

America's International Image, the Political Landscape & Voter Attitudes Ahead of the 2020 Election

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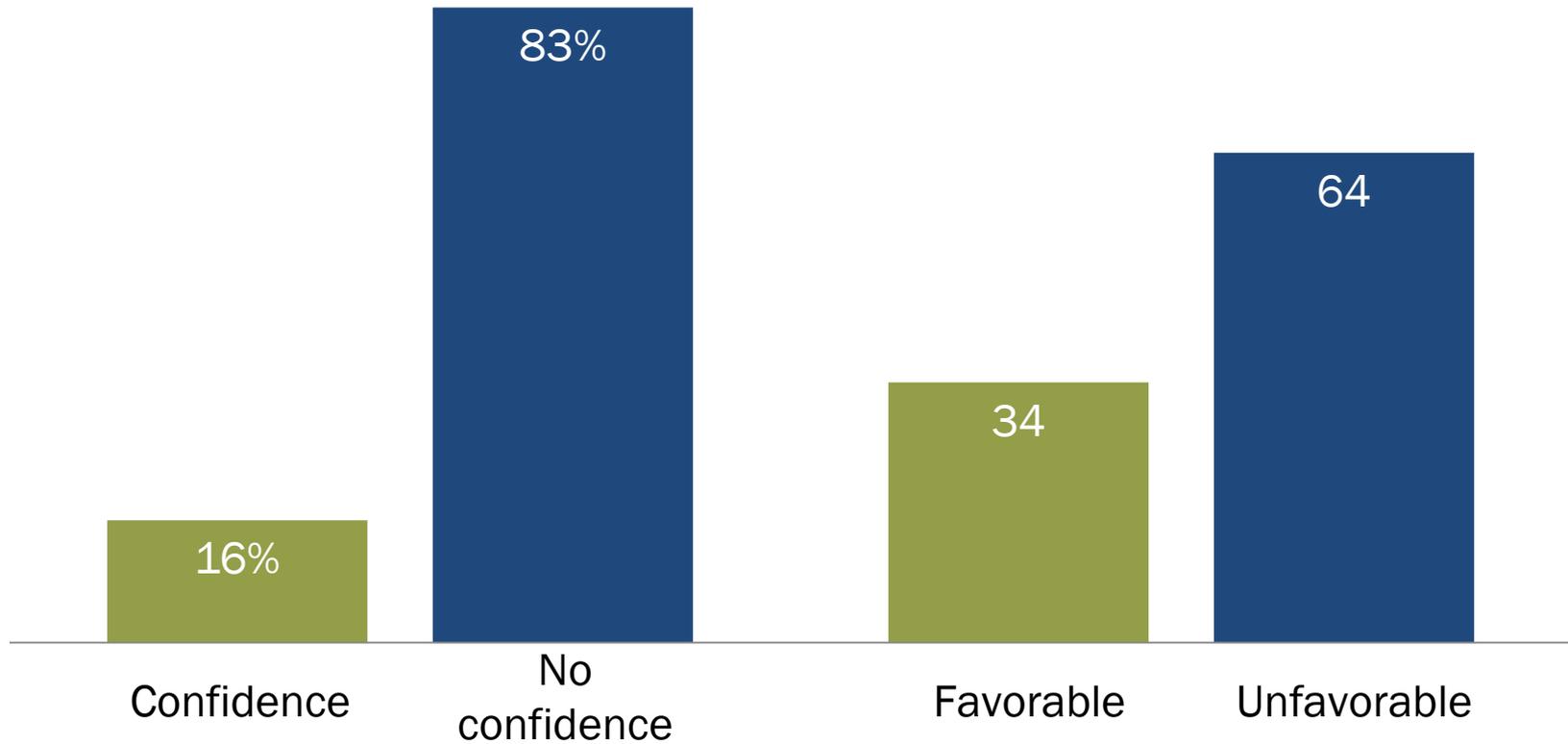
- **Survey conducted across 13 countries from June 10 to August 3, 2020, totaling 13,273 respondents**
- **Based on telephone interviews with nationally representative samples of adults 18 and older**
- **The margin of sampling error for the completed set of weighted data is ± 3.1 to ± 4.2 percentage points**

U.S. FAVORABILITY AND CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT TRUMP

Poor ratings for the U.S. and Trump in Canada, Europe and Asia-Pacific

Confidence in Trump

Views of U.S.

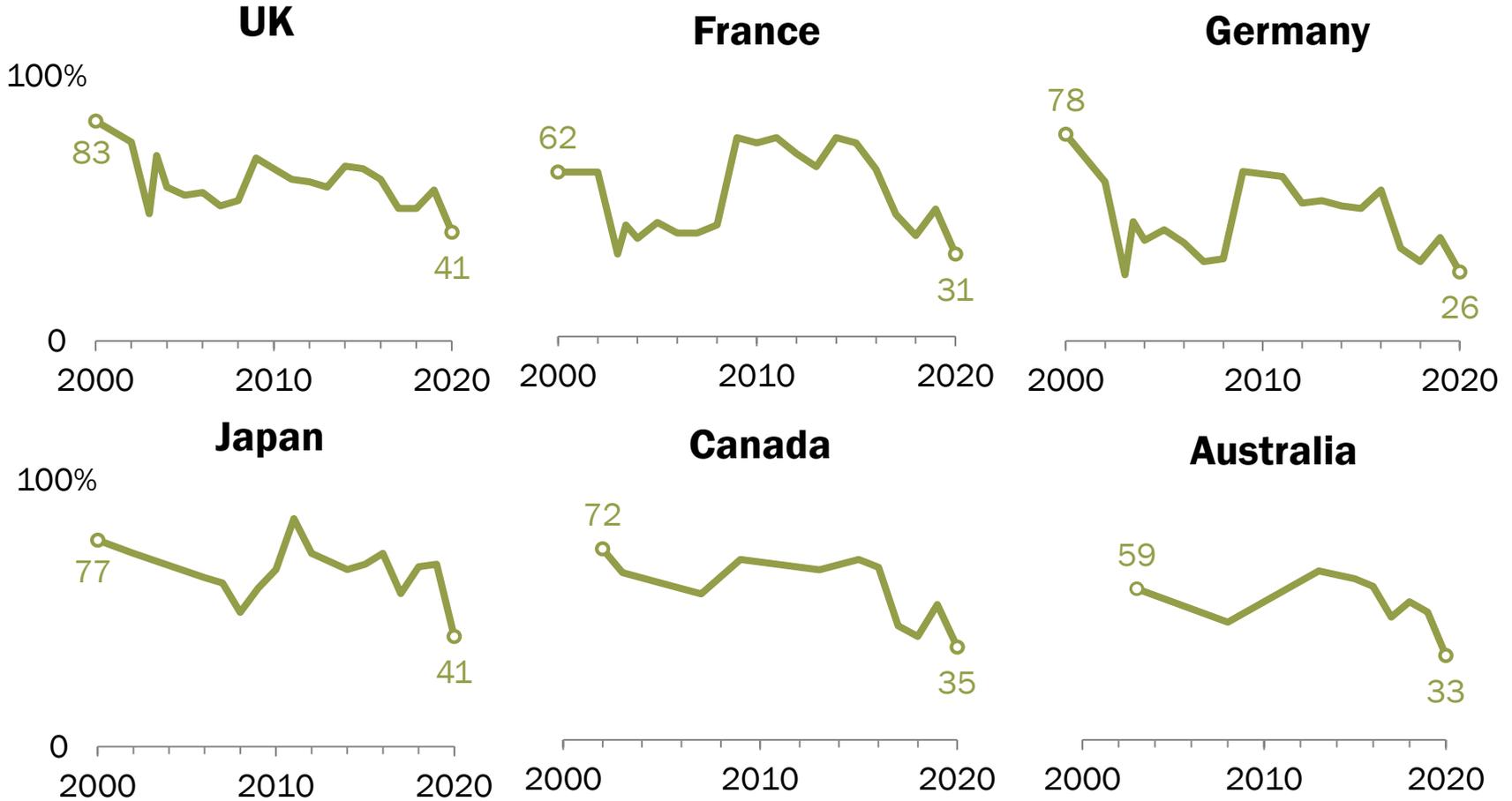


Note: Percentages are medians based on 13 countries. Those who did not answer are not shown.

Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

In some countries, ratings for U.S. are at record low

% who have a **favorable** view of the U.S.



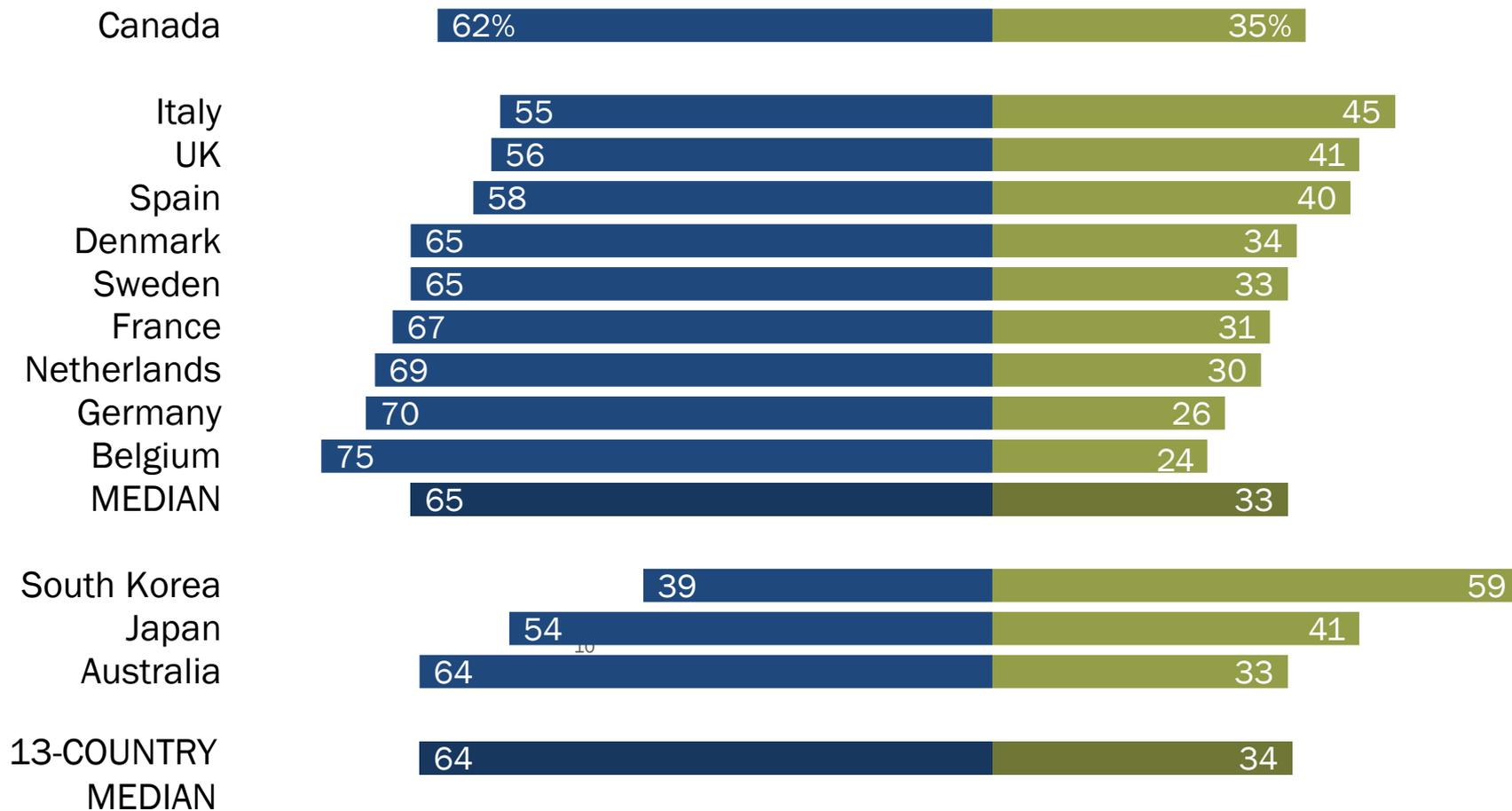
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Few have positive opinion of U.S.

