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# J Street National Survey Of Jewish Voters

October 2021

*n = 800 Jewish registered voters*

*Conducted October 13-19, 2021 via text-to-web*

*Margin of error = +/- 3.5 percentage points*

## Key Findings – Political And Issue Landscape

Figure 2

- In an evenly divided and highly polarized political environment, Jewish voters overwhelmingly support Joe Biden and believe he is doing an excellent job.
  - Biden job approval: 68 percent
  - Biden approval on handling national security: 66 percent
  - Biden approval on handling relations with Iran: 66 percent
- Trump's shadow looms over the political environment, further solidifying Jewish support for Biden and the Democratic camp.
  - Biggest threat cited to America's future is domestic extremism and insurrection
  - Most important issue for Jewish voters is voting rights

## Key Findings – Iran Nuclear Deal

Figure 3

- Iran is a low priority issue for Jewish voters, but they do want the United States to re-enter an agreement that addresses Iran's nuclear program.
  - Only 3 percent cite Iran as one of the top two issues that Biden and Congress should focus on
  - 69 percent support the US re-entering the Iran nuclear agreement
- Jews clearly express a strong preference for diplomacy over the use of force, and they want the United States to continue pursuing diplomacy even if we do not reach an agreement with Iran in the next 6 months.
  - 65 percent want to continue diplomacy and work to an agreement without resorting to force or imposing new sanctions, compared to 30 percent who want to resume Trump's "maximum pressure" policy that increases sanctions to try forcing Iran to accept our terms
  - 74 percent support Biden's decision to withdraw from Afghanistan, underscoring the current environment and attitudes toward war,
- The most convincing messages for supporting a new agreement with Iran center on getting inspectors back into Iran's facilities, avoiding war, and taking a different approach than Trump.

