



## TRIP Snap Poll 15 Report

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### **Introduction**

We are pleased to share the results of the 15th Teaching, Research and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll, fielded with the support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York. Our polls provide real-time data in the wake of significant policy proposals, during international crises, and on emerging foreign policy debates. In this survey, we asked questions about the first 100 days of the Biden Administration.

### **Methodology**

We attempted to contact all international relations (IR) scholars in the United States. We define IR scholars as individuals who are employed at a college or university in a political science department or professional school and who teach or conduct research on issues that cross international borders. Of the 4,863 scholars across the United States that we contacted, 812 responded to at least one question. The resulting response rate is approximately 16.7 percent. The poll was open from April 28 to May 3 of 2021. Our sample is roughly similar to the broader population of International Relations scholars in terms of gender, academic rank and university type.

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## Sample vs. Population Comparison

Table 1: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Gender

Gender	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Female	228	29.16	1464	32.08
Male	554	70.84	3100	67.92

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=2.5, p-value=0.11

Table 2: Sample vs. Population Comparison: Academic Rank

Academic Rank	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
Adjunct	32	3.95	300	6.23
Assistant Professor	95	11.71	927	19.26
Associate Professor	257	31.69	1230	25.55
Emeritus	14	1.73	232	4.82
Full Professor	379	46.73	1616	33.57
Instructor	30	3.70	273	5.67
Other	3	0.37	114	2.37
Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor	1	0.12	122	2.53

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=123.65, p-value<0

Table 3: Sample vs. Population Comparison: University Type

University Type	Respondents Count	Respondents Percentage	Population Count	Population Percentage
National Liberal Arts College	75	12.63	549	15.13
National Research University	346	58.25	2031	55.97
Regional Liberal Arts College	25	4.21	135	3.72
Regional Research University	148	24.92	914	25.19

Chi-squared test results: X-squared=3.41, p-value=0.95

## Results

Respondents were asked to put their personal political views aside and use their expert knowledge of politics, foreign policy, or international relations as they reflected on these questions.

Table 4: How has President Biden performed in the area of foreign policy during his first 100 days in office?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Very well	196	24.20%
Well	449	55.43%
Neither well nor poorly	124	15.31%
Poorly	27	3.33%
Very poorly	14	1.73%
Total	810	100.00%

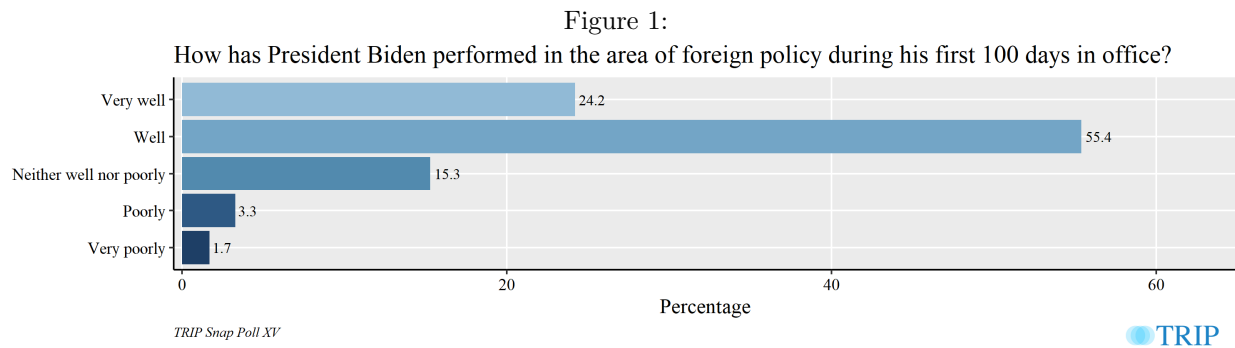


Table 5: Has President Biden performed better or worse than you expected in the area of foreign policy during his first 100 days in office?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Better	183	22.65%
About as well as I expected	588	72.77%
Worse	37	4.58%
Total	808	100.00%

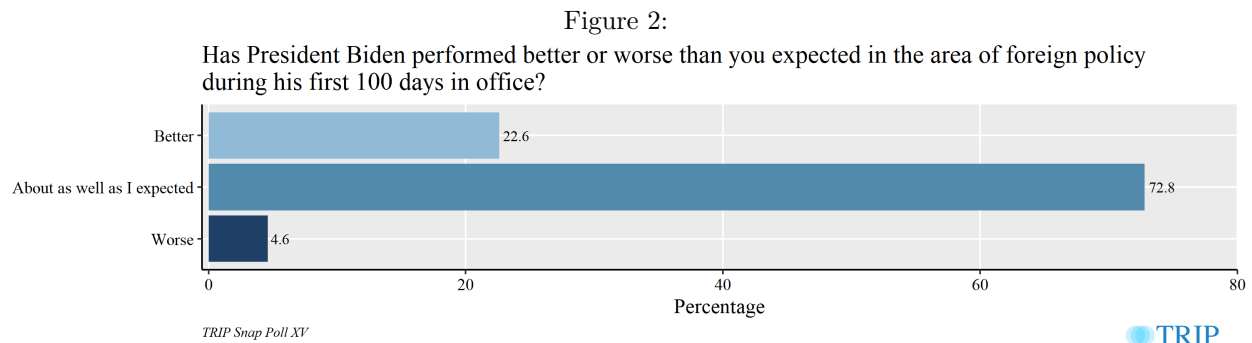


Table 6: Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden’s handling of coronavirus?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	615	76.21%
Somewhat approve	143	17.72%
Somewhat disapprove	36	4.46%
Strongly disapprove	11	1.36%
Do not know	2	0.25%
Total	807	100.00%

Table 7: Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden’s handling of climate change?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	555	68.60%
Somewhat approve	196	24.23%
Somewhat disapprove	24	2.97%
Strongly disapprove	26	3.21%
Do not know	8	0.99%
Total	809	100.00%

Table 8: Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden’s handling of national security?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	249	31.01%
Somewhat approve	435	54.17%
Somewhat disapprove	62	7.72%
Strongly disapprove	38	4.73%
Do not know	19	2.37%
Total	803	100.00%

Table 9: Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden’s handling of immigration?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	59	7.31%
Somewhat approve	369	45.72%
Somewhat disapprove	273	33.83%
Strongly disapprove	93	11.52%
Do not know	13	1.61%
Total	807	100.00%

Table 10: Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden’s handling of international trade?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	127	15.76%
Somewhat approve	415	51.49%
Somewhat disapprove	136	16.87%
Strongly disapprove	18	2.23%
Do not know	110	13.65%
Total	806	100.00%

Table 11: Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden’s handling of international human rights?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	202	25.06%
Somewhat approve	456	56.58%
Somewhat disapprove	81	10.05%
Strongly disapprove	29	3.60%
Do not know	38	4.71%
Total	806	100.00%

Figure 3:

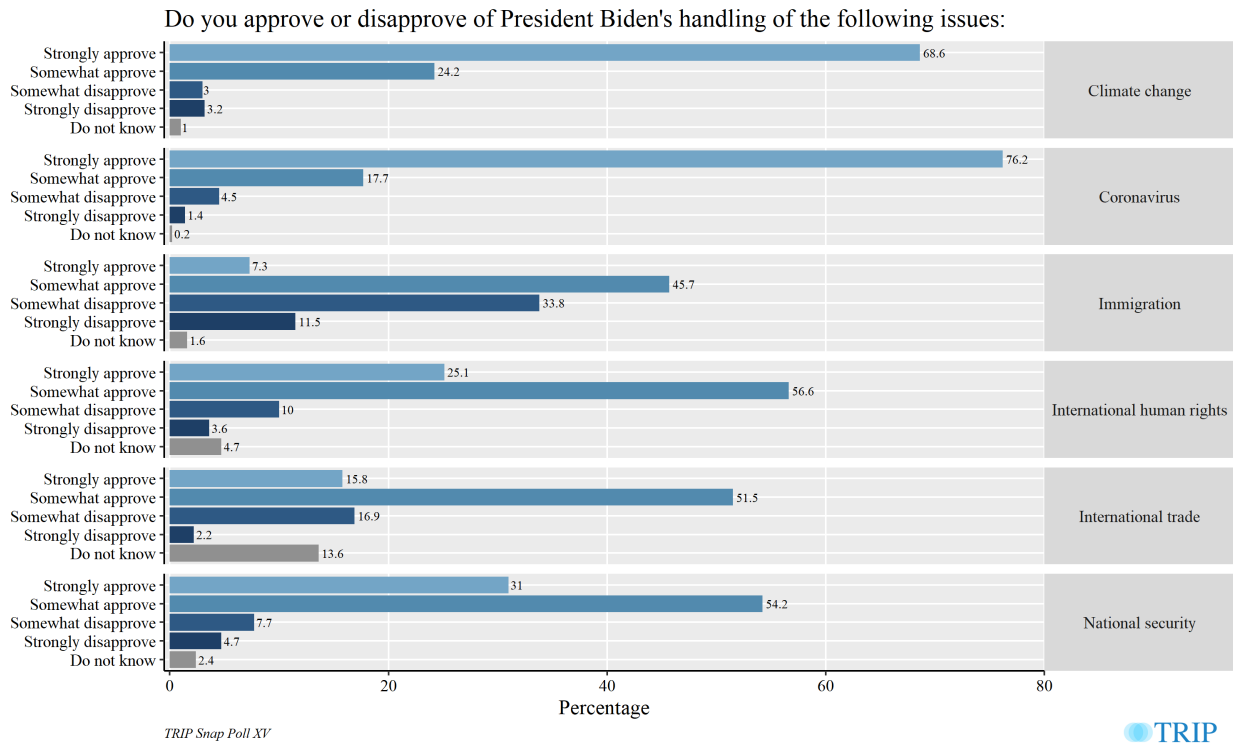


Figure 4 through Figure 7 illustrates the approval of the handling of President Biden of coronavirus, climate change, national security, and immigration, disaggregated by political affiliation and expert and public opinion. Public opinion data was exported from Morning Consult + Politico.

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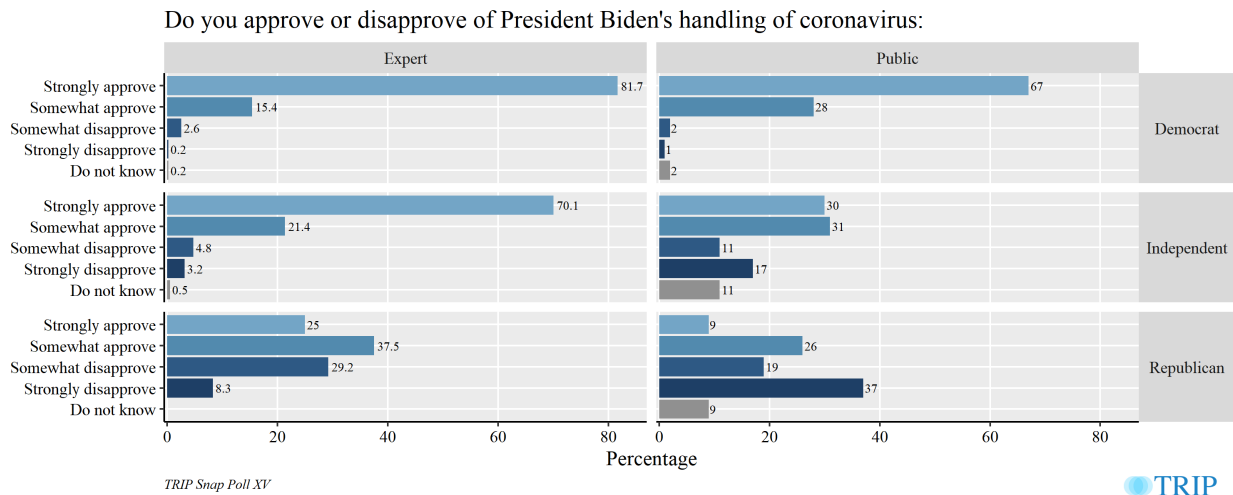
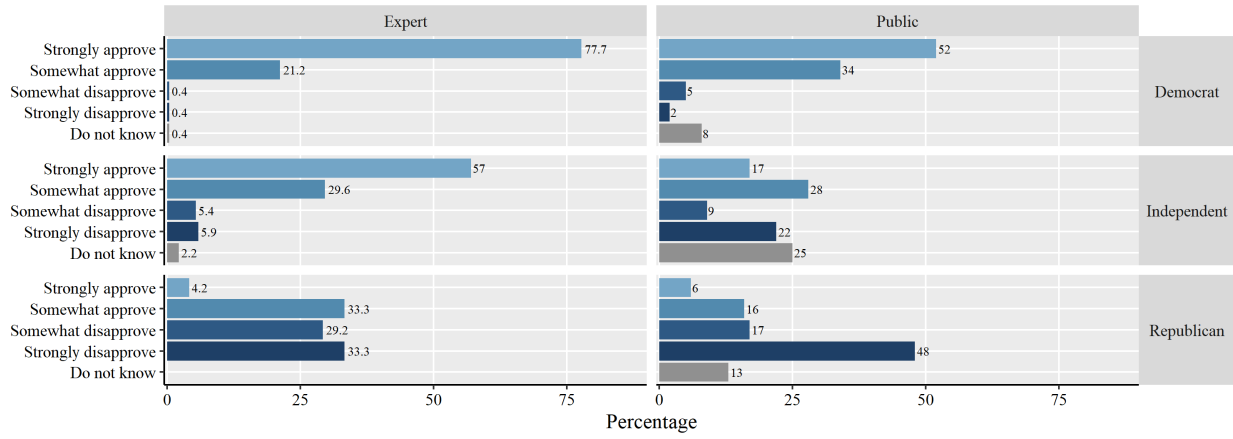


