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The one issue that Trump, Clinton supporters agree on

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Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

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Not only do supporters of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton tend to back very different approaches for how best to tackle the country's problems, in many cases the two sides disagree on what the problems are.

The Pew Research Center, on the days leading up to and including Election Day, surveyed 3,788 registered voters who had either already cast a ballot or planned to, asking them about the “seriousness” of an array of issues, specifically whether respondents considered each matter to be a “very big problem.” The results listed 13 different problems.

Among Trump supporters, 79 percent said they considered illegal immigration to be a “very big problem,” the highest share among Trump supporters of any issue on the list.

On the other hand, just 20 percent of Clinton supporters said they saw illegal immigration as a “very big problem,” the lowest share among Clinton supporters of any issue.



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Up and down the list there were significant gaps between the two sides on almost every other issue.

Trump supporters were much more likely to consider terrorism, job opportunities for working-class Americans, and crime as serious issues.

Meanwhile, Clinton supporters were far more likely to see climate change, gun violence, income inequality, racism, and sexism as major problems.

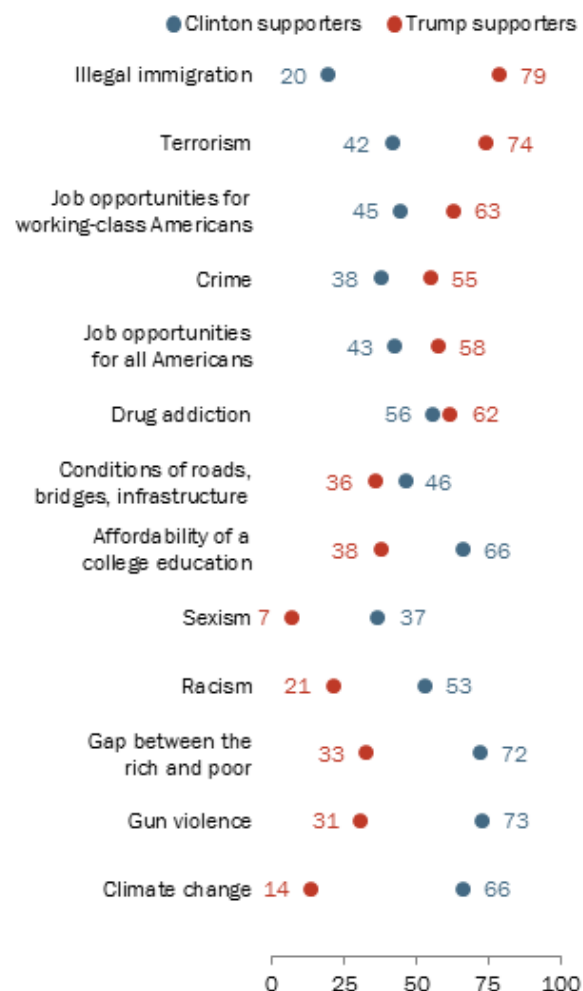
There was just one issue that a majority of Trump and a majority of Clinton supporters agreed is a “very big problem” — drug addiction.

About 62 percent of Trump supporters listed drug addiction as a major concern and 56 percent of Clinton supporters did, too.



Clinton, Trump voters sharply diverged on seriousness of an array of problems

% of voters who said each is a 'very big problem' in the country today ...



Note: Based on registered voters who voted before Election Day or planned to vote.

Source: Survey conducted Oct. 25-Nov. 8, 2016.

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The deadly opioid epidemic has caught the attention of the entire country. Both candidates talked

about it repeatedly and vowed to fight it during their campaigns.

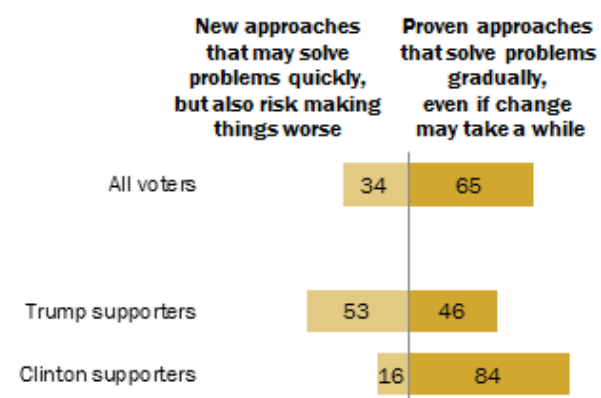
Yet they had differing views on how to do that.

Clinton outlined a \$10 billion plan to give states more money for prevention, treatment, and recovery programs, [according to The Associated Press](#). Trump, meanwhile, said the border wall he plans to build along the US boundary with Mexico would stop the flow of illegal drugs.

The Pew survey also found a big gap in what voters believe is the best way to solve problems. A large majority of Clinton supporters, 84 percent, said the more effective way to solve problems is with “proven approaches that solve problems gradually, even if change may take a while.” But a majority of Trump voters, 53 percent, favored “new approaches that may solve problems quickly, but also risk making things worse.”

More Trump voters than Clinton backers preferred quick solutions, even if risky

% of voters who said using _____ would be more effective in solving the major problems facing the country



Notes: Based on registered voters who voted before Election Day or planned to vote. Don't know/No answer not shown.

Source: Survey conducted Oct. 25-Nov. 8, 2016.

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Overall, the Pew Center, [based on its survey results](#), described the country's electorate as “divided and pessimistic,” fitting with a trend in which Americans [have become more politically polarized](#) in recent years.

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