



U.S. Politics

Survey of Americans

October 26

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Methodology

This week, we conducted a survey of Americans to explore their views on American politics.

Method

Online survey among respondents 18 years of age or older.
(American sample: **n= 1,037**)

Respondents were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.

Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, region, education, ethnicity, and number of people in the household** in order to ensure a representative sample of the American population.

When

Data collection from **October 23rd to October 25, 2026**.

Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than **±3.09%**, (19 times out of 20) for the American sample.

Significant differences

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.

Rounded data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

Questions

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➔ Notes

A more detailed methodology is presented in the Appendix.

Some of **the key highlights** of our survey...

MIDTERMS ELECTIONS

- **Democrats hold a seven-point lead over Republicans ahead of the November midterm elections, with 52% of voters saying they would vote for the Democratic Party, compared to 45% for the Republican Party.**
- **Nearly half of Americans (48%) believe the November midterm elections will be free and democratic, and more than two-thirds (68%) say they would be willing to accept the results even if the political party they support were defeated.**
- **Six in ten Americans (60%) believe Donald Trump and his administration are deliberately withholding information from the public regarding the Jeffrey Epstein case, compared to 21% who believe they are not. This perception is more widespread among Democrats (88%) than Republicans (31%).**
- **Nearly three in ten Americans (29%) believe another civil war is likely to break out in the United States within the next five years, while 46% consider it unlikely. And One in three Republicans (33%) say they would be willing to take up arms to defend Donald Trump and his administration if asked to do so.**

TRUMP: SUPPORT, PERFORMANCE & IMPACT

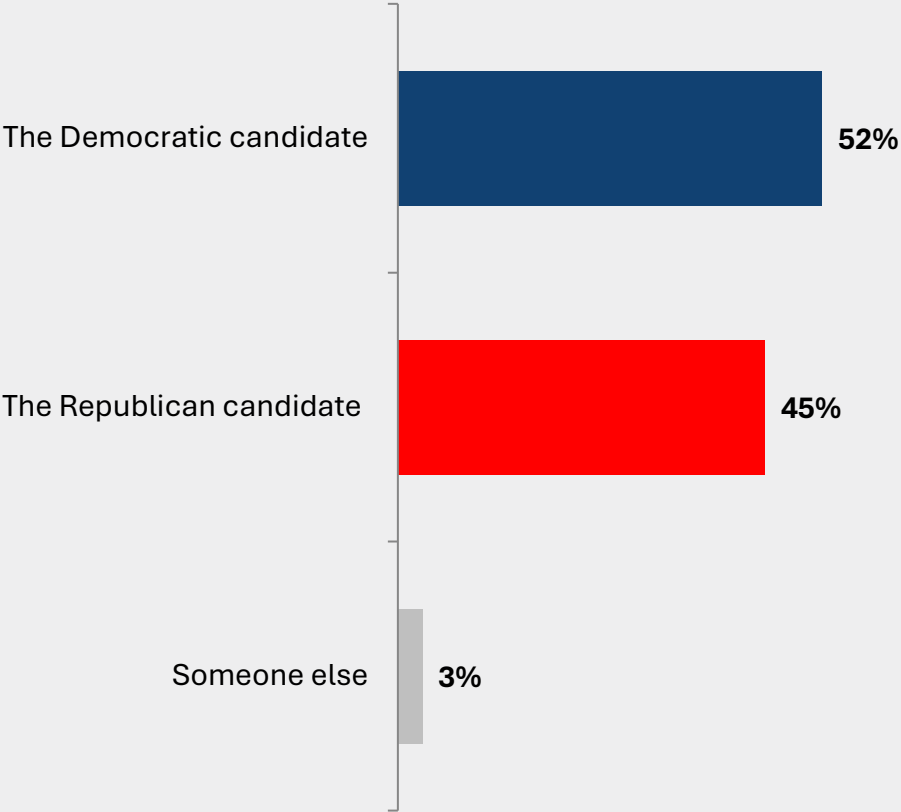
- **Only one-third of Americans (33%) approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 58% disapprove. This marks his lowest approval rating since April 2025. However, support remains strong among Republican voters, with 77% approving of his job performance.**
- **Americans express low levels of satisfaction with Trump's performance across key issues, with fewer than four in ten satisfied with his handling of any of the issues surveyed.** Satisfaction is highest regarding his efforts to deport undocumented immigrants (39%), eliminate government corruption (37%), and increase U.S. oil and natural gas production (36%).
- **A majority of Americans (58%) believe Donald Trump primarily acts in his own personal and financial interests, while 32% believe he acts in the best interests of the American people. Additionally, 45% perceive his administration as more corrupt than previous U.S. administrations, compared to 22% who consider it less corrupt. These perceptions vary considerably along party lines, with Democrats expressing more negative views than Republicans.**

2026 Midterm Elections

Voting Intentions for the 2026 Midterm Elections (1/2)

Q1. In the midterm elections on November 3rd, will you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate ?

