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Analyzing Polls on Gerrymandering – What do the people think?

See the corresponding article in the Philadelphia Inquirer for details:
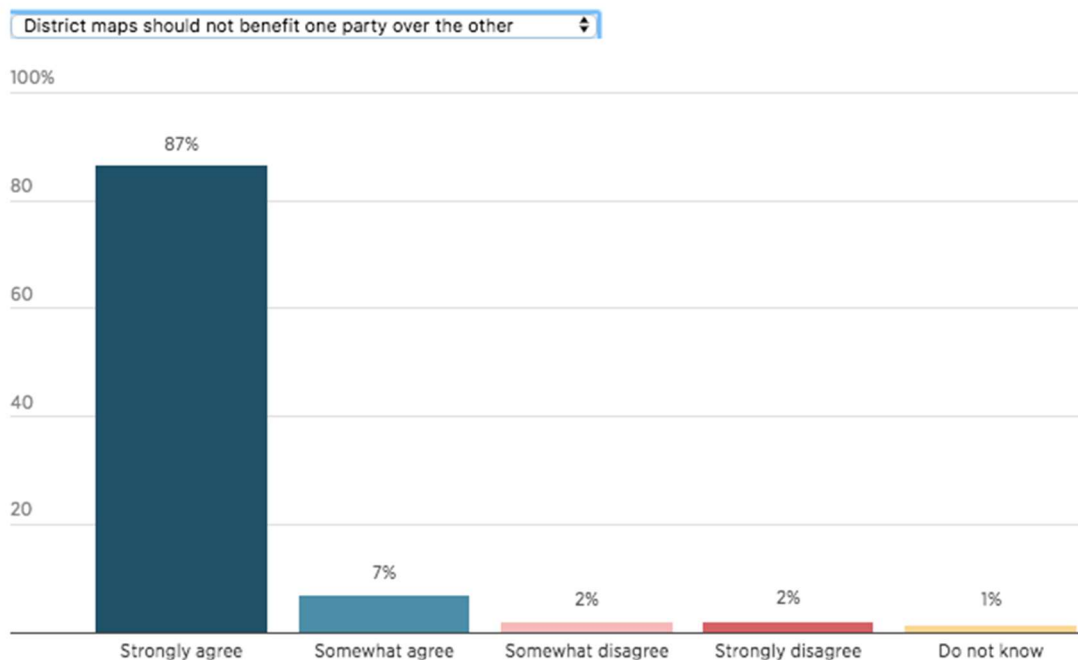https://www.inquirer.com/politics/pennsylvania/pa-voters-gerrymandering-poll-20191010.html

Procedures:
1. **Bell Ringer / Do Now**

Students can independently complete this activity.
Examine this chart and complete the 3-2-1 activity below.

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Chart: JONATHAN LAI • Source: Franklin & Marshall College poll

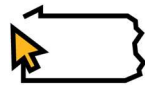**3** - Describe three key pieces of information provided by this chart.

    A.

    B.

    C.

2 – Create two further questions you'd like to ask based on this information.

    A.

    B.

1 – Create a title for this Chart.

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2. **Turn and Talk** – Ask students to share their 3-2-1 notes with a partner.
   a. Circle any ideas that are similar.
   b. Star any ideas that you really like.
   c. Write one sentence of feedback for your partner (ex. I really like the questions you created because they make me want to learn more.)

3. **Share out** – Ask students to share idea some of their ideas. You can call on students and ask them what they circled on their partner's 3-2-1 notes. You can ask students to share their own ideas or the ideas of their partner that they really liked. This allows students to recognize each other's hard work.

4. **Poll Analysis Activity** – Have students choose three more polls from the examples attached (#5 below) to analyze. Students will read and analyze the polls. They will create a chart to record their analysis.

