

Interviewing: May 17 - 19, 2020  
Sample: 1500 Adults nationwide online  
1048 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
May 16, 2020	43%	49%	24%	19%	12%	38%	7%
May 9, 2020	46%	49%	27%	19%	11%	38%	5%
May 2, 2020	47%	47%	25%	22%	12%	35%	6%
April 25, 2020	44%	51%	23%	21%	12%	38%	5%
April 18, 2020	46%	47%	25%	21%	10%	37%	7%
April 11, 2020	46%	48%	25%	21%	10%	38%	6%
April 4, 2020	45%	51%	26%	19%	13%	38%	4%
March 28, 2020	47%	46%	26%	21%	12%	34%	7%
March 21, 2020	46%	48%	26%	20%	11%	38%	5%
May 18, 2019	42%	51%	23%	18%	11%	40%	7%

Registered Voters

	<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
May 16, 2020	46%	52%	27%	19%	8%	44%	2%
May 9, 2020	47%	51%	31%	16%	8%	43%	2%
May 2, 2020	46%	51%	28%	18%	11%	40%	3%
April 25, 2020	44%	53%	26%	18%	11%	42%	2%
April 18, 2020	46%	52%	28%	18%	9%	42%	2%
April 11, 2020	45%	53%	28%	17%	8%	45%	2%
April 4, 2020	45%	53%	30%	15%	10%	43%	1%
March 28, 2020	47%	50%	29%	18%	10%	40%	3%
March 21, 2020	47%	51%	30%	17%	8%	43%	2%
May 18, 2019	44%	54%	27%	17%	9%	45%	2%

## Presidential Job Approval

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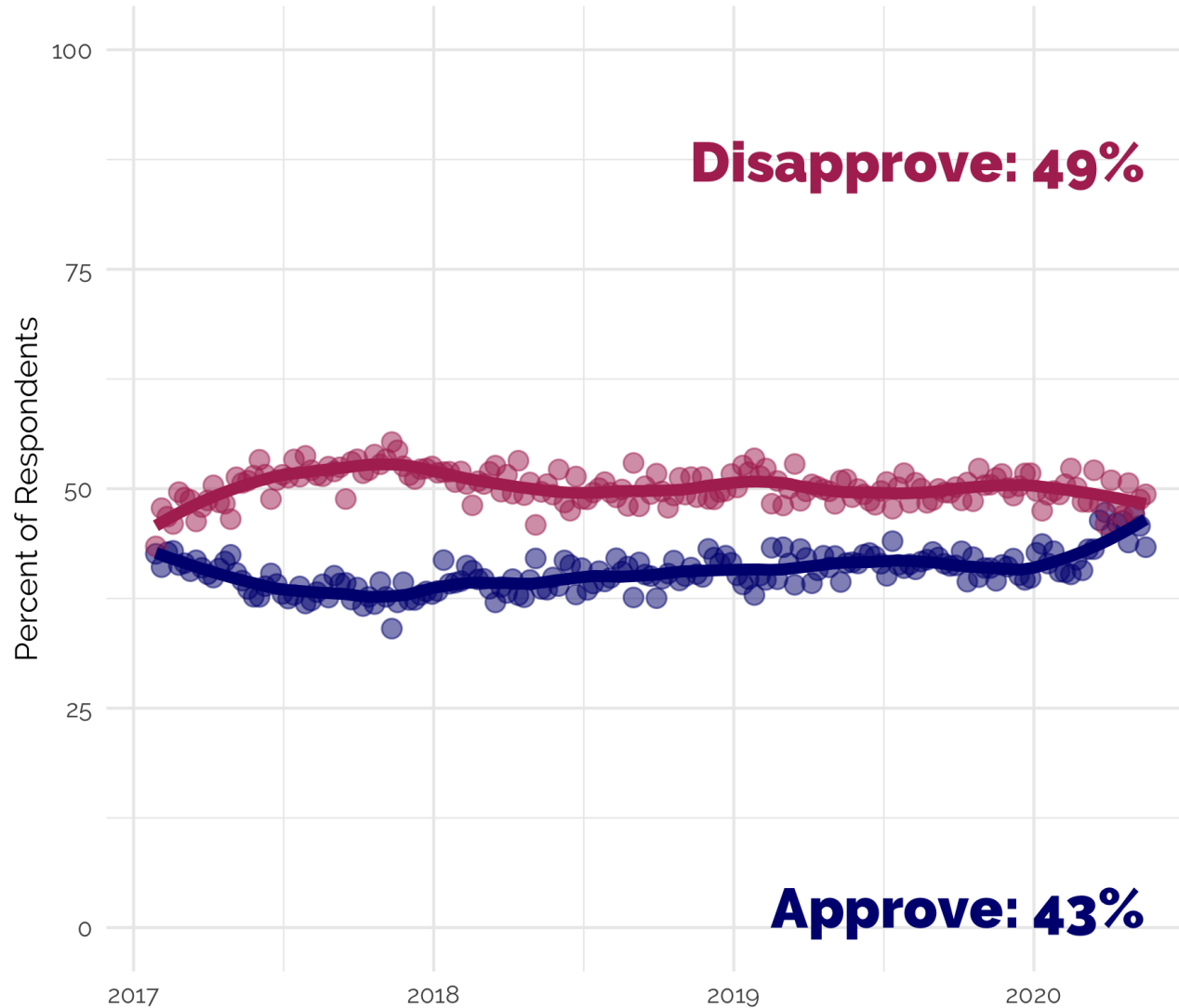


