

# HARVARD CAPS HARRIS POLL



Field Dates: February 16-19, 2018

## SURVEY METHOD

This survey was conducted online within the United States between **February 16-19** among **1,934 registered voters** by The Harris Poll.

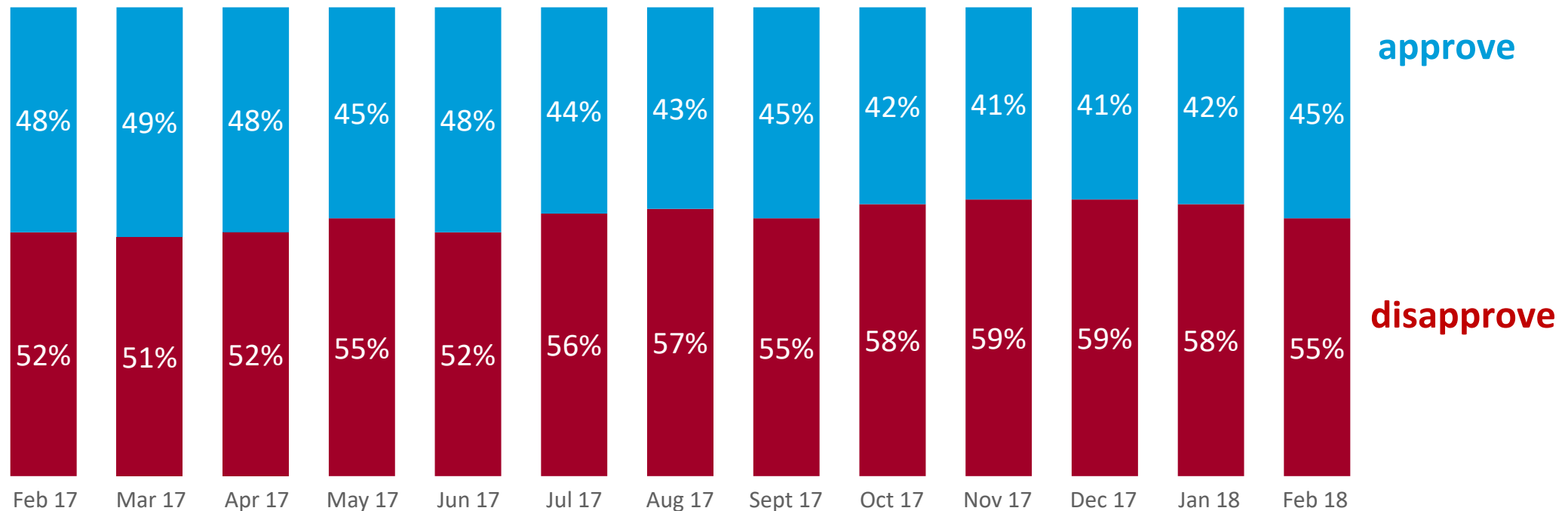
Results were weighted for age within gender, region, race/ethnicity, marital status, household size, income, employment, education, political party, and political ideology where necessary to align them with their actual proportions in the population. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online.

*Pollsters Mark Penn, Prof. Stephen Ansolabehere, and Dritan Nesho supervised the poll.*

MOOD OF COUNTRY

# AFTER HOVERING IN THE LOW 40s SINCE OCTOBER, PRESIDENT TRUMP'S JOB APPROVAL JUMPED TO 45% AFTER THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Looking at the job President Trump is doing, voters...

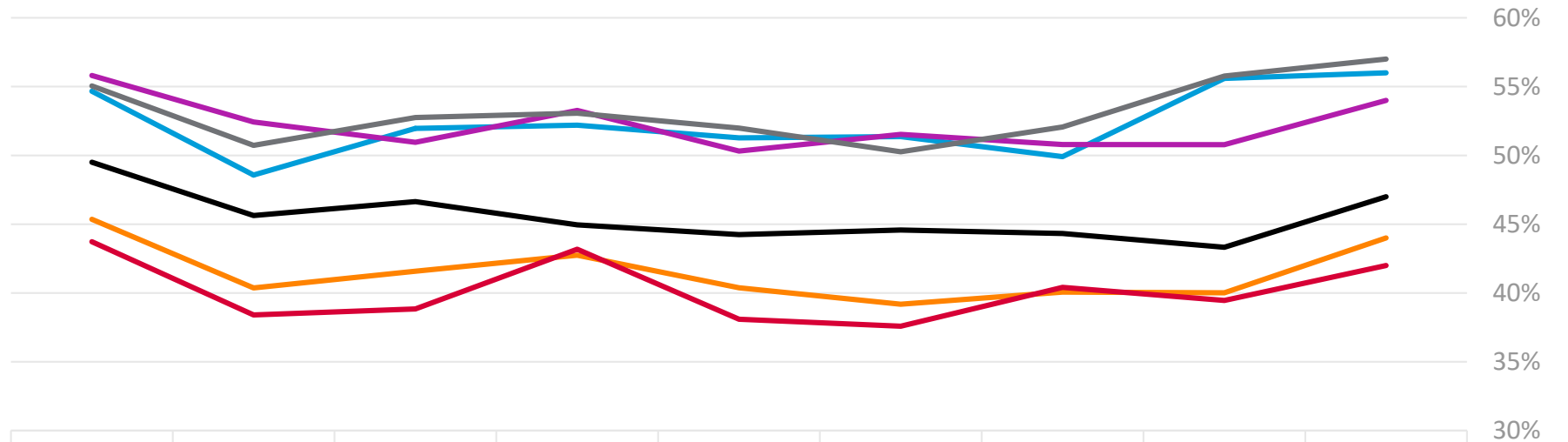


BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,934)

M3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President of the United States?

# VOTERS CREDIT TRUMP ON HIS HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY, FIGHTING TERRORISM, AND STIMULATING JOBS

Approve Trump on...  
(Strongly or Somewhat Approve)

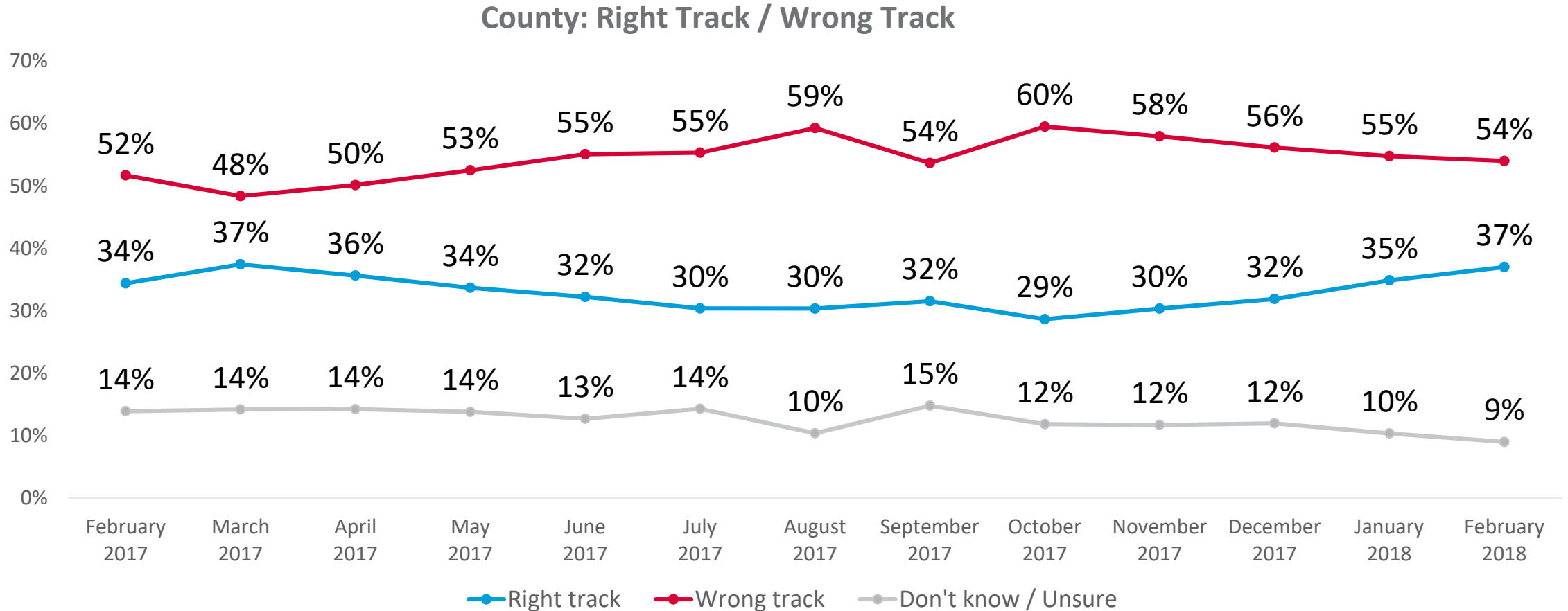


	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
— The Economy	55%	49%	52%	52%	51%	51%	50%	56%	56%
— Foreign Affairs	45%	40%	42%	43%	40%	39%	40%	40%	44%
— Fighting Terrorism	56%	52%	51%	53%	50%	52%	51%	51%	54%
— Administering the Gov't	44%	38%	39%	43%	38%	38%	40%	39%	42%
— Stimulating Jobs	55%	51%	53%	53%	52%	50%	52%	56%	57%
— Immigration	50%	46%	47%	45%	44%	45%	44%	43%	47%

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M3A Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Trump is doing on ...?

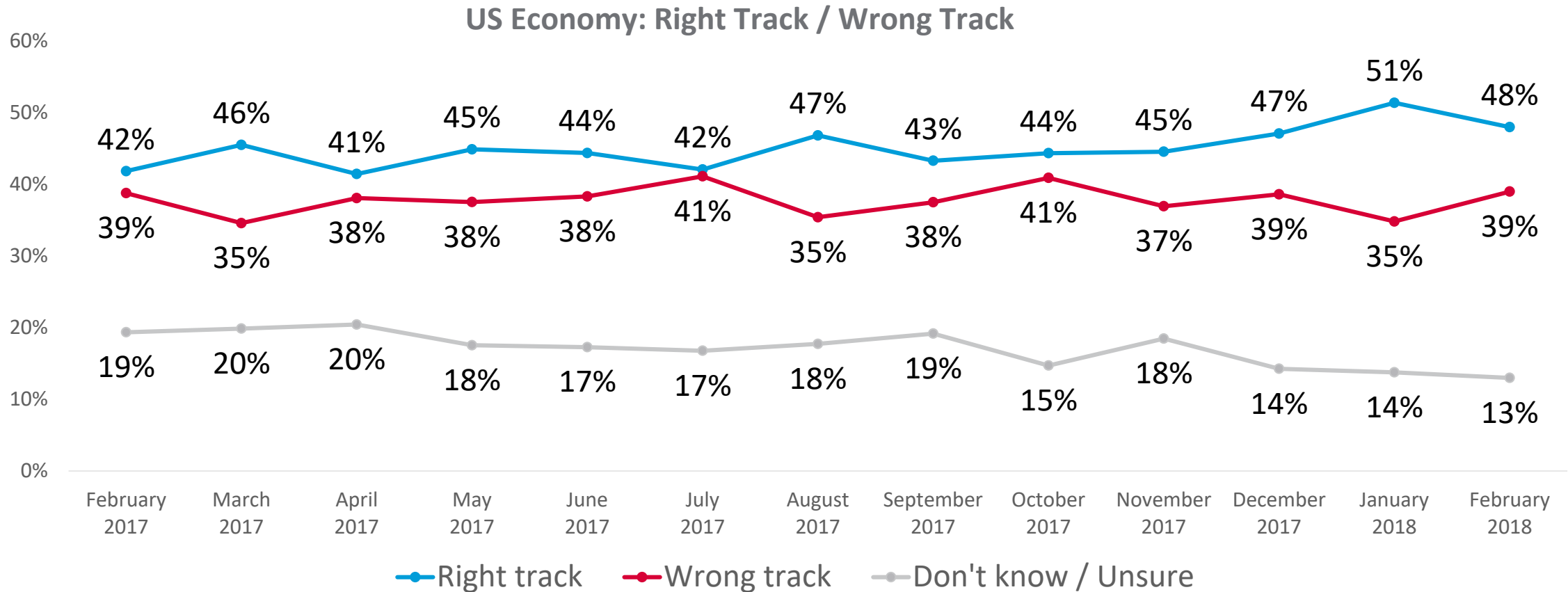
# VOTERS' IMPRESSION OF THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY HAS IMPROVED EACH MONTH SINCE OCTOBER 2017



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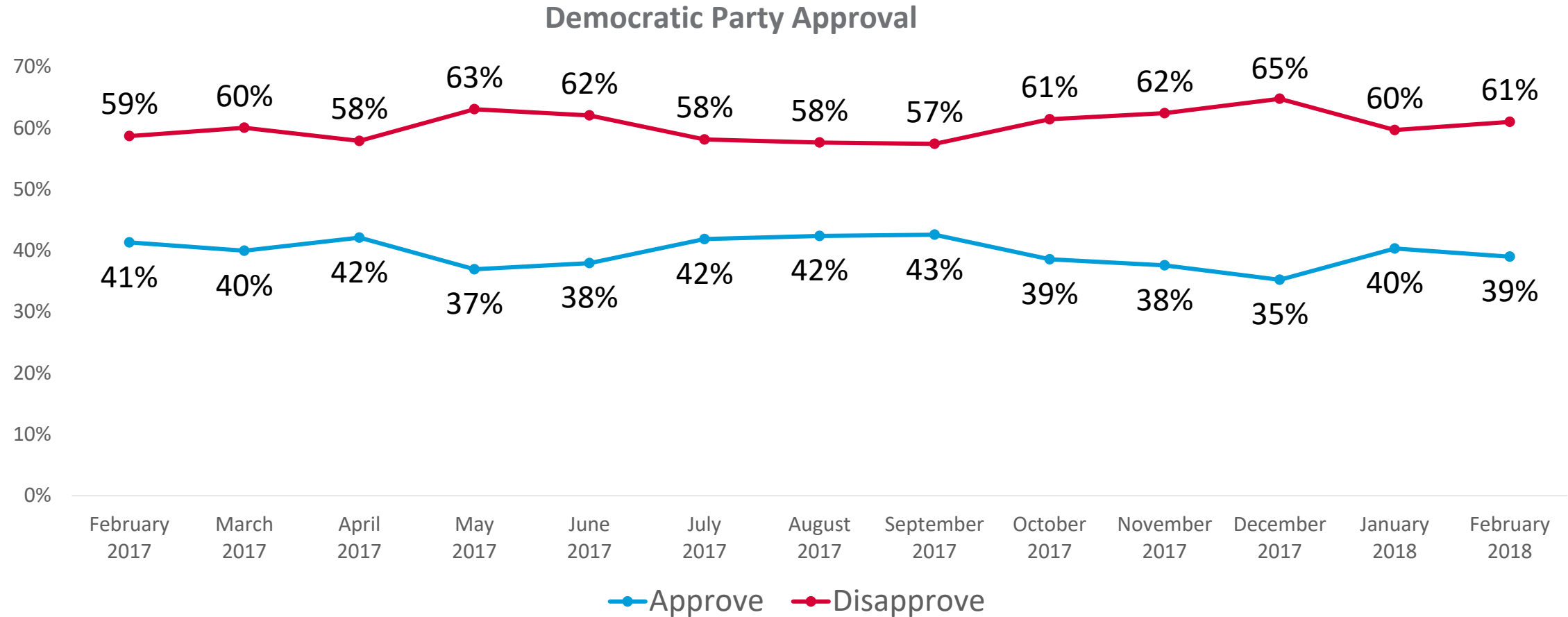
# ALMOST HALF OF VOTERS BELIEVE THE US ECONOMY IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK



BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,934)

M2 In general, do you think the American economy is on the right track or is it off on the wrong track?

