

# Indian Views on Modi, Conditions in India; And Their Opinions About the U.S. and Trump

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# Methodology

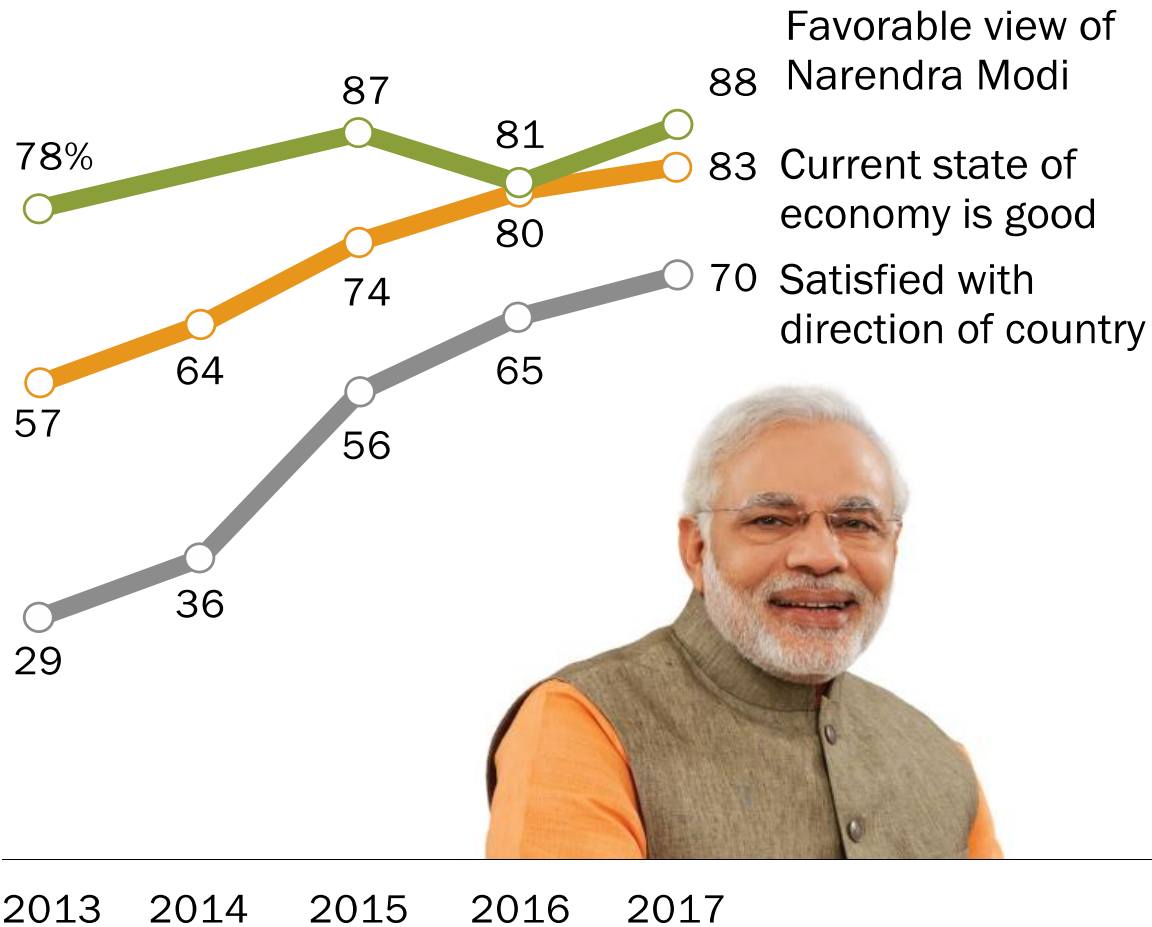
- **In India, survey conducted from February 21 to March 10, 2017 among 2,464 respondents**
- **Based on face-to-face interviews among adults 18 and older (conducted in the Union Territory of Delhi and in 16 of the 18 most populous states, Kerala and Assam excluded)**
- **The margin of sampling error for the completed set of weighted data is  $\pm 3.7\%$**

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# KEY TAKEAWAYS

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# Indians Increasingly Upbeat About Modi, the Economy and India's Direction



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Indians Widely Satisfied With Their Government and Their Democracy

\_\_\_ *the national government to do what is right for India*

**Do not trust**

**Trust**



\_\_\_ *with the way democracy is working in India*

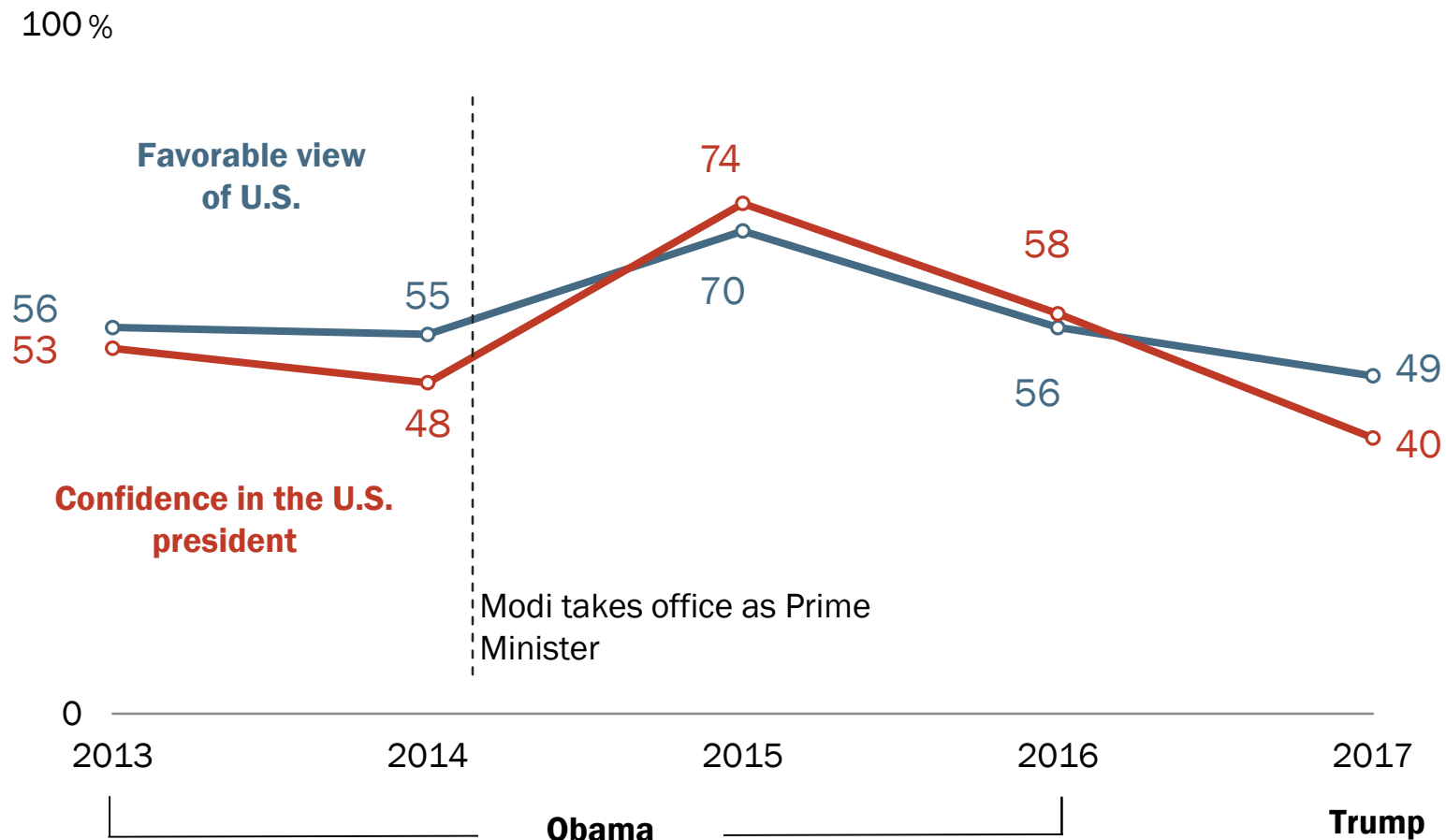
**Not satisfied**

**Satisfied**



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# But U.S. Image, Confidence in American President Lower Than in Previous Years



