

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

**FINAL TOPLINE  
N=10,357**

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.

**ASK ALL:**

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

Nov 17-30, <u>2025</u>		Jul 10-16, <u>2023</u>
7	A lot	4
37	Some	33
42	Not too much	48
13	None at all	15
1	No answer*	*

**ASK ALL:**

SOCTRUST2 Generally speaking, would you say that... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	<u>Most people can be trusted</u>	<u>Most people can't be trusted</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Nov 17-30, 2025	46	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2025	55	44	1
Jul 26-Aug 8, 2021	59	40	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	53	46	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	52	47	1
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	57	43	*

**ASK ALL:**  
NATPROBS

How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?  
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON EACH SCREEN AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREENS;  
RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN]**

**[SCREEN 1]**

		<u>A very big problem</u>	<u>A moderately big problem</u>	<u>A small problem</u>	<u>Not a problem at all</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
DEF	The federal budget deficit					
	Nov 17-30, 2025	56	35	8	1	*
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	57	33	8	2	1
	May 13-19, 2024	53	34	11	1	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	56	32	9	2	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	51	33	13	3	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	50	34	11	3	1
	Apr 5-11, 2021	49	33	14	3	1
	Jun 16-22, 2020	47	38	12	3	1
	Sep 3-15, 2019	53	38	8	1	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	35	8	2	1
IMM	Illegal immigration					
	Nov 17-30, 2025	36	28	29	6	*
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	48	26	22	5	*
	May 13-19, 2024	51	26	20	3	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	47	26	21	6	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	38	26	27	8	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	43	29	23	5	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	48	29	19	3	*
	Jun 16-22, 2020	28	29	33	9	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	43	27	24	6	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	38	28	28	6	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	42	26	25	6	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	44	30	21	5	1
GUN	Gun violence					
	Nov 17-30, 2025	50	30	17	3	*
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	48	29	18	4	*
	May 13-19, 2024	49	27	19	4	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	60	23	13	4	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	51	25	20	4	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	48	24	22	6	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	53	28	14	4	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	48	27	20	4	*
CLIM	Climate change					
	Nov 17-30, 2025	36	28	21	14	*
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	41	24	20	15	*
	May 13-19, 2024	36	28	22	13	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	39	27	20	12	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	42	27	19	11	1
	Jul 8-18, 2021	47	23	18	11	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	40	25	22	12	*
	Jun 16-22, 2020	40	26	21	13	1
	Sep 3-15, 2019	48	24	17	10	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	46	27	18	9	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	43	28	20	9	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	40	26	21	12	1

**[SCREEN 2]  
NATPROBS CONTINUED...**

		A very big <u>problem</u>	A moderately <u>big problem</u>	A small <u>problem</u>	Not a problem <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
RAC	Racism					
	Nov 17-30, 2025	35	33	26	6	*
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	36	28	28	8	*
	May 13-19, 2024	29	35	29	6	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	35	31	26	7	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	35	34	25	6	1
	Jul 8-18, 2021	45	28	21	6	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	45	27	20	7	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	43	31	21	4	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	40	37	19	3	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	46	32	18	4	*	
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	39	38	19	3	1	
VCRI	Violent crime					
	Nov 17-30, 2025	44	41	14	1	*
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	47	36	16	1	*
	May 13-19, 2024	48	36	15	1	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	59	30	10	1	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	54	34	10	1	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	61	29	9	1	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	48	36	15	1	*
	Jun 16-22, 2020	41	38	20	2	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	49	37	13	1	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	52	33	13	1	*	
INEQ	Economic inequality					
	Nov 17-30, 2025	47	31	17	5	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	44	31	18	6	1
	Apr 5-11, 2021	43	31	19	7	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	44	31	18	6	*
	Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019 <sup>1</sup>	51	30	14	5	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	54	28	12	5	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	57	29	9	5	1	

<sup>1</sup> February 2019 and prior, question asked about "The gap between the rich and poor."

**ASK ALL:**GOVSIZE1 If you had to choose, would you rather have... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	A smaller government <u>providing fewer services</u>	A bigger government <u>providing more services</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Nov 17-30, 2025	46	53	2
Apr 7-13, 2025	47	51	2
Apr 8-14, 2024	49	48	3
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	48	49	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	48	50	2
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	45	52	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	48	50	2

**ASK IF WOULD CHOOSE A SMALLER GOVERNMENT (GOVSIZE1=1) [N=5,013]:**GOVSIZE1\_SM While you would choose a smaller government providing fewer services, should the services the government currently provides be... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]****ASK IF WOULD CHOOSE A BIGGER GOVERNMENT (GOVSIZE1=2) [N=5,199]:**GOVSIZE1\_BIG While you would choose a bigger government providing fewer services, should the services the government currently provides be... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]****BASED ON TOTAL**Nov 17-30,  
2025

34	NET Reduced
15	Reduced a lot
18	Reduced a little
19	Stay about the same
46	NET Expanded
25	Expanded a little
21	Expanded a lot
2	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

NATIONID

How important is it for the United States to...

