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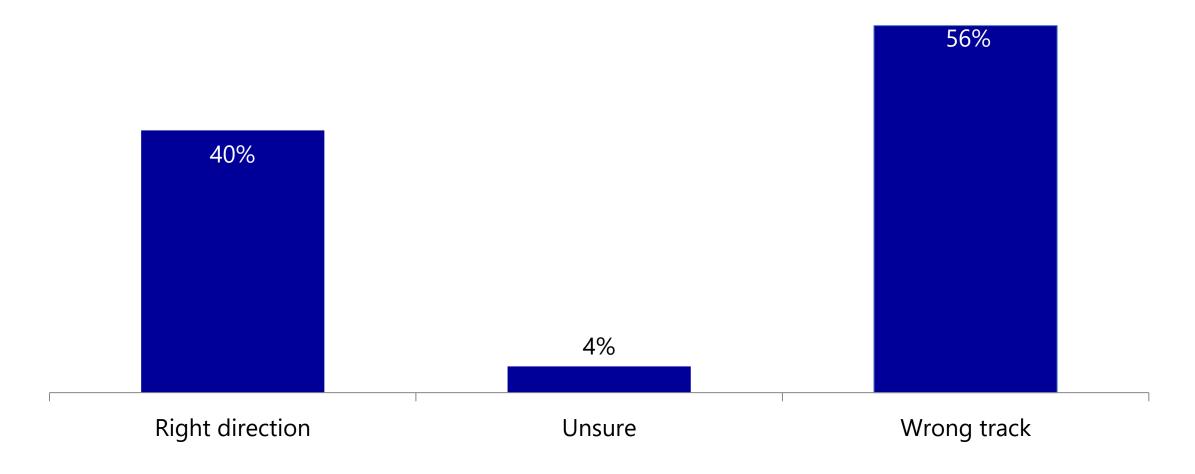


# **BATTLEGROUND POLL**

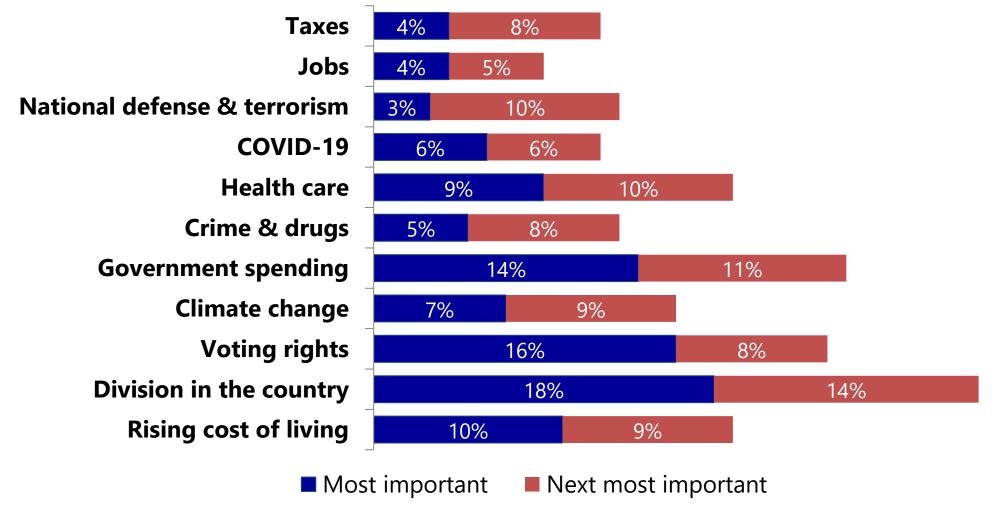
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A national survey of 1017 Registered Voters

