Antitrust enforcement project: Polling data (5/2/22)

**Gallup**

[Attitudes towards big business](https://news.gallup.com/poll/1597/Confidence-Institutions.aspx) (1965-2016):

* In your opinion, which of the following will be the biggest threat to the country in the future -- big business, big labor or big government?

[Size and influence of big corporations](https://news.gallup.com/poll/1597/Confidence-Institutions.aspx) (2001-2022):

* Next, we'd like to know how you feel about the state of the nation in each of the following areas. For each one, please say whether you are -- very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied. If you don't have enough information about a particular subject to rate it, just say so. How about -- the size and influence of major corporations?

[Confidence in big business and organized labor](https://news.gallup.com/poll/1597/Confidence-Institutions.aspx) (1973-2021):

* Now I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one -- a great deal, quite a lot, some or very little?

[Labor unions](https://news.gallup.com/poll/12751/Labor-Unions.aspx)

* 1936-2021: Do you approve or disapprove of labor unions?
* 1999-2018: Would you, personally, like to see labor unions in the United States have more influence than they have today, the same amount as today or less influence than they have today?
* 1952-2005: In the labor disputes of the last two or three years, have your sympathies, in general been -- [ROTATED: on the side of unions (or) on the side of the companies]?

**Roper Center**

Search: antitrust OR anti-trust OR monopoly OR monopolies OR anti-monopolies OR anti-monopoly OR antimonopoly OR anti-competition OR "Department of Justice" OR "small business"

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1949

* 74. Do you think that labor unions--such as in the coal industry--should be subject to the same laws dealing with monopolies as big firms are?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31087430/questions#d5de555e-e53e-4961-9f1b-099d9eb94511>
* Have you heard anything about the government taking any action against trusts or monopolies recently?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31103103/questions#7ffa9ee9-5e4a-4650-aca7-69f5981d293c>
  + Other questions:
    - How do you feel about the government's present campaign against big companies--are you all for it, or not too much in favor?
    - When the government brings an antitrust suit against a company, would you say that's pretty good evidence that the company is guilty?
    - Do you think we need new laws to control big companies, or that enforcing the present laws will do the job?
    - Summing it all up, which is the better way of handling the problems of 'bigness' --should the government break up big companies and limit their operations, or should it only regulate them to see that they don't fix prices and kill competition?
    - Which do you believe is more of a problem today--big unions or big business?
    - Why (do you believe big business is more of a problem today than big unions)?

1953

* (Here are some changes that business leaders in government may recommend.) Some businessmen say that laws against monopolies should be overhauled, to make clear and definite what the law prohibits and cut down the number of long court trials. What are your ideas on that?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31103148/questions#4553bf6b-759c-4d2a-ad3b-bc6ce6c63982>
  + Other questions
    - (Please tell me whether you think business leaders in government will do a very good job, a fairly good job, or a poor job on each of these?)... Controlling monopolies

1956

* Do you think the government should do anything about them (the monopolies in this country)?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31087550/questions#95df4333-71eb-4fb1-917d-f99e62b90d0a>

1957

* If Congress is going to do something about regulation and control of big business, what in your opinion should they do?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31103197/questions#0a6c8c96-b062-428a-a56d-098bfa3691e5>

1964

* When the government brings an antitrust suit against a company, would you say that's pretty good evidence that the company is guilty, or isn't it?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31103203/questions#3fe3ae45-aa28-4419-9b43-16ce718e684c>

1968

* As for their effect on your own way of life in the next few years, say within 10 years, how would you rate the importance of each of the following topics...very important, of some importance, or not particularly important?...Anti-trust activities and legislation
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31092118/questions#6bc1a3e9-3316-4833-95fe-11969a2c87e6>

1969

* (As for their effect on your own way of life in the next few years, say within 10 years, how would you rate the importance of each of the following topics?...Very important, of some importance, not particularly important)...Anti-trust action and legislation
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31092120/questions#4b225a96-c123-4408-bebd-24045da6d38f>

