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Wave 199: Soft Power Attitudes
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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

CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

X_NEWRECRUIT

- 1 Recruited in 2026
- 2 Recruited before 2026

Note: Flag to identify 2026 recruits for MOTHERBPL and FATHERBPL.

Source: Frame file F_COHORT. If F_COHORT=12, X_NEWRECRUIT=1. If F_COHORT=1-11, X_NEWRECRUIT=2.

X_REACTIVATED_W197

- 1 Reactivated in W197
- 2 Existing active panelist or new recruit

Note: Flag to identify panelists who will get asked MOTHERBPL and FATHERBPL.

Source: Frame file F_REACTIVATED_W197. If F_REACTIVATED_W197=2, X_REACTIVATED_W197=1, else F_REACTIVATED_W197=2.

 -----**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE BEGINS HERE**-----

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

[PN: RESPONDENTS WILL BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO ANSWER ABOUT FOUR COUNTRIES FROM THE LIST OF 18 COUNTRIES BELOW. EACH RESPONDENT SHOULD BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO TWO COUNTRIES EACH FROM GROUP A AND GROUP B.

GROUP A: Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan, South Korea, U.K.

GROUP B: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey

FOR EACH COUNTRY, CREATE A NUMERIC VARIABLE CALLED DOV_SELECT_[COUNTRY] WHICH INDICATES WHETHER IT WAS ASSIGNED TO THE RESPONDENT, AND INCLUDE IN THE DATASET:

- DOV_SELECT_[COUNTRY]:
 - 1 = "Selected"
 - 0 = "Not selected"]
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TXT: SOFTINTRO

[PN: DISPLAY TO ALL:]

The next set of questions asks your views about four countries randomly chosen for you from a larger list of countries in this study. If you don't know enough about a specific country, answer as best you can or select "Don't know enough to say" when available.

BAT: THERMO

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE THE 4 COUNTRIES FROM GROUPS A AND B ASSIGNED TO THE RESPONDENT; 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 some different countries in the world 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 country at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward the country.

[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 some different countries in the world 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 country at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward the country. 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 country 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 country 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:

ARG	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO ARGENTINA (DOV_SELECT_ARGENTINA=1): How do you feel toward Argentina?
AUS	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO AUSTRALIA (DOV_SELECT_AUSTRALIA=1): How do you feel toward Australia?
BRA	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO BRAZIL (DOV_SELECT_BRAZIL=1): How do you feel toward Brazil?
CANADA	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO CANADA (DOV_SELECT_CANADA=1): How do you feel toward Canada?
CHINA	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO CHINA (DOV_SELECT_CHINA=1): How do you feel toward China?
FRA	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO FRANCE (DOV_SELECT_FRANCE=1): How do you feel toward France?
GERMANY	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO GERMANY (DOV_SELECT_GERMANY=1): How do you feel toward Germany?
INDIA	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO INDIA (DOV_SELECT_INDIA=1): How do you feel toward India?
INDO	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO INDONESIA (DOV_SELECT_INDONESIA=1): How do you feel toward Indonesia?
ITA	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO ITALY (DOV_SELECT_ITALY=1): How do you feel toward Italy?
JAPAN	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO JAPAN (DOV_SELECT_JAPAN=1): How do you feel toward Japan?
MEXICO	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO MEXICO (DOV_SELECT_MEXICO=1): How do you feel toward Mexico?
RUSSIA	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO RUSSIA (DOV_SELECT_RUSSIA=1): How do you feel toward Russia?
SA	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO SAUDI ARABIA (DOV_SELECT_SAUDI=1): How do you feel toward Saudi Arabia?
SAFR	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO SOUTH AFRICA (DOV_SELECT_SAFRICA=1): How do you feel toward South Africa?
SKOREA	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO SOUTH KOREA (DOV_SELECT_SKOREA=1): How do you feel toward South Korea?
TR	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO TURKEY (DOV_SELECT_TURKEY=1): How do you feel toward Turkey?
UK	ASK IF ASSIGNED TO THE U.K. (DOV_SELECT_UK =1): How do you feel toward the U.K.?

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

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