



ChicagoSpeaks®

Quarterly Report: Q2 2026

Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation

Report Summary

This report describes findings from a survey of Chicagoans regarding opinions on the job performance of the City's Mayor and excitement for potential candidates in the 2027 Chicago Mayoral election. The survey included 1,194 Chicagoans age 18+ and was completed between June 15 to June 23 as part of the quarterly ChicagoSpeaks® panel. Conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago, ChicagoSpeaks is a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the city of Chicago household population. The margin of sampling error for adults overall is plus or minus 4.05 percentage points. Since its founding in 2024, ChicagoSpeaks has produced quarterly surveys. ChicagoSpeaks is the most scientifically rigorous multi-client Chicago panel available in the U.S. market. <https://www.norc.org/research/projects/chicago-speaks.html>

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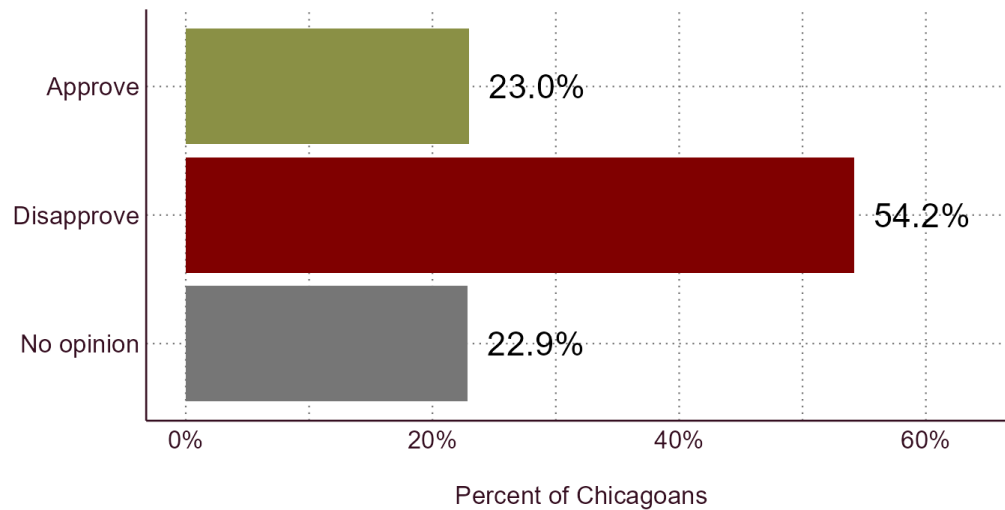
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Top-Level Results

