

2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 189: Energy issues survey
March 16–22, 2026

QUESTIONNAIRE

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

CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

X_FORM

1 Form 1

2 Form 2

Note: Flag to randomly assign panelists to one of two forms (Form 1, Form 2) and weight within form
Source: Randomly assigned for each survey.

 -----**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE BEGINS HERE**-----

BAT: ENVBEHAV

ASK ALL:

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

[PN: IF WEB:] Do you regularly do each of the following?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Do you regularly do each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, do you regularly **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

BATTERY ITEMS:

DRIVE	Carpool or limit your driving
SECONDH	Buy secondhand clothes or other secondhand goods
LIGHTS	Turn off the lights at home when no one is using them
WATER	Limit your water use at home

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	[PN: IF WEB:] Yes, I regularly do this [PN: IF CATI:] Yes, you regularly do this
2	[PN: IF WEB:] No, I don't regularly do this [PN: IF CATI:] No, you don't regularly do this
98	[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
99	[PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE DRIVE_WHY, SECONDH_WHY, LIGHTS_WHY, AND WATER_WHY IN SAME ORDER AS THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS APPEAR IN ENVBEHAV; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: DRIVE_WHY

ASK IF FORM 1 AND REGULARLY LIMITS DRIVING (X_FORM=1 & ENVBEHAV_DRIVE=1):

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS LIGHTS_WHY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly carpool or limit your driving?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly carpool or limit your driving? First, (INSERT ITEM). Is this (READ LIST)

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: How much of a reason is this for why you regularly carpool or limit your driving? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:

MONEY To save money
 ENVIR To help the environment

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

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

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE DRIVE_WHY, SECONDH_WHY, LIGHTS_WHY, AND WATER_WHY IN SAME ORDER AS THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS APPEAR IN ENVBEHAV; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: SECONDH_WHY

ASK IF FORM 2 AND REGULARLY BUYS SECONDHAND (X_FORM=2 & ENVBEHAV_SECONDH=1):

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS WATER_WHY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly buy secondhand clothes or other secondhand goods?

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly buy secondhand clothes or other secondhand goods? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How much of a reason is this for why you regularly buy secondhand clothes or other secondhand goods? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

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[PN: RANDOMIZE DRIVE_WHY, SECONDH_WHY, LIGHTS_WHY, AND WATER_WHY IN SAME ORDER AS THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS APPEAR IN ENVBEHAV; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: LIGHTS_WHY

ASK IF FORM 1 AND REGULARLY TURNS OF LIGHTS (X_FORM=1 & ENVBEHAV_LIGHTS=1):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS DRIVE_WHY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly turn off the lights at home when no one is using them?

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly turn off the lights at home when no one is using them? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How much of a reason is this for why you regularly turn off the lights at home when no one is using them? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

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ENVIR To help the environment

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 A major reason
2 A minor reason
3 Not a reason
98 [PN: IF CATI:] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
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TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE DRIVE_WHY, SECONDH_WHY, LIGHTS_WHY, AND WATER_WHY IN SAME ORDER AS THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS APPEAR IN ENVBEHAV; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

BAT: WATER_WHY

ASK IF FORM 2 AND REGULARLY LIMITS WATER USE (X_FORM=2 & ENVBEHAV_WATER=1):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS SECONDH_WHY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly limit your water use at home?

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How much of a reason is each of the following for why you regularly limit your water use at home? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: **READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How much of a reason is this for why you regularly limit your water use at home? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

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ENVIR To help the environment

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 A major reason
2 A minor reason
3 Not a reason
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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: EN1F2MOD2**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Right now, which of these do you think should be the more important priority for addressing America's energy supply?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Expanding wind and solar production
- 2 Expanding exploration and production of oil, coal and natural gas
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

BAT: NRGENTV**ASK ALL:**

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

[PN: IF WEB:] What role should the federal government play in each of the following activities?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] What role should the federal government play in each of the following activities? First, (INSERT ITEM). Should the federal government (READ LIST)

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: What role should the federal government play in this? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))

BATTERY ITEMS:

- a The use of electric vehicles
- b The production of wind and solar power
- c Oil and gas drilling
- d Coal mining
- e The production of nuclear power

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Encourage this activity
- 2 Discourage this activity
- 3 Neither encourage nor discourage this activity
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: WINDHRD**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):**

How much have you read or heard about generating electricity from wind turbine farms?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Nothing at all
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

TXT:

[PN: RANDOMIZE WIND1_COST, WIND1_RELBL, AND WIND1_ENVIR ON SAME SCREEN;
INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

TXT:**DISPLAY TO FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):**

[PN: IF WEB:] Thinking about generating electricity from wind turbine farms, do you think...