Figure 5:

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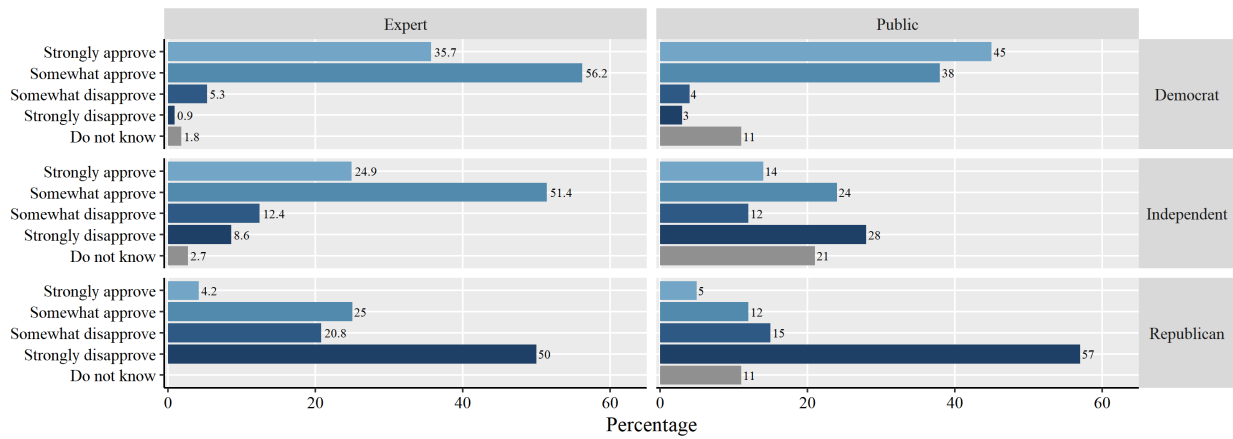


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Figure 6:

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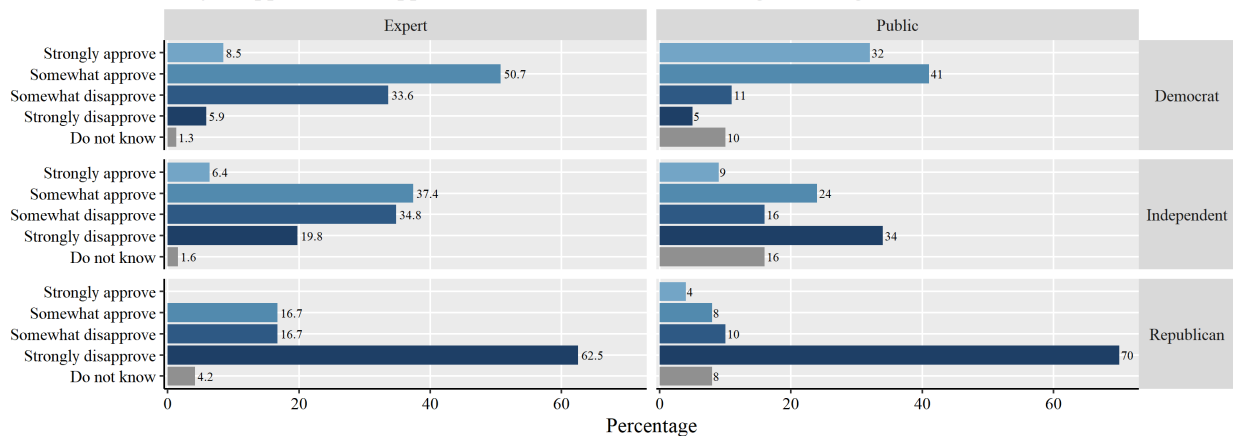


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Figure 7:

Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden's handling of immigration:



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Table 12: Would you support or oppose increasing tariffs on products imported from China?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Support	174	21.72%
Oppose	627	78.28%
Total	801	100.00%

Table 13: Would you support or oppose restricting the exchange of scientific research between the U.S. and China?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Support	212	26.53%
Oppose	587	73.47%
Total	799	100.00%

Table 14: Would you support or oppose negotiating arms control agreements between the U.S. and China?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Support	767	95.40%
Oppose	37	4.60%
Total	804	100.00%

Table 15: Would you support or oppose limiting the number of Chinese students studying in the U.S.?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Support	92	11.43%
Oppose	713	88.57%
Total	805	100.00%

Table 16: Would you support or oppose prohibiting Chinese technology companies from building communications networks in the U.S.?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Support	593	74.69%
Oppose	201	25.31%
Total	794	100.00%



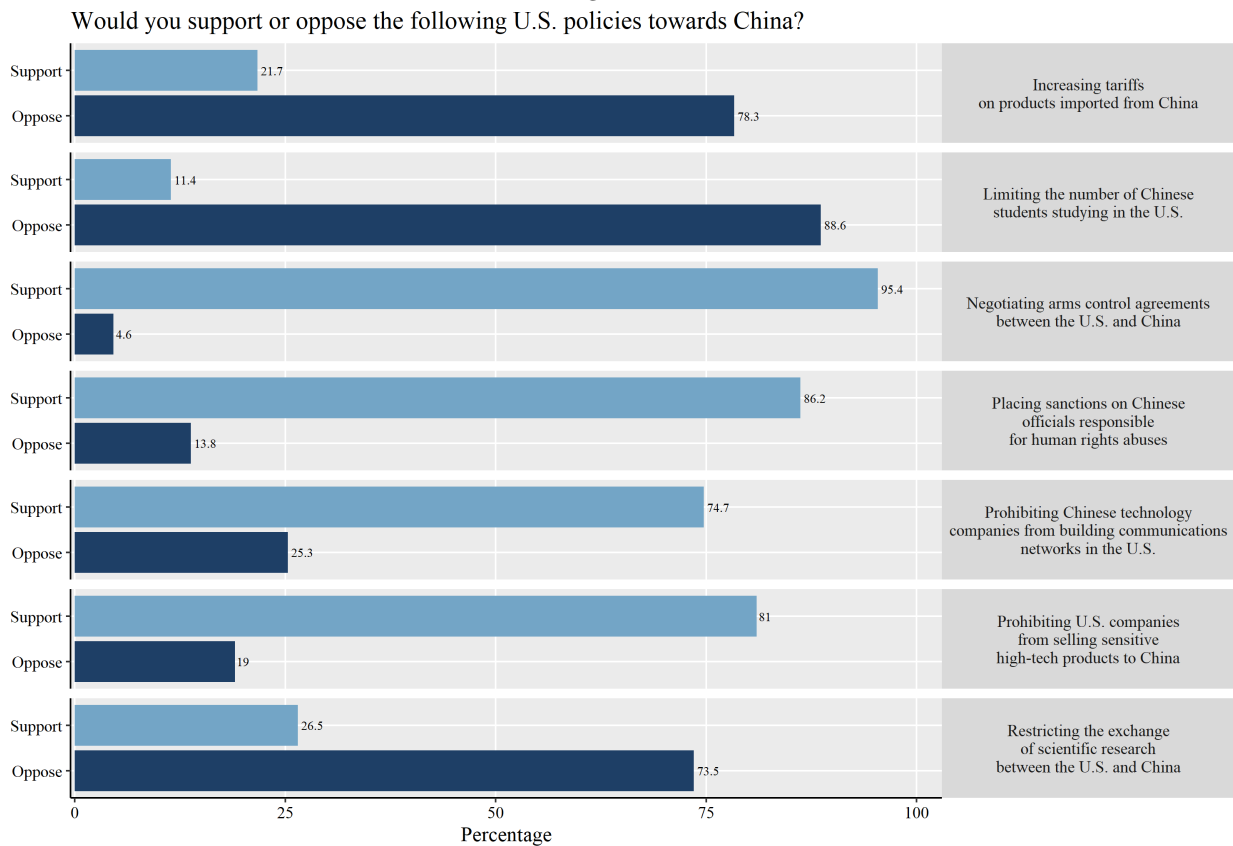
Table 17: Would you support or oppose prohibiting U.S. companies from selling sensitive high-tech products to China?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Support	649	81.02%
Oppose	152	18.98%
Total	801	100.00%

