



Report

Trump Foreign Policy Comments

Survey of Americans

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Methodology

Method

Online survey among American respondents 18 years of age or older. (sample: **n= 1,001**).

Respondents were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.

Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, region, education, ethnicity, and number of people in the household** in order to ensure a representative sample of the American population.

Notes

A more detailed methodology is presented in the Appendix.

When

Data collection from **January 17 to January 19, 2025**.

Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than **±3.10%**, (19 times out of 20) for the American sample.

Significant differences

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.

Rounded data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

Questions




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CANADA 2021

	LEGER POLL Published on September 18, 2021	OFFICIALS RESULTS 2021 Canada Federal Election
	33%	33.7%
	32%	32.6%
	19%	17.8%
	7%	7.7%
	6%	5.0%
	2%	2.3%

BRITISH COLUMBIA 2024

	LEGER POLL Published on October 18, 2024	OFFICIALS RESULTS 2024 British Columbia Provincial Election
	46%	45%
	42%	43%
	9%	8%
Others	3%	4%

UNITED STATES 2024

	LEGER POLL Published on November 4, 2024	OFFICIALS RESULTS 2024 United States Presidential Election
	49%	50%
	49%	48%
Others	2%	2%

Key highlights

Some of **the key highlights** of our survey **include...**

Awareness and Opinion on Territorial Expansion

66% of Americans were aware of Trump's comments on foreign policy, with a majority (64%) saying his ideas of annexing new territories, such as Greenland and Canada, a bad idea. Moreover, 76% believed that Canada and Greenland's populations should approve joining the U.S. before such actions could proceed.

Support for Specific Proposals

Only a minority of Americans support Trump's recent foreign policy proposals, including annexing Greenland (28% support), Canada (24% support), or renaming the Gulf of Mexico (25% support). The least popular idea was leaving NATO, with only 23% in favor and 54% opposed. Attitudes on these measures did divide sharply along partisan lines with Democrats being much more opposed to these ideas compared to Republicans. However, even among Republicans only assuming control of the Panama Canal and annexing Greenland had majority support.

Most Americans do not believe the claim made by the President that the US subsidizes Canada by \$200 billion. Only 22% of Americans believed this to be true. Over a third (36%) felt it was not with the remainder of respondents (42%) unsure.

Trade Tariffs and Economic Concerns

Proposed tariffs on goods from Mexico (48% oppose) and Canada (53% oppose) were not very popular, although the policy was more popular among Republican supporters. Two-thirds of Americans (67%) feel consumer prices in the US will increase if trade tariffs are introduced, with even a majority of Republican voters (57%) holding this view.

Concerns About Security

Concerns over border security with Canada were divided, with 44% of Americans expressing concern but 47% indicating little to no concern. Respondents who identified as Republicans were more likely to be concerned (61% vs 38% among Democrats).

Opinions on Canadian Leaders

Among Canadian leaders, Justin Trudeau was the most recognized, with 24% holding a good opinion of him. Other leaders like Pierre Poilievre (13%), Doug Ford (10%) and Danielle Smith (10%) were less known.

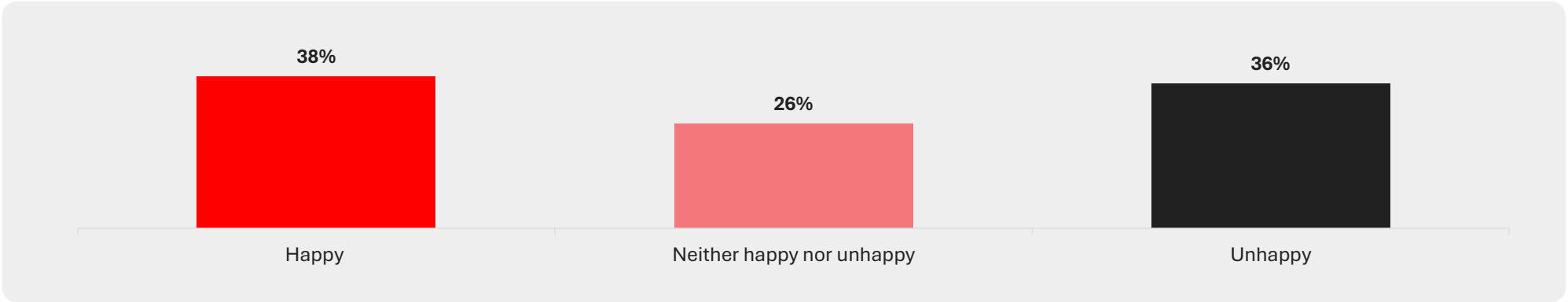
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Sentiment on Donald Trump's Return as U.S. President

Q11. Are you happy or unhappy that Donald Trump has become President of the United States again?

