

# **A World in Tumult? Changing Views of the United States**

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# U.S. Methodology

## U.S. data comes from three surveys:

- 2,596 U.S. adults conducted from Feb. 1 to 7, 2021
- 10,348 U.S. adults conducted from Aug. 23 to 29, 2021
- 10,371 U.S. adults conducted from Sept. 13 to Sept. 19, 2021.
- Everyone who took part in this survey is a member of the Center's American Trends Panel (ATP), an online survey panel that is recruited through national, random sampling of residential addresses.
- The survey is weighted to be representative of the U.S. adult population by gender, race, ethnicity, partisan affiliation, education and other categories.

## Spring Global Attitudes Survey Methodology

- Survey conducted across 16 publics from March 12 to May 26, 2021, totaling 16,254 respondents
- Based on telephone interviews with nationally representative samples of adults 18 and older
- The margin of sampling error for the completed set of weighted data is  $\pm 3.5$  to  $\pm 4.4$  percentage points

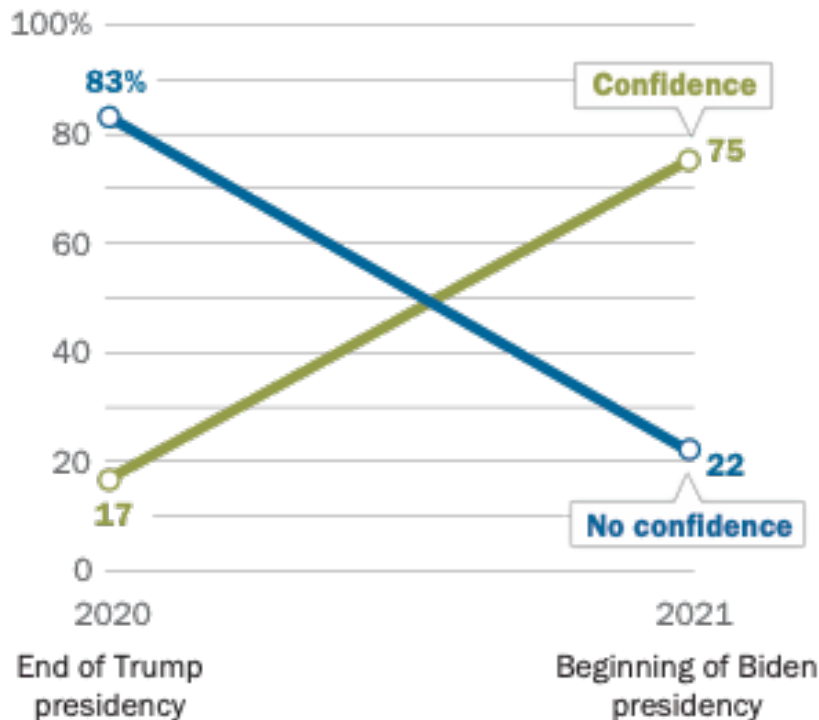
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# **U.S. IMAGE ABROAD**

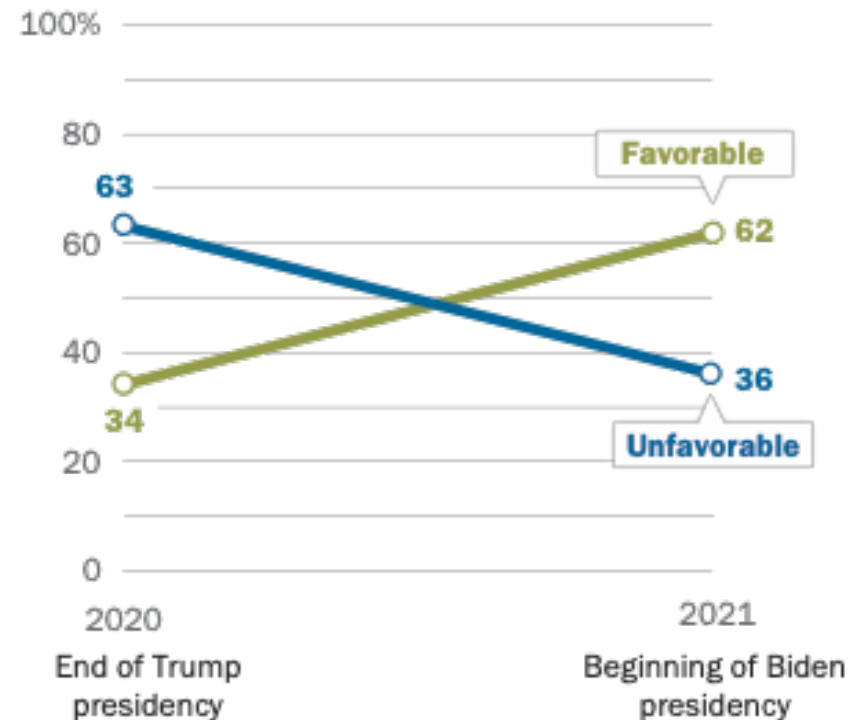
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# Biden gets much higher ratings than Trump, and U.S. favorability is up significantly

*% who have \_\_ in the U.S. president to do the right thing regarding world affairs*



*% who have a \_\_ view of the U.S.*

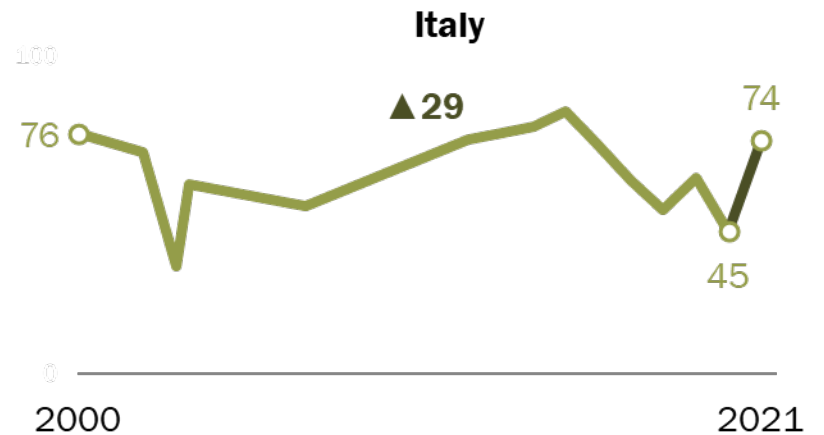
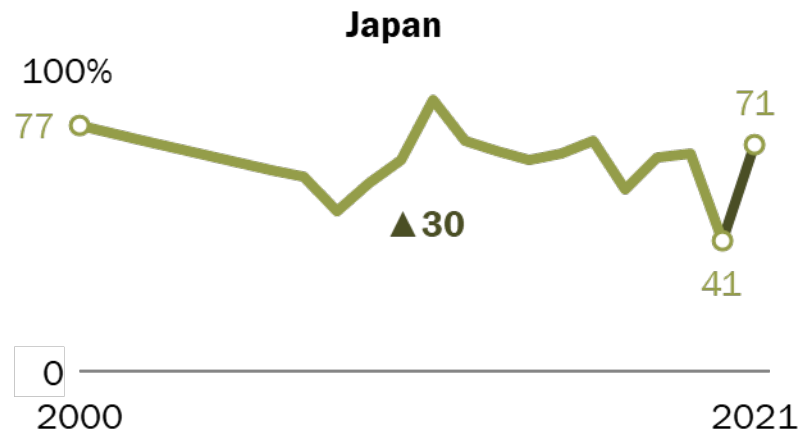
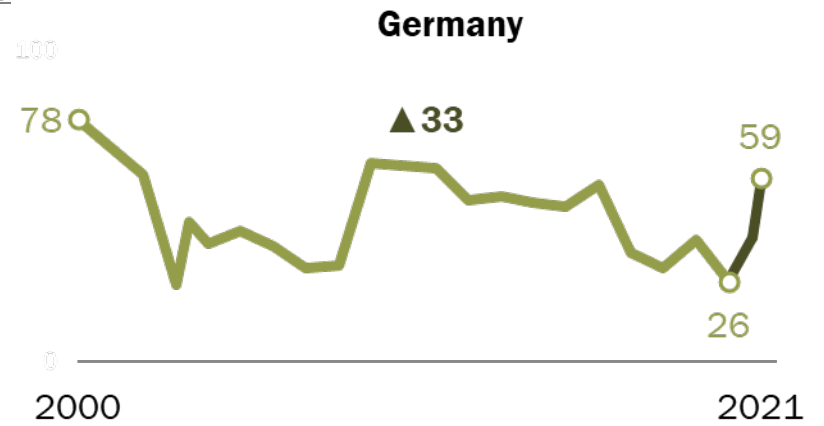


Note: Percentages are medians based on 12 countries where data is available for both Biden and Trump.

Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey.

# U.S. favorability sees one of its steepest recoveries in years from 2020 to 2021

*% who have a favorable view of the U.S.*

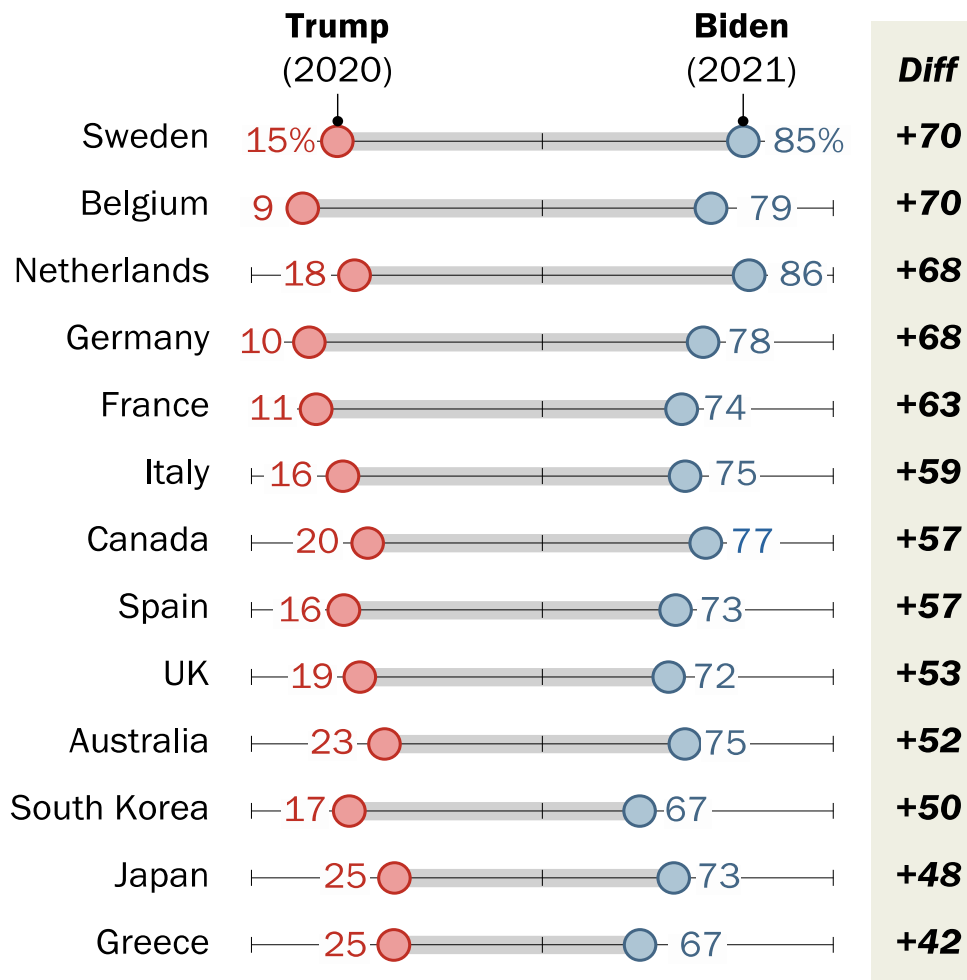


Note: 2000 trend is from 1999 or 2000 and provided by the U.S. Department of State.

Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey.

# A big shift in views of the U.S. president

% who have confidence in U.S. President \_\_ to do the right thing regarding world affairs

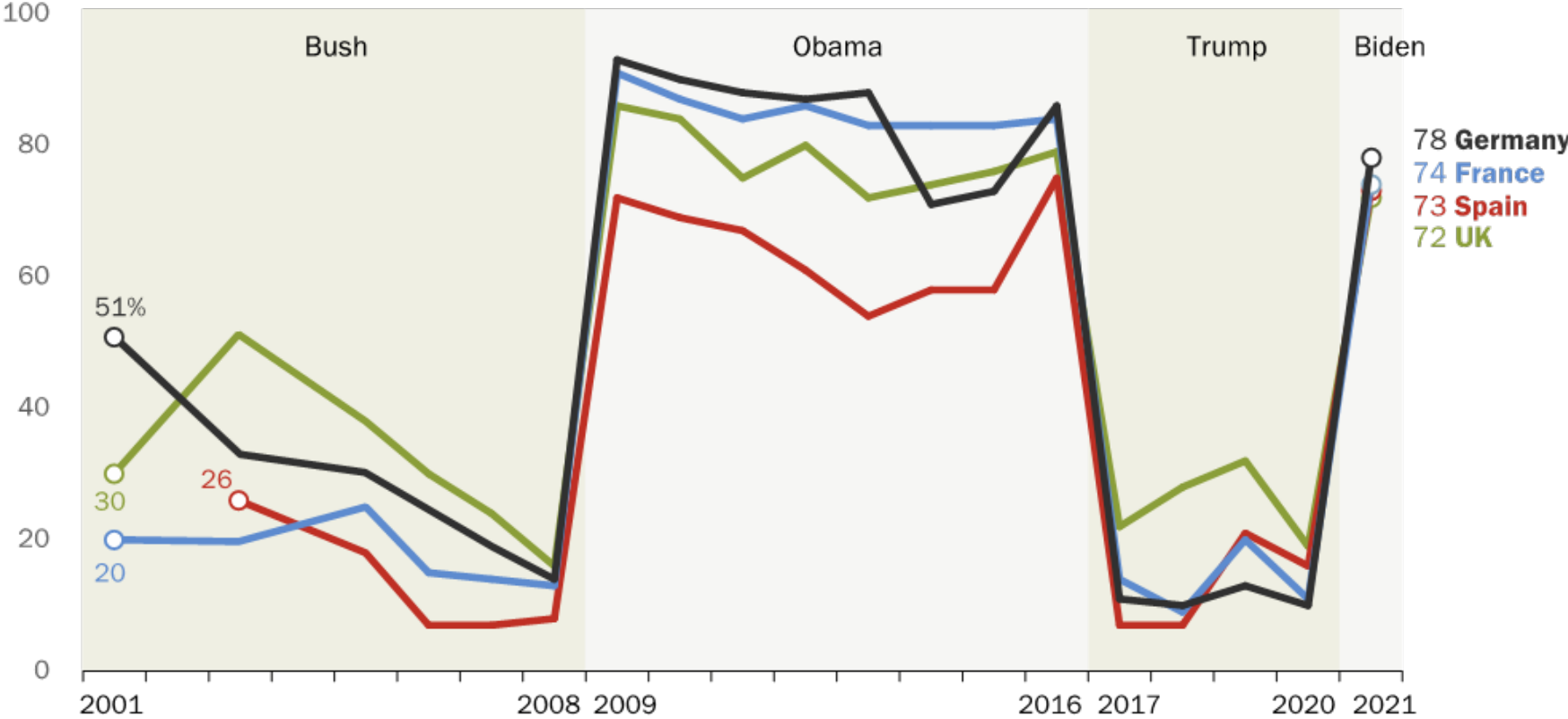


Note: Trump figures for Greece are from 2019. All others are from 2020.

Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Western Europeans' confidence in U.S. president surges as Biden enters office

*% who have confidence in U.S. President \_\_ to do the right thing regarding world affairs*

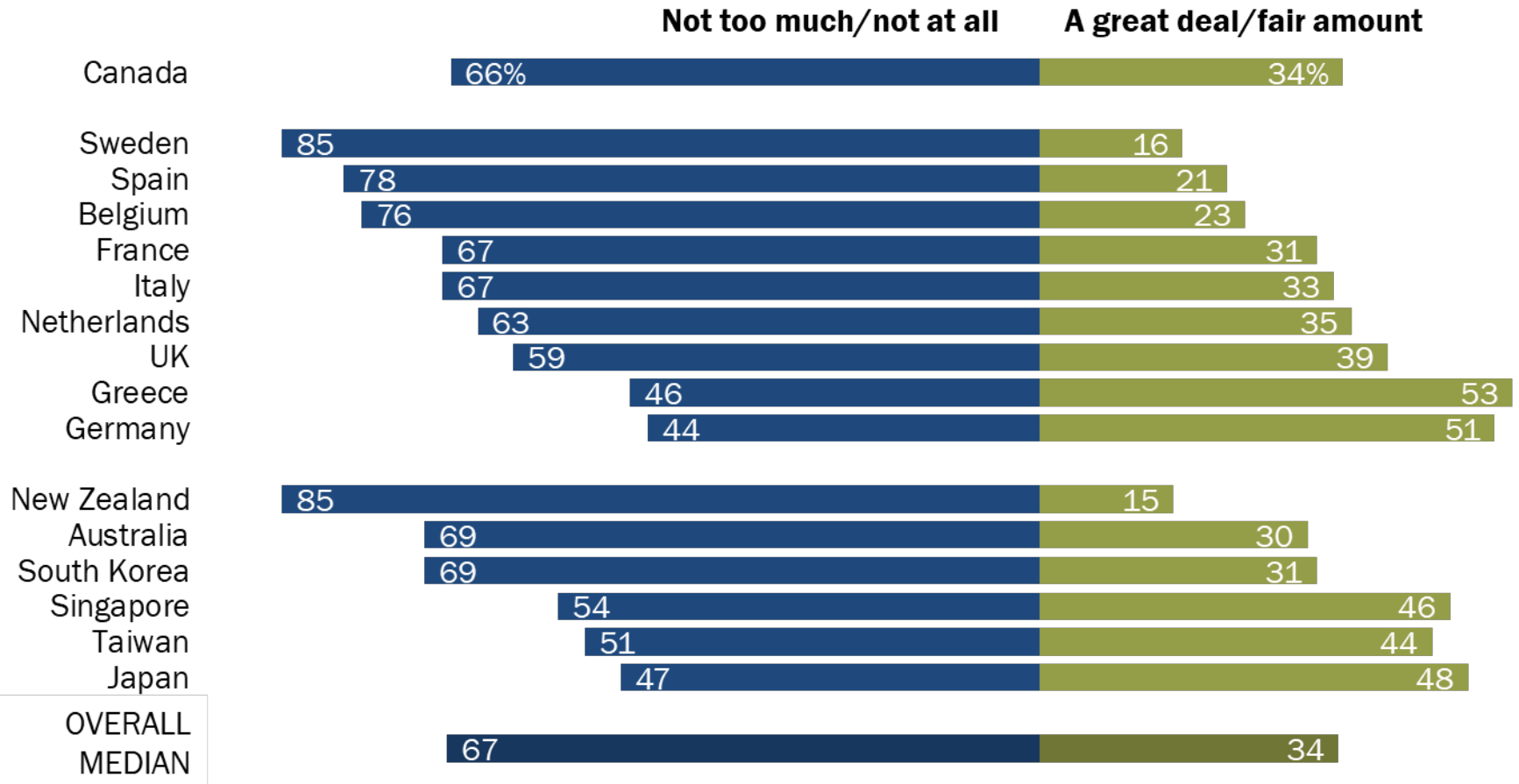


Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey.



# Few think the U.S. considers their interests when making foreign policy decisions

*% who say the U.S. takes into account the interests of countries like (survey public) in making international policy decisions ...*



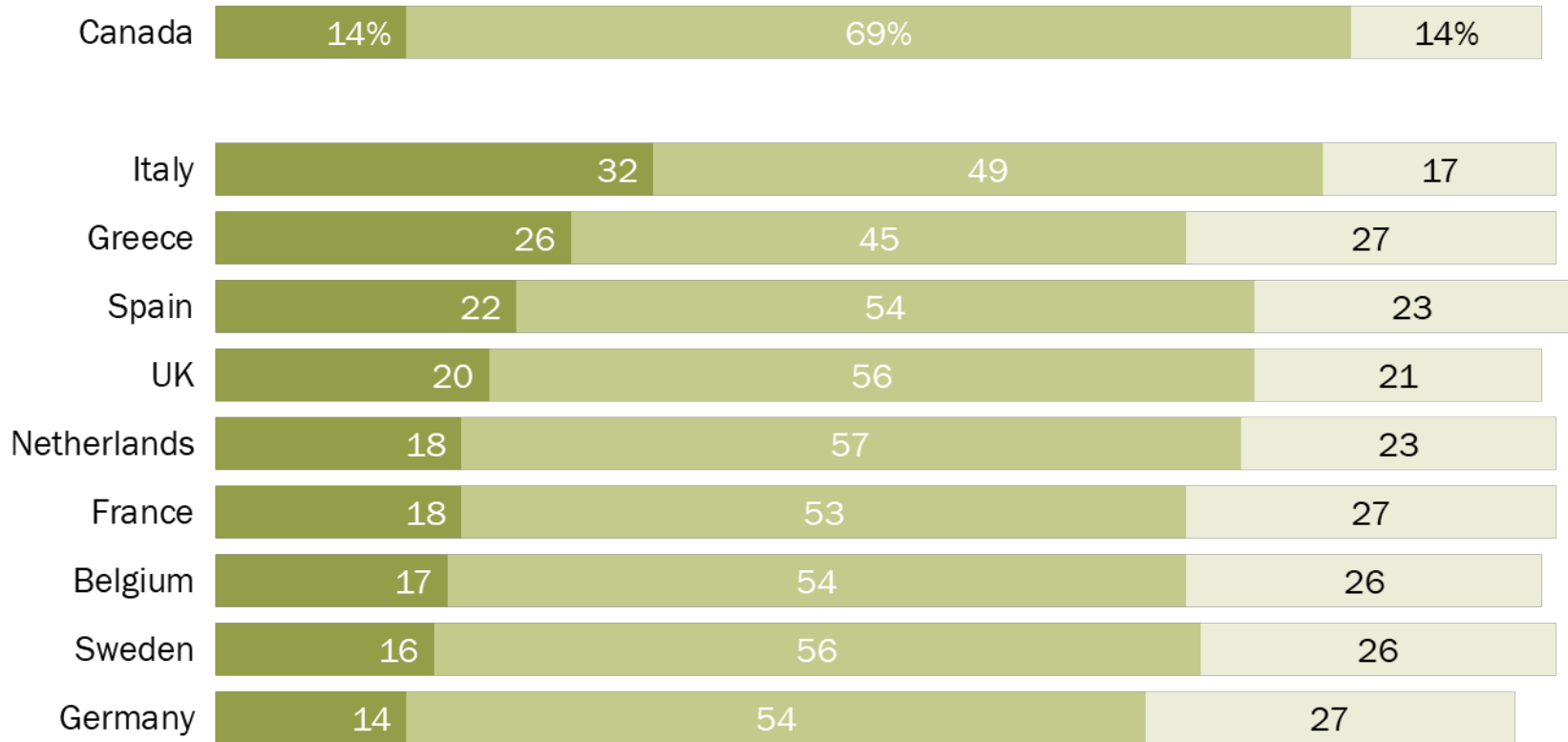
Note: Those who did not answer are not shown.

Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Many across Europe believe the U.S. is no longer a good model of democracy

*% who say democracy in the U.S. ...*

- Is a good example for other countries to follow
- Used to be a good example, but has not been in recent years
- Has never been a good example for other countries to follow



Note: Those who did not answer are not shown.

Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey.

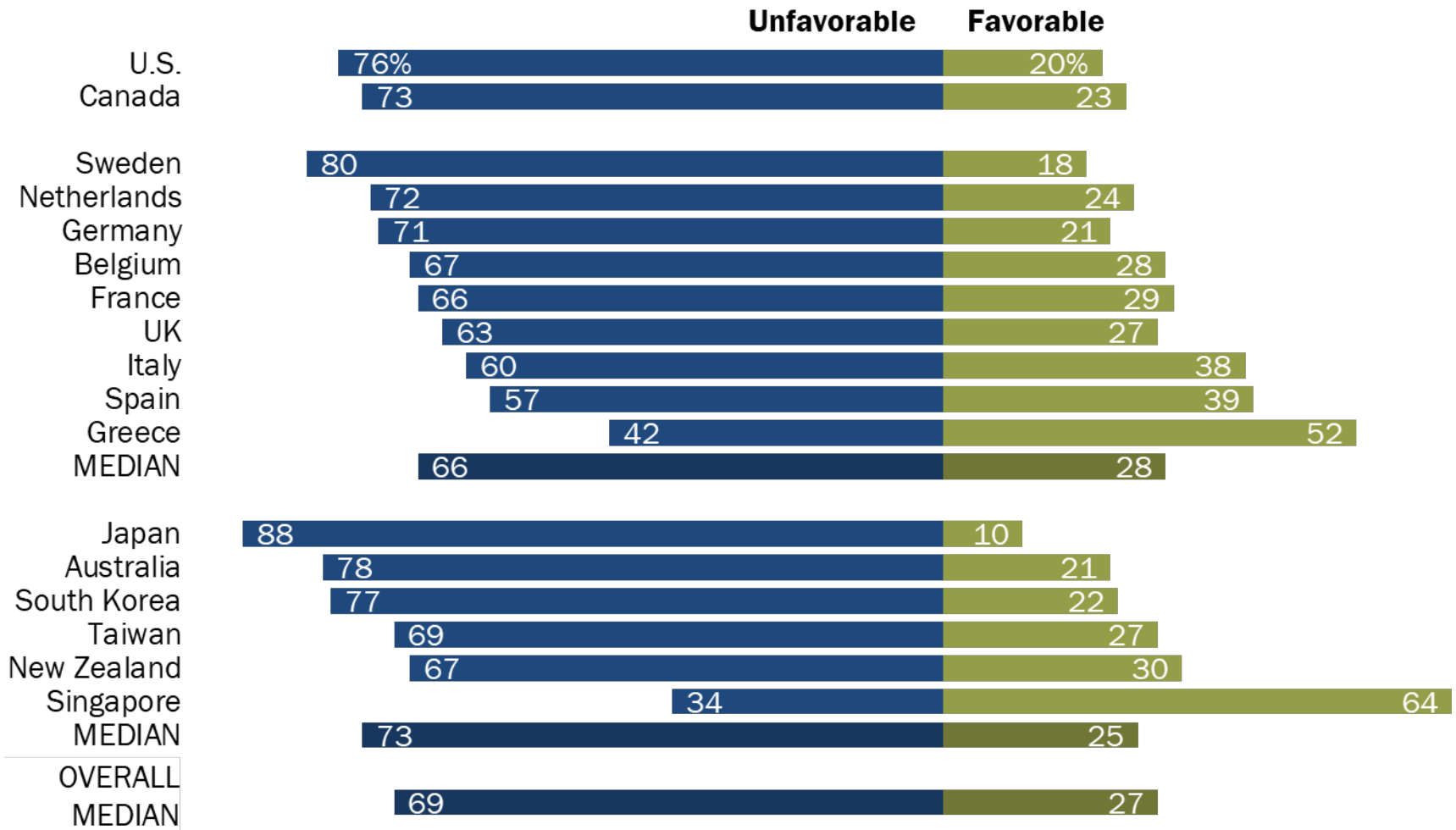
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# **INTERNATIONAL VIEWS OF CHINA**

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# Most publics have negative views of China

*% who have a \_\_ view of China*

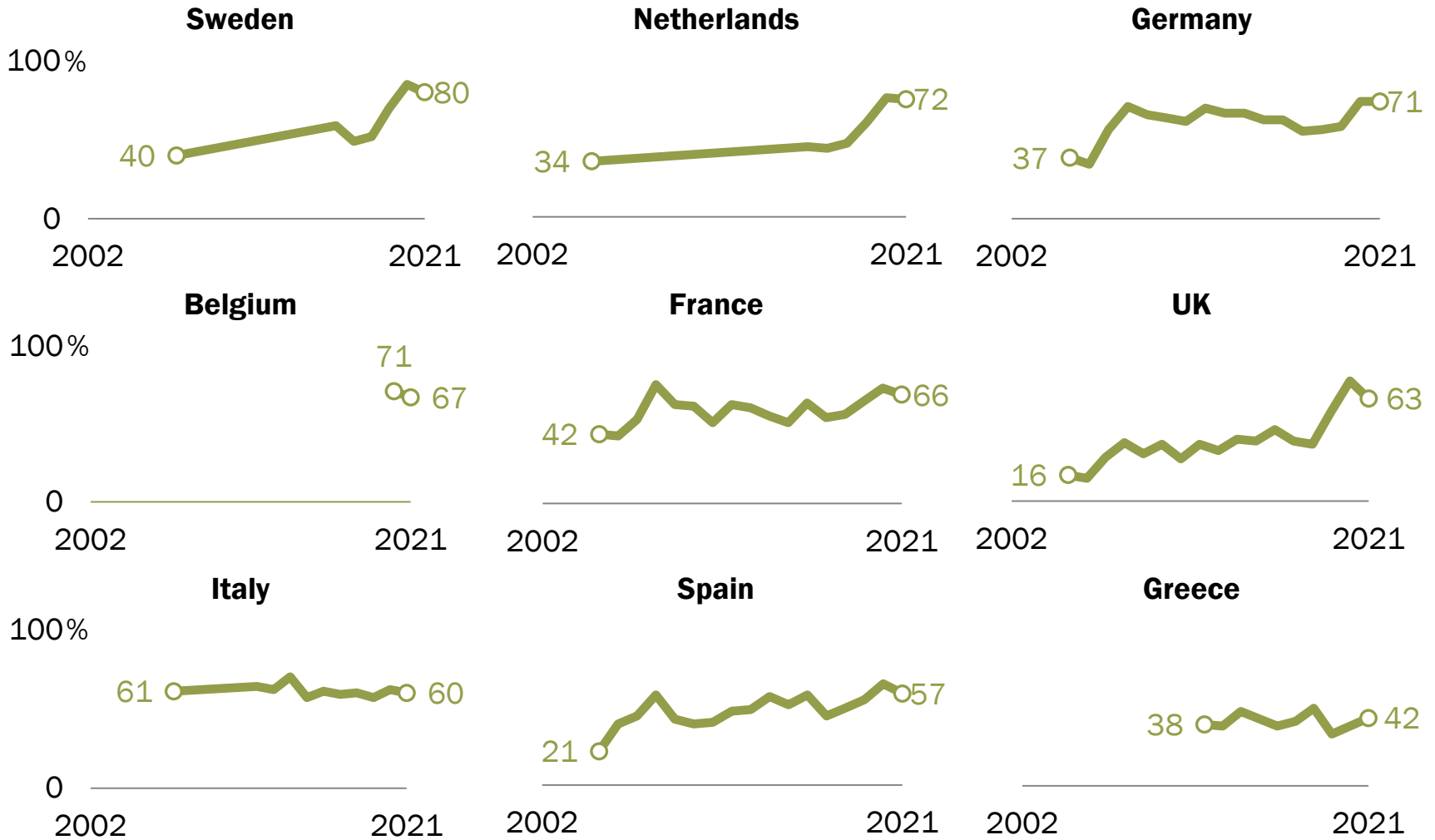


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# Unfavorable views of China remain at or near historic highs in many places

