

# Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania

## ASAPH W28 Compare Perceptions of Scientists Working on Vaccines to other Scientists Items

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### 1 Overview

These studies were conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania via web and telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted among a nationally representative probability sample drawn from SSRS's Opinion panel. Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. Summaries of the sample size, field dates, and estimated design effects (Deff) of the particular waves can be found in the table below.

ASAPH panelists are quarantined from other survey panel membership to avoid being affected by the content of other surveys. Data used in Wave 11, however, contains 19 respondents who self-reported membership in other opinion panels. Diagnostics revealed no significant differences in the responses of these 19 panelists and the results presented in this report are unaffected by their exclusion.

Wave	n	MOE	Deff	Fielded	Closed	Survey	RR	N
a-1	1941	2.9	1.76	2021-03-30	2021-04-19	ASAPH 1	56%	3480
b-2	1719	3.2	1.83	2021-06-09	2021-06-22	ASAPH 2	89%	1941
c-3	1669	3.2	1.83	2021-08-16	2021-09-05	ASAPH 3	86%	1940
d-4	1672	3.3	1.86	2021-11-03	2021-11-09	ASAPH 4	86%	1940
e-5	1656	3.3	1.86	2022-01-11	2022-01-17	ASAPH 5	85%	1937
f-6	1638	3.3	1.87	2022-03-29	2022-04-04	ASAPH 6	85%	1932
g-7	1580	3.2	1.82	2022-07-12	2022-07-18	ASAPH 7	82%	1928
h-8	1584	3.4	1.86	2022-08-02	2022-08-08	CIVICS 1	83%	1907
i-9	1621	3.3	1.87	2022-08-16	2022-08-23	ASAPH 8	85%	1907
j-10	1646	3.2	1.80	2022-10-11	2022-10-18	ASAPH 9	86%	1905
k-11	1641	3.2	1.77	2023-01-10	2023-01-16	ASAPH 10	82%	2029
l-12	1638	3.2	1.75	2023-02-22	2023-02-28	ASK 2023	81%	2025
m-13	1622	3.2	1.76	2023-03-23	2023-03-29	BINGE	80%	2024
n-14	1586	3.3	1.83	2023-05-31	2023-06-06	ASAPH 11	79%	1997
o-15	1482	3.5	1.88	2023-08-09	2023-08-15	ASAPH 12	75%	1979
p-16	1559	3.4	1.91	2023-10-05	2023-10-12	ASAPH 13	79%	1976
q-17	1538	3.3	1.73	2023-11-14	2023-11-20	CLIMATE	78%	1975
r-18	1555	3.4	1.89	2024-02-06	2024-02-12	ASK 2024	79%	1963
s-19	1522	3.5	1.89	2024-04-18	2024-04-25	ASAPH 19	78%	1962
t-20	1496	3.6	1.96	2024-07-11	2024-07-18	ASAPH 20	76%	1961
u-21	1744 *	3.5	2.26	2024-09-13	2024-09-30	ASAPH 21	67%	2616
v-22	1771	3.3	2.02	2024-11-14	2024-11-24	ASAPH 22	68%	2589
w-23	1716	3.4	2.02	2025-01-30	2025-02-10	ASAPH 23	67%	2578
x-24	1653	3.4	2.04	2025-04-15	2025-04-28	ASAPH 24	64%	2568
y-25	1699	3.5	2.13	2025-08-05	2025-08-18	ASAPH 25	67%	2550
z-26	1637	3.5	2.05	2025-11-17	2025-12-01	ASAPH 26	65%	2529
A-27	1604	3.5	2.03	2025-12-08	2025-12-22	ASAPH 27	64%	2509
B-28	1650	3.5	2.05	2026-02-03	2026-02-17	ASAPH 28	66%	2498

\* To account for attrition, a small replenishment sample was recruited prior to W21 using a random probability sampling design. This replenishment added 360 respondents to the sample.

## 2 Topline

The remaining portion of this document provides the topline results reported in the release. All figures are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add to 100%. Combined subcategories may not add to totals in topline and text due to rounding. A lowercase e stands in for values that round to 0, but are not exactly 0. Aggregated NET categories are highlighted in grey. Superscript letters indicate statistically significant differences with the corresponding wave.

