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Ipsos Poll Conducted for Reuters

Core Political Data

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These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted

for



REUTERS

date

July 13-July 17, 2018



For the survey,

a sample of

2,851

Americans

including

2,357

Registered voters

1,015

Democrats

944

Republicans

272

Independents

ages

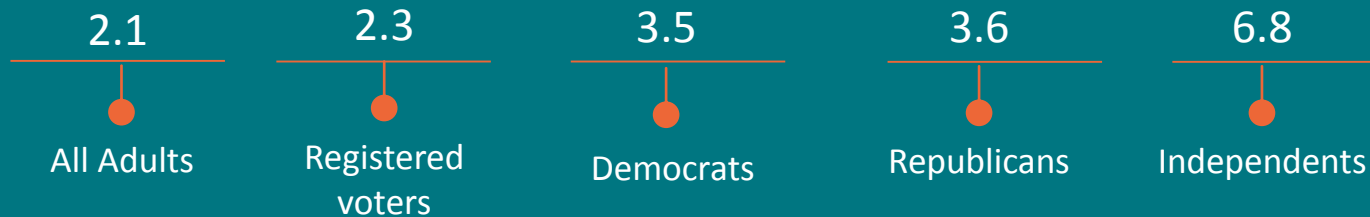
18+

were interviewed online

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The precision of the Reuters/Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval.

In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus the following percentage points



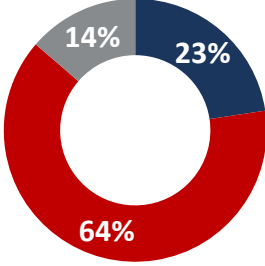
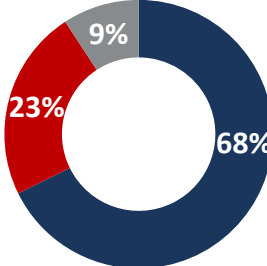
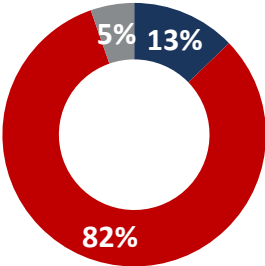
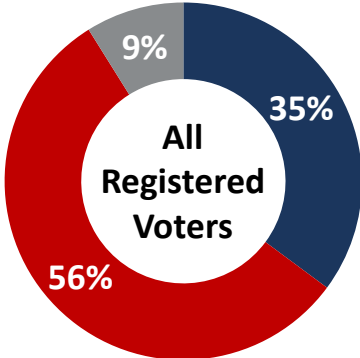
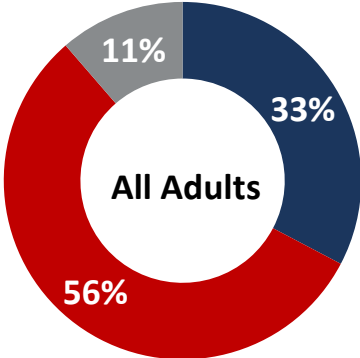
For more information about credibility intervals, please see the appendix.

Core Political Data

- The data were weighted to the U.S. current population data by:
 - **Gender**
 - **Age**
 - **Education**
 - **Ethnicity**
 - **Region**
- Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online nonprobability polls.
- All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error.
- Figures marked by an asterisk (*) indicate a percentage value of greater than zero but less than one half of one per cent.
- Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding.
- *To see more information on this and other Reuters/Ipsos polls, please visit:
<http://polling.reuters.com/>*

