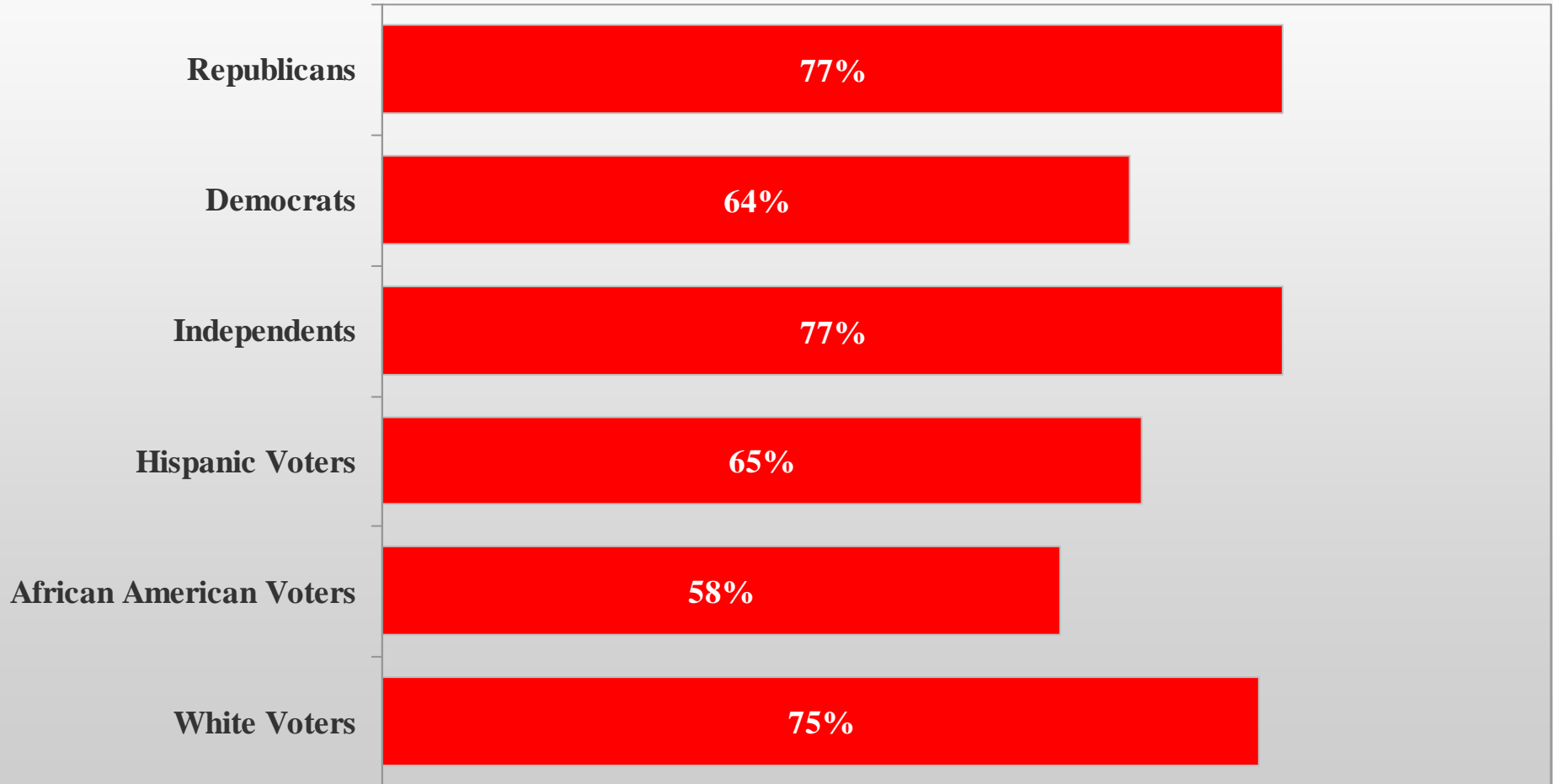


THE GWU BATTLEGROUND POLL

A national survey of 1,000 Registered “Likely” Voters

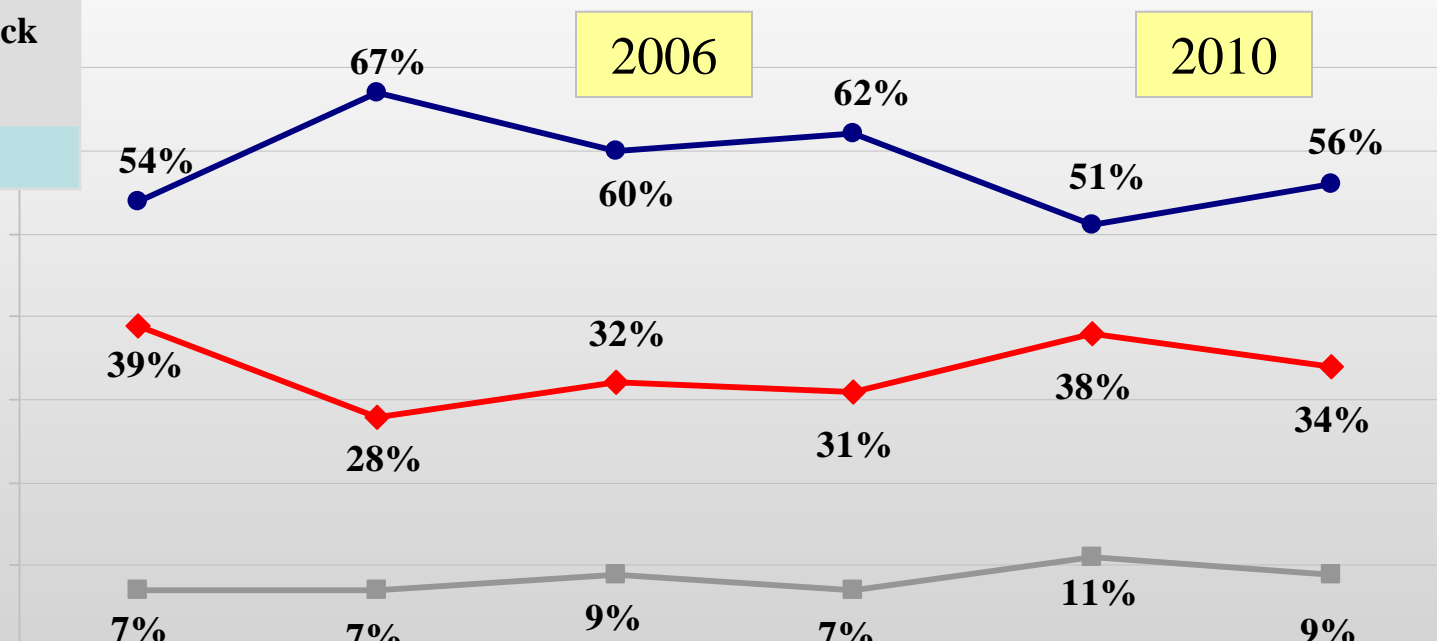
Vote Intensity (Extremely Likely to Vote)



Do you think things in the country are going in the right direction or are on the wrong track?

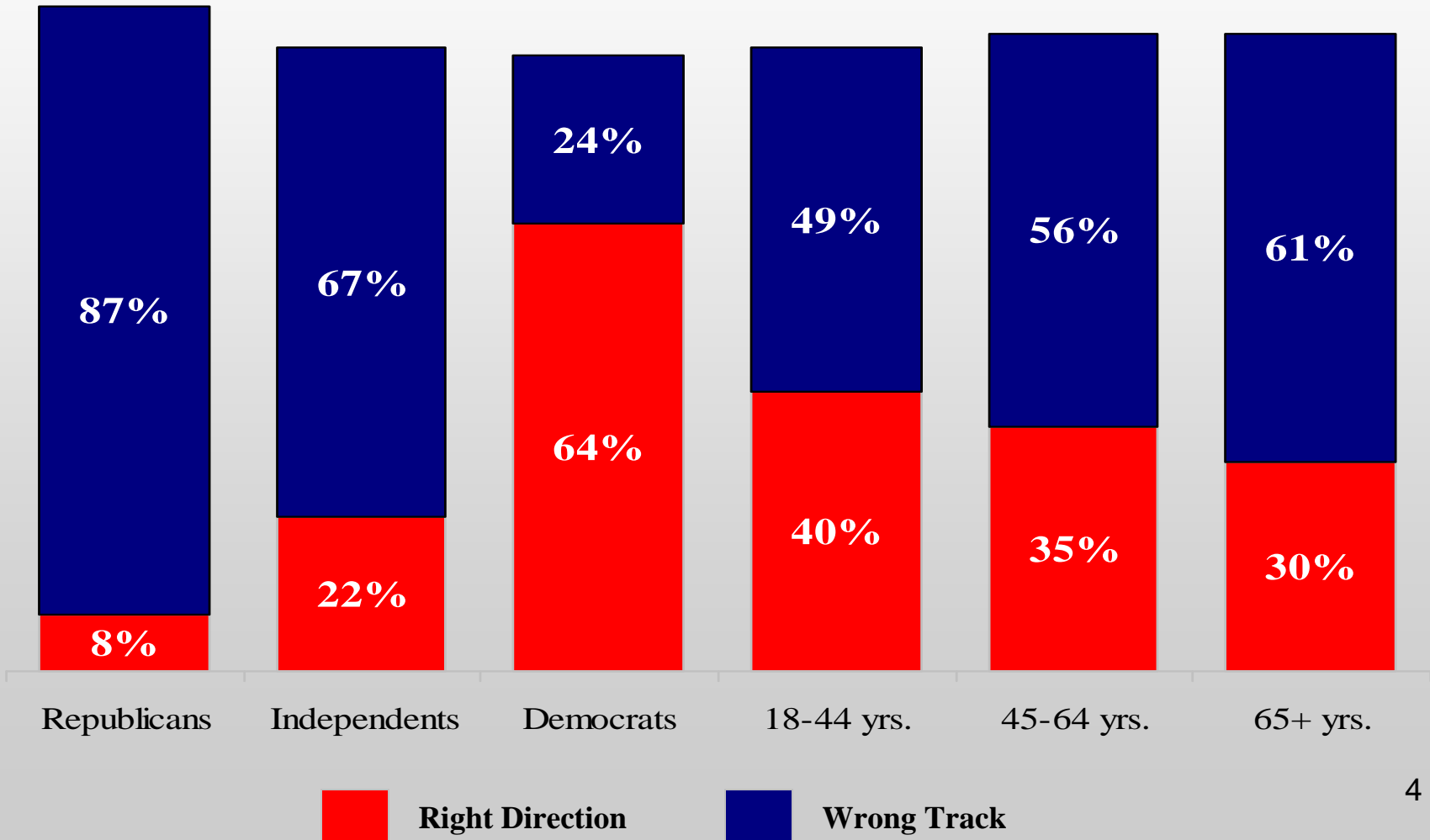
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BHO Job App	Right Direction- Wrong Track
Approve	67%-20%
Disapprove	1%-97%