Figure 1: Trump Approval – All Adults

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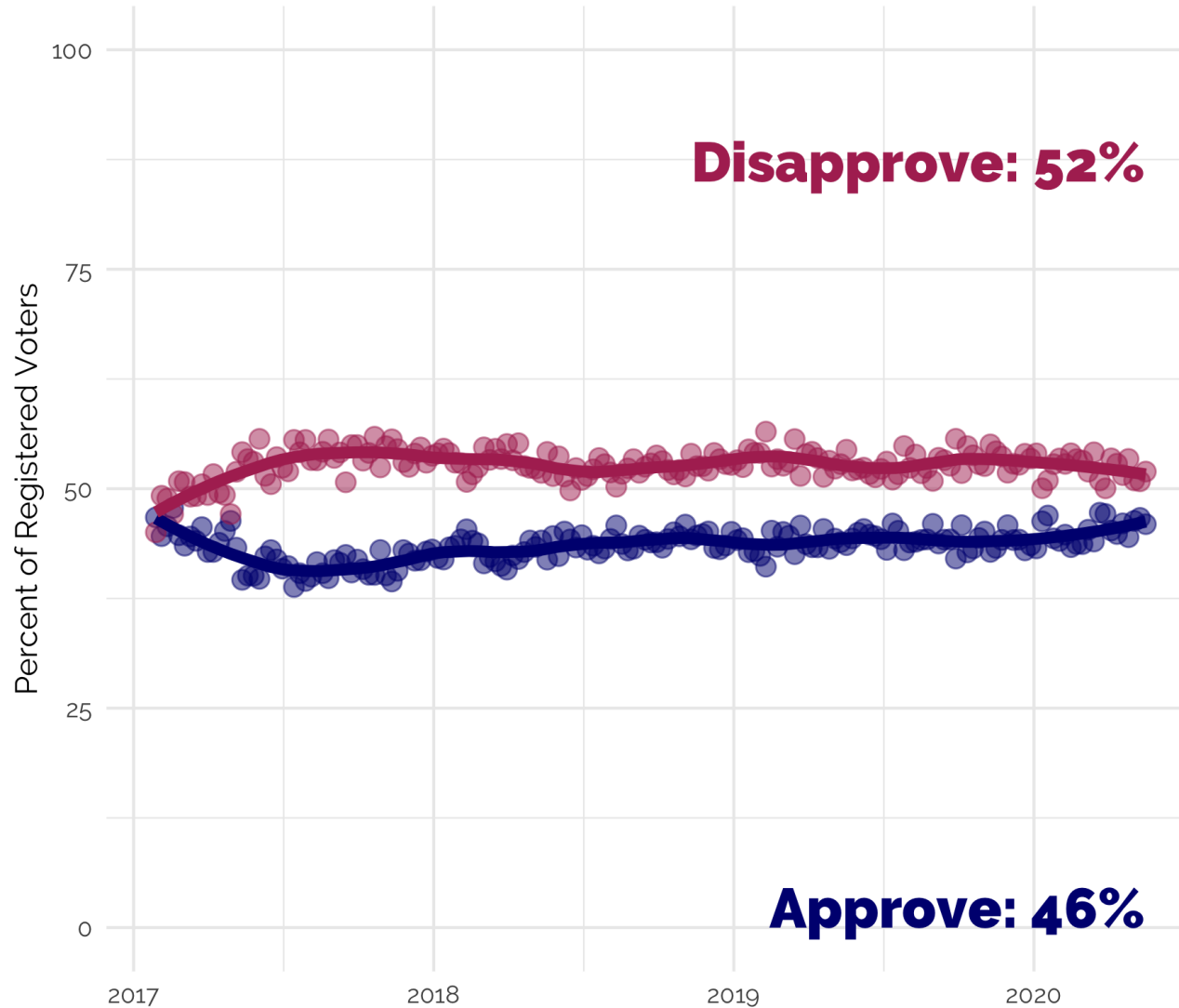


