

# Survey of Likely General Election Voters National

October 30 - November 1, 2023 | n=2000 | ±2.16%

### **Insights & Analysis**

- Joe Biden's image noticeably improved since last month from upside down by 8 to upside down by 3 likely due to the war in Israel. (Biden was as 45% fav / 53% unfav [-8 net fav]; now he is 47% fav / 50% unfav [-3 net fav]).
  - Donald Trump (-10 net fav) is 6 points more favorable with independents than Biden.
- The Biden-Trump rematch now has Biden with a +2 lead (47% Biden / Trump 45%), reverting back to where it stood in September after being tied in October.
  - 44% of Independents would vote for Trump, 38% for Biden, and 18% are Undecided.
- Biden leads by +4 against a generic Republican who isn't Trump (Biden +1 in October).
  - In this scenario, Independent's support for Biden drops to 31% while their support for Republicans is relatively steady at 42%. Undecided Independents jump up to 27%.
- With Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. in the race, Trump falls to 39%, 40% for Biden, and 12% for Kennedy (Biden+1).
  - 17% of Independents support Kennedy, 30% for Biden, 36% for Trump.
- The generic ballot remains tied from October after being R+2 in September. Republicans have made up the lost ground with independents from last month (+4%).
  - More voters now consider the Republican Party to be more extreme than
    the Democrat Party (45% Rep / 43% Dem), counting 41% of Democrats thinking that
    of their own party. In a marked shift from the last poll, 41% of Republicans believe that of
    theirs as well (only 30% last round).
- The top priority for voters remains inflation and the economy (31%), followed now by illegal immigration (15%) which continues to surpass gun control (9%) and abortion (4%).



### **Insights & Analysis** (cont.)

- 78% of voters care at least "some" about who the Speaker of the House is with 31% saying they care significantly. Just 23% said they only cared a little, not at all, or were unsure.
  - Interestingly, Democrats express higher interest in who is Speaker than Republicans (63% Dems 58% Republicans). Non-college voters and Independents tend to care the least.
- On mass shootings, 66% of voters say they are caused by mental health issues, 47% said easy access to firearms, and 34% said radicalization or extremism.
  - Republicans and Independents are much more likely to point to mental health, while twothirds of Democrats cite easy access to firearms.
- 80% of likely voters, including supermajorities of both Republicans and Democrats, are concerned about the U.S. national debt, which now exceeds \$33 trillion.
  - 50% of voters said a potential solution would be to reduce regulations on the economy and to simplify the tax structure.
  - 36% supported significantly cutting the federal workforce, and another 20% said cuts to welfare programs.
- On foreign affairs, a plurality of voters (31%) believe the U.S. should actively engage with the global community and work with the international community to address challenges.
  - 20% said the U.S. should focus on U.S. economic interests, even if it compromises
     American values by allying with nations that may not share our values.
  - 24% said the U.S. should minimize involvement in foreign affairs and conflicts.
  - The U.S. Military (+67 net fav) is extremely popular with both Republicans and Democrats.
     Pentagon Leadership (+27 net fav) sees a more mixed, but still favorable, perception among Republicans and Independents while being favorable with nearly two-thirds of Democrats.

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- On the War in Ukraine, 33% of voters support providing weapons and financial support.
   Another 10% say only financial support, and another 10% say only weapons (53% either weapons, money, or both).
  - 15% say the U.S. should focus on brokering peace that allows Russia to keep Ukrainian territory it currently occupies. 18% say the U.S. should do nothing more.
- On the **War in Israel**, just 27% **support providing weapons and financial support.** Another 10% say only financial support, and another 10% say only weapons (47% either weapons, money, or both).
  - 28% say the U.S. should focus on brokering peace between Israel and Hamas. 12% say the U.S. should do nothing more.
  - 69% of voters say the Israeli incursion into Gaza is justified, including 65% of Democrats and 74% of Republicans, while only 18% overall believe it is not.
- The differences in perceptions of the Ukraine and Israel conflicts is starkest among Democratic voters. 43% of Democrats support giving money and weapons to Ukraine but only 26% say the same for Israel. 1-in-5 Democrats believe the Israeli incursion into Gaza is not justified.

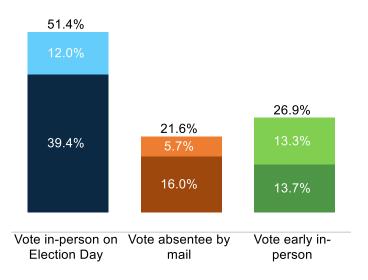


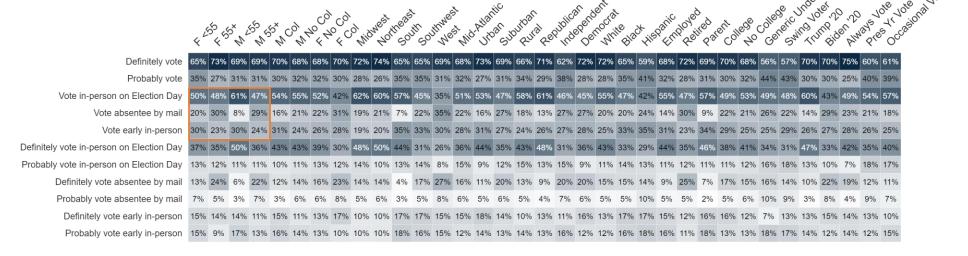
### Insights & Analysis - Segmentation Analysis

- Segmentation Analysis identified three groups via machine-learning: GOP Base (45%), Democrat Base (44%), and Moderates (11%).
  - The *Moderates* segment is pessimistic overall about the direction of the country, but not quite to the same degree as the *GOP Base* segment. These voters lean solidly Republican on the generic ballot but have mixed opinions on both Trump and Biden. Like the *GOP Base*, these voters are more skeptical of Pentagon Leadership.
     Overwhelmingly, this segment views the Republican Party as more extreme.
  - **National security** is the secondary concern among these voters, following **inflation/economy**, making this segment unique from the social-issues-focused *Democrat Base* and the immigration-focused *GOP Base*. The party that can move the quickest in owning the national security lane will have an advantage with the *Moderates* segment.
  - In a **Trump v. Biden rematch**, the *Moderates* segment leans slightly in favor of Trump, but much less so than their Republican tilt on the generic ballot. Notably, a non-Trump Republican is only tied with Biden among this group. **Kennedy takes away more of these** *Moderates* from Biden than he does Trump in a 3-way matchup.
  - These voters are **much less informed on foreign affairs** than the other two segments and are largely unsure about the role the U.S. should play on the global stage, including in the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza.
  - These voters tend to be **center-right**, **suburban voters who are earning under \$50k** annually, which is less than the partisan segments. Most voted for Trump in the 2020 election. Of the three segments, these voters are the **least likely to have a college degree**.



