

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
W169 SCIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE  
FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE  
APRIL 28 – MAY 4, 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**

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**TXT:**

**\*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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-----**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE BEGINS HERE**-----  
-----**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**  
-----**BAT: ENVRMPCT****ASK ALL:****[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]****[ PN: IF WEB: ]** In the past 12 months, has your local community experienced the following?**[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** In the past 12 months, has your local community experienced the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)****[ PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?  
**(READ AS NECESSARY: In the past 12 months, has your local community experienced (INSERT ITEM)? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))****BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a Droughts or water shortages
- b Long periods of unusually hot weather
- c **ASK IF FORM 1 (X\_FORM=1):** Severe weather, like floods or intense storms
- d Rising sea levels that erode beaches and shorelines
- e Major wildfires
- f **ASK IF FORM 2 (X\_FORM=2):** Unusually intense storms

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank / **[ PN: IF CATI: ] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

BAT: CCXTRW1

**ASK IF EXPERIENCED EVENT IN ENVRMPCT (ENVRMPCT\_a-f=1):**

[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS ENVRMPCT; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]

[ PN: IF WEB: ] In the past 12 months, how much do you think climate change contributed to the following in your local community?

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] In the past 12 months, how much do you think climate change contributed to the following in your local community? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. How much do you think climate change contributed to this? **(READ LIST)**

[ PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** In the past 12 months, how much do you think climate change contributed to **(INSERT ITEM)** in your local community? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a **ASK IF EXPERIENCED DROUGHTS (ENVRMPCT\_a=1):** Droughts or water shortages
- b **ASK IF EXPERIENCED HOT WEATHER (ENVRMPCT\_b=1):** Long periods of unusually hot weather
- c **ASK IF EXPERIENCED SEVERE WEATHER AND FORM 1 (ENVRMPCT\_c=1 AND X\_FORM=1):** Severe weather, like floods or intense storms
- d **ASK IF EXPERIENCED SEA LEVELS ERODING (ENVRMPCT\_d=1):** Rising sea levels that erode beaches and shorelines
- e **ASK IF EXPERIENCED WILDFIRES (ENVRMPCT\_e=1):** Major wildfires
- f **ASK IF EXPERIENCED STORMS AND FORM 2 (ENVRMPCT\_f=1 AND X\_FORM=2):** Unusually intense storms

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Not 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

**BAT: EWGOVT****ASK ALL:**

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

[ **PN: IF WEB:** ] For communities in places at high risk of extreme weather, do you think it is a good or bad idea for government to do each of the following?

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:** ] For communities in places at high risk of extreme weather, do you think it is a good or bad idea for government to do each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[ **PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:** ] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** For communities in places at high risk of extreme weather, do you think it is a good or bad idea for government to do this, or are you not sure?)

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

BUYOUT	Purchase people's homes in these communities so they can buy other homes in lower-risk areas
REQUIRE	Require people to move out of these communities
REBUILD	<b>ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):</b> Provide financial assistance for people in these communities to rebuild after extreme weather events
INSUR	<b>ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):</b> Help cover the rising cost of homeowners' insurance for people in these communities
BAN	<b>ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):</b> Ban new construction in these communities
STDS	<b>ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):</b> Set stricter building standards for new construction in these communities

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Good idea  
2 Bad idea

[ **PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE** ]

3 [ **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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