

2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 194: Online Communities and Connection
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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_FORM

- 1 Form 1
- 2 Form 2

Note: Flag to randomly assign panelists to one of two forms (Form 1, Form 2) and weight within form
Source: Randomly assigned for each survey.

X_GENDER

- 1 A man
- 2 A woman
- 3 In some other way
- 99 Refused

Note: Flag to identify gender for OCGEN.

Source: Frame file variable F_GENDER_ORIG. Same codes as F_GENDER_ORIG.

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

BAT: SATLIFE_MOD

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your life?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your life? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: How satisfied are you with this aspect of your life? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

a Your family life

b Your social life

[PN: NO ITEMS C, D]

e The quality of life in your local community

[PN: NO ITEM F]

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 Extremely satisfied

2 Very satisfied

3 Somewhat satisfied

4 Not too satisfied

5 Not at all satisfied

98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: INT_PPL

ASK ALL:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Overall, do you think the internet...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 Does more to bring people together

2 Does more to drive people apart

3 Does both about equally

98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know

99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD

QUE: ONVSOFF**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

In general, do you think personal relationships people form online...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 Can be just as meaningful as in-person relationships

2 Are not as meaningful as in-person relationships

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]3 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are you not sure?99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD

BAT: PLTFM

ASK ALL:

[PN: DO NOT RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

[PN: IF WEB:] Do you ever...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Do you ever **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, do you ever **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: Do you ever do this? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

VID Use video sites or apps, like YouTube or Twitch
 DIS Use online discussion forums, like Reddit, Nextdoor, or Discord
 MSG Use messaging sites or apps, like WhatsApp
 SM Use social media sites or apps, like Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok
 HOB Use sites or apps for people who share a hobby, like Goodreads, Strava **[PN: IF CATI: (PRONO: STRAH-vuh)]**, Ravelry **[PN: IF CATI: (PRONO: RAV-uhl-ree)]**, or Letterboxd
 GAM Play video games online

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Yes, I do **[PN: IF CATI:]** Yes, you do
 2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** No, I do not **[PN: IF CATI:]** No, you do not
 98 **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OC1

ASK ALL:

Next are some questions about people feeling part of a community online.

By this, we mean people connecting with others online, such as by joining or feeling part of a group or doing things together.

This could happen in places like social media, online discussion forums, by emailing or messaging with a group, or in video games online.

Would you say you are part of any online communities?

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

1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Yes, I am **[PN: IF CATI:]** Yes, you are
 2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** No, I am not **[PN: IF CATI:]** No, you are not
 98 **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

BAT: OCWHERE**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):**

[PN: DO NOT RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

[PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT OCWHERE_OTH IF SELECTS CODE 1 (YES) BUT DOESN'T ENTER TEXT IN TEXT BOX: "Please enter where this online community is in the text box. If you would like to skip, click Next." **ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN**]

[PN: IF WEB:] Are you part of any online communities...

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] Are you part of any online communities (**INSERT ITEM**)? (**READ LIST IF NECESSARY**)

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] Next, are you part of any online communities (**INSERT ITEM**)?

(**READ AS NECESSARY:** Are you part of any online communities there? (**READ LIST IF NECESSARY**))

BATTERY ITEMS:

- VID **ASK IF USES VIDEO SITES OR APPS (PLTFM_VID=1):** On video sites or apps, like YouTube or Twitch
- DIS **ASK IF USES ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUMS (PLTFM_DIS=1):** On online discussion forums, like Reddit, Nextdoor, or Discord
- MSG **ASK IF USES MESSAGING SITES OR APPS (PLTFM_MSG=1):** On messaging sites or apps, like WhatsApp
- SM **ASK IF USES SOCIAL MEDIA SITES OR APPS (PLTFM_SM=1):** On social media sites or apps, like Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok
- HOB **ASK IF USES HOBBY SITES OR APPS (PLTFM_HOB=1):** On sites or apps for people who share a hobby, like Goodreads, Strava [PN: IF CATI: (**PRONO: STRAH-vuh**)], Ravelry [PN: IF CATI: (**PRONO: RAV-uhl-ree**)], or Letterboxd
- GAM **ASK IF PLAYS VIDEO GAMES ONLINE (PLTFM_GAM=1):** In video games you play online
- OTH Somewhere else (please specify): [PN: INSERT SINGLE LINE TEXT BOX]

