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Four out of Five See the Lack of Affordable Housing as a Serious Issue

Very serious: 42%
Somewhat serious: 37%
Not too serious: 14%
Not at all serious: 3%

Disproportionately Very Serious
- Renters
- Democrats
- Lib/Prog Dems
- West
- Women
- College women
- Millennials
- African-Americans
- Hispanics
- Unmarried women
- Income up to $75K

Disproportionately Not Serious
- Conservative Republicans
- Independent men
- Republican men
- South
- Married men

National Likely Voter Poll 2018: Based on what you know, how serious is the lack of affordable housing in America? Would you say that it is a….?
Perceptions of Renters

A variety of rental apartments at different price points help contribute to the development of dynamic and economically successful communities (81%)

Rental apartments cost communities because they lead to overcrowding and demands on local services (19%)

Renters are a diverse and big group of Americans, including some people who can afford to buy a house, but instead choose to rent (78%)

Most renters are low-income people who can't afford to buy (21%)

National Elite Poll 2016: Next please read the following statements and for each pair, please indicate which statement comes closer to your view
Incentives and Tax Rebates Are Most Popular Aspects of Public-Private Partnerships

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<td>Increase incentives to developers and apartments to create more affordable building</td>
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<td>Provide tax rebates to apartment owners who voluntarily set aside existing apartments as affordable housing</td>
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<td>Establish a &quot;Dedicated Housing Fund,&quot; funded by large companies and organizations to reduce employees' rents</td>
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<td>Promote land swaps between local governments and private developers</td>
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National Likely Voter Poll 2018: Thinking more about promoting public-private partnerships between state and local governments and the private sector, which of the following would you be MOST likely to support?
# Building a Wider Range is Best Way to Increase Supply

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<td>Reduce red tape and regulations to speed up building more housing</td>
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<td>Change zoning laws to encourage more affordable housing</td>
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Say This, Not That

• Don’t focus on one type of housing. Do focus on many types of homes for a range of people and families.

• Don’t say “apartments are a smarter choice.” Do say “apartments are a smart choice.”

• Don’t focus on apartment buildings. Do focus on the people living in apartments.

• Don’t say “build more.” Do say “build a wider range of housing”

• Don’t say the market will correct the problem. Do say apartment builders, local/state governments, and citizens need to come together for a solution.

• Don’t say we need to cut red tape or cut regulations. Do say we need to encourage the right kind of housing construction.

• Don’t use scare tactics and attack one type of solution or proposal. Do say we broad, comprehensive approach.
The Path Forward

**Holistic**
- Offer holistic, comprehensive solutions for the housing affordability crisis which addresses range of people affected and one that offers a wider range of options.

**Who**
- Local and state governments should take the lead in addressing the housing crisis and work with the private sector.

**How**
- Public-private partnerships (PPP) between state and local governments and the private sector provide a wider range of housing that fits the needs of more people rather than the richest or poorest residents.

**Inclusive**
- Governments should provide direct assistance, such as fully funding federal programs and enacting local and state assistance programs, to Americans who are struggling to pay their rent.
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