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

		Extremely <u>important</u>	Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
REF2	Take in refugees from countries where people are trying to escape violence Nov 17-30, 2025	11	25	39	16	8	1
CHR	Have a culture based in Christian religious beliefs Nov 17-30, 2025	18	16	21	16	28	1
	Aug 5-11, 2024	16	17	23	16	26	1
OPP	Ensure equal opportunities for everyone to succeed Nov 17-30, 2025	40	35	19	4	2	*
	Aug 5-11, 2024	41	35	18	3	2	1
CAP	Have an economic system based on capitalism Nov 17-30, 2025	20	24	32	13	8	3
	Aug 5-11, 2024	21	25	30	13	8	3
BRD	Maintain secure borders Nov 17-30, 2025	38	30	24	6	2	*
CKBL	Have a government with checks and balances across Congress, the presidency, and the courts Nov 17-30, 2025	59	25	11	2	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

VOTEDIR\_MOD

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

Nov 17-30, <u>2025</u>		Sep 30-Oct 6, <u>2024</u>	Jul 10-16, <u>2023</u>
34	A lot	40	20
38	Some	35	36
22	Not much	18	31
7	Not at all	7	11
*	No answer*	*	1

**ASK ALL:**

PROBPOL

When politicians talk about how to fix big problems facing the country, do they more often...  
**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

Nov 17-30,  
2025

38	Make things sound <u>harder</u> to fix than they really are
54	Make things sound <u>easier</u> to fix than they really are
6	Get it about right
2	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

GODMORALIMP

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?

Nov 17-30,  
2025

23	Essential
33	Important, but not essential
15	Not too important
28	Not at all important
1	No answer*

Jul 8-18

2021

20
34
16
28
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**ASK ALL:**

ALLIES

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making <u>compromises with them</u>	In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its own national interests even when its allies <u>strongly disagree</u>	No answer*
Nov 17-30, 2025	62	37	2
Apr 8-14, 2024	60	39	2
Oct 10-16, 2022	61	36	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	64	34	2
Feb 1-7, 2021	64	34	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	68	31	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	65	33	2
			<b>(VOL.)</b>
			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	59	36	5
Mar 20-25, 2019	54	40	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	55	38	7
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	59	36	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	51	42	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 <sup>2</sup>	53	36	11
December 2004	53	37	10

<sup>2</sup> In Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 and before, item was asked as part of a list with follow-up asking whether respondents felt strongly or not strongly about their position.

**ASK ALL:**

ECON\_FAIRNESS

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

**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID]**Nov 17-30,  
2025

2	Extremely fair
11	Very fair
35	Somewhat fair
31	Not too fair
19	Not at all fair
1	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

TALKIMP

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

Nov 17-30,  
2025

31	Very important
39	Somewhat important
20	Not too important
10	Not at all important
1	No answer*

Jan 16-21,  
2024

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38
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11
1

Apr 29-May 13,  
2019

42
37
14
5
2

**ASK ALL:**

POLICY3MOD

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

Nov 17-30,  
2025

60	Usually <u>better</u> at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
7	Usually <u>worse</u> at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
33	<u>Neither better nor worse</u> at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
1	No answer*

Apr 8-14,  
2024

59
6
34
1

Jul 8-18,  
2021

61
5
32
1

**ASK ALL:**

LEGALIMMIGAMT

Do you think the number of legal immigrants the U.S. admits should...**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**Nov 17-30,  
2025

11	Increase a lot
18	Increase a little
45	Stay about the same
12	Decrease a little
13	Decrease a lot
1	No answer*

Jul 8-18,  
2021

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17
44
13
13
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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

RACESURV12MOD

When it comes to Black people having equal rights with White people, do you think our country has... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

	<u>Gone too far</u>	<u>Not gone far enough</u>	<u>Been about right</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Nov 17-30, 2025	18	43	37	1
Feb 10-17, 2025	18	43	38	1
Oct 13-19, 2020 <sup>3</sup>	16	50	32	2
Sep 8-13, 2020 <sup>4</sup>	15	49	34	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	14	43	43	1
Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	15	45	39	1

**ASK ALL:**

TRANGEND1MOD

Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?  
**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	Whether someone is a man or a woman is determined by <u>their sex at birth</u>	Someone can be a man or a woman even if that is different <u>from their sex at birth</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Nov 17-30, 2025	67	31	1
Feb 10-17, 2025 <sup>5</sup>	67	31	2
Apr 8-14, 2024	65	33	2
May 16-22, 2022	60	38	1
Jun 14-27, 2021	56	41	3
Sep 14-28, 2017	54	44	2

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

DIVRS\_FAIR

In general, do you think efforts to promote diversity in workplaces and schools have made society... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**Nov 17-30,  
2025

12	A lot more fair
29	A little more fair
25	No more or less fair
13	A little less fair
19	A lot less fair
1	No answer*

<sup>3</sup> Prior to October 2020, the question asked about "giving Black people equal rights with Whites." In October 2020, we did a question wording experiment asking the question with that wording to a random half of the sample and asking the other half about "Black people having equal rights with White people." Findings didn't differ based on which version respondents were asked.

<sup>4</sup> Starting in September 2020, "White" and "Black" were capitalized in accordance with new Pew Research Center style. In past surveys, both words were lowercase.

<sup>5</sup> Prior to November 2025, question asked about "sex assigned at birth."

