

Interviewing: September 20 - 22, 2020
Sample: 1500 Adults nationwide online
1069 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							
	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
September 19, 2020	43%	52%	23%	19%	10%	42%	5%
September 12, 2020	45%	50%	24%	21%	12%	39%	4%
September 5, 2020	41%	54%	24%	18%	14%	40%	5%
August 29, 2020	43%	54%	24%	18%	12%	42%	4%
August 22, 2020	45%	52%	24%	21%	12%	39%	3%
August 15, 2020	40%	53%	22%	19%	12%	41%	6%
August 8, 2020	43%	52%	23%	20%	12%	41%	5%
August 1, 2020	40%	55%	21%	19%	13%	42%	5%
July 25, 2020	44%	50%	24%	19%	9%	41%	6%
September 21, 2019	41%	50%	22%	19%	10%	40%	9%

Registered Voters							
	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
September 19, 2020	43%	55%	27%	16%	9%	46%	2%
September 12, 2020	45%	53%	26%	19%	8%	45%	2%
September 5, 2020	42%	56%	28%	15%	12%	44%	2%
August 29, 2020	44%	55%	27%	16%	8%	47%	1%
August 22, 2020	45%	54%	27%	18%	10%	43%	1%
August 15, 2020	43%	55%	26%	17%	9%	45%	2%
August 8, 2020	44%	54%	26%	18%	10%	44%	2%
August 1, 2020	42%	56%	25%	17%	9%	47%	2%
July 25, 2020	44%	53%	27%	17%	7%	46%	3%
September 21, 2019	44%	53%	28%	16%	7%	45%	3%

Presidential Job Approval

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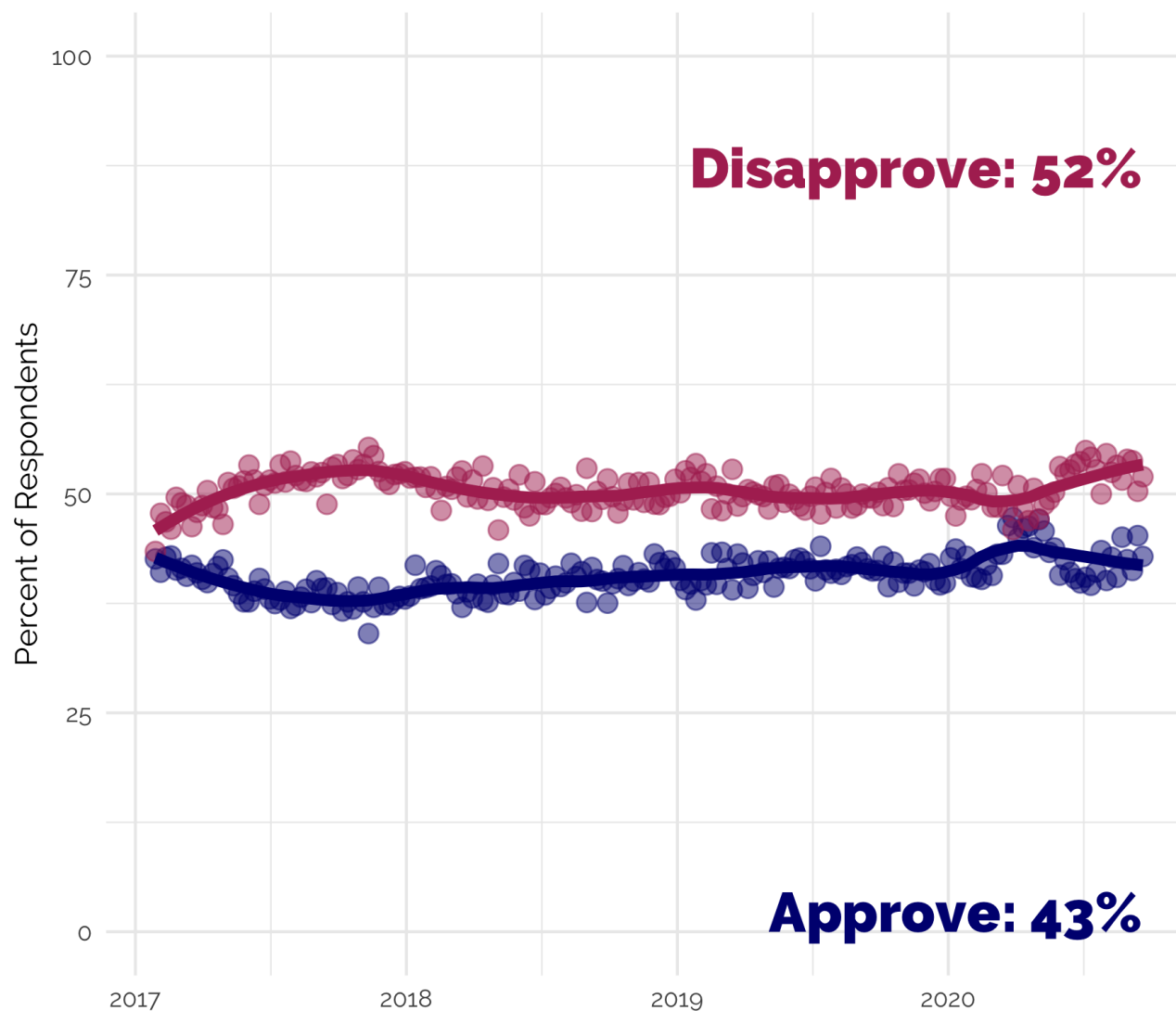