# FEWER THAN FOUR IN TEN APPROVE OF THE JOB THE DEMOCRATS ARE DOING IN CONGRESS

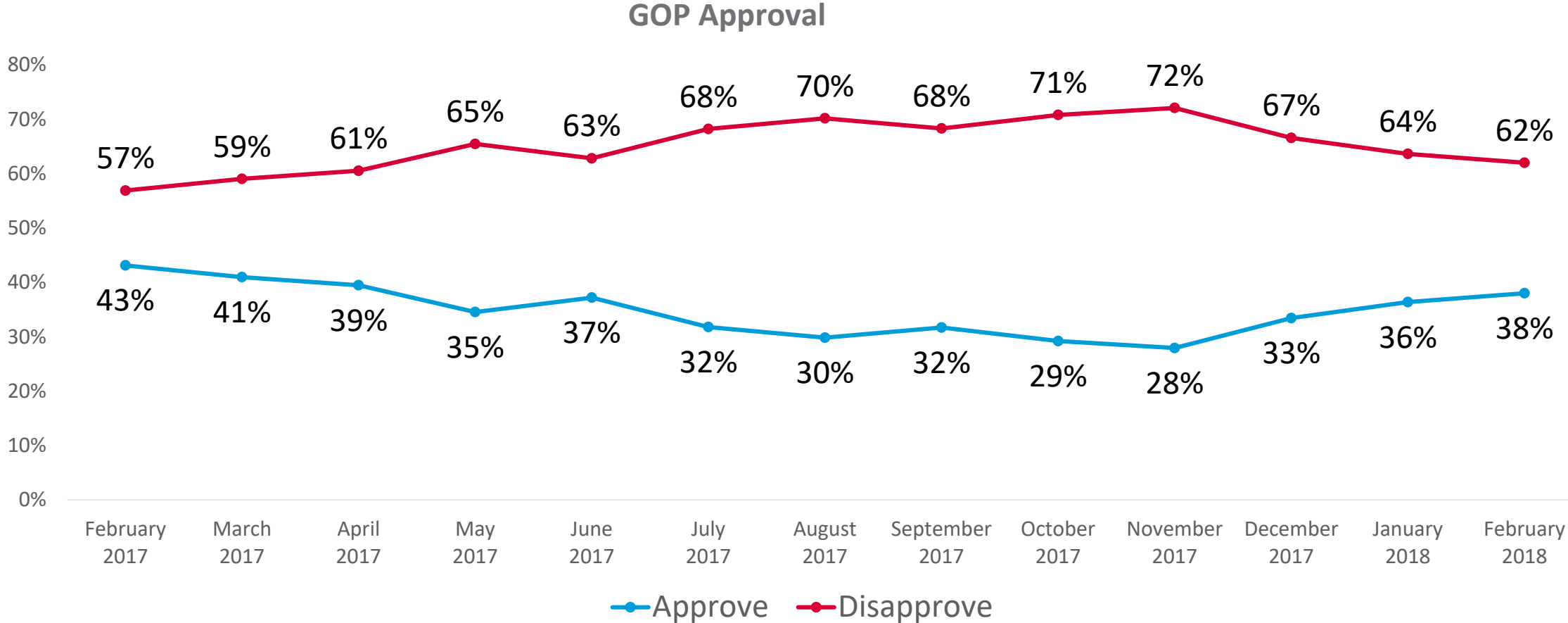


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M5 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democratic Party is handling its job?



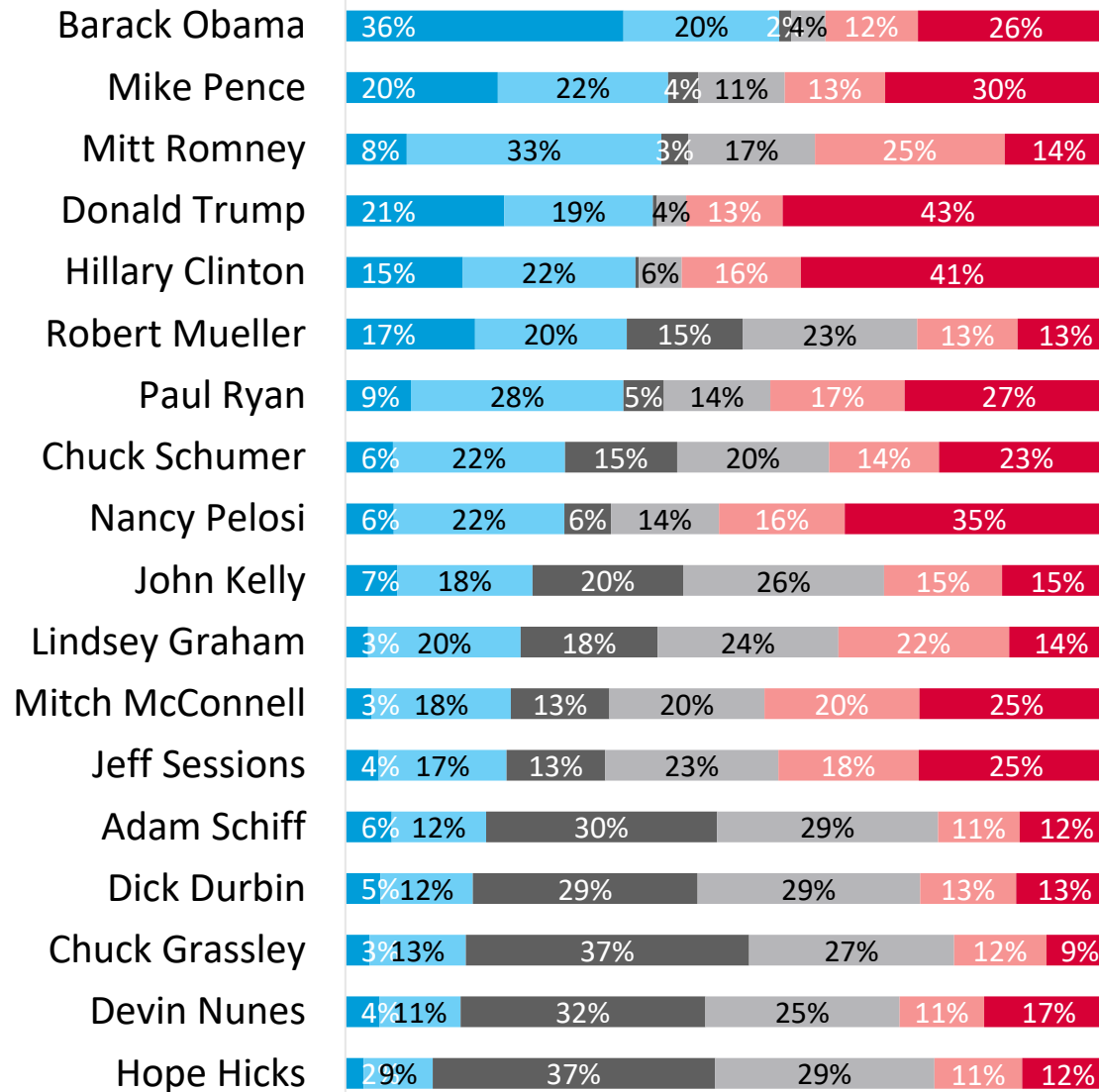
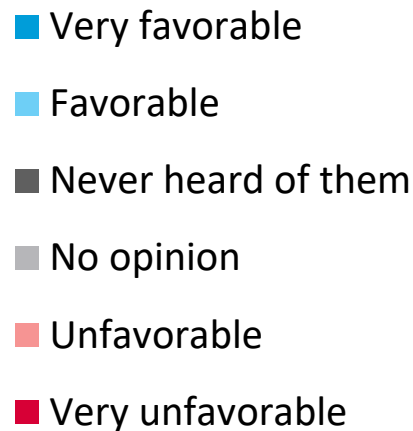
# GOP JOB APPROVAL HAS INCREASED FOR THE THIRD MONTH IN A ROW, NOW WITH NEARLY FOUR IN TEN APPROVING



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M4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republican Party is handling its job?

# BARACK OBAMA HAS HIGHEST FAVORABILITY AMONG THOSE UNDER STUDY; IN GENERAL, VERY FEW POLITICAL FIGURES HAVE MAJORITY FAVORABILITY BY VOTERS

## Favorability of Political Figures



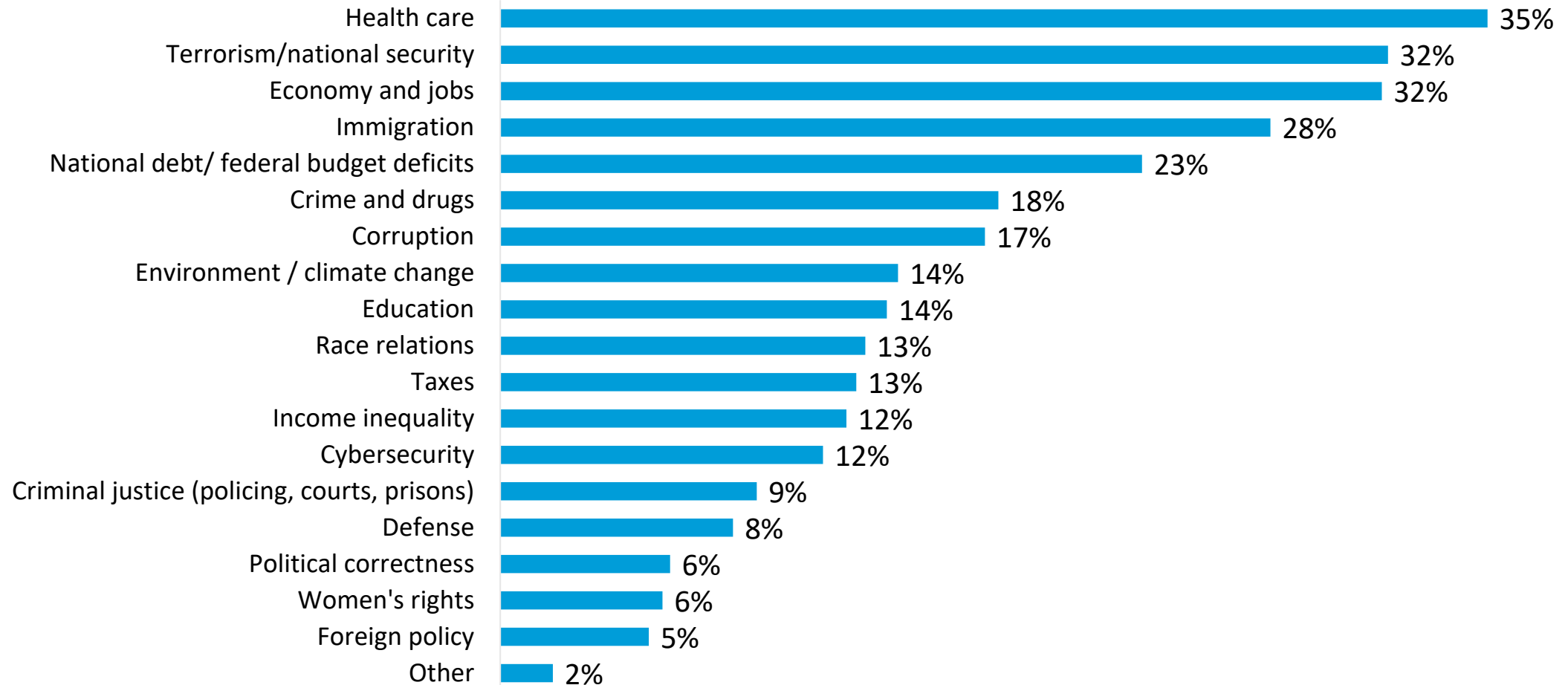
	Favorable	Unfavorable
Barack Obama	56%	38%
Mike Pence	42%	43%
Mitt Romney	41%	39%
Donald Trump	40%	56%
Hillary Clinton	38%	56%
Robert Mueller	37%	26%
Paul Ryan	36%	45%
Chuck Schumer	29%	37%
Nancy Pelosi	29%	51%
John Kelly	24%	30%
Lindsey Graham	23%	36%
Mitch McConnell	22%	45%
Jeff Sessions	21%	44%
Adam Schiff	18%	23%
Dick Durbin	17%	25%
Chuck Grassley	16%	21%
Devin Nunes	15%	28%
Hope Hicks	11%	23%

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F1 Now we will show you some names. Please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable view of that person - or if you've never heard of them.

# TOP THREE ISSUES FOR VOTERS: HEALTHCARE, TERRORISM, ECONOMY/JOBS

## Most Important Issues Facing the Country



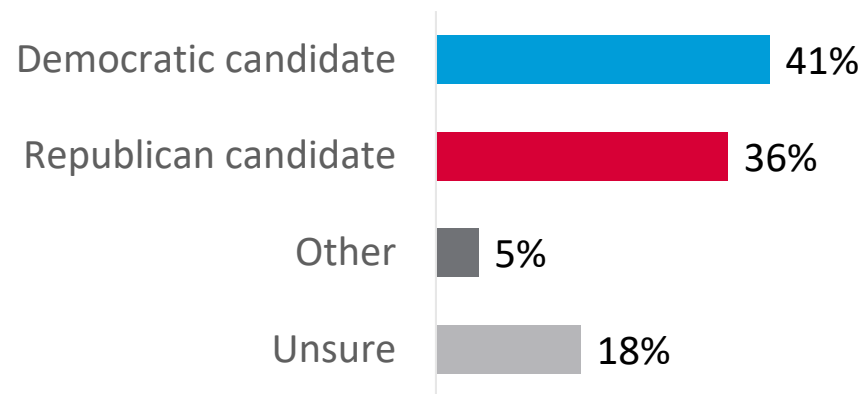
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I1 What would you say are the most important issues facing the country today? Please select three.

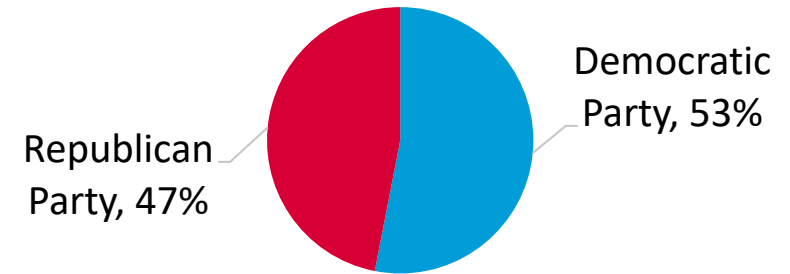
# GENERIC BALLOT

# DEMOCRATS ARE FAVORED OVER THE GOP BY 5 POINTS IN THE GENERIC BALLOT

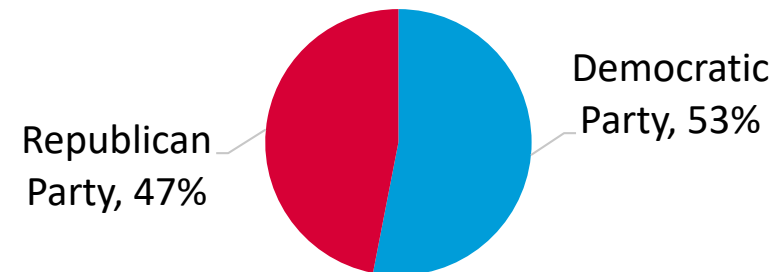
If the 2018 midterms were held today, would you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate in your district?



If the 2018 midterm elections were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States House of Representatives?



If the election were today, would you want to see the Republican Party or the Democratic Party win control of the United States Senate?



