



Arizona Voter Poll

April 2026

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Objective & Methodology



This study identifies the key issues shaping voter attitudes in Arizona. It was previously conducted in March 2024.

The Citizens Clean Elections Commission plans to share this data with candidates across its specific regions with the goal of enhancing its value to the candidates and increasing the relevance of the debates by being topical and based on accurate voter data.

The same survey will be fielded prior to the November 2026 general election. This will identify how priorities shift among voters over the course of the election cycle and provide candidates further insights.

Online Survey

Fielded	3/6/26 - 3/20/26
Length	12 minutes
Responses/Sample size	N=1,632
Recruitment criteria	Arizona registered voters statewide

Sample Size & Margin of Error



Segment (Party)	Sample size (N)	Margin of error at 95% confidence
Republican	593	±4.0%
Democrat	530	±4.3%
Independent/nonpartisan	383	±5.01%
Other	126	±8.7%
All	1,632	±2.43%

With Arizona's population of 7,151,502, a 95% confidence level and 5% margin of error requires a minimum sample size of 385. This means there is a 5% probability that an observed difference happened by chance and individuals can be 95% confident that an observed difference is representative of the larger population. For the purposes of this study, segment sizes 383 and above ($\leq 5.01\%$ MOE) are considered stable/significant and those smaller than 383 ($> 5.01\%$ MOE) should be considered directional only.

Sample Size & Margin of Error



Segment (Region)	Sample size (N)	Margin of error at 95% confidence
North Phoenix & Scottsdale	243	±6.3%
Central Phoenix	126	±8.7%
South Phoenix & Tempe	119	±9.0%
East Valley	313	±5.5%
West Valley	297	±5.7%
Tucson	352	±5.22%
Rural Arizona - Northern	174	±7.4%
Rural Arizona - Southern	8	±34.6%
All	1,632	±2.43%

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Topline

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- 1 The top issues among Arizonans are **affordable housing** (22%); **election security** (21%); and **inflation/rising prices** (20%).
- 2 When asked to choose their **single most important** issue, Arizonans selected **inflation/rising prices** most frequently.
- 3 While voters most often **side with their party**, there is a great opportunity for the candidates to **find common ground across the issues**.
- 4 Perception among a substantial amount of voters is that the **national, local and community economy is getting worse**, but not the same sentiment is as strongly exhibited when it comes to people's personal financial situation.
- 5 **ICE** (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is one of the **most polarizing** issues, but the data indicates that voters actually **support a more moderate approach to solve the problem**.
- 6 **Foreign policy** matters are also **somewhat polarizing**, but an **increased number of voters have no opinions**, indicating that these issues are too far removed and **not personally impacting them**.

Topline



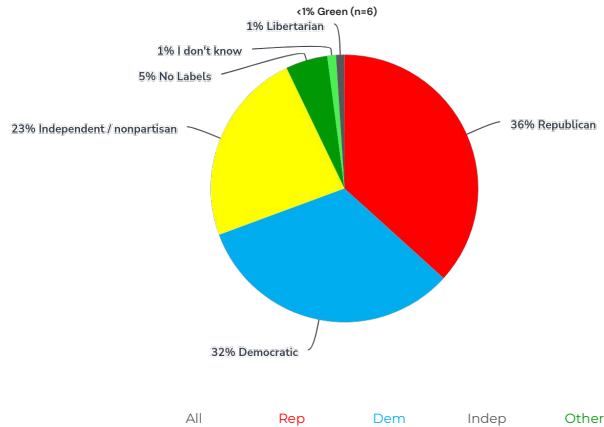
- 7 **Half of Republicans believe Arizona is currently heading in the right direction** and **40% of Democrats state the state is heading in the wrong direction** under the current leadership.
- 8 Republicans are satisfied with the status quo related to **education**.
- 9 There is significant alignment on the issue of water and land protection across party lines, with water also being an important issue for Republicans. Voters consider **water an existential issue** for the future of the state.
- 10 People want a fighter as a candidate - someone who stands up for their issues, values and beliefs. This is relevant to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the electorate. And a candidate's attitude and temperament are important for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the electorate.

Key Findings

Demographics/Party Affiliation



With which political party are you currently registered?



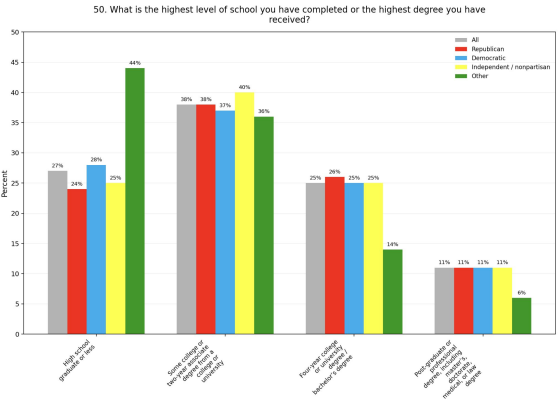
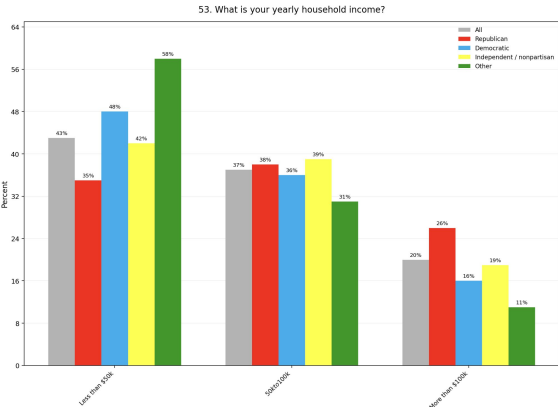
	All	Rep	Dem	Indep	Other
18-34	24%	19%	25%	23%	43%
35-44	22%	23%	19%	23%	22%
45-54	17%	15%	16%	19%	18%
55-64	17%	20%	16%	16%	11%
65 or older	21%	23%	23%	19%	6%

Ethnicity & Race

	All	Rep	Dem	Indep	Other
White	78%	86%	73%	74%	70%
Hispanic	20%	17%	24%	19%	27%
Black/ African American	8%	4%	11%	10%	8%
American Indian/Ala ska Native	4%	2%	5%	5%	6%
Mixed Race	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%
Asian	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Hawaiian Pacific Islander	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Other	4%	4%	5%	3%	9%

Q: Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? Y/N
Q: Which of the following best describes your race?

Household Income



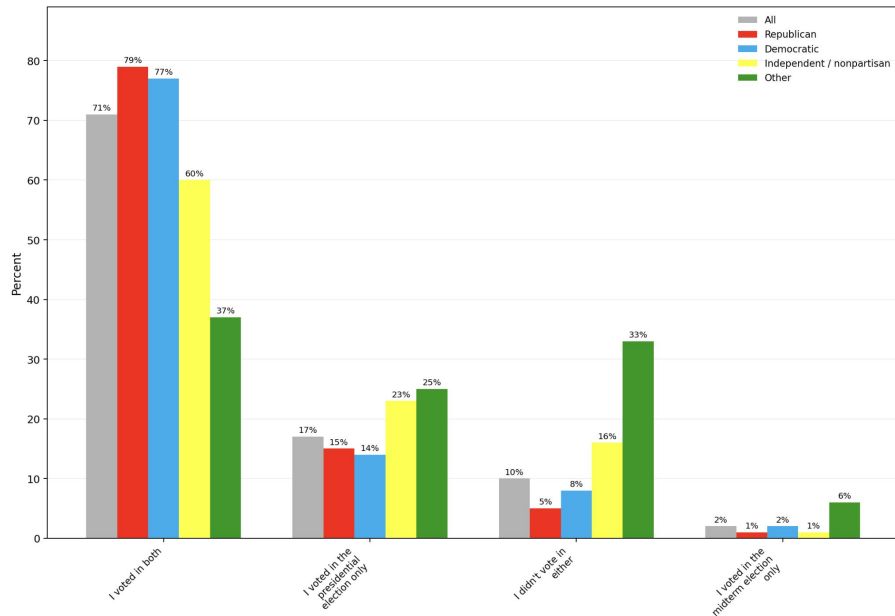
* Results will be shown segmented by party moving forward

Voting Behavior

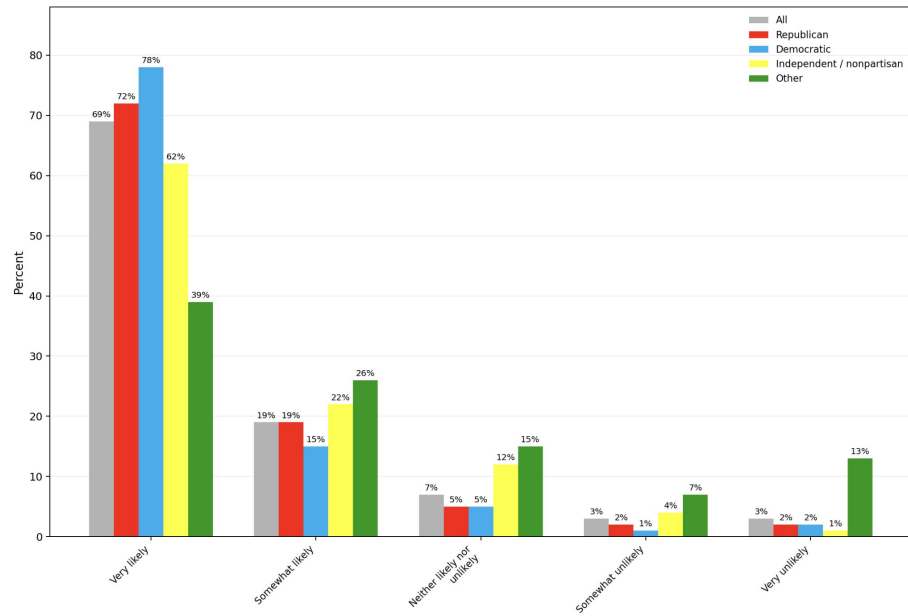


Voting enthusiasm is solid across party lines, particularly among the major parties. It flags a bit outside major presidential elections, though, with approximately 1/4 of Independents and Other only voting in the presidential, while 1/3 of Other didn't vote in either.

