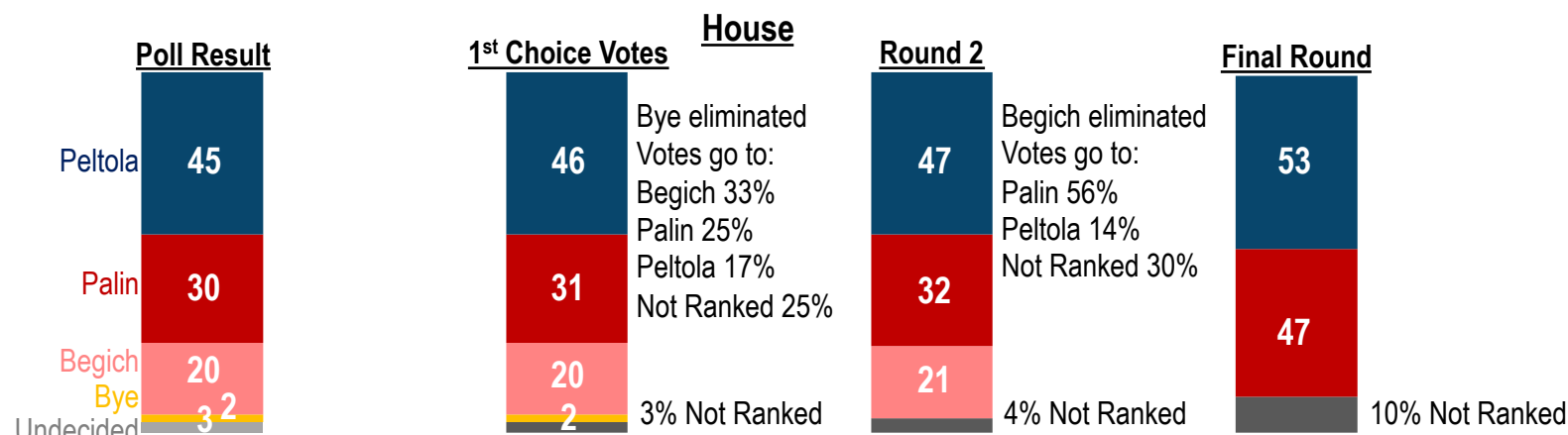
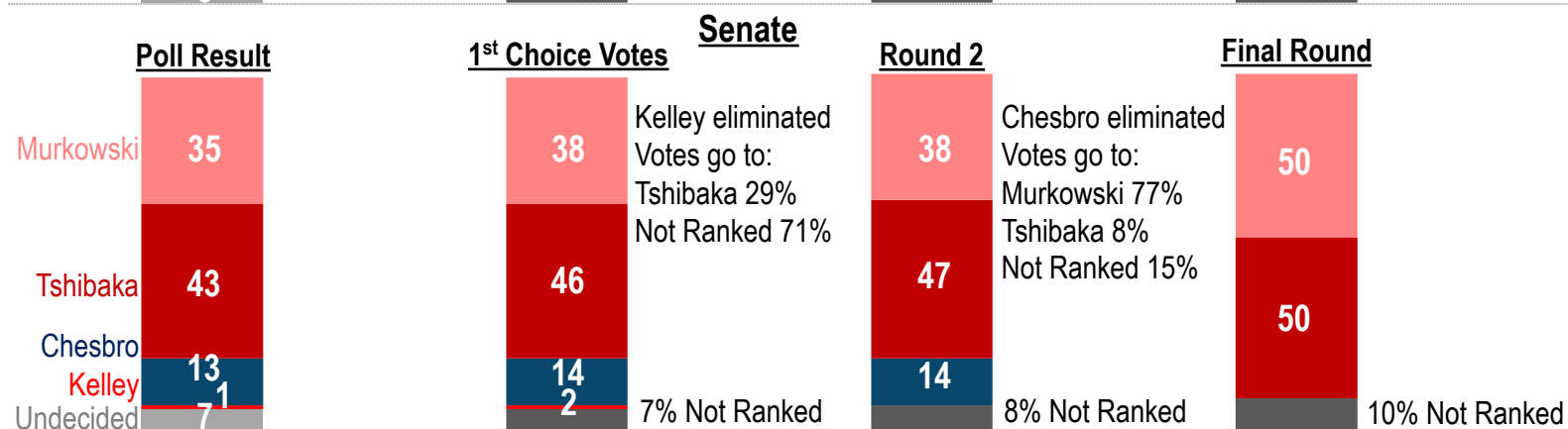
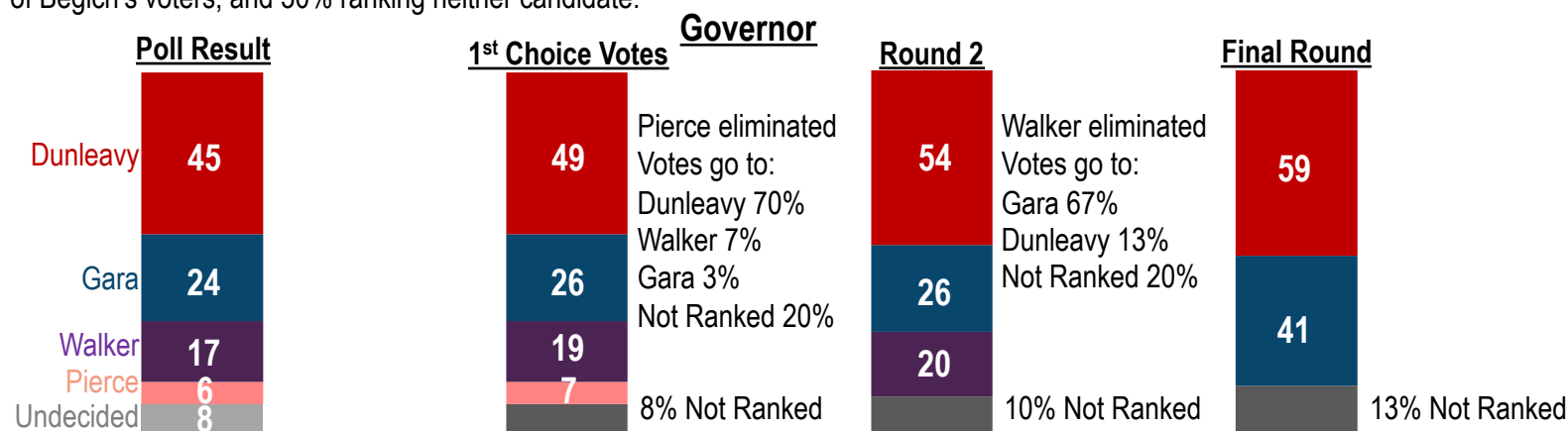


**Governor:** Gov. Mike Dunleavy (R) is the first choice of 45%, followed by Les Gara (D) at 24%, Bill Walker (Non-Partisan) at 17% and Charlie Pierce (R) at 6%. 8% of voters are undecided. In the second round, Pierce is eliminated. When his voters' second choices are redistributed to remaining candidates, Dunleavy leads with 54%. In the final round, Walker is eliminated leaving a margin of 59% to 41% for the incumbent over Gara with 13% of voters not ranking either.

**Senate:** Republican Kelly Tshibaka leads Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R) among first choices by a 43% - 35% margin with Democrat Patricia Chesbro at 13%, Republican Buzz Kelley at 1% and 7% undecided. In the final round, after eliminating Kelley and Chesbro, the final two candidates are in a dead heat, finishing at 50% of votes going for Murkowski and 50% for Tshibaka. Specifically, 227 respondents from the core sample are voting for Murkowski on the final ballot vs. 224 picking Tshibaka. It is an understatement to call that within the margin of error.

**House:** Rep. Mary Peltola (D) leads Sarah Palin (R) 45% to 30% among first-choice votes. Nick Begich (R) is in 3<sup>rd</sup> at 20%, while Chris Bye (L) gets 2%. Only 3% are undecided. In the final round, Peltola wins 53% - 47%, with Palin picking up slightly more than half of Begich's voters, and 30% ranking neither candidate.



# AARP® Alaska: 2022 Elections – Governor's Race (18+)

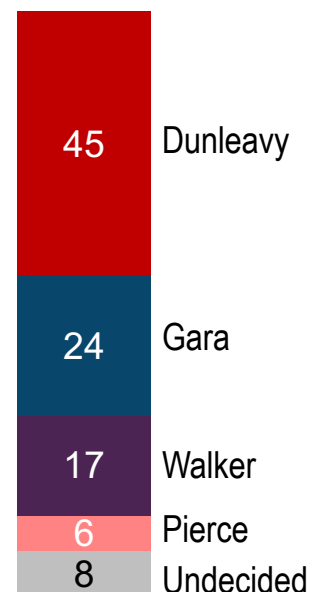
**Governor:** Gov. Mike Dunleavy (R) is the preferred first choice of 45% voters, followed by Les Gara (D) at 24%, Bill Walker (Non-Partisan) at 17% and Charlie Pierce (R) at 6%. 8% of voters are undecided. Redistributing votes down to two candidates results in a final margin of 59% - 41% for Dunleavy over Gara, with 13% of voters not ranking either.

Dunleavy's 16% among voters 50+, who are likely to make up almost 60% of Alaska's November electorate, is similar to his overall edge. In addition to nearly maxing out among Republicans, he leads Gara by 6-points among Independent/non-partisan voters.

There is a sizable gender gap both among the 18+ and 50+ electorates with the final round candidates tied among women voters, but Dunleavy is winning men by a 2:1 margin. There's an even larger education gap with Gara up 16-points among voters with college degrees, but trailing by 40% among those without. Dunleavy's best segment regionally are voters who say they live in a rural area on the road system, while Gara leads among the smaller segment of rural voters who live off the road system.

Dunleavy's image is split at 49% favorable – 47% unfavorable. His job approval is better at 52/45. Gara is less well-known, with 33% viewing him favorably and 26% unfavorably. As a former governor, Walker is better known, but underwater at 36% favorable – 50% unfavorable.

