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WEST VIRGINIA **POLL**®

The MetroNews Dominion Post West Virginia Poll

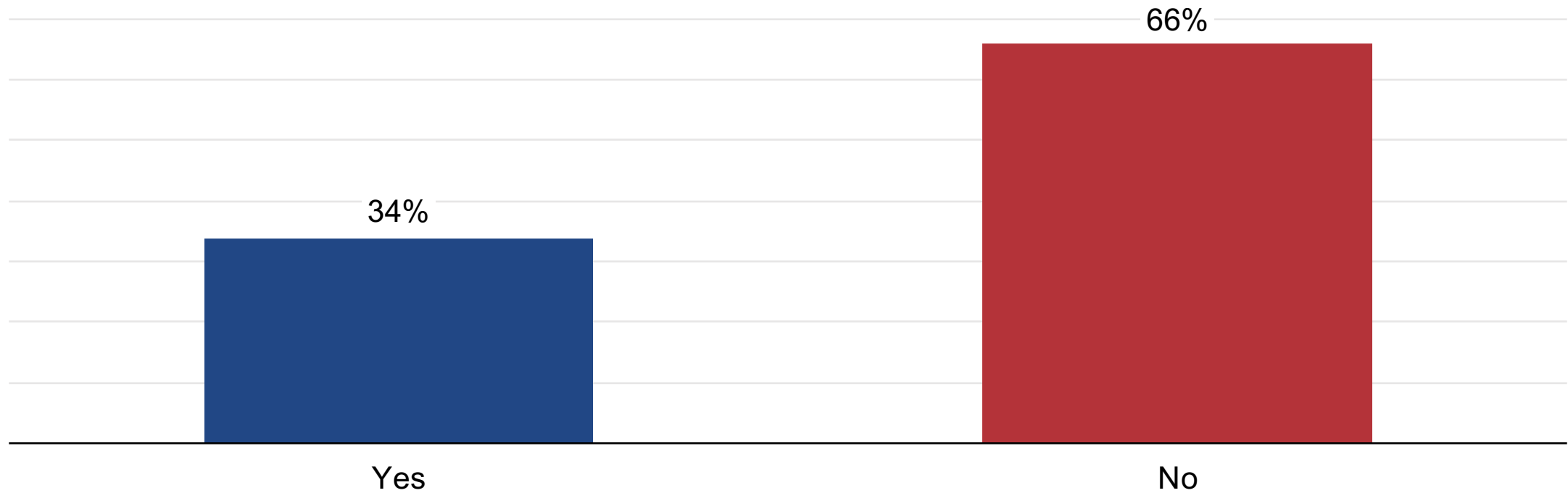
The West Virginia Poll is a non-partisan survey of public opinion conducted continuously since January 21, 1980 and reported by media outlets. For more than 30 years, The West Virginia Poll has been the source of public opinion about current issues, political races, and pop culture.



Methodology:

