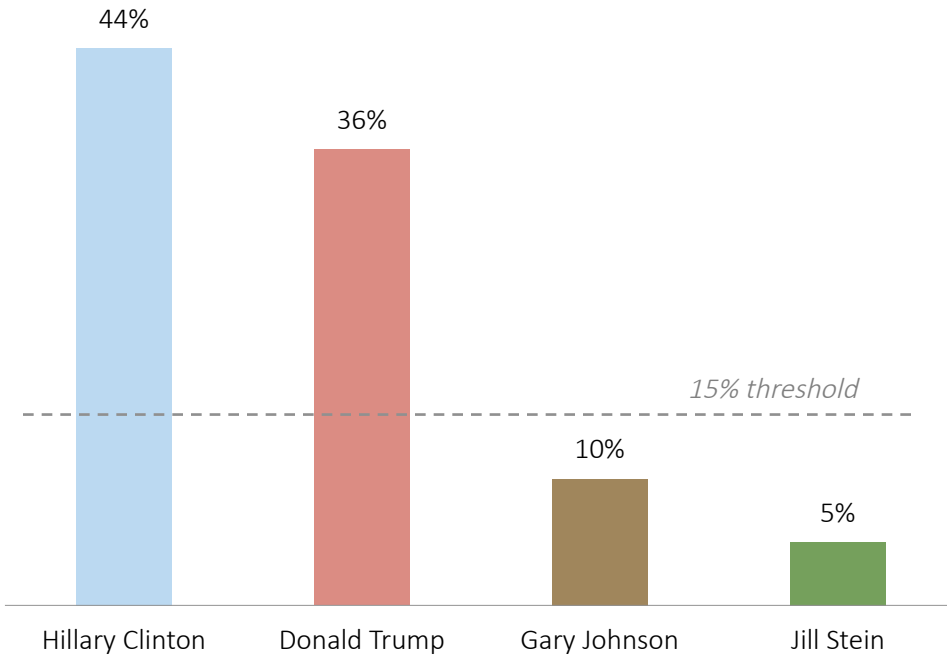


Third Party Candidates are Unlikely to Participate in Debates Based on Recently Announced Criteria

Presidential Candidates' Average Percentages in Qualifying Polls



- To be eligible for the debate stage, presidential candidates **must average 15%** across five national polls chosen by the Commission on Presidential Debates, under the advice of Frank Newport, editor in chief of Gallup:
 - ABC/Washington Post
 - CBS/New York Times
 - CNN/Opinion Research Corporation
 - Fox News
 - NBC/Wall Street Journal
- According to CNN, Gary Johnson averages 10% and Jill Stein 5% in qualifying polls over the period from July 29 to August 4.
- If a presidential candidate is included in a general debate, then their vice presidential candidate is eligible for the vice presidential debates.

Source: Brian Stelter, "Debates: What it will take for Gary Johnson or Jill Stein to make it in," CNNMoney, August 15, 2016.