

Donald Trump, the 80-20 Rule, and the Case for Republican Unity

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In endorsing House Speaker [Paul Ryan](#) and Sens. [John McCain](#) and [Kelly Ayotte](#), Donald Trump stated that it was important to align with those he agreed with 80% of the time.

As Republicans are deciding whether to support and/or vote for Trump, it is important that they keep in mind this 80-20 rule, which was famously espoused by [President Ronald Reagan](#).

These Republicans must weigh the percent of agreement and disagreement with the candidates and do what is best for the country. They must also realize that no candidate is going to be perfect. An 80% rate of agreement with Trump is far superior than an even lower rate of agreement with Hillary Clinton.

Most important, they need to realize that the 80% rate of approval for Trump could benefit the country while the 90%-95% rate of disapproval with Clinton could have disastrous consequences.

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