

Fall 2015 Pack Poll Toplines Report

N=1062 Completed, (1172 Partial)

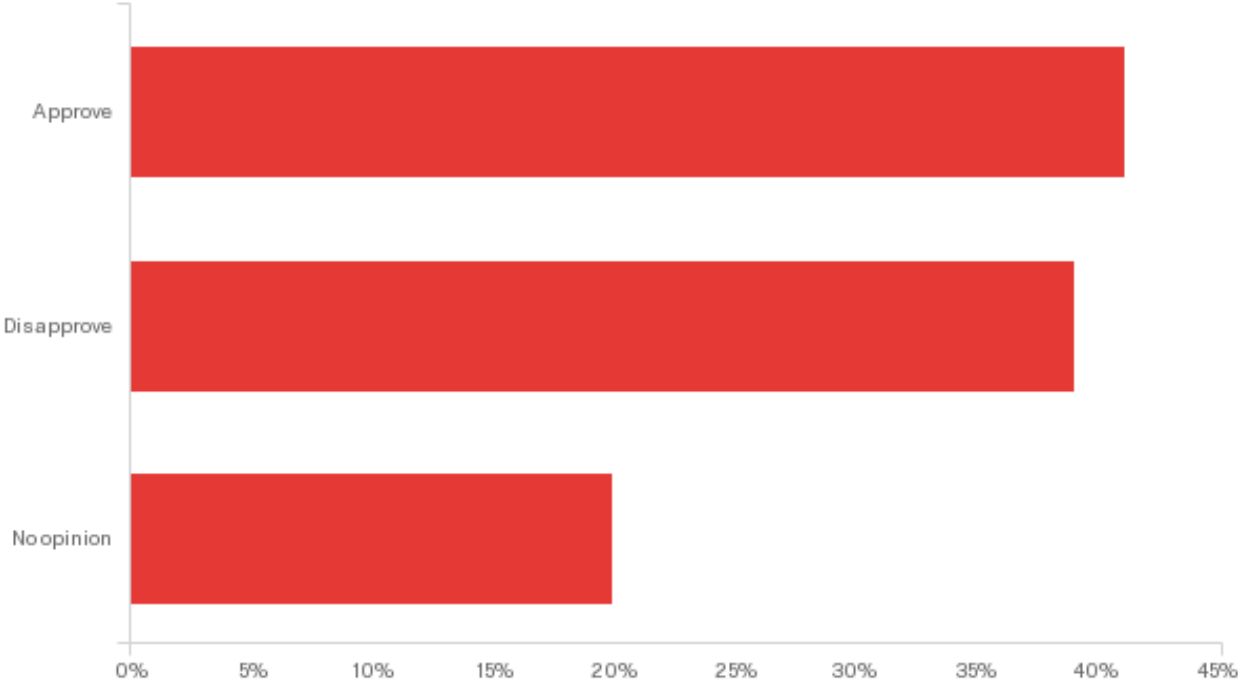
Completed response rate= 24% (Partial = 26%)

Margin of sampling error for completed surveys and questions
asked of the full sample = +/-2.93%

The following are the results for this semester's "Big Poll," which has been conducted bi-annually since Fall semester, 2010. This survey, like all prior PackPolls, was conducted on-line (Nov 5-10, 2015). Respondents were undergraduate students selected randomly, contacted via email. We invited 4,500 students to take the survey, and 1,062 completed it, generating a 24% response rate. The survey had a margin of sampling error of +/-2.93% for questions that all respondents were asked. The margin of sampling error for any question that was asked of just a sub-sample will be higher; the margin of sampling error will also be higher when analyzing the results by sub-groups, such as year in school.

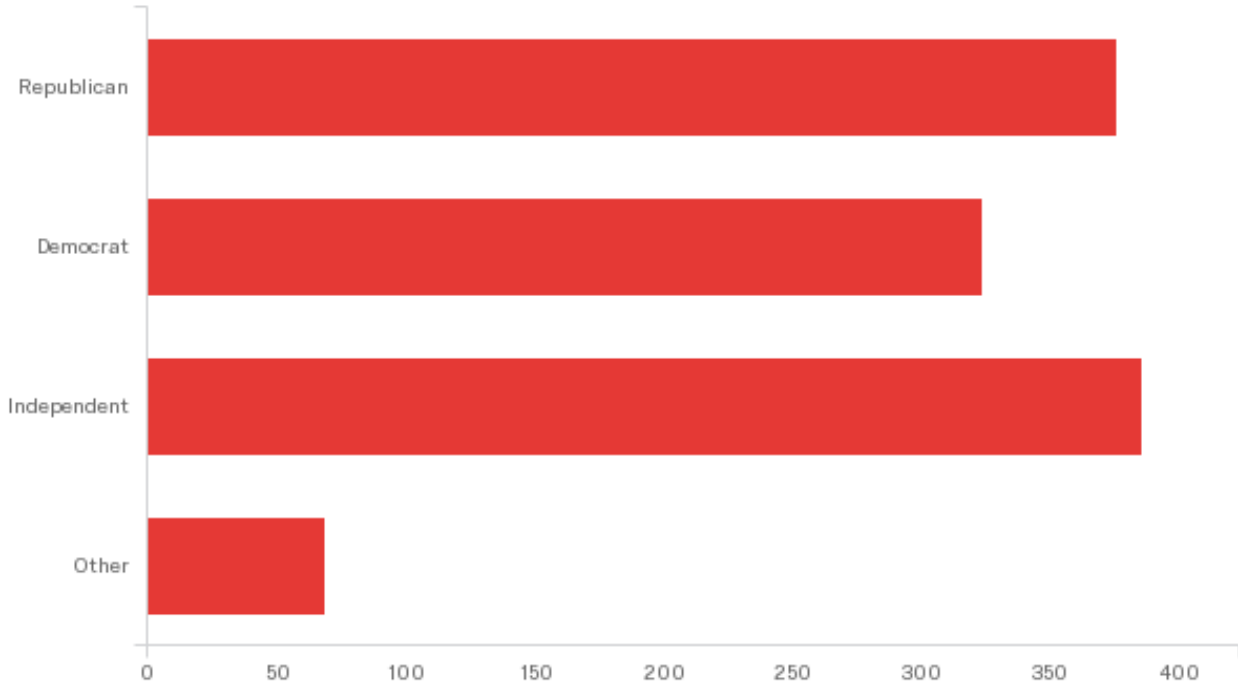
Topics of this PackPoll include the 2016 Presidential election, immigration, abortion, the death penalty, education, and more. Many question were experimental, that is, we varied the wording to examine how changes to the question affected responses. Please go to packpoll.com to read the reports for each topic to learn more.

Q1 - Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?



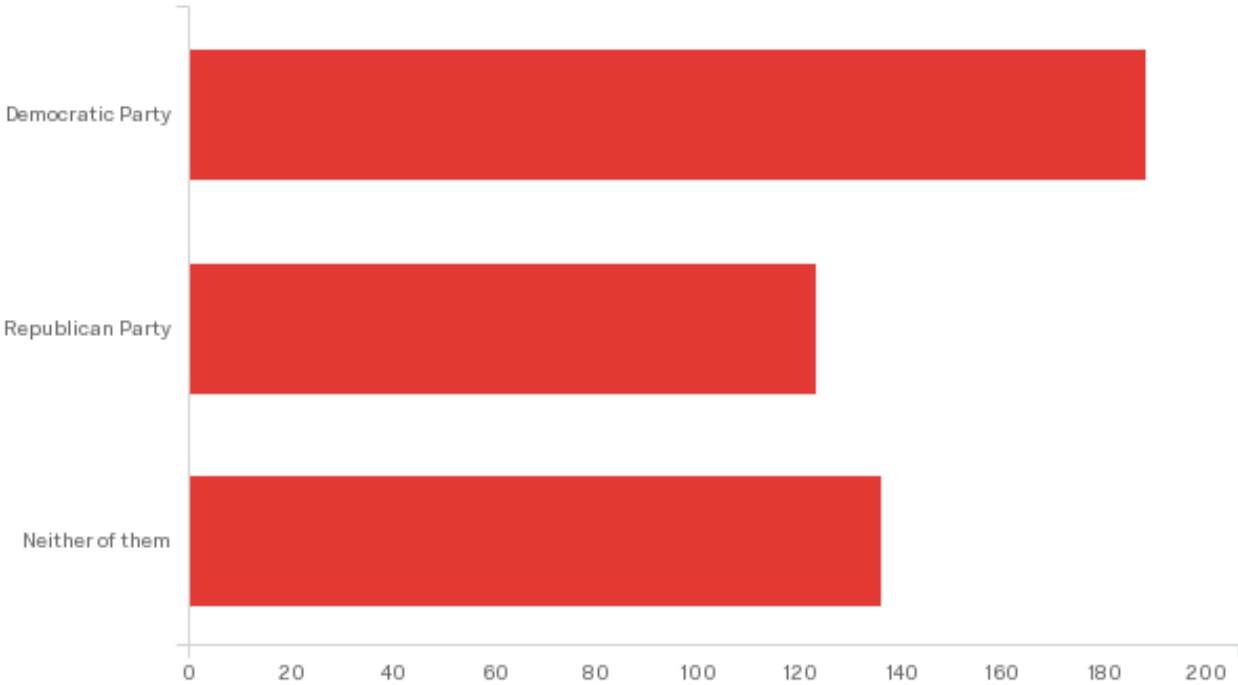
| Answer | % | Count |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Approve | 41% | 482 |
| Disapprove | 39% | 457 |
| No opinion | 20% | 233 |
| Total | 100% | 1172 |

Q3 - Generally speaking, do you consider yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an independent?



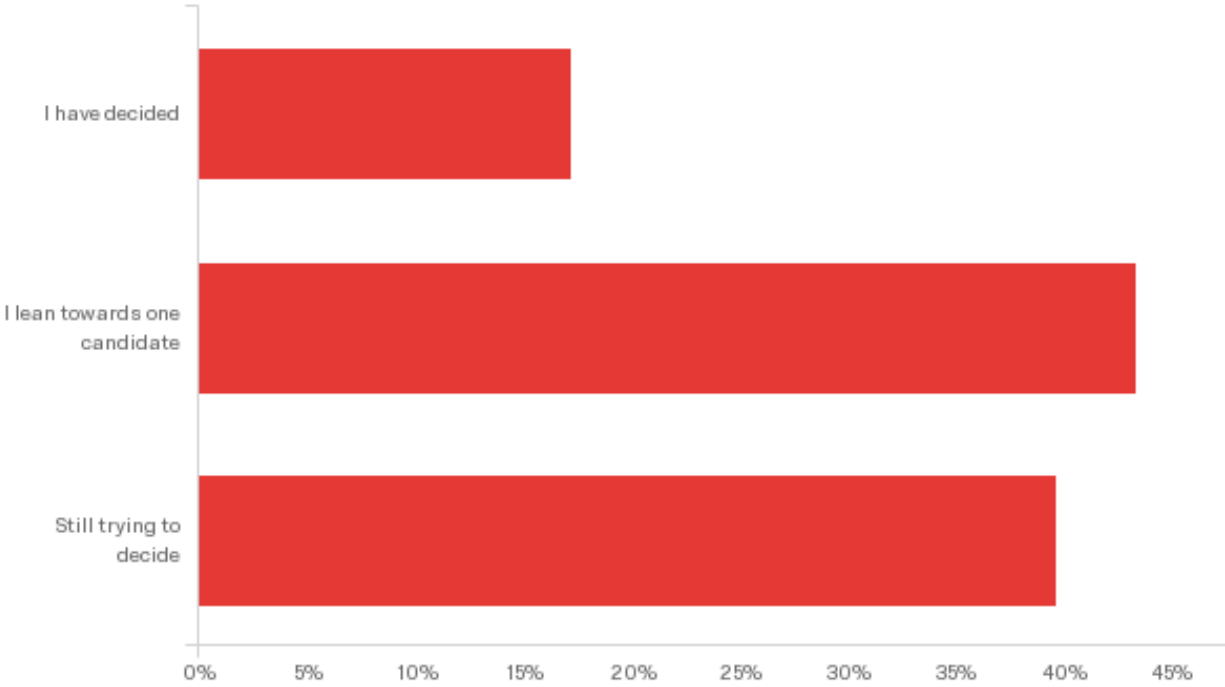
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Republican | 33% | 375 |
| Democrat | 28% | 323 |
| Independent | 33% | 385 |
| Other | 6% | 68 |
| Total | 100% | 1151 |

Q5 – (IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER) As of today do you lean more towards the Republican Party or more towards the Democratic Party?



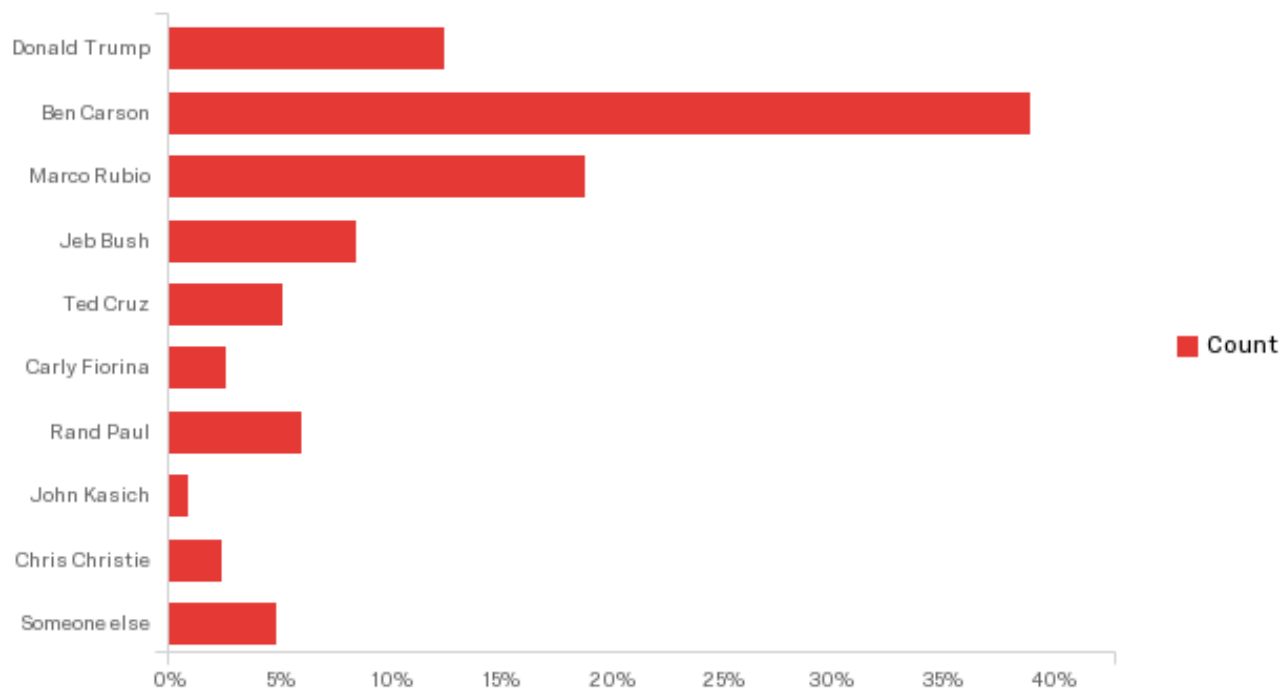
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Democratic Party | 42% | 188 |
| Republican Party | 28% | 123 |
| Neither of them | 30% | 136 |
| Total | 100% | 447 |

Q6 – (ASKED OF REPUBLICANS ONLY) Thinking about the candidates running for the Republican nomination for president in 2016, as of today, have you decided which candidate you plan to support, are you leaning towards one candidate, or are you still trying to decide?



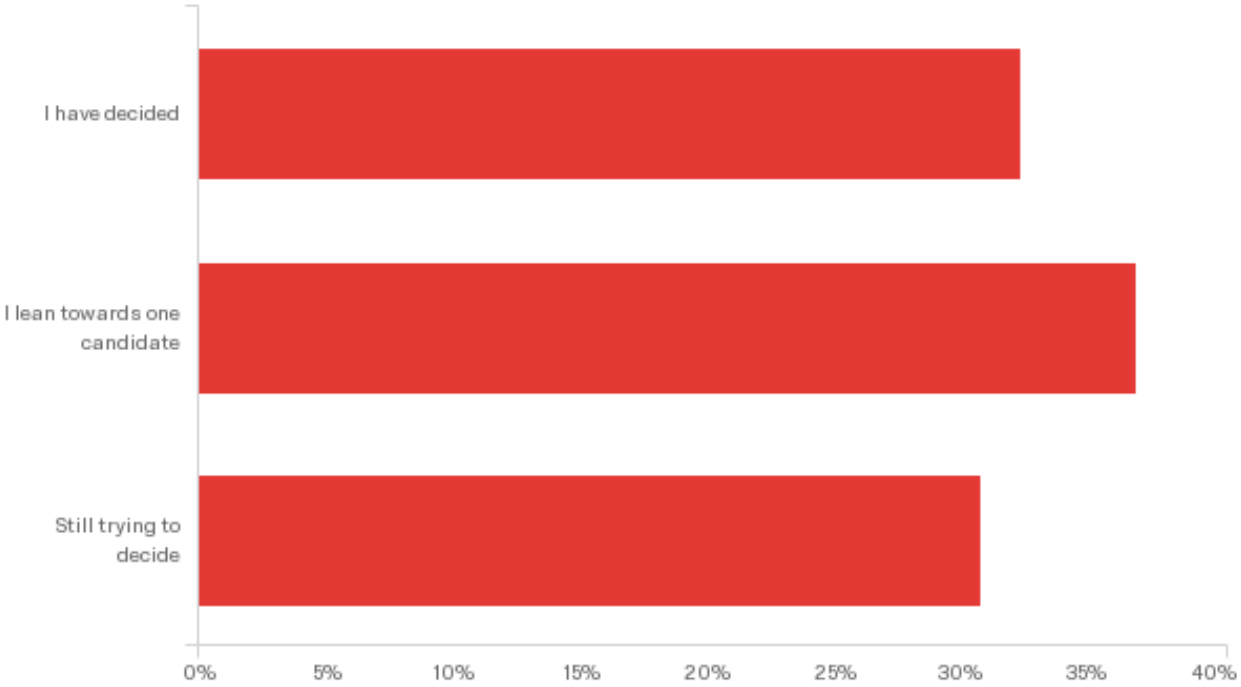
| Answer | % | Count |
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| I have decided | 17% | 85 |
| I lean towards one candidate | 43% | 214 |
| Still trying to decide | 40% | 196 |
| Total | 100% | 495 |

Q14 – (REPUBLICANS ONLY) If the Republican presidential primary were held today, whom would you support for the nomination?



