

Topline questionnaire

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Methodology section and our [international survey methods database](#).
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, Pew Research Center has used an automated process to generate toplines for its Global Attitudes surveys. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- The U.S. survey was conducted on Pew Research Center’s American Trends Panel. Many questions have been asked in previous surveys on the phone. Phone trends for comparison are provided in separate tables throughout the topline. The extent of the mode differences varies across questions; while there are negligible differences on some questions, other have more pronounced differences. Caution should be taken when evaluating online and phone estimates.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

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|---------------|--------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|----|-------|
| | | A lot of confidence | Some confidence | Not too much confidence | No confidence at all | DK/Refused | 99 | Total |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 2 | 14 | 36 | 45 | 0 | 2 | 100 |
| | March, 2020 | 2 | 15 | 31 | 50 | 2 | 0 | 100 |

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

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| United States | Summer, 2020 | 3 | 16 | 20 | 58 | 3 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2020 | 4 | 15 | 21 | 56 | 4 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2019 | 3 | 17 | 22 | 51 | 7 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2018 | 6 | 15 | 25 | 49 | 5 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2017 | 2 | 21 | 26 | 48 | 3 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2015 | 2 | 19 | 26 | 49 | 5 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2014 | 3 | 13 | 27 | 53 | 5 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2012 | 4 | 24 | 29 | 25 | 18 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2008 | 2 | 26 | 22 | 26 | 25 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2007 | 2 | 28 | 25 | 25 | 21 | 100 | |
| | Spring, 2006 | 3 | 30 | 26 | 19 | 22 | 100 | |
| | May, 2003 | 2 | 39 | 28 | 19 | 13 | 100 | |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41a. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? a. Preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 64 | 32 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 66 | 27 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2635 |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41b. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? b. Protecting the jobs of American workers | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 75 | 22 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 71 | 23 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2635 |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41c. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? c. Strengthening the United Nations | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 30 | 48 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 39 | 41 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2635 |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41d. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? d. Reducing U.S. military commitments overseas | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 29 | 58 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 30 | 56 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2635 |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41e. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? e. Limiting the power and influence of Russia | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 42 | 49 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 42 | 45 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 100 | 2635 |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41f. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? f. Promoting democracy in other nations | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 20 | 58 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 17 | 56 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2653 |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41g. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? g. Reducing illegal immigration into the U.S. | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 38 | 44 | 17 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 42 | 41 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2653 |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41h. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? h. Limiting the power and influence of China | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 48 | 44 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 32 | 57 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2653 |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41i. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? i. Maintaining the U.S. military advantage over all other countries | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 48 | 36 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 49 | 39 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2663 |

| | | ASK FORM 1 ONLY: Q41j. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? j. Dealing with global climate change | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 44 | 38 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1287 |
| | November, 2018 | 46 | 37 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2663 |

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41k. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? k. Reducing our trade deficit with foreign countries | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 40 | 54 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 42 | 47 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2663 |

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41l. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? l. Promoting and defending human rights in other countries | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 34 | 56 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 31 | 57 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2663 |

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41m. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? m. Reducing the spread of infectious diseases | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 71 | 24 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 51 | 44 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2663 |

In 2018, question asked: "Reducing the spread of infectious diseases, such as AIDS and Ebola."

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41n. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? n. Limiting the power and influence of Iran | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 38 | 51 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 39 | 48 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2663 |

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41o. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? o. Improving relationships with our allies | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 55 | 40 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 58 | 38 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2689 |

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41p. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? p. Taking measures to protect the U.S. from terrorist attacks | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 71 | 26 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 72 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 2689 |

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41q. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? q. Getting other countries to assume more of the costs of maintaining world order | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 42 | 49 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 40 | 48 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2689 |

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41r. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? r. Aiding refugees fleeing violence around the world | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 28 | 54 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 26 | 56 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2689 |

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41s. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? s. Reducing legal immigration into the U.S. | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 22 | 39 | 38 | 0 | 2 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 26 | 35 | 38 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2689 |

Due to an error in 2021, question asked about 'reducing legal immigrations into the U.S.'

| | | ASK FORM 2 ONLY: Q41t. Thinking about long-range foreign policy goals, how much priority, if any, do you think each of the following should be given? t. Limiting the power and influence of North Korea | | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--|---------------|-------------|---|---------|-------|------|
| | | Top priority | Some priority | No priority | 9 | Refused | Total | N= |
| United States | Spring, 2021 | 40 | 49 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 100 | 1309 |
| | November, 2018 | 40 | 50 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 100 | 2689 |