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Election 2016: Where Do We Go From Here?

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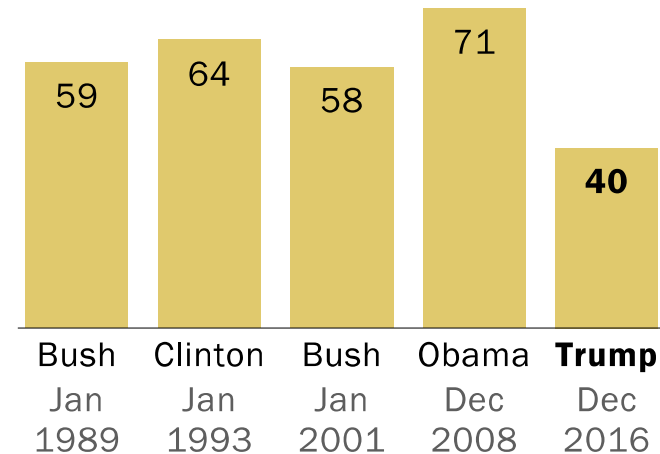
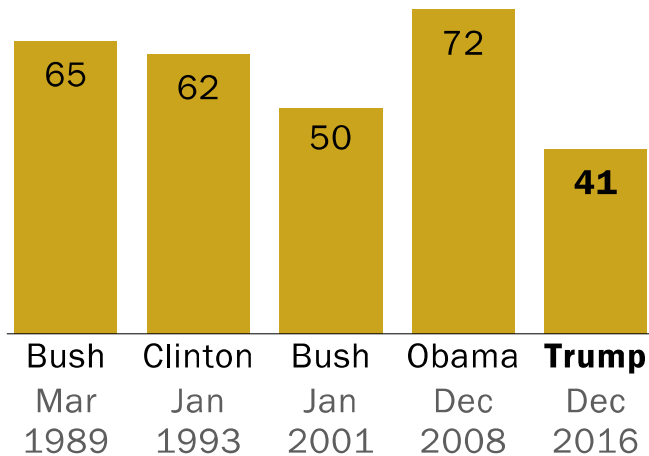
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VIEWS OF TRUMP AND HIS TRANSITION

In historical terms, low approval ratings for Trump's transition

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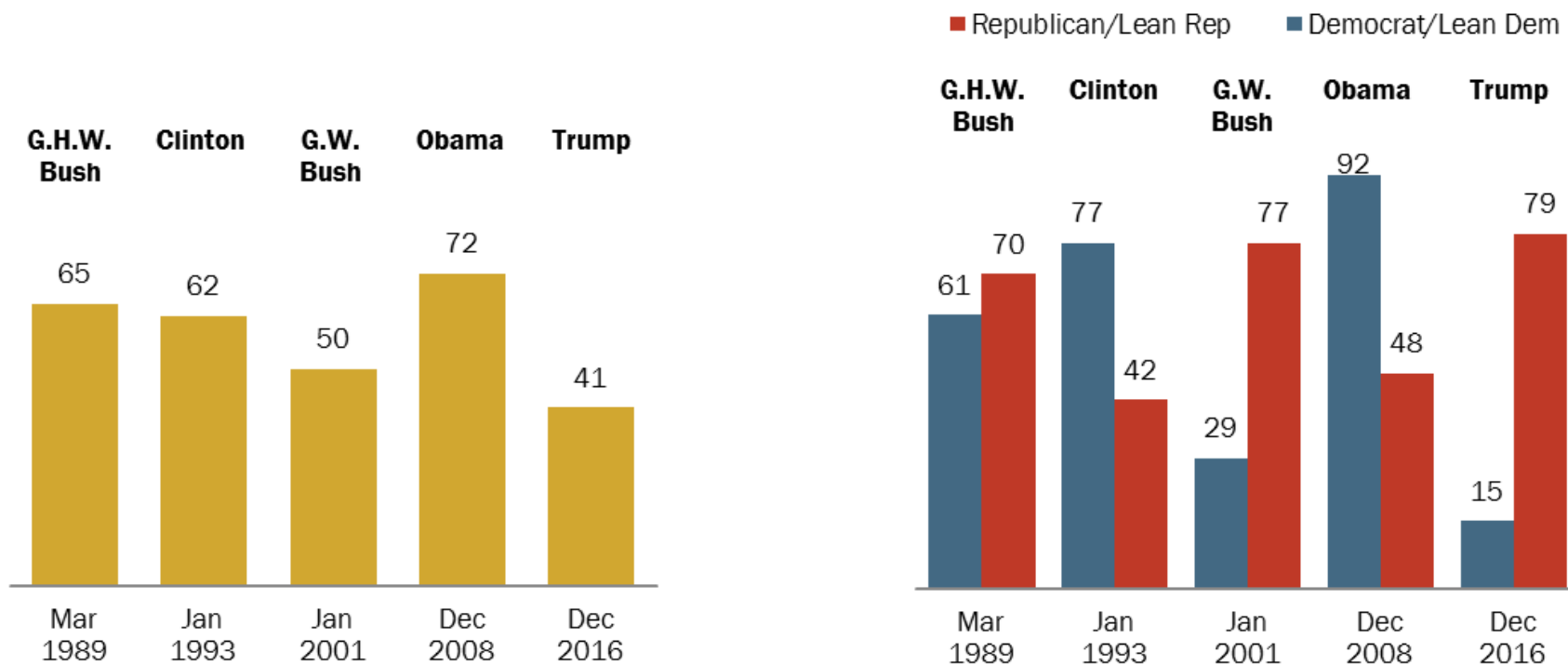
% who approve of ____ cabinet choices and other high level appointments



Source: Survey conducted Nov. 30-Dec. 5, 2016.

