The 2026 Midterms:
What Voters Told Us

Survey Toplines

November 2026



METHODOLOGY

This poll surveyed 1,001 likely voters via online panel from November 8, 2026 to November 12, 2026. Results were weighted by 2026 vote recall, 2024 vote recall, age, gender, race, region, education, and income to match population demographics. The margin of error is ±4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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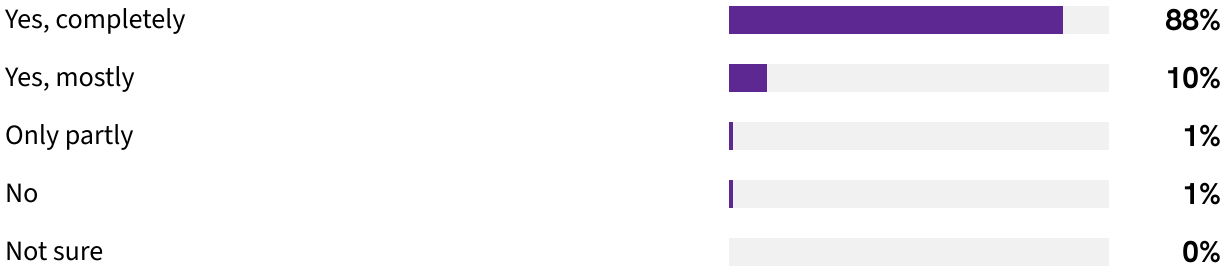
Did you vote in the 2026 midterm election this November? If so, how did you cast your ballot?



n = 1,001

Q5

Did you feel you understood how to cast your ballot this year?



Asked of respondents who voted in 2026 · n = 897

Q 6

How secure did you feel when you checked in and cast your ballot at your polling place?



Asked of respondents who voted in person · n = 687

Q 7

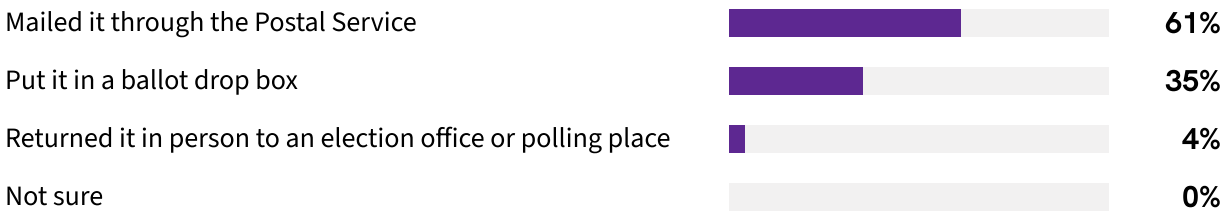
How secure did you feel when you returned your ballot?



Asked of respondents who voted by mail or absentee ballot · n = 210

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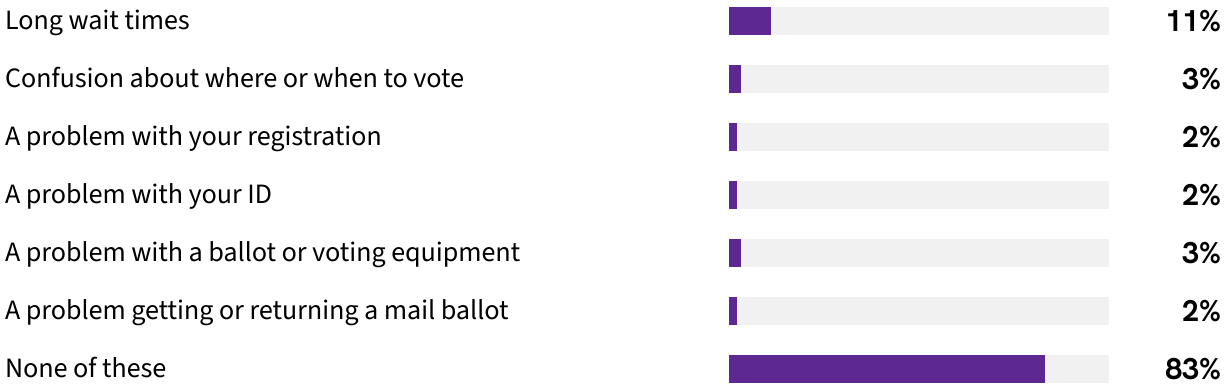
How did you return your ballot?



Asked of respondents who voted by mail or absentee ballot · n = 210

Q9

Did you personally run into any of the following problems when voting this year? Select all that apply.



Asked of respondents who voted in 2026 · n = 897

Q10

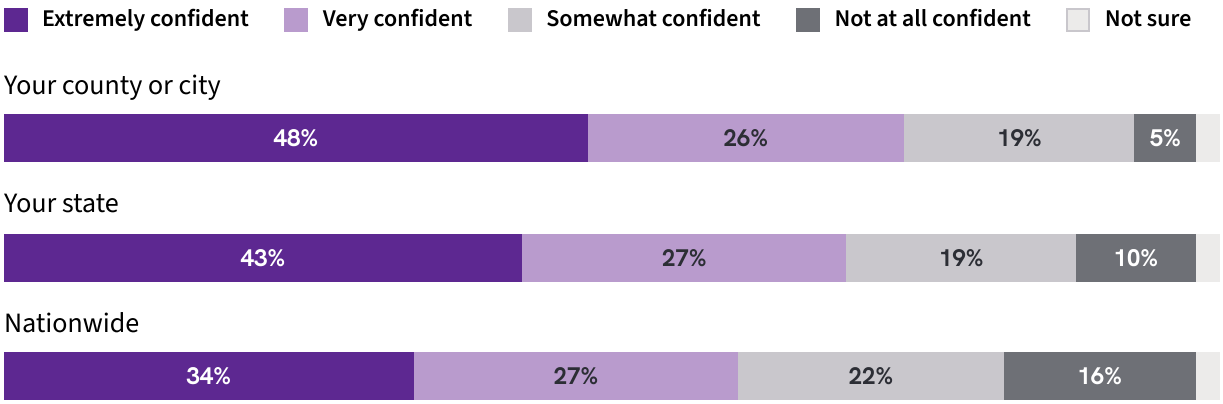
How confident are you that your own vote this November was counted as you intended?



Asked of respondents who voted in 2026 · n = 897

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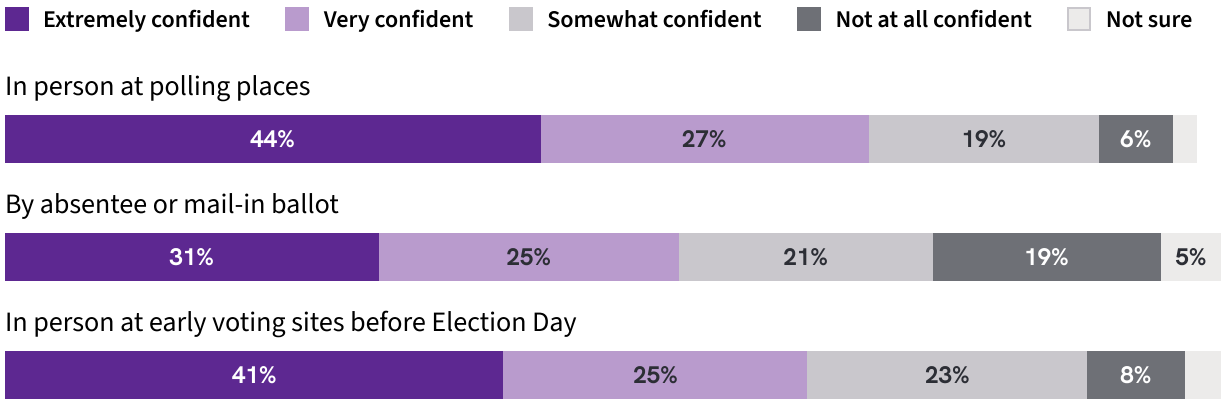
How confident are you that votes in each of the following were counted as voters intended?



