

The Majority of the Electorate is in the Disability Community

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People with disabilities make up 20% of the American population and 19% of the likely voter population.

- People with disabilities make up 19% of the self-reported likely voter population.
- The disability community makes up 57% of the American population and 56% of the self-reported likely voter population.
- The extended disability community makes up 64% of adults and 65% of the self-reported likely voter population.

Among likely 2018 voters, the disability community is a Democratic cohort, while likely voters with disabilities lean Republican.

- When asked to self-identify with a political party, likely voters with disabilities are about 39% Democrats and 45% Republicans. However, when asked how they would vote on a generic congressional ballot for November 2018, likely voters with disabilities split their vote evenly between the two parties.
- Likely voters in the disability community self-identify as 46% Democrats and 41% Republicans but vote for the Democrat on a generic congressional ballot by a ten-point margin.

The disability community is an engaged voting community.

• A strong majority (64%) of the disability community and 56% of people with disabilities say they are likely to vote in November 2018. Of likely voters with disabilities, 77% say they are very interested in voting in November 2018 and 79% of the disability community say they are very interested in voting in November 2018.

People with disabilities are, on average, eight percent more likely to rate issues they would like the next Congress to take action on as "extremely important" to them.

- Half (49%) of people with disabilities rated Healthcare extremely important, and 47% of adults in the disability community compared to 42% of adults not in the disability or extended disability community rated Healthcare extremely important.
- Half (49%) of people with disabilities, 51% of likely voters with disabilities, and 44% of likely voters in the disability community rate Social Security as extremely important to them, compared to only 37% of likely voters with no connection to people with disabilities.
- Medicare is extremely important to 47% of people and likely voters with disabilities, compared to 37% of likely
 voters with no connection to people with disabilities.

Lake Research Partners designed this survey that was administered by Caravan in an Omnibus phone survey of 50% cells and 50% landlines, conducted from October 4 – 7, 2018. The survey reached a total of 1,003 adults nationwide.