



# Common Ground in the Commonwealth Q2 Survey

n800 Registered Pennsylvania Voters

Field Dates: June 16-19, 2023

Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.46\%$

# Methodology

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- Online survey among n800 registered Pennsylvania voters statewide. Respondents were selected randomly from opt-in panel participants.
- Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of respondents were interviewed from such demographic groups as partisanship, age, gender, race, and geographic region.
- Statewide survey of registered voters has a  $\pm 3.46\%$  overall margin of error at the 95% confidence interval.

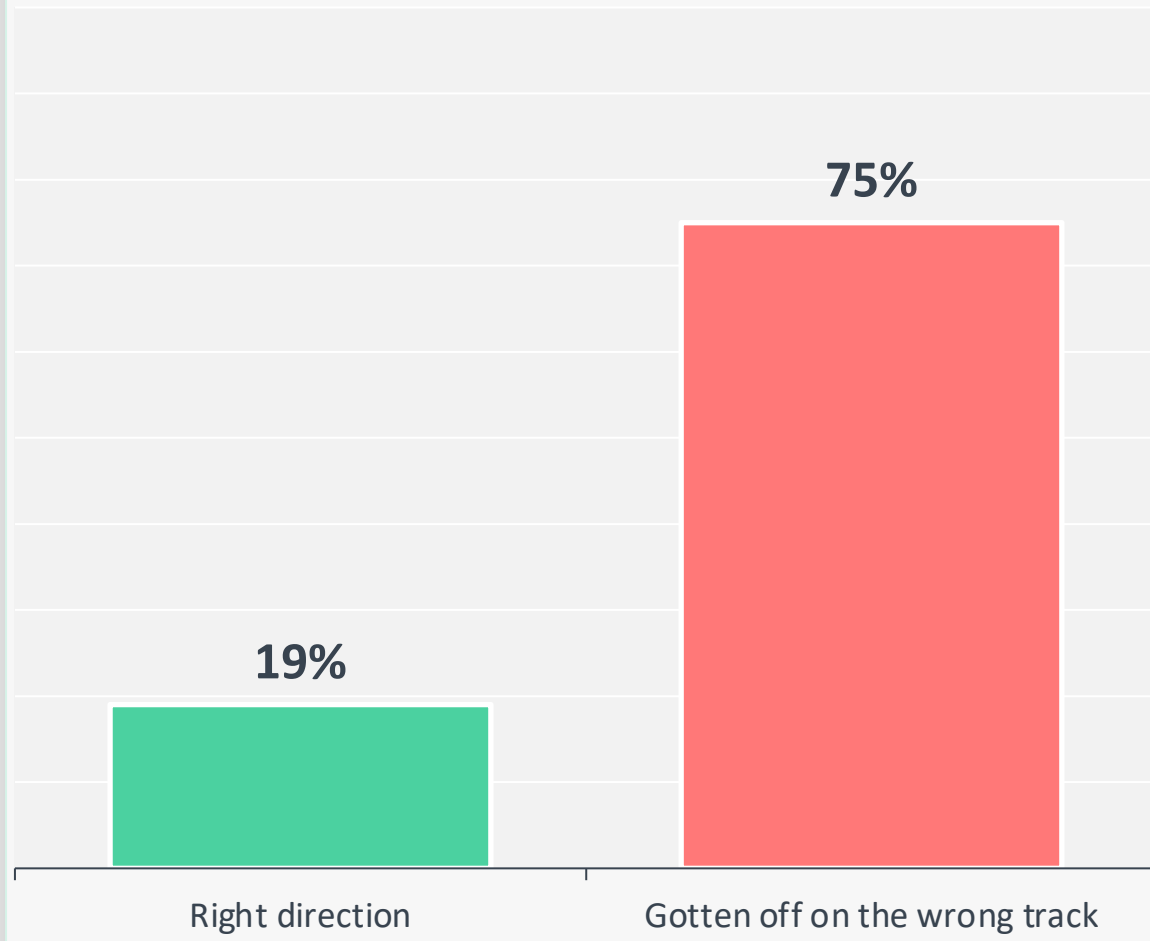
# Commonwealth Sentiment Series

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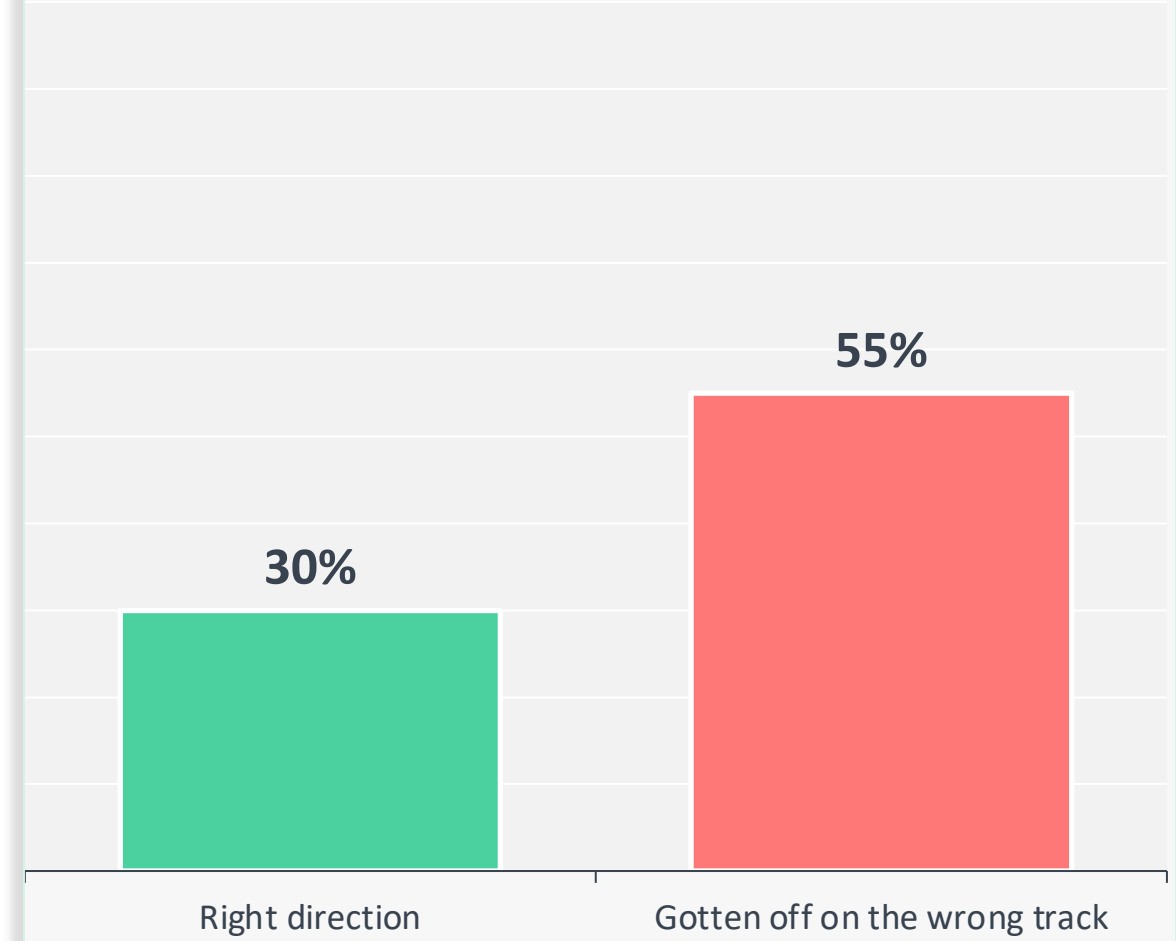


Three-Quarters of registered Pennsylvania voters feel the **country** has *gotten off on the wrong track*, and over half feel the **Commonwealth** has *gotten off on the wrong track*.

Would you say that things in **America** are going in the right direction, or has the country fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track?

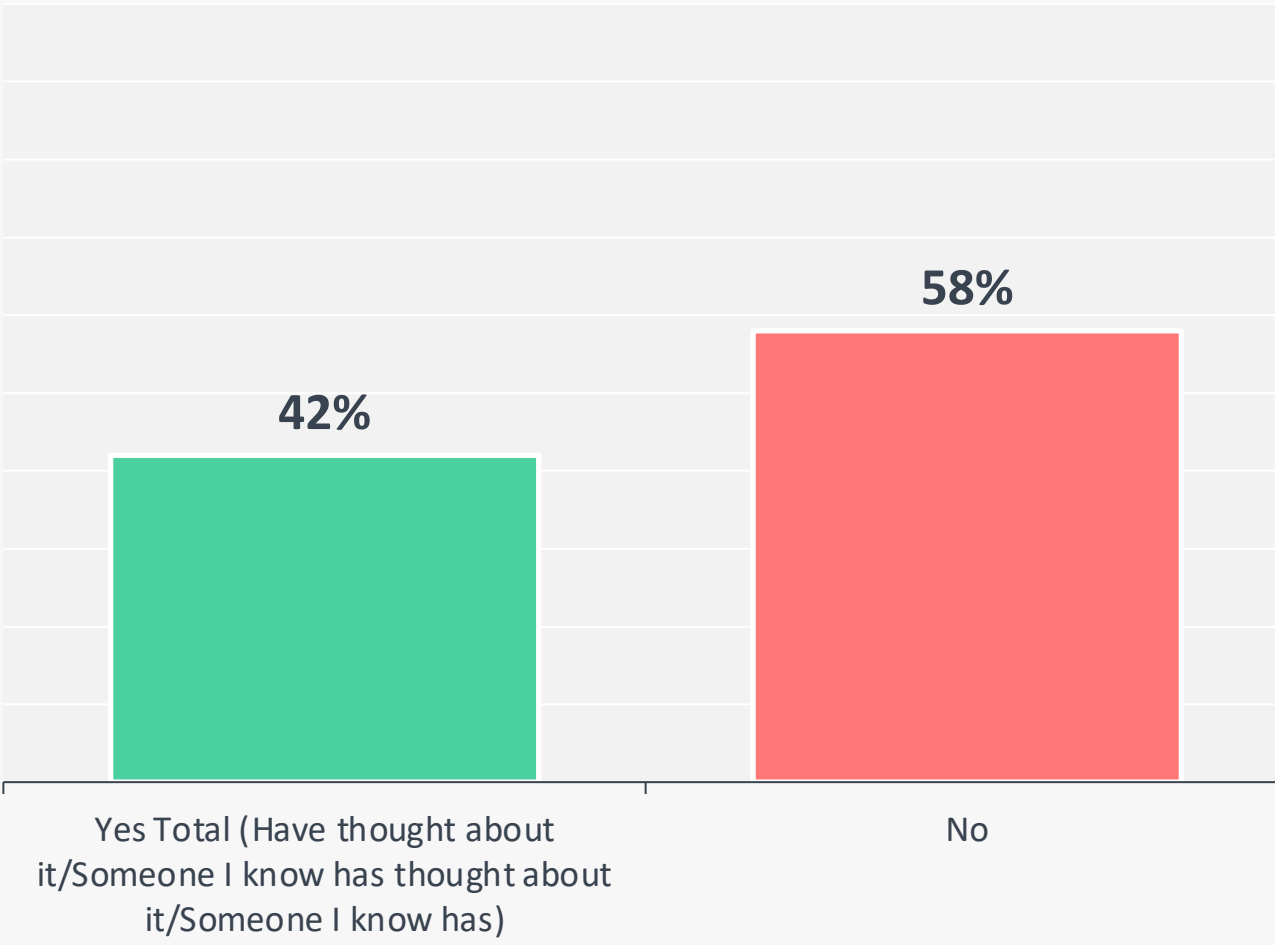


Would you say that things in **Pennsylvania** are going in the right direction, or has the state fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track?



A troubling data point for the future of Pennsylvania: **over half of respondents younger than 45** years old have thought about leaving the state, know someone who has thought about leaving, or know someone who has already left due to Pennsylvania's policies.

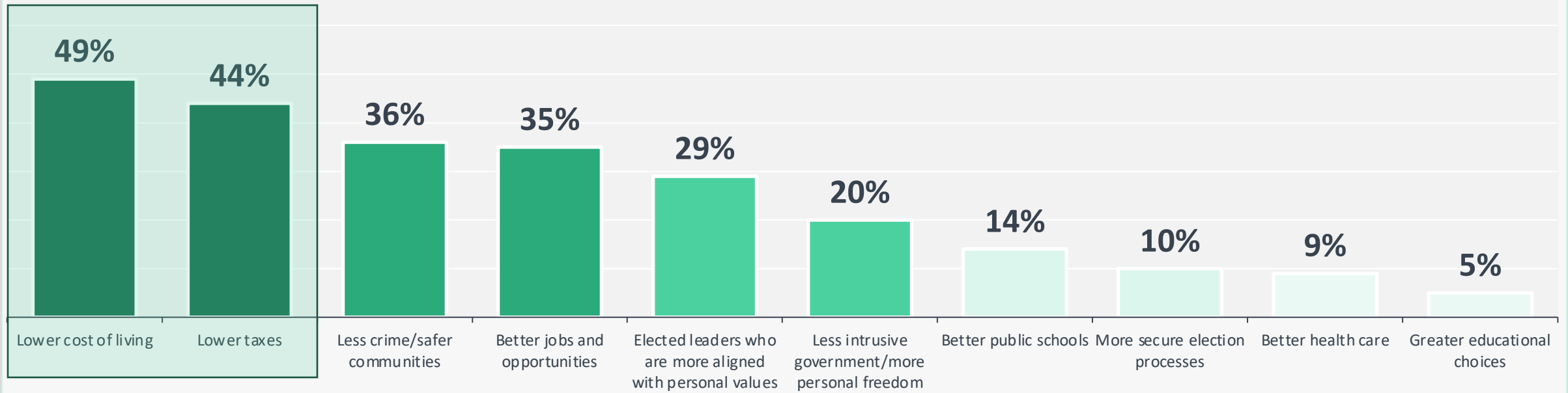
Have you or someone you know thought about leaving Pennsylvania for a different state due to Pennsylvania's policies?  
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)... (ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-3)



Subgroup	Total Yes	No	Differential
Female (52%)	42%	58%	-16%
Male (48%)	43%	57%	-14%
Democratic (39%)	33%	67%	-34%
Independent (23%)	51%	49%	2%
Republican (38%)	46%	54%	-8%
18-29 (13%)	58%	42%	16%
30-44 (23%)	55%	45%	10%
45-64 (37%)	40%	60%	-20%
65+ (27%)	27%	73%	-46%
Urban (22%)	53%	47%	6%
Suburban (56%)	39%	61%	-22%
Rural (22%)	39%	61%	-22%
<\$40K (31%)	44%	56%	-12%
\$40-\$79K (32%)	42%	58%	-16%
\$80-\$125K (19%)	43%	57%	-14%
\$125+ (15%)	39%	61%	-22%

**Lower cost of living** and **lower taxes** lead the way as the top reasons individuals consider leaving Pennsylvania to live in another state.

What was the primary reason for thinking about moving from Pennsylvania to another state?  
(Among 338 who responded 'yes' on previous... ) (ALLOW FOR 3 RESPONSES)



Of the 27 issues tested, ***Inflation/cost of living***, and the ***U.S. economy in general*** top the list of most important problems facing the nation, with ***crime/rising violence*** and ***gun rights/gun control*** ranking as high secondary concerns.

Please rank the three most important problems facing the country today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the country.  
(Top 5 responses for each rank shown)

Most Important Problem
Inflation / Cost of living (19%)
U.S. Economy – General (11%)
Crime / Rising violence (7%)
Divided country / Lack of tolerance (7%)
Government / Lack of leadership (6%)

Second Most Important
Inflation / Cost of living (12%)
Crime / Rising violence (9%)
Gun rights / Gun control (6%)
Immigration / Border security (6%)
U.S. Economy – General (5%)

Third Most Important
Inflation / Cost of living (10%)
Crime / Rising violence (7%)
Gun rights / Gun control (7%)
Immigration / Border security (6%)
U.S. Economy – General (6%)

Similar to problems facing the nation, respondents see ***Inflation/cost of living*** and ***crime/rising violence*** as the most important problems facing our state.

Please rank the three most important problems facing Pennsylvania today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the country.  
(Top 5 responses for each rank shown)

Most Important Problem
Inflation / Cost of living (22%)
Crime / Rising violence (12%)
PA Economy – General (8%)
Gun rights / Gun control (7%)
Taxes (6%)

Second Most Important
Inflation / Cost of living (12%)
Crime / Rising violence (11%)
Taxes (7%)
PA Economy – General (6%)
Gun rights / Gun control (6%)

Third Most Important
Crime / Rising violence (12%)
Inflation / Cost of living (10%)
PA Economy – General (7%)
Poverty / Homelessness (6%)
Taxes (6%)

