February 28, 2023



Survey of Likely General Election Voters National

February 24 – 27, 2023 | n=2424 | ±1.99%

Insights & Analysis

- We are two months into a divided federal government, and voters remain pessimistic about the country's future as the presidential election is ramping up.
- The generic Congressional ballot remains identical to last month at D+0.9 (Jan: D+0.6). Independents remain with Republicans at +11. Republicans have increased their standing with Hispanic voters, now at D+7 (Jan: D+10) and in the Southwest R+4 (Jan: R+1) but Democrats have made significant inroads in the South D+1 (Jan: R+11).
- President **Biden's image** remains **underwater** (-0.4% net fav) but has slightly recovered from last month's -2% net fav. **Donald Trump** has seen a **positive movement** in his image and now sits at a higher net fav (+3.8% net fav) than Biden.
- Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley, Tim Scott, and Vivek Ramaswamy have strong net positive image, getting outsized support from non-traditional GOP voting blocks, especially college-educated voters.
 - Trump would beat a "different" candidate in the Republican primary by 33%, showing his strength when not challenged directly.
- Inflation remains the overwhelming top issue but it dropped in importance as national security jumped significantly, likely due to news reports of Chinese balloons. Illegal immigration remains of high importance to Republicans. Democrats and Independents are also concerned about inflation but are divided on what issue is second primary (or even third).
- Potential 2024 Presidential general election matchups: the GOP all lead with Independents*
 - Biden v Trump 47% / 45% (Trump +1 from Jan) (Ind: R+10)
 - Biden v DeSantis 46% / 45% (Biden +0.6 from Jan) (Ind: R+10)
 - Biden v Pence 45% / 41% (Biden +0.3 from Jan) (Ind: R+7)
 - Biden v Haley 46% / 41% (Ind: R+7)

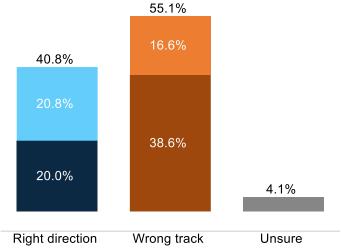


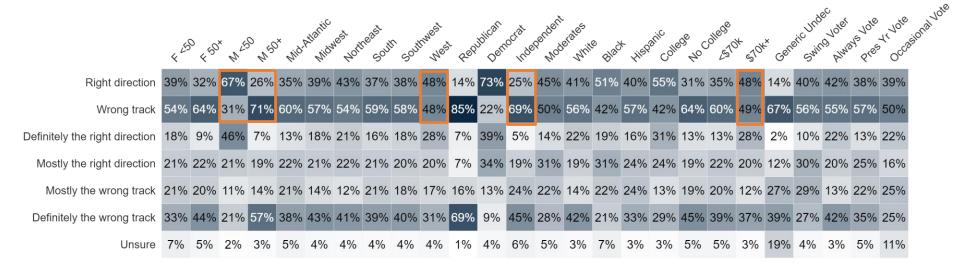
Insights & Analysis

- Most voters believe we are in a recession already even a third of Democrats, who have the
 weakest support overall for thinking we're already in a recession.
- A majority of voters believe state lawmakers should chime in and **review what race-related content is being taught in schoolbooks** after Ron DeSantis banned certain textbooks with race-related content in Florida. However, support among **older voters** is weakest especially women 50+. It is strongest with men <50 and Black voters.
- Support for U.S. funding of Ukraine's war is declining, especially among Republicans. Overall, most support continued funding but cracks are starting to emerge on how much the U.S. should support Ukraine, through military or financial aid. Close to a quarter of Independents also support ending all funding to Ukraine as do 31% of Republicans. Democrats and college-educated voters (but we repeat ourselves) remain the strongest supporters of sending military and financial aid.
 - Only a very small group of Democrats and men <50 support boots on the ground in Ukraine.
- Conversely, close to a majority of respondents say we should cut sending international aid in relation to the national deficit.
 - Even **30% of Democrats say we should cut international aid** (despite their <u>full</u> Ukraine funding support at 45%).
 - Similarly 43% of college-educated voters say we should also cut international aid (slightly lower than their 39% support for <u>fully</u> funding Ukraine).



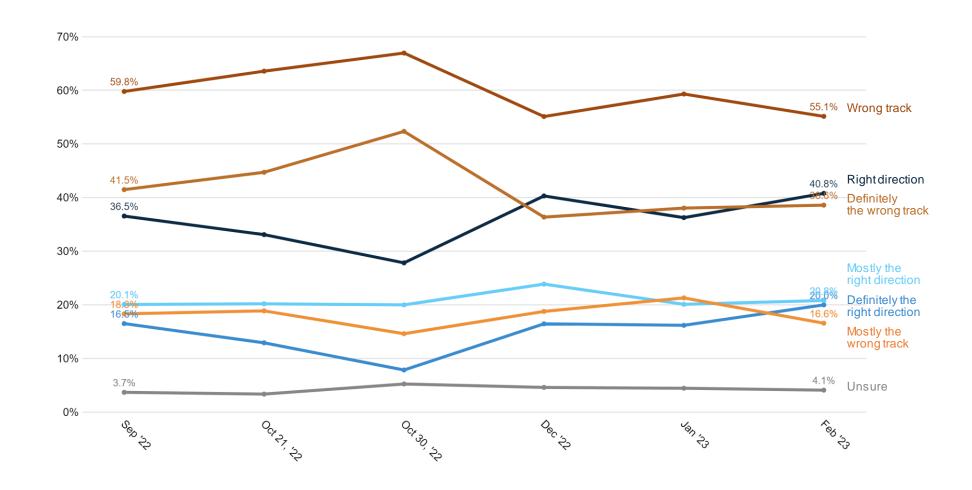
Slight increase in "right direction" for the country, driven by those making \$70k+





