2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 194: Meeting Friends Online
May 26-June 1, 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

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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD

QUE: INT_FRIEND1
ASK ALL:

Thinking about the people you consider friends, did you first meet any of them online?

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

1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Yes, I met at least one of my friends online **[PN: IF CATI:]** Yes, you met at least one of your friends online
2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** No, I met all my friends in other ways **[PN: IF CATI:]** No, you met all your friends in other ways
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
3 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I don't consider anyone a friend these days **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or, you don't consider anyone a friend these days?
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: INT_FRIEND2
ASK IF HAS FRIENDS THEY MET ONLINE (INT_FRIEND1=1):

Thinking about the friends you first met online, have you ever met any of them in person?

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

1 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Yes, I have met at least one of them in person **[PN: IF CATI:]** Yes, you have met at least one of them in person
2 **[PN: IF WEB:]** No, I haven't met any of them in person **[PN: IF CATI:]** No, you haven't met any of them in 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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