

**2023 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**WAVE 129 JUNE 2023**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**JUNE 5 – 11, 2023**  
**N=5,115**

**ASK ALL:**

SATIS All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jun 5-11, 2023	21	78	1
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	19	80	1
Jan 18-24, 2023	22	78	*
Nov 16-27, 2022	24	75	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	21	79	1
Aug 1-14, 2022	18	81	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	24	75	1
Jan 10-17, 2022	21	78	1
Sep 20-26, 2021	25	74	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	26	74	*
Mar 1-7, 2021	33	66	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	22	77	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	18	82	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	12	87	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>1</sup>	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

**ASK ALL:**

POL1JB Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

**ASK IF ANSWERED POL1JB=1,2:**

POL1JBSTR Do you [IF POL1JB=1: approve; IF POL1JB=2: disapprove] of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president ...

	<b>NET</b> <b><u>Approve</u></b>	<u>Very</u> <u>strongly</u>	<u>Not so</u> <u>strongly</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>	<b>NET</b> <b><u>Disapprove</u></b>	<u>Very</u> <u>strongly</u>	<u>Not so</u> <u>strongly</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>
Jun 5-11, 2023	<b>35</b>	17	17	1	<b>62</b>	41	20	*	3
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	<b>37</b>	18	18	*	<b>60</b>	41	19	1	3
Jan 18-24, 2023	<b>38</b>	18	19	1	<b>60</b>	41	18	*	3
Oct 10-16, 2022	<b>38</b>	19	19	1	<b>59</b>	40	18	1	3
Aug 1-14, 2022	<b>37</b>	17	19	1	<b>60</b>	39	20	*	3
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	<b>37</b>	18	18	1	<b>62</b>	45	16	1	2
Mar 7-13, 2022	<b>43</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>55</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Jan 10-17, 2022	<b>41</b>	21	19	1	<b>56</b>	39	18	*	3
Sep 13-19, 2021	<b>44</b>	27	17	*	<b>53</b>	38	15	1	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	<b>55</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>43</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Apr 5-11, 2021	<b>59</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>39</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	2

<sup>1</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

POL1JB/  
POL1JBSTR  
CONTINUED...  
Mar 1-7, 2021

NET	Very	Not so	No	NET	Very	Not so	No	No
<u>Approve</u>	<u>strongly</u>	<u>strongly</u>	<u>answer</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>strongly</u>	<u>strongly</u>	<u>answer</u>	<u>answer</u>
54	38	15	1	42	29	12	1	4

See past presidents' approval trends: [Donald Trump](#), [Barack Obama](#), [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF MCCARTHYAPP AND SCHUMERAPP; SHOW ON SAME SCREEN]

**ASK ALL:**

MCCARTHYAPP Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kevin McCarthy is handling his job as Speaker of the House?

Jun 5-11,  
2023

34	Approve
59	Disapprove
7	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

*Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as Speaker of the House?*

Apr 7-12,  
2020

36	Approve
61	Disapprove
3	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

SCHUMERAPP Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Senate Majority leader?

Jun 5-11,  
2023

32	Approve
61	Disapprove
7	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

*Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Senate Majority leader?*

Apr 7-12,  
2020

36	Approve
59	Disapprove
5	No answer

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

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

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS ON EACH SCREEN AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREENS]****[SCREEN 1]**

		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>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,548]:</b>						
GUN	Gun violence					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	60	23	13	4	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	51	25	20	4	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	48	24	22	6	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	53	28	14	4	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	48	27	20	4	*
INFR	Condition of roads, bridges and other infrastructure					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	34	47	17	2	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	30	47	22	1	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	34	40	23	2	*
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018 <sup>2</sup>	33	44	20	2	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	37	44	18	1	1
IMM	Illegal immigration					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	47	26	21	6	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	38	26	27	8	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	43	29	23	5	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	48	29	19	3	*
	Jun 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
HC	The affordability of healthcare					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	64	27	7	2	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	55	32	12	1	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	56	30	11	2	1
	Jun 16-22, 2020	57	31	10	2	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	66	26	6	2	*
	Feb 19-March 4, 2019	67	26	5	2	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	70	23	5	2	*
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,567]:</b>						
DEF	The federal budget deficit					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	56	32	9	2	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	51	33	13	3	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	50	34	11	3	1
	Apr 5-11, 2021	49	33	14	3	1
	Jun 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
CLIM	Climate change					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	39	27	20	12	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	42	27	19	11	1
	Jul 8-18, 2021	47	23	18	11	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	40	25	22	12	*
	Jun 16-22, 2020	40	26	21	13	1

