

**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: YOURTAXES****ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):**

Considering what you get from the federal government, do you think you pay...

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

- 1 More than your fair share of taxes
- 2 Less than your fair share of taxes
- 3 About the right amount of taxes
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

BAT: TAXBTHR**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):**

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

[**PN: IF WEB:**] How much, if at all, does each of the following bother you about the federal tax system?

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How much, if at all, does each of the following bother you about the federal tax system? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Does this bother you **(READ LIST)**?

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: How much, if at all, does this bother you about the federal tax system? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

- YOU The amount you pay in taxes
- CMPLX The complexity of the tax system
- WLTHY The feeling that some wealthy people don't pay their fair share
- LWINC The feeling that some poor people don't pay their fair share
- CORP The feeling that some corporations don't pay their fair share

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not too much
- 4 Not 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

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