Figure 2: Trump Approval – Registered Voters

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

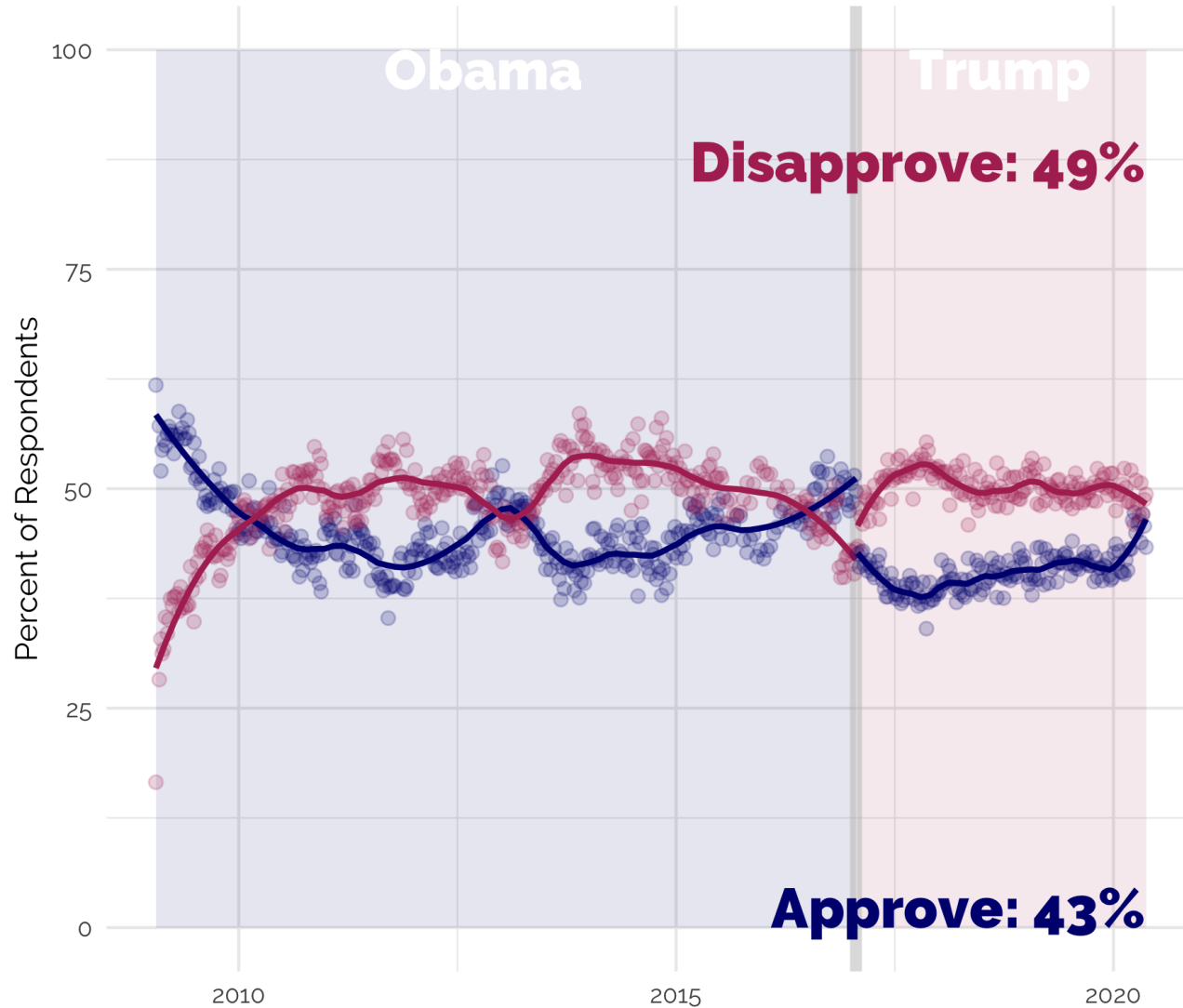


Figure 3: Presidential Approval since 2009 – All Adults

## Presidential Job Approval

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

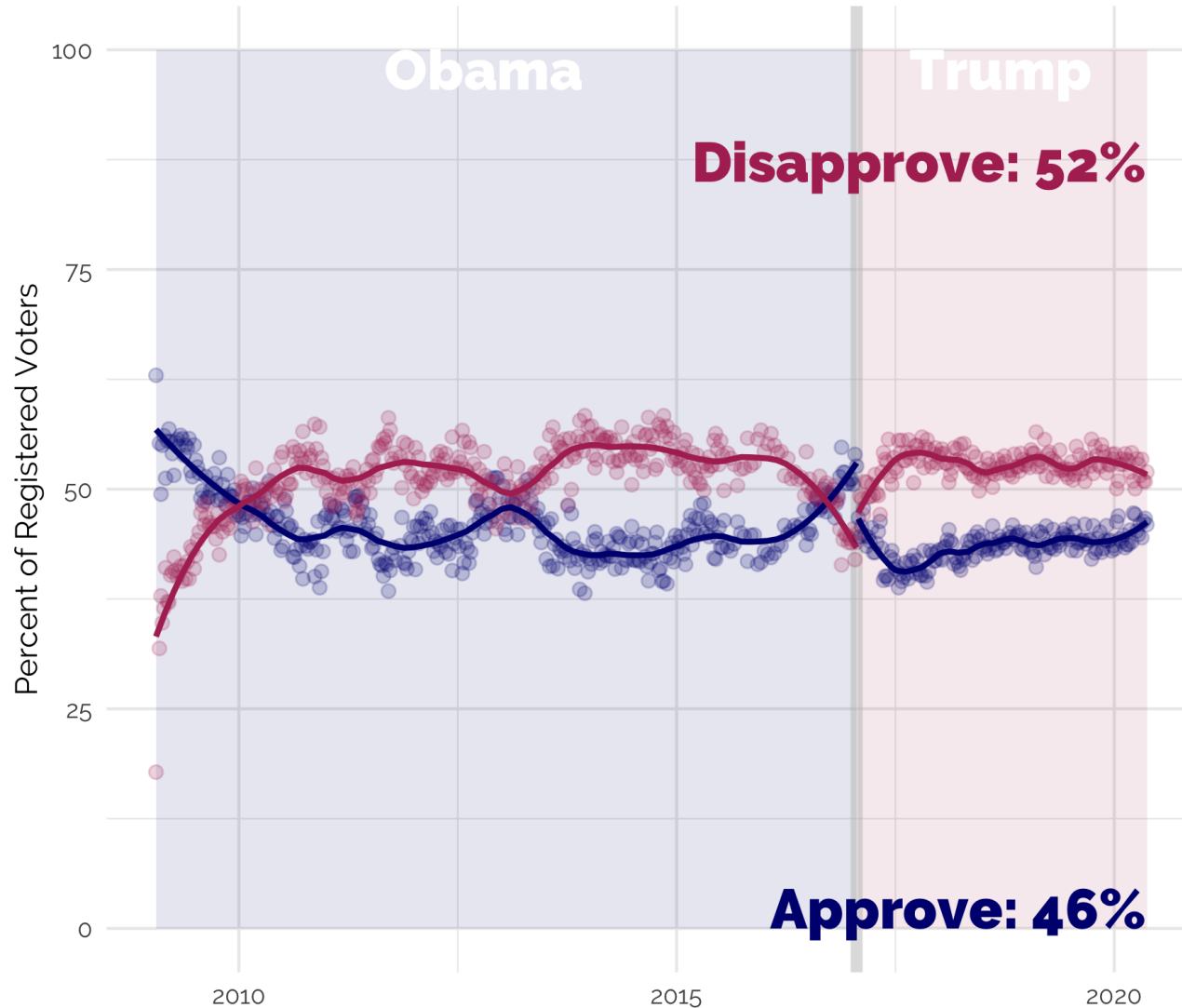


Figure 4: Presidential Approval since 2009 – Registered Voters

**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	24%	15%	15%	30%	36%	29%	3%	19%	20%	22%	27%	24%	24%
Somewhat approve	19%	15%	25%	20%	14%	22%	8%	10%	27%	20%	17%	20%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	18%	15%	8%	8%	11%	16%	13%	11%	15%	13%	10%	11%
Strongly disapprove	38%	37%	35%	39%	40%	33%	65%	34%	39%	37%	39%	37%	39%
Not sure	7%	16%	10%	3%	2%	5%	8%	23%	3%	6%	4%	10%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1500)	(356)	(266)	(566)	(312)	(1078)	(169)	(169)	(84)	(269)	(323)	(561)	(347)

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under \$50K	\$50–100K	\$100K or more
