



Indian American ELECTION SURVEY

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BACKGROUND

Indian Americans in the United States:

- **Second largest** Asian American subgroup in the United States.
- Concentrations of Indian Americans in **key states** such as California, Texas, Georgia, Florida and Pennsylvania.
- **Diverse** in language, religion, culture.
- Cohorts of Indian immigrants have been arriving since the 1960s.
- Despite being a highly diverse community, on average Indian Americans have the **highest income and education levels** of any other racial subgroup (US Bureau of Labor Statistics).

INDIAN AMERICAN ELECTION SURVEY 2020

- National sample of 1,003 Indians living in the U.S.
- Sample includes **Hindus, Muslims, Christians** and respondents of **other religious backgrounds**.
- Sample includes both **native** born and **foreign born** across a range of arrival years.
- Survey conducted online and in English.
- Fielded just **prior to the election** from October 13-30, 2020.

KEY FINDINGS



TOP CONCERNS OF INDIAN AMERICANS

- COVID-19 Pandemic
- Economy in general
- Unemployment/Jobs



STRONG SUPPORT FOR KAMALA HARRIS

- Desire for more Indians elected to office



GENERATION EFFECT

- Support for Trump is higher amongst immigrants who are recent arrivals

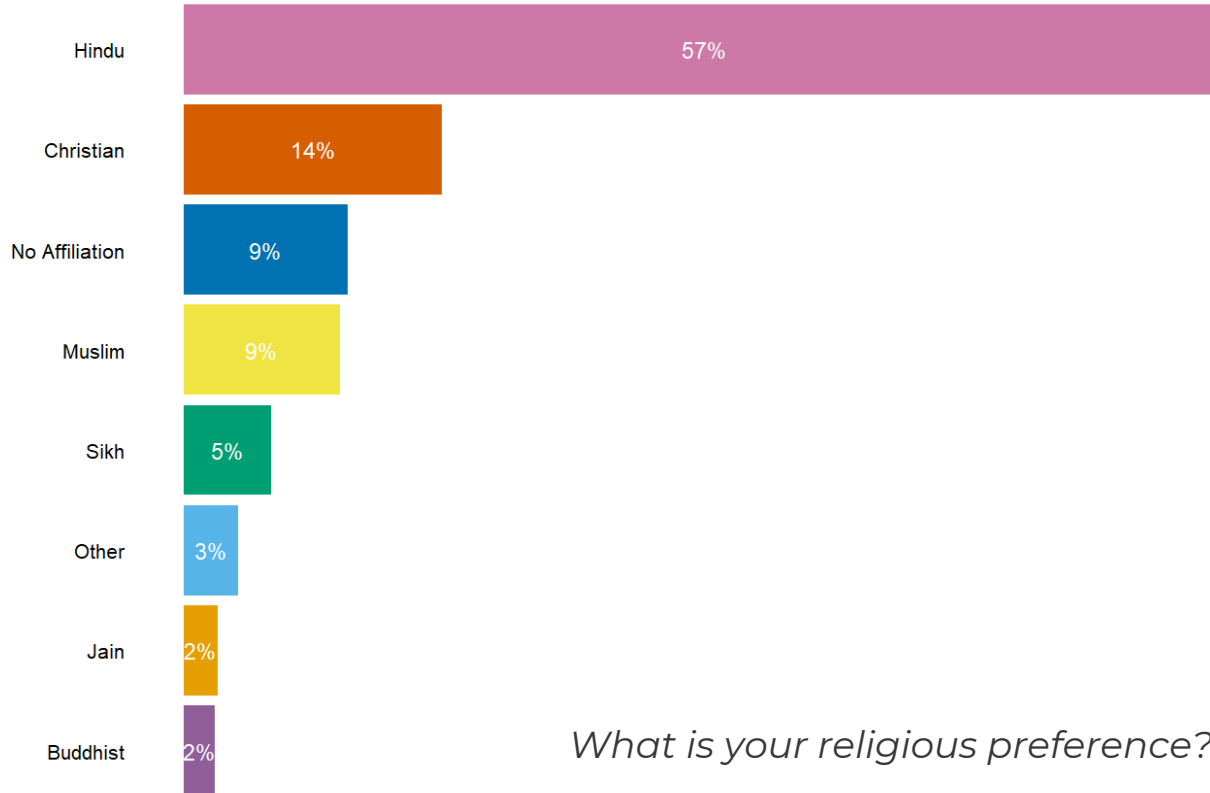


MODI-TRUMP LINK

- Support for PM Modi is highly correlated with support for President Trump

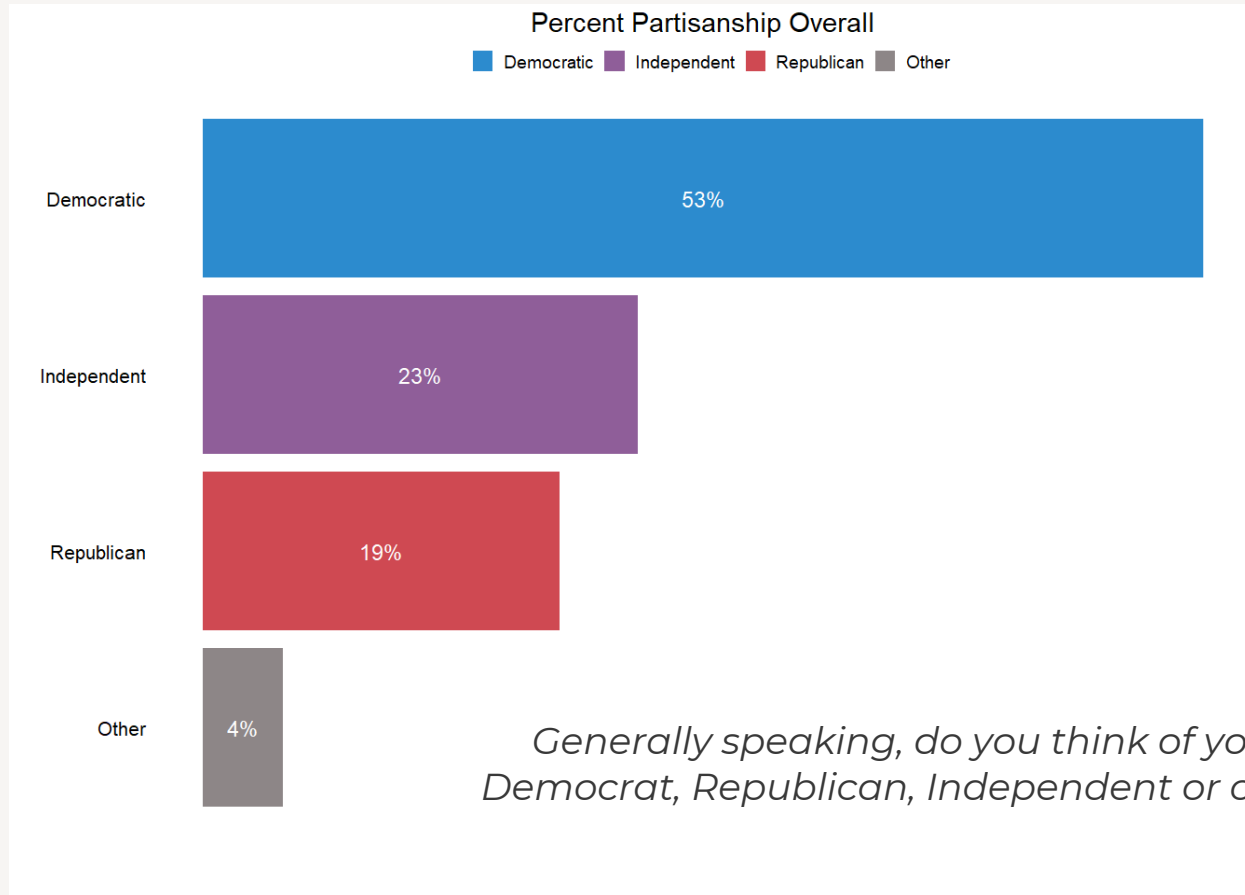
RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

Percent Religion Across All Respondants



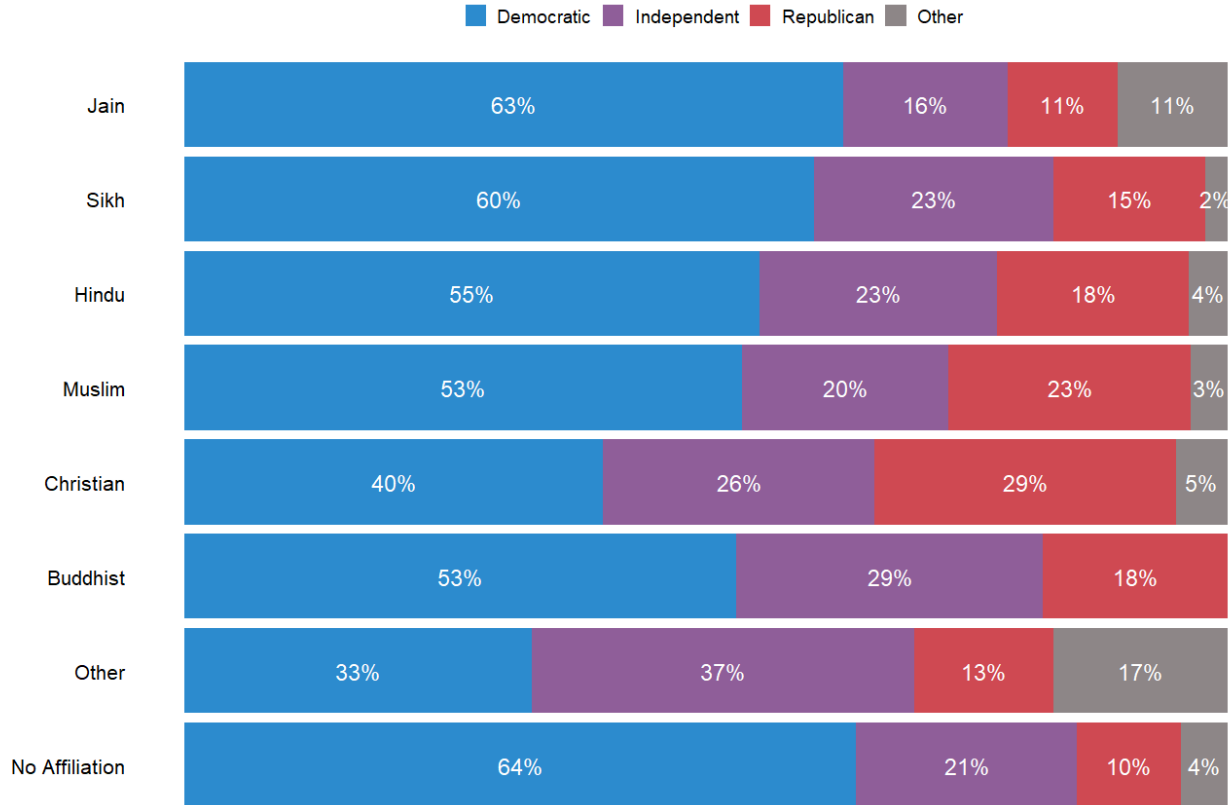
What is your religious preference?