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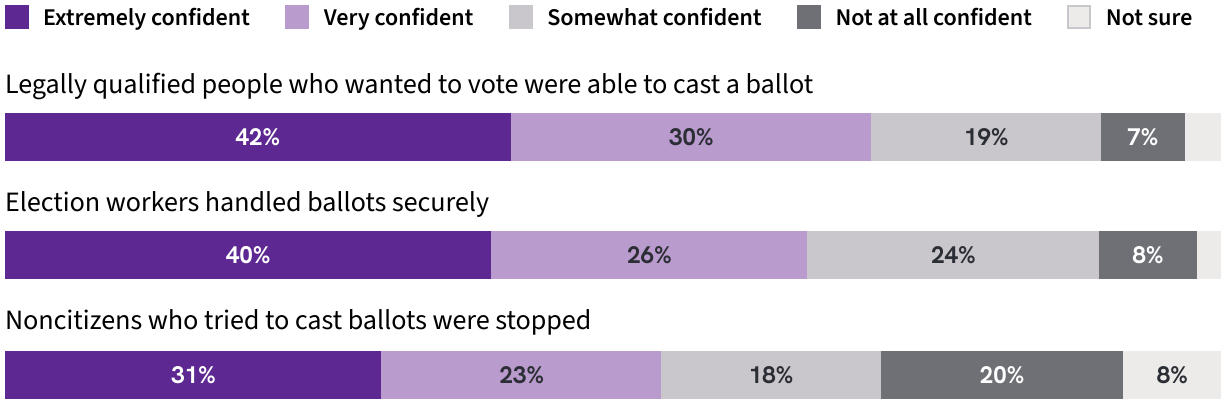
How confident are you that votes cast each of the following ways across the country were counted as voters intended in this November's elections?



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Q13

Thinking about the elections this November, how confident are you that



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Q14

How satisfied are you with the options your state gives you for casting a ballot?



n = 1,001

Q15

How confident are you that the 2026 midterm elections were conducted fairly and the votes were counted accurately?



n = 1,001

Q16

Do you support or oppose requiring all voters to show government-issued photo identification to vote?



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Q17

Some states require people who vote by mail to include an ID number, such as a driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number, or a copy of a photo ID with their ballot.

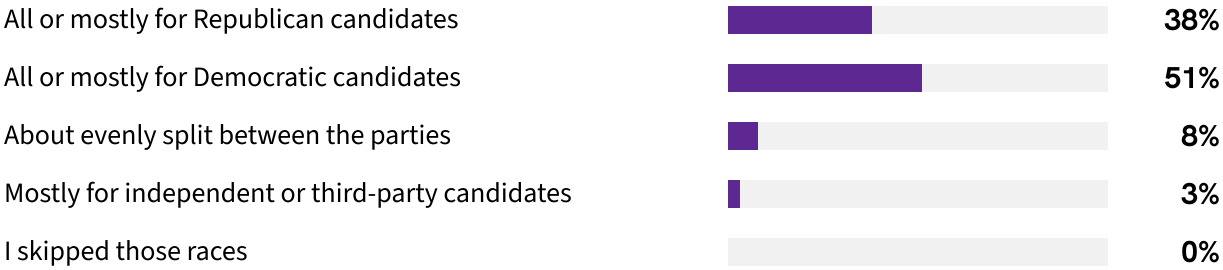
Would you support or oppose requiring this in your state?



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Q18

Thinking about the races for Congress on your ballot this year (U.S. House and, if you had one, U.S. Senate), which best describes how you voted?



Asked of respondents who voted in 2026 · n = 897

Q19

If you had to choose, which party's candidates did you support more?



Asked of a subset of respondents · n = 119

Q20

2026 Congress vote (with leaners)



Among respondents who voted in 2026, with leaners · n = 897

Q21

Was your vote for Democratic candidates mainly a vote FOR the Democrats, or mainly a vote AGAINST President Trump and the Republicans?



Asked of respondents who voted for Democratic candidates · n = 495

Q22

Was your vote for Republican candidates mainly a vote FOR the Republicans, or mainly a vote AGAINST the Democrats?

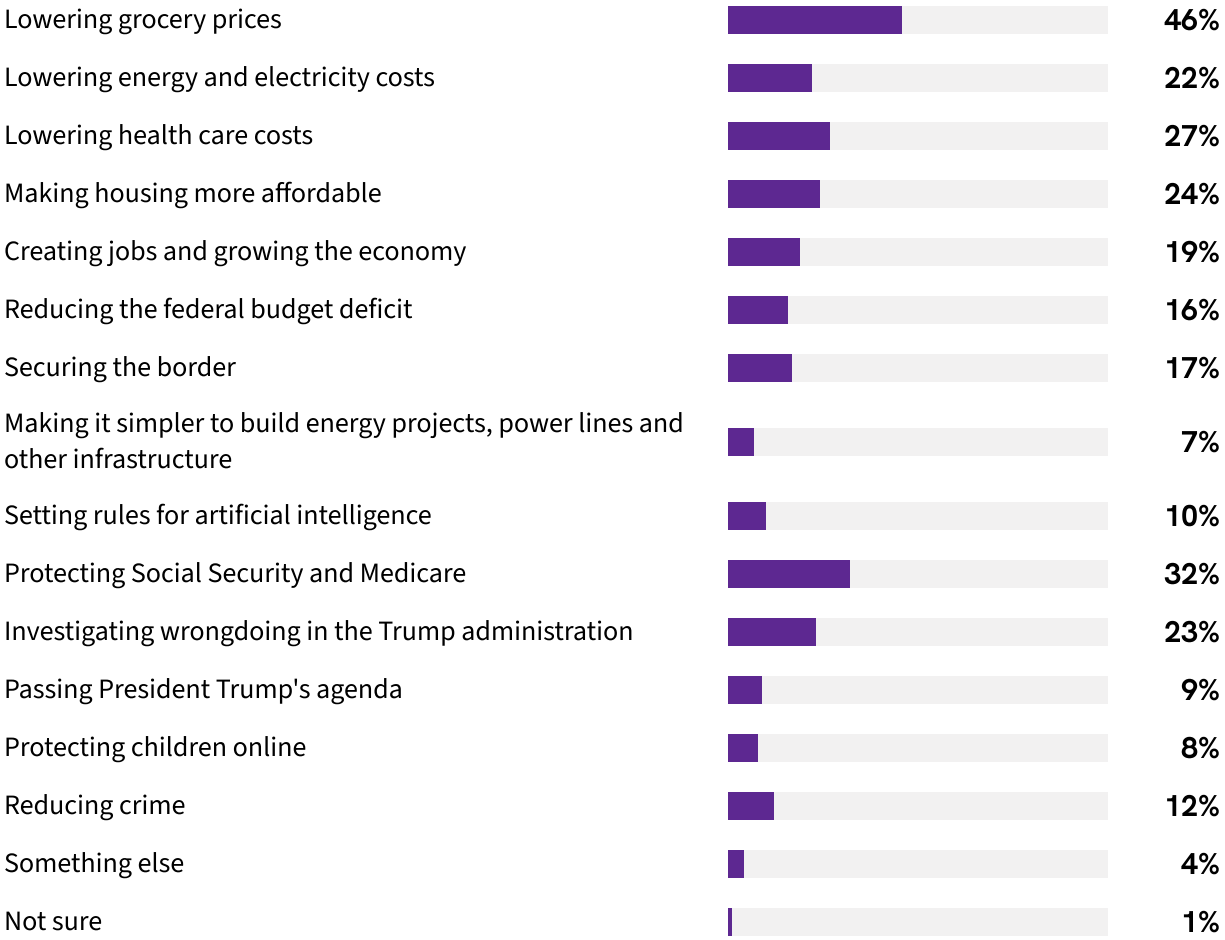


Asked of respondents who voted for Republican candidates · n = 378

Q24

Which of these should Congress make its top priorities next year? Select up to three.

Respondents could choose more than one answer, so totals exceed 100%.

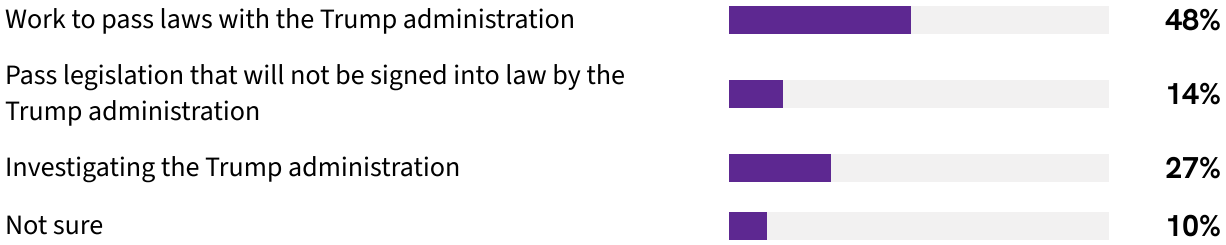


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Q25

Democrats will control the U.S. House of Representatives next year.

What would you want House Democrats to spend most of their time doing?

