

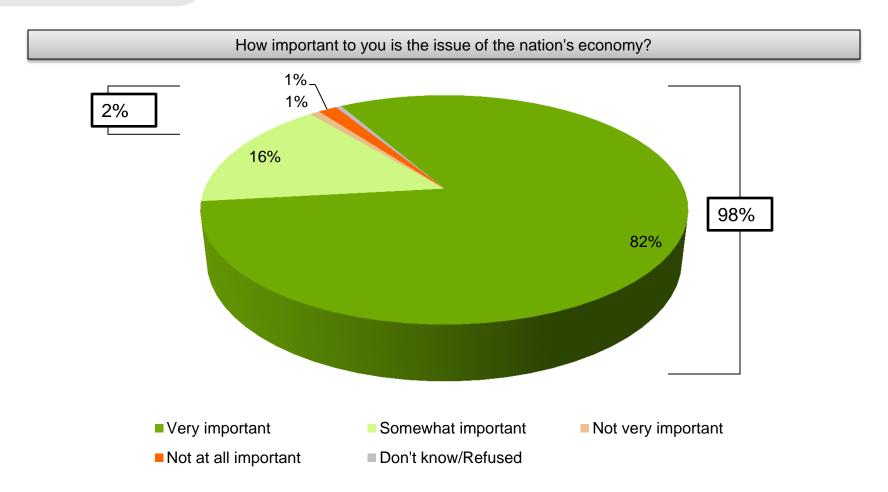
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### Importance of Nation's Economy



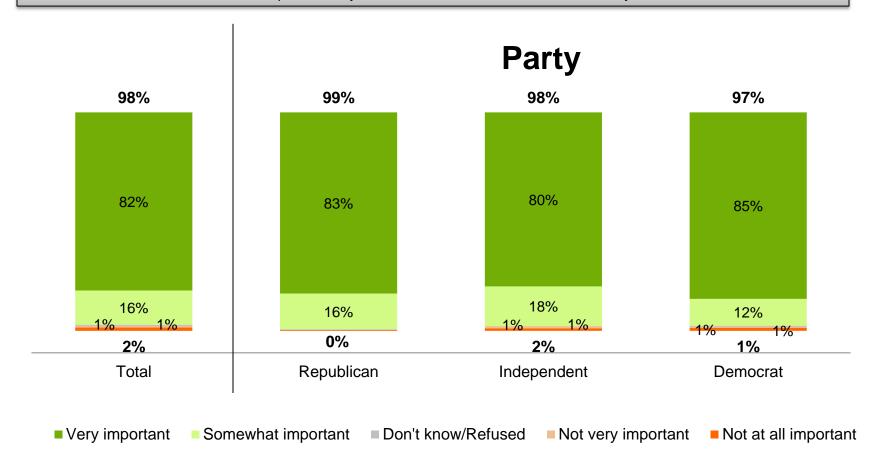
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## Importance of Nation's Economy – By Party





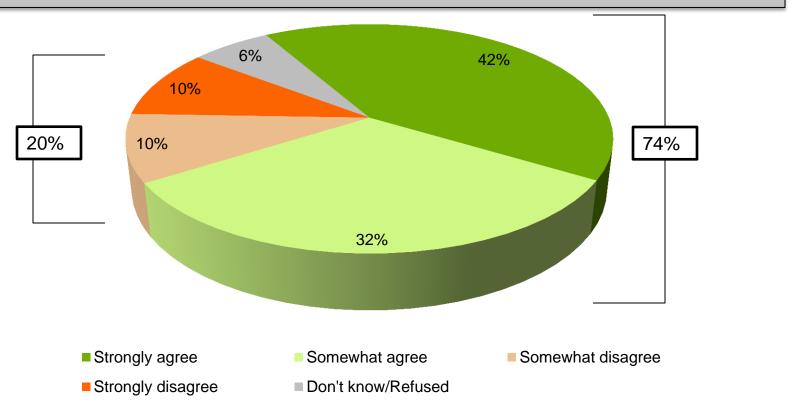
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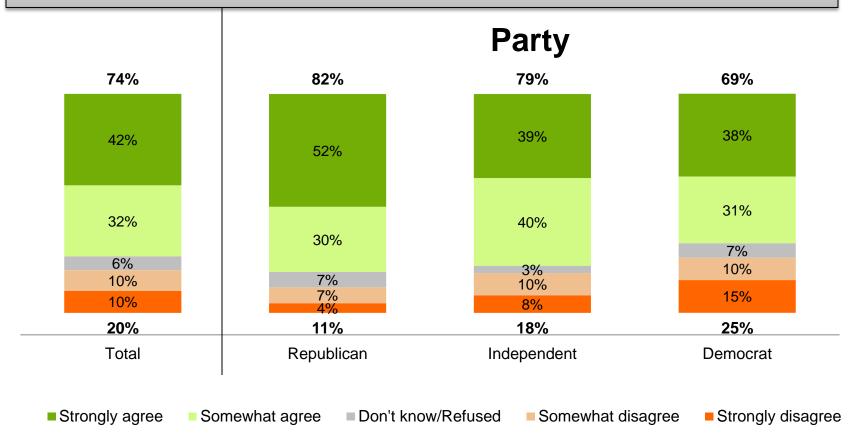
