

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 91 JUNE 2021
FINAL TOPLINE
JUNE 14-27, 2021
TOTAL N=10,606**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	10,606	+/- 1.5 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

SOCTRUST Which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right?

	<u>Most people can be trusted</u>	<u>You can't be too careful in dealing with people</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jun 14-27, 2021	32	66	2
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018 ¹	36	64	*
Apr 4-Apr 18, 2017 ²	42	58	*
Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016	43	56	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

¹ In 2018, 2017, and 2016 survey, the question wording was: "Generally speaking would you say that..."

² Based on panelists who responded to both the March 2017 survey fielded Mar 13-27, 2017 and April 2017 survey. Based on Form 2 of sample [N=1,970].

ASK ALL:

THERMO

We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of groups in the U.S. on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the group at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward the group.

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

[Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]

SOFT PROMPT TEXT: "Please enter the "degree" or number between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings in the box. If you would like to skip, click Next."

PROGRAMMER NOTE: Also show Prompt if answer over 100 is entered. If after Prompt the answer is still over 100, record answer as is in the data and allow respondent to continue.

	Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No <u>answer</u>	<u>Mean rating</u>
a. How do you feel toward Republicans?							
Jun 14-27, 2021	34	13	22	13	18	1	42
Sep 3-15, 2019 ³	32	15	19	14	19	1	44
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	25	17	24	14	19	1	47
Aug 8-21, 2017	31	16	24	14	12	2	41
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	23	10	28	15	21	3	50
Mar 2-28, 2016	25	15	29	13	16	2	46
b. How do you feel toward Democrats?							
Jun 14-27, 2021	31	10	20	16	22	1	46
Sep 3-15, 2019	29	14	18	18	21	1	47
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	22	13	22	18	24	1	51
Aug 8-21, 2017	28	14	23	16	18	1	45
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	19	13	26	14	24	3	52
Mar 2-28, 2016	22	12	26	15	23	2	51

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PARTY

In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN

As of today do you lean more to...⁴

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
25	31	28	15	2	19	20

³In prior surveys, "How do you feel toward" was separated and part of the question stem.

⁴PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.

2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 92 JULY 2021
FINAL TOPLINE
JULY 8-18, 2021
N=10,221

ASK ALL:

LIFE50

In general, would you say life in America today is better, worse, or about the same as it was 50 years ago for people like you?

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>		Jun 27-Jul 9 <u>2017</u>	Aug 9-16 <u>2016</u>	Mar 17-26 <u>2016</u>
36	Better	37	36	35
43	Worse	41	44	43
20	About the same	18	16	15
1	No answer	4	4	7

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

DIFFPARTY

Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is...

	A great deal of difference in what <u>they stand for</u>	A fair amount of difference in what <u>they stand for</u>	Hardly any difference at all in <u>what they stand for</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	59	31	9	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	37	7	*

ASK ALL:

NATPROBS

How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]

	A very big <u>problem</u>	A moderately <u>big problem</u>	A small <u>problem</u>	Not a problem <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
NO ITEMS a-b					
c. The federal budget deficit					
July 8-18, 2021	50	34	11	3	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	49	33	14	3	1
June 16-22, 2020	47	38	12	3	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	53	38	8	1	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	35	8	2	1

NO ITEM d

NATPROBS CONTINUED...

	A very big problem	A moderately big problem	A small problem	Not a problem at all	No answer
e. Racism					
July 8-18, 2021	45	28	21	6	*
Apr 5-11, 2021	45	27	20	7	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	31	21	4	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	40	37	19	3	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	46	32	18	4	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	39	38	19	3	1

NO ITEM f

g. Illegal immigration					
July 8-18, 2021	43	29	23	5	*
Apr 5-11, 2021	48	29	19	3	*
June 16-22, 2020	28	29	33	9	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	27	24	6	*
Feb 19-Mar 4, 2019	38	28	28	6	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	42	26	25	6	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	44	30	21	5	1

NO ITEM h

i. Climate change					
July 8-18, 2021	47	23	18	11	*
Apr 5-11, 2021	40	25	22	12	*
June 16-22, 2020	40	26	21	13	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	48	24	17	10	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	46	27	18	9	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	43	28	20	9	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	40	26	21	12	1
j. Violent crime					
July 8-18, 2021	61	29	9	1	*
Apr 5-11, 2021	48	36	15	1	*
June 16-22, 2020	41	38	20	2	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	49	37	13	1	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	52	33	13	1	*

NO ITEMS k-l

m. Economic inequality					
July 8-18, 2021	44	31	18	6	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	43	31	19	7	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	44	31	18	6	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019 ⁵	51	30	14	5	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	54	28	12	5	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	57	29	9	5	1

⁵ February 2019 and prior, question asked about "The gap between the rich and poor."

