

**2022 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 109 MAY 2022  
FINAL TOPLINE  
MAY 16-22, 2022  
TOTAL N=10,188**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE 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.**

	<b>Sample size</b>	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b>
U.S. adults	10,188	+/- 1.6 percentage points

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**DISPLAY TO ALL:**

On a different topic...

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND1 Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?  
**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

	Whether someone is a man or a woman is determined by the sex they were <u>assigned at birth</u>	Someone can be a man or a woman even if that is different from the sex they <u>were assigned at birth</u>	No answer
May 16-22, 2022	60	38	1
Jun 14-27, 2021	56	41	3
Sep 14-28, 2017	54	44	2

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND4 How much has each of the following influenced your views about whether someone's gender can be different from the sex they were assigned at birth? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]**

	A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	<u>Some</u>	A <u>little</u>	Not at <u>all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. What you've learned from science May 16-22, 2022	26	18	18	10	27	1
b. Your religious views May 16-22, 2022	20	9	12	8	50	1
c. What you've heard or read in the news May 16-22, 2022	4	10	19	17	49	1

**TRANSGEND4 CONTINUED ...**

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
d. What you've heard or read on social media May 16-22, 2022	5	9	16	14	55	1
e. Knowing someone who is transgender May 16-22, 2022	11	10	15	10	53	1

**DISPLAY TO ALL:**

The next few questions are related to people who are transgender, that is, people whose gender is different from the sex they were assigned at birth (such as a person assigned male at birth who identifies as a woman).

Issues related to gender identity have been in the news recently, and we are interested in learning what the American public thinks about these issues.

**ASK FORM 1 (XFORM=1) [n=5,120]:**

TRANSGEND7 How much discrimination do you think there is against transgender people in our society today? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 USING SAME ORDER AS TRANSGEND4, WITH 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

May 16-22,  
2022

29	A great deal
28	A fair amount
21	Some
9	A little
5	None at all
7	Not sure
*	No answer

**ASK FORM 2 (XFORM=2) [n=5,068]:**

TRANSGEND8 How accepting do you think our society is of people who are transgender? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 USING SAME ORDER AS TRANSGEND4, WITH 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

May 16-22,  
2022

3	Extremely accepting
11	Very accepting
35	Somewhat accepting
34	A little accepting
10	Not at all accepting
7	Not sure
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND3 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

	Our society has GONE TOO FAR in accepting people who are <u>transgender</u>	Our society has NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH in accepting people who are <u>transgender</u>	Our society has been ABOUT RIGHT when it comes to accepting people who are <u>transgender</u>	No <u>answer</u>
May 16-22, 2022	38	36	23	2
Sep 14-28, 2017 <sup>1</sup>	32	39	27	2

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND5 As you may know, several states have recently proposed bills related to people who are transgender. How closely have you been following news about these bills? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 USING SAME ORDER AS TRANSGEND4]**

May 16-22, <u>2022</u>	
2	Extremely closely
6	Very closely
24	Somewhat closely
23	A little closely
44	Not at all closely
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND6 Here are some current laws and policies that are either in place or being considered in the U.S. related to transgender issues. **[DISPLAY ONLY ONCE WITH THE FIRST SCREEN SHOWN]**

Would you favor or oppose laws or policies that do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY OVER TWO PAGES; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 USING SAME ORDER AS TRANSGEND4]**

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	Favor	Neither favor nor <u>oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Protect transgender individuals from discrimination in jobs, housing, and public spaces such as restaurants and stores						
May 16-22, 2022	37	27	25	5	6	*

<sup>1</sup> In the 2017 survey, question wording was "Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?"

