HARVARD HARRIS POLL

MONTHLY HARVARD-HARRIS POLL MARCH 22, 2017



FIELD DATE: MARCH 14-16, 2017



SURVEY METHOD

This survey was conducted online within the United States between March 14-16, 2017 among 2,092 **registered voters by The Harris Poll**.

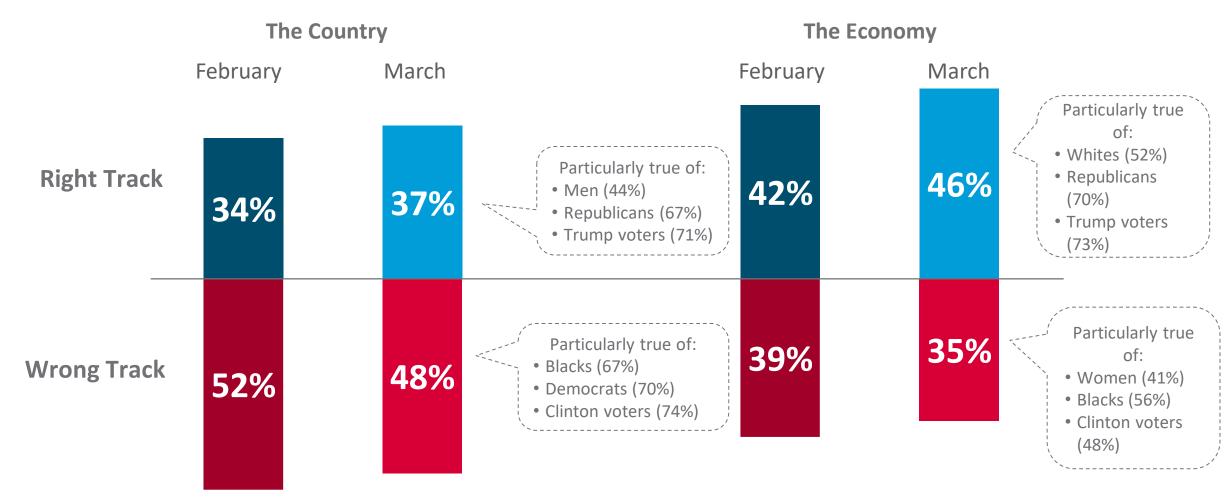
Results were weighted for age within gender, region, race/ethnicity, marital status, household size, income, employment, and education where necessary to align them with their actual proportions in the population. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online.

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



SIMILAR TO LAST MONTH, VOTERS FEEL THE ECONOMY IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK MORE SO THAN THE COUNTRY

Over one third of voters feel the country is on the right track compared to nearly half who say the same for the economy.



BASE: Registered Voters (February n=2148; March n= 2092)

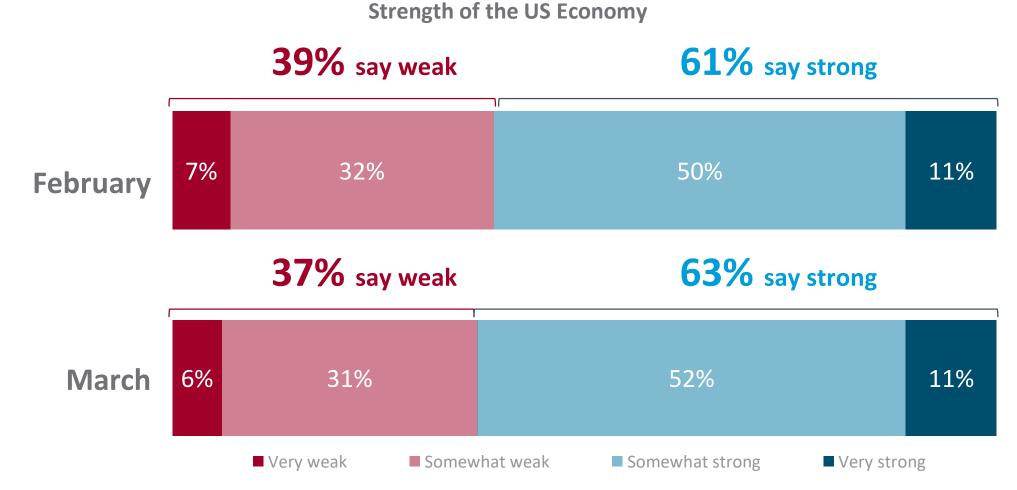
M1. In general, do you think the country is on the right track or is it off on the wrong track?

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



MORE THAN 6 IN 10 VOTERS SAY THE US ECONOMY IS STRONG

Just 1 in 10 categorize the economy as very strong while slightly over half say somewhat strong.



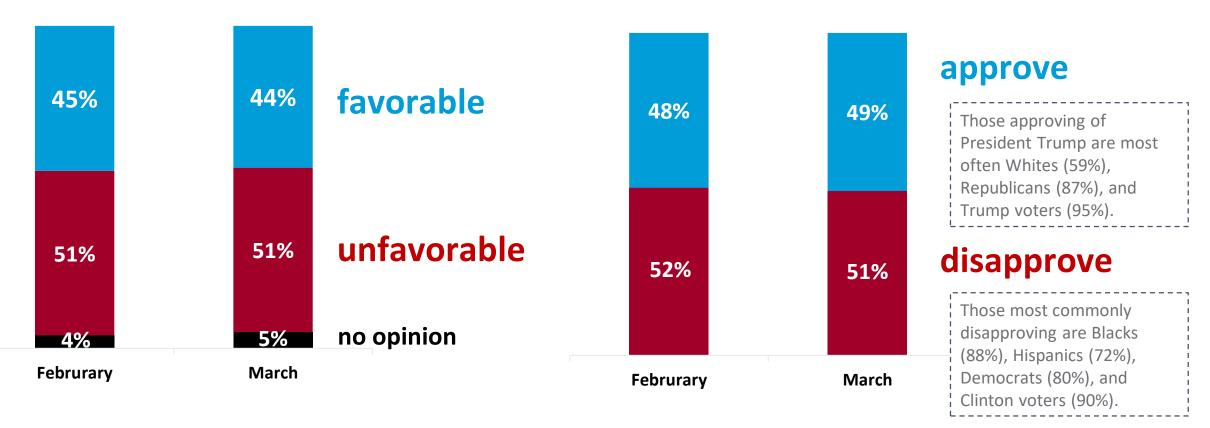


FAVORABILITY AND APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT TRUMP REMAIN STEADY

Under half of registered voters say they have a favorable view of the President and almost half approve of the job he is doing.

Voters' view of President Trump is...

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



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

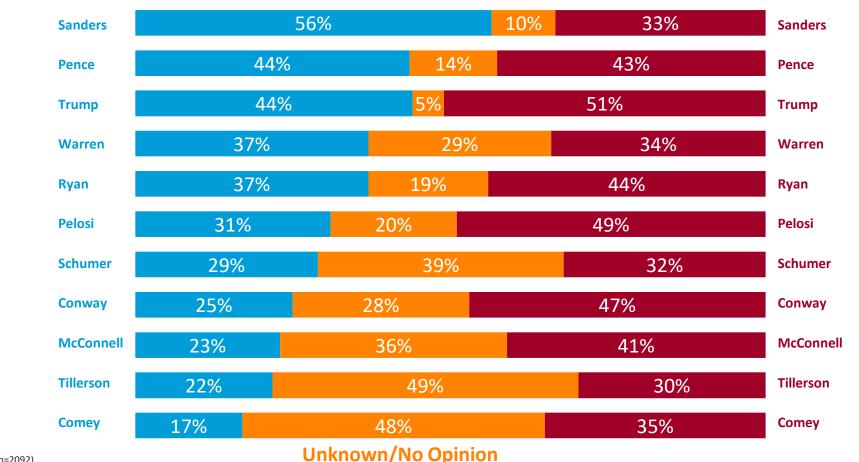
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Unfavorable

JAMES COMEY VIEWED UNFAVORABLY BY 2-1, UNUSUAL FOR TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL

Trump numbers steady; Pelosi least liked Democratic leader.



