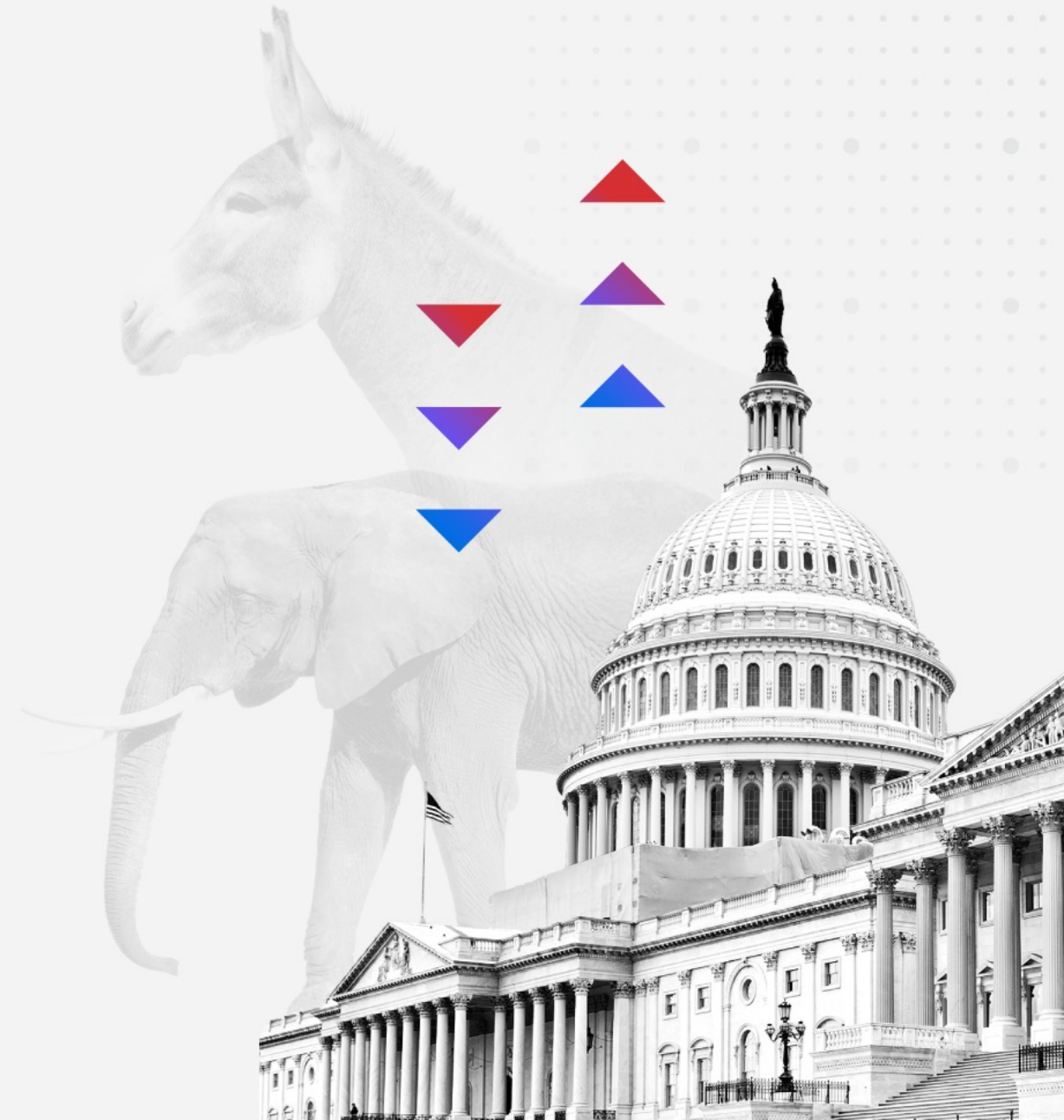


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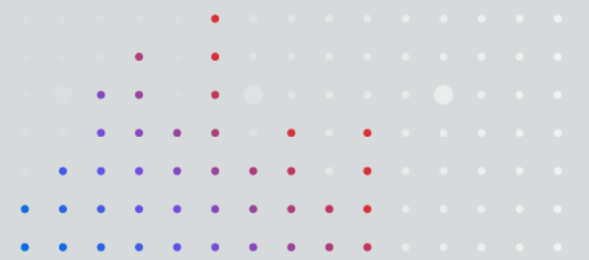
Our definitive quarterly rankings of the most popular and unpopular U.S. senators