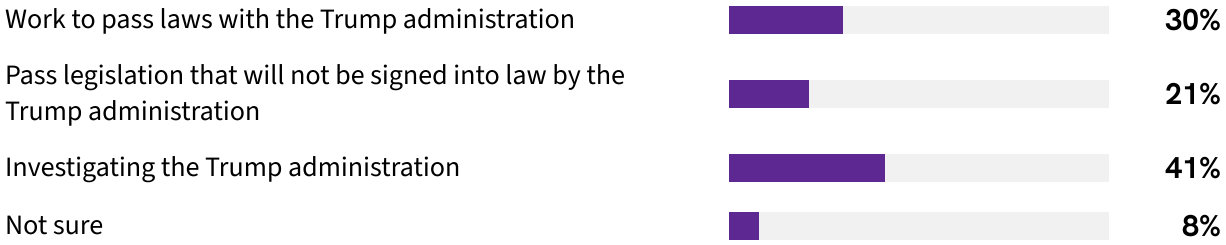


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Q26

Democrats will control the U.S. House of Representatives next year.

And what do you expect House Democrats to spend most of their time doing?



n = 1,001

Q27

Over the next two years, do you expect Congress and President Trump to mostly work together to get things done, or mostly be in gridlock?



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Q28

Generally speaking, do you think things in the country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



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Q29

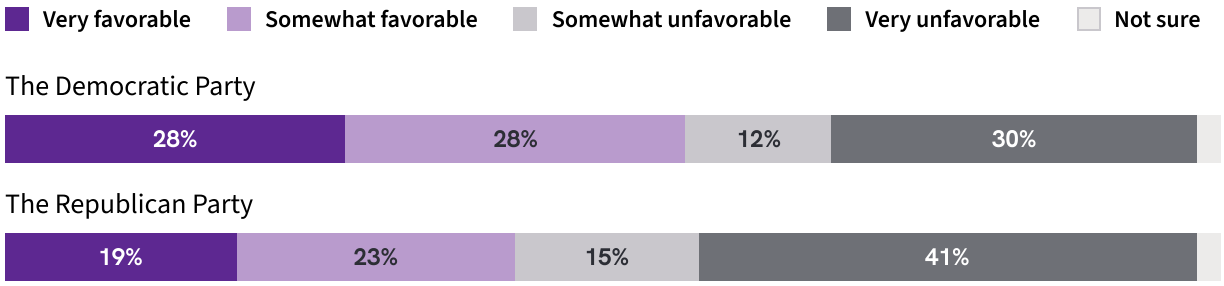
Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?



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Q30

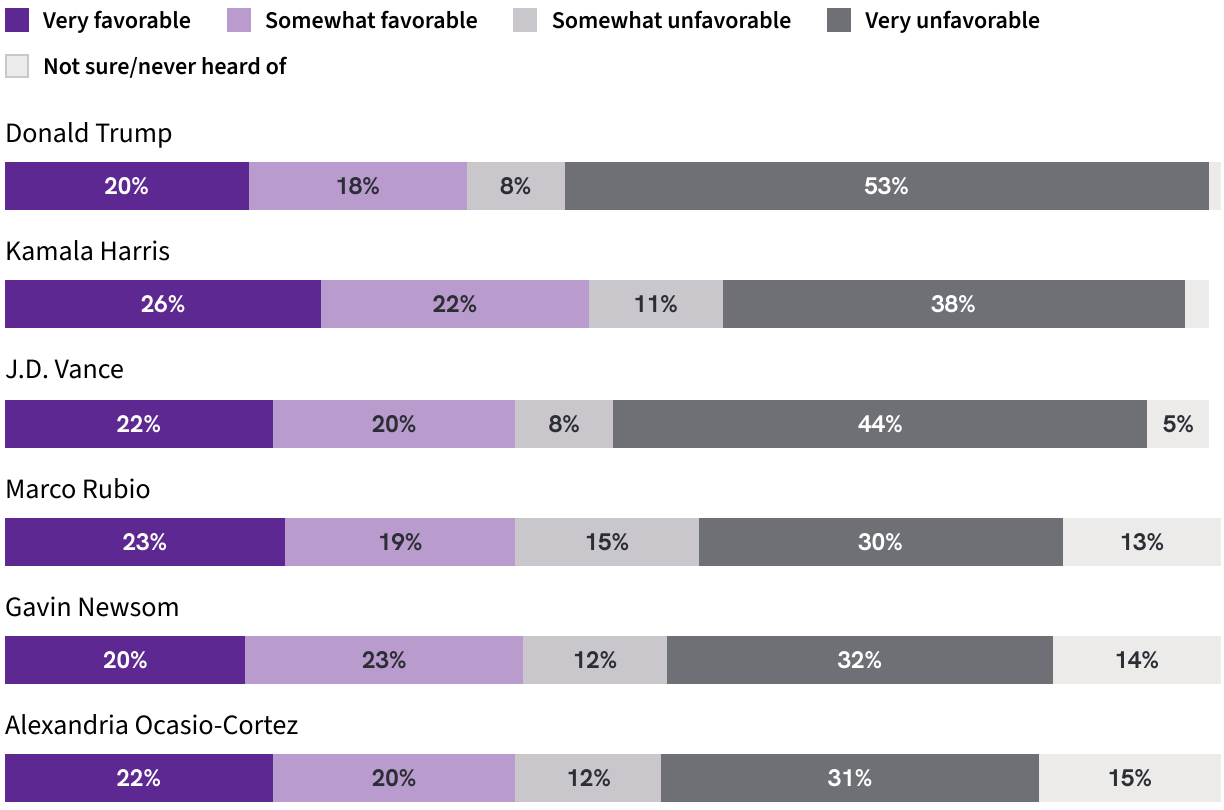
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of each of the following?



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Q31

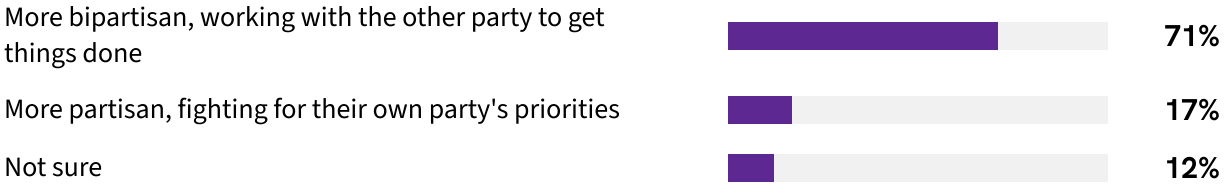
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?



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Q34

In general, do you want elected officials in Washington to be more bipartisan or more partisan?



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Q35

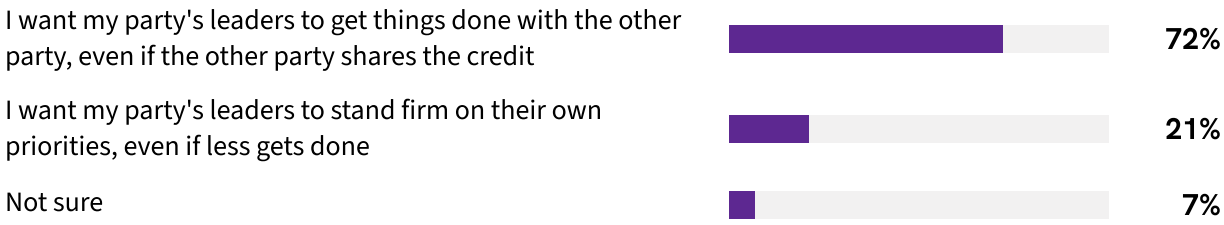
If a member of Congress from the party you usually support worked with the other party to pass a bill you agreed with, would that make you more or less likely to vote for them next time?



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Q37

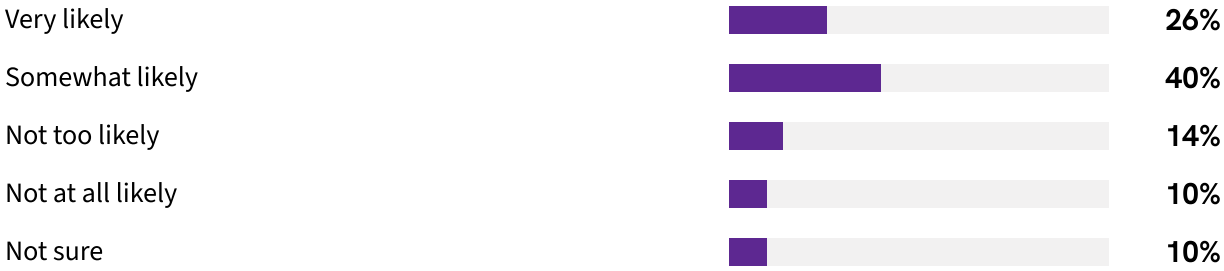
Which comes closer to your view?



