



## Survey of Tennessee K-12 Parents Tennessee Statewide

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## **Insights & Analysis**

- 58% of voters favor the Republican candidate on the generic ballot, while only 31% lean towards the Democrat candidate. This aligns with the popularity of Donald Trump (+27 net fav) and the less favorable perception of Joe Biden (-34 net fav). Notably, school-aged parents show a stronger inclination towards the Republican party compared to the general electorate.
- A significant majority (70%) of voters are unfamiliar with Cameron Sexton, with a modest +3 net favorability. In contrast, Bill Lee enjoys a strong positive image among parents statewide (+21 net fav, 78% hard name ID).
- 70% of K-12 parents opt for traditional public schools, and 68% express satisfaction with their child's education, marking a 3-point increase from 2023. Overall, parents in Tennessee feel positive about the direction of public K-12 education (58% believe it's heading in the right direction). However, optimism about K-12 education has declined by 7 points since 2023, dropping from 66% to the current 59%.
- School choice enjoys widespread popularity, with a net favorability of +48. Private schools (+39 net fav) and public charter schools (+33 net fav) are held in higher regard than traditional public schools (+29 net fav).
  - **Public charter schools** and **private schools** have a notable percentage of parents with no opinion (25% and 22%, respectively).
  - Women and parents aged 30-44 are more likely to be unfamiliar or undecided about school choice. Women, in particular, show a higher likelihood than men to be uninformed or have no opinion about public charter schools.
  - Geographically, those in rural areas (41% NO/NHO) exhibit lower knowledge and opinions regarding public charter schools.
- Parents' perception of public charter school performance has improved, with a 7-point increase from 2023. Currently, 44% believe that public charter schools deliver better CYGNAL results than traditional public schools.

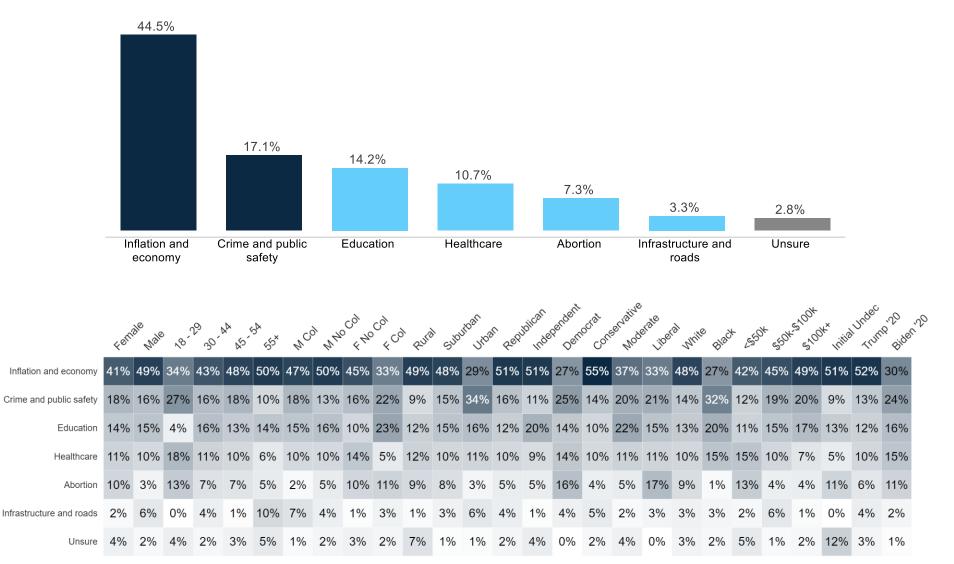
## **Insights & Analysis**

- The percentage of those believing results are about the same has decreased by 6 points to 27%, while those thinking they are worse has increased slightly by 1 point to 11% since 2034.
- A plurality (38%, up +3 points from 2023) believes that the State Board of Education is the most responsible for the quality of public schools.
  - Men (21%) are nearly twice as likely as women (12%) to attribute responsibility for quality control to Local School Boards.
- A strong majority (78%) believes **that public schools need to change at least "some**", with 37% advocating for "a lot" of change.
  - There's minimal shift from 2023, with a 1% increase in both those advocating for "a lot" and "a little" change. "Some" change sees a -2 point decrease.
  - Overall, there's consensus that change is necessary. Nearly half of Independents desire "a lot" of change, while 48% of Democrats opt for "some" change and 82% of younger parents (18-29) believe at least "some" changes are needed.
- 58% of parents believe public charter schools should have the opportunity to buy or lease space from local public schools at fair-market value. Younger parents (73%) overwhelmingly agree, while rural voters (49%) are the only subgroup without majority support. Additionally, 21% of rural voters are unsure on the issue.
- For 67% of parents, the **ideal candidate is someone who supports school choice**, Education Savings Accounts (ESA), and public charter schools. Only 15% believe their ideal candidate opposes these issues, while 18% are unsure.
- Support for options like public charter schools decreased by -4 points since 2023. However, a majority (66%) still supports these options. Opposition grew from 16% to 19%, with 14% remaining unsure.

## **Insights & Analysis**

- While at least a majority of all subgroups support options like public charter schools, parents over 55 and rural parents exhibit higher opposition to the issue.
- The messaging proved persuasive, leading to a substantial +9 increase in support for options on the informed question.
  - Support among parents over 55 surged by 20% from the initial to the informed, while men aged 45-54 and women as a whole experienced double-digit increases in support for options, solidifying their stance post-messaging.
  - A majority (51%) of initially undecideds shifted to support options, with 44% remaining undecided.
- Message mapping shows that the most effective messages that move voters to support school choice over all is: "Different Learning Styles," along with "Schools Low Income Families."
  - Women reponed best to "Different Learning Styles" and "Graduation Rates."
- 63% of parents support the statewide expansion of Education Savings Account (ESA) programs.
- Segmentation Analysis identified three groups via machine-learning: Supporters-Democrats (35%), Unsures (21%), (44%).
  - All three segments support ESAs and are predominantly composed of parents aged 30-44.
  - **Supporters-Democrats** are more likely to have children in private schools and exhibit more opposition to Public Charter schools within their segment. Apart from partisanship, the segments differ based on community type, with **Supporters-Democrats** over indexing in urban living and **Supporters-Republicans** over indexing in suburban living.
  - Unsures tend to be rural, lower-income evangelical Republicans with a mix of moderate and very conservative views. Post-messaging, 1/3 of this segment supports
    CYGNAL Public Charter Schools, but a plurality remains unsure.

## **Top Priority State General**

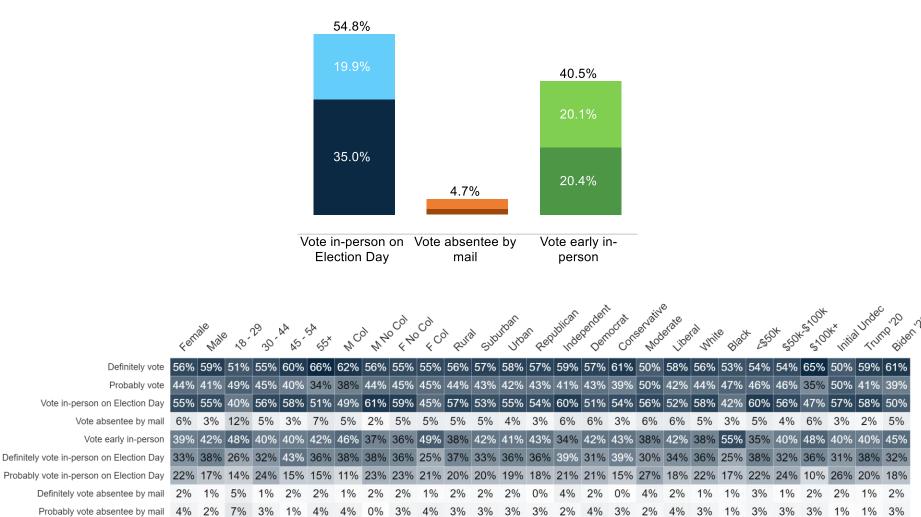




## **Vote Method**

Definitely vote early in-person

Probably vote early in-person



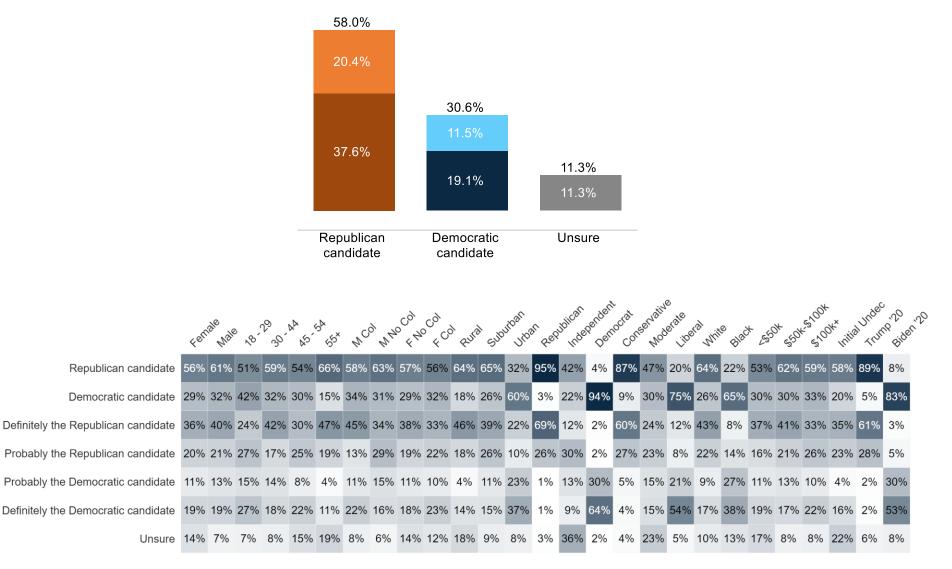
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How do you plan to vote in the November 2024 general election for President, U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, and other state offices?



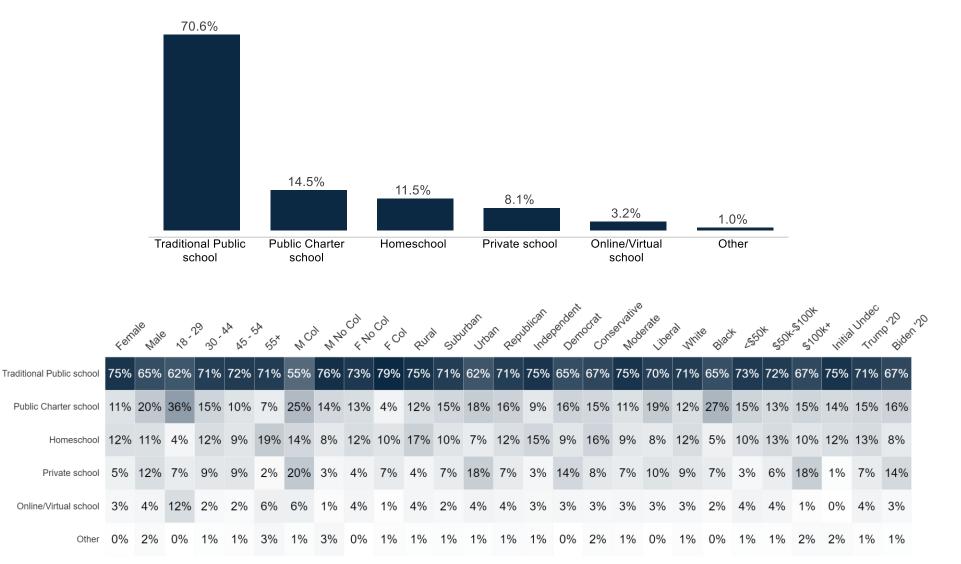
## **Generic Ballot**



If the election was held today, and you had to make a choice, would you vote for the Republican or Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress?



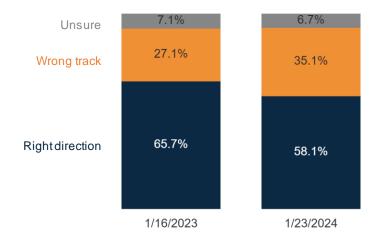
# **Education Type**



How are the school-aged children in your household currently receiving their education? Select all that apply.



## **State Education Direction**

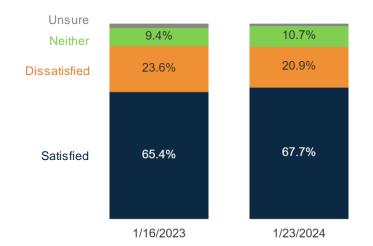


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Generally speaking, would you say public K-12 education in Tennessee is headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?



## **TN Education Satisfaction**

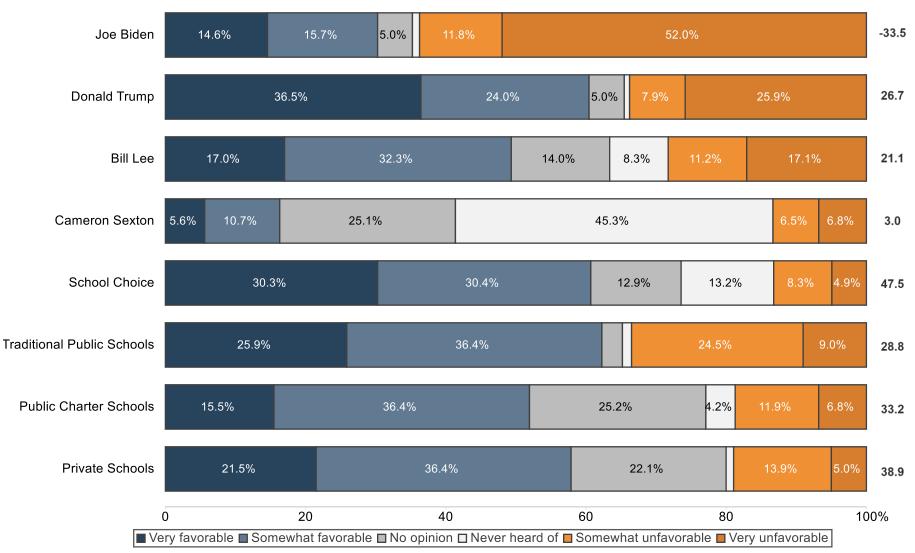


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Overall are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your child's education in Tennessee?