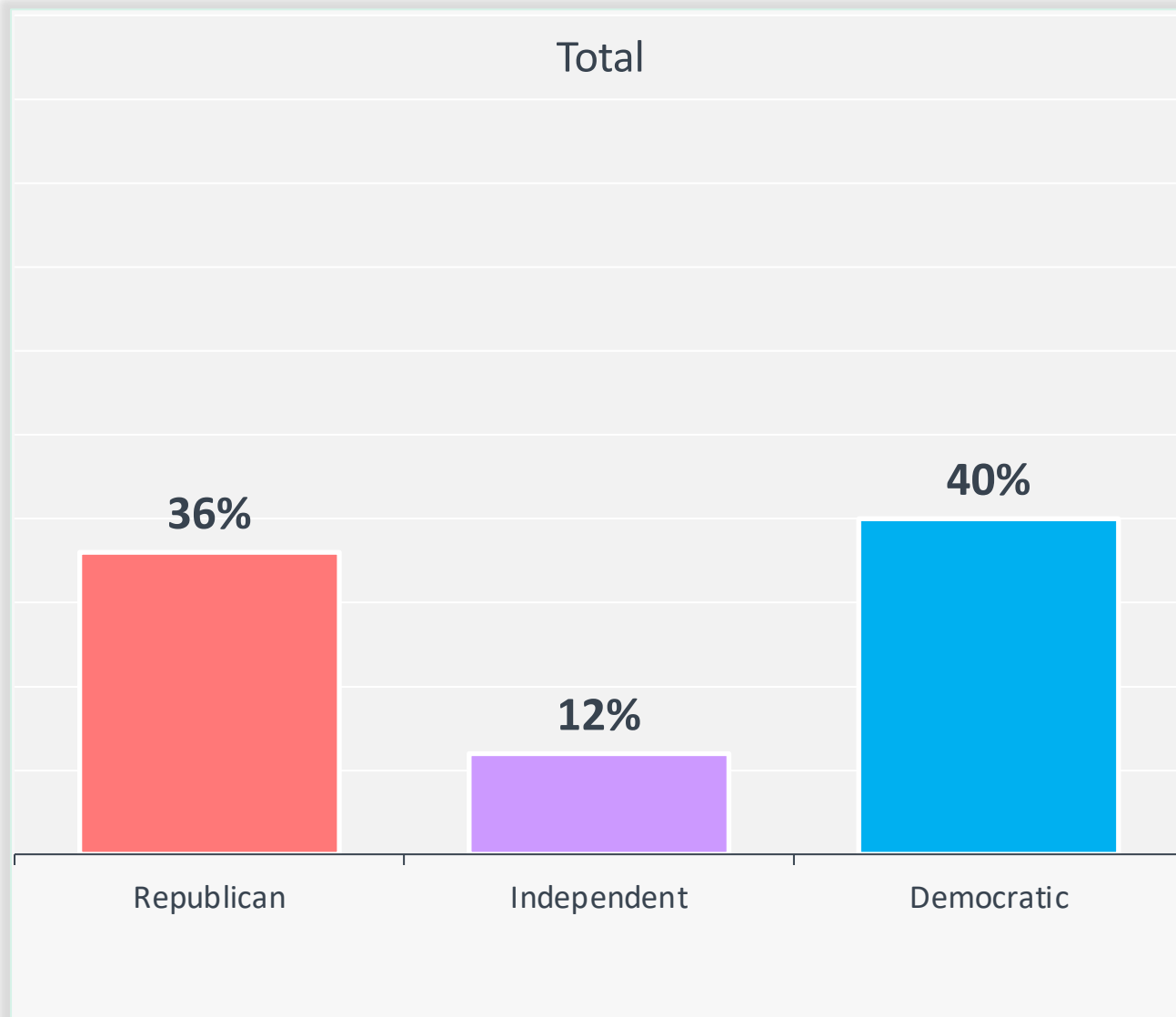


# Pennsylvania Policy & Elected Official Series

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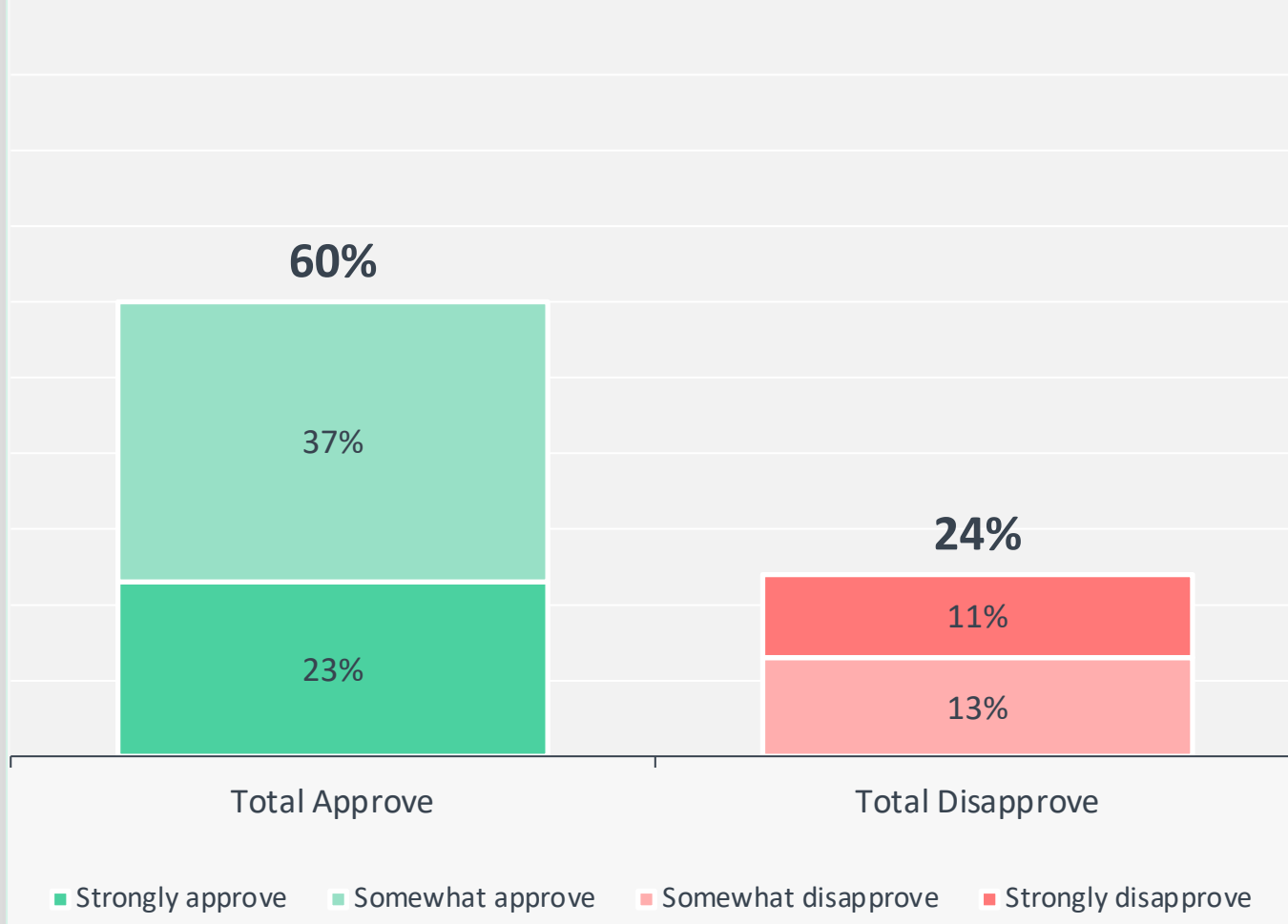
# Which of the following do you think would be the best candidate to represent you and your neighbors in Congress?



Subgroup	Republican	Independent	Democratic
<b>Female</b> (52%)	34%	11%	43%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	39%	13%	37%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	1%	3%	86%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	21%	38%	21%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	82%	5%	4%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	27%	19%	42%
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Governor Shapiro continues to enjoy a positive 'honeymoon' job approval, though struggles connecting across the aisle with Republicans, and informing younger voters of his achievements.

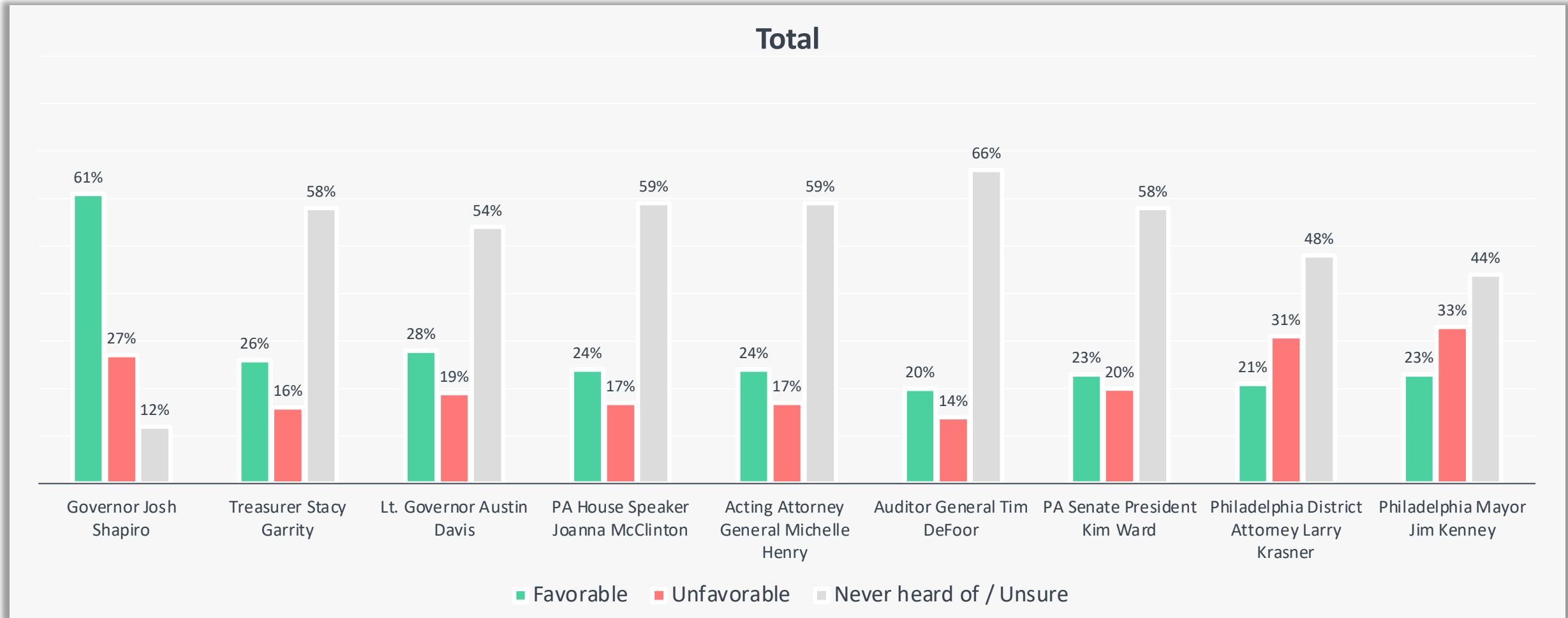
Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Josh Shapiro is doing?



Subgroup	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Differential
Female (52%)	56%	23%	33%
Male (48%)	64%	26%	38%
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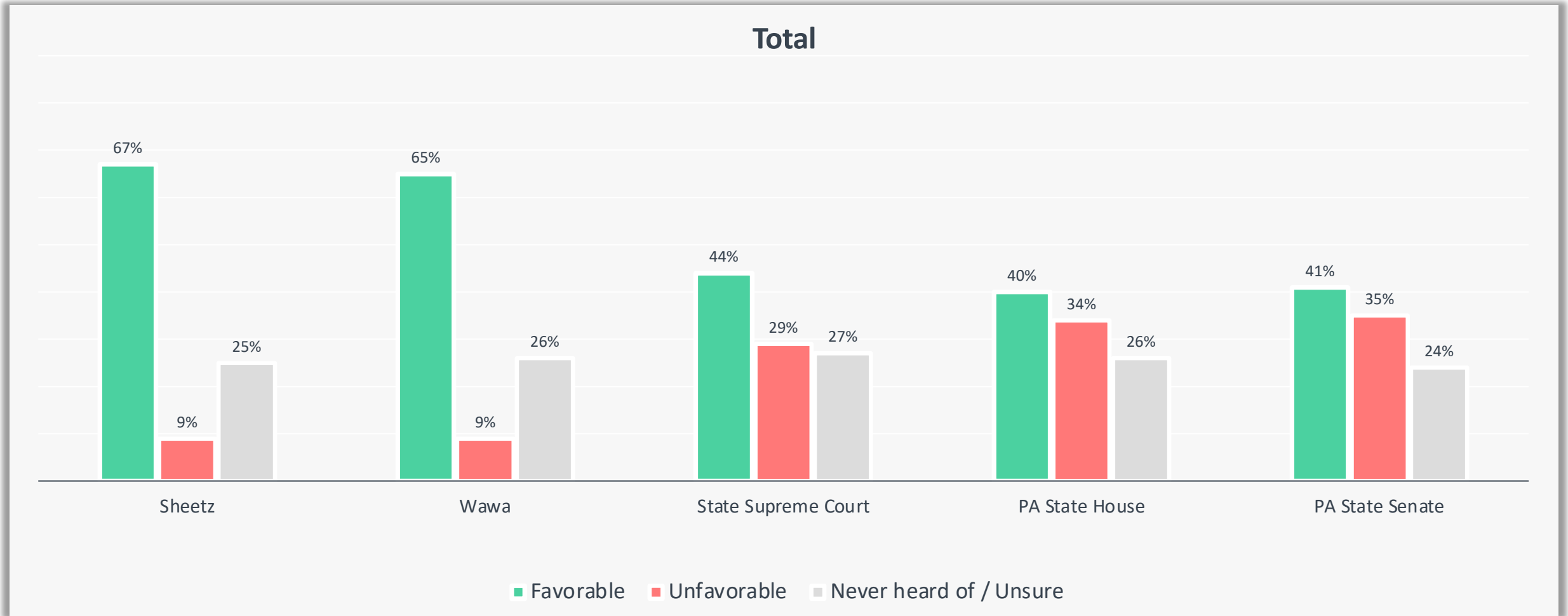
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...Individuals by favorability differential



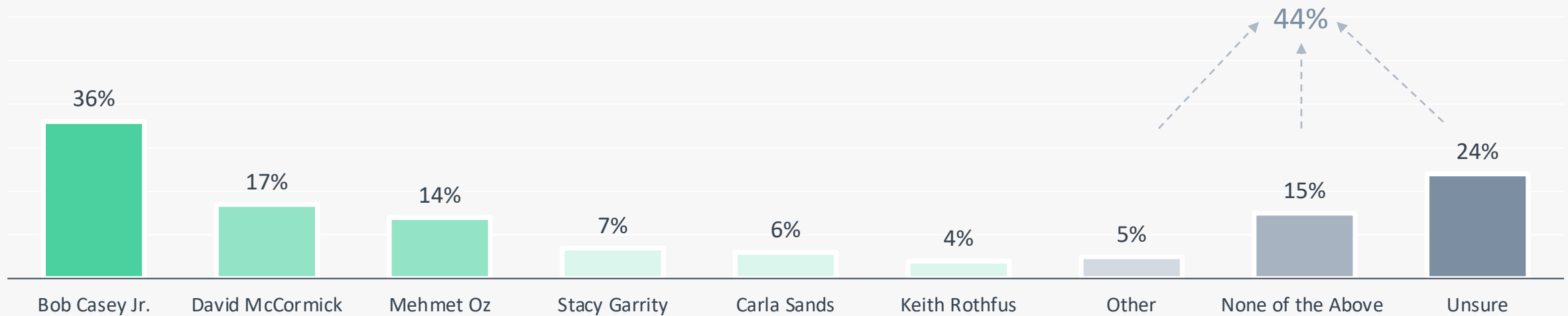
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Bob Casey Jr. leads holds a double-digit lead among all other candidates respondents would like to see run for Senate in 2024.

Please select the following individuals you would like to see run for U.S. Senate in 2024.  
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)... (RANDOMIZE)

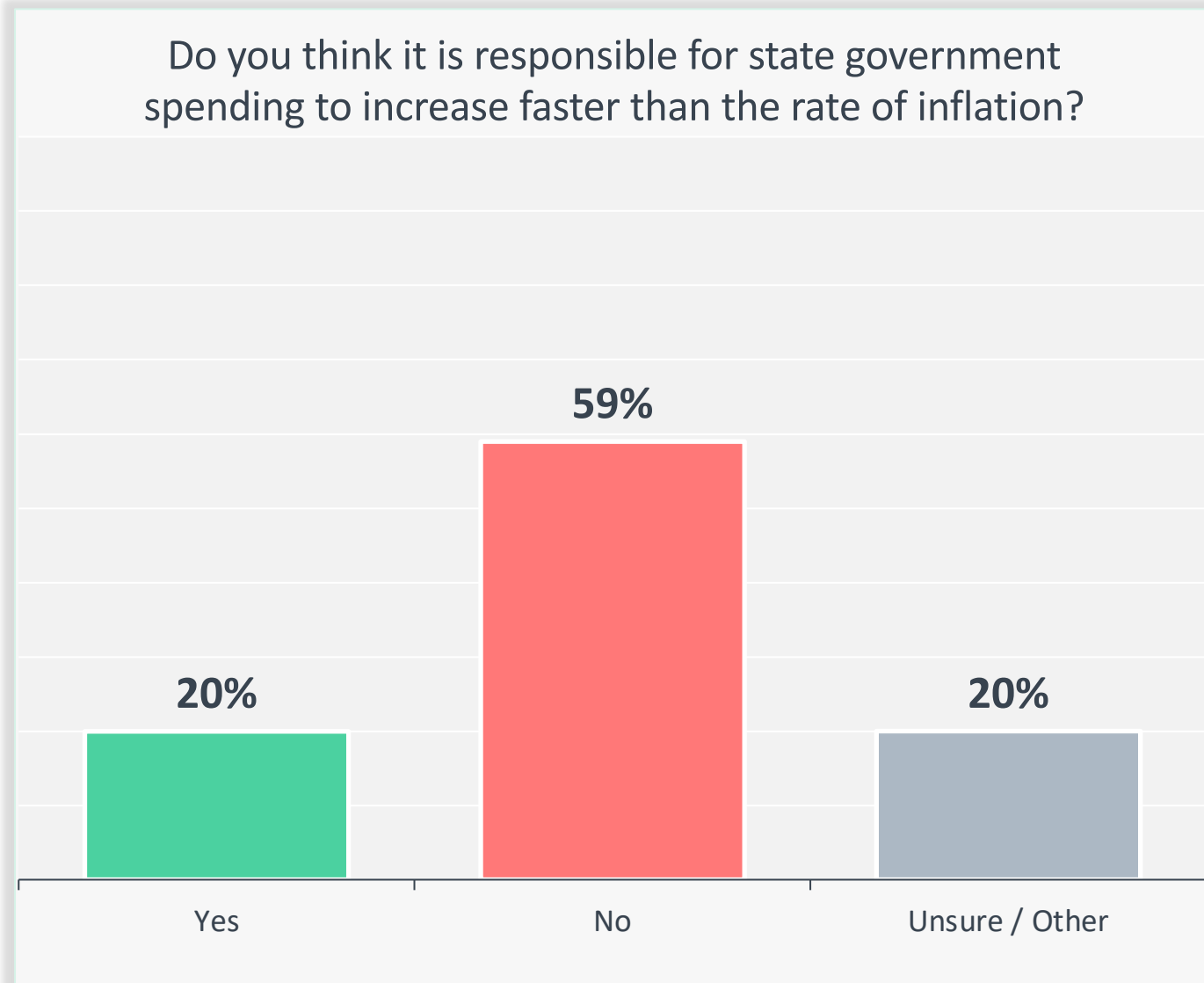


# State Policy Series

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Roughly 6-in-10 registered voters **do not think it is responsible** for state government spending to increase faster than the rate of inflation.

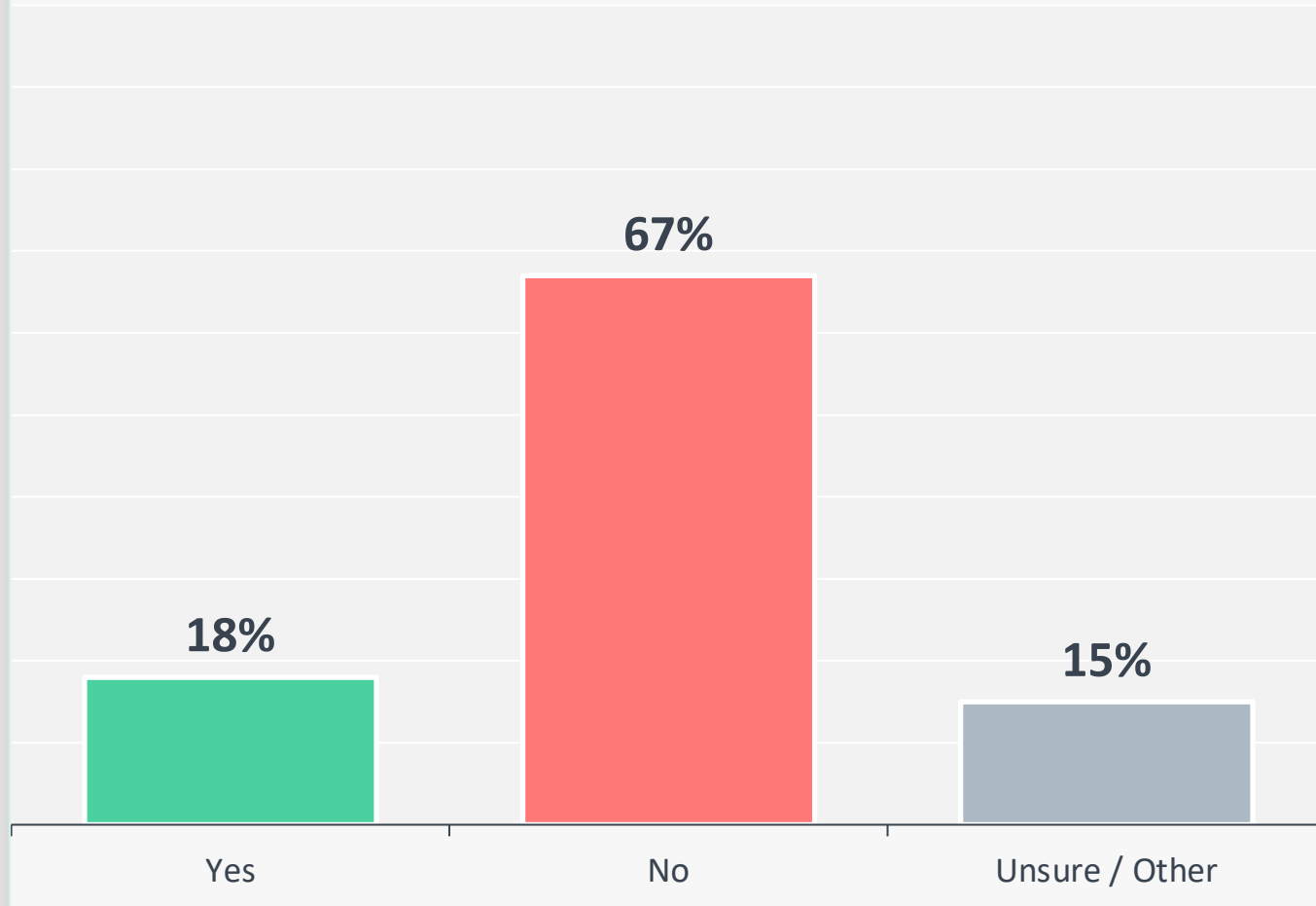


Subgroup	Yes	No	Differential
Female (52%)	20%	57%	-37%
Male (48%)	20%	62%	-42%
Democratic (39%)	23%	49%	-26%
Independent (23%)	21%	56%	-35%
Republican (38%)	17%	72%	-55%
18-29 (13%)	36%	39%	-3%
30-44 (23%)	23%	56%	-33%
45-64 (37%)	18%	63%	-45%
65+ (27%)	13%	67%	-54%
Urban (22%)	31%	52%	-21%
Suburban (56%)	19%	61%	-42%
Rural (22%)	12%	64%	-52%
<\$40K (31%)	26%	51%	-25%
\$40-\$79K (32%)	18%	65%	-47%
\$80-\$125K (19%)	18%	63%	-45%
\$125+ (15%)	15%	63%	-48%



Over two-thirds of registered voters **do not believe it is responsible** for state lawmakers to pass a budget that taps into reserve funds *and* spends billions more than Pennsylvania collects in taxes and revenues.

