Interviewing: October 15 - 18, 2016
Sample: 1300 Adults nationwide online
925 registered voters nationwide online

YouGov®

The Economist/YouGov Poll

Weekly Tracking

For immediate release

1. Approval of Obama as President – Historical

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	All Adults						
	Total Approve	**Total Disapprove**	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
October 14-18, 2016	48%	49%	25%	23%	14%	35%	4%
October 7-11, 2016	50%	48%	27%	23%	12%	36%	3%
September 30-October 4, 2016	52%	45%	28%	24%	12%	33%	3%
September 24-26, 2016	53%	45%	29%	24%	12%	33%	2%
September 17-19, 2016	46%	49%	25%	21%	16%	33%	5%
September 10-12, 2016	48%	47%	25%	23%	13%	34%	5%
September 3-5, 2016	52%	46%	27%	25%	13%	33%	3%
August 27-29, 2016	50%	44%	24%	26%	12%	32%	5%
August 20-22, 2016	52%	45%	25%	27%	11%	34%	3%
August 13-15, 2016	53%	46%	27%	26%	12%	34%	2%
One Year Ago	44%	48%	17%	27%	13%	35%	7%

	Registered Voters						
	Total Approve	**Total Disapprove**	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
October 14-18, 2016	50%	48%	29%	21%	9%	39%	2%
October 7-11, 2016	49%	49%	28%	21%	11%	38%	1%
September 30-October 4, 2016	49%	49%	28%	21%	11%	38%	2%
September 24-26, 2016	50%	49%	28%	22%	10%	39%	2%
September 17-19, 2016	47%	51%	26%	21%	13%	38%	2%
September 10-12, 2016	48%	50%	25%	23%	11%	39%	2%
September 3-5, 2016	50%	48%	26%	24%	10%	38%	2%
August 27-29, 2016	48%	49%	26%	22%	11%	38%	2%
August 20-22, 2016	47%	52%	27%	20%	11%	41%	1%
August 13-15, 2016	49%	50%	26%	23%	12%	38%	2%
One Year Ago	44%	53%	19%	25%	12%	41%	3%

