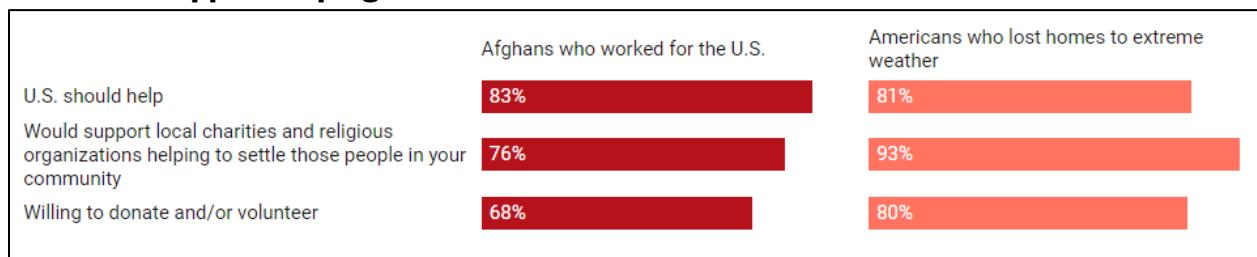


Americans' willingness to help Afghan refugees and U.S. victims of extreme weather

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A strong majority of Americans support helping Afghans who have assisted the U.S.; even more support helping fellow Americans who have lost a home to extreme weather



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Summary and key findings

The October 2021 Mood of the Nation Poll seeks to gain insight on Americans' willingness to help Afghan refugees in the wake of the U.S. troop withdrawal, especially those who directly worked with the United States during the war in Afghanistan. As a point of comparison, the poll also measured public opinion about willingness to help fellow Americans who lost their homes in recent wildfires, floods and storms.

The poll shows that a strong majority of American adults, roughly 4 in 5, would support U.S. efforts to assist both groups.

When asked about charitable efforts to settle Afghan refugees and displaced Americans in the respondent's local community, however, answers start to diverge. An even higher proportion of American adults, 93%, indicate support for the efforts of "local charities and religious organizations" to resettle fellow Americans in the respondent's home community. This increase may reflect a preference for non-governmental assistance over the help from "the U.S." referenced in the first question.

On the other hand, the proportion supporting the work of charities and religious organizations to help Afghan refugees "settle in your community" receives somewhat less support than does the initial question of U.S. assistance:

76% compared to 83%. And locally resettling Afghan refugees is less popular by a margin of 17 percentage points when compared to locally resettling displaced fellow Americans (76% compared to 93%).

Similarly, the proportion of American adults willing to personally volunteer time and/or donate money or household goods to local resettlement efforts diverges a bit depending on whether the beneficiary would be Afghan refugees or displaced Americans. A notably smaller majority, 68%, are willing to contribute to the local settlement of Afghan refugees, compared to the 80% willing to do the same for their fellow Americans.

To help understand these differences the McCourtney Poll asked respondents to explain, in their own words, why they would support or oppose charitable efforts to locally resettle either of the displaced populations.

In examining the reasons for supporting local resettlement efforts for Afghan refugees, two themes emerged.

Many respondents expressed universal values of charity, but many more felt a strong sense of obligation and debt to Afghans who put their lives in danger by assisting U.S. troops and officials as translators, drivers, etc.

For example, respondents gave answers such as:

“They help us in the war so we can at least help them.” – 40-year-old male respondent from Louisiana.

“They are refugees and they are allies as they were America’s help overseas. Now they need help and America should be their help.” – 24-year-old female respondent from Michigan.

This feeling of obligation was expressed by respondents of all parties and from all parts of the country.

In contrast, explanations for opposing efforts to locally resettle Afghan refugees largely reflected two related themes: solving America’s problems first, and a more general opposition to immigration. For example,

“Help the homeless people in America first.” – 57-year-old female respondent from Georgia

“There are too many people here already.” – 53-year-old female respondent from California

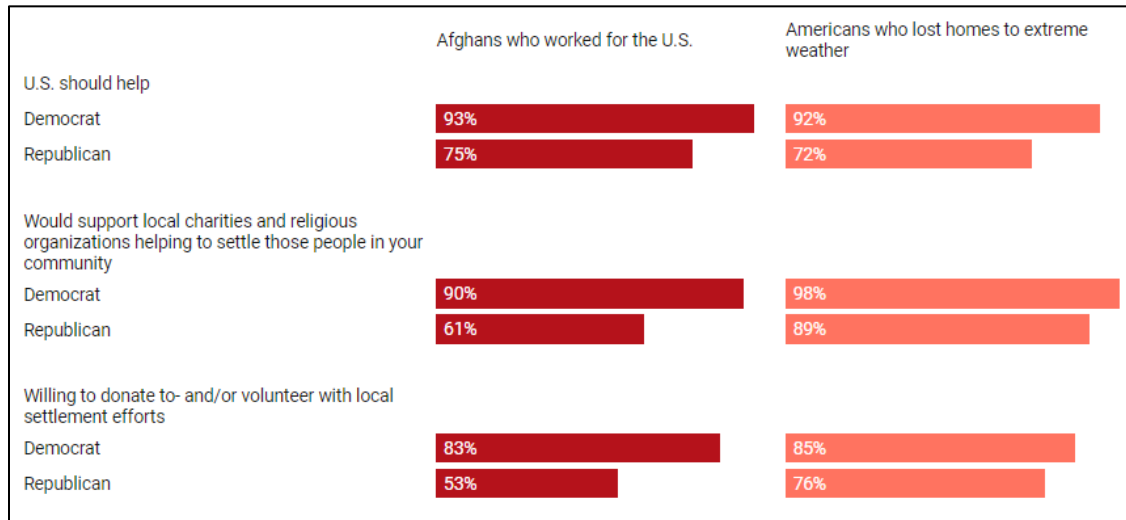
Another way of understanding the divergence in support for local resettlement of Afghan refugees versus Americans who had lost their homes to extreme weather is to systematically analyze the survey responses of different groups.

