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Let's consider some new proposed Congressional bill related to lobbying.

Because former Members of Congress and Executive Branch officials (such as those in the Department of Defense or the US Treasury) are very familiar with how government works and have strong personal connections throughout government, they can often work as lobbyists after they leave office. Currently, there are some limits on how soon a former government official can lobby the government after leaving office.

A set of proposed bills in Congress extends the period former Members of Congress and Executive Branch officials must wait after they leave office before they can work as lobbyists.

Under current law, before they can lobby Congress:

- former House members must wait 1 year
- former Senators must wait 2 years
- senior Congressional staffers in both houses must wait 1 year

In addition, senior Executive Branch officials are prohibited from lobbying the agency they were part of for 1-2 years, depending on how senior they were.

Here is an argument **in favor of** extending the time periods during which former government officials are prohibited from lobbying.

Q30. Members of Congress and senior staff who have recently left have unique personal relationships, access and insider knowledge, so the special interests that hire them get an unfair advantage in working the system. It is fine for special interests to communicate their views to Congress and the administration, just like regular citizens, but they should not be able to buy greater influence by hiring what are essentially super-lobbyists.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	57.3%	27.4%	84.7%	8.9%	5.7%	14.6%	0.7%
Republicans	53.9%	28.9%	82.8%	9.0%	7.4%	16.4%	0.7%
Democrats	64.2%	24.6%	88.8%	7.2%	3.5%	10.7%	0.6%
Independents	49.7%	30.4%	80.1%	12.1%	6.7%	18.8%	1.2%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	56.8%	28.3%	85.1%	8.1%	6.9%	15.0%	0.0%
Somewhat red	56.9%	25.2%	82.1%	11.2%	5.6%	16.8%	1.0%
Lean red	57.9%	31.0%	88.9%	5.7%	4.3%	10.0%	1.0%
Lean blue	56.6%	26.9%	83.5%	9.5%	6.6%	16.1%	0.5%
Somewhat blue	56.1%	26.1%	82.2%	9.6%	7.2%	16.8%	1.1%
Very blue	59.2%	27.1%	86.3%	9.2%	3.6%	12.8%	0.8%

Here is an argument **against** the proposal:

Q31. Telling former government officials they cannot lobby in favor of a cause they believe in violates their First Amendment right to freedom of speech. They should have the right to speak with current government officials and share their views or expertise that sheds light on various policy options. This rule also limits the freedom of expression for people who want to hire a former official to help get their voice heard in government. We should enhance the people's ability to petition their government, not put greater limits on it.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	11.5%	26.5%	38.0%	23.6%	38.1%	61.7%	0.4%
Republicans	13.6%	29.2%	42.8%	23.3%	33.6%	56.9%	0.4%
Democrats	8.4%	23.1%	31.5%	24.0%	44.2%	68.2%	0.3%
Independents	13.5%	28.4%	41.9%	23.4%	34.2%	57.6%	0.5%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	10.4%	23.0%	33.4%	28.9%	37.7%	66.6%	0.0%
Somewhat red	8.9%	30.7%	39.6%	22.6%	37.1%	59.7%	0.8%
Lean red	11.7%	26.1%	37.8%	28.0%	33.7%	61.7%	0.4%
Lean blue	13.2%	27.3%	40.5%	20.3%	38.9%	59.2%	0.3%
Somewhat blue	14.0%	25.7%	39.7%	21.6%	38.4%	60.0%	0.3%
Very blue	9.8%	25.2%	35.0%	21.5%	43.3%	64.8%	0.1%

Here is another pair of arguments **in favor of and against** the proposal to extend the time periods during which former government officials are prohibited from lobbying.