Deeply divided reactions to the transition

% who approve of the job ____ has done explaining their policies and plans for the future to the American people...

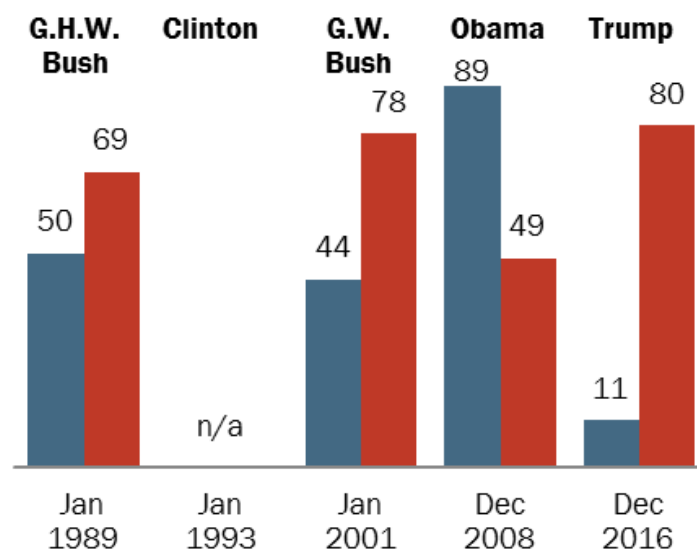
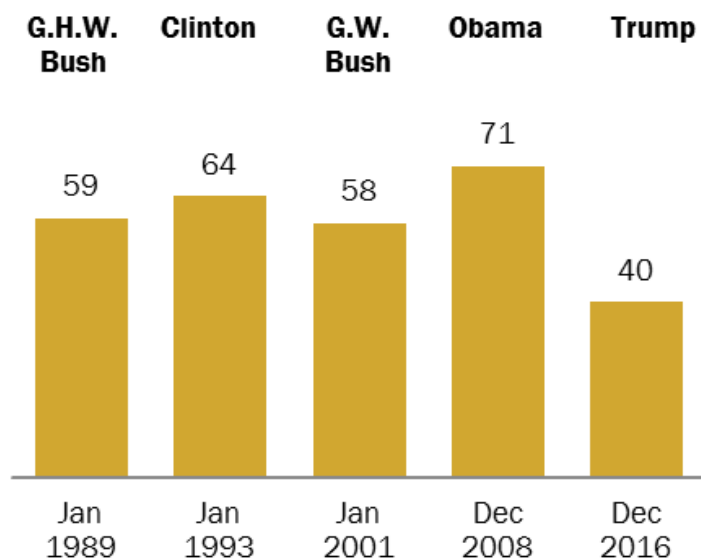


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Modest enthusiasm for Trump's cabinet choices and other major appointments

% who approve of each president-elect's cabinet choices and other high level appointments ...

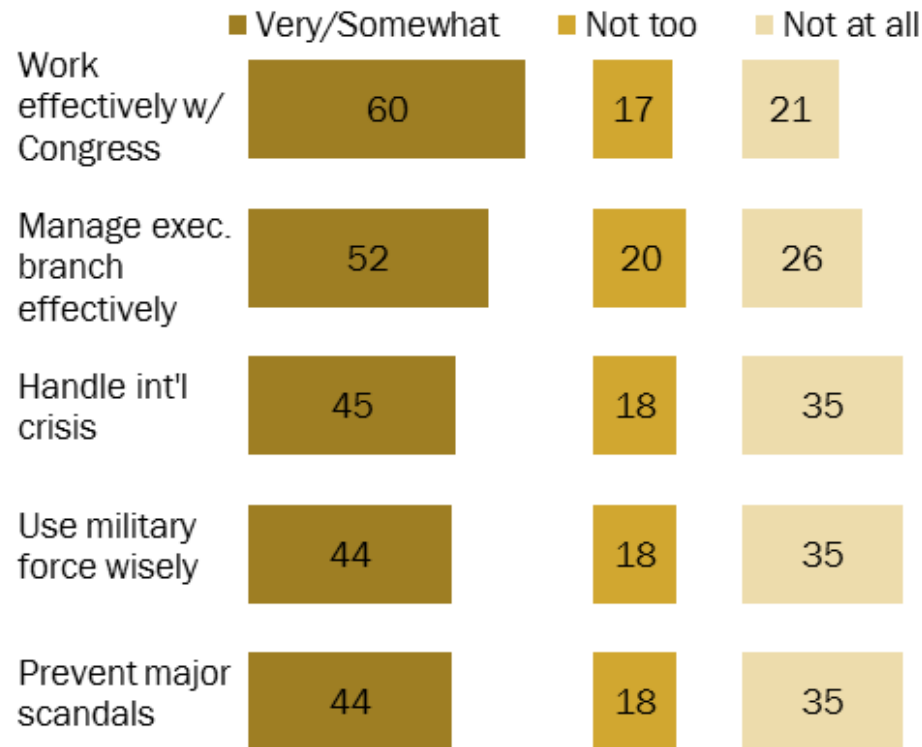
■ Republican/Lean Rep ■ Democrat/Lean Dem



