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BASE: ASK ALL

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- 1 Satisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied

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MAINSOPOL_OE

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[RECORD OPEN-END RESPONSE IN A SINGLE LINE BOX]

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ASK IF GAVE RESPONSE TO MAINSO OE:

MAINSOPOL_USE Which of the following best describes how you use the news source you turn to most often for political and election news? [RANDOMIZE]

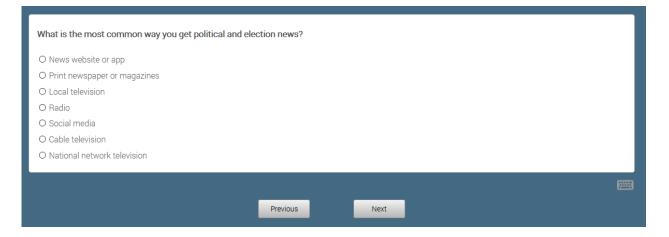
- 1 I rely on this source far more than any other
- 2 It's one of multiple sources I rely on regularly

¹ Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists



NEWS_MOST What is the most common way you get political and election news? [RANDOMIZE; OMIT RESPONSE OPTIONS 6 AND 7 FOR RESPONDENTS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=1)]

- 1 Print newspaper or magazines
- 2 Radio
- 3 Local television
- 4 National network television
- 5 Cable television
- 6 Social media
- 7 News website or app



ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=0):

SM1 How often, if at all, do you get politics and election news from social media sites (such as Facebook, Twitter, or Snapchat)?

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



SOURCEHEARD Please click on all of the sources that you have HEARD OF, regardless of whether you use them or not. If you are unsure, please DO NOT click it. You can click anywhere in each of the boxes.

Screen 1:

ABC News; CBS News; NBC News; NPR; Rush Limbaugh Show (radio); Sean Hannity Show (radio); Washington Post; The New York Times; HuffPost; Breitbart; BBC; Time; Univision; Vice; Daily Caller;

Screen 2:

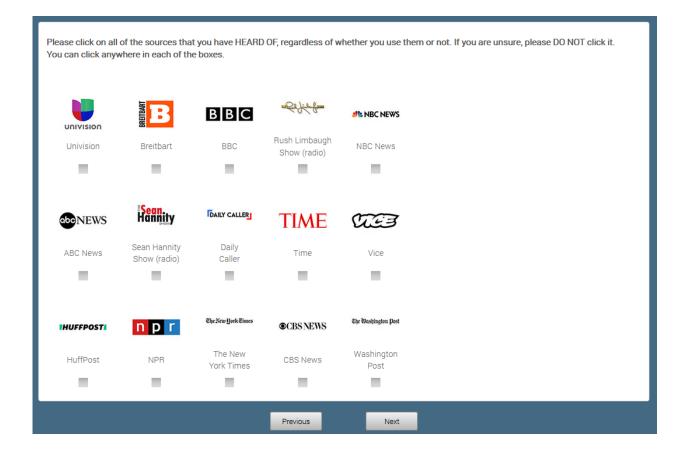
Fox News; MSNBC; CNN; PBS; The Wall Street Journal; USA Today; Politico; BuzzFeed; Newsweek; Business Insider; Vox; The Hill; Washington Examiner; New York Post; The Guardian;

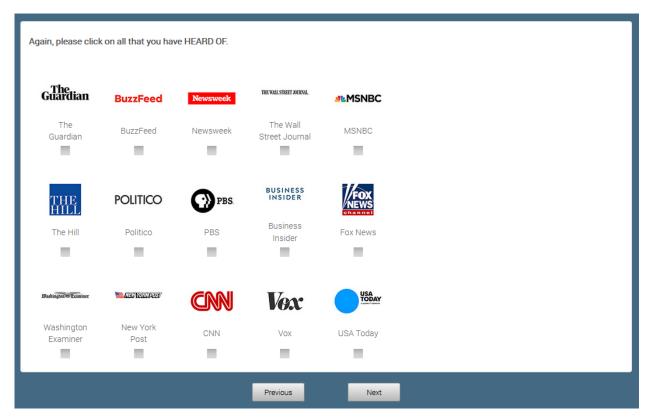
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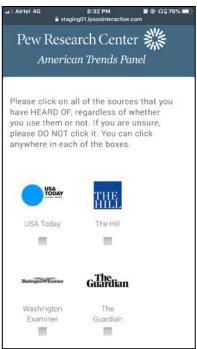
2 SCREENS TOTAL; RANDOMIZE WITHIN SCREEN AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2. ALL TEXT OF THE SOURCE NAMES UNDER THE LOGOS SHOULD BE THE SAME FONT AND SAME SIZE FOR ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SERIES (SOURCEHEARD-AGGUSE). RADIO BUTTON BELOW TEXT BUT STILL WITHIN THE FIELD OF THE IMAGE FOR THE SOURCE. FIELD SHOULD BE BIG ENOUGH SO FONT AND LOGO ARE EASILY READ BOTH ON DESKTOP AND MOBILE. IF NAME IS TOO LONG, WRAP ONTO SECOND LINE. IMAGES OF THE LOGOS SHOULD ROUGHLY ALL BE THE SAME SIZE. SIZE OF THE FIELD SHOULD BE THE SAME FOR EACH SOURCE.