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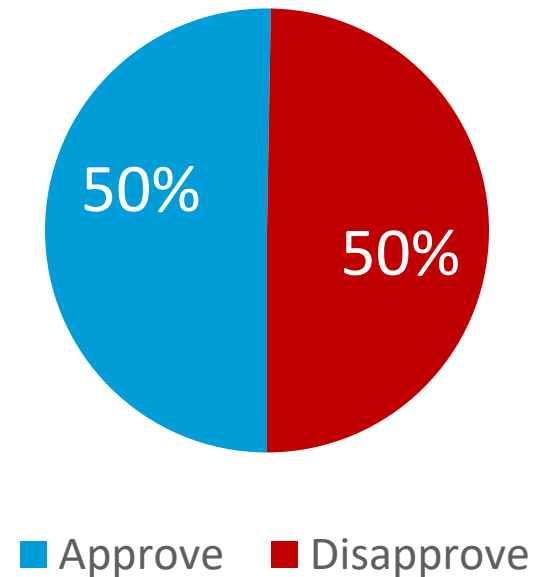
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# FOREIGN AFFAIRS

# VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON HOW THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS HANDLING NORTH KOREA

Do you approve or disapprove the way the U.S. government is handling North Korea?

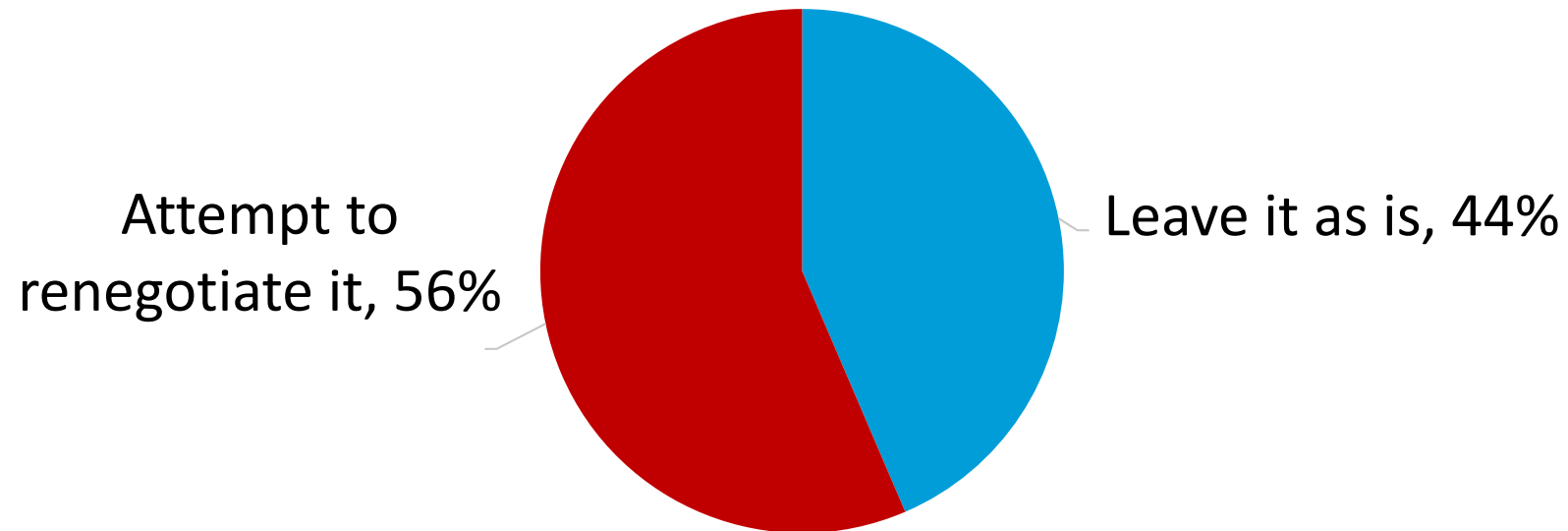


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M3B Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling North Korea?

# MORE VOTERS WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL RENEGOTIATED RATHER THAN LEFT AS IS

Do you think the U.S. government should leave the Iran nuclear deal as it is or attempt to renegotiate it?



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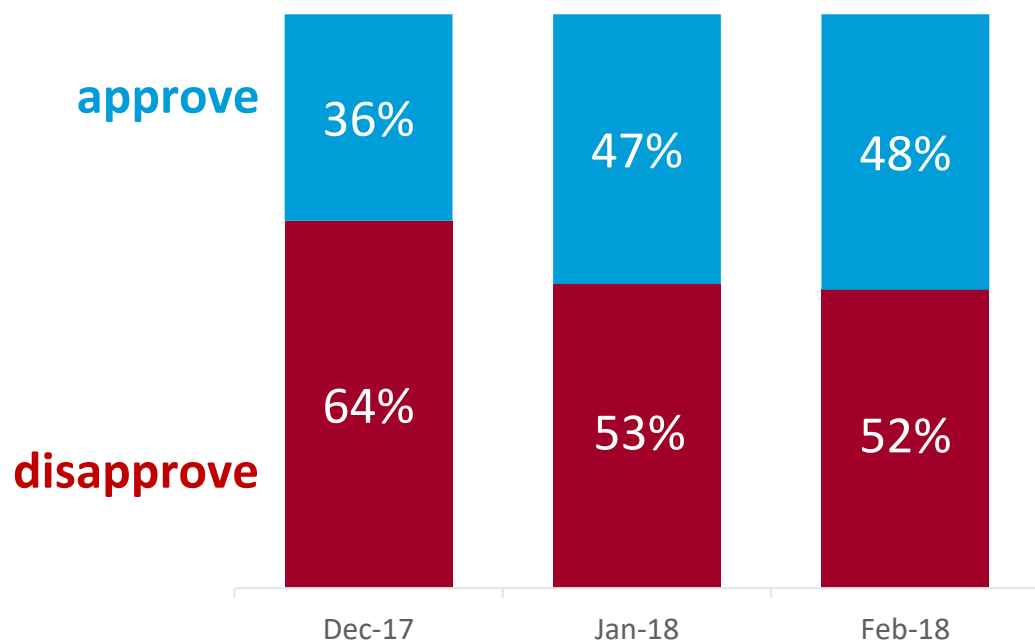
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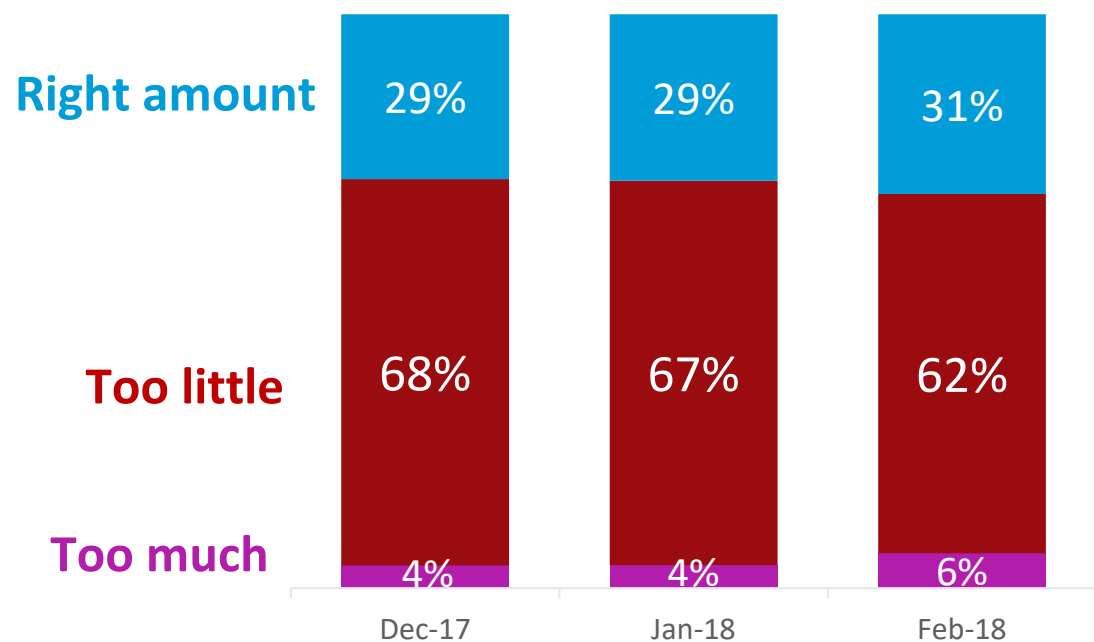
# TAX BILL

# VOTERS MARGINALLY DISAPPROVE OF THE TAX BILL, THOUGH MOST SAY THEY HAVE TOO LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT IT

## Do you favor or oppose the tax bill that was recently passed by the U.S. Congress? - Trend



## How much information do you feel you have about the new tax bill? - Trend



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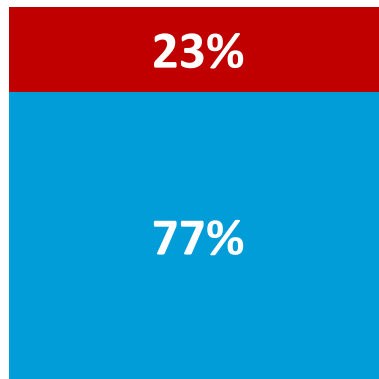
TAX3A Do you favor or oppose the tax bill that was recently passed by the U.S. Congress?

TAX2 How much information do you feel you have about the new tax bill - too much, too little, or about right?

# IMMIGRATION

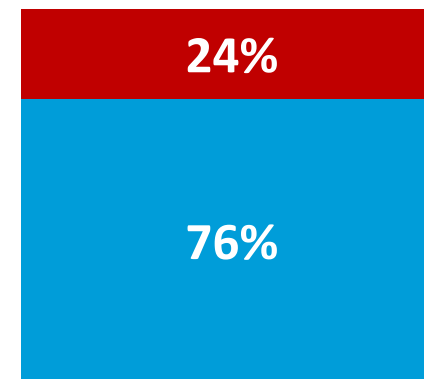
# A LARGE MAJORITY OF VOTERS BELIEVE “DREAMERS” SHOULD BE GIVEN A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP AND WORK PERMITS

Do you think that “Dreamers” should be given work permits or denied work permits?



- Should be denied work permits
- Should be given work permits

Do you think that “Dreamers” should be given a path to U.S. citizenship or should not be entitled to a path to citizenship without first returning home?



- Should not be entitled to a path to citizenship without first returning home
- Should be given a path to U.S. citizenship

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,934)

IM1 Do you think that children who were brought into this country illegally by their parents, many of whom are now in their 20s and 30s, should be given work permits or denied work permits?

IM2 Do you think that children who were brought into this country illegally by their parents, many of whom are now in their 20s and 30s, should be given a path to U.S. citizenship or should not be entitled to a path to citizenship without first returning home?

# VOTERS ARE LESS OPEN TO CITIZENSHIP PATHS GIVEN TO PARENTS OF DREAMERS, AND WOULD PREFER THAT IMMIGRATION PRIORITY BE ALLOCATED BASED ON A PERSON'S ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO AMERICA

Do you think that "Dreamers" should be given preference for their parents and relatives to move to this country or should they not be given preference

Do you think immigration priority for those coming to the U.S. should be based on a person's ability to contribute to America as measured by their education and skills or based on a person having relatives in the U.S.?

Should be given preference for their parents and relatives to move to this country

40%

Should be based on a person's ability to contribute to America

84%

Should not be given preference for their relatives to move to this country

60%

Should be based on a person having relatives in the U.S.

16%

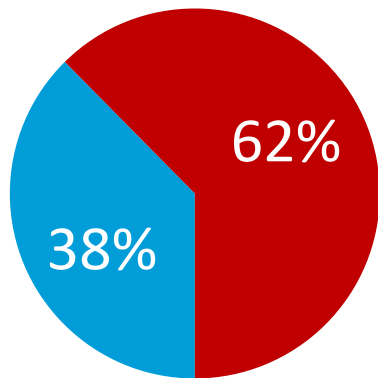
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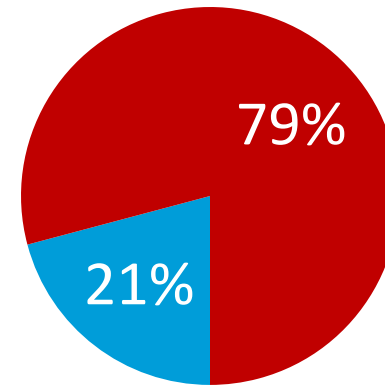
# MOST VOTERS BELIEVE BORDER SECURITY IS INADEQUATE, AND VERY FEW VOTERS SUPPORT “BASICALLY OPEN BORDERS”

Do you think current border security is adequate or inadequate?



■ Adequate ■ Inadequate

Do you think we should have basically open borders or do you think we need secure borders?



■ Basically open borders ■ Secure borders

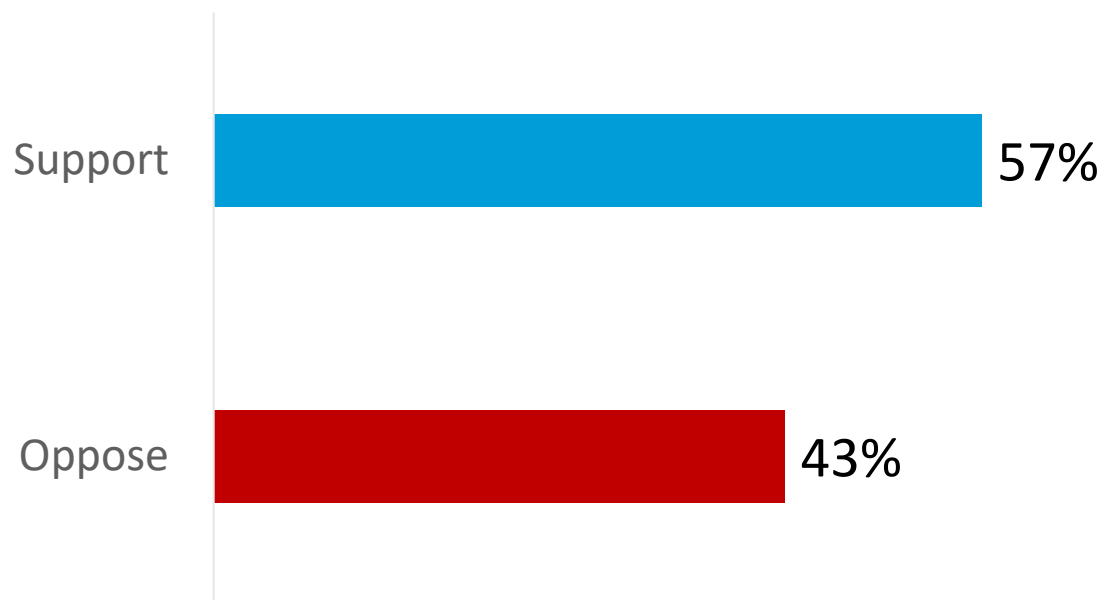
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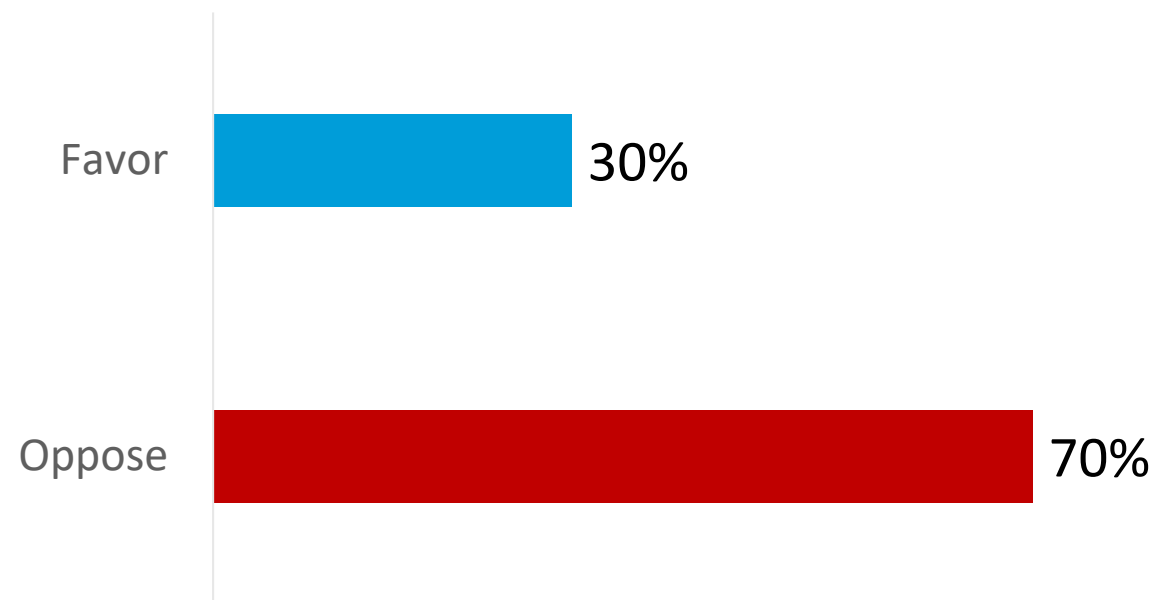
IM7 Do you think we should have basically open borders or do you think we need secure borders?