% who have a __view of the U.S.

Unfavorable

Favorable



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Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

U.S. favorability

% who have a **favorable** view of the U.S.

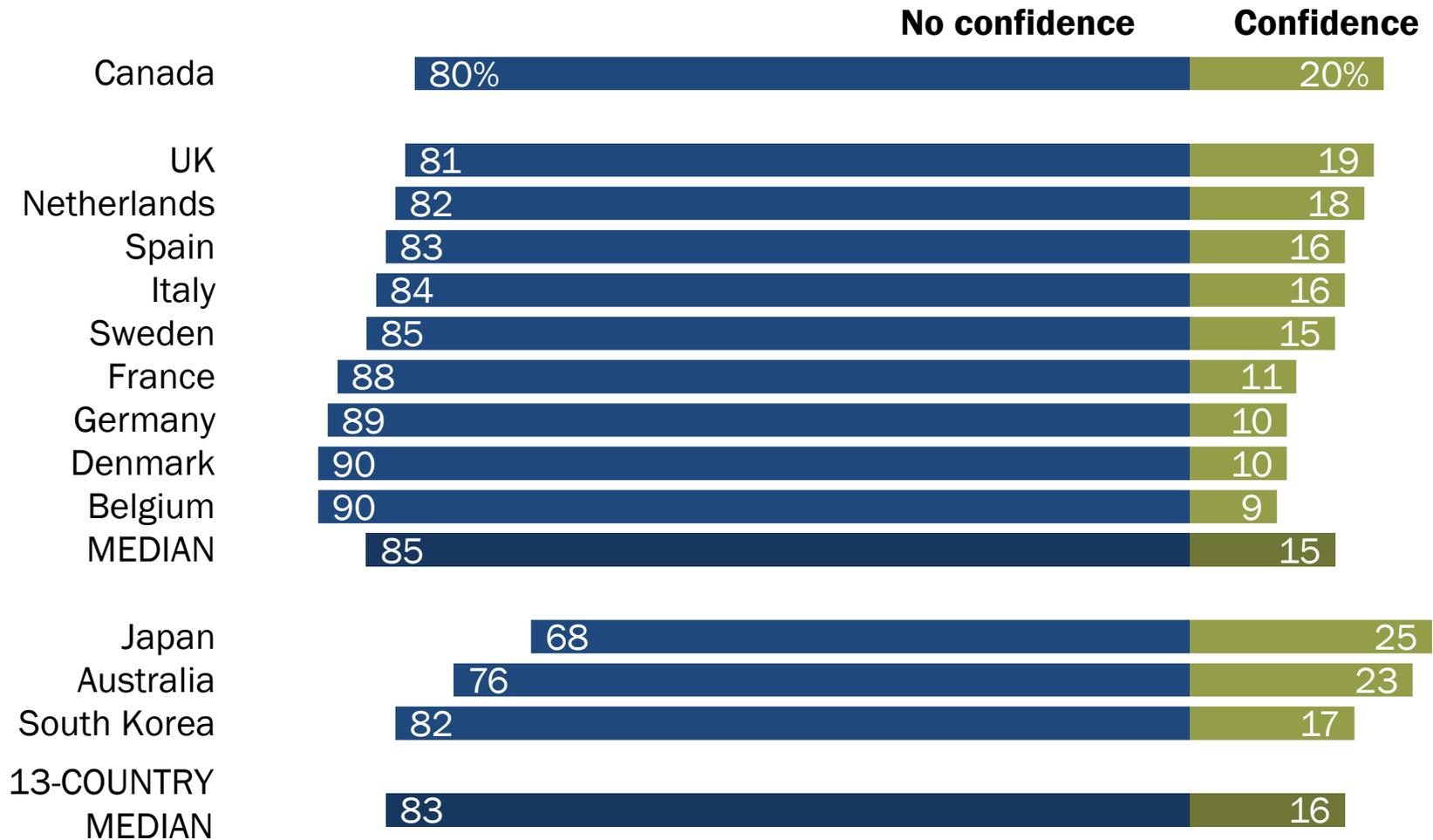
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Japan	77	72	-	-	-	-	63	61	50	59	66	85	72	69	66	68	72	57	67	68	41	▼27
South Korea	58	52	-	46	-	-	-	58	70	78	79	-	-	78	82	84	-	75	80	77	59	▼18
Italy	76	70	34	60	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-	74	76	78	83	72	61	52	62	45	▼17
Australia	-	-	-	59	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	66	-	63	60	48	54	50	33	▼17
France	62	62	31	42	37	43	39	39	42	75	73	75	69	64	75	73	63	46	38	48	31	▼17
UK	83	75	48	70	58	55	56	51	53	69	65	61	60	58	66	65	61	50	50	57	41	▼16
Canada	-	72	-	63	-	59	-	55	-	68	-	-	-	64	-	68	65	43	39	51	35	▼16
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	37	34	46	30	▼16
Germany	78	60	25	45	38	42	37	30	31	64	63	62	52	53	51	50	57	35	30	39	26	▼13
Spain	50	-	14	38	-	41	23	34	33	58	61	64	58	62	60	65	59	31	42	52	40	▼12
Sweden	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	45	44	45	33	▼12
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	-
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-

Note: Statistically significant differences shown in **bold**. 2000 trend is from 1999 or 2000 and provided by the U.S. Department of State. In Italy, 2020 survey was conducted by telephone; surveys were conducted face-to-face in 2002 and 2007-2019.

Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

Little confidence in President Trump's handling of world affairs

% who have __ in U.S. President Donald Trump to do the right thing regarding world affairs



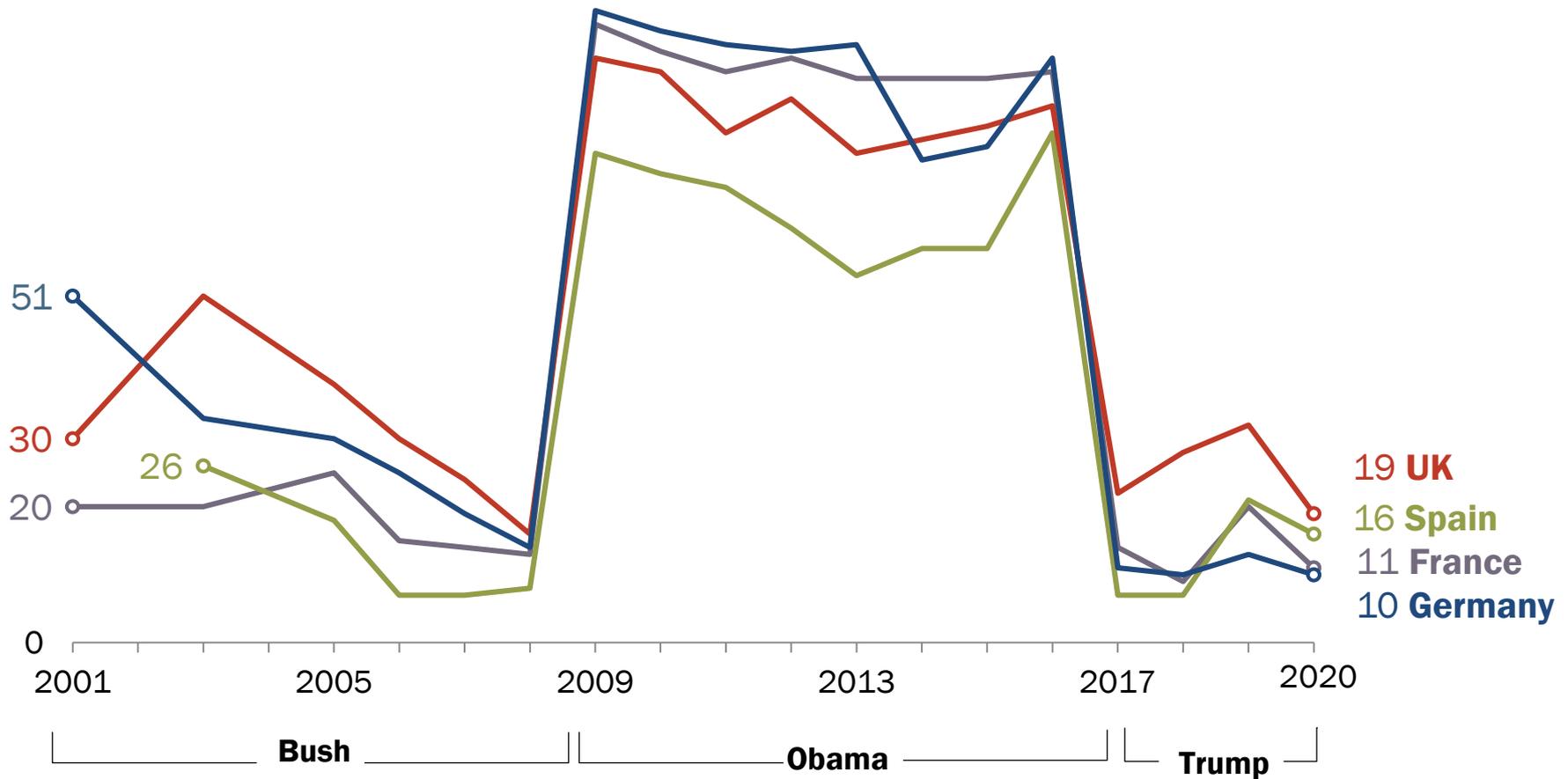
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Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

Low confidence in Trump in Western Europe

% who have **confidence** in the U.S. president to do the right thing regarding world affairs

100%



Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

Confidence in U.S. presidents

% who have **confidence** in U.S. President ___ to do the right thing regarding world affairs

