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## Kentucky 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

### Likely Republican Primary voters

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Dates: 6/23 – 6/24/2025

N: 368

Margin of error: 5.1%

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**Massie in trouble among Republican Primary voters as he seeks reelection**

Kissimmee, Florida – With just under a year until the 2026 Republican Primary, incumbent Congressman Thomas Massie appears to be in for a rough road ahead. When asked if voters plan to vote to reelect Massie regardless of who runs against him, only 19% indicate support for Massie while 47% indicate support for a challenger. Introducing the hypothetical of a Trump endorsement of a challenger, Massie’s support falls to 14% and those supporting a challenger rises to 59%.

As of the time the poll was in the field, there is one candidate, Registered Nurse Nicole Lee Ethington, filed to challenge Massie in the Republican primary. In a head-to-head poll, Massie trails Ethington 31%-19% with a majority of voters undecided. Massie’s 19% support matches the pre-Trump endorsement ballot test against an unnamed opponent. With Massie continuing to hit that 19% number, Ethington is likely the only one with significant room to grow in support as her share of the vote is below the total number of voters that say they will at least “probably” vote for a challenger to Massie.

The Republican primary electorate gives Massie a 23% favorable rating while 62% rate him as unfavorable. At the same time, President Trump has an 89% favorable rating and only 9% unfavorable. Further, 70% of primary voters consider themselves to be “MAGA Republicans.”

Across the board, voters are less likely to vote for Massie when they hear about his record. 69% are less likely to vote for Massie due to opposition to the “Take it Down Act” and 72% due to opposition to Trump tax cuts and the budget.

After the strikes on Iranian Nuclear Facilities, only 6% of voters believe that the United States should stay out of the Iran-Israel Conflict. 52% support targeted action against the Iran nuclear program and 31% support active support in the conflict to pursue regime change.

On immigration, 87% believe that illegal immigration poses a threat to both the economy and to national security. 69% support deporting all illegal immigrants and 85% believe that constitutional rights are not expended to non-citizens who happen to be in the United States. Specifically, voters approve of the deportation of Kilmar Abrego Garcia to Ecuador by a 85%-7% margin.

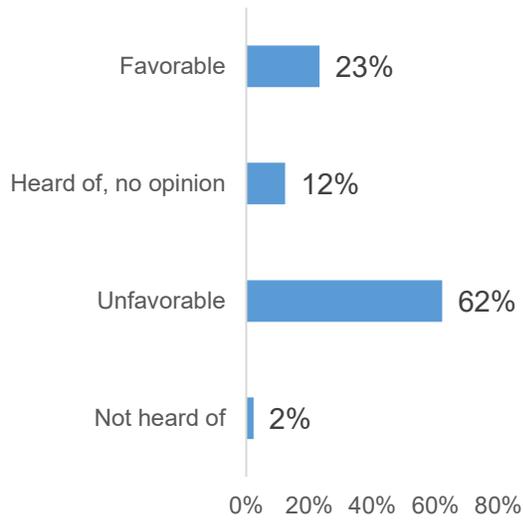
The poll was conducted by Kaplan Strategies, a reputable nonpartisan research firm, using an online panel of cell phone users using web and text responses. This poll of 368 registered, likely Republican Primary voters in Kentucky's 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District was conducted June 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and has a margin of error of  $\pm 5.1\%$ . The results were weighted and funded by Kaplan Strategies, a leading polling and strategic consulting firm known for delivering actionable intelligence to political campaigns, businesses, and organizations.