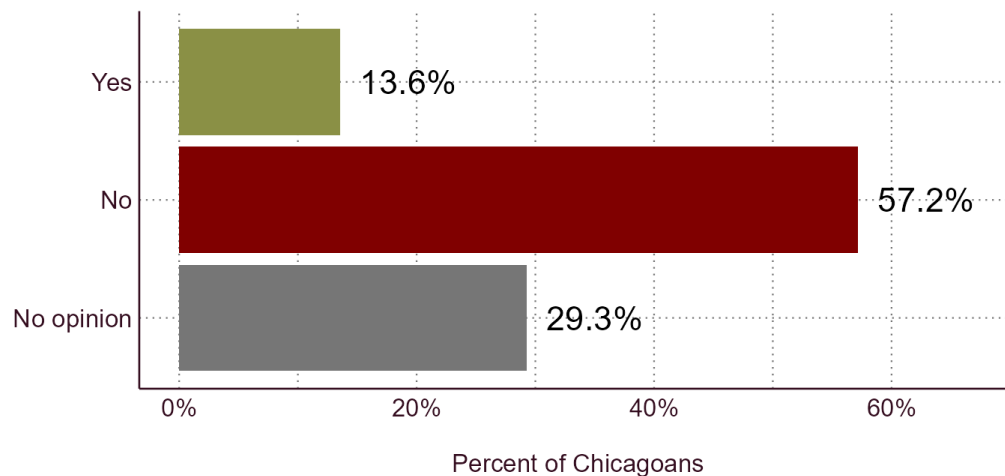
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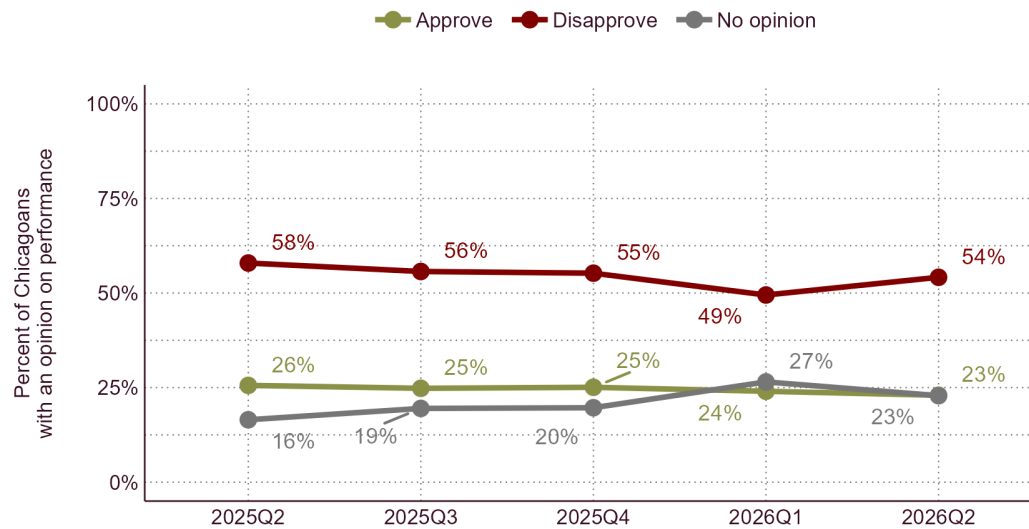
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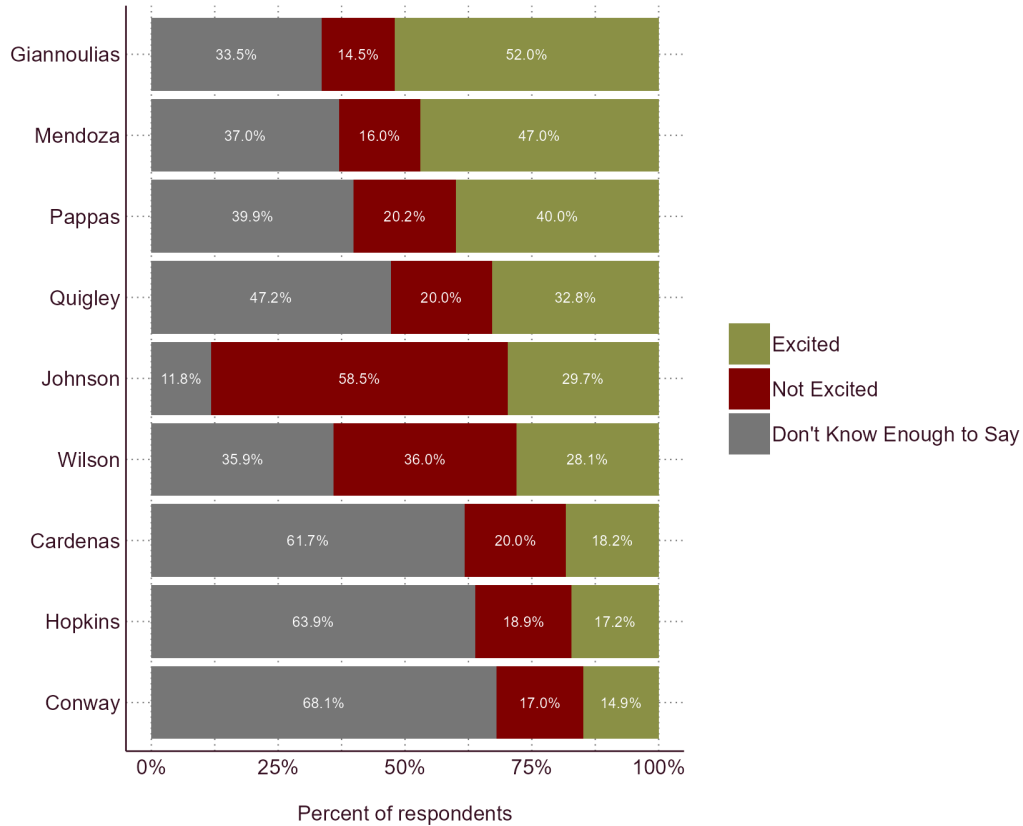
Share of approval or disapproval of people with an opinion