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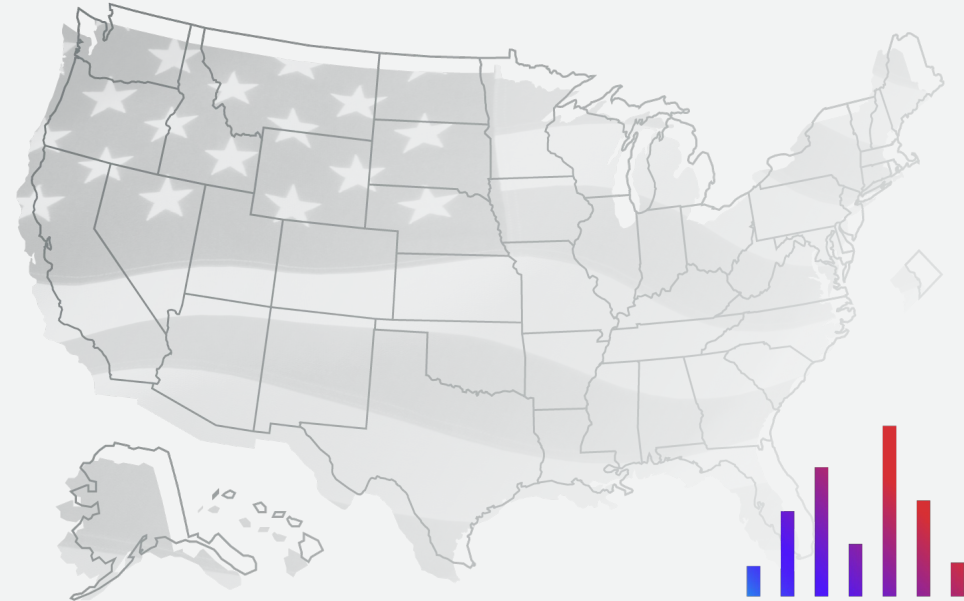
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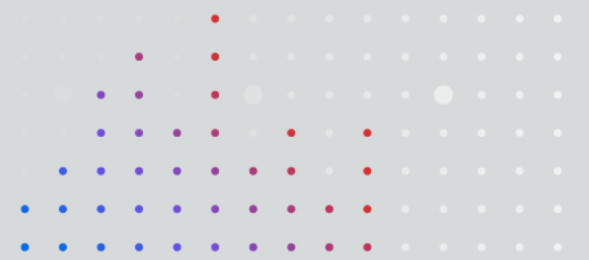
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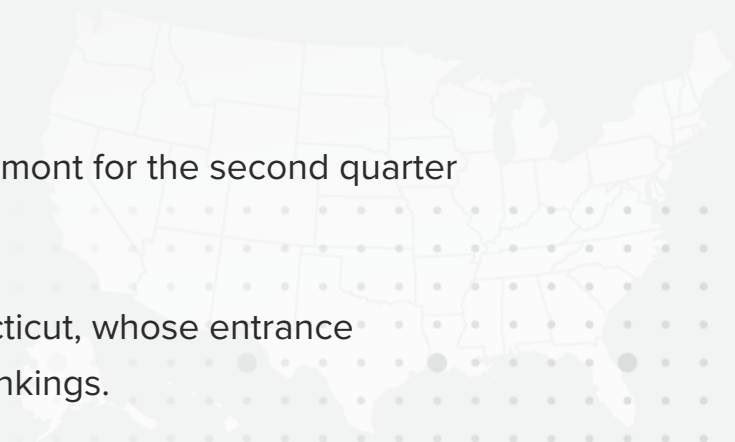
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## About this chart pack

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## IN THIS REPORT

- **Our latest definitive ranking of America's most popular senators**, led by Bernie Sanders of Vermont for the second quarter in a row.
  - The irascible independent is joined in the top 10 by one new face: Chris Murphy of Connecticut, whose entrance knocks newly elected Senate Republican leader John Thune of South Dakota down the rankings.
  - John Barrasso of Wyoming ranks just behind Sanders for the second quarter in a row after previously topping the list for a little over a year. Delegations from states with small populations and strong partisan leans are heavily represented in the top 10, continuing a long-term trend we observe in our rankings.
- **Our latest definitive ranking of America's most unpopular senators**, topped by Mitch McConnell of Kentucky for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter.
  - Only three other senators — Deb Fischer of Nebraska and Ted Cruz of Texas, who were just re-elected in November, and Ron Johnson of Wisconsin — have higher disapproval ratings than approval ratings.
  - That trio is joined in the top 10 by Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, who just narrowly secured re-election, and Jon Tester of Montana and Sherrod Brown of Ohio, who were ousted.
  - Looking to the 2026 midterm elections, Susan Collins of Maine is the lone vulnerable incumbent up for re-election next year who ranks among America's 10 most unpopular senators.