7. Did you vote in either the 2022 midterm election or the 2024 presidential election?



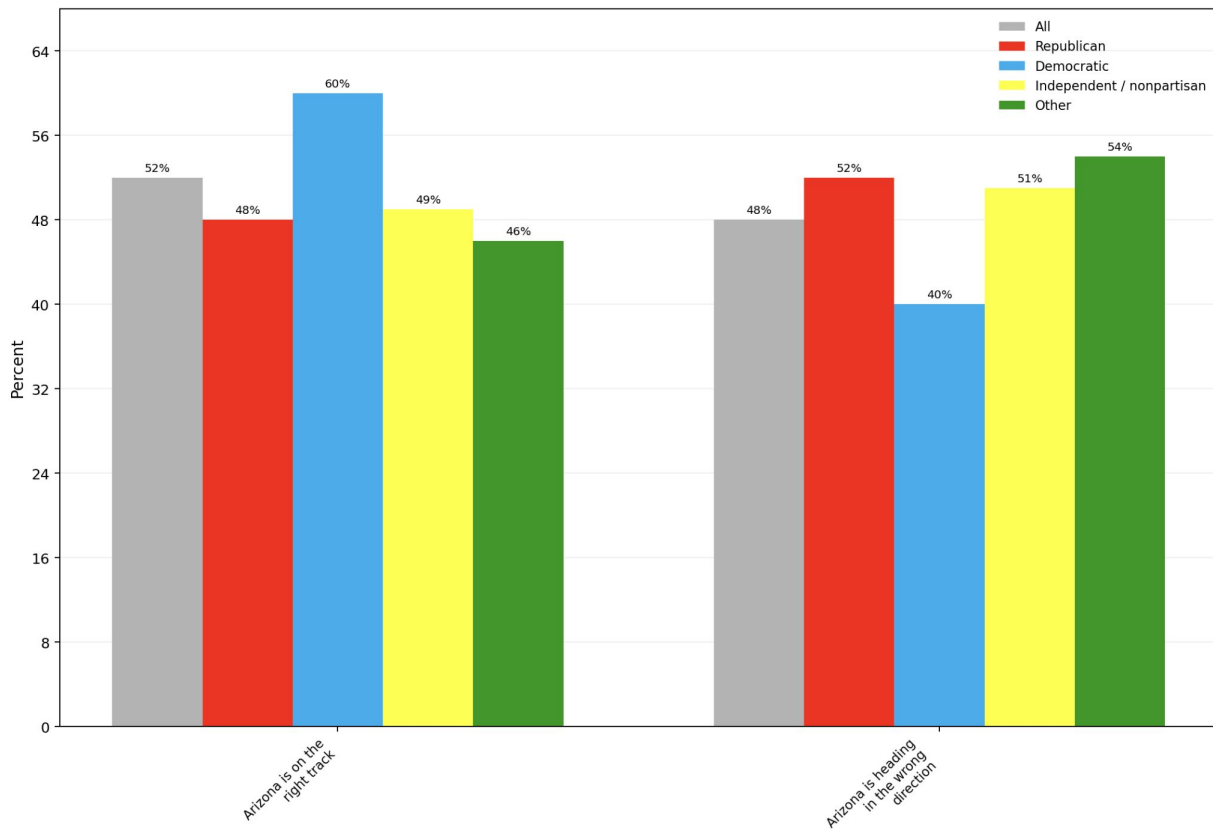
10. As you may know, on November 3rd, 2026, there will be midterm elections. How likely are you to vote in the midterm election?



Sentiment



14. Do you believe that Arizona is on the right track or heading in the wrong direction?



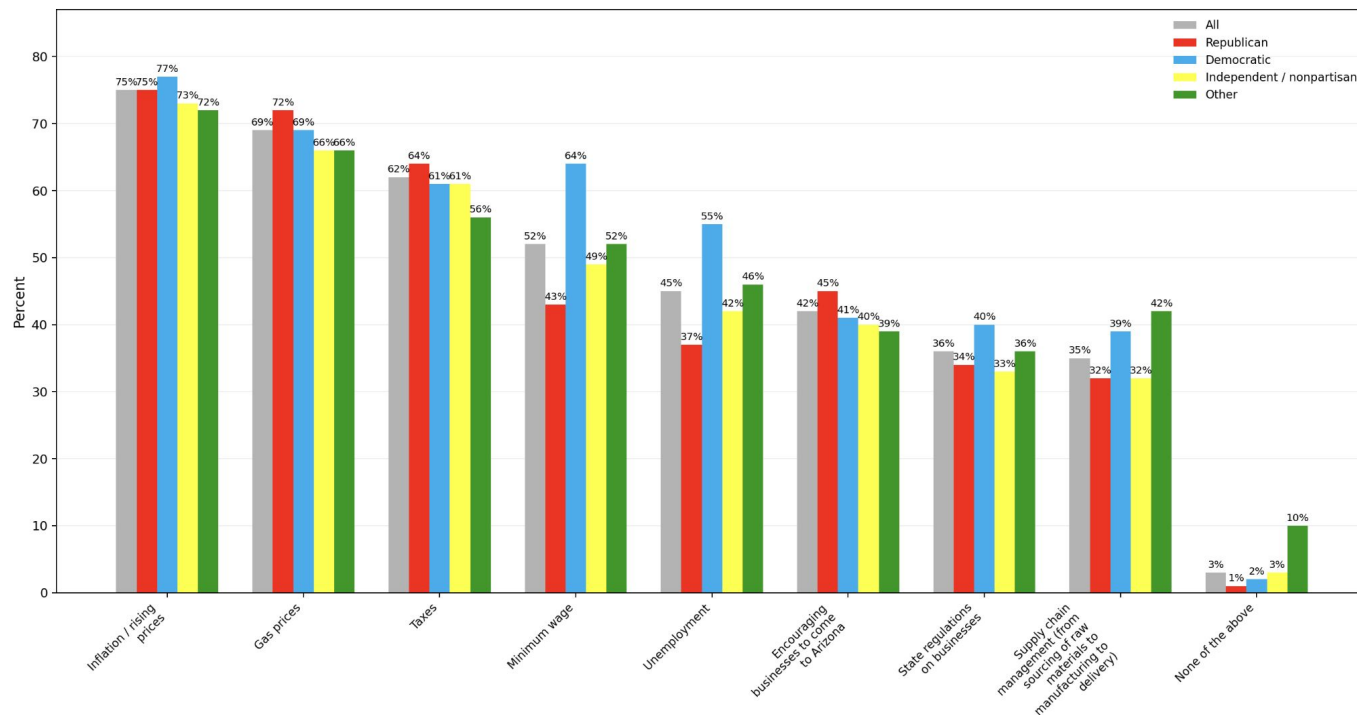
Almost half of Republicans surveyed believe Arizona is heading in the **right** direction. 40% of Democrats say the state is heading in the **wrong** direction, with Independents and Other being even more convinced. The desire for change remains.

2024 = 54% selected heading in the wrong direction (all), (6% point decrease).

Arizona Issues: Economy



24. Which of the following are important for you to know a candidate's position on when voting in an Arizona state office election? Select all that apply.



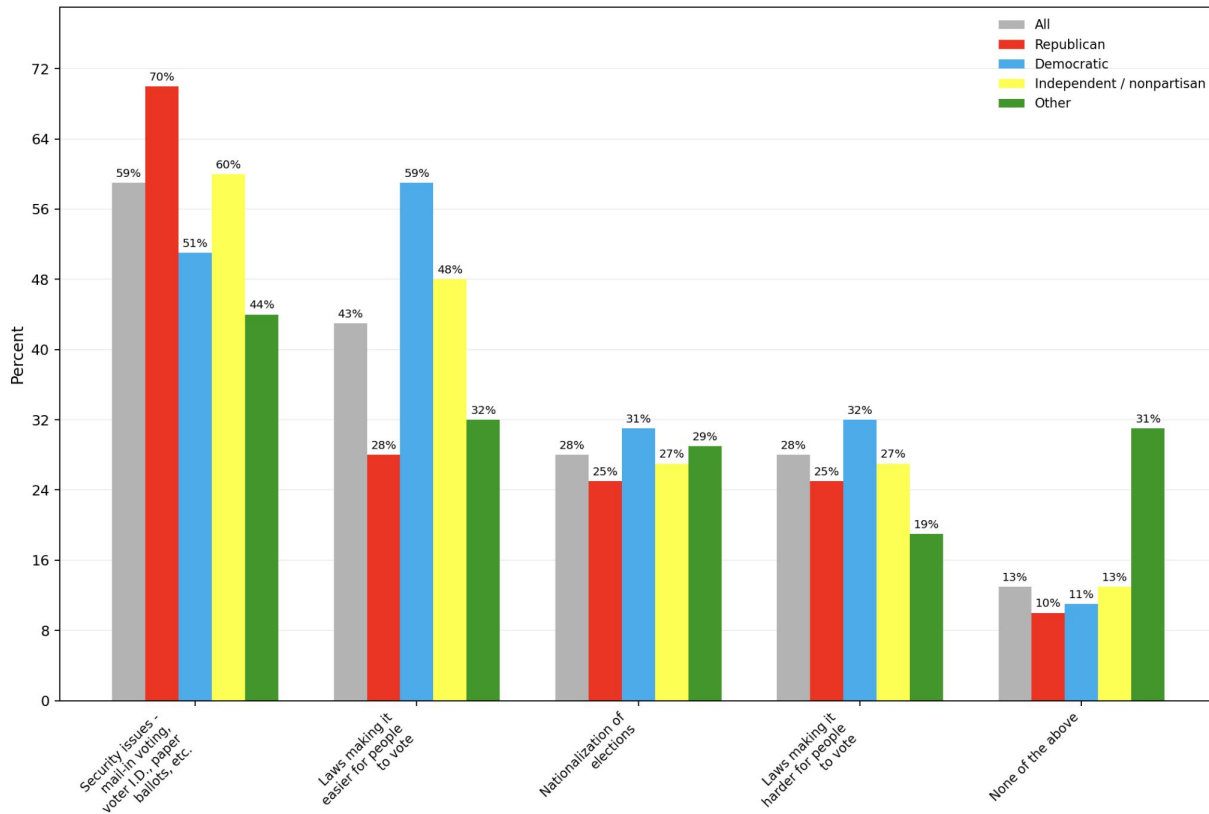
Inflation and rising costs reflected by gas prices are top concerns across party lines.

Democrats want information about minimum wage and possible unemployment solutions from candidates.

Arizona Issues: Voting



16. Which of the following are important for you to know a candidate's position on when voting in an Arizona state office election? Select all that apply.

