



The Puerto Rican Vote in Florida

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Introduction



- ▶ Puerto Rican population in U.S. surpasses the island population.
- ▶ Florida's Puerto Rican population exceeds that of all other states.
- ▶ Florida is among top destination states for post-Hurricane Maria migrants



Our objectives

- To gauge:
 - Puerto Rican sentiment regarding mid-term elections and their political ideologies, for those living in Florida.
 - Sentiment toward federal government and local government responses to the hurricanes and their aftermath.
 - Attitudes toward U.S. political parties and political ideologies.



Method

- Online survey using Qualtrics
- October 30th to November 3rd
 - A national sample of 520 Puerto Rican adults
 - 35% (n=182) of them residing in Florida.
- Three subsets were created
 - US subset (49 states, excluding Florida)
 - **Florida subset**
 - Post-hurricanes migrant subset



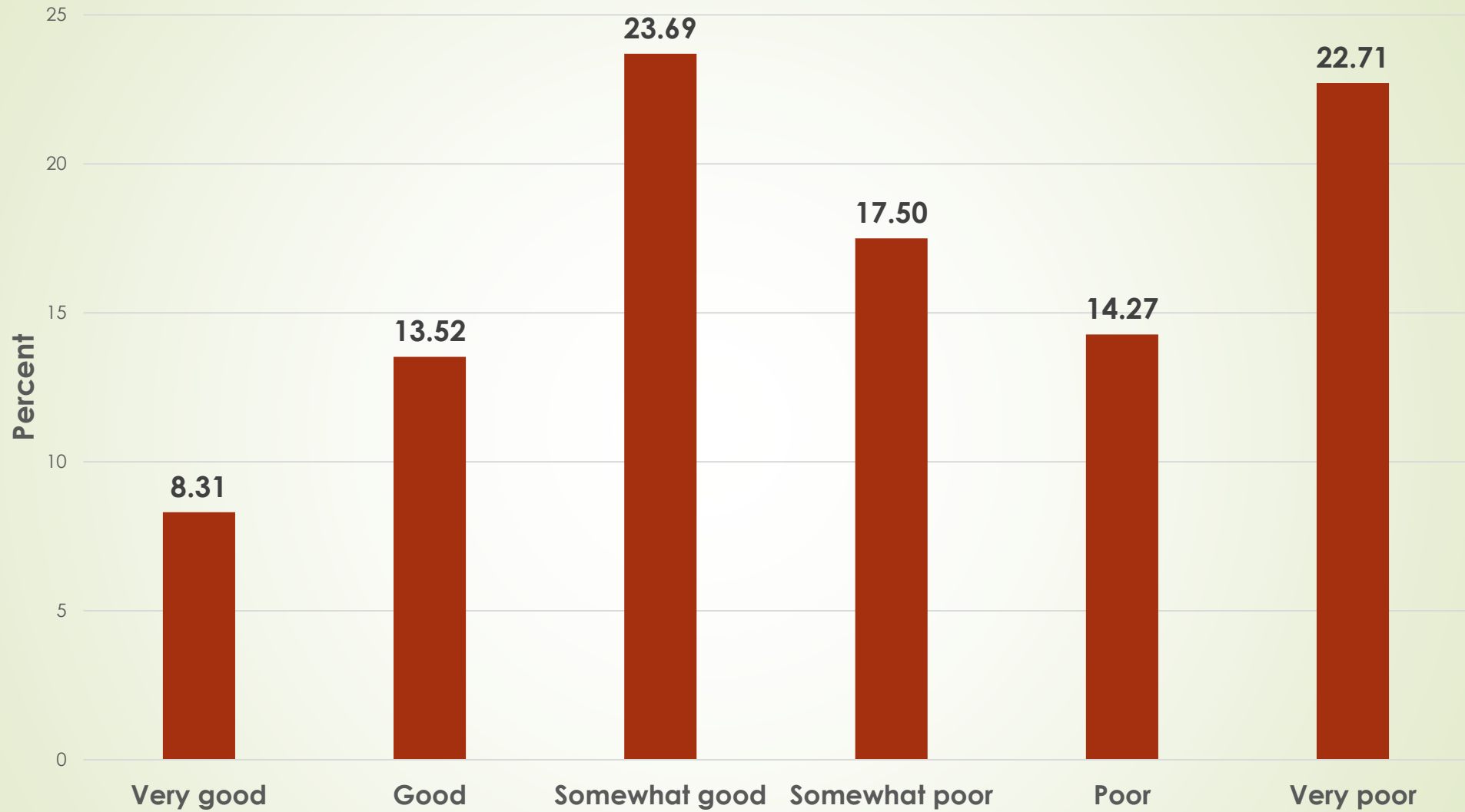
Method – Weighting the Data

- The sample was weighted using gender according to the ACS 2017
 - For Florida the female-male distribution was 52.2% - 47.8%