Views of Political Figures

BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

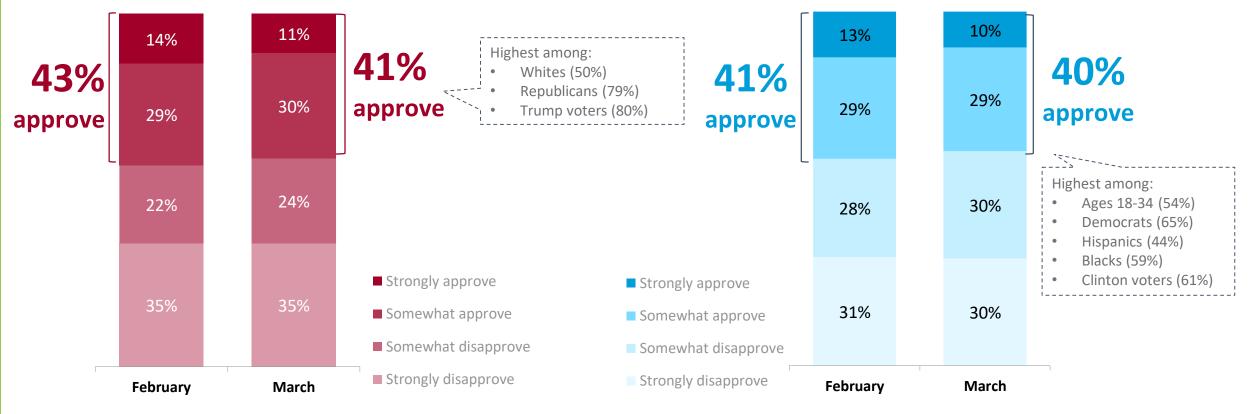
Favorable

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THOUGH DRIVEN BY DIFFERENT SUBGROUPS, EACH PARTY HAS SIMILAR APPROVAL RATINGS

Unsurprisingly, approval ratings for each party are driven by their own members, but the Republican Party support may be a bit stronger—79% of Republicans approve of the job their party is doing; 65% of Democrats say the same for their party.

Republican Party Job Approval Ratings



Democratic Party Job Approval Ratings

BASE: Registered Voters (February n=2148; March n= 2092)

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

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





A VAST MAJORITY OF VOTERS WANT THE PARTIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO REACH COMPROMISE

Voters are equally split on which party has the most constructive policy proposals today and which one is spending more time on attacking the other party.

88%		Republicans	Democrats
of voters	The party with the most constructive proposals today is	48%	52%
want both parties to work		Republicans	Democrats
together to reach	The party spending more time on attacking the other party is	50%	50%
compromise			

BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

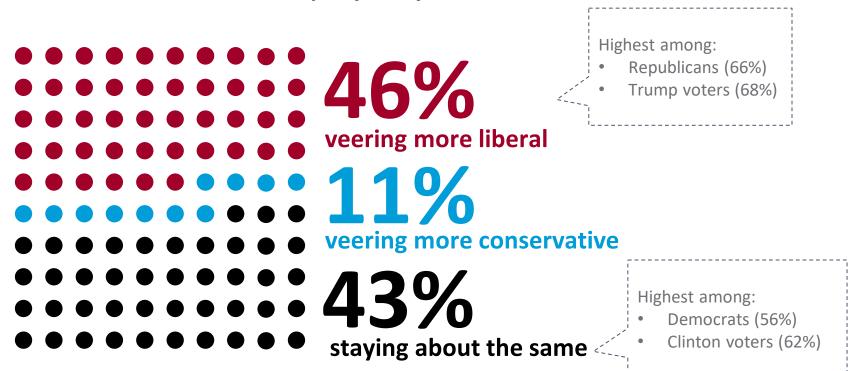
- A1. Which party is coming forward with more constructive policy proposals today the Democrats or the Republicans?
- A2. Which party is spending more time on attacking the other party -- the Democrats or the Republicans?

A3. Do you want the parties to work together and try to reach compromise or stick to their positions and fight it out until the next election?



VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON WHETHER THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS VEERING MORE LIBERAL TODAY OR STAYING ABOUT THE SAME

Just 11% of voters feel the party is veering more conservative.

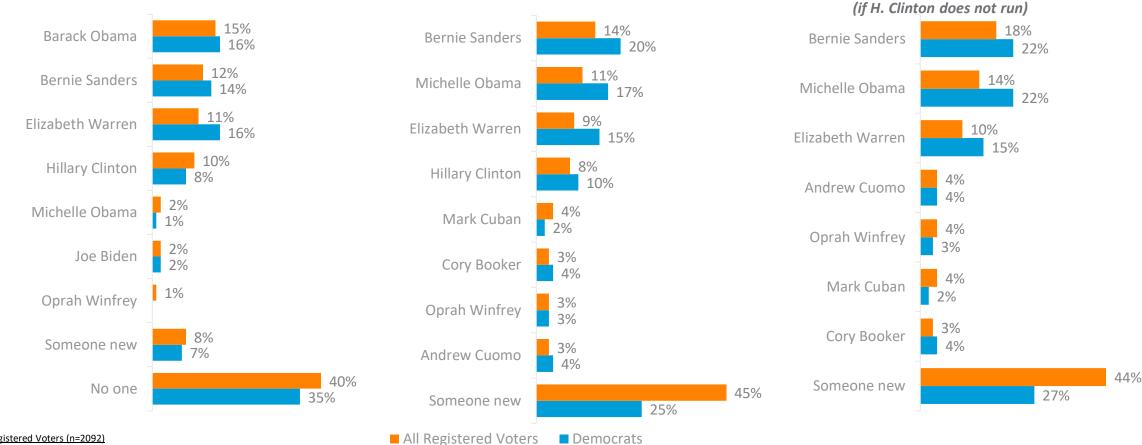


The Democratic party today is...

VOTERS WANT A NEW 2020 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT HILLARY CLINTON RUNS**

A large plurality see no one as the current leader of the Democratic party, followed by Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders.

Perceived Leader of Democratic Party



Desired 2020 Democratic Candidate

BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

A7. In your view, who is the leader of the Democratic Party today?

A8. Who do you think should be the Democrats' candidate for president in 2020?

A9. If Hillary Clinton were not running again, who do you think should be the Democrats' candidate for president in 2020?



Desired 2020 Democratic Candidate



VOTERS AGREE THAT JOB CREATION SHOULD BE TOP PRIORITY

Nearly one third of voters cite stimulating jobs as the top priority for the current administration, more than twice that of any other priority presented.

Stimulating American jobs Passing a comprehensive tax reform bill 13% Repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare") 13% **Destroying ISIS** 11% Passing an infrastructure spending bill 11% Reducing the total amount of immigrants allowed in the United States 8% Expanding family leave policies 5% Renegotiating trade deals with other countries 4% Building a wall between the United States and Mexico 3% Undoing the Iran deal 1%

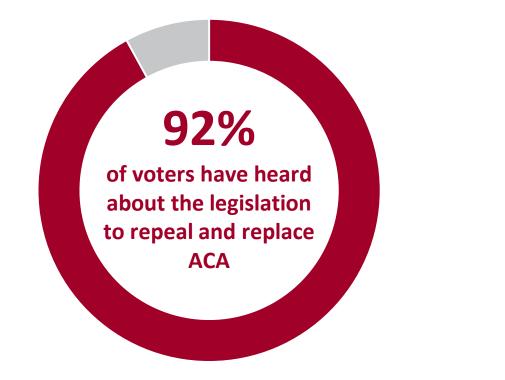
Top Priority for President Trump and Republicans in Congress

32%

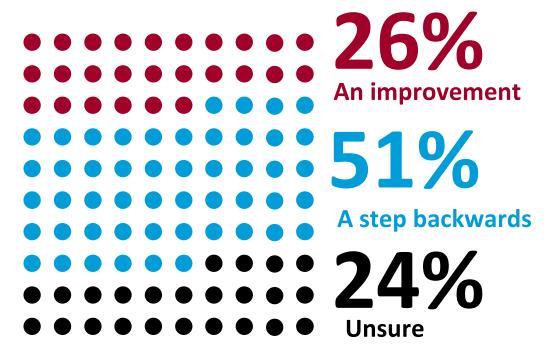


AMONG VOTERS WHO HAVE AN OPINION, 2 OUT OF 3 FEEL THE PROPOSED HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION IS A STEP BACKWARDS

While one quarter feel it is an improvement, nearly the same percentage are unsure how to feel about it.



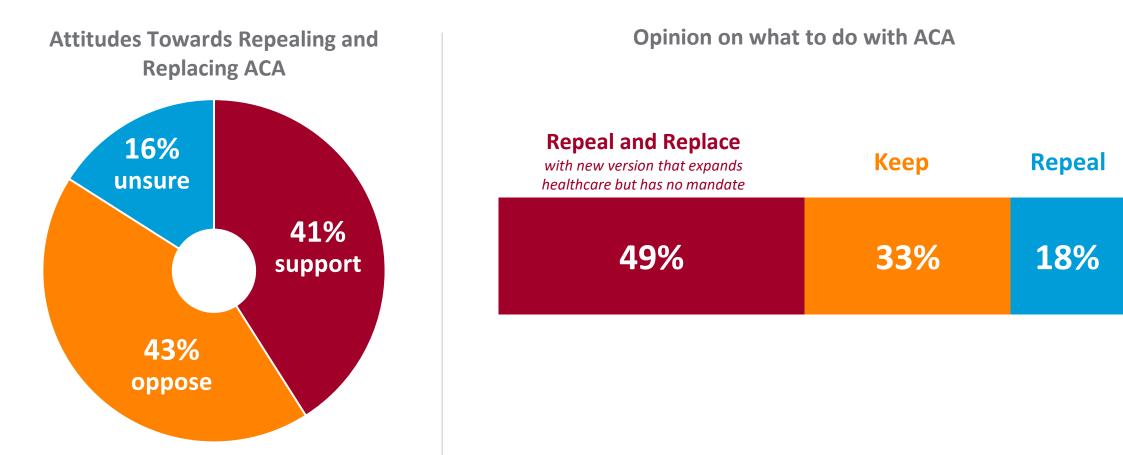
Those aware of legislation to repeal The Affordable Care Act feel the proposed law is...



