

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
Wave 191: Religion & Public Life  
April 6-12, 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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**QUE: OPTIMIST  
ASK ALL:**

Please think about what things will be like in 2050, about 25 years from now.

Thinking about the future of the United States, would you say you are...

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

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| 1  | Very optimistic  |
| 2  | Somewhat optimistic  |
| 3  | Somewhat pessimistic   |
| 4  | Very pessimistic   |
| 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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**TXT:**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF HAPPEN\_ECON, HAPPEN\_IMPT, HAPPEN\_POL, HAPPEN\_RACE, HAPPEN\_GOV, AND HAPPEN\_SAFE ON SAME SCREEN WITH A VISUAL LINE SEPARATOR BETWEEN EACH; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]

**TXT:****DISPLAY TO ALL:**

Still thinking ahead to 2050, about 25 years from now, which do you think is more likely to happen in the U.S.?

[ PN: IF WEB: ] *Please select one item from each pair.*

**QUE: HAPPEN\_ECON****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: IF CATI: ] **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Thinking ahead to 2050, which do you think is more likely to happen in the U.S.?)

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

- 1 The U.S. economy will be stronger
- 2 The U.S. economy will be weaker
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: HAPPEN\_IMPT****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: IF CATI: ] **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Thinking ahead to 2050, which do you think is more likely to happen in the U.S.?)

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

- 1 The U.S. will be more important in the world
- 2 The U.S. will be less important in the world
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: HAPPEN\_POL****ASK ALL:**

[ PN: IF CATI: ] **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Thinking ahead to 2050, which do you think is more likely to happen in the U.S.?)

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

- 1 The country will be more politically divided
- 2 The country will be less politically divided
- 98 [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [ PN: IF WEB: ] Web blank / [ PN: IF CATI: ] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**QUE: HAPPEN\_RACE****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] (**READ AS NECESSARY:** Thinking ahead to 2050, which do you think is more likely to happen in the U.S.?)

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

- 1 Race relations will improve
- 2 Race relations will get 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: HAPPEN\_GOV****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] (**READ AS NECESSARY:** Thinking ahead to 2050, which do you think is more likely to happen in the U.S.?)

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

- 1 The U.S. system of government will work better than today
- 2 The U.S. system of government will work worse than today
- 98 [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] (**DO NOT READ**) Don't know
- 99 [ **PN: IF WEB:** ] Web blank / [ **PN: IF CATI:** ] (**DO NOT READ**) Refused

**QUE: HAPPEN\_SAFE****ASK ALL:**

[ **PN: IF CATI:** ] (**READ AS NECESSARY:** Thinking ahead to 2050, which do you think is more likely to happen in the U.S.?)

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

- 1 The U.S. will be a safer place to live
- 2 The U.S. will be a more dangerous place to live
- 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 OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**  
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