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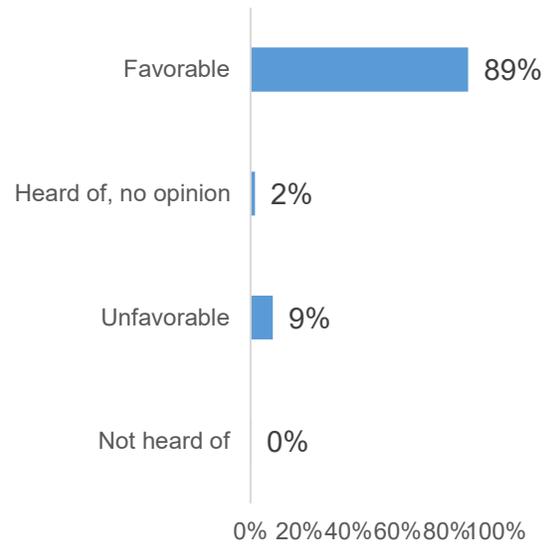
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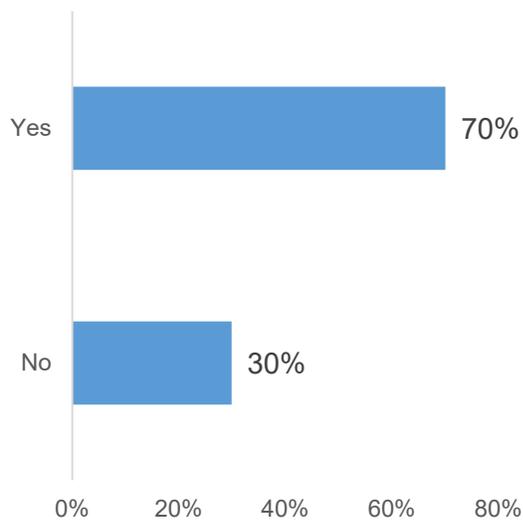
1) Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Thomas Massie?



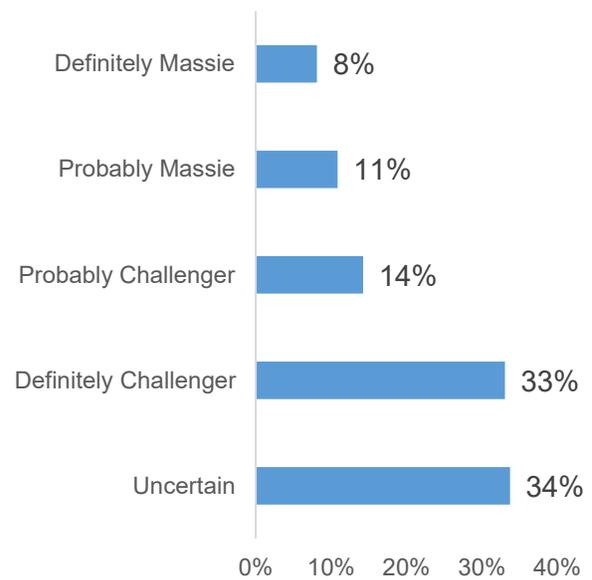
2) Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Donald Trump?



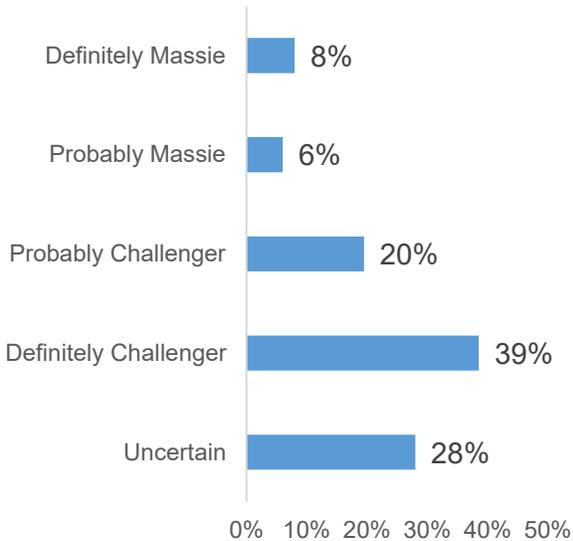
3) Do you consider yourself to be a "MAGA Republican"?