<u>BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)</u>
H1 Have you heard anything about the legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare")?
<u>BASE: Heard of Legislation to Repeal and Replace ACA (n=1941)</u>
H1b Does the new proposed healthcare law sound like an improvement or a step backward?

VOTERS WANT OBAMA CARE REPLACED BY WIDE MARGIN, BUT

However, nearly half of voters feel the US should repeal it and replace it with a new version that continues to expand healthcare, but has no mandate that requires insurance.



BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

H2 In general, do you support or oppose new legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare")?

H3 Do you want to keep the Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare") in place as it is, repeal the whole law, or repeal and replace it with a version that continues to expand healthcare but has no mandate that requires all adults to have health insurance?



A MAJORITY OF VOTERS FAVOR MOST ELEMENTS OF THE NEW **HEALTHCARE LEGISLATION**

However, a majority oppose keeping the tax on over-generous plans, penalizing people if they skip health insurance coverage, and charging different prices based on age.

Opinions on Elements of Healthcare Legislation

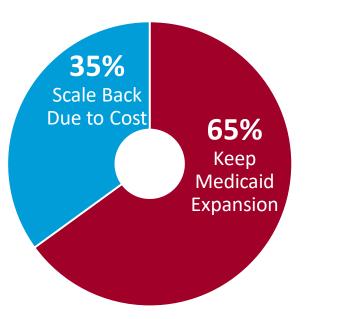
		Favor	Oppose
Requiring insurance companies to cover individuals with pre-existing conditions	90%		10%
Allowing competition of insurers across state lines	80%		20%
Allowing children to stay on their parents' health insurance until age 26	80%		20%
Increasing drug manufacturer competition	79%		21%
Keeping the expansion of Medicaid coverage to more low income families until 2020	78%		22%
Offering tax credits to people who cannot afford insurance	78%		22%
Lowering the requirements for all plans to cover things like contraception	65%		35%
Eliminating over time the Obamacare taxes	64%		36%
Eliminating the mandate that requires all individuals to buy health insurance	64%		36%
Keeping the tax on over-generous plans to discourage them	42%		58%
Penalizing people with a 30 percent penalty cost increase for one year if they skip health insurance coverage for one year or more	27%		73%
Charging older people more for insurance and younger people less : Registered Voters (n=2092)	20%		80%

H4 For each of the following elements of the new healthcare legislation, do you favor or oppose it:

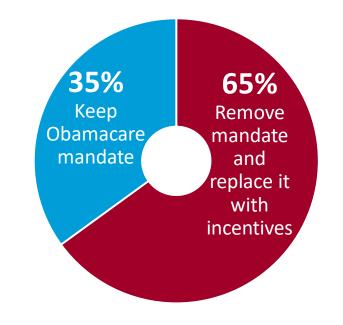
A MAJORITY AGREE THE TOP PRIORITY SHOULD BE

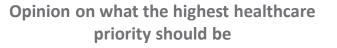
A majority of voters feel the US should keep Medicaid expansion, remove the mandate.

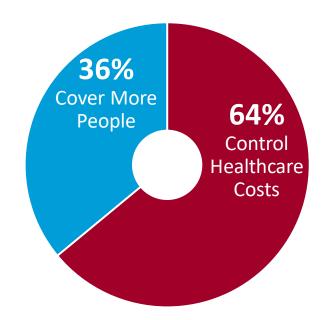
Opinion on how to alter the Medicaid expansion that allowed more low income people to go on Medicaid



Opinion on whether to keep or remove the Obamacare mandate requiring insurance







BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

H5 Do you want to keep the Medicaid expansion that allowed more low income people to go on Medicaid or do you want to scale back that expansion because of its cost?

H6 Some people say you need to keep the Obamacare mandate requiring health insurance because people will simply not sign up otherwise; others say that you don't need the mandate to cover more people and pre-existing conditions if you have the right incentives in place. Which is closer to your view?

H7 Which should be a higher priority - covering more people with health insurance or controlling healthcare costs?

MOST BELIEVE TRUMP TEAM DID NOT COORDINATE WITH RUSSIANS AND BELIEVE MEETINGS WERE NORMAL CONTACTS



6 in 10 believe meetings between the Russian ambassador and Trump's team were part of normal diplomacy with a foreign government.

46%

think members of the Trump team coordinated with Russia to hack the United States Election

54%

think members of the Trump team did not coordinate with Russia to hack the United States Election

60%

believe that the meetings between the Russian Ambassador by members of the Trump team were normal contacts with a foreign government

40%

believe that the meetings were intended to coordinate the hacking of the election

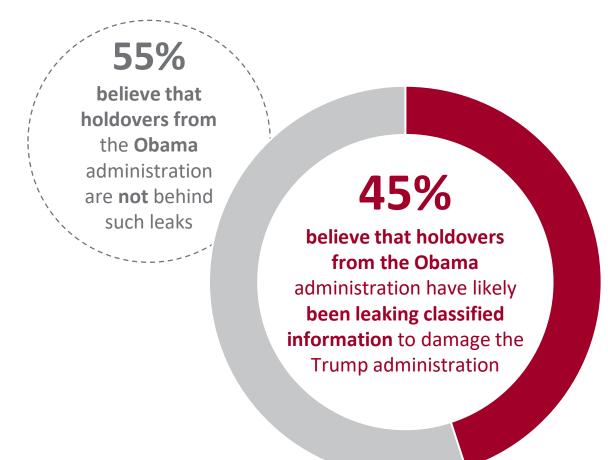
BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

FA1 Do you believe members of the Trump team coordinated with Russian intelligence to hack the United States election or do you believe they did not coordinate election hacking with the Russians? FA2 Do you believe that the meetings held with the Russian Ambassador by members of the Trump team were intended to coordinate the hacking of the election or were they normal contacts with a foreign government?



NEARLY HALF BELIEVE HOLDOVERS FROM THE OBAMA

A majority believe Obama's appointees are not behind such leaks.

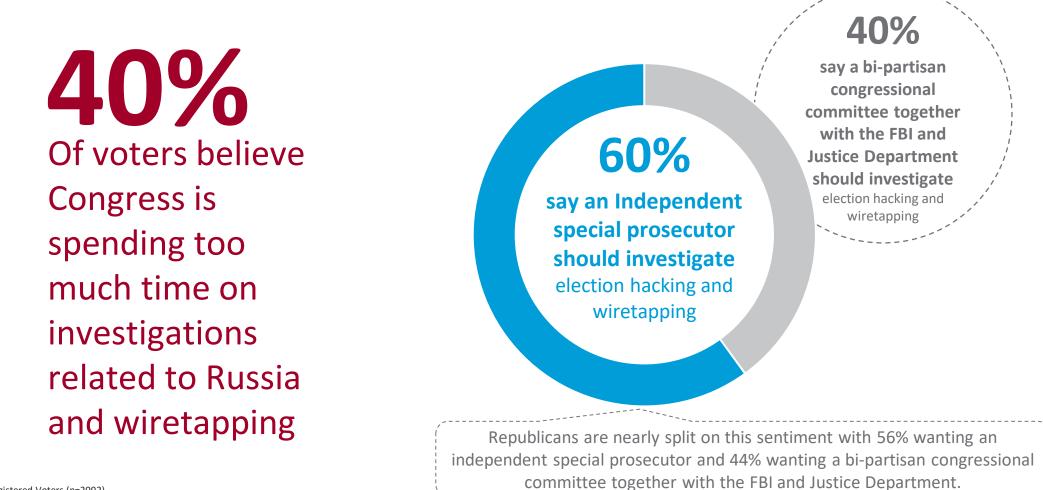


BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

FA3 Do you believe that holdovers from the Obama administration still in government today have likely been leaking classified information to damage the Trump administration or are these holdovers from the Obama administration not likely to have been behind such leaks?

4 IN 10 VOTERS FEEL CONGRESS IS SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME INVESTIGATING RUSSIA AND WIRETAPPING

Most feel an independent special prosecutor should investigate election hacking and wiretapping.



BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

H8 Do you believe that Congress is spending too much time, too little time, or about the right amount of time on investigations related to Russia and wiretapping?