### PEWTRUSTM.

How much, if at all, do you trust scientists working on vaccines to act in the best interest of people like you?

Wave	N	NET		A little	NET		A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal	Not sure	Refused
		Not at all A little	Not at all		A moderate amount or more	A moderate amount					
(B) 02/17/26	1650	31	14	18	69	31	21	17	0	e	

### PEWTRUSTH.

How much, if at all, do you trust medical scientists to act in the best interest of people like you?

Wave	N	NET		A little	NET		A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal	Not sure	Refused
		Not at all A little	Not at all		A moderate amount or more	A moderate amount					
(B) 02/17/26	1650	28 <sup>f</sup>	9 <sup>f</sup>	19	72 <sup>f</sup>	35	23	14	0	e	
(w) 02/10/25	1716	27 <sup>f</sup>	8	19	73 <sup>f</sup>	35	25	13	0	0	
(r) 02/12/24	1555	23 <sup>wB</sup>	6 <sup>B</sup>	17	77 <sup>wB</sup>	36	27	14	0	0	

### PEWTRUSTI.

How much, if at all, do you trust scientists to act in the best interest of people like you?

Wave	N	NET		A little	NET		A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal	Not sure	Refused
		Not at all A little	Not at all		A moderate amount or more	A moderate amount					
(B) 02/17/26	1650	30	11 <sup>f</sup>	20	70	38	20 <sup>f</sup>	13	0	0	
(w) 02/10/25	1716	30	9	21	70	36	23	12	0	e	
(r) 02/12/24	1555	28	6 <sup>B</sup>	22	72	36	24 <sup>B</sup>	12	0	0	

**PEWTRUSTJ.**

PEWTRUSTJ. For each of the following groups, please tell me how much, if at all, you trust them to act in the best interest of people like you. – Police officers

Wave	N	NET			NET		A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal	Not sure	Refused
		Not at all A little	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount or more	A moderate amount					
(w) 02/10/25	1716	30	12	18	70	34	25	11	0	0	
(r) 02/12/24	1555	27	9	18	73	37	25	11	0	0	

**PEWTRUSTC.**

PEWTRUSTC. For each of the following groups, please tell me how much, if at all, you trust them to act in the best interest of people like you. – The military

Wave	N	NET			NET		A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal	Not sure	Refused
		Not at all A little	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount or more	A moderate amount					
(w) 02/10/25	1716	30	11	19	70	34	23	13	0	0	

**PEWTRUSTB.**

PEWTRUSTB. For each of the following groups, please tell me how much, if at all, you trust them to act in the best interest of people like you. – Journalists

Wave	N	NET			NET		A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal	Not sure	Refused
		Not at all A little	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount or more	A moderate amount					
(w) 02/10/25	1716	51	24	27	49	33	12	4	0	e	
(r) 02/12/24	1555	48	22	26	52	36	12	4	0	e	

**PEWTRUSTF.**

PEWTRUSTF. For each of the following groups, please tell me how much, if at all, you trust them to act in the best interest of people like you. – Religious leaders

Wave	N	NET			NET		A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal	Not sure	Refused
		Not at all A little	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount or more	A moderate amount					
(w) 02/10/25	1716	53	24	29 <sup>f</sup>	47	30	13	4 <sup>f</sup>	0	e	
(r) 02/12/24	1555	50	27	23 <sup>w</sup>	50	33	11	6 <sup>w</sup>	0	0	

## PEWTRUSTL.

PEWTRUSTL. For each of the following groups, please tell me how much, if at all, you trust them to act in the best interest of people like you. – Elected officials

Wave	N	NET			NET		A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal	Not sure	Refused
		Not at all A little	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount or more	A moderate amount					
(w) 02/10/25	1716	64	24	40	36	31	3	2	0	0	

## PEWTRUSTG.

PEWTRUSTG. For each of the following groups, please tell me how much, if at all, you trust them to act in the best interest of people like you. – Business leaders

Wave	N	NET			NET		A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal	Not sure	Refused
		Not at all A little	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount or more	A moderate amount					
(w) 02/10/25	1716	69 <sup>r</sup>	35 <sup>r</sup>	34	30 <sup>r</sup>	25 <sup>r</sup>	4	1	e	e	
(r) 02/12/24	1555	63 <sup>w</sup>	30 <sup>w</sup>	33	37 <sup>w</sup>	32 <sup>w</sup>	4	1	0	0	

## TS4.

How much, if at all, do you trust scientists working on vaccines in this country to be open and honest about who is paying for their work?