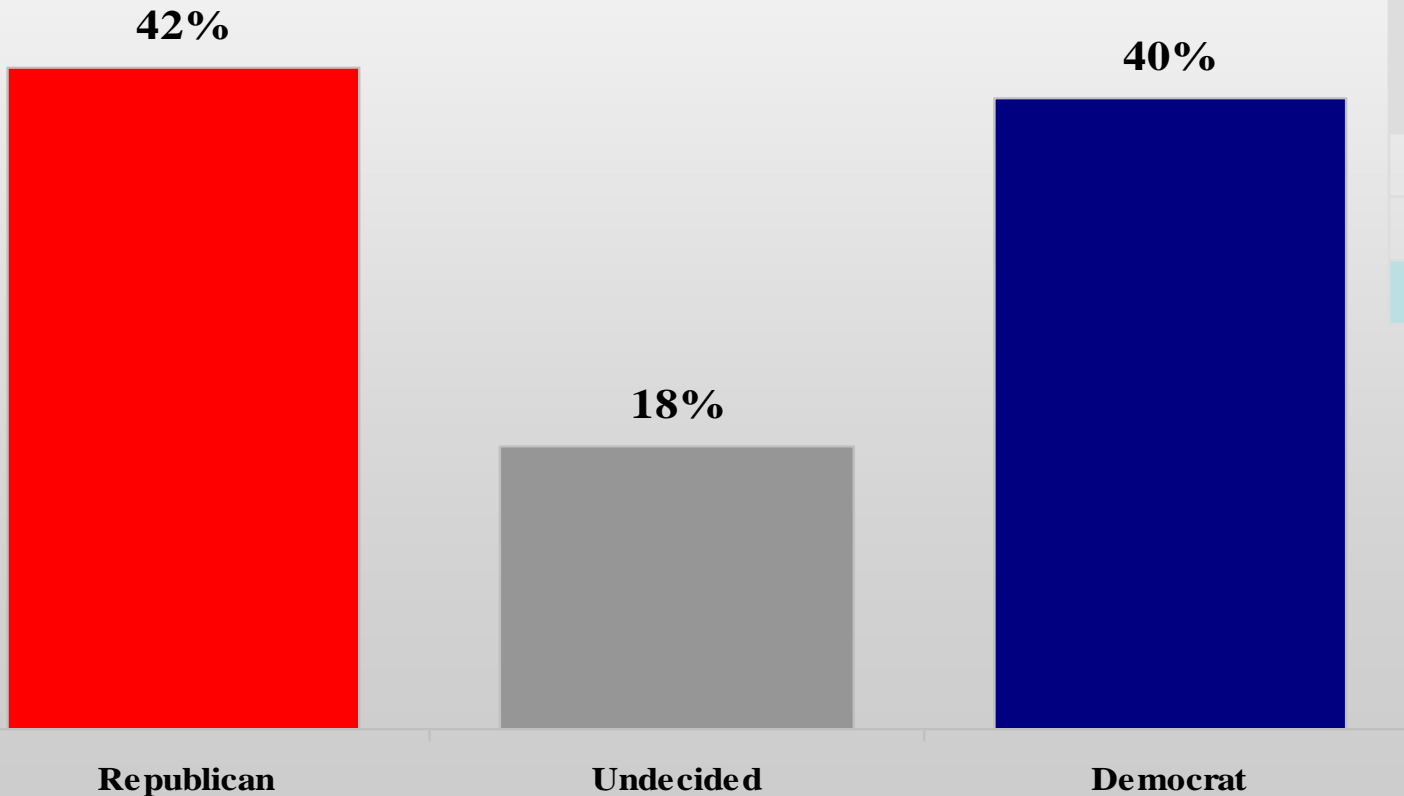


	Mar-05	Oct-05	Feb-06	Sep-06	Jul-09	Dec-09
Right Direction	39%	28%	32%	31%	38%	34%
Wrong Track	54%	67%	60%	62%	51%	56%
Undecided	7%	7%	9%	7%	11%	9%

Do you think things in the country are going in the right direction or are on the wrong track?



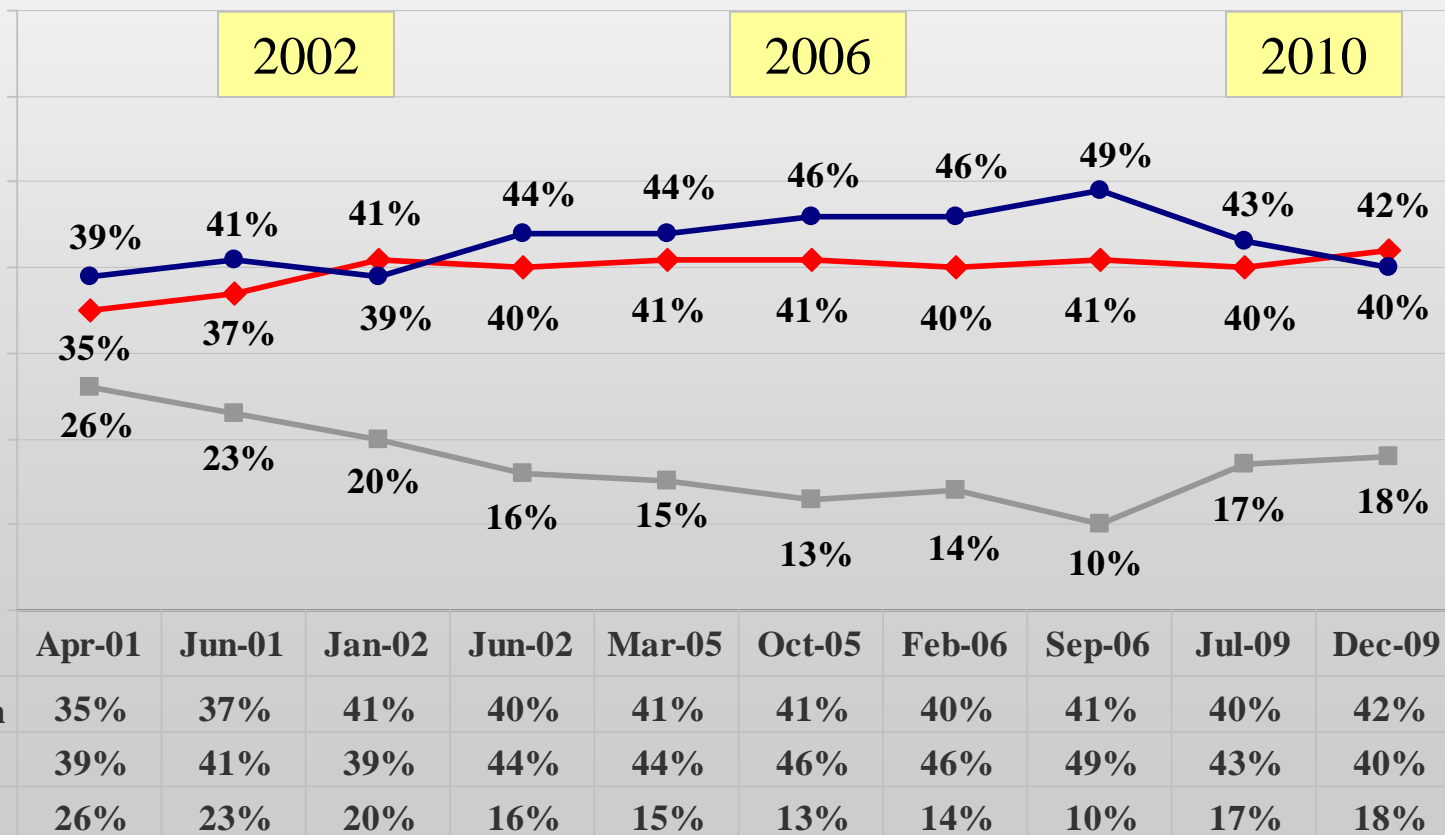
If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate in your Congressional district?



Party ID	Generic	
	REP	DEM
GOP	86%	2%
DEM	4%	84%
IND	40%	19%

If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate in your Congressional district?

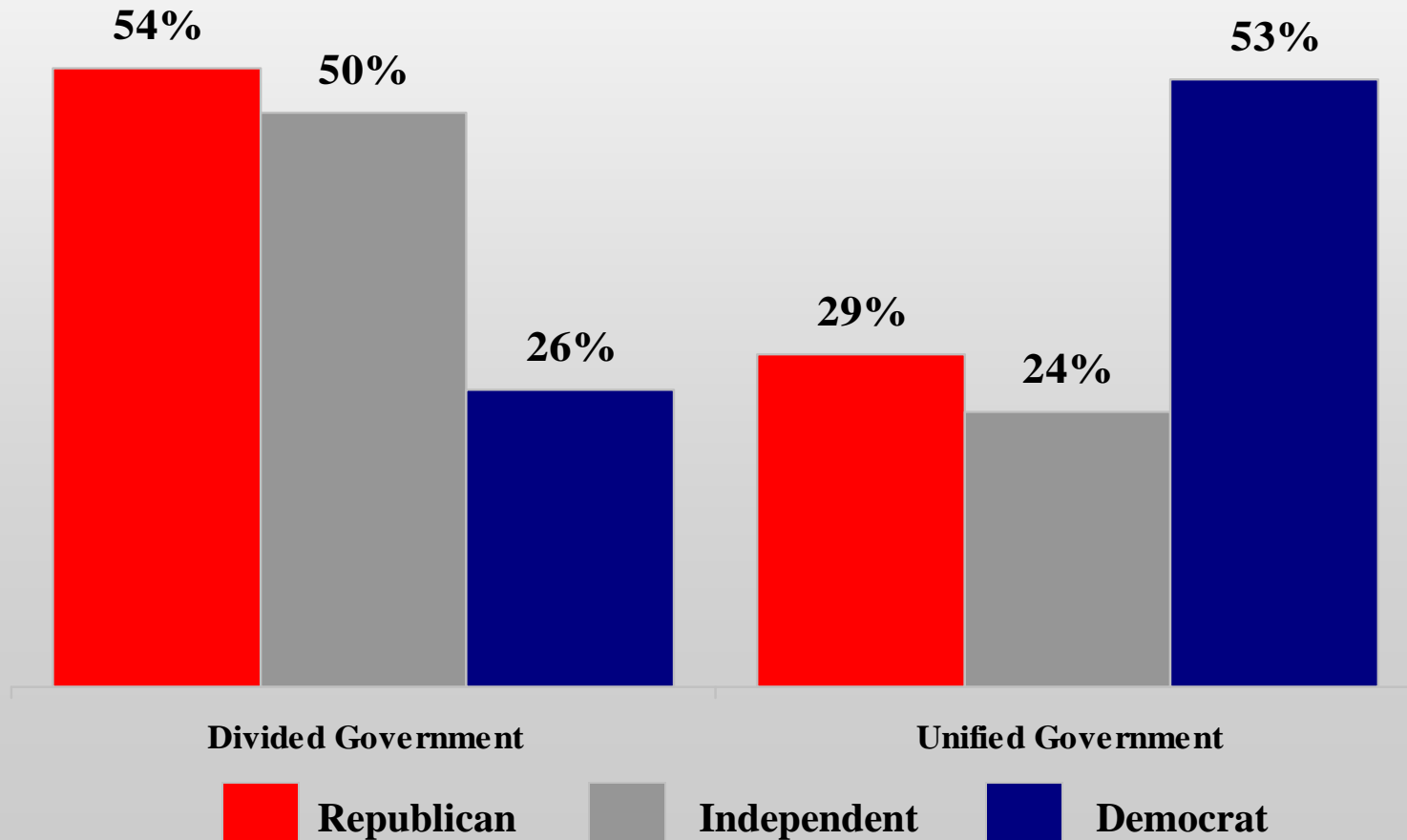
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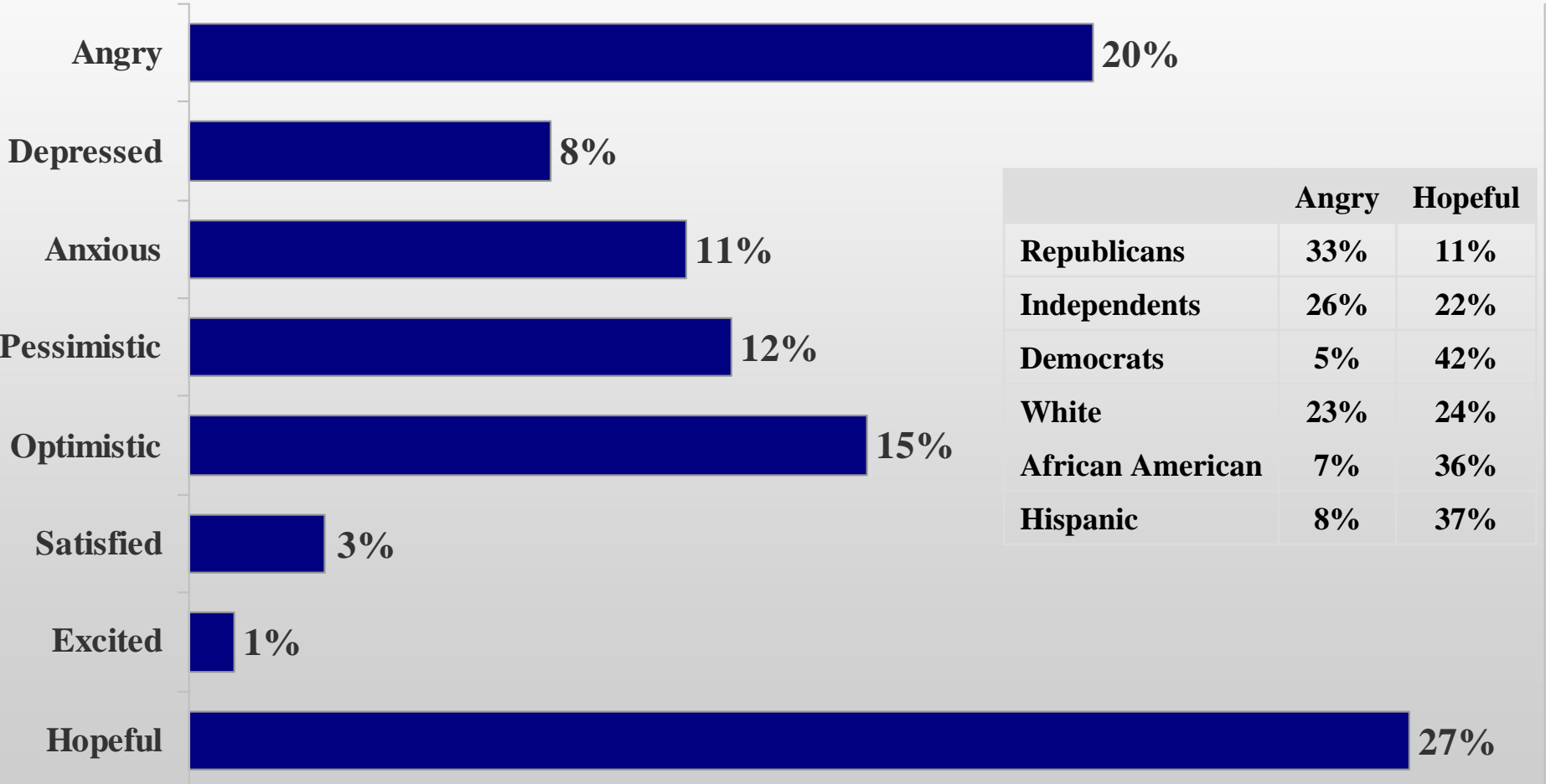
DO YOU PREFER TO HAVE:

✓ A divided government where Congress is controlled by one party and the White House is controlled by a different political party? **OR**

✓ Unified government where Congress and the White House are controlled by the same political party?

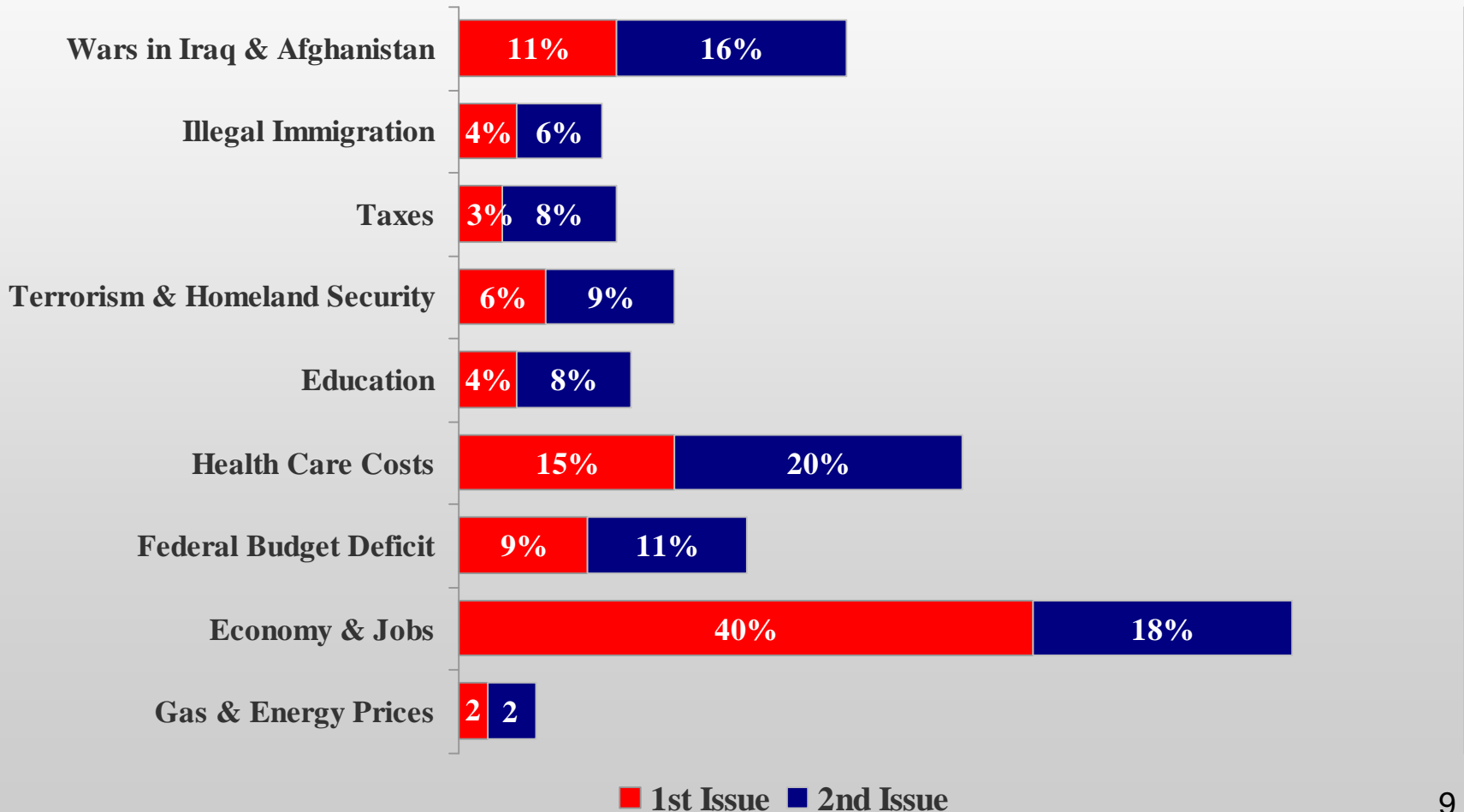


Which of these best describes how you are feeling about the way things are going in the country today?

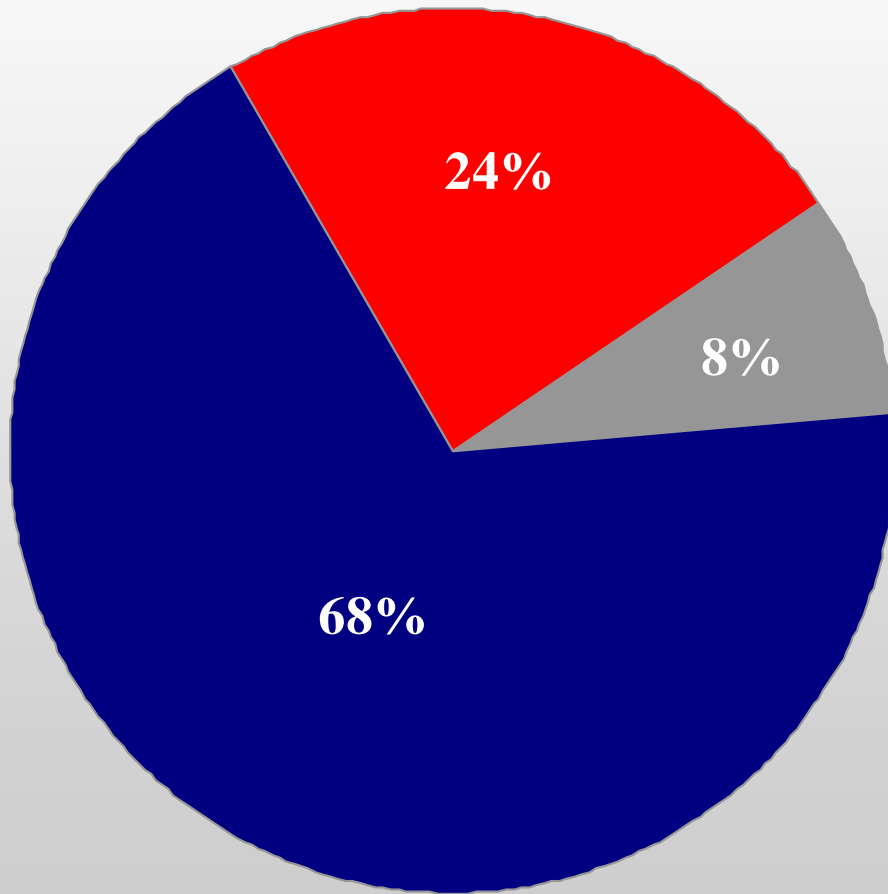


	Angry	Hopeful
Republicans	33%	11%
Independents	26%	22%
Democrats	5%	42%
White	23%	24%
African American	7%	36%
Hispanic	8%	37%

Now, I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important to them. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which one issue you think is most important for Congress to work on?



How would you rate the job Congress is doing this year?
Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