## Poll Result

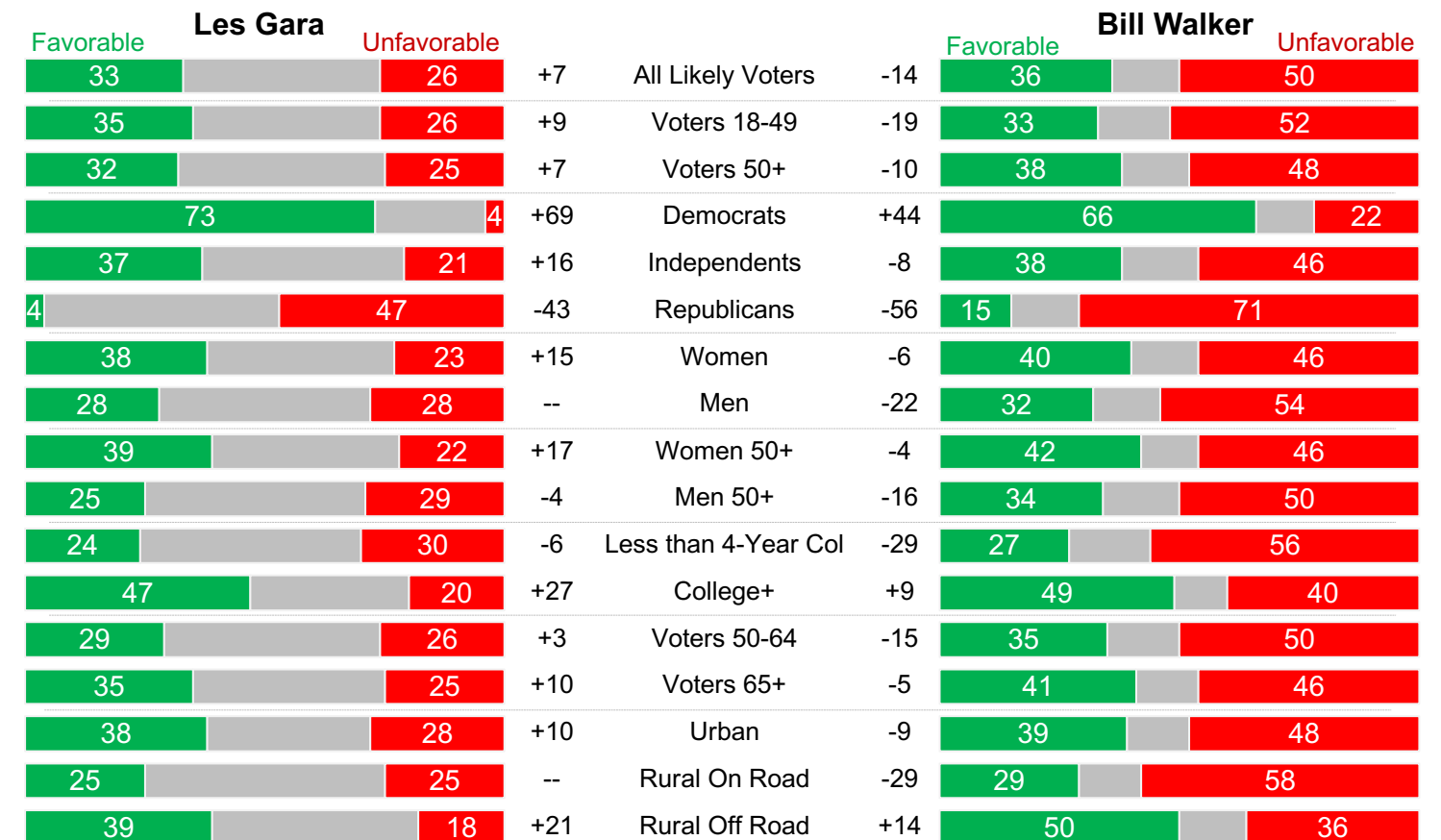
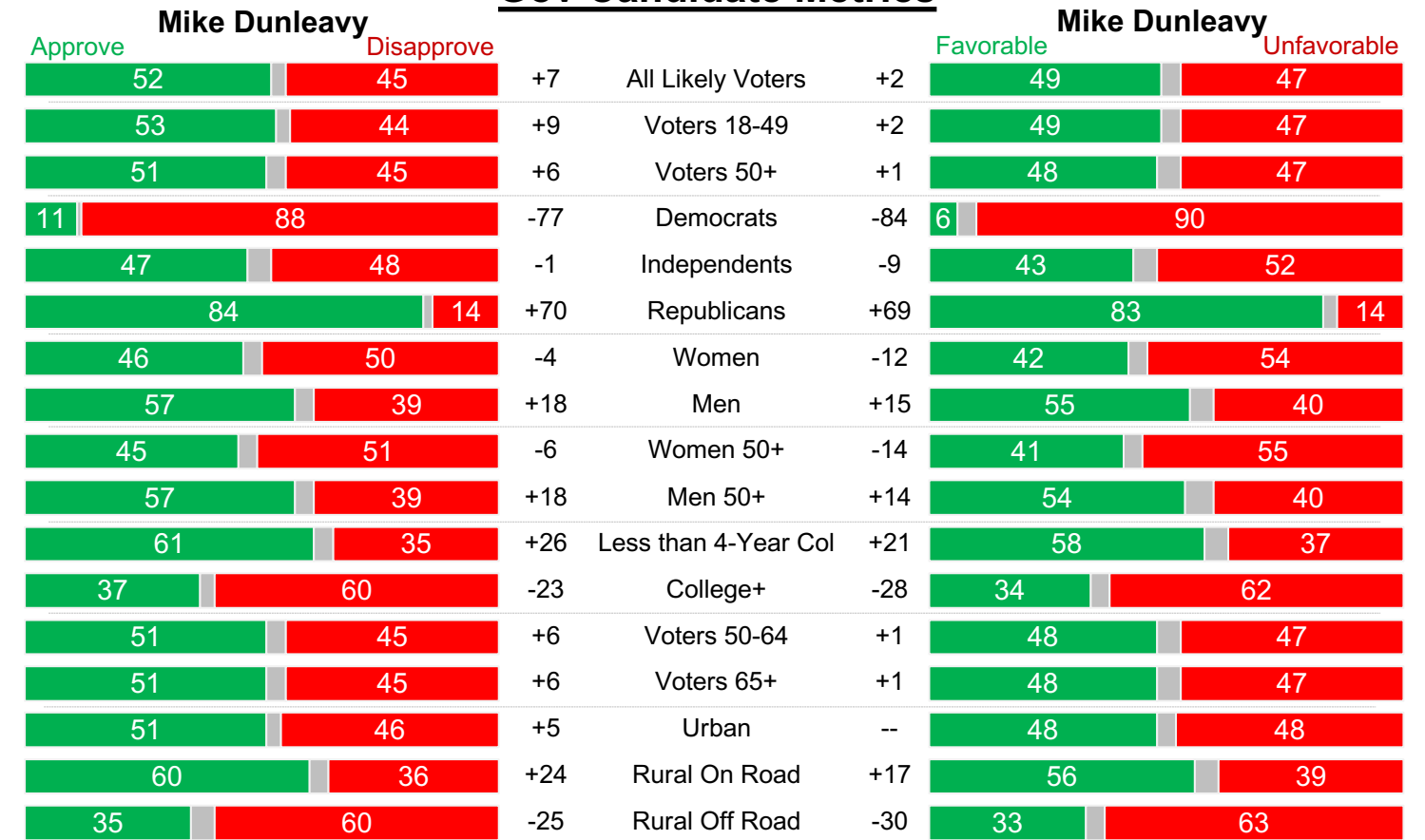


	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice				Round 2			Final		Margin & % Not Ranking*	
	Dunleavy	Gara	Walker	Pierce	Dunleavy	Gara	Walker	Dunleavy	Gara		
All Likely Voters	49	26	19	7	54	26	20	59	41	MD+18	13%
Voters 18-49	51	28	15	6	56	29	15	59	41	MD+18	10%
Voters 50+	47	24	22	7	52	25	23	58	42	MD+16	15%
Democrats	5	71	24		5	71	24	6	94	LG+88	7%
Independents	43	26	26	5	46	27	27	53	47	MD+6	18%
Republicans	82		15	12	94		15	97	3	MD+94	8%
Women	43	31	21	6	47	32	21	50	50	--	14%
Men	54	21	17	8	61	21	18	67	33	MD+34	12%
Women 50+	40	30	24	6	45	31	24	49	51	LG+2	16%
Men 50+	53	19	20	8	59	19	21	67	33	MD+34	15%
<4-Year Col	58	19	14	8	65	20	15	70	30	MD+40	14%
College+	34	36	26	4	37	36	27	42	58	LG+16	11%
Voters 50-64	48	22	23	7	54	23	24	60	40	MD+20	17%
Voters 65+	45	27	21	7	51	27	22	57	43	MD+14	13%
Urban	50	30	16	5	53	30	17	57	43	MD+14	11%
Rural On Road	53	19	18	10	62	20	18	67	33	MD+34	13%
Rural Off Road	29	29	38	4	31	30	39	43	57	LG+14	21%

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## Gov Candidate Metrics



# AARP® Alaska: 2022 Elections – Senate Race (18+)

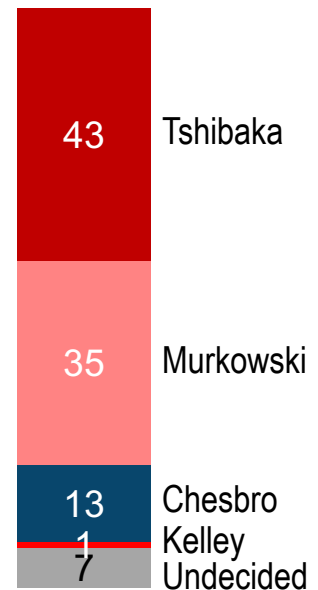
**Senate:** Republican Kelly Tshibaka leads Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R) among first choices by a 43% - 35% margin with Democrat Patricia Chesbro at 13%, Republican Buzz Kelley at 1% and 7% undecided. In the final round the race becomes a dead heat, finishing at 50% of votes going for Murkowski and 50% for Tshibaka. More specifically, 227 respondents from the core sample are voting for Murkowski on the final ballot vs. 224 picking Tshibaka. It is an understatement to call that within the margin of error. 10% of voters did not rank either of these candidates in the final round.

The race is extremely close among voters 50+, who favor Murkowski 51% - 49%. Murkowski's coalition is reliant on center-left voters. She wins Democrats over Tshibaka by 90-points and Independents by 20, while losing Republicans by 78. There is a gender gap among candidates' supporters, with women favoring Murkowski by 12-points in the final round, and men supporting Tshibaka by the same margin.

Like the governor's race, there is a significant education gap. Voters with college degrees back Murkowski by 36-points and those without favor Tshibaka by 24-points. Murkowski has a narrow edge among self-identified urban voters and a sizable 36-point advantage among those who live off the road system. Tshibaka is up 20-points among rural voters who live on the road system.

Murkowski's image and job approval are identical, in negative territory at 44% - 54%. Tshibaka's image is split among voters with 42% viewing her favorably and 43% unfavorably. Chesbro is largely unknown (15% favorable – 13% unfavorable).