For second screen of images, should say: "Again, please click on all that you have HEARD OF."

PROGRAMMING NOTE: we would like to know how much time is spent on each screen of the bubble questions. Therefore, please capture the time stamp of when the first screen is accessed, the second screen is accessed, each SOURCETRUST screen, each SOURCEDISTRUST screen, each SOURCEUSE screen, and each AGG screen. Then please calculate the time per page for each of those screens.







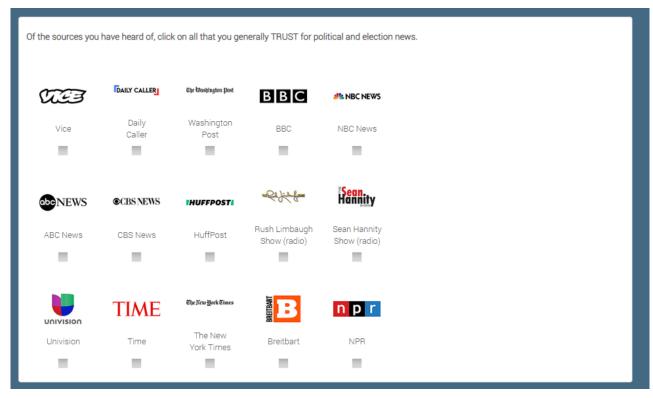


ASK IF SELECTED ANY SOURCES IN SOURCEHEARD. SHOW ALL SOURCES SELECTED IN SOURCEHEARD.

SOURCETRUST Of the sources you have heard of, click on all that you generally TRUST for political and election news. [KEEP SOURCES AND SCREENS IN SAME ORDER AS SOURCEHEARD]

3X5 GRID PER SCREEN WITH RADIO BUTTONS AS IN SOURCEHEARD. ALL SOURCES SELECTED IN SOURCEHEARD MOVED UP TO TOP OF GRID.

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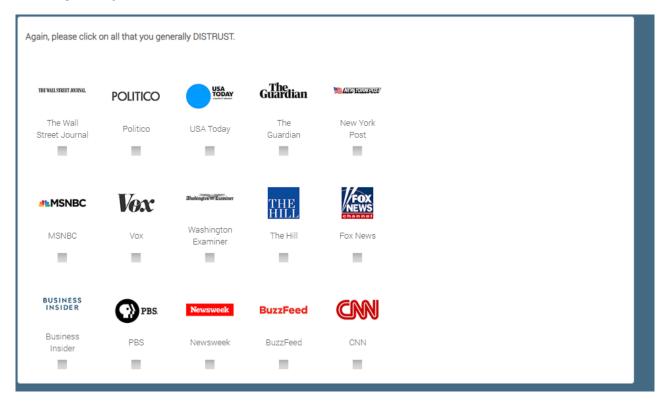
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SOURCEDISTRUST

Now, click on all that you generally DISTRUST for political and election news. **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS IN SOURCEHEARD]**

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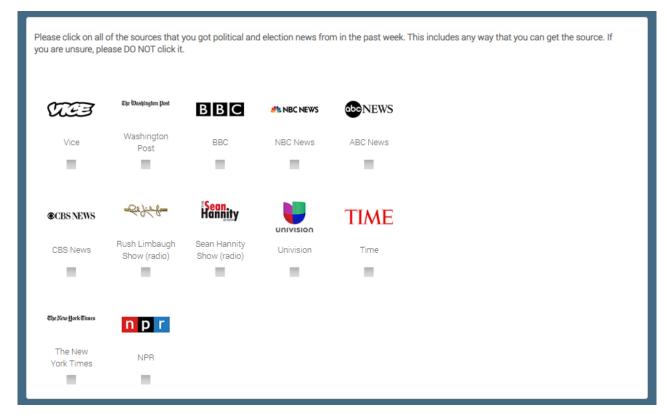
SOURCEUSE