PARTY IDENTIFICATION

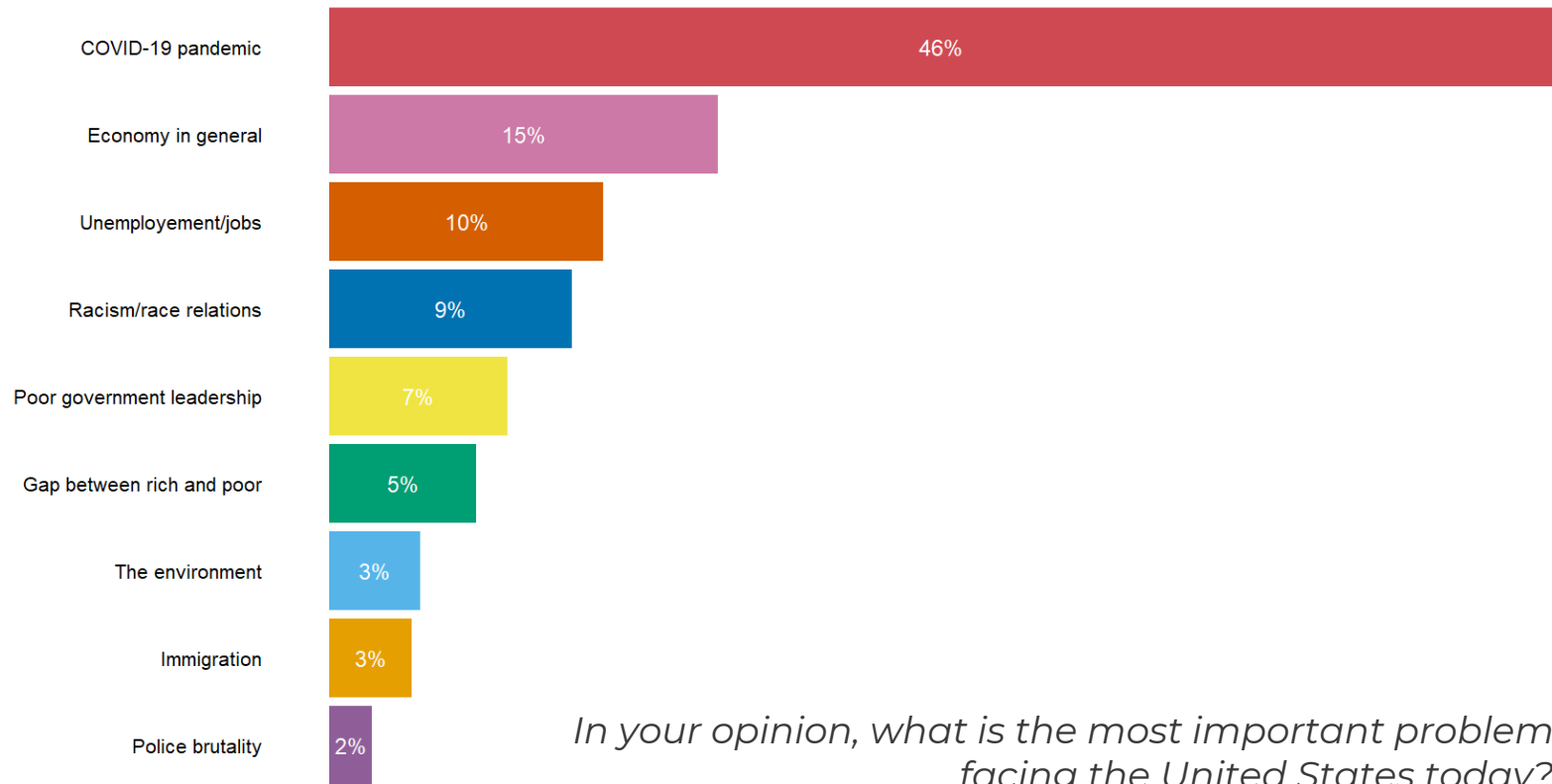


PARTISANSHIP BY RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Relative Percent of Partisanship by Religion



TOP ISSUES OF CONCERN

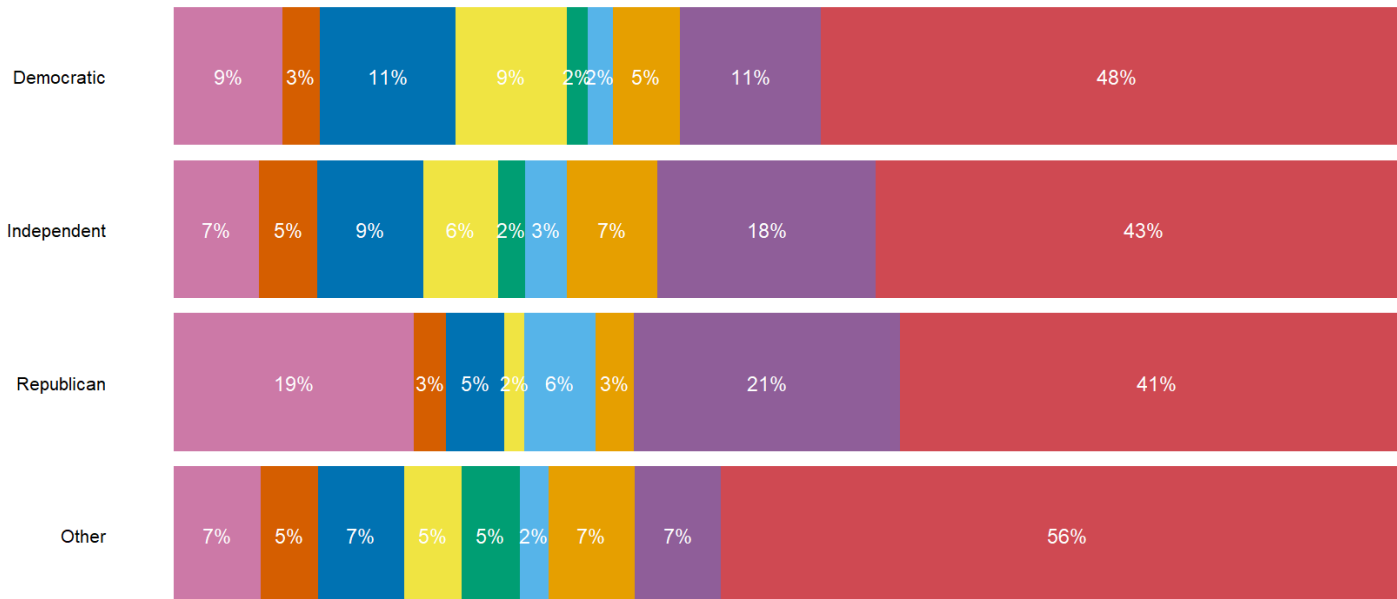


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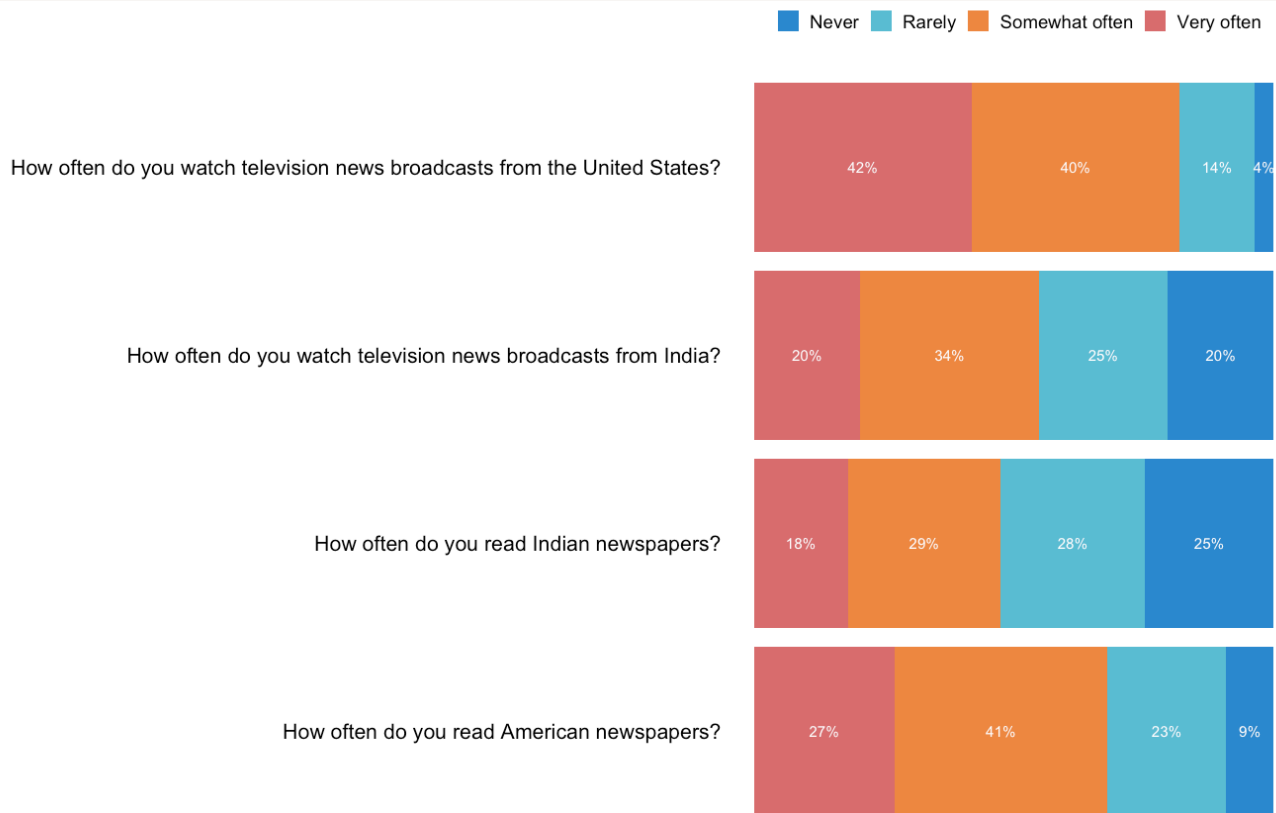
TOP ISSUES OF CONCERN BY PARTISANSHIP

Survey Response: In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the United States today?
Within Each Political Party

■ Unemployment/jobs
 ■ Racism/race relations
 ■ Police brutality
 ■ Economy in general
■ The environment
 ■ Poor government leadership
 ■ Gap between rich and poor
■ COVID-19 pandemic



