

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER SURVEY
News Topics
March 6-9, 2026**

**TOPLINE
N=1,031**

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding.

“No answer” includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say 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.

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.

PN = Programming note

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| | Sample size | Margin of error at 95% confidence level |
| U.S. adults | 1,031 | +/- 3.5 percentage points |

TOPIC_INF

ASK ALL:

**[PN: RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 HOLDING 999
LAST IN THE SAME ORDER AS TOPIC_IMP]**

How informed would you say you are about each of the following topics?

| | | Extremely informed | Very informed | Somewhat informed | Not too informed | Not at all informed | No answer |
|------|---|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| IMM | Immigration and citizenship policies March 6-9, 2026 | 10 | 29 | 45 | 12 | 4 | 0 |
| VAC | Childhood vaccine policies March 6-9, 2026 | 8 | 23 | 45 | 17 | 6 | 0 |
| HLTH | The healthcare system March 6-9, 2026 | 9 | 25 | 51 | 12 | 3 | 0 |
| SOC | Social security March 6-9, 2026 | 9 | 23 | 49 | 17 | 3 | 0 |
| VOTE | Voting and election processes March 6-9, 2026 | 12 | 38 | 40 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| GUN | Gun regulation March 6-9, 2026 | 11 | 22 | 49 | 14 | 5 | 0 |

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|---------|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| TECH | Federal regulation of technology and media companies March 6-9, 2026 | 4 | 10 | 42 | 34 | 9 | 0 |
| WEED | Marijuana regulation March 6-9, 2026 | 7 | 16 | 49 | 22 | 6 | * |
| FOREIGN | U.S. foreign policy March 6-9, 2026 | 5 | 17 | 49 | 21 | 7 | 0 |
| PRE | What the President can and cannot do March 6-9, 2026 | 10 | 26 | 49 | 10 | 5 | 0 |
| ECO | Economic and tax policies March 6-9, 2026 | 6 | 18 | 51 | 19 | 5 | 0 |

TOPIC_SRCE

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS IN THE SAME ORDER AS TOPIC_INF; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 HOLDING 6, 7 AND 999 ALWAYS LAST]

What is your main source for information about each of the following topics?

| | | <u>News media</u> | <u>Government sources</u> | <u>Friends, family or acquaintances</u> | <u>Social media</u> | <u>School or formal education</u> | <u>Some other source</u> | <u>I don't get information about this topic</u> | <u>No answer</u> |
|---------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| IMM | Immigration and citizenship policies March 6-9, 2026 | 46 | 19 | 6 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| VAC | Childhood vaccine policies March 6-9, 2026 | 36 | 16 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 14 | 0 |
| HLTH | The healthcare system March 6-9, 2026 | 37 | 18 | 13 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| SOC | Social security March 6-9, 2026 | 31 | 31 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 0 |
| VOTE | Voting and election processes March 6-9, 2026 | 37 | 21 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| GUN | Gun regulation March 6-9, 2026 | 40 | 17 | 10 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 0 |
| TECH | Federal regulation of technology and media companies March 6-9, 2026 | 44 | 10 | 4 | 19 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 0 |
| WEED | Marijuana regulation March 6-9, 2026 | 42 | 12 | 11 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 0 |
| FOREIGN | U.S. foreign policy March 6-9, 2026 | 51 | 13 | 4 | 13 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| PRE | What the President can and cannot do March 6-9, 2026 | 37 | 15 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| ECO | Economic and tax policies March 6-9, 2026 | 44 | 16 | 8 | 13 | 8 | 3 | 8 | * |

TOPIC_IMP**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 HOLDING 999 LAST]**

Right now, how important do you think it is for individual Americans to stay informed about each of the following topics?

| | | 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> |
|---------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| IMM | Immigration and citizenship policies March 6-9, 2026 | 35 | 41 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| VAC | Childhood vaccine policies March 6-9, 2026 | 30 | 39 | 24 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| HLTH | The healthcare system March 6-9, 2026 | 38 | 45 | 15 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| SOC | Social security March 6-9, 2026 | 33 | 40 | 23 | 4 | 1 | * |
| VOTE | Voting and election processes March 6-9, 2026 | 46 | 36 | 14 | 3 | 1 | * |
| GUN | Gun regulation March 6-9, 2026 | 31 | 39 | 24 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| TECH | Federal regulation of technology and media companies March 6-9, 2026 | 21 | 30 | 38 | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| WEED | Marijuana regulation March 6-9, 2026 | 12 | 19 | 40 | 22 | 8 | 0 |
| FOREIGN | U.S. foreign policy March 6-9, 2026 | 32 | 39 | 24 | 4 | 1 | * |
| PRE | What the President can and cannot do March 6-9, 2026 | 47 | 33 | 15 | 3 | 1 | * |
| ECO | Economic and tax policies March 6-9, 2026 | 29 | 46 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 0 |