

Interviewing: August 2 - 4, 2020  
Sample: 1500 Adults nationwide online  
1056 registered voters nationwide online



# ***The Economist/YouGov Poll***

## Weekly Tracking

For immediate release

**1. Presidential Job Approval – Historical**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

All Adults							
	<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
August 1, 2020	40%	55%	21%	19%	13%	42%	5%
July 25, 2020	44%	50%	24%	19%	9%	41%	6%
July 18, 2020	41%	53%	21%	21%	12%	41%	6%
July 11, 2020	40%	54%	23%	16%	9%	45%	6%
July 4, 2020	40%	55%	22%	19%	13%	42%	5%
June 27, 2020	40%	54%	23%	17%	11%	43%	6%
June 20, 2020	40%	53%	23%	17%	11%	42%	6%
June 13, 2020	41%	53%	22%	19%	9%	44%	6%
June 6, 2020	42%	52%	24%	19%	11%	41%	5%
August 3, 2019	41%	48%	26%	15%	10%	39%	10%

Registered Voters							
	<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
August 1, 2020	42%	56%	25%	17%	9%	47%	2%
July 25, 2020	44%	53%	27%	17%	7%	46%	3%
July 18, 2020	42%	55%	23%	19%	10%	46%	2%
July 11, 2020	41%	56%	27%	14%	8%	48%	2%
July 4, 2020	42%	57%	26%	16%	11%	46%	2%
June 27, 2020	42%	56%	26%	16%	11%	46%	2%
June 20, 2020	43%	55%	27%	16%	9%	46%	2%
June 13, 2020	42%	56%	26%	16%	7%	48%	2%
June 6, 2020	43%	56%	26%	17%	9%	47%	1%
August 3, 2019	44%	52%	30%	14%	8%	44%	4%

## Presidential Job Approval

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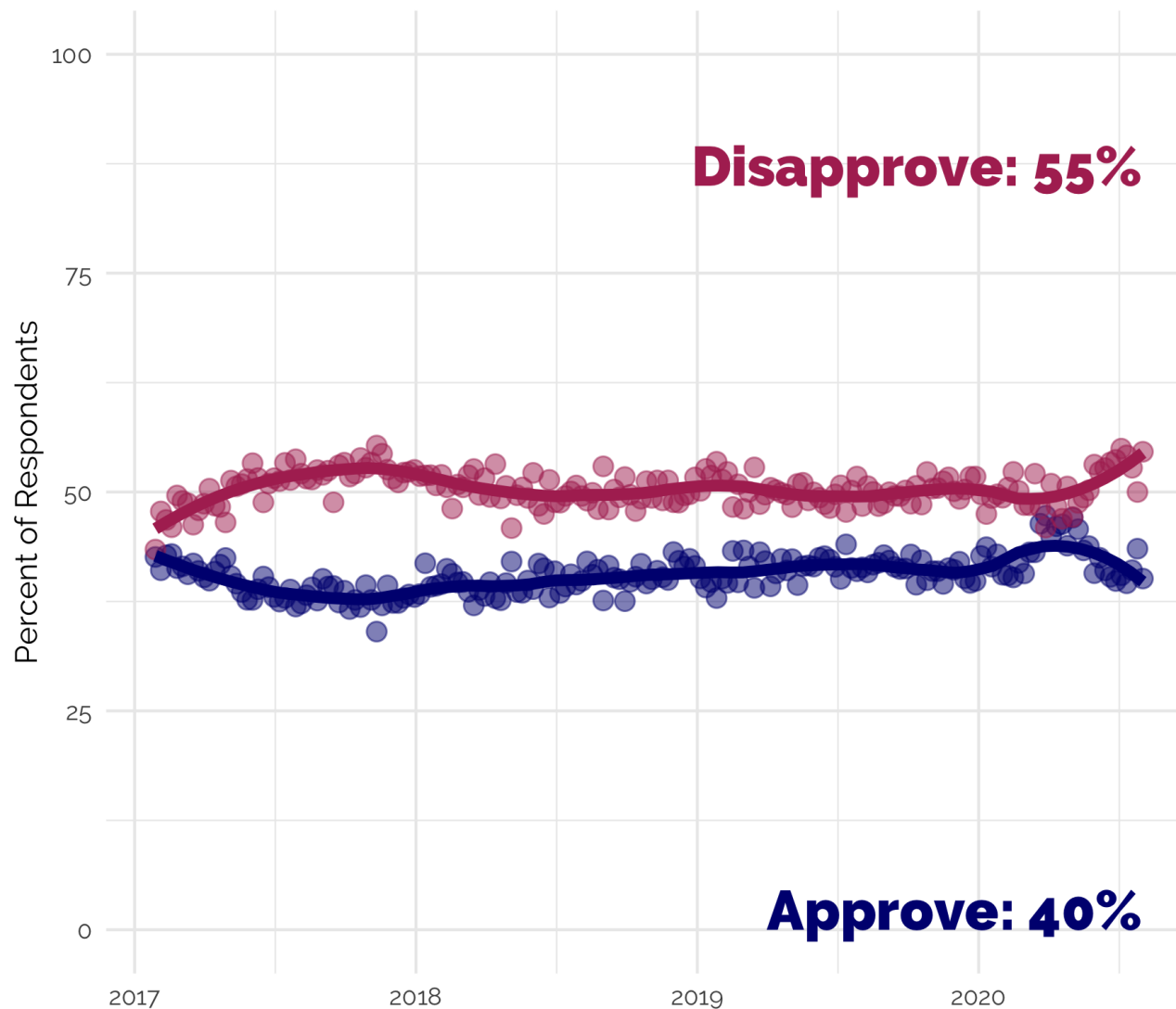