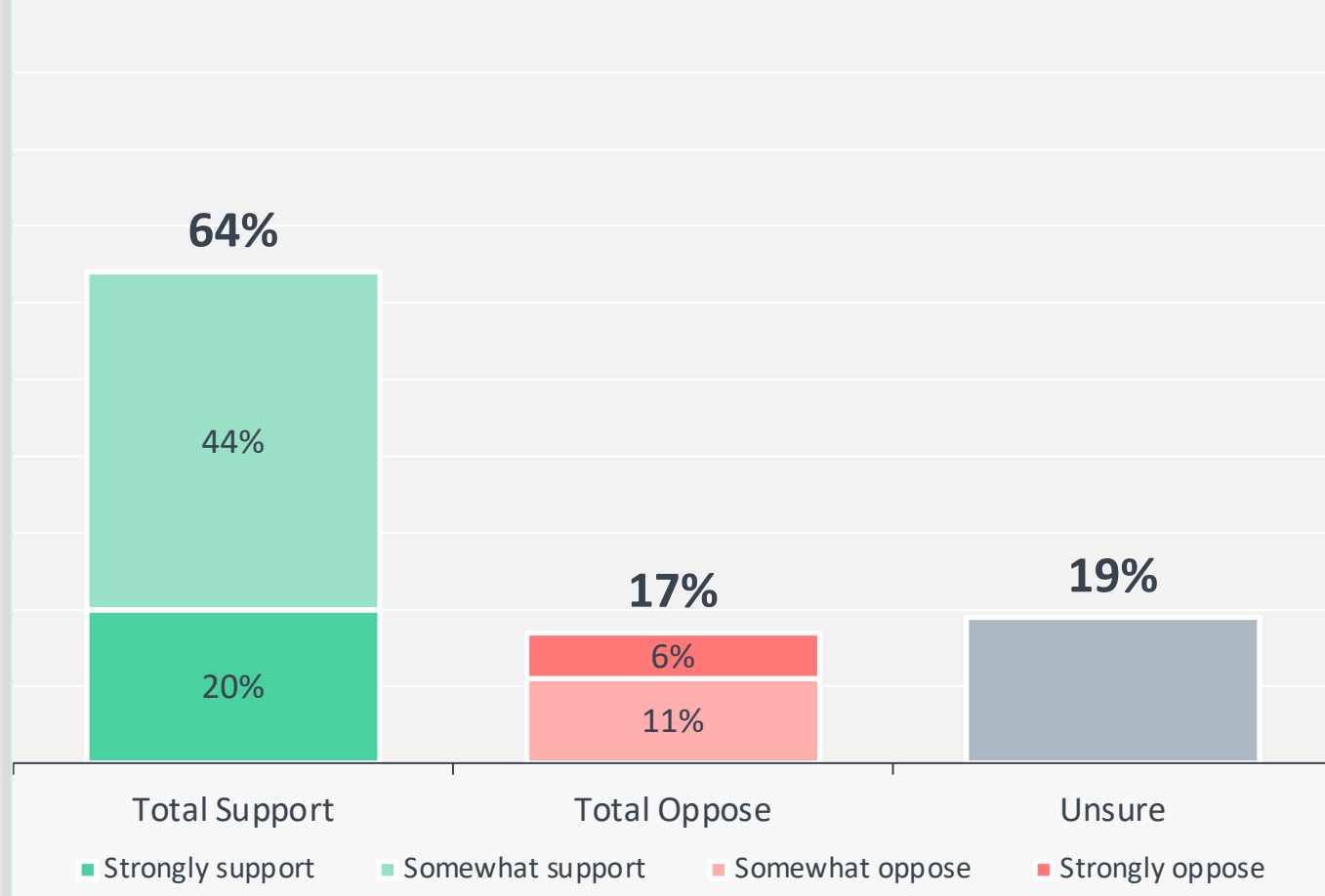
Is it responsible for state lawmakers to pass a budget that taps into reserve funds and spends billions more than the state collects in taxes and other annual revenues?



Subgroup	Yes	No	Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	17%	65%	<b>-48%</b>
<b>Male</b> (48%)	18%	70%	<b>-52%</b>
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	22%	55%	<b>-33%</b>
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	18%	66%	<b>-48%</b>
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	13%	81%	<b>-68%</b>
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	26%	56%	<b>-30%</b>
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	25%	58%	<b>-33%</b>
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	15%	70%	<b>-55%</b>
<b>65+</b> (27%)	11%	77%	<b>-66%</b>
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	26%	60%	<b>-34%</b>
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	16%	69%	<b>-53%</b>
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	13%	71%	<b>-58%</b>
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	22%	61%	<b>-39%</b>
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	15%	71%	<b>-56%</b>
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	13%	74%	<b>-61%</b>
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	22%	65%	<b>-43%</b>

By a 47-point margin, registered voters in Pennsylvania **support** a measure limiting increases to government spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth.

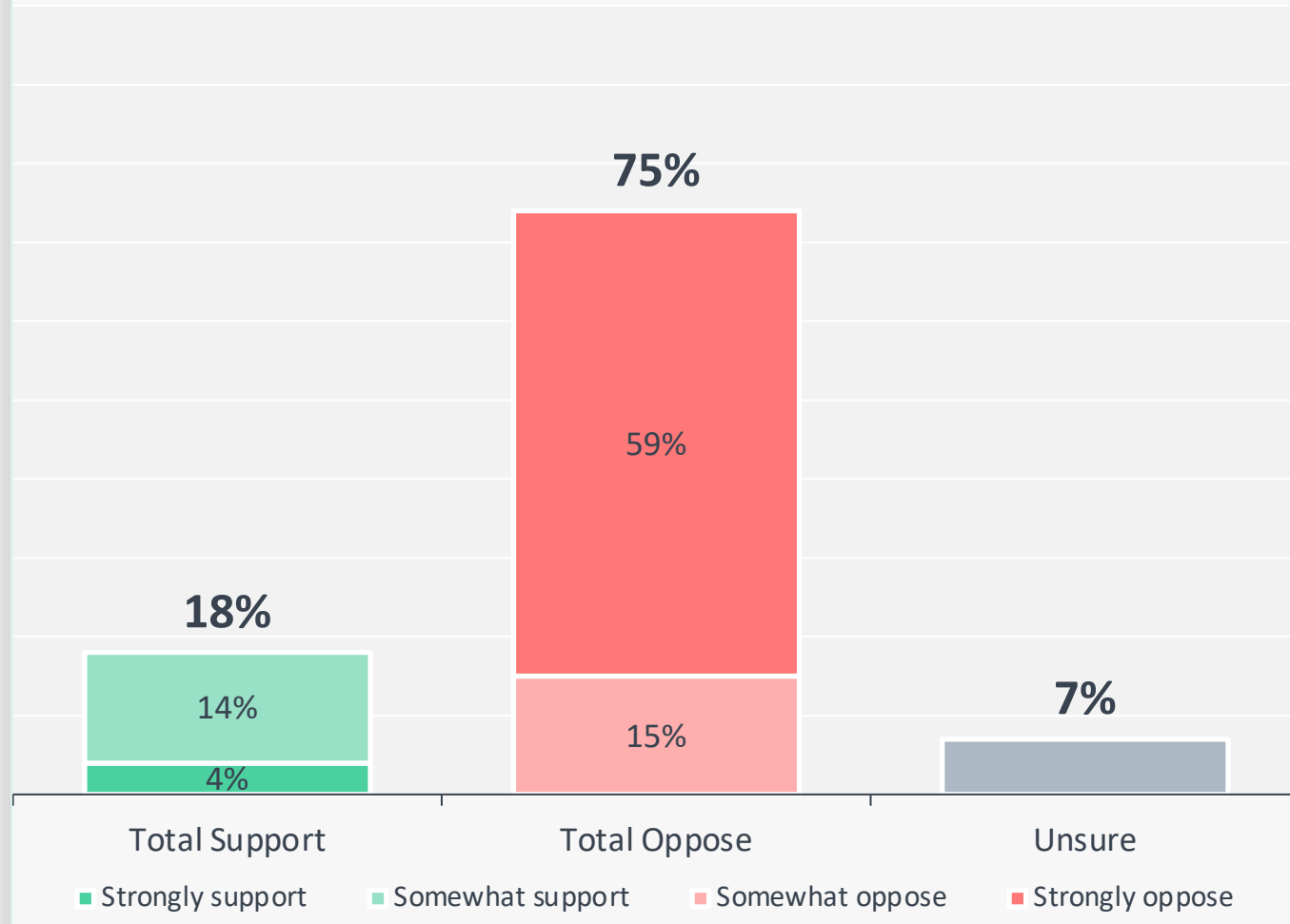
Would you support or oppose a measure that would limit increases in state government spending to the rate of inflation plus the rate of population growth? The limit could be exceeded with agreement from two-thirds of both houses of the General Assembly.



Subgroup	Total Support	Total Oppose	Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	60%	15%	45%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	69%	19%	50%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	59%	17%	42%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	67%	14%	53%
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<b>Rural</b> (22%)	64%	14%	50%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	61%	17%	44%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	66%	15%	51%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	68%	15%	53%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	63%	21%	42%

Nearly 6-in-10 registered voters in the Commonwealth **strongly oppose** a new state carbon tax if it were to increase electric bills by 30%.

Would you support or oppose a new state tax on carbon dioxide emissions if it would increase your electric bill by 30 percent?

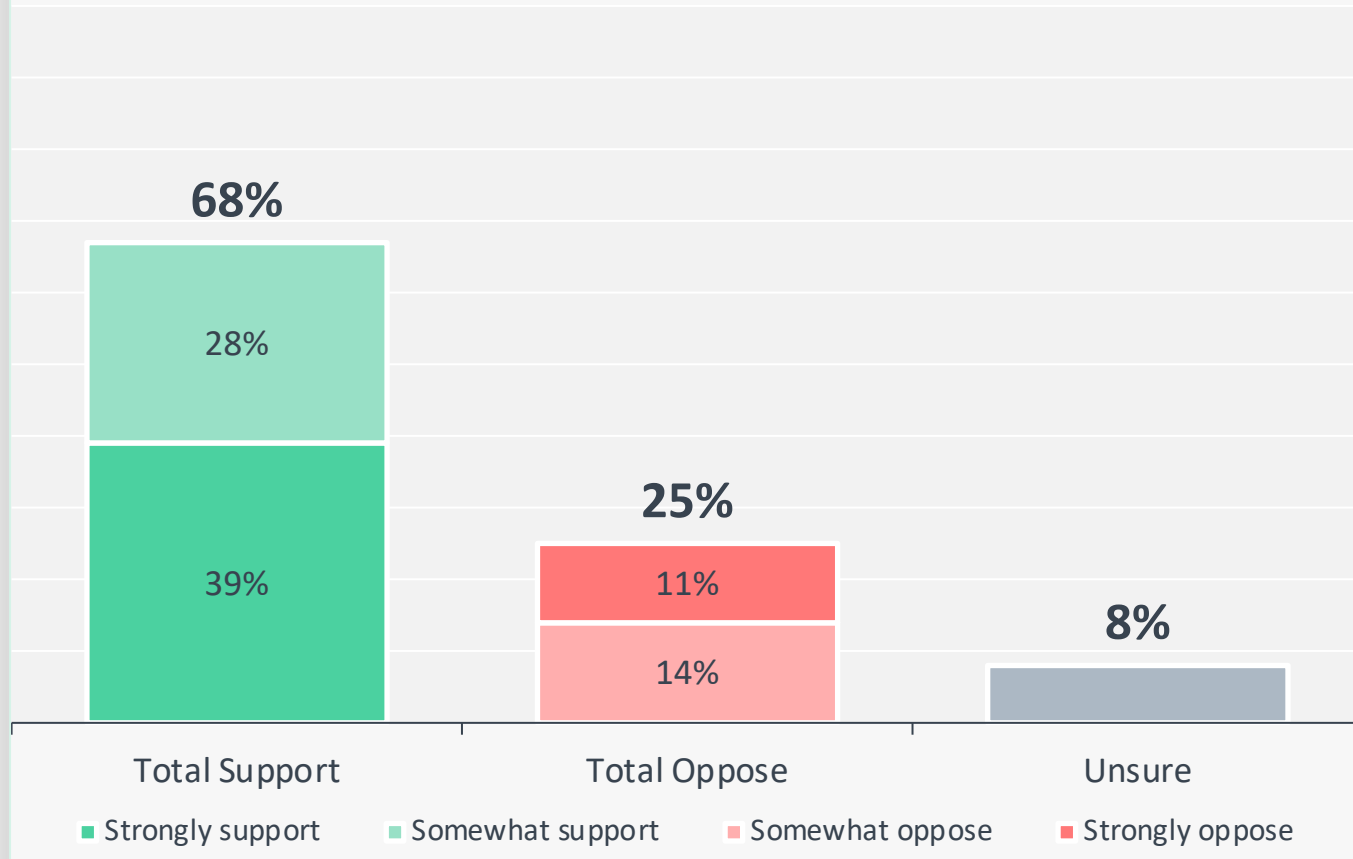


Subgroup	Total Support	Total Oppose	Differential
Female (52%)	15%	75%	-60%
Male (48%)	22%	74%	-52%
Democratic (39%)	30%	60%	-30%
Independent (23%)	18%	74%	-56%
Republican (38%)	7%	90%	-83%
18-29 (13%)	33%	56%	-23%
30-44 (23%)	22%	71%	-49%
45-64 (37%)	14%	78%	-64%
65+ (27%)	15%	82%	-67%
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<\$40K (31%)	20%	74%	-54%
\$40-\$79K (32%)	14%	79%	-65%
\$80-\$125K (19%)	22%	71%	-49%
\$125+ (15%)	23%	71%	-48%

# With tri-partisan support, strong majorities of Democrats, Independents, and Republicans **support** Pennsylvania immediately removing people who do not qualify from the Medicaid program.

During the COVID emergency, the federal government prevented states from removing people from the Medicaid program, even if they didn't qualify for the program for reasons like their incomes were too high or they had committed welfare fraud.

Now that this emergency measure has expired, would you support or oppose Pennsylvania immediately removing people who do not qualify under the law?



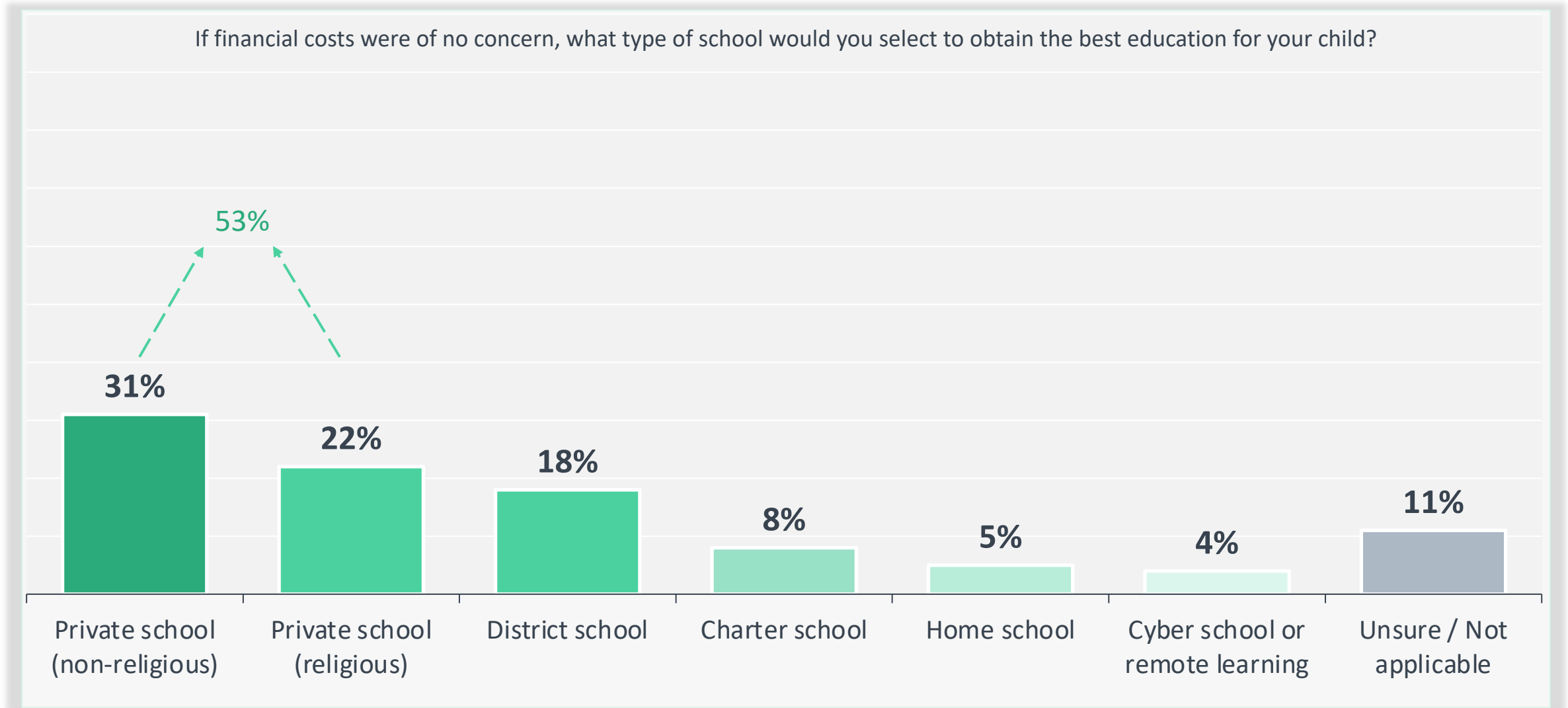
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<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	<b>59%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	<b>62%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	<b>81%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	<b>45%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	<b>57%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	<b>73%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>65+</b> (27%)	<b>80%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	<b>61%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	<b>71%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>50%</b>
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<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	<b>70%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>49%</b>

**Expanding tax credit scholarships, creating government-funded education opportunity accounts, and creating a grading system for every K-12 school** are proposals which are supported by at least two-thirds of registered voters in the state.

Thinking about K-12 education in Pennsylvania... Below is a series of different ideas and proposals people are talking about in Pennsylvania. After you read each one, please indicate if you support or oppose that proposal.

Policy	Total Support	Total Oppose	Differential
Expanding tax credit scholarships, which allow businesses to donate money to nonprofit organizations that provide scholarships to low-income and middle-income children in Pennsylvania to attend pre-kindergarten or K-12 private school.	71%	16%	55%
Creating education opportunity accounts, a government-funded account that parents can use for restricted educational expenses, including tuition, tutoring, online education programs, and therapies for students with special needs.	69%	19%	50%
Creating an A through F grading system that would give every one of Pennsylvania's K through 12 schools a grade based on factors including state achievement, learning gains in assessment, scores and graduation rates.	66%	19%	47%
Establishing an independent authorizer for charter schools, such as a state board or universities, which would approve and renew charter schools; rather than the current system in which only school districts can approve charter schools.	56%	22%	34%
Adopting a year-round school calendar that still allows for 180 days of instruction, while reducing the summer break and allocating more frequent breaks throughout the school year.	41%	46%	-5%

Over half of respondents would select a private school if costs were of no concern.