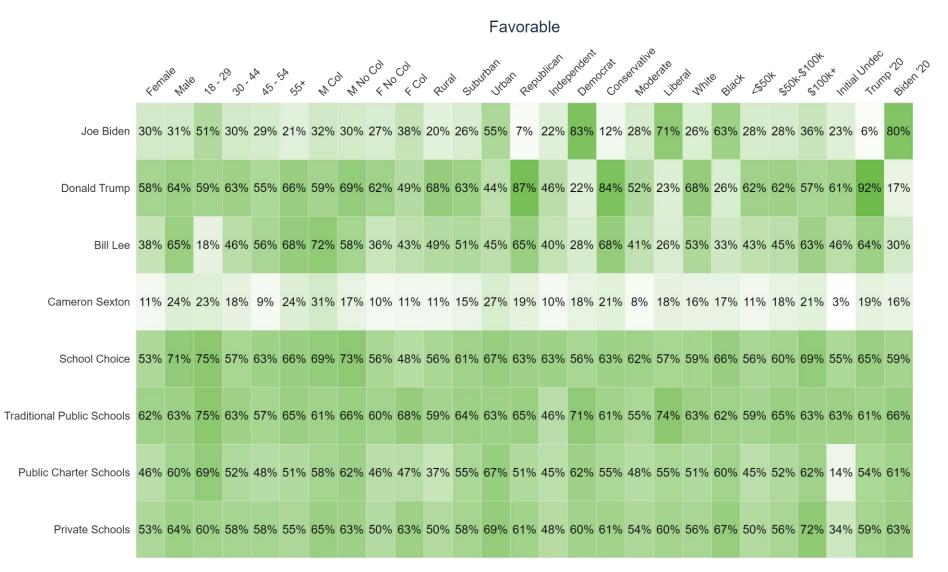
## **Image Tests**





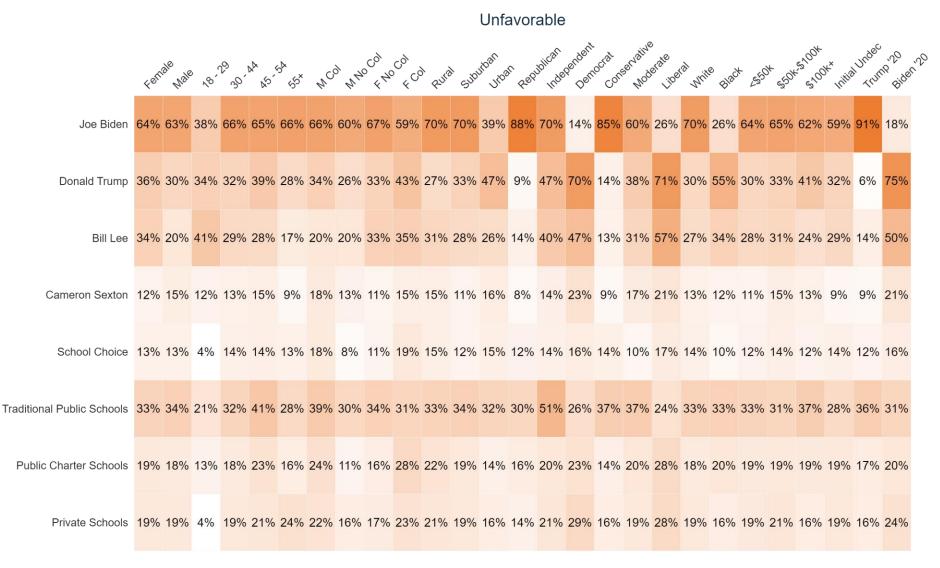


#### **Image Tests Heatmap - Favorable**



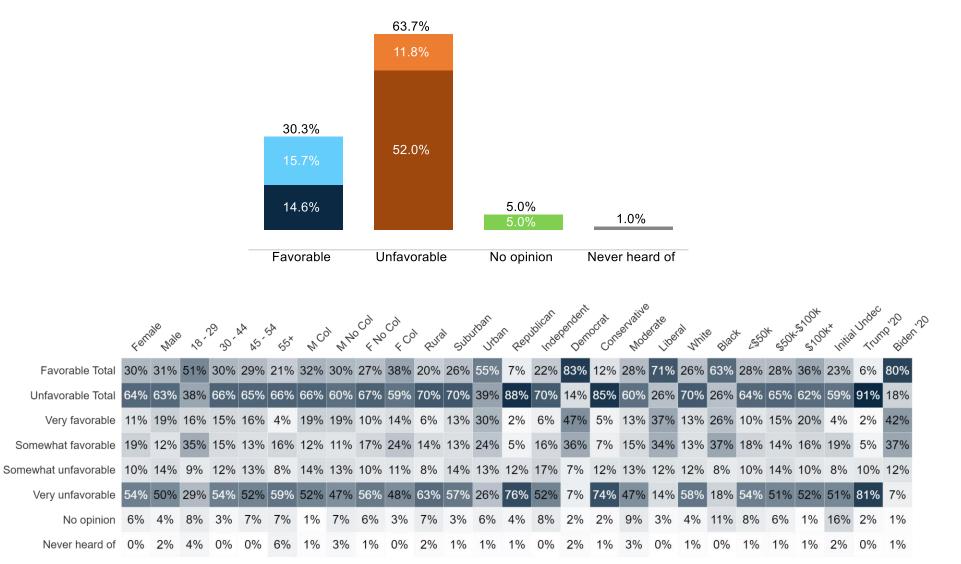


#### Image Tests Heatmap - Unfavorable





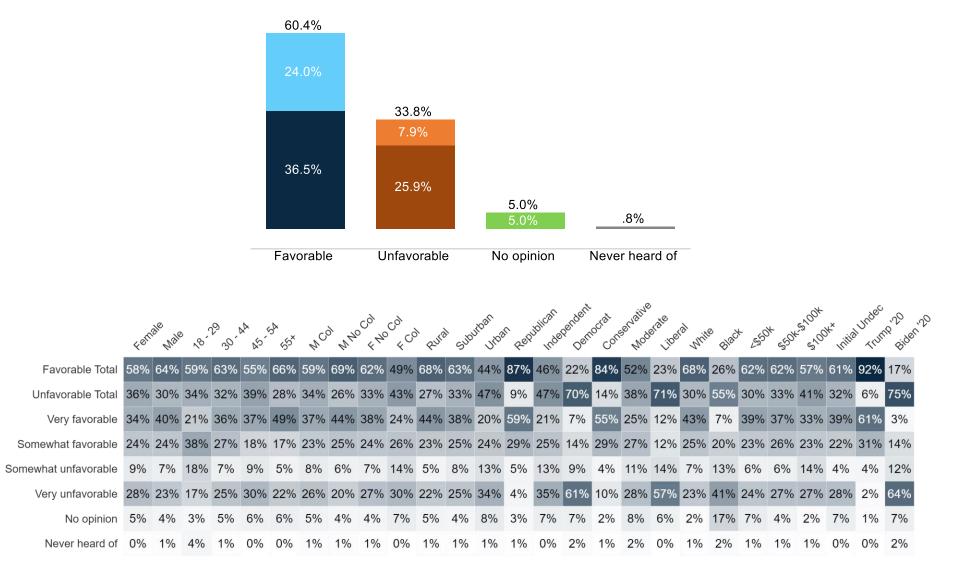
### Image: Joe Biden





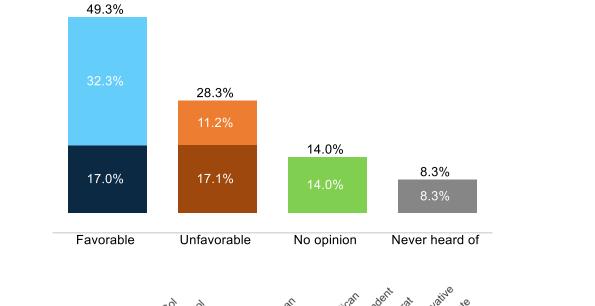
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Joe Biden?

## Image: Donald Trump





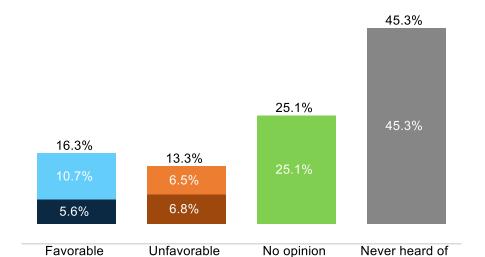
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## Image: Cameron Sexton

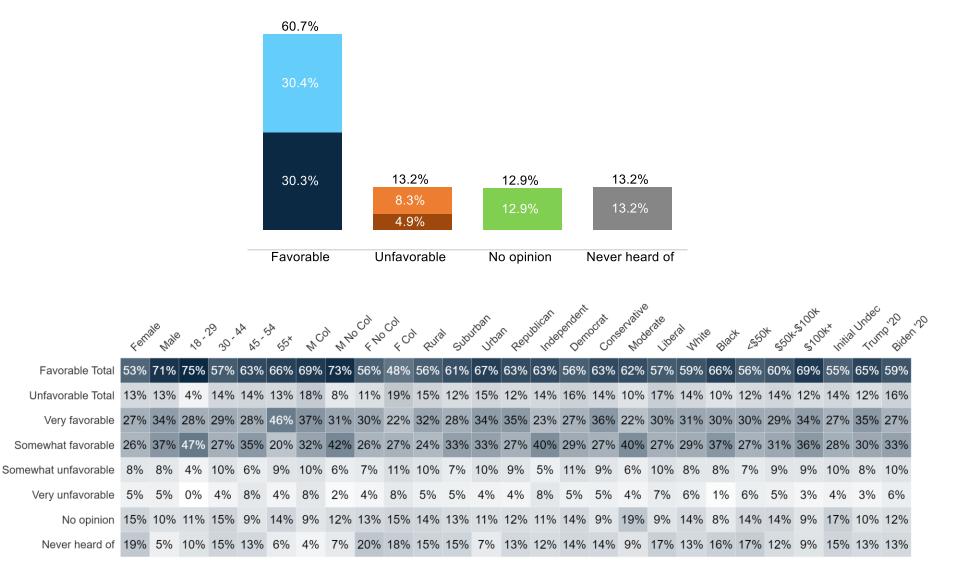


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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Cameron Sexton?

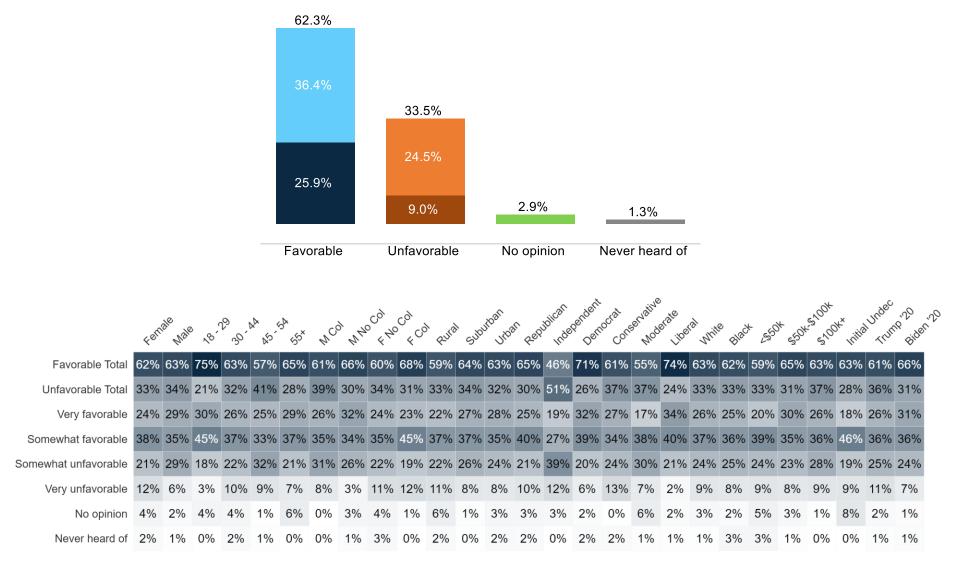
## Image: School Choice





Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of School Choice?

