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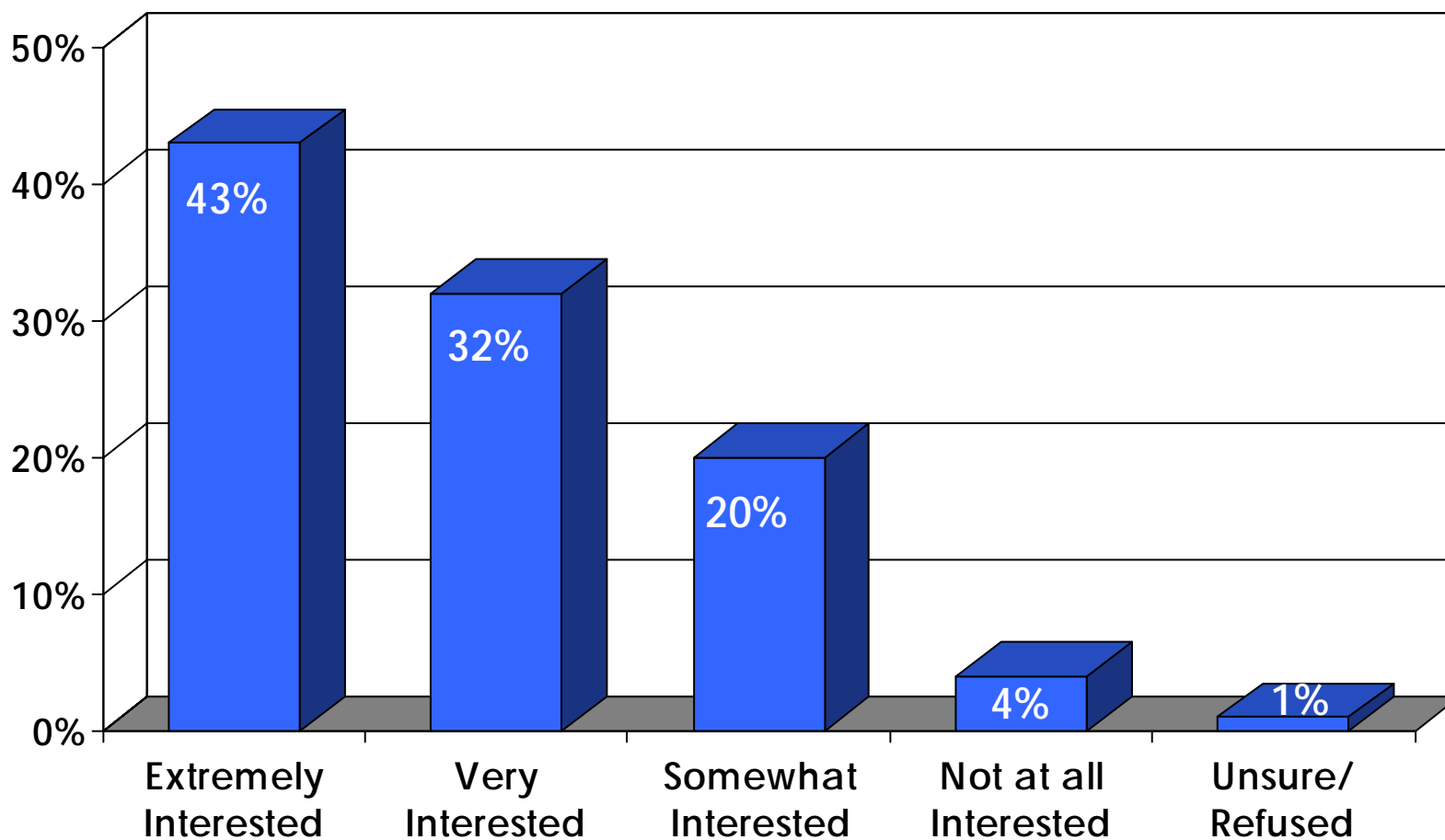


September 24-27, 2006

N=1,000 Registered “Likely” Voters/±3.1% M.O.E.

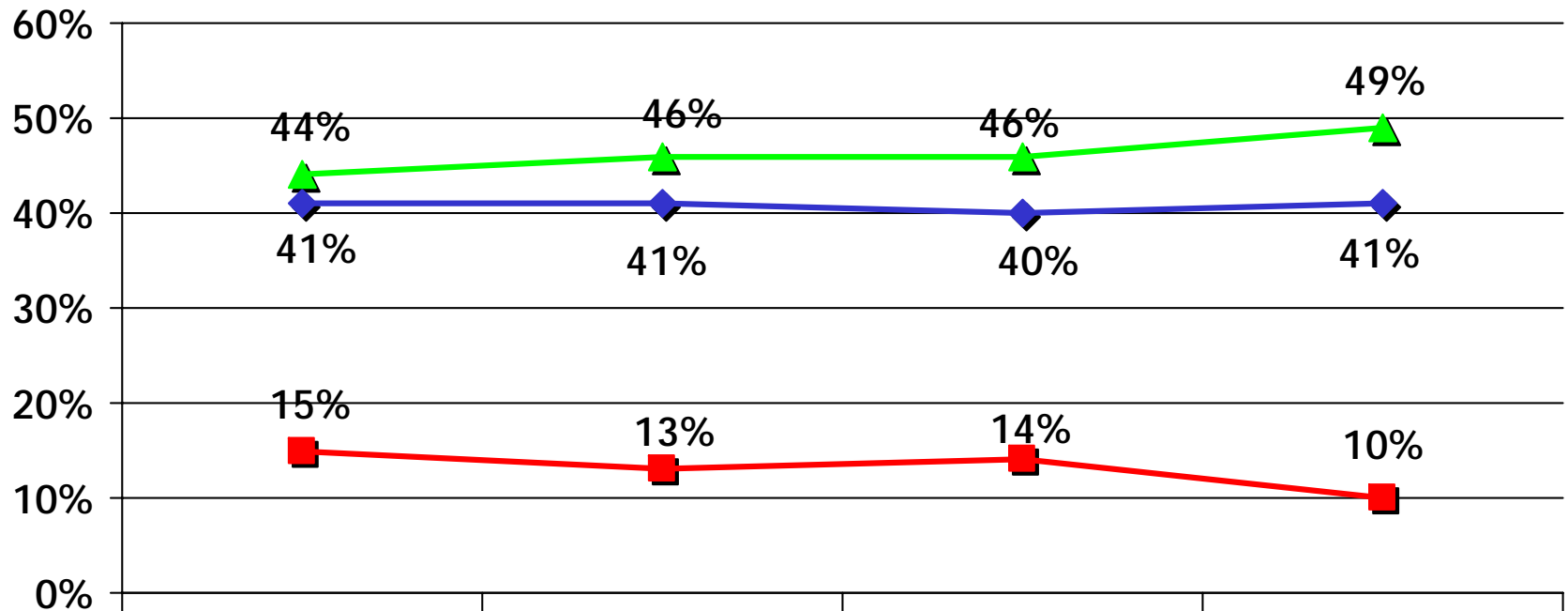
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Please tell me, using a scale from 0 to 10, how interested you are, personally, in the upcoming Congressional elections.



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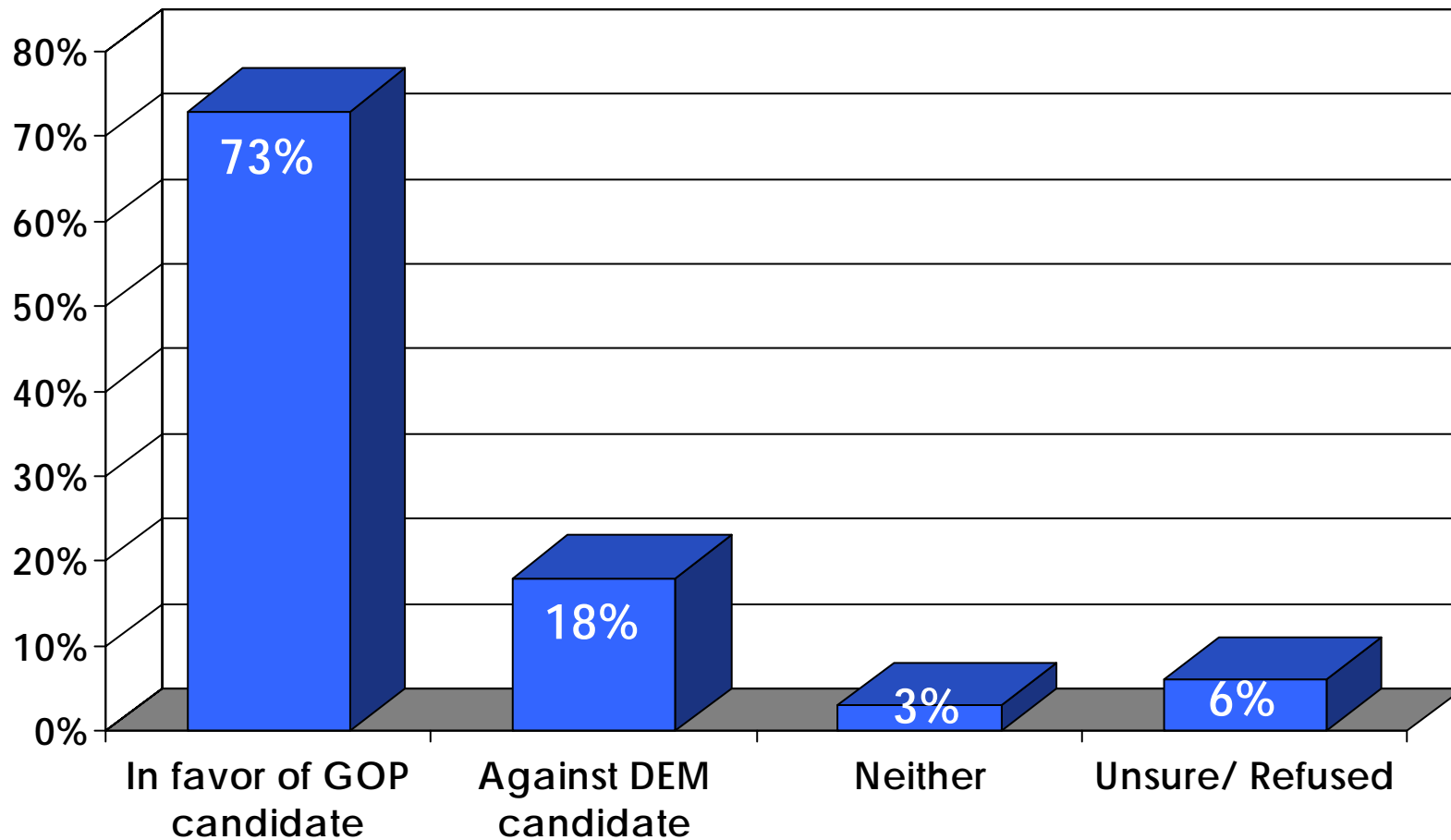
If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?



◆ Republican	41%	41%	40%	41%
■ Undecided	15%	13%	14%	10%
▲ Democrat	44%	46%	46%	49%

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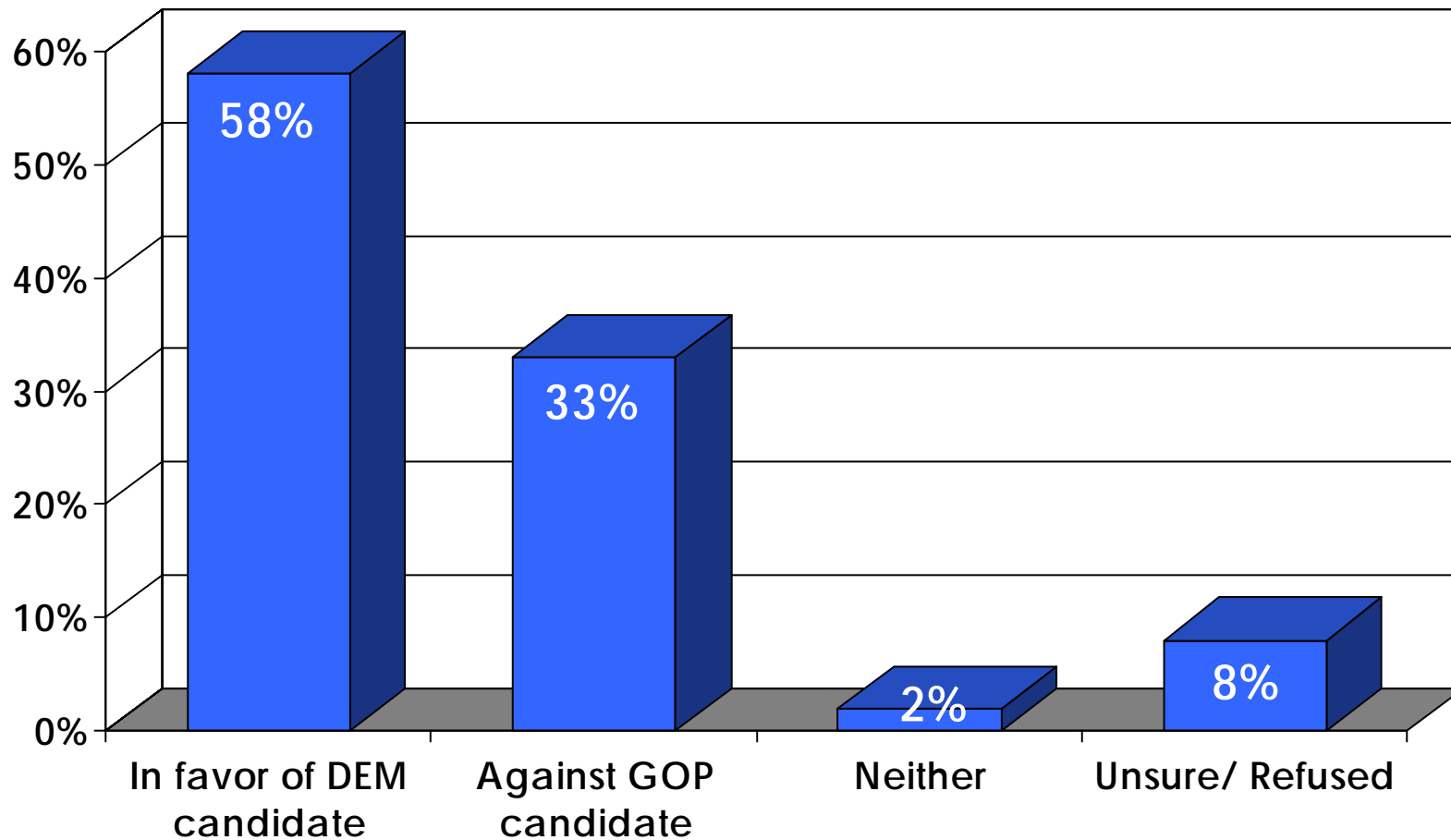
Would you say that this choice of the Republican Party candidate for Congress is more a -- vote in favor of the Republican candidate, or a vote against the Democratic candidate?
(Asked of GOP Voters Only)



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Would you say that this choice of the Democratic Party candidate for Congress is more a -- vote in favor of the Democratic candidate, or a vote against the Republican candidate?