Right Direction/Wrong Track

Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



Registered Voters:
Democrats

Registered Voters:
Republicans

Registered Voters:
Independents

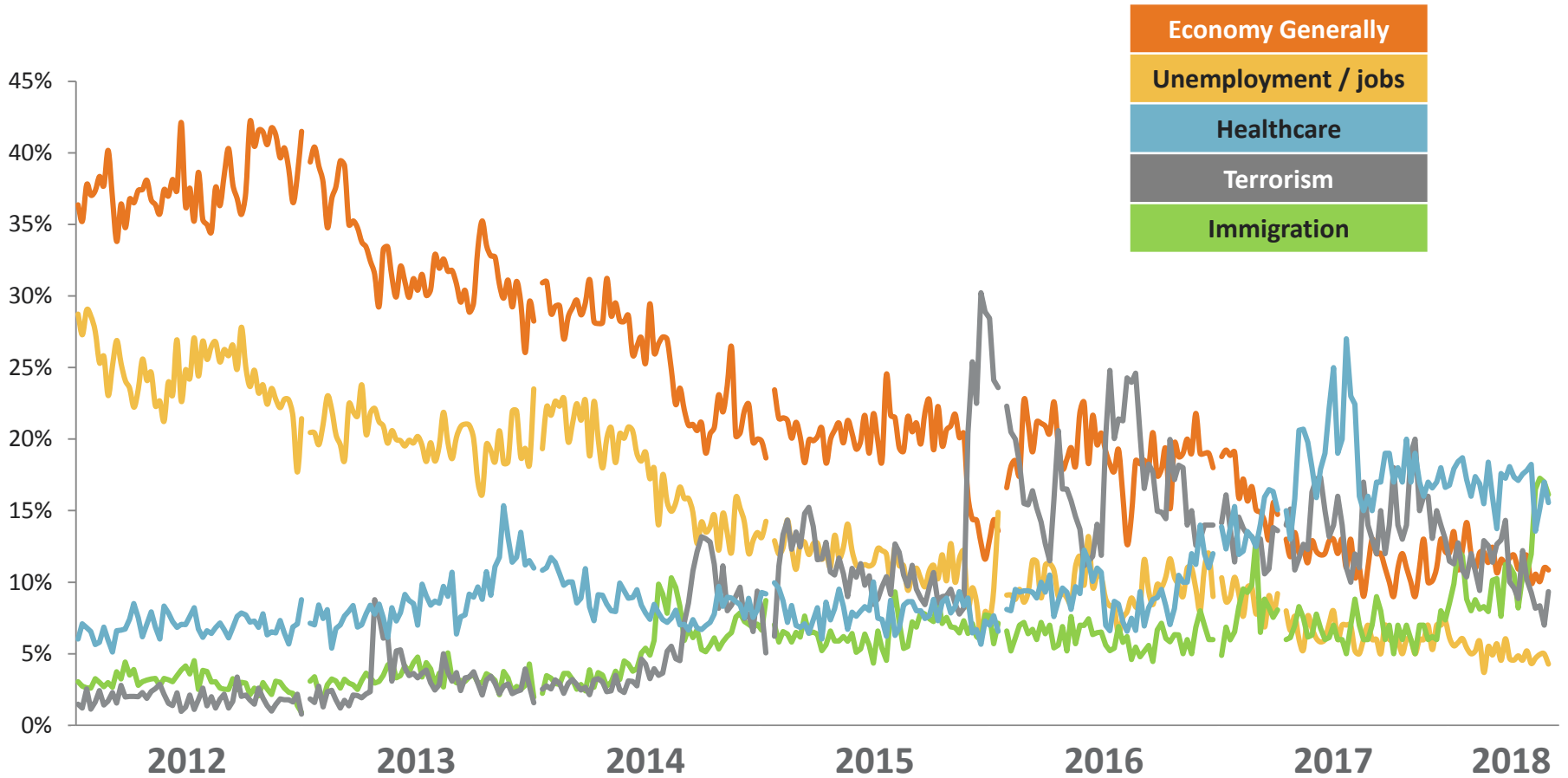
Main Problem Facing America

In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the US today?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Registered Voters: Democrat	Registered Voters: Republican	Registered Voters: Independent
Economy generally	11%	11%	11%	9%	15%
Unemployment / lack of jobs	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%
War / foreign conflicts	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%
Immigration	16%	17%	9%	27%	15%
Terrorism / terrorist attacks	9%	10%	9%	11%	7%
Healthcare	16%	16%	22%	10%	14%
Energy issues	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Morality	10%	10%	8%	14%	9%
Education	5%	4%	6%	4%	2%
Crime	7%	7%	5%	7%	5%
Environment	4%	4%	6%	1%	4%
Don't know	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%
Other	10%	11%	13%	7%	12%

