

About This Study

Canadians follow American politics with a deep and abiding interest. As Pierre Trudeau once said to the Washington Press Club, "Living next to you is in some ways like sleeping with an elephant. No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, if I can call it that, one is affected by every twitch and grunt." Canadians are keen to understand what is going on in the current US election and what it might mean for them.

INNOVATIVE is helping to answer those questions by conducting a pair of online surveys in the United States and Canada to understand the political landscape in both countries and the values voters hold.

The objective of the study is to answer three key questions.

- 1. What is happening in the 2020 US Presidential election and why?
- 2. What the similarities and differences between Canada and the US?
- 3. How have these differences have changed since Trump's election in 2016.

It is important to note that due to differences in the two countries voting laws, we interviewed ELIGIBLE voters in Canada and REGISTERED voters in the US. From October we asked 1,500 eligible voters in Canada and 1,000 registered voters in the United States questions about their attitudes towards their governments, their vote intentions, and their values on a range of dimensions. In the US, we also included an oversample of 1,200 registered voters in 6 tipping point states.

This study is a follow-up to a similar study we conducted in 2016, allowing us to understand not only the current landscape in each country, but how things have been changing over time. While the 2020 study has been updated with new questions, the results of the 2016 study are shown for comparison wherever available.

Canadian Survey Methodology

These are the results of an online survey conducted between September 29th and October 6th, 2020.

Method: This online survey was conducted using INNOVATIVE's Canada 20/20 national research panel with additional respondents from Dynata, a leading provider of online sample. Each survey is administered to a series of randomly selected samples from the panel and weighted to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to Census data to provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample.

Sample Size: n= 2,771 general population, 18 years or older. The results are weighted to n=1,500 based on Census data from Statistics Canada.

Field Dates: September 29th to October 6th, 2020.

Weighting: Results for Canada are weighted by age, gender, education, and region to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual population according to Census data; in order to provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample. Weighted and unweighted frequencies are reported in the table.

Margin of Error: This is a representative sample. However, since the online survey was not a random probability based sample, a margin of error cannot be calculated. Statements about margins of sampling error or population estimates do not apply to most online panels.

Note: Graphs may not always total 100% due to rounding values rather than any error in data. Sums are added before rounding numbers.

	Unweighted (n)	Unweighted (%)	Weighted (n)	Weighted (%)
Men 18-34	259	9.3%	206	13.7%
Men 35-54	466	16.8%	250	16.7%
Men 55+	695	25.1%	273	18.2%
Women 18-34	313	11.3%	204	13.6%
Women 35-54	484	17.5%	260	17.3%
Women 55+	554	20.0%	306	20.4%
ВС	474	17.1%	203	13.6%
Alberta	406	14.7%	168	11.2%
Prairies	112	4.0%	98	6.5%
Ontario	1143	41.3%	575	38.4%
Quebec	515	18.6%	351	23.5%
Atlantic	117	4.2%	102	6.8%

American Survey Methodology

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Method: This online survey was conducted using Dynata, a leading provider of online sample. Each survey is administered to a series of randomly selected samples from the panel and weighted to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual American population according to Census data to provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample.

Sample Size: n= 2,435 registered voters, 18 years or older. The results are weighted to n=1,000 based on Census and Current Population Survey data for all adults, with those who report not being registered screened out. Six potential tipping point states were oversampled to n=200 each (Arizona, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin)

Field Dates: September 29th to October 6th, 2020.

Weighting: Results for all American adults are weighted by age, gender, education, race, population density, and region to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual population according to Census and population survey data; in order to provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample. Respondents who report not being registered to vote were screened out of the final sample. Weighted and unweighted frequencies are reported in the table.

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	Unweighted (n)	Unweighted (%)	Weighted (n)	Weighted (%)
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Men 35-54	296	12.2%	151	15.2%
Men 55+	533	21.9%	199	19.9%
Women 18-34	354	14.5%	139	13.9%
Women 35-54	440	18.1%	157	15.7%
Women 55+	603	24.8%	221	22.1%
Northeast	392	16.1%	188	18.8%
Midwest	582	23.9%	212	21.2%
South	1110	45.6%	404	40.4%
West	351	14.4%	196	19.6%



Presenting the Results

This reports follows the general outline of the actual survey. We lead with political context and vote and then move to values. The final section shows the results of regressions where we use all the demographics, context and value items to understand what is driving the US election.

In the context and vote sections, we focus on comparing Canada and the US today.

In looking at values, we have used a tool called factor analysis to groups value statements together that reflect a common underlying feeling. We then organized those value dimensions into five broad categories:

- Economic
- Cultural
- Alienation and Populism
- Openness
- Post Materialism

The values section begins with summary slides that look at the overall results in terms of three questions:

- How do Canadians and Americans compare on values?
- How do the supporters of the main parties in each country differ on values?
- How have the values of voters in each country changed since the 2016 election?

There are two detailed value section. One that shows the results of the items in each value dimension by country, including tracking where it is available. The second shows the relationship between each value dimension and the vote by country.



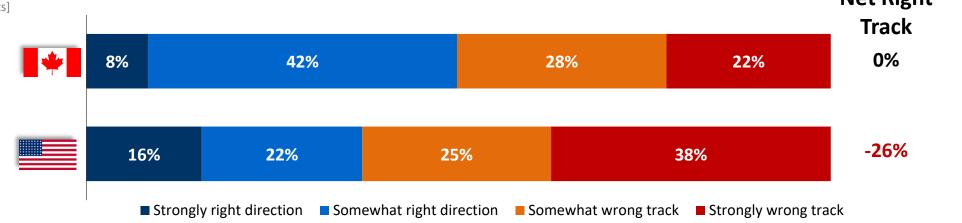
United States & Canada

National Mood: Canadians are more likely to feel their country is headed in the right direction, but more pessimistic on the economy

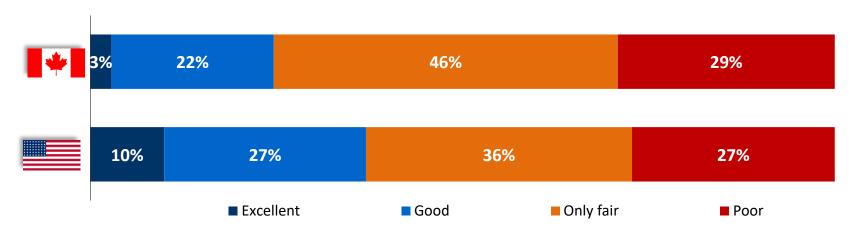
Generally speaking, do you feel things in [Canada/United States] are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track? And do you feel strongly or somewhat strongly about that?

[asked of all respondents]

Net Right



How would you describe the economy today in [Canada/the United States]? Would you say it is... [asked of all respondents]

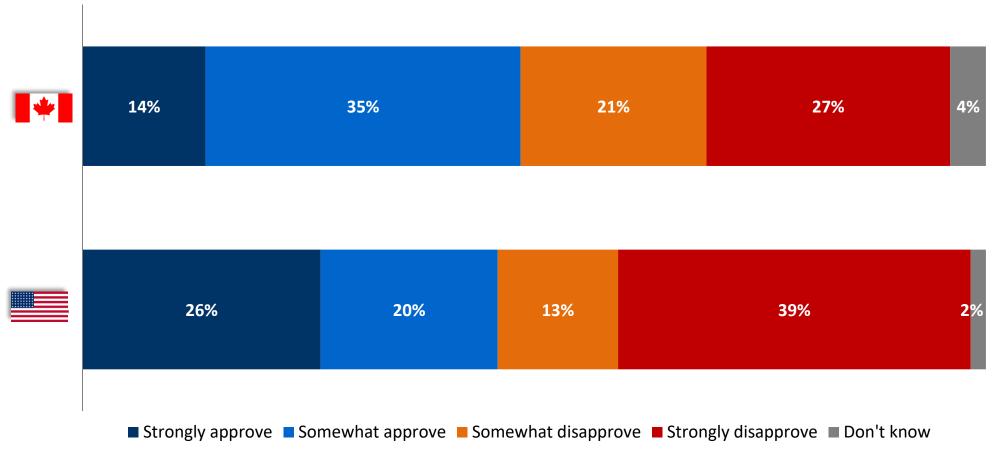




Leadership: Trudeau's approval (48%) is roughly on par with Trump's (46%), but Americans have more intense views

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Do you approve or disapprove of the way [Justin Trudeau/Donald Trump] is handling his job as [Prime Minister/President]? [asked of all respondents]



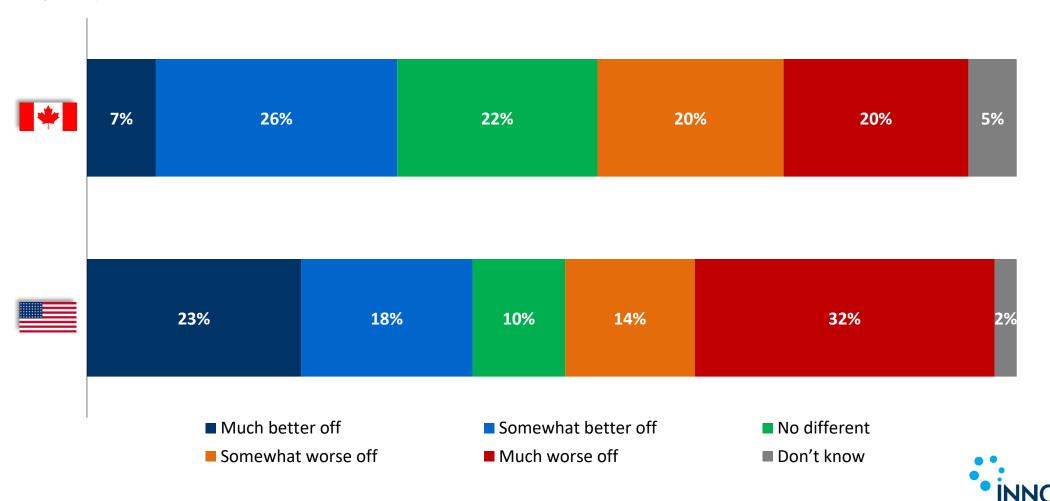


Efforts in office: 4-in-10 (41%) Americans think Trump has made things ⁹ better off since he entered office

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Thinking about [Justin Trudeau/Donald Trump] himself since he came into office in [October 2015/January 2017], would you say his efforts have made things better or worse off now?

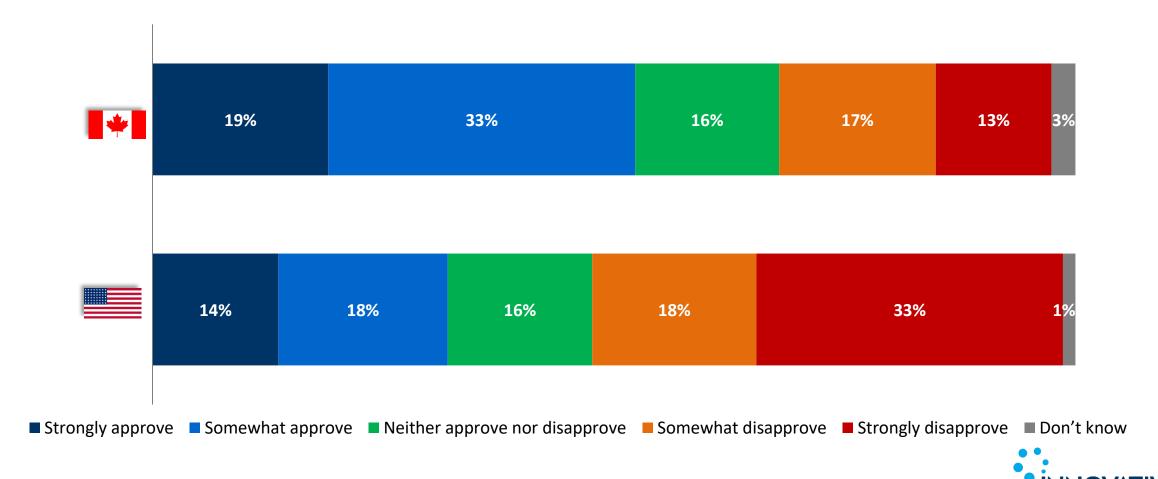
[asked of all respondents]



COVID-19 Handling: The Canadian government receives much higher approval on its handling of COVID-19 than the US government



Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Federal Government has handled the outbreak of COVID-19? [asked of all respondents]

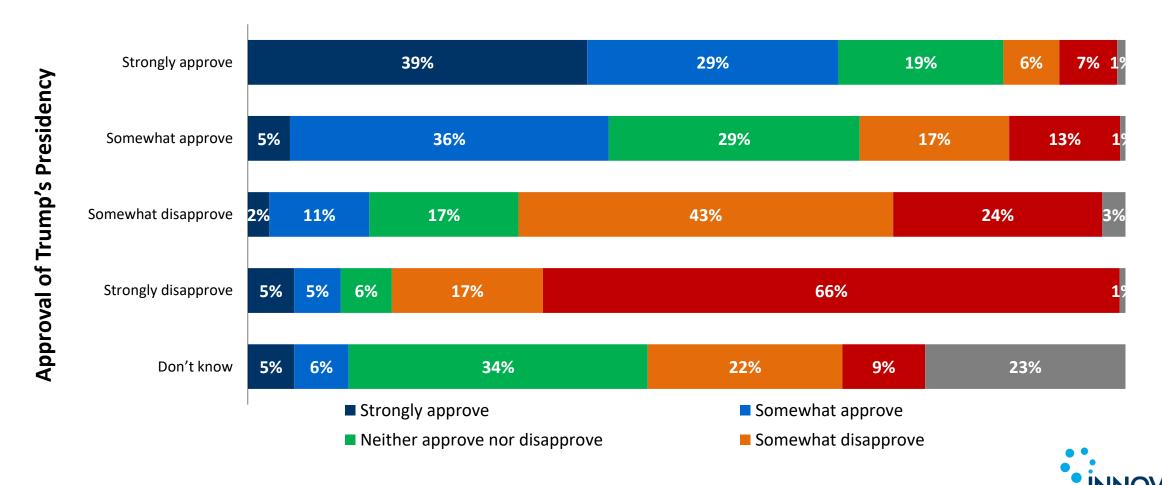


COVID-19 Handling by Approval: More than 10% of those who strongly approve of Trump's presidency disapprove of his COVID-10 handling



Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Federal Government has handled the outbreak of COVID-19? **BY** Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

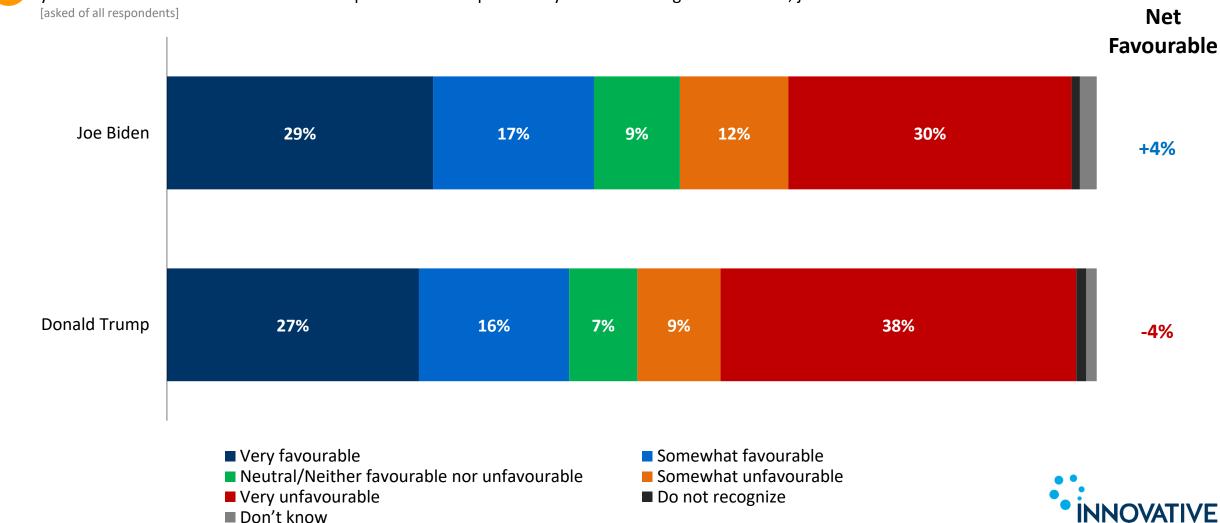
[asked of all respondents]



Leaders in the US: Nearly 4-in-10 (38%) say they have a very unfavourable impression of Donald Trump

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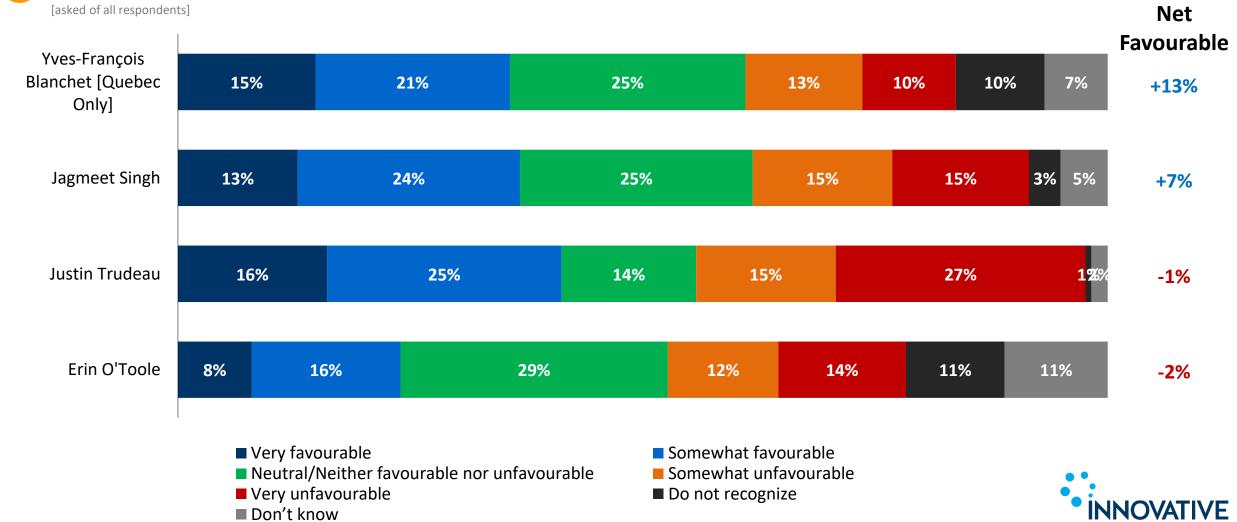
Now we are going to provide you with several names of public figures. Please indicate whether you have heard of that person and, if so, whether you have a favourable or unfavourable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just indicate that



Leaders in Canada: Blanchet has the highest net favourability while both Trudeau and O'Toole have negative net impressions

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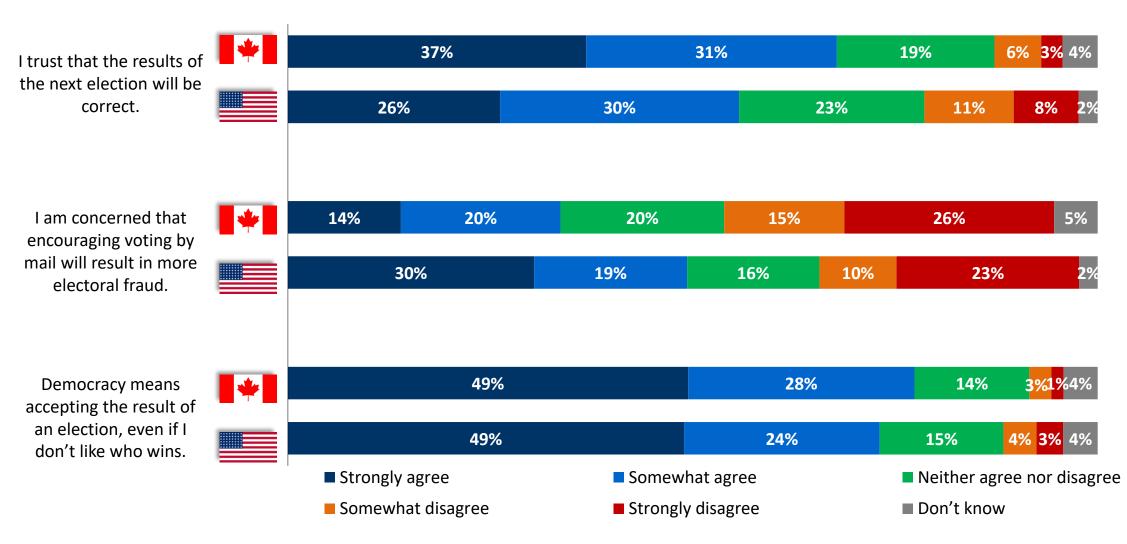
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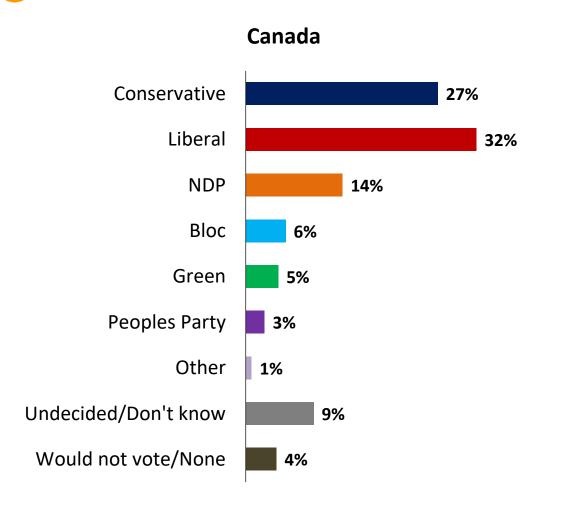