**NATPROBS CONTINUED ...**

		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>
	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
VCRI	Violent crime					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	59	30	10	1	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	54	34	10	1	*
	Jul 8-18, 2021	61	29	9	1	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	48	36	15	1	*
	Jun 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	*
K12	The quality of public K-12 schools					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	47	38	13	2	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	39	39	18	4	1
	Apr 5-11, 2021	39	40	18	3	*
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	36	42	18	3	*

**[SCREEN 2]**

		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>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,548]:</b>						
INFL	Inflation					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	65	27	6	1	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	70	23	6	1	*
ITERR	International terrorism					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	30	40	26	3	1
	Apr 5-11, 2021	26	41	29	3	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>						
	<i>Terrorism</i>					
	June 16-22, 2020	25	38	31	5	1
	Sep 3-15, 2019	39	39	20	2	*
	Feb 19-March 4, 2019	34	40	23	2	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	35	37	25	3	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	53	30	13	3	1
COMP	The ability of Democrats and Republicans to work together in Washington					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	62	29	6	2	1
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	62	28	7	2	*
MOR	The state of moral values in the country					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	54	27	13	6	*
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,567]:</b>						
RAC	Racism					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	35	31	26	7	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	35	34	25	6	1
	Jul 8-18, 2021	45	28	21	6	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	45	27	20	7	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	43	31	21	4	*

**NATRPOBS CONTINUED...**

		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>
	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
UNEM	Unemployment					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	24	39	29	8	*
	Apr 25-May 1, 2022	23	38	30	10	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	41	41	16	2	*
	Jun 16-22, 2020	50	35	12	2	*
DTERR	Domestic terrorism					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	34	37	24	4	*
	Apr 5-11, 2021	35	40	21	3	1
DRG	Drug addiction					
	Jun 5-11, 2023	61	31	8	*	*
	Sep 3-15, 2019	64	28	6	1	*
	Feb 19-March 4, 2019	70	26	4	1	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	25	6	1	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	56	32	9	2	1

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

PTYISSUE

Which party would you say you agree with on each of the following policy areas?

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1, ALWAYS ASK  
OPTION 5 LAST; MAINTAIN SAME ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR SINGLE  
RESPONDENT]**

		Strongly agree with the Republican <u>Party</u>	Somewhat agree with the Republican <u>Party</u>	Somewhat agree with the Democratic <u>Party</u>	Strongly agree with the Democratic <u>Party</u>	Don't agree with either <u>party</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,548]:</b>							
IMM	Immigration policy						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	25	16	20	11	26	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	23	15	22	15	24	1
	Jan 10-17, 2022	19	17	24	13	25	1
	<b>IMM TREND FOR COMPARISON</b>						
	Policies to deal with illegal immigration						
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	14	20	20	19	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	20	17	21	17	23	2
DEBT	Policies to deal with the budget deficit						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	16	20	17	11	34	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	15	18	19	16	29	3
CLIM	Policies to deal with climate change						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	13	14	18	23	31	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	11	14	20	25	28	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	8	14	23	21	32	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	9	14	20	24	31	3

**PTYISSUE CONTINUED...**

		Strongly agree with the Republican <u>Party</u>	Somewhat agree with the Republican <u>Party</u>	Somewhat agree with the Democratic <u>Party</u>	Strongly agree with the Democratic <u>Party</u>	Don't agree with either <u>party</u>	No <u>answer</u>
HC	Health care policy						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	10	17	20	19	32	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	11	18	20	22	27	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	9	17	22	20	30	2
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	15	17	21	24	21	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	15	18	21	22	22	2
GUNS	Gun policy						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	20	15	13	24	26	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	21	16	15	25	23	1
	Jan 10-17, 2022	23	15	17	20	24	1
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	25	15	15	19	24	2
LGT	Policies related to people who are gay, lesbian or transgender						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	15	14	15	22	33	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	11	12	19	25	31	1
<b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,567]:</b>							
CRIME	Policies to deal with crime						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	21	20	20	10	28	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	19	18	20	12	29	2
ABPOL	Abortion policy						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	17	13	13	30	25	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	17	12	13	30	26	1
	Jan 10-17, 2022	18	11	14	26	29	1
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	21	11	15	28	24	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	14	13	17	26	27	3
EDUC	Education policy						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	16	17	21	17	27	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	13	18	20	18	28	2
RACE	Policies that deal with race in this country						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	13	16	19	20	29	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	11	15	18	22	31	2
ECON	Policies to deal with the economy						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	19	22	19	11	26	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	20	20	22	12	25	1
	Jan 10-17, 2022	16	21	23	12	27	1
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	21	20	23	14	20	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016 <sup>3</sup>	15	20	23	16	24	2
FRGN	Foreign policy						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	16	21	21	12	28	2

