2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 195: Press Freedom
June 22-28, 2026

Questionnaire (English)

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.

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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

[PN: DISPLAY TO ALL:]
On another topic...

QUE: FOLNEWS
{W177 8-25; W168 4-25; W165; W150; W138 sample of Hispanic adults; KP 122 OVERSAMPLE ONLY; W112 7-22; W93 7-21; W72; W52.5; W37.5 RF3; W24.5 Mode Study; W12.5 (NM/ME 2015); Facebook 2013; PEJ 2010}
ASK ALL:

Would you say you follow the news...

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

1 All or most of the time
2 Some of the time
3 Only now and then
4 Hardly ever
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: NEWSIMP
{W109 5-22; mod Local News 2018}
ASK ALL:

How important to you is social media as a way of keeping up with the news?

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

1 The most important way
2 An important way, but not the most important
3 Not an important way
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: POLFREE
{New; based on POLINTOL W48 4-19}
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

In the U.S., how free do you think people who share your political views are to openly express those views?

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

1 Extremely free
2 Very free
3 Somewhat free
4 A little free
5 Not at all free
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
6 **[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

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QUE: NEWSSOCIETY
{W164 2-25, W145 4-24}
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Overall, how important do you think the freedom of the press is to the well-being of society?

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

1 Extremely important
2 Very important
3 Somewhat important
4 A little important
5 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

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BAT: FREEDOM
{W164 2-25, mod W145 4-24}
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] In the U.S....

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] In the U.S., **(INSERT ITEM) (READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, in the U.S., **(INSERT ITEM) (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

BATTERY ITEMS:

PRESS	How free is the media to report the news? {W164 2-25, mod W145 4-24}
SAY	How free are people to say what they want? {W164 2-25, mod W145 4-24}
INTERNET	How free are people to use the internet? {W164 2-25, mod W145 4-24}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	Completely free
2	Somewhat free
3	Not very free
4	Not at all free
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: NEWSRESTRICT
{Split form; mod W164 2-25 to change "press freedoms" to "freedom of the press", W145 4-24, based on JRESTRICT}
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How concerned are you, if at all, about potential restrictions on freedom of the press in the United States?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1	Extremely concerned
2	Very concerned
3	Somewhat concerned
4	A little concerned
5	Not at all concerned
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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BAT: NEWSRESTRICTBAT
{Split form; new}
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How concerned are you, if at all, about potential restrictions on each of the following in the United States?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How concerned are you, if at all, about potential restrictions on each of the following in the United States? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Are you **(READ LIST)**?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**.
(READ AS NECESSARY: How concerned are you, if at all, about potential restrictions on this in the United States? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

REL	Freedom of religion {new}
PRESS	Freedom of the press {heavy mod NEWSRESTRICT W164 2-25, W145 4-24}
ARMS	The right to bear arms {new}
VOTE	The right to vote {new}
ASSEM	Freedom for people to assemble peacefully {new}
SPEECH	Freedom of speech {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	Extremely concerned
2	Very concerned
3	Somewhat concerned
4	A little concerned
5	Not at all concerned
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: PRESSFREE
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which of these statements comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1	It is more important for the press to be free to report the news, even if some reporting is inaccurate
2	It is more important to prevent inaccurate reporting, even if it limits freedom of the press
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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BAT: PFNEWS
{New}
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Do you think the U.S. government should be able to require a news organization to take down a news story if it...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Do you think the U.S. government should be able to require a news organization to take down a news story if it **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about if it **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Do you think the U.S. government should be able to require a news organization to take down a news story in this case? **(READ LIST))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

FALSE	Contains false information {new}
POL	Clearly favors one political side {new}
CRITIC	Is critical of the government {new}
NATSEC	Poses a risk to national security {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	Yes, the U.S. government should be able to do this
2	No, the U.S. government should not be able to do this
[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