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Main Problem Facing America



DONALD TRUMP



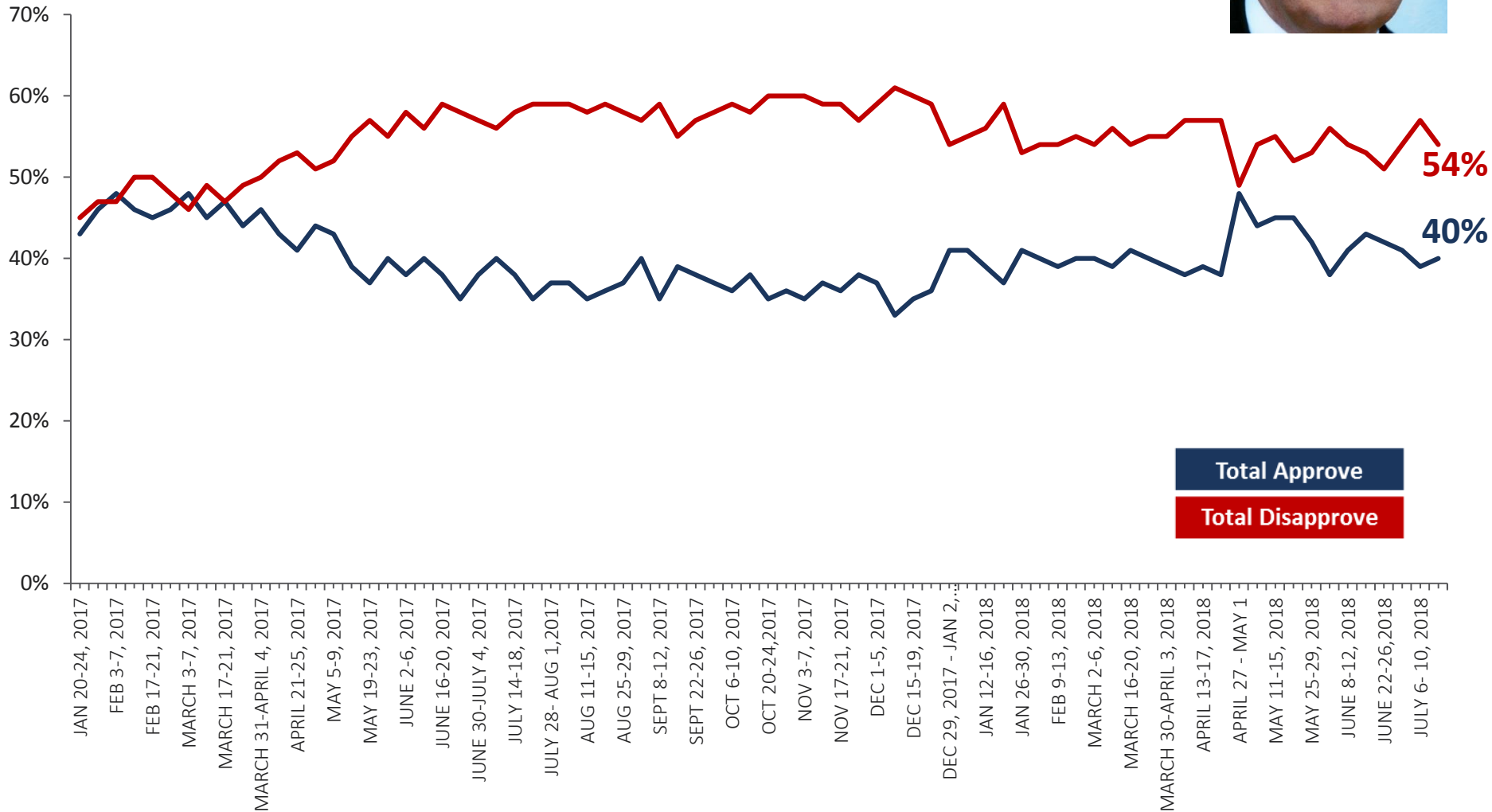
Overall, do you approve or disapprove about the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)? (Asked of those who selected “approve” or “disapprove”)
 Q2b. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove? (Asked of those who selected “don’t know”)