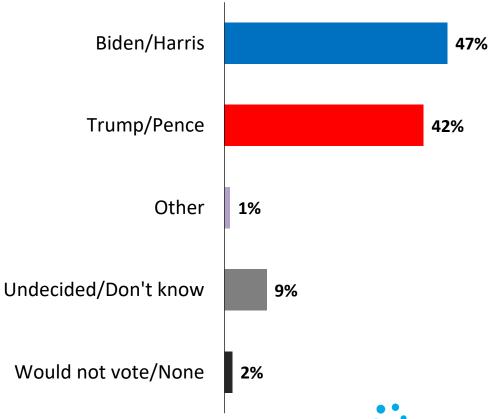
Vote Intention

Combined Vote – Canada/US: Biden five points ahead of Trump in US race, Liberals hold similar lead over the CPC in Canada





United States (Registered Voters)



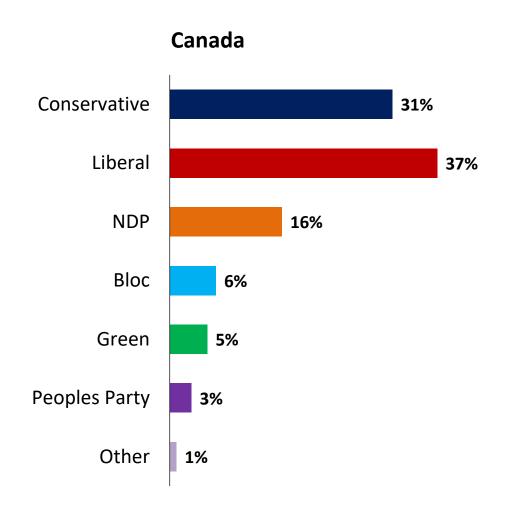


Decided Vote – Canada/US: Biden up by five points over Trump in US decided vote, Liberals six points ahead of CPC in Canada

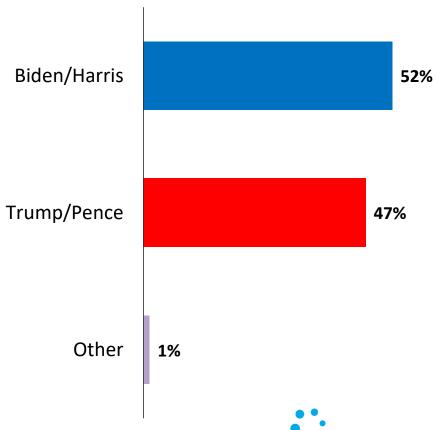


Decided Vote

[shows respondents with first choice, Canada, n=1,293; US, n=895]



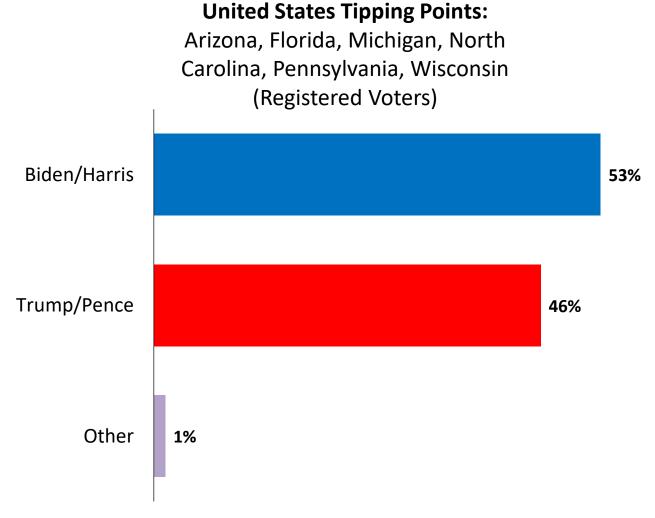






Decided Vote – US Tipping Point States: Biden up by seven points over ¹⁸ Trump in the states most likely to decide the election



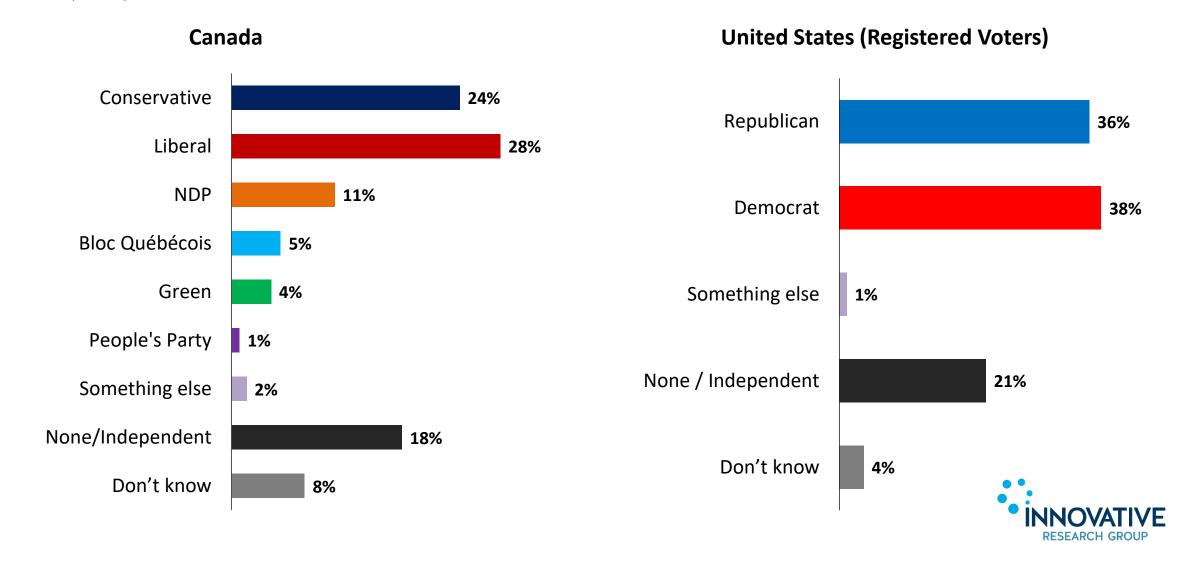




Partisanship – Canada/US: In Canada, the Liberals lead on partisanship while in the US the Democrats lead

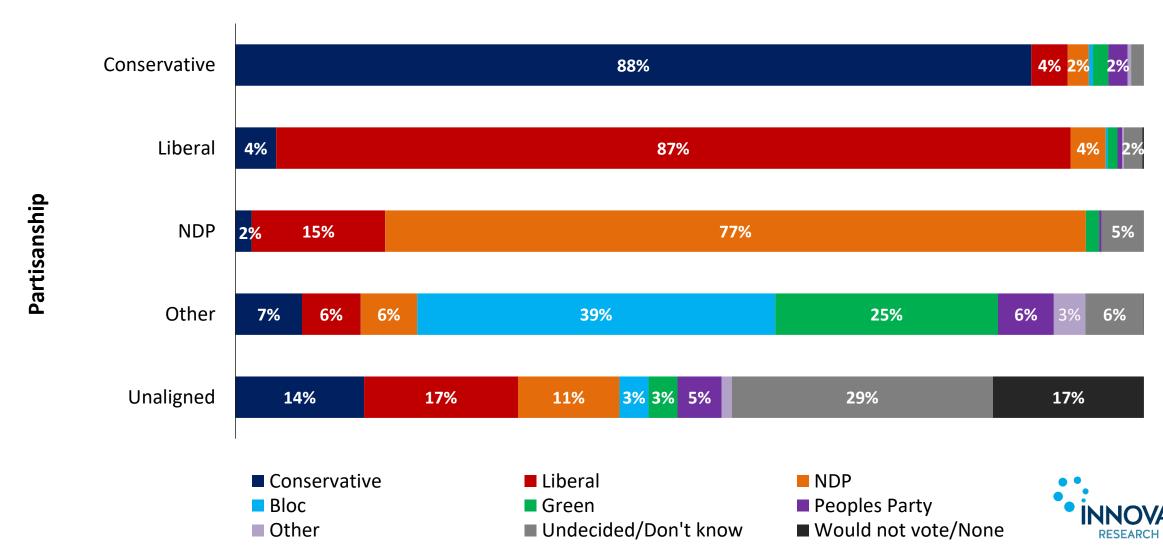
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Thinking about politics in [Canada/the United States], generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a... [asked of all respondents]



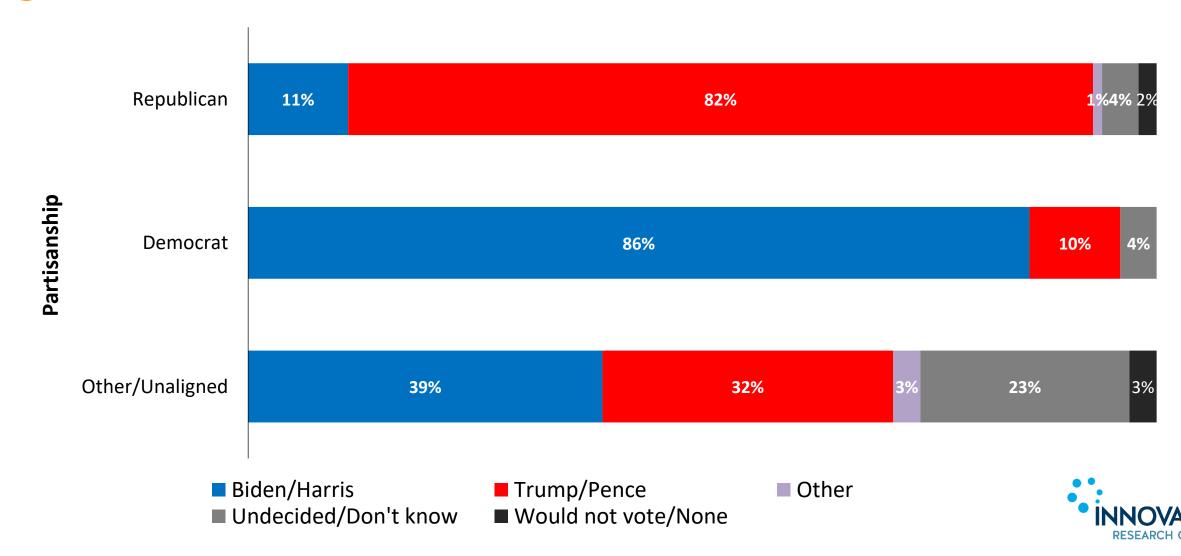
Vote by ID – Canada: Conservative and Liberal partisans are most loyal ²⁰ with almost 9-in-10 saying they would vote for their party





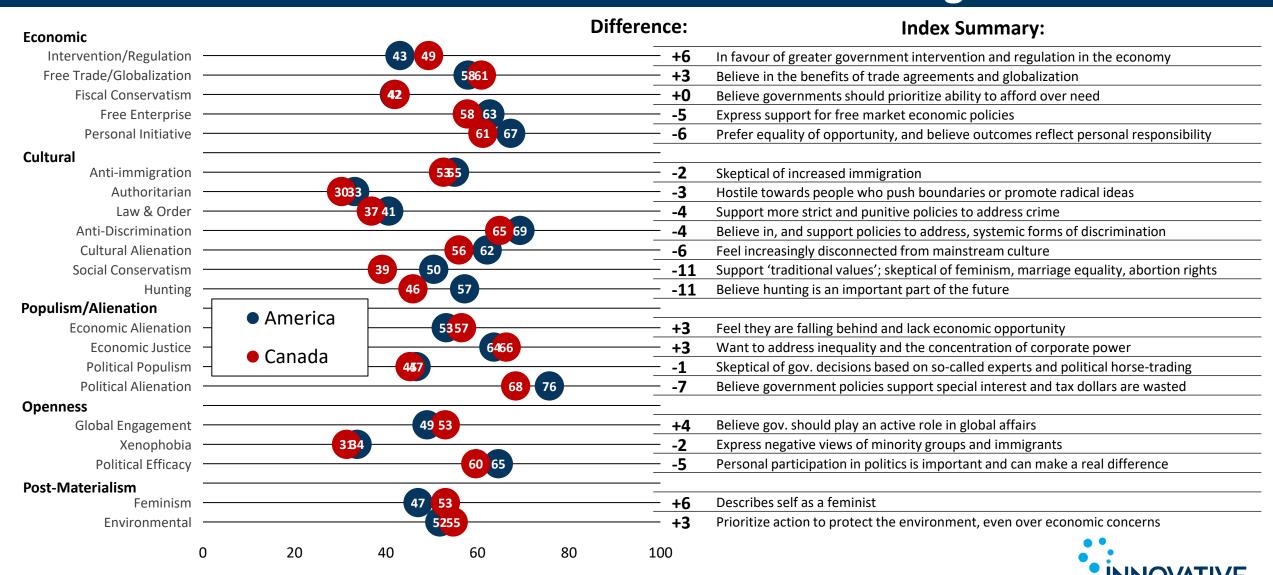
Vote by ID – US: 86% of Democrats say they plan to vote for Biden, while 82% of Republicans say they plan to vote for Trump



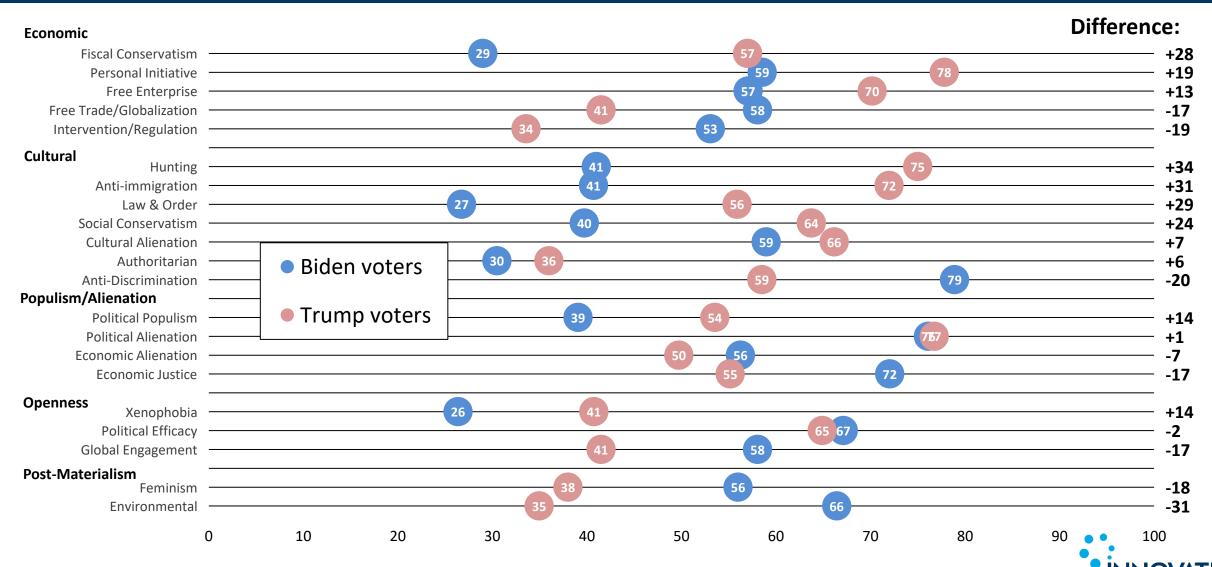


Comparing Values Between Countries and Over Time

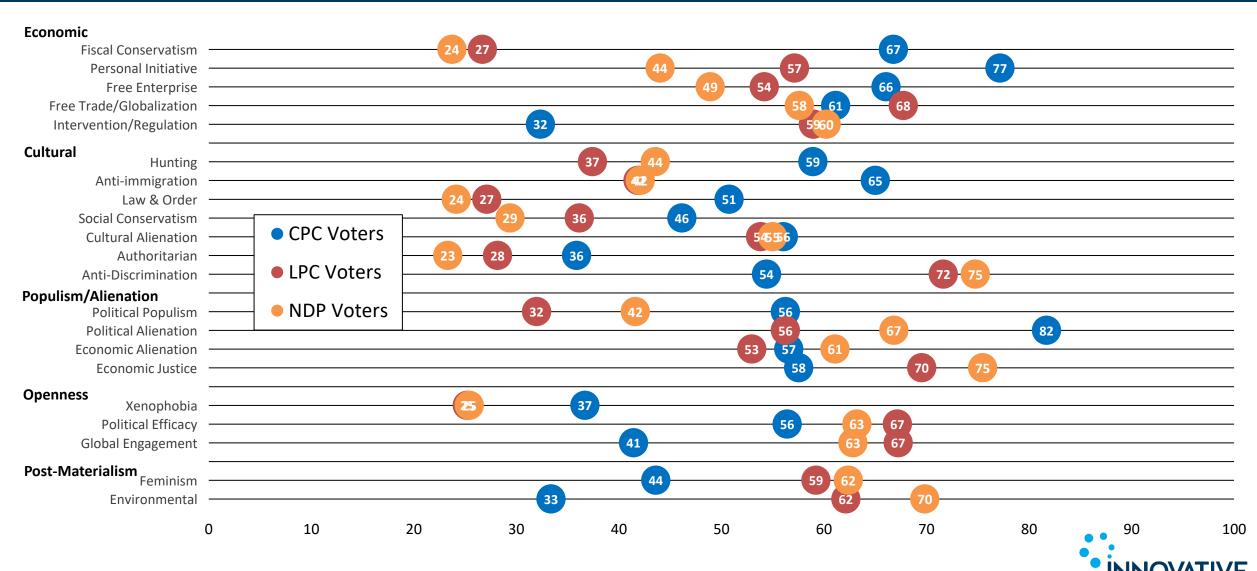
Over 21 value dimensions, Canadians and Americans are remarkably similar for all but 2 – social conservatism and hunting



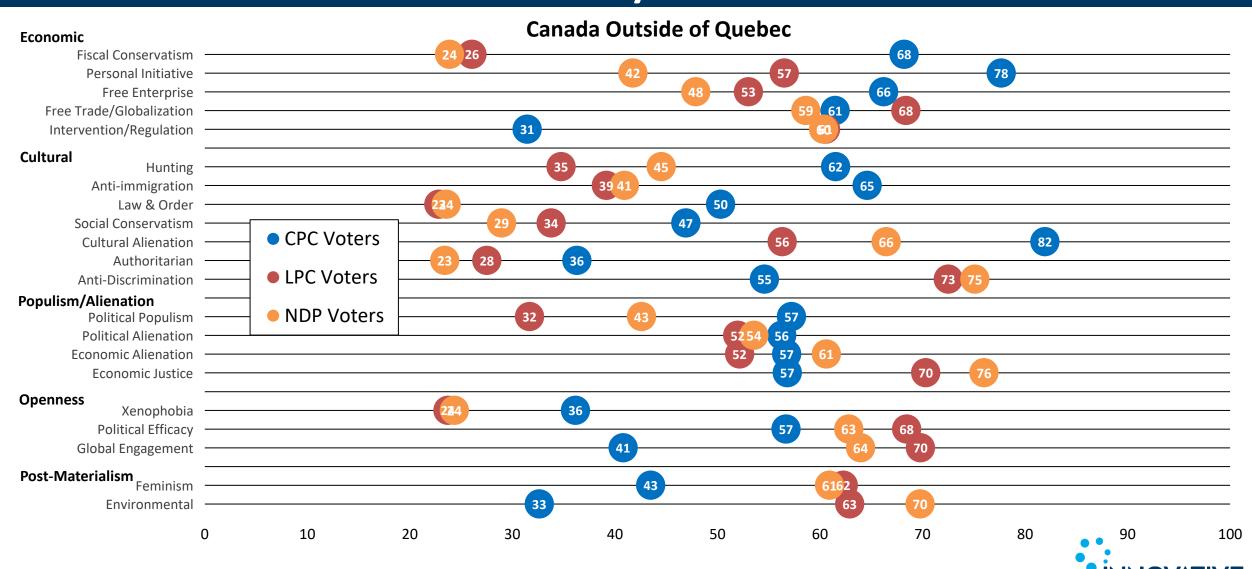
There is a deep divide between Republicans and Democrats that grows deeper on cultural issues such as hunting and immigration



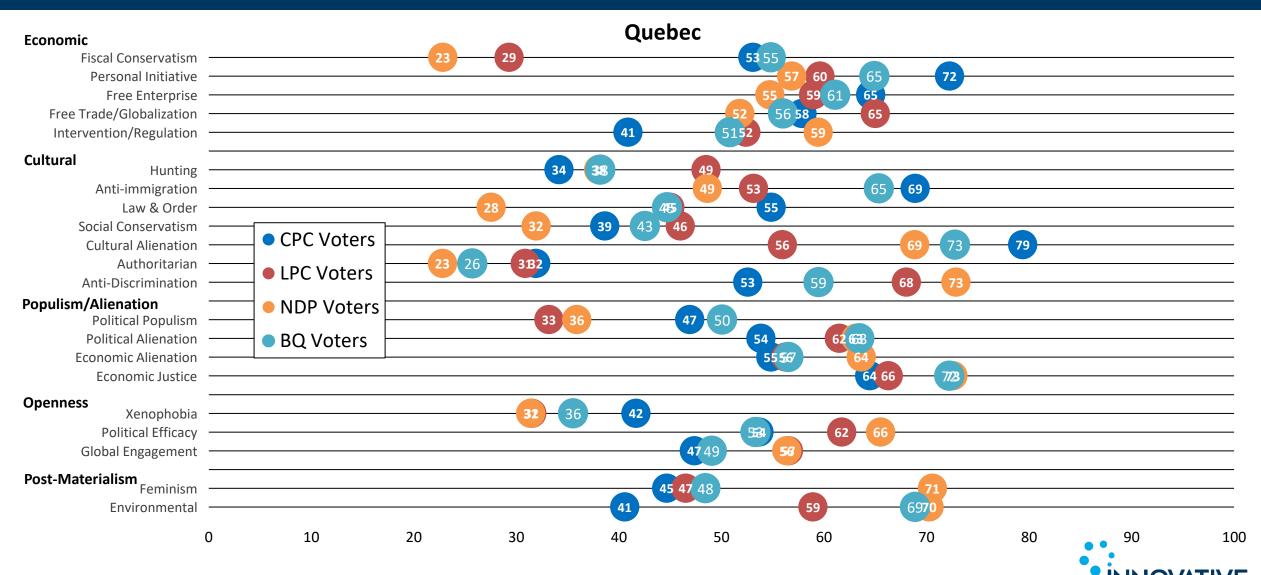
In Canada, the NDP and Liberals tend to be close together while Conservatives are quite distinct