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

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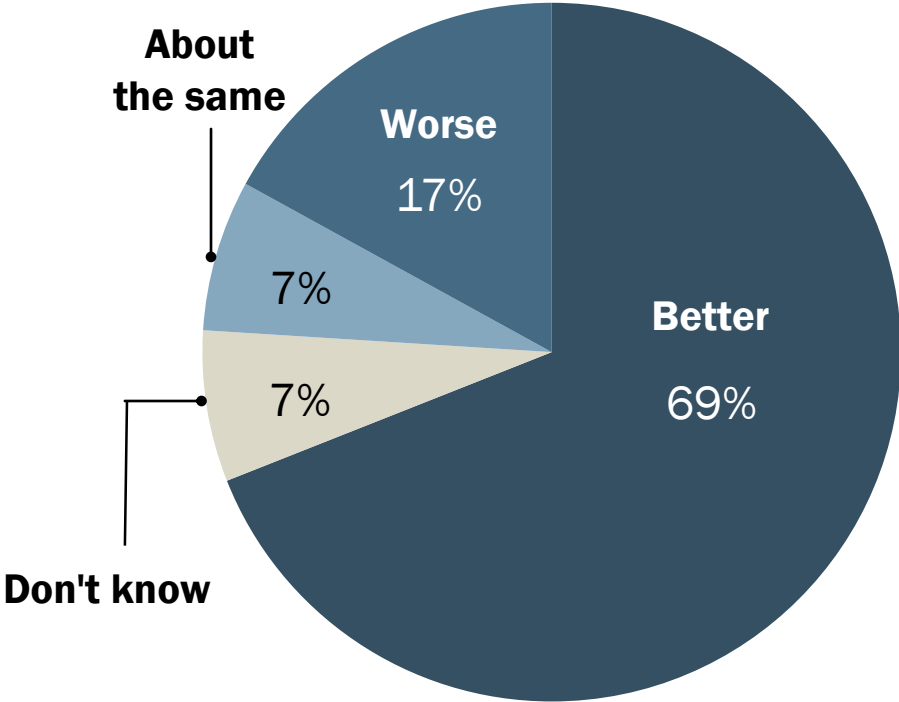
# **IT'S THE ECONOMY**

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# Indians Feel Very Positive About Life Today Compared With 50 Years Ago

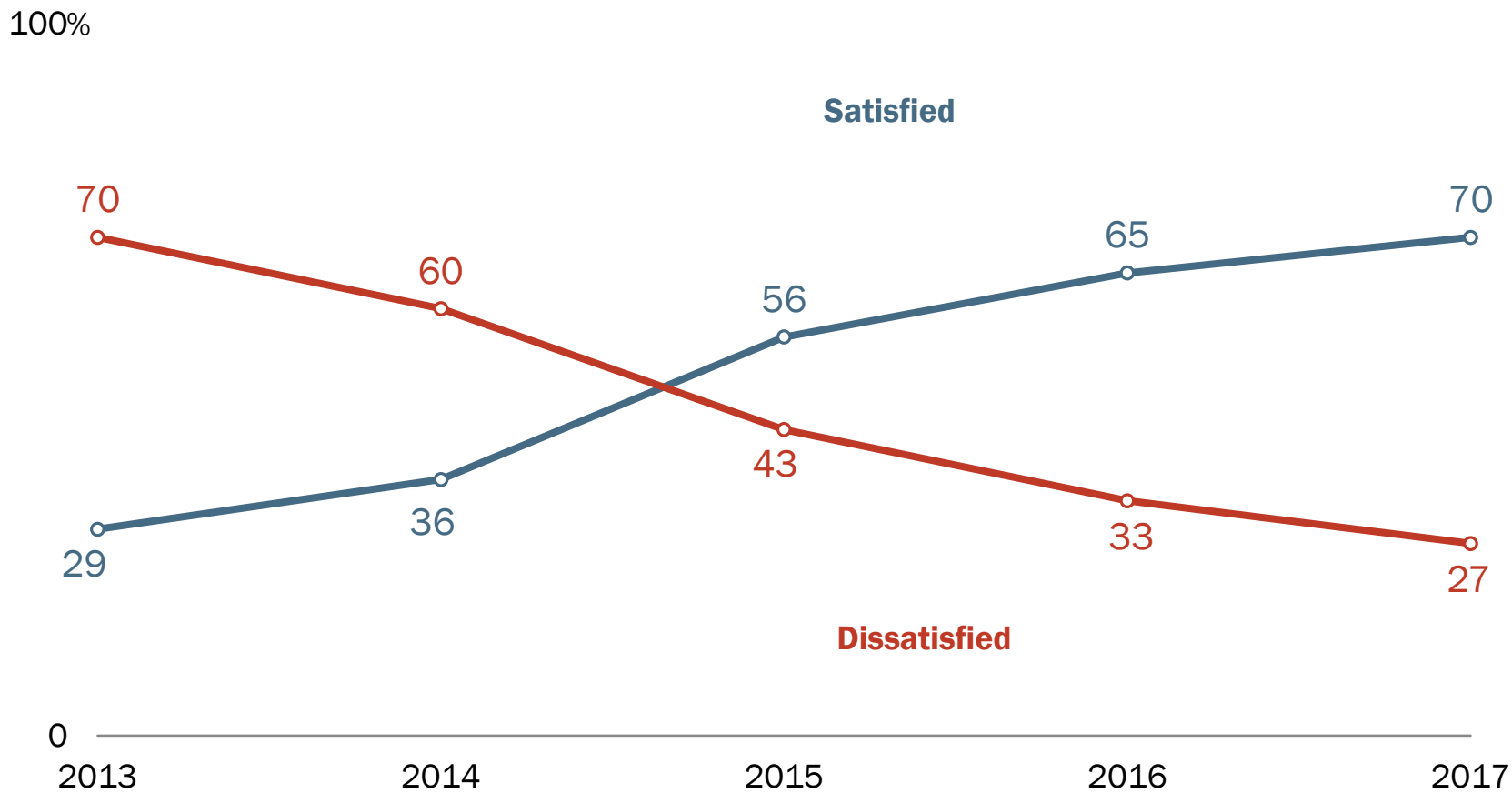
*Would you say life in India today is better, worse or about the same as it was 50 years ago for people like you?*



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# A Strong Majority Is Satisfied With India's Direction

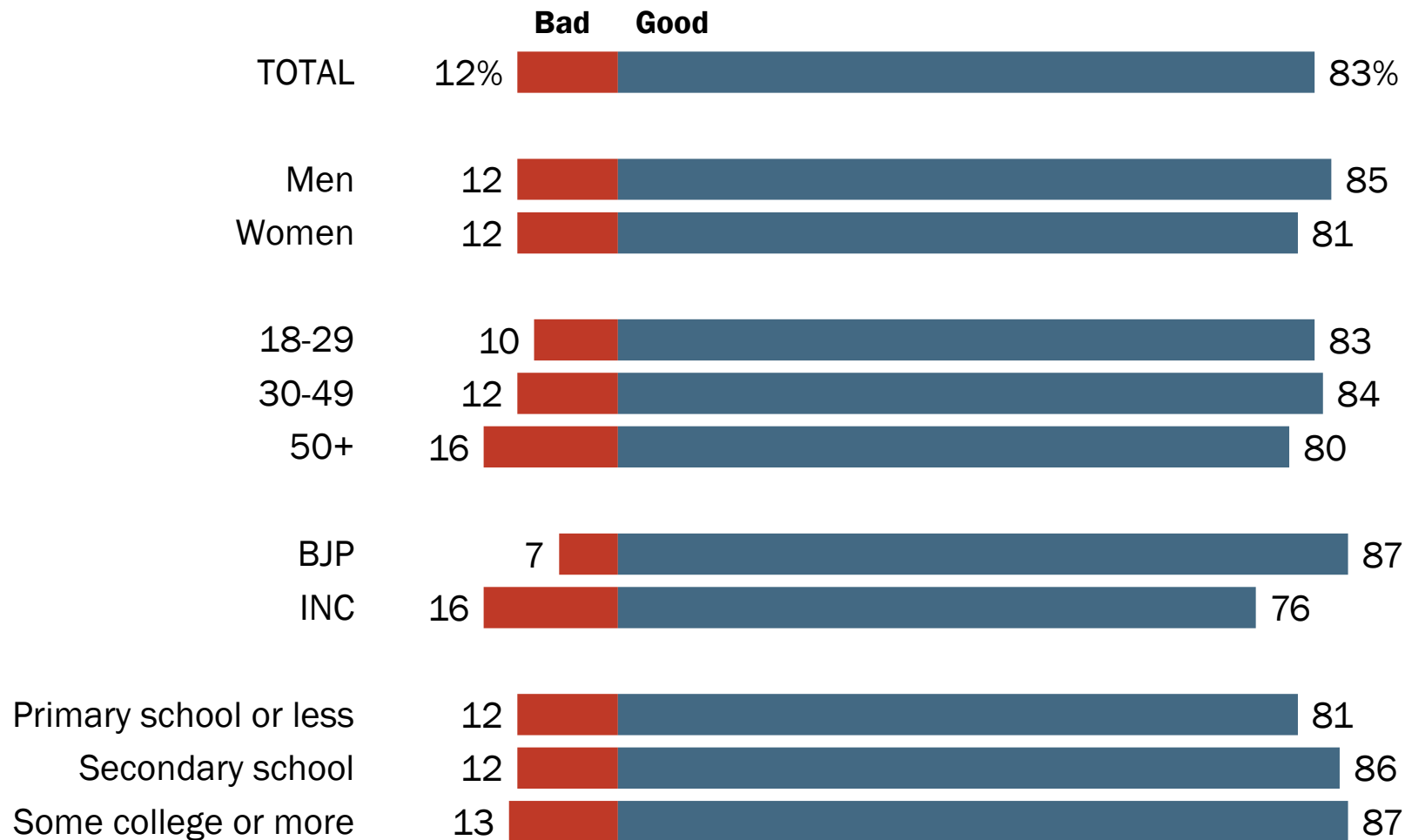
\_\_\_ with the way things are going in our country today