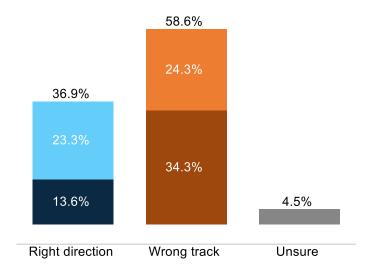
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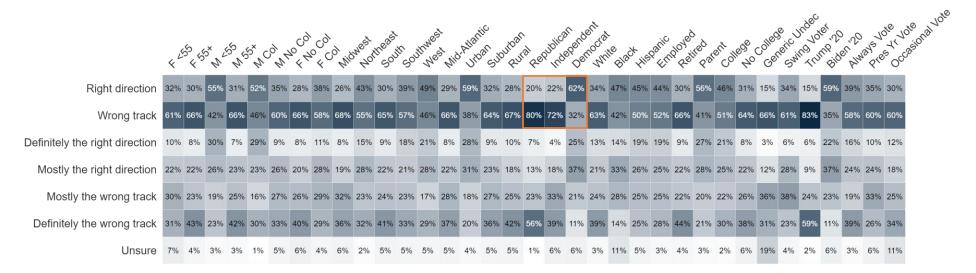






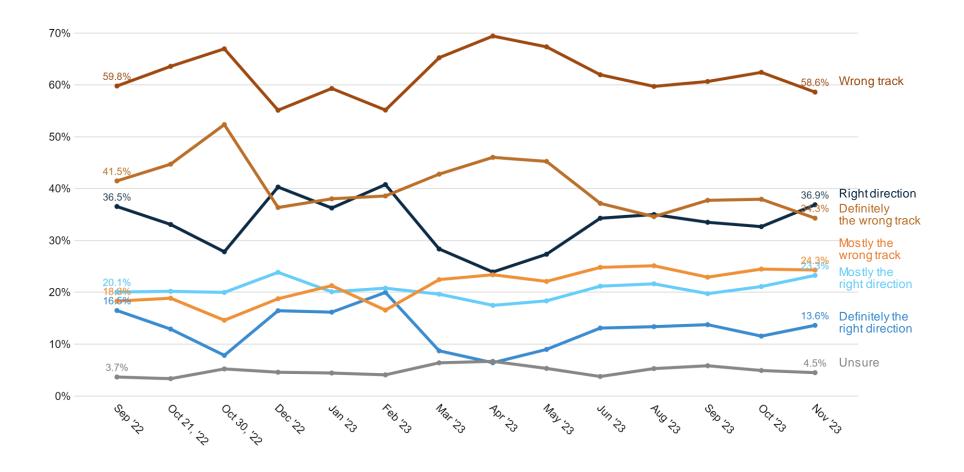
### **US Direction**





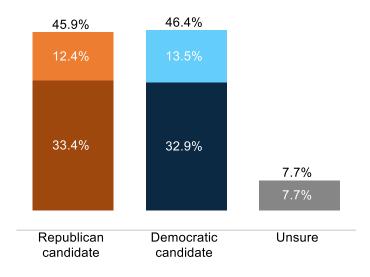


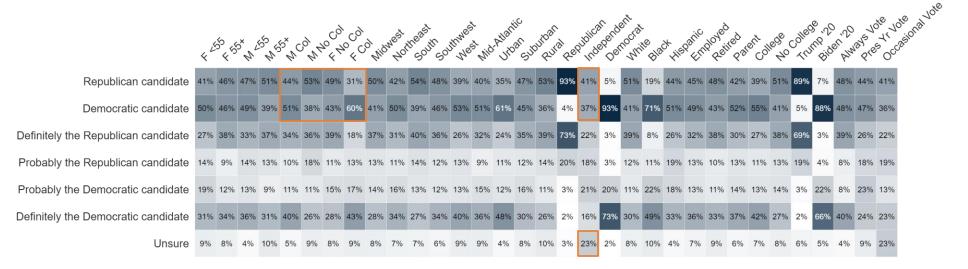
# **Trend: US Direction**





### **Generic Ballot**





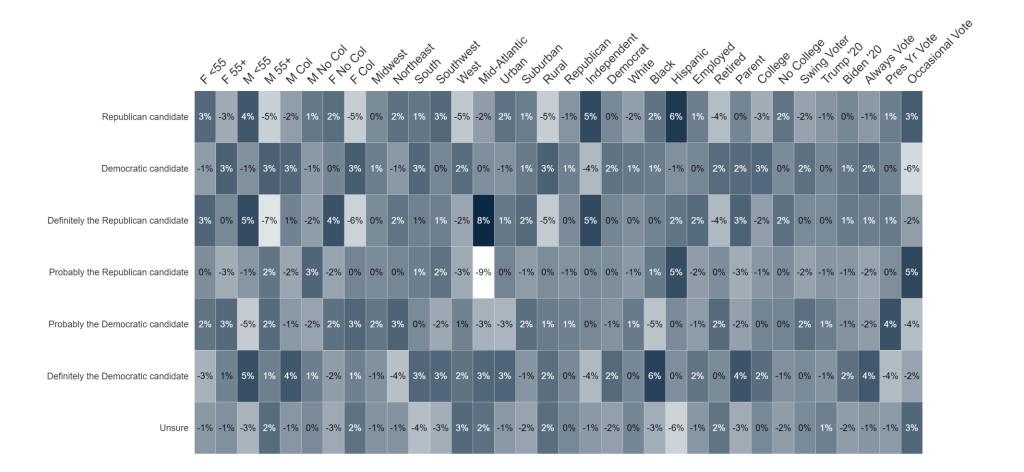


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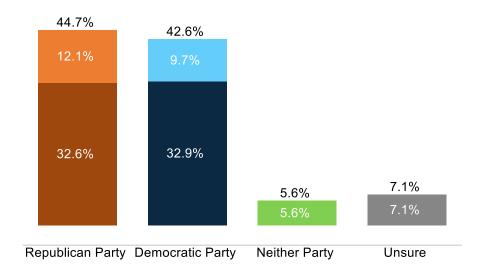


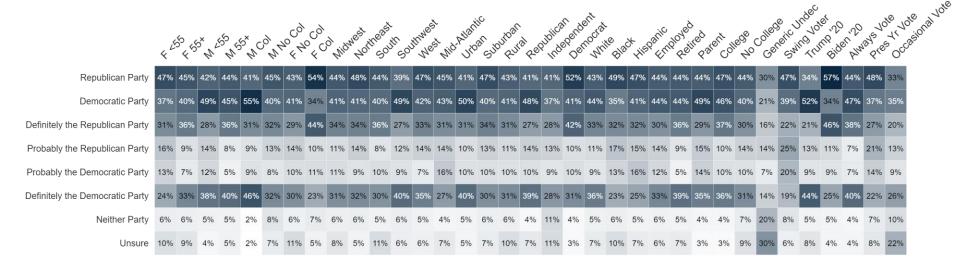
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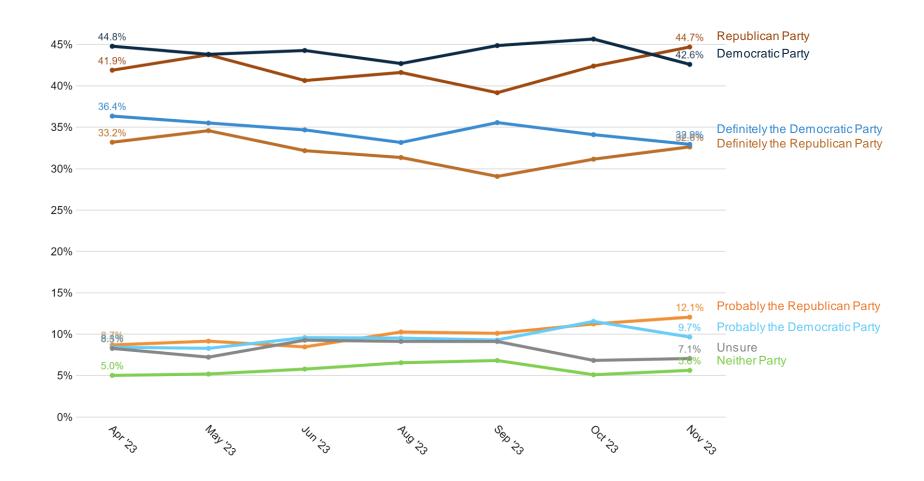
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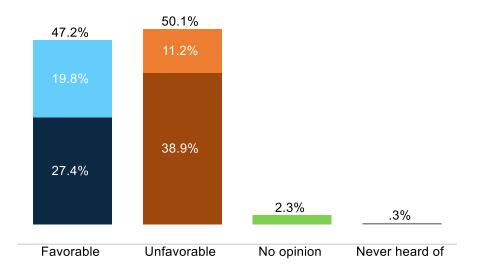