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 [PN: IF WEB:] Yes, I am part of an online community there [PN: IF CATI:] Yes, you are part of an online community there
- 2 [PN: IF WEB:] No, I am not part of an online community there [PN: IF CATI:] No, you are not part of an online community there
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (**DO NOT READ**) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (**DO NOT READ**) Refused

QUE: OCVALUE**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Overall, how much value do online communities bring to your life?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Some
- 4 A little
- 5 None
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OCCOUNT**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: PROGRAM A NUMERIC TEXT BOX; VALID RANGE FOR RESPONDENT=1-10; VALID RANGE FOR PROGRAM=0-99 NO LETTERS OR DECIMALS OR NEGATIVE NUMBERS.]****[PN: IF WEB, SOFT PROMPT IF INITIALLY SKIPS: "Please enter a number in the box. If you would like to skip, click Next." ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN]****[PN: IF ENTERS A NUMBER GREATER THAN 10 BUT LESS THAN 99, SOFT PROMPT: "Please enter a whole number 1-10. If you are currently part of more than 10 online communities, enter 10 and click Next." ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN]****[PN: IF ENTERS 0, SOFT PROMPT: "Please enter a whole number 1-10 or click Next to continue." ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN]****[PN: IF ENTERS A NUMBER GREATER THAN 99 HARD PROMPT: "The number entered is too large."]**

How many online communities would you say you are currently part of?

[PN: IF WEB:] *If you are part of 10 or more online communities, enter 10 and click "Next".***[PN: IF CATI:] [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: Enter 10 if R is part of 10 or more online communities.]****[PN: PROGRAM NUMERIC TEXT BOX]**998 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know999 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OCTOPIC**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):**

[**PN: IF OCCOUNT=1:** Thinking about the online community you are part of...]

[**PN: IF OCCOUNT > 1 OR OCCOUNT=998,999:** Please think about the online community where you spend the most time.]

In just a few words, what is the main focus of this online community – that is, its topic or theme?

____ [**PN: INSERT SINGLE LINE TEXT BOX**]

98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Don't know

99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: OCFREQ**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):**

[**PN: IF OCCOUNT > 1 OR OCCOUNT=998,999:** Still thinking about this online community where you spend the most time...]

About how often do you go to this online community?

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

1 Several times a day

2 About once a day

3 Several times a week

4 Several times a month

5 Less often

98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Don't know

99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: OCUNIQUE**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):**

Do you feel this community is...

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

1 Something you could only find online

2 Similar to what you could find elsewhere

98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Don't know

99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: OCCLS**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS SATLIFE_MOD, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

How close do you feel to the other people in this online community?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Extremely close
- 2 Very close
- 3 Somewhat close
- 4 Not too close
- 5 Not at all close
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

BAT: OCWHY**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS WITH FOUR ITEMS ON EACH SCREEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]****[PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN]****[PN: IF WEB:]** How much is each of the following a reason you go to this online community?**[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:]** How much is each of the following a reason you go to this online community? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this a **(READ LIST)**?**[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:]** Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY: How much is this a reason you go to this online community? (READ LIST))****BATTERY ITEMS:**

- SHR To share your thoughts
- ADV To get advice or recommendations
- DRM To see if there's drama
- FUN For fun
- PPL To meet new people
- INF To stay informed
- SUP To get support
- ACC You feel accepted there

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Major reason
- 2 Minor reason
- 3 Not a reason
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OCENV**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 5, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Are the people in this online community...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Always respectful to each other
- 2 Mostly respectful to each other
- 3 Mostly disrespectful to each other
- 4 Always disrespectful to each other

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]5 **[PN: IF WEB:]** About an equal mix **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are they about an equal mix?98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused**QUE: OCTALK****ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: IF OCCOUNT > 1 OR OCCOUNT=998,999:** Still thinking about this online community where you spend the most time... **]**

Do you ever post or share in this online community?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Yes, I do **[PN: IF CATI:]** Yes, you do2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** No, I don't **[PN: IF CATI:]** No, you don't98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused**QUE: OCPOL1****ASK IF PART OF ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

How much of the discussion in this online community is about politics or political issues?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 All of it
- 2 Most of it
- 3 Some of it
- 4 A little of it
- 5 None of it