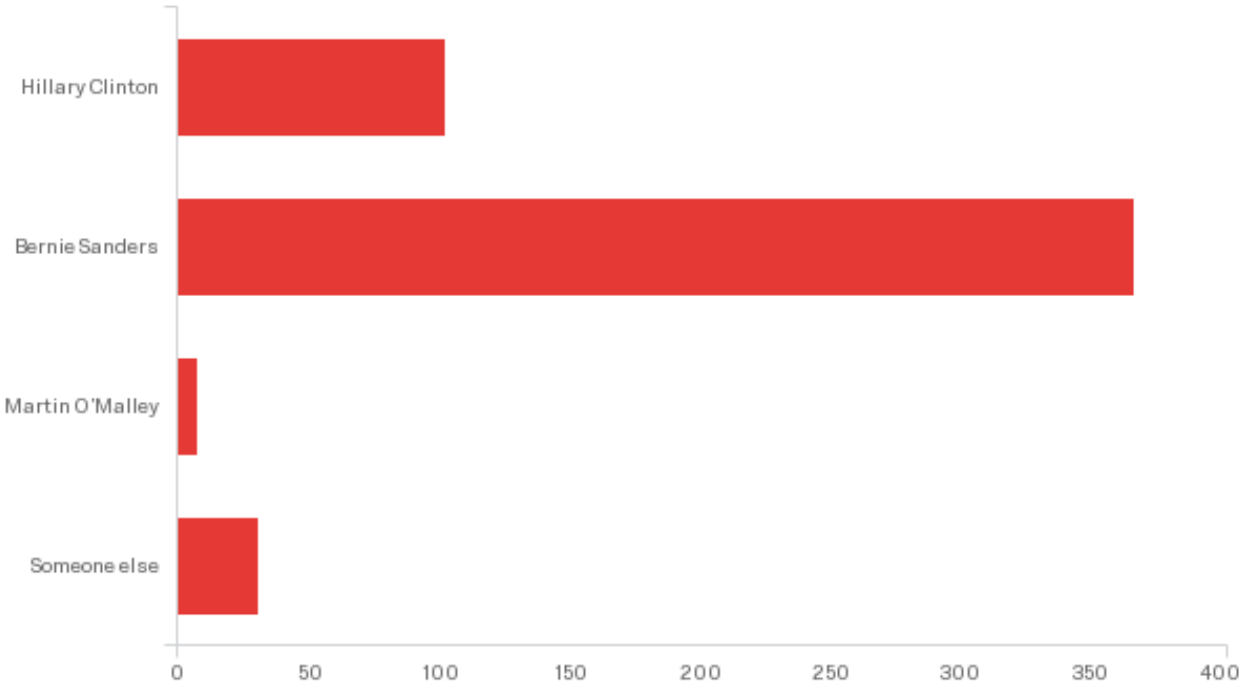
| Answer | % | Count |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| Donald Trump | 12% | 59 |
| Ben Carson | 39% | 185 |
| Marco Rubio | 19% | 89 |
| Jeb Bush | 8% | 40 |
| Ted Cruz | 5% | 24 |
| Carly Fiorina | 3% | 12 |
| Rand Paul | 6% | 28 |
| John Kasich | 1% | 4 |
| Chris Christie | 2% | 11 |
| Someone else | 5% | 23 |
| Total | 100% | 475 |

Q13 – (ASKED OF DEMOCRATS ONLY) Thinking about the candidates running for the Democratic nomination for president in 2016, as of today, have you decided which candidate you plan to support, are you leaning towards one candidate, or are you still trying to decide?



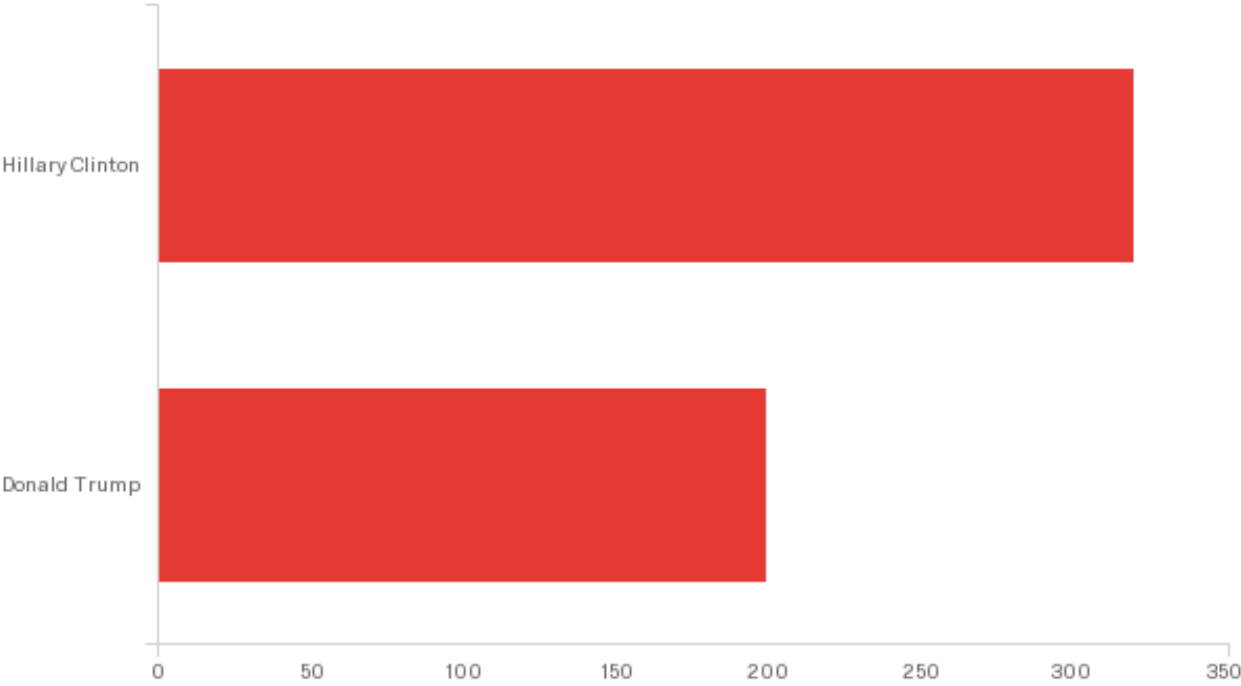
| Answer | % | Count |
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| I have decided | 32% | 165 |
| I lean towards one candidate | 37% | 188 |
| Still trying to decide | 31% | 157 |
| Total | 100% | 510 |

Q15 – (DEMOCRATS ONLY) If the Democratic presidential primary were held today, whom would you support for the nomination?



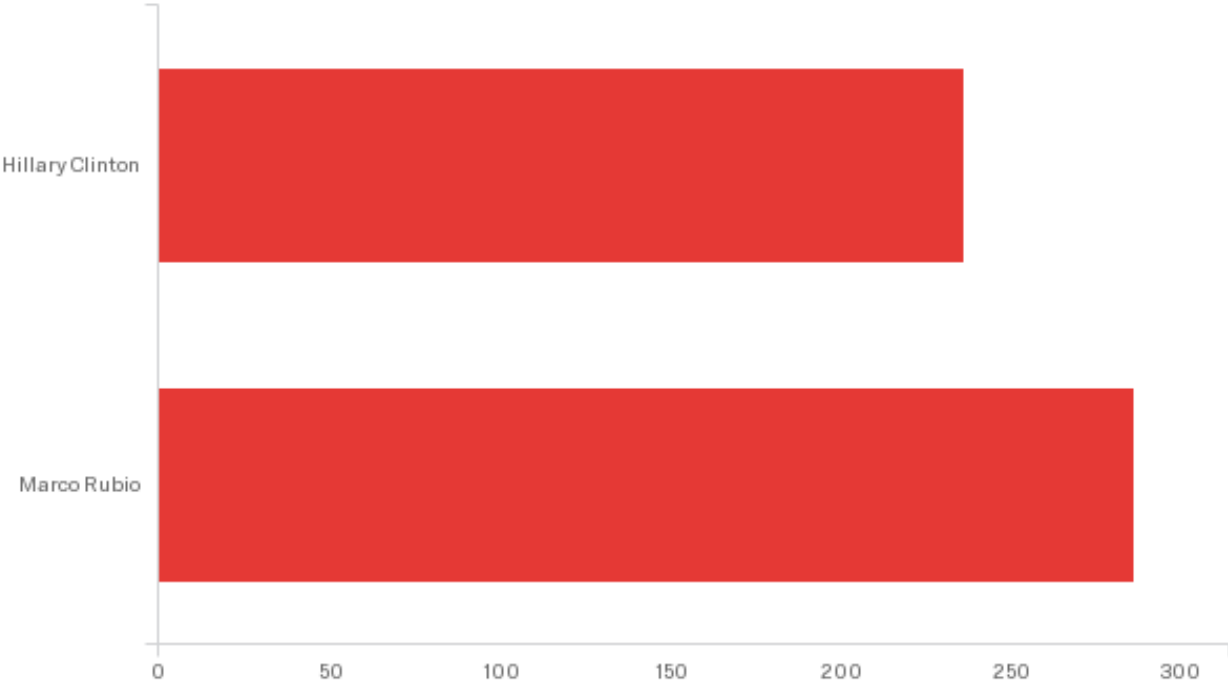
| Answer | % | Count |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Hillary Clinton | 20% | 102 |
| Bernie Sanders | 72% | 366 |
| Martin O'Malley | 1% | 7 |
| Someone else | 6% | 30 |
| Total | 100% | 505 |

Q41 – (HALF THE SAMPLE) And, if the election for president were held today, and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?



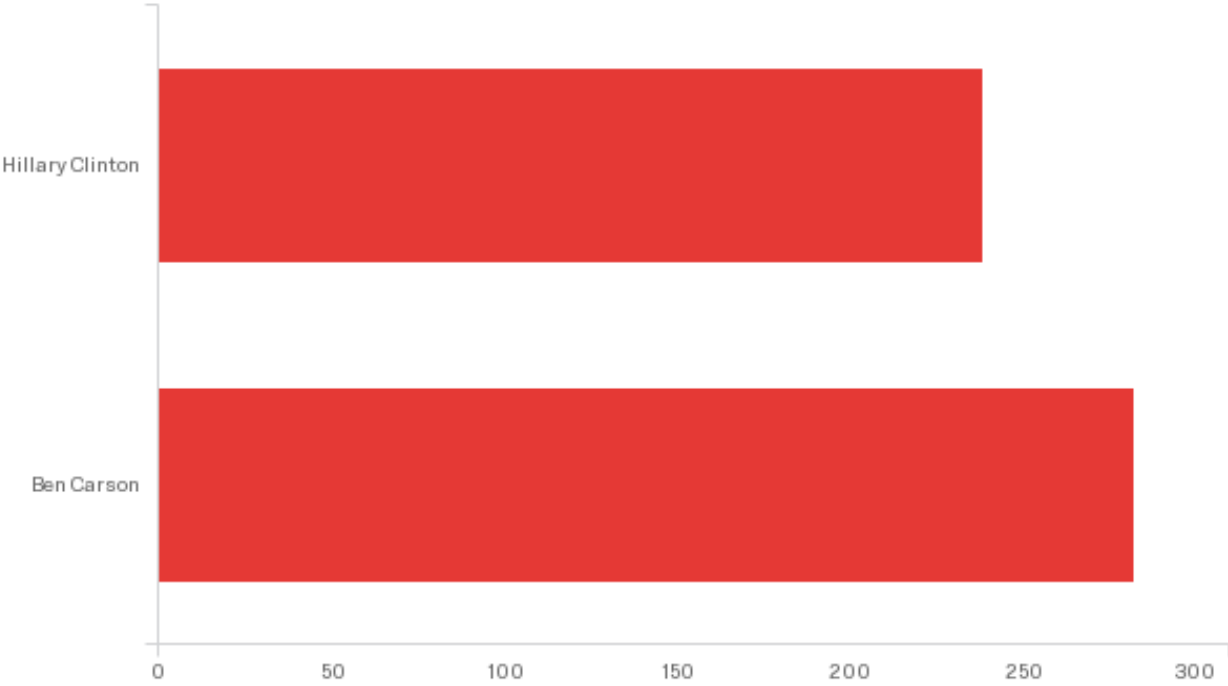
| Answer | % | Count |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Hillary Clinton | 62% | 320 |
| Donald Trump | 38% | 199 |
| Total | 100% | 519 |

Q42 - (HALF THE SAMPLE) And, if the election for president were held today, and Marco Rubio were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?



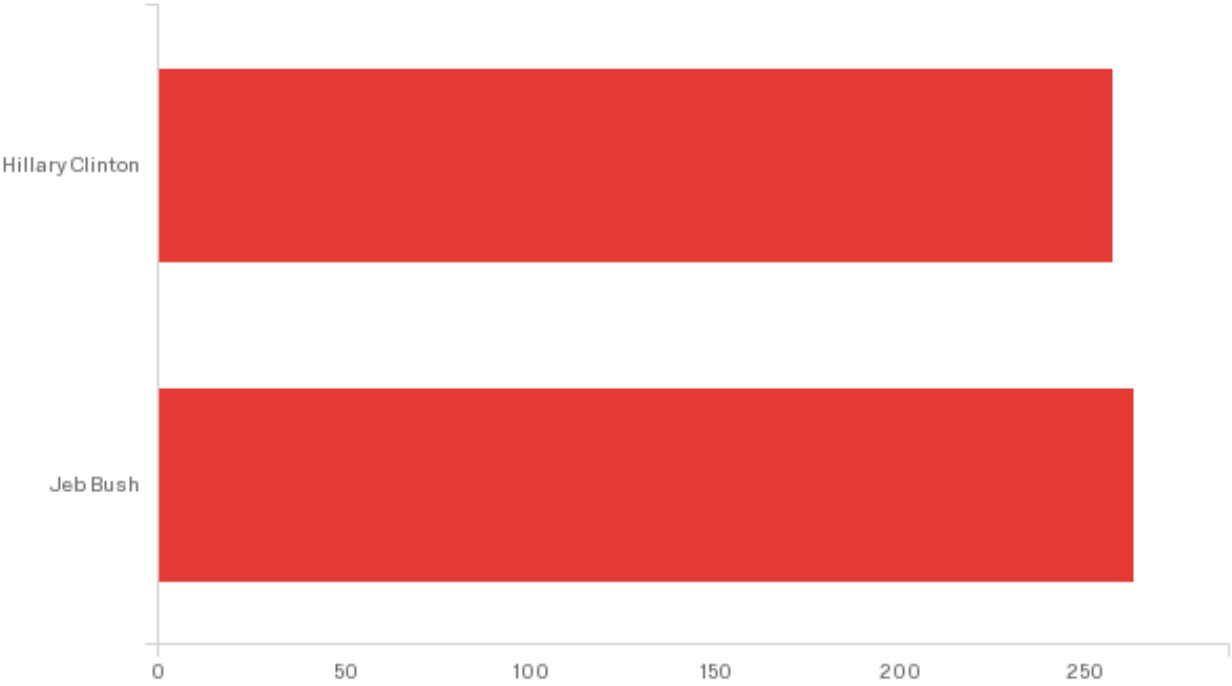
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Hillary Clinton | 45% | 236 |
| Marco Rubio | 55% | 286 |
| Total | 100% | 522 |

Q43 - (HALF THE SAMPLE) And, if the election for president were held today, and Ben Carson were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?