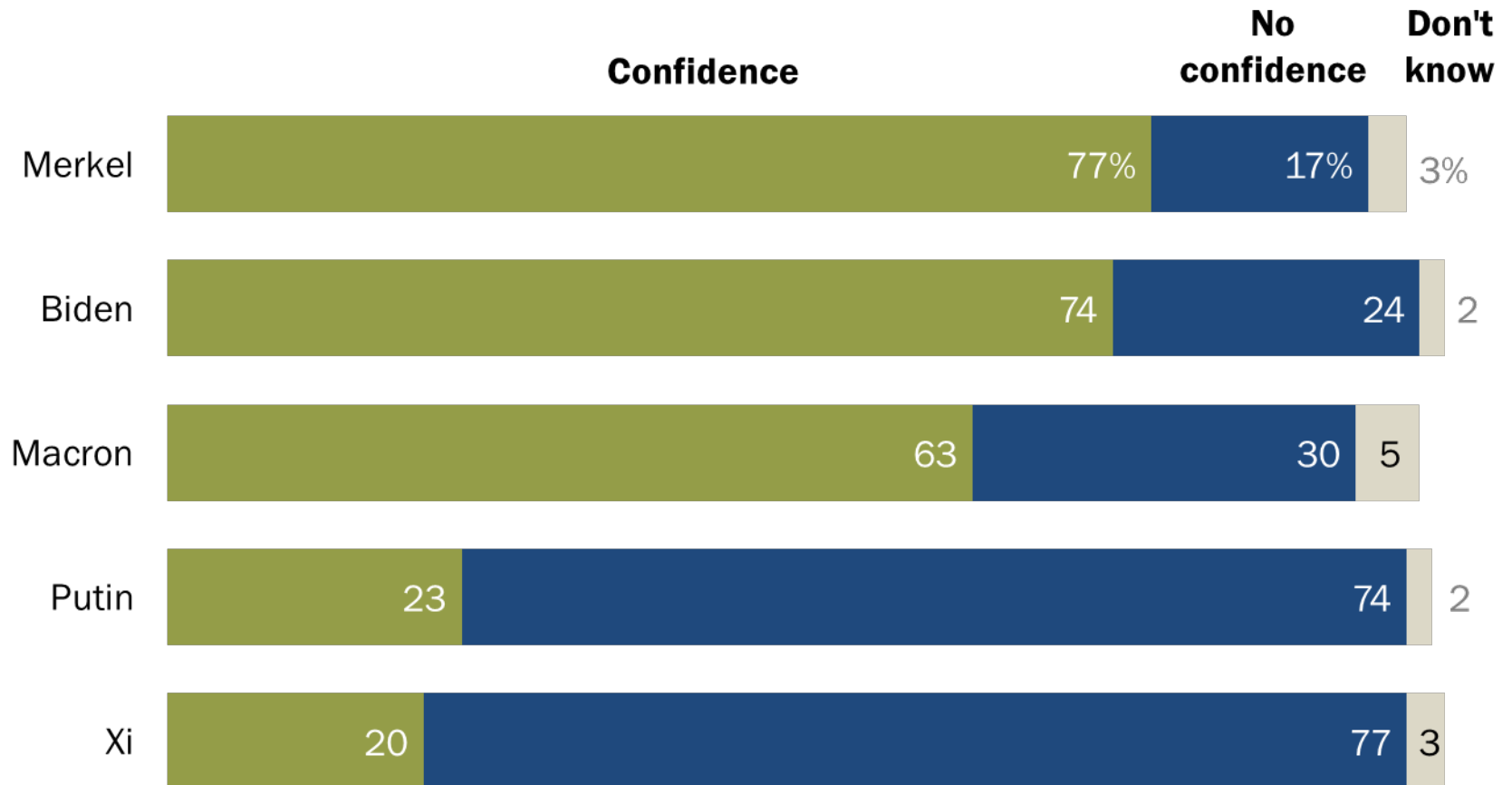
*% who have an unfavorable view of China*



Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Confidence in world leaders

*% who have \_\_ in each leader to do the right thing regarding world affairs*



Note: Percentages are medians based on 16 publics.

Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey.

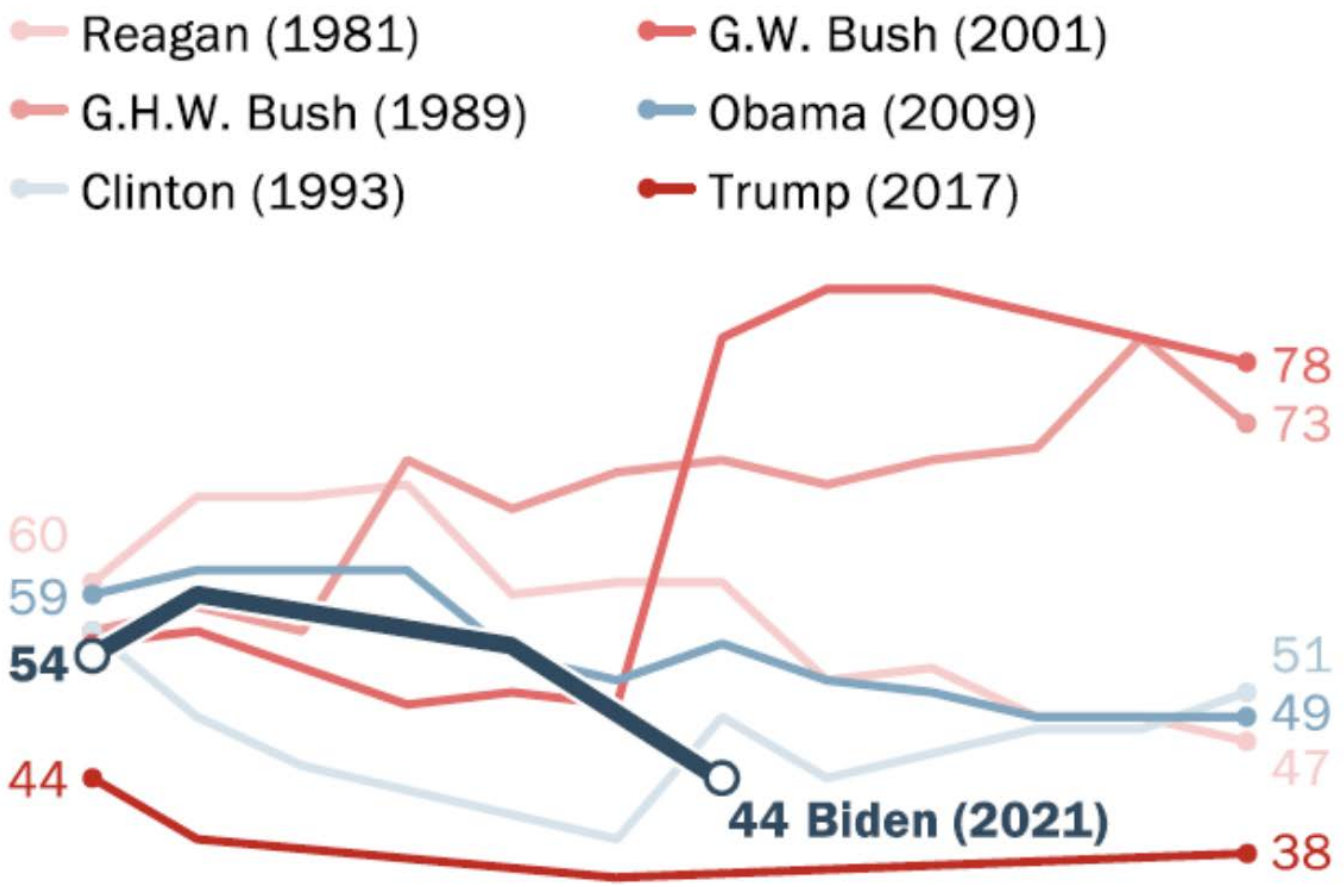
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# **AMERICANS ATTITUDES ON PRESIDENT BIDEN AND AFGHANISTAN POLICY**