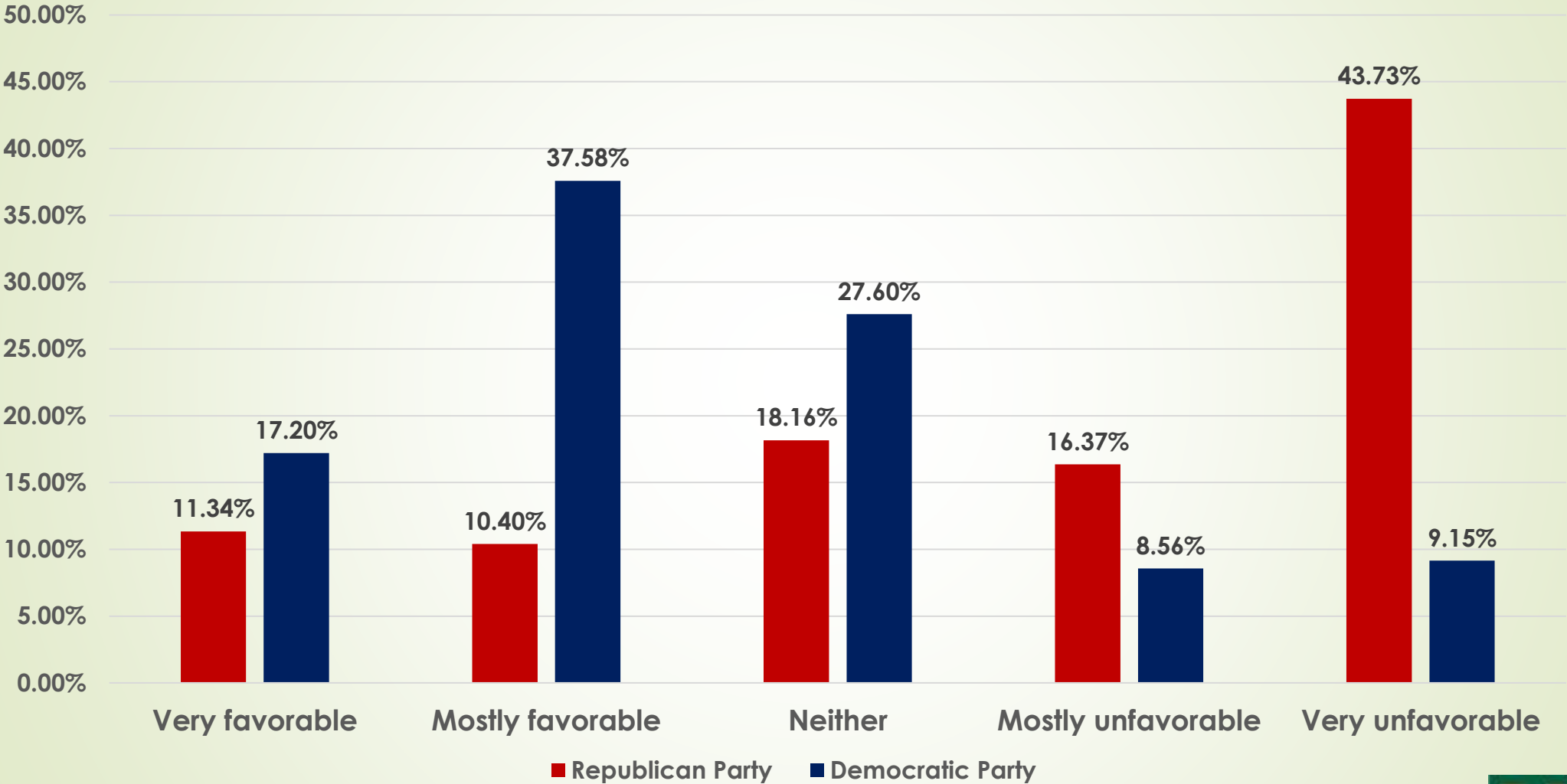
Florida Subset – before weighting

- 56.6% (103) Women & 43.4% (79) Men.
- Age ranged from 19 to 79 with a mean of 48.3 and a median of 48.5.
- The majority of the sample was born in PR (90.1%).
- 33 (18.1%) resided in Puerto Rico on September 20, 2017, when the category 5 Hurricane Maria struck the island, leaving 2,975 deceased in its wake.

