October 23, 2022



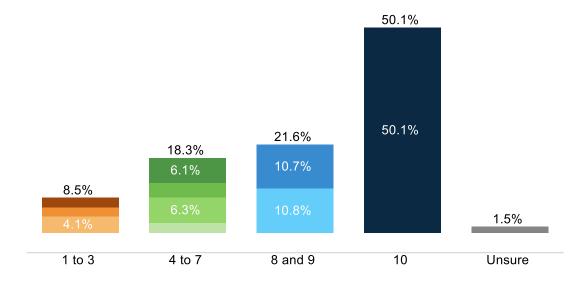
Survey of Likely General Election Voters National

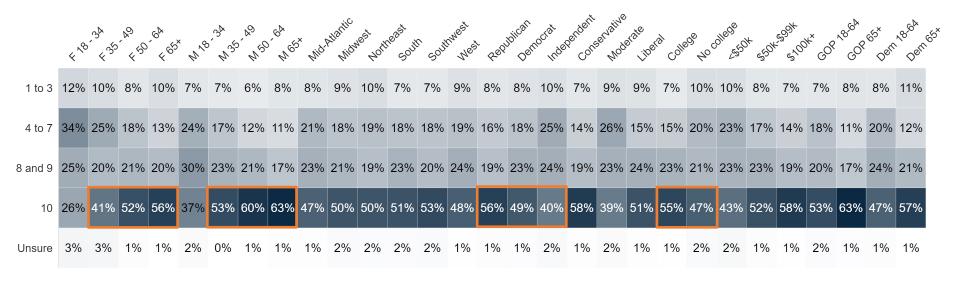
October 19 – 21, 2022 | n=5,502 | ±1.32%

Insights & Analysis

- Voters are shifting back to a more pessimistic view about the direction of the country along with its leadership.
- Republicans regained voter enthusiasm advantage, with 56% of Republicans rating their interest in the election as a 10 (out of 10) compared to only 49% of Democrats (a 7-point difference). Independent "10" interest rose slightly to 40%.
- The generic ballot was even in September and is now increased to R+2 the largest one-month shift we've had all year. Independents nearly doubled their margin for the Republican (R+9 from R+5). Republicans haven't gotten worse with women, holding steady at -4.
- A check-and-balance Republican on Biden remains ahead by 5%.
- Democrats (15%) are more likely to consider voting for a Republican on the ballot than Republicans (12%), but that exception is reserved for state level races like Governor and Attorney General.
- President **Biden's image is starting to once again worsen now** (-5% net fav), resembling early summer numbers (-2%, September, -8% in August).
- Inflation remains the overwhelming top issue, growing slightly; it's still distantly followed by abortion and illegal immigration. Republicans are most concerned about inflation followed by immigration. Democrats are most concerned about inflation followed by abortion. Independents chose inflation and then are split between abortion and illegal immigration as second issue.
- Engagement in this cycle because of the *Dobbs* decision hit its plateau in September has trended downward with men under age 35 being the only group to not let it go.
- Economic confidence is falling, pushing towards new lows. Even Democrats and seniors are
 more pessimistic than in September. Personal financial outlook has also shifted in a negative
 trend among these same more Democratic groups.

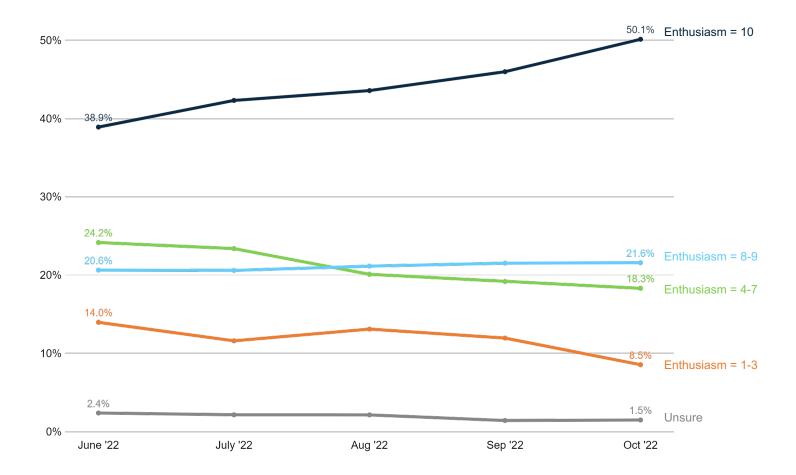
Republicans (+7) retake the enthusiasm lead on Democrats