1974

* (President Ford has put forth a program both for curbing inflation and for getting the country out of the recession. Let me read you some key parts of what President Ford has proposed. For each, tell me if you favor or oppose it.)...Enforce the anti-trust laws against price-fixing and bid-rigging more strictly
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31107686/questions#b50b953d-cf48-4483-a79b-616c7d368bc8>
* (President Ford in an address to Congress in early October (1974) made ten proposals for dealing with inflation. Here is a list of those proposals. Would you go down that list and for each one tell me whether you are in favor of or opposed to it, or are you uncertain about it?)... Increase penalties for antitrust violations.
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31097306/questions#5da5eca7-7d2c-4151-b94c-b2603e564bcd>

1980

* What, in your opinion, is the goal of government regulation of business? That is, what is the purpose of government regulation of business--what is it supposed to do?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108019/questions#137ae1d8-7367-49f0-ba9e-a0b1bf5dba50>
  + Other questions:
    - 205. (Here is a list of possible goals of government regulation of business. For each one, please tell me how important a goal it is to you--is it not important at all, somewhat important, important, very important or very, very important?)...Promote competition
* What, in your opinion, is the goal of government regulation of business? That is, what is the purpose of government regulation of business--what is it supposed to do?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31103575/questions#ac74da6e-36d9-4168-8a47-1793fb422e8b>
  + Other questions:
    - 195. (Here is a list of possible goals of government regulation of business. For each one, please tell me how important a goal it is to you--is it not important at all, somewhat important, important, very important or very, very important?)...Promote competition

1982

* In your opinion, will settlement of these suits (the federal government out of court settlement of two anti-trust suits against IBM (Internal Business Machines) and AT & T (American Telephone & Telegraph) in fact encourage technological innovation and competition, or not?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108027/questions#04385f62-410f-49fd-9406-e4101b4e6fe3>
* You said you'd like the government to do...more about controlling the activities of large companies. Please tell me more about that.
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31092172/questions#798f99fa-aba2-44b8-89b0-142cfe3f4687>
  + Other questions:
    - 85. (I'd like to know if you have been giving any thought recently to what the government is or is not doing about each of the activities I mentioned before.) Have you recently thought about what the government is or is not doing about...controlling the activities of large companies?
    - 78. (I would like to get your opinion on several areas of important government activities.) As I read each one, please tell me if you would like the government to do more, do less, or do about the same as they have been on...controlling the activities of large companies.
* What, in your opinion, is the goal of government regulation of business? That is, what is the purpose of government regulation of business--what is it supposed to do?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108026/questions#0241229d-255b-4f42-8e28-095bb7621030>
  + Other questions:
    - 4. There are two often-talked-about theories of how consumers can best be protected. One theory says the best protection for the consumer comes from free enterprise, when firms compete with each other for your business. The other theory says that this idea about free competition is nice but never works out in reality, that, on the contrary, businesses get together and devise ways to make profit at the consumer's expense--in some cases, by all the businesses getting together to fix prices and product quality. These people say the only answer is a strong government watchdog role to keep business honest. Which general position would you say you lean toward--the free competition idea, or the government watchdog role?
    - 9. In recent years, government regulation of all business has increased. Nearly everyone agrees some regulation is needed, but some people say there is now so much regulation it interferes with efficient business operation. Others say this regulation is needed to protect customers. In your view, is there too much regulation of business, or not enough?
    - 6. Some people say that big companies, like automobile and oil companies, should be broken up into smaller companies. Others say we should keep the large companies but regulate them more closely. Still others say we should keep the large companies as they are. Which is closest to your view?

1983

* 39. How much help and consideration do you think the Reagan Administration is giving to small business--too much, about the right amount, or too little?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31103958/questions#5eb8f16f-ef75-46a7-8f1d-50e1e5c06a41>
* 49. Turning now to another subject, there is talk from time to time about how much power or influence various groups in our society have. Here is a list of some of the different groups. (Card shown respondent) Would you read down that list and call off those groups, if any, you think have too much power and influence in our society today?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31097395/questions#b2fccab0-724e-429b-a14c-aceb34ff2786>
  + Other questions:
    - 50. Are there any groups on that list that you think don't have enough influence or voice in our society today? Which ones?

