

**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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****BAT: CONF2****ASK ALL:**

[**PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN THE DATA FILE**]

[**PN: IF WEB:**] A variety of officials work at federal government agencies. How much confidence, if any, do you have in these different groups to act in the best interest of the public?

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] A variety of officials work at federal government agencies. How much confidence, if any, do you have in these different groups to act in the best interest of the public? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How much confidence, if any, do you have in **(INSERT ITEM)** to act in the best interest of the public? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**)

BATTERY ITEMS:

CAREER Career employees at government agencies who are not appointed by a president
 APPNT Officials appointed by a president to oversee government agencies

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 A great deal of confidence
- 2 A fair amount of confidence
- 3 Not too much confidence
- 4 No confidence 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

BAT: FEDSTATE**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN THE DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How concerned, if at all, are you about each of the following?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How concerned, if at all, are you about each of the following? First, (INSERT ITEM). (READ LIST)

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: How concerned, if at all, are you about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:

STAT State governments not being willing enough to work with the federal government

RGHT The rights and protections a person has might be different depending on which state they are in

FED2 The federal government setting policies on issues that are better left to state governments

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

1 Extremely concerned

2 Very concerned

3 Somewhat concerned

4 Not too concerned

5 Not at all concerned

98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know

99 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused / [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank

QUE: CLRSOL**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN THE DATA FILE]

Which comes closer to your own view?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1 There are clear solutions to most big issues facing the country today

2 Most big issues facing the country today don't have clear solutions

98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know

99 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused / [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank

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