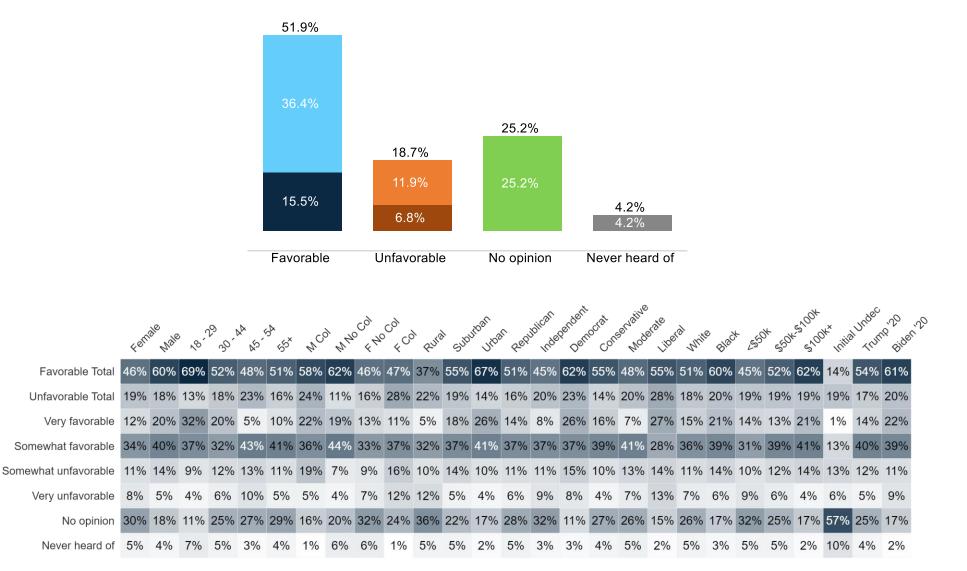
#### Image: Traditional Public Schools



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Traditional Public Schools?



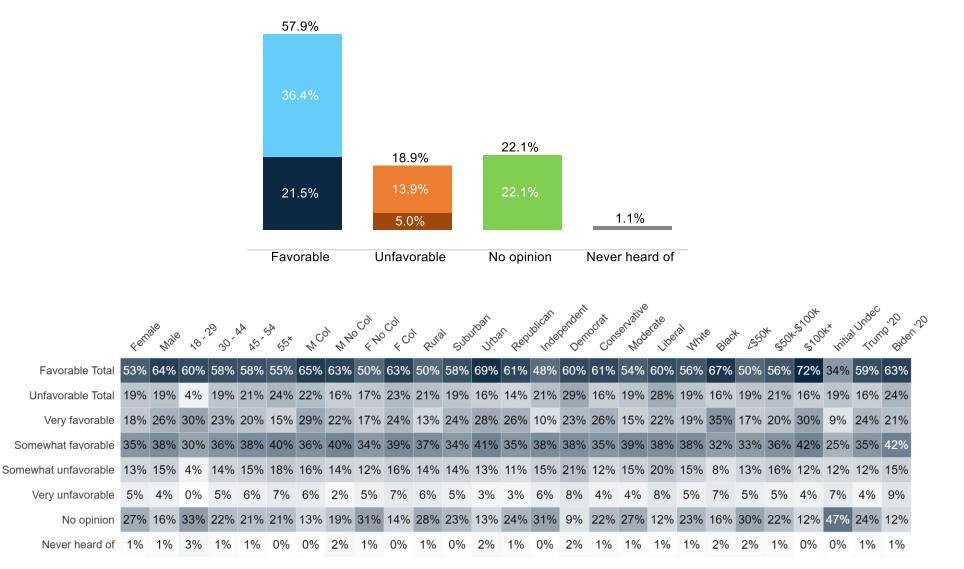
#### Image: Public Charter Schools



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Public Charter Schools?



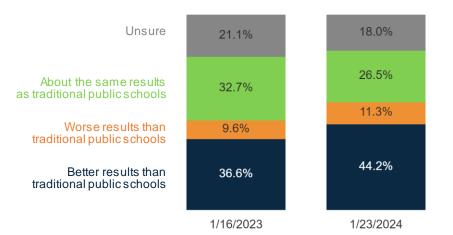
## Image: Private Schools







## **Charter School Performance**

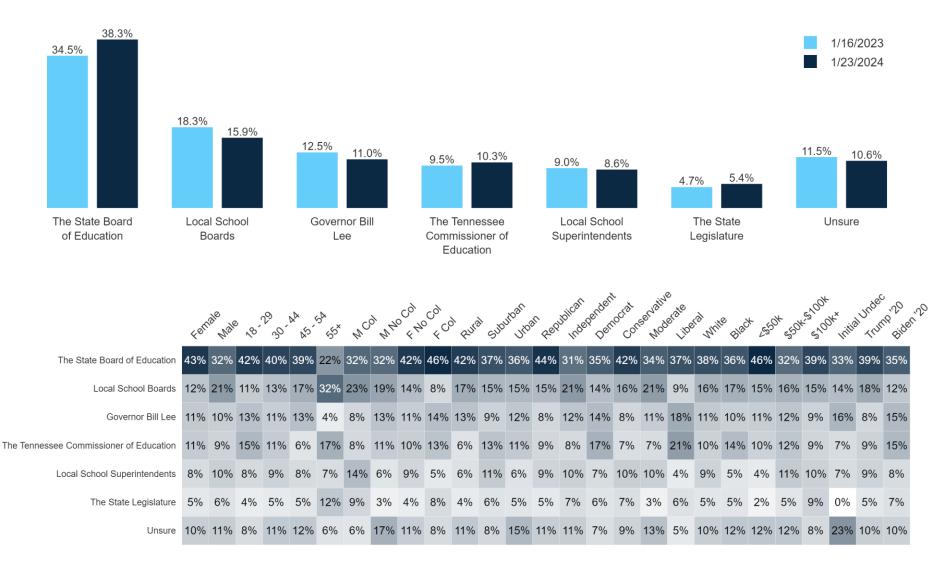


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Worse results than traditional public schools	11%	11%	11%	11%	10%	15%	9%	13%	9%	11%	12%	14%	11%	8%	12%	10%	11%	12%	11%	12%	13%	1%	11%	11%	13%	8%	11%	12%
Definitely better results than traditional public schools	9%	6%	13%	13%	12%	3%	8%	15%	10%	7%	4%	7%	5%	20%	8%	3%	15%	7%	9%	13%	8%	16%	9%	7%	12%	1%	8%	12%
Probably better results than traditional public schools	35%	33%	38%	48%	32%	38%	43%	45%	31%	35%	31%	27%	38%	43%	36%	37%	37%	40%	27%	39%	34%	42%	26%	38%	44%	6%	36%	38%
About the same results than traditional public schools	27%	28%	24%	23%	29%	24%	19%	16%	33%	25%	36%	28%	29%	19%	24%	32%	27%	23%	31%	27%	27%	30%	31%	27%	19%	27%	28%	26%
Probably worse results than traditional public schools	9%	9%	9%	11%	7%	12%	9%	10%	7%	9%	9%	11%	9%	4%	11%	9%	5%	10%	10%	7%	10%	1%	10%	9%	8%	8%	9%	7%
Definitely worse results than traditional public schools	3%	2%	3%	0%	3%	3%	0%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	1%	1%	7%	2%	1%	5%	3%	0%	1%	2%	5%	0%	2%	4%
Unsure	18%	21%	13%	4%	18%	20%	20%	10%	17%	22%	17%	25%	17%	11%	19%	19%	10%	17%	22%	10%	19%	11%	23%	17%	12%	57%	18%	12%

Do you think public charter schools produce better, worse, or the same results for students as traditional public schools?



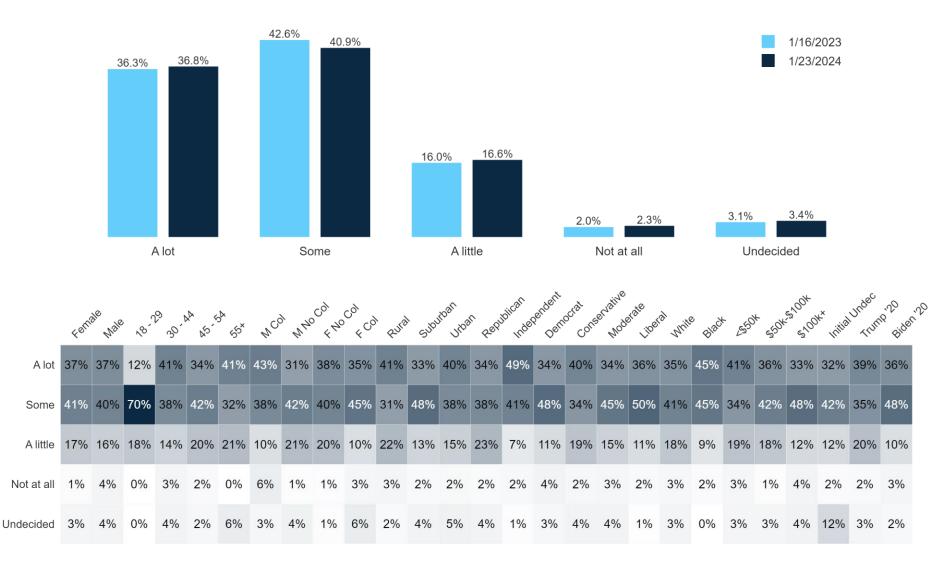
## **State Education Quality Control**



In your opinion, who is most responsible for the quality of public schools in Tennessee?



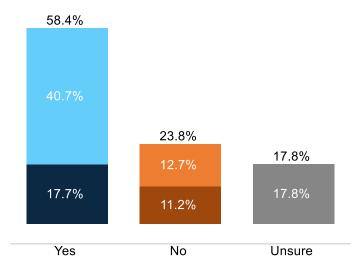
## **Public Schools Quality**



Based on your experience, do you think public schools in Tennessee need to change a lot, some, a little, or not at all?



### Public School Space

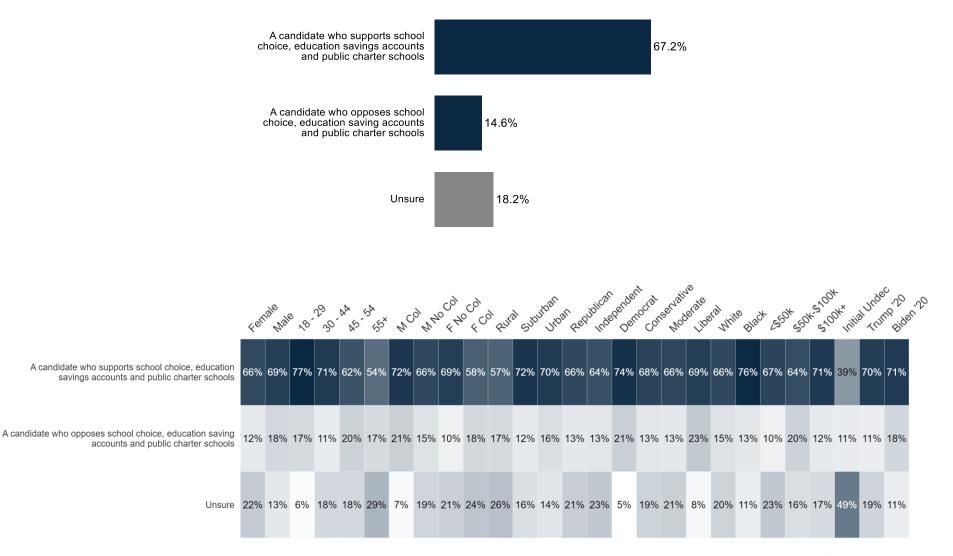


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Not Total	23%	26%	20%	21%	31%	25%	27%	24%	21%	26%	30%	22%	20%	25%	23%	23%	24%	23%	26%	25%	17%	22%	25%	24%	22%	25%
Absolutely yes	14%	22%	28%	20%	9%	24%	25%	19%	17%	9%	17%	14%	28%	18%	16%	18%	20%	15%	19%	17%	26%	20%	14%	21%	20%	18%
Probably yes	42%	39%	45%	40%	44%	27%	38%	40%	40%	48%	32%	45%	43%	35%	45%	51%	36%	45%	43%	38%	46%	33%	46%	41%	40%	48%
Probably not	12%	13%	20%	11%	16%	4%	10%	17%	12%	12%	12%	14%	12%	14%	6%	16%	15%	7%	16%	12%	14%	13%	10%	18%	11%	15%
Absolutely not	10%	12%	0%	9%	14%	21%	17%	7%	9%	14%	18%	8%	8%	11%	17%	7%	9%	16%	10%	13%	3%	9%	16%	7%	10%	10%
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In your opinion, if local public schools have vacant or underutilized space, should public charter schools have the opportunity to buy or lease the space at fair-market value for educational and learning purposes?



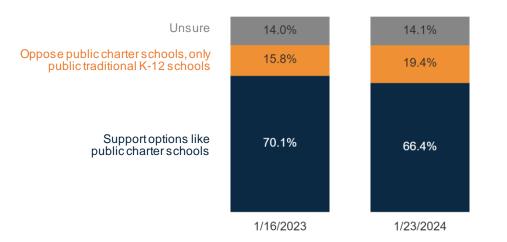




And thinking again about your ideal candidate for State legislator or house of representative, which one of the following candidates would you vote for?