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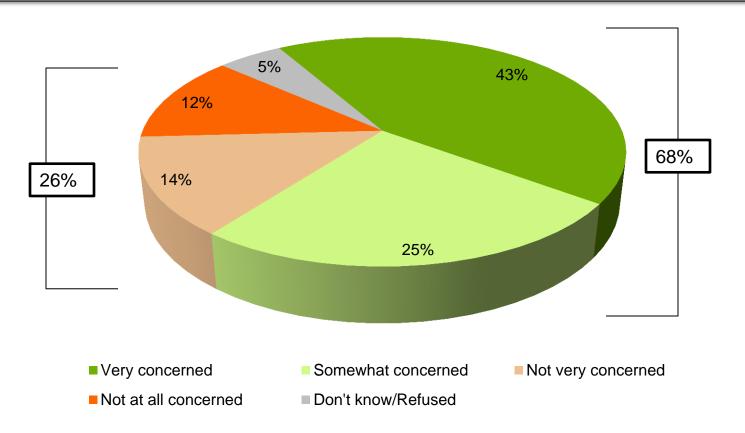
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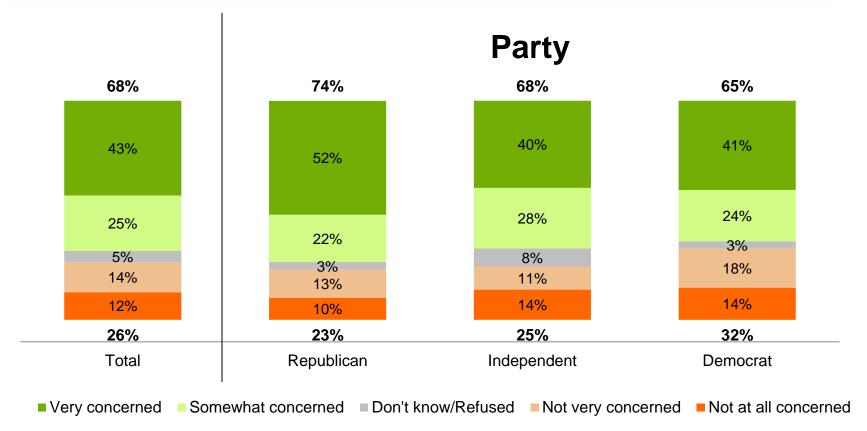
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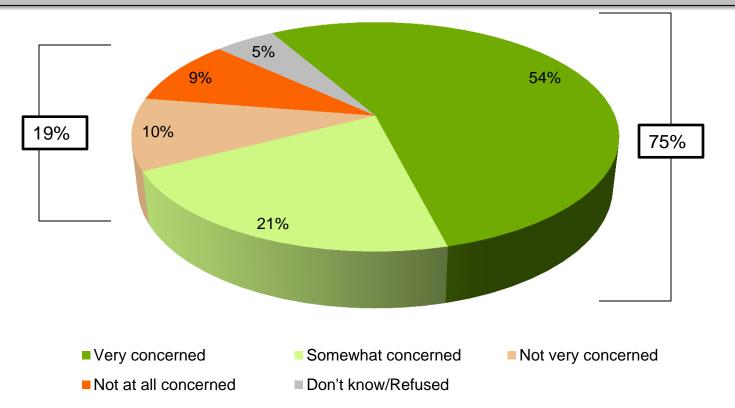
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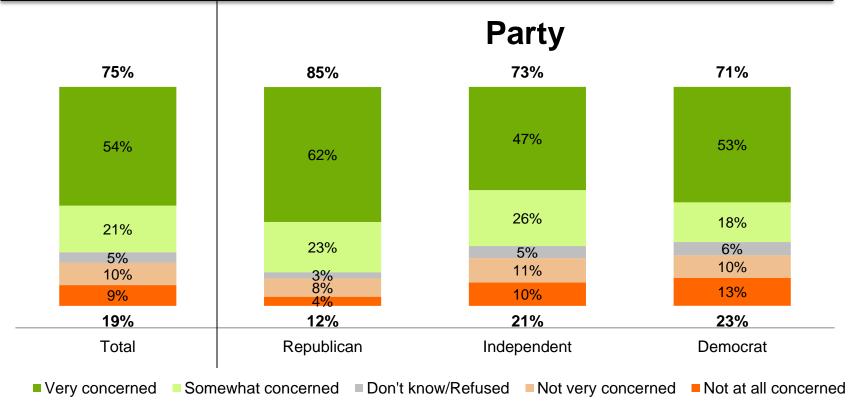