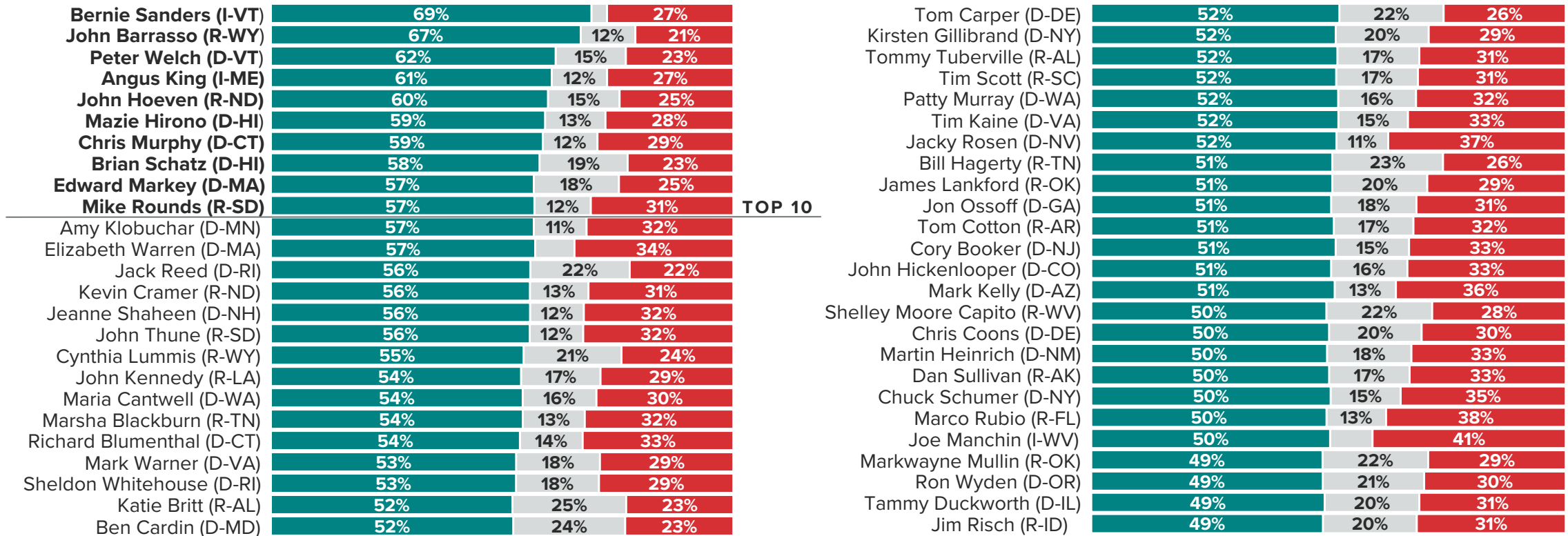
SECTION 2

# America's Most Popular and Unpopular Senators

# Sanders maintains status as the most popular U.S. senator for the second successive quarter

Shares of U.S. voters in each state who approve or disapprove of the job performance of the following U.S. senators:

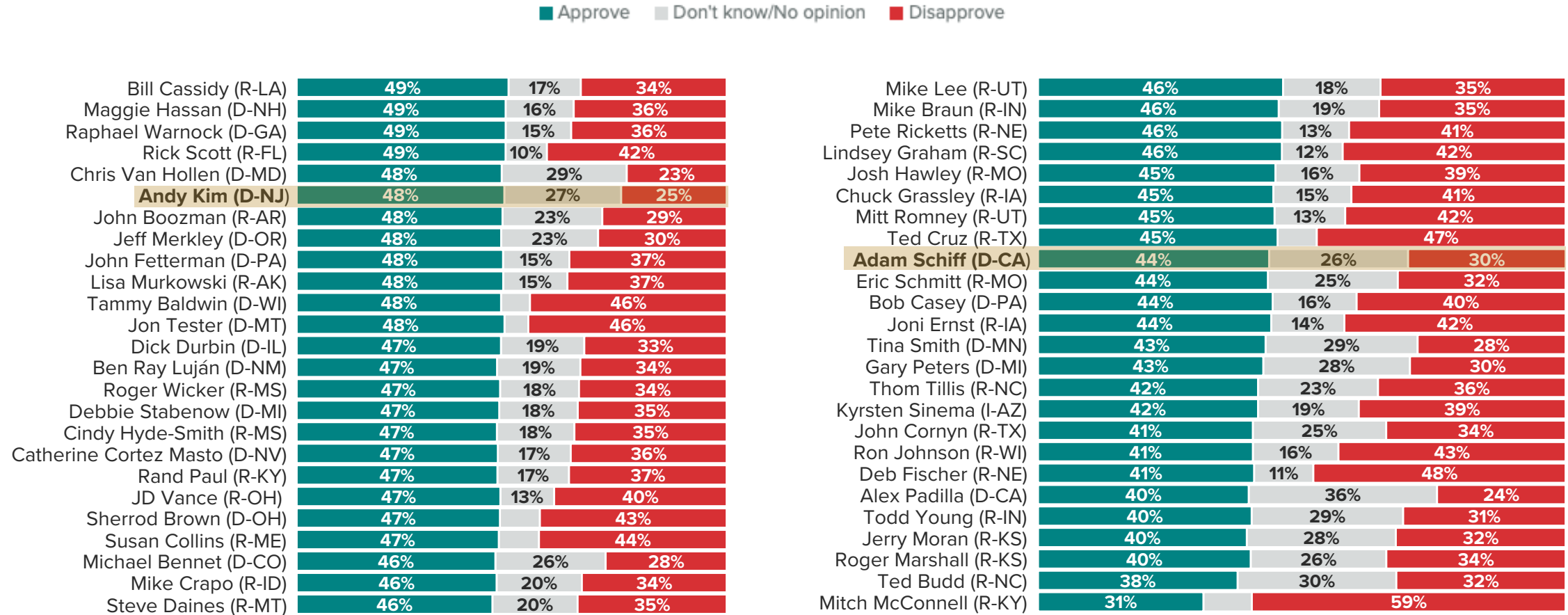
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# Andy Kim, Adam Schiff make their rankings debuts following December swearings-in

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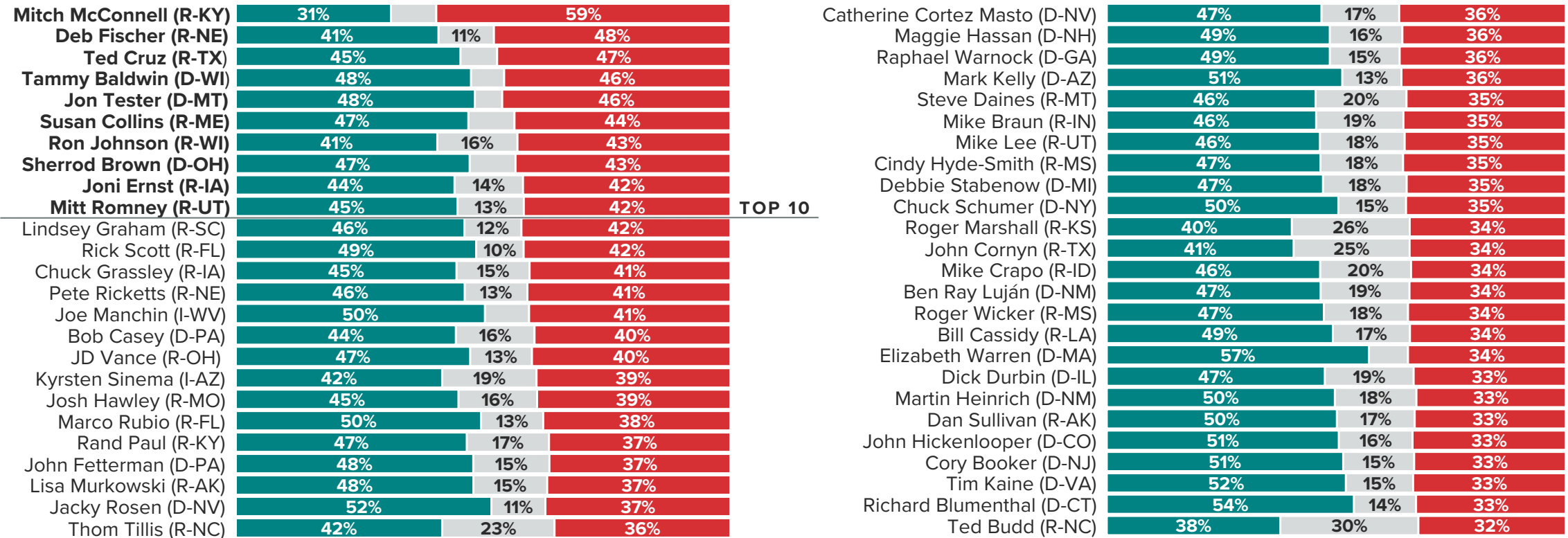
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# Mitch McConnell is the country's most unpopular senator for four years running