## **Initial Public Charter School**



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Support options like public charter schools	66%	64%	69%	73%	70%	62%	53%	73%	65%	66%	63%	56%	70%	73%	67%	67%	69%	68%	66%	67%	65%	74%	55%	72%	72%	68%	71%
Oppose public charter schools, only traditional K-12 schools	19%	20%	18%	20%	18%	20%	24%	20%	16%	20%	22%	24%	17%	18%	20%	15%	22%	20%	16%	23%	20%	17%	25%	17%	17%	18%	19%
Strongly support options like public charter schools	27%	26%	28%	32%	29%	19%	40%	33%	23%	30%	18%	23%	30%	27%	26%	24%	33%	28%	26%	27%	28%	31%	26%	27%	30%	29%	29%
Somewhat support options like public charter schools	39%	38%	41%	42%	41%	43%	12%	39%	43%	36%	45%	33%	41%	45%	41%	43%	35%	40%	41%	40%	37%	43%	29%	45%	43%	38%	41%
Somewhat oppose charter schools, only traditional K-12 schools	12%	15%	9%	17%	11%	11%	18%	10%	8%	14%	18%	15%	12%	10%	14%	9%	13%	14%	7%	16%	13%	8%	15%	10%	13%	11%	11%
Strongly oppose charter schools, only traditional K-12 schools	7%	6%	9%	4%	7%	9%	6%	10%	8%	7%	4%	9%	5%	8%	6%	6%	9%	6%	9%	6%	7%	9%	10%	7%	4%	7%	8%
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Do you think parents/families should have the ability to customize their child's public education by sending them to alternatives, such as public charter schools, rather than just traditional K-12 schools?



#### Messages

**Public Charter Schools:** Charter schools are public schools, and they are free and open to all children, no matter their background or skill level.

**Charter Schools Different Learning Styles:** Not every student learns the same, and public charter schools have more flexibility to create a school culture that improves student performance and parent satisfaction while still having rigorous academic standards.

**Public Charter Schools Academics:** Students advance at a faster pace academically in public charter schools than they do in traditional public schools – especially African American students and students from low-income backgrounds.

**Public Charter Schools Low-Income Families:** Public charter schools provide families with a tuition-free choice option for their children's education, something that has been traditionally only available to families with high incomes who can afford private school.

**Public Charter Schools Flexible:** The flexibility that local public charter schools have for hiring teachers, personalizing learning, crafting creative lesson plans, and using technology in new ways allows them to make any helpful changes to address the learning needs of students.

**Public Charter Schools Graduation Rates:** Data from communities with a mix of traditional public schools and nonprofit public charter schools show they have stronger student achievement and higher graduation rates for the entire community.



## Messages

Public Charter Schools	29.7%	25.3%	18.4%	8.3% 5.4%	13.0%
Charter Schools Different Learning Styles	24.2%	38.0%	15.5%	9.2%	10.8%
Public Charter Schools Academics	19.5%	33.4%	21.1%	7.7% 5.1%	13.2%
Public Charter Schools Low-Income Families	25.6%	32.8%	15.9%	8.1% 5.3%	12.4%
Public Charter Schools Flexible	21.7%	37.7%	16.7%	7.6%	12.1%
Public Charter Schools Graduation Rates	21.0%	36.2%	19.8%	7.0%	13.4%
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#### **Messages Heatmaps**

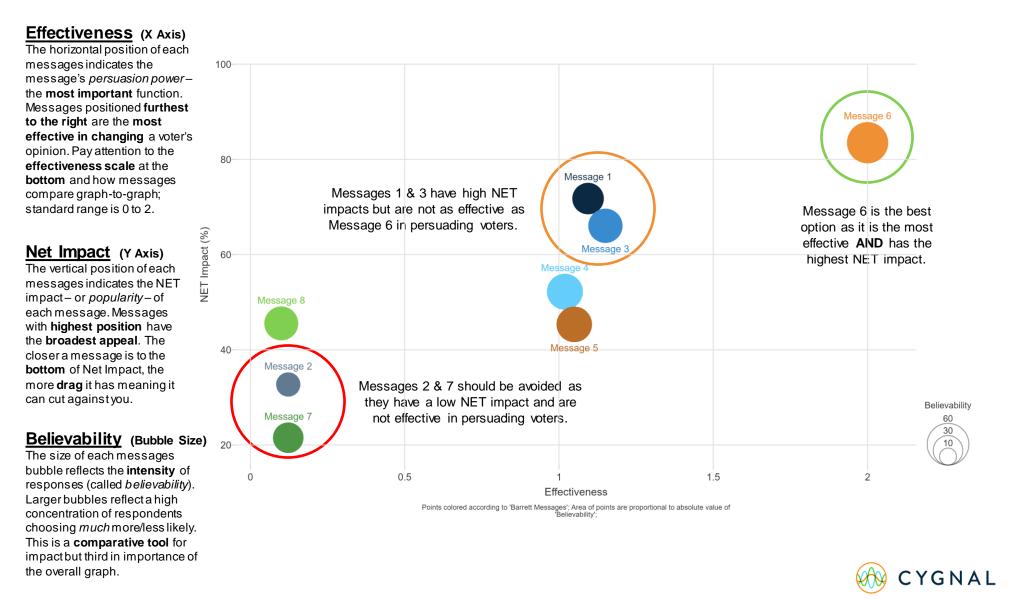
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Public Charter Schools Graduation Rates	58%	56%	53%	57%	57%	58%	58%	53%	59%	60%	54%	58%	62%	59%	53%	60%	61%	53%	60%	58%	57%	52%	58%	63%	40%	57%	59%

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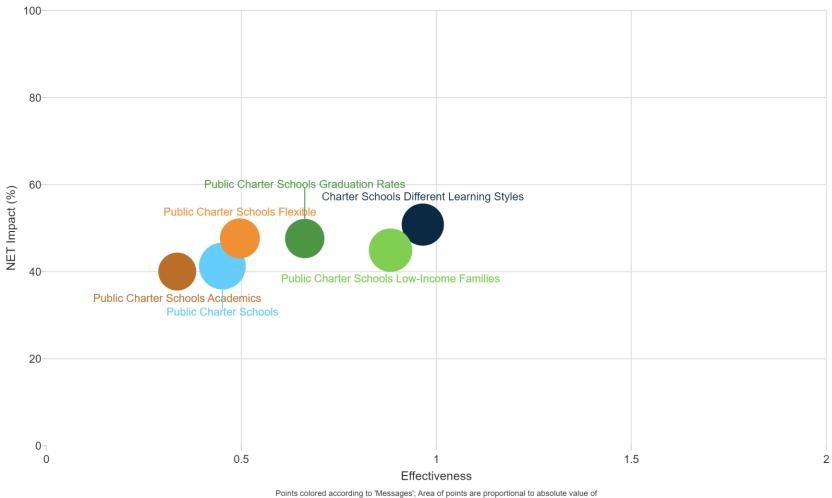
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## How to Read a Cygnal Message Map (Example)



### **Pro-Public Charter Schools Mapping: Overall**

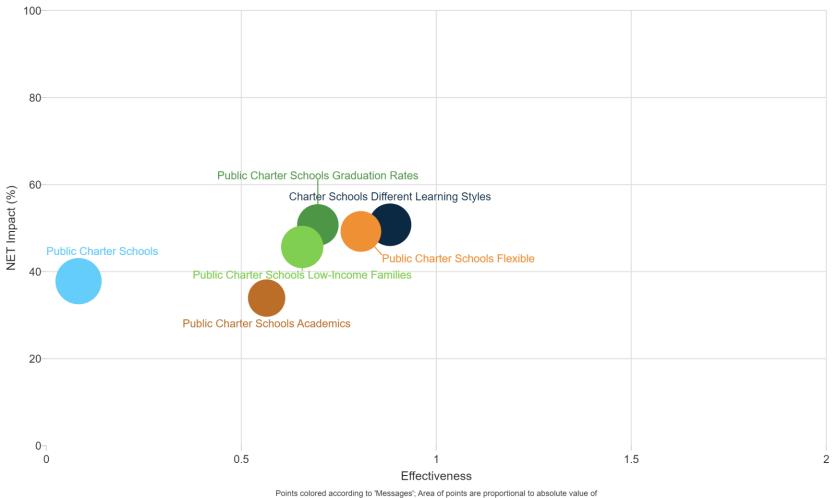


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Effectiveness is the coefficient of the message in a logistic regression model with the likelihood of choosing to support options like public charter schools on the informed ballot. NET Impact is the difference of the percentage of likely voters who responded More likely and Less likely on the messages. Believability is the percentage of likely voters who responded Much more likely (Much less likely) on the positive (negative) messages. The higher the value of the metric, the more effective/more impactful/more believable the message is.



## **Pro-Public Charter Schools Mapping: Republicans**

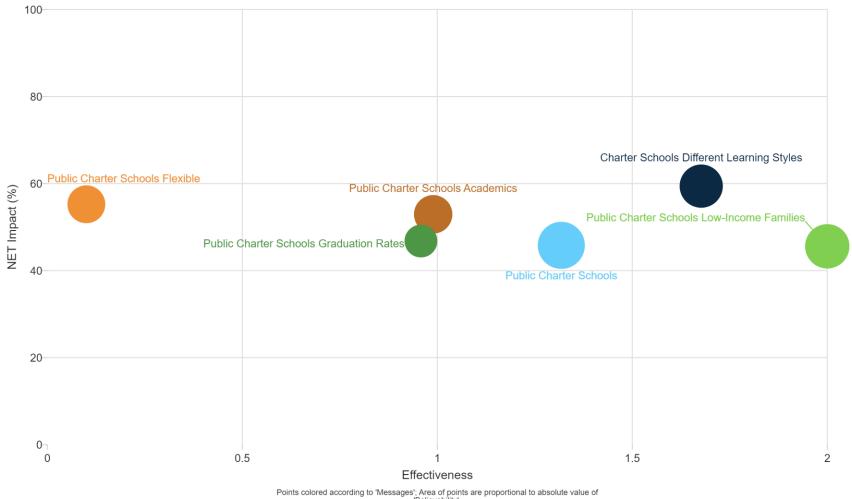


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## **Pro-Public Charter Schools Mapping: Independents**

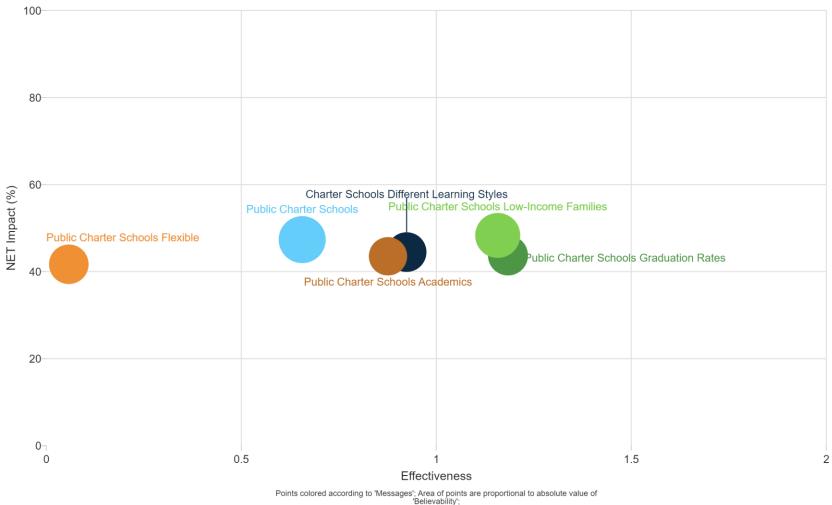


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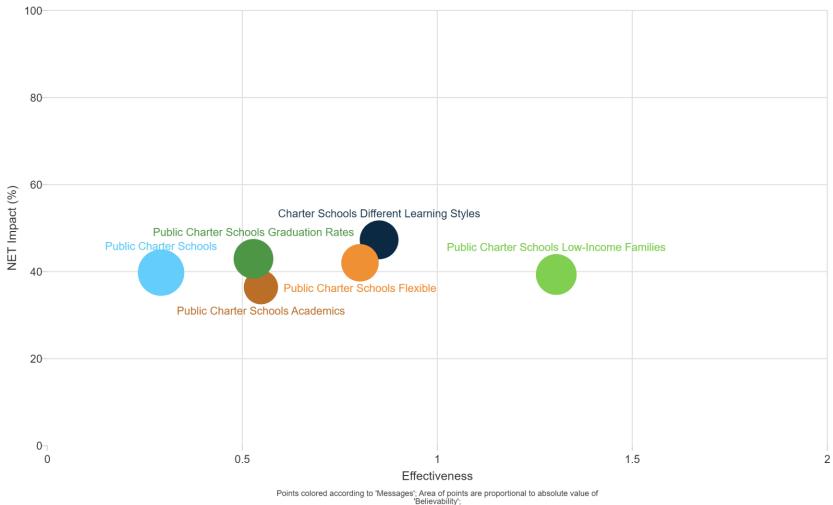
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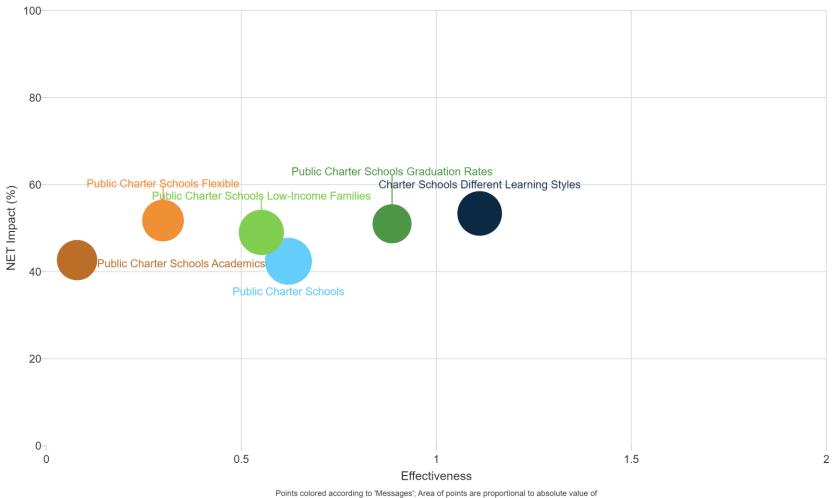
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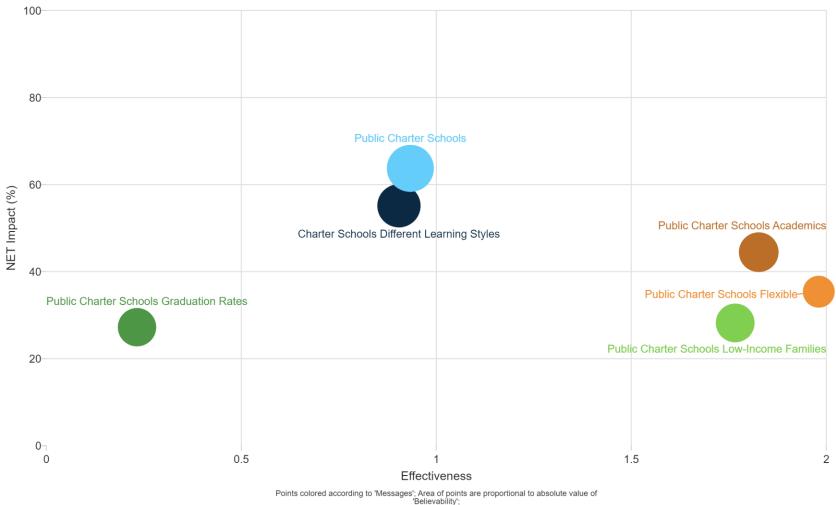