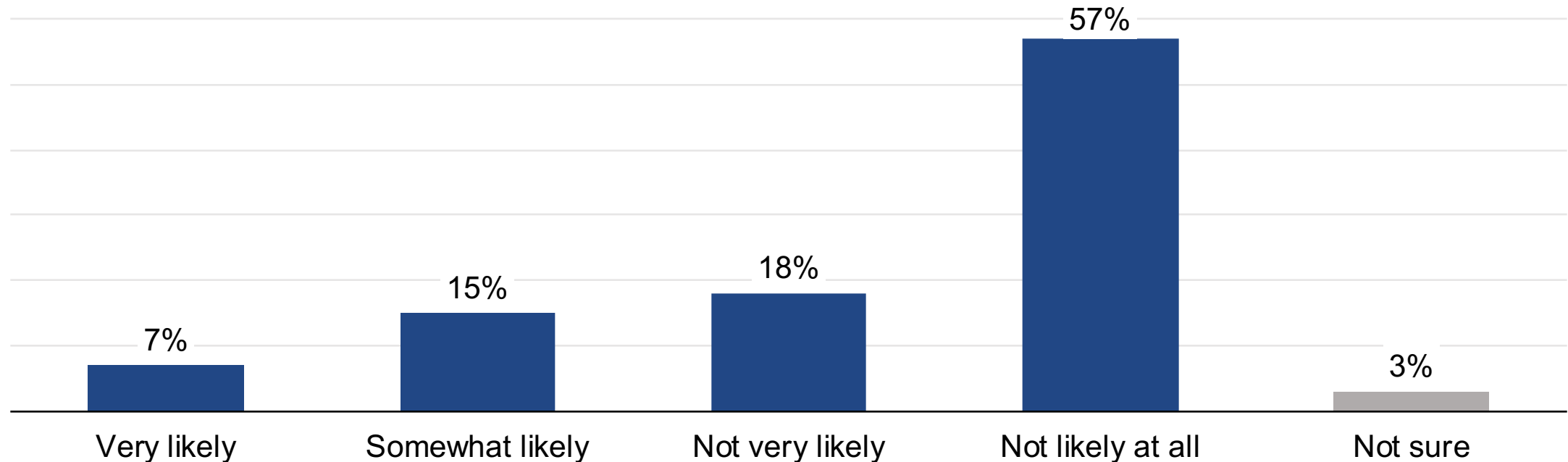
- August 16-26, 2018
- n=404 Completed interviews
- Respondents screened and qualified as likely voters
- All 55 counties are included in the sampling frame
- Confidence interval +/- 4.9 percentage points
- Data Collection – A hybrid methodology

Only About 1 in 3 Have Placed a Bet on a Sporting Event



Q: Turning to another issue, have you, yourself ever placed a bet on a sporting event?

Most Are Not Likely at All to Place Bets on Sporting Events



Q: Finally, as you may or may not know as of this year it is now legal to place bets on college and professional sporting events in West Virginia. How likely is it that you will place legal bets on sporting events in West Virginia this fall?

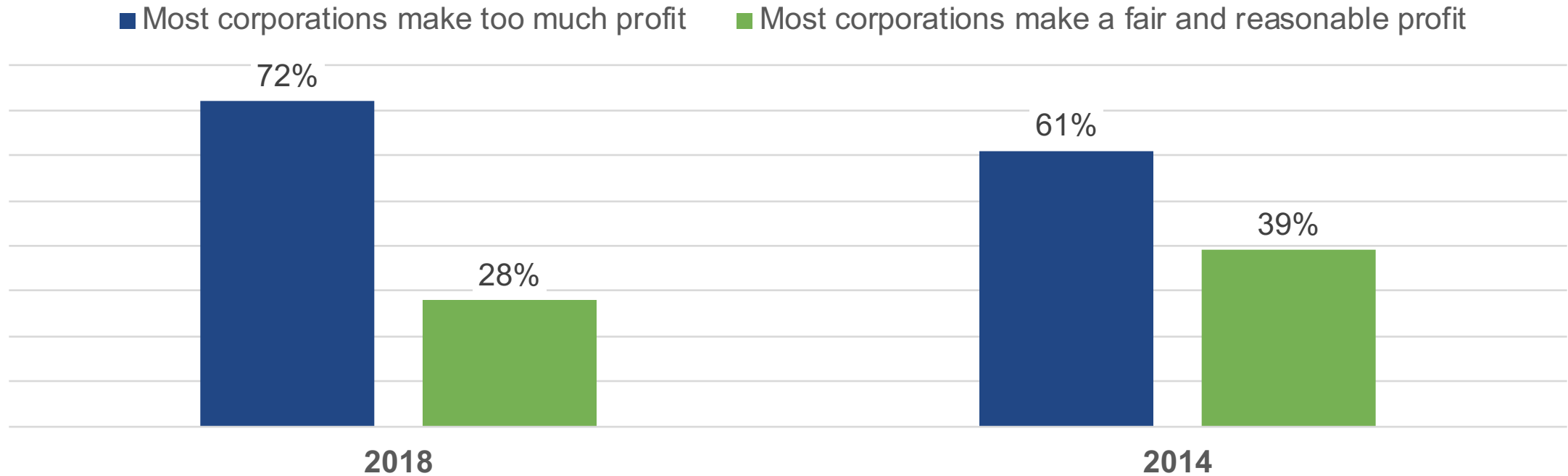
While West Virginia Voters Trend Deep Red, There is Growing Distrust of Big Business

- Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest
- Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good



Q: Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

There Is Also Growing Belief That Corporations Make Too Much Profit



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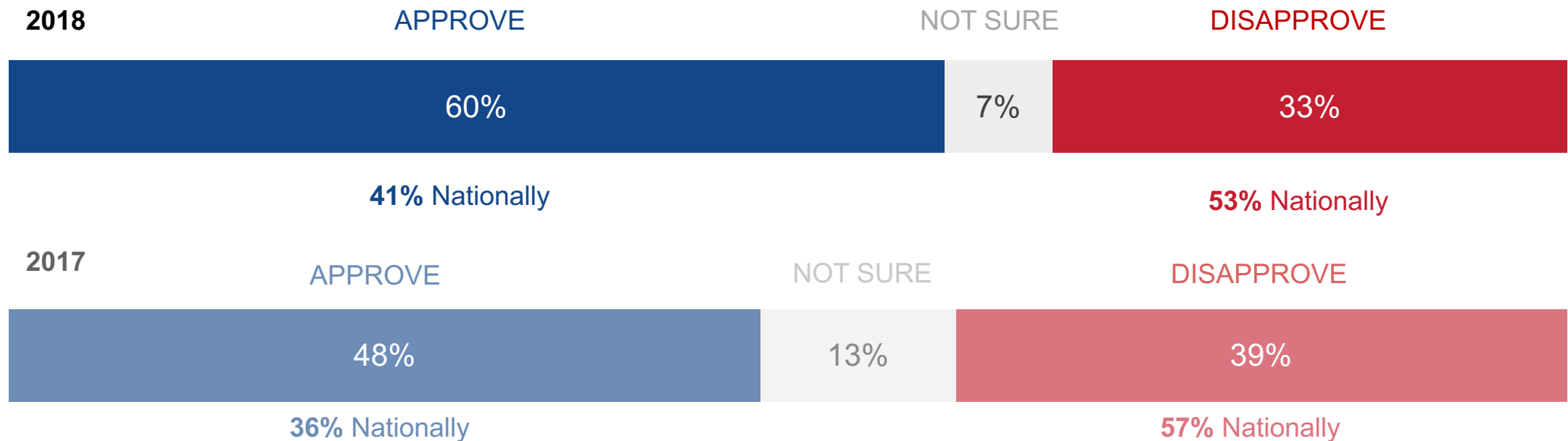
And, Too Much Power is Concentrated in the Hands of a Few Large Corporations

- Too much power is concentrated in the hands of a few large companies
- The largest companies do NOT have too much power



