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Reimagining Political Leadership: *Step 2.* *Building a New Foundation*

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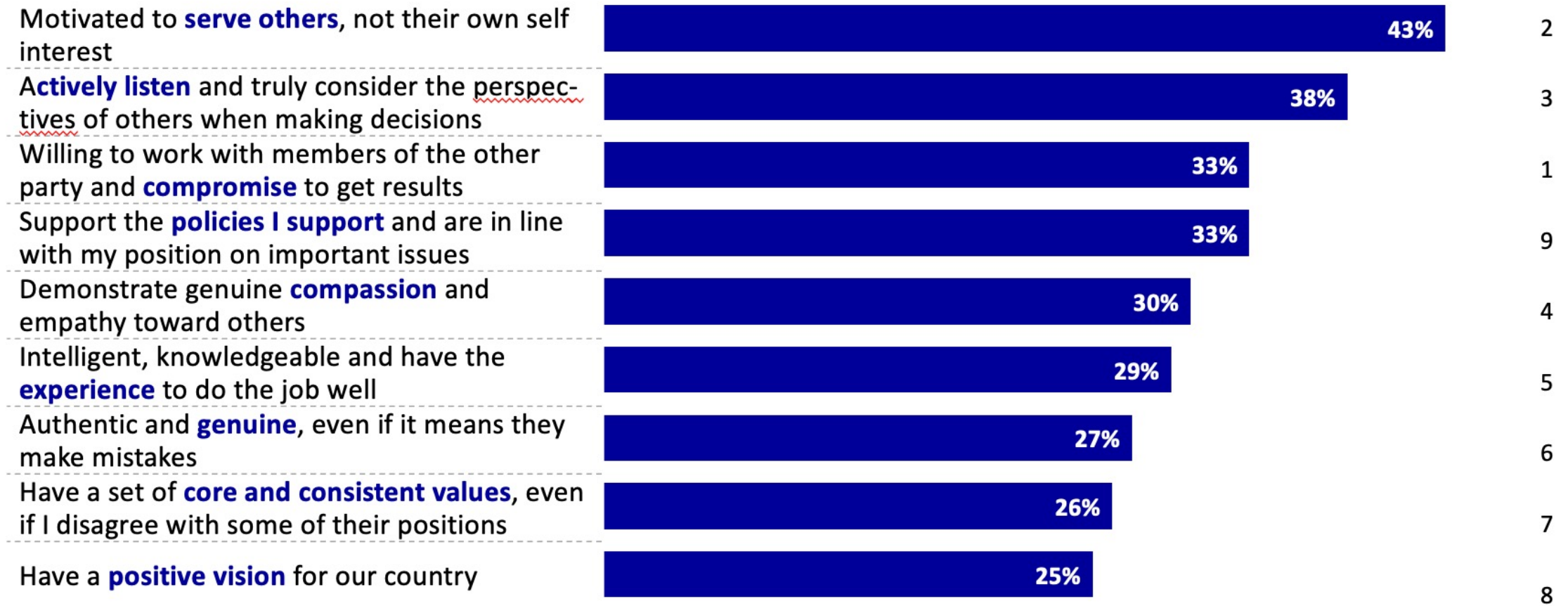
A core aim of this project is to move beyond simply diagnosing and reinforcing the frustration that young Americans feel about our current political leadership. The groundwork for a new model begins with some fundamentals.

- The three qualities that young Americans most want to see in their leaders are those that they believe are most missing: motivation to truly serve others, active listening and considering other perspectives, and willingness to compromise.
- Barack Obama receives the most mentions when young Americans are asked to volunteer a political leader they admire. Donald Trump and Kamala Harris also get mentions as do historical figures including Abraham Lincoln, John Kennedy and George Washington.
- Regardless of who they name as their political hero, young Americans emphasize the attributes of caring, being genuine, and honest.

Ironically, what young Americans prioritize in political leadership are many of the attributes they see as most missing.

Three most important qualities in a political leader/candidate

Rank as “most missing “ in today’s political leadership (previous question)



Young Americans' have a model for their political heroes.

Think of a political leader you admire . . . the person could be living or dead and could have held elected office or been a leader in some other way.



Barack Obama	19%
Donald Trump	9%
Kamala Harris	7%
Abraham Lincoln	6%
Bernie Sanders	5%
John Kennedy	5%
Joe Biden	3%
George Washington	3%
Martin Luther King Jr.	2%



And they are clear about why these heroes are admirable.

Barack Obama



Donald Trump



Kamala Harris



Abraham Lincoln