1985

* How much help and consideration do you think the Reagan Administration is giving to small business--too much, about the right amount, or too little?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31104232/questions#547a8656-1926-4146-802e-78c93a600f51>
  + Other questions:
    - 21. With respect to the Reagan Administration, how much help and consideration do you think it is giving to big business--too much, about the right amount, or too little?
    - 1. Please tell me which one statement best describes the way you feel about labor unions in this country. (1) Labor unions today are not strong enough: I would like to see them grow in power. (2) Labor unions today have grown too powerful: I would like to see their power reduced. (3) The power the labor unions have today is about right: I would like to see it stay the way it is.
    - 2. Who has more power--labor unions, employers, or are both equally powerful?

1987

* 22. In many countries, big companies are allowed to work out with each other how much they will produce, what price they will charge, and how they will meet consumer demand. In the United States, our antitrust laws prohibit companies in the same industry from getting together to discuss these kinds of things. Do you think it does more good than harm or more harm than good to make it illegal for big companies in the same industry to get together for these purposes?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31104514/questions#17d72e62-7d9c-45d7-b3ac-b4d5f4157d98>
* 13. During the years of the Reagan Administration, do you feel that... big business... have benefited more or have been more neglected?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31104599/questions#c67540cc-6593-4110-9eb6-6818166796dc>
  + Other questions:
    - 14. During the years of the Reagan Administration, do you feel that... small business... have benefited more or have been more neglected?
    - 4. (Do you favor or oppose each of the following?)... Easing government economic regulation of business

1989

* 118. What, in your opinion, is the goal of government regulation of business? That is, what is the purpose of government regulation of business--what is it supposed to do?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31105044/questions#0b9ac78c-9ebd-45da-83e6-d211c18bcfa6>
  + Other questions:
    - 119. In your view, is there too much regulation of business, or not enough?

1994

* 'And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think small business has too much or too little influence on Washington?'
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31106264/questions#e9dfd2f5-0b4a-478d-821e-e2c23ecc19ff>
  + Other questions:
    - 10. 'And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think labor unions have too much or too little influence on Washington?'
    - 5. 'And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think big companies have too much or too little influence on Washington?'

1996

* 41. (Please tell me how much effort you think the federal government makes to serve the needs of each of the following groups.) How about... large business corporations? Do you think the government makes too much effort, not enough effort, or about the right amount of effort to serve this group's needs?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31106761/questions#3a8346f3-8468-4abf-bfe2-555e255e1f2b>
  + Other questions:
    - 38. Please tell me how much effort you think the federal government makes to serve the needs of each of the following groups. How about... small business? Do you think the government makes too much effort, not enough effort, or about the right amount of effort to serve this group's needs?
    - 6. (Please tell me how much effort you think the federal government makes to serve the needs of each of the following groups.) How about... large business corporations? Do you think the government makes too much effort, not enough effort, or about the right amount of effort to serve this group's needs?

1998

* 2. From what you've heard or read so far, would you say that the government is doing the right thing or the wrong thing by suing Microsoft for anti-competitive practices?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31090841/questions#a9dadff0-d681-4d7d-a98b-edc12894555d>
  + Other questions:
    - 1. How much have you heard or read about the anti-trust case brought by the US (United States) government and 20 states against Microsoft, a computer software company, accusing Microsoft of illegally using its Windows computer operating system monopoly to eliminate competition--a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?
* 1. Now I would like to ask you a few questions about some things that have been in the news. Not everyone will have heard about them.... Do you happen to know which computer software company is involved in an anti-trust dispute with the Justice Department?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31095699/questions#7969b367-b087-432a-aa1f-a14faa400e83>