Wave	N	NET			NET		Some	A lot	Not sure	Refused
		Don't Trust	Not at all	Not much	Trust	Trust				
(B) 02/17/26	1650	45	14	31	55	39	16	0	0	

## TS2.

How much, if at all, do you trust medical scientists in the U.S. to be open and honest about who is paying for their work?

Wave	N	NET			NET		Some	A lot	Not sure	Refused
		Don't Trust	Not at all	Not much	Trust	Trust				
(B) 02/17/26	1650	43	13	31 <sup>w</sup>	57	43	14	0	e	
(w) 02/10/25	1716	47	11	36 <sup>B</sup>	53	41	12	0	e	
(r) 02/12/24	1555	45	12	33	55	43	12	0	0	

### BIAS1I.

Just your best guess, how often do the human and political biases of each of the following groups affect their work? – Scientists working on vaccines

Wave	N	1 – Rarely	2	3	4	5 – Often	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	12	18	38	19	14	0	0

### BIAS1E.

Just your best guess, how often do the human and political biases of each of the following groups affect their work? – Medical scientists

Wave	N	1 – Rarely	2	3	4	5 – Often	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	12	17	43	18	10	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	1716	10	20	39	20	11	0	e
(r) 02/12/24	1555	10	19	40	21	11	0	e

### BIAS1F.

Just your best guess, how often do the human and political biases of each of the following groups affect their work? – Scientists

Wave	N	1 – Rarely	2	3	4	5 – Often	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	11	16	47 <sup>f</sup>	16 <sup>f</sup>	10	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	1716	9	18	43	20	11	0	e
(r) 02/12/24	1555	9	17	42 <sup>B</sup>	21 <sup>B</sup>	11	0	0

- Beneficial, Factor Assessing Science’s Self-presentation (FASS) Model

### CLM9G.

For each of the following statements about the science of vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientific findings produced by U.S. scientists working on vaccines in the past decade have benefited the country as a whole

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	13	7	7	63	31	31	24	0	0

### CLM9B.

For each of the following statements about science, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientific findings produced by U.S. scientists in the past decade have benefited the country as a whole

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	9	4	6	64 <sup>l</sup>	37	27 <sup>lv</sup>	27 <sup>l</sup>	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	859	12 <sup>l</sup>	4	8	59 <sup>lv</sup>	35	24 <sup>lv</sup>	28 <sup>l</sup>	0	e
(v) 11/24/24	870	9	3	6	68 <sup>lv</sup>	33	35 <sup>rwB</sup>	23 <sup>l</sup>	0	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	10	3	7	64 <sup>l</sup>	40	25 <sup>lv</sup>	25 <sup>l</sup>	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	771	10	4	6	68 <sup>lv</sup>	37	30 <sup>lv</sup>	23 <sup>l</sup>	0	0
(l) 02/28/23	1638	8 <sup>w</sup>	3	6	75 <sup>qrwB</sup>	38	37 <sup>qrwB</sup>	16 <sup>qrwB</sup>	e	0

### CLM10G.

For each of the following statements about the science of vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientific findings produced by U.S. scientists working on vaccines in the past decade have benefited people like me

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	15	6	8	61	29	32	25	0	e

### CLM10B.

For each of the following statements about science, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientific findings produced by U.S. scientists in the past decade have benefited people like me