# MORE THAN HALF OF VOTERS SUPPORT A PHYSICAL-ELECTRONIC BARRIER ACROSS THE MEXICAN BORDER, AND MUCH FEWER THAN HALF FAVOR THE IMMIGRATION LOTTERY

Do you support or oppose building a combination of physical and electronic barriers across the U.S.-Mexico border?



Do you favor or oppose the lottery that randomly picks 50,000 people to enter the U.S. each year for greater diversity?



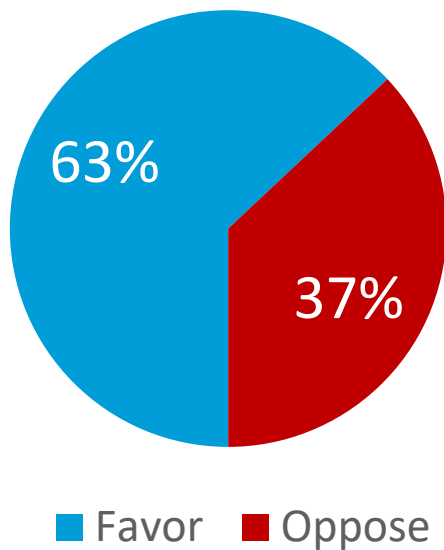
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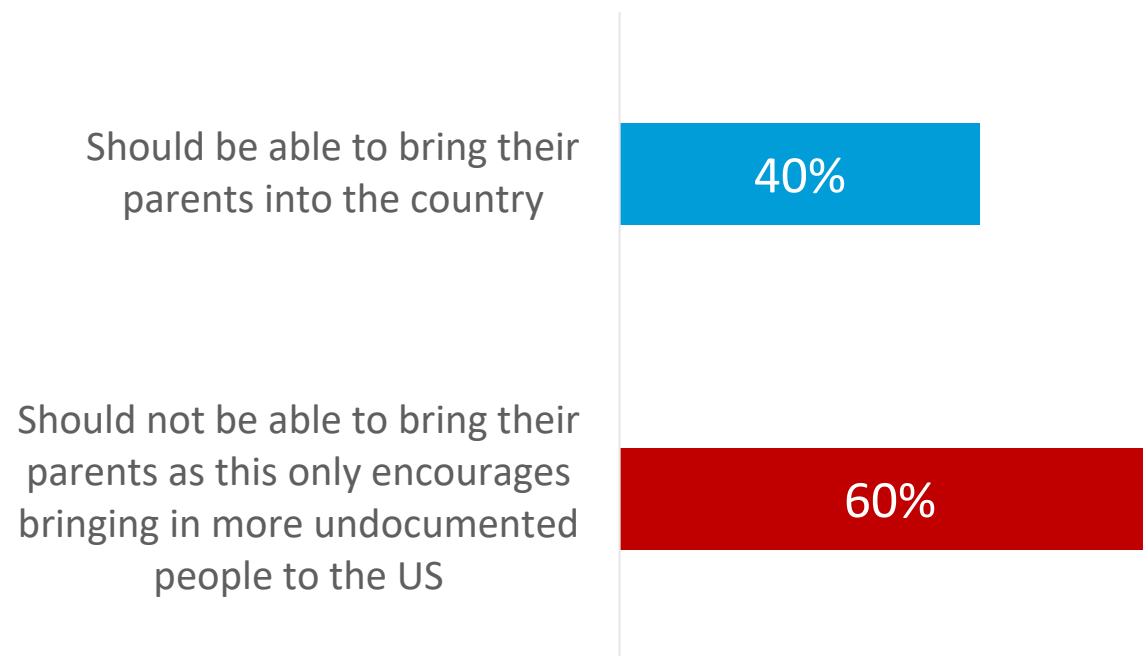
IM9 Do you favor or oppose the lottery that randomly picks 50,000 people to enter the U.S. each year for greater diversity?

# MOST VOTERS WOULD FAVOR AN IMMIGRATION DEAL THAT INCLUDES BOTH A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP AND INCREASED MEXICO-US BORDER SECURITY

Would you favor or oppose a congressional deal that gives undocumented immigrants brought here by their parents work permits and a path to citizenship in exchange for increasing merit preference over preference for relatives, eliminating the diversity visa



Undocumented immigrants brought here by their parents are also referred to as DACA recipients. Should DACA recipients be able to bring in their parents into the country with them if they are given a pathway to citizenship, or does this only encourage bringing in more undocumented people to the US?



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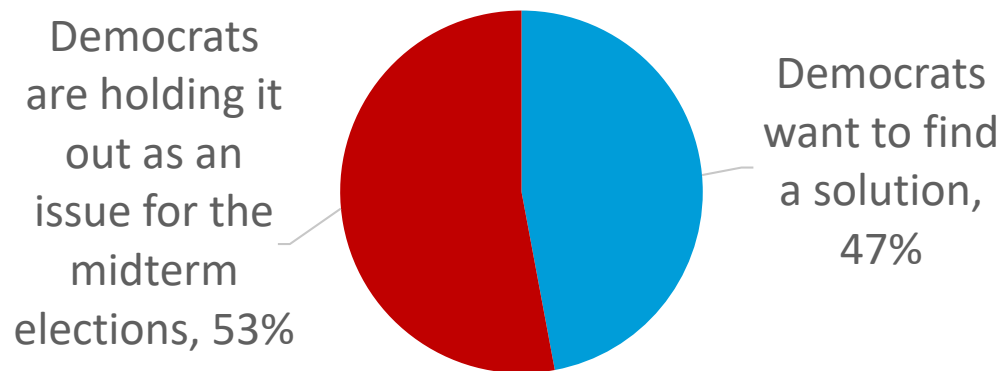
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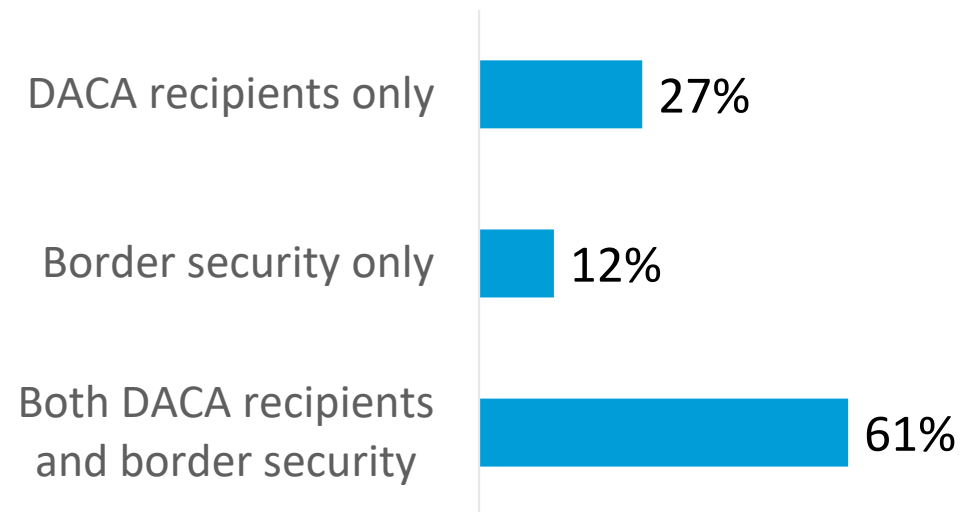


# VOTERS ARE UNCERTAIN ABOUT DEMOCRATS' STRATEGY IN IMMIGRATION DEALINGS; MOST BELIEVE THAT A DEAL OUGHT TO ADDRESS BORDER SECURITY AND DACA RECIPIENTS

Do you think Democrats in Congress want to find a legislative solution for DACA recipients or are they holding it out as an issue for the midterm Congressional elections?



Should Congress pass legislation that addresses DACA recipients only, border security only, or addresses both issues at the same time?



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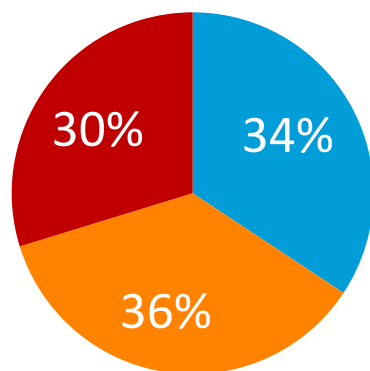
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# STATE OF THE UNION

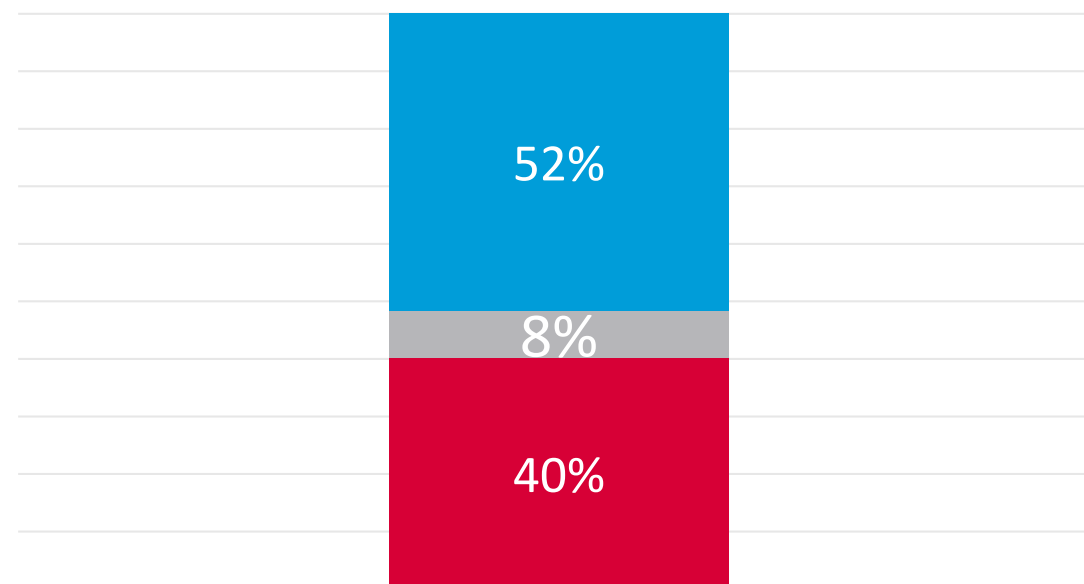
# AMONG VOTERS FAMILIAR WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP'S SOTU ADDRESS, OVER HALF APPROVED OF HIS MESSAGES

Have you heard anything about this year's State of the Union address delivered by the President in front of Congress?



- Yes, I saw or heard the speech directly
- I read about the speech in the news but did not see or hear it directly
- No, I did not hear anything about the speech

What is your view of the President's State of the Union address?



- Approve (NET)
- No opinion / Don't Know
- Disapprove (NET)

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POSTSOTU1 Have you heard anything about this year's State of the Union address delivered by the President in front of Congress?

POSTSOTU2 What is your view of the President's State of the Union address? [BASE: SAW/HEARD SOTU DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY: N=1367]

# ALL OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PROPOSALS FROM THE SOTU ADDRESS RECEIVE MAJORITY SUPPORT

## Approval of SOTU Proposals

Strongly / Somewhat Support	
Provide patients with terminal conditions access to experimental treatments that could save their lives	92%
Reduce the price of prescription drugs	91%
Invest in workforce development and job training by opening vocational schools	90%
Defeating ISIS completely	89%
Fighting the drug epidemic and helping get treatment for those in need	89%
Support working families by supporting paid family leave	85%
Fix bad trade deals and negotiate new ones in a way that is fair and reciprocal to American interests	83%
Reform prisons to help former inmates who have served their time get a second chance	82%
Reform the civil service to make it easier for Cabinet Secretaries to reward good federal employees and fire and replace bad ones	80%

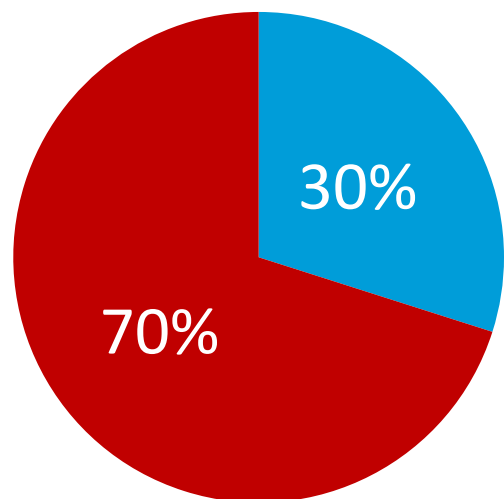
Strongly / Somewhat Support	
Invest at least \$1.5 trillion into new infrastructure investments, streamline the permitting and approval process for infrastructure projects to take no more than 2 years, and foster partnerships between federal, state, and local governments and the private sector	79%
Passing legislation to help ensure American foreign-assistance dollars always serve American interests and only go to American allies	78%
Push through comprehensive immigration reform	76%
Keep open the military detention facilities at Guantanamo Bay and grant intelligence agencies all necessary legal powers to detain terrorists, wherever they are	74%
Address the flaws in the Iran nuclear deal through new legislation or by renegotiating the deal	73%
Prevent the North Koreans from keeping their nuclear weapons, no matter the cost	70%
Ending the defense sequester to fully fund the US military	69%
Modernizing and rebuild the US nuclear arsenal	60%
Push through tough new sanctions on Cuba and Venezuela	56%

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POSTSOTU3 Do you support or oppose the following policy proposals from the President's State of the Union address?

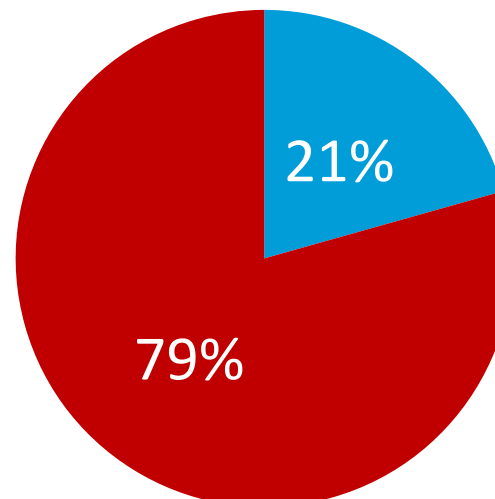
# GENERALLY, VOTERS PREFER THAT BOTH PRESIDENT TRUMP AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS COOPERATE AND COMPROMISE IN ORDER TO WORK TOGETHER

Which is closer to your view?