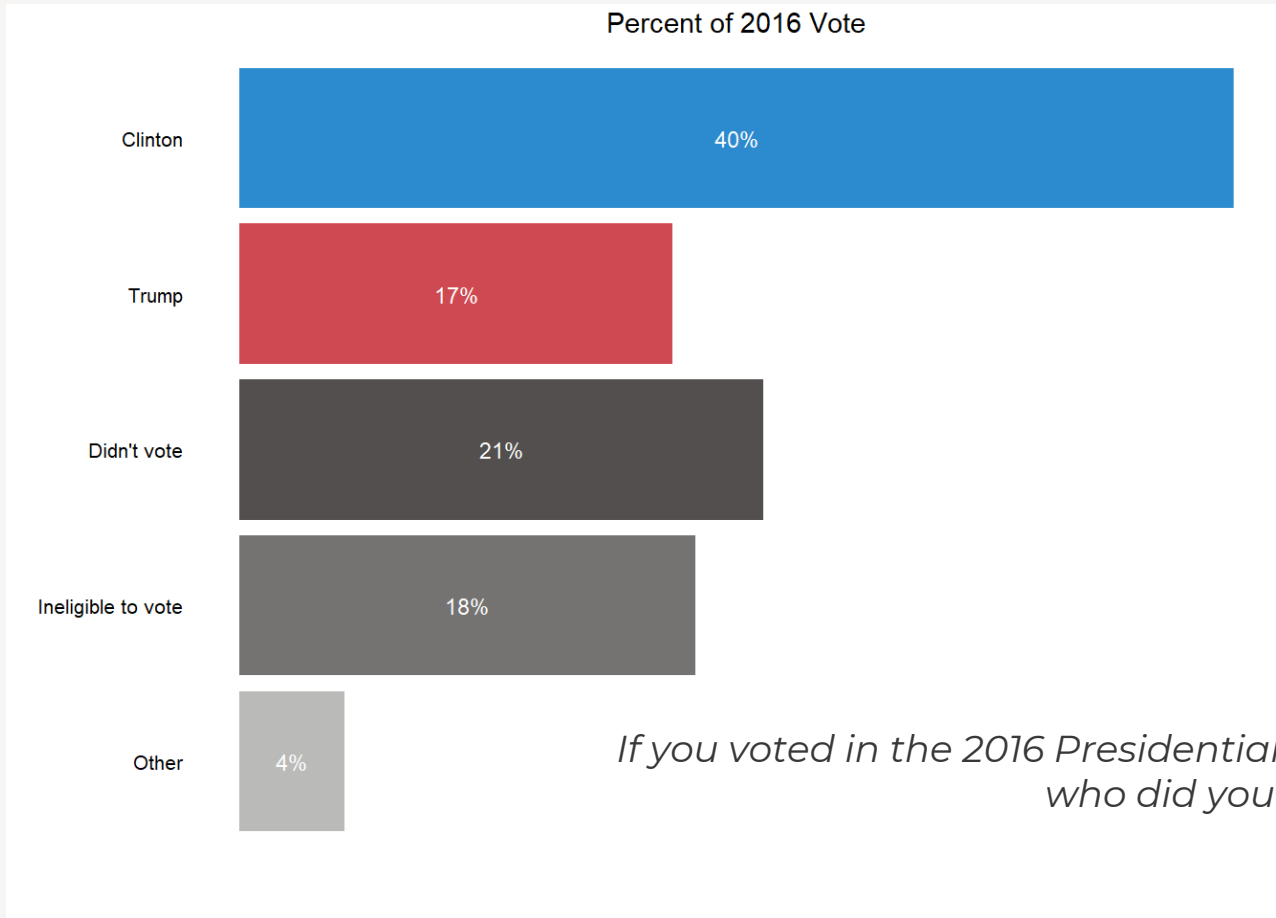
U.S. AND INDIAN MEDIA CONSUMPTION



PRESIDENTIAL VOTE CHOICE

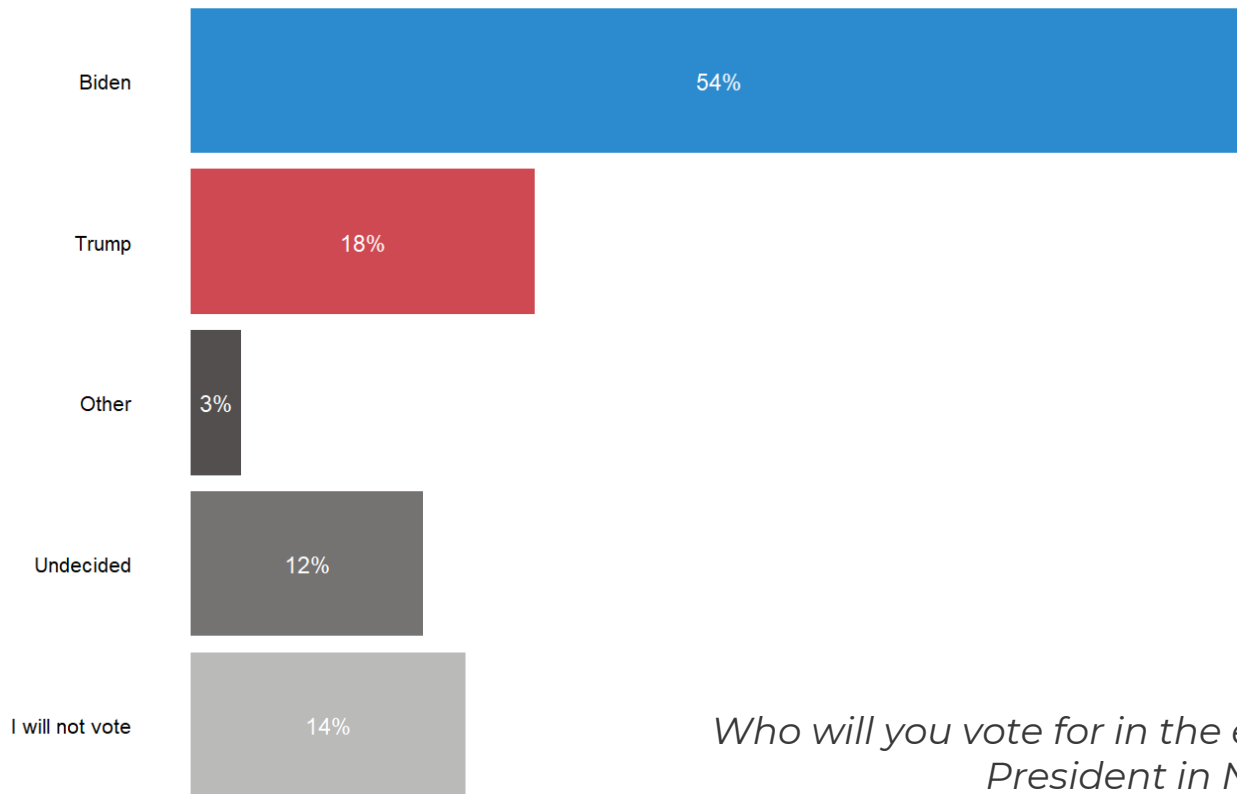


2016 VOTE CHOICE



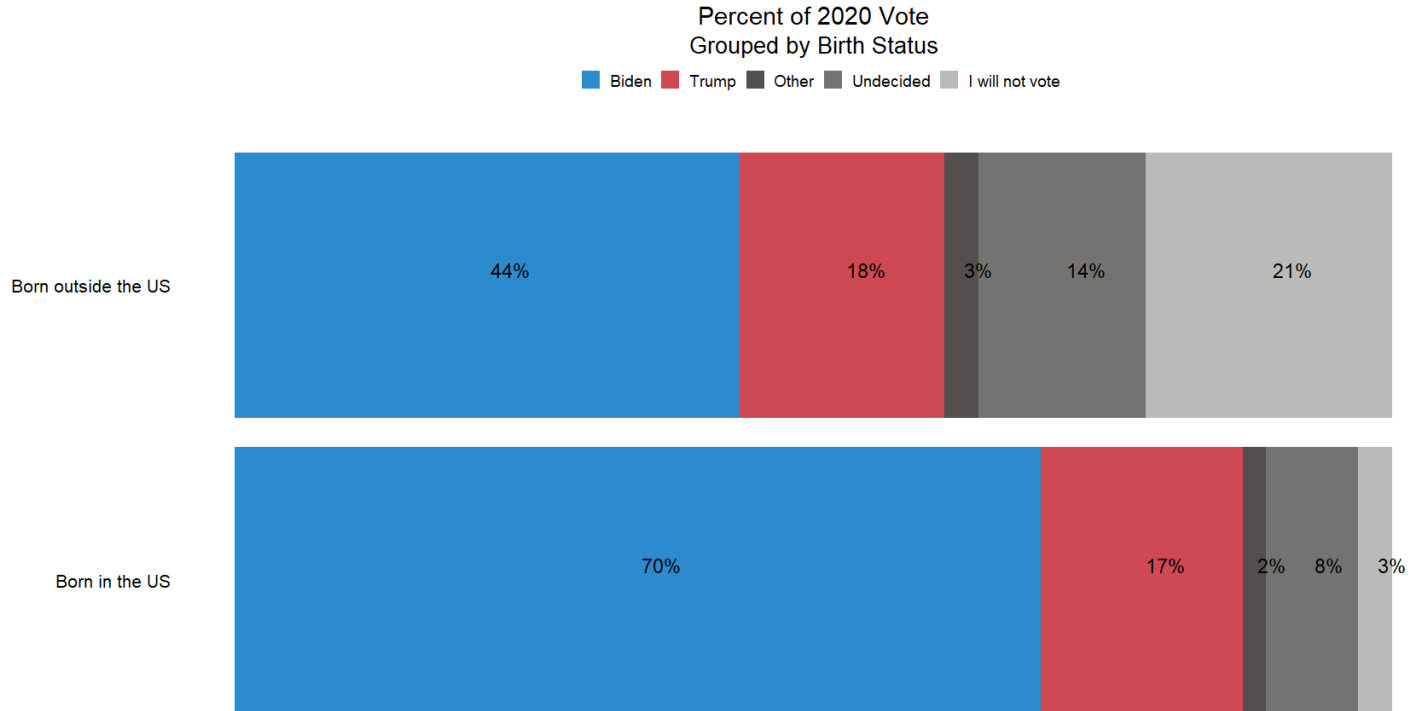
2020 VOTE CHOICE

Percent of 2020 Vote



Who will you vote for in the election for President in November?

