

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 156 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024  
FINAL TOPLINE  
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6, 2024  
TOTAL N=5,110**

**Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. 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. Other questions on this survey are being held for future release.**

**"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "No answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.**

**This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.**

**PN = Programming note**

	<b>Sample size</b>	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b>
U.S. adults	5,110	+/- 1.7 percentage points

**CBAN1**

**ASK ALL:**

**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1; CODE 5 ALWAYS LAST IN ORDER]**

Would you support or oppose a ban that prevents middle and high school students (grades 6-12) from using cellphones during class?

Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024

<b>68</b>		<b>NET Support a ban on using cellphones during class</b>
45		Strongly support a ban on using cellphones during class
23		Somewhat support a ban on using cellphones during class
<b>24</b>		<b>NET Oppose a ban on using cellphone during class</b>
13		Somewhat oppose a ban on using cellphones during class
10		Strongly oppose a ban on using cellphones during class
<b>8</b>		<b>Not sure</b>
*		<b>No answer</b>

**CBAN2**

**ASK IF SUPPORT BANNING CELLPHONES DURING CLASS (CBAN1=1,2) [N=3,535]:**  
**[ PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CBAN1; CODE 5 ALWAYS LAST IN ORDER ]**

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?

Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024

<b>53</b>	<b>NET Support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day</b>
27	Strongly support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
26	Somewhat support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
<b>43</b>	<b>NET Oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day</b>
28	Somewhat oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
14	Strongly oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day
<b>5</b>	<b>Not sure</b>
*	<b>No answer</b>

**CBAN1/CBAN2 COMBO TABLE**  
**BASED ON ALL ADULTS:**

Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024

<b>36</b>	<b>NET Support a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day</b> <i>(strongly/somewhat support CBAN2)</i>
<b>53</b>	<b>NET Oppose a ban on using cellphones during the entire school day</b> <i>(strongly/somewhat oppose either CBAN1 OR CBAN2)</i>
<b>11</b>	<b>NET Not sure</b> <i>(not sure for either CBAN1 OR CBAN 2)</i>
*	<b>No answer to CBAN1 OR CBAN2</b>

**CBANS**

**ASK IF SUPPORT BANNING CELLPHONES DURING CLASS (CBAN1=1,2) [N=3,535]:**  
**[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ]**

Which of the following are reasons why you support a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class?

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Students would have fewer distractions Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	91	6	2	*
b. It would reduce bullying in schools Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	39	31	29	1
c. Students would be less likely to cheat Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	50	35	14	1
d. Students would develop better social skills Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	70	21	9	*

**CBANO****ASK IF OPPOSE BANNING CELLPHONES DURING CLASS (CBAN1=3,4) [N=1,194]:****[ PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ]**

Which of the following are reasons why you oppose a ban on middle and high school students using cellphones during class?

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Parents should be able to reach their child when needed Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	60	26	13	*
b. Cellphones can be a useful tool to teach students Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	31	39	29	1
c. Parents should be able to decide if their child can use their cellphone in class Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	32	31	36	*
d. A ban would be too difficult for teachers to enforce Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	37	36	26	1