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Q38

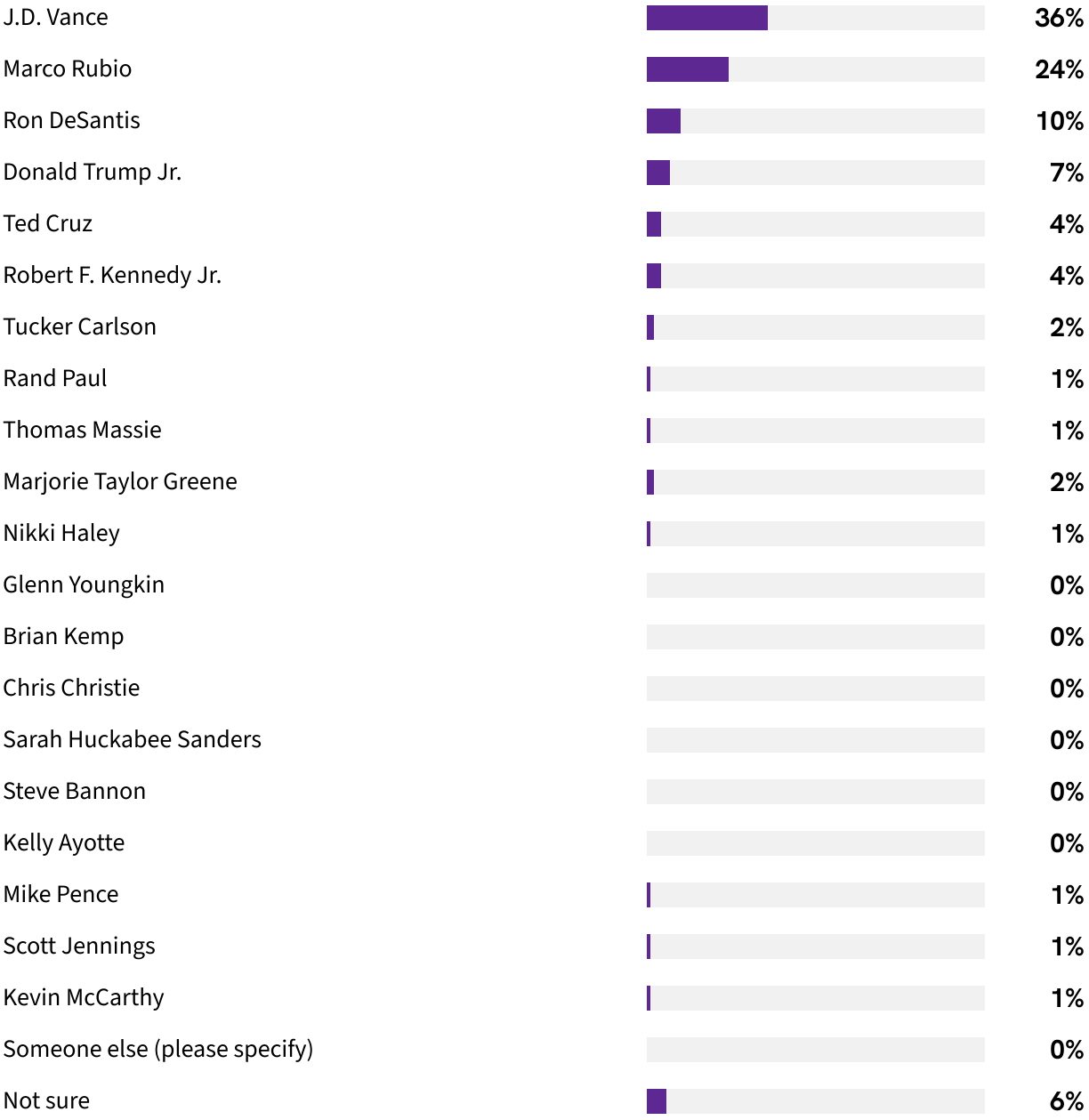
Suppose a Republican who once strongly supported President Trump now works with both parties to pass bills you agree with. How likely would you be to vote for them?



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Q41

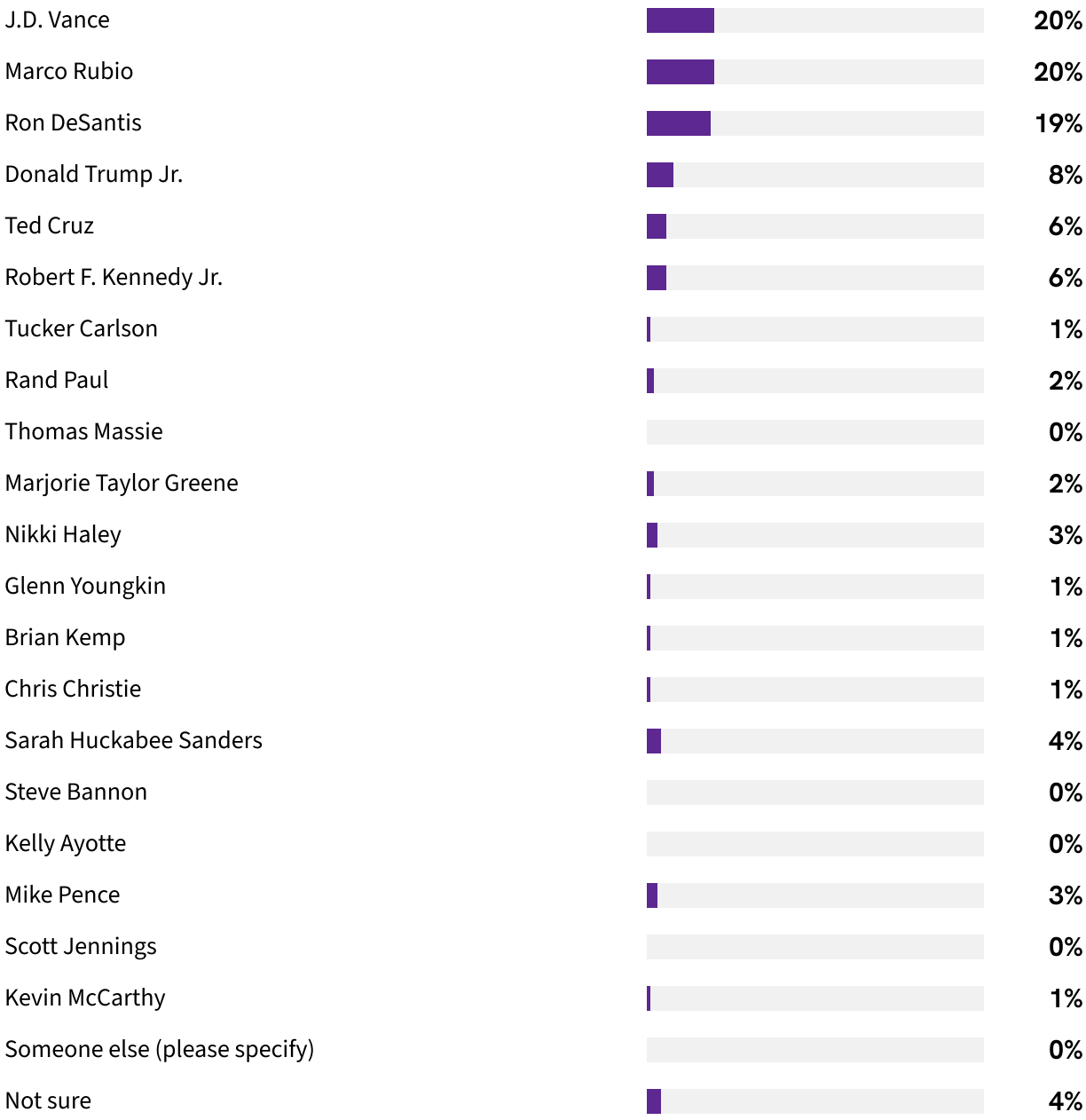
If the 2028 Republican presidential primary were held today and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?