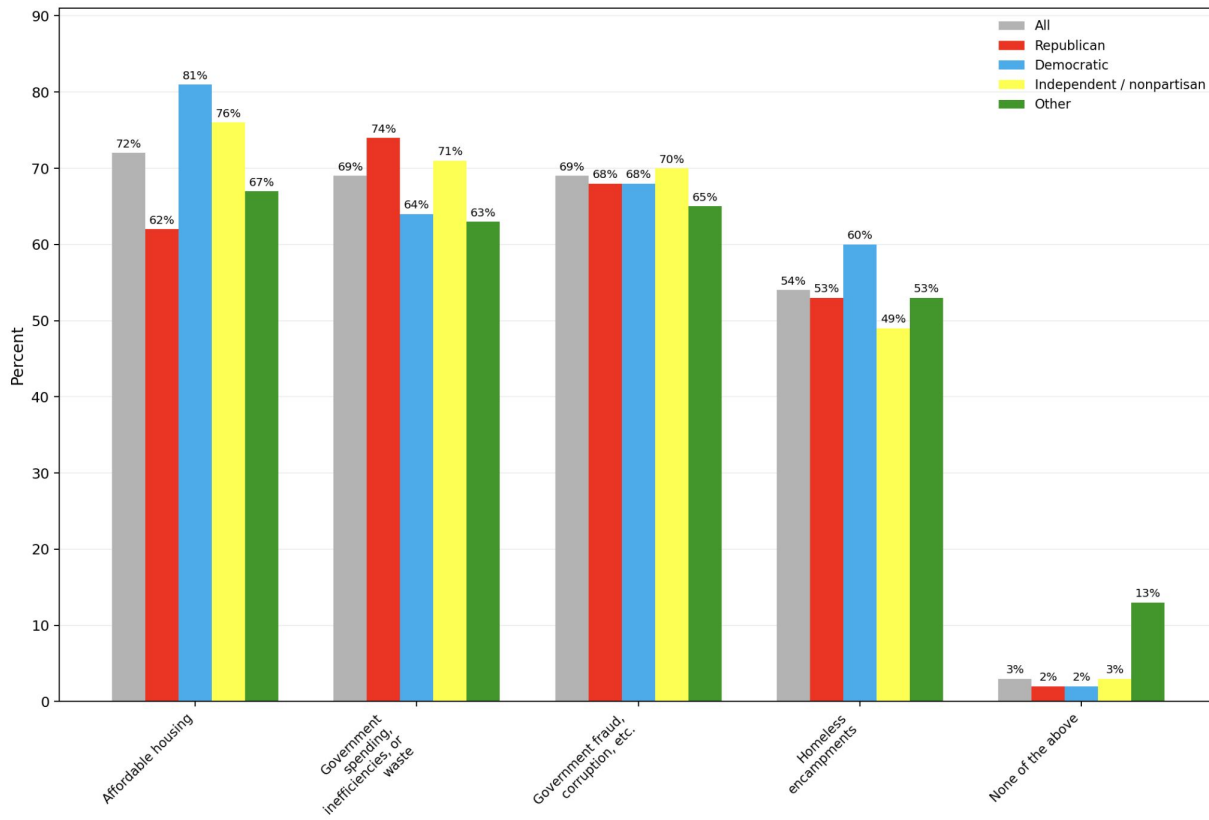


Election security was NOT an issue in 2024, with 28% of likely voters selecting that answer option. But with the midterms at stake for both parties, it is again a huge issue across party lines, with Republicans being most concerned about it (70% up from 40%) and approximately 1 in 3 respondents even contemplating nationalization of the elections.

Arizona Issues: Government & Housing



19. Which of the following are important for you to know a candidate's position on when voting in an Arizona state office election? Select all that apply.



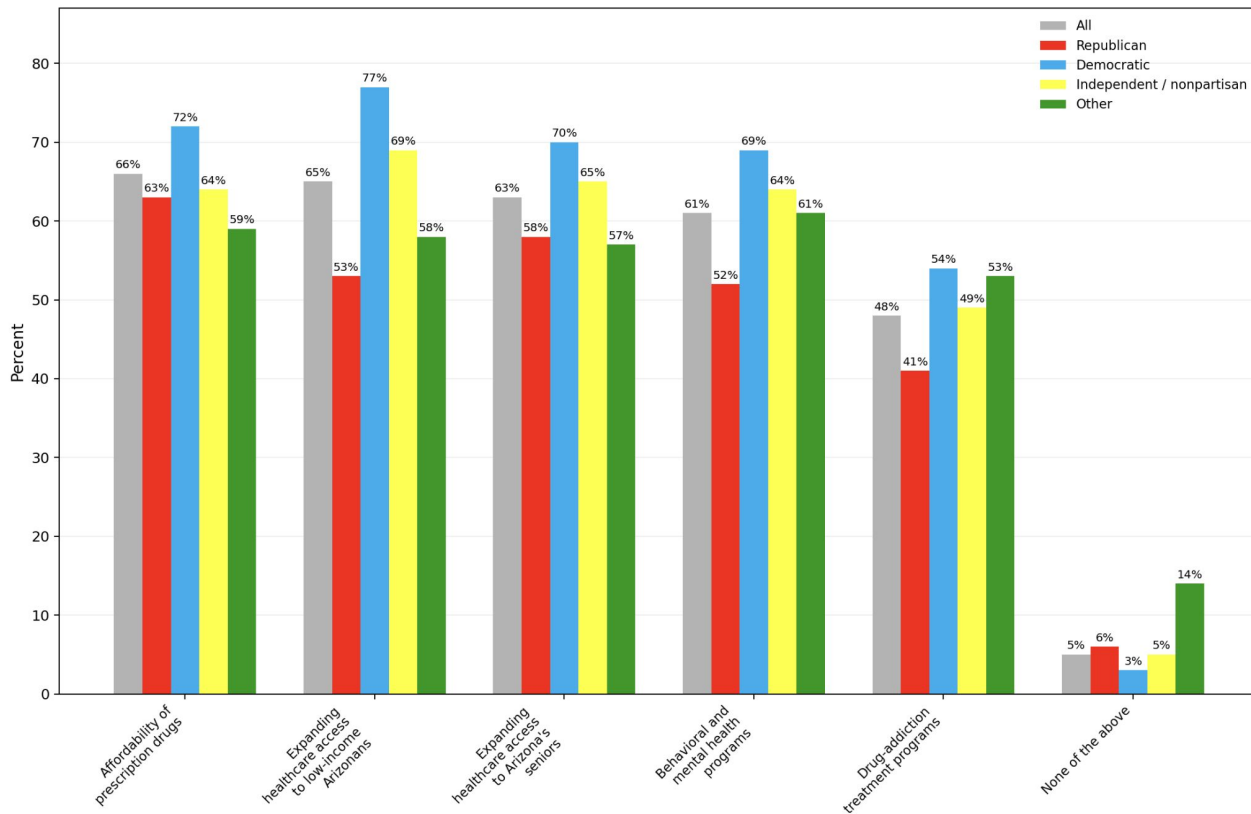
Without being forced to select the top 3 and/or the most important issue, **affordable housing is a top concern among Democrats and Independents**, while **government waste/inefficiencies are Republicans' top concern**, second to **government fraud**.

Lastly, the homeless encampments appear to be somewhat of a concern for everyone.

Arizona Issues: Healthcare



20. Which of the following are important for you to know a candidate's position on when voting in an Arizona state office election? Select all that apply.



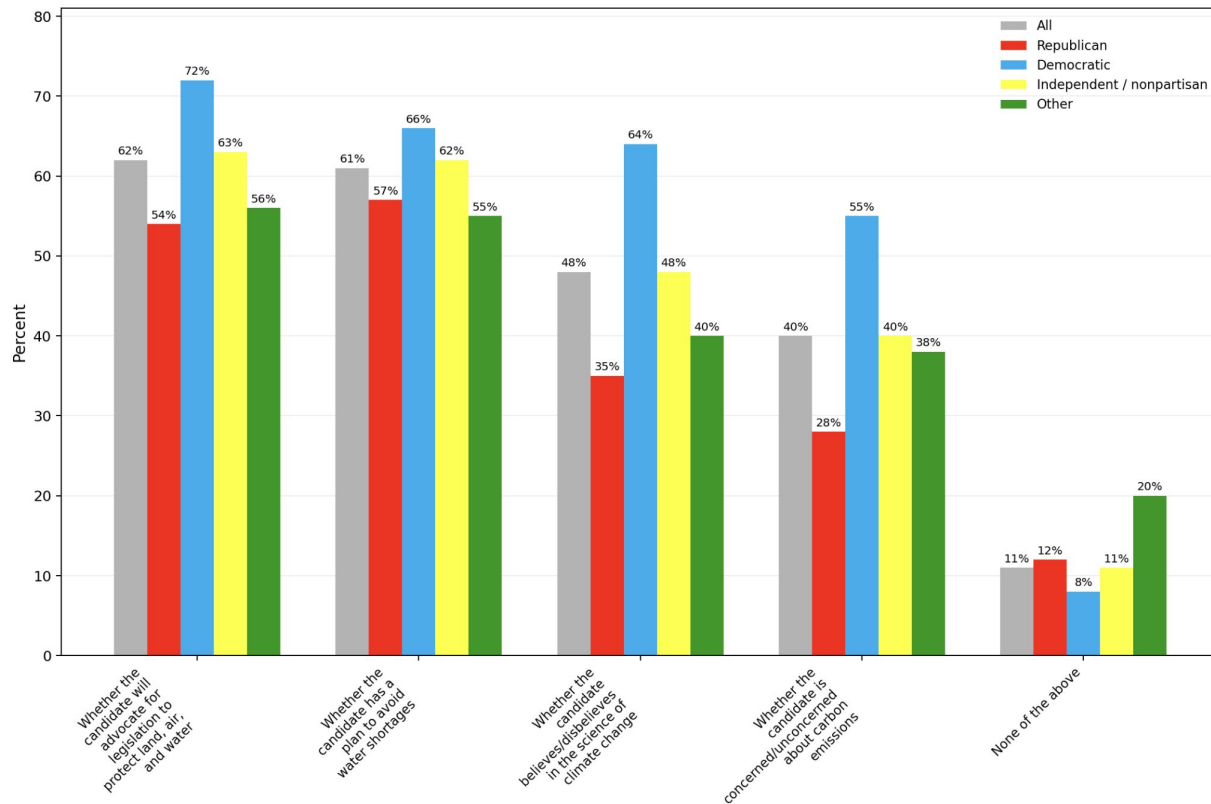
Democrats are interested/concerned about healthcare affordability, access to healthcare for low income Arizonans and seniors, with behavioral health programs and substance use disorder programs trailing among all.

For Republicans, these topics matter, but not as much as they do to Democrats, Independents and Other.

Arizona Issues: Environment & Climate



18. Which of the following are important for you to know a candidate's position on when voting in an Arizona state office election? Select all that apply.

