

► Findings: Gun control

Brittany Corken

Are attitudes toward gun control regulations highly determined by political party affiliation?

Overall, the study found Republicans are more likely than non-Republicans to believe gun control laws are restrictive in the United States today. A total of 60% of survey respondents believe gun control regulations in the U.S. are not restrictive.

How does one's party affiliation affect his or her opinion on raising the minimum age to buy and possess a semi-automatic rifle from 18 to 21?

The survey showed Democrats are more likely than non-Democrats to agree with increasing the minimum age. The majority (65%) of survey respondents agreed with increasing the minimum age.

► Findings: Foreign relations with China

Ilhan Ryu

Theory: Respondents would want necessary measures against rising China to secure American dominance.

- Eighty-eight percent of respondents are concerned with outsourcing jobs to China, and 66% support tariffs.
- As concern for outsourcing jobs goes up, support for tariffs go up.
- The older the respondent, more likely he/she is to support tariffs on China.
- Respondents' conservatism did not have a significant effect on their support for tariffs.

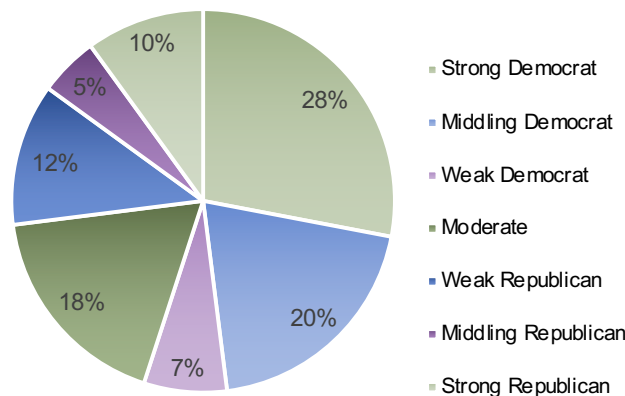
Conclusion: Americans view China as a threat economically, and support tariffs on China, regardless of whether they are conservative or not.

► Data collection

- We collected data face to face at Precinct 31, Ward 4 on Election day, November 8 2022
- Team members systematically approached every other voter exiting the polling place
- Voters who agreed to participate either took the survey on paper or on their own devices via a QR code
- The study was approved by the MSU IRB

► Our sample

- **Gender:** 39% man, 56 % woman, 3% nonbinary/third gender, 1% genderfluid, 2% gender not listed
- **Race:** 3% Asian, 16% Latino, 62% White, 11% Black, 2% Native American, 2% Native Hawaiian
- **Age:** 19% 18-25, 34% 26-35, 19% 36-45, 16% 46-59, 12% 60-75.
- **Education:** 2% less than high school diploma, 16% high school diploma, 39% some college, 25% college degree, 18% graduate degree.
- **Party identification:** 28% strong Democrat, 20% middling Democrat, 7% weak Democrat, 18% Moderate, 12% weak Republican, 5% middling Republican, 10% strong Republican



► Findings: Reproductive rights

Amelia Elkins

This analysis sought to better understand the relationship between vote choice in the gubernatorial race and attitudes towards reproductive rights.

Results:

- The more restrictive someone's attitude towards abortion rights, the less likely they were to have voted for the Dem gubernatorial candidate in the 2022 Michigan midterm elections.
- Controls: gender, religiosity, party ID
- Gender is not predictive of abortion attitudes
- Religiosity and party ID are highly predictive of abortion attitudes

► Findings: State of American democracy

Megan Smejkal

I sought to answer the following question: How do American voters' perceptions of democratic backsliding affect vote choice? This question is important because it helps explain why voters choose to vote in favor of specific candidates and propositions. I discovered the following:

- Vote choice was determined by party loyalty (Republicans and independents vote for Republicans) rather than concerns about democracy.
- Increasing voting accessibility was not supported by Republicans.
- Republicans and independents are likely to distrust the government.