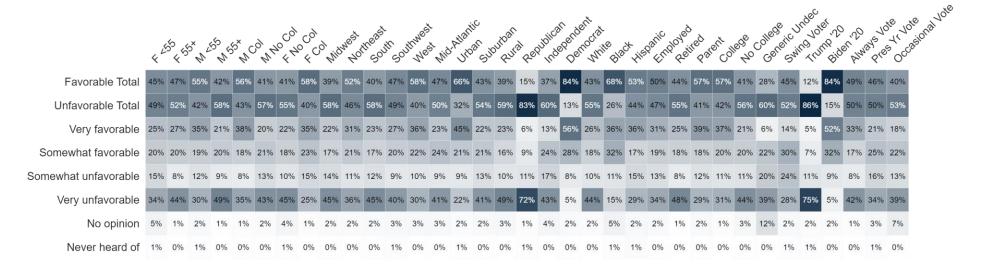
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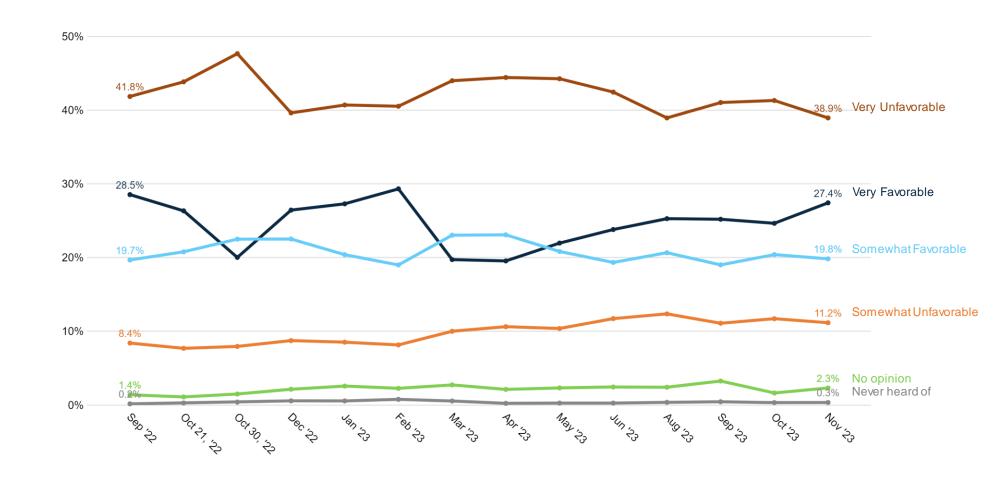
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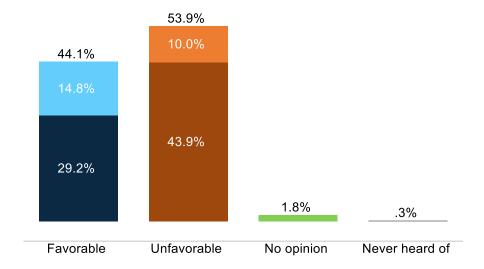


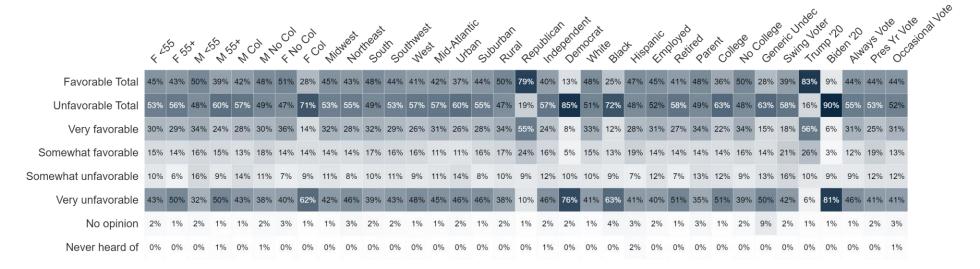
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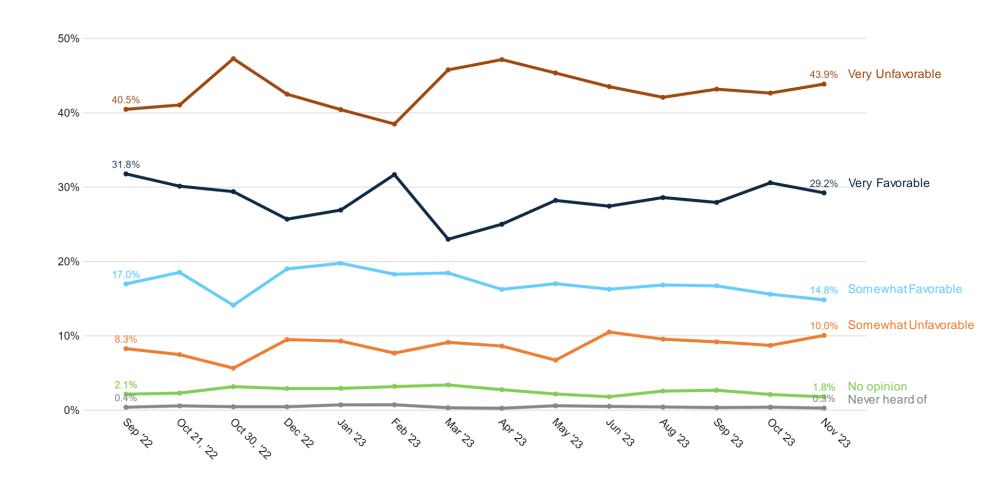
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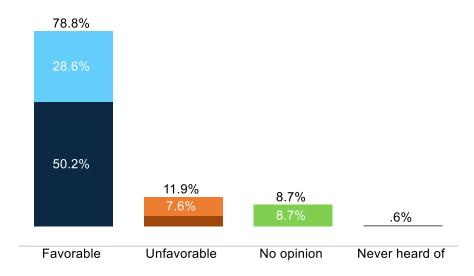


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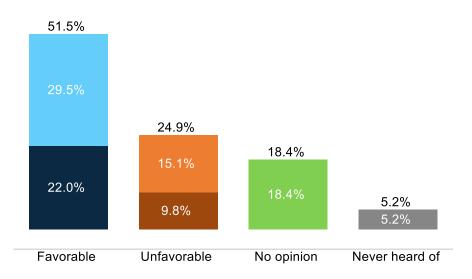
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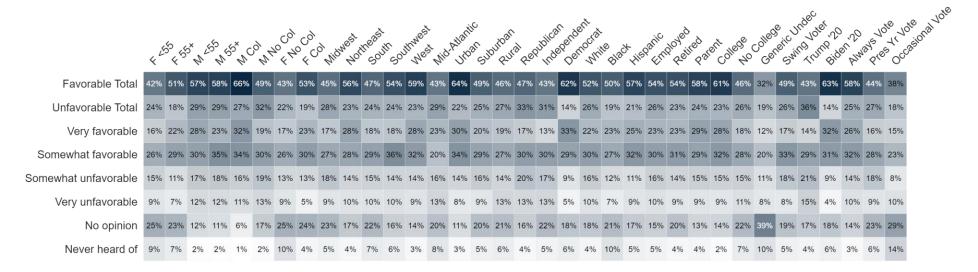