Q32. Working for the government should be something that people do as public service, not as a steppingstone to get a high-paying lobbying job. It is also not right that people who have just come out of government get an unfair advantage over others. Furthermore, when people in government are enticed by high-paying lobbying jobs it creates constant turnover and an ongoing brain drain.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	54.0%	31.4%	85.4%	9.0%	5.0%	14.0%	0.6%
Republicans	51.6%	32.1%	83.7%	10.9%	5.4%	16.3%	0.0%
Democrats	58.5%	29.1%	87.6%	7.8%	3.6%	11.4%	1.0%
Independents	49.5%	34.5%	84.0%	8.0%	7.2%	15.2%	0.8%
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Very red	56.2%	29.2%	85.4%	7.3%	7.3%	14.6%	0.0%
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Lean blue	51.6%	33.1%	84.7%	8.7%	6.4%	15.1%	0.2%
Somewhat blue	52.7%	30.4%	83.1%	11.9%	4.6%	16.5%	0.4%
Very blue	54.1%	33.6%	87.7%	7.4%	3.5%	10.9%	1.4%

Q33. What if a former government official wants to lobby in support of legislation to help poor children or to seek a cure for cancer? They may be uniquely knowledgeable or passionate about a particular issue. Should they be prohibited from helping further good causes? Knowing they would be prohibited from this kind of advocacy, perhaps indefinitely, could also have a chilling effect on talented people serving in government in the first place.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	10.7%	33.3%	44.0%	26.3%	29.1%	55.4%	0.5%
Republicans	11.4%	33.9%	45.3%	27.1%	27.2%	54.3%	0.4%
Democrats	8.7%	32.7%	41.4%	26.8%	31.4%	58.2%	0.5%
Independents	13.5%	33.4%	46.9%	24.0%	28.5%	52.5%	0.7%

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Lean red	8.8%	36.9%	45.7%	28.6%	24.3%	52.9%	1.4%
Lean blue	12.5%	33.4%	45.9%	24.5%	29.4%	53.9%	0.2%
Somewhat blue	13.0%	27.1%	40.1%	27.6%	31.8%	59.4%	0.5%
Very blue	9.7%	33.9%	43.6%	27.2%	29.2%	56.4%	0.1%

Here is another pair of arguments **in favor of and against** the proposal.

Q34. When people who work in government are thinking about leaving government or are concerned they might be voted out of office, they sometimes start thinking about the possibility of becoming a lobbyist because it can pay very well. This can lead them to use their remaining time in office to do things beneficial to the interests that might hire them in the future. By removing the allure of high-paying lobbying jobs shortly after, government officials will not be tempted to do favors for future employers.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	48.8%	35.1%	83.9%	10.8%	4.9%	15.7%	0.4%
Republicans	49.1%	32.5%	81.6%	12.6%	5.7%	18.3%	0.2%
Democrats	53.5%	33.8%	87.3%	9.3%	2.8%	12.1%	0.6%
Independents	38.7%	42.9%	81.6%	10.4%	7.4%	17.8%	0.6%
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Lean blue	47.8%	38.0%	85.8%	8.8%	5.2%	14.0%	0.2%
Somewhat blue	45.9%	35.7%	81.6%	11.5%	6.9%	18.4%	0.0%
Very blue	50.7%	33.7%	84.4%	11.1%	3.5%	14.6%	1.1%

Q35. Working for the government is risky. An elected official may be voted out of office, or, in the case of a staffer, the elected official they work for may be voted out. There is nothing wrong with former government officials having lobbying as a fallback career option. If we cut off this option, it will discourage people from going into government for fear they may end up with highly limited career options.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	8.0%	24.3%	32.3%	26.7%	40.5%	67.2%	0.5%
Republicans	7.8%	26.3%	34.1%	27.8%	37.8%	65.6%	0.3%
Democrats	6.3%	21.6%	27.9%	26.8%	45.1%	71.9%	0.3%
Independents	11.7%	26.1%	37.8%	24.4%	36.4%	60.8%	1.4%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	4.7%	28.1%	32.8%	23.9%	43.3%	67.2%	0.0%
Somewhat red	6.4%	24.6%	31.0%	28.1%	40.2%	68.3%	0.7%
Lean red	7.4%	22.8%	30.2%	33.5%	35.9%	69.4%	0.4%
Lean blue	10.1%	25.6%	35.7%	22.1%	41.7%	63.8%	0.5%
Somewhat blue	10.2%	21.6%	31.8%	25.7%	41.6%	67.3%	1.0%
Very blue	8.1%	24.4%	32.5%	26.6%	40.8%	67.4%	0.1%

Q36. So, on the scale below, please select how acceptable it would be to you to extend the period former Members of Congress must wait before working as a lobbyist from 1-2 years to 5 years.