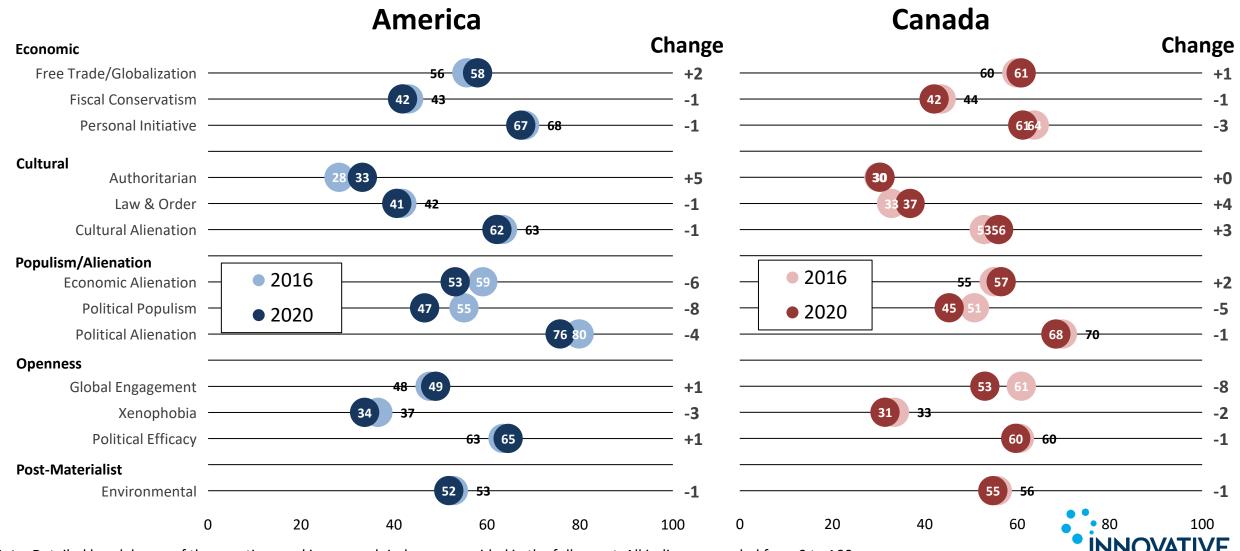
Outside of Quebec, Liberal and NDP voters are close on most values, while Conservative voters look very different



In Quebec, all the parties overlap on many values, but there are big differences on some like fiscal conservatism and environmentalism



Both countries see a significant decline in populism, the US sees a broader decline in alienation

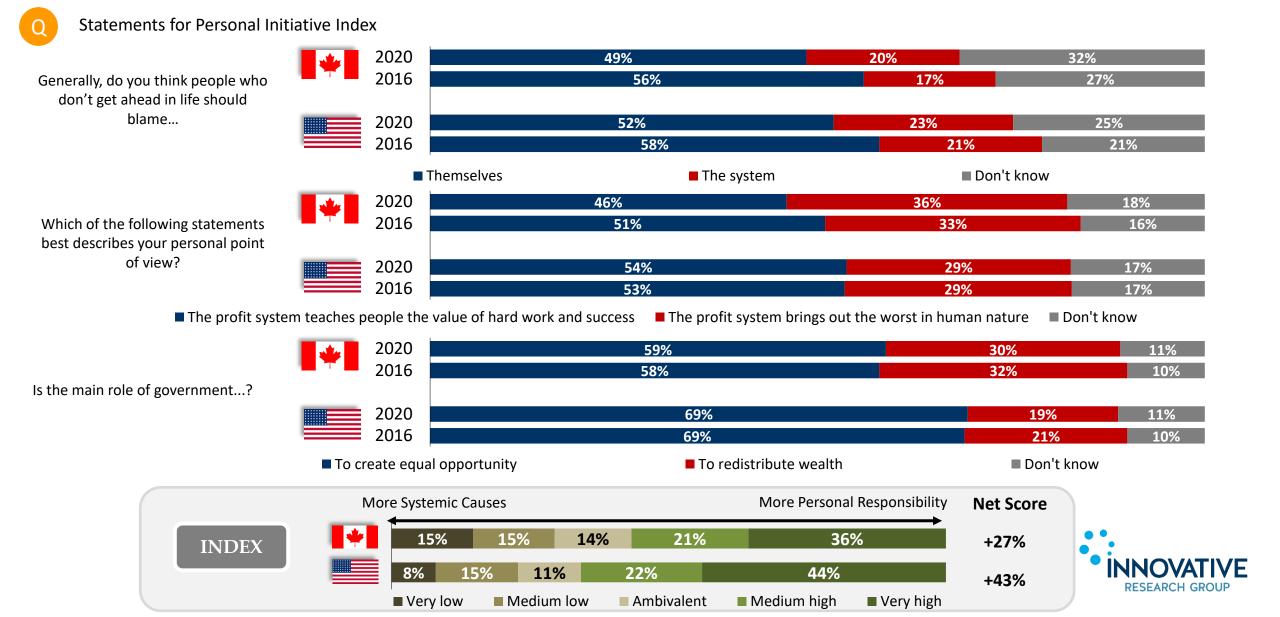


Note: Detailed breakdowns of the questions making up each index are provided in the full report. All indices are scaled from 0 to 100.

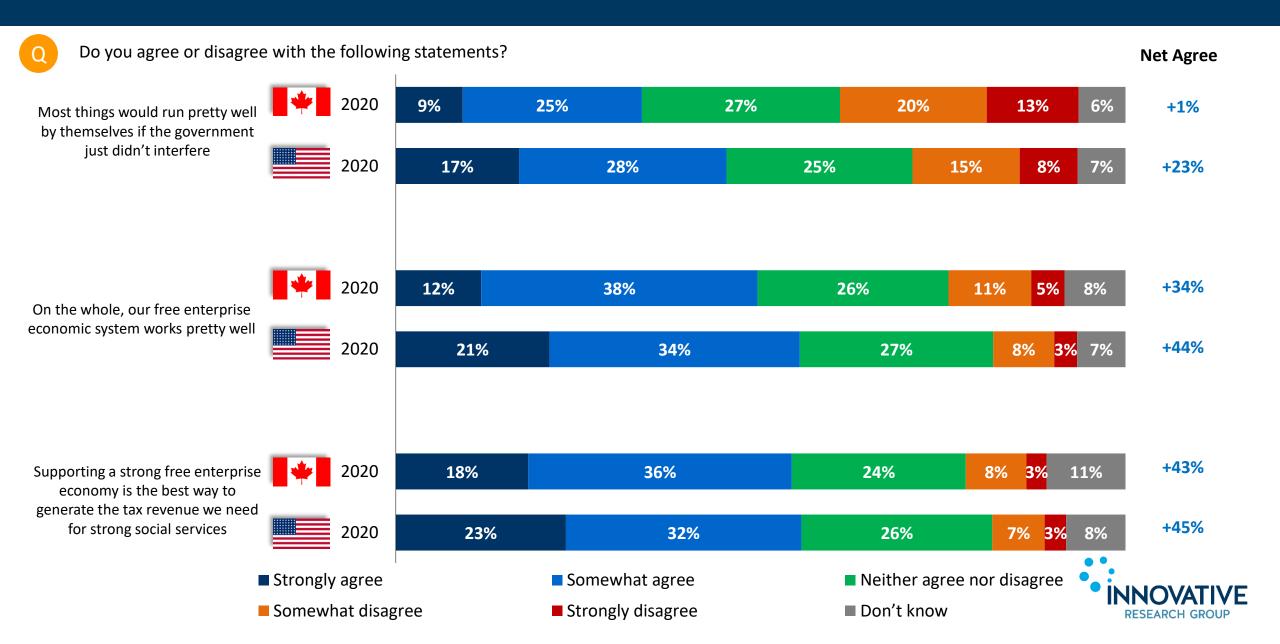
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Value Indices - Economic

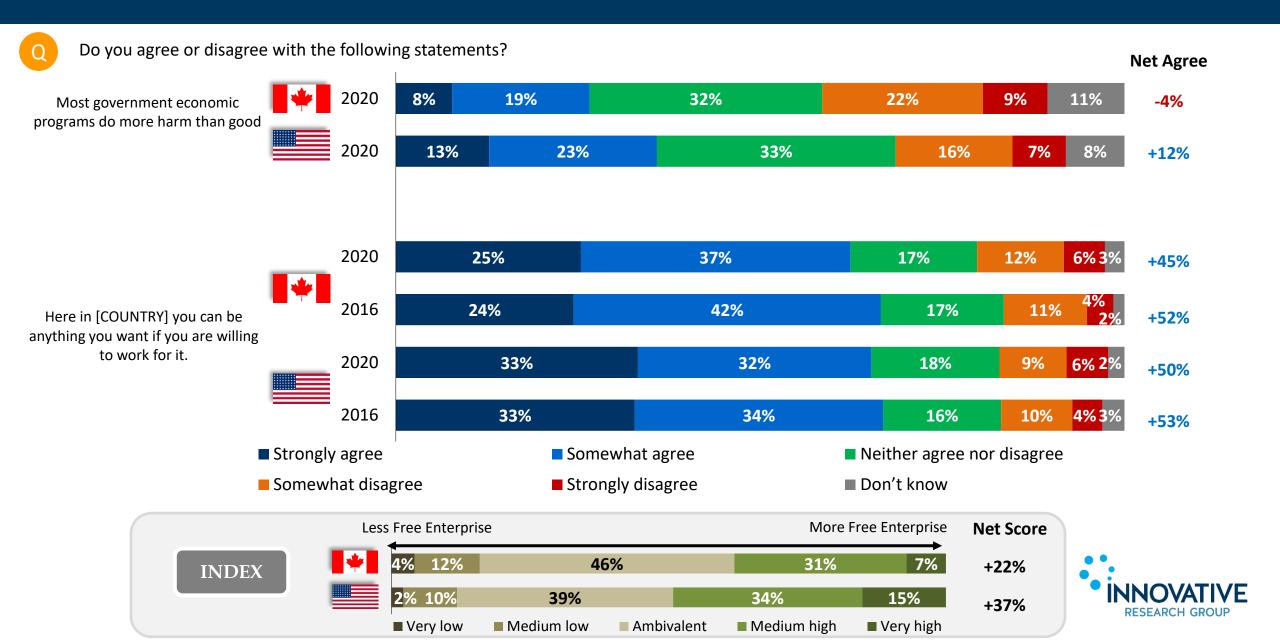
Personal Initiative Index



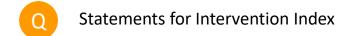
Free Enterprise Index (1 of 2)



Free Enterprise Index (2 of 2)

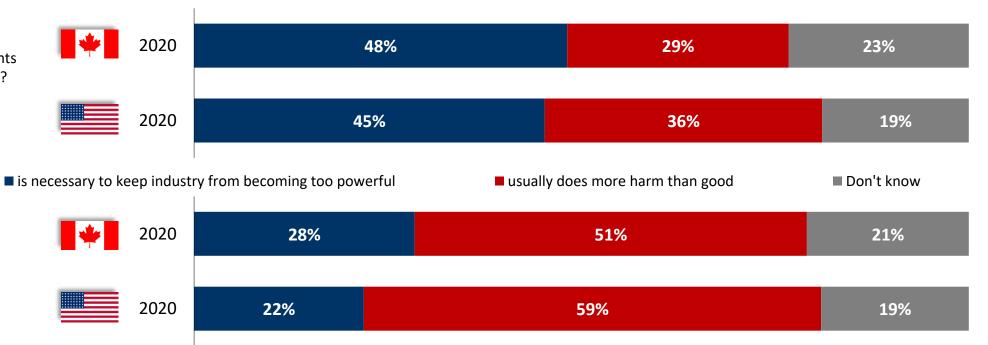


Intervention Index



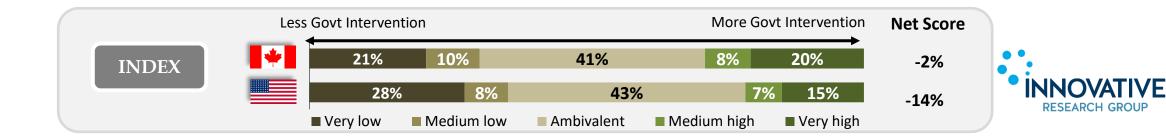
Which of the following statements is closest to your point of view?
Government regulation of business...

When it comes to economic growth, should we...?



■ Let government take the lead and have business support government initiatives

■ Don't know



Free Trade/Globalization Index

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Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Which statement is closer to your point of view? Free trade agreements are...

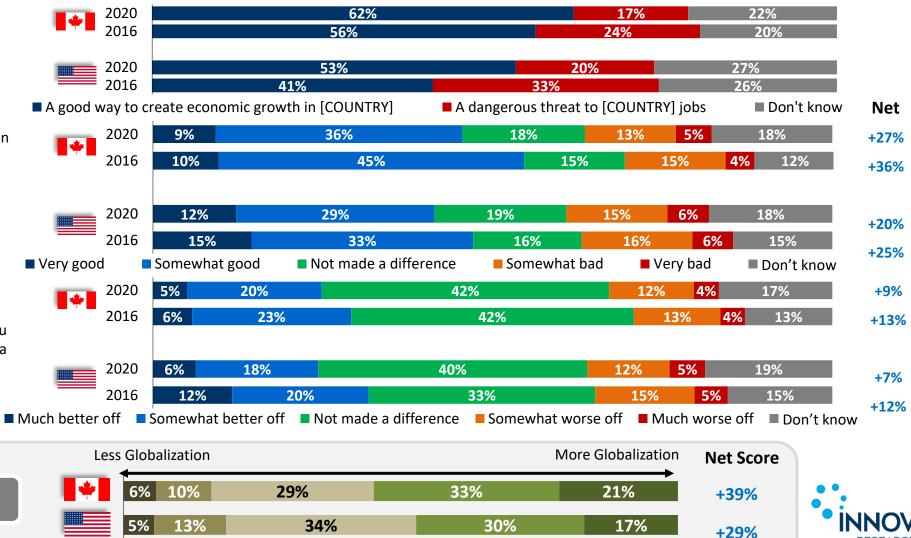
Thinking about globalization, the way in which the economies of different countries have become more closely connected, do you feel globalization has generally been a good thing for [COUNTRY] or a bad thing for [COUNTRY]?

And what do you think the impact of globalization has been on you? Do you feel you are better off or worse off as a result of globalization?

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■ Very low

Medium low



Ambivalent

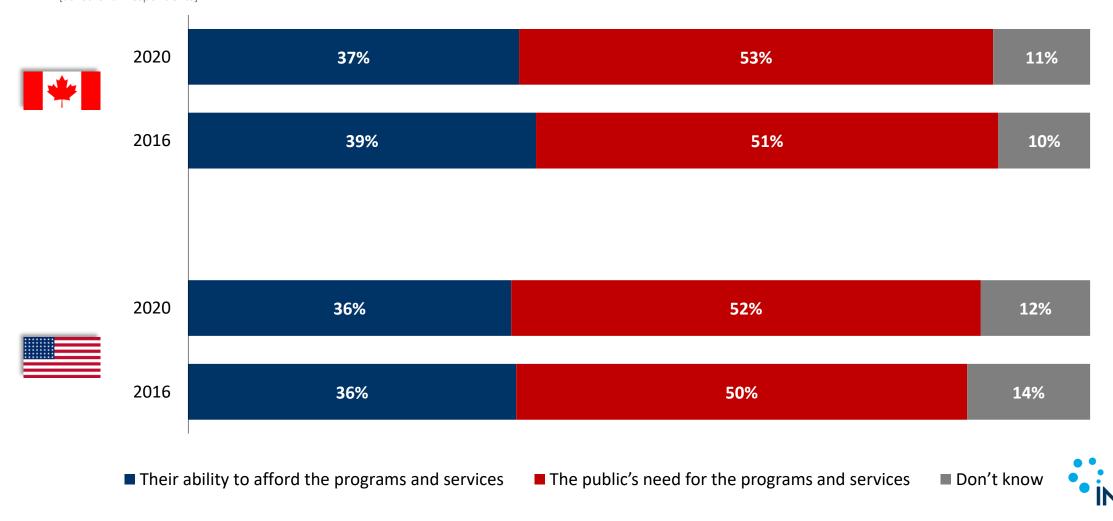
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Fiscal Conservatism - Standalone

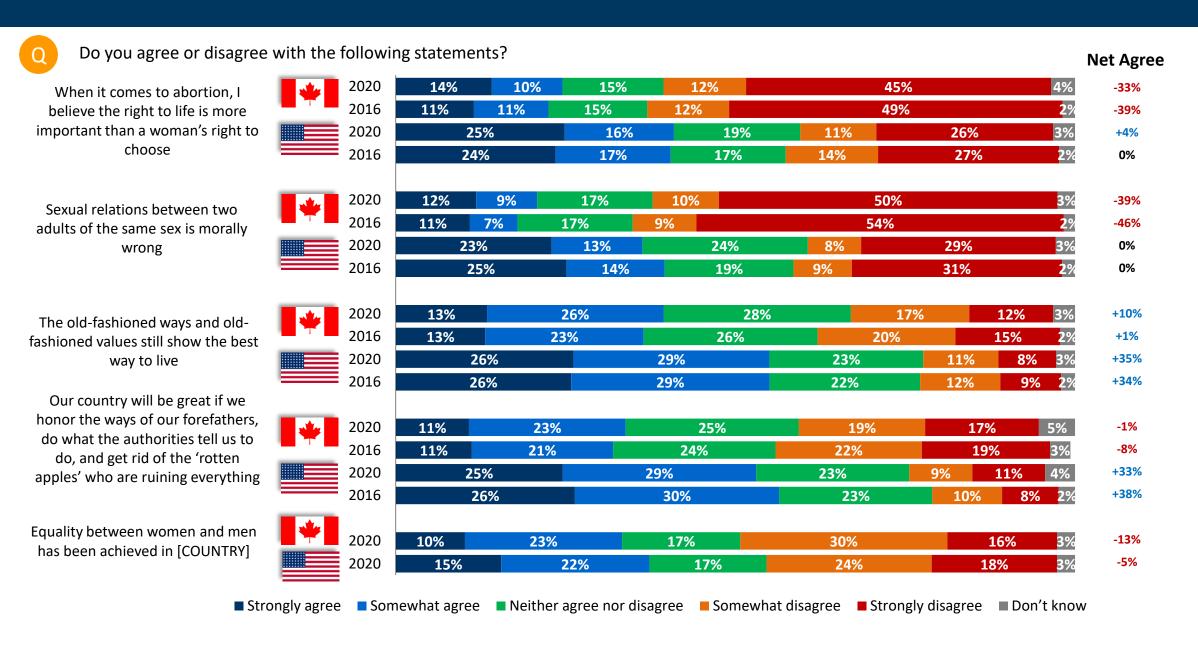
When governments make major decisions concerning spending on programs and services, do you think they should be basing their decisions mainly on...?

[asked of all respondents]



Value Indices - Cultural

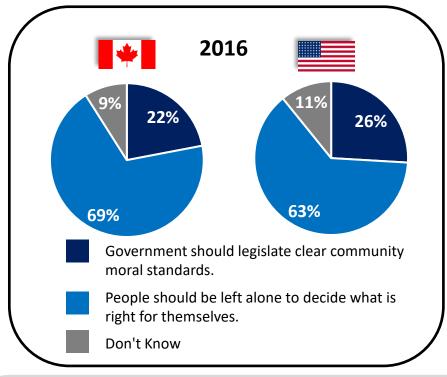
Social Conservatism Index (1 of 2)

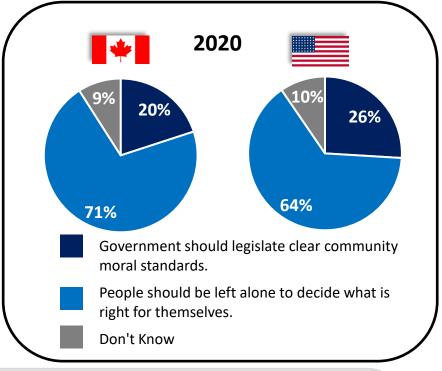


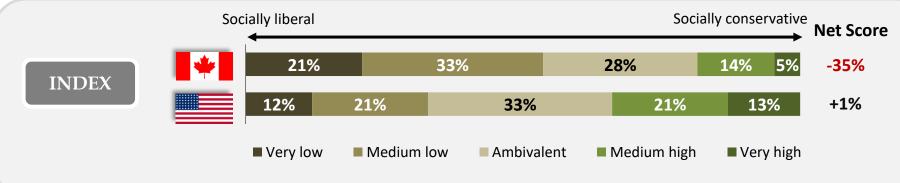
Social Conservatism Index (2 of 2)

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When it comes to moral issues like same sex marriage and abortion, do you think ...?