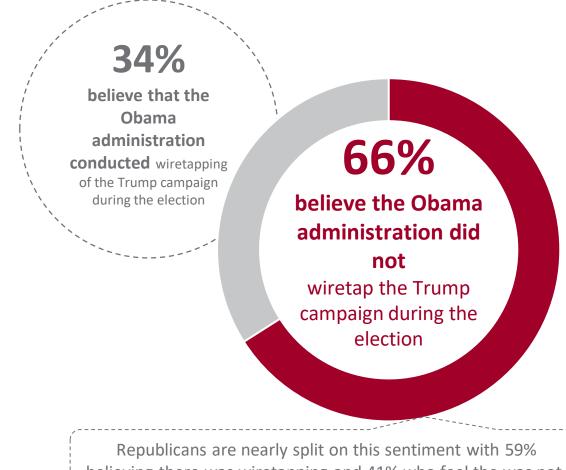
FA5 Do you think that matters related to election hacking and wiretapping should be investigated primarily by bi-partisan Congressional committees along with the FBI and the Justice Department or by an independent special prosecutor?

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TWO IN THREE VOTERS DO NOT BELIEVE THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION WIRETAPPED THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN

Over 3 in 10 do believe wiretapping was conducted.



believing there was wiretapping and 41% who feel the was not.

FA4 Do you believe that the Obama administration conducted wiretapping of senior Trump campaign officials during the election period or do you believe there was no such wiretapping?

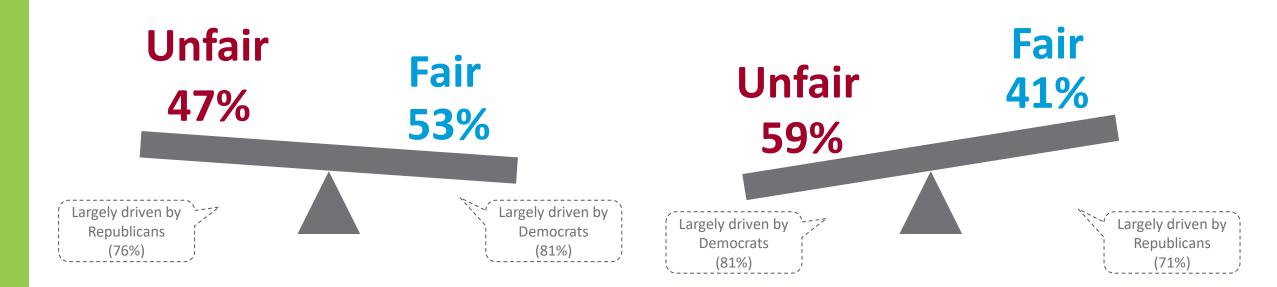


ABOUT HALF BELIEVE THE PRESS HAS BEEN UNFAIR TO TRUMP

Nearly 6 in 10 believe President Trump is treating the mainstream press unfairly.

Mainstream press treatment of President Trump is...

President Trump's Treatment of mainstream press is...



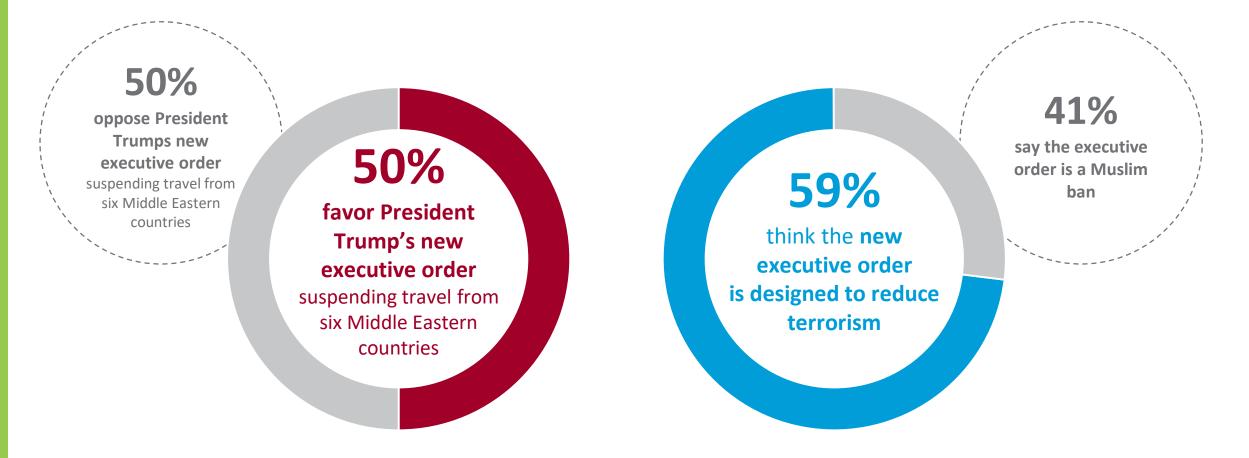
BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

A10 Do you think the mainstream press is treating President Trump fairly or unfairly? A11 Do you think President Trump has treated the mainstream press fairly or unfairly?



VOTERS ARE EVENLY SPLIT IN THEIR SUPPORT OF NEW

Voters solidly reject the idea that the executive order is a Muslim ban, contrary to court ruling.



BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

FA6 President Trump issued a new executive order suspending travel from six Middle Eastern countries until extreme vetting is in place. Do you favor or oppose this new executive order? FA7 Do you think that the new executive order is a Muslim ban or is it an order designed to reduce the threat of terrorism?



MOST VOTERS SAY DEMOCRATS SHOULD NOT FILIBUSTER SUPREME COURT NOMINEE NEIL GORSUCH

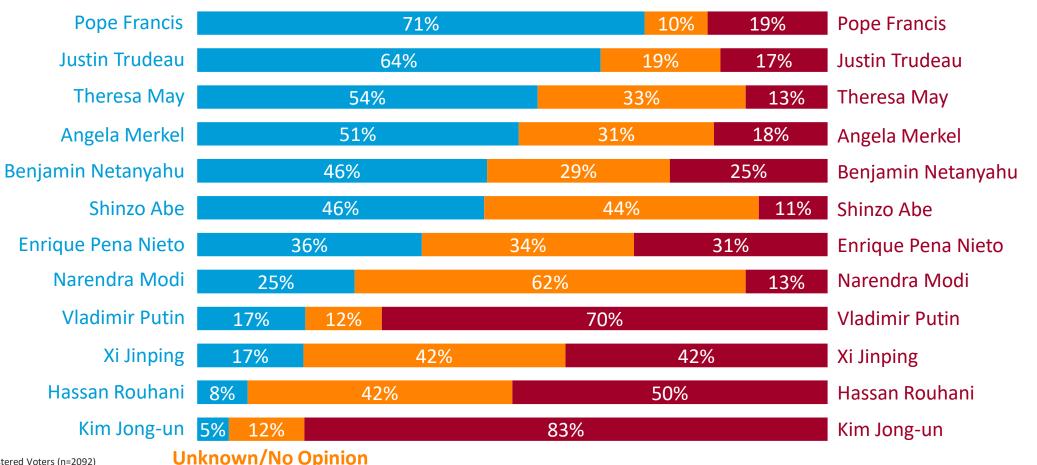
Nearly 2 in 5 believe Democrats should filibuster.

Feelings on Filibustering the Nomination of Neil Gorsuch 39% say Democrats should filibuster to stop the 61% appointment of Supreme Court nominee Neil say Democrats should Gorsuch not filibuster to stop the appointment of Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch



KIM JONG-UN AND PUTIN ARE MOST DISLIKED FOREIGN LEADERS

Majorities have favorable views of Pope Francis, Justin Trudeau, and Theresa May.



Views of Foreign Leaders

Favorable

Unfavorable

BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

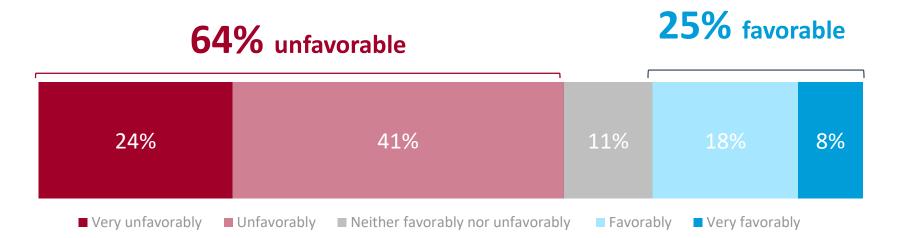
G1 Now we will show you some names of foreign leaders. Please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable view of that person - or if you've never heard of them.

NEARLY 2 IN 3 VOTERS BELIEVE THE US IS VIEWED UNFAVORABLY IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW

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Less than 1 in 10 think the world views the US very favorably.

United States Rating in the Eyes of the World

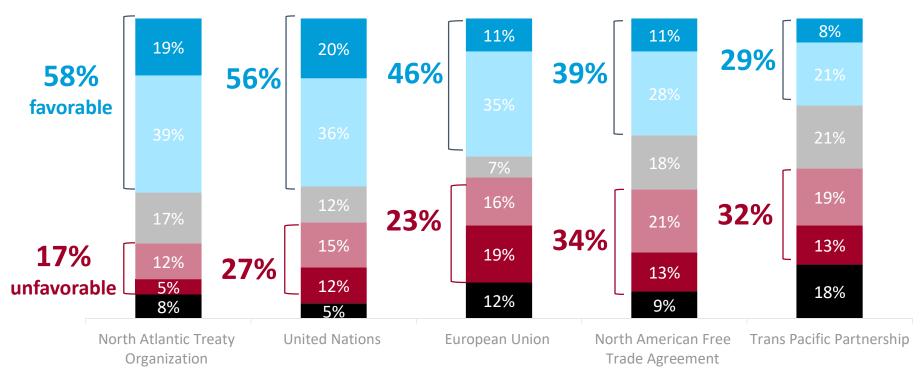




MAJORITIES OF VOTERS FEEL FAVORABLY ABOUT NATO AND THE UN

About 1 in 3 feel unfavorably about NAFTA and the TPP.