**ASK ALL:**

MARRFAMNEW

How important is it for society that people make marriage and having children a priority in their lives? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID]**

Nov 17-30,  
2025

14	Extremely important
19	Very important
31	Somewhat important
22	Not too important
14	Not at all important
1	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

CNTRYFAIR2

Do you think... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID]**

		Extremely <u>fairly</u>	Very <u>fairly</u>	Somewhat <u>fairly</u>	Not too <u>fairly</u>	Not at all <u>fairly</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
USOTH	The U.S. generally treats other countries... Nov 17-30, 2025	8	21	40	23	8	1
OTHUS	Other countries generally treat the U.S... Nov 17-30, 2025	3	15	49	24	8	1

**ASK ALL:**

THERMO

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. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No <u>answer*</u>	<i>Mean rating</i>
THERMREP	How do you feel toward Republicans?							
	Nov 17-30, 2025 <sup>6</sup>	36	12	19	14	18	1	41
	Mar 7-13, 2022	32	14	21	14	18	1	43
	Jun 14-27, 2021	34	13	22	13	18	1	42
	Sep 3-15, 2019 <sup>7</sup>	32	15	19	14	19	1	44
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	25	17	24	14	19	1	47
	Aug 8-21, 2017	31	16	24	14	12	2	41
	Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	23	10	28	15	21	3	50
	Mar 2-28, 2016	25	15	29	13	16	2	46

<sup>6</sup> In prior surveys, the question stem began: "We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of groups in the U.S."

<sup>7</sup> In prior surveys, "How do you feel toward" was separated and part of the question stem.

**THERMO CONTINUED...**

		Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No answer*	<i>Mean rating</i>
THERMDEM	How do you feel toward Democrats?							
	Nov 17-30, 2025	34	14	21	16	14	1	41
	Mar 7-13, 2022	34	11	20	16	18	1	43
	Jun 14-27, 2021	31	10	20	16	22	1	46
	Sep 3-15, 2019	29	14	18	18	21	1	47
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	22	13	22	18	24	1	51
	Aug 8-21, 2017	28	14	23	16	18	1	45
	Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	19	13	26	14	24	3	52
	Mar 2-28, 2016	22	12	26	15	23	2	51

**ASK ALL:**

JUST\_ERROR No system of justice is perfect, but which do you think would be worse? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

Nov 17-30,  
2025

73	Convicting an innocent person
26	Letting a guilty person go free
1	No answer*

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Q.A127 Next, all systems of justice make mistakes, but which do you think is worse: to convict an innocent person or to let a guilty person go free?

		<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
		GSS <u>2016</u>	GSS <u>2006</u>	GSS <u>1996</u>	GSS <u>1990</u>	GSS <u>1985</u>
Jun 8-18 <u>2017</u>	70	75	66	60	56	62
	23	21	30	23	21	20
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	2	4	4	16	24	18

**ASK ALL:**

FINAGENCY How much personal control do you think most Americans have over how financially successful they will be in life? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**

Nov 17-30,  
2025

18	A great deal
48	A fair amount
31	Not too much
3	None at all
*	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

SOCIETY

Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society? **[RANDOMIZE****RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]**

		Very good <u>for society</u>	Somewhat good <u>for society</u>	Neither good nor bad <u>for society</u>	Somewhat bad <u>for society</u>	Very bad <u>for society</u>	No answer*
SSM	Same-sex marriages being legal in the U.S.						
	Nov 17-30, 2025	20	10	37	12	20	1
	Apr 8-14, 2024	25	9	35	12	19	1
	Jul 8-18, 2021	25	10	34	11	19	1
CHILD	People having fewer children						
	Nov 17-30, 2025	5	14	42	26	13	*
	Apr 8-14, 2024	6	17	43	23	9	1
AI	Increased use of artificial intelligence (AI) in daily life						
	Nov 17-30, 2025	2	17	22	34	24	1
	Apr 8-14, 2024	4	19	25	34	18	1
WBUS	An increase in the number of women leading major business corporations						
	Nov 17-30, 2025	28	25	40	4	2	*
EC	People using electric vehicles instead of gasoline vehicles						
	Nov 17-30, 2025	14	27	39	12	6	1
	<i>Trend for comparison:</i>						
	Apr 8-14, 2024 <sup>8</sup>	19	23	32	14	11	*
SMED	More people getting their news from social media						
	Nov 17-30, 2025	3	9	29	33	26	*

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<sup>8</sup> In 2024 this item read "More people using electric vehicles instead of gasoline vehicles."

**ASK ALL:**

ALLIES\_BURD

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... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

Nov 17-30,  
2025

24	Burden to the U.S.
28	Benefit to the U.S.
47	About equally a benefit and burden to the U.S.
2	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

RELIG\_GOV

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	Religion should be kept separate from <u>government policies</u>	Government policies should support <u>religious values and beliefs</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Nov 17-30, 2025	71	27	2
Apr 8-14, 2024	71	28	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	73	25	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	72	27	1

**ASK ALL:**

RACESURV17

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

Nov 17-30, <u>2025</u>		Feb 10-17, <u>2025</u>	Apr 8-14, <u>2024</u>	Oct 4-17, <u>2021</u>	Jan 22-Feb 5, <u>2019</u>
28	A great deal	28	26	28	31
30	A fair amount	30	28	30	32
22	Not much	24	25	23	19
20	Not at all	17	20	18	16
1	No answer*	1	1	2	1

**ASK ALL:**

ELITEUND\_5MOD

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... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID]**

Nov 17-30,  
2025

1	Extremely well
3	Very well
20	Somewhat well
40	Not too well
35	Not at all well
1	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**  
OPENIDEN

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to <u>who we are as a nation</u>	If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk <u>losing our identity as a nation</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Nov 17-30, 2025	61	37	2
Apr 8-14, 2024	63	35	2
Oct 10-16, 2022	64	35	2
Jul 8-18, 2021	66	32	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	67	32	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	64	34	2
			<b>(VOL.)</b>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 10-15, 2019	62	33	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	68	26	6
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	68	29	3

**ASK ALL:**

CANMTCHPOL2 Thinking about recent elections, how often has there been at least one candidate who shares your views? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

Nov 17-30, <u>2025</u>	
4	Always
20	Often
49	Sometimes
21	Hardly ever
5	Never
1	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

GOODEVIL Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	Most things in society can be pretty clearly divided <u>into good and evil</u>	Most things in society are too complicated to be clearly divided <u>between good and evil</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Nov 17-30, 2025	52	47	1
Apr 8-14, 2024	50	48	2
Oct 10-16, 2022	51	48	2
Jul 8-18, 2021	48	50	2

**ASK ALL:**

PROBOFF

How much of a problem, if any, would you say each of the following is in the country today?