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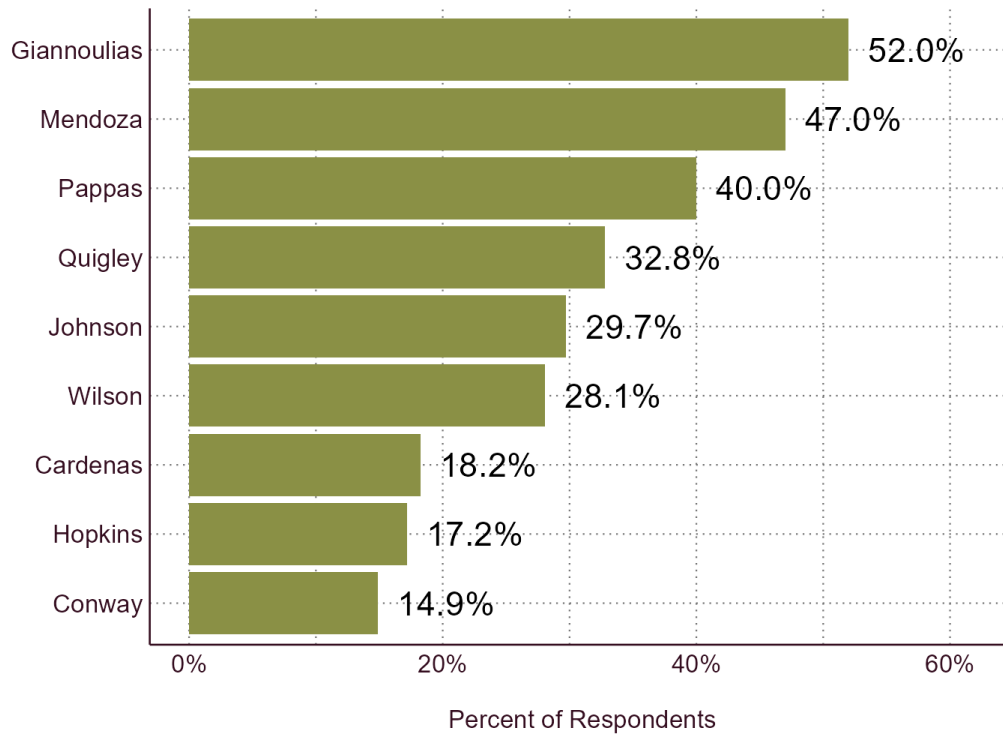
Chicago Residents' Excitement for Potential 2027 Mayoral Candidates

