

July 2017 POLITICO-Harvard poll: public opinion on critical issues

1,011 voters' views on congressional election issues, ACA repeal, federal income tax cuts and withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement

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Takeaways from POLITICO-Harvard's July 2017 voter poll



Most voters oppose the tax code overhaul

President Trump's proposed federal income tax cuts – which would involve reducing rates and eliminating tax breaks for the wealthy and “special interests” – are favored by just 24% of the public, and opposed by 62%, including Republicans.



Democrats strongly oppose Trump's tax plan; Republicans are split

40% of Republicans favor Trump's tax code overhaul, and 41% oppose it; however, 62% believe it would help the economy. 85% of Democrats and 60% of independents are against Trump's tax plan.



Republicans dislike current ACA replacement

Only 20% of Republicans said they'd support a plan subsidizing health coverage for a lot fewer people; 42% would support a plan subsidizing health coverage for “somewhat fewer people.” Only 1 in 3 Republicans would accept insurers charging people with pre-existing medical conditions more for insurance.



Most respondents disapproved of withdrawal from Paris climate treaty

53% of respondents disapproved, but opinions were split along party lines – 91% of Democrats opposed it, and 65% of Republicans favored it.



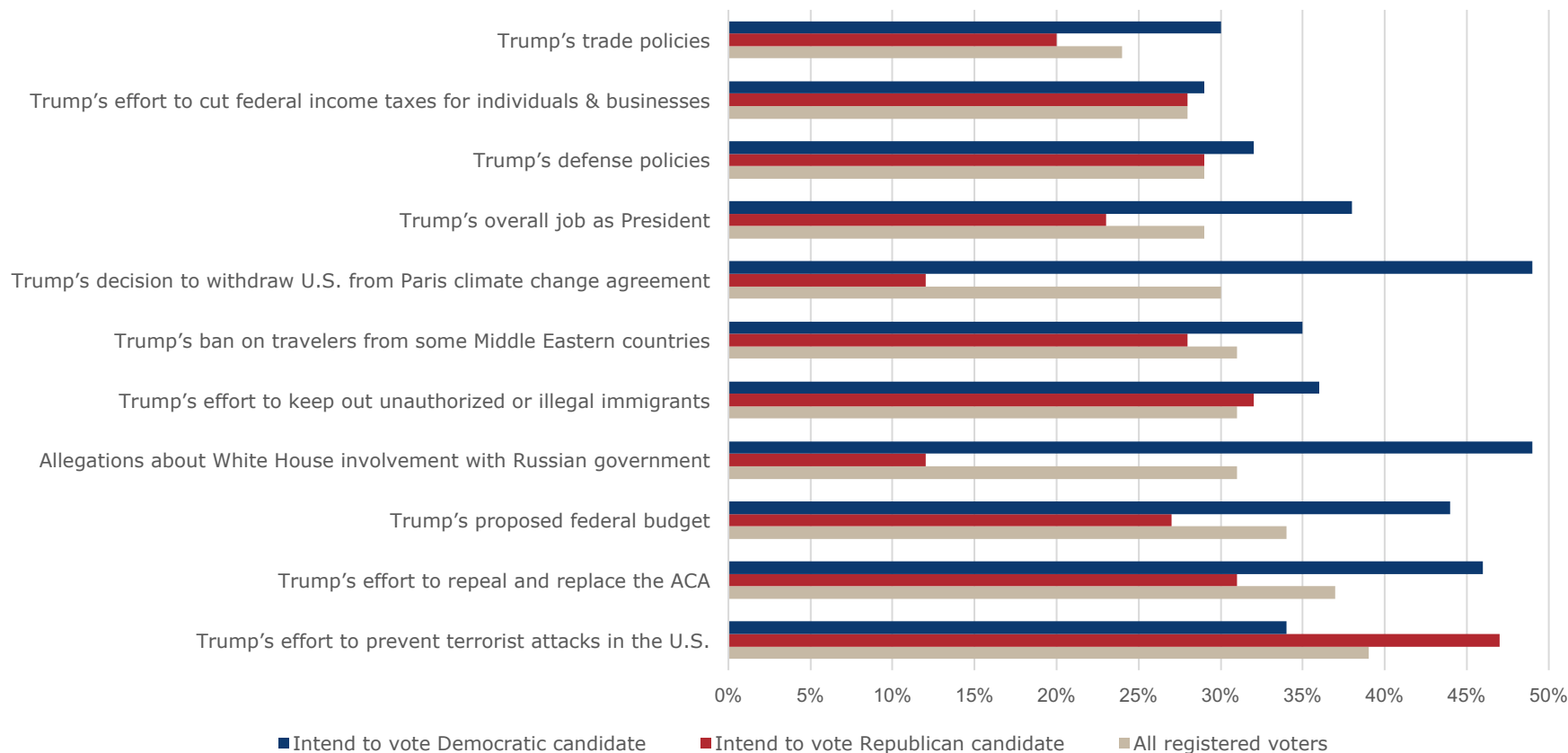
Some issues hold more weight with voters