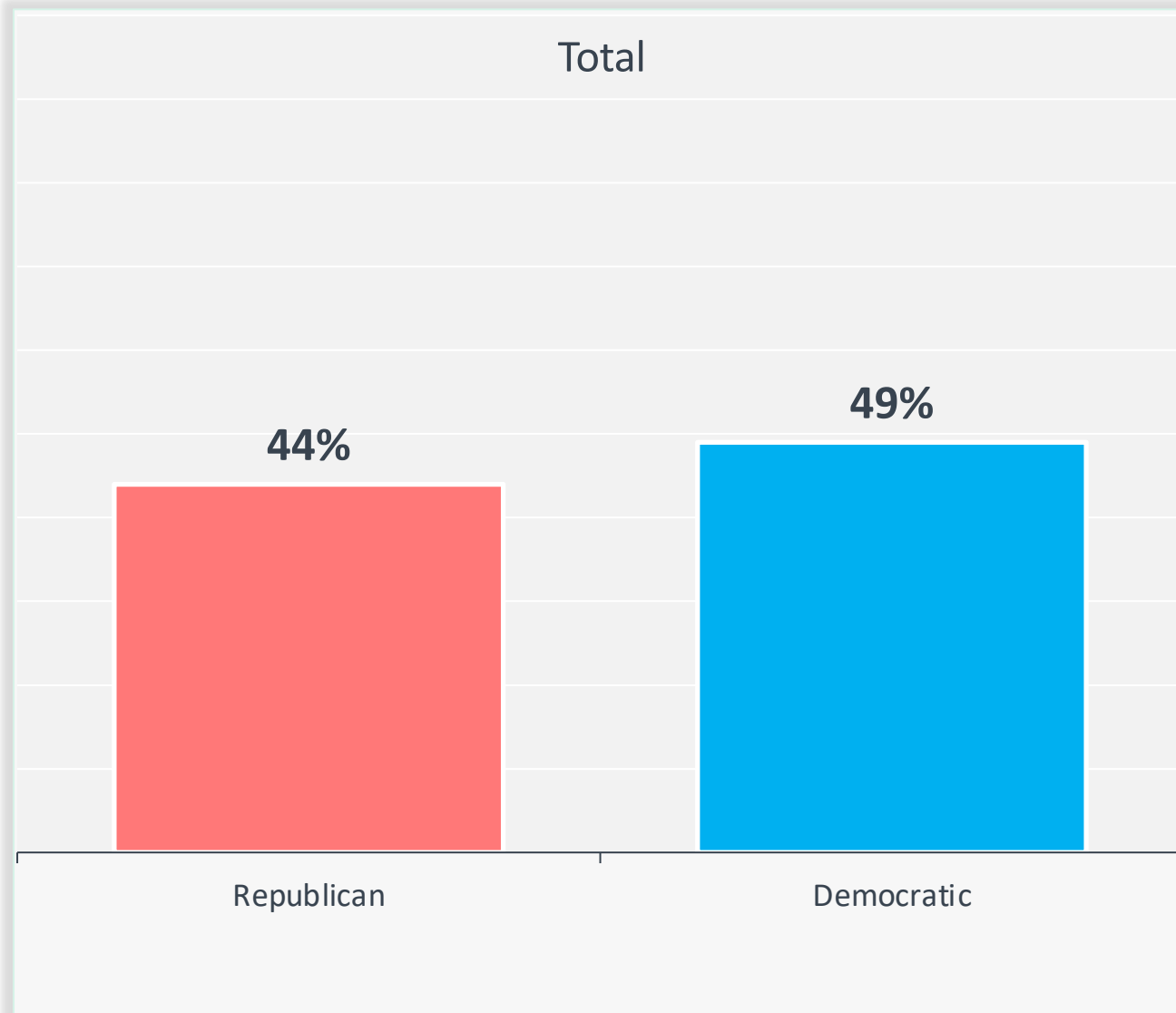


# Federal Policy Series

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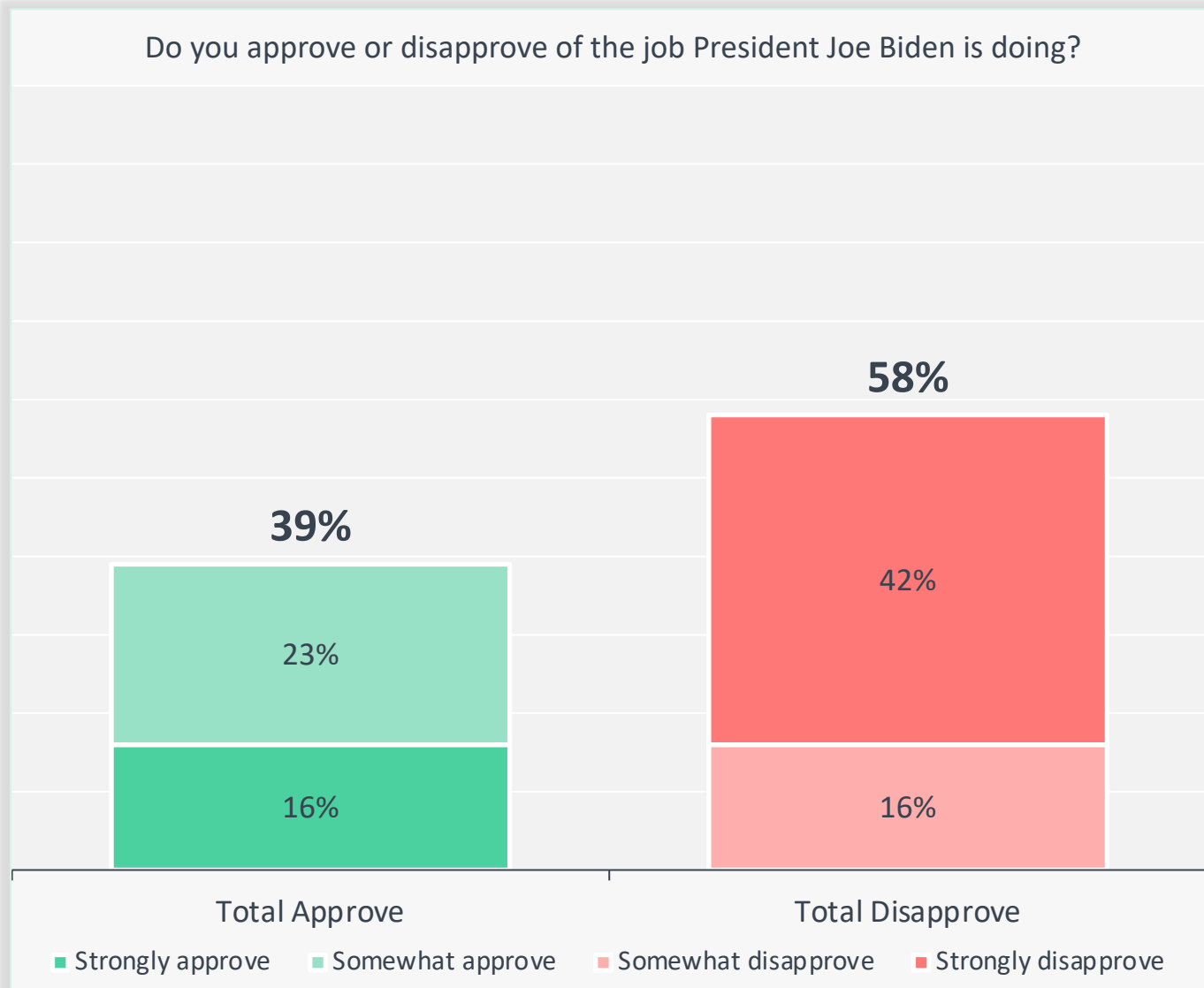
# If the 2024 Presidential elections were held today, how would you vote if your options were between a Republican or Democratic candidate?



Subgroup	Republican	Democratic	R - D Differential
Female (52%)	41%	51%	-10%
Male (48%)	47%	46%	1%
Democratic (39%)	3%	94%	-91%
Independent (23%)	36%	42%	-6%
Republican (38%)	91%	6%	85%
18-29 (13%)	35%	53%	-18%
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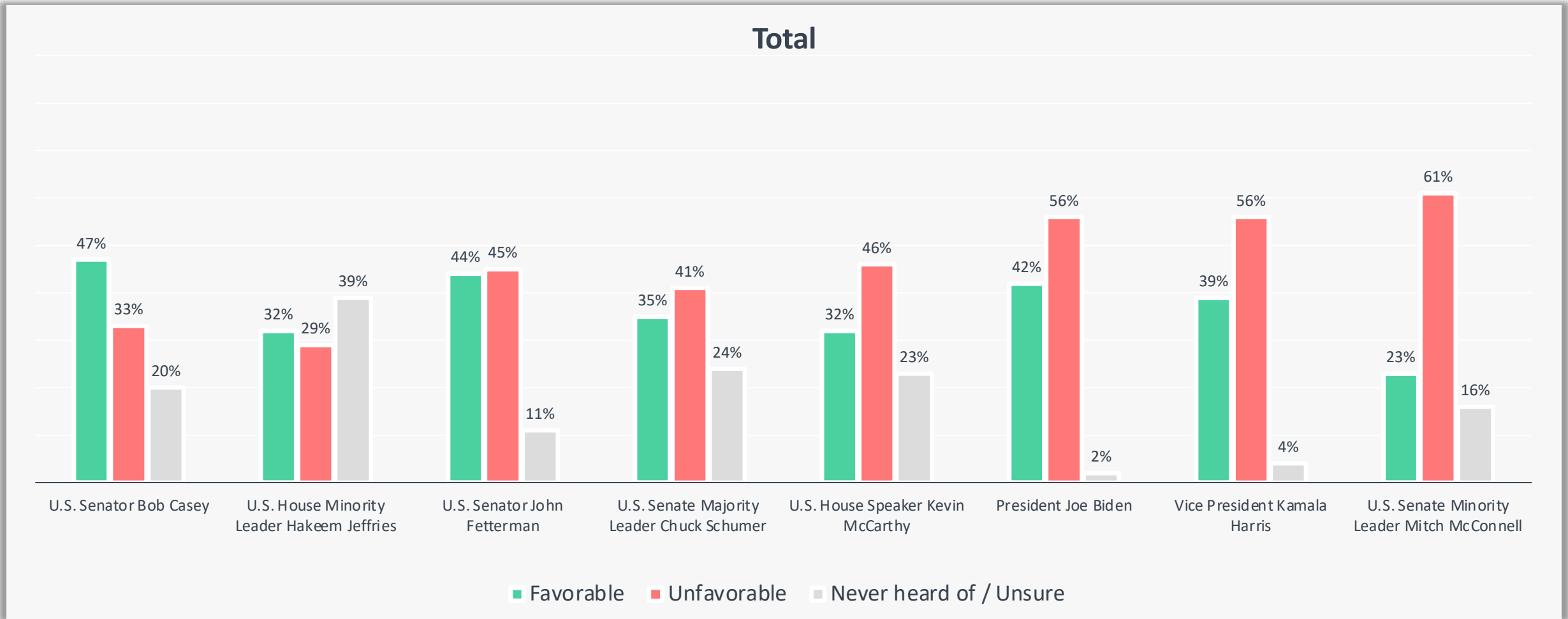
Less than 4-in-10 respondents approve of the job President Biden is doing, with only Democrats and those making more than \$125K being more likely to approve than disapprove (among major demographic breakouts).



Subgroup	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Differential
Female (52%)	36%	61%	-25%
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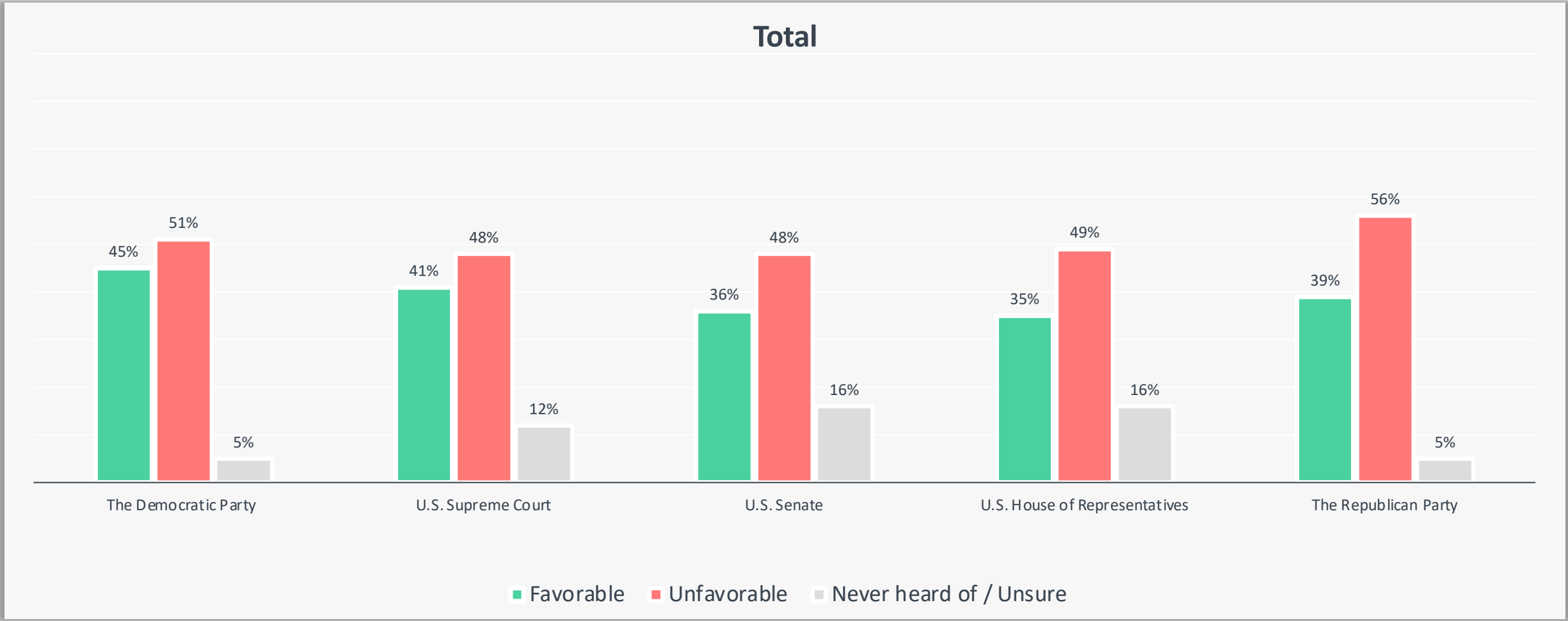
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...Individuals by favorability differential



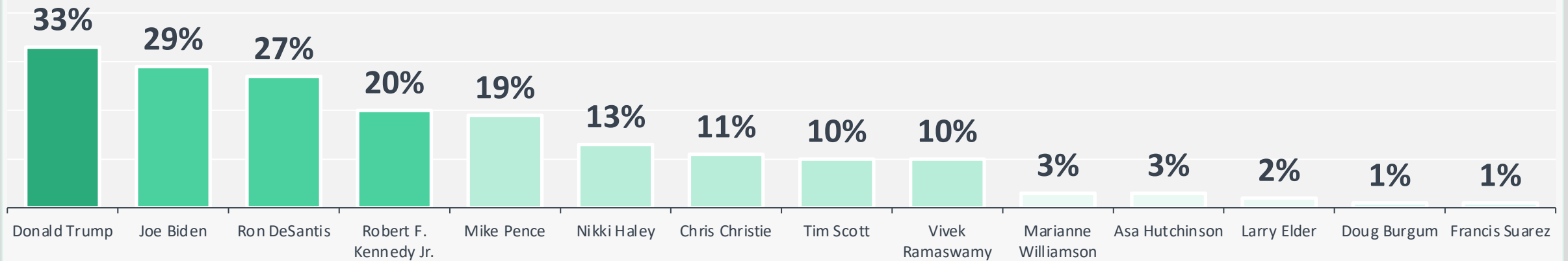
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Donald Trump and Joe Biden are leading the field of individuals respondents would like to see run for President in 2024.

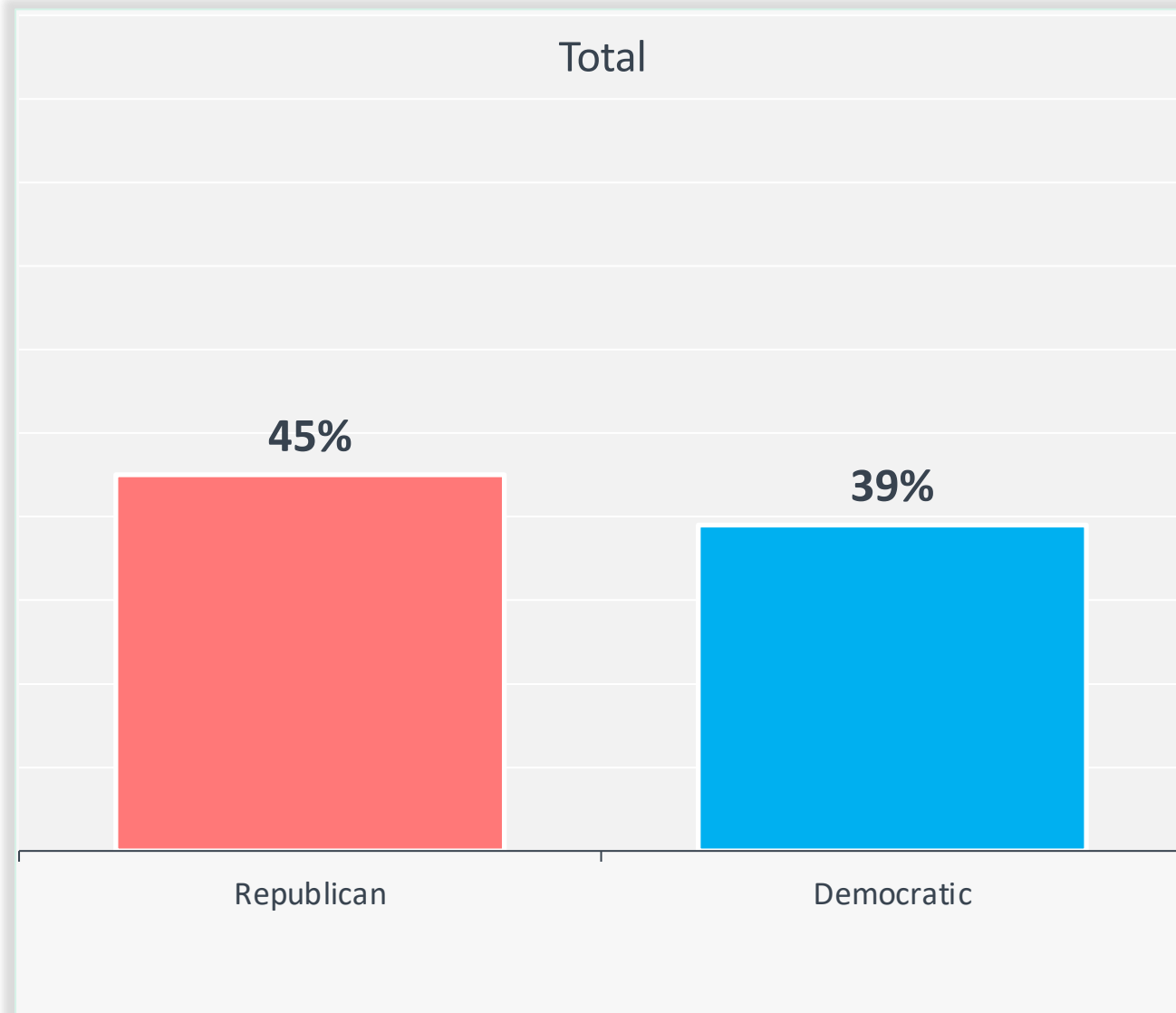
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(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)... (RANDOMIZE)



# Jobs & The Economy Series

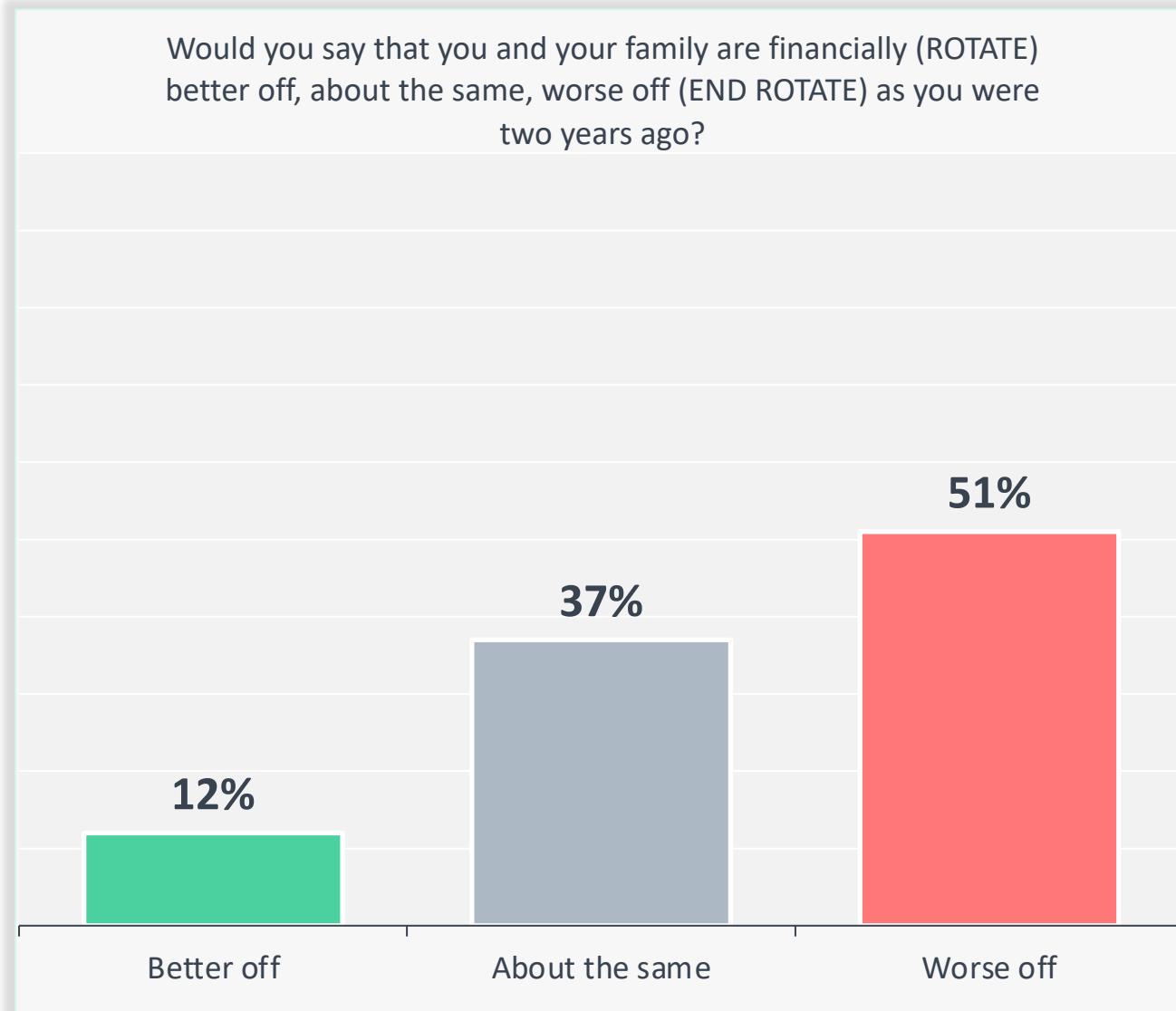
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# Which political party's policies do you think are better for the economy?