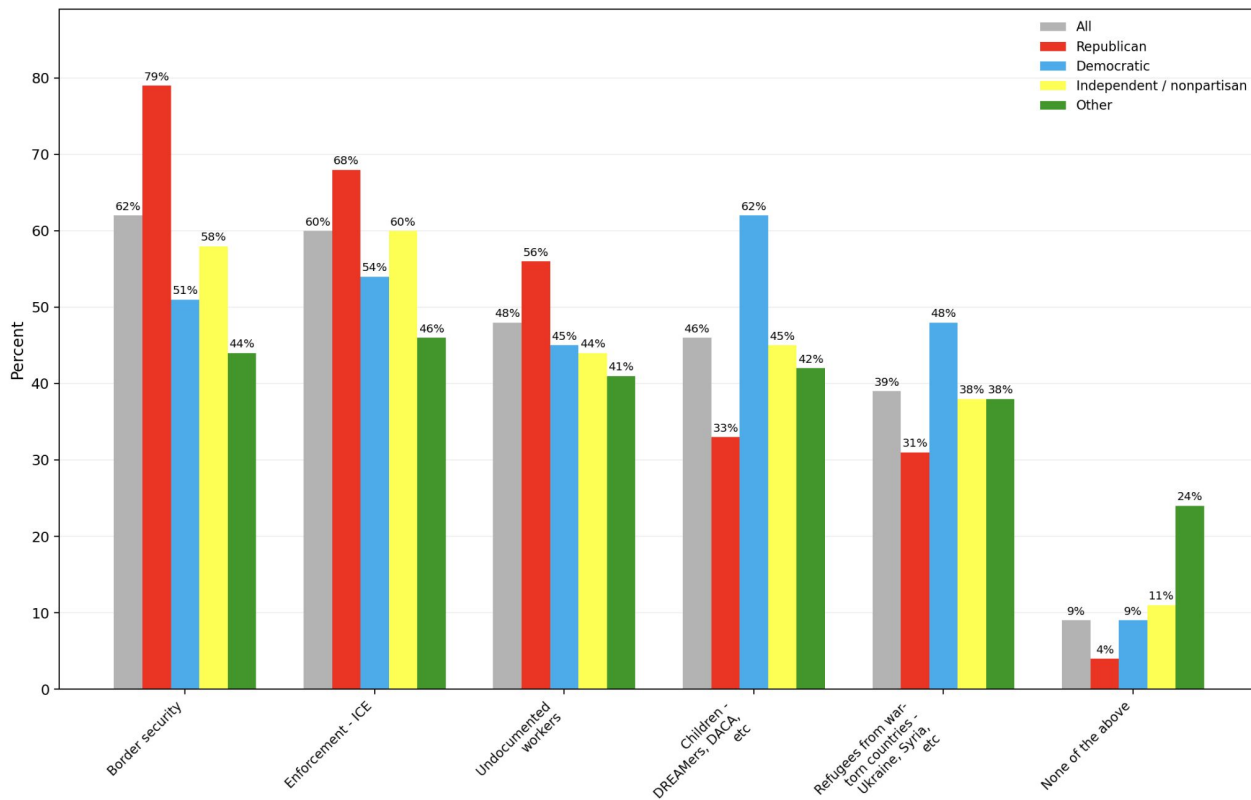


Strong alignment on the issue of water, air and land protection across party lines. This is an area of opportunity to bring voters together.

Arizona Issues: Immigration



21. Which of the following are important for you to know a candidate's position on when voting in an Arizona state office election? Select all that apply.



Republicans seek information about all aspects of Immigration - border security and Enforcement/ICE and undocumented workers.

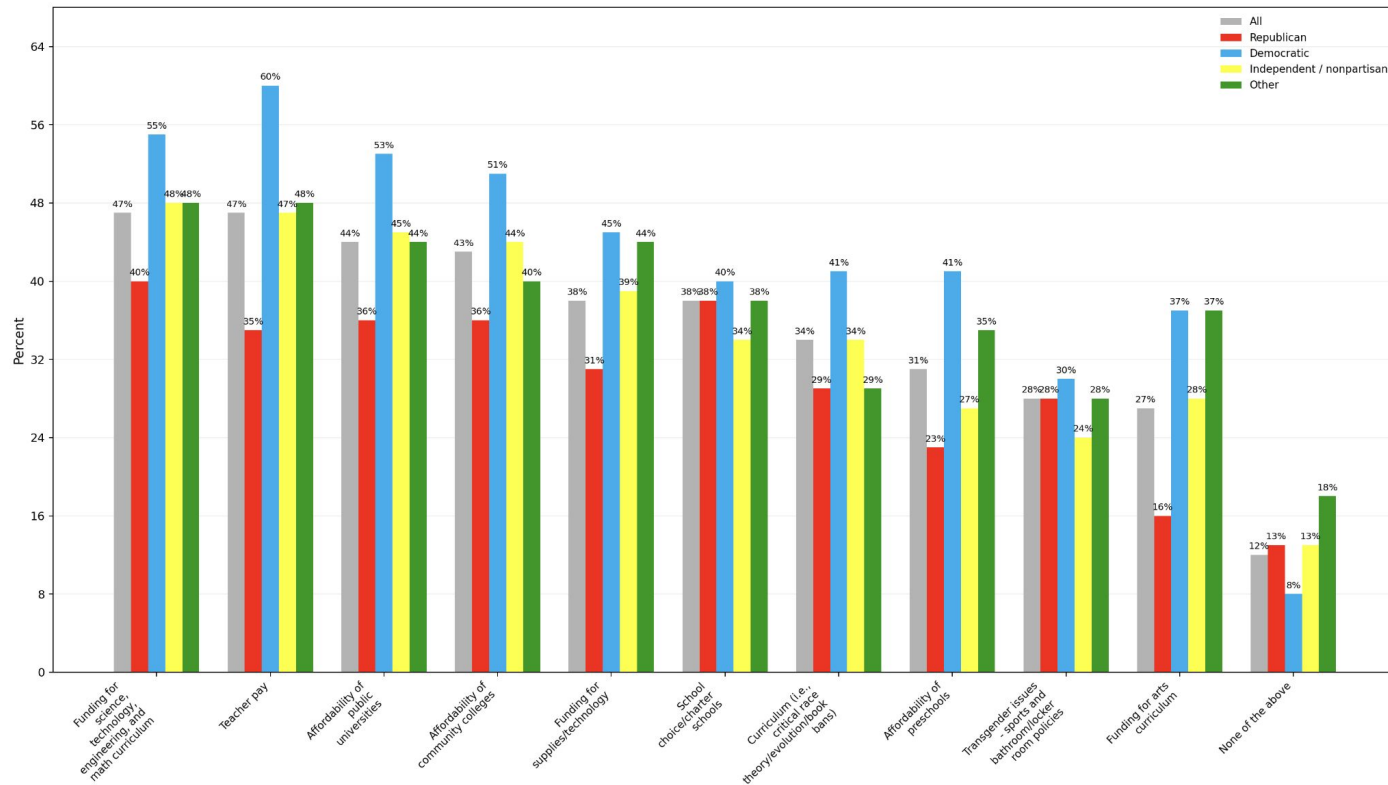
Democrats conversely are interested in hearing about a candidate's plan solving for DACA, Dreamers and war refugees.

Independents scored border security and enforcement/ICE higher than Democrats, indicating that it also matters to them.

Arizona Issues: Education



17. Which of the following are important for you to know a candidate's position on when voting in an Arizona state office election? Select all that apply.



Democrats are very concerned about all aspects of education and its support going forward, while Independents and Other are in between Democrats and Republicans, with the latter being more likely to be satisfied with the status quo.

Issues



Which are the three most important issues for you to know a candidate's position when you are deciding how you will vote?

Republican	Democratic	Independent / nonpartisan	Other
1 Security issues - mail-in voting, voter I.D., paper ballots, etc. 31% 2 Border security 23% 3 Government fraud, corruption, etc. 20%	1 Affordable housing 26% 2 Inflation/rising prices 20% 3 Laws making it easier for people to vote 18%	1 Affordable housing 23% 2 Inflation / rising prices 22% 3 Government fraud, corruption, etc. 19%	1 Affordable housing 24% 2 Government fraud, corruption, etc. 23% 3 Security issues - mail-in voting, voter I.D., paper ballots, etc. 17%

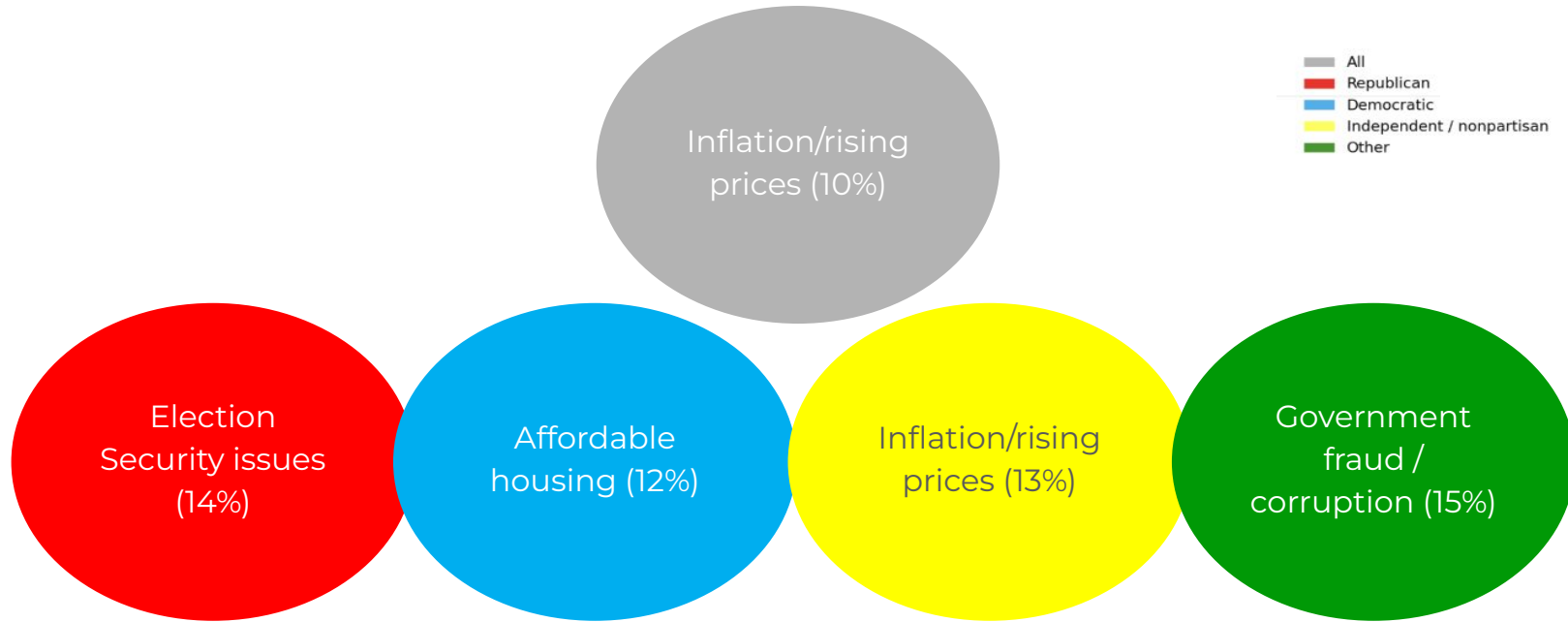
ALL

1. Affordable housing (22%),
2. Security issues - mail-in voting, voter I.D., paper ballots, etc. (21%),
3. Inflation/rising prices (20%)

Issues



Finally, which is the most important issue for you to know a candidate's position when you are deciding how you will vote?



Voter Sentiment - Economy



(1) With regards to the national economy, would you say the economic/financial situation is getting better, worse, or staying the same?

(2) With regards to the state economy, would you say the economic/financial situation is getting better, worse, or staying the same?