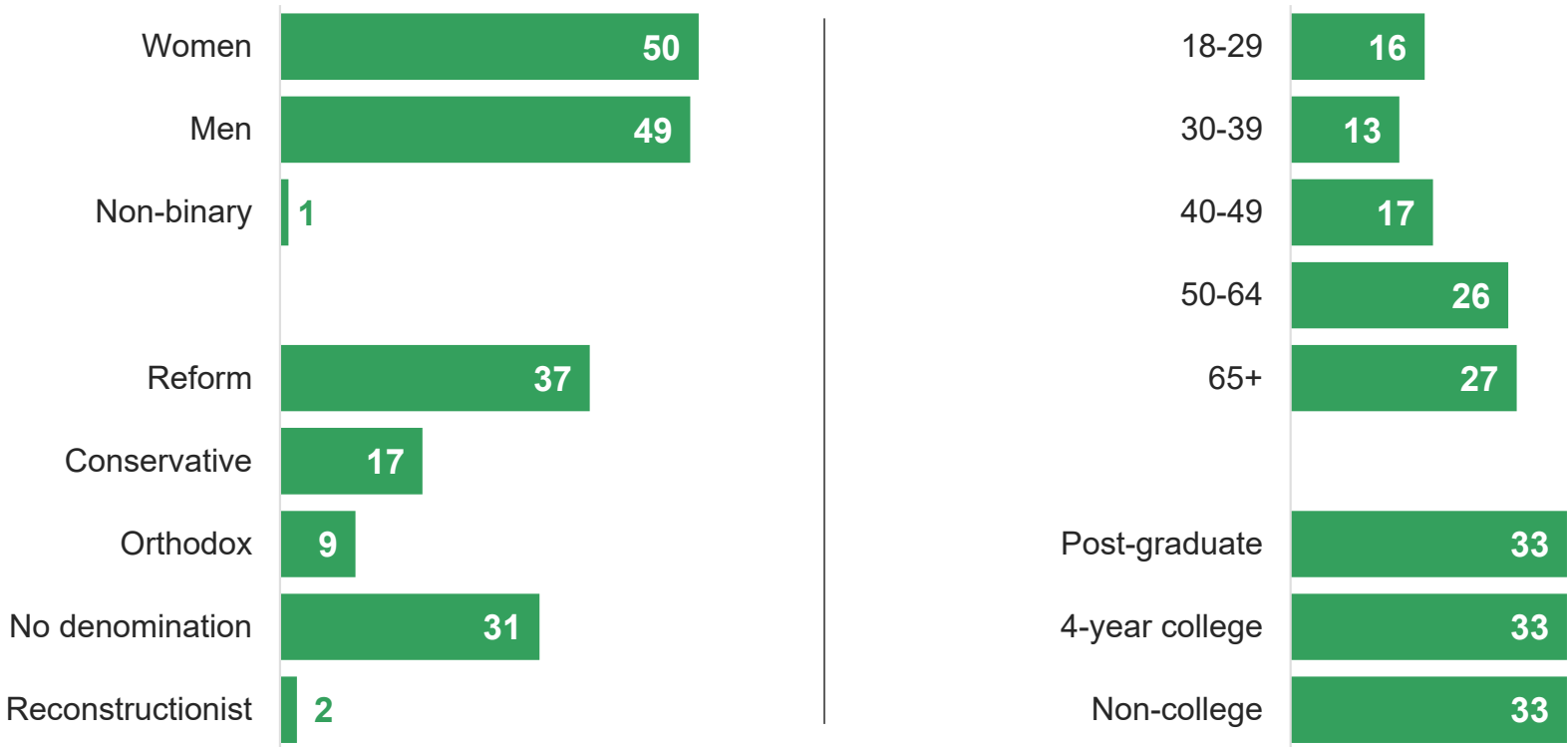


# Political Landscape

# Jewish Electorate Is Mostly Secular And Highly Educated

Figure 5

## Demographic Overview

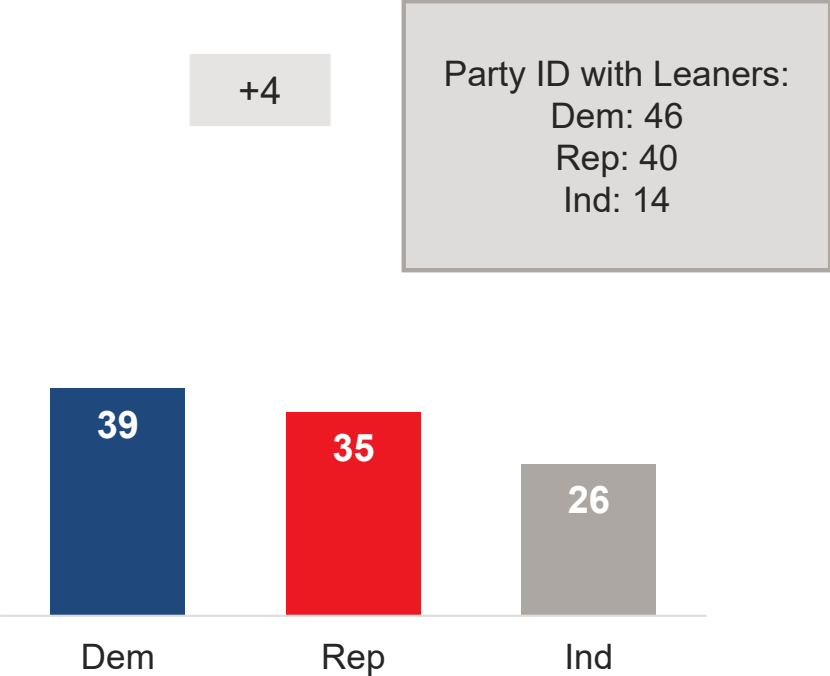


# Jews Are Much More Democratic Than The Rest Of The Country

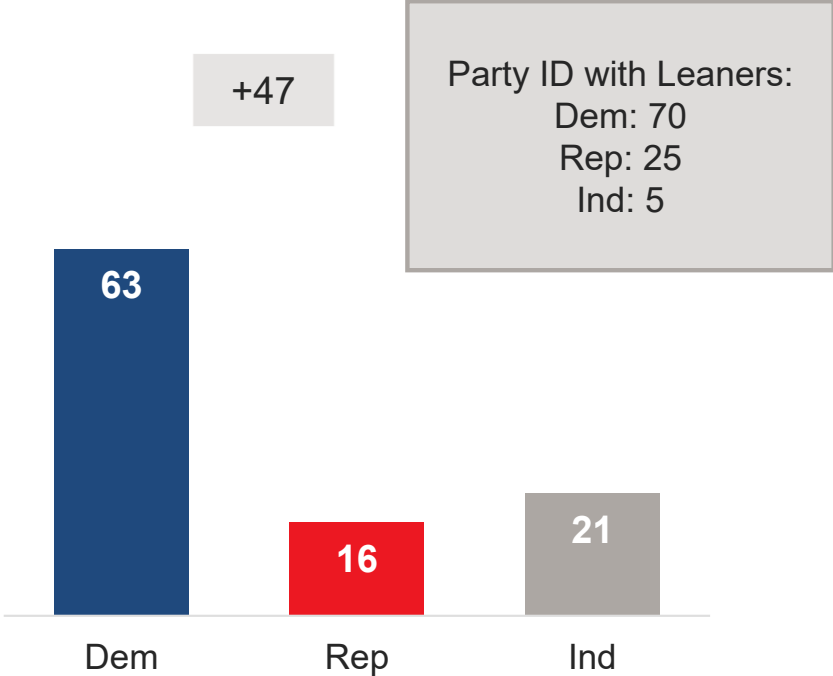
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## Self-Described Party ID

US Registered Voters\*



Jewish Registered Voters



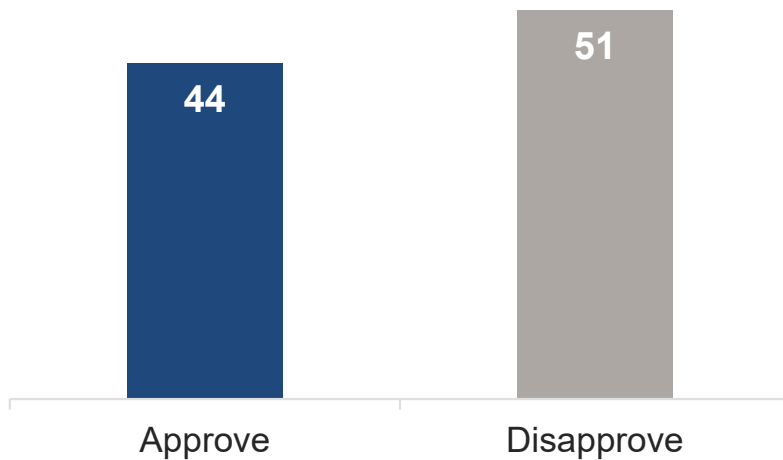
\*Morning Consult/POLITICO Survey of US Registered Voters, October 16-18, 2021

## Biden's Job Approval Is 24 Points Higher With Jews, Compared To Rest Of US

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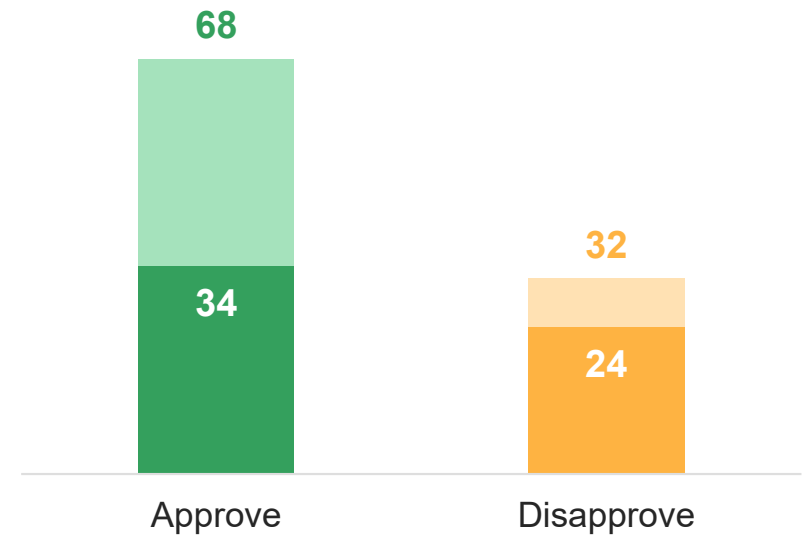
### Biden Job Approval