Figure 1: Trump Approval – All Adults

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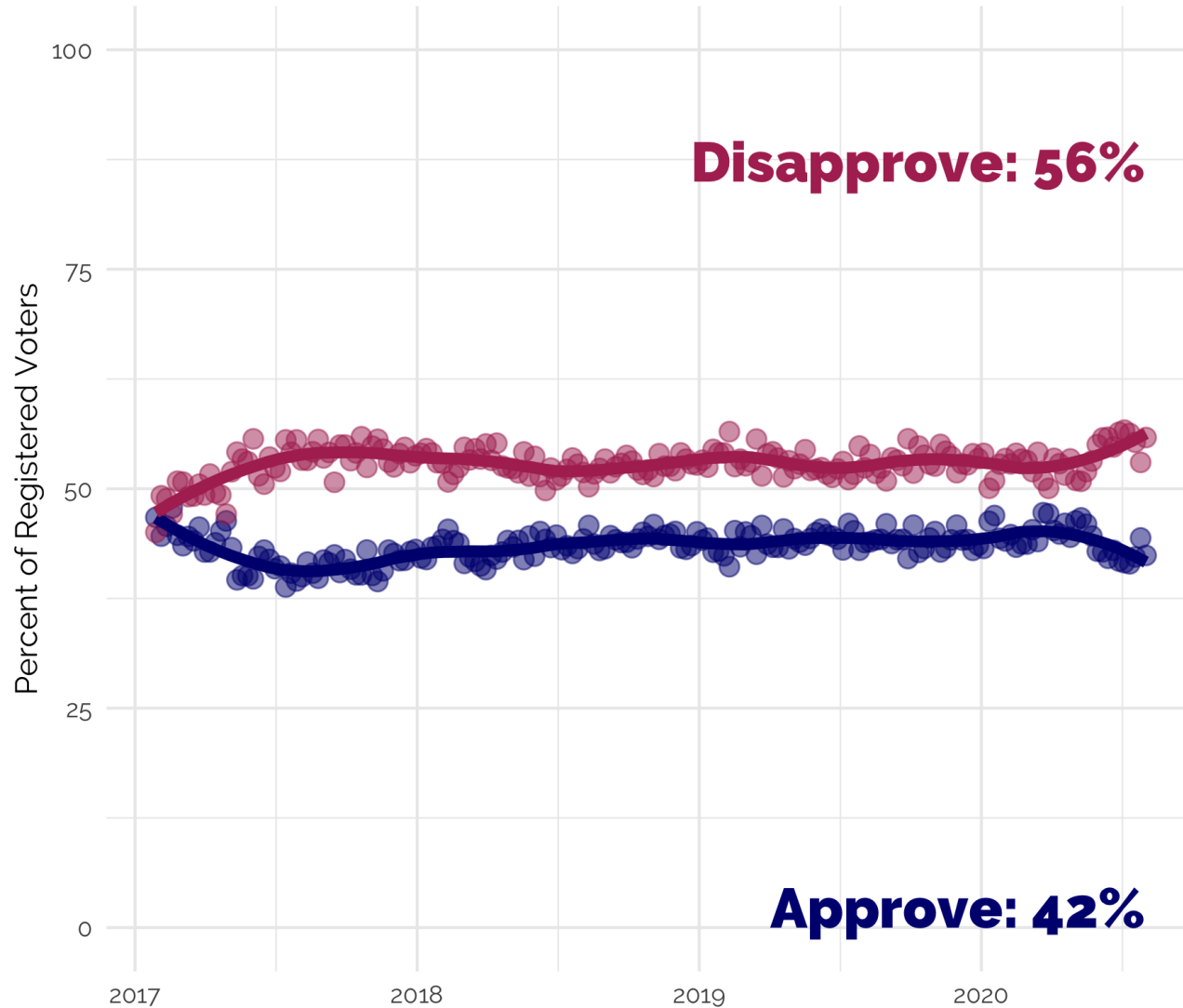


Figure 2: Trump Approval – Registered Voters

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[President Name] is handling his job as President?"

