

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
Wave 183: Political Typology  
November 17-30, 2025**

**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\_PCARDEXP**

- 1 Large postcard – web (experiment)
- 2 Large postcard – CATI (experiment)
- 3 Standard postcard – web
- 4 Standard postcard – CATI
- 5 No postcard

Note: Flag for postcard type; for postcard experiment with 2025 recruits.

Source: Frame file variables F\_POSTCARD and F\_COHORT.

If F\_COHORT=11 and F\_POSTCARD=2, X\_PCARDEXP=1;

If F\_COHORT=11 and F\_POSTCARD=1, X\_PCARDEXP=2;

If F\_COHORT=1-10 and F\_POSTCARD=2, X\_PCARDEXP=3;

If F\_COHORT=1-10 and F\_POSTCARD=1, X\_PCARDEXP=4;

If F\_POSTCARD=3, X\_PCARDEXP=5

**X\_2025RECRUIT**

- 1 2025 recruit
- 2 Not recruited in 2025

Note: Flag to identify people who should be asked TRANSID.

ATP source: Frame file variable F\_COHORT. If F\_COHORT=11, X\_2025RECRUIT=1. If F\_COHORT NE 11, X\_2025RECRUIT=2.

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**QUE: POLFUT**  
**ASK ALL:**

How much confidence do you have in the future of the U.S. political system?

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

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not too much
- 4 None 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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**QUE: SOCTRUST2**

**ASK ALL:**

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

Generally speaking, would you say that...

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

- 1 Most people can be trusted
- 2 Most people can't be trusted
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**BAT: NATPROBS****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATIONS IN THE DATA FILE ]

[ PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN ]

[ PN: IF WEB ] How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ] How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today? First, (INSERT ITEM). (READ LIST)

[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ] Next... (INSERT ITEM). (READ AS NECESSARY: How much of a problem do you think this is in the country? (READ LIST))

**BATTERY ITEMS:****SCREEN 1:**

DEF The federal budget deficit  
 IMM Illegal immigration  
 GUN Gun violence  
 CLIM Climate change

**SCREEN 2:**

RAC Racism  
 VCRI Violent crime  
 INEQ Economic inequality

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 A very big problem  
 2 A moderately big problem  
 3 A small problem  
 4 Not a problem 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

**QUE: GOVSIZE1****ASK ALL:**

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

If you had to choose, would you rather have...

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

- 1 A smaller government providing fewer services
- 2 A bigger government providing more services
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: GOVSIZE1\_SM****ASK IF WOULD CHOOSE A SMALLER GOVERNMENT (GOVSIZE1=1):**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

While you would choose a smaller government providing fewer services, should the services the government currently provides be...

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

- 1 Reduced a lot
- 2 Reduced a little
- 3 Stay about the same
- 4 Expanded a little
- 5 Expanded a lot
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: GOVSIZE1\_BIG****ASK IF WOULD CHOOSE A BIGGER GOVERNMENT (GOVSIZE1=2):**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

While you would choose a bigger government providing more services, should the services the government currently provides be...

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

- 1 Reduced a lot
- 2 Reduced a little
- 3 Stay about the same
- 4 Expanded a little
- 5 Expanded a lot
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**BAT: NATIONID****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] How important is it for the United States to...

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] How important is it for the United States to **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST)**

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] How about **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: How important is it for the United States to (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

REF2 Take in refugees from countries where people are trying to escape violence  
 CHR Have a culture based in Christian religious beliefs  
 OPP Ensure equal opportunities for everyone to succeed  
 CAP Have an economic system based on capitalism  
 BRD Maintain secure borders  
 CKBL Have a government with checks and balances across Congress, the presidency, and the courts

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Extremely important  
 2 Very important  
 3 Somewhat important  
 4 Not too important  
 5 Not at all important  
 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know  
 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: VOTEDIR\_MOD****ASK ALL:**

How much, if at all, do you think that voting by people like you can affect the direction the country takes in the future?

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

1 A lot  
 2 Some  
 3 Not 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

**QUE: PROBPOL****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

When politicians talk about how to fix big problems facing the country, do they more often...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Make things sound harder to fix than they really are
- 2 Make things sound easier to fix than they really are
- 3 Get it about right
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: GODMORALIMP****ASK ALL:**

Regardless of your own religious beliefs, how important, if at all, do you think it is for a person to believe in God in order to be considered good and moral?