Asked of 2028 Republican primary voters · n = 406

Q42

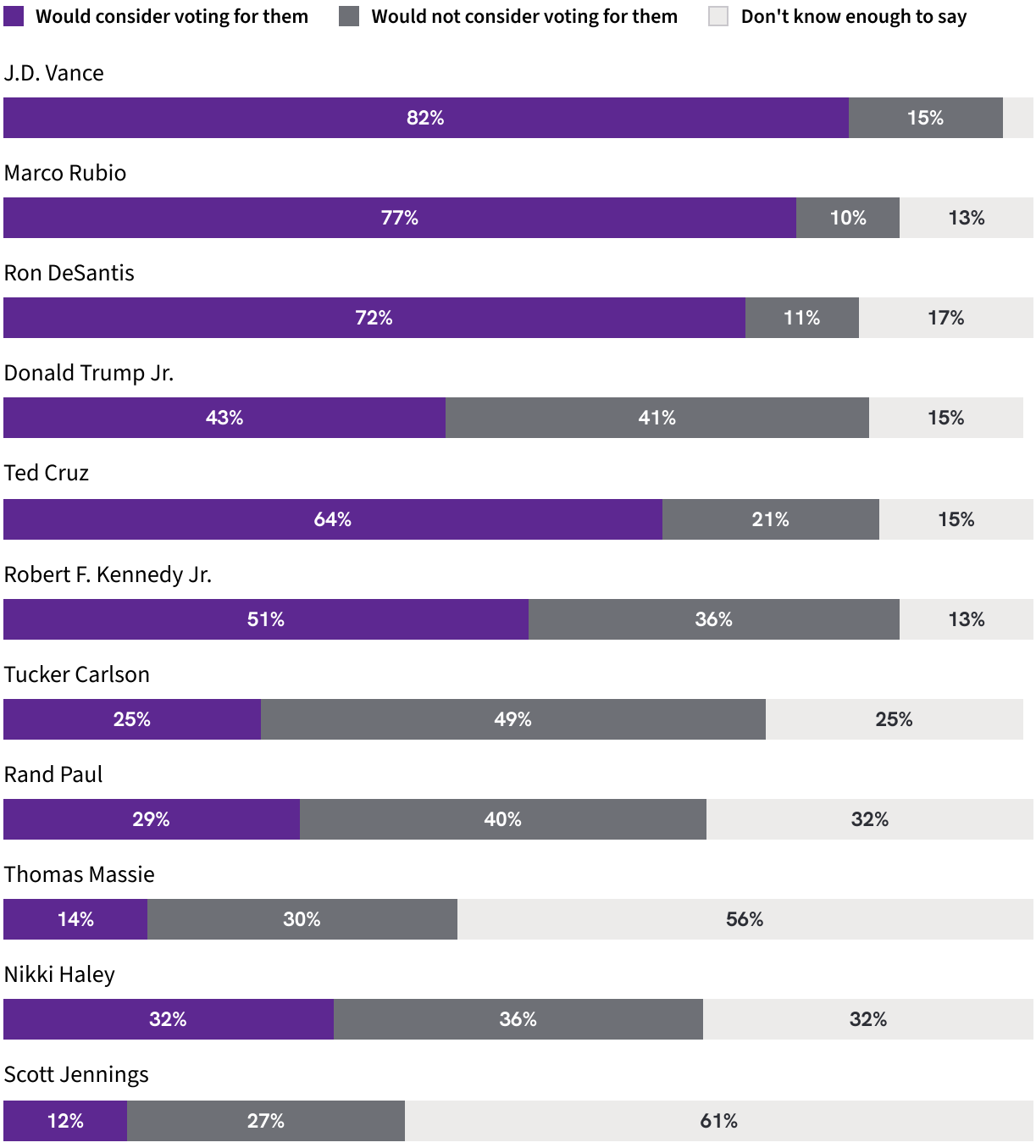
And who would be your second choice?



Asked of 2028 Republican primary voters who named a first choice · n = 379

Q44

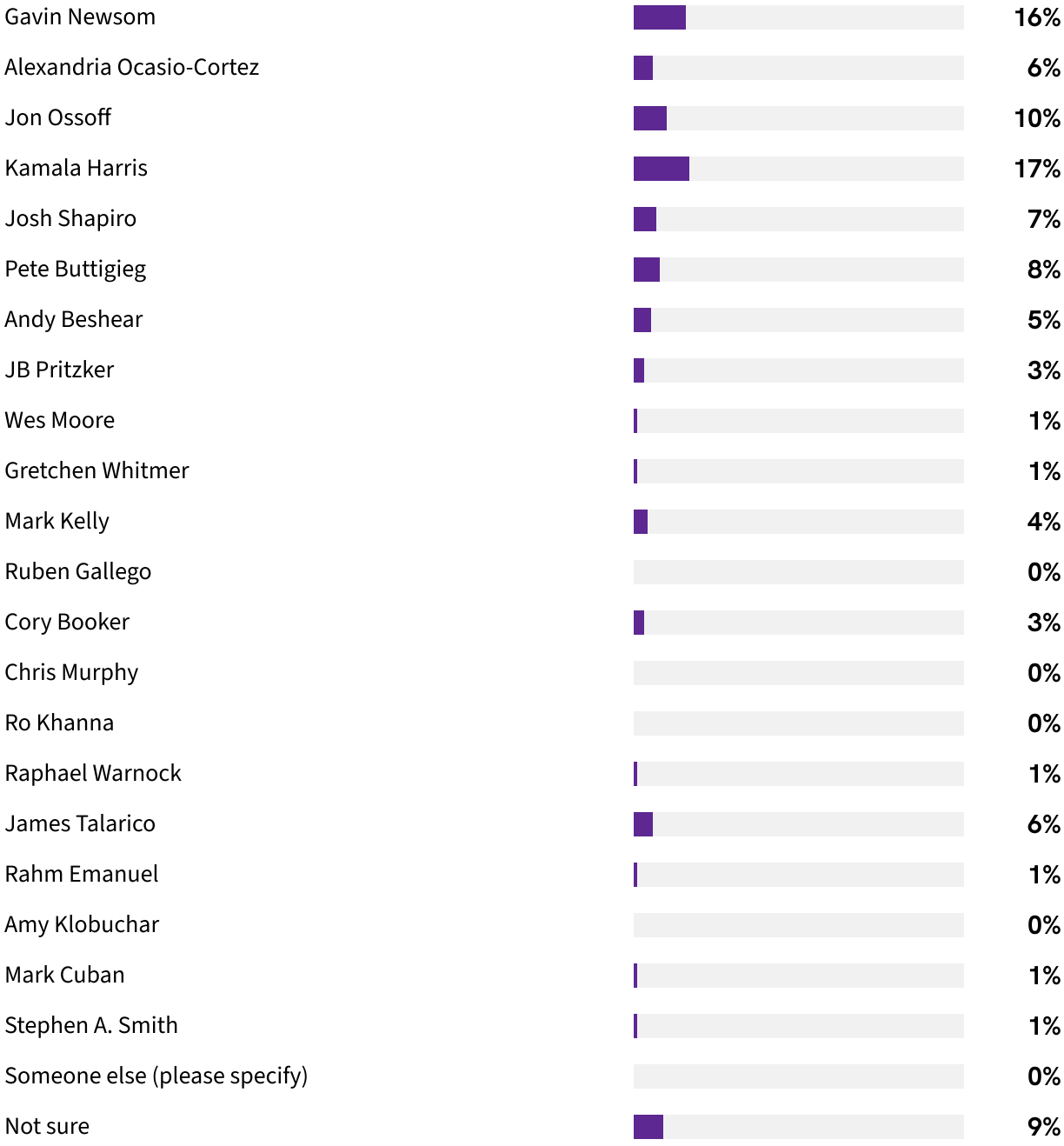
For each of the following, would you consider voting for them in the 2028 Republican presidential primary, or not?