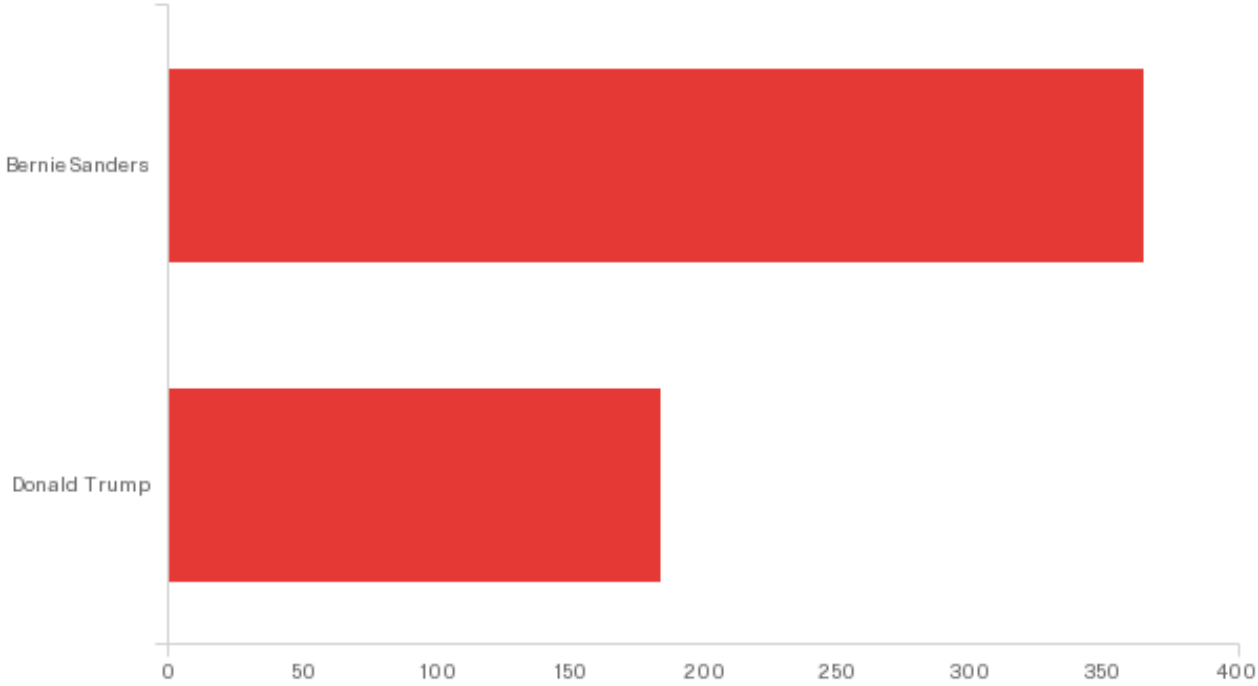
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| Hillary Clinton | 46% | 238 |
| Ben Carson | 54% | 282 |
| Total | 100% | 520 |

Q44 - (HALF THE SAMPLE) And, if the election for president were held today, and Jeb Bush were the Republican candidate and Hillary Clinton were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?



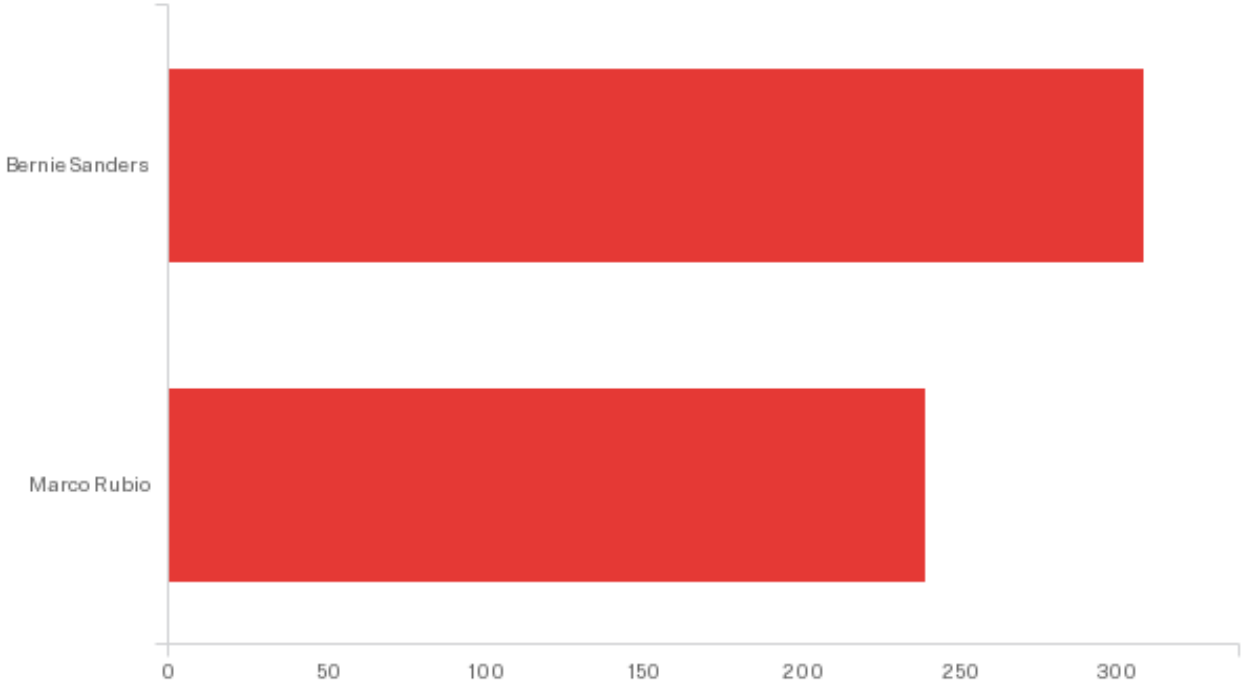
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|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Hillary Clinton | 49% | 257 |
| Jeb Bush | 51% | 263 |
| Total | 100% | 520 |

Q45 - (HALF THE SAMPLE) And, if the election for president were held today, and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate and Bernie Sanders were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?



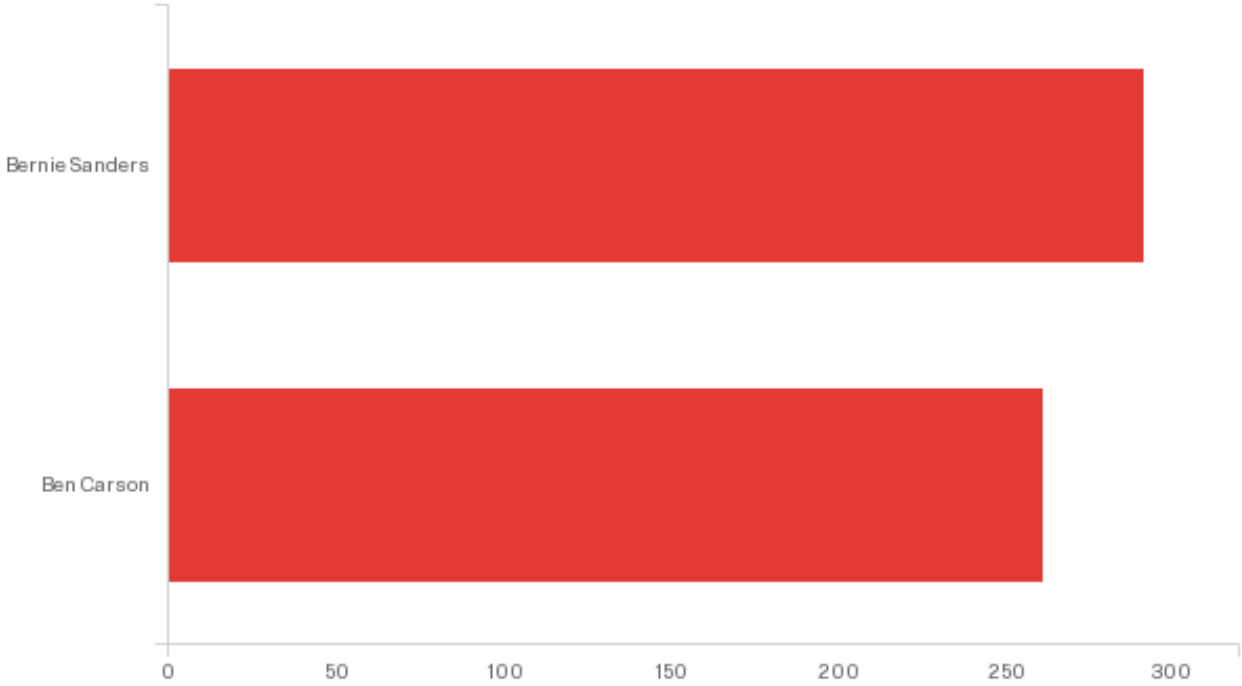
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Bernie Sanders | 66% | 365 |
| Donald Trump | 34% | 184 |
| Total | 100% | 549 |

Q47 - (HALF THE SAMPLE) And, if the election for president were held today, and Marco Rubio were the Republican candidate and Bernie Sanders were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?



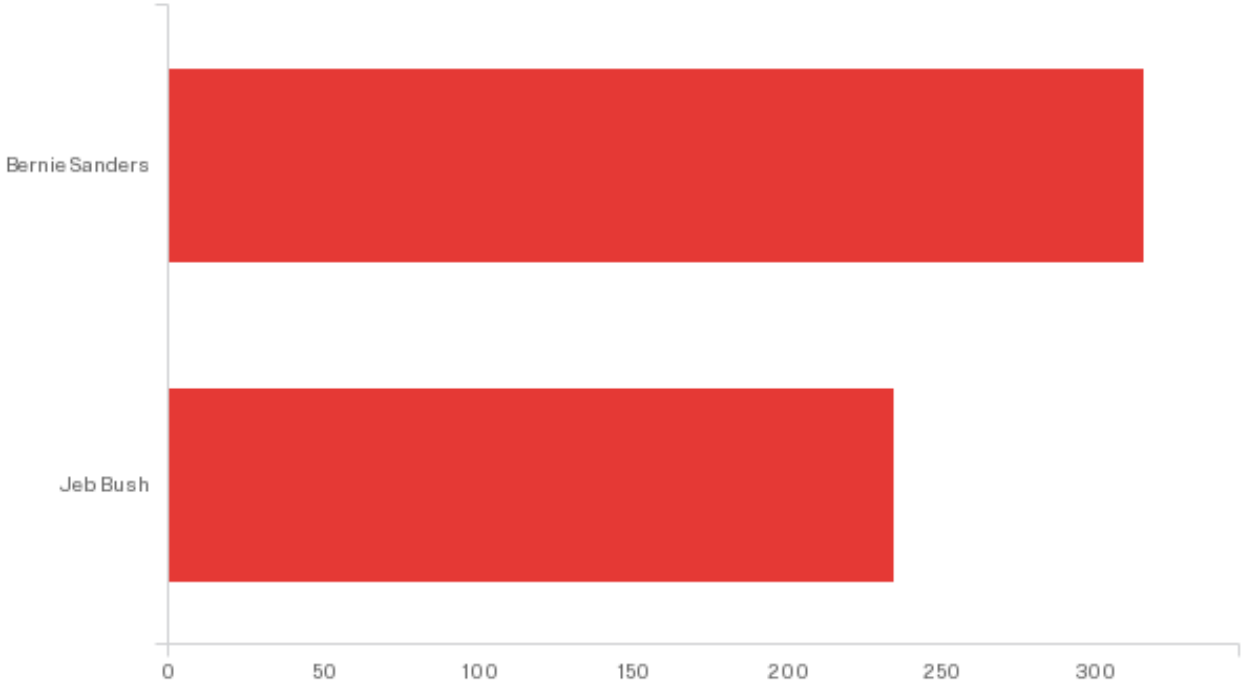
| Answer | % | Count |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| Bernie Sanders | 56% | 308 |
| Marco Rubio | 44% | 239 |
| Total | 100% | 547 |

Q48 - (HALF THE SAMPLE) And, if the election for president were held today, and Ben Carson were the Republican candidate and Bernie Sanders were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?



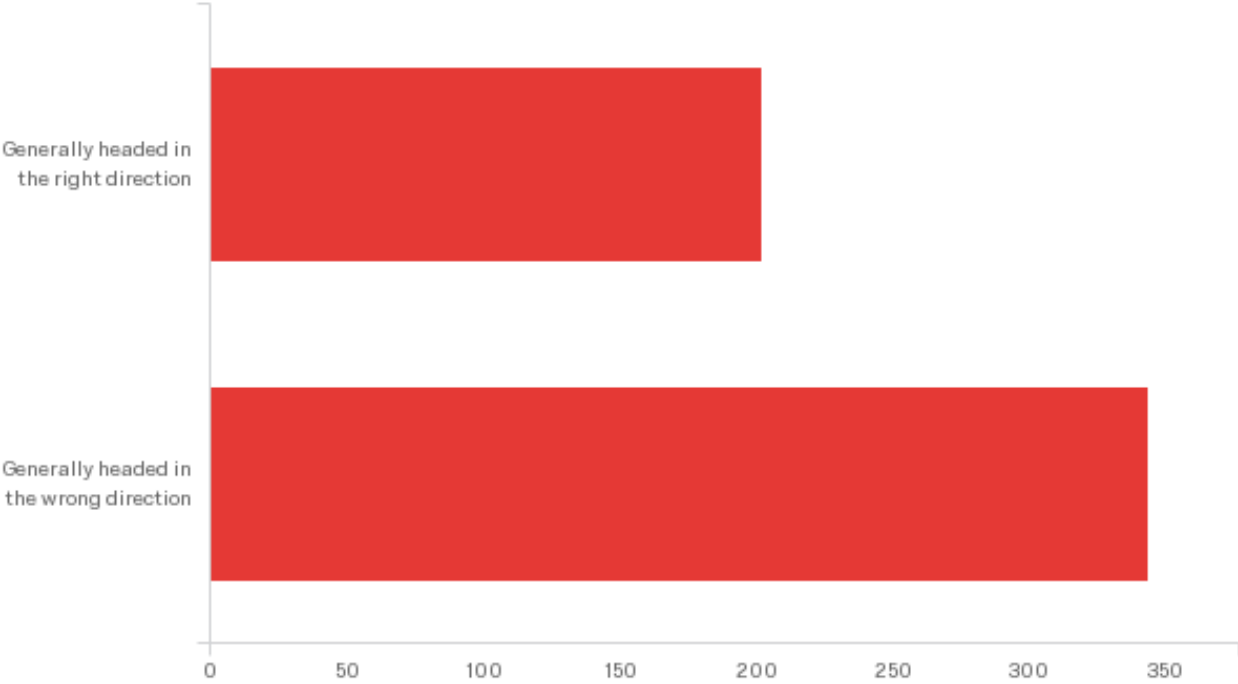
| Answer | % | Count |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| Bernie Sanders | 53% | 291 |
| Ben Carson | 47% | 261 |
| Total | 100% | 552 |

Q49 - (HALF THE SAMPLE) And, if the election for president were held today, and Jeb Bush were the Republican candidate and Bernie Sanders were the Democratic candidate, for whom would you vote?