Figure 1: Trump Approval – All Adults

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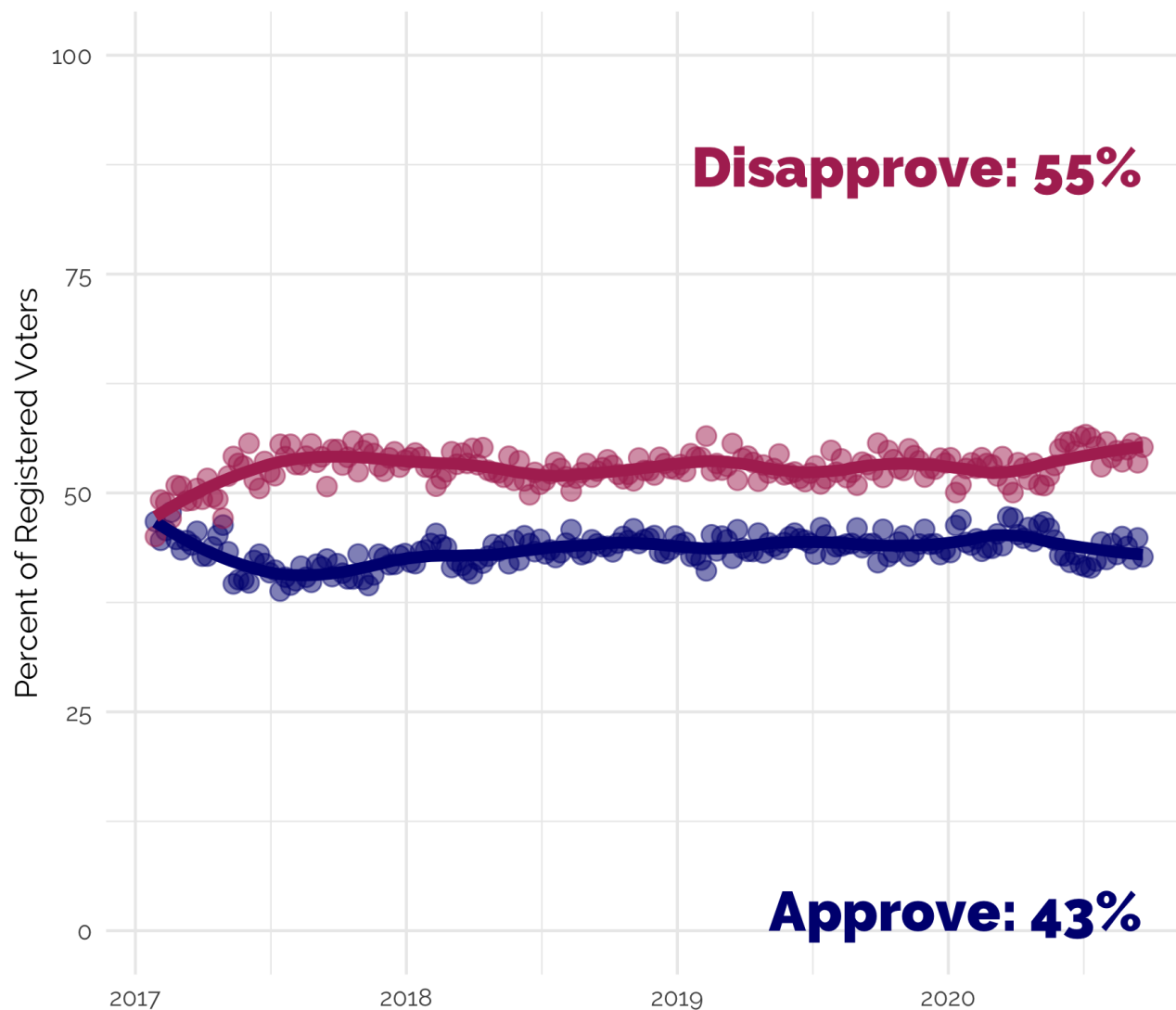