Opinion on the International Organizations and Treaties

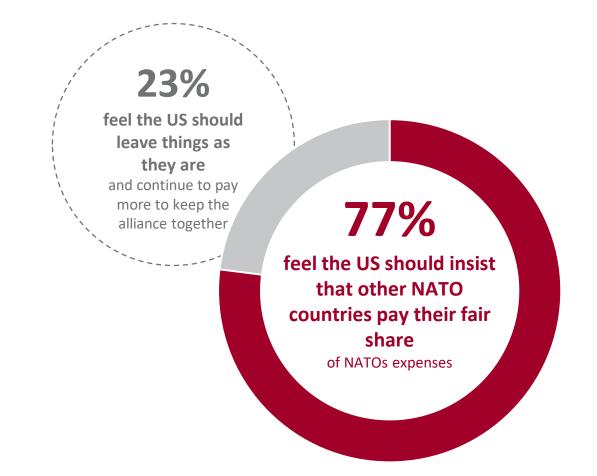


■ Never heard of/Unsure ■ Very unfavorably ■ Unfavorably ■ Neither favorably nor unfavorably ■ Favorably ■ Very favorably



MORE THAN 3 IN 4 FEEL THE US SHOULD INSIST THAT OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE OF NATO EXPENSES

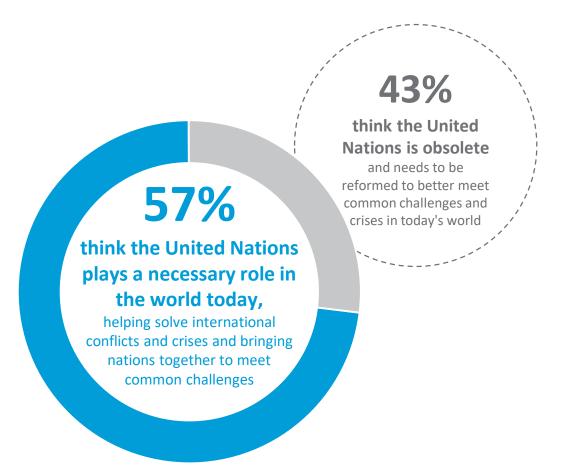
Less than one quarter feel the US should leave things as they are.





MORE THAN HALF OF VOTERS THINK THE UN PLAYS A NECESSARY ROLE IN TODAY'S WORLD

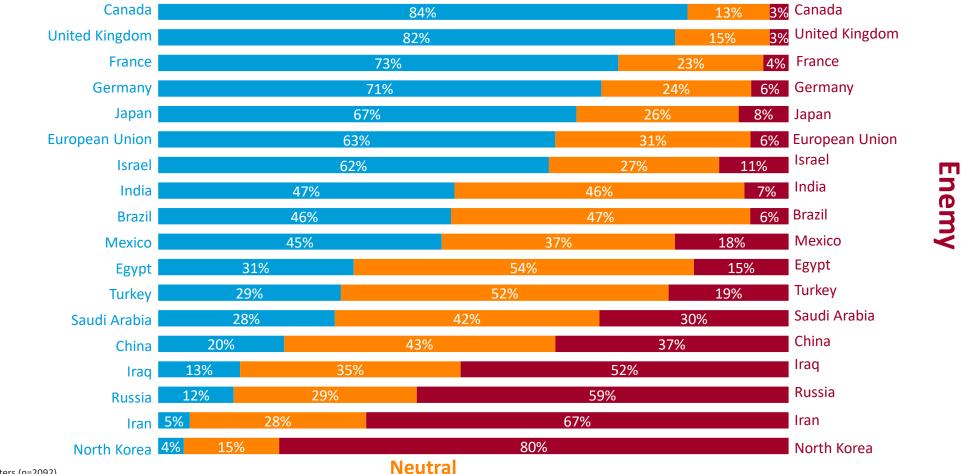
Just over 4 in 10 feel the UN is obsolete.





MAJORITIES VIEW NORTH KOREA, IRAN, RUSSIA, AND IRAQ AS ENEMIES

Canada and the UK, followed by France and Germany, are viewed as allies by most voters.



Views of Countries

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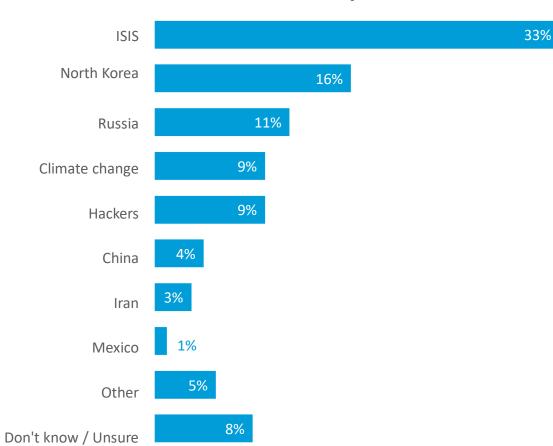
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FP5 Do you consider each of the following countries an ally, an enemy, or neutral towards the United States?



VOTERS PERCEIVE ISIS AS THE TOP THREAT TO AMERICA BY FAR

North Korea, Russia, and climate change are far less likely to be perceived as a top threat.



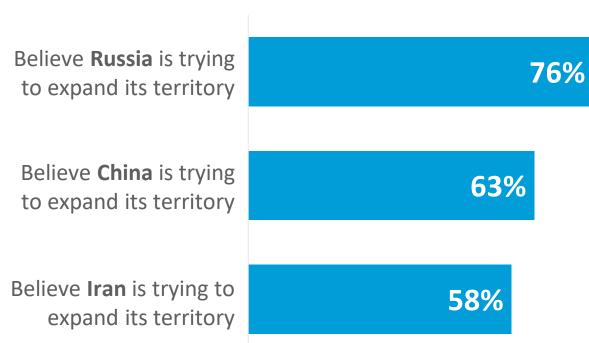
Top Threats to America

BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

I34 Which of the following do you think is the top threat to America?

THREE QUARTERS OF VOTERS FEEL RUSSIA IS TRYING TO EXPAND

Though fewer, a majority also say the same for China and Iran.



Countries Trying to Expand Territory



VERY FEW VOTERS FEEL RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA, CHINA, OR IRAN ARE IMPROVING

A plurality each feel relationships with these nations are worsening.



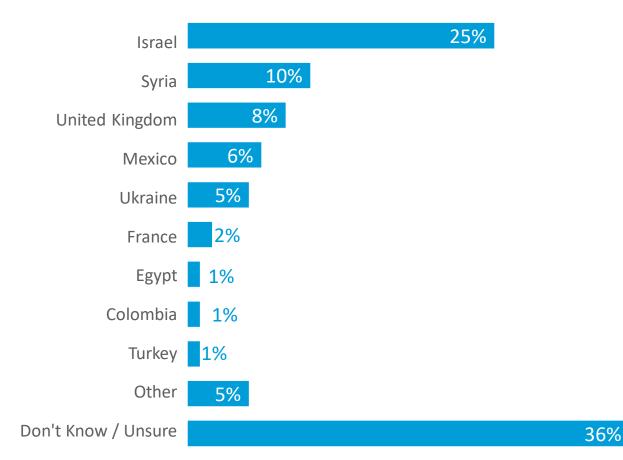
Relations between US and Other Nations is...



VOTERS FEEL ISRAEL IS THE ALLY MOST IN NEED OF SUPPORT, MORE THAN TWICE THAT OF ANY OTHER ALLY

However, over one third of voters are not sure who is most in need.