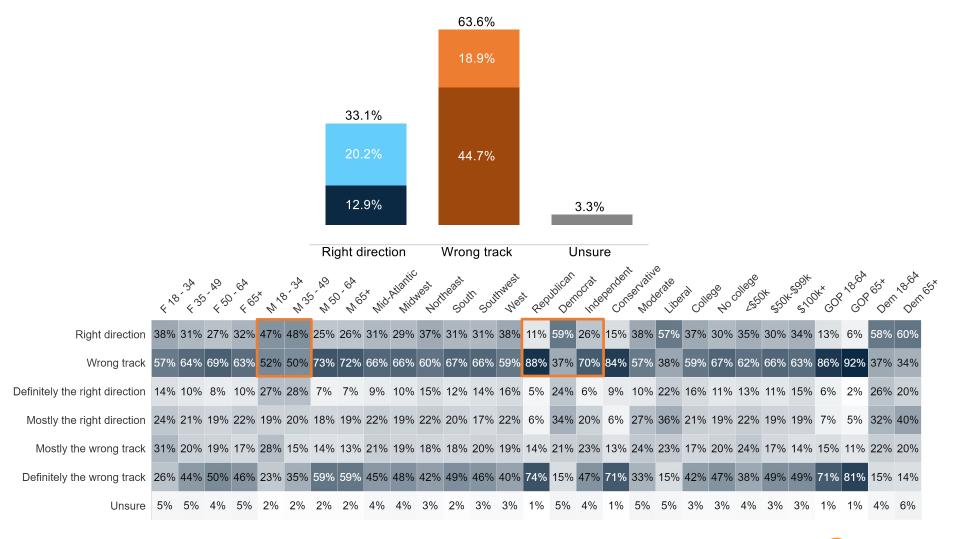


Trend: Enthusiasm



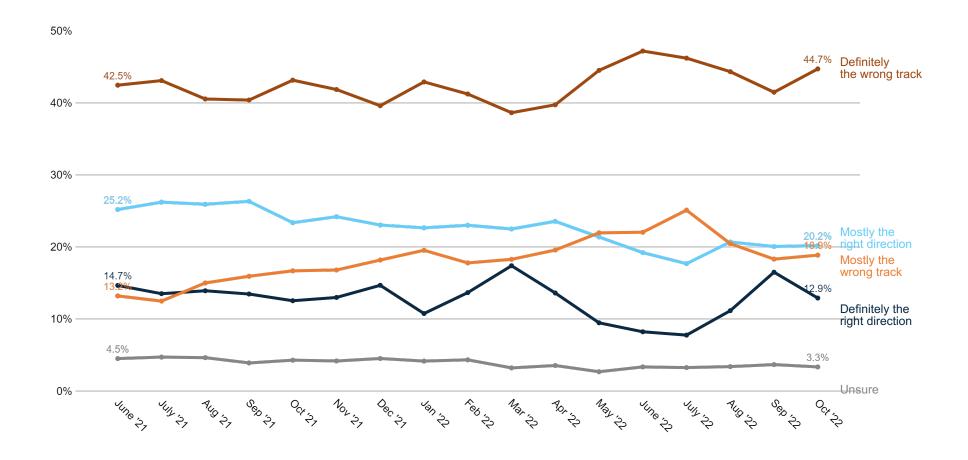


Pessimism about national direction has reversed course, fueled by Democratic fall off since September



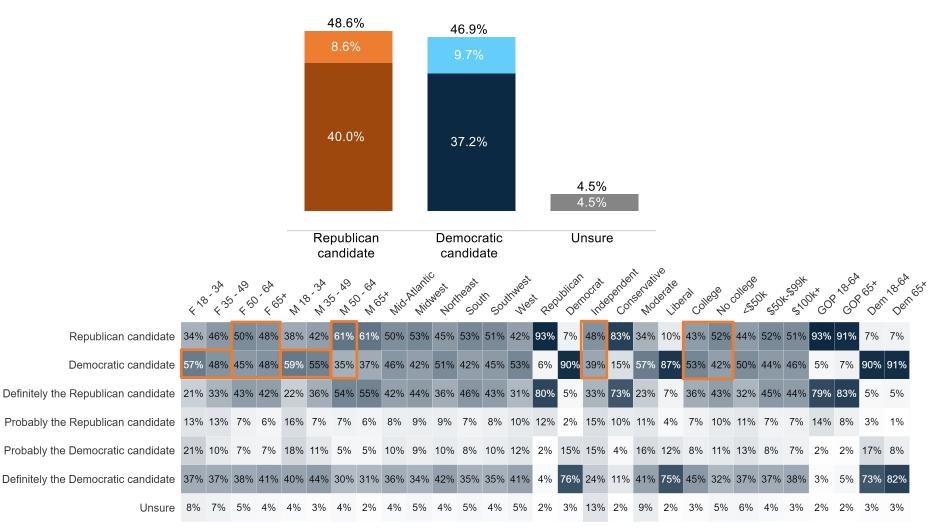


Trend: US RD/WT



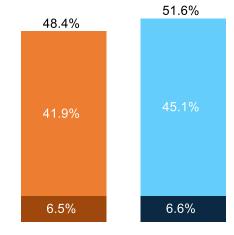


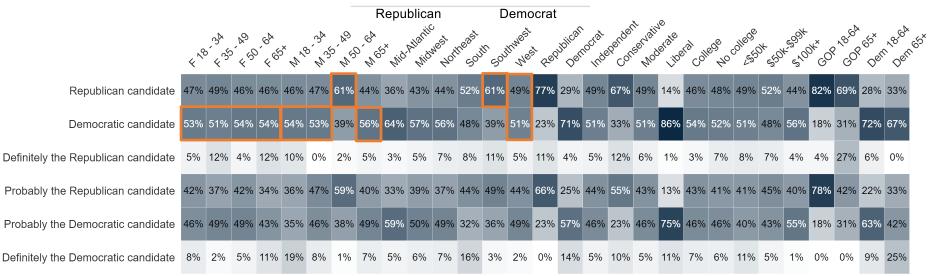
With further post-*Dobbs* cool off, Republicans jump to +2 on generic ballot – largest month-over-month increase yet





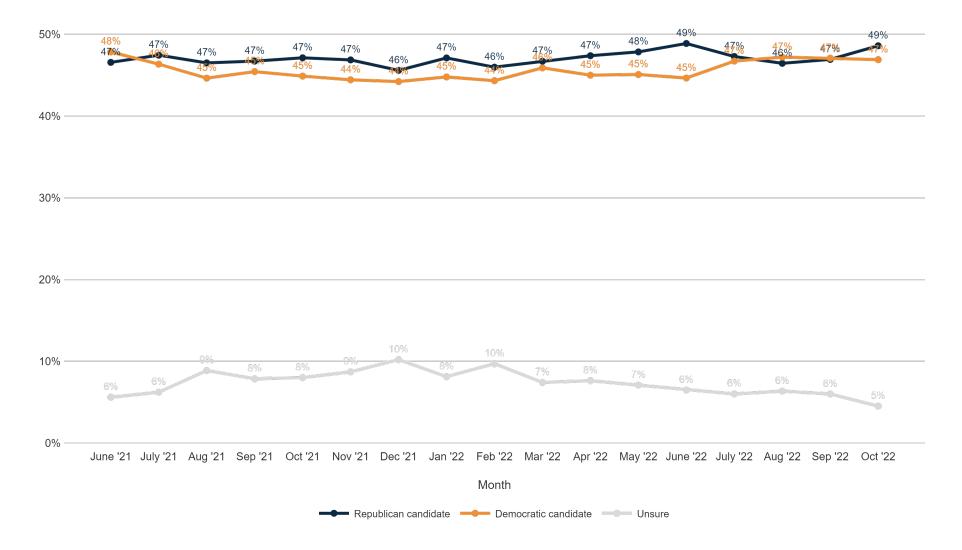
When *undecideds* are forced to make a choice on generic ballot, Democrats have a slight 2-point edge







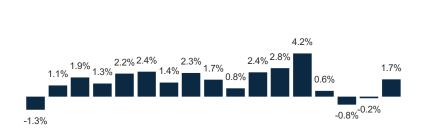
Trend: Generic Ballot - Congressional



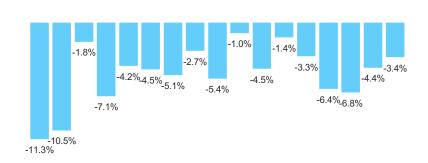


GOP continues to pick away at elusive female voters

Overall (%Rep-%Dem)



Females (%Rep-%Dem)