ASK IF SAID "A VERY BIG PROBLEM" (NATPROBSc-m=1) TO MORE THAN ONE ITEM IN NATPROBS (NATPROBSc-m=1)

BASED ON TOTAL:

NATPROBS_1 Of these, which would you say is the BIGGEST problem in the country today? **[ONLY DISPLAY "VERY BIG PROBLEM" RESPONSES FROM NATPROBS (NATPROBSc-m=1) IN SAME ORDER AS IN NATPROBS]**

July 8-18	
2021	
20	Violent crime
17	Illegal immigration
16	Climate change
14	Racism
12	The federal budget deficit
14	Economic inequality
7	No biggest issue/No answer

ASK ALL:

GOVSIZE1 If you had to choose, would you rather have... **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF SMALLER GOVT (GOVSIZE1=1) [N=5,176]:

GOVSIZE2 When you say you favor a smaller government providing fewer services, do you think it would be better to... **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF BIGGER GOVT (GOVSIZE1=2) [N=4,873]:

GOVSIZE3 When you say you favor a bigger government providing more services, do you think it would be better to... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18 2021		July 27- Aug 2 2020	Mar 18- Apr 1 2019
48	A smaller government providing fewer services	45	48
	<i>Eliminate most current government services</i>		
12	<i>Modestly reduce current government services</i>		
35	<i>No answer</i>		
1			
50	A bigger government providing more services	52	50
	<i>Modestly expand on current government services</i>		
29	<i>Greatly expand on current government services</i>		
21	<i>No answer</i>		
*			
2	No answer	2	2

ASK ALL:
USEXCEPT

Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States?
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3 OR 3-1]

	The U.S. stands above all other countries <u>in the world</u>	The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along <u>with some others</u>	There are other countries that are <u>better than the U.S.</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	23	52	23	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	24	55	21	1
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>				
Sep 5-16, 2019	29	52	17	2
Jun 8-18, 2017	29	56	14	1
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	32	52	15	1
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	28	58	12	1
Mar 8-14, 2011	38	53	8	2

DISPLAY WOMENOBS, ECONFAIR, OPENIDEN, VTPRGHTPRIV1, ALLIES, PEACESTR, GOVWASTE, COMPROMISEVAL ON TWO PAGES WITH A VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things.
 Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2, RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS].

[SCREEN 1]:**ASK ALL:**

WOMENOBS

	The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead <u>are now largely gone</u>	There are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women <u>to get ahead than men</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	46	53	1
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	43	55	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	42	57	1
Feb 26, Mar 11, 2018	42	56	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	45	53	3

ASK ALL:

ECONFAIR

	The economic system in this country unfairly <u>favors powerful interests</u>	The economic system in this country is generally <u>fair to most Americans</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	71	28	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	70	29	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	71	28	1

ECONFAIR CONTINUED...

	The economic system in this country unfairly <u>favors powerful interests</u>	The economic system in this country is generally <u>fair to most Americans</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	60	37	3
Mar 20-25, 2019	63	34	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	63	33	4
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	65	32	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	66	31	2
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	65	31	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	62	33	4
Jan 29-Feb 9, 2014	62	34	4

ASK ALL:

OPENIDEN

	America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who <u>we are as a nation</u>	If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk losing our <u>identity as a nation</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	66	32	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	67	32	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	64	34	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**[SCREEN 2]:****ASK ALL:**

ALLIES

	In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making <u>compromises with them</u>	In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its own national interests even when its allies <u>strongly disagree</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	64	34	2
Feb 1-7, 2021	64	34	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	68	31	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	65	33	2
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	59	36	5
Mar 20-25, 2019	54	40	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	55	38	7
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	59	36	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	51	42	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 ⁶	53	36	11
December, 2004	53	37	10

⁶ In Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 and before, item was asked as part of a list with follow-up asking whether respondents felt strongly or not strongly about their position.

ASK ALL:
PEACESTR

	The best way to ensure peace is through <u>military strength</u>	Good diplomacy is the <u>best way to ensure peace</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	29	69	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	26	73	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁷	33	65	2
			(VOL.)
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	28	62	10
Jun 8-18, 2017	30	61	9
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	36	57	7
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	36	56	9
Jul 14-20, 2015	30	58	12
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	30	62	8
Dec 3-8, 2013	31	57	12
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	31	58	11
October, 2006	28	57	15
December, 2004	30	55	15
August, 1999	33	55	12
October, 1996	36	53	11
October, 1995	36	59	5
April, 1995	35	58	7
October, 1994	40	52	8
July, 1994	36	58	6

ASK ALL:
GOVWASTE

	Government is almost always <u>wasteful and inefficient</u>	Government often does a better job than people <u>give it credit for</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	53	44	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	56	42	2
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁸	62	37	1
			(VOL.)
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	55	39	6
Jun 8-18, 2017	56	40	4
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	54	40	6
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	39	4
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	40	4
Dec 3-8, 2013	55	39	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	55	39	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	61	35	4
December, 2008	53	40	7

⁷ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.
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GOVWASTE PHONE TREND CONTINUED...

