

Artificial Intelligence — Topline Report

APPC W38 National Survey | June 16–July 19, 2026
APPC W37 National Survey | February 17–March 20, 2026

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Methodology

This report presents findings from the Annenberg Public Policy Center’s W38 IOD National Survey, a probability-based online panel survey of U.S. adults. The survey focused on attitudes toward artificial intelligence and is the second wave in which the core AI items were fielded.

Both waves are reported. Each question appears under a single heading with **two tables**: the first shows June–July 2026 (W38, N = 1,320), the second shows February–March 2026 (W37, N = 1,330) for items asked in both waves. Each table gives the full weighted distribution plus breakdowns by party identification, AI usage group, and age. Items fielded only in the spring appear in their own section.

All results are weighted to national benchmarks, including age, sex, race/ethnicity, education, and region using `weight_recall_4`. See the methodology report for more details on weighting. Design effects and margins of error are calculated using replicate-based variance estimation via the `replicatev2` variable.

Percentages include “Don’t know,” “Not sure,” and “Refused” responses in the denominator; these are reported together in the **Not sure** column. Percentages therefore reflect the share of all respondents asked the item.

Field dates: June 16, 2026 to July 19, 2026

Sample size (unweighted): 1,320 U.S. adults

Design effect: 1.67

Margin of error (95% confidence, full sample): ± 3.48 percentage points

Panel: 1,241 respondents were also interviewed in the previous wave (W37 National, Feb. 17–Mar. 20, 2026, N = 1,330), a retention rate of 93%.

Replicate-Level Methodology

Replicate	N	DEFF	MOE $\pm$ pp	Field start	Field end
1	652	1.67	4.97	2026-06-16	2026-06-28
2	668	1.66	4.88	2026-07-07	2026-07-19

Weighted Toplines

Each item shows June–July 2026 first, then February–March 2026 where the item was repeated. All figures are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add to 100%. Combined subcategories may not add to NET totals due to rounding; NETs are computed by summing unrounded percentages and rounding once. * = less than 0.5%; rounds to zero. Full sample is June–July 2026; group rows are subgroup distributions.

Group rows: party identification (from *pidlean_stable*; Independent absorbs independents and party nonresponse), AI usage group (from AI2: Non-user = never used AI in the past month, Light = once or twice / a few times, Heavy = many times / almost every day), and age.

AI1. How much, if anything, have you heard, read, or seen about Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	NET High	NET Low	A great deal	A lot	A moderate amount	A little	Nothing at all	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	76	24	23	20	34	19	5	*
Democrat	643	81	19	25	23	33	15	5	0
Independent	157	76	24	20	26	30	20	5	0
Republican	515	72	28	21	15	36	23	5	*
Non-user	253	53	47	14	12	27	28	19	*
Light user	583	76	24	13	20	43	22	2	0
Heavy user	483	91	9	41	24	26	8	0	0
18-29	213	89	11	34	23	32	7	4	0
30-49	521	79	21	29	21	29	18	3	0
50-64	292	70	30	18	18	34	26	4	*
65+	289	69	31	11	17	42	23	8	0

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET High	NET Low	A great deal	A lot	A moderate amount	A little	Nothing at all	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	78	22	27	18	34	18	4	*
Democrat	654	82	18	31	20	30	14	4	*
Independent	162	70	30	24	13	33	26	5	0
Republican	510	77	23	22	17	38	20	3	0
Non-user	195	46	53	11	8	27	34	19	1
Light user	585	75	25	17	16	43	23	1	0
Heavy user	546	95	5	45	25	26	5	0	0
18-29	222	89	11	40	23	26	7	4	0
30-49	523	83	17	38	15	29	14	3	0
50-64	291	74	25	16	20	38	22	3	*
65+	290	68	32	11	15	41	28	5	0

AI2. How often, if at all, did you use or interact with artificial intelligence (AI) in the past month?

