

**2025 Pew Research Center
Cross-Sectional Engagement Survey
July 9-December 5, 2025
N=5,393**

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This survey was conducted by paper, online and over the phone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were asked for paper and phone administration, visit the [paper](#) and the [web/phone](#) questionnaires.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,393	+/- 1.9 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	2,371	+/- 2.8 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	2,644	+/- 2.7 percentage points
Ages 18-29	557	+/- 5.4 percentage points
Ages 30-49	1,515	+/- 3.3 percentage points
Ages 50-64	1,324	+/- 3.6 percentage points
Ages 65+	1,924	+/- 3.0 percentage points

VOL12_CPS

ASK ALL:

In the past 12 months, did you spend any time volunteering for any organization or association? *(This includes activities you may do infrequently or for children's schools or youth organizations.)*

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
29	Yes
71	No
*	No answer

GROUPS_CPS

ASK ALL:

In the past 12 months, did you belong to any groups, organizations, or associations?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
32	Yes
68	No
1	No answer

GROUPS_LD

ASK ALL WHO BELONG TO A GROUP (GROUPS_CPS=1) [N=1,700] :

In the past 12 months, have you served as an organizer or leader in any of the groups, organizations, or associations you are a part of?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
39	Yes
61	No
*	No answer

LOCAL_MTG**ASK ALL:**

In the past 12 months, have you attended a local government meeting such as a city council or school board meeting, either in person or online?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
13	Yes
86	No
1	No answer

POLINT**ASK ALL:**

How interested would you say you are in politics?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
9	Extremely interested
23	Very interested
38	Somewhat interested
18	Not too interested
11	Not at all interested
1	No answer

NEWS_LEVEL_NAT**ASK ALL:**

How closely do you follow national news?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
27	Very closely
45	Somewhat closely
20	Not very closely
7	Not at all closely
*	No answer

NEWS_LEVEL_LOC**ASK ALL:**

How closely do you follow local news?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
24	Very closely
46	Somewhat closely
23	Not very closely
7	Not at all closely
*	No answer

TALKNEWS**ASK ALL:**

How often do you discuss news and current events with others, whether in person, online, or over the phone?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
25	Nearly every day
38	A few times a week
21	A few times a month
16	Less often
*	No answer

NEWSONLINE**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

In the past 7 days, have you done any of the following activities online (on a website, social media, or a messaging app)?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
LIKE	Like or save posts about news Jul 9-Dec 5, 2025	45	55	*
PUB	<u>Publicly</u> post, share or comment about news Jul 9-Dec 5, 2025	26	74	*
PRIV	<u>Privately</u> chat about or share news Jul 9-Dec 5, 2025	56	44	1

DON1_CPS**ASK ALL:**

In the past 12 months, did you give money or possessions with a combined value of more than \$25 to a political organization, party, or campaign?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
11	Yes
89	No
1	No answer

DON2_CPS**ASK ALL:**

In the past 12 months, did you give money or possessions with a combined value of more than \$25 to a non-political group or organization, such as a charity, school, or religious organization?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
46	Yes
53	No
1	No answer

CIVENG_POST**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

Here's a list of activities some people do and others do not. Please indicate if you have done each of the following activities over the past 12 months.

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
VOLUNT	Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate, or campaign Jul 9-Dec 5, 2025	3	96	1
DISPL	Displayed a sign or bumper-sticker or wore something to show your support for a political cause, campaign, or issue Jul 9-Dec 5, 2025	16	83	1
SMMOD	Used your social media bio or profile picture to show support for a cause, issue, or political candidate Jul 9-Dec 5, 2025	14	85	1
LETTER	Contacted any elected official Jul 9-Dec 5, 2025	13	86	1
MARCH	Participated in any demonstrations, protests, marches, or political rallies Jul 9-Dec 5, 2025	8	91	1

TRUSTFEDGOV**ASK ALL:**

How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
2	Just about always
18	Most of the time
58	Only some of the time
20	Never
1	No answer

[ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD]**ATTENDPER****ASK ALL:**

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services in person?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
7	More than once a week
17	Once a week
7	Once or twice a month
16	A few times a year
23	Seldom
29	Never
1	No answer

ATTENDONLINE2**ASK ALL:**

In general, how often do you watch or participate in religious services online or on TV?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
7	More than once a week
8	Once a week
7	Once or twice a month
10	A few times a year
16	Seldom
51	Never
1	No answer

GODMOD**ASK ALL:**

Do you believe in God or a universal spirit?

Jul 9- Dec 5, <u>2025</u>	
85	Yes
14	No
1	No answer

VOTED2024B**ASK ALL:**

[PN: PLEASE ROTATE "Kamala Harris" and "Donald Trump" IN THE SAME ORDER AS THE RESPONSE OPTIONS ARE SHOWN IN VOTEGEN_POST.]

