

# Equis Research

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# Methodology Overview

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	Total Completes	SMS Completes	Live Completes	Margin of Error	Fielding Dates
AZ	603	120	483	± 4.0%	4/20 - 5/4
CO	608	129	479	±4.0%	4/20 - 5/4
FL	823	196	627	±3.4%	4/20 - 5/3
MI	400	204	196	±4.9%	4/20 - 4/28
NC	400	188	212	±4.9%	4/20 - 4/30
NM	614	181	433	± 4.0%	4/20 - 5/3
NV	500	68	432	±4.4%	4/20 - 5/5
PA	600	128	473	± 4.0%	4/20 - 5/4
TX	835	257	578	±3.4%	4/20 - 5/6
VA	401	129	273	±4.9%	4/20 - 5/5
WI	404	255	149	±4.9%	4/20 - 4/27

# Sampling Methodology

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- State-specific sample segments were drawn from universes of likely Latinx voters that were developed using the Hispanic probability score that underlies TargetSmart's modeled race voter file variable.
- Score thresholds were determined on a state-by-state basis using the Hispanic probability score to create universes that are equal in size to the U.S. Census estimates specific to the Latinx voting age population in each state.
- The universes were then narrowed to registered voters in each state and stratified cluster samples were randomly pulled from each universe.

# Likely Latinx Universe Sizes

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	VAP Census Estimate	VAP Universe Size	Probability Score Cut-off
AZ	1,114,543	1,138,786.0	30.0
CO	636,748	621,326.0	31.0
FL	2,976,237	2,291,762.0	48.0
MI	249,396	241,759.0	31.0
NC	319,293	321,570.0	45.0
NM	609,803	628,944.0	15.0
NV	386,808	379,994.0	57.0
PA	500,784	505,901.0	30.1
TX	5,419,353	5,424,880.0	54.0
VA	329,257	327,685.0	33.0
WI	181,025	176,562.0	30.1



# Language of Survey Administration

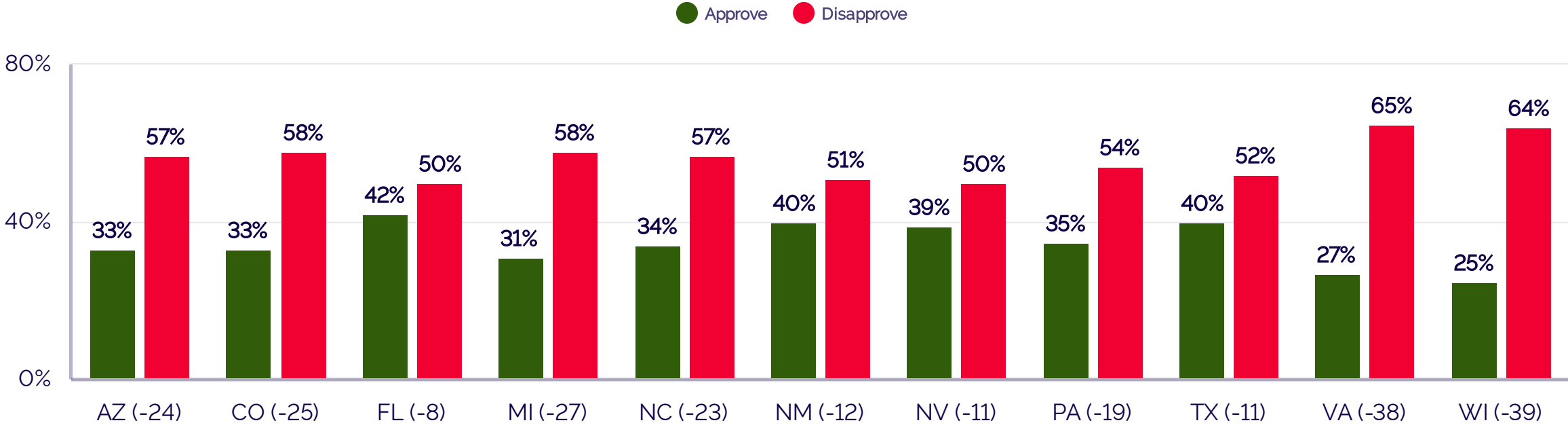
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	English Survey Respondents	Spanish Survey Respondents
AZ	82%	18%
CO	81%	19%
FL	78%	22%
MI	86%	14%
NC	84%	17%
NM	86%	14%
NV	78%	22%
PA	77%	23%
TX	81%	19%
VA	81%	19%
WI	87%	13%

**Coronavirus**

# Net Disapproval on Trump's Handling of Coronavirus Across States; Florida Voters Slightly More Mixed

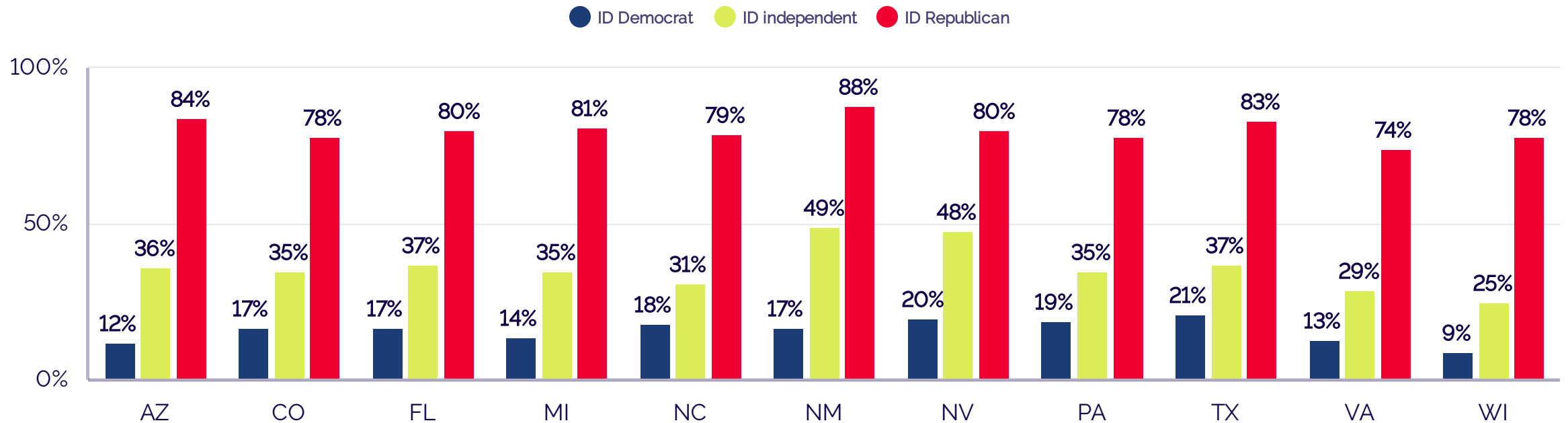
Trump Coronavirus Job Approval by State



Q.14 Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Donald Trump is doing in handling the coronavirus, or are you unsure?

# Trump's Approval Ratings on Coronavirus Highly Polarized Along Partisan Lines

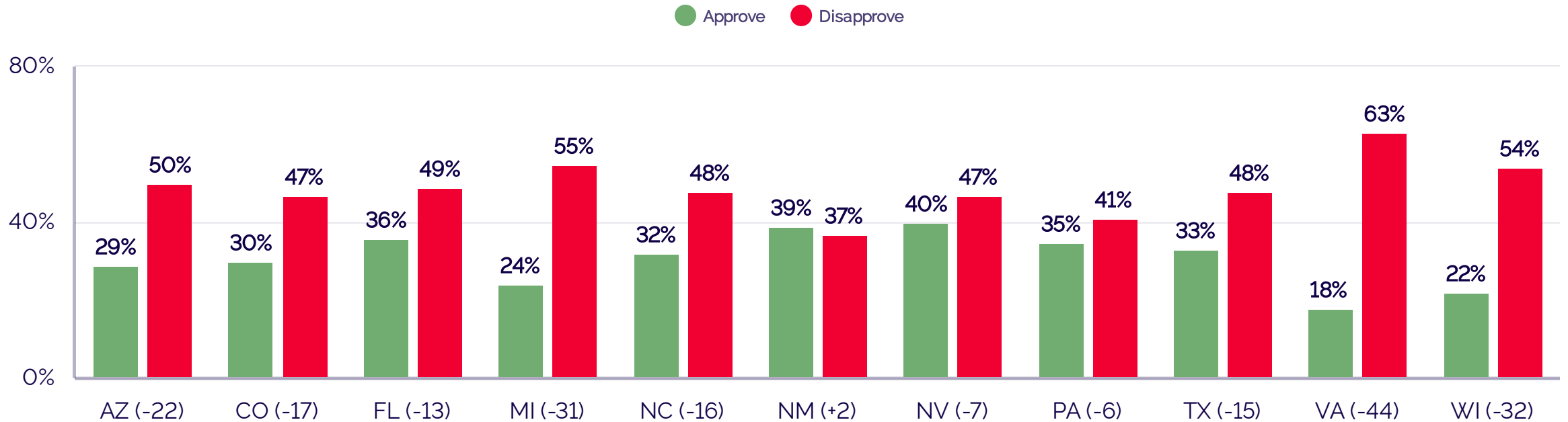
% Approve of Trump's Handling of the Coronavirus by Self-Identified Party



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# Ambivalent Voters Mostly Disapprove of Trump's Handling of the Coronavirus; More Mixed in NM, NV, and PA

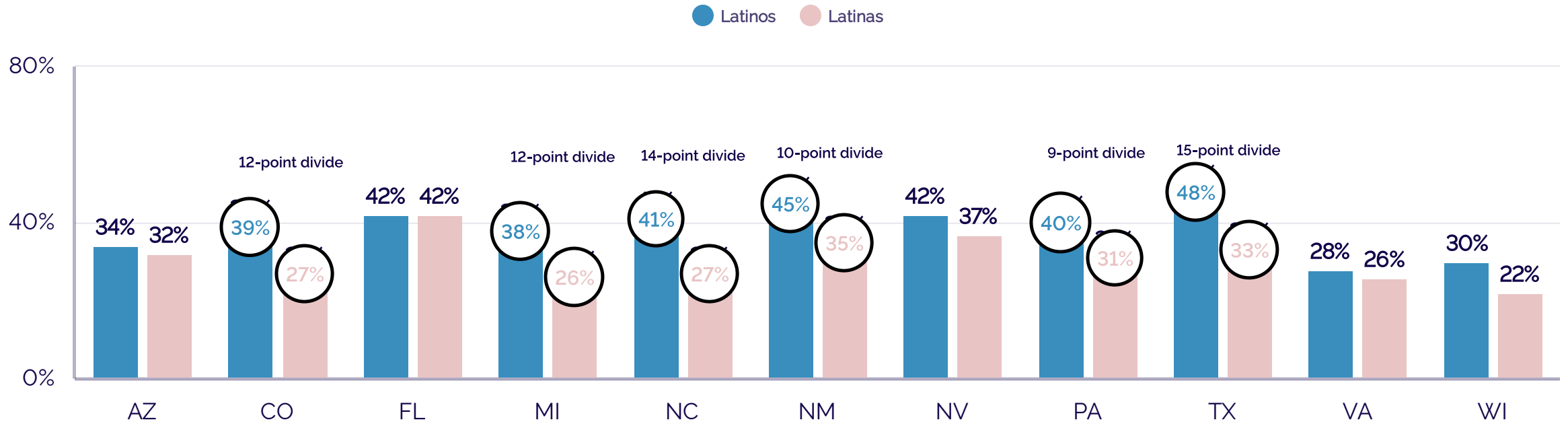
Trump's Handling of the Coronavirus Among Ambivalent Voters (undecided/not voting/third party supporters)



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# Gender Divide Emerges on Trump's Coronavirus Job Approval in CO, MI, NC, NM, PA, and TX

% Approve of Trump's Handling of the Coronavirus by Gender

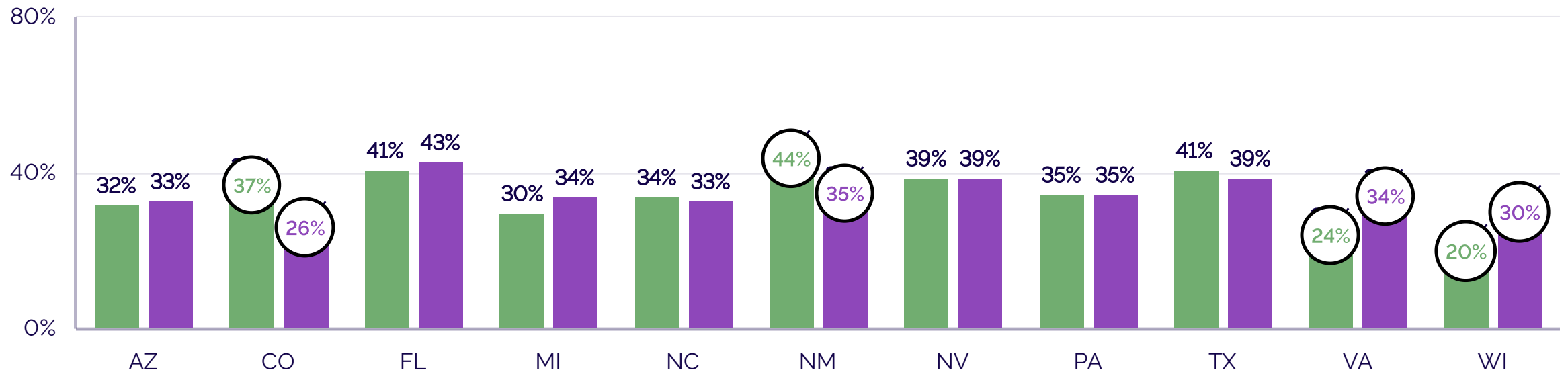


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# Age Trend on Trump's Coronavirus Response Surfaces in CO, NM, VA and WI

% Approve of Trump's Handling of the Coronavirus by Age

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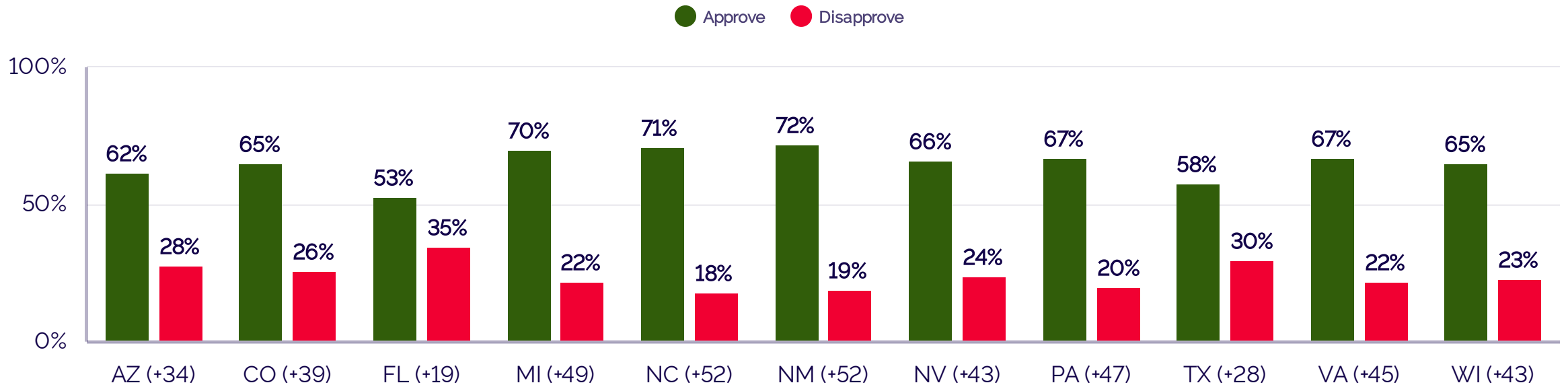