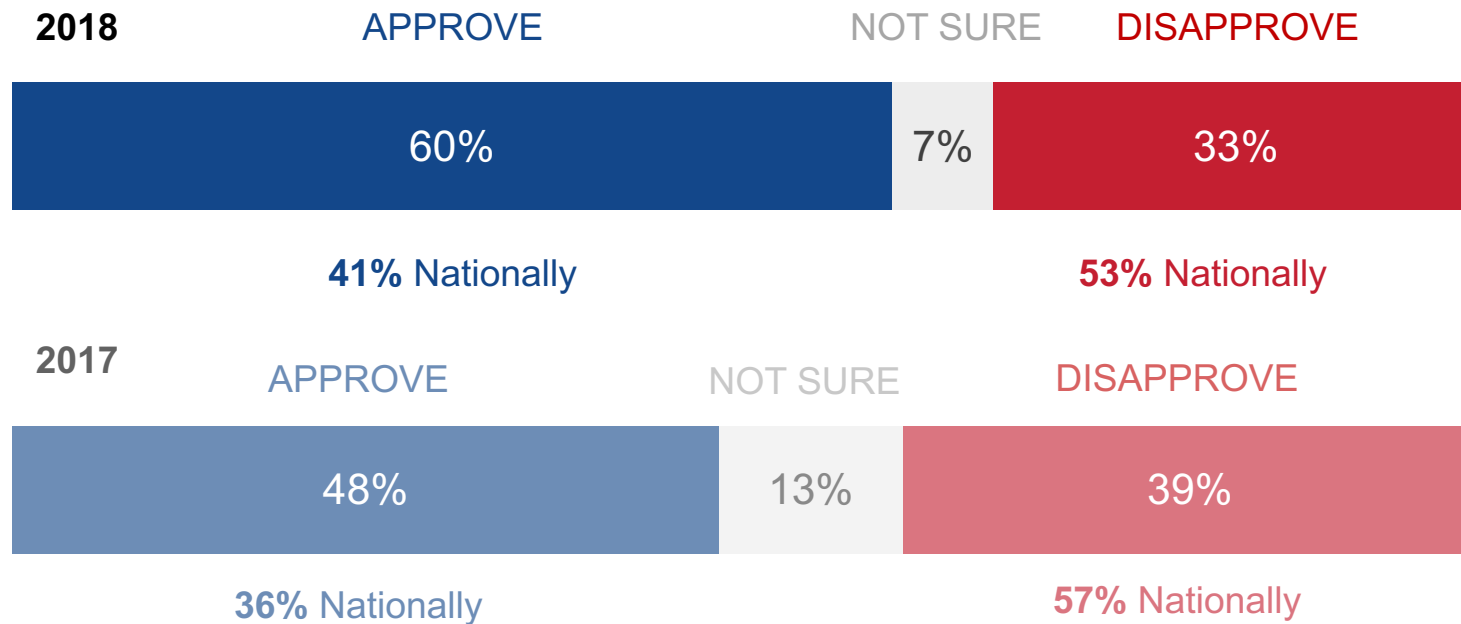
Q: Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

More Likely Voters in West Virginia Approve of Donald Trump's Job Performance Than in 2017



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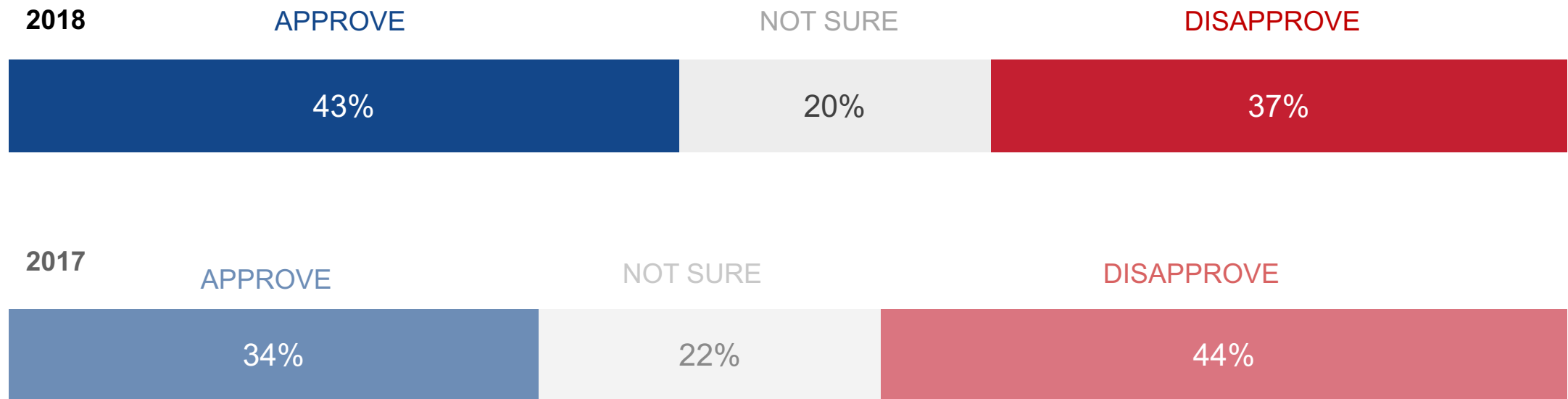
Trump's Most Loyal Supporters Are Very Engaged in the 2018 Election General Election