Figure 2: Trump Approval – Registered Voters

Presidential Job Approval

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

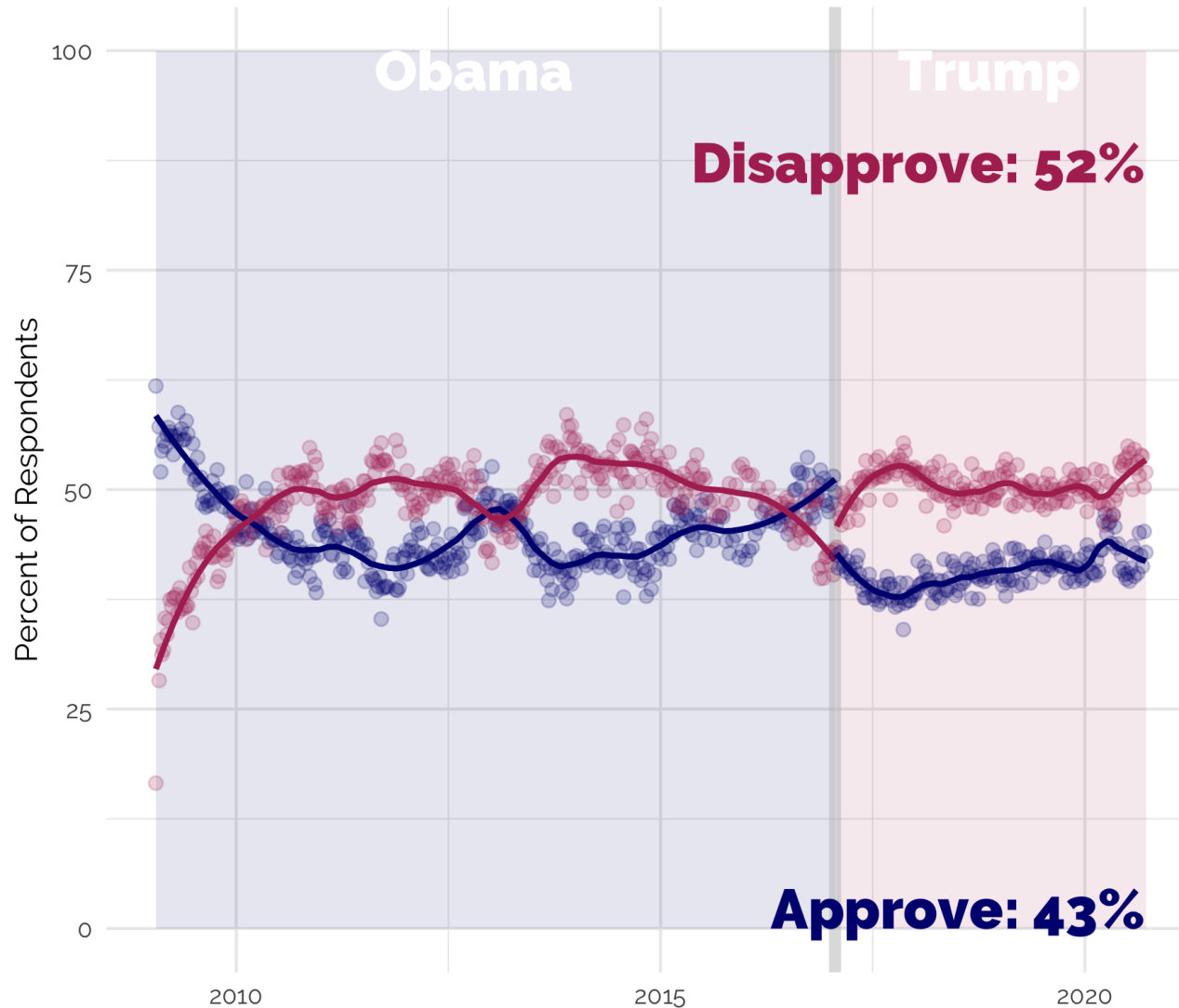


Figure 3: Presidential Approval since 2009 – All Adults

Presidential Job Approval

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

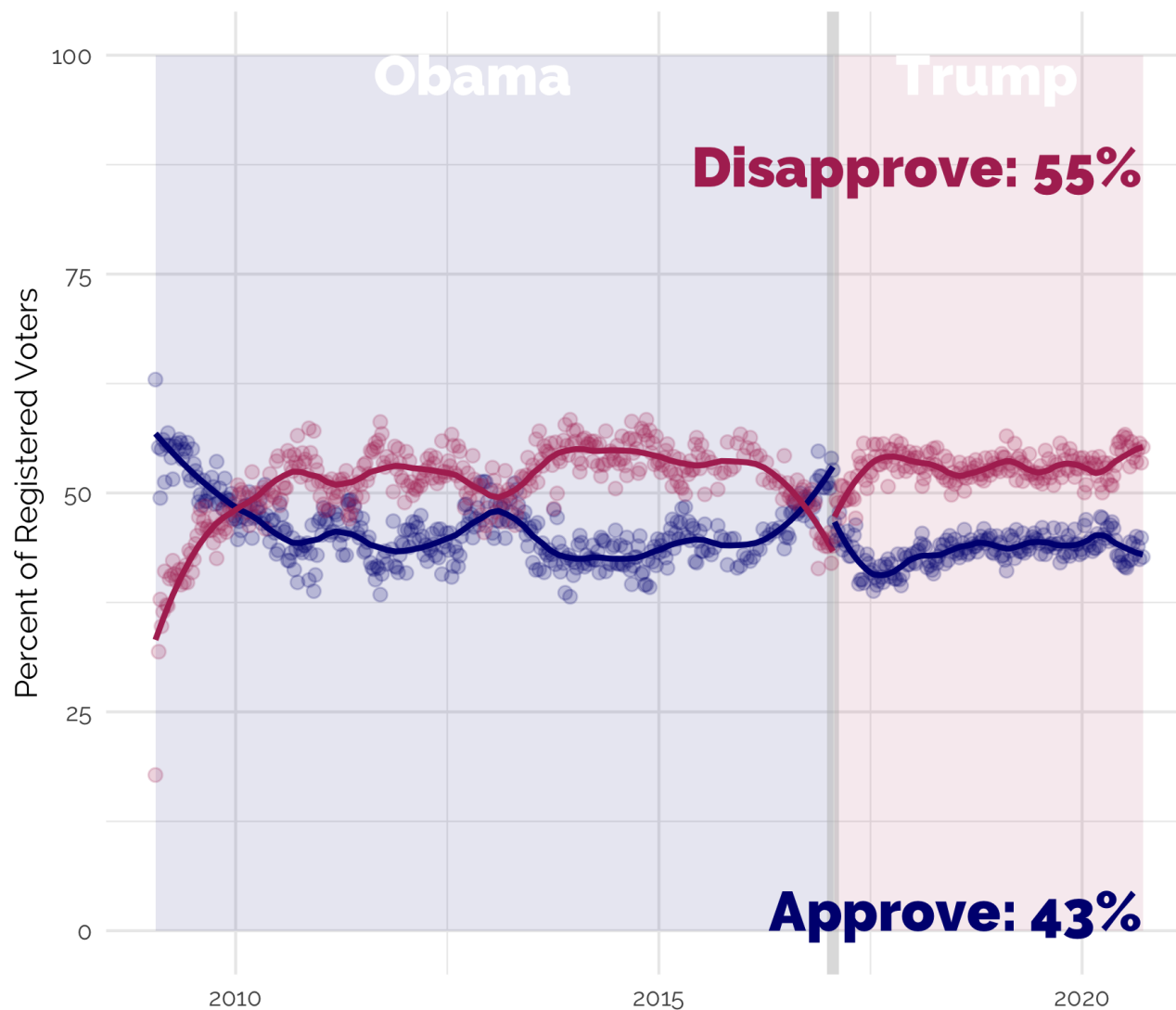


Figure 4: Presidential Approval since 2009 – Registered Voters

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	23%	14%	15%	29%	33%	29%	6%	14%	12%	13%	24%	30%	21%
Somewhat approve	19%	17%	22%	21%	16%	21%	8%	18%	22%	21%	23%	18%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	15%	17%	6%	5%	8%	14%	10%	23%	16%	9%	10%	8%
Strongly disapprove	42%	45%	40%	40%	41%	36%	70%	47%	38%	44%	39%	38%	49%
Not sure	5%	9%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%	10%	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1500)	(244)	(244)	(696)	(316)	(1090)	(165)	(152)	(93)	(280)	(314)	(515)	(391)

	Party ID				Ideology			Gender		Family Income		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under \$50K	\$50–100K	\$100K or more
Strongly approve	23%	4%	17%	59%	3%	13%	53%	25%	22%	23%	24%	19%
Somewhat approve	19%	6%	26%	26%	8%	22%	25%	23%	16%	20%	23%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	8%	13%	8%	6%	13%	9%	10%	11%	12%	9%	7%