Base: Decided voters (n=897)



Voting Intentions for the 2026 Midterm Elections (1/2)

Q1. In the midterm elections on November 3rd, will you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate ? / Even if your choice is not made yet, if you had the obligation, who would you most likely vote for the midterm’s election on November 3rd between:

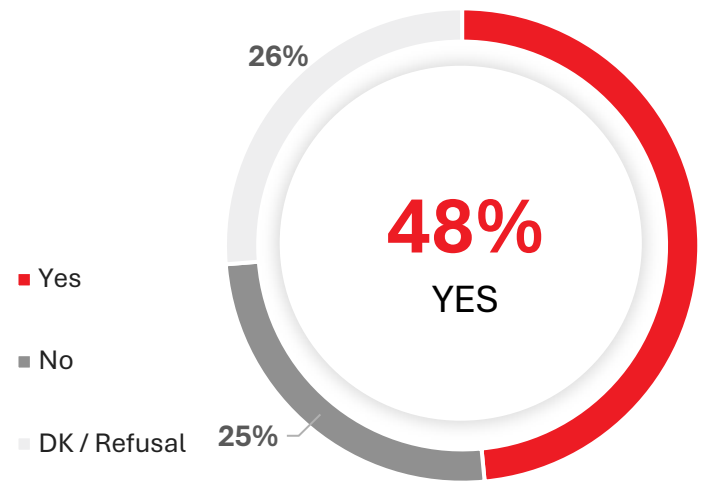
Base: All respondents (1,037) / Decided voters (n=897)

	TOTAL ALL RESPONDENTS	TOTAL DECIDED VOTERS	North East	Mid West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female
Weighted n=	1,037	833	161	175	312	186	191	273	370	433	401
Unweighted n=	1,037	897	187	190	308	212	74	265	558	436	461
The Democratic candidate	42%	52%	55%	48%	48%	61%	60%	53%	47%	46%	59%
The Republican candidate	36%	45%	41%	50%	48%	37%	40%	41%	50%	50%	38%
Someone else	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%	0%	6%	3%	3%	3%
Can't vote	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Won't vote	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Confidence in the Integrity of the 2026 Midterm Elections

Q9. Do you believe the upcoming midterm elections on November 3 will be free and democratic?

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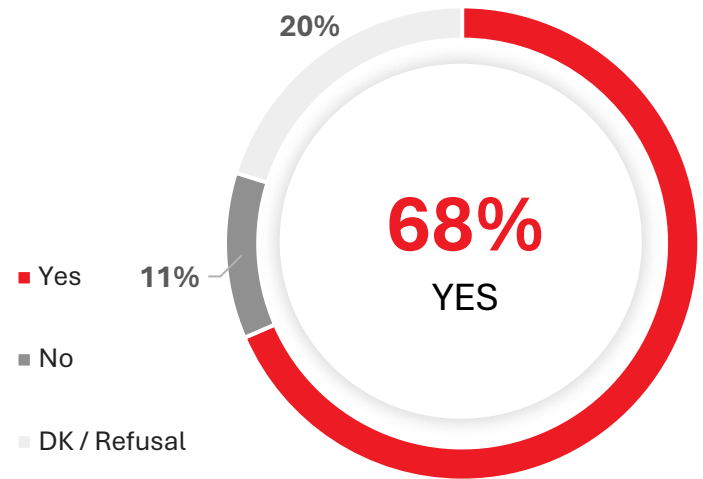


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Yes	48%	53%	39%	49%	52%	47%	45%	52%	53%	44%	57%	60%	38%
No	25%	26%	27%	25%	25%	28%	26%	23%	25%	26%	23%	24%	27%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	26%	21%	35%	26%	23%	25%	29%	25%	22%	30%	21%	17%	35%

Willingness to Accept Election Results

Q13. Personally, would you be willing to accept election results even if the political party you support were defeated?

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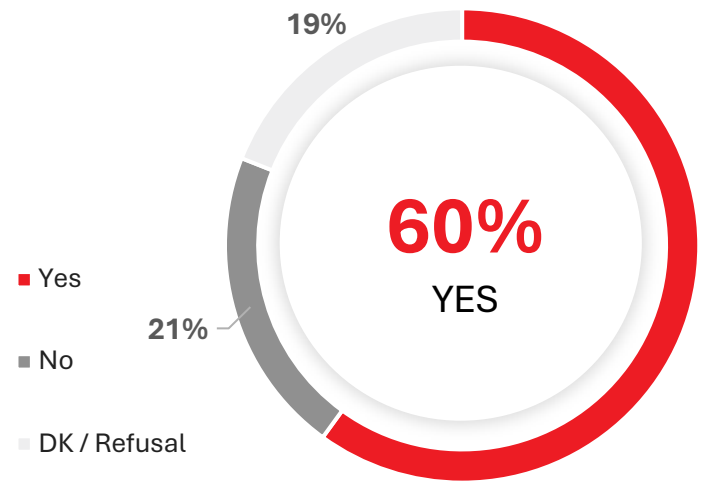


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Yes	68%	78%	67%	65%	68%	62%	66%	74%	74%	64%	76%	73%	63%
No	11%	9%	8%	14%	12%	24%	11%	5%	12%	10%	10%	15%	10%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	20%	12%	24%	22%	20%	14%	24%	21%	14%	26%	14%	13%	27%

Perceptions of Information Withholding in the Epstein Case

Q7. As you may know, Jeffrey Epstein was a wealthy American financier who was accused of sexually abusing and trafficking underage girls and who had connections with numerous influential figures. Do you believe that President Donald Trump and his administration are deliberately withholding information from the public regarding the Jeffrey Epstein case?