■ Highest rating

■ Lowest rating

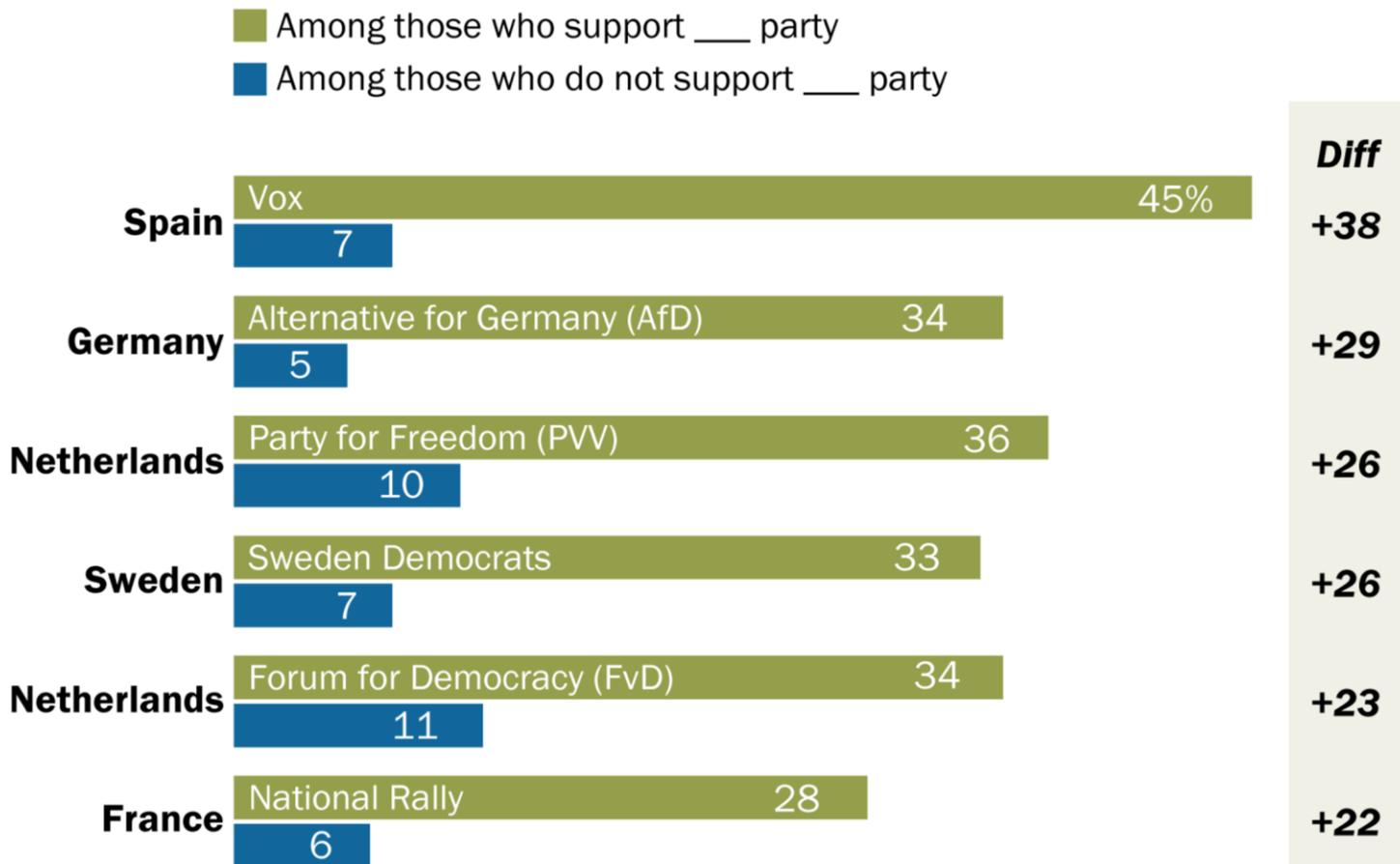
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Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-

Note: Statistically significant differences shown in **bold**. In Italy, 2020 survey was conducted by telephone; surveys were conducted face-to-face in 2007-2019.

Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

More confidence in Trump among European right-wing populist party supporters

% who have **confidence** in U.S. President Donald Trump to do the right thing regarding world affairs

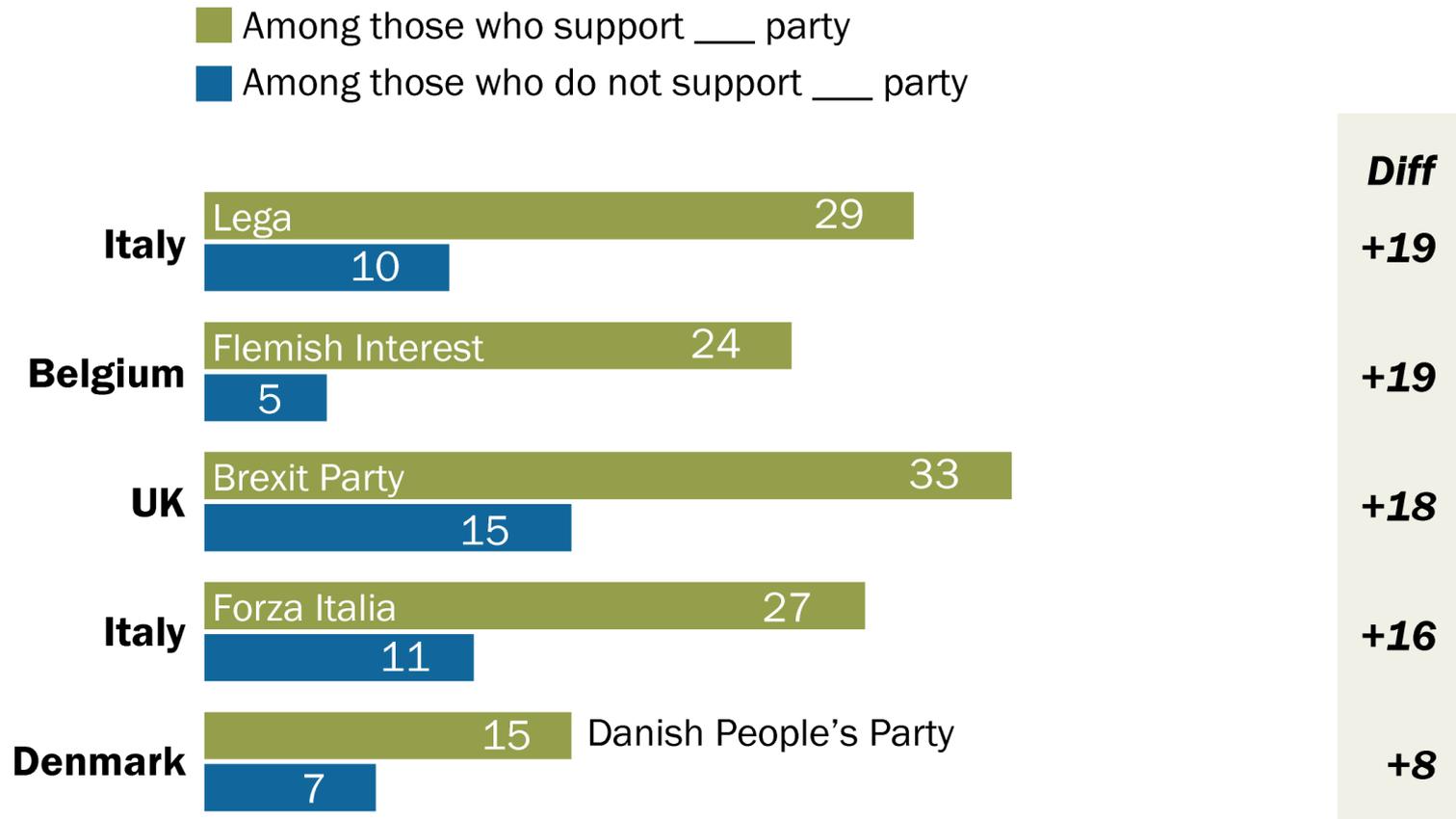


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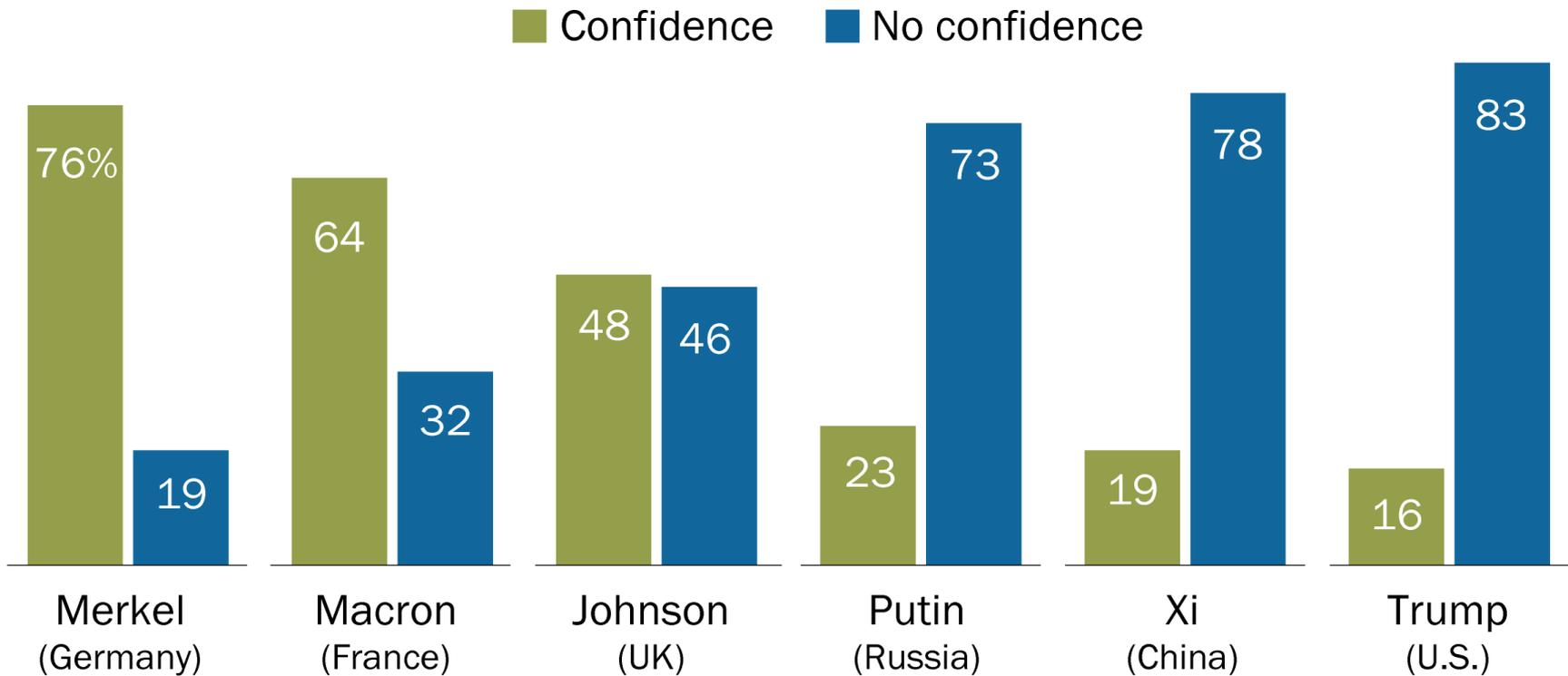


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Trump less trusted than leaders of Germany, France, UK, Russia and China