	Government is almost always <u>wasteful and inefficient</u>	Government often does a better job than people <u>give it credit for</u>	No <u>answer</u>
October, 2008	57	35	8
September, 2005	56	39	5
December, 2004	47	45	8
June, 2003	48	46	6
September, 2000	52	40	8
August, 1999	51	43	6
June, 1997	59	36	5
October, 1996	56	39	5
April, 1995	63	34	3
October, 1994	64	32	4
July, 1994	66	31	3

ASK ALL:
COMPROMISEVAL

	Compromise in politics is really just selling out on <u>what you believe in</u>	Compromise is how things get done in politics, even though it sometimes means <u>sacrificing your beliefs</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	26	71	3

ASK ALL:

POORASSIST Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>		Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>
38	Should provide more assistance	40
32	Should provide less assistance	26
29	Is providing about the right amount of assistance [anchor]	33
1	No answer	1

ASK ALL:
THERMO

We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of people on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the person at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them. **[RANDOMIZE]**

		Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No answer	<i>Mean rating</i>
THERMTRUMP	Donald Trump							
	July 8-18, 2021	50	7	11	10	22	*	37
	Mar 1-7, 2021	51	6	9	9	23	*	36
	Nov 12-17, 2020	50	7	9	8	26	*	38
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	51	6	7	10	25	1	37
	Apr 7-12, 2020	45	7	7	10	30	*	42
	Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	49	8	9	9	25	1	38
	Sep 3-15, 2019	49	7	8	10	26	1	38
	Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	51	8	10	9	22	1	35
	Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	37	11	14	12	24	2	43
	Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016	48	9	9	11	18	4	35
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	53	8	9	11	17	3	32
THERMBIDEN	Joe Biden							
	July 8-18, 2021	33	9	14	15	28	*	48
	Mar 1-7, 2021	32	9	13	15	31	*	50
	Nov 12-17, 2020	35	9	12	14	29	1	47
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	38	10	12	15	24	1	43
	Apr 7-12, 2020	37	14	16	15	17	*	40

ASK ALL:

PAR2CHILD Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

ASK IF "CHILDREN WITH TWO PARENTS ARE BETTER OFF" (PAR2CHILD=1) [N=5,654]:

PAR2CHILDa If one parent is able to stay home to focus on the family, is it generally better if that parent is the... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>		June 7- July 5 <u>2016</u>
56	Children with two parents are better off when a parent stays home to focus on the family	59
20	Mother	26
1	Father	1
35	It doesn't matter which parent stays home	31
*	No answer	*
43	Children with two parents are just as well off when their parents work outside the home	39
1	No answer	2

ASK ALL:

POLICY3MOD In general, would you say experts who study a subject for many years are...
[DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

July 8-18

2021

- | | |
|----|---|
| 61 | Usually BETTER at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people |
| 5 | Usually WORSE at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people |
| 32 | NEITHER BETTER NOR WORSE at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people |
| 1 | No answer |

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

SUPERPWR In the future, do you think... **[RANDOMIZE]**

	U.S. policies should try to keep it so America is the only military superpower	It would be acceptable if another country became as militarily powerful as the U.S.	No answer
July 8-18, 2021	60	36	4
Sep 3-15, 2019	61	36	3
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	60	33	7
April 12-19, 2016	55	36	9

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In the future, should U.S. policies try to keep it so America is the only military superpower, OR would it be acceptable if China, another country or the European Union became as militarily powerful as the U.S.?

	U.S. policies should keep U.S. as the only superpower	OK if China, another country, or the EU became as powerful	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	56	32	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	57	29	14
Late October, 2005	50	35	15

ASK ALL:

IL_IMM_PRI

What should be the priority for dealing with ILLEGAL immigration in the U.S.?
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; ALWAYS SHOW 3 LAST]

July 8-18

2021

- 29 Better border security and stronger enforcement
of our immigration laws
- 29 Creating a way for immigrants already here illegally
to become citizens if they meet certain requirements
- 42 Both should be given equal priority **[ANCHOR]**
- 1 No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our <u>immigration laws</u>	Creating a way for immigrants already here illegally to become citizens if they meet <u>certain requirements</u> ⁹	Both should be given equal priority	(VOL.) None of these	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	19	33	46	1	1
Aug 9-16, 2016	24	29	45	*	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	23	41	1	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	25	47	1	2
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	27	42	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	29	24	43	2	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	35	21	42	1	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	30	23	44	1	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	33	22	42	1	3

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

GLBLZE

Thinking about increased trade of goods and services between the U.S. and other nations in recent decades... **[REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF BY FORM]**

Some say the U.S. has lost out from increased trade because it has cost jobs in manufacturing and other industries and lowered wages for some U.S. workers.