	All Adults	All Registered Voters	Registered Voters: Democrat	Registered Voters: Republican	Registered Voters: Independent
Strongly approve	21%	23%	5%	50%	7%
Somewhat approve	17%	18%	6%	32%	17%
Lean towards approve	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%
Lean towards disapprove	3%	2%	2%	1%	5%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	11%	13%	6%	19%
Strongly disapprove	40%	41%	71%	6%	39%
Not sure	6%	4%	2%	2%	10%
TOTAL APPROVE	40%	42%	12%	84%	27%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	54%	54%	86%	14%	63%

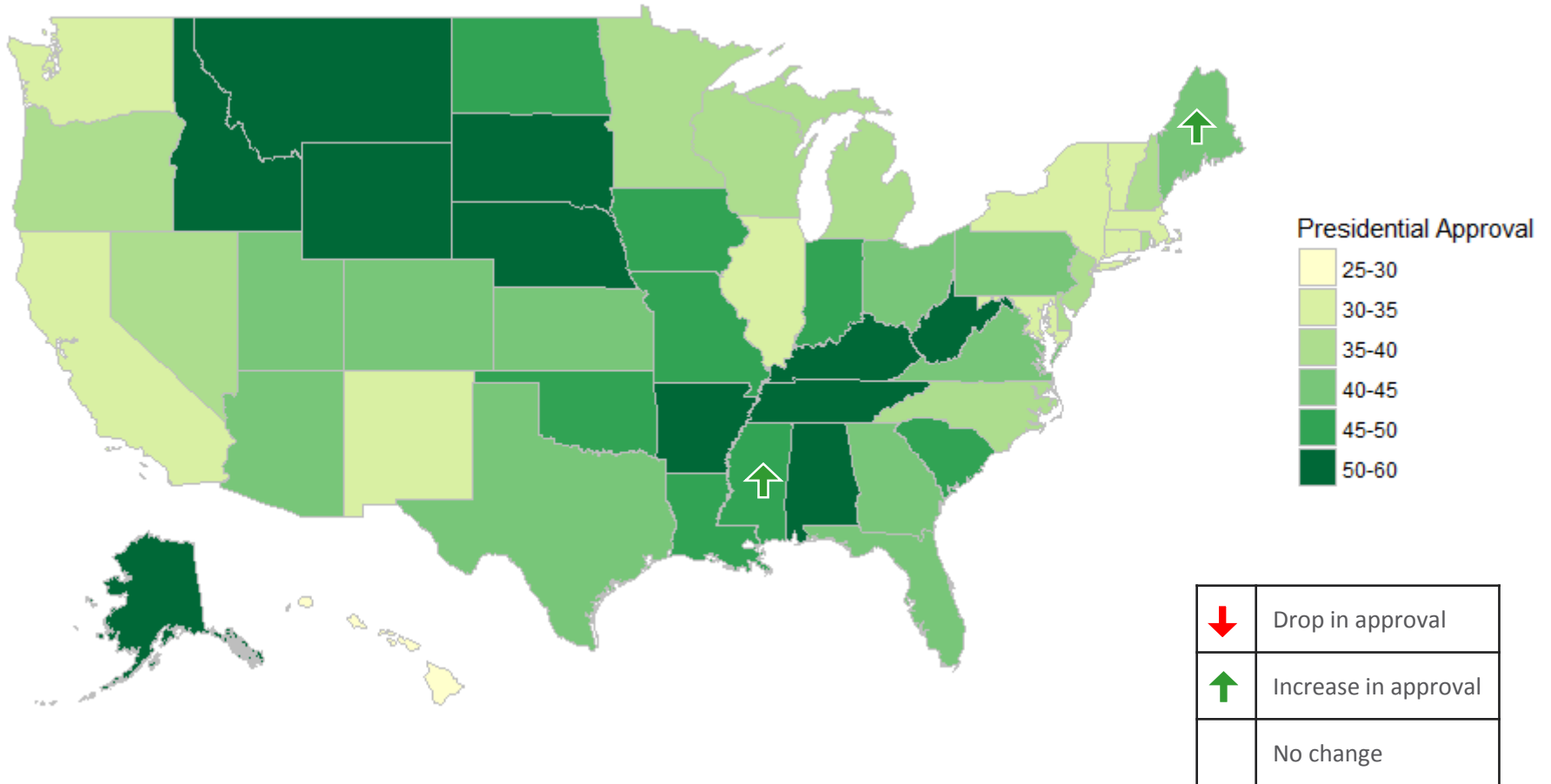
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Weekly Approval