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# Biden's current job rating is higher than Trump's, lower than most other recent presidents' ratings at similar points

*% who approve of the way \_\_\_ is/was handling his job as president*

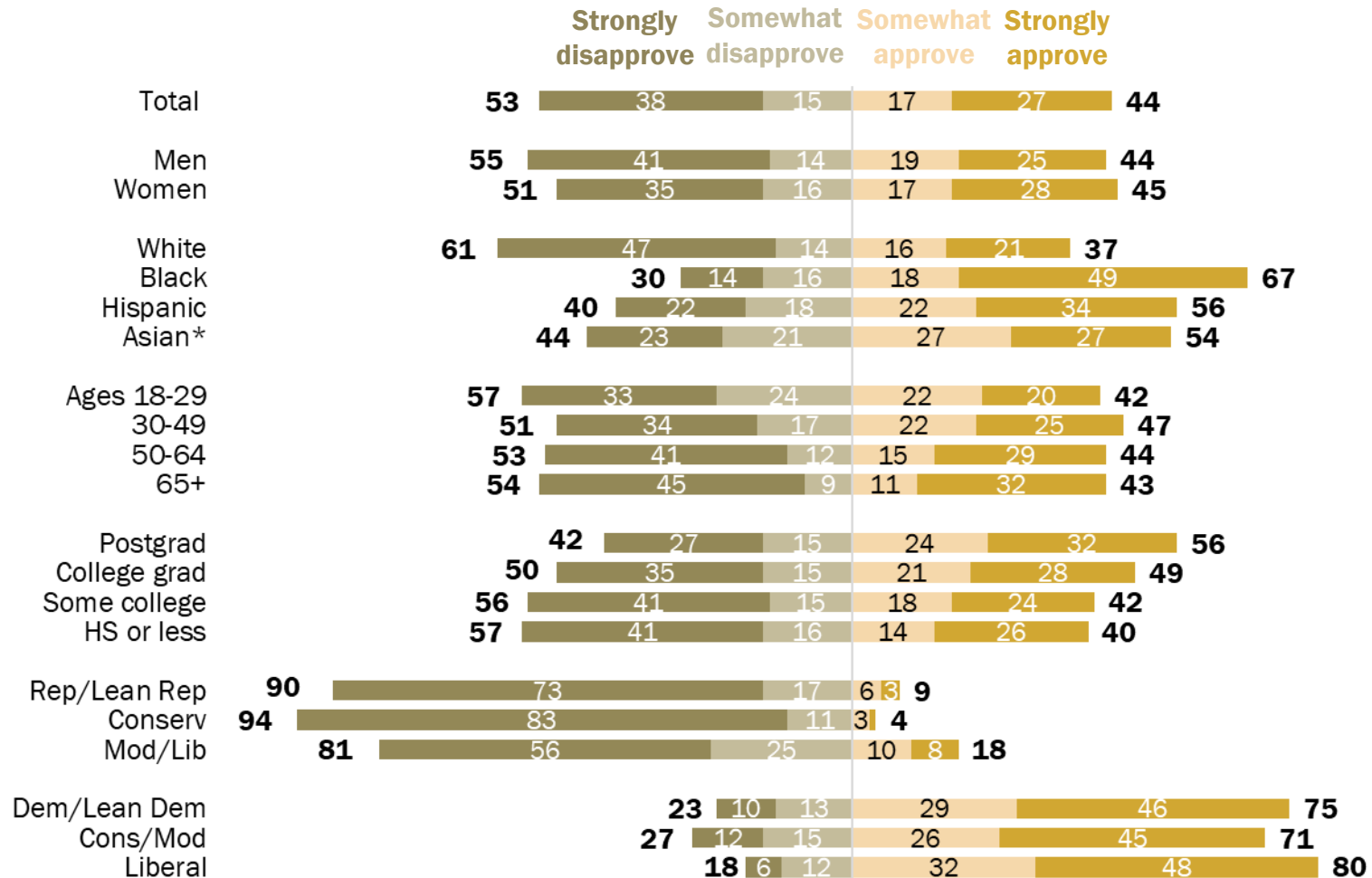


Source: Survey data from Pew Research Center (Biden through Clinton) and the Gallup organizations (G.H.W. Bush and Reagan). Current data on Biden approval from survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 13-19, 2021.



# More Americans disapprove of President Biden's performance

% who \_\_\_ of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president



\*Asian adults were interviewed in English only.

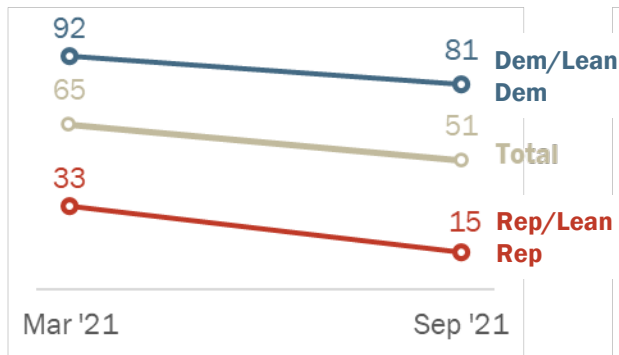
Note: White, Black, and Asian adults include those who report being only one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race. No answer responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 13-19, 2021.

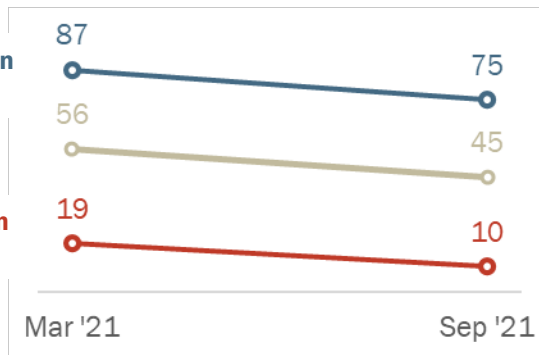
# Confidence in Biden to handle several issues, including foreign policy, declines since spring

*% who say they are **very/somewhat confident** Joe Biden can do each of the following*

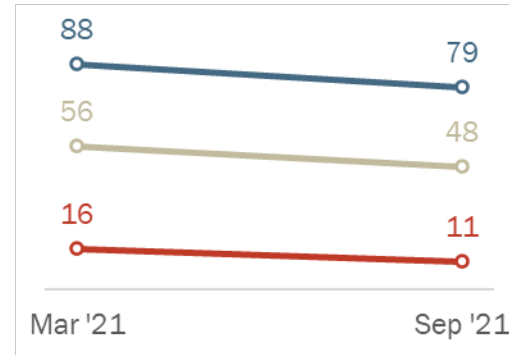
**Handle the public health impact of the coronavirus outbreak**