Ally who is in Need of or Should Receive MOST Support from US



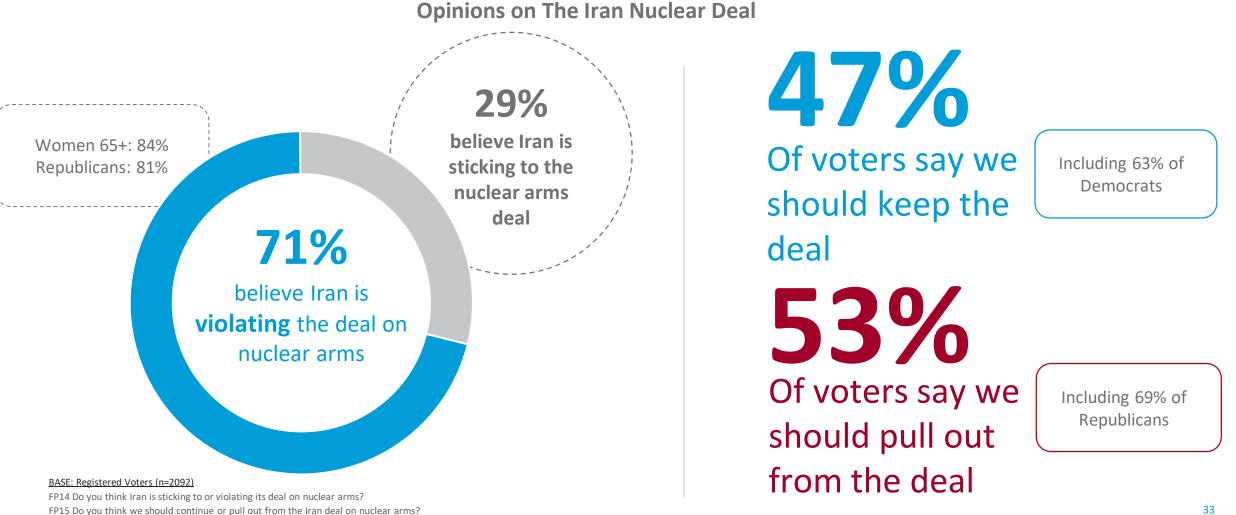
BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

FP10 Which of the following allies do you think needs and should receive the most help from the United States?



A MAJORITY OF VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY FEEL IRAN IS VIOLATING THE DEAL ON NUCLEAR ARMS

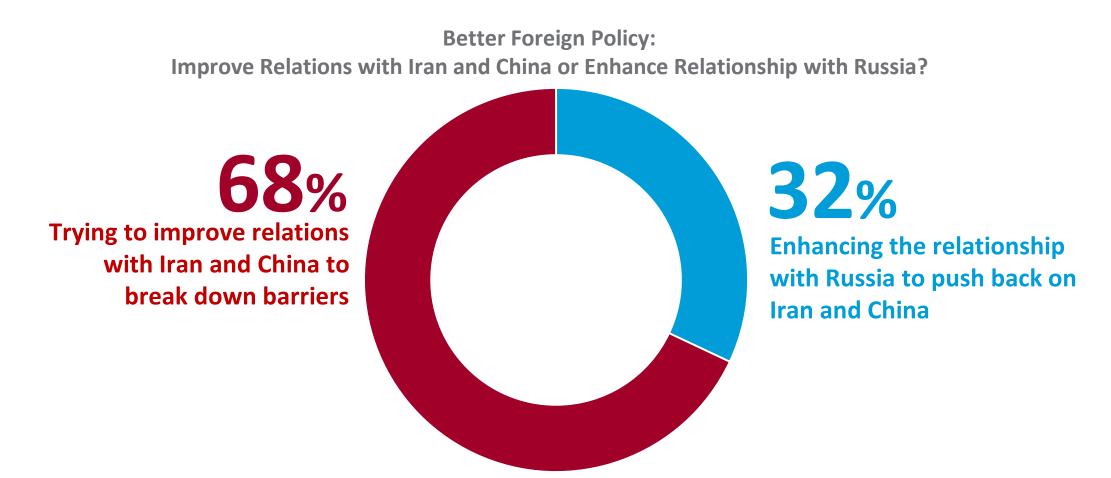
A majority feel we should pull out from the deal.





A MAJORITY OF VOTERS FEEL IT IS BETTER FOREIGN POLICY TO ATTEMPT TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS WITH IRAN AND CHINA

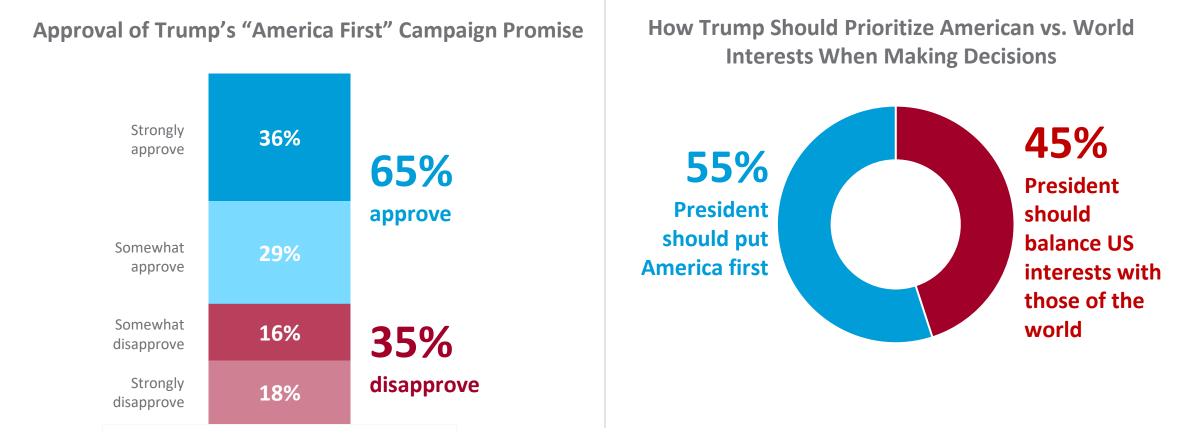
Versus trying to enhance the relationship with Russia to push back on the two countries.





ALMOST 2 IN 3 VOTERS APPROVE OF PRESIDENT TRUMP'S "AMERICA FIRST" CAMPAIGN PROMISE

And a slight majority feel the President should put America first in his decision making vs. balancing US interests with those of the world.



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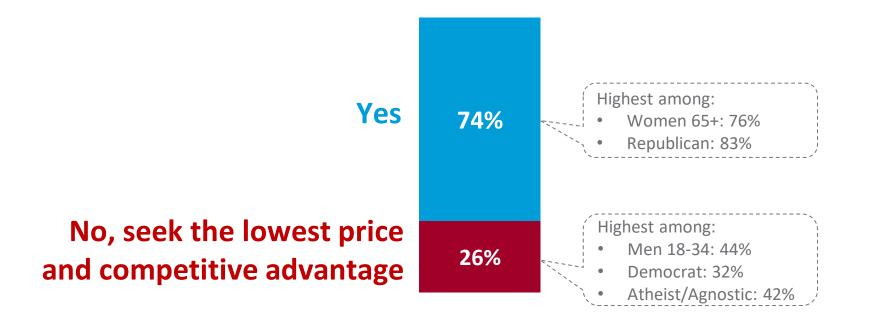
FP22 President Trump was elected on the promise of putting "America First," and has committed the country to a foreign policy that is focused, above all, on securing American interests and American national security. To what extent do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's "America First" foreign policy direction?

FP23 Do you believe that the president should put America first in his decision making or balance the interests of the United States with those of the world in making decisions?

THREE QUARTERS OF VOTERS SAY THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAIRS HAVE A BUY AMERICAN, HIRE AMERICAN POLICY

One quarter disagree, saying we should seek the lowest price and competitive advantage.

Should US Government have a "Buy American, Hire American" Policy



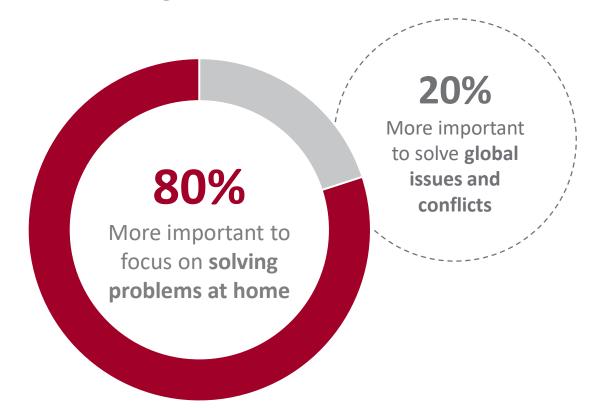
BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

FP24 Do you believe that the government should have a policy of 'buy American and hire American' or should it just seek the lowest price and competitive advantage?

A STRONG MAJORITY OF VOTERS FEEL IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON SOLVING PROBLEMS AT HOME

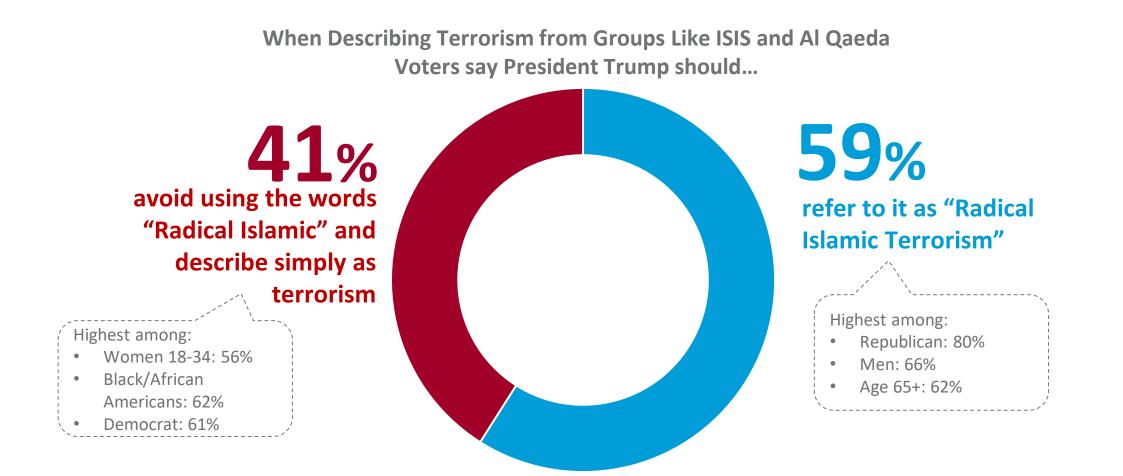
However, 2 in 10 feel it is more important to solve global issues and conflicts.

