



## WHITE WOMEN'S PARTY ID VERSUS VIEWS ON KEY ISSUES

### SUMMARY

In fall 2023, we asked white women nationally which party best represented their views on abortion. We also asked them if there are any topics they agree with a different political party on. Asking these questions helped us confirm our assumptions that **white women tend to align with their party on key issues (see qualitative findings), and that they slightly lean towards the Democratic Party views on abortion (38%)**. The Republican Party and neither party were also common answers (35% and 27%).

These **results align across party and ideology as expected** with conservatives aligning with Republicans and liberals aligning with Democrats. This is also reflected in the Galvanize Action segment results made available to OFAC. **These findings are confirmatory**, but we will continue to assess white women's positions versus party positions. Doing so can provide suggestive evidence of movability and potentially changing opinions.

### BACKGROUND

In fall 2023, the One For All Committee explored white women's attitudes on key topics related to the 2024 presidential election in order to understand their role in the current political climate. A sample of 600 national white women were asked two questions...

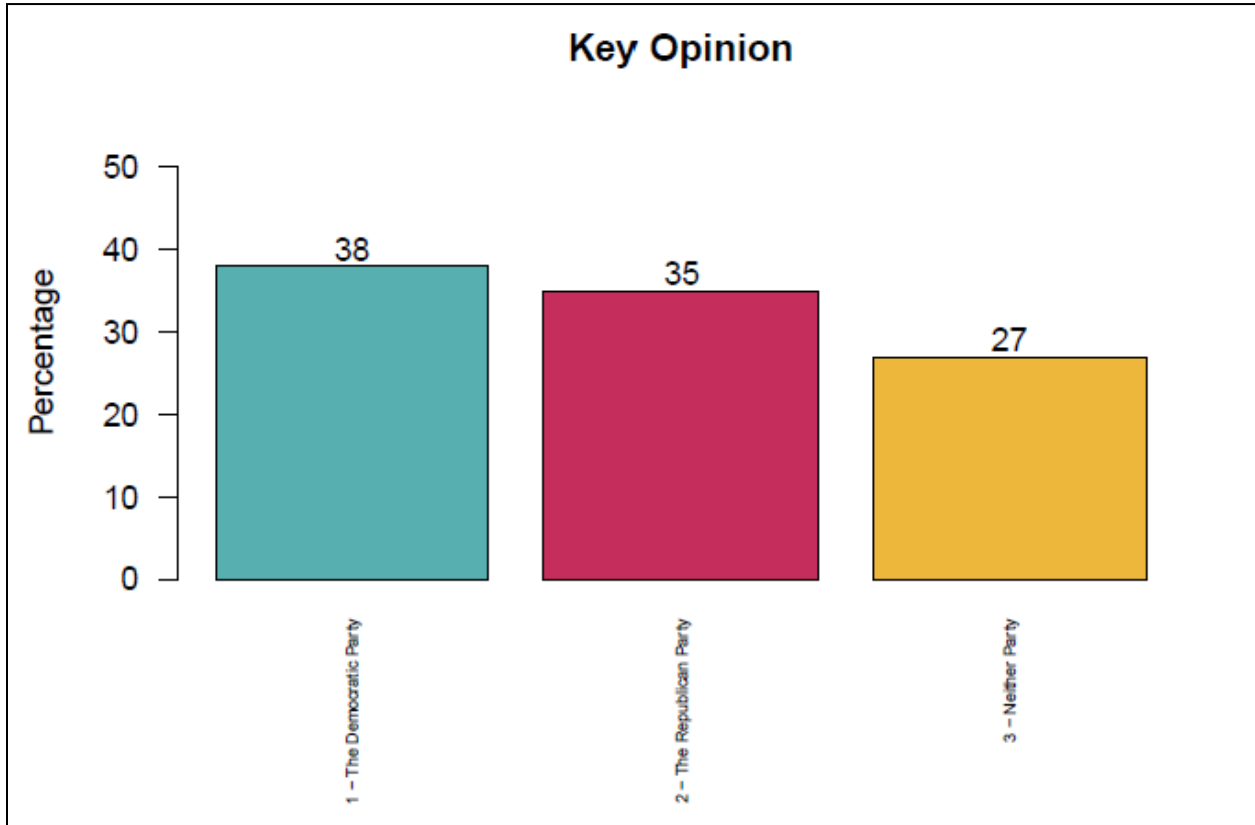
- ***Which political party, the Democratic party or the Republican party, best represents your own views on abortion, or does neither party represent your views on abortion?***
- ***Are there any topics you find yourself agreeing with a different political party than the one you usually support? For example - abortion, the economy, healthcare, something else. If so, why?***