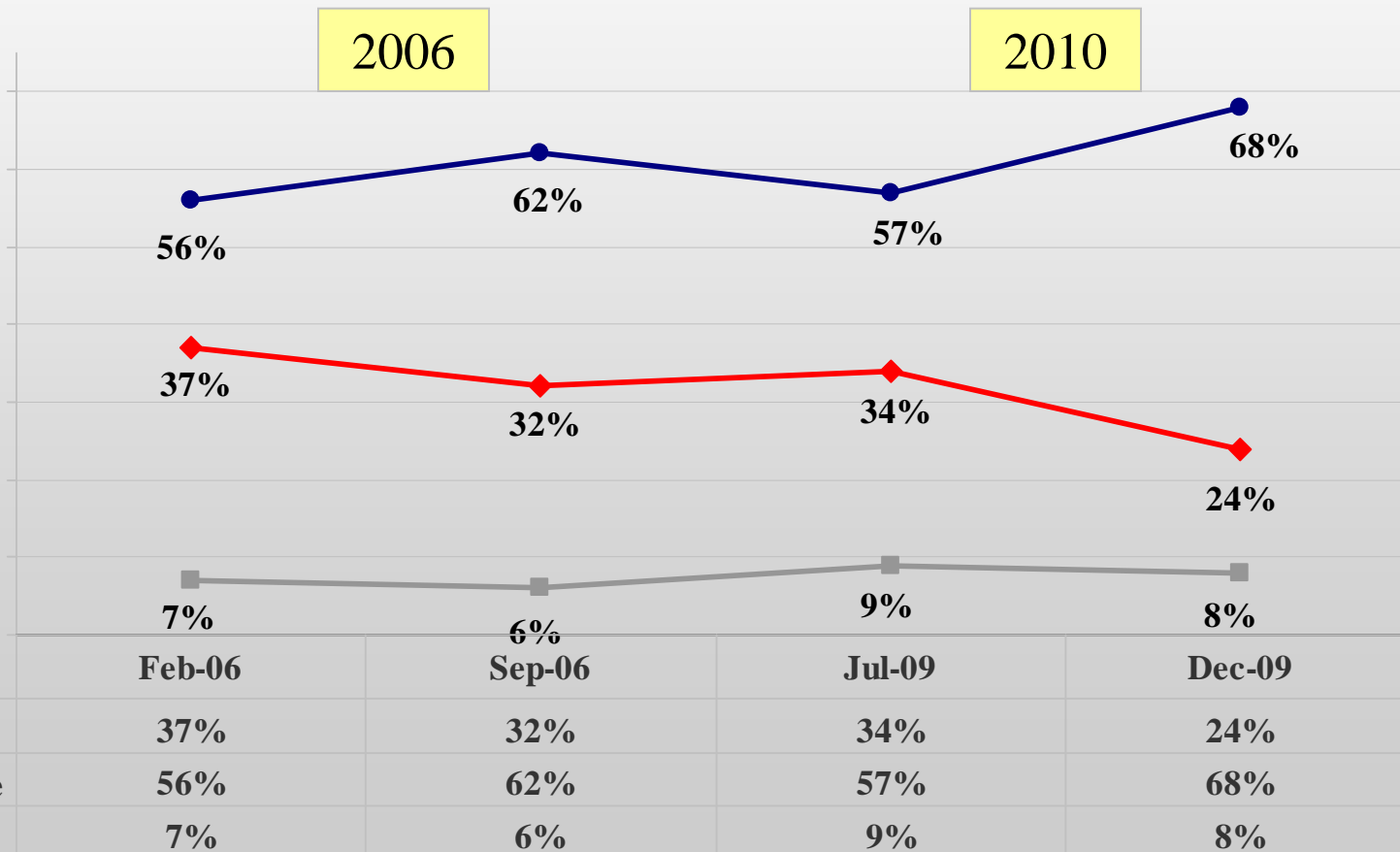


■ Approve ■ Unsure ■ Disapprove

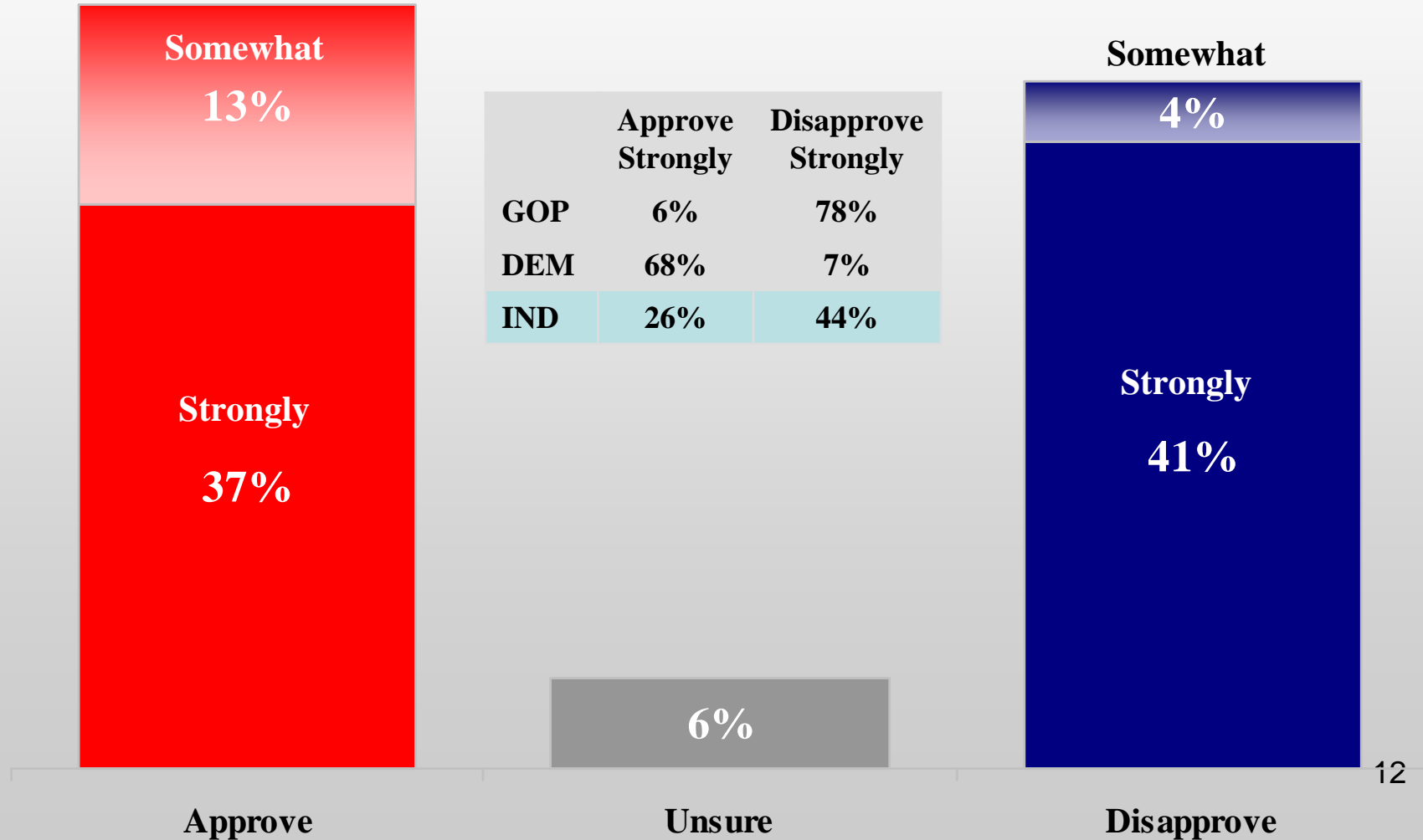
	Approve	Disapprove
Republicans	8%	87%
Independents	15%	77%
Democrats	43%	47%

How would you rate the job Congress is doing this year? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

MIDTERM TRENDS



How would you rate the job Barack Obama is doing as President?
Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?

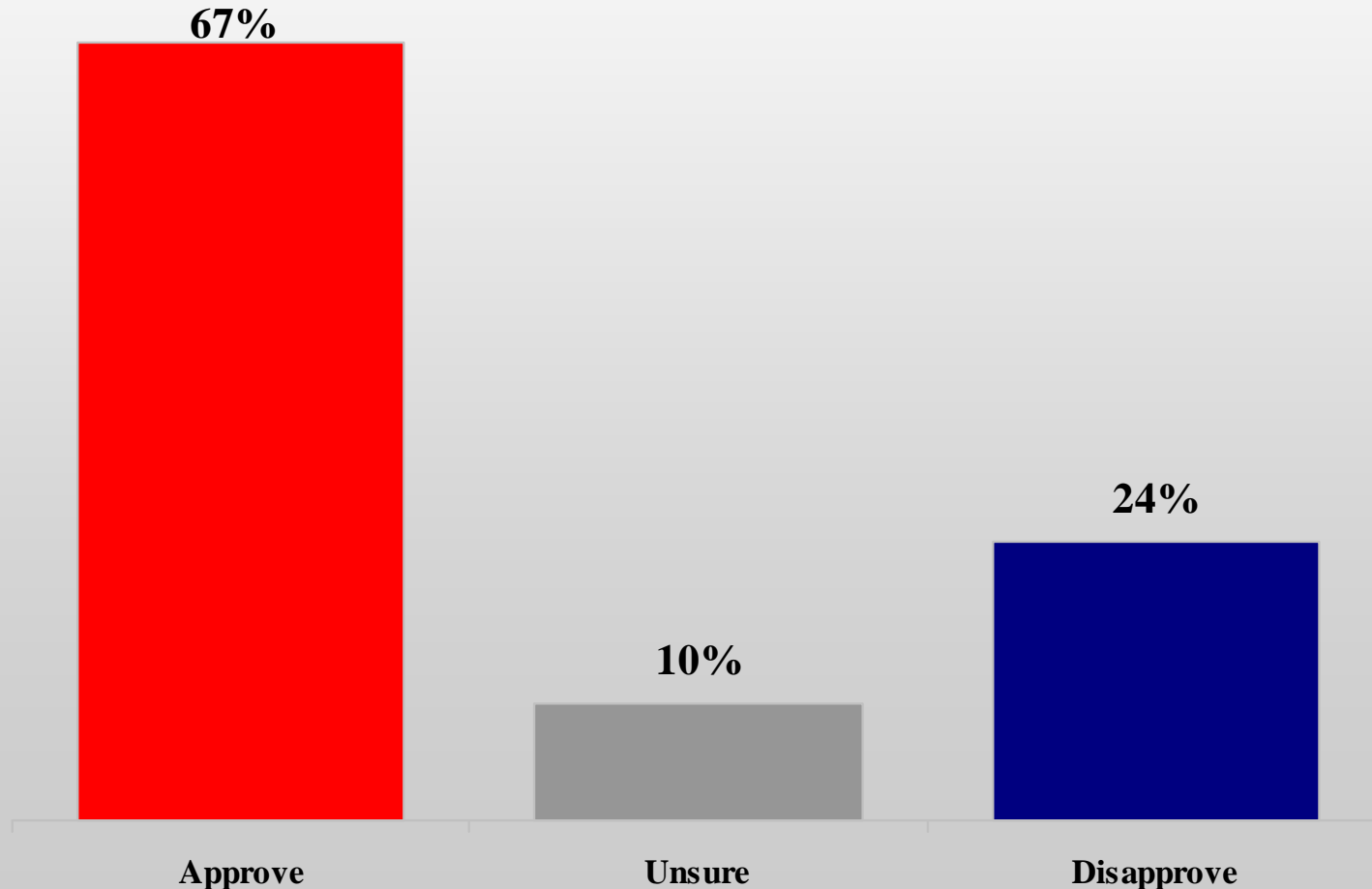




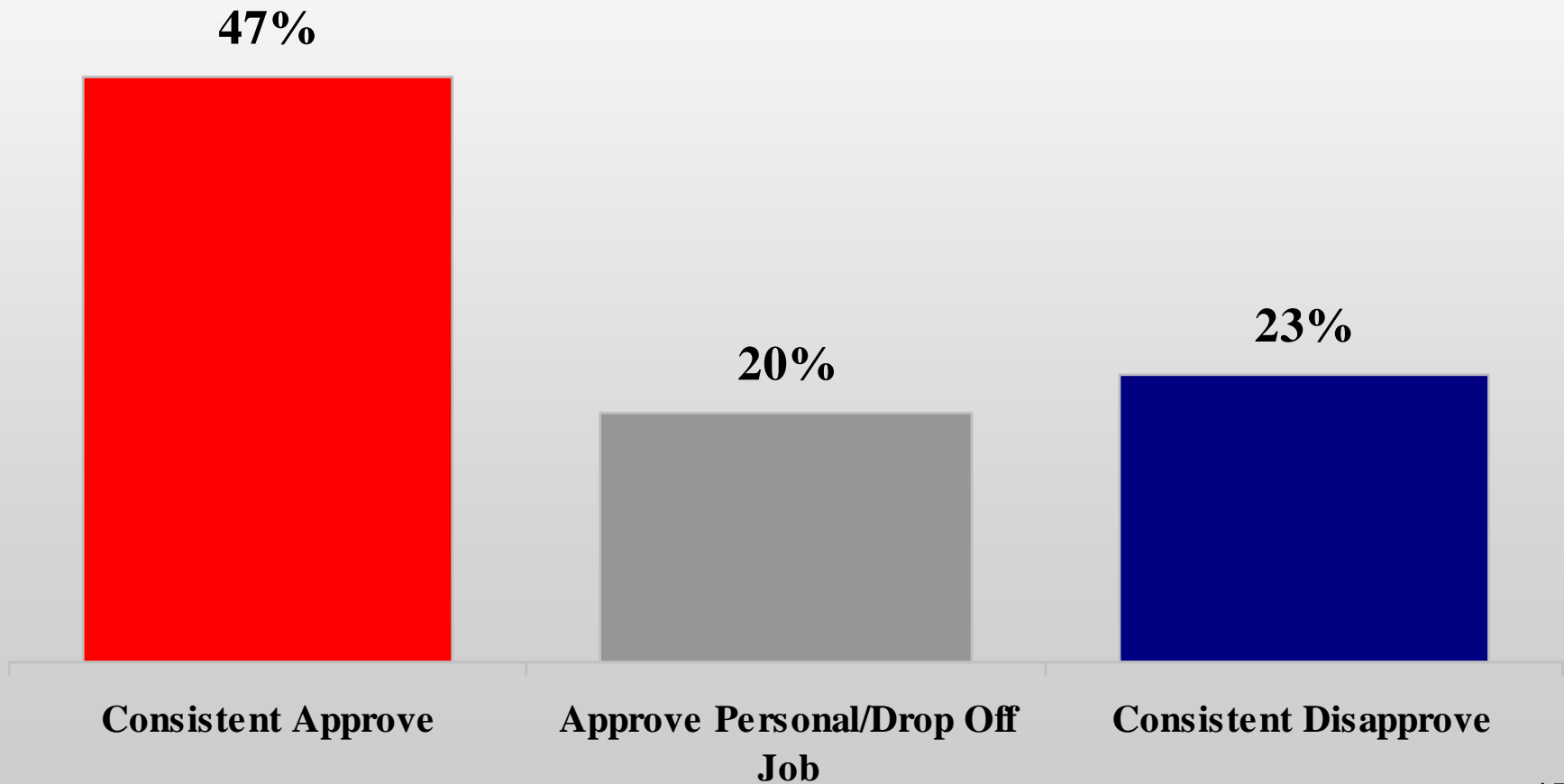
How would you rate the job Barack Obama is doing as President?
Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?