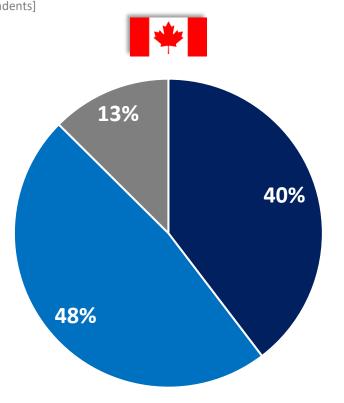


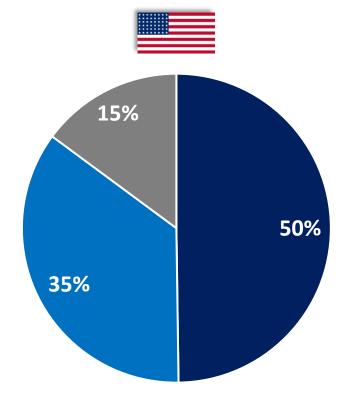




Hunting - Standalone

Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?
[asked of all respondents]





- Hunting is an important part of our heritage and should be allowed to continue
- Hunting is a part of our history but is not an important part of our future
- Don't know

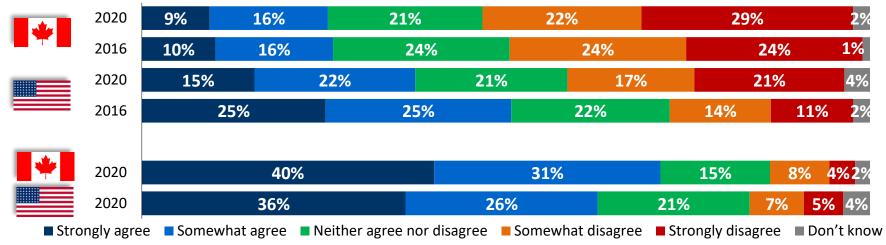


Anti-Immigration Index

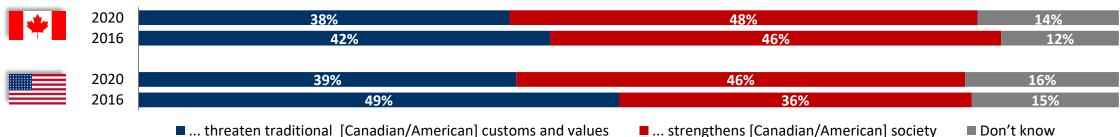
O Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

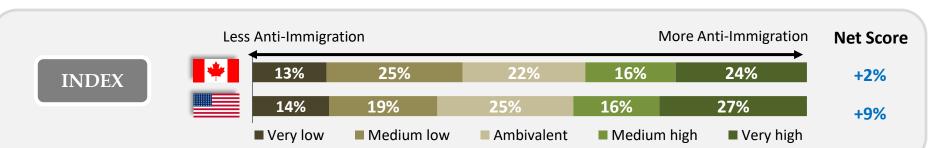
Immigrants take jobs away from other [Canadians/Americans].

Immigrants should adapt to [Canadian/American] society and not the other way around.



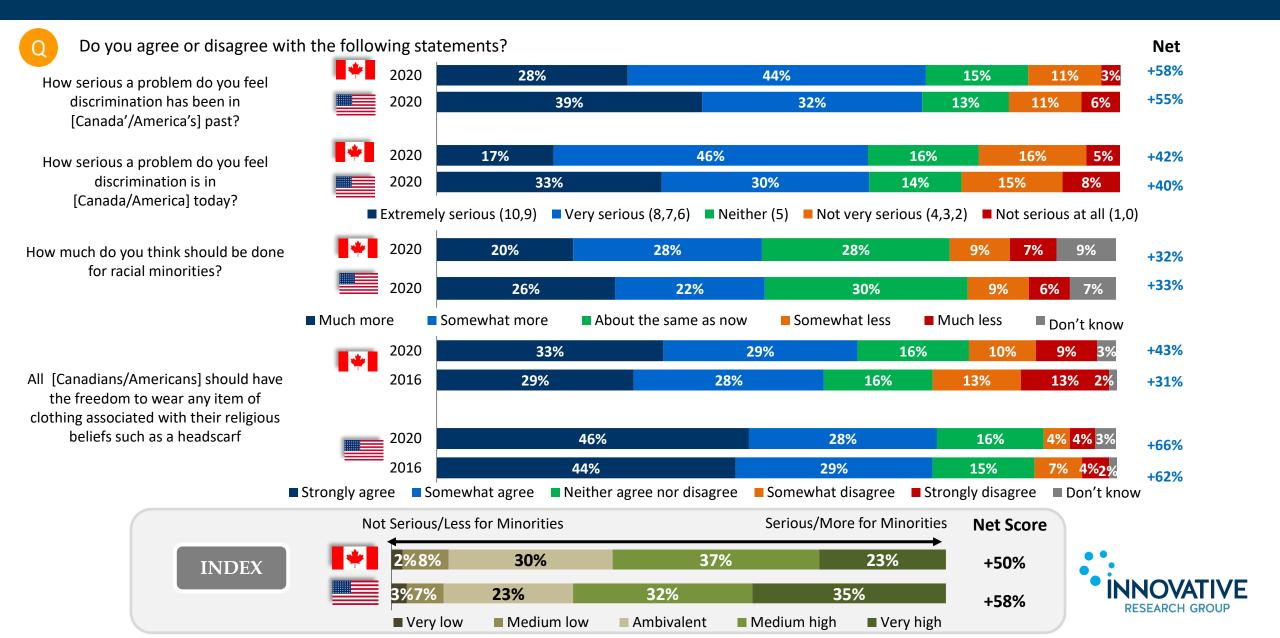
Which of the following statements best describes your personal point of view? The growing number of newcomers...



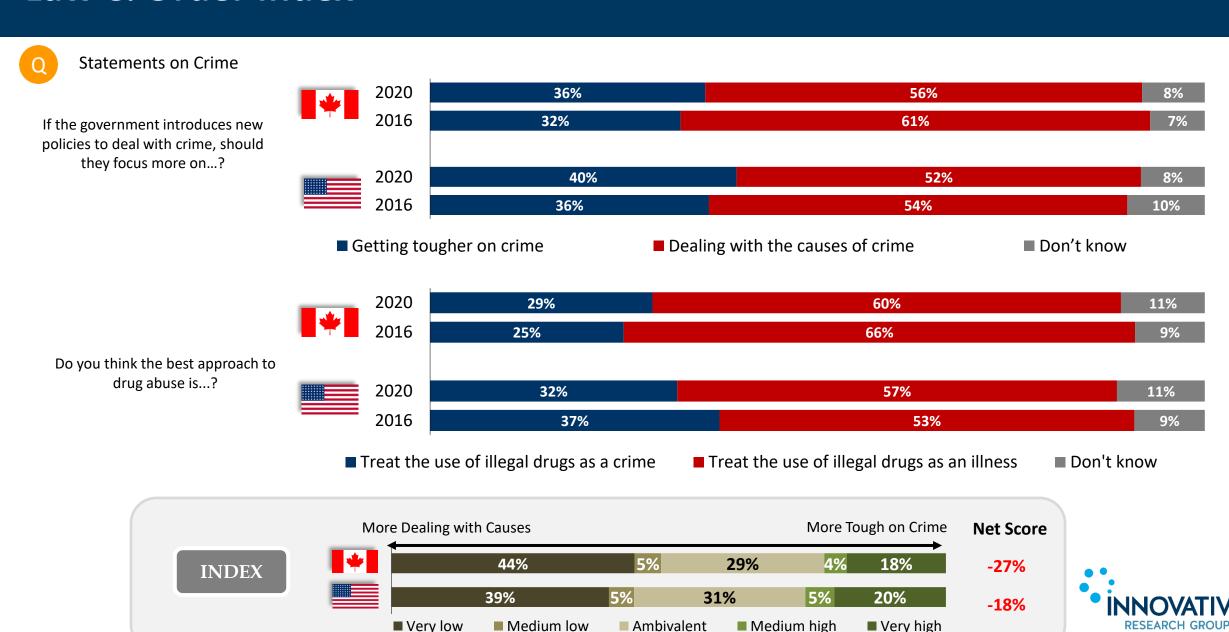




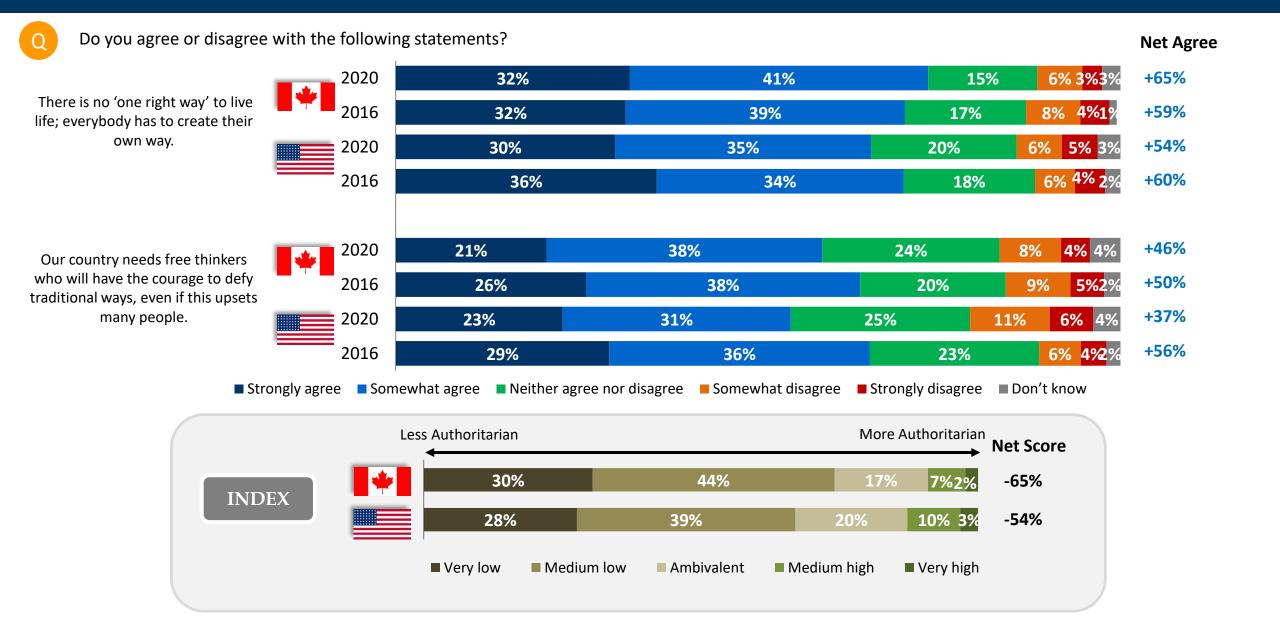
Anti-Discrimination Index



Law & Order Index



Authoritarian Index



Cultural Alienation Index

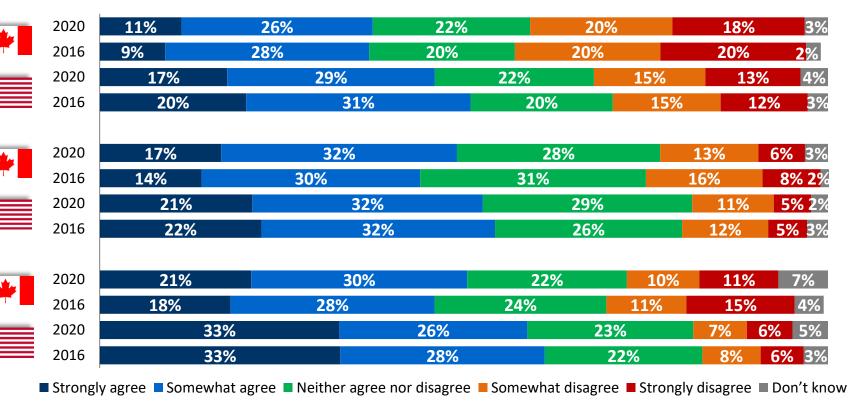
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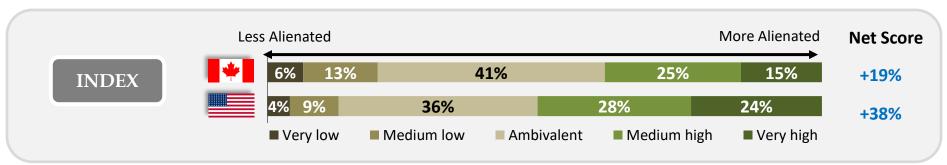
Sometimes politics seems so complicated that a person like me can't really understand what's going on

Everything is changing too fast

What this country needs is strong, determined leaders who will destroy the negative forces that have taken us from our true path and silence the trouble makers spreading bad ideas.

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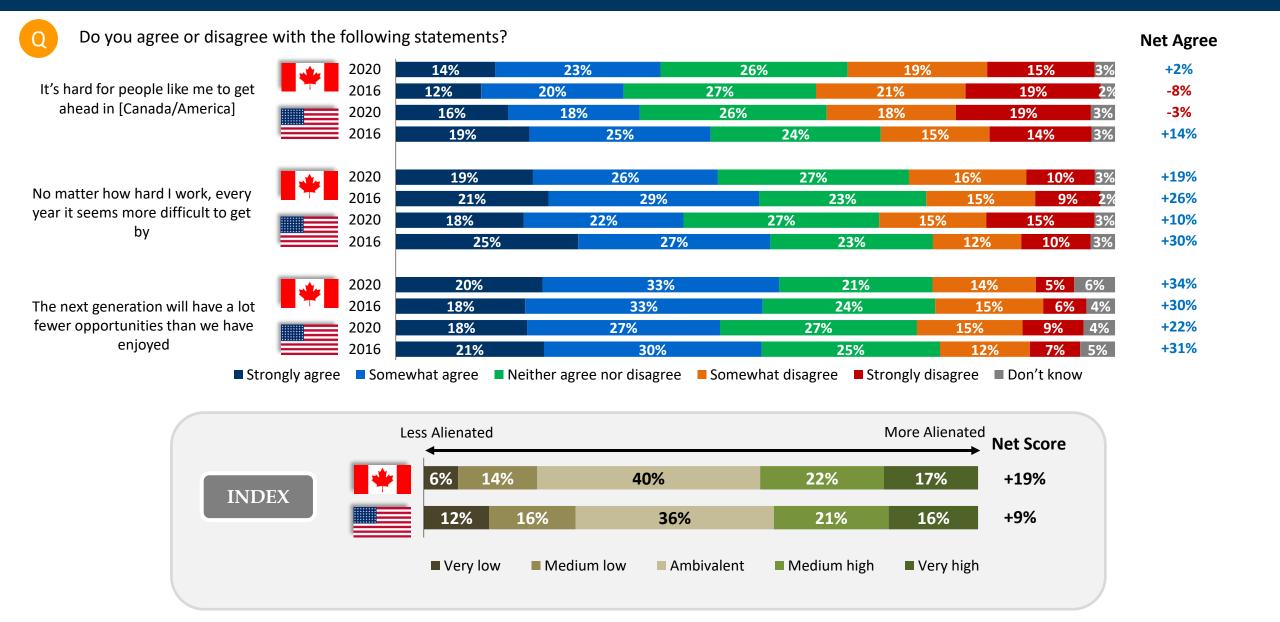




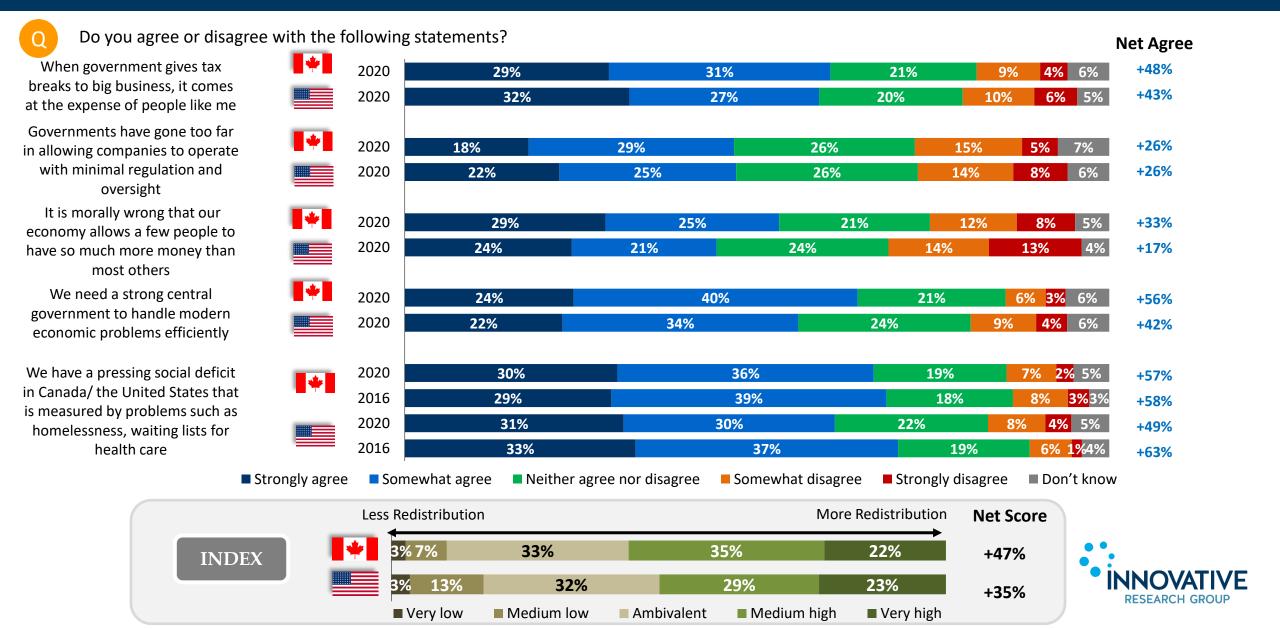


Value Indices – Populism and Alienation

Economic Alienation Index



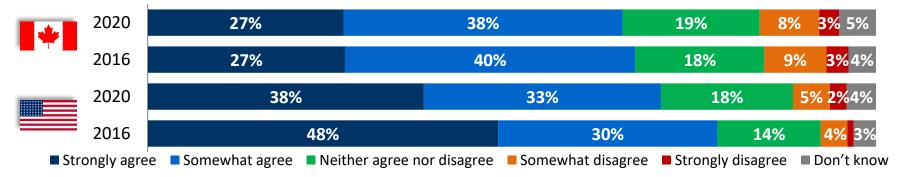
Economic Justice Index



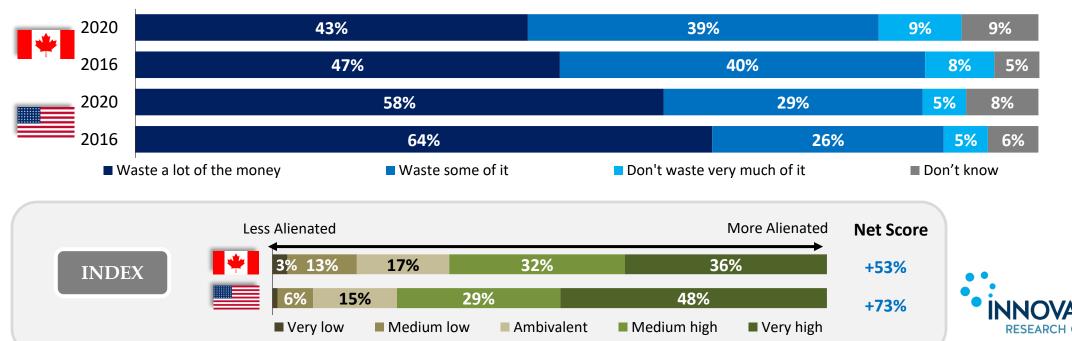
Political Alienation Index

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Governments care more about special interests than they do about the average person.

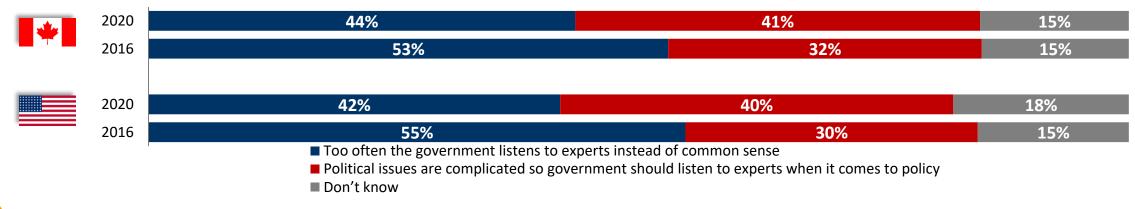


O you think the people in government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?

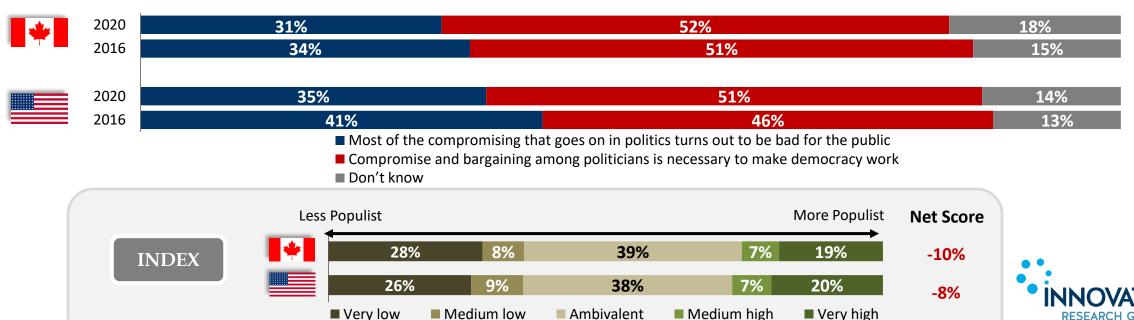


Political Populism Index

When it comes to government decision making, which of the following statements is closest to your view?



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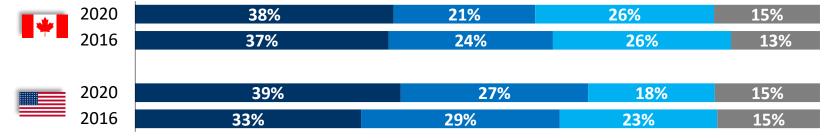
Value Indices – Openness

Political Efficacy Index

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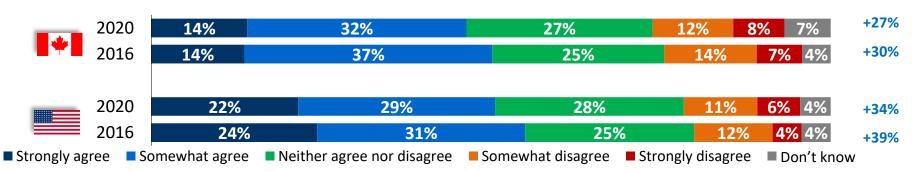
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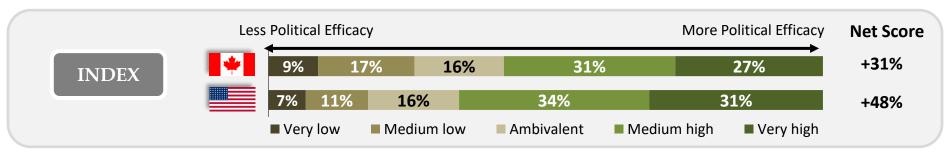
Which statement best represents your view of the political process in [COUNTRY]?



