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Hillary Clinton maintains a narrow lead over Donald Trump despite renewed e-mail related controversy.

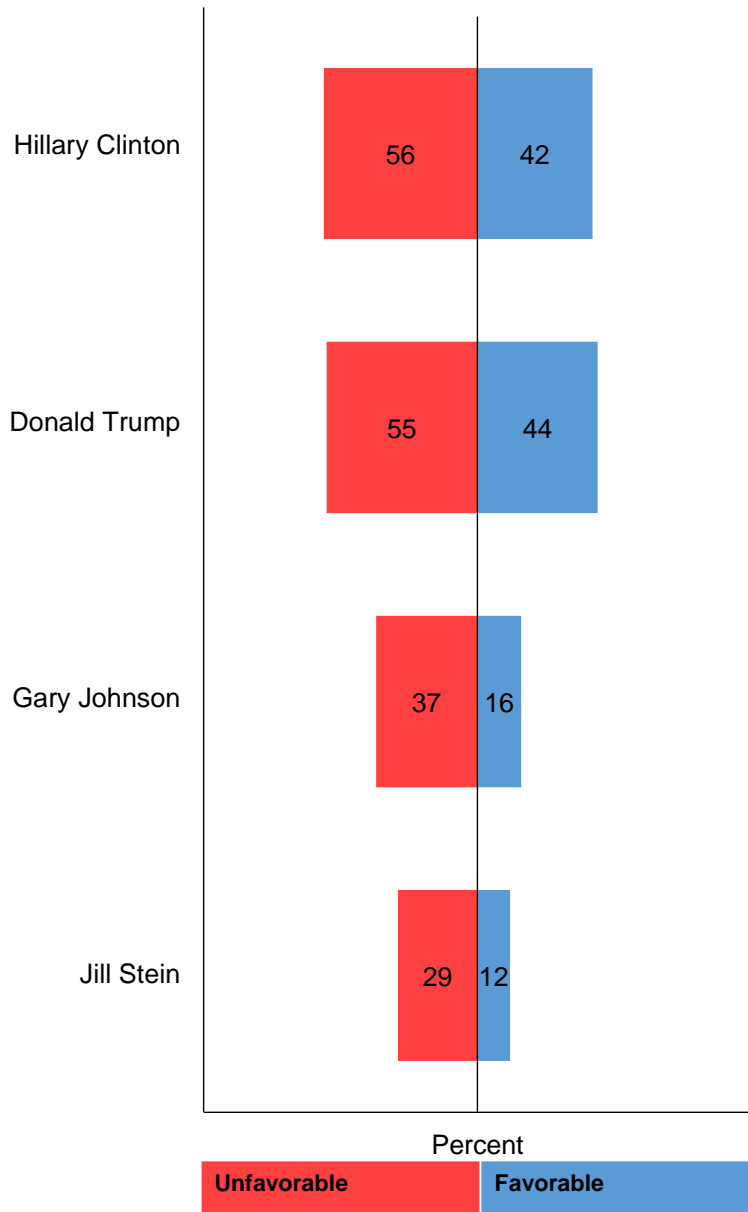
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Portsmouth, NH. – Democrat Hillary Clinton maintains her slim lead over Republican Donald Trump with just days remaining in the presidential campaign. In our most recent nationwide poll, Clinton leads Trump 48-to-44 percent (due to rounding) among likely voters, compared to 46-to-41 percent in mid-October. (The actual difference between Clinton's 47.6 percent is closer to Trump's 44.4 percent). Clinton's support has inched up 2-points, and Trump's 3-points.

The FBI's recent decision to review new e-mails that went through Clinton's server appears to be having a modest impact on the vote choice of self-identified political Democrats and Independents.

These results are based on a recent Franklin Pierce University / Boston Herald Poll conducted by RKM Research, November 1 – 5, 2016. The survey is based on responses from 1,009 randomly selected likely voters. Interviews were conducted by landline and cellular telephone. The maximum sampling margin of error is +/- 3.1 percent.