Level of Excitement for Each Candidate Among Likely Voters



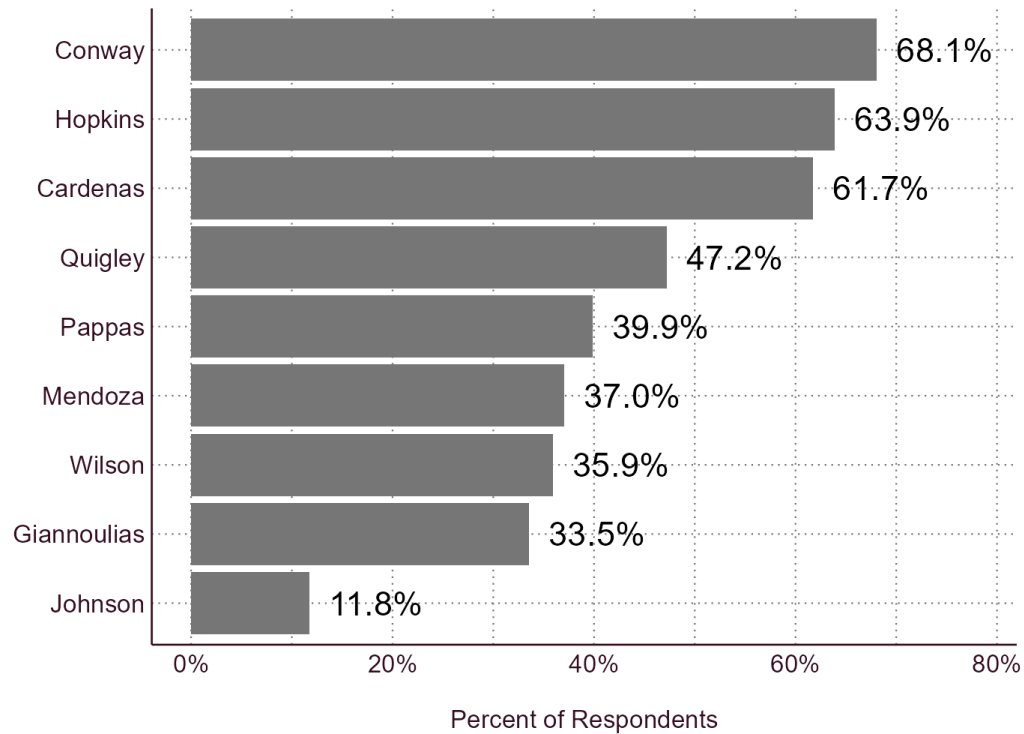
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**Percentage of Respondents Excited for Each Candidate
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Percentage of Respondents Who Don't Know Enough About Candidate Among Likely Voters



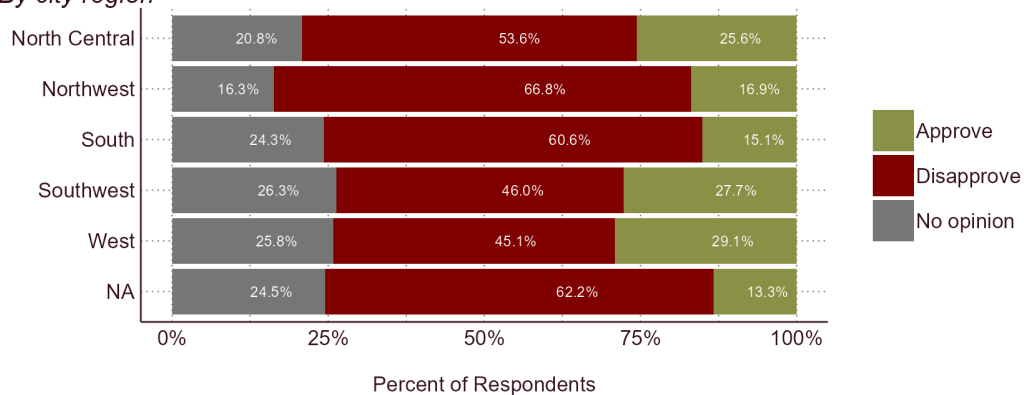
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Sociodemographic Breakdown

