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SURVEY SAYS

There aren't actually that many gay Democrats or rich Republicans

10:44 a.m. ET

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Americans have [wildly wrong](#) perceptions of the membership of the Democratic and Republican Parties, dealing more in stereotypes than reality.

For example, Americans estimate that about four in 10 Republican voters make at least \$250,000 per year. It's actually more like two in 100. On the other side of the aisle, Americans guess that almost a third of Democrats are in the LGBT community. [In real life](#), it's only 6 percent.

African-Americans, union members, and atheists are likewise much less represented in the Democratic Party.

the GOP is younger, less evangelical, and less Southern than many guess.

This data comes from a [new study](#) by Douglas J. Ahler and Gaurav Sood, researchers from UC-Berkeley and Stanford University, respectively. Ahler and Sood found the misperception is highest when partisans are imagining the *other* party, but both groups make significant mistakes about their own side, too. And the more news-savvy a person is, [the more likely](#) they are to conceptualize each party in these inaccurate stereotypes. —*Bonnie Kristian*

2016

Trump's campaign is finally opening a D.C. office

3:59 p.m. ET

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Donald Trump's campaign will inch towards becoming a "more traditional political operation" next

week when it opens its first office in Washington, D.C., under the leadership of convention manager Paul Manafort, *NPR* [reports](#).

"The nomination process has reached a point that requires someone familiar with the complexities involved in the final stages. I am organizing these responsibilities under someone who has done this job successfully in many campaigns," Trump said in a statement just days after he suffered [a 13-point loss](#) to Sen. Ted Cruz in Tuesday's Wisconsin Republican presidential primary.

Manafort says the new office, coupled with "several new positions and hires," is part of a larger strategy "to secure and protect Mr. Trump's nomination." —*Becca Stanek*

TRUMP TALK

Rudy Giuliani says he's voting for Donald Trump because he's a 'negotiator'

2:53 p.m. ET

Rob Kim/Getty Images

Donald Trump already has the vote of at least one New Yorker secured. Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani [revealed to *The New York Post*](#) Thursday that he's planning to vote for the Republican presidential frontrunner in the state's upcoming April 19 primary.

"I support Trump. I'm gonna vote for Trump," Giuliani said, adding that while he doesn't necessarily support all of Trump's positions, he knows that he's a negotiator. "He negotiates from a high bar to get people's attention. Threatening to withdraw from NATO will get a better deal with NATO," Giuliani said.

Giuliani is pretty sure New York's Republicans are on his page, too. He thinks it's hardly a question of whether Trump will win the state's Republican primary. "It's a question of how much he gets over 50 percent," Giuliani said. —*Becca Stanek*

POLL WATCH

7 in 10 people view Donald Trump unfavorably

2:40 p.m. ET

Scott Olson/Getty Images

Seven in 10 Americans, including half of Republican voters, view GOP frontrunner Donald Trump unfavorably, [an Associated Press poll](#) released Thursday has found. The unfavorable opinion numbers are held by majorities of men, women, young voters, old voters, conservatives, moderates, liberals, blacks, whites, and Hispanics, the poll further revealed.

A majority of people also said they would not describe Trump as civil, compassionate, or likable. Trump's likability is continually declining, too; *AP* reports it has dropped 10 percentage points since mid-February.

"At first, I thought he was great. He was bringing out a lot of issues that weren't ever said, they were taboo,"

said Arroyo Grande, California, resident Candi Edie, 64. Edie now believes Trump is "such a bigot."

Andrew Graves, 29, a self-described "hard core" Republican from Bothell, Washington, said he is even considering voting for Hillary Clinton over Trump. "I'd be willing to take that as opposed to doing so much harm to the country's reputation," Graves said.

People who identify both as Republicans and Tea Party supporters, on the other hand, are one of the few groups to have a majority with a favorable view of Trump — 68 percent see him in a positive light.

The Associated Press' poll was conducted online March 31 through April 4, sampling 1,076 adults drawn from GfK's probability-based "KnowledgePanel," which is intended to be representative of the American population. The margin of error was plus or minus 3.3 percent.

—Jeva Lange

NOM NOM NOM

John Kasich eats lunch at Bronx deli with 'Hillary Clinton' sandwich, demands his own custom namesake dish

1:58 p.m. ET

John Kasich is apparently being starved by his campaign, as became evident on Thursday when he [ate basically the entire contents of a deli](#) in the Bronx on a campaign stop ahead of New York's April 19 primaries.