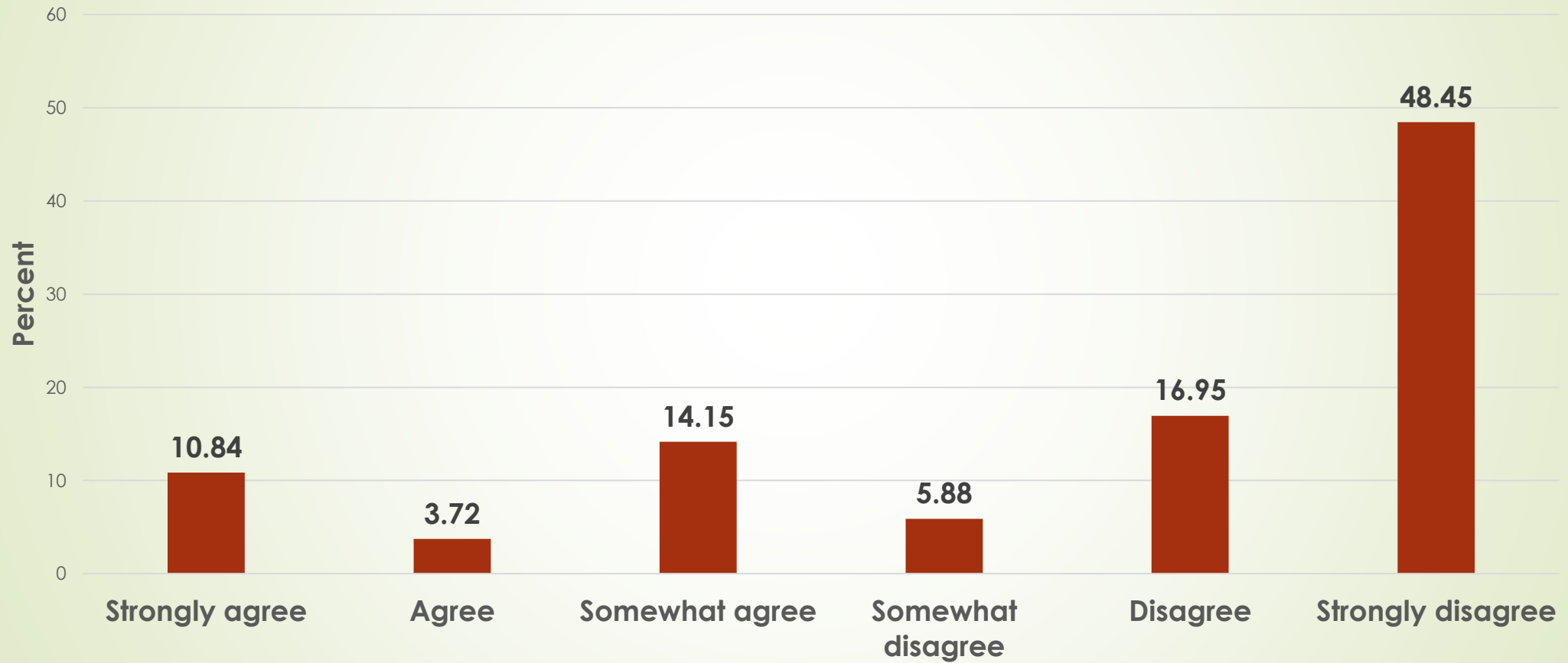
Rating for Federal Government Response



Opinions of political parties

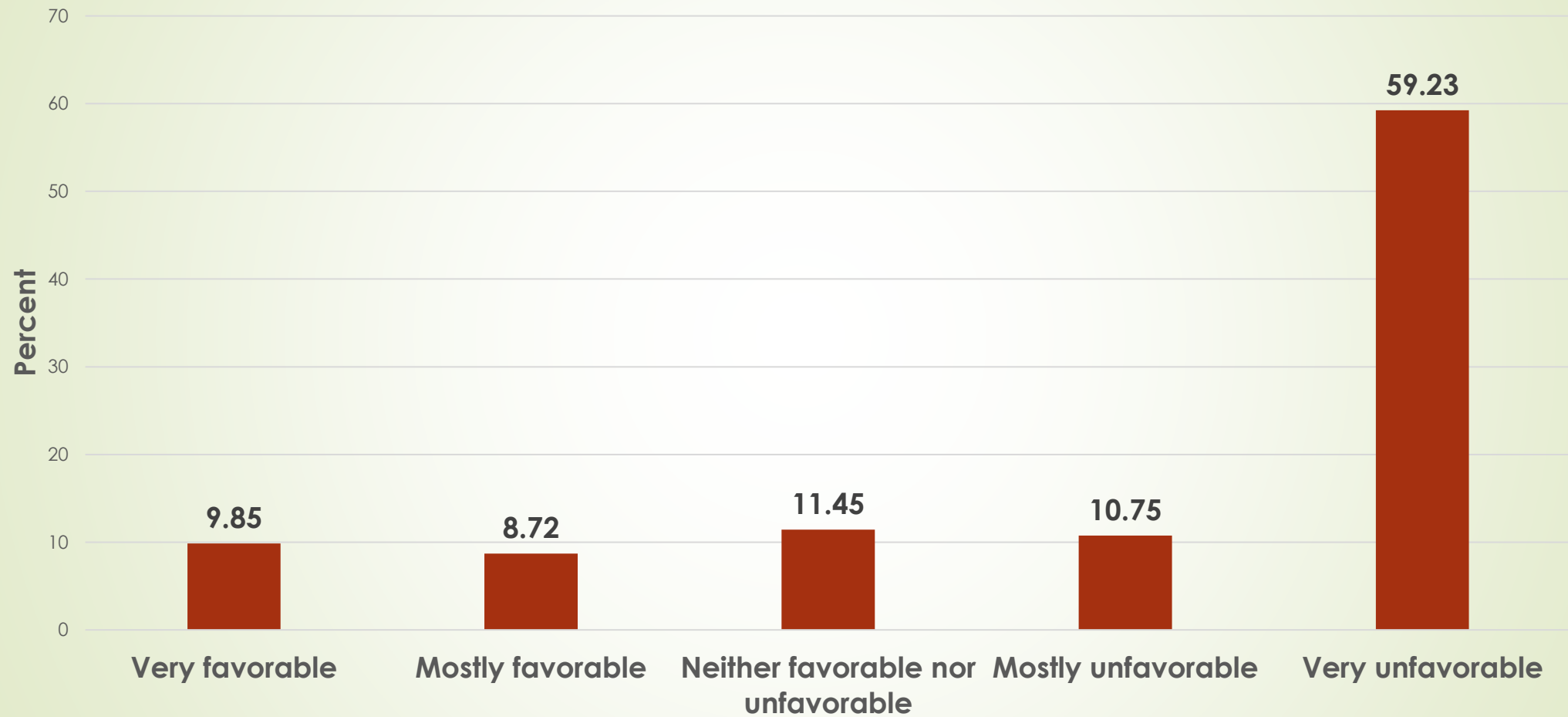


President Trump's administration is committed to serving the Puerto Rican people.

