

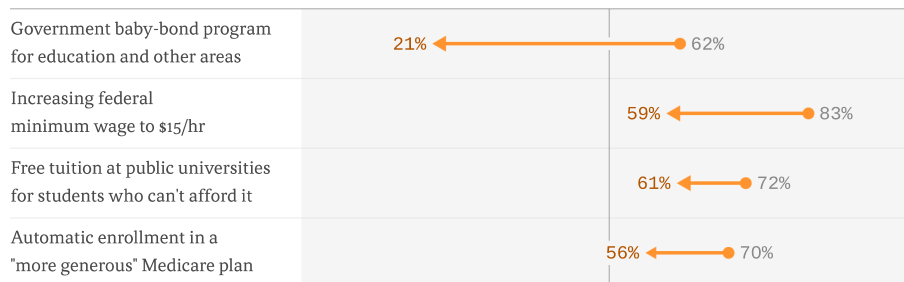
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The limits of political tribalism

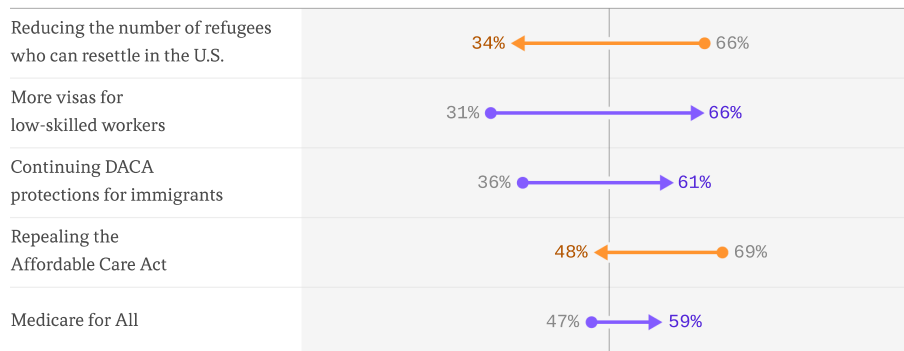
Change in support for policy positions among voters before and after group discussions

Support decreased ← ● → ● Support increased

DEMOCRATS



REPUBLICANS



Data: [NORC survey](#) of 523 registered voters, Sept. 2019; Note: Support is share of voters who said they supported policies between 6-10 on a 0 (oppose) to 10 (support) scale; Chart: Andrew Witherspoon/Axios

Most Americans would move toward the center on policies including health care, immigration and the minimum wage if Republican and Democratic voters spent more time together face-to-face — or at least that's the takeaway from "America in One Room," a social experiment conducted over a single weekend last month in Dallas.

Why it matters: As Congress considers impeachment and voters brace for another divisive election, the experiment suggests there could be another way for the politics of the future.

- Policies might change if voters had more opportunities to be pulled away from polarized echo chambers that strangle the movement of public opinion.

The big picture: Political tribalism thrives when voters create a self-satisfying bubble stoked online and through the TV shows they watch. But moderation prevailed *offline* — even at a time when both parties are moving to the extremes.