% who have ___ in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs

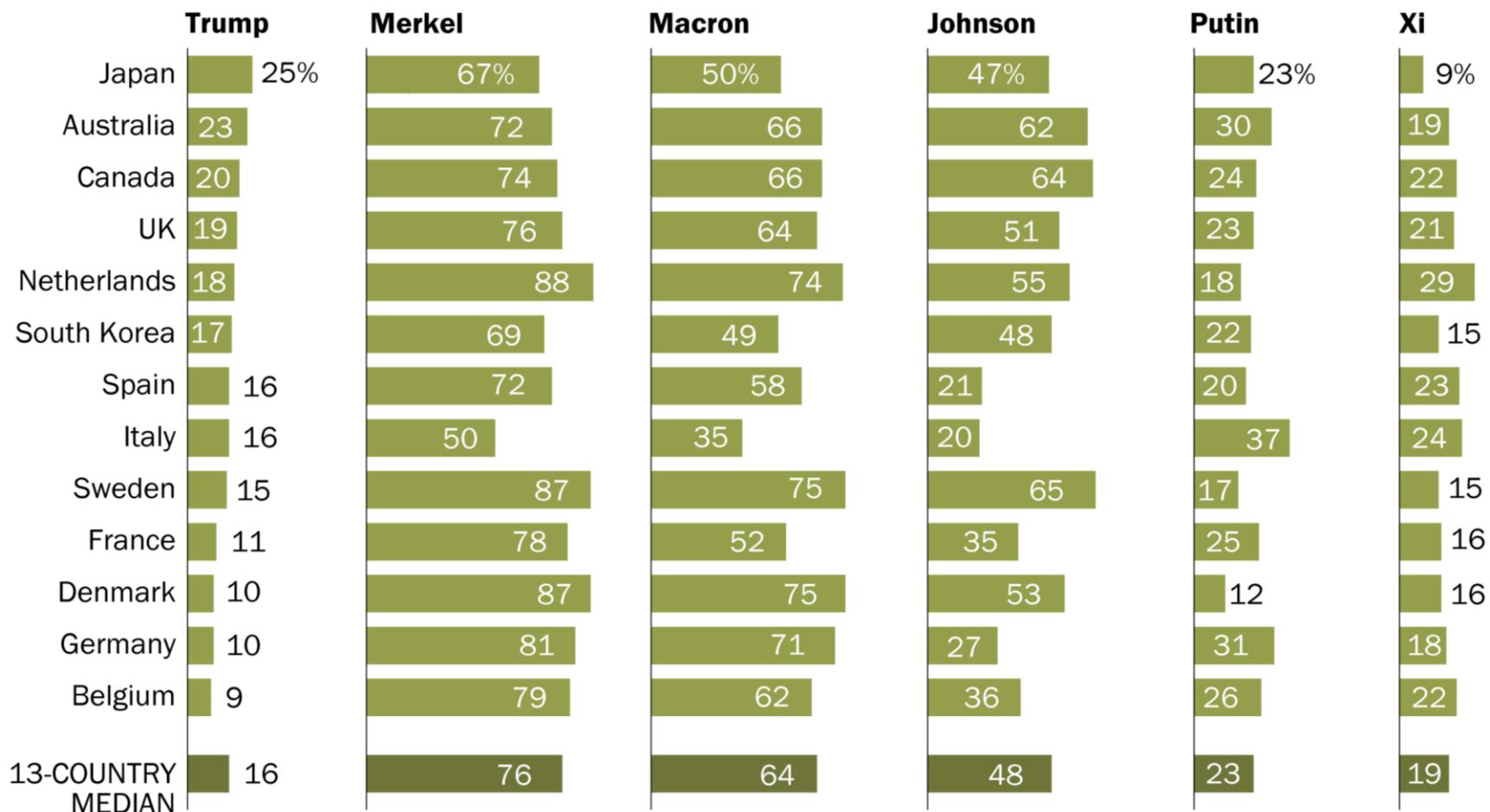


Note: Percentages are medians based on 13 countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and the UK. "Don't know" responses not shown.

Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

Confidence in world leaders

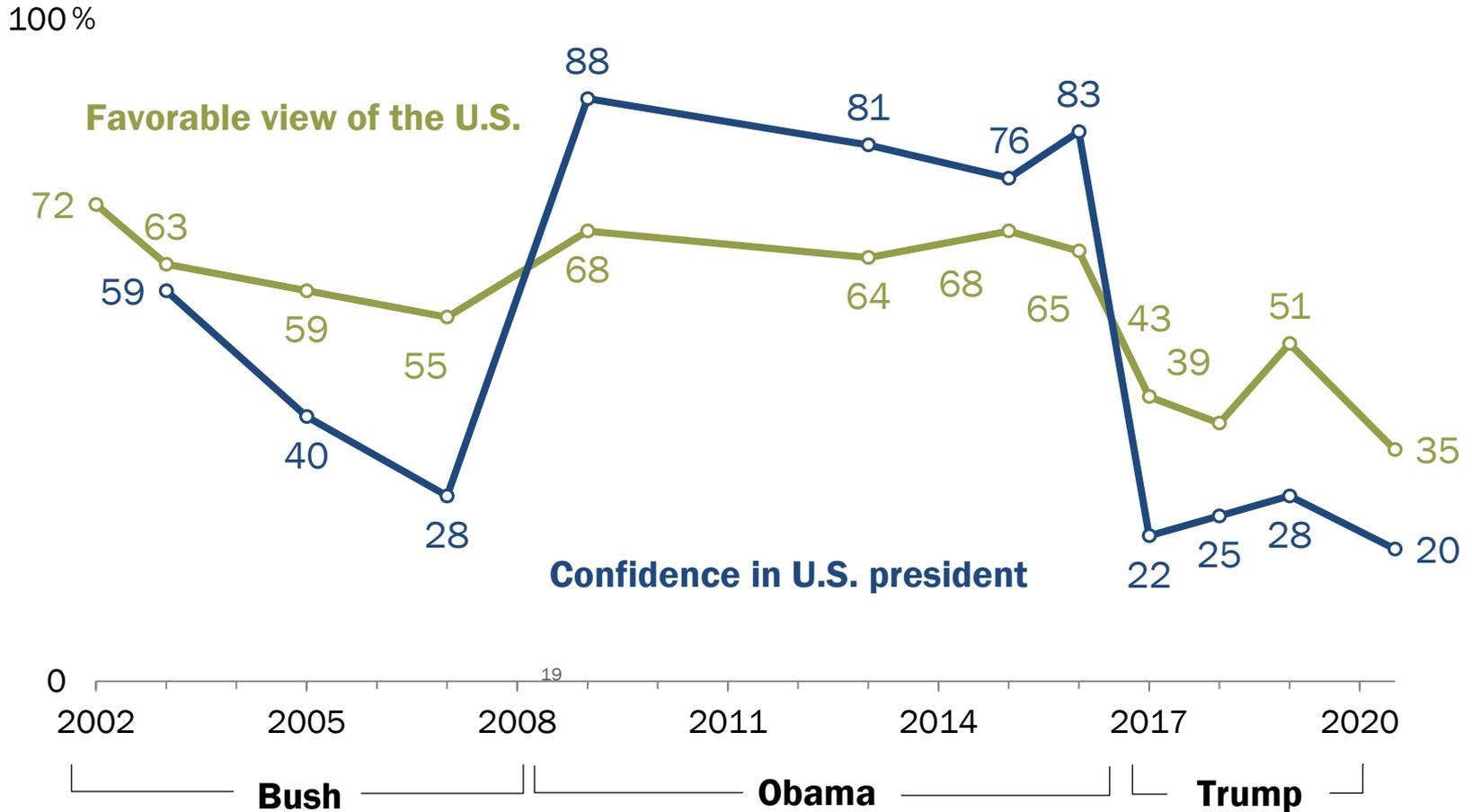
% who have **confidence** in ___ to do the right thing regarding world affairs



Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

In Canada, one-in-five have confidence in Trump

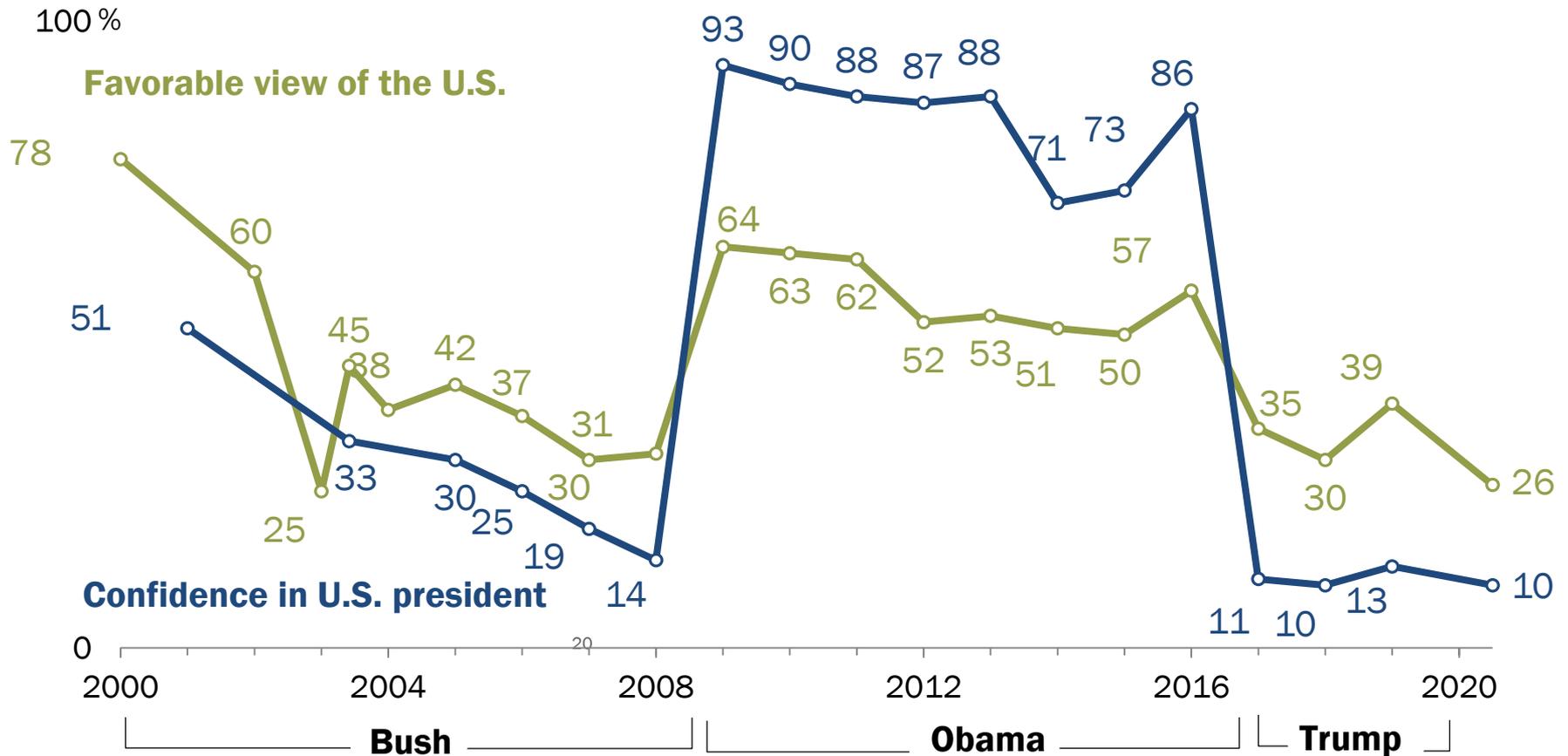
Among Canadians



Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

In Germany, roughly a quarter regard U.S. positively

Among Germans



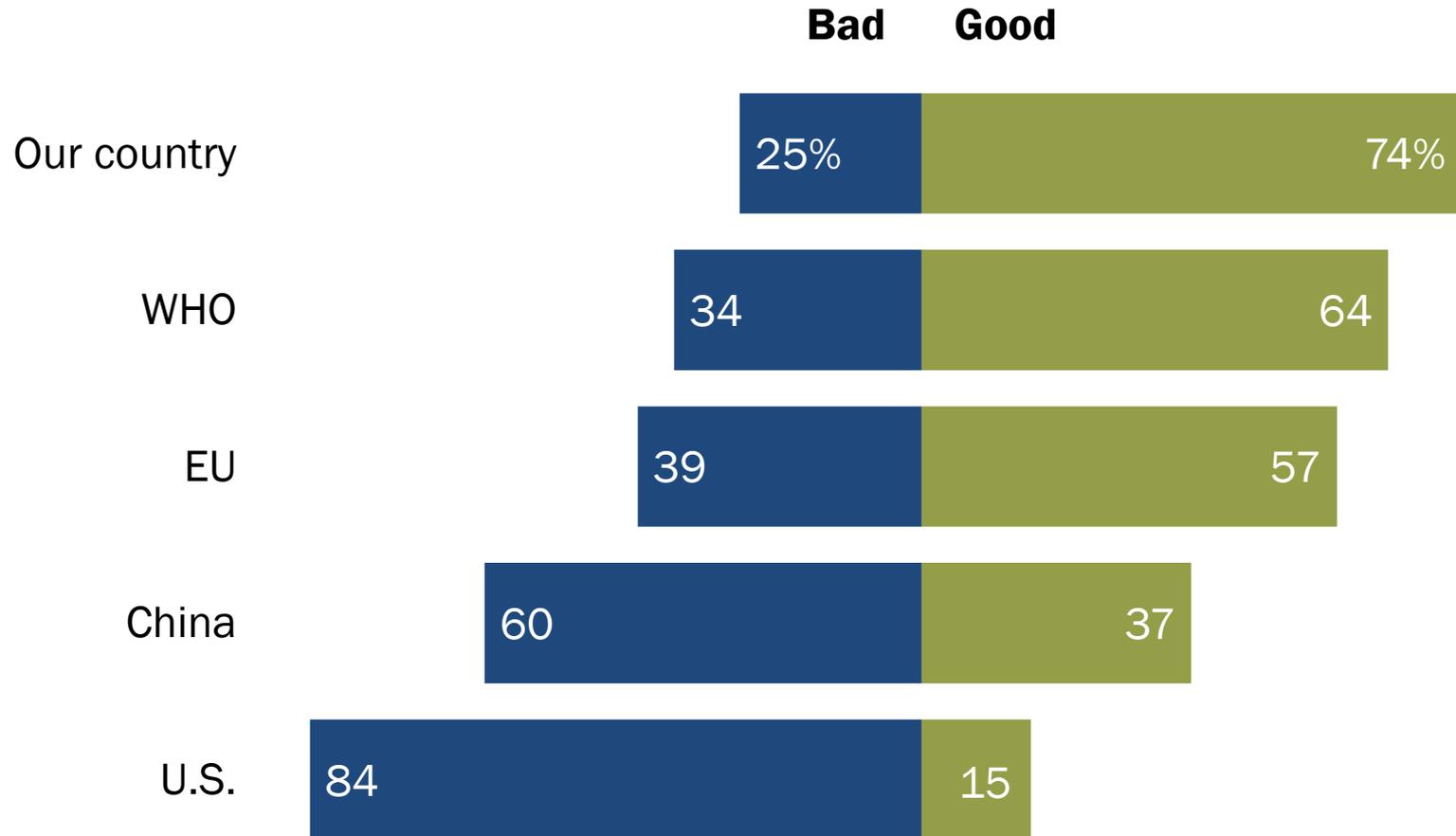
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CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

Poor marks for America's response to coronavirus outbreak

% who say each has done a ___ job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak

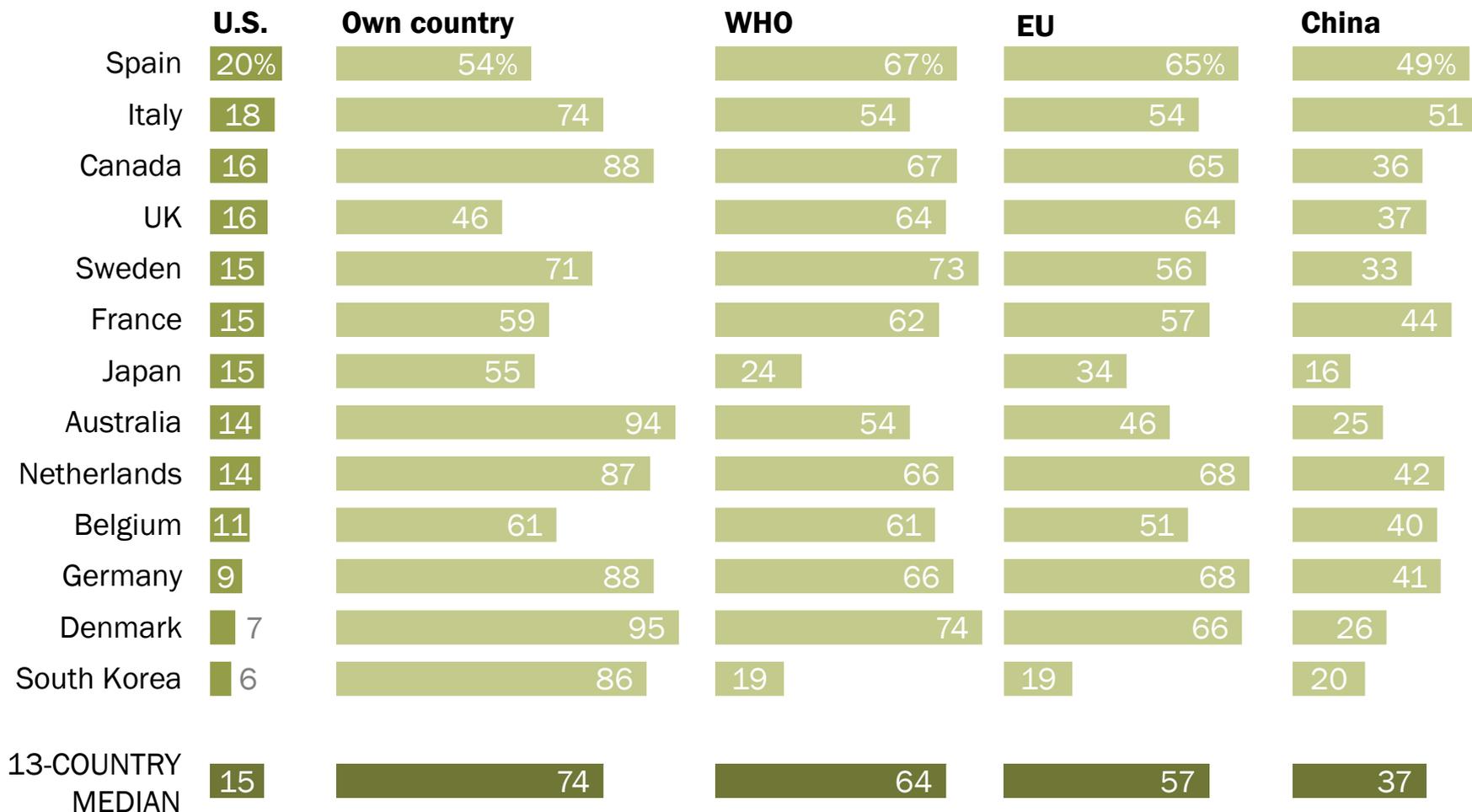


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All publics surveyed rank the U.S. coronavirus response lowest

% who say ___ has done a **good job** dealing with the coronavirus outbreak



Note: In Australia and Canada, the question was asked about “COVID-19.” In Japan, it was asked about “the novel coronavirus,” and in South Korea, it was asked about “Corona19.”

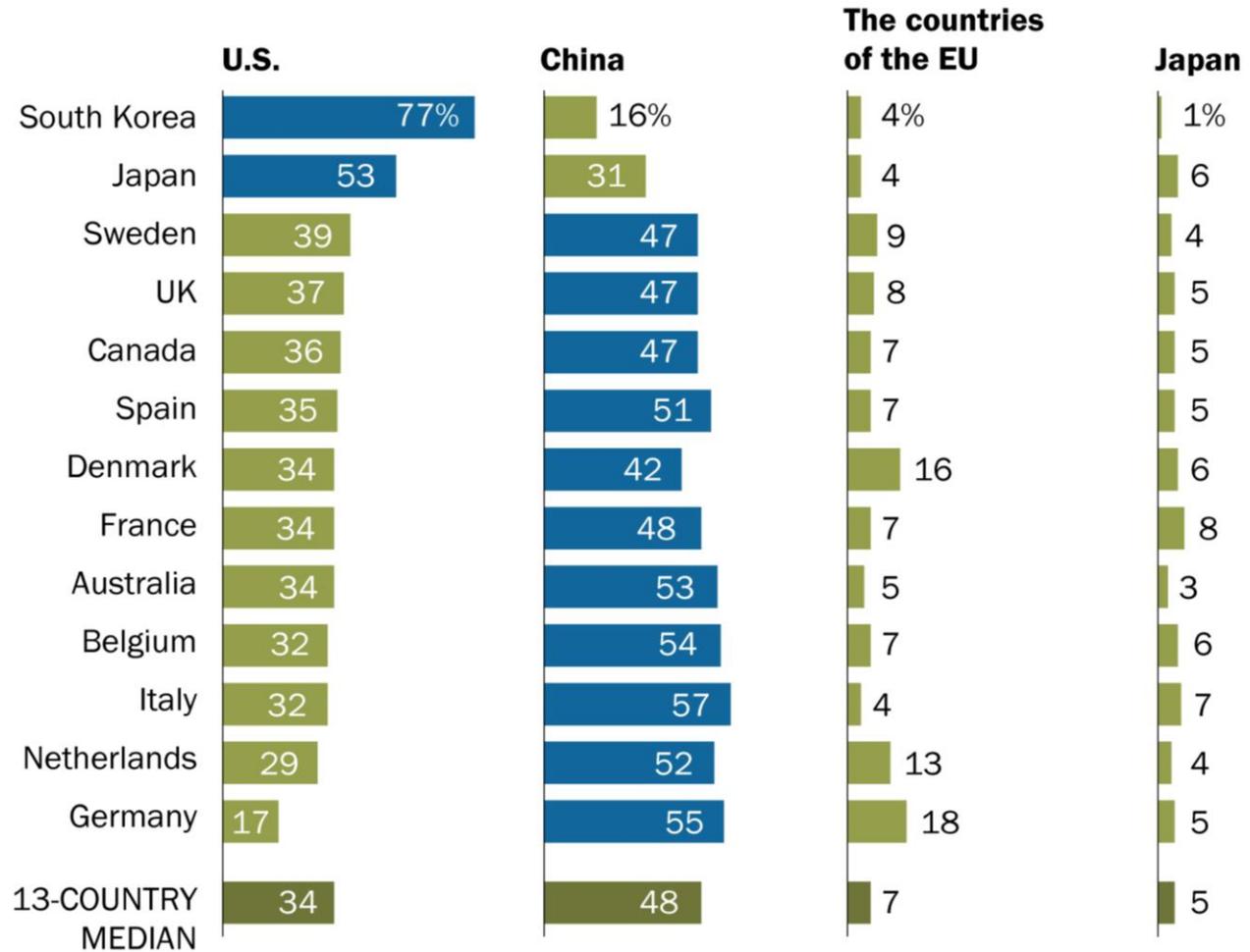
Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

ECONOMIC POWER

South Korea, Japan see U.S. as world's leading economic power; Europeans say it's China

% who say ___ is the world's leading economic power

■ Most common choice



Note: Volunteered "other," "none/there is no leading power" and those who did not answer are not shown.

Source: Summer 2020 Global Attitudes Survey.