Asked of 2028 Republican primary voters · n = 406

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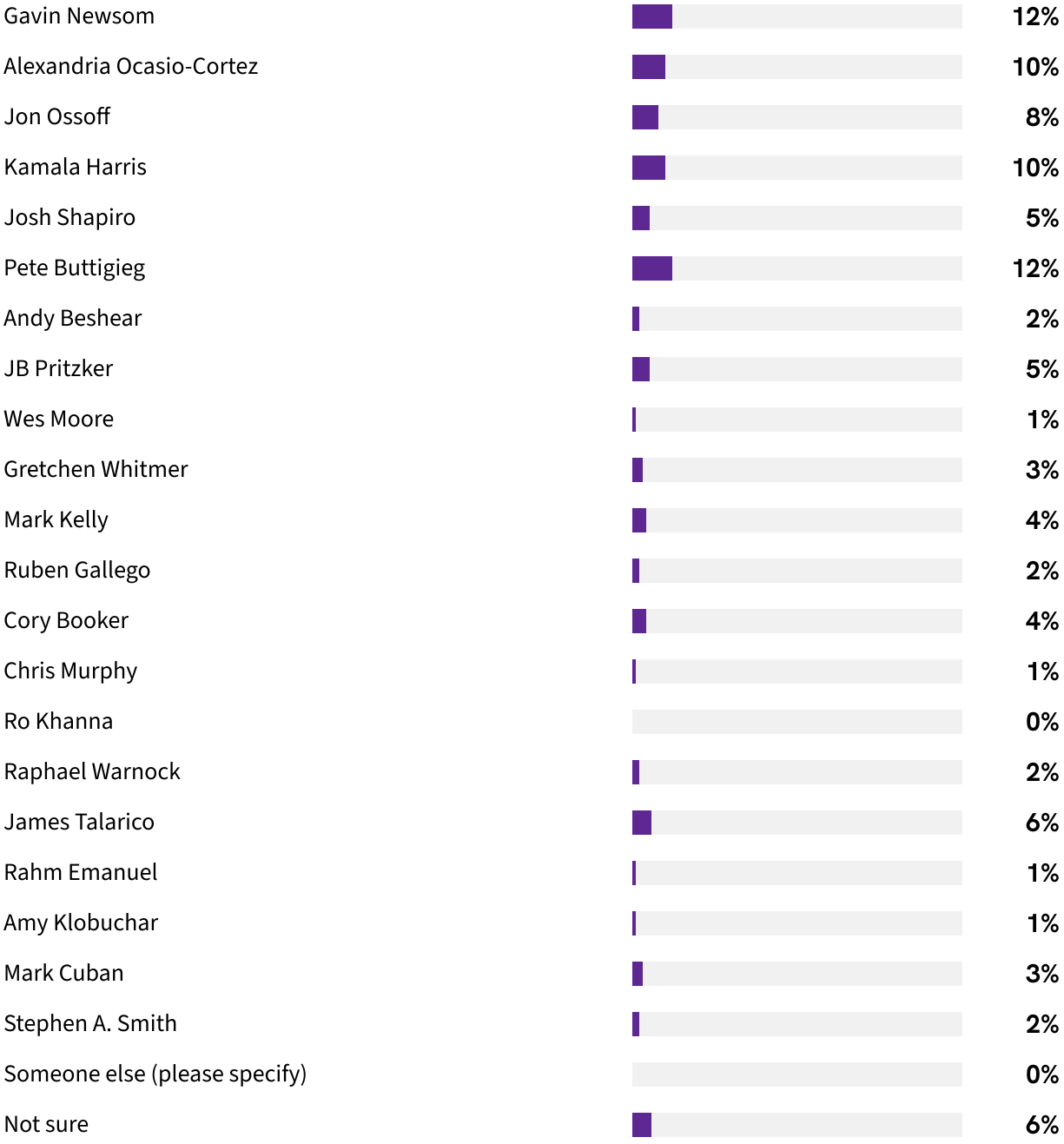
If the 2028 Democratic presidential primary were held today and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?



Asked of 2028 Democratic primary voters · n = 518

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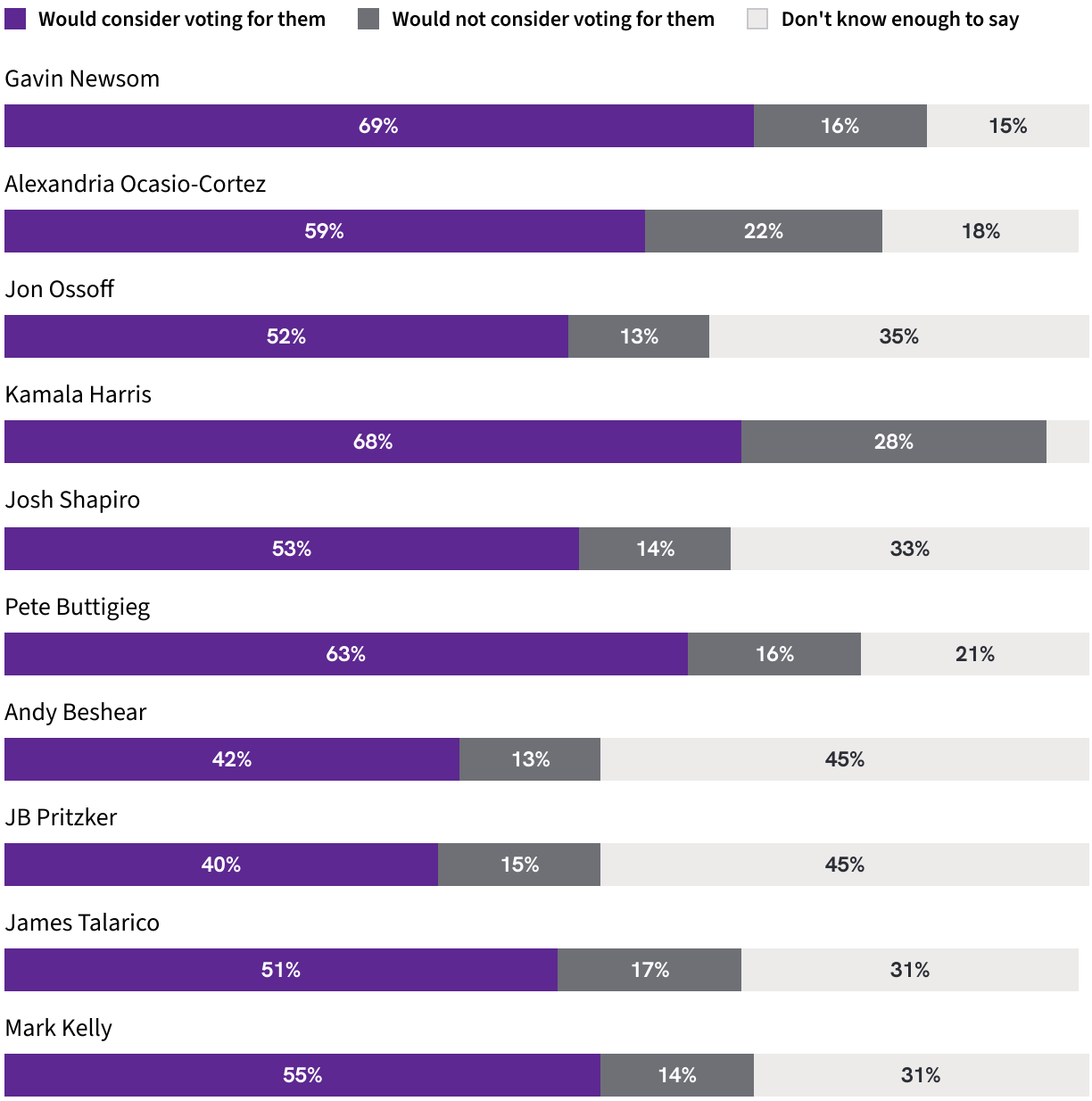
And who would be your second choice?



Asked of 2028 Democratic primary voters who named a first choice · n = 469

Q48

For each of the following, would you consider voting for them in the 2028 Democratic presidential primary, or not?



Asked of 2028 Democratic primary voters · n = 518

Q49

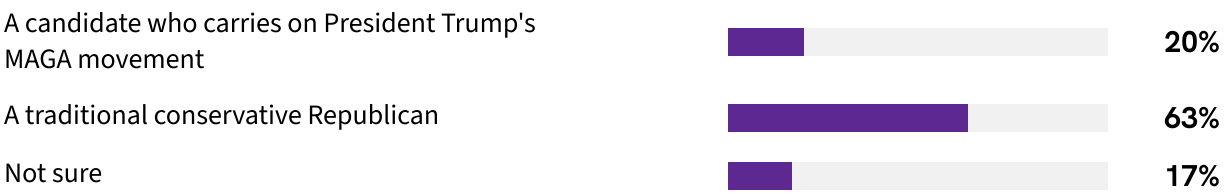
In 2028, would you rather vote for a presidential candidate who will mainly fight hard against the other party, or one who will mainly try to work with the other party?



