

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 185: Politics Survey
January 20-26, 2026**

TOPLINE**N=8,512**

Note: 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). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the Methodology.

* "No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say that 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.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

FAVPOL What is your overall opinion of... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	Never heard	No
		<u>favorable</u>	<i><u>favorable</u></i>	<i><u>favorable</u></i>	<u>unfavorable</u>	<i><u>unfavorable</u></i>	<i><u>unfavorable</u></i>	<i><u>of this person</u></i>	<i><u>answer*</u></i>
TRUMP	Donald Trump								
	Jan 20-26, 2026	40	18	22	58	44	14	1	1
	Sep 22-28, 2025	40	19	21	58	44	14	1	1
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	47	25	21	52	38	14	*	1
	Aug 5-11, 2024	42	18	24	56	42	14	1	1
	May 13-19, 2024	39	16	24	59	43	17	*	1
	Feb 13-25, 2024	39	15	24	60	44	16	*	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	35	12	24	63	46	17	*	1
	Mar 20-26, 2023	36	12	24	63	45	18	*	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	38	14	24	60	46	14	*	1

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:

VANCE	JD Vance								
	Jan 20-26, 2026	38	18	20	52	36	16	9	2
	Sep 22-28, 2025	40	18	21	51	36	15	8	1

Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	42	22	20	45	28	18	11	1
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	34	12	22	42	27	15	23	1

FAVPOL CONTINUED...

		NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	Never heard	No
		favorable	<i>favorable</i>	<i>favorable</i>	unfavorable	<i>unfavorable</i>	<i>unfavorable</i>	of this person	answer*
HEGSETH	Pete Hegseth								
	Jan 20-26, 2026	26	11	15	41	32	10	31	2
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:									
MUSK	Elon Musk								
	Jan 20-26, 2026	38	10	27	58	35	23	3	2
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	42	11	31	54	36	18	3	1
RFKJR	Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.								
	Jan 20-26, 2026	44	13	31	48	31	17	6	2
	Sep 22-28, 2025	43	12	31	50	34	17	5	2
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	47	11	36	45	26	19	6	2
RUBIO	Marco Rubio								
	Jan 20-26, 2026	34	13	21	44	24	20	19	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS 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...¹

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer*</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
28	26	29	15	2	18	21

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.