The most notable difference to emerge from that analysis, which is detailed in the body of the report, follows lines of political affiliation.

For example, as shown below, support for the efforts of charities and religious organizations to locally settle displaced persons is extremely high among Democrats, 90% in the case of Afghan refugees and 98% in the case of American victims of fire and floods.

Support among Republicans is notably lower, with 61% supporting the local resettlement of Afghan refugees while 89%--a still large but lower proportion than Democrats-- support local resettlement of displaced Americans. The 29-percentage point difference between Democrat and Republican support for local resettlement of Afghan refugees may reflect a greater desire, on the part of some Republicans, to address the problem without bringing Afghan refugees into nearby areas.

Larger majorities of Democrats than Republicans support efforts to help those who are displaced, especially when it comes to local resettlement of Afghan refugees



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Additional findings:

- A strong majority of all demographic groups support U.S. help for both Afghans who had assisted American troops and for Americans who have lost their homes to extreme weather.
 - A higher proportion of women than men support helping American victims of extreme weather (87% versus 75%).
 - A larger majority of Black adults (92%) than White adults (79%) indicate support for assisting victims of extreme weather.
 - A larger majority of those with at least a high school diploma (89%) than those with a high school diploma or less education (79%) indicate support for helping Afghans.
- Over 70% of most groups of respondents would support charities and religious organizations working to settle Afghan refugees in their local area; 90% or more of nearly all groups would support such work on behalf of Americans displaced by fire and floods.
 - A notably higher proportion of those with at least a bachelor’s degree support local resettlement of Afghan refugees than is the case for those with a high school diploma or less education (83% compared to 68%).

- 70% of those who say religion is very important to them would support the work of charities and religious organizations to settle Afghan refugees in their local communities, but a notably higher proportion, 85%, of those who don't value religion at all indicate they would support these efforts.
- Over 60% of most demographic groups included in our analysis would contribute to efforts of charities and religious organizations working to settle Afghan refugees in their local area; 75% or more of nearly all groups would support such work on behalf of Americans displaced by fire and floods.
 - Somewhat larger majorities of those with a bachelor's degree than those with a high school diploma or less education indicate a willingness to contribute to the local resettlement of both Afghan refugees (75% versus 61%) and displaced Americans (83% versus 76%).
 - Among those who say that religion is "very important" to them, a notably higher majority say that they would contribute to the efforts of charities and religious organizations to resettle displaced Americans than Afghan refugees into their local communities (80% compared to 63%).

Introduction

Penn State's nonpartisan McCourtney Institute for Democracy regularly conducts the nationally representative Mood of the Nation Poll to gauge how Americans are feeling about various aspects of American politics and society.¹

Following the final withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan on August 31, 2021, and after months of floods, hurricanes and wildfires, the October 2021 poll included several questions related to Americans' willingness to help victims of both circumstances:

1. What do you think the U.S. should do for Afghans who worked for U.S. troops and officials in recent years, in intelligence or as translators, and who now might face punishment from the Taliban? Should the U.S. now...
 - Help those Afghans come to the U.S.
 - Not help those Afghans come to the U.S..

2. If local charities and religious organizations were committed to helping Afghan refugees settle in your community, would you:
 - Support that policy
 - Oppose that policy.

2a. You said you would [support / oppose] efforts to settle Afghan refugees in your community. In a sentence or two, can you explain why?
[Open-ended question]

3. If local charities and religious organizations were committed to helping Afghan refugees settle in your community, and you were asked to volunteer or donate funds to the effort, would you:
 - Volunteer
 - Donate money or household goods
 - Both
 - Neither

4. What do you think the U.S. should do for Americans who lost their homes in recent floods, hurricanes and wildfires throughout the U.S.? Should the U.S. now...
 - Help those Americans with the expenses of finding new housing.
 - Not help those Americans with the expenses of finding new housing.

¹ For additional information about the Mood of the Nation Poll see the appendix to this brief. For additional details about this survey's methodology, please see <https://www.apmresearchlab.org/surveys>

5. If local charities and religious organizations were committed to helping Americans who lost their homes to fires and floods settle in your community, would you:
 - Support that policy
 - Oppose that policy.

5a. You said you would [support / oppose] efforts to settle victims of extreme weather in your community. In a sentence or two, can you explain why?
[Open-ended question]

