

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 162 FEBRUARY 2025  
FINAL TOPLINE  
FEBRUARY 3-9, 2025  
TOTAL N= 9,544**

**Note:** All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (\*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "no answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). For additional details, visit the methodology.

**PN = Programming note**

	<b>Sample size</b>	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b>
U.S. adults	9,544	+/- 1.3 percentage points

**SOCTRUST2**

**ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST ]**

Generally speaking, would you say that...

	Most people can <u>be trusted</u>	Most people cannot be <u>trusted</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Feb 3-9, 2025	55	44	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	53	46	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	52	47	1
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018 <sup>1</sup>	57	43	*

<sup>1</sup> SOCTRUST2 in the W32 survey was asked to a random 20% of the sample [N=1,194].

**TRUSTFEDGOV**  
**ASK ALL:**

How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

	Just about <u>always</u>	Most of <u>the time</u>	Only some <u>of the time</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Feb 3-9, 2025	1	16	67	16	*
May 13-19, 2024 <sup>2</sup>	2	21	59	17	1
Jun 5-11, 2023 <sup>3</sup>	1	15	61	22	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	2	19	61	17	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	2	22	61	14	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	2	18	65	14	1
Apr 7-12, 2020 <sup>4</sup>	2	24	60	12	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	3	25	61	10	1
Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014 <sup>5</sup>	3	21	56	19	2

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	Just about <u>always</u>	Most of <u>the time</u>	Only some <u>of the time</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Never</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 23-Aug 4, 2020 <sup>6</sup>	5	15	66	12	2
Mar 20-25, 2019	3	14	71	10	2
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	3	15	67	14	2
Apr 5-11, 2017	4	16	68	11	2
Aug 27- Oct 4, 2015	3	16	67	13	1
Feb 12-26, 2014	3	21	68	7	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	3	16	68	12	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	3	23	67	6	2
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	3	17	72	7	2
Aug 17-21, 2011	3	16	72	8	1
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	4	25	65	4	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	3	21	65	10	1
Apr 1-5, 2010	5	20	61	13	1
Mar 11-21, 2010	3	19	65	11	2
January, 2007	3	28	63	5	1
February, 2006	4	30	59	6	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	63	4	2
Mid-March, 2004	4	32	59	4	1
February, 2000	5	35	56	3	1
May, 1999	3	28	62	5	2
February, 1999	4	27	64	4	1
November, 1998 <sup>7</sup>	4	22	61	11	2

<sup>2</sup> In the May 2024 survey, the question asked, "How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?"

<sup>3</sup> In survey waves from July 2020 to June 2023, the question asked "How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right?"

<sup>4</sup> In Wave 65 and earlier surveys, the question asked, "How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?"

<sup>5</sup> In the Wave 9 survey TRUSTFED was asked in a battery that also measured how often you can trust state government and local government to do what is right.

<sup>6</sup> In phone surveys the question asked, "How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right? Just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?"

<sup>7</sup> The November, 1998 survey was conducted Oct. 26-Dec. 1, 1998. The question asked, "How much of the time do you trust the government in Washington to do the right thing? Just about always, most the time, or only some of the time?"

February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

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

## **ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

## **ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3, 4 OR REFUSED):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>8</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something</u>	<u>No</u>	<i>Lean</i>	<i>Lean</i>
			<u>else</u>	<u>answer*</u>	<i>Rep</i>	<i>Dem</i>
28	29	29	13	1	19	19

<sup>8</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.