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More are confident in Trump to work with Congress than to deal with a crisis

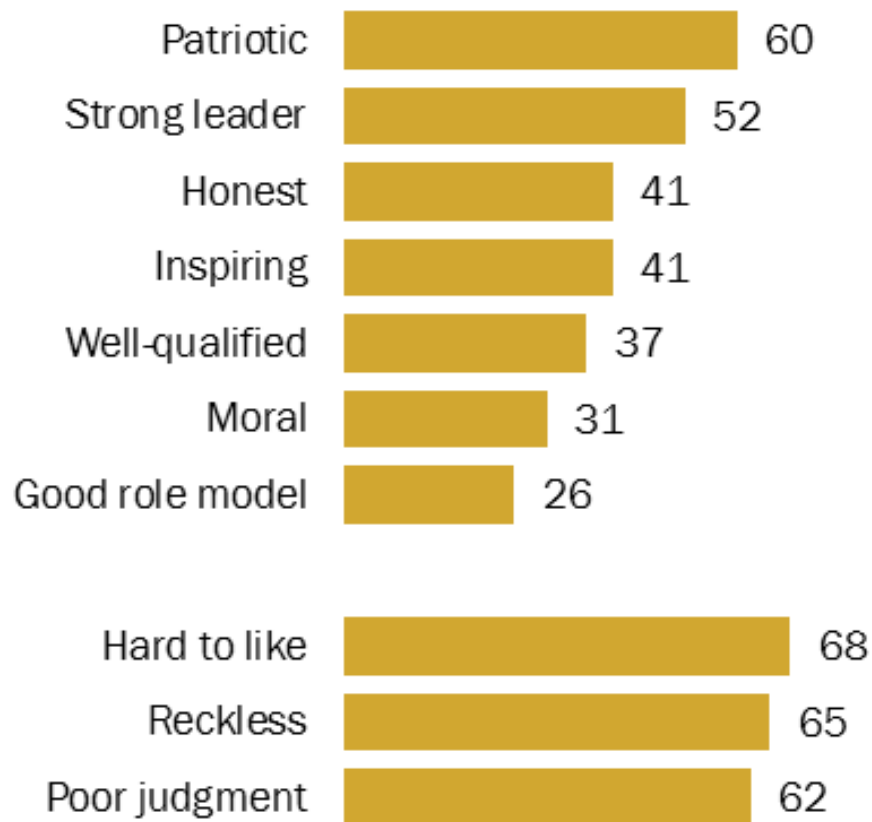
% who say they are ____ confident that Trump can ...



Source: Survey conducted Nov. 30-Dec. 5, 2016.

Public views Trump as 'patriotic,' but also as 'hard to like,' 'reckless'

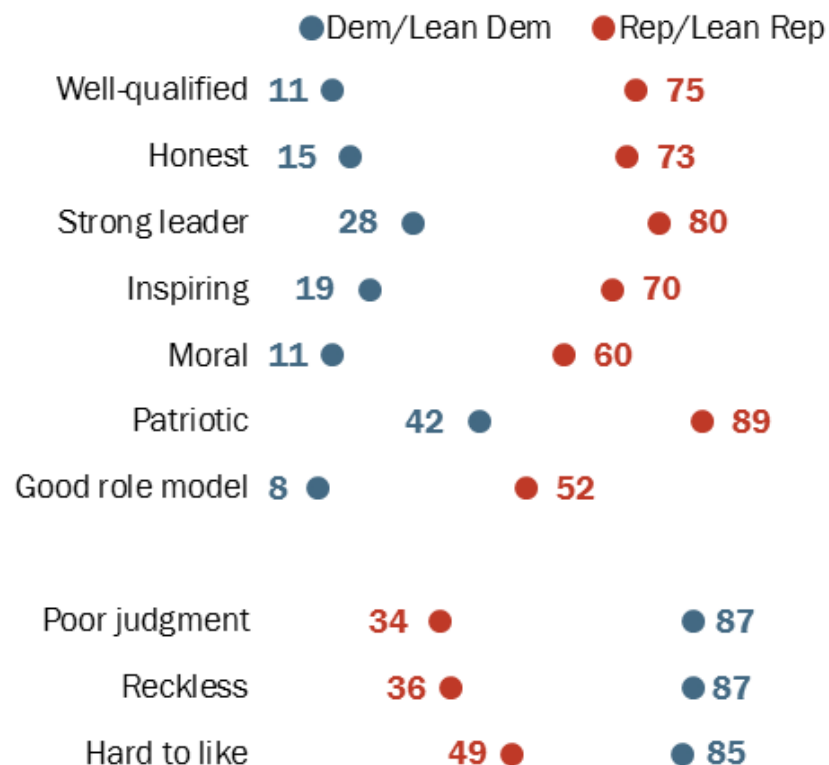
% who say each of the following describes Trump ...