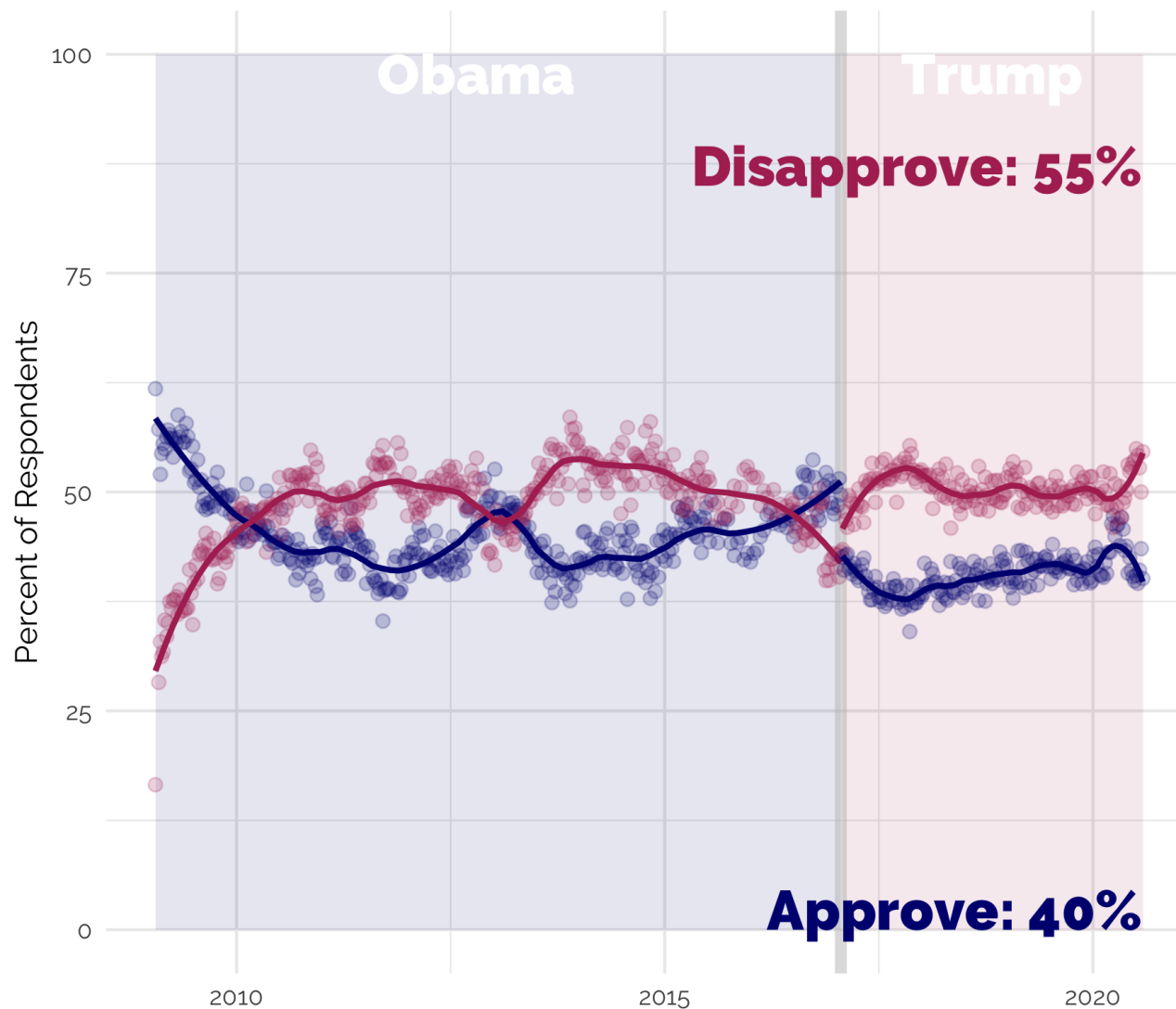


Figure 3: Presidential Approval since 2009 – All Adults

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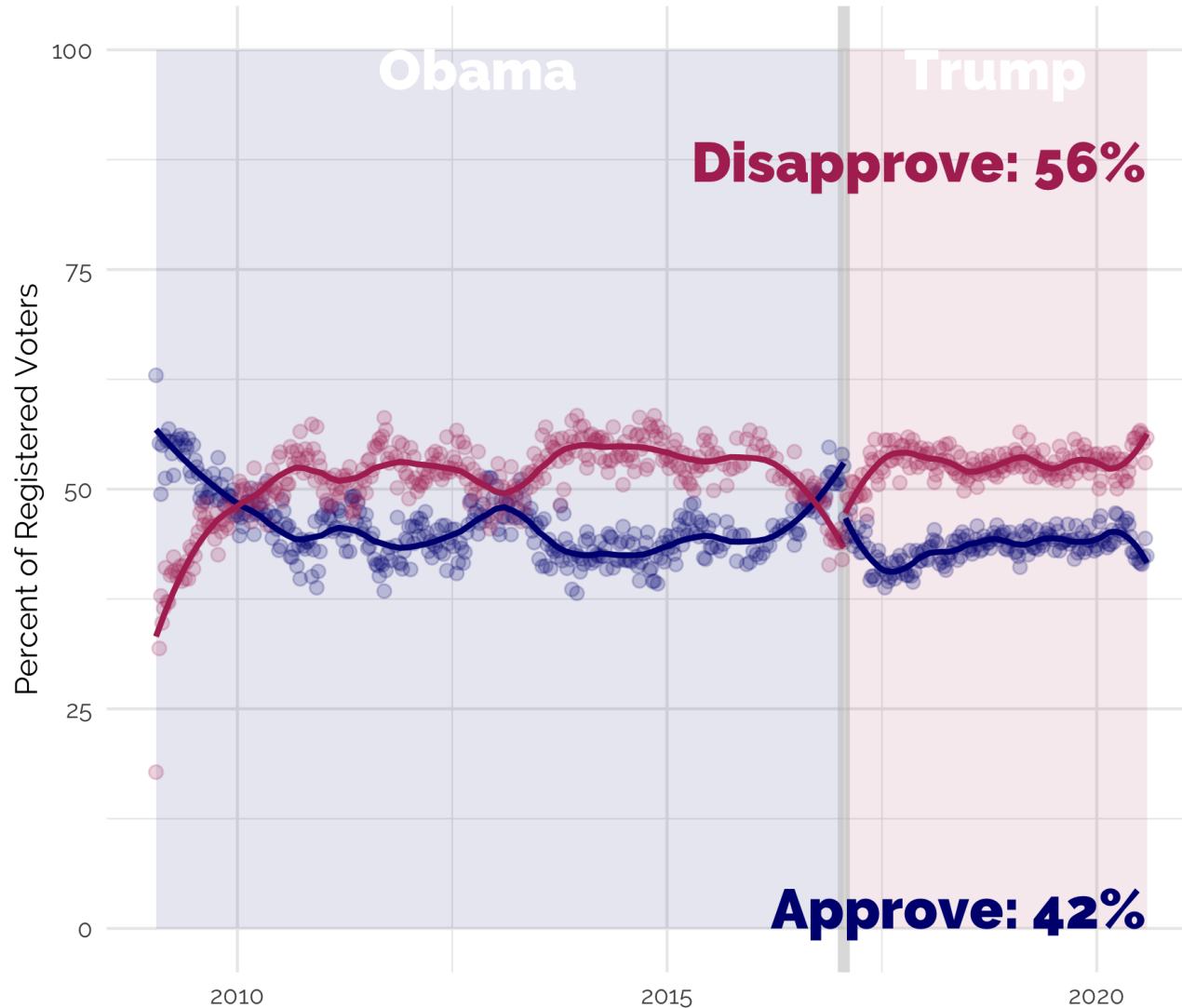


Figure 4: Presidential Approval since 2009 – Registered Voters

**2. President Trump Job Approval – This Week – All Adults**

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

	Age					Race				Census Region			
	Total	Under 30	30–44	45–64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	21%	10%	13%	24%	35%	26%	6%	12%	8%	17%	20%	24%	18%
Somewhat approve	19%	19%	24%	23%	10%	22%	12%	16%	13%	16%	23%	22%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	23%	13%	10%	6%	11%	15%	16%	22%	8%	11%	13%	17%
Strongly disapprove	42%	38%	43%	40%	48%	38%	58%	51%	40%	55%	41%	34%	46%
Not sure	5%	10%	7%	3%	2%	4%	9%	4%	16%	3%	5%	7%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1500)	(321)	(332)	(535)	(312)	(1038)	(196)	(154)	(112)	(314)	(301)	(569)	(316)

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under \$50K	\$50–100K	\$100K or more
Strongly approve	21%	2%	15%	52%	2%	11%	49%	22%	20%	19%	21%	23%
Somewhat approve	19%	7%	21%	32%	8%	21%	26%	20%	18%	21%	19%	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	15%	14%	8%	9%	17%	10%	14%	11%	12%	16%	12%
Strongly disapprove	42%	73%	40%	6%	79%	43%	11%	37%	46%	41%	40%	43%