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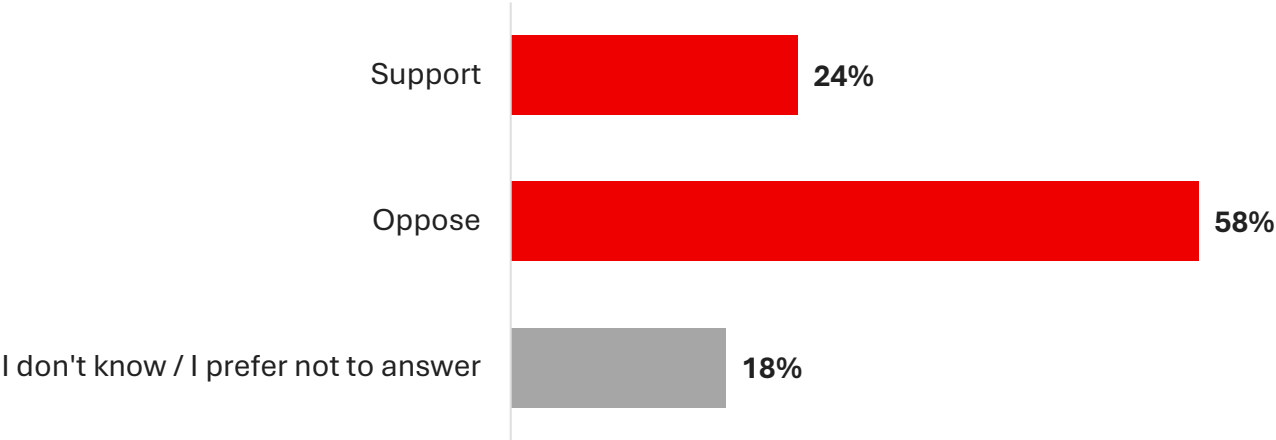


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Yes	60%	60%	63%	60%	57%	69%	63%	52%	60%	59%	31%	88%	63%
No	21%	16%	19%	22%	25%	15%	15%	29%	24%	18%	48%	4%	15%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	19%	24%	18%	19%	18%	16%	22%	19%	16%	23%	21%	8%	22%

Support for the Construction of Local Data Centers

Q8. Data centers are large facilities that house computer servers used to store and process digital information, including data for cloud services and artificial intelligence. Building these facilities can generate economic investment, tax revenues and jobs for local communities. However, data centers can also consume significant amounts of electricity and water, require substantial infrastructure and raise environmental concerns. Would you support or oppose the construction of a new data center in your municipality?

Base: All respondents (n=1,037)

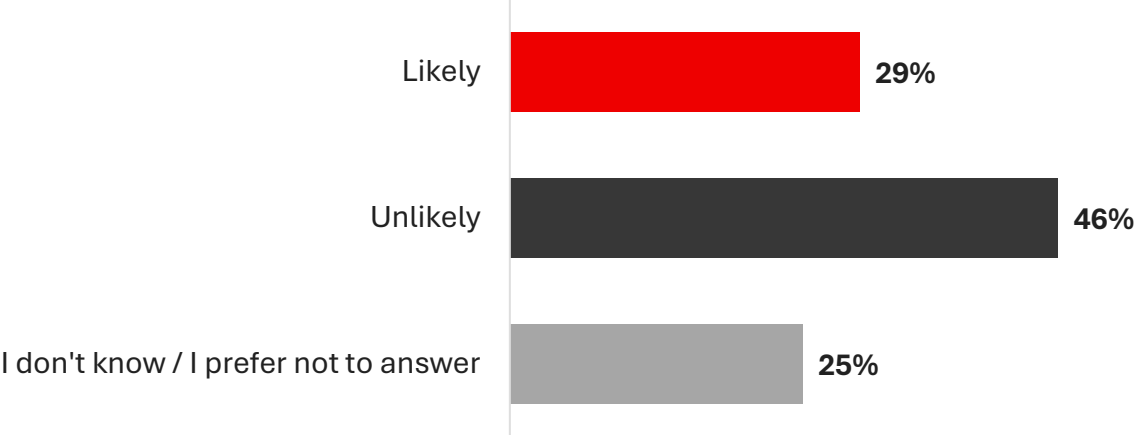


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Unweighted n=	1,037	212	223	360	242	86	330	621	483	554	323	375	295
Support	24%	18%	20%	25%	32%	29%	25%	21%	33%	16%	38%	19%	20%
Oppose	58%	61%	61%	58%	52%	61%	54%	59%	53%	62%	42%	71%	60%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	18%	21%	19%	17%	16%	11%	21%	20%	14%	22%	20%	9%	20%

Perceived Likelihood of a Civil War in the United States

Q10. In your opinion, is it likely or unlikely that another civil war will break out in the United States within the next five years?

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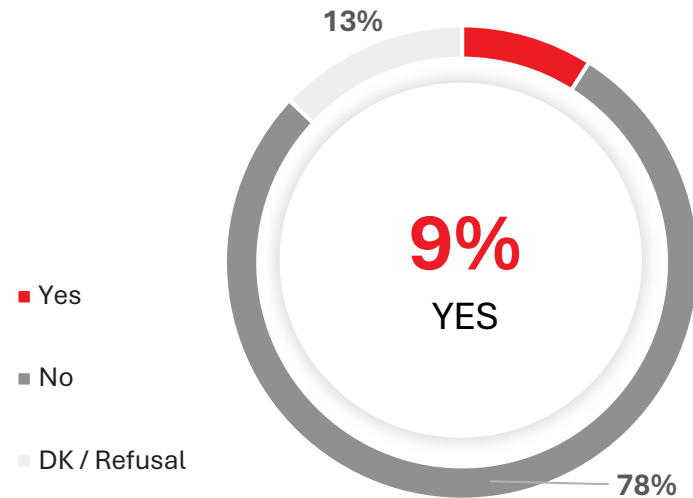


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Unweighted n=	1,037	212	223	360	242	86	330	621	483	554	323	375	295
Likely	29%	25%	28%	30%	33%	39%	31%	22%	24%	34%	30%	33%	28%
Unlikely	46%	49%	41%	50%	42%	40%	41%	54%	57%	36%	52%	46%	42%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	25%	26%	31%	20%	26%	21%	28%	24%	19%	30%	18%	21%	29%

Views on the Use of Violence to Defend Political Beliefs

Q11. In your opinion, can the use of physical violence sometimes be justified to defend your political views?