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About half of Republicans say Trump is 'hard to like'

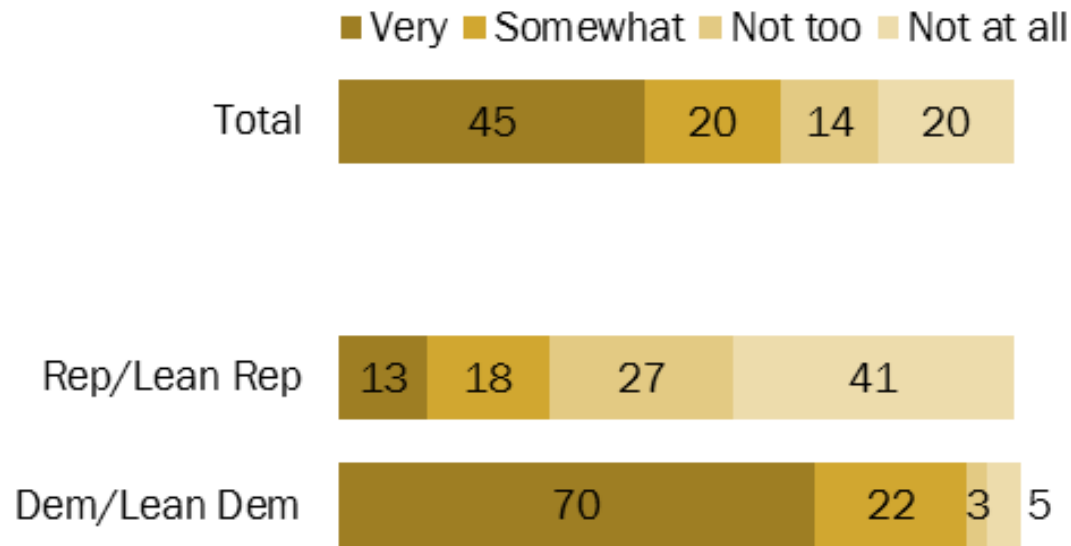
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Most are concerned over Trump's ties to businesses, foreign governments

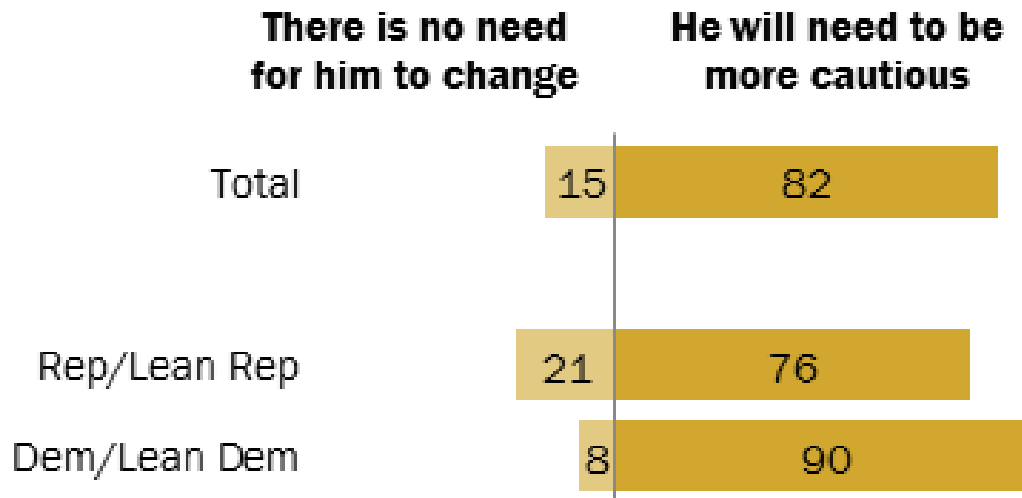
% who are ____ concerned that Trump's relationships with orgs., businesses or foreign gov'ts conflict with his ability to serve the country's best interests ...



Source: Survey conducted Nov. 30-Dec. 5, 2016.

Republicans, Democrats want Trump to be 'more cautious' in the White House

When it comes to the kind of things Trump says and tweets, once he becomes president ... (%)