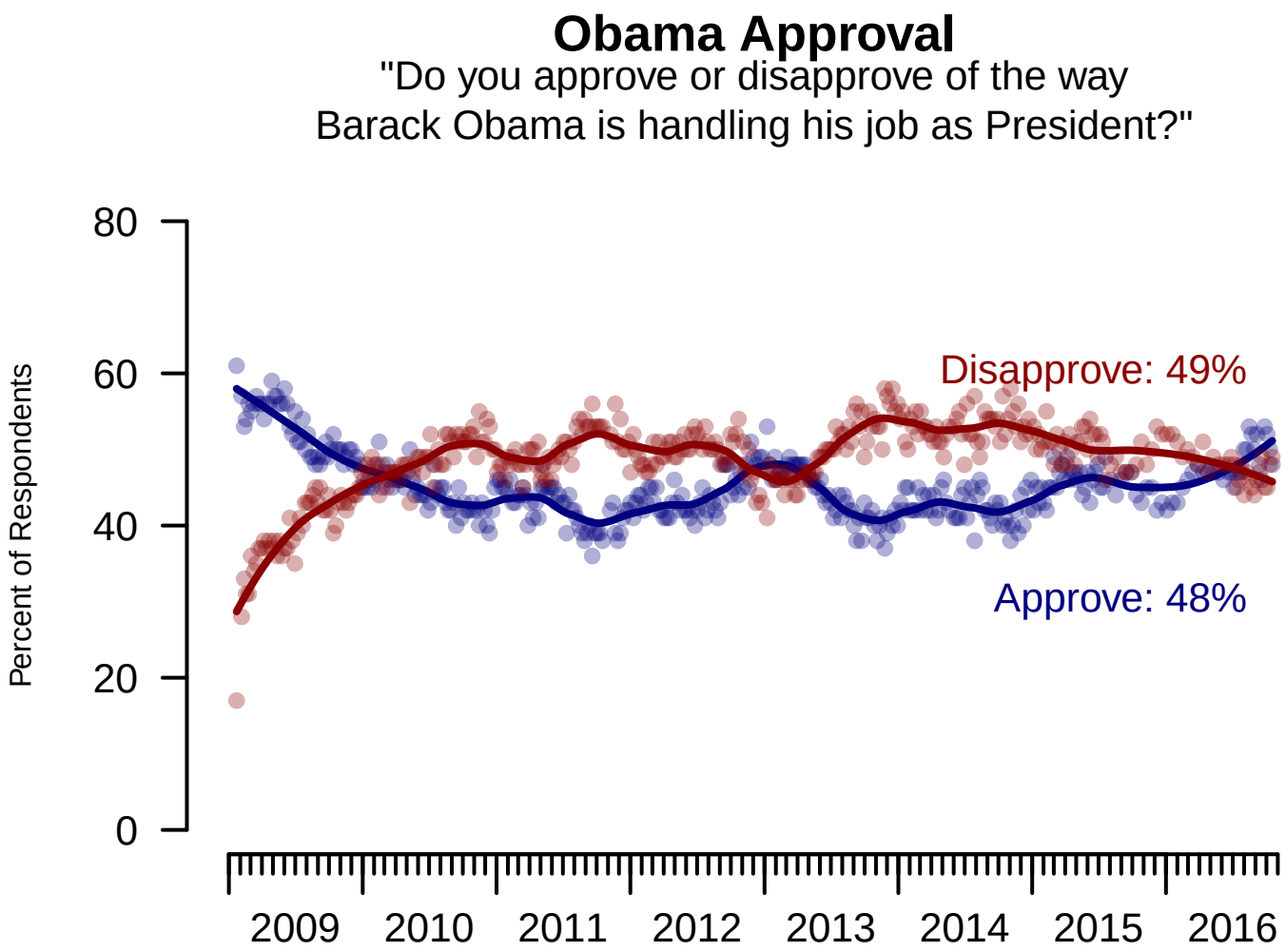

Figure 1: Obama Approval – All Adults

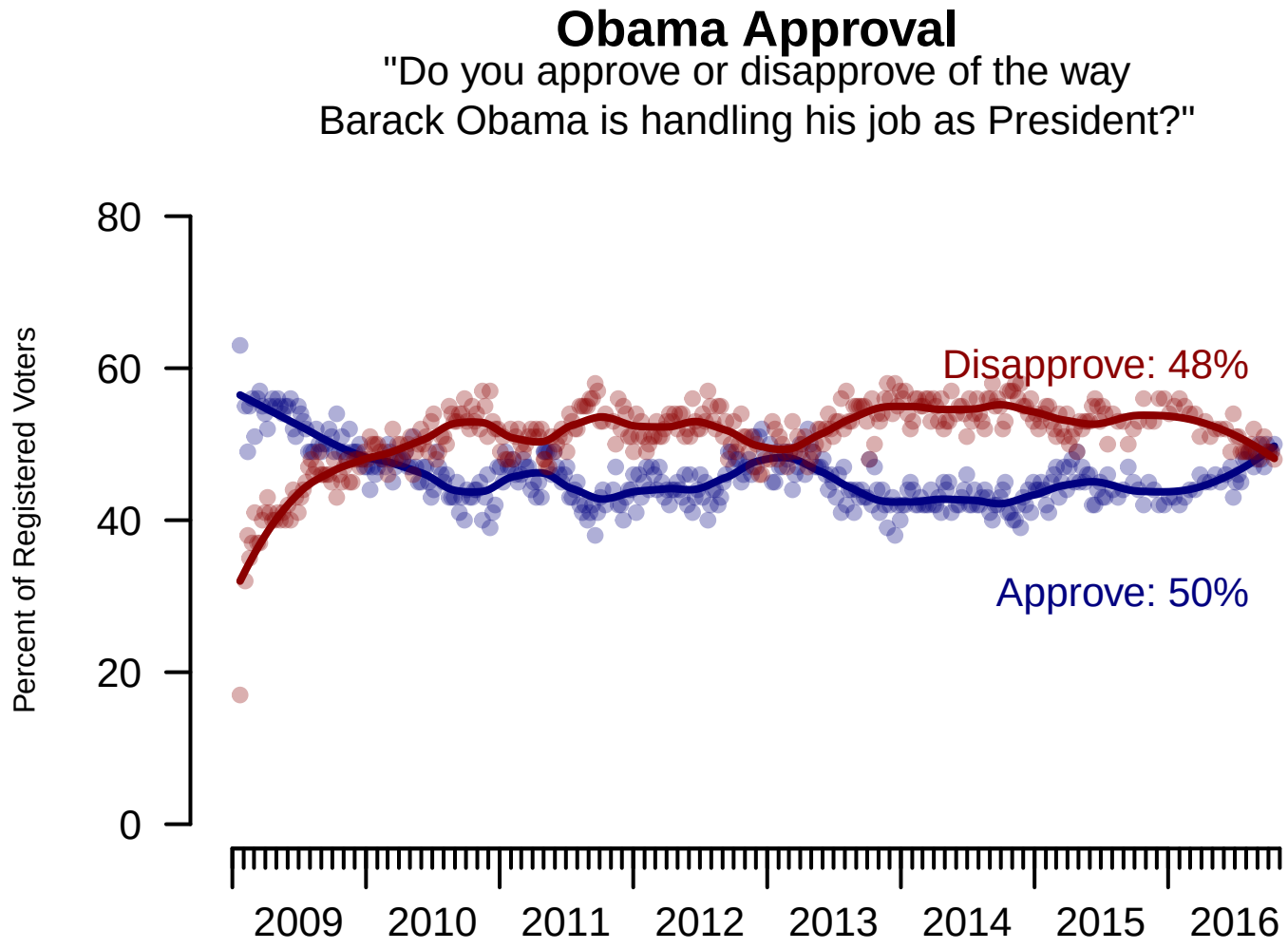

Figure 2: Obama Approval – Registered Voters

2. Approval of Obama as President – This Week – All Adults

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

		Age (4 category)				Race			Census Region			
	Total	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Strongly Approve	25%	25%	26%	25%	23%	18%	60%	32%	27%	21%	26%	25%
Somewhat Approve	23%	29%	26%	20%	18%	23%	23%	23%	25%	27%	20%	21%
Somewhat Disapprove	14%	19%	13%	14%	10%	15%	10%	11%	9%	16%	13%	17%
Strongly Disapprove	35%	21%	31%	39%	46%	41%	4%	26%	30%	34%	37%	35%
Not Sure	4%	7%	5%	2%	3%	3%	4%	8%	9%	2%	3%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,300)	(242)	(340)	(529)	(189)	(1,001)	(160)	(139)	(248)	(293)	(478)	(281)

		Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income (3 category)			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 50	50-100	100+	Prefer not to say
Strongly Approve	25%	54%	14%	3%	46%	25%	10%	22%	27%	25%	23%	27%	26%