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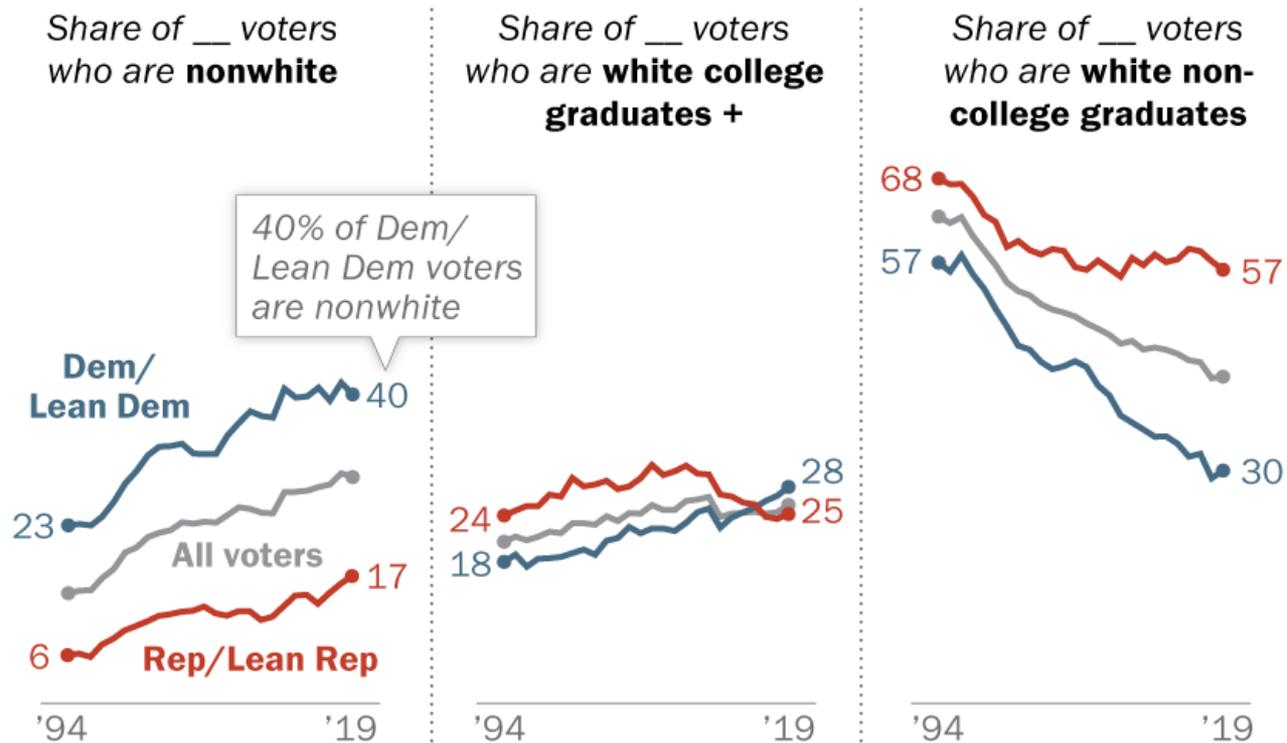
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A CHANGING U.S. ELECTORATE

A changing U.S. electorate, widening differences between the Republican and Democratic coalitions

% of registered voters who are

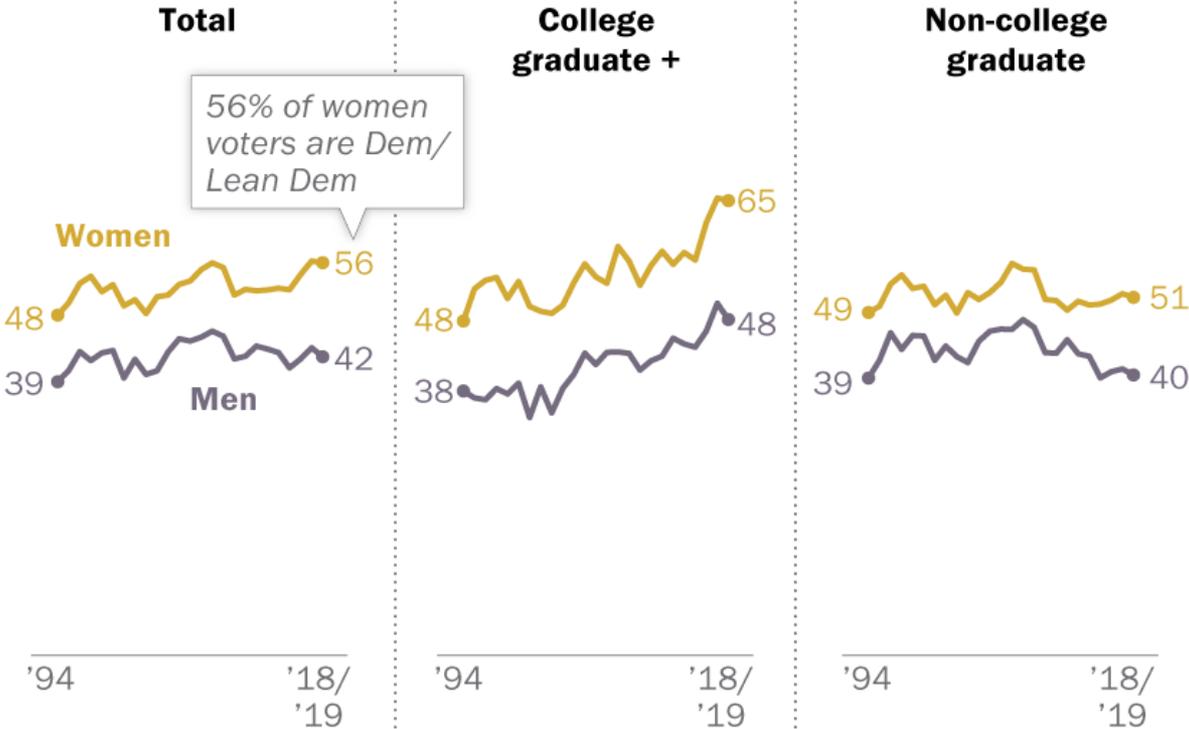


Notes: Based on registered voters. Whites include only those who are not Hispanic; nonwhite includes black, Hispanic, Asian, other race and mixed race.

Source: Annual totals of Pew Research Center survey data (U.S. adults)

Wide gender gap in leaned partisanship, especially among college graduates

% of ___ registered voters who identify as Democrats or lean toward the Democratic Party



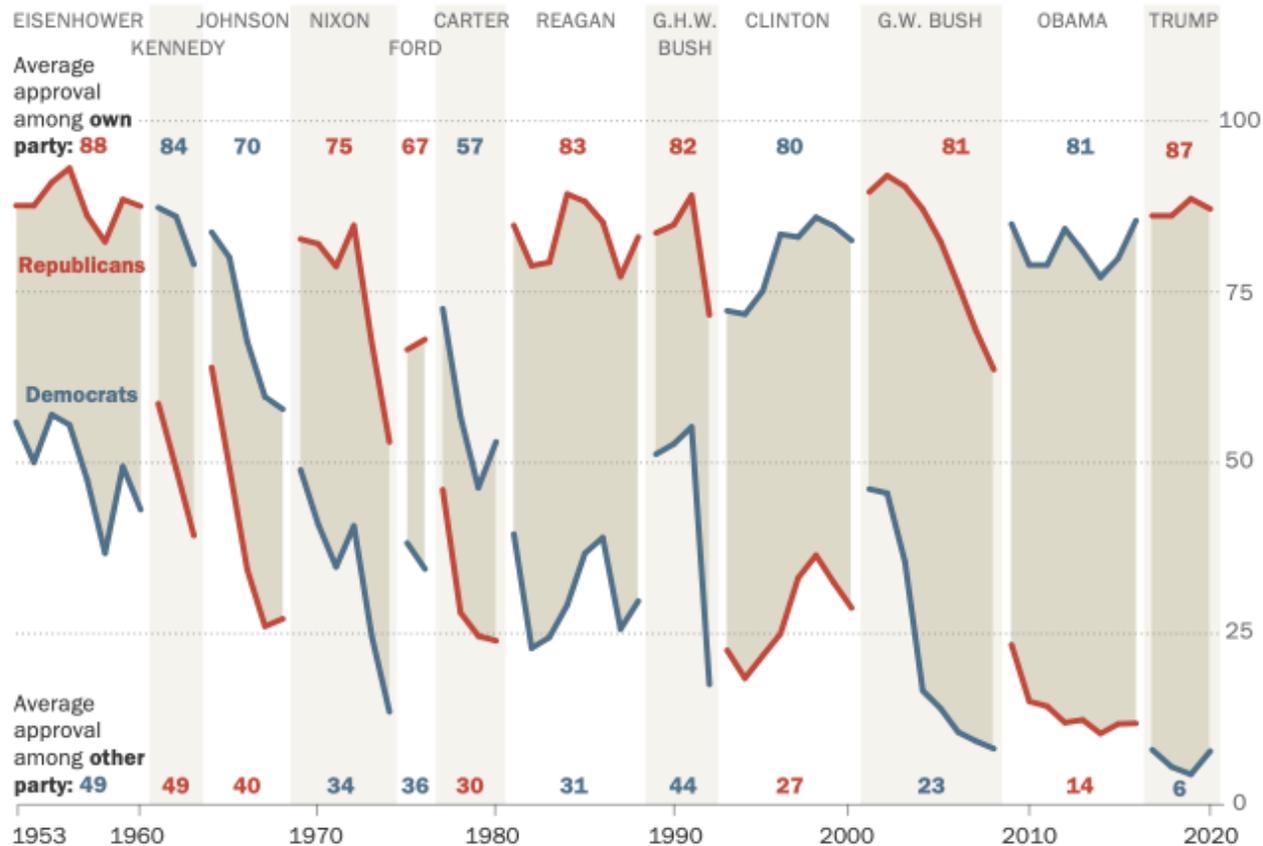
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DOMINATED BY PARTISANSHIP

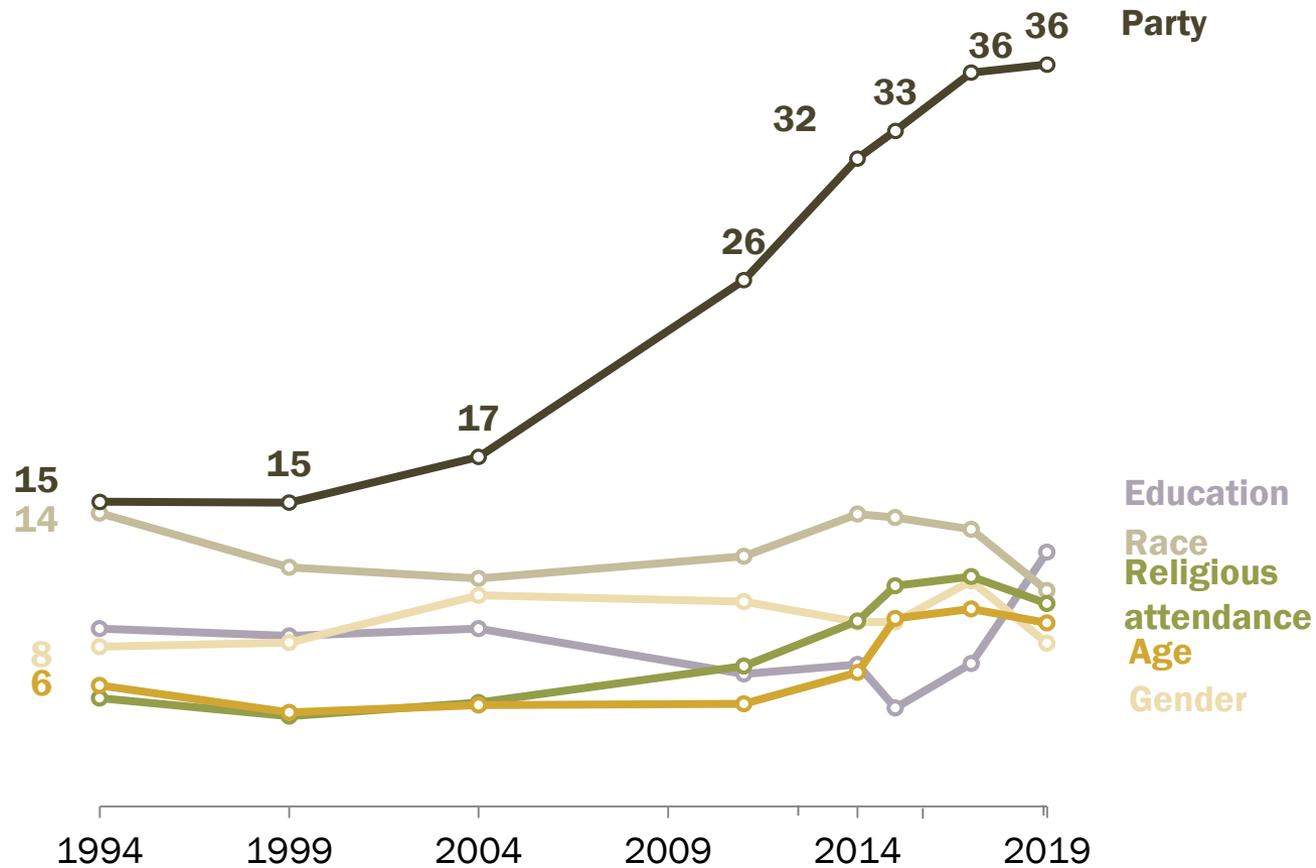
Trump approval more polarized than for any other president since Eisenhower