Trump's counterterrorism efforts were ranked as extremely important for 39% of voters; his ACA replacement effort ranked as extremely important for 37%; and his proposed budget ranked as extremely important for 34%. The poll results may indicate that, despite the highly politicized debate about the ACA, other, broader issues may play a central role in settling the 2018 congressional elections.

Sources: “The public and the critical issues before Congress in the summer and fall of 2017,” POLITICO & Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, data from June 2017 poll; Jason Millman, “POLITICO-Harvard poll: Voters don't like Obamacare repeal, but other issues may sway midterms,” POLITICO, July 14, 2017

Which issues do voters consider extremely important in the 2018 congressional elections?

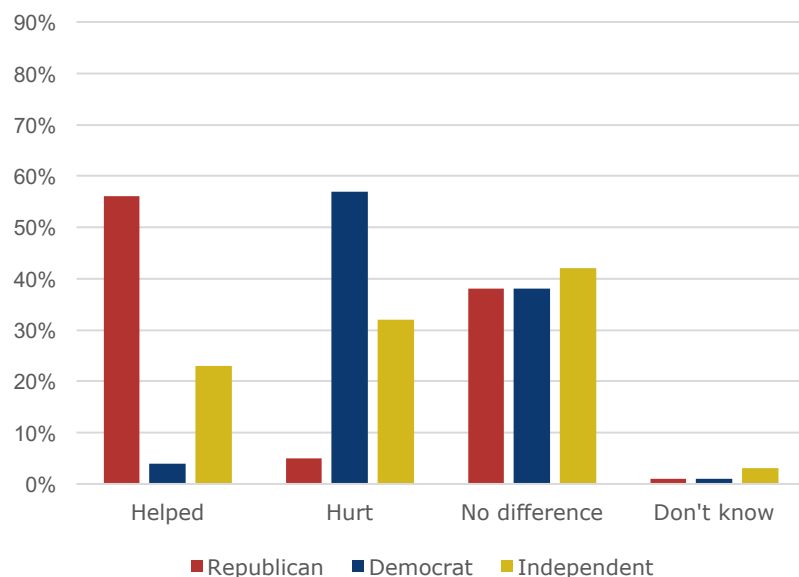
Percentage of voters – intending to vote for either Democratic or Republican candidates – saying each issue is extremely important in the 2018 congressional elections



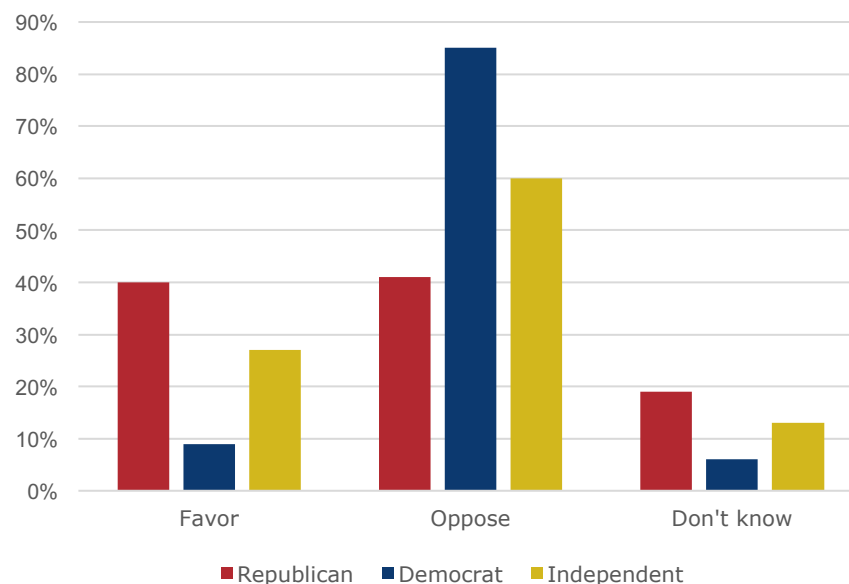
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What do voters think of Trump's economic policies?