#### **Pro-Public Charter Schools Mapping: Female**

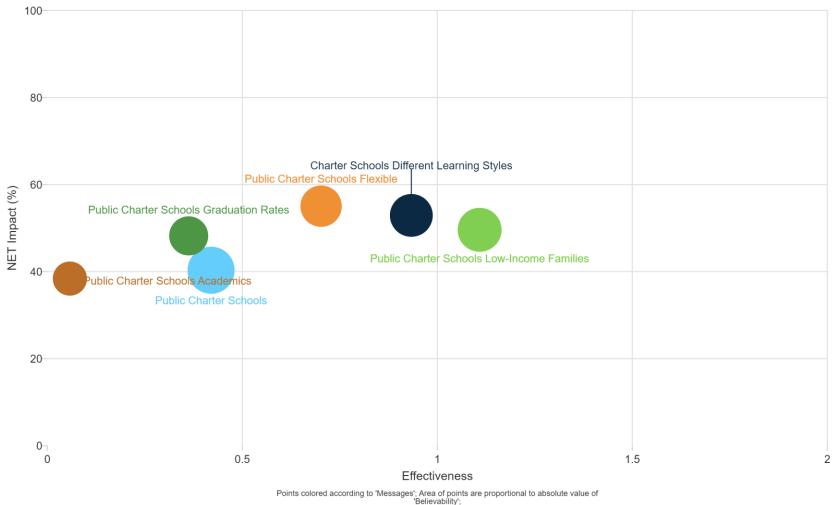


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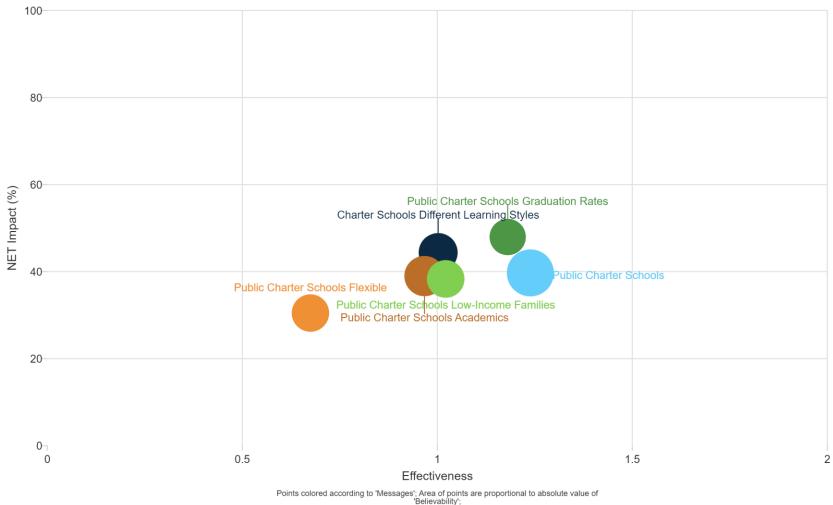




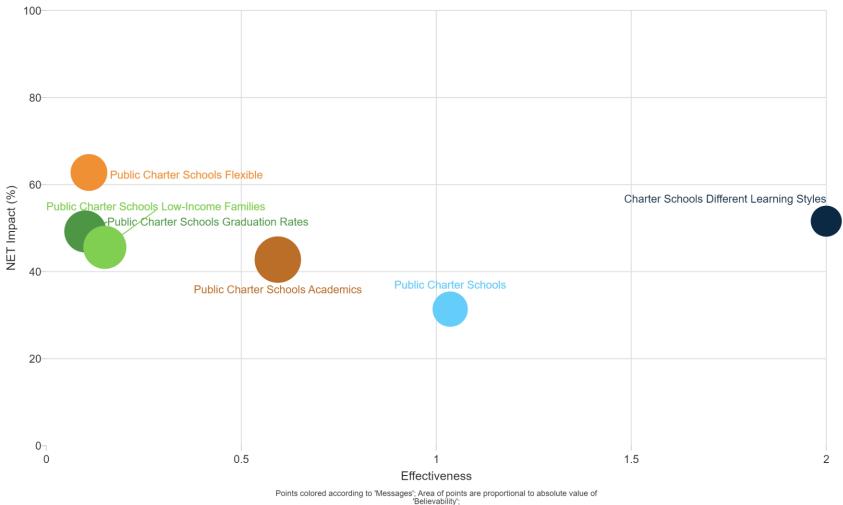




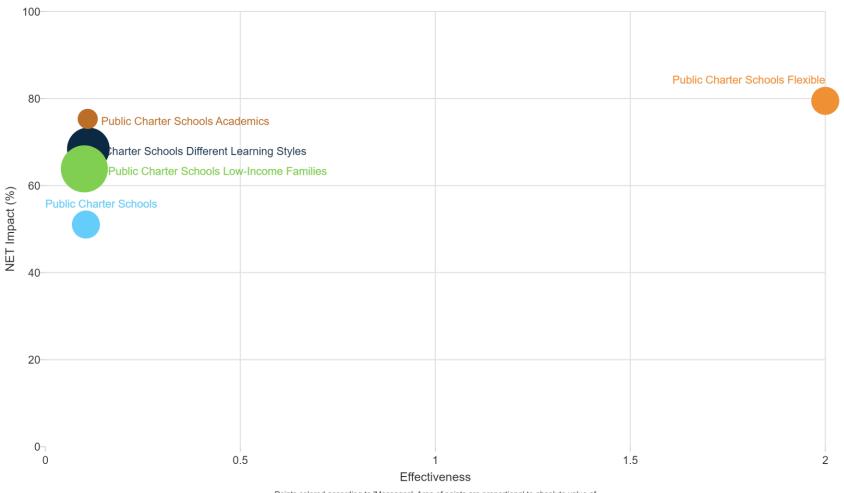








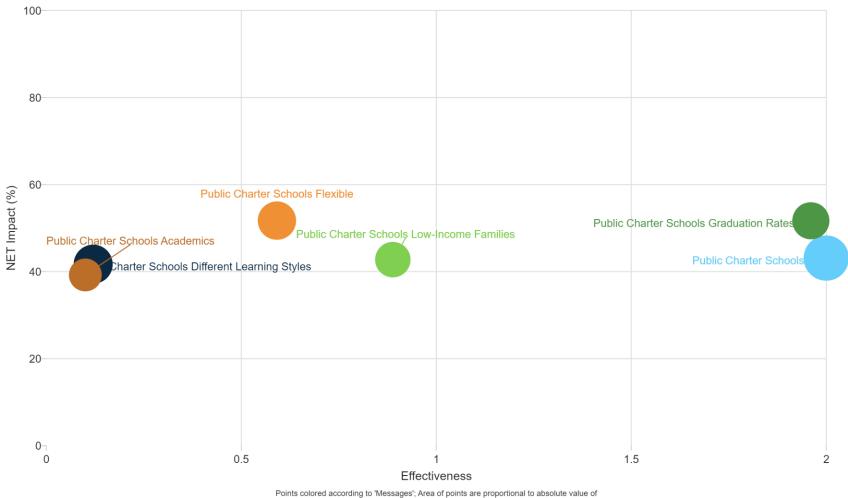




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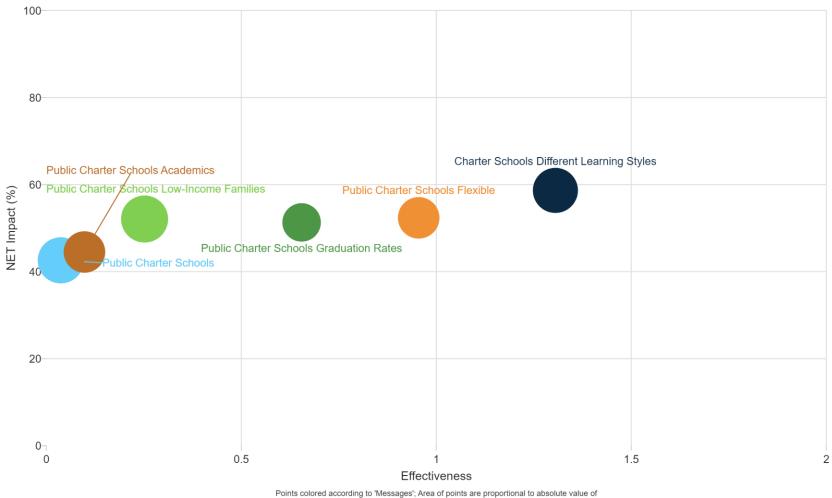
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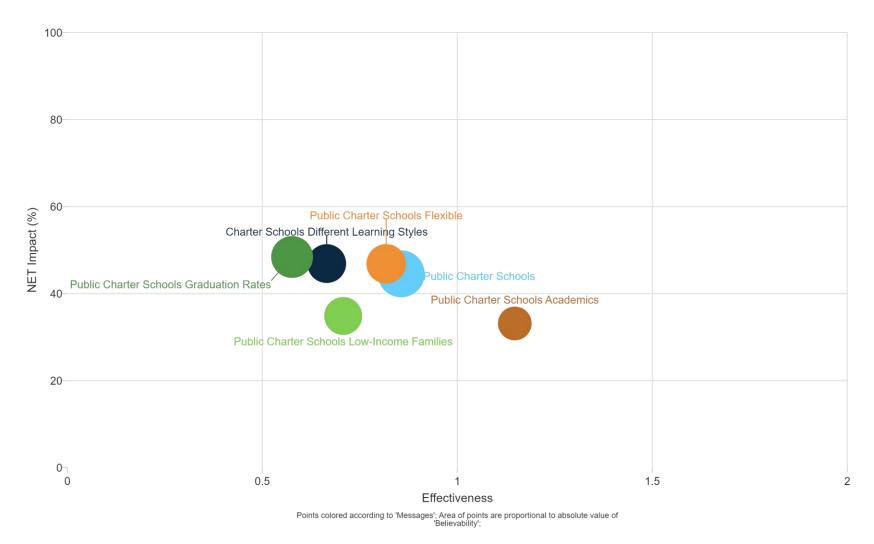
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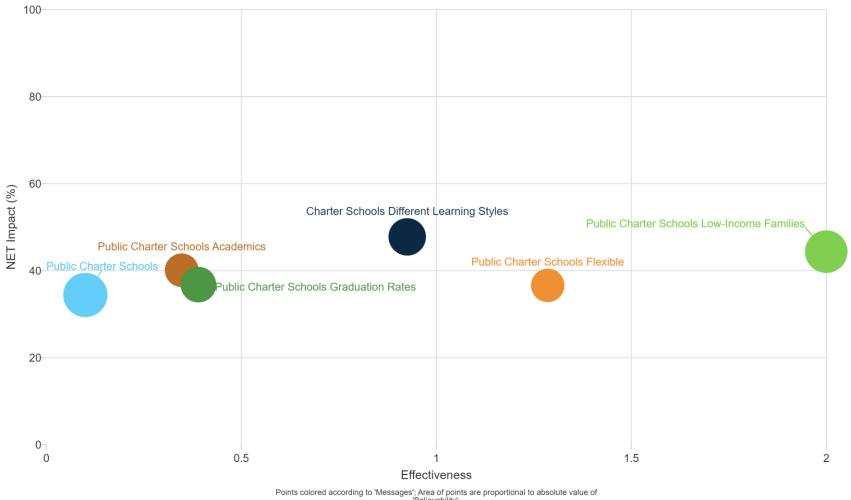