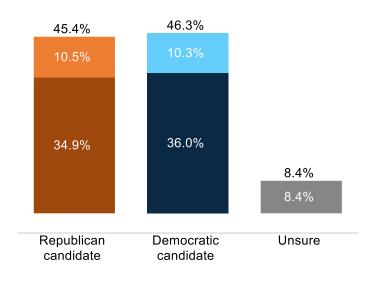


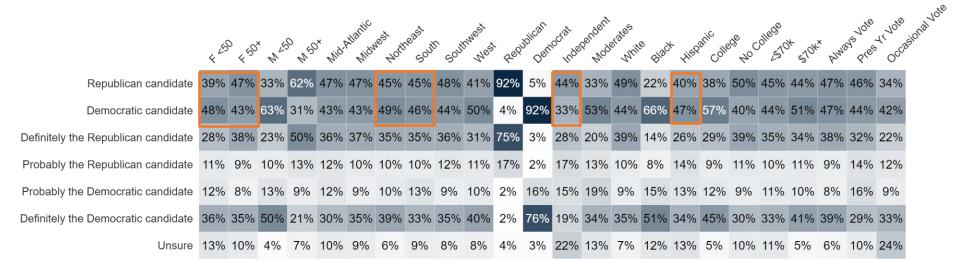
Trend: Direction of Country





Americans remain divided on generic ballot at D+1





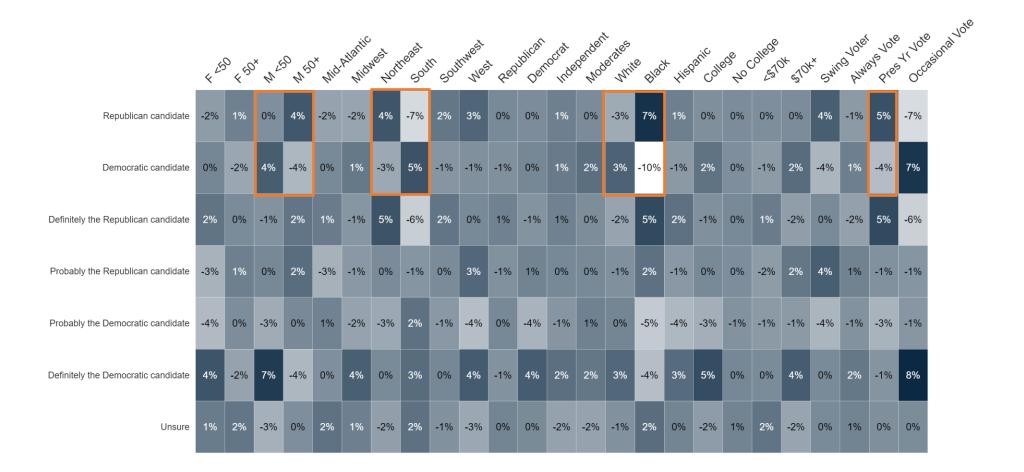


Generic Ballot Movement



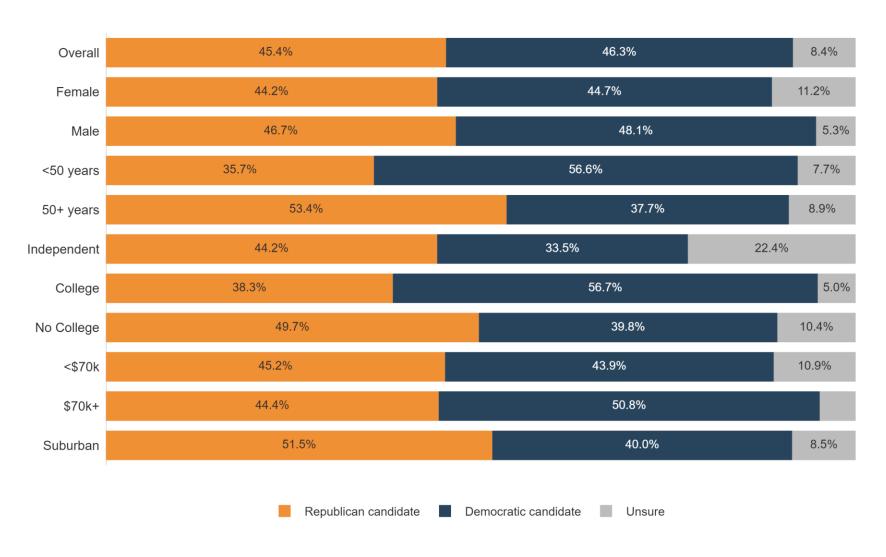


Percent Change: Generic Ballot (Jan 2023 to Feb 2023)



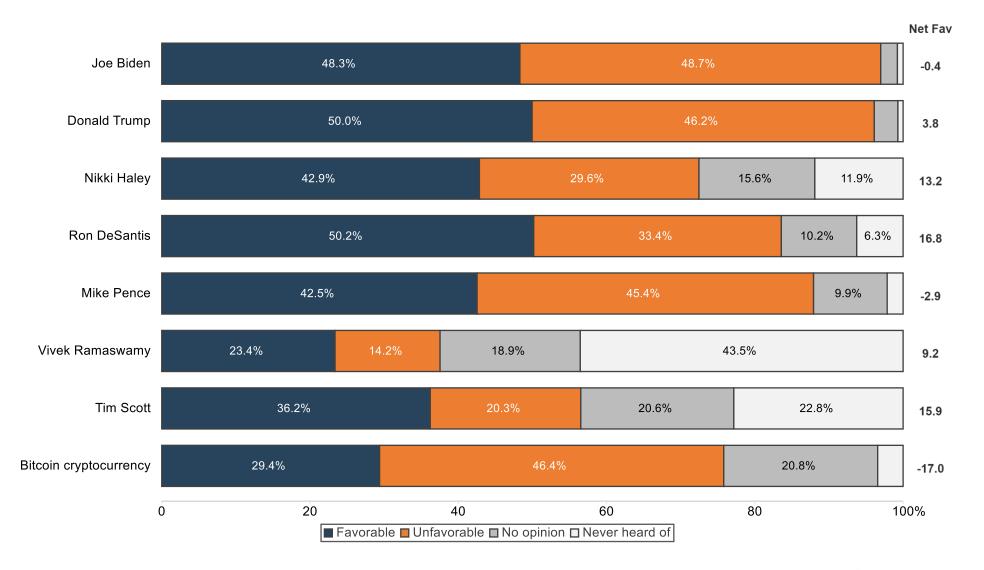


Generic Ballot by Key Voter Groups





Trump bests Biden on fav; DeSantis and Haley top net fav





Trump tops DeSantis and Biden with favorability among Independents...