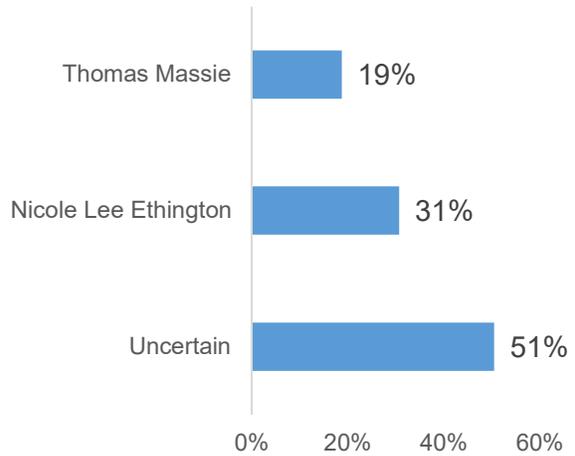
4) Do you plan to vote to reelect Thomas Massie regardless of who runs against him?



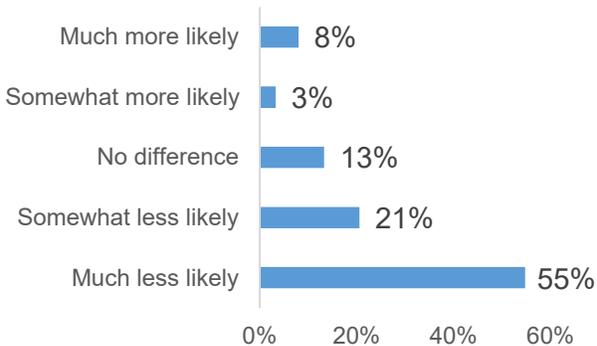
5) If President Trump were to endorse a Republican primary challenger against Thomas Massie, would you vote to reelect Massie?



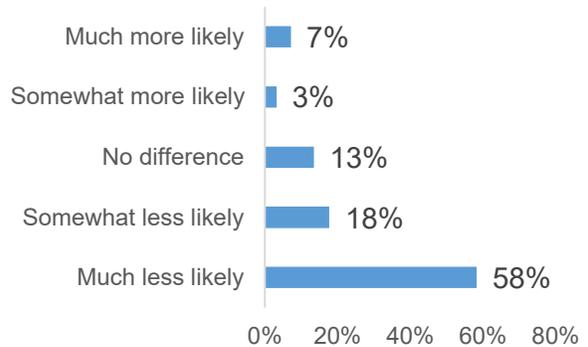
6) If the Republican Primary for Congress were held today and these were the candidates, for who would you vote?



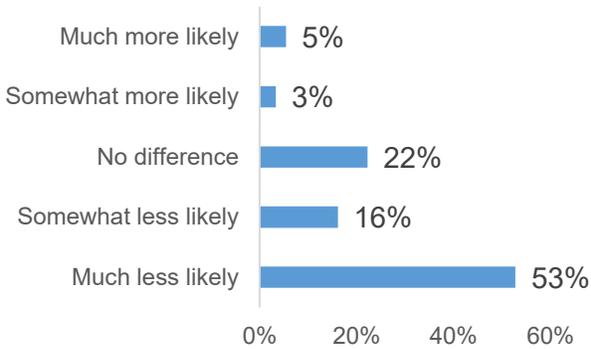
7) Congressman Massie has repeatedly taken votes in Congress that would prevent Donald Trump from funding the border wall. Does knowing this make you more or less likely to vote for Thomas Massie?



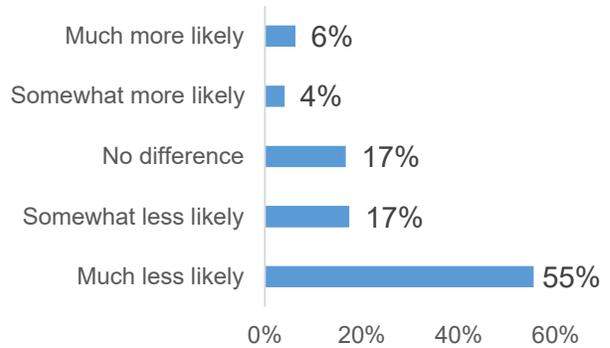
8) Congressman Massie has opposed Donald Trump's policy on Israel. Does knowing this make you more or less likely to vote for Thomas Massie?