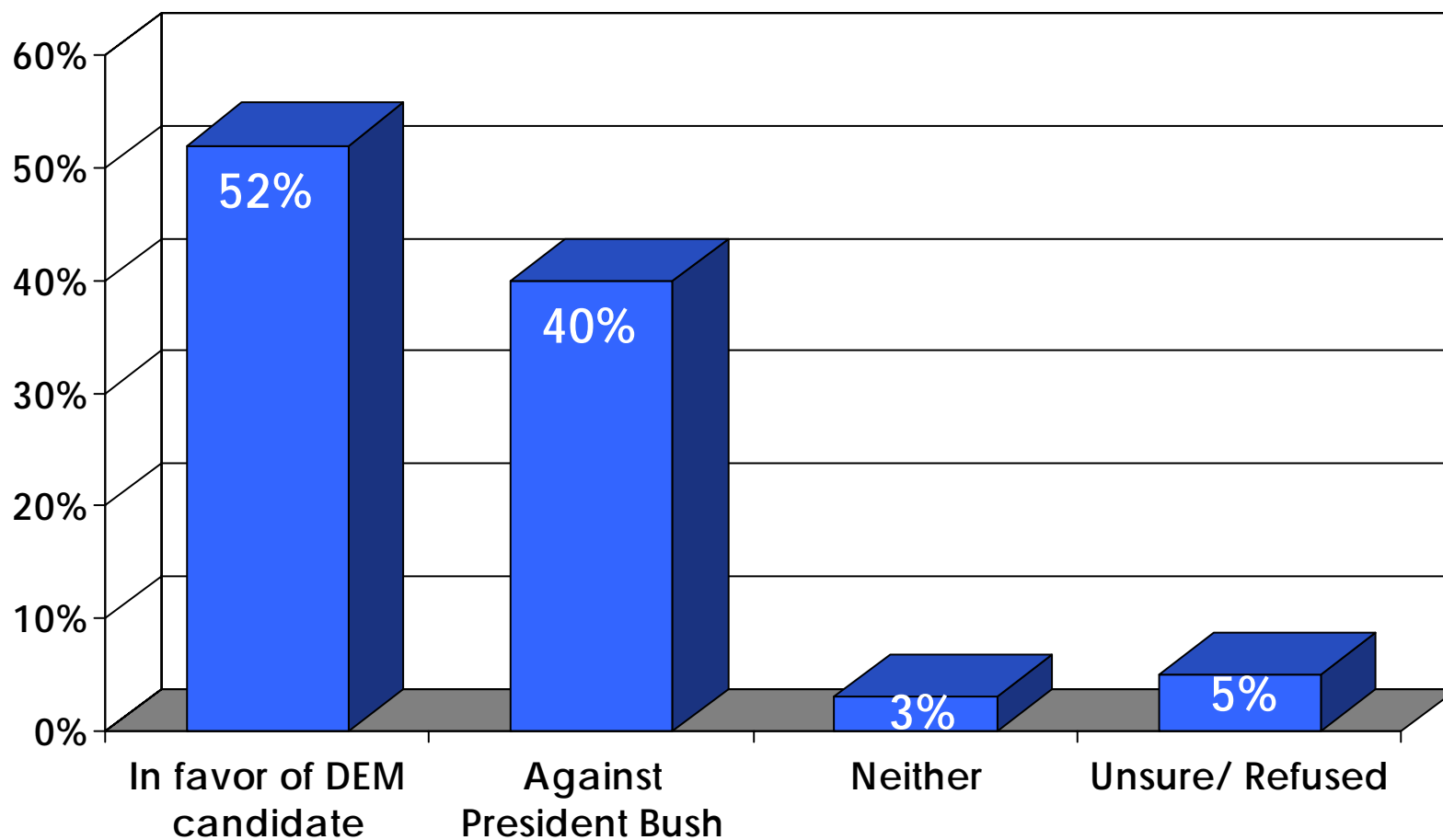
(Asked of DEM Voters Only- Split Sample A)



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Would you say that this choice of the Democratic Party candidate for Congress is more a -- vote in favor of the Democratic candidate, or a vote against President Bush?

(Asked of DEM Voters Only- Split Sample B)

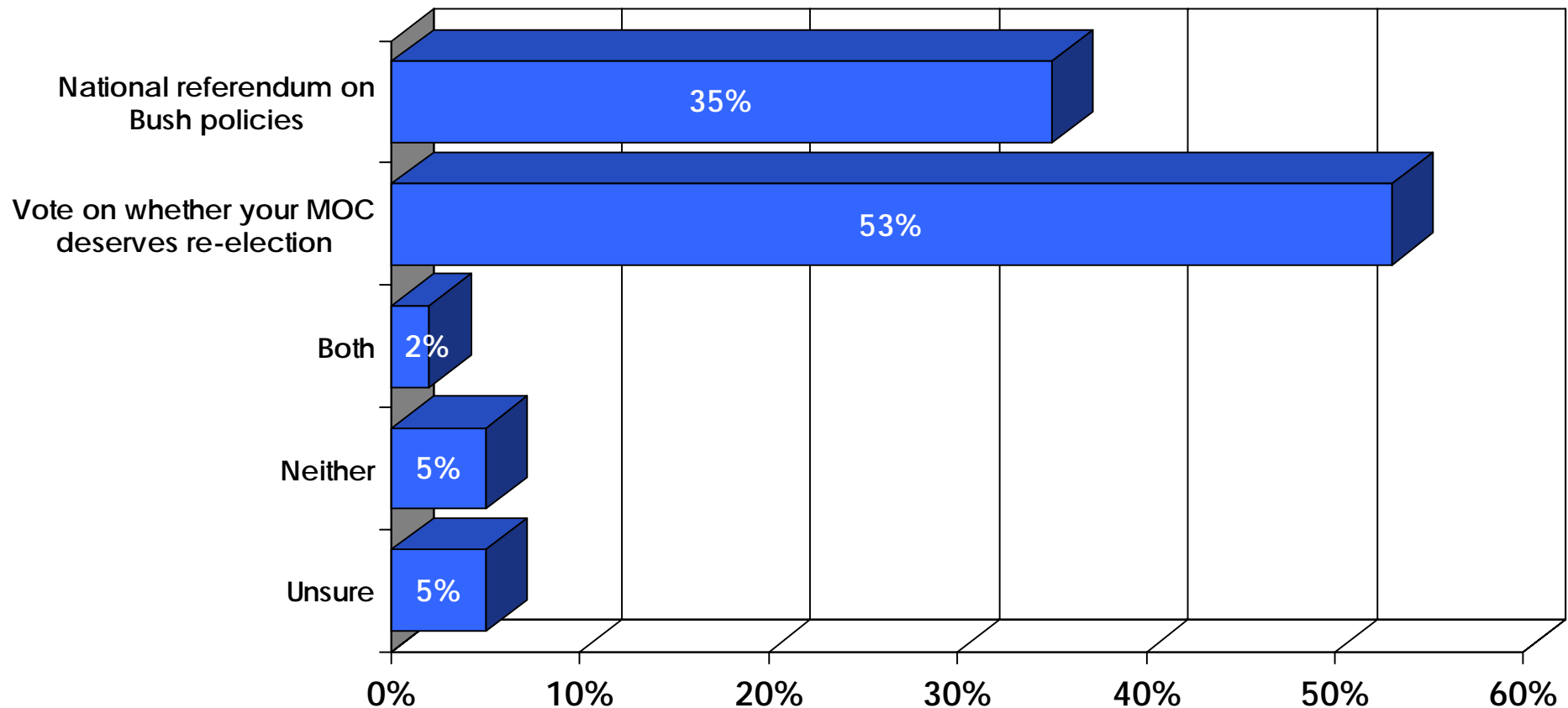


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Some people say that your vote for Congress is a vote on whether or not to continue the policies of President Bush.

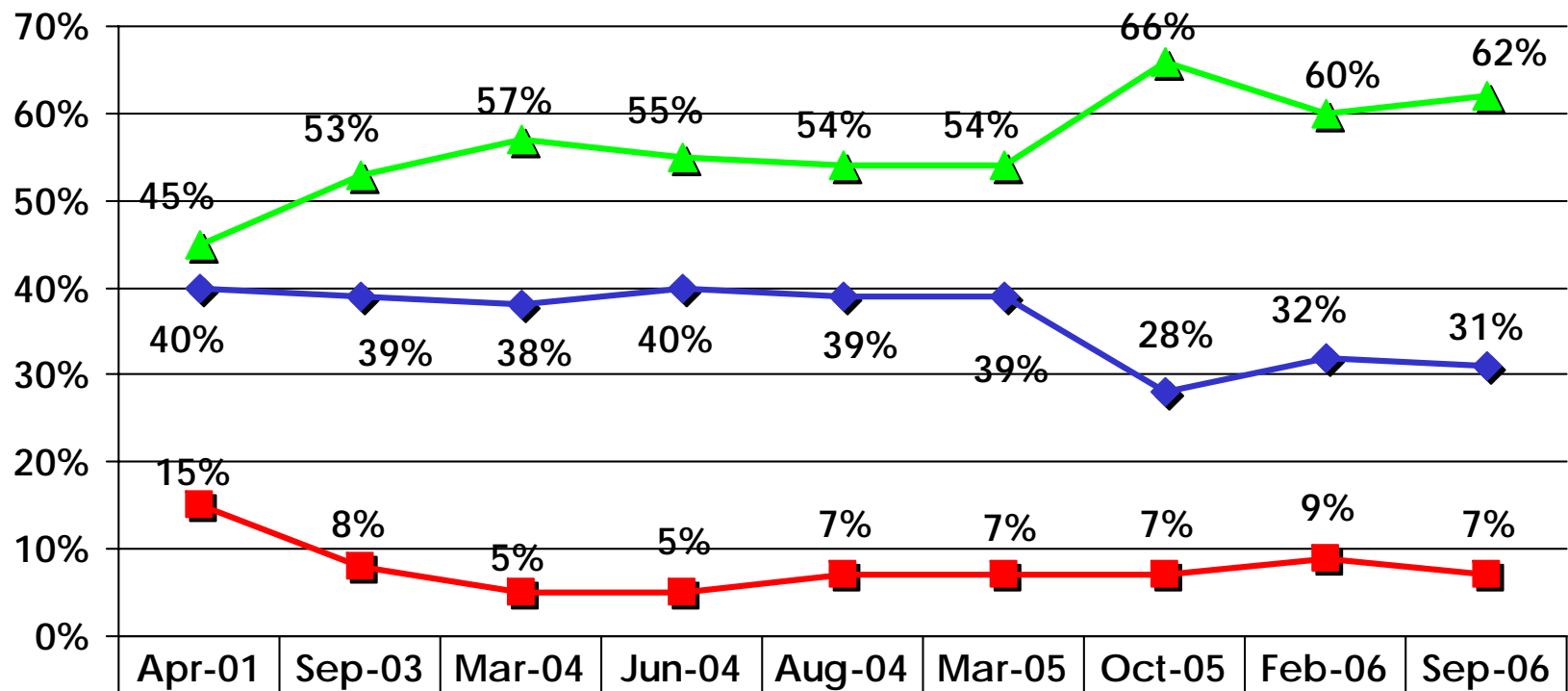
Other people say that your vote for Congress is a vote on whether or not you think your Member of Congress deserves re-election.

Which viewpoint comes closest to your own?



