2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 141 LOCAL NEWS AND CRIME JANUARY 2024

PROGRAMMING NOTES:

Lines across page designate a page break.

Unless otherwise specified, question responses should appear in the same order on the screen as they do in the questionnaire.

Please capture the time stamp for the start and end of the survey and then calculate the total survey time.

Please calculate time spent per page.

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Provide variables in the data set that identify devices as follows: Mobile, Tablet or Desktop. Code these based on data extracted from the user agent string. Create individual flags for each type of device, as well as a NEW_DEVICE_TYPE variable based on this coding.

Please only use soft prompts where specified. All other questions should have no prompt.

Please NO GRIDS unless specified

Please code all missing responses as 99=Refused if a question was asked and skipped

EXCLUSIVE PUNCH is a radio button "None of the above" option at the end of a "Check all that apply" series. If Javascript is enabled, checking this unchecks all other options. If JS is not enabled checking this means a cleaning rule that all substantive responses are set to missing in the data cleaning process.

ASK ALL:

Welcome! We are glad to have you as a member of the American Trends Panel. The survey should take about 15 minutes for most people to complete.

Here are some helpful hints:

- Your answers will be used for research purposes only. You are not required to answer any question you do not wish to answer. You can click on the Next button to skip a question you would not like to answer.
- Please do not use your browser's back button to go back to previous questions. Instead, use
 the navigation buttons on each web page to move through the survey.

DISPLAY TO ALL:

In this survey we will ask you questions about the news and information you get about your local community. By this we mean information about events and issues in your local area that involve more than just your friends or family.

ASK ALL:

COMATTACH

In general, how attached do you feel to your local community? {Local News 2018; ATP W14; W72 and W93 use just 'community', response options differ slightly; W32 and W66 response options differ slightly}

- 1 Very
- 2 Somewhat
- 3 Not very
- 4 Not at all

ASK ALL:

COMMDIV

When it comes to racial and ethnic diversity, would you describe the community where you live as... $\{W74 \text{ Sept '}20\}$

- 1 Very diverse
- 2 Somewhat diverse
- 3 Not too diverse
- 4 Not at all diverse

ASK ALL:

NEWS_LEVEL How closely do you follow...

- a. International news {mod W91, Local News, W25, W14}
- b. National news {mod W122 sample of Black adults, mod W91, Local News 2018, W25, W14, Ecology}
- c. Local news {mod W122 sample of Black adults, mod W91, Local News 2018, W25, W14, mod Ecology}
- d. News about your neighborhood {mod W91, Local News 2018, W25, W14, Ecology}

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very closely
- 2 Somewhat closely
- 3 Not very closely
- 4 Not at all closely

ASK ALL:

LOCIMPORT

How important, if at all, do you think local news outlets are to the well-being of your local community? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]** {new}

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Somewhat important
- 4 Not too important

5 Not at all important

ASK ALL:

PROVIDER

How often do you get local news and information from each of the following types of sources, regardless of whether you access them digitally? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS, WITH ITEM C ALWAYS AFTER ITEM B ALWAYS ON THE SAME PAGE, ITEM I ALWAYS LAST; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 OR 4-1]

{Local News 2018, heavy mod of list items from ecology}

- a. Local TV news station
- b. Local daily newspaper
- c. Other community or specialized newspaper (beyond the daily newspaper)
- d. Local radio station
- e. Community or neighborhood newsletter or Listserv
- f. Local government agencies or officials, such as city council offices or libraries
- q. Local organizations, such as churches, school groups or political groups
- h. Local online forums or discussion groups, such as community Facebook groups or Nextdoor
- i. A news source that publishes online ONLY, and is not included in any of the previous categories [ANCHOR]

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

ASK THOSE WHO GOT NEWS FROM AN ONLINE-ONLY SOURCE (PROVIDER_i=1-3):

PROVIDER_OE You said in the previous question that you got news from a news source that publishes online only. What source(s) were you thinking of? {new}