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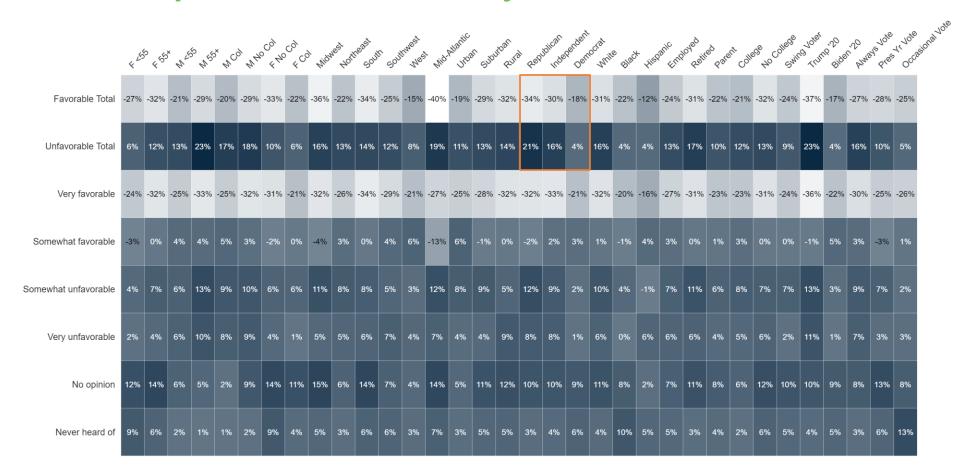
### Image: Pentagon Leadership over the U.S. military





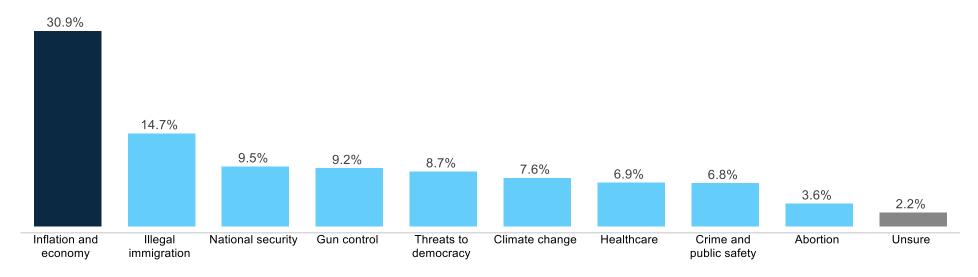


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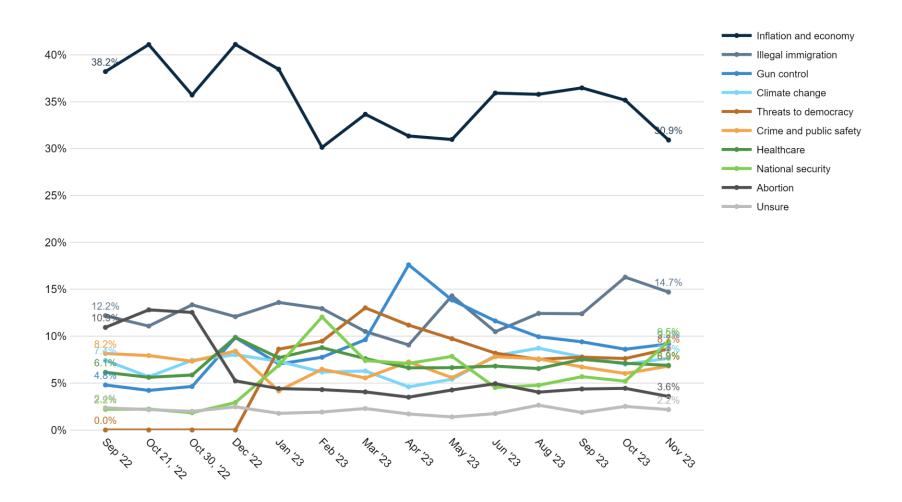
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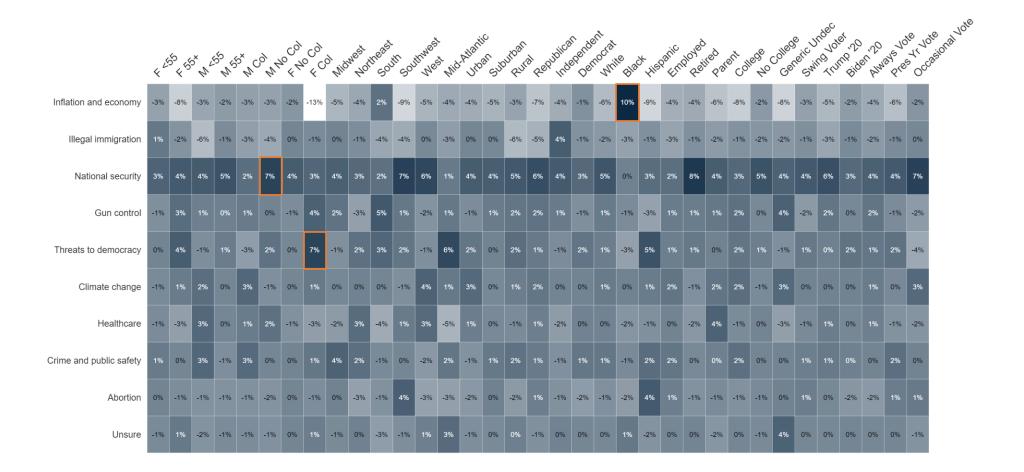


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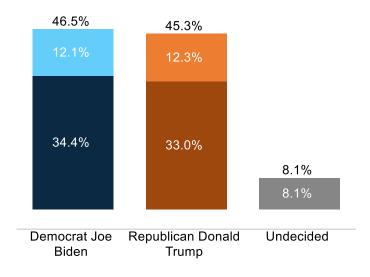