2020 VOTE CHOICE BY PLACE OF BIRTH

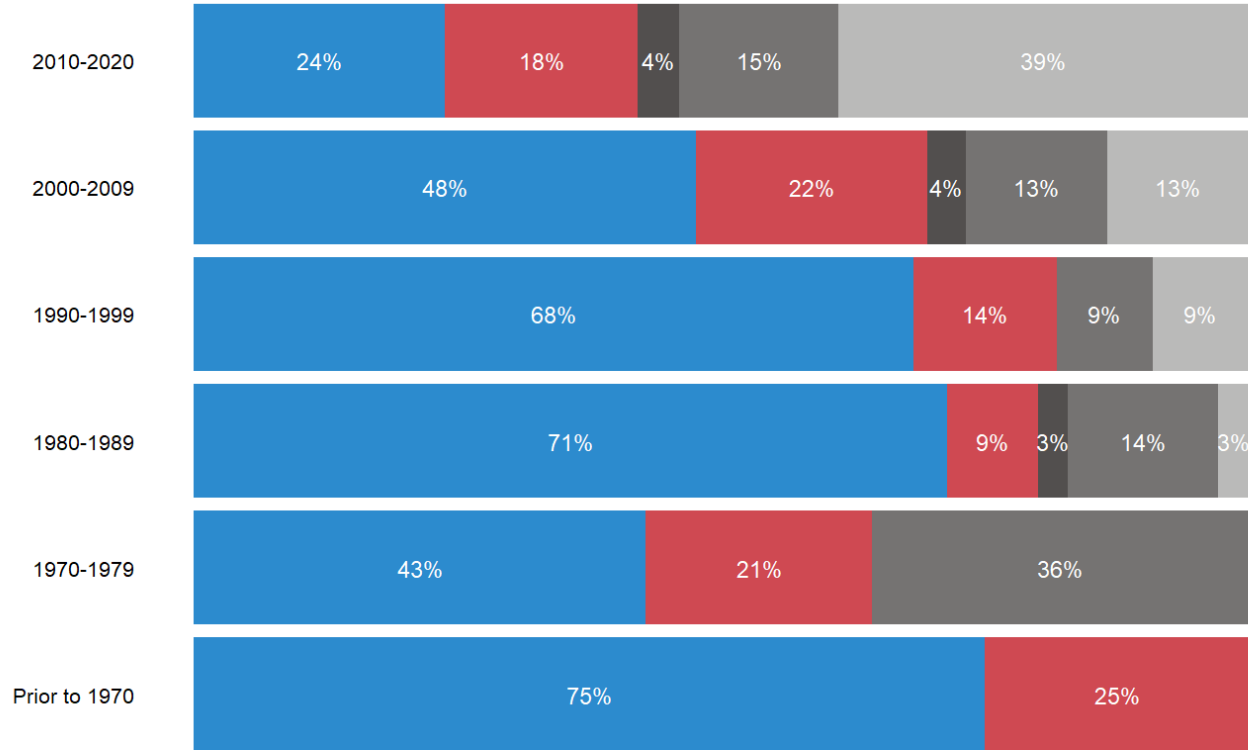


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2020 VOTE CHOICE BY ARRIVAL

Survey Response: Who will you vote for in the election for President in November?

■ Biden ■ Trump ■ Other ■ Undecided ■ I will not vote



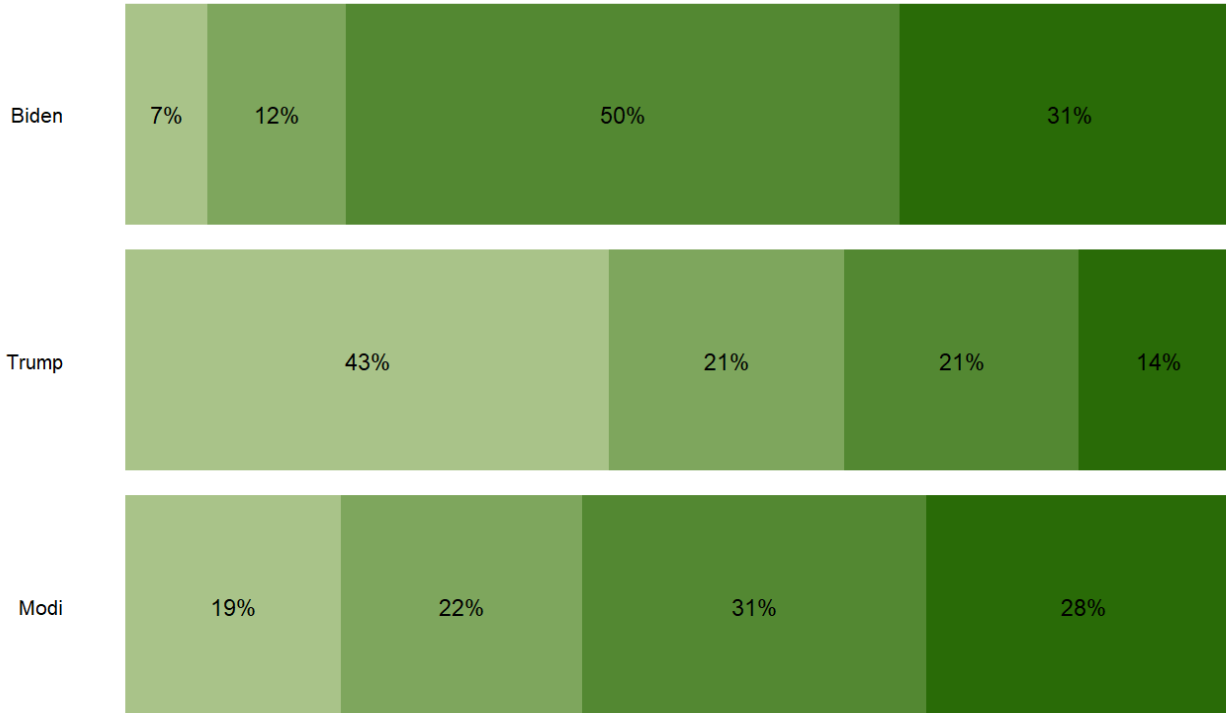
CANDIDATE FAVORABILITY



FAVORABILITY OF CANDIDATES

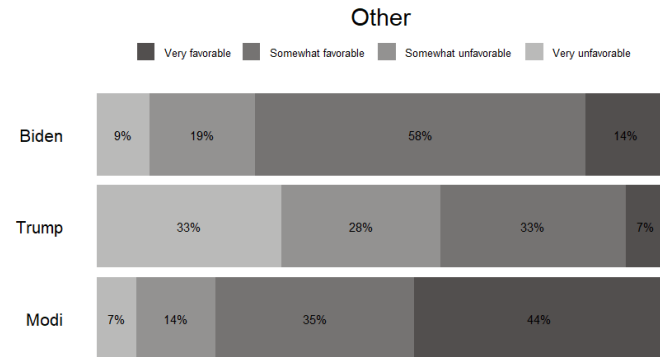
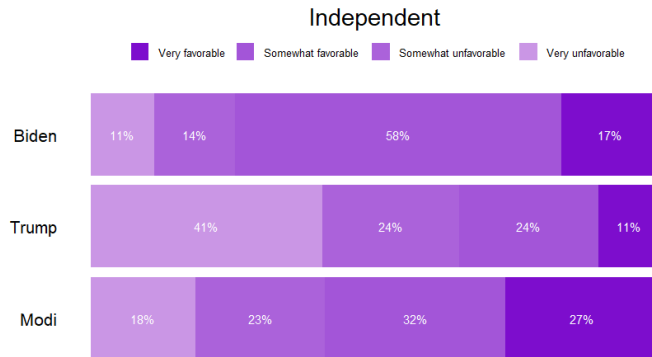
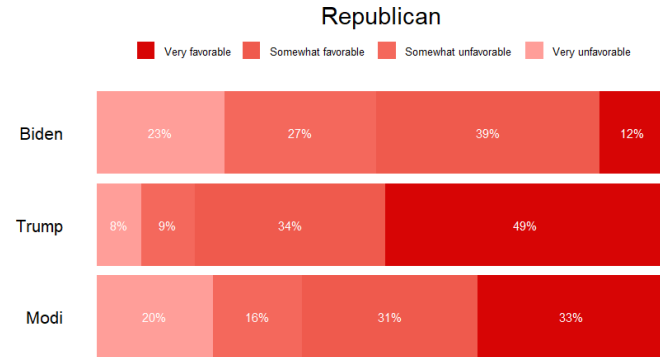
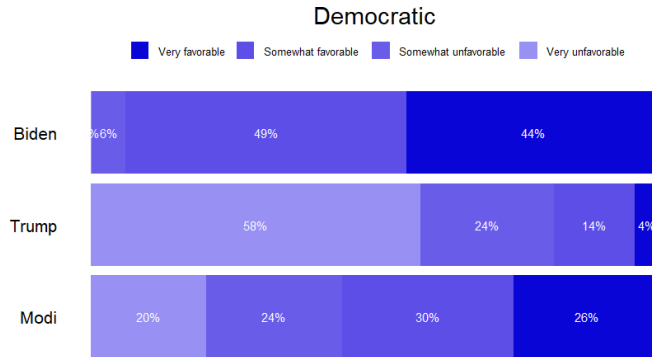
Favorability Score Overall