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]

ASK ALL:

PROV_PEOPLE1

How often do you get local news and information from other local residents, such as family, friends and neighbors? {Local News 2018, mod ecology}

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

ASK ALL WHO GET NEWS FROM OTHERS (PROV_PEOPLE1=1-3):

PROV_PEOPLE2

When you get local news and information from other local residents, how do you <u>primarily</u> get that news? {Local News 2018, slight mod to add 'and information'}

- 1 By word of mouth, either in person or on the phone
- 2 By text or email
- 3 Through social media

ASK IF GETS NEWS FROM LOCAL TV STATION OR NEWSPAPER (PROVIDER_a,b=1-3):

PROV PLATFORM

When you get local news and information from the following types of sources, how do you primarily get that news? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS PROVIDER]** {Local News 2018, mod ecology}

- a. [ASK IF PROVIDERa=1-3] Local TV news station
 - 1 The station on TV
 - 2 The station's website, app or email
 - 3 The station's social media posts
- b. [ASK IF PROVIDERb=1-3] Local daily newspaper
 - 1 The newspaper's print version
 - 2 The newspaper's website, app or email
 - 3 The newspaper's social media posts

ASK ALL:

LOCAL PREFER

Which of the following would you say you prefer for getting local news and information? **[RANDOMIZE]** {Local News 2018, changed social media examples; heavy mod to local focus and question structure of W37, W28, W14}

- 1 A print newspaper
- 2 Radio
- 3 Television
- 4 **[IF FORM 1 (XFORM=1):** A social media site (such as Facebook, TikTok, or YouTube); **IF FORM 2 (XFORM=2):** A social media site (such as Facebook or TikTok)1
- 5 A news website or app

ASK ALL:

TOPICUSE

Now thinking about local news topics, how often do you get news and information about each of the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS 2 SCREENS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PROVIDER] {new}

- a. Local crime
- b. Local government and politics
- c. Local weather
- d. Local arts and culture, such as concerts and community activities
- e. Local traffic and transportation
- f. Local sports
- g. Local economy, such as businesses, jobs and unemployment
- h. Local schools, school events and students

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely

4 Never

ASK IF GET LOCAL NEWS ABOUT ANY TOPIC IN TOPICUSE (TOPICUSE a-h=1-3):

And how satisfied are you with the quality of the news you get about ... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS IF RESPONDENT GETS MORE THAN 6 ITEMS; RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS TOPICUSE; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS LOCIMPORT] {new}

- a. [ASK IF TOPICUSE_a=1-3] Local crime
- b. **[ASK IF TOPICUSE_b=1-3]** Local government and politics
- c. [ASK IF TOPICUSE_c=1-3] Local weather
- d. **[ASK IF TOPICUSE_d=1-3]** Local arts and culture, such as concerts and community activities
- e. **[ASK IF TOPICUSE_e=1-3]** Local traffic and transportation
- f. [ASK IF TOPICUSE_f=1-3] Local sports
- g. **[ASK IF TOPICUSE_g=1-3]** Local economy, such as businesses, jobs and unemployment
- h. [ASK IF TOPICUSE_h=1-3] Local schools, school events and students

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Extremely satisfied
- 2 Very satisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 4 Not too satisfied
- 5 Not at all satisfied

ASK ALL:

LOCALOUTLETS

As far as you know, in your local community, is there at least one ...