[PRESENT ON SCREEN IN GRID FORMAT, MAKE SURE DISTANCE BETWEEN EACH NUMBER IS EQUIDISTANT]										
Not at all acceptable	1	2	3	4	Just tolerable	6	7	8	9	Very acceptable
0					5					10

	Not at all acceptable (0-4)	Just tolerable 5	Very acceptable (6-10)	Refused / DK	At least Tolerable
National 2022	19.7%	13.0%	67.1%	0.2%	80.1%
Republicans	22.1%	11.8%	65.7%	0.3%	77.5%
Democrats	13.9%	12.6%	73.3%	0.2%	85.9%
Independents	26.7%	16.0%	57.2%	0.1%	73.2%
National 2017	14.4%	12.6%	72.5%	0.4%	85.1%
Republicans	12.1%	11.2%	76.5%	0.2%	87.7%
Democrats	15.6%	14.9%	69.0%	0.5%	83.9%
Independents	17.1%	10.3%	72.2%	0.4%	82.5%
Cook's PVI (D-R)					
Very red	20.1%	9.1%	70.8%	0.0%	79.9%
Somewhat red	21.3%	14.0%	64.4%	0.3%	78.4%
Lean red	17.9%	10.9%	71.0%	0.1%	81.9%
Lean blue	22.1%	14.4%	63.0%	0.5%	77.4%
Somewhat blue	17.8%	15.4%	66.4%	0.3%	81.8%
Very blue	18.2%	12.6%	69.2%	0.0%	81.8%

Q37. How acceptable it would be for you to go further and prohibit former Members of Congress from working as a lobbyist for the rest of their life.

	Not at all acceptable (0-4)	Just tolerable 5	Very acceptable (6-10)	Refused / DK	At least Tolerable
National 2022	34.7%	14.4%	50.3%	0.5%	64.7%
Republicans	37.1%	14.6%	47.5%	0.8%	62.1%
Democrats	31.3%	14.0%	54.4%	0.4%	68.4%
Independents	37.1%	15.1%	47.5%	0.3%	62.6%
National 2017	35.0%	16.2%	48.5%	0.3%	64.7%
Republicans	33.6%	14.7%	51.5%	0.2%	66.2%
Democrats	37.0%	17.5%	45.1%	0.4%	62.6%
Independents	32.8%	16.6%	50.2%	0.3%	66.8%
Cook's PVI (D-R)					
Very red	28.8%	15.6%	55.5%	0.0%	71.1%
Somewhat red	37.5%	14.2%	47.2%	1.0%	61.4%
Lean red	36.0%	13.6%	49.9%	0.5%	63.5%
Lean blue	32.7%	14.6%	52.0%	0.6%	66.6%
Somewhat blue	39.7%	12.7%	47.5%	0.0%	60.2%
Very blue	31.3%	16.9%	51.0%	0.8%	67.9%

- Q38. So, which would you recommend the most when it comes to former Members of Congress working as a lobbyist:
1. Not having any required waiting period
 2. Keeping the current requirement that former House Members wait 1 year and former Senators wait 2 years before lobbying
 3. Adopting the proposal to extend the waiting period to 5 years before lobbying for all former Members of Congress¹
 4. Adopting the proposal to prohibit former Members of Congress from lobbying for the rest of their life²

	Not having any required waiting period	Keep the current requirement	Adopt the proposal to extend the waiting period to 5 years	Adopt proposal to prohibit for life	Refused / DK	At least 5 Years
National 2022	4.4%	17.6%	43.3%	31.6%	3.2%	65.3%
Republicans	2.8%	18.8%	43.3%	32.5%	2.5%	64.9%
Democrats	4.2%	16.6%	46.0%	29.4%	3.8%	66.8%
Independents	7.6%	17.3%	37.5%	34.2%	3.4%	62.4%
National 2017	3.6%	19.2%	47.6%	29.0%	0.7%	70.4%
Republicans	3.5%	16.2%	46.6%	33.1%	0.6%	66.3%
Democrats	3.3%	23.2%	48.9%	23.6%	1.0%	75.4%
Independents	4.3%	16.0%	46.4%	33.0%	0.2%	66.7%
Cook's PVI (D-R)						
Very red	4.7%	14.1%	45.0%	34.3%	1.9%	63.8%
Somewhat red	3.9%	15.9%	42.0%	33.4%	4.8%	61.8%
Lean red	2.3%	18.2%	47.2%	28.2%	4.2%	67.7%
Lean blue	4.2%	21.4%	37.1%	35.0%	2.3%	62.7%
Somewhat blue	6.8%	17.7%	45.1%	28.3%	2.1%	69.6%
Very blue	4.9%	15.5%	46.2%	29.9%	3.5%	66.6%

Now, let's consider extending the limits on lobbying by senior Congressional staffers.