### RESULTS

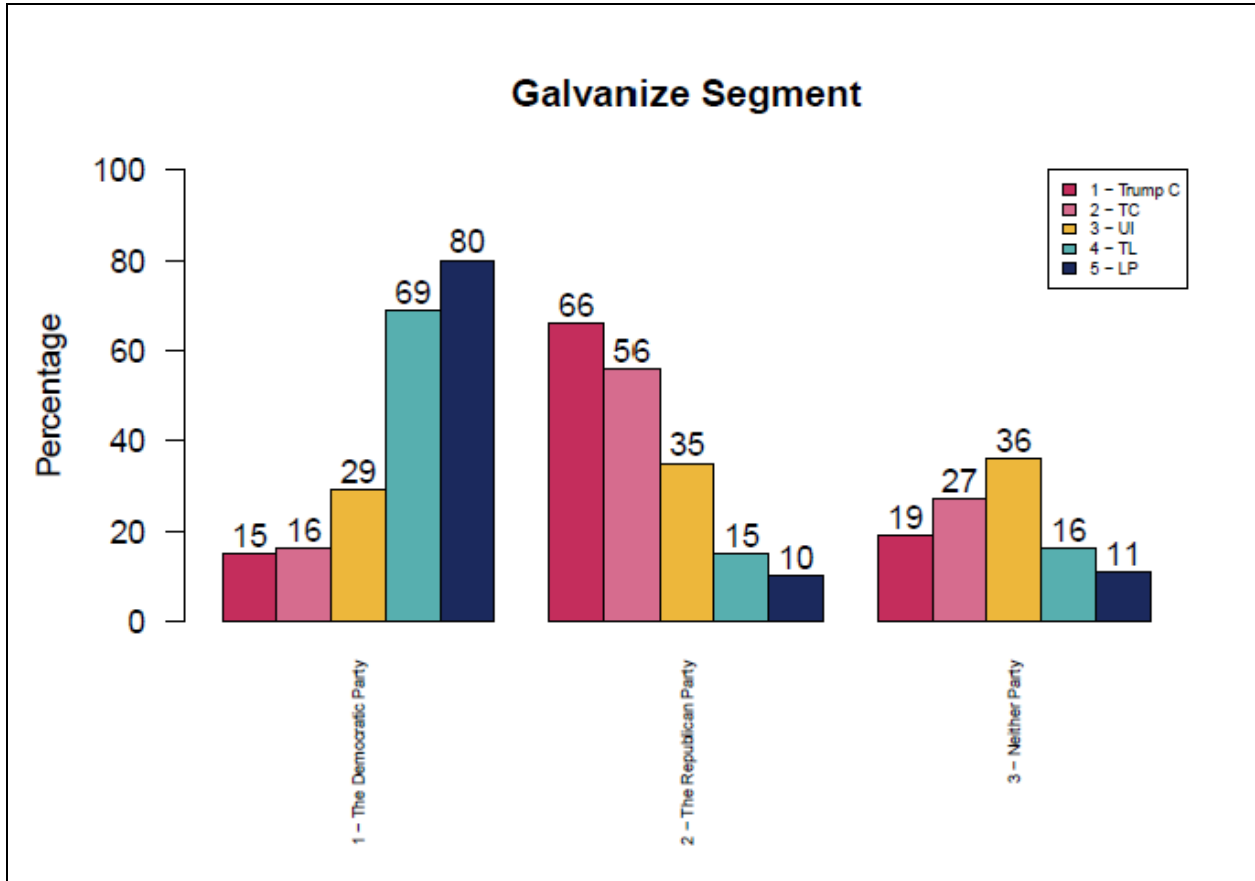
#### Quantitative Findings

As shown in the graph below, **white women are divided on who best represents their views on abortion** - 38% said the Democratic Party, 35% said the Republican Party, and 27% said

neither party. Results follow party lines as expected with Democrats and Liberals aligning with the Democratic Party, Republicans and Conservatives aligning with the Republican Party, **Moderates divided across parties (35% Democratic Party, 26% Republican Party, 39% neither party)**, and Independents aligning with neither party. See the appendix for Key Opinion breakdowns by party ID and ideology.



**This pattern holds when we look at Galvanize Action segments**, with the most liberal priority segment (Trusting Liberals) aligning with the Democratic Party (69%), the most conservative priority segment (Traditionalist Conservatives) aligning with the Republican party (56%), and the moderate segment (Uncertain Individualists) divided across parties (29% Democratic Party, 35% Republican Party, 36% neither party).



## Qualitative Findings

### Key Opinion Question

White women who indicated that the **Democratic Party** aligns with their views on abortion did so because of the **belief in autonomy and choice, the belief that abortion is healthcare, and the belief that the government should not be involved in a woman's right to choose.**

Conversely, women who indicated that the **Republican Party** aligns with their views on abortion mostly cited **pro-life ideals** as their reasoning.

Women who indicated that **neither party** supports their views on abortion noted the complexity of the issue, stating that **many situations differ on a case-by-case basis.** They also noted their **hesitance to choose a side due to political extremes,** or stated their **disinterest in politics** as a whole.

See below for examples of reasoning from respondents for each choice.

## Democratic Party

### 1. Support Autonomy and Choice:

- "I strongly believe that it is a woman's right determine what she does with her body and the government should stay completely out of it"
- "I stand for woman's rights I don't believe in abortion but I believe it is a woman's body and a woman's choice"
- "I believe women Should have a right to choose until baby is viable plus it is a women's body"

### 2. Support for Abortion as Healthcare:

- "Abortion is healthcare, as is birth control."
- "The Democratic party platform generally upholds that people have a right to abortion as healthcare"

### 3. Opposition to Government Intervention:

- "I don't believe in abortion. However, I don't believe the government has the right to decide for us, What right will they take away next?"
- "I believe that women need to make decisions for themselves. I'm not saying I would choose abortion but I don't want government in charge of my choices."
- "Law makers have no business with any involvement regarding a woman's choice."