Table 18: Would you support or oppose placing sanctions on Chinese officials responsible for human rights abuses?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Support	696	86.25%
Oppose	111	13.75%
Total	807	100.00%

Figure 8:



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Table 19: Compared with the past, how respected is the United States by other countries today?

Response option	Count	Percentage
More respected	221	27.56%
As respected	116	14.46%
Less respected	465	57.98%
Total	802	100.00%

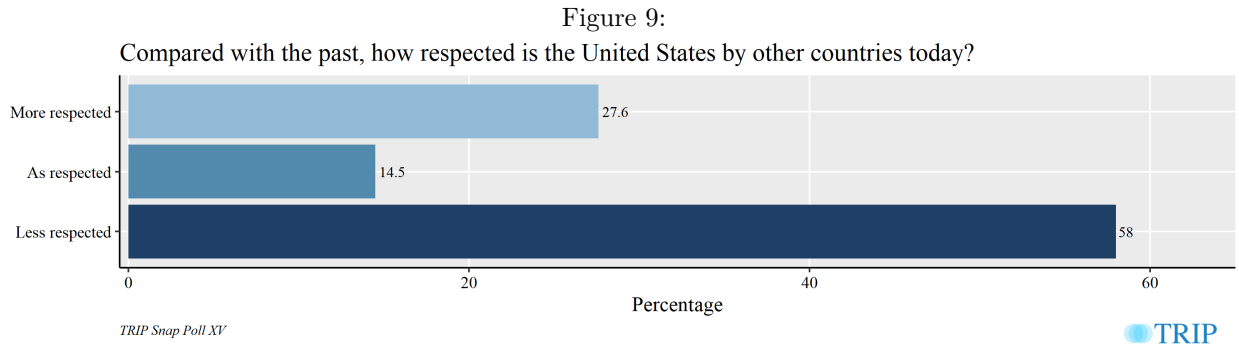
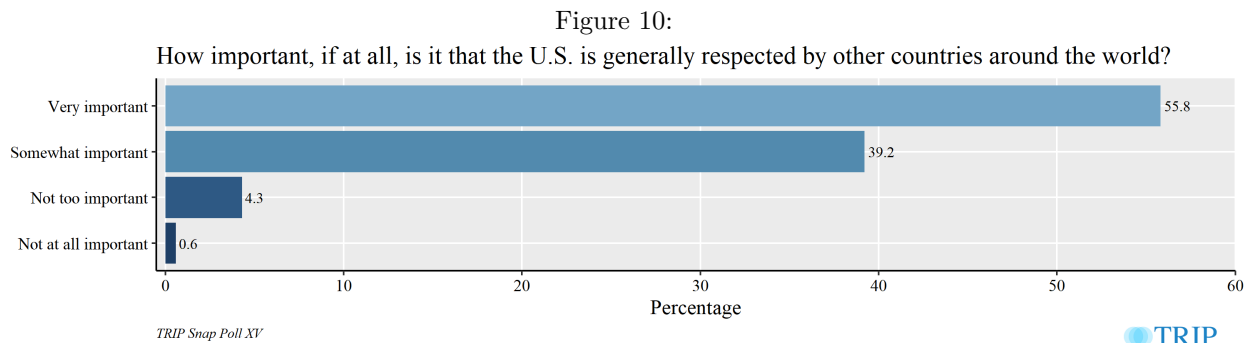


Table 20: How important, if at all, is it that the U.S. is generally respected by other countries around the world?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Very important	451	55.82%
Somewhat important	317	39.23%
Not too important	35	4.33%
Not at all important	5	0.62%
Total	808	100.00%



**Do you approve or disapprove of the following foreign policy actions by the Biden administration?**

Table 21: Decision to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan by September 2021

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	260	32.58%
Somewhat approve	332	41.60%
Somewhat disapprove	155	19.42%
Strongly disapprove	51	6.39%
Total	798	100.00%

Table 22: Implementing new sanctions on Russia for use of a chemical weapon against one of its own nationals

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	465	58.94%
Somewhat approve	255	32.32%
Somewhat disapprove	41	5.20%
Strongly disapprove	28	3.55%
Total	789	100.00%

Table 23: Implementing new sanctions on Russia in response to hacking operations against U.S. agencies and companies

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	560	69.48%
Somewhat approve	194	24.07%
Somewhat disapprove	34	4.22%
Strongly disapprove	18	2.23%
Total	806	100.00%

Table 24: Engaging in indirect discussions with Iran on JCPOA compliance

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	602	75.34%
Somewhat approve	151	18.90%
Somewhat disapprove	18	2.25%
Strongly disapprove	28	3.50%
Total	799	100.00%

Table 25: Committing U.S. to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2030

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	646	80.65%
Somewhat approve	102	12.73%
Somewhat disapprove	22	2.75%
Strongly disapprove	31	3.87%
Total	801	100.00%

Table 26: Relaxing restrictions on contact between U.S. and Taiwanese government officials

Response option	Count	Percentage
Strongly approve	302	39.27%
Somewhat approve	347	45.12%
Somewhat disapprove	98	12.74%
Strongly disapprove	22	2.86%
Total	769	100.00%

Figure 11:

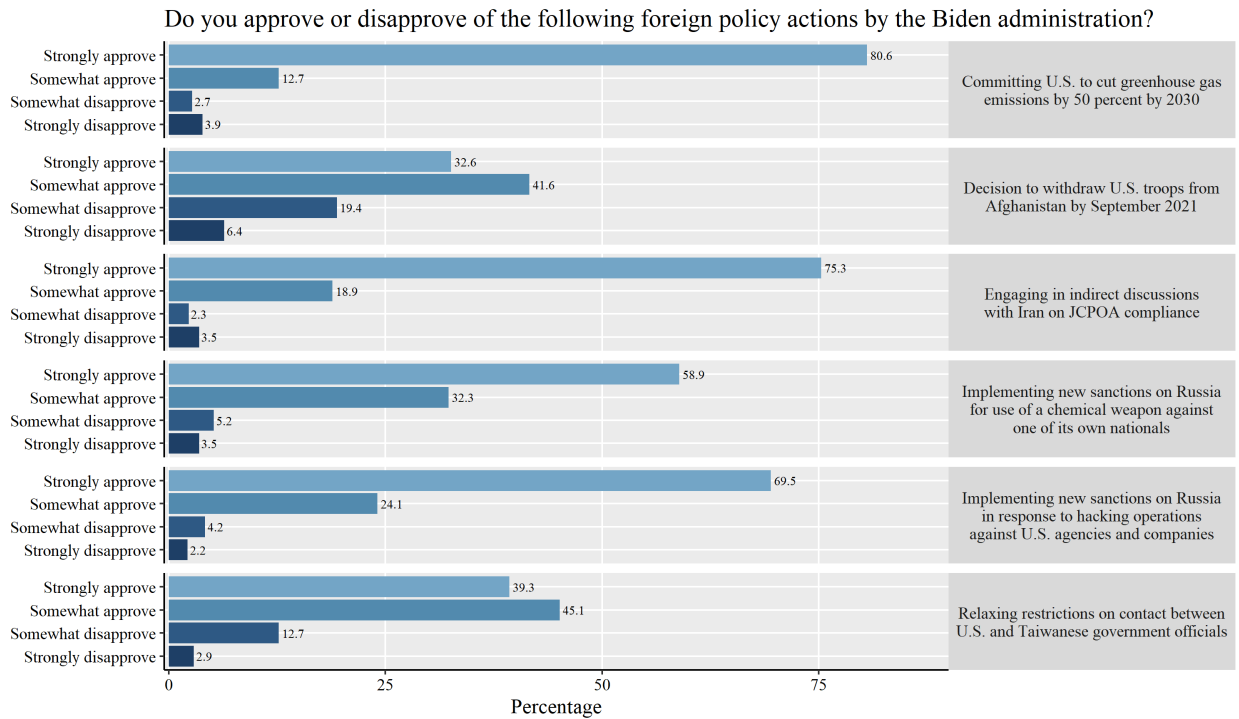


Table 27: How would you rate the United States' role in coordinating the international response to the current COVID-19 pandemic?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Very effective	41	5.11%
Somewhat effective	310	38.65%
Not very effective	372	46.38%
Not effective at all	79	9.85%
Total	802	100.00%

Figure 12:  
How would you rate the United States' role in coordinating the international response to the current COVID-19 pandemic?

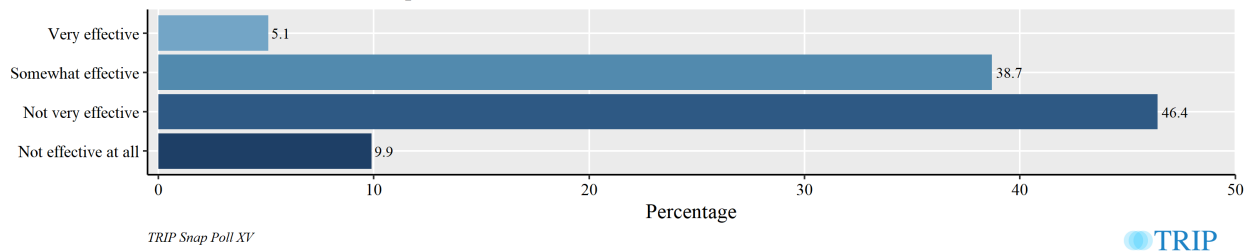
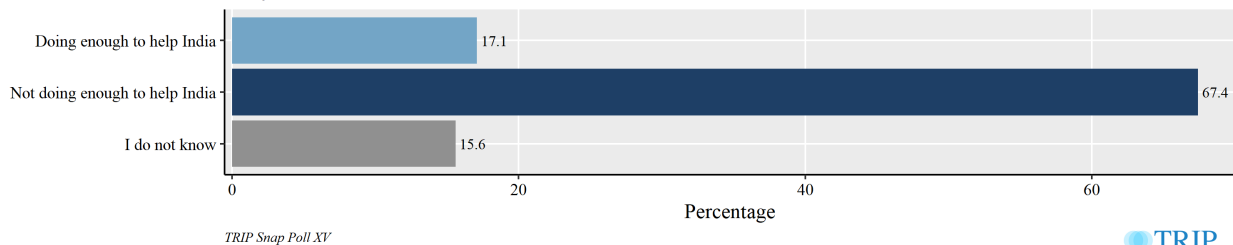


Table 28: India is currently facing an acute public health crisis as a result of a surge in coronavirus infections. Do you think the Biden Administration is:

Response option	Count	Percentage
Doing enough to help India	138	17.06%
Not doing enough to help India	545	67.37%
I do not know	126	15.57%
Total	809	100.00%

Figure 13:  
India is currently facing an acute public health crisis as a result of a surge in coronavirus infections. Do you think the Biden Administration is:



## Allies vs Rivals

% of respondents answered “Does the United States need to demonstrate its willingness to use offensive military power in Ukraine to show U.S. **allies** that it is resolved on other issues and in other regions?” and % of respondents answered “Does the United States need to demonstrate its willingness to use offensive military power in Ukraine to show U.S. **rivals** that it is resolved on other issues and in other regions?”

Table 29: Respondents by Treatment

Country	Count	Percentage (%)
allies	419	51.6
rivals	393	48.4
Total	812	100.0

Table 30: Does the United States need to demonstrate its willingness to use offensive military power in Ukraine to show U.S. allies that it is resolved on other issues and in other regions?

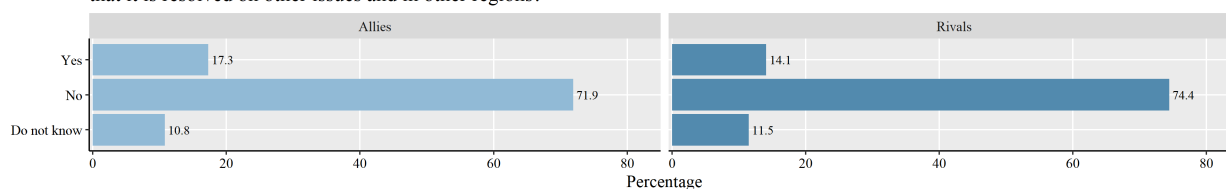
Issue area	Count	Valid percentage
Yes	72	17.27%
No	300	71.94%
Do not know	45	10.79%
Total	417	100.00%

Table 31: Does the United States need to demonstrate its willingness to use offensive military power in Ukraine to show U.S. rivals that it is resolved on other issues and in other regions?