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Approval by State (January 2018 – June 2018)



Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted 1/1/2018 to 6/30/2018 among 67,055; arrows represent changes of plus or minus 3 percentage points from 12/1/2017 thru 05/31/2018 based on change in color bracket. Color scale represents degree of Trump approval, with each color corresponding to varying degrees of job approval from over 50% approval to under 30% approval. Overall, do you approve or disapprove about the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Approval Attributes



Do you approve or disapprove about the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean towards approve	Lean towards disapprove	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	TOTAL APPROVE	TOTAL DISAPPROVE
The US economy	23%	14%	11%	9%	9%	27%	9%	47%	44%
US foreign policy	17%	13%	10%	8%	8%	35%	10%	40%	51%
Healthcare reform	15%	13%	12%	9%	8%	35%	9%	39%	51%
Employment and jobs	23%	14%	13%	9%	7%	24%	9%	50%	41%
Dealing with Congress	16%	13%	10%	10%	9%	31%	10%	39%	51%
Dealing with ISIS / ISIL	22%	14%	11%	8%	8%	26%	11%	47%	42%
International trade	18%	12%	11%	8%	8%	34%	10%	41%	50%
Taxation	18%	12%	12%	9%	8%	30%	10%	42%	48%
Corruption	16%	12%	11%	7%	7%	36%	11%	38%	50%
The environment	13%	11%	12%	9%	7%	36%	11%	36%	52%
Immigration	22%	11%	8%	7%	7%	38%	7%	42%	52%
The way he treats people like me	16%	12%	9%	8%	7%	39%	9%	37%	54%
The effort he is making to unify the country	19%	12%	10%	7%	6%	38%	9%	41%	51%
Russia	14%	12%	10%	9%	8%	36%	10%	36%	54%

White House Exits

Of the following White House or Executive Branch staff members, who do you believe will be the next to resign or be terminated? Will it be...

	Yes
Jeff Sessions, Attorney General	14%
Sarah Sanders, Press Secretary	11%
John F. Kelly, Chief of Staff	10%
Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education	7%
Jared Kushner, Senior Adviser to the President	6%
Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State	5%
Kellyanne Conway, Senior Counselor	5%
Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary of Homeland Security	4%
Mike Pence, Vice President	4%
John R. Bolton, National Security Advisor	4%
James Mattis, Secretary of Defense	3%
Nikki Haley, U.N. Ambassador	3%
Stephen Miller, Senior Advisor for Policy	3%
Bill Shine, White House Communications Director	2%
Steve Mnuchin, Treasury Secretary	2%
Robert Lighthizer, Trade Representative	2%
Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce	2%
Sonny Perdue, Agriculture Secretary	1%