Not sure	5%	2%	10%	2%	2%	8%	4%	6%	5%	7%	4%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1500)	(500)	(597)	(403)	(415)	(604)	(481)	(701)	(799)	(625)	(430)	(267)

**3. Approval of U.S. Congress – Historical**

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

All Adults

	<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
August 1, 2020	17%	53%	3%	14%	19%	25%	27%	11%
July 25, 2020	18%	50%	4%	14%	18%	23%	27%	14%
July 18, 2020	18%	49%	3%	15%	20%	24%	25%	13%
July 11, 2020	17%	49%	4%	13%	21%	22%	27%	13%
July 4, 2020	18%	49%	4%	14%	20%	23%	27%	13%
June 27, 2020	17%	55%	5%	12%	16%	25%	30%	13%
June 20, 2020	18%	50%	6%	13%	18%	22%	28%	14%
June 13, 2020	17%	50%	5%	12%	19%	21%	30%	13%
June 6, 2020	15%	52%	4%	11%	21%	23%	29%	11%
August 3, 2019	14%	56%	4%	10%	15%	21%	35%	15%

Registered Voters

	<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
August 1, 2020	16%	60%	3%	14%	18%	28%	31%	6%
July 25, 2020	17%	59%	4%	13%	15%	26%	32%	9%
July 18, 2020	18%	57%	3%	15%	18%	26%	30%	8%
July 11, 2020	16%	57%	3%	13%	20%	25%	32%	8%
July 4, 2020	17%	56%	4%	13%	19%	24%	32%	8%
June 27, 2020	19%	60%	6%	14%	14%	28%	32%	7%
June 20, 2020	19%	58%	6%	13%	15%	25%	33%	9%
June 13, 2020	18%	57%	5%	12%	17%	23%	34%	8%
June 6, 2020	16%	60%	4%	12%	20%	26%	34%	5%
August 3, 2019	14%	63%	4%	10%	14%	23%	41%	8%

## Congressional Job Approval

"Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?"