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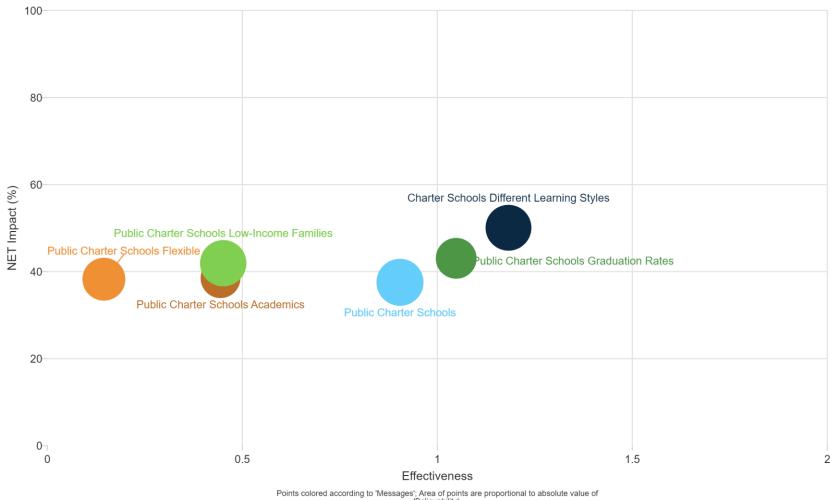


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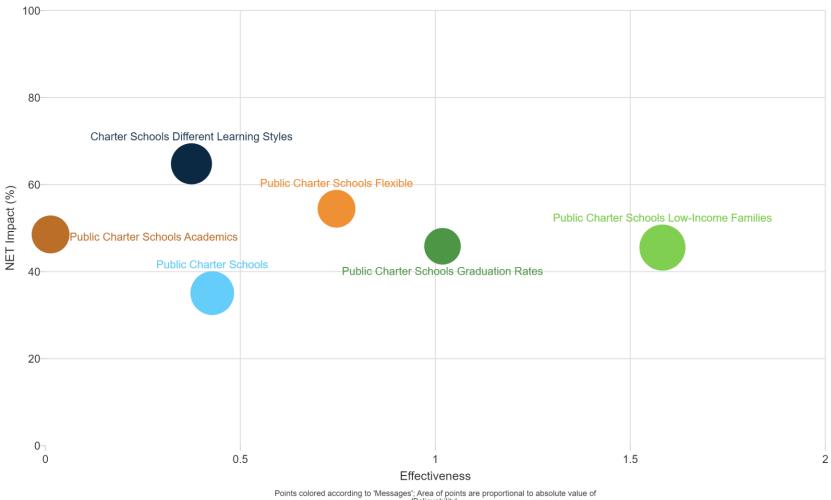




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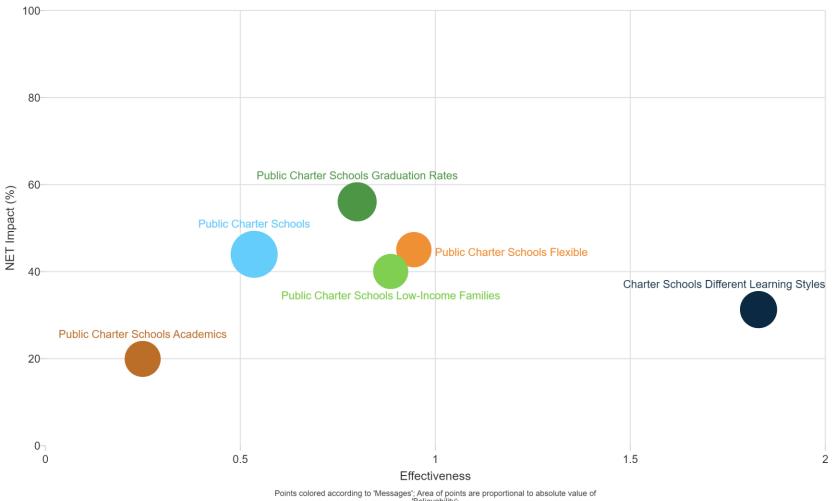
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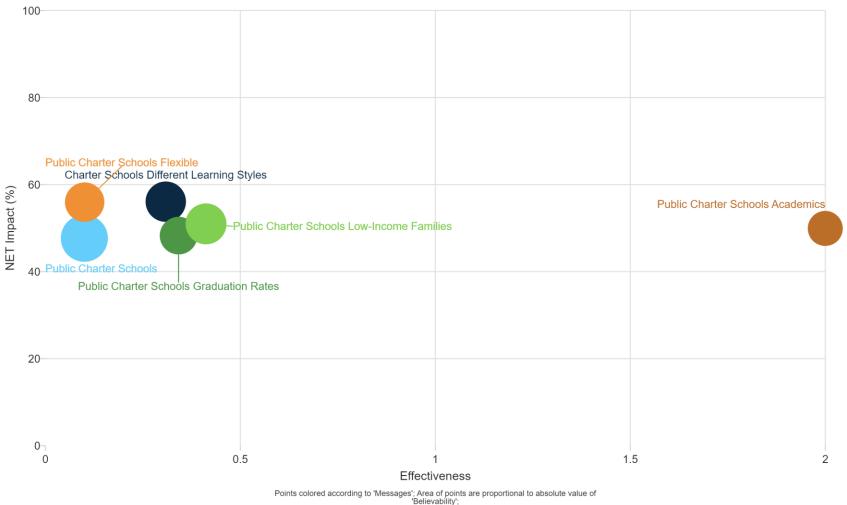
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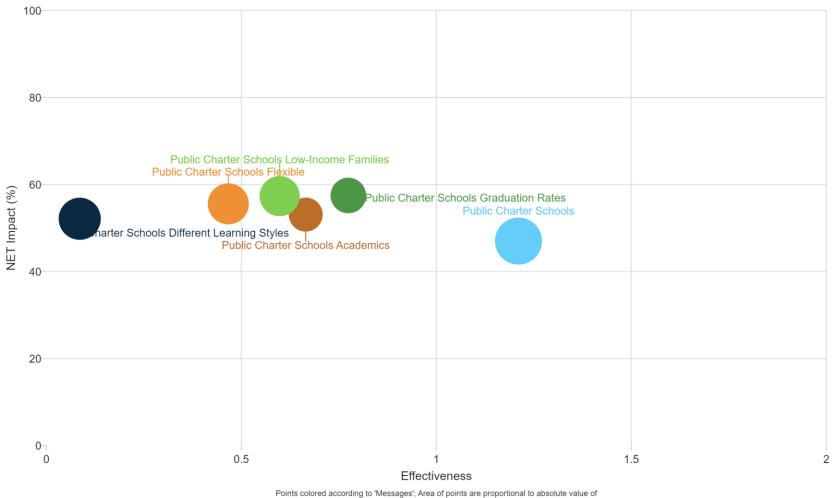
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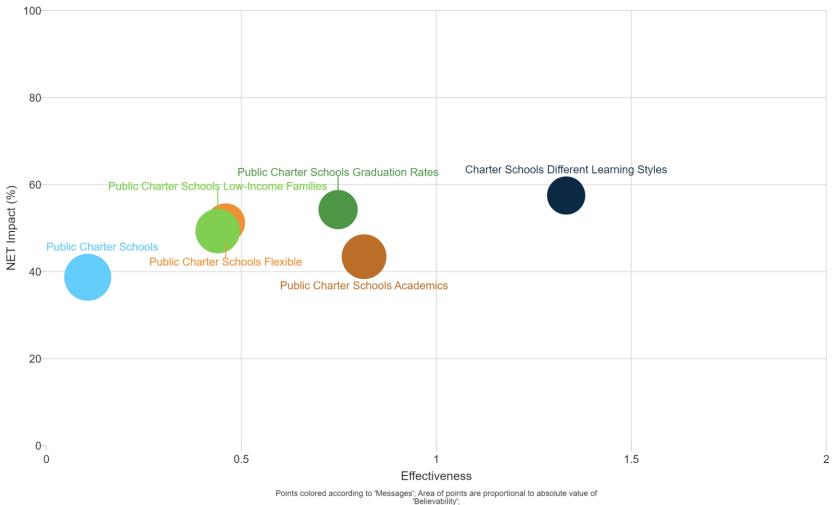




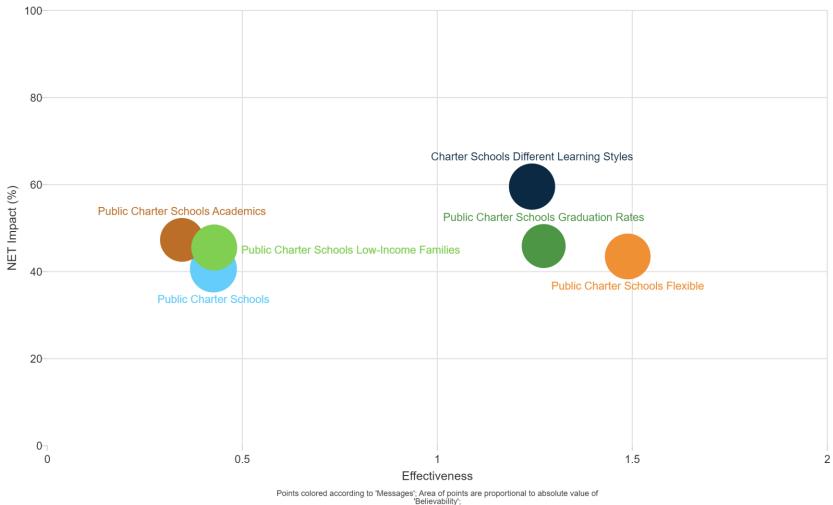


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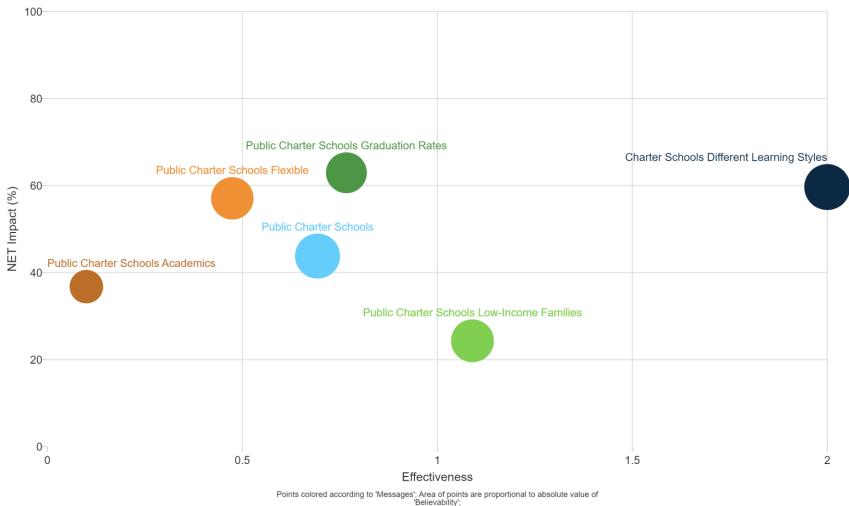