Others say the U.S. has gained from increased trade because it has helped lower prices and increased the competitiveness of some U.S. businesses.

All in all, would you say that the U.S. has...

July 8-18

2021

- 56 Lost more than it has gained from increased trade
- 41 Gained more than it has lost from increased trade
- 4 No answer

⁹ In August 2014 and earlier surveys, response option was worded "(two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements."

ASK ALL:FP_AUTH In foreign policy, the U.S. should... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18

2021

- 48 Work with any country to achieve U.S. goals, even if that sometimes means working closely with dictators or countries that do not share our democratic values
- 49 Not work with dictators or countries that do not share our democratic values, even if that sometimes makes it harder to achieve U.S. goals
- 3 No answer

ASK ALL:

GOVTHC Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage?

ASK IF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=1) [N=6,030]:SNGLPYER Should health insurance... **[RANDOMIZE]****ASK IF NOT GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=2) [N=4,122]:**NOGOVTHC Should the government... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18 2021		July 27- Aug 2 2020	Sep 3-15 2019	July 22- Aug 4, 2019
62	Yes, it is	63	59	62
	<i>Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government</i>			
32		36	30	30
	<i>Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs</i>			
29		26	28	30
1	No answer	1	1	1
37	No, it is not	37	41	37
	<i>Not be involved in providing health insurance at all</i>			
7		6	6	6
	<i>Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor</i>			
30		30	35	31
*	No answer	*	*	*
1	No answer	1	*	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**CRIM_SENT2 Overall, would you say people who are convicted of crimes in this country serve...
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 OR 2-1; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]

July 8-18

2021

- 28 Too much time in prison
- 32 Too little time in prison
- 37 About the right amount of time in prison **[ANCHOR]**
- 3 No answer

ASK ALL:

USMILSIZ

Thinking about the size of America's military, do you think it should be...

[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-5 OR 5-1]

July 8-18

2021

6	Reduced a great deal
13	Reduced somewhat
43	Kept about as is
25	Increased somewhat
12	Increased a great deal
2	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

ELITEUNDMOD

In general, do you think people in influential and powerful positions throughout our society understand the challenges people like you face in their daily lives...

July 8-18

2021

3	Very well
20	Somewhat well
44	Not too well
33	Not at all well
1	No answer

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF POLINTOL2_a AND POLINTOL2_b]**ASK ALL:**

POLINTOL2_a

In general, how comfortable do you think REPUBLICANS in this country are to freely and openly express their political views?

	<u>Very comfortable</u>	<u>Somewhat comfortable</u>	<u>Not too comfortable</u>	<u>Not at all comfortable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	35	30	21	11	2
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	36	35	21	6	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF POLINTOL2_a AND POLINTOL2_b]**ASK ALL:**

POLINTOL2_b.

In general, how comfortable do you think DEMOCRATS in this country are to freely and openly express their political views?

	<u>Very comfortable</u>	<u>Somewhat comfortable</u>	<u>Not too comfortable</u>	<u>Not at all comfortable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	48	36	10	4	2
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	48	36	12	3	1

ASK ALL:

CANQUALPOL In general, would you say the quality of the candidates running for political office in the last several years has been...

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>		Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>
2	Very good	7
32	Somewhat good	40
42	Somewhat bad	36
22	Very bad	16
1	No answer	*

ASK ALL:

CANMTCHPOL Which comes closer to your view of candidates for political office, even if neither is exactly right?

I usually feel like... **[RANDOMIZE]**

July 8-18 <u>2021</u>		Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>
60	There is at least one candidate who shares most of my views	63
38	None of the candidates represent my views well	36
3	No answer	1

ASK ALL:

SOCIETY

Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society?

[SHOW ITEMS ON TWO PAGES AS SET BELOW; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN PAGES AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAGES; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE]

		Very good <u>for society</u>	Somewhat good <u>for society</u>	Neither good nor bad <u>for society</u>	Somewhat bad <u>for society</u>	Very bad <u>for society</u>	No answer
[PAGE 1]							
SOCIETY_TRANS	Greater social acceptance of people who are transgender (people who identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth)						
	July 8-18, 2021	23	15	29	14	18	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

SOCIETY_JBCLL	Good-paying jobs requiring a college degree more often than they used to						
	July 8-18, 2021	8	22	30	30	9	1

SOCIETY CONTINUED...

