

**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.

 -----**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE BEGINS HERE**-----

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****QUE: ABRTLGL****ASK ALL:**

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

Do you think abortion should be...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Legal in all cases
- 2 Legal in most cases
- 3 Illegal in most cases
- 4 Illegal in all cases
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: ABORTION3**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]

Thinking about the area where you live, how easy or difficult do you think it would be for someone to obtain an abortion near you?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Very difficult
- 2 Somewhat difficult
- 3 Somewhat easy
- 4 Very easy
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: ABORTION4**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Still thinking about the area where you live, do you think that obtaining an abortion should be...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Harder than it is now
- 2 Easier than it is now
- 3 About what it is now
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: ABRTN_MED**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Do you think medication abortion – that is, the use of a prescription pill or a series of pills to end a pregnancy – should be legal or illegal in your state?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Legal
- 2 Illegal
- [PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]**
- 3 **[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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BAT: ABRTVIEW**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

[PN: IF WEB:] Regardless of whether you think abortion should be legal or illegal, how well do each of the following statements describe your views?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Regardless of whether you think abortion should be legal or illegal, how well do each of the following statements describe your views? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Does this statement describe your views **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Regardless of whether you think abortion should be legal or illegal, how well does this statement describe your views? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

a The decision about whether to have an abortion should belong solely to the pregnant woman

[PN: NO ITEM B]

c Human life begins at conception, so an embryo is a person with rights

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

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

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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