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# Solid Majorities of Latinx Voters Across States Approve of Local and State Government's Handling of the Coronavirus

Though as with Trump, in Florida opinion is more evenly divided

Local and State Government Coronavirus Job Approval by State

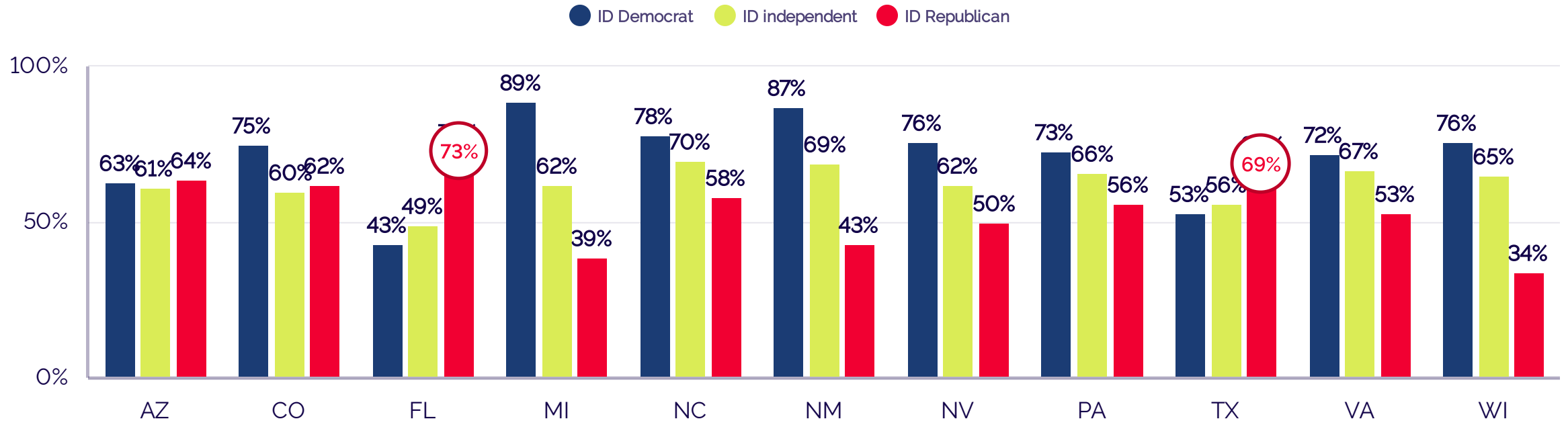


Q.15 Do you approve or disapprove of the job your state and local government is doing in handling the coronavirus, or are you unsure?



# Republican Partisans in FL and TX More Likely to Approve of State Government than Democrats

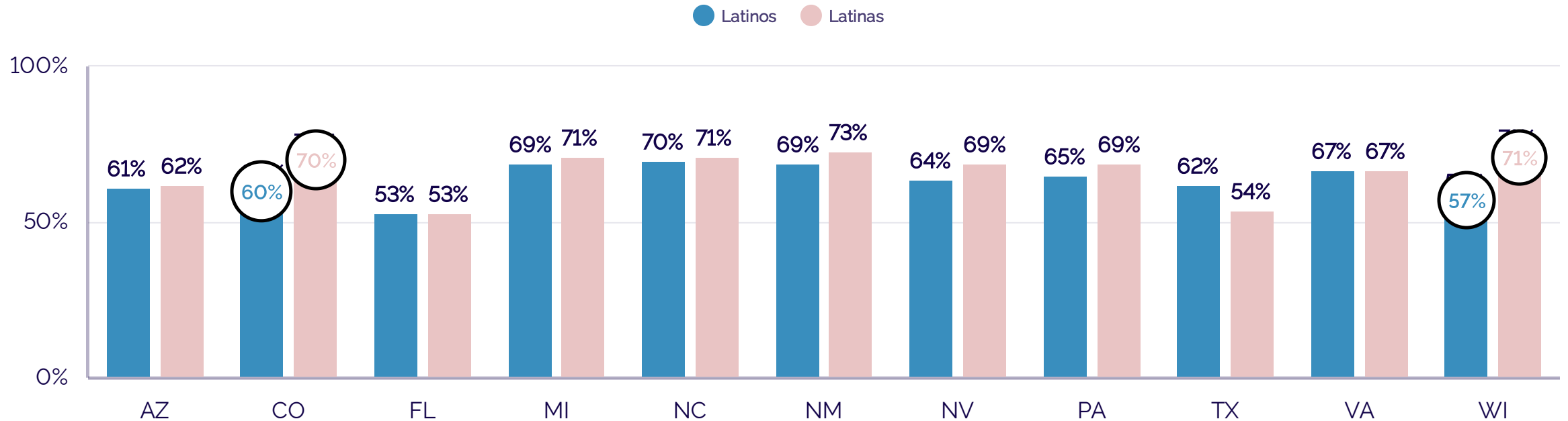
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# Latinas in CO and WI More Likely to Approve of State Government Response than Latinos

% Approve of Local and State Government's Handling of the Coronavirus by Gender

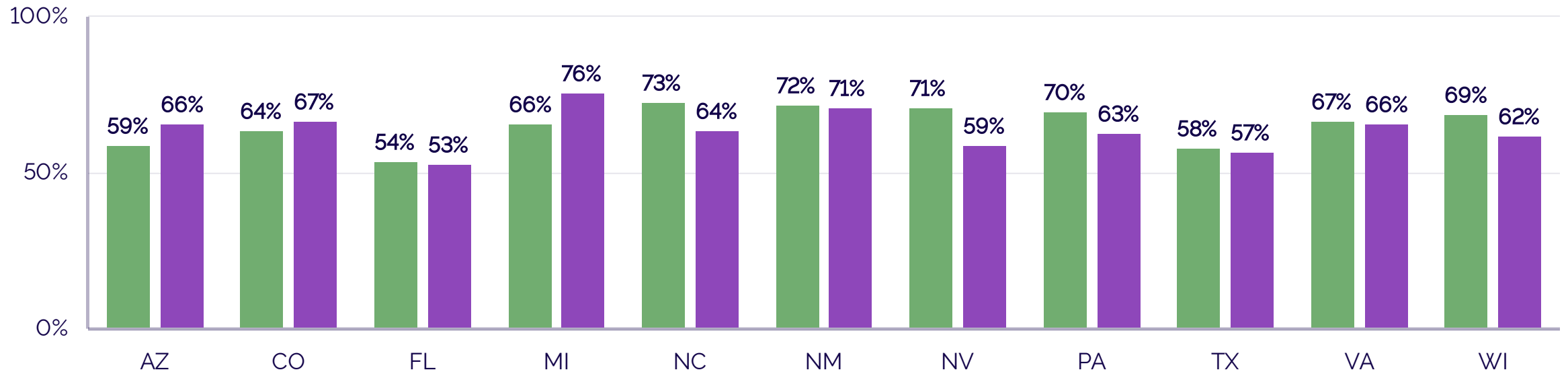


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# Younger and Older Latinx Voters Both Solidly Approve of State Government's Response

% Approve of Local and State Government's Handling of the Coronavirus by Age

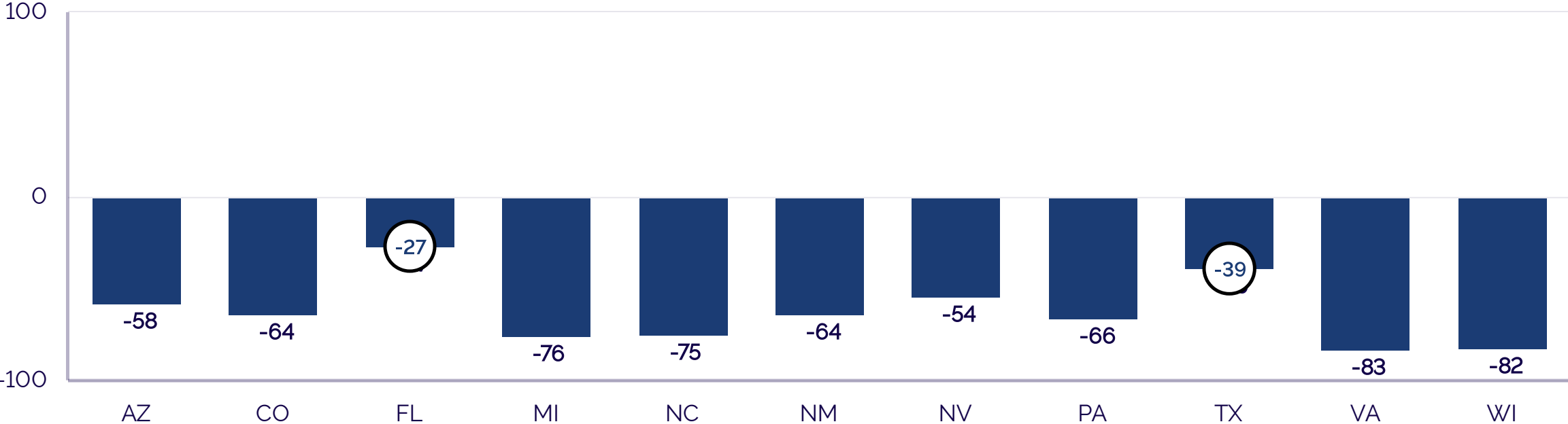
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# Trump Underperforms State and Local Governments Across the Board; Smallest Underperformances in FL and TX

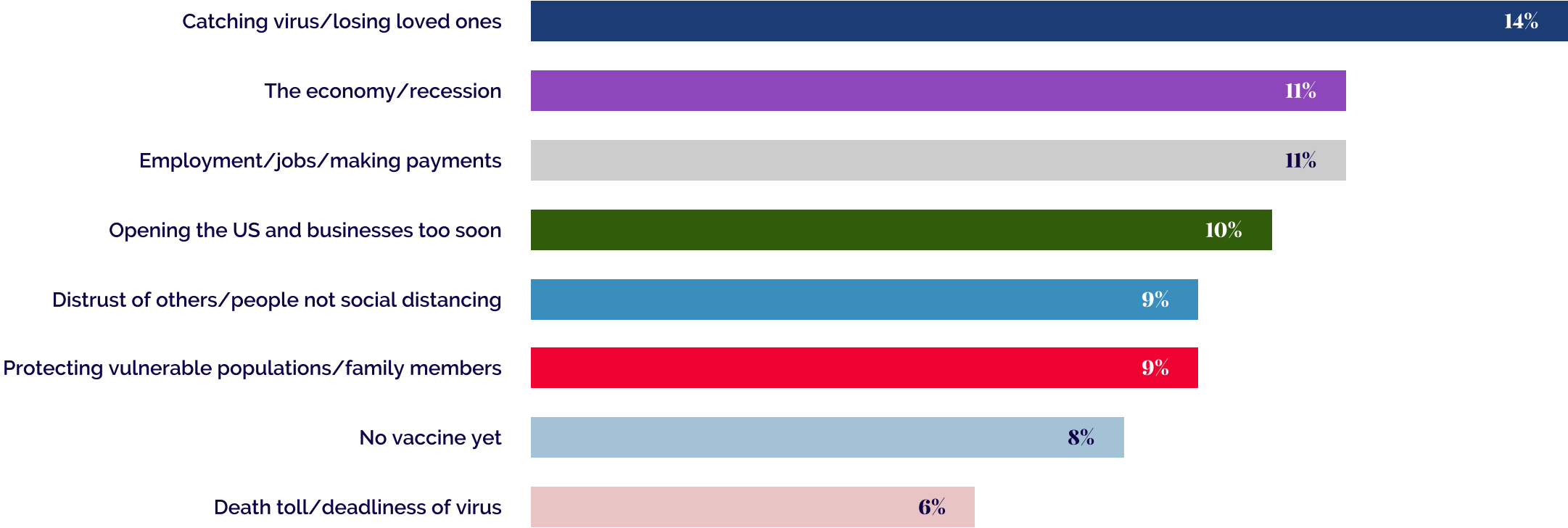
Net Difference: Trump versus Local and State Government Coronavirus Job Approval



Q.14 Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Donald Trump is doing in handling the coronavirus, or are you unsure? Q.15 Do you approve or disapprove of the job your state and local government is doing in handling the coronavirus, or are you unsure?

# Diffuse Concerns About Coronavirus Across States

Coronavirus Concerns - Combined Frequencies Across 11 States



Q.23 Finally, in a few words, please describe your biggest concern regarding the coronavirus outbreak.