		<u>Major problem</u>	<u>Minor problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
a.	People being too easily offended by things others say				
	Nov 17-30, 2025	57	35	7	1
	Apr 8-14, 2024	62	31	6	1
	Jul 8-18, 2021	65	28	6	1
b.	People saying things that are very offensive to others				
	Nov 17-30, 2025	48	42	9	1
	Apr 8-14, 2024	47	41	11	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	53	38	9	1

**ASK ALL:**

RUNWHY

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... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>All of them</u>	<u>Most of them</u>	<u>Some of them</u>	<u>A few of them</u>	<u>None of them</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
SRV	Serve the public						
	Nov 17-30, 2025	3	15	44	31	5	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	2	12	42	36	7	1
ISS	Address the issues they care about						
	Nov 17-30, 2025	4	23	46	22	4	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	4	18	48	25	5	*
MNEY	Make a lot of money						
	Nov 17-30, 2025	22	40	29	7	1	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	23	40	29	7	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

POLHUM

When politicians you agree with humiliate their political opponents, do you... **[ROTATE  
RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**Nov 17-30,  
2025

5	Like it a lot
22	Like it a little
35	Dislike it a little
37	Dislike it a lot
2	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

CRIM\_SENT2 Overall, would you say people who are convicted of crimes in this country serve... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3]**

Nov 17-30, <u>2025</u>		Jul 8-18, <u>2021</u>
17	Too much time in prison	28
41	Too little time in prison	32
40	About the right amount of time in prison	37
3	No answer*	3

**ASK ALL:**

REGULATEMOD In general, do you think government regulation of business does... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3]**

Nov 17-30, <u>2025</u>	
24	More good than harm
30	More harm than good
44	About the same amount of harm and good
2	No answer*

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

POORASSIST Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

	<u>Should provide more assistance</u>	<u>Should provide less assistance</u>	<u>Is providing about the right amount of assistance</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Nov 17-30, 2025	45	25	30	1
Apr 8-14, 2024	41	27	30	2
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	43	26	30	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	39	30	29	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	38	32	29	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	26	33	1

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

CMFRT\_LISTMOD

Thinking about things that sometimes happen in society, is each of the following something you are comfortable or uncomfortable with? **[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]**

**[SCREEN 1]**

		<u>Extremely comfortable</u>	<u>Very comfortable</u>	<u>Somewhat comfortable</u>	<u>Not too comfortable</u>	<u>Not at all comfortable</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
PRN	Someone using the pronouns "they/them" instead of "he" or "she" to describe themselves Nov 17-30, 2025	13	13	22	22	29	1
ENG	People speaking a language other than English in public places in your community Nov 17-30, 2025	23	23	26	16	11	*
GUN	People openly carrying guns in public places Nov 17-30, 2025	11	12	23	22	31	*
PRY	Someone you don't know well saying they will keep you in their prayers Nov 17-30, 2025	25	28	31	10	5	1

**[SCREEN 2]****CMFRT\_LISTMOD CONTINUED...**

		<u>Extremely comfortable</u>	<u>Very comfortable</u>	<u>Somewhat comfortable</u>	<u>Not too comfortable</u>	<u>Not at all comfortable</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
MDN	Women not taking their husbands' last names when they get married Nov 17-30, 2025	31	21	25	14	8	1
CONF	Someone displaying a Confederate flag on their home or car Nov 17-30, 2025	8	11	23	25	32	1
ATHL	Transgender athletes competing on sports teams that don't match their sex at birth Nov 17-30, 2025	6	7	14	17	56	1

**ASK ALL:**

FOLGOV

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

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Only now and then</u>	<u>Hardly at all</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Nov 17-30, 2025	33	39	18	9	1
Jul 15-Aug 24, 2024	40	36	16	8	1
Aug 7-27, 2023	38	34	17	10	1
Jul 18-Aug 21, 2022	40	35	15	9	*
Jun 14-27, 2021	33	39	19	8	1
Aug 3-16, 2020	49	32	13	5	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	39	35	17	8	*
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	42	36	15	7	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	48	33	13	6	*
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	40	37	16	7	1
Sep 9-Oct 3, 2014	34	39	17	11	*

**ASK ALL:**

FIN\_SIT

How would you describe your household's financial situation? Do you... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**

<u>Nov 17-30, 2025</u>		<u>Apr 8-14, 2024<sup>9</sup></u>	<u>Sep 16-29, 2019</u>	<u>Sep 15-Oct 3 2014<sup>10</sup></u>
27	Live comfortably	27	29	25
36	Meet your basic expenses with a little left over for extras	39	41	36
27	Just meet your basic expenses	25	22	24
9	Not even have enough to meet basic expenses	7	7	14
1	No answer*	1	*	1

**ASK ALL:**

FREQXP1

How often, if ever, do you feel unfairly judged by others because of the language you use to express yourself? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

<u>Nov 17-30, 2025</u>	
3	All of the time
5	Most of the time
23	Some of the time
33	Rarely
35	Never
1	No answer*

<sup>9</sup> The last response option for all asks of this question prior to November 2025 read "Don't even have enough to meet basic expenses."

