

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL (ATP)
WAVE 46 MARCH
FINAL TOPLINE
MARCH 18-APRIL 1, 2019
TOTAL N=6,364**

NOTE: SOME QUESTIONS ARE FILTERED BASED ON RESPONDENTS' RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AND/OR THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH THEY ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES. RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AND ATTENDANCE AT RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON A PREVIOUS WAVE OF THE ATP, CONDUCTED AUG. 8-OCT. 31, 2018.

OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

ETHICS1 Generally speaking, how would you rate the ethical standards of each of the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE, SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS; REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE CATEGORIES FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]**

	<u>Very high ethical standards</u>	<u>High ethical standards</u>	<u>Low ethical standards</u>	<u>Very low ethical standards</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Elected officials Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	3	23	54	20	1

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c. Journalists Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	6	38	38	16	1
d. Medical doctors Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	23	64	11	2	1
e. Religious leaders Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	10	54	27	7	1
f. Lawyers Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	5	38	43	12	1
g. Police officers Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	11	59	24	5	1

ASK IF CATHOLIC [N=1,116]:

ETHICS2 Generally speaking, how would you rate the ethical standards of each of the following? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 IN SAME ORDER AS ETHICS1]**

	<u>Very high ethical standards</u>	<u>High ethical standards</u>	<u>Low ethical standards</u>	<u>Very low ethical standards</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Pope Francis Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	42	40	13	3	2
b. Catholic bishops in the U.S. Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	15	50	27	6	3
c. YOUR bishop Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	21	51	18	3	7

ETHICS2 CONTINUED...

	Very high ethical <u>standards</u>	High ethical <u>standards</u>	Low ethical <u>standards</u>	Very low ethical <u>standards</u>	No <u>answer</u>
ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=706]					
d. Priests at your parish Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	36	50	11	1	2

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN AND IS NOT CATHOLIC [N=2,391]:

ETHICS3 Generally speaking, how would you rate the ethical standards of the clergy at your congregation or place of worship? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 IN SAME ORDER AS ETHICS1]**

Mar 18- Apr 1 <u>2019</u>	
42	Very high ethical standards
46	High ethical standards
8	Low ethical standards
1	Very low ethical standards
2	No answer

Now, thinking about churches and religious organizations here in the United States...

ASK ALL:

CHURCHMORAL Do you think churches and religious organizations... **[RANDOMIZE "Strengthen morality in society" & "Weaken morality in society", "Don't make much difference" ALWAYS LAST]**

Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>		Dec 4-18 <u>2017</u>
53	Strengthen morality in society	52
12	Weaken morality in society	14
35	Don't make much difference	33
1	No answer	1

ASK ALL:

CHURCHPOL Do you think churches and religious organizations have... **[RANDOMIZE "Too much influence in politics" & "Not enough influence in politics", "About the right amount of influence in politics" ALWAYS LAST]**

Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>		Dec 4-18 <u>2017</u>
37	Too much influence in politics	41
28	Not enough influence in politics	25
34	About the right amount of influence in politics	33
1	No answer	1

ASK ALL:
CHURCHUNITE

Do you think churches and religious organizations... **[RANDOMIZE "Mostly bring people together" & "Mostly push people apart", "Neither" ALWAYS LAST]**

Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>		Dec 4-18 <u>2017</u>
50	Mostly bring people together	49
21	Mostly push people apart	23
29	Neither	27
1	No answer	1

ASK ALL:
CHURCHIMPACT

Considering everything, what impact do churches and religious organizations have on American society? **[RANDOMIZE "They do more harm than good" & "They do more good than harm", "Don't make much difference" ALWAYS LAST]**

Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>		Dec 4-18 <u>2017</u>
20	They do more harm than good	21
55	They do more good than harm	55
24	Don't make much difference	23
1	No answer	1

On another subject...