6. If local charities and religious organizations were committed to helping those Americans settle in your community, and you were asked to volunteer or donate funds to the effort, would you:
 - Volunteer
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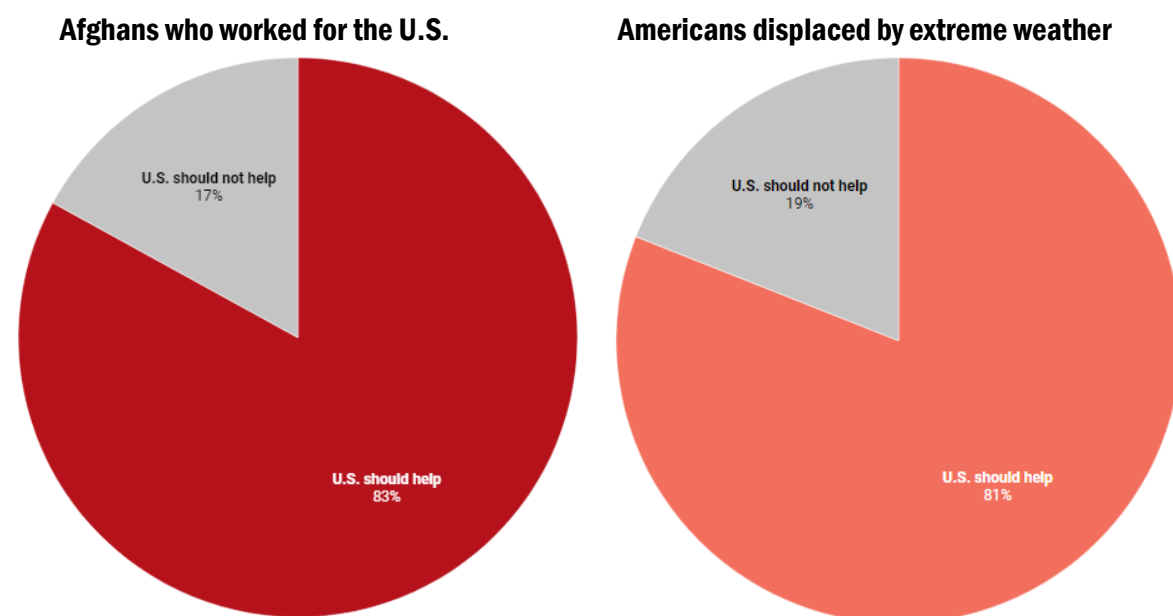
Note that the ordering of the two blocks of questions (on Afghans and U.S. victims of extreme weather) were rotated, as was the ordering of the questions regarding support of local resettlement and assisting local charities.

To see whether Americans' opinions on these topics vary according to demographic, social and economic characteristics, we analyzed the results of each question by gender (women, men), age (four groups), race and ethnicity (only three groups are available in this survey: White, non-Hispanic; Black, non-Hispanic; and Hispanic), educational attainment, religiosity, region of the country, and political affiliation (Republican, Independent, Democrat as derived from self-placement or derived from self-placement on a seven-category scale ranging from "Strong Democrat" to "Strong Republican"). The number of respondents in each group are detailed in the methodology report that accompanies this brief.

Support for “the U.S.” assisting displaced groups

A strong majority and virtually identical proportions of American adults support the statement that the U.S. should help Afghans who assisted U.S. troops (83%) as well as the statement that the U.S. should help Americans who lost their homes in recent floods, hurricanes and wildfires (81%).

Strong majorities of Americans indicate that the U.S. should help Afghans who worked for U.S. troops as well as Americans displaced by extreme weather



Questions: "What do you think the U.S. should do for [Afghans who worked for U.S. troops and officials in recent years, in intelligence or as translators, and who now might face punishment from the Taliban/Americans who lost their homes in recent floods, hurricanes and wildfires throughout the U.S.?] Should the U.S. now... Help or Not help?"

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Note that the question on helping Afghan refugees was replicated from an earlier survey conducted by YouGov on behalf of ABC News in August 2021. That survey found a nearly identical 81% support for helping Afghans who had assisted the U.S.²

² <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/afghanistan-troop-removal-biden-approval-opinion-poll/>

The major finding when comparing results across several demographic groups: A strong majority of all demographic groups support U.S. help for both Afghans who had assisted American troops and for Americans who have lost their homes to extreme weather.

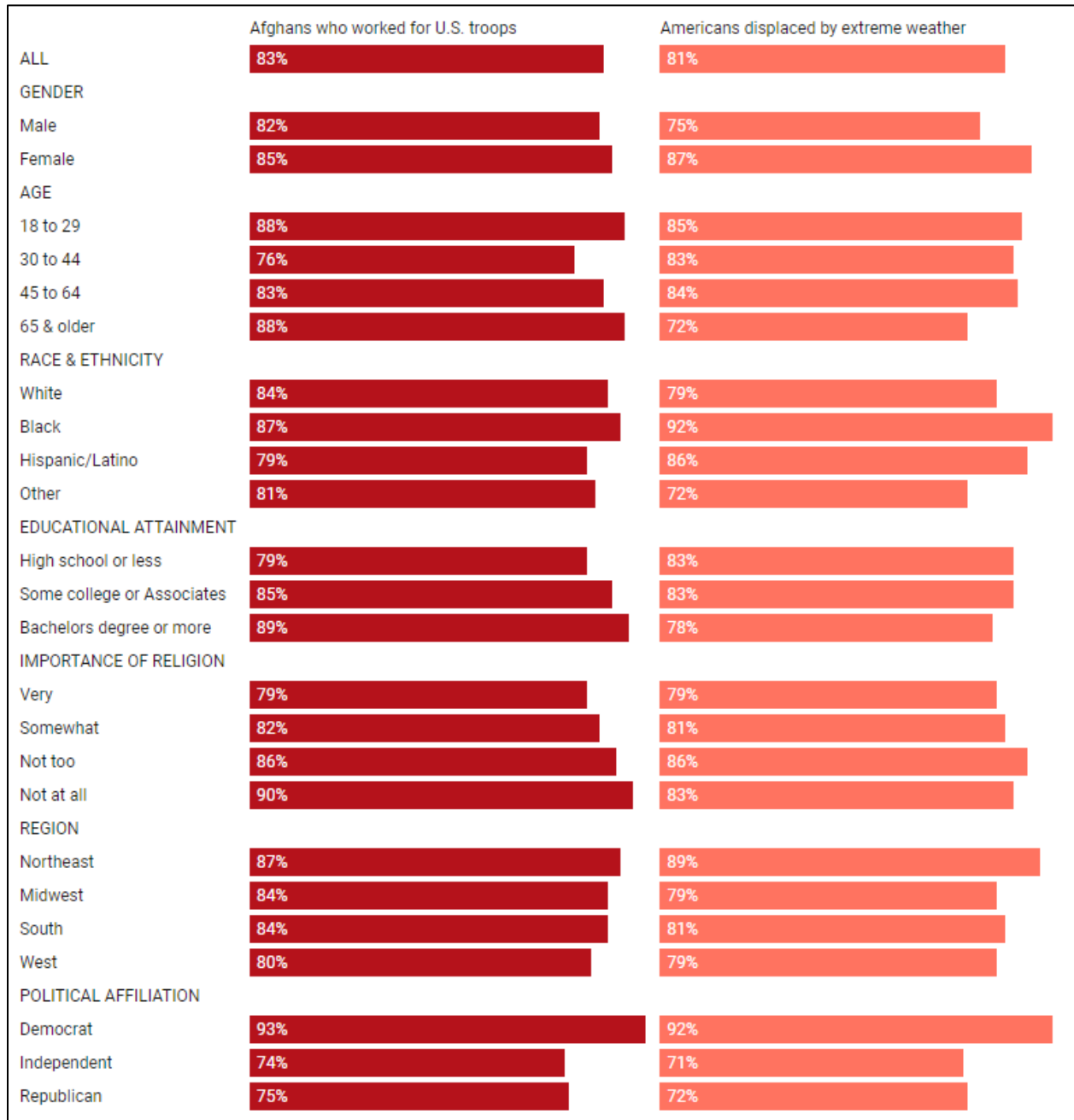
The largest difference in levels of support across both questions follows political lines with Democrats supporting U.S. help for Afghans by a margin of 8 percentage points more than Republicans, and by a 10-percentage point margin in the case of American extreme weather victims.

