

**2023 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 126 APRIL 2023
FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 10-16, 2023
TOTAL N=5,073**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL.

U.S. adults	Sample size 5,073	Margin of error at 95% confidence level +/- 1.7 percentage points
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ASK ALL:

FUTRTREND Thinking about the future of our country, in general, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM, WITH OPTION 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

	<u>Very optimistic</u>	<u>Somewhat optimistic</u>	<u>Neither optimistic nor pessimistic</u>	<u>Somewhat pessimistic</u>	<u>Very pessimistic</u>	<u>Don't know</u> [anchor]	<u>No Answer</u>
a. The moral and ethical standards in our country Apr 10-16, 2023	3	13	16	36	27	4	*
b. Our country's system of education Apr 10-16, 2023	4	16	17	34	25	4	*
c. Our country's ability to get along with other countries in the world Apr 10-16, 2023	4	25	24	29	12	5	*
d. The institution of marriage and the family in this country Apr 10-16, 2023	6	20	29	25	14	5	*
e. Our country's ability to ensure racial equality for all people, regardless of their race or ethnicity Apr 10-16, 2023	8	20	23	28	17	5	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:
FAMLIFE

In general, how important is each of the following in order for people to live a fulfilling life? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM]**

		<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>
a.	Being married Apr 10-16, 2023	7	16	33	28	16	*
b.	Having children Apr 10-16, 2023	8	18	33	25	16	*
c.	Having a job or career they enjoy Apr 10-16, 2023	24	48	25	3	1	*
d.	Having a lot of money Apr 10-16, 2023	6	17	49	22	4	*
e.	Having close friends Apr 10-16, 2023	20	41	29	8	2	*

ASK ALL:
FAMTYPE

Here are a few types of family arrangements that some people may have. What is your opinion of each of the following arrangements, even if they may not describe your own? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM]**

		<u>Completely acceptable</u>	<u>Somewhat acceptable</u>	<u>Neither acceptable nor unacceptable</u>	<u>Somewhat unacceptable</u>	<u>Completely unacceptable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	A man and a woman raising their children together without being married Apr 10-16, 2023	52	19	13	10	6	*
b.	A gay or lesbian couple raising children together without being married Apr 10-16, 2023	41	12	18	10	18	1
c.	A married gay or lesbian couple who choose not to have children Apr 10-16, 2023	66	7	16	4	7	1
d.	A husband and wife who choose not to have children Apr 10-16, 2023	73	8	14	3	2	*

QUESTION FAMTYPE CONTINUED ...

	<u>Completely acceptable</u>	<u>Somewhat acceptable</u>	<u>Neither acceptable nor unacceptable</u>	<u>Somewhat unacceptable</u>	<u>Completely unacceptable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
e. A single parent raising children on their own Apr 10-16, 2023	60	17	13	6	3	*
f. A married gay or lesbian couple raising children together April 10-16, 2023	47	12	16	9	17	*
g. A husband and wife raising children together Apr 10-16, 2023	90	4	5	1	1	*

ASK ALL:
OPENMAR

Some people have an open marriage, that is, a marriage where both spouses agree that they can date or have sex with other people.

Do you think an open marriage is an acceptable arrangement for people to have, even if it's not something you would do? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS FAMTYPE]**

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23	Completely acceptable
11	Somewhat acceptable
16	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable
13	Somewhat unacceptable
37	Completely unacceptable
*	No answer

ASK ALL:
FAMVIEWS

How much has each of the following influenced your views on what makes a good family arrangement? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM]**

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Your experience growing up with your own family Apr 10-16, 2023	42	27	19	7	6	*
b. Your religious views Apr 10-16, 2023	27	17	18	13	26	*
c. What you've seen on television or in movies Apr 10-16, 2023	4	10	26	27	33	*

QUESTION FAMVIEWS CONTINUED ...

	A great deal	A fair amount	Some	Not much	Not at all	No answer
d. What you've read about in books Apr 10-16, 2023	5	13	29	25	28	1
e. What you've seen from your friends or their families Apr 10-16, 2023	19	29	31	11	9	1

ASK ALL:

DIVORCE

Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

[RANDOMIZE]Apr 10-16,
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Couples who are unhappy tend to get divorced too quickly

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Couples who are unhappy tend to stay in bad marriages for too long

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No answer

ASK ALL:

FUTRFAM

Thinking about the future of our country, what type of impact do you think each of the following would have? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM]**

	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neither positive nor negative	Somewhat negative	Very negative	No answer
a. Fewer people ever getting married Apr 10-16, 2023	3	6	54	24	12	*
b. People having fewer children Apr 10-16, 2023	7	18	47	20	7	*
c. More couples living together without being married Apr 10-16, 2023	5	10	55	18	11	*
d. People getting married later in life Apr 10-16, 2023	8	26	57	8	1	*
e. Fewer children being raised by two married parents Apr 10-16, 2023	4	7	39	28	21	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:
FAMRESP**

How much of a responsibility do you think people should have for doing each of the following for their family members? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS FAMVIEWS]**

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Parents providing financial assistance to an adult child who needs it Apr 10-16, 2023	10	21	44	19	6	*
b. Adult children providing financial assistance to an elderly parent who needs it Apr 10-16, 2023	24	31	33	8	3	*
c. Parents saving money to hand down to their children after they die Apr 10-16, 2023	12	20	32	23	12	1
d. Grandparents helping with child care for their grandchildren Apr 10-16, 2023	10	20	40	20	10	*
e. Siblings providing financial assistance to a sibling who needs it Apr 10-16, 2023	8	16	41	25	9	*
f. Adult children providing caregiving for an elderly parent who needs it Apr 10-16, 2023	32	34	27	5	3	*

ASK ALL:

FERTTREND

What type of impact do you think people having fewer children than in the past has on each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS FUTRFAM]**

	Very <u>positive</u>	Somewhat <u>positive</u>	Neither positive nor <u>negative</u>	Somewhat <u>negative</u>	Very <u>negative</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. The environment Apr 10-16, 2023	12	29	47	8	3	1
b. Women's careers or job opportunities Apr 10-16, 2023	13	30	47	7	2	1
c. The future of the Social Security system Apr 10-16, 2023	7	17	34	26	16	1
d. The strength of our economy Apr 10-16, 2023	5	16	43	26	10	1
e. How family members are able to support each other Apr 10-16, 2023	8	22	42	22	5	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [n=2,072]:

PARTYLN

As of today do you lean more to...¹

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
28	28	27	15	2	17	20

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.