

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 161 POLITICS SURVEY
FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE
JAN. 27 – FEB. 2, 2025**

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 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

X_PARTYSUMFINAL

- 1 Rep/Lean Rep
- 2 Dem/Lean Dem
- 9 DK/Refused/No lean

Note: Flag to identify republicans, republican leaners and non-leaners.

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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

BAT: NATPROBS

ASK ALL:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATIONS IN THE DATA FILE]

[PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[**INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE**]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN]

[PN: IF WEB] How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today? First, (**INSERT ITEM**). (**READ LIST**)

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] Next... (**INSERT ITEM**). (**READ AS NECESSARY:** How much of a problem do you think this is in the country? (**READ LIST**))

[**INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE**]

BATTERY ITEMS:

[SCREEN 1]

GUN **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** Gun violence
 INFR **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** Condition of roads, bridges and other infrastructure
 IMM **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** Illegal immigration
 HC **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** The affordability of health care
 MNPOL **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** The role of money in politics
 AI **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** The use of artificial intelligence (AI)

CLIM **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** Climate change
 DEF **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** The federal budget deficit
 VCRI **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** Violent crime
 K12 **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** The quality of public K-12 schools
 POVTY **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** The number of Americans living in poverty
 LONE **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** The number of Americans feeling lonely or isolated

[SCREEN 2]

INFL **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** Inflation
 ITERR **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** International terrorism
 COMP **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** The ability of Democrats and Republicans to work together in Washington
 MOR **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** The state of moral values in the country
 SSMED **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** The financial stability of Social Security and Medicare
 NTDIS **ASK FORM 1 (X_FORM=1)** The impact of natural disasters
 RAC **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** Racism

NATPROBS CONTINUED ...

UNEM **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** Unemployment
DTERR **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** Domestic terrorism
DRG **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** Drug addiction
PLSYS **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** The way the U.S. political system operates
FCT **ASK FORM 2 (X_FORM=2)** Americans' level of agreement on the basic facts about
issues and events

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1 A very big problem
2 A moderately big problem
3 A small problem
4 Not a problem at all
98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused / [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**