## Poll Result

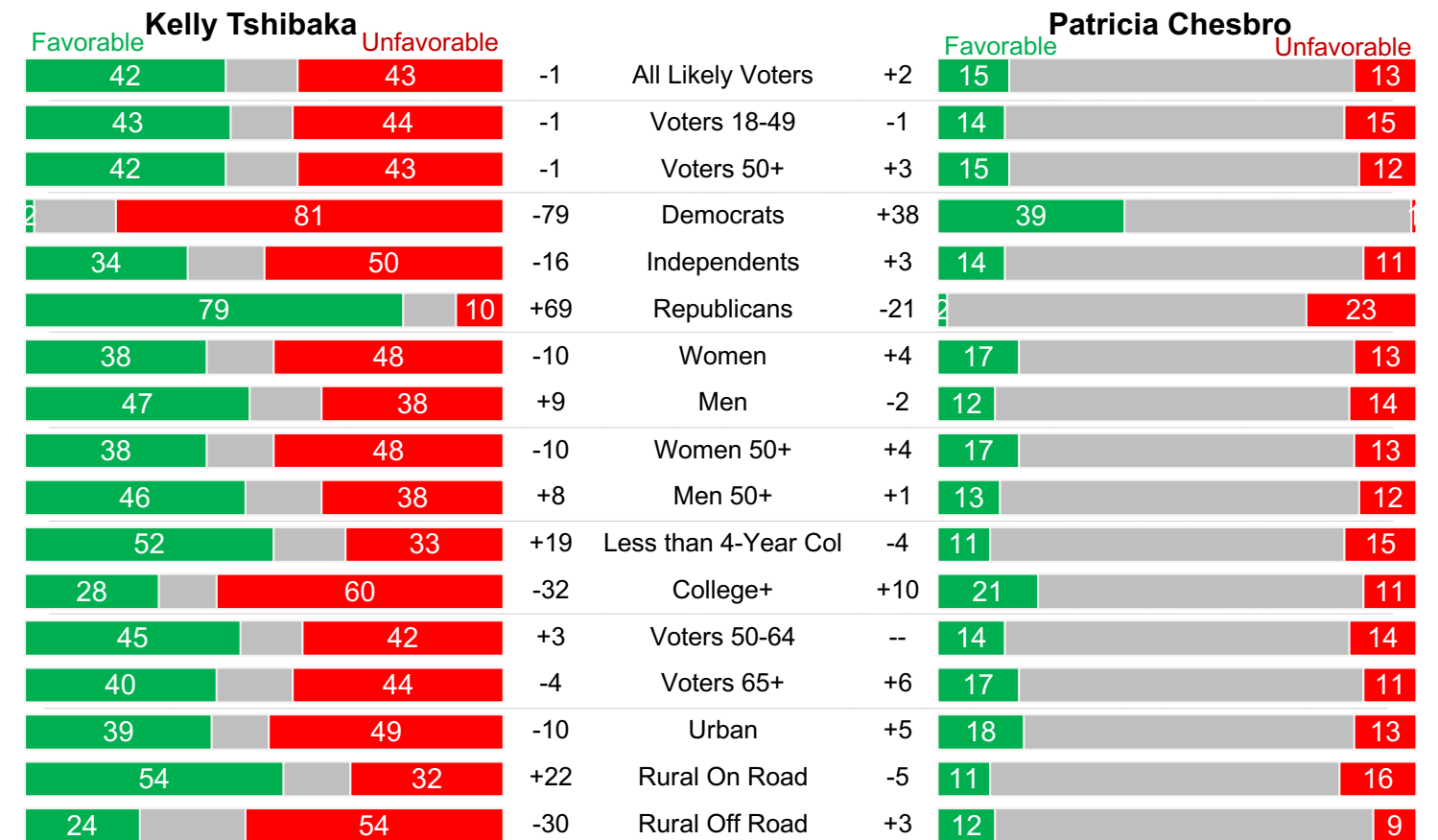
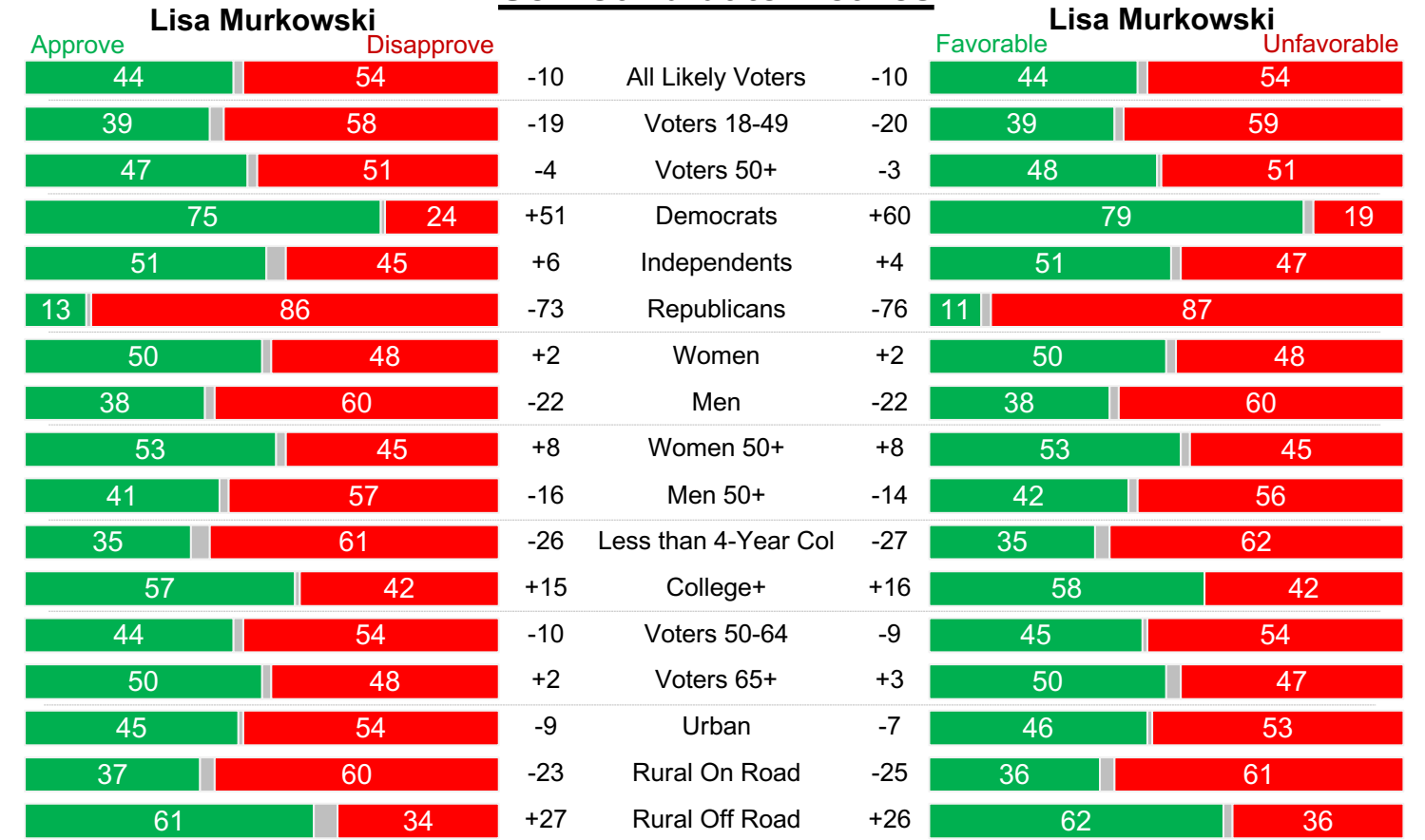


	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice				Round 2			Final		Margin & % Not Ranking*	
	Tshibaka	Murkowski	Chesbro	BK	Tshibaka	Murkowski	Chesbro	Tshibaka	Murkowski		
All Likely Voters	46	38	14	2	47	38	14	50	50	LM+0.6	10%
Voters 18-49	47	33	18	2	48	34	18	51	49	KT+2	12%
Voters 50+	46	41	11	1	47	42	11	49	51	LM+2	8%
Democrats	2	54	44		2	54	44	5	95	LM+90	9%
Independents	38	50	12		38	50	12	40	60	LM+20	13%
Republicans		84	11	4		88	11		89	KT+78	4%
Women	41	42	15	2	42	43	15	44	56	LM+12	9%
Men	52	33	13	1	53	34	13	56	44	KT+12	11%
Women 50+	40	46	13	1	41	46	13	42	58	LM+16	7%
Men 50+	52	37	10	2	53	37	10	55	45	KT+10	9%
<4-Year Col	58	29	11	2	59	29	11	62	38	KT+24	11%
College+	29	52	19		29	52	19	32	68	LM+36	8%
Voters 50-64	46	39	12	2	48	39	12	50	50	--	8%
Voters 65+	46	44	10		46	44	10	47	53	LM+6	8%
Urban	43	39	16	2	45	40	16	46	54	LM+8	10%
Rural On Road	58	31	10		58	31	10	60	40	KT+20	8%
Rural Off Road	26	58	14	2	27	58	14	32	68	LM+36	10%

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## Sen Candidate Metrics



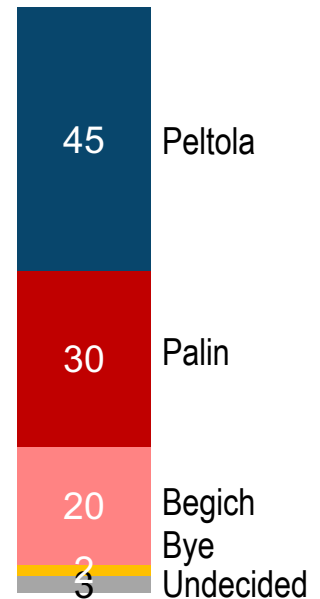
**House:** Rep. Mary Peltola (D) leads Sarah Palin (R) 45% to 30% among first-choice votes. Nick Begich (R) is in third at 20%, while Chris Bye (L) gets 2% of the vote, with 3% undecided. In the final round, with two candidates remaining, Peltola wins with 53% to Palin's 47%. In this race, voters overall prefer a Republican candidate, but 60% hold an unfavorable view of former Governor Palin. This explains in part why 10% of voters did not rank either Peltola or Palin.

Peltola holds a 53% - 47% lead over Palin among Alaska voters 50+. She wins Independents who rank at least one of the two by a 26-point margin, overcoming Alaska's Republican registration advantage. As in the other two races, there are substantial gender and education gaps, with Peltola running up her lead among women voters and those with college degrees.

Peltola is up by 12-points among urban voters. Palin has the same edge among rural voters who live on the road system, but Peltola has a significant 40-point advantage with those who live off the road system.

Newly elected, Peltola enjoys a positive 49% - 33% image. Palin is in sharp contrast with 39% viewing her favorably and 60% unfavorably. Begich's image is also underwater at 38% - 48%.

## Poll Result

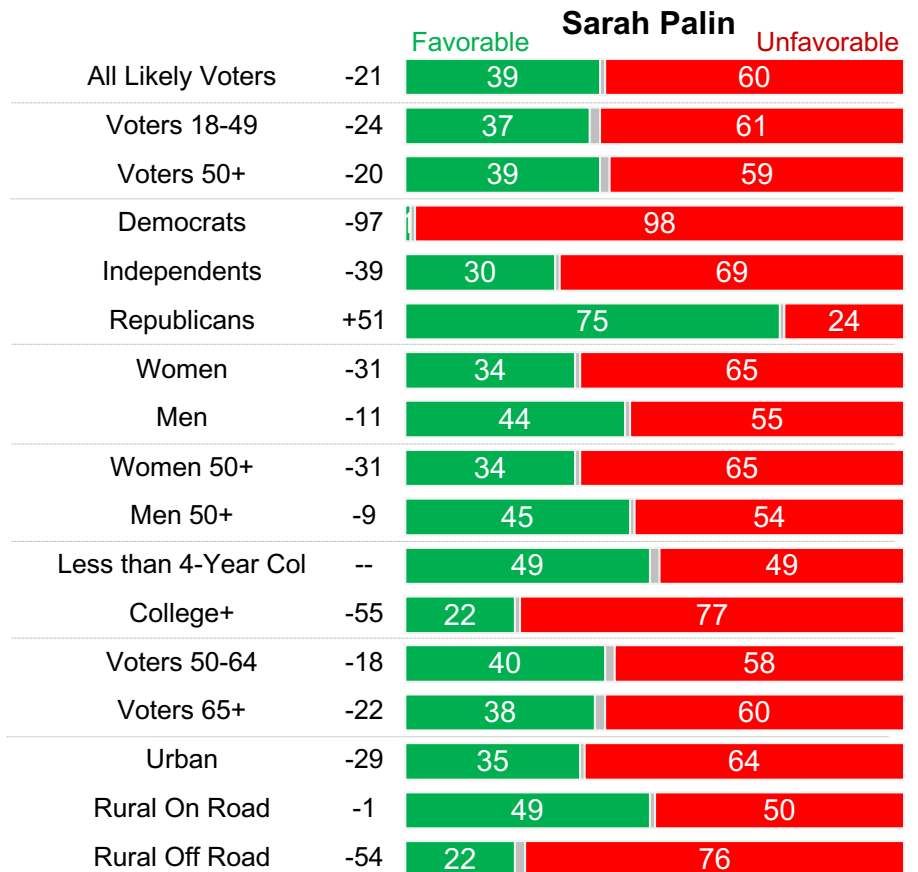
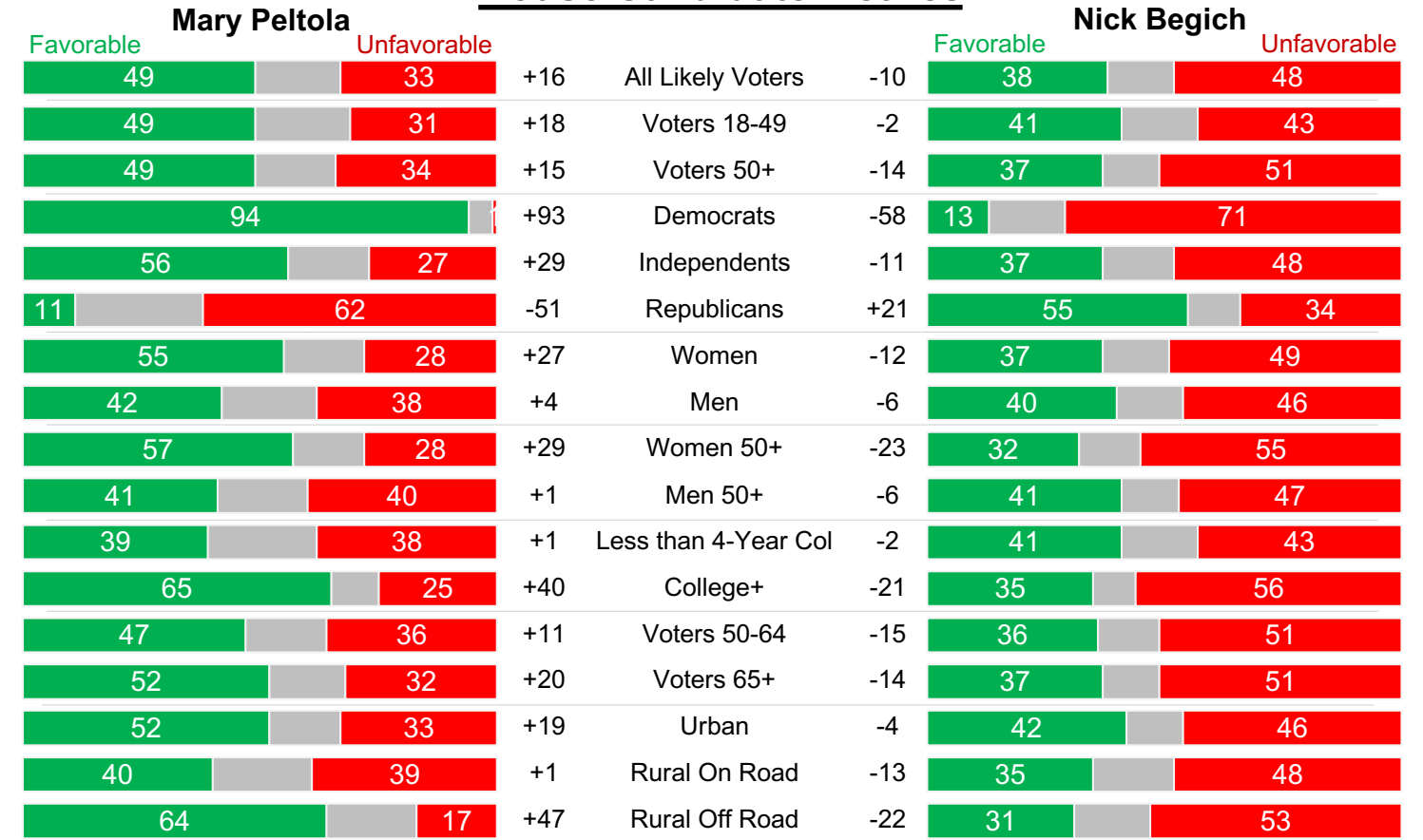