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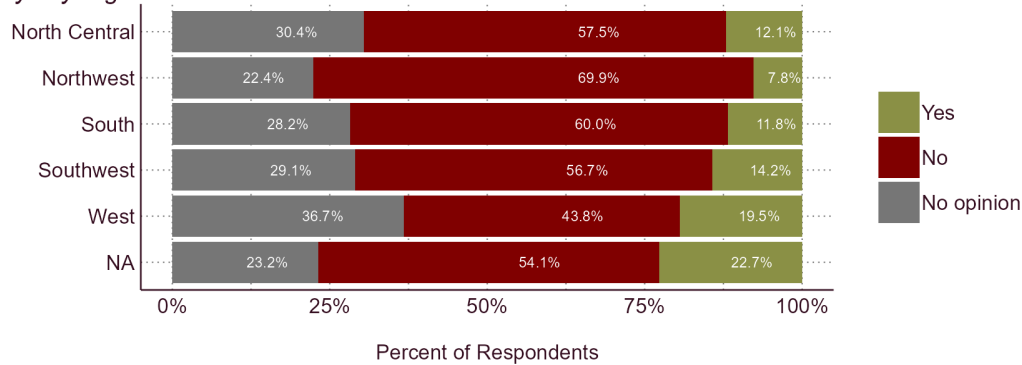
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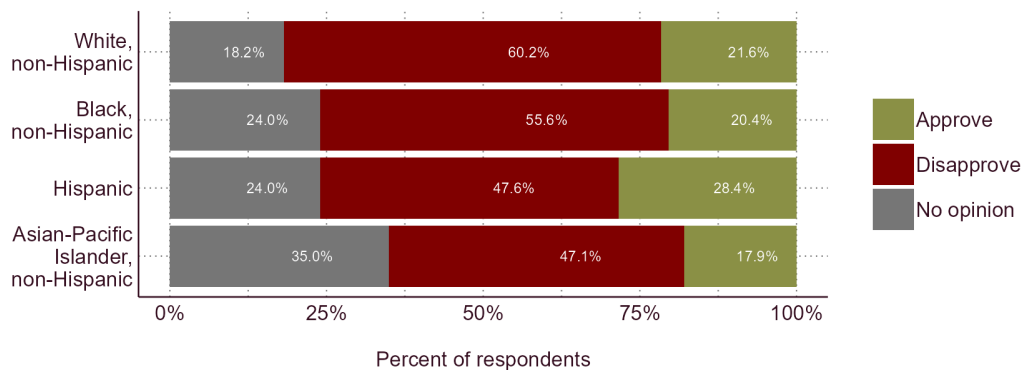
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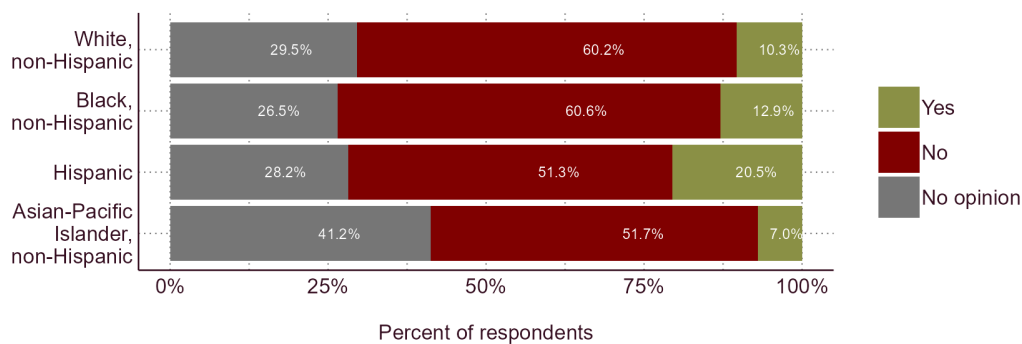
