# 2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 159 POLITICS SURVEY NOVEMBER 2024 FINAL TOPLINE NOVEMBER 12-17, 2024 N=9,609

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.

NOTE: In addition to the parameters used in weighting each wave of the American Trends Panel, the results of this survey were weighted to the 2024 presidential popular vote and turnout among voting-eligible population (as of Nov. 18, 2024). For additional information, refer to the methodology.

**ASK ALL:**SATIS All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	No answer*
Nov 12-17, 2024	29	70	1
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	23	76	*
Aug 5-11, 2024	24	75	1
Jul 1-7, 2024	18	82	*
May 13-19, 2024	22	78	1
Jan 16-21, 2024	21	78	1
Nov 27-Dec 3, 2023	22	77	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	22	77	1
Jun 5-11, 2023	21	78	1
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	19	80	1
Jan 18-24, 2023	22	78	*
Nov 16-27, 2022	24	75	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	21	79	1
Aug 1-14, 2022	18	81	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	24	75	1
Jan 10-17, 2022	21	78	1
Sep 20-26, 2021	25	74	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	26	74	*
Mar 1-7, 2021	33	66	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	22	77	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	18	82	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	12	87	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1

#### **SATIS CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Satisfied</u>	Dissatisfied	No answer*
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>1</sup>	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

[SHOW FEEL\_COUNTRY\_FEAR, FEEL\_COUNTRY\_HOPEFUL, FEEL\_COUNTRY\_ANGRY, FEEL\_COUNTRY\_PROUD ON SAME PAGE; RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF THE QUESTIONS; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN ORDER]

#### **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,808]:**

Thinking about the state of the country these days, would you say you feel... [Please select one item from each pair]

#### FEEL\_COUNTRY\_FEAR [DISPLAY RESPONSES IN ORDER]

		Not	No
	<u>Fearful</u>	<u>fearful</u>	answer
Nov 12-17, 2024	54	43	3
May 13-19, 2024	60	38	2
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	56	43	2
Jan 10-17, 2022	62	37	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	61	37	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	63	36	*
Jun 16-22, 2020	66	33	*

#### FEEL\_COUNTRY\_HOPEFUL

		Not	No
	<u>Hopeful</u>	<u>hopeful</u>	<u>answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2024	52	46	2
May 13-19, 2024	45	54	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	51	48	1
Jan 10-17, 2022	46	53	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	54	45	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	44	55	*
Jun 16-22, 2020	46	53	*

The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

#### FEEL\_COUNTRY CONTINUED...

#### FEEL\_COUNTRY\_ANGRY

		NOL	INO
	<u>Angry</u>	<u>angry</u>	<u>answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2024	41	55	4
May 13-19, 2024	53	46	2
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	49	49	2
Jan 10-17, 2022	55	43	2
Nov 12-17, 2020	54	45	2
Jun 16-22, 2020	71	29	*

#### FEEL\_COUNTRY\_PROUD

		Not	No
	<u>Proud</u>	<u>proud</u>	answer
Nov 12-17, 2024	30	66	4
May 13-19, 2024	21	77	2
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	22	76	2
Jan 10-17, 2022	20	78	2
Nov 12-17, 2020	24	74	2
Jun 16-22, 2020	17	83	1

#### **ASK ALL:**

EMTPRESTRUMP2 How do you feel about Donald Trump winning the presidential election? **[ROTATE RESPONSES OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]** 

Nov 12-17, 2024		Nov 29-Dec 12 2016
22	Excited	18
28	Relieved	25
33	Disappointed	41
15	Angry	15
2	No answer*	2

#### TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How would you feel if Donald Trump won the November 2024 election?

Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024 Jul 1-7, 2024	Excited 14 13	Relieved 34 31	<u>Disappointed</u> 27 29	<u>Angry</u> 23 24	No <u>answer*</u> 2 2
2020 Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 July 27-Aug 2, 2020 Jan 6-19, 2020 Sep 3-15, 2019	12 13 15 14	29 27 24 24	33 27 35 34	25 31 23 26	1 2 3 2
<b>2016</b> Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 Aug 16-Sep 12, 2016 Apr 5-May 2, 2016	12 10 14	26 25 16	37 37 37	23 24 29	2 4 4

ELXSURP Overall, are you surprised that Donald Trump won the presidential election, or not surprised?