The proportion of Democrats supporting help for Afghans is statistically tied with the proportion of Democrats supporting extreme weather victims. This is also the case for both Independents and Republicans.

Other findings include:

- A higher proportion of men support helping Afghan refugees (82%) than support U.S. assistance for victims of extreme weather (75%).
- A higher proportion of women than men support helping American victims of extreme weather (87% versus 75%).
- A larger proportion of both younger adults, ages 18 to 29, and older adults, age 65 or older, support helping Afghan refugees (88% for both age groups) than is the case for those ages 30 to 44 (76%).
 - Among those age 65 or older a large majority – 88% -- support U.S. assistance for Afghans who had worked with American troops; a smaller majority – 72% -- support U.S. assistance for Americans who have lost their homes due to extreme weather.
- A larger majority of Black adults (92%) than White adults (79%) indicate support for assisting victims of extreme weather.
- A larger majority of those with at least a bachelor’s degree (89%) than those with a high school diploma or less education (79%) indicate support for helping Afghans.
- 90% of those who say that religion is “not at all important” to them believe that the U.S. should help Afghans who had assisted American troops, compared to 79% of those who say religion is “very important” to them.
- A somewhat larger majority of those living in Northeastern states indicate support for helping those displaced by severe weather (89%) than is the case among those living in the South (81%), the Midwest (79%), or the West (79%).

Strong majorities of all demographic groups indicate that the U.S. should help Afghans who worked for U.S. troops as well as Americans displaced by extreme weather



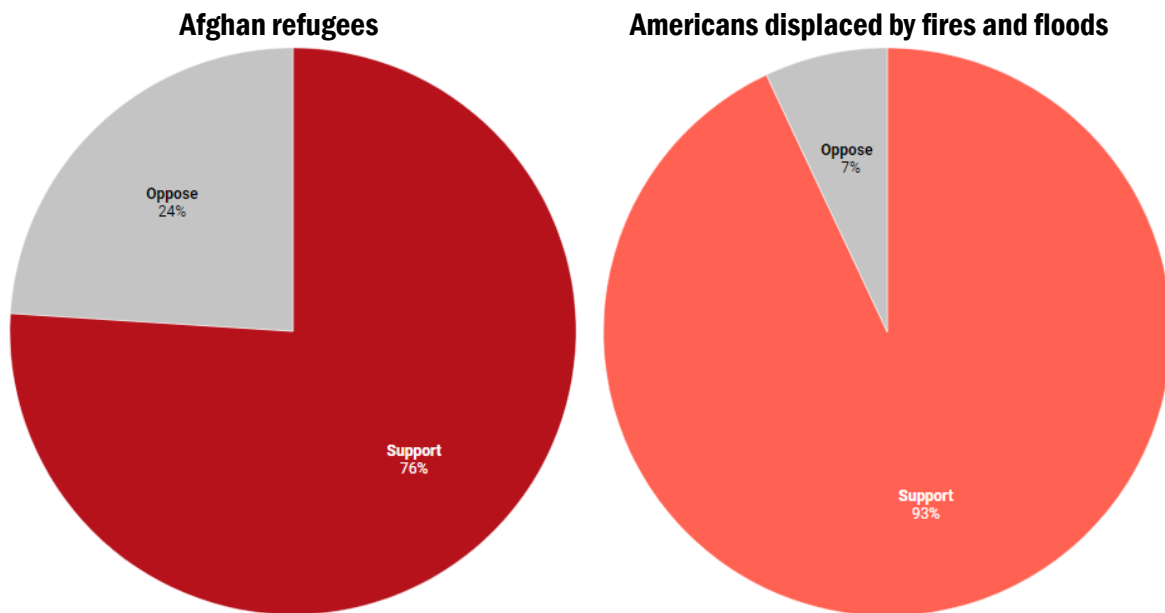
Questions: "What do you think the U.S. should do for [Afghans who worked for U.S. troops and officials in recent years, in intelligence or as translators, and who now might face punishment from the Taliban/Americans who lost their homes in recent floods, hurricanes and wildfires throughout the U.S.?] Should the U.S. now... Help or Not help?"

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Support for charities and religious organizations working to settle Afghan refugees and displaced Americans in your local community

A large majority, about 3 in every 4, Americans indicate that they would support charities and religious organizations committed to helping Afghan refugees settle in “your community.” An even higher proportion, over 9 in 10, indicate they would be supportive of such efforts on behalf of Americans who lost their homes to fires and floods.