ASK ALL:
RELIGTRUST

Which statement comes closest to your own views – even if none is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE "Religious people are generally more trustworthy than nonreligious people" & "Nonreligious people are generally more trustworthy than religious people", "Religious and nonreligious people are generally equally trustworthy" ALWAYS LAST]**

Mar 18– Apr 1 <u>2019</u>	
21	Religious people are generally more trustworthy than nonreligious people
12	Nonreligious people are generally more trustworthy than religious people
66	Religious and nonreligious people are generally equally trustworthy
1	No answer

ASK ALL:
KEEPOUT

In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Mar 18– Apr 1 <u>2019</u>	
63	Keep out of political matters
36	Express their views on day-to-day social and political questions
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CHURCH_CAND

During political elections, should churches and other houses of worship come out in favor of one candidate over another, or shouldn't they do this?

Mar 18-

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23

Yes, should do this

76

No, should not do this

2

No answer

ASK ALL:

RELIG_INFL1

At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Mar 18-

Apr 1

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20

Gaining influence in American life

78

Losing influence in American life

2

No answer

ASK ALL:

RELIG_INFL1

At the present time, do you think religion as a whole is... **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF RESPONDENT GAVE RESPONSE IN RELIG_INFL1:

RELIG_INFL2

All in all, do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing that religion is **[if "Gaining influence in American life" (in RELIG_INFL1) insert: "gaining"; if "Losing influence in American life" (in RELIG_INFL1) insert: "losing"]** influence in American life?

BASED ON TOTAL

Mar 18-Apr 1

2019**20****NET Gaining influence in American life**

10

Good thing

6

Bad thing

4

Doesn't make a difference

<1

No answer

78**NET Losing influence in American life**

17

Good thing

42

Bad thing

18

Doesn't make a difference

<1

No answer

2**No answer**

ASK ALL:

RELIG_FRIENDLY

For each of the following groups, please indicate whether it is generally FRIENDLY toward religion, NEUTRAL toward religion or UNFRIENDLY toward religion. **[RANDOMIZE, SPLIT OVER 2 SCREENS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF SAMPLE; ORDER OF STEM SHOULD MATCH ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

	<u>Friendly toward religion</u>	<u>Neutral toward religion</u>	<u>Unfriendly toward religion</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. The Democratic Party Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	19	48	31	2
b. The Republican Party Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	54	32	13	2
c. The Trump administration Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	47	28	23	2
d. The Supreme Court Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	18	69	11	2
e. University professors Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	6	54	37	3
f. News reporters and the news media Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	10	54	33	2

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

CONFCLERGY1

How much confidence do you have in the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship to provide useful guidance to help inform your opinion about... **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>A lot of confidence</u>	<u>Some confidence</u>	<u>Not much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Abortion Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	39	30	16	13	2
b. Global climate change Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	13	36	33	16	2
c. Immigration Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	20	44	24	11	2

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:
 CONFCLERGY2 How much confidence do you have in the clergy or other religious leaders at
 your congregation or place of worship to provide useful guidance about...
[RANDOMIZE; SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS]

	<u>A lot of confidence</u>	<u>Some confidence</u>	<u>Not much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Personal finances Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	21	39	27	12	2
b. Parenting Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	40	44	11	4	1
c. The interpretation of scripture Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	60	30	7	3	1
d. Growing closer to God Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	68	24	5	2	1
e. Anxiety or depression Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	27	46	19	6	1
f. Marriage or relationships Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	47	39	8	4	1

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RELIG_CONSERV AND RELIG_LIB

ASK ALL:

RELIG_CONSERV Do you think religious conservatives have too much, too little or about the
 right amount of control over the REPUBLICAN PARTY?

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41	Too much
17	Too little
39	About the right amount
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

RELIG_LIB Do you think liberals who are not religious have too much, too little or about
 the right amount of control over the DEMOCRATIC PARTY?

Mar 18-
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33	Too much
19	Too little
45	About the right amount
3	No answer

ASK ALL:
RELIGGUIDE

If you were searching for information about **[IF AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION, INSERT: your religion's teachings; IF RELIGIOUSLY UNAFFILIATED OR DID NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT RELIGIOUS IDENTITY, INSERT: religion]**, how much confidence would you have in the things you heard or read from each of the following sources? **[RANDOMIZE; SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS]**

	<u>A lot of confidence</u>	<u>Some confidence</u>	<u>Not much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
IF AFFILIATED WITH A RELIGION					
[N=4,397]					
a. Clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	41	46	8	3	1
b. Religious leaders with a large national or international following Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	10	45	30	14	1
c. A professor of religion at a major university Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	24	49	17	9	1
IF CATHOLIC [N=1,116]					
d. The pope Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	46	39	9	4	2
e. Scripture Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	47	32	12	8	1
f. Family Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	24	54	17	5	1
g. Friends Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	11	59	25	5	1
h. Information you find online Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	6	52	31	9	1

Moving on...