Q39. Please select how acceptable it would be to you to extend the period a senior Congressional staffer would have to wait before working as a lobbyist from the current 1 year to 2 years.

	Not at all acceptable (0-4)	Just tolerable 5	Very acceptable (6-10)	Refused / DK	At least Tolerable
National 2022	21.6%	14.1%	64.2%	0.1%	78.3%
Republicans	21.9%	15.4%	62.3%	0.3%	77.7%
Democrats	17.5%	12.1%	70.4%	0.0%	82.5%
Independents	29.2%	15.4%	55.4%	0.0%	70.8%
National 2017	15.7%	14.3%	69.8%	0.1%	84.1%
Republicans	18.2%	12.0%	69.6%	0.1%	81.6%
Democrats	15.5%	16.3%	68.2%	0.0%	84.5%
Independents	20.4%	13.4%	66.2%	0.0%	79.6%
Cook's PVI (D-R)					
Very red	18.9%	12.9%	68.1%	0.0%	81.0%
Somewhat red	24.5%	13.2%	62.3%	0.0%	75.5%
Lean red	20.8%	13.3%	65.7%	0.3%	79.0%
Lean blue	23.8%	15.5%	60.3%	0.4%	75.8%
Somewhat blue	21.3%	14.3%	64.4%	0.0%	78.7%
Very blue	18.5%	14.4%	67.1%	0.0%	81.5%

¹ "Public Service Integrity Act" ([H.R. 414](#)) by Rep Posey (R). Cleaning Up Washington's Act ([S. 751](#)) by Sen Tester (D)

² "To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit former Members of Congress from engaging in lobbying contacts" ([H.R. 4947](#)) by Rep Cicilline (R). "BLAST Act" ([H.R. 1412](#)) by Rep Hollingsworth (R), and ([S. 546](#)) by Sen Braun (R). Similar language is also included in the "Restoring Trust in Public Servants Act" ([H.R. 6844](#)) by Rep Kim (D)

Q40. So, which would you recommend the most when it comes to former senior Congressional staffers on working as a lobbyist:

1. Not having any limits
2. Keeping the current requirement that they must wait 1 year before lobbying
3. Adopting the proposal to extend the waiting period before lobbying to 2 years³

	Not having any limits	Keep the current requirement	Adopt the proposal to extend the waiting period to 2 years	Refused / DK
National 2022	4.5%	18.5%	73.9%	3.2%
Republicans	3.2%	18.2%	75.2%	3.4%
Democrats	3.7%	18.5%	74.8%	3.0%
Independents	8.6%	19.0%	69.3%	3.0%
National 2017	4.4%	17.8%	76.7%	1.2%
Republicans	3.9%	15.3%	79.3%	1.5%
Democrats	4.4%	21.2%	73.7%	0.8%
Independents	5.8%	14.7%	78.3%	1.2%
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Very red	4.3%	12.9%	81.3%	1.5%
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Lean blue	3.5%	22.4%	70.9%	3.2%
Somewhat blue	5.8%	19.9%	71.6%	2.6%
Very blue	6.0%	17.4%	74.3%	2.3%

Now, let's consider limits on lobbying by senior Executive Branch officials.

Q41. Please select how acceptable it would be to you to extend the period a senior Executive Branch official would have to wait before lobbying the agency they worked for from 1-2 years to 5 years.