A large majority of Americans would support charities and religious organizations working to settle Afghan refugees into their communities; an even larger majority would support local resettlement of Americans displaced by fires and floods



Questions: "If local charities and religious organizations were committed to helping [Afghan refugees/Americans who lost their homes to fires and floods] settle in your community, would you Support or Oppose that policy?"

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The 17-percentage point difference in results for the two questions perhaps reflects the greater comfort that some Americans have with more Americans as opposed to Afghans settling in their local community.

The major finding when comparing results across several demographic groups: Over 70% of most groups would support charities and religious organizations working to settle Afghan refugees in their local area; 90% or more of nearly all groups would support such work on behalf of Americans displaced by fire and floods.

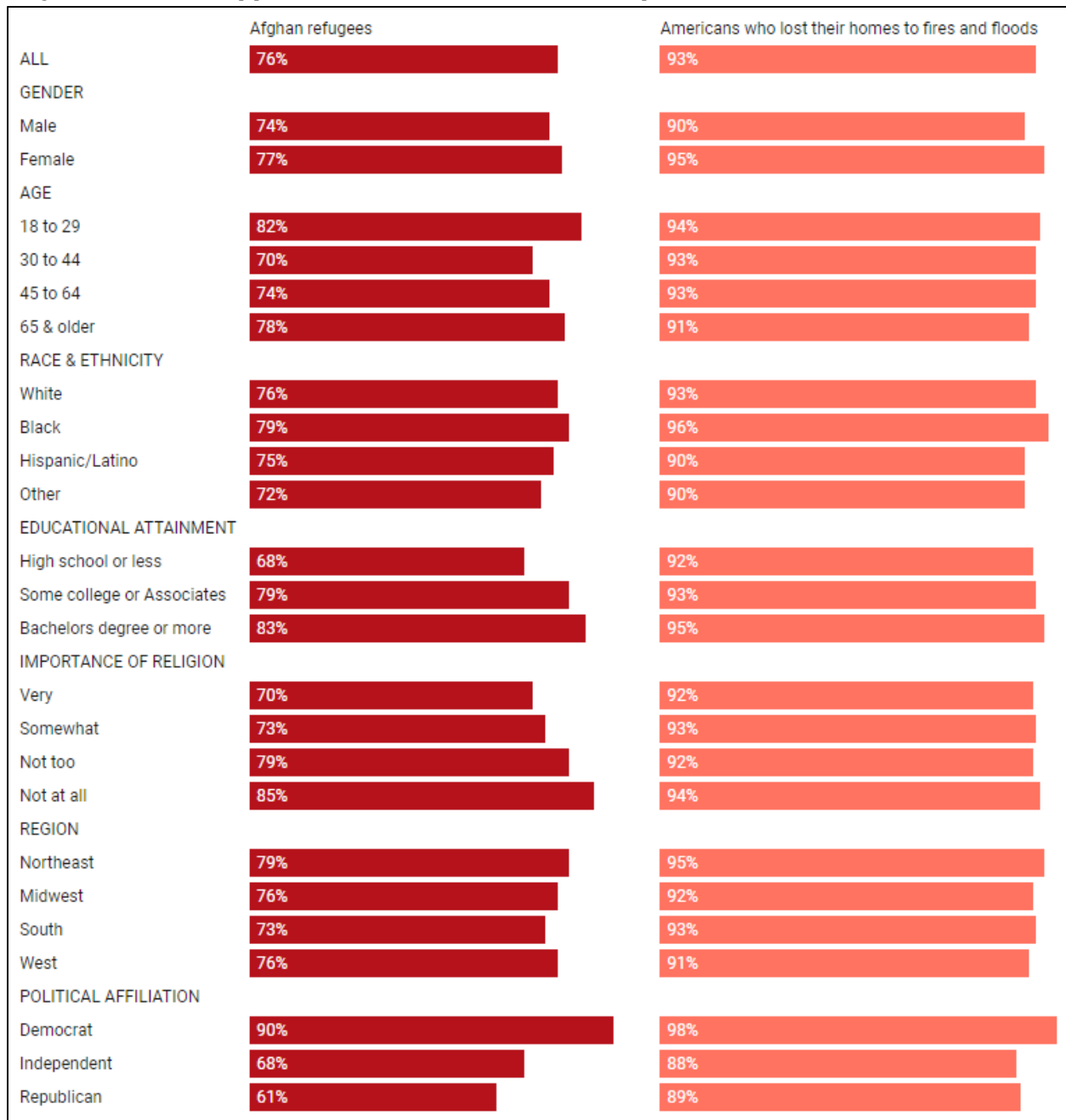
The biggest difference in support for non-governmental work to encourage local settlement of Afghan refugees and displaced Americans is between Democrats and Republicans. While a majority of those identifying with either party would support the efforts of charities and religious organizations, the support is extremely high among Democrats, 90% in the case of Afghan refugees and 98% in the case of Americans displaced by fire and floods. Support among Republicans is notably lower, only 61% support the local settlement of Afghan refugees while 89%, a still large proportion, support local settlement of displaced Americans.

Overall there is a seventeen percentage point difference in support for local resettlement of Afghan refugees (76% support) versus displaced Americans (93%). That gap in support is especially large, 28 percentage points, among Republicans, but relatively narrow, 8 percentage points, among Democrats.

Other findings include:

- Younger adults, ages 18 to 29, would support efforts to locally settle Afghan refugees at a higher rate than those ages 30 to 44 (82% compared to 70%), but the two age groups are virtually identical in their support for local resettlement of displaced Americans.
- A notably higher proportion of those with at least a bachelor's degree support local resettlement of Afghan refugees than is the case for those with a high school diploma or less education (83% compared to 68%).
- 70% of those who say religion is very important to them would support the work of charities and religious organizations to settle Afghan refugees in their local communities, but a notably higher proportion, 85%, of those who don't value religion at all indicate they would support these efforts.