Issue area	Count	Valid percentage
Yes	55	14.07%
No	291	74.42%
Do not know	45	11.51%
Total	391	100.00%

Figure 14:

Does the United States need to demonstrate its willingness to use offensive military power in Ukraine to show U.S. \_\_\_\_ that it is resolved on other issues and in other regions?



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## Russia and China

% of respondents answered two questions on Russia and Ukraine, and % of respondents answered two questions on China and Taiwan

Table 32: Respondents by Treatment

Country	Count	Percentage (%)
China	415	51.11
Russia	397	48.89
Total	812	100.00

## Russia and Ukraine

Table 33: In the next year, will Russia use military force against Ukrainian military forces or additional parts of the territory of Ukraine where it is not currently operating?

Issue area	Count	Valid percentage
Yes	120	30.46%
No	121	30.71%
Do not know	153	38.83%
Total	394	100.00%

Table 34: If Russia uses direct military force against Ukraine in the coming months, the United States should:

Issue area	Count	Percentage
Place sanctions on the Russian government and/or its leaders	347	89.2
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	133	34.19
Send additional arms and military supplies to Ukraine	287	73.78
Initiate direct military operations against Russian military forces	12	3.08
Initiate cyber attacks against Russian military forces	141	36.25
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Ukraine	108	27.76
None of the above	25	6.43
Total	1053	-

## China and Taiwan

Table 35: In the next year, will China use military force against the territory of Taiwan or Taiwanese military forces?

Issue area	Count	Valid percentage
Yes	25	6.07%
No	287	69.66%
Do not know	100	24.27%
Total	412	100.00%

Table 36: If China uses direct military force against Taiwan in the coming months, the United States should:

Issue area	Count	Percentage
Place sanctions on the Chinese government and/or its leaders	356	87.25
Deploy U.S. military forces to the region	286	70.1
Send additional arms and military supplies to Taiwan	317	77.7
Initiate direct military operations against Chinese military forces	45	11.03
Initiate cyber attacks against Chinese military forces	176	43.14
Formally guarantee the territorial integrity of Taiwan	148	36.27
None of the above	10	2.45
Total	1338	-



Figure 15:

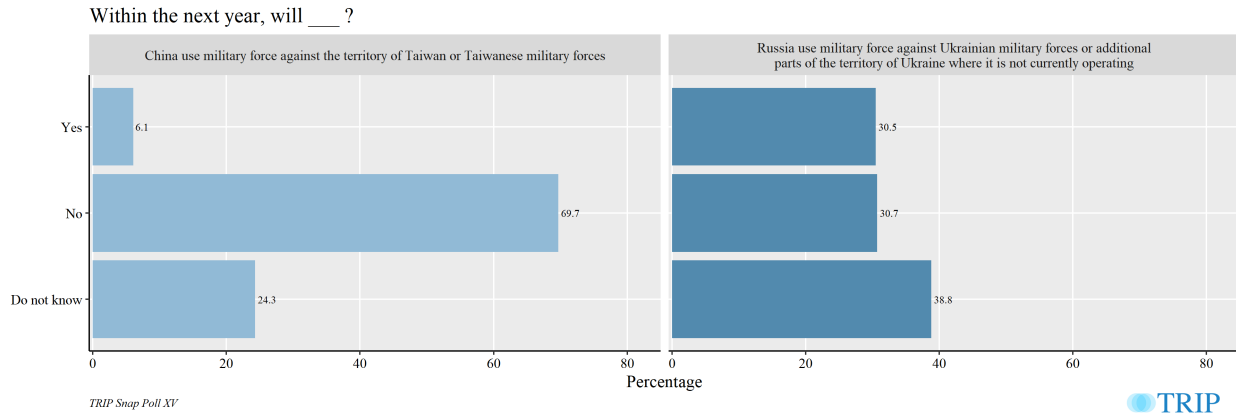
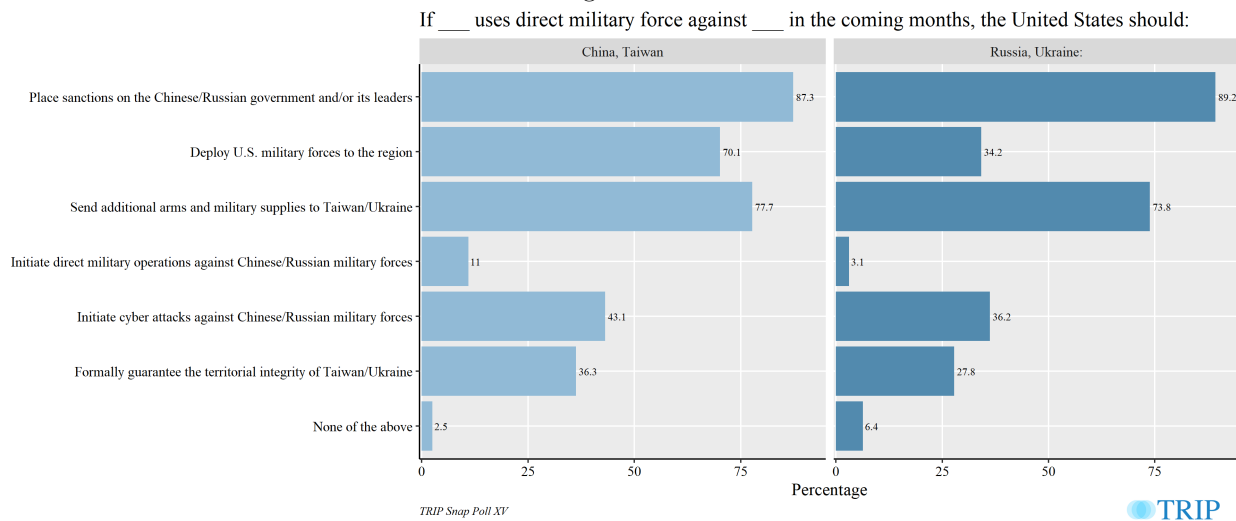
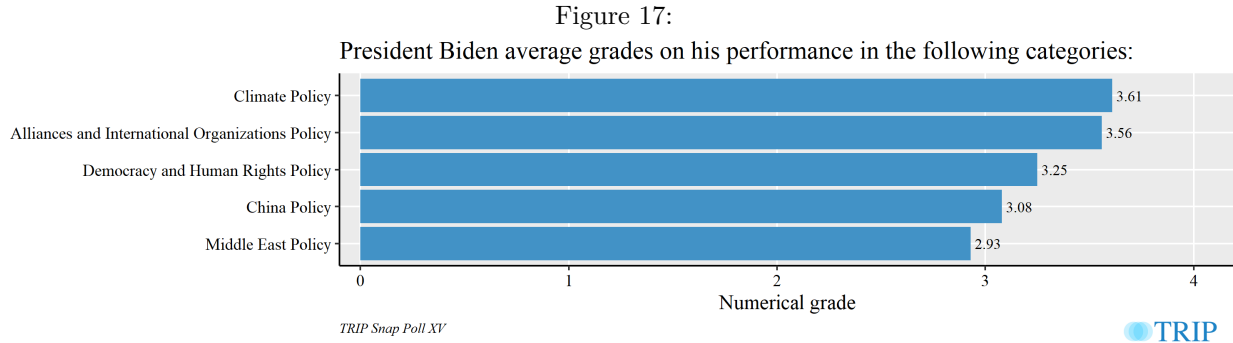


Figure 16:



# President Biden's report card

President Biden has just completed his first semester (i.e., 100 days) as president. Grades are now due. Please grade President Biden on his performance in the following categories:



To calculate the mean in Figure 17, letter grades were converted into numerical values using the following scale: A+=4, A=4, A-=3.7, B+=3.3, B=3, B-=2.7, C+=2.3, C=2, C-=1.7, D+=1.3, D=1, D-= 0.7, F=0.