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BAT: PFPOST
{New}
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Do you think a U.S. social media company should be able to take down someone's post if it...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Do you think a U.S. social media company should be able to take down someone's post if it **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about if it **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Do you think a U.S. social media company should be able to take down someone's post in this case? **(READ LIST))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

FALSE	Contains false information {new}
POL	Clearly favors one political side {new}
CRITIC	Is critical of the government {new}
NATSEC	Poses a risk to national security {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	Yes, a U.S. social media company should be able to do this
2	No, a U.S. social media company should not be able to do this

[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

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BAT: PFFALSE
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] If a U.S. news organization publishes false information, when, if ever, do you think...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] If a U.S. news organization publishes false information, when, if ever, do you think **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] When, if ever, do you think **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(READ AS NECESSARY: If a U.S. news organization publishes false information, when, if ever, do you think this should happen? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

CORRECT	The news organization should issue a public correction {new}
FIRE	The news organization should fire the journalist who reported the story {new}
FINE	The U.S. government should fine the news organization {new}
REMOVE	The U.S. government should require the news organization to take down the story {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	In all or almost all cases
2	In most cases
3	In some cases
4	In few cases
5	In no or almost no cases

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

6	**[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

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BAT: PFGOVT
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How often, if ever, is it acceptable for the U.S. government to...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How often, if ever, is it acceptable for the U.S. government to **(INSERT ITEM)**? Is it **(READ LIST)**?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, for the U.S. government to **(INSERT ITEM)**.
(READ AS NECESSARY: How often, if ever, is it acceptable for the U.S. government to do this? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

SOURCE	Force journalists to reveal the identity of unnamed government sources {new}
LICENSE	Take away a news organization's license to broadcast {new}
ACCESS	Give journalists access to public officials in exchange for positive coverage {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	Always acceptable
2	Usually acceptable
3	Sometimes acceptable
4	Rarely acceptable
5	Never acceptable

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

6	**[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

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BAT: PFNEWSORG
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS PFGOVT, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How often, if ever, is it acceptable for U.S. news organizations to...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How often, if ever, is it acceptable for U.S. news organizations to **(INSERT ITEM)**? Is it **(READ LIST)**?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, for U.S. news organizations to **(INSERT ITEM)**.
(READ AS NECESSARY: How often, if ever, is it acceptable for U.S. news organizations to do this? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

ANON	Keep a source's identity secret {new}
LEAK	Publish confidential information from government sources {new}
ARR	Record police or other law enforcement officers making an arrest in public {new}
MED	Publish information about a politician's personal life {new}
MIL	Publish classified details about military operations during an active conflict {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	Always acceptable
2	Usually acceptable
3	Sometimes acceptable
4	Rarely acceptable
5	Never acceptable

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

6	**[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

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[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF NEWSCORP/NEWSCORPINFL AND NEWSGOVT/NEWSGOVTINFL; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: NEWSCORP
{W164 2-25, W145 4-24; heavy mod NEWSFINCORP W72 8-20}
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How much, if at all, do you think that U.S. news organizations are influenced by corporations and financial interests?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 A great deal
2 Somewhat
3 Not very much
4 Not at all
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
5 **[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

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BAT: NEWSCORPINFL
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NEWSCORP, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much do you think corporate and financial interests influence...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much do you think corporate and financial interests influence **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, how much do you think corporate and financial interests influence **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

BATTERY ITEMS:
ACC The accuracy of the news {new}
STORY Which news stories get covered {new}
BAL The balance of political perspectives in the news {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1 A great deal
2 Somewhat
3 Not very much
4 Not at all
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
5 **[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

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[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF NEWSCORP/NEWSCORPINFL AND NEWSGOVT/NEWSGOVTINFL; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: NEWSGOVT
{W164 2-25, W145 4-24}
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NEWSCORP, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How much, if at all, do you think that U.S. news organizations are influenced by government and political interests?