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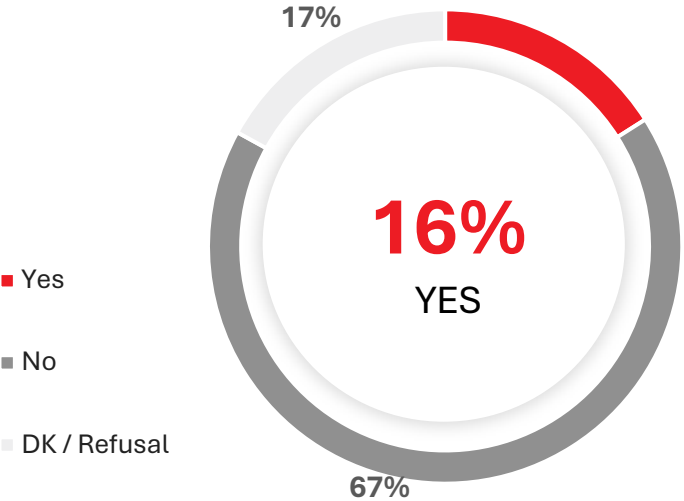


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Yes	9%	5%	8%	8%	17%	16%	10%	5%	10%	9%	8%	10%	11%
No	78%	81%	78%	82%	68%	69%	73%	87%	80%	76%	84%	81%	75%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	13%	13%	14%	11%	15%	15%	16%	8%	10%	15%	8%	9%	14%

Willingness to Take Up Arms in Support of Donald Trump

Q12. Personally, would you be willing to take up arms to defend Donald Trump and his administration if he asked you to?

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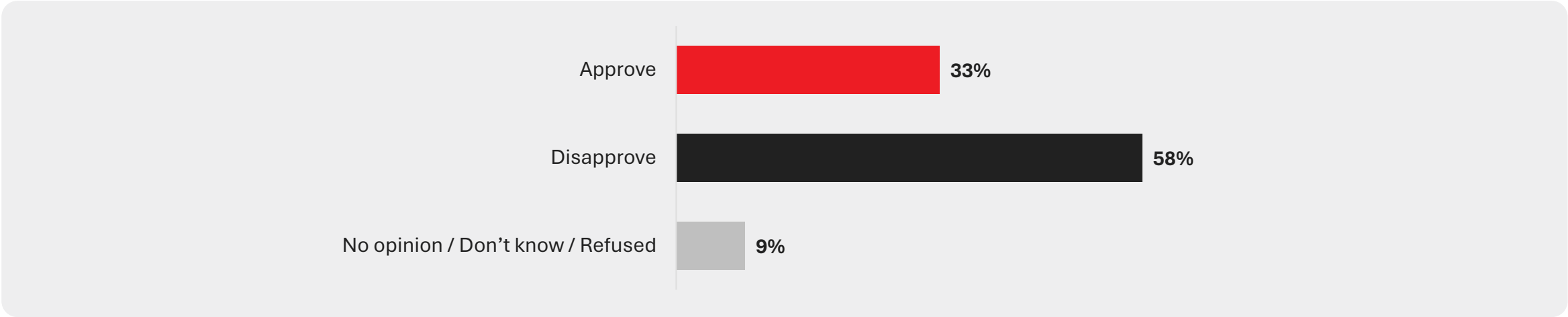
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Unweighted n=	1,037	212	223	360	242	86	330	621	483	554	323	375	295
Yes	16%	8%	16%	18%	20%	20%	15%	15%	19%	13%	33%	5%	14%
No	67%	70%	65%	70%	63%	67%	68%	67%	67%	68%	47%	89%	69%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	17%	22%	19%	12%	17%	13%	17%	18%	14%	19%	20%	6%	18%

Trump: Support, Performance & Impact

Approval of Donald Trump’s Job Performance

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Base: All respondents (n=1,037)

