

Ipsos Poll **Core Political Data**

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These are findings from an Ipsos poll conducted July 18-19, 2022. A sample of 1,004 Americans ages 18+ were interviewed online for this survey.

This included 410 Democrats, 392 Republicans, and 131 independents

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:

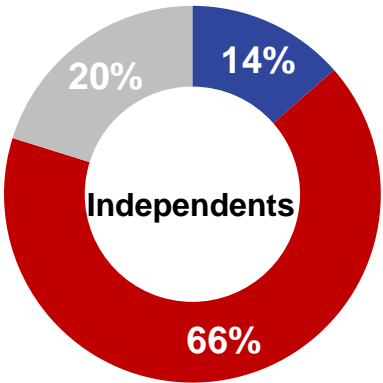
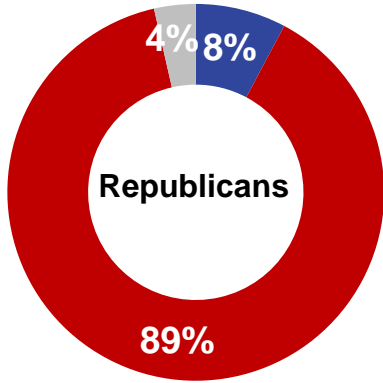
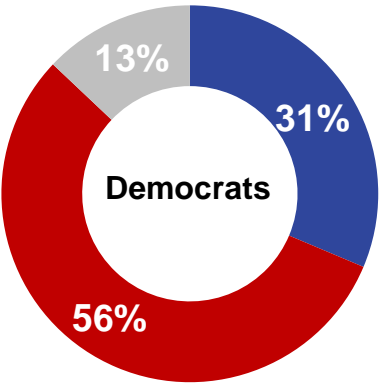
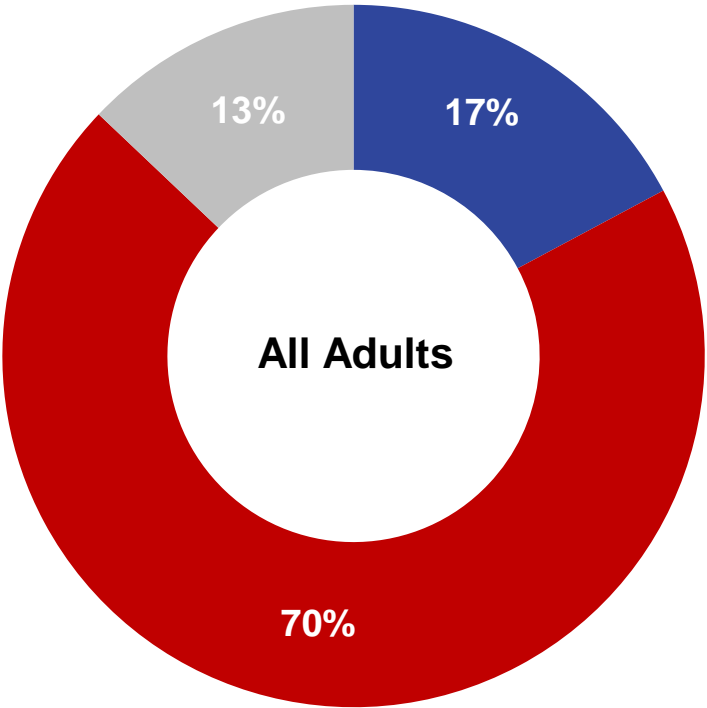
3.8 for All Adults, 5.9 for Democrats, 6.1 for Republicans, and 10.5 for independents

The data from this survey was weighted to the U.S. current population data using Gender, Age, Education, Ethnicity, and Region

- ❖ Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online 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 percent
 - ❖ Where figures do not sum to 100, this is because of rounding

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?