1999

* 62. How much have you heard or read about the anti-trust case brought by the US (United States) government and 20 states against Microsoft, the computer software company, accusing Microsoft of illegally using its Windows computer operating system monopoly to eliminate competition--a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31095220/questions#d18a8246-f9bb-483c-ad2e-dadf9635de87>
  + Other questions:
    - 63. From what you've heard or read so far, would you say that the government is doing the right thing or the wrong thing by suing Microsoft for anti-competitive practices?
    - 64. The Justice Department says that Microsoft is engaging in unfair competition that hurts consumers. Microsoft says that its practices make software easier to use and are good for consumers. With whom do you tend to agree more on this matter, the Justice Department or Microsoft?
* 11. I would like you to think about the case involving the Justice Department against Microsoft for allegedly being a monopoly and using illegal sales tactics. Would you say the Justice Department was right, wrong, or are you unfamiliar with this case?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108018/questions#166f0957-f874-4616-b6a6-33dfa86c7fd6>
* 25. (I will read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past month. As I read each item, tell me if you happened to follow this news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?)... The antitrust trial against the computer software company Microsoft
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31095709/questions#6f363f81-52ed-4814-b6af-86bf80126f94>
* 22. Do you think...small business...has too much or too little power and influence on Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31107441/questions#92e9819a-b423-4d8e-83fd-3dad7862eae4>
  + Other questions:
    - 18. Do you think...labor unions...have too much or too little power and influence on Washington?
    - 13. Do you think...big companies...have too much or too little power and influence on Washington?
* How much have you heard or read about the anti-trust case brought by the US (United States) government and 20 states against Microsoft, the computer software company, accusing Microsoft of illegally using its Windows computer operating system monopoly to eliminate competition--a lot, some, not much, or nothing at all?
  + [https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31095220/questions#d18a8246-f9bb-483c-ad2e-dadf9635de87](https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31095220/questions" \l "d18a8246-f9bb-483c-ad2e-dadf9635de87)
  + Other questions:
    - 63. From what you've heard or read so far, would you say that the government is doing the right thing or the wrong thing by suing Microsoft for anti-competitive practices?
    - 64. The Justice Department says that Microsoft is engaging in unfair competition that hurts consumers. Microsoft says that its practices make software easier to use and are good for consumers. With whom do you tend to agree more on this matter, the Justice Department or Microsoft?
* 142. As you may know, a federal judge has ruled that Microsoft is a monopoly and has used its dominant position to harm competitors. Microsoft says that the company is not a monopoly and is just doing what any competitive business would do. Do you agree or disagree with the judge's ruling that Microsoft is a monopoly?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31094794/questions#7cf2a153-9e76-4ce8-9cfe-7b522b8583b6>
  + Other questions:
    - 143. Do you think that Microsoft should or should not be broken up into several smaller companies, the way that AT&T (American Telephone and Telegraph) was in the 1980s?