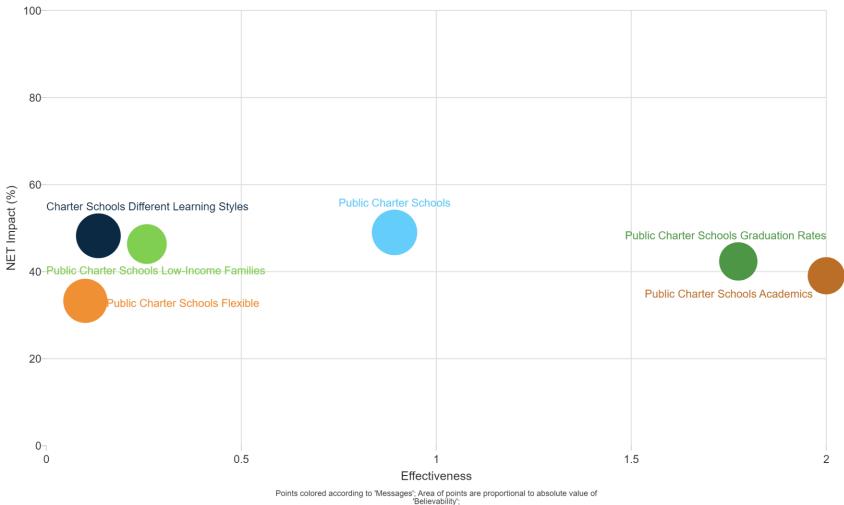




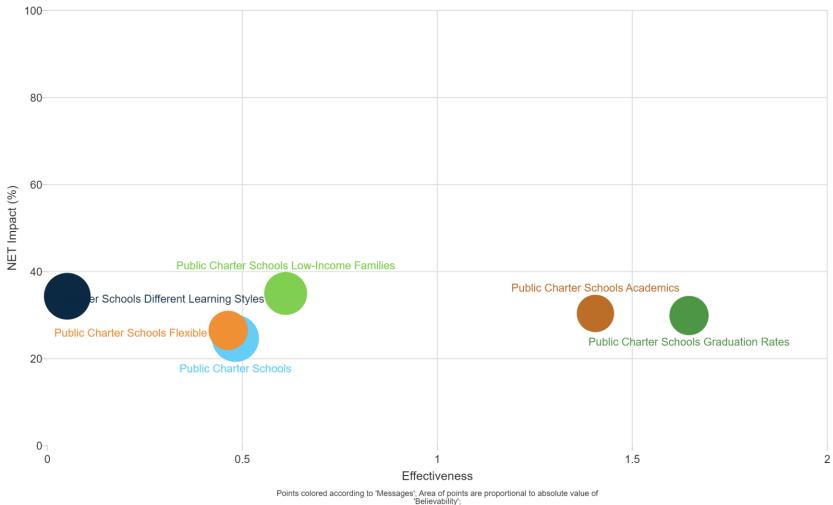




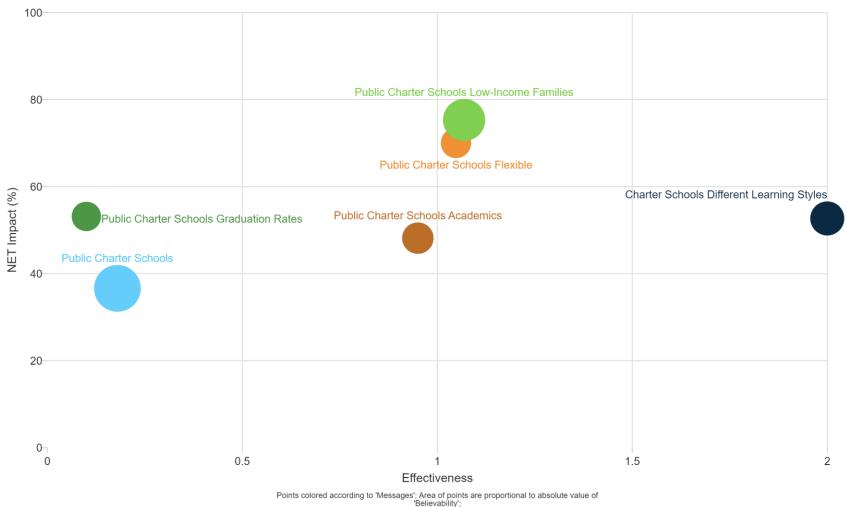




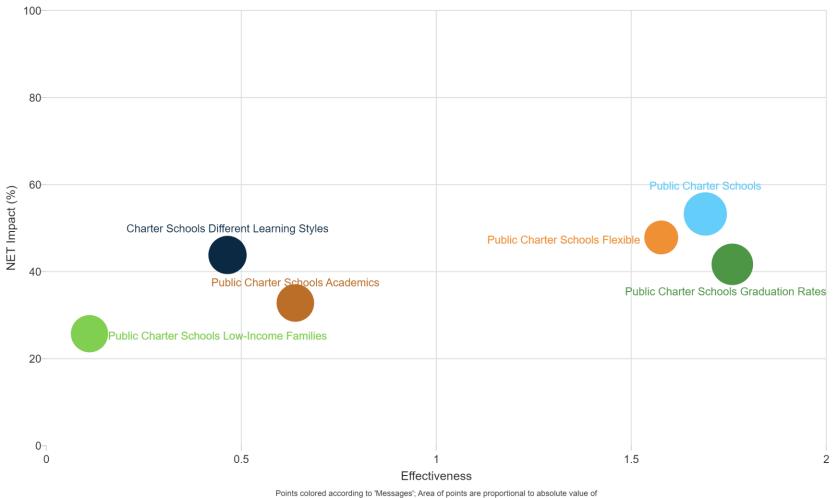






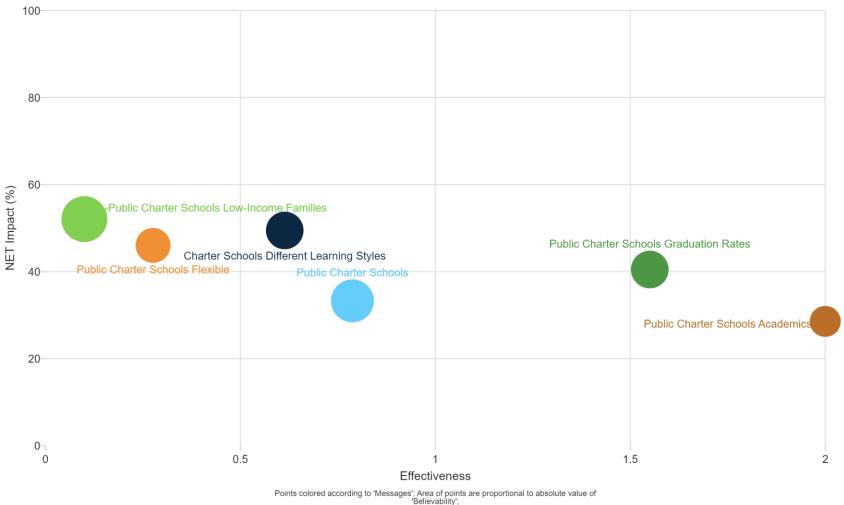






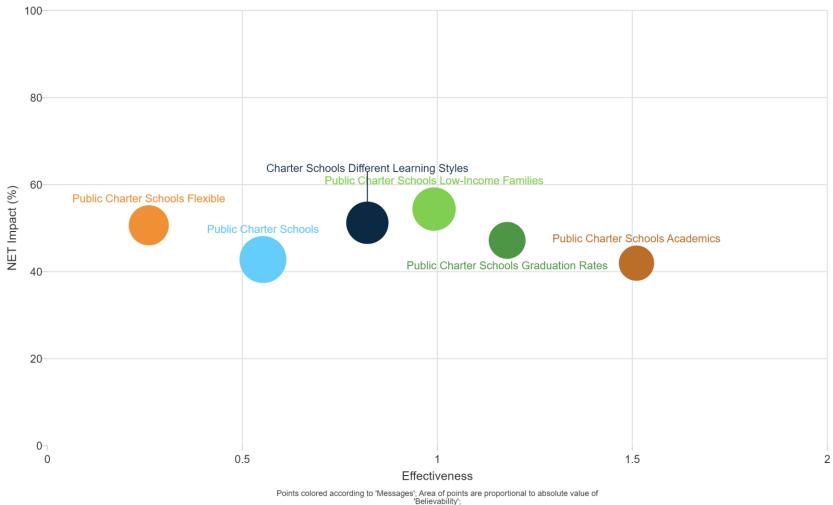
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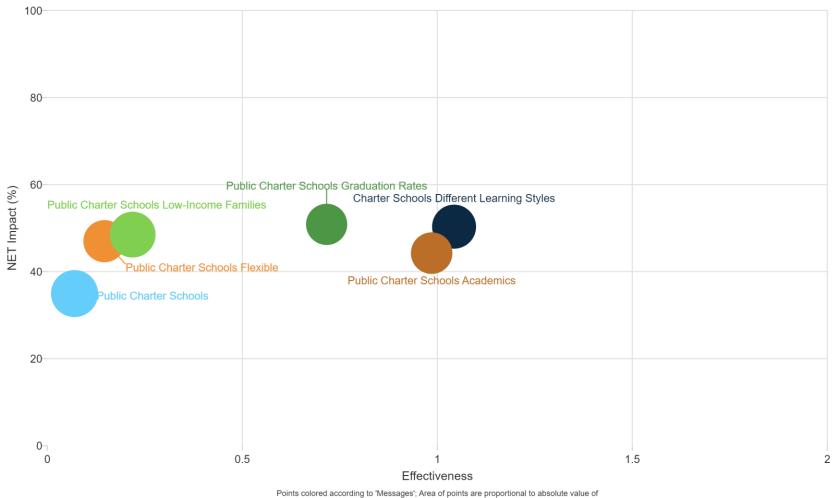


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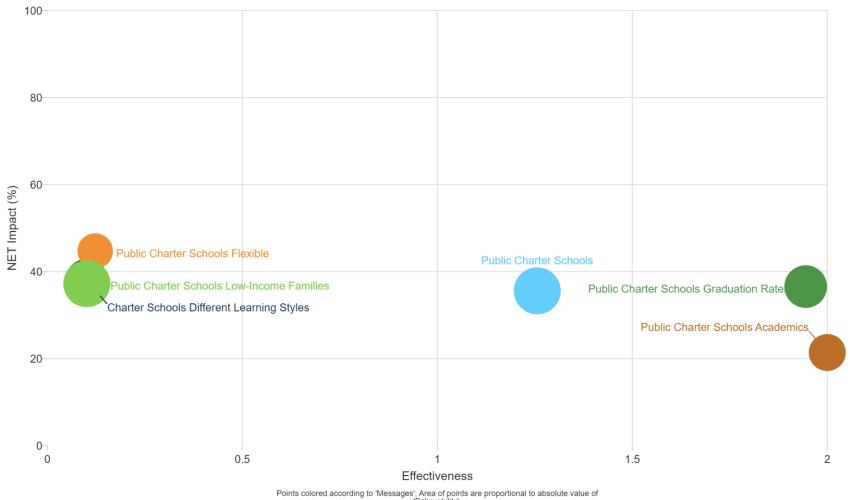
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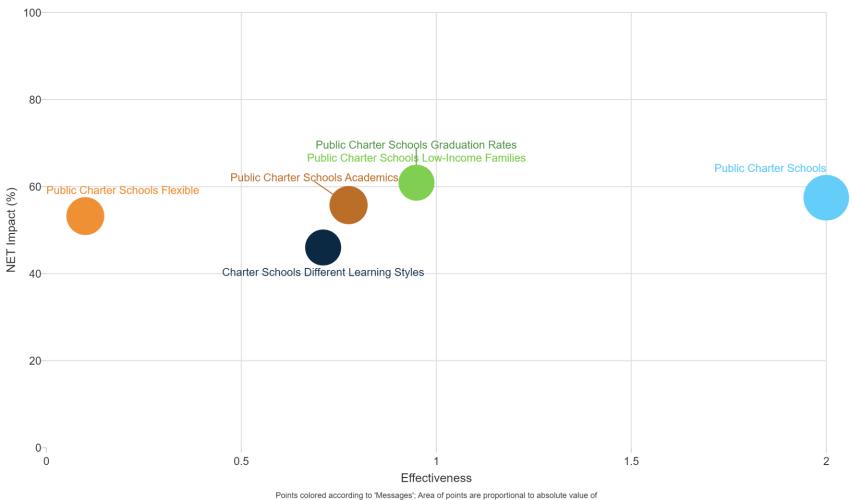
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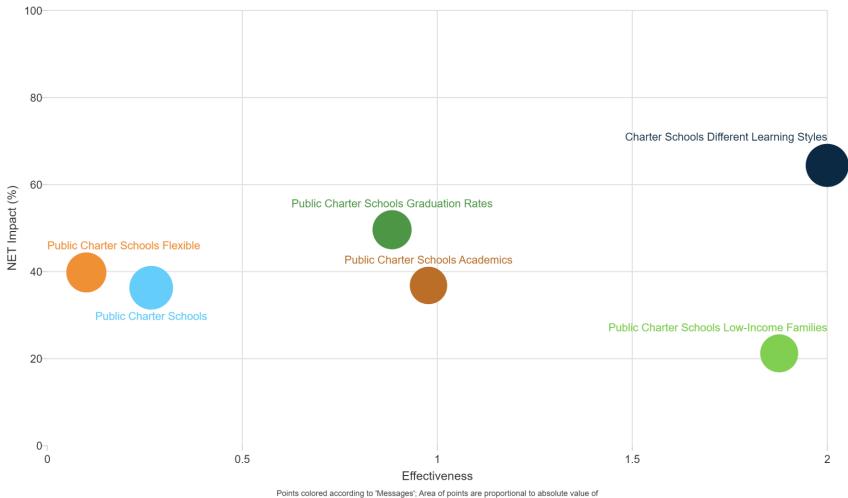
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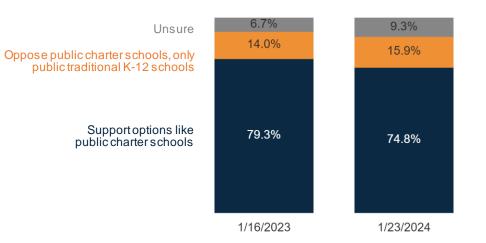
#### **Pro-Public Charter Schools Mapping: Chattanooga DMA**



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#### **Informed Public Charter School**



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Support options like public charter schools	74%	75%	77%	75%	74%	73%	70%	81%	77%	69%	65%	81%	75%	74%	73%	78%	75%	73%	76%	75%	79%	70%	74%	82%	51%	73%	78%
Oppose public charter schools, only traditional K-12 schools	16%	16%	17%	15%	17%	14%	19%	12%	14%	22%	17%	14%	17%	16%	13%	18%	17%	11%	21%	15%	16%	17%	18%	12%	5%	16%	17%
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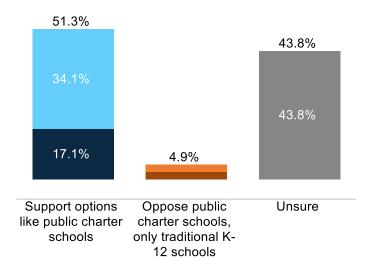
#### **Percent Change: Initial to Informed Public Charter School**