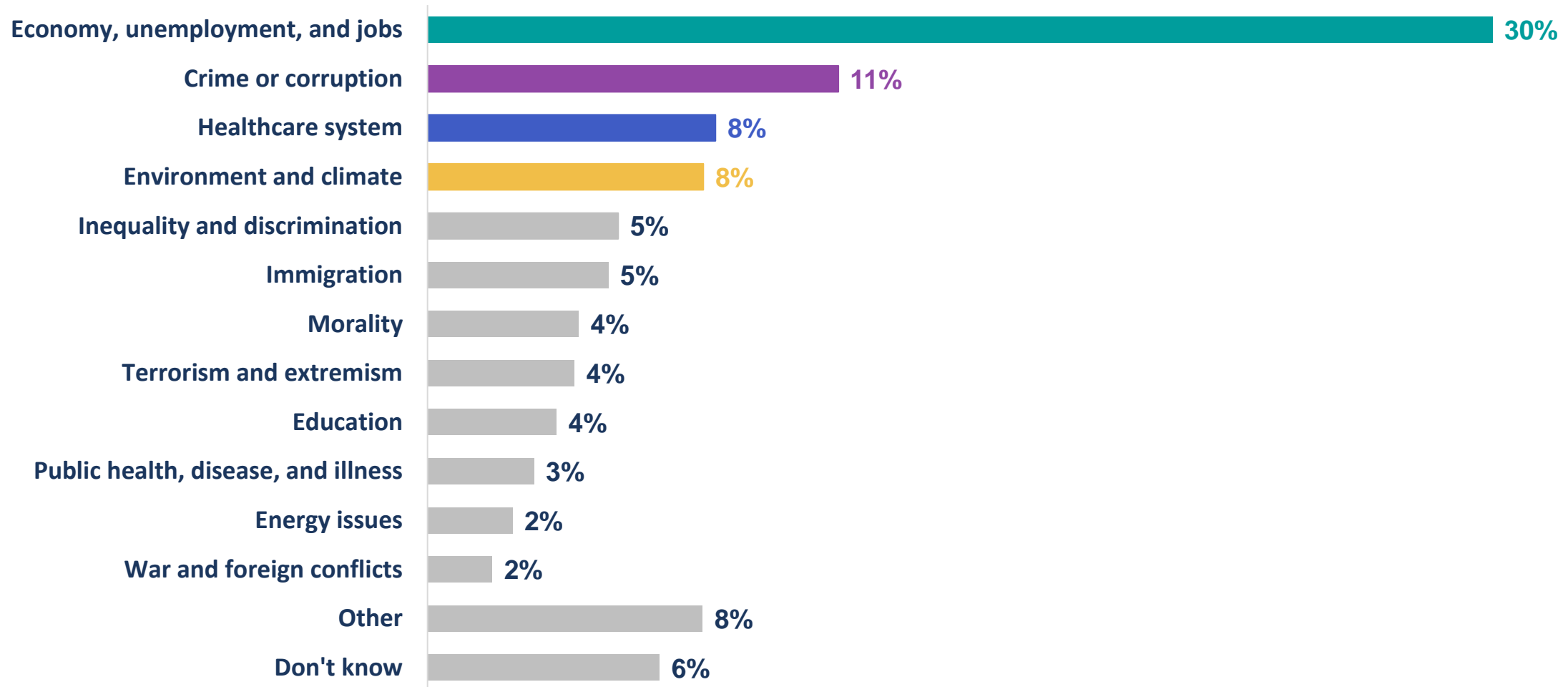
Right Direction

Wrong Track

Don't Know

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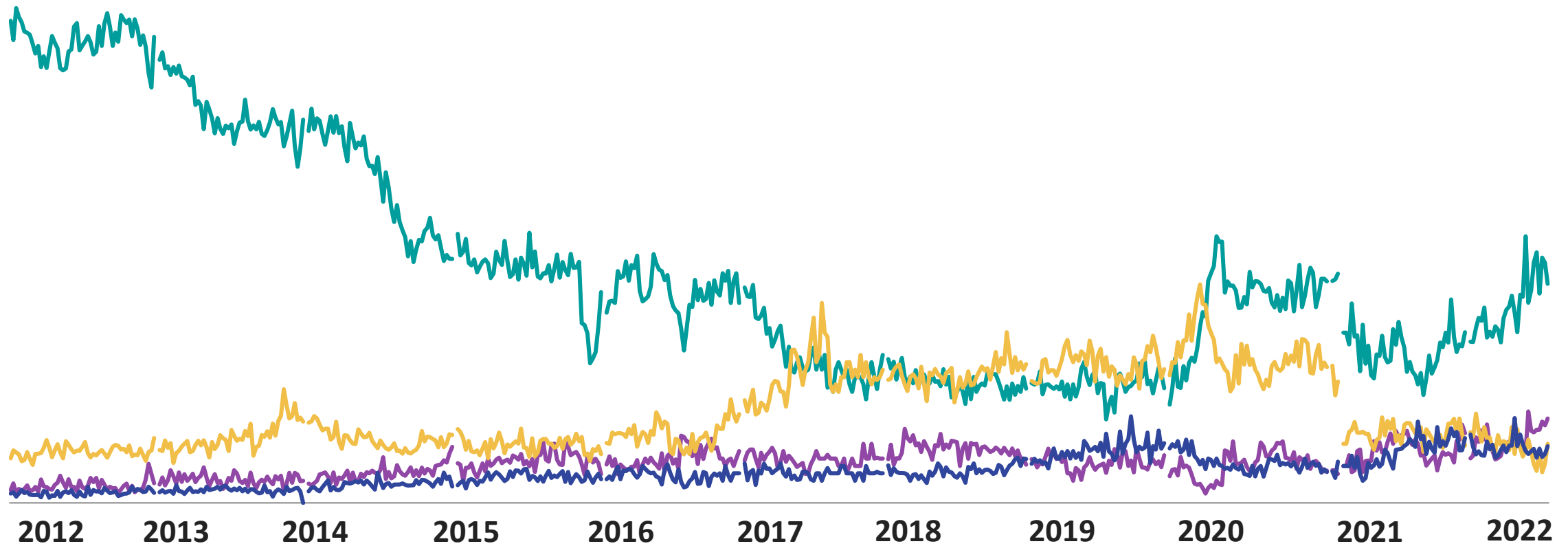
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■ The economy, unemployment and jobs ■ Crime or Corruption ■ Environment and Climate ■ Healthcare system



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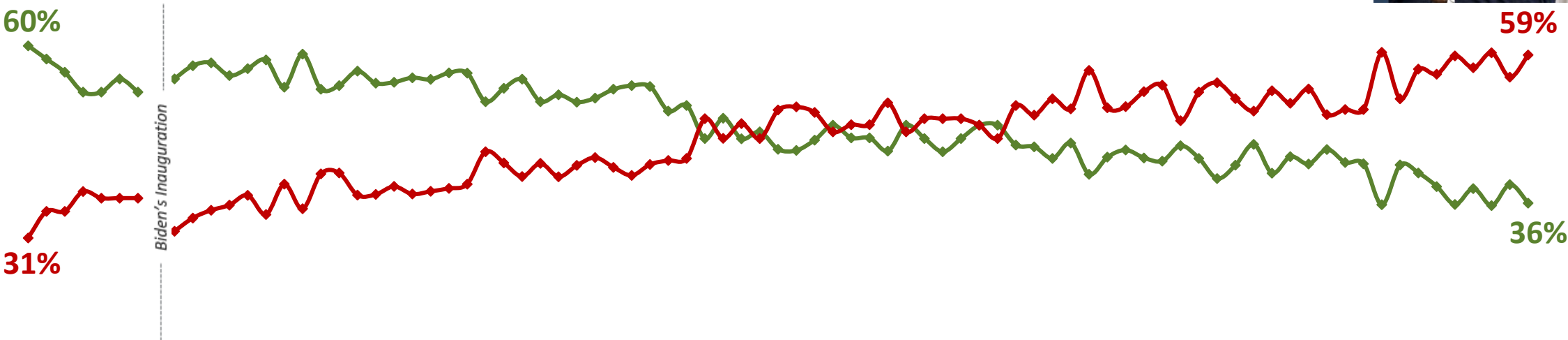
	All Americans	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Economy, unemployment, and jobs	30%	23%	37%	30%
War and foreign conflicts	2%	2%	2%	1%
Immigration	5%	1%	12%	3%
Terrorism and extremism	4%	4%	4%	6%
Healthcare system	8%	13%	5%	5%
Public health, disease, and illness	3%	5%	1%	2%
Energy issues	2%	3%	3%	2%
Morality	4%	1%	7%	4%
Education	4%	4%	4%	4%
Crime or corruption	11%	10%	14%	11%
Environment and climate	8%	14%	2%	6%
Inequality and discrimination	5%	10%	1%	3%
Other	8%	8%	6%	11%
Don't know	6%	2%	2%	11%