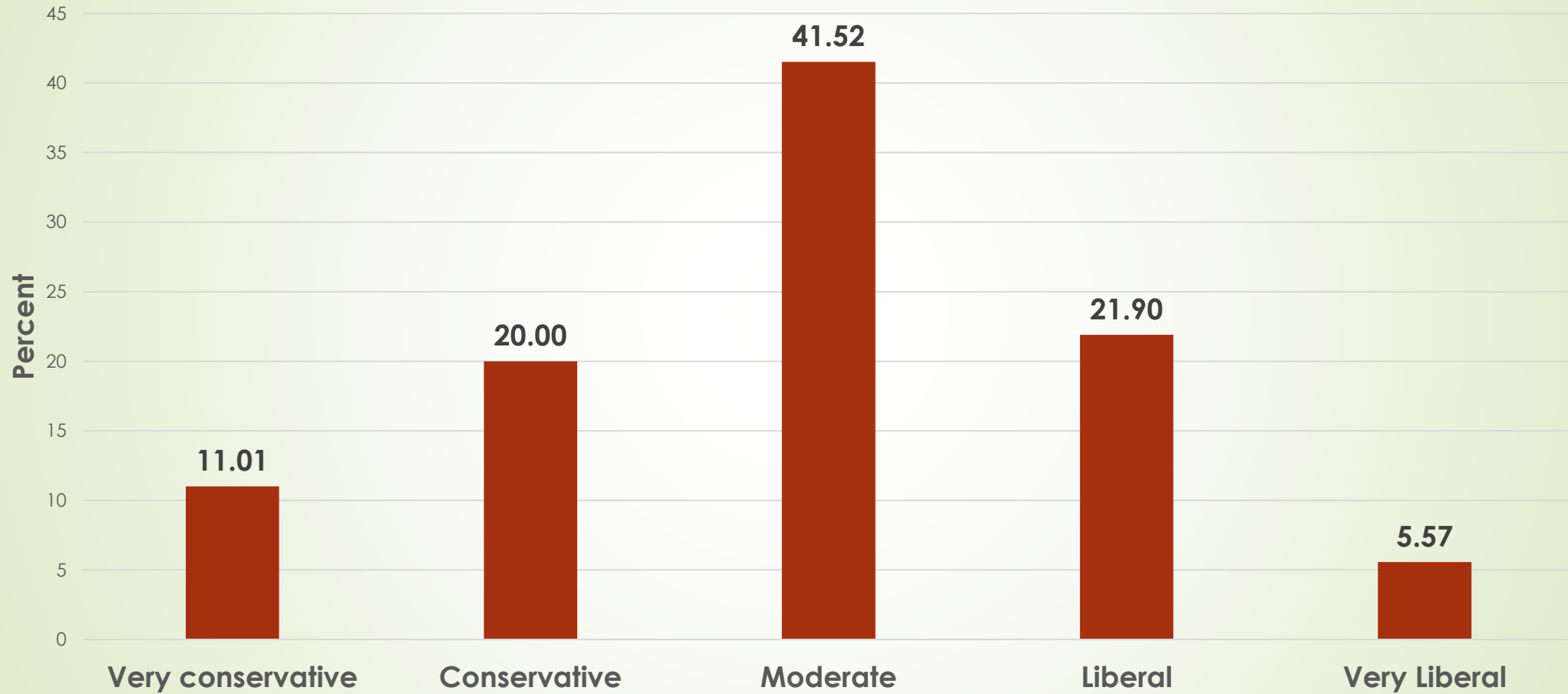




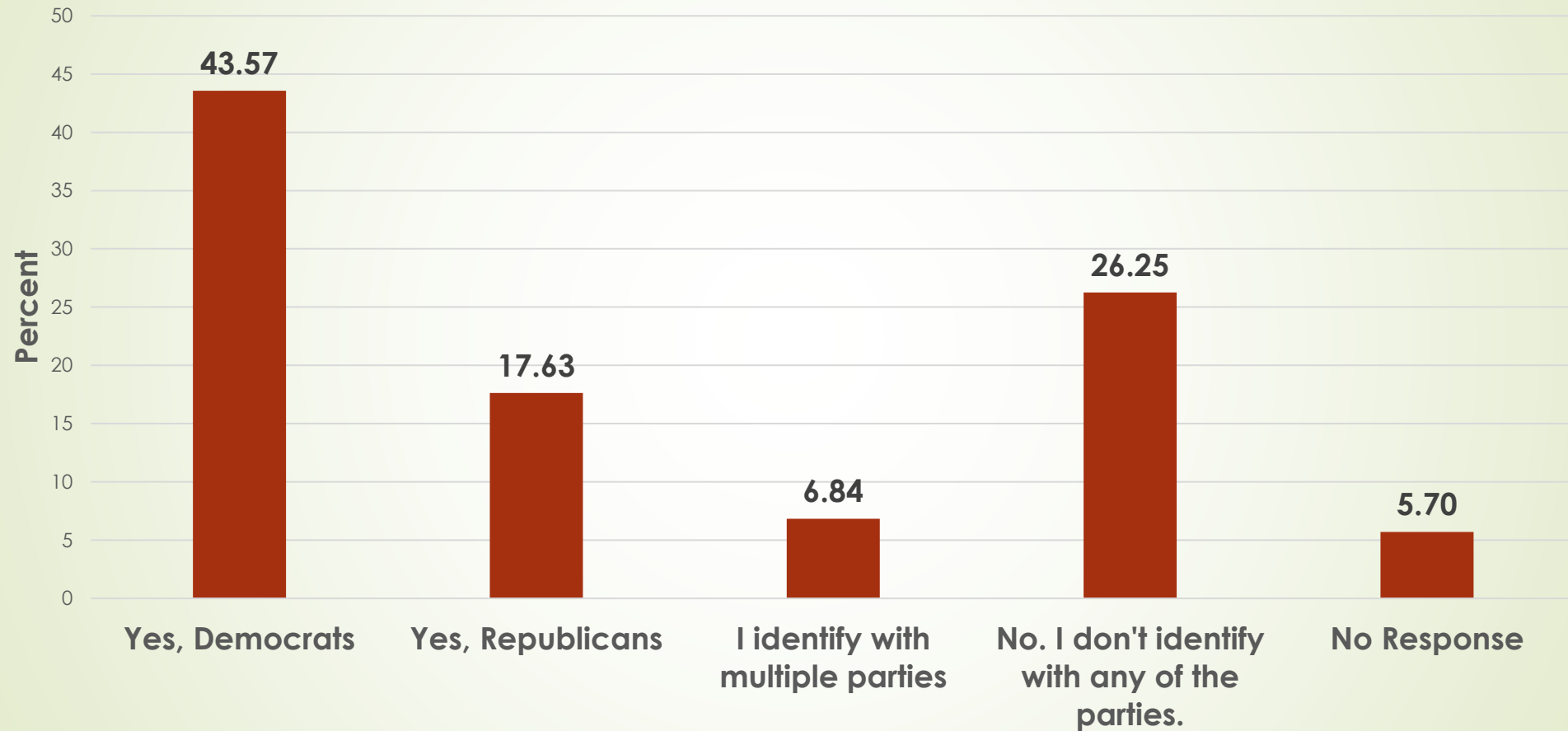
Opinion of the president of the