Views on the impact of President Trump's policies on the economy



Attitudes toward President Trump's tax cut proposal



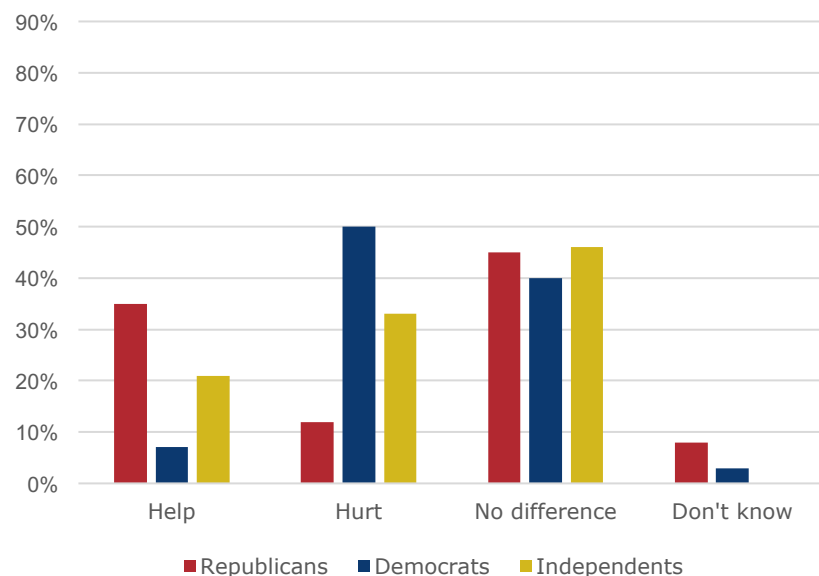
Notable trends

- While 56% of Republicans believe Trump's policies have helped the economy, 57% of Democrats say they have hurt it
- The majority (62%) of the general public opposes the president's current tax proposals, and only about one in four (24%) support them. Only 40% of Republicans are in favor, while 41% are opposed

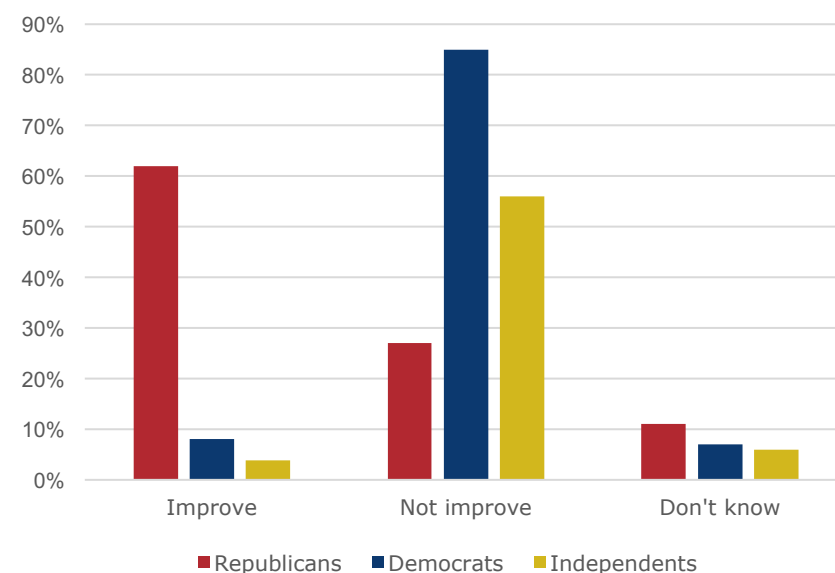
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What do voters think of Trump's economic policies?