	Approve Strongly	Approve Somewhat	Disapprove Somewhat	Disapprove Strongly
Republicans	6%	6%	6%	78%
Independents	26%	14%	6%	44%
Democrats	68%	18%	1%	7%
Men	30%	12%	4%	47%
Women	42%	13%	4%	36%
White Women	34%	12%	4%	44%
18-34	34%	21%	7%	29%
35-44	47%	14%	4%	28%
45-64	38%	11%	5%	43%
65+	33%	13%	3%	45%

Whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President, what is your impression of Barack Obama as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?



Obama Approval Consistency



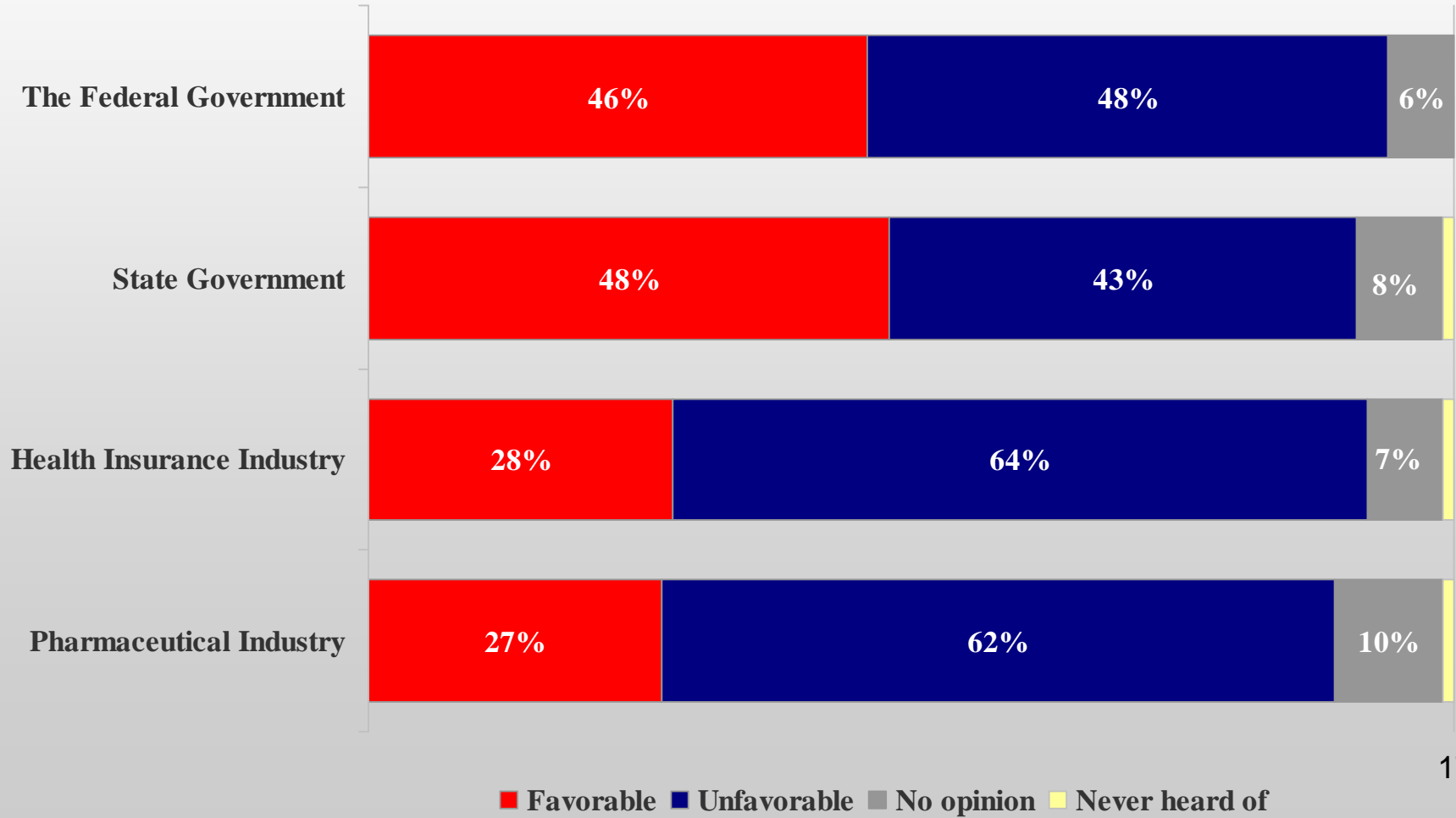


Now I would like to read you the names of several individuals and organizations that have been mentioned in the news recently. For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person or organization, and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just say so.

	NET Change	December 2009			July 2009		
		FAV/UNFAV	No Opinion	Never Heard Of	FAV/UNFAV	No Opinion	Never Heard Of
Barack Obama	-9	56/40	3	0	61/36	3	0
Joe Biden	-1	49/40	8	3	48/38	11	3
Harry Reid	-2	18/36	14	32	15/31	16	38
Nancy Pelosi	-5	30/54	8	9	32/51	10	7
Sarah Palin	+4	45/46	7	2	42/47	9	1
Newt Gingrich	--	43/36	15	6	--	--	--
Republicans in Congress	+8	41/46	12	1	37/49	13	2
Democrats in Congress	-5	43/49	7	1	45/44	9	16



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ISSUE HANDLING



WHO WILL BETTER HANDLE THIS ISSUE?

✓ Republicans in Congress **OR**

✓ Democrats in Congress

	NET Change	DECEMBER 2009		JULY 2009	
		GOP	DEM	GOP	DEM
Turning the economy around	+10	40%	44%	33%	47%
Controlling wasteful spending	+4	44%	32%	41%	33%
Reforming health care	+7	34%	48%	30%	51%
Holding down taxes	+3	55%	28%	53%	29%
Promoting a strong national defense	+5	56%	31%	53%	33%
Being honest and trustworthy	+4	27%	34%	27%	38%
Promoting energy independence	+4	35%	47%	33%	49%
Sharing your values	+2	42%	42%	40%	42%
Being on your side	--	36%	43%	--	--



WHO WILL BETTER HANDLE THIS ISSUE?

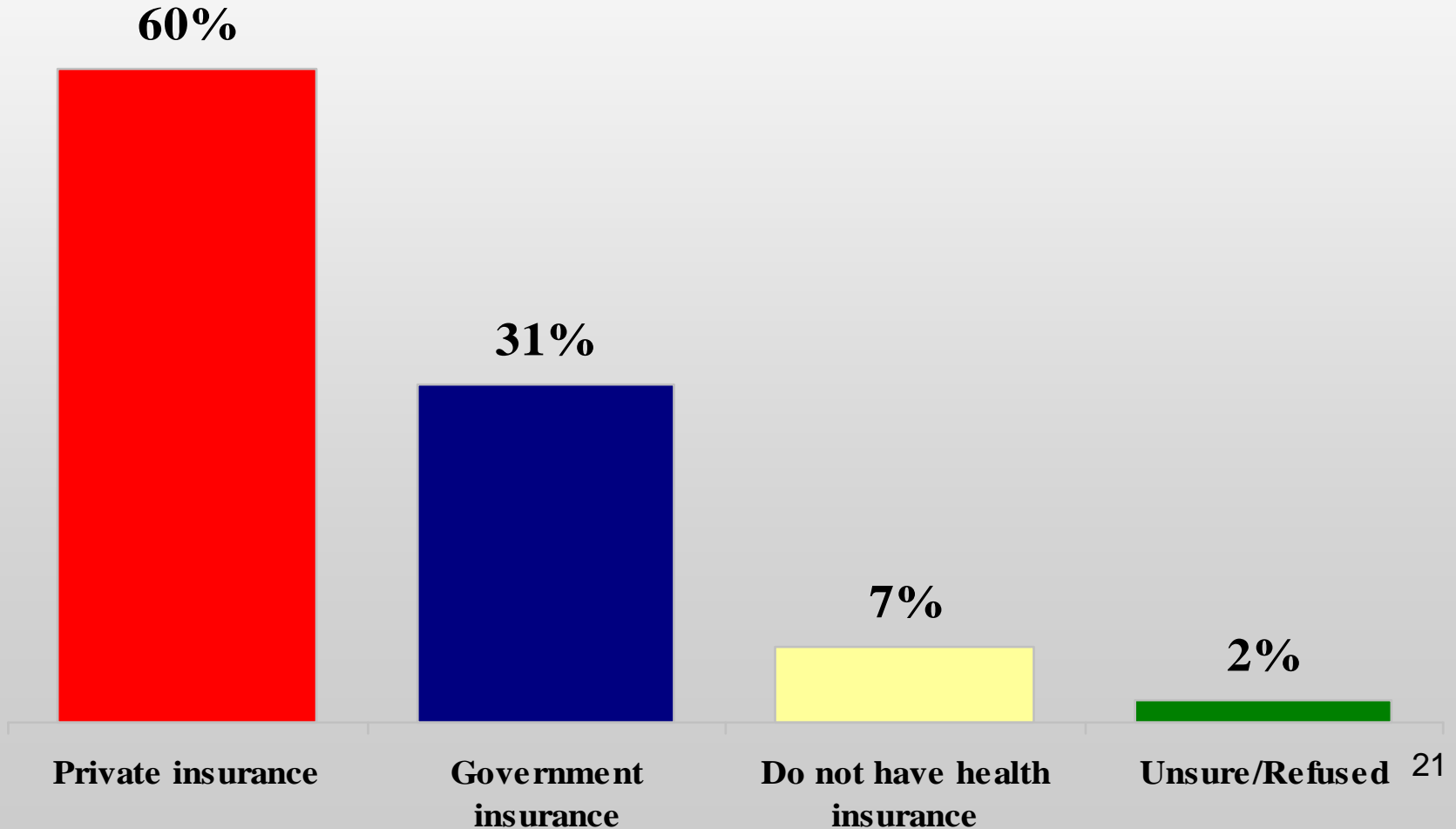
✓ Republicans in Congress **OR**

✓ President Obama

	NET Change	DECEMBER 2009		JULY 2009	
		GOP	OBAMA	GOP	OBAMA
Turning the economy around	+14	41%	47%	33%	53%
Controlling wasteful spending	+5	45%	38%	42%	40%
Reforming health care	+13	40%	48%	32%	53%
Holding down taxes	+6	52%	34%	48%	36%
Promoting a strong national defense	+4	53%	38%	51%	40%
Being honest and trustworthy	+15	31%	46%	25%	55%
Promoting energy independence	+17	38%	47%	30%	56%
Sharing your values	+5	42%	43%	43%	47%
Being on your side	--	38%	45%	--	--

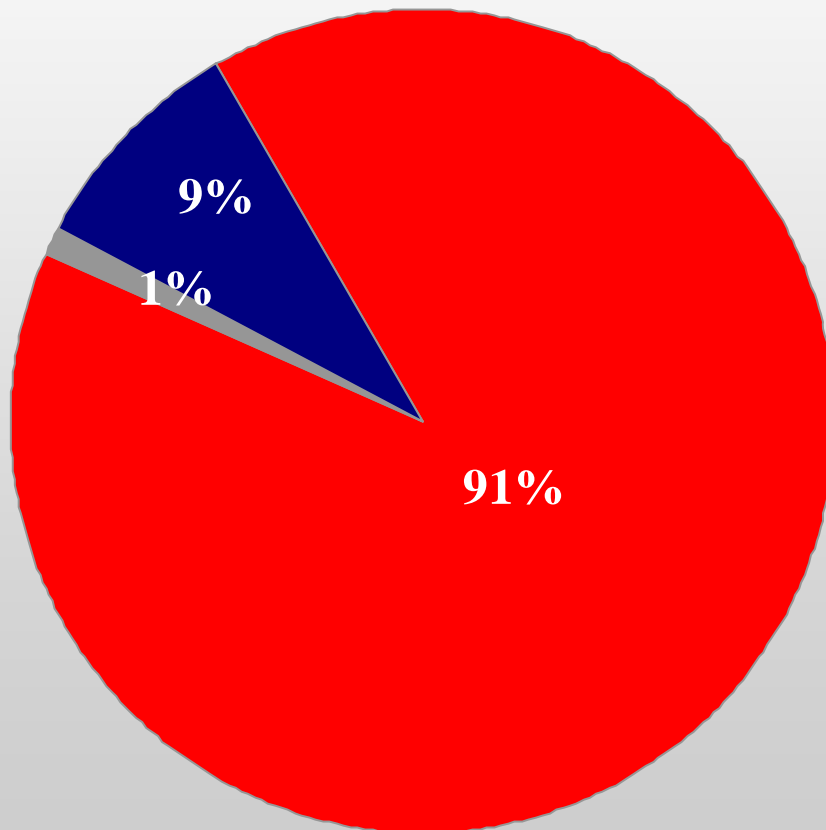
Which of these best describes your current health care situation?