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	11	4	7	62 <sup>l</sup>	34	28 <sup>l</sup>	27	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	859	12 <sup>l</sup>	4	9 <sup>l</sup>	61 <sup>l</sup>	34	26 <sup>l</sup>	27	0	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	11	5 <sup>l</sup>	5	66 <sup>r</sup>	34	32 <sup>r</sup>	23 <sup>r</sup>	0	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	12 <sup>l</sup>	5	8	58 <sup>lv</sup>	35	23 <sup>lv</sup>	29 <sup>lv</sup>	0	e
(q) 11/20/23	771	12 <sup>l</sup>	4	7	62 <sup>l</sup>	31	31 <sup>r</sup>	26	0	0
(l) 02/28/23	1638	8 <sup>qrw</sup>	3 <sup>v</sup>	5 <sup>w</sup>	68 <sup>qrwB</sup>	35	33 <sup>rwB</sup>	24 <sup>r</sup>	0	0

## 2. Credible, Factor Assessing Science’s Self-presentation (FASS) Model

### CLM2G.

For each of the following statements about scientists working on vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists working on vaccines are competent

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	9	4	4	66	39	28	25	0	0

### CLM2B.

For each of the following statements about scientists, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists are competent

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	5	2	3	67 <sup>l</sup>	43 <sup>v</sup>	24 <sup>lqv</sup>	28 <sup>l</sup>	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	859	8	3	6	66 <sup>lq</sup>	42 <sup>v</sup>	23 <sup>lqv</sup>	26 <sup>l</sup>	e	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	8	3	5	69 <sup>l</sup>	35 <sup>lrwB</sup>	34 <sup>rwB</sup>	23 <sup>l</sup>	0	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	6	2	4	68 <sup>l</sup>	46 <sup>v</sup>	22 <sup>lqv</sup>	27 <sup>l</sup>	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	771	6	2	4	72 <sup>w</sup>	41	31 <sup>rwB</sup>	22 <sup>l</sup>	0	e
(l) 02/28/23	1638	6	2	4	77 <sup>rvwB</sup>	44 <sup>v</sup>	34 <sup>rwB</sup>	17 <sup>qrwB</sup>	0	e

### CLM3G.

For each of the following statements about scientists working on vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists working on vaccines are trustworthy

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	18	6	11	54	36	17	29	0	0

### CLM3B.

For each of the following statements about scientists, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists are trustworthy

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	11 <sup>vw</sup>	4 <sup>l</sup>	7 <sup>rvw</sup>	55 <sup>lq</sup>	42	13 <sup>lqv</sup>	34 <sup>lqv</sup>	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	859	17 <sup>lqB</sup>	4	14 <sup>lqB</sup>	52 <sup>lqv</sup>	38	14 <sup>lqv</sup>	31 <sup>lqv</sup>	0	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	17 <sup>lB</sup>	5 <sup>l</sup>	12 <sup>lB</sup>	59 <sup>lw</sup>	38	21 <sup>rwB</sup>	24 <sup>rwB</sup>	0	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	15 <sup>l</sup>	3	12 <sup>lB</sup>	55 <sup>lq</sup>	42	14 <sup>lqv</sup>	30 <sup>lv</sup>	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	771	12 <sup>w</sup>	4	8 <sup>w</sup>	63 <sup>rwB</sup>	43	20 <sup>rwB</sup>	24 <sup>wB</sup>	0	e
(l) 02/28/23	1638	10 <sup>rvw</sup>	2 <sup>vB</sup>	8 <sup>rvw</sup>	67 <sup>rvwB</sup>	43	24 <sup>rwB</sup>	23 <sup>rwB</sup>	0	0

### CLM4G.

For each of the following statements about scientists working on vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists working on vaccines share my values

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	22	10	12	33	22	11	45	0	0

### CLM4B.

For each of the following statements about scientists, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists share my values

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	18	7 <sup>l</sup>	11	34 <sup>l</sup>	26	8 <sup>qv</sup>	48	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	859	24 <sup>qv</sup>	8 <sup>l</sup>	16 <sup>q</sup>	31 <sup>qv</sup>	24	7 <sup>qv</sup>	45	0	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	18 <sup>w</sup>	6	11	39 <sup>rw</sup>	26	14 <sup>rwB</sup>	43	e	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	21 <sup>l</sup>	7 <sup>l</sup>	14	33 <sup>qv</sup>	25	8 <sup>qv</sup>	46	0	e
(q) 11/20/23	771	16 <sup>w</sup>	6	10 <sup>w</sup>	40 <sup>rw</sup>	27	13 <sup>rwB</sup>	44	0	0
(l) 02/28/23	1638	15 <sup>rw</sup>	4 <sup>rwB</sup>	11 <sup>w</sup>	40 <sup>rwB</sup>	27	13 <sup>rwB</sup>	45	0	e