25% of West Virginians are both *very engaged* with this years election and *very approving* of President Trump

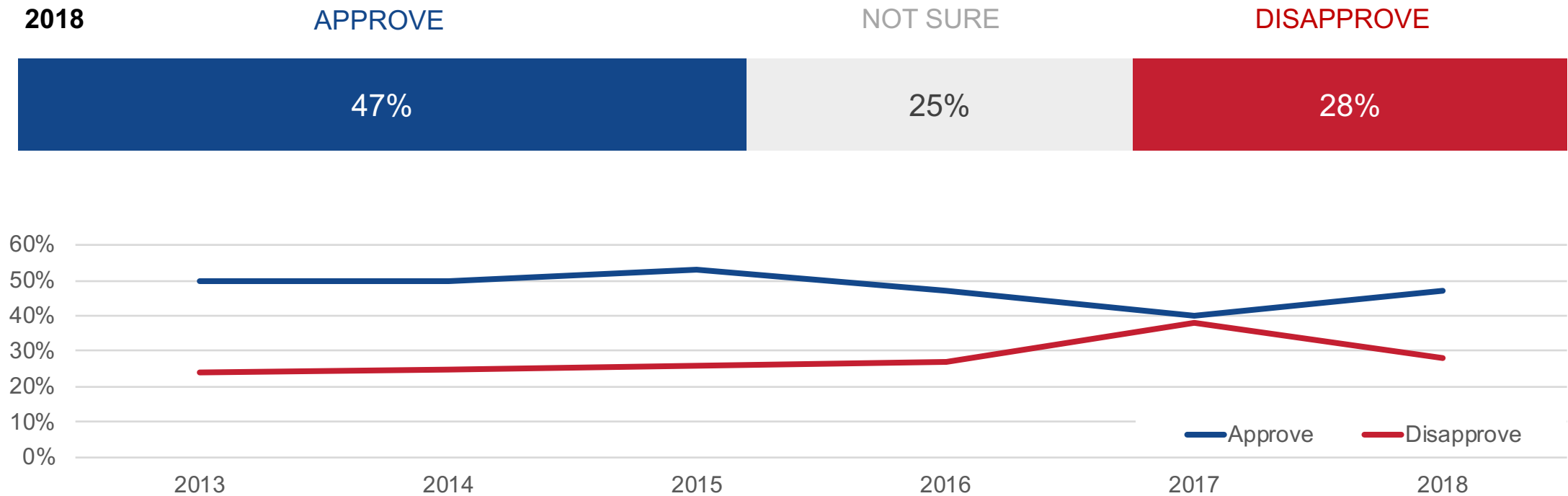
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One Year After Switching Parties, Jim Justice's Job Approval Ratings Have Improved – From 34% in 2017 to 43% in 2018