	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice				Round 2			Final		Margin & % Not Ranking*	
	Peltola	Palin	Begich	Bye	Peltola	Palin	Begich	Peltola	Palin		
All Likely Voters	46	31	20	2	47	32	21	53	47	MP+6	10%
Voters 18-49	45	29	23	3	45	31	24	53	47	MP+6	9%
Voters 50+	47	33	18	2	48	33	19	53	47	MP+6	10%
Democrats	99				99			99		MP+98	1%
Independents	54	22	20	4	56	23	21	63	37	MP+26	11%
Republicans	3	65	32		3	65	32	6	94	SP+88	12%
Women	53	28	19	1	53	28	19	59	41	MP+18	9%
Men	39	35	22	4	40	36	23	47	53	SP+6	10%
Women 50+	56	29	14	1	56	30	14	61	39	MP+22	8%
Men 50+	39	36	23	3	40	36	24	46	54	SP+8	13%
<4-Year Col	36	41	20	3	37	42	21	42	58	SP+16	10%
College+	62	16	20	2	63	17	21	71	29	MP+42	9%
Voters 50-64	45	34	18	3	46	35	19	51	49	MP+2	10%
Voters 65+	49	31	19	1	50	31	19	56	44	MP+12	10%
Urban	49	26	24	1	49	27	24	56	44	MP+12	10%
Rural On Road	36	42	18	4	37	43	20	44	56	SP+12	9%
Rural Off Road	63	21	12	4	66	22	12	70	30	MP+40	6%

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## House Candidate Metrics



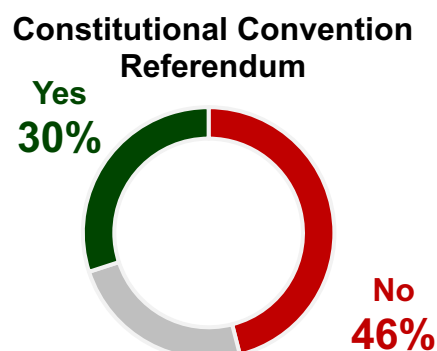
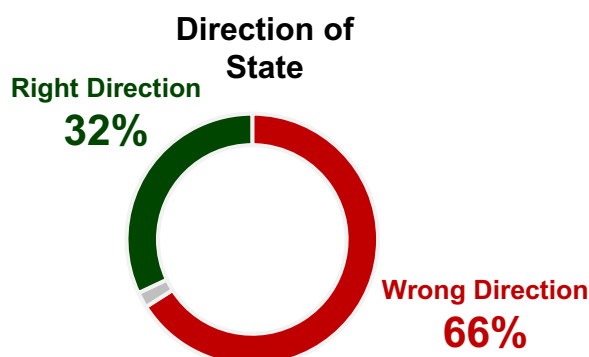
**Political Environment:** Two thirds of Alaska voters say the state is headed in the wrong direction, with voters of each party pessimistic about the state's direction. A ballot measure for the state to hold a constitutional convention has a major uphill climb, favored by just 30% of voters while 46% would vote no.

A slight majority are worried about their personal financial situation, while 5-in-6 say they are extremely motivated to vote this November. That number is driven by the 88% of voters 50+ who are extremely motivated.

Despite Peltola's lead, a generic Republican is favored over a generic Democrat by a 51% - 37% margin for Congress. President Biden's job approval is negative at 40% - 59%, while former President Trump's recalled job approval is split at 49% - 50%.

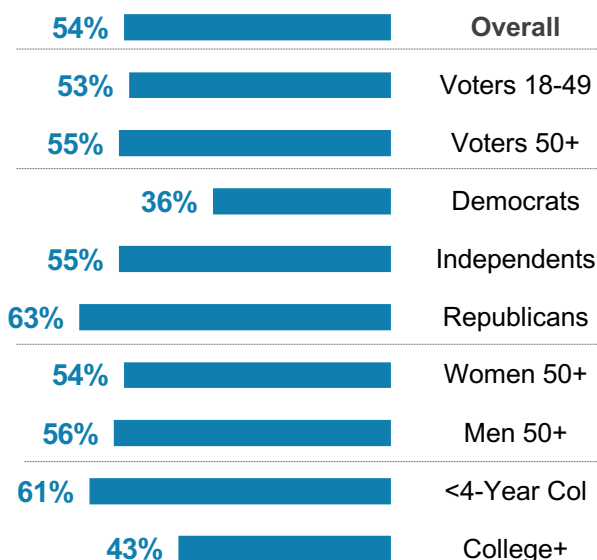
Among voters 50+, there are a variety of issues set to determine their vote for Senate. Taxes/government spending and abortion are ranked most important at 14%, followed by inflation (10%) and the environment/climate change (10%). In a head-to-head matchup, Alaska voters 50+ say inflation will be more important to their vote over the court overturning Roe v. Wade by a 55% - 40% margin.

At the state level, economic issues take the lead on what voters 50+ care about most for their vote for governor. The state's long-term fiscal plan (16%) is followed by jobs/economy (14%), inflation (10%), and abortion (10%).



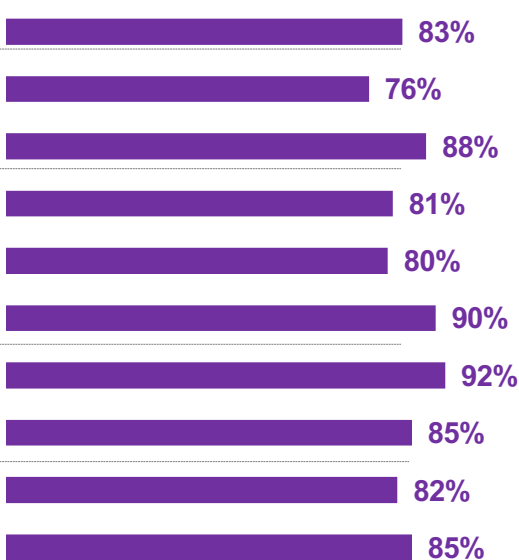
How worried are you about your personal financial situation?

% Very/Somewhat Worried



How motivated to vote are you in the 2022 general election for Governor, U.S. Senate and Congress?

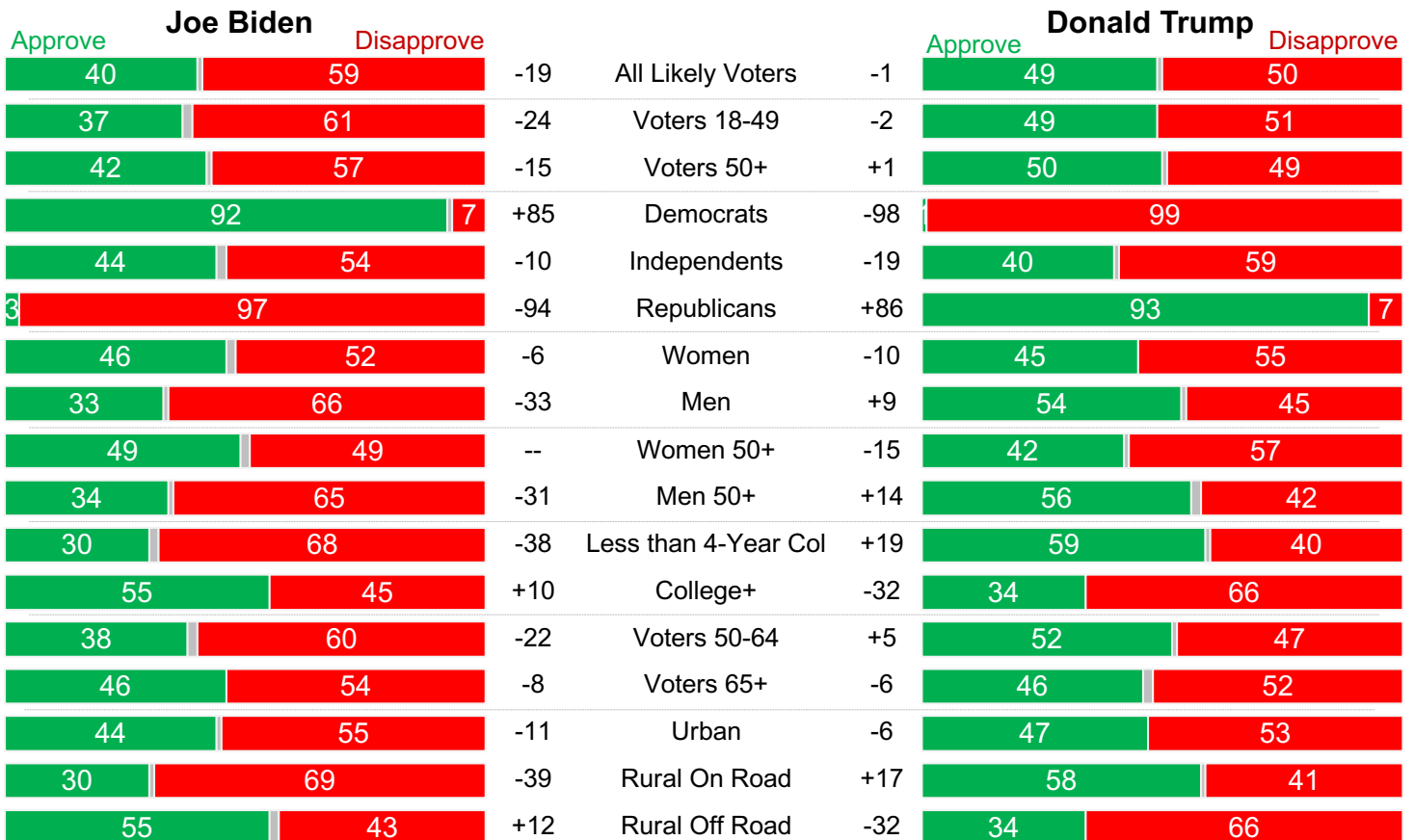
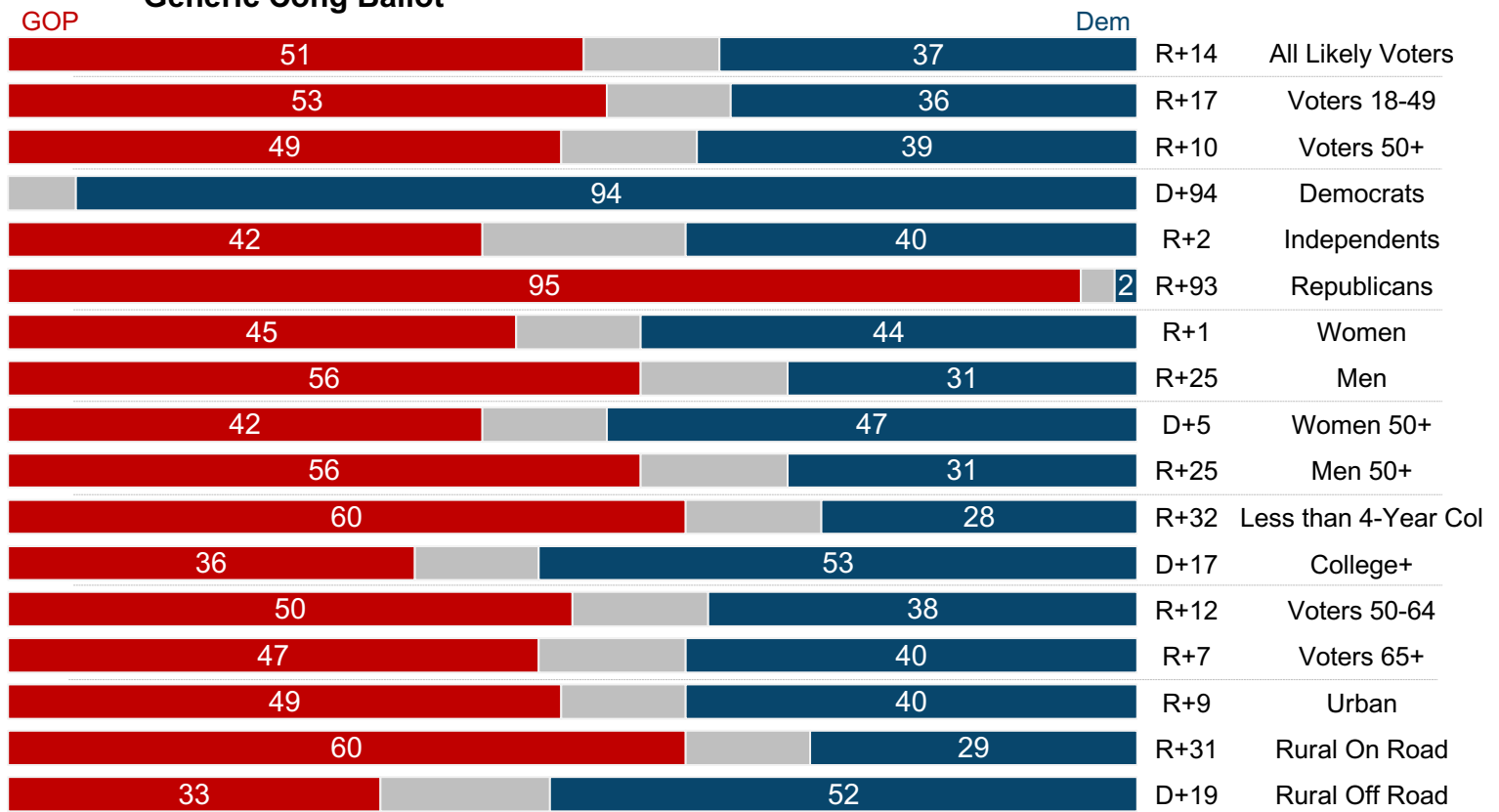
% - 10 - Extremely Motivated