		Very good <u>for society</u>	Somewhat good <u>for society</u>	Neither good nor bad <u>for society</u>	Somewhat bad <u>for society</u>	Very bad <u>for society</u>	No <u>answer</u>
SOCIETY_RELG	A decline in the share of Americans belonging to an organized religion July 8-18, 2021	11	11	35	24	18	2

[PAGE 2]**ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

SOCIETY_GUNS	An increase in the number of guns in the U.S. July 8-18, 2021	9	11	26	20	33	1
SOCIETY_SSM	Same-sex marriages being legal in the U.S. July 8-18, 2021	25	10	34	11	19	1

ASK ALL:

PROBOFF

How much of a problem, if any, would you say each of the following are in the country today?
[ALWAYS ASK ITEMS IN THIS ORDER ON SAME PAGE]

		Major <u>problem</u>	Minor <u>problem</u>	Not a <u>problem</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	People being too easily offended by things others say July 8-18, 2021	65	28	6	1
b.	People saying things that are very offensive to others July 8-18, 2021	53	38	9	1

**DISPLAY BUSPROFIT, CNTRYFAIR, GOVPROTCT, GOVAID, RELIG_GOV, MARRFAM, GOODEVIL
AND PPLRESP ON TWO PAGES WITH A VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS**

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

**[RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS. RANDOMIZE
ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2].**

[SCREEN 1]:

ASK ALL:

BUSPROFIT

	Business corporations <u>make too much profit</u>	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable <u>amount of profit</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	64	34	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	65	33	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	64	35	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹⁰	63	35	2
			(VOL.)
			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	56	38	6
Mar 20-25, 2019	56	39	5
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	59	36	5
Mar 17-26, 2016	58	37	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	38	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	39	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	53	41	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	54	39	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	39	6
December, 2008	58	35	7
October, 2008	59	33	8
December, 2005	61	33	6
December, 2004	53	39	8
June, 2003	51	42	7
July, 2002	58	33	9
February, 2002	54	39	7
September, 2000	54	38	8
August, 1999	52	42	6
June, 1997	51	43	6
October, 1996	51	42	7
October, 1995	53	43	4
April, 1995	51	44	5
October, 1994	50	44	6
July, 1994	52	43	5

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ASK ALL:

CNTRYFAIR

	Other countries generally treat the United States about as fairly <u>as we treat them</u>	Other countries often take unfair advantage of the <u>United States</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	46	52	2

ASK ALL:

GOVPROTCT

	It's not the government's job to protect people <u>from themselves</u>	Sometimes laws to protect people from themselves <u>are necessary</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	38	60	2

ASK ALL:

MARRFAM

	Society is better off if people make marriage and <u>having children a priority</u>	Society is just as well off if people have priorities other <u>than marriage and children</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	34	64	2
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	34	63	3
Sep 3-15, 2019	33	65	1
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	40	57	3
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	39	57	4

[SCREEN 2]:**ASK ALL:**

GOVAID

	Government aid to the poor does more harm than good, by making people too dependent on <u>government assistance</u>	Government aid to the poor does more good than harm, because people can't get out of poverty until <u>their basic needs are met</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	45	53	2

ASK ALL:

RELIG_GOV

	Religion should be kept separate from <u>government policies</u>	Government policies should support <u>religious values and beliefs</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	72	27	1

ASK ALL:

GOODEVIL

	Most things in society can be pretty clearly divided <u>into good and evil</u>	Most things in society are too complicated to be clearly divided <u>between good and evil</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	48	50	2

ASK ALL:

PPLRESP

	People like me just don't get the respect we <u>deserve in this country</u>	People like me generally get the respect we <u>deserve in this country</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 8-18, 2021	40	57	3

ASK ALL:

RACESURV52MOD

How much, if at all, would it bother you to regularly hear people speak a language other than English in public places in your community?

July 8-18
2021

15	A lot
20	Some
26	Not much
38	Not at all
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

WHYRICHSCALE

Some say people are rich mostly because they had more advantages in life than other people. Others say people are rich mostly because they worked harder than other people. And some feel it is a combination of these factors.

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

[REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF BY FORM]

July 8-18
2021

23	1	Rich people had more advantages in life than other people
16	2	
22	3	
21	4	
10	5	
6	6	Rich people worked harder than other people
1		No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is rich?

Jan 6-19
2020

33	They have worked harder than most other people
65	They have had more advantages in life than most other people
2	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

CANDEXP

How important is it, if at all, that candidates running for high levels of political office have prior government experience?

July 8-18

2021

28	Very important
39	Somewhat important
22	Not too important
10	Not at all important
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

LEGALIMMIGAMT

Do you think the number of LEGAL immigrants the U.S. admits should...

[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-5 OR 5-1]

July 8-18

2021

11	Increase a lot
17	Increase a little
44	Stay about the same
13	Decrease a little
13	Decrease a lot
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

UNIMMIGCOMM

When it comes to people who have immigrated to the U.S. ILLEGALLY, do you think they generally make the communities they live in...

[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-4 OR 4-1]

July 8-18

2021

11	A lot better
36	A little better
31	A little worse
17	A lot worse
4	No answer

ASK ALL:

GODMORALIMP

Regardless of your own religious beliefs, how important, if at all, do you think it is for a person to believe in God in order to be considered good and moral?