Somewhat Approve	23%	27%	27%	10%	35%	28%	8%	19%	26%	24%	21%	23%	18%
Somewhat Disapprove	14%	9%	16%	16%	9%	14%	17%	16%	12%	16%	15%	13%	7%
Strongly Disapprove	35%	8%	35%	70%	3%	30%	63%	39%	31%	30%	40%	37%	43%
Not Sure	4%	1%	7%	1%	6%	3%	2%	4%	4%	5%	1%	–	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,300)	(504)	(498)	(298)	(388)	(540)	(372)	(630)	(670)	(617)	(360)	(183)	(140)

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							
	Total Approve	**Total Disapprove**	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
October 14-18, 2016	11%	60%	2%	9%	18%	23%	37%	11%
October 7-11, 2016	11%	60%	2%	9%	18%	21%	39%	11%
September 30-October 4, 2016	12%	62%	4%	8%	19%	23%	39%	9%
September 24-26, 2016	13%	61%	4%	9%	18%	23%	38%	8%
September 17-19, 2016	10%	63%	3%	7%	18%	24%	39%	9%
September 10-12, 2016	13%	61%	4%	9%	16%	23%	38%	9%
September 3-5, 2016	10%	63%	3%	7%	18%	22%	41%	9%
August 27-29, 2016	10%	63%	3%	7%	17%	25%	38%	10%
August 20-22, 2016	12%	59%	3%	9%	20%	22%	37%	9%
August 13-15, 2016	9%	65%	2%	7%	17%	25%	40%	9%
One Year Ago	9%	59%	2%	7%	18%	22%	37%	14%