Strongly disapprove	42%	81%	34%	6%	81%	45%	9%	38%	45%	41%	41%	54%
Not sure	5%	1%	10%	1%	2%	7%	4%	4%	6%	5%	3%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1500)	(527)	(580)	(393)	(435)	(579)	(486)	(664)	(836)	(582)	(452)	(271)

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
September 19, 2020	16%	54%	3%	13%	19%	25%	29%	12%
September 12, 2020	15%	53%	3%	12%	19%	23%	30%	12%
September 5, 2020	15%	52%	4%	11%	20%	23%	29%	13%
August 29, 2020	15%	53%	3%	12%	18%	24%	29%	14%
August 22, 2020	19%	49%	4%	15%	19%	21%	28%	13%
August 15, 2020	17%	51%	4%	13%	17%	23%	28%	15%
August 8, 2020	19%	51%	5%	15%	21%	25%	26%	9%
August 1, 2020	17%	53%	3%	14%	19%	25%	27%	11%
July 25, 2020	18%	50%	4%	14%	18%	23%	27%	14%
September 21, 2019	14%	55%	4%	10%	16%	22%	34%	14%

Registered Voters

	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
September 19, 2020	16%	61%	3%	13%	17%	26%	34%	7%
September 12, 2020	12%	60%	2%	10%	17%	26%	35%	10%
September 5, 2020	17%	55%	5%	12%	21%	23%	31%	7%
August 29, 2020	15%	59%	3%	12%	17%	27%	32%	9%
August 22, 2020	20%	55%	4%	15%	16%	24%	31%	10%
August 15, 2020	20%	57%	5%	15%	15%	25%	32%	8%
August 8, 2020	20%	56%	6%	15%	18%	26%	30%	6%
August 1, 2020	16%	60%	3%	14%	18%	28%	31%	6%
July 25, 2020	17%	59%	4%	13%	15%	26%	32%	9%
September 21, 2019	14%	64%	4%	10%	14%	24%	39%	8%

