

**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 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

CMFRT\_LIST Thinking about things that sometimes happen in society, is each of the following something you are comfortable or uncomfortable with? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Comfortable</u>	<u>Uncomfortable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:</b>				
PRN	Someone using the pronouns "they/them" instead of "he" or "she" to describe themselves Apr 8-14, 2024	45	54	1
ENG	People speaking a language other than English in public places in your community Apr 8-14, 2024	71	29	1
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:</b>				
PRY	Someone you don't know well saying they will keep you in their prayers Apr 8-14, 2024	79	21	1
MDN	Women not taking their husbands' last names when they get married Apr 8-14, 2024	74	25	1

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

USEXCEPT Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States?  
**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3 OR 3-1]**

	The U.S. stands above all other countries <u>in the world</u>	The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along with <u>some others</u>	There are other countries that are better than <u>the U.S.</u>	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	20	55	24	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	20	52	27	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	23	52	23	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	24	55	21	1
				<b>(VOL.)</b>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>				Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	29	52	17	2

<b>USEXCEPT CONTINUED...</b>	The U.S. stands above all other countries <u>in the world</u>	The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along with <u>some others</u>	There are other countries that are better than <u>the U.S.</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Jun 8-18, 2017	29	56	14	1
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	32	52	15	1
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	28	58	12	1
Mar 8-14, 2011	38	53	8	2

**[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]**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

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

DISCRIM	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get <u>ahead these days</u>	Black people who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for <u>their own condition</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 8-14, 2024	43	54	3
Jan 22-Feb 2, 2020	45	52	3
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	54	3
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>1</sup>	36	62	1

			<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	39	48	13
Jun 8-18, 2017	41	49	10
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	32	54	15
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	30	58	12
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	27	63	10
Jan 4-8, 2012	21	60	19
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	26	60	14
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	18	67	15
September, 2005	26	59	15
December, 2004	27	60	13
June, 2003	24	64	12
September, 2000	31	54	15
August, 1999	28	59	13
October, 1997	25	61	14
June, 1997	33	54	13
October, 1996	28	58	14
October, 1995	37	53	10
April, 1995	34	56	10

<sup>1</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

<b>DISCRIM CONTINUED ...</b>	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days	Black people who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their own condition	No answer
October, 1994	34	54	12
July, 1994	32	59	9

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:**

RELIG_GOV	Religion should be kept separate from government policies	Government policies should support religious values and beliefs	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	71	28	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	73	25	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	72	27	1

**ASK ALL:**

DIVERSEPOP\_MOD In general, do you think the fact that the U.S. population is made up of people of many different races, ethnicities and religions... **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Apr 8-14, 2024	
64	Strengthens American society
11	Weakens American society
24	Doesn't make much difference
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	Sep 13-19, 2021
Strengthens American democracy	64
Weakens American democracy	10
Doesn't make much difference	25
No answer	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****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]**

**ASK ALL:**

OPENIDEN	America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to <u>who we are as a nation</u>	If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk <u>losing our identity as a nation</u>	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	63	35	2
Oct 10-16, 2022	64	35	2
Jul 8-18, 2021	66	32	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	67	32	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	64	34	2
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 10-15, 2019	62	33	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	68	26	6
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	68	29	3

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

NECCGOD	It is <u>not</u> necessary to believe in God in order to be moral <u>and have good values</u>	It <u>is</u> necessary to believe in God in order to be <u>moral and have good values</u>	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	67	32	1
Mar 21-27, 2022	65	34	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	65	35	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	63	36	1
Dec 4-18, 2017	66	33	*
Jul 7-Aug 4, 2014 <sup>2</sup>	51	48	1
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	59	39	2
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	56	42	2
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	53	45	2
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	49	48	3
December, 2004	46	51	3
March, 2002	50	47	3

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>2</sup> The W5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

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

GAINS	The gains women have made in society have come at the <u>expense of men</u>	The gains women have made in society have <u>not</u> come at the <u>expense of men</u>	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	18	81	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2020 <sup>3</sup>	22	76	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:**

MARRFAM	Society is better off if people make marriage and <u>having children a priority</u>	Society is just as well off if people have priorities other than <u>marriage and children</u>	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	37	60	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	34	64	2
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	34	63	3
Sep 3-15, 2019	33	65	1
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	40	57	3
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	39	57	4

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

TRANSGEND1 Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?  
**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

	Whether someone is a man or a woman is determined by the sex <u>they were assigned at birth</u>	Someone can be a man or a woman even if that is different from the sex <u>they were assigned at birth</u>	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	65	33	2
May 16-22, 2022	60	38	1
Jun 14-27, 2021	56	41	3
Sep 14-28, 2017	54	44	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:**

RGHTCNTL What do you think is more important?