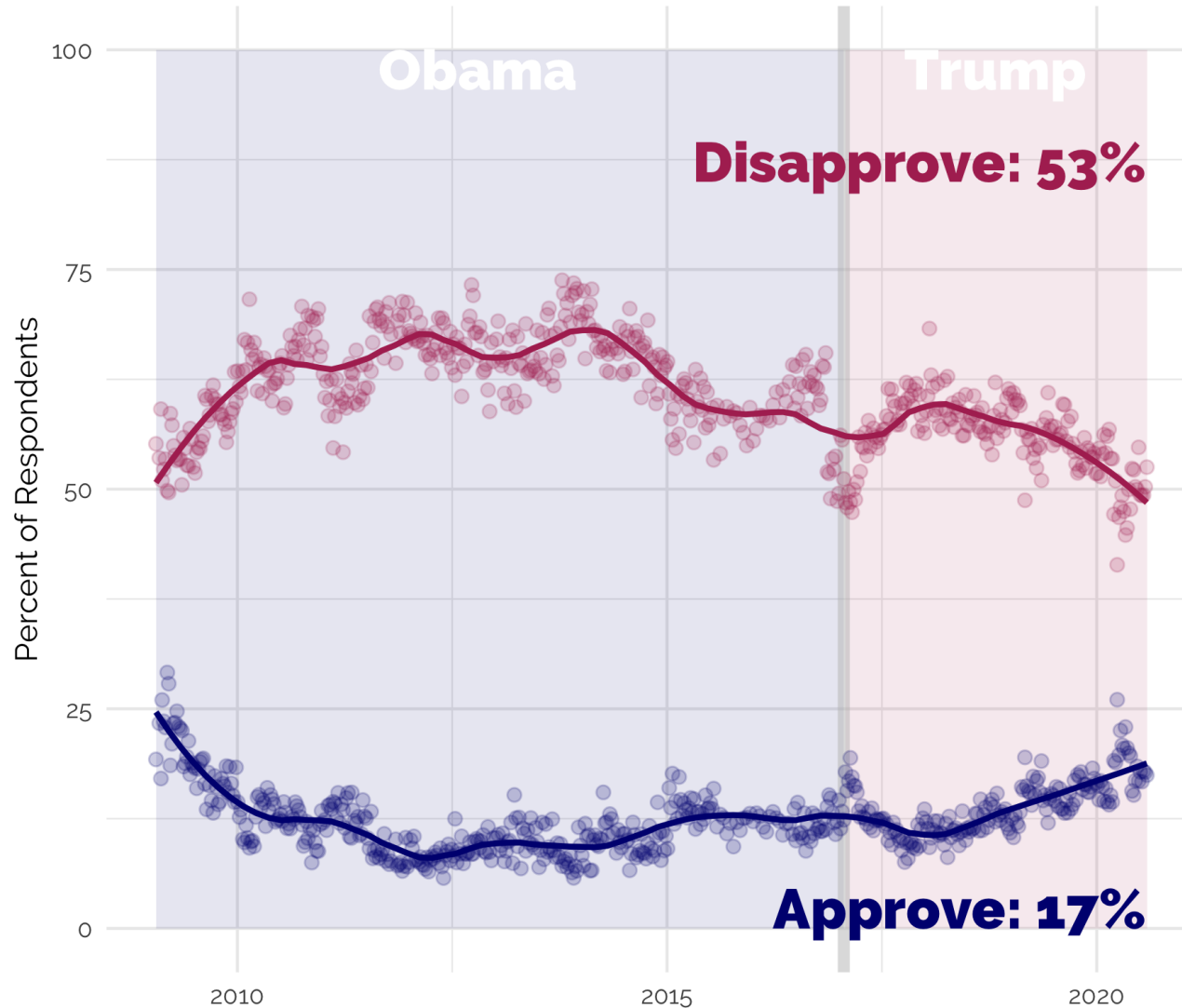


Figure 5: Congressional Approval – All Adults

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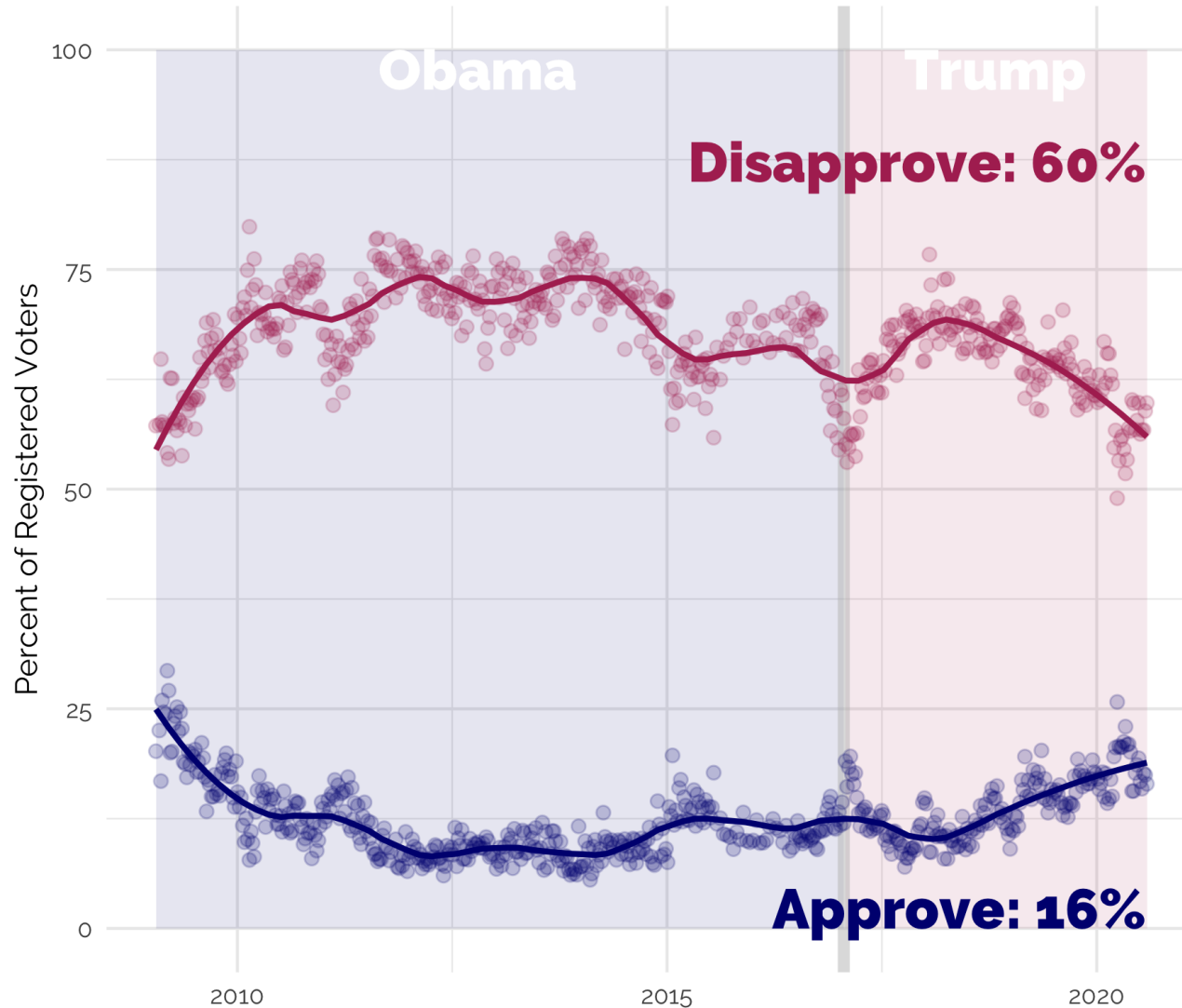


Figure 6: Congressional Approval – Registered Voters

**4. Approval of U.S. Congress – This Week – All Adults**

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

	Age					Race				Census Region			
	Total	Under 30	30–44	45–64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North–east	Mid–west	South	West
Strongly approve	3%	5%	4%	1%	4%	3%	7%	1%	5%	2%	1%	4%	5%
Somewhat approve	14%	16%	17%	13%	12%	13%	20%	15%	12%	17%	9%	14%	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%	20%	20%	21%	13%	17%	23%	21%	20%	15%	14%	24%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	25%	18%	28%	25%	29%	27%	14%	26%	27%	24%	34%	22%	22%
Strongly disapprove	27%	22%	18%	30%	38%	31%	18%	22%	19%	28%	30%	24%	31%
Not sure	11%	19%	14%	9%	5%	9%	17%	15%	17%	13%	11%	11%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1478)	(306)	(331)	(529)	(312)	(1030)	(191)	(150)	(107)	(311)	(296)	(558)	(313)

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under \$50K	\$50–100K	\$100K or more
Strongly approve	3%	5%	2%	2%	6%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Somewhat approve	14%	16%	11%	16%	15%	15%	12%	14%	14%	15%	16%	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%	23%	15%	19%	15%	20%	20%	16%	21%	21%	14%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	25%	25%	24%	27%	26%	24%	25%	26%	24%	21%	32%	30%
Strongly disapprove	27%	21%	31%	30%	27%	22%	35%	31%	24%	23%	28%	30%
Not sure	11%	10%	17%	6%	10%	16%	6%	9%	14%	17%	6%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1478)	(495)	(584)	(399)	(411)	(591)	(476)	(691)	(787)	(620)	(422)	(262)

**5. Direction of Country – Historical**

Would you say things in this country today are...