**QUESTION TRANSGEND6 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Neither favor nor oppose</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
b. Require transgender individuals to use public bathrooms that match the sex they were assigned at birth, not the gender they identify with May 16-22, 2022	26	14	28	14	16	1
c. Make it illegal for public school districts to teach about gender identity in elementary schools May 16-22, 2022	29	12	21	14	23	1
d. Require that transgender athletes compete on teams that match the sex they were assigned at birth, not the gender they identify with May 16-22, 2022	41	17	24	9	8	1
e. Require health insurance companies to cover medical care for gender transitions May 16-22, 2022	12	15	28	17	27	1
f. Make it illegal for health care professionals to provide someone younger than 18 with medical care for a gender transition May 16-22, 2022	31	15	22	13	17	1
g. Investigate parents for child abuse if they help someone younger than 18 get medical care for a gender transition May 16-22, 2022	22	15	27	14	22	1

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND2MOD Do you personally know anyone who is transgender?

May 16-22,  
2022

44	Yes
55	No
*	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Jun 14-27, 2021 <sup>2</sup>	42	57	1
Sep 14-28, 2017	37	63	1
Aug 16-Sep 12, 2016 <sup>3</sup>	30	68	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK FORM 1 (XFORM=1) [n=5,120]:**

TRANSGEND9 Thinking about a person who transitions to a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth and starts using a new name...

In general, how important do you think it is that others refer to that person by their new name? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 USING SAME ORDER AS TRANSGEND4, WITH 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

May 16-22,  
2022

24	Extremely important
23	Very important
22	Somewhat important
8	A little important
10	Not at all important
12	Should not be done
2	No answer

**ASK FORM 2 (XFORM=2) [n=5,068]:**

TRANSGEND10 Thinking about a person who transitions to a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth and starts going by different pronouns (such as "she" instead of "he")...

In general, how important do you think it is that others refer to that person by their new pronouns? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 USING SAME ORDER AS TRANSGEND4, WITH 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

May 16-22,  
2022

15	Extremely important
19	Very important
21	Somewhat important
9	A little important
17	Not at all important
18	Should not be done
1	No answer

<sup>2</sup> In the 2021 and 2017 surveys, question wording was, "Thinking about the people you know, including yourself, do you personally know anyone who is transgender, or not?" Additionally, the definition of "transgender" appeared before this question and was worded as "people who identify as a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth, like a person born male who now identifies as a woman."

<sup>3</sup> In the 2016 survey, question wording was, "Do you personally know anyone who is transgender, or not?" The response options were, "Yes, I know someone who is transgender" and "No, I do not." In this survey, "transgender" was defined as "people who now identify and live as females but were born male" and "people who now identify and live as males but were born female."

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND11 Some people don't identify as a man or a woman. Instead, they may describe themselves as not having a gender or describe their gender using terms such as "nonbinary" or "gender fluid."

How much have you heard about people not identifying as a man or a woman?  
**[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3 OR 3-1]**

May 16-22,  
2022

26	A lot
52	A little
21	Nothing at all
*	No answer

**ASK IF HAS HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT PEOPLE NOT IDENTIFYING AS A MAN OR A WOMAN (TRANSGEND11=1,2) [n=8,453]:**

TRANSGEND12 Do you personally know anyone who does not identify as a man or a woman?

May 16-22,  
2022

25	Yes
75	No
*	No answer

**TRANSGEND11/TRANSGEND12 COMBO TABLE BASED ON TOTAL:**

May 16-22,  
2022

79	Heard a lot/a little
20	Knows someone who does not identify as a man or a woman
59	Does not know anyone who does not identify as a man or a woman
*	No answer to TRANSGEND12
21	Heard nothing at all
*	No answer to TRANSGEND11

**ASK FORM 1 (XFORM=1) [n=5,120]:**

TRANSGEND13 When a form or online profile asks about a person's gender, do you think it should include options other than "male" and "female" for people who don't identify as either?

May 16-22,  
2022

44	Yes
55	No
2	No answer

**ASK FORM 2 (XFORM=2) [n=5,068]:**

TRANSGEND14 When government documents such as passports and driver's licenses ask about a person's gender, do you think they should include options other than "male" and "female" for people who don't identify as either?