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-E] {new}

- a. Local TV news station
- b. Local newspaper
- c. Local radio station
- d. Local newsletter, blog, or website
- e. Local online forum or discussion group, such as a community Facebook group, Nextdoor group, or Listserv

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Yes, there is
- 2 No, there isn't

[SPACE]

3 Not sure

ASK ALL:

JOBVALUES

Would you say your local news media does each of the following well, or not well? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** {Local News 2018}

[NO ITEM A]

- b. Keep an eye on local political leaders {Local News 2018}
- c. Are transparent about their reporting {Local News 2018}

[NO ITEM D]

e. Report news accurately {Local News 2018}

[NO ITEM F-G]

h. Cover the most important stories and issues {new}

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Well
- 2 Not well

ASK ALL:

LOCMED_INTOUCH

Overall, would you say that local journalists in your area are mostly in touch or out of touch with your local community? {W122 sample of Black adults, Local News 2018, W14, mod ecology}

- 1 In touch
- 2 Out of touch

ASK ALL:

LOCAL_CHANGE

Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? Local journalists should ... **[RANDOMIZE]** {new}

- 1 Advocate for change in the community
- 2 Remain neutral on issues in the community

ASK ALL:

TALKJOUR

Have you ever spoken with or been interviewed by a local journalist or reporter? {Local News 2018, W14, Ecology}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

ASK ALL:

FINANCE

How well do you think your local news outlets are doing financially? {Local News 2018}

- 1 Very well
- 2 Somewhat well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Not at all well

ASK ALL:

LOCAL_NEWS_PAY

In the past year, have you directly paid or given money to any local news sources by subscribing, donating or becoming a member? {Local News 2018}

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

ASK IF NO IN LOCAL_NEWS_PAY (LOCAL_NEWS_PAY=2):

LOCAL NEWS DONT PAY

What is the main reason you haven't directly paid or given money to any local news sources in the past year? **[RANDOMIZE]** {Local News 2018}

- 1 I'm not interested enough in local news to pay for it
- I can find plenty of free local news so I don't need to pay
- 3 It's too expensive
- 4 The news provided is not good enough to pay for

ASK ALL:

LOCGOVSOURCE

How often do you get news and information about local government and politics from each of the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 OR 4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS PROVIDER] {new}

- a. Local news outlets
- b. Local politicians
- c. Friends, family and neighbors
- d. **[ASK IF INTERNET USER (XTABLET=2)]** Social media, such as Facebook, Instagram or X (formerly Twitter)
- e. Local government websites
- f. Local nonprofits, advocacy groups or organizations

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never

RANDOMIZE LOCPOLINT AND NATPOLINT

ASK ALL:

LOCPOLINT

When it comes to local news, how interested are you in... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS LOCIMPORT] {new}

- a. Local political elections
- b. Local laws and policies

RESPONSE OPTIONS

- 1 Extremely interested
- 2 Very interested
- 3 Somewhat interested
- 4 Not too interested
- 5 Not at all interested

ASK ALL:

NATPOLINT

How interested are you in news about... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS LOCIMPORT] {new}

- a. Presidential elections
- b. National laws and policies

RESPONSE OPTIONS

- 1 Extremely interested
- 2 Very interested
- 3 Somewhat interested
- 4 Not too interested
- 5 Not at all interested

ASK ALL:

ELECTINFFIND How easy or hard is it to find the information you need to make voting decisions in ... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1] {new}

- a. Local elections
- b. Presidential elections

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Somewhat easy
- 3 Neither easy nor hard
- 4 Somewhat hard
- 5 Very hard

[SPACE]

6 I am not eligible to vote in the U.S

ASK ALL:

CRIMESOURCE How often do you get news and information about <u>local crime</u> from each of the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PROVIDER] {new; mod NEWSSOURCE from W122 (Black Americans and News)}

- a. Local news outlets
- b. Local politicians
- c. Friends, family and neighbors
- d. ASK IF INTERNET USER (XTABLET=2): Social media, such as Facebook, Instagram or X (formerly Twitter)
- e. Locally focused apps or sites, such as Nextdoor, Ring or Citizen
- f. Local police or law enforcement

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never

ASK ALL:

CRIMEFIRST If

If a crime happened in your local community, where would you go <u>first</u> to learn more about it? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-7, KEEP 8 LAST]** {new}