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# No Disagreement About India's Economic Situation

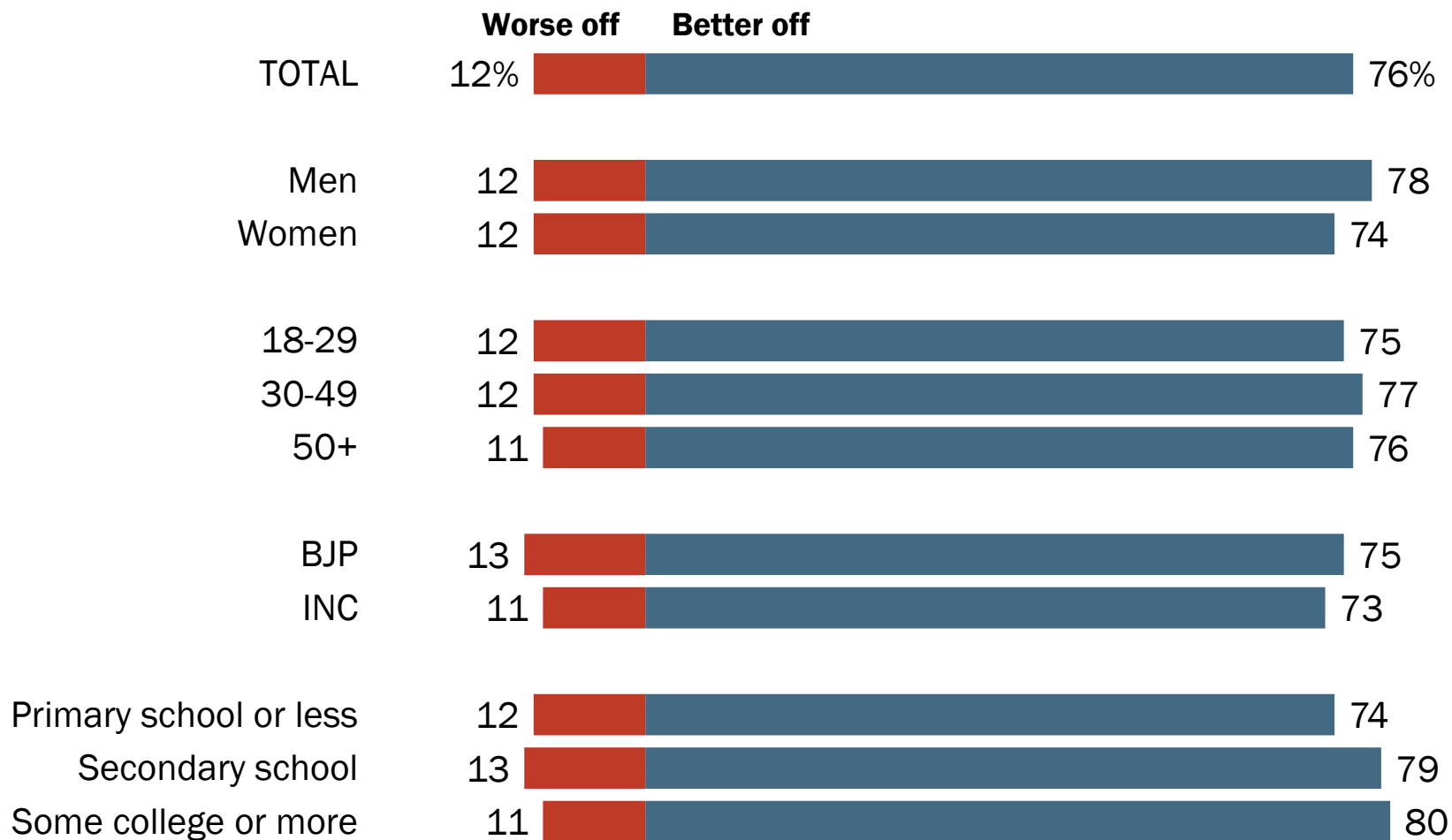
*How would you describe the current economic situation in India?*



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Similarly, All Indians Think Children Will Be Better Off Financially Than Their Parents

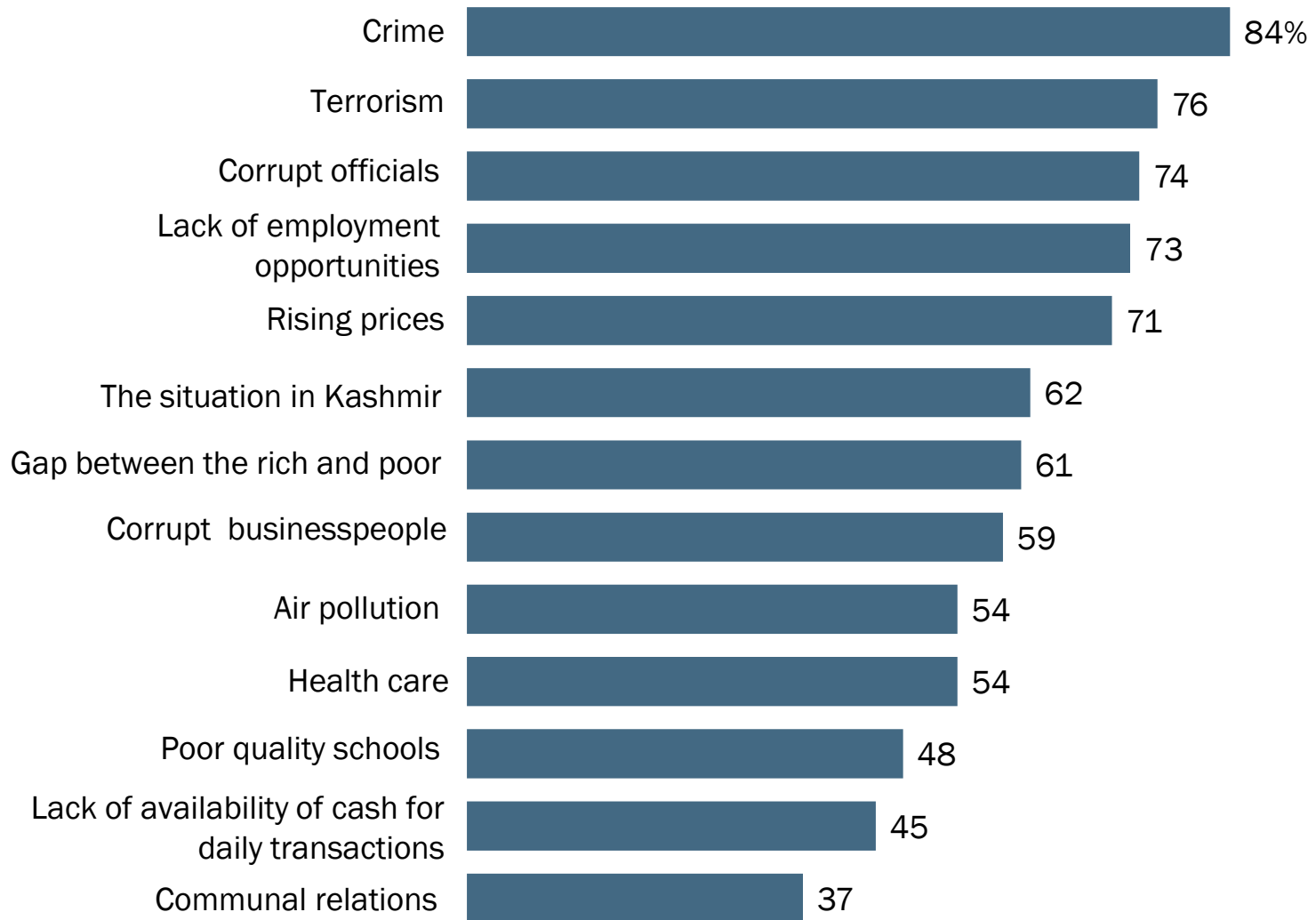
*When children today in India grow up, they will be \_\_ financially than their parents*



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Nevertheless, Indians See Problems: Crime Is a Top Domestic Challenge

