2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 146 APRIL 2024 FINAL TOPLINE APRIL 8-14, 2024 N=8,709

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVOIUSLY RELEASED

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:

GOVSIZE1 If you had to choose, would you rather have... [RANDOMIZE]

	A smaller government	A bigger government	No
	providing fewer services	providing more services	answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	49	48	3
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	48	49	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	48	50	2
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	45	52	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	48	50	2

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:

GOVT_ROLE Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? [RANDOMIZE]

	Cavanna ant abauld	Government is doing too	Na
	Government should	many things better left to	No
	<u>do more to solve problems</u>	businesses and individuals	<u>answer</u>
Apr 8-14, 2024	53	46	2
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	52	46	2
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	53	45	2
Apr 5-11, 2021	55	44	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	59	39	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	43	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	58	40	2
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	43	2
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	55	42	2
Dec 4-Dec 18, 2017	56	43	1
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	53	44	2
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015	47	51	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVOIUSLY RELEASED

[DISPLAY REGULATE, ALLIES, DISCRIM, USASOLVE, GOVWASTE AND RELIG_GOV ON ONE PAGE WITH SOME SORT OF VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS]

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views - even if neither is exactly right.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:

DECLIATE	Carramanant manulation of	Carramanant nagrilation of	
REGULATE	Government regulation of	Government regulation of business usually does	No
	business is necessary to protect the public interest	more harm than good	
Apr 8-14, 2024	58	40	<u>answer</u> 2
•		43	2
Oct 10-16, 2022	55		
Sep 13-19, 2021	55	43	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	58	41	2
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹	55	43	2
			(VOL.)
Phone trend for comparison:			Both/Neither/
Sep 5-16, 2019	48	44	<u>DK/Ref</u> 7
Sep 18-24, 2018	49	43	8
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	50	45	5
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	45	48	7
Aug 9-16, 2016	44	51	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	50	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	47	47	5
Feb 8-12, 2012 ²	40	52	7
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	47	45	8
December, 2008	47 47	43	10
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	50	38	
October, 2008			12
January, 2008	41	50	9
December, 2004	49	41	10
July, 2002	54	36	10
February, 2002	50	41	9
August, 1999	48	44	8
October, 1996	45	46	9
October, 1995	45	50	5
April, 1995	43	51	6
October, 1994	38	55	7
July, 1994	41	54	5

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In Feb 8-12, 2012, survey question was asked as a standalone item.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:

USASOLVE	As Americans, we can always	This country	
	find ways to solve our problems	can't solve many of its	No
	and get what we want	important problems	<u>answer</u>
Apr 8-14, 2024	47	52	1
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	43	56	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	57	41	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	57	41	3
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	44	2
			(VOL.)
			Both/Neither
Phone trend for comparison:			/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	59	37	4
Aug 9-16, 2016	63	33	3
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	47	50	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	60	36	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	57	37	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	42	5
December, 2008	68	27	5
October, 2008	64	29	7
December, 2004	59	36	5
September, 2000	59	36	5
August, 1999	63	32	5
July, 1994	52	45	3

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:

GOVWASTE	Government is	Government often does a	
	almost always	better job than people	No
	wasteful and inefficient	give it credit for	<u>answer</u>
Apr 8-14, 2024	56	42	2
Jul 8-18, 2021	53	44	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	56	42	2
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ³	62	37	1
			(VOL.)
Phone trend for			Both/Neither/
comparison:			DK/Ref
Sep 5-16, 2019	55	39	6
Jun 8-18, 2017	56	40	4
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	54	40	6
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	39	4
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	40	4
Dec 3-8, 2013	55	39	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	55	39	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	61	35	4
December, 2008	53	40	7
October, 2008	57	35	8

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GOVWASTE PHONE	Government is Government often does a		(VOL.)
TREND FOR COMPARISON	almost always	better job than people	Both/Neither/
CONTINUED	wasteful and inefficient	give it credit for	DK/Ref
September, 2005	56	39	5
December, 2004	47	45	8
June, 2003	48	46	6
September, 2000	52	40	8
August, 1999	51	43	6
June, 1997	59	36	5
October, 1996	56	39	5
April, 1995	63	34	3
October, 1994	64	32	4
July, 1994	66	31	3

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

POLICY3MOD In general, would you say experts who study a subject for many years are...

[DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

Apr 8-14,		July 8-18,
<u>2024</u>		<u>2021</u>
59	Usually <u>better</u> at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people	61
6	Usually <u>worse</u> at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people	5
34	Neither better nor worse at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people	32
1	No answer	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

DISPLAY OPENIDEN, NECCGOD, BUSPROFIT, GAINS, ACTIVE, GOVNEEDY AND MARRFAM ON ONE PAGE WITH SOME SORT OF VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views - even if neither is exactly right.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]

QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK FORM 1 ONLY[N=4,349]:

BUSPROFIT		Most corporations make a	
BOSPROITI	Business corporations	fair and reasonable	No
	make too much profit	amount of profit	<u>answer</u>
Apr 8-14, 2024	67	32	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	67	32	2
Jul 8-18, 2021	64	34	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	65	33	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	64	35	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁴	63	35	2
			(VOL.)
			Both/Neither/
Phone trend for comparison:			<u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	56	38	6
Mar 20-25, 2019	56	39	5
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	59	36	5
Mar 17-26, 2016	58	37	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	38	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	39	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	53	41	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	54	39	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	39	6
December, 2008	58	35	7
October, 2008	59	33	8
December, 2005	61	33	6
December, 2004	53	39	8
June, 2003	51	42	7
July, 2002	58	33	9
February, 2002	54	39	7
September, 2000	54	38	8
August, 1999	52	42	6
June, 1997	51	43	6
October, 1996	51	42	7
October, 1995	53	43	4
April, 1995	51	44	5
October, 1994	50	44	6
July, 1994	52	43	5
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ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:

The government should do more	The government today can't	
to help needy Americans, even if it		No
means going deeper into debt	help the needy	<u>answer</u>
52	45	2
58	40	2
49	48	3
54	45	2
		(VOL.)
		Both/Neither
		/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
52	40	7
50	43	7
49	45	5
46	47	7
43	51	6
41	51	8
55	35	10
51	37	12
63	28	9
57	33	10
57	35	8
46	44	10
49	44	7
47	47	6
46	47	7
50	43	7
48	47	5
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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

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ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:

BUSPOWER3 All in all, do you think major corporations in this country today have... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

Apr 8-14,		Sep 3-15,
<u>2024</u>		<u>2019</u>
4	Too little power	4
74	Too much power	73
21	About the right amount of power	22
1	No answer	1

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ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:

POORASSIST Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

	Should provide more	Should provide less	Is providing about the right	No
	<u>assistance</u>	<u>assistance</u>	amount of assistance	answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	41	27	30	2
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	43	26	30	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	39	30	29	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	38	32	29	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	26	33	1

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

FIN_SIT How would you describe your household's financial situation?

Apr 8-14,		Sep 16-29,	Sep 15-Oct 3,
2024		2019	2014 ⁶
27	Live comfortably	29	25
39	Meet your basic expenses with a little left over for extras	41	36
25	Just meet your basic expenses	22	24
7	Don't even have enough to meet basic expenses	7	14
1	No answer	*	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

DISPLAY LAWCOST, ECONFAIR, WOMENOBS, GOVAID, SUCCINLIFE AND GOODEVIL ON ONE PAGE WITH SOME SORT OF VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS

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ASK FORM 1 ONLY[N=4,349]:

ECONFAIR The economic system The economic system in this country unfairly in this country is generally No favors powerful interests fair to most Americans answer Apr 8-14, 2024 74 24 2 77 23 Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023 1 Apr 25-May 1, 2022 74 25 1 Jul 8-18, 2021 71 28 1 Sep 3-15, 2019 70 29 1 Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019 71 28 1

In 2014, n=2,811 respondents took the survey via web and n=343 respondents completed this survey via paper questionnaire delivered by mail.