Nov 12-17, 2024 32 Surprised 68 Not surprised \* No answer\*

#### PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Overall, are you surprised that Donald Trump won the presidential election, or not surprised?

#### **BASED ON VOTERS:**

Nov 10-14
2016
73 Surprised
27 Not surprised
\* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

### [DISPLAY POSTELEC\_TRMP AND POSTELEC\_HARRIS ON SAME PAGE; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QUESTIONS; INCLUDE THE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

#### **ASK ALL:**

POSTELEC\_TRMP How would you rate Donald Trump's conduct since the presidential election on November 5th?

Nov 12-17,

2024
24 Excellent
30 Good
21 Only fair
24 Poor
1 No answer\*

#### **2020 TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

How would you rate Donald Trump's conduct since the presidential election on November 3rd?

	Jan 8-12,	Nov 12-17,
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Excellent	8	11
Good	15	17
Only fair	16	18
Poor	61	53
No answer	1	1

POSTELEC\_HARRIS How would you rate Kamala Harris' conduct since the presidential election on November 5th?

Nov 12-17,	
<u>2024</u>	
22	Excellent
34	Good
24	Only fair
18	Poor
1	No answer*

#### **2020 TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

How would you rate Joe Biden's conduct since the presidential election on November 3rd?

	Jan 8-12,	Nov 12-17,
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Excellent	34	33
Good	30	27
Only fair	20	21
Poor	15	18
No answer	1	1

#### **ASK ALL:**

DTIDEO Which best describes your impression of Donald Trump's views? [ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]

		Jul 30-	Nov 29-	Jun 7-
Nov 12-17,		Aug 12,	Dec 12,	Jul 5,
<u>2024</u>		<u>2018</u>	<u> 2016</u>	<u>2016</u>
32	He has conservative views on almost all issues	26	17	16
32	He has conservative views on most issues	32	29	28
26	His views on issues are a mix of conservative and liberal	31	41	38
3	He has liberal views on most issues	3	5	5
4	He has liberal views on <u>almost all</u> issues	4	4	7
3	No answer*	4	5	6
64	NET conservative views	58	46	44
7	NET liberal views	7	9	12

#### **ASK ALL:**

DTCONF Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Donald Trump can do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** 

		Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat confident	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
ECON	Make good decisions about economic policy					
	Nov 12-17, 2024	35	24	14	26	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	34	21	15	28	1
	Jul 1-7. 2024	30	24	15	29	1
	Nov 12-17, 2020	32	21	17	29	*
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	28	22	18	31	1

#### **DTCONF CONTIUNED...**

Dicoi	June 16-22, 2020 Jan 6-19, 2020 Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	Very <u>confident</u> 29 32 29	Somewhat confident 21 21 21	Not too <u>confident</u> 16 18 15	Not at all confident 33 29 35	No <u>answer*</u> 1 1
IMMI	Make wise decisions about immigration policy		21	13		
	Nov 12-17, 2024 Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024 Jul 1-7. 2024 Jan 6-19, 2020 July 22-Aug 4, 2019	35 35 30 26 25	18 17 20 17 16	15 14 13 17 15	31 34 35 40 43	*
ABCN	Make good decisions about abortion policy					
	Nov 12-17, 2024 Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024 Jul 1-7, 2024	22 19 17	23 24 25	18 17 17	36 39 38	1 1 2
CRIM	Effectively handle law enforcement and criminal justice issues					
	Nov 12-17, 2024 Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024 Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	30 28 24 19	24 23 20 23	16 17 17 17	29 31 39 41	1 1 * 1
FRGN	Make good decisions about foreign policy					
	Nov 12-17, 2024 Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024 Jul 1-7, 2024 Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	31 32 26 24 22	21 19 22 19 21	17 16 15 17 16	30 33 35 39 41	1 * 2 1 1
CLSR	Bring the country closer together					
	Nov 12-17, 2024 Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024 Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 June 16-22, 2020	16 15 11 11	24 21 18 19	20 19 20 19	39 44 51 50	* 1 1 1

#### **ASK ALL:**

TRUMPDESC How well does each of the following describe Donald Trump? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		Very	Fairly	Not too	Not at all	No
		<u>well</u>	<u>well</u>	<u>well</u>	<u>well</u>	<u>answer*</u>
HNST	Honest					
	Nov 12-17, 2024	16	26	18	40	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	14	22	17	46	1
	Jul 1-7, 2024	12	24	19	44	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	10	23	16	50	1
	June 16-22, 2020	13	21	16	49	1
	Feb 4-15, 2020	12	24	19	44	1

