2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 203: Politics Survey
November 2026

QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: 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.

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**----------

QUE: SATIS
ASK ALL:

All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

1 Satisfied
2 Dissatisfied
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: VOTED26
ASK IF CITIZEN (X_CITIZEN=1):

Which of the following statements best describes you?

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

1 I did not vote in the 2026 congressional elections
2 I planned to vote but wasn't able to
3 I definitely voted in the 2026 congressional 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: CONGPOST26
ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

In the elections this November for the U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for the...

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

1 Republican Party's candidate in your district
2 Democratic Party's candidate in your district
3 Another party's candidate in your district
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: VOTEFORAGNST
ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3):

Would you say that your vote for Congress in your district was more...

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

1 A vote for Trump
2 A vote against Trump
3 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Trump was not much of a factor in my vote for Congress this fall **[PN: IF CATI:]** Trump was not much of a factor in your vote for Congress this fall
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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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: POL5MOD
ASK IF DID NOT VOTE (VOTED26=1,2)
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 4 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

If you had voted in the elections this November for the U.S. House of Representatives, would you have voted for the...

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

1 Republican Party's candidate in your district
2 Democratic Party's candidate in your district
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
3 Another party's candidate in your district
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: WISH_VOTED
ASK IF DID NOT VOTE (VOTED26=1,2):

Do you wish that you had voted in the election?

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

1 Yes
2 No
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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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: VTCOUNT_OWN
ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3):

How confident are you that your vote was accurately counted?

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

1 Very confident
2 Somewhat confident
3 Not too confident
4 Not at all confident
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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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT_POST_INP AND VTCOUNT_POST_ABS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: VTCOUNT_POST_INP
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):

How confident are you that votes cast in person at polling places across the United States were counted as voters intended in the elections this November?

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

1 Very confident
2 Somewhat confident
3 Not too confident
4 Not at all confident
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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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT_POST_INP AND VTCOUNT_POST_ABS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: VTCOUNT_POST_ABS
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):

How confident are you that votes cast by absentee or mail-in ballot across the United States were counted as voters intended in the elections this November?

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

1 Very confident
2 Somewhat confident
3 Not too confident
4 Not at all confident
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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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN_POST_COM AND VTADMIN_POST_US ON SAME SCREEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: VTADMIN_POST_COM
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):

Do you think the elections this November in your community were run and administered...

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

1 Very well
2 Somewhat well
3 Not too well
4 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

QUE: VTADMIN_POST_US
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):

Do you think the elections this November in the United States were run and administered...

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

1 Very well
2 Somewhat well
3 Not too well
4 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: VTEASY_POST
ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Overall, was voting in the election this November for you personally...

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

1 Very easy
2 Somewhat easy
3 Somewhat difficult
4 Very difficult
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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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: CONGDRCT
ASK ALL:

As you may know, the Democratic Party won control of the U.S. Congress as a result of the midterm elections. How much do you think Democratic control of Congress will change the way things are going in this country?

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

1 A lot
2 Some
3 Not much
4 Not 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: TRUMP2YR
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):

Over the next two years, do you think Donald Trump will be successful or unsuccessful in getting his programs passed into law?

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

1 Successful
2 Unsuccessful
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: DEM2YR
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):

Over the next two years, do you think Democratic leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

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

1 Successful
2 Unsuccessful
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: 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: TAKLEAD2
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation’s problems?

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

1 Donald Trump
2 Democratic congressional leaders
3 Both
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: DEMPLANMOD
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

As best as you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 Strongly approve
2 Somewhat approve
3 Somewhat disapprove
4 Strongly disapprove
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: POL12
ASK ALL:

Do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better in the coming year, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?

