

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**Wave 189: Energy issues survey**  
**March 16–22, 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.

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 -----**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE BEGINS HERE**-----  
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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

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**QUE: EN1F2MOD2**

**ASK ALL:**

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

Right now, which of these do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply?

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

- 1 Expanding wind and solar production
  - 2 Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas
  - 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: NRGENCTV**

**ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** What role should the federal government play in each of the following activities?

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** What role should the federal government play in each of the following activities? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Should the federal government **(READ LIST)**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: What role should the federal government play in this? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a The use of electric vehicles
- b The production of wind and solar power
- c Oil and gas drilling
- d Coal mining
- e The production of nuclear power

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Encourage this activity
  - 2 Discourage this activity
  - 3 Neither encourage nor discourage this activity
  - 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: WINDHRD****ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

How much have you read or heard about generating electricity from wind turbine farms?

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Nothing at all
- 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 WIND1\_COST, WIND1\_RELBL, AND WIND1\_ENVIR ON SAME SCREEN;  
INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]

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

[ PN: IF WEB: ] Thinking about generating electricity from wind turbine farms, do you think...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] Thinking about generating electricity from wind turbine farms...

**QUE: WIND1\_COST****ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

[ PN: IF WEB: ] The cost to consumers from wind power is...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] Do you think the cost to consumers from wind power is...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Higher than most other energy sources
- 2 Lower than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same as most other energy sources
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: WIND1\_RELBL****ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

[ PN: IF WEB: ] The reliability of wind power is...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] Do you think the reliability of wind power is...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 More reliable than most other energy sources
- 2 Less reliable than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same as most other energy sources
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: WIND1\_ENVIR****ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] The overall effect on the environment from wind power is...

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Do you think the overall effect on the environment from wind power is...

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

- 1 Better for the environment than most other energy sources
- 2 Worse for the environment than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same for the environment as most other energy sources
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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

How much have you read or heard about generating electricity from solar panel farms?

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

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Nothing at all
- 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 SOLAR1\_COST, SOLAR1\_RELBL, AND SOLAR1\_ENVIR ON SAME SCREEN;  
INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE** ]

**TXT:****DISPLAY TO FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):**

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Thinking about generating electricity from solar panel farms, do you think...

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Thinking about generating electricity from solar panel farms...

**QUE: SOLAR1\_COST****ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):**

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] The cost to consumers from solar power is...

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Do you think the cost to consumers from solar power is...

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

- 1 Higher than most other energy sources
- 2 Lower than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same as most other energy sources
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: SOLAR1\_RELBL****ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):**[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] The reliability of solar power is...[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Do you think the reliability of solar power is...[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 More reliable than most other energy sources
- 2 Less reliable than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same as most other energy sources
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: SOLAR1\_ENVIR****ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):**[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] The overall effect on the environment from solar power is...[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Do you think the overall effect on the environment from solar power is...[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 Better for the environment than most other energy sources
- 2 Worse for the environment than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same for the environment as most other energy sources
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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

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

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

- 1 Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy
- 2 Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: EVCAR2****ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

The next time you purchase a vehicle, how likely are you to seriously consider purchasing an electric vehicle?

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

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

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

- 5 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] I do not expect to purchase a vehicle [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] You do not expect to purchase a vehicle
  - 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: EVCAR2HYB****ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):**

The next time you purchase a vehicle, how likely are you to seriously consider purchasing a hybrid vehicle?

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

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

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

- 5 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] I do not expect to purchase a vehicle [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] You do not expect to purchase a vehicle
  - 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: EVCAR1NEW****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Do you or anyone in your household currently have any of the following?

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] Do you or anyone in your household currently have any of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] Next, what about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: Do you or anyone in your household have this item? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a A gas-powered vehicle
- b A hybrid vehicle
- c An all-electric vehicle

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 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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