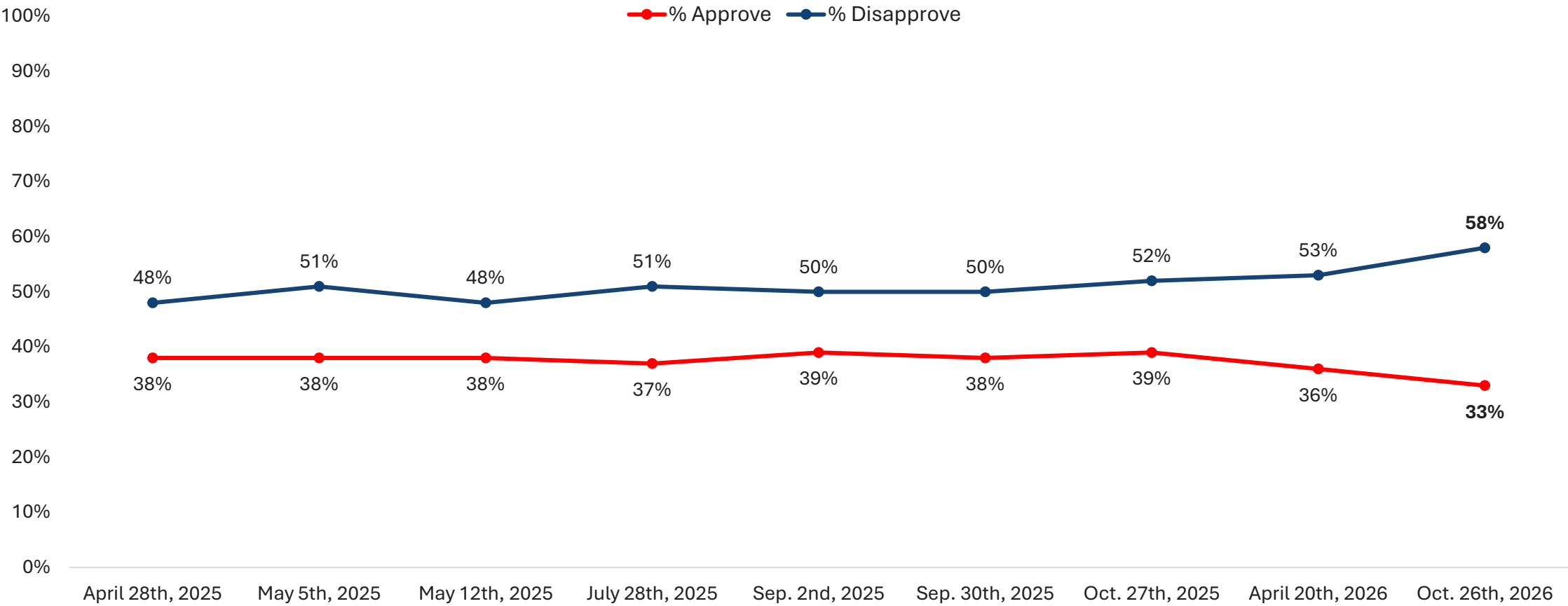


														Vote in the 2024 Presidential Election		
	Total U.S.	North East	Mid West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Donald Trump	Kamala Harris	Someone else
Weighted n=	1,037	197	220	385	235	242	365	430	501	536	311	342	315	392	386	16
Unweighted n=	1,037	212	223	360	242	86	330	621	483	554	323	375	295	385	466	30
Approve	33%	32%	31%	37%	29%	28%	29%	39%	39%	28%	77%	7%	24%	74%	4%	10%
Disapprove	58%	57%	62%	55%	62%	65%	58%	55%	55%	61%	16%	93%	64%	19%	96%	90%
No opinion / DK / Refusal	9%	11%	7%	9%	9%	7%	13%	6%	6%	11%	7%	1%	12%	7%	0%	0%

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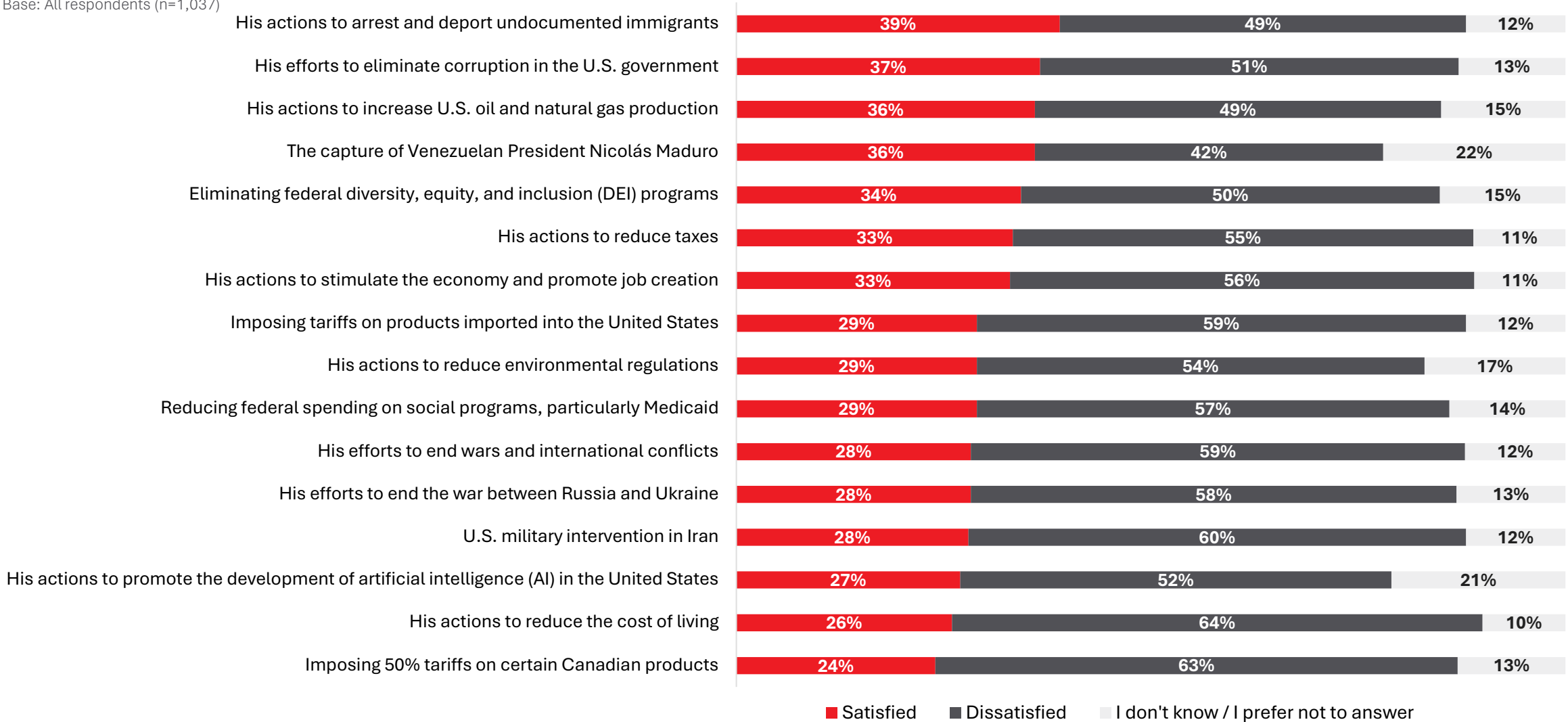
Base: All respondents



Satisfaction with Trump's Performance Across Key Issues (1/2)

Q4. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the job President Donald Trump has done since returning to the White House in January 2025 in each of the following areas?