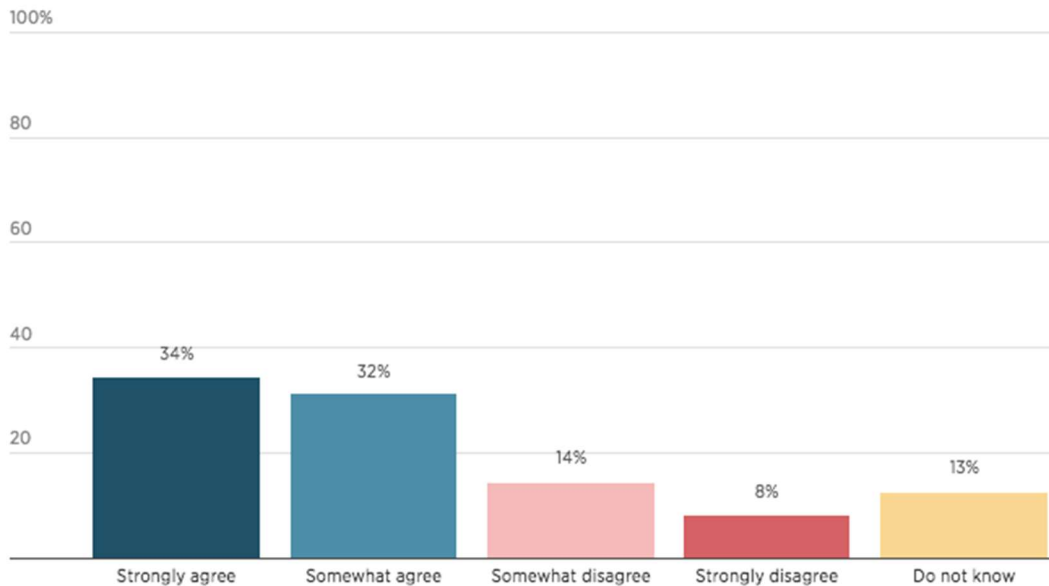|	Question Asked by poll:	Question Asked by poll:	Question Asked by poll:
Evidence: At least 3 facts / ideas in the poll.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.	1. 2. 3.
Inference: At least 2 conclusions you can make based on the evidence.	1. 2.	1. 2.	1. 2.
Title: Create a title connected to biggest idea presented in the poll.			

5. Polls – below are some other polls from the article.

Voters were asked whether they agreed with a series of statements.

Select a statement from the drop-down box to see how voters responded.

Maps drawn by citizens will favor citizens	⬍

100%

80

60

40

34%

32%

20

14%

8%

13%

| Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree | Do not know |

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Do you think each of the following areas of state government need to be reformed, or not?