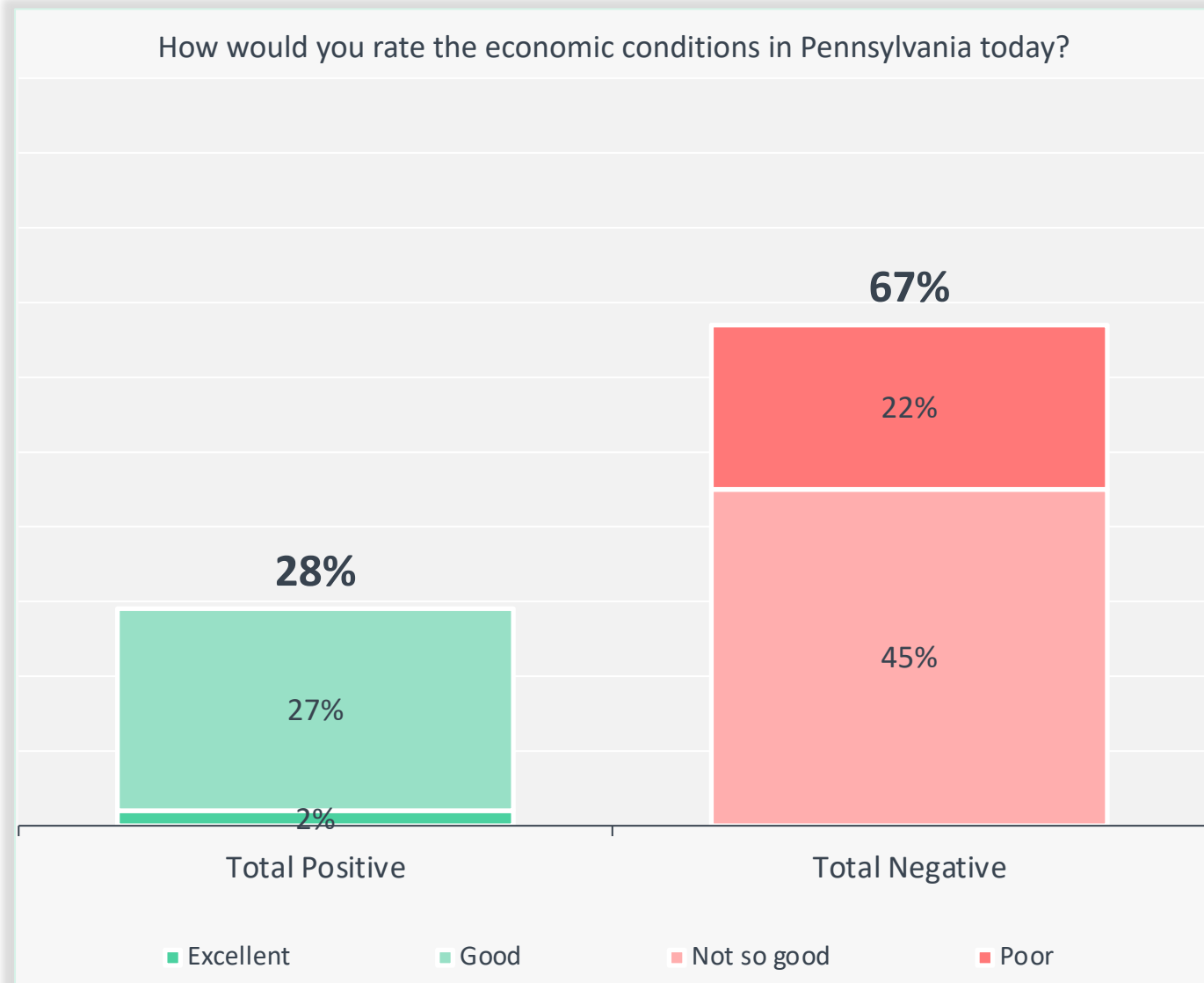
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<b>65+</b> (27%)	48%	40%	8%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	35%	49%	-14%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	45%	39%	6%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	57%	29%	28%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	37%	42%	-5%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	48%	38%	10%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	53%	35%	18%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	44%	45%	-1%

Over half of registered voters in Pennsylvania say they are **financially worse off** than they were two years ago, with only 12% saying they are better off.



Subgroup	Better	Same	Worse
<b>Female</b> (52%)	11%	31%	57%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	13%	43%	44%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	19%	48%	33%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	10%	39%	49%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	6%	23%	70%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	14%	31%	51%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	11%	34%	55%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	14%	35%	51%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	9%	44%	47%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	19%	33%	47%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	11%	37%	51%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	7%	39%	54%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	10%	33%	58%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	11%	31%	57%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	13%	41%	46%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	19%	49%	31%

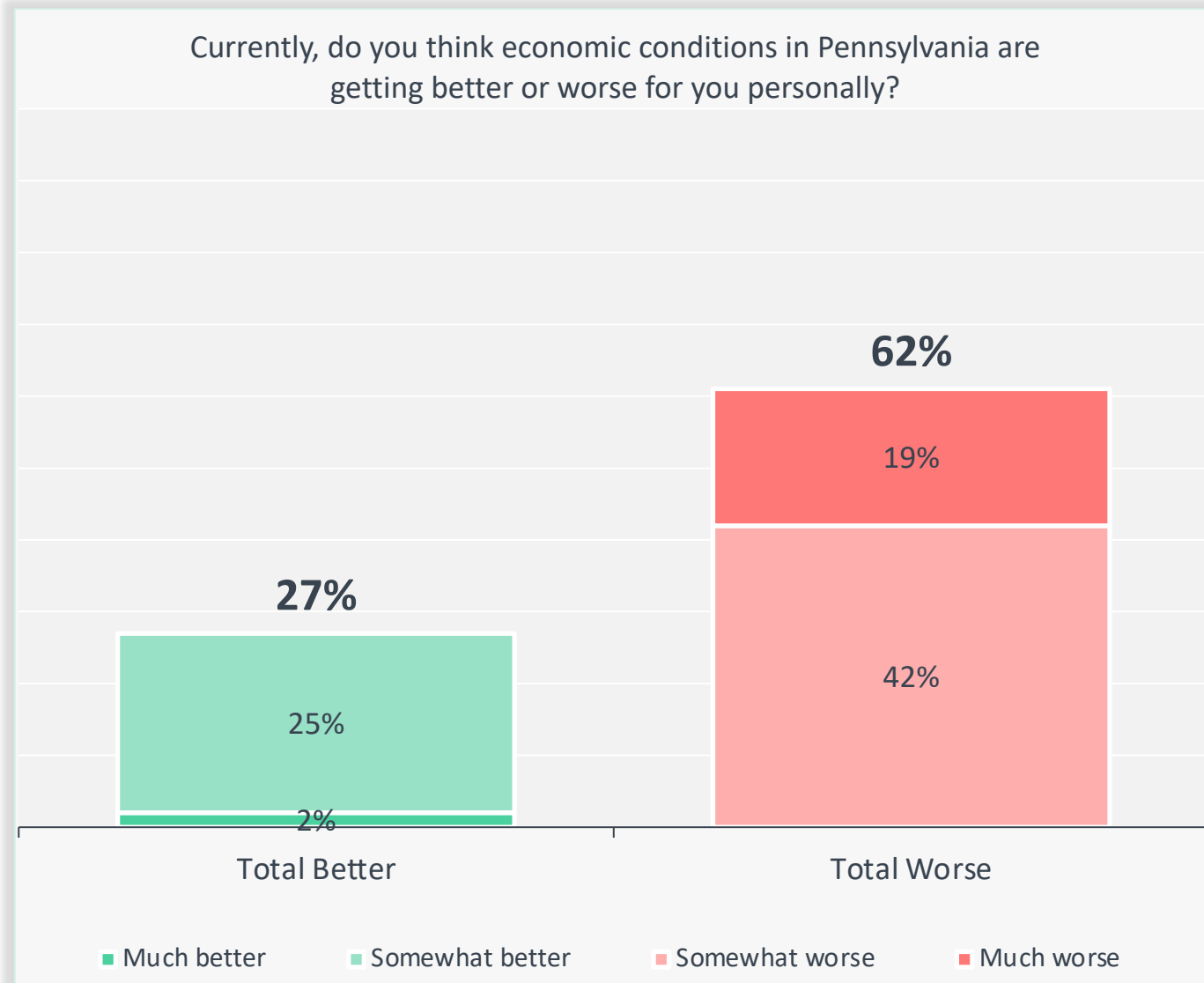
Over two-thirds of Pennsylvanians rate the current economic conditions in the Commonwealth as **negative**.



Subgroup	Total Positive	Total Negative	Differential
Female (52%)	23%	72%	-49%
Male (48%)	34%	62%	-28%
Democratic (39%)	44%	52%	-8%
Independent (23%)	26%	68%	-42%
Republican (38%)	13%	82%	-69%
18-29 (13%)	25%	71%	-46%
30-44 (23%)	21%	76%	-55%
45-64 (37%)	30%	66%	-36%
65+ (27%)	33%	59%	-26%
Urban (22%)	30%	67%	-37%
Suburban (56%)	33%	63%	-30%
Rural (22%)	16%	78%	-62%
<\$40K (31%)	20%	75%	-55%
\$40-\$79K (32%)	24%	73%	-49%
\$80-\$125K (19%)	36%	62%	-26%
\$125+ (15%)	43%	51%	-8%

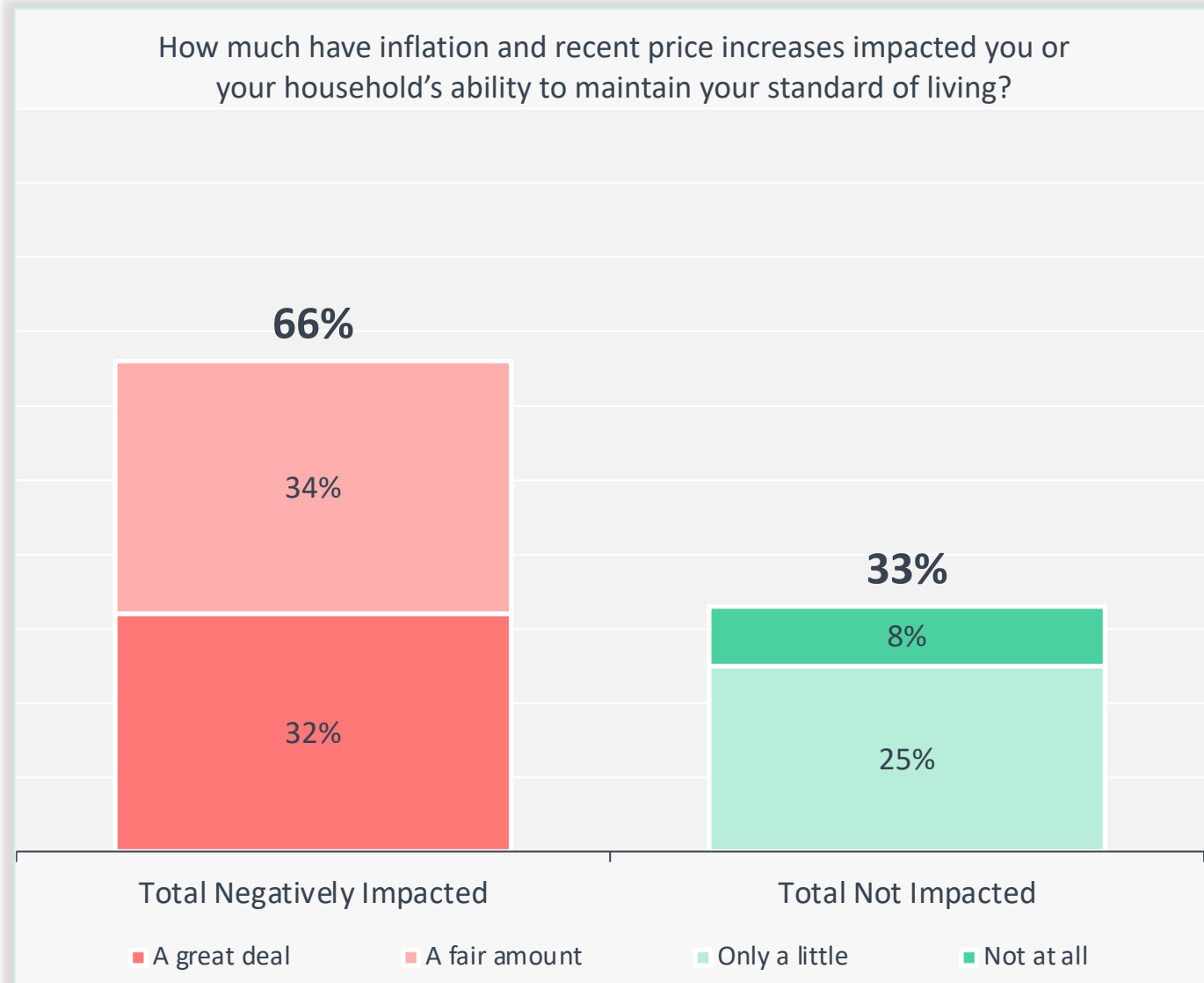


Over 6-in-10 respondents think the economic conditions in Pennsylvania are **getting worse**, not better.



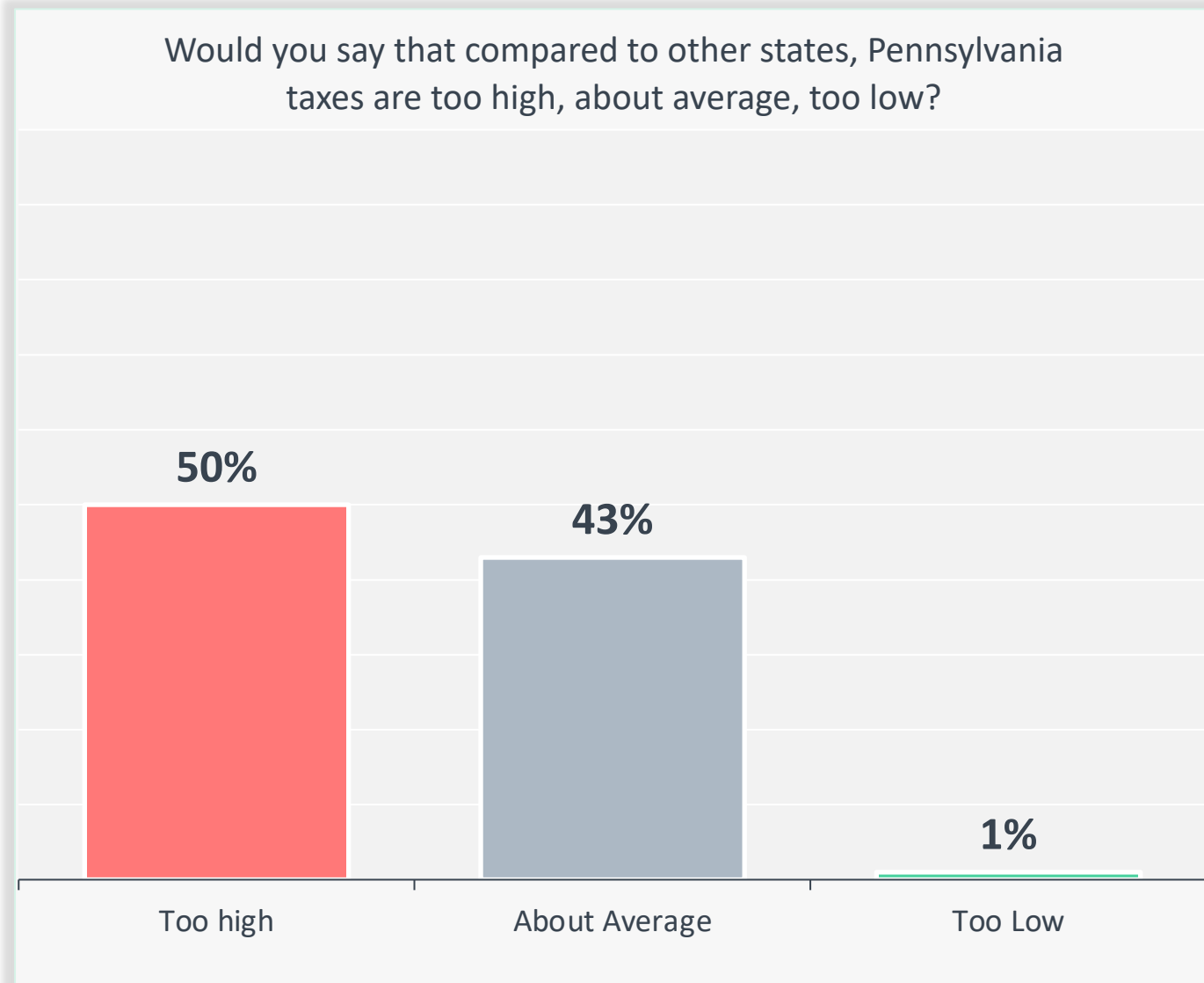
Subgroup	Total Better	Total Worse	Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	22%	68%	<b>-46%</b>
<b>Male</b> (48%)	32%	55%	<b>-23%</b>
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	39%	48%	<b>-9%</b>
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	30%	60%	<b>-30%</b>
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	12%	77%	<b>-65%</b>
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	20%	70%	<b>-50%</b>
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	23%	70%	<b>-47%</b>
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	29%	62%	<b>-33%</b>
<b>65+</b> (27%)	30%	51%	<b>-21%</b>
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	29%	64%	<b>-35%</b>
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	30%	58%	<b>-28%</b>
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	16%	70%	<b>-54%</b>
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	22%	69%	<b>-47%</b>
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	22%	69%	<b>-47%</b>
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	29%	56%	<b>-27%</b>
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	44%	42%	<b>2%</b>

Two-thirds of registered voters say they have been **impacted by inflation**, inhibiting their ability to maintain their standard of living.