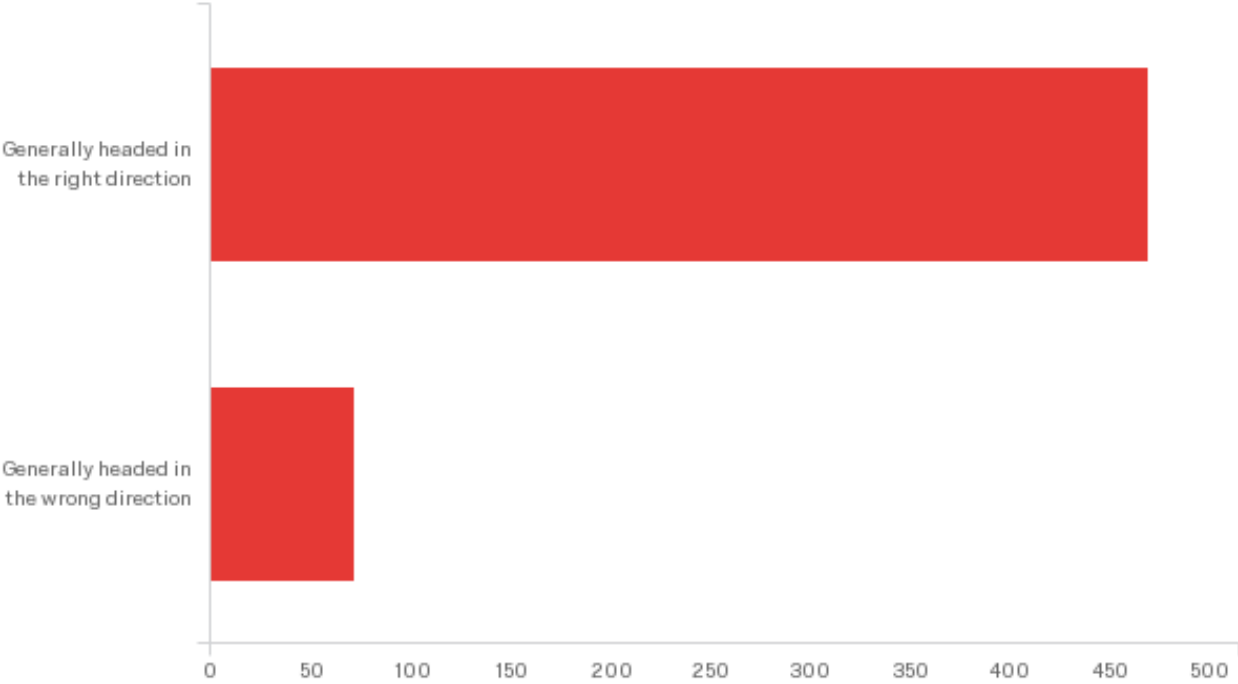
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Bernie Sanders | 57% | 315 |
| Jeb Bush | 43% | 234 |
| Total | 100% | 549 |

Q37 - All in all, do you think things in the United States are:



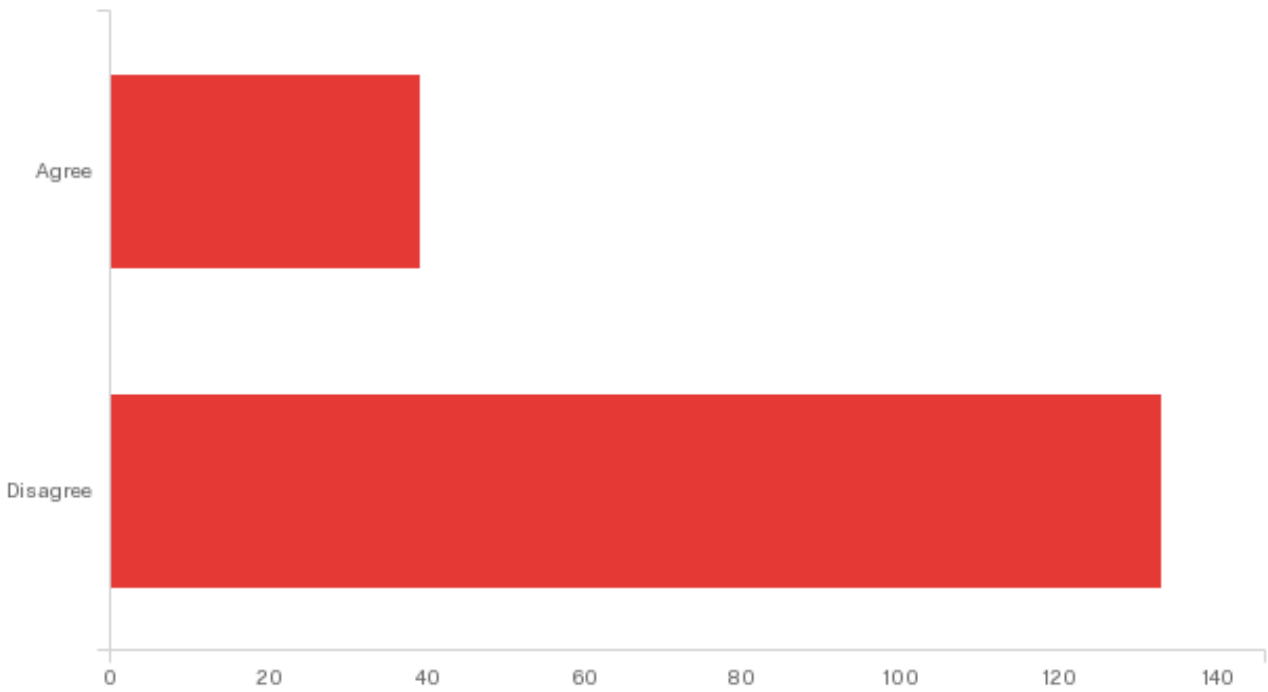
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Generally headed in the right direction | 37% | 201 |
| Generally headed in the wrong direction | 63% | 343 |
| Total | 100% | 544 |

Q38 - All in all, do you think things at NC State are:



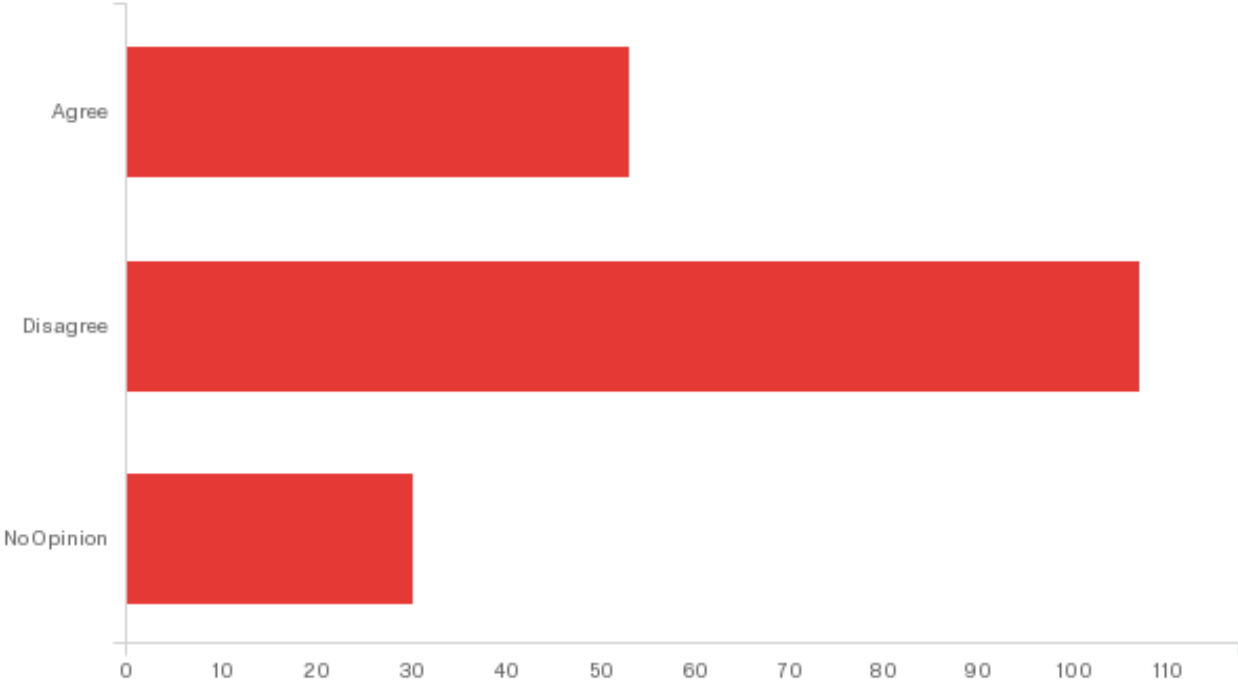
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Generally headed in the right direction | 87% | 468 |
| Generally headed in the wrong direction | 13% | 71 |
| Total | 100% | 539 |

Q13 - (ONE-SIXTH OF THE SAMPLE) Some people say illegal immigration is increasing the level of serious crime in America. Do you believe we should build a wall on the border of Mexico to keep illegal immigrants from entering the U.S?



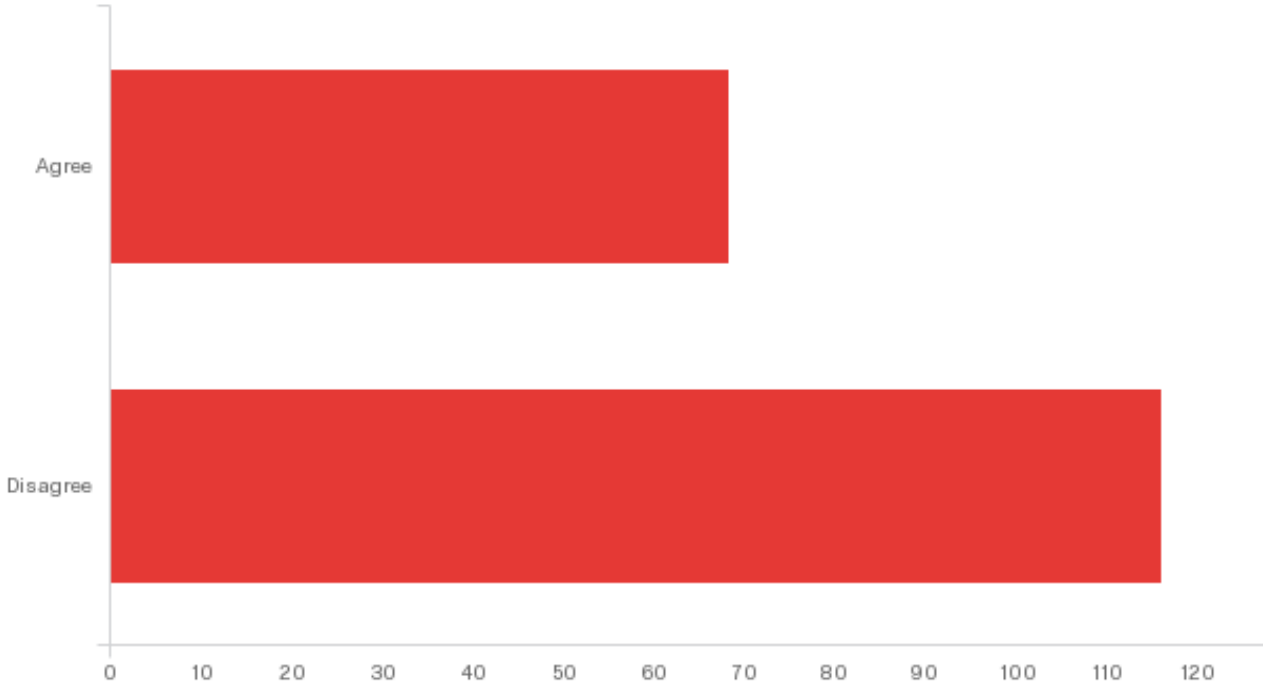
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Agree | 23% | 39 |
| Disagree | 77% | 133 |
| Total | 100% | 172 |

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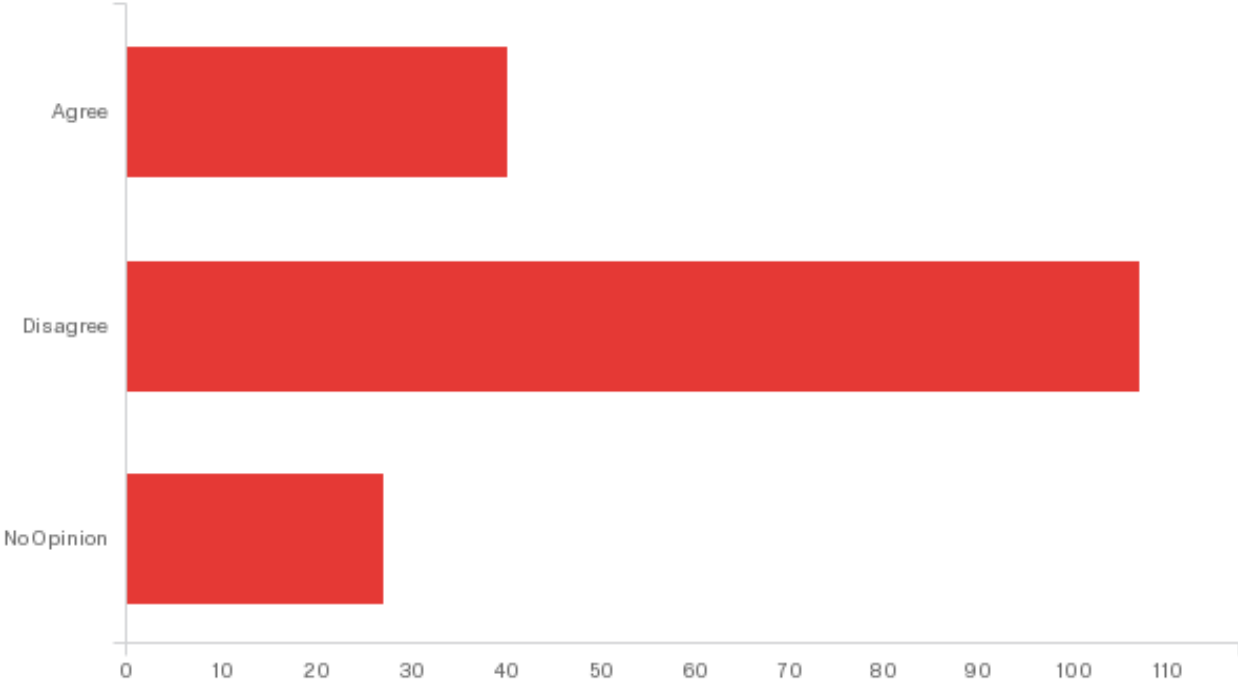
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Agree | 28% | 53 |
| Disagree | 56% | 107 |
| No Opinion | 16% | 30 |
| Total | 100% | 190 |

Q17 - (ONE-SIXTH OF THE SAMPLE) Donald Trump has said illegal immigration is increasing the level of serious crime in America. Do you believe we should build a wall on the border of Mexico to keep illegal immigrants from entering the U.S?



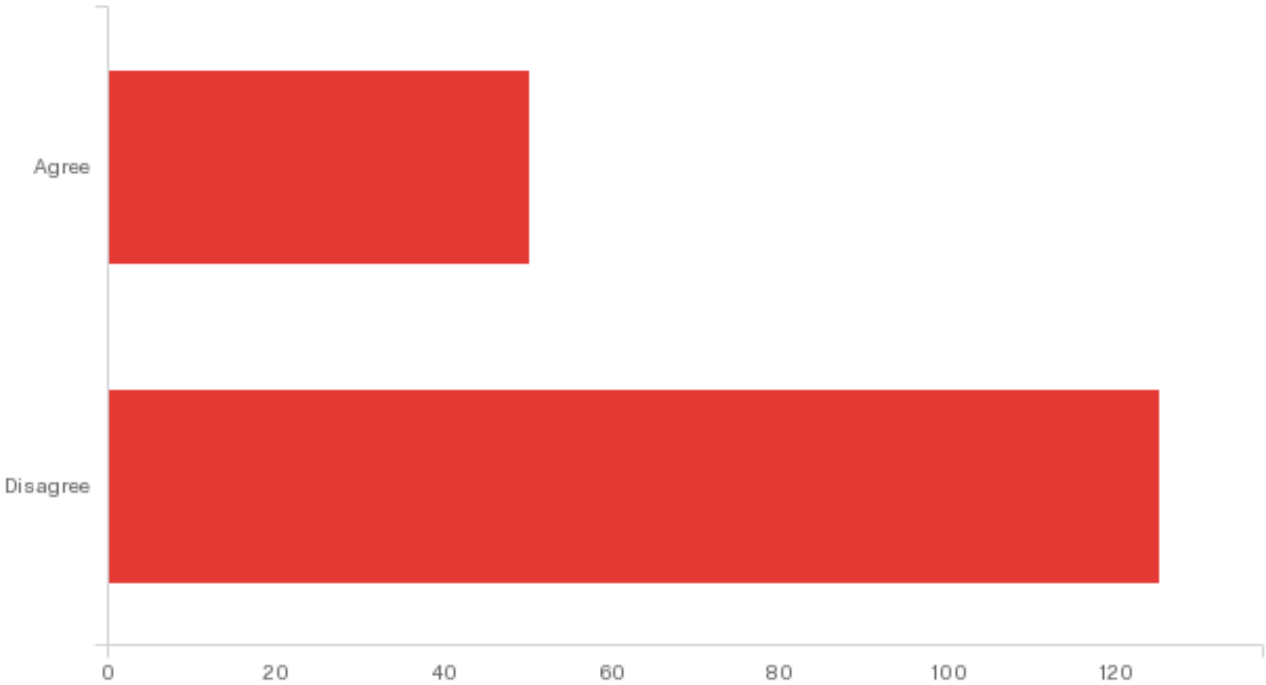
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Agree | 37% | 68 |
| Disagree | 63% | 116 |
| Total | 100% | 184 |

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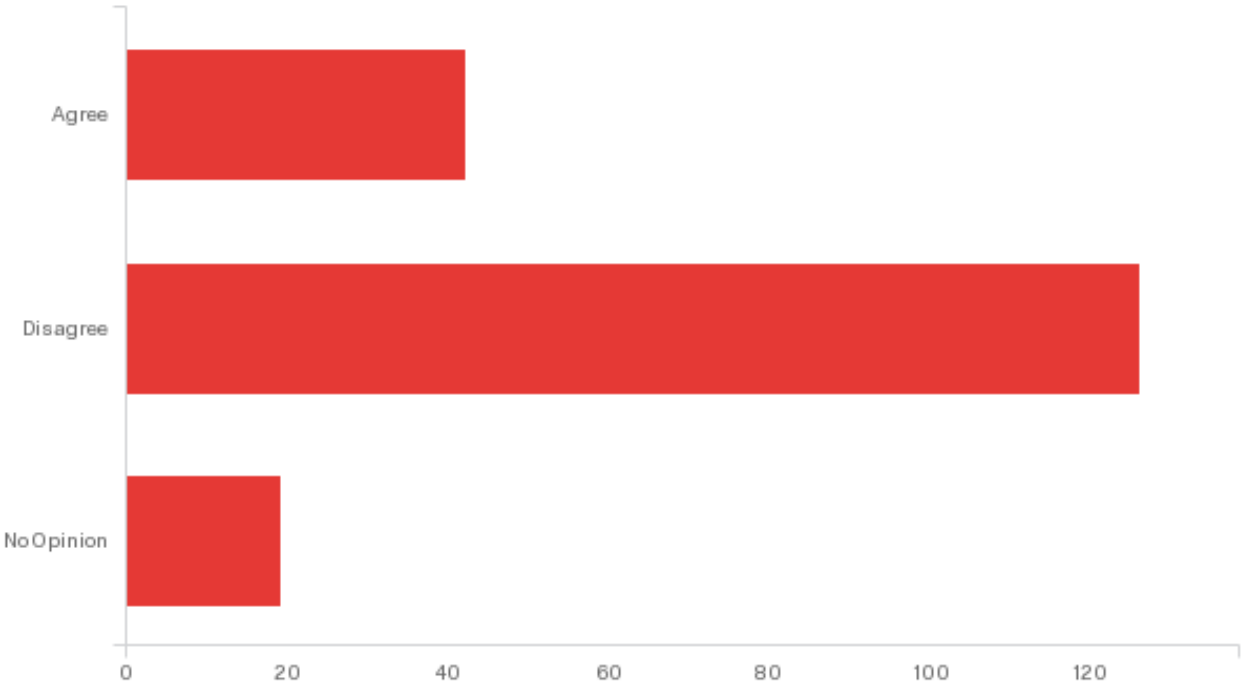
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Agree | 23% | 40 |
| Disagree | 61% | 107 |
| No Opinion | 16% | 27 |
| Total | 100% | 174 |

Q30 - (ONE-SIXTH OF THE SAMPLE) Do you believe we should build a wall on the border of Mexico to keep illegal immigrants from entering the U.S?