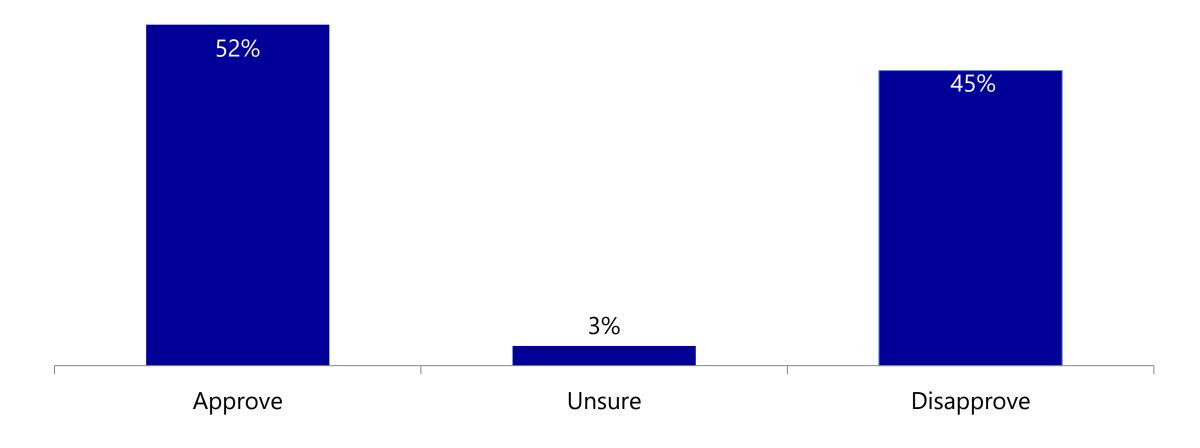
## Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?



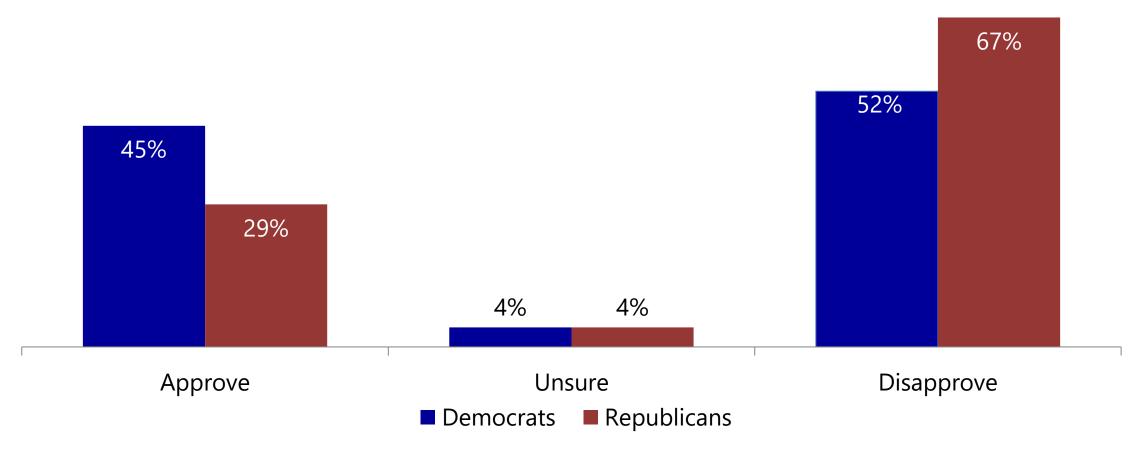
Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people have said are important to them. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which one issue you think is most important to you personally.