2000

* As you may know, a federal judge has ruled that Microsoft is a monopoly and has used its dominant position to harm competitors. Microsoft says that the company is not a monopoly and is just doing what any competitive business would do. Do you agree or disagree with the judge's ruling that Microsoft is a monopoly?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31094794/questions#7cf2a153-9e76-4ce8-9cfe-7b522b8583b6>
  + Other questions:
    - 143. Do you think that Microsoft should or should not be broken up into several smaller companies, the way that AT&T (American Telephone and Telegraph) was in the 1980s?
* 80. As you may know, a federal judge has ruled that Microsoft is a monopoly that has used its dominant position to harm competitors. There are reports that the Justice Department is proposing to break up Microsoft into more than one company as a remedy. Would you favor or oppose a proposal by the Justice Department to break up Microsoft into more than one company?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31094795/questions#b83a1b6e-717b-42f2-98e7-7c6792254082>
* 11. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business has...too much power or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108199/questions#80e9a2b7-4e6d-4815-a3e1-ee7231f423d8>
  + Other questions:
    - 6. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions have... too much power or too little power and influence in Washington?
    - 1. And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think...big companies have...too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
* 11. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business has...too much power or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108199/questions#80e9a2b7-4e6d-4815-a3e1-ee7231f423d8>
  + Other questions
    - 6. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions have... too much power or too little power and influence in Washington?
    - 1. And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think...big companies have...too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
* 24. This week a US (United States) District Court judge ruled that Microsoft has gained monopoly power by engaging in anti-competitive practices. Do you think it would be better for computer users if Microsoft: is forced to pay a fine and change its business practices, or if Microsoft is broken up into a few smaller companies, or if Microsoft is mostly left alone?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31095270/questions#1925852a-5556-4614-9a34-16b3500e042c>
  + Other questions;
    - 25. How likely do you think it is that Microsoft's business practices hurt the quality or affordability of computers?...Very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all
* 1. As you may know, the federal government has won a lawsuit in which it charged that the Microsoft company was operating as an illegal monopoly in the computer software business. Do you think the government did the right thing or the wrong thing by filing these charges against Microsoft?
  + - <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108214/questions#6925f974-8344-47ec-9c22-501a9c332686>
  + Other questions:
    - 2. What do you think will be the best thing now--for Microsoft to keep operating as a single company, but under some controls or for Microsoft to be broken up into several smaller companies?
* 22. Thinking about the recent decision in the Justice Department's anti-trust case against Microsoft, the computer software company founded by Bill Gates. Do you agree or disagree with the Court's decision that Microsoft violated anti-trust laws?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31096694/questions#0dd9e9e9-036d-4131-99a8-a64d7d77b9da>
  + Other questions:
    - 23. For violating anti-trust laws, Microsoft could face penalties up to and including the breakup of the company. What penalty do you think should be imposed on Microsoft...the breakup of the company or restrictions on the company's future business practices that stop short of a breakup?
    - 24. How much of an effect, if any, do you think the decision in the Microsoft anti-trust case will have on you personally, as an investor or user of technology...a major effect, a minor effect, or no effect at all?
* As you may know, a federal judge has ruled that the Microsoft Corporation, the computer software company run by Bill Gates, has broken anti-trust laws by engaging in certain anti-competitive practices. Microsoft denies the charge and says it will appeal the judge's ruling. Based on what you know about the case, do you side more with the judge or with the Microsoft Corporation in this case?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31088423/questions#0256b347-001a-4170-892e-10df7ca799da>
* 52. As you may know a federal judge recently ruled against the Microsoft Corporation in an anti-trust case. Next, the judge may decide that Microsoft must be divided into two or more companies. Do you think the breakup of Microsoft into more than one company would help or hurt the economy?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31088426/questions#9fb9968b-5e56-49cc-a5bd-660aa7fa2b16>
* 80. As you may know, a federal judge has ruled that Microsoft is a monopoly that has used its dominant position to harm competitors. There are reports that the Justice Department is proposing to break up Microsoft into more than one company as a remedy. Would you favor or oppose a proposal by the Justice Department to break up Microsoft into more than one company?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31094798/questions#aac113b2-f8c8-4518-a60d-6487c9efe41c>
* 75. As you may know, Microsoft was recently charged by the government with anti-trust violations, meaning in violation of our country's laws that prohibit monopolies. The judge in the trial ruled against Microsoft and said that it violated these anti-trust laws, Do you agree or disagree with this ruling or haven't you heard enough to say?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31093117/questions#b32362e3-6770-4fd1-8b39-bb7462f85419>
  + Other questions
    - 76. As you may also know, the US (United States) government wants to break up Microsoft into two separate companies. Do you think Microsoft should be broken up or not?
* 26. We have a question about the Justice Department anti-trust case against the Microsoft Corporation, the computer software company run by Bill Gates. As you may know, the federal judge in this case has ruled that the Microsoft Corporation, must be split into two separate companies as the remedy for engaging in certain illegal anti-competitive practices. Microsoft denies any wrongdoing and plans to appeal the judge's ruling. Based on what you know about the case, do you side--more with the judge or more with the Microsoft Corporation?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31088782/questions#75ea7cb3-34e1-465c-b222-3755f6b9ceaa>
* 14. Another issue that is currently being discussed is the rising cost of prescription drugs. Here are two arguments about whether the government should limit how much drug companies can charge for drugs for which they have an exclusive patent. Tell me which one comes closer to your view. A. Because drug companies have a monopoly on some drugs they develop, they are not limited by competition and can charge very high prices. If drug companies are making excessive profits on these drugs, the government should step in and regulate the price, just like they regulate monopolies like gas and electric companies. B. Though prices for drugs may seem high, drug companies have to spend a great deal of research money to discover new drugs. The government should not limit how much drug companies can charge, because this will discourage them from doing important research on life-saving drugs.
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108356/questions#339b8b8f-3410-407c-a986-b9bc88192e34>
* 19. As corporations merge and grow larger, should the government respond with tougher enforcement of antitrust measures, or not?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108476/questions#03df4b18-ea98-4d87-9033-22fd87e35f71>
  + Other questions:
    - 18. How would you assess the current degree of government regulation of business? Would you say there is too much government regulation of business, too little government regulation of business, or is it just about right?