USA, Donald Trump



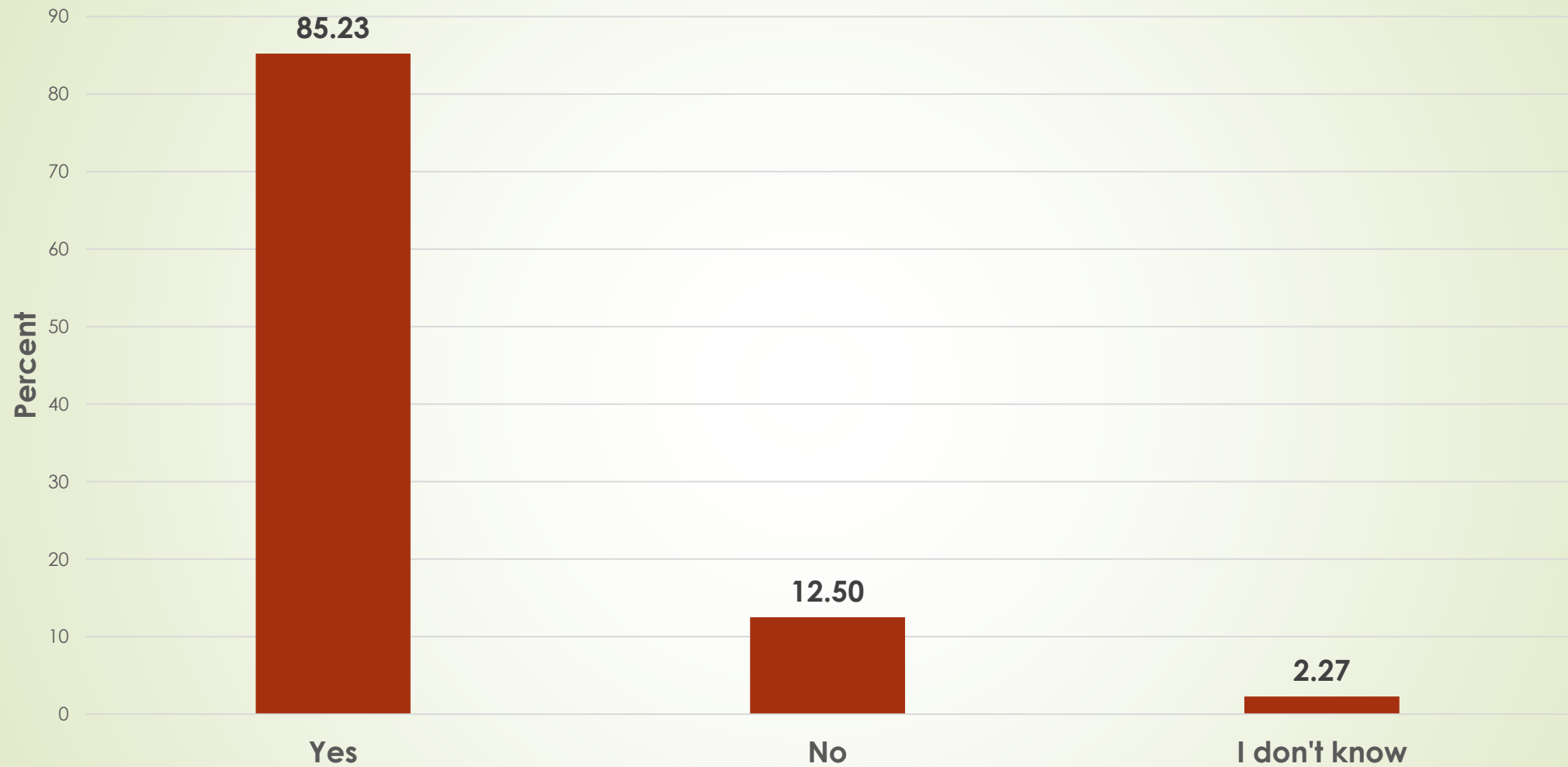
In general, would you describe your political views as...