#### US Likely / Registered Voters\*



#### Jewish Registered Voters

*Darker shade = Stronger intensity*



*\*FiveThirtyEight Job Approval Average of US Likely and Registered Voters as of October 27, 2021*



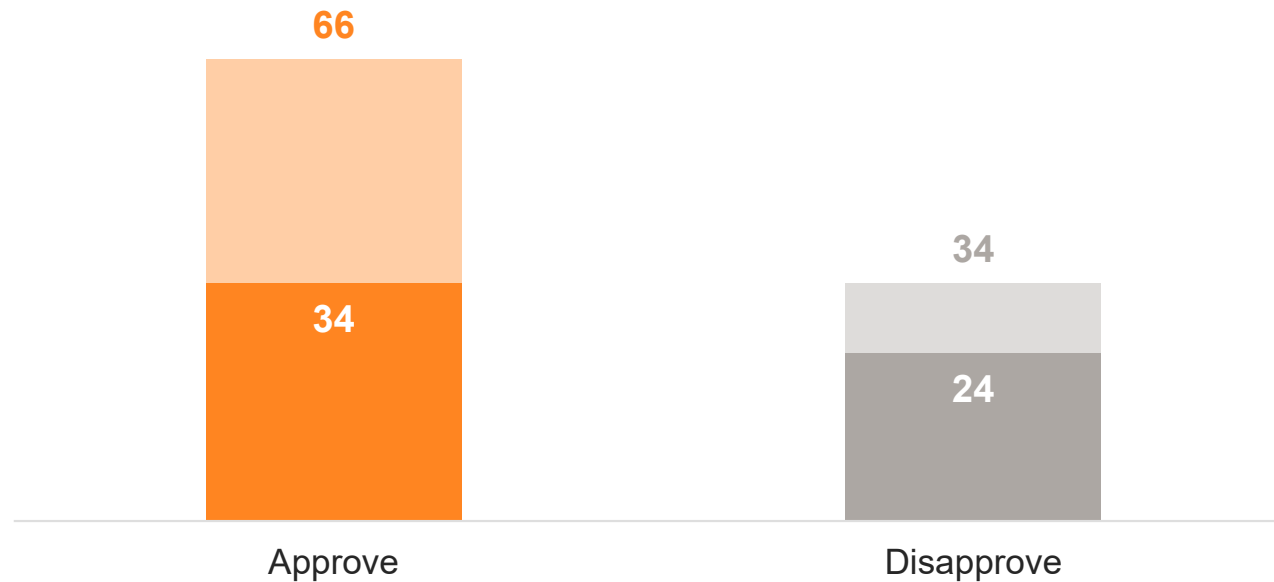
## Biden Also Receives High Ratings On National Security

Figure 8

### Biden National Security Approval

*Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling national security?*

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# Domestic Issues Dominate Priorities, Especially Voting Rights, Climate Change, And The Economy

Figure 9

## Issue Priorities

*Below is a list of issues facing our country today. Please mark which TWO of these issues you want President Joe Biden and Congress to focus on.*

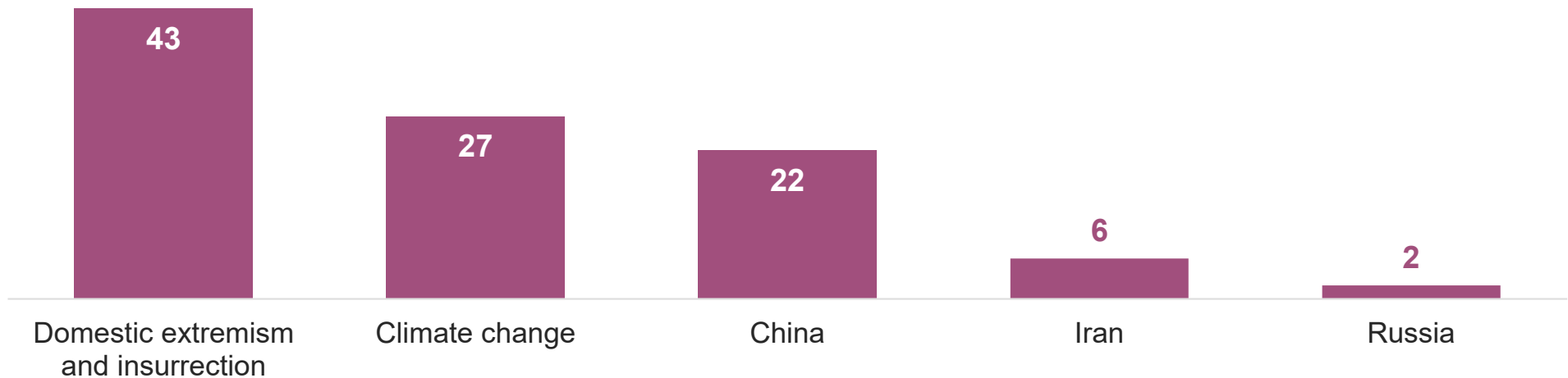
	Total Jewish voters	Reform	Conservative	Orthodox	No denomination
Voting rights	34	41	29	8	33
Climate change	30	33	27	8	33
Jobs and the economy	25	23	31	33	21
The COVID-19 pandemic	18	15	21	23	17
Health care	14	11	10	8	20
Immigration	13	13	16	19	12
National security	10	12	11	14	8
Guns	10	15	9	0	7
Crime	10	4	15	29	8
Police reform and racial justice	8	9	4	0	11
Abortion	8	6	4	4	12
Israel	7	6	6	24	5
Iran	3	1	7	6	4
Other	2	2	2	3	2

# Domestic Insurrection Seen As Far More Dangerous Than Foreign Threats

Figure 10

## Threats To US Future

*Below are some things that some people cite as threats to America's future. Which ONE do you consider the most dangerous threat facing the United States over the next 5 to 10 years?*