2001

* 11. (Now a question about the power of different groups influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business...has too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108616/questions#b1efd4ff-98cc-444e-bbb4-2bf906cfa1a3>
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    - 6. (Now a question about the power of different groups influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions...have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
* 2. The Federal Justice Department and Microsoft have reached an agreement to settle the anti-trust lawsuit.... How much do you personally think the Justice Department accomplished by bringing this anti-trust case against Microsoft? Would you say...a great deal, quite a bit, only some, very little, or nothing at all?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108769/questions#efa54854-d482-42b6-b60c-1a467abbccbf>
  + Other questions:
    - 3. (The Federal Justice Department and Microsoft have reached an agreement to settle the anti-trust lawsuit.)... Do you think this (agreement to settle the anti-trust lawsuit) is good news, bad news or does it makes no difference for consumers like you?
    - 4. (The Federal Justice Department and Microsoft have reached an agreement to settle the anti-trust lawsuit.)... There is still some chance that some state Attorneys General might seek to overturn the agreement or force it to go back to court. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for your Attorney General if he or she helps overturn the settlement or send the case back to court or would that make no difference to you.
* 2. The U.S. (United States) Government and Microsoft have come to an agreement to settle the anti-trust case. Nine State Attorneys General, however, argue that the anti-trust case against Microsoft should continue. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your opinion?...The economy and consumers would be better off if the issue were settled as soon as possible. The court should continue to investigate whether Microsoft should be punished for its business activities.
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108802/questions#791cdba7-a14d-4c90-ae20-dddadf7e2058>

2002

* 30. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business has too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31108906/questions#5c6d0a7b-8fc2-4a58-97b2-78ebb3fcb565>
  + Other questions:
    - 20. And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think...big companies have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
    - 25. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?

2003

* 31. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business has too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31109298/questions#abfc7209-c5fa-42d7-975a-9fa1d9e3b58d>
  + Other questions:
    - 26. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
    - 21. And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think...big companies have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?

2004

* 64. (And now a question about the power of different groups influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business has too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31109678/questions#90aee92c-0918-413e-81fa-ef8bc5e0c5e6>
  + Other questions
    - 54. And now a question about the power of different groups influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think...big companies have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
    - 59. (And now a question about the power of different groups influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?

2005

* 33. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business has too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31110234/questions#2456b0b2-4a65-4091-b370-5f13e040da85>
  + Other questions
    - 27. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
    - 21. And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think...big companies have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?

2007

* 37. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business has too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31110827/questions#20520a01-1cd2-48a0-b62c-c4d2ef3d5cf3>
  + Other questions
    - 26. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...big companies have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
    - 31. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?

2009

* 41. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business has too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31111713/questions#49e4da26-d38e-4505-8e10-be89f3b5ce73>
    - 35. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
    - 28. And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think...big companies have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?

2010

* 41. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...small business has too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31112069/questions#468cecd2-5d5e-4e0f-a8b4-827cdb36fb39>
  + Other questions:
    - 26. And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington. Do you think...big companies have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?
    - 33. (And now a question about the power of different groups in influencing government policy, politicians, and policy makers in Washington.) Do you think...labor unions have too much or too little power and influence in Washington?