	Not at all acceptable (0-4)	Just tolerable 5	Very acceptable (6-10)	Refused / DK	At least tolerable
National 2022	19.6%	12.0%	68.0%	0.4%	80.0%
Republicans	20.5%	12.9%	66.5%	0.1%	79.4%
Democrats	16.0%	10.3%	73.4%	0.3%	83.7%
Independents	25.3%	14.0%	59.7%	1.0%	73.7%
National 2017	13.7%	11.2%	74.9%	0.2%	86.1%
Republicans	12.5%	8.7%	78.3%	0.4%	87.0%
Democrats	12.8%	15.0%	72.3%	0.0%	87.3%
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Lean red	18.6%	11.9%	69.3%	0.1%	81.2%
Lean blue	21.9%	12.3%	65.3%	0.4%	77.6%
Somewhat blue	17.6%	14.0%	67.1%	1.2%	81.1%
Very blue	15.5%	12.0%	72.5%	0.0%	84.5%

³ "Public Service Integrity Act" ([H.R. 414](#)) by Rep Posey (R)

Q42. So, which would you recommend the most when it comes to senior Executive Branch officials lobbying the agency they worked for:

1. Not having any limits
2. Keeping the current requirement that they must wait 1-2 years before lobbying depending on how senior their position was⁴
3. Adopting the proposal to extend the waiting period before lobbying to 5 years for all senior Executive Branch officials⁵

	Not having any limits	Keep the current requirement	Adopt proposal to extend the waiting period to 5 years	Refused / DK
National 2022	3.7%	22.3%	70.5%	3.5%
Republicans	2.0%	23.4%	72.1%	2.4%
Democrats	4.1%	20.2%	72.0%	3.7%
Independents	6.5%	24.3%	64.4%	4.9%
National 2017	3.5%	20.9%	74.5%	1.1%
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Democrats	3.4%	24.6%	71.0%	1.0%
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Lean blue	2.6%	26.2%	68.2%	3.0%
Somewhat blue	6.9%	25.5%	64.6%	2.9%
Very blue	5.3%	21.1%	70.7%	2.9%

Another debate is about former senior Executive Branch officials lobbying on behalf of a foreign government.

Here is the current situation:

- Americans can act as lobbyists for foreign governments, provided they register and report their activities to the US government.
- Former senior Executive Branch officials are prohibited from lobbying their former agency for 1-2 years after they leave office, whether for a foreign or domestic client, but face no restrictions after that time period.
- The Biden administration has required that to be part of the current administration Executive Branch officials must pledge not to lobby for a foreign government for 2 years after they leave office, but no law prohibits them from doing so and this would not necessarily apply to future administrations.⁶

There is a proposed bill in Congress that would prohibit former senior Executive Branch officials from any lobbying on behalf of a foreign government for the rest of their life.⁷

Here is an argument **in favor of** this proposed ban.

⁴ President Biden passed an Executive Order to restrict lobbying of former executive branch employees for 2 years "[Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Personnel](#)." This EO would be made permanent if Congress passed legislation, such as the "Ethics in Public Service Act" ([H.R. 1077](#)) by Rep. Schneider (D)

⁵ "Cleaning Up Washington's Act" ([S. 751](#)) by Sen Tester (D); "PURE Executive Act" ([H.R. 1830](#)) by Rep Hinson (R)

⁶ <https://thehill.com/business-a-lobbying/535176-biden-signs-executive-order-invoking-2-year-lobbying-ban-for-appointees>. According to the article, Trump signed an executive order prior to leaving office to remove his 5-year pledge, and Biden signed an executive order on his first day of office requiring a 2-year pledge "[Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Personnel](#)."

⁷ PURE Executive Act ([H.R. 1830](#)) by Rep Hinson (R),

Q43. Foreign governments should not be allowed to hire former senior Executive Branch officials who have unique knowledge, connections, and influence to advance the interests of the foreign power. Those foreign entities may have interests that are at odds with the interests of the US government, and they should not have inside access.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	61.1%	26.9%	88.0%	7.7%	4.0%	11.7%	0.2%
Republicans	64.2%	23.1%	87.3%	7.8%	4.7%	12.5%	0.1%
Democrats	61.7%	29.3%	91.0%	6.4%	2.4%	8.8%	0.2%
Independents	53.8%	29.4%	83.2%	10.4%	5.9%	16.3%	0.6%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	64.8%	21.9%	86.7%	8.3%	4.6%	12.9%	0.4%
Somewhat red	65.0%	22.2%	87.2%	8.6%	3.5%	12.1%	0.7%
Lean red	62.5%	25.8%	88.3%	8.6%	2.7%	11.3%	0.3%
Lean blue	58.0%	31.8%	89.8%	5.8%	4.4%	10.2%	0.0%
Somewhat blue	58.0%	28.7%	86.7%	8.0%	5.3%	13.3%	0.0%
Very blue	59.8%	28.3%	88.1%	8.2%	3.6%	11.8%	0.2%

Here is an argument **against** this proposed ban.

