

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 48 MAY
FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 29-MAY 13, 2019
N=10,170**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

Note: WORD_POLa and WORD_POLc previously released.

ASK ALL:

WORD_POL For the following list of words, please indicate your reaction to each.

Would you say you have a positive or negative impression of... **[RANDOMIZE]**

	<u>NET positive</u>	<u>Very positive</u>	<u>Somewhat positive</u>	<u>NET negative</u>	<u>Very negative</u>	<u>Somewhat negative</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK FORMS 1, 2 AND 3 ONLY							
[N=7,622]:							
a. Socialism							
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	42	9	34	55	23	32	3
NO ITEM b.							
ASK FORMS 1 AND 2 ONLY							
[N=5,095]:							
c. Capitalism							
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PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON

As I read a list of words, please tell me what your reaction is to each ... (First,) do you have a positive or negative reaction to the word... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]?**

	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>	<u>(VOL.) Neither/ Neutral</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Socialism				
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	60	3	6
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	59	6	5
Capitalism				
Dec 7-11, 2011	50	40	3	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	52	37	4	7

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ASK IF FORM=1 AND ANSWERED WORD_POLa=1,2 [N=1,103]:

WORDPOL_SOC_R Why do you have a [**IF WORD_POLa=1**: very positive; **IF WORD_POLa=2**: somewhat positive] view of socialism?

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31	NET Creates a fairer, more generous system
10	Important for citizens and government to care for others/all should have opportunity, access to basic needs
9	Better for society/benefits public
8	Aligns with principles of democracy/equality, freedom
4	Provides social safety net, helps poor/disenfranchised
3	Improves class mobility, wealth distribution and worker value
20	NET Builds upon and improves capitalism
7	Sometimes works (some good, some bad elements)
5	We already have successful socialist programs in U.S.
4	Specific aspects/policies of socialism should be implemented
3	Optimize blend of capitalism and socialism
2	Wants democratic socialism specifically
6	NET Historical and comparative success
4	Socialist countries (Europe – spec. Finland, Denmark, etc.) take care of populations better than U.S.
1	Historically good
4	Better than capitalism
4	General positivity
1	General negativity
15	Other
*	Uncodeable
31	Refused

ASK IF FORM=1 AND ANSWERED WORD_POLa=3,4 [N=1,402]:

WORDPOL_SOC_R Why do you have a [**IF WORD_POLa=3**: somewhat negative; **IF WORD_POLa=4**: very negative] view of socialism?

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- 19 NET Undermines work ethic, increases reliance on government**
- 9 People have right to keep earnings/people shouldn't be paid if they don't work
 - 9 Makes people lazy, rely on government
 - 3 Stifles innovation, individualism, creativity
 - 1 Worsens class mobility, wealth distribution and worker value
- 18 NET Historical and comparative failure**
- 9 Socialist countries (Venezuela, Russia, etc.) are worse off than U.S.
 - 5 Historically bad
 - 3 Similar to communism
 - 1 Induces suffering/death
- 17 NET Undermines democracy/Not right for the U.S.**
- 17 General negativity**
- 4 Capitalism is better**
- 2 NET Want a blend of socialism and capitalism**
- 1 Sometimes works (some good, some bad elements)
 - 1 Optimize blend of capitalism and socialism
 - * We already have successful socialist programs in U.S.
 - * Specific aspects/policies of socialism should be implemented
 - * General positivity
- 13 Other
- 1 Uncodeable
- 25 Refused

ASK IF FORM=2 AND ANSWERED WORD_POLc=1,2 [N=1,757]:

WORDPOL_CAP_R Why do you have a [IF WORD_POLc=1: very positive; IF WORD_POLc=2: somewhat positive] view of capitalism?

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- 24 NET Promotes individual opportunity**
- 21 Allows for individual economic opportunity/ability to get ahead
 - 3 Discourages laziness/encourages self-reliance
- 22 NET General positivity**
- 11 General capitalism works/good system
 - 8 Free enterprise/markets/innovation
 - 4 The government is not in control
- 20 NET Essential to America**
- 10 It is the basis of American economic strength
 - 8 This is how it is in America/I grew up in this system
 - 4 Capitalism is essential to maintain freedom
- 14 NET Good system, but not perfect**
- 5 Positive, but has caused some inequality and corruption
 - 5 Good system, but has gone/can go bad
 - 4 Good, but regulation/adjustment is necessary; we could have a mixed system
 - 4 Prefer capitalism over socialism/communism/other systems
 - 8 Other
 - 1 Uncodeable
 - 23 Refused

ASK IF FORM=2 AND WORD_POLc=3,4 [N=734]:

WORDPOL_CAP_R Why do you have a [IF WORD_POLc=3: somewhat negative; IF WORD_POLc=4: very negative] view of capitalism?

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- 23 NET Benefits only a few/Unequal distribution of wealth**
- 15 Benefits only a small number of people (wealthy)/large business
 - 7 Disadvantages many people/poor people
 - 6 Poor distribution of wealth
- 20 Exploitative/Corrupt in nature**
- 11 General negativity**
- 8 Undermines the democratic process**
- 4 Overall, it can work but needs better regulation**
- 13 Other
 - 2 Uncodeable
 - 33 Refused

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