### 3. Self-correcting, Factor Assessing Science's Self-presentation (FASS) Model

### CLM12G.

For each of the following scenarios about scientists working on vaccines, please indicate how often it occurs in science – Just your best guess, when there are mistakes in vaccine research, how often are they caught by the peer-review process...?

Wave	N	1 – Rarely	2	3	4	5 – Often	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	8	10	37	29	16	0	0

### CLM12B.

For each of the following scenarios about scientists, please indicate how often it occurs in science – Just your best guess, when there are mistakes in research, how often are they caught by the peer-review process...?

Wave	N	1 – Rarely	2	3	4	5 – Often	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	6	11	42	26	15	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	859	6	13	41	27	13	e	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	7	10	42	28	12	0	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	8	12	42	27	13	0	e
(q) 11/20/23	771	5	11	42	29	13	0	0

### CLM14G.

For each of the following scenarios about scientists working on vaccines, please indicate how often it occurs in science – Just your best guess, when fraud in vaccine research is uncovered, how often do scientists working on vaccines take action...?

Wave	N	1 – Rarely	2	3	4	5 – Often	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	12	11	37	23	17	0	0

### CLM14B.

For each of the following scenarios about scientists, please indicate how often it occurs in science – Just your best guess, when fraud in research is uncovered, how often do scientists take action to prevent other researchers from engaging in the same...?

Wave	N	1 – Rarely	2	3	4	5 – Often	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	10	18 <sup>q</sup>	33 <sup>q</sup>	24	15	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	859	12	16	39	20	13	e	e
(v) 11/24/24	870	9	14	37	24	16	0	e
(r) 02/12/24	776	12	17	35	22	13	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	771	9	13 <sup>B</sup>	40 <sup>B</sup>	22	16	0	0

### CLM13G.

For each of the following scenarios about scientists working on vaccines, please indicate how often it occurs in science – Just your best guess, when scientists working on vaccines make a mistake, how often do they take responsibility for it?

Wave	N	1 – Rarely	2	3	4	5 – Often	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	16	14	37	22	10	0	e

### CLM13B.

For each of the following scenarios about scientists, please indicate how often it occurs in science – Just your best guess, when scientists make a mistake, how often do they take responsibility for it?

Wave	N	1 – Rarely	2	3	4	5 – Often	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	12 <sup>f</sup>	19	36	26	7	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	859	16	19	37	23	6	0	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	15	16 <sup>f</sup>	38	23	9	0	e
(r) 02/12/24	776	17 <sup>B</sup>	23 <sup>v</sup>	33	20	6	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	771	13	18	37	23	9	0	0

#### 4. Unbiased, Factor Assessing Science’s Self-presentation (FASS) Model

### CLM8G.

For each of the following statements about the science of vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists working on vaccines provide the public with unbiased conclusions about their area of inquiry

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	24	8	16	45	32	13	31	0	0

### CLM8B.

For each of the following statements about science, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists provide the public with unbiased conclusions about their area of inquiry

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	29 <sup>f</sup>	6	23 <sup>qr</sup>	43	33	10	27 <sup>f</sup>	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	859	28	8	20	40 <sup>q</sup>	31	9 <sup>q</sup>	32	0	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	25	7	18	45	32	13	29	0	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	23 <sup>B</sup>	6	16 <sup>B</sup>	43	35	9 <sup>q</sup>	34 <sup>B</sup>	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	771	24	7	17 <sup>B</sup>	46 <sup>w</sup>	32	14 <sup>rw</sup>	30	0	e

### CLM15G.

For each of the following statements about the science of vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – In general, when scientists working on vaccines are doing their work, they are able to overcome human and political biases

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	23	8	15	40	29	11	37	0	0

### CLM15B.

For each of the following statements about science, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – In general, when scientists are doing their work, they are able to overcome human and political biases