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	Almost every day	Many times	A few times	Once or twice	Never	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	16	18	25	20	21	*
Democrat	643	16	17	26	21	20	0
Independent	157	12	23	17	15	33	0
Republican	515	17	17	26	20	19	*
Non-user	253	0	0	0	0	100	0
Light user	583	0	0	56	44	0	0
Heavy user	483	47	53	0	0	0	0
18-29	213	14	23	26	22	15	0
30-49	521	23	23	21	17	16	1
50-64	292	13	16	26	25	21	0
65+	289	11	10	28	17	34	0

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	Almost every day	Many times	A few times	Once or twice	Never	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	22	16	28	17	16	*
Democrat	654	21	16	29	18	15	*
Independent	162	20	15	25	15	24	0
Republican	510	25	17	28	16	14	*
Non-user	195	0	0	0	0	100	0
Light user	585	0	0	63	37	0	0
Heavy user	546	58	42	0	0	0	0
18-29	222	25	18	30	15	12	*
30-49	523	28	18	27	16	10	*
50-64	291	18	14	33	18	18	0
65+	290	17	14	25	18	25	1

AI3. Over the next 10 years, do you think that the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the U.S. will be...?

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	18	39	8	10	35	18	21	8
Democrat	643	15	41	5	11	35	19	22	8
Independent	157	11	46	5	6	33	20	26	10
Republican	515	22	36	11	11	34	17	19	7
Non-user	253	9	54	2	6	22	20	34	15
Light user	583	14	40	4	10	39	19	21	7
Heavy user	483	29	29	16	13	37	16	13	5
18-29	213	11	47	4	6	34	17	30	9
30-49	521	21	42	10	12	30	15	27	6
50-64	292	14	40	6	8	39	26	15	7
65+	289	21	30	8	13	37	16	14	12

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	17	42	7	11	32	20	22	9
Democrat	654	13	45	5	9	32	21	24	10
Independent	162	19	42	10	9	29	14	27	11
Republican	510	21	38	7	13	33	20	18	8
Non-user	195	11	46	5	7	20	11	35	23
Light user	585	15	47	4	11	31	25	23	8
Heavy user	546	23	34	11	12	38	18	16	5
18-29	222	9	53	7	3	30	22	31	8
30-49	523	20	47	7	13	27	21	26	5
50-64	291	16	36	5	10	36	18	18	12
65+	290	21	32	6	14	35	18	14	13

AI5. Overall, do you think the government has done (too little), (too much), or about the right amount to regulate artificial intelligence (AI)?

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	Too little	About the right amount	Too much	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	68	22	8	1
Democrat	643	80	12	8	1
Independent	157	61	30	10	0
Republican	515	58	31	9	3
Non-user	253	71	15	13	2
Light user	583	70	21	8	1
Heavy user	483	63	29	6	2
18-29	213	74	18	9	0
30-49	521	64	24	12	1
50-64	292	67	25	5	3
65+	289	70	22	6	2

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	Too little	About the right amount	Too much	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	65	26	8	1
Democrat	654	77	13	9	*
Independent	162	61	31	8	*
Republican	510	53	38	7	1
Non-user	195	67	18	14	1
Light user	585	70	21	8	1
Heavy user	546	60	34	5	*
18-29	222	70	20	10	0
30-49	523	57	30	12	*
50-64	291	65	27	6	1
65+	290	73	23	3	1

AI7. Overall, would you (oppose) or (support) the construction of new data centers in your area?

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	NET Sup.	NET Opp.	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	14	61	5	9	25	16	44	0
Democrat	643	10	69	4	6	21	16	54	0
Independent	157	14	53	5	9	33	12	41	0
Republican	515	19	54	6	13	27	18	36	0
Non-user	253	11	64	5	7	25	13	51	0
Light user	583	14	60	4	10	26	16	44	0
Heavy user	483	17	60	7	10	23	19	41	0
18-29	213	8	70	2	5	22	16	55	0
30-49	521	14	60	6	8	25	15	45	0
50-64	292	17	58	6	11	25	16	42	0
65+	289	17	57	6	11	26	19	38	0

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Sup.	NET Opp.	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	21	49	7	15	30	18	31	0
Democrat	654	16	57	3	13	27	19	37	0
Independent	162	19	51	11	8	30	20	31	0
Republican	510	28	39	10	18	33	15	24	0
Non-user	195	18	53	6	12	29	20	33	0
Light user	585	19	48	4	14	33	15	34	0
Heavy user	546	26	48	11	16	26	21	27	0
18-29	222	10	58	3	7	33	14	44	0
30-49	523	19	52	8	11	29	17	35	0
50-64	291	23	45	7	15	32	20	25	0
65+	290	33	41	8	25	26	19	22	0