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Essential
- 2 Important, but not essential
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: ALLIES****ASK ALL:**

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

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making compromises with them
- 2 In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its own national interests even when its allies strongly disagree
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: ECON\_FAIRNESS****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

Overall, would you say the economic system in this country is...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Extremely fair
- 2 Very fair
- 3 Somewhat fair
- 4 Not too fair
- 5 Not at all fair
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: TALKIMP****ASK ALL:**

How important is it to you personally to use language that other people do not find offensive?

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: POLICY3MOD****ASK ALL:**

In general, would you say experts who study a subject for many years are...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Usually better at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
- 2 Usually worse at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
- 3 Neither better nor worse at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: LEGALIMMIGAMT****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

Do you think the number of legal immigrants the U.S. admits should...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Increase a lot
- 2 Increase a little
- 3 Stay about the same
- 4 Decrease a little
- 5 Decrease a lot
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUE: RACESURV12MOD****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

When it comes to Black people having equal rights with White people, do you think our country has...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Gone too far
- 2 Not gone far enough
- 3 Been about right
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: TRANGEND1MOD****ASK ALL:**

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

Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Whether someone is a man or a woman is determined by their sex at birth
- 2 Someone can be a man or a woman even if that is different from their sex at birth
- 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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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**


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**QUE: DIVRS\_FAIR****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

In general, do you think efforts to promote diversity in workplaces and schools have made society...

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

- 1 A lot more fair
  - 2 A little more fair
  - 3 No more or less fair
  - 4 A little less fair
  - 5 A lot less fair
  - 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: MARRFAMNEW****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How important is it for society that people make marriage and having children a priority in their lives?

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

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Somewhat important
- 4 Not too important
- 5 Not at all important
- 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: CNTRYFAIR2**

**ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Do you think...

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Do you think **(INSERT ITEM) (READ LIST)?**

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Do you think **(INSERT ITEM) (READ LIST)?**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

USOTH The U.S. generally treats other countries...

OTHUS Other countries generally treat the U.S....

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Extremely fairly

2 Very fairly

3 Somewhat fairly

4 Not too fairly

5 Not at all fairly

98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**BAT: THERMO****ASK ALL:**

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

[ PN: PROGRAM A NUMERIC TEXT BOX; VALID RANGE FOR RESPONDENT=0-100; VALID RANGE FOR PROGRAM=0-997; NO LETTERS, NEGATIVE NUMBERS OR DECIMALS ]

[ PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT IF INITIALLY SKIPS ANY ITEM IN THIS BATTERY: *Please enter the "degree" or number between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings in the box. If you would like to skip, click Next. ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN; IF CATI, INTERVIEWERS MUST ENTER A RESPONSE OR SELECT DK OR REFUSED TO CONTINUE* ]

[ PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT IF ENTERS MORE THAN 100: *Please enter the "degree" or number between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings in the box. If you would like to skip, click Next. ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF CLICK NEXT AGAIN WITHOUT CHANGING RESPONSE* ]

[ PN: IF ENTERS A NUMBER GREATER THAN 997 HARD PROMPT: "The number entered is too large." ]

[ PN: IF WEB: ] We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of groups on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the group at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them.

[ PN: IF WEB: ] *Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings.*

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of groups on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the group at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them. First, **(INSERT ITEM)** **(READ IF NECESSARY:** A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the group at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them. You can use any number from 0 to 100.)

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)** **(READ IF NECESSARY:** A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the group at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them. You can use any number from 0 to 100.)

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

THERMREP How do you feel toward Republicans?

THERMDEM How do you feel toward Democrats?

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

Enter number here: [ PN: PROGRAM A NUMERIC TEXT BOX RANGE 0-997 ]

998 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

999 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: JUST\_ERROR****ASK ALL:**

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

No system of justice is perfect, but which do you think would be worse?

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

- 1 Convicting an innocent person
- 2 Letting a guilty person go free
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: FINAGENCY****ASK ALL:**

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

How much personal control do you think most Americans have over how financially successful they will be in life?

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

- 1 A great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not too much
- 4 None 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

**BAT: SOCIETY****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society?

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**?

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: Is this (READ LIST)?)**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

SSM Same-sex marriages being legal in the U.S.

CHILD People having fewer children

AI [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Increased use of artificial intelligence (AI) in daily life [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Increased use of artificial intelligence, or AI, in daily life

WBUS An increase in the number of women leading major business corporations

EC People using electric vehicles instead of gasoline vehicles

SMED More people getting their news from social media

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Very good for society

2 Somewhat good for society

3 Neither good nor bad for society

4 Somewhat bad for society

5 Very bad for society

98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: ALLIES\_BURD****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

All in all, do you think the relationships the U.S. has had with its allies over the past 50 years have been more of a...