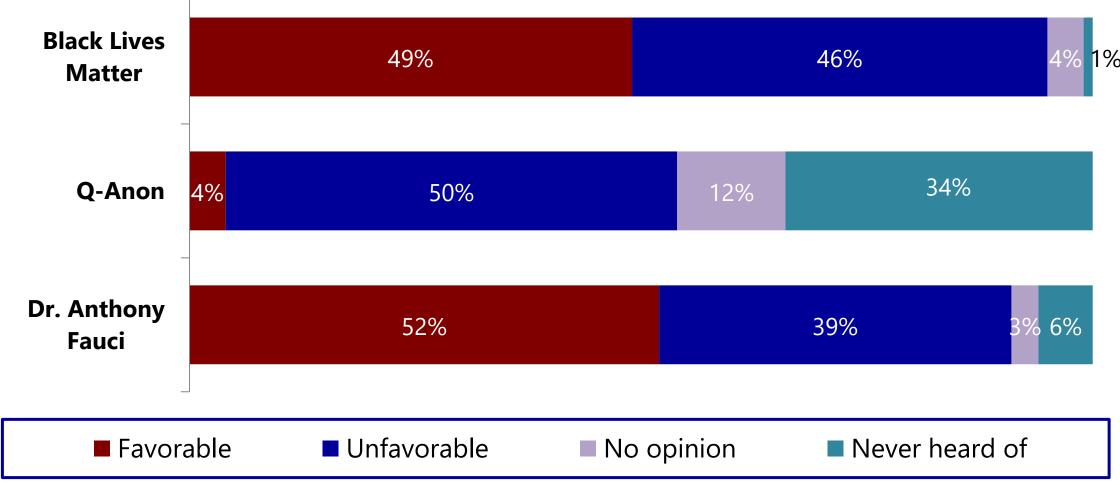
### How would you rate the job Joe Biden has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?



#### How would you rate the job the Democrats / Republicans in Congress have been doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

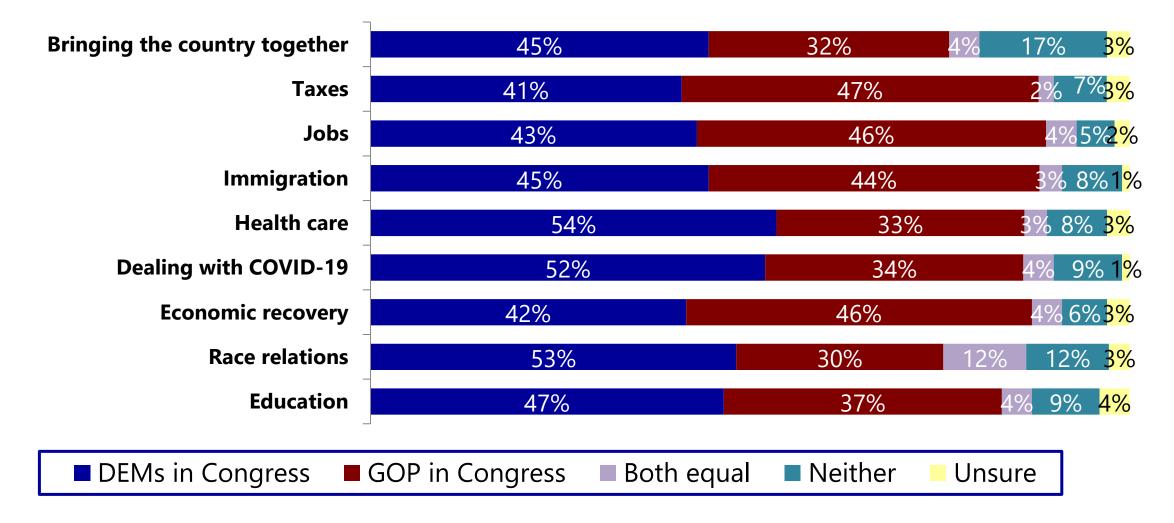


Now I would like to read you the names of several individuals or organizations. For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person or organization and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of them. If you do not recognize the name, just say so.