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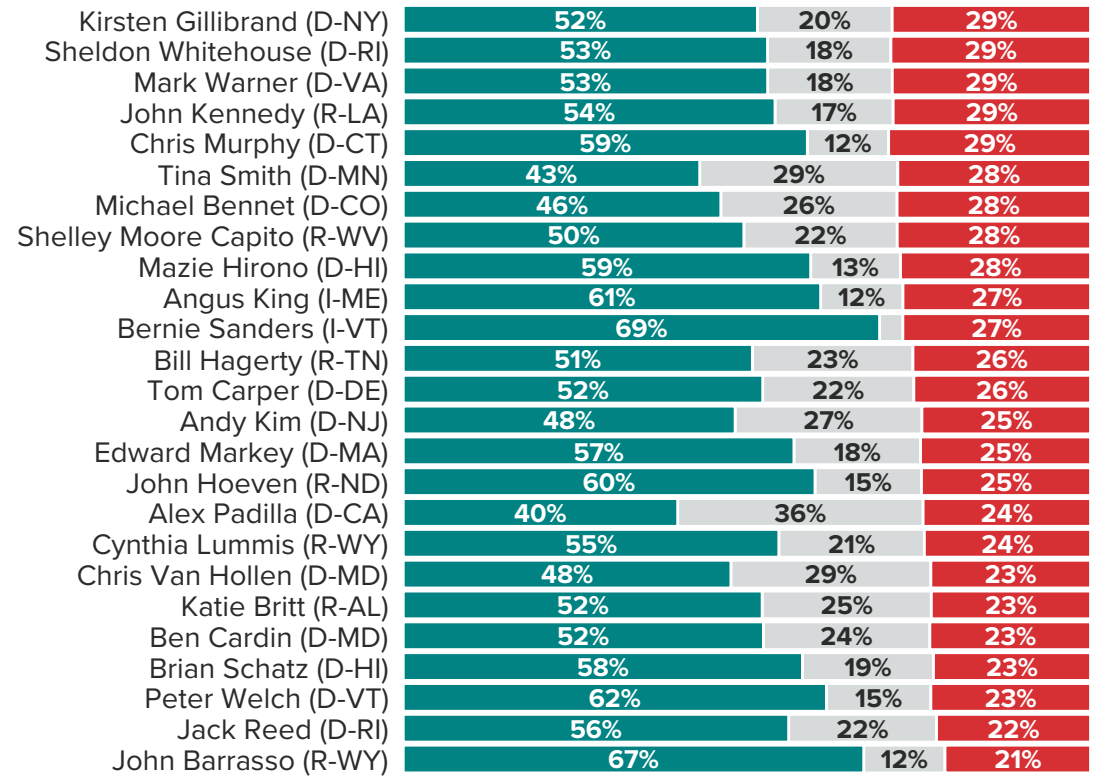
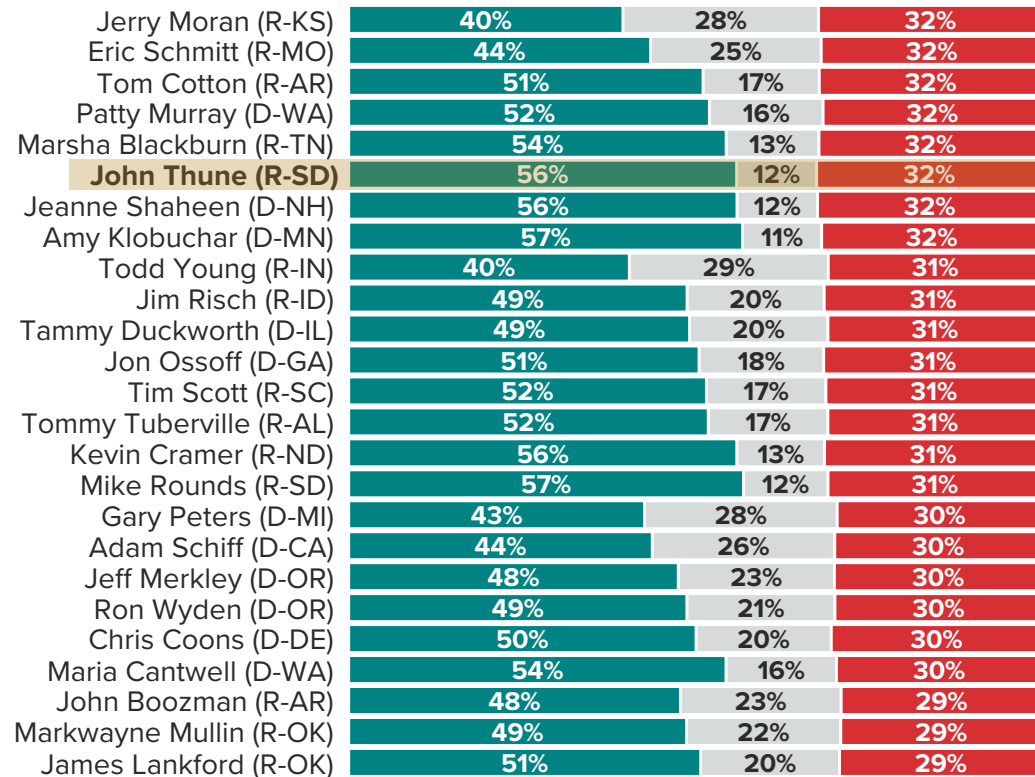