May 16-22,  
2022

38	Yes
60	No
2	No answer

**ASK PARENT OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN HH (XKIDSINHH=1) [n=2,604]:**

PARENTK12MOD Are you the parent or guardian of any children who live in your household and who are in...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Elementary school May 16-22, 2022	52	47	1
b. Middle or high school May 16-22, 2022	48	50	2

**ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PARENTK12MODa=1) [n=1,339]:**

TRANSGEND15 As far as you know, have any of your children who are in ELEMENTARY SCHOOL learned about people who are transgender or who don't identify as a boy or a girl from a teacher or another adult at their school?

May 16-22,  
2022

16	Yes
83	No
1	No answer

**ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHO HAS LEARNED ABOUT TRANS/NONBINARY PEOPLE (TRANSGEND15=1) [n=187]:**

TRANSGEND16a In general, do you think the fact that your ELEMENTARY SCHOOL child has learned at school about people who are transgender or who don't identify as a boy or a girl is a... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

**TABLE NOT SHOWN DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZE**

**ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHO HAS NOT LEARNED ABOUT TRANS/NONBINARY PEOPLE (TRANSGEND15=2) [n=1,143]:**

TRANSGEND16b In general, do you think the fact that your ELEMENTARY SCHOOL child has not learned at school about people who are transgender or who don't identify as a boy or a girl is a... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

May 16-22,  
2022

48	Good thing
9	Bad thing
43	Neither a good thing nor a bad thing
*	No answer

**ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD IN MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL (PARENTK12MODb=1) [n=1,351]:**

TRANSGEND17 As far as you know, have any of your children who are in MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL learned about people who are transgender or who don't identify as a boy or a girl from a teacher or another adult at their school?

May 16-22,  
2022

37	Yes
63	No
*	No answer

**ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD IN MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL WHO HAS LEARNED ABOUT TRANS/NONBINARY PEOPLE (TRANSGEND17=1) [n=515]:**

TRANSGEND18a In general, do you think the fact that your MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL child has learned at school about people who are transgender or who don't identify as a boy or a girl is a... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS TRANSGEND16a/TRANSGEND16b IF APPLICABLE; OTHERWISE RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

May 16-22,  
2022

26	Good thing
29	Bad thing
45	Neither a good thing nor a bad thing
*	No answer



**ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD IN MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL WHO HAS NOT LEARNED ABOUT TRANS/NONBINARY PEOPLE (TRANSGEND17=2) [n=824]:**

TRANSGEND18b In general, do you think the fact that your MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL child has not learned at school about people who are transgender or who don't identify as a boy or a girl is a... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS TRANSGEND16a/TRANSGEND16b IF APPLICABLE; OTHERWISE RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

May 16-22,  
2022

37	Good thing
8	Bad thing
55	Neither a good thing nor a bad thing
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND19 Thinking about the topics we asked you about in this survey related to transgender issues and people who don't identify as a man or a woman, would you say views on these issues in our society are... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

May 16-22,  
2022

43	Changing too quickly
26	Not changing quickly enough
28	Changing at about the right speed
3	No answer

**ASK IF SAYS VIEWS ARE CHANGING TOO QUICKLY (TRANSGEND19=1) [n=4,558]:**

TRANSGEND20a In what ways do you think views in our society related to transgender issues and people who don't identify as a man or a woman are changing too quickly?

**OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**

**ASK IF SAYS VIEWS ARE NOT CHANGING QUICKLY ENOUGH (TRANSGEND19=2) [n=2,680]:**

TRANSGEND20b In what ways do you think views in our society related to transgender issues and people who don't identify as a man or a woman are not changing quickly enough?

**OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**

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

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...  
**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4) OR MISSING [n=3,736]:**  
 PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>4</sup>

<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>
26	32	26	14	2	16	20

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<sup>4</sup> Party and Partyln asked in a prior survey.