#### TRUMPDESC CONTINUED...

ORD Cares about the needs of	
ordinary people	
Nov 12-17, 2024 25 20 17 37	1
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024 24 18 16 42	1
Jul 1-7, 2024 21 21 16 40	1 1
June 16-22, 2020 21 17 13 47	1
TEMP Even-tempered	
Nov 12-17, 2024 10 26 25 38	1
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024 9 22 23 46	1
June 16-22, 2020 7 18 24 51	1 1
Feb 4-15, 2020 6 21 28 44	1
MNSHRP Mentally sharp	
Nov 12-17, 2024 28 27 17 27	1
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024 30 23 18 29	1
Jul 1-7, 2024 29 29 21 20	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 24 24 19 32	1
MDL A good role model	
Nov 12-17, 2024 12 22 21 44	1
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024 13 21 20 45	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 7 20 19 53	1
June 16-22, 2020 9 20 18 52	1
KPR Keeps his promises	
Nov 12-17, 2024 22 29 19 29	1

#### ASK ALL:

RCHOUTIMP

How important is it that Donald Trump reach out to Kamala Harris' supporters to try to bring the country together? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]** 

Nov 12-17, 2024	
22	Extremely important
30	Very important
30	Somewhat important
10	Not too important
7	Not at all important
1	No answer*

#### ASK ALL:

RCHOUTDO

How would you rate Donald Trump's efforts at reaching out to Kamala Harris' supporters?

Nov 12-17, 2024	
6	Excellent
25	Good
28	Only fair
38	Poor
3	No answer*

NEWADMIN How confident, if at all, are you that the transition from the Biden administration to the Trump administration will go smoothly?

Nov 12-17,

2024
26 Very confident
44 Somewhat confident
20 Not too confident
9 Not at all confident
1 No answer\*

#### TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How confident, if at all, are you that a transition from the Trump administration to the Biden administration would go smoothly?

	Nov 12-17
	<u>2020</u>
Very confident	6
Somewhat confident	20
Not too confident	39
Not at all confident	33
No answer	2

#### **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,801]:**

PRESPLANS Do you approve or disapprove of the job President-elect Trump has done so far in explaining his policies and plans for the future to the American people?

Nov 12-17, <u>2024</u> 51 Approve 47 Disapprove 2 No answer\*

#### TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Do you approve or disapprove of the job President-elect Biden has done so far in explaining his policies and plans for the future to the American people?

	Jan 8-12,
	<u>2021</u>
Approve	58
Disapprove	39
No answer	3

#### PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

Do you approve or disapprove of the job President-elect \_\_ has done so far in explaining his policies and plans for the future to the American people?

				(VOL.)
		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	DK/Ref
Trump	Jan 4-9, 2017	39	55	6
	Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	41	55	4
Obama	Jan 7-11, 2009	70	18	12
	December, 2008	72	18	10
Bush	January, 2001	50	36	14
Clinton	January, 1993	62	24	14
Bush	Gallup: March, 1989	65	28	7

#### **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,808]:**

PLANSPRESFUT As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's policies and plans for the future?

Nov 12-17,	
<u> 2024</u>	
27	Strongly approve
25	Somewhat approve
16	Somewhat disapprove
30	Strongly disapprove
2	No answer*

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

#### **ASK ALL:**

THERMO

We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of people on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the person at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them. **[RANDOMIZE]** 

		Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of 25 to 49	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No <u>Answer*</u>	Mean <u>rating</u>
THERMTRUMP	Donald Trump							
	Nov 12-17, 2024	40	7	9	11	31	*	45
	Oct 10-16, 2022	50	7	11	10	20	2	35
	Jul 8-18, 2021	50	7	11	10	22	*	<i>37</i>
	Mar 1-7, 2021	51	6	9	9	23	*	36
	Nov 12-17, 2020	50	7	9	8	26	*	38
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	51	6	7	10	25	1	<i>37</i>
	Apr 7-12, 2020	45	7	7	10	30	*	42
	Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	49	8	9	9	25	1	38
	Sep 3-15, 2019	49	7	8	10	26	1	38
	Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	51	8	10	9	22	1	35
	Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	37	11	14	12	24	2	43
	Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	48	9	9	11	18	4	35
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	53	8	9	11	17	3	32
THERMBIDEN	Joe Biden							
	Nov 12-17, 2024	40	16	18	14	12	*	<i>37</i>
	Oct 10-16, 2022	43	10	13	16	16	2	38
	Jul 8-18, 2021	33	9	14	15	28	*	48
	Mar 1-7, 2021	32	9	13	15	31	*	50
	Nov 12-17, 2020	35	9	12	14	29	1	47
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	38	10	12	15	24	1	43
	Apr 7-12, 2020	37	14	16	15	17	*	40
THERMHARRIS	Kamala Harris							
	Nov 12-17, 2024	40	12	15	14	20	*	40
	Nov 12-17, 2020	40	7	13	11	29	*	44
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	41	7	18	12	22	1	41