In the 2024 presidential election between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

Jul 9-
Dec 5,
2025

61	Voted
37	Did not vote
2	No answer

VOTEGEN_POST

ASK IF VOTED IN 2024 (VOTED2024B =1) [N=4,236] :

[PN: RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 OR 2-1; ALWAYS DISPLAY OPTION 3 LAST]

Who did you vote for?

Jul 9-
Dec 5,
2025

48	Donald Trump, the Republican
47	Kamala Harris, the Democrat
2	Another candidate
4	No answer

2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 179: Engagement
September 8-14, 2025

TOPLINE
N=5,195

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GROUPS_CPS
ASK ALL:

In the past 12 months, did you belong to any groups, organizations, or associations?

Sept 8-14, 2025	
34	Yes
65	No
*	No answer

GROUPS_ONL1
ASK ALL WHO BELONG TO A GROUP (GROUPS_CPS=1):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3]

Thinking about the group, organization, or association that you are most active in, do people...

Sept 8-14, 2025	
19	Mostly interact online, on social media, or via messaging
56	Mostly interact in-person
24	About an equal mix of in-person and virtual interaction
*	No answer

GROUPS_LD
ASK ALL WHO BELONG TO A GROUP (GROUPS_CPS=1):

In the past 12 months, have you served as an organizer or leader in any of the groups, organizations, or associations you are a part of?

Sept 8-14,
2025
 35 Yes
 65 No
 * No answer

LOCAL_MTG

ASK ALL:

In the past 12 months, have you attended a local government meeting such as a city council or school board meeting, either in person or online?

Sept 8-14,
2025
 14 Yes
 86 No
 * No answer

POLINT

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]

How interested would you say you are in politics?

Sept 8-14,
2025
 9 Extremely interested
 20 Very interested
 39 Somewhat interested
 22 Not too interested
 10 Not at all interested
 * No answer

[PN: ROTATE THE ORDER OF NEWS_LEVEL_NAT AND NEWS_LEVEL_LOC]

NEWS_LEVEL_NAT

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NEWS_LEVEL_LOC]

How closely do you follow national news?

Sept 8-14,

2025

22	Very closely
46	Somewhat closely
24	Not very closely
7	Not at all closely
*	No answer

NEWS_LEVEL_LOC

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, IN SAME ORDER AS NEWS_LEVEL_NAT]

How closely do you follow local news?

Sept 8-14,

2025

15	Very closely
47	Somewhat closely
29	Not very closely
8	Not at all closely
1	No answer

TALKNEWS

ASK ALL:

How often do you discuss news and current events with others, whether in person, online, or over the phone?

Sept 8-14,

2025

19	Nearly every day
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18	Less often
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NEWSONLINE

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

In the past 7 days, have you done any of the following activities online (on a website, social media, or a messaging app)?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
LIKE	Liked or shared posts about news Sept 8-14, 2025	40	60	*
PUB	<u>Publicly</u> posted, shared, or commented about news Sept 8-14, 2025	23	77	*
PRIV	<u>Privately</u> chatted about or shared news Sept 8-14, 2025	46	53	*

DON1_CPS**ASK ALL:**

In the past 12 months, did you give money or possessions with a combined value of more than \$25 to a political organization, party, or campaign?

Sept 8-14,	
<u>2025</u>	
11	Yes
89	No
*	No answer

DON2_CPS**ASK ALL:**

In the past 12 months, did you give money or possessions with a combined value of more than \$25 to a non-political group or organization, such as a charity, school, or religious organization?

Sept 8-14,	
<u>2025</u>	
44	Yes
55	No
1	No answer

CIVENG_POST**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

Here's a list of activities some people do and others do not. Please indicate if you have done each of the following activities over the past 12 months.

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
VOLUNT	Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate, or campaign Sept 8-14, 2025	5	95	*
DISPL	Displayed a sign or bumper-sticker or wore something to show your support for a political cause, campaign, or issue Sept 8-14, 2025	15	84	*
SMMOD	Used your social media bio or profile picture to show support for a cause, issue, or political candidate Sept 8-14, 2025	14	86	*
LETTER	Contacted any elected official Sept 8-14, 2025	17	83	*
MARCH	Participated in any demonstrations, protests, marches, or political rallies Sept 8-14, 2025	9	91	*

TRUSTFEDGOV
ASK ALL:

How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?

Sept 8-14, <u>2025</u>	
1	Just about always
17	Most of the time
63	Only some of the time
18	Never
*	No answer

ATTENDONLINE2
ASK ALL:

In general, how often do you watch or participate in religious services online or on TV?

Sept 8-14, <u>2025</u>	
5	More than once a week
7	Once a week
8	Once or twice a month
11	A few times a year
19	Seldom
50	Never
1	No answer

GOD_RLS
ASK ALL:

Do you believe in God or a universal spirit?