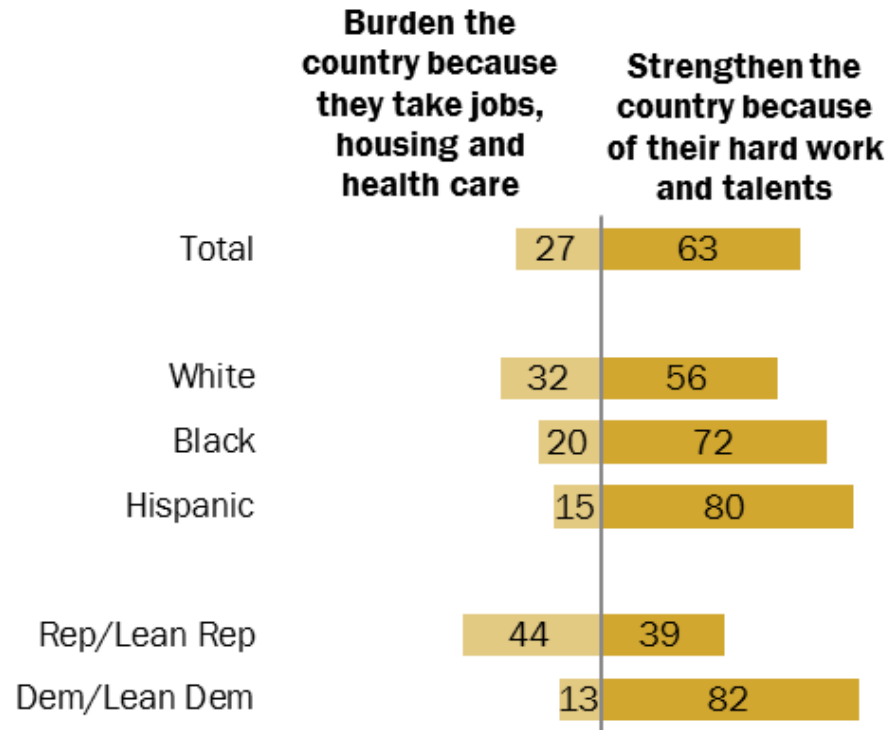


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AN EARLY LOOK AT KEY ISSUES

Immigrants are seen as more of a strength than a burden

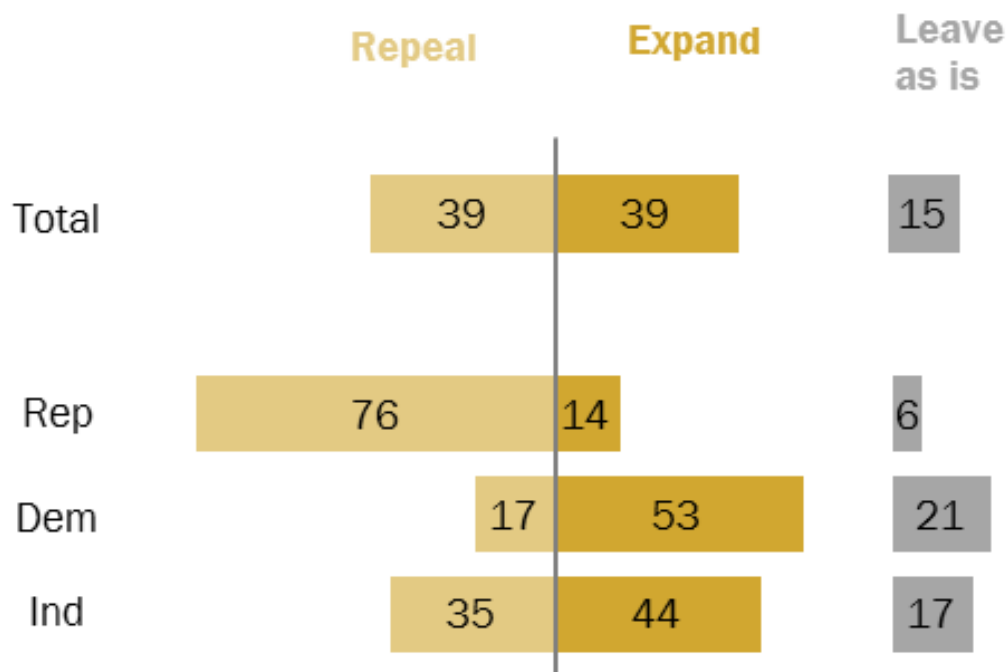
% who say immigrants today ...



Source: Survey conducted Nov. 30-Dec. 5, 2016.

What should Congress do with the health care law now?

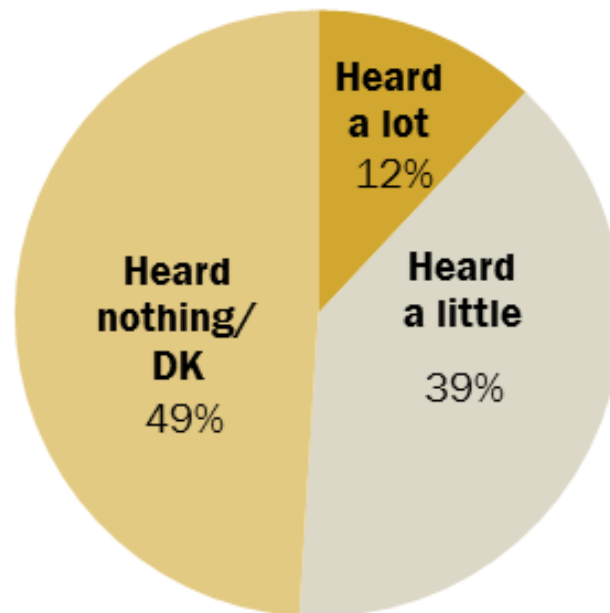
% saying Congress should ...