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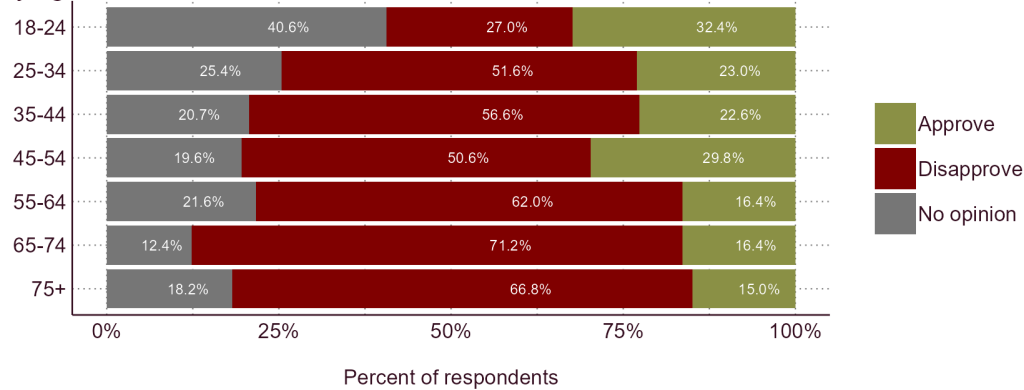
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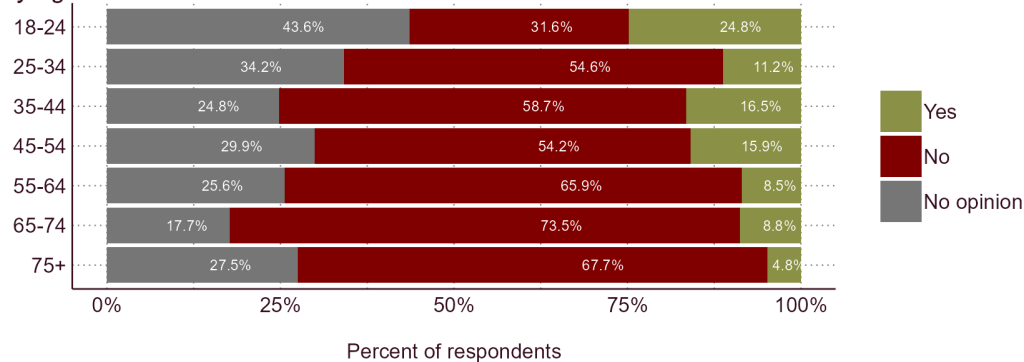
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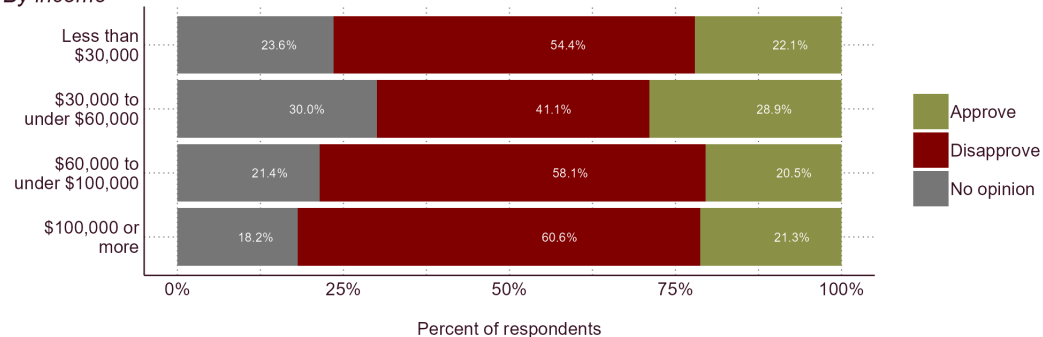
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By income