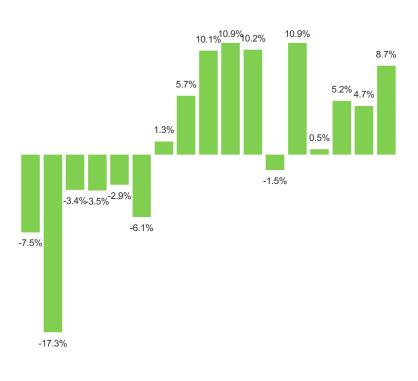
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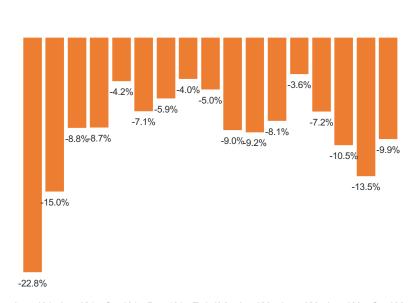
Sizeable GOP gains with Independents and college-educated voters





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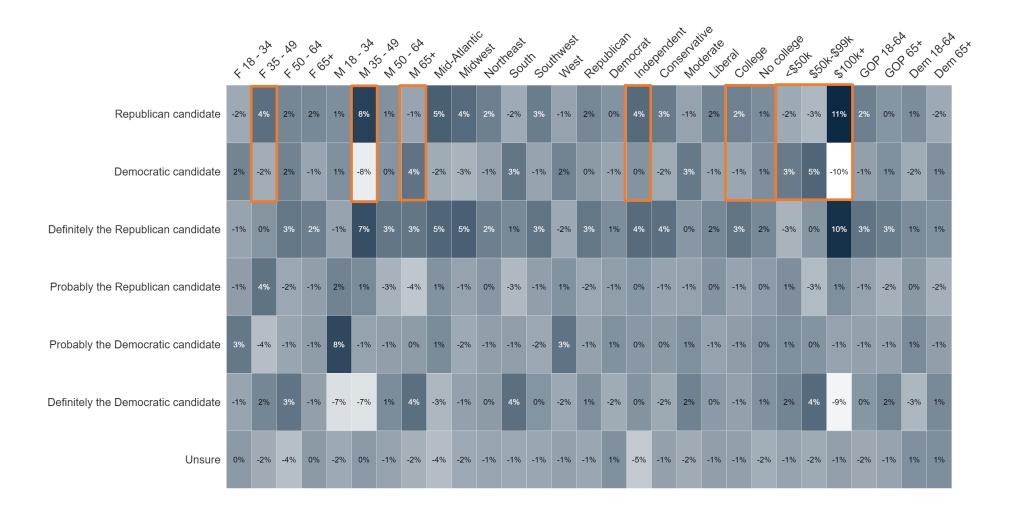
College (%Rep-%Dem)



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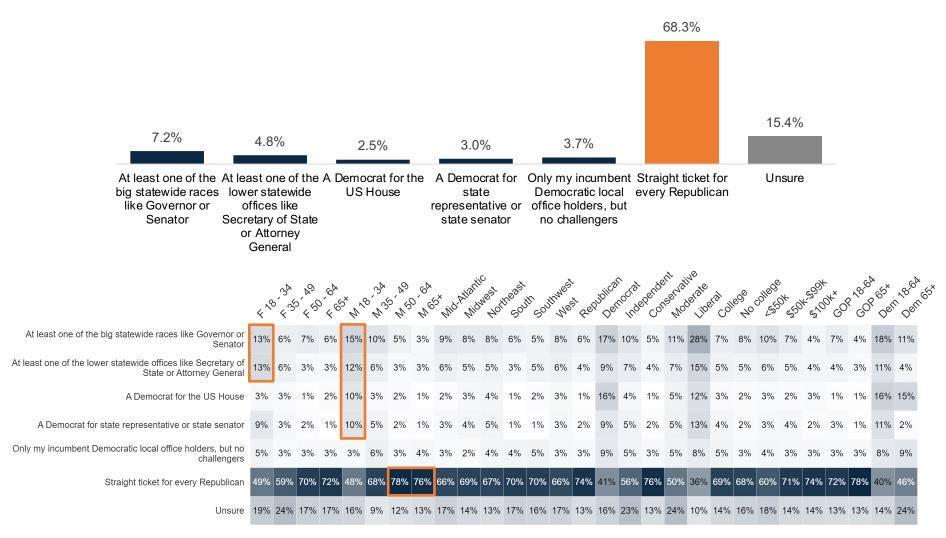


