2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 203: Postelection Survey
November 9-15, 2026

TOPLINE
N=10,247

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

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

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.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	10,247	+/- 1.3 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	4,660	+/- 1.9 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	5,274	+/- 1.8 percentage points

[ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE]
[ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED]

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

NEWSNFM
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]

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

Nov 9-15, 2026		Dec 8-14, 2025
49	I can stay informed even when I don't actively follow the news	47
39	I can only stay informed if I actively follow the news	42
12	Not sure	11
*	No answer	*

NEWSTIME
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]

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

Nov 9-15, 2026		Dec 8-14, 2025
63	I have enough time to follow the news	55
27	I don't have enough time to follow the news	35
10	Not sure	10
*	No answer	*

NEWSUND
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]

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

Nov 9-15, 2026		Dec 8-14, 2025
72	It's easy for me to understand the news I come across	73
14	It's hard for me to understand the news I come across	14
14	Not sure	12
*	No answer	*

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

Have you ever done any of the following?

		Yes, I have done this	No, I have not done this	Not sure	No answer
STOP	Stopped getting news from a specific source				
	Nov 9-15, 2026	61	32	7	*
	Dec 8-14, 2025	67	24	9	*
REDUCE	Reduced the amount of news you get overall				
	Nov 9-15, 2026	61	33	6	*
	Dec 8-14, 2025	60	30	9	*

[ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED]

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?

Nov 9-15, 2026		Sept 28-Oct 19, 2026
20	Excited	11
38	Relieved	40
32	Disappointed	35
7	Angry	9
3	No answer	4

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[ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED]

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...

Nov 9-15, 2026	
36	Difficult to determine what is true and what is not
50	Easy to determine what is true and what is not
13	I haven’t gotten any information about the November 2026 elections
1	No answer

ELECTINFFIND_MID
ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3) [N=7,692]:
[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?

Nov 9-15, 2026	
23	Extremely easy
35	Very easy
32	Somewhat easy
8	Not too easy
2	Not easy at all
1	No answer

ELECTNEWS_RES
ASK ALL:

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

Nov 9-15, 2026	
46	A lot
44	A little
10	Nothing at all
*	No answer

ELECTUND_MID
ASK IF HEARD OR READ ABOUT ELECTION RESULTS (ELECTNEWS_RES=1,2) [N=9,605]:
[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?

Nov 9-15, 2026	
20	Extremely well
36	Very well
34	Somewhat well
8	Not too well
2	Not at all well
*	No answer

ELECTSK_MID
ASK IF HEARD OR READ ABOUT ELECTION RESULTS (ELECTNEWS_RES=1,2) [N=9,605]:
[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?

Nov 9-15, 2026	
67	I looked for information about the results
32	I happened to come across information about the results
1	No answer

ELECTSOURCE_MID
ASK IF HEARD OR READ ABOUT ELECTION RESULTS (ELECTNEWS_RES=1,2) [N=9,605]:
[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?

Nov 9-15, 2026	
1	Printed newspapers
2	Radio
33	Television
18	Social media
22	News websites or apps
15	Search through Google or other search engines
1	AI chatbots like ChatGPT or Gemini
5	Friends or family
2	Some other way
*	Don't know

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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]

Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something else	No answer	*Lean Rep*	*Lean Dem*
27	29	29	13	2	*16*	*21*

[1] PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.