Q44. Singling out and permanently prohibiting former senior Executive Branch officials from lobbying for foreign governments is discriminatory and violates the principles of free speech. It won't protect against a foreign government's bad intentions because it can always hire another lobbyist. And it is also not necessary: our government is not going to do something that is contrary to our interests because a former Executive Branch official makes a case.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Refused / DK
National	5.9%	23.1%	29.0%	27.0%	43.5%	70.5%	0.4%
Republicans	7.2%	23.7%	30.9%	27.8%	41.0%	68.8%	0.4%
Democrats	4.5%	21.5%	26.0%	27.5%	46.4%	73.9%	0.2%
Independents	6.4%	25.6%	32.0%	24.7%	42.4%	67.1%	0.8%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	6.3%	21.8%	28.1%	29.1%	42.6%	71.7%	0.2%
Somewhat red	7.4%	22.3%	29.7%	25.9%	43.7%	69.6%	0.7%
Lean red	5.7%	23.7%	29.4%	29.5%	40.3%	69.8%	0.8%
Lean blue	6.6%	24.8%	31.4%	23.4%	45.2%	68.6%	0.0%
Somewhat blue	4.2%	23.9%	28.1%	27.3%	44.7%	72.0%	0.0%
Very blue	5.3%	21.6%	26.9%	28.6%	44.0%	72.6%	0.6%

Q45. How acceptable would it be to you if former senior Executive Branch officials were prohibited from any lobbying on behalf of a foreign government, for the rest of their life.

	Not at all acceptable (0-4)	Just tolerable 5	Very acceptable (6-10)	Refused / DK	At least Tolerable
National 2022	22.0%	12.8%	65.1%	0.1%	77.9%
Republicans	23.5%	12.0%	64.4%	0.2%	76.4%
Democrats	18.2%	12.7%	69.0%	0.1%	81.7%
Independents	26.9%	14.3%	58.6%	0.2%	72.9%
National 2017	17.1%	12.0%	70.8%	0.1%	82.8%
Republicans	12.7%	8.8%	78.5%	0.0%	87.3%
Democrats	21.0%	14.6%	64.3%	0.0%	78.9%
Independents	17.5%	13.2%	68.8%	0.4%	82.0%

Cook's PVI (D-R)					
Very red	17.2%	8.5%	74.2%	0.0%	82.7%
Somewhat red	23.6%	12.5%	63.7%	0.2%	76.2%
Lean red	23.1%	12.5%	64.3%	0.1%	76.8%
Lean blue	23.6%	14.7%	61.6%	0.1%	76.3%
Somewhat blue	23.7%	12.0%	64.1%	0.2%	76.1%
Very blue	18.3%	15.0%	66.4%	0.3%	81.4%

Q46. Finally, do you favor or oppose the proposal to prohibit former senior Executive Branch officials from lobbying on behalf of a foreign government, for the rest of their life?

	Favor	Oppose	Refused / DK
National 2022	71.3%	27.3%	1.4%
Republicans	70.5%	28.5%	1.0%
Democrats	73.7%	24.8%	1.4%
Independents	68.2%	30.0%	1.8%
National 2017	74.9%	24.1%	1.0%
Republicans	81.2%	17.9%	0.9%
Democrats	69.7%	29.3%	1.0%
Independents	73.4%	25.4%	1.2%
Cook's PVI (D-R)			
Very red	72.8%	24.5%	2.6%
Somewhat red	71.2%	28.3%	0.5%
Lean red	71.4%	26.1%	2.5%
Lean blue	71.8%	27.3%	0.8%
Somewhat blue	68.0%	30.7%	1.3%
Very blue	73.3%	26.0%	0.8%

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