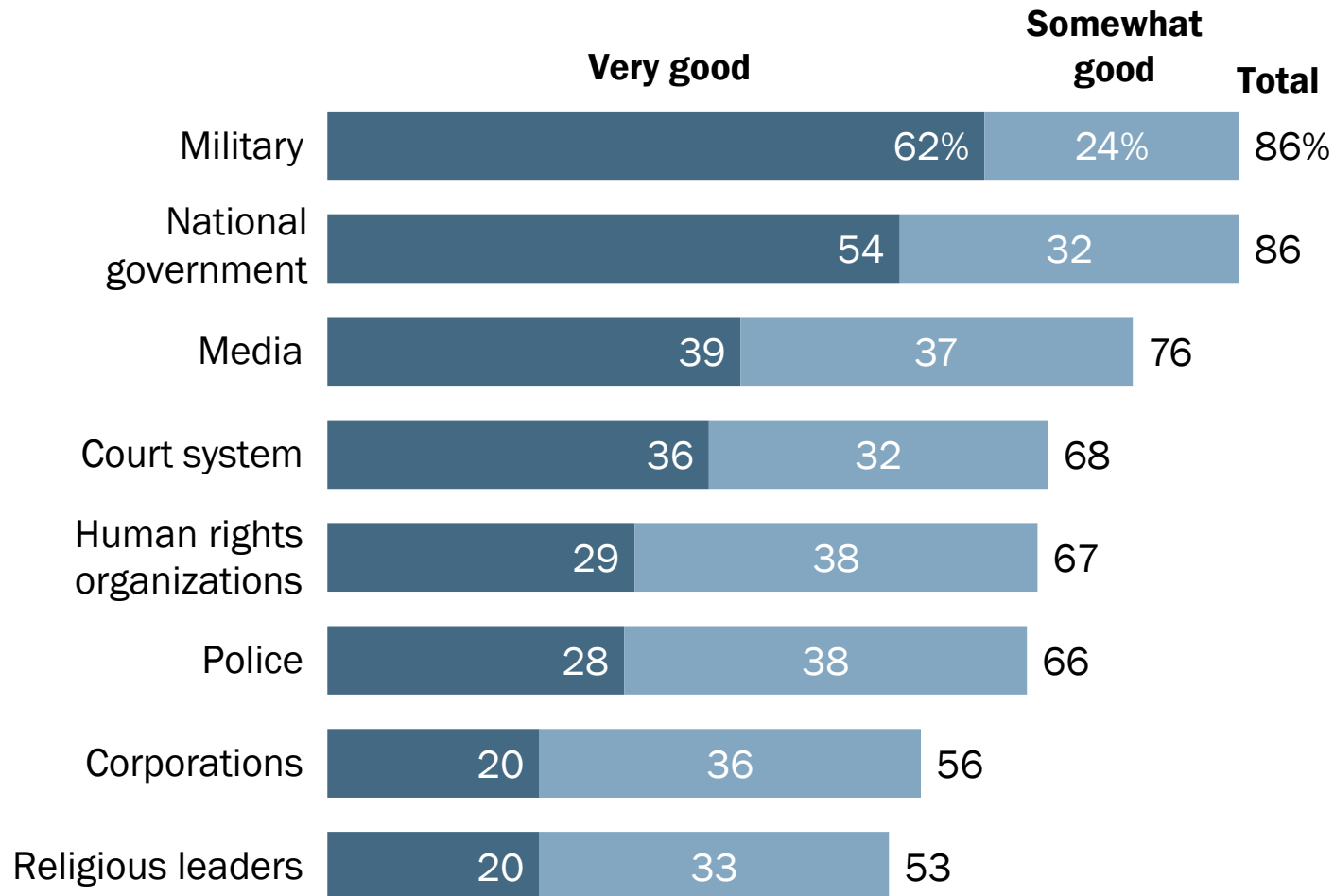
*\_\_\_ is a very big problem in India*



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# And the Intensity of Indian Support for Institutions Varies Widely

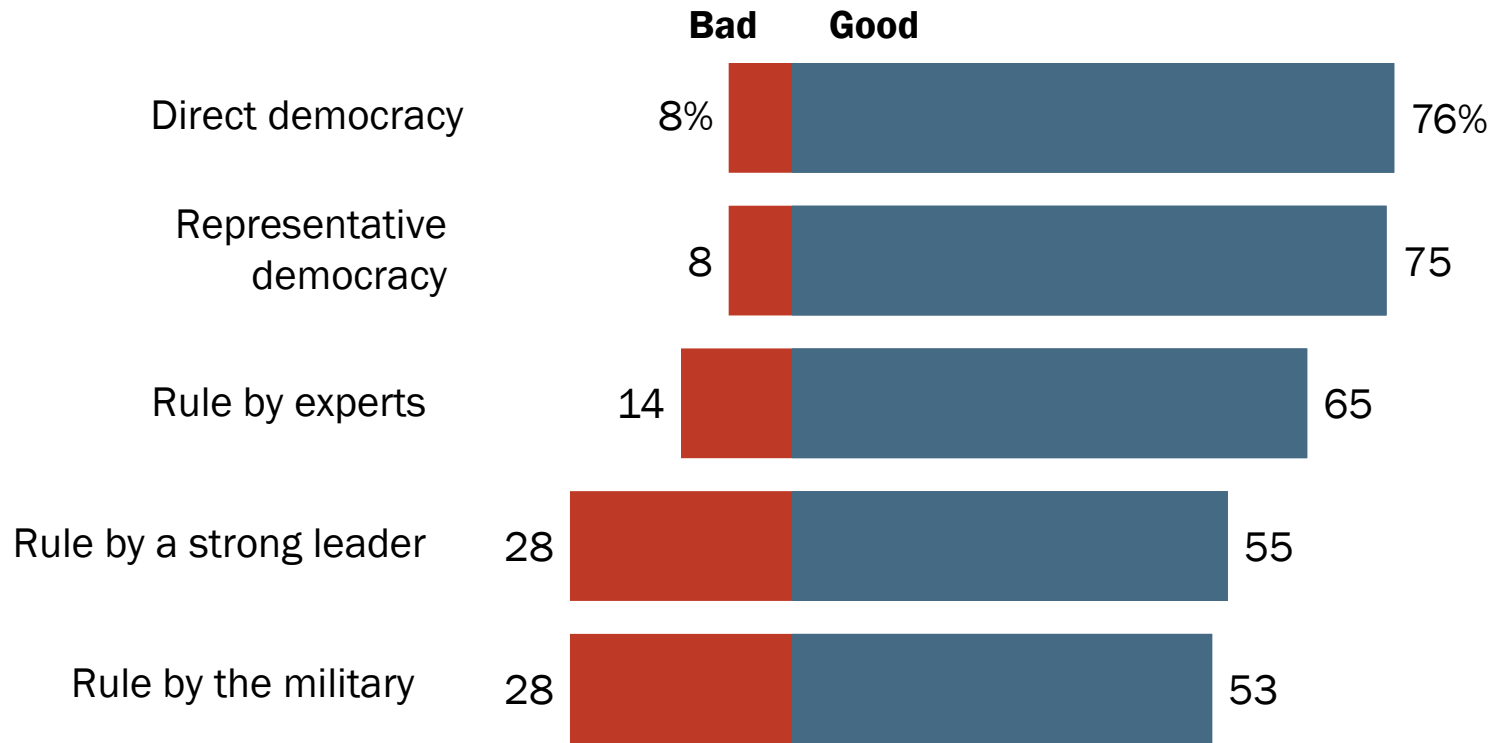
The influence \_\_\_ is having on the way things are going in our country today is ...



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Moreover, Half or More Back Rule by a Strongman, the Military

Would \_\_\_ be a good or bad way of governing India?



Full question wordings for political systems: Representative democracy, “A democratic system where representatives elected by citizens decide what becomes law”; Direct democracy, “A democratic system where citizens, not elected officials, vote directly on major national issues to decide what becomes law”; Rule by experts, “Experts, not elected officials, make decisions according to what they think is best for the country”; Rule by a strong leader, “A system in which a strong leader can make decisions without interference from parliament or the courts”; Rule by the military, “The military rules the country.”

Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# With BJP Supporters More Likely than Congress Supporters to Back Strong Man and Military Rule

*Would \_\_\_ be a good way of governing our country*

	<b>Representative democracy</b>	<b>Direct democracy</b>	<b>Rule by Experts</b>	<b>Rule by a strong leader</b>	<b>Rule by the military</b>
	%	%	%	%	%
BJP	75	78	64	56	54
INC	63	59	42	36	36

Note: INC supporters more likely to offer no response to these questions.

Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.