Very unfavorable Somewhat unfavorable Somewhat favorable Very favorable

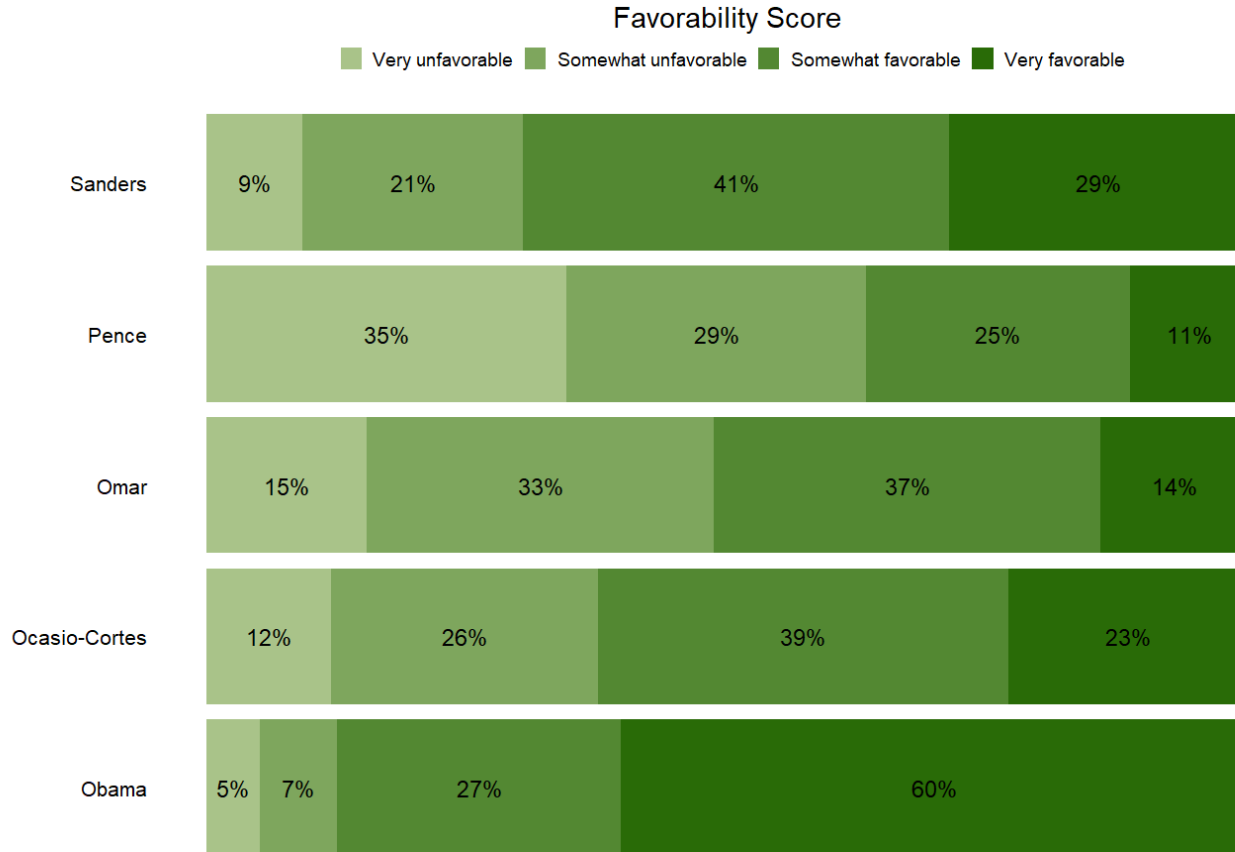


FAVORABILITY BY PARTY

Favorability Score by Political Party



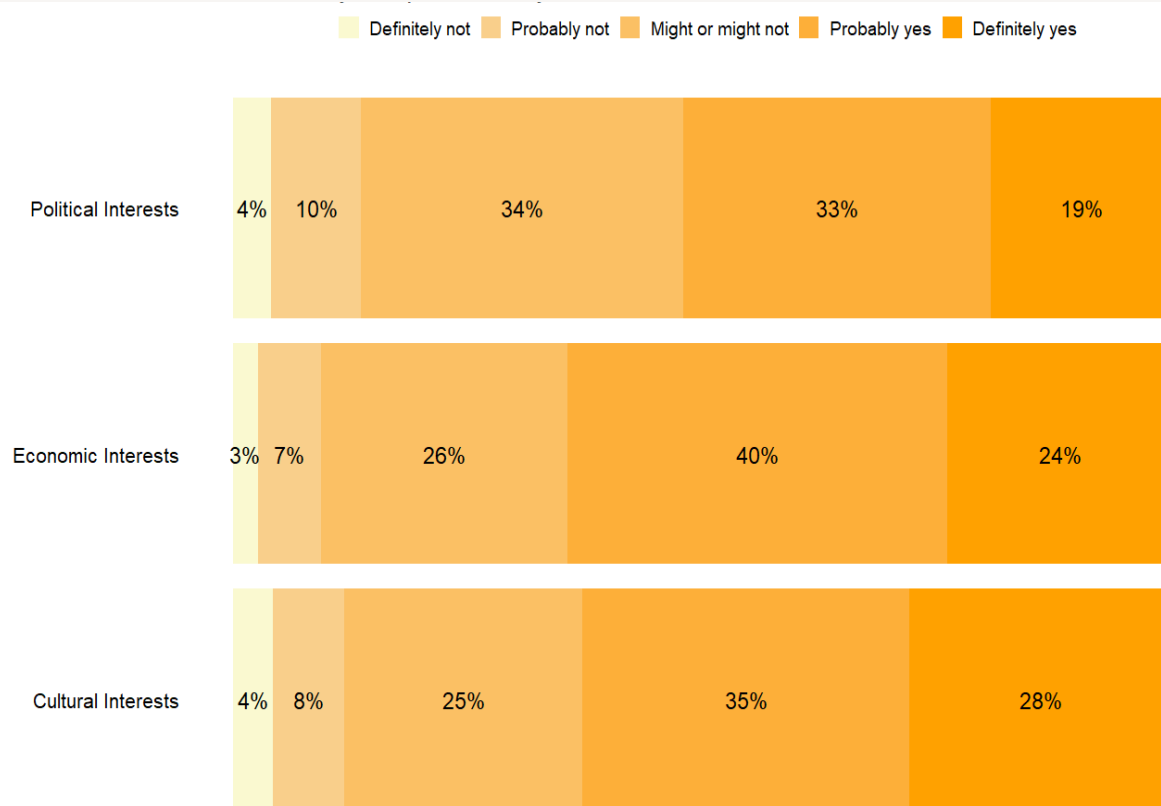
FAVORABILITY OF OTHER FIGURES



ATTITUDES ON INDIAN REPRESENTATION



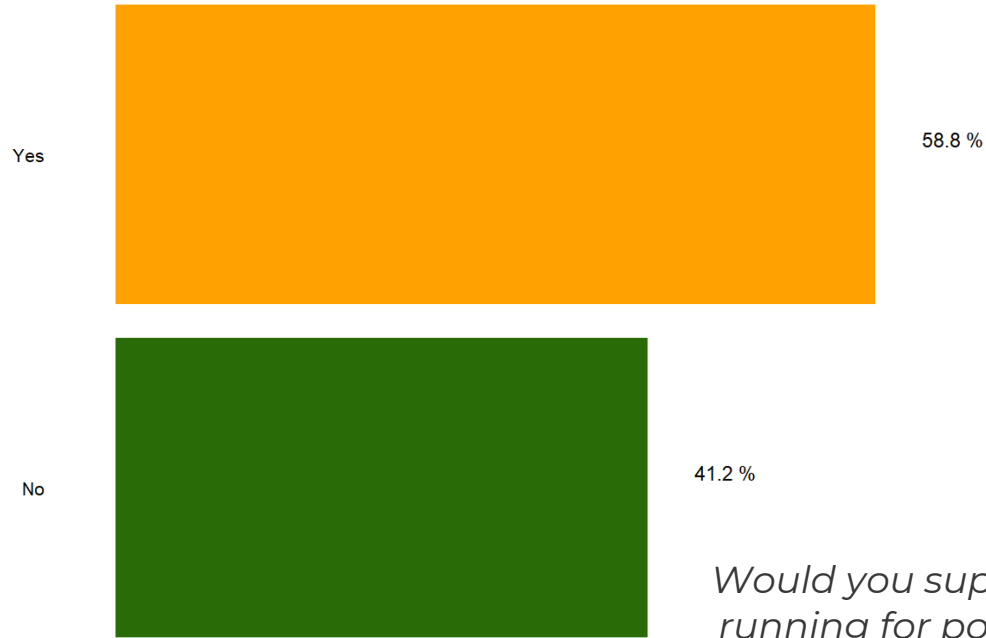
COMMON INTEREST



Do you believe **that**
Indian Americans have
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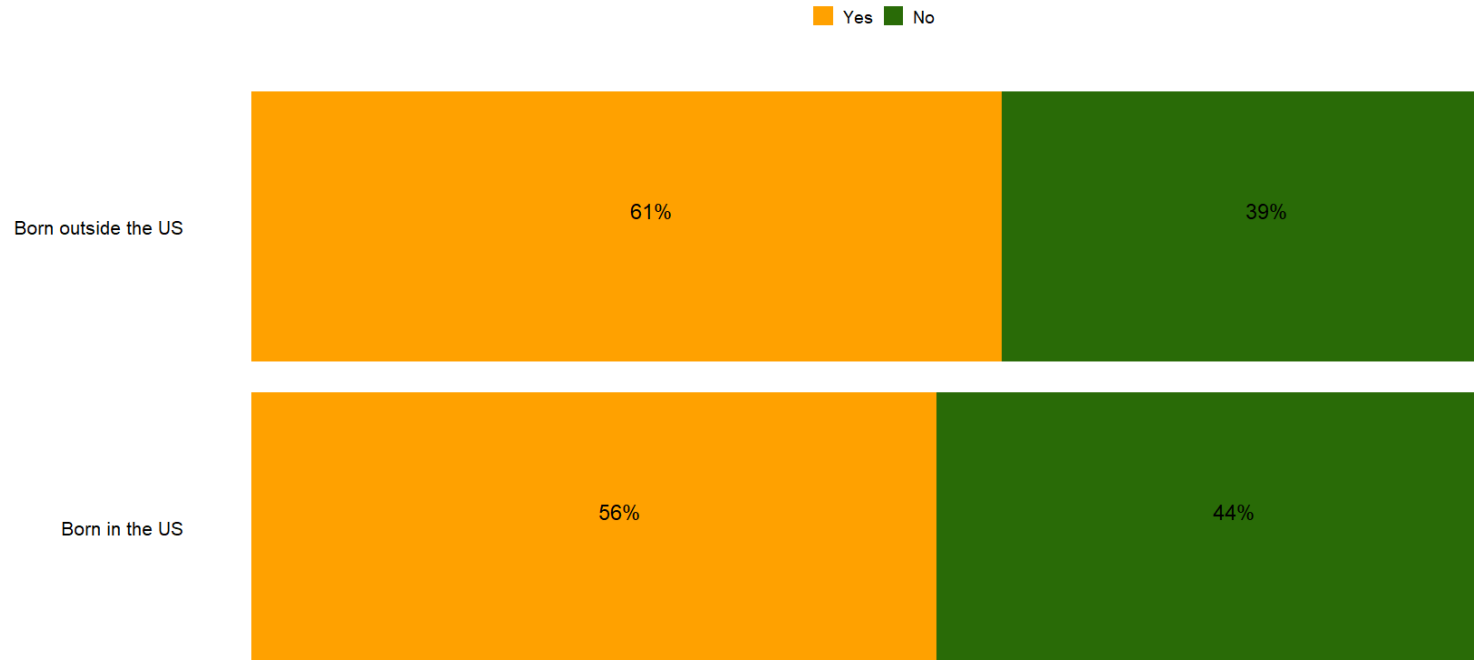
- *Political interests*
- *Economic Interests*
- *Cultural Interests*

DESCRIPTIVE REPRESENTATION



Would you support an Indian American candidate running for political office regardless of their party affiliation?

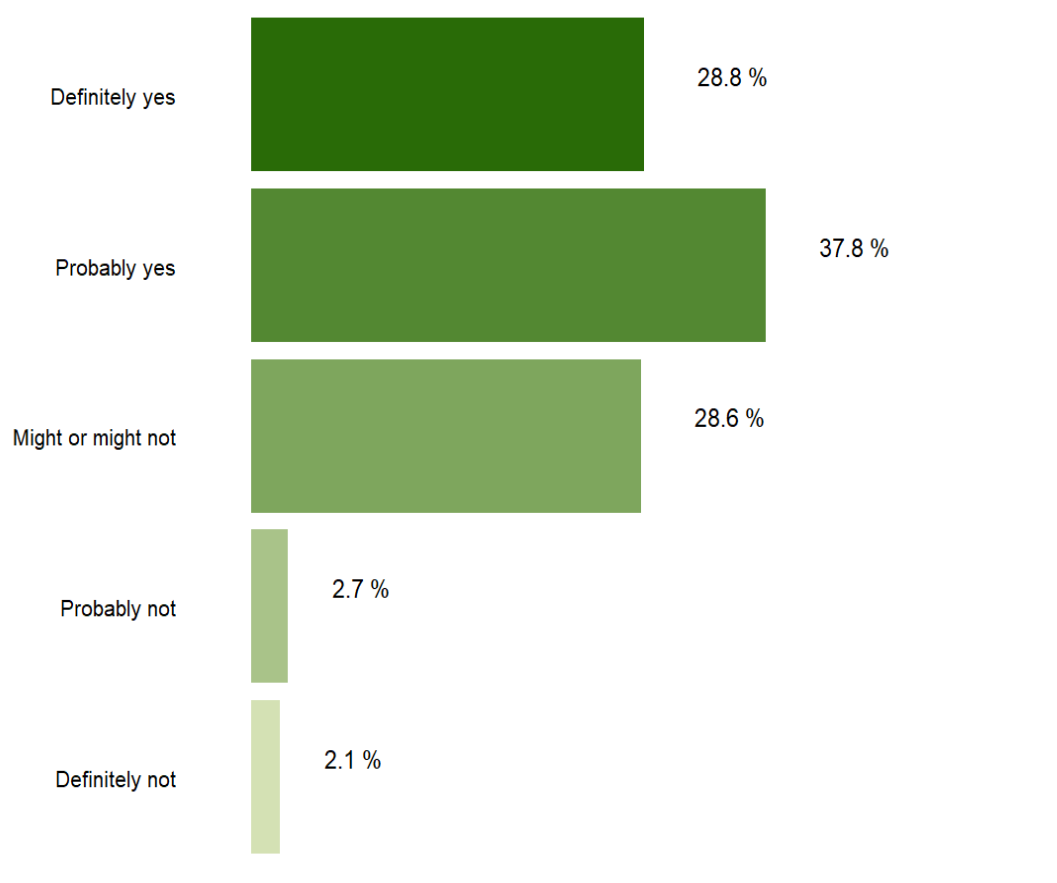
DESCRIPTIVE REPRESENTATION BY PLACE OF BIRTH



Would you support an Indian American candidate running for political office regardless of their party affiliation?