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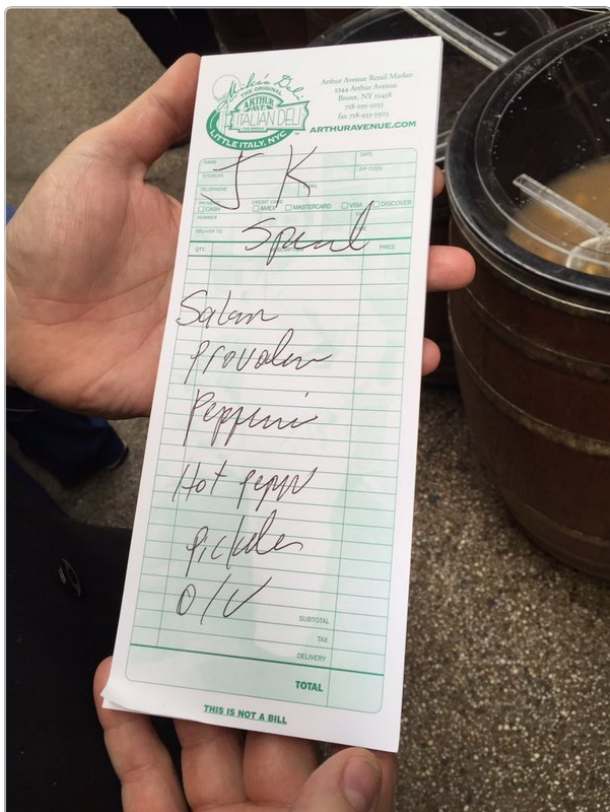
Kasich just got mad at the deli owners for trying to take his second plate of spaghetti away from him

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In an awkward turn of events, the regular menu at Mike's Deli features "Hillary Clinton's favorite" sandwich, but no "Kasich's favorite."



So Kasich just went ahead and demanded they make one:



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UPDATE: Kasich staff does not
order off the regular deli menu,
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Eat your heart out, John. —Jeva

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I think Kasich is enjoying the
Bronx

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SPACE STUFF

Gigantic black hole could be just the 'tip of an iceberg'

1:34 p.m. ET

NASA, ESA, and D. Coe, J. Anderson, and R. van
der Marel (STScI)

Nothing makes you feel quite as
insignificant as the fact that there

are supermassive black holes out there snacking on stars and weighing, oh, 17 billion times the weight of our sun. One such supermassive black hole, [discovered](#) recently by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope and the Gemini Telescope in Hawaii, might indicate that there are actually whole crowds of such supermassive black holes in the universe — or at least far more than we once believed.

Usually the biggest black holes, with masses of about 10 billion times the weight of our sun, are discovered at the heart of very large galaxies in crowded regions of the universe. But the gargantuan supermassive black hole found by NASA actually exists in a quiet, remote section of space:

"The newly discovered supersized black hole resides in the center of a massive elliptical galaxy,

NGC 1600, located in a cosmic backwater, a small grouping of 20 or so galaxies," said lead discoverer Chung-Pei Ma, a University of California-Berkeley astronomer and head of the MASSIVE Survey, a study of the most massive galaxies and supermassive black holes in the local universe. While finding a gigantic black hole in a massive galaxy in a crowded area of the universe is to be expected — like running across a skyscraper in Manhattan — it seemed less likely they could be found in the universe's

small towns.

"There are quite a few galaxies the size of NGC 1600 that reside in average-size galaxy groups," Ma said. "We estimate that these smaller groups are about 50 times more abundant than spectacular galaxy clusters like the Coma cluster. So the question now is, 'Is this the tip of an iceberg?' Maybe there are more monster black holes out there that don't live in a skyscraper in Manhattan, but in a tall building somewhere in the Midwestern plains."

[[NASA](#)]

Feeling tiny yet? —*Jeva Lange*

WATCH WHAT YOU SAY

Hillary Clinton never called Bernie Sanders unqualified. In fact, she refused to.

12:45 p.m. ET

Democrats were [in a tizzy](#) after [Bernie Sanders tore into Clinton](#) on Wednesday for calling him "unqualified" to be president.

"She has been saying lately that she thinks that I am quote-unquote 'not qualified to be president,'" Sanders said before turning the accusation back around. "I don't think you are qualified if you supported the Panama free-trade agreement, something I very strongly opposed, which has made it easier for wealthy people and corporations all over the world to avoid paying taxes owed to their countries," Sanders added, going on to additionally disqualify Clinton for taking money from Wall Street banks and special-interest groups, favoring the war in Iraq, and

supporting other free-trade agreements, [Business Insider reports](#).