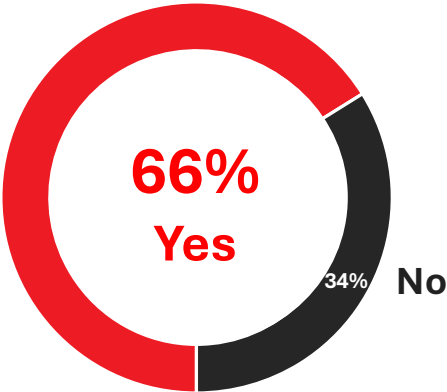
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Happy	38%	39%	39%	40%	31%	35%	40%	38%	46%	30%	78%	8%	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	26%	22%	25%	25%	31%	35%	28%	17%	24%	28%	16%	18%	31%
Unhappy	36%	39%	35%	34%	37%	30%	32%	45%	30%	42%	6%	74%	33%

Awareness of President-elect Trump's Foreign Policy Comments and Territorial Expansion

Q1. Have you heard about President-elect Trump’s recent comments regarding foreign policy, including potentially expanding US territory?
 Base: All respondents (n=1,001)

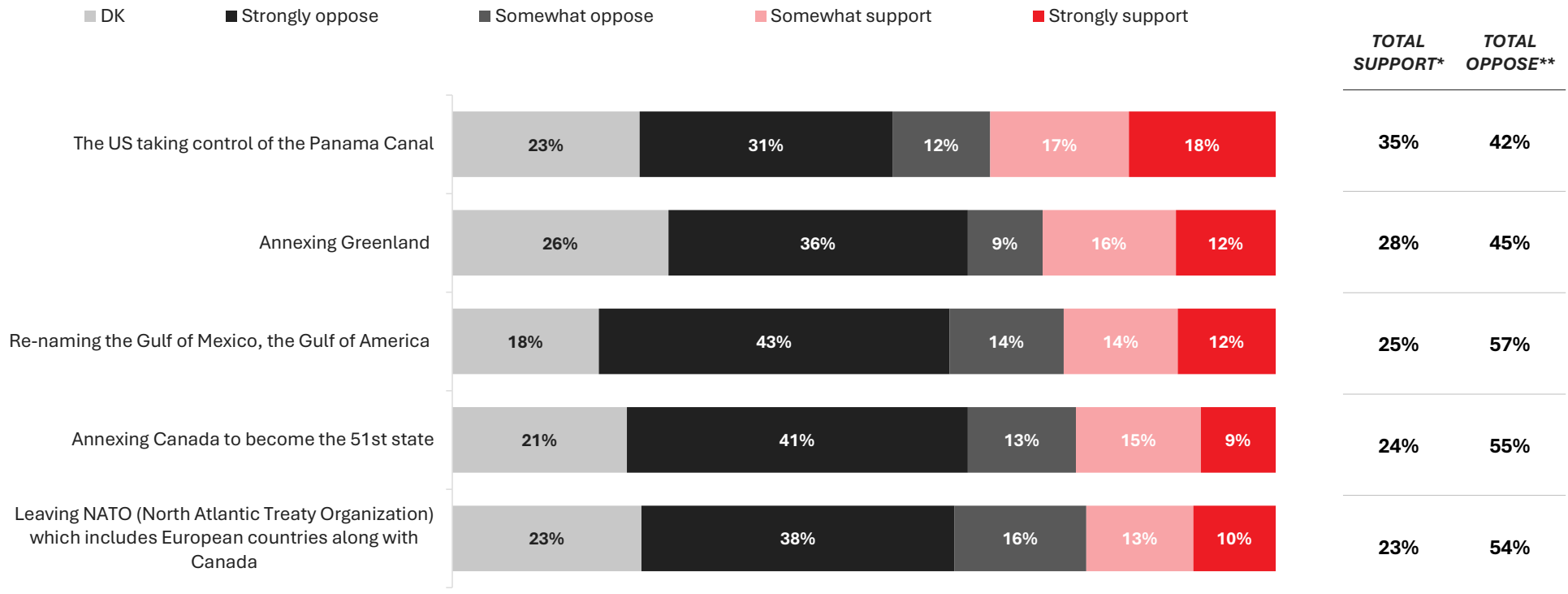


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Yes	66%	72%	70%	62%	65%	59%	63%	75%	70%	62%	71%	75%	63%
No	34%	28%	30%	38%	35%	41%	37%	25%	30%	38%	29%	25%	37%

Support or Opposition to President-elect Trump's Stated Positions (1/2)

Q2. Do you support or oppose the following positions stated by President-elect Trump?

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)



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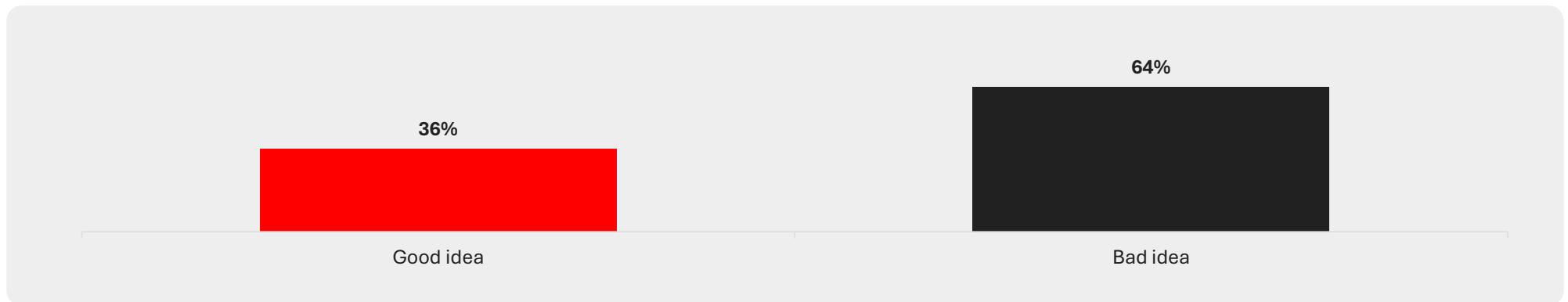
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The US taking control of the Panama Canal	35%	41%	35%	34%	32%	34%	37%	34%	47%	24%	60%	18%	34%
