

Interviewing: February 16 - 18, 2020  
Sample: 1500 Adults nationwide online  
1045 registered voters nationwide online



# ***The Economist/YouGov Poll***

## **Weekly Tracking**

For immediate release

**1. Presidential Job Approval – Historical**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

| All Adults        |                      |                         |                  |                  |                     |                     |          |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
|                   | <b>Total Approve</b> | <b>Total Disapprove</b> | Strongly Approve | Somewhat Approve | Somewhat Disapprove | Strongly Disapprove | Not Sure |
| February 15, 2020 | 40%                  | 52%                     | 25%              | 15%              | 10%                 | 42%                 | 7%       |
| February 8, 2020  | 40%                  | 51%                     | 28%              | 12%              | 10%                 | 41%                 | 9%       |
| February 1, 2020  | 41%                  | 49%                     | 26%              | 15%              | 11%                 | 39%                 | 10%      |
| January 25, 2020  | 43%                  | 50%                     | 26%              | 16%              | 8%                  | 42%                 | 7%       |
| January 18, 2020  | 41%                  | 49%                     | 26%              | 15%              | 9%                  | 41%                 | 9%       |
| January 11, 2020  | 44%                  | 47%                     | 27%              | 17%              | 9%                  | 39%                 | 9%       |
| January 4, 2020   | 43%                  | 50%                     | 27%              | 16%              | 8%                  | 42%                 | 8%       |
| December 28, 2019 | 40%                  | 52%                     | 26%              | 14%              | 10%                 | 42%                 | 8%       |
| December 21, 2019 | 40%                  | 52%                     | 26%              | 14%              | 10%                 | 42%                 | 9%       |
| February 16, 2019 | 43%                  | 48%                     | 25%              | 19%              | 9%                  | 39%                 | 8%       |

| Registered Voters |                      |                         |                  |                  |                     |                     |          |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
|                   | <b>Total Approve</b> | <b>Total Disapprove</b> | Strongly Approve | Somewhat Approve | Somewhat Disapprove | Strongly Disapprove | Not Sure |
| February 15, 2020 | 43%                  | 54%                     | 30%              | 13%              | 7%                  | 47%                 | 3%       |
| February 8, 2020  | 45%                  | 53%                     | 34%              | 11%              | 8%                  | 44%                 | 2%       |
| February 1, 2020  | 44%                  | 53%                     | 30%              | 14%              | 8%                  | 46%                 | 3%       |
| January 25, 2020  | 44%                  | 53%                     | 31%              | 13%              | 7%                  | 46%                 | 3%       |
| January 18, 2020  | 47%                  | 51%                     | 32%              | 15%              | 8%                  | 43%                 | 2%       |
| January 11, 2020  | 46%                  | 50%                     | 31%              | 15%              | 6%                  | 44%                 | 4%       |
| January 4, 2020   | 43%                  | 54%                     | 30%              | 13%              | 7%                  | 47%                 | 3%       |
| December 28, 2019 | 44%                  | 53%                     | 30%              | 14%              | 7%                  | 46%                 | 3%       |
| December 21, 2019 | 43%                  | 54%                     | 31%              | 12%              | 8%                  | 46%                 | 3%       |
| February 16, 2019 | 45%                  | 53%                     | 29%              | 16%              | 7%                  | 45%                 | 2%       |

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"Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?"