Congressional Approval

Split Sampled

Overall, do you approve or disapprove about the way your Congressperson is handling their job as Representative?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Registered Voters: Democrat	Registered Voters: Republican	Registered Voters: Independent
Strongly approve	10%	12%	13%	14%	9%
Somewhat approve	31%	33%	30%	42%	24%
Somewhat disapprove	20%	21%	22%	18%	32%
Strongly disapprove	15%	16%	19%	9%	20%
Don't know	24%	17%	16%	17%	15%
TOTAL APPROVE	41%	46%	43%	56%	33%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	34%	37%	41%	27%	52%

Overall, do you approve or disapprove about the way Congress as a whole is handling its job?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Registered Voters: Democrat	Registered Voters: Republican	Registered Voters: Independent
Strongly approve	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%
Somewhat approve	19%	19%	14%	28%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	32%	33%	30%	37%	37%
Strongly disapprove	31%	33%	45%	21%	34%
Don't know	13%	10%	7%	7%	15%
TOTAL APPROVE	23%	24%	19%	35%	14%
TOTAL DISAPPROVE	64%	67%	74%	58%	71%

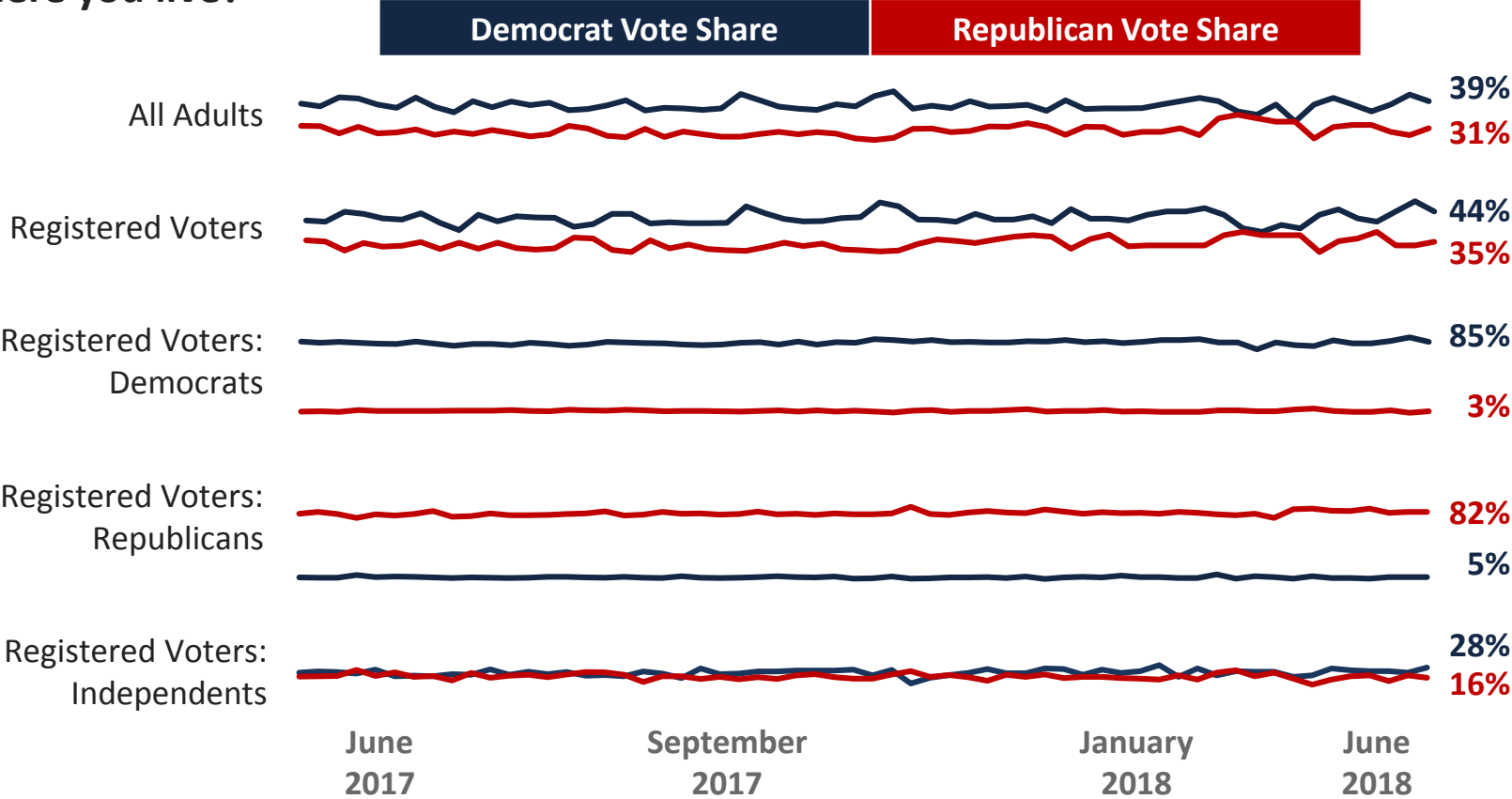
2018 Generic Congressional Ballot Question