FEELING REPRESENTED

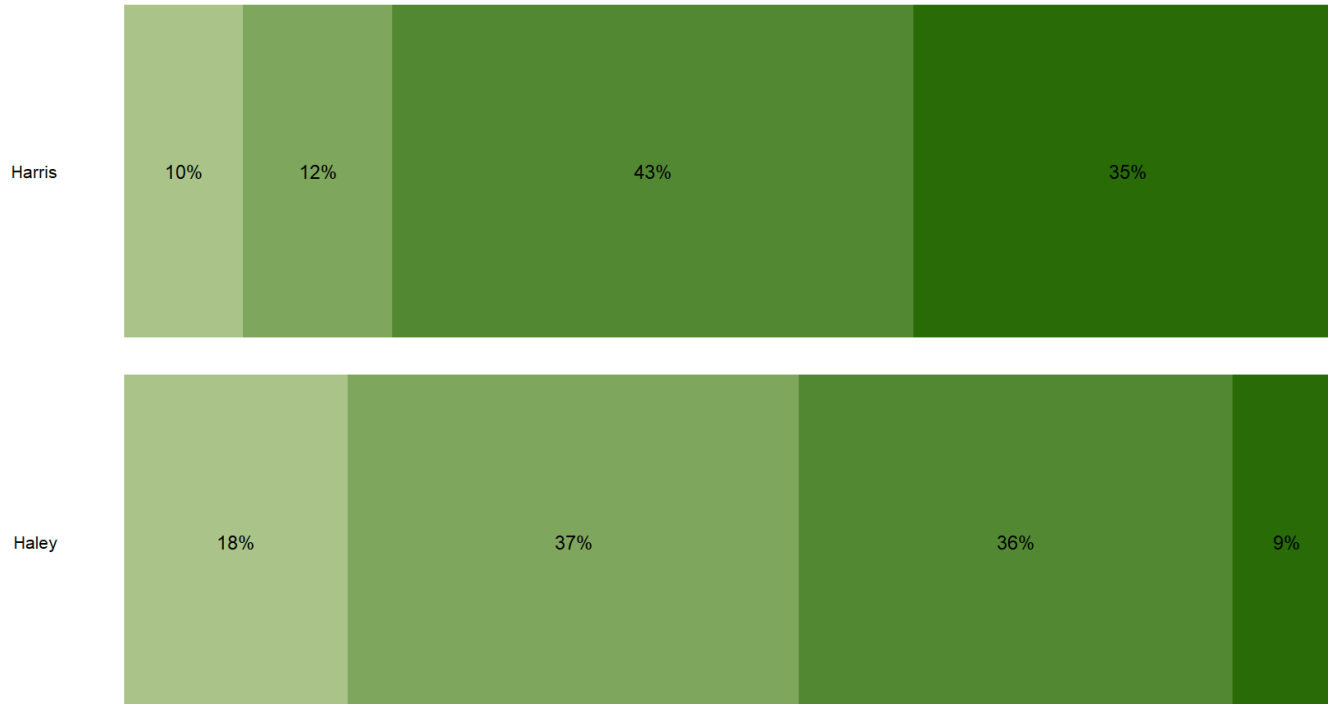
*If more Indian Americans were elected to office at the local, state and federal levels, would you feel like you were being **better represented**?*



HARRIS v. HALEY?

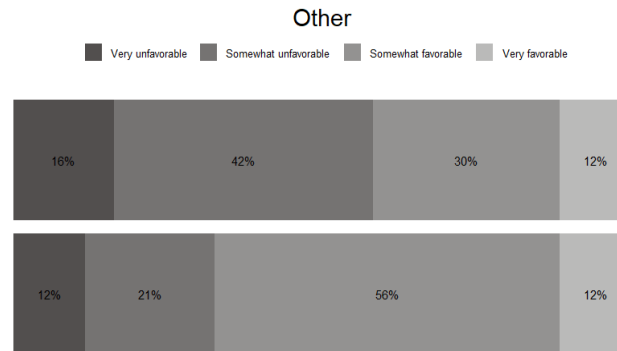
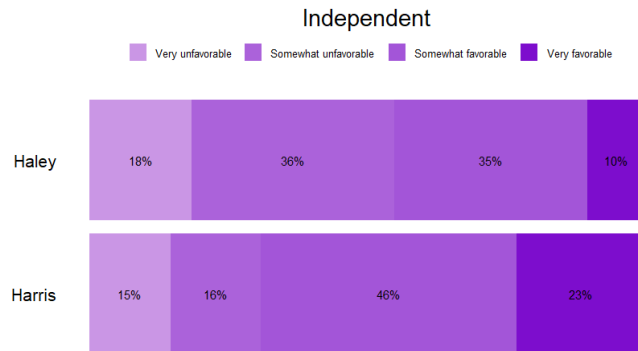
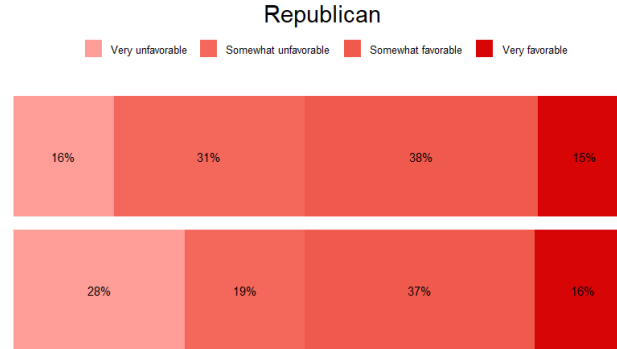
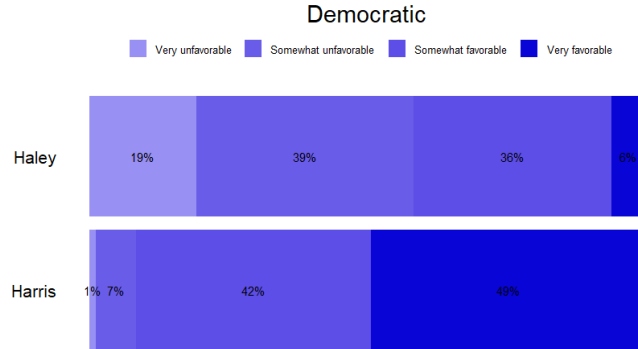
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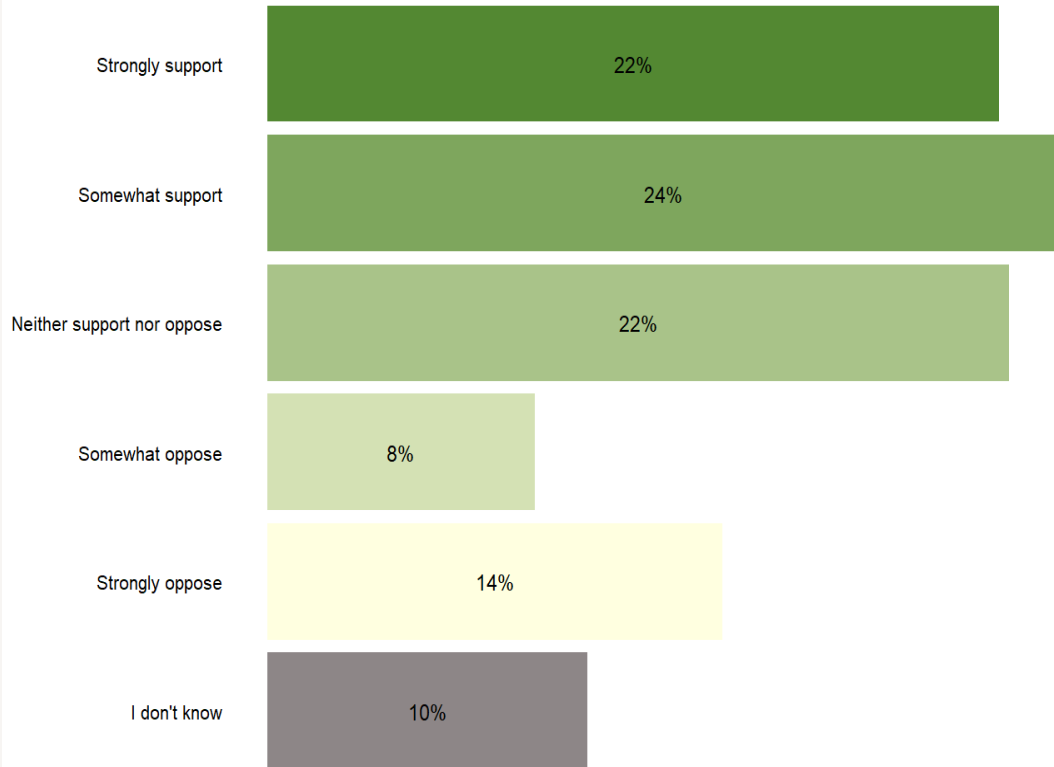
Favorability Score by Political Party



ATTITUDES ON INDIAN POLITICS



CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT (CAA)