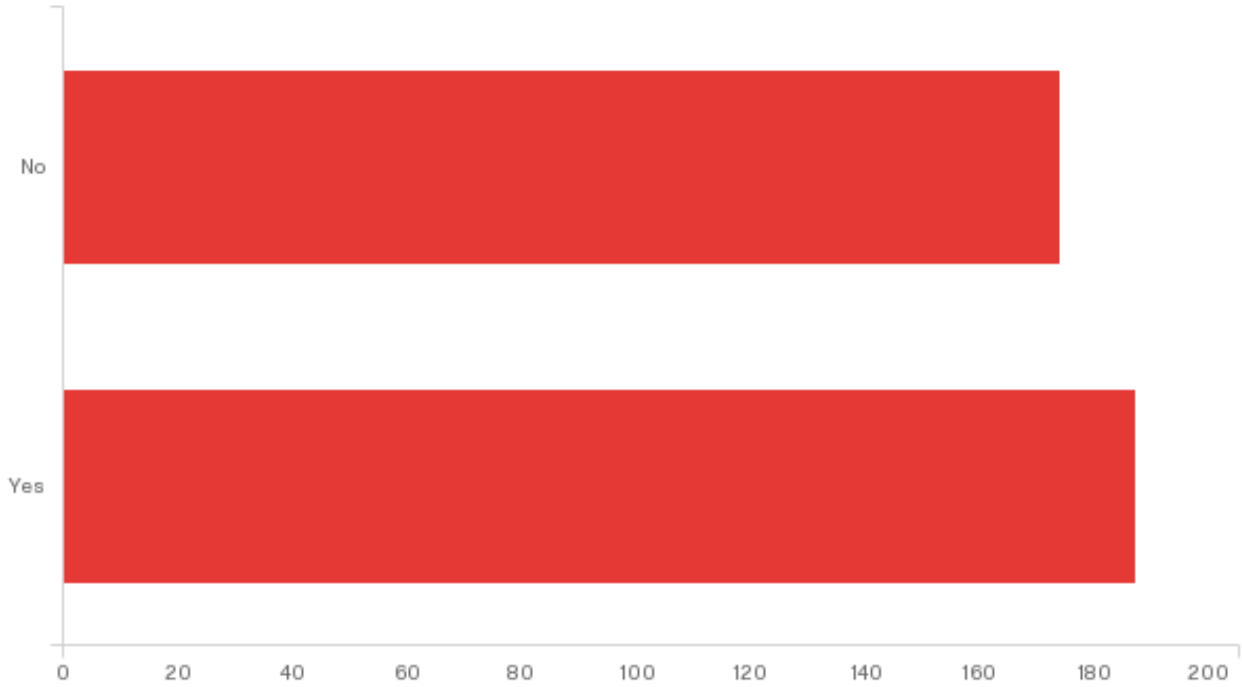
| Answer | % | Count |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| Agree | 29% | 50 |
| Disagree | 71% | 125 |
| Total | 100% | 175 |

Q31 - (ONE-SIXTH OF THE SAMPLE) Do you believe we should build a wall on the border of Mexico to keep illegal immigrants from entering the U.S?



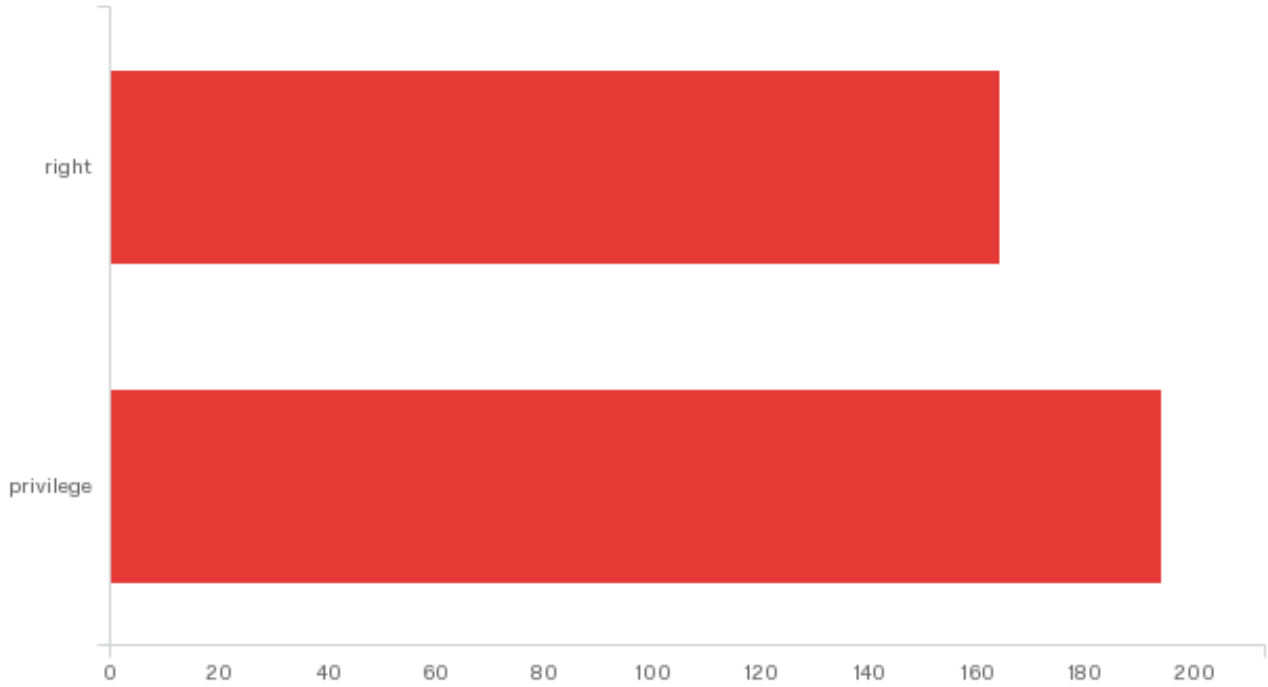
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Agree | 22% | 42 |
| Disagree | 67% | 126 |
| No Opinion | 10% | 19 |
| Total | 100% | 187 |

Q19 - (ONE-THIRD OF THE SAMPLE) Do you think college education is a right?



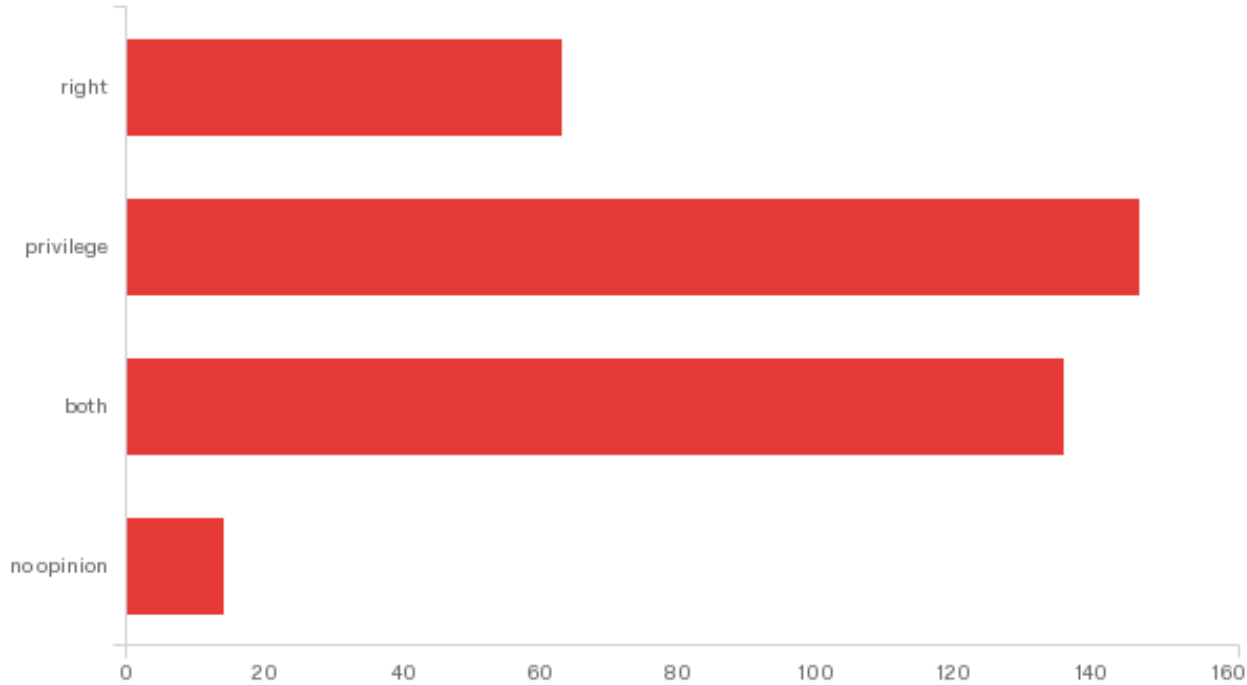
| Answer | % | Count |
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| No | 48% | 174 |
| Yes | 52% | 187 |
| Total | 100% | 361 |

Q20 - (ONE-THIRD OF THE SAMPLE) Do you think college education is a right or a privilege?



| Answer | % | Count |
|------------------|-------------|------------|
| right | 46% | 164 |
| privilege | 54% | 194 |
| Total | 100% | 358 |

Q21 - (ONE-THIRD OF THE SAMPLE) Do you think college education is a right, privilege, both, or neither?

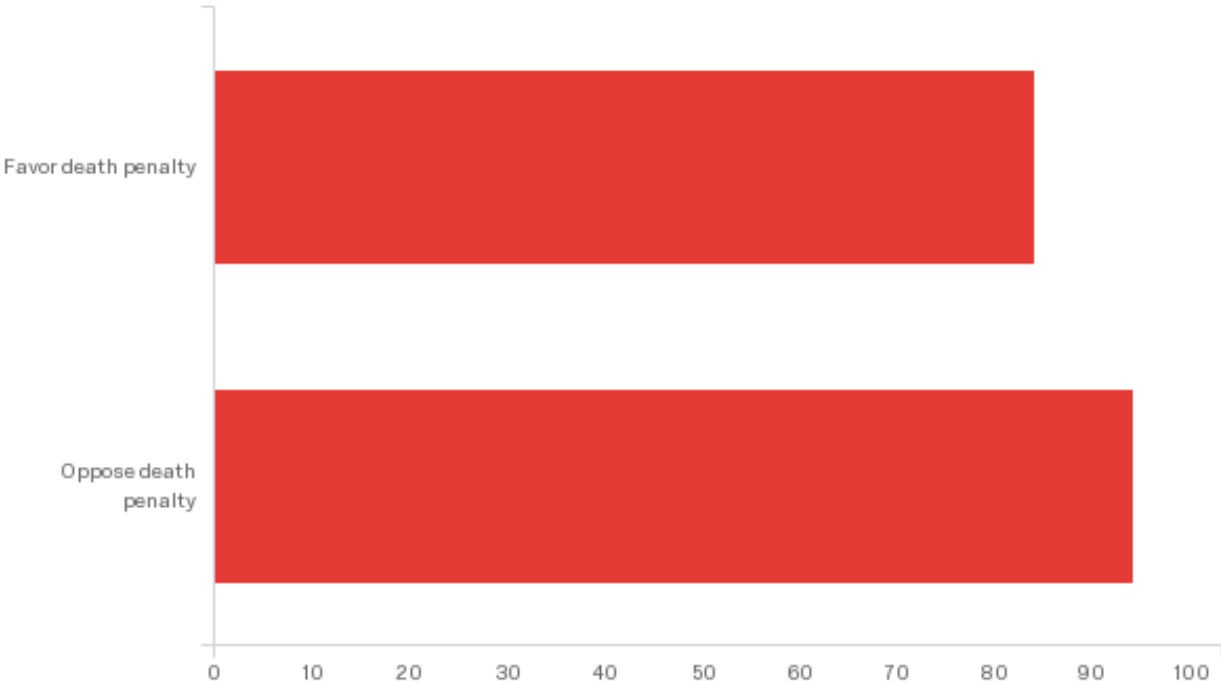


| Answer | % | Count |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| right | 18% | 63 |
| privilege | 41% | 147 |
| both | 38% | 136 |
| no opinion | 4% | 14 |
| Total | 100% | 360 |

Q30 - What is the first word that comes to mind when you are asked, what is a sin? (A full list of every response is available upon request)

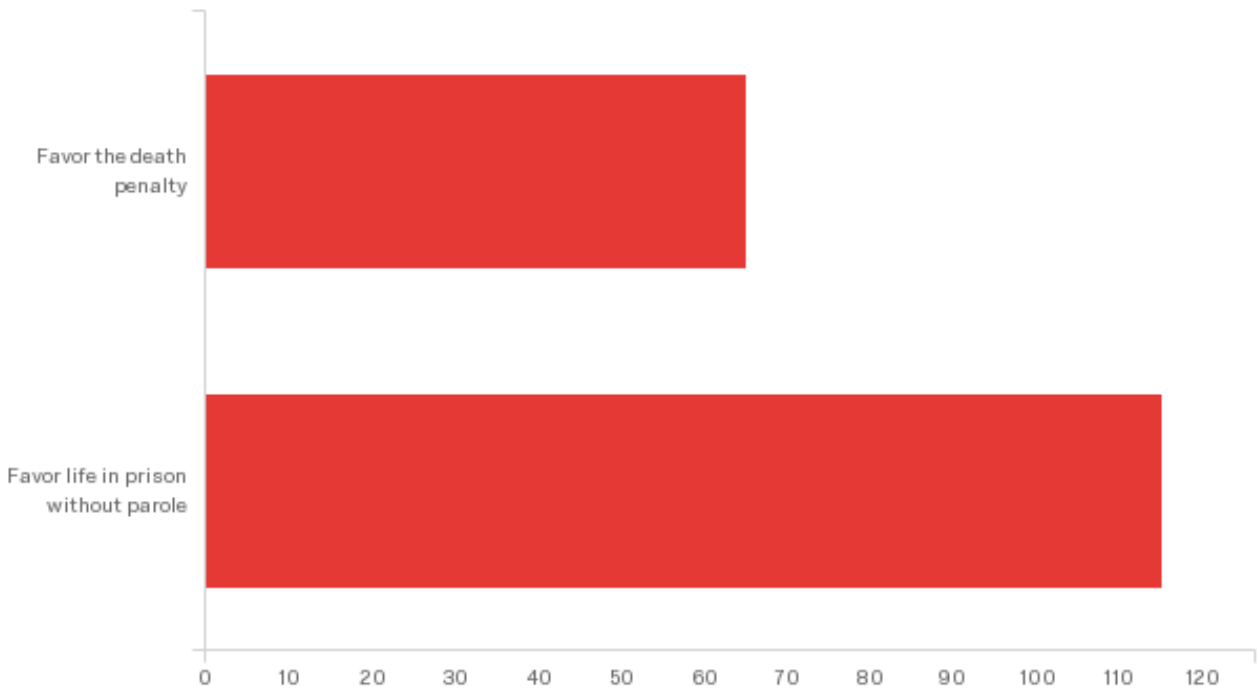


Q50 – (ONE-SIXTH OF SAMPLE) For persons convicted of murder, do you favor or oppose a sentence of the death penalty?