Views on whether Trump's tax cut proposal will improve the economy and create more jobs or not



Views on whether Trump's tax cut proposal would help or hurt them



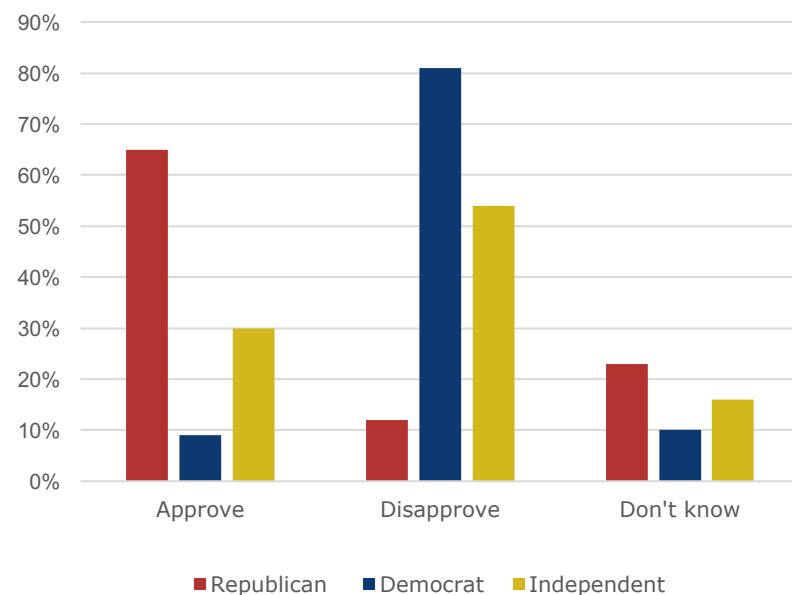
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- Although a narrow majority of Republicans do not support Trump's tax proposals (see slide 4), the majority (62%) still believe the proposal will help the economy. Democrats, meanwhile, overwhelmingly (85%) think these tax proposals will not improve the U.S. economy
- 35% of Republicans believe Trump's tax cut proposal would help them; only 7% of Democrats say the same

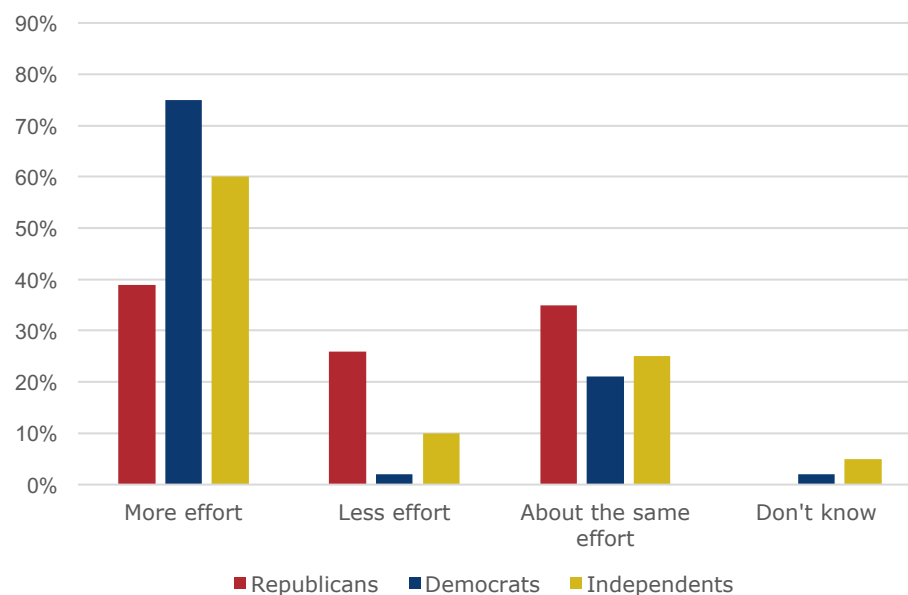
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What do voters think of withdrawing from the Paris climate change agreement?