	Registered Voters							
	Total Approve	**Total Disapprove**	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
October 14-18, 2016	12%	70%	3%	9%	13%	26%	44%	6%
October 7-11, 2016	11%	64%	2%	9%	18%	22%	42%	7%
September 30-October 4, 2016	9%	70%	3%	6%	16%	24%	46%	6%
September 24-26, 2016	9%	69%	3%	6%	15%	26%	43%	7%
September 17-19, 2016	11%	70%	3%	8%	15%	25%	45%	4%
September 10-12, 2016	10%	71%	2%	8%	14%	26%	45%	6%
September 3-5, 2016	10%	67%	3%	7%	16%	22%	45%	7%
August 27-29, 2016	10%	69%	3%	7%	13%	26%	43%	6%
August 20-22, 2016	11%	68%	3%	8%	15%	26%	42%	6%
August 13-15, 2016	10%	70%	2%	8%	13%	24%	46%	8%
One Year Ago	9%	69%	2%	7%	15%	23%	46%	7%

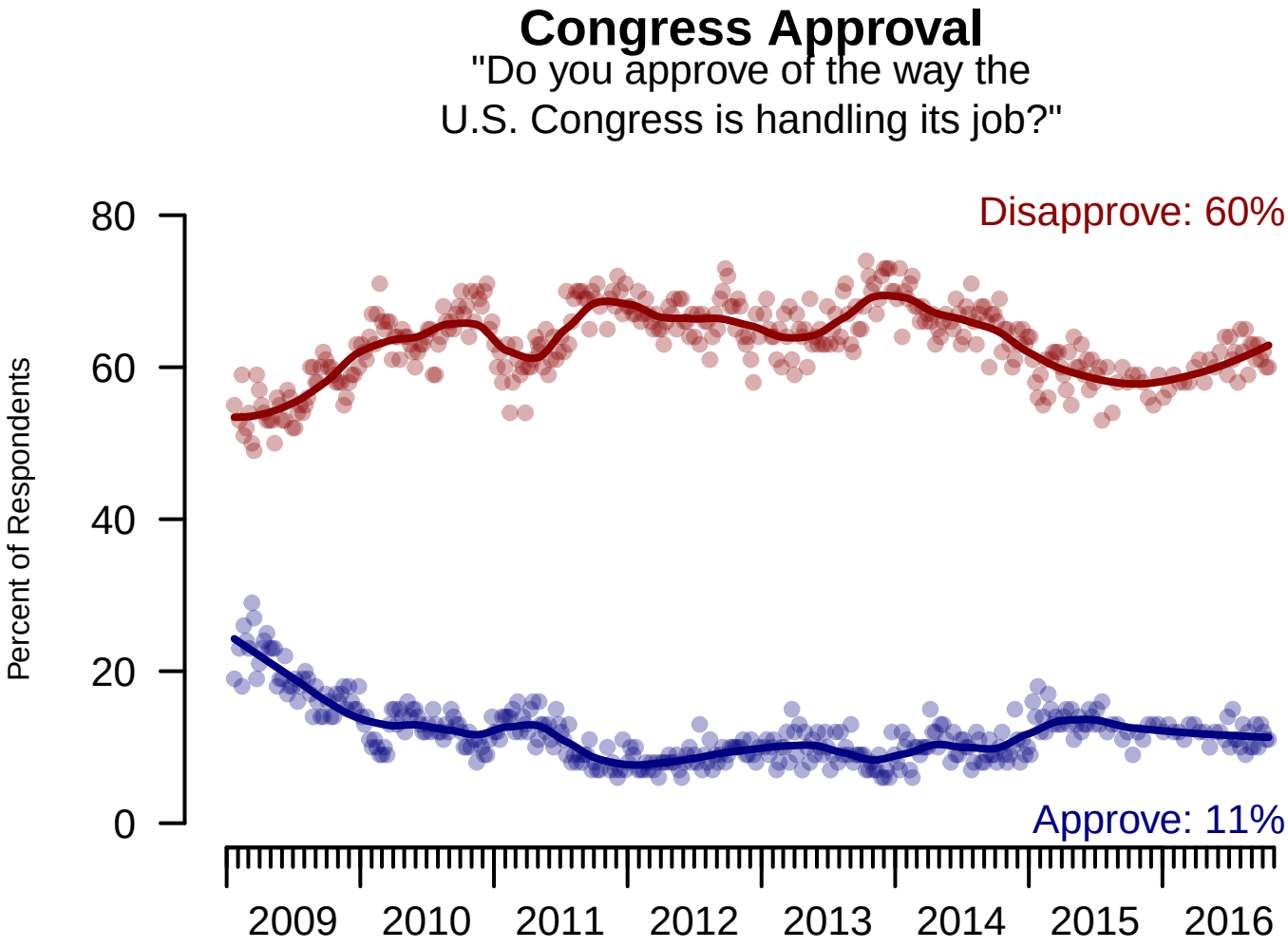

Figure 3: Congress Approval – All Adults

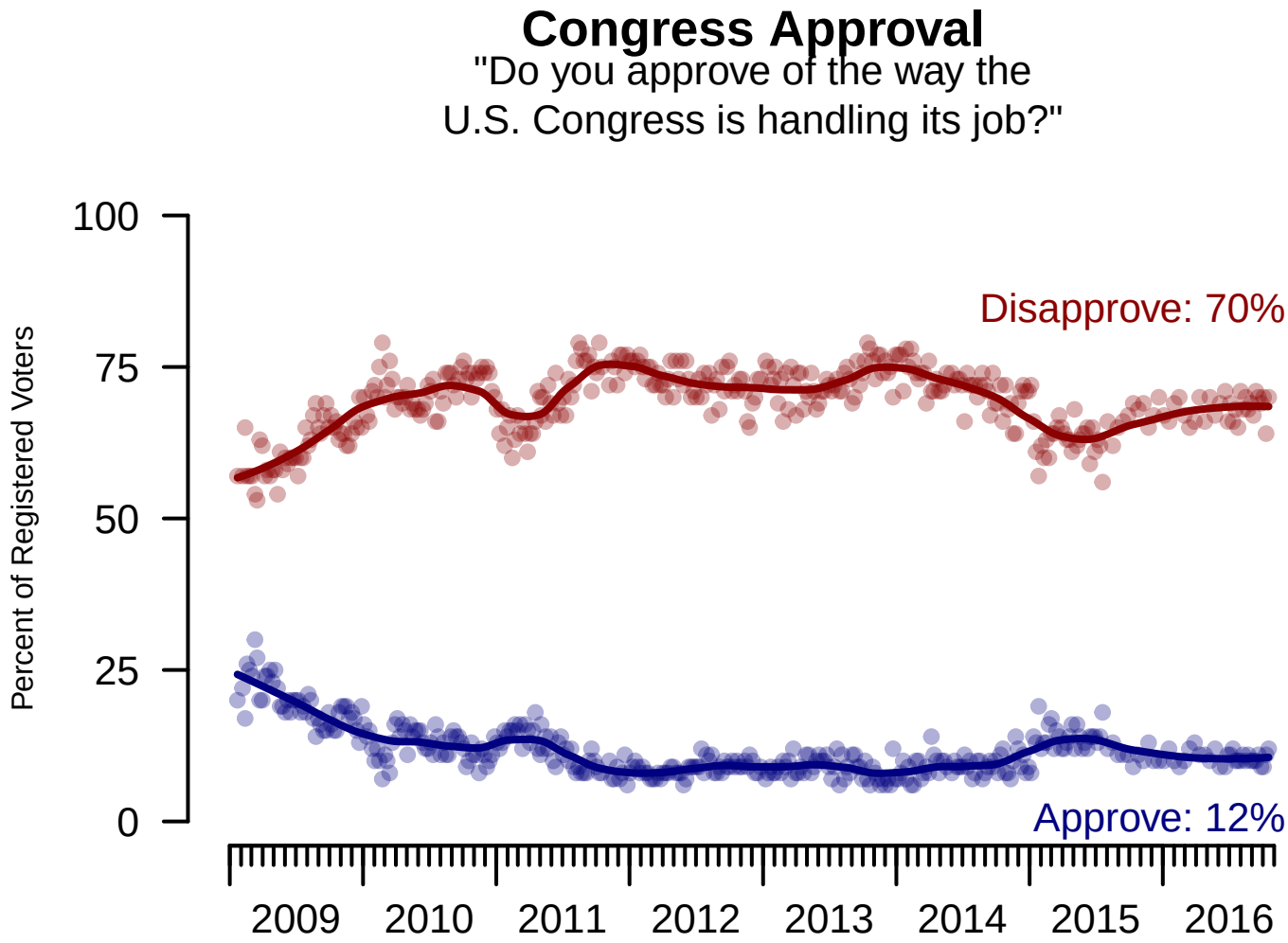

Figure 4: Congress Approval – Registered Voters

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?

		Age (4 category)				Race			Census Region			
	Total	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Strongly approve	2%	6%	4%	1%	0%	1%	8%	7%	4%	2%	2%	2%
