

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 200: Politics Survey
September 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

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_CITIZEN

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 99 Refused

Note: Flag to identify citizens filtered on CONG, PLAN1, POL10, CANDHOUSAT, ISSUECONG, and VOTE_MOTIV.

Source: Frame file variable F_CITIZEN.

X_CONGREPCAND_EN

Note: English text fill to use at CONG and CONGA for Republican candidate to be used in response 1.
Source: Politics team Excel sheet.

X_CONGDEMCAND_EN

Note: English text fill to use at CONG and CONGA for Democrat candidate to be used in response 2.
Source: Politics team Excel sheet.

X_CONGREPCAND_ES

Note: Spanish text fill to use at CONG and CONGA for Republican candidate to be used in response 1.
Source: Politics team Excel sheet.

X_CONGDEMCAND_ES

Note: Spanish text fill to use at CONG and CONGA for Democrat candidate to be used in response 2.
Source: Politics team Excel sheet.

X_HISP

- 1 Hispanic
- 2 Non-Hispanic
- 99 Refused

Note: Flag to identify ATP Hispanic panelists on HISPSIT, HISPSITFUT, TRUMP1.

Source: Frame file variable F_HISP. If F_HISP=1, X_HISP=1. Otherwise X_HISP=2.

CODEBOOK FOR GENERIC ROTATION VARIABLE TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC**ROTATION_GEN**

- 1 Scale in ascending order (1-5)
- 2 Scale in descending order (5-1)

Note: Flag created by programmers to assign panelists' rotation orders for the following questions: LEADERCHAR, LEADERCHAR_DSA, REPLEAD, and DEMLEAD.

Source: Created by programmers and randomly assigned to all sampled panelists.

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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUE: PLAN1

ASK IF CITIZEN (X_CITIZEN=1):

Do you plan to vote in the elections this November, have you already voted, or don't you plan to vote?

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

- 1 Plan to vote
- 2 Already voted
- 3 Don't plan to vote
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: HOWPLANVOTE

ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE (PLAN1=1):

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1, HOLDING 4 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How do you plan to cast your vote in the November elections?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 In person at a polling place before Election Day
- 2 In person at a polling place on Election Day
- 3 By absentee or mail-in ballot
- [PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
- 4 [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: HOWVOTED

ASK IF HAVE ALREADY VOTED (PLAN1=2):

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Did you cast your vote...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 In person at a polling place or early voting location
 - 2 By absentee or mail-in ballot returned in person
 - 3 By absentee or mail-in ballot dropped off at a designated dropbox
 - 4 By mailing in your ballot
 - 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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QUE: PLANABSENT**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE ABSENTEE (HOWPLANVOTE=3):****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1, HOLDING 4 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Do you plan to return your ballot...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 In person to an election official or poll worker
- 2 To a designated dropbox
- 3 By mail

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]4 **[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 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

BAT: LEADERCHAR**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]****[PN: IF WEB:]** Please indicate how much you like or dislike each of the following characteristics of political leaders.**[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:]** Please indicate how much you like or dislike each of the following characteristics of political leaders. First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Do you **(READ LIST)**?**[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:]** Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**.**(READ AS NECESSARY: How much do you like or dislike this characteristic of a political leader? Do you... (READ LIST)?)****BATTERY ITEMS:**

MIL Has served in the military

GVEXP Has no previous government experience

WLTH Is very wealthy

NONCOL Does not have a college degree

ADDITIONAL ITEMS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Dislike a lot **[PN: IF CATI:]** Dislike a lot
 - 2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Dislike a little **[PN: IF CATI:]** Dislike a little
 - 3 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Neither like nor dislike **[PN: IF CATI:]** Neither like nor dislike
 - 4 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Like a little **[PN: IF CATI:]** Like a little
 - 5 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Like a lot **[PN: IF CATI:]** Like a lot
 - 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 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASED

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN_COM AND VTADMIN_US ON SAME SCREEN;
INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: VTADMIN_COM

ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):

Do you think the elections this November in your community will be run and administered...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 Very well

2 Somewhat well

3 Not too well

4 Not at all well

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

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

QUE: VTADMIN_US

ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):

Do you think the elections this November in the United States will be run and administered...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 Very well

2 Somewhat well

3 Not too well

4 Not at all well

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

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

QUE: VOTEADMIN_US_OE
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):

What particular concerns, if any, do you have about the way elections will be run and administered in the United States this year?

- _____ [PN: PROGRAM OPEN END TEXT BOX WITH NO CHARACTER LIMIT]
 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

TXT:
**[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT_INP AND VTCOUNT_ABS; INCLUDE
 RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

QUE: VTCOUNT_INP
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):

How confident are you that votes cast in person at polling places across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

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

TXT:
**[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT_INP AND VTCOUNT_ABS; INCLUDE
 RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

QUE: VTCOUNT_ABS
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):

How confident are you that votes cast by absentee or mail-in ballot across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

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

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE REPLEAD AND DEMLEAD BY FORM SUCH THAT FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) GETS REPLEAD FIRST AND DEMLEAD SECOND; AND FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) GETS DEMLEAD FIRST AND REPLEAD SECOND; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: REPLEAD**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS DEMLEAD; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Now thinking about Republican political leaders...

