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

TOPLINE
N=3,488

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.

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.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	3,488	+/- 1.8 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	1,513	+/- 2.7 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	1,826	+/- 2.6 percentage points

[ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR RELEASE]

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

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

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69	Too much power and influence
6	Not enough power and influence
22	About the right amount
3	No answer

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

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

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55	Too much power and influence
14	Not enough power and influence
29	About the right amount
3	No answer

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ASK ALL:
PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:
ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY_FINAL=3 or 4 OR REFUSED):
PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to…[1]

Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something Else	No answer	*Lean Rep*	*Lean Dem*
28	28	29	13	2	*17*	*21*

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