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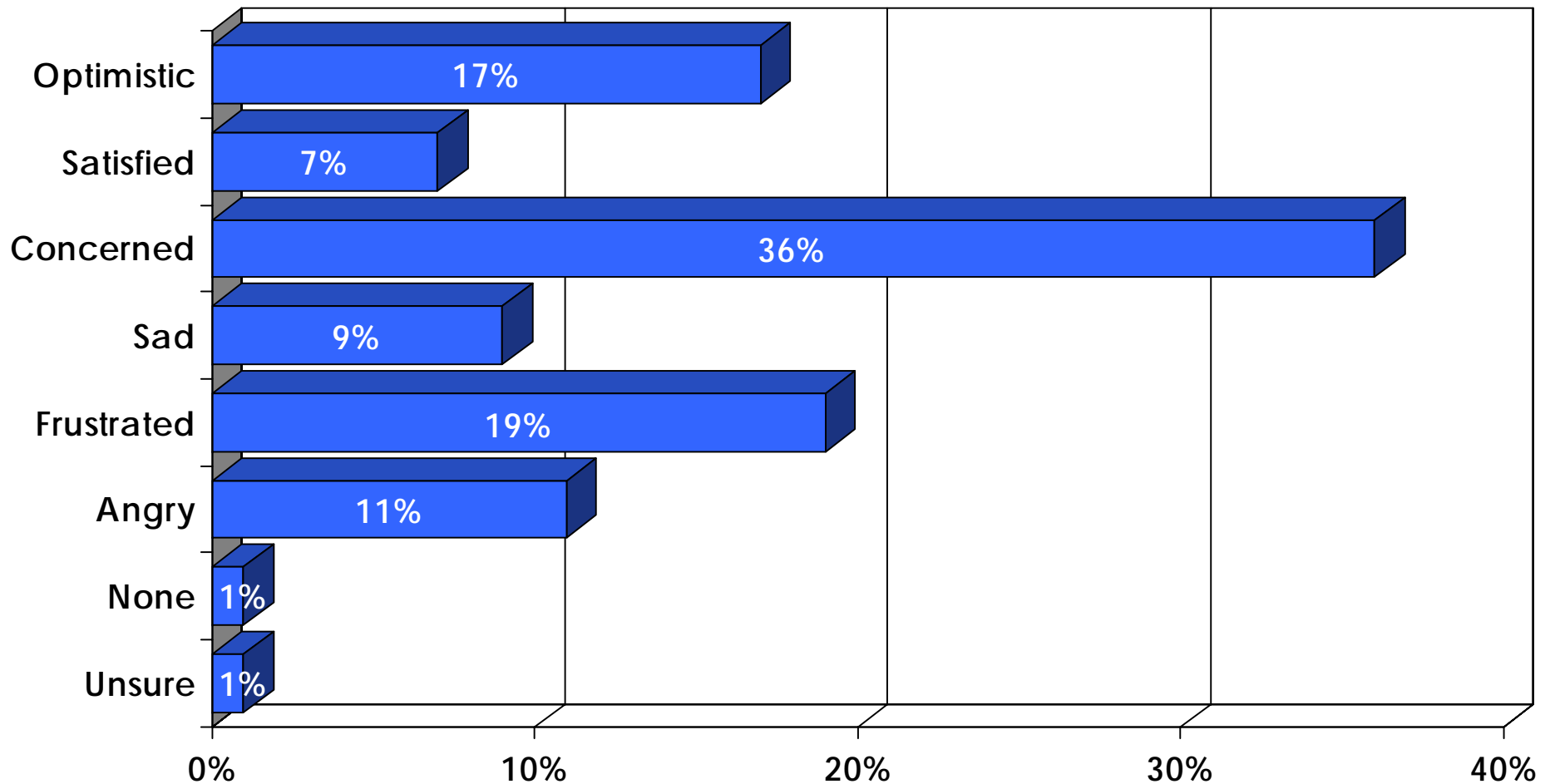
Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?



◆ Right Direction	40%	39%	38%	40%	39%	39%	28%	32%	31%
■ Unsure	15%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%	9%	7%
▲ Wrong Track	45%	53%	57%	55%	54%	54%	66%	60%	62%

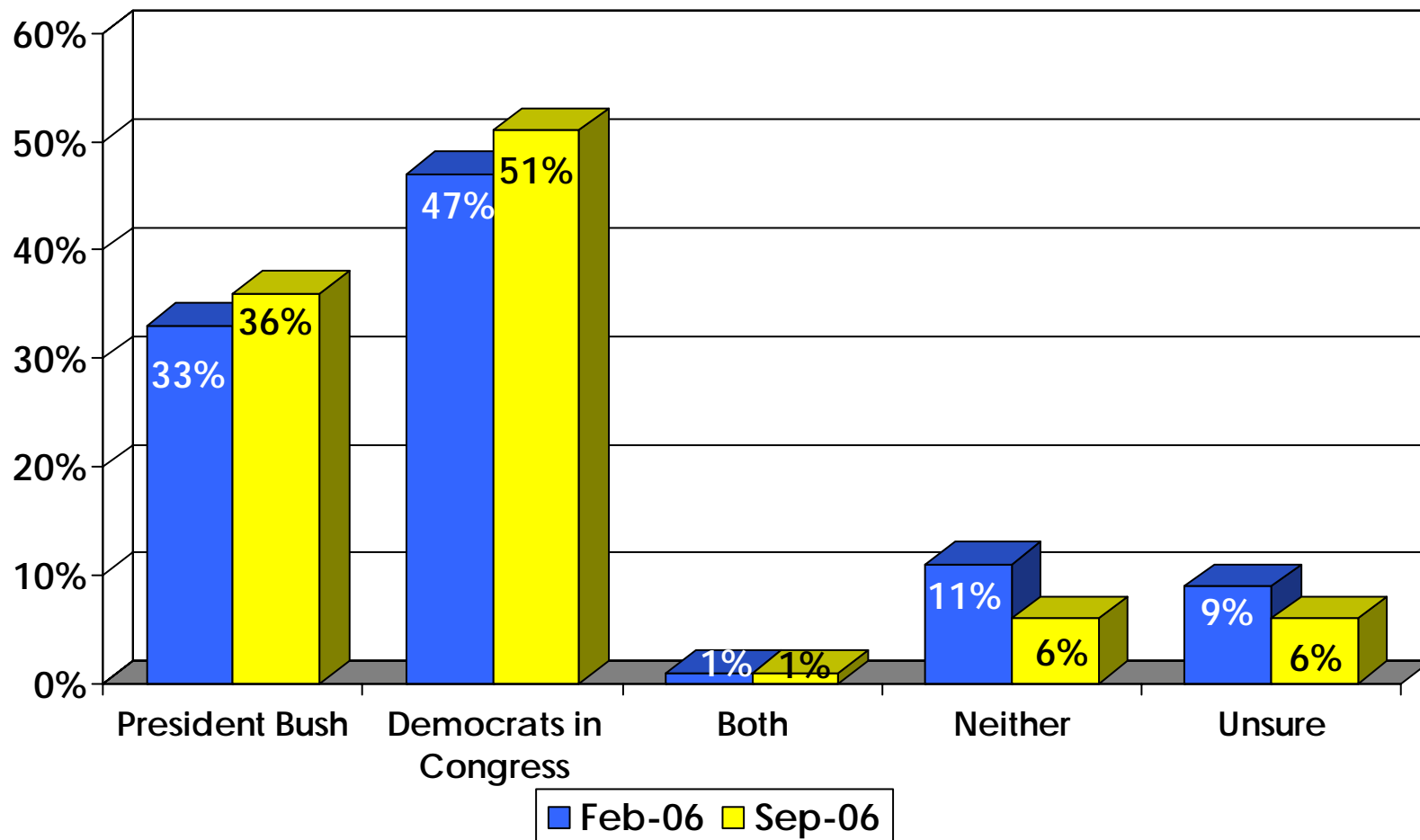
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And what word would you use to describe your feelings about the direction of the country...Optimistic, Satisfied, Concerned, Sad, Frustrated, or Angry?



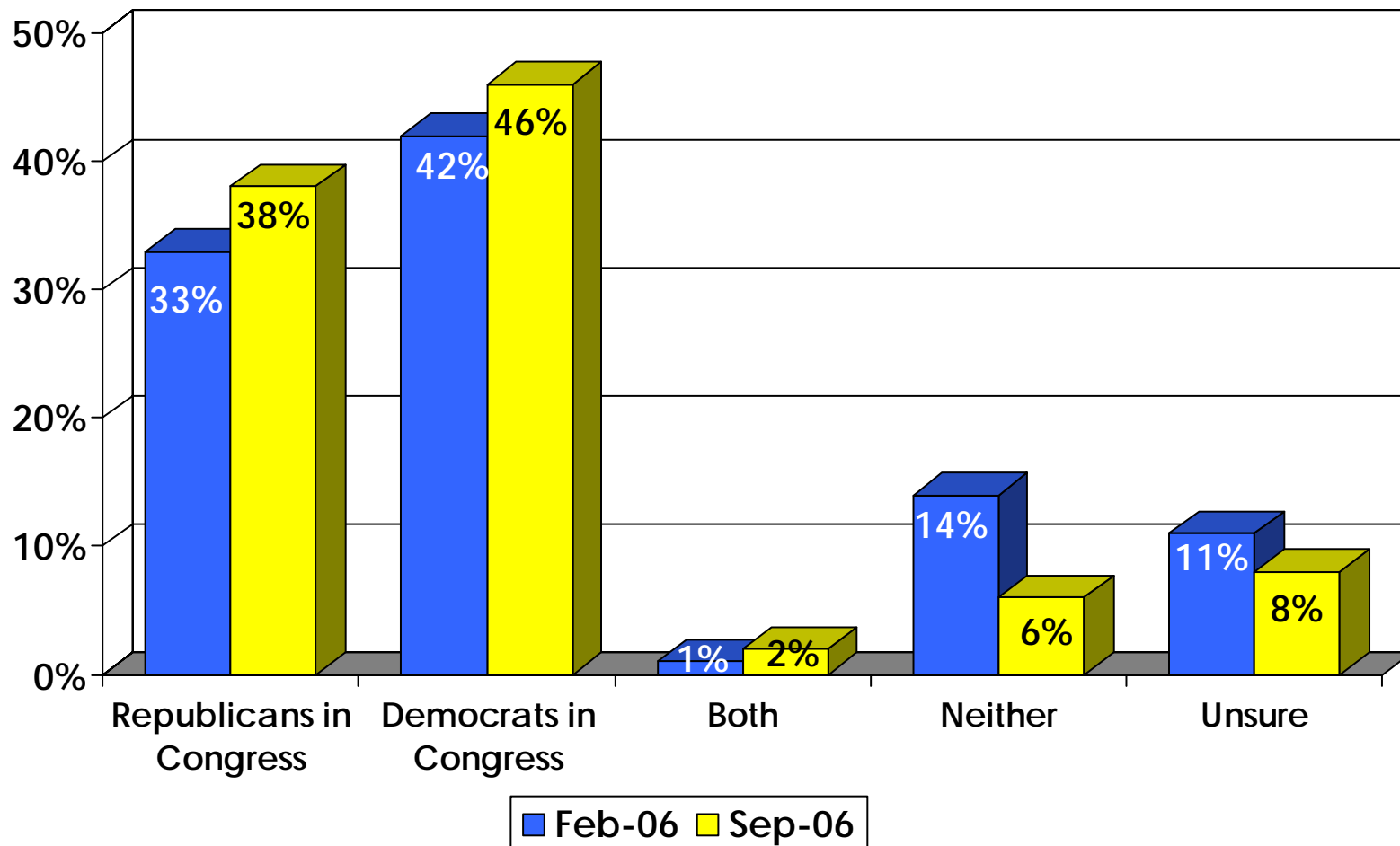
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Thinking about the issue you just mentioned... Who do you think would do a better job at solving this problem– President Bush or the Democrats in Congress?



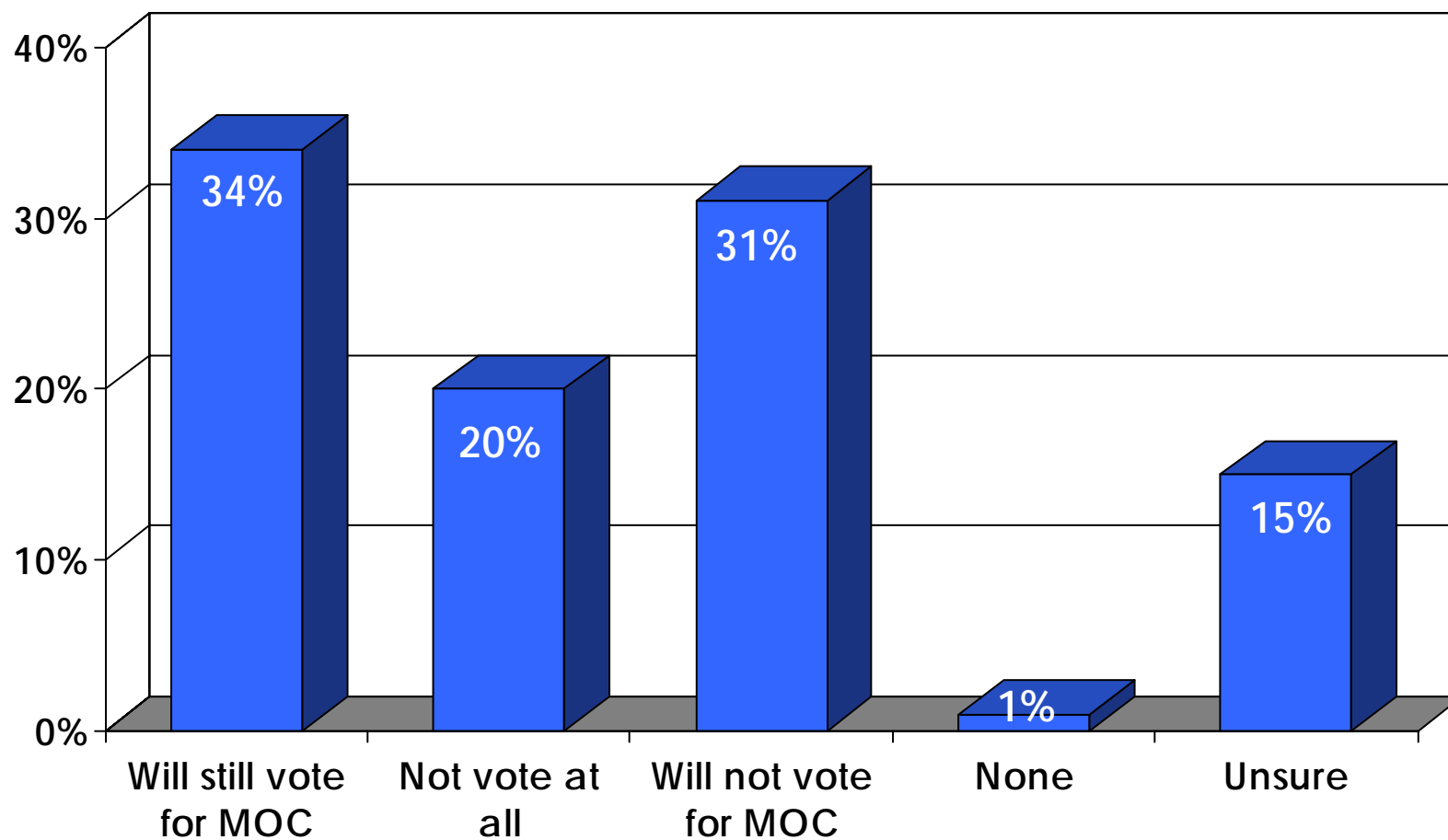
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Thinking about the issue you just mentioned... Who do you think would do a better job at solving this problem– Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress?