<sup>10</sup> In 2014, n=2,811 respondents took the survey via web and n=343 respondents completed this survey via paper questionnaire delivered by mail.

**ASK ALL:**

DIVERSEPOP\_MOD2 In general, do you think the fact that the U.S. population is made up of people of many different races, ethnicities, and religions... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

Nov 17-30,  
2025

63	NET Strengthens American society
40	Strengthens a lot
23	Strengthens a little
24	Doesn't make much difference
12	NET Weakens American society
8	Weakens a little
4	Weakens a lot
1	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

PROFITBAT Do you think each of the following makes too much or too little profit? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

		Too much <u>profit</u>	Too little <u>profit</u>	About the right <u>amount of profit</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
CORP	Large corporations Nov 17-30, 2025	76	4	19	1
SMBUS	Small businesses Nov 17-30, 2025	4	71	25	1

**ASK ALL:**

POLVIEWS If given the opportunity, how interested would you be in talking about politics with someone who... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID]**

		Extremely <u>interested</u>	Very <u>interested</u>	Somewhat <u>interested</u>	Not too <u>interested</u>	Not at all <u>interested</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
DIFF	Has <u>very different</u> political views from your own Nov 17-30, 2025	6	15	38	23	17	1
SME	Has <u>mostly the same</u> political views as your own Nov 17-30, 2025	10	22	45	14	9	1

**ASK ALL:**

SOCSEC\_FUT Thinking about the long term future of Social Security, do you think... [**ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1**]

**ASK IF NEEDS REDUCTION (SOCSEC\_FUT=1) [N=1,843]:**

SOCSEC\_RED Should Social Security be... [**ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1**]

**ASK IF NO REDUCTION (SOCSEC\_FUT=2) [N=8,431]:**

SOCSEC\_KEEP Should Social Security... [**ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1**]

Nov 17-30,  
2025

18	Some reductions in benefits for future retirees need to be considered
6	<i>Phased out as a government program</i>
12	<i>Maintained at a reduced level</i>
*	<i>No answer*</i>
81	Social Security benefits should not be reduced in any way
44	<i>Cover more people, with greater benefits</i>
37	<i>Be kept about as it is</i>
1	<i>No answer*</i>
1	No answer*

Apr 8-14,  
2024

19
6
13
*
79
40
38
1
2

**SOCSEC\_FUT PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:****ASK ALL:**

Q.125 Thinking about the long term future of Social Security, do you think [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**]?

**ASK IF ACCEPTABLE (Q125=1):**

Q.125a Should Social Security be [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**]?

**ASK IF UNACCEPTABLE (Q125=2):**

Q.125b Should Social Security [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**]?

Jan 23-Feb 9

2014

31	Some reductions in benefits for future retirees need to be considered
6	<i>Phased out as a government program <sup>11</sup></i>
24	<i>Maintained at a reduced level</i>
1	<i>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>
67	Social Security benefits should not be reduced in any way
27	<i>Cover more people, with greater benefits</i>
37	<i>Be kept about as it is</i>
3	<i>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>
3	<i>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

<sup>11</sup> From Jan. 23 to Jan. 29, 2014, item read: "Phased out completely."

**ASK ALL:**BILLSTYPICAL Which best describes your ability to pay all of your bills in full in a typical month?

Nov 17-30, <u>2025</u>		Apr 7-13, <u>2025</u>	Apr 7-12, <u>2020</u>
72	I can typically pay all of my bills in full	74	75
27	I cannot pay some bills or can only make a partial payment on some of them	25	24
1	No answer*	1	*

**ASK ALL:**

EMERGFUND 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?

Nov 17-30, <u>2025</u>		Oct 6-16, <u>2025</u>	Apr 7-13, <u>2025</u>	Oct 4-17, <u>2021</u>	Apr 7-12, <u>2020</u>
50	Yes	48	48	54	47
49	No	51	51	45	53
1	No answer*	1	1	1	1

**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...

<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	27	30	15	2	18	22

**ASK ALL IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2) [N=6,237]:**

PARTYSTR Do you identify with the [Republican/Democratic] Party

**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Nov 17-30, <u>2025</u>	
46	The Republican Party
18	<i>Strongly</i>
9	<i>Not strongly</i>
18	<i>Lean Rep</i>
*	<i>No answer*</i>
48	The Democratic Party
15	<i>Strongly</i>
12	<i>Not strongly</i>
22	<i>Lean Dem</i>
*	<i>No answer*</i>
6	No answer*

**ASK ALL IF LEAN TOWARD A PARTY (PARTYLN=1,2) [N=3,820]:**

PARTYLNCLOSE And how close would you say you feel to the [Republican/Democratic] Party?  
**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NATIONID]**

**BASED ON THOSE WHO LEAN TOWARD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY [N=1,664]**

The Republican Party

Nov 17-30,  
2025

2	Extremely close
8	Very close
45	Somewhat close
33	Not too close
12	Not at all close
*	No answer*

**BASED ON THOSE WHO LEAN TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY [N=2,156]**

The Democratic Party

Nov 17-30,  
2025

1	Extremely close
8	Very close
44	Somewhat close
34	Not too close
14	Not at all close
*	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