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	31 <sup>v</sup>	9	22 <sup>v</sup>	39	29	10	30	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	859	30 <sup>v</sup>	8	22	38 <sup>q</sup>	30	8 <sup>q</sup>	32	0	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	24 <sup>hwB</sup>	7	17 <sup>B</sup>	44	32	12 <sup>lr</sup>	32	e	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	28	10	18	38 <sup>q</sup>	31	7 <sup>qv</sup>	34	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	771	26	8	18	45 <sup>hw</sup>	32	13 <sup>hw</sup>	29	0	0
(l) 02/28/23	1638	30 <sup>v</sup>	8	22 <sup>v</sup>	39 <sup>q</sup>	32	7 <sup>qv</sup>	31	0	0

## 5. Prudent, Factor Assessing Science’s Self-presentation (FASS) Model

### CLM5G.

For each of the following statements about scientists working on vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists working on vaccines feel superior to others

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	24	11	13	30	24	6	46	0	0

### CLM5B.

For each of the following statements about scientists, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists feel superior to others

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	16	5	11	40	29	11 <sup>l</sup>	44	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	859	16	6	10	40	28	12 <sup>l</sup>	43	e	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	16	6	10	36	26	10	47	0	e
(r) 02/12/24	776	15	6	10	39	29	10	46	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	771	18	8	11	37	26	11 <sup>l</sup>	45	0	0
(l) 02/28/23	1638	19	5	13	37	30	8 <sup>qwB</sup>	44	0	0

### CLM6G.

For each of the following statements about the science of vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Science by scientists working on vaccines creates unintended consequences and replaces older problems with new ones

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	30	12	19	31	26	5	39	0	0

### CLM6B.

For each of the following statements about science, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Science creates unintended consequences and replaces older problems with new ones

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	23 <sup>v</sup>	7	15 <sup>v</sup>	40	33	7	37	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	859	24	7	18 <sup>q</sup>	42 <sup>tv</sup>	34	8 <sup>v</sup>	33 <sup>f</sup>	0	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	29 <sup>qB</sup>	9	21 <sup>qB</sup>	35 <sup>w</sup>	31	4 <sup>w</sup>	35	e	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	24	6	18 <sup>q</sup>	35 <sup>w</sup>	29	6	41 <sup>lw</sup>	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	771	23 <sup>v</sup>	10	13 <sup>invw</sup>	39	33	6	38	0	0
(l) 02/28/23	1638	27	9	18 <sup>q</sup>	39	34	6	34 <sup>f</sup>	0	0

### CLM7G.

For each of the following statements about the science of vaccines, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists working on vaccines do whatever it takes to get grants and publish, even if that means cutting corners

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	818	33	12	21	34	23	10	33	0	e

### CLM7B.

For each of the following statements about science, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with it – Scientists do whatever it takes to get grants and publish, even if that means cutting corners

Wave	N	NET Disagree	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	NET Agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	832	26	8	18	39	29	11	34	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	859	26	8	18	40	30	10	34	e	0
(v) 11/24/24	870	28	8	20	37	29	8	35	0	0
(r) 02/12/24	776	25	9	16	40	30	10	35	0	e
(q) 11/20/23	771	27	9	18	40	29	10	33	0	0
(l) 02/28/23	1638	27	7	20	42	31	11	31	0	e

#### 6. Comparing 2 Groups of Scientists on Scales of the 5 Factors Assessing Science’s Self-presentation (FASS)

Trust in science (FASS factor)	Vaccine scientist (n=818)	Scientist (n=832)
Beneficial	3.7	3.8
Credible	3.5	3.5
Self-correcting	3.2	3.2
Unbiased	3.2	3.1
Prudent**	3.0	3.2*

Note. All factors are on 1 to 5 scales.

\* Significant difference at the  $p < .05$  level.

\*\* On 4 of the 5 factors, higher scores indicate more trust. However, for prudent, lower scores indicate more trust. (Strongly disagree (1) responses on “feel superior to others”, “create unintended consequences and replace older problems with new ones”, and “do whatever it takes to get grants and publish, even if it means cutting corners” indicate the most trust in scientists.)