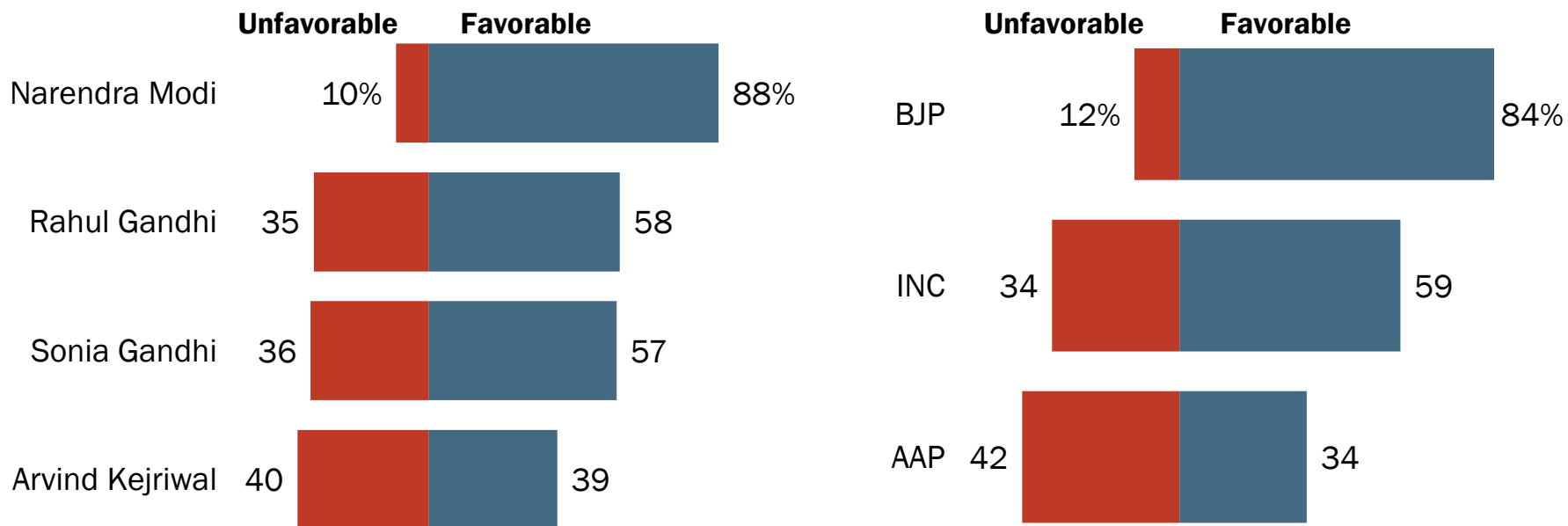
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# **MODI REMAINS VERY POPULAR**

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# Modi and BJP More Popular Than the Gandhis and the Congress Party

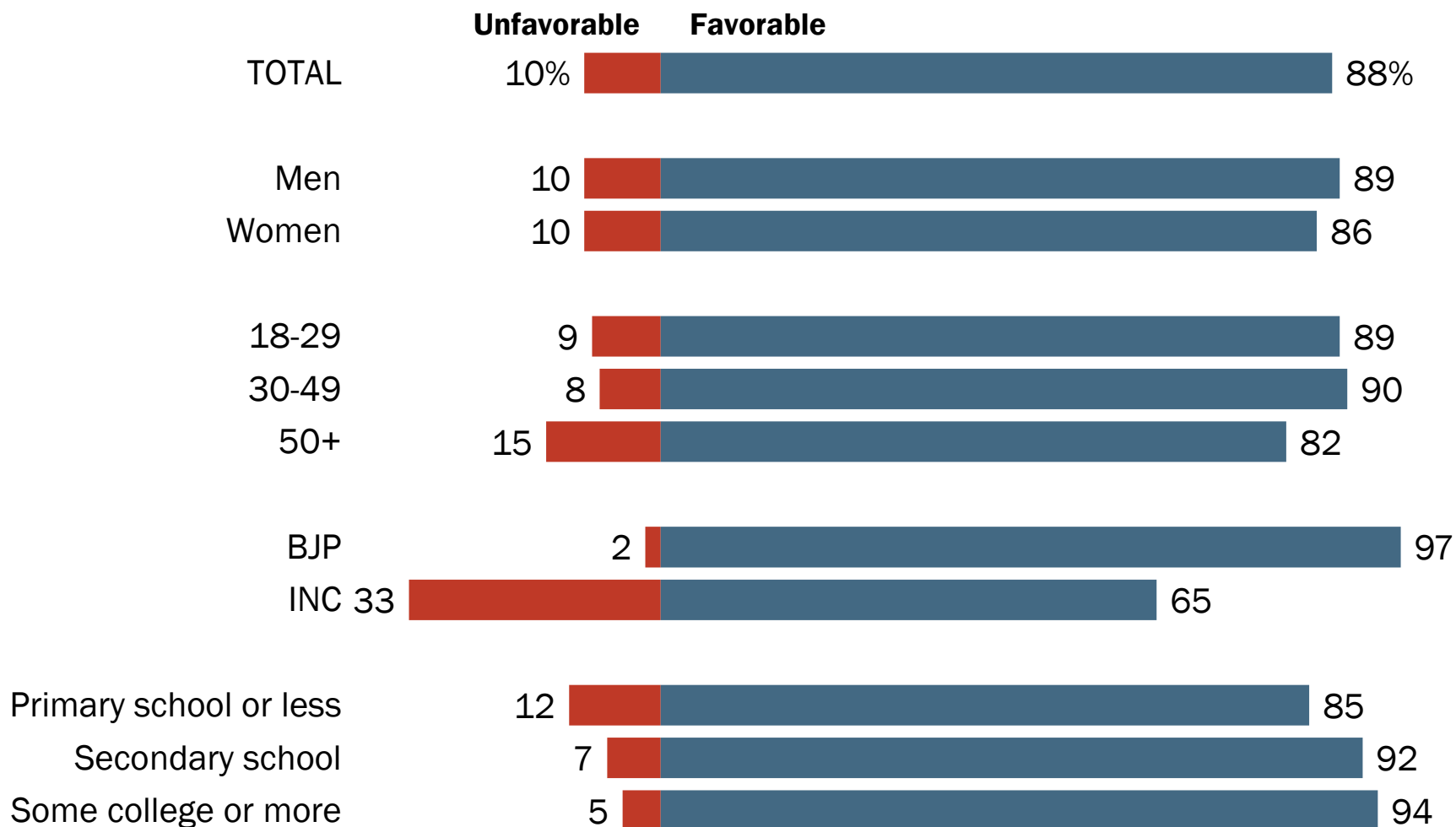
Views of ...



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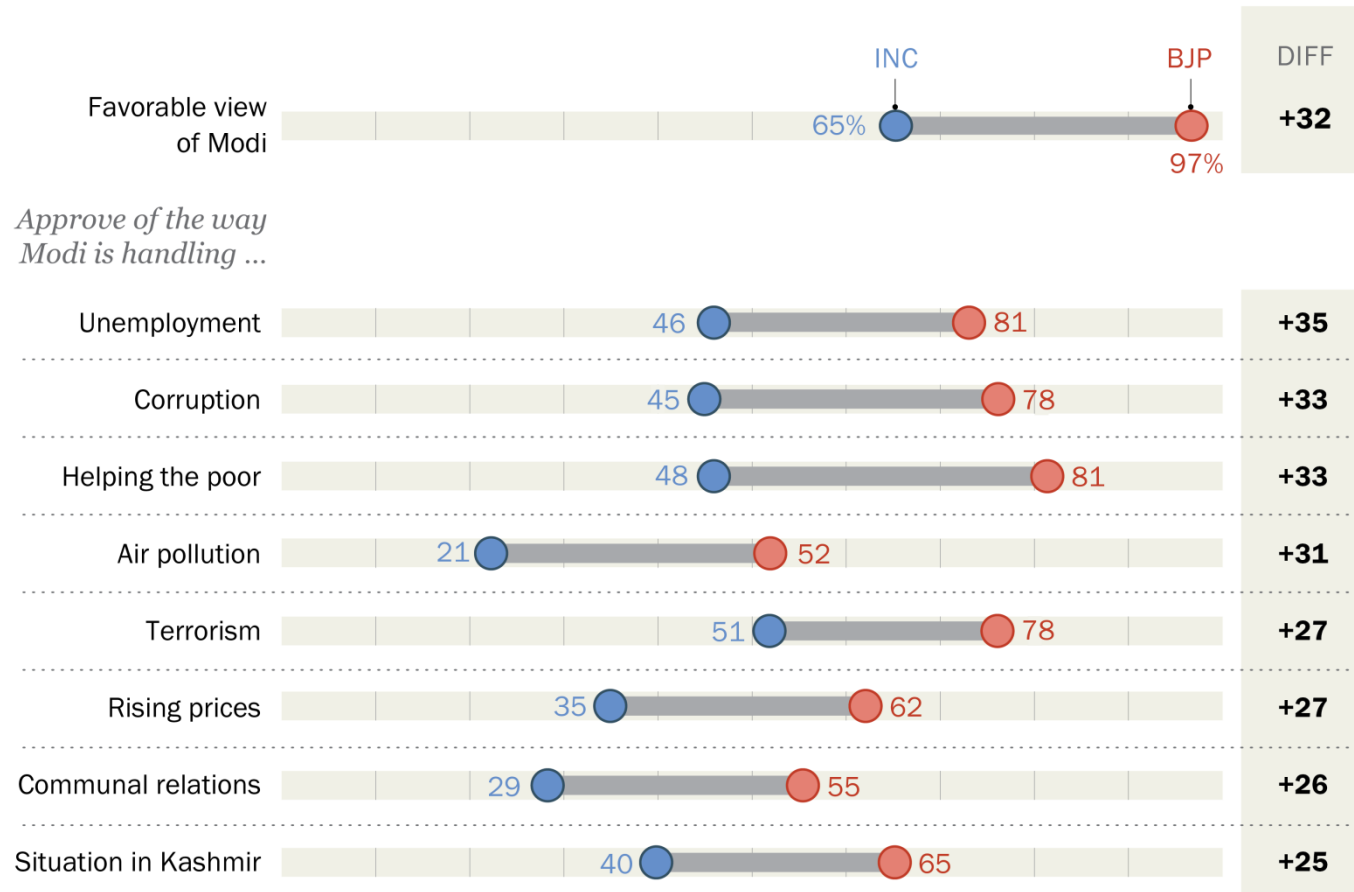
# Men, Women, People of All Ages and Educational Levels Have Favorable Opinion of Modi

