

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 92 JULY SURVEY
JULY 8 – 18, 2021**

ASK ALL:

DIFFPARTY Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is...

- 1 A great deal of difference in what they stand for
- 2 A fair amount of difference in what they stand for
- 3 Hardly any difference at all in what they stand for

ASK ALL:

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

- 1 A smaller government providing fewer services
- 2 A bigger government providing more services

ASK IF BIGGER GOVT (GOVSIZE1=2):

GOVSIZE3 When you say you favor a bigger government providing more services, do you think it would be better to... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Modestly expand on current government services
- 2 Greatly expand on current government services

ASK ALL:

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

- 1 The U.S. stands above all other countries in the world
- 2 The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along with some others
- 3 There are other countries that are better than the U.S.

DISPLAY WOMENOBS, ECONFAIR, OPENIDEN, ALLIES, ON TWO PAGES WITH SOME SORT OF VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.
[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2, RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS].

[SCREEN 1]:

[Please select one item from each pair]

ASK ALL:

WOMENOBS

- 1 The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead are now largely gone

- 2 There are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women to get ahead than men

ASK ALL:
ECONFAIR

- 1 The economic system in this country unfairly favors powerful interests
2 The economic system in this country is generally fair to most Americans

ASK ALL:
OPENIDEN

- 1 America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who we are as a nation
2 If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk losing our identity as a nation

[SCREEN 2]:

[Please select one item from each pair]

ASK ALL:
ALLIES

- 1 In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making compromises with them
2 In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its own national interests even when its allies strongly disagree

ASK ALL:

POLICY3MOD In general, would you say experts who study a subject for many years are...
[DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

- 1 Usually BETTER at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
2 Usually WORSE at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people
3 NEITHER BETTER NOR WORSE at making good policy decisions about that subject than other people

ASK ALL:

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

- 1 A great deal
2 A fair amount
3 Not too much
4 Not at all

ASK ALL:

SUPERPWR In the future, do you think... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 U.S. policies should try to keep it so America is the only military superpower
2 It would be acceptable if another country became as militarily powerful as the U.S.

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

GLBLZE Thinking about increased trade of goods and services between the U.S. and other nations in recent decades...

Some say the U.S. has gained from increased trade because it has helped lower prices and increased the competitiveness of some U.S. businesses.

Others say the U.S. has lost out from increased trade because it has cost jobs in manufacturing and other industries and lowered wages for some U.S. workers.

All in all, would you say that the U.S. has...

- 1 Gained more than it has lost from increased trade
- 2 Lost more than it has gained from increased trade

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

GLBLZEREV Thinking about increased trade of goods and services between the U.S. and other nations in recent decades...

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All in all, would you say that the U.S. has...

- 1 Lost more than it has gained from increased trade
- 2 Gained more than it has lost from increased trade

ASK ALL:

CRIM_SENT2 Overall, would you say people who are convicted of crimes in this country serve...
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 OR 2-1; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]

- 1 Too much time in prison
- 2 Too little time in prison
- 3 About the right amount of time in prison **[ANCHOR]**

On a different subject...

ASK ALL:

PROG_RNEED How much more, if anything, needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds?

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Nothing at all

ASK IF A LOT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE (PROG_RNEED=1):

PROG_RNEED2b Which comes closer to your view about what needs to be done to ensure equal rights for all Americans regardless of their racial or ethnic backgrounds -- even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 Most U.S. laws and major institutions need to be completely rebuilt because they are fundamentally biased against some racial and ethnic groups
- 2 While there are many inequities in U.S. laws and institutions, necessary changes can be made by working within the current systems

ASK ALL:

CANMTCHPOL Which comes closer to your view of candidates for political office, even if neither is exactly right?

I usually feel like... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 1 There is at least one candidate who shares most of my views
- 2 None of the candidates represent my views well

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; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE]**

PAGE 1

SOCIETYTRANS Greater social acceptance of people who are transgender (people who identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth)

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Very good for society
- 2 Somewhat good for society
- 3 Neither good nor bad for society
- 4 Somewhat bad for society
- 5 Very bad for society

ASK ALL:

PROBOFF How much of a problem, if any, would you say each of the following are in the country today? **[ALWAYS ASK ITEMS IN THIS ORDER ON SAME PAGE]**

- a. People being too easily offended by things others say
 - b. People saying things that are very offensive to others
- 1 Major problem
 - 2 Minor problem
 - 3 Not a problem

DISPLAY BUSPROFIT, CNTRYFAIR, GOVPROTCT, GOVAID, RELIG_GOV, ON TWO PAGES WITH SOME SORT OF VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS

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**[RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS.
 RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2].**

SCREEN 1:

[Please select one item from each pair]

ASK ALL:

BUSPROFIT

- 1 Business corporations make too much profit
- 2 Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit

ASK ALL:

CNTRYFAIR

- 1 Other countries generally treat the United States about as fairly as we treat them
- 2 Other countries often take unfair advantage of the United States

ASK ALL:

GOVPROTCT

- 1 It's not the government's job to protect people from themselves
- 2 Sometimes laws to protect people from themselves are necessary

SCREEN 2:

[Please select one item from each pair]

ASK ALL:

GOVAID

- 1 Government aid to the poor does more harm than good, by making people too dependent on government assistance
- 2 Government aid to the poor does more good than harm, because people can't get out of poverty until their basic needs are met

ASK ALL:

RELIG_GOV

- 1 Religion should be kept separate from government policies
- 2 Government policies should support religious values and beliefs

ASK ALL:

RACESURV52MOD

How much, if at all, would it bother you to regularly hear people speak a language other than English in public places in your community?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Some
- 3 Not much
- 4 Not at all

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**ASK ALL:
THERMO**

We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of groups in the U.S. 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 group at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward the group. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

[Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]

- a. How do you feel toward Republicans?
- b. How do you feel toward Democrats?

Enter Number here:

SOFT PROMPT TEXT: *"Please enter the "degree" or number between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings in the box. If you would like to skip, click Next."*

PROGRAMMER NOTE: Also show Prompt if answer over 100 is entered. If after Prompt the answer is still over 100, record answer as is in the data and allow respondent to continue.