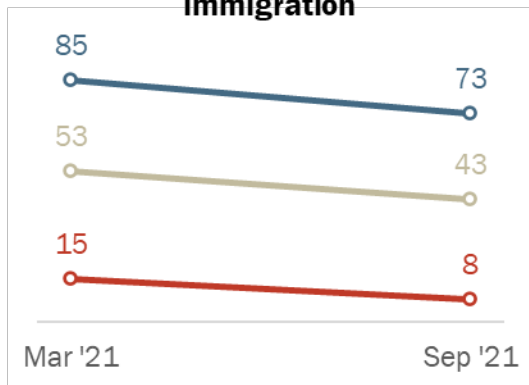
**Make good decisions about foreign policy**



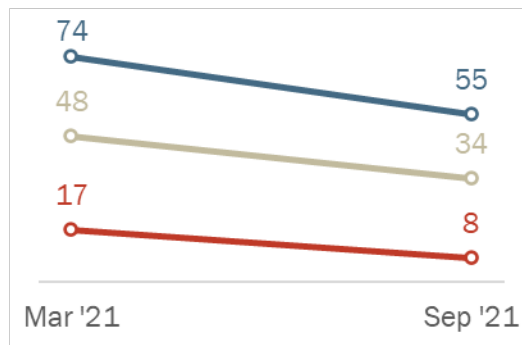
**Make good decisions about economic policy**



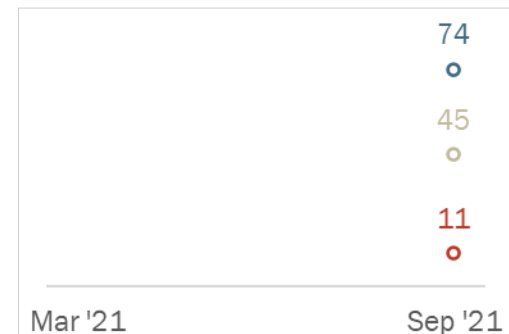
**Make wise decisions about immigration**



**Bring the country closer together**



**Use military force wisely**



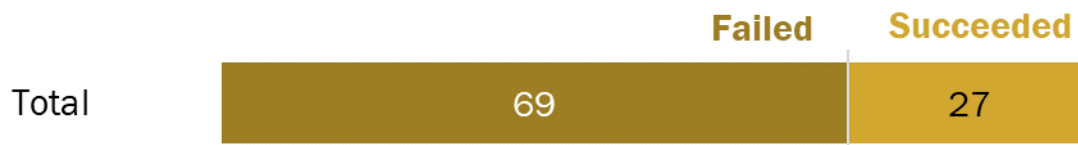
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# Public backs Afghan troop pullout, gives Biden low marks for handling situation

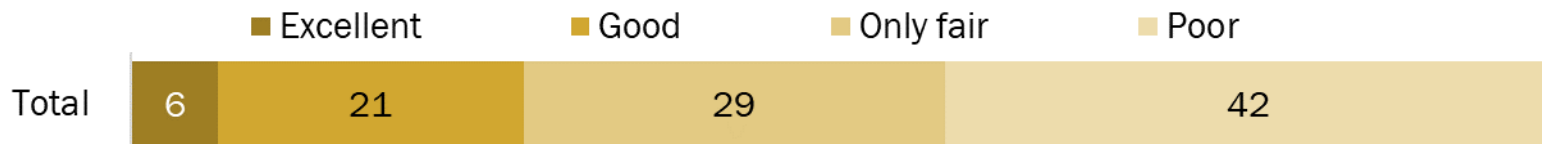
*% who say the U.S. decision to withdraw troops from Afghanistan was the ...*



*% who say the U.S. mostly \_\_\_ in achieving its goals in Afghanistan*



*% who rate the job the Biden administration has done handling the situation in Afghanistan as ...*

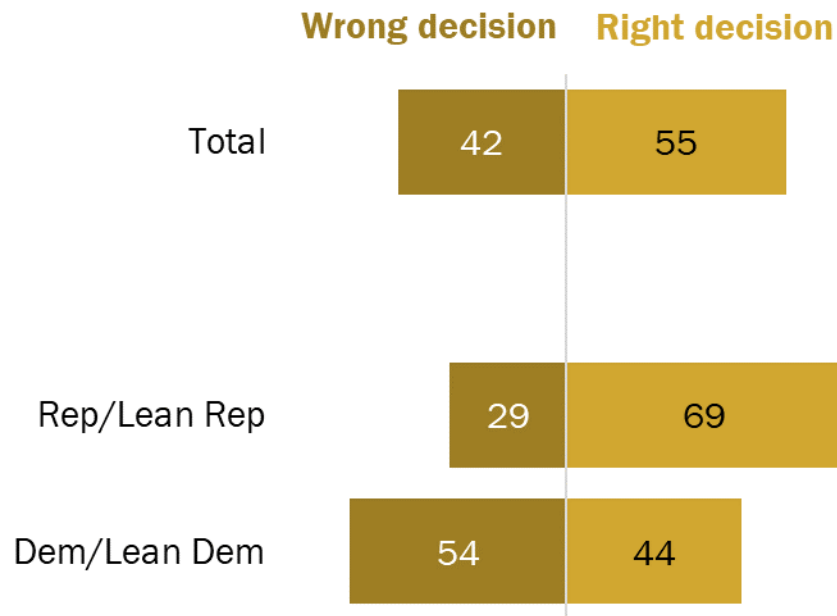


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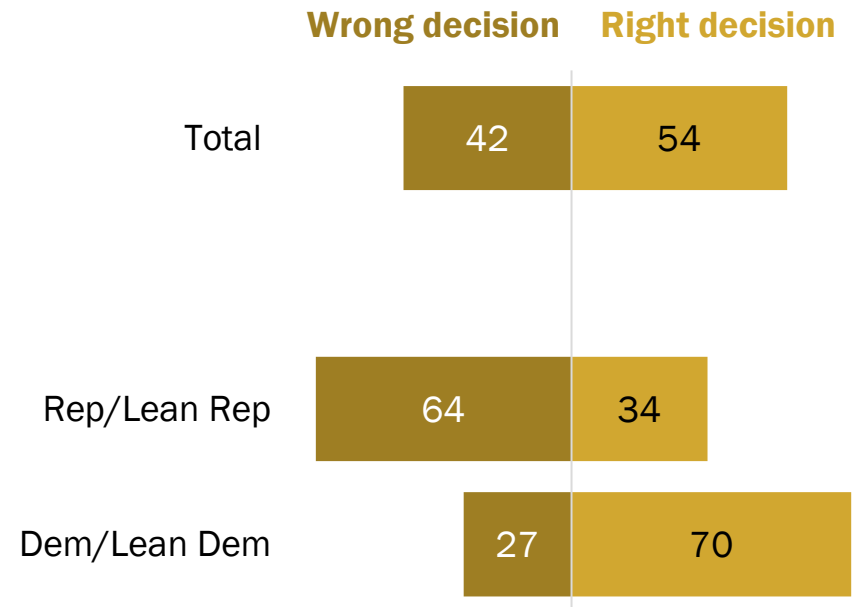
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Aug. 23-29, 2021.