## Some Divergence On Perceived Threats Among Different Denominations

Figure 11

### Threats To US Future

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	Total Jewish Voters	Reform	Conservative	Orthodox	No denomination
Domestic extremism and insurrection	43	52	33	39	39
Climate change	27	25	22	4	37
China	22	17	33	31	21
Iran	6	2	12	26	1
Russia	2	3	0	0	2

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## Iran Nuclear Deal

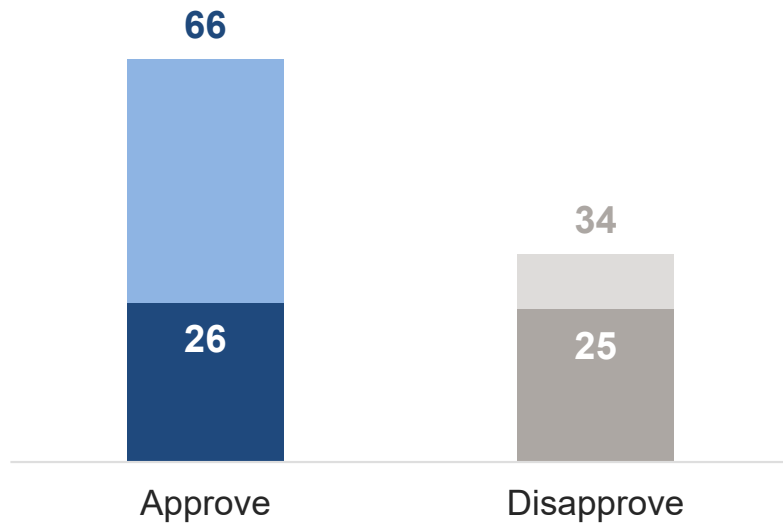
# Strong Biden Approval On Iran, And Even Stronger When Compared To Trump

Figure 13

## Biden Iran Approval

*Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling relations with Iran?*

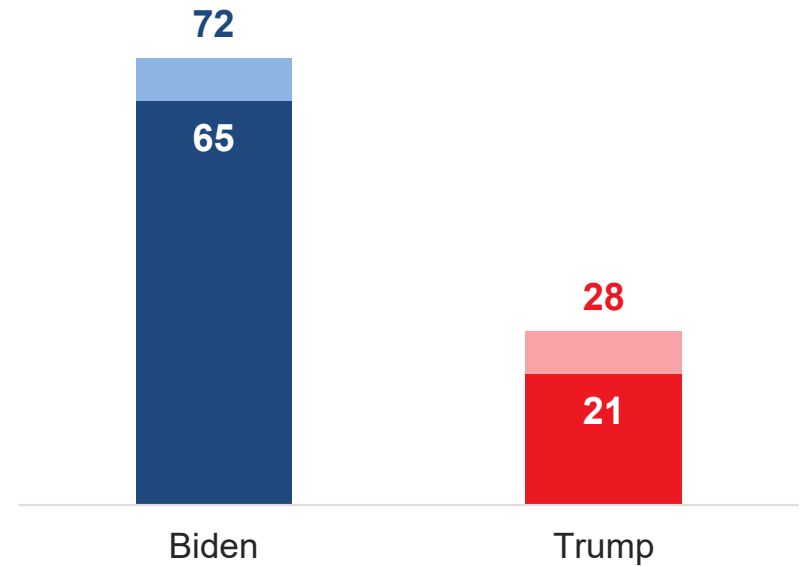
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## Iran Trust

*Who do you trust more to handle the issue of Iran?*

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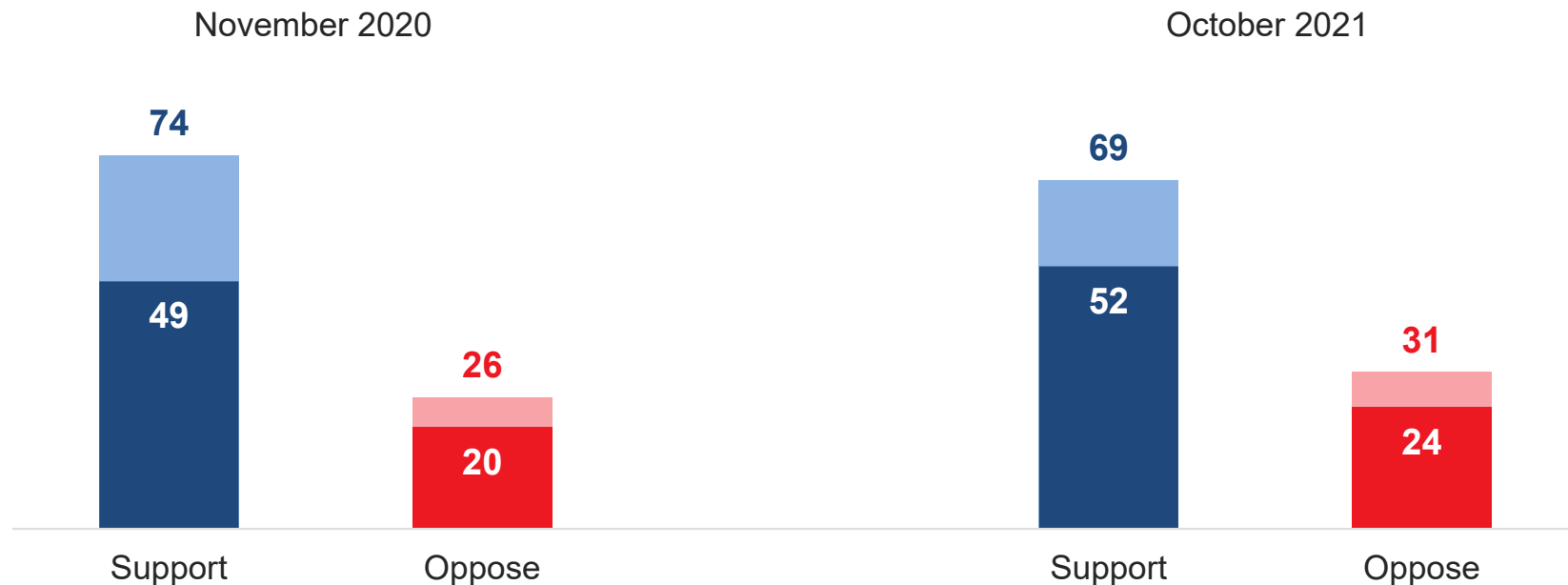
# Large Majority Continues To Support Re-Entering Iran Agreement