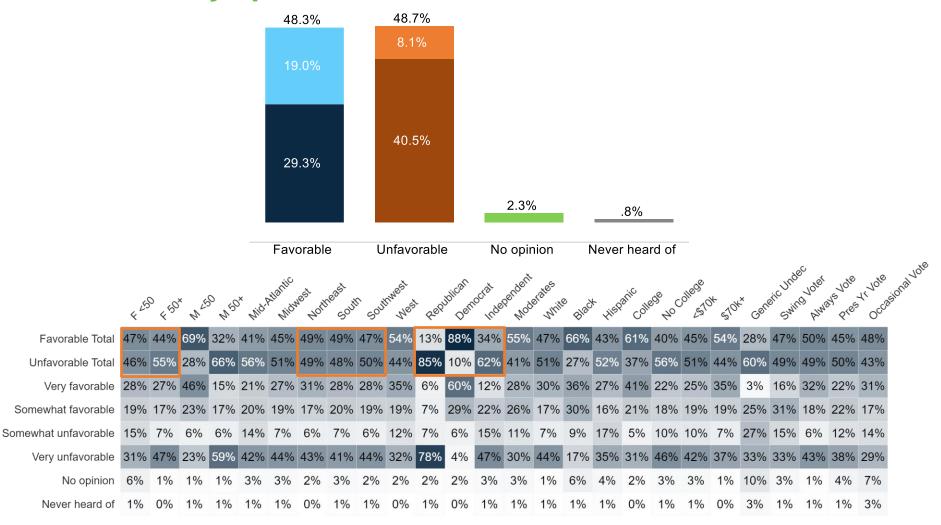


... but DeSantis has better unfavs among Independents; Biden worse off than Trump Unfavorable



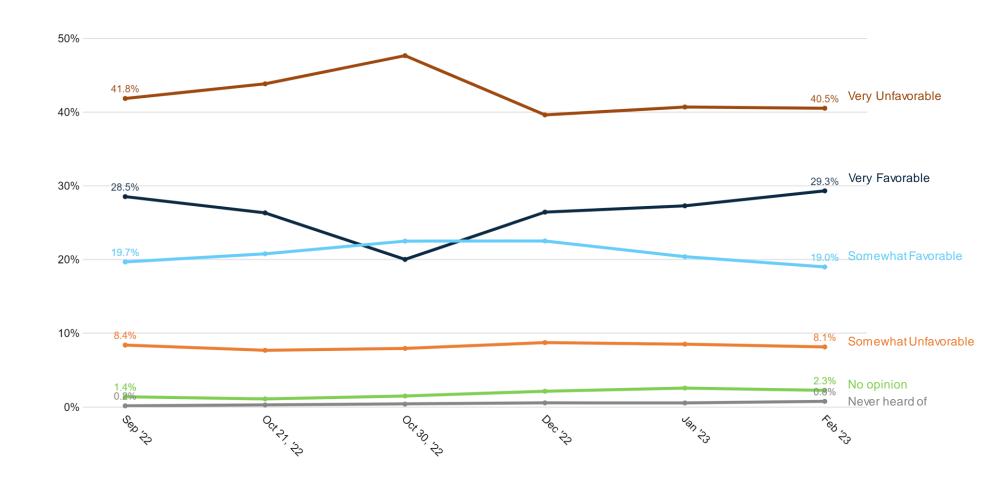


Biden's image remains stagnant while younger and older men seriously split



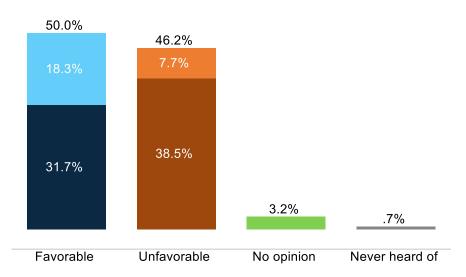


Trend: Joe Biden Image





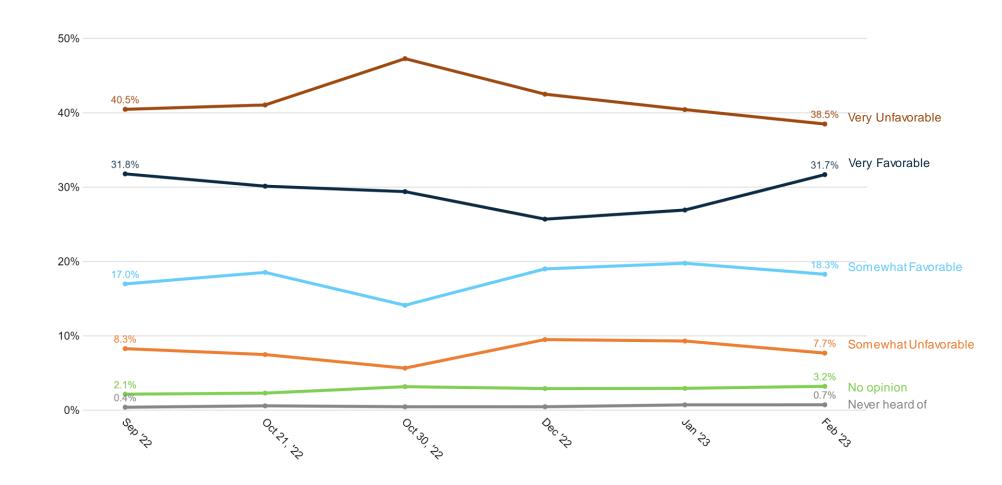
Trump gets another boost, now in positive territory



