

## **Selected Questions and Results**

Two competing popular arguments about how best to help working and middle-class Americans are sometimes called the “abundance” view and the “populist” view. Which of the following arguments do you agree with the most, even if neither is exactly your belief?

### **Abundance:**

The big problem is “bottlenecks” that make it harder to produce housing, expand energy production, or build new roads and bridges. Frequently these bottlenecks take the form of well-intended regulations meant to give people a voice or to protect the environment - but these regulations are exploited by organized interest groups and community groups to slow things down. This increases costs and makes it harder for us to provide for everybody’s needs. We need to push back against these groups so the government and economy can work better for working and middle-class Americans.

If a candidate for Congress or President made the Abundance argument, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for them?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Indi
Much more likely	12.6	9.9	16.4	12.5
Somewhat more likely	30.9	22.7	42.4	28.1
Somewhat less likely	16.6	22.0	10.4	18.3
Much less likely	13.0	18.2	6.1	12.9
Unsure	26.9	26.9	24.7	28.1

### **Populist:**

The big problem is that big corporations have way too much power over our economy and our government. They work to prevent the government from making investments in things like expanding access to affordable clean energy, housing, and infrastructure improvements so that they can maximize their own profits. Corporations also try to raise prices by as much as they can - which is easier than ever because the economy is so concentrated in the hands of just a few people. We need to hold these corporations accountable and reduce their power so the government and economy can work better for working and middle-class Americans.

If a candidate for Congress or President made the Populist argument, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for them?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Indi
Much more likely	26.3	41.9	10.1	25.0
Somewhat more likely	29.3	30.6	29.5	30.4
Somewhat less likely	12.0	4.7	18.6	12.8
Much less likely	12.2	8.5	15.4	13.5
Unsure	20.3	14.2	26.4	18.2

Now that you've learned more about both perspectives, which do you agree with the most, even if neither is exactly your belief?

	Total	Dem	Rep	Indi
Abundance	29.2	16.8	43.7	28.4
Populist	42.8	59.0	25.0	44.3
Unsure	28.0	24.2	31.3	27.4

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Imagine a candidate for Congress or President made the argument below. Would this make you more likely or less likely to vote for them?

“The thing we need to do to make the government and economy do a better job of serving working and middle-class Americans is to get money out of politics, break up corporate monopolies, and fight corruption”

	Total	Dem	Rep	Indi
Much more likely	48.5	61.6	34.0	49.0
Somewhat more likely	33.1	25.8	40.1	35.8
Somewhat less likely	5.8	3.3	8.8	6.8
Much less likely	2.6	1.9	3.5	1.7
Unsure	10.0	7.3	13.6	6.8

“The thing we need to do to make the government and economy do a better job of serving working and middle-class Americans is to reduce regulations that hold back the government and private sector from taking action”

	Total	Dem	Rep	Indi
Much more likely	18.8	12.3	27.7	17.9
Somewhat more likely	28.9	22.5	37.8	27.0
Somewhat less likely	18.3	23.2	13.1	18.6
Much less likely	15.5	24.8	4.0	15.5
Unsure	18.6	17.3	17.4	20.9

“The thing we need to do to make the government and economy do a better job of serving working and middle-class Americans is to get money out of politics, break up corporate monopolies, fight corruption, and reduce regulations that hold back the government and private sector from taking action”

	Total	Dem	Rep	Indi
Much more likely	37.6	43.3	33.2	36.0
Somewhat more likely	34.6	30.7	38.5	36.0
Somewhat less likely	9.7	9.0	9.8	9.1
Much less likely	3.8	4.5	3.3	4.4
Unsure	14.2	12.5	15.1	14.5

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