# Mix of Economic and Health Concerns Pop in Word Cloud

Coronavirus Concerns - Combined Word Cloud Across 11 States



# Health Concerns Outnumber Economic Concerns in the Aggregate

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## Health Concerns - 69%

- Catching virus - 14%
- Opening businesses too soon - 10%
- Distrust/people not distancing - 9%
- Protecting vulnerable people - 9%
- No vaccine - 8%
- Death toll - 6%
- Not enough testing - 5%
- Second wave - 4%
- Enough PPE - 3%
- Health care/insurance - 1%



## Economic Concerns - 24%

- Economy/recession - 11%
- Employment/jobs - 11%
- Not opening economy soon enough - 2%



## Management Concerns - 16%

- Lack of federal support - 5%
- Ineffective leadership/Trump in charge - 5%
- Lack of national plan - 4%
- Gov't restriction of civil liberties - 2%

# Top Concerns by State

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## Arizona

1. Catching virus - 16%
2. Economy/Recession - 13%
3. Protecting vulnerable - 10%



# Top Concerns by State

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## Colorado

1. Catching virus - 15%
2. Employment/jobs - 10%
3. Economy/recession - 10%

# Top Concerns by State

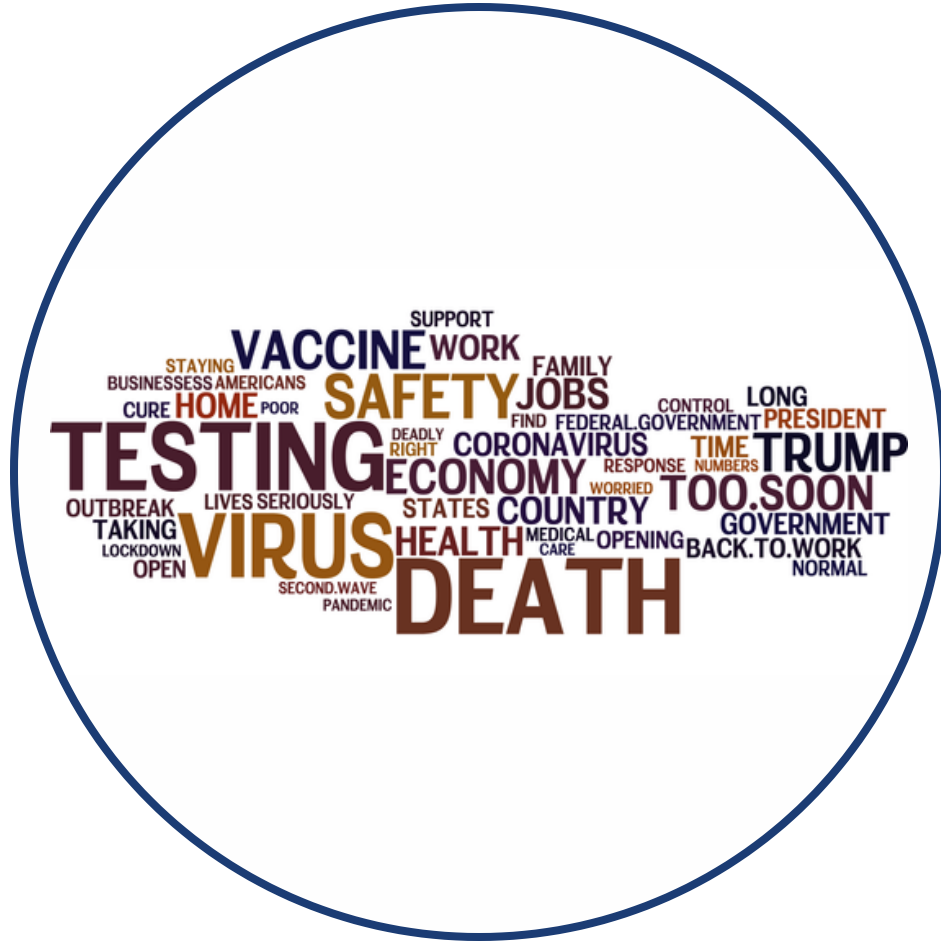


## Florida

1. Catching virus - 14%
2. Employment/jobs - 12%
3. Economy/recession - 12%

# Top Concerns by State

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## Michigan

1. Catching virus - 14%
2. Death toll - 12%
3. Employment/jobs - 12%





# Top Concerns by State

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## Nevada

1. Catching virus - 15%
2. Employment/jobs - 14%
3. Economy/recession - 14%



# Top Concerns by State

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## Texas

1. Opening US and businesses too soon - 13%
2. Catching virus - 12%
3. Employment/jobs - 11%
3. No vaccine yet - 11%



# Top Concerns by State

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## Virginia

1. Employment/jobs - 14%
2. Catching virus - 12%
3. Distrust of others/social distancing - 12%

# Top Concerns by State

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## Wisconsin

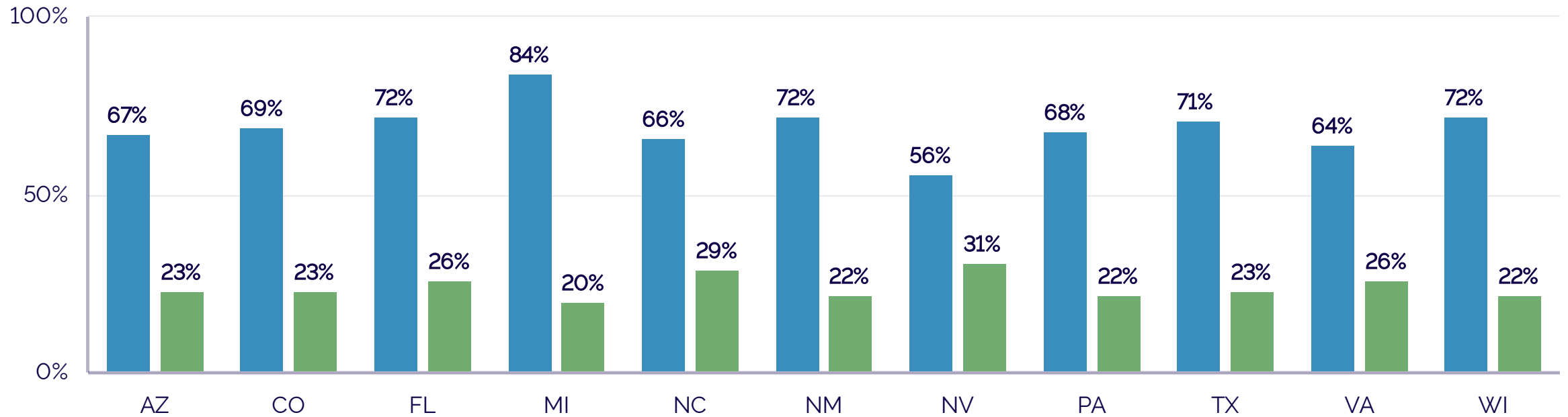
- 1. Catching virus - 12%
- 1. **Lack of federal support - 12%**
- 1. The economy/recession - 12%
- 1. Distrust of others/social distancing - 12%

# Health Concerns Outpace Economic Concerns in the Aggregate Across All States

Divide sharpest in Michigan, narrowest in Nevada

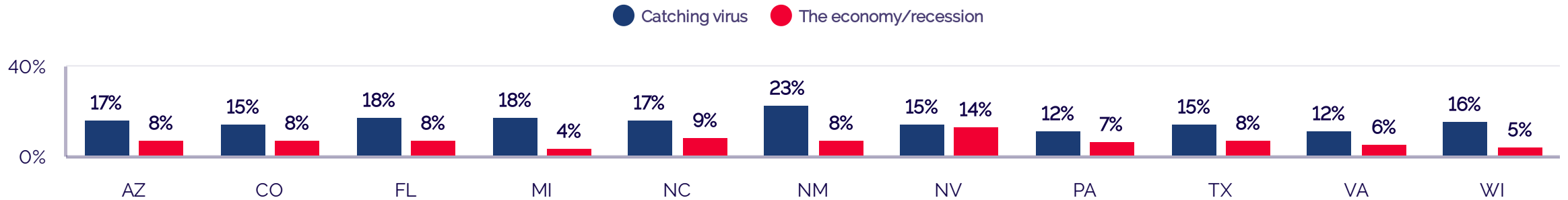
Aggregate Health and Economic Concerns by State

● Aggregate health concerns ● Aggregate economic concerns

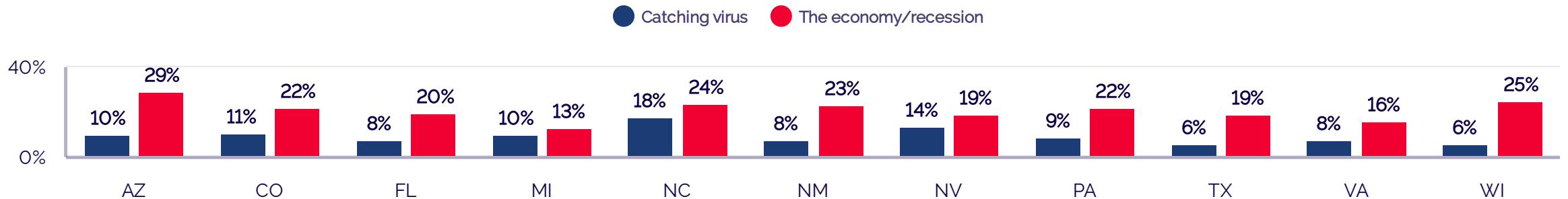


# Biden Supporters More Concerned About Catching Coronavirus, Trump Supporters More Concerned About the Economy

Concern About Catching Coronavirus vs. Concern About the Economy - Among Biden Supporters



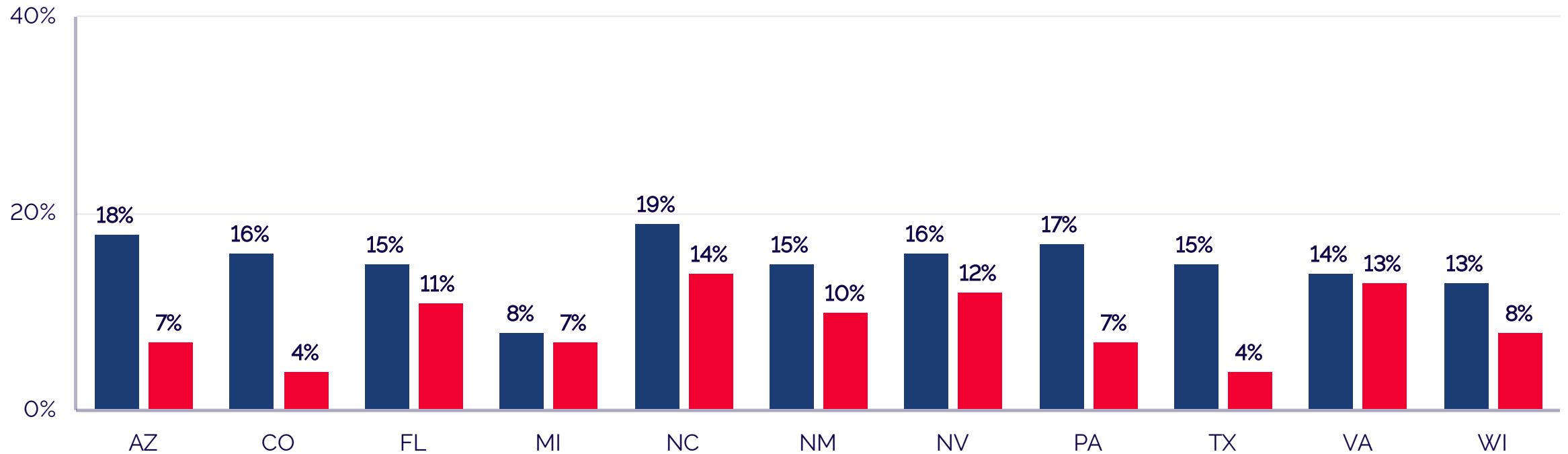
Concern About Catching Coronavirus vs. Concern About the Economy - Among Trump Supporters



# Ambivalent Voters More Concerned About Catching Coronavirus in Most States; Mixed Responses in MI

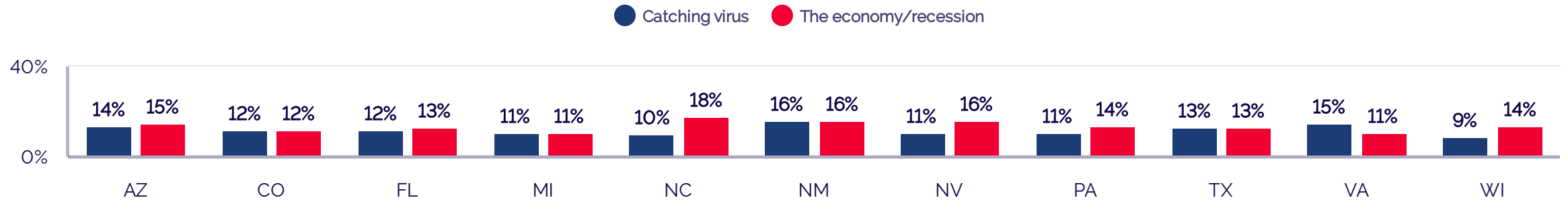
Concern About Catching Coronavirus vs. Concern About the Economy - Among Ambivalent Voters (Undecided/Not Voting/Third Party Supporters)

● Catching virus ● The economy/recession

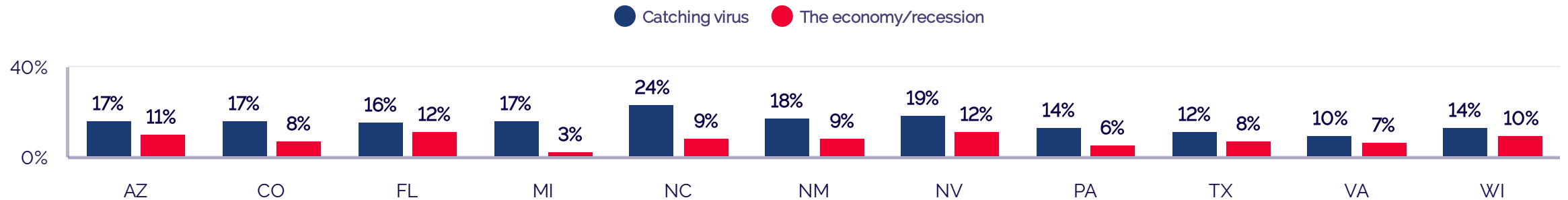


# Latinas Express More Concern About Catching Coronavirus; Latinos Near Equally Concerned About Catching Coronavirus and the Economy

Concern About Catching Coronavirus vs. Concern About the Economy - Among Latinos



Concern About Catching Coronavirus vs. Concern About the Economy - Among Latinas

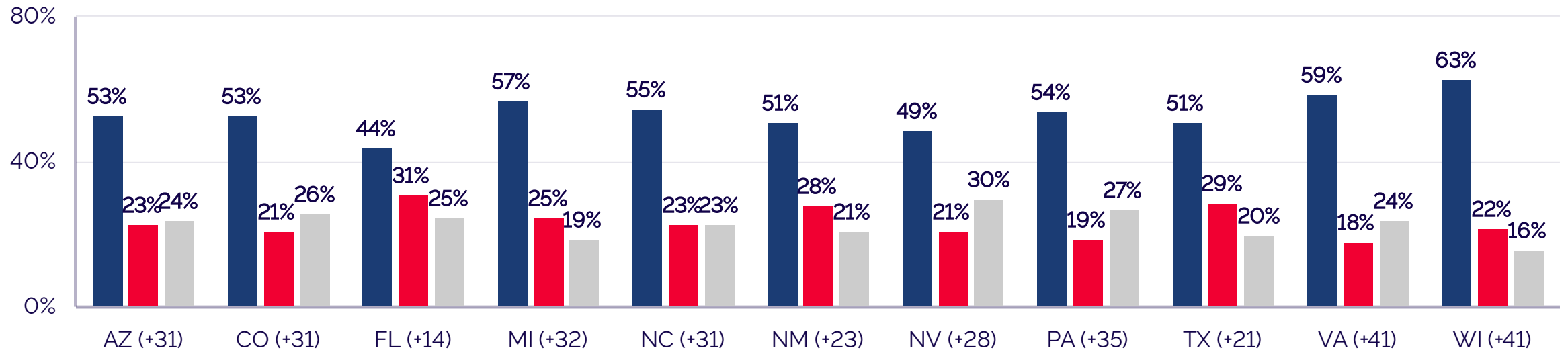


# Presidential Race

# Biden Support Relatively Soft Across the Board; Solid Blocs of Third Party, Soft Support, and Undecided Voters Across States