AI4_H. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - Employment and jobs

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	12	58	4	8	23	26	32	7
Democrat	643	7	66	3	4	20	29	37	7
Independent	157	13	57	7	6	20	22	35	10
Republican	515	16	50	4	12	28	24	26	6
Non-user	253	7	58	3	4	21	16	41	14
Light user	583	10	59	3	8	25	27	32	5
Heavy user	483	16	57	6	10	22	31	26	5
18-29	213	6	69	3	4	20	27	41	5
30-49	521	12	57	5	8	24	20	37	7
50-64	292	14	60	4	10	22	31	29	4
65+	289	13	50	4	9	26	28	22	12

AI4_I. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - Environmental protection and sustainability

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	15	48	3	12	22	17	31	15
Democrat	643	12	58	2	10	17	18	40	13
Independent	157	19	50	3	16	15	19	31	16
Republican	515	17	37	3	14	29	16	22	16
Non-user	253	8	54	2	6	18	16	37	21
Light user	583	14	47	1	13	25	17	31	14
Heavy user	483	21	46	6	15	21	18	28	12
18-29	213	13	67	4	9	15	18	49	5
30-49	521	16	53	3	12	21	15	38	11
50-64	292	13	41	3	11	27	17	24	19
65+	289	18	35	2	16	24	18	16	23

AI4_J. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - Education and skill-development

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	29	40	10	18	25	15	25	7
Democrat	643	26	46	8	18	21	17	28	7
Independent	157	26	41	11	15	22	13	27	11
Republican	515	31	33	12	19	29	13	20	6
Non-user	253	14	49	5	9	22	15	34	15
Light user	583	23	42	6	17	28	16	26	6
Heavy user	483	44	31	19	26	22	14	17	3
18-29	213	21	51	8	12	22	15	36	6
30-49	521	30	44	12	19	20	13	31	5
50-64	292	29	37	9	20	31	16	20	3
65+	289	31	29	10	20	27	16	13	13

AI4_K. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - The accuracy of news and information online

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	12	51	4	8	27	24	28	9
Democrat	643	9	57	2	7	25	23	34	8
Independent	157	15	52	8	7	22	29	24	11
Republican	515	15	45	5	10	30	22	23	10
Non-user	253	7	57	3	4	23	19	38	14
Light user	583	10	50	3	7	32	26	24	8
Heavy user	483	19	49	7	13	24	23	26	8
18-29	213	10	63	5	5	22	24	39	5
30-49	521	14	52	5	10	25	20	32	9
50-64	292	10	51	3	7	30	27	25	8
65+	289	13	43	3	10	30	26	17	14

AI4_L. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - Personal privacy and data security

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	6	69	2	4	17	24	45	8
Democrat	643	5	74	1	4	13	24	49	8
Independent	157	6	68	3	3	18	21	47	8
Republican	515	7	65	3	4	21	26	39	7
Non-user	253	6	68	3	3	13	17	51	13
Light user	583	6	69	2	4	18	24	46	6
Heavy user	483	7	69	3	5	18	30	39	6
18-29	213	6	72	3	3	17	17	55	5
30-49	521	6	72	2	4	14	25	47	8
50-64	292	7	68	3	4	18	25	43	7
65+	289	6	64	1	4	20	29	36	10

AI4_M. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - Children's safety online

Jun.-Jul. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Jun.-Jul. 2026	1320	11	61	4	7	16	21	40	12
Democrat	643	7	66	3	5	15	21	45	12
Independent	157	13	56	7	6	19	18	38	12
Republican	515	14	57	4	10	17	23	34	12
Non-user	253	9	66	4	4	11	15	51	15
Light user	583	10	63	3	7	16	22	41	10
Heavy user	483	13	55	5	8	21	24	30	12
18-29	213	4	66	2	2	20	17	49	11
30-49	521	12	60	4	8	19	20	40	9
50-64	292	13	63	5	8	13	23	40	12
65+	289	12	57	3	9	15	24	33	16

Items Asked Only in February–March 2026

These AI items were fielded in the previous wave and not repeated in June–July 2026. They are included so this report is a complete record of the AI battery across both waves. The seven impact areas below combine with the six asked in June–July to form the 13-area table at the end of this report.