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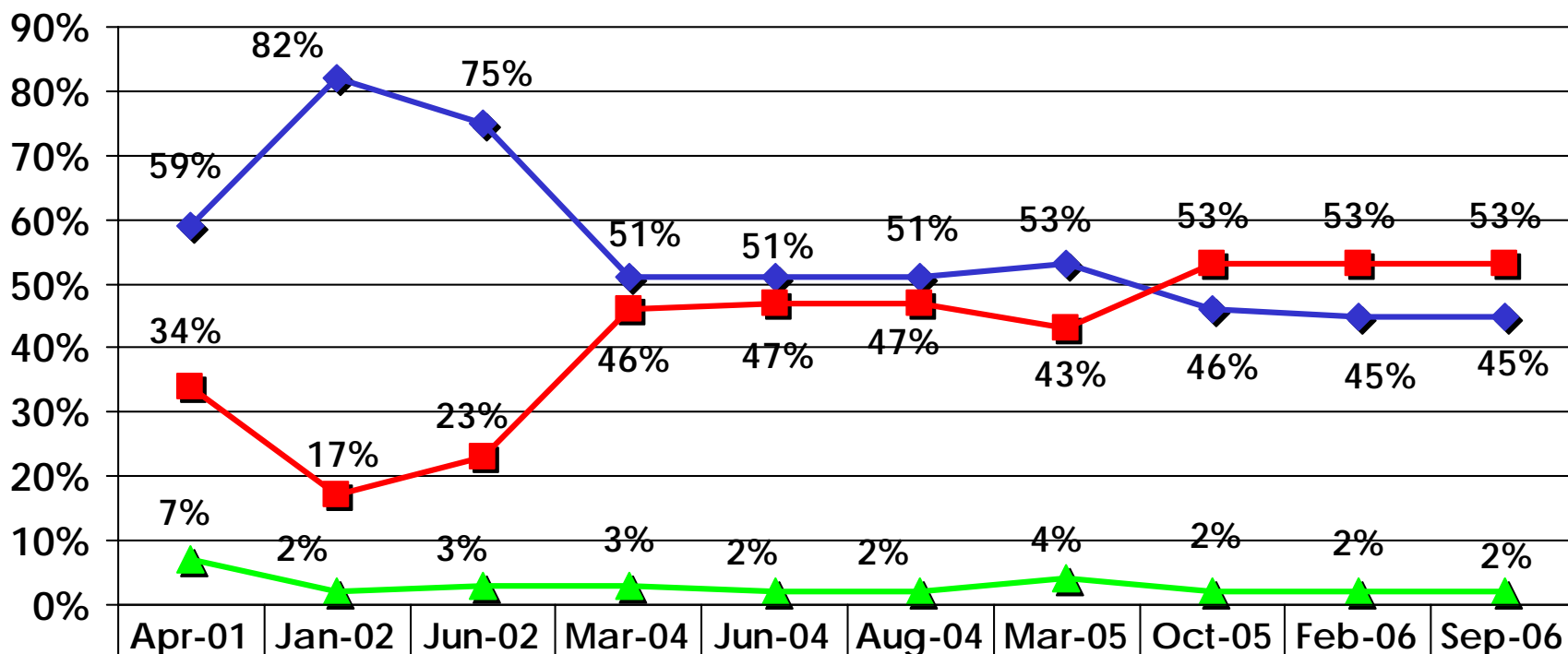
If Congress does not deal this year with the most pressing problems facing the nation, which of these statements best describes what you think your friends and neighbors will do: They will still vote for their current Member of Congress, they will not vote at all, or they will not vote for their current Member of Congress?



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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 them.

"George W. Bush"

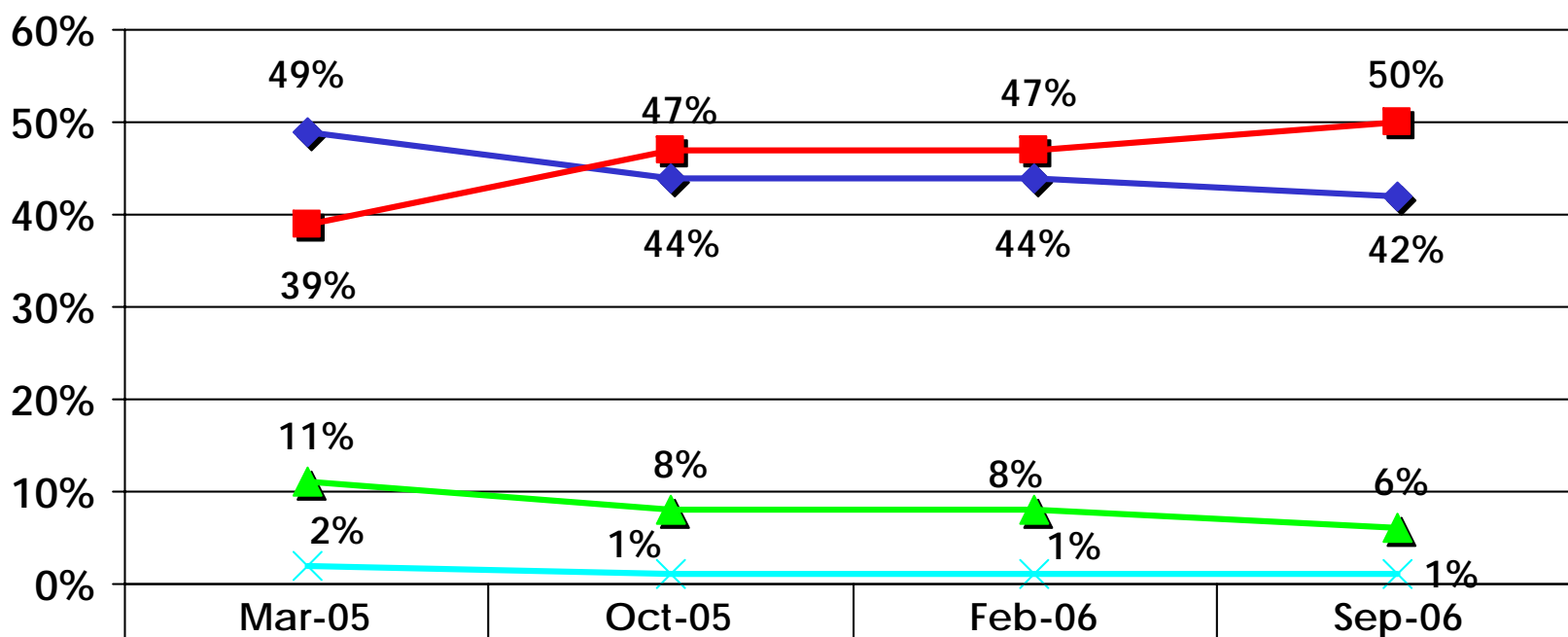


◆ Favorable	59%	82%	75%	51%	51%	51%	53%	46%	45%	45%
■ Unfavorable	34%	17%	23%	46%	47%	47%	43%	53%	53%	53%
▲ No Opinion	7%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%

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"The Republicans in Congress"

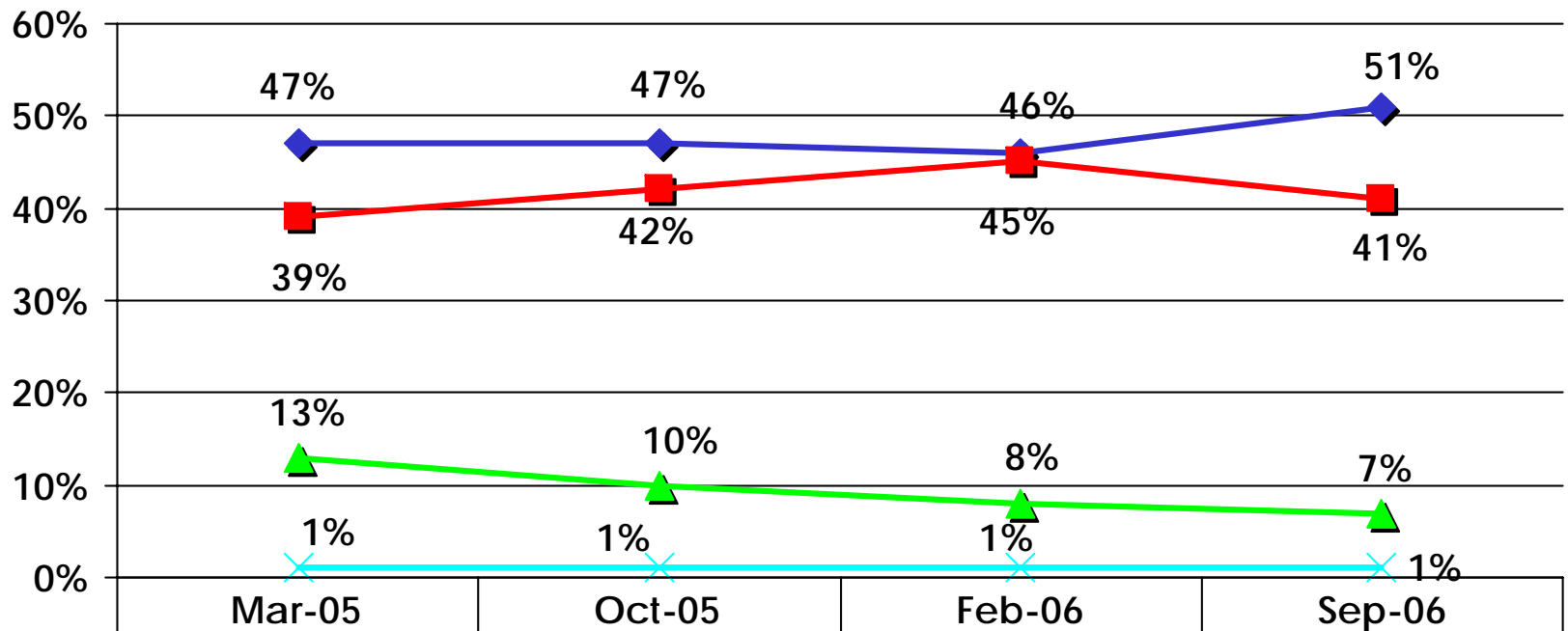


◆ Favorable	49%	44%	44%	42%
■ Unfavorable	39%	47%	47%	50%
▲ No Opinion	11%	8%	8%	6%
× Never heard of	2%	1%	1%	1%

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“The Democrats in Congress”

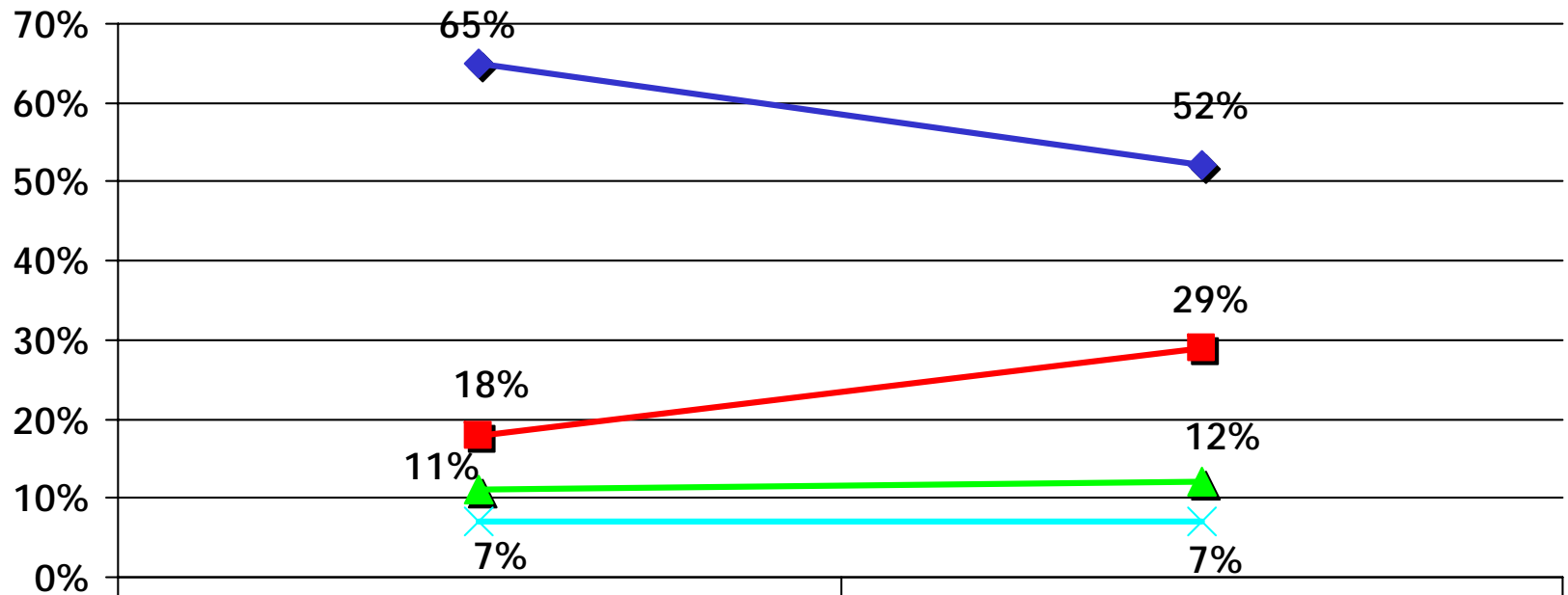


◆ Favorable	47%	47%	46%	51%
■ Unfavorable	39%	42%	45%	41%
▲ No Opinion	13%	10%	8%	7%
✕ Never heard of	1%	1%	1%	1%