July 8-18

2021

20	Essential
34	Important, but not essential
16	Not too important
28	Not at all important
2	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM**ASK ALL:**

REPRSNTREP How well does the REPUBLICAN PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

July 8-18, 2021		Nov 12-17, 2020	Nov 29- Dec 12 2016	Aug 16- Sept 12 2016	Apr 5- May 2 2016
41	NET well	47	46	39	40
9	Very well	16	10	8	7
33	Somewhat well	31	36	31	33
56	NET NOT well	51	53	60	57
27	Not too well	25	27	29	29
29	Not at all well	26	26	31	28
3	No Answer	2	1	2	3

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM**ASK ALL:**

REPRSNTDEM How well does the DEMOCRATIC PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

July 8-18, 2021		Nov 12-17, 2020	Nov 29- Dec 12 2016	Aug 16- Sept 12 2016	Apr 5- May 2 2016
46	NET well	47	51	49	52
10	Very well	11	14	13	14
36	Somewhat well	35	37	36	38
51	NET NOT well	51	48	50	46
23	Not too well	21	24	24	24
28	Not at all well	29	24	26	22
3	No Answer	2	1	2	3

ASK ALL:

VTRS_VALS Thinking for a moment about people who supported a different candidate than you did in the 2020 presidential election, which of these comes closer to your views about them?

They may feel differently than I do about politics... [RANDOMIZE]

July 8-18 2021	
44	But they probably SHARE many of my other values and goals
54	And they probably DON'T SHARE many of my other values and goals, either
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=4,104]:

PARTYLN	As of today do you lean more to...	Something else	No answer	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican Democrat Independent				
	25 31 28	15	2	19	20

¹¹ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 94 AUGUST 2021
FINAL TOPLINE
AUGUST 23-29, 2021
N=10,348**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

[DISPLAY ISLMVIOL, VOTING AND EXCPWER ON ONE PAGE WITH SOME SORT OF VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS]

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS].

ASK ALL:

VOTING

Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things</u>	<u>Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how government runs things</u>	<u>No answer</u>
August 23-29, 2021	59	39	2
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	63	36	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	62	37	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	31	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	61	38	1

ASK ALL:

EXCPWER

Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view – even if neither is exactly right? **[DO NOT RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about Congress or the courts</u>	<u>It would be too risky to give U.S. presidents more power to deal directly with many of the country's problems</u>	<u>No answer</u>
August 23-29, 2021	23	74	3
June 16-22, 2020	24	73	3
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	73	2

EXCPWER PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

As I read some pairs of statements, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is **[READ STATEMENTS IN ORDER]**.

	<u>Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about Congress or the courts</u>	<u>It would be too risky to give U.S. presidents more power to deal directly with many of the country's problems</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither/DK/Ref</u>
July 10-15, 2019	29	66	5

EXCPWER continued...

	Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about <u>Congress or the courts</u>	It would be too risky to give U.S. presidents more power to deal directly with many of the country's <u>problems</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	21	76	3
Feb 7-12, 2017 ¹²	17	77	6
Aug 9-16, 2016 ¹³	23	72	5

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=3,778]:

PARTYLN	As of today do you lean more to... ¹⁴						
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
	27	31	27	13	2	17	20

¹² In February 2017, item was asked as a standalone question.

¹³ In August 2016, the first statement read: "Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about Congress or the Supreme Court."

¹⁴ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 95 SEPTEMBER 2021
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 13-19, 2021
N=10,371**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

IMP_PER

Regardless of how much time you spend doing it, how important, if at all, are each of the following to you personally? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS]**

	<u>One of the most important things</u>	<u>Very important but not the most important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Practicing your religious faith Sep 13-19, 2021	34	18	22	26	*
b. Being involved with your community Sep 13-19, 2021	8	30	47	14	*
c. Being outdoors and experiencing nature Sep 13-19, 2021	28	42	25	5	*
d. Participating in creative activities such as music, art or writing Sep 13-19, 2021	13	28	36	23	*
e. Spending time with family Sep 13-19, 2021	72	19	8	1	*
f. Being involved in social or political causes Sep 13-19, 2021	6	22	45	27	*
g. Being successful in your career Sep 13-19, 2021	26	42	19	11	1
h. Being physically active Sep 13-19, 2021	32	42	24	3	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

MATTERSCONG Thinking about how you feel about the 2022 congressional election next November, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: PLEASE FLIP THE LABELS FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS LEAVING THE SCALE ALWAYS 1→4]

		2018 Congressional Election		
Sep 13-19		Sep 24- Oct 7	Jul 30- Aug 12	Jan 29- Feb 13
<u>2021</u>		<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>
60	1 = Really matters which party wins control of Congress	57	62	57
18	2	20	17	19
9	3	11	10	10
12	4 = Doesn't really matter which party wins control of Congress	12	10	12
1	No Answer	1	*	1

ASK ALL CITIZENS [N=9,603]:

CONG If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, would you vote for... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