AI4_A. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - The economy

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	19	38	5	14	26	22	16	17
Democrat	654	13	45	4	9	25	25	20	17
Independent	162	21	34	6	15	20	15	19	25
Republican	510	25	30	6	19	29	20	10	16
Non-user	195	8	44	5	2	21	20	24	28
Light user	585	15	39	2	13	28	23	16	18
Heavy user	546	28	34	9	19	25	20	13	13
18-29	222	16	45	3	13	22	20	26	16
30-49	523	18	44	5	13	26	23	20	13
50-64	291	21	32	8	13	29	23	10	17
65+	290	21	29	5	16	25	20	10	25

AI4_B. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - Medical research and discoveries

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	57	16	28	29	18	8	8	10
Democrat	654	57	17	24	33	17	8	9	9
Independent	162	53	17	25	28	14	7	11	16
Republican	510	57	13	33	25	20	9	4	9
Non-user	195	31	27	14	17	19	11	16	23
Light user	585	52	17	21	31	22	9	8	9
Heavy user	546	72	10	41	31	13	6	4	5
18-29	222	43	25	23	20	19	13	12	13
30-49	523	55	19	27	28	19	9	9	8
50-64	291	63	12	28	35	16	7	5	9
65+	290	63	9	32	31	17	5	4	11

AI4_C. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - Household utility costs

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	14	38	4	10	22	16	22	26
Democrat	654	11	45	3	8	18	15	29	26
Independent	162	18	35	9	9	15	12	23	31
Republican	510	15	31	2	13	29	18	13	25
Non-user	195	8	34	5	3	18	7	27	40
Light user	585	12	39	2	10	24	17	22	26
Heavy user	546	18	38	5	13	23	19	19	21
18-29	222	10	53	3	7	13	21	32	24
30-49	523	12	43	5	8	25	16	28	19
50-64	291	16	31	3	13	24	16	15	29
65+	290	16	25	3	12	24	13	12	35

AI4_D. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - U.S. competition with China

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	5	43	2	3	22	23	20	30
Democrat	654	5	47	3	2	19	23	24	30
Independent	162	7	36	4	3	22	18	18	35
Republican	510	4	40	1	3	26	25	16	29
Non-user	195	5	37	3	3	17	14	24	40
Light user	585	4	43	2	2	24	24	18	30
Heavy user	546	7	45	3	4	22	25	20	27
18-29	222	6	45	4	2	16	21	24	33
30-49	523	5	44	2	3	25	22	22	25
50-64	291	4	45	2	2	21	26	19	31
65+	290	5	36	1	3	23	22	15	36

AI4_E. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - Mental health and well-being

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	17	48	4	13	21	23	25	14
Democrat	654	15	52	3	12	21	22	29	12
Independent	162	20	38	7	13	18	17	21	23
Republican	510	17	46	4	13	24	25	22	13
Non-user	195	9	47	2	7	20	14	33	24
Light user	585	14	50	3	11	22	25	25	13
Heavy user	546	23	45	6	17	21	24	22	11
18-29	222	16	53	4	12	16	16	37	14
30-49	523	17	55	5	12	20	23	32	8
50-64	291	16	40	3	12	26	26	14	17
65+	290	18	41	3	14	22	23	17	20

AI4_F. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - The creative arts

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	22	43	7	15	24	19	25	10
Democrat	654	18	49	5	13	22	18	31	11
Independent	162	26	36	11	15	26	14	22	12
Republican	510	25	40	8	17	26	22	18	9
Non-user	195	17	41	8	9	22	13	28	20
Light user	585	18	46	5	13	26	22	25	10
Heavy user	546	29	41	10	19	24	18	23	6
18-29	222	14	53	4	10	19	16	37	14
30-49	523	22	50	8	14	23	21	29	6
50-64	291	24	38	9	16	29	18	20	8
65+	290	26	32	6	20	26	19	13	16

AI4_G. Over the next 10 years, what type of impact do you think artificial intelligence (AI) will have on each of the following? - The effectiveness of government services

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Pos.	NET Neg.	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equal	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	24	31	5	18	28	15	16	17
Democrat	654	18	37	3	15	27	17	20	18
Independent	162	20	25	6	14	26	8	16	29
Republican	510	31	26	8	23	31	15	10	12
Non-user	195	12	40	4	8	17	9	30	31
Light user	585	17	33	3	15	32	19	15	18
Heavy user	546	36	24	10	26	29	13	11	11
18-29	222	20	36	3	17	32	15	21	12
30-49	523	23	39	6	17	25	20	18	13
50-64	291	27	23	7	20	28	11	12	22
65+	290	24	22	4	19	30	12	11	24

AI6. Overall, do you think (the federal government) or (state governments) should take the lead on regulating artificial intelligence (AI)?