% who approve of president's job performance, by party



Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/08/24/trumps-approval-ratings-so-far-are-unusually-stable-and-deeply-partisan/>

Average gap in the share taking a conservative position across 10 political values, by key demographics

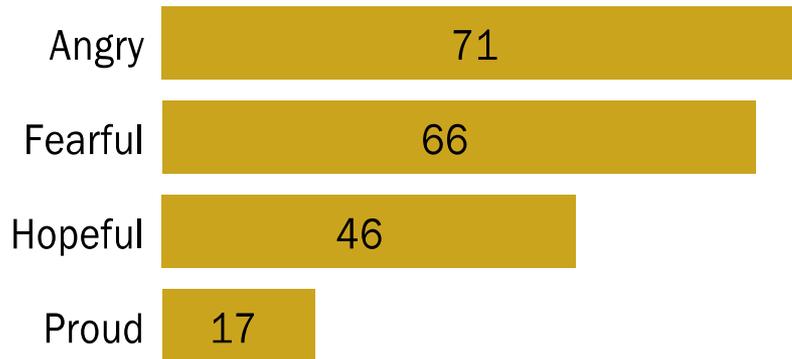


Source: Survey conducted June 8-18 and June 27-July 9, 2017. [\[LINK\]](#)

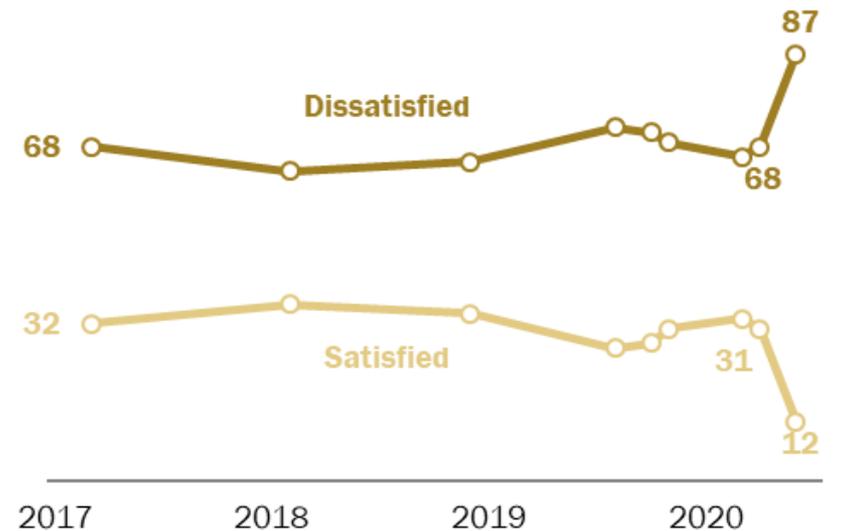
ELECTION 2020 & COVID-19

Majorities feel anger, fear with state of nation; few feel proud

% who say, in thinking about the state of the country these days, they feel ...



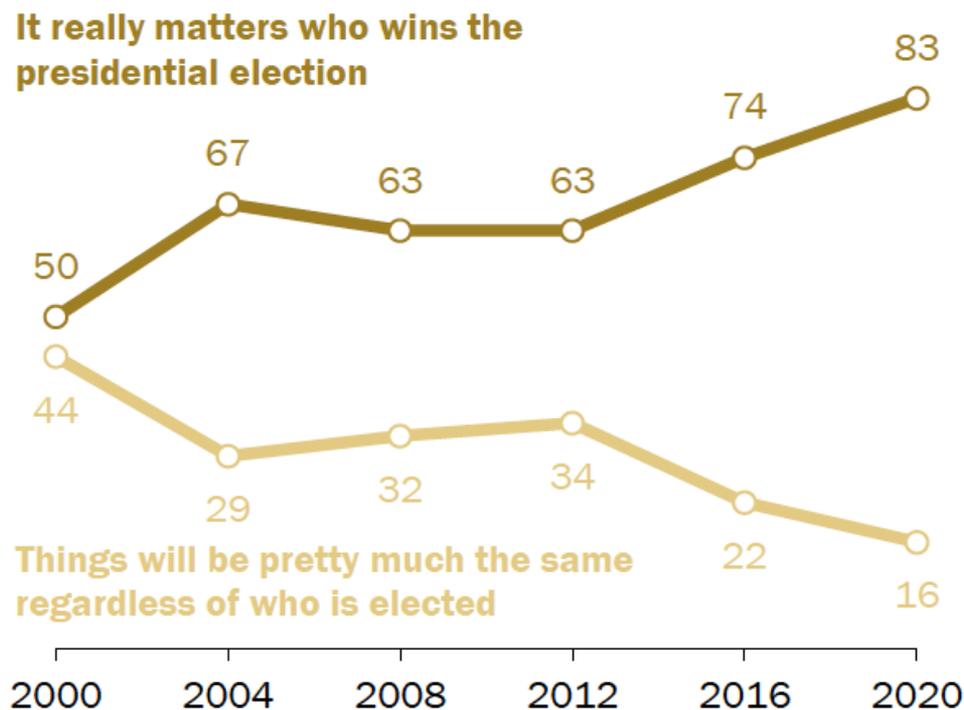
% who say they are ___ with the way things are going in the U.S. today



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted June 16-22, 2020.

More voters say it 'really matters' who wins the presidency than at any point in the last 20 years

% of registered voters who say...

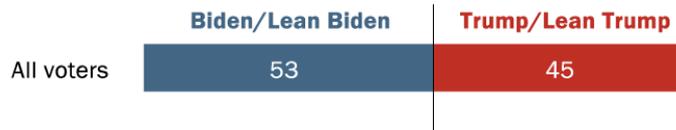


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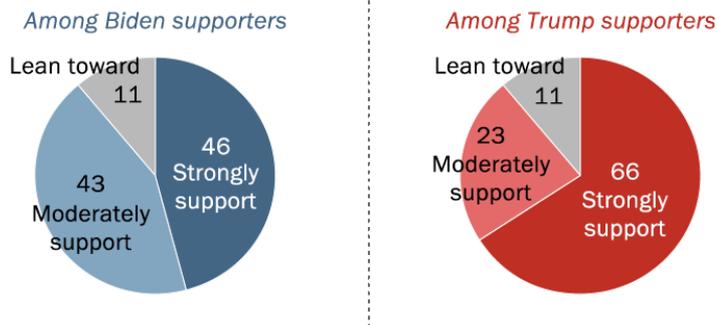
Source: Telephone survey of U.S. adults conducted July 23-Aug.4, 2020 [\[LINK\]](#)

Biden has overall advantage, despite lagging Trump in strong support

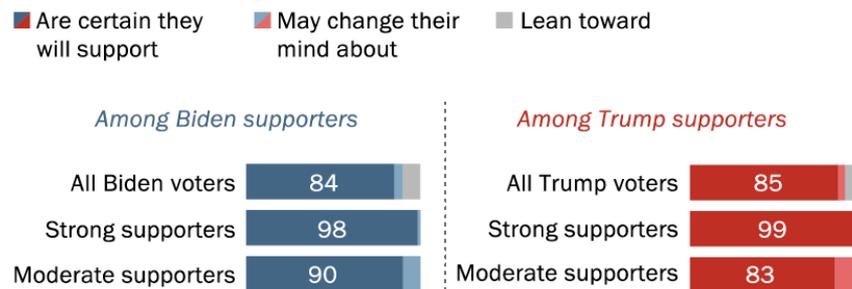
% of registered voters who support ...



% of registered voters who __ preferred candidate



% of registered voters who say they __ preferred candidate



Notes: Based on registered voters. Support for each presidential candidate based on results from four questions. Those who lean toward either candidate were asked about strength of support or whether they were likely to change their mind. No answer responses not shown

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 27-Aug. 2, 2020 [\[LINK\]](#)

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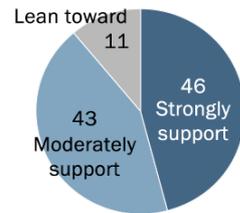
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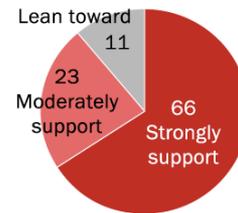


% of registered voters who __ preferred candidate

Among Biden supporters



Among Trump supporters



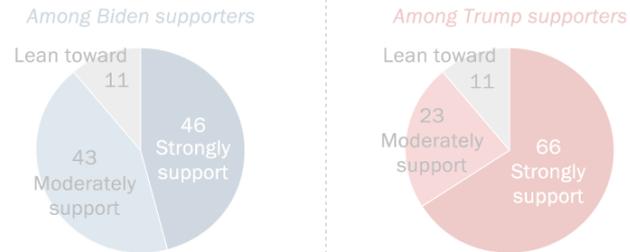
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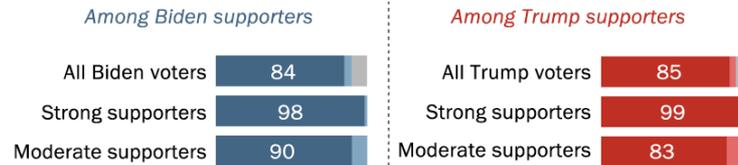


% of registered voters who __ preferred candidate



% of registered voters who say they __ preferred candidate

■ Are certain they will support
 ■ May change their mind about
 ■ Lean toward



Notes: Based on registered voters. Support for each presidential candidate based on results from four questions. Those who lean toward either candidate not asked about strength of support or whether they were likely to change their mind. No answer responses not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 27-Aug. 2, 2020.

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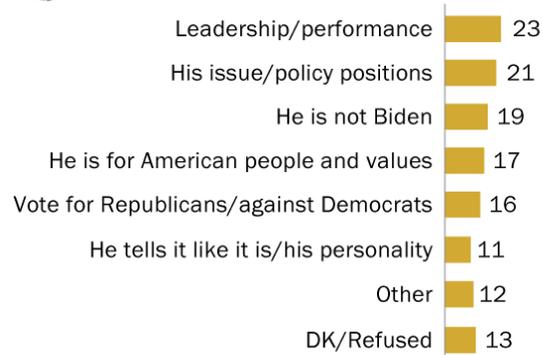
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Top reason Biden supporters give for voting for him: He's not Trump

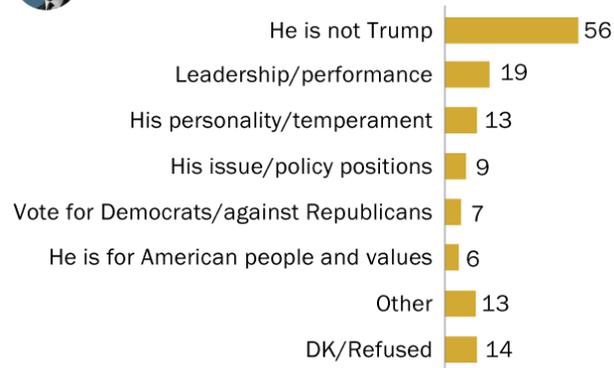
In your own words, what is the main reason you support or lean toward ___ in the 2020 presidential election? (%)



Donald Trump (R)