Generic Ballot Change: September to October 2022



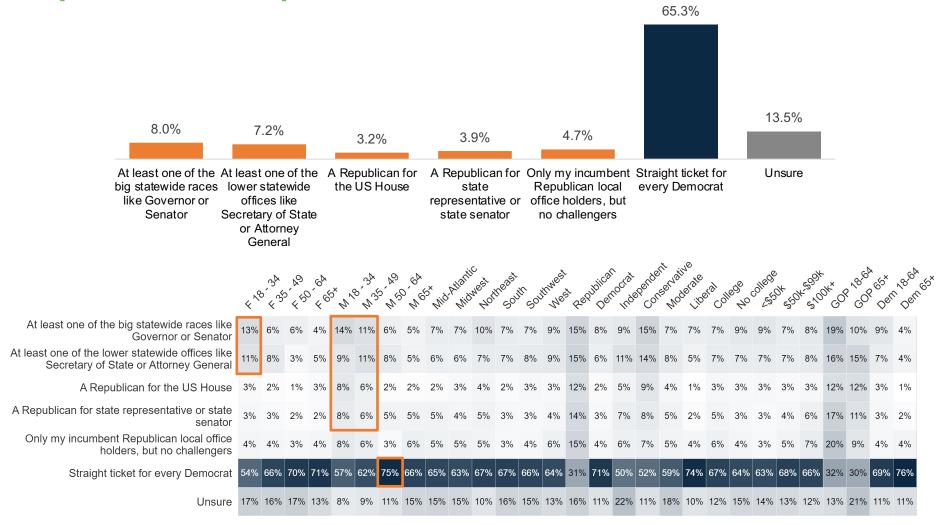


Over 2/3 of Republicans will vote straight GOP ticket



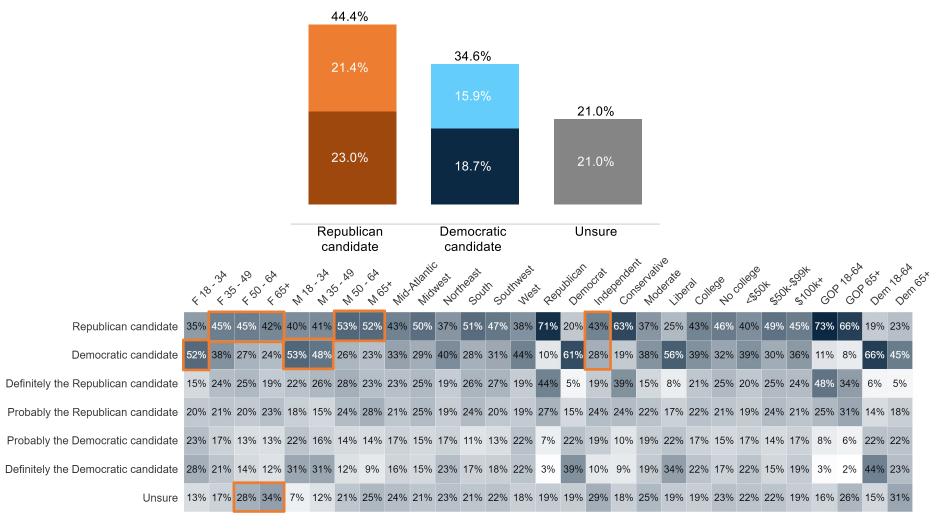


Democrats more likely to consider crossing over for a Republican for top-level state races



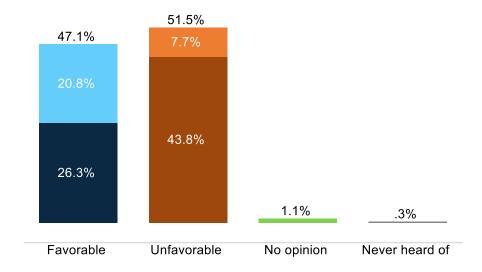


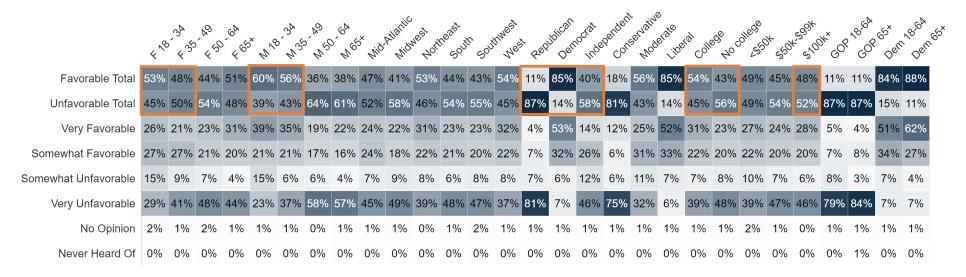
Voters believe by R+9 that their neighbors are more likely to be voting Republican





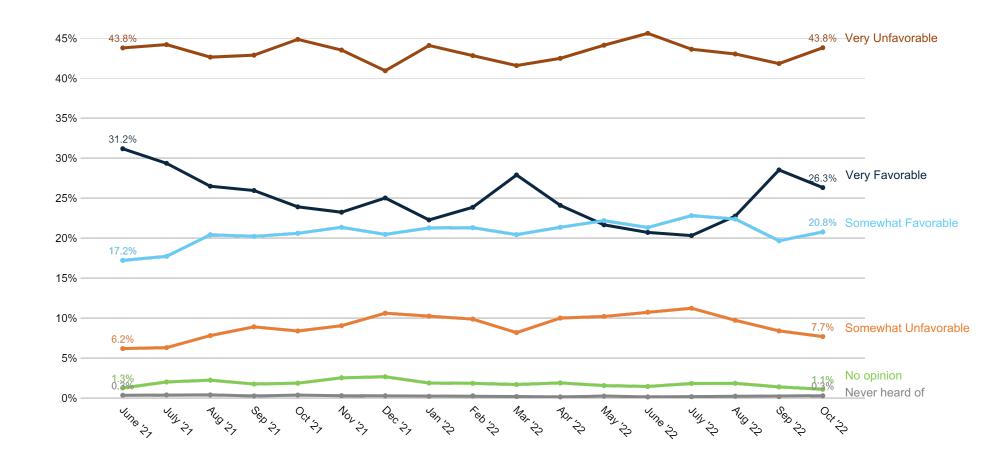
Biden's image recovery has ended as he trends backwards