- President Trump should hold out for his agenda, even if it means achieving change Congressional or Democratic approval
- President Trump should compromise on his agenda in order to work together with Congress and Democrats

Which is closer to your view?

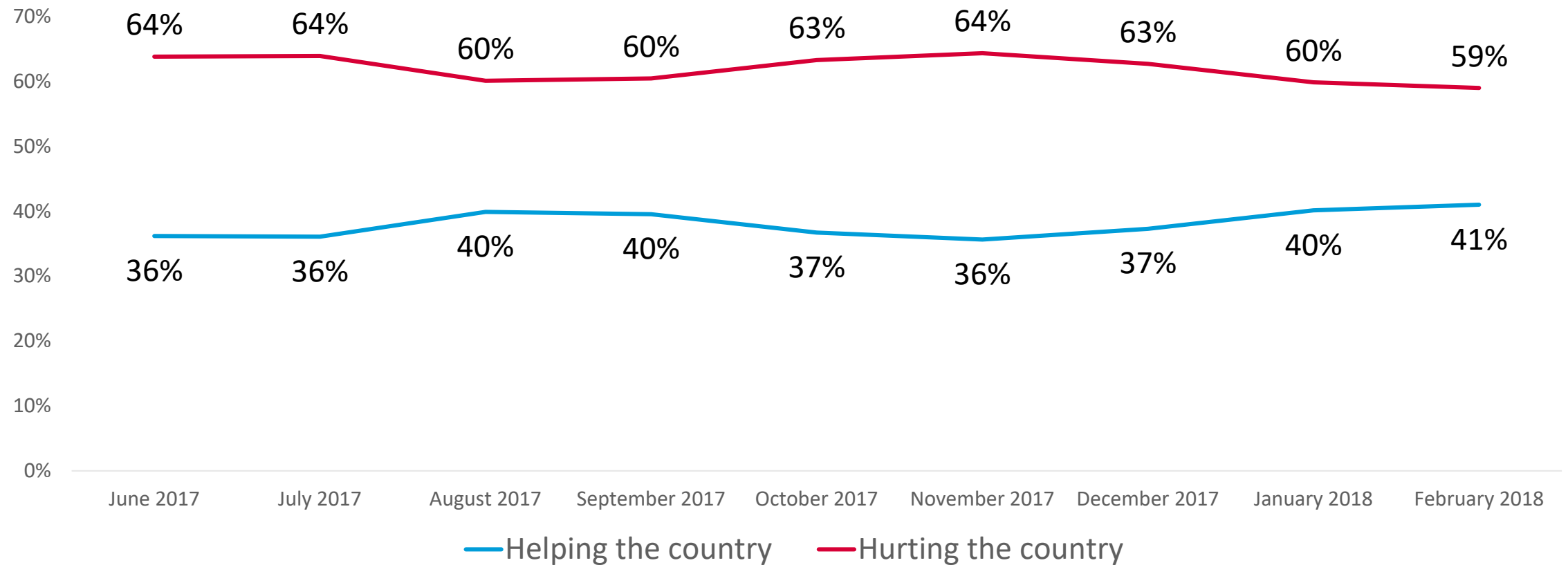


- Democrats should boycott and resist everything President Trump and his administration are doing
- Democrats should look to cooperate with President Trump and his administration and make deals on the issues they support

# RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

# VOTERS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE RUSSIAN COLLUSION INVESTIGATIONS ARE HURTING THE COUNTRY

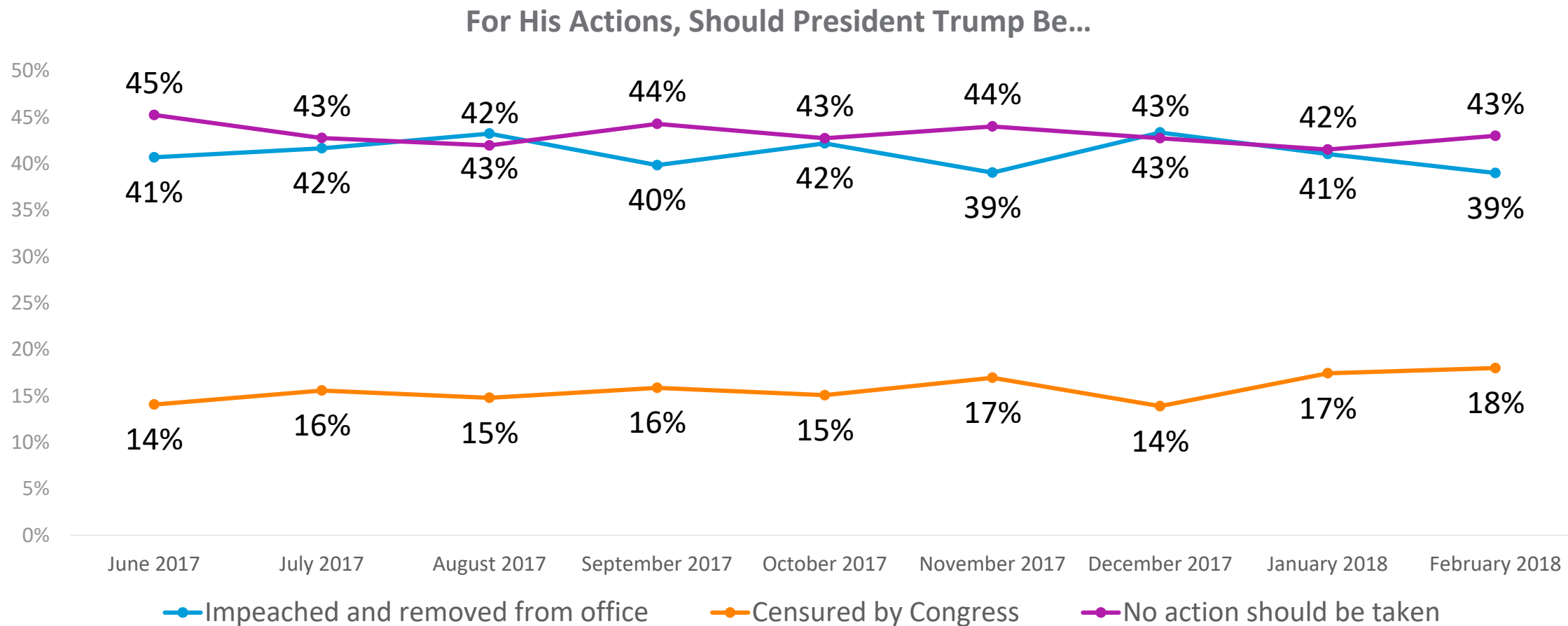
## Russia Investigations: Hurting or Helping the Country



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M10 Do you think the investigations into Russia and President Trump are helping the country or hurting the country?

# VOTERS ARE DIVIDED ON WHETHER IMPEACHMENT ACTION TOWARDS PRESIDENT TRUMP SHOULD BE TAKEN, WITH A PLURALITY BELIEVING NO ACTION IS WARRANTED



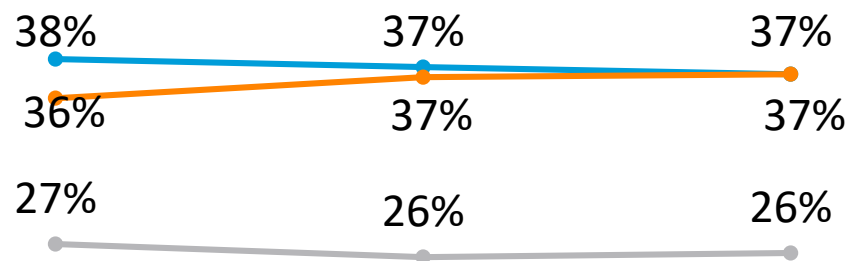
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M9B Do you think that, for his actions, President Trump should be impeached and removed from office, censured by Congress, or no action should be taken?

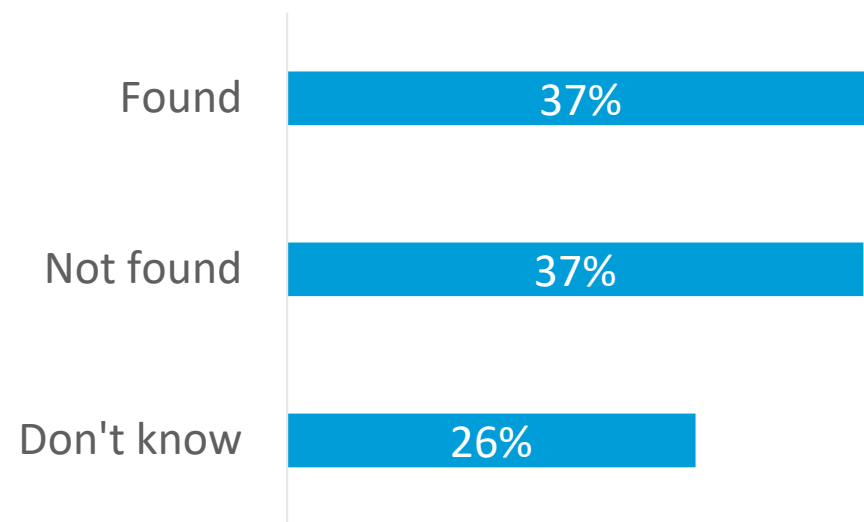


# VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON WHETHER THE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL HAS FOUND EVIDENCE OF COLLUSION; A QUARTER OF VOTERS ARE NOT SURE

Evidence of Collusion?



**February 2018:** Do you think the independent counsel has found actual evidence of Trump campaign officials colluding with the Russians or has he not found any evidence of such collusion?



November 2017      January 2018      February 2018

● Found   ● Not found   ● Don't know

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QCOLLUSION Do you think the independent counsel has found actual evidence of Trump campaign officials colluding with the Russians or has he not found any evidence of such collusion?

# VOTERS ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RUSSIAN INVESTIGATION

Probe Development	Heard About	Believe True	Top 2 Concern
The White House released a Republican Congressional memo which alleges the FBI and the Department of Justice mishandled a secret wiretapping and surveillance application on an American citizen and former Trump campaign adviser, by failing to adequately disclose that the research used in the warrant against him was paid for by the Hillary Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee.	67%	63%	43%
The Steele Dossier, filled with salacious and unverified Russia-related allegations about Donald Trump and other members of his presidential campaign, was based on the hiring of former British spy Christopher Steele and paid for by Fusion GPS, a sub-contractor for the Hillary Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee.	53%	60%	27%
Christopher Steele indirectly compiled his dossier in a matter of weeks, by phone, through contacts of contacts in Russia without validating his sources first hand.	45%	61%	15%
The State Department passed information to the FBI that was sourced by two longstanding Clinton political operatives, Sidney Blumenthal and Cody Shearer, information which was then used as part of the FBI's secret wiretapping warrant to surveil a Trump campaign adviser.	48%	65%	20%
Senators Chuck Grassley and Lindsey Graham released a separate Senate memo that alleges that the FBI and the Justice Department relied significantly on the Steele Dossier without verifying it to obtain secret wiretapping warrants on a Trump campaign advisor, and that the dossier author may have lied to the FBI.	46%	63%	11%
Former FBI Director James Comey testified to the Senate that the FBI couldn't meaningfully corroborate the Steele dossier, but used it anyway in Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court proceedings because Mr. Steele had previously provided "reliable" information.	52%	67%	17%
Christopher Steele and Fusion GPS released the findings of the dossier to the press even though the FBI had expressly told Mr. Steele not to speak to anybody outside the bureau about the dossier.	40%	62%	6%
Christopher Steele failed to disclose his press briefings to the FBI, or lied about them, since the FBI assured the FISA court that he was not talking to the press.	36%	63%	9%
The White House denied the request to release a separate memo by Congressional Democrats that aims to address what information beyond that collected by Mr. Steele was used in the warrant to monitor a Trump campaign adviser, sending it back for revisions due to national-security concerns.	56%	74%	28%
Senators Chuck Grassley and Lindsey Graham have requested an explanation from former national security advisor Susan Rice for an email she sent herself on the last day of the Obama administration documenting a meeting in which President Obama suggests the government may want to consider withholding information from the incoming Trump administration about the Russia investigation.	44%	67%	20%

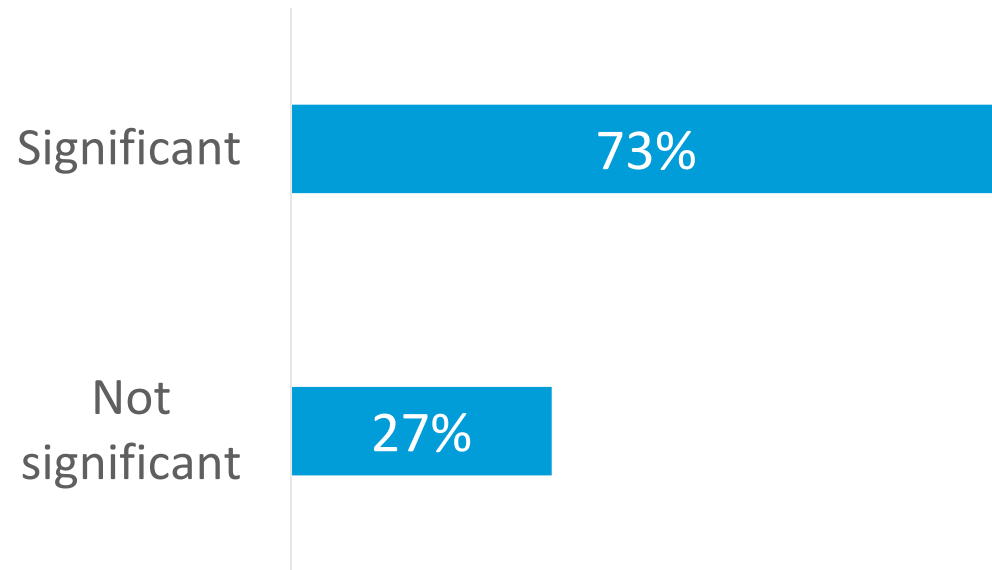
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PROBE12 Please indicate whether you have heard or not heard of each of the following developments.

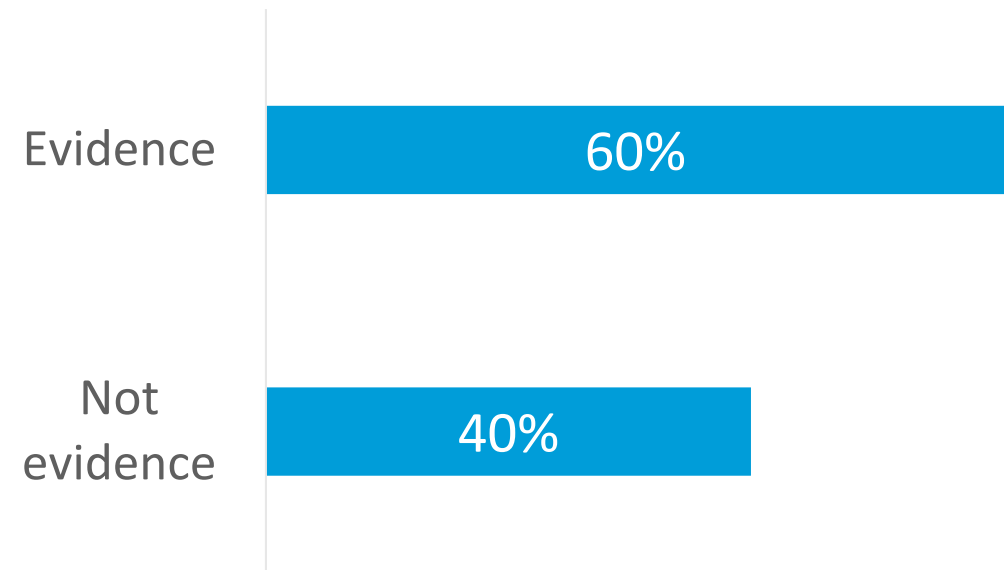
PROBE13 Please indicate whether you believe each of the following developments is true or not true.

