NBC News ~ Here's what's driving America's increasing political polarization
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As you read the article, answer the following questions.

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(I will also email the link to all of you folks)

1. Examine the first graph in the article. Which American president had the highest job approval rating from his own political party? Which American president had the highest job approval rating from the opposing party?

2. Again, examine the first graph. Which American president had the lowest job approval rating from his own political party? Which American president had the lowest job approval rating from the opposing party?

3. Demographically, how has the make-up of the Republican party changed in the past 10 years.

4. How have the 2 political parties' views on free trade changed over time?

5. Look at the chart concerning opinions on regulating guns. Which group (Democrats, Republicans or Independents) has had the biggest shift on the question about regulating firearms?

6. Examine the chart about "Democrats who describe themselves as very liberal." From 2012 to 2022, what was the percentage increase of those Democrats identifying as "very liberal"?

7. Which political party saw an increase in the number of members calling for **more action by the government** to solve social and economic problems?

8. Which political party has seen an increase in their support for abortion rights?

9. Look at the chart concerning same-sex marriage. How has the opinion on same-sex marriage changed over time among Democrats, Republicans and Independents? Which group is most supportive of same-sex marriage? Which group is least supportive of same-sex marriage?