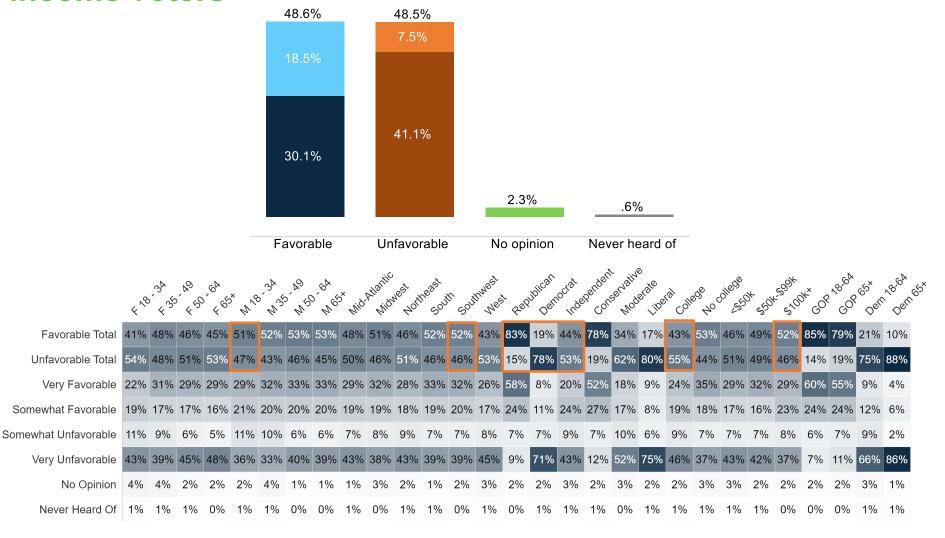


Trend: Joe Biden Image



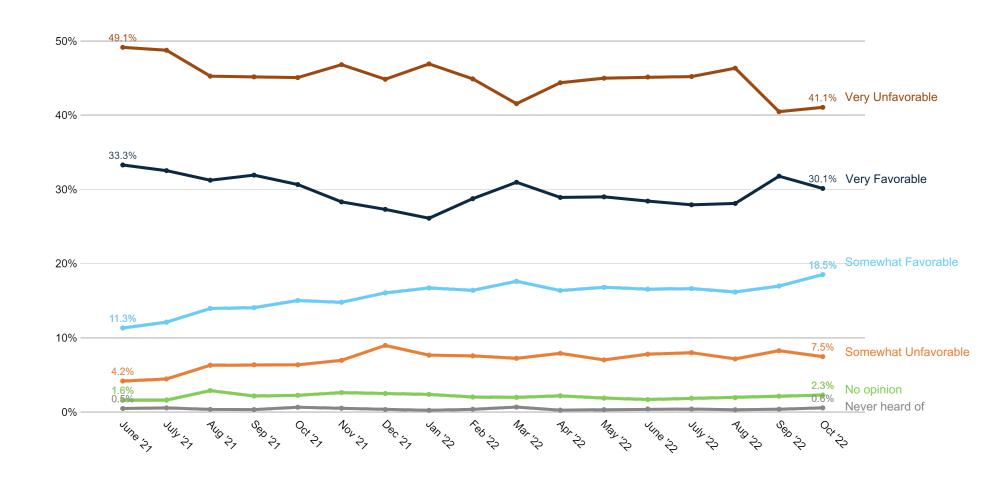


Trump holds positive image; continues to grow with upperincome voters



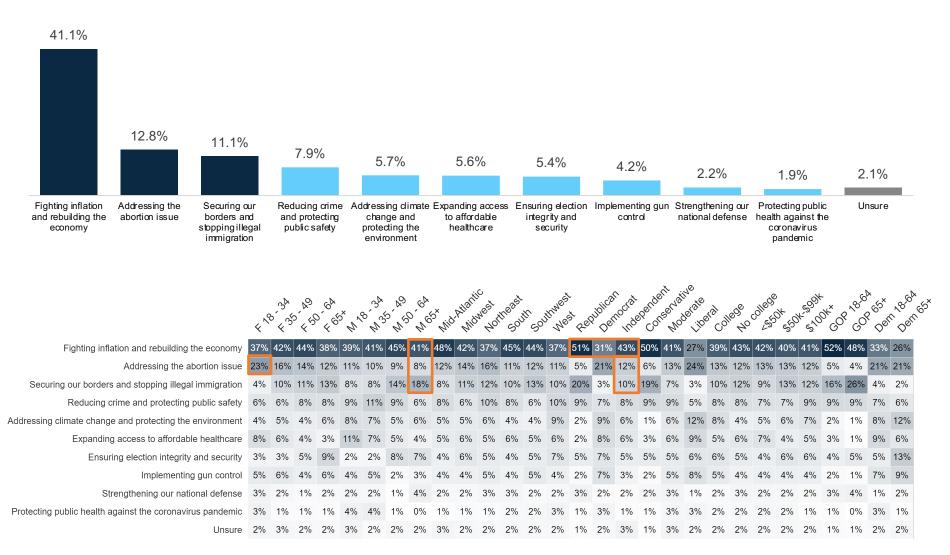


Trend: Donald Trump Image



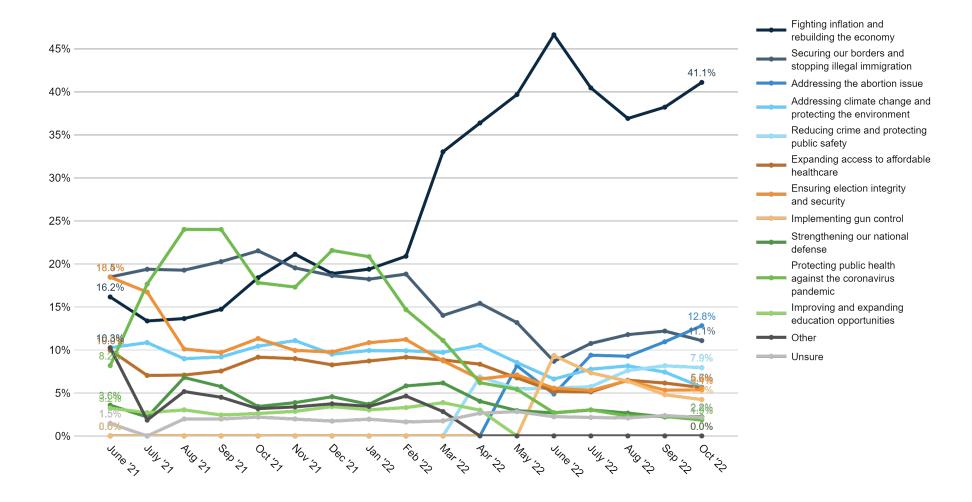


The midterm elections will be defined by inflation concern



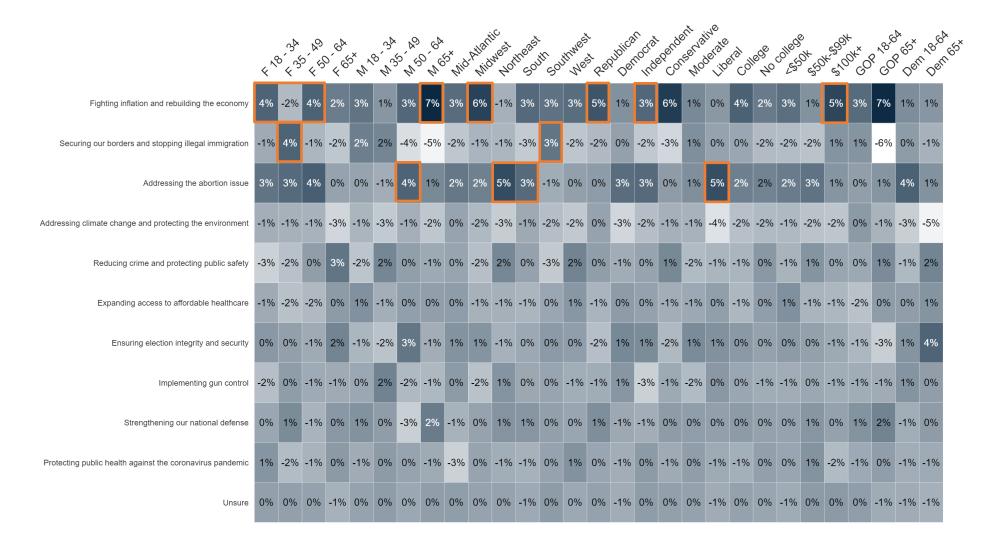


Top Priority Trend