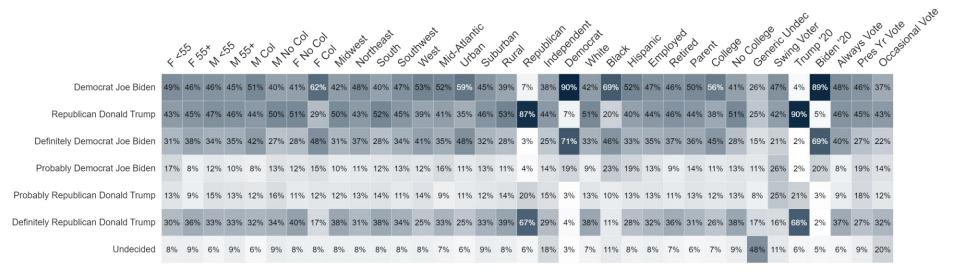
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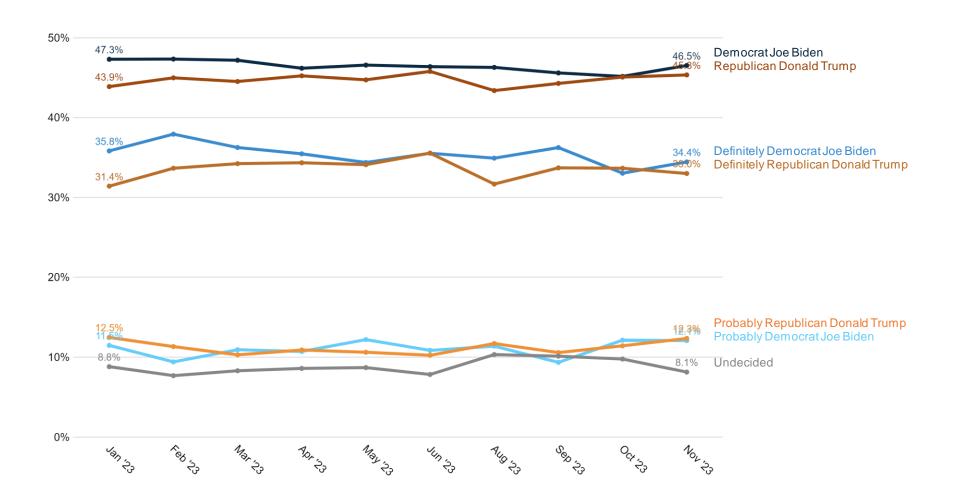
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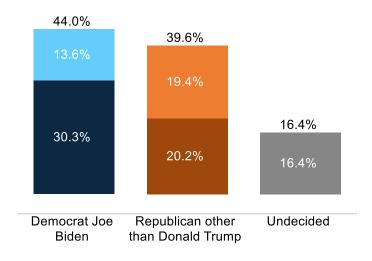


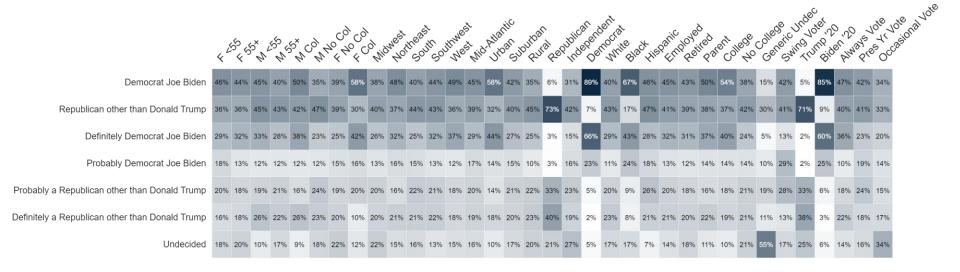
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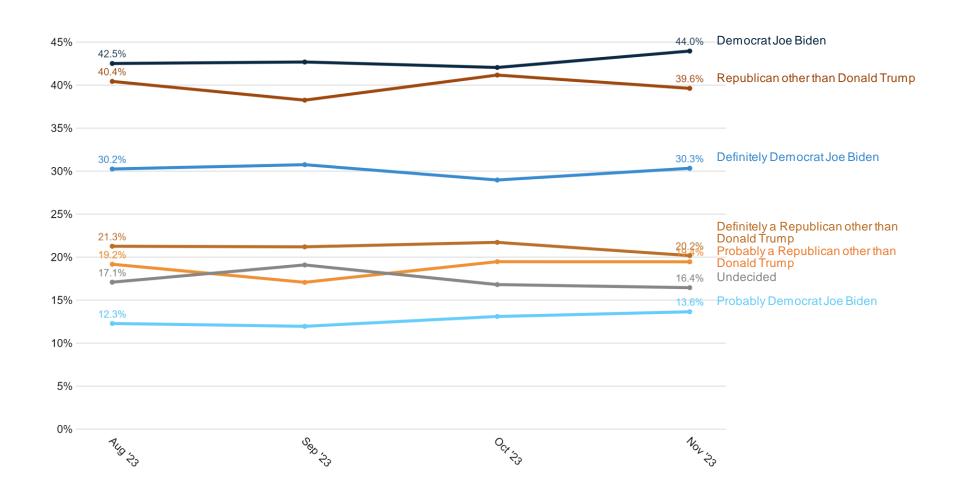
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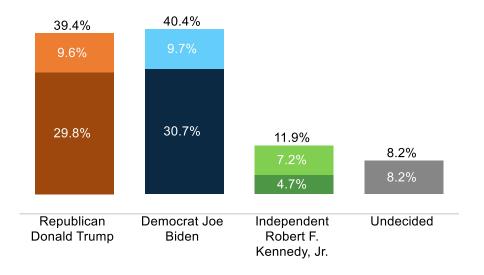


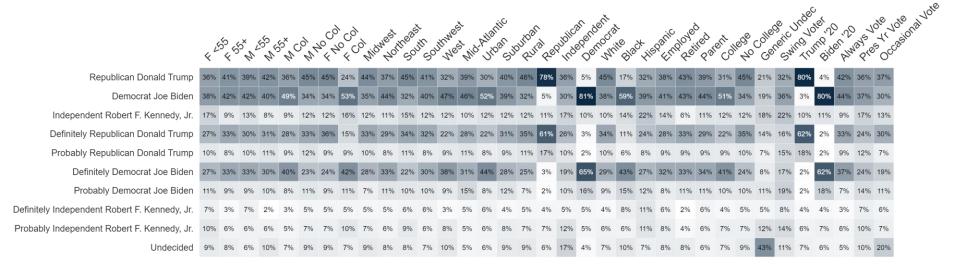
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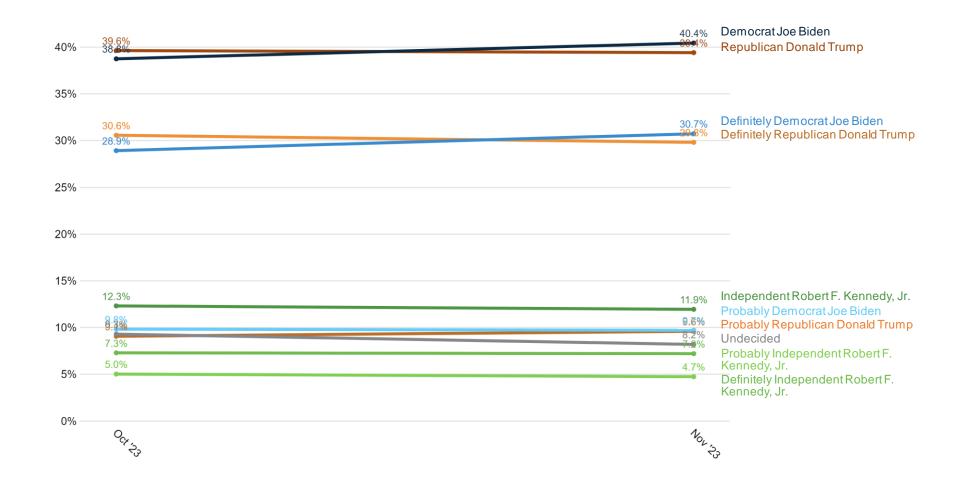
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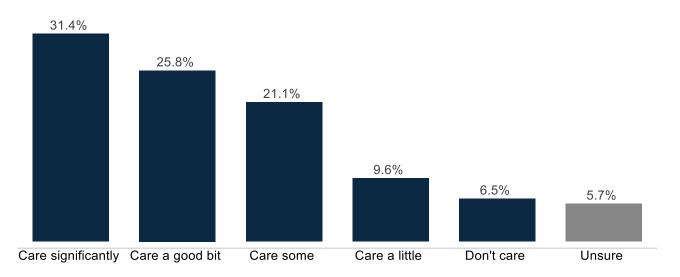


