

## **Political Polarization**

We assessed political polarization by examining differences in presidential approval ratings by party identification from [Gallup polls](#). We obtained a difference score in % of Republican versus Democrat approval ratings and estimated monthly averages for the time period of interest. The absolute value of the difference will ensure the estimate will not be affected by possible change in leadership after 2020 Presidential election.

Source:

<http://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/congress-generic-ballot-polls>