Thinking about the elections in 2018, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

	All Adults	Registered Voters	Registered Voters: Democrat	Registered Voters: Republican	Registered Voters: Independent
Democratic candidate	39%	44%	85%	5%	28%
Republican candidate	31%	35%	3%	82%	16%
Candidate from another political party	5%	5%	3%	2%	21%
Will not/do not plan to vote	12%	4%	3%	2%	8%
Don't know / Refused	14%	13%	6%	9%	28%

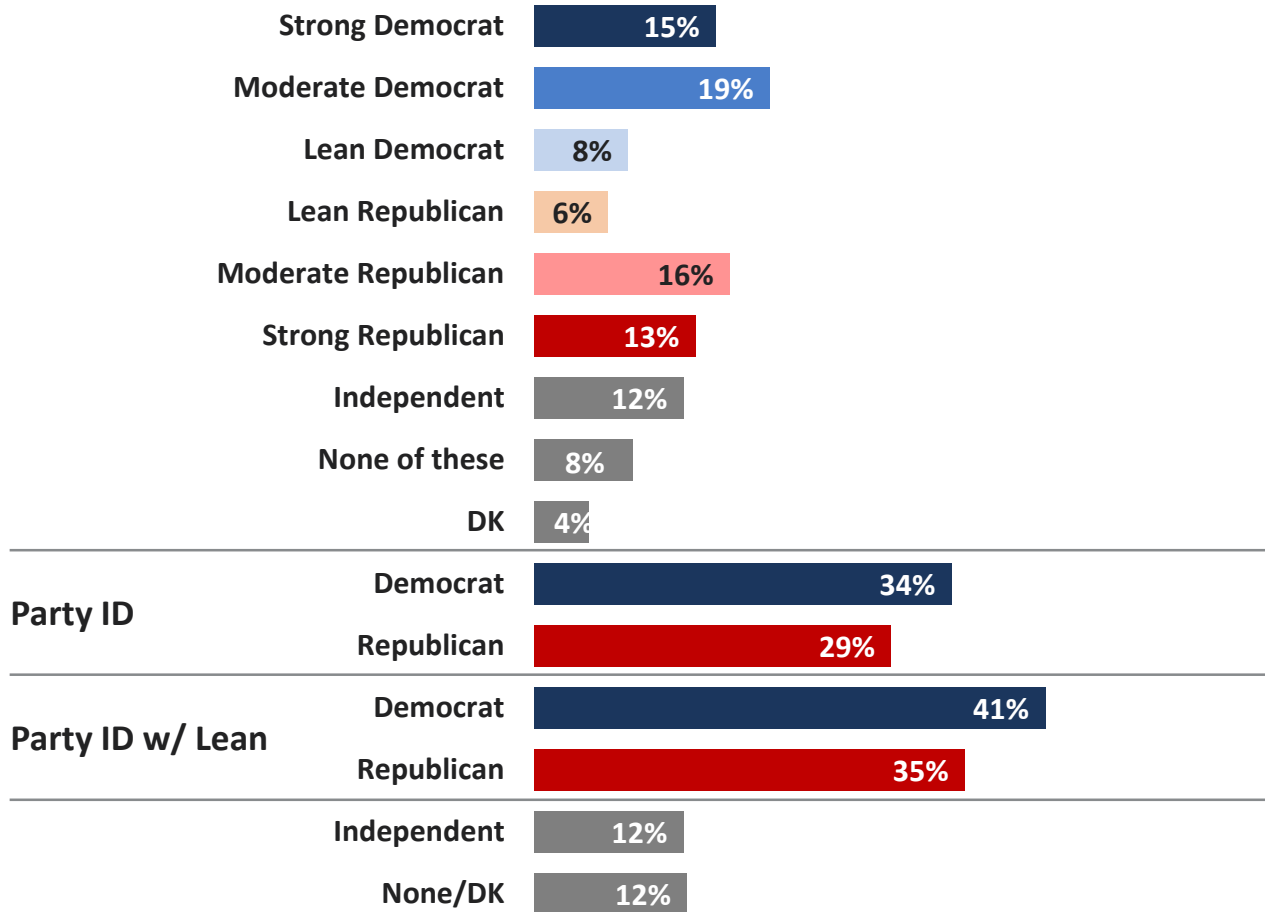
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Political Identity