Annexing Greenland	28%	30%	26%	27%	30%	32%	33%	21%	39%	18%	51%	13%	24%
Re-naming the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of America	25%	28%	28%	26%	21%	32%	26%	20%	34%	18%	44%	11%	23%
Annexing Canada to become the 51st state	24%	25%	21%	27%	21%	29%	31%	14%	29%	20%	44%	16%	17%
Leaving NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) which includes European countries along with Canada	23%	29%	23%	23%	20%	23%	29%	18%	31%	17%	41%	13%	21%

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Opinion on President-elect Trump's Comments to Annex New Territories

Q3. Do you think President-elect Trump's idea of annexing new territories is generally a:

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)

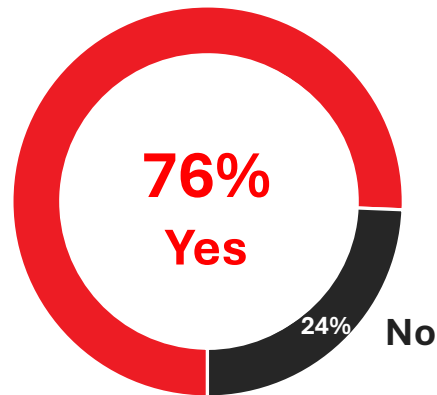


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Yes	36%	34%	37%	40%	32%	38%	43%	30%	43%	30%	65%	12%	35%
No	64%	66%	63%	60%	68%	62%	57%	70%	57%	70%	35%	88%	65%

Approval by Canada and Greenland to Become Part of the United States

Q4. Do you think that the people of Canada and Greenland need to approve becoming part of the United States before proceeding?