2012

* 17. (I have a few questions about the civil law system in this country. As opposed to criminal law, this is the system that handles lawsuits and other civil matters.)...Now imagine that you're a juror in a lawsuit between a large corporation and a small business. All else equal, who would you be inclined to favor--the large corporation or the small business?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31094150/questions#d0e134f3-4aa1-4072-b7f1-3cc428335b00>

2013

* 14. What is the main reason you think the power and influence of major companies is a bigger threat?...Major companies might have too much influence on elections and public policies, major companies might outsource US jobs to overseas workers, major companies might focus too much on short-term profits and not enough on the long-term needs of society, major companies might make it hard for small business to compete
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31114477/questions#1a1b67df-1d69-4d74-9336-17c9f68cfb72>
  + Other questions:
    - 13. Now, thinking about the middle class in this country...Which do you think is a bigger threat to the future economic well-being of middle-class Americans?...The power of the federal government to regulate what major companies do, the power and influence of major companies
    - 12. Now I'm going to read you a pair of statements. After I read both, please tell me whether the first or the second statement comes closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right....Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest, government regulation of business usually does more harm than good.
    - 23. My next questions are about major companies. By this I mean major companies that do business in the United States, whether or not they also do business in other countries....In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in major companies to do the right thing? A lot, some, not too much, or none?
    - 33. Now I'm going to read you a few more pairs of statements. As I read each pair, tell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right....Too much power in concentrated in the hands of a few large companies, the largest companies do not have too much power.
    - 38. Now on the topic of government regulation in this country...Please tell me if you think government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount in each of the following areas. What about regulation of...business in general?
* 4. (As I read a list of some stories covered by news organizations this past week, please tell me if you happened to follow each news story very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely.)...The Department of Justice suing to block the merger of American Airlines and US Airways...(If Necessary, ask:) Did you follow...the Department of Justice suing to block the merger of American Airlines and US Airways very closely, fairly closely, not too closely or not at all closely?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31113267/questions#2a964220-04bb-41e5-ad6c-85c555c73ade>

2017

* Please tell me the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statement: Regulating the Internet using rules designed to regulate a landline telephone monopoly will hinder the development of innovative new services and reduce investment in Internet infrastructure? Would you say you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31114811/questions#cba7ff8a-95ce-4b12-a593-158b18a7338b>

2018

* 60. (Do you think each of the following has too much, too little, or neither too much nor too little power and influence in Washington?)...Small business
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31115630/questions#7968e657-f0a2-4678-9f30-ba58f4ed96d6>
  + Other questions:
    - 53. (Do you think each of the following has too much, too little, or neither too much nor too little power and influence in Washington?)...Labor unions
    - 2. (Do you think each of the following has too much, too little, or neither too much nor too little power and influence in Washington?)...Large businesses

2021

* 26. Which one of the following do you think is the biggest issue facing the economy today?...Inflation and rising prices, government spending and the deficit, income inequality, global supply chain issues, labor shortages, government regulations, big tech monopolies
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31119092/questions#750d98c6-2a03-46ba-bf9e-3b10585fb010>
* 59. (Just off the top of your head, would you say you have a positive or negative image of each of the following.) How about...small business?
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31118761/questions#b6dd4bca-f50b-47ab-8a1b-5fda5aa52265>
  + Other questions:
    - 58. (Just off the top of your head, would you say you have a positive or negative image of each of the following.) How about...big business?
* 39. (Do you support or oppose the following policies?...Strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose)...Making it harder for large companies to establish monopolies through acquiring competitor companies
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31119328/questions#21a9d05f-ed40-4423-8de9-22fc13ff4ead>
  + Other questions:
    - 38. Do you support or oppose the following policies?...Strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose...Breaking up large, monopolistic, technology companies
* 37. (Do you favor or oppose the following recent Supreme Court decision, or haven't you heard enough about it to have an opinion?) The Supreme Court...ruled that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) violated antitrust laws when it limited the various education-related benefits that colleges and universities can offer student athletes.
  + <https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/ipoll/study/31118550/questions#f9dd5264-ad3c-4797-aa19-3910ff6e495a>