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

1 A great deal
2 Somewhat
3 Not very much
4 Not at all
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
5 **[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

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BAT: NEWSGOVTINFL
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS NEWSCORPINFL; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS NEWSCORP, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much do you think government and political interests influence...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much do you think government and political interests influence **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, how much do you think government and political interests influence **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

BATTERY ITEMS:
ACC The accuracy of the news {new}
STORY Which news stories get covered {new}
BAL The balance of political perspectives in the news {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1 A great deal
2 Somewhat
3 Not very much
4 Not at all
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
5 **[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

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QUE: PFOWNERCORP
{Split form; new}
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN2, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How acceptable or unacceptable do you think it is for the owner of a U.S. news organization to stop it from publishing a story because it goes against the owner's business interests?

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

1 Completely acceptable
2 Somewhat acceptable
3 Somewhat unacceptable
4 Completely unacceptable
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
5 **[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

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QUE: PFOWNERPOL
{Split form; new}
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN2, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How acceptable or unacceptable do you think it is for the owner of a U.S. news organization to stop it from publishing a story because it goes against the owner's political interests?

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

1 Completely acceptable
2 Somewhat acceptable
3 Somewhat unacceptable
4 Completely unacceptable
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
5 **[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

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[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TECHPOW AND NEWSPOW; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: TECHPOW
{mod W142 2-24 added underline, W69 6-20, adapted from W35 5-18}
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How much power and influence in politics today do social media companies have?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 Too much power and influence
2 Not enough power and influence
3 About the right amount
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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[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TECHPOW AND NEWSPOW; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: NEWSPOW
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS TECHPOW, HOLDING 3, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How much power and influence in politics today do U.S. news organizations have?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 Too much power and influence
2 Not enough power and influence
3 About the right amount
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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BAT: NEWSCENSOR
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How often, if ever, do you think each of the following intentionally keeps important news from reaching the American public?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How often, if ever, do you think each of the following intentionally keeps important news from reaching the American public? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How often, if ever, do you think they intentionally keep important news from reaching the American public? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:
SM Social media companies {new}
NEWS News organizations {new}
JOUR Individual journalists {new}
GOVT The U.S. government {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1 Extremely often
2 Often
3 Sometimes
4 Rarely
5 Never
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
6 **[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

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BAT: PFCRITIC
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS ROTATION_GEN2, HOLDING 5 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How acceptable or unacceptable do you think it is for...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How acceptable or unacceptable do you think it is for **(INSERT ITEM)**? Is it **(READ LIST)**?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, how acceptable or unacceptable do you think it is for **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

BATTERY ITEMS:
POL Politicians to publicly criticize news organizations and journalists {new}
JOUR News organizations and journalists to publicly criticize politicians {new}

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1 Completely acceptable
2 Somewhat acceptable
3 Somewhat unacceptable
4 Completely unacceptable
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
5 **[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

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[PN: DISPLAY TO ALL:]
Now we'd like to ask about the current presidential administration.

QUE: MEDIA_ADMIN25
{W164 2-25}
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE INSERT SHOWN IN PARENS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Do you think that **[PN: RANDOMIZE INSERT** "the Trump administration and the U.S. news media"; "the U.S. news media and the Trump administration" **]** currently have a...

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

1 Very good relationship
2 Somewhat good relationship
3 Neutral relationship
4 Somewhat bad relationship
5 Very bad relationship
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: PFADMIN1
{New}
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 4, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

During this Trump administration, would you say...

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

1 The press has become more free
2 The press has become less free
3 There has been no change
[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

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QUE: PFADMIN2
{New}
ASK IF THINKS PRESS IS MORE OR LESS FREE (PFADMIN1=1,2):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 4, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

And, do you think **[PN: IF PFADMIN1=1 INSERT** "the press becoming more free"; **IF PFADMIN1=2 INSERT** "the press becoming less free" **]** is...

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

1 A good thing for the country
2 A bad thing for the country
3 Neither a good nor bad thing for the country
[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