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"John McCain"

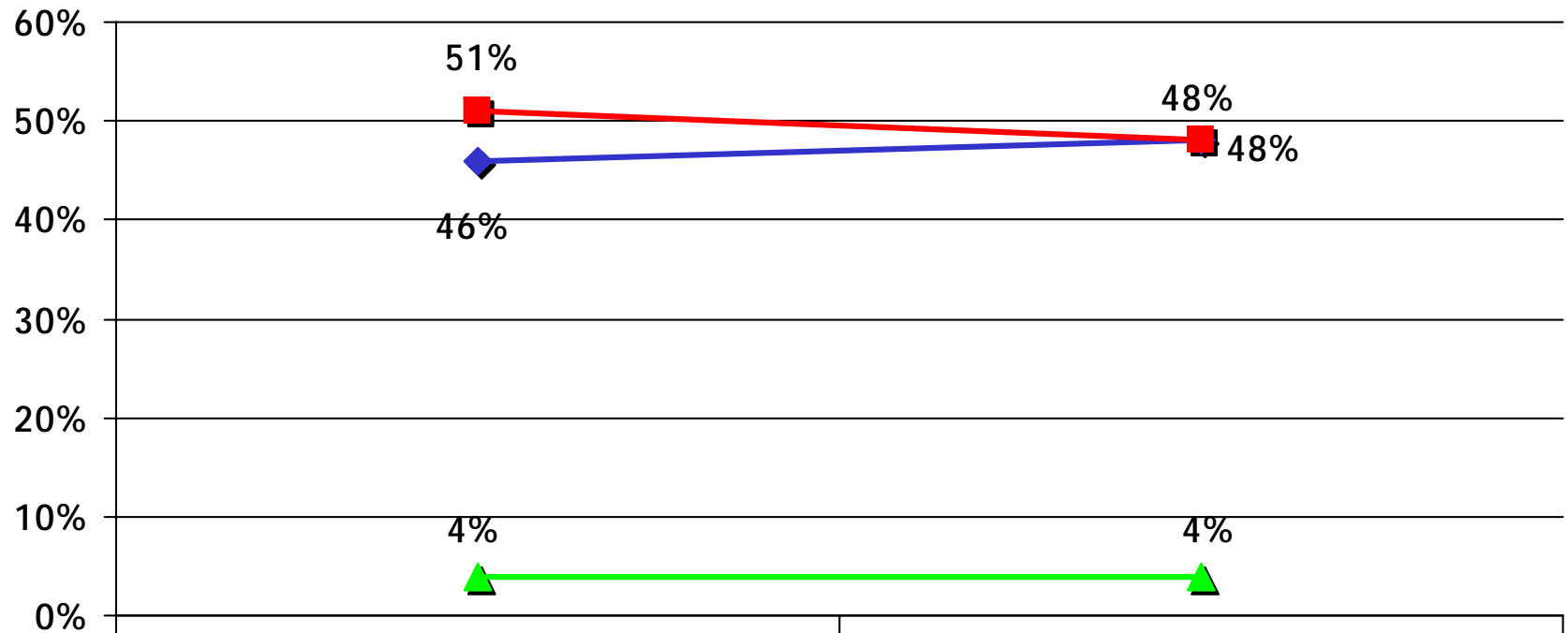


	Feb-06	Sep-06
◆ Favorable	65%	52%
■ Unfavorable	18%	29%
▲ No Opinion	11%	12%
× Never heard of	7%	7%

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"Hillary Clinton"

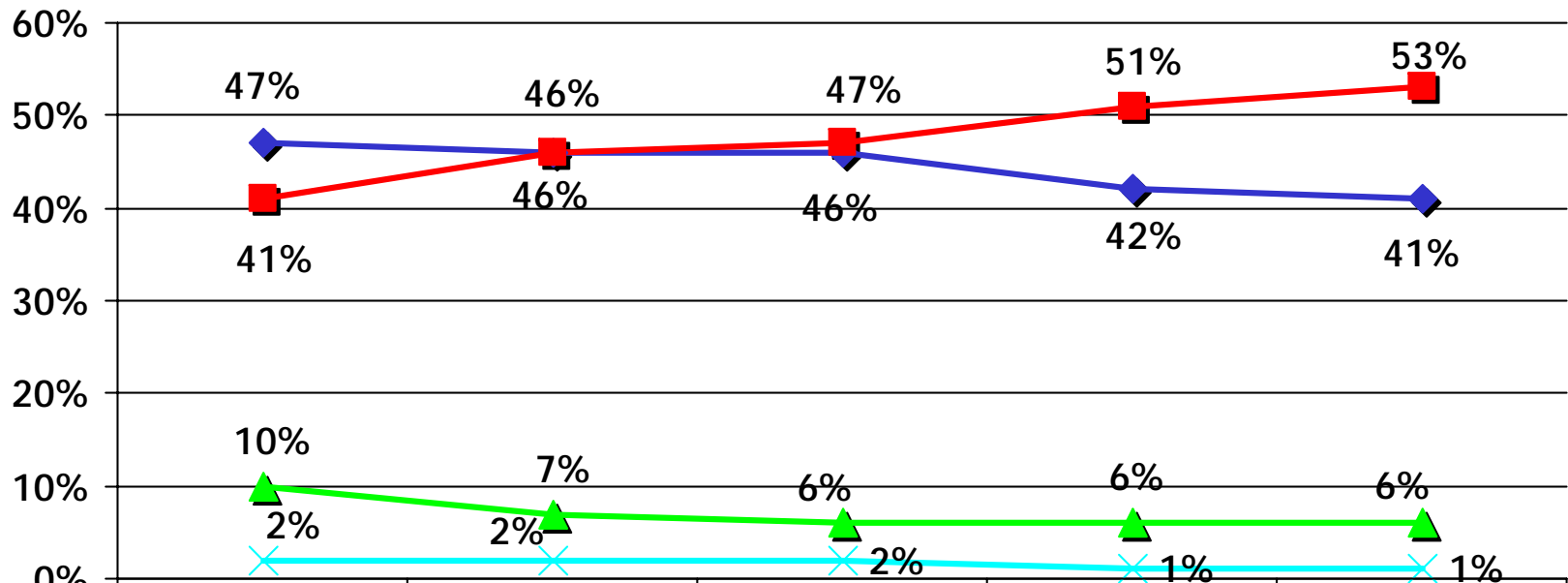


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◆ Favorable	46%	48%
■ Unfavorable	51%	48%
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"Dick Cheney"

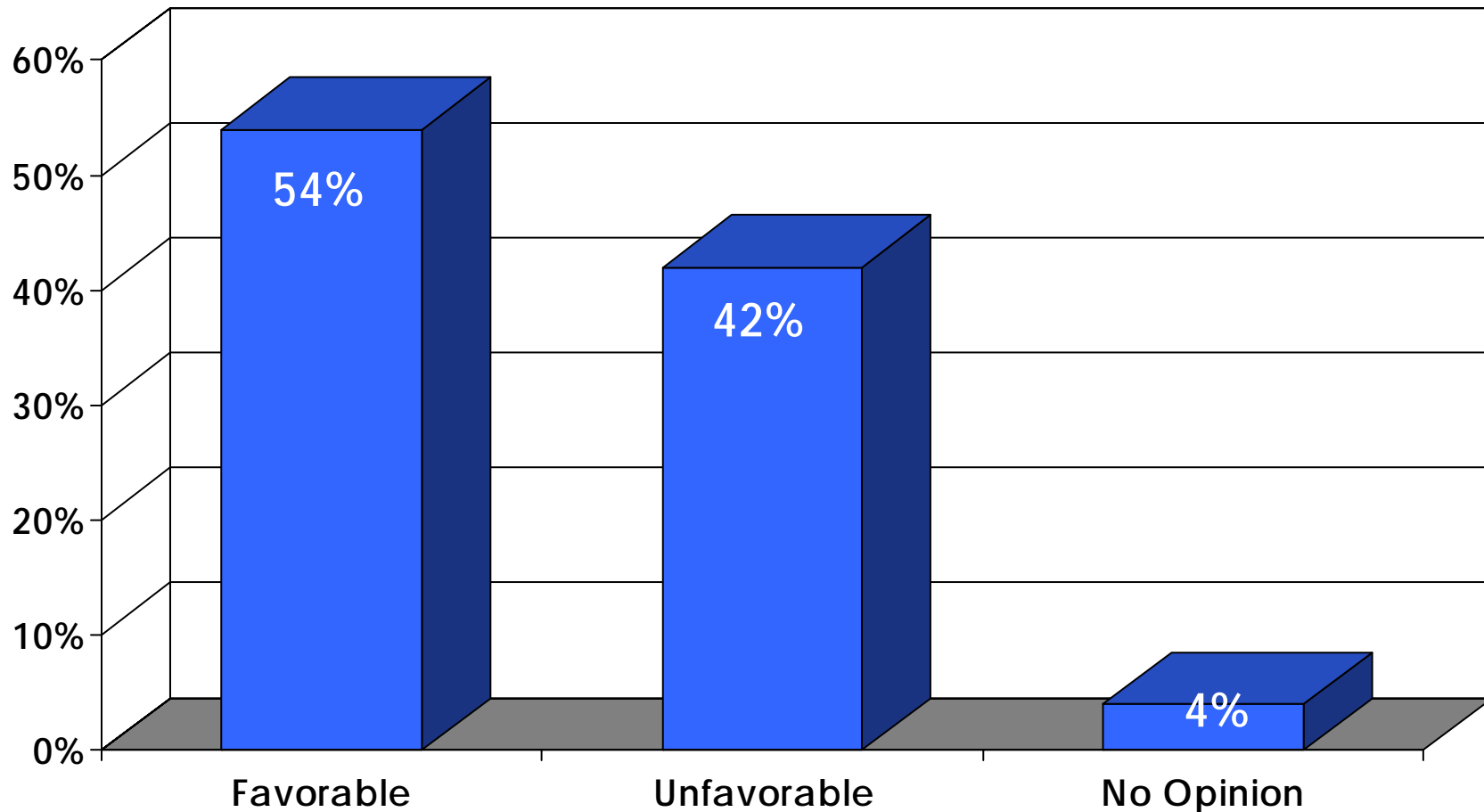


	Mar-04	Jun-04	Aug-04	Feb-06	Sep-06
◆ Favorable	47%	46%	46%	42%	41%
■ Unfavorable	41%	46%	47%	51%	53%
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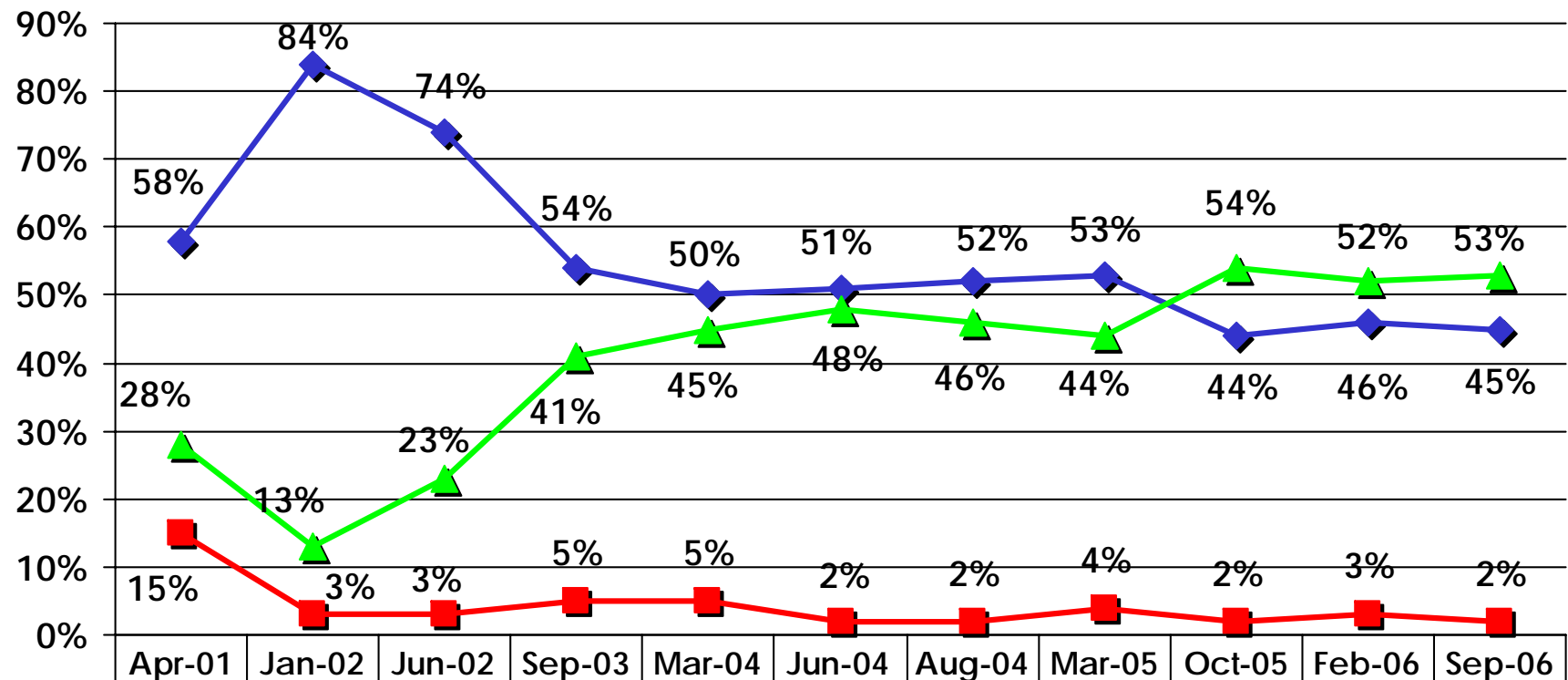
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"Bill Clinton"