Presidential Head-to-Head by State

● Total Biden ● Total Trump ● Third party/not vote/undecided

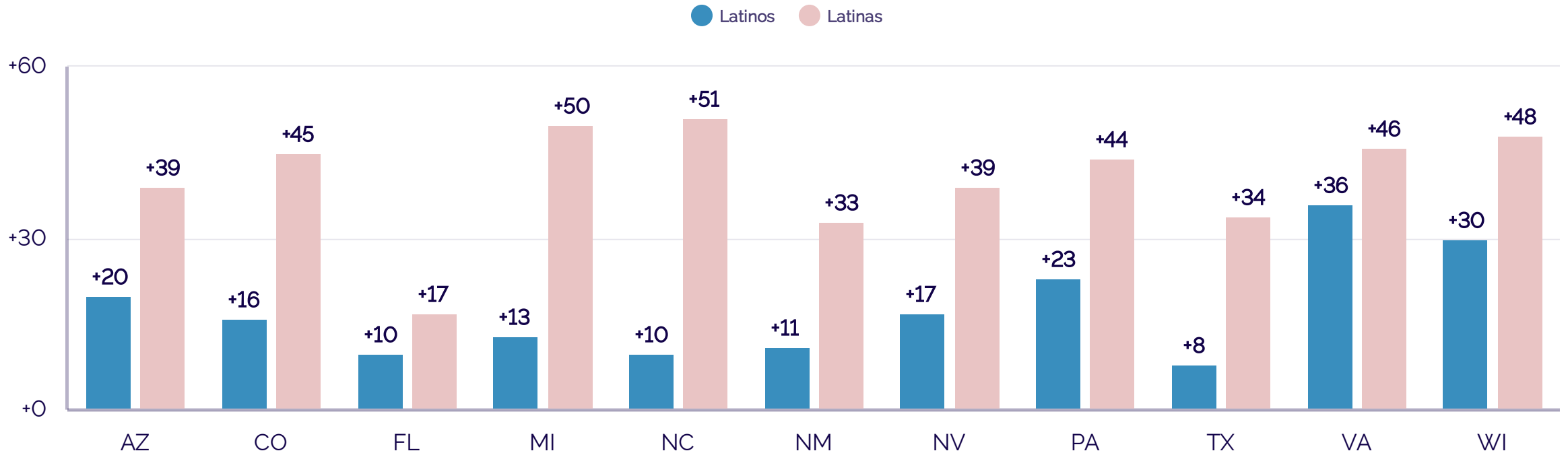


Q.4 Thinking about the election for president in November, if the election was held today and Joe Biden were the Democratic nominee, for whom would you vote: Democrat Joe Biden, Republican Donald Trump, an independent or third-party candidate, or would you not vote? Q.5 (IF JOE BIDEN OR DONALD TRUMP IN Q.4) Would you definitely or probably vote for (JOE BIDEN/DONALD TRUMP)?



# No Surprise, Latinas Remain Core Mobilization Targets

Biden-Trump Margin by Gender

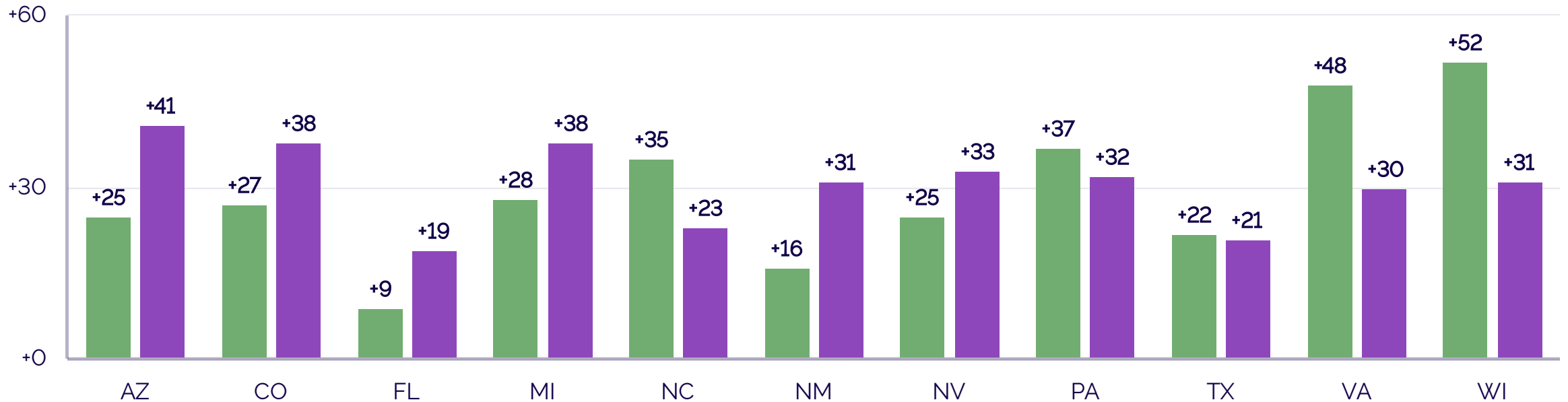


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# Age Trend Varies Significantly by State

Biden-Trump Margin by Age

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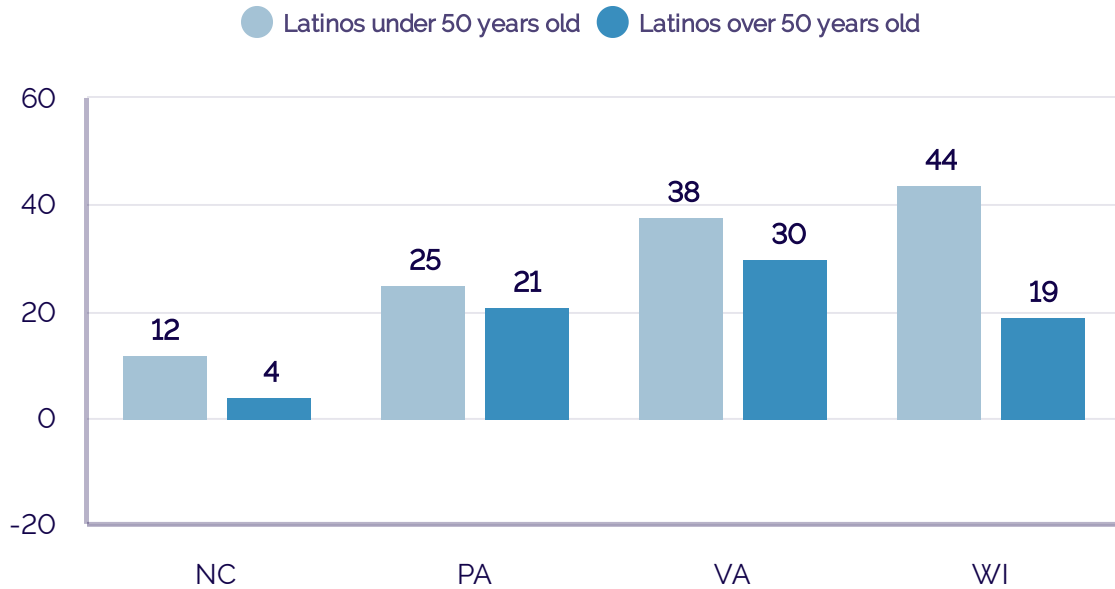


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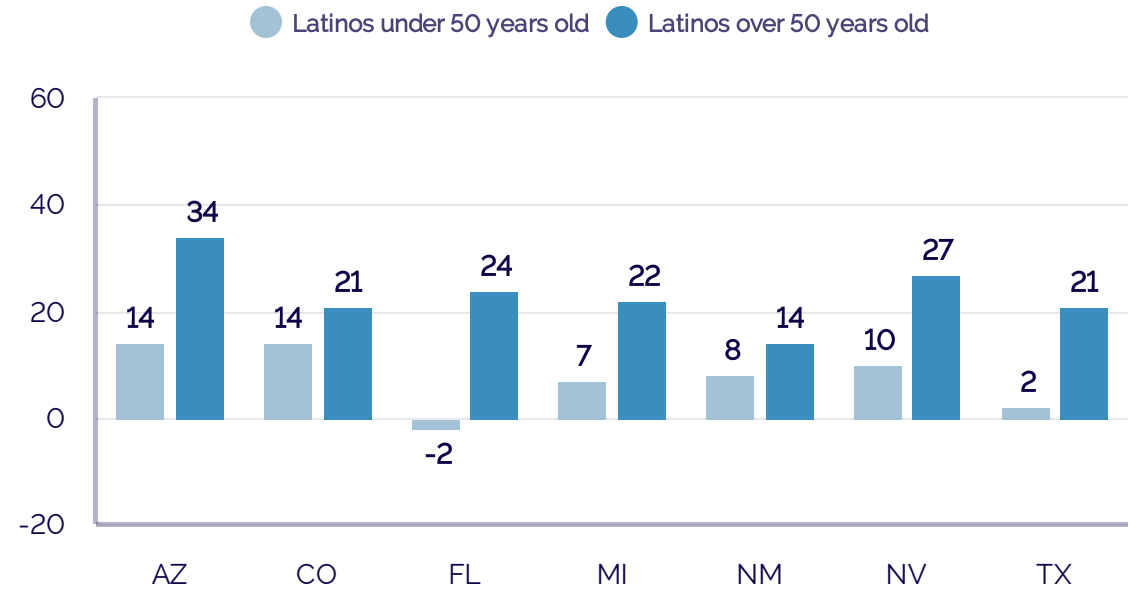
# With Exceptions of PA, VA, and WI, Biden Struggles to Push Margin Among Younger Latinos

Biden-Trump Margin by Gender/Age - Latinos only

States Where Younger Latino Support Outpaces Older Latino Support



States Where Older Latino Support Outpaces Younger Latino Support

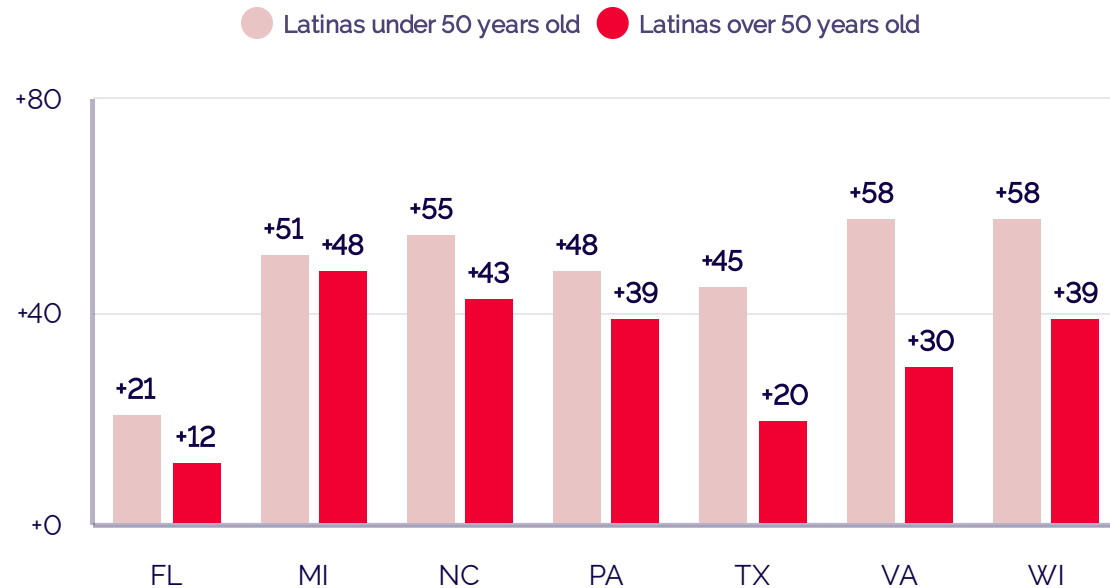


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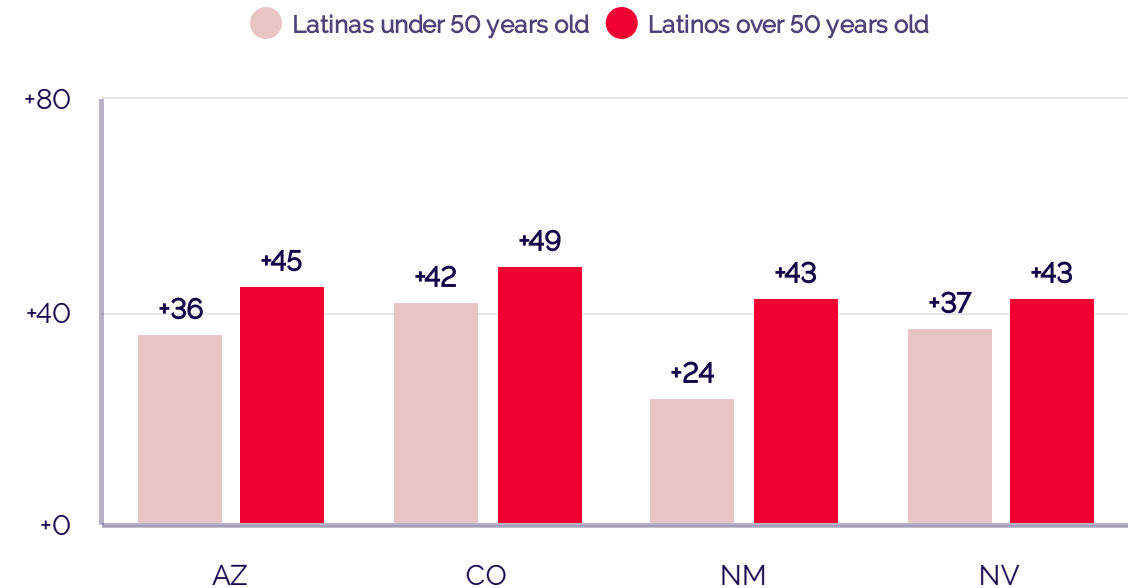
# Outside of Inner Mountain West, Biden Support Strongest Among Younger Latinas