Joe Biden's Weekly Job Approval

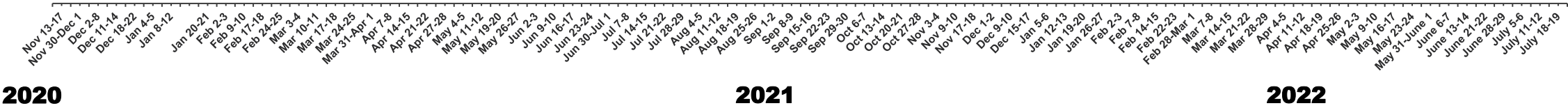
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Total Approve

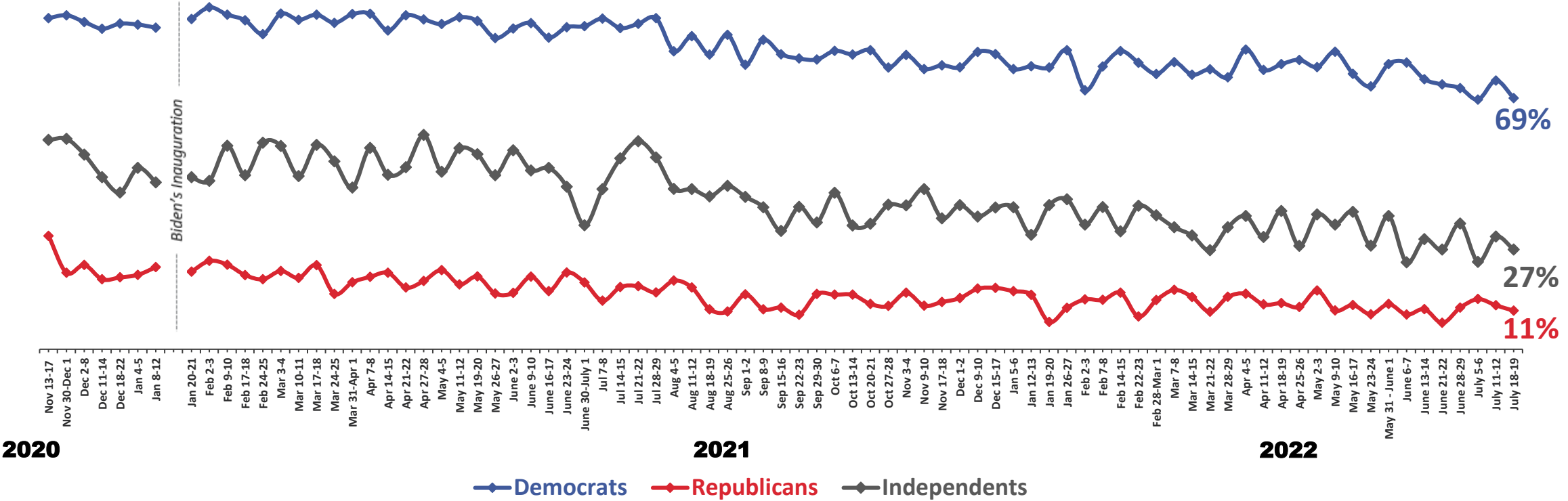


Total Disapprove



Joe Biden's Weekly Job Approval by Partisanship

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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 ($\pi(\frac{\theta}{y}) \sim \beta(y+a, n-y+b)$), 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 $\pi(\frac{\theta}{y})$. 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: $\bar{Y} \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

For this poll, the Bayesian credibility interval was adjusted using standard weighting design effect $1+L=1.5$ to account for complex weighting²

Examples of credibility intervals for different base sizes are below:

SAMPLE SIZE	CREDIBILITY INTERVALS
2,000	2.7
500	5.4
100	12.0

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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