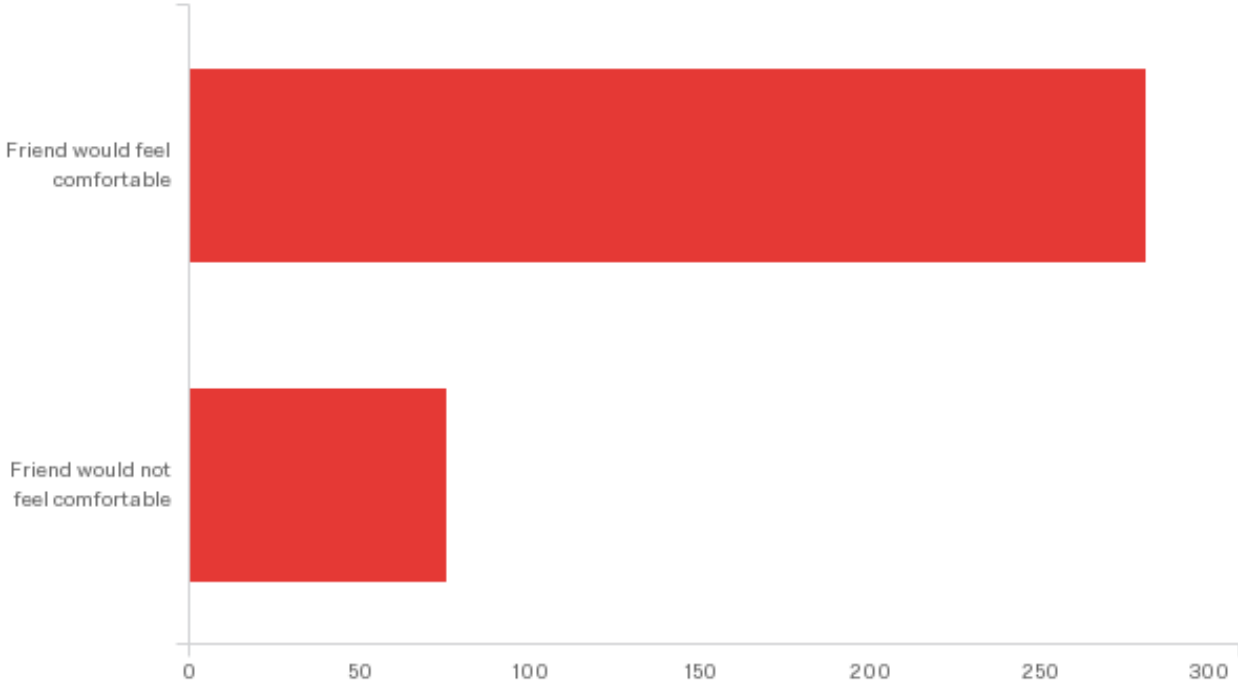
| Answer | % | Count |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Favor death penalty | 47% | 84 |
| Oppose death penalty | 53% | 94 |
| Total | 100% | 178 |

Q51 - (ONE-SIXTH OF SAMPLE) For persons convicted of murder, do you favor a sentence of the death penalty, or do you favor a sentence of life in prison without parole with a requirement that the inmate work and give any pay to the victim’s family?



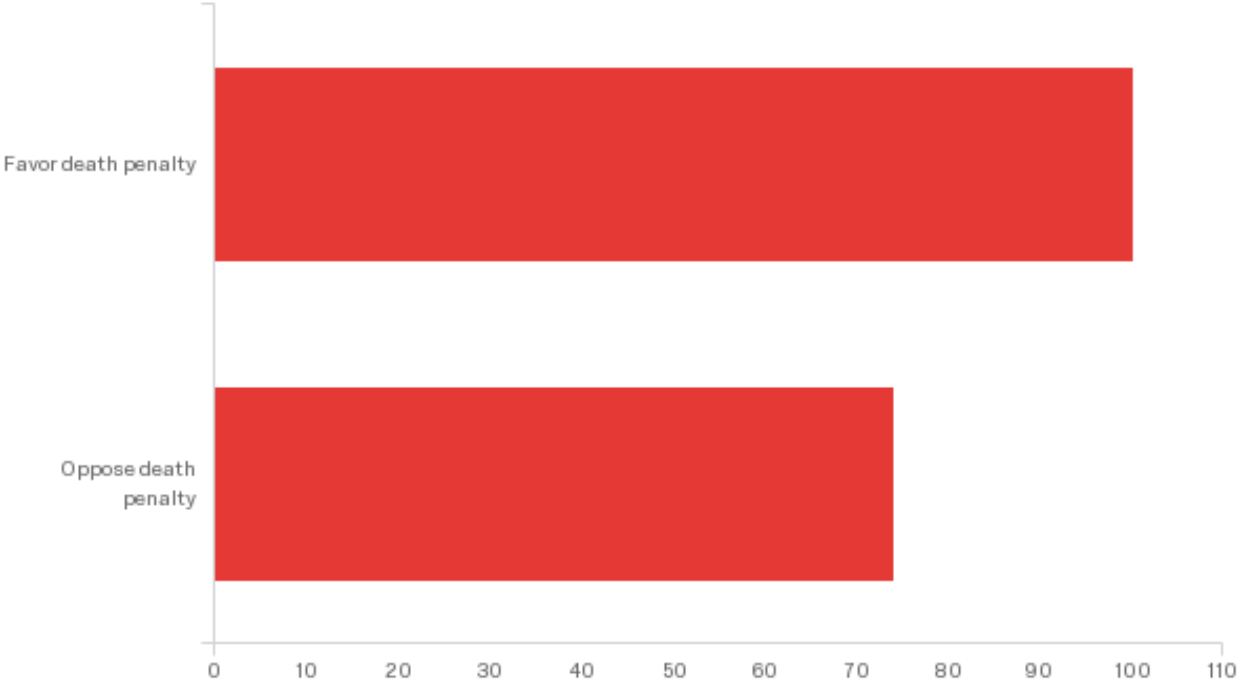
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Favor the death penalty | 36% | 65 |
| Favor life in prison without parole | 64% | 115 |
| Total | 100% | 180 |

Q54 – If you had a friend that was against the death penalty, would that friend feel comfortable talking about the issue with others who supported the death penalty?



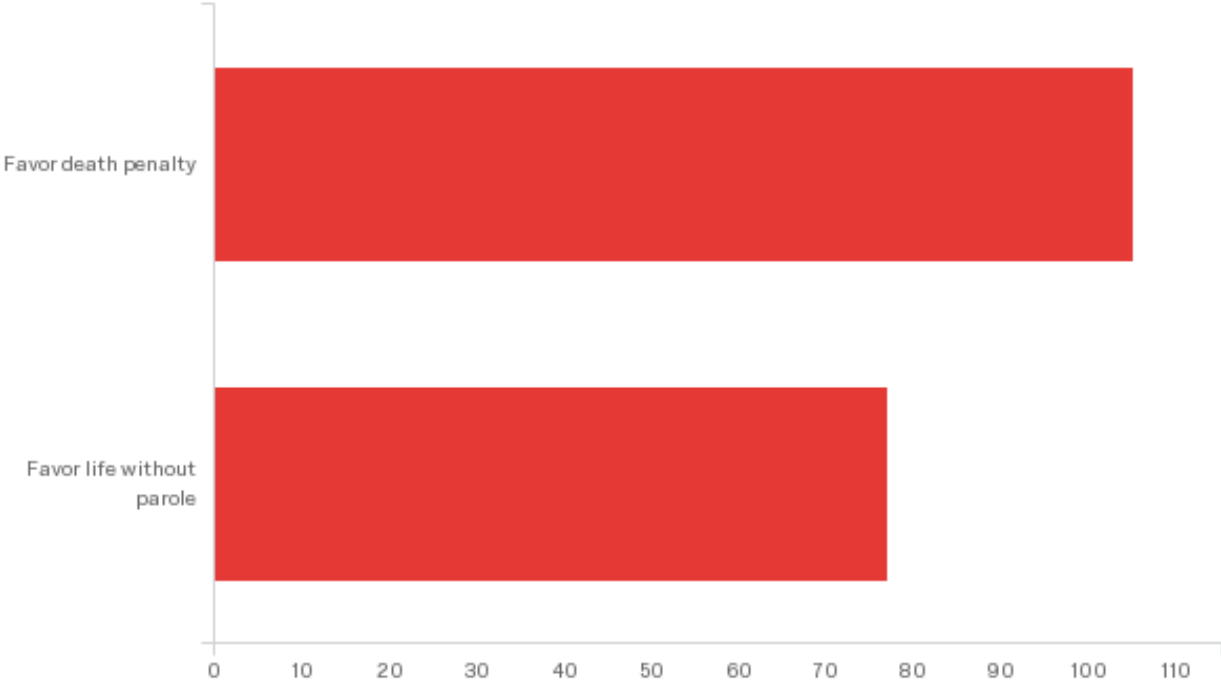
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Friend would feel comfortable | 79% | 281 |
| Friend would not feel comfortable | 21% | 75 |
| Total | 100% | 356 |

Q52 - (ONE-SIXTH OF SAMPLE) Support for the death penalty remains solid, a new poll shows. The results of a recent national poll taken show that 74% of Americans support the death penalty, with only 20% opposed and 6% undecided.



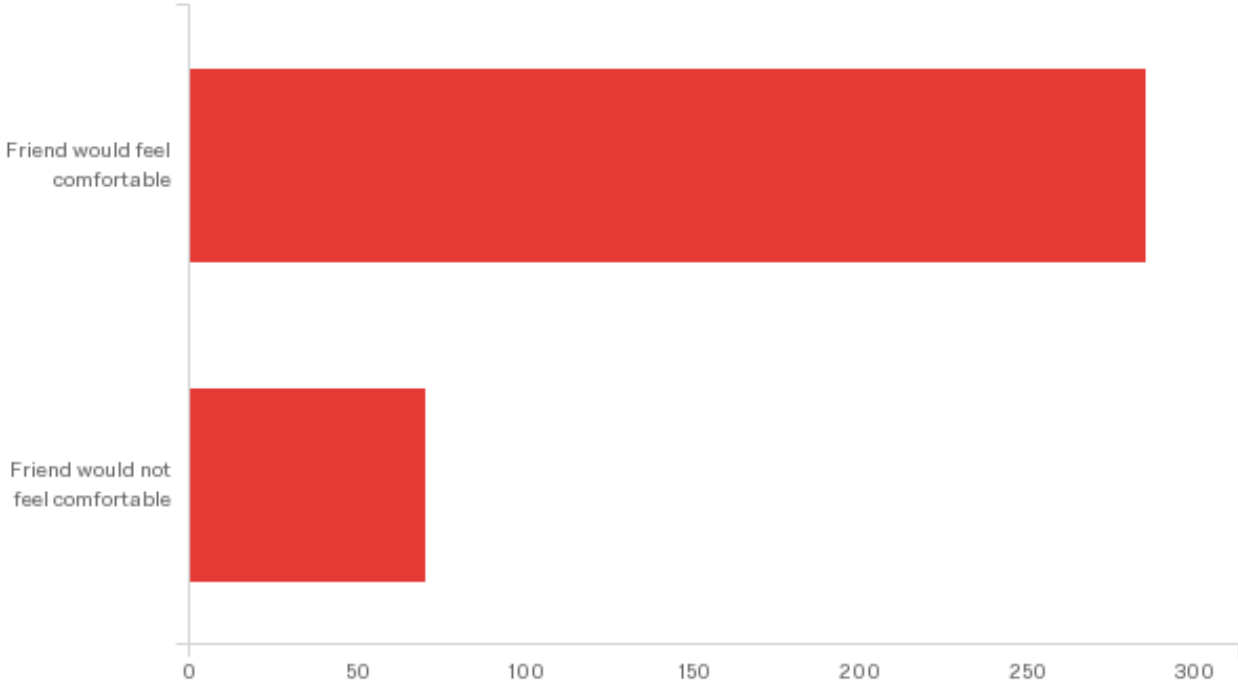
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Favor death penalty | 57% | 100 |
| Oppose death penalty | 43% | 74 |
| Total | 100% | 174 |

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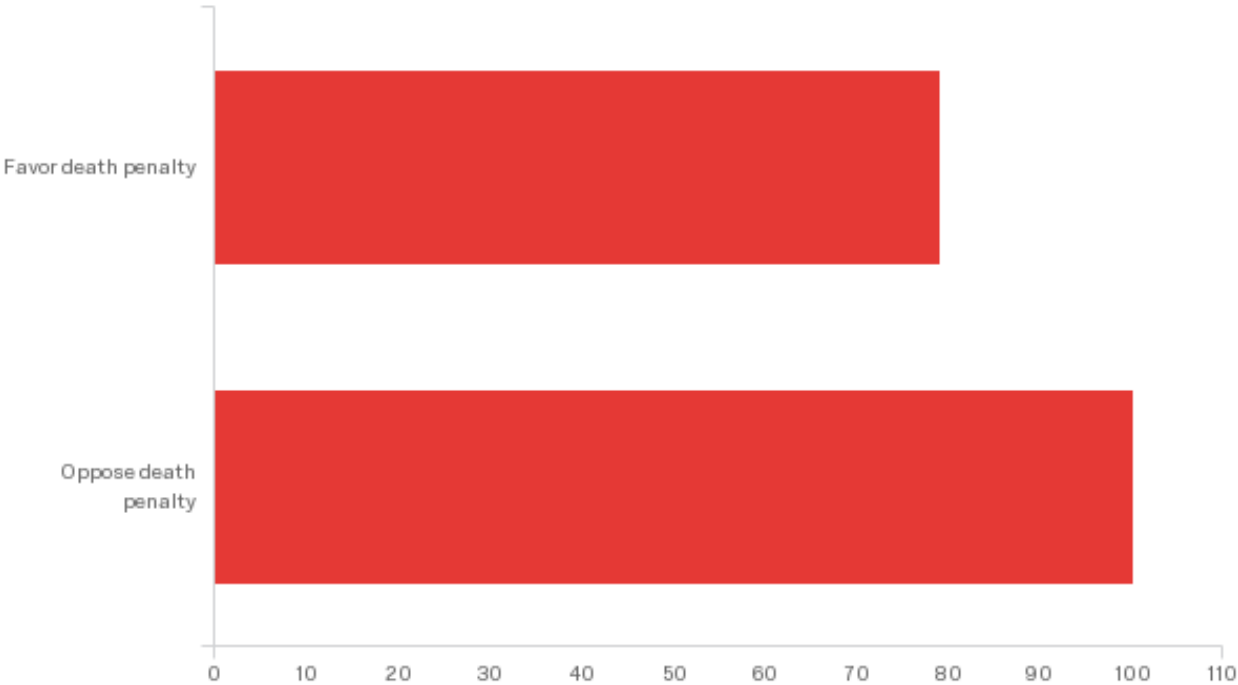
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Favor death penalty | 58% | 105 |
| Favor life without parole | 42% | 77 |
| Total | 100% | 182 |

Q55 - If you had a friend that was against the death penalty, would that friend feel comfortable talking about the issue with others who supported the death penalty?



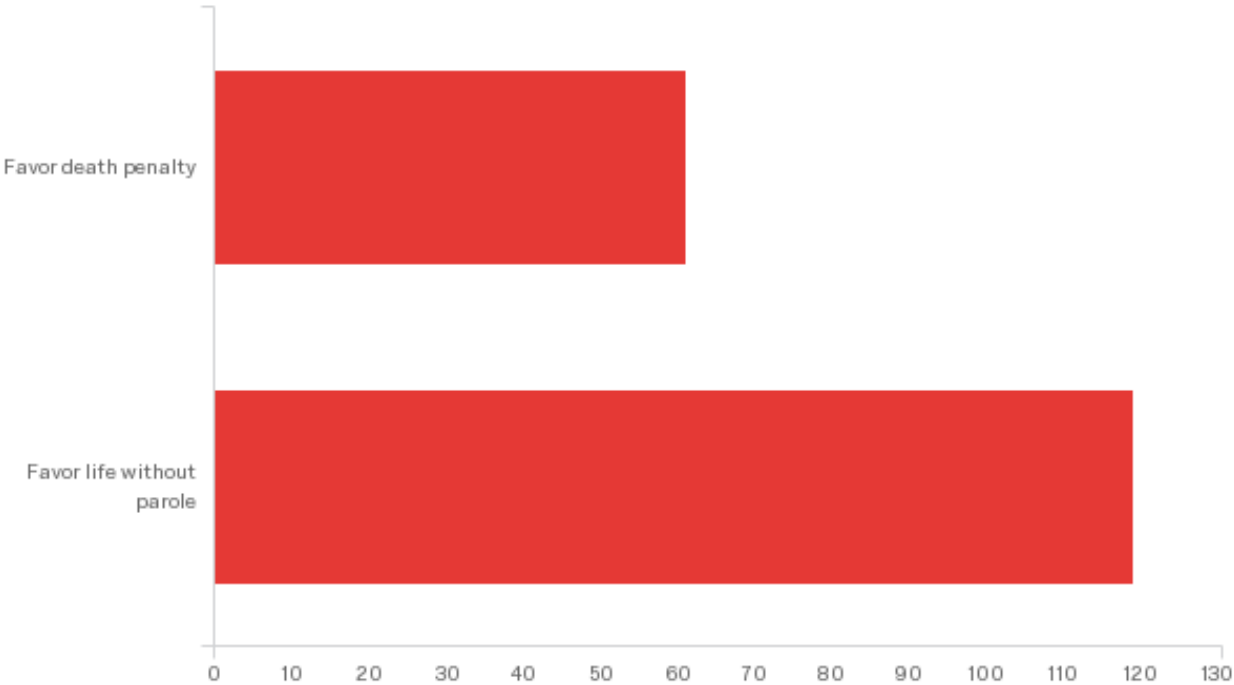
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Friend would feel comfortable | 80% | 285 |
| Friend would not feel comfortable | 20% | 70 |
| Total | 100% | 355 |

Q69 - (ONE-SIXTH OF SAMPLE) More people support alternatives to the death penalty, a new survey shows. The results of a national poll indicate that 48% of Americans think the sentence for a convicted murder should be life in prison without parole, with the inmate required to work a prison job and send any proceeds to the victim’s relief fund.