Congressional Job Approval

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

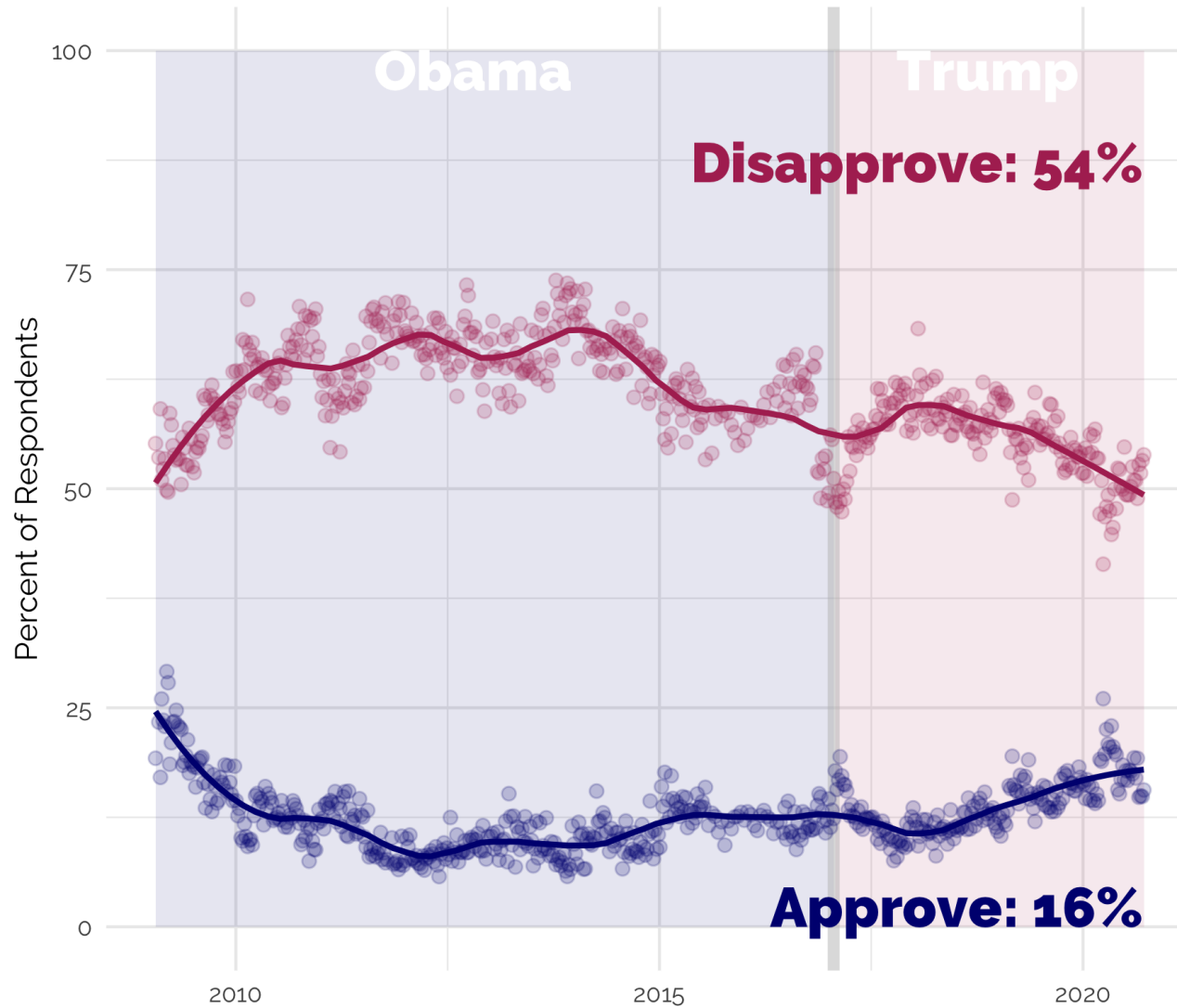


Figure 5: Congressional Approval – All Adults

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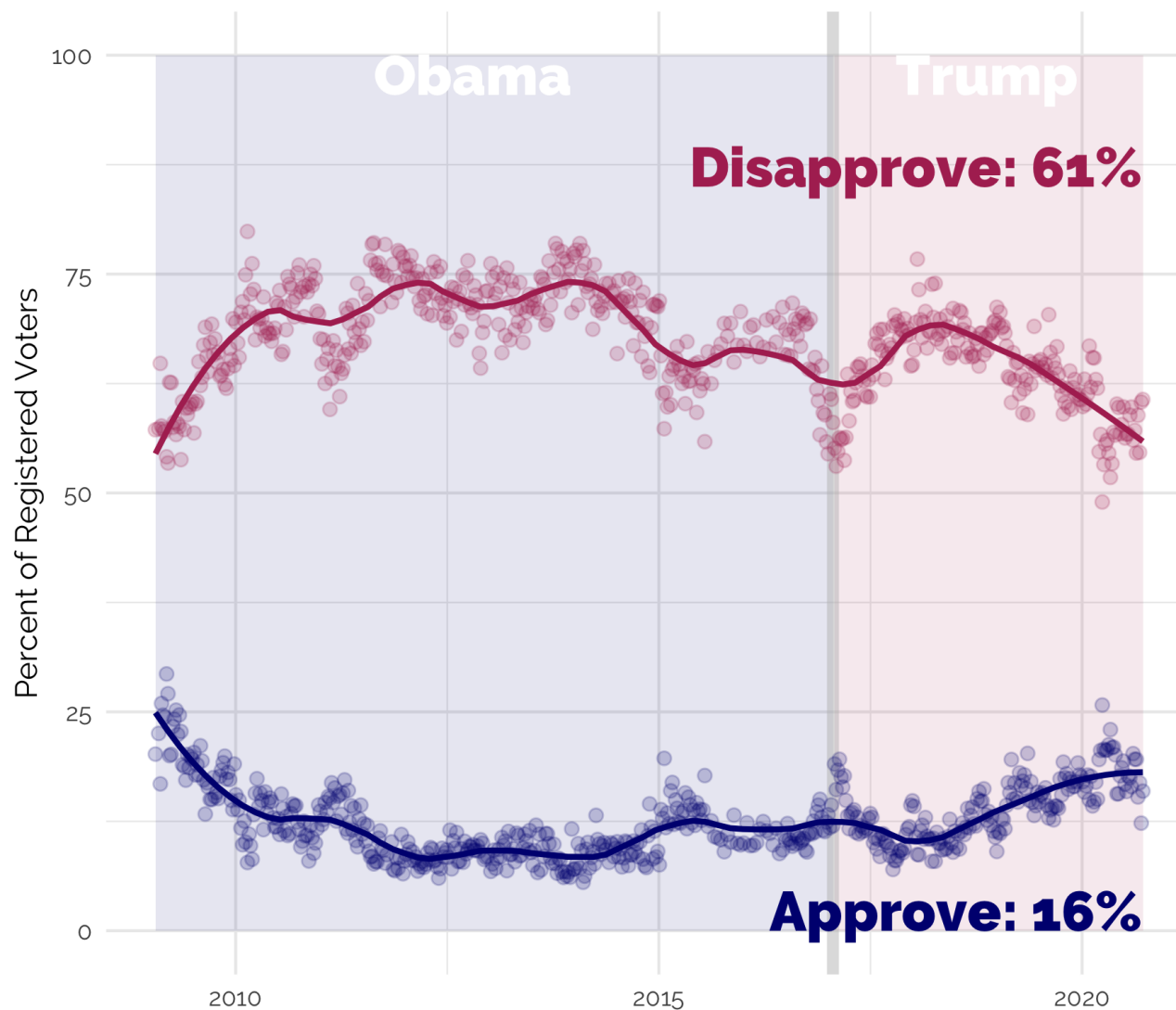


Figure 6: Congressional Approval – Registered Voters

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?

	Age					Race				Census Region			
	Total	Under 30	30–44	45–64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North–east	Mid–west	South	West
Strongly approve	3%	5%	4%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%
Somewhat approve	13%	13%	13%	14%	11%	13%	10%	17%	13%	18%	10%	14%	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%	19%	25%	17%	15%	16%	30%	21%	22%	24%	17%	19%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	25%	23%	21%	27%	26%	26%	24%	19%	27%	23%	29%	24%	24%
Strongly disapprove	29%	18%	27%	31%	38%	31%	22%	25%	22%	22%	31%	29%	32%
Not sure	12%	21%	9%	10%	8%	10%	13%	16%	13%	11%	11%	12%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(244)	(244)	(694)	(316)	(1088)	(165)	(152)	(93)	(279)	(313)	(515)	(391)

	Party ID				Ideology			Gender		Family Income		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under \$50K	\$50–100K	\$100K or more
Strongly approve	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%
Somewhat approve	13%	13%	9%	20%	10%	12%	17%	15%	11%	14%	12%	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%	22%	18%	16%	15%	22%	17%	15%	22%	23%	13%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	25%	25%	23%	28%	28%	23%	26%	26%	24%	19%	36%	23%
Strongly disapprove	29%	29%	31%	26%	35%	26%	29%	33%	25%	25%	29%	42%
Not sure	12%	9%	17%	6%	11%	15%	7%	7%	16%	15%	7%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(526)	(580)	(392)	(435)	(578)	(485)	(663)	(835)	(582)	(451)	(270)