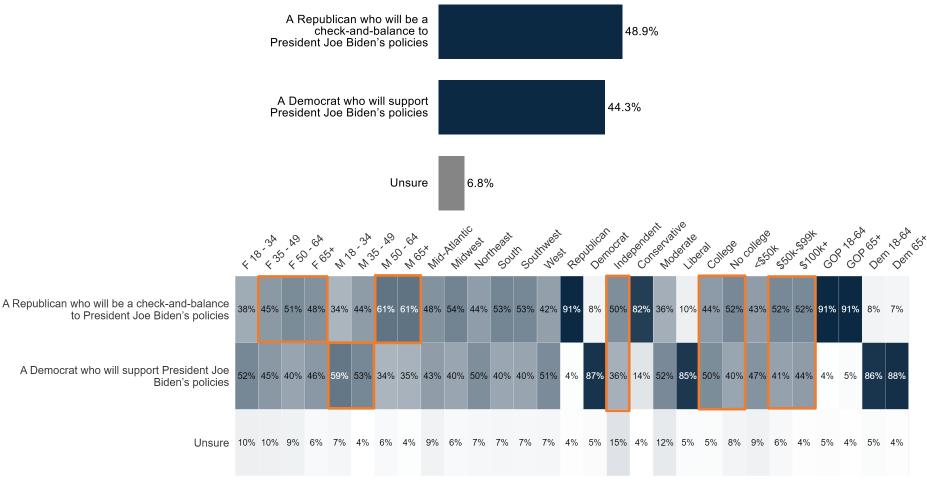


Top Priority Change: September to October 2022



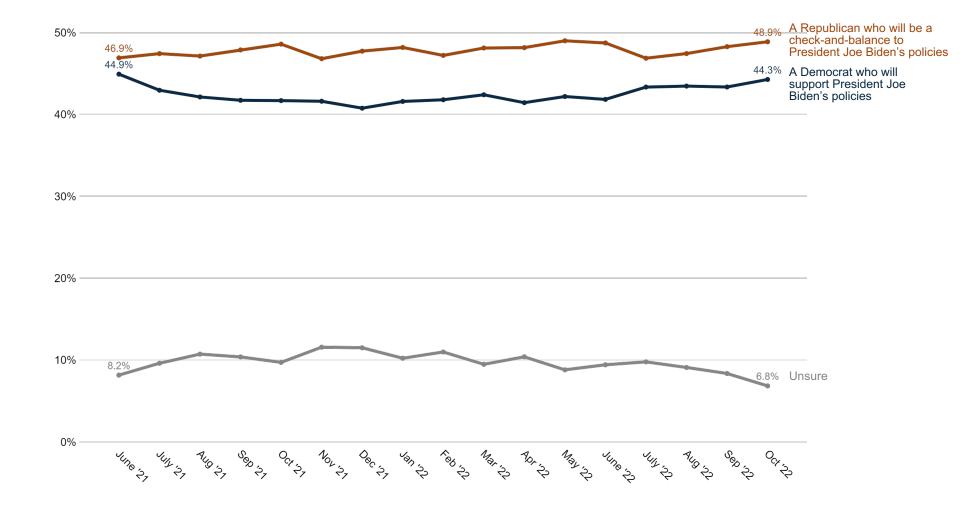


Motive ballot remains in favor of Republicans (R+5); Independents, lower-education, and mid-income side with GOP



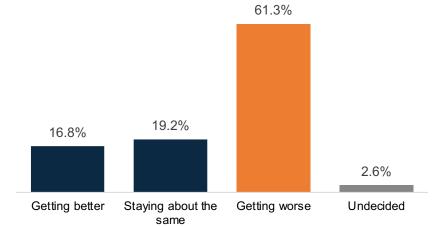


Contrast/Motive Ballot Trend





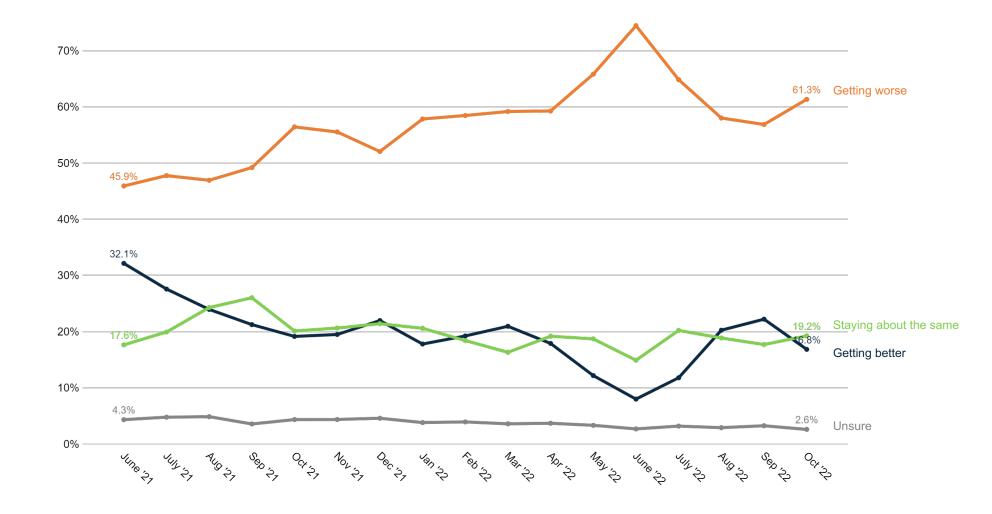
Economic pessimism being trending more "getting worse" again