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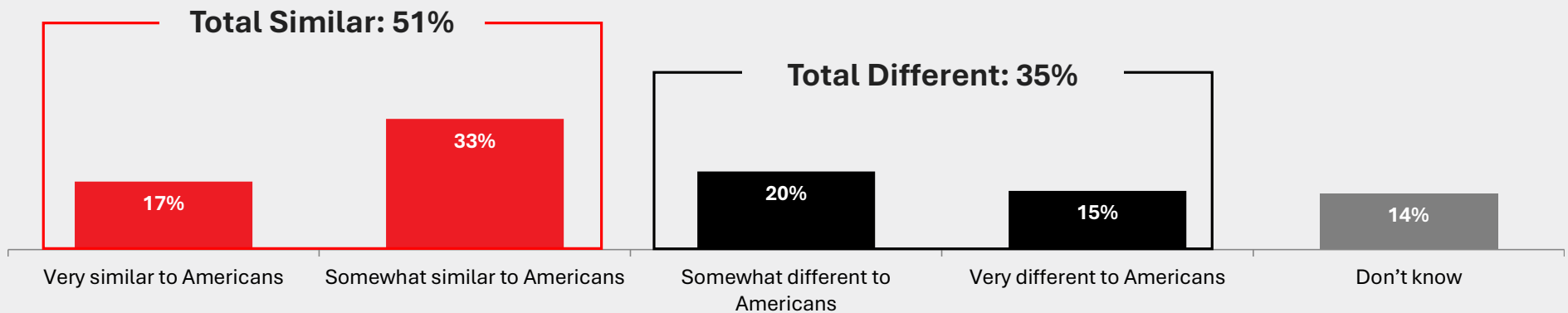


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Yes	76%	84%	80%	73%	70%	62%	75%	88%	78%	73%	80%	78%	77%
No	24%	16%	20%	27%	30%	38%	25%	12%	22%	27%	20%	22%	23%

Perceptions of Canadians by Americans (1/2)

Q5. When thinking of Canada potentially joining the United States, based on what you know of Canadians, do you feel they are...?

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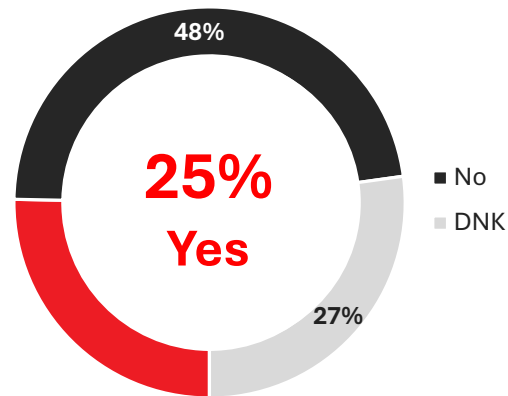
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Total Similar	51%	45%	50%	55%	48%	53%	51%	49%	56%	46%	60%	49%	47%
Very similar to Americans	17%	15%	15%	20%	17%	21%	17%	14%	22%	13%	25%	17%	14%
Somewhat similar to Americans	33%	30%	36%	35%	31%	32%	33%	34%	34%	33%	35%	31%	33%
Total Different	35%	39%	37%	30%	38%	34%	34%	36%	33%	36%	31%	41%	36%
Somewhat different to Americans	20%	25%	20%	19%	18%	17%	16%	25%	18%	22%	19%	22%	21%
Very different to Americans	15%	13%	17%	12%	20%	17%	18%	11%	15%	15%	11%	20%	15%
Don't know	14%	16%	13%	15%	14%	12%	15%	15%	11%	18%	10%	10%	17%

American Support for Uniting with Canada

Q6. In surveys with Canadians, a large majority do not want to join the United States as its 51st state. How do you feel if the question was reversed and asked of Americans? Would you like Canada and the U.S. to join?