Strongly approve	24%	4%	17%	61%	5%	14%	55%	26%	23%	22%	25%	25%
Somewhat approve	19%	10%	19%	30%	7%	21%	27%	21%	18%	16%	26%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	14%	15%	4%	11%	16%	7%	12%	11%	12%	13%	11%
Strongly disapprove	38%	70%	33%	3%	72%	37%	9%	35%	40%	40%	32%	43%
Not sure	7%	2%	15%	2%	5%	12%	3%	6%	8%	10%	3%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1500)	(539)	(574)	(387)	(457)	(601)	(442)	(671)	(829)	(580)	(405)	(284)

**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
May 16, 2020	20%	50%	4%	16%	18%	25%	25%	12%
May 9, 2020	21%	46%	5%	15%	22%	25%	20%	12%
May 2, 2020	23%	45%	4%	19%	19%	26%	19%	14%
April 25, 2020	20%	47%	4%	17%	19%	26%	21%	13%
April 18, 2020	21%	49%	4%	17%	19%	27%	22%	11%
April 11, 2020	23%	48%	4%	19%	16%	24%	24%	13%
April 4, 2020	20%	47%	4%	16%	22%	24%	23%	12%
March 28, 2020	26%	41%	6%	20%	19%	23%	18%	14%
March 21, 2020	19%	51%	5%	14%	16%	28%	23%	14%
May 18, 2019	15%	57%	5%	9%	16%	26%	31%	12%