ASK IF NOT SURE ABOUT OR REFUSED CONG VOTE (CONG=4 or 99) [N=1,755]:

CONGA As of TODAY, do you lean more to... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,957]:

Sep 13-19		Sep 24- Oct 7	Jul 30- Aug 12	Jan 29- Feb 13	Oct 3-27	Sep 15- Oct 3	May 30- Jun 30
<u>2021</u>		<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2014</u>
40	Rep/Lean Rep candidate in your district	38	39	38	39	42	38
45	Dem/Lean Dem candidate in your district	47	46	47	43	47	42
5	Another/Lean to another candidate	4	5	5	4	5	5
10	Not sure	11	10	10	12	6	14
*	No Answer	*	*	*	*	*	*

ASK ALL:

FAMTALK When you were growing up, did your close family talk about government and politics at home...

Sep 13-19		Mar 2-28
<u>2021</u>		<u>2016</u>
9	A lot	13
35	Some	35
36	Not much	33
20	Not at all	18
*	No answer	1

CORRECTION (March 28, 2022): The topline values for the question MATTERSCONG ("Thinking about how you feel about the 2022 congressional election next November, where would you place yourself on the following scale?") have been updated to reflect the correct survey composition in 2021. The changes did not affect the report's substantive findings.

ASK ALL:

TALKDISA

In your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you disagree with, do you generally find it to be... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Sep 13-19 <u>2021</u>		Apr 29- May 13 <u>2019</u>	Sep 24- Oct 7 <u>2018</u>	Mar 2- Mar 28 <u>2016</u>
39	Interesting and informative	48	45	51
59	Stressful and frustrating	50	53	46
2	No answer	2	2	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

GROWUPNEAR Do you currently live in or near the community where you grew up?

Sep 13-19 <u>2021</u>		Feb 26-Mar 11 <u>2018</u>
45	Yes	42
55	No	58
*	No Answer	*

ASK IF R LIVES IN COMMUNITY WHERE THEY GREW UP (GROWUPNEAR=1) [N=4,264]:

LIFELOC Have you lived in or near this community your entire life, or have you lived in other places?

Sep 13-19 <u>2021</u>		Feb 26-Mar 11 <u>2018</u>
54	Lived in or near this community my entire life	51
45	Lived in other places	48
*	No answer	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

WINLOSE

Thinking about the way things have been going in politics over the last few years on the issues that matter to you, would you say your side has been...

Sep 13-19 <u>2021</u>		Feb 4-15 <u>2020</u>	Apr 29- May 13 <u>2019</u>	Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	Apr 5- May 2 <u>2016</u>
29	Winning more often than losing	41	34	29	35
65	Losing more often than winning	56	62	67	59
6	No answer	3	4	4	6

ASK ALL:

CLRSOL

Which comes closer to your own view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	There are clear solutions to most big issues facing <u>the country today</u>	Most big issues facing the country today don't have <u>clear solutions</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Sep 13-19, 2021	48	51	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	46	52	1

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	There are clear solutions to most big issues facing <u>the country today</u>	Most big issues facing the country today don't have <u>clear solutions</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	44	54	2
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	41	56	3
Aug 9-16, 2016	44	52	3
Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	41	56	3

RANDOMIZE EMTREP AND EMTDEM**ASK ALL:**

EMTREP Does the REPUBLICAN PARTY make you feel... **[RANDOMIZE—KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS EMTDEM]**

	Yes, makes me <u>feel this way</u>	No, does not make me <u>feel this way</u>	No <u>Answer</u>
a. Frustrated			
Sep 13-19, 2021	68	30	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	64	35	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	65	33	1
b. Angry			
Sep 13-19, 2021	50	48	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	50	48	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	50	49	1
c. Hopeful			
Sep 13-19, 2021	31	67	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	33	65	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	34	65	2
d. Proud			
Sep 13-19, 2021	21	77	3
Oct 1-13, 2019	26	72	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	25	74	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How does the REPUBLICAN PARTY make you feel? [Check all that apply]

	<u>Selected</u>	Not selected/ <u>No answer</u>
a. Frustrated		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	46	54
b. Angry		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	28	72
c. Afraid		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	30	70
d. Hopeful		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	25	75
e. Enthusiastic		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	8	92
f. Proud		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	5	95
g. None of these [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	14	86

ASK ALL:

EMTDEM

Does the DEMOCRATIC PARTY make you feel... **[RANDOMIZE --KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS ENTREP]**

	Yes, makes me <u>feel this way</u>	No, does not make me <u>feel this way</u>	No <u>Answer</u>
a. Frustrated			
Sep 13-19, 2021	64	34	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	66	32	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	66	32	1
b. Angry			
Sep 13-19, 2021	45	53	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	47	51	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	42	56	2
c. Hopeful			
Sep 13-19, 2021	39	59	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	38	60	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	56	1
d. Proud			
Sep 13-19, 2021	25	73	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	23	75	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	27	71	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON:*How does the DEMOCRATIC PARTY make you feel? [Check all that apply]*