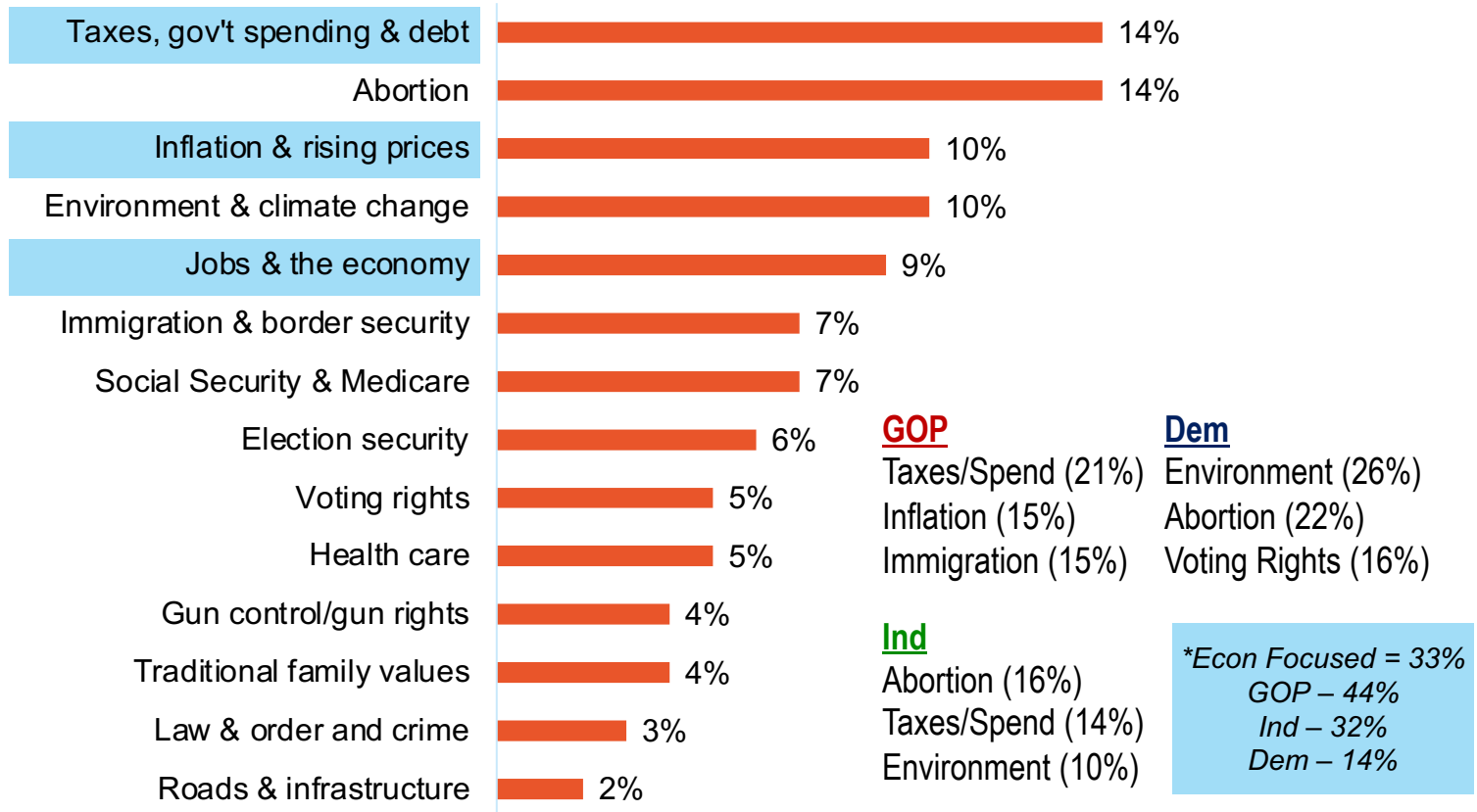


## Generic Ballot & Job Approvals

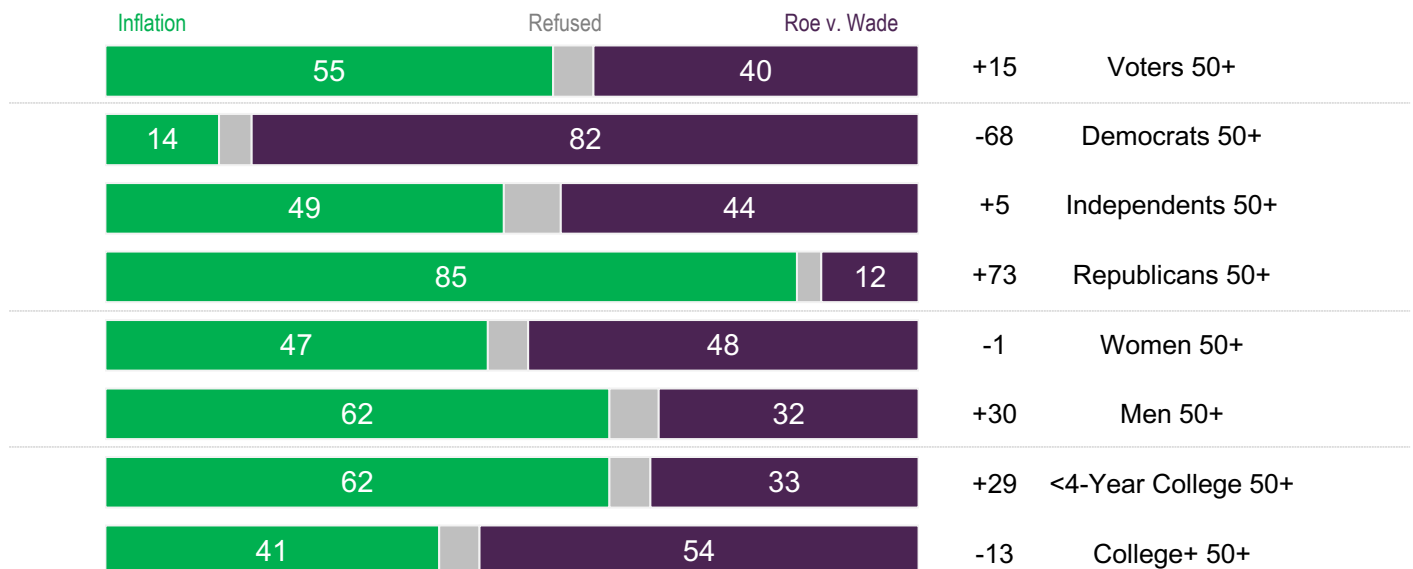
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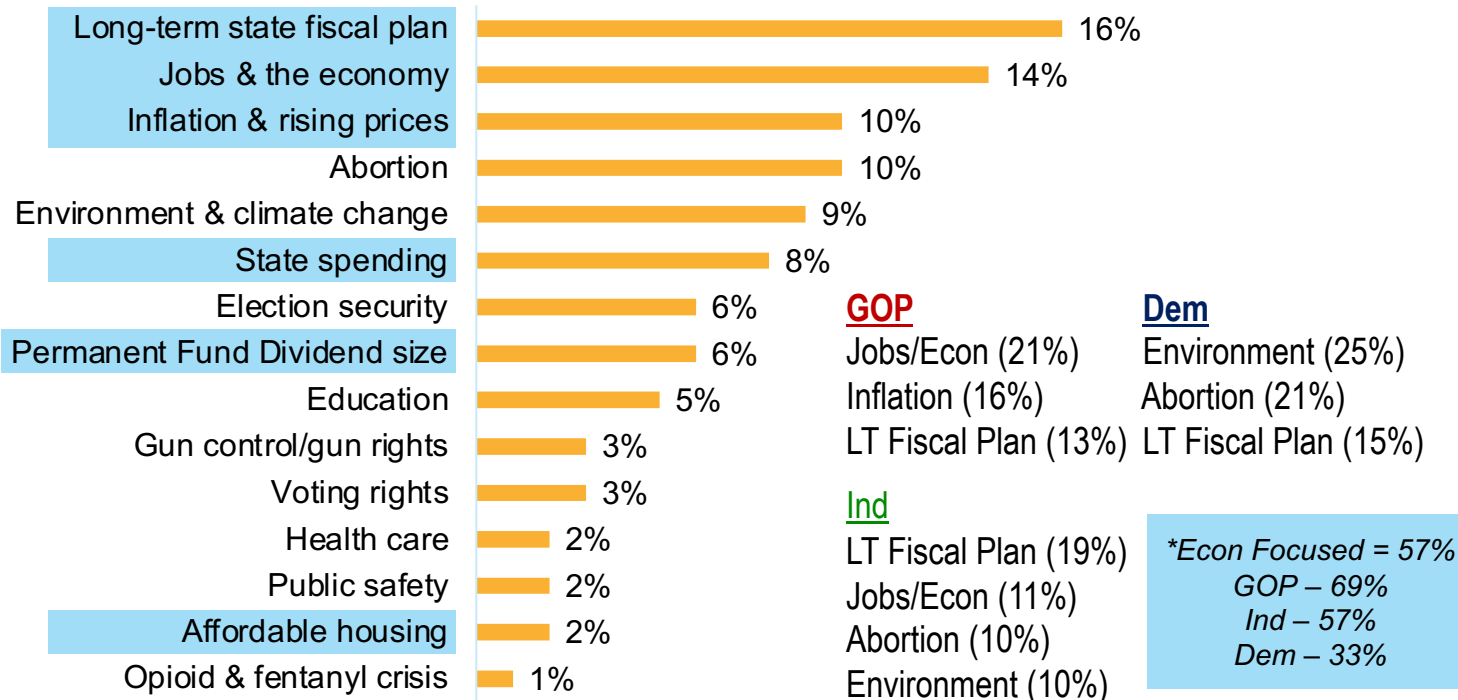
Q: Now more specifically, which of the following is personally more important to you in deciding your vote for Senate? Inflation and rising prices or the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade



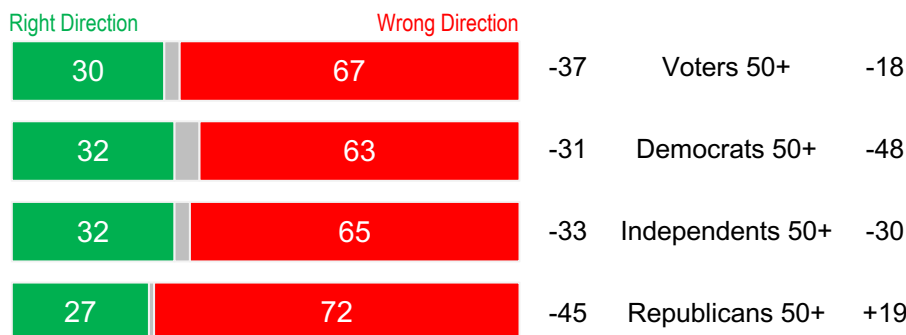
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# AARP® Alaska: Protecting Voters 50+ - State Issues

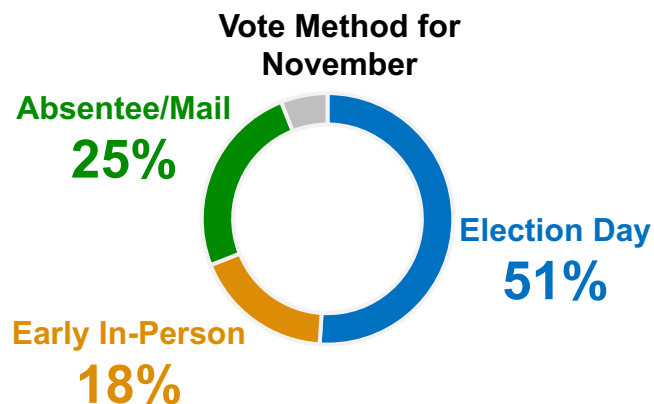
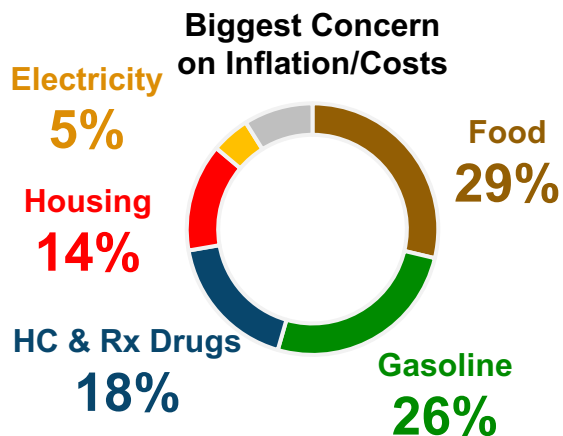
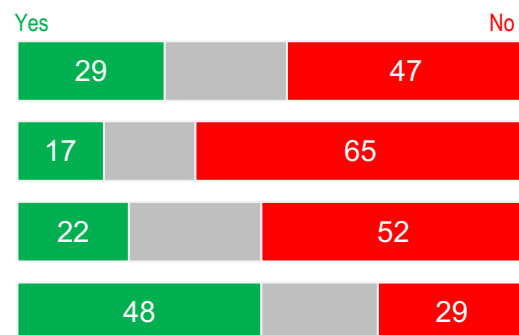
Q: Now specifically, from the following list, please tell me which issue is personally most important to you in deciding your vote for **Governor**.



Q: Would you say that things in Alaska are going in the right direction or would you say that they are going in the wrong direction?



Q: There will be a question on the ballot asking if Alaska should hold a state constitutional convention. The title of the ballot measure is "Shall there be a constitutional convention?" If the election was held today, would you vote yes or no on this ballot measure?

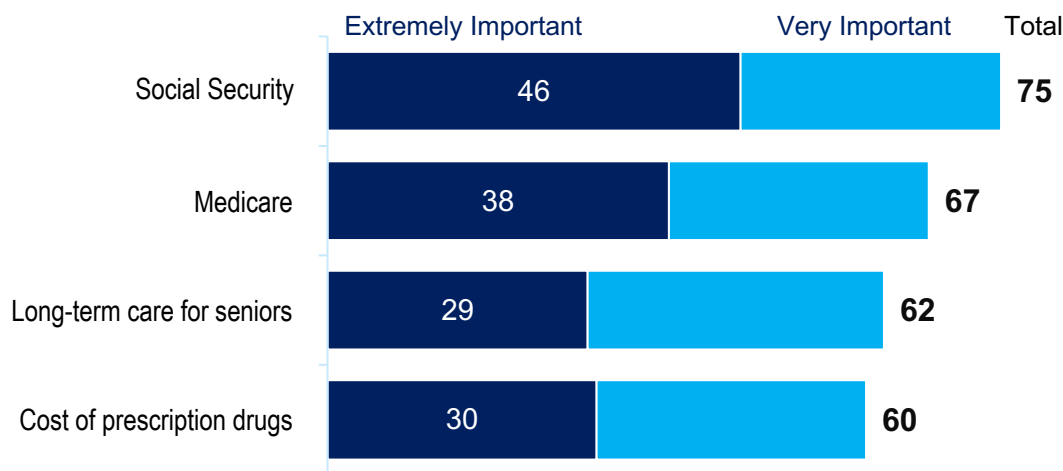


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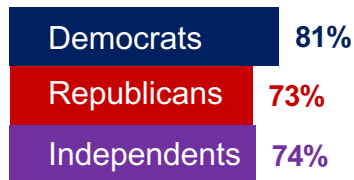
**Key Issues:** Alaska voters 50+ say many issues impacting seniors will be extremely or very important to their vote this November. Social Security is rated most important, with Medicare, long-term care for seniors, and the cost of prescription drugs all rated very important to 60% or more of Alaska voters 50+. While these issues are of greatest importance to Democrats 50+, respondents say they will be important to their vote across the partisan spectrum.

Q: Please tell me how important to each of the following issues are when deciding your vote this November: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important.

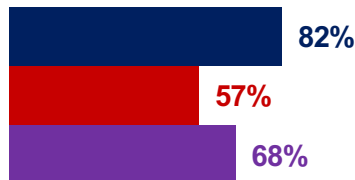


## % Extremely/Very Important on Vote

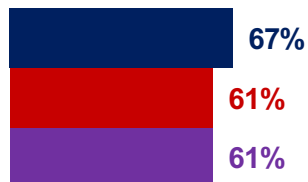
### Importance of Social Security



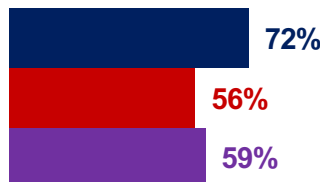
### Importance of Medicare



### Importance of Cost of Rx Drugs



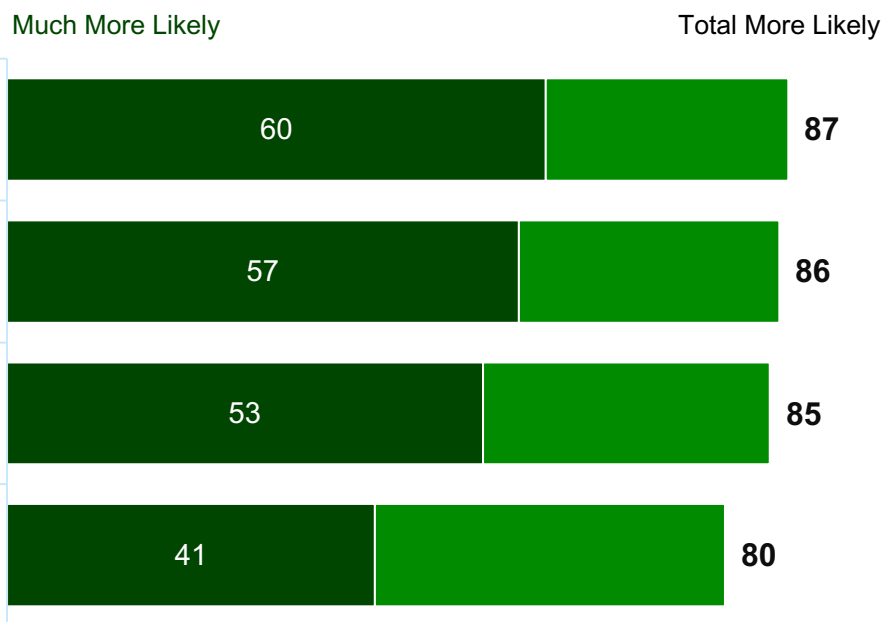
### Importance of Long-term Care for Seniors



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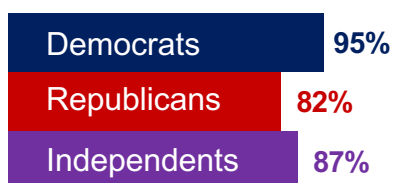
**Key Issues:** Not only are issues protecting voters 50+ important to their vote, huge majorities of Alaska voters 50+ say they would be more likely to back a candidate for Senate who supports protecting Social Security & Medicare from cuts, allows Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices, and expands access to affordable long-term care. These issues cut across party lines in a way few do in this polarized era, positively impacting Democrats, Republicans, and Independents.

Q: Please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for **Senate** that advocated this position?



**% More likely to support a candidate for Senate that advocated this position**

**Protect Social Security**



**Protect Medicare**



**Medicare Rx Negotiations**



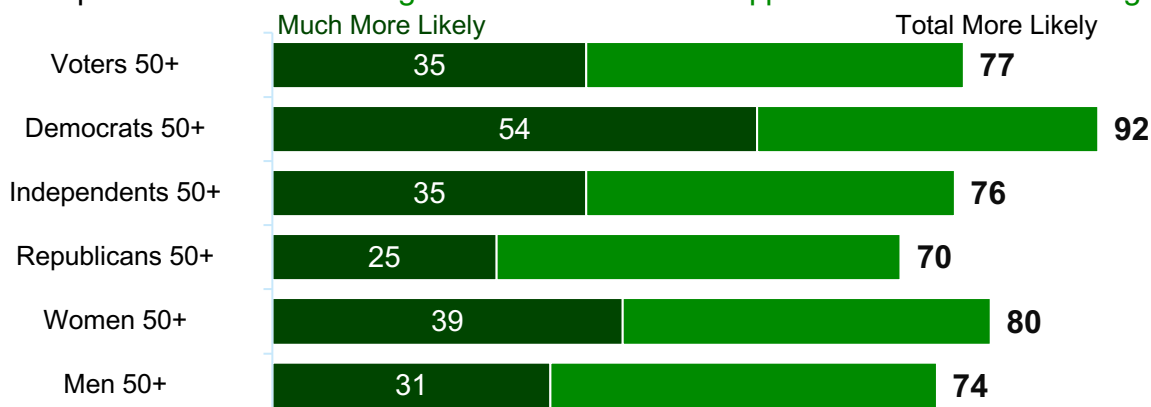
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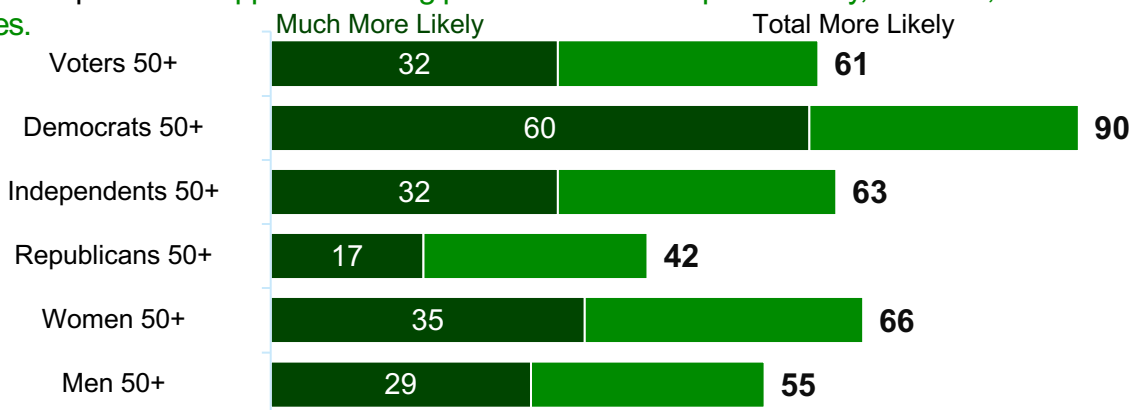
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**Key Issues:** Alaska voters 50+ back state policies that focus on in-home services and retirement security. Three out of four say they are more likely to support a gubernatorial candidate who would increase funding so elders can age in place. 61% of 50+ voters are more likely to support a candidate who would restore pension benefits for public employees. Across party lines, 73% favor the creation of a retirement savings program for workers without access to one through their employers.