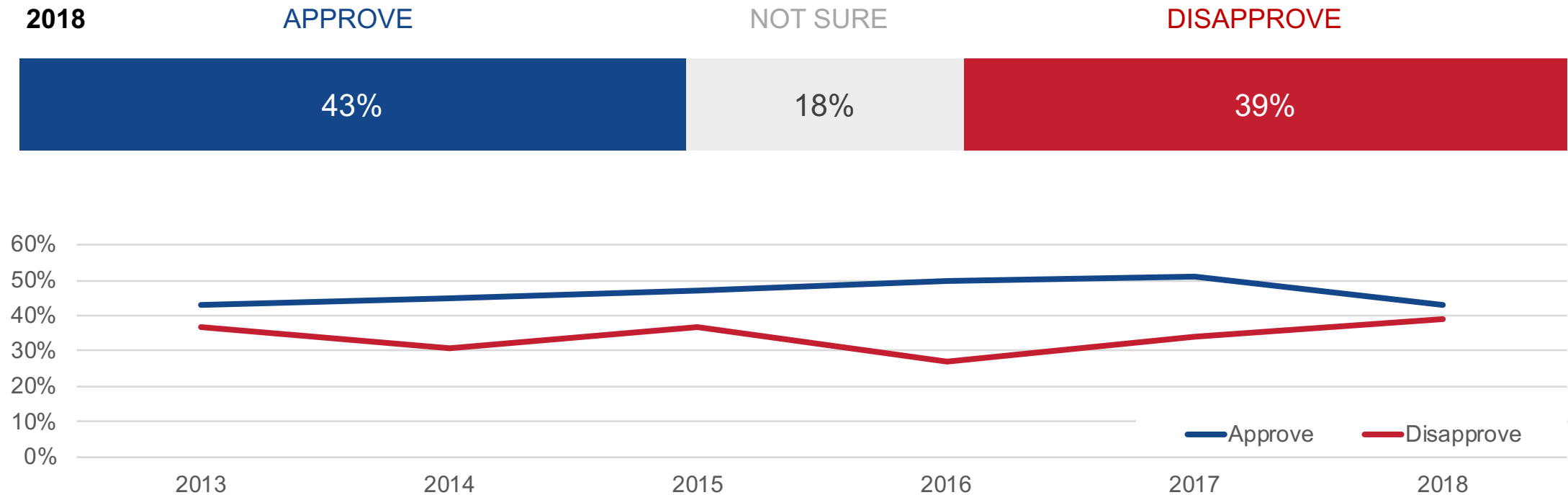
Q: Next, do you approve or disapprove of the job the following public figures are doing – Jim Justice as West Virginia Governor

Shelley Moore-Capito's Approval Ratings Are Up 9 Percentage Points from 2017



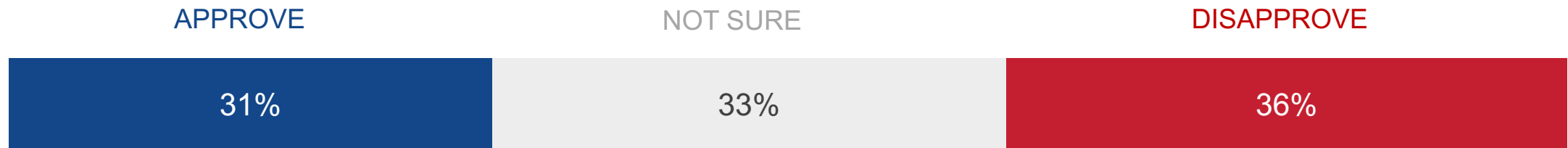
Q: Next, do you approve or disapprove of the job the following public figures are doing – Shelley Moore-Capito as US senator

Joe Manchin's Job Approval Ratings Have Decreased and His Disapprovals Are at a 5-Year High



Q: Next, do you approve or disapprove of the job the following public figures are doing – Joe Manchin as US senator