	All Adults		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
August 1, 2020	24%	66%	10%
July 25, 2020	22%	66%	12%
July 18, 2020	22%	68%	10%
July 11, 2020	25%	66%	9%
July 4, 2020	24%	64%	11%
June 27, 2020	21%	67%	12%
June 20, 2020	25%	65%	11%
June 13, 2020	24%	65%	12%
June 6, 2020	26%	64%	9%
August 3, 2019	35%	54%	10%

	Registered Voters		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
August 1, 2020	25%	69%	6%
July 25, 2020	21%	72%	8%
July 18, 2020	21%	72%	7%
July 11, 2020	23%	70%	7%
July 4, 2020	25%	67%	8%
June 27, 2020	24%	69%	7%
June 20, 2020	26%	66%	7%
June 13, 2020	24%	68%	8%
June 6, 2020	27%	66%	7%
August 3, 2019	35%	58%	7%

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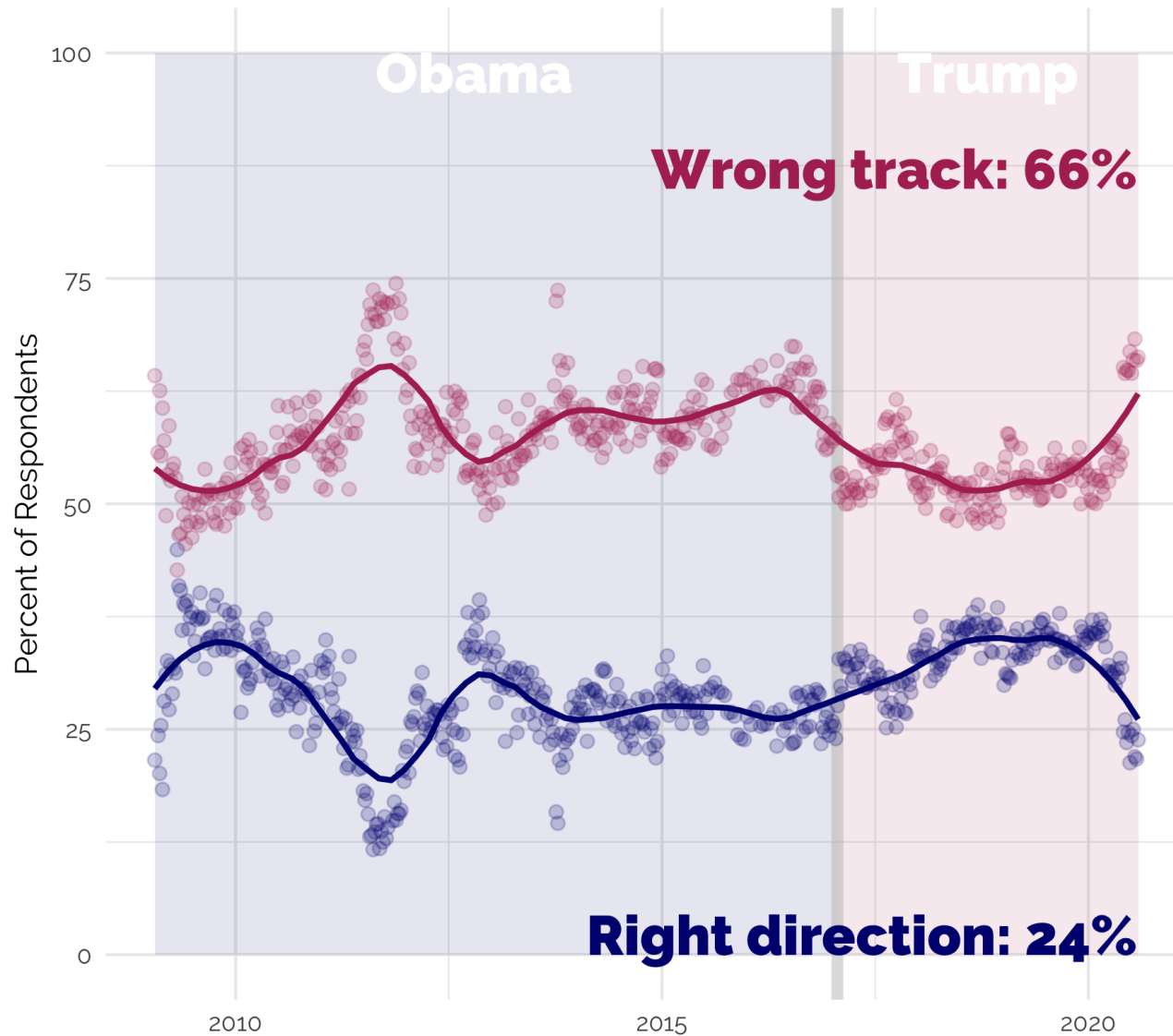