5. Direction of Country – Historical

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

	All Adults		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
September 19, 2020	22%	67%	11%
September 12, 2020	23%	66%	12%
September 5, 2020	26%	62%	12%
August 29, 2020	24%	65%	10%
August 22, 2020	27%	61%	11%
August 15, 2020	24%	66%	10%
August 8, 2020	24%	66%	9%
August 1, 2020	24%	66%	10%
July 25, 2020	22%	66%	12%
September 21, 2019	35%	54%	12%

	Registered Voters		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
September 19, 2020	24%	66%	10%
September 12, 2020	22%	70%	8%
September 5, 2020	28%	63%	9%
August 29, 2020	25%	67%	8%
August 22, 2020	27%	64%	8%
August 15, 2020	25%	67%	8%
August 8, 2020	26%	67%	8%
August 1, 2020	25%	69%	6%
July 25, 2020	21%	72%	8%
September 21, 2019	37%	56%	8%

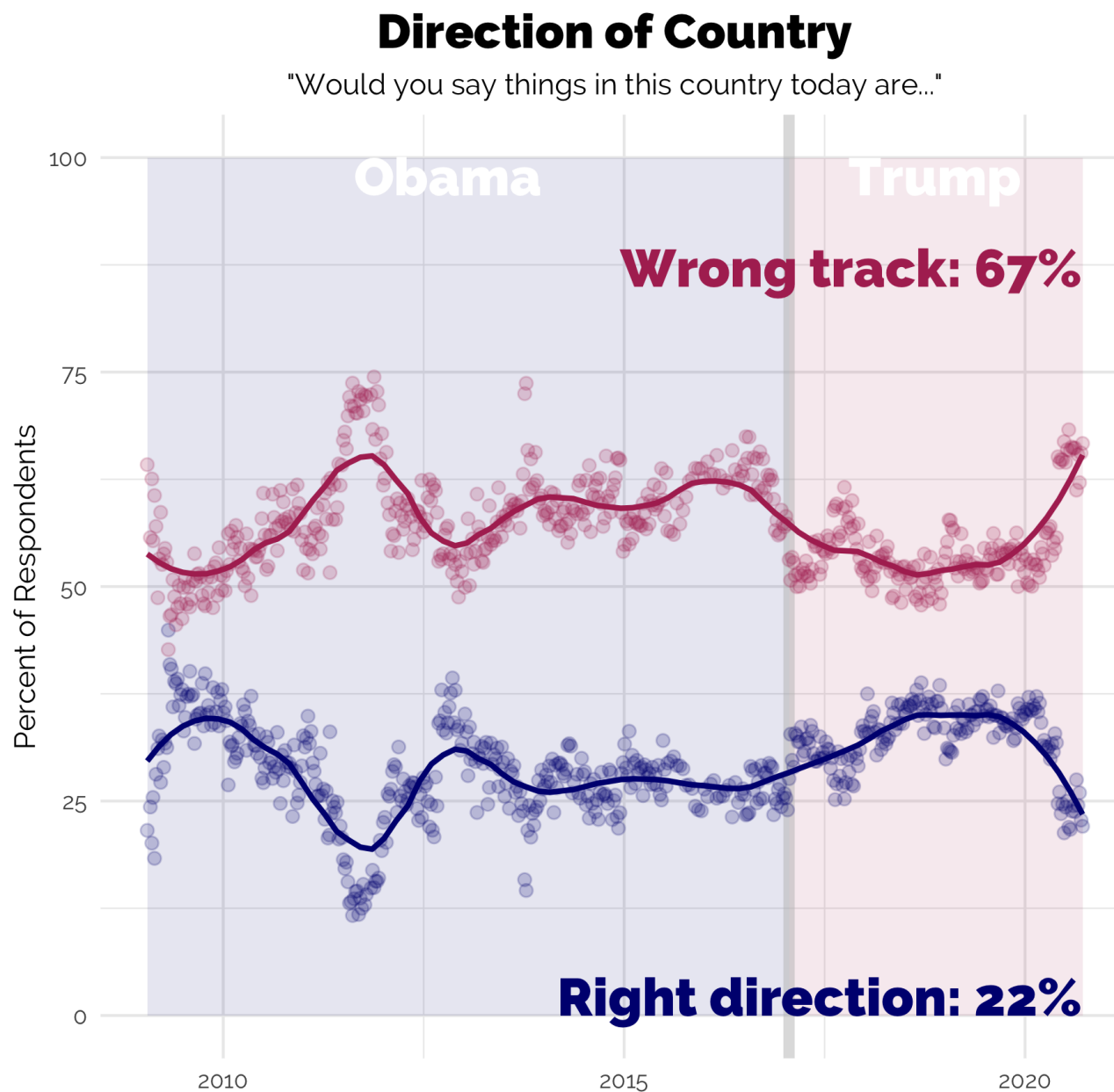


Figure 7: Direction of Country – All Adults

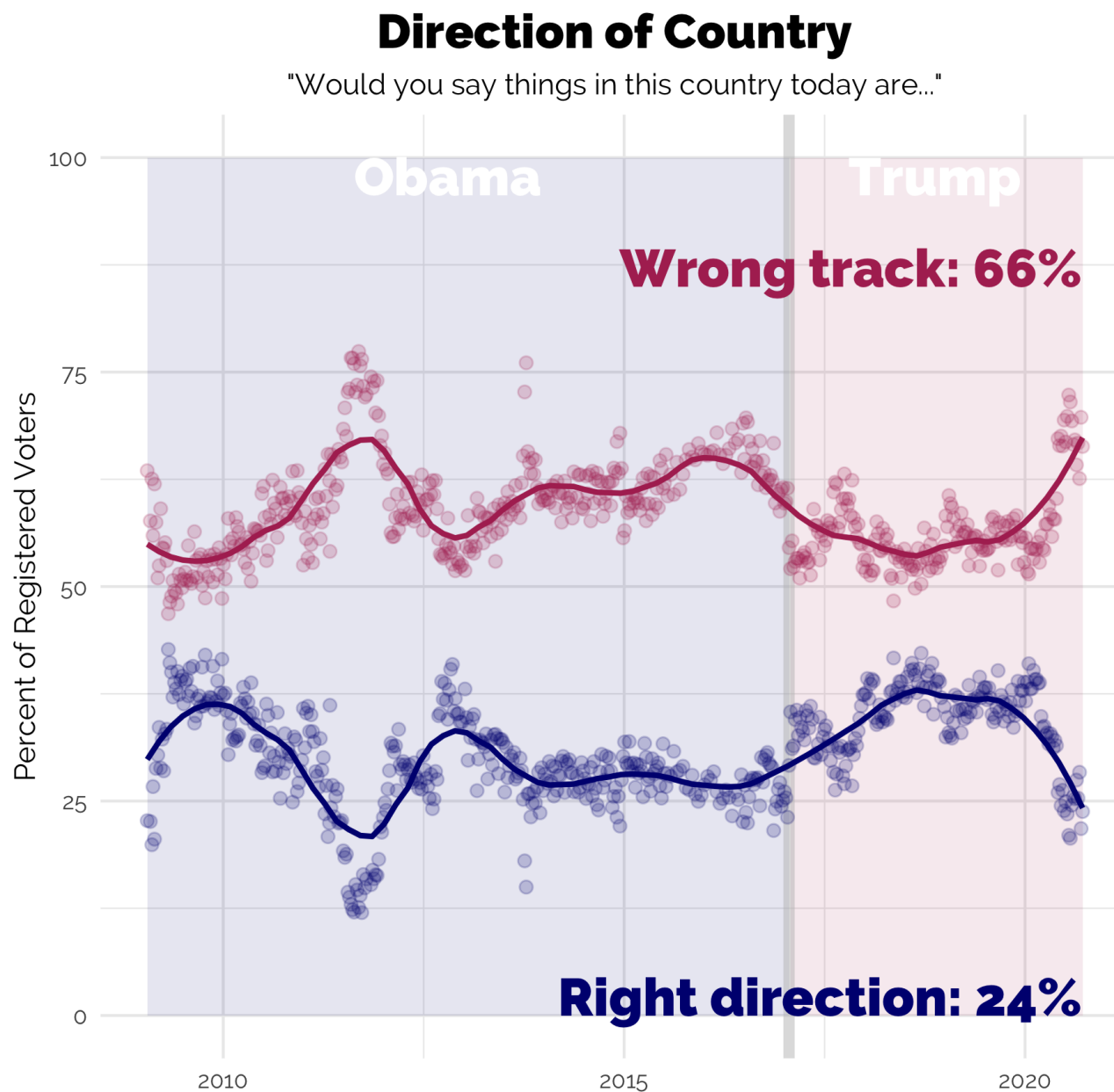


Figure 8: Direction of Country – Registered Voters

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	22%	21%	12%	25%	29%	25%	7%	20%	25%	21%	24%	24%	18%
Off on the wrong track	67%	63%	76%	65%	64%	64%	86%	70%	55%	70%	61%	66%	70%
Not sure	11%	16%	12%	10%	7%	11%	7%	10%	20%	9%	15%	10%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1500)	(244)	(244)	(696)	(316)	(1090)	(165)	(152)	(93)	(280)	(314)	(515)	(391)

	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	22%	6%	19%	46%	6%	17%	40%	26%	18%	25%	19%	19%
Off on the wrong track	67%	89%	65%	42%	88%	69%	48%	62%	71%	65%	67%	74%
Not sure	11%	5%	15%	12%	6%	14%	12%	11%	11%	10%	14%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1500)	(527)	(580)	(393)	(435)	(579)	(486)	(664)	(836)	(582)	(452)	(271)

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Sponsorship:	<i>The Economist</i>
Target population:	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Interviewing Dates:	September 20 - 22, 2020
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 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting:	The sample was weighted based on age, gender, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.1 to 5.12, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 1.
Number of respondents:	1500
Margin of error (All):	3.6% (adjusted for weighting)
Margin of error (Registered Voters):	3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode:	Web-based interviews
Full results:	https://today.yougov.com/topics/overview/all(popup:search/Economist;type=surveys)