*Views of Narendra Modi*



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# But There is a Deep Partisan Divide in Views of Prime Minister Modi



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# And Differing Assessments of Modi's Handling of Domestic Issues

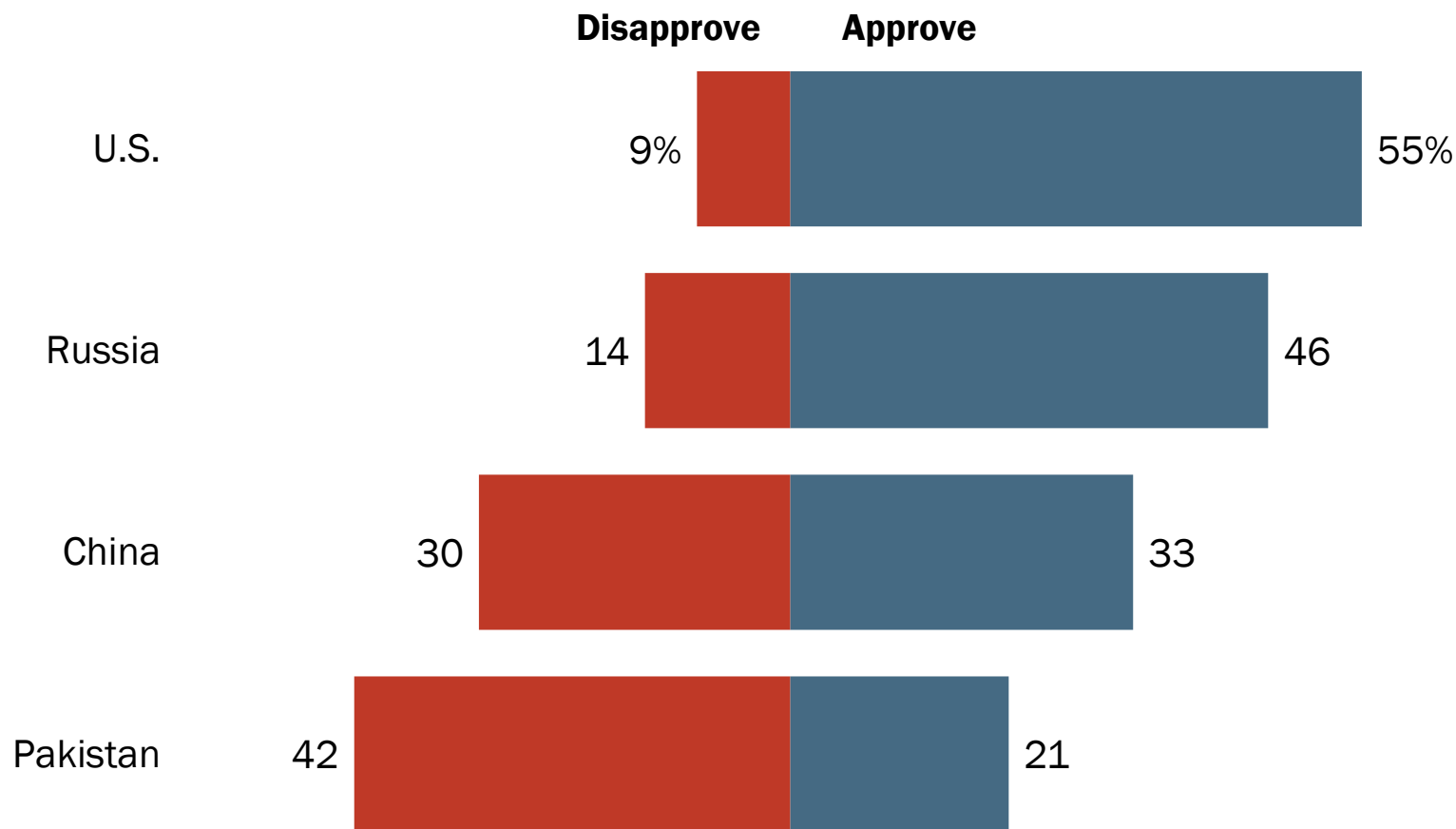
*Approve of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling ...*

	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>Corruption</b>	<b>Helping the poor</b>	<b>Communal relations</b>	<b>Air pollution</b>	<b>Rising prices</b>	<b>The situation in Kashmir</b>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
TOTAL	72	71	70	72	50	48	57	60
Men	76	76	73	75	56	52	62	64
Women	68	65	67	68	43	44	52	55
18-29	72	71	69	72	52	49	57	64
30-49	74	73	73	76	50	47	59	61
50+	68	65	66	64	46	48	53	51
Urban	78	79	80	77	56	57	63	64
Rural	68	66	64	69	46	43	54	57
BJP	81	78	78	81	55	52	62	65
INC	46	51	45	48	29	21	35	40

Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Indians Approve of Modi's Dealings With the U.S., but Are Not Supportive of His Handling of Pakistan

Do you \_\_ of the way Prime Minister Narendra Modi is handling relations with ...



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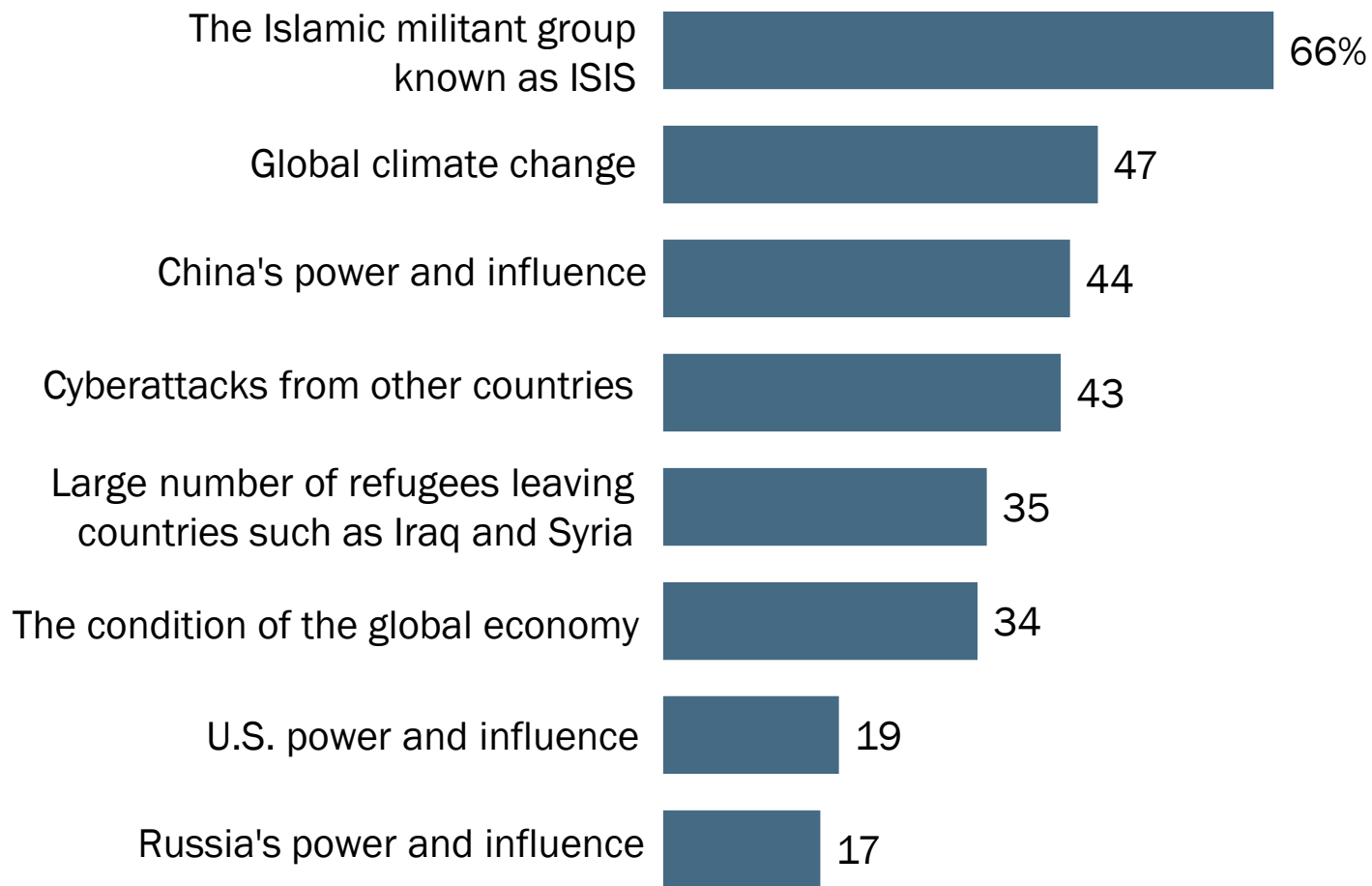
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# **HOW INDIANS VIEW THE WORLD**