Source: Survey conducted Nov. 30-Dec. 5, 2016.

Few aware of proposed Medicare changes

% who have ____ about a proposal to change Medicare to give future participants a credit toward purchasing private insurance coverage ...



Source: Survey conducted Nov. 30-Dec 5, 2016.

Most white non-college Republicans say gov't does *too little* for older people

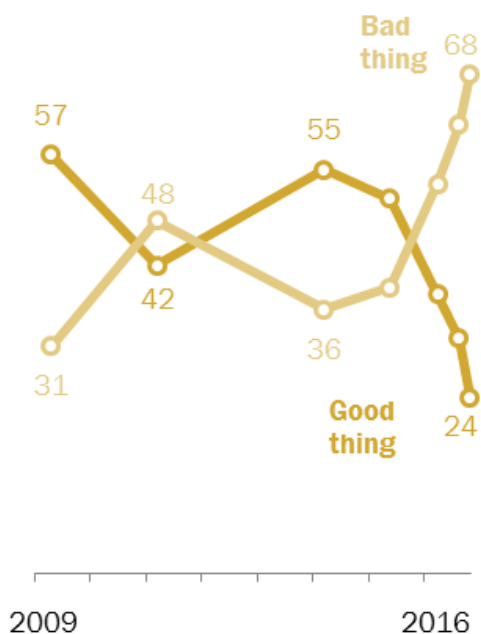
How much help does federal government provide to each group?	All Rep/ Lean Rep %	White college Rep %	White non- college Rep %
Wealthy people			
Too much	46	37	50
Not enough	10	6	9
About the right amount	37	49	35
Middle-class people			
Too much	10	15	9
Not enough	56	52	58
About the right amount	32	32	32
Poor people			
Too much	30	38	29
Not enough	39	29	40
About the right amount	26	28	26
Older people			
Too much	4	9	2
Not enough	64	49	70
About the right amount	30	39	26

Source: Survey conducted Dec. 8-13, 2015.

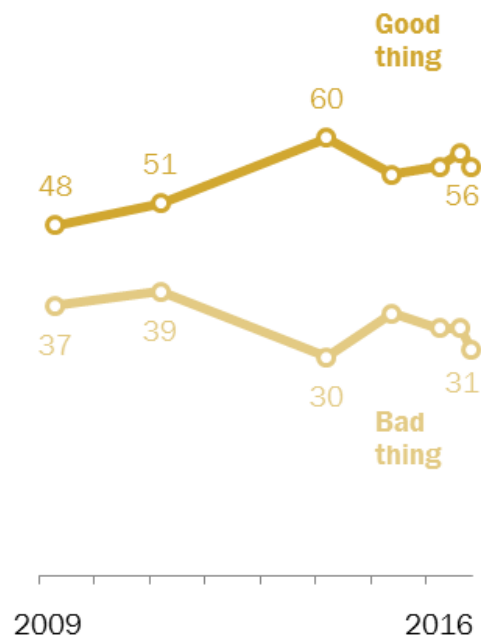
GOP support for free trade agreements fell sharply during the campaign

% of voters saying free trade agreements have been a _____ for the U.S.

Among Republican and Republican-leaning voters



Among Democratic and Democratic-leaning voters

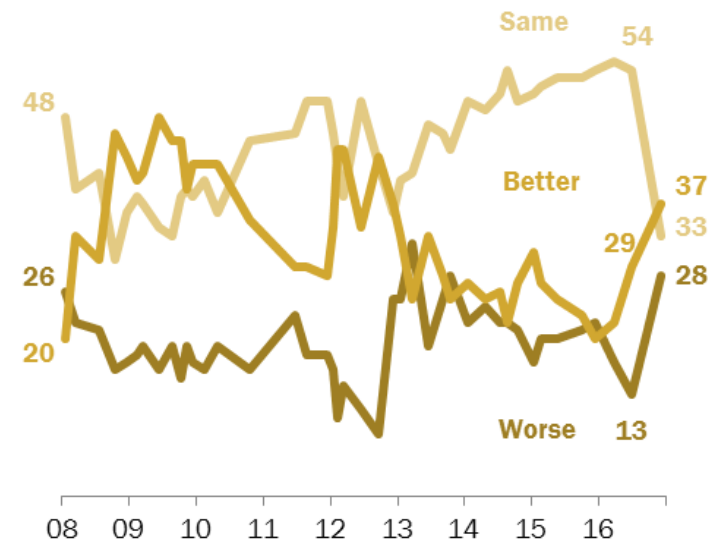
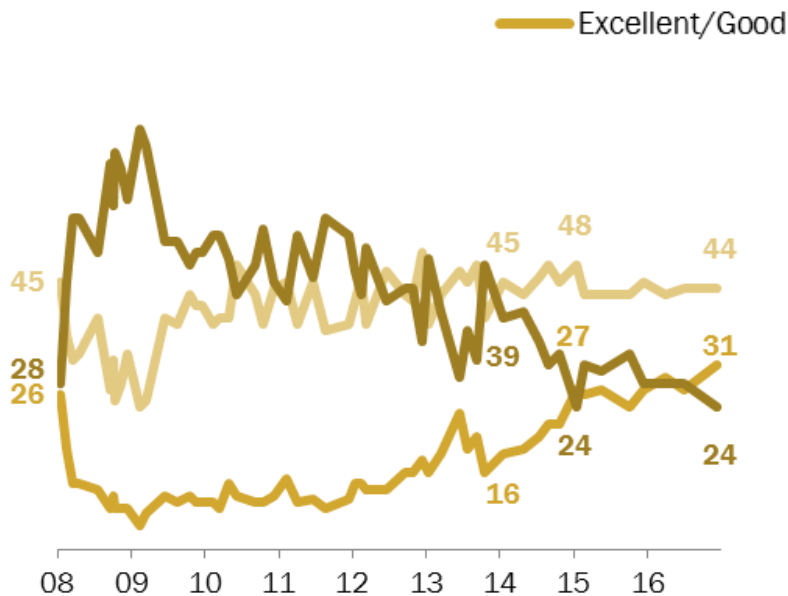