# VOTERS BELIEVE THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING THE RUSSIA PROBE ARE SIGNIFICANT AND THAT IT REPRESENTS A BIAS IN THE RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

Do you consider these developments significant or not significant?



Do you think these developments are evidence of significant bias in the Trump-Russia probe or they are not evidence of significant bias?



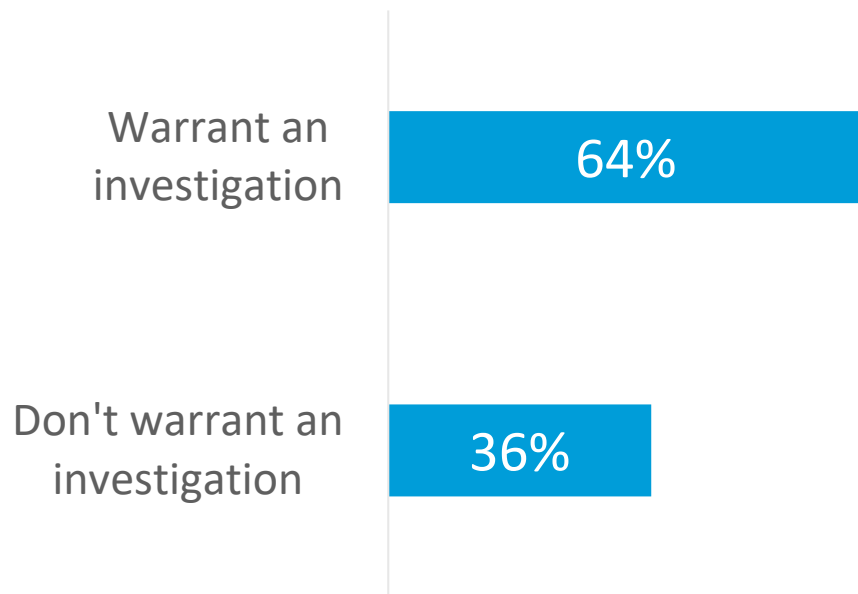
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PROBE14 Do you consider these developments significant or not significant?

PROBE15 Do you think these developments are evidence of significant bias in the Trump-Russia probe or they are not evidence of significant bias?

# MAJORITIES OF VOTERS BELIEVE THE FBI SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED IN HOW IT HANDLED THE RUSSIA PROBE AS WELL AS HOW IT HANDLED EVIDENCE GIVEN TO THE FISA COURT

Do you think these facts warrant an investigation of the FBI and how it handled the Trump-Russia probe?



Do you think these facts warrant an investigation of the FISA Court and how it handled evidence leading to the secret surveillance of a Trump campaign advisor?



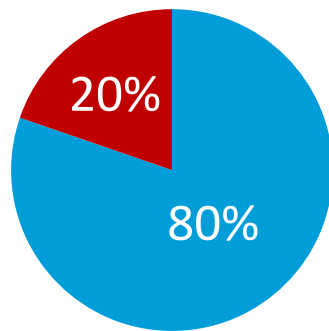
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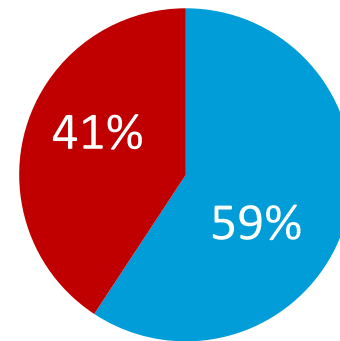
# A LARGE MAJORITY OF VOTERS WOULD LIKE THE MATERIALS RELATED TO THE FISA WARRANT RELEASED, BUT LESS THAN HALF BELIEVE THE SURVEILLANCE OF CARTER PAGE WAS AN ABUSE OF POWER BY THE FBI

Should the FBI have vetted the content of the Steele Dossier first before submitting it in its application to wiretap a member of the Trump presidential campaign before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance (FISA) court?



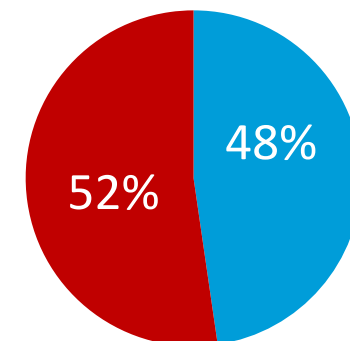
■ Yes  
■ No

Should the FBI and the Department of Justice release all materials submitted to the FISA court or should it limit the release of these materials due to concerns over revealing sources and methods?



■ Release all materials  
■ Limit the release of materials

Do you think that secret surveillance of Trump campaign officials was an abuse of power or was it an appropriate action for the FBI to take?



■ Abuse of power  
■ Appropriate action

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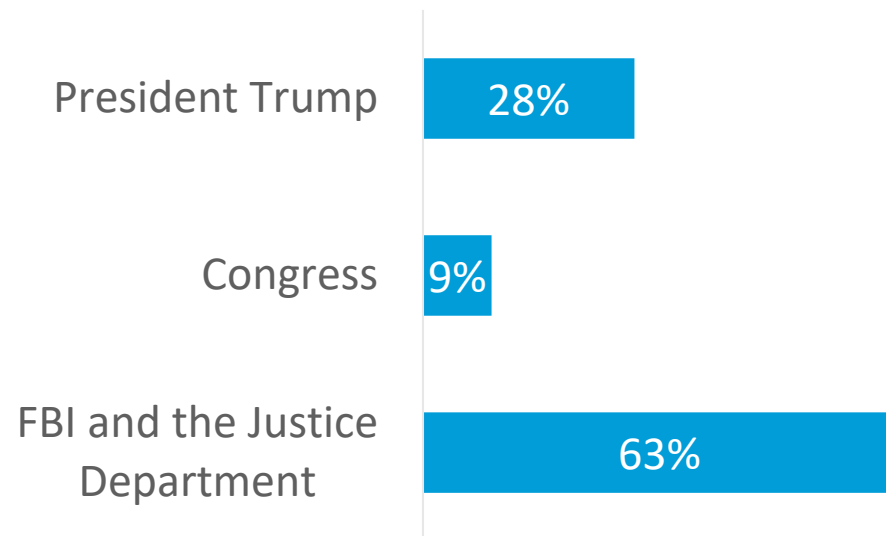
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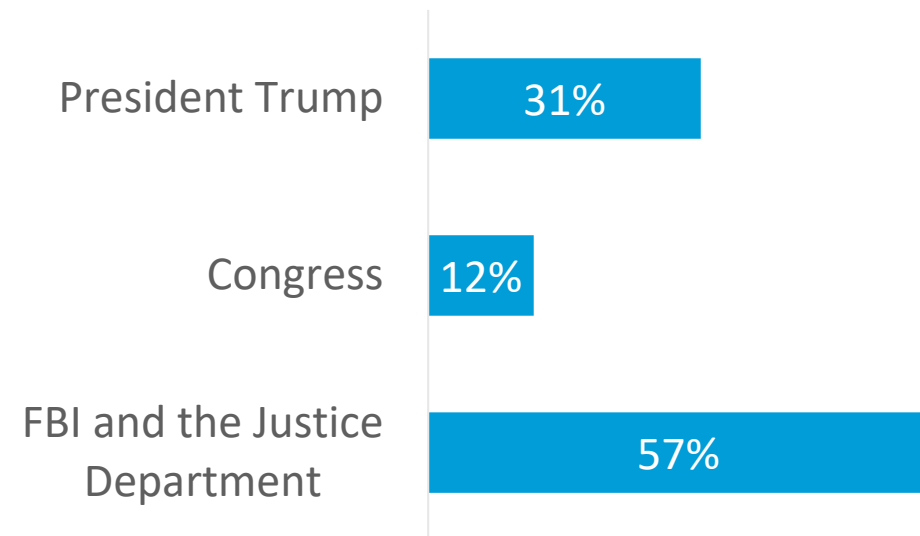
PROBE22 Do you think that secret surveillance of Trump campaign officials was an abuse of power or was it an appropriate action for the FBI to take?

# AFTER EXPOSURE TO DEVELOPMENTS SURROUNDING THE RUSSIA PROBE, VOTERS ARE SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY TO TRUST THE FBI/DOJ, YET STILL MORE THAN THEY TRUST TRUMP

Who do you believe most when it comes to the ongoing Russia investigation?  
PRE-EXPOSURE



Who do you believe most when it comes to the ongoing Russia investigation?  
POST-EXPOSURE



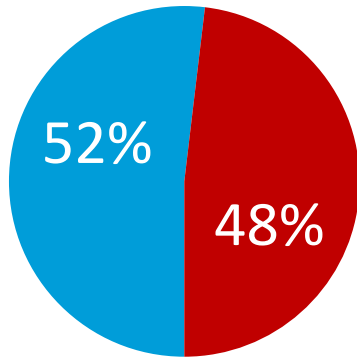
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QBELIEVE Who do you believe most when it comes to the ongoing Russia investigation?

QBELIEVE2 After reading information in the previous questions, who do you believe most when it comes to the ongoing Russia investigation?

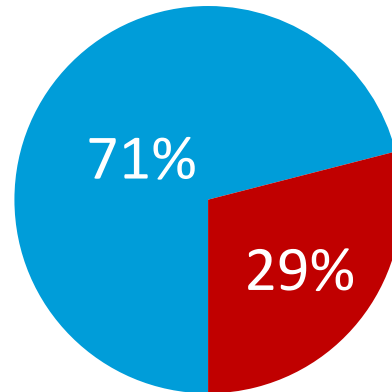
# VOTERS GENERALLY FAVOR TRANSPARENCY IN THE RUSSIA PROBE PROCESS, SUPPORTING THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION EVEN WITHOUT BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Should Congressional Democrats try to force a vote on the House floor that would override the White House objections to release their memo or should they redraft the memo to remove classified materials?



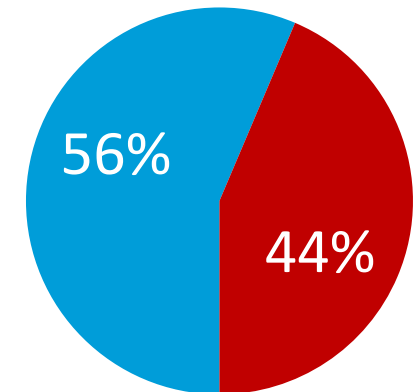
- Force a vote to release the memo
- Remove classified materials before releasing the memo

Should Congressional Republicans support Democrats if the Democrats decide to force a House of Representatives vote to release their memo?



- Yes
- No

If Republicans do not support Democrats to release their memo on the Russia probe, should the Democrats put the memo into the congressional record to make it public, even if it contains classified information?



- Yes
- No

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PROBE23 Should Congressional Democrats try to force a vote on the House floor that would override the White House objections to release their memo or should they redraft the memo to remove classified materials?

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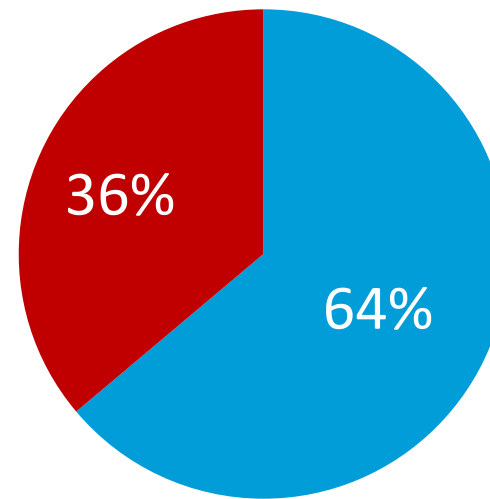
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# US BUDGET



# A LARGE MAJORITY OF VOTERS AGREE WITH THE BUDGET BILL RECENTLY PASSED IN THE SENATE THAT INCREASES GOVERNMENT SPENDING BY \$300BN

Congressional leaders recently passed a bi-partisan budget bill increasing government spending by \$300bn over the next two years primarily in the areas of defense, disaster relief, and infrastructure, with smaller increases to domestic spending. Do you agree or disagree with this budget bill?



■ Agree ■ Disagree

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BGT1 Congressional leaders recently passed a bi-partisan budget bill increasing government spending by \$300bn over the next two years primarily in the areas of defense, disaster relief, and infrastructure, with smaller increases to domestic spending. Do you agree or disagree with this budget bill?

# VIRTUALLY ALL ELEMENTS OF THE BI-PARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET BILL RECEIVE MAJORITY SUPPORT FROM VOTERS

## Support for Elements of the Bi-Partisan Congressional Budget

Strongly / Somewhat Support	
\$4 billion allocated over two years to rebuild and improve veterans' hospitals and clinics.	89%
Directs almost \$90 billion to help states affected by hurricanes and wildfires last year, including \$23.5 billion into Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster-relief fund for recovery, repairs and future mitigation of disasters.	87%
\$20 billion allocated over two years for infrastructure improvements including rural broadband, roads and highways, and drinking water.	87%
Lengthening the reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program to 10 years from six.	82%
\$2 billion allocated over two years for National Institutes of Health research.	82%
The disaster aid in the bill includes \$28 billion in community development block grants for housing and infrastructure repairs. Of that, \$2 billion is specifically for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands' electrical grids.	80%
Boosting funding for community health centers for two years.	79%
Includes tax breaks for people and businesses affected by the wildfires in California.	79%

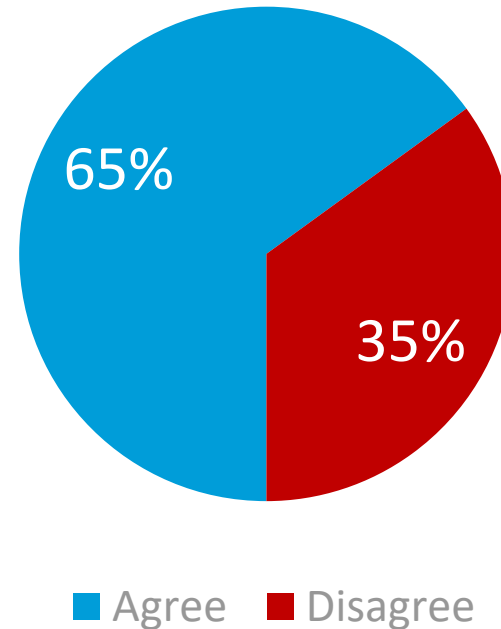
Strongly / Somewhat Support	
\$6 billion allocated over two years to fight the opioid epidemic and for mental-health issues.	78%
\$4 billion for programs to make college more affordable and help people graduate.	76%
Sets up joint committees to hash out some thorny problems, including multiemployer pension problems and changes to the congressional budget process.	73%
Resolves a couple of left-over issues that were dropped from the tax law signed in December. It would exempt colleges that don't charge tuition from a new tax on private colleges' endowment income.	71%
Increasing domestic spending by \$63 billion this fiscal year and \$68 billion the following year.	65%
Revives a handful of tax breaks that had expired at the end of 2016 for one year. These include the ability for taxpayers to deduct private mortgage insurance, claim faster depreciation for thoroughbred horses and motorsports complexes, get a tax credit for maintaining short-line railroads and get benefits for some renewable-energy and energy-efficiency investments.	64%
Increasing military spending by \$80 billion in this fiscal year and \$85 billion in fiscal year 2019, plus \$140 billion over two years for an emergency war fund.	63%
Suspends the debt ceiling through March 1, 2019.	62%

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BGT2 The bi-partisan budget deal directs lawmakers to include the following elements in any spending bill over the next two years. Do you support or oppose each of the following elements of the bill?