Figure 7: Direction of Country – All Adults

## Direction of Country

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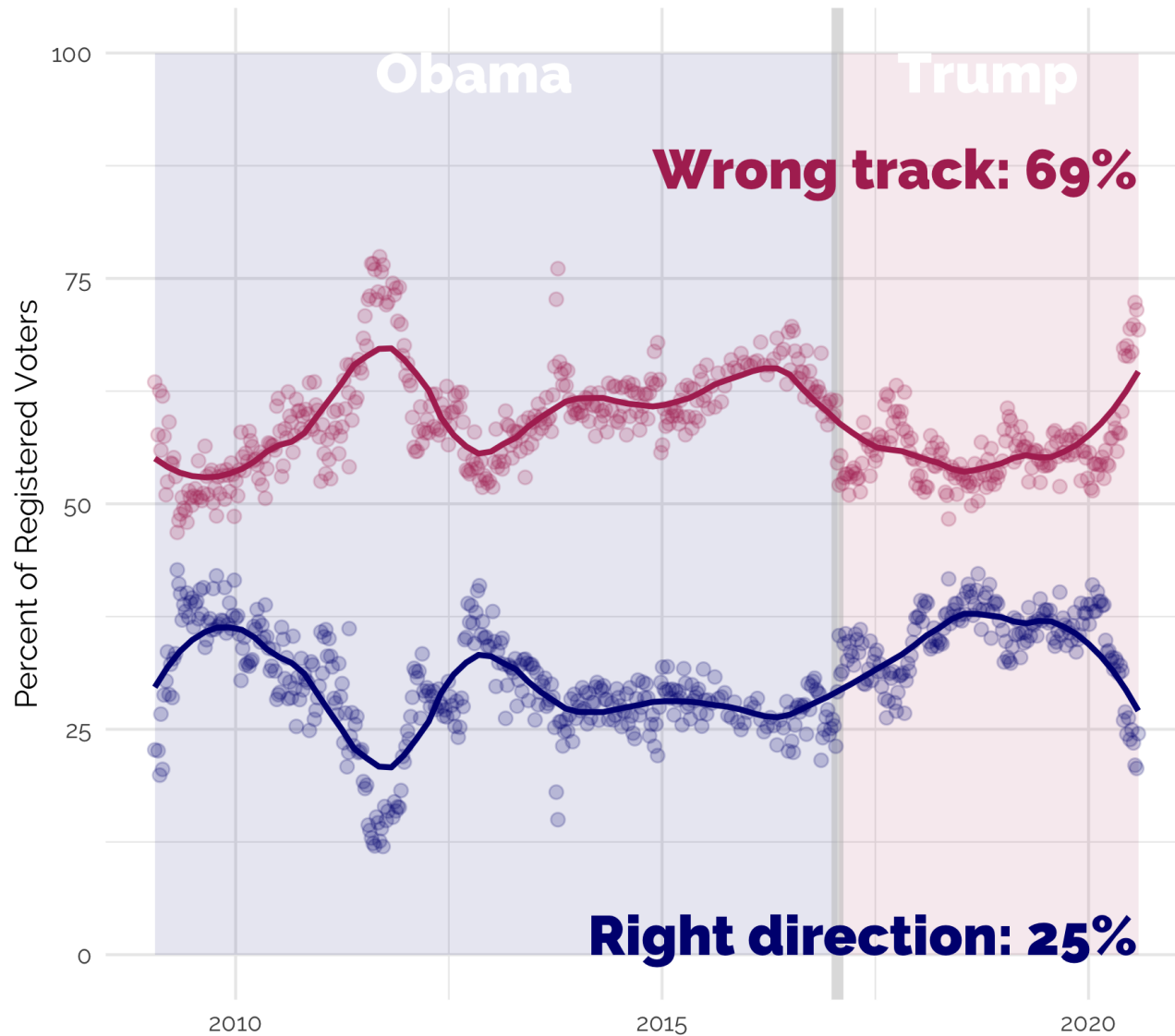


Figure 8: Direction of Country – Registered Voters

**6. Direction of Country – This Week – All Adults**

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

	Age					Race				Census Region			
	Total	Under 30	30–44	45–64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Generally headed in the right direction	24%	23%	22%	25%	25%	27%	15%	15%	20%	18%	26%	28%	20%
Off on the wrong track	66%	64%	64%	69%	68%	64%	75%	68%	67%	70%	67%	62%	70%
Not sure	10%	13%	14%	7%	7%	9%	9%	17%	13%	11%	7%	10%	10%
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Generally headed in the right direction	24%	12%	19%	46%	10%	19%	42%	29%	19%	22%	25%	29%
Off on the wrong track	66%	85%	66%	44%	86%	67%	49%	63%	70%	66%	67%	68%
Not sure	10%	3%	15%	10%	4%	14%	9%	9%	11%	12%	8%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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<b>Sponsorship:</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Target population:</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Interviewing Dates:</b>	August 2 - 4, 2020
<b>Sampling method:</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting:</b>	The sample was weighted based on age, gender, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.2 to 6.53, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.82.
<b>Number of respondents:</b>	1500
<b>Margin of error (All):</b>	3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Margin of error (Registered Voters):</b>	3.6% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode:</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Full results:</b>	<a href="https://today.yougov.com/topics/overview/all(popup:search/Economist;type=surveys)">https://today.yougov.com/topics/overview/all(popup:search/Economist;type=surveys)</a>