Somewhat approve	9%	13%	10%	7%	6%	8%	12%	10%	11%	7%	8%	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%	22%	18%	16%	17%	15%	25%	31%	20%	15%	21%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	23%	22%	25%	23%	23%	25%	18%	17%	17%	28%	23%	23%
Strongly disapprove	37%	22%	25%	46%	48%	40%	27%	27%	38%	34%	37%	39%
Not sure	11%	15%	18%	7%	6%	11%	9%	9%	9%	15%	8%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,270)	(233)	(329)	(519)	(189)	(984)	(152)	(134)	(240)	(292)	(466)	(272)

		Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income (3 category)			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 50	50-100	100+	Prefer not to say
Strongly approve	2%	5%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%
Somewhat approve	9%	12%	6%	8%	9%	9%	8%	8%	9%	8%	8%	11%	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%	17%	15%	24%	16%	22%	15%	15%	21%	22%	13%	15%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	23%	17%	23%	31%	16%	19%	33%	24%	22%	23%	22%	24%	27%
Strongly disapprove	37%	39%	40%	28%	50%	34%	32%	41%	33%	31%	47%	45%	30%
Not sure	11%	10%	14%	6%	7%	14%	10%	9%	12%	12%	9%	4%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,270)	(492)	(487)	(291)	(384)	(525)	(361)	(618)	(652)	(601)	(355)	(178)	(136)

5. Direction of country – Historical
Would you say things in this country today are...

	All Adults		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
October 14-18, 2016	28%	63%	9%
October 7-11, 2016	28%	60%	11%
September 30-October 4, 2016	28%	62%	10%
September 24-26, 2016	25%	65%	10%
September 17-19, 2016	29%	61%	10%
September 10-12, 2016	25%	66%	9%
September 3-5, 2016	27%	62%	11%
August 27-29, 2016	25%	65%	10%
August 20-22, 2016	29%	61%	11%
August 13-15, 2016	26%	65%	9%
One Year Ago	27%	60%	13%

	Registered Voters		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
October 14-18, 2016	31%	62%	7%
October 7-11, 2016	30%	62%	8%
September 30-October 4, 2016	30%	63%	7%
September 24-26, 2016	27%	65%	8%
September 17-19, 2016	30%	63%	7%
September 10-12, 2016	24%	67%	9%
September 3-5, 2016	28%	62%	10%
August 27-29, 2016	27%	65%	8%
August 20-22, 2016	28%	65%	8%
August 13-15, 2016	27%	64%	9%
One Year Ago	27%	65%	9%