	To protect the right of Americans <u>to own guns</u>	Control <u>gun ownership</u>	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	51	48	1
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	47	52	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	47	53	1
Aug 16-Sep 12, 2016 <sup>4</sup>	53	46	1

<sup>3</sup> This question was asked on an Ipsos knowledge panel survey.

<sup>4</sup> In W20, question was called GUNOWN.

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	Protect right of Americans <u>to own guns</u>	Control <u>gun ownership</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	46	51	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	44	52	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	47	51	2
Aug 9-16, 2016	52	46	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	47	50	3
Dec 3-7, 2014	52	46	3
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	49	48	3
May 1-5, 2013	48	50	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	46	50	4
Jan 9-13, 2013	45	51	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	42	49	9
Jul 26-29, 2012	46	47	6
Apr 4-15, 2012	49	45	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	49	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	47	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	50	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	46	7
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	45	49	6
April, 2008	37	58	5
November, 2007	42	55	3
April, 2007	32	60	8
February, 2004	37	58	5
Jun, 2003	42	54	4
May, 2000	38	57	5
April, 2000	37	55	8
March, 2000	29	66	5
Jun, 1999	33	62	5
May, 1999	30	65	5
December, 1993	34	57	9

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

GUNIMPCT Overall, does gun ownership do more to ... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 8-14, <u>2024</u>		Jun 5-11, <u>2023</u>
52	Increase safety by allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves	49
47	Reduce safety by giving too many people access to firearms and increasing misuse	49
2	No answer	2

**GUNIMPCT TREND FOR COMPARISON**

	<i>NBC News/WSJ:</i> <u>March 2018</u>	<i>NBC News/WSJ:</i> <u>October 1999</u>
Gun ownership does more to increase safety by allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves	58	41
Gun ownership does more to reduce safety by giving too many people access to firearms and increasing the chances for accidental misuse	38	52
Not sure	4	7

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

SOCIETY Do you think each of the following is generally good or bad for our society? **[SHOW ITEMS ON TWO PAGES AS SET BELOW; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN PAGES AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAGES; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]**

		<u>Very good for society</u>	<u>Somewhat good for society</u>	<u>Neither good nor bad for society</u>	<u>Somewhat bad for society</u>	<u>Very bad for society</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<b>[PAGE 1]</b>							
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:</b>							
SOCIETYSSM	Same-sex marriages being legal in the U.S.						
	Apr 8-14, 2024	25	9	35	12	19	1
	Jul 8-18, 2021	25	10	34	11	19	1
SOCIETYRELG	A decline in the share of Americans belonging to an organized religion						
	Apr 8-14, 2024	10	8	39	22	19	2
	Jul 8-18, 2021	11	11	35	24	18	2
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:</b>							
SOCIETYLGB	More people feeling comfortable identifying as gay, lesbian, or bisexual than in the past						
	Apr 8-14, 2024	18	12	38	15	17	1
SOCIETYWHT	White people declining as a share of the U.S. population						
	Apr 8-14, 2024	5	7	65	13	9	2
	Jul 8-18, 2021	7	8	61	13	9	1

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		Very good <u>for society</u>	Somewhat good <u>for society</u>	Neither good nor bad <u>for society</u>	Somewhat bad <u>for society</u>	Very bad <u>for society</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:</b>							
SOCIETYEC	More people using electric vehicles instead of gasoline vehicles Apr 8-14, 2024	19	23	32	14	11	*
SOCIETYBC	Birth control pills, condoms and other forms of contraception being widely available Apr 8-14, 2024	59	19	14	5	2	*
SOCIETYTHER	More people openly discussing mental health and well-being Apr 8-14, 2024	59	25	11	3	1	*
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:</b>							
SOCIETYCHILD	People having fewer children Apr 8-14, 2024	6	17	43	23	9	1
SOCIETYAI	Increased use of artificial intelligence (AI) in daily life Apr 8-14, 2024	4	19	25	34	18	1
SOCIETYGUNS	An increase in the number of guns in the U.S. Apr 8-14, 2024 Jul 8-18, 2021	9 9	12 11	25 26	23 20	31 33	1 1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:**

		Extremely <u>important</u>	Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer</u>
SFE	Keeping communities safe Apr 8-14, 2024	69	23	6	1	1	1
RGHT	Protecting the rights of people suspected of crimes Apr 8-14, 2024	29	34	26	7	3	1

<b>POLIMPT CONTINUED ...</b>		<u>Extremely important</u>	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
RCL	Treating people of all racial and ethnic groups equally Apr 8-14, 2024	64	25	8	1	1	1
RESP	Maintaining public respect for police officers Apr 8-14, 2024	45	29	18	5	2	1

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

RACESURV17 How much, if at all, do you think the legacy of slavery affects the position of Black people in American society today?