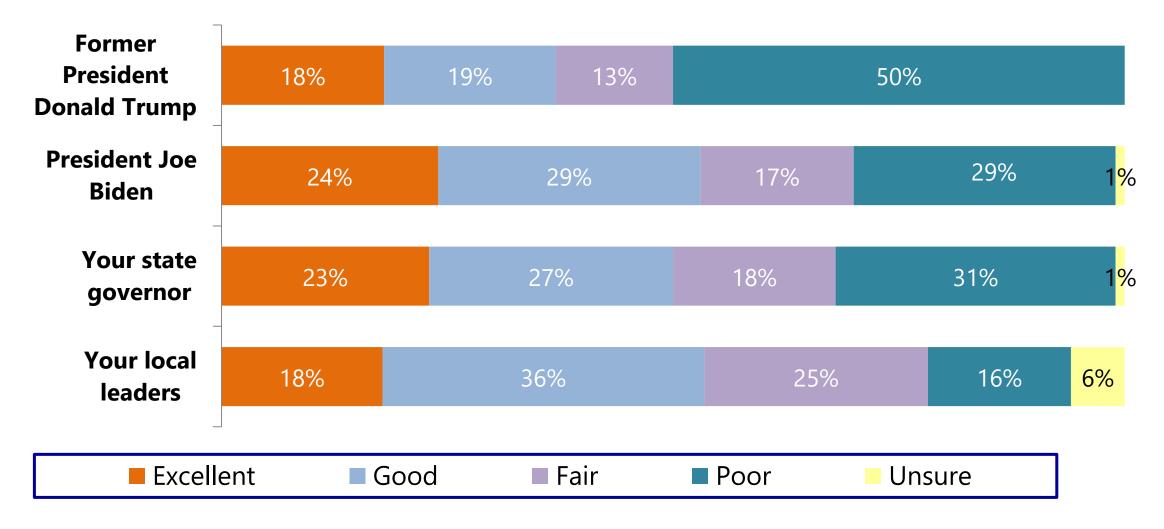
#### Now, thinking again about issues facing this country...

I am going to read you a list of issues. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, whether you have more confidence in -- the Democrats in Congress, OR the Republicans in Congress – to deal with this issue.

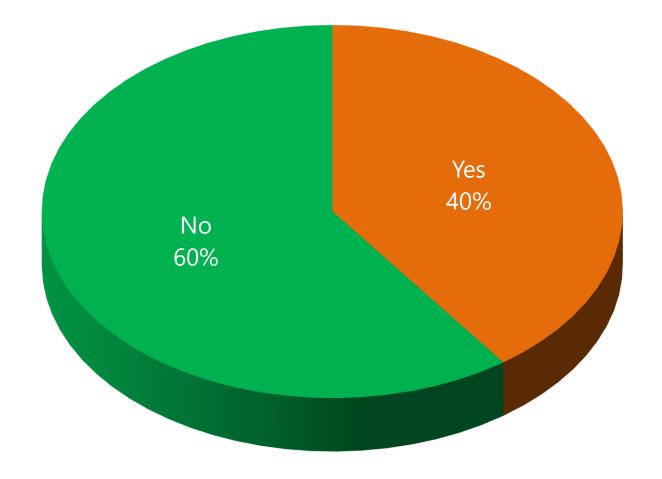


#### Thinking now about COVID-19...

I am going to read you a list of people. Please listen as I read the list and tell me, for each one, whether you think they did an excellent, good, fair, or poor job dealing with the COVID-19 heath crisis.



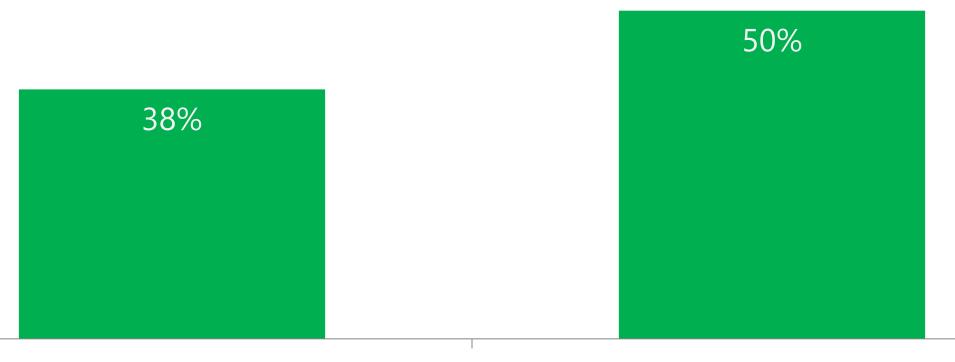
### And, thinking for a moment about the economic impact of COVID-19... Did you or your immediate family suffer an economic problem during COVID-19 like losing a job or having your pay reduced, or your hours cut?