## VOTERS ALSO SUPPORT THE WHITE HOUSE'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2019

The White House sent to Congress its budget proposal for fiscal year 2019 this week, requesting a \$300 billion increase in spending, and calling for cuts to domestic and health-care programs like Medicare and Medicaid and more spending for the military and on border security.



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# MOST ELEMENTS OF THIS BUDGET ARE SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF VOTERS EXCEPT FOR MONEY FOR THE BORDER WALL, MONEY FOR ICE AGENTS, AND THE OVERALL INCREASE TO THE DEFICIT

## Support for Elements of White House Budget Proposal

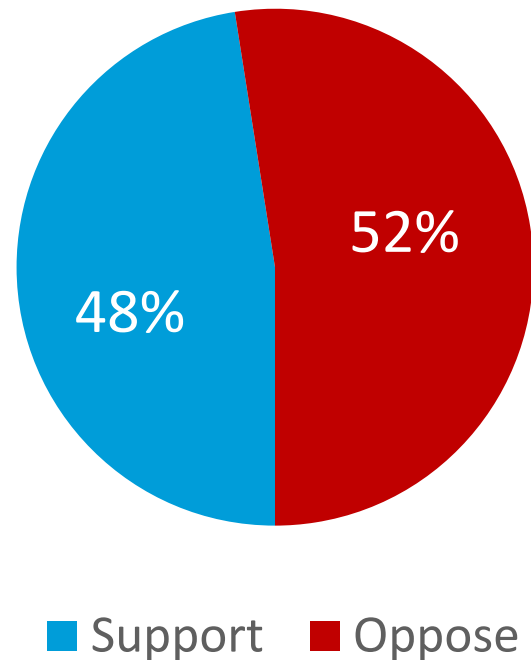
Strongly / Somewhat Support		Strongly / Somewhat Support	
Allocates \$85.5 billion on veterans' medical care, a 9% increase over the current year budget	84%	Projects the government will collect less federal revenue over the next decade than it forecast last year, a result of the tax cut enacted in December	57%
Calls \$200 billion in federal funds on infrastructure over 10 years, mostly in the form of new, competitive grants designed to encourage states and cities to raise their own money for improving rails, airports, highways and water systems	75%	Calls for a new effort to eliminate the Affordable Care Act which it says would reduce spending by \$675 billion over a decade	55%
Expands federal loan programs for infrastructure projects and streamlines the permitting process for infrastructure projects	73%	Cuts \$263 billion from welfare spending	55%
Allocates nearly \$17 billion to help combat the opioid epidemic	68%	Cuts \$203 billion from changes to federal student loan programs over a decade	53%
Proposes \$782 million to hire an additional 2,750 border-patrol and immigration-enforcement officers	61%	Calls for \$18 billion allocated over fiscal 2018 and 2019 to build a wall along the Mexican border	48%
Calls for cutting \$236 billion over a decade from changes it says would eliminate wasteful spending in the Medicare program and overhaul drug-pricing policies	59%	Calls for \$2.7 billion to pay for the detention of an average 52,000 undocumented immigrants a day at centers run by Immigration and Customs Enforcement	44%
Gives \$686 billion in funds to the Defense Department, a 17% increase over the current year budget	57%	Widens the federal budget deficit to \$984 billion in the next fiscal year, nearly double what was estimated in last year's budget	36%
Allocates an extra \$23 billion for spending on border security and immigration enforcement	57%		

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QCOLLUSION Do you think the independent counsel has found actual evidence of Trump campaign officials colluding with the Russians or has he not found any evidence of such collusion?

## AFTER EXPOSURE TO THE WHITE HOUSE BUDGET DETAILS, VOTERS MARGINALLY OPPOSE IT

Do you support or oppose the White House's proposed 2019 budget?



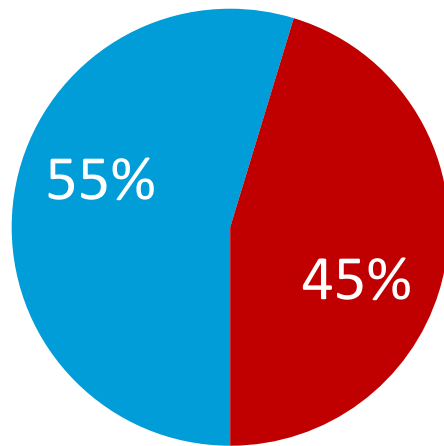
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"ME TOO"  
MOVEMENT

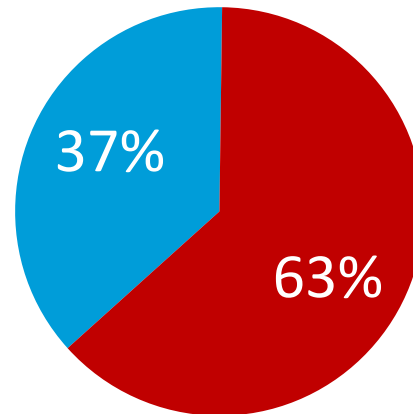
# ONLY JUST OVER HALF OF VOTERS HAVE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF THE "ME TOO" MOVEMENT, ALTHOUGH MOST VOTERS BELIEVE DUE PROCESS IN DEALING WITH SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS IS INADEQUATE

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the "Me Too" movement?



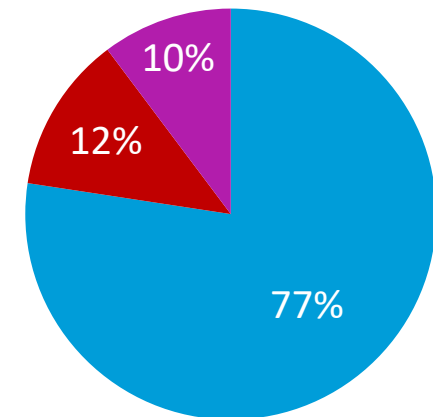
■ Favorable ■ Unfavorable

Do you think we have adequate or inadequate due process when dealing with allegations of sexual harassment?



■ Adequate ■ Inadequate

Do you think people accused of sexual harassment should get the same legal protections as people accused of other crimes, or should they have more or less protections?



■ Same ■ Less ■ More

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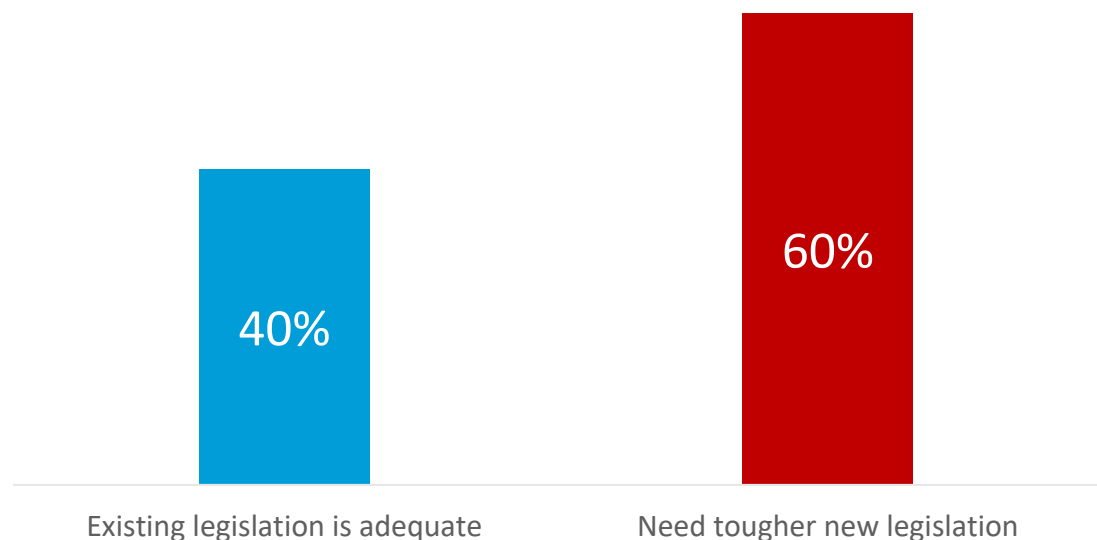
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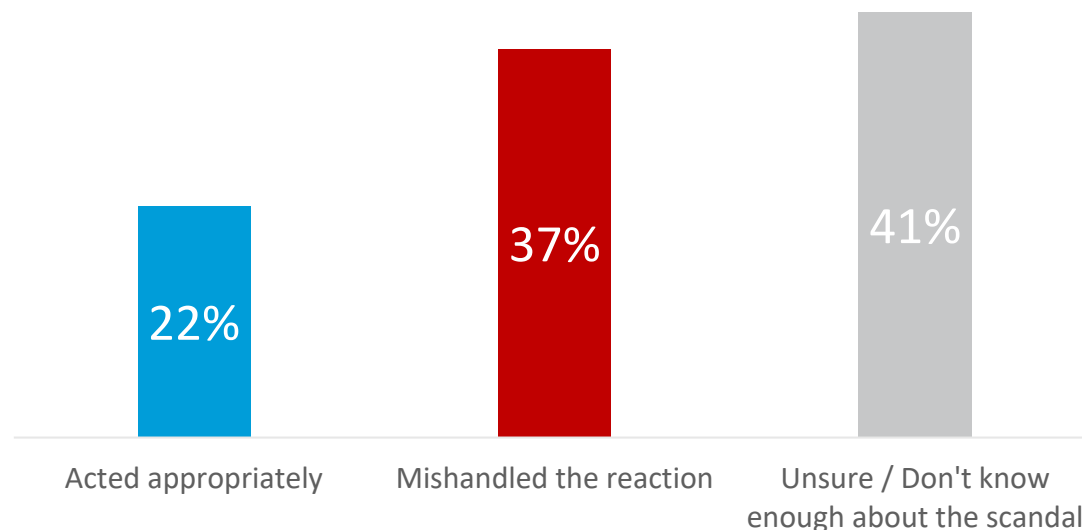
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# MOST VOTERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE TOUGHER LEGISLATION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Do you think we need tougher new legislation on violence against women or is existing legislation adequate to protect against it?



Do you think White House Chief of Staff John Kelly acted appropriately or did he mishandle the White House reaction to the Rob Porter scandal, the Presidential aide who resigned after his former wife publicly accused him of domestic abuse?



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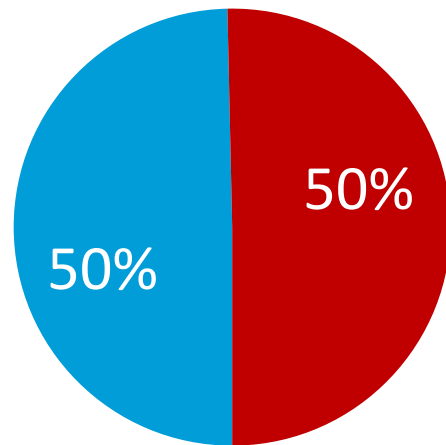
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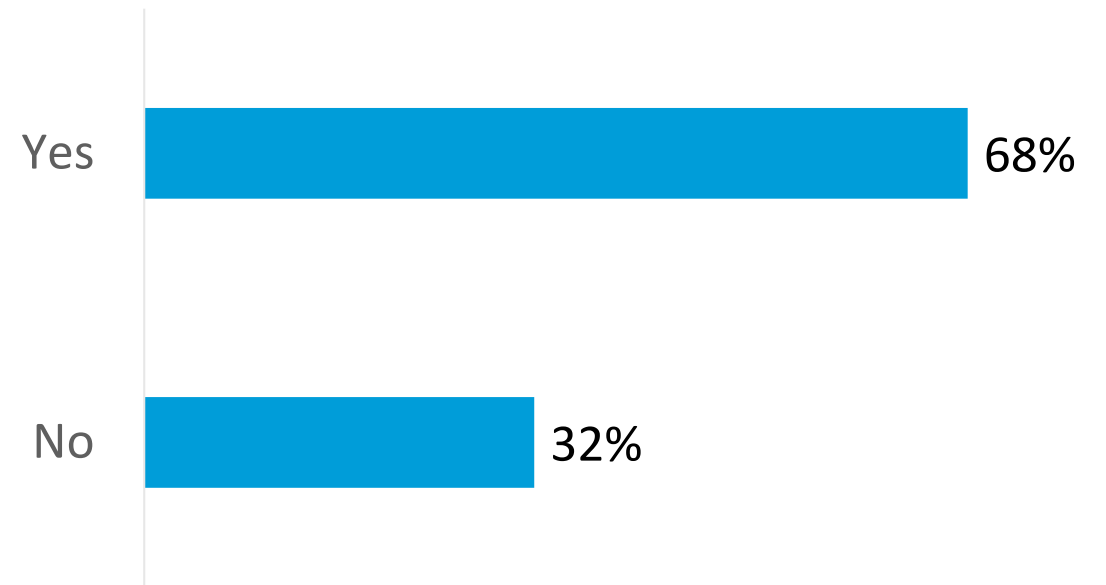
# VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON WHETHER TRUMP SHOULD REPLACE CHIEF OF STAFF, JOHN KELLY; A LARGE MAJORITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE TRUMP SHOW MORE LEADERSHIP ON ISSUES RELATED TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Do you think President Trump should keep John Kelly in place as White House Chief of Staff or should he replace him?



■ Keep John Kelly in place ■ Replace him

Do you think President Trump needs to do and say more on violence against women?



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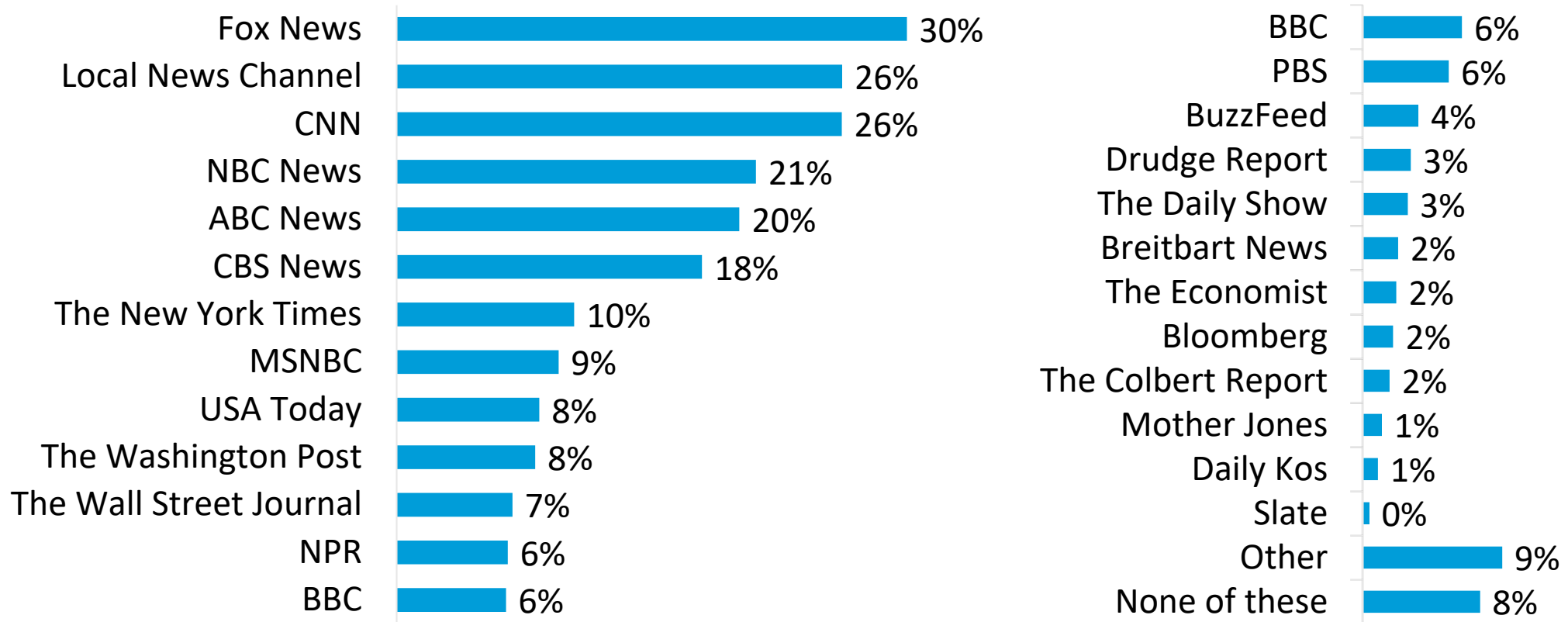
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MEDIA

# VOTERS FREQUENT A VARIETY OF MEDIA CHANNELS

Media Channels Used for Go-To News

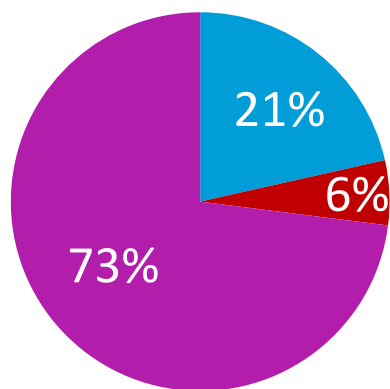


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MED1 Which of the following are your go-to sources for the latest news? Pick your top three sources.