### 4. Critique of Republican Stance:

- "Republicans want to ban it altogether which I don't agree with."
- "The Republican party is full of right wing nuts who want more freedom for guns than for people."
- "the Repubs want to impose their will and religious beliefs no matter what the majority of the voters actually want"

## Republican Party

### 1. Support for Pro-Life Ideals:

- "I think abortion is wrong"
- "Abortion should be illegal except for certain circumstances"
- "I am a republican because I agree with their views. Republicans mostly represent how I feel about abortions."
- "I am pro life which aligns more with the republican party."
- "Republicans are against abortion that's why I am on their side"

## 2. Critique of Democrat Stance:

- "The Democrats are all pro-abortion (pro-murder of children), whereas the Republicans tend to see abortion as a bad thing and at least try to restrict it or prevent taxpayers from paying for it."
- "Democrats love abortion. They've turned what used to be only for emergencies though I don't think it's right for any circumstance, into birth control and now it's satanic child sacrifice."
- "I used to be a Democrat and living in Louisiana. When Donald Trump decided he was going to run for president I switched party. The Democrats are not living in the real world and are only doing things to enrich themselves"

## Neither Party

### 1. Individual Choice and Complexity:

- "It should be left up to the doctor and patient. None of anyone's else's business"
- "I said neither party because I believe it truly is a case by case situation. I can see both sides and I cannot stand absolute on either, confidently. I also think it's not really anyone's business and too many people have been allowed to get involved who shouldn't really even have an opinion on the matter"
- "Neither because I think every situation is different when it comes to a Topic such as abortion. Some women could have very valid reasons for having an abortion, like the woman and the baby could possibly because the woman has a medical condition, or girl that was raped at a young age and impregnated her by her predator, some situations as such would be an understandable reason to have an abortion. Others like these girls just banged everyone in the town and wouldn't know who the daddy was is not a valid reason for abortion."
- "I'm usually against it, but there are some valid reasons to be able to have one too."

### 2. Rejection of Political Labels and Extremes:

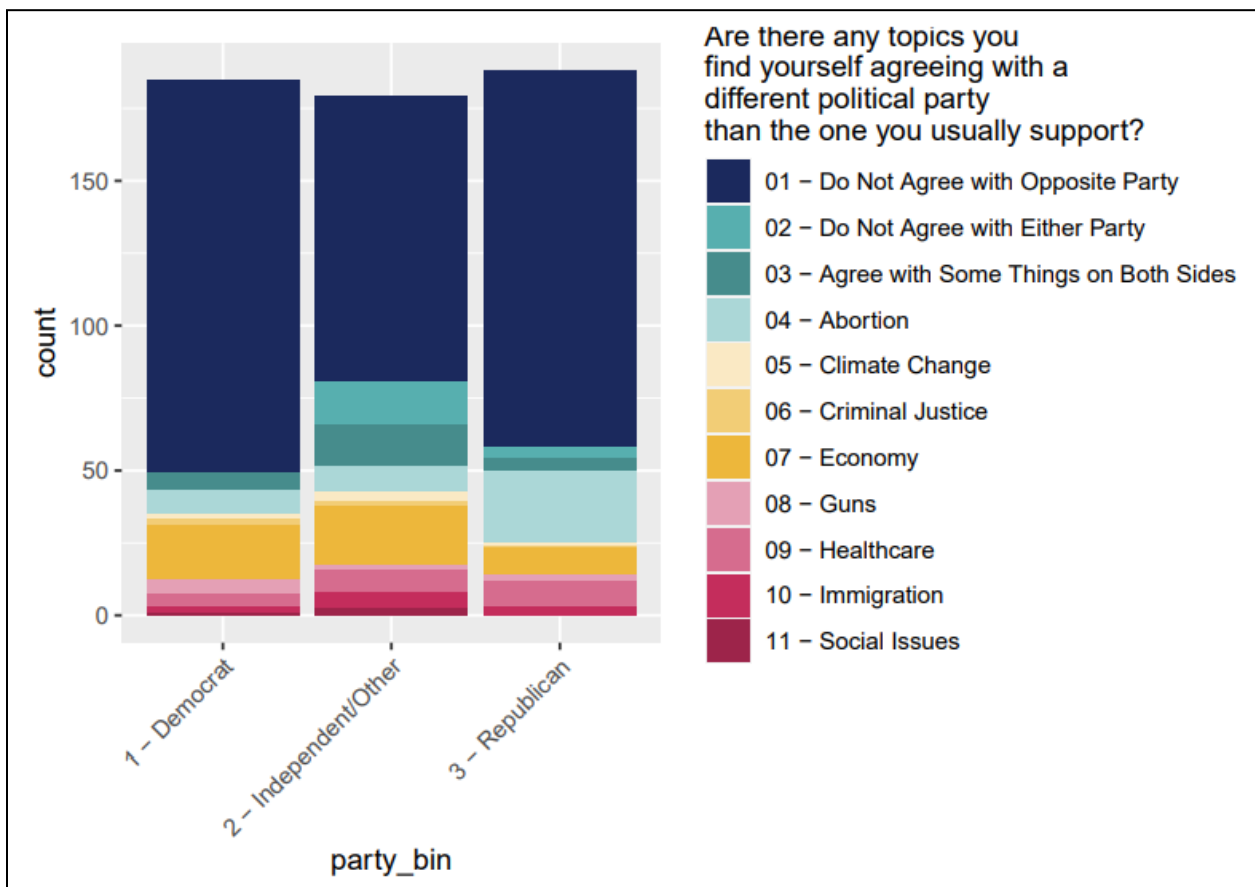
- "neither party represents my views on abortion. I'm not all for or against"
- "Both parties represent their own agendas rather than work together for the greater good"
- "Both are too extreme, in opposite ways"
- "Neither party actually best represents my views. There are certain details from each side that I agree on, and certain details that I disagree on."