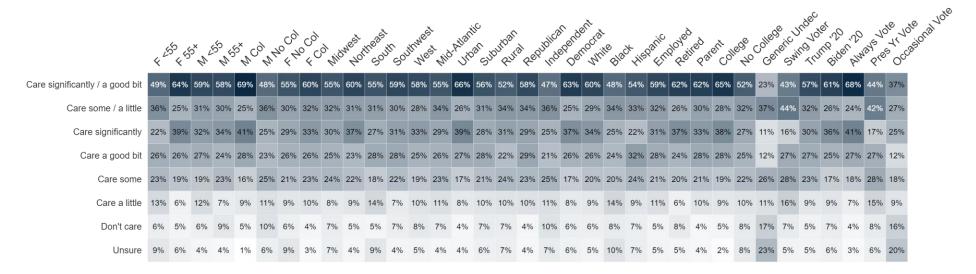
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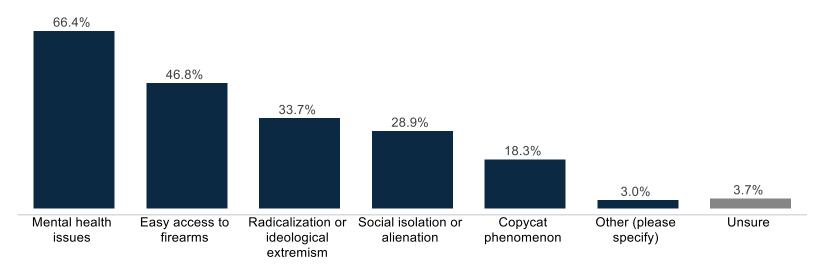
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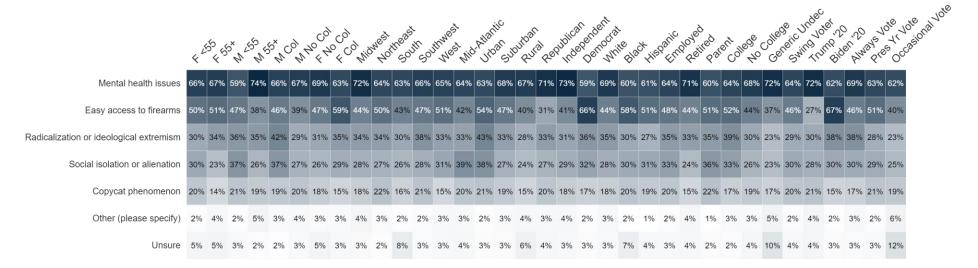






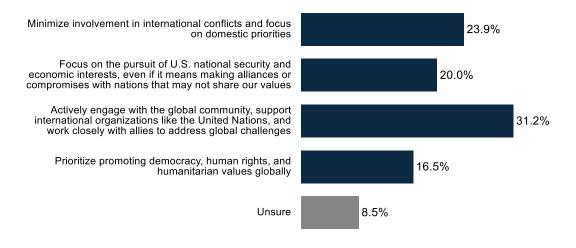
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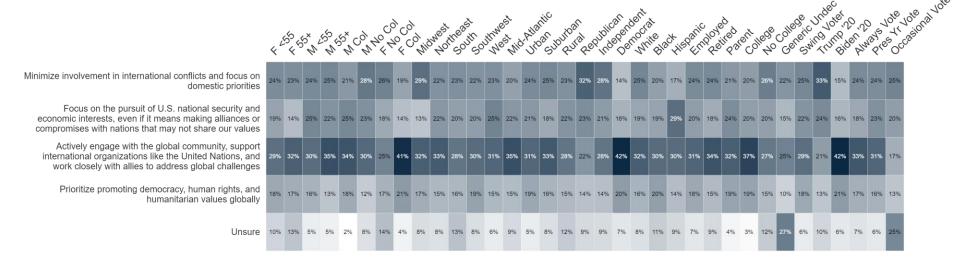






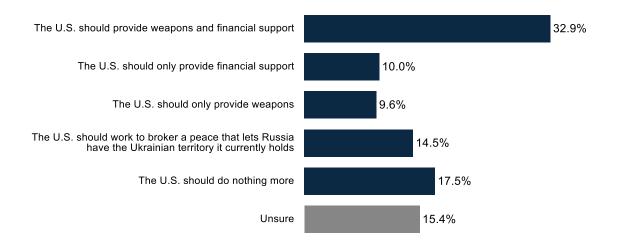
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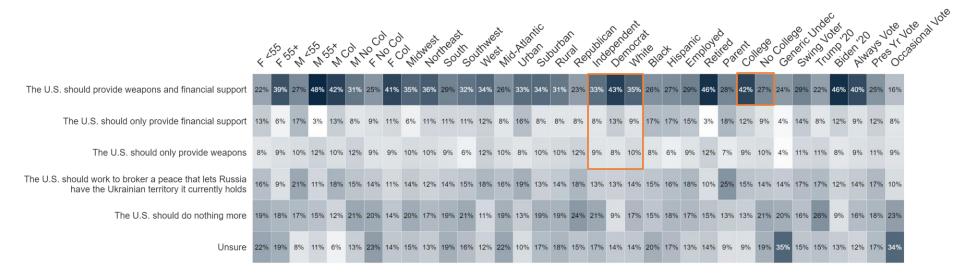






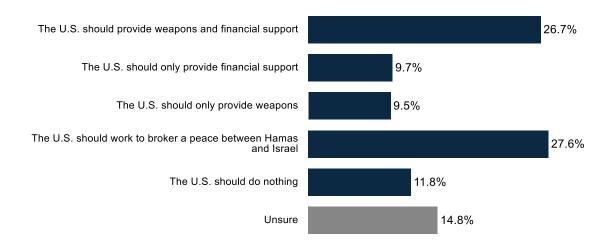
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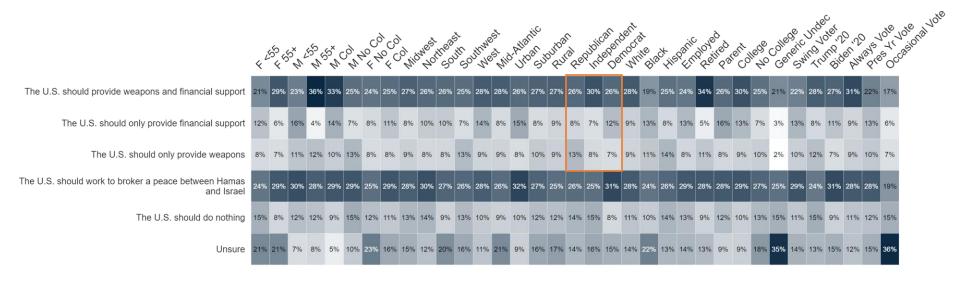