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# New Senate GOP leader Thune has a relatively low disapproval rating

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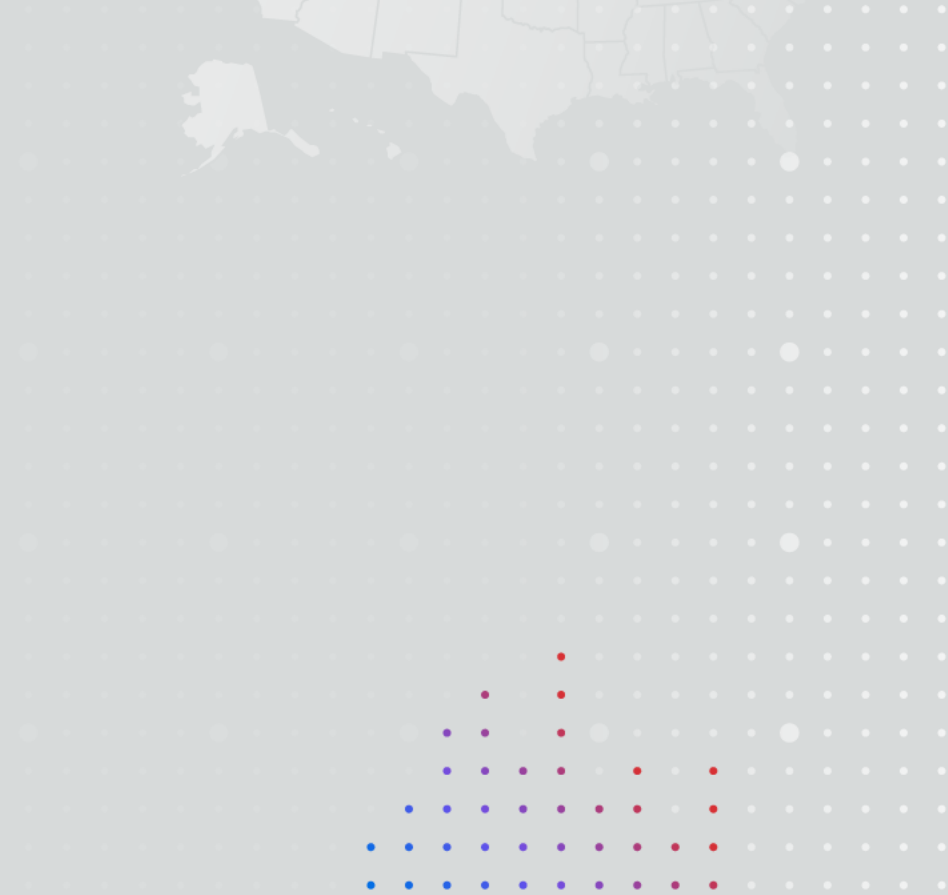


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## Methodology

All data presented in this report represents trailing three-month averages of monthly roll-ups derived from Morning Consult's daily U.S. tracking survey.

Consult our [State-Level Tracking Methodology Primer](#) for additional details on the source of this data, including sampling and data collection procedures, weighting and representativeness, margins of error, and question wording.





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