(3) With regards to your local community economy, would you say the economic/financial situation is getting better, worse, or staying the same?

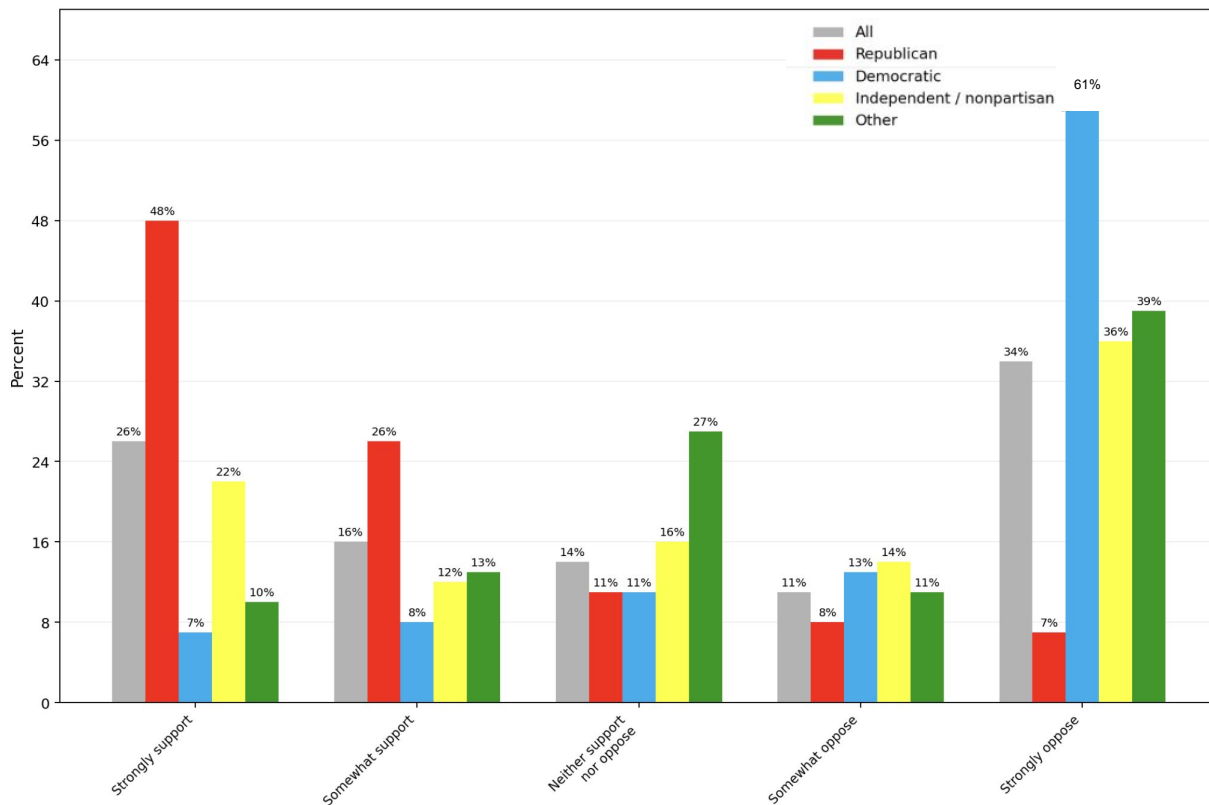
(4) With regards to your own financial situation, would you say the economic/financial situation is getting better, worse, or staying the same?

Economic Level	All			Republican			Democrat			Independent			Other		
	Getting Better	Staying the Same	Getting Worse	Getting Better	Staying the Same	Getting Worse	Getting Better	Staying the Same	Getting Worse	Getting Better	Staying the Same	Getting Worse	Getting Better	Staying the Same	Getting Worse
National Economy (1)	20%	18%	62%	37%	22%	40%	7%	9%	83%	15%	23%	63%	10%	24%	66%
State Economy (2)	16%	28%	57%	24%	27%	49%	10%	25%	65%	12%	31%	58%	10%	36%	54%
Local Community Economy (3)	18%	31%	51%	25%	34%	41%	11%	28%	61%	16%	32%	52%	13%	30%	56%
Personal Financial Situation (4)	19%	34%	47%	25%	38%	37%	12%	31%	56%	20%	33%	48%	17%	29%	54%

Voter Sentiment - Immigration



31. Overall, how much do you support or oppose the way the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is managing immigration enforcement and the identification and treatment of individuals in the United States?



ICE is a polarizing topic with most of its support still coming from the Republicans, while Democrats, Independents and Other are more likely to not support the way the US immigration and Customs Enforcement agency is managing/treating individuals currently.

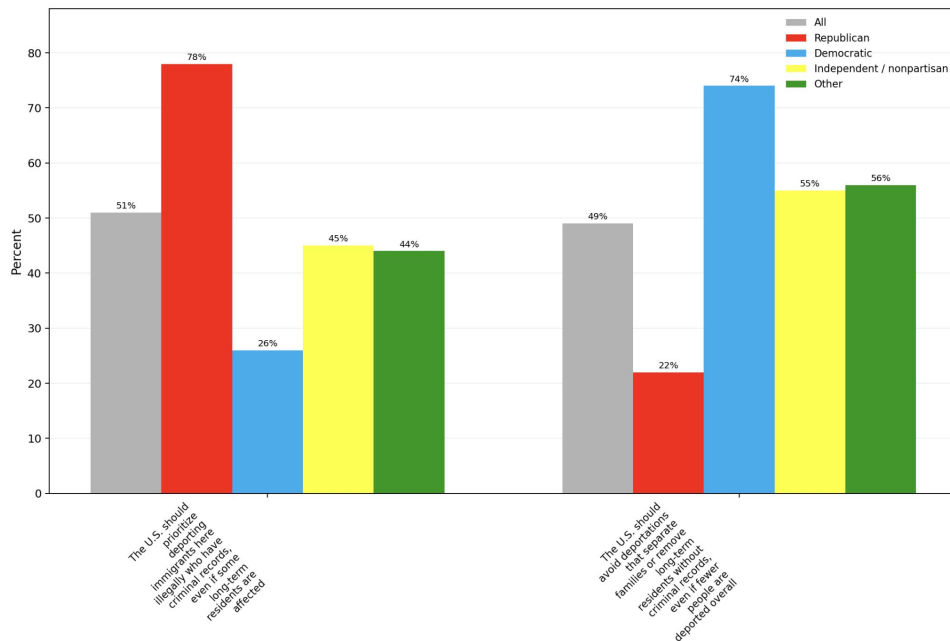
Those who neither support nor oppose represent a small percentage across party lines.

Voter Sentiment - Immigration

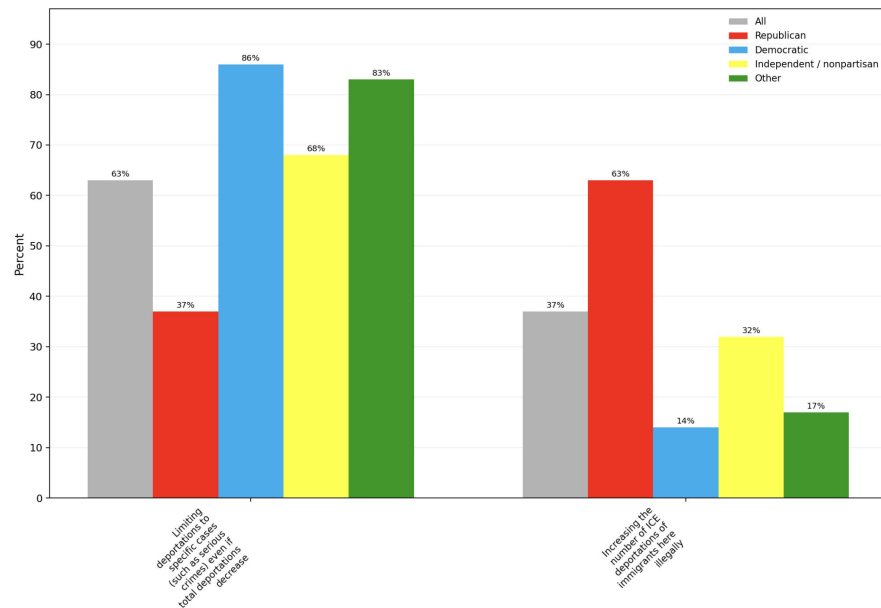


In seeking alignment on the topic, there is slightly more support for focusing on specific cases such as serious crimes even if deportations decrease.

32. Which of the following are you more likely to agree with, even if neither is exactly right?



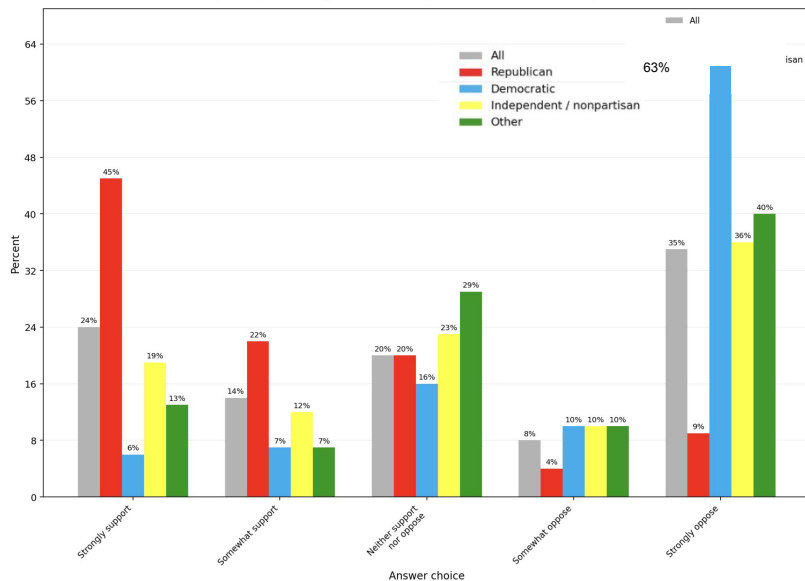
33. If you had to choose, which is more important right now?



Voter Sentiment - Immigration

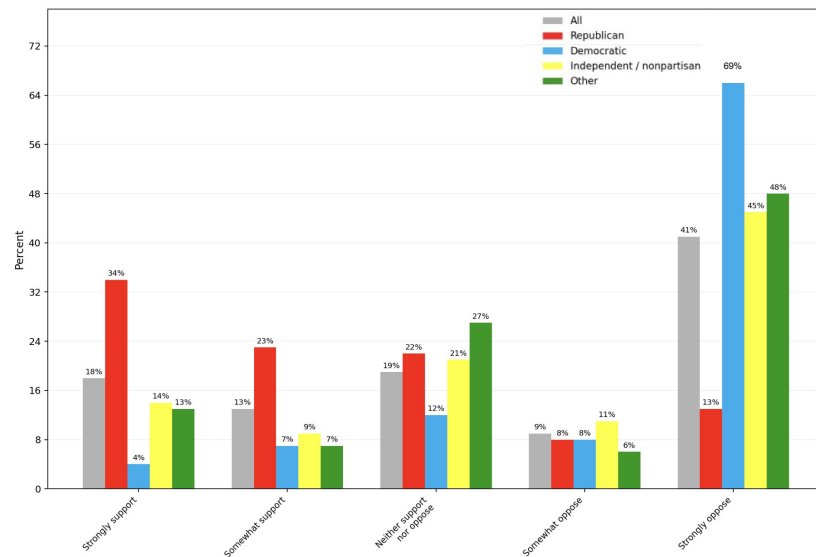


34. Do you support or oppose the building of the ICE facilities in Surprise, Arizona?



The development of ICE facilities in neighborhoods is primarily supported by Republicans but not with great enthusiasm.