- ✓ Have health insurance from a private insurer like Blue Cross Blue Shield
- ✓ Have health insurance from the government like Medicare or Medicaid, OR
- ✓ Do not have health insurance?



IF "HAVE INSURANCE":

Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of health care you and your family receive:

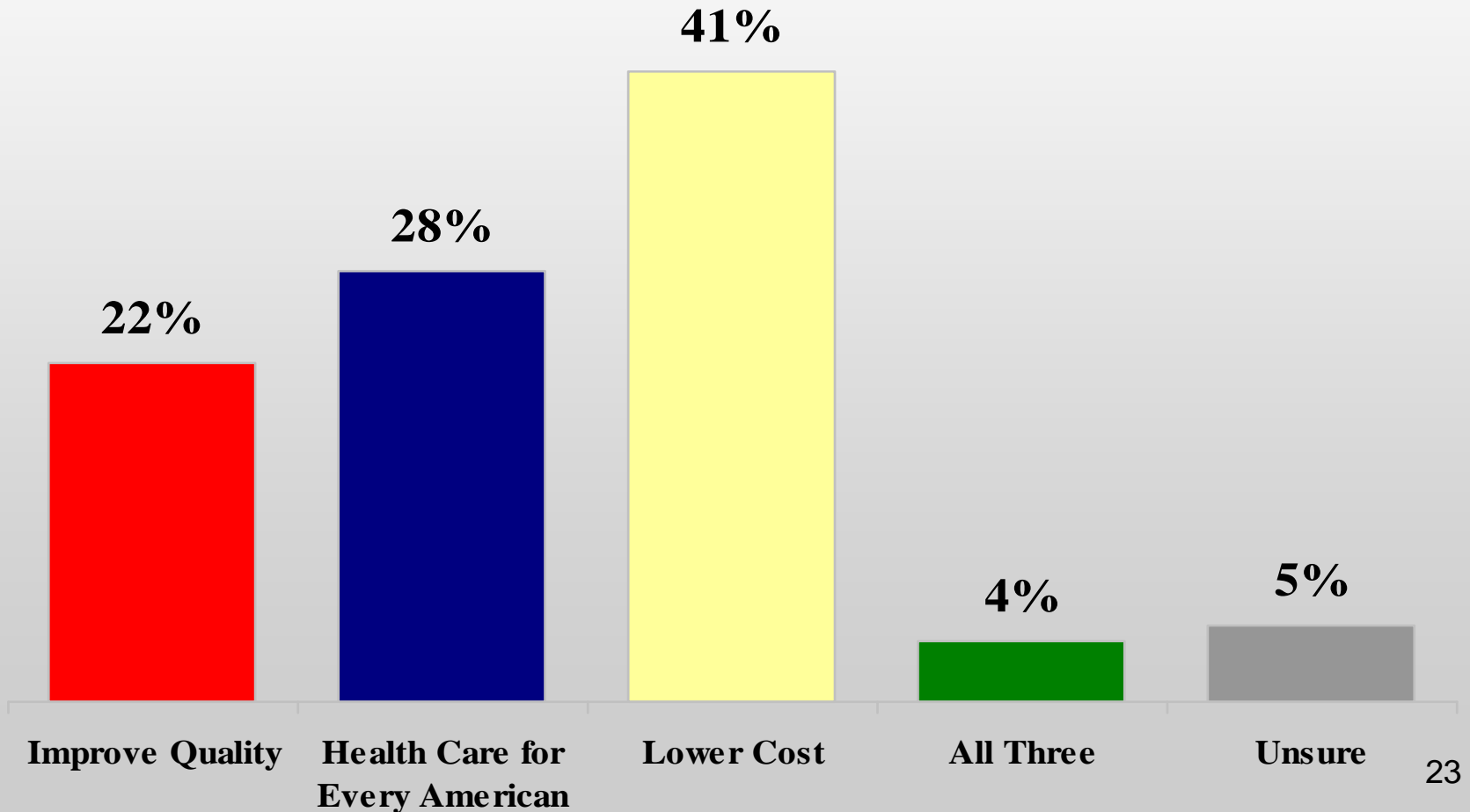


*In July, 84% were "satisfied" with the quality of their health care. The health care debate over the last four months has intensified the number of voters who now say they are "satisfied" with quality.

■ Satisfied ■ Unsure ■ Dissatisfied

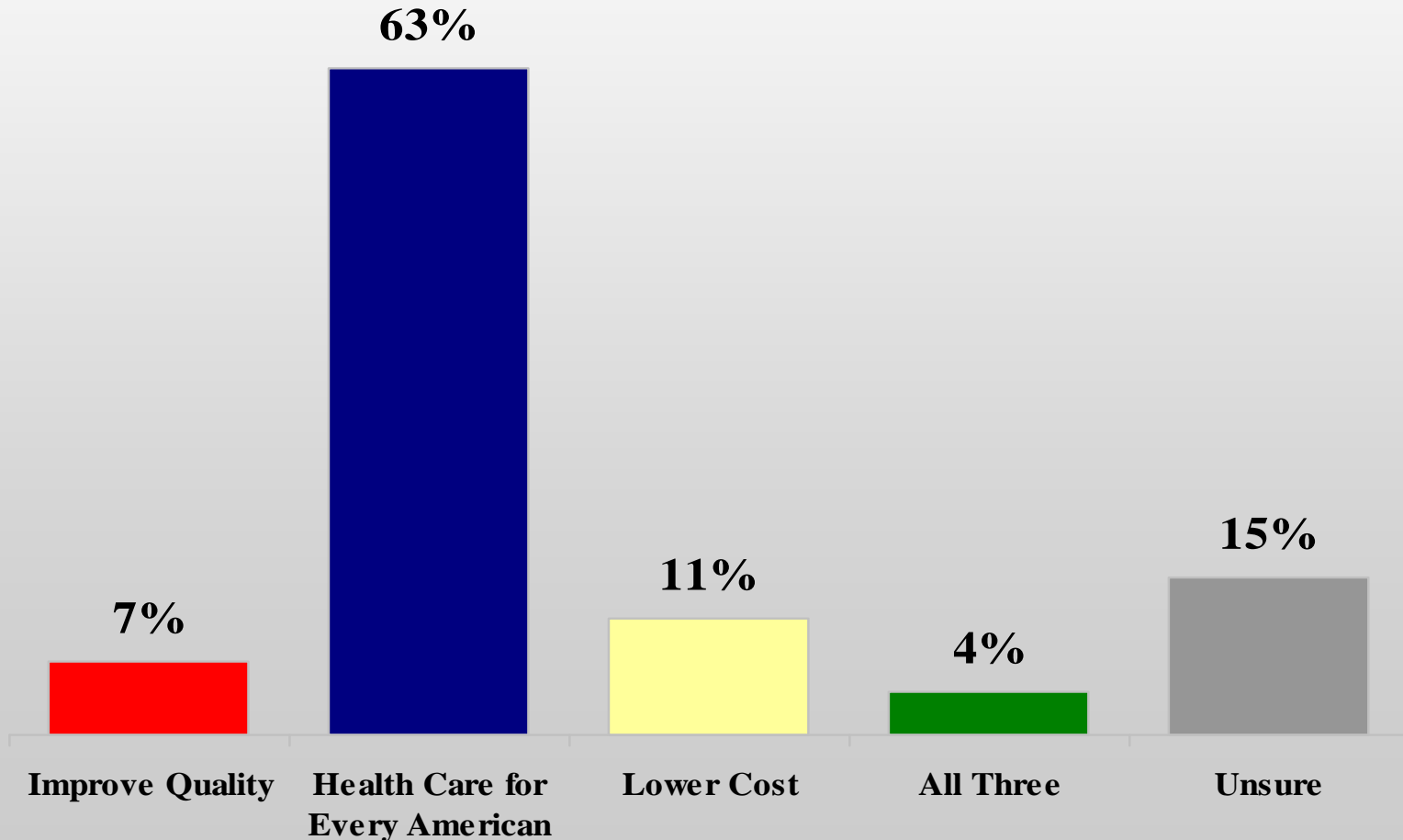
What would you say is your top priority for health care reform?

- ✓ Improve the quality of health care services,
- ✓ Make sure every American has health care, OR
- ✓ Lower the cost of health care for all Americans?

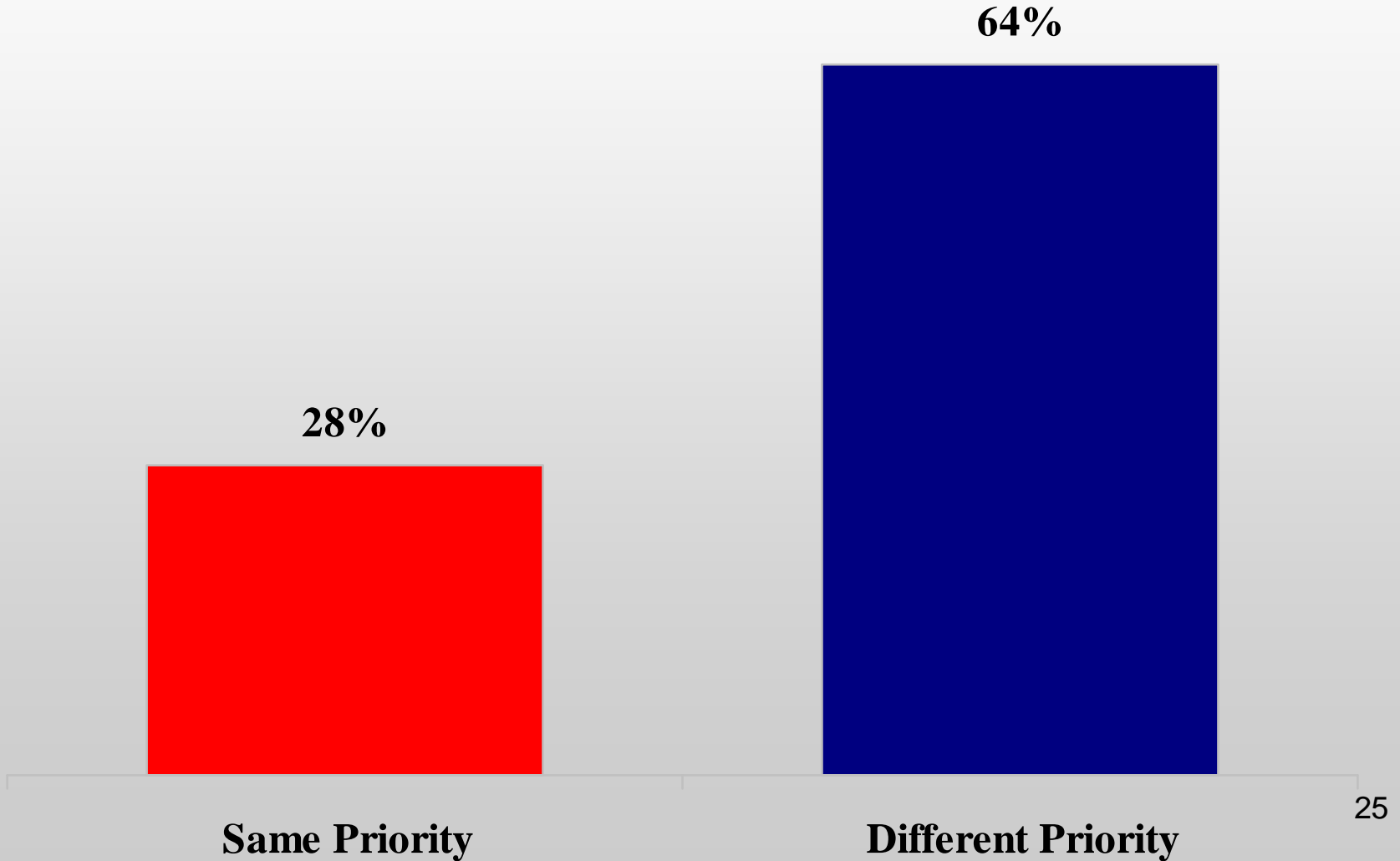


What do you think the main priority of President Obama is for health care reform?