Is there a political party in the United States that you identify with?



Are you currently registered to vote in the United States?





Voting Patterns

- Of those registered to vote:
 - **79.8%** said that they were going to vote or already had voted in the mid-terms.
 - **16.7%** said they were not going to vote.
- If presidential elections were being held today:
 - **21.3%** would vote for the Republican candidate.
 - **60.4%** would vote for the Democratic candidate.
 - **4.8%** would vote for the Independent candidate.
 - **7.8%** would not vote.



Takeaways

- ▶ Respondents displayed a high willingness to vote during the midterms
 - ▶ ~85% were registered to vote & ~80% were willing to vote
- ▶ Most respondents had a poor or very poor opinion of:
 - ▶ The Federal government response to the Hurricane María
 - ▶ President Trump & his administration
 - ▶ The Republican Party

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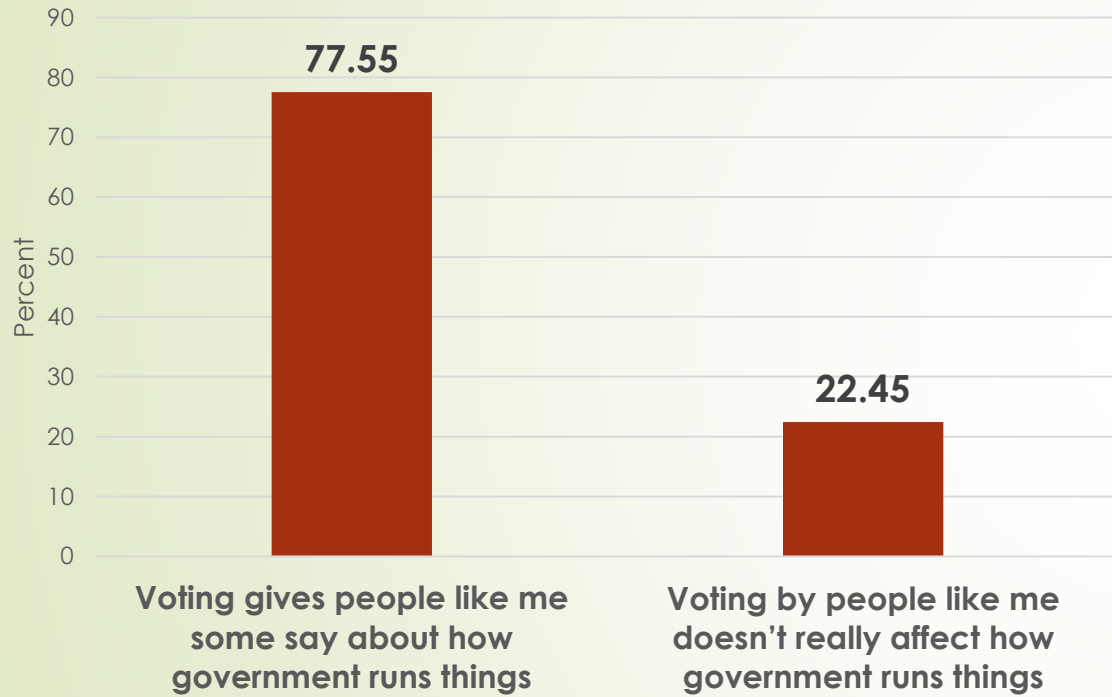
- Overall participants had a better outlook on the Democratic Party
- Did the Puerto Rican voters sway the elections?
 - Still to be seen, need data on voter participation during the mid-terms
 - But, if willingness translates to participation then we can assume there was a high participation rate for Puerto Rican voter during the mid-terms.
- Tip of the iceberg, there is still a lot of collected data to go through