	The economic system in this country unfairly	The economic system in this country is generally	No
ECONFAIR CONTINUED	favors powerful interests	fair to most Americans	answer
Phone trend for comparison:			
Sep 5-16, 2019	60	37	3
Mar 20-25, 2019	63	34	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	63	33	4
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	65	32	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	66	31	2
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	65	31	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	62	33	4
Jan 29-Feb 9, 2014	62	34	4

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:

GOVAID	Government aid to the poor does more harm than good, by making	Government aid to the poor does more good than harm, because	
	people too dependent on	people can't get out of poverty	No
	government assistance	until their basic needs are met	<u>answer</u>
Apr 8-14, 2024	43	55	3
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	45	54	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	45	53	2

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:

Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside of our control	Everyone has it in their	No answer
		<u>answer</u>
28	70	2
26	72	1
		(VOL.)
		Both/Neither/
		DK/Ref
13	82	5
16	80	4
18	76	7
19	75	5
12	82	6
16	78	6
15	80	5
18	79	3
	much determined by forces outside of our control 28 26 13 16 18 19 12 16 15	much determined by forces outside of our control Everyone has it in their own power to succeed 28 70 26 72 13 82 16 80 18 76 19 75 12 82 16 78 15 80

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASD

ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans GOVTHC

have health care coverage?

ASK IF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=1) [N=2,905]: SNGLPYER Should health insurance... [RANDOMIZE]

ASK IF NOT GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=2) [N=1,411]: NOGOVTHC Should the government... [RANDOMIZE]

			Jul 27-		Jul 22-
Apr 8-14, <u>2024</u>		Jul 8-18, <u>2021</u>	Aug 2, <u>2020</u>	Sep 3-15, <u>2019</u>	Aug 4, <u>2019</u>
65	Yes, it is Be provided through a single national health	62	63	59	62
36	insurance system run by the government Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and	32	36	30	30
28	government programs	29	26	28	30
1	No answer	1	1	1	1
34	No, it is not Not be involved in providing health	37	37	41	37
7	insurance at all Continue programs like Medicare and	7	6	6	6
27	Medicaid for seniors and the very poor	30	30	35	31
*	No answer	*	*	*	*
1	No answer	1	1	*	1

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

	Yes, government responsibility	No, not government responsibility	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jul 10-15, 2019	53	44	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	60	37	3
Jun 8-18, 2017	60	39	2
Jan 4-9, 2017	60	38	2
Mar 17-26, 2016	51	46	2
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	47	50	3
Gallup: Nov 7-10, 2013	42	56	2
Gallup: Nov 15-18, 2012	44	54	2
Gallup: Nov 3-6, 2011	50	46	4
Gallup: Nov 4-7, 2010	47	50	3
Gallup: Nov 5-8, 2009	47	50	3
Gallup: November, 2008	54	41	5
Gallup: November, 2007	64	33	5 3
Gallup: November, 2006	69	28	3
Gallup: November, 2005	58	38	4
Gallup: November, 2004	64	34	2
Gallup: November, 2003	59	39	2
Gallup: November, 2002	62	35	3
Gallup: November, 2001	62	34	4
Gallup: September, 2000	64	31	5
Gallup: January, 2000	59	38	3

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:

SOCSEC_FUT Thinking about the long term future of Social Security, do you think ... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 8-14,	
<u>2024</u>	
19	Some reductions in benefits for future retirees need to be considered
6	Phased out as a government program
13	Maintained at a reduced level
*	No answer
79	Social Security benefits should not be reduced in any way
40	Cover more people, with greater benefits
38	Be kept about as it is
1	No answer
2	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

ASK ALL:

 $Q.125 \quad \text{Thinking about the long term future of Social Security, do you think $$ [\textbf{READ AND} $$] $$

RANDOMIZE]? ASK IF ACCEPTABLE (Q125=1):

Q.125a Should Social Security be [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

ASK IF UNACCEPTABLE (Q125=2):

Q.125b Should Social Security [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

Jan 23-Feb 9	
<u>2014</u>	
31	Some reductions in benefits for future retirees need to be considered
6	Phased out as a government program ⁷
24	Maintained at a reduced level
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
67	Social Security benefits should not be reduced in any way
<i>27</i>	Cover more people, with greater benefits
<i>37</i>	Be kept about as it is
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...8

			Something	No	Lean	Lean
<u>Republican</u>	Democrat	<u>Independent</u>	<u>else</u>	answer	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
28	29	27	14	3	17	19

From Jan. 23 to Jan. 29, 2014, item read: "Phased out completely."

⁸ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVOIUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

USCONF_FUT How much confidence do you have in the future of the United States? [SHOW IN ORDER]

	Mar 27-	Apr 25-		Jul 27-
	Apr 2,	May1,	Apr 5-11	Aug 2,
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Quite a lot	12	17	18	18
Some	48	51	51	48
Very little	33	28	25	29
None at all	6	4	5	5
No answer	*	*	*	*
	Some Very little None at all	Apr 2, 2023 Quite a lot 12 Some 48 Very little 33 None at all 6	Apr 2, May1, 2023 2022 Quite a lot 12 17 Some 48 51 Very little 33 28 None at all 6 4	Apr 2, 2023 May1, 2022 Apr 5-11 Quite a lot Some 12 17 18 Some 48 51 51 Very little None at all 6 4 5

ASK ALL:

GOVFEEL

Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

	Basically			No
	<u>content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	answer
May 13-19, 2024	18	60	21	1
Jun 5-11, 2023	18	59	21	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	22	60	18	1
Apr 5-11, 2021	29	52	17	2
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	18	57	24	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	22	55	23	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁹	20	57	22	*

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Basically			(VOL.)
	<u>content</u>	<u>Frustrated</u>	<u>Angry</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 23-Aug 4, 2020	19	54	24	3
Mar 20-25, 2019	18	57	21	4
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	17	55	24	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	19	55	22	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	20	57	21	2 3
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	18	57	22	3
Feb 12-26, 2014	17	62	19	2 3
Oct 9-13, 2013	12	55	30	3
Sep 25-29, 2013	17	51	26	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	20	58	19	3
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	58	21	5 3 3 3
Aug 17-21, 2011	11	60	26	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	22	59	14	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	21	52	23	4
Apr 1-5, 2010	23	52	21	4
Mar 11-21, 2010	19	56	21	5
Early January, 2007	21	58	16	5
Early October, 2006	21	54	20	5 5 3 5
March, 2004	32	52	13	3
Mid November, 2001	53	34	8	5
June, 2000	28	53	13	6
February, 2000	33	54	10	6 3 3
October, 1997	29	56	12	3

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ASK ALL:TRUSTFEDGOV How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government to do what is right?

	Just about	Most of	Only some		No
	<u>always</u>	the time	of the time	<u>Never</u>	answer
May 13-19, 2024	2	21	59	17	1
Jun 5-11, 2023 ¹⁰	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 ¹¹	2	24	60	12	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	3	25	61	10	1
Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014 ¹²	3	21	56	19	2

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Just about	Most of	Only some	(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>always</u>	<u>the time</u>	<u>of the time</u>	<u>Never</u>	DK/Ref
Jul 23-Aug 4, 2020 ¹³	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 ¹⁴	4	22	61	11	2
February, 1998	5	29	61	4	1
October, 1997	3	36	59	2	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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?"

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?"

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.

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?"

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?"

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...¹⁵

<u>Republican</u>	Democrat	Independent	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
28	30	27	13	3	17	18

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.