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

1 Get better
2 Get worse
3 Stay about the same
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: PRZCNG
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Who do you think will have the better approach to each of the following issues?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Who do you think will have the better approach to **(INSERT FIRST ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, how about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Who do you think will have the better approach to this issue? **(READ LIST))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

ECON	The economy
IRAN	**[PN: IF WEB:]** The conflict with Iran **[PN: IF CATI:]** The conflict with Iran **(PRONO: ee-RON)**
HC	Healthcare
ETHC	Ethics in government
IMMIG	Immigration policy
TRDE	Trade and tariffs

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	Donald Trump
2	Democrats in Congress
3	**[PN: IF WEB:]** Not much difference between the two **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or do you think there won't be much difference between the two?
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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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PRESWITHOP AND OPWITHPRES SO IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1), SHOW PRESWITHOP FIRST FOLLOWED BY OPWITHPRES ON SEPARATE PAGES; IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2), THEN SHOWOPWITHPRES FIRST FOLLOWED BY PRESWITHOP ON SEPARATE PAGES; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: PRESWITHOP
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS OPWITHPRES, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Next year, do you think Donald Trump should...

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

1 Try as best he can to work with Democratic congressional leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing people who voted for him
2 Stand up to Democratic congressional leaders on issues that are important to people who voted for him, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country
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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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PRESWITHOP AND OPWITHPRES SO IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1), SHOW PRESWITHOP FIRST FOLLOWED BY OPWITHPRES ON SEPARATE PAGES; IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2), THEN SHOWOPWITHPRES FIRST FOLLOWED BY PRESWITHOP ON SEPARATE; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: OPWITHPRES
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS PRESWITHOP, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Next year, do you think Democratic congressional leaders should...

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

1 Try as best they can to work with Donald Trump to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing people who voted for them
2 Stand up to Donald Trump on issues that are important to people who voted for them, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country
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: FAVPOL
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] What is your overall opinion of...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] What is your overall opinion of **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** What is your overall opinion of **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

TRUMP	Donald Trump
VANCE	JD Vance
RUBIO	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2): [PN: IF WEB:]** Marco Rubio **[PN: IF CATI:]** Marco Rubio **(PRONO: MARK-OH RUBY-OH)**
JEFFRIES	**[PN: IF WEB:]** Hakeem Jeffries **[PN: IF CATI:]** Hakeem **(PRONO: Ha-key-m)** Jeffries
SCHUMER	**[PN: IF WEB:]** Chuck Schumer **[PN: IF CATI:]** Chuck Schumer **(PRONO: SHOE-mer)**
HEGSETH	Pete Hegseth **[PN: IF CATI:]** Pete Hegseth **(PRONO: HEGG-SETH)**
RFKJR	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	Very favorable
2	Mostly favorable
3	Mostly unfavorable
4	Very unfavorable

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

5	**[PN: IF WEB:]** Never heard of this person **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or have you never heard of this person?
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: DEMOVRSGHT
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Thinking about Democratic control of Congress next year, which concerns you more?

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

1 That Democrats in Congress will focus too much on investigating the Trump administration
2 That Democrats in Congress will not focus enough on investigating the Trump administration
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: CONGINVESTIG_HRD
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):

How much, if anything, have you heard or read about Democrats in Congress planning investigations into how the government has operated under the Trump administration?

[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: CONGINVESTIG_RIGHT
ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (CONGINVESTIG_HRD=1,2):
[PN: ROTATE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 WITH 3, 98 AND 99 ALWAYS LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Do you think these investigations are...

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

1 The right thing to do
2 The wrong thing to do
3 Too early to tell
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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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: WAITVOTE
ASK IF VOTED IN PERSON (VOTE_HOW_POST=1):

When you went to vote, approximately how long did you have to wait in line to vote?

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

1 Did not wait at all
2 Less than 10 minutes
3 10 to 30 minutes
4 31 minutes to 1 hour
5 More than 1 hour
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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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

TXT:
[PN: IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1), THEN SHOW GOPDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY DEMDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES. IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=2), THEN SHOW DEMDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY GOPDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES]

QUE: GOPDIRCT
ASK IF LEANED PARTY (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1,2):

Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are...

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

1 Very optimistic
2 Somewhat optimistic
3 Somewhat pessimistic
4 Very pessimistic
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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TXT:
[PN: IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1), THEN SHOW GOPDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY DEMDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES. IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=2), THEN SHOW DEMDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY GOPDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES]

QUE: DEMDIRCT
ASK IF LEANED PARTY (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1,2):

Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 Very optimistic
2 Somewhat optimistic
3 Somewhat pessimistic
4 Very pessimistic
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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