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Q50

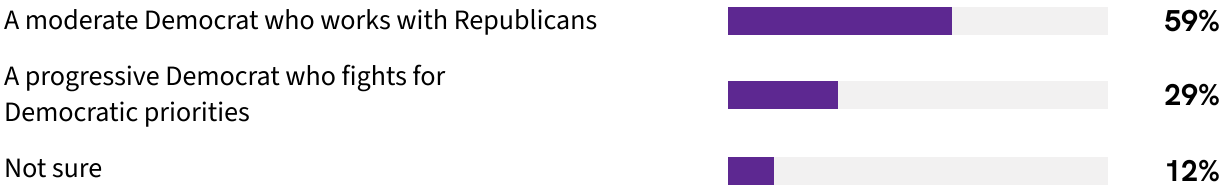
Which kind of candidate would you rather see win the 2028 Republican nomination?



n = 1,001

Q51

Which kind of candidate would you rather see win the 2028 Democratic nomination?



n = 1,001

Q53

How likely is a recession to occur in the next year?



n = 1,001

Q55

If the economy gets worse next year, who would you mainly blame?



n = 1,001

Q56

How would you rate your personal financial situation right now?



n = 1,001

Q57

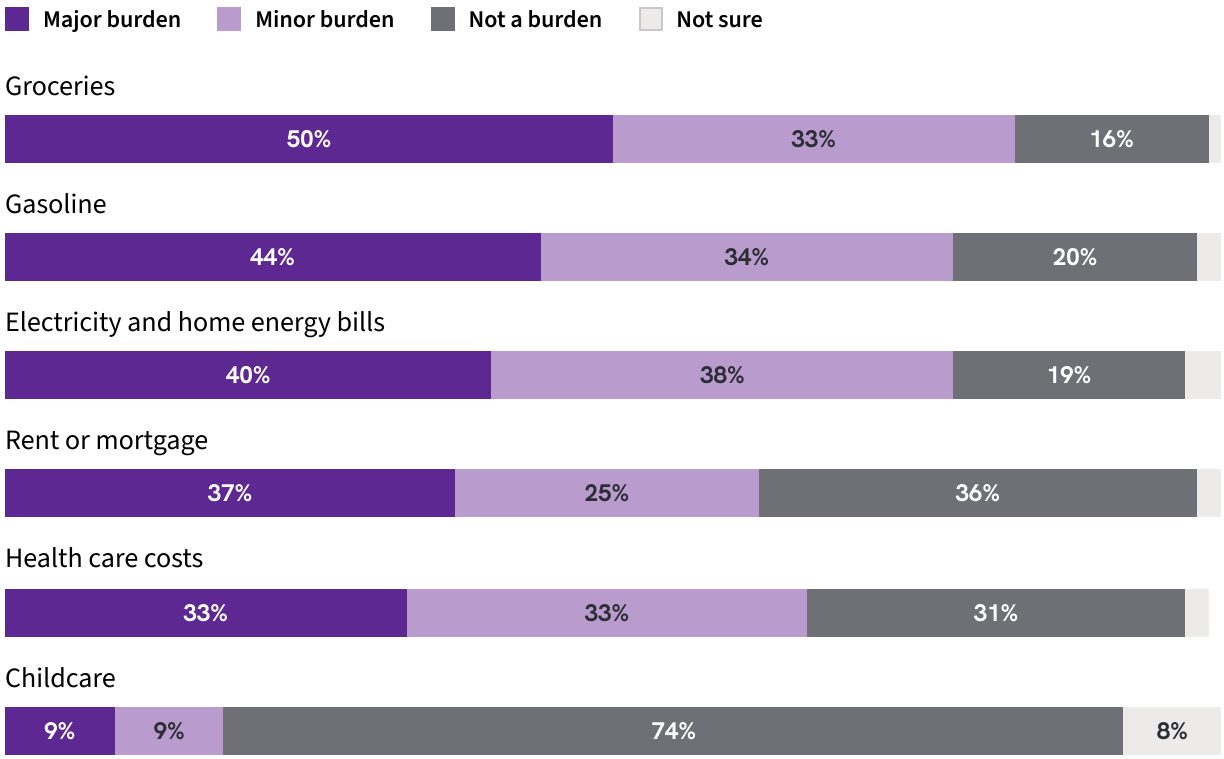
Some people describe feeling "squeezed" — where their income isn't keeping up with rising costs across food, housing, insurance, and other expenses all at once. Does this describe your situation?



n = 1,001

Q58

How much of a financial burden is each of the following for your household right now?



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Q59

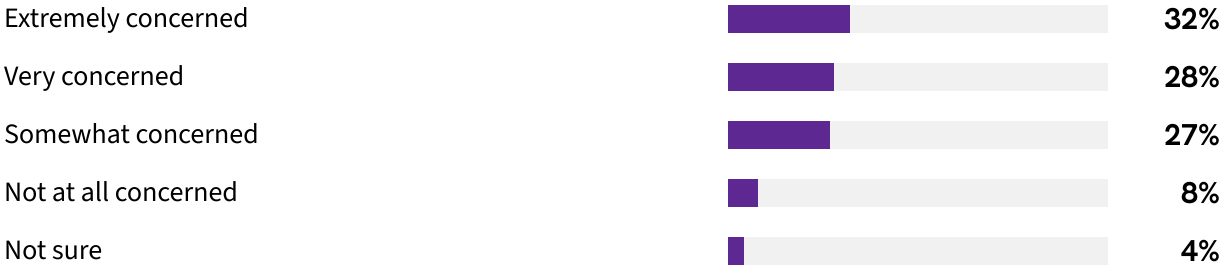
Have you noticed grocery prices coming down over the past six months?



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Q63

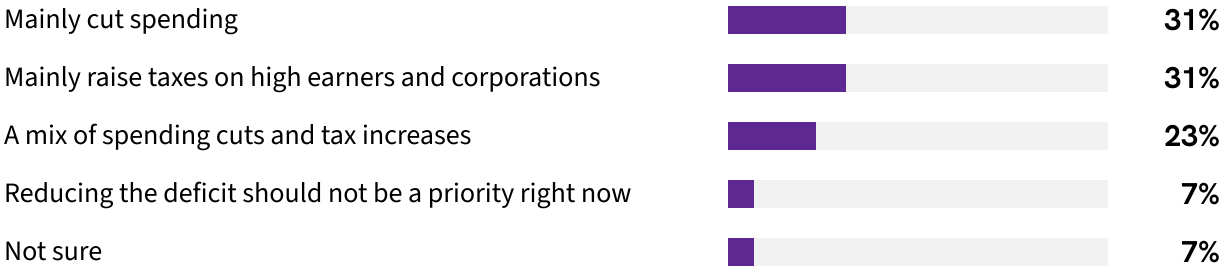
How concerned are you about the size of the national debt?



n = 1,001

Q64

Which comes closest to how Congress should reduce the deficit?



n = 1,001

Q68

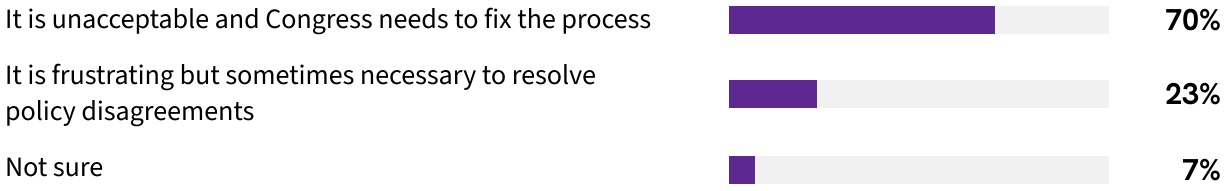
How concerned are you that the Social Security trust fund will run out of money to pay full benefits during the next presidential term?



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Q69

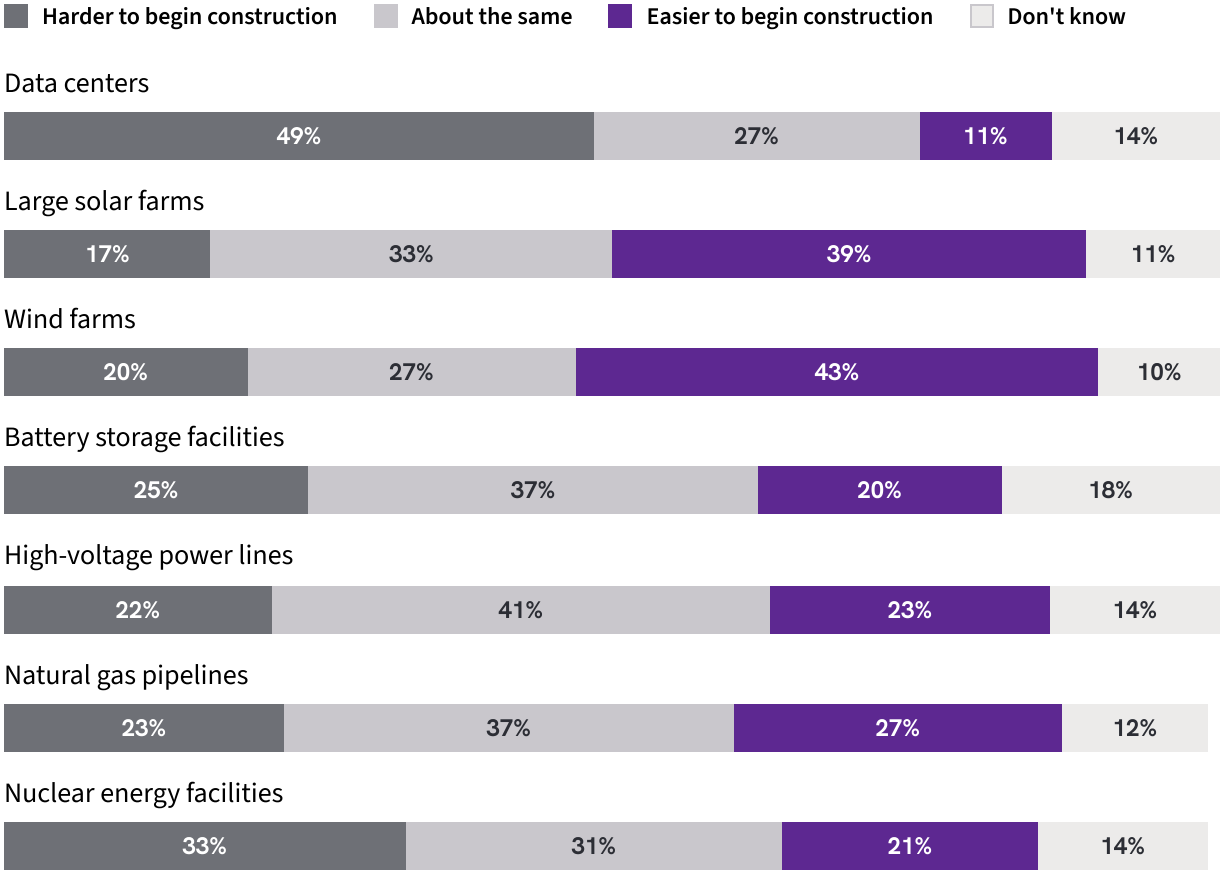
In recent years, the federal government has faced a budget shutdown or near-shutdown approximately every three to six months. How do you feel about this?