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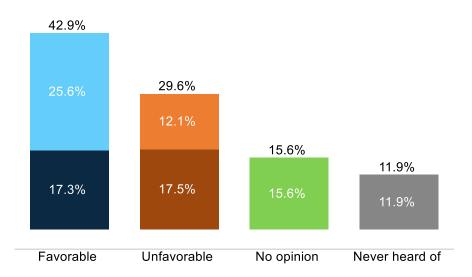


Trend: Donald Trump Image





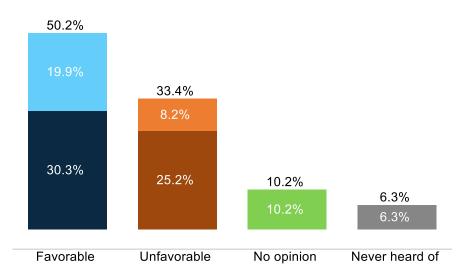
Haley strong with Independents, college edu, men <50



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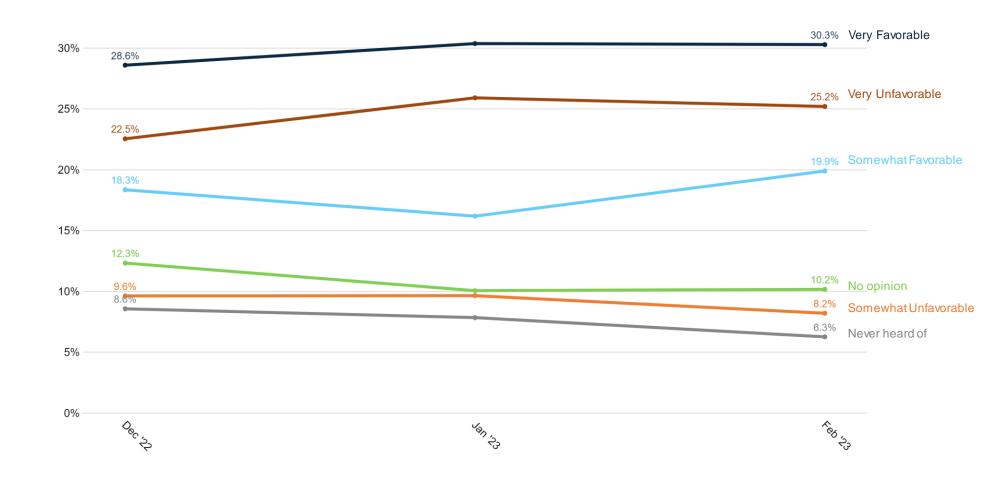
DeSantis has similar fav to Trump; lower unfav with Indies



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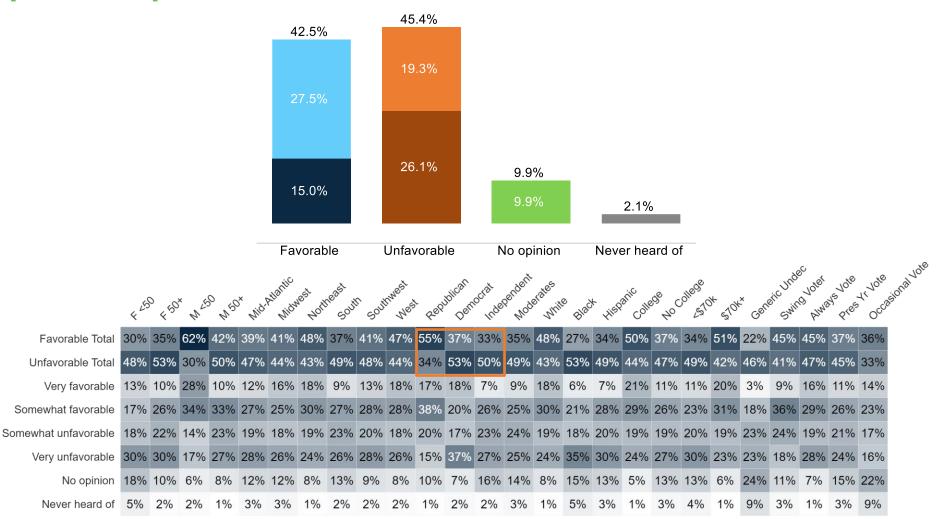


Trend: Ron DeSantis Image



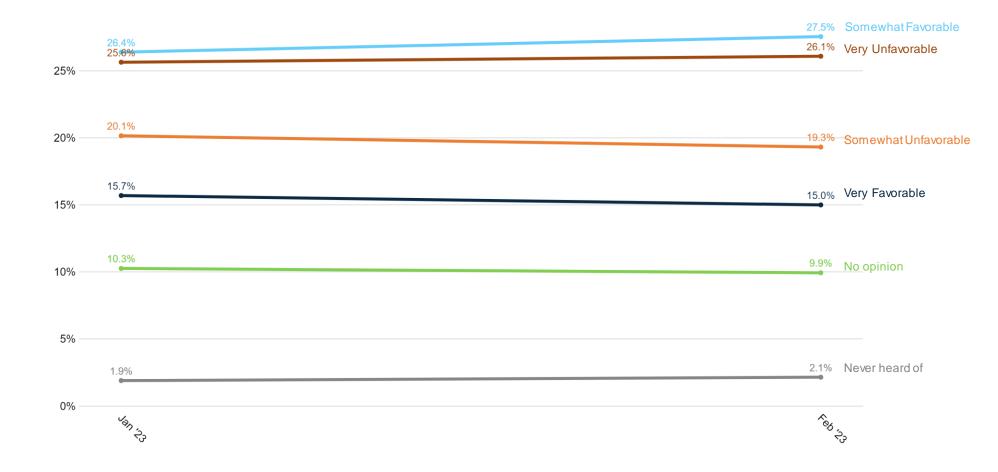


Pence has the weakest image with Republicans among potential presidential candidates