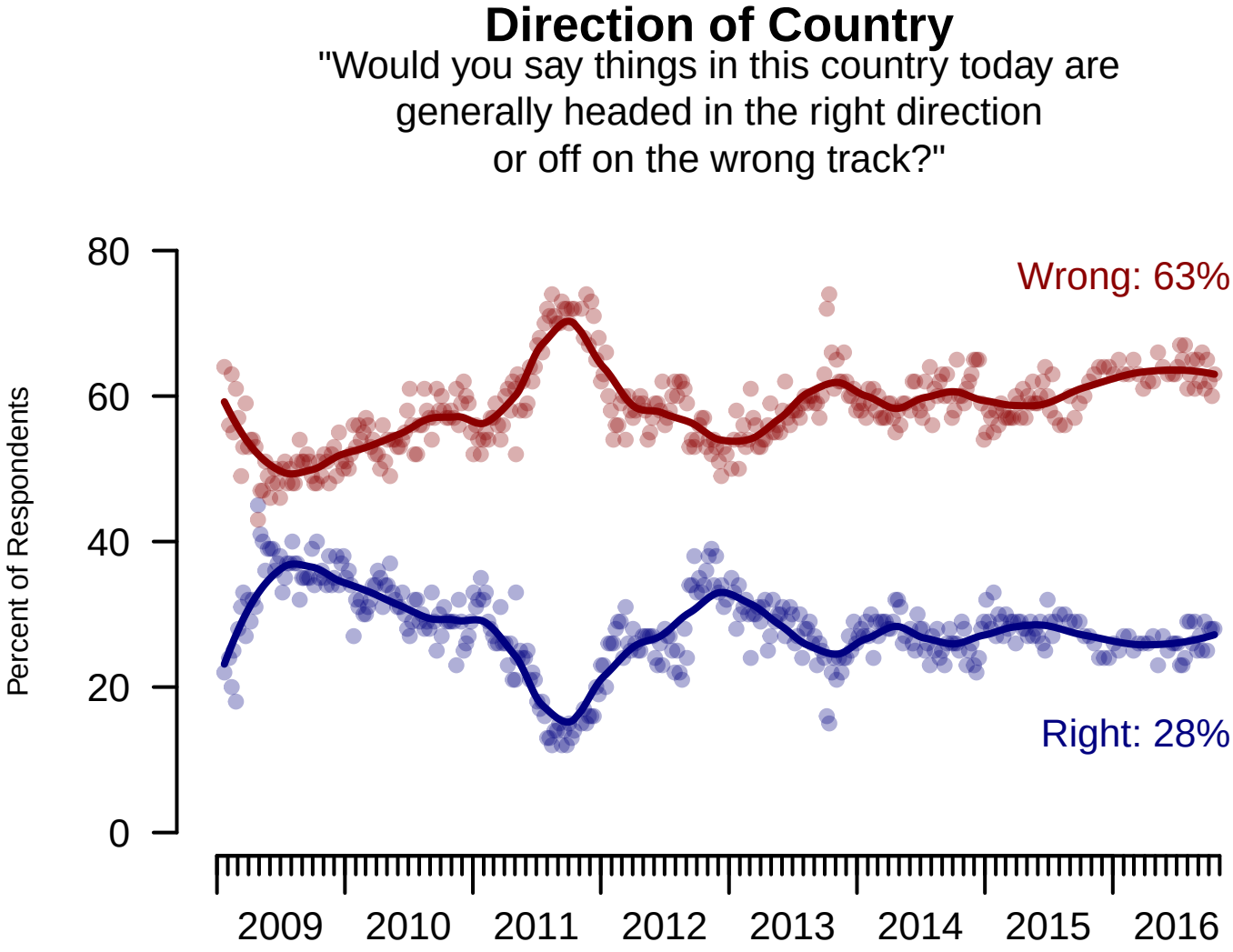

Figure 5: Direction of Country – All Adults

Direction of Country

"Would you say things in this country today are generally headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?"