Source: Survey conducted Oct. 20-25, 2016.

Little change in views of national economy

Economic conditions in the country today are ... (%)

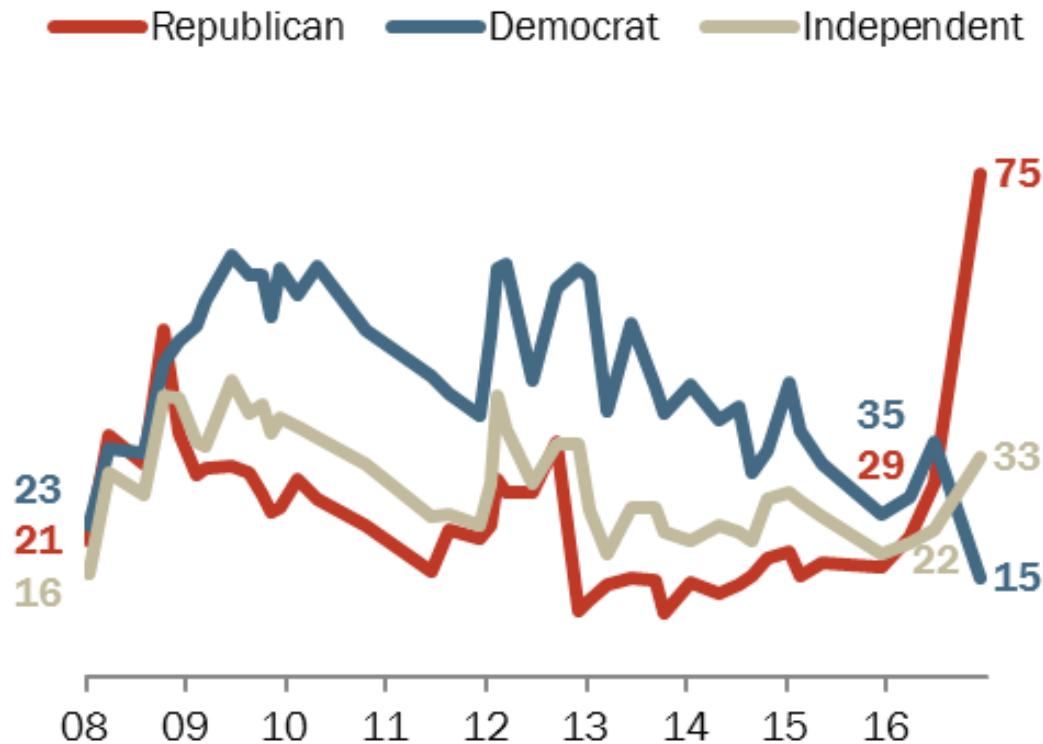
A year from now, economic conditions will be ... (%)



Source: Survey conducted Nov. 30-Dec. 5, 2016.

Surging Republican optimism on the economy

% saying nation's economy will be better a year from now ...



