



# Political Violence and the Election

ASSESSING THE THREAT FROM THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT

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### Leading Scholar of Political violence

30 years studying political violence

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2020 American Political Violence – 100 cities survey

Past 4 years analyzing the

Political Violence in America::

Jan 6 Demographics analysis

12 Nationally Representative Surveys

US Military Veteran Survey

Ethnographic Focus Groups

Study of Violent Attitudes on the Left

**= Deep Undersanding of Dangers to American Democracy**

# TRACKING POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE TARGETING 2024 ELECTION



## Results from CPOST June 2024 National Survey

- **CPOST surveys “Understanding Support for Political Violence in America”**
  - All fielded by NORC at the University of Chicago, regularly since June 2021
  - Nationally representative probability samples, gold standard in polling
  - Questions designed to track scope and drivers of support for political violence on left and right
- **Latest CPOST Political Violence survey June 2024**
  - Fielded: June 20-24, 2024.
  - N = 2,061
  - Margin of Error:  $\pm 2.97\%$

**More Support for Violence  
Against Trump than  
To Restore Trump**

# BOTH BIDEN AND TRUMP SEEN AS THREAT

... and say violence is justified to prevent or cause a change in power.

*Q: The use of force is justified to ...*

**...restore Trump to the Presidency.**

**6.9%**

**18 Million U.S. Adults**

**...prevent Trump from becoming president.**

**10.0%**

**26 Million U.S. Adults**

*CPOST/NORC June 2024, N=2,061.  
Proportions based on entire sample,  
don't know and skipped <1% of sample.*