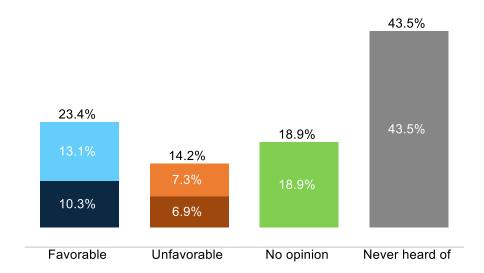


Trend: Mike Pence Image





Ramaswamy mostly unknown except among men <50

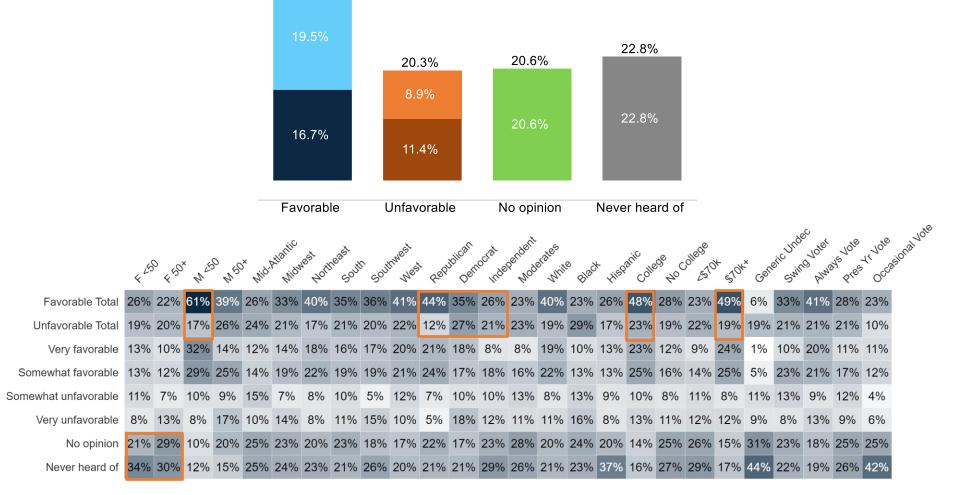


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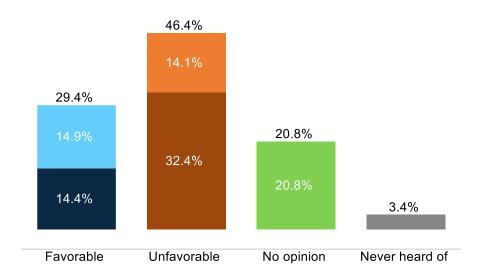


Scott also has high favs with men <50 but doesn't crack 50% with others

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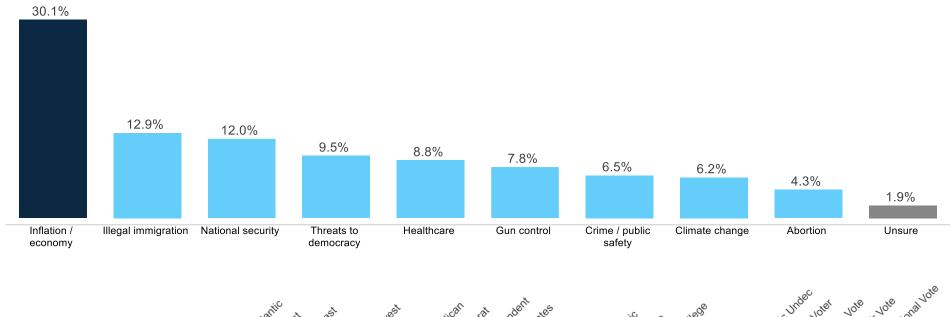
Bitcoin not popular except with men <50



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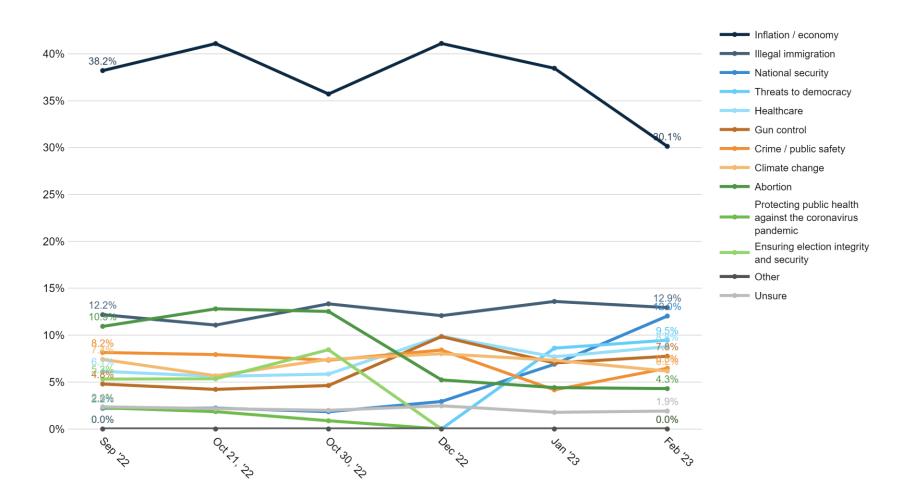
No "Biden boom" as inflation still on top; nat'l security rises



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Trend: Top Priority



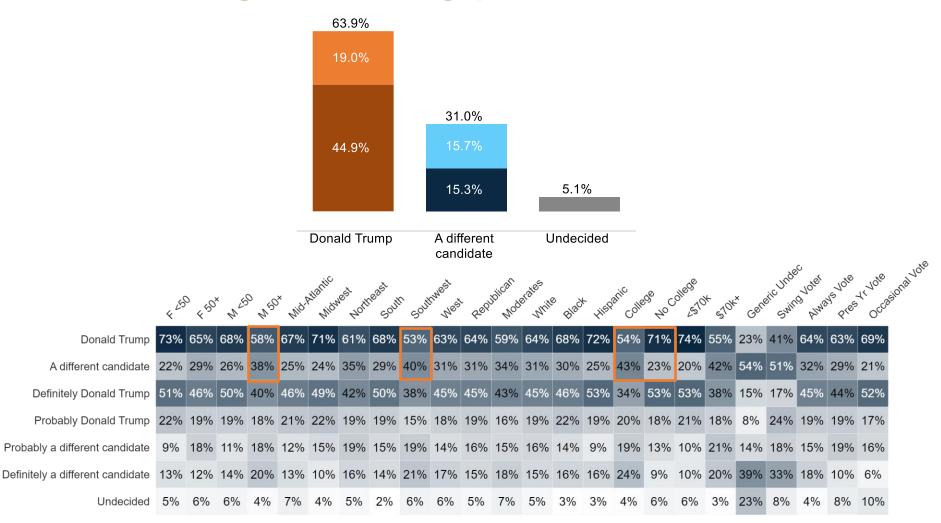


Percent Change: Top Priority (Jan 2023 to Feb 2023)