### 3. Disinterest in Politics:

- "Because I don't believe in politics and both parties don't have a certain view that remains the same, it depends on the candidate at the time and their view. So if one year the democratic party is against abortion, the very next year when they have a different candidate their stance could easily change to the same as that candidate's stance of being for abortion."
- "They all lie."
- "I'm not interested in politics"
- "I don't follow politics closely enough to answer."
- "I don't follow politics. I don't vote. So therefore I am neither party"

### Custom Open-Ended Question

*Are there any topics you find yourself agreeing with a different political party than the one you usually support? For example - abortion, the economy, healthcare, something else. If so, why?*



### Response by Party:

Democrat

- 73.5% said they **do not agree with Republicans on anything.**
- 0% said they **do not agree with Democrats or Republicans.**
- 3% said they **agree with some things from both sides.**
- *SPECIFIC TOPICS:*
  - 10.4% said they agree with Republicans on **the economy.**
  - 4.6% said they agree with Republicans on **abortion.**
  - 2.7% said they agree with Republicans on **guns.**
  - 2.4% said they agree with Republicans on **healthcare.**
  - 0.98% said they agree with Republicans on **criminal justice.**
  - 0.91% said they agree with Republicans on **climate change.**
  - 0.91% said they agree with Republicans on **immigration.**
  - 0.56% said they agree with Republicans on **social issues.**

#### Republican

- 69.22% said they **do not agree with Democrats on anything.**
- 2% said they **do not agree with either party.**
- 2.3% said they **agree with some things from both sides.**
- *SPECIFIC TOPICS:*
  - 12.9% said they agree with Democrats on **abortion.**
  - 5.1% said they agree with Democrats on **the economy.**
  - 4.8% said they agree with Democrats on **healthcare.**
  - 1.6% said they agree with Democrats on **immigration.**
  - 1% said they agree with Democrats on **guns.**
  - 0.73% said they agree with Democrats on **climate change.**
  - 0.18% said they agree with Democrats on **criminal justice.**
  - 0% said they agree with Democrats on **social issues.**

#### Independent/Other

- 54.9% said they **do not agree with the opposite party.**<sup>1</sup>
- 8.1% said they **do not agree with either party.**
- 8.3% said they **agree with some things on both sides.**
- *SPECIFIC TOPICS:*
  - 13% said they agree with another party<sup>2</sup> on **abortion.**
  - 5% said they agree with another party on **the economy.**
  - 4.8% said they agree with another party on **healthcare.**

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<sup>1</sup> Note: No indication of what “opposite party” means for this group.

<sup>2</sup> Note: It is unclear which party Independent respondents agree with.

- 3.3% said they agree with another party on **immigration**.
- 1.8% said they agree with another party on **climate change**.
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- 1% said they agree with another party on **criminal justice**.
- 1% said they agree with another party on **guns**.