Registered Voters

	<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
May 16, 2020	21%	57%	4%	17%	16%	28%	28%	6%
May 9, 2020	21%	53%	5%	15%	19%	27%	26%	7%
May 2, 2020	23%	52%	4%	19%	18%	31%	21%	8%
April 25, 2020	21%	55%	4%	17%	18%	29%	26%	6%
April 18, 2020	21%	56%	3%	17%	17%	29%	27%	6%
April 11, 2020	21%	56%	3%	18%	15%	28%	27%	9%
April 4, 2020	21%	53%	5%	16%	19%	26%	27%	7%
March 28, 2020	26%	49%	6%	20%	17%	27%	22%	8%
March 21, 2020	21%	57%	6%	15%	14%	30%	26%	8%
May 18, 2019	15%	65%	6%	9%	14%	29%	36%	6%

## Congressional Job Approval

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

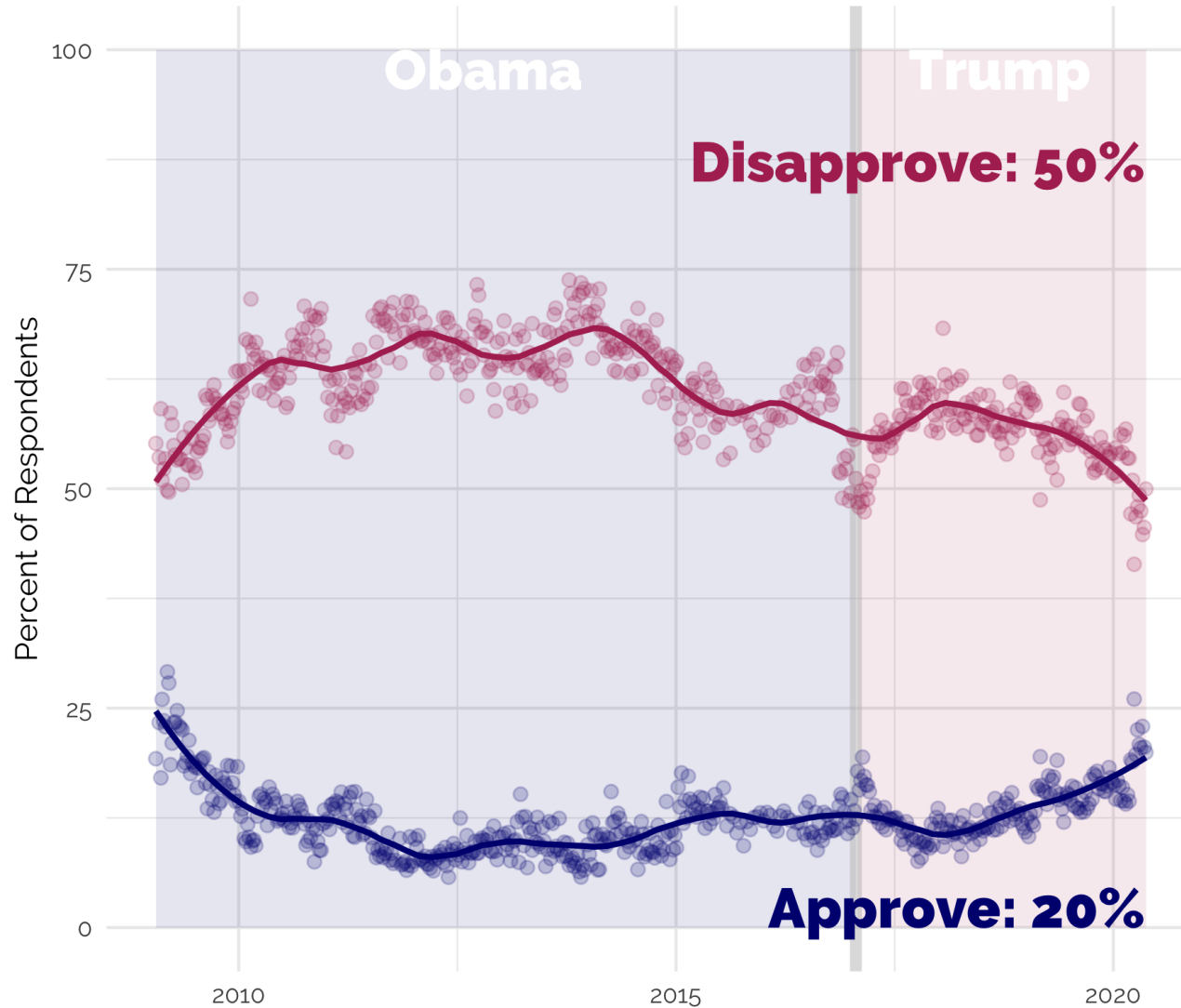


Figure 5: Congressional Approval – All Adults

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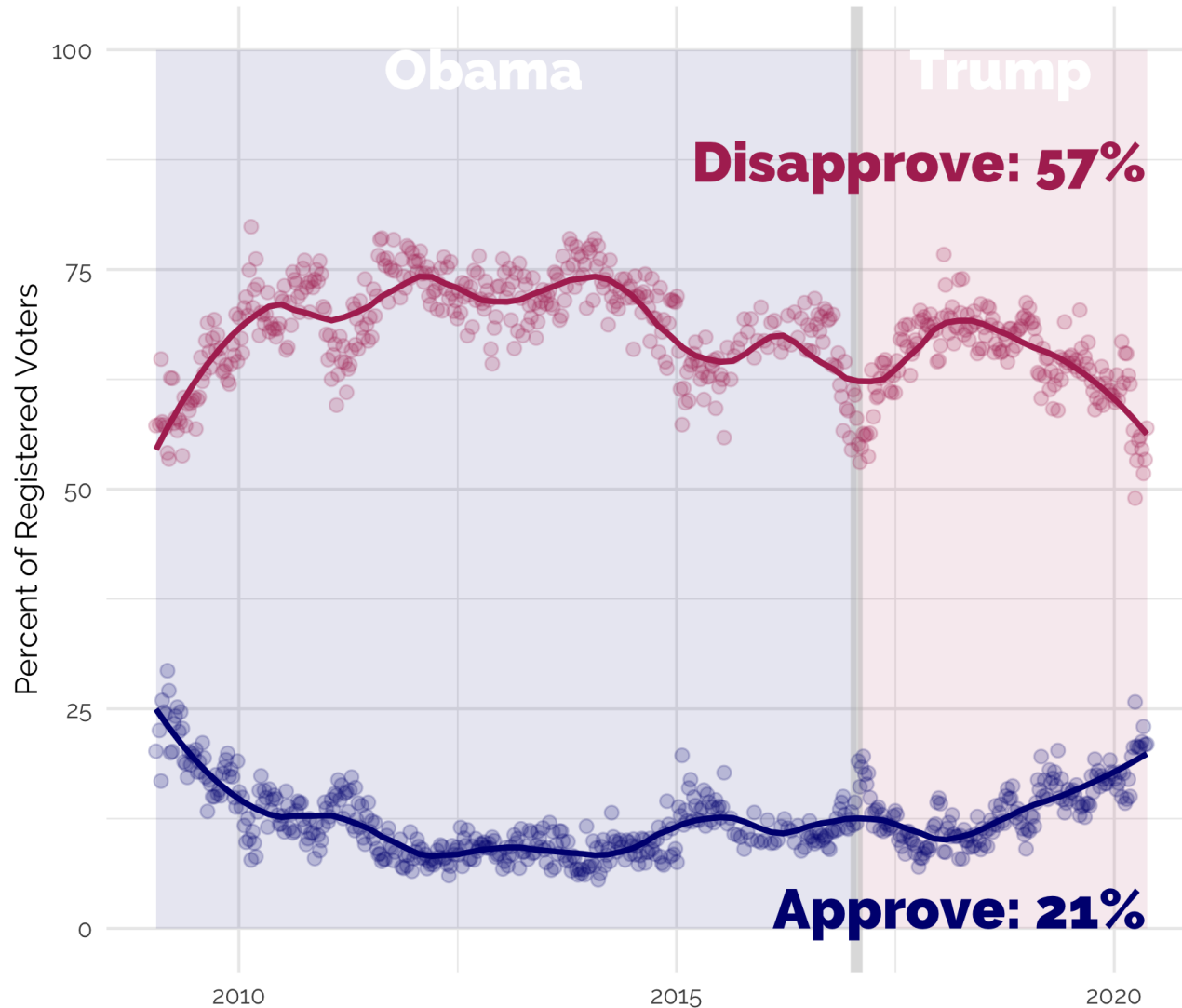


Figure 6: Congressional Approval – Registered Voters

**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	4%	7%	4%	4%	2%	5%	2%	6%	5%	4%	3%	5%	6%
Somewhat approve	16%	16%	16%	16%	14%	15%	16%	18%	15%	21%	15%	13%	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%	22%	17%	18%	15%	17%	27%	14%	23%	17%	17%	20%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	25%	23%	24%	26%	26%	26%	25%	20%	18%	25%	25%	25%	26%
Strongly disapprove	25%	15%	20%	28%	35%	27%	21%	20%	21%	22%	30%	24%	25%
Not sure	12%	17%	19%	7%	8%	11%	9%	21%	17%	11%	10%	14%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1485)	(346)	(264)	(564)	(311)	(1071)	(166)	(166)	(82)	(268)	(319)	(555)	(343)

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under \$50K	\$50–100K	\$100K or more
Strongly approve	4%	3%	4%	8%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%	4%
Somewhat approve	16%	20%	10%	18%	17%	13%	17%	17%	15%	14%	18%	21%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%	23%	16%	15%	17%	21%	15%	15%	20%	19%	17%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	25%	30%	23%	22%	33%	23%	21%	26%	24%	24%	26%	27%
Strongly disapprove	25%	20%	28%	27%	20%	22%	33%	27%	23%	24%	25%	27%
Not sure	12%	6%	19%	9%	8%	17%	9%	10%	14%	15%	9%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1485)	(536)	(566)	(383)	(453)	(593)	(439)	(664)	(821)	(577)	(403)	(278)