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

CLERGY_COMF

How comfortable, if at all, would you be going to the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship for advice on each of the following issues? **[RANDOMIZE; SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS]**

	<u>Very comfortable</u>	<u>Somewhat comfortable</u>	<u>Not too comfortable</u>	<u>Not at all comfortable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Financial problems Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	20	34	28	16	1
b. Problems with drugs or alcohol Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	33	40	17	9	2
c. Marriage or relationship problems Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	36	41	15	7	1
d. Parenting problems Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	33	41	17	7	2
e. Problems with anxiety or depression Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	27	39	22	10	1
f. Doubts about your religion Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	45	35	12	6	2

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

CLERGY_CLOSE

Thinking about the relationship you have with the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship, would you say your relationship with them is...

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19	Very close
50	Somewhat close
29	Not close
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

TALKFAMILY

How often do you talk about religion with your family? **[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]**

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2019

25	At least once a week
14	Once or twice a month
17	Several times a year
34	Seldom
11	Never
<1	No answer

ASK ALL:
TALKOTHERS

How often do you talk about religion with people OUTSIDE YOUR FAMILY?
[LIST RESPONSES IN SAME ORDER AS TALKFAMILY]

Mar 18–
 Apr 1
2019
 16 At least once a week
 15 Once or twice a month
 17 Several times a year
 38 Seldom
 14 Never
 1 No answer

ASK ALL:
FRIENDS

How many of your close friends share your religious beliefs?

Mar 18–
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2019
 4 All of them
 30 Most of them
 46 Some of them
 13 Hardly any of them
 6 None of them
 1 No answer

ASK ALL:
RELIGDISAGREE

What do you personally think is the best thing to do when someone disagrees with you about religion?

Mar 18–
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2019
 4 Try to persuade the person to change their mind
 62 Try to understand the person's beliefs and agree to disagree
 33 Avoid discussing religion with the person
 1 No answer

On another subject...

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

SERMONS How satisfied are you with the sermons you hear at your congregation or place of worship?

Mar 18–
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 46 Very satisfied
 41 Somewhat satisfied
 8 Not too satisfied
 4 Not at all satisfied
 1 No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:
 SERMONPOL Thinking about the sermons you hear at your congregation or place of worship, would you say there is... **[RANDOMIZE "Too much discussion of politics" & "Not enough discussion of politics", "About the right amount of discussion of politics" ALWAYS LAST]**

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11	Too much discussion of politics
14	Not enough discussion of politics
72	About the right amount of discussion of politics
4	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CLERGY_POL AND CLERGY_RELIG

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:
 CLERGY_POL When the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship talk about POLITICS, do you generally... **[RANDOMIZE]**

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62	Agree with them
28	Disagree with them
9	No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:
 CLERGY_RELIG When the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship talk about the TEACHINGS OF YOUR RELIGION, do you generally... **[SHOW RESPONSES IN SAME ORDER AS CLERGY_POL]**

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85	Agree with them
12	Disagree with them
3	No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:
 CLERGY_PARTY As far as you know, are the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship mostly... **[RANDOMIZE "Republicans" & "Democrats", WITH "A mix of both" & "Not sure" ALWAYS LAST; IN OPTION 3, RANDOMIZE ORDER OF "Republicans" and "Democrats" IN SAME ORDER R RECEIVES OPTIONS 1 & 2]**

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16	Republicans
11	Democrats
27	A mix of both Republicans and Democrats
45	Not sure
1	No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