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

1 Burden to the U.S.

2 Benefit to the U.S.

3 About equally a benefit and burden to the U.S.

98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: RELIG\_GOV****ASK ALL:**

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

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Religion should be kept separate from government policies
- 2 Government policies should support religious values and beliefs
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: RACESURV17****ASK ALL:**

How much, if at all, do you think the legacy of slavery affects the position of Black people in American society today?

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 A great deal
- 2 A fair amount
- 3 Not 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

**QUE: ELITEUND\_5MOD****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

In general, how well do you think people in influential and powerful positions throughout our society understand the challenges people like you face in their daily lives?

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 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

**QUE: OPENIDEN****ASK ALL:**

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

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who we are as a nation
- 2 If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk losing our identity as a nation
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: CANMTCHPOL2****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

Thinking about recent elections, how often has there been at least one candidate who shares your views?

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Always
- 2 Often
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Hardly ever
- 5 Never
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: GOODEVIL****ASK ALL:**

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

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Most things in society can be pretty clearly divided into good and evil
- 2 Most things in society are too complicated to be clearly divided between good and evil
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**BAT: PROBOFF****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: IF WEB: ] How much of a problem, if any, would you say each of the following are in the country today?

[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ] How much of a problem, if any, would you say each of the following are in the country today? First, (INSERT ITEM). (READ LIST)

[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ] Next, (INSERT ITEM).

(READ AS NECESSARY: Would you say this is a major problem, minor problem, or not a problem in the country today?)

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a People being too easily offended by things others say
- b People saying things that are very offensive to others

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Major problem
- 2 Minor problem
- 3 Not a problem
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**BAT: RUNWHY****ASK ALL:**

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

[ PN: IF WEB: ] In your view, how many of the people who currently serve in elected office in local, state, and federal governments ran for office because they wanted to...

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] In your view, how many of the people who currently serve in elected office in local, state, and federal governments ran for office because they wanted to **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST)**

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] Next, how many of the people who currently serve in elected office in local, state, and federal governments ran for office because they wanted to **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

SRV Serve the public  
ISS Address the issues they care about  
MNEY Make a lot of money

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 All of them  
2 Most of them  
3 Some of them  
4 A few of them  
5 None of them  
98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know  
99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: POLHUM****ASK ALL:**

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

When politicians you agree with humiliate their political opponents, do you...

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

1 Like it a lot  
2 Like it a little  
3 Dislike it a little  
4 Dislike it a lot  
98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know  
99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: CRIM\_SENT2****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

Overall, would you say people who are convicted of crimes in this country serve...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Too much time in prison
- 2 Too little time in prison
- 3 About the right amount of time in prison
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: REGULATEMOD****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

In general, do you think government regulation of business does...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 More good than harm
- 2 More harm than good
- 3 About the same amount of harm and good
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUE: POORASSIST****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]

Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Should provide more assistance
- 2 Should provide less assistance
- 3 Is providing about the right amount of assistance
- 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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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**


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**BAT: CMFRT\_LISTMOD****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATIONS AND ROTATION IN THE DATA FILE ]

[ PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN ]

[ PN: IF WEB: ] Thinking about things that sometimes happen in society, how comfortable are you with each of the following?

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] Thinking about things that sometimes happen in society, how comfortable are you with each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. How comfortable are you with this? **(READ LIST)**

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY: How comfortable are you with this? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:****SCREEN 1:**

- PRN Someone using the pronouns "they/them" instead of "he" or "she" to describe themselves
- ENG People speaking a language other than English in public places in your community
- GUN People openly carrying guns in public places
- PRY Someone you don't know well saying they will keep you in their prayers

**SCREEN 2:**

- MDN Women not taking their husbands' last names when they get married
- CONF Someone displaying a Confederate flag on their home or car
- ATHL Transgender athletes competing on sports teams that don't match their sex at birth

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Extremely comfortable
- 2 Very comfortable
- 3 Somewhat comfortable
- 4 Not too comfortable
- 5 Not at all comfortable
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: FOLGOV****ASK ALL:**

Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...

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

- 1 Most of the time
- 2 Some of the time
- 3 Only now and then
- 4 Hardly 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

**QUE: FIN\_SIT****ASK ALL:**

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

How would you describe your household's financial situation? Do you...