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Healthcare	-1%	1%	6%	-1%	3%	-1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-1%	1%	1%	0%	7%
Gun control	2%	2%	-2%	1%	3%	3%	-1%	2%	0%	-2%	-1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	-2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-2%	-1%	2%	-2%	2%
Crime / public safety	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
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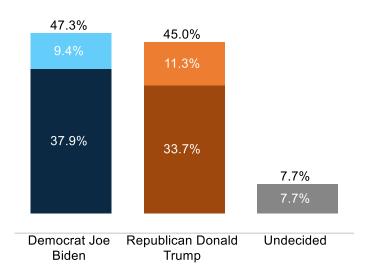


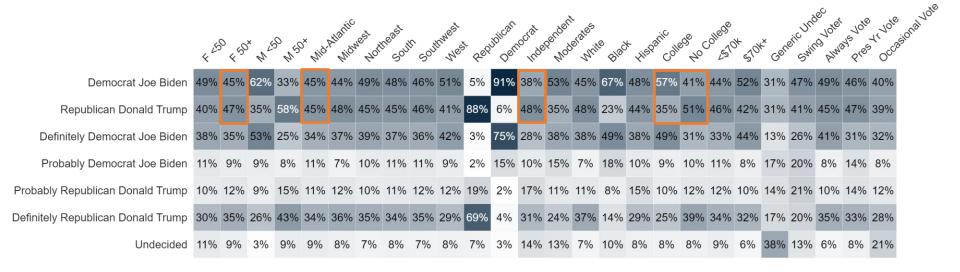
GOP primary voters would back Trump if against "another candidate"; large education gap





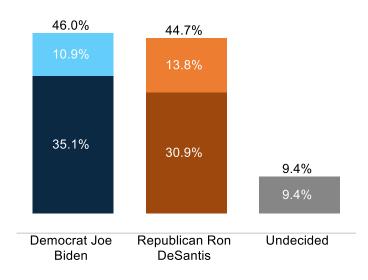
Biden vs Trump rematch looks almost like 2020 result

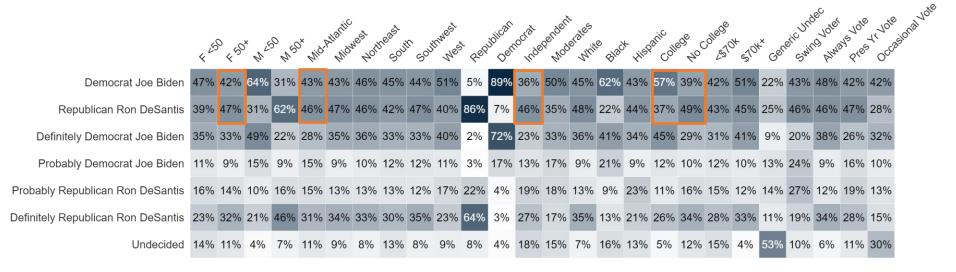






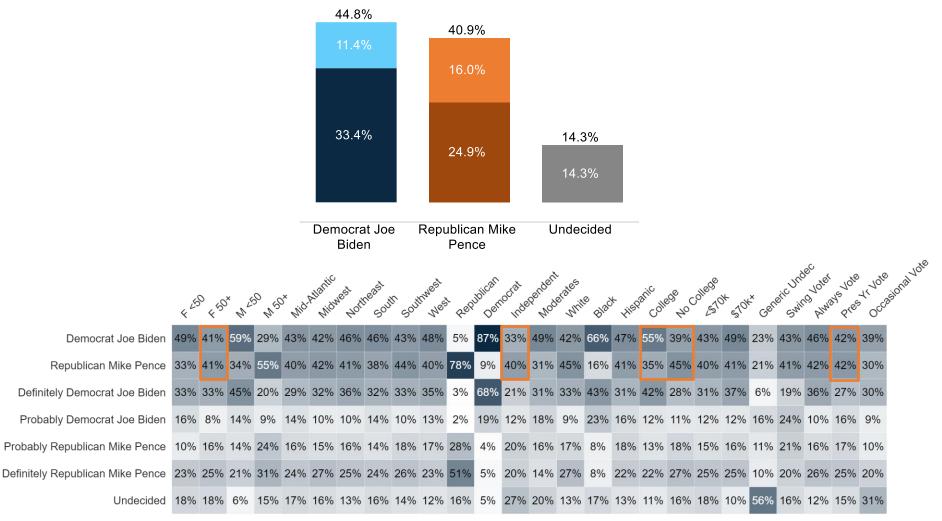
Biden slightly edges DeSantis after being previously tied





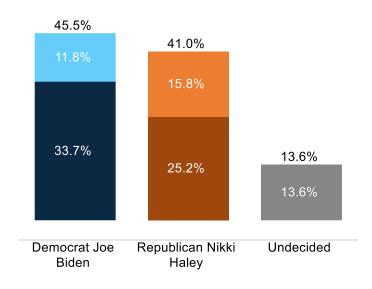


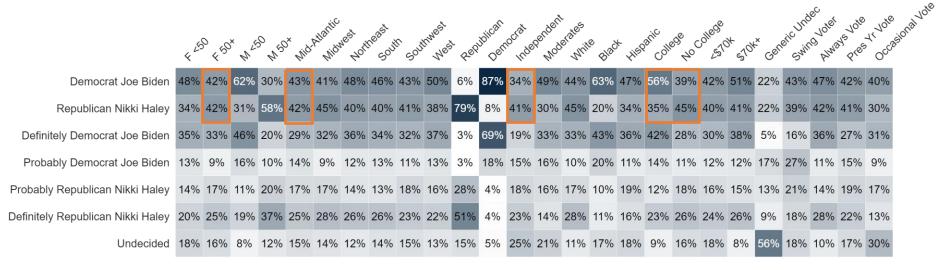
Biden leads Pence driven by large split with men and smaller split with women