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)

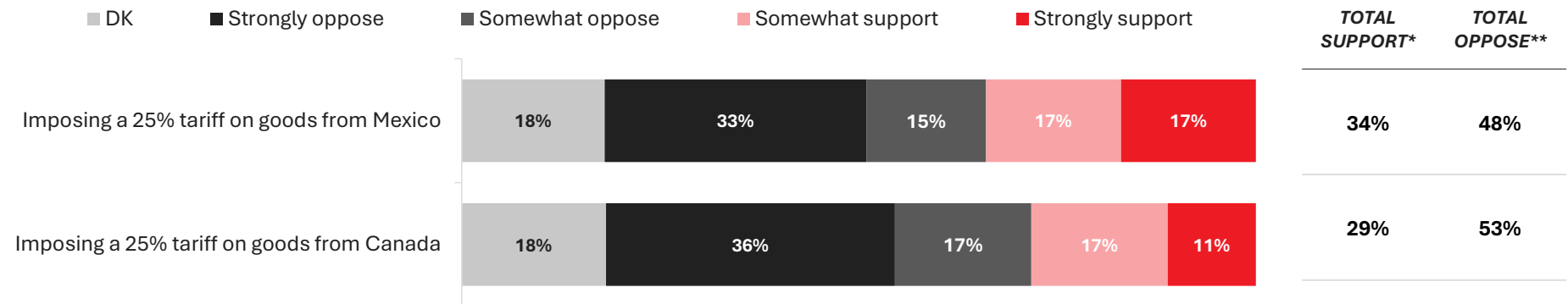


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Yes	25%	30%	22%	25%	25%	34%	30%	14%	29%	22%	37%	22%	21%
No	48%	49%	48%	44%	51%	43%	41%	57%	49%	47%	41%	57%	51%
Don't know	27%	21%	30%	30%	24%	23%	30%	28%	22%	32%	22%	21%	28%

Support to Proposed Trade Policies by President-elect Trump

Q7. Do you support or oppose the following proposed trade policies being considered by President-elect Trump?

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)



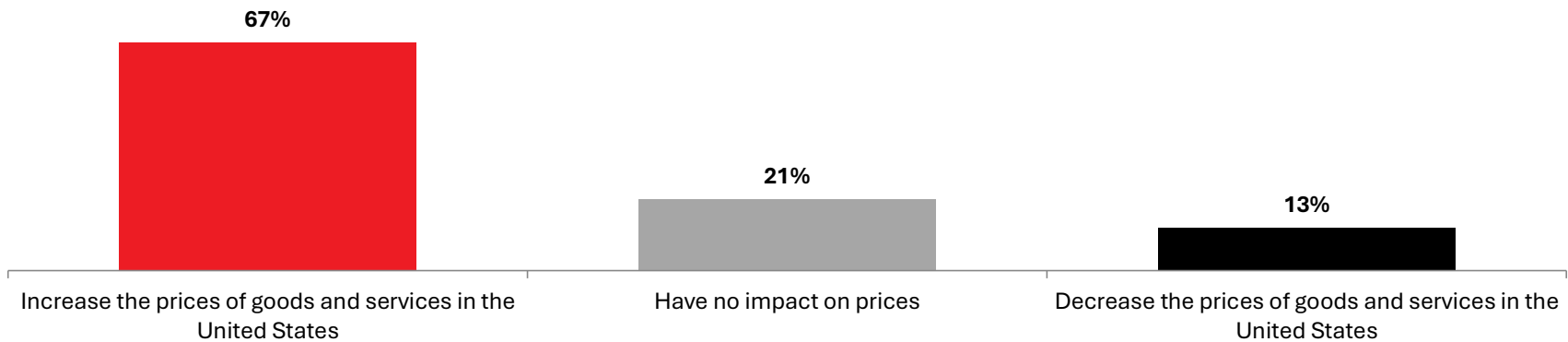
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Imposing a 25% tariff on goods from Mexico	34%	31%	38%	37%	27%	35%	36%	32%	42%	27%	65%	15%	27%
Imposing a 25% tariff on goods from Canada	29%	28%	29%	31%	25%	31%	31%	25%	33%	24%	55%	13%	21%

*TOTAL SUPPORT = % Strongly support + % Somewhat support / **TOTAL OPPOSE = % Strongly oppose + % Somewhat oppose

Impact of U.S. 25% Tariffs on Goods from Canada and Mexico

Q8. If the U.S. imposes 25% tariffs on goods from Canada and Mexico, do you believe this will:

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)