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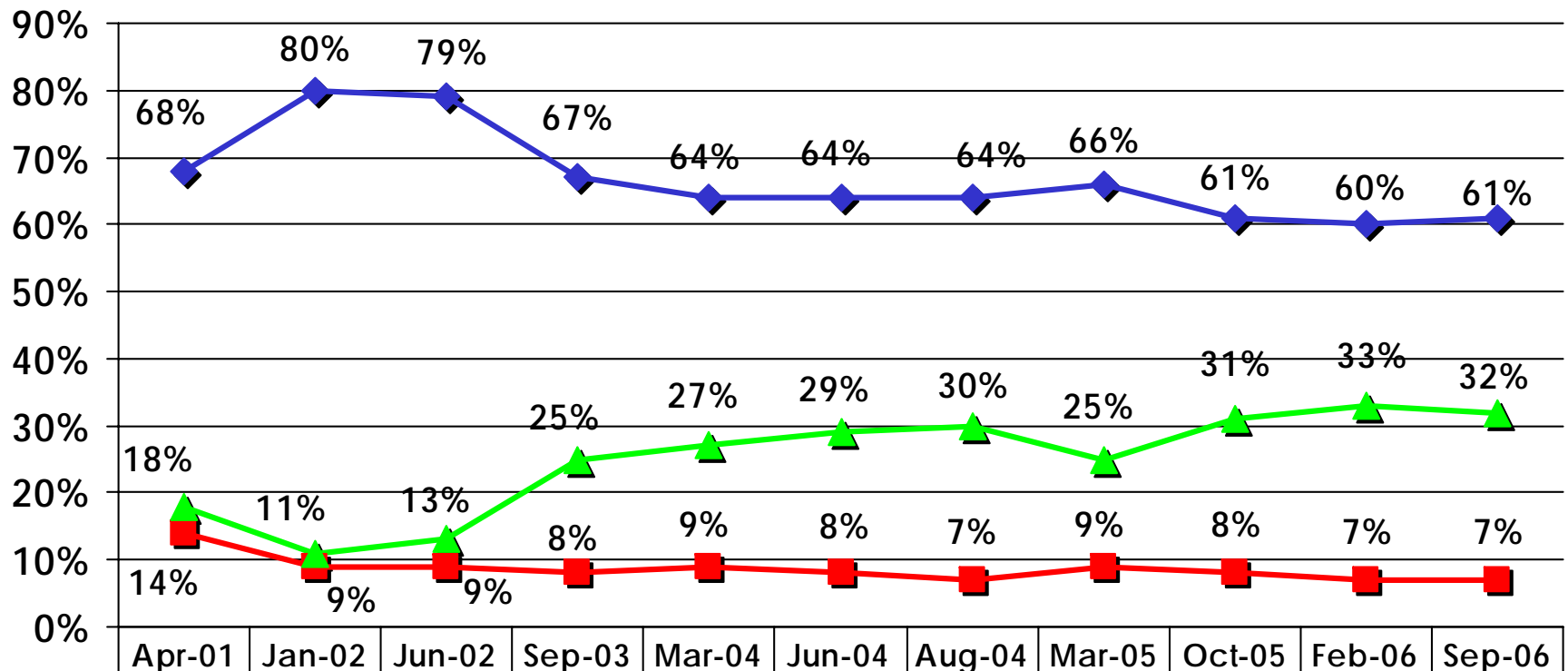
How would you rate the job George W. Bush has been doing as President – do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?



◆ Approve	58%	84%	74%	54%	50%	51%	52%	53%	44%	46%	45%
■ Unsure	15%	3%	3%	5%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%
▲ Disapprove	28%	13%	23%	41%	45%	48%	46%	44%	54%	52%	53%

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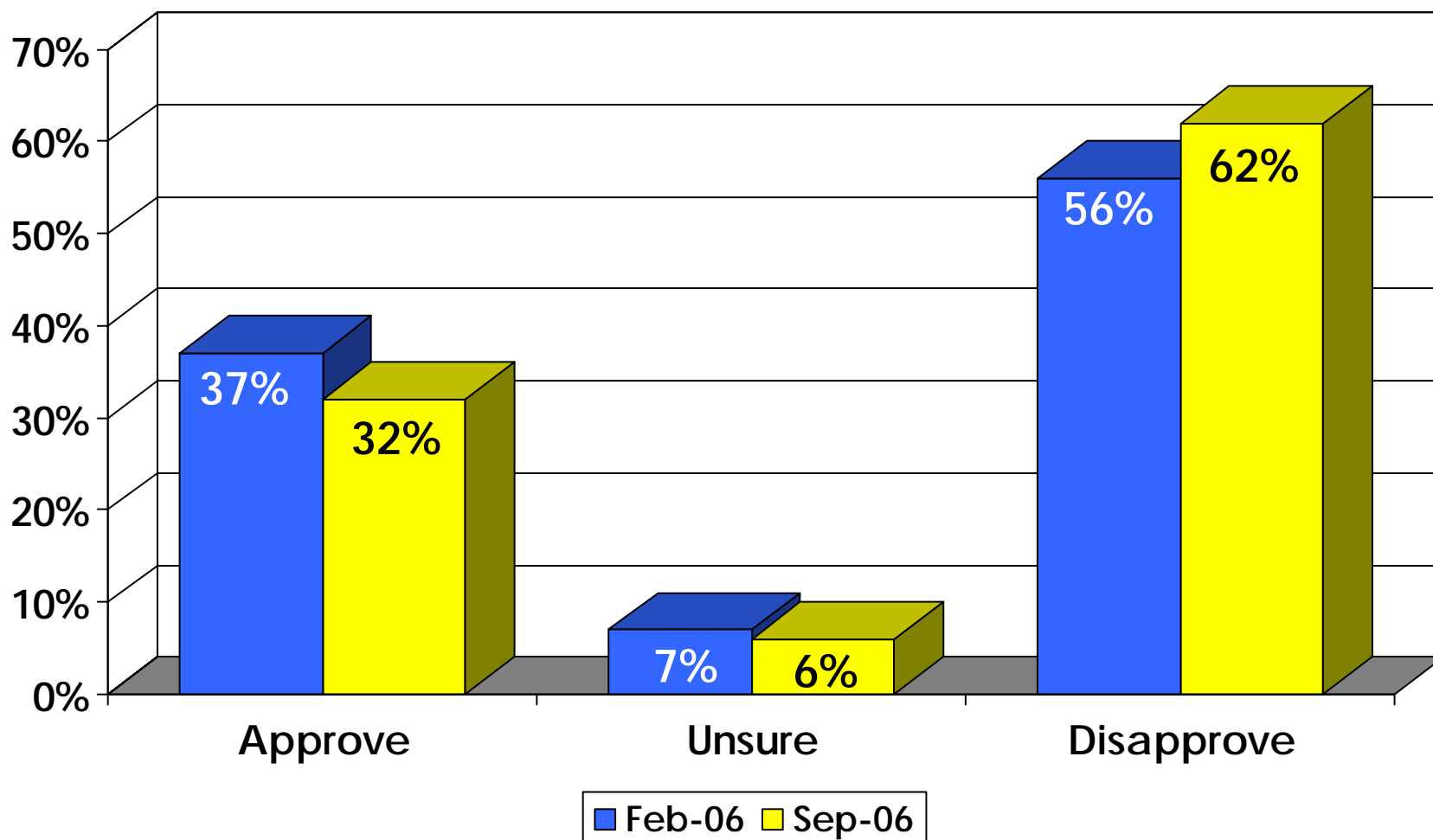
Whether you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President, what is your impression of George W. Bush as a person. Do you approve or disapprove of him?



◆ Approve	68%	80%	79%	67%	64%	64%	64%	66%	61%	60%	61%
■ Unsure	14%	9%	9%	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%	8%	7%	7%
▲ Disapprove	18%	11%	13%	25%	27%	29%	30%	25%	31%	33%	32%

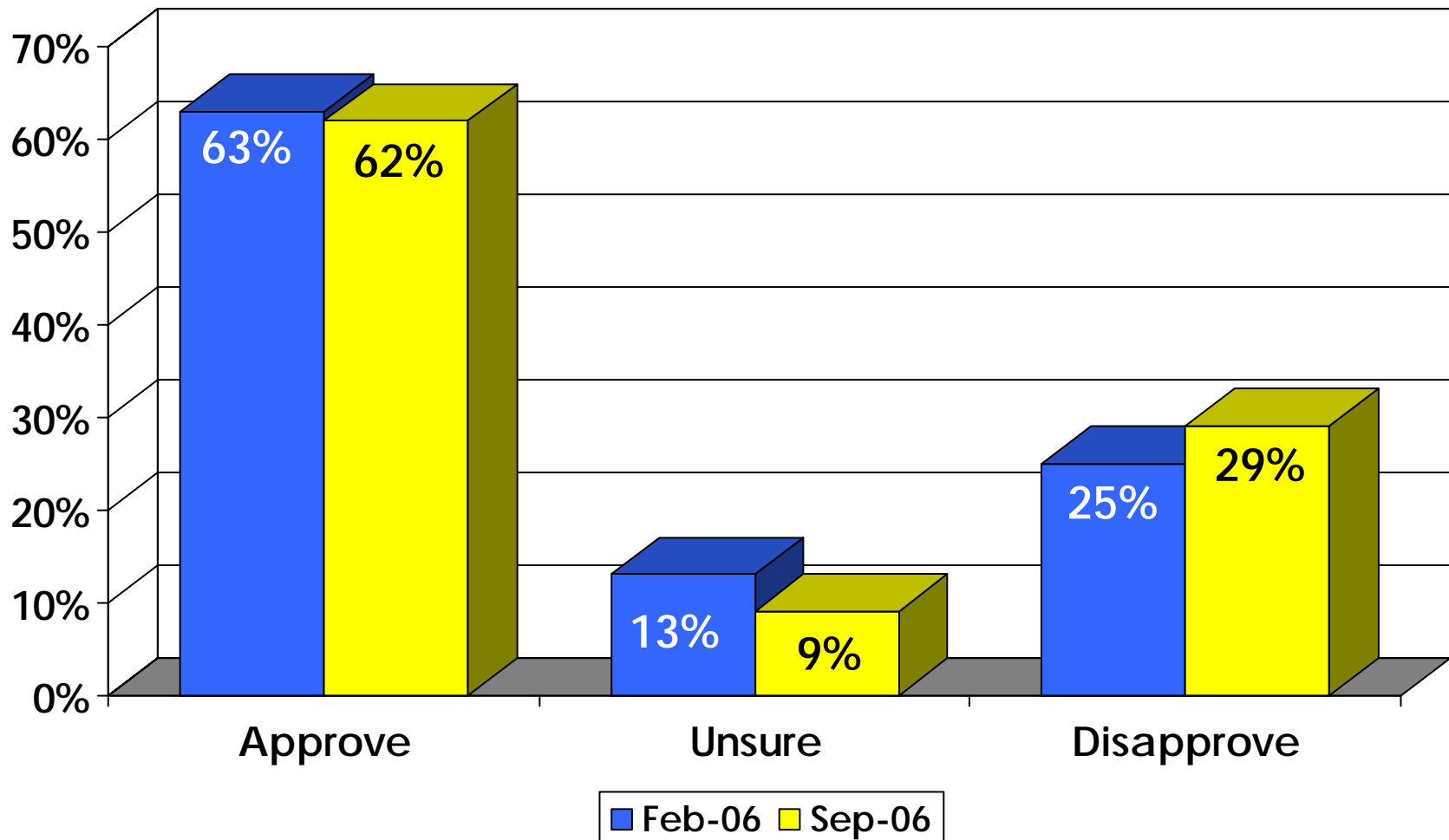
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How would you rate the job that Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?



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How would you rate the job that your Member of Congress is doing – do you approve or disapprove of the job that your Member of Congress is doing?