MAGASUP

From what you have read and heard, how do you feel about the MAGA – that is, Make America Great Again – movement? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**

Nov 17-30,  
2025

44	NET support
19	Strongly support
25	Somewhat support
53	NET oppose
14	Somewhat oppose
39	Strongly oppose
3	No answer*

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

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

**FINAL 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**

**ASK ALL:**

MEDESC How well would you say each of the following phrases describe you? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS QUALPRES\_TRMP]**

		Extremely <u>well</u>	Very <u>well</u>	Somewhat <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at <u>all well</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
WRK	Working class						
	Jan 20-26, 2026	28	32	24	10	5	1
	May 13-19, 2024	23	31	29	10	6	1
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:</b>							
OPEN	Open-minded						
	Jan 20-26, 2026	25	42	28	3	1	*
	May 13-19, 2024	22	42	31	4	1	1
RESP	Respectful of authority						
	Jan 20-26, 2026	32	39	21	5	3	1
	May 13-19, 2024	28	37	26	6	2	1
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:</b>							
INT	Interested in visiting other countries						
	Jan 20-26, 2026	24	22	26	16	12	1
	May 13-19, 2024	28	21	24	16	11	1
TRAD	Traditional						
	Jan 20-26, 2026	13	26	38	16	5	1
	May 13-19, 2024	12	26	39	17	6	1
SKEP	Skeptical of what experts say						
	Jan 20-26, 2026	10	18	41	23	7	1
	May 13-19, 2024	11	19	40	23	7	1

**ASK ALL:**  
USEXCEPT

Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1]**

	The U.S. stands above all other countries in <u>the world</u>	The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along <u>with some others</u>	There are other countries that are <u>better than the U.S.</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026	23	51	25	1
Apr 8-14, 2024	20	55	24	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	20	52	27	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	23	52	23	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	24	55	21	1
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>				<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	29	52	17	2
Jun 8-18, 2017	29	56	14	1
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	32	52	15	1
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	28	58	12	1
Mar 8-14, 2011	38	53	8	2

**ASK ALL:**

ATTPOLRLLY

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

Jan 20-26,  
2026

14	Yes, I have done this
86	No, I have not done this
*	No answer*

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:**

MATTERSCONG Thinking about how you feel about the 2026 congressional elections in November, where would you place yourself on the following scale? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1; KEEP THE SCALE ALWAYS 1-4]**

	1 – Really matters which party wins <u>control of Congress</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	4 – Doesn't really matter which party wins <u>control of Congress</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
<b>2026 congressional election</b>					
Jan 20-26, 2026	60	19	11	9	1
<b>2022 congressional election</b>					
Oct 10-16, 2022	56	20	10	14	1
Aug 1-14, 2022	58	18	11	13	1
Mar 7-13, 2022	53	22	11	13	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	60	18	9	12	1

**MATTERSCONG CONTINUED...**

	1 – Really matters which party wins <u>control of Congress</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	4 – Doesn't really matter which party wins <u>control of Congress</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
<b>2018 congressional election</b>					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	57	20	11	12	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	62	17	10	10	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	57	19	10	12	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**

MATTERSCONG3 Thinking about the 2026 congressional elections in November, do you think which party wins control of Congress... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1]**

Jan 20-26,  
2026

67	Matters a lot
21	Matters a little
11	Doesn't matter at all
1	No answer*

**ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1):****[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 4 LAST]**

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

**ASK IF 'NOT SURE' (CONG=4) OR NO RESPONSE TO CONG (CONG=99) [N=1,536]:****[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG, HOLDING 3 AND 4 LAST]**

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

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=7,134]:**

Jan 20-26,  
2026<sup>12</sup>

40	Rep/Lean Rep candidate in your district
42	Dem/Lean Dem candidate in your district
4	Another/Lean to another candidate
14	Not sure
*	No answer*

<sup>12</sup> Prior to January 2026, the words "today" and "lean" were not underlined.

## CONG/CONGA CONTINUED...

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Rep/Lean Rep candidate in your <u>district</u>	Dem/Lean Dem candidate in your <u>district</u>	Another <u>candidate</u>	Not <u>sure</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<b>2022 congressional election</b>					
Oct 10-16, 2022 <sup>13</sup>	40	41	5	13	1
Aug 1-14, 2022	42	44	4	10	*
Mar 7-13, 2022	43	43	4	10	*
Sep 13-19, 2021	40	45	5	10	*
<b>2018 congressional election<sup>14</sup></b>					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	47	4	11	*
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	39	46	5	10	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	47	5	10	1
<b>2014 congressional election</b>					
Oct 3-27, 2014	39	43	4	12	*
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	42	47	5	6	*
May 30-Jun 30, 2014	38	42	5	14	*

## ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:

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

In general, which do you think would be more effective? [ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]

Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u>		Sept 30- Oct 6, <u>2024</u>	Jan 16-21 <u>2024</u>	Apr 29- May 13 <u>2019</u>	Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016</u>
68	Using proven approaches that solve problems gradually, even if change may take a while	70	73	77	65
29	Using new approaches that may be able to solve problems quickly, but also may risk making things worse	28	26	21	33
2	No answer*	2	1	2	2

<sup>13</sup> In Alaska and some districts in Louisiana, where multiple candidates from the same party may be on the ballot in a district, respondents received a generic option for that party. In districts where a candidate is running unopposed by the other major party, a generic option for the other party was provided. In a small number of cases where a respondent's congressional district was not known (N=5 registered voters), respondents received the generic version of the question.