	<u>Selected</u>	Not selected/ <u>No answer</u>
a. Frustrated		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	36	64
b. Angry		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	22	78
c. Afraid		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	23	77
d. Hopeful		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	36	64
e. Enthusiastic		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	11	89
f. Proud		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	9	91
g. None of these [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	14	86

ASK ALL:

BESTPRES Thinking about all of the U.S. presidents over the past 40 years, which one do you think has done the best job as president? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-7 AND 7-1]**

ASK IF BESTPRES IS NOT SKIPPED (BESTPRES=1,2,3,4,5,6,7)] [N=10,160]:

BESTPRES2 Which president would you name as the second best president of the last 40 years?
[SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS BESTPRES; REMOVE THE OPTION CHOSEN IN BESTPRES]

<u>Sep 13-19, 2021</u>			
<u>First choice</u>	<u>Second choice</u>	<u>NET</u>	
23	19	43	Ronald Reagan
3	9	12	George H.W. Bush
12	21	33	Bill Clinton
4	10	14	George W. Bush
35	14	49	Barack Obama
17	13	30	Donald Trump
3	9	11	Joe Biden
3	2	3	No answer
--	3	--	No first choice

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[RANDOMIZE PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]**ASK ALL:**

REGULATE	Government regulation of business is necessary to <u>protect the public interest</u>	Government regulation of business usually does <u>more harm than good</u>	No answer
Sep 13-19, 2021	55	43	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	58	41	2
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹⁵	55	43	2

Phone trend for comparison:

			(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Sep 5-16, 2019	48	44	7
Sep 18-24, 2018	49	43	8
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	50	45	5
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	45	48	7
Aug 9-16, 2016	44	51	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	50	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	47	47	5
Feb 8-12, 2012 ¹⁶	40	52	7
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	47	45	8
December, 2008	47	43	10
October, 2008	50	38	12
January, 2008	41	50	9
December, 2004	49	41	10
July, 2002	54	36	10
February, 2002	50	41	9
August, 1999	48	44	8
October, 1996	45	46	9

¹⁵ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

¹⁶ In Feb 8-12, 2012 survey, question was asked as a stand-alone item.

REGULATE PHONE TREND CONTINUED ...

	Government regulation of business is necessary to <u>protect the public interest</u>	Government regulation of business usually does <u>more harm than good</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 1995	45	50	5
April, 1995	43	51	6
October, 1994	38	55	7
July, 1994	41	54	5

ASK ALL:

SUCCINLIFE

	Success in life is pretty much determined by forces <u>outside of our control</u>	Everyone has it in their <u>own power to succeed</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 13-19, 2021	26	72	1

Phone trend for comparison:

			(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	13	82	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	16	80	4
Dec 3-8, 2013	18	76	7
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	19	75	5
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	12	82	6
December, 2004	16	78	6
August, 1999	15	80	5
July, 1994	18	79	3

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

LEADERCHAR Please indicate how much you like or dislike each of the following characteristics of political leaders. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 AND 5-1 FOR RANDOM ½ SAMPLE]**

	Dislike <u>a lot</u>	Dislike <u>a little</u>	Neither like <u>nor dislike</u>	Like <u>a little</u>	Like <u>a lot</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Publicly asserts that Donald Trump is the legitimate winner of the 2020 election Sep 13-19, 2021	50	7	22	7	14	1
b. Identifies as a Democratic Socialist Sep 13-19, 2021	34	9	37	9	8	2
c. Has not been vaccinated against COVID-19 Sep 13-19, 2021	38	9	39	4	9	1
d. Has served in the military Sep 13-19, 2021	3	3	41	24	28	1
e. Has a degree from a prestigious university, such as Harvard or Stanford Sep 13-19, 2021	6	6	67	14	7	1

ASK ALL:

DIVERSEPOP In general, do you think the fact that the U.S. population is made up of people of many different races, ethnicities and religions... **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Sep 13-19

2021

64	Strengthens American democracy
10	Weakens American democracy
25	Doesn't make much difference
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

FINANCE Do you have any of the following types of savings or investment accounts? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b WITH ITEM c ALWAYS LAST]**

	<u>Yes, have this</u>	<u>No, do not have this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. A savings account			
Sep 13-19, 2021	72	26	2
Sep 16-29, 2019	69	29	2
b. An IRA, 401K, or a similar kind of retirement account			
Sep 13-19, 2021	54	43	2
Sep 16-29, 2019	55	43	2
c. Personal investments in stocks, bonds or mutual funds other than those held in an IRA or 401K			
Sep 13-19, 2021	39	58	2
Sep 16-29, 2019	35	63	2

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [N=3,764]:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...¹⁷

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
26	32	26	13	2	16	19

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends
(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

¹⁷ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.