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Q78

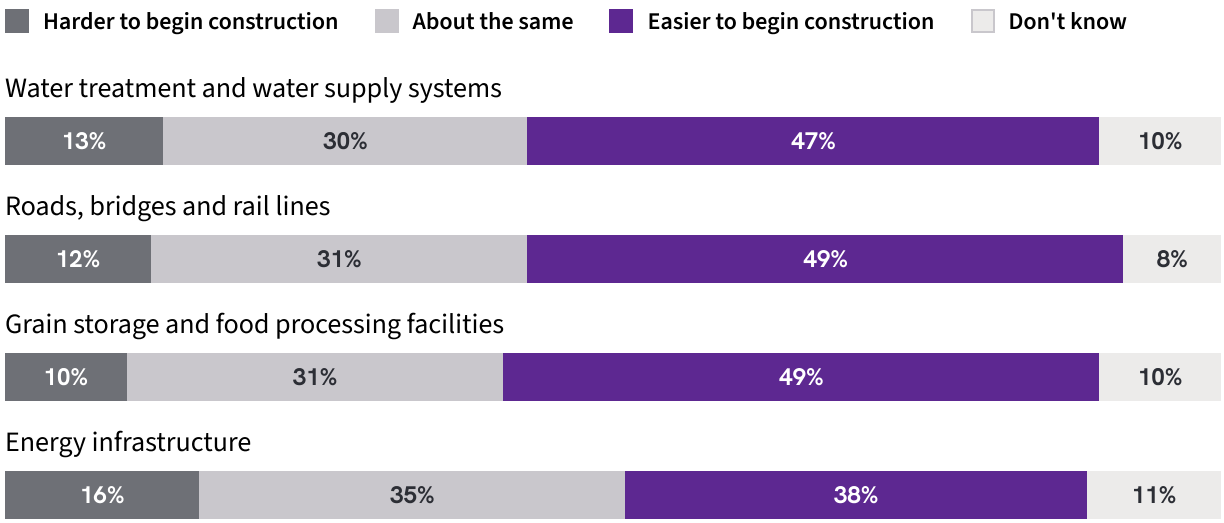
Below are some projects that require permitting to begin. For each, say whether you believe it should be easier or harder to begin construction on the projects.



n = 1,001

Q79

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n = 1,001

Q80

There is currently legislation being considered in Congress that would streamline the process for permitting new energy development. Would you support or oppose this legislation?



n = 1,001

Q85

Would you support or oppose legislation that makes it faster to build new power plants and power lines in order to lower electricity bills for families?



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Q95

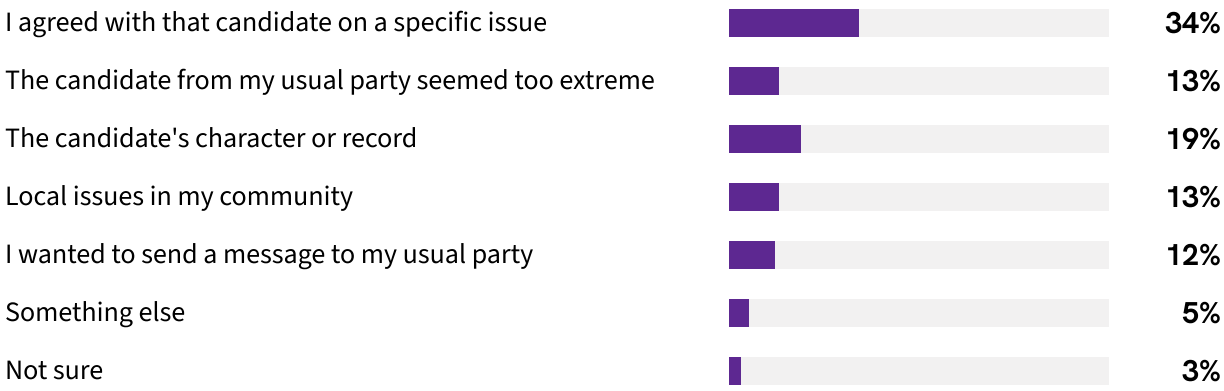
Thinking about every race on your ballot this year, did you vote for any candidate from a party you usually do not support?



Asked of respondents who voted in 2026 · n = 897

Q96

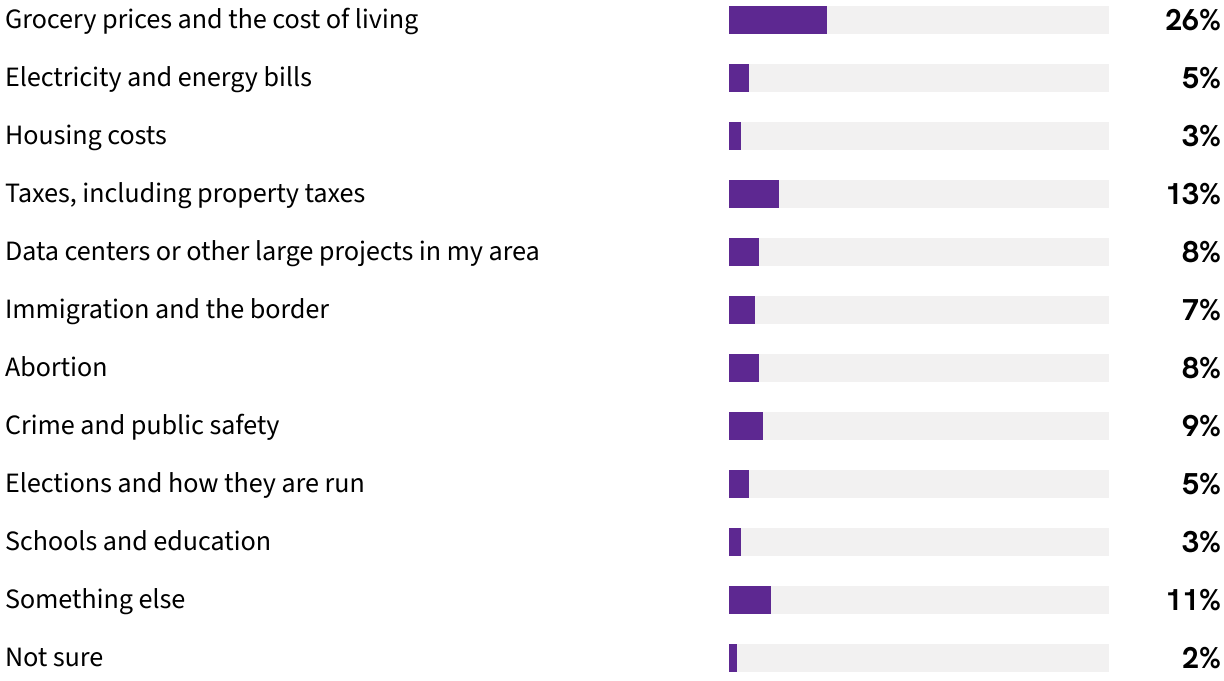
What was the main reason you crossed party lines?



Asked of respondents who crossed party lines · n = 222

Q97

Which issue mattered most in that choice?



Asked of respondents who crossed party lines · n = 222

Crosstabs for every question in this report are available in the companion crosstab report.



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