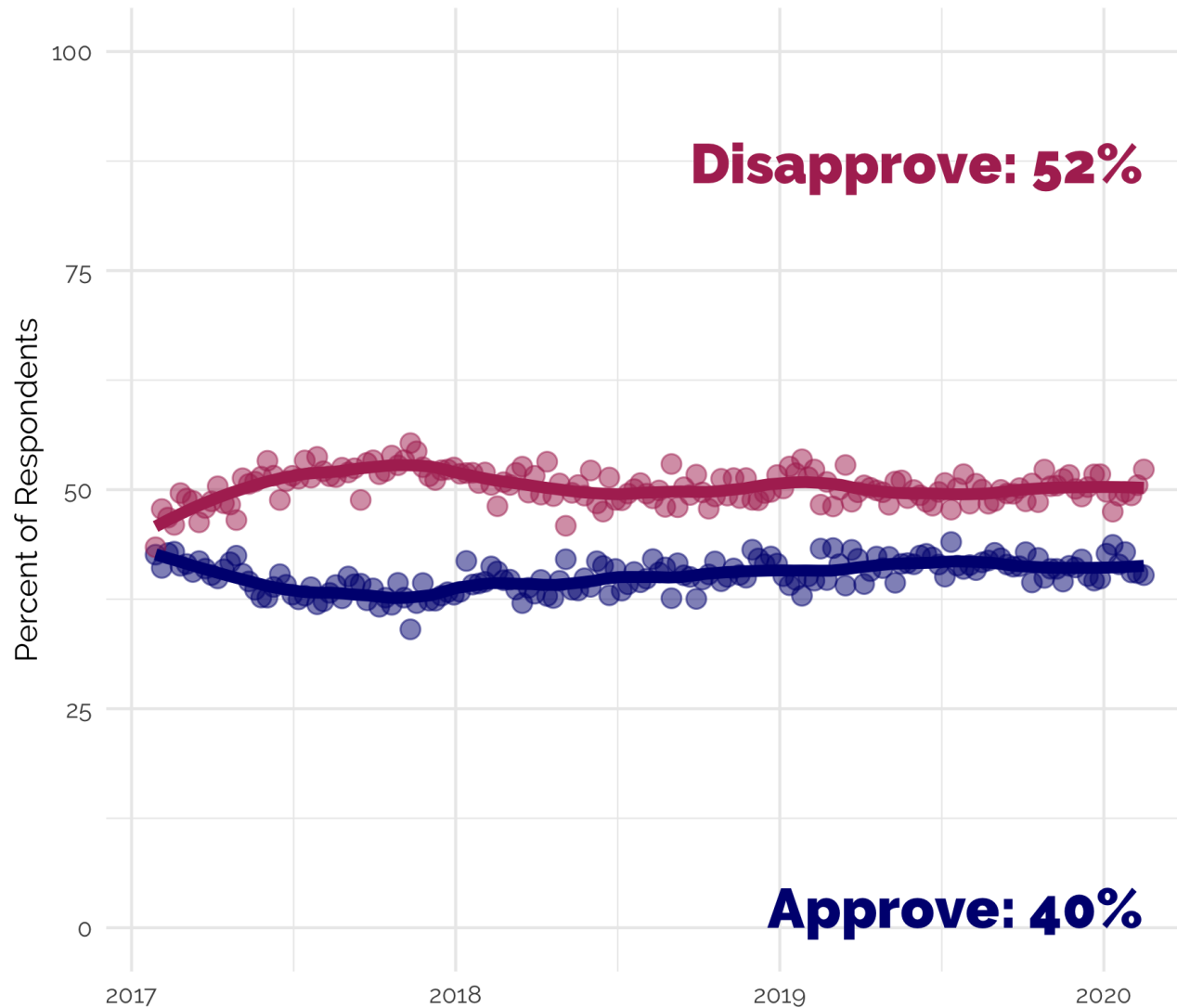


Figure 1: Trump Approval – All Adults

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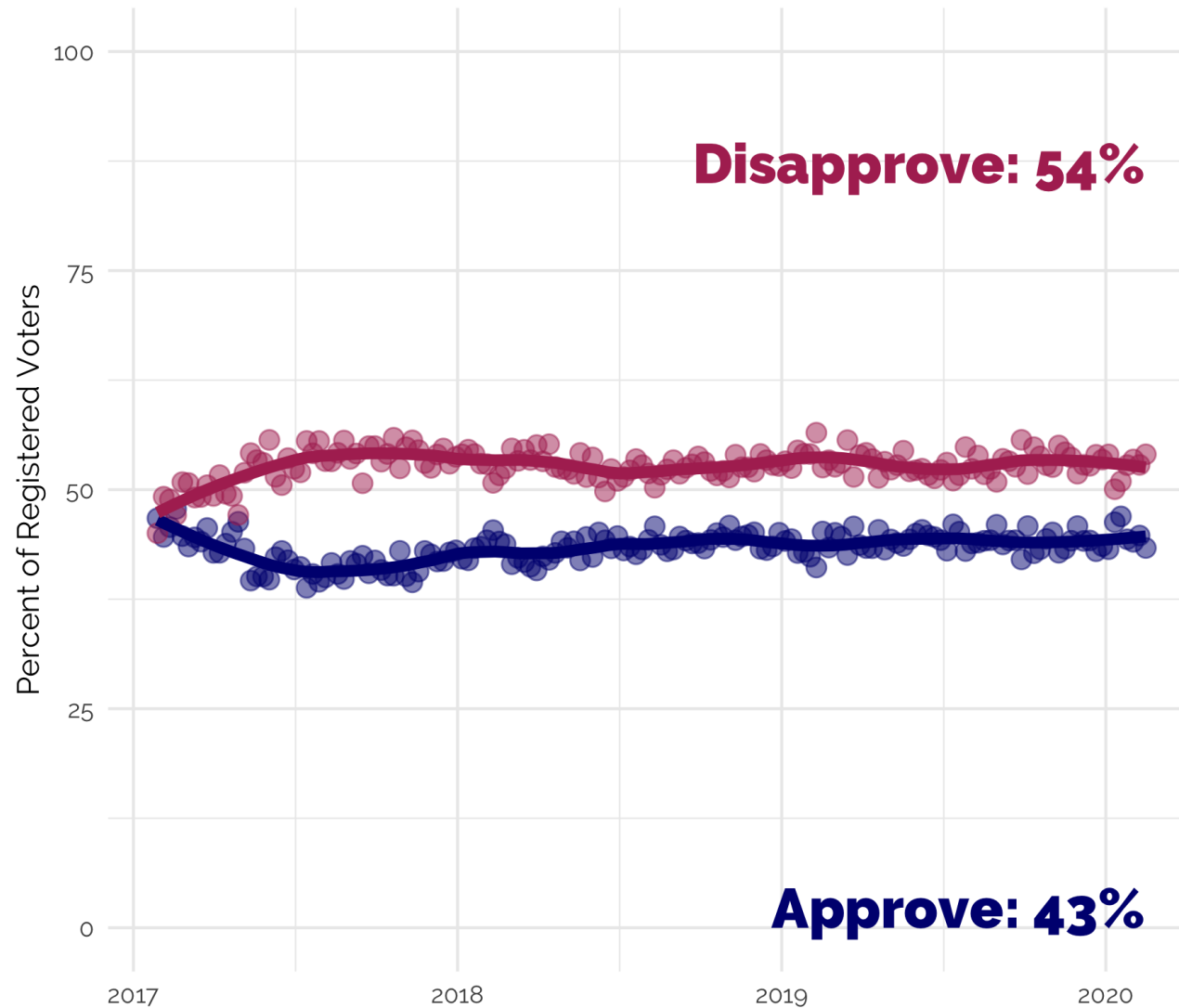


Figure 2: Trump Approval – Registered Voters

## Presidential Job Approval

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way  
[President Name] is handling his job as President?"