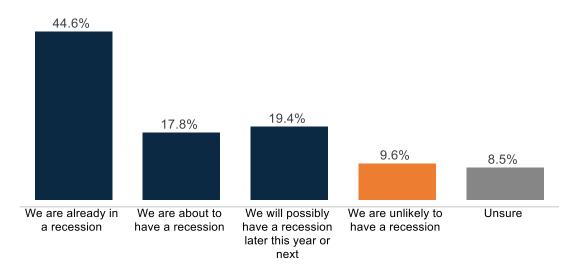
Biden similarly leads Haley with a high undecided number







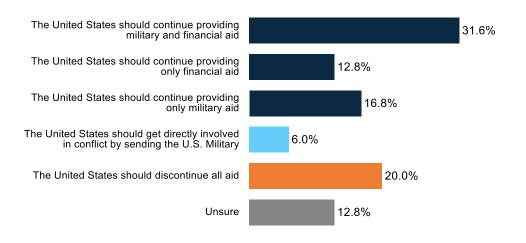
Most already think we're in a recession or about to have one

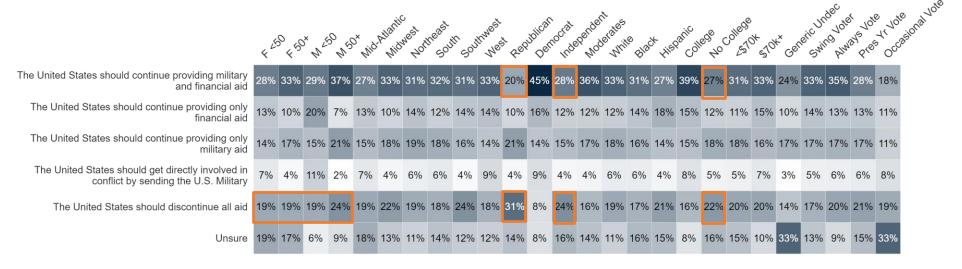






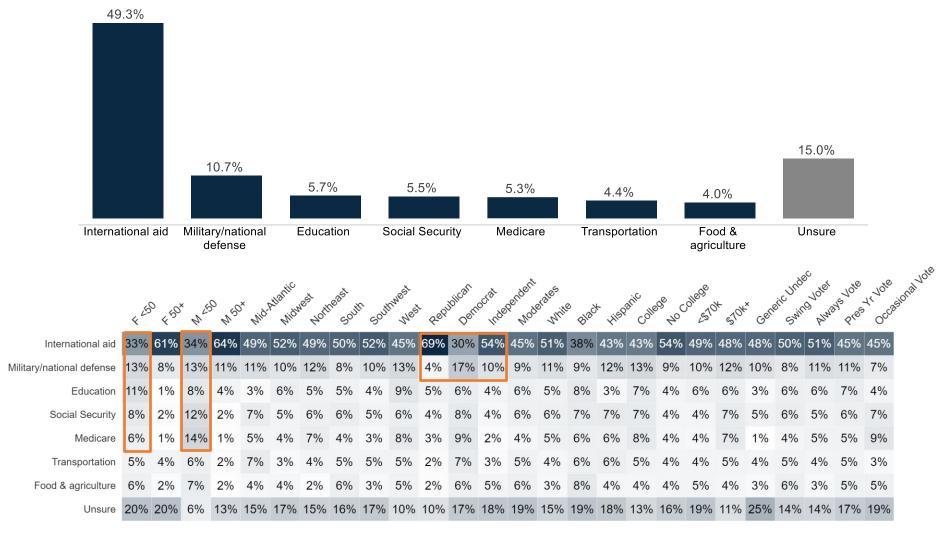
Ukraine support fading among GOP and key groups





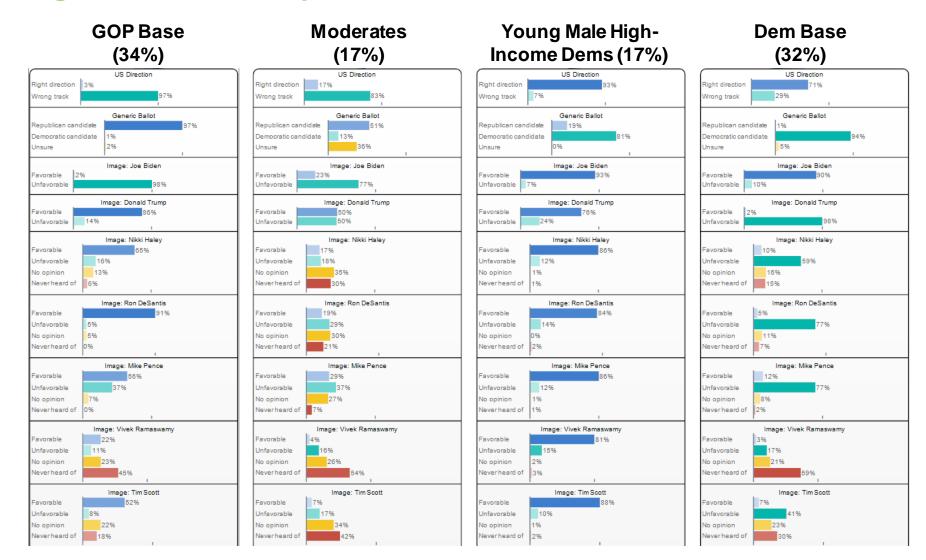


Near majority say U.S. should cut foreign aid; even most Dems; not much appetite for other cuts



The U.S. government debt has grown from \$4 trillion 20 years ago to \$31 trillion today due to spending much more than it takes in from tax receipts. In an effort to reduce deficit spending, which one of the following areas do you think should be cut or reduced first in the federal budget?