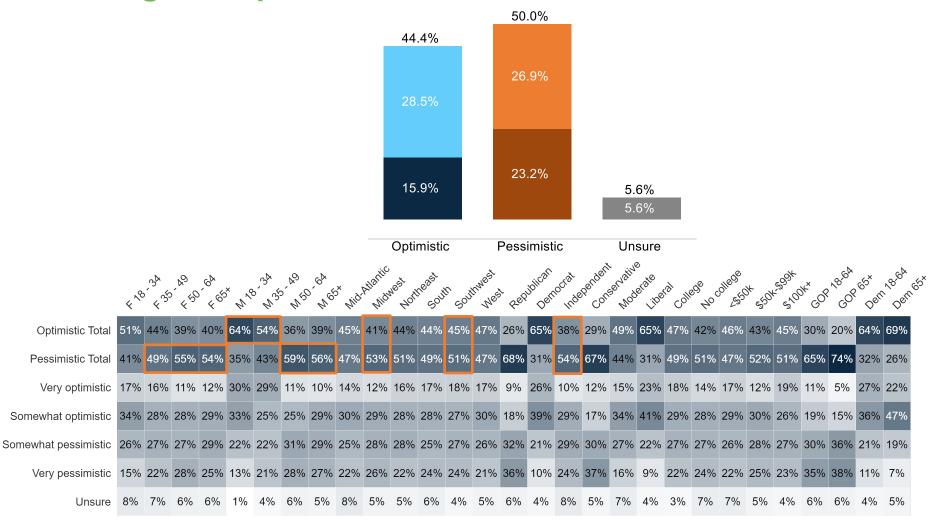


Economic Confidence Trend



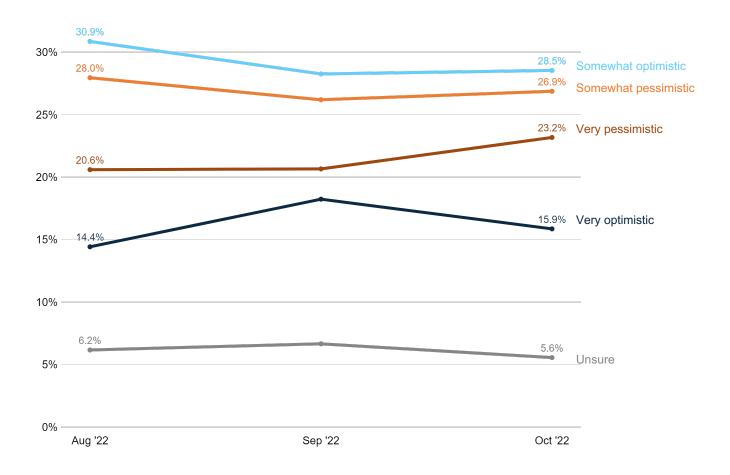


Personal financial outlook follows economic sentiment in becoming more pessimistic



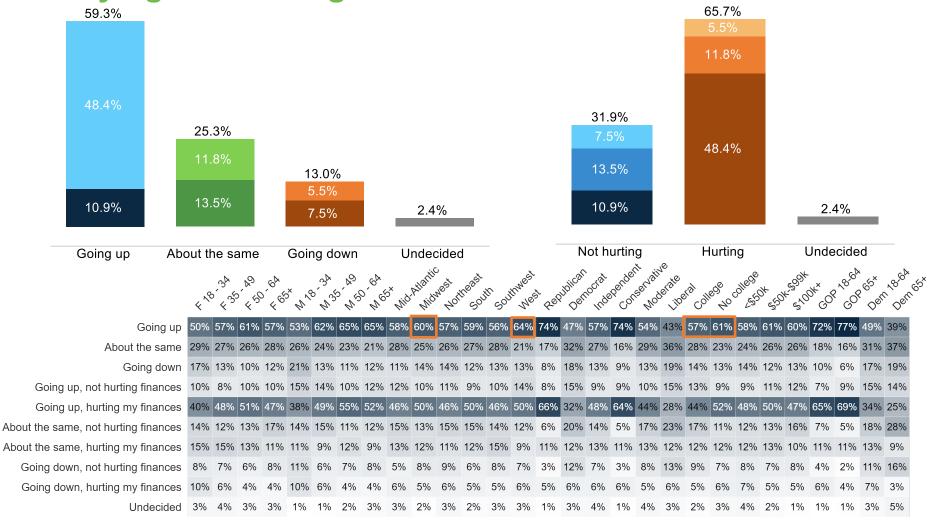


Trend: Personal Econ Outlook



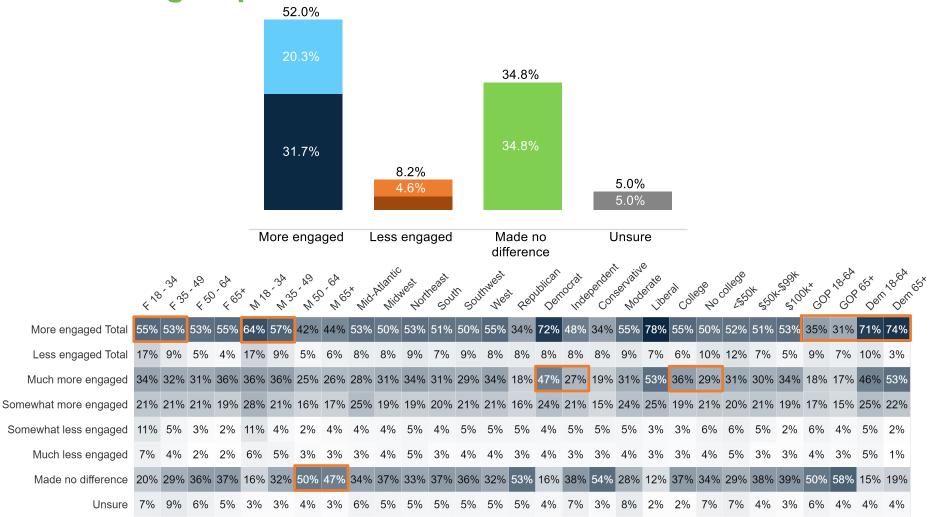


Nearly 6-in-10 voters seeing rising prices at the pump with 2/3 saying it is hurting them





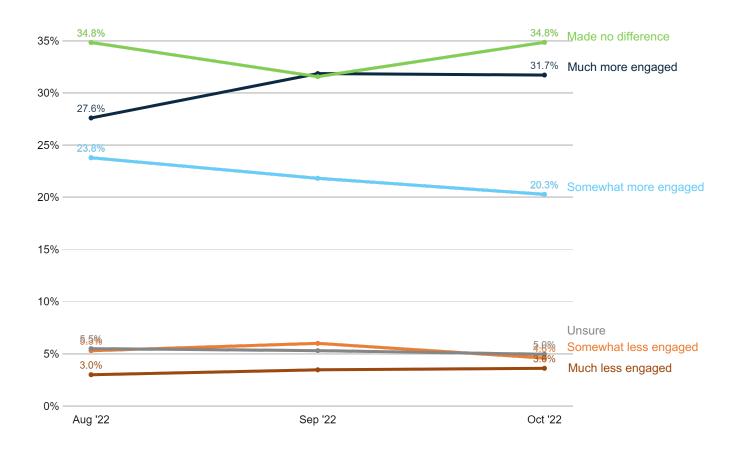
Engagement due to *Dobbs* down even among major Democrat groups



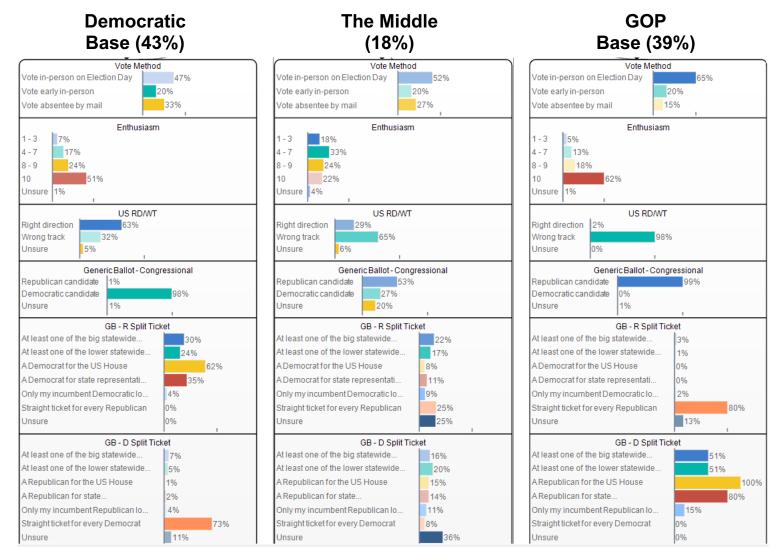
Earlier this year, abortion was not a major focus of the election. Then the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade with the Dobbs decision. Did the Dobbs decision make you more engaged, less engaged, or make no difference on your election engagement this year?