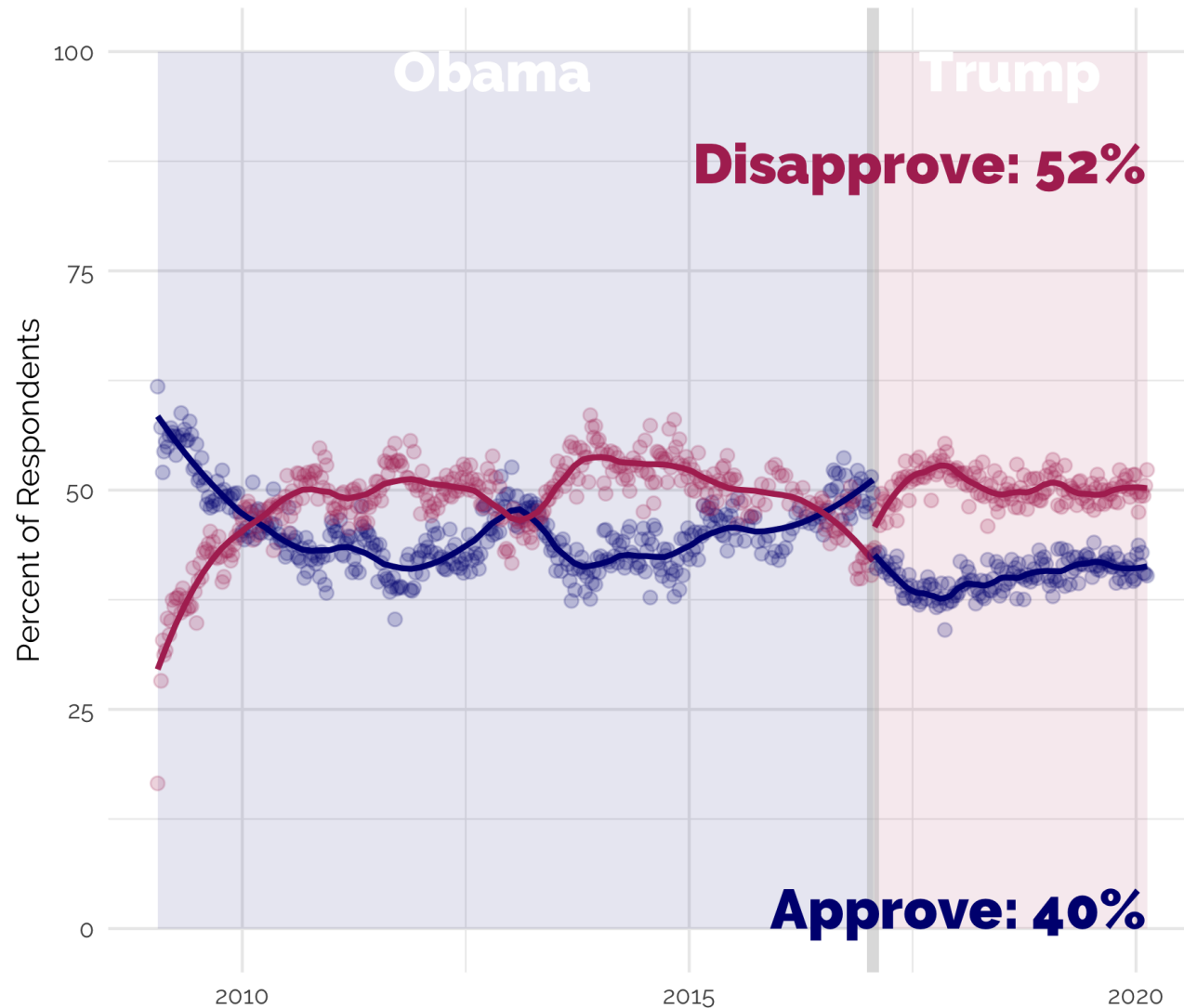


Figure 3: Presidential Approval since 2009 – All Adults

## Presidential Job Approval

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way  
[President Name] is handling his job as President?"

