**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 164 MULTI-TOPIC SURVEY
FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE
FEB. 24 – MARCH 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 ATP 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
ATP source: Randomly assigned for each survey.

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VIOLENTG AND MISINFG; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: VIOLENTG
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS MISINFG HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which comes closer to your own view - even if neither is exactly right?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   The U.S. government should take steps to restrict <u>extremely violent</u> content online, even if it limits people from freely publishing or accessing information
2   People's freedom to publish and access information should be protected, even if it means <u>extremely violent</u> content can also be published
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VIOLENTG AND MISINFG; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: MISINFG
ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VIOLENTG HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which comes closer to your own view – even if neither is exactly right?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   The U.S. government should take steps to restrict <u>false</u> information online, even if it limits people from freely publishing or accessing information
2   People's freedom to publish and access information should be protected, even if it means <u>false</u> information can also be published
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VIOLENTT AND MISINFT; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: VIOLENTT
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS MISINFT HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which comes closer to your own view - even if neither is exactly right?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Technology companies should take steps to restrict <u>extremely violent</u> content online, even if it limits people from freely publishing or accessing information
2   People's freedom to publish and access information should be protected, even if it means <u>extremely violent</u> content can also be published
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VIOLENTT AND MISINFT; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: MISINFT
ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VIOLENTT HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Which comes closer to your own view – even if neither is exactly right?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Technology companies should take steps to restrict <u>false</u> information online, even if it limits people from freely publishing or accessing information
2   People's freedom to publish and access information should be protected, even if it means <u>false</u> information can also be published
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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QUE: ADMINFOL25
ASK ALL:

How closely, if at all, have you been following news about the actions and initiatives of the Trump administration since Donald Trump took office in January?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Very closely
2   Fairly closely
3   Not too closely

4   Not at all closely
98   **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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BAT: ADMINNOT
ASK IF FOLLOW NOT TOO OR NOT AT ALL CLOSELY (ADMINFOL25=3,4):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason, if any, is each of the following for why you are <u>not</u> following news about the Trump administration very closely?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much of a reason, if any, is each of the following for why you are <u>not</u> following news about the Trump administration very closely? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How much of a reason, if any, is this for why you are <u>not</u> following news about the Trump administration very closely? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:
REL   **[PN: IF WEB:]** It's not relevant to my life **[PN: IF CATI:]** It's not relevant to your life
WORN   **[PN: IF WEB:]** I'm worn out by the amount of it **[PN: IF CATI:]** You're worn out by the amount of it
DISLIKE   **[PN: IF WEB:]** I don't like what the administration is doing **[PN: IF CATI:]** You don't like what the administration is doing
FOLLOW   **[PN: IF WEB:]** I don't typically follow political news **[PN: IF CATI:]** You don't typically follow political news
TRUST   **[PN: IF WEB:]** I trust the administration to make good decisions **[PN: IF CATI:]** You trust the administration to make good decisions

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   Major reason
2   Minor reason
3   Not a reason
98   **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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BAT: ADMINWHY
ASK IF FOLLOW VERY OR FAIRLY CLOSELY (ADMINFOL25=1,2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason, if any, is each of the following for why you are following news about the Trump administration closely?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much of a reason, if any, is each of the following for why you are following news about the Trump administration closely? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How much of a reason, if any, is this for why you are following news about the Trump administration closely? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

REL	**[PN: IF WEB:]** It's relevant to my life **[PN: IF CATI:]** It's relevant to your life
CONCERN	**[PN: IF WEB:]** I'm concerned about what the administration is doing **[PN: IF CATI:]** You're concerned about what the administration is doing
LIKE	**[PN: IF WEB:]** I like what the administration is doing **[PN: IF CATI:]** You like what the administration is doing
AVOID	It's hard to avoid
ENT	It's entertaining or interesting

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   Major reason
2   Minor reason
3   Not a reason
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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QUE: ADMINNEWS25
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING 3, 4 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Since Donald Trump took office in January, would you say you are paying more, less, or about the same amount of attention to political news as you were before he took office?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   More attention
2   Less attention
3   About the same amount of attention
[PN: INSERT LINE OF SPACE]
4   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are you not sure?
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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QUE: ADMIN1
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE INSERT SHOWN IN PARENS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

How much, if anything, have you heard about the relationship between the **[PN: RANDOMIZE INSERT SHOWN** "Trump administration and the U.S. news media"; "U.S. news media and the Trump administration" **]**?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   A lot
2   A little
3   Nothing at all
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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QUE: MEDIA_ADMIN25
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE INSERT SHOWN IN PARENS IN SAME ORDER AS ADMIN1; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Do you think that **[PN: RANDOMIZE INSERT SHOWN IN SAME ORDER AS ADMIN1** "the Trump administration and the U.S. news media"; "the U.S. news media and the Trump administration" **]** currently have a…?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Very good relationship
2   Somewhat good relationship
3   Neutral relationship
4   Somewhat bad relationship
5   Very bad relationship
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TRUMPMED1 AND TRUMPMED2; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: TRUMPMED1
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS TRUMPMED2 HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

When it comes to the U.S. news media, would you say the Trump administration has been…

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Too critical
2   Not critical enough
3   Mostly fair
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

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TXT:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TRUMPMED1 AND TRUMPMED2; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

QUE: TRUMPMED2
ASK ALL:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS TRUMPMED1 HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

When it comes to the Trump administration, would you say the U.S. news media have been…

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1   Too critical

2   Not critical enough
3   Mostly fair
98   **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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