**5. Direction of Country – Historical**

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

	All Adults		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
May 16, 2020	33%	54%	13%
May 9, 2020	31%	55%	14%
May 2, 2020	32%	54%	15%
April 25, 2020	30%	57%	13%
April 18, 2020	31%	57%	12%
April 11, 2020	31%	56%	13%
April 4, 2020	31%	56%	12%
March 28, 2020	32%	52%	15%
March 21, 2020	31%	54%	15%
May 18, 2019	35%	53%	12%

	Registered Voters		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
May 16, 2020	32%	58%	10%
May 9, 2020	31%	58%	11%
May 2, 2020	32%	56%	12%
April 25, 2020	33%	58%	9%
April 18, 2020	32%	59%	9%
April 11, 2020	33%	57%	10%
April 4, 2020	33%	57%	10%
March 28, 2020	34%	54%	12%
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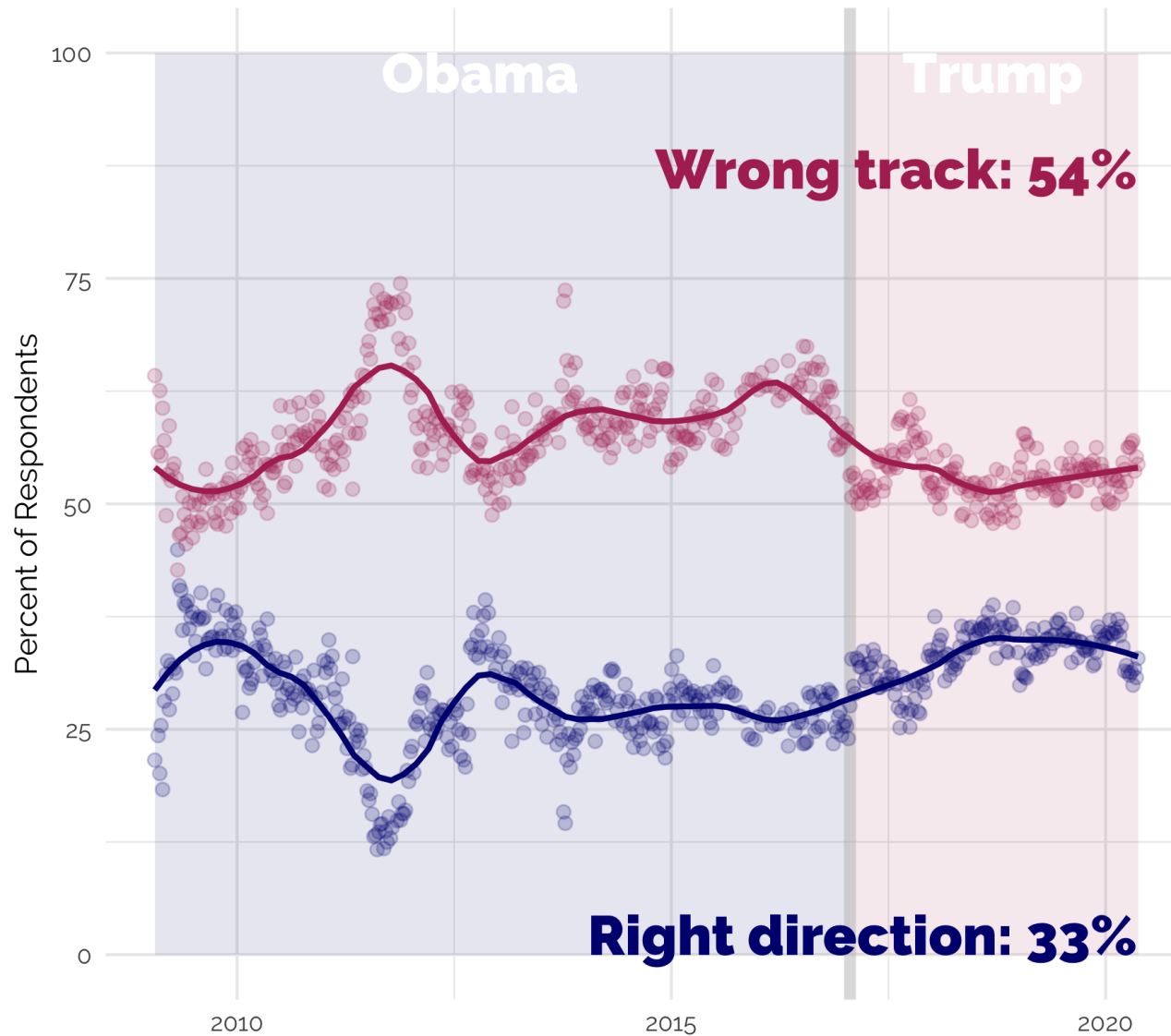


