

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**Wave 200: Politics Survey**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026**  
**N=5,062**

Note: 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). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the Methodology.

\* "No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say that 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.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK ALL:**

AGENCYFAV

What is your overall opinion of each of the following agencies and departments of the federal government? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

|                              |                                                         | -----Favorable----- |             |                 | -----Unfavorable----- |             |                 |                 |                   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
|                              |                                                         | <u>NET</u>          | <u>Very</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>NET</u>            | <u>Very</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>Not sure</u> | <u>No answer*</u> |
| <b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:</b> |                                                         |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |                 |                   |
| FBI                          | The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the FBI            |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |                 |                   |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 48                  | 13          | 35              | 36                    | 16          | 19              | 15              | *                 |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 48                  | 10          | 38              | 36                    | 15          | 21              | 16              | *                 |
|                              | Jul 1-7, 2024                                           | 51                  | 15          | 36              | 33                    | 16          | 17              | 16              | *                 |
|                              | Mar 13-19, 2023                                         | 52                  | 15          | 38              | 36                    | 17          | 19              | 12              | *                 |
| NWS                          | The National Weather Service                            |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |                 |                   |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 72                  | 30          | 42              | 13                    | 4           | 9               | 15              | *                 |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 76                  | 35          | 41              | 11                    | 3           | 8               | 13              | *                 |
| CDC                          | The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |                 |                   |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 47                  | 17          | 30              | 39                    | 17          | 22              | 14              | 1                 |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 53                  | 20          | 33              | 34                    | 14          | 19              | 13              | *                 |
|                              | Jul 1-7, 2024                                           | 55                  | 21          | 34              | 35                    | 18          | 17              | 10              | *                 |
|                              | Mar 13-19, 2023                                         | 56                  | 20          | 36              | 38                    | 18          | 19              | 6               | *                 |
| FED                          | The Federal Reserve                                     |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |                 |                   |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 48                  | 11          | 37              | 29                    | 10          | 19              | 22              | 1                 |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 49                  | 13          | 36              | 28                    | 12          | 16              | 23              | *                 |
|                              | Jul 1-7, 2024                                           | 45                  | 11          | 34              | 32                    | 12          | 19              | 23              | *                 |
|                              | Mar 13-19, 2023                                         | 43                  | 11          | 33              | 37                    | 14          | 22              | 20              | *                 |

**AGENCYFAV CONTINUED...**

|                              |                                                         | -----Favorable----- |             |                 | -----Unfavorable----- |             |                 | Not<br>sure | No<br>answer* |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
|                              |                                                         | <u>NET</u>          | <u>Very</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>NET</u>            | <u>Very</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> |             |               |
| STATE                        | The State Department                                    |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |             |               |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 42                  | 11          | 31              | 33                    | 13          | 21              | 24          | 1             |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 45                  | 9           | 36              | 31                    | 11          | 20              | 24          | *             |
| ICE                          | Immigration and Customs<br>Enforcement, ICE             |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |             |               |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 35                  | 18          | 17              | 56                    | 42          | 14              | 9           | *             |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 40                  | 20          | 20              | 49                    | 33          | 16              | 10          | *             |
| <b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,535]:</b> |                                                         |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |             |               |
| JSTCE                        | The Justice Department                                  |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |             |               |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 40                  | 10          | 31              | 45                    | 20          | 26              | 14          | 1             |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 39                  | 8           | 31              | 46                    | 18          | 27              | 15          | 1             |
|                              | Jul 1-7, 2024                                           | 43                  | 9           | 34              | 44                    | 19          | 25              | 13          | *             |
|                              | Mar 13-19, 2023                                         | 49                  | 10          | 39              | 41                    | 17          | 24              | 10          | *             |
| IRS                          | The Internal Revenue<br>Service, the IRS                |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |             |               |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 37                  | 6           | 31              | 46                    | 18          | 28              | 16          | 1             |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 36                  | 6           | 30              | 50                    | 22          | 27              | 14          | *             |
|                              | Jul 1-7, 2024                                           | 38                  | 8           | 30              | 50                    | 23          | 27              | 12          | *             |
|                              | Mar 13-19, 2023                                         | 42                  | 7           | 34              | 51                    | 22          | 29              | 7           | *             |
| USPS                         | The United States Postal<br>Service                     |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |             |               |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 68                  | 28          | 40              | 22                    | 6           | 16              | 10          | *             |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 69                  | 27          | 42              | 23                    | 7           | 15              | 8           | *             |
|                              | Jul 1-7, 2024                                           | 72                  | 29          | 43              | 21                    | 6           | 15              | 6           | 1             |
|                              | Mar 13-19, 2023                                         | 77                  | 30          | 47              | 20                    | 5           | 15              | 3           | *             |
| HHS                          | The Department of Health<br>and Human Services, the HHS |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |             |               |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 44                  | 12          | 32              | 38                    | 17          | 21              | 17          | *             |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 48                  | 12          | 36              | 36                    | 15          | 21              | 15          | 1             |
|                              | Jul 1-7, 2024                                           | 50                  | 14          | 36              | 31                    | 11          | 20              | 18          | *             |
|                              | Mar 13-19, 2023                                         | 55                  | 15          | 40              | 30                    | 10          | 19              | 15          | *             |
| HMLND                        | The Department of Homeland<br>Security                  |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |             |               |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 43                  | 15          | 28              | 42                    | 23          | 19              | 14          | *             |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 46                  | 15          | 31              | 40                    | 20          | 20              | 13          | 1             |
|                              | Jul 1-7, 2024                                           | 48                  | 12          | 36              | 36                    | 15          | 20              | 15          | 1             |
|                              | Mar 13-19, 2023                                         | 51                  | 12          | 39              | 35                    | 13          | 23              | 13          | *             |
| NPS                          | The National Park Service                               |                     |             |                 |                       |             |                 |             |               |
|                              | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026                                      | 73                  | 40          | 34              | 9                     | 2           | 7               | 17          | 1             |
|                              | Aug 4-10, 2025                                          | 76                  | 43          | 34              | 8                     | 2           | 6               | 15          | *             |
|                              | Jul 1-7, 2024                                           | 76                  | 39          | 37              | 7                     | 2           | 5               | 17          | *             |
|                              | Mar 13-19, 2023                                         | 81                  | 40          | 41              | 7                     | 2           | 4               | 12          | *             |

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**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...<sup>1</sup>

| <u>Republican</u> | <u>Democrat</u> | <u>Independent</u> | <u>Something</u><br><u>else</u> | <u>No</u><br><u>answer*</u> | <i>Lean</i><br><i>Rep</i> | <i>Lean</i><br><i>Dem</i> |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 27                | 29              | 29                 | 13                              | 2                           | 17                        | 20                        |

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<sup>1</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.