venezuela
NATRSC   Giving U.S. companies access to Venezuela's oil

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
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: TARIFF_APP
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VEN_MADREMV, HOLDING 98 AND 99; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration substantially increasing tariffs on goods imported from most countries that trade with the U.S.?

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

1   Strongly approve
2   Somewhat approve
3   Somewhat disapprove
4   Strongly disapprove
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 TARIFFS_COUNTRY2 AND TARIFFS_INDIV2 SHOWN ON SAME SCREEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: TARIFFS_COUNTRY2
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS TARIFFS_INDIV2, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

From what you have heard or read, do you think the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on <u>the country as a whole</u> over the coming years will be...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Mostly positive
2   Mostly negative
3   **[PN: IF WEB:]** About equally positive and negative **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or would they be about equally positive and negative?
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: TARIFFS_INDIV2
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS TARIFFS_COUNTRY2, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

From what you have heard or read, do you think the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on <u>you and your family</u> over the coming years will be...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Mostly positive
2   Mostly negative
3   **[PN: IF WEB:]** About equally positive and negative **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or would they be about equally positive and negative?
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