Should the US Focus on Solving Domestic or Global Issues and Conflicts?



A MAJORITY OF VOTERS SAY PRESIDENT TRUMP SHOULD REFER

However, 4 in 10 feel he should avoid these words.



BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)



VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON WHETHER THE US IS A FORCE FOR GOOD IN THE WORLD OR DOES AS MUCH HARM AS GOOD

Yet most feel the US is principled in the way it fights wars and engages in conflicts.

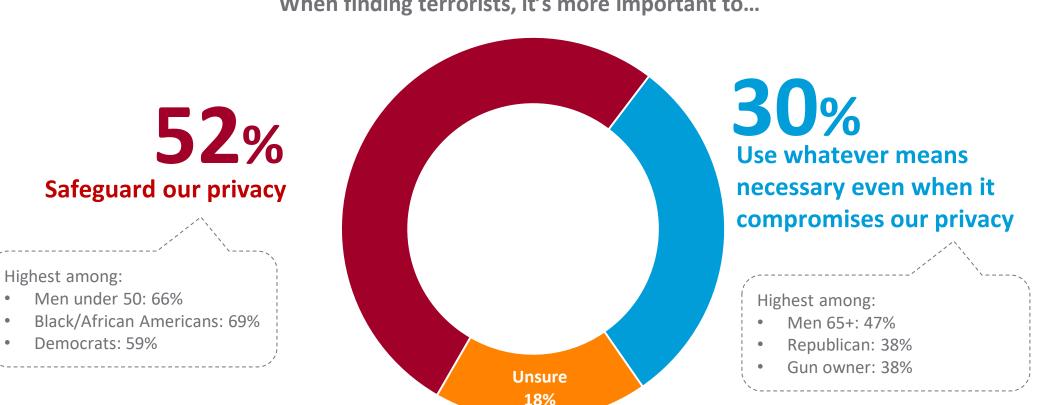
Opinion on How the US Fights Wars The US as Force in the World Today... and Engages in Conflicts **Principled** A force Does as much good Not a force for good as it does harm for good Highest among: 45% 43% 12% Women 65+: 83% Republican: 83%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

FP36 Which of the following is closest to your view? FP37 Do you think the United States is principled or unprincipled in the way it fights wars and engages in conflicts?

MOST VOTERS ARE NOT WILLING TO COMPROMISE PRIVACY IN THE NAME OF FINDING TERRORISTS

Only 3 in 10 feel the US should use whatever means necessary to find terrorists, even when it compromises our privacy.



When finding terrorists, it's more important to...

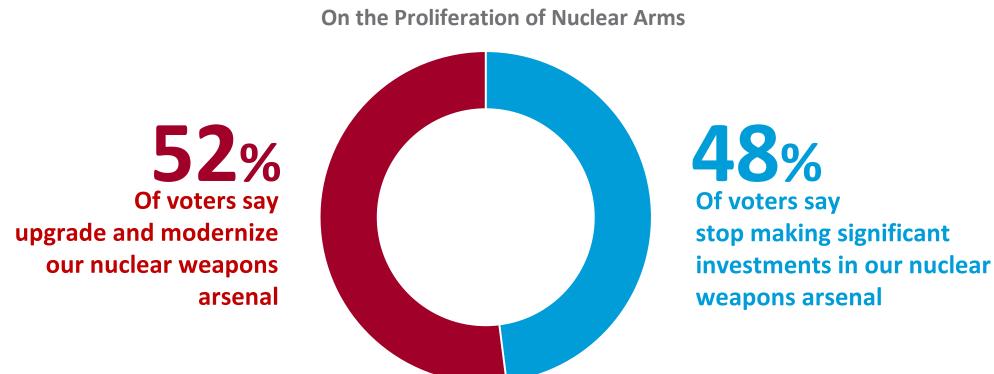
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FP41 Do you think it is more important today that we safeguard our privacy or more important that we use whatever means necessary to find terrorists even when it might compromise our privacy?



AMERICAN VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON NUCLEAR INVESTMENT

A slight majority feel we should be upgrading and modernizing our nuclear weapons.

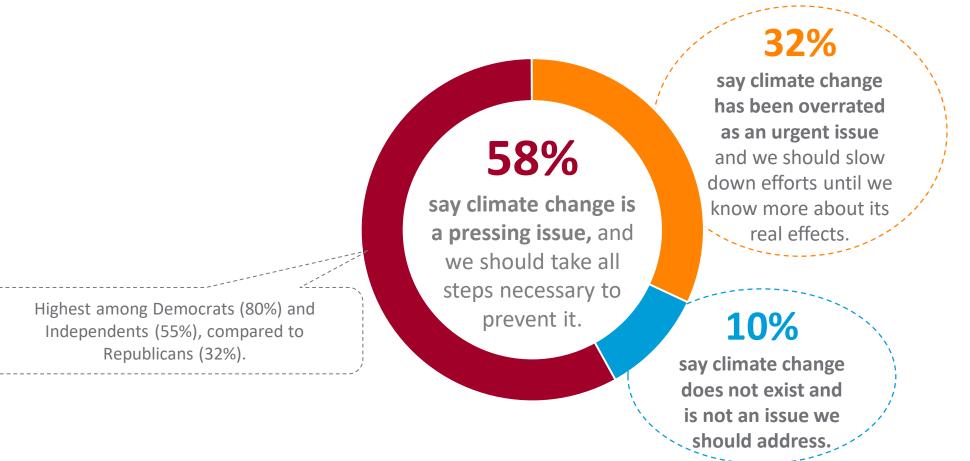




MAJORITY OF VOTERS SAY CLIMATE CHANGE IS A PRESSING ISSUE

Nearly one third say climate change is overrated and we should slow down efforts, while 10% feel it does not exist at all.

Attitudes Towards Climate Change Regulations



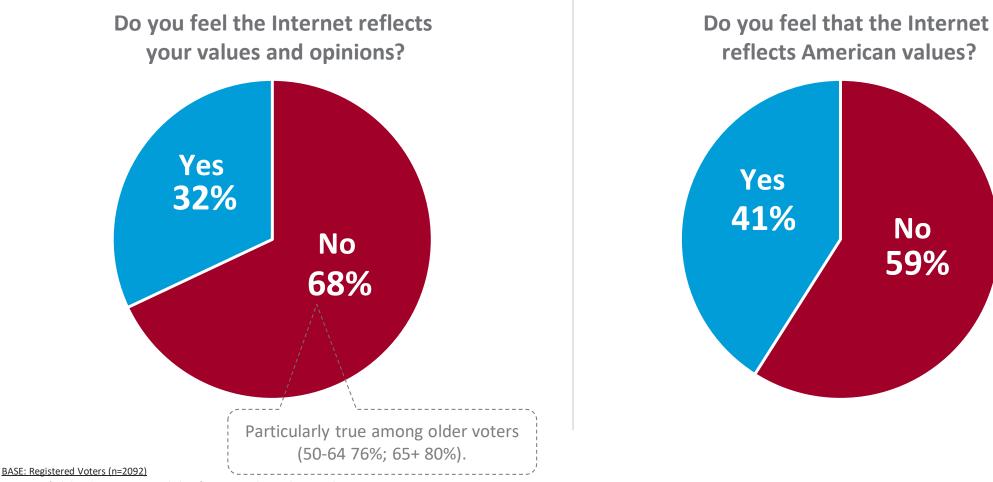
BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

E8 There is much debate about the burden different countries should take on for climate change regulations. Thinking about the United States, which of the following statements do you agree with the most?



MAJORITY OF VOTERS SAY THE INTERNET DOES NOT REFLECT THEIR PERSONAL VALUES

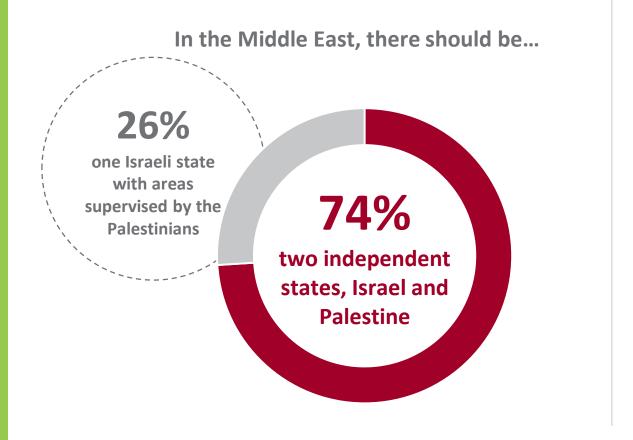
And most, though not quite as many, feel the Internet does not reflect American values.