Please click on all of the sources that you got political and election news from in the past week. This includes any way that you can get the source. If you are unsure, please DO NOT click it. **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS SOURCEHEARD]**

DO NOT SHOW THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO RESPONDENTS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=1): HuffPost; Breitbart; BuzzFeed; Business Insider; Vox; Daily Caller

3X5 GRID PER SCREEN WITH RADIO BUTTONS AS IN SOURCEHEARD. INCLUDE ALL SELECTED IN SOURCEHEARD. ALL SELECTED SOURCES FROM SOURCEHEARD MOVED UP TO TOP OF GRID.

If more than one screen, should say: "Again, please click on all that you got political and election news from in the past week."





SOURCEUSE_OE

Are there any other news sources that were NOT listed here that you got political and election news from in the past week? Please list the name of the specific news organizations or sources. **[OPEN END]**

[INCLUDE 3 SINGLE LINE TEXT BOXES]

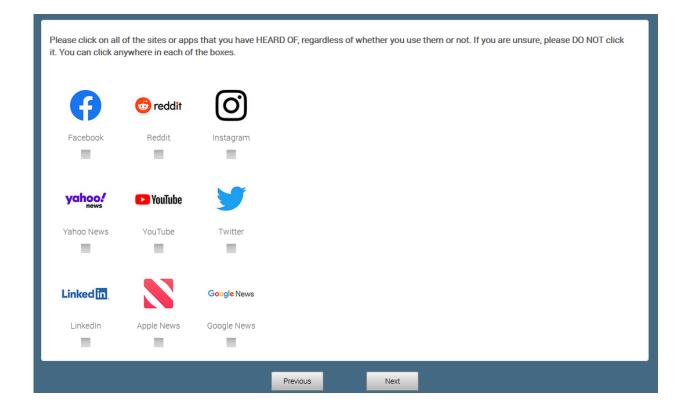


AGGHEARD

Please click on all of the sites or apps that you have HEARD OF, regardless of whether you use them or not. If you are unsure, please DO NOT click it. You can click anywhere in each of the boxes. **[RANDOMIZE SOURCES]**

SHOW SOURCE LIST IN A 3X3 GRID, WITH LOGOS, IN THE SAME WAY AS SOURCEHEARD:

Facebook; YouTube; Twitter; Reddit; LinkedIn; Instagram; Google News; Yahoo News; Apple News





ASK IF SELECTED ANY SOURCES IN AGGHEARD. SHOW ALL SOURCES SELECTED IN AGGHEARD.

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Of the sites or apps you have heard of, click on all that you generally TRUST as a place to get political and election news. **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS IN AGGHEARD]**

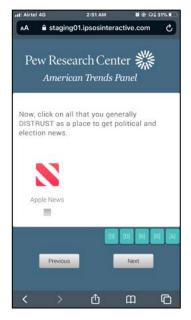




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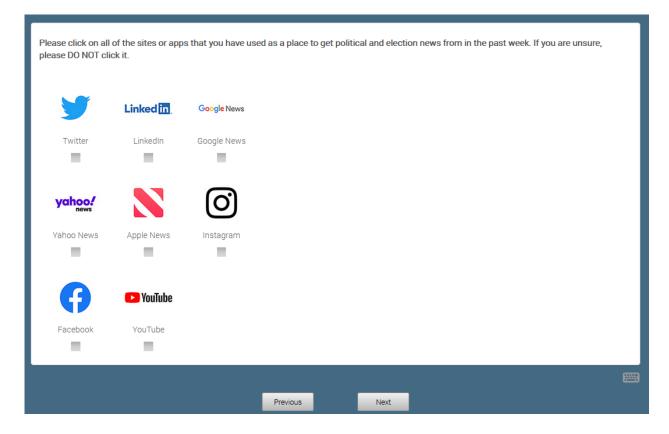


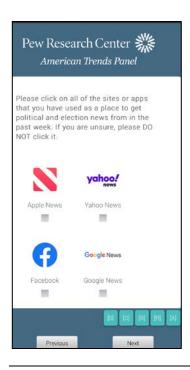


ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=0). ASK IF SELECTED ANY SOURCES IN AGGHEARD. SHOW ALL SOURCES SELECTED IN AGGHEARD.