Biden-Trump Margin by Latina/Age

States Where Younger Latina Support Outpaces Older Latina Support



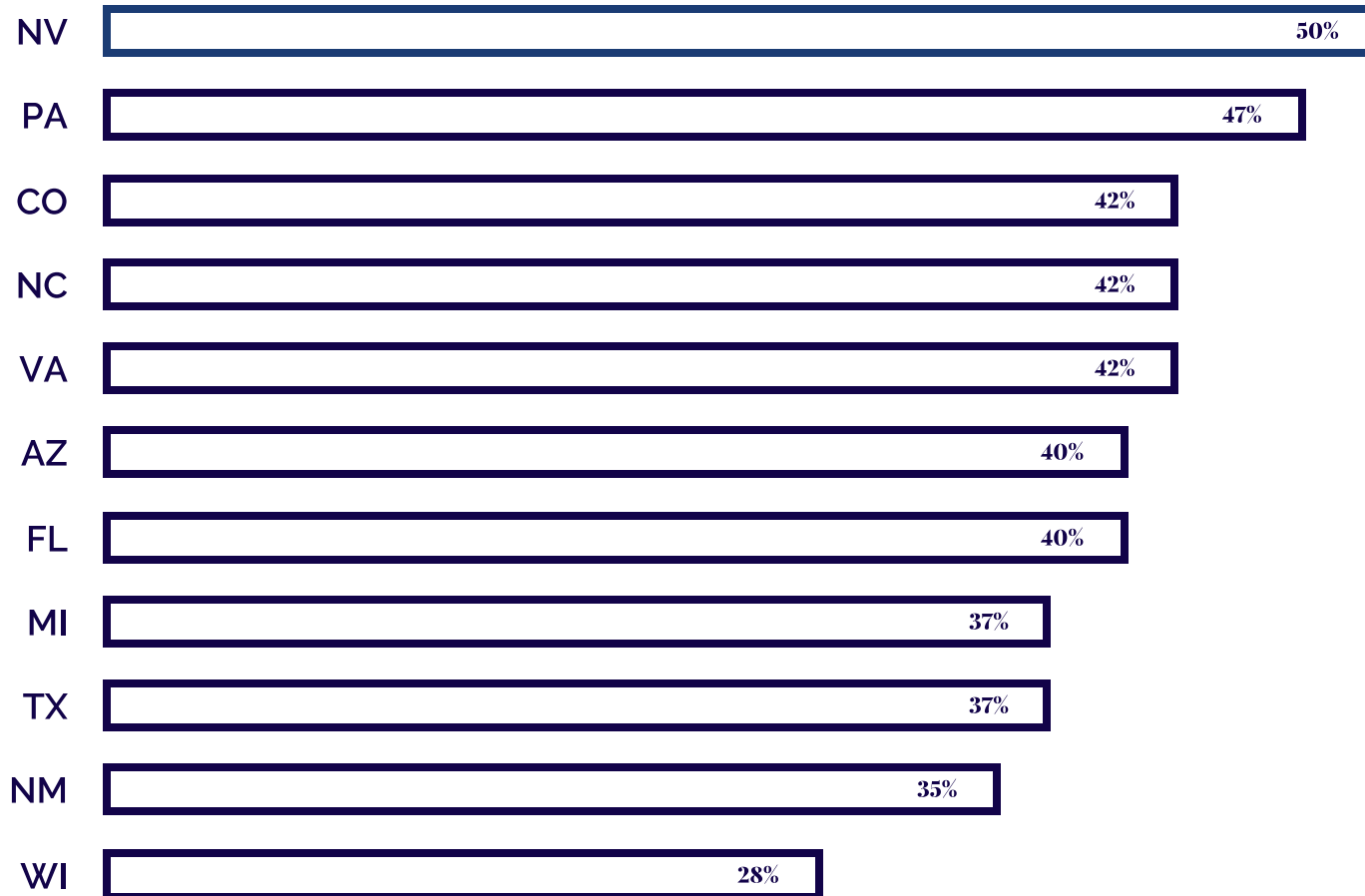
States Where Older Latina Support Outpaces Younger Latina Support



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# High Levels of Ambivalence Across States, Particularly in NV and PA

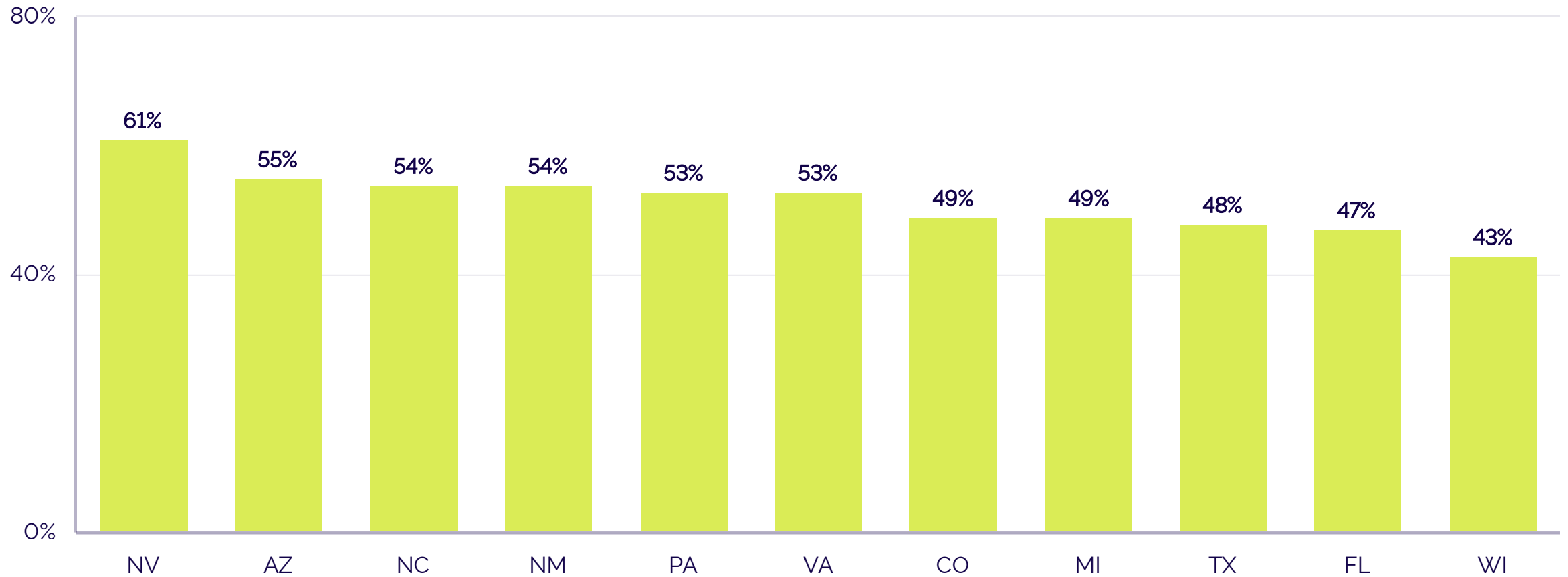
Frequency of “Ambivalent” Voters by State



“Ambivalent” voters are defined as respondents who are “probably Biden” supporters, “probably Trump” supporters, voting for a third-party candidate or an independent, planning on not voting, or currently undecided.

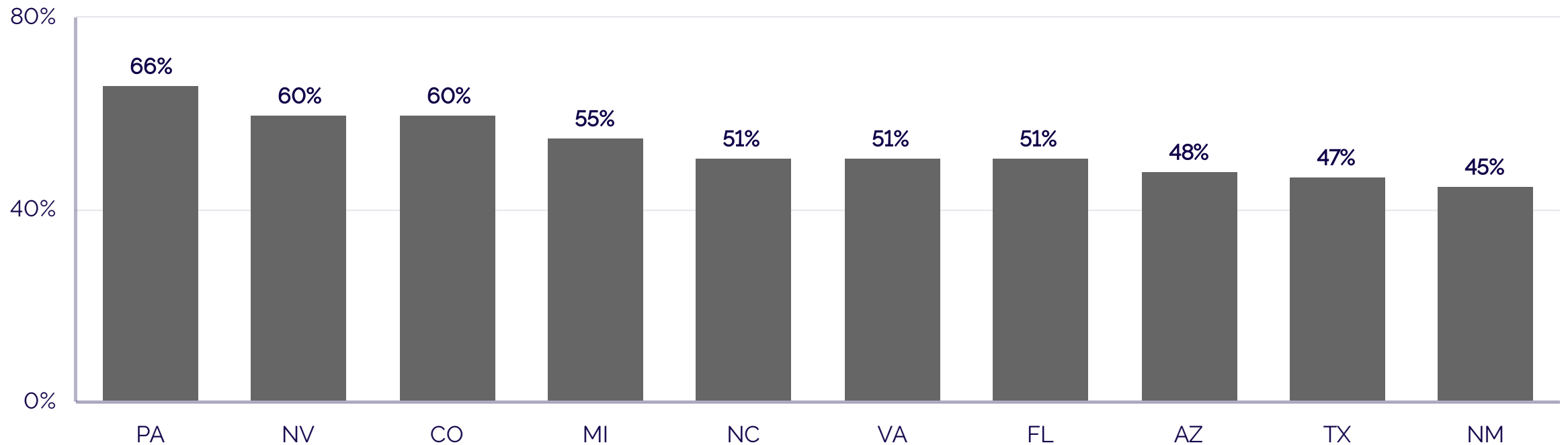
# Likely Ambivalent Audience: Independents

Percent of Self-Identified Independents Who Are Ambivalent on the Presidential Ballot by State



# Likely Ambivalent Audience: Voters Without 2014, 2016, or 2018 Vote History

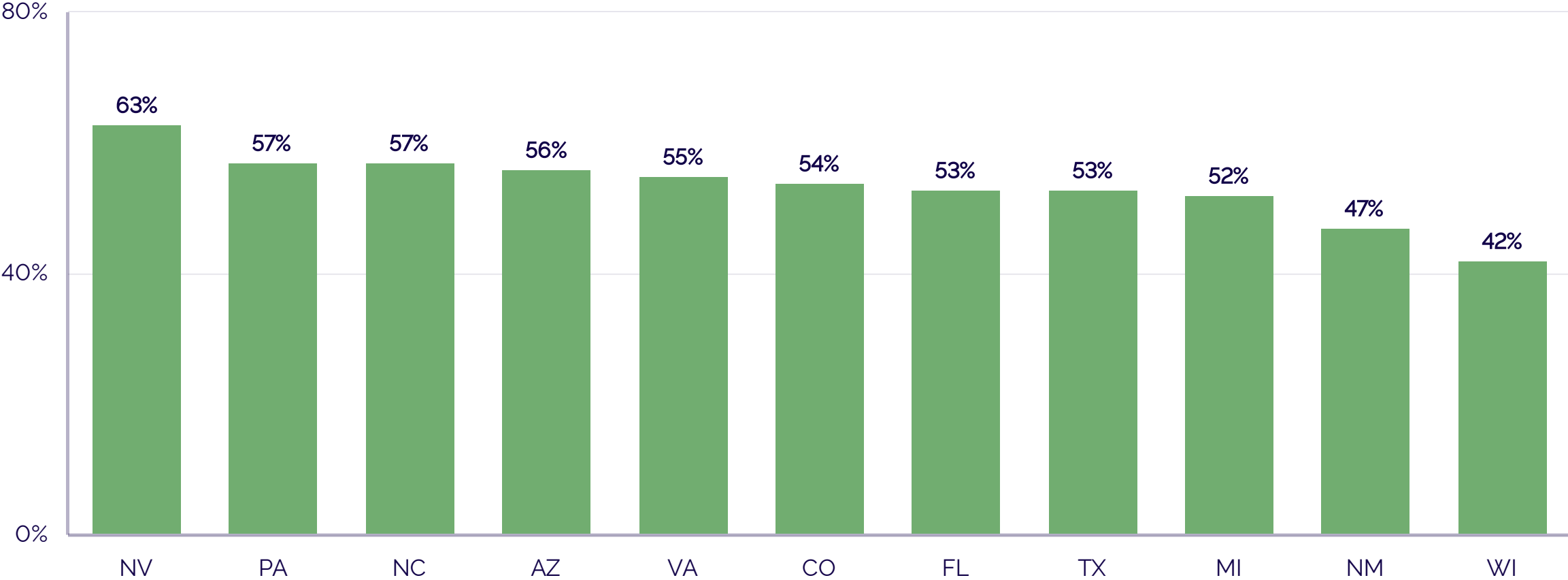
Percent Voters Without '14/'16/'18 Vote History Who Are Ambivalent on the Presidential Ballot by State



\*Note. Wisconsin did not have a large enough sample size to report on

# Likely Ambivalent Audience: Ages 18-34

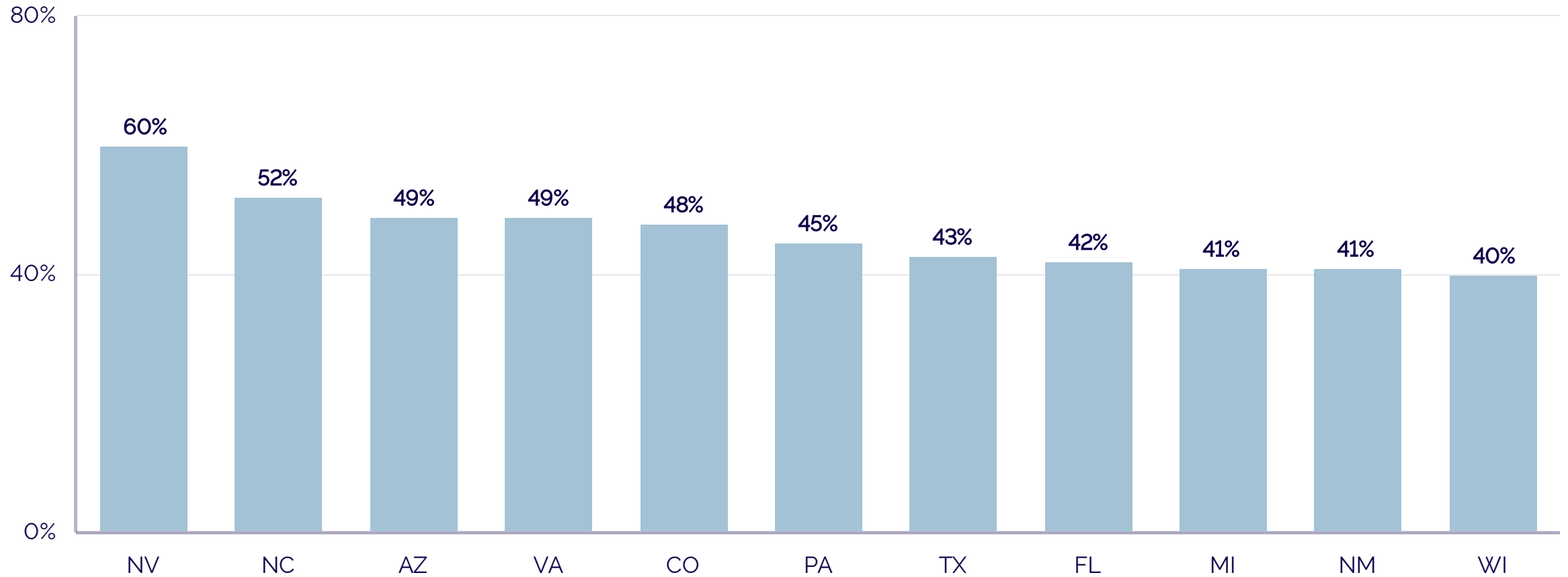
Percent of Voters Ages 18-34 Who Are Ambivalent on the Presidential Ballot by State