9) Congressman Massie has voted against the “Take it Down Act” which would criminalize deepfake revenge porn. Does knowing this make you more or less likely to vote for Thomas Massie?



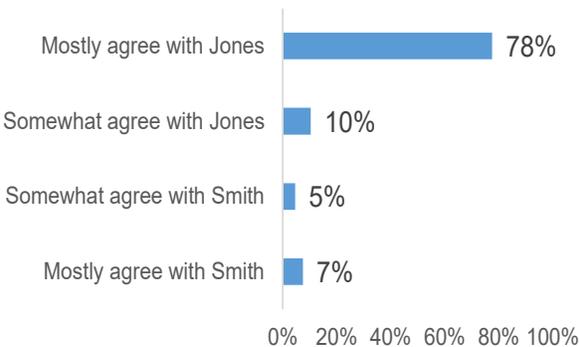
10) Congressman Massie opposes Trump’s position on the budget and tax cuts. Does knowing this make you more or less likely to vote for Thomas Massie?



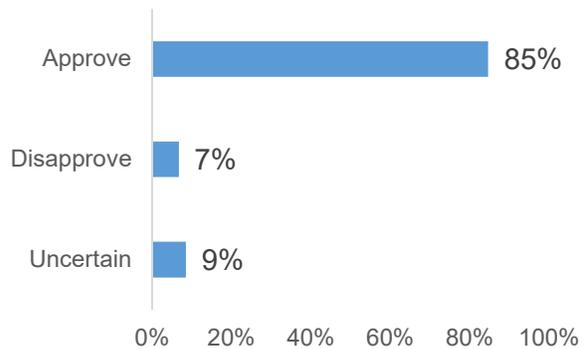
11) Mr. Jones believes that Kilmar Abrego Garcia was an illegal immigrant, wife beater, alleged human trafficker and that there is credible evidence that he was a member of the MS13 gang. He therefore believes that Garcia should be deported.

Mr. Smith believes that Mr. Garcia was denied due process before he was mistakenly deported. He therefore believes that Garcia should be brought back.

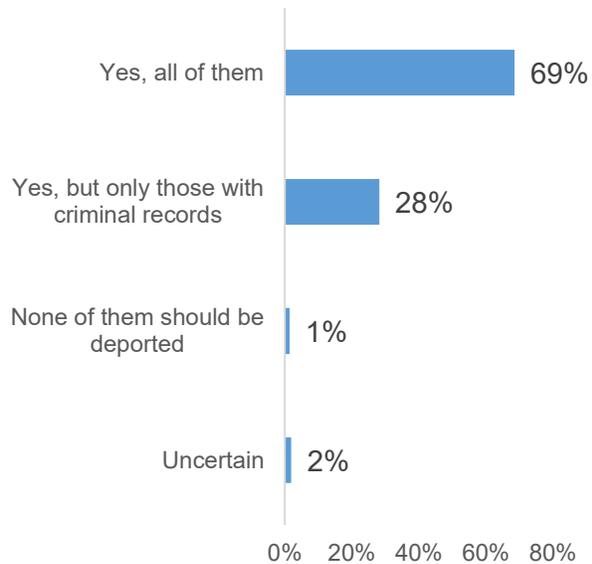
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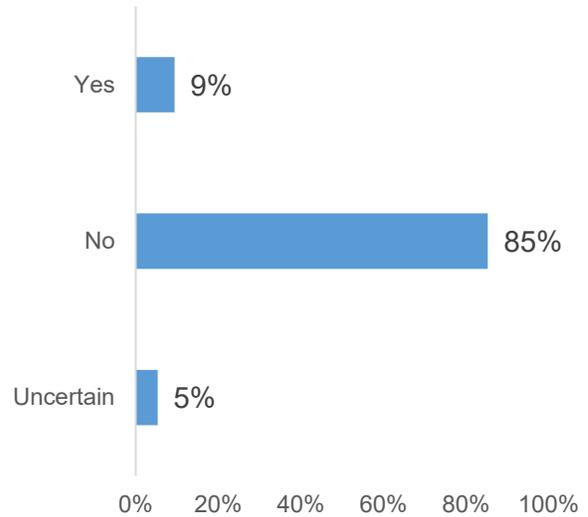
12) You may have seen a lot of news lately about court challenges to the Trump Administration deporting Kilmar Abrego Garcia to El Salvador. Do you approve or disapprove of the administration deporting Abrego Garcia?