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

- 1 Live comfortably
- 2 Meet your basic expenses with a little left over for extras
- 3 Just meet your basic expenses
- 4 Not even have enough to meet basic expenses
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: FREQXP1****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

How often, if ever, do you feel unfairly judged by others because of the language you use to express yourself?

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

- 1 All of the time
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Some of the time
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: DIVERSEPOP\_MOD2****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

In general, do you think the fact that the U.S. population is made up of people of many different races, ethnicities, and religions...

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

- 1 Strengthens American society a lot
- 2 Strengthens American society a little
- 3 Doesn't make much difference
- 4 Weakens American society a little
- 5 Weakens American society a lot
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused**

**BAT: PROFITBAT****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

[ **PN: IF WEB: ]** Do you think each of the following makes too much or too little profit?

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Do you think each of the following makes too much or too little profit? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Do you think they make **(READ LIST)**?

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: Do you think they make (READ LIST)?)**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

CORP Large corporations  
SMBUS Small businesses

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Too much profit
- 2 Too little profit
- 3 About the right amount of profit
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused**

**BAT: POLVIEWS****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] If given the opportunity, how interested would you be in talking about politics with someone who...

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] If given the opportunity, how interested would you be in talking about politics with someone who **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] How about talking politics with someone who **(INSERT ITEM)**?

**(READ AS NECESSARY:** If given the opportunity, how interested would you be in talking about politics with someone who **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**)

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

DIFF Has very different political views from your own

SME Has mostly the same political views as your own

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Extremely interested
- 2 Very interested
- 3 Somewhat interested
- 4 Not too interested
- 5 Not at all interested
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: SOCSEC\_FUT****ASK ALL:**

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

Thinking about the long term future of Social Security, do you think...

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

- 1 Some reductions in benefits for future retirees need to be considered
- 2 Social Security benefits should not be reduced in any way
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: SOCSEC\_RED****ASK IF THINK SOCIAL SECURITY NEEDS REDUCTIONS (SOCSEC\_FUT=1):****[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Should Social Security be...

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

- 1      Phased out as a government program
- 2      Maintained at a reduced level
- 98     **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99     **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: SOCSEC\_KEEP****ASK IF THINK SOCIAL SECURITY SHOULD HAVE NO REDUCTIONS (SOCSEC\_FUT=2):****[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Should Social Security...

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

- 1      Cover more people, with greater benefits
- 2      Be kept about as it is
- 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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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**


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**QUE: BILLSTYPICAL****ASK ALL:**

Which best describes your ability to pay all of your bills in full in a typical month?

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

- 1 [ PN: IF WEB: ] I can typically pay all of my bills in full [ PN: IF CATI: ] You can typically pay all of your bills in full
- 2 [ PN: IF WEB: ] I cannot pay some bills or can only make a partial payment on some of them [ PN: IF CATI: ] You cannot pay some bills or can only make a partial payment on some of them
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: EMERGFUND****ASK ALL:**

Do you have emergency or rainy day funds that would cover your expenses for 3 months in case of sickness, job loss, economic downturn, or other emergencies?

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

- 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

**QUE: PARTY****ASK ALL:**

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

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 Something else
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: PARTYLN****ASK IF INDEP, SOMETHING ELSE, DK, OR REFUSED (PARTY=3, 4, 98, 99):**

As of today, do you lean more to...

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 The Republican Party
- 2 The Democratic Party
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: PARTYSTR****ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2):**

Do you identify with the [ **PN: IF PARTY=1 INSERT** "Republican"; **IF PARTY=2 INSERT** "Democratic" ] Party...

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

- 1 Strongly
- 2 Not strongly
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: PARTYLNCLOSE****ASK IF LEAN TOWARD A PARTY (PARTYLN=1,2):**

[ **PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

And how close would you say you feel to the [ **PN: IF PARTYLN=1 INSERT** "Republican"; **IF PARTYLN=2 INSERT** "Democratic" ] Party?

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

- 1 Extremely close
- 2 Very close
- 3 Somewhat close
- 4 Not too close
- 5 Not at all close
- 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: MAGASUP****ASK ALL:****[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** From what you have read and heard, how do you feel about the MAGA – that is, Make America Great Again – movement?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ]** From what you have read and heard, how do you feel about the MAGA (**PRONO: MAG-uh**) – that is, Make America Great Again – movement?