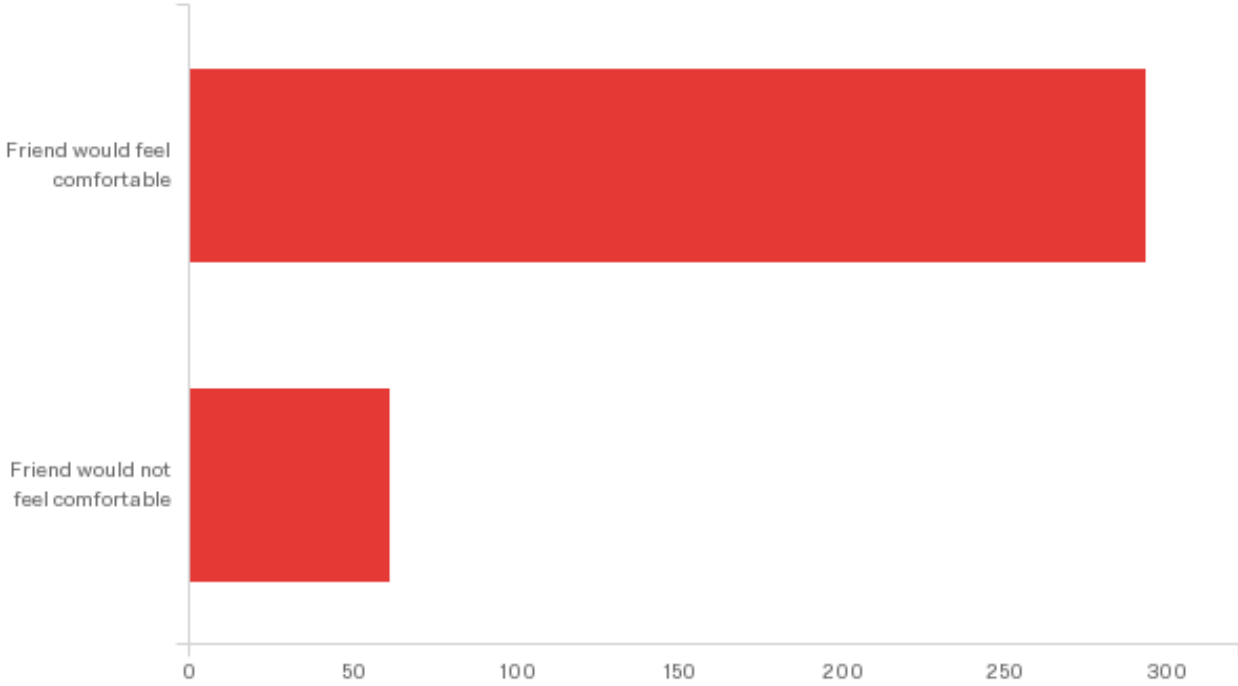
| Answer | % | Count |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Favor death penalty | 44% | 79 |
| Oppose death penalty | 56% | 100 |
| Total | 100% | 179 |

Q70 - (ONE-SIXTH OF SAMPLE) More people support alternatives to the death penalty, a new survey shows. The results of a national poll indicate that 48% of Americans think the sentence for a convicted murder should be life in prison without parole, with the inmate required to work a prison job and send any proceeds to the victim’s relief fund.



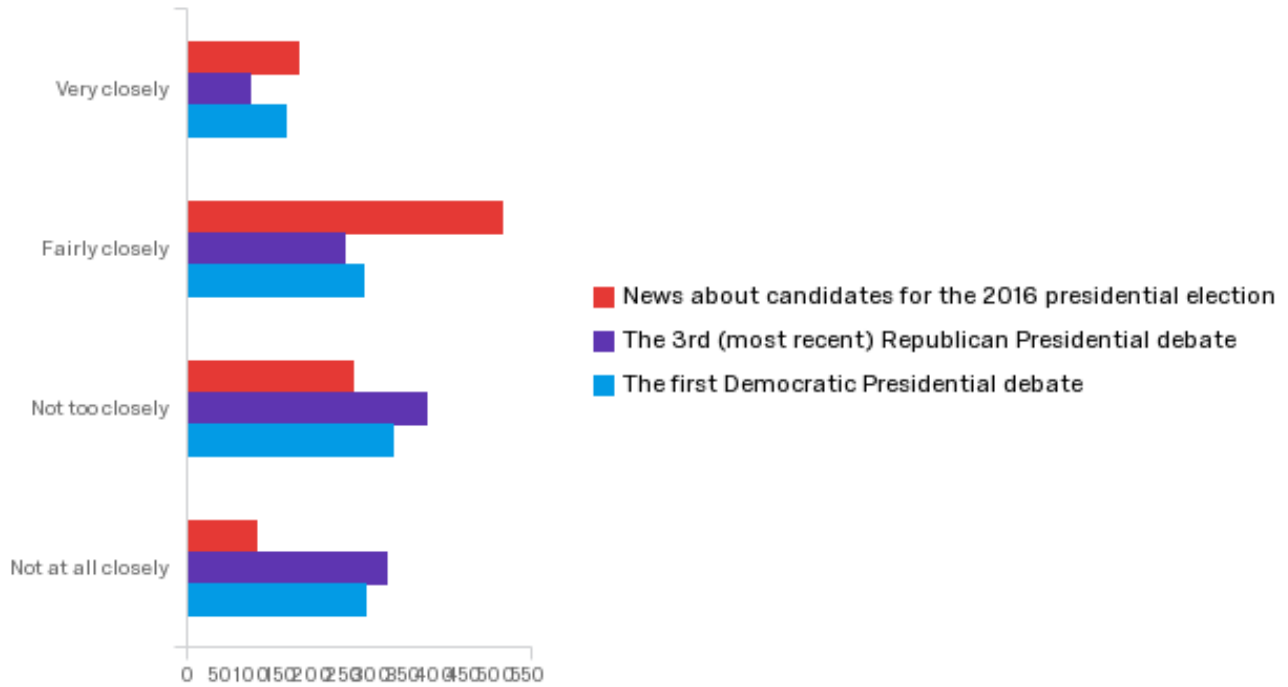
| Answer | % | Count |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Favor death penalty | 34% | 61 |
| Favor life without parole | 66% | 119 |
| Total | 100% | 180 |

Q71 - If you had a friend that was against the death penalty, would that friend feel comfortable talking about the issue with others who supported the death penalty?



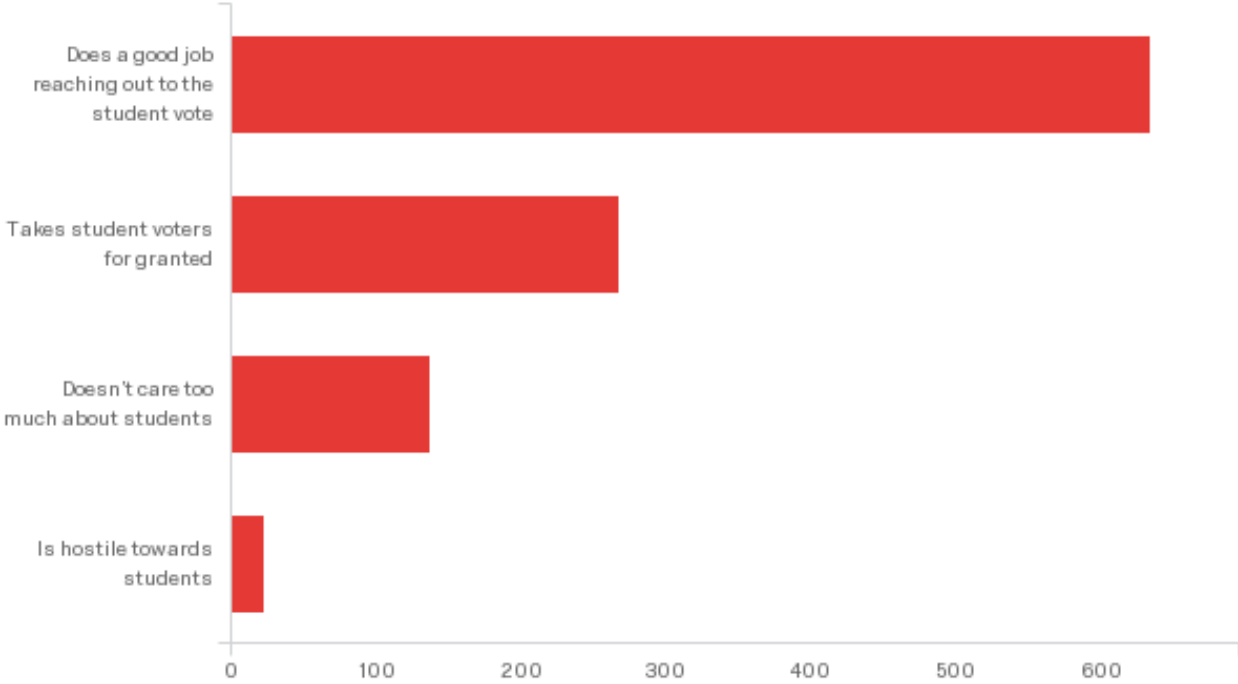
| Answer | % | Count |
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| Friend would feel comfortable | 83% | 293 |
| Friend would not feel comfortable | 17% | 61 |
| Total | 100% | 354 |

Q31 - Have you happened to follow each of the following news stories very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?



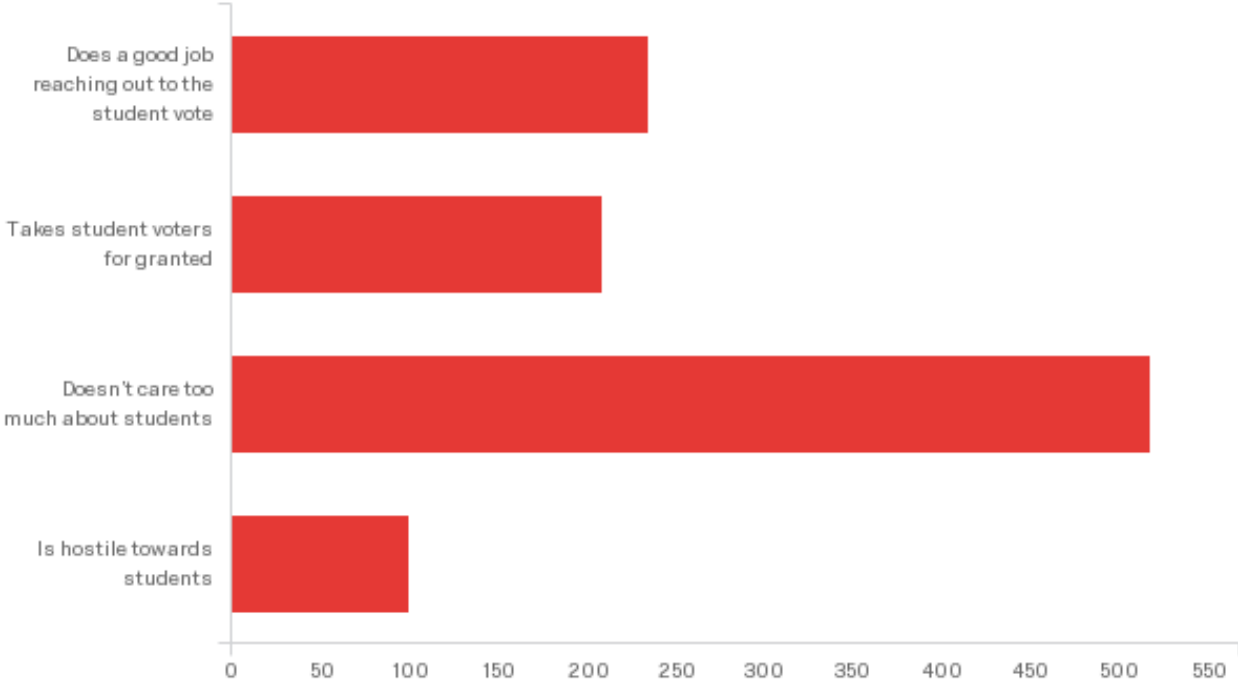
| Question | Very closely | Fairly closely | Not too closely | Not at all closely | Total |
|---|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| News about candidates for the 2016 presidential election | 178 | 509 | 268 | 111 | 1066 |
| The 3rd (most recent) Republican Presidential debate | 102 | 253 | 389 | 322 | 1066 |
| The first Democratic Presidential debate | 159 | 284 | 334 | 289 | 1066 |

Q39 - Would you say the Democratic Party:



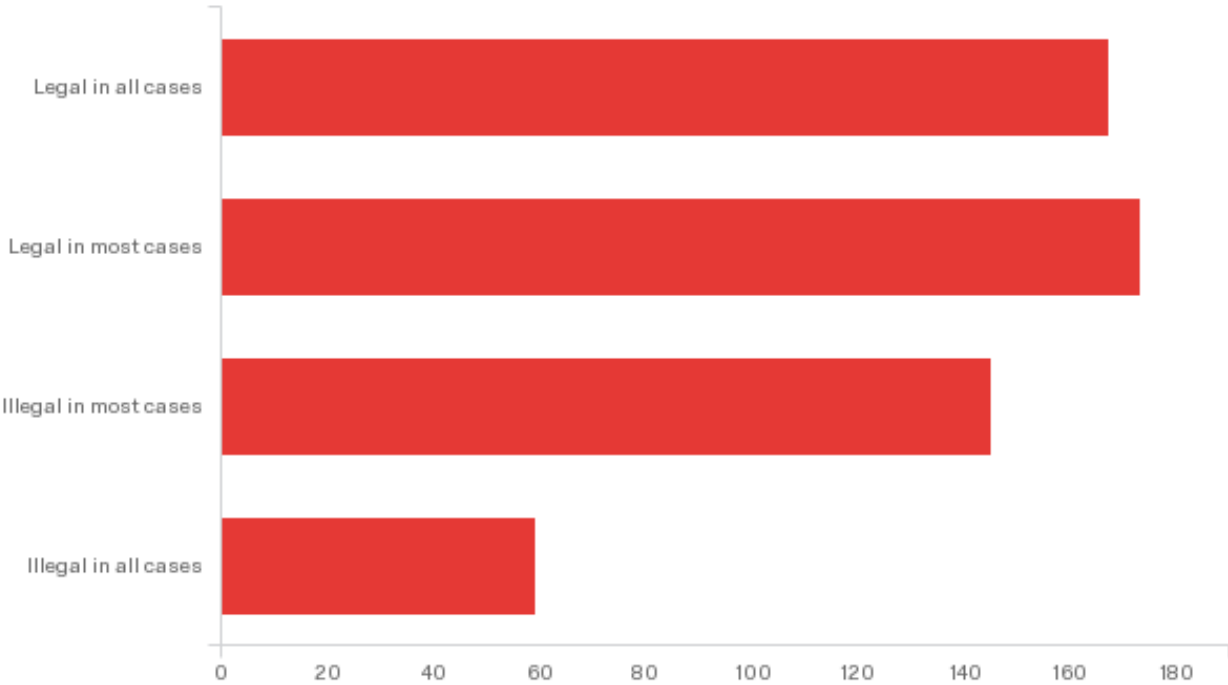
| Answer | % | Count |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Does a good job reaching out to the student vote | 60% | 633 |
| Takes student voters for granted | 25% | 266 |
| Doesn't care too much about students | 13% | 136 |
| Is hostile towards students | 2% | 21 |
| Total | 100% | 1056 |

Q40 - Would you say the Republican Party:



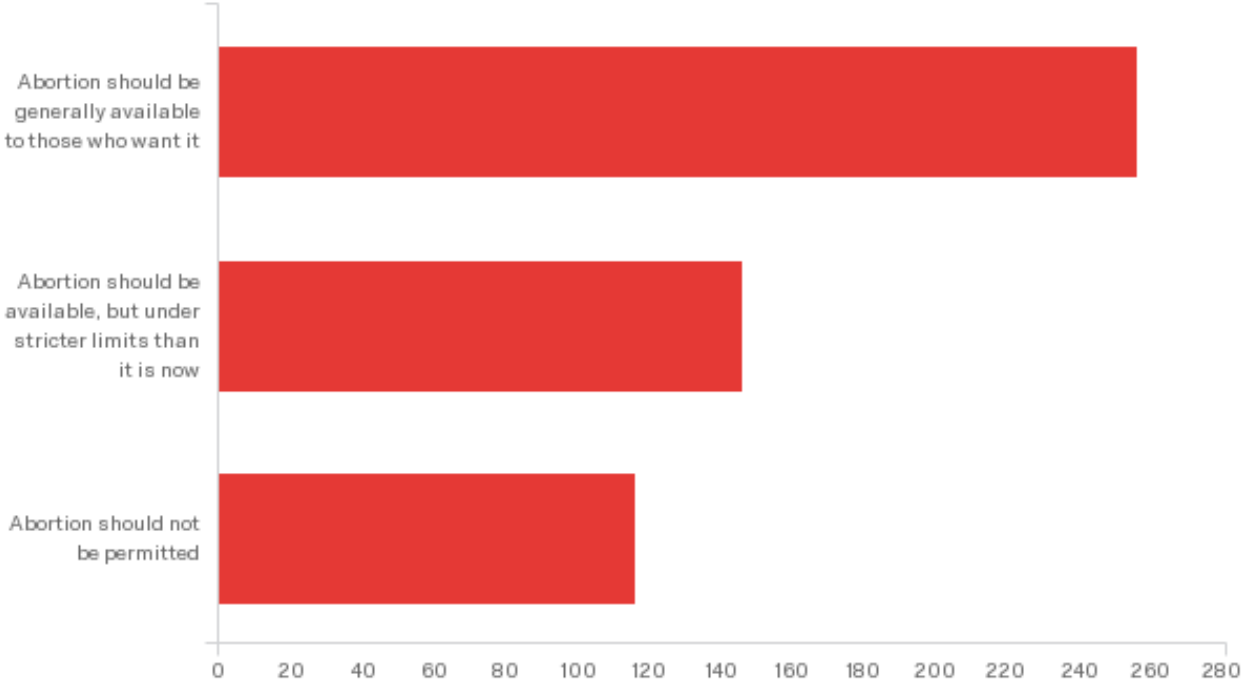
| Answer | % | Count |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Does a good job reaching out to the student vote | 22% | 233 |
| Takes student voters for granted | 20% | 208 |
| Doesn't care too much about students | 49% | 516 |
| Is hostile towards students | 9% | 99 |
| Total | 100% | 1056 |

Q23 – (HALF SAMPLE) Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?