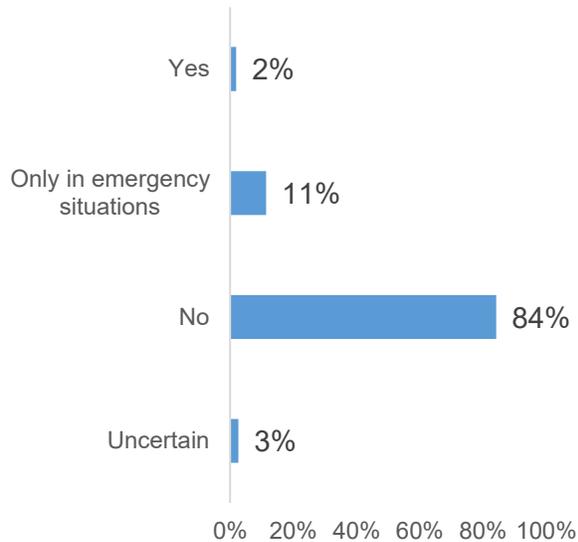
13) Thinking more generally about immigrants illegally in the United States, should the Trump Administration be focusing on deporting these individuals?



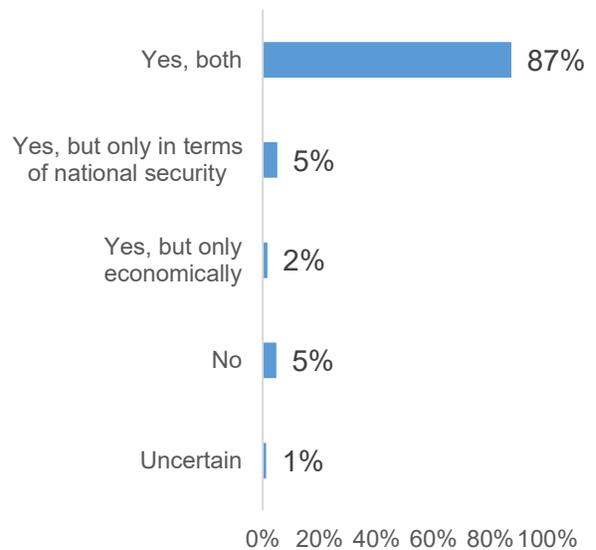
14) Do you believe people have constitutional rights as long as they are in America, regardless of their citizenship status?