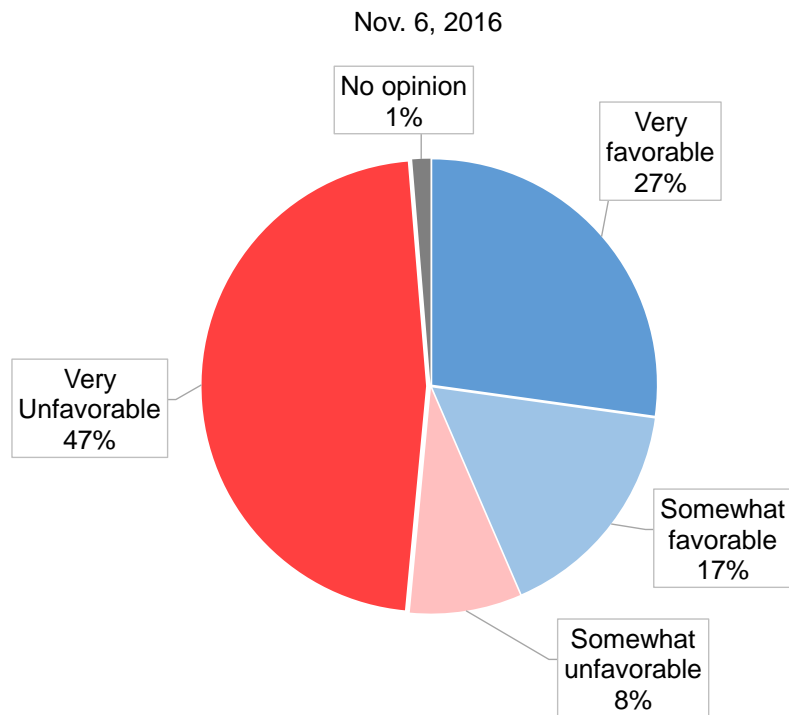
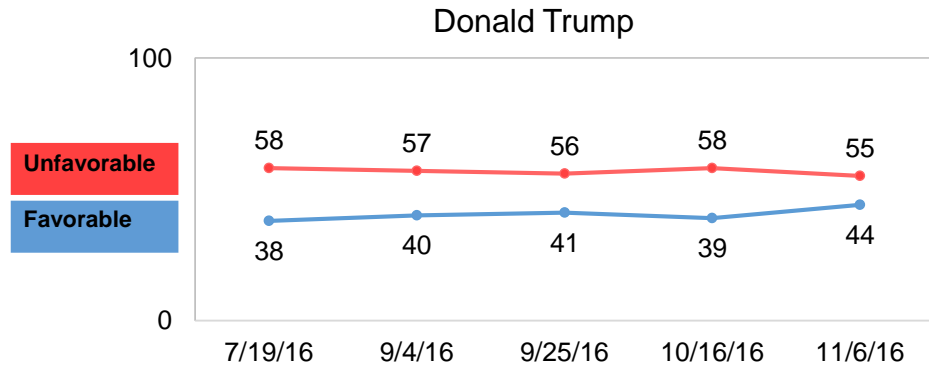
Favorability Ratings of presidential candidates (Nov. 6, 2016):



Our polls continue to show that the two presidential candidates remain very unpopular, with more than one-half of voters holding *unfavorable* views toward both candidates. Donald Trump has made small improvements in his rating compared to small declines in Clinton’s ratings.

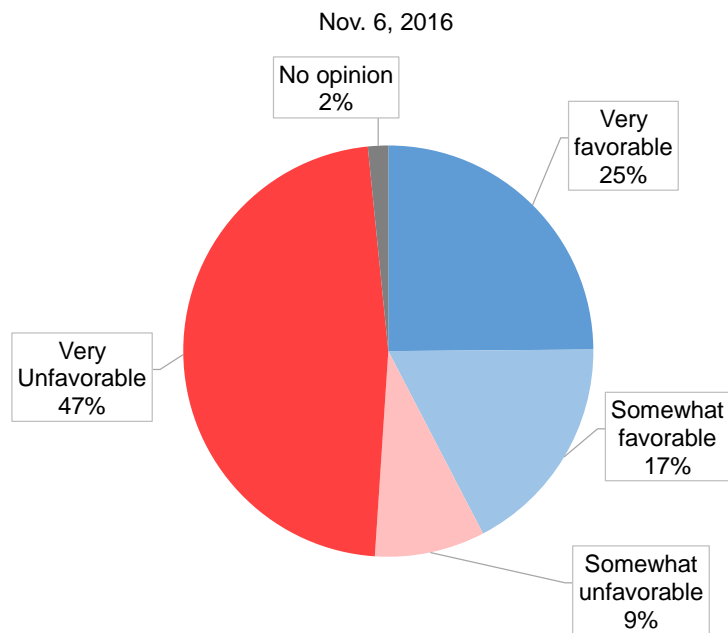
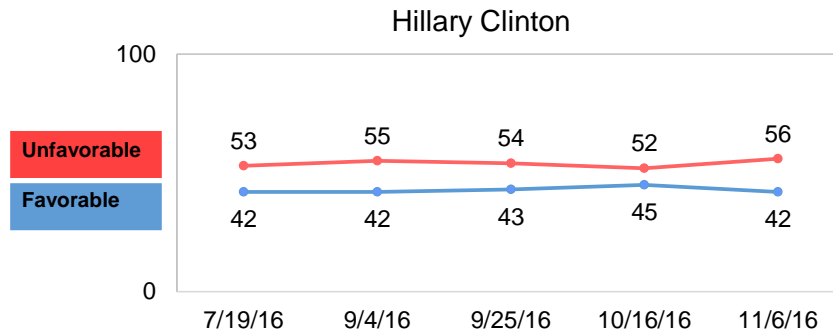
Donald Trump receives a *favorable* rating of 44 percent, and an *unfavorable* rating of 55 percent. Likewise, Hillary Clinton receives a *favorable* rating of 42 percent, and an *unfavorable* rating of 56 percent. Trump’s net favorability ratings, the percentage who view him favorably minus the percentage who view him unfavorably, has improved to -11, a positive decrease from -19 percent in our previous poll.