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	The federal government	State governments	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	52	15	33
Democrat	654	57	15	28
Independent	162	45	17	38
Republican	510	47	15	37
Non-user	195	38	20	42
Light user	585	52	14	34
Heavy user	546	57	15	28
18-29	222	50	15	36
30-49	523	52	17	30
50-64	291	48	15	36
65+	290	56	13	31

AI8. How worried are you that you could lose your job or see your hours reduced due to artificial intelligence (AI)?

Feb.-Mar. 2026

Group	N	NET Worried	NET Not	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	Not working	Not sure
Feb.-Mar. 2026	1330	29	41	10	18	21	19	30	*
Democrat	654	35	38	13	22	24	14	27	*
Independent	162	30	32	14	16	17	15	38	0
Republican	510	21	47	6	15	20	27	31	0
Non-user	195	26	31	13	13	17	14	43	0
Light user	585	27	43	9	18	24	19	29	*
Heavy user	546	31	42	11	20	20	22	26	*
18-29	222	29	58	10	19	31	26	13	0
30-49	523	44	48	18	26	26	22	8	*
50-64	291	28	42	6	22	22	20	30	0
65+	290	8	18	5	3	8	11	73	*

Change Since the Previous Wave

Two ways of measuring the same four-month change. **Wave-to-wave** compares each survey's full weighted sample; this is the comparison reported in the press release. Its significance test uses the independent-samples standard error, which is conservative here because most respondents appear in both waves and their answers are positively correlated. **Within-person** uses only the 1,241 respondents interviewed in both waves and reports the weighted mean change in each individual's own answer; it is reported as a robustness check. For either column, a confidence interval that excludes zero indicates a statistically significant shift.

Item	Feb.-Mar.	Jun.-Jul.	Wave diff	Wave 95% CI	Person diff	Person 95% CI	N
Oppose new data centers in their area	48.9	60.6	+11.8	+6.9, +16.6	+12.5	+9.0, +16.1	1241
Support new data centers in their area	21.3	14.4	-6.9	-10.8, -3.1	-7.1	-10.1, -4.0	1241
Govt. has done too little to regulate AI	65.4	67.9	+2.5	-2.1, +7.2	+3.4	-0.3, +7.1	1241
Govt. has done too much to regulate AI	8.2	8.3	+0.1	-2.8, +2.9	-0.6	-3.1, +1.9	1241
AI's impact on the U.S. will be negative	41.9	39.5	-2.4	-7.2, +2.4	-1.4	-5.1, +2.3	1241

Test-retest stability. Weighted correlations between each respondent's answers in the two waves, among panelists. Higher values indicate more stable attitudes.

Item	Correlation (r)	N
AI1 - How much heard about AI	0.56	1240
AI2 - Frequency of AI use	0.66	1237
AI3 - Expected impact on the U.S.	0.64	1089
AI7 - New data centers in their area	0.55	1241

Expected Impact of AI, 13 Areas

Percentages are DK-inclusive. **Net** is the percentage expecting a somewhat or very positive impact minus the percentage expecting a somewhat or very negative impact. Six areas were asked in June–July 2026 (N = 1,320); the other seven were asked in February–March 2026 (N = 1,330). Areas are not all measured in the same wave and should not be read as a single-wave ranking.

Area	Wave	% Positive	% Negative	Net	N
Medical research and discoveries	Feb.-Mar. 2026	56.6	15.8	+40.8	1330
The effectiveness of government services	Feb.-Mar. 2026	23.6	30.6	-7.0	1330
Education and skill-development	Jun.-Jul. 2026	28.5	39.8	-11.3	1320
The economy	Feb.-Mar. 2026	19.1	37.7	-18.6	1330
The creative arts	Feb.-Mar. 2026	22.0	43.3	-21.4	1330
Household utility costs	Feb.-Mar. 2026	13.6	37.7	-24.0	1330
Mental health and well-being	Feb.-Mar. 2026	16.8	47.6	-30.8	1330
Environmental protection and sustainability	Jun.-Jul. 2026	15.2	48.1	-32.9	1320
U.S. competition with China	Feb.-Mar. 2026	4.9	42.6	-37.7	1330
The accuracy of news and information online	Jun.-Jul. 2026	12.4	51.4	-39.0	1320
Employment and jobs	Jun.-Jul. 2026	11.6	58.0	-46.5	1320
Children’s safety online	Jun.-Jul. 2026	10.8	60.9	-50.1	1320
Personal privacy and data security	Jun.-Jul. 2026	6.4	69.1	-62.8	1320

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