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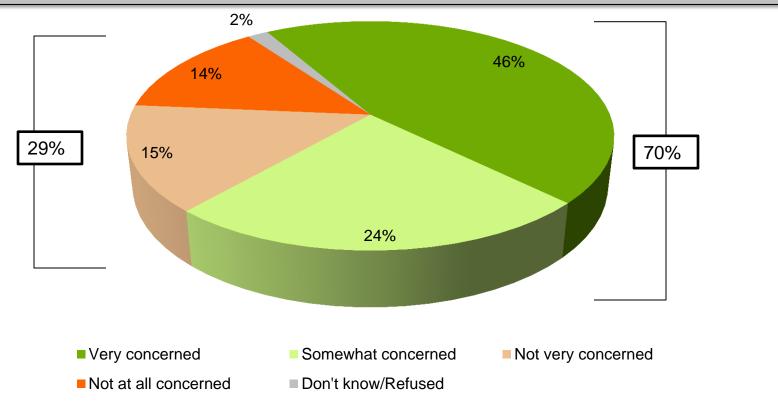
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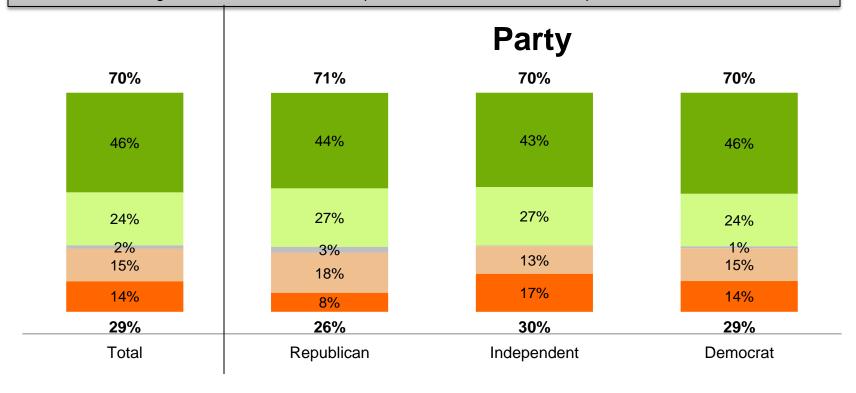
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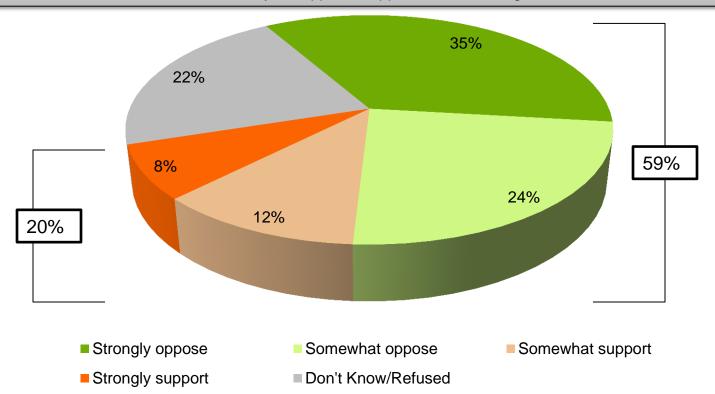
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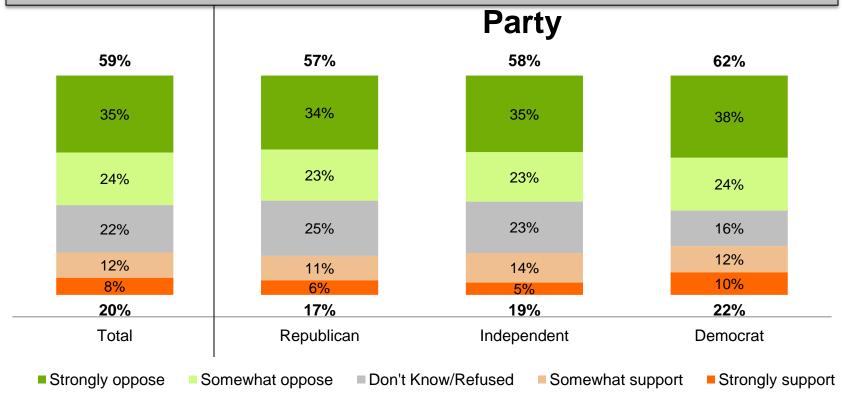
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