CLERGY_SPEAK As far as you know, have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship ever spoken out about any of the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	Yes, have spoken <u>out about</u>	No, have not spoken <u>out about</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Evangelical Christians Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	42	54	4
IF NOT CATHOLIC [N=2,391]			
b. Catholics Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	37	59	3
IF NOT JEWISH [N=2,943]			
c. Jews Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	37	59	4
IF NOT MUSLIM [N=3,073]			
d. Muslim Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	31	66	4
e. Atheists Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	43	54	3

Show CLERGY_EVANG THROUGH CLERGY_ATH in the same order as shown in CLERGY_SPEAK

FOR CLERGY_EVANG THROUGH CLERGY_ATH, RESPONSE OPTIONS "positive things..." & "negative things..." SHOULD BE RANDOMIZED IN SAME ORDER ACROSS QUESTIONS

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN:

CLERGY_SPEAK As far as you know, have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship ever spoken out about any of the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF SPOKEN OUT ABOUT EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS:

CLERGY_EVANG Have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship said mostly... **[RANDOMIZE "positive things about evangelical Christians" AND "negative things about evangelical Christians"; "Both" AND "Neither" ALWAYS LAST]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

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42	NET Yes, clergy have spoken out about evangelical Christians
19	Positive things about evangelical Christians
2	Negative things about evangelical Christians
13	Both
8	Neither
<1	No answer
54	No, clergy have not spoken out about evangelical Christians
4	No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN:

CLERGY_SPEAK As far as you know, have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship ever spoken out about any of the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF SPOKEN OUT ABOUT CATHOLICS:

CLERGY_CATH Have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship said mostly... **[RANDOMIZE "positive things about Catholics" AND "negative things about Catholics"; "Both" AND "Neither" ALWAYS LAST]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN AND ARE NOT CATHOLIC [N=2,391]:

Mar 18-
Apr 1
2019

37	NET Yes, clergy have spoken out about Catholics
9	Positive things about Catholics
5	Negative things about Catholics
13	Both
11	Neither
<1	No answer
59	No, clergy have not spoken out about Catholics
3	No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN:

CLERGY_SPEAK As far as you know, have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship ever spoken out about any of the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF SPOKEN OUT ABOUT JEWS:

CLERGY_JEW Have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship said mostly... **[RANDOMIZE "positive things about Jews" AND "negative things about Jews"; "Both" AND "Neither" ALWAYS LAST]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN AND ARE NOT JEWISH [N=2,943]:

Mar 18-
Apr 1
2019

37	NET Yes, clergy have spoken out about Jews
20	Positive things about Jews
1	Negative things about Jews
8	Both
9	Neither
<1	No answer
59	No, clergy have not spoken out about Jews
4	No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN:

CLERGY_SPEAK As far as you know, have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship ever spoken out about any of the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF SPOKEN OUT ABOUT MUSLIMS:

CLERGY_MUS Have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship said mostly... **[RANDOMIZE "positive things about Muslims" AND "negative things about Muslims; "Both" AND "Neither" ALWAYS LAST]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN AND ARE NOT MUSLIM [N=3,073]:

Mar 18-
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2019

31	NET Yes, clergy have spoken out about Muslims
7	Positive things about Muslims
6	Negative things about Muslims
8	Both
9	Neither
<1	No answer
66	No, clergy have not spoken out about Muslims
4	No answer

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN:

CLERGY_SPEAK As far as you know, have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship ever spoken out about any of the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF SPOKEN OUT ABOUT ATHEISTS:

CLERGY_ATH Have the clergy or other religious leaders at your congregation or place of worship said mostly... **[RANDOMIZE "positive things about atheists" AND "negative things about atheists"; "Both" AND "Neither" ALWAYS LAST]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES A FEW TIMES A YEAR OR MORE OFTEN [N=3,097]:

Mar 18-
Apr 1
2019

43	NET Yes, clergy have spoken out about atheists
2	Positive things about atheists
19	Negative things about atheists
7	Both
14	Neither
<1	No answer
54	No, clergy have not spoken out about atheists
3	No answer

ASK ALL:

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

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4 or REFUSED)¹:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No Answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	25	32	28	14	1	17	22

¹ Respondents were asked about their political party identification on a previous wave of the ATP, conducted Feb. 4-19, 2019.