

2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 201: Politics Survey
FINAL TOPLINE
October 12-18, 2026
N=5,273

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 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

CHATUSEMOD Do you ever use an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot like ChatGPT, Gemini or Copilot?

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ASK IF USES AI CHATBOTS (CHATUSEMOD=1) [N=2,928]:

AI_CB_26 Now thinking about the 2026 elections coming up next month, are you using artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots to find out information related to the 2026 elections?

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15 Yes

85 No

* No answer*

ASK IF USED AI CHATBOTS TO FIND INFO ABOUT THE 2026 ELECTIONS**(AI_CB_26=1) [N=427]:**

AI_MIDTM_INFO Are you using artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots to find any of the following kinds of information about the upcoming November elections? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
HOWVT	Information on how to register to vote or check your registration, how to find your polling place, or vote by mail Oct 12-18, 2026	40	59	2
CANDISS	Information about where the candidates stand on the issues Oct 12-18, 2026	76	22	1
CANDBRND	Information about the candidates' lives and careers Oct 12-18, 2026	65	33	2
WHOVOT	Suggestions for how to make your vote choices Oct 12-18, 2026	40	58	2
FACT	Information on the accuracy of things you have heard or read in other places about the candidates or issues in the election Oct 12-18, 2026	71	27	1

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>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer*</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>
	27	29	29	13	2	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u> 16 21

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.