- The best way to make a difference is to work within the existing political system.
- The best way to make a difference is to get involved with political or protest movements outside the traditional politic
- It doesn't matter what you do, you can't really make a difference in politics.
- Don't know

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - If there was a political issue I really cared about, I think I could make a difference by participating in the political process



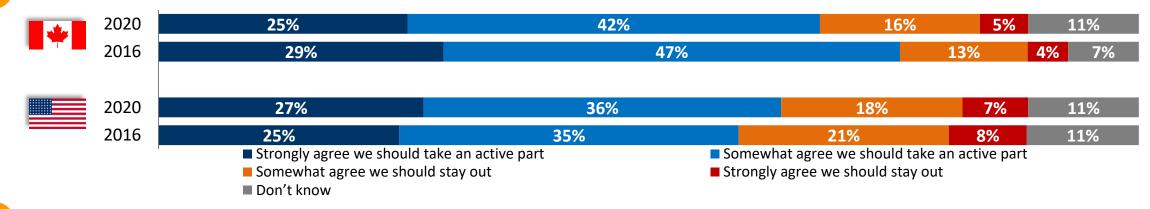




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Global Engagement Index

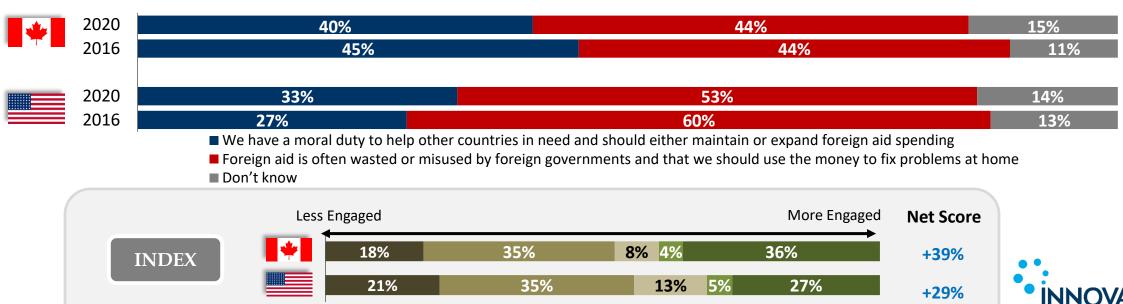
O you think it would be better for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs or if we stay out of world affairs?



Which of the following statements comes closest to your own point of view?

■ Very low

■ Medium low



Ambivalent

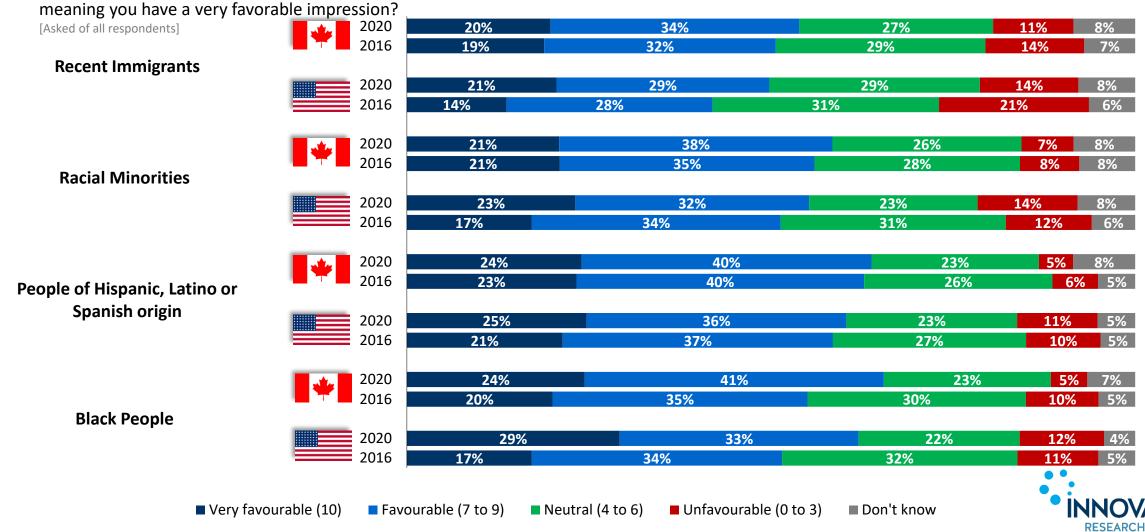
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Xenophobia Index (1 of 2)

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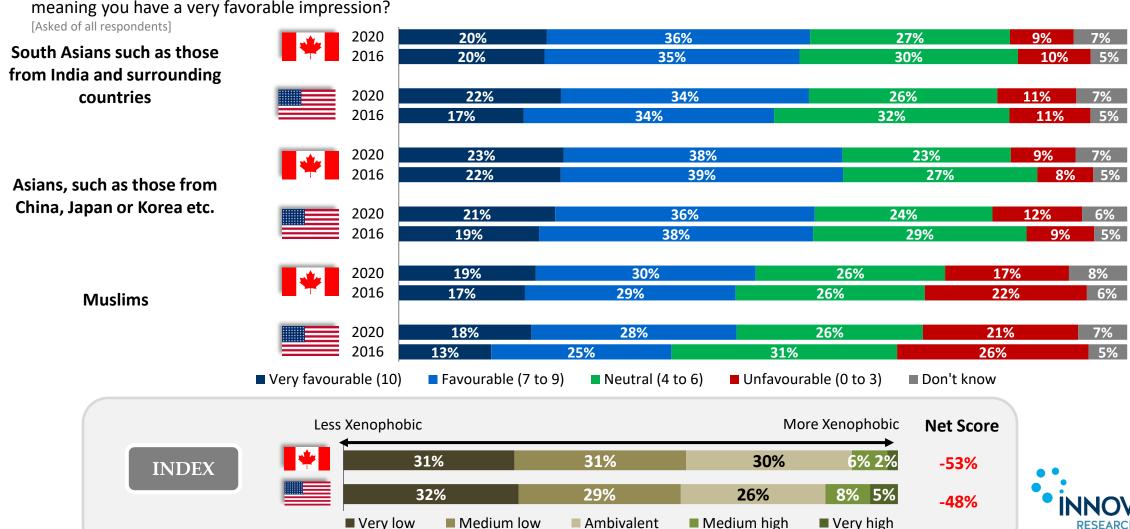
The following are a number of different groups that live in [Canada/the United States]. Please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of people with these backgrounds in general, using a scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning you have a very unfavorable impression and 10



Xenophobia Index (2 of 2)

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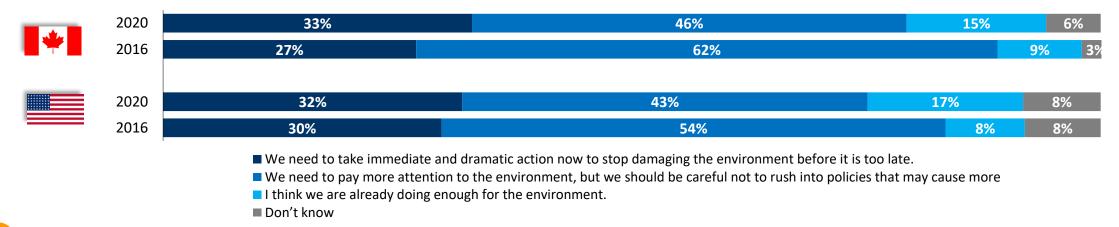
The following are a number of different groups that live in [Canada/the United States]. Please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of people with these backgrounds in general, using a scale from 0 to 10, with 0 meaning you have a very unfavorable impression and 10 meaning you have a very favorable impression?



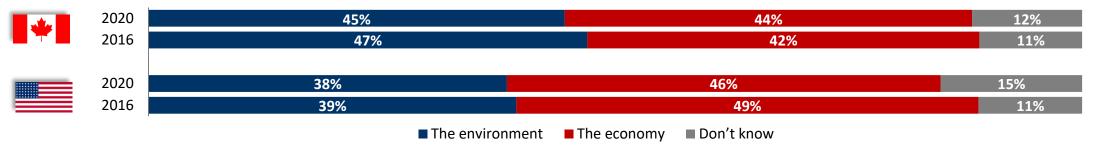
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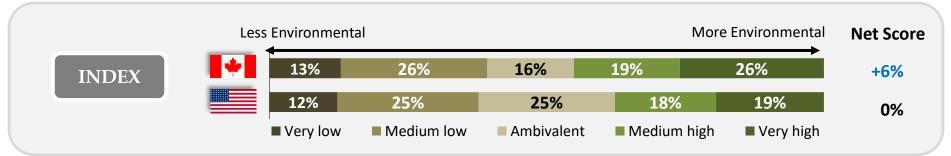
Environment Index

Which of the following statements best describes your personal point of view?



When it comes to trade-offs between the environment and the economy, which is more important to you?



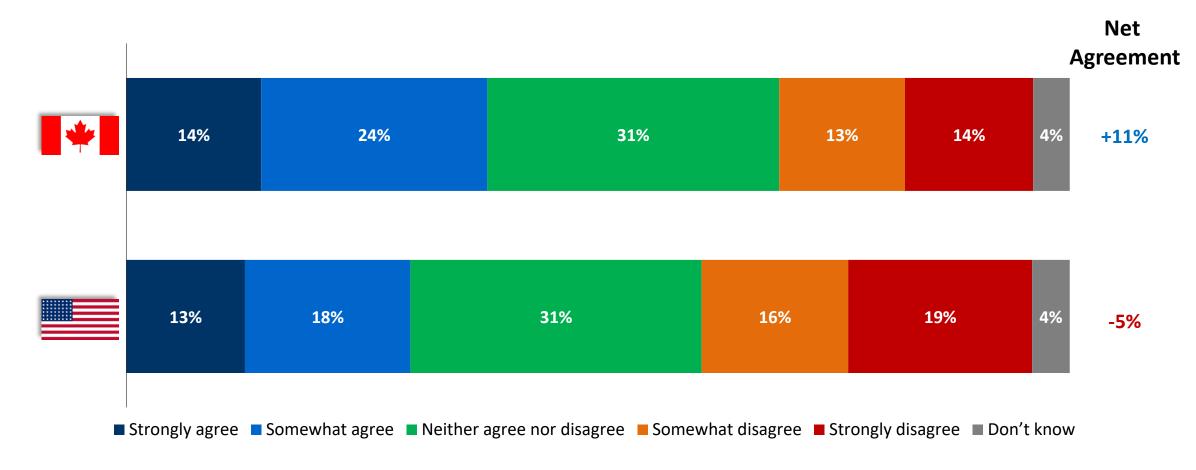




Feminism - Standalone

Q

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I personally would describe myself as a feminist [asked of all respondents]



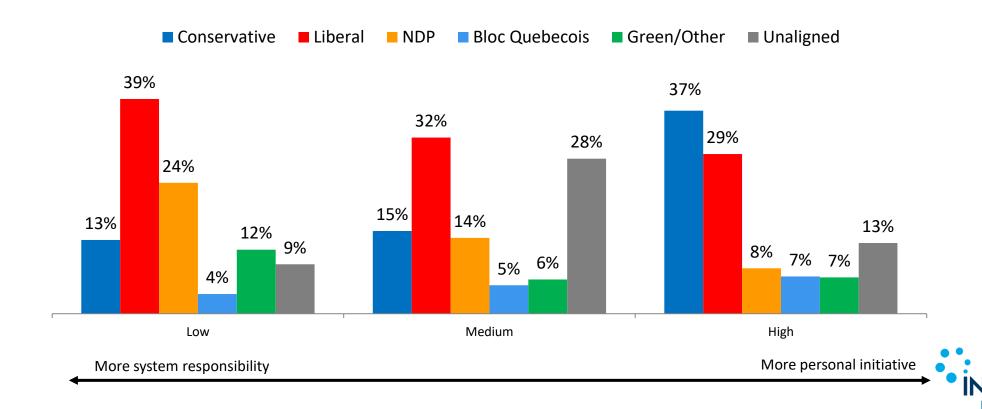


Vote by Values Indices Canada

Combined Vote by Personal Initiative Index



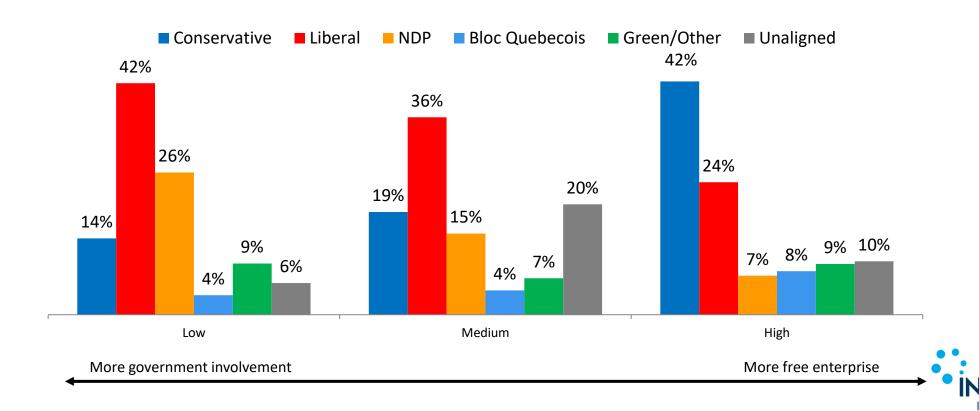
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Combined Vote by Free Enterprise Index



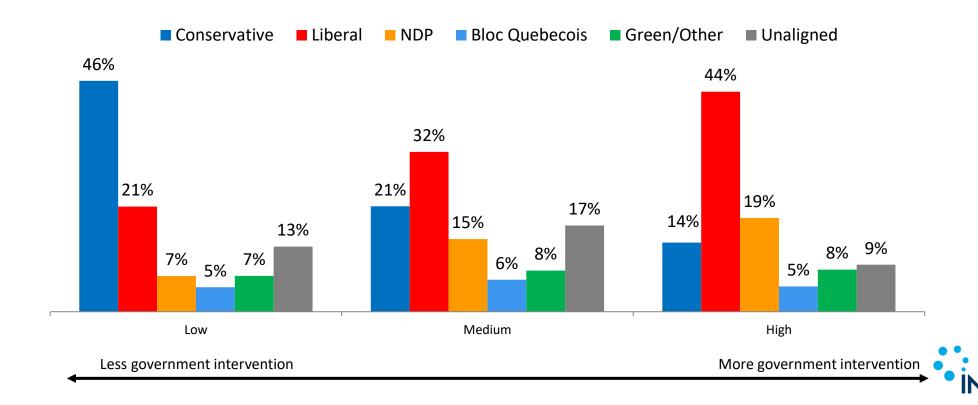
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Combined Vote by Intervention Index



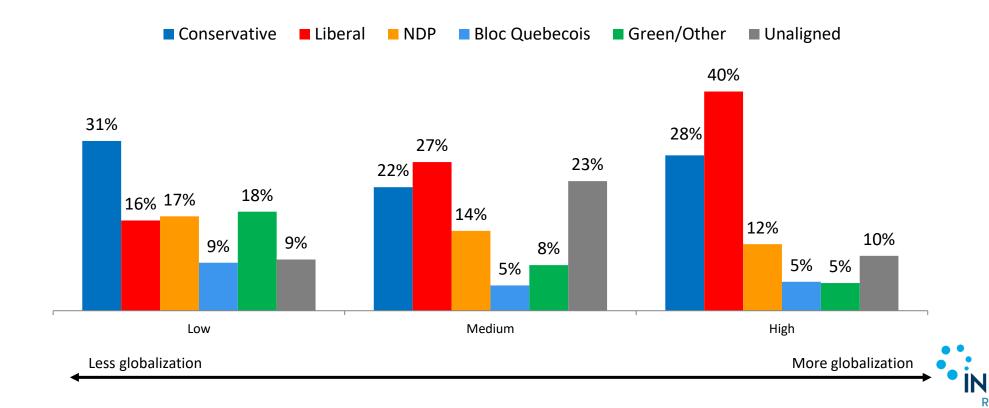
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Combined Vote by Free Trade/Globalization Index



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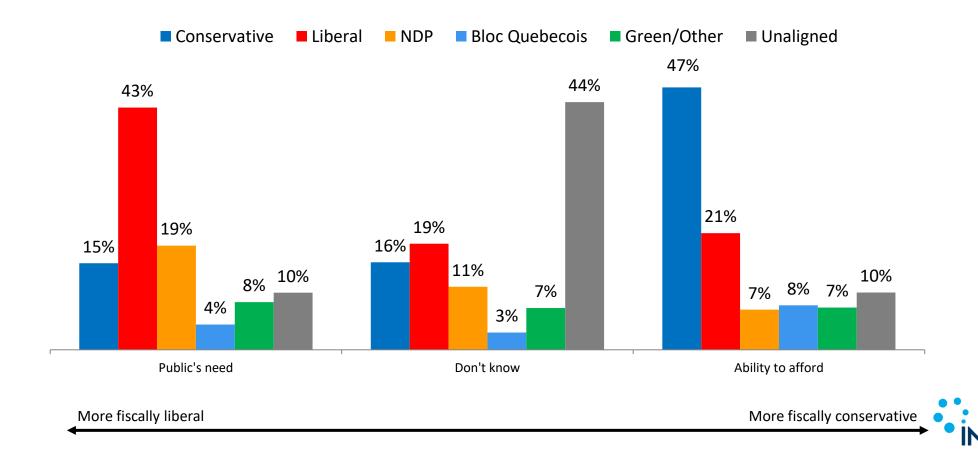


Combined Vote by Fiscal Conservatism



If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN]

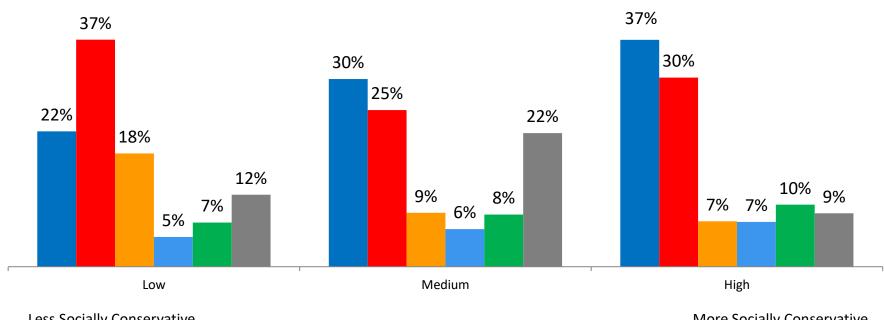
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Combined Vote by Social Conservatism Index



- - If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Social Conservatism Index, Canada (6 questions):
 - Agree: When it comes to abortion, I believe the right to life is more important than a woman's right to choose
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 - Agree: Equality between women and men has been achieved in [COUNTRY]
 - When it comes to moral issues like same sex marriage and abortion, do you think ...? Legislate moral standards OR Leave people to decided for themselves ■ Conservative ■ Liberal ■ NDP ■ Bloc Quebecois ■ Green/Other Unaligned



Less Socially Conservative

More Socially Conservative

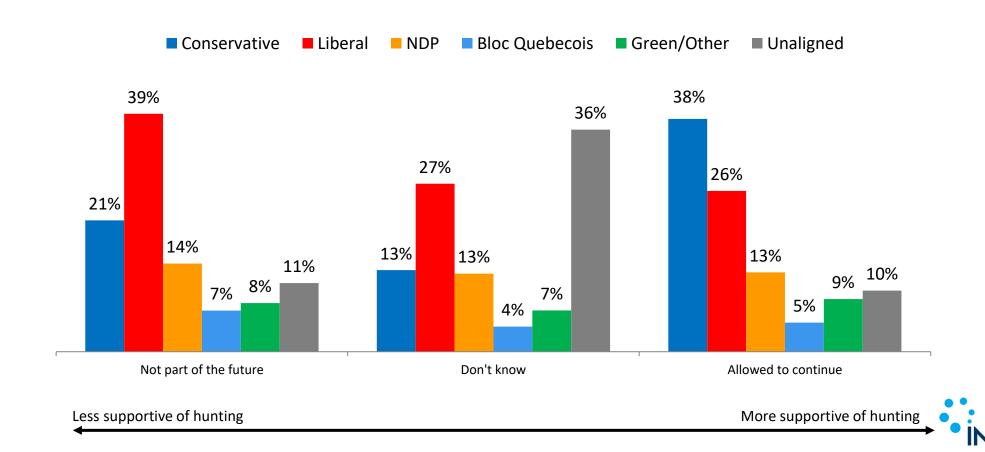


Combined Vote by Hunting



If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN]

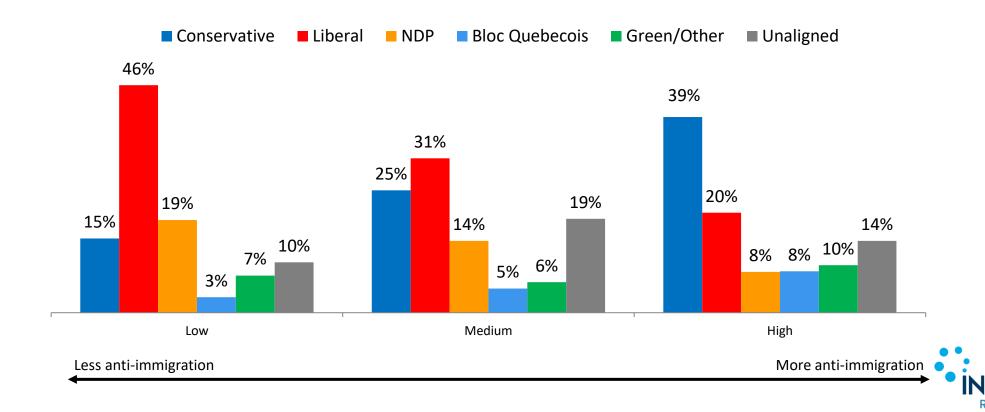
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Combined Vote by Anti-Immigration Index