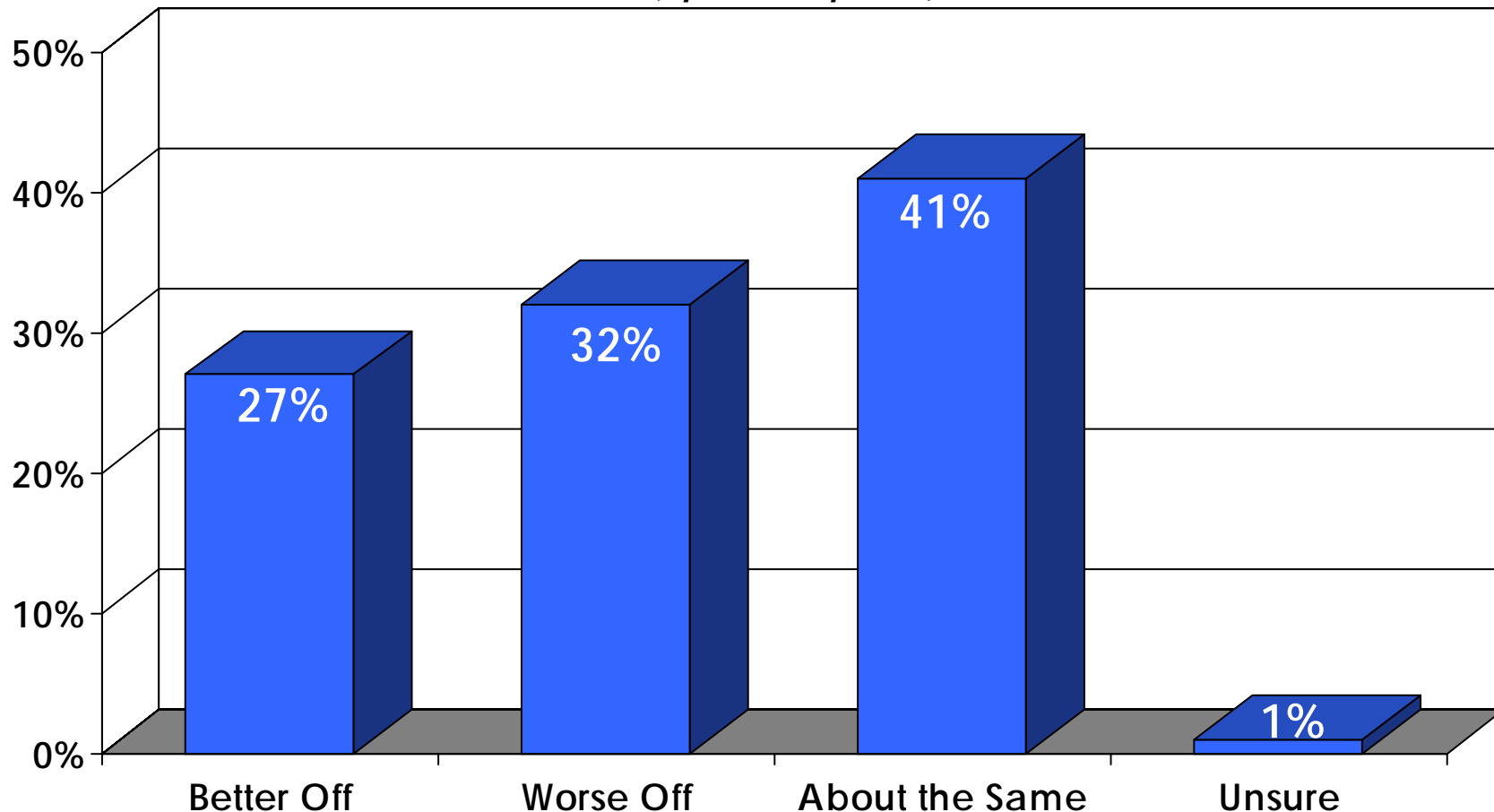


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Now, thinking back a few years – As you probably already know, since November 2002 the Republican Party has held control of both the White House and Congress. This means that their leaders have been in charge of running both Congress and the Executive branches of our federal government. Thinking about this time from 2002 to the present...

Are you and your family better off, worse off, or about the same as you were in November 2002?

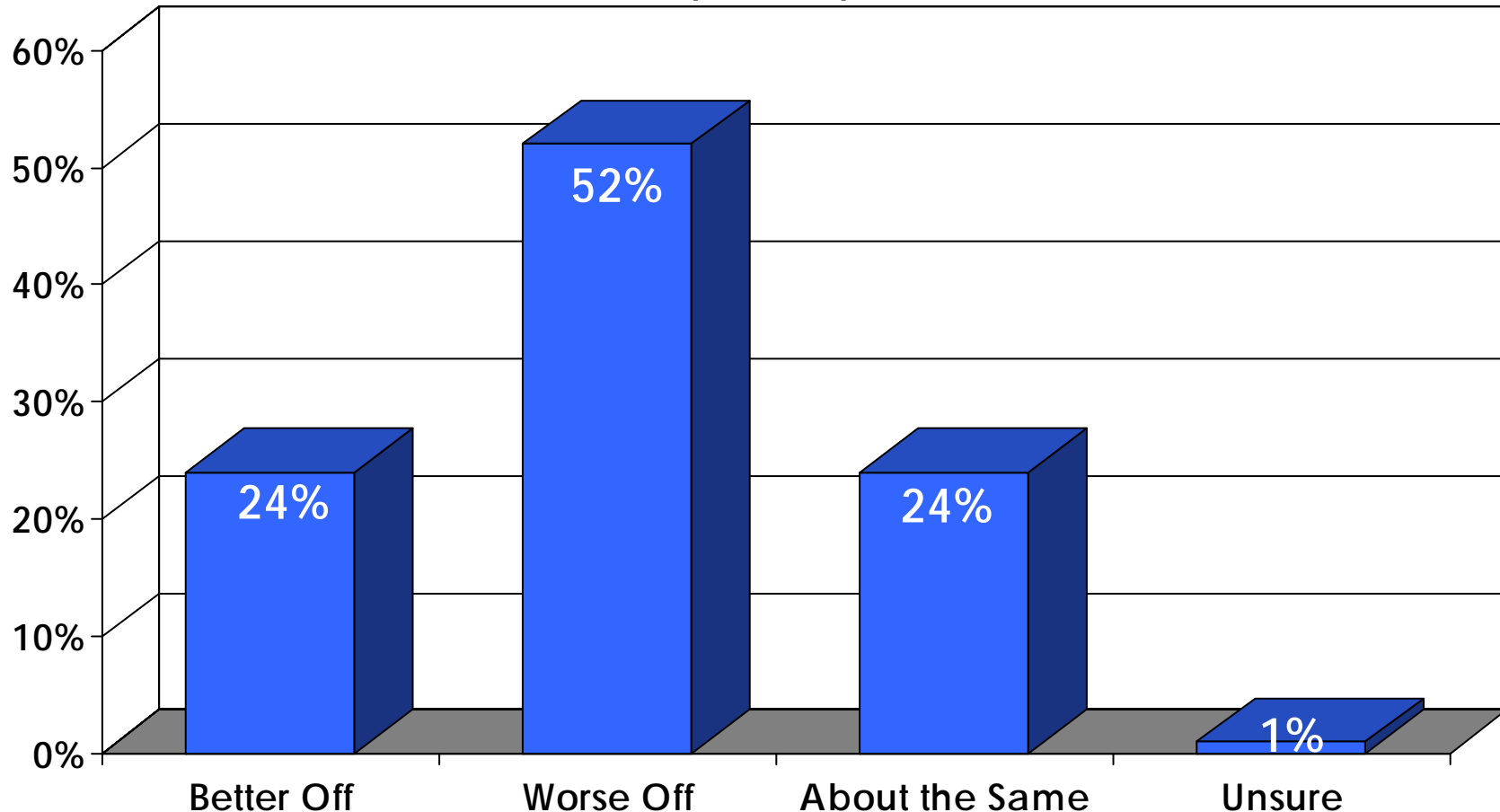
(Split Sample A)



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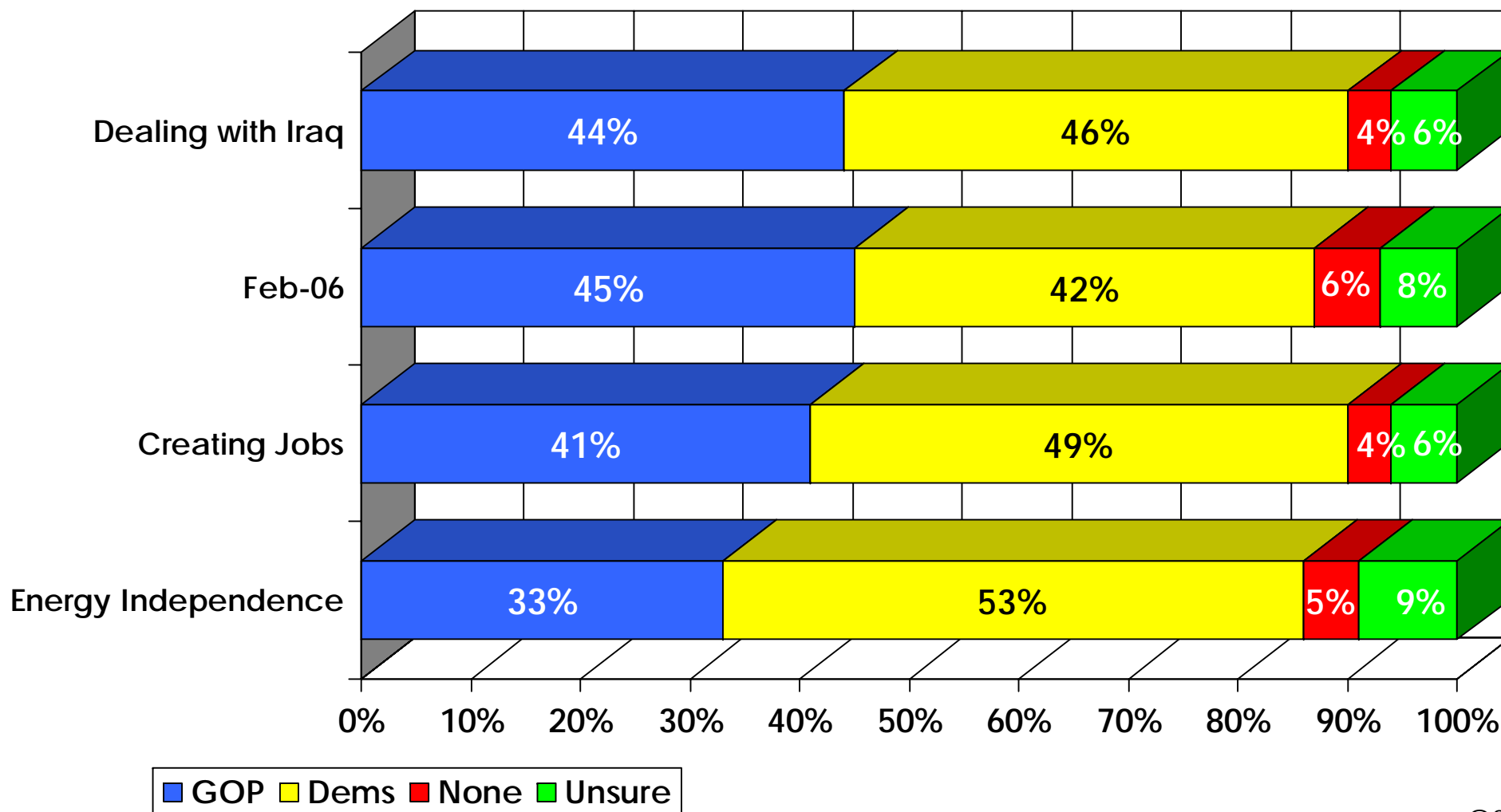
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Do you think the country is better off, worse off, or about the same as it was four years ago?
(Split Sample B)