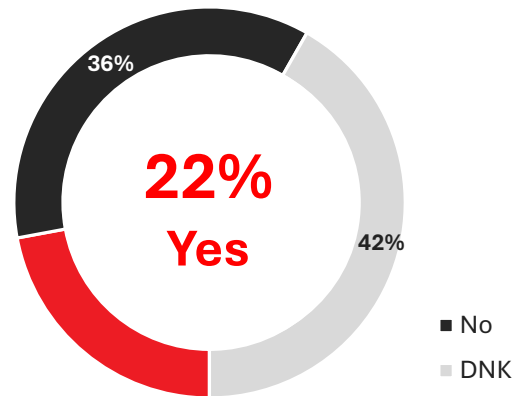


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Increase the prices of goods and services in the United States	67%	69%	71%	60%	71%	62%	63%	74%	66%	67%	57%	84%	66%
Have no impact on prices	21%	21%	17%	24%	19%	24%	21%	18%	22%	20%	24%	9%	26%
Decrease the prices of goods and services in the United States	13%	10%	11%	16%	10%	14%	16%	8%	11%	14%	20%	7%	8%

Belief in President-elect Trump's Statement on US Subsidies to Canada

Q9. President-elect Trump has said the US subsidizes Canada by \$200 billion? Do you believe this to be the case?

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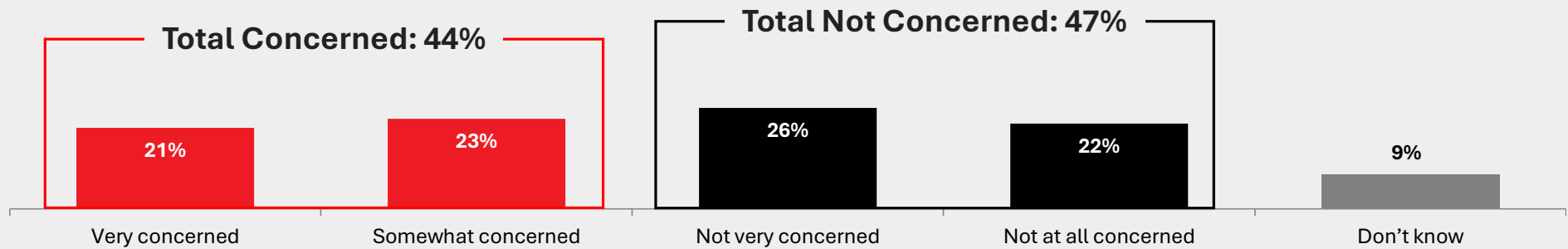


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Yes	22%	24%	24%	22%	18%	29%	23%	16%	28%	16%	41%	10%	19%
No	36%	35%	33%	36%	41%	39%	32%	37%	35%	38%	17%	62%	33%
Don't know	42%	41%	43%	42%	41%	32%	45%	47%	37%	46%	42%	29%	47%

Concerns About Security on America's Northern Border with Canada (1/2)

Q10. When it comes to the security of America's borders, how concerned are you with the level of security on the northern border between the US and Canada?

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)



Concerns About Security on America's Northern Border with Canada (2/2)

Q10. When it comes to the security of America's borders, how concerned are you with the level of security on the northern border between the US and Canada?