# Americans support initial use of force in Afghanistan and pulling troops out now, but partisan attitudes differ

*% who say the United States' **initial decision** to use military force in Afghanistan in 2001 was the...*



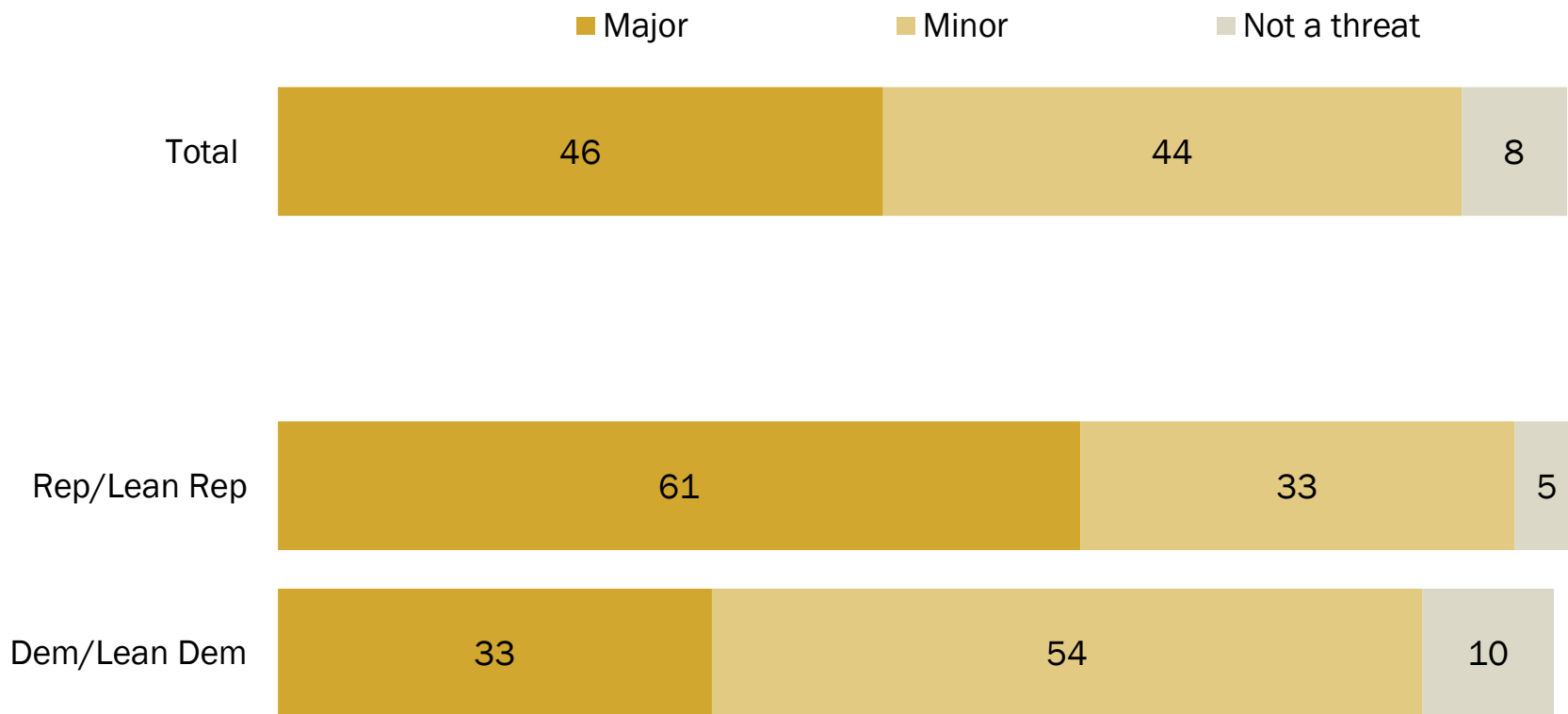
*% who say the U.S. **decision to withdraw troops** from Afghanistan was the...*



Note: No answer responses not shown  
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Aug. 23-29, 2021.

# Democrats less likely than Republicans to view Taliban control of Afghanistan as major security threat to U.S.

*% who say Taliban control of Afghanistan is a \_\_\_ threat to the security of the United States*

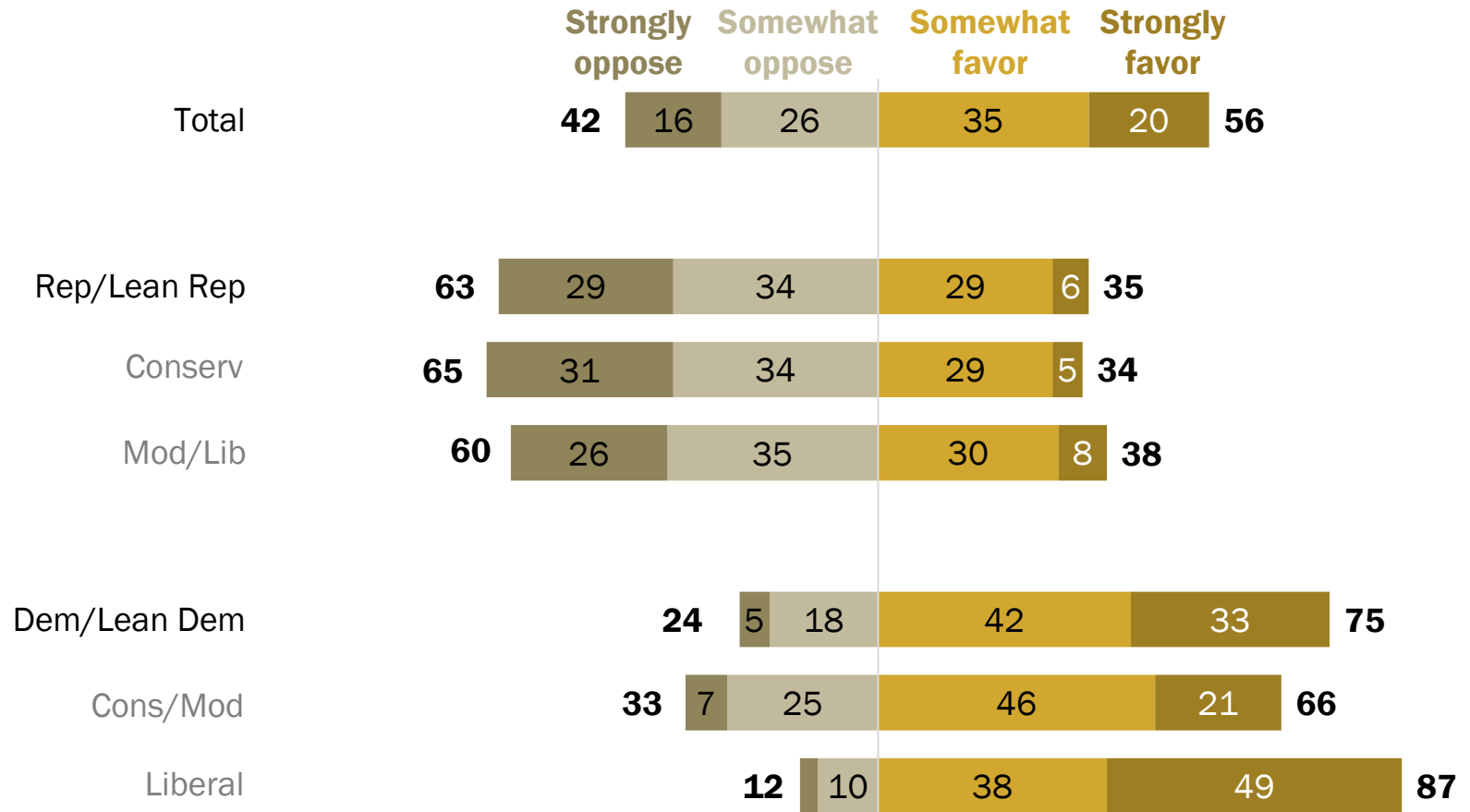


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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Aug. 23-29, 2021

# Liberal Democrats most likely to favor admitting Afghan refugees

*% who \_\_\_ the U.S. admitting thousands of refugees from Afghanistan into the country*



Note: No answer responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 13-19, 2021.

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