Base: All respondents (n=1,037)



Satisfaction with Trump's Performance Across Key Issues (2/2)

Q4. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the job President Donald Trump has done since returning to the White House in January 2025 in each of the following areas?

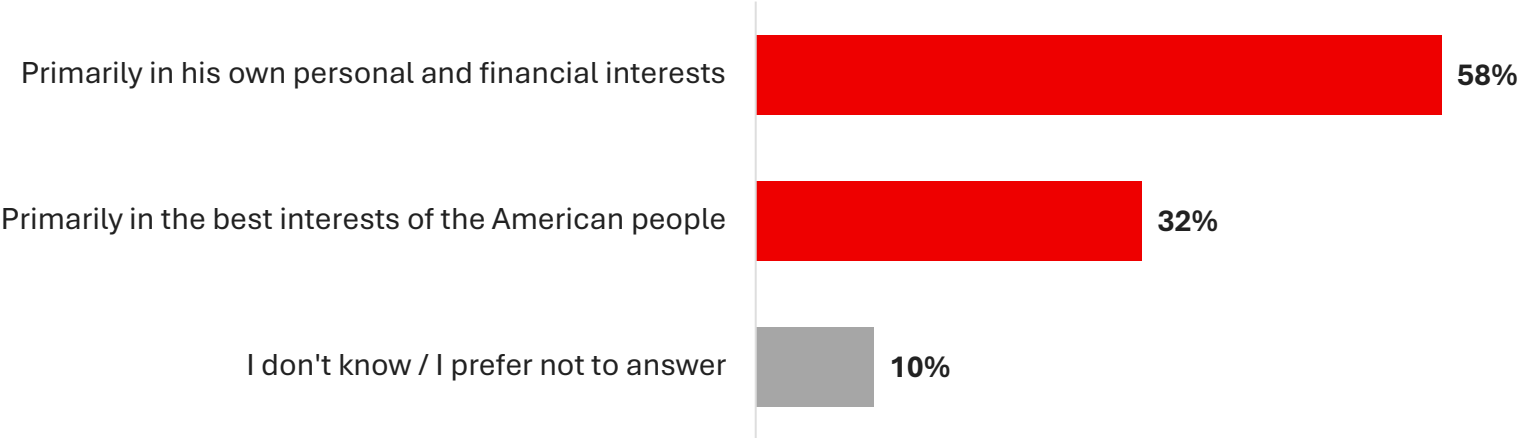
Base: All respondents (n=1,037)

<i>% Satisfied Presented</i>	Total U.S.	North East	Mid West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Republican	Democrat	Independent
<i>Weighted n=</i>	1,037	197	220	385	235	242	365	430	501	536	311	342	315
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His actions to arrest and deport undocumented immigrants	39%	39%	41%	40%	34%	30%	34%	48%	45%	33%	82%	11%	30%
His efforts to eliminate corruption in the U.S. government	37%	39%	33%	38%	36%	36%	32%	41%	42%	32%	78%	15%	25%
His actions to increase U.S. oil and natural gas production	36%	37%	32%	38%	35%	33%	28%	44%	42%	30%	76%	14%	26%
The capture of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro	36%	33%	33%	39%	38%	32%	32%	43%	44%	29%	70%	17%	30%
Eliminating federal diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs	34%	35%	34%	33%	36%	34%	29%	39%	43%	27%	70%	17%	30%
His actions to reduce taxes	33%	38%	30%	35%	31%	34%	29%	37%	40%	28%	67%	12%	28%
His actions to stimulate the economy and promote job creation	33%	32%	34%	33%	32%	28%	30%	38%	37%	29%	68%	14%	25%
Imposing tariffs on products imported into the United States	29%	27%	31%	31%	25%	24%	25%	34%	35%	22%	64%	8%	22%
His actions to reduce environmental regulations	29%	35%	25%	29%	28%	26%	25%	34%	36%	23%	62%	12%	20%
Reducing federal spending on social programs, particularly Medicaid	29%	30%	29%	29%	28%	30%	24%	33%	35%	23%	63%	10%	22%
His efforts to end wars and international conflicts	28%	30%	27%	30%	26%	23%	26%	34%	33%	25%	62%	10%	21%
His efforts to end the war between Russia and Ukraine	28%	28%	28%	30%	26%	23%	26%	33%	32%	25%	59%	11%	21%
U.S. military intervention in Iran	28%	28%	28%	28%	30%	21%	24%	36%	33%	24%	64%	11%	17%
His actions to promote the development of artificial intelligence (AI) in the United States	27%	28%	22%	27%	29%	29%	24%	28%	32%	22%	54%	12%	22%
His actions to reduce the cost of living	26%	26%	24%	26%	28%	25%	23%	29%	30%	23%	57%	10%	17%
Imposing 50% tariffs on certain Canadian products	24%	20%	24%	27%	21%	21%	21%	28%	29%	19%	52%	8%	18%

Perceptions of Trump's Motivations and Priorities

Q5. In your opinion, does Donald Trump primarily act in the best interests of the American people or in his own personal and financial interests?