Figure 14

## Iran Agreement

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*As you may know, President Trump withdrew the United States from the nuclear agreement that the United States made with Iran and 5 other countries. This agreement lifts economic sanctions against Iran in exchange for Iran dismantling its nuclear weapons program and allowing international inspectors to monitor Iran's facilities. Some people think that we should re-enter the agreement. Do you support or oppose the United States re-entering this agreement?*

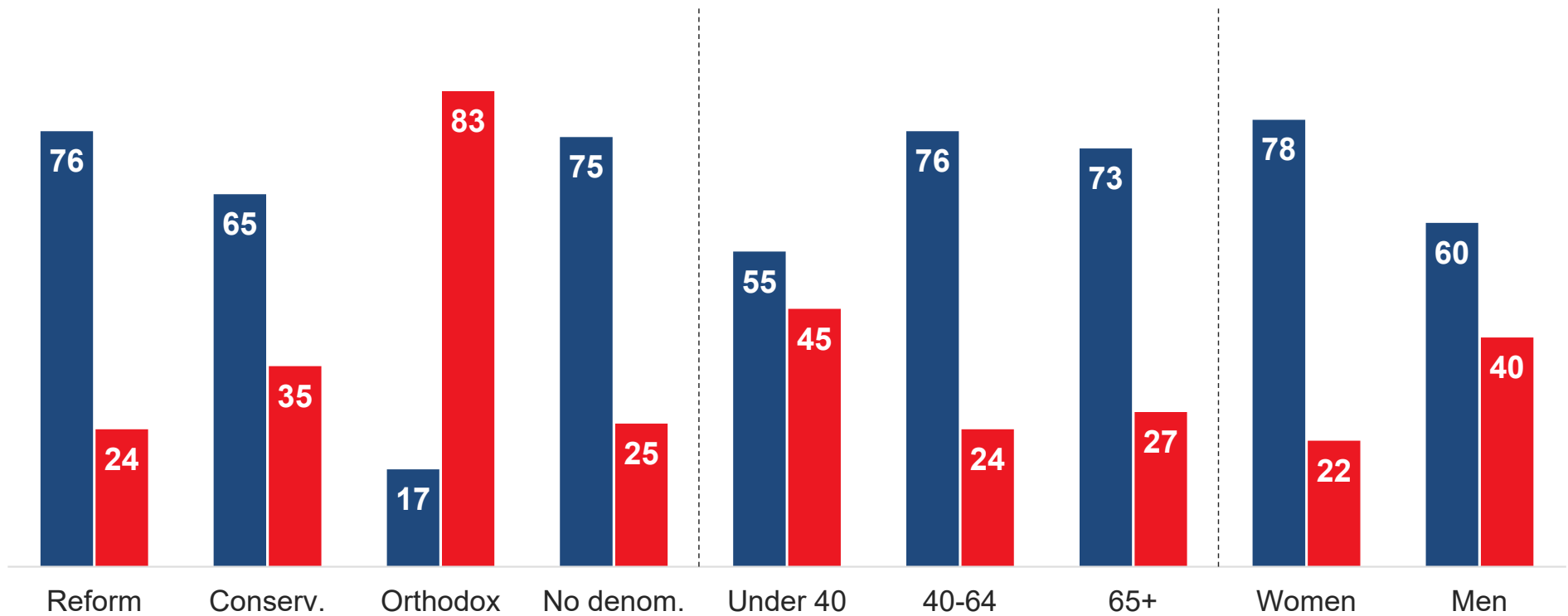


## Broad Support For Re-entering Iran Agreement, Except Among Orthodox

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### Iran Agreement

● Support ● Oppose



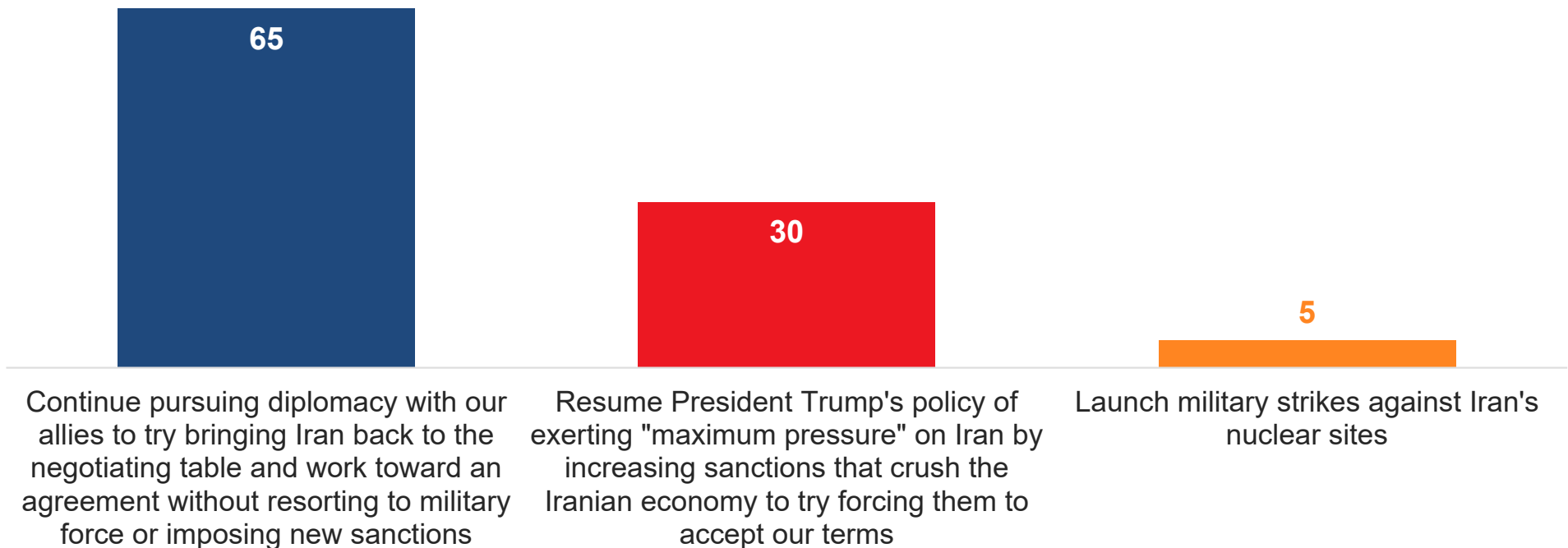


# Continued Diplomacy Much Preferred Over Maximum Pressure Or Military Strikes

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## Next Steps If No Agreement