<sup>3</sup>

In 2016, each PTYISSUE item was asked on a separate screen; question was programmed: "Would you say you agree with the [RANDOMIZE TO MATCH RESPONSE OPTIONS: Republican Party or the Democratic Party] on the following policy area?" with response options listed in order that they appeared in question stem

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

### ASK ALL:

DEFICITFUT Just your best guess, in five years or so do you think the yearly federal budget deficit will be ... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]**

Jun 5-11,

2023

70	Larger than it is this year
11	Smaller than it is this year
18	About the same as it is this year
1	No answer

### PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

*Looking ahead five years or so, do you think we will have made significant progress in reducing the federal budget deficit, or not?*

	Oct 25-30, <u>2017</u>	Dec 5-9, <u>2012</u>	Jul 20-24, <u>2011</u>	Apr 21-25, <u>2011</u>	Dec 1-5, <u>2010</u>	Feb, <u>1989</u>
Yes	30	44	39	31	37	40
No	66	50	51	55	52	46
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	10	14	11	14

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

On another topic ...

### ASK ALL:

BORDER\_CL How closely have you been following news about the number of people seeking asylum at the United States border with Mexico? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1-5 AND 5-1 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

Jun 5-11,

2023

6	Extremely closely
12	Very closely
33	Somewhat closely
27	Not too closely
21	Not at all closely
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**  
BRDERJOB

How would you rate the job the U.S. government is doing dealing with the large number of people seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico?

**TREND FOR COMPARISON<sup>4</sup>**

Jun 5-11, 2023		Apr 5-11, 2021	Jul 22- Aug 4, 2019
2	Very good job	3	6
21	Somewhat good job	26	27
35	Somewhat bad job	35	27
39	Very bad job	33	38
4	No answer	3	2

**ASK ALL:**  
BRDERVAL

Thinking about the situation at the U.S. border with Mexico, how important, if at all, are each of the following for the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,548]:</b>					
a. Reducing the number of people coming to the U.S. to seek asylum					
Jun 5-11, 2023	45	32	16	6	2
Apr 5-11, 2021	47	32	15	5	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019 <sup>5</sup>	43	31	17	8	1
b. Providing safe and sanitary conditions for asylum seekers once they arrive in the U.S.					
Jun 5-11, 2023	43	35	12	9	2
Apr 5-11, 2021	43	34	12	9	2
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	52	30	11	6	1

**NO ITEM c**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,567]:**

d. Providing more assistance to countries in places like Central America, where many asylum seekers are coming from					
Jun 5-11, 2023	22	37	23	15	3
Apr 5-11, 2021	26	36	22	15	2
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	32	37	19	11	1
e. Making it harder for asylum seekers to be granted legal status in the U.S.					
Jun 5-11, 2023	30	29	22	17	2
Apr 5-11, 2021	28	29	26	15	2
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	24	29	24	22	1

**NO ITEMS f,g**

<sup>4</sup> Previous versions of this question were worded slightly differently. For surveys conducted 2021 and earlier, the question was worded "How would you rate the job the U.S. government is doing dealing with the increased number of people seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico?"

<sup>5</sup> Previous versions of this question were worded slightly differently. In 2019, the item was worded, "To reduce the number of people coming to the U.S. to seek asylum." In 2021 the item was worded, "Reducing the number of people coming to the U.S. to seek asylum." Similar changes were made to all items



**BRDERVAL CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
h. Not allowing people to seek asylum in the United States					
Jun 5-11, 2023	21	31	24	21	3
Apr 5-11, 2021	22	28	24	22	3
i. Increasing staffing and resources available to patrol and police the border					
Jun 5-11, 2023	49	32	11	5	2
Apr 5-11, 2021	53	32	11	2	1
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,548]:</b>					
j. Requiring people to apply for asylum before they travel to the U.S.-Mexico border					
Jun 5-11, 2023	52	29	13	5	2

**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:**

PARTYLN	As of today do you lean more to... <sup>6</sup>						
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
	28	28	28	15	2	18	19

<sup>6</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.