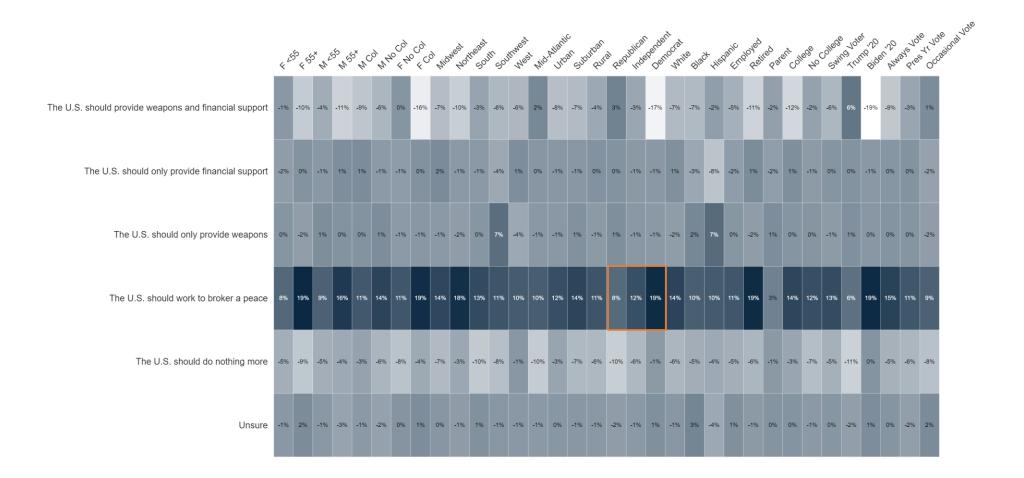
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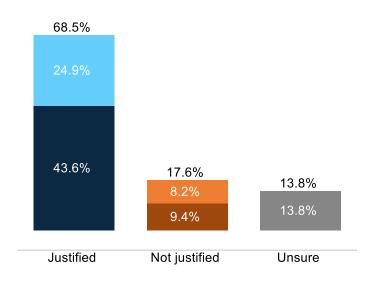


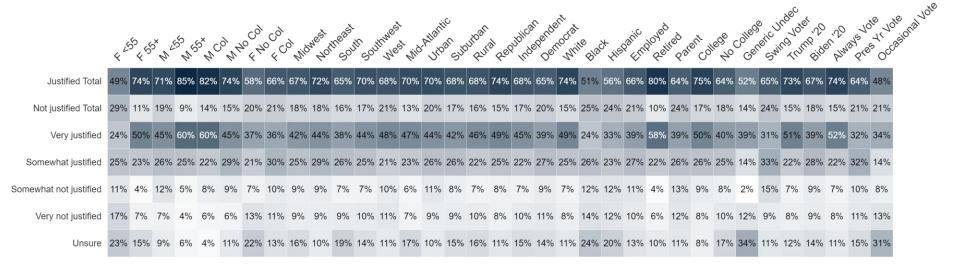
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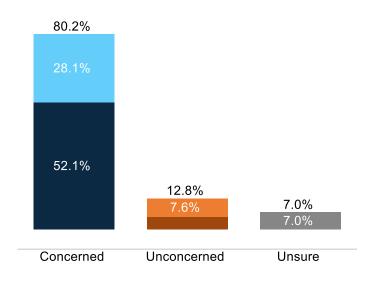
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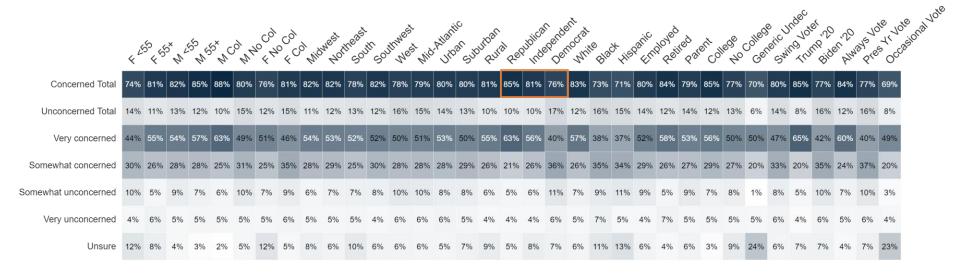






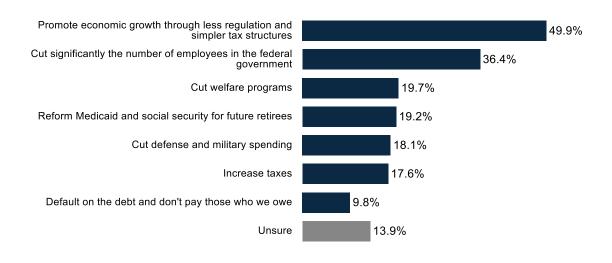
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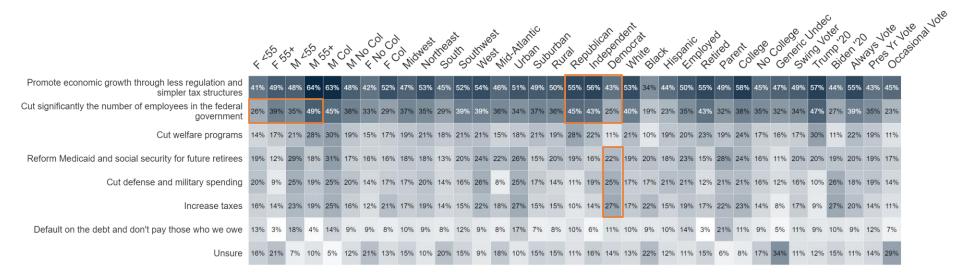






### Potential Solutions to U.S. Debt Problem



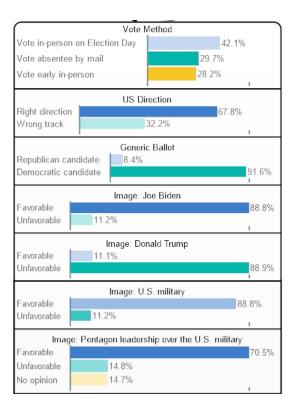


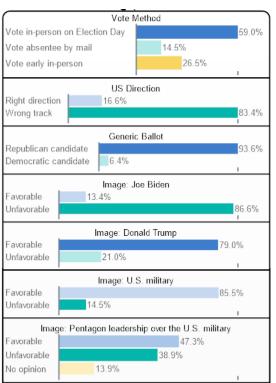
The United States has a massive and unsustainable \$33 trillion national debt that grows every year. The U.S. Congress will so on have to start making hard choices to address the debt problem. Which of the following solutions to decreasing the national debt would you be open to supporting? Pick as many as apply.

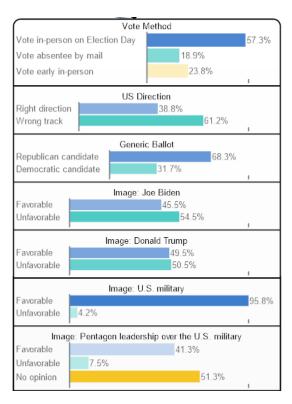


#### **Democrat Base (44%)**

#### **GOP Base (45%)**

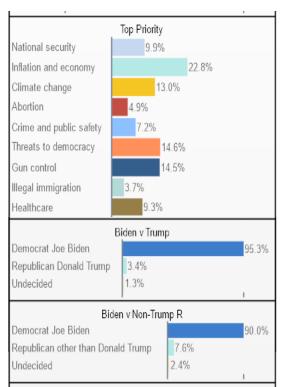




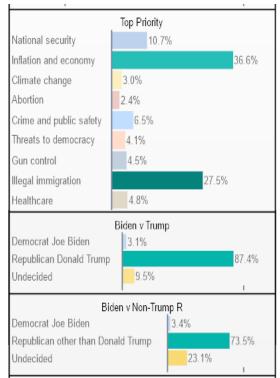


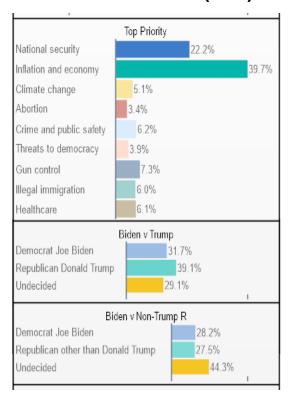


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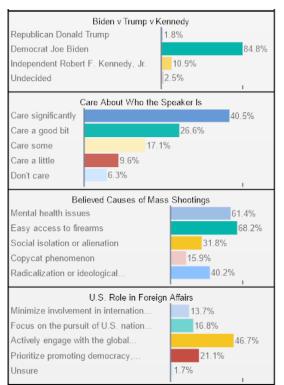
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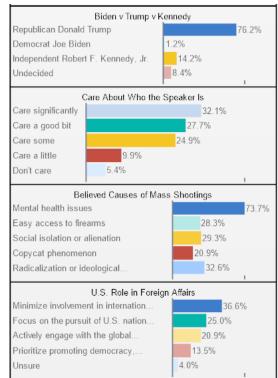