AGGUSE

Please click on all of the sites or apps that you have used as a place to get political and election news from in the past week. If you are unsure, please DO NOT click it. **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS AGGHEARD]**



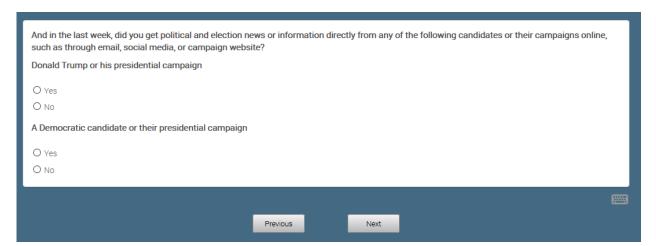


ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=0):

CANDNEWS

And in the last week, did you get political and election news or information directly from any of the following candidates or their campaigns online, such as through email, social media, or campaign website? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

- a. Donald Trump or his presidential campaign
 - 1 Yes
 - 2 No
- b. A Democratic candidate or their presidential campaign
 - 1 Yes
 - 2 No



WATCHDOGIMPT

Thinking beyond the current political environment, do you think that it is important or not important for journalists to serve as watchdogs over elected leaders? **[RANDOMIZE]**

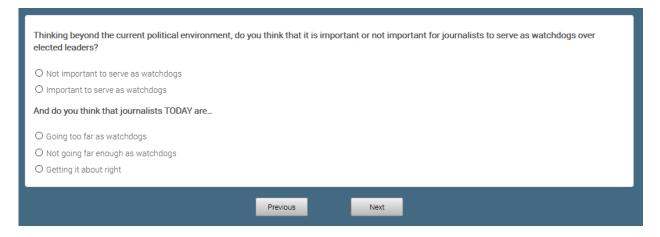
- 1 Important to serve as watchdogs
- 2 Not important to serve as watchdogs

ASK ALL:

WATCHDOGFAR

And do you think that journalists TODAY are... **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2**; ALWAYS ASK PUNCH 3 LAST]

- 1 Going too far as watchdogs
- 2 Not going far enough as watchdogs
- 3 Getting it about right [ANCHOR]



ASK ALL:

TRUMPMEDIA

Who do you think is contributing more to the tense relationship between **[RANDOMIZE:** Donald Trump and the U.S. news media/the U.S. news media and Donald Trump]? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSES 1 AND 2 TO MATCH ORDER DISPLAYED IN THE STEM]**

- 1 Donald Trump
- 2 The U.S. news media
- 3 Both equally [ANCHOR]

Who do you think is contributing more to the tense relationship between Donald Trump and the U.S. news media?		
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O Both equally		
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Now, thinking about the people you talk with, whether in person, over the phone, or online...

ASK ALL:

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- 3 A few times a month
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O Less often

ASK ALL:

LEADPOL When you talk with friends and family about political and election news, do you tend to...

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

- [KANDONIZE ITENIS I AND Z WITH S AEWATS EAST
- 1 Listen to the conversation more than lead
- 2 Lead the conversation more than listen
- 3 Never talk with friends and family about politics [ANCHOR]

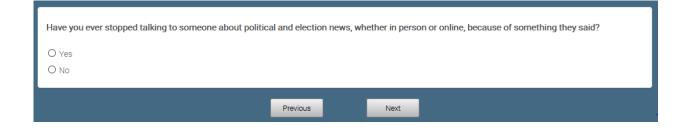


ASK ALL:

STOPTALK

Have you ever stopped talking to someone about political and election news, whether in person or online, because of something they said?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No



FOLELECT How closely do you follow political and election news?

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



CORE_ELECT Overall, do you think the way the U.S. elects presidents works...

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



CONFVALUESa Generally speaking, how much confidence, if any, do you have in the American people to accept election results regardless of who wins?

- 1 A great deal of confidence
- 2 A fair amount of confidence
- 3 Not too much confidence
- 4 No confidence at all

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ASK ALL:

FKNWSCNCRN20

How concerned are you, if at all, about the influence made-up news and information could have during the presidential election next year?