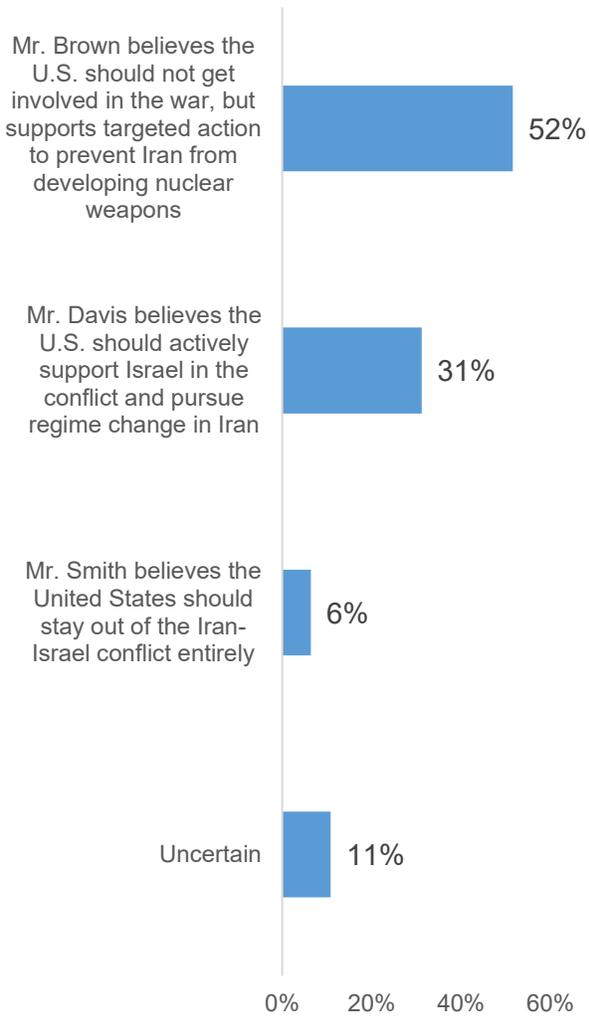
15) Should non-citizens be allowed to receive taxpayer-funded government benefits (such as housing, food stamps, or healthcare)?



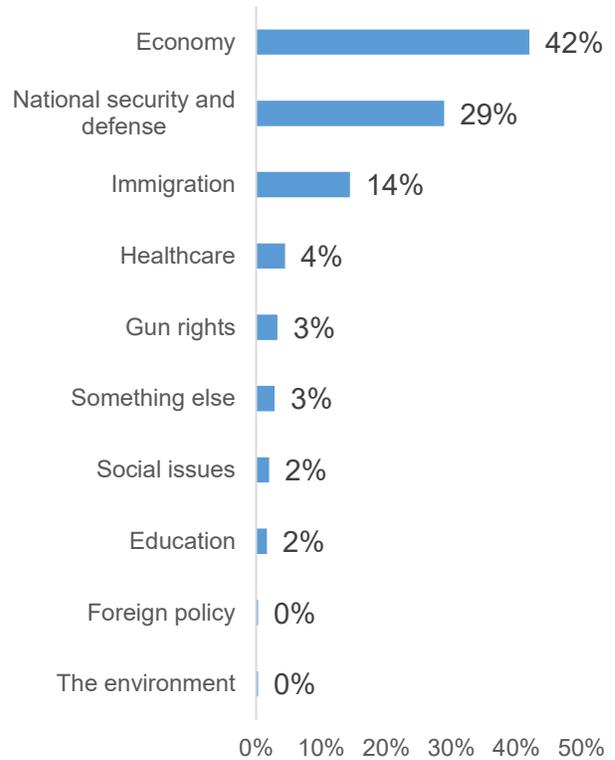
16) Do you think illegal immigration poses a threat to the economy or national security?



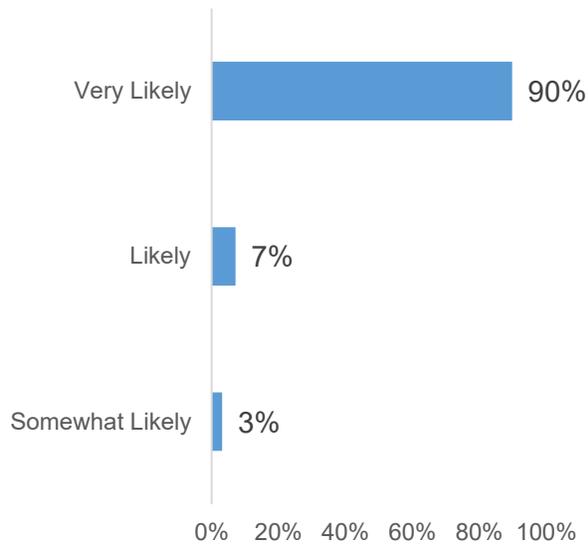
17) Which of the following positions do you most agree with regarding U.S. Involvement in the Iran-Israel conflict?