### As you may already know, the federal government gave states extra money to increase payments to people who are unemployed. Here are two statements on this policy. Please tell me which statement comes closest to your own views.

Some people say that with so many schools closed and so many childcare options closed or on reduced schedules, many workers are unable to return to work.

Other people say that these extra payments provide too many workers with an incentive to remain unemployed since they can make enough to survive without working.



Unable to return

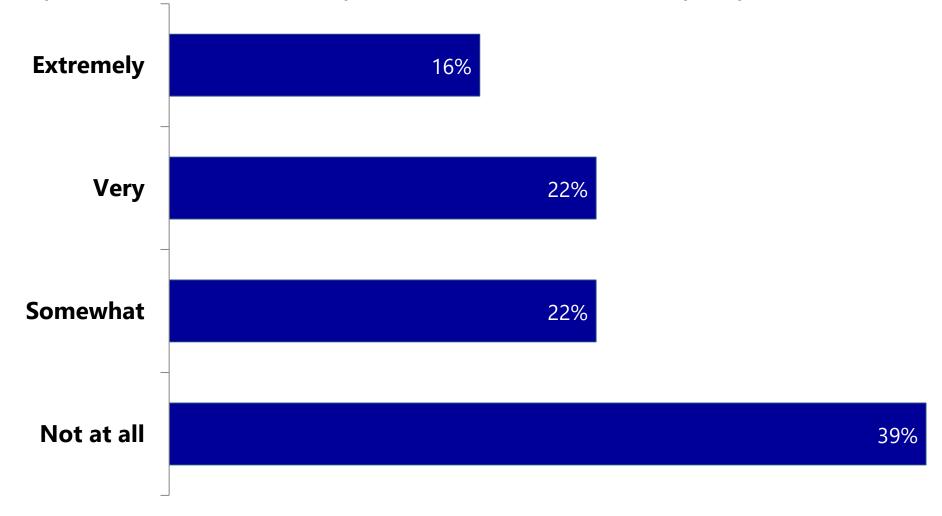
**Incentive to remain unemployed** 



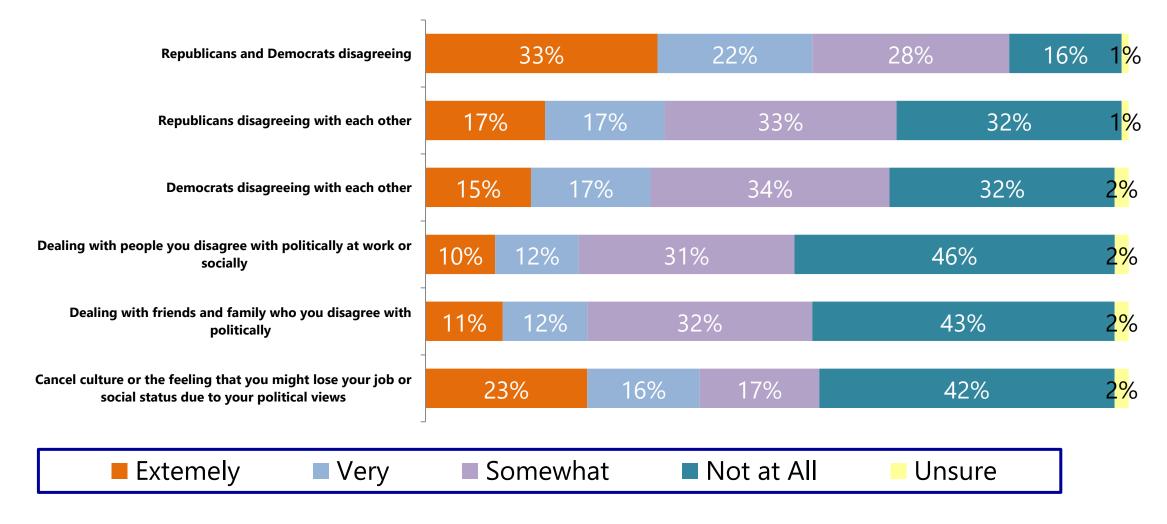


#### And, thinking about the issue of political civility for a moment -

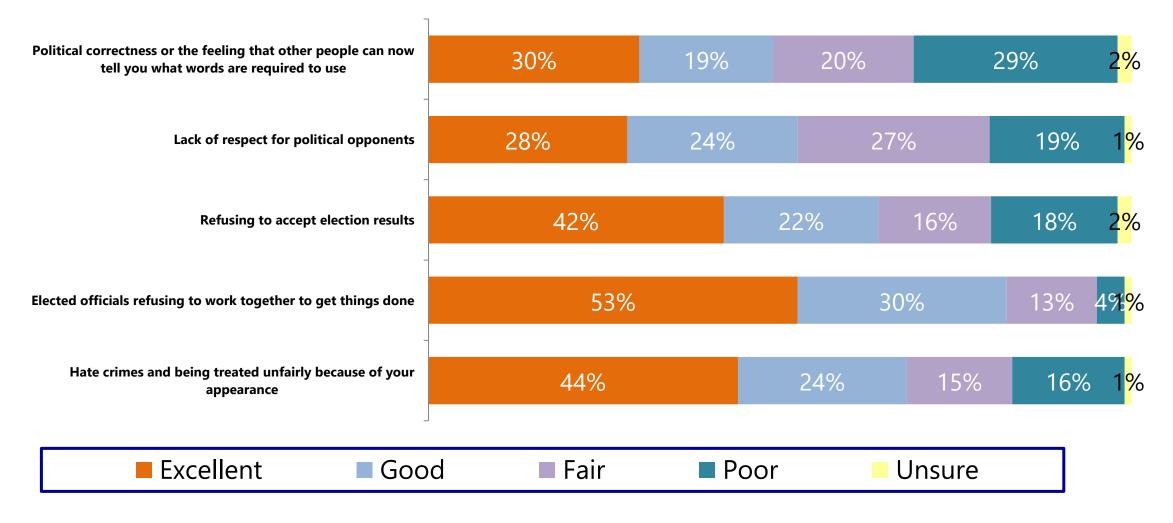
As you may already know, during his campaign for President, Joe Biden often talked about restoring unity and civility to our national politics. How hard do you think Joe Biden has worked at this effort to restore unity and civility to our national politics? Do you think he has worked extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all hard?



# Here are some problems related to civility and politics. Please listen carefully as I read each proposal and tell me if you think it is an extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all important problem to you personally.



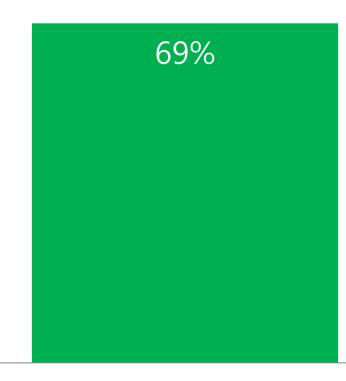
# Here are some problems related to civility and politics. Please listen carefully as I read each proposal and tell me if you think it is an extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all important problem to you personally.



#### No matter what you think about political civility, which of these would you prefer:

A politician who consistently fights for my values, even if this means not finding a solution very often

A politician who is willing to work together to get things done, even if it means compromising on my values sometimes



27%

**Consistent / few solutions** 

Work together / compromise





On a scale of 0 to 100, where "0" is there is no political division in the country and where "100" is political division on the edge of a civil war, where would you rank the level of political division in the country?

April 2019: Mean: 70.8

October 2019: Mean: 67.23

January 2021: Mean:76.01

June 2021: Mean:73.97

# Now, please think ahead to one year from now...

On a scale of 0 to 100, where "0" is there is no political division in the country and where "100" is political division on the edge of a civil war, where would did you think the level of political division will be one year from now?

January 2021 Mean:65.22

June 2021: Mean:69.18