

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 155 SEPTEMBER 2024
FINAL TOPLINE
SEP 16-22, 2024
TOTAL N=9,680**

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.

"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.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the methodology.

PN = Programming note

U.S. adults	Sample size 9,680	Margin of error at 95% confidence level +/- 1.3 percentage points
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WATCHDOG_1**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

Some people think that by criticizing leaders, news organizations keep political leaders from doing their job. Others think that such criticism is worth it because it keeps political leaders from doing things that should not be done. Which position is closer to your opinion?

Sep 16- Sep 22, <u>2024</u>		Feb 19- Mar 4, <u>2019</u>	Feb 22- Mar 4, <u>2018</u>	Mar 13- Mar 27, <u>2017</u>	Jan 12- Feb 8, <u>2016</u>
24	Criticism keeps political leaders from doing their job	29	31	28	21
74	Criticism keeps political leaders from doing things that shouldn't be done	68	65	70	75
2	No answer	3	4	2	4

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON¹:

	<u>Criticism keeps political leaders from doing their job</u>	<u>Criticism keeps political leaders from doing things that shouldn't be done</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	68	10
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	58	17
July 2009	22	62	16
July 2007	26	58	15
November 2005	22	62	17
June 2005	28	60	12
Early July 2003	29	54	17
July 2002	26	59	15
Mid November 2001	32	55	14
Early September 2001	25	60	15
February 1999	31	58	11
Early February 1998	39	55	6
Late January 1994	23	66	10
August 1989	23	68	9
July 1985	17	67	16

¹ Some numbers before 2009 may vary slightly from previously published toplines due to rounding differences.

WATCHDOG_3**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations...

Sep 16- Sep 22, <u>2024</u>		Feb 18- Mar 2, <u>2020</u>	Oct 29- Nov 11, <u>2019</u>	Feb 19- Mar 4, <u>2019</u>	Feb 22- Mar 4, <u>2018</u>	Mar 13- Mar 27, <u>2017</u>	Jan 12- Feb 8, <u>2016</u>
22	Deal fairly with all sides	20	22	26	30	28	24
77	Tend to favor one side	79	76	72	68	72	74
1	No answer	2	1	2	2	*	3

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON²:

	<u>Deal fairly with all sides</u>	<u>Tend to favor one side</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jul 17-21, 2013	19	76	5
Jul 20-24, 2011	16	77	7
July 2009	18	74	8
July 2007	26	66	8
June 2005	21	72	7
Early July 2003	26	66	8
Early September 2001	26	67	7
February 1997	27	67	6
January 1992	31	63	6
August 1989	28	68	4
August 1988	36	57	7
May 1988	34	56	10
January 1988	30	59	11
January 1987	39	54	7
July 1986	37	57	6
July 1985	34	53	13

² Some numbers before 2009 may vary slightly from previously published toplines due to rounding differences.

**PARTY
ASK ALL³:**

In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

Sep 16- Sep 22, <u>2024</u>	
29	Republican
29	Democrat
29	Independent
13	Something else
1	No answer

**PARTYLN
ASK IF INDEP, SOMETHING ELSE OR REFUSED (PARTY=3, 4 OR REFUSED) [N=3,856]:**

As of today do you lean more to...

BASED ON TOTAL [N=9,680]:

Sep 16- Sep 22, <u>2024</u>	
19	The Republican Party
19	The Democratic Party
4	No answer

³ Respondents indicated their party in previous surveys.