## APPENDIX

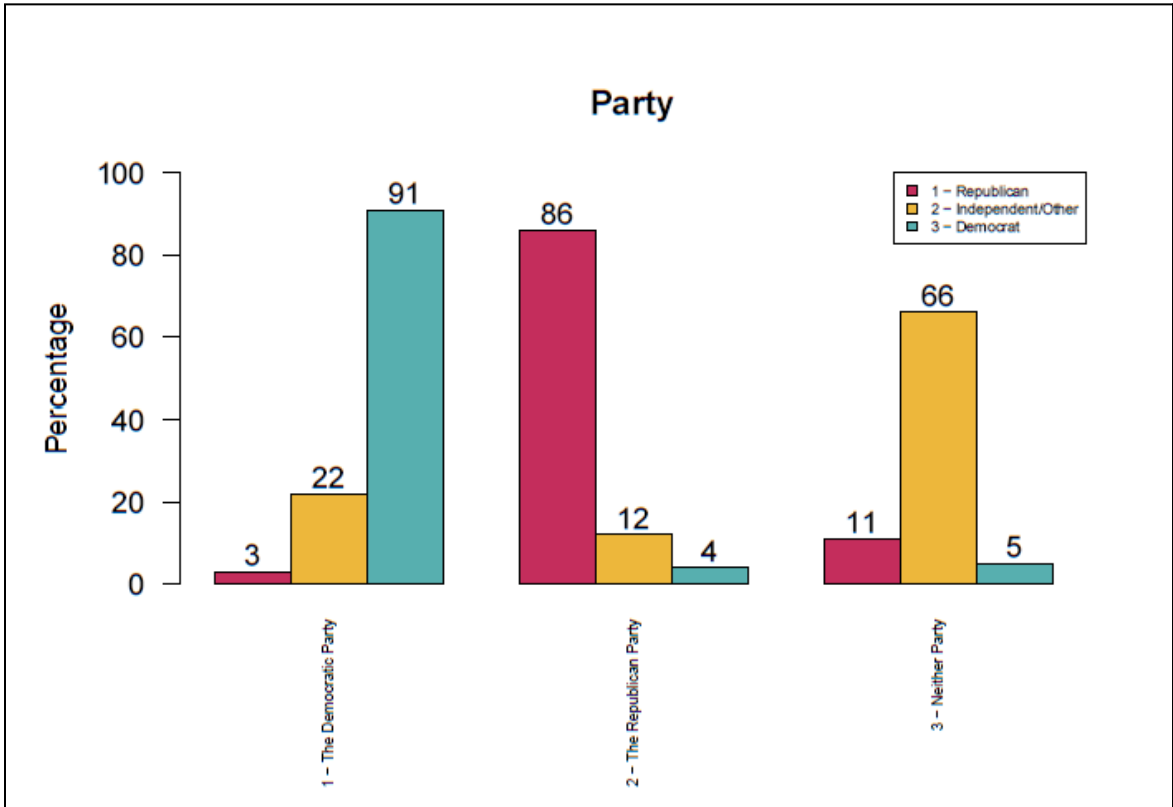
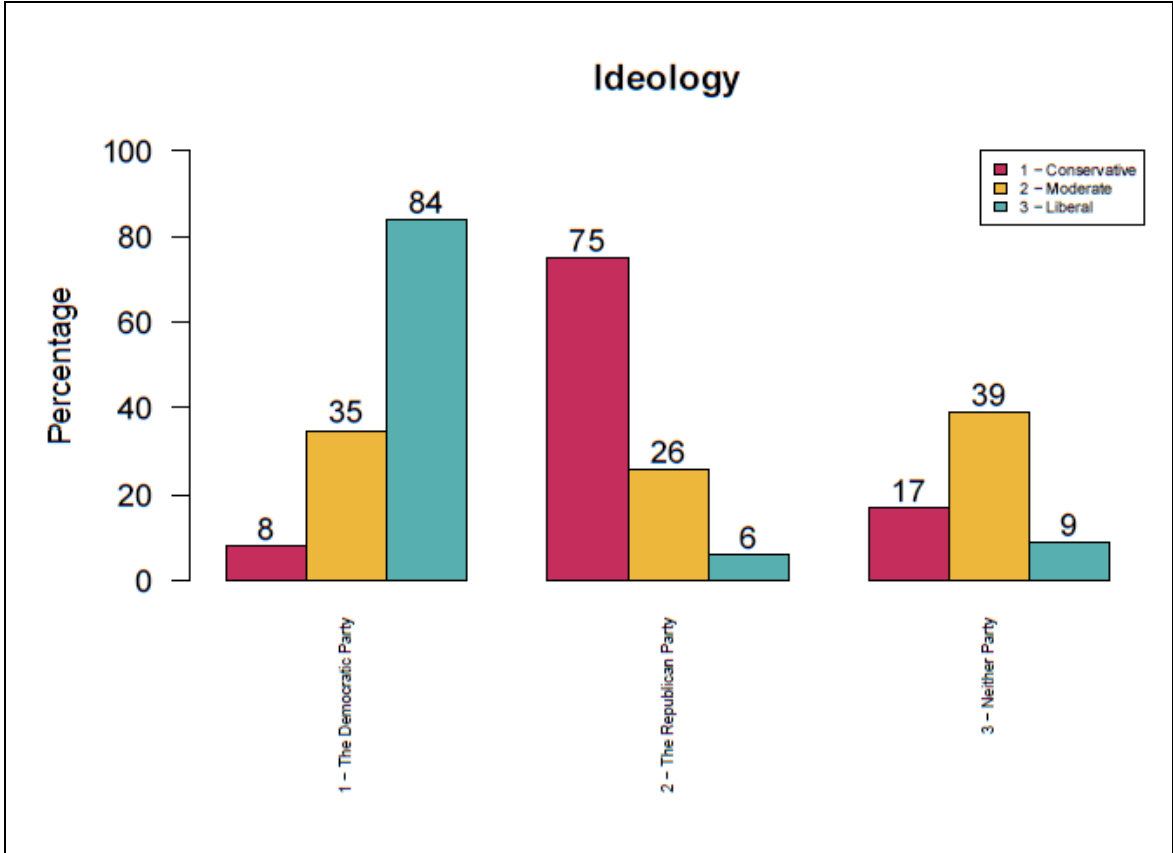
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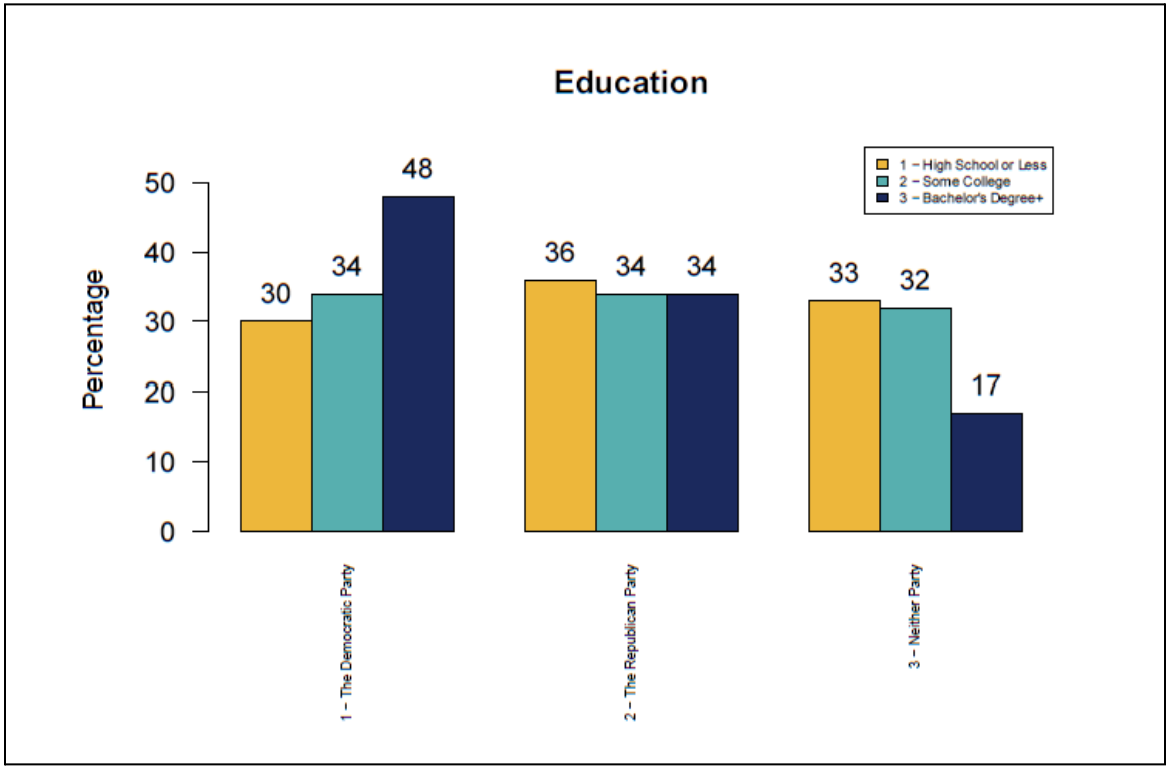
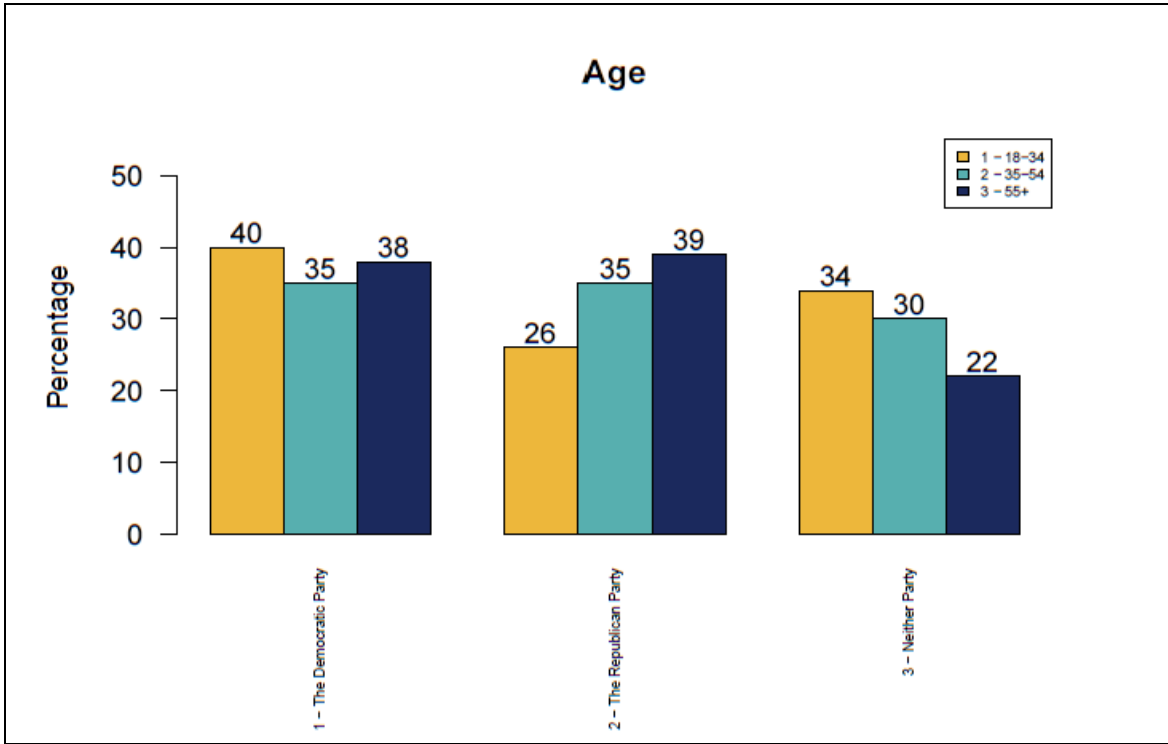
- Key opinion question: *Which political party, the Democratic party or the Republican party, best represents your own views on abortion, or does neither party represent your views on abortion?*
- Audience: US White Women
- Geography: National
- Sample size (full/matched): 600 / 307
- Dates in field: Monday, September 25, 2023 to Wednesday, September 27, 2023
- Weighting factors: Age, race, gender, education, and party