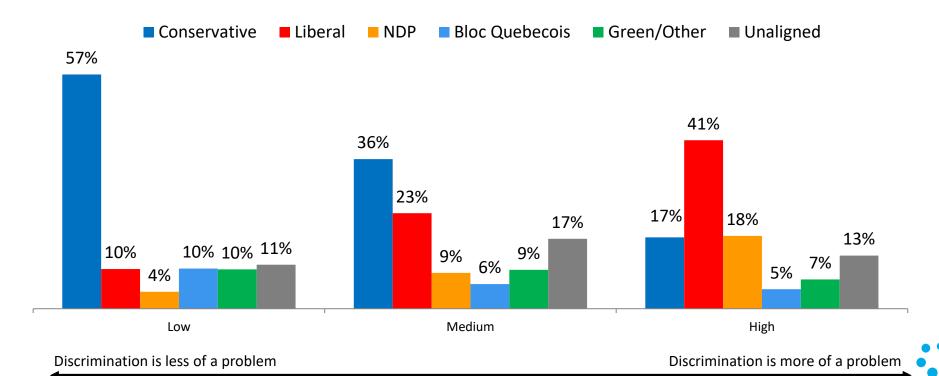
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 - If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Anti-Immigration Index, Canada (3 questions):
 - Which of the following statements best describes your personal point of view? The growing number of newcomers from other countries threaten traditional Canadian customs and values OR The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens Canadian society
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Combined Vote by Anti-Discrimination Index



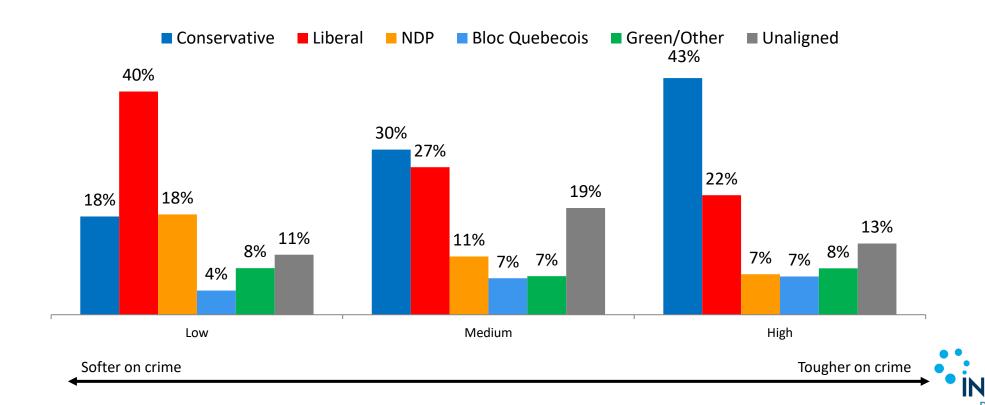
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 - In your view, using the same 0 to 10 scale, where 10 is extremely serious and 0 is not serious at all, how serious a problem do you feel discrimination is in Canada today?
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Combined Vote by Law & Order Index



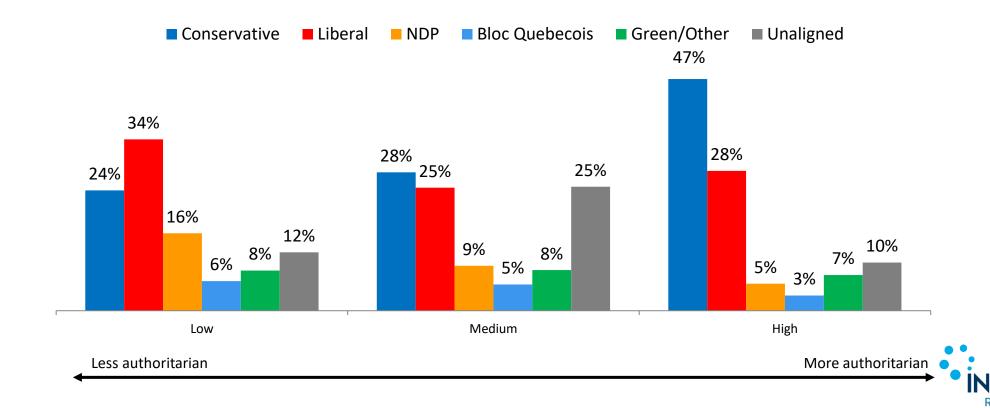
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Combined Vote by Authoritarian Index



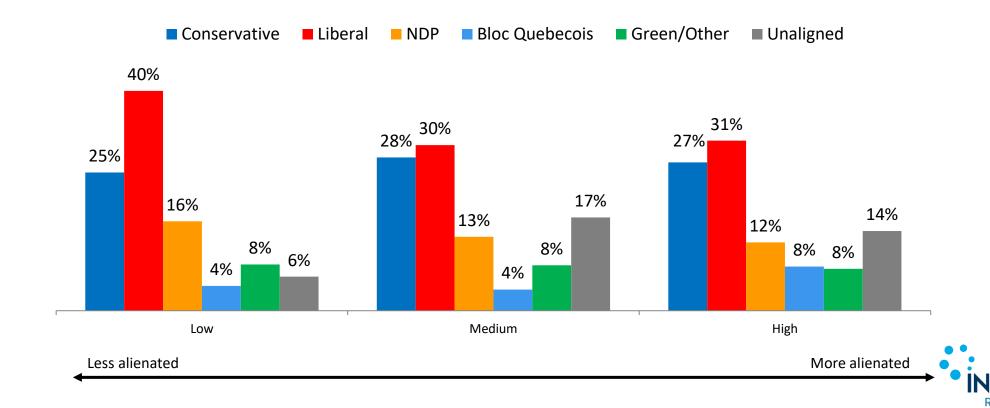
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Combined Vote by Cultural Alienation Index



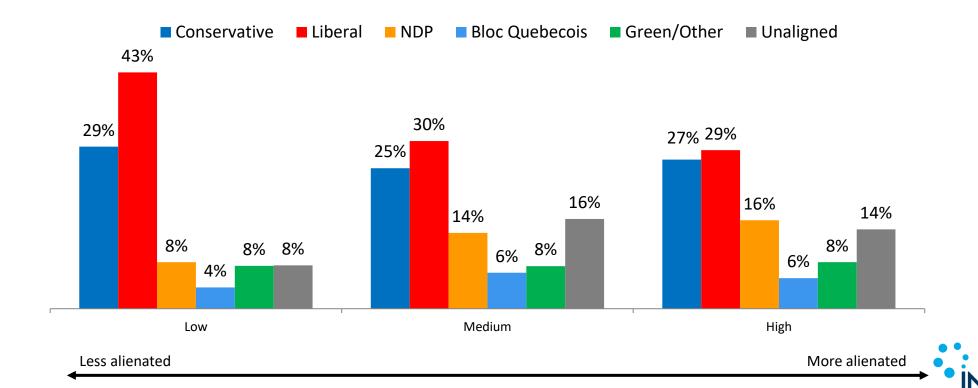
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Combined Vote by Economic Alienation Index



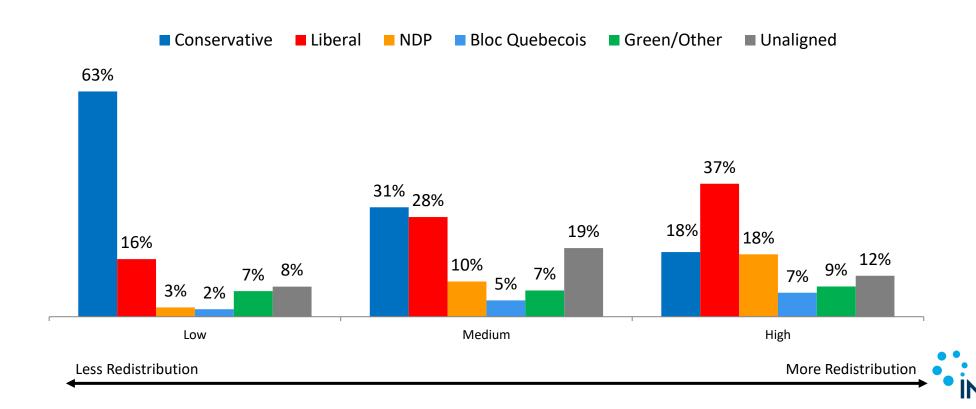
- Q
 - If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Economic Alienation Index, Canada (3 questions):
 - Agree: It's hard for people like me to get ahead in [COUNTRY].
 - Agree: No matter how hard I work, every year it seems more difficult to get by.
 - Agree: The next generation will have a lot fewer opportunities than we have enjoyed.



Combined Vote by Economic Justice Index



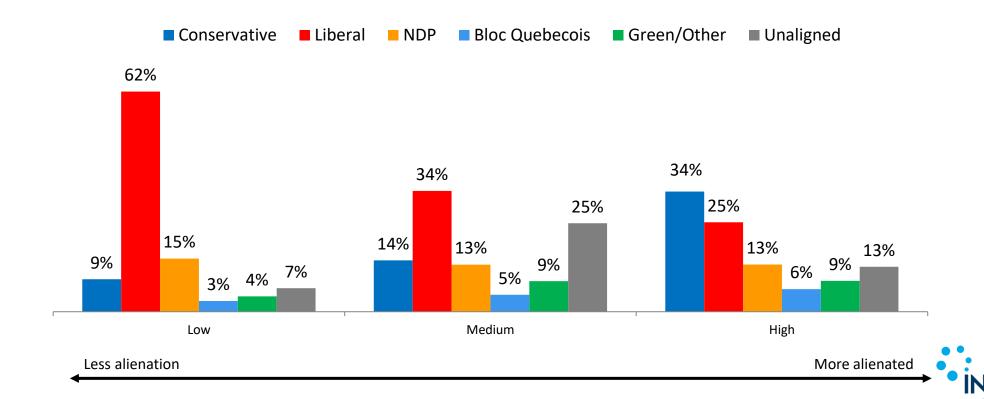
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 - Agree: It is morally wrong that our economy allows a few people to have so much more money than most others
 - Agree: We need a strong central government to handle modern economic problems efficiently
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Combined Vote by Political Alienation Index



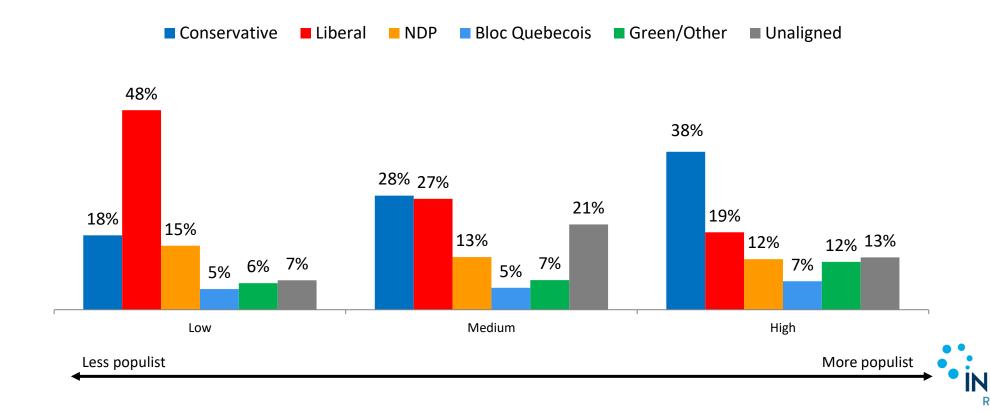
- Q
- If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Political Alienation Index, Canada (2 questions):
 - Agree: Governments care more about special interests than they do about the average person.
 - Do you think the people in government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?



Combined Vote by Political Populism Index



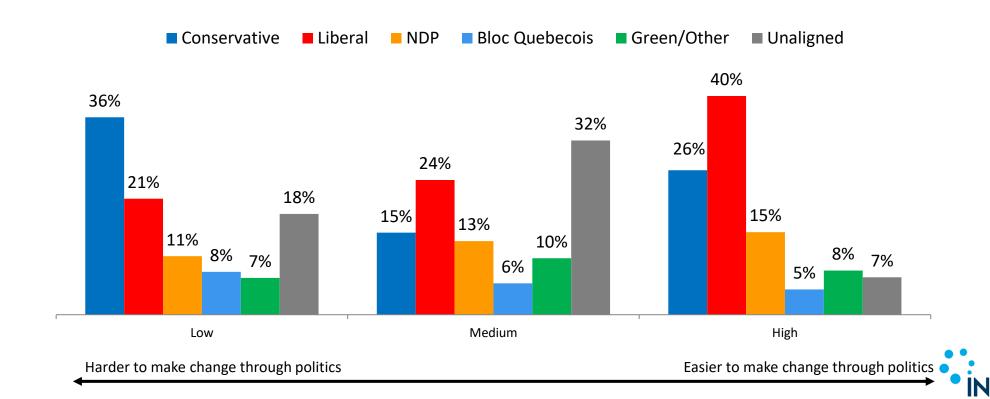
- Q
 - If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Political Populism Index, Canada (2 questions):
 - When it comes to government decision making, which of the following statements is closest to your view? Too often the government listens to experts instead of common sense OR Political issues are complicated so government should listen to experts when it comes to policy
 - When it comes to government decision making, which of the following statements is closest to your view? Most of the compromising that goes on in politics turns out to be bad for the public OR Compromise and bargaining among politicians is necessary to make democracy work



Combined Vote by Political Efficacy Index



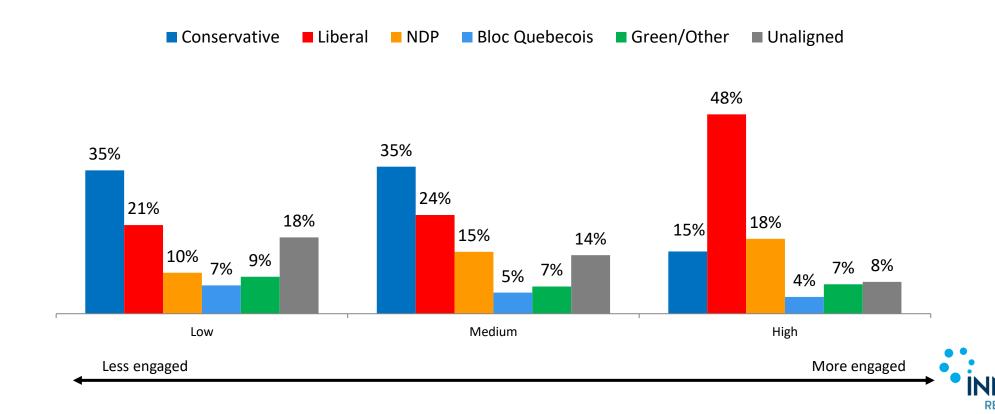
- Q
 - If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Political Efficacy Index, Canada (2 questions):
 - Which statement best represents your view of the political process in Canada? The best way to make a difference is to work within the existing political system. OR The best way to make a difference is to get involved with political or protest movements outside the traditional politic OR It doesn't matter what you do, you can't really make a difference in politics.
 - Agree: If there was a political issue I really cared about, I think I could make a difference by participating in the political proc



Combined Vote by Global Engagement Index



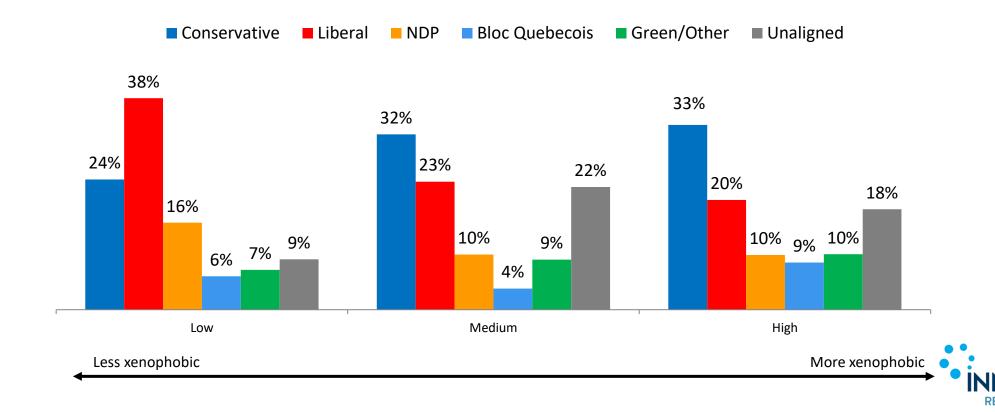
- Q
 - If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Global Engagement Index, Canada (2 questions):
 - Do you think it would be better for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs or if we stay out of world affairs?
 - Which of the following statements comes closest to your own point of view? We have a moral duty to help other countries in need and should either maintain or expand foreign aid spending OR Foreign aid is often wasted or misused by foreign governments and that we should use the money to fix problems at home



Combined Vote by Xenophobia Index



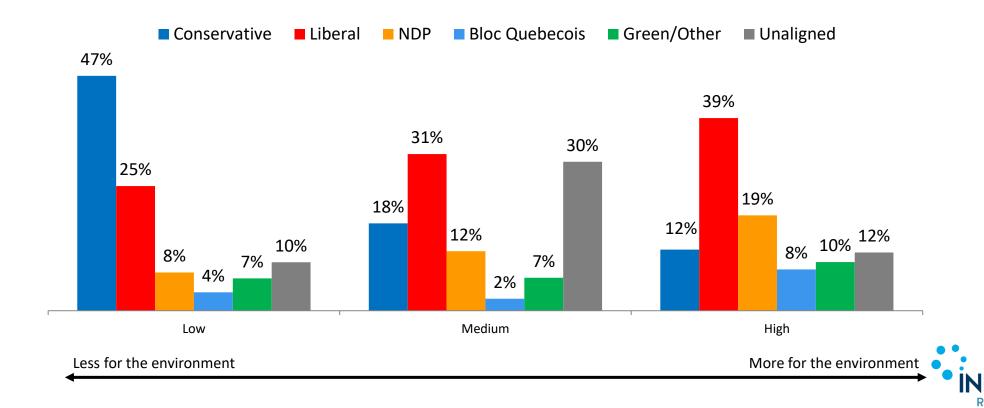
- Q
- If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Xenophobia Index, Canada (7 questions):
 - Group Affect Recent Immigrants; Racial Minorities; People of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin; Black people; South Asians such as those from India and surrounding countries; Asians, such as those from China, Japan or Korea etc; Muslims



Combined Vote by Environment Index



- Q
 - If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Environment Index, Canada (2 questions):
 - When it comes to trade-offs between the environment and the economy, which is more important to you?
 - Which of the following statements best describes your personal point of view? We need to take immediate and dramatic action now to stop damaging the environment before it is too late OR We need to pay more attention to the environment, but we should be careful not to rush into policies that may cause more OR I think we are already doing enough for the environment.

