

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 199: SOFT POWER ATTITUDES
SEPTEMBER 14-20, 2026**

**TOPLINE
TOTAL N=5,193**

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. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"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.

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).

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,193	+/- 1.6 percentage points

ADDITIONAL ITEMS 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"**

TXT:**[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.

THERMO_CHINA**ASK IF ASSIGNED TO CHINA (DOV_SELECT_CHINA = 1) [N=1,168]:**

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.

How do you feel toward China?

	<u>Very cold</u>	Somewhat <u>cold</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	Somewhat <u>warm</u>	<u>Very warm</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sept 14-20, 2026	34	20	27	12	7	1
Feb 1-7, 2021	47	20	20	7	4	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	23	23	30	13	8	2
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	27	23	28	11	7	4

ADDITIONAL ITEMS 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... ¹

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
27	29	29	13	2	17	21

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.