Views of President Trump's decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate change agreement



Views on the effort the U.S. should put into working with other countries to address climate change in the future



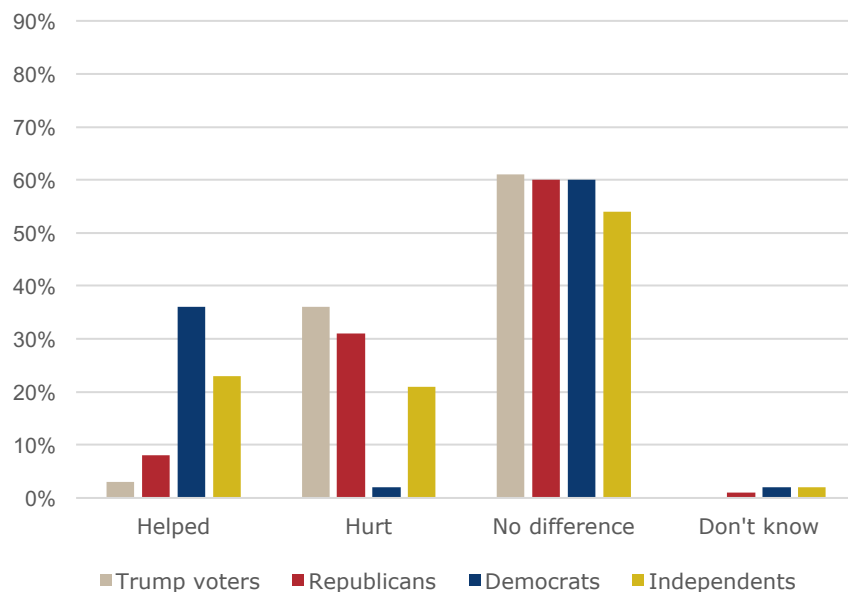
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- The majority (53%) of the American public disapproves of the president's decision to exit the Paris climate change agreement, while 30% approve
- However, opinion is divided by party: the majority of Republicans (65%) approve of Trump's decision, and the majority of Democrats (81%) disapprove

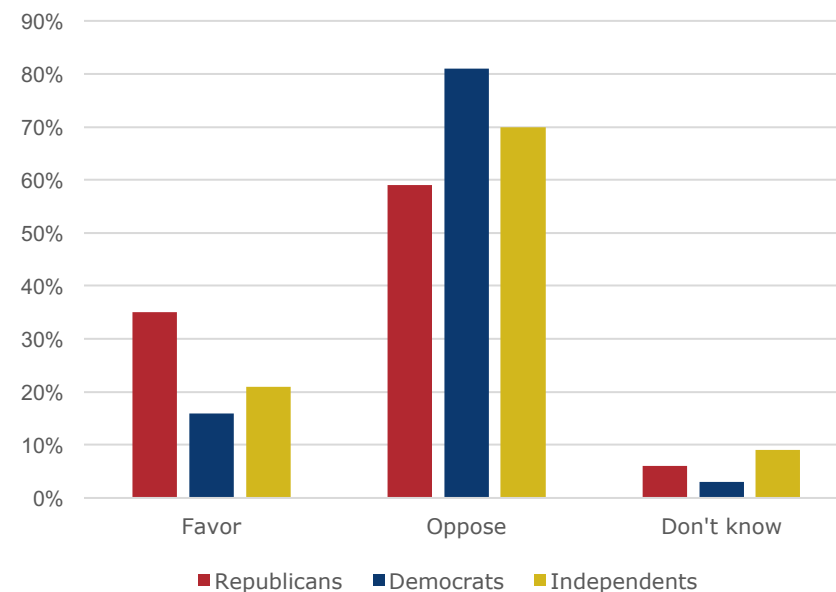
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What do voters think of the ACA and proposed reform?

Views on whether the ACA has directly helped or hurt them



Attitudes toward a proposal that would charge those with pre-existing medical conditions more for health insurance



Notable trends

- More report being helped by the law than hurt, but the majority of Republicans and Democrats believe that the law has not impacted them directly
- All groups oppose a policy that would charge those with pre-existing medical conditions more for health insurance; thus, the core of much of the House and Senate repeal and replace bills remains unpopular with the general public

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