

SENTINEL ACTION FUND

LOW PROPENSITY TRUMP

VOTERS

February 2025

## METHODOLOGY

The following survey was conducted by OnMessage Inc. in GA, ME, MI, & NC. Live telephone interviews were conducted on February 17-20, 2025.

This survey consists of 1,600 low-propensity Trump voters (N=400 per state). The margin of error for the full sample is +/- 2.5%, and +/- 4.9% per state.

## **Key Findings**

### #1: Low-Prop Voter Demographics

- One of the central goals of this project was to identify just who "low-propensity" Trump voters are in these states. Our findings tell us a couple important pieces:
  - They skew only slightly male.
  - Ideologically, they are similar to the typical Republican coalition. If anything, they are just a touch more moderate.
  - They are distinct from our typical voters in two key ways:
    - They are significantly younger, at 38% under 45.
    - They are significantly less likely to hold a college degree (58%).

# #2: Low-Prop Voters Were Motivated By Trump's Leadership More Than GOP Politics

- A majority say they were motivated to vote either because 1) they supported Trump as a strong leader or 2) they thought our government was broken and needed new leadership. They expressed the same concerns in an open-ended question.
- They believe Trump's leadership style is unique among current political leaders. Nearly 3 in 4 (74%) say they were voting FOR Trump, rather than AGAINST Harris.
- 64% say they like Trump more than other Republicans. Closing this gap is the task at hand.

# #3: THE TRUMP POLICY AGENDA IS THE BEST PATH TO TYING GOP CANDIDATES TO TRUMP

- The three issues that captured these voters' attention this election were immigration, the economy, and cutting waste. Unsurprisingly, they tell us supporting these Trump agenda issues would make them more likely to support other GOP candidates. The top issues to focus on in order to do so are:
  - Requiring proof of citizenship to vote.
  - Imposing tariffs to stop the flow of drugs into the country.
  - Investing in physical border deterrence.
- Abortion, health, and crypto related issues are less motivating to them.

# #4: Low-Prop Voters Rely More Heavily on Non-Traditional Media Sources

- Almost half (46%) of these voters say they consume video content mostly on streaming platforms, while another 25% say they use a mix of traditional tv and streaming.
- However, 63% still watch Fox News.
- The podcast bump is real. 53% of these voters have listened to Joe Rogan, 45% to Tucker Carlson, and 35% to Ben Shapiro. That means we have real opportunity to reach them through these avenues.

### #5: SUMMARY AND STEPS FORWARD

- Perhaps the most important finding, if not particularly surprising, is that low-propensity Trump voters are Trump voters, NOT Republicans. At least not yet.
- This is critically important because it identifies the need to convert these voters into reliable conservative voters.
- Notice we said "conservative" not "Republican." That's because any effort to foist partisan loyalty upon these predominately Trump voters would fail. We must first meet them where they are at.

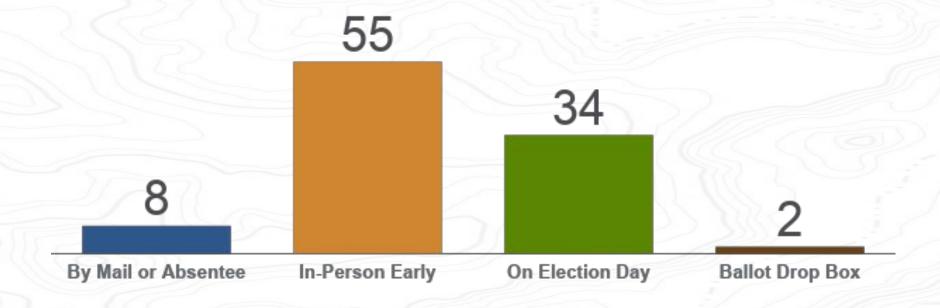
## Low Prop Voter Profiles

### Profile

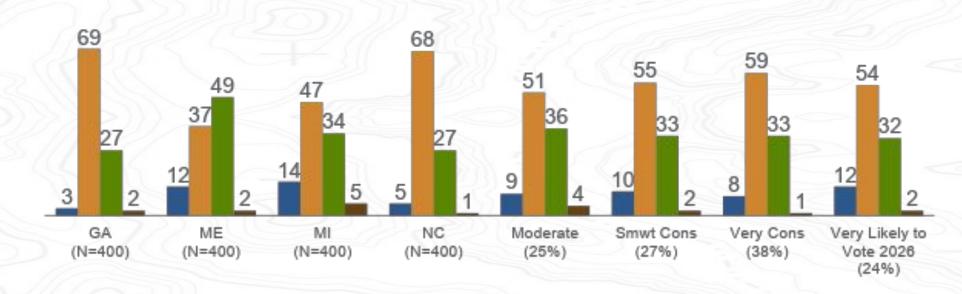
Ideology	Total	Georgia	Maine	Michigan	North Carolina
Moderate	25%	24%	20%	33%	23%
Somewhat Conservative	27%	28%	29%	24%	29%
Very Conservative	38%	36%	45%	31%	40%
Age	Total	Georgia	Maine	Michigan	North Carolina
45 & Under	38%	43%	16%	50%	43%
46-55	17%	18%	18%	17%	14%
56-65	21%	20%	28%	16%	19%
66+	20%	13%	36%	14%	18%
Gender	Total	Georgia	Maine	Michigan	North Carolina
Male	53%	55%	48%	57%	53%
Female	47%	45%	52%	43%	47%
Education	Total	Georgia	Maine	Michigan	North Carolina
Non-College Educated	58%	55%	52%	66%	58%
College Educated	41%	43%	48%	33%	39%
Abortion Stance	Total	Georgia	Maine	Michigan	North Carolina
Pro-Life	57%	57%	57%	54%	62%
Pro-Choice	32%	32%	34%	37%	26%

## 2024 Participation

What method did you use to vote? Did you vote...

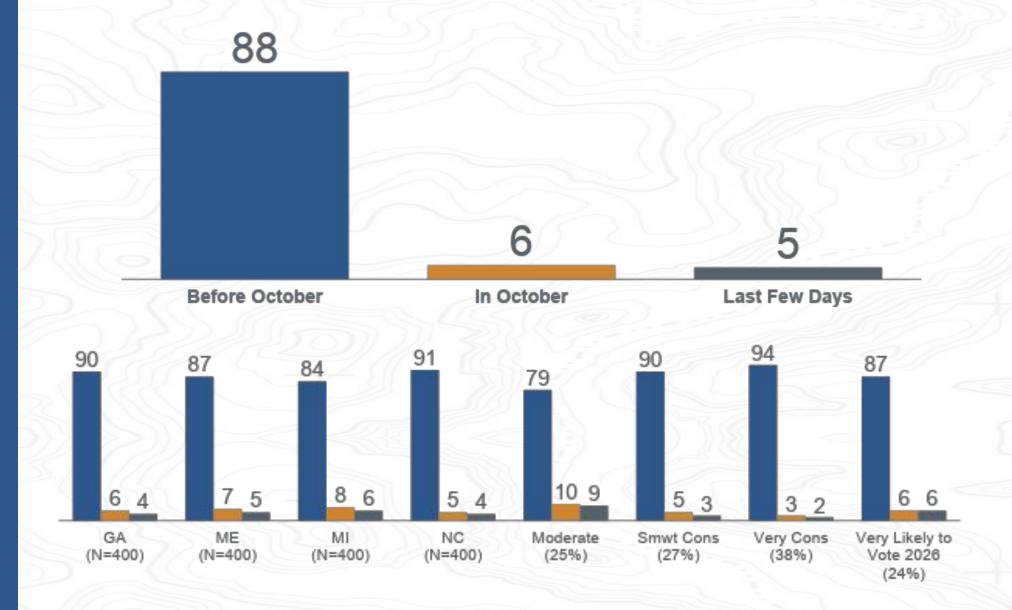


### Vote Method



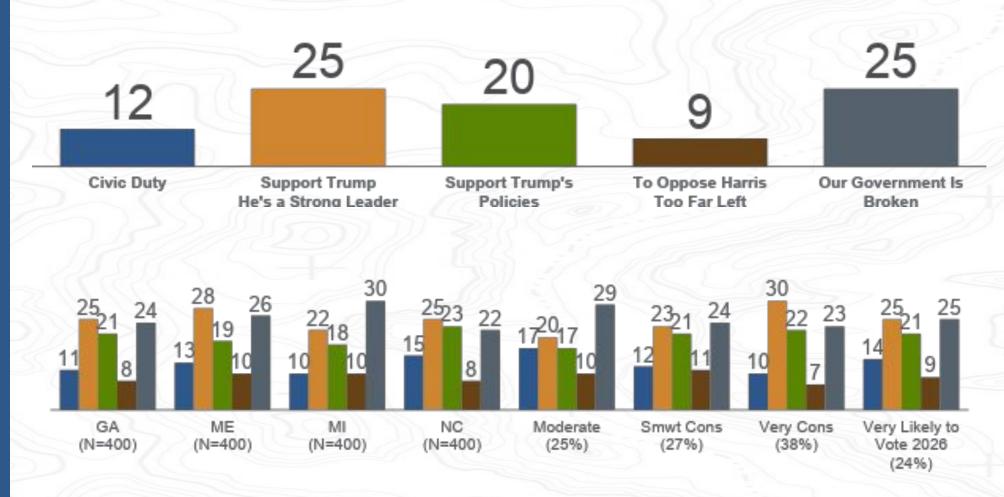
Thinking about your vote for President, when did you decide for whom you would vote?

WHEN DID YOU DECIDE?



From the following list, what best describes your motivation participating in the 2024 election?

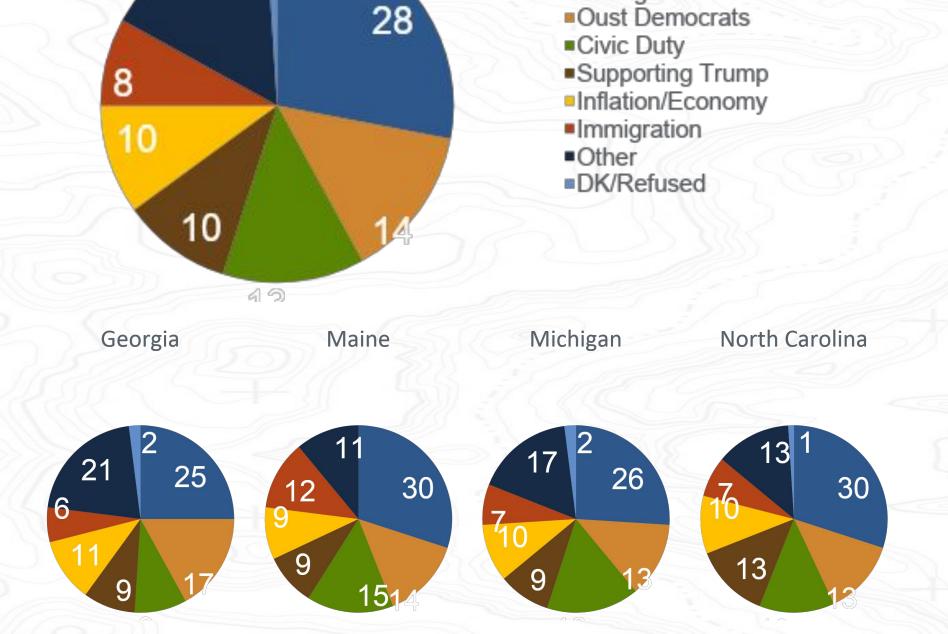
### VOTE MOTIVATION



USA Needed Leadership

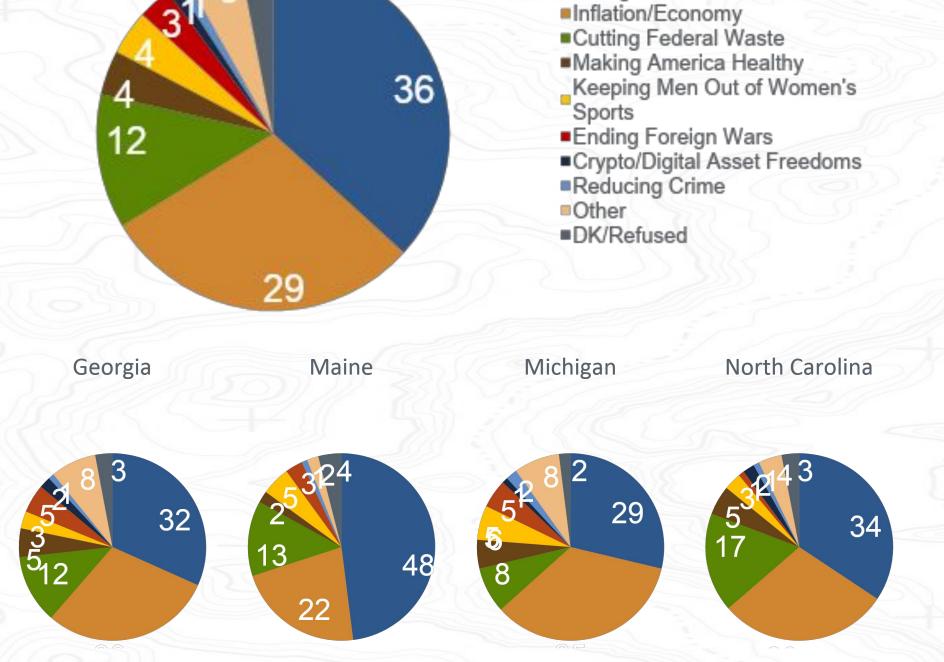
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# Most Important Reason You Voted Verbatim



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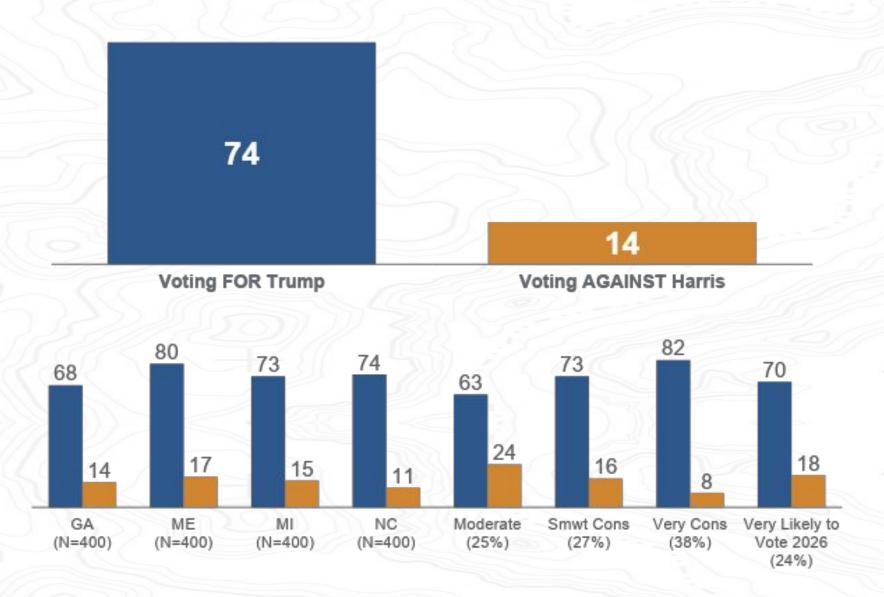
# Most Important Issue You Voted On Close-end



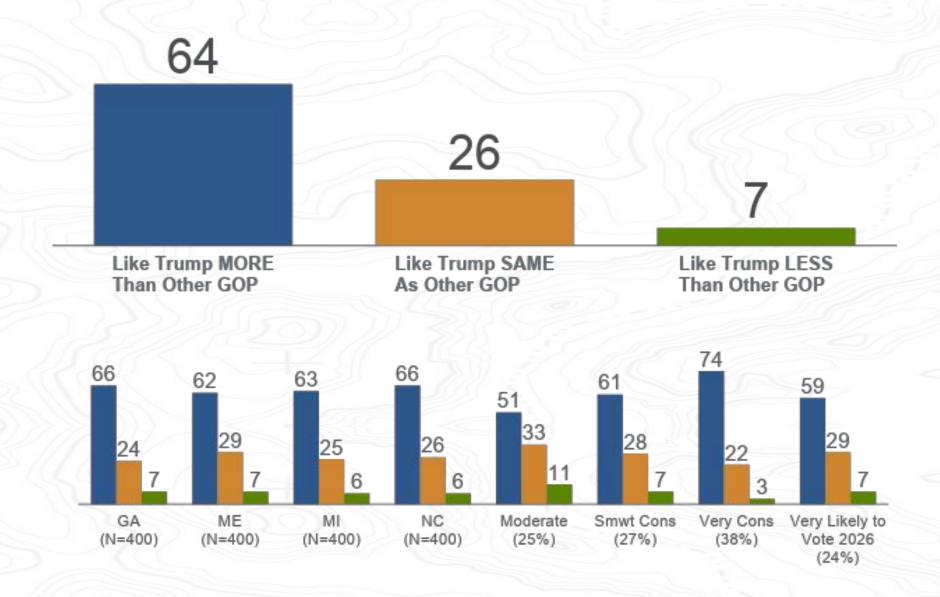
Immigration/Border

Thinking about your vote for Donald Trump, which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion?

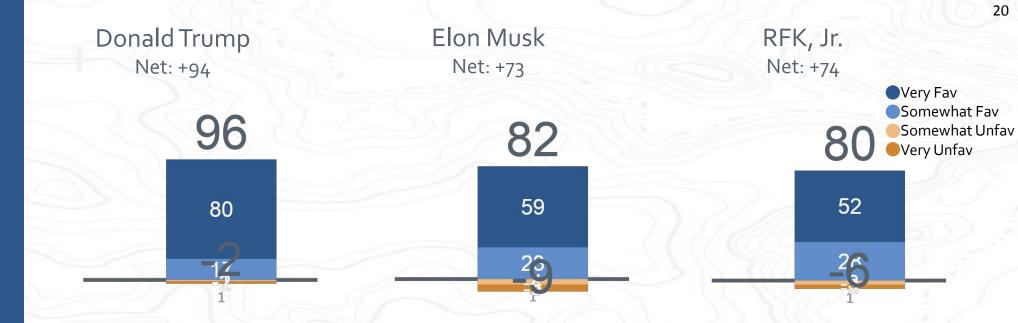
## TRUMP VOTE MOTIVATION



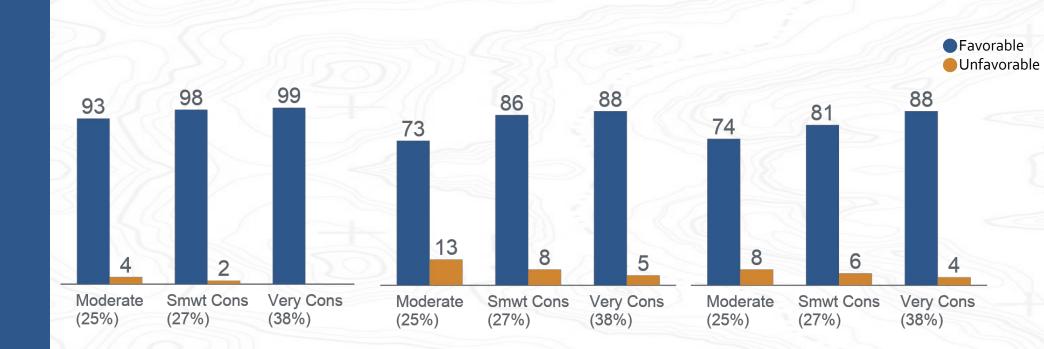
TRUMP VS. OTHER GOP

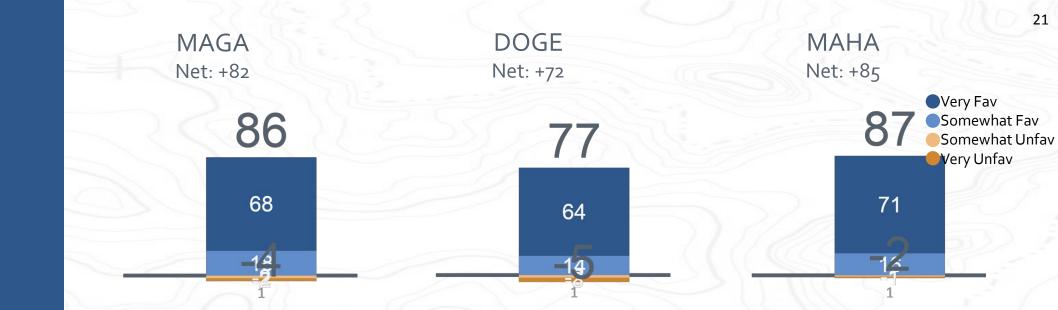


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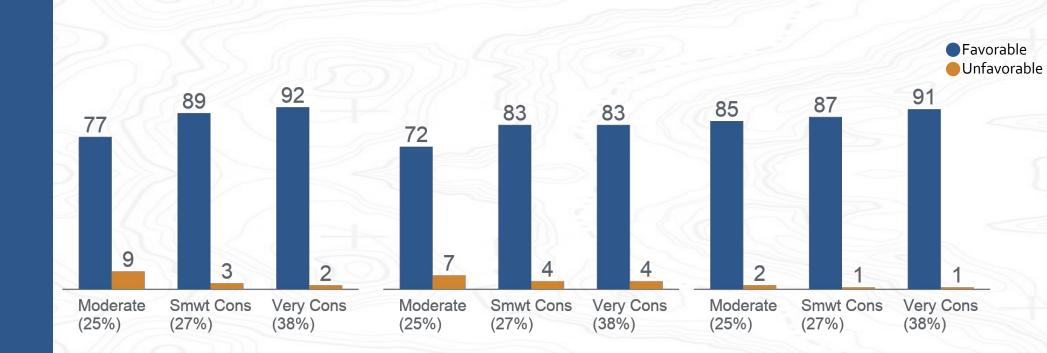


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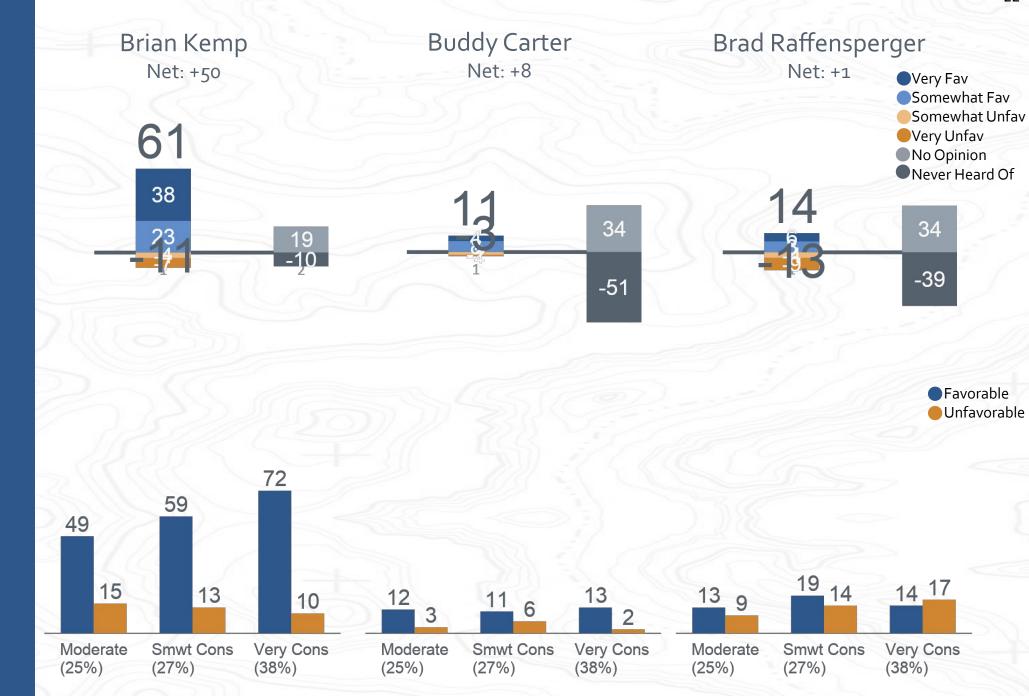


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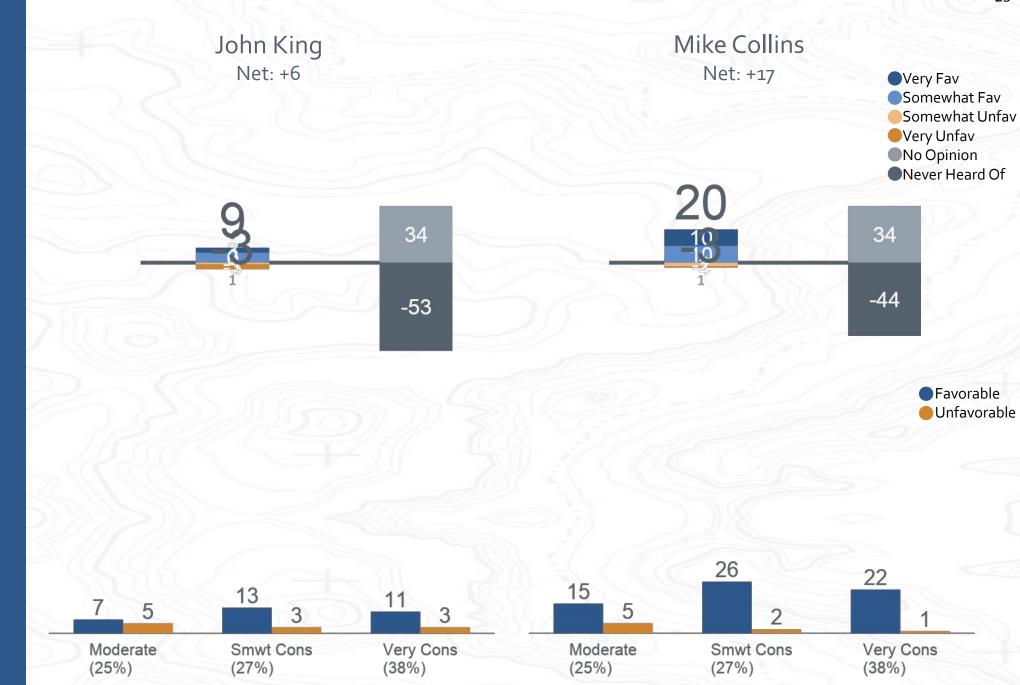


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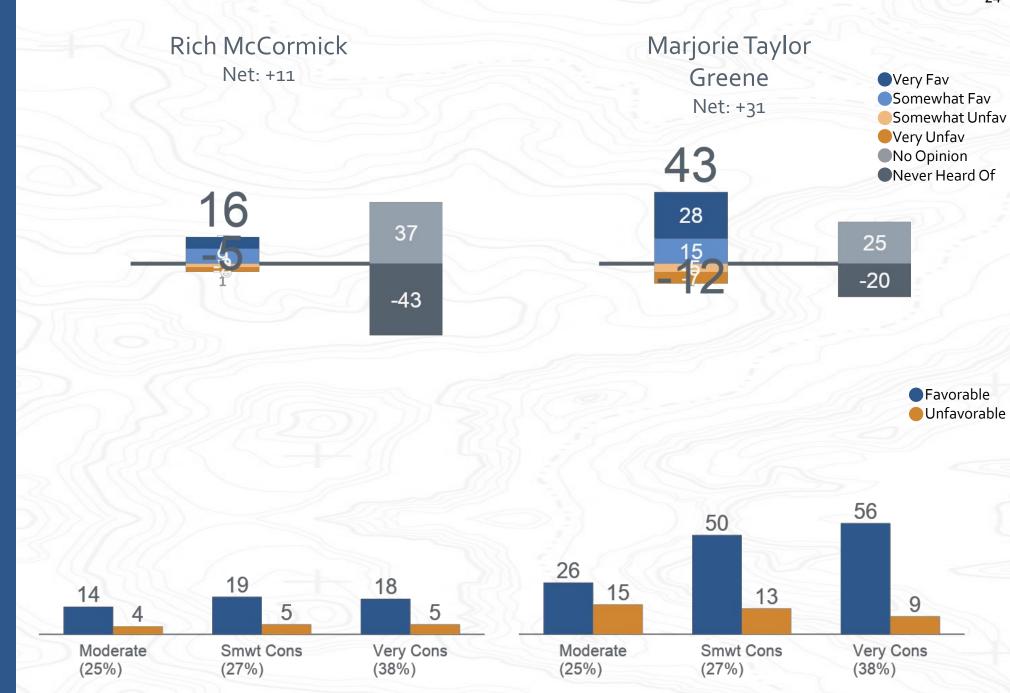
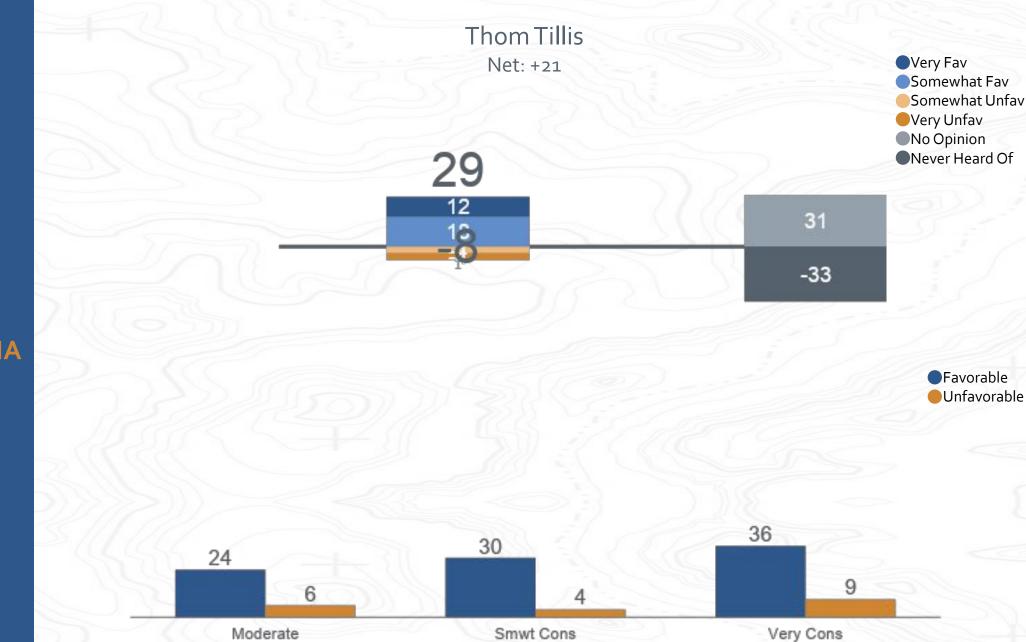


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GEORGIA



(27%)

(38%)

(25%)

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North Carolina

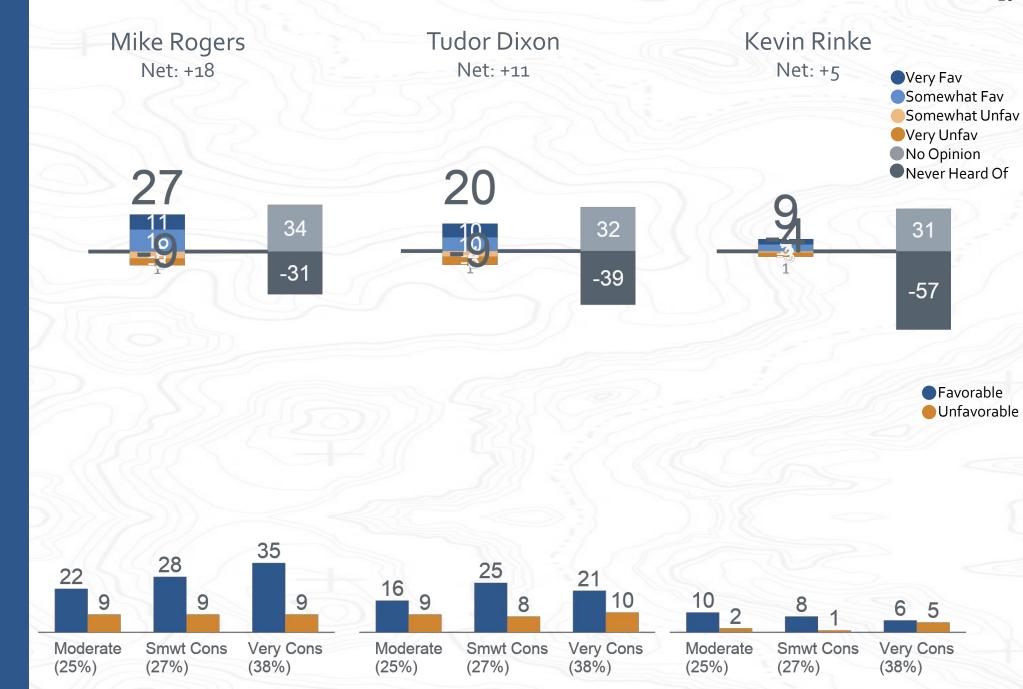
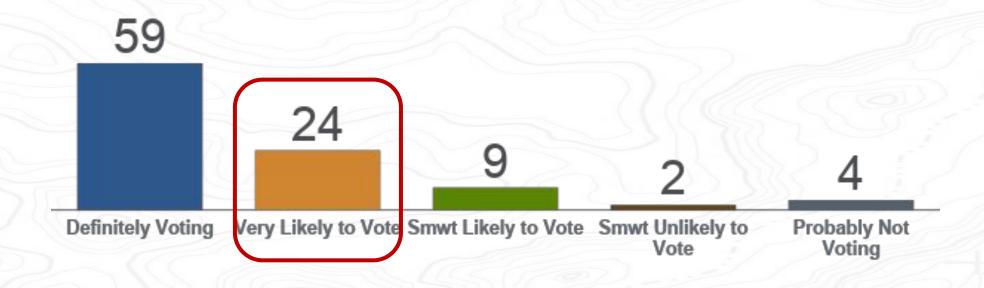


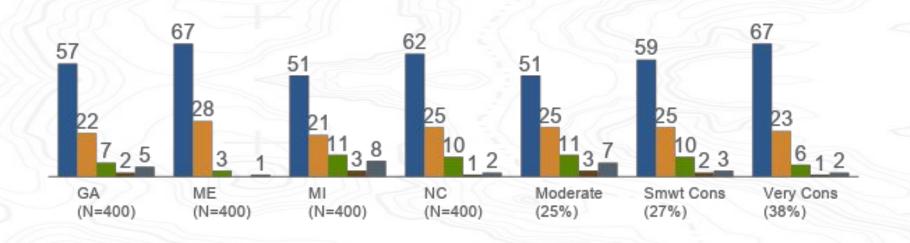
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MICHIGAN

### 2026 Motivations

Thinking ahead to the 2026 midterm elections, would you say you are...

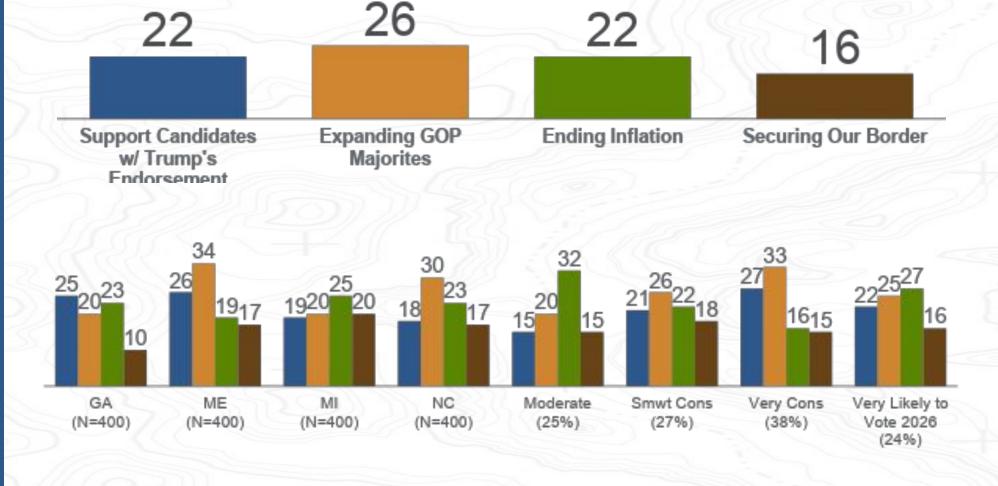




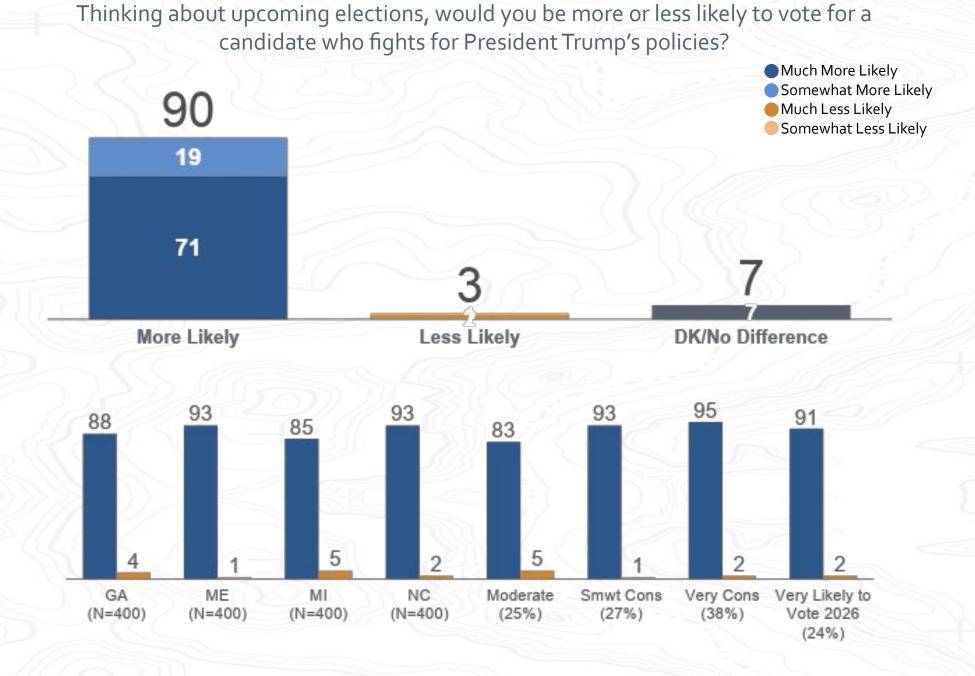


Now thinking ahead to the 2026 midterm elections, from the following list what is most important to you when deciding to vote?

## **2026 VOTE**PRIORITIES



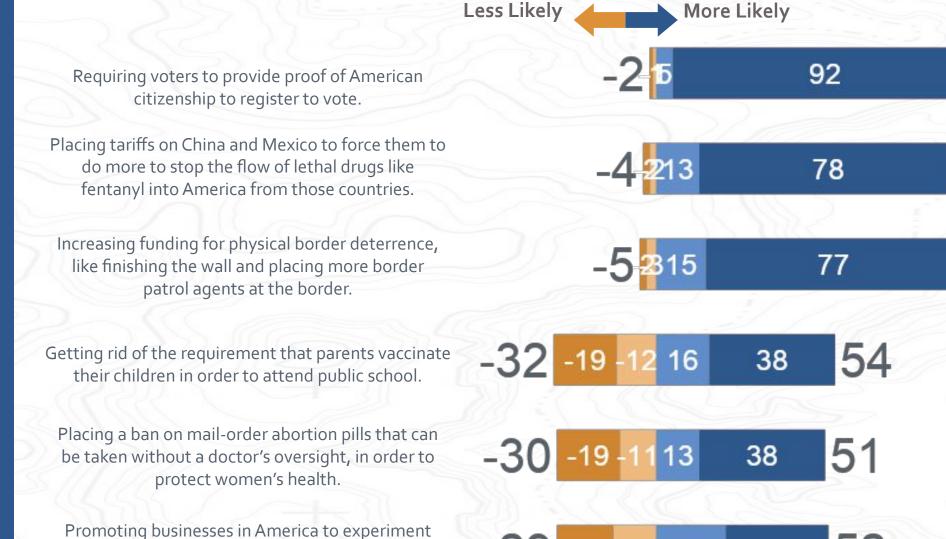
FIGHTING FOR
TRUMP'S
POLICIES



## 2026 Policy Priorities

Next, I am going to read you various policy issues being talked about by President Trump and Republican officials across the country. For each one, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who focused on the issue?





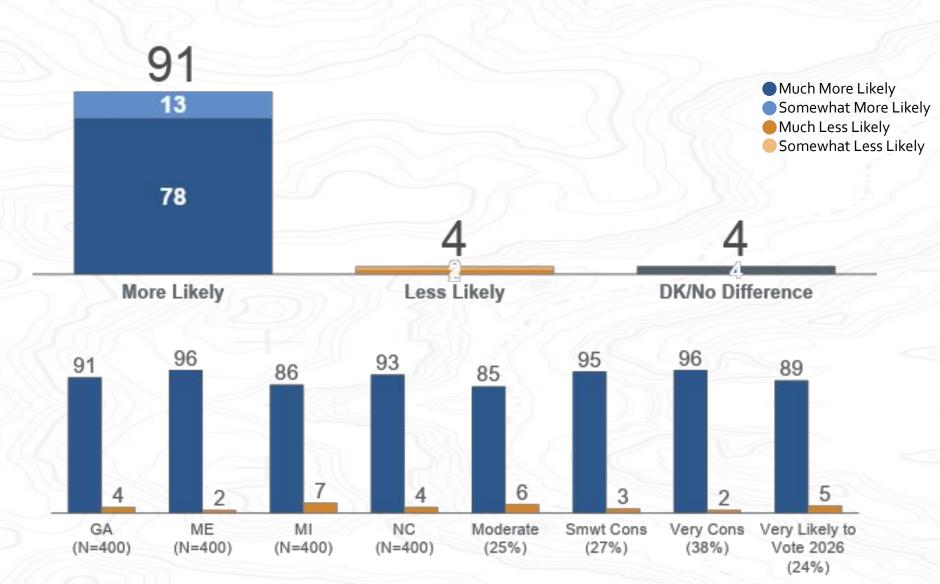
Much Less Likely
Somewhat More Likely
Much More Likely

and innovate with new financial technologies like crypto currencies and digital assets.

For each one, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who focused on the issue?

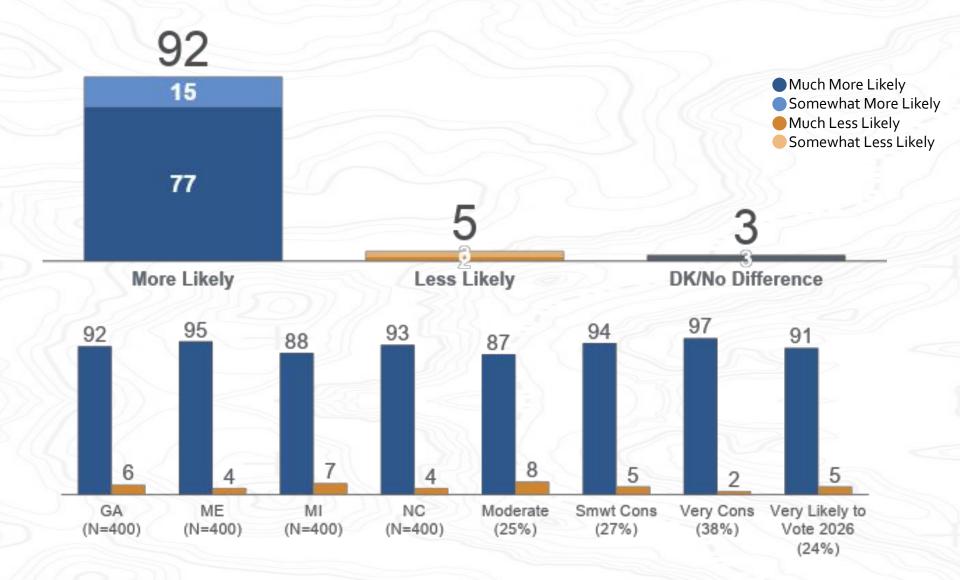
Placing tariffs on China and Mexico to force them to do more to stop the flow of lethal drugs like fentanyl into America from those countries.

#### **T**ARIFFS



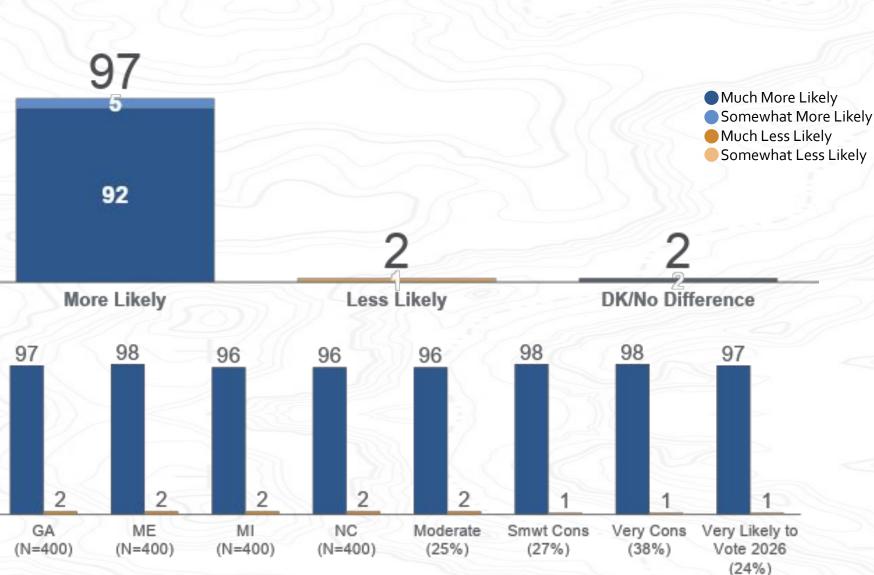
Border Deterrence For each one, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who focused on the issue?

Increasing funding for physical border deterrence, like finishing the wall and placing more border patrol agents at the border.



For each one, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a Requiring voters to provide proof of American citizenship to register to vote.

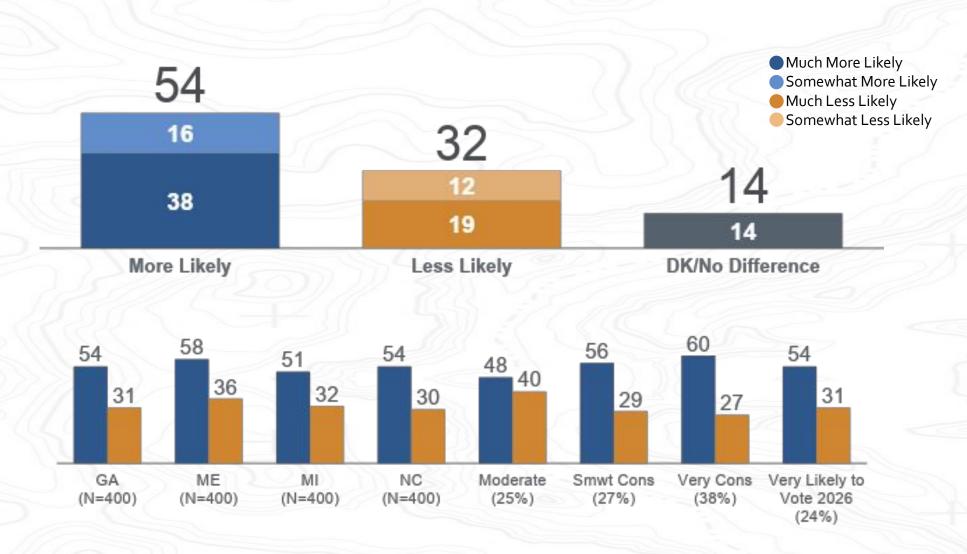
Proof of **C**ITIZENSHIP TO VOTE



candidate who focused on the issue?

Getting rid of the requirement that parents vaccinate their children in order to attend public school.

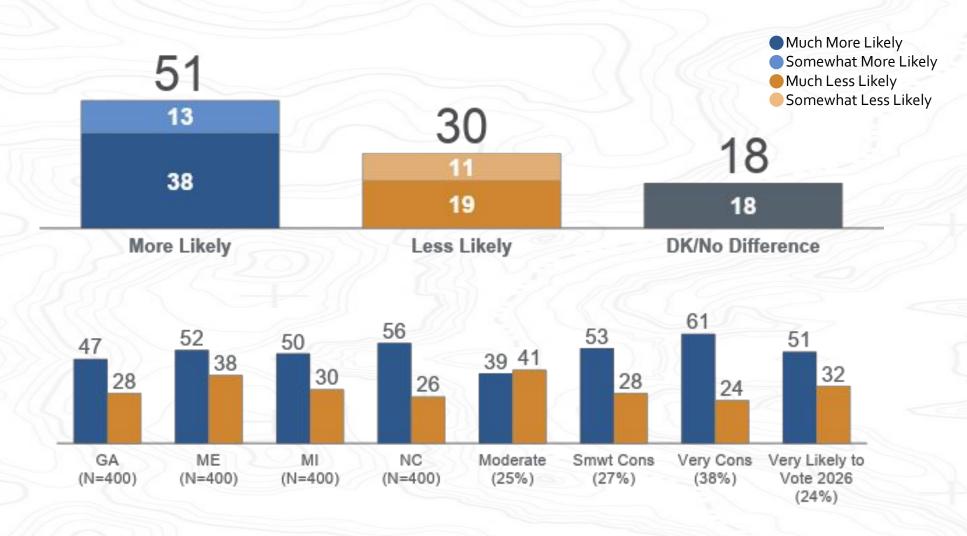
### ENDING VACCINE REQUIREMENTS



Banning
Mail-Order
Abortion Pills

For each one, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who focused on the issue?

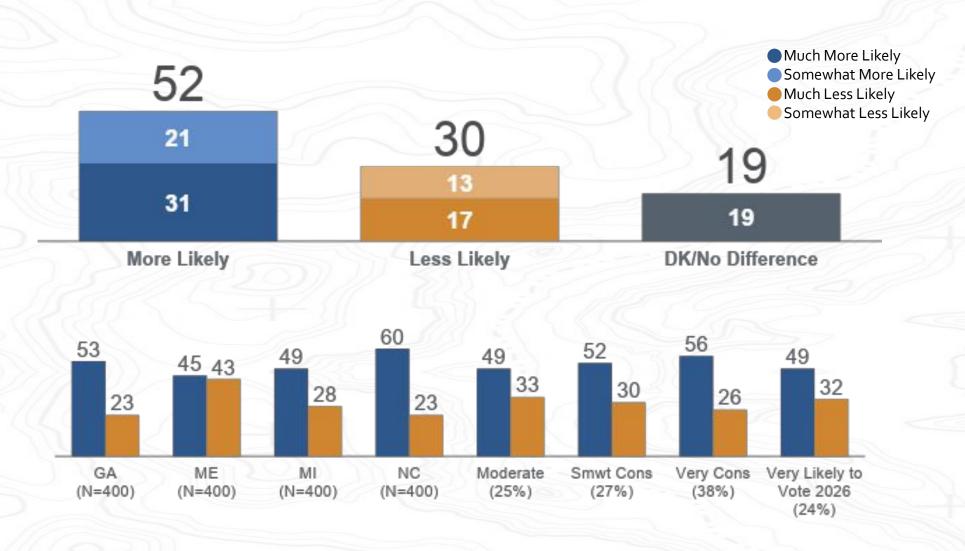
Placing a ban on mail-order abortion pills that can be taken without a doctor's oversight, in order to protect women's health.



For each one, please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who focused on the issue?

Promoting businesses in America to experiment and innovate with new financial technologies like crypto currencies and digital assets.

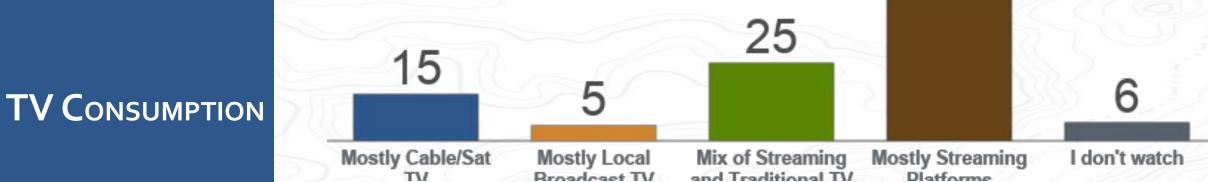
## PROMOTING FINTECH BUSINESSES

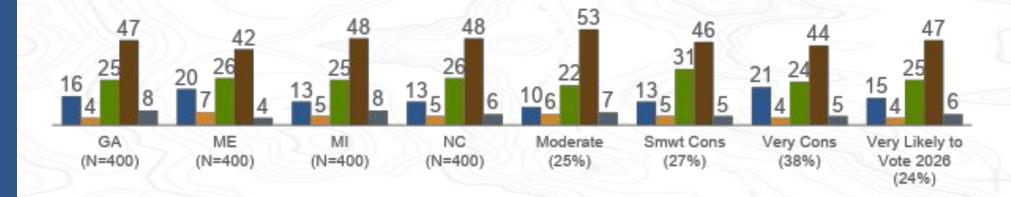


#### **Media Consumption**

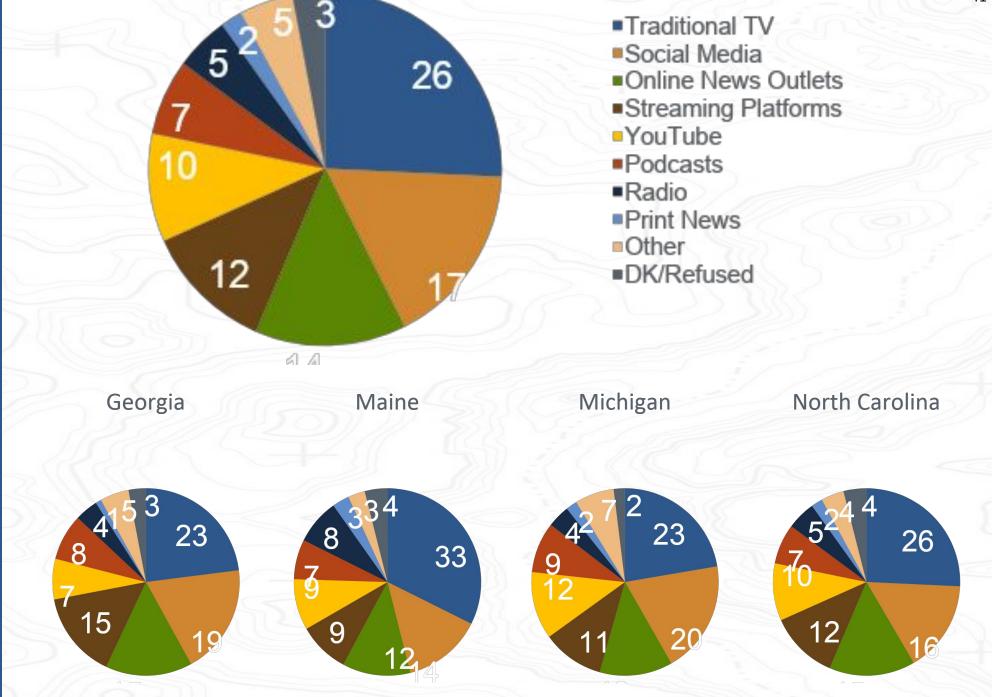
When it comes to your consumption of television and video content, how would you describe yourself?

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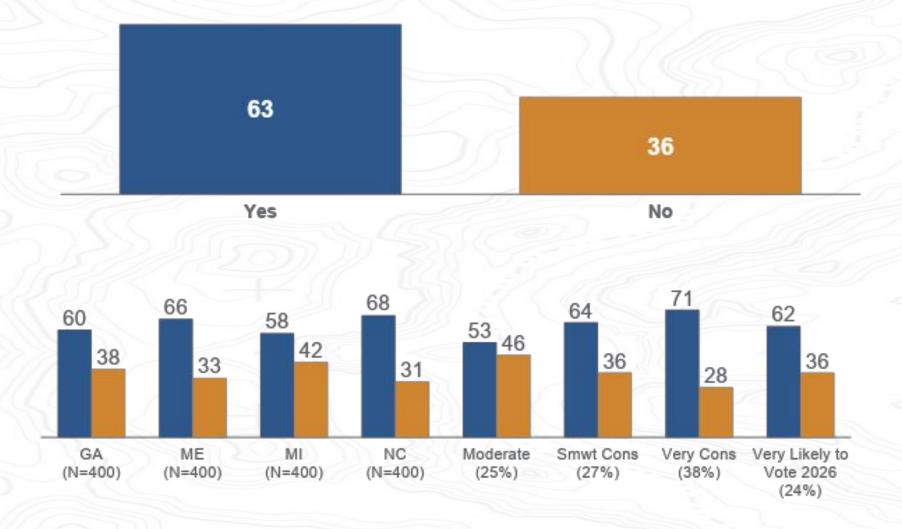


# Political News Source Close-End



Do you watch Fox News?

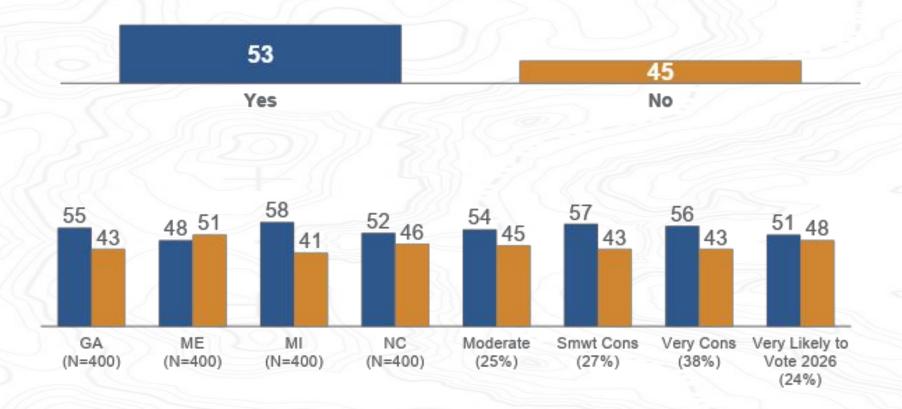
## Fox News Consumption



In the last six months have you listened to a podcast by the following person?

<u>Joe Rogan</u>

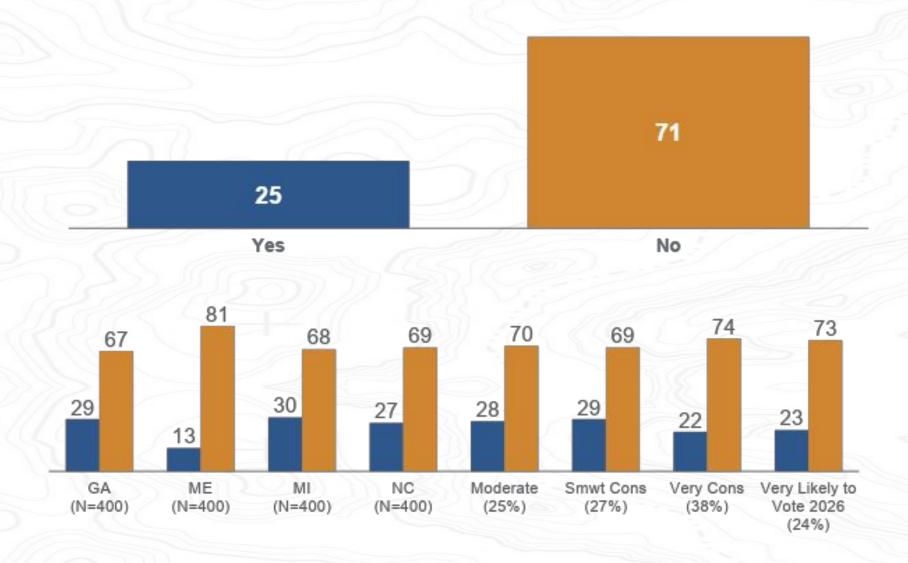
## JOE ROGAN PODCAST



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<u>Theo Von</u>

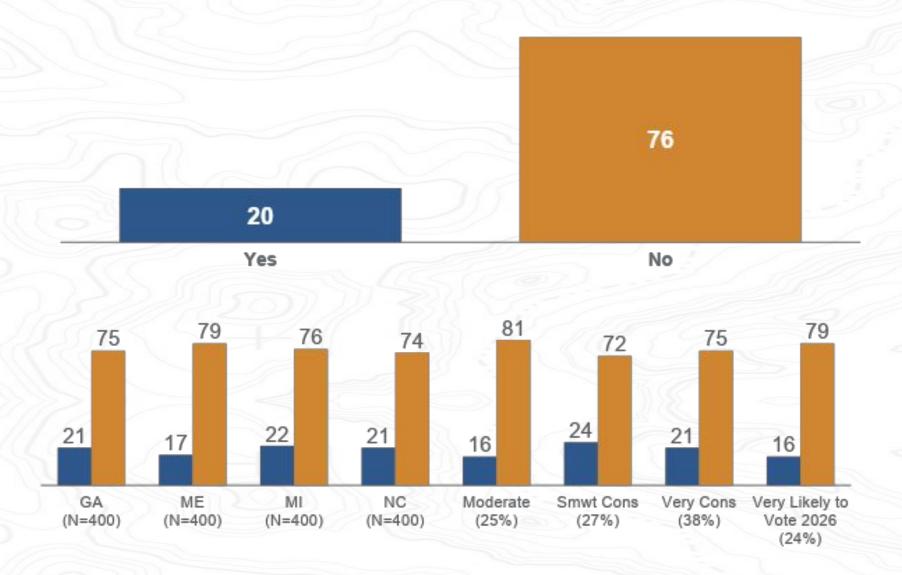
## THEO VON PODCAST



In the last six months have you listened to a podcast by the following person?

<u>Shawn Ryan</u>

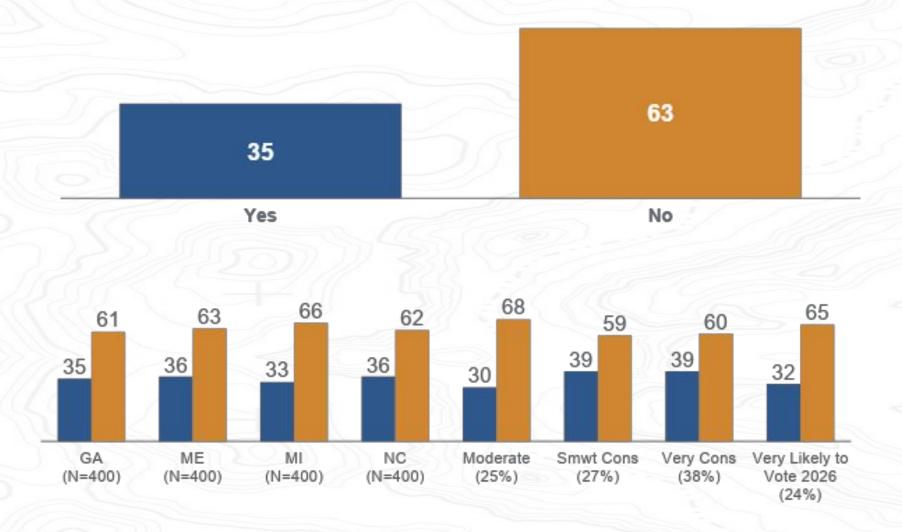
## SHAWN RYAN PODCAST



In the last six months have you listened to a podcast by the following person?

<u>Ben Shapiro</u>

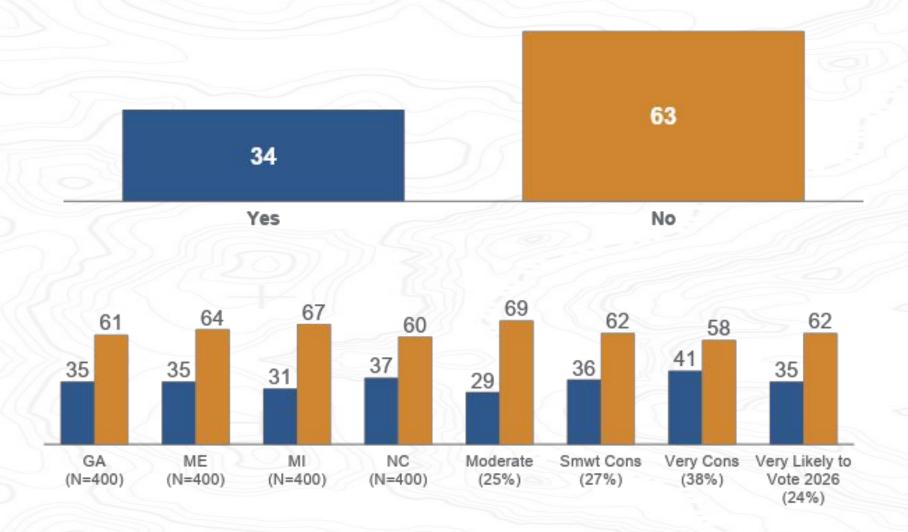
#### Ben Shapiro Podcast



In the last six months have you listened to a podcast by the following person?

<u>Candice Owens</u>

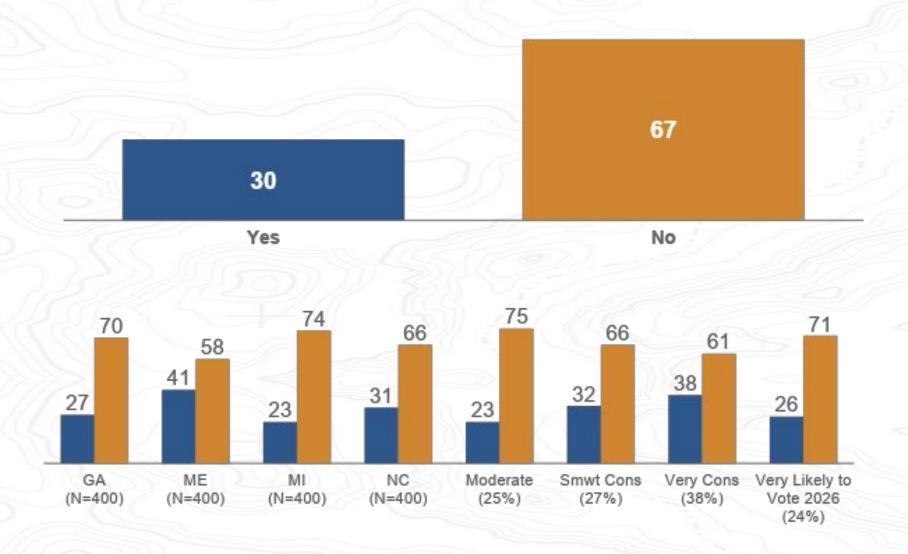
#### Candice Owens Podcast



In the last six months have you listened to a podcast by the following person?

<u>Megyn Kelly</u>

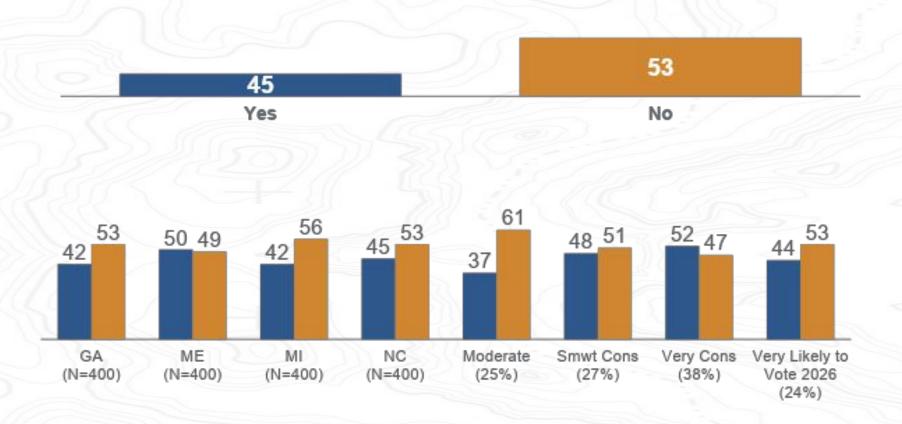
#### MEGYN KELLY PODCAST



In the last six months have you listened to a podcast by the following person?

<u>Tucker Carlson</u>

#### Tucker Carlson Podcast





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