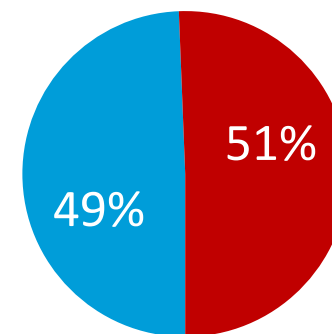
# OVER ITS COVERAGE ON NORTH KOREA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPICS, VOTERS BELIEVE THE MEDIA HAS BEEN FAIR; BUT VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON HOW THE MEDIA HAS COVERED POTENTIAL FBI BIAS INVESTIGATING ELECTION MEDDLING

In your opinion, was the coverage of North Korea's participation at the Winter Olympics by American media too soft, too harsh, or about right?



■ Too soft ■ Too harsh ■ About right

Do you think the media is adequately or inadequately covering developments of potential FBI bias into the investigations of Hillary Clinton's State Department emails and Donald Trump's presidential campaign?



■ Adequately covering ■ Inadequately covering

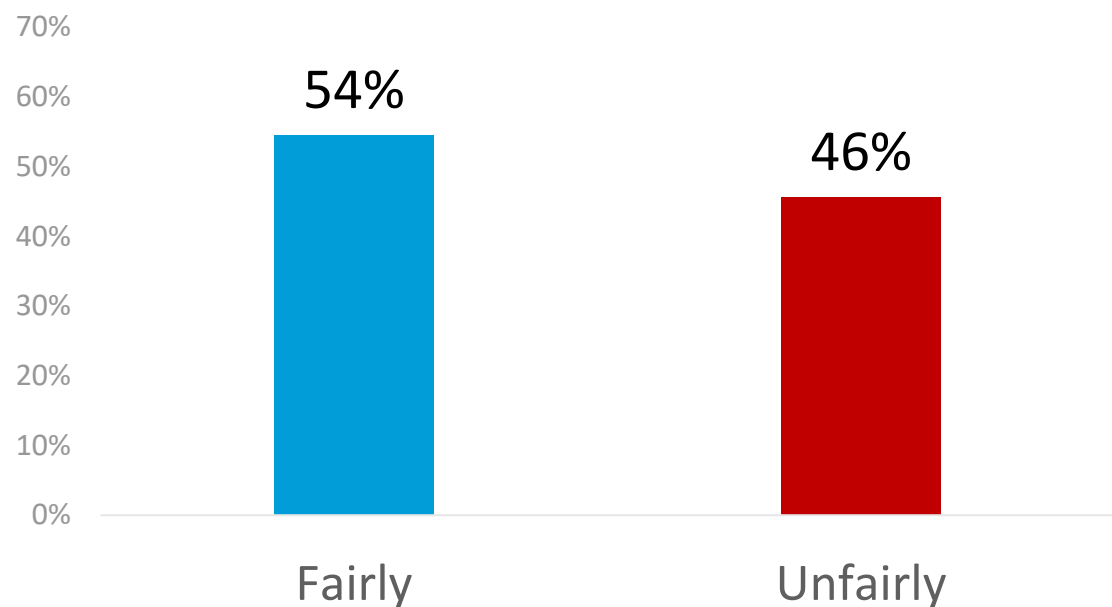
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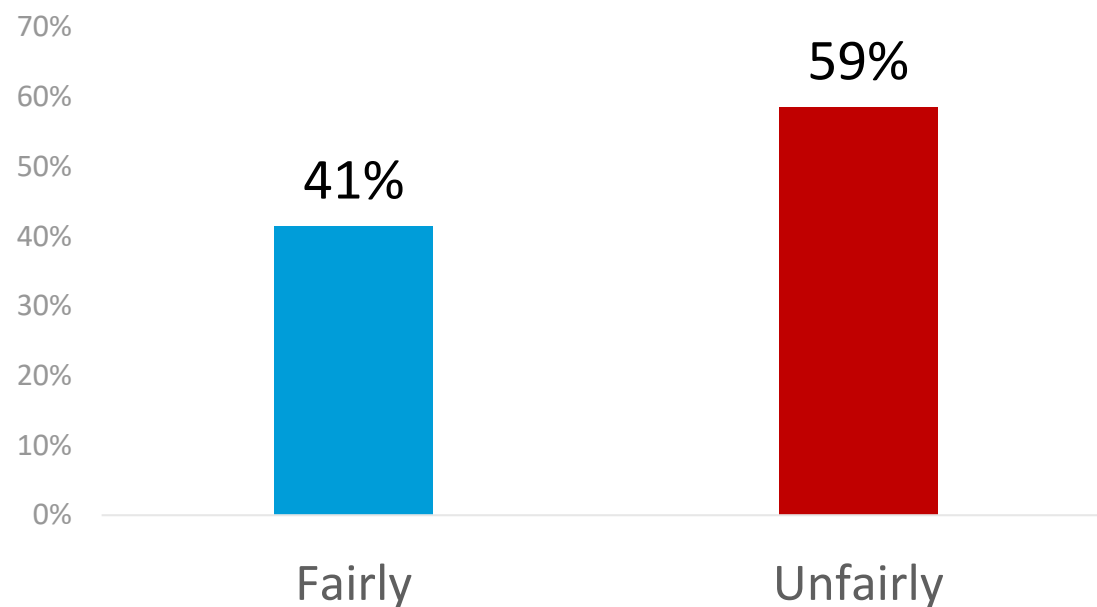
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# OVER HALF OF VOTERS BELIEVE THE MEDIA TREATS PRESIDENT TRUMP FAIRLY; BUT THEY BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT TRUMP TREATS THE MEDIA UNFAIRLY

Do you think the mainstream media is treating President Trump fairly or unfairly?



Do you think President Trump has treated the mainstream media fairly or unfairly?



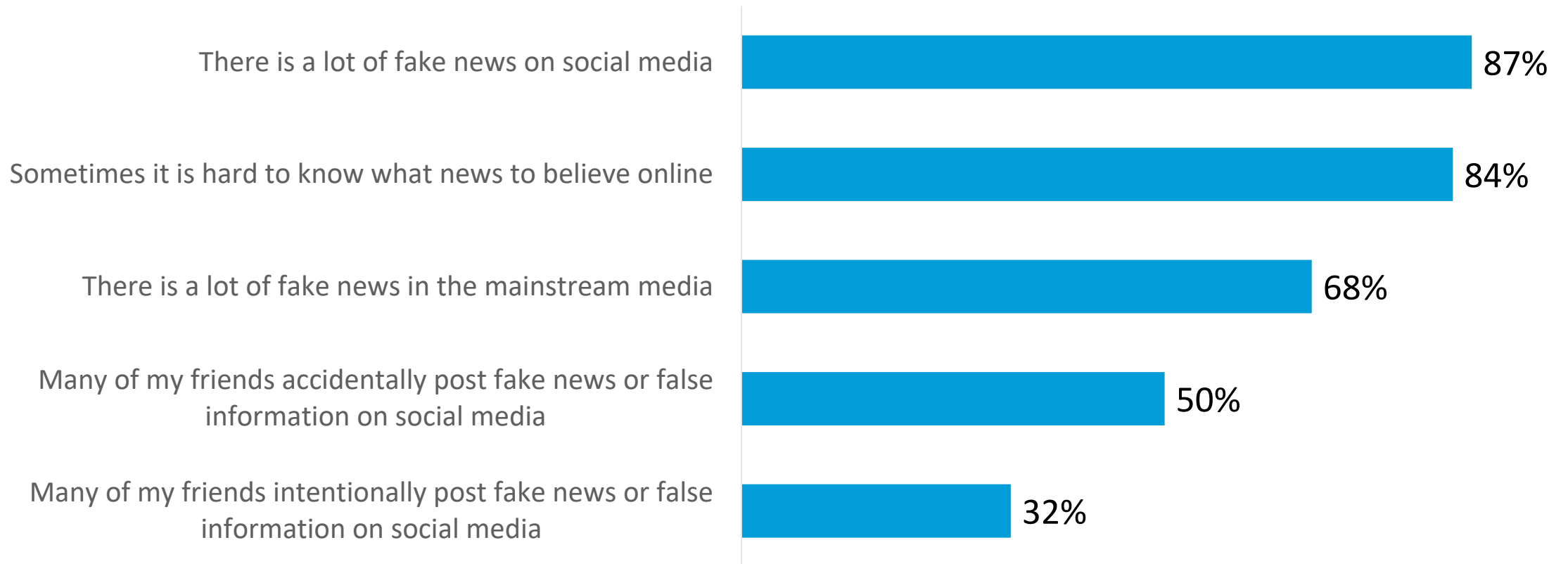
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A10 Do you think the mainstream media is treating President Trump fairly or unfairly?

A11 Do you think President Trump has treated the mainstream media fairly or unfairly?

# VOTERS RECOGNIZE THE PREVALENCE OF FAKE NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND SOMETIMES HAVE DIFFICULTY RECOGNIZING IT; MANY BELIEVE THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA REPORTS FAKE NEWS AS WELL

## Agreement (Strongly or Somewhat) with Fake News Statements



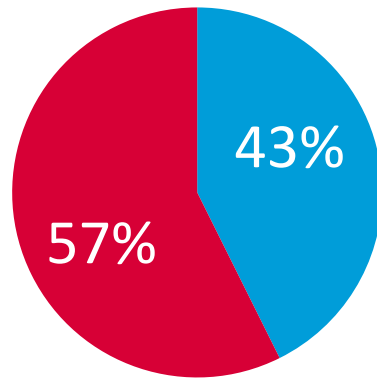
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NC1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

# GUN CONTROL

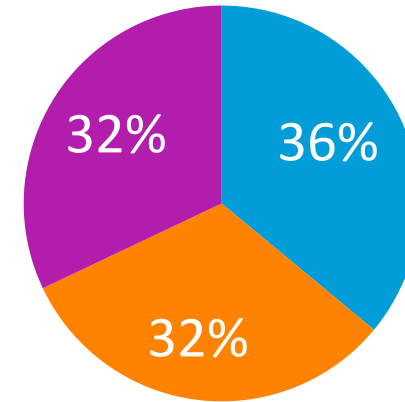
# VOTERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO SAY THAT ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WOULD DO MORE TO CURB SCHOOL SHOOTINGS THAN GUN CONTROL

Do you think school shootings are caused more by lack of gun control or lack of attention to mental health issues?



- Lack of gun control
- Lack of attention to mental health issues

Which of the following do you think would do the most to curb school shootings?



- Banning assault rifles
- Enhancing school security
- Increasing commitment to mental health issues

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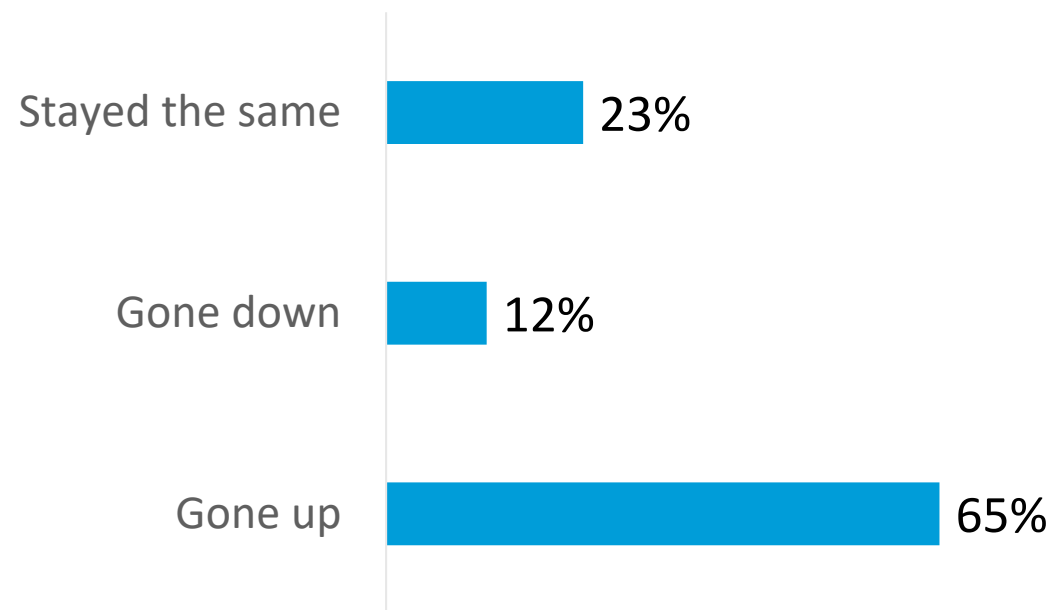
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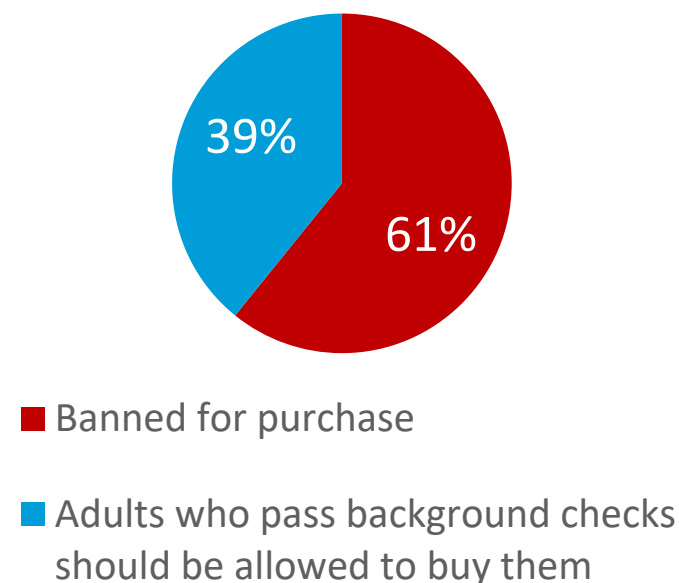


# MOST BELIEVE THAT THE NUMBER OF GUN MURDERS HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS; OVER SIX IN TEN SAY SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPONS SHOULD BE BANNED OUTRIGHT

Do you think that murder by gun in America in the last five years has gone up, gone down, or stayed the same?



Do you think semi-automatic weapons (e.g., AR-15) should be banned for purchase or should adults who pass background checks be allowed to buy them?



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