[PN: IF CATI:] Thinking about generating electricity from wind turbine farms...

QUE: WIND1_COST**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):**

[PN: IF WEB:] The cost to consumers from wind power is...

[PN: IF CATI:] Do you think the cost to consumers from wind power is...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Higher than most other energy sources
- 2 Lower than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same as most other energy sources
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: WIND1_RELBL**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):**

[PN: IF WEB:] The reliability of wind power is...

[PN: IF CATI:] Do you think the reliability of wind power is...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 More reliable than most other energy sources
- 2 Less reliable than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same as most other energy sources
- 98 [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Don't know
- 99 [PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: WIND1_ENVIR**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):**

[**PN: IF WEB:**] The overall effect on the environment from wind power is...

[**PN: IF CATI:**] Do you think the overall effect on the environment from wind power is...

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

- 1 Better for the environment than most other energy sources
- 2 Worse for the environment than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same for the environment as most other energy sources
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: SOLARHRD**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):**

How much have you read or heard about generating electricity from solar panel farms?

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

- 1 A lot
- 2 A little
- 3 Nothing at all
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

TXT:

[**PN: RANDOMIZE SOLAR1_COST, SOLAR1_RELBL, AND SOLAR1_ENVIR ON SAME SCREEN; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE**]

TXT:**DISPLAY TO FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):**

[**PN: IF WEB:**] Thinking about generating electricity from solar panel farms, do you think...

[**PN: IF CATI:**] Thinking about generating electricity from solar panel farms...

QUE: SOLAR1_COST**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):**

[**PN: IF WEB:**] The cost to consumers from solar power is...

[**PN: IF CATI:**] Do you think the cost to consumers from solar power is...

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

- 1 Higher than most other energy sources
- 2 Lower than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same as most other energy sources
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: SOLAR1_RELBL**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):**[**PN: IF WEB:**] The reliability of solar power is...[**PN: IF CATI:**] Do you think the reliability of solar power is...[**PN: IF CATI:**] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 More reliable than most other energy sources
- 2 Less reliable than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same as most other energy sources
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: SOLAR1_ENVIR**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):**[**PN: IF WEB:**] The overall effect on the environment from solar power is...[**PN: IF CATI:**] Do you think the overall effect on the environment from solar power is...[**PN: IF CATI:**] **(READ LIST)**

- 1 Better for the environment than most other energy sources
- 2 Worse for the environment than most other energy sources
- 3 About the same for the environment as most other energy sources
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: LAWCOST**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Which of these statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

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

- 1 Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy
- 2 Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: EVCAR2**ASK IF FORM 1 (X_FORM=1):**

The next time you purchase a vehicle, how likely are you to seriously consider purchasing an electric vehicle?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Not too likely
- 4 Not at all likely

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

- 5 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I do not expect to purchase a vehicle **[PN: IF CATI:]** You do not expect to purchase a vehicle
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: EVCAR2HYB**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):**

The next time you purchase a vehicle, how likely are you to seriously consider purchasing a hybrid vehicle?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Very likely
- 2 Somewhat likely
- 3 Not too likely
- 4 Not at all likely

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

- 5 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I do not expect to purchase a vehicle **[PN: IF CATI:]** You do not expect to purchase a vehicle
- 98 **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

BAT: EVCAR1NEW**ASK ALL:**

[**PN: IF WEB:**] Do you or anyone in your household currently have any of the following?

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] Do you or anyone in your household currently have any of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] Next, what about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY: Do you or anyone in your household have this item? (READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

- a A gas-powered vehicle
- b A hybrid vehicle
- c An all-electric vehicle

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