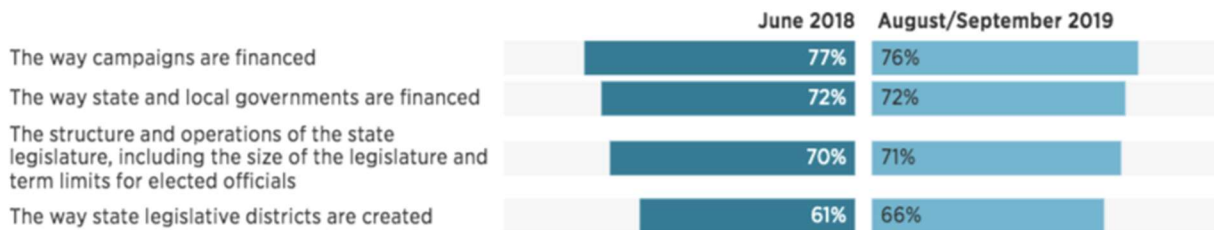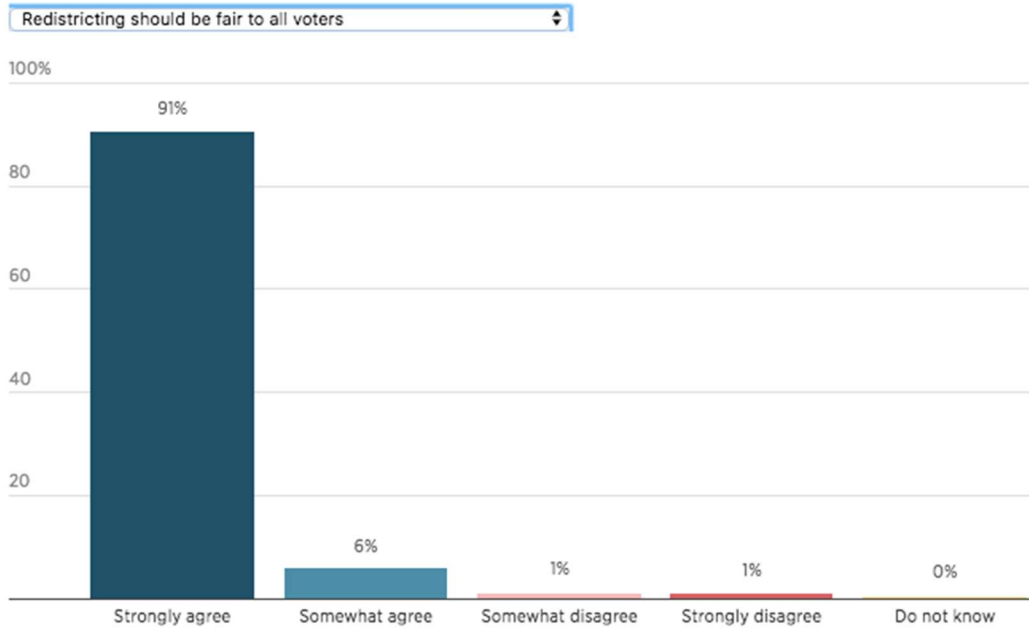|	June 2018	August/September 2019
The way campaigns are financed	77%	76%
The way state and local governments are financed	72%	72%
The structure and operations of the state legislature, including the size of the legislature and term limits for elected officials	70%	71%
The way state legislative districts are created	61%	66%

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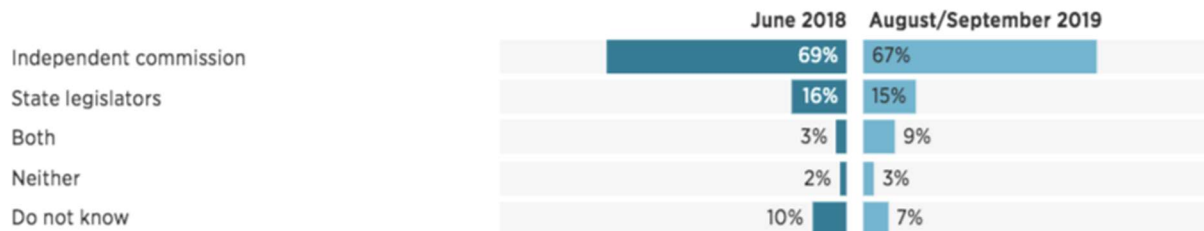Voters were asked whether they agreed with a series of statements.

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Redistricting should be fair to all voters ⬍

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Do you think state legislative districts should be created by an independent commission or do you think these districts should continue to be drawn by state legislators?

	June 2018	August/September 2019
Independent commission	69%	67%
State legislators	16%	15%
Both	3%	9%
Neither	2%	3%
Do not know	10%	7%