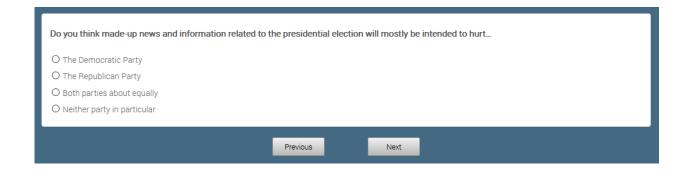
- 1 Very concerned
- 2 Somewhat concerned
- 3 Not very concerned
- 4 Not at all concerned



ASK ALL:

FKNWSHRT20 Do you think made-up news and information related to the presidential election will mostly be intended to hurt... [RANDOMIZE 1 & 2; ALWAYS DISPLAY 3 & 4 LAST]

- 1 The Republican Party
- 2 The Democratic Party
- 3 Both parties about equally [ANCHOR]
- 4 Neither party in particular [ANCHOR]



FKNEWSCONF How confident are you in your own ability to recognize news that is made up?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Only a little confident
- 4 Not at all confident



ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=0):

INTFREQ About how often do you use the internet?

- 1 Almost constantly
- 2 Several times a day
- 3 About once a day
- 4 Several times a week
- 5 Less often



DIGCONF Overall, how confident do you feel using computers, smartphones, or other electronic devices to do the things you need to do online?

- 1 Very confident
- 2 Somewhat confident
- 3 Only a little confident
- 4 Not at all confident

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O Very confident
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ASK ALL:

NEWSAMOUNT

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view? [RANDOMIZE]

- 1 I am worn out by the amount of news there is these days
- 2 I like the amount of news there is these days



GROUP_TRUST [S]

How much, if at all, do you trust the information you get from...

ASK ALL:

- a. National news organizations
 - 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not too much
 - 4 Not at all

- b. Local news organizations
 - 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not too much
 - 4 Not at all

ASK ALL:

- c. Friends, family, and acquaintances
 - 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not too much
 - 4 Not at all

ASK ALL:

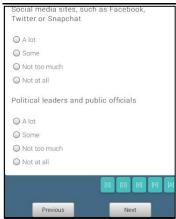
- d. Social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter or Snapchat
 - 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not too much
 - 4 Not at all

ASK ALL:

- e. Political leaders and public officials
 - 1 A lot
 - 2 Some
 - 3 Not too much
 - 4 Not at all

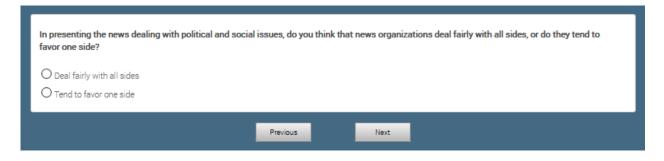
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WATCHDOG_3 In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations deal fairly with all sides, or do they tend to favor one side?

- 1 Deal fairly with all sides
- 2 Tend to favor one side



Now we have some questions about topics you may have learned about in the news or from other sources. Not everyone will have heard of them. We are interested in what people know off the top of their head.

ASK ALL:

SENCONTR

Which political party currently has a majority in the U.S. Senate? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

- 1 Republican Party
- 2 Democratic Party

[SPACE]

3 Not sure [ANCHOR]

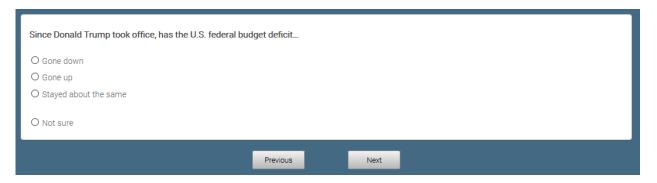
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O Not sure Previous Next	

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF KNOWDEFICIT THROUGH KNOWTARIFF

ASK ALL:

KNOWDEFICIT Since Donald Trump took office, has the U.S. federal budget deficit... [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1 & 2, USE SAME ORDER IN KNOWUNEMPLY]

- 1 Gone up
- 2 Gone down
- 3 Stayed about the same [ANCHOR]
 - [SPACE]
- 4 Not sure [ANCHOR]



ASK ALL:

KNOWUNEMPLY

Since Donald Trump took office, has the unemployment rate in the United States... [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1 & 2, USE SAME ORDER IN KNOWDEFICIT]

- 1 Gone up
- 2 Gone down
- 3 Stayed about the same [ANCHOR]
 - [SPACE]
- 4 Not sure [ANCHOR]



KNOWTARIFF Tariffs are fees charged to bring goods into the U.S. from other countries.

Since Donald Trump took office, have tariffs in the U.S. generally... [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1 & 2]

- 1 Increased
- 2 Decreased
- 3 Stayed about the same [ANCHOR]
 - [SPACE]
- 4 Not sure [ANCHOR]



ASK ALL:

ELECTKNOW2 As you may know, presidents are chosen not by direct popular vote, but by the electoral college in which each state casts electoral votes. What determines the number of electoral votes a state has? [RANDOMIZE]

- 1 The number of voters in the state
- 2 The number of seats the state has in the U.S. House and Senate
- 3 The number of counties in the state
- 4 Each state has the same number of electoral votes

[SPACE]

5 Not sure [ANCHOR]

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O Not sure	
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KNOWPARTIES Thinking about where the political parties stand on important issues, please indicate which party you think is generally more supportive of each of the following.

