**Understanding how Americans think – A Pew Research Center Webquest Activity**

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Step #1: Identify key information regarding the Pew Research Center.

* What is the Pew Research Center (mission/purpose)?

* What does the Pew Research Center do?

* When was the Pew Research Center founded?

Step #2: Go to <http://www.pewresearch.org/> and complete the following investigation:

Click on “Home” and the “Datasets”

1. What are the eight main categories of polls conducted by the Pew Research Center?

Step #3: Click on the section titled “US Politics” and click on “Why Americans Don’t Fully Trust Many Who Hold Positions of Power and Responsibility.”

1. Who do US adults say are the most unethical of any category presented? The most ethical?
2. What does the article describe as the “building blocks of trust”?
3. Describe how political party affiliation affects people’s views on trust they place in people who hold positions of power and responsibility. Make sure to use at least three different data points in your description.
4. Describe how racial and ethnic differences affects people’s views on trust they place in people who hold positions of power and responsibility. Make sure to use at least three different data points in your description.

Step #4: Find a new article in the “topic” area that interests you:

1. Identify the title of the Article:

1. Identify the trends highlighted by the Pew Research Center’s analysis:
2. Copy and paste **one** graph or chart published by the Pew Research Center in this article. What major trends is it showcasing?
3. How does this article inform your opinion of the American people?
4. Is the information presented in this article surprising? Disturbing? Explain.