- 1 Local news outlets
- 2 Local politicians
- 3 Friends, family and neighbors
- 4 Social media, such as Facebook, Instagram or X (formerly Twitter)

- 5 Locally focused apps or sites, such as Nextdoor, Ring or Citizen
- 6 Local police or law enforcement
- 7 Search engines, such as Google or Bing
- 8 Somewhere else (please specify): [SINGLE LINE TEXT BOX] [ANCHOR]

ASK ALL:

CRIMETYPE

How often do you see or hear news and information about the following types of crime happening in your local community? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** {new}

- a. Violent crime, such as murder, shootings, armed robbery or sexual assault
- b. Property crime, such as theft or vandalism
- c. Drug-related crime, such as sale or possession of illegal drugs
- d. White-collar crime, such as corporate fraud or political corruption

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 About daily
- 2 About weekly
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times a year
- 5 Less often
- 6 Never

ASK ALL:

CRIMEINT

When it comes to local crime news, how interested are you in ... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS LOCIMPORT] {new}

- a. Details of the crimes, such as what happened and why
- b. Broader patterns in local crime
- c. What local officials are doing to address crime
- d. Tips about how to stay safe
- e. Underlying causes of local crime

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Extremely interested
- 2 Very interested
- 3 Somewhat interested
- 4 Not too interested
- 5 Not at all interested

ASK IF AT LEAST SOMEWHAT INTERESTED IN ANY CRIME TOPIC (CRIMEINT_a-e=1-3):

CRIMEEASY How easy or hard is it to stay informed about each of the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS CRIMEINT; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-

11 {new}

- a. [ASK IF CRIMEINTa=1-3] Details of the crimes, such as what happened and why
- b. **[ASK IF CRIMEINTb=1-3]** Broader patterns in local crime
- c. [ASK IF CRIMEINTc=1-3] What local officials are doing to address crime
- d. **[ASK IF CRIMEINTd=1-3]** Tips about how to stay safe
- e. [ASK IF CRIMEINTe=1-3] Underlying causes of local crime

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Somewhat easy
- 3 Neither easy nor hard
- 4 Somewhat hard
- 5 Very hard

ASK IF GETS NEWS ABOUT CRIME FROM ANY SOURCE IN CRIMESOURCE (CRIMESOURCE_a-f=1-3):

CRIMEACC

In your opinion, how accurate is the local crime information you get from...

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS CRIMESOURCE; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 OR 4-1, KEEP 5 LAST] {new}

- a. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_a=1-3]** Local news outlets
- b. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_b=1-3]** Local politicians
- c. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_c=1-3]** Friends, family and neighbors
- d. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_d=1-3]** Social media, such as Facebook, Instagram or X (Formerly Twitter)
- e. [ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_e=1-3] Locally focused apps or sites, such as Nextdoor, Ring or Citizen
- f. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_f=1-3]** Local police or law enforcement

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very accurate
- 2 Somewhat accurate
- 3 Not too accurate
- 4 Not at all accurate

[SPACE]

5 Not sure [ANCHOR]

ASK IF GETS NEWS ABOUT CRIME FROM ANY SOURCE IN CRIMESOURCE (CRIMESOURCE_a-f=1-3):

CRIMEEXAG

Overall, do you think the information you get about local crime from each of the following... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS CRIMESOURCE; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2 WITH 3 & 4 ALWAYS LAST] {new}

- a. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE a=1-3]** Local news outlets
- b. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_b=1-3]** Local politicians
- c. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_c=1-3]** Friends, family and neighbors
- d. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_d=1-3]** Social media, such as Facebook, Instagram or X (Formerly Twitter)
- e. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_e=1-3]** Locally focused apps or sites, such as Nextdoor, Ring or Citizen
- f. [ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_f=1-3] Local police or law enforcement

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Exaggerates the amount of crime in your local community
- 2 Underplays the amount of crime in your local community
- 3 Gets it about right [anchor]

[SPACE]

4 Not sure [anchor]

ASK IF GETS NEWS ABOUT CRIME FROM ANY SOURCE IN CRIMESOURCE (CRIMESOURCE_a-f=1-3):

CRIMEFAIR

Would you say the local crime information you get from each of the following is...