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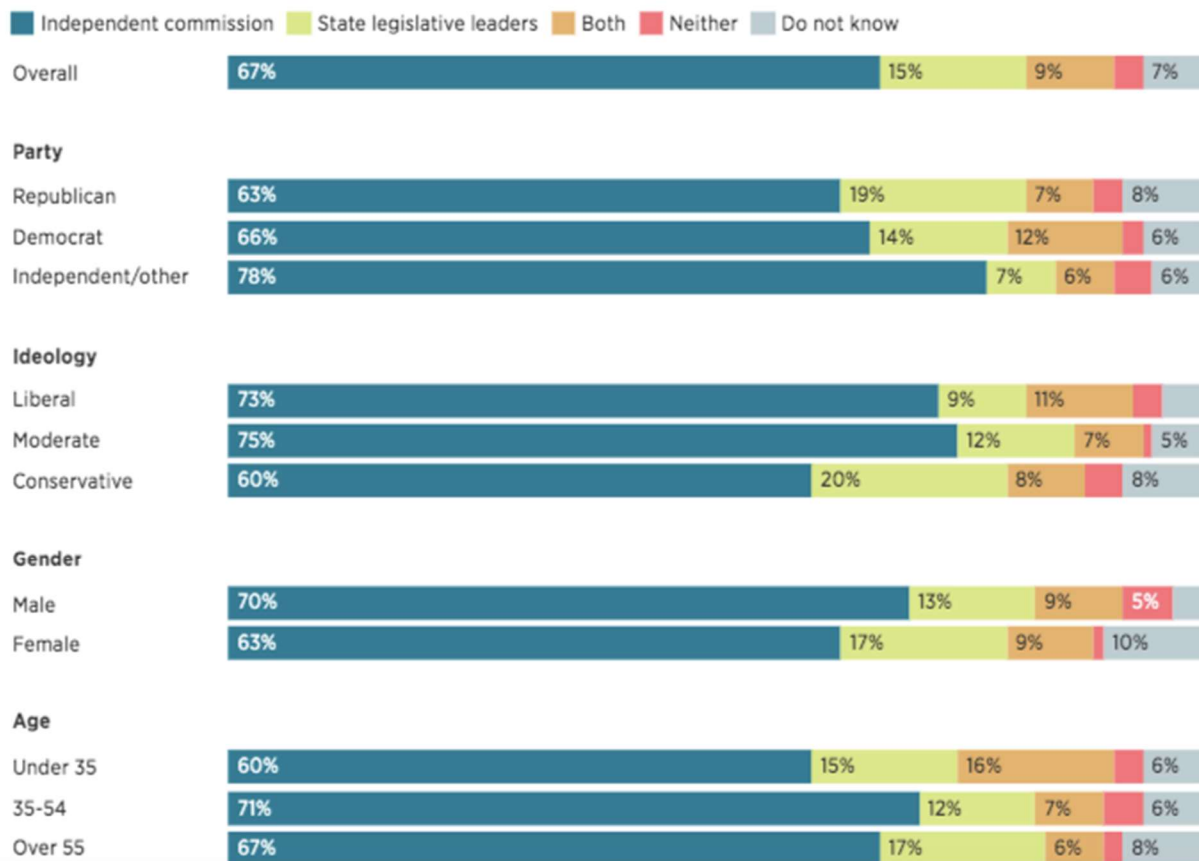Registered voters were asked the following question: "Do you think state legislative districts should be created by an independent commission or do you think these districts should continue to be drawn by state legislators?"

Legend: ■ Independent commission ■ State legislative leaders ■ Both ■ Neither ■ Do not know

Category	Independent commission	State legislative leaders	Both	Neither	Do not know
Overall	67%	15%	9%		7%
Party					
Republican	63%	19%	7%		8%
Democrat	66%	14%	12%		6%
Independent/other	78%	7%	6%		6%
Ideology					
Liberal	73%	9%	11%		
Moderate	75%	12%	7%		5%
Conservative	60%	20%	8%		8%
Gender					
Male	70%	13%	9%	5%	
Female	63%	17%	9%		10%
Age					
Under 35	60%	15%	16%		6%
35-54	71%	12%	7%		6%
Over 55	67%	17%	6%		8%

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6. Closure Activity / Exit Tickets:

Exit Ticket
Name: _____ Date: _____
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