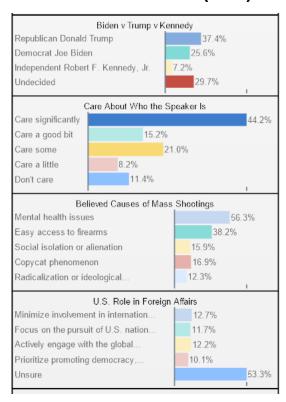


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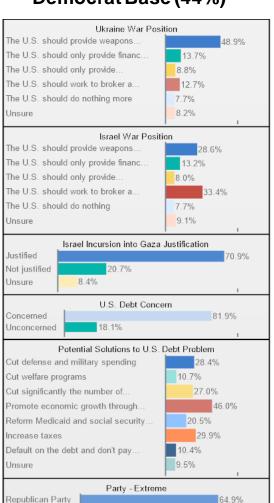
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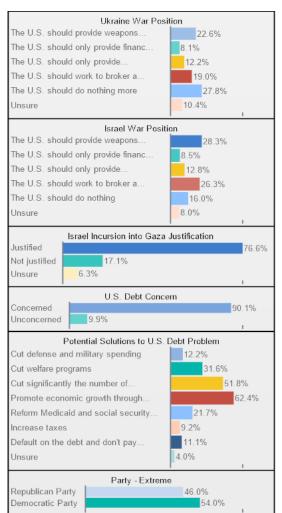
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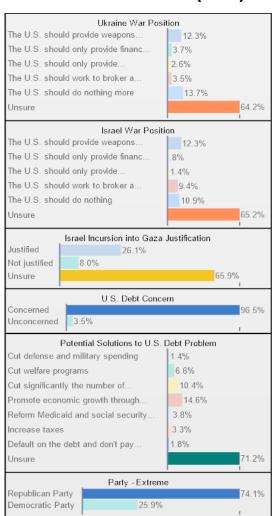
35.1%

Democratic Party

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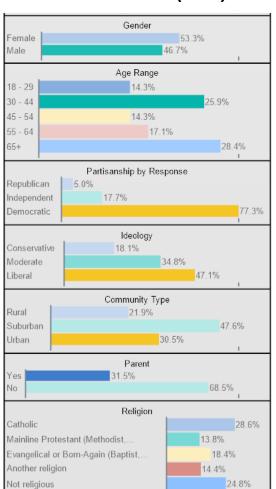
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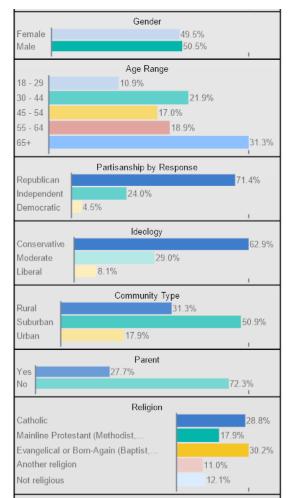
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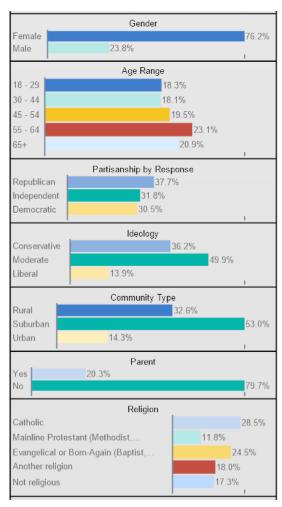
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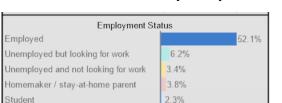
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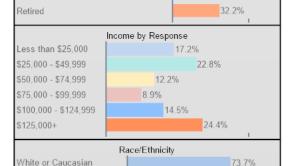


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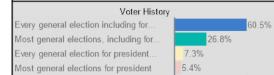


17.2%

9.1%

2020 Retro Ballot

7.5%



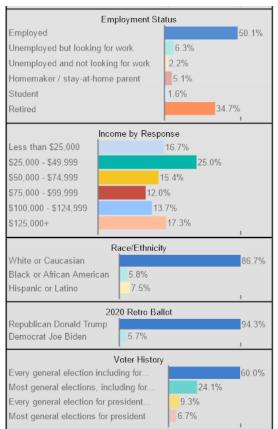
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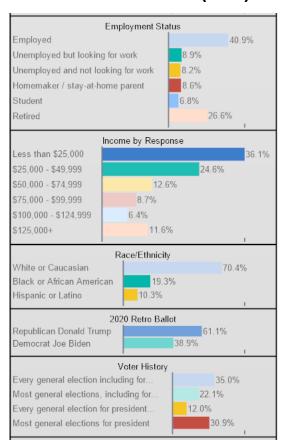
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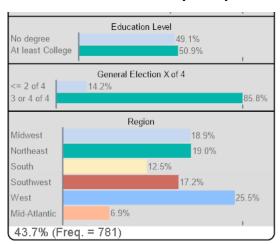
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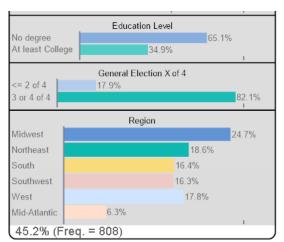


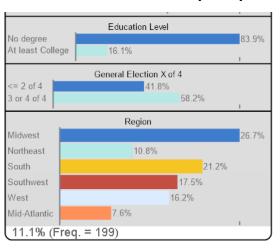


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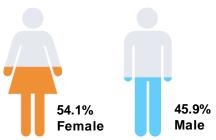




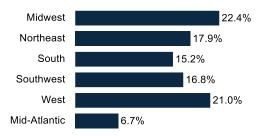


### **Demographics**

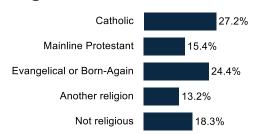
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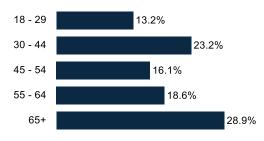
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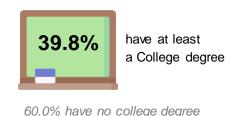
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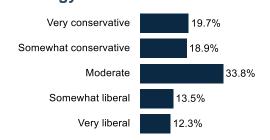
#### Age Range



#### **Education**



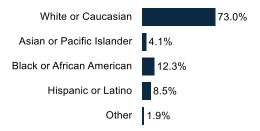
#### Ideology



#### **Household Income**



#### Race/Ethnicity



#### **Voter History**

