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# NASED Winter Meeting

February, 2018

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# CEIR now...

- 4 full-time employees, including a Political Science PhD
- Growing to approximately 8 employees by the end of 2018
- Expanding partnerships with other non-profits

# Areas of focus

- Voter list maintenance
  - Automating the motor voter process
- ERIC

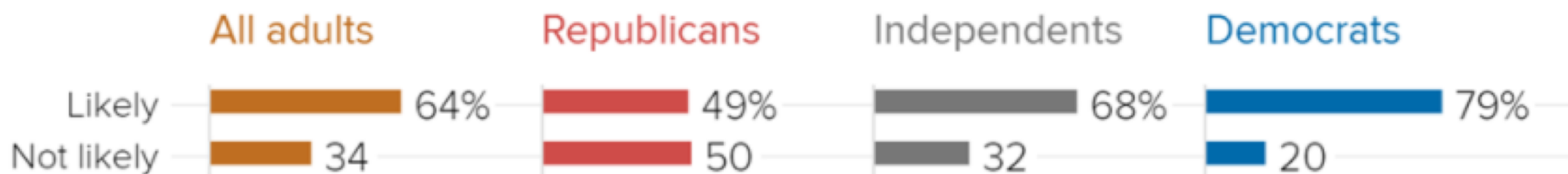
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- Cybersecurity/Improving voter confidence

“Russia believes its interference in the 2016 ... election largely achieved its chief aim – weakening faith in American democracy.”

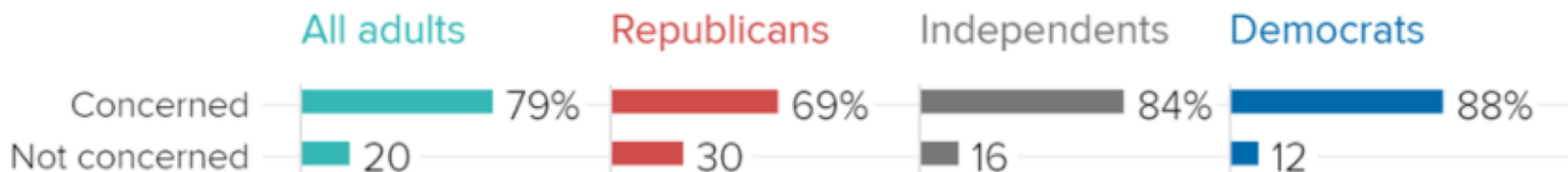
DNI Coats, February, 2017

# Foreign government will try to interfere with 2018 midterms...



Data: NBC News|SurveyMonkey poll; January 30 - February 1, 2018

## Country's voting system may be vulnerable to hackers...



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Voters who had waited hours in line to vote watch as a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy arrives with ballot marking devices in the Van Nuys section of Los Angeles on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016. Frustrations ran high at the Los Angeles polling place as voters were left waiting when ballot marking devices arrived late. **Richard Vogel - AP**

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## Elections officials outgunned in Russia's cyberwar against America



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# WHY THE 2018 MIDTERMS ARE SO VULNERABLE TO HACKERS



By **Evan Osnos** December 28, 2017





# **Russians penetrated U.S. voter systems, top U.S. official says**

by CYNTHIA MCFADDEN, WILLIAM M. ARKIN and KEVIN MONAHAN

The efforts to improve election  
security in the face of this  
unprecedented threat

1. While the threat is very real, there remains zero evidence of tampering with the actual vote counts in 2016

2. Unprecedented cooperation and information sharing between feds and state and local election officials

3. Many states are accessing resources like their national guards and DHS to help prevent and detect any cyber incidents

4. Over 75% of voters are voting on auditable paper, and that number is growing (VA, GA, PA, etc.)

5. Over half of states have audits, and many states are moving to better audits (CO, RI, NM), with 17 states considering legislation requiring more rigorous audits

# CEIR in the coming year

- Research reports, regular blogging, monthly newsletter
- Convenings
  - Voter list maintenance – December, 2017
  - DMV and automating motor voter – December, 2018
- State conferences of election officials





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