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

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Somewhat support
- 3 Somewhat oppose
- 4 Strongly oppose
- 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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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**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**

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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.

**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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**BAT: MEDESC**

**ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS QUALPRES\_TRMP, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] How well would you say each of the following phrases describes you?

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] How well would you say each of the following phrases describes you? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Does this describe you **(READ LIST)**?

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: How well would you say this phrase describes you? (READ LIST))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

WRK Working class  
 OPEN **ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):** Open-minded  
 RESP **ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):** Respectful of authority  
 INT **ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):** Interested in visiting other countries  
 TRAD **ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):** Traditional  
 SKEP **ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):** Skeptical of what experts say

**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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**QUE: USEXCEPT**

**ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE** ]

Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States?

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

1 The U.S. stands above all other countries in the world  
 2 The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along with some others  
 3 There are other countries that are better than the U.S.  
 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know  
 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: ATTPOLRLLY**  
**ASK ALL:**

Have you participated in a political campaign, meeting, protest, or rally over the last two years?

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

- 1 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Yes, I have done this [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Yes, you have done this  
 2 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] No, I have not done this [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] No, you have not done this  
 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know  
 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**QUE: MATTERSCONG**

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

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

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Thinking about how you feel about the 2026 congressional elections in November, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Thinking about how you feel about the 2026 congressional elections in November, please tell me where you would place yourself on a scale from 1 to 4, where 1 means it [ **PN: INSERT RESPONSE OPTION=1** ] and 4 means it [ **PN: INSERT RESPONSE OPTION=4** ]. You may use any number from 1 to 4.

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ LIST)**

- 1 Really matters which party wins control of Congress  
 2  
 3  
 4 Doesn't really matter which party wins control of Congress  
 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know  
 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: MATTERSCONG3****ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):****[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Thinking about the 2026 congressional elections in November, do you think which party wins control of Congress...

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

- 1 Matters a lot
- 2 Matters a little
- 3 Doesn't matter 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

**QUE: CONG****ASK IF CITIZEN (X\_CITIZEN=1):****[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 4, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for...

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

- 1 The Republican Party's candidate in your district
- 2 The Democratic Party's candidate in your district
- 3 Another candidate
- [ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
- 4 **[ 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

**QUE: CONGA****ASK IF 'NOT SURE' OR NO RESPONSE TO CONG (CONG=4,99):****[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG, HOLDING 3, 4, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

As of today, who do you lean more towards for the U.S. House of Representatives?

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

- 1 The Republican Party's candidate in your district
- 2 The Democratic Party's candidate in your district
- 3 Another candidate
- [ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**
- 4 **[ 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

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

Thinking about major problems facing the country and how best to solve them...

In general, which do you think would be more effective?

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

- 1 Using proven approaches that solve problems gradually, even if change may take a while
- 2 Using new approaches that may be able to solve problems quickly, but also may risk making things worse
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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

Which comes closer to your own view?

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

- 1 There are clear solutions to most big issues facing the country today
- 2 Most big issues facing the country today don't have clear solutions
- 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 DEMCARE AND REPCARE; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**QUE: DEMCARE**

**ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS REPCARE, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How much does the Democratic Party care about people like you?

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

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Some
- 4 Not too much
- 5 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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**TXT:**

**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DEMCARE AND REPCARE; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**QUE: REPCARE**

**ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS DEMCARE, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How much does the Republican Party care about people like you?

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

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Some
- 4 Not too much
- 5 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

**QUE: BESTPRES****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-7/7-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

Thinking about all of the U.S. presidents over the past 40 years, which one do you think has done the best job as president?

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

- 1 Ronald Reagan
- 2 George H.W. Bush
- 3 Bill Clinton
- 4 George W. Bush
- 5 Barack Obama
- 6 Joe Biden
- 7 Donald Trump
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: BESTPRES2**

**ASK IF BESTPRES IS NOT SKIPPED (BESTPRES=1,2,3,4,5,6,7):**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-7/7-1 IN SAME ORDER AS BESTPRES, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; REMOVE THE OPTION CHOSEN IN BESTPRES ]**

Which president would you name as the second-best president of the last 40 years?