Sept 8-14, <u>2025</u>	
83	Yes
16	No
1	No answer

SPIRIMP
ASK ALL:

How important is spirituality in your life?

Sept 8-14,
2025

46	Very important
29	Somewhat important
15	Not too important
10	Not at all important
*	No answer

LOOKINWARD
ASK ALL:

How often do you look inward or center yourself for spiritual reasons?

Sept 8-14,
2025

21	Several times a day
11	Once a day
18	A few times a week
5	Once a week
11	A few times a month
19	Seldom
13	Never
1	No answer

TXT:**DISPLAY TO ALL:**

On another topic...

GROUP_TRUST**ASK ALL:**

How much, if at all, do you trust the information you get from...

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
NAT	National news organizations Sept 8-14, 2025	9	47	33	12	*
LOC	Local news organizations Sept 8-14, 2025	13	57	23	7	*
SM	Social media sites, such as Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), or YouTube Sept 8-14, 2025	5	32	42	21	1

[PN: SHOW WATCHDOG_1 AND WATCHDOG_3 ON SAME SCREEN; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF WATCHDOG_1 AND WATCHDOG_3]

WATCHDOG_1**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]

Some people think that by criticizing leaders, news organizations keep political leaders from doing their job. Others think that such criticism is worth it because it keeps political leaders from doing things that should not be done.

Which position is closer to your opinion?

Sept 8-14,
2025

22	Criticism keeps political leaders from doing their job
75	Criticism keeps political leaders from doing things that shouldn't be done
4	No answer

WATCHDOG_3**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations...

Sept 8-14,
2025

21	Deal fairly with all sides
76	Tend to favor one side
2	No answer

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTN_COUNTRY AND EMTN_LOCAL]**EMTN_COUNTRY****ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS EMTN_LOCAL; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS EMTN_LOCAL]**

How often would you say you feel each of the following when thinking about the state of the country these days?

		Extremely <u>often</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
FEAR	Fearful Sept 8-14, 2025	16	29	35	13	6	1
HOPEFUL	Hopeful Sept 8-14, 2025	5	16	37	33	8	1
ANGRY	Angry Sept 8-14, 2025	18	28	37	12	4	1
PROUD	Proud Sept 8-14, 2025	5	15	34	33	12	1

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTN_COUNTRY AND EMTN_LOCAL]

EMTN_LOCAL

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS EMTN_COUNTRY; ROTATE RESPONSE
OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS EMTN_COUNTRY]

How often would you say you feel each of the following when thinking about the state of your
local community these days?

		Extremely <u>often</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
FEAR	Fearful Sept 8-14, 2025	3	12	35	34	15	1
HOPEFUL	Hopeful Sept 8-14, 2025	5	24	46	20	5	1
ANGRY	Angry Sept 8-14, 2025	4	13	40	31	11	1
PROUD	Proud Sept 8-14, 2025	4	20	45	23	7	1

DISPLAY FOR ALL:

The next few questions are a little different. For each, please answer them as best as you can. We want to measure what you already know. Please do not look up or ask someone for the answers. If you don't know the answer, just move on to the next one.

[PN: RANDOMIZE SENCONTR AND HOUCONTR]

SENCNTR

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST IN THE SAME ORDER AS
HOUCONTR]

Do you happen to know which political party currently has majority control in the U.S. Senate?

Sept 8-14,
2025

73	Republican Party {correct}
5	Democratic Party
21	Not sure
*	No answer

[PN: RANDOMIZE SENCONTR AND HOUCONTR]

HOUCONTR

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST IN THE SAME ORDER AS SENCONTR]

Do you happen to know which political party currently has majority control in the U.S. House of Representatives?

Sept 8-14,	
<u>2025</u>	
73	Republican Party {correct}
4	Democratic Party
22	Not sure
*	No answer

KNOWL25_GOV

ASK IF STATE NE MISSING (X_STATEDC=1,2):

[PN: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS, HOLDING 5 ALWAYS LAST]

Do you happen to know what position [PN: IF WEB (XCHANNEL=1) INSERT X_GOVERNOR_WEB] currently holds?

Sept 8-14,	
<u>2025</u>	
80	[PN: IF FROM DC (X_STATEDC=1):] "Mayor of the District of Columbia" [PN: IF NOT FROM DC (X_STATEDC=2,99):] "Governor of [PN: X_STATENAME]" {correct}
2	U.S. senator from [PN: INSERT X_STATENAME]
1	Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from [PN: INSERTX_STATENAME]
1	State attorney general of [PN: INSERT X_STATENAME]
14	Not sure
*	No answer

KNOWL25_TAR

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS, HOLDING 5 ALWAYS LAST]

Do you happen to know which of the following terms describes a U.S. government tax on goods imported into the U.S.?

Sept 8-14,	
<u>2025</u>	
86	Tariff {correct}
1	Embargo
1	Quota
1	Exchange rate
11	Not sure
1	No answer