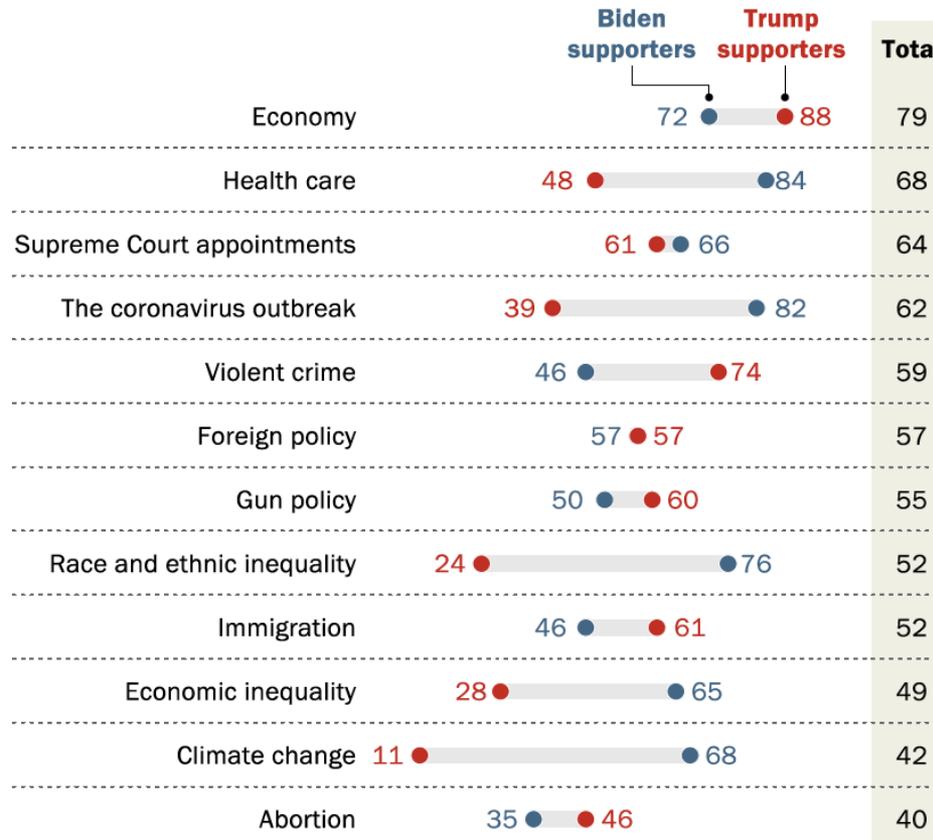


Joe Biden (D)



Top issues for Trump supporters are economy, crime; Biden supporters prioritize health care, coronavirus

% of registered voters saying each is 'very important' to their vote in the 2020 presidential election



Note: Based on registered voters.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 27-Aug. 2, 2020.

TURNOUT AND VOTING DURING THE PANDEMIC

By international standards, U.S. voter turnout is low

Votes cast in most recent national election as a...

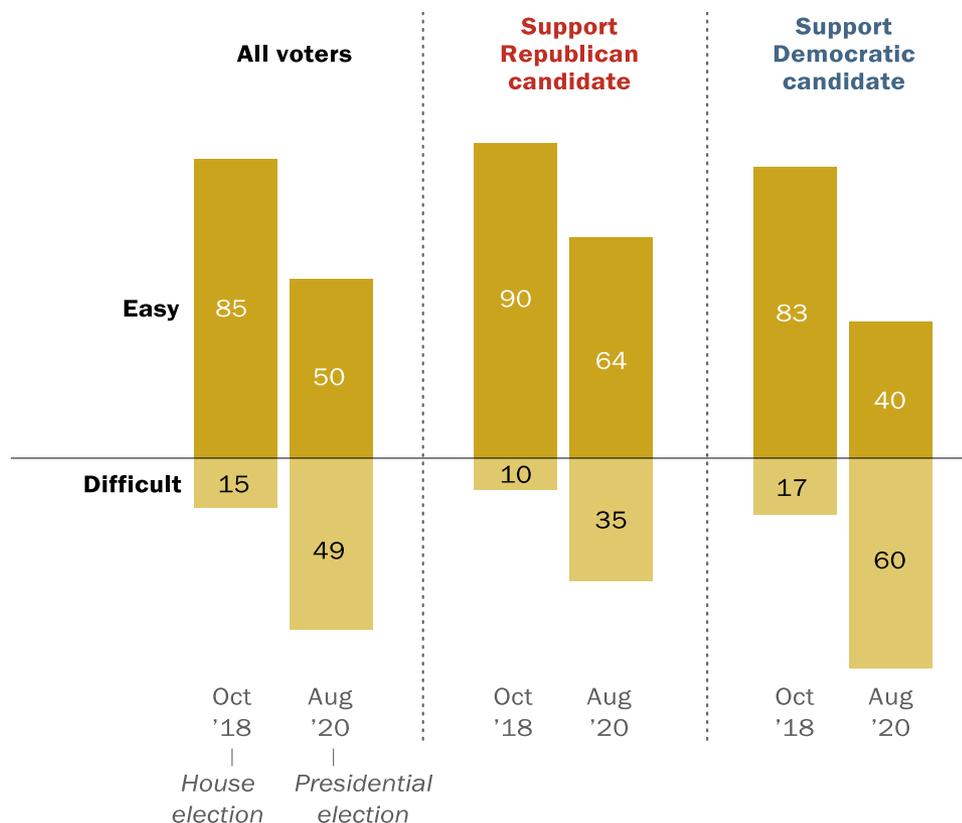


US voter turnout is 26/32 OECD countries

Source: Pew Research Center calculations based on data from International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, European Election Database, United States Election Project, Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives and various national election authorities. [\[LINK\]](#)

Half of voters, including a majority of Biden supporters, expect it will be difficult to vote in this year's election

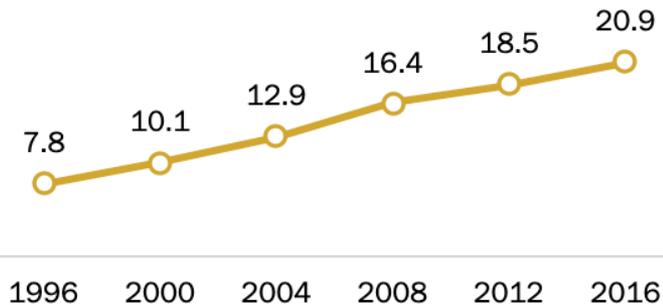
% of registered voters who expect voting in the November elections to be...



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 27- Aug. 2, 2020.

Share of voters casting ballots by mail has steadily risen since 1996

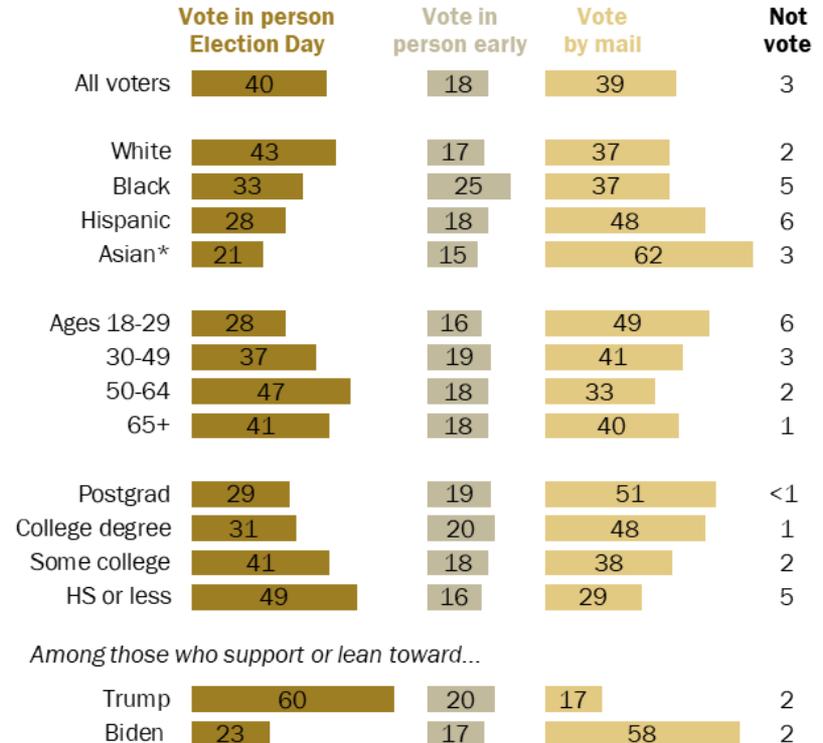
% of U.S. voters who cast a ballot by mail



Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 1996-2016 Current Population Survey November Supplements (Ipums and U.S. Census Bureau)

Six-in-ten Trump backers say they would rather vote in person on Election Day – about the same share of Biden supporters would prefer to vote by mail

% of registered voters who say they prefer to ___ for the election in November



*Asian adults were interviewed in English only.

Notes: Based on registered voters. No answer responses not shown. White, Black and Asian adults include those who report being only one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 27- Aug. 2, 2020.

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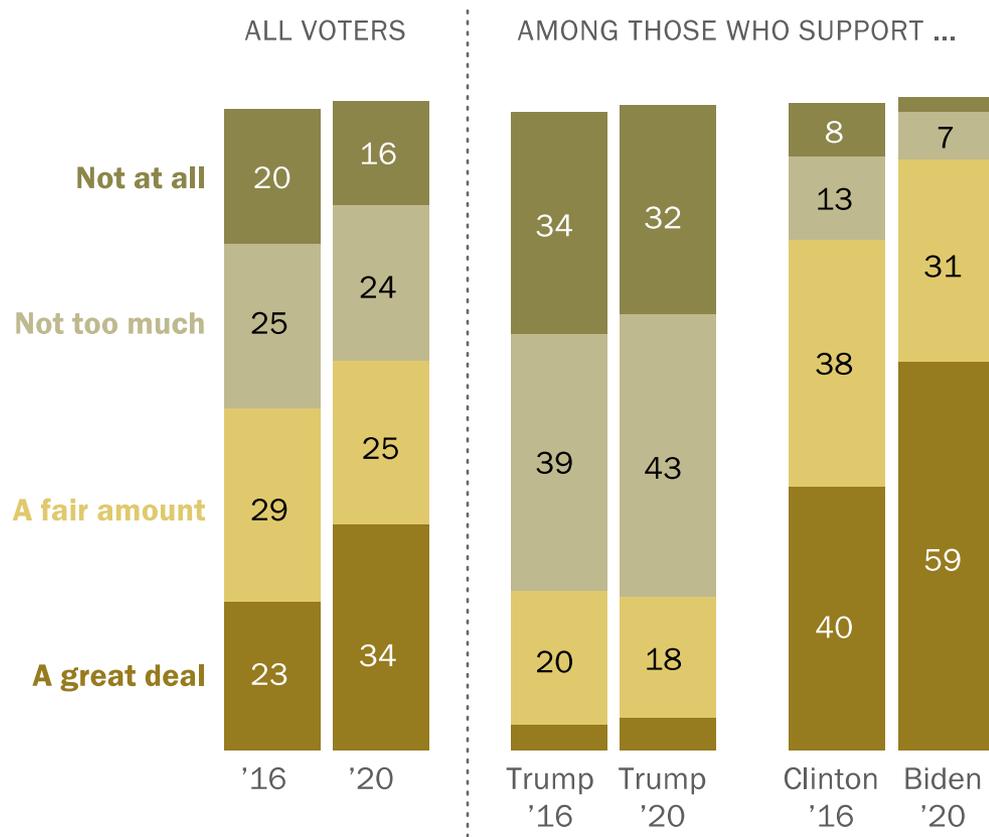
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Most Biden voters, fewer Trump voters say White people have societal advantages Black people do not

% of registered voters who say White people benefit _____ from advantages in society that Black people do not have



Notes: Based on registered voters. No answer responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 27-Aug. 2, 2020.