- ✓ Improve the quality of health care services,
- ✓ Make sure every American has health care, OR
- ✓ Lower the cost of health care for all Americans?



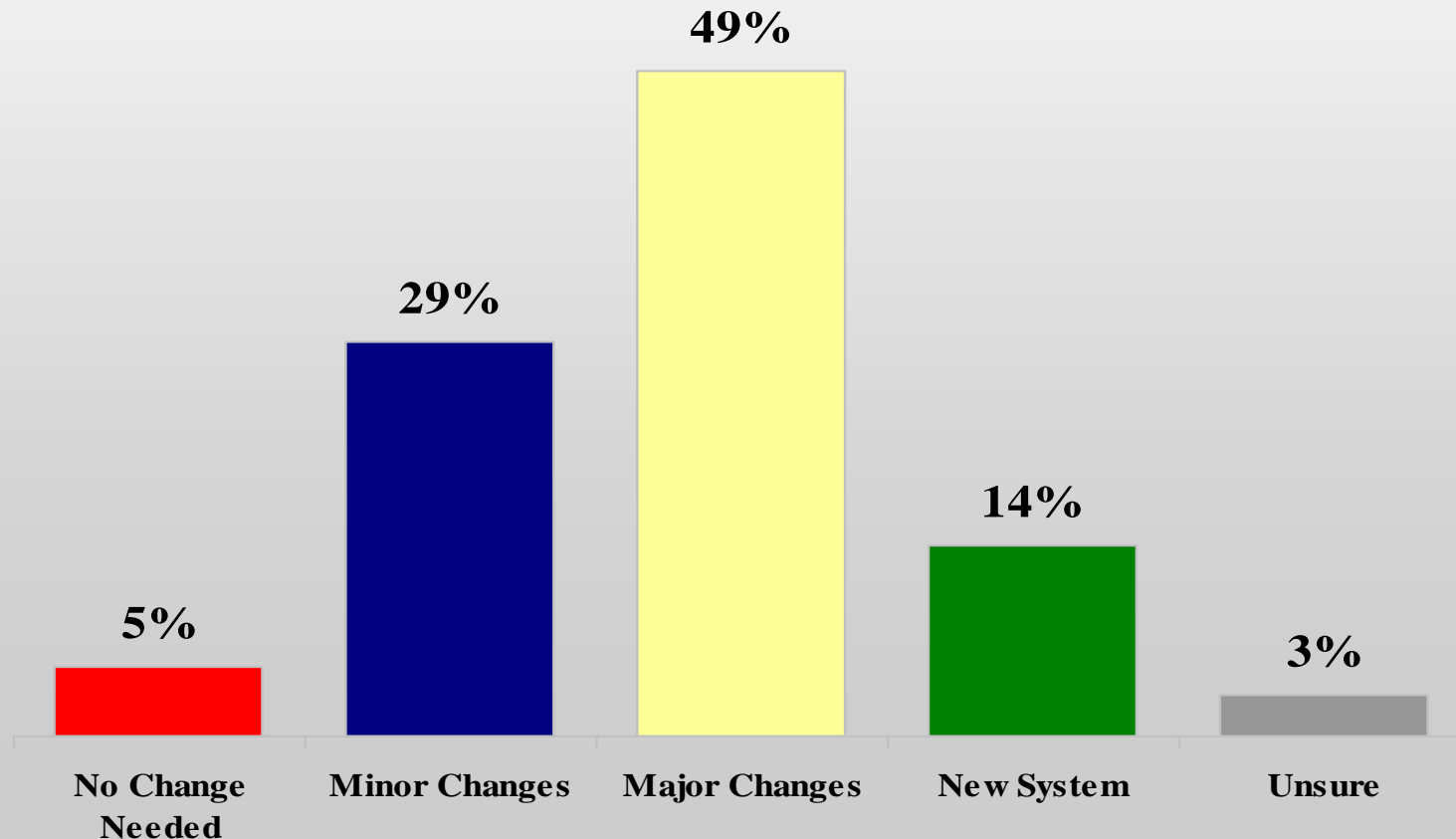
How they match up: Voters' health care priority vs. President Obama's priority:





Which of the following statements best describes your views on health care...

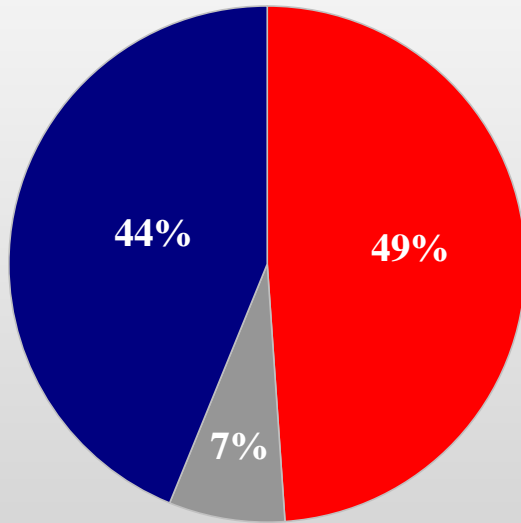
- ✓ No change is needed
- ✓ Only minor changes are needed for the current health care system
- ✓ Major changes are needed for the current health care system
- ✓ Our current health system needs to be replaced with a new system



Based on what you have seen, read and heard, do you think...

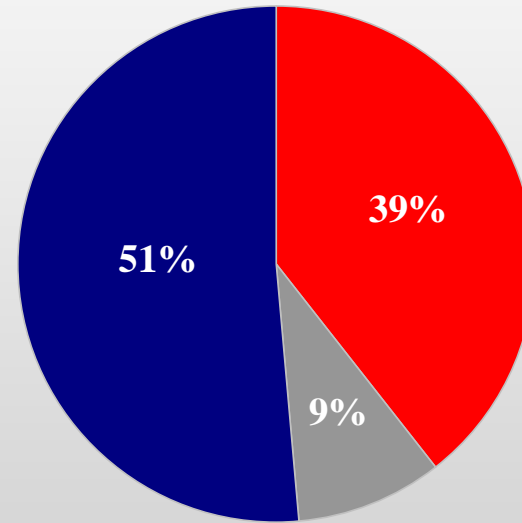
The country would benefit from these health care reforms if enacted?

You and your family would benefit from these health care reforms if enacted?



■ YES ■ UNSURE ■ NO

	YES	NO
REP	23%	72%
DEM	78%	14%
IND	36%	53%

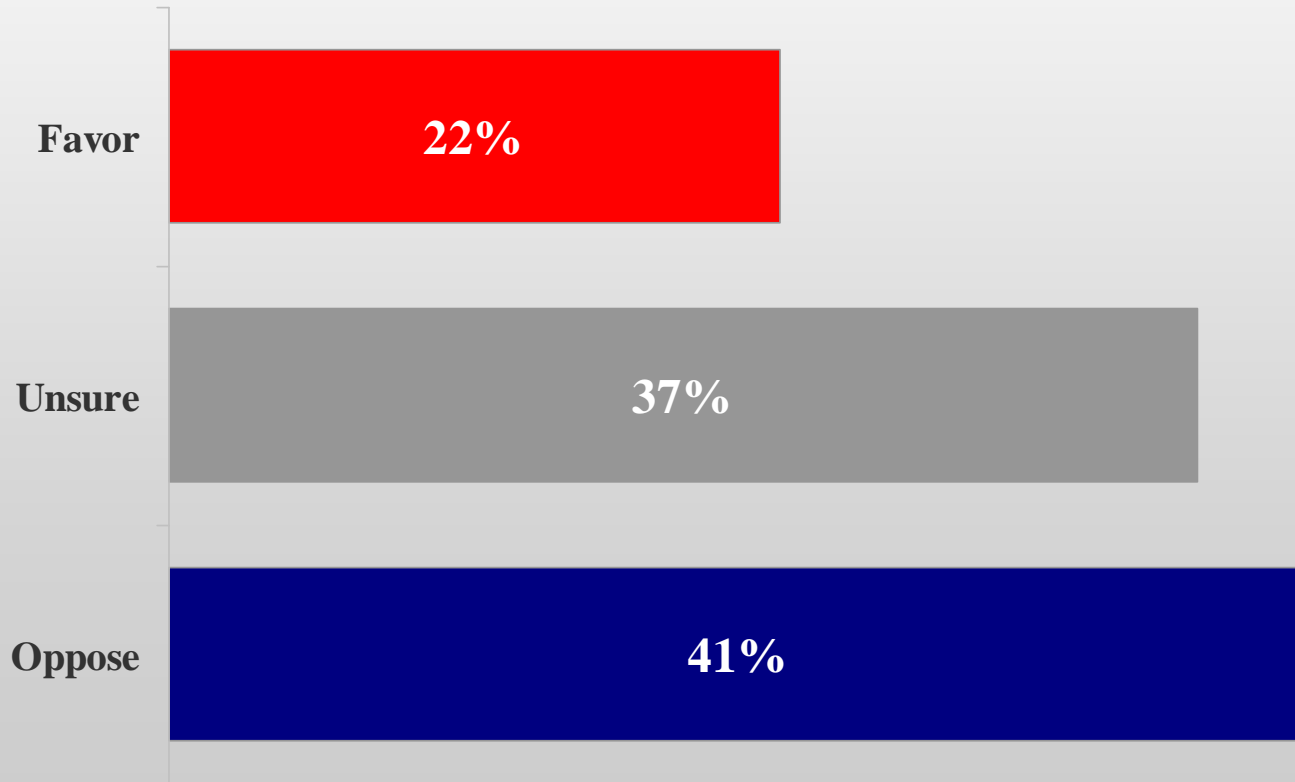


■ YES ■ UNSURE ■ NO

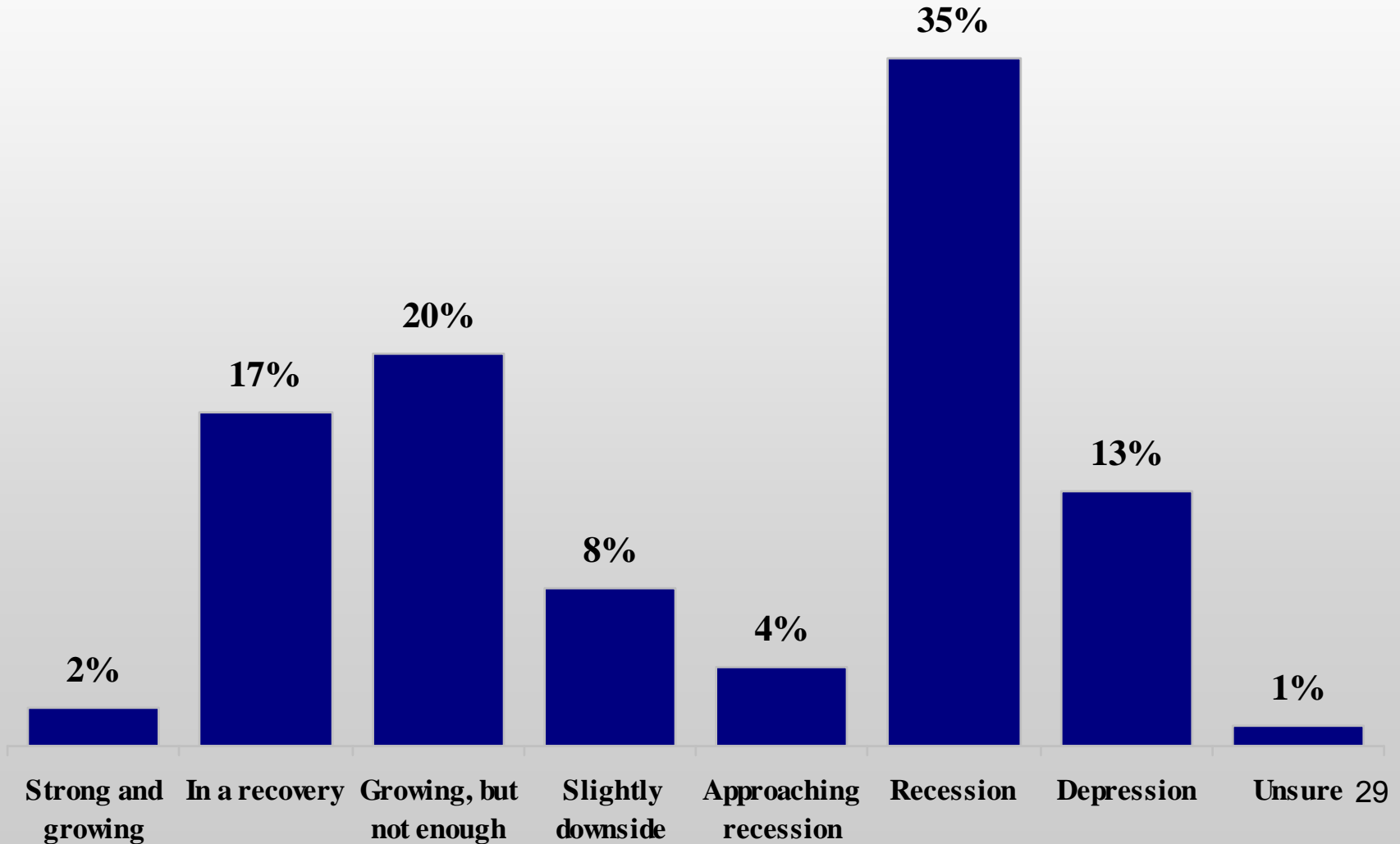
	YES	NO
REP	16%	76%
DEM	65%	25%
IND	31%	60%