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# Indians Name ISIS as Top Global Threat

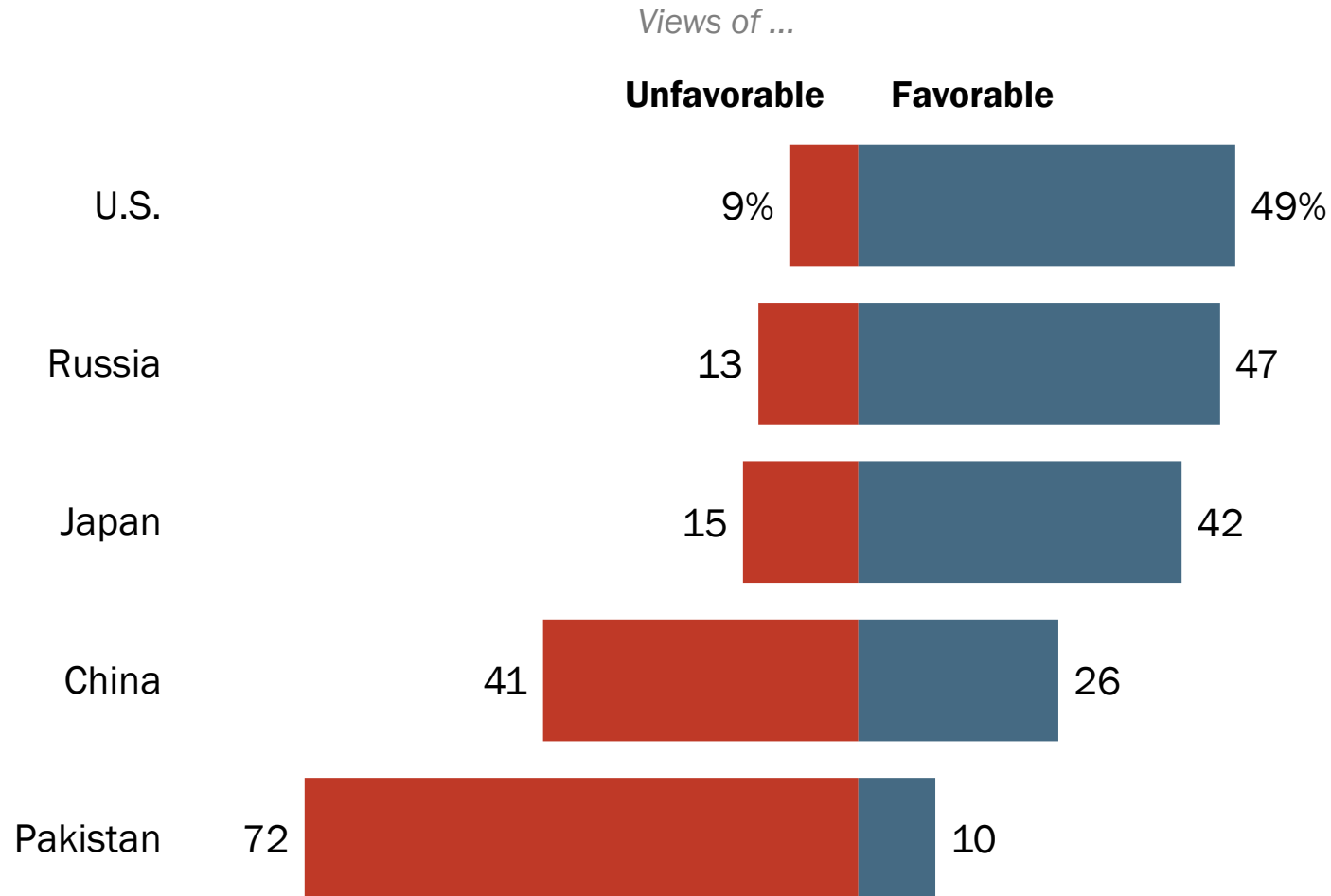
\_\_\_ is a major threat to India



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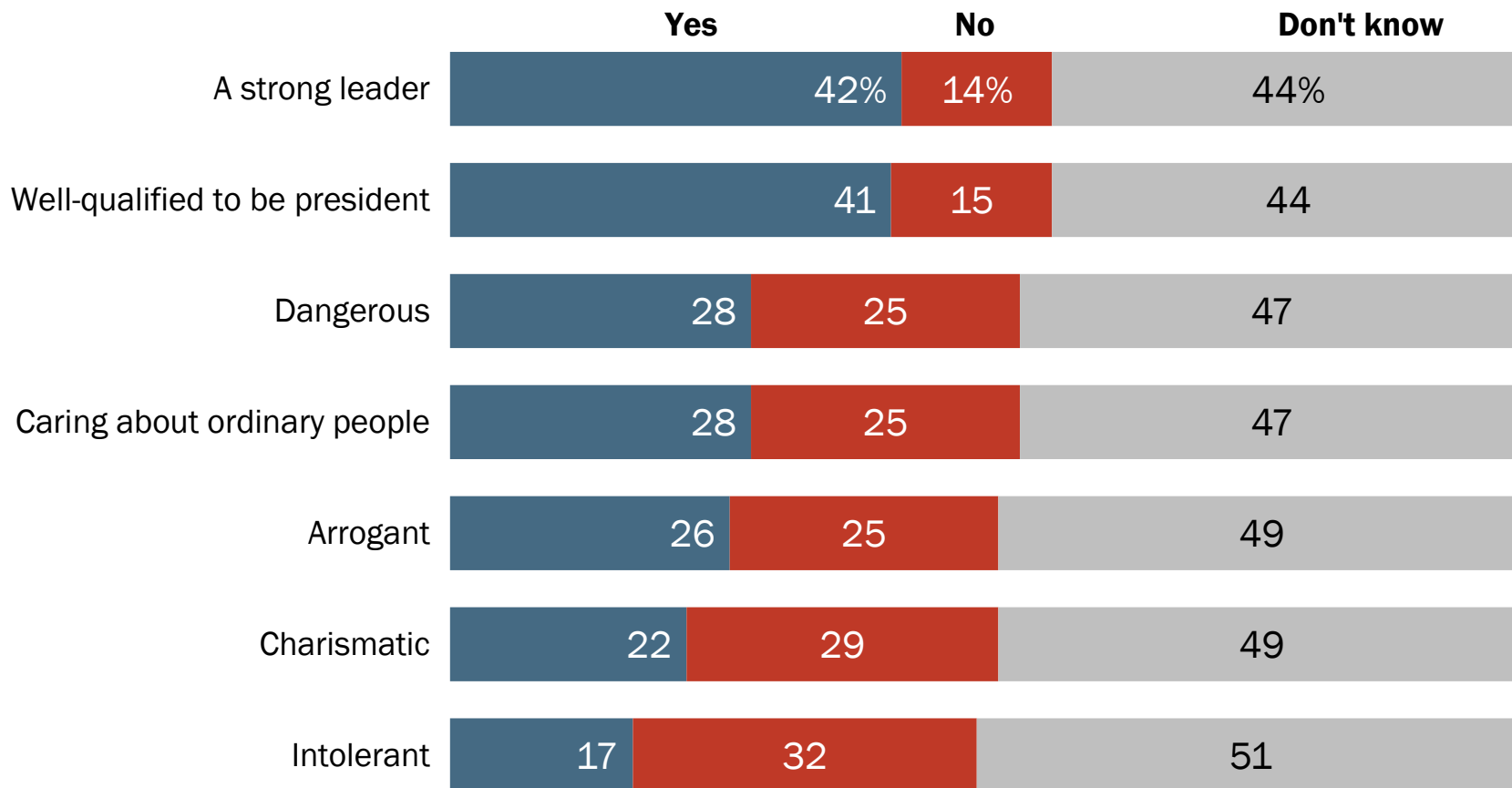
# Indians Hold Mixed Views of Other Countries