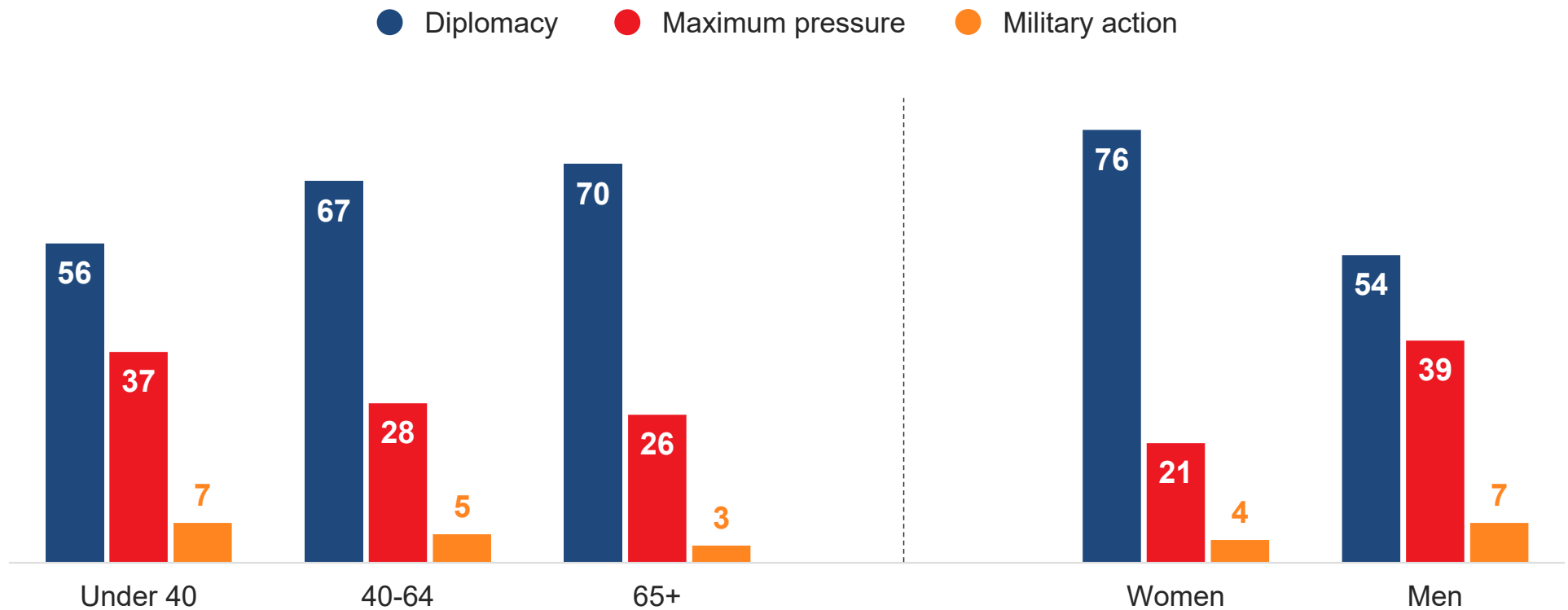
*If the United States and Iran do not reach an agreement in the next 6 months, which of the following steps do you think the United States should take?*



## Preference For Diplomacy Spans Age And Gender

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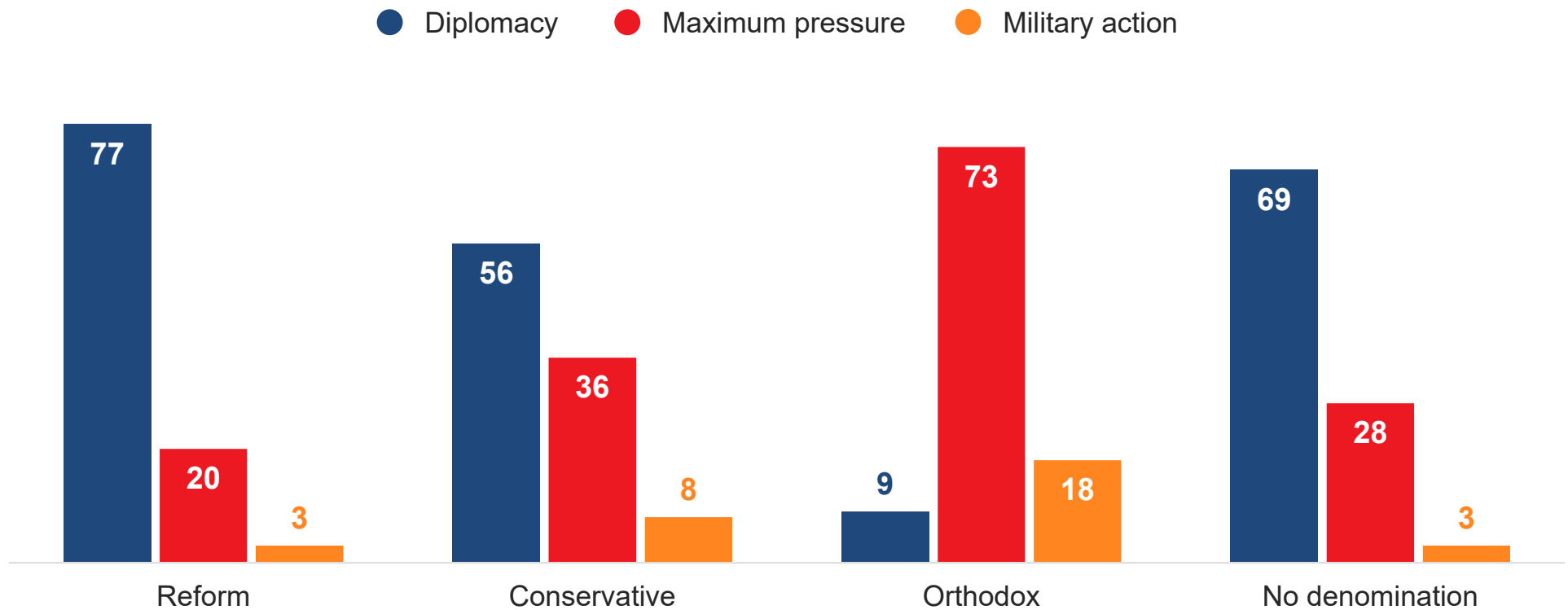
### Next Steps If No Agreement