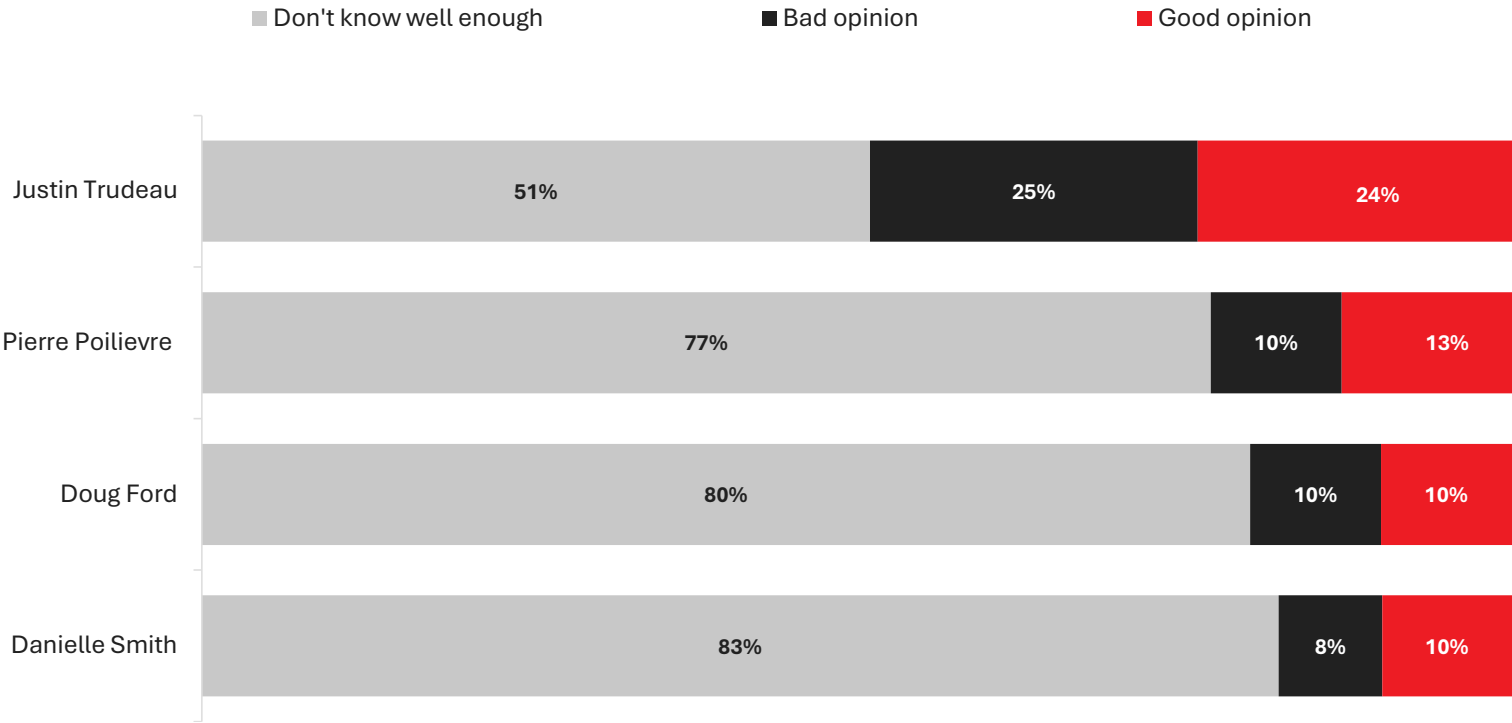
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Total Concerned	44%	48%	43%	46%	38%	44%	43%	44%	46%	42%	61%	38%	37%
Very concerned	21%	24%	17%	21%	21%	23%	23%	17%	24%	18%	32%	19%	14%
Somewhat concerned	23%	24%	26%	24%	17%	21%	20%	27%	22%	24%	29%	19%	23%
Total Not Concerned	47%	46%	50%	44%	52%	43%	48%	51%	48%	46%	34%	56%	54%
Not very concerned	26%	25%	26%	27%	24%	23%	28%	26%	25%	26%	25%	24%	29%
Not at all concerned	22%	21%	24%	17%	28%	20%	20%	25%	23%	21%	9%	32%	25%
Don't know	9%	6%	7%	10%	11%	13%	10%	5%	6%	11%	5%	6%	9%

Public Opinions of Canadian Political Leaders (1/2)

Q12. Do you have a good opinion, a bad opinion, or you don't know the following Canadian political leaders well enough to have an opinion?

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)



Public Opinions of Canadian Political Leaders (2/2)

Q12. Do you have a good opinion, a bad opinion, or you don't know the following Canadian political leaders well enough to have an opinion?

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Justin Trudeau	24%	33%	23%	22%	21%	19%	24%	29%	26%	22%	14%	49%	17%
Pierre Polivère	13%	18%	10%	12%	14%	15%	16%	9%	20%	7%	21%	10%	10%
Doug Ford	10%	14%	8%	10%	10%	14%	12%	5%	15%	5%	15%	10%	8%
Danielle Smith	10%	11%	7%	10%	10%	14%	10%	6%	13%	6%	16%	10%	6%

Respondent Profile

Respondent profiles – *American sample*



(Base n=1,001)

The table below presents the Canadian geographic distribution of respondents before weighting.

Gender

	Unweighted	Weighted
Male	472	490
Female	524	507

Region

	Unweighted	Weighted
Northeast	183	176
Midwest	208	207
South	370	382
West	240	237

Age

	Unweighted	Weighted
18 to 34	199	297
35 to 54	372	332
55+	430	371

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