Initial Informed Support +9 from Initial 74.8% 66.4% 19.4% 15.9% 14.1% 36.7% 27.2% 9.3% 12.3% 11.0% 14.1% 9.3% Support options **Oppose public** Support options Oppose public Unsure Unsure like public charter like public charter charter schools. charter schools. only traditional Konly traditional Kschools schools 12 schools 12 schools conservative Independent MNO FNO CO Republican 550K5100K Trump.20 Suburban Democrat Biden 20 Moderate \$100H× Female 30-44 Urban MCO Liberal 15504 A. A. A. white ~ ~ <sup>co</sup> Rural Male BIBCH Support options like public charter schools 10% **6% 4% 5% 12% 20%** -3% 16% 12% 6% 9% 10% 3% 6% 9% 7% 6% 9% 9% 6% 15% 3% 10% 6% 8% Oppose public charter schools, only traditional K-12 -4% -2% -4% -3% -3% -10% 0% -5% -6% 0% -6% -3% -1% -4% -2% -4% -3% -5% -2% -4% -1% -8% 1% -5% -3% -3% schools 4% 5% 9% 13% 2% -3% 12% 13% 15% 11% 8% 10% 8% 16% Strongly support options like public charter schools 13% 4% 6% 18% 4% 8% 17% 16% 4% 8% 6% 0% 4% -1% -9% -2% 2% -7% -1% -10% 5% 1% -11% 5% 1% -11% -1% -5% 5% Somewhat support options like public charter schools -4% 2% -2% -4% -1% 18% -2% 1% Somewhat oppose charter schools, only traditional K-12 -2% 0% 0% 0% -2% -10% 0% 0% -3% -1% -3% -3% 5% -2% -2% 1% -3% 0% 0% -3% 8% -1% 0% -4% 0% 0% schools Strongly oppose charter schools, only traditional K-12 1% -3% 0% -5% -1% 0% -5% 0% -5% -2% -1% -9% -7% -3% -4% -3% -1% 0% -1% -5% -3% 0% 0% -2% -3% schools -6% -4% 0% -2% -9% -10% 3% -12% -5% -6% -3% -7% -2% -4% -4% -6% -4% -1% -8% -5% -5% -6% -3% -5% -3% -5% Unsure

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#### **Informed Public Charter School Among Initial Undecideds**



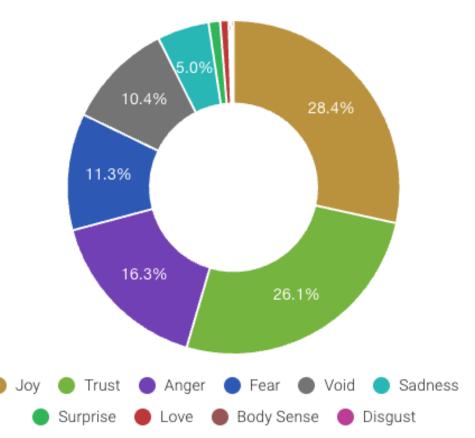
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Oppose public charter schools, only traditional K-12 schools	4%	7%	0%	11%	0%	0%	0%	9%	6%	0%	3%	9%	0%	11%	0%	0%	9%	4%	0%	6%	0%	3%	12%	0%	5%	9%	0%
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# Parents are encouraged and confident about public charter schools. "I think that it offers a better learning

Primary Emotions Breakdown



Distribution

"I think that it offers a better learning opportunity for students that parents do not have to worry whether their children are receiving the kind of education that their children so rightly deserve." – Woman, Traditional Public-School Parent, 45—54, Democrat

"I feel like it gives kids an opportunity for a better education." – Man, Traditional Public School parent, 45-54, Republican

"I feel it is important to be able to personalize a child's education based on their strengths & weaknesses. I strongly support a parent's choice for where their child would get the best education." – Woman, Traditional Public School Parent, 30-44, Republican

How do you feel about public charter schools, and why? You can use as many or as few words as you'd like. Please avoid slang and abbreviations when possible.



### Continued:

"I would need to do more research, but based on what I have seen here it seems like a reasonable thing to offer. I do believe that a child's education should be customizable based on how they learn." – Woman, Traditional Public-School Parent, 30-44, Republican

"I do not know much about Public Charter schools but I have known students who went from Public to Charter and are excelling." – **Woman, Traditional Public-School Parent, 30-44, Democrat** 

"Public charter schools provide more innovative technology and teaching resources, as well as a more flexible teaching approach." – **Man, Traditional Public-School parent, 30-44, Republican** 

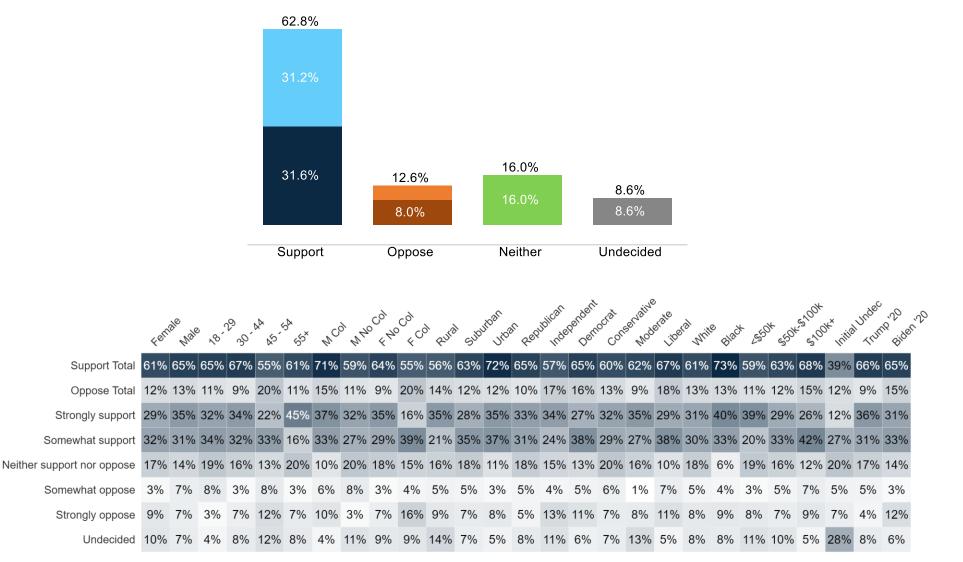
"I think it is a great opportunity for certain families in areas where public schools are either too crowded or not up to standards." – Man, Traditional Public School parent, 30-44, Republican

"Provides students with diverse teaching methods and flexible course option." - Woman, Traditional Public-School Parent, 30-44, Republican

"Any options parents may have on school choice can only benefit the child and better their quality of education." – Man, Private School Parent, 45-54, Independent

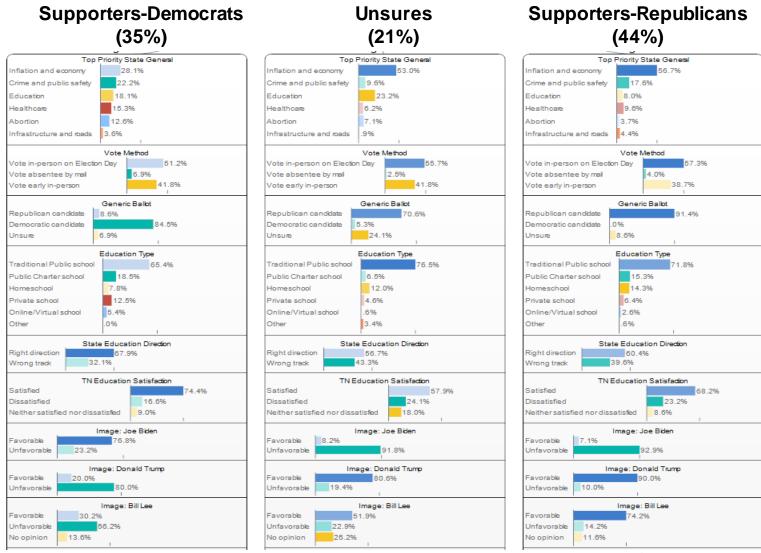


#### **ESA Issue Test**

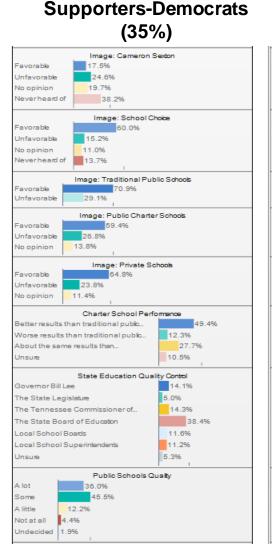


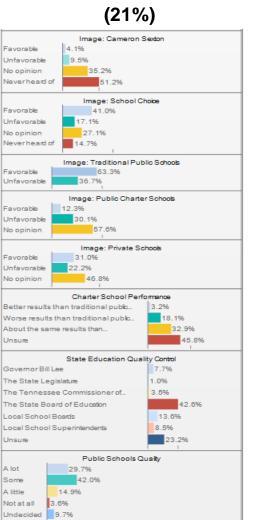
Under Tennessee's existing Education Savings Account or E.S.A. program, families of eligible students can use their per-pupil public school funding for private school tuition. These Education Savings Accounts are currently only available to families in Memphis, Nas hville, and Chattanooga. Governor Bill Lee has proposed to the legislature that this program be expanded statewide. Do you support or opp ose expanding this Education Savings Account program statewide?





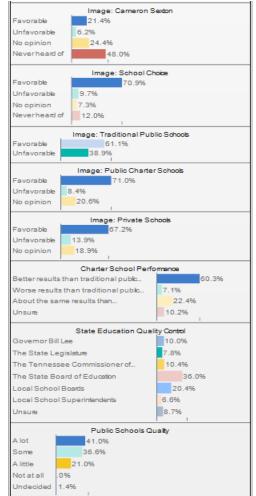




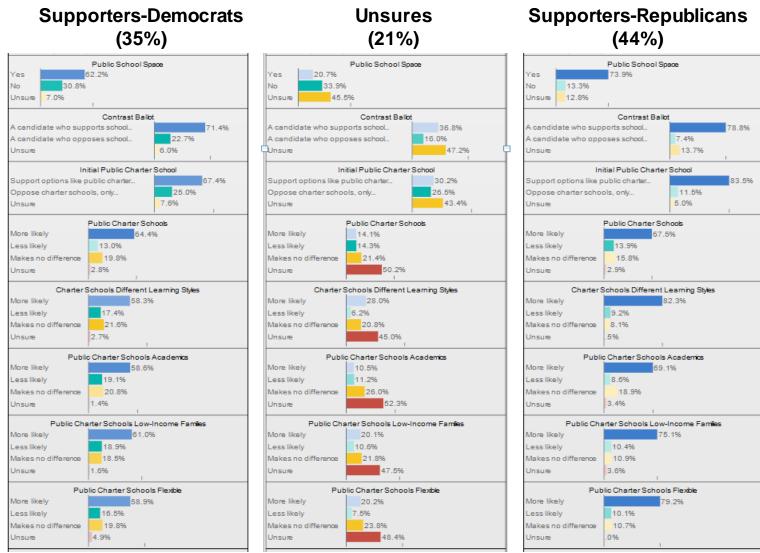


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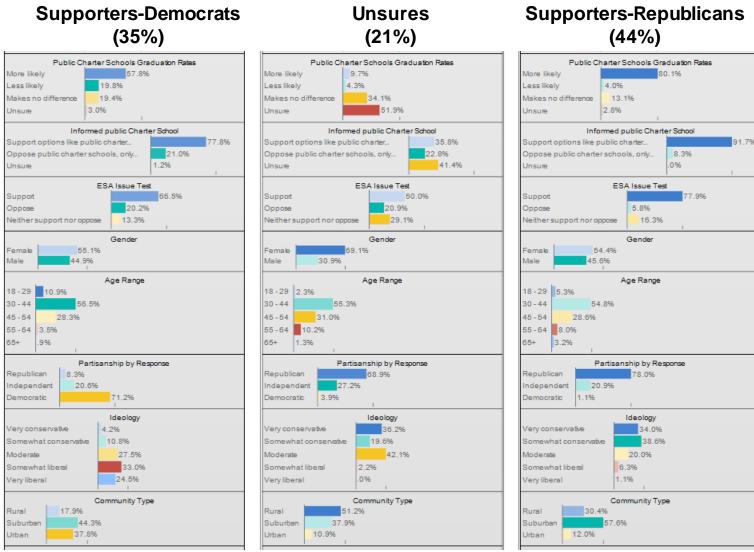
# Supporters-Republicans (44%)





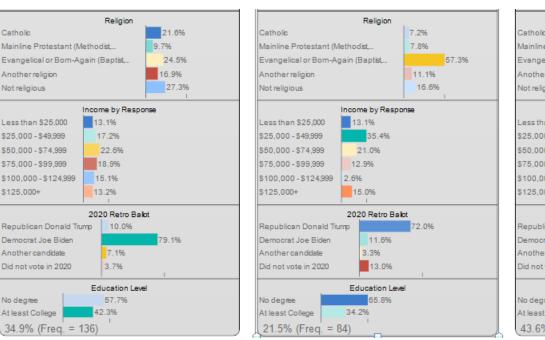








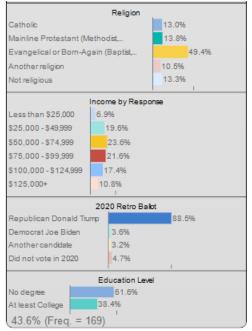
## Supporters-Democrats (35%)



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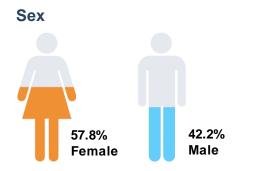
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# Supporters-Republicans (44%)

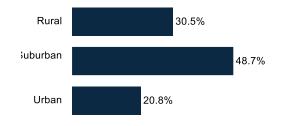




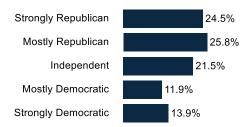
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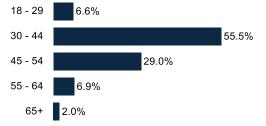
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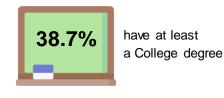
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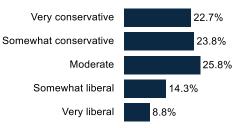


#### Education



60.8% have no college degree

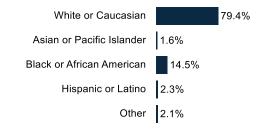
#### Ideology



#### **Household Income**



#### **Race/Ethnicity**



#### Religion