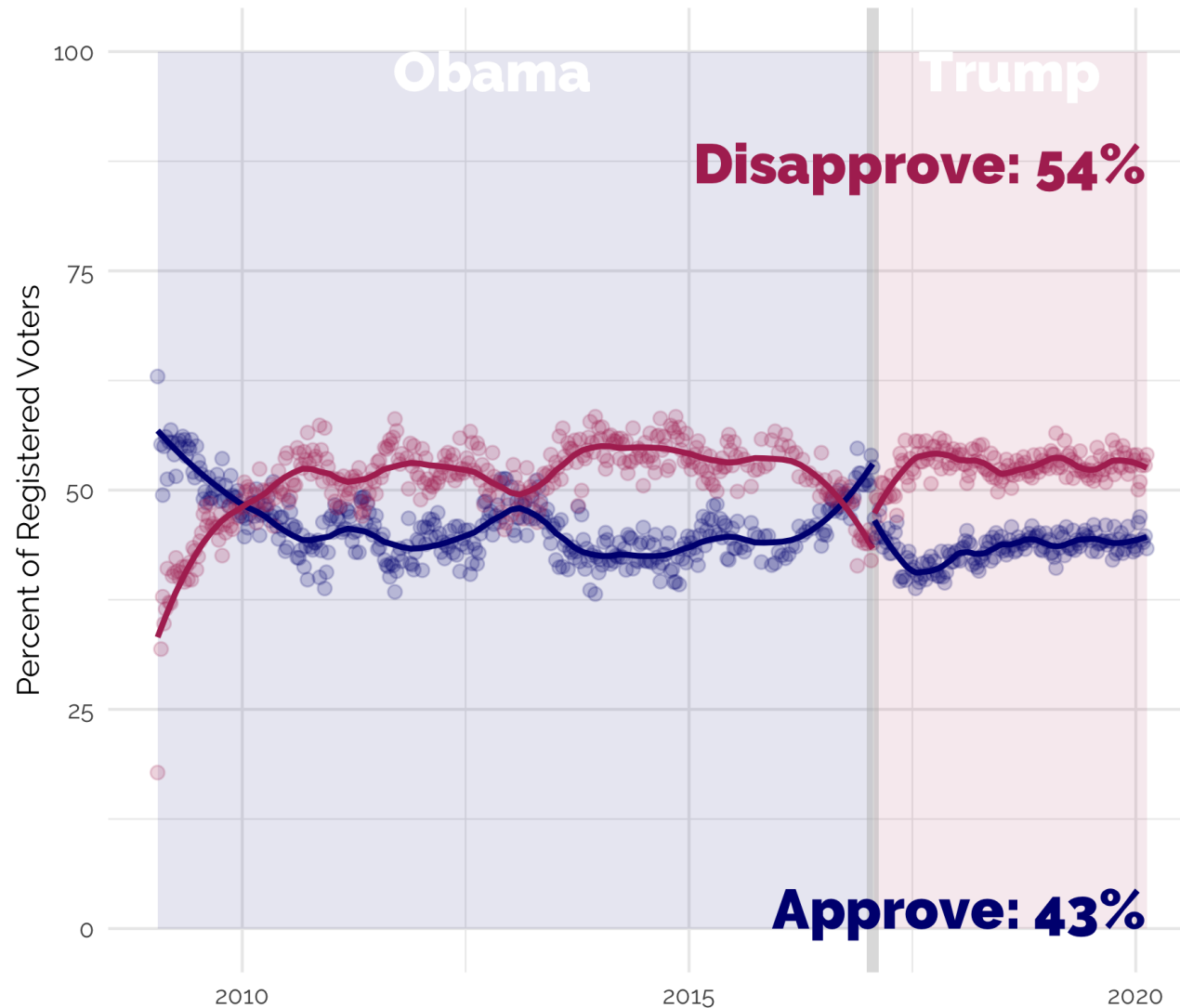


Figure 4: Presidential Approval since 2009 – Registered Voters

**2. President Trump Job Approval – This Week – All Adults**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

|                     | Age    |          |       |       |       | Race   |       |          |       | Census Region |         |       |       |
|---------------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----------|-------|---------------|---------|-------|-------|
|                     | Total  | Under 30 | 30–44 | 45–64 | 65+   | White  | Black | Hispanic | Other | Northeast     | Midwest | South | West  |
| Strongly approve    | 25%    | 13%      | 16%   | 32%   | 37%   | 30%    | 8%    | 18%      | 22%   | 24%           | 27%     | 27%   | 21%   |
| Somewhat approve    | 15%    | 13%      | 18%   | 16%   | 12%   | 16%    | 7%    | 17%      | 15%   | 15%           | 15%     | 14%   | 16%   |
| Somewhat disapprove | 10%    | 15%      | 14%   | 9%    | 4%    | 8%     | 14%   | 18%      | 14%   | 11%           | 9%      | 11%   | 11%   |
| Strongly disapprove | 42%    | 46%      | 40%   | 39%   | 44%   | 40%    | 64%   | 34%      | 32%   | 42%           | 44%     | 40%   | 43%   |
| Not sure            | 7%     | 12%      | 12%   | 4%    | 2%    | 6%     | 7%    | 13%      | 17%   | 9%            | 4%      | 7%    | 9%    |
| Totals              | 100%   | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%   | 100%  | 100%     | 100%  | 100%          | 100%    | 100%  | 100%  |
| (Unweighted N)      | (1500) | (303)    | (297) | (588) | (312) | (1033) | (204) | (177)    | (86)  | (277)         | (278)   | (605) | (340) |

|                     | Total  | Party ID |       |       | Ideology |       |       | Gender |        | Family Income |           |                |
|---------------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
|                     |        | Dem      | Ind   | Rep   | Lib      | Mod   | Con   | Male   | Female | Under \$50K   | \$50–100K | \$100K or more |
| Strongly approve    | 25%    | 2%       | 21%   | 62%   | 2%       | 13%   | 60%   | 28%    | 23%    | 20%           | 28%       | 29%            |
| Somewhat approve    | 15%    | 5%       | 18%   | 24%   | 3%       | 18%   | 22%   | 16%    | 14%    | 16%           | 15%       | 16%            |
| Somewhat disapprove | 10%    | 11%      | 13%   | 6%    | 7%       | 14%   | 8%    | 10%    | 10%    | 14%           | 10%       | 4%             |
| Strongly disapprove | 42%    | 80%      | 35%   | 5%    | 86%      | 41%   | 7%    | 40%    | 44%    | 42%           | 42%       | 48%            |
| Not sure            | 7%     | 3%       | 13%   | 4%    | 2%       | 14%   | 3%    | 6%     | 9%     | 9%            | 5%        | 3%             |
| Totals              | 100%   | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  | 100%   | 100%   | 100%          | 100%      | 100%           |
| (Unweighted N)      | (1500) | (531)    | (588) | (381) | (410)    | (622) | (468) | (688)  | (812)  | (638)         | (402)     | (261)          |

### 3. Approval of U.S. Congress – Historical

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

#### All Adults

|                   | <b>Total<br/>Approve</b> | <b>Total<br/>Disapprove</b> | Strongly<br>Approve | Somewhat<br>Approve | Neutral | Somewhat<br>Disapprove | Strongly<br>Disapprove | Not<br>Sure |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| February 15, 2020 | 14%                      | 56%                         | 5%                  | 10%                 | 15%     | 23%                    | 33%                    | 14%         |
| February 8, 2020  | 16%                      | 54%                         | 6%                  | 10%                 | 15%     | 20%                    | 34%                    | 15%         |
| February 1, 2020  | 14%                      | 56%                         | 5%                  | 10%                 | 13%     | 22%                    | 35%                    | 16%         |
| January 25, 2020  | 16%                      | 54%                         | 5%                  | 11%                 | 15%     | 24%                    | 30%                    | 15%         |
| January 18, 2020  | 17%                      | 51%                         | 6%                  | 11%                 | 17%     | 20%                    | 32%                    | 15%         |
| January 11, 2020  | 15%                      | 55%                         | 5%                  | 10%                 | 17%     | 19%                    | 35%                    | 13%         |
| January 4, 2020   | 16%                      | 52%                         | 6%                  | 10%                 | 17%     | 19%                    | 33%                    | 15%         |
| December 28, 2019 | 17%                      | 52%                         | 6%                  | 10%                 | 16%     | 20%                    | 31%                    | 16%         |
| December 21, 2019 | 17%                      | 54%                         | 6%                  | 11%                 | 15%     | 20%                    | 34%                    | 14%         |
| February 16, 2019 | 16%                      | 57%                         | 5%                  | 11%                 | 15%     | 25%                    | 32%                    | 12%         |

#### Registered Voters

|                   | <b>Total<br/>Approve</b> | <b>Total<br/>Disapprove</b> | Strongly<br>Approve | Somewhat<br>Approve | Neutral | Somewhat<br>Disapprove | Strongly<br>Disapprove | Not<br>Sure |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| February 15, 2020 | 14%                      | 65%                         | 5%                  | 9%                  | 12%     | 27%                    | 38%                    | 8%          |
| February 8, 2020  | 18%                      | 62%                         | 6%                  | 12%                 | 13%     | 22%                    | 40%                    | 7%          |
| February 1, 2020  | 15%                      | 67%                         | 4%                  | 10%                 | 11%     | 24%                    | 43%                    | 7%          |
| January 25, 2020  | 18%                      | 61%                         | 6%                  | 12%                 | 12%     | 26%                    | 35%                    | 9%          |
| January 18, 2020  | 17%                      | 60%                         | 6%                  | 11%                 | 16%     | 22%                    | 38%                    | 8%          |
| January 11, 2020  | 16%                      | 63%                         | 5%                  | 11%                 | 14%     | 21%                    | 42%                    | 7%          |
| January 4, 2020   | 17%                      | 60%                         | 6%                  | 11%                 | 15%     | 21%                    | 39%                    | 9%          |
| December 28, 2019 | 18%                      | 61%                         | 6%                  | 11%                 | 13%     | 22%                    | 38%                    | 9%          |
| December 21, 2019 | 18%                      | 61%                         | 6%                  | 12%                 | 13%     | 21%                    | 39%                    | 8%          |
| February 16, 2019 | 17%                      | 63%                         | 5%                  | 12%                 | 13%     | 27%                    | 36%                    | 6%          |



## Congressional Job Approval

"Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?"