<sup>14</sup> In 2018, CONG and CONGA were not asked of respondents who lived in the District of Columbia.

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**CLRSOL Which comes closer to your own view? [**ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1**]

	There are clear solutions to most <u>big issues facing the country today</u>	Most big issues facing the country <u>today don't have clear solutions</u>	No answer*
Jan 20-26, 2026	57	42	1
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	52	46	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	50	48	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	48	52	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	48	51	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	46	52	1

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DEMCARE AND REPCARE]****ASK ALL:**DEMCARE How much does the Democratic Party care about people like you? [**ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS REPCARE**]

Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u>		Jul 1-7, <u>2024<sup>15</sup></u>
6	A great deal	6
15	Quite a bit	14
32	Some	28
22	Not too much	22
24	Not at all	29
1	No answer*	1

**ASK ALL:**REPCARE How much does the Republican Party care about people like you? [**ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS DEMCARE**]

Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u>		Jul 1-7, <u>2024<sup>16</sup></u>
8	A great deal	6
15	Quite a bit	14
27	Some	27
23	Not too much	24
27	Not at all	29
1	No answer*	1

<sup>15</sup> In July 2024, the words "Democratic Party" were not underlined.<sup>16</sup> In July 2024, the words "Republican Party" were not underlined.

**ASK ALL:**

BESTPRES 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? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-7/7-1]**

**ASK IF BESTPRES IS NOT SKIPPED (BESTPRES=1,2,3,4,5,6,7) [N=8,333]:**

BESTPRES2 Which president would you name as the second best president of the last 40 years? **[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS BESTPRES; REMOVE THE OPTION CHOSEN IN BESTPRES]**

<u>Jan 20-26, 2026</u>			<u>Jul 10-16, 2023</u>			<u>Sep 13-19, 2021</u>			
First choice	Second choice	NET		First choice	Second choice	NET	First choice	Second choice	NET
21	21	<b>42</b>	Ronald Reagan	23	19	<b>42</b>	23	19	<b>43</b>
3	9	<b>12</b>	George H.W. Bush	3	8	<b>12</b>	3	9	<b>12</b>
11	20	<b>30</b>	Bill Clinton	12	20	<b>32</b>	12	21	<b>33</b>
4	10	<b>15</b>	George W. Bush	4	10	<b>13</b>	4	10	<b>14</b>
36	13	<b>49</b>	Barack Obama	32	15	<b>47</b>	35	14	<b>49</b>
2	10	<b>11</b>	Joe Biden	4	9	<b>13</b>	3	9	<b>11</b>
19	12	<b>31</b>	Donald Trump	19	14	<b>32</b>	17	13	<b>30</b>
3	3	6	No answer*	3	2	3	3	2	3
	<b>3</b>		<b>No first choice</b>	--	<b>3</b>	--	--	<b>3</b>	--

**[DISPLAY ISLMVIOL, VOTING, AND USASOLVE ON THE SAME SCREEN WITH A LINE SEPARATING EACH SET OF RESPONSES; RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF ISLMVIOL, VOTING, USASOLVE]**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**

ISLMVIOL Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	Islam is more likely than other religions to encourage violence among its believers	Islam does not encourage violence more than other religions	No answer*
Jan 20-26, 2026	51	45	4
Oct 10-16, 2022	45	50	5
Aug 23-29, 2021	50	44	6
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020 <sup>17</sup>	45	51	5
Sep 3-15, 2019	48	48	4
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	52	43	5

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers	The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others	(VOL.) Both/Neither/DK/Ref
Sep 5-16, 2019	40	49	11
Jun 8-18, 2017	43	49	8
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	41	49	10
Dec 8-13, 2015	46	45	9
Sep 2-9, 2014	50	39	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	43	44	13
Feb 12-26, 2014	38	50	12
May 1-5, 2013	42	46	13
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	40	42	18
Aug 19-22, 2010	35	42	24
Aug 11-17, 2009	38	45	16
August 2007	45	39	16

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In August 2020 and earlier survey items were phrased "The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers" and "The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others."

**ISLMVIOL PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**

	The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence <u>among its believers</u>	The Islamic religion does not encourage violence <u>more than others</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
July 2005	36	47	17
July 2004	46	37	17
Mid-July 2003	44	41	15
March 2002	25	51	24

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**

VOTING

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	Voting gives people like me some say about how <u>government runs things</u>	Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how <u>government runs things</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026	60	39	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	63	36	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	62	37	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	31	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	61	38	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**

USASOLVE

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems <u>and get what we want</u>	This country can't solve many of its <u>important problems</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026	62	37	1
Apr 8-14, 2024	47	52	1
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	43	56	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	57	41	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	57	41	3
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	44	2

*Phone trend for comparison:*

			<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither <u>/DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	59	37	4
Aug 9-16, 2016	63	33	3
Feb 27-Mar 16 2014	47	50	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	60	36	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	57	37	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	42	5
December 2008	68	27	5
October 2008	64	29	7
December 2004	59	36	5
September 2000	59	36	5
August 1999	63	32	5
July 1994	52	45	3

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:**

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

The police should... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

Jan 20-26,  
2026

46	Be allowed to stop and search anyone who fits the general description of a crime suspect
52	Not be allowed to stop and search anyone just because they fit the general description of a crime suspect
1	No answer*

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	Feb 27-Mar 16, <u>2014</u>
The police should be allowed to stop and search anyone who fits the general description of a crime suspect	41
The police should not be able to search people just because they think they look suspicious	56
<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither/DK/Ref	3