Subgroup	Total Impact	Total No Impact	Differential
Female (52%)	72%	26%	46%
Male (48%)	59%	39%	20%
Democratic (39%)	60%	38%	22%
Independent (23%)	62%	36%	26%
Republican (38%)	75%	25%	50%
18-29 (13%)	70%	28%	42%
30-44 (23%)	78%	20%	58%
45-64 (37%)	68%	31%	37%
65+ (27%)	51%	48%	3%
Urban (22%)	73%	24%	49%
Suburban (56%)	62%	37%	25%
Rural (22%)	70%	29%	41%
<\$40K (31%)	79%	20%	59%
\$40-\$79K (32%)	71%	28%	43%
\$80-\$125K (19%)	58%	41%	17%
\$125+ (15%)	40%	59%	-19%

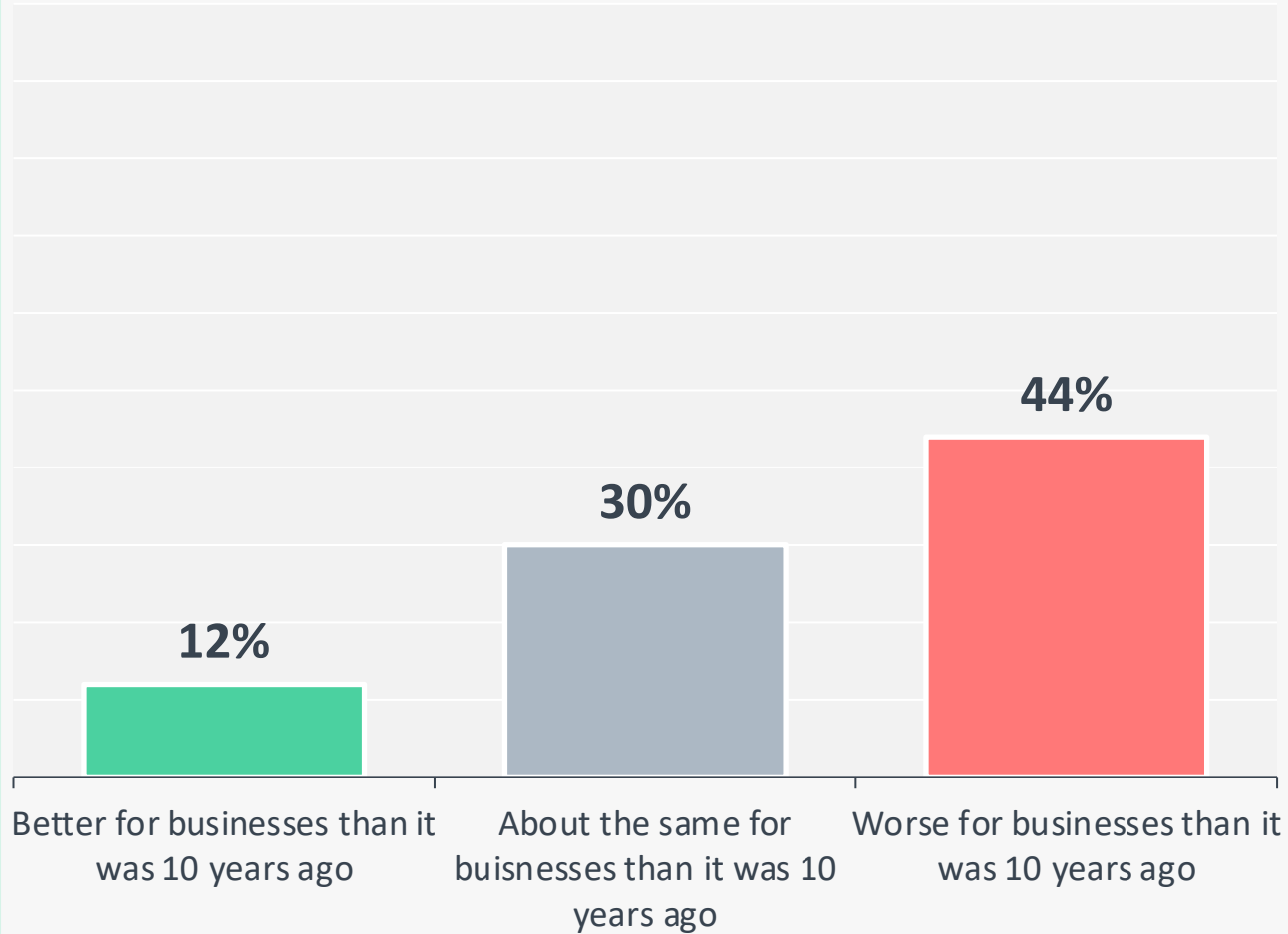
Half of all respondents believe Pennsylvania's taxes are **too high** in comparison to other states.



Subgroup	High	Average	Low
<b>Female</b> (52%)	46%	45%	1%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	53%	41%	2%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	38%	53%	2%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	47%	45%	3%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	63%	32%	0%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	40%	47%	1%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	50%	41%	3%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	54%	41%	1%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	47%	45%	1%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	47%	46%	2%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	48%	45%	1%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	55%	36%	1%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	55%	37%	2%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	51%	42%	0%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	50%	44%	2%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	36%	58%	2%

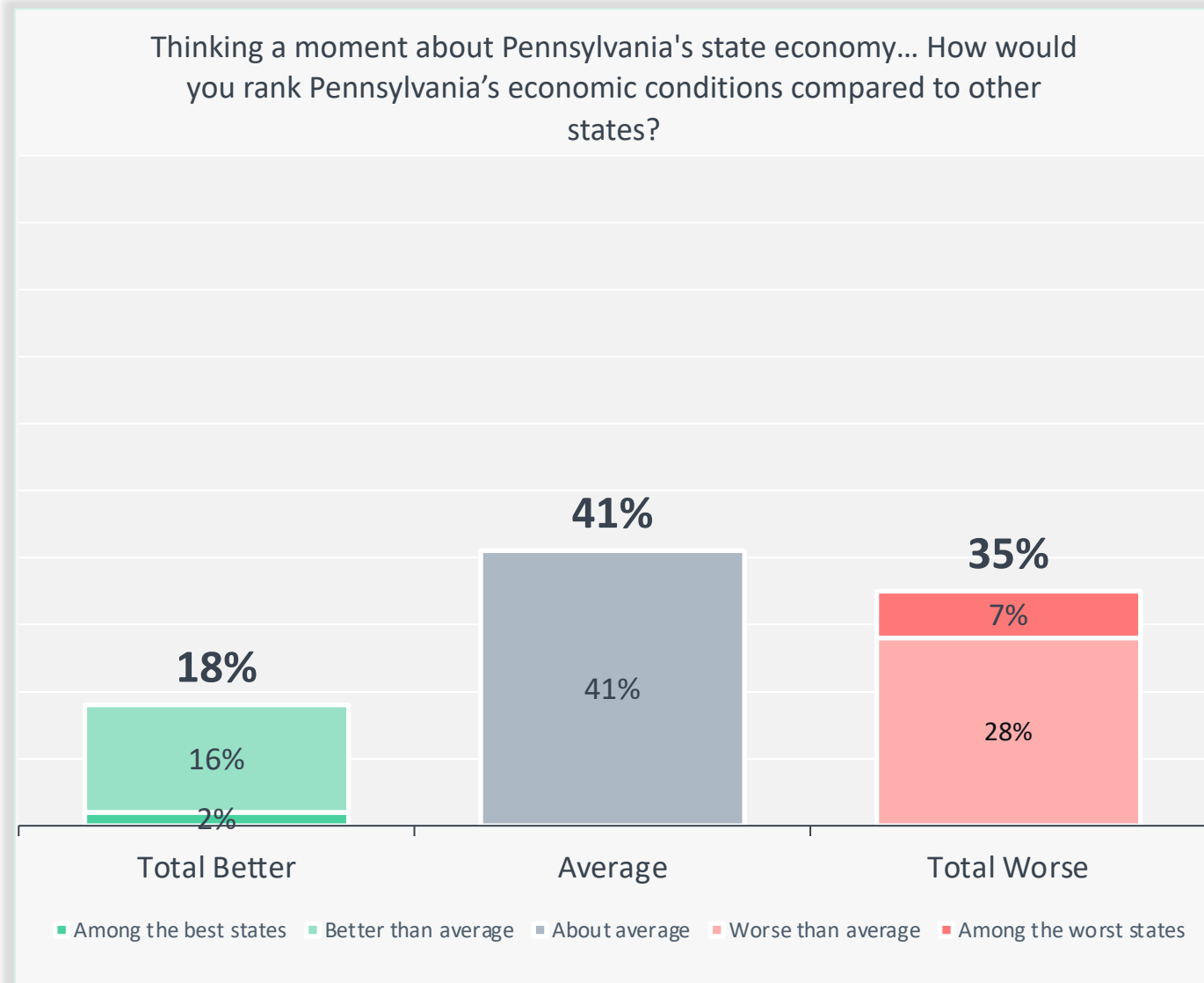
By a 32-point margin, Pennsylvanians believe businesses are worse off today than they were 10 years ago in the state as opposed to better off.

Do you think the state of Pennsylvania is worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago, about the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago, better for businesses than it was 10 years ago?



Subgroup	Better for businesses	About the same	Worse for businesses
<b>Female</b> (52%)	12%	23%	46%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	12%	38%	41%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	22%	35%	28%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	8%	32%	44%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	5%	25%	60%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	11%	21%	45%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	9%	26%	54%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	14%	34%	42%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	12%	33%	36%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	11%	33%	45%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	13%	31%	41%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	10%	26%	49%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	14%	27%	47%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	10%	29%	46%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	10%	34%	44%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	13%	40%	32%

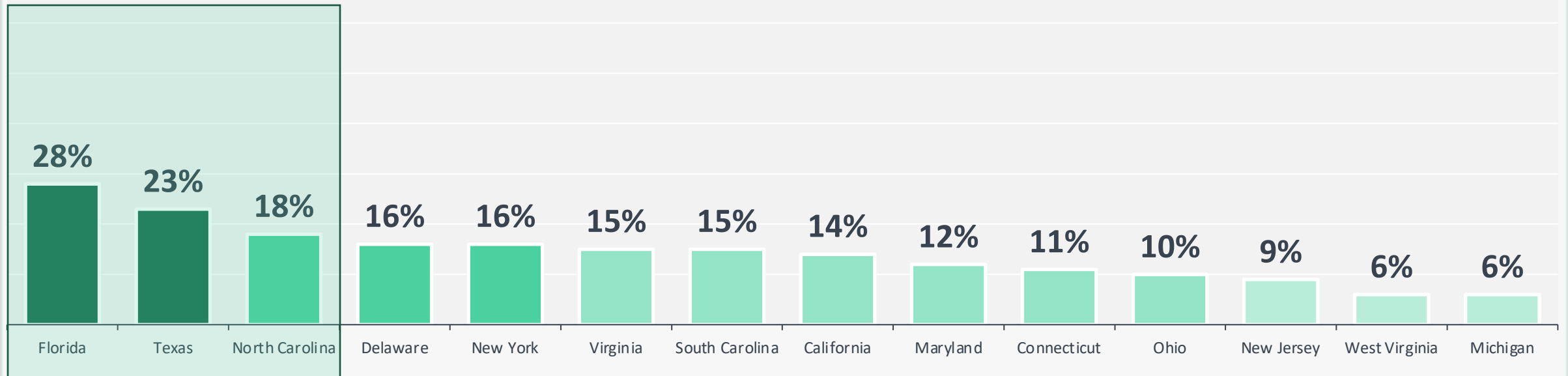
Only 2% say Pennsylvania's state economic conditions are *among the best* in comparison with other states, with less than 1-in-5 saying that economic conditions are *better* than other states.



Subgroup	Better	Average	Worse
<b>Female</b> (52%)	15%	39%	37%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	21%	43%	33%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	29%	46%	19%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	17%	39%	36%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	7%	38%	50%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	16%	39%	38%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	16%	40%	35%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	21%	37%	37%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	16%	48%	30%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	19%	41%	35%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	20%	43%	32%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	13%	37%	43%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	14%	36%	43%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	18%	40%	36%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	19%	48%	31%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	26%	43%	22%

Florida, Texas, and North Carolina top the states respondents believe have a better economic outlook than Pennsylvania.

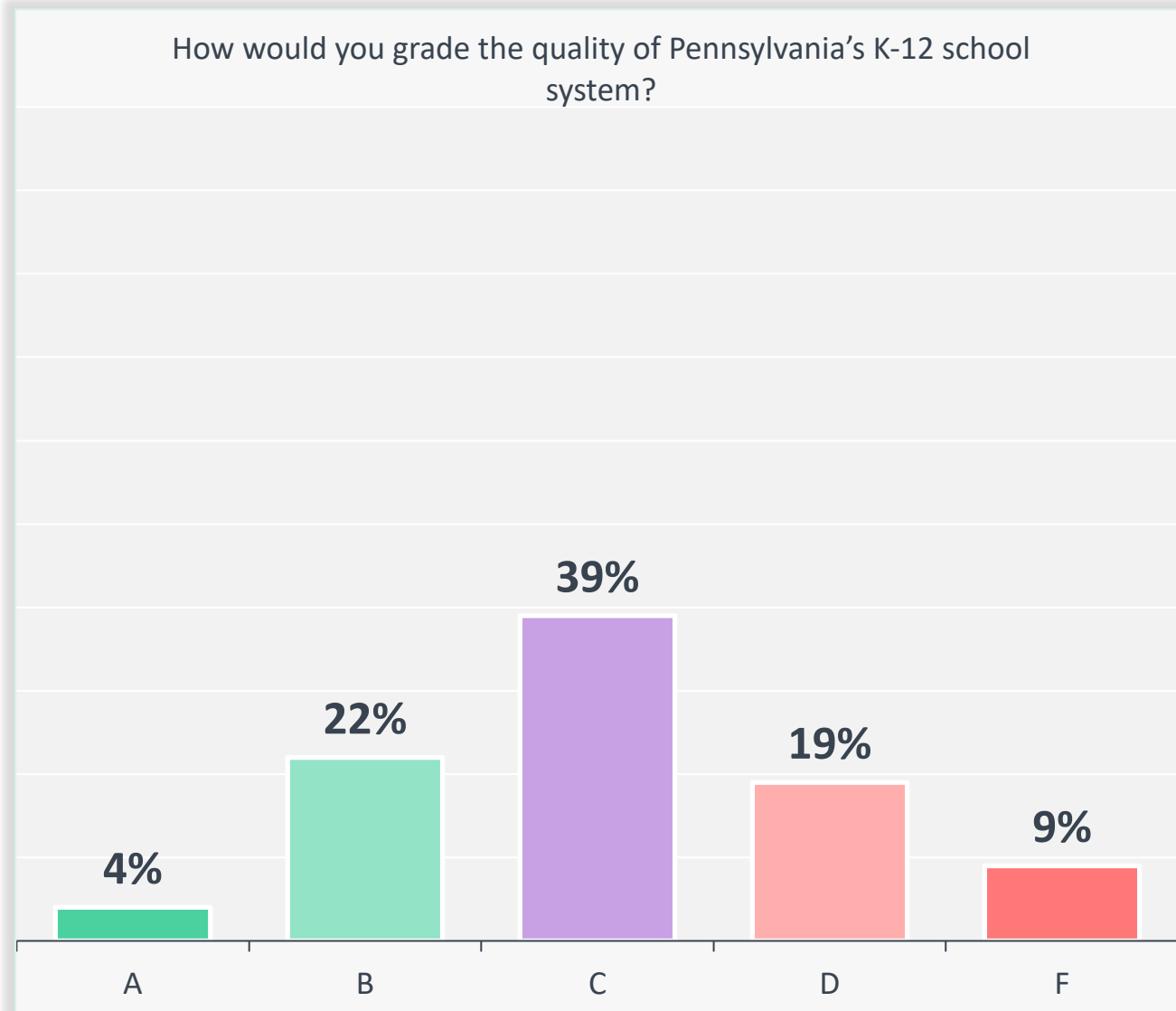
Which, if any, of the following states do you believe have a better economic outlook than Pennsylvania?  
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY) (RANDOMIZE)



# Educational Systems Series

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Every major demographic breakout gives Pennsylvania's K-12 school system **more 'F's than 'A's**, except for the highest earners in the state.



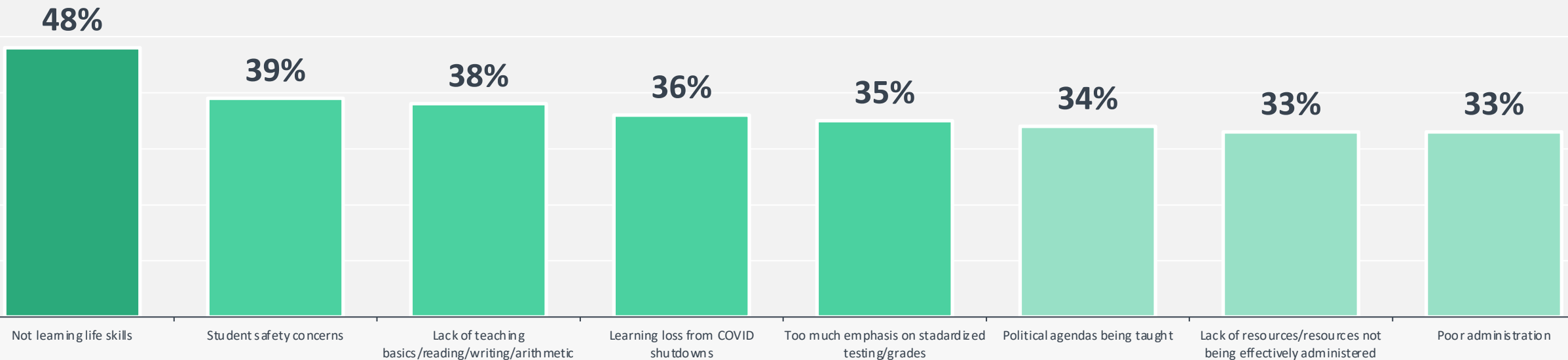
Subgroup	A	F	Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	4%	12%	-8%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	4%	7%	-3%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	6%	7%	-1%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	5%	7%	-2%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	2%	13%	-11%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	9%	12%	-3%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	4%	11%	-7%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	4%	9%	-5%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	2%	7%	-5%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	5%	16%	-11%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	4%	7%	-3%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	3%	8%	-5%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	5%	15%	-10%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	4%	6%	-2%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	2%	10%	-8%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	4%	4%	0%



**Not learning life skills, student safety concerns and lack of teaching basics, are top reasons for dissatisfaction with the quality of Pennsylvania's education.**

What, if any, would you say are reasons you are dissatisfied with the quality of education that students in Pennsylvania receive?  
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)... (RANDOMIZE RESPONSES)