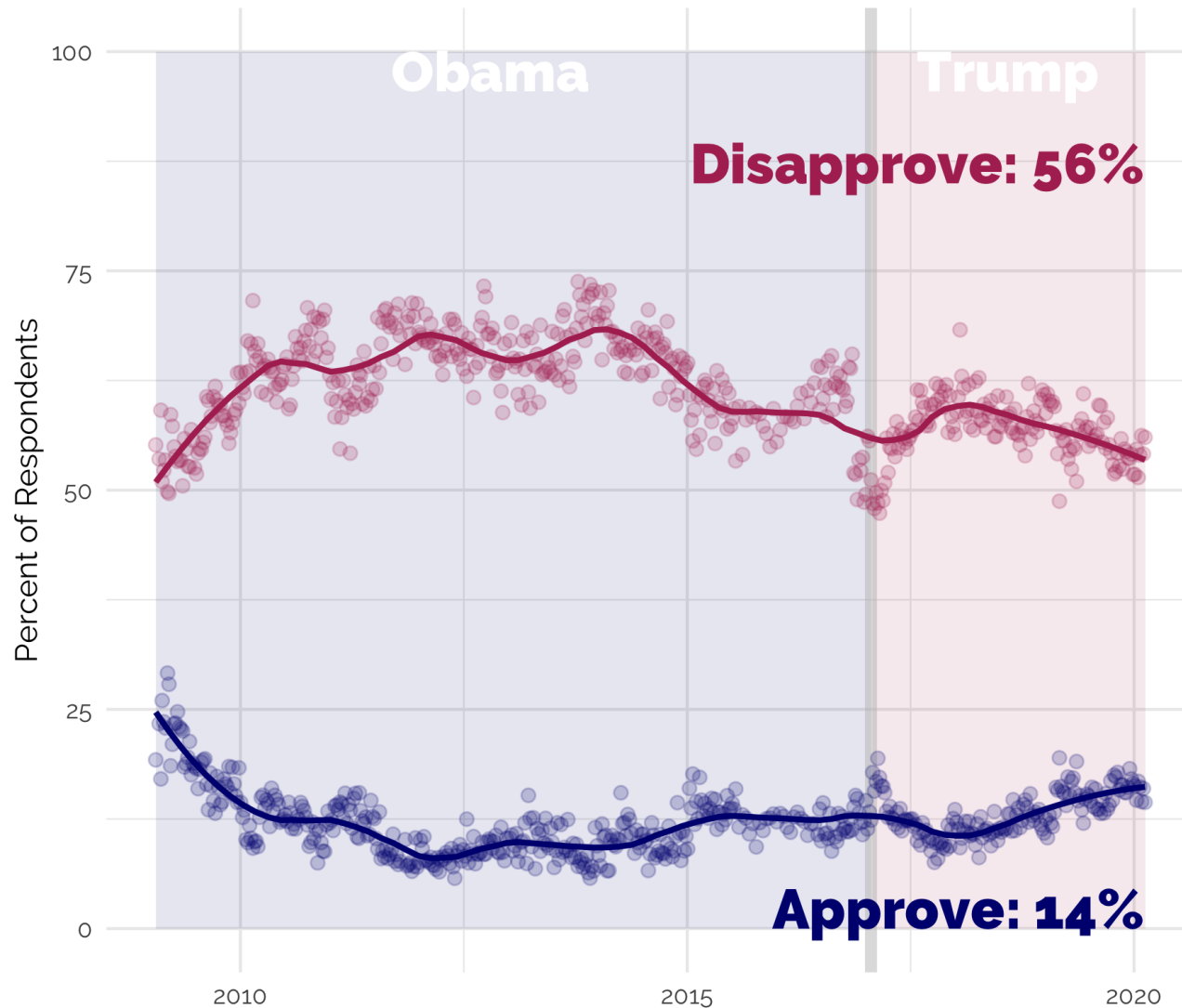


Figure 5: Congressional Approval – All Adults

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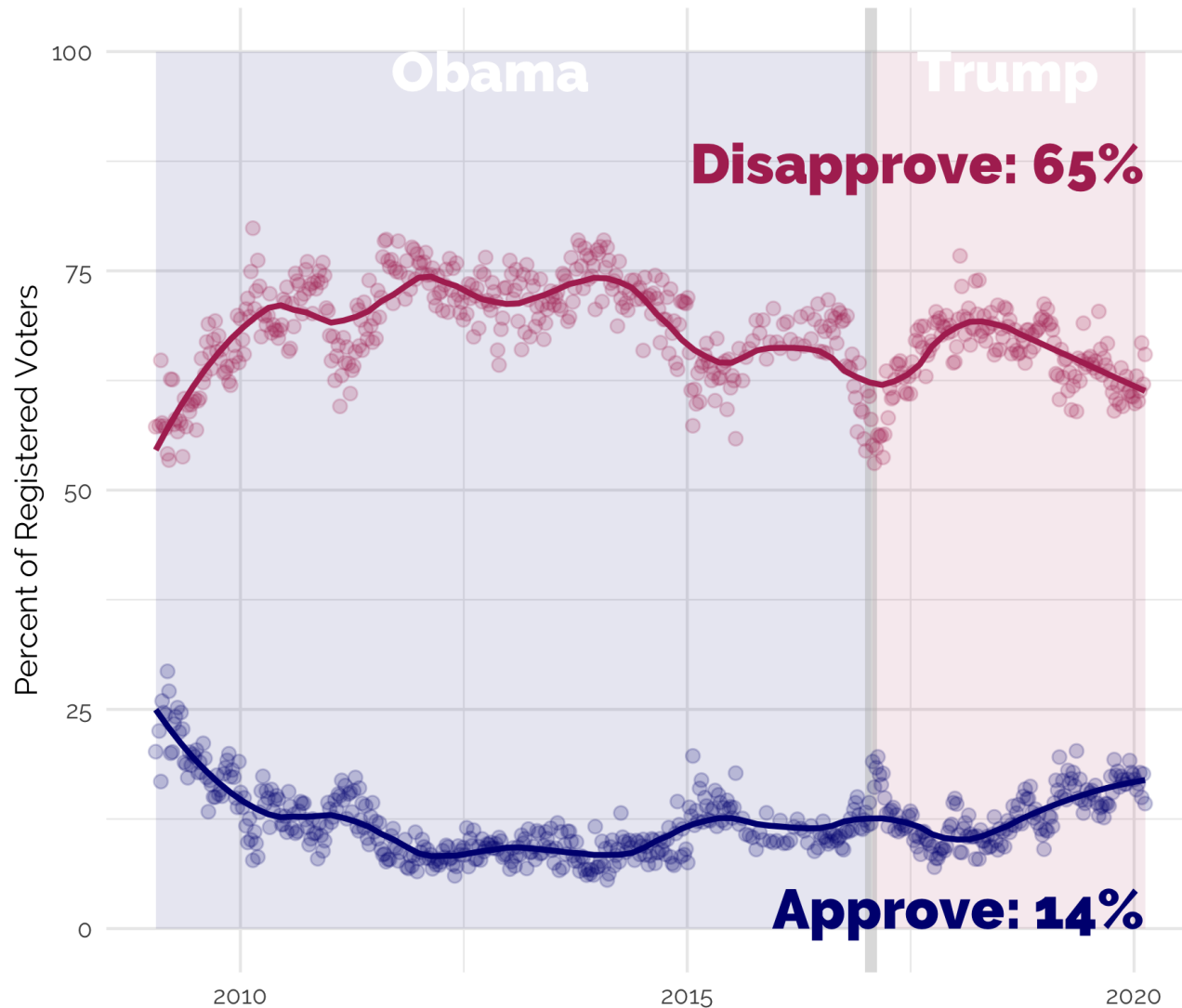


Figure 6: Congressional Approval – Registered Voters

#### 4. Approval of U.S. Congress – This Week – All Adults

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

|                                | Total  | Age      |       |       |       | Race   |       |          |       | Census Region |          |       |       |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----------|-------|---------------|----------|-------|-------|
|                                |        | Under 30 | 30–44 | 45–64 | 65+   | White  | Black | Hispanic | Other | North–east    | Mid–west | South | West  |
| Strongly approve               | 5%     | 3%       | 6%    | 4%    | 4%    | 4%     | 4%    | 5%       | 6%    | 3%            | 3%       | 6%    | 5%    |
| Somewhat approve               | 10%    | 11%      | 9%    | 8%    | 12%   | 9%     | 11%   | 17%      | 6%    | 11%           | 11%      | 9%    | 9%    |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 15%    | 20%      | 17%   | 14%   | 11%   | 14%    | 19%   | 21%      | 8%    | 18%           | 17%      | 16%   | 11%   |
| Somewhat disapprove            | 23%    | 25%      | 22%   | 23%   | 24%   | 25%    | 19%   | 17%      | 24%   | 23%           | 24%      | 22%   | 24%   |
| Strongly disapprove            | 33%    | 18%      | 27%   | 39%   | 44%   | 36%    | 28%   | 23%      | 31%   | 29%           | 36%      | 32%   | 35%   |
| Not sure                       | 14%    | 23%      | 19%   | 11%   | 5%    | 12%    | 19%   | 17%      | 24%   | 16%           | 9%       | 15%   | 16%   |
| Totals                         | 100%   | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%   | 100%  | 100%     | 100%  | 100%          | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  |