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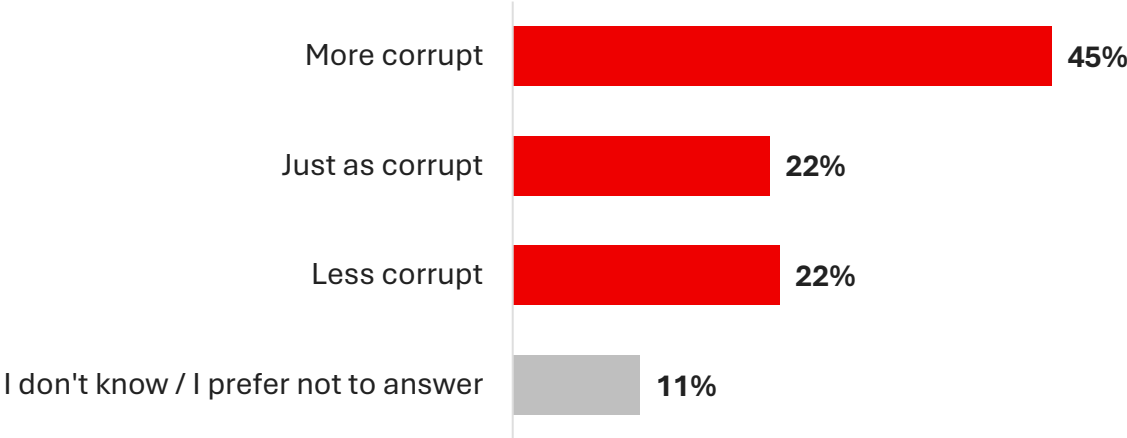


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Primarily in his own personal and financial interests	58%	60%	61%	55%	56%	59%	59%	56%	57%	58%	20%	89%	65%
Primarily in the best interests of the American people	32%	31%	29%	35%	32%	28%	28%	39%	37%	28%	72%	10%	23%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	10%	9%	10%	9%	12%	13%	13%	5%	6%	13%	8%	1%	12%

Perceived Corruption in the Trump Administration

Q6. In your opinion, is Donald Trump's administration more corrupt, just as corrupt, or less corrupt than previous U.S. presidential administrations?

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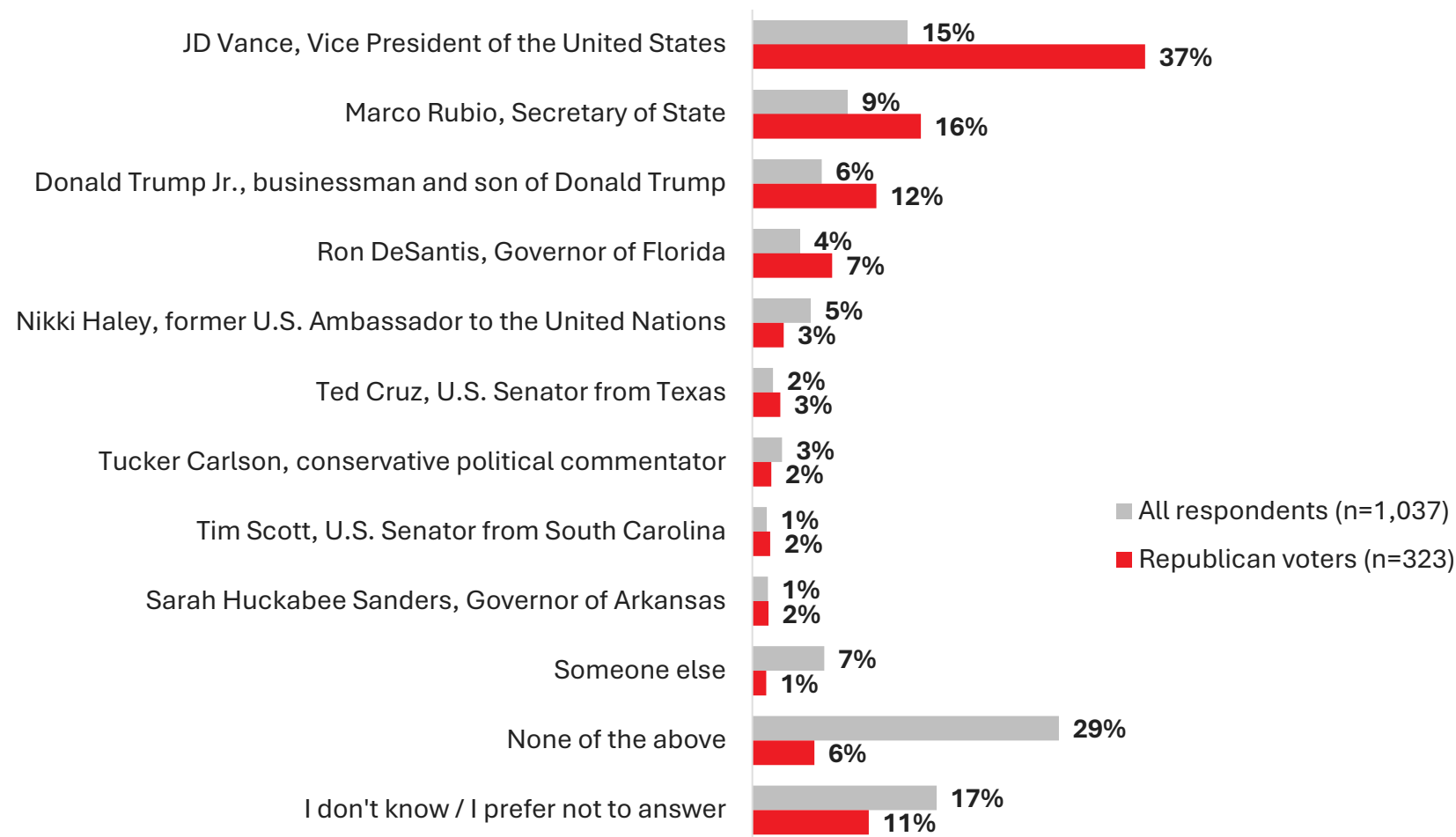