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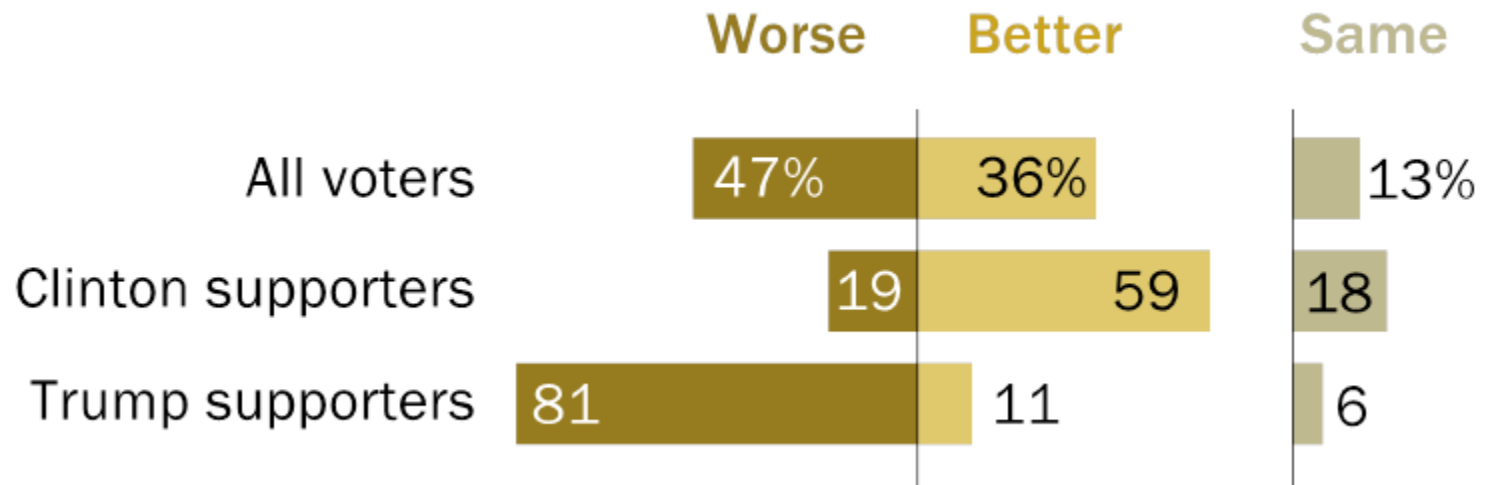
A FINAL LOOK AT CAMPAIGN 2016

No single factor behind Trump's win: Here are some (but not all)

- **Public unhappiness with both candidates, but partisan polarization guaranteed Trump a solid floor**
- **Mood of the country inhospitable to a “continuity” candidate, more open to a change agent**
- **Economic anxieties, especially among the white working class**
- **Racial resentments**
- **The “emerging Democratic majority” didn’t emerge enough**
- **Weak parties, changes in journalism and rise of social media**

Among Trump voters, a strong sense of loss

Compared with 50 years ago, life for people like you in America today is ...



Source: Survey conducted August 9-16, 2016.

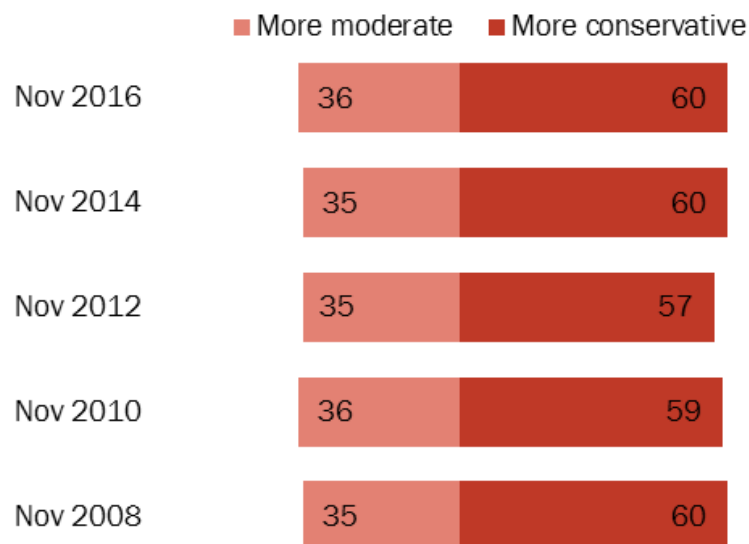
Looking ahead: The future for the parties

- **The Democrats' geographic concentration problem**
- **The Democrats' mobilization problem**
- **GOP can further limit voting now that they have broad control of government at all levels**

- **The Republicans' challenges – 2018 and 2020, with redistricting looming**
- **The Republicans' (potential) Millennial problem**
- **Demographic change really is happening**

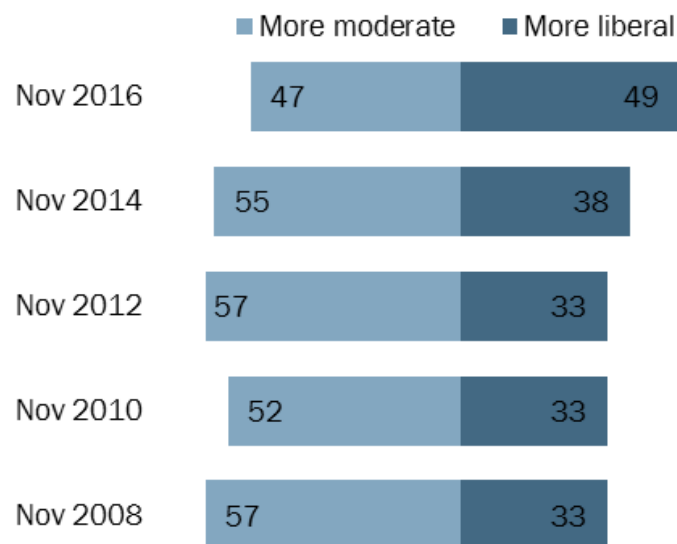
Republicans still opt for conservative direction

% of Republican/Rep-leaning voters who would like to see their party move in a _____ direction ...



Democrats increasingly back more liberal path

% of Democratic/Dem-leaning voters who would like to see their party move in a _____ direction ...



Source: Survey conducted Nov. 10-14, 2016.

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