| (Unweighted N)                 | (1499) | (302)    | (297) | (588) | (312) | (1032) | (204) | (177)    | (86)  | (276)         | (278)    | (605) | (340) |

|                                | Total  | Party ID |       |       | Ideology |       |       | Gender |        | Family Income |           |                |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
|                                |        | Dem      | Ind   | Rep   | Lib      | Mod   | Con   | Male   | Female | Under \$50K   | \$50–100K | \$100K or more |
| Strongly approve               | 5%     | 6%       | 2%    | 6%    | 5%       | 3%    | 6%    | 6%     | 3%     | 5%            | 3%        | 6%             |
| Somewhat approve               | 10%    | 12%      | 9%    | 10%   | 12%      | 10%   | 8%    | 9%     | 11%    | 9%            | 14%       | 8%             |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 15%    | 17%      | 14%   | 15%   | 15%      | 17%   | 13%   | 14%    | 17%    | 19%           | 14%       | 13%            |
| Somewhat disapprove            | 23%    | 25%      | 21%   | 24%   | 26%      | 20%   | 25%   | 22%    | 24%    | 23%           | 21%       | 27%            |
| Strongly disapprove            | 33%    | 29%      | 34%   | 37%   | 33%      | 26%   | 42%   | 40%    | 26%    | 26%           | 40%       | 41%            |
| Not sure                       | 14%    | 12%      | 20%   | 8%    | 9%       | 24%   | 5%    | 10%    | 18%    | 19%           | 8%        | 5%             |
| Totals                         | 100%   | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  | 100%   | 100%   | 100%          | 100%      | 100%           |
| (Unweighted N)                 | (1499) | (531)    | (587) | (381) | (410)    | (621) | (468) | (688)  | (811)  | (638)         | (401)     | (261)          |

**5. Direction of Country – Historical**

Would you say things in this country today are...