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2; ALWAYS DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTION 3 LAST]

- a. Reducing the size and power of the federal government
- b. Increasing taxes on higher income people
- c. Restricting access to abortion
- d. Creating a way for immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally to eventually become citizens

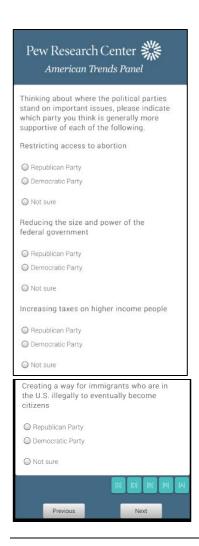
RESPONSE OPTIONS:

- 1 Republican Party
- 2 Democratic Party

[SPACE]

3 Not sure [ANCHOR]

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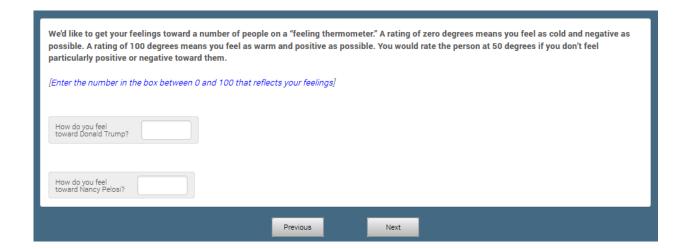
We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of people on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the person at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly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

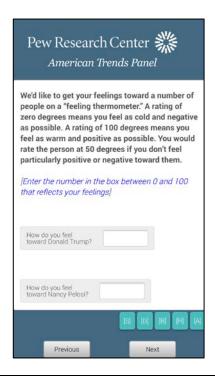
[Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]

THERMTRUMP How do you feel toward Donald Trump? THERMPELOSI How do you feel toward Nancy Pelosi?

IF REFUSED, SHOW THE FOLLOWING SOFT PROMPT TEXT. IF REFUSE AGAIN ALLOW TO

CONTINUE: 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.





NEWSHEARDUA

Thinking about some stories covered by news organizations in recent weeks...

How much, if anything, have you heard or read about each of the following stories that have been in the news recently? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

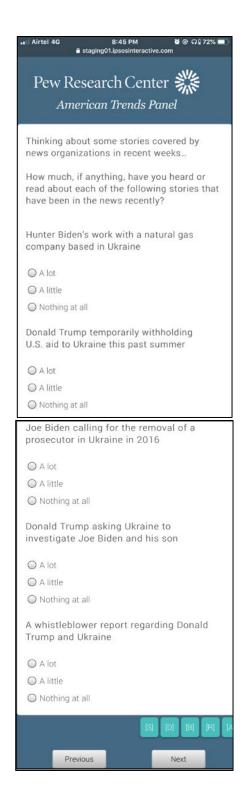
[SPACE]

- a. Joe Biden calling for the removal of a prosecutor in Ukraine in 2016
- b. Donald Trump temporarily withholding U.S. aid to Ukraine this past summer
- c. Donald Trump asking Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden and his son
- d. A whistleblower report regarding Donald Trump and Ukraine
- e. Hunter Biden's work with a natural gas company based in Ukraine

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

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

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O A lot		
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O Nothing at all		
Hunter Biden's work with a natural gas company based in Ukraine		
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O Nothing at all		
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RANDOMIZE ORDER OF UKRAINETRUMP AND UKRAINEBIDEN

ASK ALL:

UKRAINETRUMP

Based on what you've heard or read in the news, which comes closest to the reason why Donald Trump temporarily withheld U.S. aid to Ukraine this past summer? [RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1-2, USE SAME ORDER IN UKRAINEBIDEN]

- 1 He wanted to help his reelection campaign by having Ukraine investigate Joe Biden and his son
- 2 He wanted to advance a U.S. government position to reduce corruption in Ukraine [SPACE]
- 3 Not sure [ANCHOR]

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O Not sure

ASK ALL:

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- 1 He wanted to protect his son from being investigated
- 2 He wanted to advance a U.S. government position to reduce corruption in Ukraine **[SPACE]**
- 3 Not sure [ANCHOR]