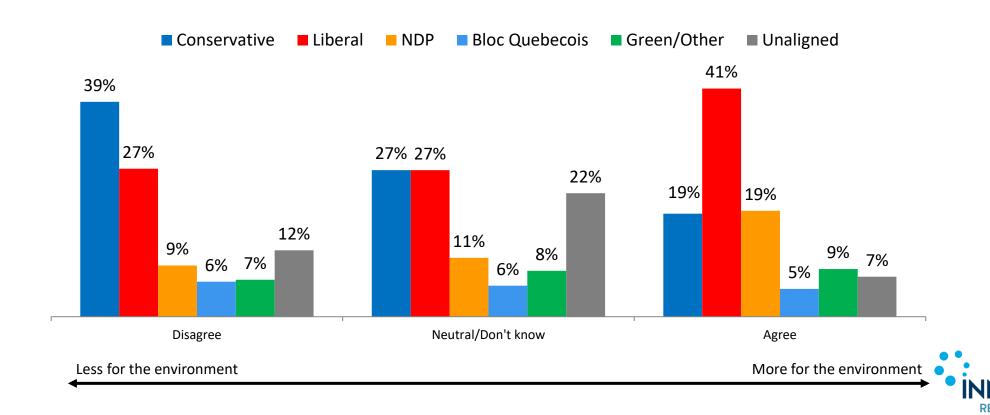


Combined Vote by Feminism



If a federal election were held today, which party would you vote for? In that case, which party do you lean toward slightly? [VOTE + LEAN]

BY Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I personally would describe myself as a feminist

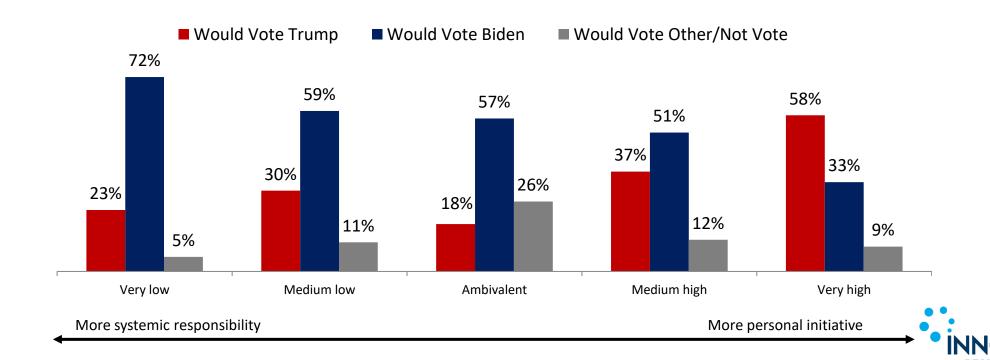


Vote by Values Indices *United States*

Combined Vote by Personal Initiative Index



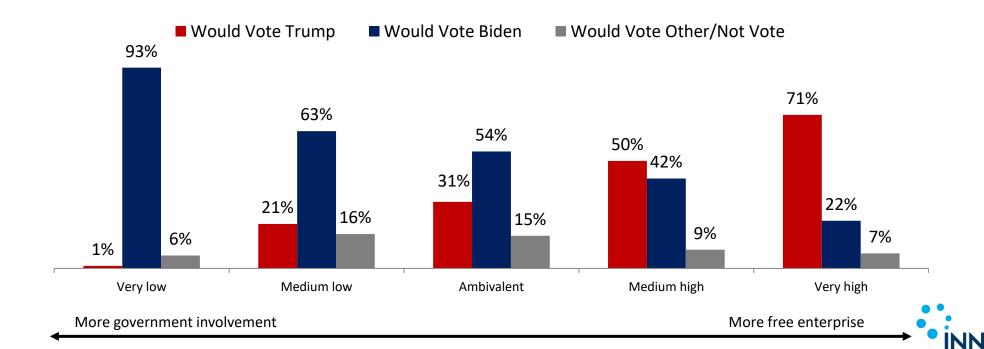
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Combined Vote by Free Enterprise Index



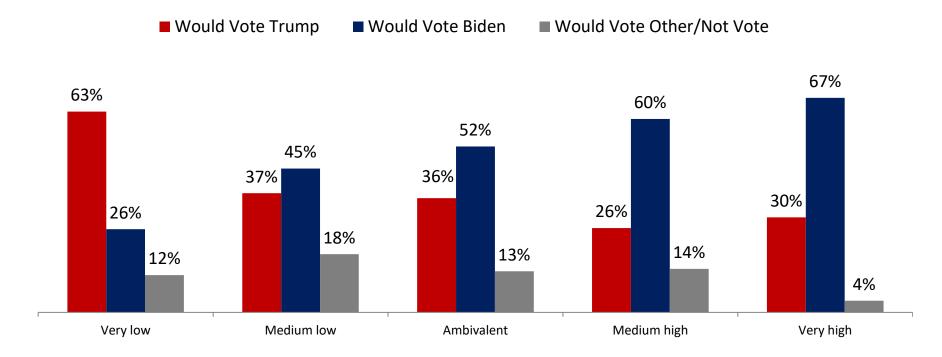
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Combined Vote by Intervention Index



- Q
 - If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Intervention Index, US (2 questions):
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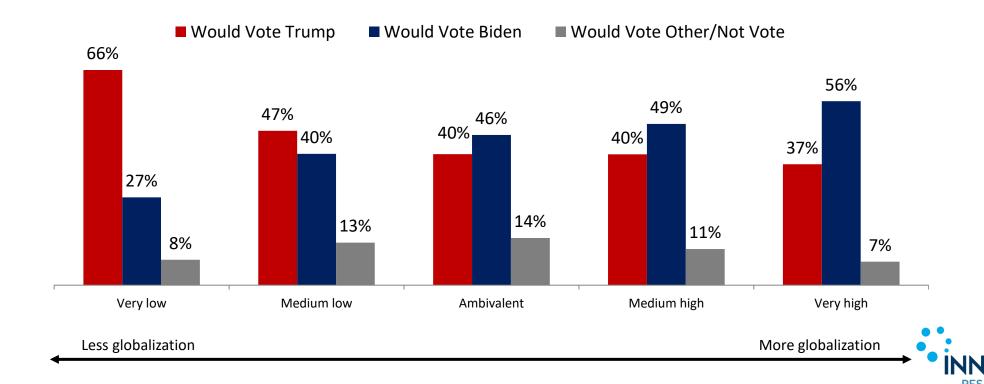
Less government intervention

More government intervention INNOVA

Combined Vote by Free Trade/Globalization Index



- Q
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 - Thinking about globalization, the way in which the economies of different countries have become more closely connected, do you feel globalization has generally been a good thing for America or a bad thing for America?
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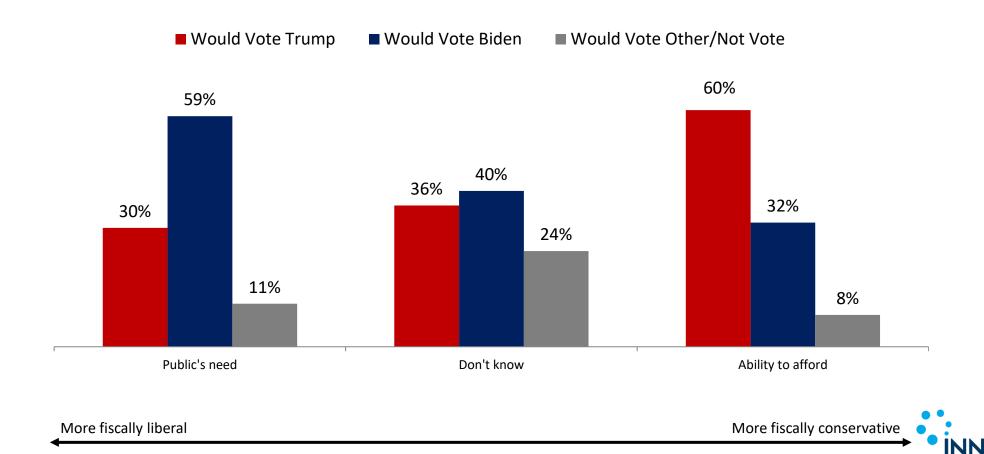


Combined Vote by Fiscal Conservatism



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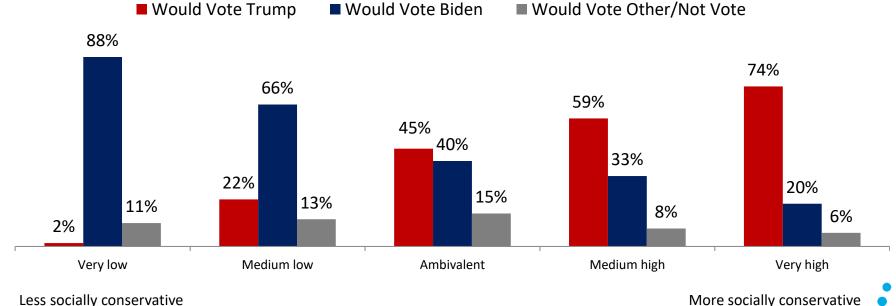
Combined Vote by Social Conservatism Index



Q

If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Social Conservatism Index, US (6 questions):

- Agree: When it comes to abortion, I believe the right to life is more important than a woman's right to choose
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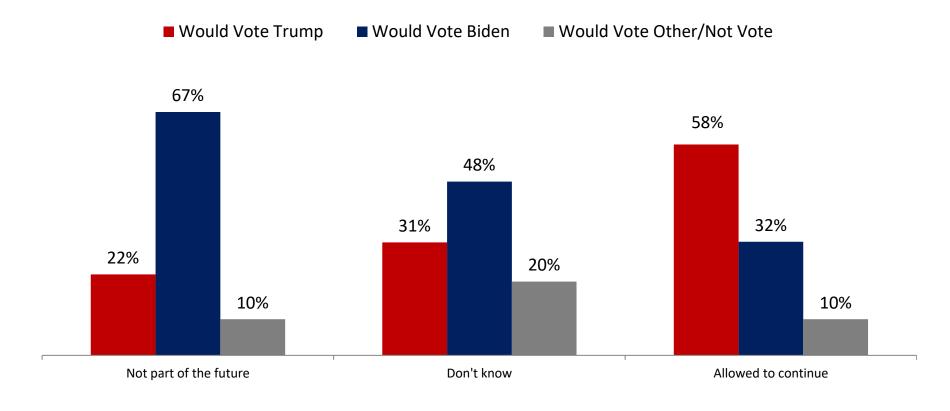
More socially conservative

Combined Vote by Hunting



If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN]

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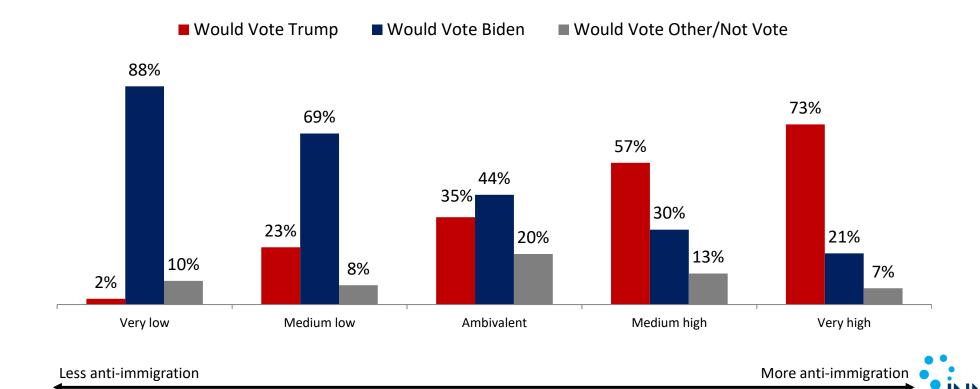
Less supportive of hunting

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Combined Vote by Anti-Immigration Index



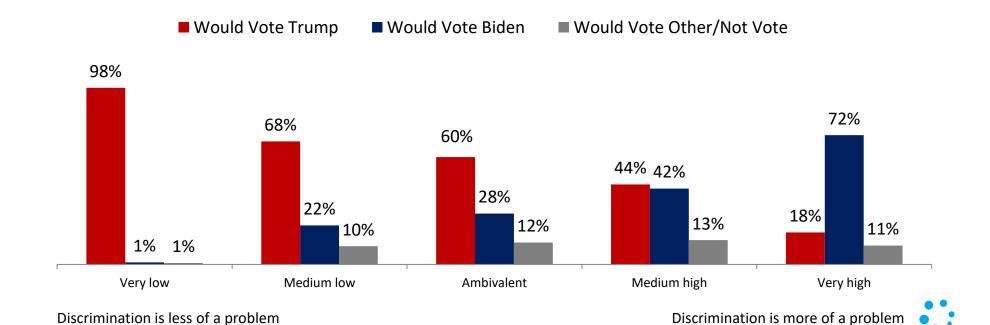
- Q
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Combined Vote by Anti-Discrimination Index



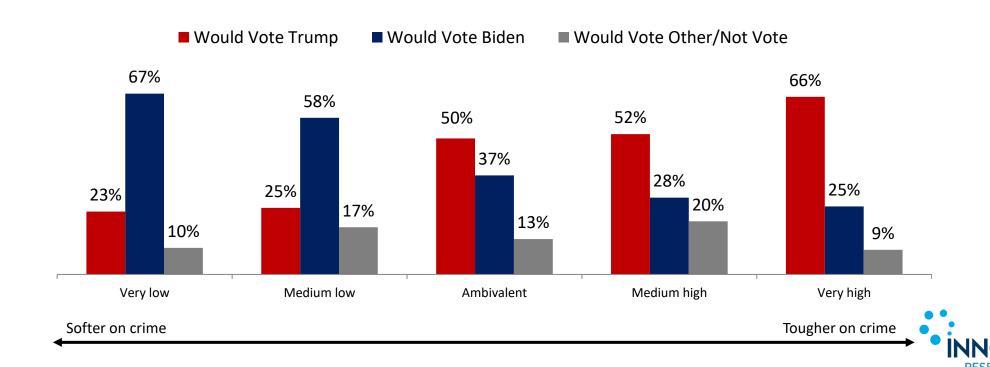
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Combined Vote by Law & Order Index



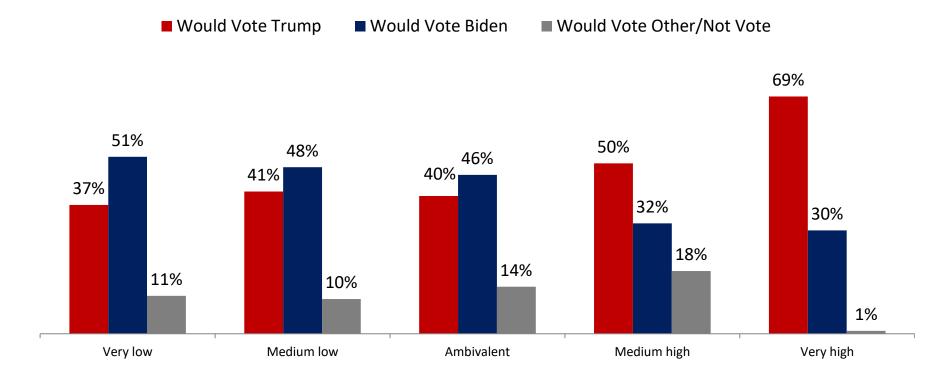
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Combined Vote by Authoritarian Index



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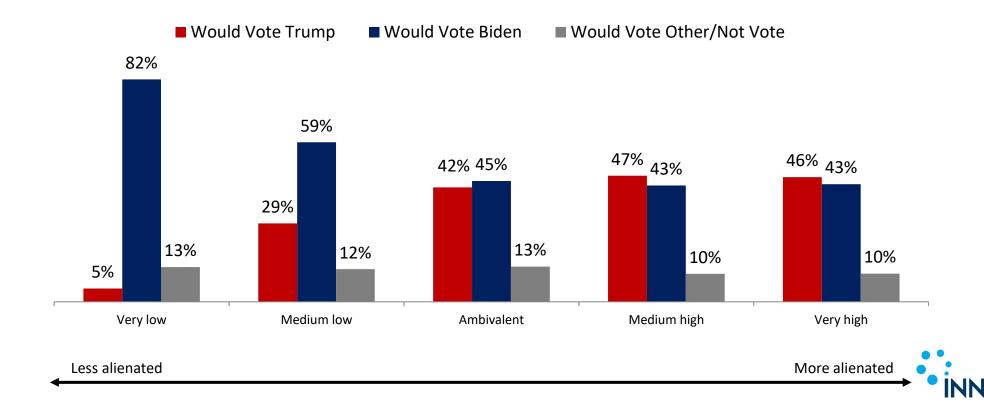
Less authoritarian



Combined Vote by Cultural Alienation Index



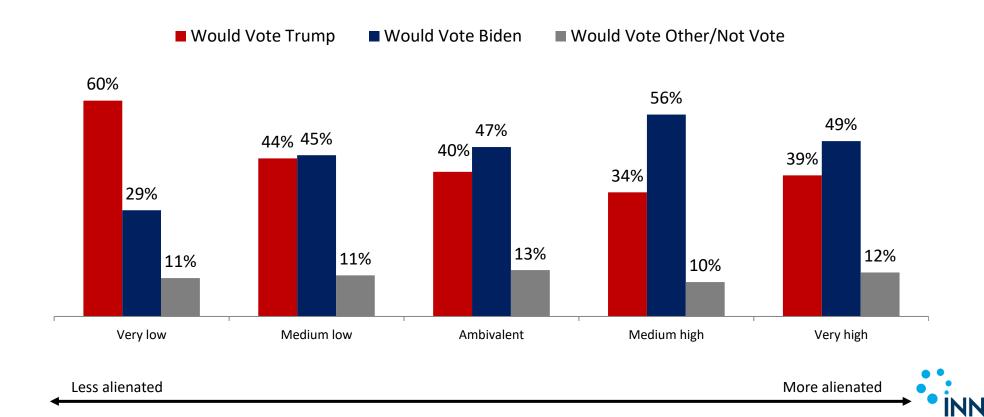
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Combined Vote by Economic Alienation Index



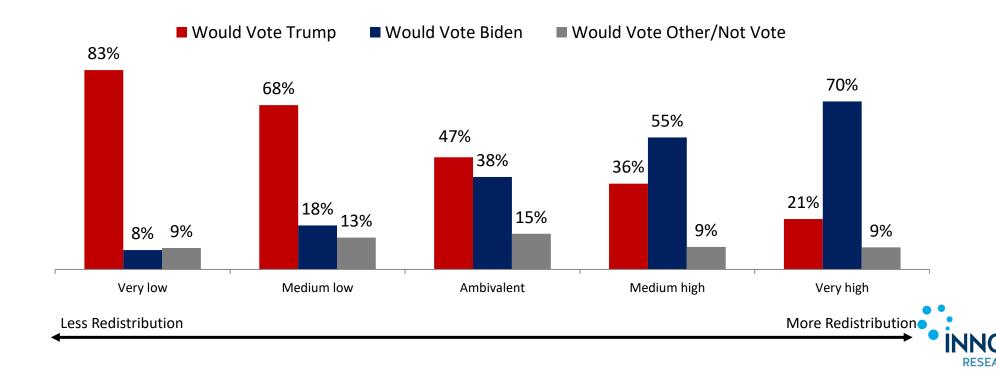
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Combined Vote by Economic Justice Index



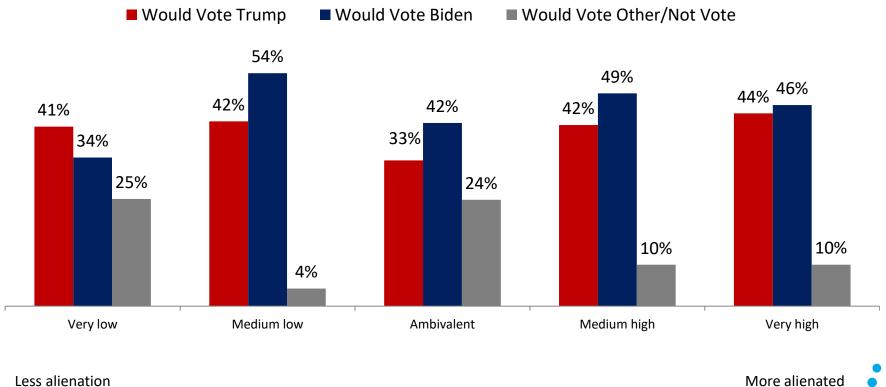
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 - Agree: We need a strong central government to handle modern economic problems efficiently
 - Agree: We have a pressing social deficit in the United States that is measured by problems such as homelessness, waiting lists for health care



Combined Vote by Political Alienation Index



- Q
 - If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Political Alienation Index, US (2 questions):
 - Agree: Governments care more about special interests than they do about the average person.
 - Do you think the people in government waste a lot of the money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?

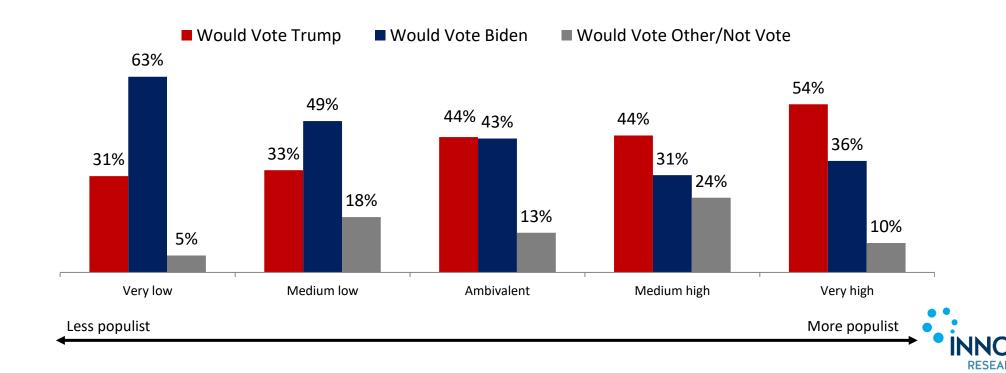


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Combined Vote by Political Populism Index



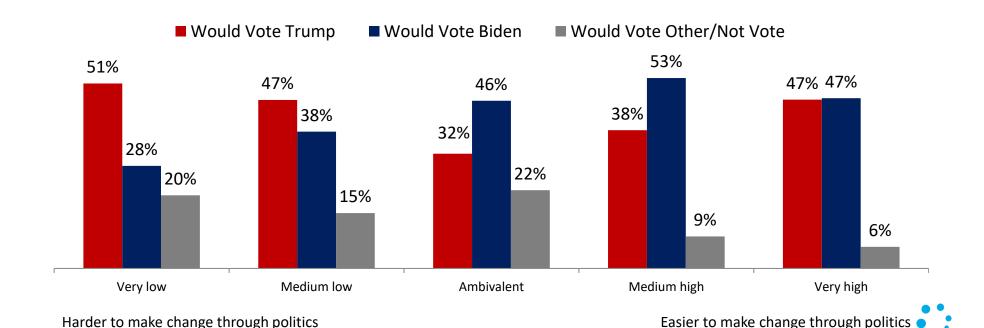
- Q
 - If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Political Populism Index, US (2 questions):
 - When it comes to government decision making, which of the following statements is closest to your view? Too often the government listens to experts instead of common sense OR Political issues are complicated so government should listen to experts when it comes to policy
 - When it comes to government decision making, which of the following statements is closest to your view? Most of the compromising that goes on in politics turns out to be bad for the public OR Compromise and bargaining among politicians is necessary to make democracy work



Combined Vote by Political Efficacy Index



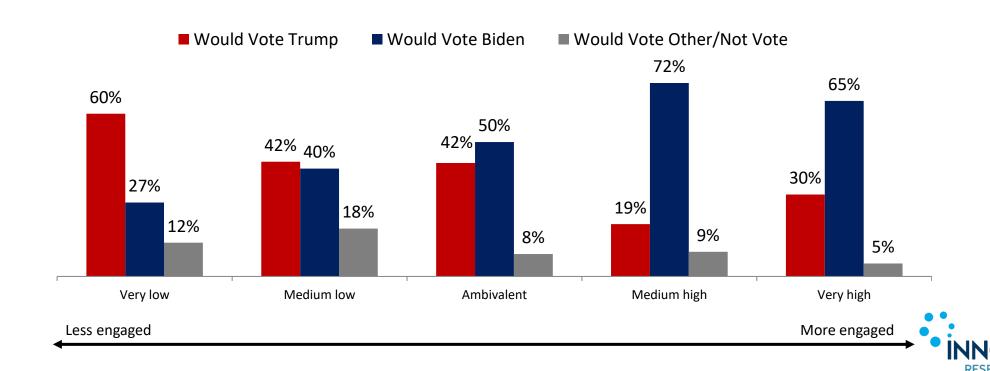
- Q
- If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Political Efficacy Index, US (2 questions):
 - Which statement best represents your view of the political process in the United States? The best way to make a difference is to work within the
 existing political system. OR The best way to make a difference is to get involved with political or protest movements outside the traditional politic
 OR It doesn't matter what you do, you can't really make a difference in politics.
 - Agree: If there was a political issue I really cared about, I think I could make a difference by participating in the political proc