35. Would you support or oppose having an ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) facility built in or very near your neighborhood?

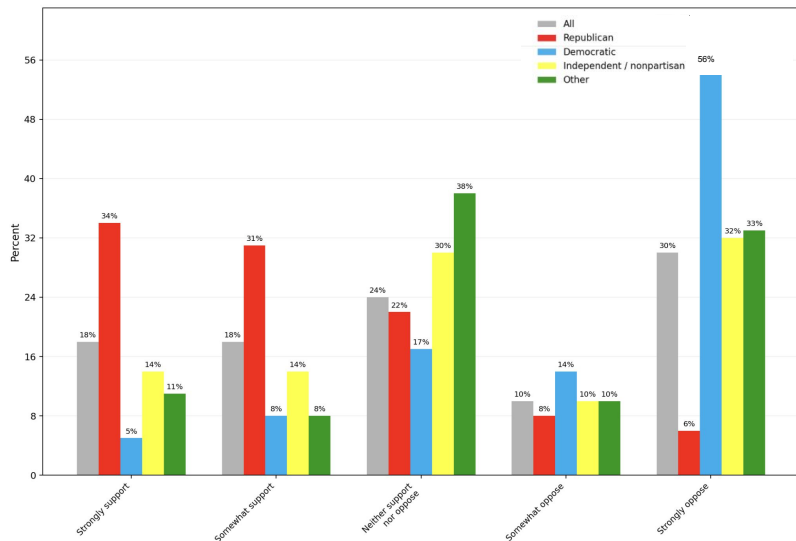


And this support weakens further when asked if they would allow an ICE facility in their neighborhood.

Voter Sentiment - Foreign Policy



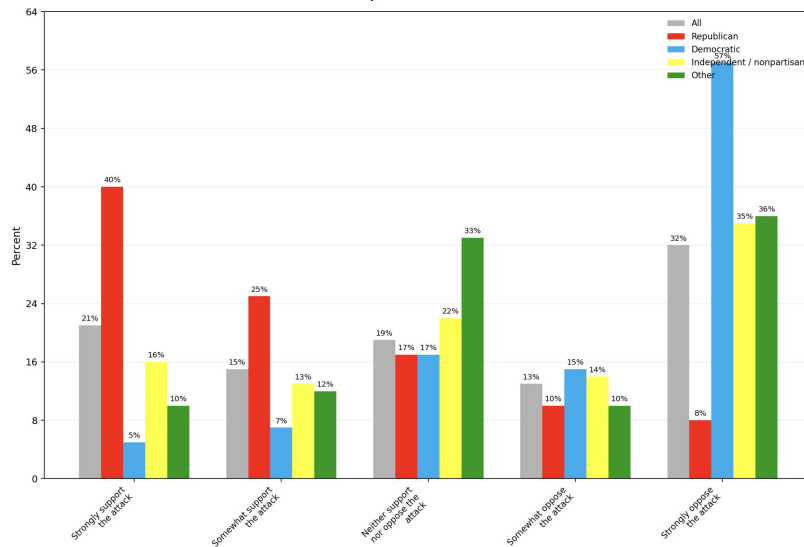
36. Overall, how much do you support or oppose the way the current U.S. administration is handling foreign policy toward NATO allies and European countries?



Foreign policy is also somewhat of a polarizing topic, with Republicans being more likely to support the administration in its handling of NATO allies while Democrats oppose it.

But **too many respondents are indifferent**, which indicates a need to provide more education around the purpose, goals and consequences of foreign policy.

38. Thinking about the recent joint U.S. and Israeli military attack on Iran, how would you describe your reaction to this action?

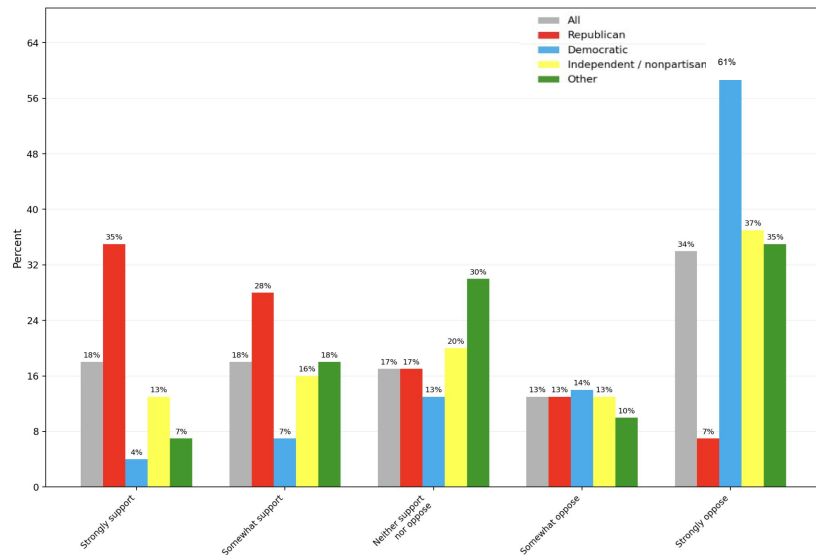


Equally as polarizing is the Iran war - with Republicans more likely to support the war while a slight majority of Democrats and a third of Independents and Other oppose the war, with a quarter of the electorate not really supporting nor opposing the war.

Voter Sentiment - Foreign Policy

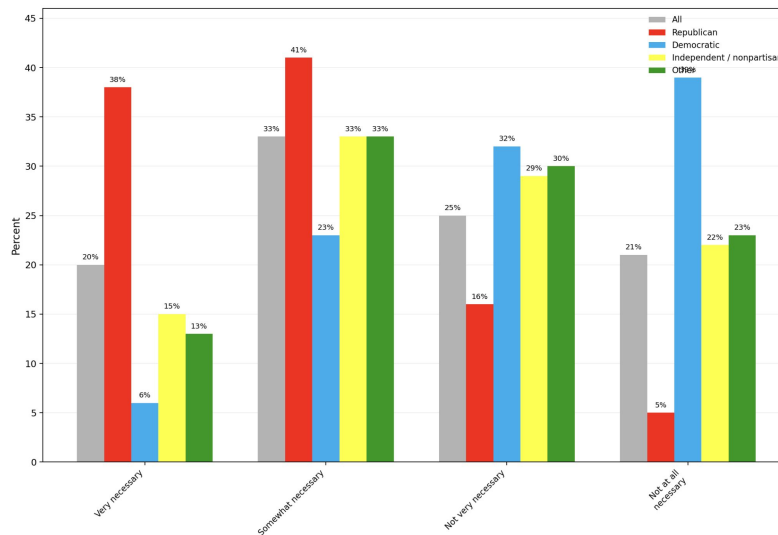


40. Overall, how much do you support or oppose this administration's tariffs on imported goods from other countries?



Tariffs yield strong opposition from Democrats, some support from Republicans, but also do not appear to be a top concern for the electorate, as they may not understand/experience any implications from these decisions.

41. How necessary do you think tariffs (taxes on imported goods) are for the United States today?

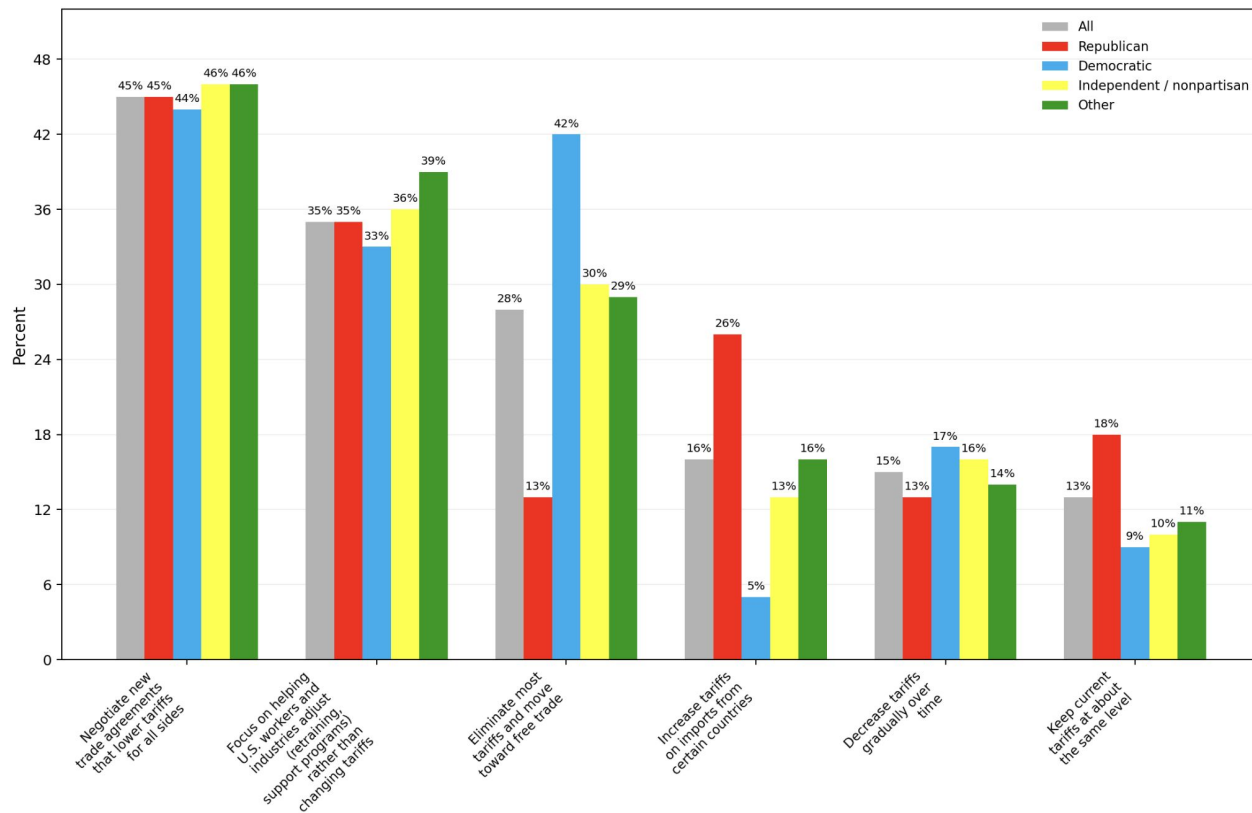


When asked about necessity of tariffs, responses align along party lines, with Independents, Other and even Democrats being split across the entire continuum – an indication that this topic would benefit from detailed explanations/education so voters to conjure stronger responses.