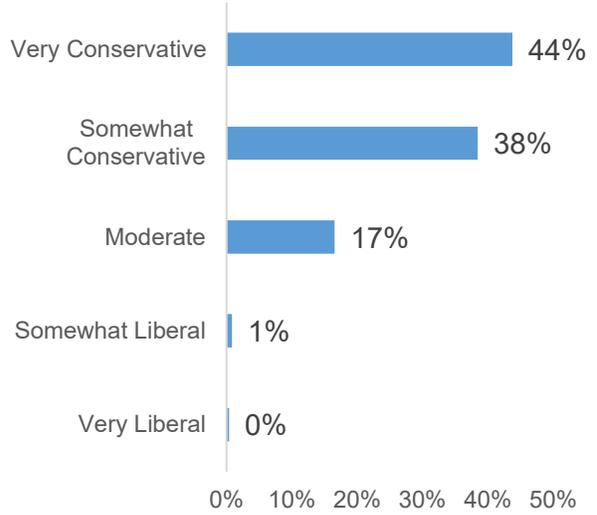
18) When voting in the 2026 Republican Primary for Congress, which issue is the most important to you?



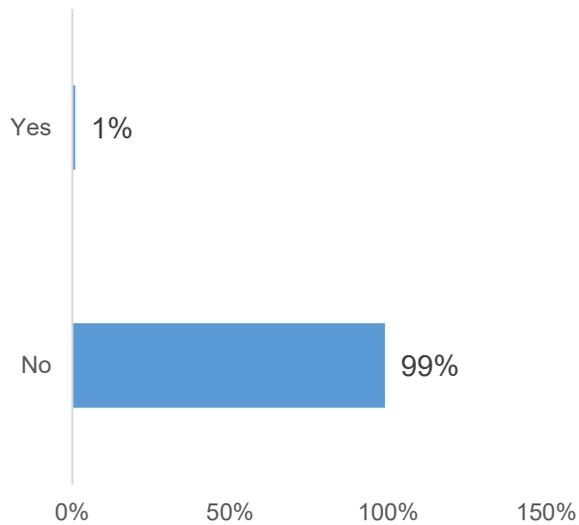
19) Thinking about the 2026 Republican Congressional Primary in Kentucky, how likely are you to vote in that election?



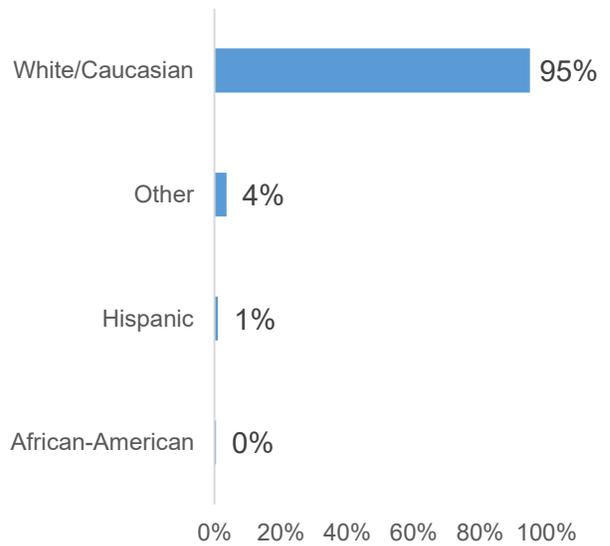
20) What is your political ideology?



