2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 198: Economic Policies
August 24-30, 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

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.

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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

BAT: ECONPOL
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Would you favor or oppose the following proposals related to economic policy in the U.S.?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Would you favor or oppose the following proposals related to economic policy in the U.S.? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Would you **(READ LIST)**?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, what about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Would you favor or oppose this in the U.S.? **(READ LIST))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

MINWAGE	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Raising the federal minimum wage
TAXOT	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Getting rid of federal taxes on overtime pay
MED	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Expanding Medicare so that it covers Americans of all ages
WEALTHY	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Increasing taxes on the wealthiest Americans
HIRE	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Increasing penalties for employers who hire workers who are in the country illegally
PROD	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Providing government support to companies that make products in the U.S.

CHILDACCT	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Providing children with a government-funded investment account that families can add money to
STUDEBT	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Cancelling student loan debt
HOMES	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Reducing rules that make it difficult to build new homes
TAXCORP	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Increasing taxes on large corporations
JOBTRAIN	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Expanding government-funded job training programs
CREDFAM	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Increasing tax credits for families with children
PREF	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Giving preference to American workers when filling certain jobs
TARIFF	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Increasing tariffs on imported goods

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	Strongly favor
2	Somewhat favor
3	Neither favor nor oppose
4	Somewhat oppose
5	Strongly oppose
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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