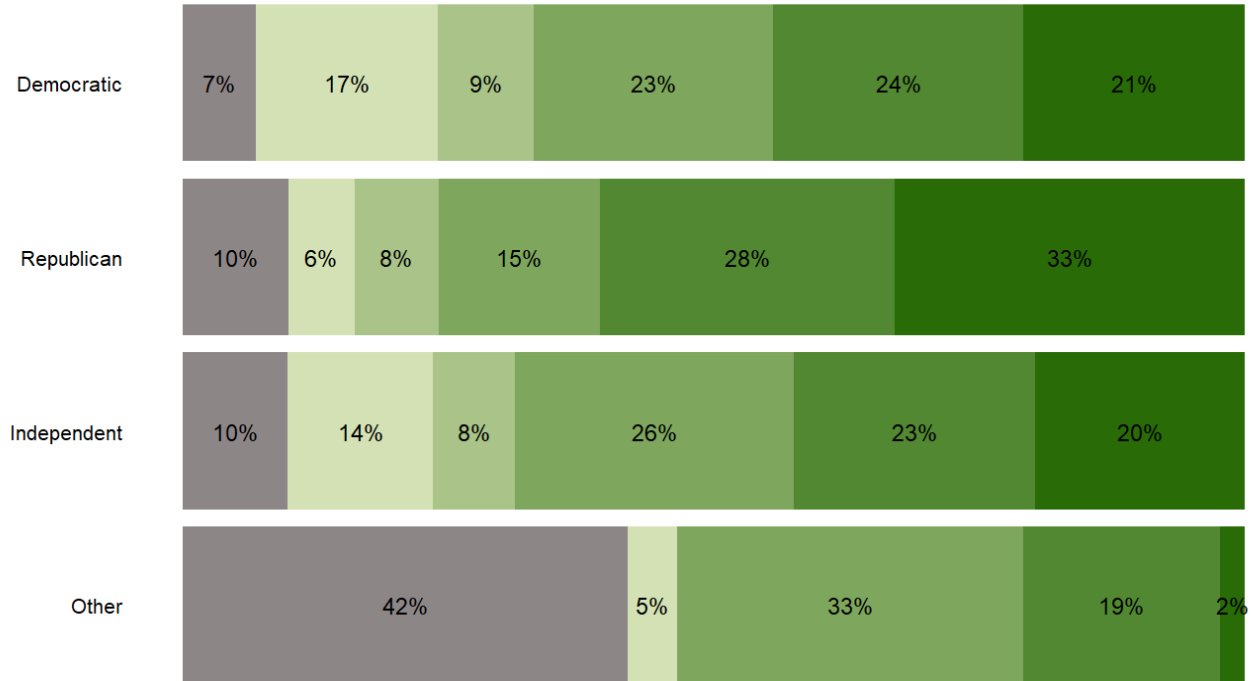
As you may know, the **Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019** was passed by the Parliament of India on December 11, 2019. It amended the Citizenship Act, 1955 by providing a path to Indian citizenship for illegal migrants of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, and Christian religious minorities, who had fled persecution from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan before December 2014. Muslims from those countries were not given such eligibility.

Do you support or oppose the Citizenship Act of 2019?

CAA BY PARTISANSHIP

Survey response: Do you support or oppose the Citizenship Act of 2019?
Grouped by Political Party

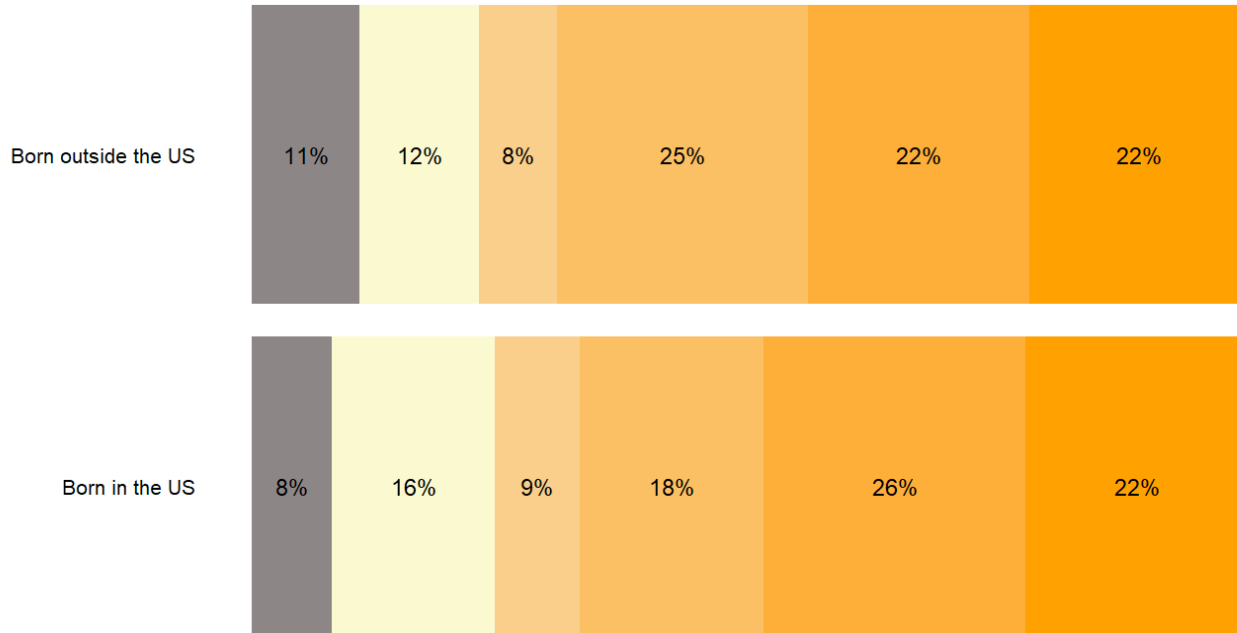
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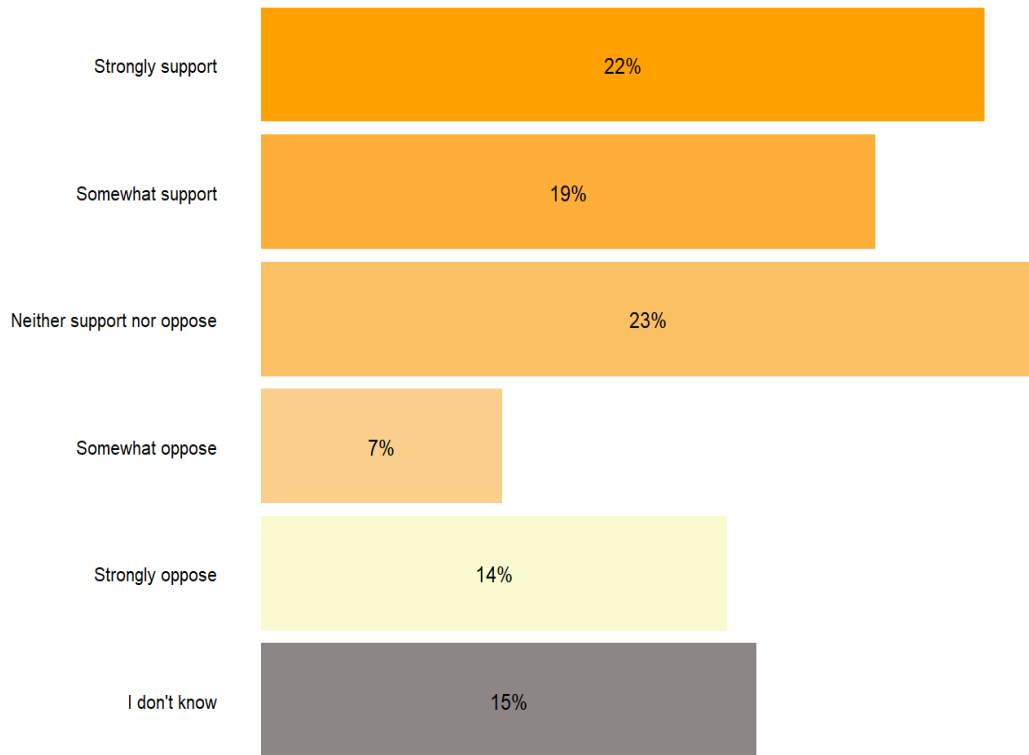
CAA BY PLACE OF BIRTH

Survey Response: Do you support or oppose the Citizenship Act of 2019?
Grouped by Birth Status

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KASHMIR: ARTICLE 370



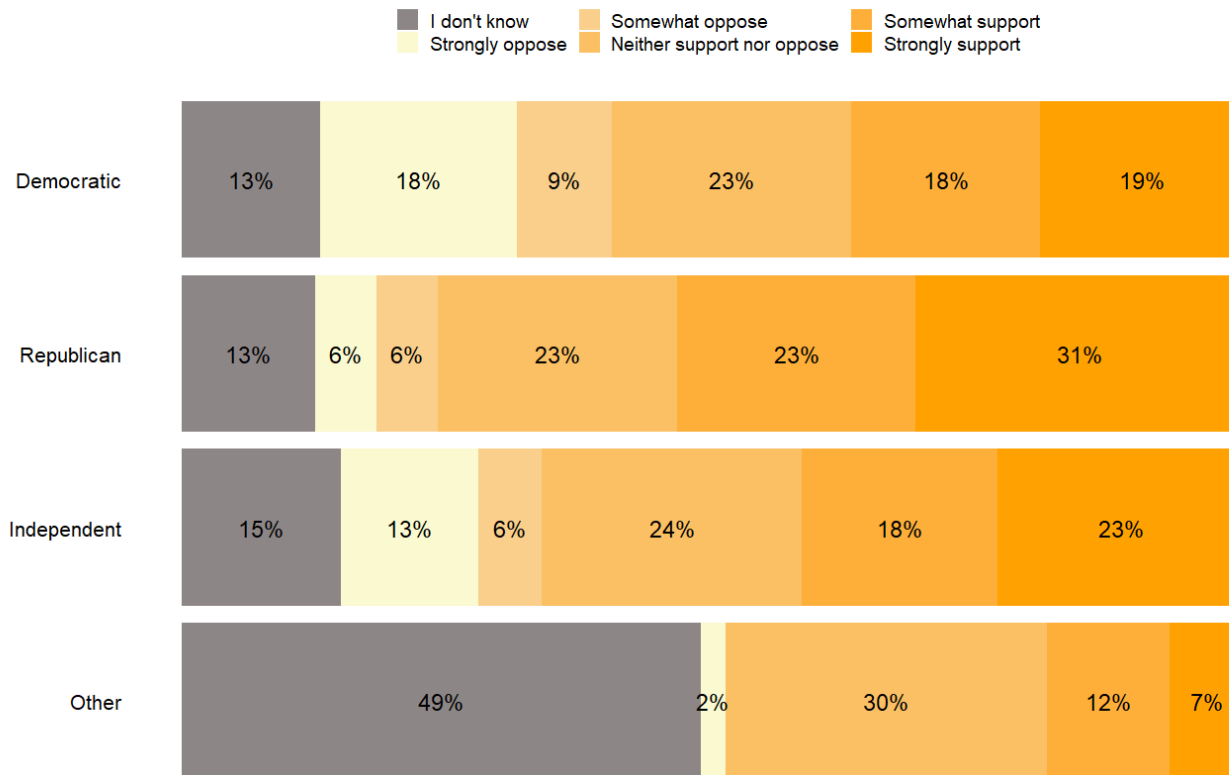
As you may know, **Article 370** of the Indian Constitution, which granted significant **autonomy to the Muslim-majority state of Kashmir** was recently revoked by the Indian Government.

Do you support or oppose the revocation of Article 370?