Large majorities of most groups of Americans would support charities and religious organizations working to settle Afghan refugees into their communities; even larger majorities would support such efforts on behalf of displaced Americans



Questions: "If local charities and religious organizations were committed to helping [Afghan refugees/Americans who lost their homes to fires and floods] settle in your community, would you Support or Oppose that policy?"

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In their own words: Americans' explanations for supporting or opposing resettlement efforts

To better understand the reasons why Americans would either support or oppose efforts of charities and religious organizations to settle Afghan refugees in their local communities or Americans who have lost their homes due to floods and fires, respondents were asked a simple open-ended question:

“You said you would [support / oppose] efforts to settle [Afghan refugees / victims of extreme weather] in your community. In a sentence or two, can you explain why?”

We have not attempted to formally code these answers, but many of those supporting local resettlement efforts simply believe it is the right thing to do, that America owes it to Afghans because of the support they have provided to U.S. troops in recent years, or that they would want others to support them if they were displaced.

A minority of respondents oppose resettlement efforts. For those who oppose local resettlement of Afghan refugees the reasons range from fear to prejudice to a feeling that their community is already dealing with its own problems (especially homelessness). For those who oppose resettling displaced Americans, the reasons include that insurance should cover their needs or a perception that people from other parts of the country might not fit in.

The following pages include a random sample of the open-ended responses typed verbatim by the respondents.

Examples of comments from those who would support the efforts of charities and religious organizations to settle Afghan refugees in their local community

Comment	Age	Sex	Race	State	Political affiliation
Give those Afghans opportunity for new life.	41	Male	White	CA	Republican
We should love one another and support each other.	61	Female	Hispanic	NY	Democrat
They help us in the war so we can at least help them.	40	Male	Asian	LA	Independent
It's the right thing to do.	80	Male	Black	AZ	Democrat
Because they helped us.	37	Male	White	CA	Republican
They worked with us and to abandon them is murder especially when they were told they would be brought to freedom.	18	Female	Multiple	AZ	Independent
God wants us [to] help our neighbors.	58	Female	White	KY	Republican
We screwed up their country and made it dangerous for them, it is only fair that we help them to find a safe place to live now.	54	Male	Other	GA	Other
They are refugees and they are allies as they were America's help overseas. Now they need help and America should be their help.	24	Female	Hispanic	MI	Independent
People want safety, shelter and a way forward, regardless of nationality or creed.	65	Female	White	MD	Independent
I believe it's despicable to abandon those that helped us.	42	Male	Asian	NV	Independent
I believe that the image of the United States is vitally important to who we are, and immigrants who need our help are worthy. I have a former student currently living in Afghanistan working with refugees, and I know their plight is dire.	75	Female	White	IA	Independent
It is something the U.S. said it would do.	84	Female	White	IL	Democrat
These people helped our Americans overseas, which is more than I can say for our current administration.	68	Female	White	MO	Republican
They are people in need.	61	Female	White	VA	Democrat
The ones that helped us in Afghanistan.	66	Female	White	TN	Republican

They need help.	63	Female	Black	IL	Democrat
I believe everyone has the right to live in peace and be unafraid of persecution.	27	Female	Multiple	VA	Democrat

Examples of comments from those who would oppose the efforts of charities and religious organizations to settle Afghan refugees in their local community

Comment	Age	Sex	Race	State	Political affiliation
America has homeless. We don't have room for aliens. And everyone needs to be completely vetted before being allowed in.	64	Female	White	MN	Republican
Help the homeless people in America first.	57	Female	Black	GA	Democrat
Bring our people home before importing foreign people.	58	Male	White	OH	Independent
There are too many people here already.	53	Female	Other	CA	Republican
I live in a gated community with expensive dues. If the refugees could pay, they would be welcome.	75	Male	White	SC	Republican
They haven't even been vetted properly so who are they? A great danger to our country.	63	Male	White	MN	Republican
We are at a tipping point when it comes to immigration and can no longer accept or afford to let a seemingly limitless number of unproductive foreign nationals into our nation. It's time to stop allowing others to come to America simply to further a political agenda.	61	Male	White	OH	Republican
There is no reason to fly them around the world when there are neighboring countries that could help them.	32	Female	White	MN	Independent
I'm scared of them, they might be suicide bombers.	47	Female	White	FL	Republican

Examples of comments from those who would support the efforts of charities and religious organizations to resettle displaced Americans in their local community

Comment	Age	Sex	Race	State	Political affiliation
Helping others is part of being a community and citizenship.	42	Male	White	NJ	Independent
Every human being deserves a safe and stable place to call home. Period.	27	Female	White	TX	Independent
It seems that some people who lose their home in this way rebuild in the same place only to lose their home again. I would welcome them moving from those dangerous sites.	65	Female	White	FL	Not sure
No one deserves to be homeless.	38	Female	White	OH	Republican
I would help because if I were in their position I would like my community to help me as well.	20	Female	Hispanic	GA	Democrat
They are in need and to do nothing would be a crime.	58	Female	Black	VA	Republican
Because it would be the right thing to do.	39	Female	White	IN	Republican
Because they lost their homes and need help. why wouldn't we help them?	32	Male	White	OH	Democrat
They need help the most.	37	Male	Other	NC	Independent
You can't fight an act of God.	31	Female	White	CA	Independent
Humanity and care for all is Christlike.	26	Male	Two or more races	ID	Independent
Americans should always be willing to help one another.	43	Female	Black	PA	Democrat
Because I would appreciate the help if it happened to my family.	46	Female	White	FL	Democrat
It's important to help others – ALWAYS.	75	Male	White	TX	Democrat
Because it is the moral thing to do.	73	Female	White	VA	Other
Everyone needs help from time to time and falls to government to meet those needs.	66	Male	White	OH	Other
Because communities should help those without proper shelter find it.	44	Female	Asian	CA	Democrat