## Only Orthodox Jews Prefer Maximum Pressure Or Military Action Over Continued Diplomacy

Figure 18

### Next Steps If No Agreement



# Diplomacy Argument Defeats Sanctions/Force Argument

Figure 19

## Sanctions/Force vs. Diplomacy

*Below are two statements about the situation with Iran. Please indicate which one you agree with more.*

Iran supports terrorists around the world and is a dangerous regime with the capability of developing a nuclear weapon within one month. The US cannot trust Iran, and **we must increase sanctions on the Iranian regime and use military force** if needed to take away their ability to acquire nuclear weapons.

The United States should not start another Middle East war, and military action is not the answer to stopping Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. Instead of increasing sanctions, escalating tensions, and threatening war, **we should work to reach an agreement with Iran that was similar** to the one that President Obama and 5 other countries reached with Iran in 2015.



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# Diplomacy Argument Defeats Sanctions/Force Argument Across The Board (Except With Orthodox Voters)

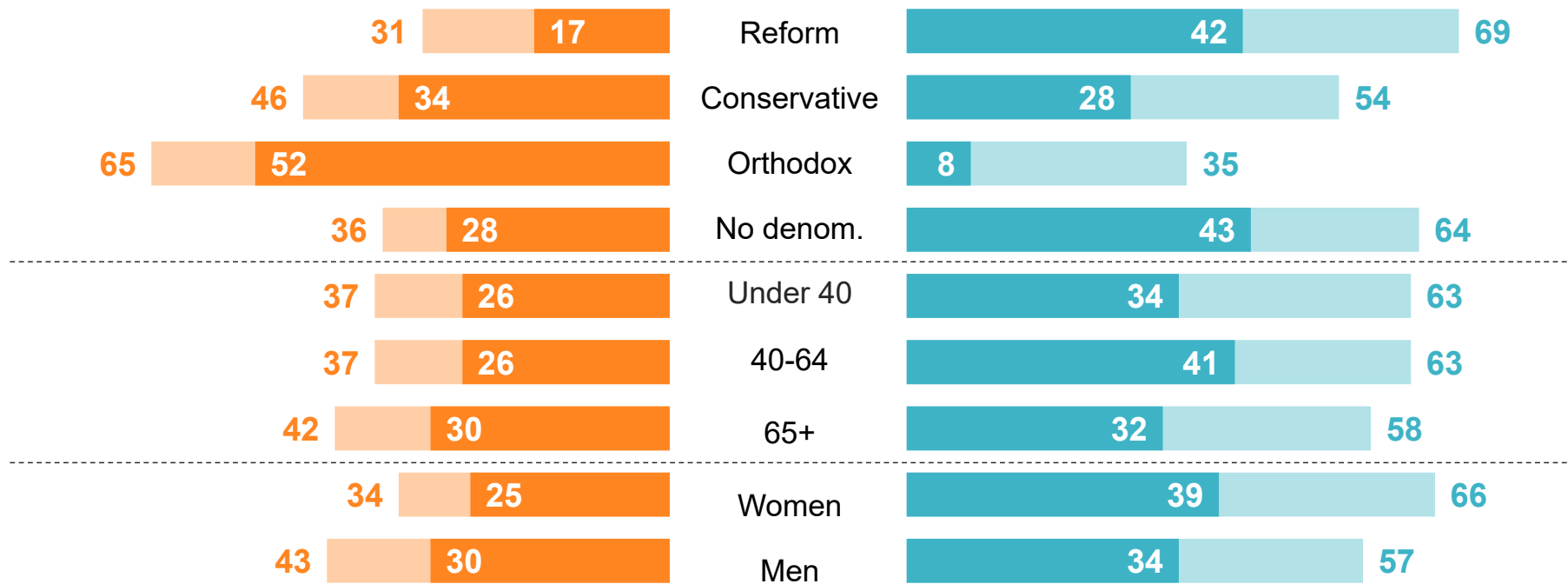
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### Sanctions/Force