As you may have heard, Congress recently passed a law that creates a market for businesses to buy and sell energy usage credits. Some have called this law, "cap and trade" while others have called this law the energy and climate bill.

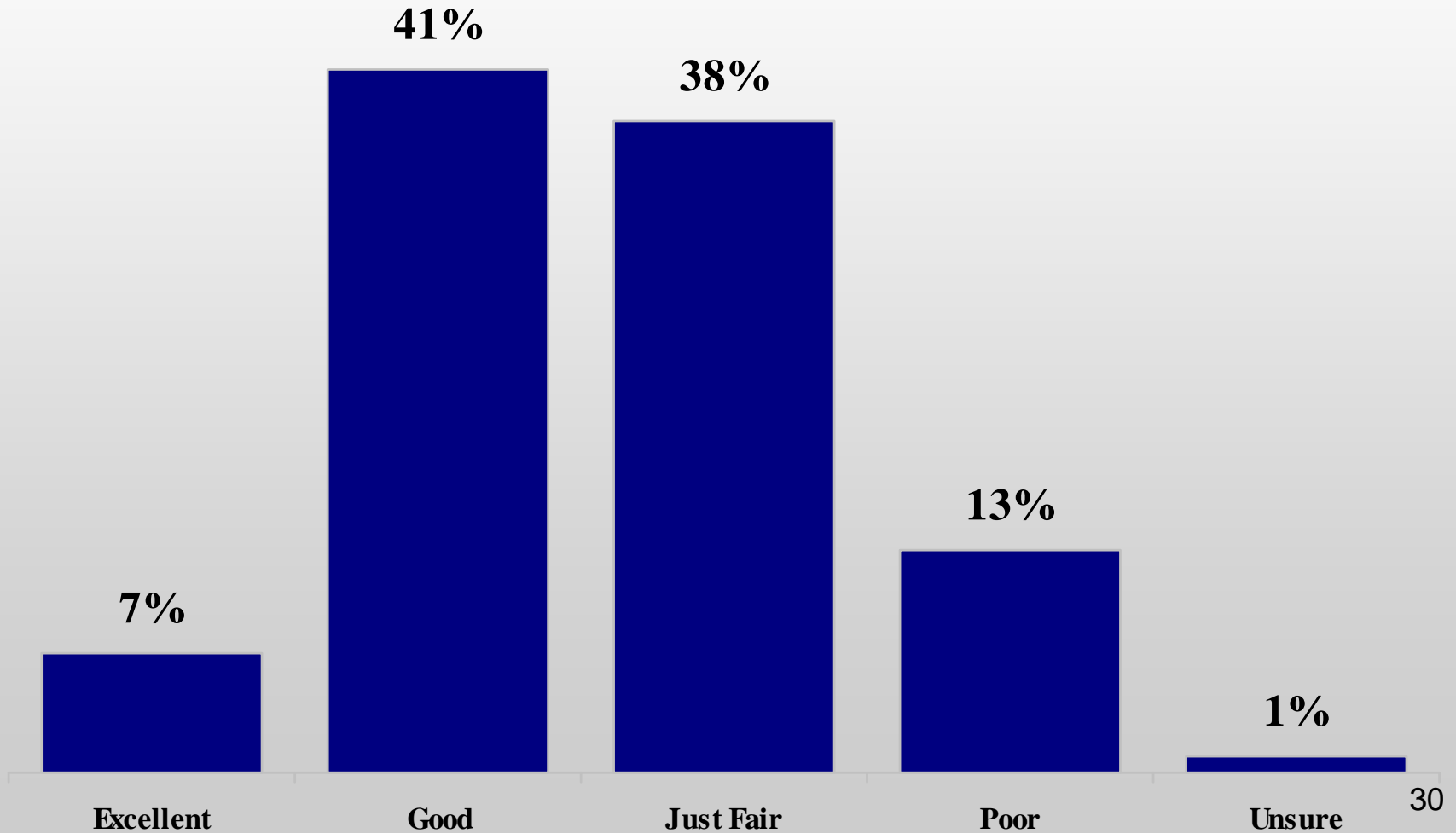
Based on what you know about this law, would you say you favor or oppose it?



Which of the following would you say most closely describes your view of the national economy?

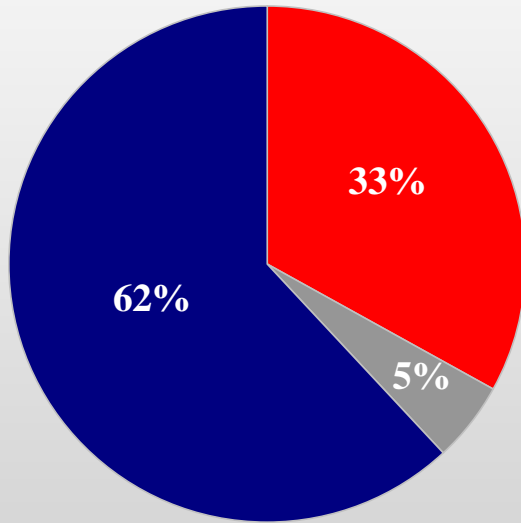


How would you rate your personal economic situation?



Please tell me if you agree or disagree with this statement:

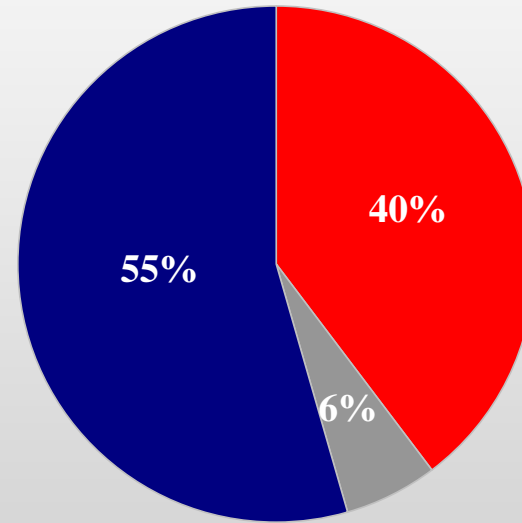
The economic stimulus passed by Congress is working.



■ YES ■ UNSURE ■ NO

	YES	NO
REP	12%	87%
DEM	56%	38%
IND	27%	67%

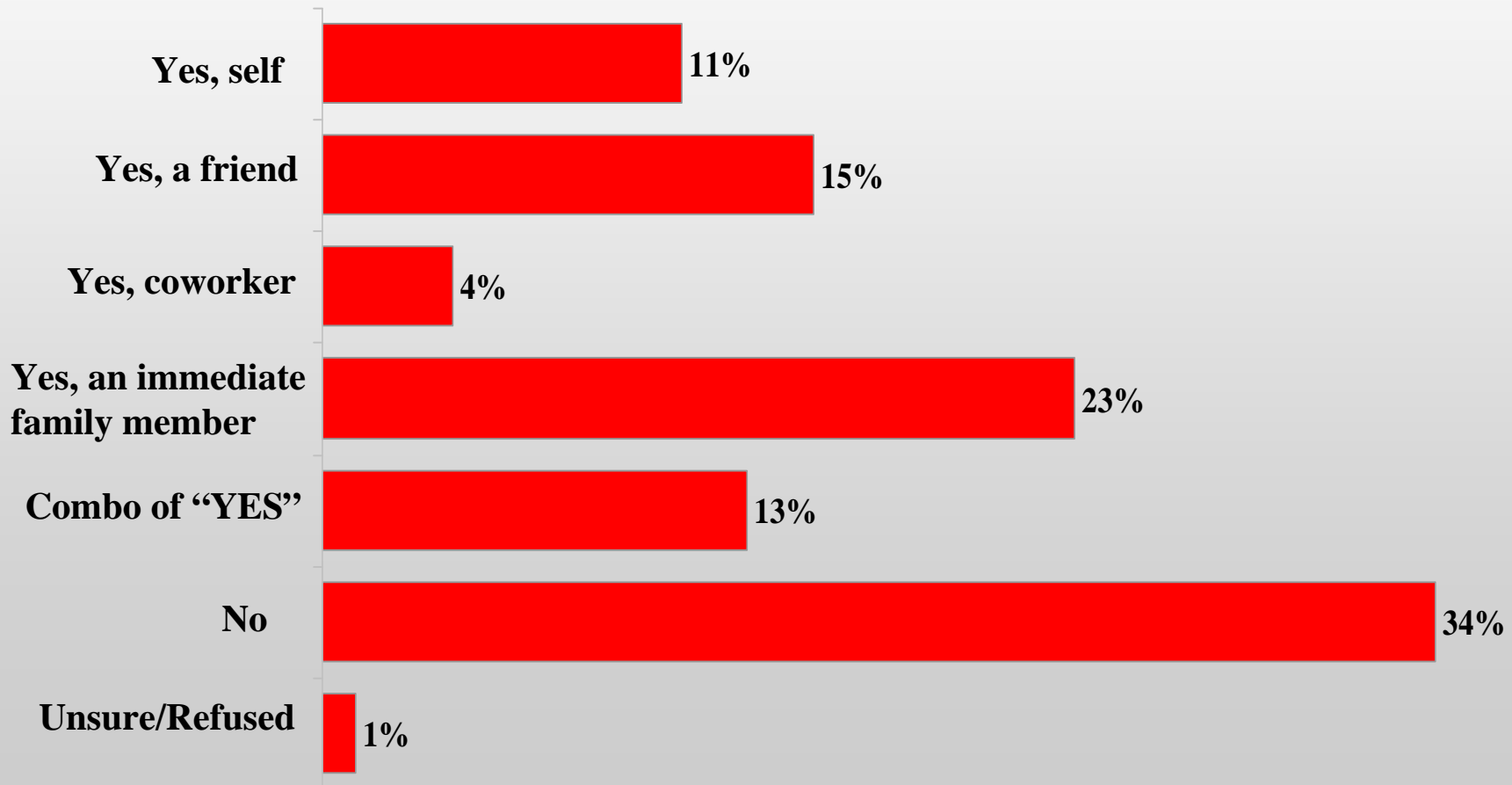
President Obama's economic stimulation is working.



■ YES ■ UNSURE ■ NO

	YES	NO
REP	10%	85%
DEM	70%	23%
IND	31%	63%

Have you, a friend, a coworker or an immediate family member been out of work at any time in the past twelve months?



Have you, a friend, a coworker or an immediate family member lost your health insurance at any time in the past twelve months?