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS CRIMESOURCE; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST] {new}

- a. [ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_a=1-3] Local news outlets
- b. [ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_b=1-3] Local politicians
- c. [ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_c=1-3] Friends, family and neighbors
- d. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_d=1-3]** Social media, such as Facebook, Instagram or X (Formerly Twitter)
- e. **[ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_e=1-3]** Locally focused apps or sites, such as Nextdoor, Ring or Citizen
- f. [ASK IF CRIMESOURCE_f=1-3] Local police or law enforcement

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- Generally fair to everyone, regardless of their race or ethnicity
- 2 Unfair to some people depending on their race or ethnicity

[SPACE]

3 Not sure [anchor]

ASK IF GETS NEWS ABOUT CRIME (CRIMESOURCEa-f=1-3):

CRIMEFEEL

Thinking about news and information you get about crime in your local community, how often has it made you feel ... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PROVIDER] {new}

- a. Afraid for your safety
- b. Angry about what's happening
- c. Confident that things will improve
- d. Motivated to change things in your community
- e. Concerned about what's happening

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never

ASK ALL:

CRIMERESP

Have you ever done any of the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS] $\{\text{new, stem from RACEACTIVISM W68}\}$

- a. Spoken with friends, family or neighbors about crime in your local community
- b. **[ASK IF INTERNET USER (IF XTABLET=2)]** Posted or shared on social media or somewhere else online about crime in your local community
- c. Expressed concerns to local officials or the police about crime in your local community
- d. Contacted or spoken to a journalist about crime in your local community

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Yes, I have done this
- 2 No, I have not done this

ASK ALL:

CRIMECONCERN

How concerned are you about crime in your local community affecting you or your family? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS LOCIMPORT]** {new; trend note – asked after local crime news question series}

- 1 Extremely concerned
- 2 Very concerned
- 3 Somewhat concerned
- 4 Not too concerned
- 5 Not at all concerned

DISPLAY TO ALL:

Just a few last questions...

ASK ALL:

CONFPERS

How important would you say each of the following is to you personally? {new} [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

- a. The war between Israel and Hamas
- b. The war between Russia and Ukraine
- c. The tensions between China and Taiwan
- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important

[SPACE]

5 Not sure [ANCHOR]

ASK ALL:

CONFGEO

Regardless of how important they are to you personally, how important is each of the following for the $\underline{U.S.'s}$ national interests? {new} [RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS CONFPERS]

- a. The war between Israel and Hamas
- b. The war between Russia and Ukraine
- c. The tensions between China and Taiwan
- 1 Very important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Not too important
- 4 Not at all important

[SPACE]

5 Not sure [ANCHOR]

ASK ALL:

FEEDBACKMOD We strive to ask questions that are politically neutral. Would you say that the questions in this survey... **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY CHOICES 1-4 OR 4-1]** {W140}

- 1 Clearly favored one political side
- 2 Seemed to favor one political side
- 3 Seemed to be politically neutral
- 4 Clearly were politically neutral

ASK ALL:

CHECKMOD

If you have any feedback about the survey, please use the box below. {W140}

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: ALLOW RESPONDENT TO ENTER AS MUCH TEXT AS THEY WOULD LIKE WITH NO CHARACTER LIMIT]

CLOSING SCREEN:

Thank you for participating in this American Trends Panel survey.

Click <u>here</u> to see answers to frequently asked questions we receive from comments at the end of our surveys.

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CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

XTABLET

- 1 Tablet HH
- 2 Non-tablet HH

Note: Flag to identify internet households in CRIMERESP, LOCGOVSOURCE, and CRIMESOURCE ATP source: Frame file variable F_TABLETHH. Same codes.

XFORM

- 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.