

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 156 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2024  
FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE  
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**Note: The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("don't know" in phone mode) and 99 (refusal in phone mode and no answer in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.**

**PN = Programming note**

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**QUE: CBAN1**

**ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1; CODES 5-99 ALWAYS LAST IN ORDER; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Would you support or oppose a ban that prevents middle and high school students (grades 6-12) from using cellphones during class?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Would you support or oppose a ban that prevents middle and high school students – that is, students in grades 6 to 12 – from using cellphones during class?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 Strongly support a ban on using cellphones during class
- 2 Somewhat support a ban on using cellphones during class
- 3 Somewhat oppose a ban on using cellphones during class
- 4 Strongly oppose a ban on using cellphones during class

**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**

5 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?

99 **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Refused / **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank

**QUE: CBAN2****ASK IF SUPPORT BANNING CELLPHONES DURING CLASS (CBAN1=1,2):**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CBAN1; CODES 5-99 ALWAYS LAST IN ORDER; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Would you support or oppose a ban that prevents middle and high school students (grades 6-12) from using cellphones during the entire school day, including lunch, during class and between classes?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Would you support or oppose a ban that prevents middle and high school students – that is, students in grades 6 to 12 – from using cellphones during the entire school day, including lunch, during class and between classes?

**[ PN: IF CATI: ] (READ LIST)**

- 1 Strongly support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
- 2 Somewhat support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
- 3 Somewhat oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
- 4 Strongly oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day

**[ PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE ]**

- 5 **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Not sure **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** Or are you not sure?
- 99 **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Refused / **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank

**BAT: CBANS****ASK IF SUPPORT BANNING CELLPHONES DURING CLASS (CBAN1=1,2):**

**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Which of the following are reasons why you support a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class?

**[ PN: IF CATI: SHOW FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Which of the following are reasons why you support a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you support a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class?

**[ PN: IF CATI: SHOW FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, **(INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you support a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class?)**

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a Students would have fewer distractions
- b It would reduce bullying in schools
- c Students would be less likely to cheat
- d Students would develop better social skills

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Major reason
- 2 Minor reason
- 3 Not a reason
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Refused / **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank

**BAT: CBANO****ASK IF OPPOSE BANNING CELLPHONES DURING CLASS (CBAN1=3,4):****[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE ]**

**[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Which of the following are reasons why you oppose a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class?

**[ PN: IF CATI: SHOW FOR FIRST ITEM: ]** Which of the following are reasons why you oppose a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you oppose a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class?

**[ PN: IF CATI: SHOW FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS: ]** Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY)**: Is this a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you oppose a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class?

**BATTERY ITEMS:**

- a Parents should be able to reach their child when needed
- b Cellphones can be a useful tool to teach students
- c Parents should be able to decide if their child can use their cellphone in class
- d A ban would be too difficult for teachers to enforce

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

- 1 Major reason
- 2 Minor reason
- 3 Not a reason
- 98 **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 **[ PN: IF CATI: ]** (DO NOT READ) Refused / **[ PN: IF WEB: ]** Web blank