KASHMIR (ARTICLE 370) BY PARTISANSHIP

Survey Response: Do you support or oppose the revocation of Article 370?

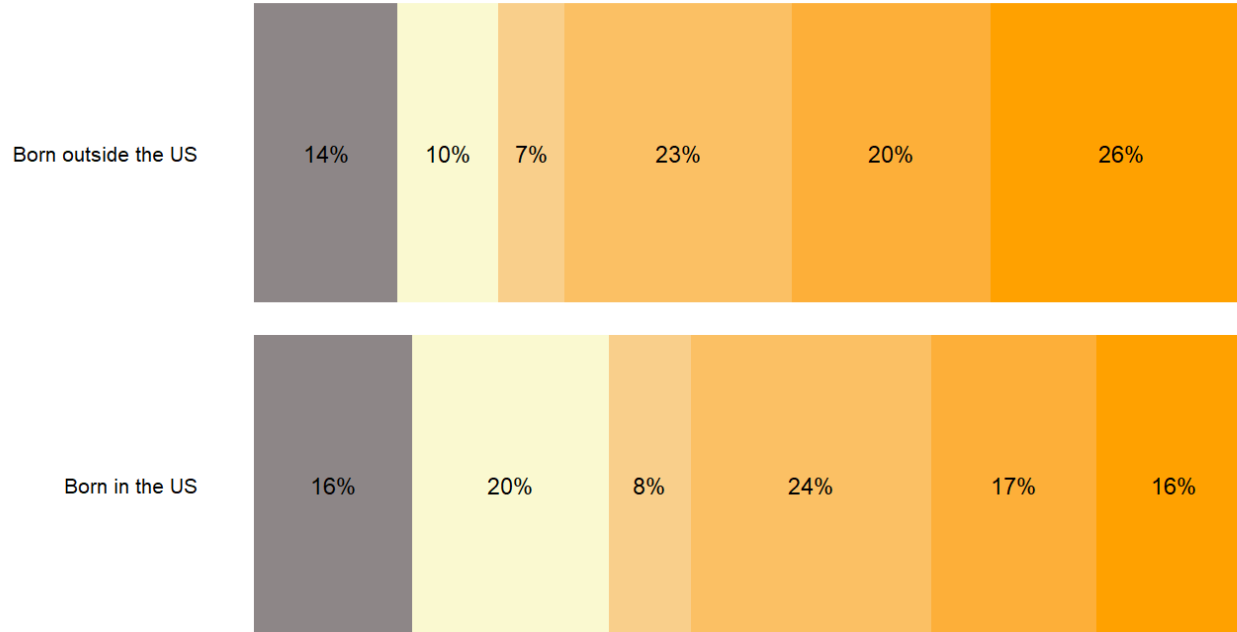
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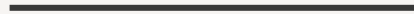
KASHMIR (ARTICLE 370) BY PLACE OF BIRTH

Survey Response: Do you support or oppose the revocation of Article 370?
Grouped by Birth Status

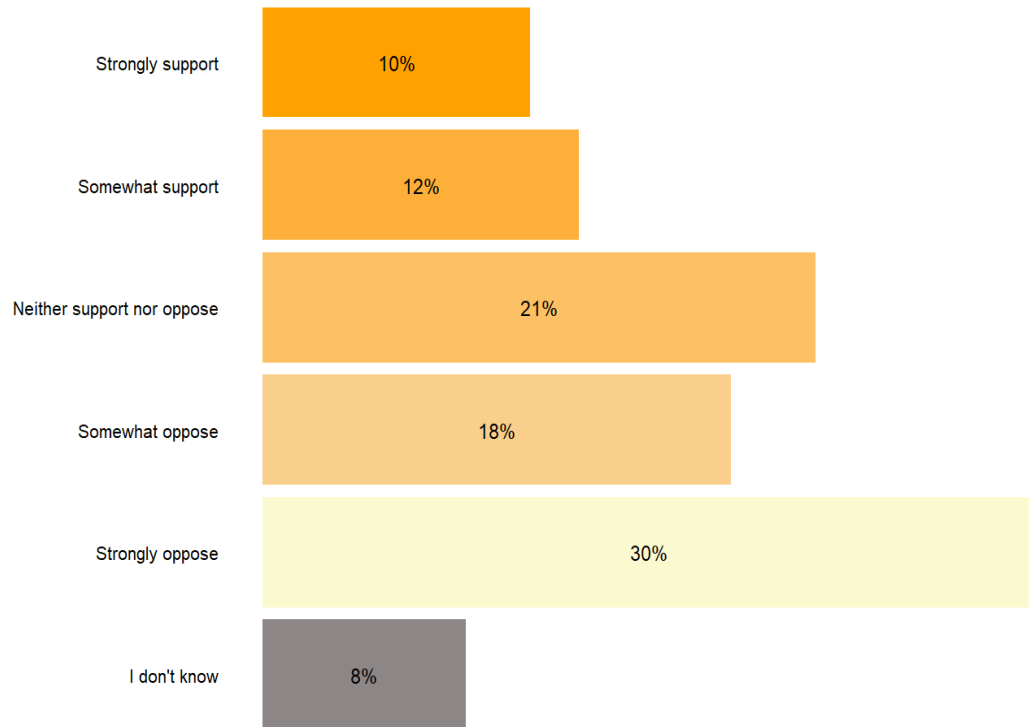
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ATTITUDES ON IMMIGRATION



H1B VISAS



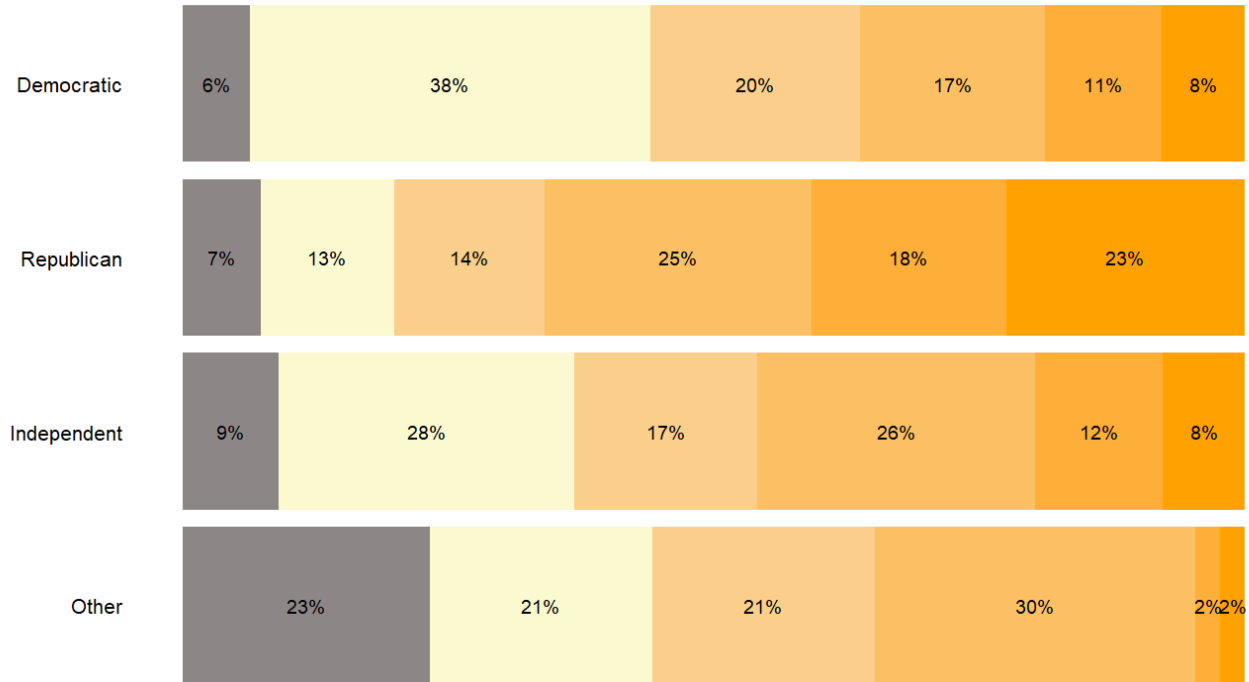
*As you may know, on June 22, 2020 President Trump issued an executive order **banning H1-B** high skilled worker **visas** for the remainder of the year.*

Do you support or oppose the President's ban of h1-B visas?

H1B VISAS BY PARTISANSHIP

Survey Response: Do you support or oppose the President's ban of h1-B visas?
Grouped by Political Party

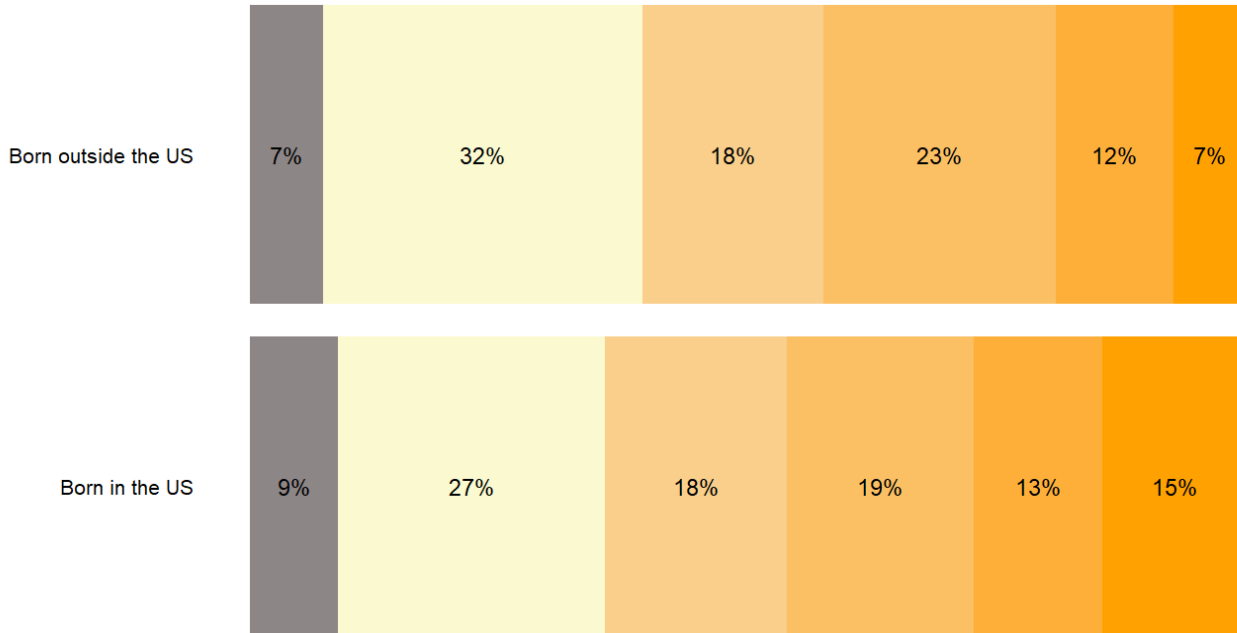
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H1B VISAS BY PLACE OF BIRTH

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Grouped by Birth Status

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