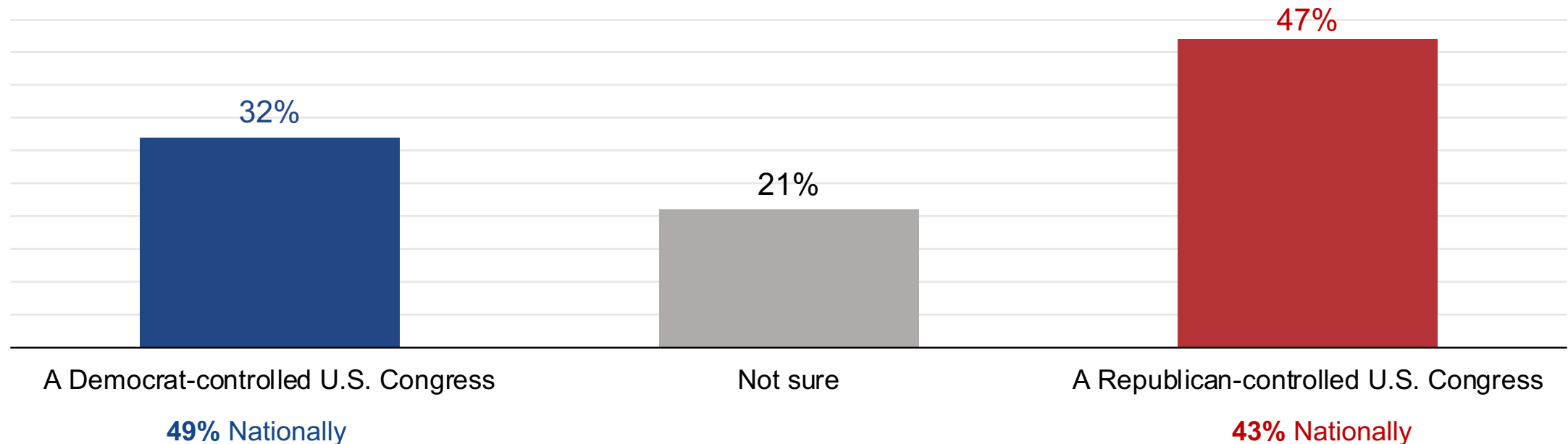
Only About One Third of Likely Voters Approve of Patrick Morrisey's Job Performance and Another Third Are Unsure



Those “Not Sure” about Morrisey are less interested in this years election than those who have already formed opinions.

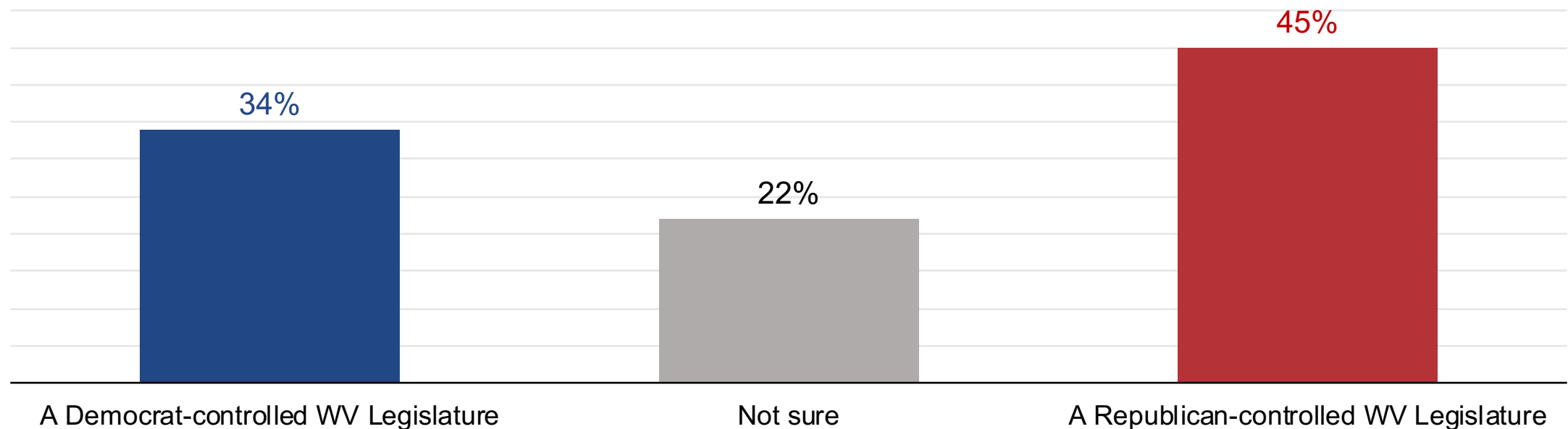
Q: Next, do you approve or disapprove of the job the following public figures are doing – Patrick Morrisey as West Virginia attorney general