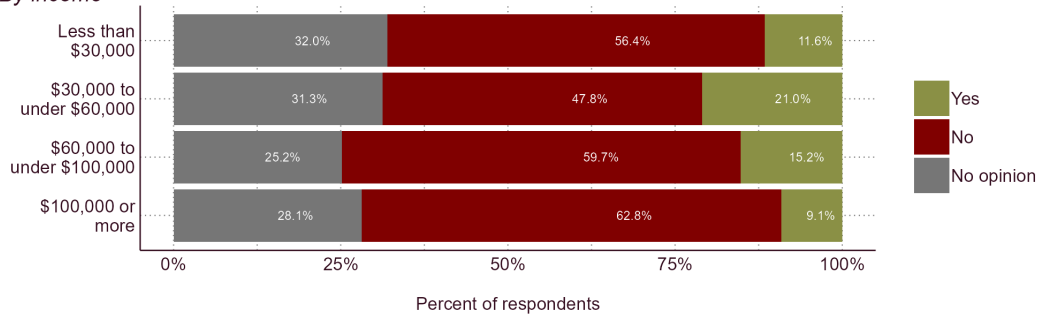


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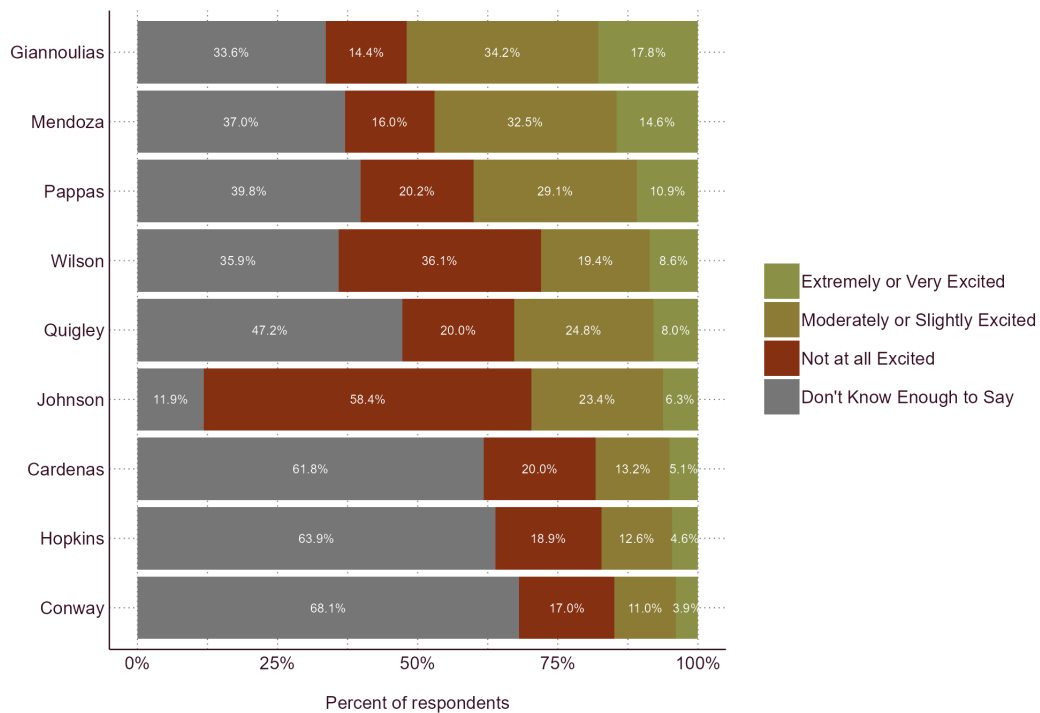
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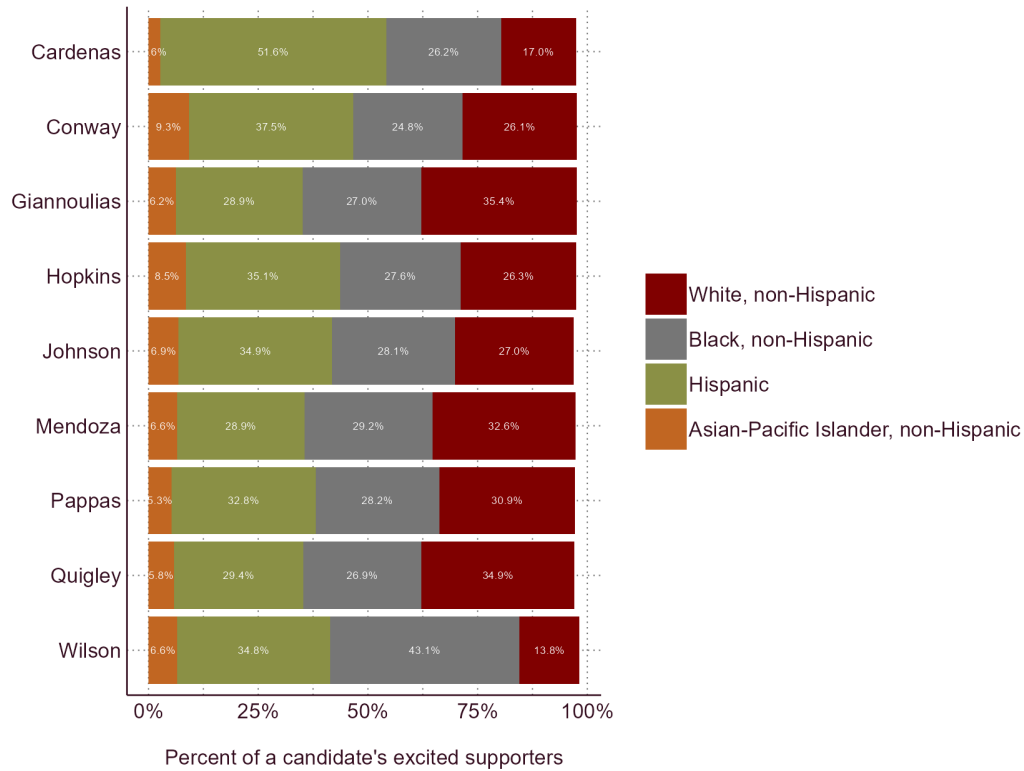
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Likely Voters Excited for Each Candidate

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