

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

**TOPLINE****N=8,512**

**Note: This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.**

**American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the Methodology.**

**\* "No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say that they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "No answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.**

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

MARIJUANA3 Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults?

	<u>It should be legal for medical AND recreational use</u>	<u>It should be legal for medical use ONLY</u>	<u>It should NOT be legal</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026	55	33	11	1
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	54	33	12	1
Jan 16-21, 2024	57	32	11	*
Oct 10-16, 2022	59	30	10	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	60	31	8	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	59	32	8	*
Aug 16-Sep 12 2016 <sup>1</sup>	49	35	15	1

**ASK ALL:**

MARIJ\_STRICT Are marijuana laws in your state... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 4 LAST]**

Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u>		Jan 16-21, <u>2024</u>
21	Too strict	24
19	Not strict enough	19
36	About right	36

<sup>1</sup> In Aug 16-Sep 12, 2016 question wording asked about "medical and personal use" of marijuana.

24	Not sure	21
*	No answer*	1

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

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4 OR REFUSED):**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>2</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer*</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
28	26	29	15	2	18	21

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<sup>2</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.