[PN: IF WEB:] How much do you like or dislike Republican political leaders who...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Now thinking about Republican political leaders, how much do you like or dislike Republican political leaders who (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST)

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, how much do you like or dislike Republican political leaders who (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST)
(READ AS NECESSARY: How much do you like or dislike Republican political leaders who do this? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:

EVIL Call Democratic political leaders evil

COOP Refuse to ever work with Democrats

DMGD Think Democrats have good ideas on some important issues

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 [PN: IF WEB:] Dislike a lot [PN: IF CATI:] Dislike a lot
- 2 [PN: IF WEB:] Dislike a little [PN: IF CATI:] Dislike a little
- 3 [PN: IF WEB:] Neither like nor dislike [PN: IF CATI:] Neither like nor dislike
- 4 [PN: IF WEB:] Like a little [PN: IF CATI:] Like a little
- 5 [PN: IF WEB:] Like a lot [PN: IF CATI:] Like a lot
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE REPLEAD AND DEMLEAD BY FORM SUCH THAT FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) GETS REPLEAD FIRST AND DEMLEAD SECOND; AND FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) GETS DEMLEAD FIRST AND REPLEAD SECOND; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: DEMLEAD**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS REPLEAD; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Now thinking about Democratic political leaders...

[PN: IF WEB:] How much do you like or dislike Democratic political leaders who...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Now thinking about Democratic political leaders, how much do you like or dislike Democratic political leaders who (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST)

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, how much do you like or dislike Democratic political leaders who (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST)
(READ AS NECESSARY: How much do you like or dislike Democratic political leaders who do this? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:

EVIL Call Republican political leaders evil

COOP Refuse to ever work with Republicans

RPGD Think Republicans have good ideas on some important issues

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 [PN: IF WEB:] Dislike a lot [PN: IF CATI:] Dislike a lot
- 2 [PN: IF WEB:] Dislike a little [PN: IF CATI:] Dislike a little
- 3 [PN: IF WEB:] Neither like nor dislike [PN: IF CATI:] Neither like nor dislike
- 4 [PN: IF WEB:] Like a little [PN: IF CATI:] Like a little
- 5 [PN: IF WEB:] Like a lot [PN: IF CATI:] Like a lot
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VOTETRAITS_a, VOTETRAITS_b, VOTETRAITS_c, AND VOTETRAITS_d ON SAME SCREEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: VOTETRAITS_a**ASK ALL:**

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

All in all, is voting in elections...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Important
- 2 Not important
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: VOTETRAITS_b**ASK ALL:**

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

All in all, is voting in elections...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Convenient
- 2 Not convenient
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: VOTETRAITS_c**ASK ALL:**

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

All in all, is voting in elections...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Exciting
- 2 Boring
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: VOTETRAITS_d**ASK ALL:**

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

All in all, is voting in elections...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Straightforward
- 2 Confusing
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

BAT: ELECT_IMPTNOV**ASK ALL:**

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

[PN: IF WEB:] Thinking about the congressional elections this November, how important, if at all, is each of the following?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Thinking about the congressional elections this November, how important, if at all, is each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Thinking about the congressional election this November, is this **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] How important is it that **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(READ AS NECESSARY: Thinking about the congressional elections this November, is this (READ LIST))

BATTERY ITEMS:

- CITZN If noncitizens try to cast ballots in the elections, they will be stopped
- QUICKWINM **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Americans know which party won control of the House of Representatives within a day or two of Election Day
- CLRWINM **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** After all the votes are counted, it will be clear which party won control of the House of Representatives
- PRVSUP **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot
- ELIGI **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** All legally qualified voters are able to cast ballots if they want to
- INTMD **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** People who try to intimidate or threaten voters at polling places will be stopped
- SECUR **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Election workers will handle ballots securely
- MAIL2 **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Mail ballots will be delivered to voters with enough time to return them
- MAIL3 **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** The postal service will return voters' mail ballots to election offices in time to be counted

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

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

BAT: ELECT_CONFNOV**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS ELECT_IMPTNOV; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Still thinking about the congressional election this November, how confident, if at all, are you that...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Still thinking about the congressional elections this November, how confident, if at all, are you that... **(INSERT ITEM)**? Are you **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] How confident are you that **(INSERT ITEM)**?

(READ AS NECESSARY: Still thinking about the congressional elections this November, how confident, if at all, are you about this? **(READ LIST))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

CITZN	If noncitizens try to cast ballots in the elections, they will be stopped
QUICKWINM	ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1): Americans will know which party won control of the House of Representatives within a day or two of Election Day
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RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

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

QUE: VTSYSSEC_US

ASK ALL:

How confident are you that election systems in the United States are secure from hacking and other technological threats?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 Very confident

2 Somewhat confident

3 Not too confident

4 Not at all confident

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 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