Voter Sentiment - Foreign Policy



42. Which of the following approaches would you most support as a way to handle tariffs and trade with other countries? Select up to two.



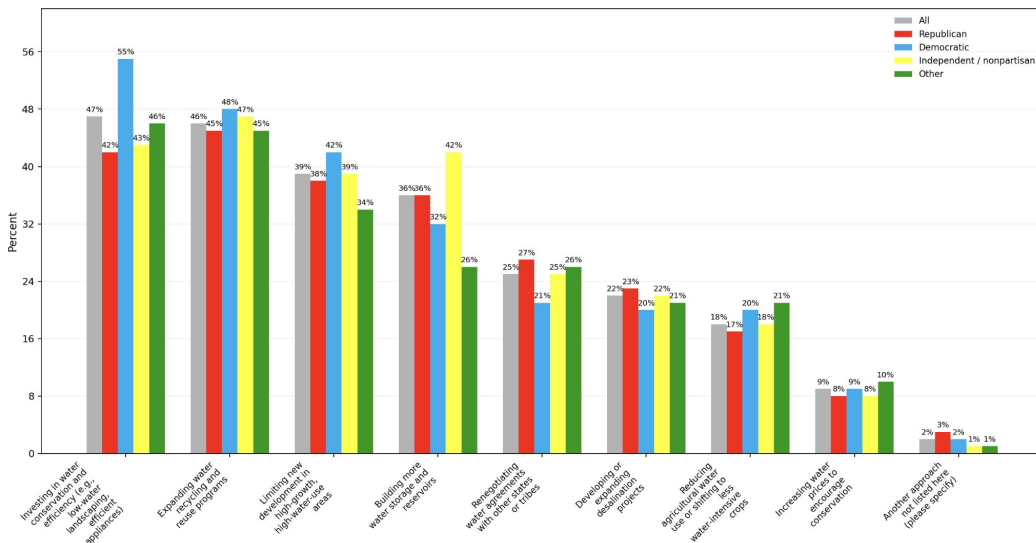
Despite being polarized in their support of tariffs, when asked about possible solutions on how to manage tariffs, the parties align in thinking that a renegotiated trade agreement and efforts on retraining workers would be most advantageous in solving the problem.

42% of Democrats hope to eliminate most tariffs, with 1 in 3 Independents supporting that as well.

Voter Sentiment - Water



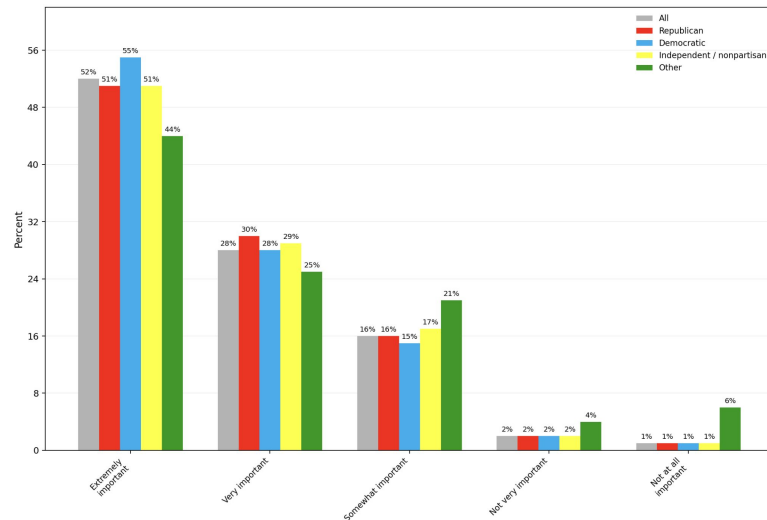
46. Which of the following approaches do you think Arizona should prioritize to address its water shortages in the future? Select up to three.



There is cross party alignment when it comes to identifying solutions to the water shortage in Arizona, and all solutions should be explored and considered.

Notably, more Democrats support conservation efforts than Republicans, and Independents feel water storage and reservoir development are necessary.

45. How important is the issue of water security and potential water shortages in Arizona to your vote in upcoming elections?

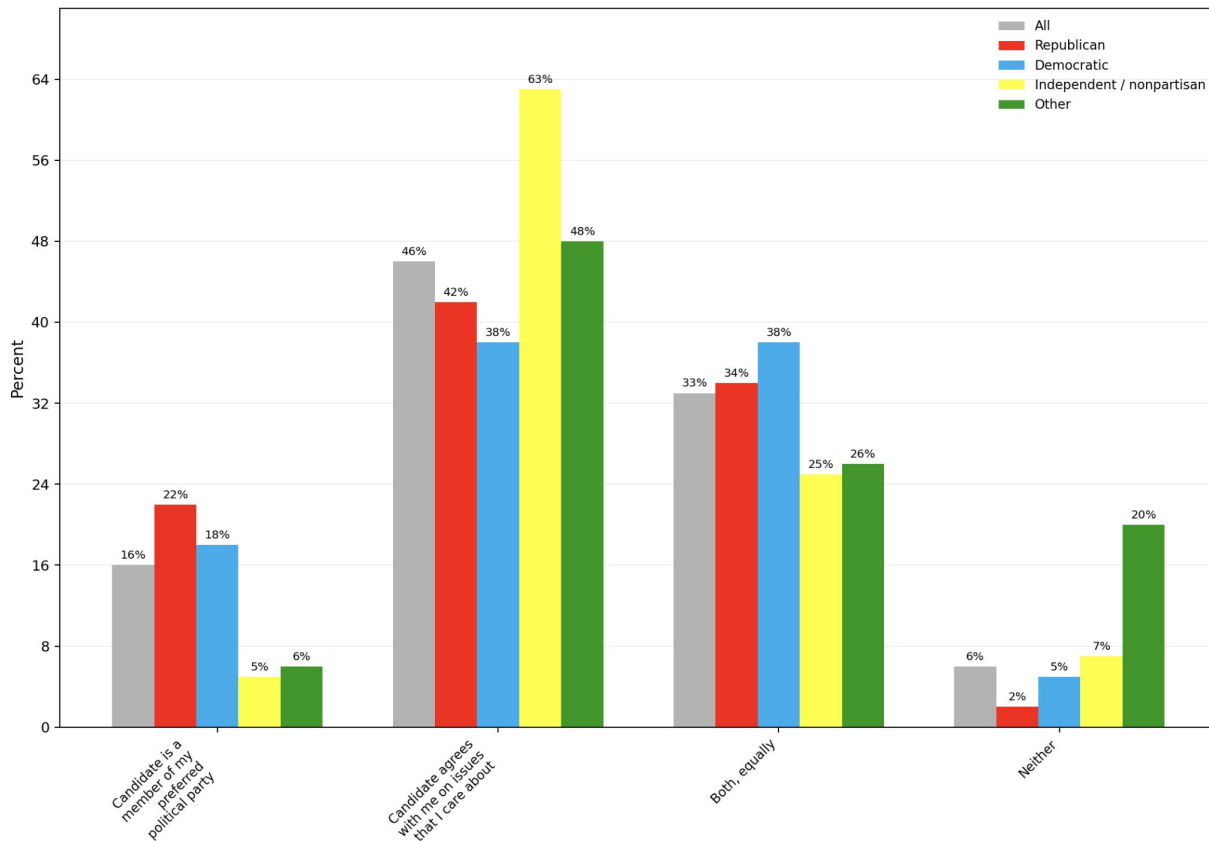


High level of alignment among all parties regarding the importance of addressing water shortages in Arizona and the need to solve for them in the next election.

Partisanship



48. When deciding whom to vote for in an election for state office, which is more important?



Agreeing with a candidate on issues and (to a slightly smaller extent) aligning with one's party affiliation are what matter most to the electorate.

Independents stand out in that issues alignment is of greater importance to them as they do not feel they belong to any of the available parties.

Partisanship



Please rate your agreement with the following statements.

Statement	Republican			Democrat			Independent			Other			Key Insight
	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	
Vote across party lines (if aligned)	60%	22%	18%	54%	25%	21%	66%	24%	9%	57%	30%	13%	Independents are most open to voting across party lines
Want parties to work together	75%	17%	8%	73%	18%	8%	76%	17%	7%	62%	29%	10%	Strong agreement across electorate
Stand firm (even if gridlock)	50%	25%	24%	49%	27%	24%	45%	32%	24%	45%	34%	21%	The electorate is split
Cannot vote for a Republican	18%	14%	68%	70%	19%	11%	32%	31%	37%	31%	51%	18%	Republicans slightly more open to vote for the other party than Democrats
Cannot vote for a Democrat	61%	17%	21%	12%	14%	73%	25%	30%	45%	23%	41%	36%	Independents more open to voting for a Democrat than a Republican

Partisanship



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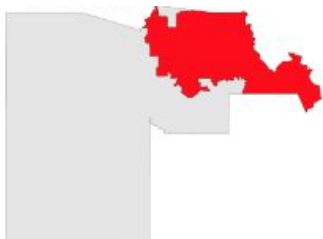
Statement	Republican			Democrat			Independent			Other			Key Insight
	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	
Open to policies from both parties	49%	26%	25%	41%	26%	34%	57%	29%	14%	50%	38%	12%	Independents appear to be most flexible
Candidate personality matters as much as policy	63%	23%	15%	75%	19%	7%	69%	24%	7%	56%	30%	13%	Candidate personality matters across party lines
Want a candidate who will fight for their issues	78%	16%	6%	76%	17%	7%	72%	22%	6%	67%	24%	9%	Strong demand for assertiveness – people want a fighter
Prefer candidates who collaborate (not rude)	79%	16%	5%	78%	16%	5%	77%	18%	4%	62%	29%	10%	Broad rejection of divisiveness

Regional Analysis

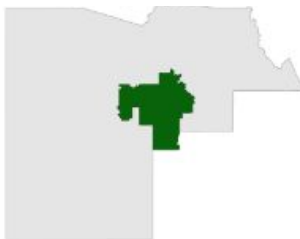
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N. Phoenix & Scottsdale



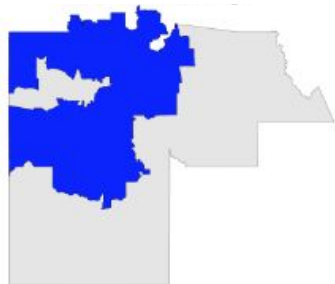
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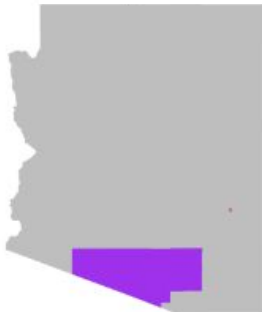
East Valley



West Valley



Pima/Tucson



Rural Arizona



* New for 2026 - Central Phoenix

Top Issue | Regional Analysis



	N. Phx & Scottsdale	Central Phx	S. Phx & Tempe	East Valley	West Valley	Tucson	Rural Arizona
Inflation / rising prices	15%	5%	11%	13%	7%	9%	9%
Security issues - mail-in voting, voter I.D., paper ballots, etc.	11%	5%	12%	8%	7%	7%	10%
Government fraud, corruption, etc.	9%	10%	8%	9%	8%	8%	10%
Affordable housing	7%	18%	9%	10%	8%	12%	5%
Teacher pay	6%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	4%
Whether the candidate has a plan to avoid water shortages	5%	3%	2%	4%	4%	5%	2%
Laws making it easier for people to vote	4%	9%	8%	4%	6%	4%	4%
Nationalization of elections	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%
Border security	3%	2%	3%	5%	4%	4%	6%

Economy | Regional Analysis



Would you say the **state economy** is getting better, worse, or staying the same?