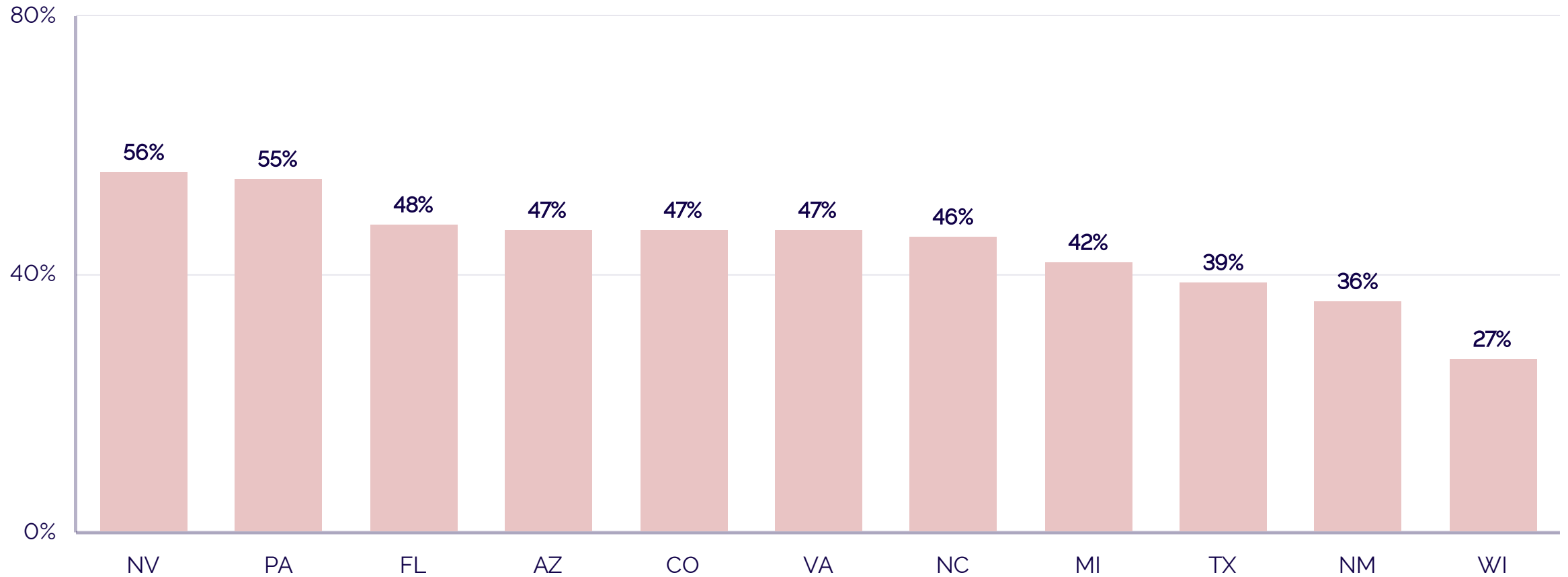
# Likely Ambivalent Audience: Younger Latinos

Percent of Latinos Under 50 Who Are Ambivalent on the Presidential Ballot by State



# Likely Ambivalent Audience: Non-College Latinas

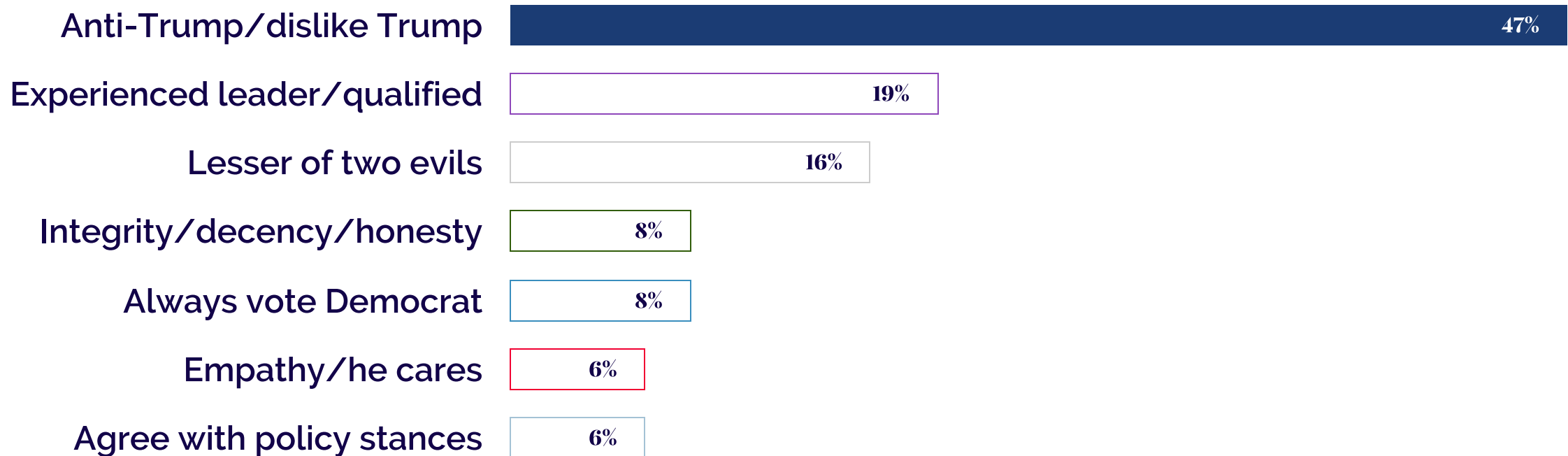
Percent of Less Educated Latinas Who Are Ambivalent on the Presidential Ballot by State



# Open End Analysis

# Anti-Trump Sentiments Dominate Why Latinx Voters Support Biden in Open End

Why Joe Biden - Combined Frequencies Across 11 States



Q.19 (IF JOE BIDEN IN Q.4) In a few words, please describe why you would support Democrat Joe Biden over Republican Donald Trump in the election for president this November.

Why Joe Biden Word Cloud With Trump Mentions

DONALD. TRUMP

COUNTRY VOTE GOOD BETTER DEMOCRAT PEOPLE

Why Joe Biden Word Cloud Without Trump Mentions

COUNTRY DEMOCRAT VOTE BETTER PEOPLE EXPERIENCE

# Top Reasons to Support Biden by State

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## Arizona

1. Anti-Trump/Trump negative - 44%
2. Experienced/qualified - 19%
3. Lesser of two evils - 18%

Note: Word clouds show responses with mentions of "Donald Trump" removed.



# Top Reasons to Support Biden by State

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## Florida

1. Anti-Trump/Trump negative - 44%
2. Experienced leader/qualified - 22%
3. Lesser of two evils - 12%

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# Top Reasons to Support Biden by State

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## Michigan

1. Anti-Trump/Trump negative - 55%
2. Experienced leader/qualified - 20%
3. Integrity/trust/decency - 10%

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# Top Reasons to Support Biden by State

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## New Mexico

1. Anti-Trump/Trump negative - 49%
2. Experienced leader/qualified - 23%
3. Lesser of two evils - 22%

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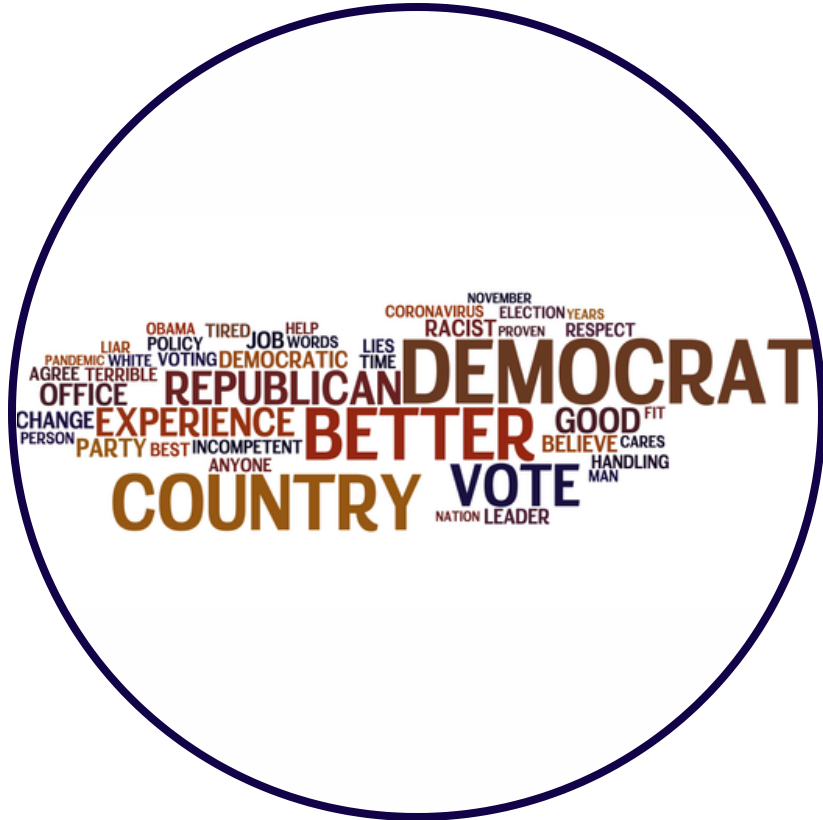
## Pennsylvania

1. Anti-Trump/Trump negative - 43%
2. Lesser of two evils - 19%
3. Experienced leader/qualified - 17%

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# Top Reasons to Support Biden by State

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## Texas

1. Anti-Trump/Trump negative - 49%
2. Experienced leader/qualified - 18%
3. Lesser of two evils - 16%

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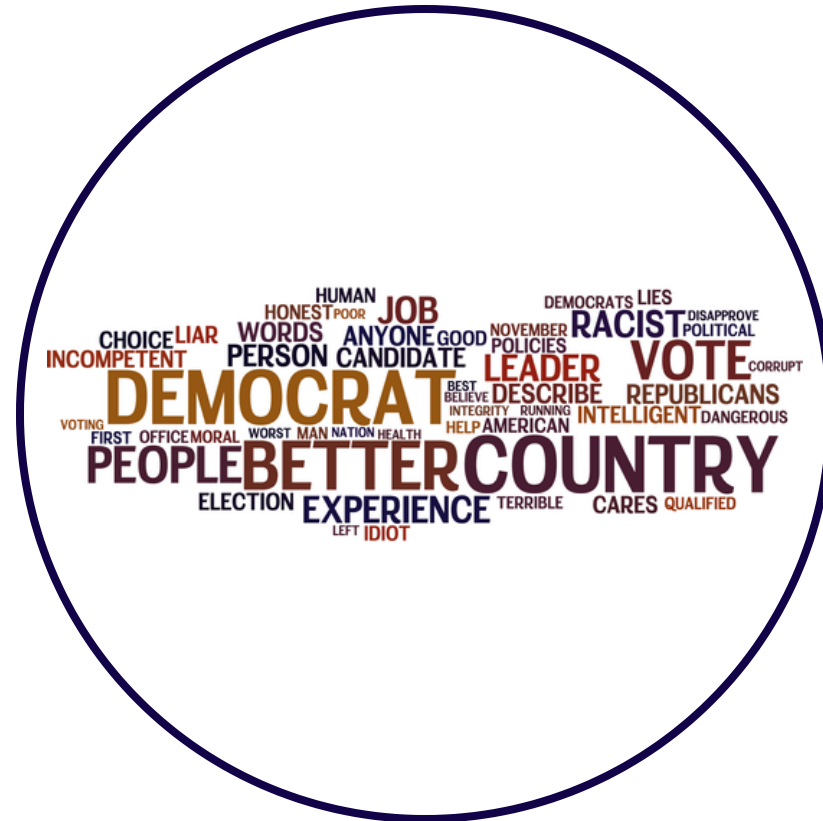
## Virginia

1. Anti-Trump/Trump negative - 38%
2. Lesser of two evils - 26%
3. Experienced leader/qualified - 20%

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# Top Reasons to Support Biden by State

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## Wisconsin

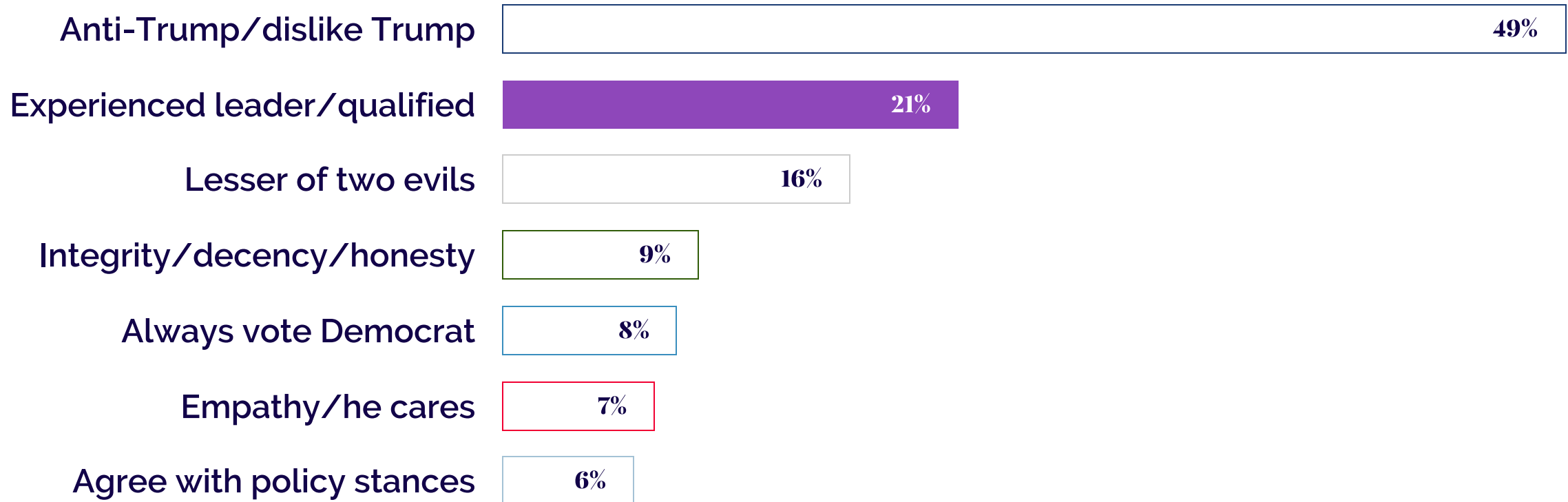
1. Anti-Trump/Trump negative - 51%
2. Experienced leader/qualified - 24%
3. Integrity/trust/decency - 14%

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# “Definitely” Biden Supporters More Likely to Cite Biden’s Experience