But it sounds like Sanders might have been given some misinformation about what Clinton did or did not say about him.

[Mediaite points out](#) that Hillary Clinton was actually pressured by MSNBC's Joe Scarborough to say that Sanders wasn't qualified to be president and she refused to do so — three different times:

"Now, there are actually some Sanders supporters pointing out, with a straight face, that [Clinton] also [didn't say](#) [Sanders] *is* qualified, [or that](#) what she *did* say wasn't exactly a compliment, but I've got news for you guys: Hillary Clinton is Bernie's *political opponent*, it is not her job to compliment him,"

[Mediaite](#) writes. "It also doesn't change the fact that she did not say what he directly quoted her as saying."

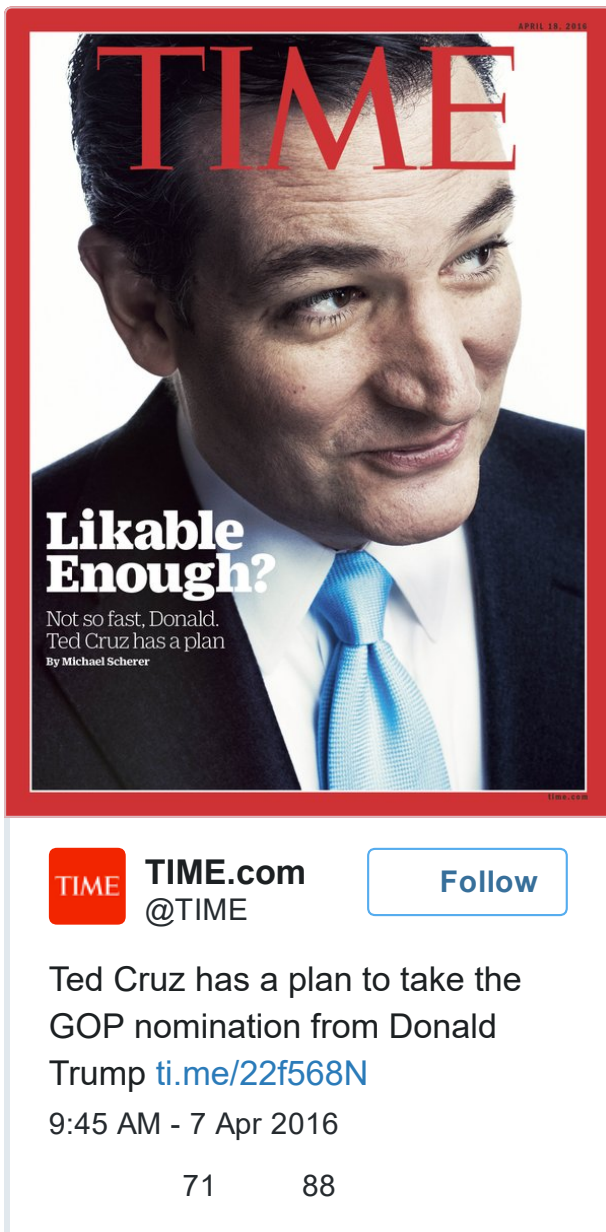
The whole thing seems a little fishy — and baited by the media. Read the whole breakdown [over in Mediaite](#). —*Jeva Lange*

WHAT'S NEXT?

***The Onion* predicted *Time's* new Ted Cruz cover a year ago**

12:19 p.m. ET

The Onion knew Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) would be on a *Time* cover before *Time* did. Way back in March 2015, the satirical site [predicted that "sooner or later"](#) we would be seeing an "inevitable issue featuring a close-up of Ted Cruz's face." This week, that prophecy was actualized:



While the details of the Cruz shot

were spot-on, *The Onion* was a little less prescient when it came to the headline. Rather than dubbing Cruz "The Game Changer" or "The Firebrand," *Time* [instead went with](#) "Likable Enough?"

Of course, *The Onion* didn't miss the chance to [give a comment to Time](#) on its news prediction capabilities:

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market share and
draining whatever
relevance it may still
possess." [[Time](#)]

Here's hoping some of *The Onion's*
latest headlines — including "[Hillary
Clinton Appears Before Rally
Completely Nude In Bid For
Authenticity](#)" and "[Vanilla Shortage
Could Raise Ice Cream Prices](#)" —
don't prove similarly prophetic.

—*Becca Stanek*

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