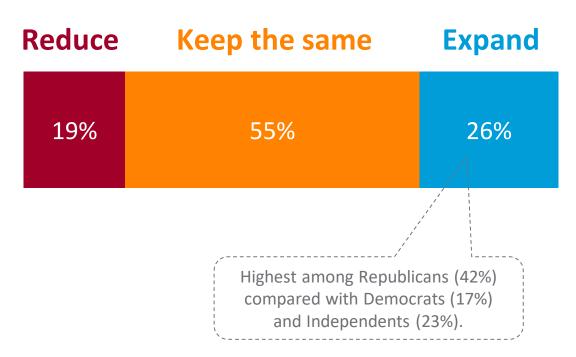
C1 Do you feel that the Internet as a whole reflects your values and opinions? C2 Do you feel that the Internet reflects American values?

FOUR IN FIVE VOTERS FEEL THE US SHOULD KEEP OR EXPAND ITS

Nearly three quarters of voters feel there should be two independent states, Israel and Palestine, as opposed to one Israeli state.



Opinion on how US should alter its commitment to Israel



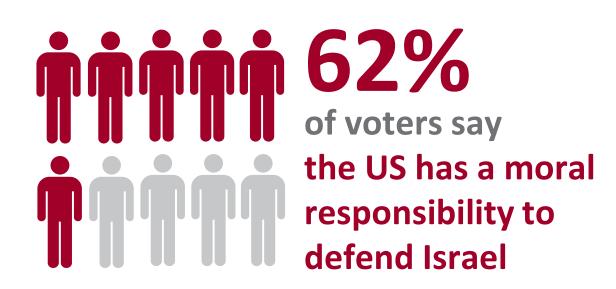
BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

E4 Thinking of the Middle East, do you think there should be two independent states (Israel and a Palestinian state) or one Israeli state with areas supervised by the Palestinians? E1 Should the United States expand, reduce or keep its commitment to Israel the same?

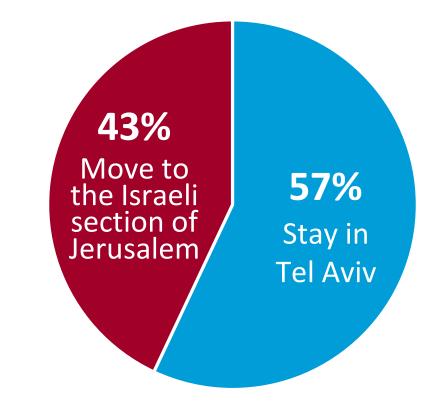


OVER 6 IN 10 VOTERS FEEL THE US HAS A MORAL OBLIGATION TO DEFEND ISRAEL

A majority also feel the American Embassy should remain in Tel Aviv.







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E2 Do you think that the United States has a moral responsibility to defend Israel or does it not have any responsibility to defend Israel? E5 Should the American Embassy stay in Tel Aviv or be moved to the Israeli section of Jerusalem?

A SLIGHT MAJORITY OF VOTERS SAY REPUBLICANS ARE SHOWING MORE SUPPORT THAN DEMOCRATS FOR ISRAEL

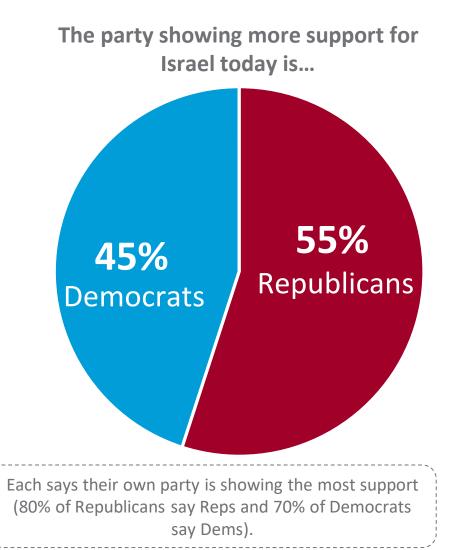
Nearly 6 in 10 say the greater block to peace negotiations is the Palestinians, compared to Israel.

42% 58% Israel **Palestinians**

The greater block to peace negotiations is...

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E6 Who do you think is a greater block to peace negotiations - Israel or the Palestinians? E7 Which party is showing more support for Israel today - the Democrats or the Republicans?



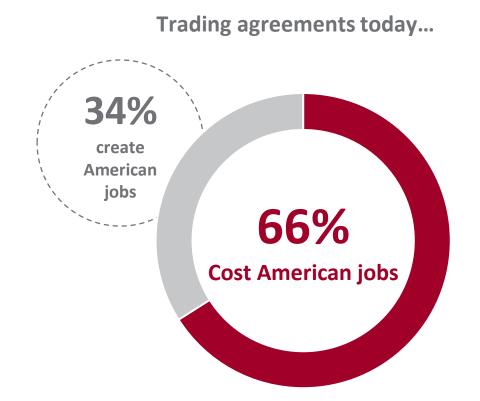
A SLIGHT PLURALITY OF VOTERS FEEL OUR TRADING AGREEMENTS LOWER THE PRICES CONSUMERS PAY



However, over one third feel these agreements raise prices, and two thirds say trading agreements today cost American jobs, as opposed to create them.

Opinion on how trading agreements affect the prices consumers pay

Lower	Do not	Raise
prices	affect price	es prices
40%	25%	36%



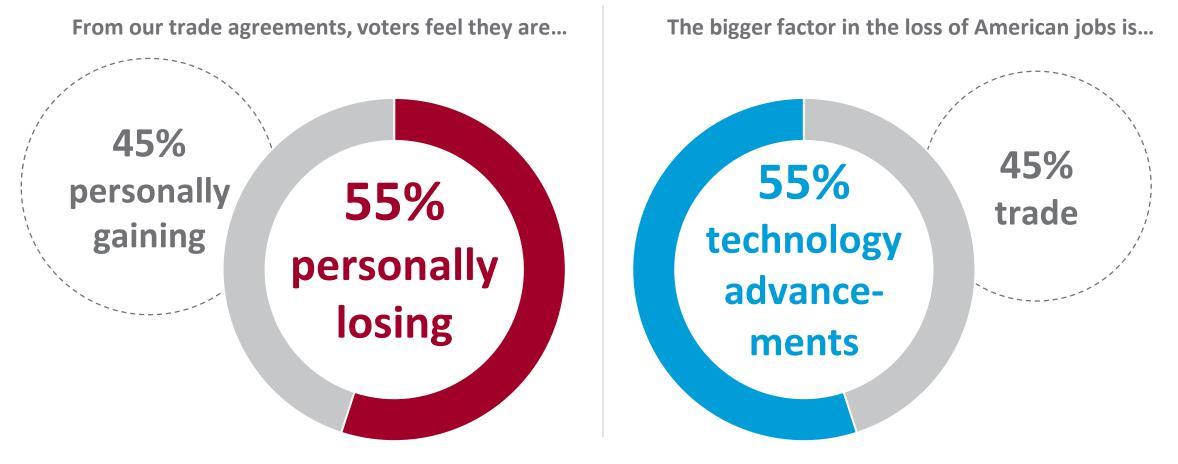
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T2 Do you think our trading agreements today lower the prices consumers pay, raise the prices consumers pay, or do not affect the prices consumers pay much?

T3 Do you think our trading agreements today create more American jobs or cost America jobs?

MAJORITY OF VOTERS FEEL THEY ARE PERSONALLY LOSING FROM US TRADE AGREEMENTS

However, a similar percentage feel technology advancements are the bigger factor in the loss of American jobs, compared with trade.



BASE: Registered Voters (n=2092)

T4 Overall, do you think you personally are gaining or losing from our trade agreements? T5 Which do you think is a bigger factor in losing American jobs - trade or technology advancements?







DEMOGRAPHICS

Base	n=2092
AGE*	
18-34	25%
35-49	24%
50-64	29%
65+	21%
SEX*	
Male	49%
Female	51%
EDUCATION*	
Less than high school degree	8%
High school degree to less than 4	
year college degree	57%
4 year college degree or more	36%

	Base	n=2092
RACE/ETHNICITY*		
White		69%
Black/African American		11%
Hispanic		13%
Asian or Pacific Islander		4%
Mixed race		2%
Other		2%
Decline to Answer		0

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	Base	n=2092
POLITICAL PARTY		
Democrat		37%
Republican		30%
Independent		28%
Other		5%
LOCALE		
Urban		29%
Suburban		50%
Rural		21%