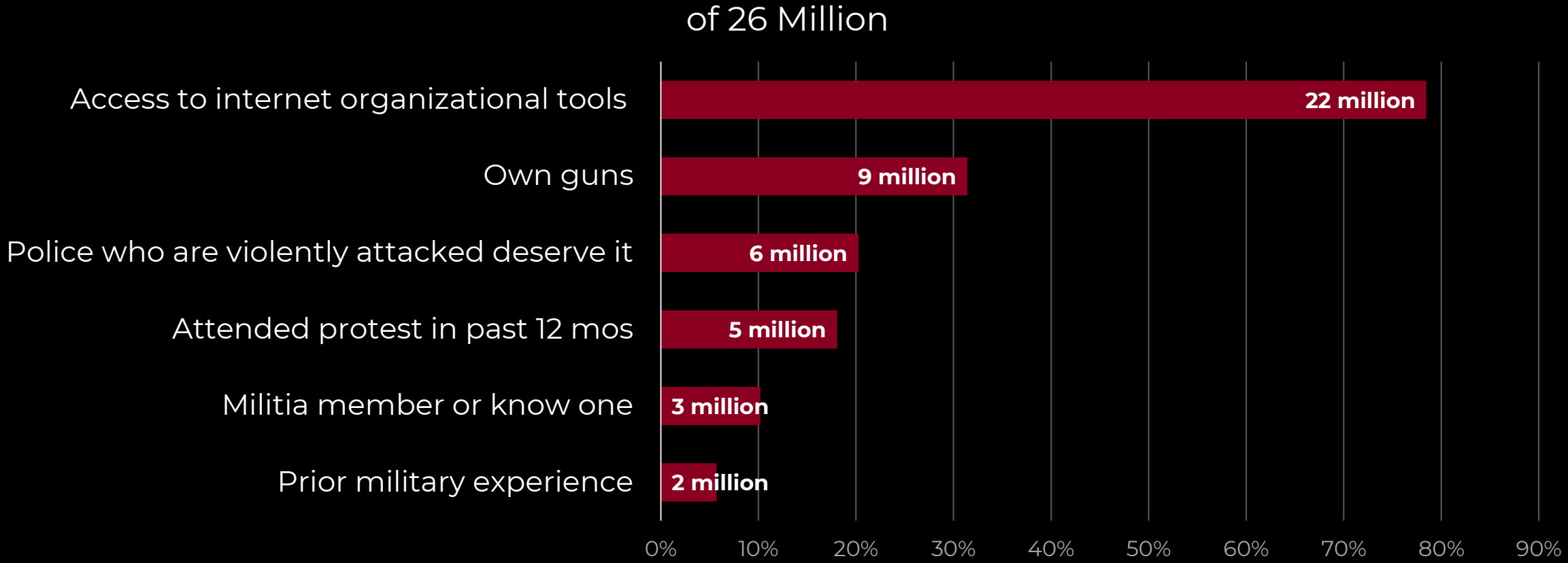
## 26 MILLION AMERICANS AGREE

Q: “The use of force is justified to prevent Donald Trump from becoming president.”



CPOST/NORC June 2024, based on US Census population estimate of 258 million US adults. Don't know/Did not answer = 1%

# The 26 million are Active, Dangerous + Growth Potential



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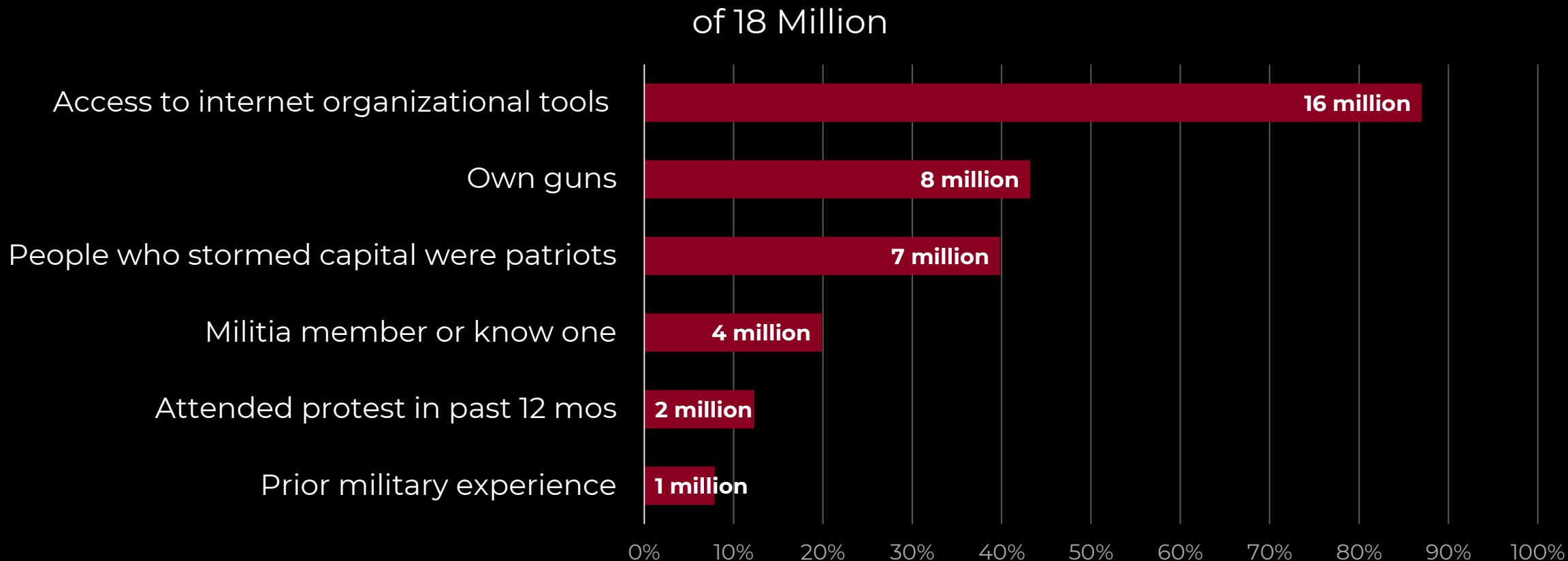
Q: "The use of force is justified to restore Donald Trump to the presidency."



CPOST/NORC June 2024, N = 2061, based on US Census population estimate of 258 million US adults. Don't know/Did not answer = 1%



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