### Other Demographics

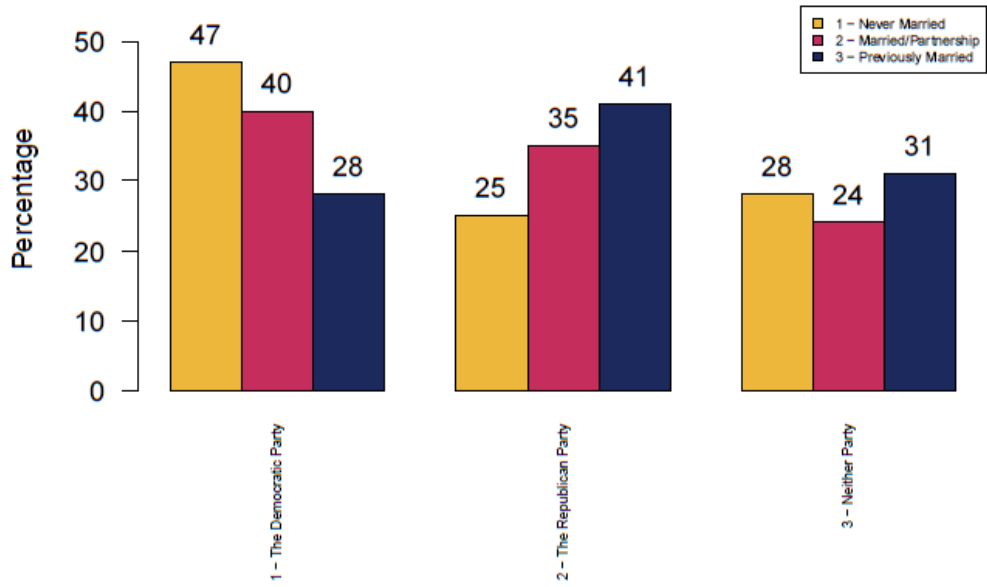
The following charts show demographic breakdowns by key opinion response.