In a Generic Ballot, West Virginia's Likely Voters Are More Likely to Prefer a Republican Congress



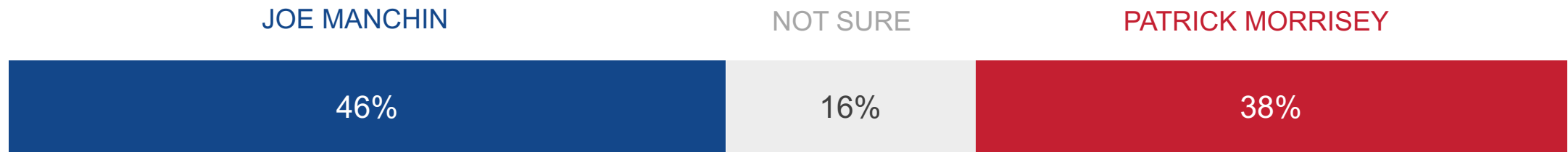
Q: And thinking about the 2018 elections, what is your preference for the outcome of this year's congressional elections – a Republican party-controlled U.S. Congress, or a Democratic party-controlled U.S. Congress (National Data from NBC News/Wall Street Journal Survey July 2018)

Party Preference for Control of the West Virginia Legislature Also Significantly Favors Republicans



Q: Thinking about the West Virginia Legislature, what is your preference for the outcome of this year's state house and senate elections – [ROTATE] a Republican party-controlled West Virginia Legislature, or a Democratic party-controlled West Virginia Legislature?

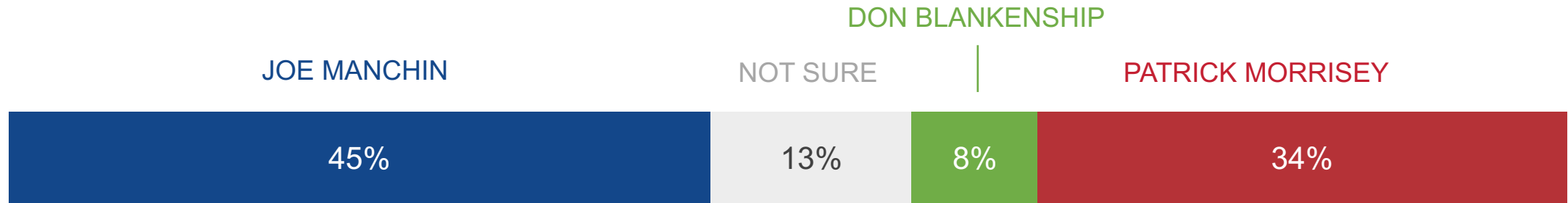
Manchin Leads Morrisey by Eight Percentage Points at This Stage of the Race



However, Morrisey voters tend to be more interested and engaged in this year's election than Manchin voters - which could impact voter turn-out.

Q: As you may or may not know next year there will be an election for the United States Senate from West Virginia. The candidates are Joe Manchin, the Democratic party candidate, and Patrick Morrisey the Republican party candidate. If the election were held today, for whom would you vote?

If Don Blankenship Had Been on the Ballot, Manchin Out Polls Morrisey by 11 Percentage Points



Nearly 12% of Morrisey voters would have switched to Blankenship if the West Virginia Supreme Court had ruled in his favor.

Q: Now, assuming the candidates are Joe Manchin, the Democratic party candidate, Patrick Morrisey the Republican party candidate, and Don Blankenship, the Constitution party candidate. If the election were held today and those were the candidates, for whom would you vote?