Table 37: Alliances and International Organizations Policy

Response option	Count	Percentage
A+	0	0.00%
A	329	41.75%
A-	186	23.60%
B+	141	17.89%
B	82	10.41%
B-	12	1.52%
C+	6	0.76%
C	12	1.52%
C-	6	0.76%
D+	2	0.25%
D	5	0.63%
D-	1	0.13%
F	6	0.76%
Total	788	100.00%

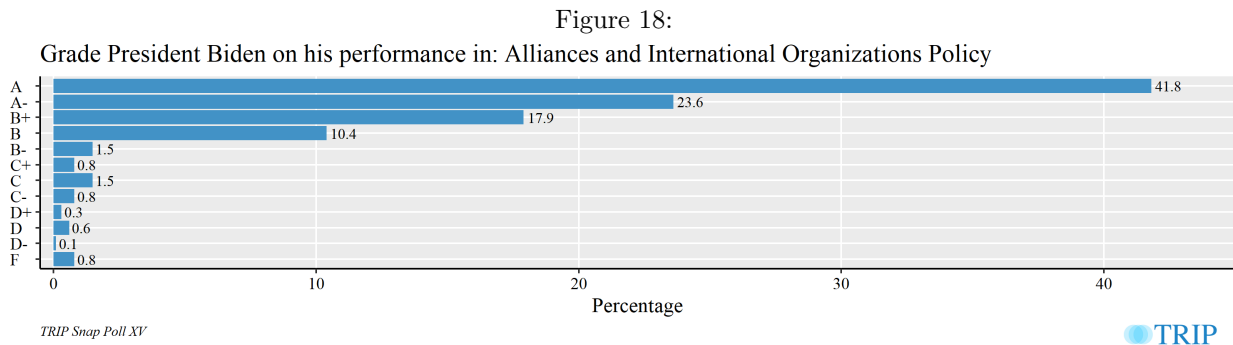
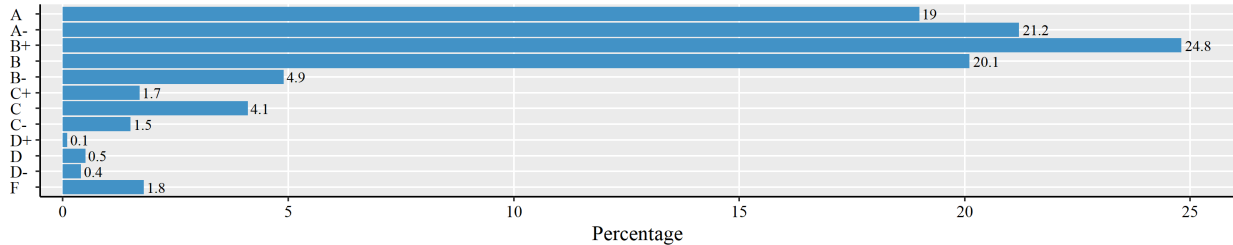


Table 38: Democracy and Human Rights Policy

Response option	Count	Percentage
A+	0	0.00%
A	149	19.03%
A-	166	21.20%
B+	194	24.78%
B	157	20.05%
B-	38	4.85%
C+	13	1.66%
C	32	4.09%
C-	12	1.53%
D+	1	0.13%
D	4	0.51%
D-	3	0.38%
F	14	1.79%
Total	783	100.00%

Figure 19:

Grade President Biden on his performance in: Democracy and Human Rights Policy



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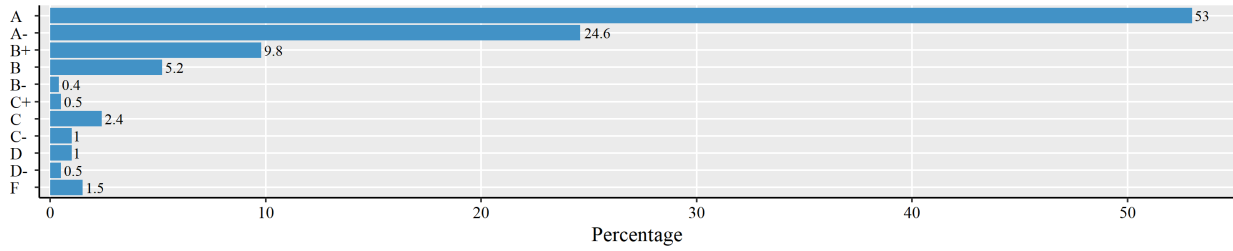


Table 39: Climate Policy

Response option	Count	Percentage
A+	0	0.00%
A	416	52.99%
A-	193	24.59%
B+	77	9.81%
B	41	5.22%
B-	3	0.38%
C+	4	0.51%
C	19	2.42%
C-	8	1.02%
D+	0	0.00%
D	8	1.02%
D-	4	0.51%
F	12	1.53%
Total	785	100.00%

Figure 20:

Grade President Biden on his performance in: Climate Policy



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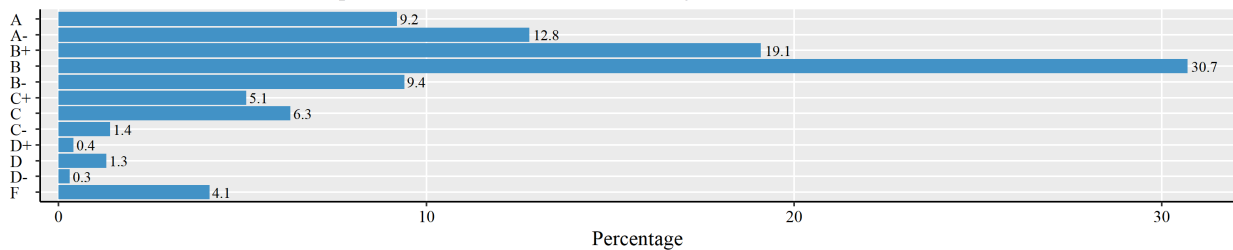


Table 40: Middle East Policy

Response option	Count	Percentage
A+	0	0.00%
A	70	9.15%
A-	98	12.81%
B+	146	19.08%
B	235	30.72%
B-	72	9.41%
C+	39	5.10%
C	48	6.27%
C-	11	1.44%
D+	3	0.39%
D	10	1.31%
D-	2	0.26%
F	31	4.05%
Total	765	100.00%