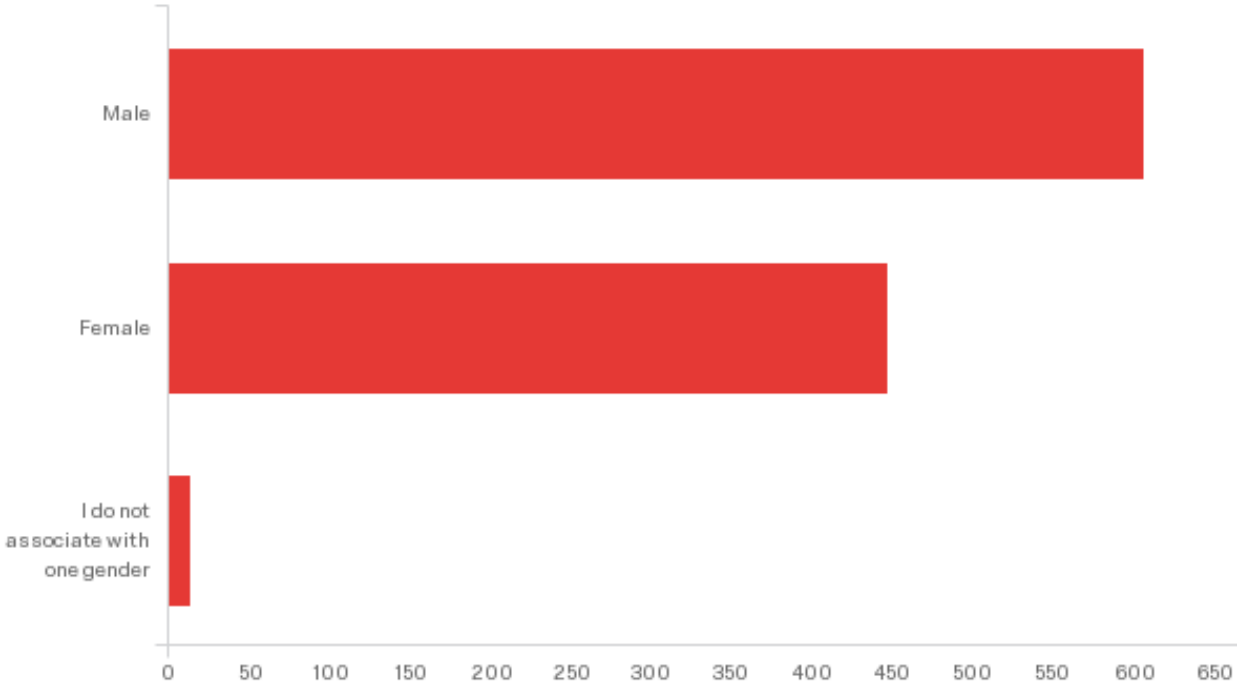
| Answer | % | Count |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Legal in all cases | 31% | 167 |
| Legal in most cases | 32% | 173 |
| Illegal in most cases | 27% | 145 |
| Illegal in all cases | 11% | 59 |
| Total | 100% | 544 |

Q24 – (HALF SAMPLE) Which of these comes closest to your view?



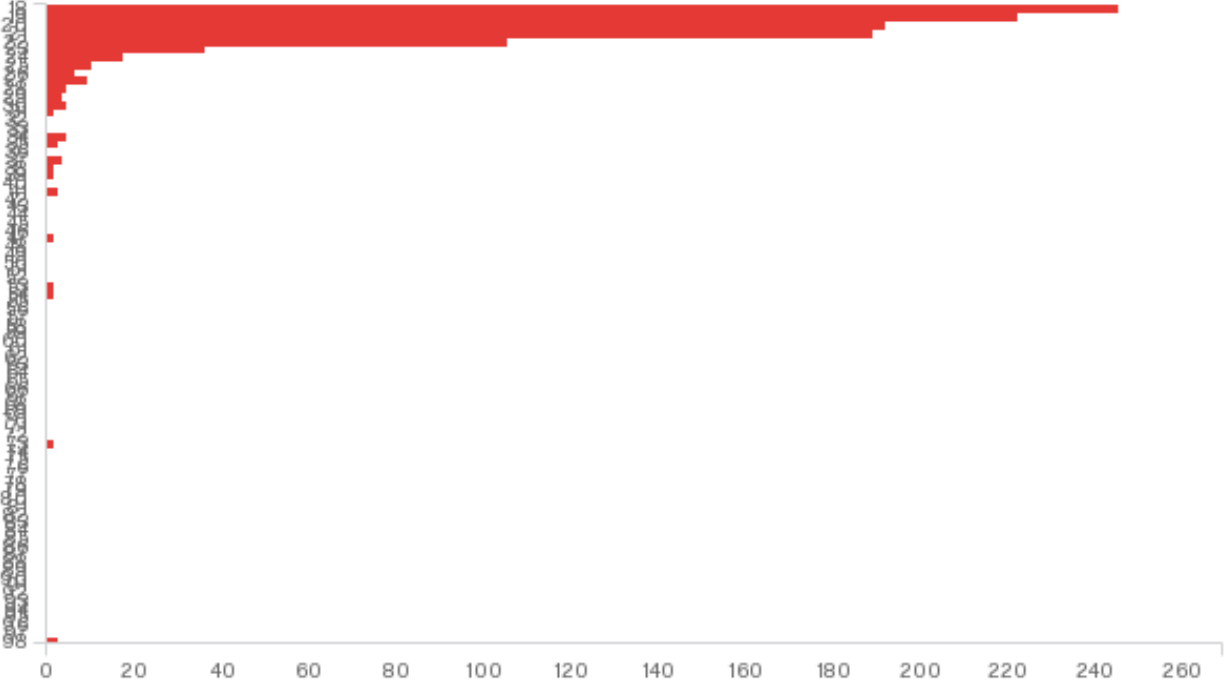
| Answer | % | Count |
|---|-------------|------------|
| Abortion should be generally available to those who want it | 49% | 256 |
| Abortion should be available, but under stricter limits than it is now | 28% | 146 |
| Abortion should not be permitted | 22% | 116 |
| Total | 100% | 518 |

Q09 - These last set of questions help us understand how different groups think about social issues and government. First, what is your gender?

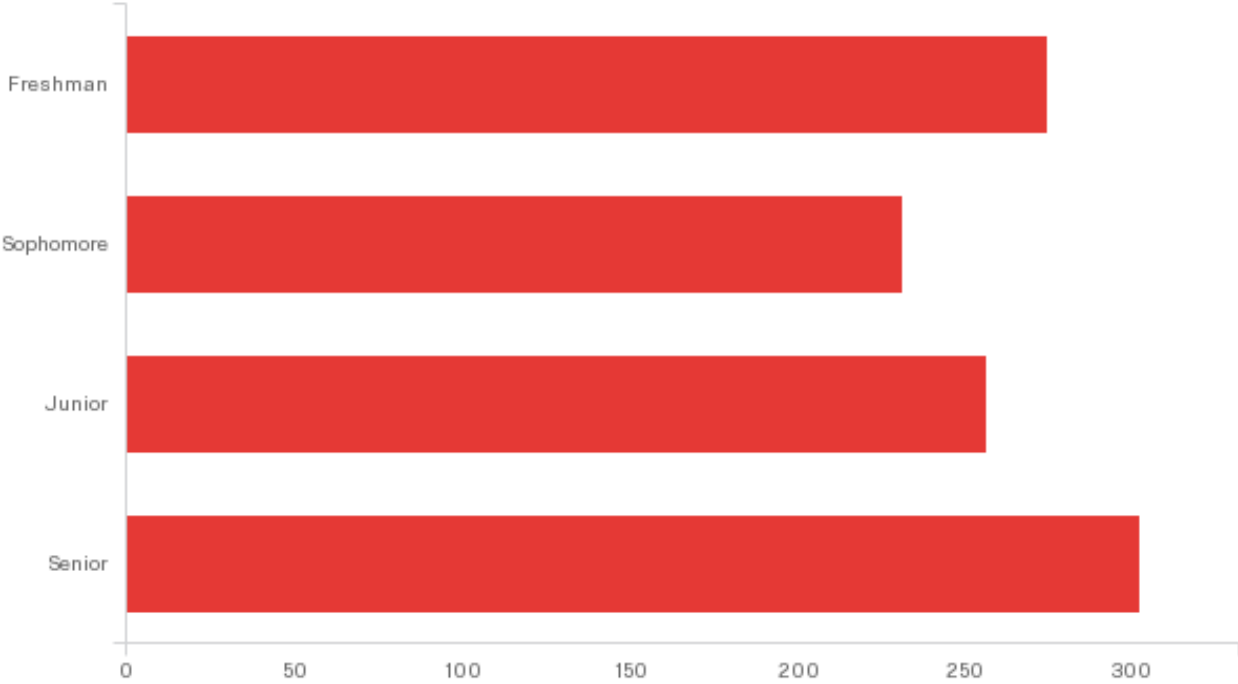


| Answer | % | Count |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Male | 57% | 606 |
| Female | 42% | 447 |
| I do not associate with one gender | 1% | 12 |
| Total | 100% | 1065 |

Q13 - What is your age?

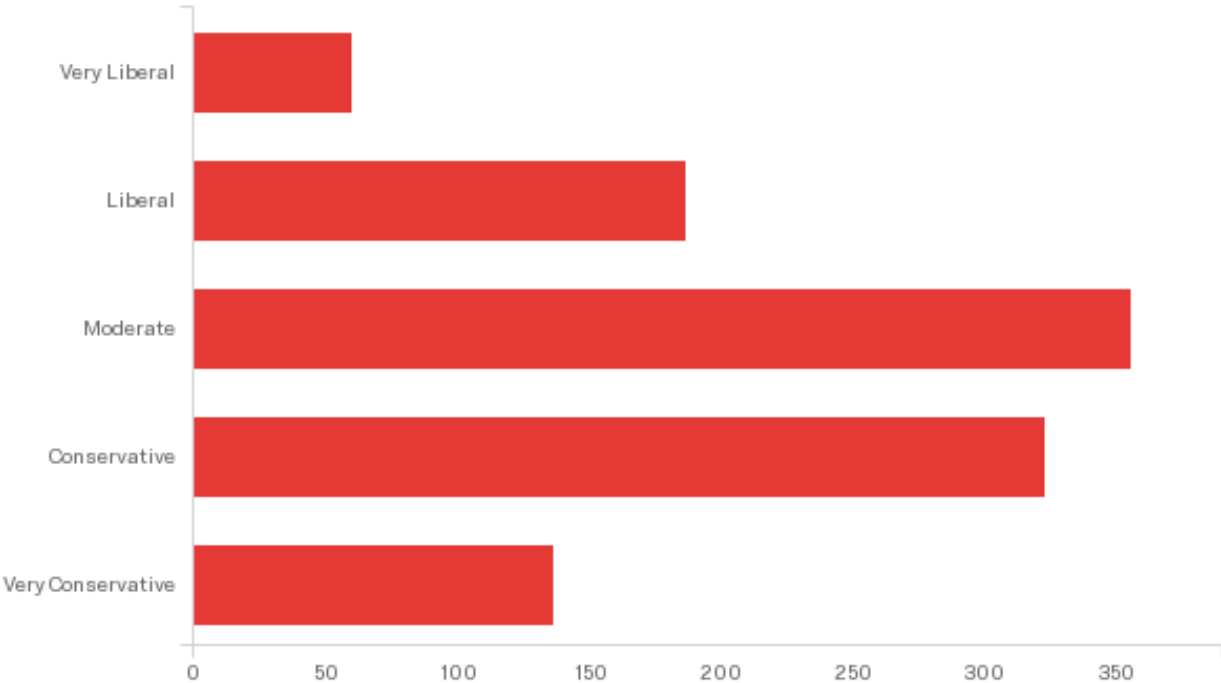


Q32 - What year in school are you considered?



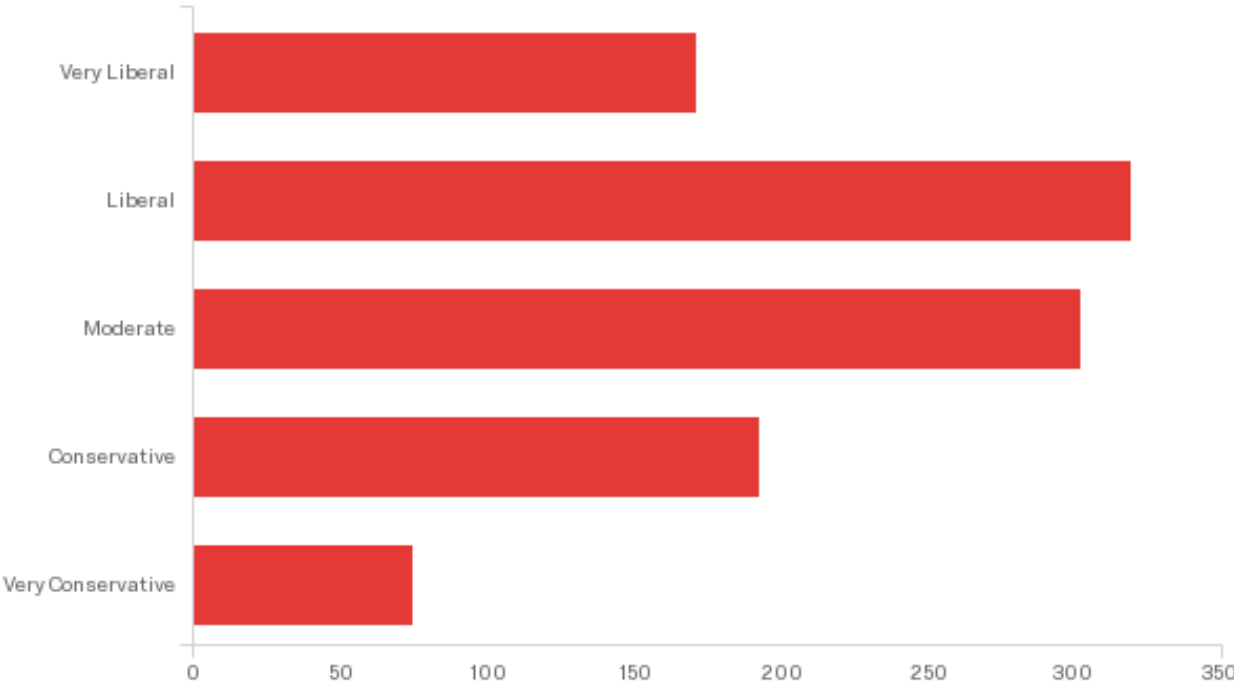
| Answer | % | Count |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Freshman | 26% | 274 |
| Sophomore | 22% | 231 |
| Junior | 24% | 256 |
| Senior | 28% | 302 |
| Total | 100% | 1063 |

Q34 - When it comes to ECONOMIC issues in politics, do you think yourself as a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?



| Answer | % | Count |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very Liberal | 6% | 59 |
| Liberal | 18% | 186 |
| Moderate | 34% | 355 |
| Conservative | 30% | 322 |
| Very Conservative | 13% | 136 |
| Total | 100% | 1058 |

Q35 - When it comes to SOCIAL issues in politics, do you think yourself as a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?



| Answer | % | Count |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Very Liberal | 16% | 171 |
| Liberal | 30% | 319 |
| Moderate | 29% | 302 |
| Conservative | 18% | 192 |
| Very Conservative | 7% | 74 |
| Total | 100% | 1058 |