All Adults: n= 2,851

How to Calculate Bayesian Credibility Intervals

The calculation of credibility intervals assumes that Y has a binomial distribution conditioned on the parameter θ , i.e., $Y|\theta \sim \text{bin}(n, \theta)$, where n is the size of our sample. In this setting, Y counts the number of “yes”, or “1”, observed in the sample, so that the sample mean (\bar{y}) is a natural estimate of the true population proportion θ . This model is often called the likelihood function, and it is a standard concept in both the Bayesian and the classical framework. The Bayesian¹ statistics combines both the prior distribution and the likelihood function to create a posterior distribution.

The posterior distribution represents our opinion about which are the plausible values for θ adjusted after observing the sample data. In reality, the posterior distribution is one’s knowledge base updated using the latest survey information. For the prior and likelihood functions specified here, the posterior distribution is also a beta distribution ($\pi(\theta/y) \sim \beta(y+a, n-y+b)$), but with updated hyper-parameters.

Our credibility interval for θ is based on this posterior distribution. As mentioned above, these intervals represent our belief about which are the most plausible values for θ given our updated knowledge base. There are different ways to calculate these intervals based on $\pi(\theta/y)$. Since we want only one measure of precision for all variables in the survey, analogous to what is done within the classical framework, we will compute the largest possible credibility interval for any observed sample. The worst case occurs when we assume that $a=1$ and $b=1$ and $y=n/2$. Using a simple approximation of the posterior by the normal distribution, the 95% credibility interval is given by, approximately:

$$\bar{y} \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

How to Calculate Bayesian Credibility Intervals

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The Bayesian credibility interval was adjusted using standard weighting design effect $1+L=1.3$ to account for complex weighting²

Examples of credibility intervals for different base sizes are below:

	SAMPLE SIZE	CREDIBILITY INTERVALS
	2,000	2.5
	1,500	2.9
	1,000	3.5
Ipsos does not publish data for base sizes (sample sizes) below 100.	750	4.1
	500	5.0
	350	6.0
	200	7.9
	100	11.2

¹ *Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition*, Andrew Gelman, John B. Carlin, Hal S. Stern, Donald B. Rubin, Chapman & Hall/CRC | ISBN: 158488388X | 2003

² Kish, L. (1992). *Weighting for unequal Pi*. *Journal of Official Statistics*, 8, 2, 183200.

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