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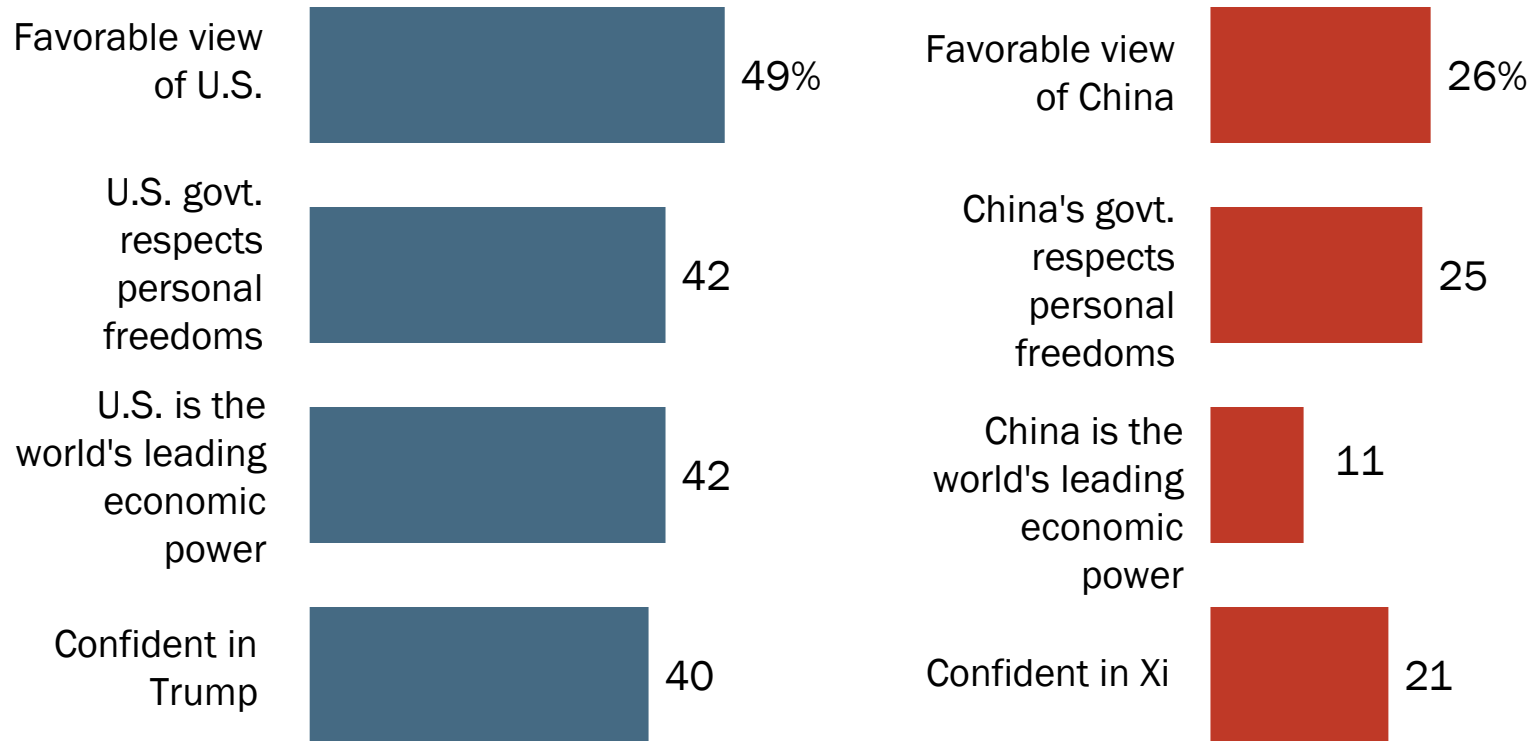
# Nevertheless, Many Indians Say Trump Is Strong and Qualified

*% saying they think of Donald Trump as ...*



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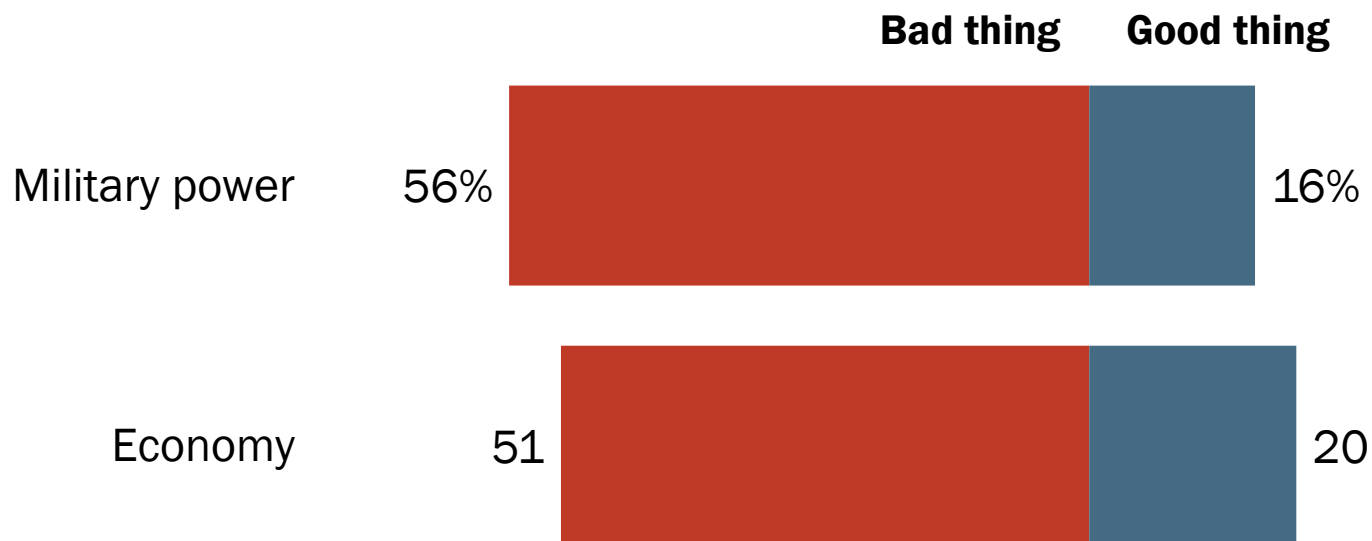
# Indian Views of U.S. More Positive Than Their Views of China



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# Indians See China's Growing Strength as a Bad Thing

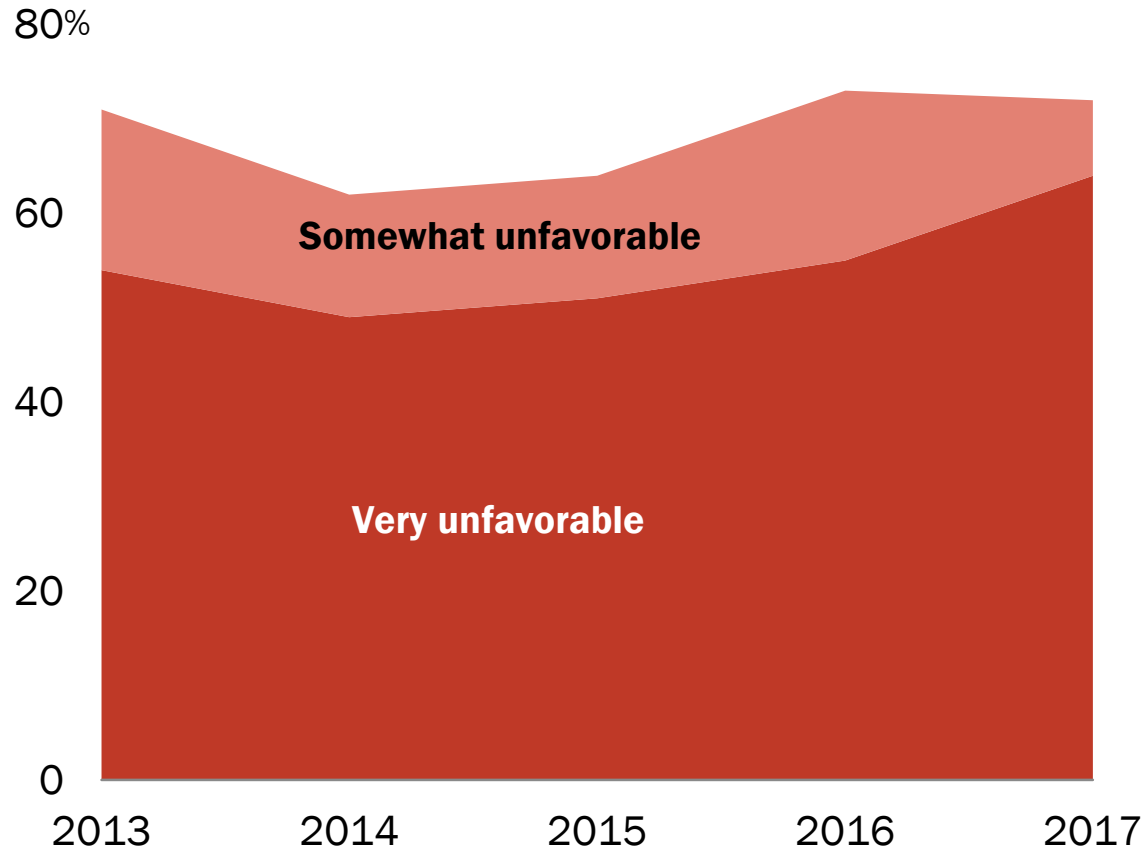
Overall do you think that China's growing \_\_\_ is a good or bad thing for India?



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Uptick in Very Unfavorable Indian Views of Pakistan

*Views of Pakistan*



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey.

# Indians Favor Hard-Line Stance in Jammu and Kashmir

*In dealing with the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian government should use \_\_ military force than it is using now*



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