<u>Apr 8-14, 2024</u>		<u>Oct 4-17, 2021</u>	<u>Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019</u>
26	A great deal	28	31
28	A fair amount	30	32
25	Not much	23	19
20	Not at all	18	16
1	No answer	2	1

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

**ASK ALL:**

LGLSTATUS

Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE]****ASK IF NOT ALLOWED TO STAY IN COUNTRY LEGALLY(LGLSTATUS=1) [N=3,125]:**

NATLDPRT

Do you think there should be a national law enforcement effort to deport all immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally?

**ASK IF A WAY FOR THEM TO STAY LEGALLY (LGLSTATUS=2) [N=5,513]:**

LGL\_CITIZPRENSHIP

And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Apr 8-14, 2024		Apr 5-11, 2021 <sup>5</sup>	June 4-10, 2020	Jul 22- Aug 4, 2019	Feb 28- Mar 12, 2017 <sup>6</sup>
37	They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally	30	24	27	22
33	<i>Should be a national law enforcement effort to deport</i>	25	--	23	19
4	<i>Should <u>not</u> be a national law enforcement effort to deport</i>	5	--	4	3
1	<i>No answer</i>	1		*	*
62	There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met	69	75	72	77
37	<i>Be eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship</i>	42	--	--	--
24	<i>Be eligible to apply for permanent residency, but no U.S. citizenship</i>	26	--	--	--
1	<i>No answer</i>	1			
1	No answer	1	1	1	1

**DISPLAY LAWCOST, ECONFAIR, WOMENOBS, GOVAID, SUCCINLIFE AND GOODEVIL 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]****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:**

WOMENOBS

The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead are now largely goneThere are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women to get ahead than menNo  
answer

Apr 8-14, 2024	46	52	1
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	47	52	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	46	53	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	46	53	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	43	55	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	42	57	1
Feb 26, Mar 11, 2018	42	56	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	45	53	3

<sup>5</sup> In the April 2021 survey, NATLDPRT read, "Do you think there should be a national law enforcement effort to deport all immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally, or should that not be done?"

<sup>6</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only. In W24.5, both questions were asked of all adults. Results for NATLDPRT shown only of those who answered, "They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally."

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:**

GOODEVIL	Most things in society can be pretty clearly divided <u>into good and evil</u>	Most things in society are too complicated to be clearly divided <u>between good and evil</u>	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	50	48	2
Oct 10-16, 2022	51	48	2
Jul 8-18, 2021	48	50	2

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

CRIMJUST\_TGH Would you say that the criminal justice system in this country is generally ...  
**[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Apr 8-14, 2024	
14	Too tough on criminals
57	Not tough enough on criminals
27	About right in its treatment of criminals
2	No answer

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,360]:**

WHADVANT In general, how much do White people benefit from advantages in society that Black people do not have?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	No answer
Apr 8-14, 2024	24	29	25	21	2
Oct 10-16, 2022	31	26	24	17	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	31	27	24	17	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	33	26	23	15	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	29	29	23	18	1
Feb 25-Mar 11, 2018 <sup>7</sup>	30	28	25	16	2
Aug 8-Aug 21, 2017	26	29	28	16	1
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	24	29	25	19	2

<sup>7</sup> In Feb 25-Mar 11, 2018 and prior, question was worded: "How much, if at all, do white people benefit from advantages in society that black people do not have?"

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

AMHIST Thinking about American history, how important do you think it is to have public discussions about the country's... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]**

		Extremely <u>important</u>	Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer</u>
FAIL	Historical failures and flaws Apr 8-14, 2024	33	32	27	5	2	1
SUCC	Historical successes and strengths Apr 8-14, 2024	31	36	26	4	1	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****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... <sup>8</sup>						
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	<i>Lean <u>Rep</u></i>	<i>Lean <u>Dem</u></i>
	28	29	27	14	3	17	19

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

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