Figure 7: Direction of Country – All Adults

## Direction of Country

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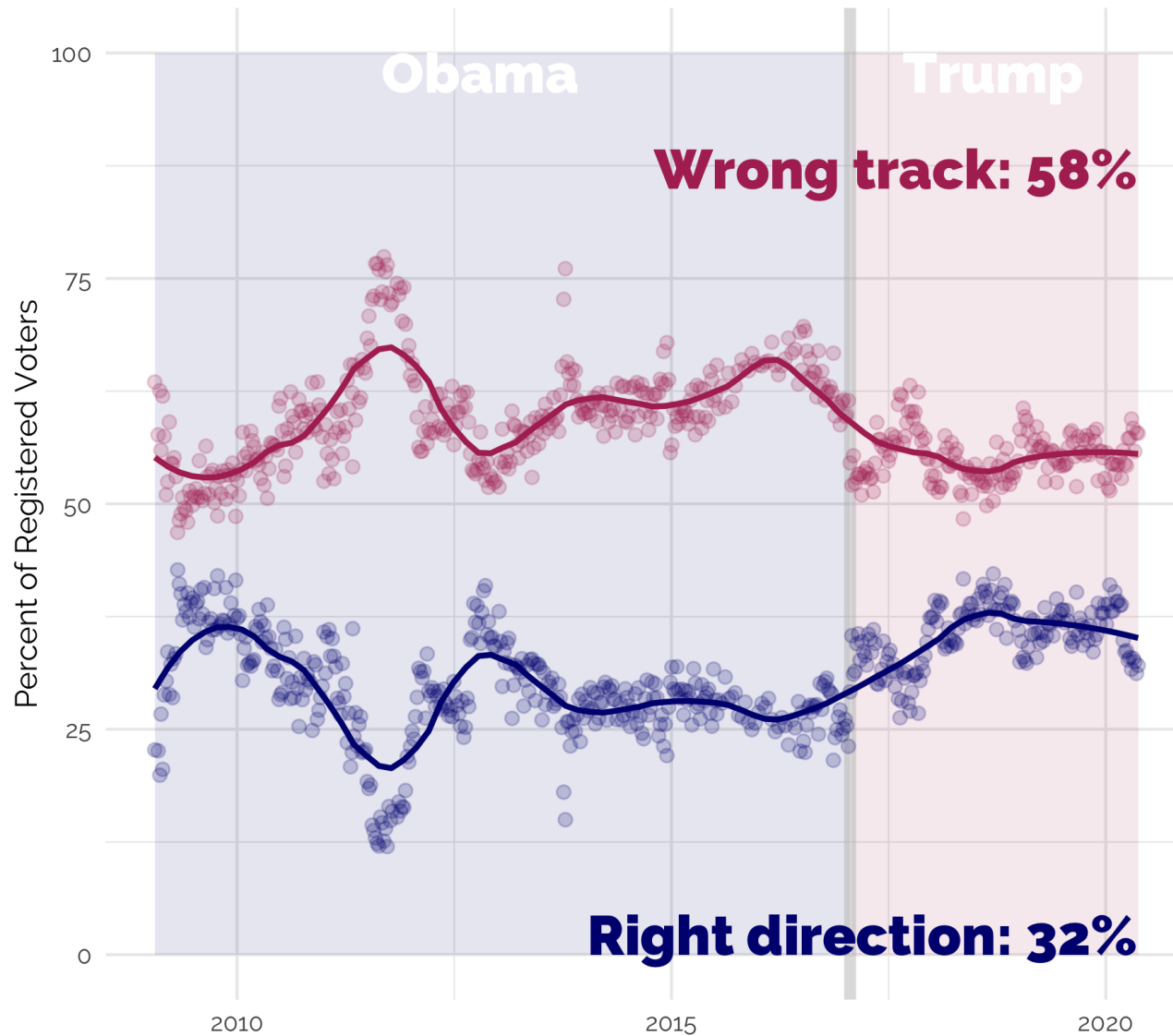


Figure 8: Direction of Country – Registered Voters

**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	33%	30%	36%	31%	36%	36%	17%	30%	39%	30%	32%	36%	31%
Off on the wrong track	54%	53%	52%	57%	54%	53%	69%	54%	43%	58%	56%	50%	58%
Not sure	13%	16%	13%	12%	11%	12%	14%	15%	18%	12%	12%	14%	11%
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Off on the wrong track	54%	76%	54%	27%	78%	57%	30%	52%	57%	55%	55%	55%
Not sure	13%	6%	16%	17%	6%	15%	16%	12%	14%	13%	12%	9%
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>	May 17 - 19, 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 6.51, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.72.
<b>Number of respondents:</b>	1500
<b>Margin of error (All):</b>	3.1% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Margin of error (Registered Voters):</b>	3.4% (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>