2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 203: Postelection Survey
November 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 VOTED.
Source: Frame file variable F_CITIZEN.

X_PARTYSUMFINAL
1 Rep/Lean Rep
2 Dem/Lean Dem
9 DK/Refused/No lean
Note: Flag to identify republicans, republican leaners and non-leaners on GOPDIRCT, DEMDIRCT.
Source: Frame file variable F_PARTYSUM_FINAL. Same codes as F_PARTYSUM_FINAL.

X_HISP
1 Hispanic
2 Non-Hispanic
99 Refused
Note: Flag to identify ATP Hispanic panelists on RACESURV34_MOD.
Source: Frame file variable F_HISP. If F_HISP=1, X_HISP=1. Otherwise X_HISP=2 OR 99.

X_BIRTHPLACE
1 U.S. - 50 states, or Washington, D.C.
2 U.S. - Puerto Rico
3 U.S. - other territory
4 Another country
99 Refused
Note: Flag to identify country of birth in RACESURV34_MOD.
Source: Frame file variable F_BIRTHPLACE. Same codes as F_BIRTHPLACE.

X_AGE
Note: Flag to filter panelists based on their age in HAVEKIDS1.
Source: ATP frame file variable F_AGE.

X_PARENT_RECODE
1 Parent
2 Not a parent
99 Refused
Note: Flag to identify parents with children in HAVEKIDS1.
Source: Frame file variable F_PARENT_RECODE. Same codes as F_PARENT_RECODE.

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

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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF NEWSNFM, NEWSTIME, AND NEWSUND ON SAME SCREEN WITH A LINE SEPARATING EACH QUESTION; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

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

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

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

1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I can stay informed even when I don't actively follow the news **[PN: IF CATI:]** You can stay informed even when you don't actively follow the news
2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I can only stay informed if I actively follow the news **[PN: IF CATI:]** You can only stay informed if you actively follow the news
[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: NEWSTIME
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

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

1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I have enough time to follow the news **[PN: IF CATI:]** You have enough time to follow the news
2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I don't have enough time to follow the news **[PN: IF CATI:]** You don't have enough time to follow the news
[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: NEWSUND
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

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

1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** It's easy for me to understand the news I come across **[PN: IF CATI:]** It's easy for you to understand the news you come across
2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** It's hard for me to understand the news I come across **[PN: IF CATI:]** It's hard for you to understand the news you come across
[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: NEWSCHANGE
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Have you ever done any of the following?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Have you ever done any of the following? First, have you ever **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

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

BATTERY ITEMS:
STOP Stopped getting news from a specific source
REDUCE Reduced the amount of news you get overall

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Yes, I have done this **[PN: IF CATI:]** Yes, you have done this
2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** No, I have not done this **[PN: IF CATI:]** No, you have not done 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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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

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

How do you feel about the Democratic Party gaining control of Congress?

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

1 Excited
2 Relieved
3 Disappointed
4 Angry
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: CAMPINFODIFF_MID
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Thinking about the information you have gotten about the November 2026 elections, have you generally found it...

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

1 Difficult to determine what is true and what is not
2 Easy to determine what is true and what is not
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
3 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I haven’t gotten any information about the November 2026 elections
[PN: IF CATI:] You haven’t gotten any information about the November 2026 elections
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: ELECTINFFIND_MID
ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3):
[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 easy was it to find the information you needed to make voting decisions in the November 2026 elections?

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

1 Extremely easy
2 Very easy
3 Somewhat easy
4 Not too easy
5 Not easy at all
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: ELECTNEWS_RES
ASK ALL:

How much have you heard or read about the results of the November 2026 elections?

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

1 A lot
2 A little
3 Nothing at all
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: ELECTUND_MID
ASK IF HEARD OR READ ABOUT ELECTION RESULTS (ELECTNEWS_RES=1,2):
[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 well do you feel you understand the results of the November 2026 elections?

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

1 Extremely well
2 Very well
3 Somewhat well
4 Not too well
5 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

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QUE: ELECTSK_MID
ASK IF HEARD OR READ ABOUT ELECTION RESULTS (ELECTNEWS_RES=1,2):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which statement best describes how you found out about the results of the November 2026 elections?

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

1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I looked for information about the results **[PN: IF CATI:]** You looked for information about the results
2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I happened to come across information about the results **[PN: IF CATI:]** You happened to come across information about the results
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: ELECTSOURCE_MID
ASK IF HEARD OR READ ABOUT ELECTION RESULTS (ELECTNEWS_RES=1,2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-7, HOLDING 8, 9, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

What was the main way you found out about the results of the November 2026 elections?

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

1 Printed newspapers
2 Radio
3 Television
4 Social media
5 News websites or apps
6 Search through Google or other search engines
7 **[PN: IF WEB:]** AI chatbots like ChatGPT or Gemini **[PN: IF CATI:]** AI chatbots like ChatGPT **(PRONO: Chat G-P-T)** or Gemini **(PRONO: JEM-uh-nye)**
8 Friends or family
9 Some other 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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