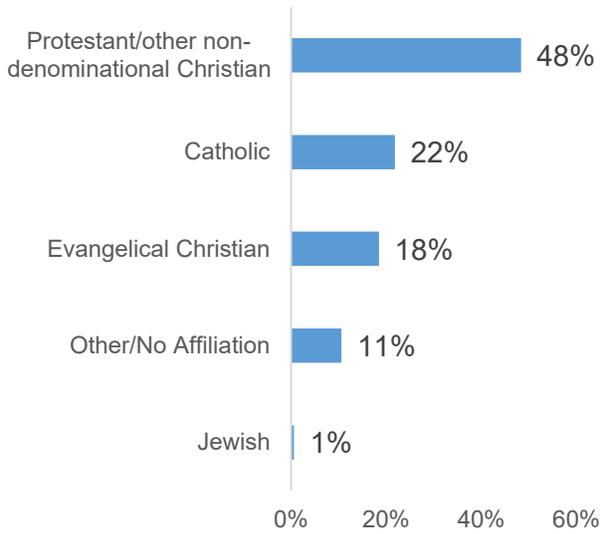
21) Are you or is a member of your immediate family from a Latino, Hispanic or Spanish speaking background?



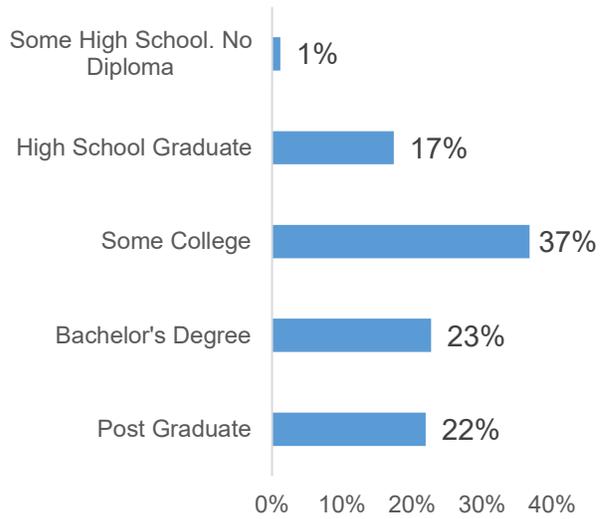
22) What race do you identify yourself as?



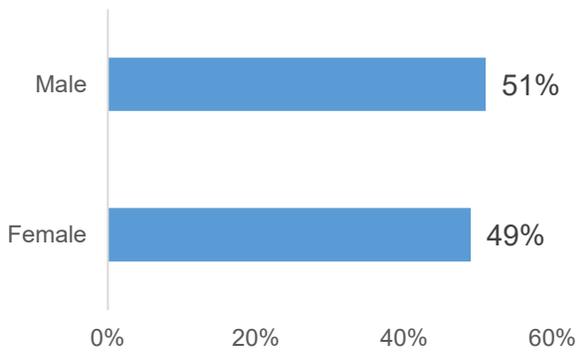
23) Which of the following best represents your religious affiliation?



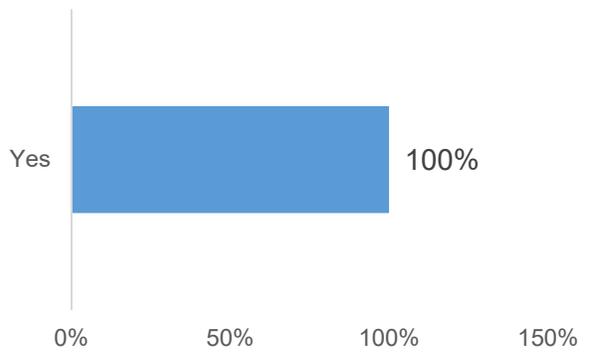
24) What is the highest level of education have you completed?



25) What is your gender?



26) Are you registered to vote in Kentucky?



27) What is your party affiliation?