*...Top reasons >30% among those who ranked school B-F, or were unsure (n768)*

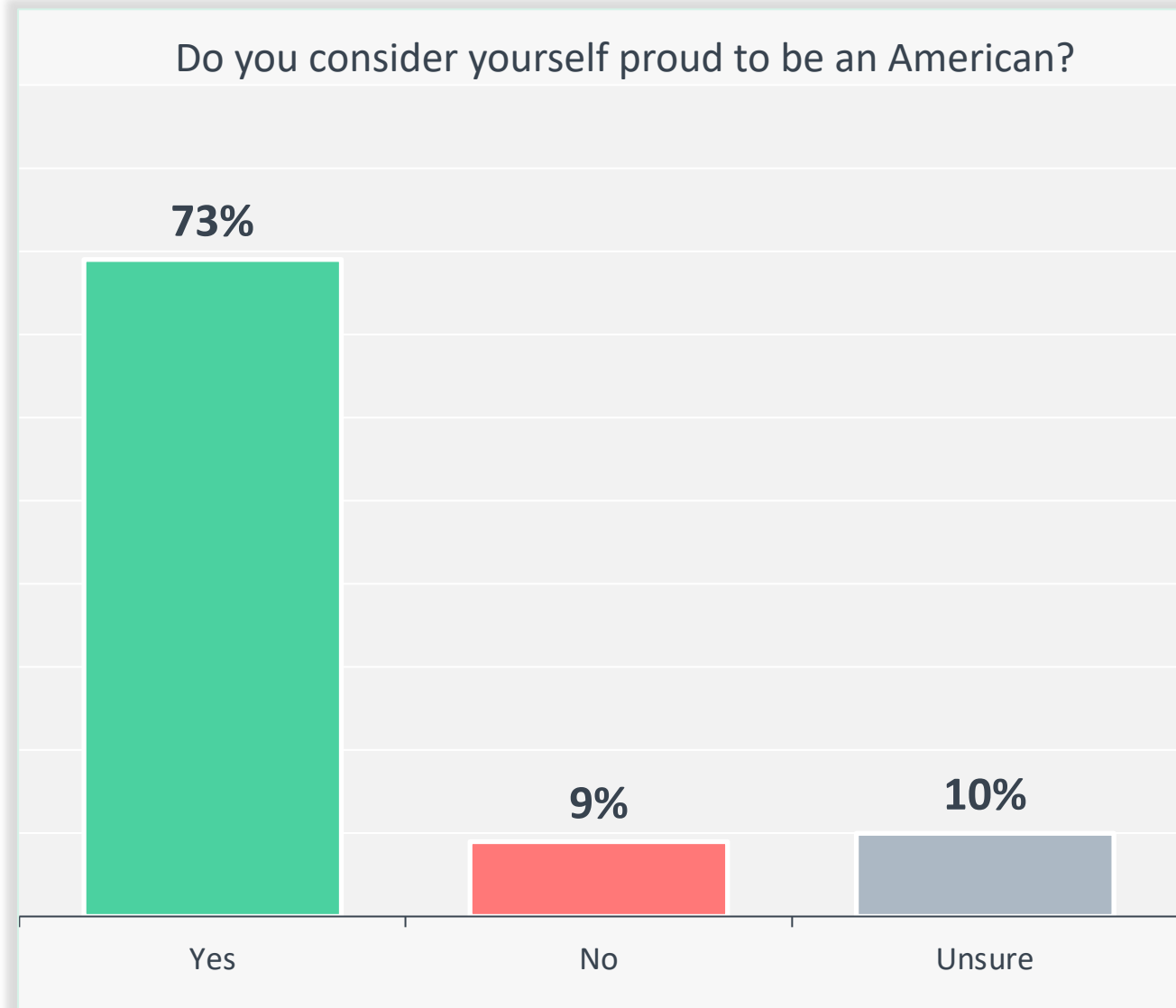


# The State of American Democracy & Patriotism

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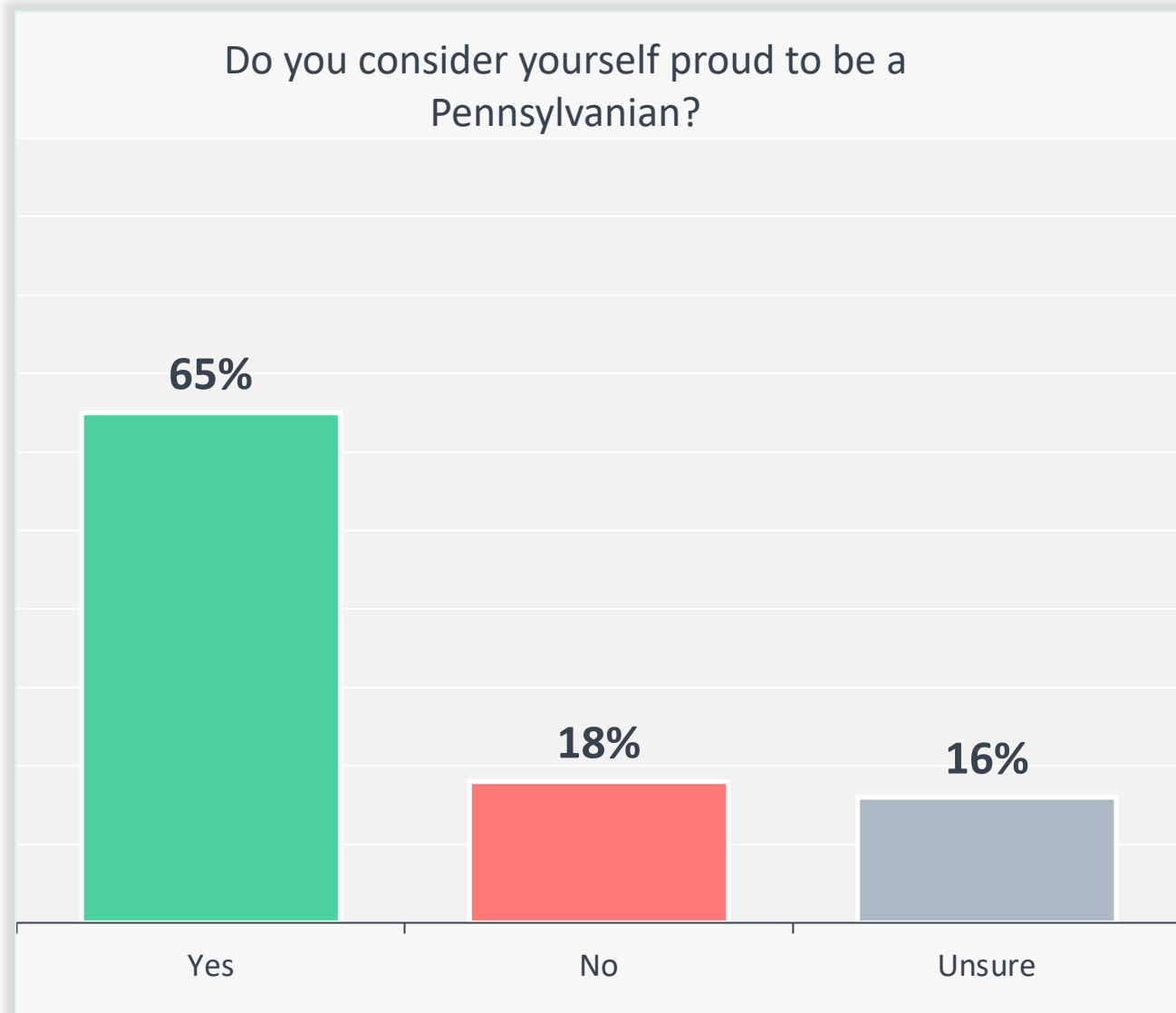


Only 60% of those 18–29 years old consider themselves ‘proud’ compared to 86% of those 65 or older.



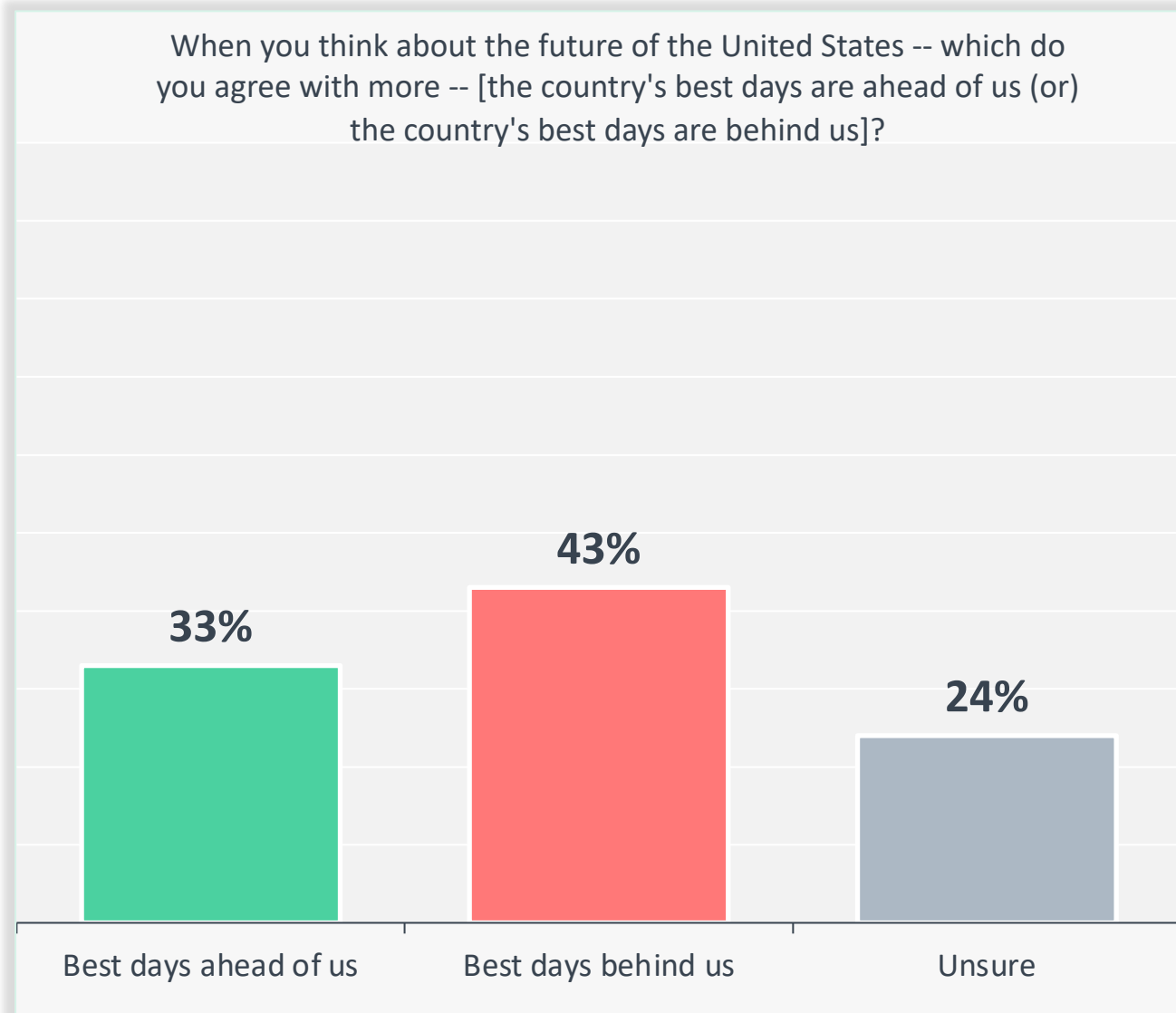
Subgroup	Yes	No	Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	73%	13%	60%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	86%	5%	81%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	71%	15%	56%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	77%	7%	70%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	90%	4%	86%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	60%	21%	39%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	76%	10%	66%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	83%	8%	75%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	86%	5%	81%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	79%	9%	70%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	79%	9%	70%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	82%	9%	73%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	77%	10%	67%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	78%	10%	68%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	87%	7%	80%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	78%	9%	69%

Just over half (55%) of those 18–29 years old consider themselves ‘proud’ to be a Pennsylvanian, 17 points below those 65 or older.



Subgroup	Yes	No	Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	61%	21%	40%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	69%	15%	54%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	71%	15%	56%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	63%	18%	45%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	61%	21%	40%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	55%	30%	25%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	62%	21%	41%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	66%	15%	51%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	72%	14%	58%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	63%	19%	44%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	67%	17%	50%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	63%	20%	43%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	59%	21%	38%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	65%	18%	47%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	68%	14%	54%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	70%	17%	53%

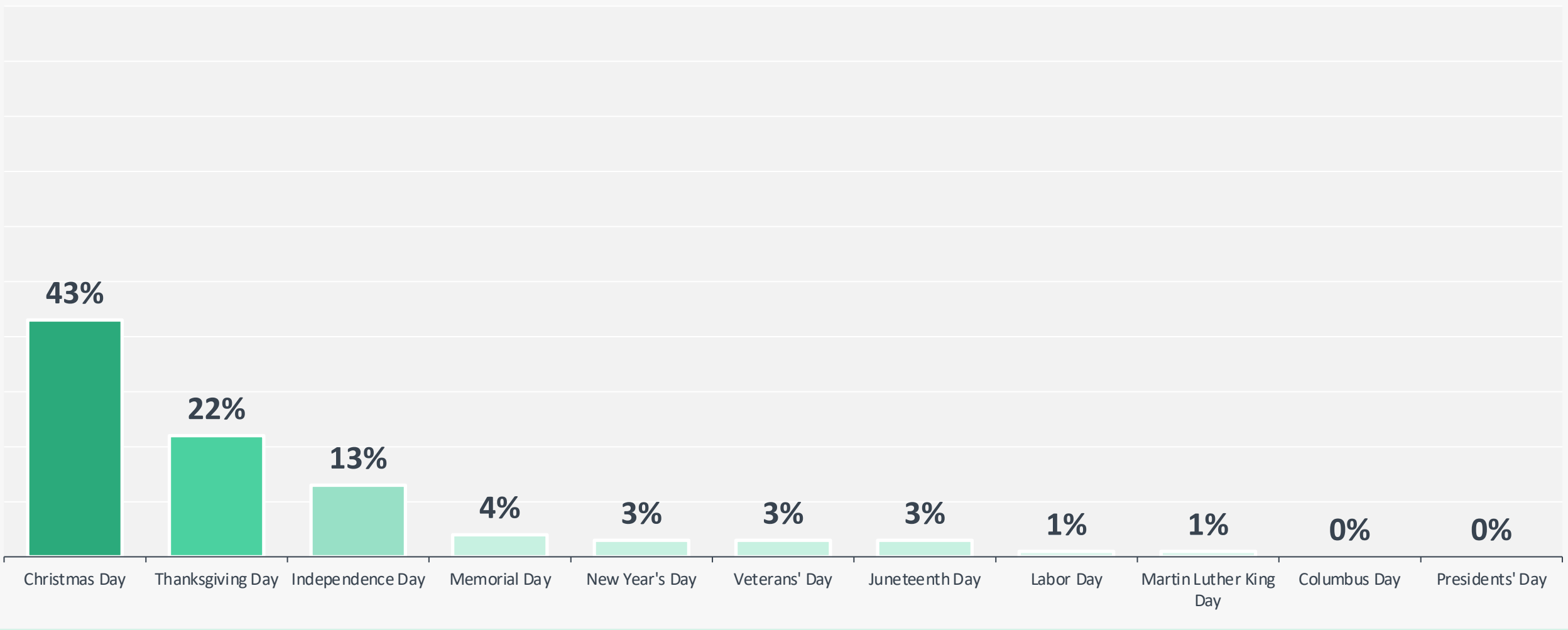
Only 1-in-3 registered voters believe the country's best days are ahead of us, 10-points below the 43% who believe the best days are behind us.



Subgroup	Ahead	Behind	Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	30%	43%	-13%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	36%	42%	-6%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	44%	34%	10%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	29%	44%	-15%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	24%	51%	-27%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	29%	48%	-19%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	42%	37%	5%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	31%	43%	-12%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	30%	45%	-15%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	41%	42%	-1%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	33%	39%	-6%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	24%	54%	-30%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	34%	42%	-8%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	30%	45%	-15%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	34%	43%	-9%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	36%	38%	-2%

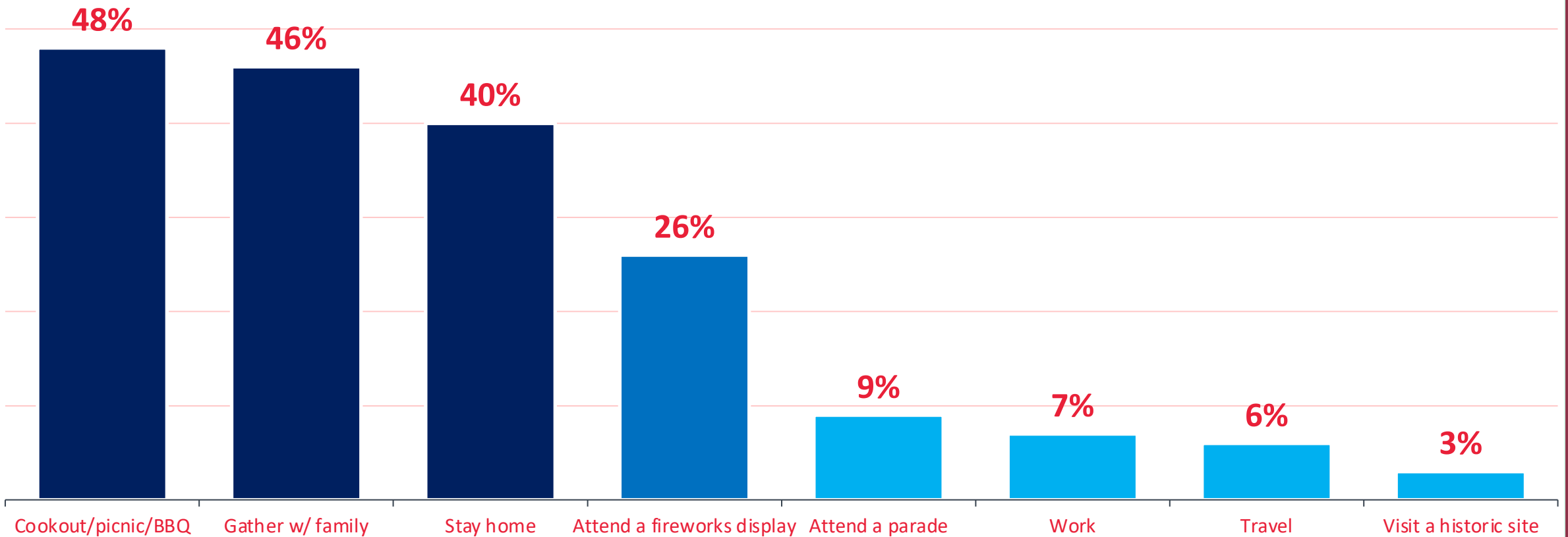
It truly is *the most, wonderful time of the year* as a strong plurality of respondents rate Christmas as their favorite national holiday.

What is your favorite national holiday?

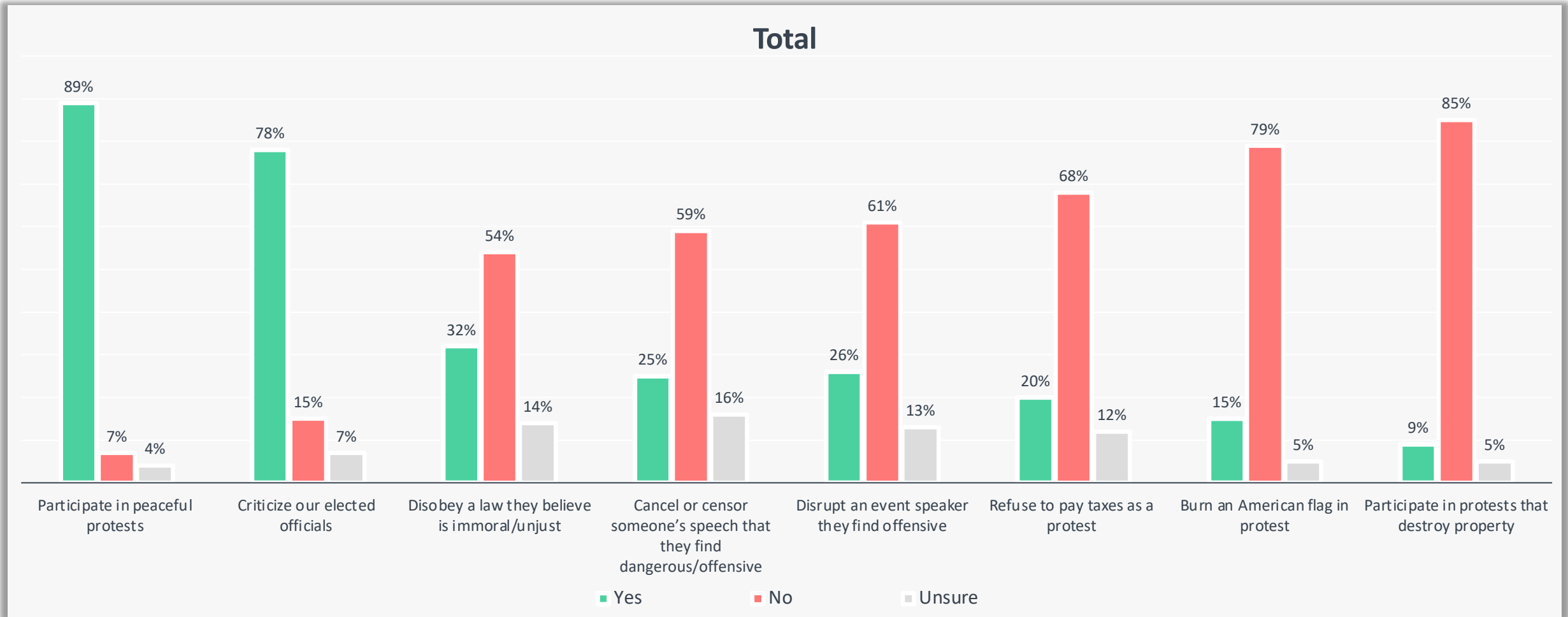


# Happy Independence Day!!!

What do you plan to do on the Fourth of July weekend and holiday?