It's easy to answer in the affirmative because my state will do nothing for anyone. bad people run the state. I need help and have nowhere to go and get it.	45	Female	White	FL	Democrat
As long as we have the space and resources, there is no reason they shouldn't be able to settle in my community. People should be helping people no matter what.	26	Female	Two or more races	CA	Democrat

Examples of comments from those who would oppose the efforts of charities and religious organizations to resettle displaced Americans in their local community

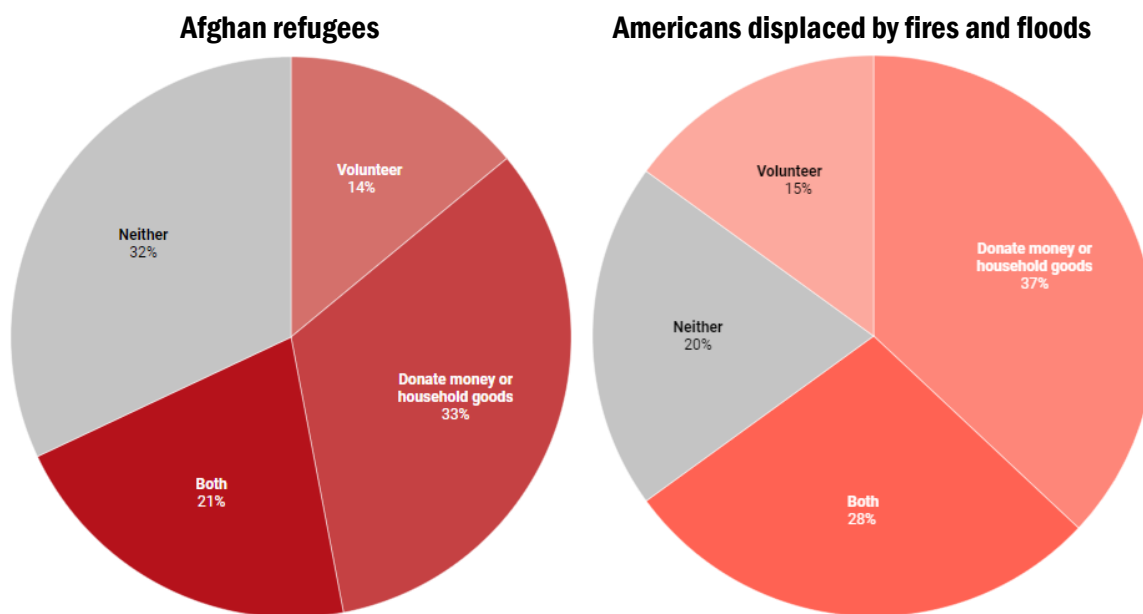
Comment	Age	Sex	Race	State	Political affiliation
That's what insurance is for.	62	Male	White	AZ	Independent
Because if a disaster happens to my family, nobody assists/help my family	66	Female	White	NV	Not sure
Government assistance comes at an increased cost to taxpayers.	23	Male	Asian	CA	Other
The victims can be made whole by fixing the area that was destroyed and keeping them in their original local community.	32	Female	White	MN	Independent
I live in the most densely populated state, in one of the more densely populated counties. This is not the place to be settling people, it's crowded enough here already.	38	Male	White	NJ	Independent
I don't want any snobby people from California or Oregon moving to my community. Their own state and their own people should help them. They have plenty of resources.	24	Male	Other	TX	Independent
Everyone needs to have insurance or a backup plan for their own personal life.	56	Male	White	OH	Independent
Our community has grown faster than community can work with.	66	Female	White	MS	Republican
It depends on who they are.	45	Female	Black	FL	Independent

Willingness to volunteer or donate resources to Afghan refugees and displaced Americans

Over two-thirds of Americans indicate that they would be willing to personally contribute to the efforts of charities and religious organizations working to resettle Afghan refugees in their local communities. Even more—four-fifths—of Americans indicate that they would be willing to volunteer time or donate their resources to efforts to bring displaced Americans to their local communities.

The twelve-percentage point difference may reflect the greater comfort that some Americans have in resettling displaced Americans as opposed to Afghan refugees in their local areas.

Majorities of Americans are willing to contribute to efforts to relocate Afghan refugees and Americans displaced by fires and floods into their local communities



Questions: "If local charities and religious organizations were committed to helping [Afghan refugees/ Americans who lost their homes to fires and floods] settle in your community, and you were asked to volunteer or donate funds to the effort, would you..."

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The major finding when comparing results across several demographic groups: Over 60% of most groups would contribute to efforts of charities and religious organizations working to settle Afghan refugees in their local area; 75% or more of nearly all groups would support such work on behalf of Americans displaced by fire and floods.