98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OCPOL2**ASK IF AT LEAST A LITTLE POLITICAL DISCUSSION (OCPOL1=1,2,3,4):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Are the things you see about politics or political issues in this online community...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Mostly things you agree with
- 2 Mostly things you disagree with
- 3 About an equal mix of both
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OCPOL3**ASK IF AT LEAST A LITTLE POLITICAL DISCUSSION (OCPOL1=1,2,3,4):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Is what you see about politics or political issues in this online community...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Mostly new to you
- 2 Mostly what you already see elsewhere
- 3 Both about equally
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OCPOL4**ASK IF PART OF ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Would you say...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Political discussion belongs in this online community
- 2 Political discussion does not belong in this online community
- [PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]**
- 3 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are you not sure?
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OCKNOW**ASK IF PART OF AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS OCPOL1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

How many of the people in this online community did you know before you started taking part in it?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 All of them
- 2 Most of them
- 3 Some of them
- 4 Very few of them
- 5 None of them
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OCOFF**ASK IF PART OF ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):**

Does this online community ever have in-person gatherings?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Yes, it does
- 2 No, it doesn't
- [PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]**
- 3 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are you not sure?
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

BAT: OCOTHERS**ASK IF PART OF ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS WITH HOB ALWAYS LAST ITEM ON SCREEN 2; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]****[PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN]****[PN: IF WEB:]** Now we want to understand more about the online communities you are part of, in general.**[PN: IF WEB:]** Are you part of any online communities that are related to...**[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:]** Now we want to understand more about the online communities you are part of, in general. Are you part of any online communities that are related to **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)****[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:]** Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**.
(READ AS NECESSARY: Are you part of any online communities that are related to this? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**BATTERY ITEMS:**

SPT Sports
 GAM Video games
 LOC **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Your local area
 SCH **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** A school you attend or went to
 WRK **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Your work or profession
 BEA **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Beauty or fashion
 REL **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Religion or spirituality
 POL **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Politics or political issues
 HLT **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Physical or mental health
 DIT **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Diet or fitness
 PAR **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Parenting
 DAT **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Dating and relationships
 RE **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Race and ethnicity
 ENT **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Movies, books, or TV shows
 HOB Hobbies

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Yes, I am part of an online community related to this **[PN: IF CATI:]** Yes, you are part of an online community related to this
 2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** No, I am not part of an online community related to this **[PN: IF CATI:]** No, you are not part of an online community related to this
 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: OCFAN**ASK IF PART OF ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):**

Are you part of an online fan community, like for a specific celebrity, movie, book, band, or sports team?

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

- 1 [PN: IF WEB:] Yes, I am part of an online fan community [PN: IF CATI:] Yes, you are part of an online fan community
- 2 [PN: IF WEB:] No, I am not part of an online fan community [PN: IF CATI:] No, you are not part of an online fan community
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: OCGEN**ASK IF PART OF ONLINE COMMUNITY (OC1=1):**

Are you part of any online communities that are specifically for [PN: IF X_GENDER=1, DISPLAY "men"; IF X_GENDER=2, DISPLAY "women"; IF X_GENDER=3 OR 99, DISPLAY "people who are the same gender as you"]?

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

- 1 [PN: IF WEB:] Yes, I am part of an online community like this [PN: IF CATI:] Yes, you are part of an online community like this
- 2 [PN: IF WEB:] No, I am not part of an online community like this [PN: IF CATI:] No, you are not part of an online community like this
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: OCLEAVE**ASK ALL:**

Have you ever left an online community?

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

- 1 [PN: IF WEB:] Yes, I have [PN: IF CATI:] Yes, you have
- 2 [PN: IF WEB:] No, I haven't [PN: IF CATI:] No, you haven't
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

BAT: OCLEAVEWHY**ASK IF LEFT AN ONLINE COMMUNITY (OCLEAVE=1):**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much is each of the following a reason you have left an online community?

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How much is each of the following a reason you have left an online community? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this a **(READ LIST)**?

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**.
(READ AS NECESSARY: How much is this a reason you have left an online community?
(READ LIST))

BATTERY ITEMS:

ARG There was too much arguing
 POL People brought up politics too much
 REL Your life changed, so you no longer needed it
 INT You lost interest
 BEL You didn't feel you belonged
 HAR People were being harassed
 DEC It wasn't as good as it used to be
 TIM You were spending too much time there

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 Major reason
 2 Minor reason
 3 Not a reason
 98 [PN: IF CATI:] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD