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Note on methods:

Between June 6, 2022, and May 6, 2024, we fielded 9 survey waves, collecting a total of 239,604 responses from individuals age 18 and older across all 50 states plus the District of Columbia. The surveys were conducted by PureSpectrum via an online, nonprobability sample, with state-level representative quotas for race/ethnicity, age, and gender (for more details, see chip50.org and covidstates.org). In addition to balancing on these dimensions, we reweighted our data using demographic characteristics to match the U.S. population with respect to 2020 vote choice and turnout, race/ethnicity, age, gender, education, and living in urban, suburban, or rural areas. This was the latest in a series of surveys we have been conducting since April 2020, examining attitudes and behaviors in the United States.

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Approval ratings of Trump and Biden's presidencies

2024 is the first time since 1892 that an incumbent President is facing a predecessor. This yields a potentially distinct dynamic. Elections may be viewed in significant part as an act of assessment of the incumbent, per Reagan's famous query: are you better off than you were four years ago?¹ The choice confronting the American voter in 2024 is, in a sense, a comparative assessment of two presidencies, that of Biden and that of Trump. CHIP50 has been tracking the approval of Biden and Trump for the last two years.

KEY FINDINGS

- Approval of both Biden and Trump has been low and fairly stable for the entire period, with more people disapproving than approving of both for the last two years.
- Approval of Trump has been higher than approval of Biden for the entire period. Disapproval of both was about the same in June 2022. However, Biden's disapproval has slightly increased, while Trump's disapproval has gradually declined during this time, yielding a substantially lower disapproval rate for Trump currently (43%) than for Biden (52%).²
- The largest shifts towards Trump and away from Biden in approval have been in the younger cohorts. For example, for the 18 to 24-year-old cohort, the percentage of people disapproving of Biden has jumped from 40% in June 2022 to 57% now, while the disapproval of Trump has dropped from 55% to 42%.
- The shift in approval of Biden and Trump has been matched by a substantial shift in partisanship towards Republicans in the youngest cohort. In June 2022, Democrats had a 46% to 21% advantage in partisan identity; this has dropped to a 38% to 32% margin.

¹ 1980 Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter presidential debate. Ronald Reagan. (n.d.).

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/archives/speech/1980-ronald-reagan-and-jimmy-carter-presidential-debate>

² When comparing the results of this survey to other surveys on approval/disapproval, it is important to note that we use a 5-point scale rather than a 4-point, including a middle "Neither approve nor disapprove" category. This means that the approval and disapproval numbers for CHIP50 will be somewhat lower than in other surveys.

The approval/disapproval numbers for Biden and Trump in every state are available as an appendix.

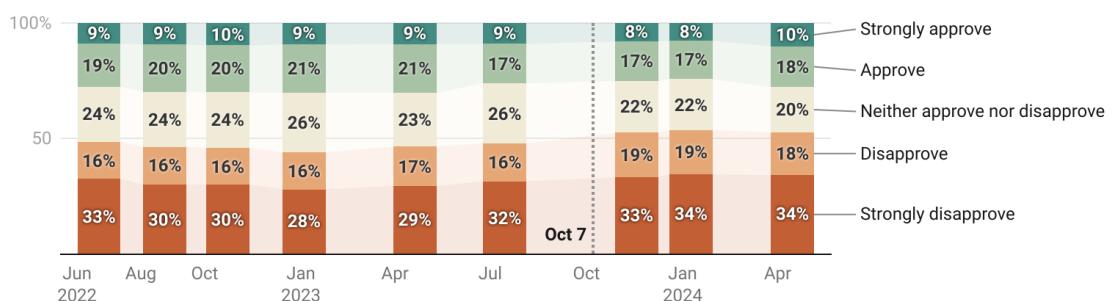
- Trump significantly outperforms Biden in swing states, with a net approval that is 19% greater than Biden's (in this report, we consider as swing states all states that were decided by less than a 3-point margin in 2020: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin).

I. General trend in approval for Biden and Trump's performance as president

Biden and Trump are both relatively unpopular, with more people disapproving than approving of each of them. Trump has consistently had higher levels of approval than Biden, and a larger proportion of Trump's total approval comes from strong supporters (i.e. people who "strongly approve" rather than "approve") than is the case for Biden.

Approval of Biden's Performance as President

[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?]

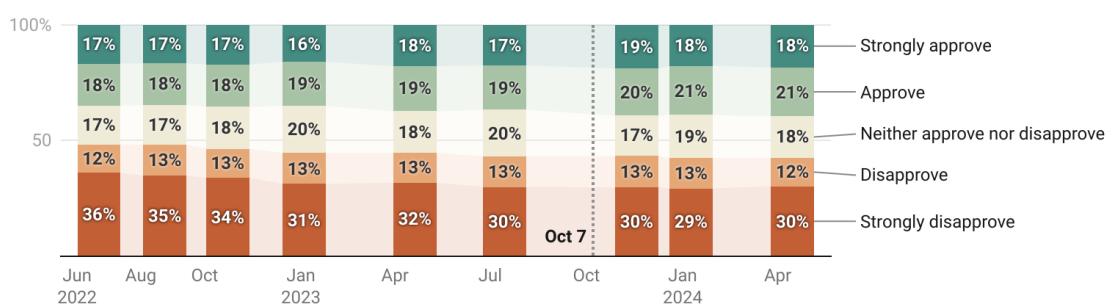


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Approval of Trump's Performance as President

[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]



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Figure 1. General trends in approval for Biden and Trump

Trump has had a gradual increase in approval over time (and a commensurate decrease in disapproval). His total approval has increased from 35% to 39% over the past two years, while his total disapproval has declined from 48% to 43%. The decline in disapproval has mostly come from a decrease in the number of people who strongly disapprove. The overall trend suggests a gradual shift away from (strong) disapproval and towards approval without a significant change in the number of people who do not have an opinion.

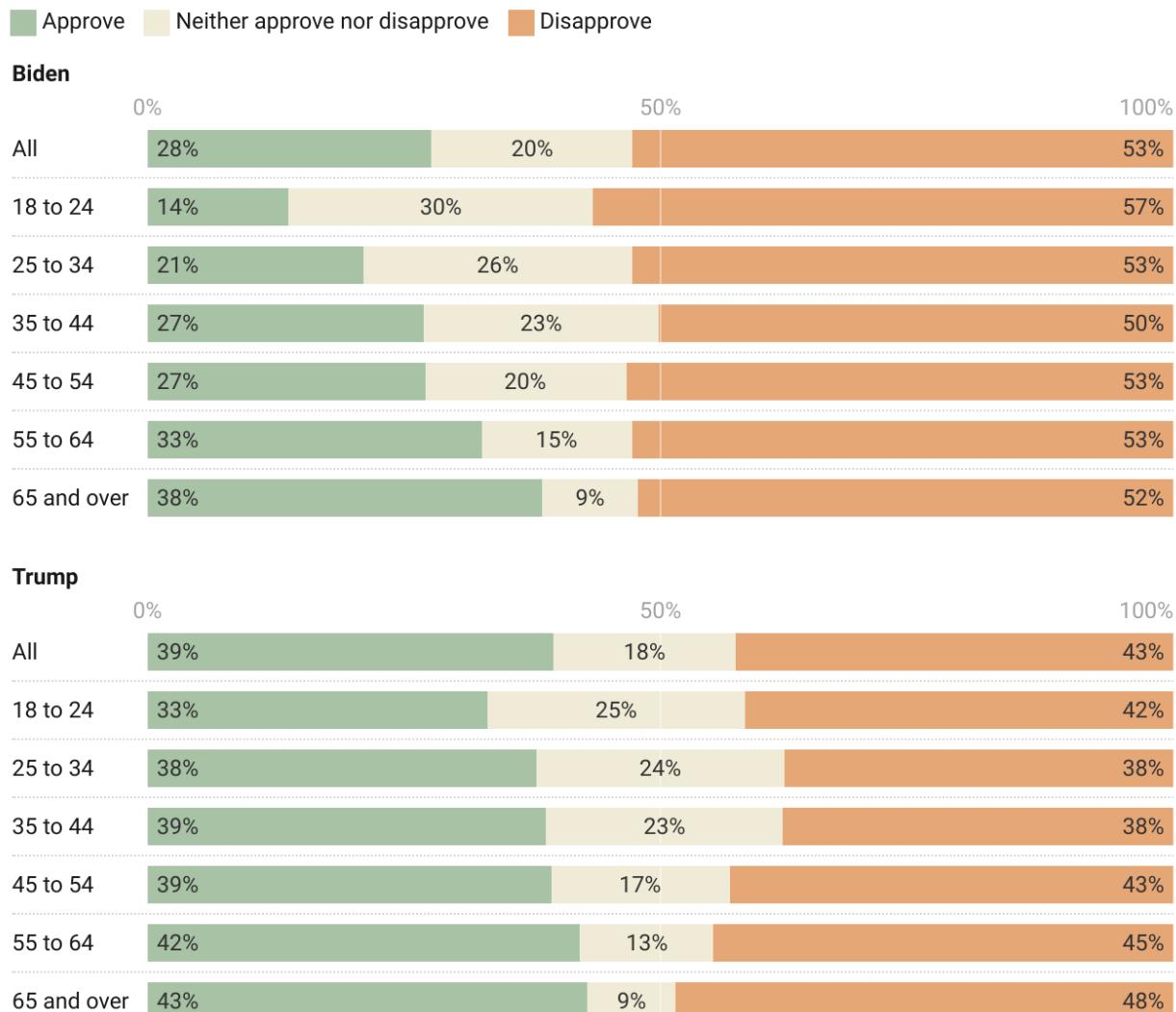
Biden's approval levels have fluctuated over the past two years. From June 2022 through early 2023, his approval trended slightly upwards. The high point of Biden's approval during this period was in January 2023, with a total approval of 30% and a total disapproval of 44%. Throughout 2023, his approval slowly trended downwards, with a low point of 25% total approval and 53% total disapproval. In 2024, the trend has again reversed, with Biden becoming somewhat more popular. His total approval in the latest round of data collection is near his high point, at 29% (up 4% since January), while his total disapproval is 52% (down 1% since January). The number of people who neither approve nor disapprove of Biden has trended downwards over time, suggesting that the changes in approval/disapproval levels may be driven in part by previous undecideds taking a position.

II. Trends by age cohorts

Every age cohort currently approves of Trump more than Biden and disapproves of Biden more than Trump. Generally, the younger the cohort, the more volatile the approval of Biden and Trump. The oldest cohort has barely shifted during this period, while the younger age cohorts have shown the sharpest shifts in sentiment towards Trump and away from Biden. The most dramatic change has been among 18-24-year-olds, among whom total disapproval of Biden has increased from 38% in January 2023 to 56% in April 2024. 18-24-year-olds are also the only age group for whom disapproval of Biden has not improved in 2024, suggesting what may become a diverging trend between the youngest age group and the rest of the electorate. The 25-34 age cohort also showed a relatively dramatic trend towards disapproval over 2023 (though this has shifted direction in 2024). This is also true to a lesser extent for the 35-44 cohort and the 45-54 cohort, with the sharpness of the trend decreasing in each successively older cohort. (See the appendix for time series data of approval for every age cohort.)

Approval of Biden and Trump's Performance as President age cohorts

[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?
[Did you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]



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Figure 2. Approval for Biden and Trump grouped by age

While Biden's disapproval among young people showed the sharpest change, similar trends occurred during the same time period with regard to Biden's approval and Trump's approval/disapproval. In 2023, Biden's approval decreased, especially among young people, though not as dramatically as his disapproval increased. Meanwhile, Trump's approval increased, and his disapproval decreased sharply, especially among younger age cohorts.

Change in Approval of Biden's Performance as President age cohorts

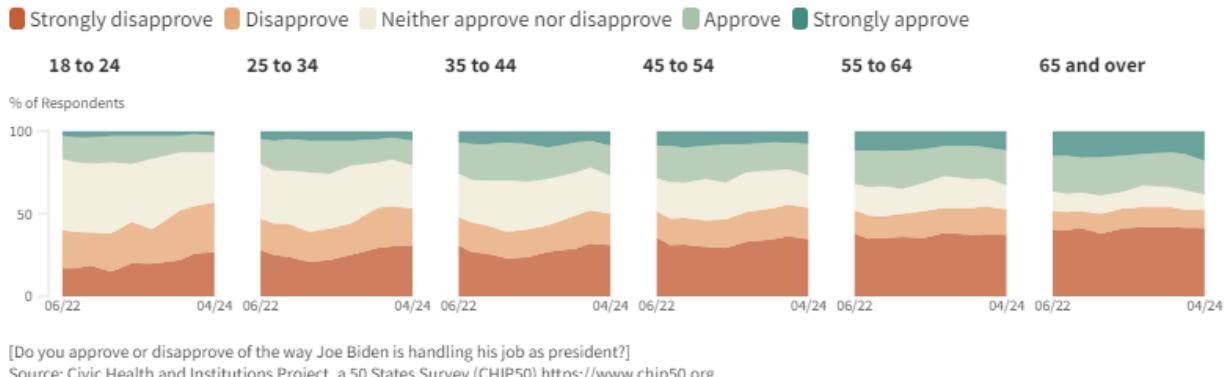


Figure 3. Change in approval for Biden grouped by age

Change in Approval of Trump's Performance as President age cohorts

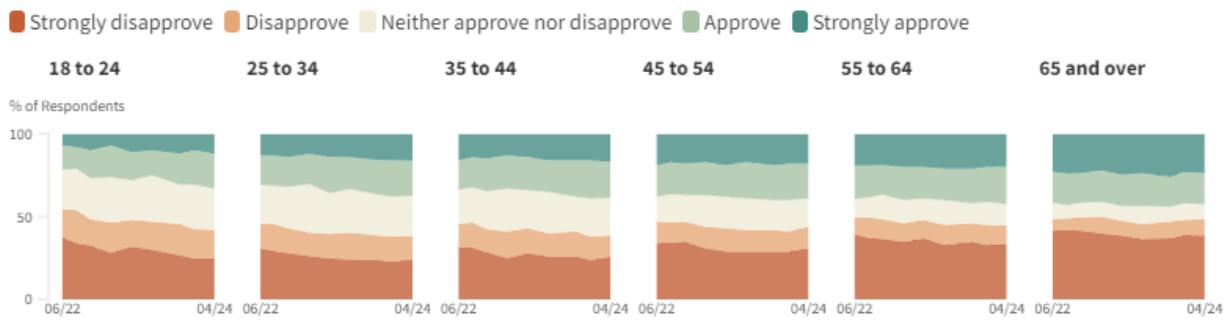


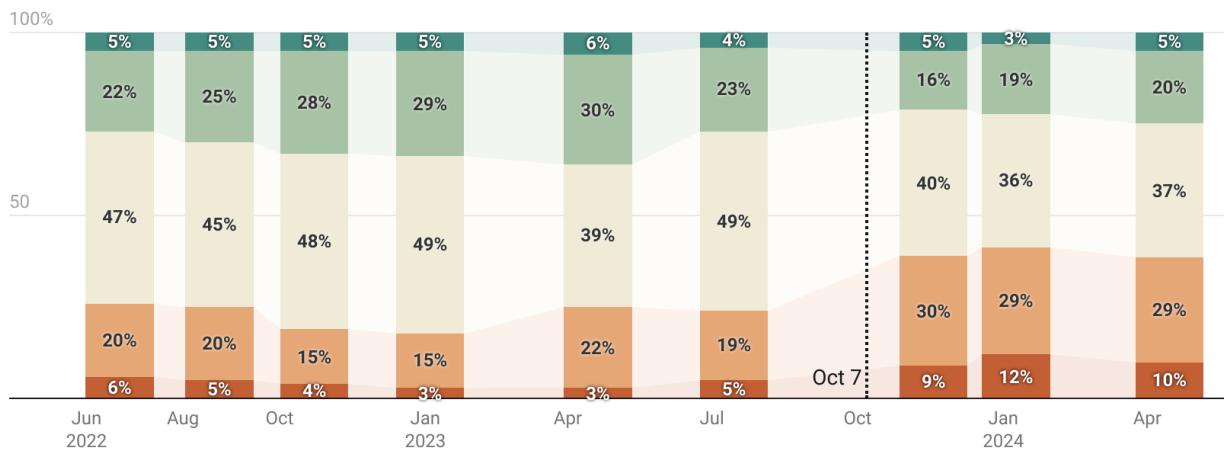
Figure 4. Change in approval for Trump grouped by age

One key difference between age cohorts is that younger cohorts are significantly more likely to have large numbers of people who neither approve nor disapprove of Biden and Trump. For example, in the latest round of data collection, 29% of 18-24-year-olds had no opinion on Biden, and 26% had no opinion on Trump (compare that to the equivalent numbers from the oldest cohort, which are 12% and 9%, respectively). The number of undecideds decreases in each successively older age cohort. Notably, the number of neutral young people has declined substantially in the past two years, but only with regard to Biden. For example, the number of 18-24-year-olds who are neutral on Biden has decreased by 14% (from 43% to 29%) since June 2022. This suggests that the dramatic shift towards disapproval of Biden among young people may be driven by previous undecideds.

Approval of Biden's Performance as President (18-24 Year Old Democrats)

[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?]

Strongly disapprove Disapprove Neither approve nor disapprove Approve Strongly approve



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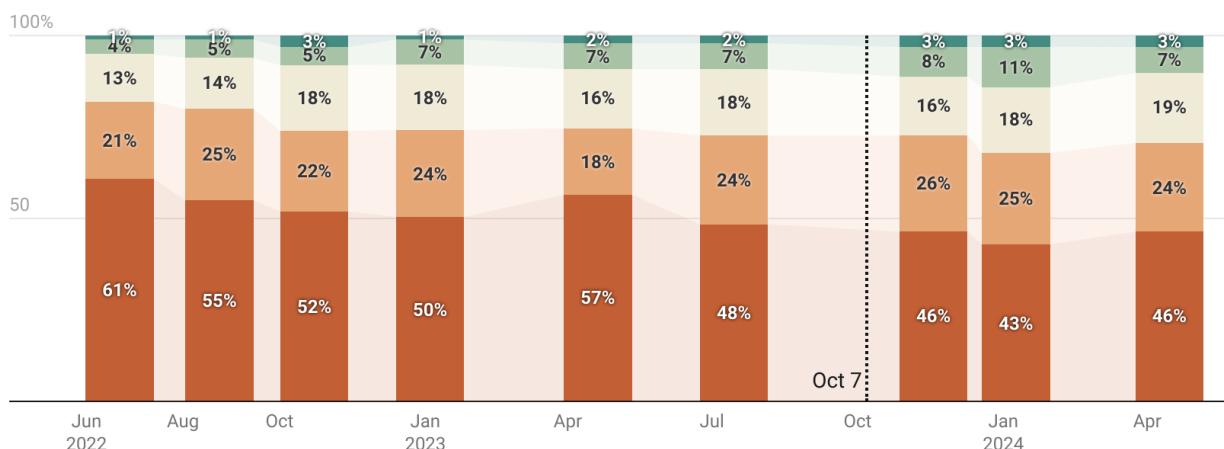
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Figure 5. Change in approval for Biden among 18-24-year-old Democrats

Approval of Trump's Performance as President (18-24 Year Old Democrats)

[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]

Strongly disapprove Disapprove Neither approve nor disapprove Approve Strongly approve



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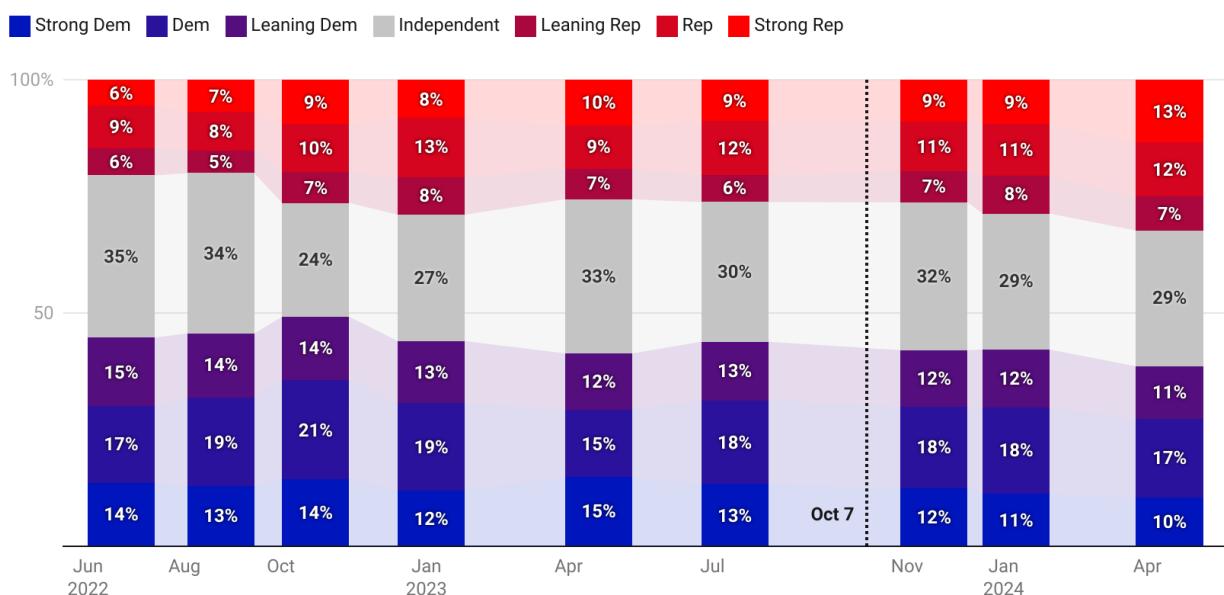
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Figure 6. Change in approval for Trump among 18-24-year-old Democrats

This shift among younger voters is driven by two dynamics. The first is a sizable drop of approval for Biden among young Democrats in the period following the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel by Hamas and Israel's subsequent response.³ In our survey conducted immediately prior to October, the approval/disapproval numbers among young Democrats for Biden were 27%/24%, while in the current wave, they are 25%/39 %.

The second dynamic underlying the shift in approval of Biden and Trump among younger individuals is a shift in partisan identity within this age cohort. There has been a very sizable shift in partisan identity in the youngest cohort. The percentage of the cohort that identified as Republican in June 2022 was 20%; this had jumped to 32% as of May 2024. The percentage that identified as Democratic also shifted downwards, though by somewhat less, from 45% to 39%.

Change in Party Affiliation among 18-24 Year Olds



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Figure 7. Change in party affiliation among 18-24 year olds

In interpreting these trends, note that there is turnover in membership of age cohorts as individuals age out of one cohort and shift to the next. This is especially the case with the youngest cohort, where 23 and 24-year-olds from 2022 would have aged into the next cohort by 2024.

³ See survey findings on young Democrats' feelings about Israel in our previous report, "How do Americans feel about Israel, Palestine, Jews, and Muslims?"

<https://www.covidstates.org/reports/how-do-americans-feel-about-israel-palestine-jews-and-muslims>

III. Trends by swing state

Both swing states and non-swing states have significantly higher levels of approval for Trump than for Biden.⁴ However, Biden performs slightly better in swing states compared to non-swing states. Biden's approval level is 30% in swing states, as compared to 26% in non-swing states. With a disapproval rating of 53% in swing states and 54% in non-swing states, that puts Biden's net approval in swing states at -23% – which is 5% higher than his net approval in non-swing states.

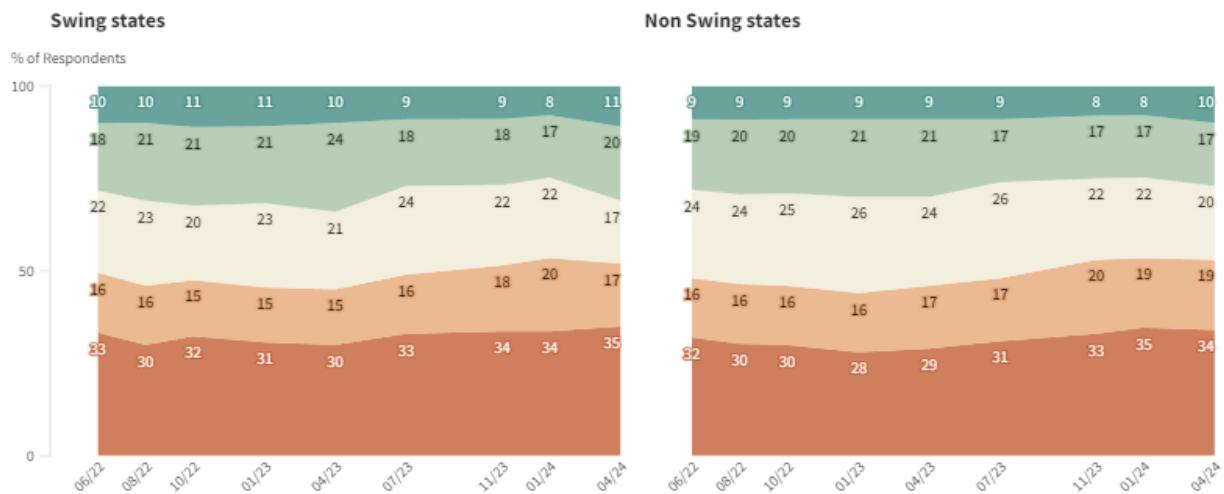
Trump has the same approval rating (40%) in both swing states and non-swing states. However, his disapproval rating is slightly higher in swing states than in non-swing states (44% vs 42%). The result is that Trump's net approval in swing states is 2% lower than his net approval in non-swing states. Despite this relative underperformance – and Biden's relative overperformance – Trump still significantly outperforms Biden in swing states, with a net approval that is 19% greater than Biden's.

Change in Approval of Biden's Performance as President

swing states

Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin

Strongly disapprove Disapprove Neither approve nor disapprove Approve Strongly approve



[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?]

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Figure 8. Change in approval for Biden swing states vs non-swing states

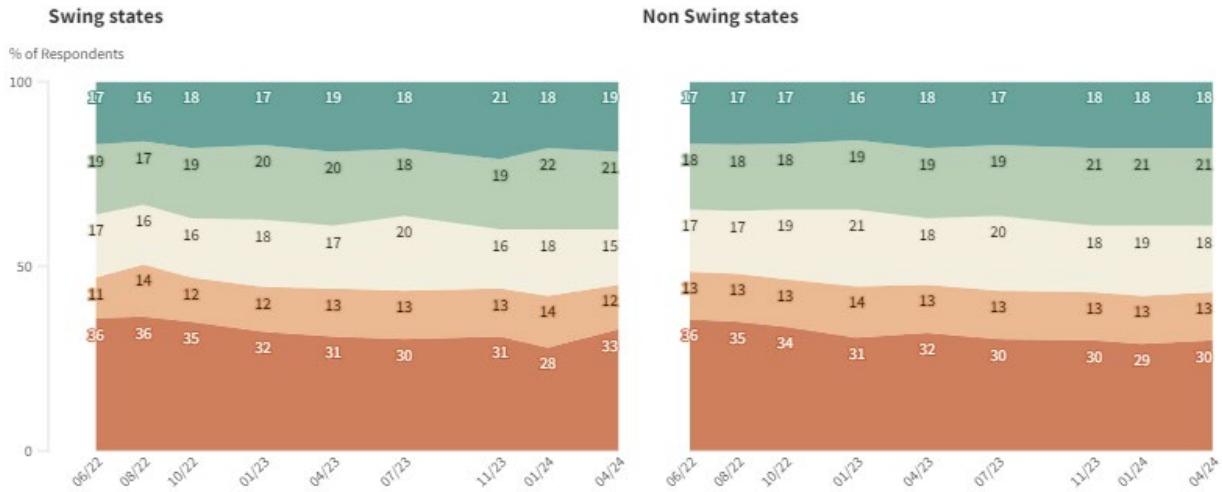
⁴ Swing states for the purpose of this report are 7 states that were decided by less than a 3 point margin in the 2020 presidential election: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Change in Approval of Trump's Performance as President

swing states

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[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]

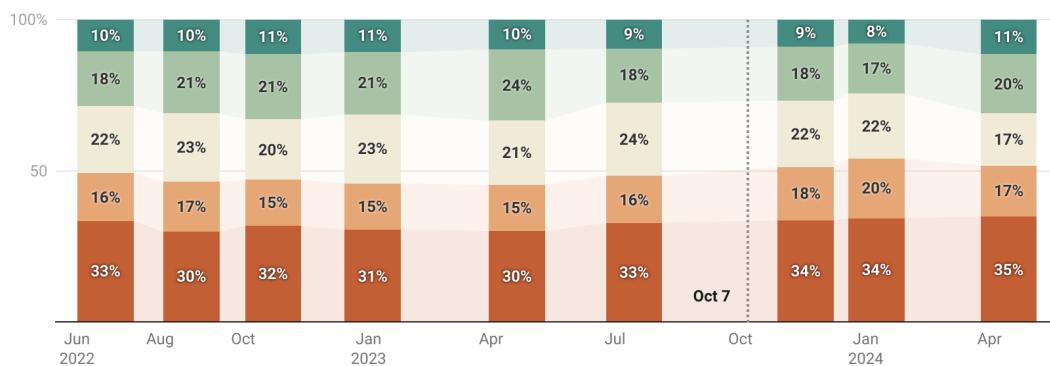
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Figure 9. Change in approval for Trump swing states vs non-swing states

Approval of Biden's Performance as President (Swing States)

[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?]

Strongly disapprove Disapprove Neither approve nor disapprove Approve Strongly approve



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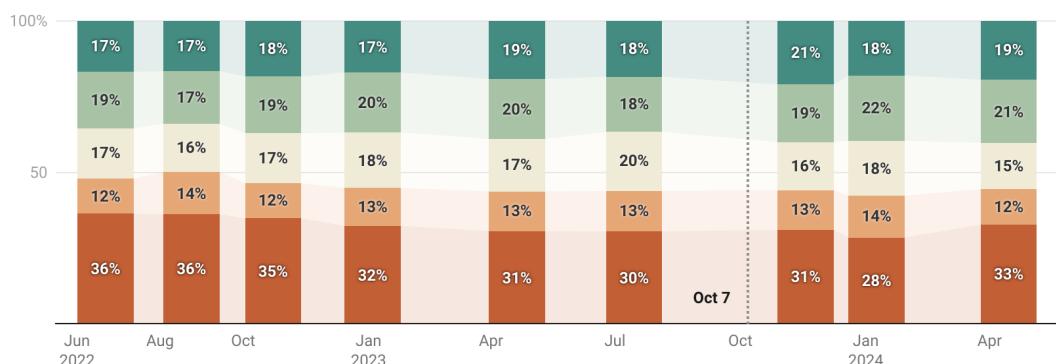
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Figure 10. Change in approval for Biden in swing states

Approval of Trump's Performance as President (Swing States)

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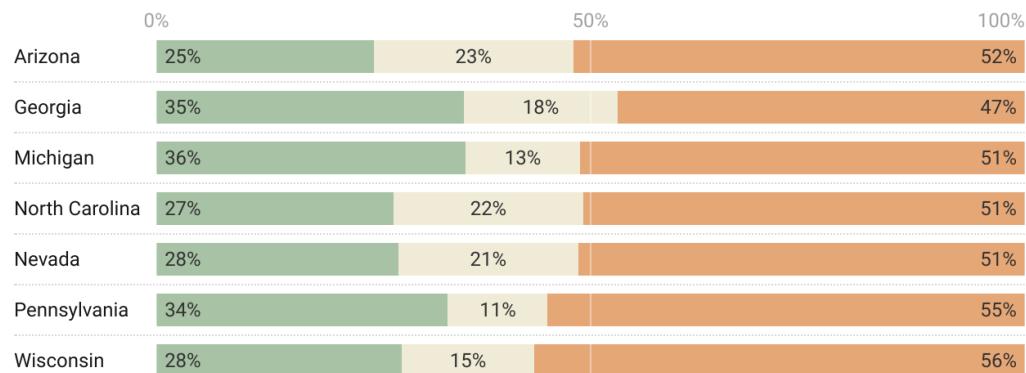
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Approval of Biden and Trump's Performance as President swing state cohorts

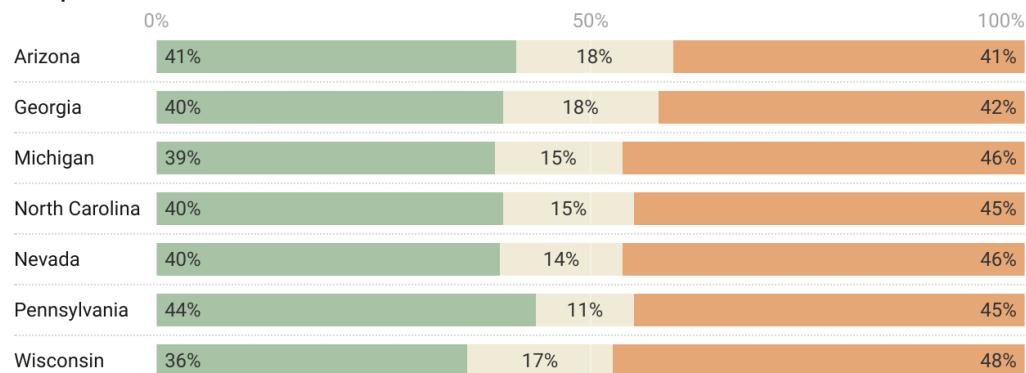
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Approve Neither approve nor disapprove Disapprove

Biden



Trump



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Figure 12. Approval for Biden in individual swing states

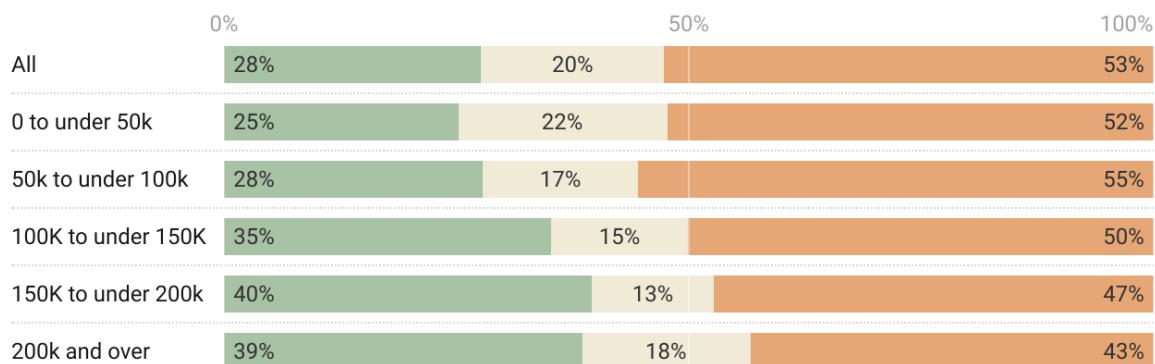
IV. Trends by household income⁵ and education

Approval of Biden and Trump's Performance as President household income cohorts

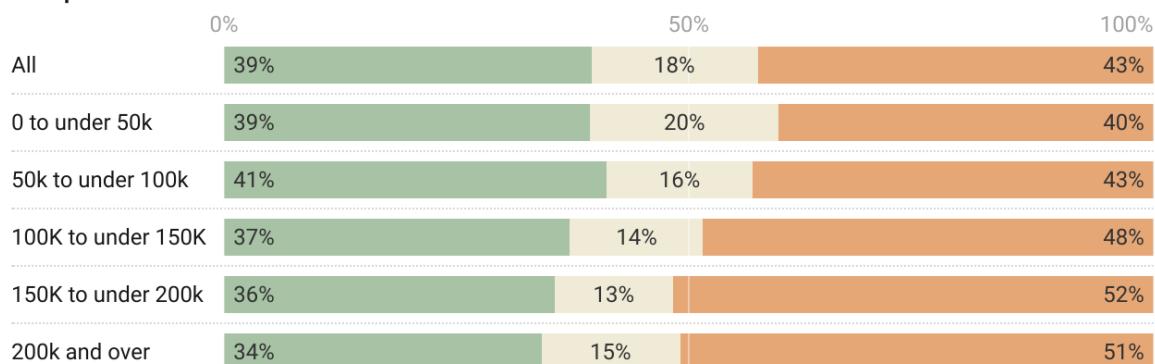
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Approve Neither approve nor disapprove Disapprove

Biden



Trump



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Figure 13. Approval for Biden and Trump grouped by income

Across time periods, lower-income groups tend to prefer Trump, while higher-income groups are more likely to prefer Biden. For example, in the April survey, 27% of people making a salary of \$0-50,000 approve of Biden, while 51% disapprove. On the other end of the spectrum, 40% of people in the highest income bracket (>\$200,000) approve of Biden, while 45% disapprove.

⁵ The survey question for income asks "What was the total combined income of your household for the past year?"

Regarding Trump, 38% of people in the lowest income bracket approve, with 41% disapproving. Meanwhile, in the highest income bracket, 31% approve, while 52% disapprove. While these data points represent extreme ends of the spectrum (lowest earners and highest earners), the income levels in between generally reflect a spectrum wherein more income correlates to a commensurately high likelihood of preferring Biden over Trump. (See the appendix for time series data of approval for every household income cohort.)

Change in Approval of Biden's Performance as President household income cohorts

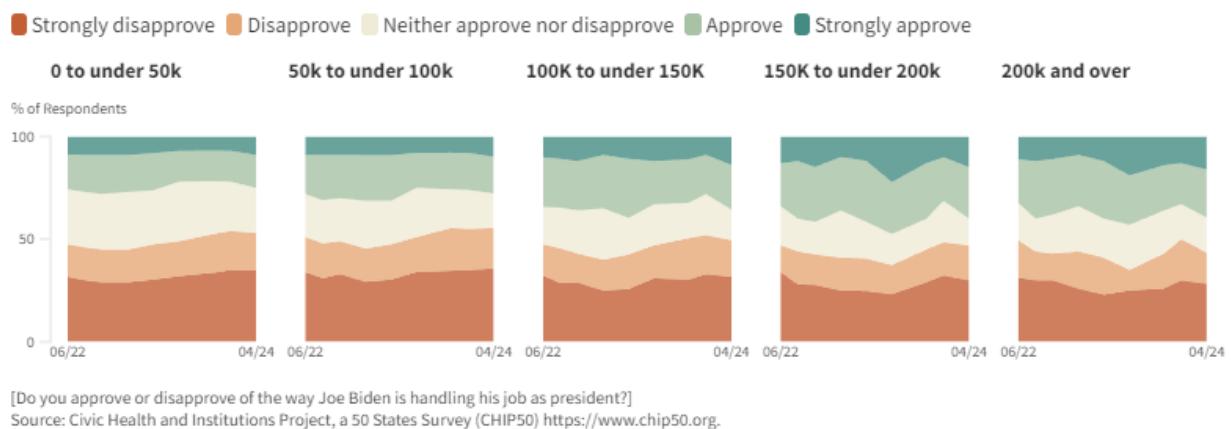


Figure 14. Change in approval for Biden grouped by household income

Change in Approval of Trump's Performance as President household income cohorts

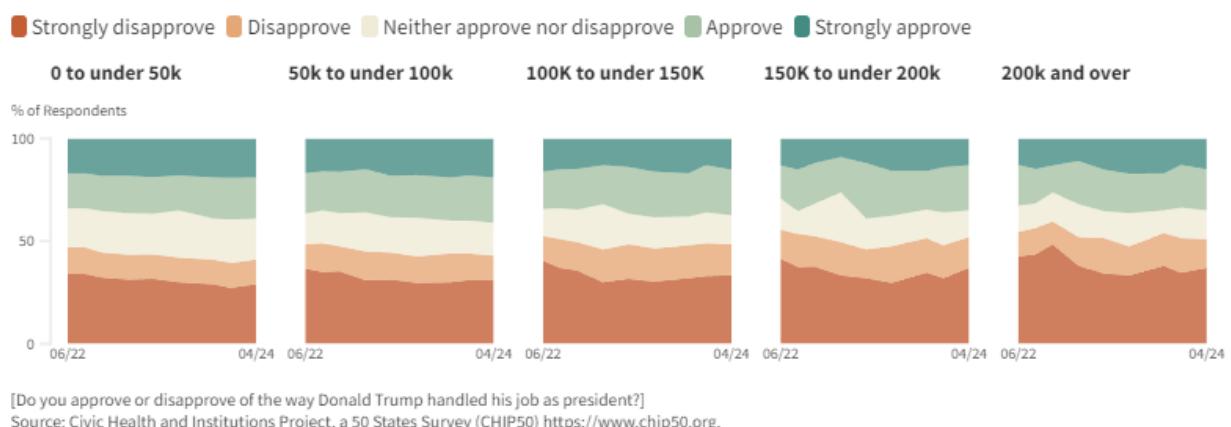


Figure 15. Change in approval for Trump grouped by household income

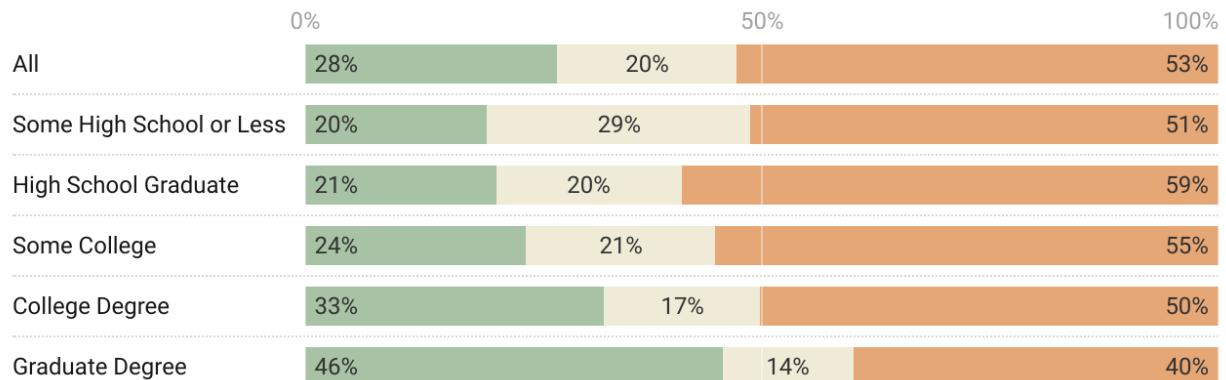
For both Biden and Trump, people in lower income brackets are more likely to be undecided than people in higher income brackets (though this effect is not as dramatic as it is with age cohorts). Across income brackets, people tend to follow similar overall trend shifts as outlined above. However, people with lower incomes tend to change opinions through gradual and modest shifts, whereas people with higher incomes tend to fluctuate in their opinions more sharply. This may suggest that people with higher incomes are more responsive to current events in forming their opinions.

Approval of Biden and Trump's Performance as President education cohorts

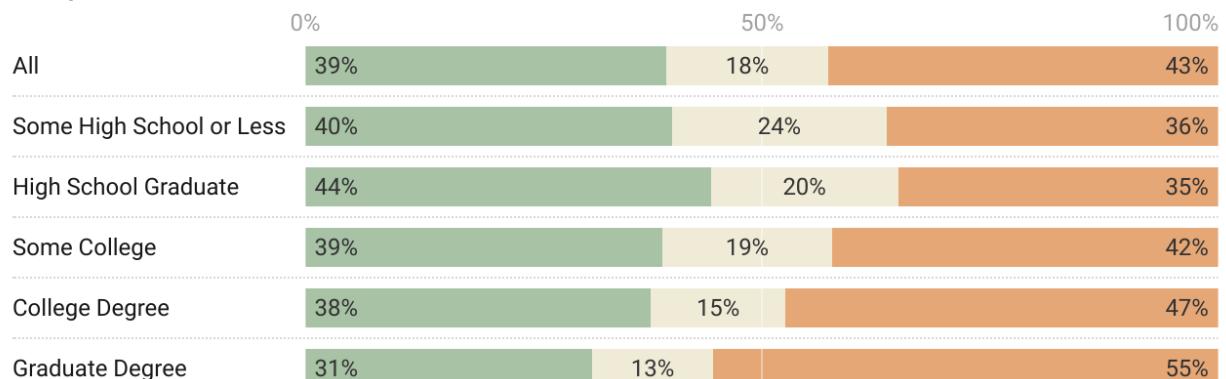
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Approve Neither approve nor disapprove Disapprove

Biden



Trump



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Figure 16. Approval for Biden and Trump grouped by education

Education follows a similar pattern as income, with more highly educated cohorts approving of Biden and disapproving of Trump at higher rates, while those with lower education levels are more likely to approve of Trump and disapprove of Biden. The differences in opinion between education levels are more pronounced than the differences between income levels. For example, Biden's approval rating among the least educated group is 20%, while his approval among the most educated group is 46% (compare that to the equivalent numbers for income, which are 25% and 39%).

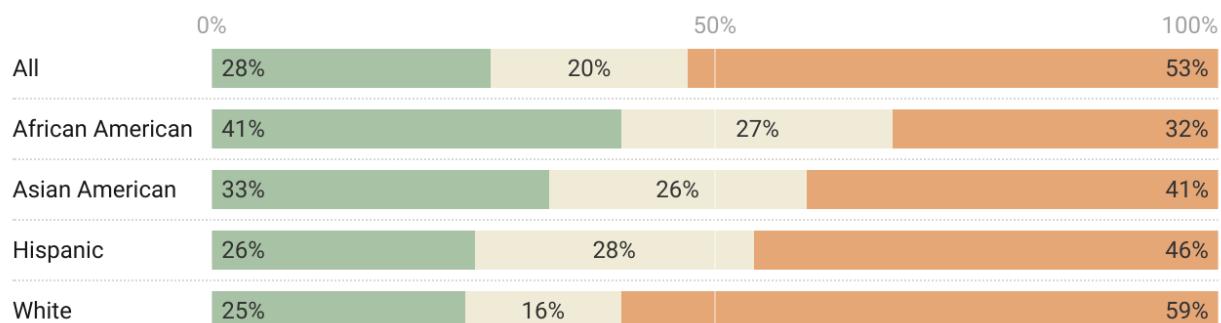
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Approval of Biden and Trump's Performance as President race cohorts

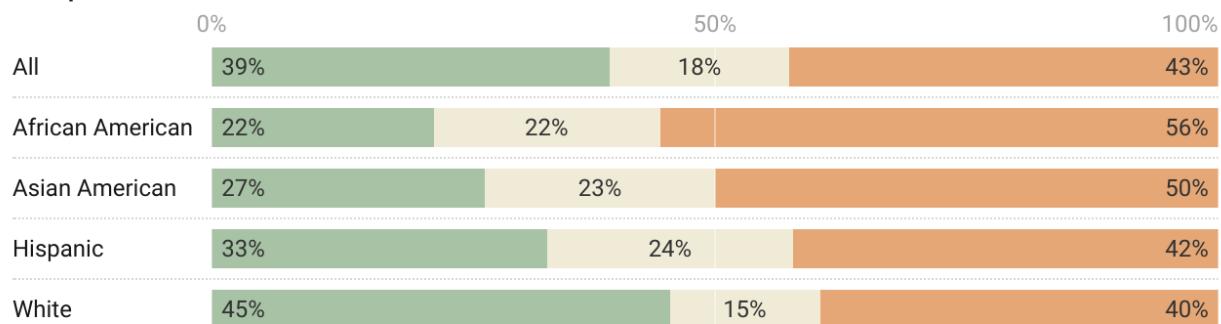
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Approve Neither approve nor disapprove Disapprove

Biden



Trump

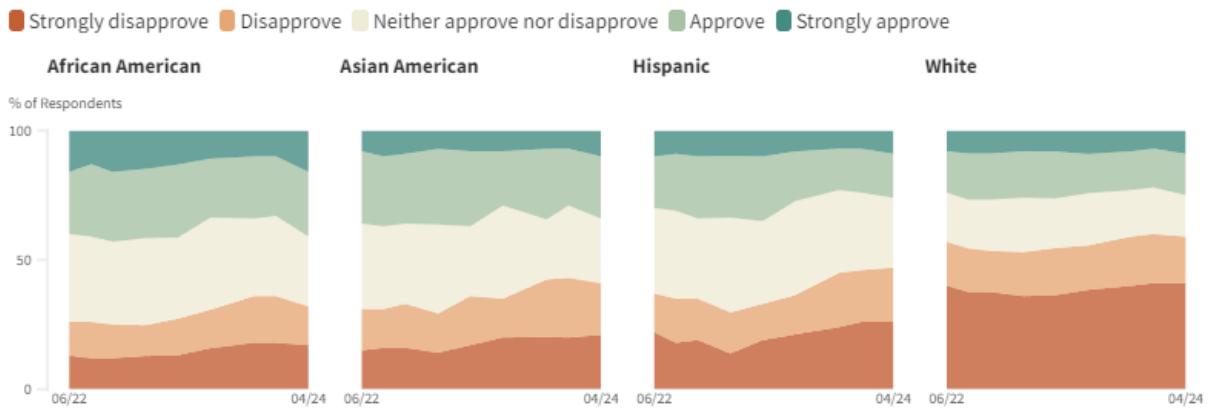


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Figure 17. Approval for Biden and Trump grouped by race

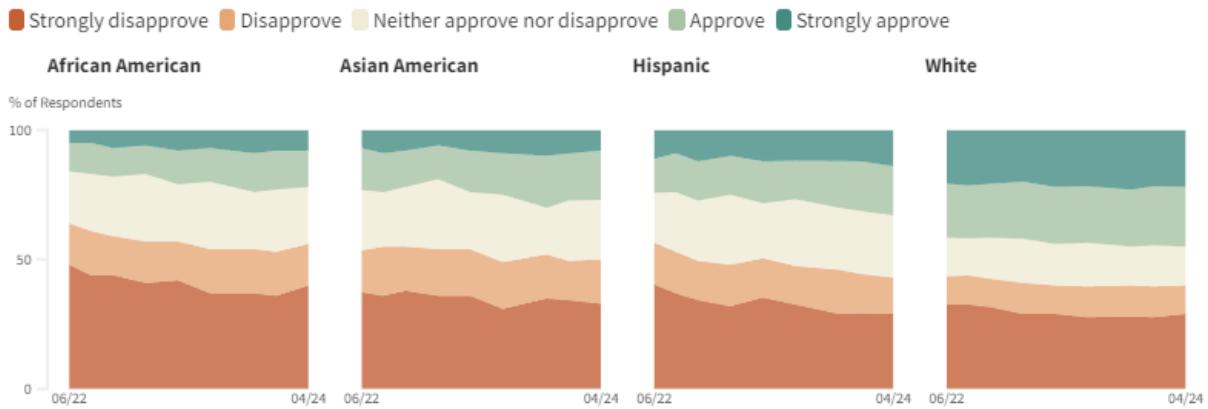
Change in Approval of Biden's Performance as President race cohorts



[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?]
Source: Civic Health and Institutions Project, a 50 States Survey (CHIP50) <https://www.chip50.org>.

Figure 18. Approval for Biden and Trump grouped by race

Change in Approval of Trump's Performance as President race cohorts



[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]
Source: Civic Health and Institutions Project, a 50 States Survey (CHIP50) <https://www.chip50.org>.

Figure 19. Approval for Biden and Trump grouped by race

White respondents were more likely to report approval of Trump and disapproval of Biden. Racial minorities were, across the board, more likely to report approval of Biden and disapproval of Trump. Racial groups have diverged in their opinions of Biden in the wake of the October 7 attacks and Israel's response to it. African Americans had a 5% increase in disapproval of Biden, with a disapproval rate of 31% in the survey prior to 10/7 and a 36% disapproval rate in the subsequent survey. That trend has started to reverse, with a disapproval rate of 32% in April 2024. At the same time, Biden's approval among African Americans has increased in the last survey period from 33% to 41%, its highest point since April 2023.

Among Asian Americans, Biden's disapproval increased by 7%, from 35% to 42%, in the surveys before and after 10/7. That number has since dropped by only 1%, to 41%. However, the picture becomes murkier when factoring in his approval numbers. Approval of Biden among Asian Americans actually increased before and after 10/7, from 29% to 34%. It then dropped back to 29% before returning to 34% in the most recent data collection period. Taken together, these data points suggest that Biden has become more polarizing among Asian Americans, garnering both more approval and disapproval.

Among Hispanics, Biden's disapproval went up 9% (from 36% to 45%) in the surveys before and after 10/7. Unlike other demographic groups, Biden has not had a noticeable rebound with Hispanics in the most recent survey collection period. (His approval did increase by 2%, but his disapproval also increased by 1%).

Biden's numbers have been less volatile among white respondents, though his baseline disapproval is much higher to begin with. Before and after 10/7, Biden's disapproval among whites increased from 55% to 59%. His disapproval has remained relatively steady since then, though his approval has shown an increase of 3% in April compared to last January.

It is worth noting that with all of these groups, Biden's approval was trending lower for almost the entirety of 2023 – the events of the Israel-Hamas war may have accelerated the increase in his disapproval, but the trend predates 10/7. This discussion has focused on the different responses to the post-10/7 period because that is the main area in which different racial groups diverge from each other and the overall trends. (See the appendix for time series data of approval for every race cohort.)

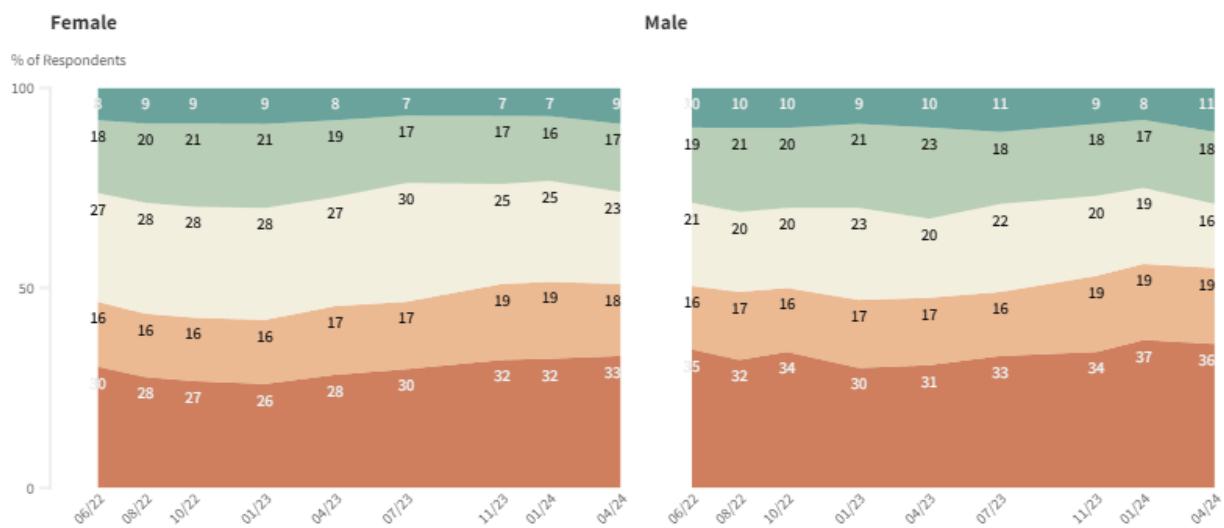
VI. Trends by gender

Men are more likely than women to both approve and disapprove of Biden, which is driven by the fact that more women than men are undecided. Men are also more likely than women to approve of Trump. The only metric on which women rate higher than men is disapproval of Trump.

When comparing the net approval ratings of men and women (i.e. the difference between the percentage that approve and the percentage that disapprove), men and women rate Biden similarly: his net approval rating among women is -25%, while his net approval rating among men is -26%. The net approval numbers diverge sharply for Trump, whose net approval is -10% among women and 4% among men.

Change in Approval of Biden's Performance as President gender cohorts

Strongly disapprove Disapprove Neither approve nor disapprove Approve Strongly approve



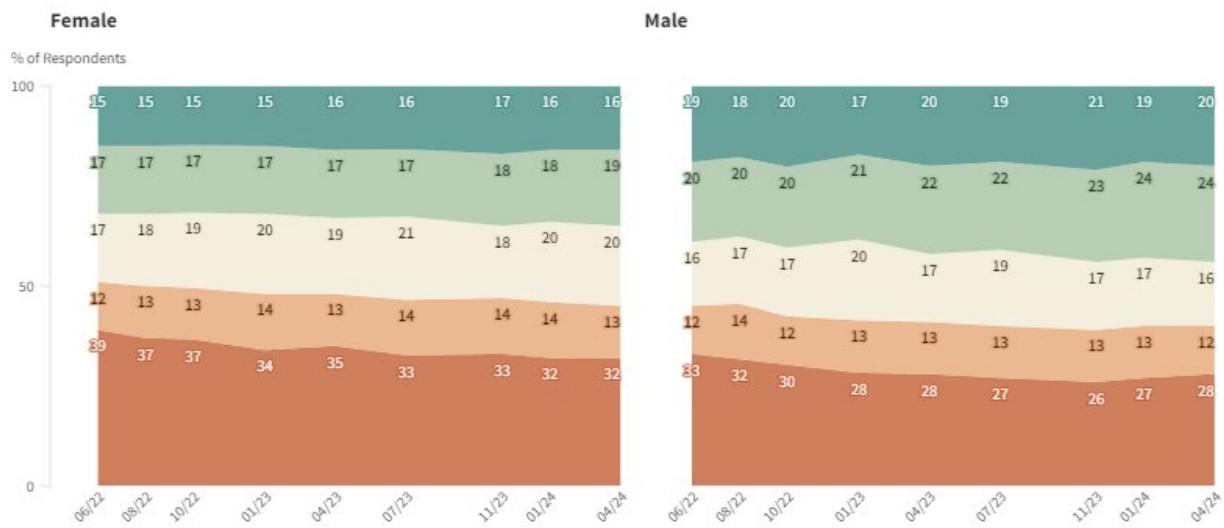
[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?]

Source: Civic Health and Institutions Project, a 50 States Survey (CHIP50) <https://www.chip50.org>.

Figure 20. Change in Approval for Biden grouped by gender

Change in Approval of Trump's Performance as President gender cohorts

Strongly disapprove Disapprove Neither approve nor disapprove Approve Strongly approve



[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]

Source: Civic Health and Institutions Project, a 50 States Survey (CHIP50) <https://www.chip50.org>.

Figure 21. Change in Approval for Trump grouped by gender

When looked at individually, men's and women's opinions have both been relatively stable, shifting only in the same direction as the overall trends. This suggests that gender is not a driving factor in recent aggregate trends.

VII. Trends by urbanicity

Rural voters are dramatically more likely than urban voters to view Trump favorably and Biden unfavorably, with suburban voters occupying a middle ground between the two. In the most recent round of data collection, 47% of rural voters approved of Trump while 34% disapproved, for a net approval of 13%. During the same time frame, rural voters' approval and disapproval numbers for Biden were 18% and 63%, respectively, for a net approval of -45%. When broken down by urbanicity, rural voters are the only demographic for which approval of either candidate (specifically Trump, in this case) reaches a net positive – meaning the approval rating is higher than the disapproval rating.

Among suburban voters, 41% report approving of Trump, with 42% disapproving, for a net approval of -1%. With respect to Biden, 27% approve, 55% disapprove, and the net approval is -28%.

Change in Approval of Biden's Performance as President urbanicity cohorts

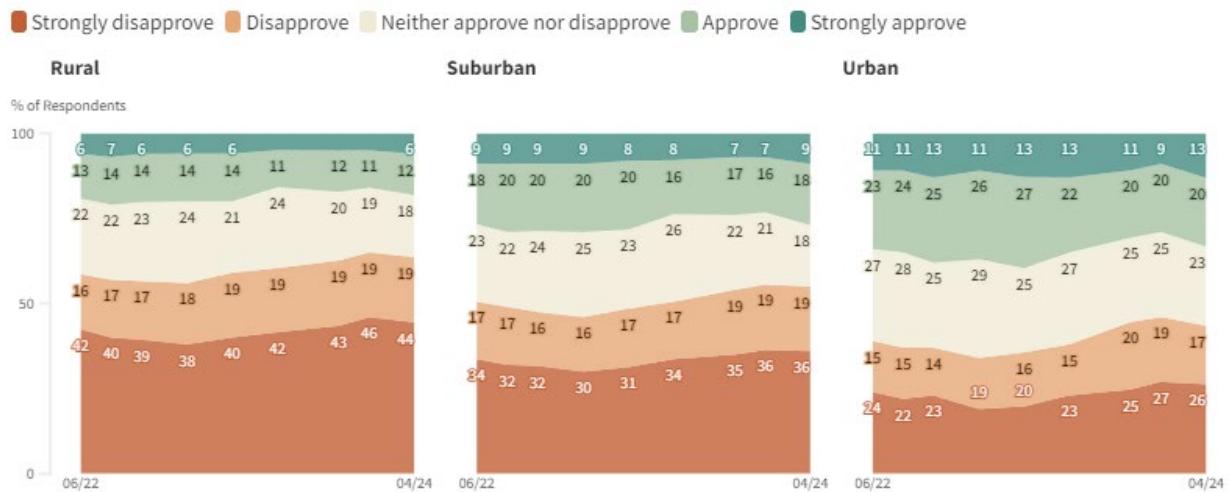
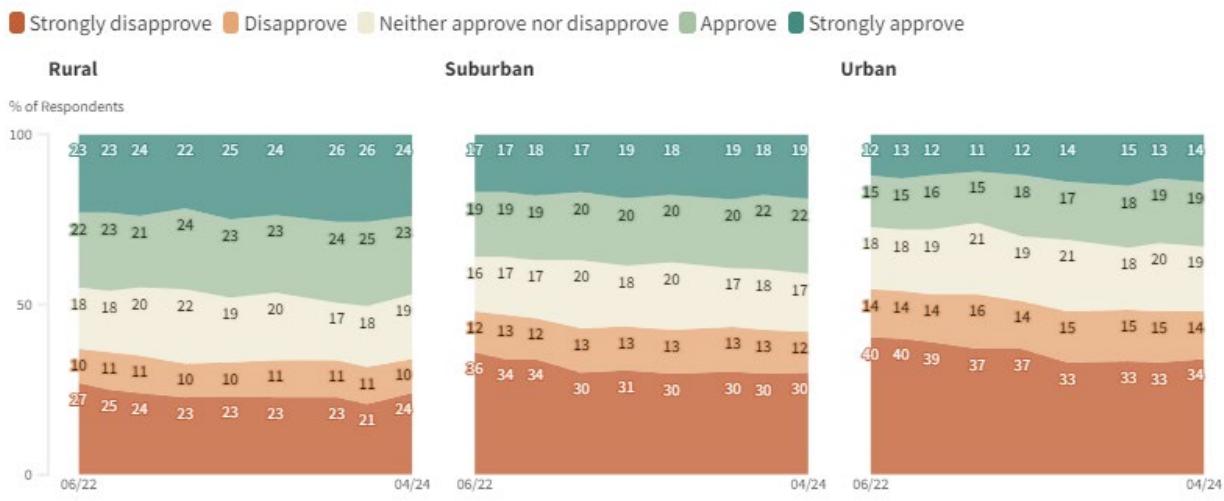


Figure 22. Change in Approval for Biden grouped by urbanicity

Change in Approval of Trump's Performance as President urbanicity cohorts



[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]
Source: Civic Health and Institutions Project, a 50 States Survey (CHIP50) <https://www.chip50.org>.

Figure 23. Change in Approval for Trump grouped by urbanicity

Urban voters approve of Trump and Biden at similar levels: in the most recent survey, approval of both candidates came out to 33%. However, this group is more likely to disapprove of Trump than to disapprove of Biden (these figures are 48% and 43%, respectively). Therefore, Biden has the higher net approval among urban voters, with -10% as opposed to Trump's -15%.

When looking at changes in opinion over time, the different groups here have each followed similar trend lines as the overall population, with one exception: suburban voters have not shown a decrease in disapproval of Biden since the start of 2024. Notably, they have shown an increase in approval during this timeframe – however, unlike urban and rural voters, there has not been a commensurate decrease in disapproval during this time.

VIII. Trends by party affiliation

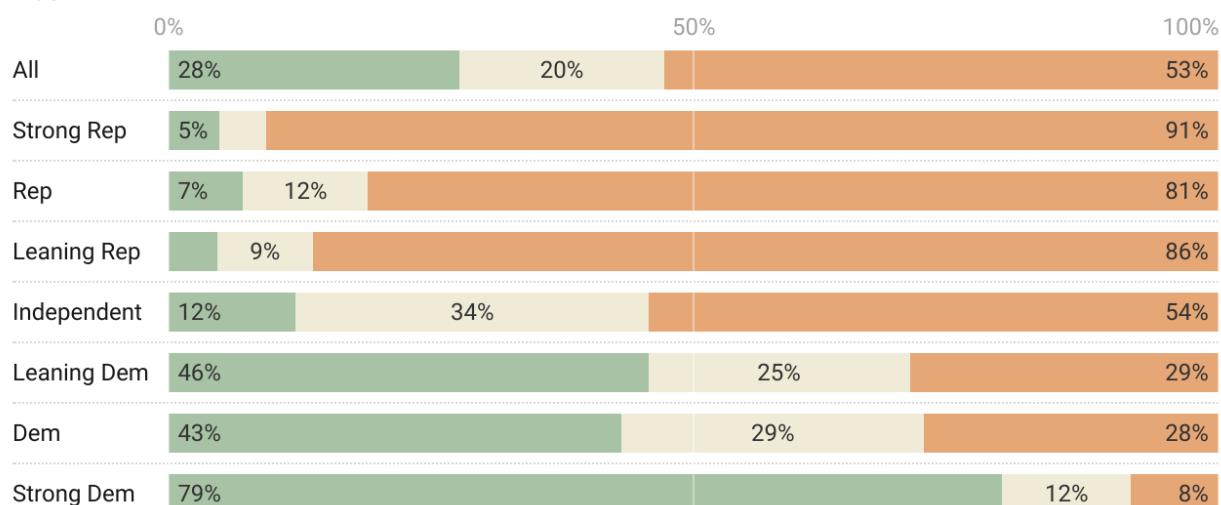
A comparison between partisan categories suggests several notable patterns. First, Trump has higher approval/lower disapproval among Republicans than Biden among Democrats: 63/17 among Democrats for Biden as compared to 81/10 among Republicans for Trump. Second, much of the gradual improvement in Trump's approval numbers is driven by Democrats. Trump's approval/disapproval numbers among Democrats was 8/83 in June 2022, and that has improved to 12/76 as of April 2024.

Approval of Biden and Trump's Performance as President party cohorts

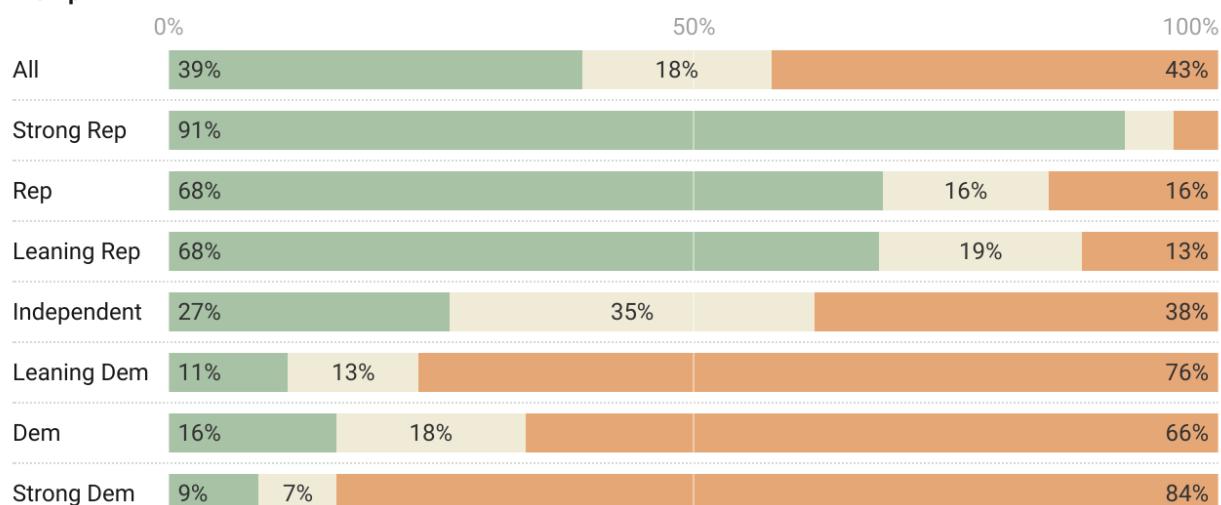
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[Did you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]

Approve Neither approve nor disapprove Disapprove

Biden



Trump

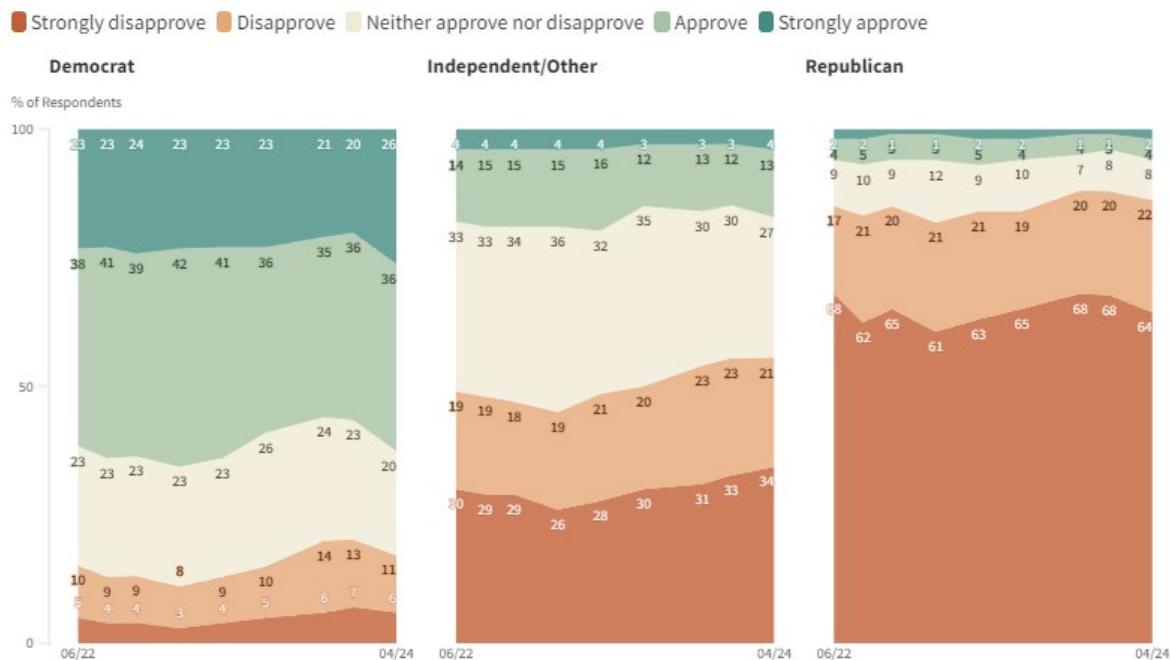


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Figure 24. Approval for Biden and Trump grouped by party affiliation

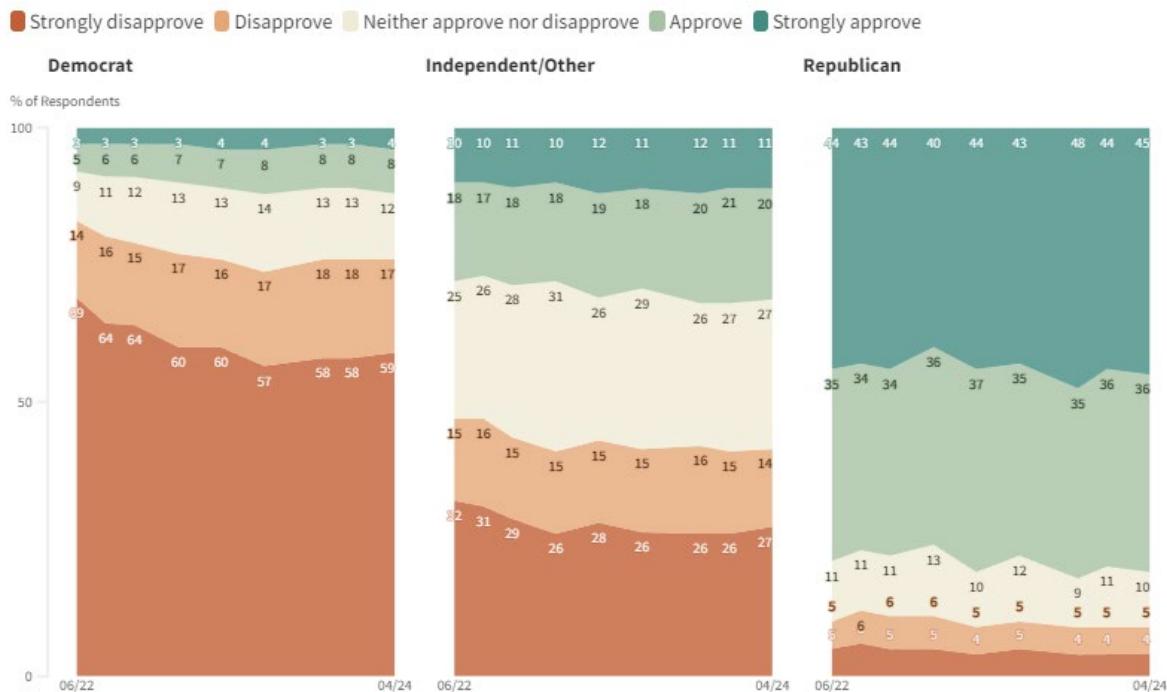
Change in Approval of Biden's Performance as President party cohorts



[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?]
Source: Civic Health and Institutions Project, a 50 States Survey (CHIP50) <https://www.chip50.org>.

Figure 25. Change in Approval for Biden grouped by party affiliation

Change in Approval of Trump's Performance as President party cohorts



[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]
Source: Civic Health and Institutions Project, a 50 States Survey (CHIP50) <https://www.chip50.org>.

Figure 26. Change in Approval for Trump grouped by party affiliation

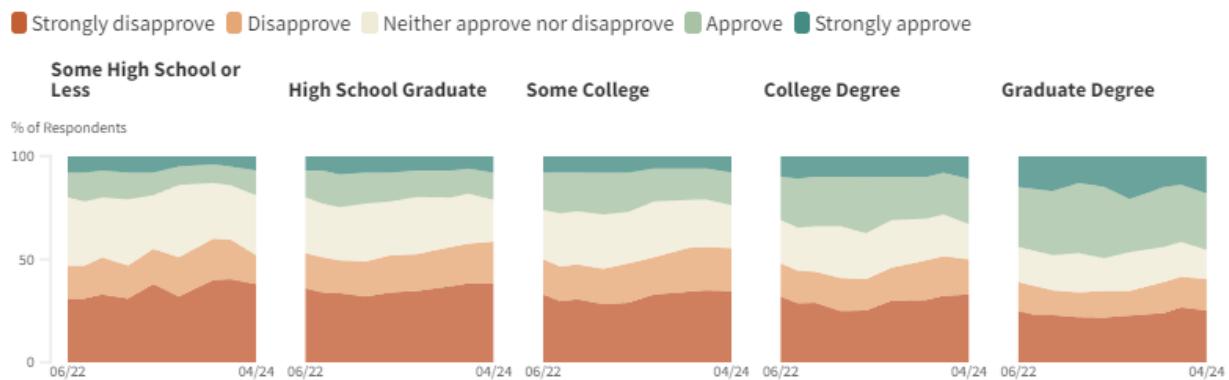
Appendix

The raw survey data table for all the demographic and party affiliation cohorts can be accessed at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EC4FUXYUVPowgrmMFqKMO9tJwyBwAMEr2Rdo-iUwZUU/edit#gid=0>

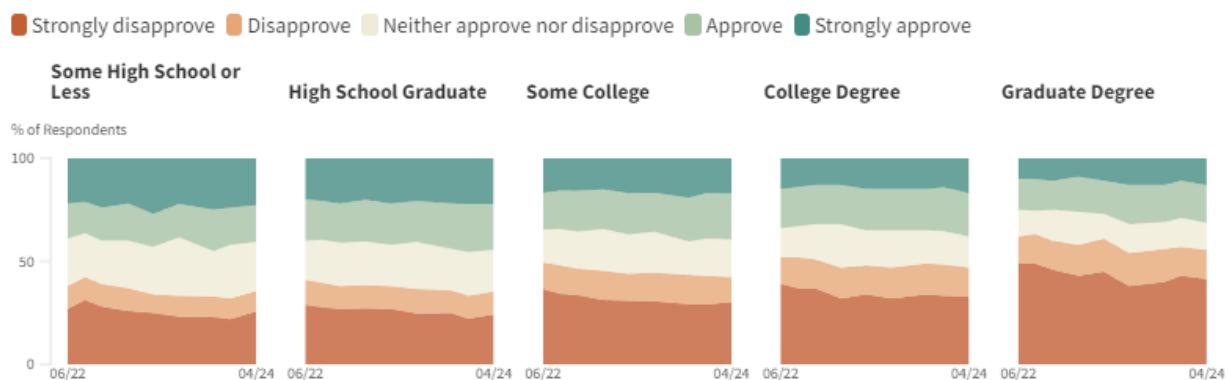
Additional charts

Change in Approval of Biden's Performance as President education cohorts



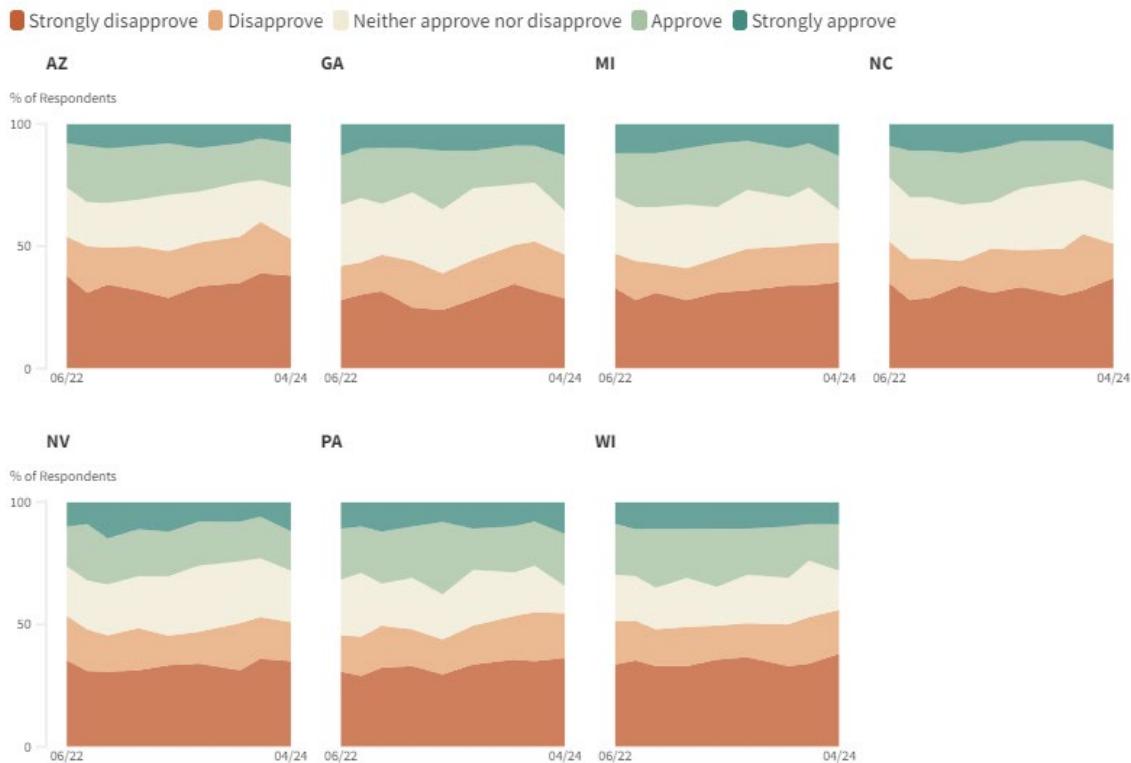
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Change in Approval of Trump's Performance as President education cohorts



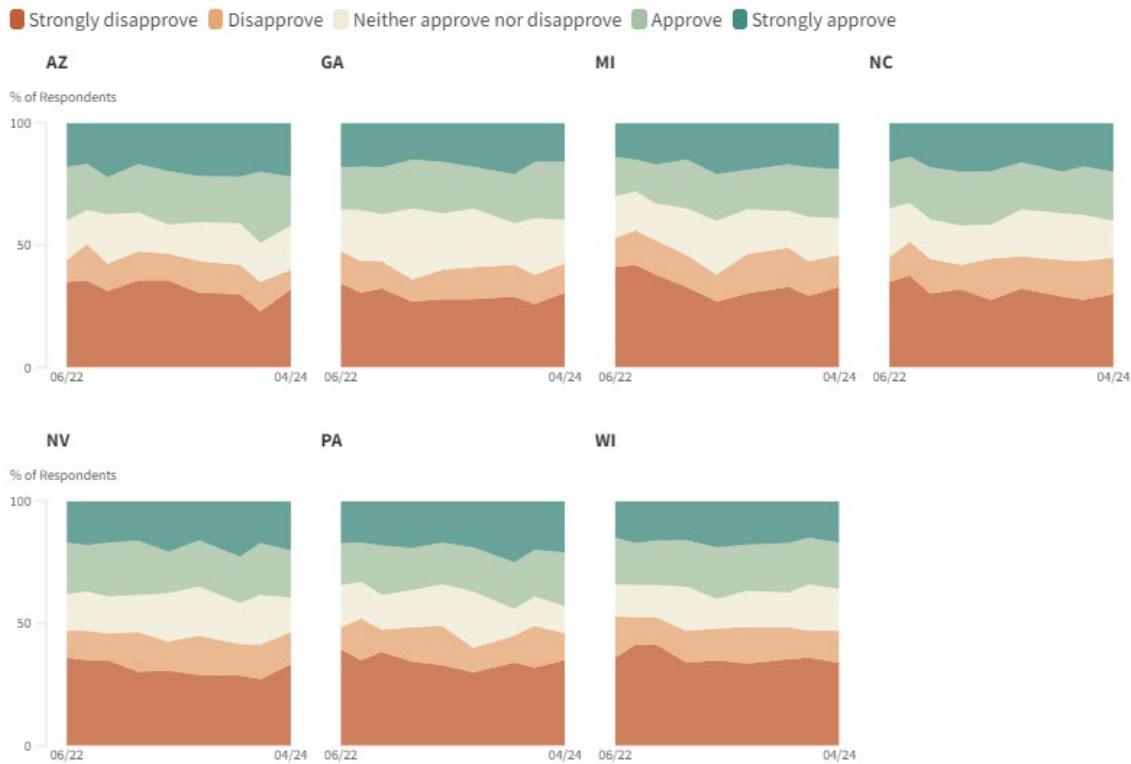
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Change in Approval of Biden's Performance as President state cohorts



[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?]
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Change in Approval of Trump's Performance as President state cohorts



[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]
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Approval by state

Approval of Biden's Performance as President

State Code	Strongly approve	Approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove
AK	5%	13%	21%	21%	40%
AL	8%	10%	21%	13%	48%
AR	6%	13%	20%	16%	45%
AZ	7%	18%	23%	15%	38%
CA	12%	18%	25%	19%	25%
CO	8%	20%	18%	21%	33%
CT	10%	21%	21%	19%	29%
DC	17%	27%	32%	13%	11%
DE	7%	22%	22%	21%	29%
FL	12%	17%	21%	17%	33%
GA	13%	23%	18%	18%	29%
HI	7%	17%	26%	25%	24%
IA	6%	17%	27%	15%	35%
ID	6%	12%	15%	20%	47%
IL	13%	21%	18%	21%	27%
IN	8%	18%	17%	18%	40%
KS	9%	11%	23%	21%	36%
KY	6%	14%	16%	22%	42%
LA	7%	22%	14%	13%	44%
MA	9%	21%	19%	23%	28%
MD	11%	22%	14%	20%	34%
ME	7%	12%	19%	24%	38%
MI	13%	22%	13%	16%	35%
MN	12%	19%	18%	15%	37%
MO	11%	13%	23%	18%	36%
MS	7%	15%	20%	21%	38%
MT	5%	13%	12%	20%	50%
NC	11%	16%	22%	14%	37%
ND	4%	14%	21%	22%	39%
NE	6%	13%	23%	18%	41%
NH	9%	21%	20%	21%	29%
NJ	12%	20%	21%	15%	32%
NM	11%	20%	22%	13%	33%
NV	12%	16%	21%	16%	35%
NY	16%	22%	18%	17%	26%
OH	12%	15%	17%	22%	35%
OK	10%	9%	19%	17%	45%
OR	11%	14%	18%	20%	37%
PA	13%	21%	11%	18%	36%
RI	12%	19%	22%	19%	29%
SC	6%	13%	16%	19%	46%
SD	5%	9%	18%	23%	45%
TN	9%	14%	16%	17%	44%
TX	13%	18%	21%	18%	30%
UT	5%	14%	20%	22%	38%
VA	10%	20%	17%	20%	32%
VT	7%	22%	22%	20%	30%
WA	10%	22%	24%	16%	29%
WI	9%	19%	15%	19%	37%
WV	5%	14%	14%	25%	42%
WY	6%	4%	19%	19%	52%

Approval of Trump's Performance as President

State Code	Strongly approve	Approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove
AK	23%	22%	14%	13%	27%
AL	27%	24%	18%	6%	25%
AR	24%	25%	15%	11%	25%
AZ	22%	19%	18%	8%	33%
CA	13%	18%	19%	17%	33%
CO	13%	22%	17%	15%	33%
CT	20%	18%	14%	14%	34%
DC	7%	12%	24%	12%	45%
DE	15%	21%	17%	15%	32%
FL	19%	21%	21%	11%	28%
GA	16%	24%	18%	12%	31%
HI	15%	17%	26%	13%	29%
IA	16%	20%	20%	16%	27%
ID	24%	22%	19%	11%	24%
IL	16%	20%	17%	13%	33%
IN	20%	22%	22%	10%	26%
KS	18%	20%	19%	17%	27%
KY	19%	28%	18%	10%	25%
LA	28%	23%	15%	10%	24%
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MN	17%	23%	18%	9%	34%
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NJ	18%	20%	18%	15%	29%
NM	14%	16%	24%	9%	37%
NV	21%	19%	14%	13%	33%
NY	13%	22%	17%	14%	34%
OH	22%	23%	17%	10%	28%
OK	28%	20%	18%	9%	26%
OR	18%	20%	17%	11%	34%
PA	21%	22%	11%	11%	35%
RI	14%	20%	13%	16%	37%
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SD	22%	29%	16%	11%	23%
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TX	19%	21%	23%	10%	27%
UT	19%	18%	21%	17%	25%
VA	16%	23%	15%	17%	30%
VT	12%	19%	12%	14%	43%
WA	15%	15%	17%	17%	35%
WI	17%	19%	17%	13%	35%
WV	25%	23%	17%	11%	25%
WY	29%	21%	15%	11%	23%

Survey questions

Approval

[Did you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as president?]

[Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?]

5 = Strongly approve

4 = Approve

3 = Neither approve nor disapprove

2 = Disapprove

1 = Strongly disapprove

Income

What was the total combined income of your household for the past year?

1 = Under 10K

2 = 10k to under 15k

3 = 15K to under 25K

4 = 25K to under 35K

5 = 35K to under 50K

6 = 50K to under 75K

7 = 75K to under 100K

8 = 100K to under 150K

9 = 150K to under 200K

10 = 200K and over

Political affiliation

1 = Strong Republican

2 = Republican

3 = Leaning Republican

4 = Independent

5 = Leaning Democrat

6 = Democrat

7 = Strong Democrat

Race/Ethnicity

African American

Asian American

Hispanic

White non-Hispanic

Other

Education

Some High School or Less

High School Graduate

Some College

College Degree

Graduate Degree