Trend: Dobbs Impact

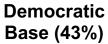


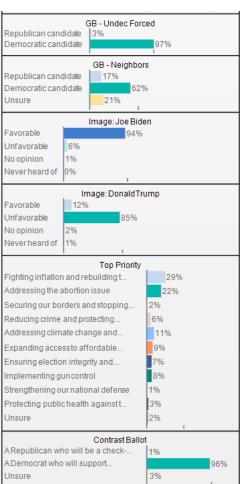




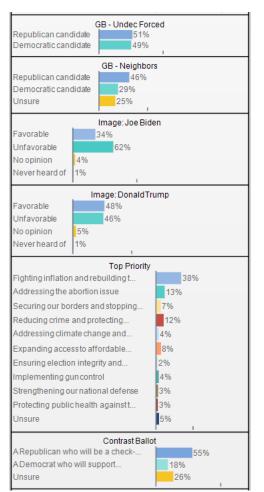




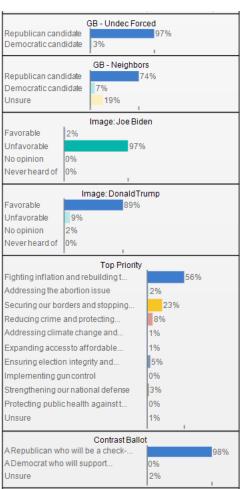




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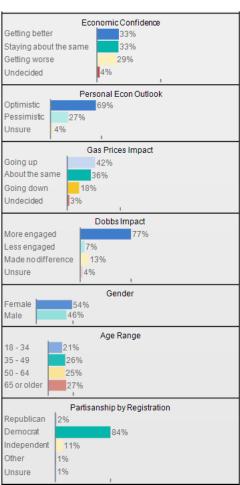
GOP Base (39%)



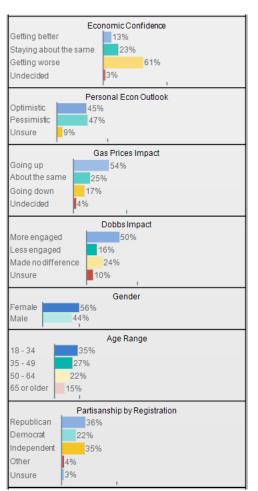
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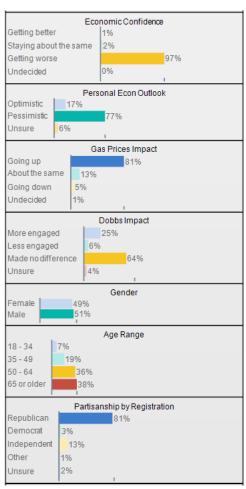




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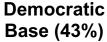


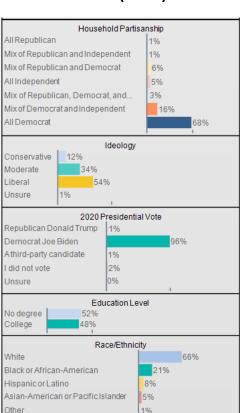
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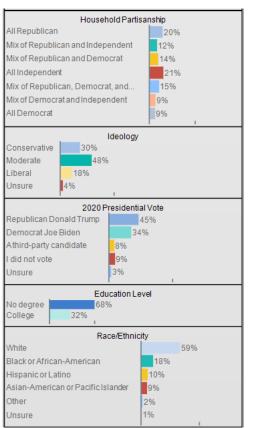


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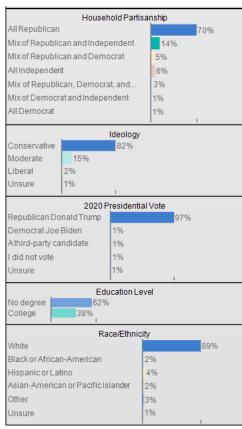
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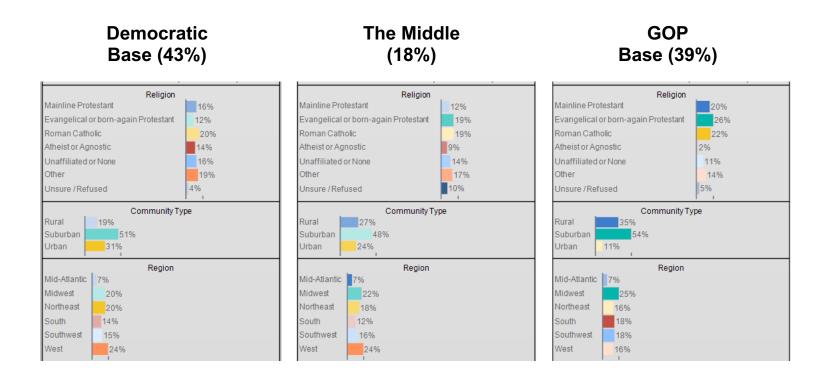
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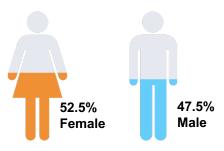






Demographics

Sex

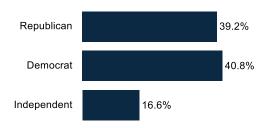


Education

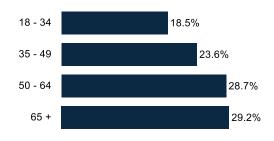


58.6% have no college degree

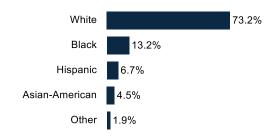
Partisanship



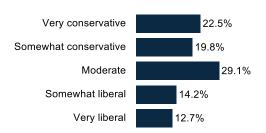
Age Range



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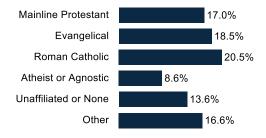
Ideology



Household Income



Religion



Geo - Region