Questions? & Contact Information

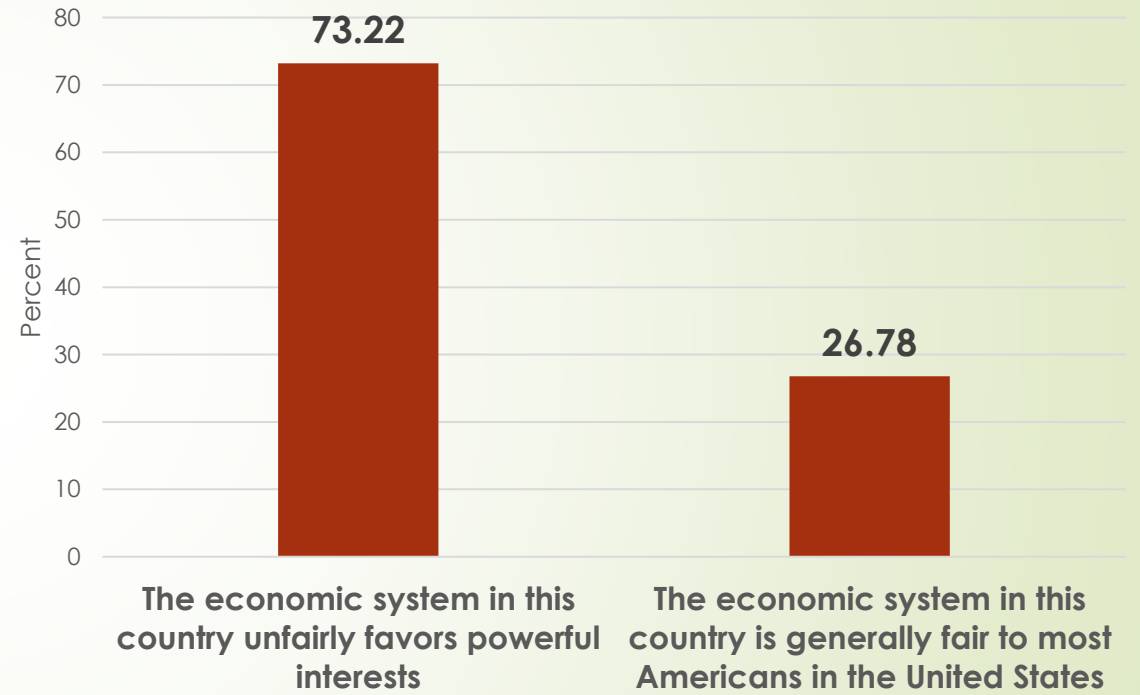
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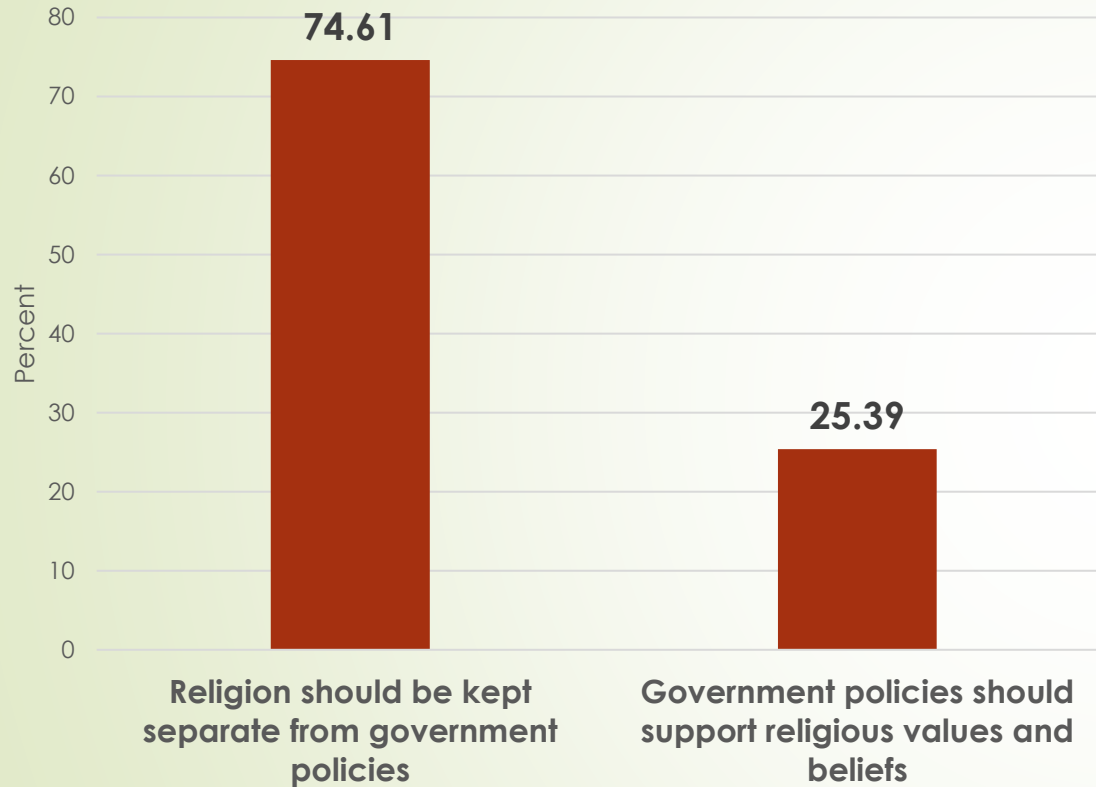
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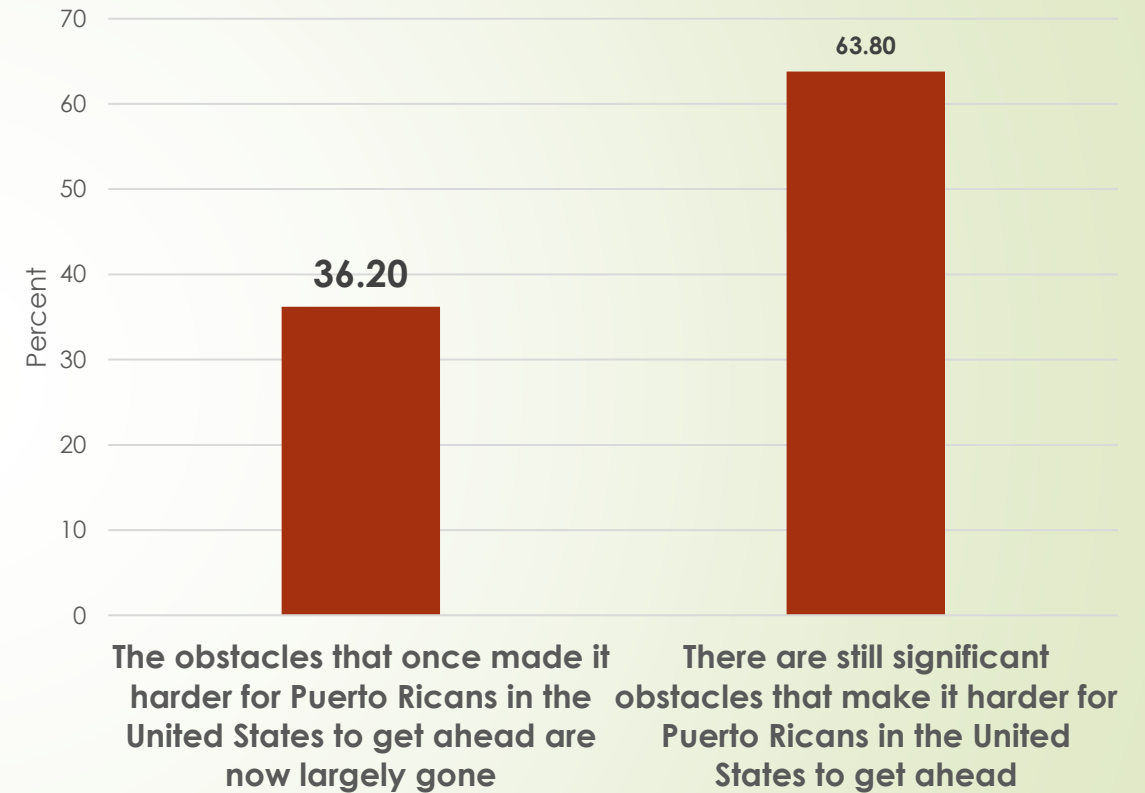
Economic statement on participant's own views