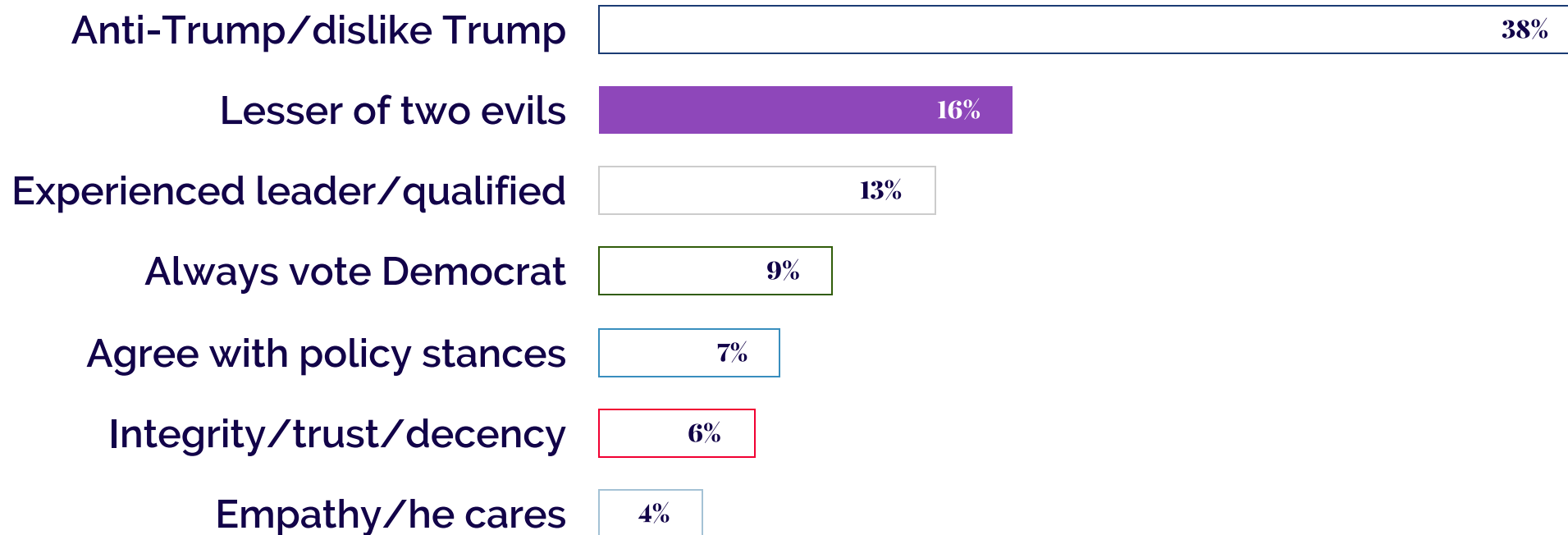
Why Joe Biden - Combined Frequencies Across 11 States Among “Definitely” Biden Supporters



Q.19 (IF JOE BIDEN IN Q.4) In a few words, please describe why you would support Democrat Joe Biden over Republican Donald Trump in the election for president this November.

# “Probably” Biden Supporters More Likely to Support the “Lesser of Two Evils”

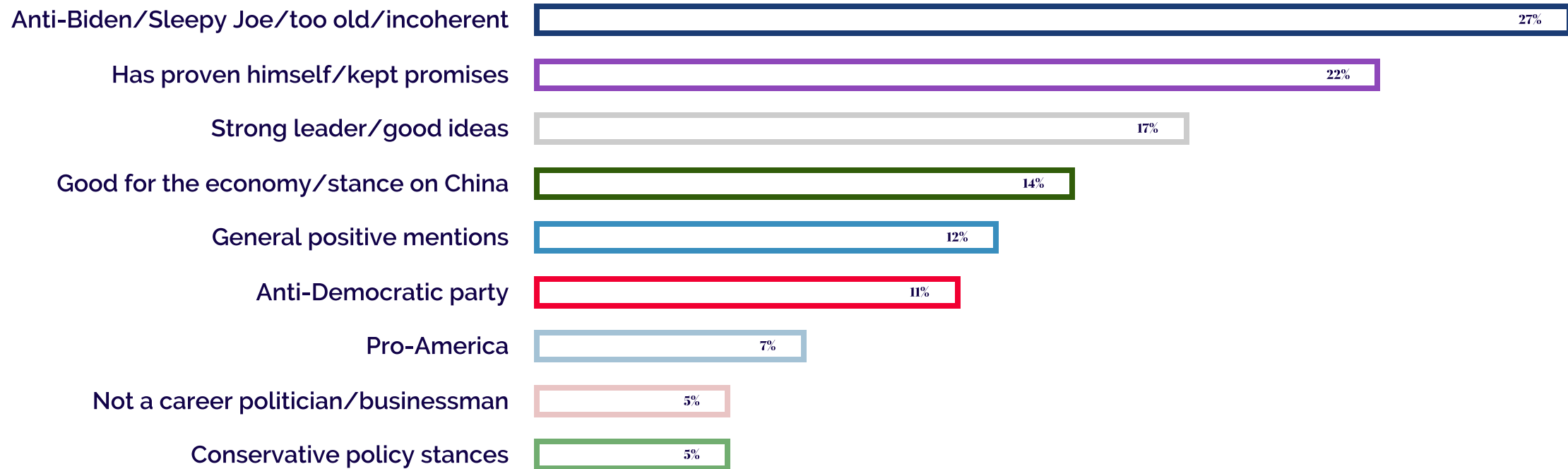
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# Latinx Trump Supporters Cite Biden Negatives and Promises Kept as Top Reasons to Support Him

Why Donald Trump - Combined Frequencies Across 11 States

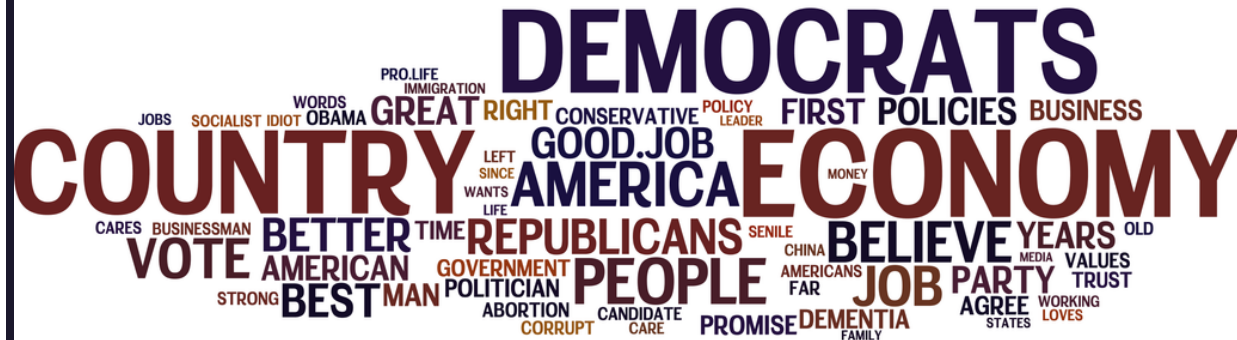


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### Why Donald Trump Word Cloud With Biden Mentions

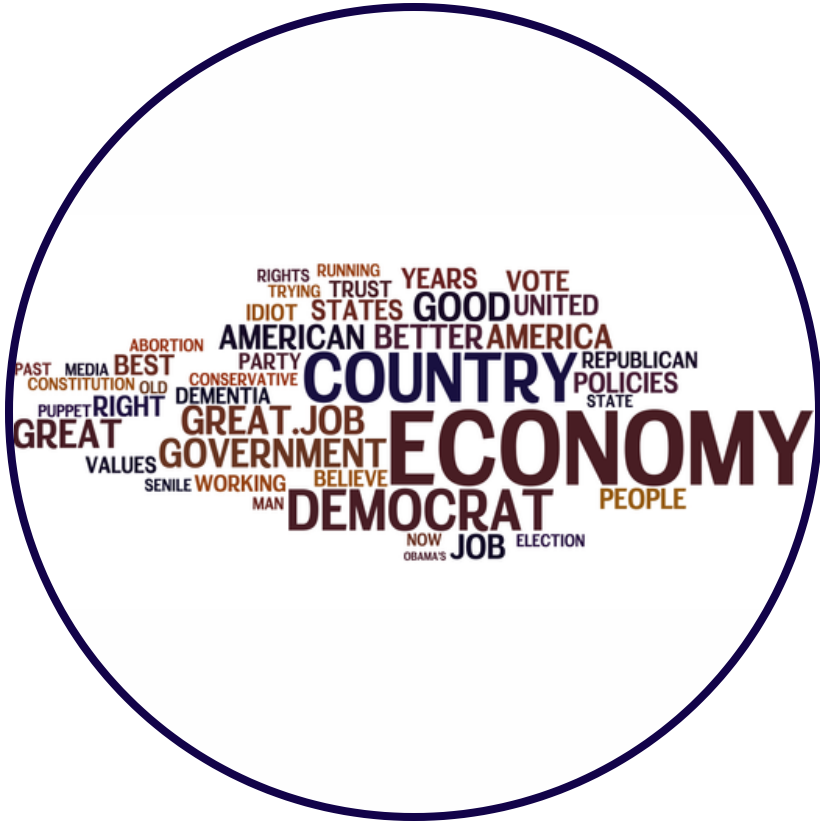


### Why Donald Trump Word Cloud Without Biden Mentions



# Top Reasons to Support Trump by State

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## Arizona

- 1. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 35%
- 2. Proven himself/kept promises - 27%**
- 3. Positive mentions - 16%

Note: Word clouds show responses with mentions of "Joe Biden" removed.

# Top Reasons to Support Trump by State

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## Colorado

1. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 24%
2. Proven himself/kept promises - 22%
3. Strong leader/good ideas - 18%

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# Top Reasons to Support Trump by State

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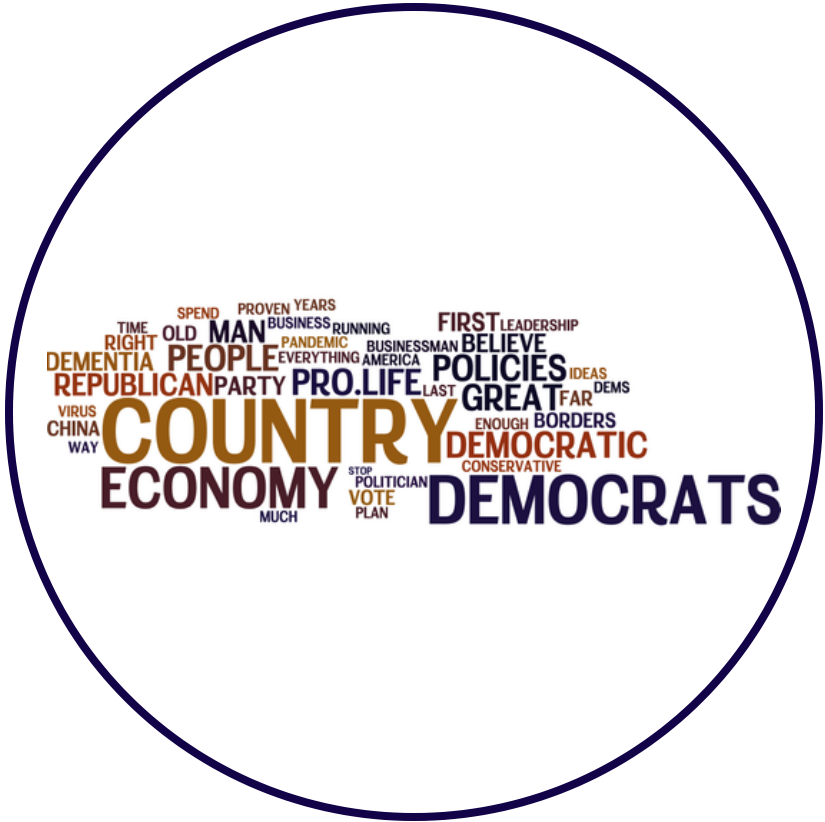


## Florida

1. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 20%
2. Proven himself/kept promises - 19%
3. **Good for economy - 15%**

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# Top Reasons to Support Trump by State



## Michigan

- 1. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 32%
- 2. Strong leader/good ideas - 28%
- 3. Proven himself/kept promises - 16%
- 3. Good for the economy - 16%

Note: Word clouds show responses with mentions of "Joe Biden" removed.



# Top Reasons to Support Trump by State

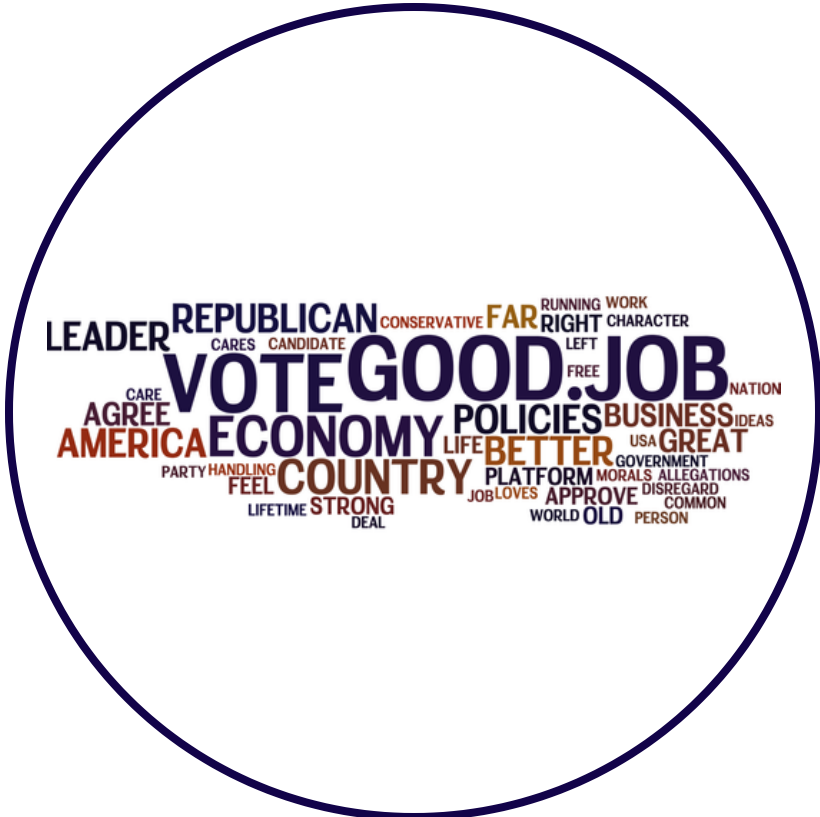


## North Carolina

1. Proven himself/kept promises - 37%
2. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 32%
3. Good for economy - 22%