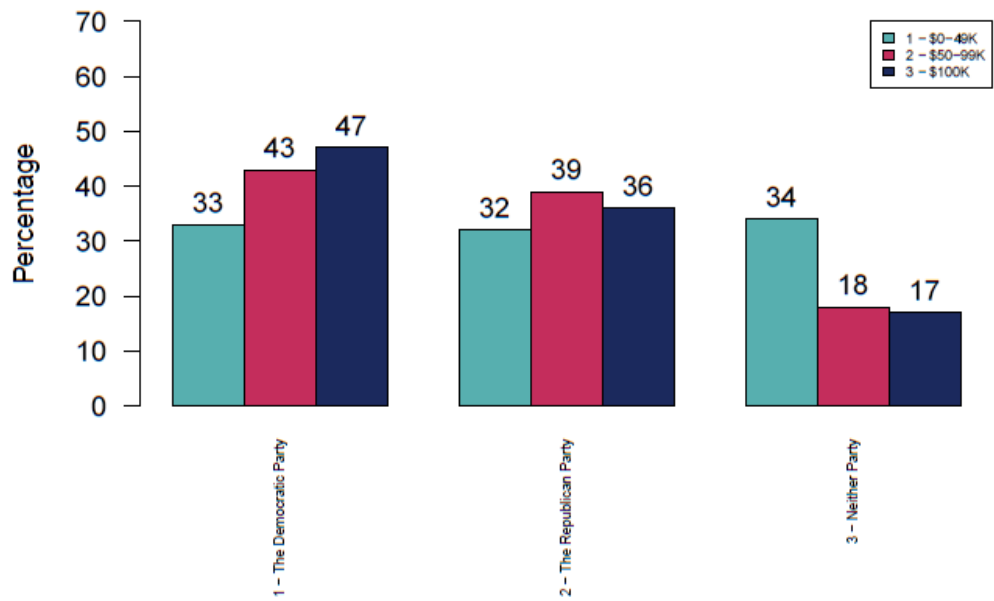


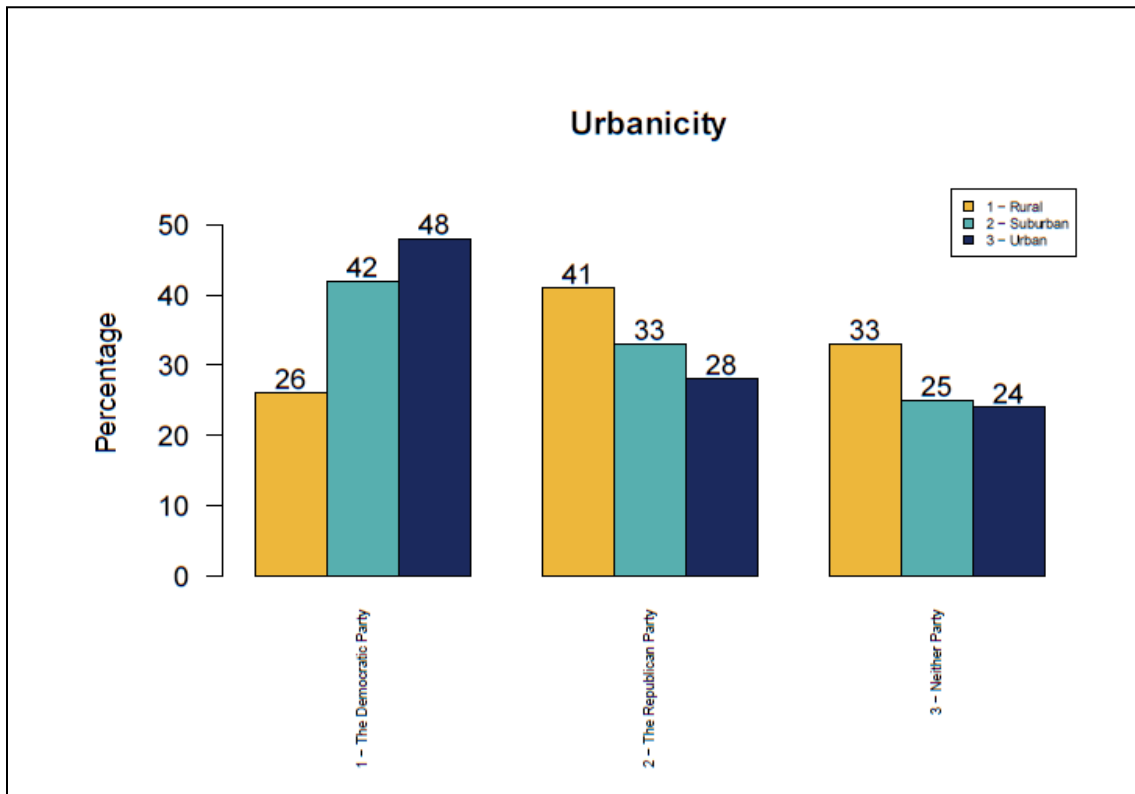
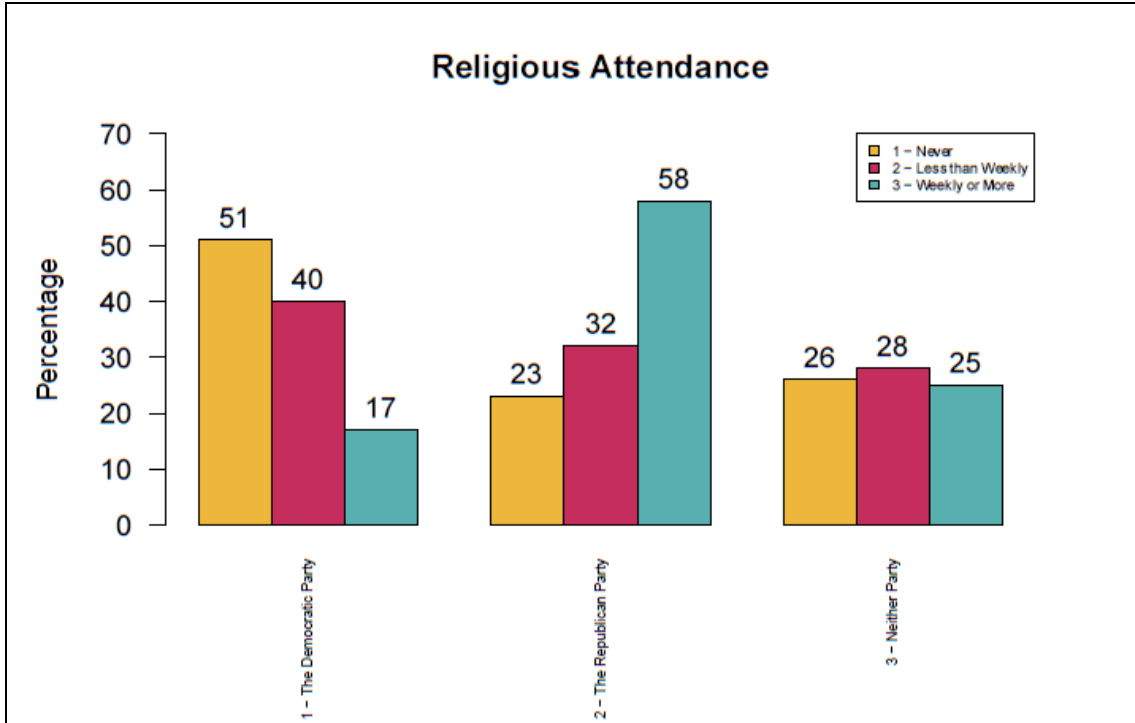


### Marital Status



### Income





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