Combined Vote by Global Engagement Index



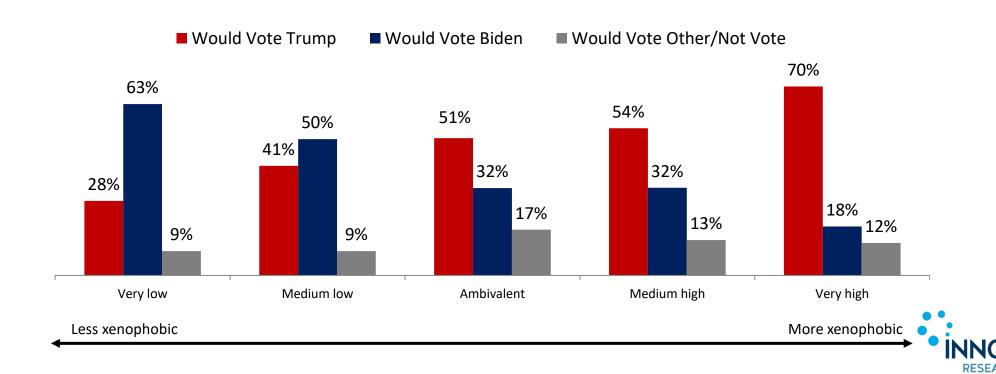
- Q
 - If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Global Engagement Index, US (2 questions):
 - Do you think it would be better for the future of the country if we take an active part in world affairs or if we stay out of world affairs?
 - Which of the following statements comes closest to your own point of view? We have a moral duty to help other countries in need and should either maintain or expand foreign aid spending OR Foreign aid is often wasted or misused by foreign governments and that we should use the money to fix problems at home



Combined Vote by Xenophobia Index



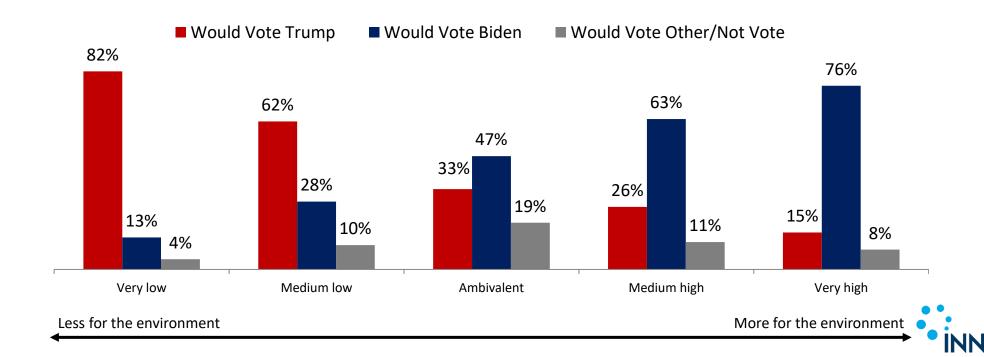
- Q
 - If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Xenophobia Index, US (7 questions):
 - Group Affect Recent Immigrants; Racial Minorities; People of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin; Black people; South Asians such as those from India and surrounding countries; Asians, such as those from China, Japan or Korea etc; Muslims



Combined Vote by Environment Index



- Q
 - If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN] BY Environment Index, US (2 questions):
 - When it comes to trade-offs between the environment and the economy, which is more important to you?
 - Which of the following statements best describes your personal point of view? We need to take immediate and dramatic action now to stop damaging the environment before it is too late OR We need to pay more attention to the environment, but we should be careful not to rush into policies that may cause more OR I think we are already doing enough for the environment.

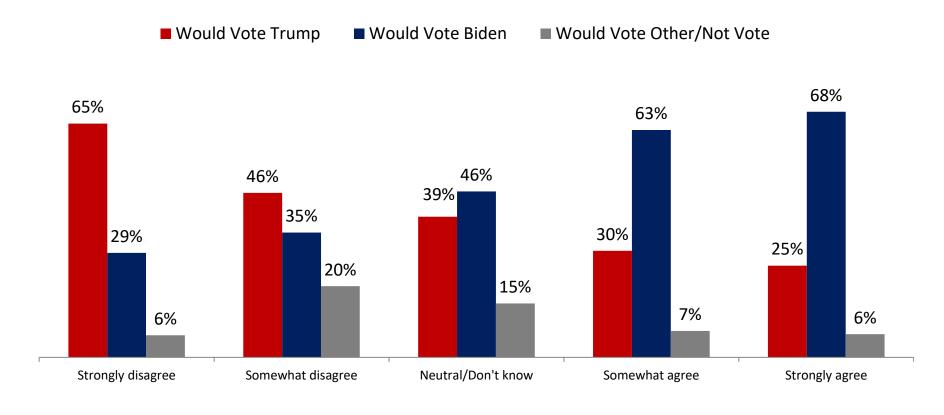


Combined Vote by Feminism



If the 2020 presidential election was being held today, which presidential candidate would you vote for? [VOTE + LEAN]

BY Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I personally would describe myself as a feminist



Less feminist



US Regressions: What Drives Trump Vote Choice?

Using Regression Analysis

What is Regression Analysis?

Regressions are a way of understanding why people think, feel or do the things they do. In this case, regressions help us to understand why Americans are voting for Donald Trump.

• A regression allows us to take all the questions that may explain the key question we are interested in and see which is the most important. Regressions do this by holding all the likely suspects constant and varying one question at a time to see which questions (explanatory variables) have the greatest impact on the key question (dependent variable).

Vote Preference Regression Analysis

- In this study, we look at what aspects of respondents' demographics, attitudes, psychographics and values drive voter preference for Donald Trump, approval of Trump's presidency, partisanship, and evaluation of the national mood. In other words, what matters the most when everything else is held constant?
- The following slides describe the result of this analysis.



Block Regression Explained

- In order to explain respondents' vote preference for Donald Trump we add blocks of variables to the model one at a time to see the contribution of each block individually.
- First we run the model with only demographic variables. Then we add respondents' party identification, key attitudes and psychographics; then we add values in four steps: traditional conservative values and post-materialism; political alienation and political empathy; economic and cultural alienation and globalism; and finally, authoritarianism, racial attitudes and nativism.
- Separating the steps allows us to show how much of the variance is explained by each block in turn.

Demographics: includes gender, region, income, ethnicity and race, education, mother tongue, home-ownership

Key Attitudes and Identification: includes Party identification, approval of Donald Trump's presidency, approval of economy, general outlook of US, follow election coverage closely

Cultural Values

Economic Values

Alienation/Populism Values

Openness Values

Post-Materialist Values



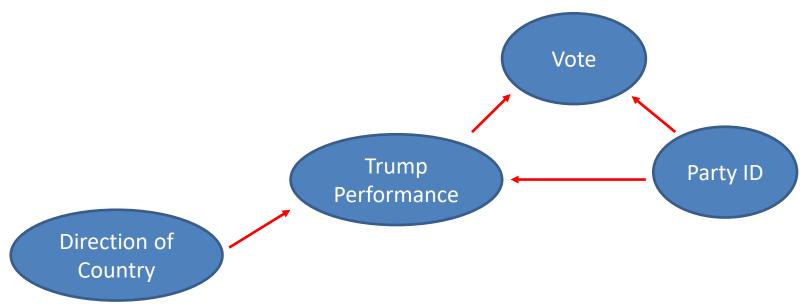


How the Regressions Relate to Each Other

The first regression focusses on explaining vote. That regression shows that Trump's job performance and Party Identification are key drivers.

We then conducted two further regressions to understand the factors that drive Trump's job performance and Party Identification.

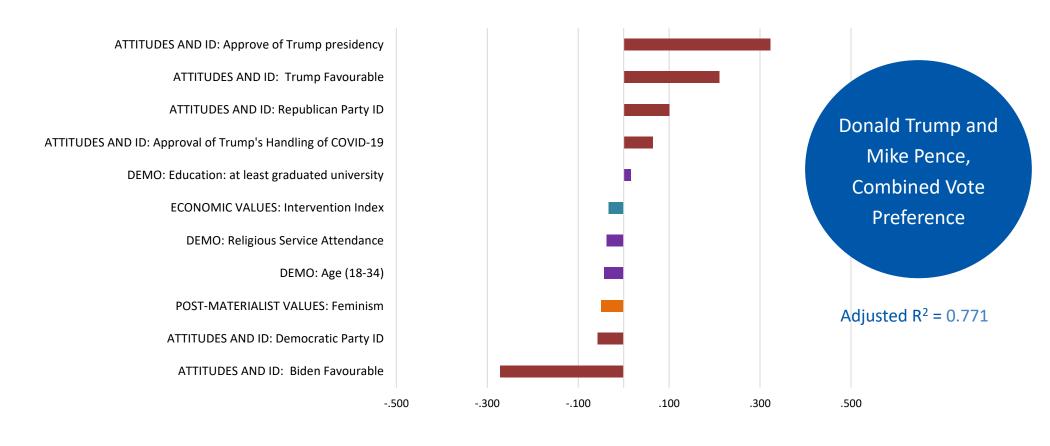
The Trump's job performance regression finds assessments of whether the US is headed in the right direction or is on the wrong track was a key driver. So we conducted a fourth regression to understand the drivers of those perceptions.





Block Regression | Trump Combined Vote Preference

For our regression, demographics alone explain 3.3% of Trump vote preference; adding attitudes and ID explained an additional 73.5%; values as a whole explains an additional .3%. Overall, the model explains 77% of the variance in Trump combined vote preference.



Demographics 3.3% Key Attitudes and Identification 76.8%

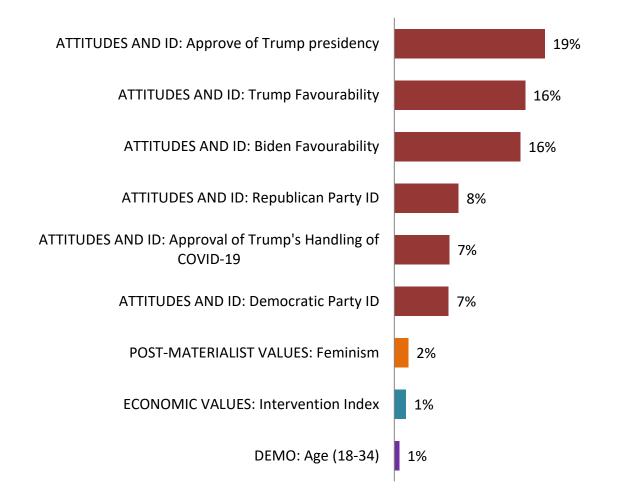
Values 77.1%



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Shapley RegressionHow much does each driver explain Trump vote preference?

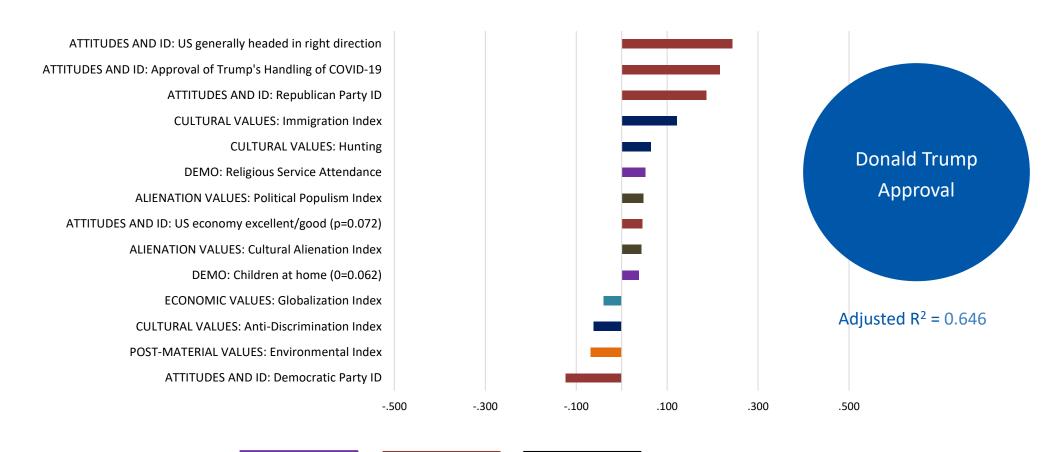
In a follow-up regression, looking at the key drivers in our model, we can determine how much each variable is responsible for the total variance in the dependent variable.



- Trump approval explains 19% of the total variance in Trump vote preference.
- Both Trump and Biden's personal favourability explains 16%.
- Republican ID explains 8% of Trump vote preference, while Democratic ID explains 7%.
- Trump's COVID-19 Handling explain 7% of vote preference.
- Values and demographics beyond these attitudes and ID directly explain only a total of 4%.

Block Regression | Trump Approval

For our regression, demographics alone explain 6.0% of Trump approval; adding attitudes and ID explained an additional 53.9%; values as a whole explains an additional 4.7%. Overall, the model explains 64.6% of the variance in Trump's approval.



Demographics 6.0% Key Attitudes and Identification 59.9%

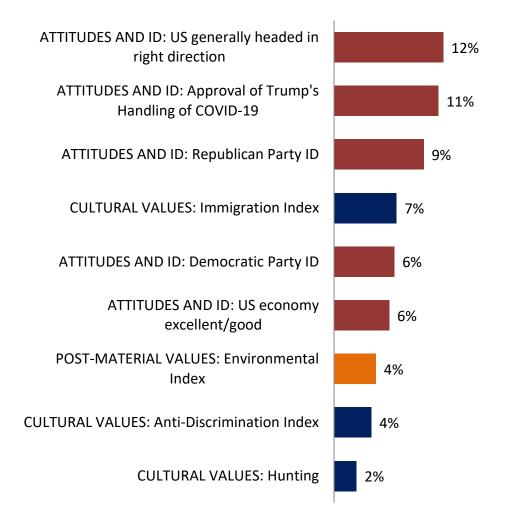
Values 64.6%



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Shapley Regression How much does each driver explain Trump's approval?

In a follow-up regression, looking at the key drivers in our model, we can determine how much each variable is responsible for the total variance in the dependent variable.

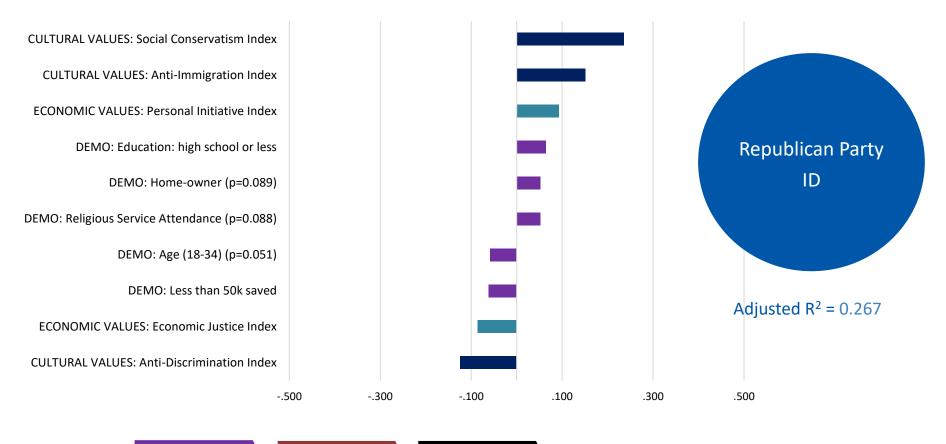


- **General Mood** explains 12% of the total variance in Trump's approval.
- **Trump's COVID-19 Handling** explain 12% of vote preference.
- Republican ID explains 9% of Trump vote preference,
 while Democratic ID explains 6%.
- Cultural values including the immigration index (7%), the anti-discrimination index (4%) and the hunting value (2%) explain a total of 13%.
- Other smaller drivers beyond these directly explain only a total of 1%.



Block Regression | Republican Party ID

For our regression, demographics alone explain 5.6% of Trump approval; values as a whole explains an additional 21.1%. Overall, the model explains 26.7% of the variance in Republican Party ID.



Demographics
5.6%

Key Attitudes and Identification
-%

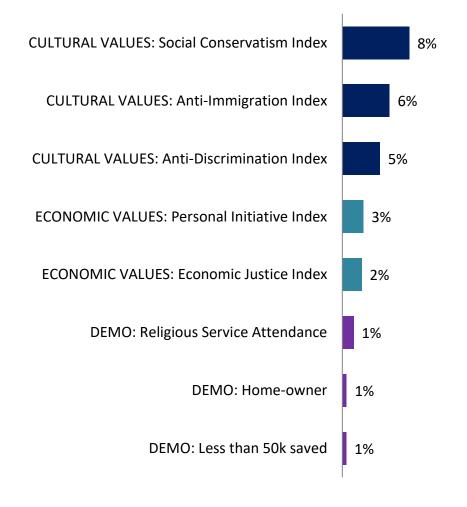
Values
26.7%



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Shapley Regression How much does each driver explain Republican ID?

In a follow-up regression, looking at the key drivers in our model, we can determine how much each variable is responsible for the *total variance* in the dependent variable.

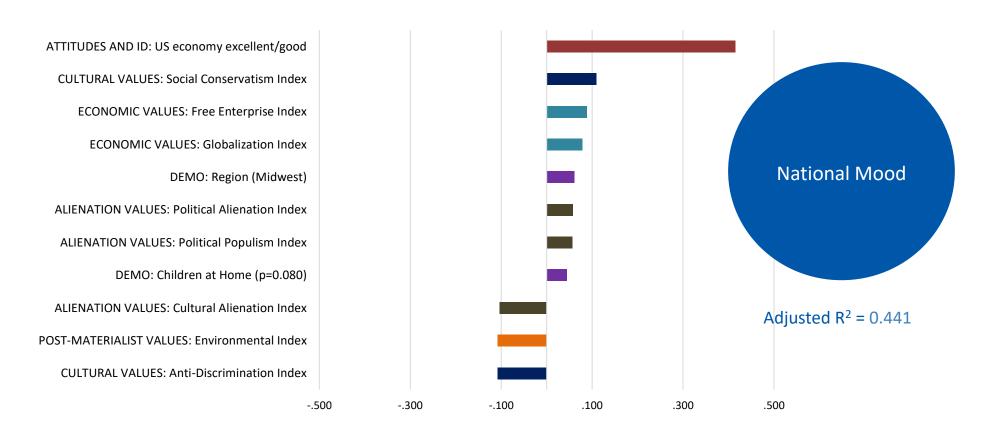


- Cultural values including the social conservatism index (8%), the anti-immigration index (6%), and the anti-discrimination index (5%) explain a total of 19%.
- **Economic values** including the personal initiative index (3%) and the economic justice index (2%) explain a total of 5%.
- Demographics explain a total of 3%.
- Other smaller drivers beyond these directly explain only a total of 1%.



Block Regression | National Mood

For our regression, demographics alone explain 6.0% of the national mood; adding attitudes and ID explained an additional 29.9%; values as a whole explains an additional 7.9%. Overall, the model explains 44.1% of the variance in national mood.



Demographics 6.3% Key Attitudes and Identification 36.2%

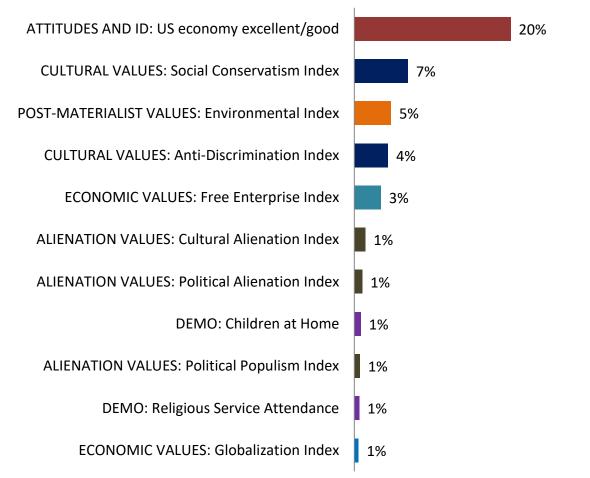
Values 44.1%



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Shapley Regression How much does each driver explain national mood?

In a follow-up regression, looking at the key drivers in our model, we can determine how much each variable is responsible for the total variance in the dependent variable.



- Attitudes towards the US economy explain the most of the national mood at 20%.
- Cultural values including the social conservatism index (7%) and the anti-discrimination index (4%) explain a total of 11%.
- The environment index explains 5% of the variance.
- Economic values including the free enterprise index (3%) and the globalization index (2%) explain a total of 4%.
- Alienation values explain an additional 3% of the variance.
- Demographics explain a total of 2%.
- Other smaller drivers beyond these directly explain only a total of 1%.

What the Regressions Tell Us

This election is first and foremost a referendum on Donald Trump.

Three of the top five predictors of voting for Trump/Pence are his overall job performance, favourables towards Trump and federal job performance on COVID-19. Feelings towards Biden and Republican party ID (the political version of brand loyalty) round out the top five and explain two thirds of the variance in Trump vote.

Only two value measures have a direct impact on vote; identifying as a feminist and views on economic intervention, and their impact is only 3%. The only demographic that impacts vote directly is age where young people are less likely to vote for Trump, all else considered.

The two top drivers of Trump's job performance are the general direction of the country and the federal government's performance on COVID-19. Trump has not been successful in convincing all of his own supporters that the government is providing good leadership on this issue, and it is costing him votes. Party ID plays an important role as well.

The biggest driver of the national mood is perceptions of the economy but a wide array of cultural and alienation values also matter.

Party ID appears to be more path dependent but cultural values play an important role.



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