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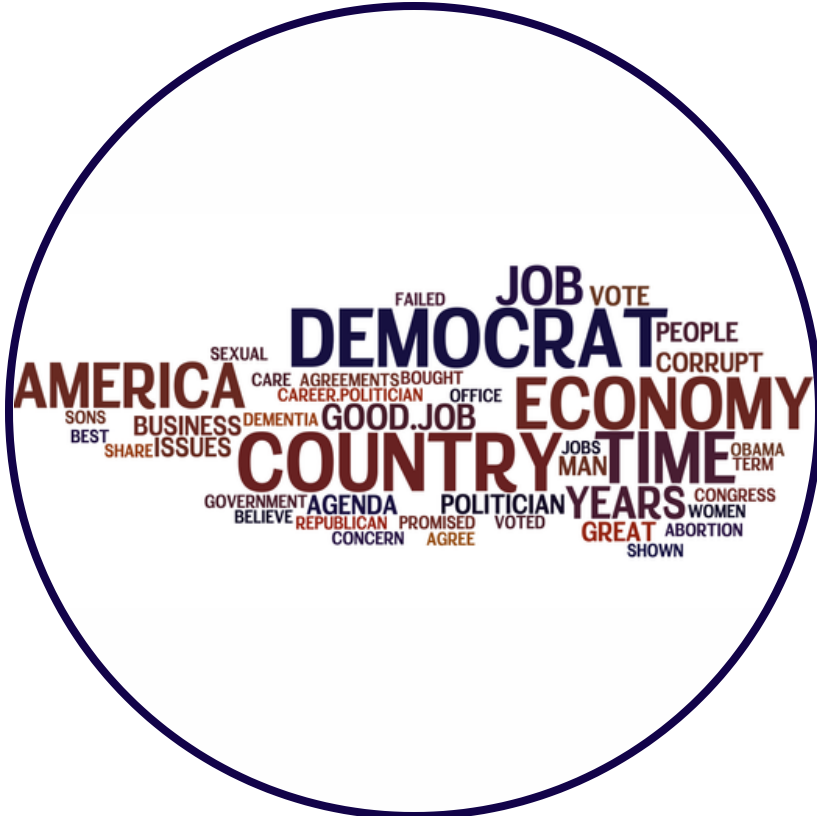
## New Mexico

- 1. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 26%
- 2. Proven himself/kept promises - 22%
- 3. Strong leader/good ideas - 19%

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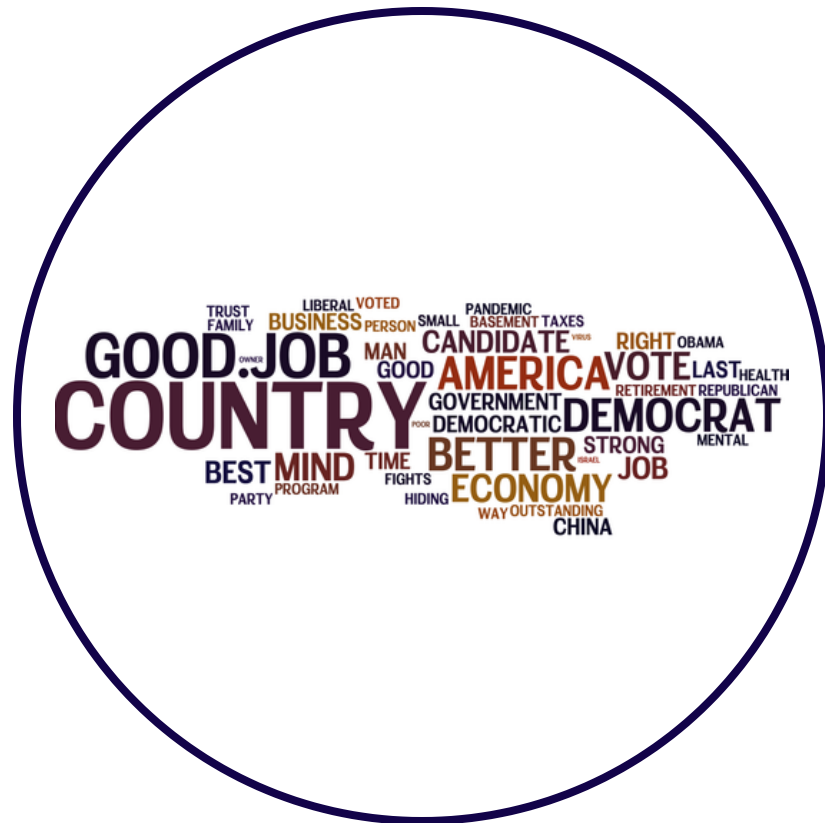
## Nevada

- 1. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 26%
- 2. Proven himself/kept promises - 23%
- 3. Good for the economy - 14%
- 3. Strong leader/good ideas - 14%

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# Top Reasons to Support Trump by State

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## Pennsylvania

1. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 26%
2. Proven himself/kept promises - 26%
3. Strong leader/good ideas - 19%

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# Top Reasons to Support Trump by State

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## Texas

1. Strong leader/good ideas - 23%
2. Proven himself/kept promises - 22%
3. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 19%

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# Top Reasons to Support Trump by State

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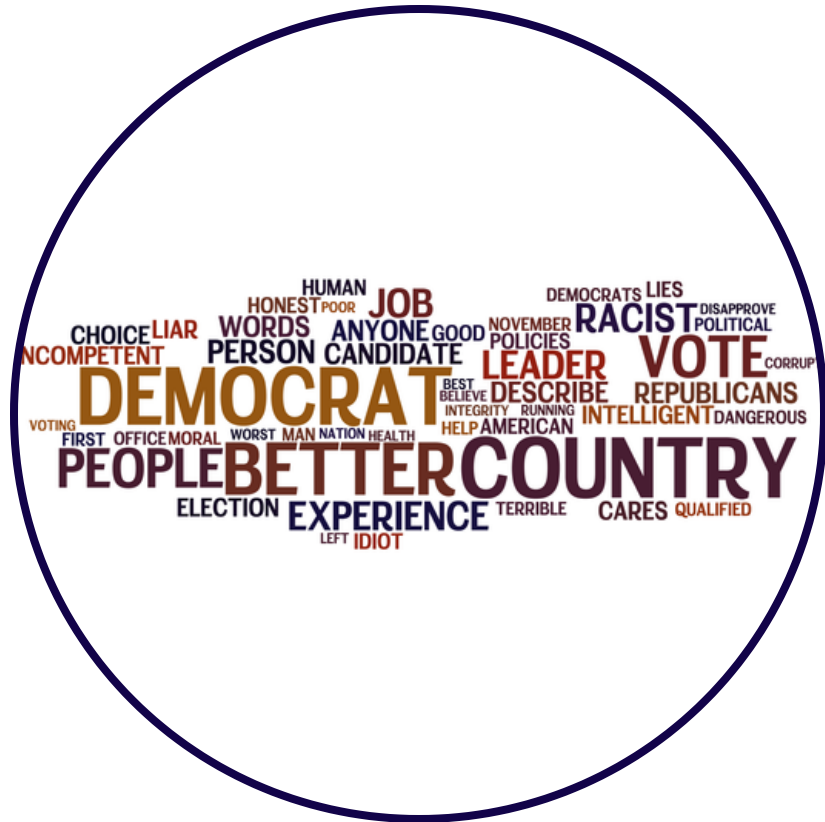
## Virginia

1. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 42%
2. Positive mentions - 25%
3. Proven himself/kept promises - 17%
3. Not a career politician/he's a businessman - 17%

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# Top Reasons to Support Trump by State

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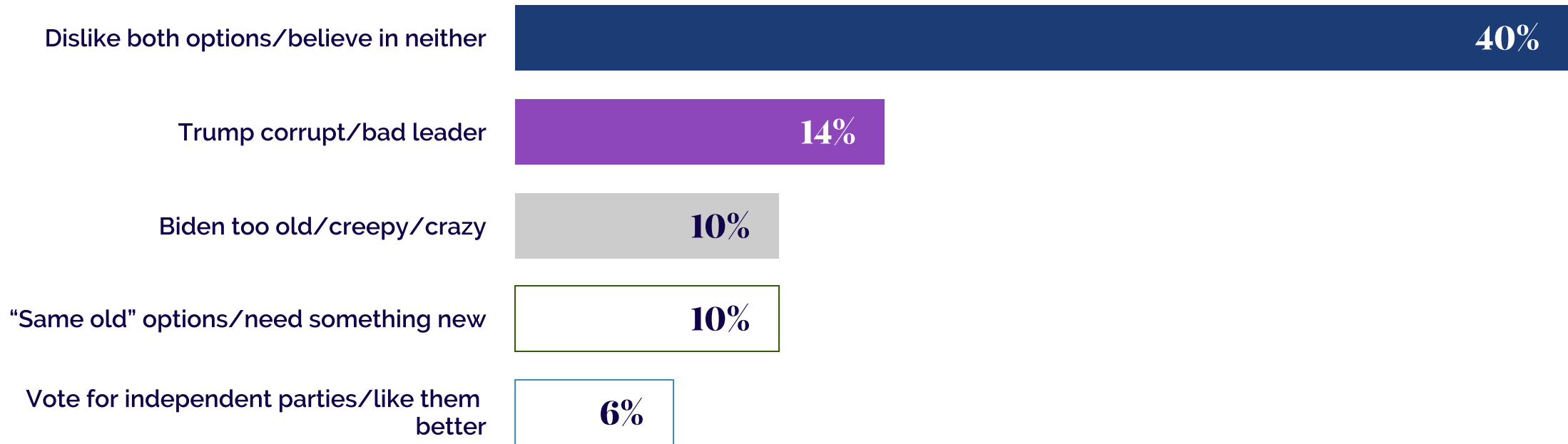
## Wisconsin

1. Anti-Biden/Sleepy Joe/too old/incoherent - 31%
2. Strong leader/good ideas - 26%
3. Proven himself/kept promises - 13%

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# Over 2-in-3 Voters Cite Negative Qualities About Biden and Trump as Reasons to Support a Third Party/Independent Candidate

Why Independent/Third-Party - Combined Frequencies Across 11 States



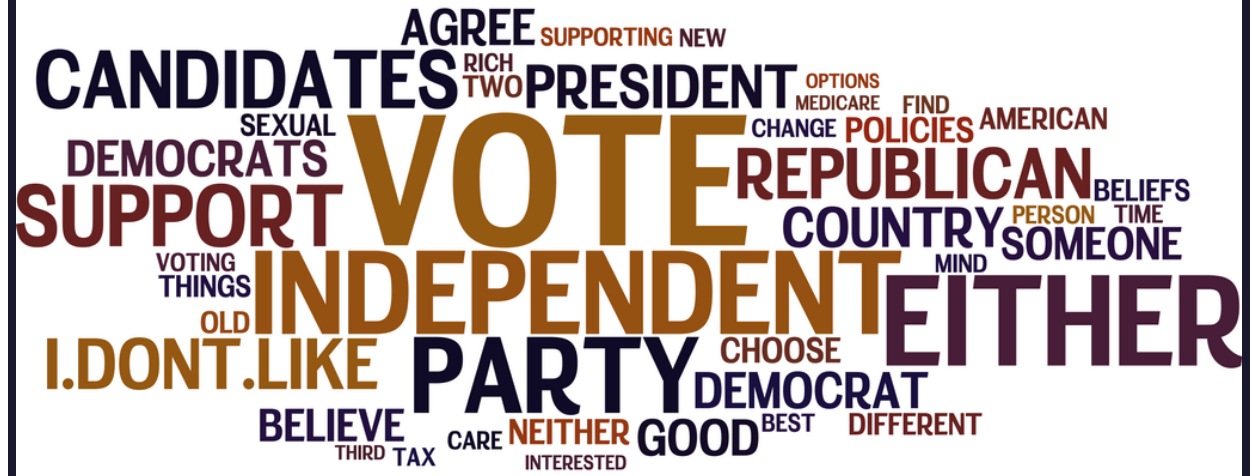
Q.21 (IF INDEPENDENT/THIRD PARTY IN q.3) In a few words, please describe why you would support an independent or third-party candidate over Democrat Joe Biden or Republican Donald Trump in the election for president this November.Q.



Why Independent/Third Party Word Cloud With Biden and Trump Mentions

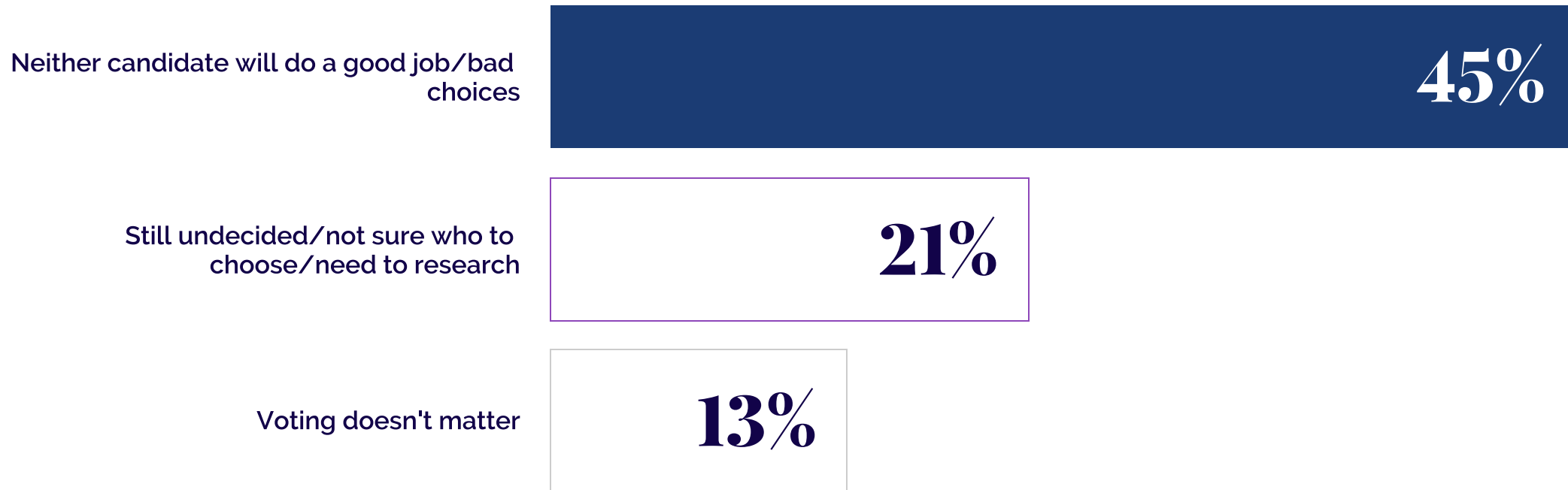


Why Independent/Third Party Word Cloud With Biden and Trump Mentions



# Nearly Half of Respondents Who Do Not Plan on Voting Cite Lack of Faith in Both Candidates as Reason for Non-Participation

Why Not Voting - Combined Frequencies Across 11 States



Q.22 (IF WOULD NOT VOTE IN Q.4) In a few words, please describe why you would currently not vote in the election for president this November.

# Why Not Voting Word Cloud