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

- 1 Ronald Reagan
- 2 George H.W. Bush
- 3 Bill Clinton
- 4 George W. Bush
- 5 Barack Obama
- 6 Joe Biden
- 7 Donald Trump
- 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: DISPLAY ISLMVIOL, VOTING, AND USASOLVE ON THE SAME SCREEN WITH A LINE SEPARATING EACH SET OF RESPONSES; RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF ISLMVIOL, VOTING, USASOLVE; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]

**QUE: ISLMVIOL**

ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):

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

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers
- 2 The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: VOTING**

ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):

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

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things
- 2 Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how government runs things
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

**QUE: USASOLVE**

ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):

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

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)

- 1 As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and get what we want
- 2 This country can't solve many of its important problems
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ) Refused

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

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

The police should...

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

- 1 Be allowed to stop and search anyone who fits the general description of a crime suspect
- 2 Not be allowed to stop and search anyone just because they fit the general description of a crime suspect
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

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

- 1 U.S. efforts to solve problems around the world usually end up making things worse
- 2 Problems in the world would be even worse without U.S. involvement
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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

In your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you disagree with, do you generally find it to be...

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

- 1 Interesting and informative
- 2 Stressful and frustrating
- 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: BILLION**  
**ASK ALL:**

Do you think the fact that there are some people in this country who have personal fortunes of a billion dollars or more is...

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

- 1 A good thing for the country
  - 2 A bad thing for the country
  - 3 Neither a good thing or a bad thing
  - 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: CHINA\_US\_ENEMY**  
**ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

On balance, do you think of China as a partner of the U.S., a competitor of the U.S. or an enemy of the U.S.?

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

- 1 Partner
  - 2 Competitor
  - 3 Enemy
  - 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: RUSSIA\_US\_ENEMY**  
**ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):**

On balance, do you think of Russia as a partner of the U.S., a competitor of the U.S. or an enemy of the U.S.?

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

- 1 Partner
  - 2 Competitor
  - 3 Enemy
  - 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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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**BAT: VTPRIORITY****ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):**

**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VEN\_MADREMV, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following ideas about election policy.

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following ideas about election policy. First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Would you... **(READ LIST)**?

**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose (INSERT ITEM)? Would you (READ LIST)?**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

ATO	Automatically registering all eligible citizens to vote
GOVID	Requiring all voters to show government-issued photo identification to vote
ML	Allowing any voter to vote by mail if they want to

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1	Strongly favor
2	Somewhat favor
3	Somewhat oppose
4	Strongly oppose
98	<b>[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know
99	<b>[ PN: IF WEB: ]</b> Web blank / <b>[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)</b> Refused

**QUE: LEADERCHAR\_DSA****ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

How much do you like or dislike political leaders who identify as democratic socialists?

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

1	Dislike a lot
2	Dislike a little
3	Neither like nor dislike
4	Like a little
5	Like a lot
98	<b>[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)</b> Don't know
99	<b>[ PN: IF WEB: ]</b> Web blank / <b>[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)</b> Refused

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

Which of the following statements comes closest to your overall view of gun laws in this country?

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

- 1 Gun laws should be more strict than they are today
- 2 Gun laws are about right
- 3 Gun laws should be less strict than they are today
- 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:****DISPLAY TO ALL:**

Before we finish, this question is about your financial situation and how you are getting along these days. This information is used by researchers to answer questions like, how do views on economic policies differ, if at all, for people at different income levels. As a reminder, you can skip any question that you are not comfortable answering.

**BAT: FINANCE\_ACCTS****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B, HOLDING ITEM C ALWAYS LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE** ]

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Do you have any of the following types of savings or investment accounts?

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] Do you have any of the following types of savings or investment accounts? First, do you have (**INSERT ITEM**)? (**READ LIST IF NECESSARY**)

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] Next, do you have (**INSERT ITEM**)? (**READ LIST IF NECESSARY**)

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a A savings account
- b [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] An IRA, 401(k), or a similar kind of retirement account [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] An IRA (**PRONO: I-R-A**), 401(k) (**PRONO: 4-O-1-K**), or a similar kind of retirement account
- c [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Personal investments in stocks, bonds, or mutual funds other than those held in an IRA or 401(k) [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Personal investments in stocks, bonds, or mutual funds other than those held in an IRA (**PRONO: I-R-A**) or 401(k) (**PRONO: 4-O-1-K**)

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Yes, I have this [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] Yes, you have this
- 2 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] No, I do not have this [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] No, you do not have this
- 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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**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
Wave 192: Politics Survey  
April 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**

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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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**QUE: VTEARLYDOC**

**ASK ALL:**

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

Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?

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

- 1 A voter should only be allowed to vote early or absentee if they have a documented reason for not voting in person on Election Day
  - 2 Any voter should have the option to vote early or absentee without having to document a reason
  - 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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