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:**

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

	U.S. efforts to solve problems around the world usually end up <u>making things worse</u>	Problems in the world would be even worse <u>without U.S. involvement</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026	44	54	2
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Jan 9-14, 2019	29	64	7
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	34	57	9
Mar 17-26, 2016	36	57	6
Dec 8-13, 2015	38	55	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	40	53	7

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:**

TALKDISA In your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you disagree with, do you generally find it to be... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	Interesting and <u>informative</u>	Stressful and <u>frustrating</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026 <sup>18</sup>	36	61	3
Jun 5-11, 2023	36	61	3
Sep 13-19, 2021	39	59	2
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	48	50	2
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	45	53	2
Mar 2-28, 2016	51	46	2

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

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

Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u>		Jul 1-7, <u>2024</u>	Jul 8-18, <u>2021</u>	Jan 6-19, <u>2020</u>
19	A good thing for the country	19	15	19
30	A bad thing for the country	25	29	23
50	Neither a good thing or a bad thing	56	55	58
1	No answer*	1	1	1

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:**

CHINA\_US\_ENEMY 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.?

	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026	10	60	28	2
Mar 24-30, 2025	9	56	33	2
Apr 1-7, 2024	6	50	42	3
Mar 20-26, 2023	6	52	38	3
Mar 21-27, 2022	10	62	25	2
Jan 10-17, 2022	9	54	35	2
Feb 1-7, 2021	9	55	34	2

<sup>18</sup> Prior to January 2026, the word "disagree" was not underlined.

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**

RUSSIA\_US\_ENEMY 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.?

	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Enemy</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026	7	39	51	3
Mar 24-30, 2025	9	38	50	3
Apr 1-7, 2024	4	32	61	3
Mar 20-26, 2023	3	30	64	3
Mar 21-27, 2022	3	24	70	3
Jan 10-17, 2022	7	49	41	3

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:**

VTPRIORITY Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following ideas about election policy.  
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VEN\_MADREMV]**

		<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
ATO	Automatically registering all eligible citizens to vote					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	35	25	19	19	2
	Aug 4-10, 2025	31	28	21	19	1
	Jan 16-21, 2024	33	24	18	24	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	34	28	17	20	1
	Apr 5-11, 2021	36	25	18	19	2
	Apr 7-12, 2020	42	27	15	15	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	34	31	17	17	1
GOVID	Requiring all voters to show government issued photo identification to vote					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	58	22	10	8	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	60	23	11	5	1
	Jan 16-21, 2024	61	20	11	7	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	53	23	14	9	1
	Apr 5-11, 2021	53	23	13	10	1
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	54	22	13	11	1
ML	Allowing any voter to vote by mail if they want to					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	35	21	17	25	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	34	24	18	24	1
	Jan 16-21, 2024	35	23	15	26	1
	Apr 7-12, 2020	44	26	13	16	1

**ASK ALL:**

LEADERCHAR\_DSA

How much do you like or dislike political leaders who identify as democratic socialists?  
**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

Jan 20-26, 2026 <sup>19</sup>		Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	Sep 13-19, 2021
28	Dislike a lot	34	34
9	Dislike a little	11	9
43	Neither like nor dislike	35	37
8	Like a little	10	9
9	Like a lot	8	8
3	No answer*	2	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**

GUNSTRICT

Which of the following statements comes closest to your overall view of gun laws in this country? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1]**

	Gun laws should be <u>more</u> <u>strict than they are today</u>	Gun laws are <u>about right</u>	Gun laws should be <u>less</u> <u>strict than they are today</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026 <sup>20</sup>	54	31	14	1
Jun 5-11, 2023	58	26	15	1
Aug 5-11, 2021	53	32	14	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	60	28	11	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	57	31	11	1
Mar 13-27, 2017	52	30	18	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>19</sup> Prior to January 2026, the question was part of a battery list that asked "Please indicate how much you like or dislike each of the following characteristics of political leaders."

<sup>20</sup> Prior to January 2026, the words "more" and "less" were not underlined.

**ASK ALL:**

FINANCE\_ACCTS

Do you have any of the following types of savings or investment accounts?  
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B HOLDING ITEM C ALWAYS LAST]**

	Yes, <u>I have this</u>	No, <u>I do not have this</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
a. A savings account			
Jan 20-26, 2026 <sup>21</sup>	75	23	2
Sep 13-19, 2021	72	26	2
Sep 16-29, 2019	69	29	2
b. An IRA, 401(k), or a similar kind of retirement account			
Jan 20-26, 2026	59	39	2
Sep 13-19, 2021	54	43	2
Sep 16-29, 2019	55	43	2
c. Personal investments in stocks, bonds, or mutual funds other than those held in an IRA or 401(k)			
Jan 20-26, 2026	42	56	2
Sep 13-19, 2021	39	58	2
Sep 16-29, 2019	35	63	2

**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>22</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

<sup>21</sup> Prior to January 2026, the response options were worded "Yes, have this" and "No, don't have this."  
<sup>22</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.

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**FINAL TOPLINE  
N=5,103**

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:**

VTEARLYDOC Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	A voter should only be allowed to vote early or absentee if they have a documented reason for not voting in person on <u>Election Day</u>	Any voter should have the option to vote early or absentee without having to document a reason <u>to document a reason</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Apr 20-26, 2026	40	59	1
May 13-19, 2024	39	60	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	36	63	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	33	65	2
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	28	71	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**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>23</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer*</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
28	27	30	14	1	18	22

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