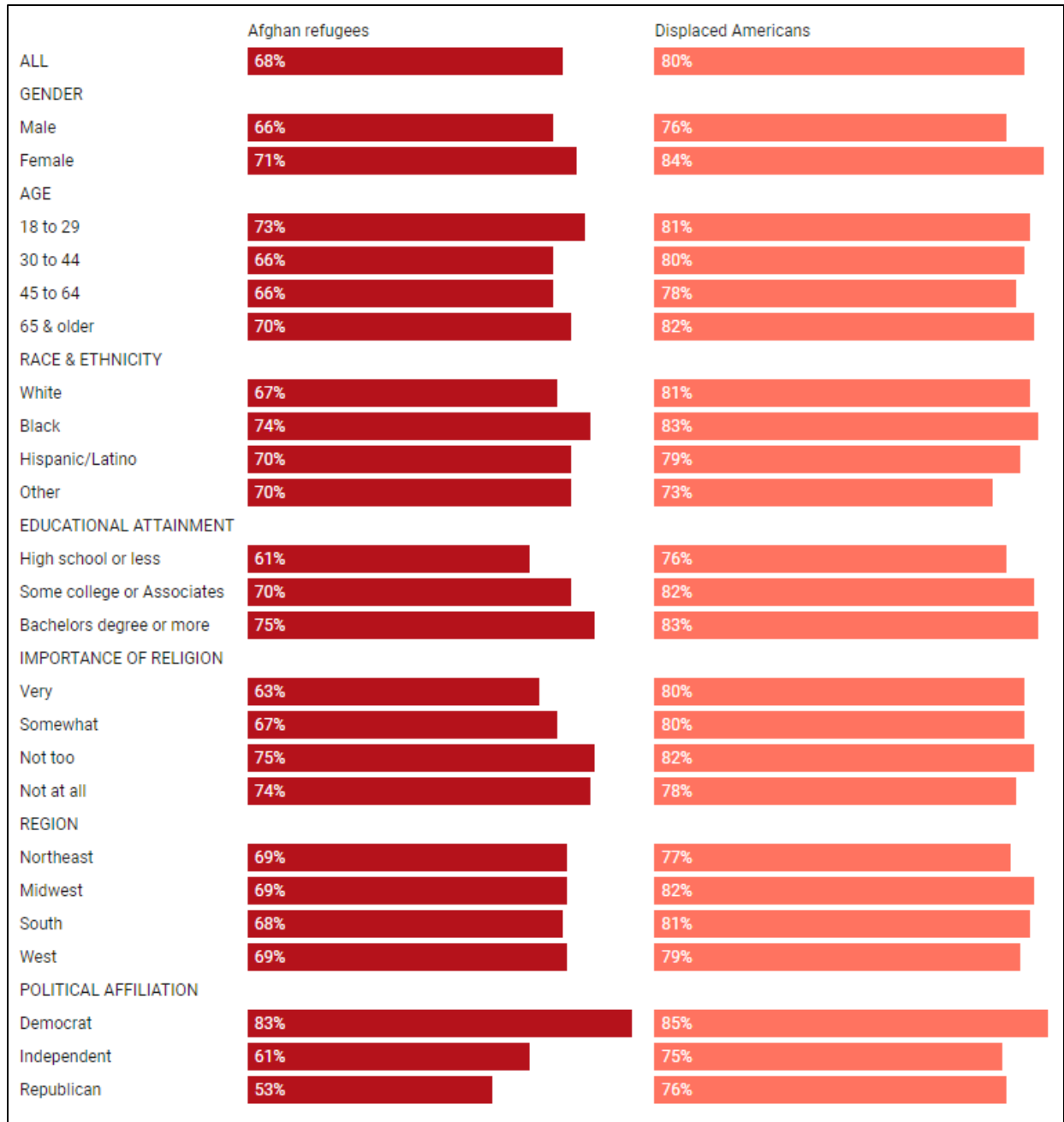
As with other forms of support for the two displaced groups—Afghan refugees and Americans who have lost their homes to fires and floods—the starkest difference between groups of Americans follows political lines. A somewhat larger proportion of Democrats than Republicans indicate a willingness to contribute to efforts to relocate other Americans into their local communities. When it comes to contributing to the local resettlement of Afghan refugees, there is a larger 30 percentage point spread, with 83% of Democrats and 53% of Republicans indicating that they would volunteer, donate, or both.

A notably smaller majority of Republicans indicate that they would contribute to efforts of charities and religious organizations to settle Afghan refugees into their communities than would contribute to such efforts on behalf of displaced Americans (53% compared to 76%).

Other findings regarding personal contributions to local resettlement of the two displaced groups include:

- A somewhat larger majority of women than men indicate a willingness to contribute to the local resettlement of both Afghan refugees (71% versus 66%) and displaced Americans (84% versus 76%).
- A somewhat larger majority of Black Americans than White Americans are willing to contribute to the local settlement of Afghan refugees (74% compared to 67%).
- Somewhat larger majorities of those with a bachelor’s degree than those with a high school diploma or less education indicate a willingness to contribute to the local resettlement of both Afghan refugees (75% versus 61%) and displaced Americans (83% versus 76%).
- Among those who say that religion is “very important” to them, a notably higher majority say that they would contribute to the efforts of charities and religious organizations to resettle displaced Americans than Afghan refugees into their local communities (80% compared to 63%).

Majorities of various demographic groups would contribute to charities and religious organizations working to settle Afghan refugees into their communities; even larger majorities would contribute to local resettlement of displaced Americans



Questions: "If local charities and religious organizations were committed to helping [Afghan refugees/ Americans who lost their homes to fires and floods] settle in your community, and you were asked to volunteer or donate funds to the effort, would you Volunteer, Donate money or household goods, Both, or Neither?" Percentages represent the proportion indicating volunteer and/or donate.

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About the survey

Data collection for this Mood of the Nation Poll was conducted online by YouGov (<https://today.yougov.com/>), Oct. 20-27, 2021. The YouGov panel includes over 1.8 million individuals who agree to complete occasional surveys. The 1,200 individuals who completed the April Mood of the Nation Poll were matched to the joint distribution from the Census's American Community Survey in terms of age, sex, race and ethnicity, and years of education. The frame was augmented by matching to the November 2010 Current Population Survey and the Pew Religious Life Survey in order to include voter registration, political interest and party identification in the selection model.

For additional details about the sample and survey methodology, as well as transparency disclosures relevant to the American Association of Public Opinion, the Roper Center and CNN, please see:

<https://www.apmresearchlab.org/surveys>.

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