|                   | All Adults      |             |          |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
|                   | Right Direction | Wrong Track | Not Sure |
| February 15, 2020 | 36%             | 53%         | 12%      |
| February 8, 2020  | 36%             | 53%         | 11%      |
| February 1, 2020  | 36%             | 50%         | 14%      |
| January 25, 2020  | 36%             | 53%         | 12%      |
| January 18, 2020  | 37%             | 50%         | 13%      |
| January 11, 2020  | 36%             | 50%         | 14%      |
| January 4, 2020   | 35%             | 53%         | 12%      |
| December 28, 2019 | 35%             | 52%         | 13%      |
| December 21, 2019 | 35%             | 54%         | 12%      |
| February 16, 2019 | 35%             | 52%         | 13%      |

|                   | Registered Voters |             |          |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|
|                   | Right Direction   | Wrong Track | Not Sure |
| February 15, 2020 | 39%               | 54%         | 7%       |
| February 8, 2020  | 40%               | 53%         | 7%       |
| February 1, 2020  | 38%               | 54%         | 7%       |
| January 25, 2020  | 38%               | 54%         | 7%       |
| January 18, 2020  | 41%               | 51%         | 8%       |
| January 11, 2020  | 39%               | 52%         | 9%       |
| January 4, 2020   | 37%               | 56%         | 8%       |
| December 28, 2019 | 39%               | 53%         | 8%       |
| December 21, 2019 | 38%               | 55%         | 7%       |
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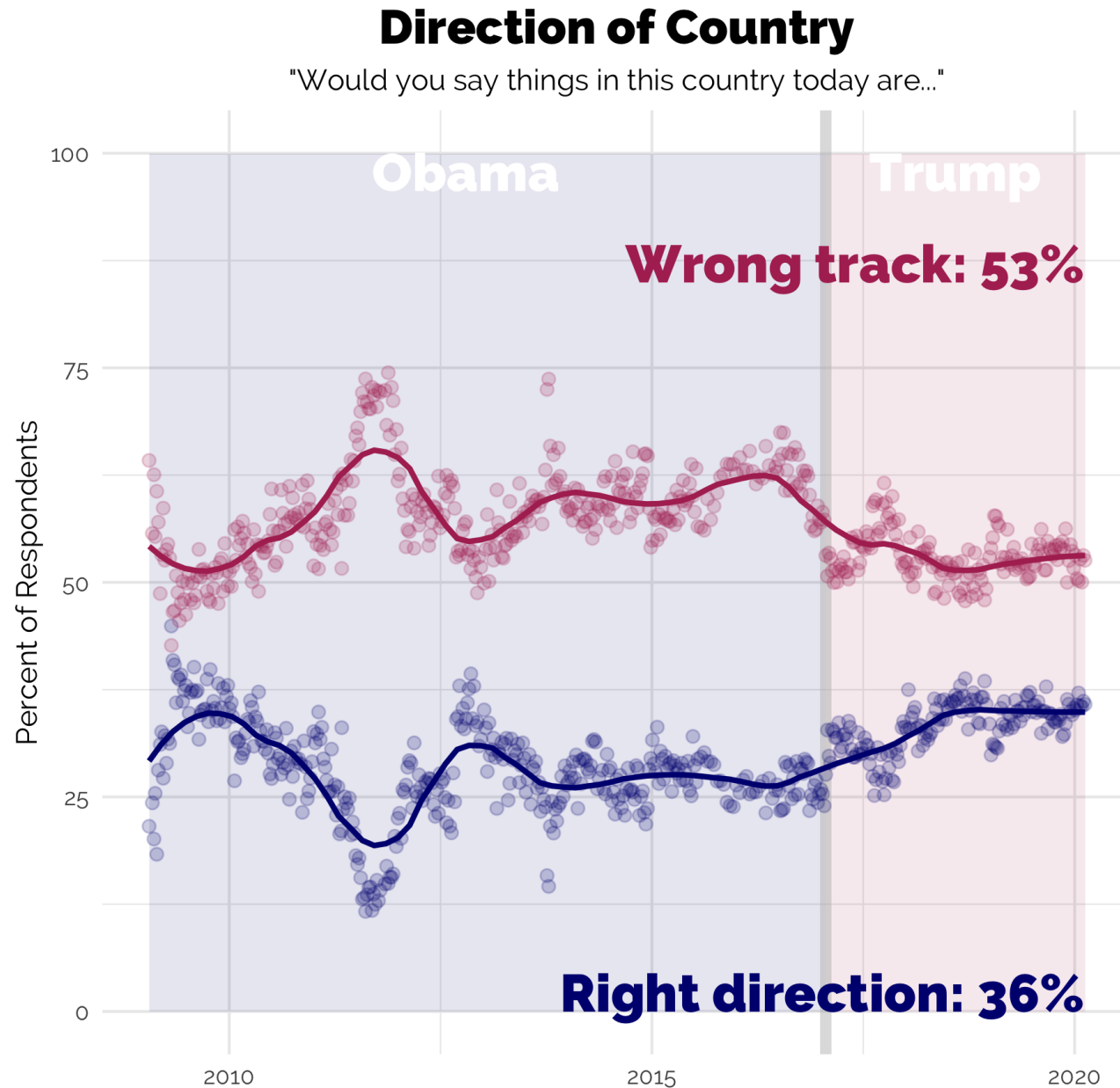