Favorability ratings of Donald Trump compared over time:



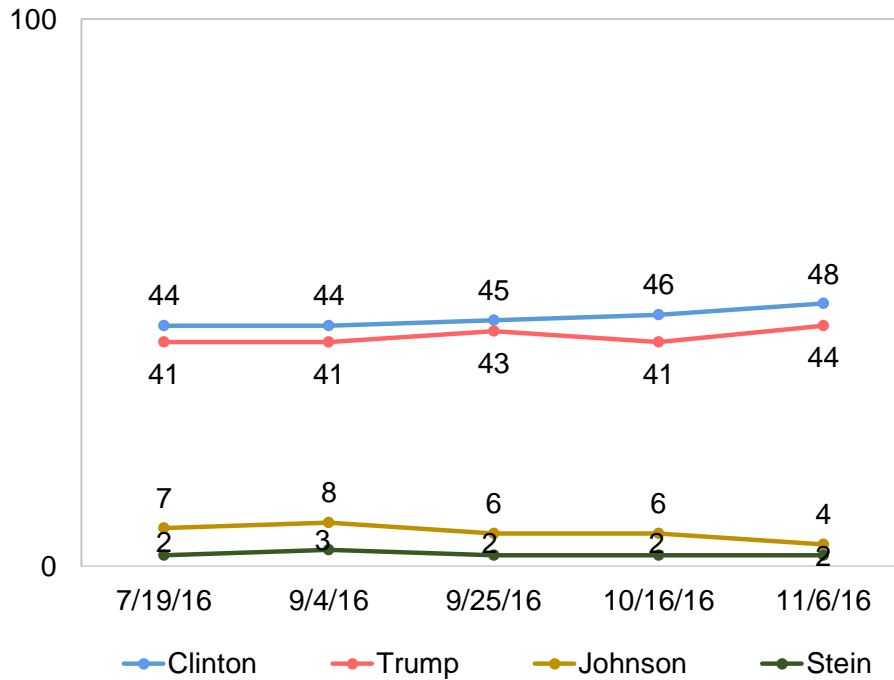
The unpopularity of the two leading presidential candidates continues to be exacerbated by the intensity of voter sentiment. Less than one-half of voters (47%) hold a *very unfavorable* view of Donald Trump. Forty-four percent of voters hold a *very* (27%) or *somewhat* (17%) *favorable* view toward Trump. The percent of voters holding a favorable opinion of Trump is at the highest since mid-Summer.

Favorability Ratings of Hillary Clinton compared over time:



Hillary Clinton also has similar favorability problems. Less than one-half of voters (47%) hold a *very unfavorable* view of her. Forty-two percent of voters hold *very* (25%) or *somewhat* (17%) *favorable* view toward Clinton. These results have remained essentially unchanged over time since July.

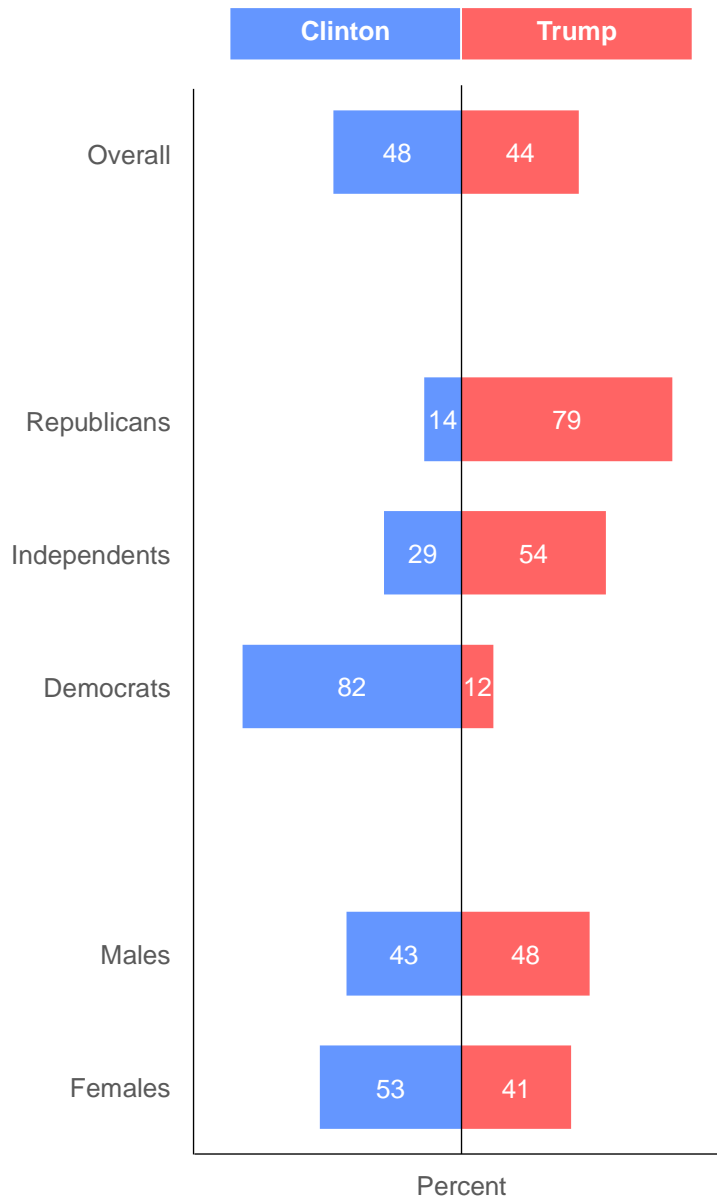
Who do you plan to vote for in the election for US President next Tuesday, November 8th?



Among: All voters (includes "forced choice" responses)

In the election for US President next Tuesday, November 8th, voters are more likely to be planning vote for *Hillary Clinton* (48%) than *Donald Trump* (44%). Few voters said that they plan to vote for Libertarian candidate *Gary Johnson* (4%), Green Party candidate *Jill Stein* (2%) or some *other* candidate (1%). Only one percent of voters remain *unsure* who they will vote for going into Tuesday's election. Clinton has held a four-point lead over Trump, compared to mid-October when the gap was 5-points.

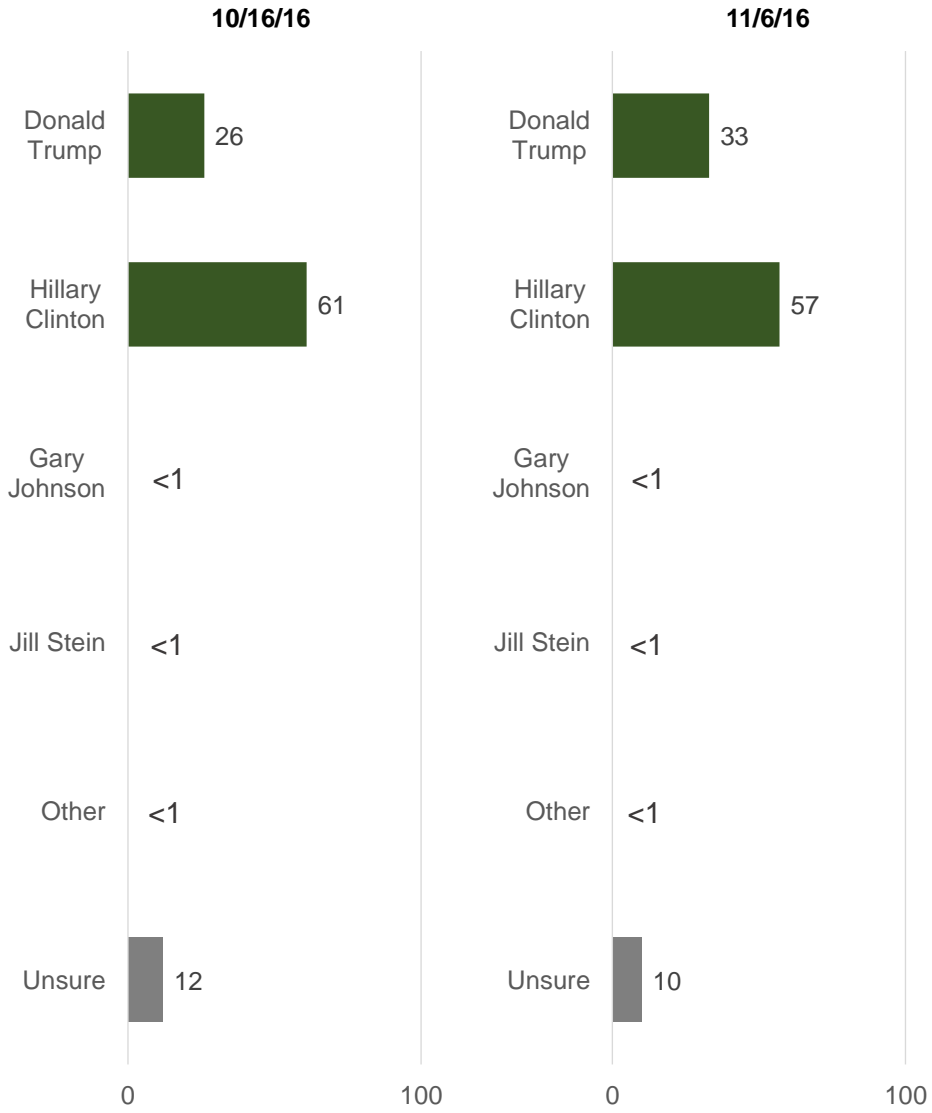
Presidential Vote Choice Compared by Selected Characteristics



As expected, presidential vote choice is strongly linked with party identification. Eighty-two percent of self-identified Democrats said that they plan to vote for Hillary Clinton, and 79 percent of self-identified Republicans said that they plan to vote for Donald Trump. More Independents continued to say they will vote for Trump (54%) over Clinton (29%). Trump appears to have regained support among Independents since mid-October, where he lead Clinton 39 percent to 30 percent.

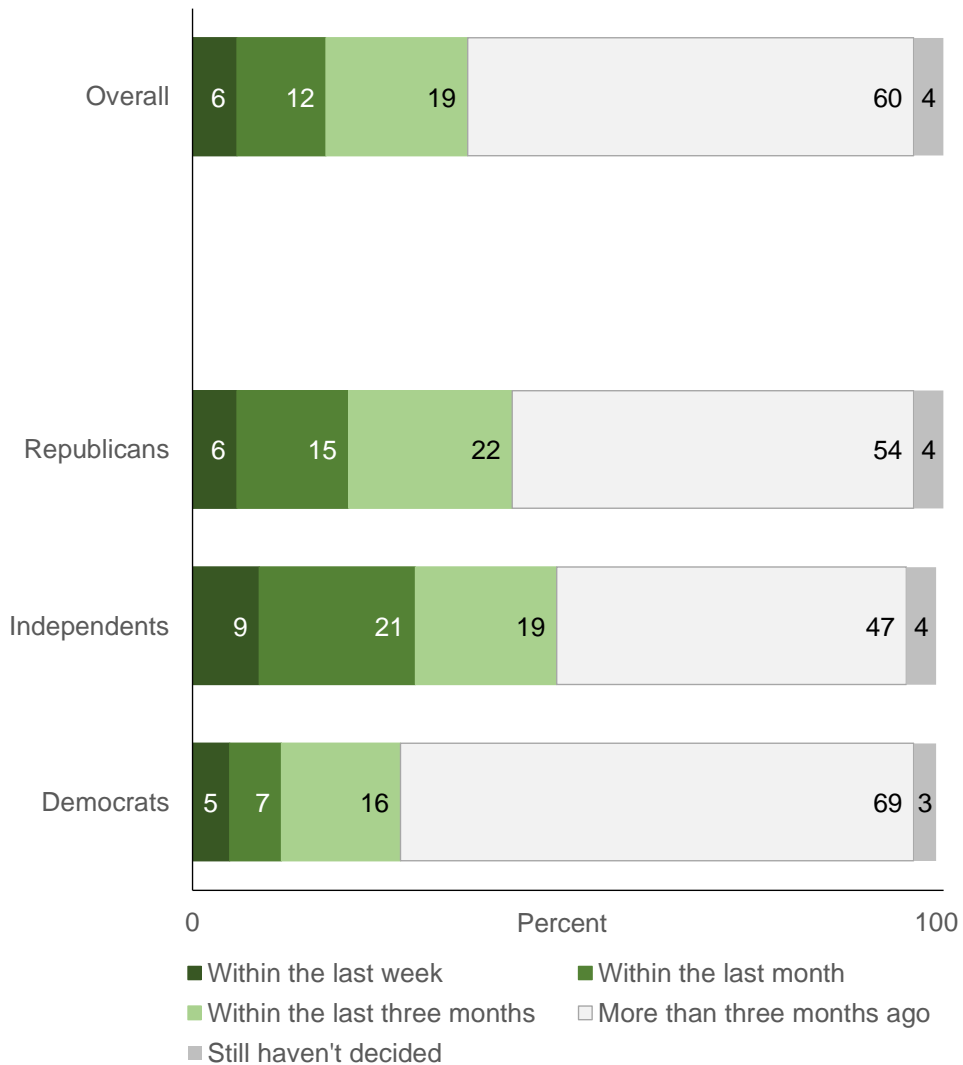
Trump continues to hold just a 5-point lead over Clinton among male voters, unchanged since mid-October, while Clinton holds a 12-point lead among female voters (down from 15-points).

Regardless of who you are voting for, who do you think will end up winning the presidential election?



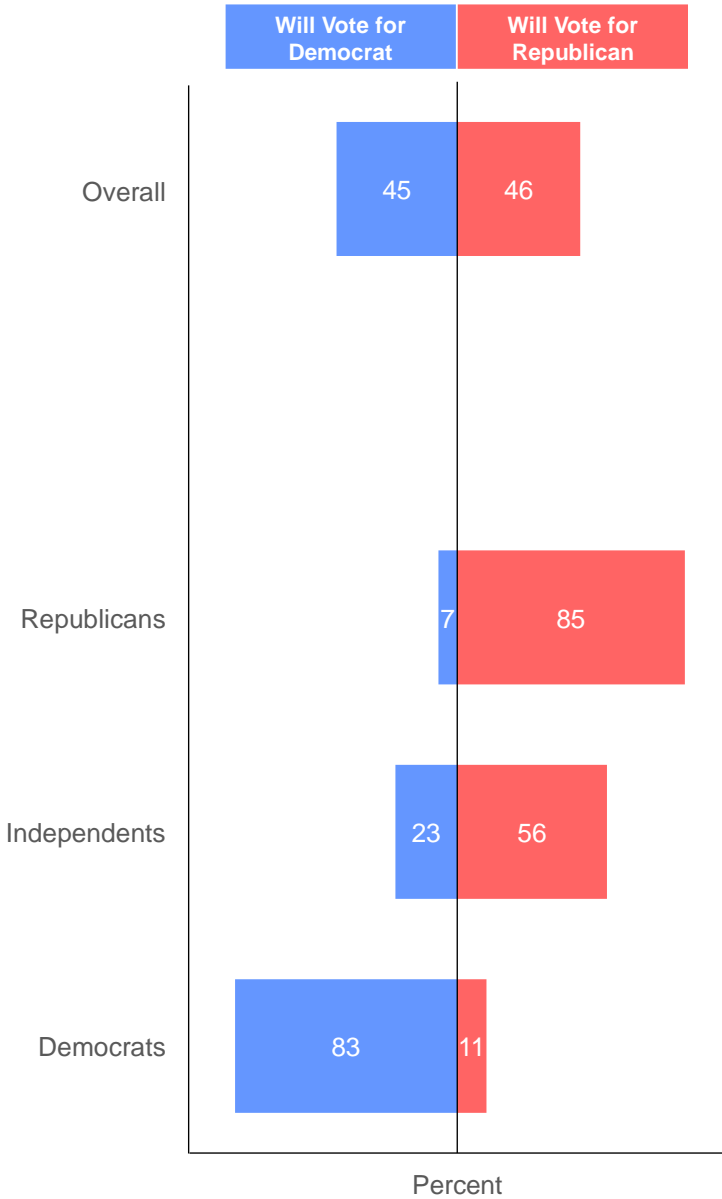
More than half of likely voters nationwide currently expect Hillary Clinton to win the presidential election. When asked who they think will end up winning the presidential election, regardless of their vote preference, 57 percent predicted *Hillary Clinton*, 33 percent said *Donald Trump*, and 10 percent are *unsure*.

When did you decide who you were going to vote for in the presidential election?



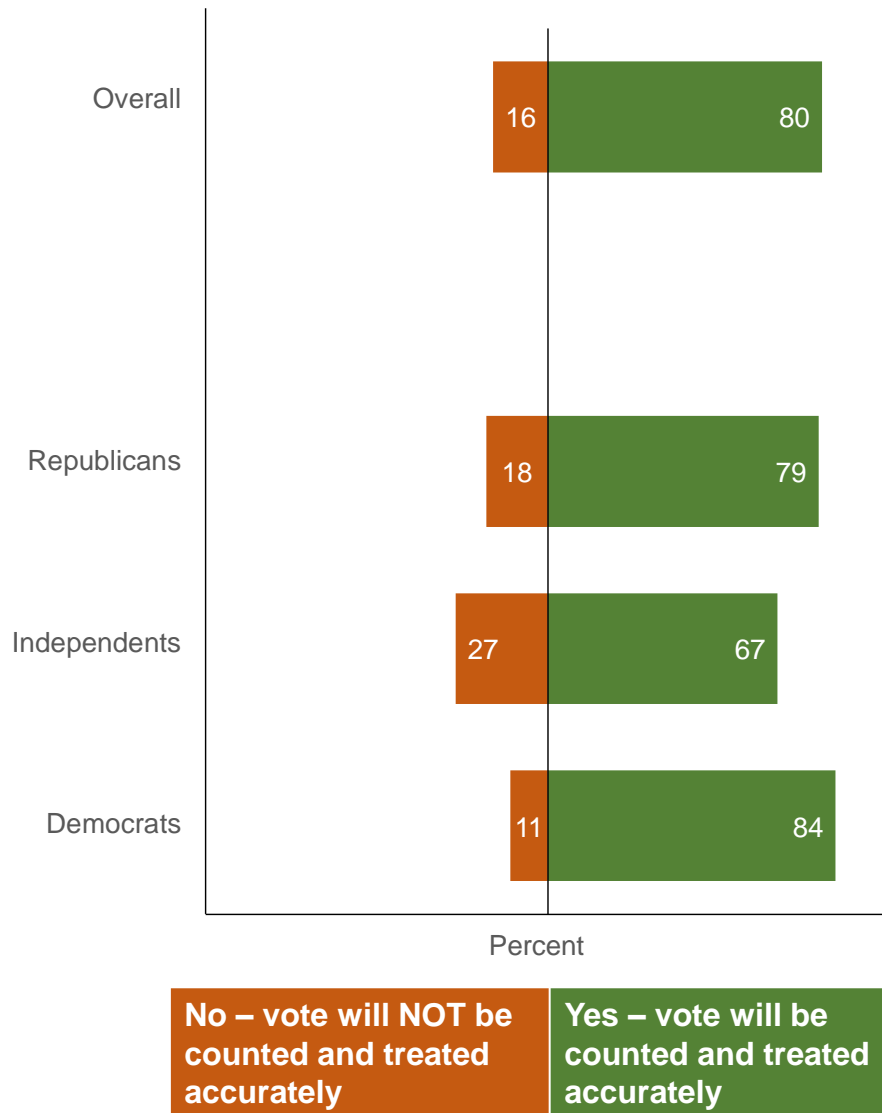
Voters were asked when they decided who they were going to vote for in the presidential election. A majority of voters (60%) reported that they had made up their minds *more than three months ago*, while lesser percentages reported it was *within the last three months* (19%), *within the last month* (12%) or *within the last week* (6%). Democrats were most likely to have said they made their vote choice *more than three months ago* (69%) while self-identified Independents were more likely to have made their choice more recently (9% *within the last week* and 21% *within the last month*).

In the election for U.S. House of Representatives, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?



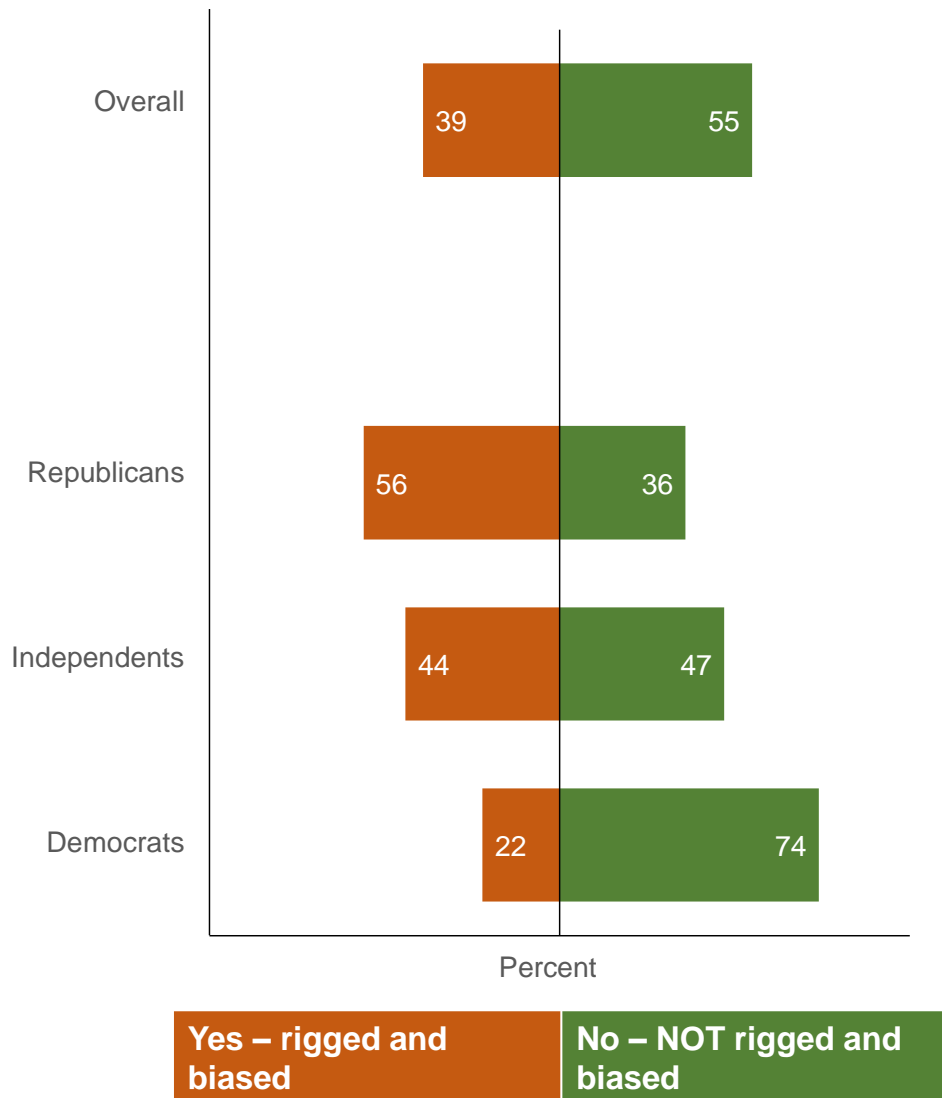
In a generic ballot for the US House of Representatives, the race is currently in a near-dead heat. When asked if they planned on voting for the Republican or Democratic candidates in their local House elections, 46 percent of likely voters said the *Republican candidate* and 45 percent said the *Democratic candidate*. As with the race for the Presidency, vote preference is tied strongly to party identification. Eighty-five percent of Republicans and 83 percent of Democrats plan to vote within their own party. Self-identified Independents are more likely to vote for the *Republican candidate* (56%) than the *Democratic candidate* (23%).

Are you confident that your vote for president will be counted and treated accurately?



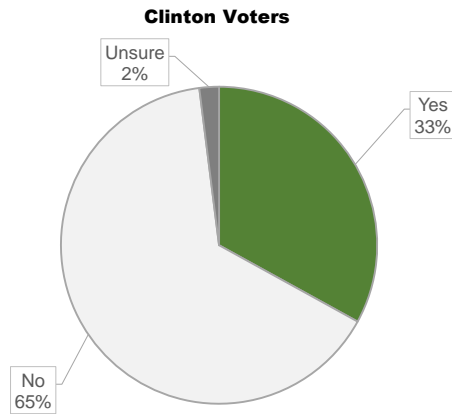
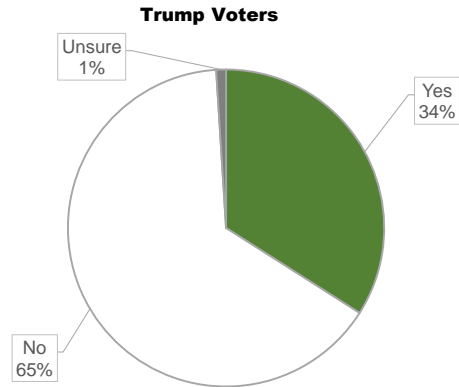
A strong majority of likely voters believe their votes will be counted accurately. When voters were asked if they are confident that their vote for president will be counted and treated accurately, eighty percent said yes while only 16 percent said no. Majorities of Democrats (84%), Republicans (79%) and self-identified Independents (67%) all said they believe their vote will be counted accurately.

Do you believe that the 2016 election and political system are rigged and biased?



Despite strong majorities reporting they believe their votes will be counted accurately, only a slight majority (55%) said they *do not* believe the 2016 election and political system are rigged and biased, while 39 percent believe it *is* rigged and biased. Republicans (56%) are more likely to have reported they think the election and system are biased while Democrats (74%) largely do not believe widespread rigging or biases exist.

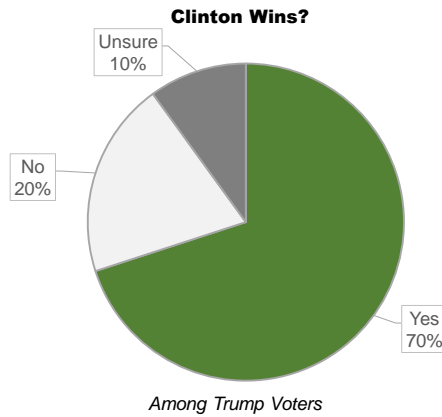
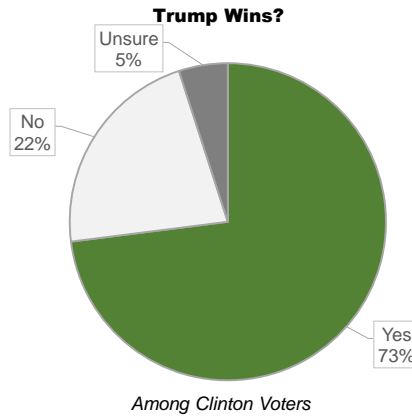
Do you have any reservations at all about voting for [Hillary Clinton | Donald Trump]?



Voters were asked if they had any reservations about voting for their presidential candidate. Approximately one-third of both Trump voters (33%) and Clinton voters (37%) reported some reservations about voting for their preferred candidate.

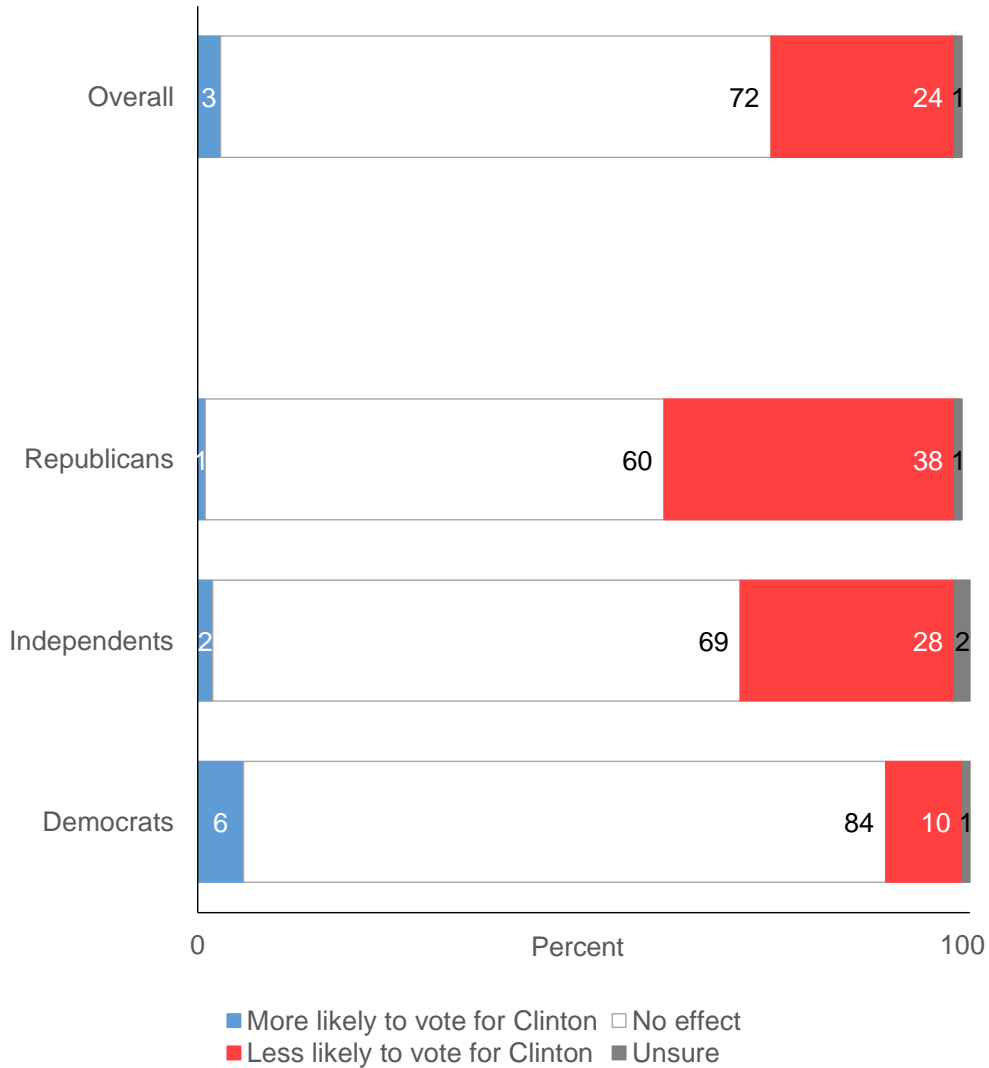
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Both Trump and Clinton voters were asked if they are prepared to accept the outcome of the election if the opposing candidate were to win. Strong majorities of both Trump voters (70%) and Clinton voters (82%) said they are prepared to accept the results of the election if the other candidate should win.

Are you more or less likely to vote for Hillary Clinton following the FBI's recent decision to review new e-mails that went through Clinton's server, or does this have no effect on who you plan to vote for?



Voters were asked whether the FBI's recent activity involving Clinton's e-mails has impacted their likelihood to vote for her. Nearly three-quarters of likely voters (72%) said the FBI's decision has *no effect* on their vote, 24 percent reported it made them *less likely* to vote for Clinton and only 3 percent said it made them *more likely* to do so. With 28 percent of Independents reporting the issues makes them *less likely* to vote for Clinton, it is possible the issue has played a part in Clinton losing ground among Independents. Trump currently leads Clinton 54-29 among Independents, up from 39-30 in mid-October.

Methodology

The results outlined in this report are based on a survey conducted by RKM Research on behalf of Franklin Pierce University and the Boston Herald. All interviews were conducted by paid, trained and professionally supervised interviewers.

The survey is based on a probabilistic sample of 1,009 likely voters in the United States. Interviews were conducted by landline and cellular telephone, November 1 – 5, 2016. The sampling margin of error is +/- 3.1 percent.

The data are weighted to adjust for probability of selection, respondent gender, respondent age and region of the US. The four regions of the country as reported in this poll are:

East: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and District of Columbia.

Mid-West: Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

South: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas

West: Montana, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, California, Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii and Washington.

In addition to sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question wording effects, question order effects and non-response.

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