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More corrupt	45%	44%	47%	48%	41%	48%	47%	42%	43%	48%	9%	77%	50%
Just as corrupt	22%	23%	22%	19%	24%	31%	20%	17%	23%	21%	26%	18%	20%
Less corrupt	22%	21%	20%	25%	22%	13%	17%	32%	27%	18%	53%	3%	17%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	11%	12%	11%	8%	13%	8%	16%	8%	7%	14%	12%	2%	12%

Preferred Republican Presidential Candidate for 2028

Q14. In your opinion, which of the following individuals would you like to see represent the Republican Party in the 2028 U.S. presidential election?

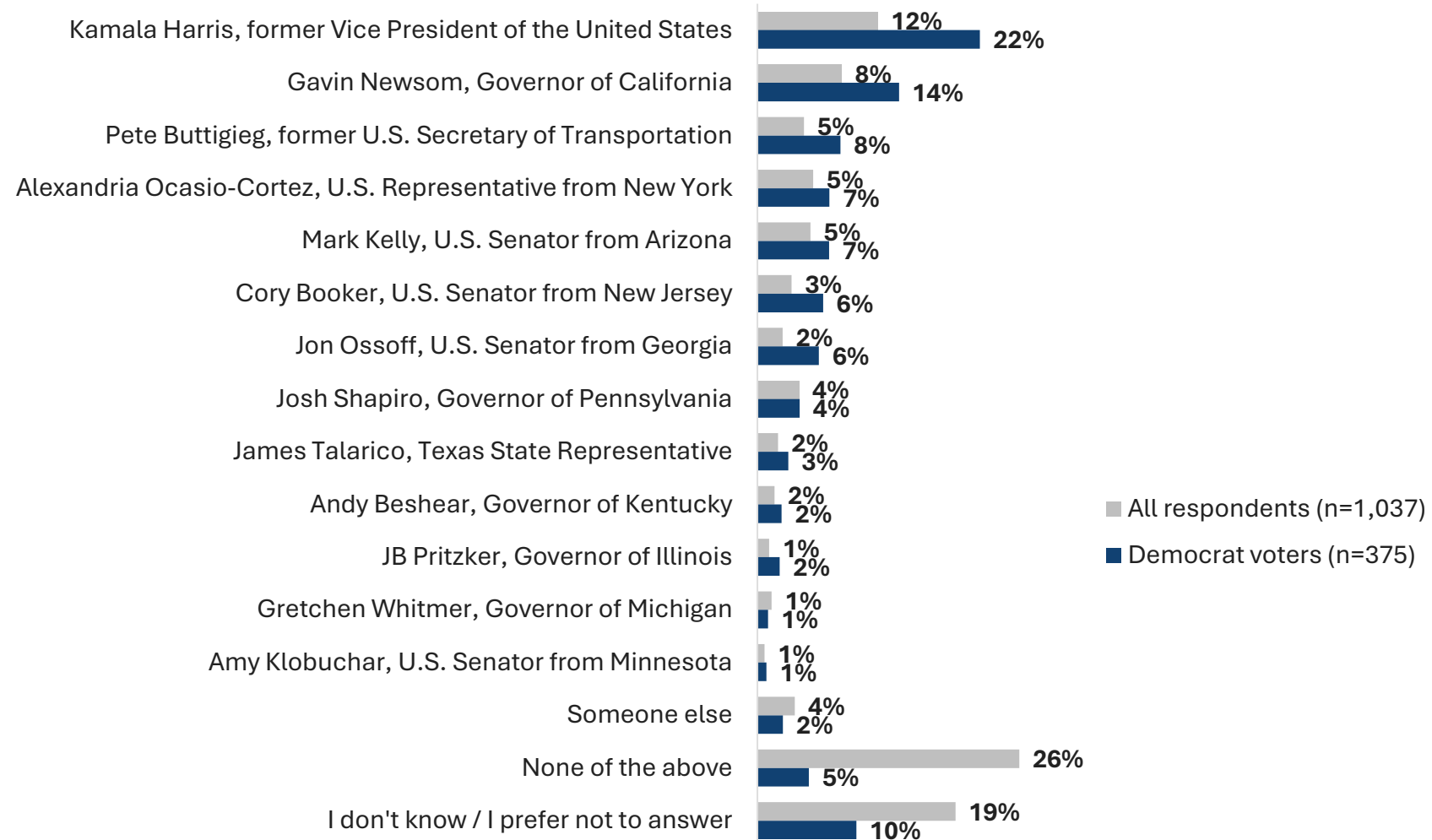
Base: All respondents (n=1,037)



Preferred Democratic Presidential Candidate for 2028

Q15. In your opinion, which of the following individuals would you like to see represent the Democratic Party in the 2028 U.S. presidential election?

Base: All respondents (n=1,037)



Respondent Profile

Respondent profiles



(Base n=1,037)

The following tables present the demographic distribution of respondents for the United States.

Gender

	Unweighted	Weighted
Male	483	501
Female	554	536

Region

	Unweighted	Weighted
Northeast	212	197
Midwest	223	220
South	360	385
West	242	235

Age

	Unweighted	Weighted
Between 18 and 34	86	242
Between 35 and 54	330	365
55 and older	621	430

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