POL12 Do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better in the coming year, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?

Nov 12-17,		Nov 16-27,	Nov 12-17,	Nov 7-13,	Nov 17- Dec 15,
<u>2024</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2014</u>
14	Get better	8	21	9	11
45	Get worse	38	37	44	34
41	Stay the same	54	41	46	55
*	No answer*	*	1	*	1

#### RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM

#### **ASK ALL:**

REPRSNTREP How well does the <u>Republican Party</u> represent the interests of people like you?

	NET WELL	Very <u>well</u>	Somewhat <u>well</u>	NET NOT WELL	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all well	No answer*
Nov 12-17, 2024	<u>50</u>	<u> 16</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>wen</u> 24	<u>25</u>	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	39	6	33	58	27	31	2
Aug 1-14, 2022	44	10	34	53	25	28	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	41	9	33	56	27	29	3
Nov 12-17, 2020	47	16	31	51	25	26	2
Nov 29- Dec 12, 2016	46	10	<i>3</i> 6	53	27	26	1
Aug 16-Sep 12, 2016	39	8	31	60	29	31	2
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	40	7	33	57	29	28	3

#### RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM

#### **ASK ALL:**

REPRSNTDEM How well does the <u>Democratic Party</u> represent the interests of people like you?

	NET	Very	Somewhat	<b>NET NOT</b>	Not too	Not at all	No
	<u>WELL</u>	<u>well</u>	<u>well</u>	<b>WELL</b>	<u>well</u>	<u>well</u>	answer*
Nov 12-17, 2024	43	9	35	55	29	27	2
Jul 10-16, 2023	41	7	34	56	26	30	2
Aug 1-14, 2022	47	12	35	50	23	27	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	46	10	36	51	23	28	3
Nov 12-17, 2020	47	11	35	51	21	29	2
Nov 29- Dec 12, 2016	51	14	<i>37</i>	48	24	24	1
Aug 16-Sep 12, 2016	49	13	36	50	24	26	2
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	52	14	38	46	24	22	3

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## [IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (X\_PARTYSUMFINAL=1), THEN SHOW GOPDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY DEMDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES. IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT (X\_PARTYSUMFINAL=2), THEN SHOW DEMDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY GOPDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES]

#### ASK IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN ONLY (XPARTYSUM=1) [N=4,439]:

GOPDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are...

	Very optimistic	Somewhat optimistic	Somewhat pessimistic	Very pessimistic	No answer
Nov 12-17, 2024	38	48	10	3	*
Nov 16-27, 2022	10	55	27	7	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	23	51	20	5	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	25	54	17	4	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	27	56	13	3	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	23	51	19	5	2
Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017	12	47	29	10	2
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	28	51	16	4	2
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	12	49	29	9	1

#### ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT ONLY (XPARTYSUM=2) [N=4,971]:

DEMDIRCT Thinking about the future of the <u>Democratic Party</u>, would you say that you are...

	Very <u>optimistic</u>	Somewhat optimistic	Somewhat pessimistic	Very <u>pessimistic</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Nov 12-17, 2024	7	43	38	11	1
Nov 16-27, 2022	13	59	23	5	*
Nov 12-17, 2020	25	58	12	5	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	15	60	20	4	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	24	57	14	3	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	19	58	16	5	2
Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017	13	51	28	6	1
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	14	47	29	10	1
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	22	55	15	6	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...<sup>2</sup>

Something No Lean Lean Republican <u>Democrat</u> <u>Independent</u> else answer\* Rep Dem 28 27 30 14 1 20 20

<sup>2</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.