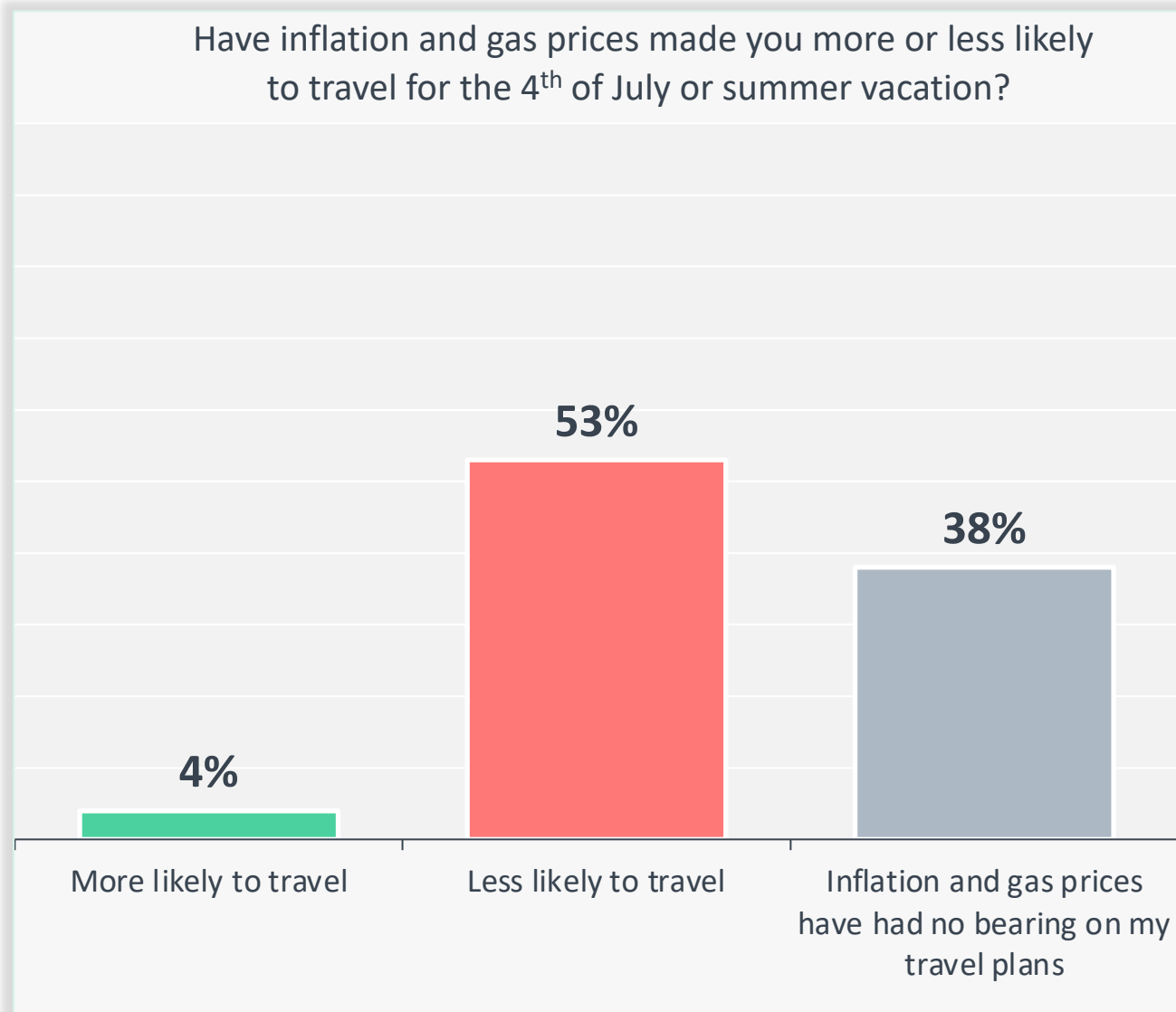


Is it possible for someone to do the following things and still be considered patriotic? After each of the following statements, please answer 'yes' 'no' or 'unsure'.



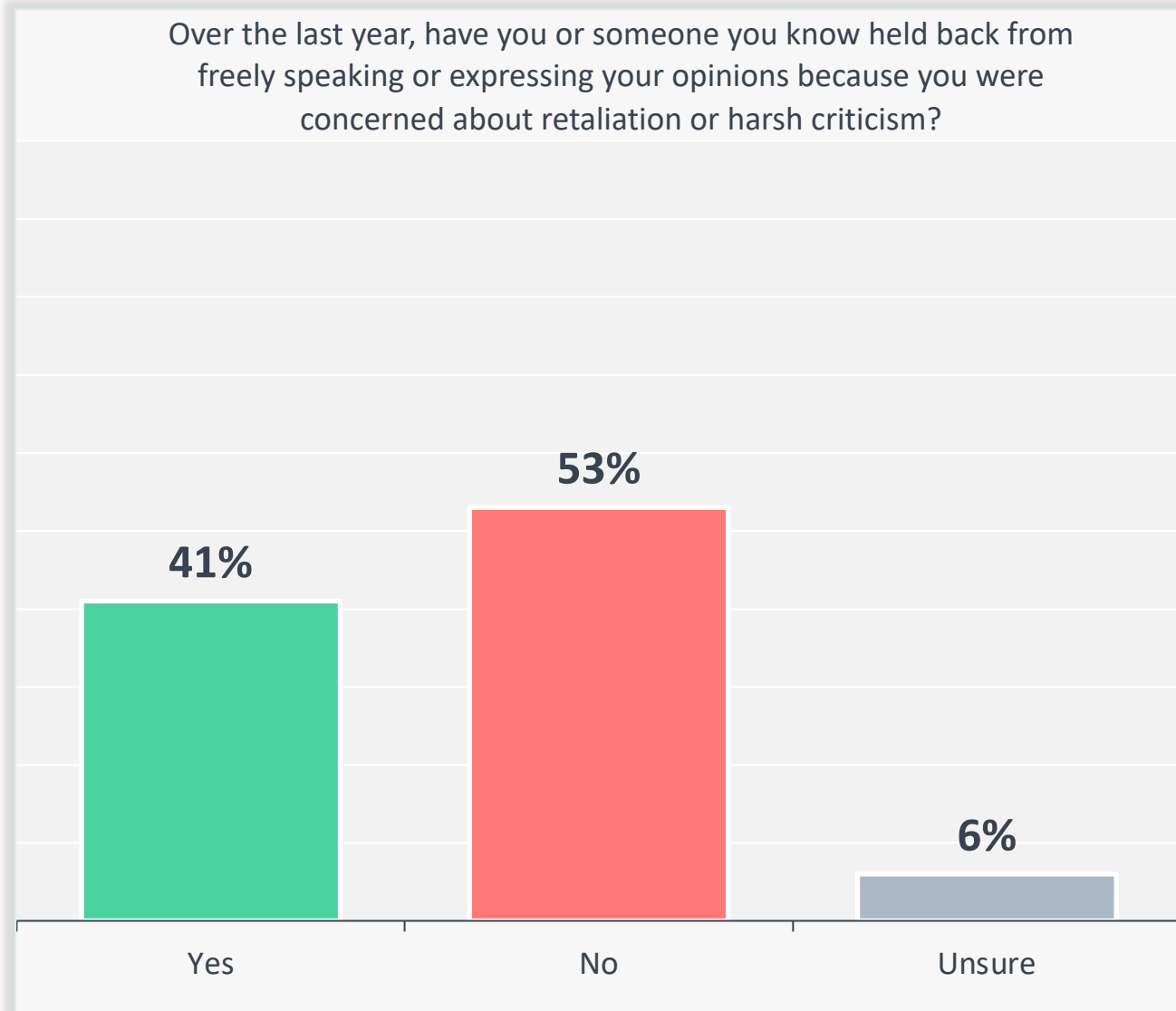


Over half of Pennsylvania registered voters are *less likely* to travel for the 4<sup>th</sup> or a summer vacation due to inflation and gas prices.



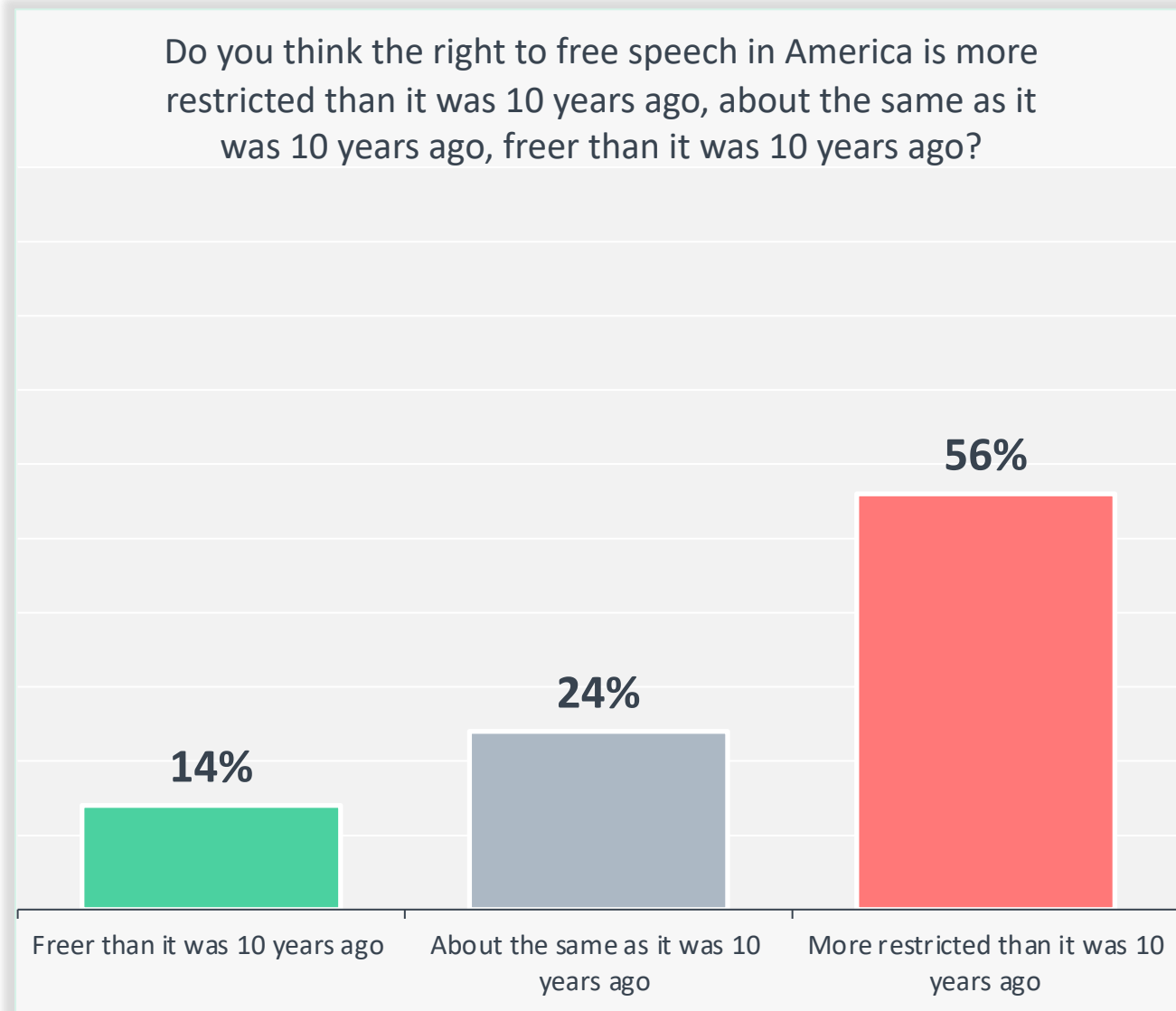
Subgroup	More likely	Less likely	No bearing
<b>Female</b> (52%)	5%	54%	-49%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	4%	51%	-47%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	5%	44%	-39%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	6%	49%	-43%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	3%	64%	-61%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	11%	58%	-47%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	6%	60%	-54%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	3%	53%	-50%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	2%	43%	-41%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	8%	55%	-47%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	4%	52%	-48%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	3%	53%	-50%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	6%	60%	-54%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	3%	57%	-54%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	4%	49%	-45%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	5%	33%	-28%

Censorship of speech and expression is far more prevalent among younger respondents than older respondents.



Subgroup	Yes	No	Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	44%	50%	-6%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	38%	57%	-19%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	34%	61%	-27%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	47%	44%	3%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	45%	51%	-6%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	50%	45%	5%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	49%	44%	5%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	40%	54%	-14%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	31%	64%	-33%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	42%	54%	-12%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	42%	52%	-10%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	38%	56%	-18%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	41%	53%	-12%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	44%	53%	-9%
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<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	40%	53%	-13%

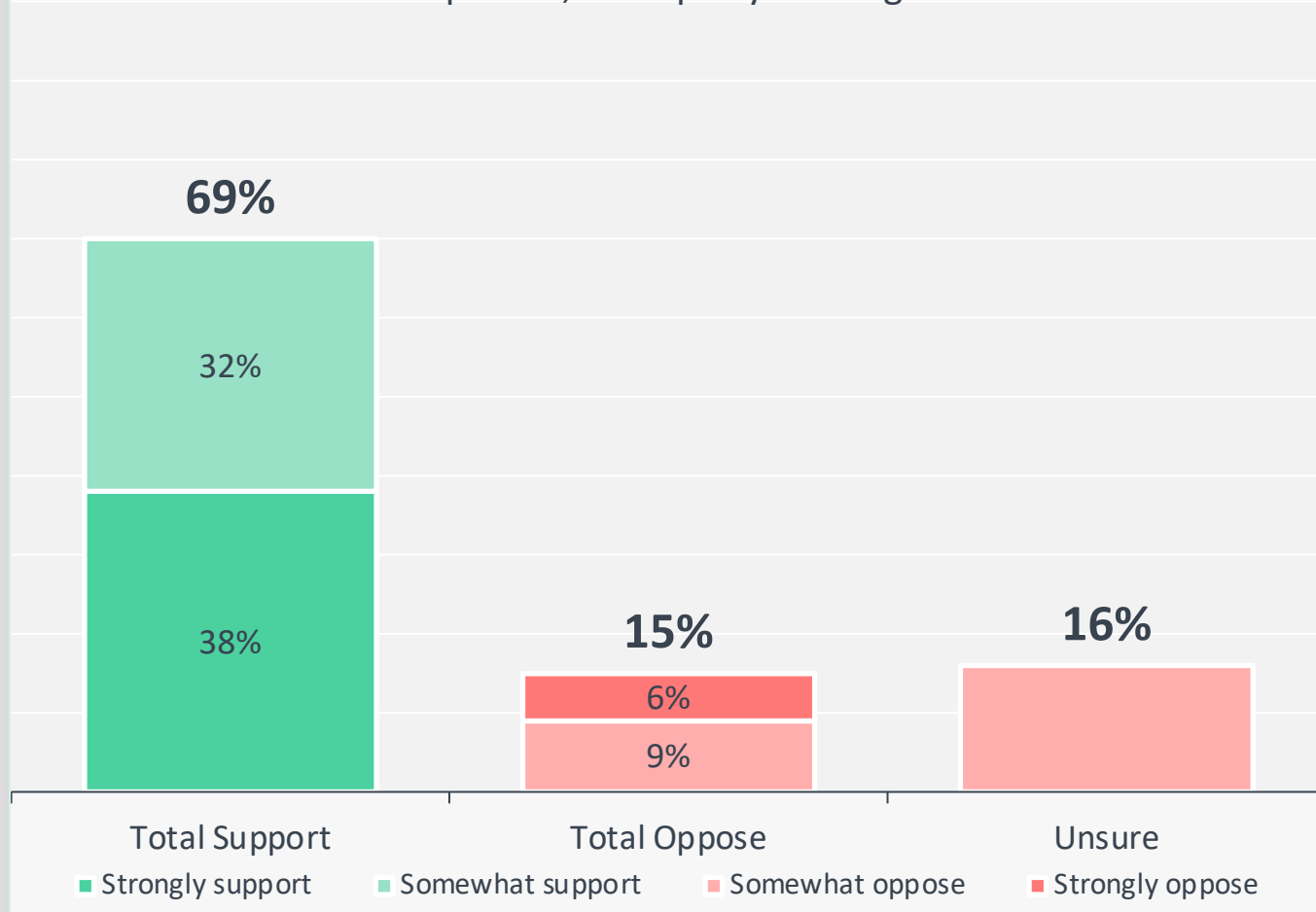
While gender, age, income level, and to a lesser extent geographic location don't highlight major sentiment differences regarding free speech, Republican and Democratic affiliation details a great divide.



Subgroup	Freer	About the same	More Restricted
<b>Female</b> (52%)	15%	21%	56%
<b>Male</b> (48%)	12%	26%	57%
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	20%	35%	37%
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	11%	21%	62%
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	9%	14%	73%
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	23%	20%	53%
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	11%	23%	57%
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	11%	23%	60%
<b>65+</b> (27%)	16%	27%	52%
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	17%	28%	50%
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	13%	26%	54%
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	13%	14%	68%
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	17%	18%	59%
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	13%	26%	57%
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	9%	28%	58%
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	13%	29%	51%

Nearly 7-in-10 registered voters in Pennsylvania support modernizing the Commonwealth's election laws to include voter ID, clear voting deadlines, and limits on privatized funding of elections.

Do you support or oppose modernizing Pennsylvania election laws to include voter identification; clear voting deadlines; and limits on private, third-party funding of elections?



Subgroup	Total Support	Total Oppose	Differential
<b>Female</b> (52%)	<b>67%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Male</b> (48%)	<b>72%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Democratic</b> (39%)	<b>55%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Independent</b> (23%)	<b>70%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Republican</b> (38%)	<b>84%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>18-29</b> (13%)	<b>61%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>30-44</b> (23%)	<b>66%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>45-64</b> (37%)	<b>70%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>65+</b> (27%)	<b>76%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Urban</b> (22%)	<b>64%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Suburban</b> (56%)	<b>69%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>Rural</b> (22%)	<b>75%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>&lt;\$40K</b> (31%)	<b>63%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>\$40-\$79K</b> (32%)	<b>70%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>\$80-\$125K</b> (19%)	<b>76%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>\$125+</b> (15%)	<b>74%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>58%</b>

# Executive Summary

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# Pennsylvanians Are Pessimistic About Our Politics

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Three-quarters of registered voters in Pennsylvania think America has fundamentally gotten off on the **wrong track**, and over half believe our own state is headed in the wrong direction.

- Over 4-in-10 residents have considered or know someone who has considered moving to a different state due to Pennsylvania's policies.
- **Lower cost of living** and **lower taxes** lead the way as the top reasons individuals consider leaving Pennsylvania to live in another state.

Both nationally, and statewide, **inflation/cost of living** and **crime/rising violence** are top concerns – issues federal and state officials need to focus on to appease the electorate.

# Concerning Datapoints Among Younger Voters

## Among those 18–29 years old:

- 71% view the current economic conditions in the Commonwealth as negative (4 points above total)
- 70% think the economic conditions in Pennsylvania are getting worse (8 points above total)
- 58% have thought about leaving PA/know someone who has thought about it/knows someone who has left because of Pennsylvania policies (16 points above total)
- Only 55% consider themselves 'proud to be a Pennsylvanian' (10 points below total)
- Nearly half (48%) believe the country's best days are behind us (5 points above total)
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- 26% disapprove of the job Governor Shapiro is doing (2 points above total), with 29% 'unsure' of the job Shapiro is doing (13 points above total)

# Positive Pocketbook Blueprints For Elected Officials Abound

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While voters may be pessimistic, there is plenty of economic policy agreeability among voters.

- Over two-thirds of registered voters **do not believe it is responsible for state lawmakers to pass a budget that taps into reserve funds** and spends billions more than Pennsylvania collects in taxes and revenues.
- By a 47-point margin, registered voters in Pennsylvania support a measure **limiting increases to government spending to the rate of inflation plus the rate of population growth**.
- Over two-thirds **support Pennsylvania immediately removing people who do not qualify from the Medicaid program**.
- Three-quarters of registered voters in the Commonwealth **oppose a new state carbon tax if it were to increase electric bills by 30%**.



# More Policies Supported By Strong Majorities of Pennsylvanians

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While voters may be pessimistic, there is plenty of policy agreeability among voters.

- Over 7-in-10 registered voters support ***Expanding tax credit scholarships, which allow businesses to donate money to nonprofit organizations that provide scholarships to low-income and middle-income children in Pennsylvania to attend pre-kindergarten or K-12 private school.***
- Over two-thirds support ***Creating education opportunity accounts, a government-funded account that parents can use for restricted educational expenses, including tuition, tutoring, online education programs, and therapies for students with special needs.***
- Nearly 7-in-10 registered voters in Pennsylvania support ***modernizing the Commonwealth's election laws*** to include voter ID, clear voting deadlines, and limits on privatized funding of elections.

Thank  
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