### Diplomacy



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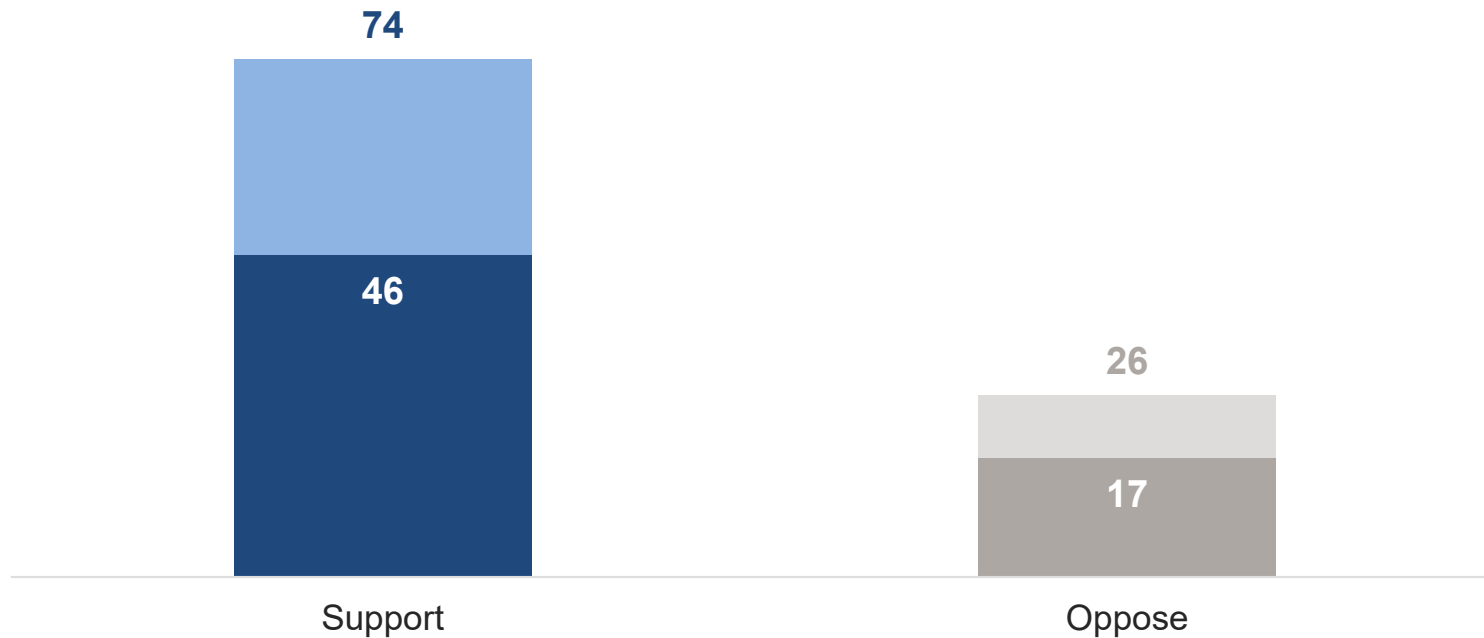
# Overwhelming Support For Afghanistan Withdrawal Underscores Diplomacy Vs. Military Force Dynamic

Figure 21

## Afghanistan Withdrawal

*Do you support or oppose President Biden's decision to withdraw US troops from Afghanistan?*

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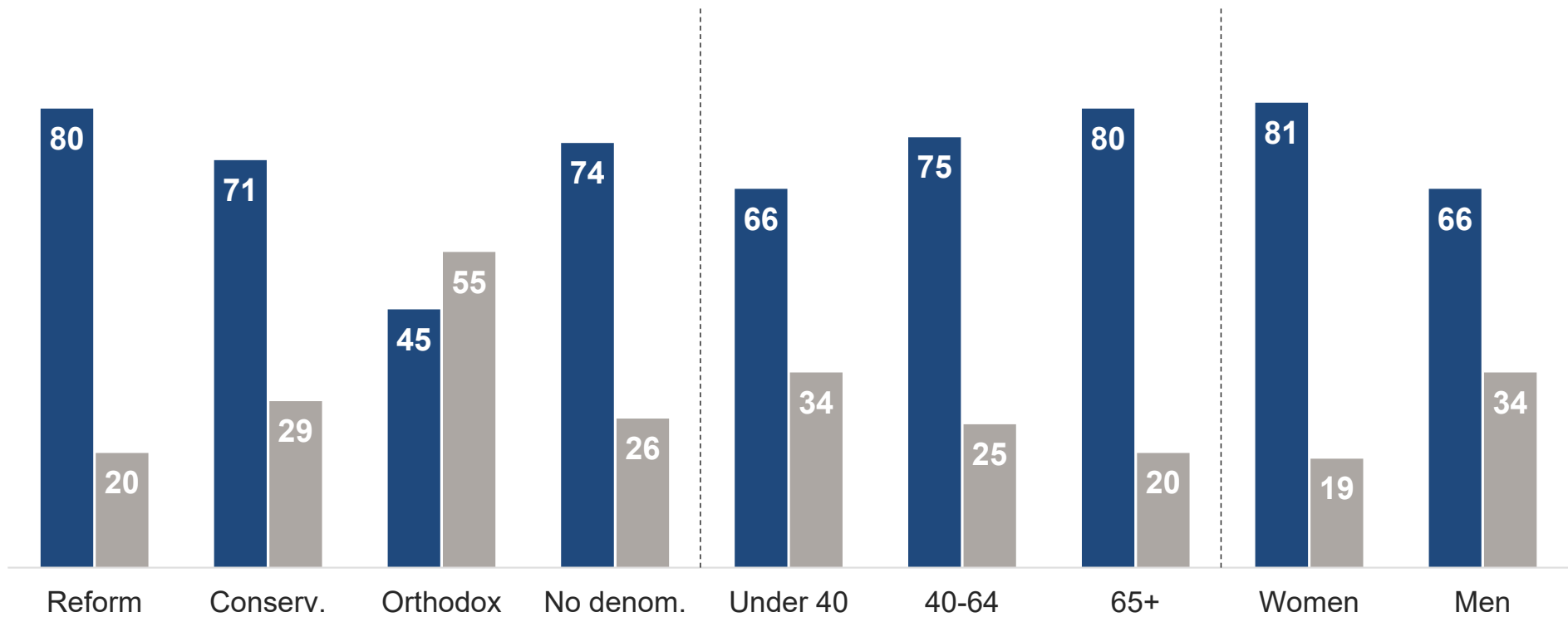


## Broad Support For Withdrawal, Except Among Orthodox

Figure 22

### Afghanistan Withdrawal

● Support ● Oppose







# Messages

# Inspectors For Sanctions Relief Is A Strong Argument; Even Stronger When Invoking Trump And Need To Regain Ability To Monitor

Figure 24

## Reasons To Support Agrmt

● Very convincing    ● Total convincing



# Trump Message Strongest Across Demographics

Figure 25

## Reasons To Support Agrmt

% *Very* convincing

	Total	Reform	Conserv.	Orthodox	No denom.	Under 40	40-64	65+	Women	Men
Inspections were working before Trump withdrew	51	55	47	32	53	43	53	56	56	46
Diplomacy over military action	39	44	30	7	45	37	41	37	44	34
Access in exchange for easing sanctions	38	42	33	21	39	31	41	40	41	35
Great deal for US	33	39	27	27	31	27	36	36	35	32

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