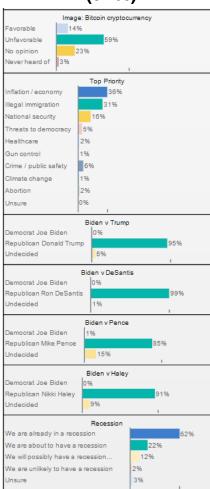




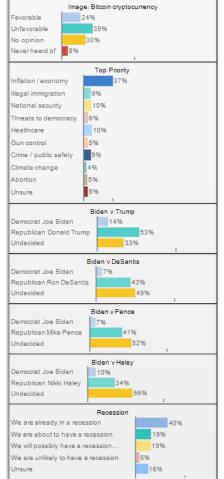




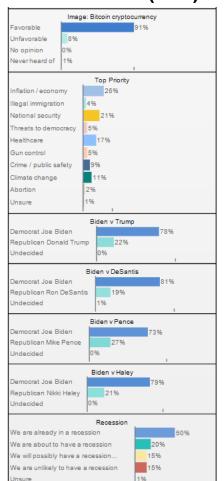




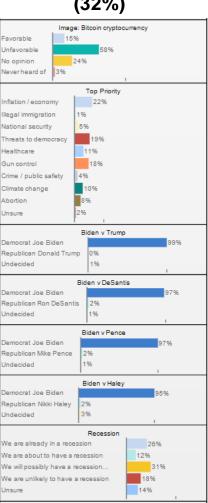
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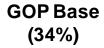


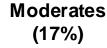
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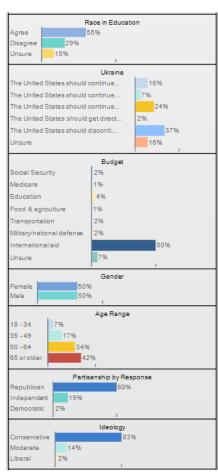


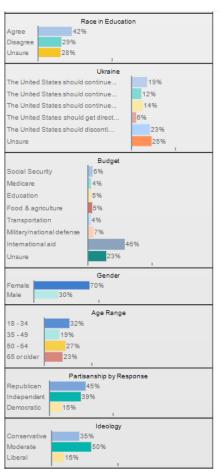


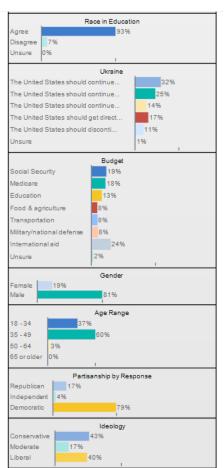


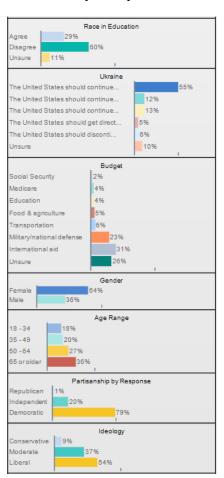


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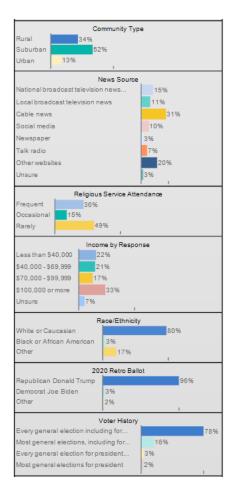
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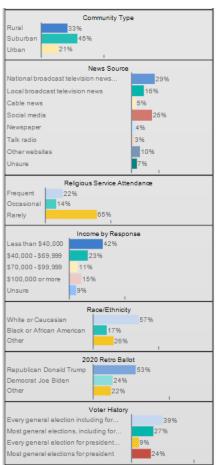


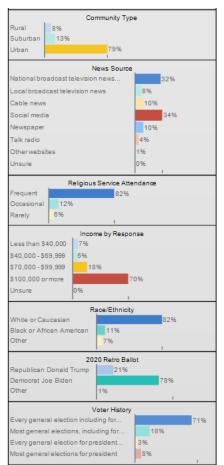
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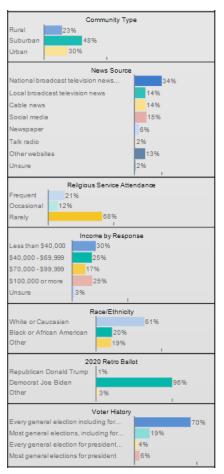
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Education Level

Region

34%

19%

18%

18%

At least College

Mid-Atlantic 6%

Midwest

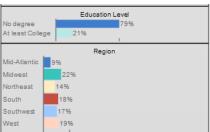
South Southwest

West

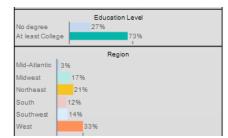
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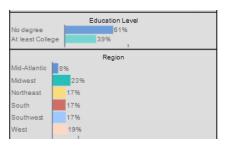
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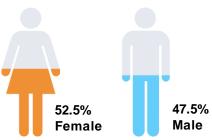
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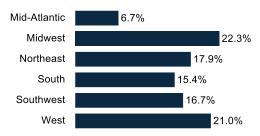


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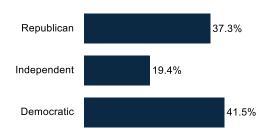
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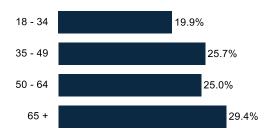
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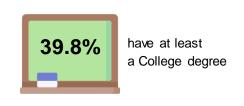
Partisanship



Age Range

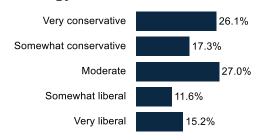


Education

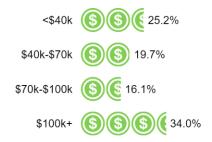


59.3% have no college degree

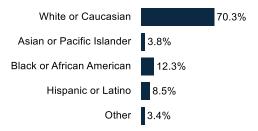
Ideology



Household Income



Race/ Ethnicity



Voter History