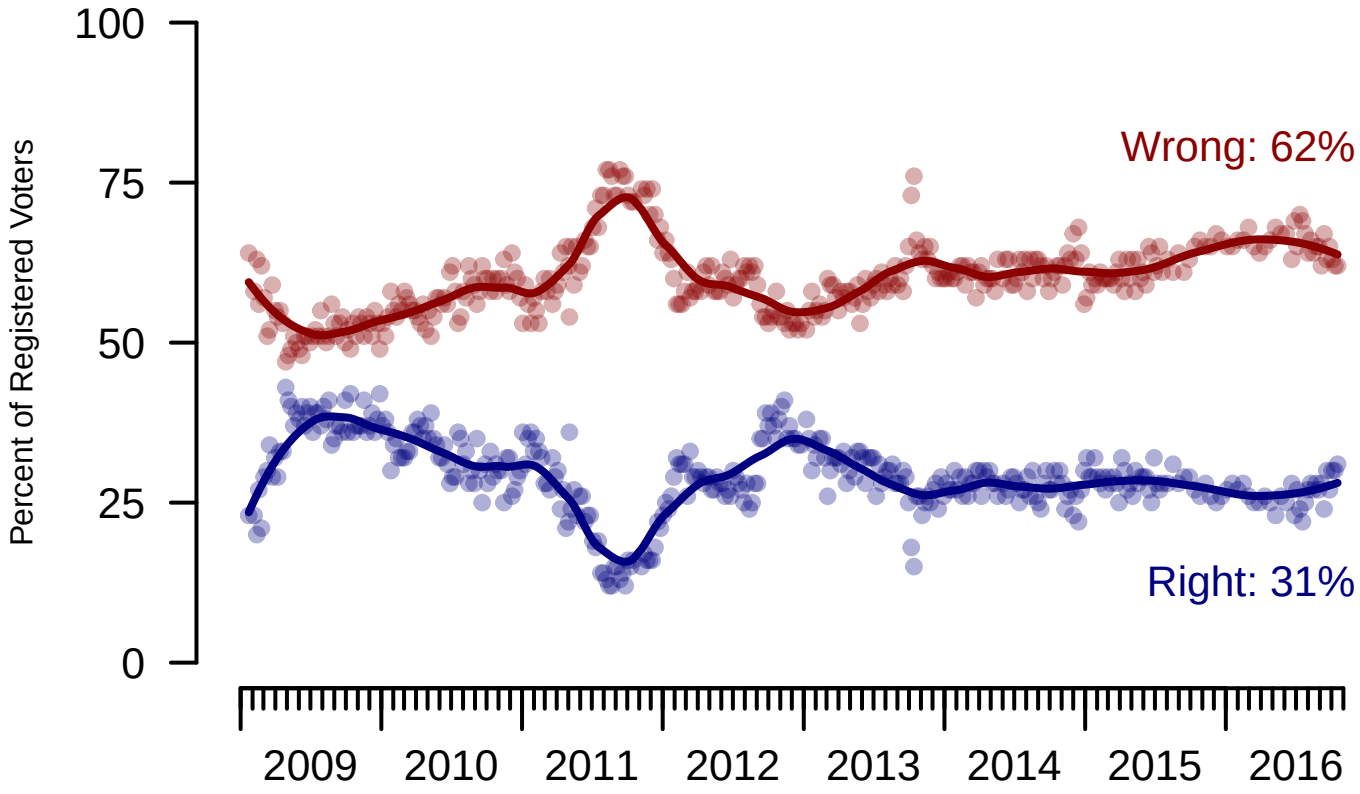

Figure 6: Direction of Country – Registered Voters

6. Direction of Country – This Week – All Adults
Would you say things in this country today are...

		Age (4 category)				Race			Census Region			
	Total	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Generally headed in the right direction	28%	32%	31%	26%	23%	22%	49%	44%	33%	23%	30%	26%
Off on the wrong track	63%	54%	59%	66%	72%	70%	36%	44%	57%	69%	62%	63%
Not sure	9%	14%	10%	8%	5%	8%	15%	12%	10%	8%	9%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,300)	(242)	(340)	(529)	(189)	(1,001)	(160)	(139)	(248)	(293)	(478)	(281)

		Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income (3 category)			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 50	50-100	100+	Prefer not to say
Generally headed in the right direction	28%	53%	19%	9%	48%	29%	12%	27%	28%	26%	30%	32%	25%
Off on the wrong track	63%	35%	70%	88%	39%	61%	82%	63%	63%	64%	63%	58%	63%
Not sure	9%	12%	11%	3%	13%	10%	5%	10%	9%	10%	7%	10%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,300)	(504)	(498)	(298)	(388)	(540)	(372)	(630)	(670)	(617)	(360)	(183)	(140)

Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 15 - 18, 2016
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	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 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, political interest, minor party identification, and nonplacement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, news interest, voter registration, and nonplacement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.1 to 6.15, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.
Number of respondents	1300
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Margin of error (Registered Voters)	$\pm$ 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Full results	Available online at http://today.yougov.com/news/categories/economist/.