Figure 21:

Grade President Biden on his performance in: Middle East Policy



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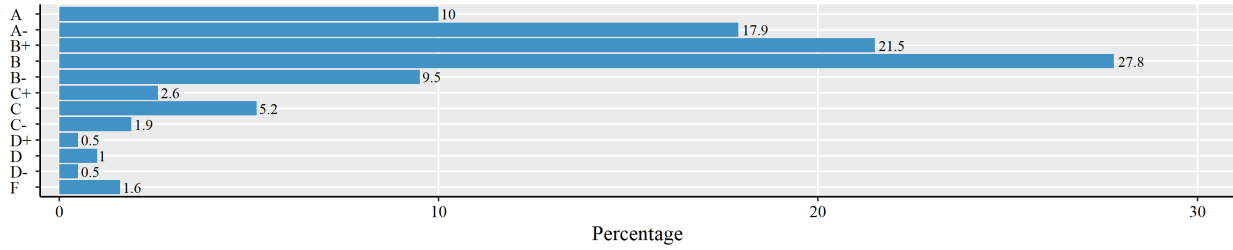


Table 41: China Policy

Response option	Count	Percentage
A+	0	0.00%
A	77	9.99%
A-	138	17.90%
B+	166	21.53%
B	214	27.76%
B-	73	9.47%
C+	20	2.59%
C	40	5.19%
C-	15	1.95%
D+	4	0.52%
D	8	1.04%
D-	4	0.52%
F	12	1.56%
Total	771	100.00%

Figure 22:

Grade President Biden on his performance in: China Policy



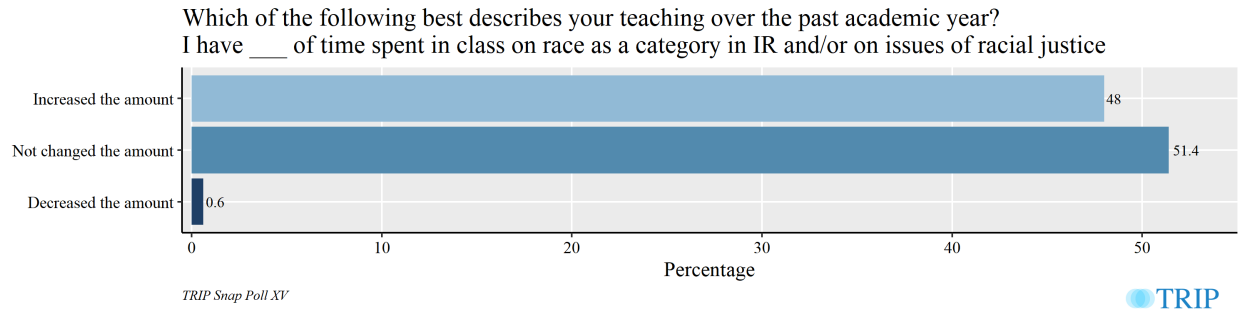
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Table 42: Which of the following best describes your teaching over the past academic year?

Response option	Count	Percentage
I have increased the amount of time spent in class on race as a category in IR and/or on issues of racial justice	376	47.96%
I have not changed the amount of time spent in class on race as a category in IR and/or on issues of racial justice	403	51.40%
I have decreased the amount of time spent in class on race as a category in IR and/or on issues of racial justice	5	0.64%
Total	784	100.00%

Figure 23:



Now, we would like to ask a couple questions about you.

Table 43: Which gender do you identify with?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Female	228	28.50%
Male	554	69.25%
Other	3	0.38%
Prefer not to say	15	1.88%
Total	800	100.00%

Figure 24:

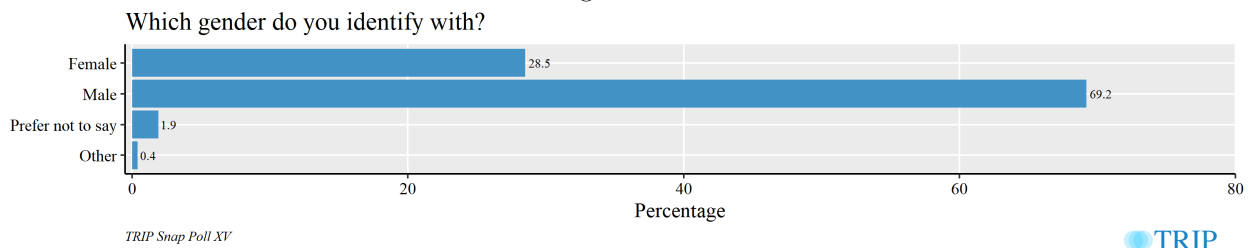


Table 44: What is your current status within your home department?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Chaired Professor	76	9.48%
Full Professor	284	35.41%
Associate Professor	246	30.67%
Assistant Professor	87	10.85%
Instructor or Lecturer	30	3.74%
Adjunct or Visiting Instructor/Professor	32	3.99%
Other	47	5.86%
Total	802	100.00%

Figure 25:

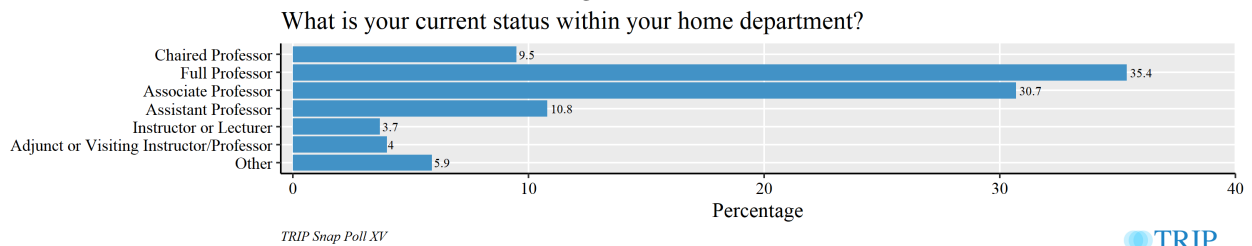
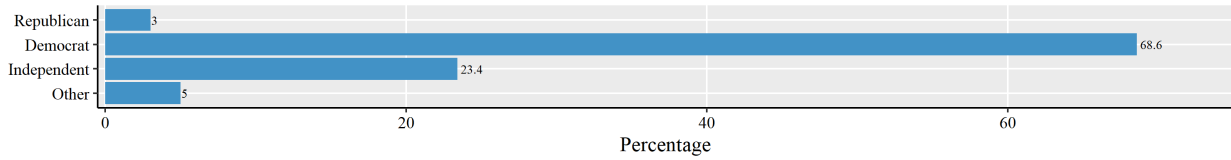


Table 45: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

Response option	Count	Percentage
Republican	24	3.00%
Democrat	548	68.59%
Independent	187	23.40%
Other	40	5.01%
Total	799	100.00%

Figure 26:

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?



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