

2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 167 POLITICS SURVEY
FINAL Questionnaire
APRIL 7-13, 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
Source: Randomly assigned for each survey.

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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

TXT:

[**PN: RANDOMIZE ECON1-ECON1B AND PERSFNC-PERSFNCB IN BLOCKS, SUCH THAT ECON1 ALWAYS APPEARS BEFORE ECON1B AND PERSFNC ALWAYS APPEARS BEFORE PERSFNCB; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN THE DATA FILE.]**

QUE: PERSFNC

ASK ALL:

[**PN: IF WEB:**] Thinking about your personal finances...

[**PN: IF WEB:**] How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in...

[**PN: IF CATI:**] Thinking about your personal finances...How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in **(READ LIST)**

- 1 Excellent shape
- 2 Good shape
- 3 Only fair shape
- 4 Poor shape

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

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

QUE: PERSFNCB
ASK ALL:

A year from now, do you expect that the financial situation of you and your family will be...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Better
- 2 Worse
- 3 About the same as now
- 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: PF_HAPPEN

ASK ALL:

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

[PN: IF WEB:] In the past year, have any of the following happened to you?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] In the past year, have any of the following happened to you? First, (INSERT ITEM). Has it happened to you in the past year? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: In the past year, has it happened to you? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:

- HOU **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Had problems paying your rent or mortgage
- LOSE **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Been laid off or lost your job
- RAISE **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Gotten a pay raise at your current job or gotten a better job
- SAVE **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Been able to save money for the future
- MED **ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):** Had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family
- FOOD **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Gotten food from a food bank or food pantry
- CHILD **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Had trouble paying for childcare
- AUTO **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Had problems paying for your daily transportation costs
- BRRW **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Borrowed money from friends and family
- VACA **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Gone on a vacation
- PYDY **ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):** Taken out a payday or other short-term loan

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

QUE: BILLSTYPICAL

ASK ALL:

Which best describes your ability to pay all of your bills in full in a typical month?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 [PN: IF WEB:] I can typically pay all of my bills in full [PN: IF CATI:] You can typically pay all of your bills in full
- 2 [PN: IF WEB:] I cannot pay some bills or can only make a partial payment on some of them [PN: IF CATI:] You cannot pay some bills or can only make a partial payment on some of them.
- 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: BILLSNOW

ASK ALL:

Which best describes your ability to pay all of your bills in full this month?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 [PN: IF WEB:] I will be able to pay all of my bills in full [PN: IF CATI:] You will be able to pay all of your bills in full
- 2 [PN: IF WEB:] I cannot pay some bills or will only make a partial payment on some of them [PN: IF CATI:] You cannot pay some bills or will only make a partial payment on some of them
- 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: EMERGFUND

ASK ALL:

Do you have emergency or rainy day funds that would cover your expenses for 3 months in case of sickness, job loss, economic downturn, or other emergencies?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

- 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
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