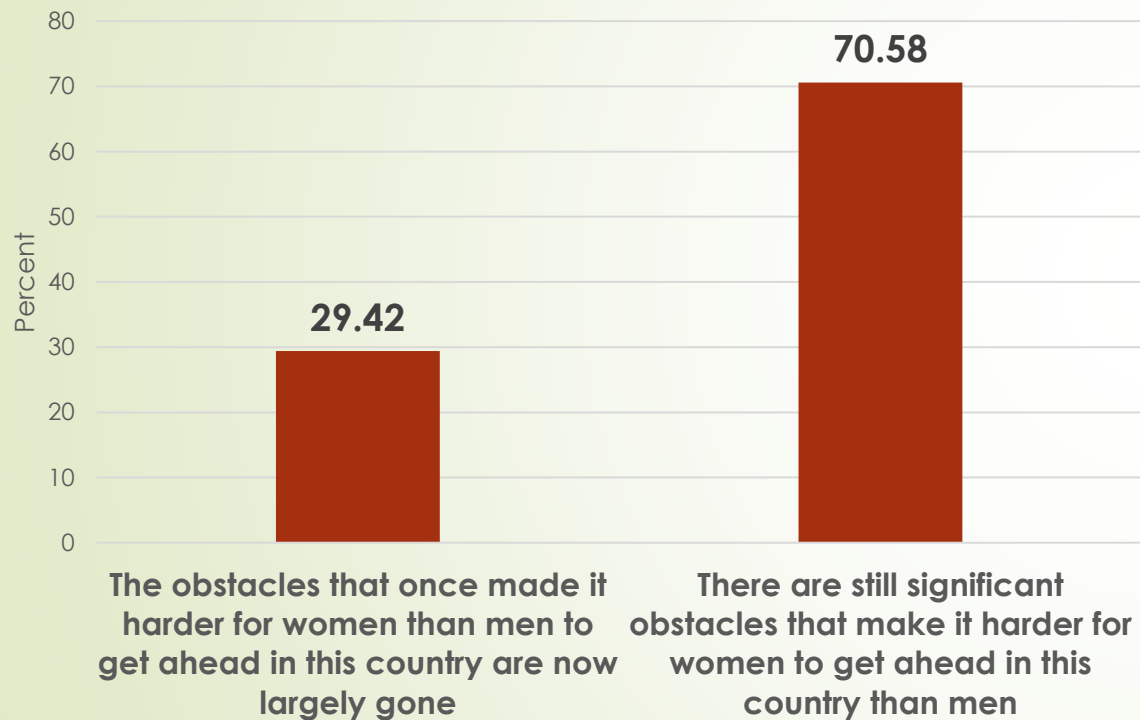
Religion statement on participant's own views



Obstacles for Puerto Ricans statement on participant's own views



Obstacles for women statement on participant's own views



USA openness to other people statement on participant's own views