Figure 7: Direction of Country – All Adults

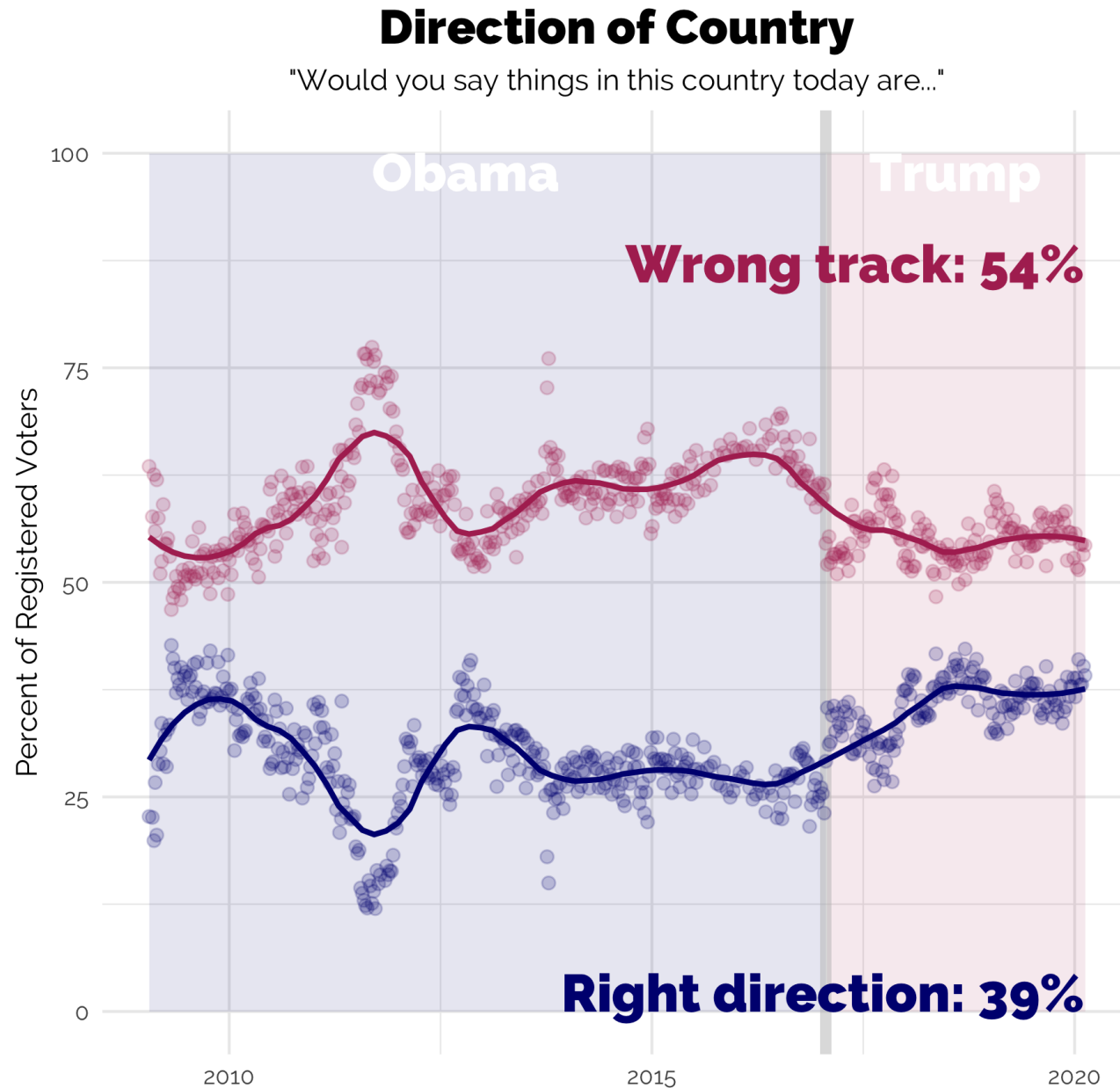


Figure 8: Direction of Country – Registered Voters

**6. Direction of Country – This Week – All Adults**

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

|   | Total  | Age      |       |       |       | Race   |       |          |       | Census Region |         |       |       |
|---|--------|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|----------|-------|---------------|---------|-------|-------|
|   |        | Under 30 | 30–44 | 45–64 | 65+   | White  | Black | Hispanic | Other | Northeast     | Midwest | South | West  |
| Generally headed in the right direction | 36%    | 23%      | 32%   | 42%   | 44%   | 39%    | 17%   | 33%      | 41%   | 34%           | 35%     | 37%   | 35%   |
| Off on the wrong track                  | 53%    | 60%      | 54%   | 49%   | 49%   | 51%    | 69%   | 50%      | 44%   | 54%           | 54%     | 51%   | 53%   |
| Not sure                                | 12%    | 17%      | 14%   | 9%    | 7%    | 10%    | 15%   | 17%      | 15%   | 12%           | 11%     | 12%   | 11%   |
| Totals                                  | 100%   | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  | 100%   | 100%  | 100%     | 100%  | 100%          | 100%    | 100%  | 100%  |
| (Unweighted N)                          | (1500) | (303)    | (297) | (588) | (312) | (1033) | (204) | (177)    | (86)  | (277)         | (278)   | (605) | (340) |

|   | Total  | Party ID |       |       | Ideology |       |       | Gender |        | Family Income |           |                |
|---|--------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------------|-----------|----------------|
|   |        | Dem      | Ind   | Rep   | Lib      | Mod   | Con   | Male   | Female | Under \$50K   | \$50–100K | \$100K or more |
| Generally headed in the right direction | 36%    | 10%      | 32%   | 75%   | 8%       | 27%   | 70%   | 41%    | 31%    | 32%           | 38%       | 42%            |
| Off on the wrong track                  | 53%    | 83%      | 50%   | 18%   | 87%      | 54%   | 22%   | 51%    | 54%    | 54%           | 55%       | 54%            |
| Not sure                                | 12%    | 7%       | 18%   | 7%    | 5%       | 19%   | 8%    | 8%     | 15%    | 14%           | 7%        | 4%             |
| Totals                                  | 100%   | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  | 100%     | 100%  | 100%  | 100%   | 100%   | 100%          | 100%      | 100%           |
| (Unweighted N)                          | (1500) | (531)    | (588) | (381) | (410)    | (622) | (468) | (688)  | (812)  | (638)         | (402)     | (261)          |

# ***The Economist/YouGov Poll***

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| <b>Sponsorship:</b>                         | <i>The Economist</i>   |
| <b>Target population:</b>                   | U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.   |
| <b>Interviewing Dates:</b>                  | February 16 - 18, 2020   |
| <b>Sampling method:</b>                     | Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. |
| <b>Weighting:</b>                           | The sample was weighted based on age, gender, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.26 to 3.45, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.4.  |
| <b>Number of respondents:</b>               | 1500   |
| <b>Margin of error (All):</b>               | 2.7% (adjusted for weighting)  |
| <b>Margin of error (Registered Voters):</b> | 3.1% (adjusted for weighting)  |
| <b>Survey mode:</b>                         | Web-based interviews   |
| <b>Full results:</b>                        | <a href="https://today.yougov.com/topics/overview/all(popup:search/Economist;type=surveys)">https://today.yougov.com/topics/overview/all(popup:search/Economist;type=surveys)</a>  |