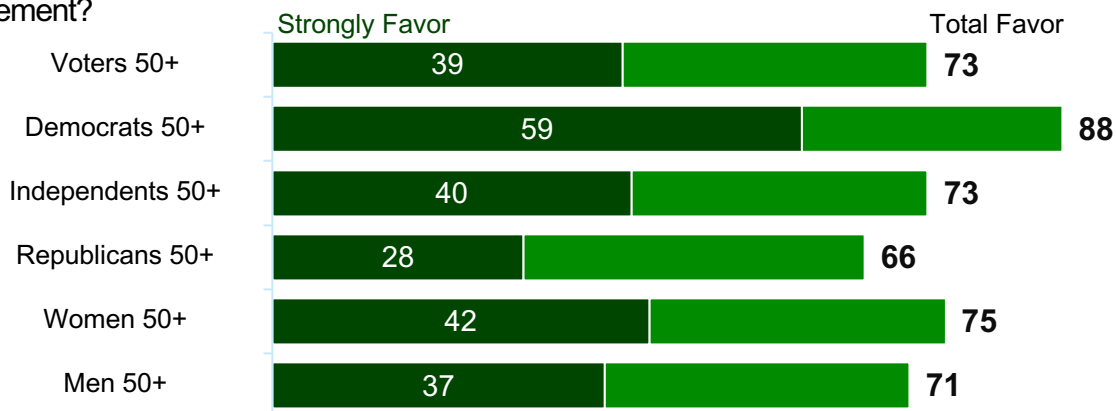
Q: Please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for **Governor** that advocated this position? **Increase funding for in-home services & supports to ensure elders can age in place.**



Q: Please tell me if you would be more likely or less likely to support a candidate for **Governor** that advocated this position? **Supports restoring pension benefits for public safety, teachers, and other state employees.**



Q: Do you favor or oppose creating a retirement savings program for Alaskan workers who do not have access to one through their employer, so that they have an option to contribute a portion of their paychecks to their retirement?

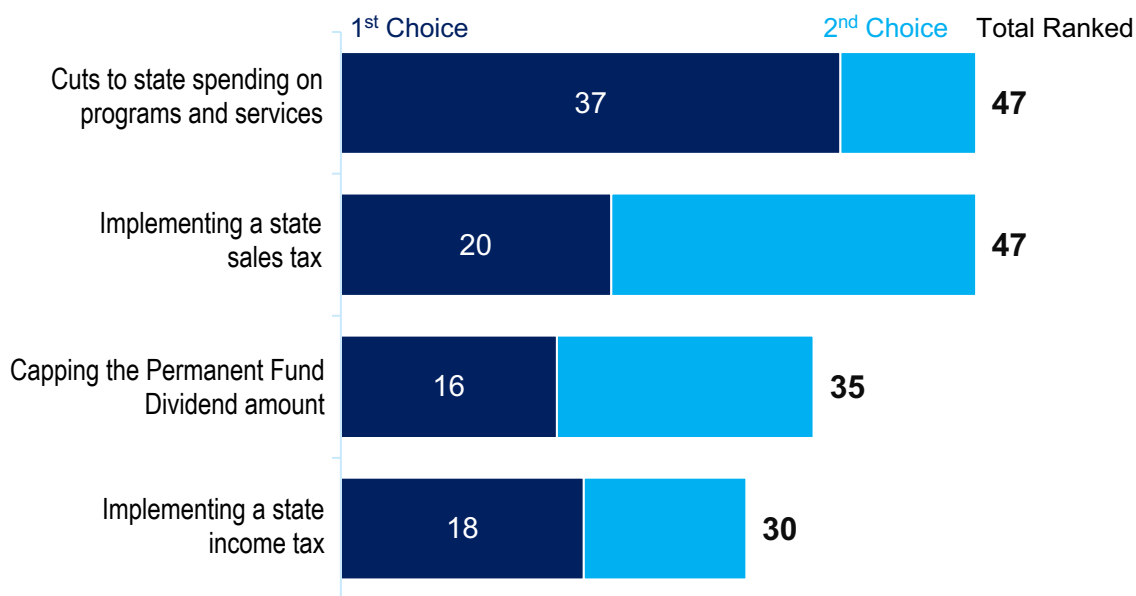


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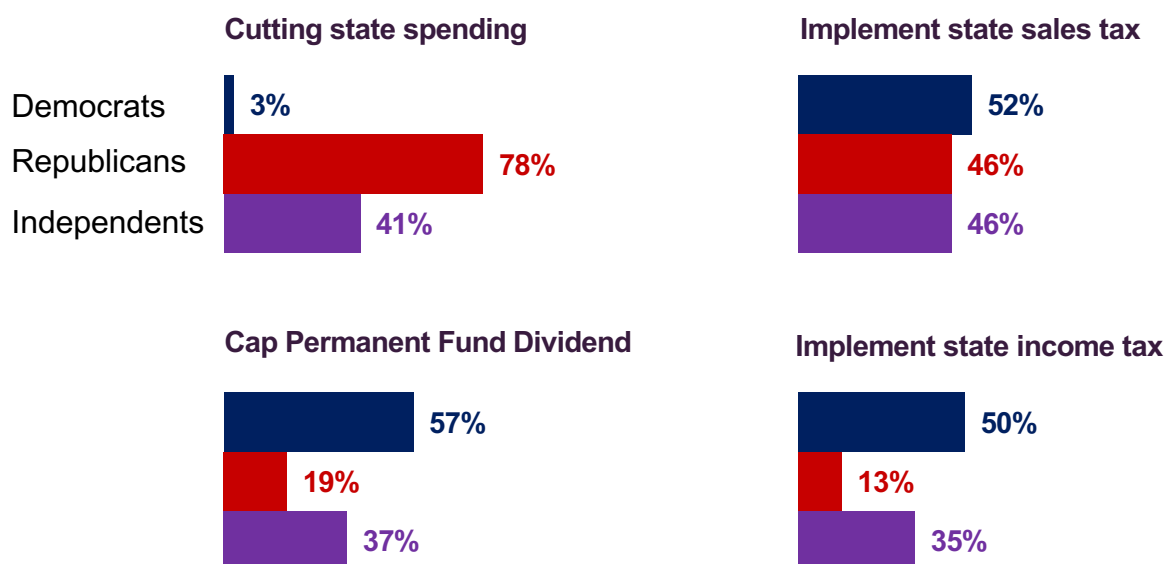


**State Budget Solutions:** Alaska voters 50+ are divided on potential solutions for the state's budget crisis. Both cutting state spending and implementing a state sales tax received 47% of respondents' first and second choice votes, though cuts to spending received more first choice votes at 37%.

Q: In recent years, Alaska has regularly had difficulty balancing its state budget. Which of the following proposals would you MOST support to fix Alaska's state budget issues? [IF CHOICE ASK Q: And from that same list, what proposal would be your second choice to fix Alaska's budget issues?



**% Top 2 Preferred Budget Solution**



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**Persuadable voters** are the 15% of the 50+ segment of the electorate who are not ranking either Dunleavy or Gara in their ballots. They are either undecided initially, or rank other candidates but decline to rank either Dunleavy or Gara. They are more likely to be Independents than voters 50+ overall. Compared to the 50+ electorate as a whole, they are similarly pessimistic about the direction of the state and share the same top issues in their vote for governor, with a majority focused on economic issues. They are also more likely to vote for a candidate who prioritizes issues that protect seniors and retirement security.

	Voters 50+	Persuadables 50+
<b>GOP</b>	31%	20% ↓
<b>Independent</b>	53%	71% ↑
<b>Dem</b>	16%	9% ↓
<b>Conservative</b>	46%	38%
<b>Moderate</b>	30%	35%
<b>Liberal</b>	20%	17%

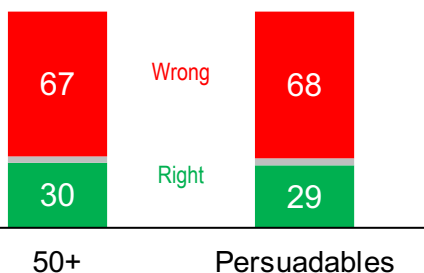
**Total Persuadables – 15%**

**Initial Undecideds – 10%**

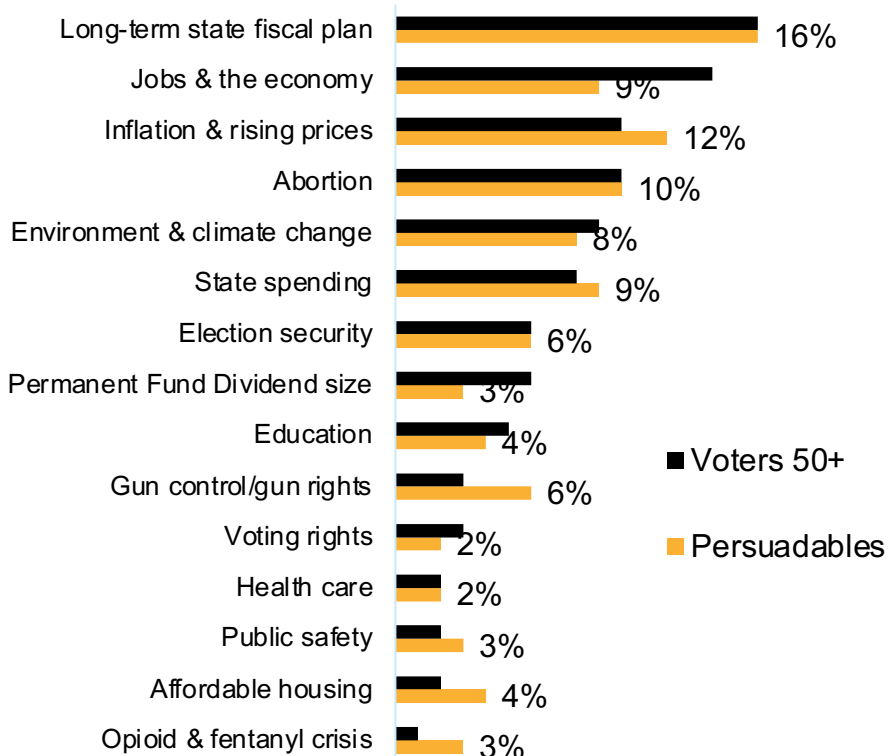
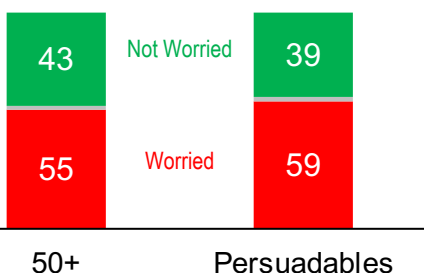
**Initial Walker 1<sup>st</sup> Choice – 4%**

**Initial Pierce 1<sup>st</sup> Choice – 1%**

## Direction of State



## Worried about Finances



All data on slide is among Voters 50+

**Persuadable voters** are the 8% of the 50+ segment of the electorate who are not ranking either Murkowski or Tshibaka on their ballots. They are either undecided initially or rank other candidates but decline to rank either Murkowski or Tshibaka. They are less likely to be Republicans and conservatives than voters 50+ overall. Many are worried about their finances and they have a variety of top issues, led by health care.