	N. Phx & Scottsdale	Central Phx	S. Phx & Tempe	East Valley	West Valley	Tucson	Rural Arizona
Getting better	15%	21%	17%	17%	20%	13%	12%
Staying the same	30%	26%	30%	30%	29%	21%	32%
Getting worse	55%	53%	53%	53%	52%	66%	57%

Would you say your **personal financial situation** is getting better, worse, or staying the same?

	N. Phx & Scottsdale	Central Phx	S. Phx & Tempe	East Valley	West Valley	Tucson	Rural Arizona
Getting better	20%	23%	19%	19%	22%	16%	18%
Staying the same	34%	27%	38%	38%	35%	31%	34%
Getting worse	46%	50%	42%	42%	44%	53%	48%



Thank you

Addendum

Regions



N. Phx & Scottsdale	Central Phx	S. Phx & Tempe	East Valley	West Valley	Tucson	Rural Arizona - Northern	Rural Arizona - Southern
85250-85266 85020-85086 + Maricopa	85003-85021 + Maricopa	85040-85048 85281-85284 + Maricopa	85201-85298 (excl. 85281-85284) + Maricopa or Pinal	85301- 85396 + Maricopa	85602-85757 + Pima	All other zips + Apache, Coconino, Gila, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, or Yavapai	All other zips + Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yuma

Please briefly explain why you chose that as the most important issue.

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Laws making it easier for people to vote	79	Respondents said voting should be easy and protected as a basic right, with fewer barriers so more eligible people can participate and have their voices heard.	“Because there have been ideas which make voting more difficult in the future.” “We strive to be a democracy, and unless people can vote and express their wishes, the rest becomes irrelevant.”
Border security	72	Respondents said Arizona is directly affected by the border, and they connected this issue to community safety, drugs, jobs, public services, and control over who enters the country.	“If our border is not secure illegals will continue to flood our country, causing high crime and expenses because illegals cost money in government services.”
Government spending, inefficiencies, or waste	63	Respondents said tax dollars should be spent more responsibly, with less waste and better oversight, and many tied government overspending to inflation and public distrust.	“So much money is wasted on government inefficiency and fraud.”
Whether the candidate has a plan to avoid water shortages	63	Respondents described water as an existential Arizona issue, saying drought, growth, and Colorado River pressures make long-term water planning essential for the state's future.	“Water is such a critical, life-sustaining resource and we need a plan to preserve it and use it wisely.”
Teacher pay	57	Respondents said teachers are underpaid for the work they do, and that better pay is needed to retain educators, improve schools, and invest in children's future.	“Teachers should be getting better pay and they shouldn't have to pay for their own supplies.” “Teachers are valuable and unfortunately severely underpaid.”

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Expanding healthcare access to low-income Arizonans	50	Respondents said healthcare and insurance are too expensive for low-income families, and that broader access is necessary so people can get basic care without financial ruin.	"I believe Healthcare in this country is out of control. Its too expensive and not everybody has access to Healthcare."
Other	49	This category was highly varied: respondents mentioned issues such as abortion, gun rights, roads, drugs, border policy, corruption, or said multiple issues mattered too much to choose just one.	"High-quality education and affordable preschools are critical for a child's early development and for supporting working families."
Laws making it harder for people to vote	44	Responses were mixed: some said stricter voting rules are needed to prevent fraud and verify eligibility, while others saw tighter laws as voter suppression that threatens fair participation.	"The laws have not been very strict for this issue, I believe there has been voter fraud."
Whether the candidate will advocate for legislation to protect land, air, and water	44	Respondents said Arizona's natural resources need stronger protection, especially water, clean air, and land, because these are basic necessities for health, wildlife, and the state's future.	"We all need water. This isn't a preference, it's critical to our current and future well being."
Enforcement - ICE	38	Responses were sharply divided: some wanted stronger immigration enforcement and removal of undocumented immigrants, while others opposed ICE tactics and emphasized civil rights and humane treatment.	"America needs to get rid of people that should not be here so they can focus on the rightful citizens of this country. Illegals make it harder for rightful citizens."

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Nationalization of elections	34	Most comments treated this as a power-and-control issue: many worried federalizing elections would enable abuse or dictatorship, while a smaller number wanted more uniform and trustworthy election rules.	"Donald Trump is trying to nationalize elections, removing the check/balance role states play in the voting process, and almost guaranteeing a puppet voting system like Russia's.. Candidate must stand up against him and this effort."
Whether the candidate believes/disbelieves in the science of climate change	33	Respondents said accepting climate science is a basic test of whether a candidate is serious, credible, and willing to protect the planet's future.	• "I enjoy breathing." • "Climate change drives up prices." • "Climate change is an ongoing issue that too many politicians don't take seriously enough or don't believe in at all. Arizona is also getting hotter every year and it is becoming intolerable."
Funding for science, technology, engineering, and math curriculum	26	Respondents said STEM education is important for children's future, workforce preparation, school quality, and Arizona's long-term competitiveness.	• "Arizona is ranked so low and people think lower of us and future children need to learn the basics or else we become irresponsible." • "Because science will improve society."
Homeless encampments	26	Respondents pointed to the visibility and growth of encampments, tying the issue to safety, sanitation, housing shortages, addiction, and the lack of meaningful help for unhoused people.	• "Homelessness is increasing at an alarming late, increasing crime. ... There needs to be a solution. More shelters? They must be forbidden to live freely as then they do as they please. Rob each other, consume drugs, harm each other, commit crimes to obtain what they want, even if that means rape or murder. That cannot be allowed. If they allow the encampments, they must monitor them. They can't just shoo them out of the ZONE. They just go to a new area." • "There are so many homeless 😞 and it's sad."

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Transgender issues - sports and bathroom/locker room policies	25	Responses were highly polarized: some emphasized transgender rights, dignity, and personal safety, while others focused on sports fairness, women's spaces, or traditional gender norms.	"Because it's wrong to teach kids that they were actually in the wrong bodies."
Behavioral and mental health programs	24	Respondents described mental health as a root cause of homelessness, addiction, and instability, and said communities need more affordable treatment, coverage, and local resources.	• "I feel like if we can solve behavioral and mental problems first, then I believe the other majority of problems like drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment, safety, and other problems that are linked to those will be easier to handle and pursue. Since I believe everything that we tend to have problems with starts with the people's mental or physical health in the first place." • "Is a very important need in our society and is always a problem with insurance to cover this kind of treatment."
Expanding healthcare access to Arizona's seniors	24	Respondents—many of them seniors or caring for older relatives—said healthcare, Medicare, and medication costs are becoming unaffordable on fixed incomes.	"As a senior, healthcare affordability affects me directly all the time. It is important to make healthcare available to all seniors who need it at minimal to no cost."
Gas prices	23	Respondents said gas prices directly affect commuting, work, and household budgets, and that high fuel costs spill over into broader affordability problems.	"Because it's costing a fortune for us to commute to work."
Taxes	21	Respondents focused on the impact of taxes on their take-home pay and household budgets, and said they want lower taxes and clearer accountability for how tax money is used.	"I'm sick of seeing what kind of nonsense my taxes go to. I think we should be limiting the amount of money that gets automatically given to the government."

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Affordability of prescription drugs	20	Respondents said life-saving medications are too expensive, especially for people with chronic conditions and seniors, forcing some to skip prescriptions they need.	"I have a diagnosis that is chronic and the drug that the doctor wants to give me is very expensive. With prescription prices going up as well as insurance policies, I am worried about being able to afford what is needed."
School choice/charter schools	19	Respondents said education options matter because parents want the best fit for their children, though some also worried choice programs can divert funding from public schools.	"As a parent, I see what is coming, what's here, and what should be done, schooling is most important."
Unemployment	19	Respondents said jobs are hard to find, unemployment benefits and support are inadequate, and stable work is essential to avoid homelessness, crime, and financial insecurity.	"Unemployment rates are skyrocketing. The job market is terrible, and unemployment funds aren't given out for a long enough time for most people to get on their feet."
Affordability of public universities	18	Respondents said college costs are rising too fast, making four-year degrees harder to access and leaving students and families worried about debt and future opportunity.	"Arizona's public universities are struggling financially due to constant cuts to state funding."
Curriculum (i.e., critical race theory/evolution/book bans)	18	Respondents said curriculum debates reveal a candidate's broader values and were concerned about what children are taught, historical accuracy, and whether books or ideas are being restricted.	• "Because I believe important history is being overlooked. Black history is being ignored." • "Children are our future, what is being allowed to be taught will determine how our country progresses."
Affordability of community colleges	15	Respondents said community college should remain a realistic path to education and advancement for people who cannot afford four-year schools, but prices are still too high for many.	"Because you have to make it easy for people to pay for services and add more help to the ones that are trying to do something for themselves."

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Drug-addiction treatment programs	15	Respondents often cited personal experience or visible street drug use, saying addiction is worsening homelessness and community disorder and needs more treatment and support.	"How about half of the United States has some kind of emotional behavioral substance abuse, addictive, behavioral problem? That's why I choose it."
Improving roads, bridges, utilities	15	Respondents said infrastructure affects safety, traffic, vehicle damage, and quality of life, and they want roads and utilities repaired and maintained more effectively.	• "The roads in Tucson are really bad. It's hard on our cars." • "If roads remain unmaintained, it could cause safety issues and loss of image of a well-kept state. If roads don't suit for the amount of people we have here, heavy traffic all around. Just look at 101 freeway."
Minimum wage	13	Respondents said current pay does not cover basic living costs, and that a higher minimum wage would reduce poverty, stress, and the struggle to pay bills.	"Because the rising cost of everything else if minimum wage isn't brought up to a decent amount families that work at minimum wage jobs have to work two jobs each and then never have any time with their kids just to afford a house."

Remaining issues had fewer than 10 responses