2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 199: Soft Power Attitudes; Religious Holidays
September 14-20, 2026

TOPLINE
N=5,193

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). For additional details, visit the methodology.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,193	+/- 1.6 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	2,264	+/- 2.4 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	2,693	+/- 2.2 percentage points

GROUP_TRUST[1]
ASK ALL:

How much, if at all, do you trust the information you get from…

	A lot	Some	Not too much	Not at all	No answer
a. National news organizations					
Sep 14-20, 2026	11	51	28	10	*
Sep 8-14, 2025	9	47	33	12	*
Mar 10-16, 2025	17	50	23	10	*
Sep 16-22, 2024	13	45	28	13	*
Jul 18-Aug 21, 2022	15	46	26	13	*
Jun 14-27, 2021	12	46	28	14	*
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	17	49	24	11	*
Jul 8-21, 2019	21	54	19	5	*
Feb 22-Mar 4, 2018	21	49	20	9	*
Mar 13-27, 2017	20	52	22	6	*
Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016	18	59	18	6	*
b. Local news organizations					
Sep 14-20, 2026	18	57	19	6	*
Sep 8-14, 2025	13	57	23	7	*
Mar 10-16, 2025	22	58	15	4	*
Sep 16-22, 2024	18	56	20	6	*
Jul 18-Aug 21, 2022	17	54	21	7	*
Jun 14-27, 2021	18	57	18	7	*
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	21	57	15	5	*
Jul 8-21, 2019	29	57	12	3	*
Feb 22-Mar 4, 2018	28	55	12	5	1
Mar 13-27, 2017	25	60	12	2	*
Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016	22	60	14	3	1
d. Social media sites, such as Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), or YouTube[2]					
Sep 14-20, 2026	6	32	42	19	*
Sep 8-14, 2025	5	32	42	21	1
Mar 10-16, 2025	7	35	36	23	*
Sep 16-22, 2024	5	32	40	22	*
Jul 18-Aug 21, 2022	6	27	39	28	*
Jun 14-27, 2021	4	22	40	33	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	4	23	38	34	1
Jul 8-21, 2019	6	33	35	26	*
Feb 22-Mar 4, 2018	4	29	36	30	1
Mar 13-27, 2017	5	30	40	25	*
Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016[3]	4	30	33	32	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

[1] In 2021, question wording read "How much, if at all, do you trust the information that comes from each of the following?"
[2] In 2022, GROUP_TRUSTd read "Social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter or YouTube." In 2016, 2017 and 2021, it read "Social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter." In 2018 and 2019, it read "Social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter or Snapchat."
[3] In 2016, GROUP_TRUST_d was asked only of internet users.