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

TOPLINE
N=5,166

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.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,166	+/- 1.4 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

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]

Would you favor or oppose the following proposals related to economic policy in the U.S.?

		Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
MINWAGE	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) [n=2,594]:** Raising the federal minimum wage						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	44	23	18	9	7	*
TAXOT	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) [n=2,594]:** Getting rid of federal taxes on overtime pay						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	43	22	21	9	5	1
MED	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) [n=2,594]:** Expanding Medicare so that it covers Americans of all ages						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	39	20	15	11	14	*
WEALTHY	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) [n=2,594]:** Increasing taxes on the wealthiest Americans						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	45	21	17	9	8	*

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		Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	No answer
HIRE	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) [n=2,594]:** Increasing penalties for employers who hire workers who are in the country illegally						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	33	21	24	11	10	*
PROD	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) [n=2,594]:** Providing government support to companies that make products in the U.S.						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	24	38	26	7	4	1
CHILDACCT	**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) [n=2,594]:** Providing children with a government-funded investment account that families can add money to						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	28	29	27	8	7	1
STUDEBT	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) [n=2,572]:** Cancelling student loan debt						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	28	21	16	14	21	1
HOMES	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) [n=2,572]:** Reducing rules that make it difficult to build new homes						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	24	31	25	13	6	1
TAXCORP	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) [n=2,572]:** Increasing taxes on large corporations						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	38	25	21	10	5	1
JOBTRAIN	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) [n=2,572]:** Expanding government-funded job training programs						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	30	37	23	7	3	1
CREDFAM	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) [n=2,572]:** Increasing tax credits for families with children						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	32	34	23	7	5	1
PREF	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) [n=2,572]:** Giving preference to American workers when filling certain jobs						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	31	27	28	8	6	1
TARIFF	**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) [n=2,572]:** Increasing tariffs on imported goods						
	Aug 24-30, 2026	6	15	23	24	32	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a…

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4 OR REFUSED):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to…[1]

Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something else	No answer*	*Lean Rep*	*Lean Dem*
27	28	29	14	2	*16*	*20*

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