	Voters 50+	Persuadables 50+
<b>GOP</b>	31%	15%↓
<b>Independent</b>	53%	64%
Dem	16%	21%
<b>Conservative</b>	46%	26% ↓
<b>Moderate</b>	30%	35%
Liberal	20%	29%

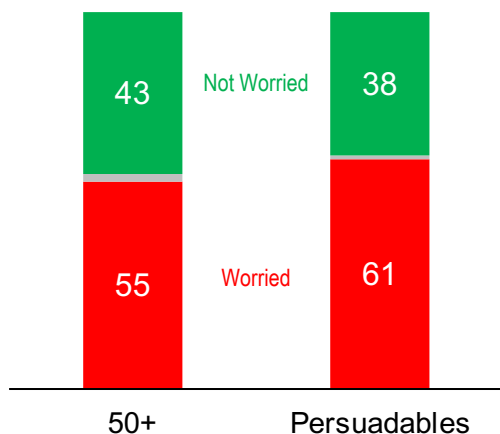
**Total Persuadables – 8%**

**Initial Undecideds – 5%**

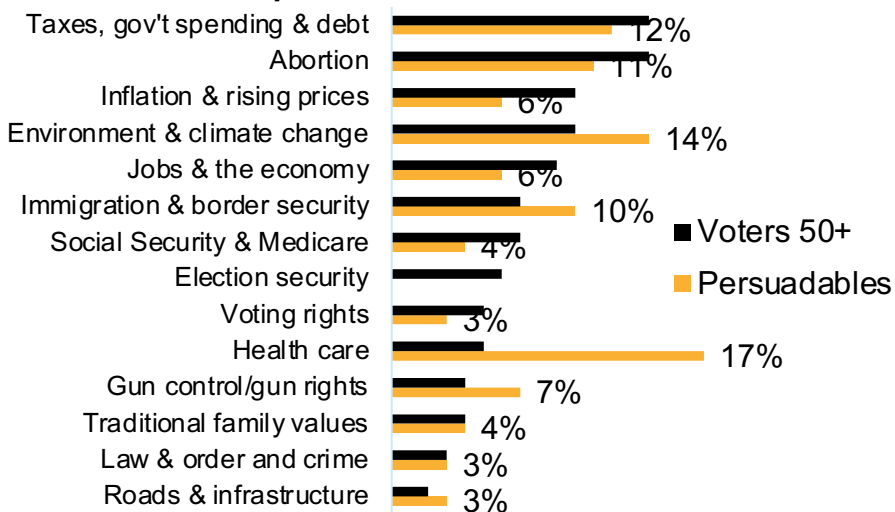
**Initial Chesbro 1<sup>st</sup> Choice – 2%**

**Initial Kelley 1<sup>st</sup> Choice – 1%**

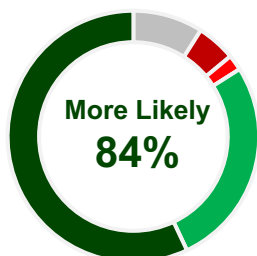
## Worried about Finances



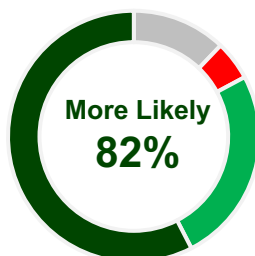
## Top Issue for Sen Vote



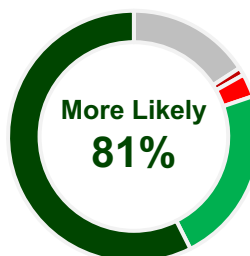
## Sen Candidate: Protect Social Security



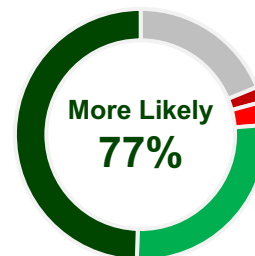
## Sen Candidate: Protect Medicare from Cuts



## Sen Candidate: Allow Medicare to Negotiate



## Sen Candidate: Allow Access to LTC



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**Persuadable voters** are the 10% of the 50+ segment of the electorate who are not ranking either Peltola or Palin on their ballots. They are either undecided initially, or rank other candidates but decline to rank either Peltola or Palin. They are more likely to be conservatives than voters 50+ overall, less likely to be Democrats or liberals, and many are worried about their finances. They favor a Republican for Congress on the generic ballot by a 55-point margin, but 71% view Palin unfavorably.

	Voters 50+	Persuadables 50+
<b>GOP</b>	31%	33%
<b>Independent</b>	53%	63%
<b>Dem</b>	16%	4% ↓
<b>Conservative</b>	46%	61% ↑
<b>Moderate</b>	30%	25%
<b>Liberal</b>	20%	8% ↓

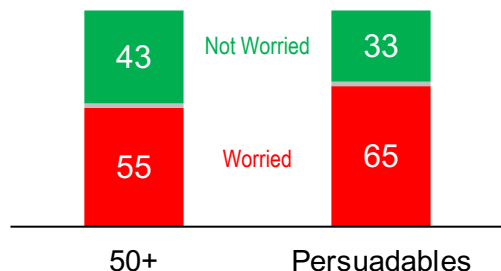
**Total Persuadables – 10%**

**Initial Undecideds – 4%**

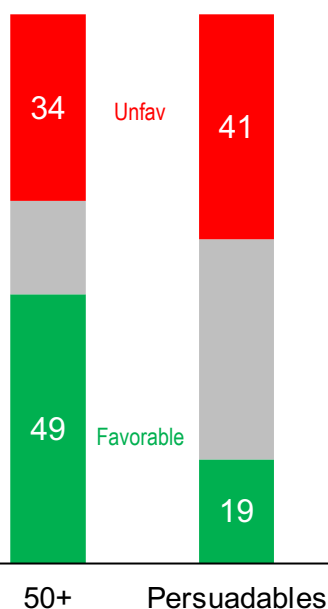
**Initial Begich 1<sup>st</sup> Choice – 6%**

**Initial Bye 1<sup>st</sup> Choice – 1%**

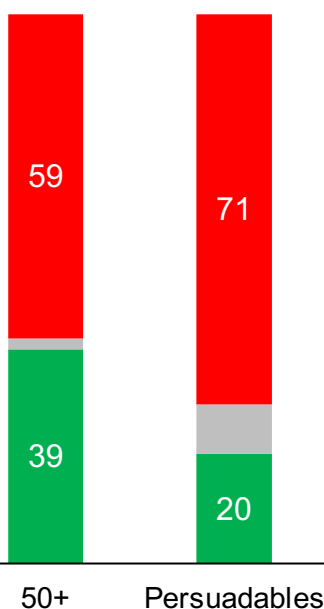
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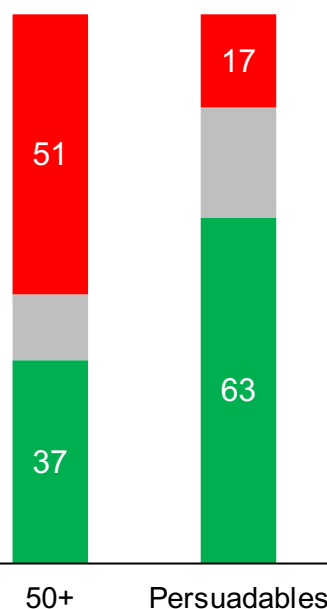
## Peltola Image



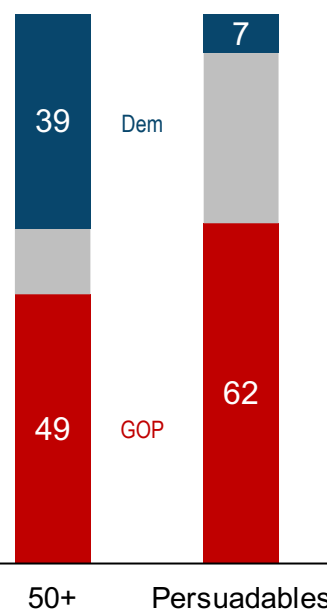
## Palin Image



## Begich Image



## Congressional Generic Ballot



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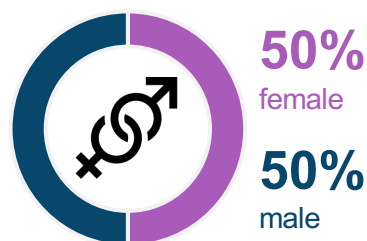
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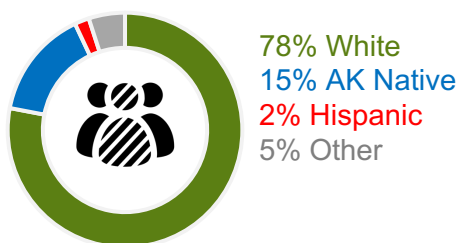
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For more information about this survey, contact Kate Bridges at [kbridges@aarp.org](mailto:kbridges@aarp.org). Media inquiries contact Katie Severin at [kseverin@aarp.org](mailto:kseverin@aarp.org).

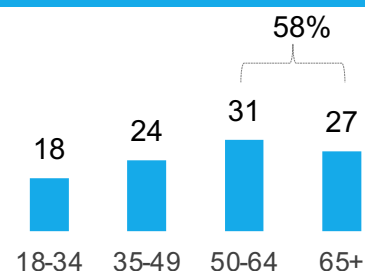
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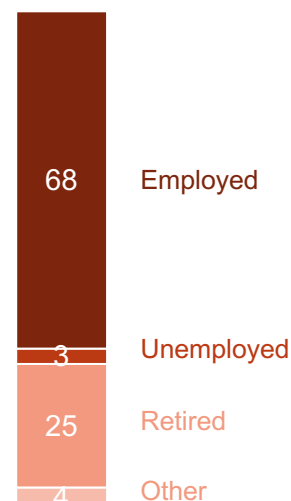
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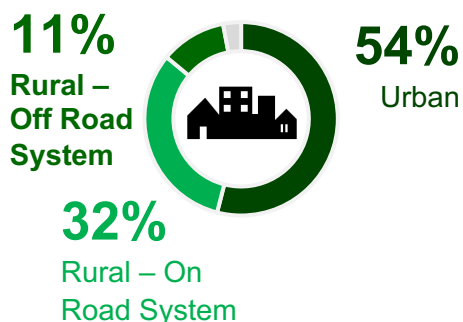
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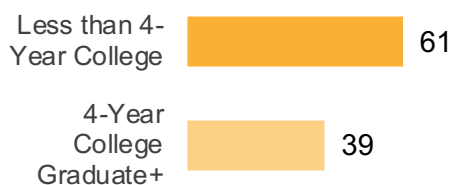
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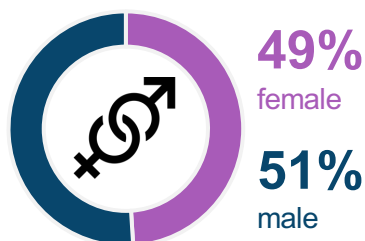
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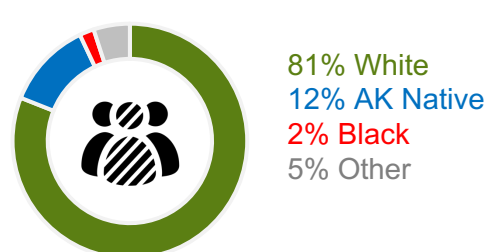
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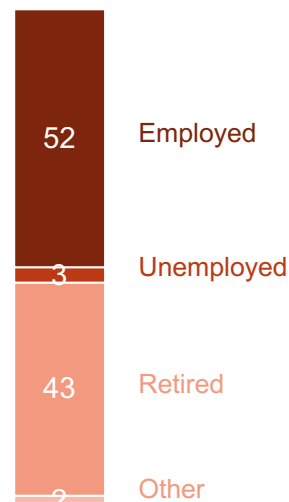
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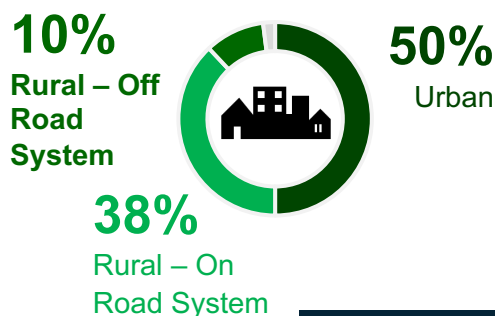
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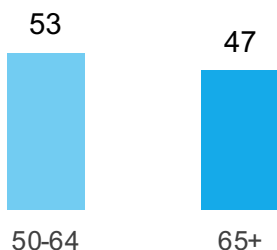
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