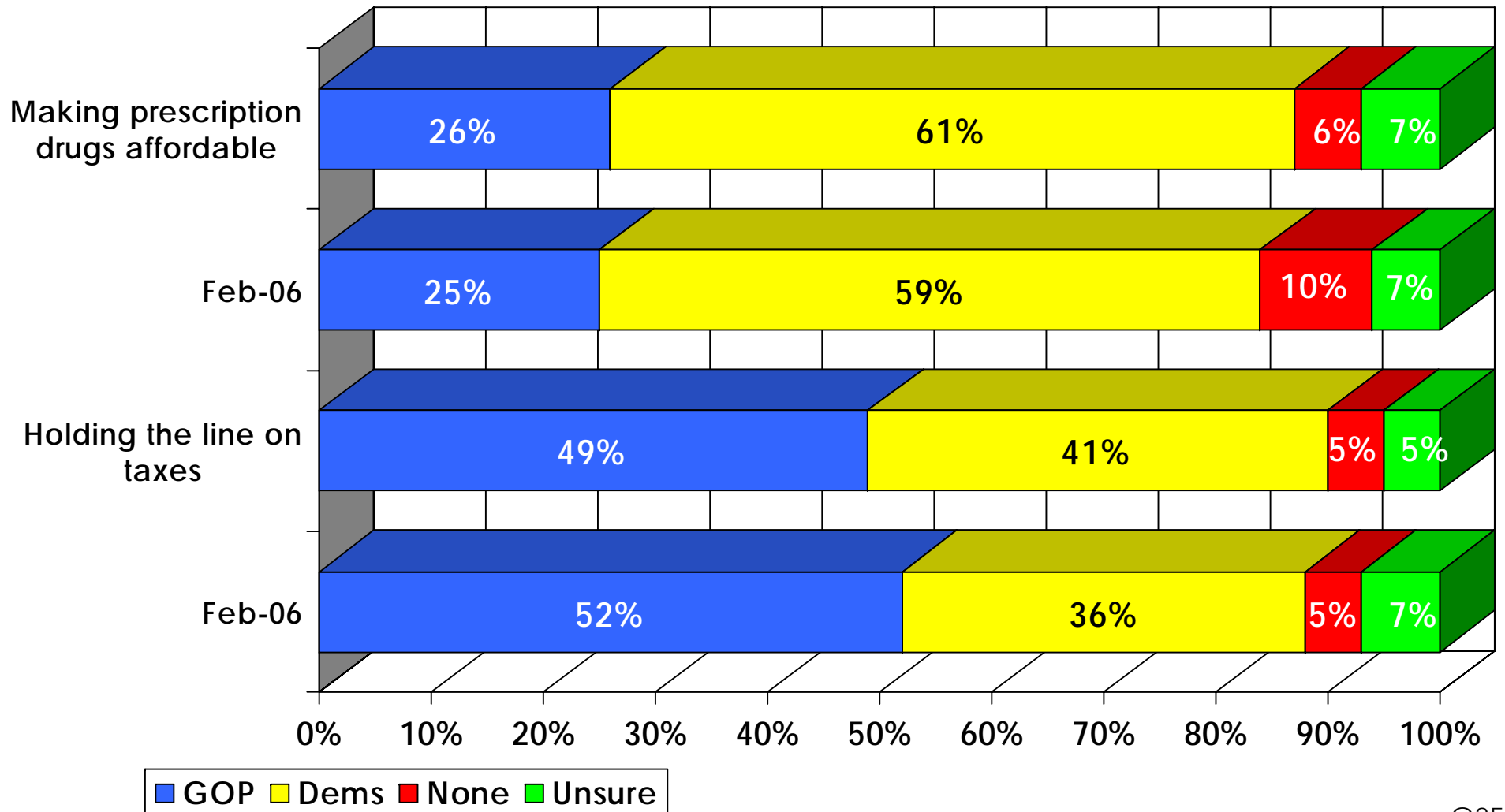
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Please tell me, for each one, who would do a better job of handling this issue -- the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress.



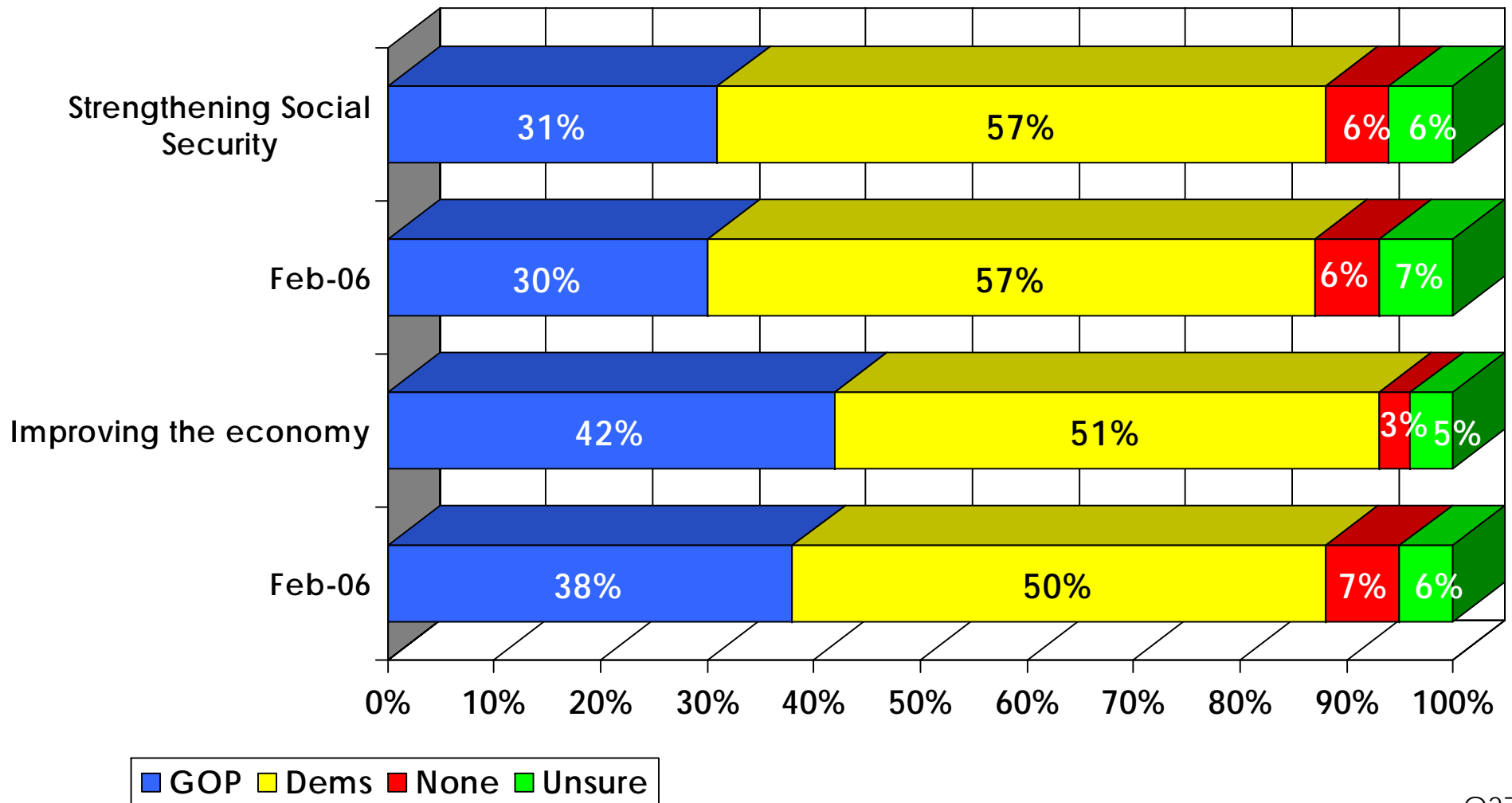
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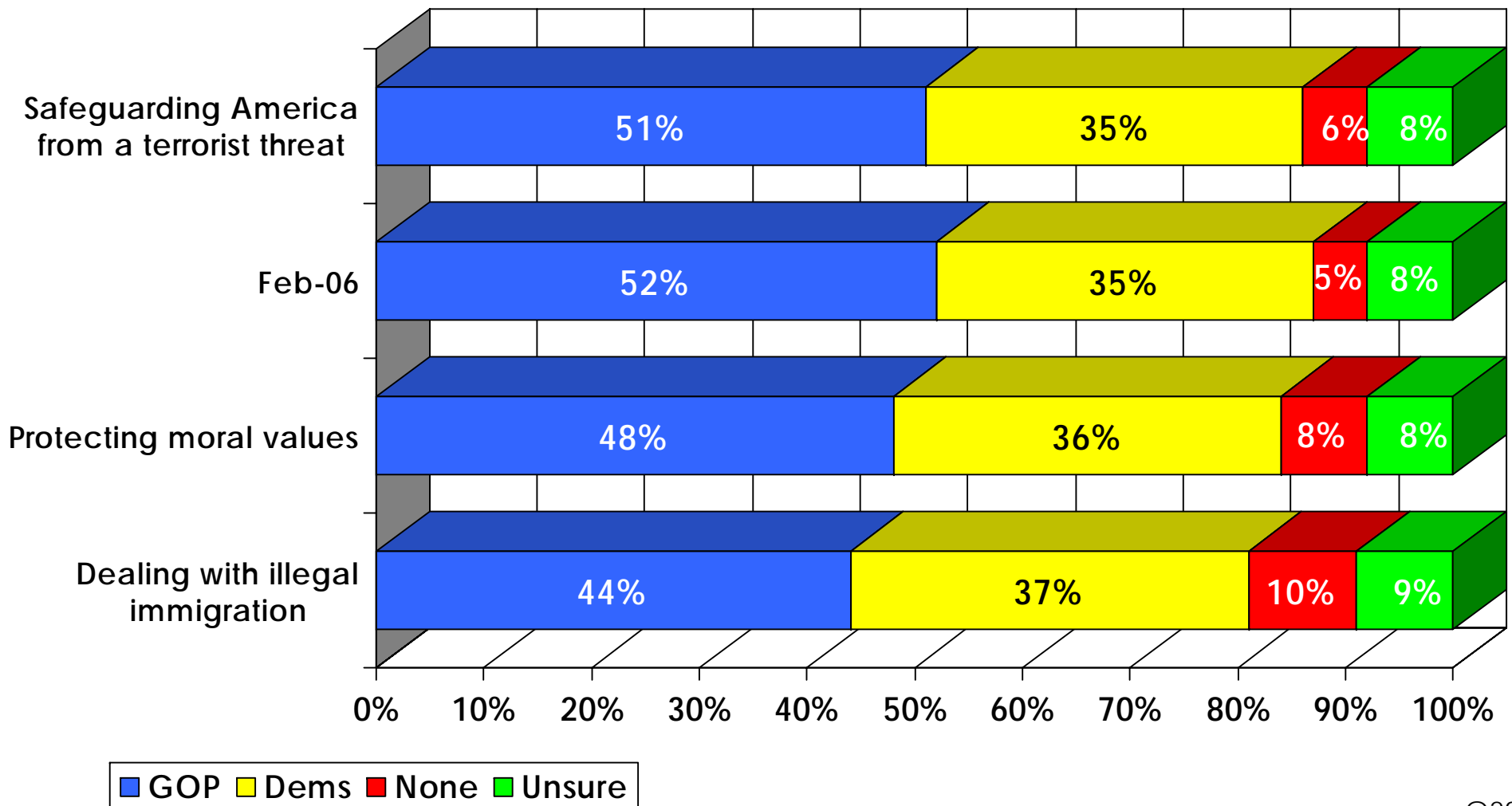
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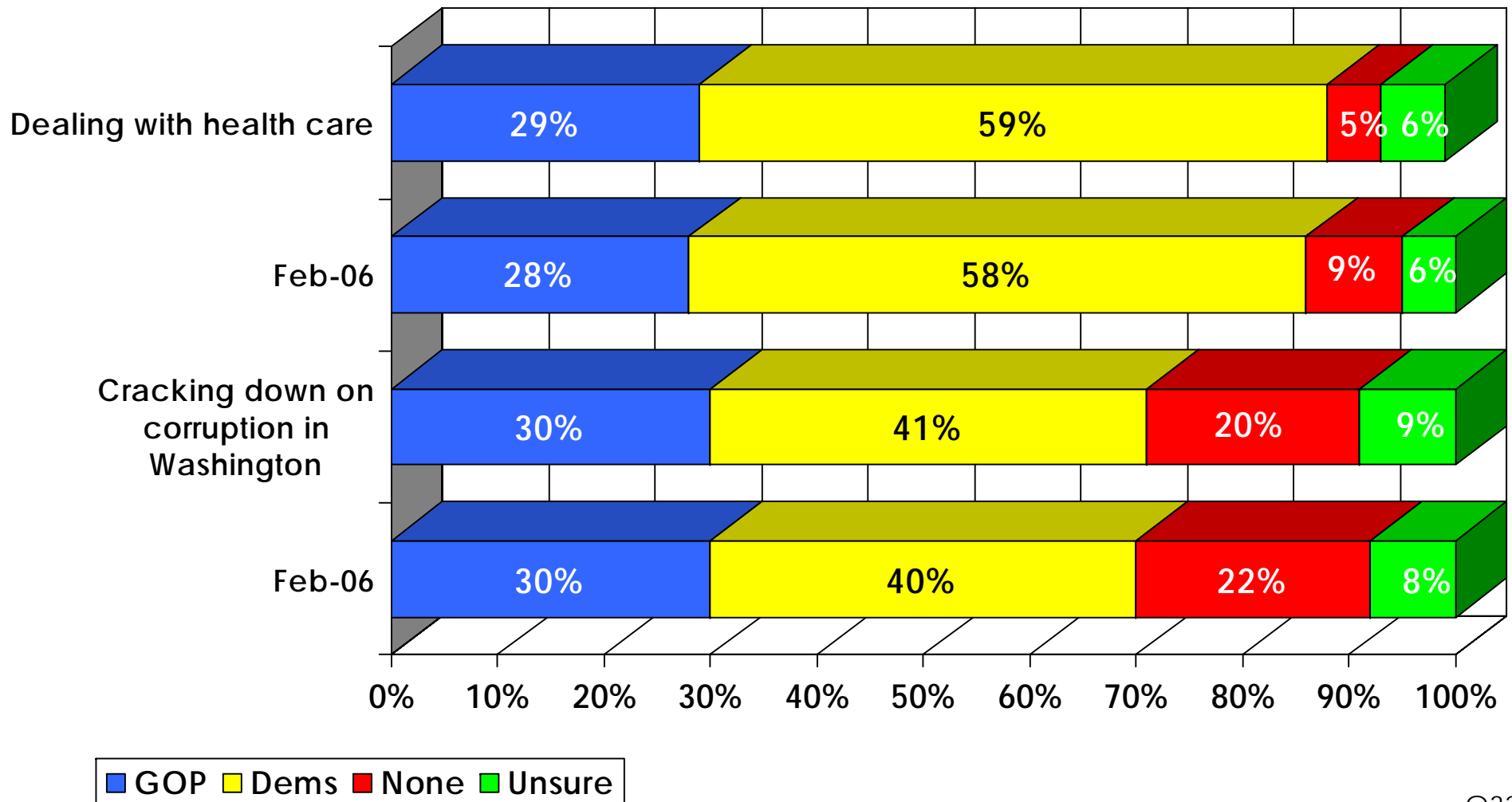
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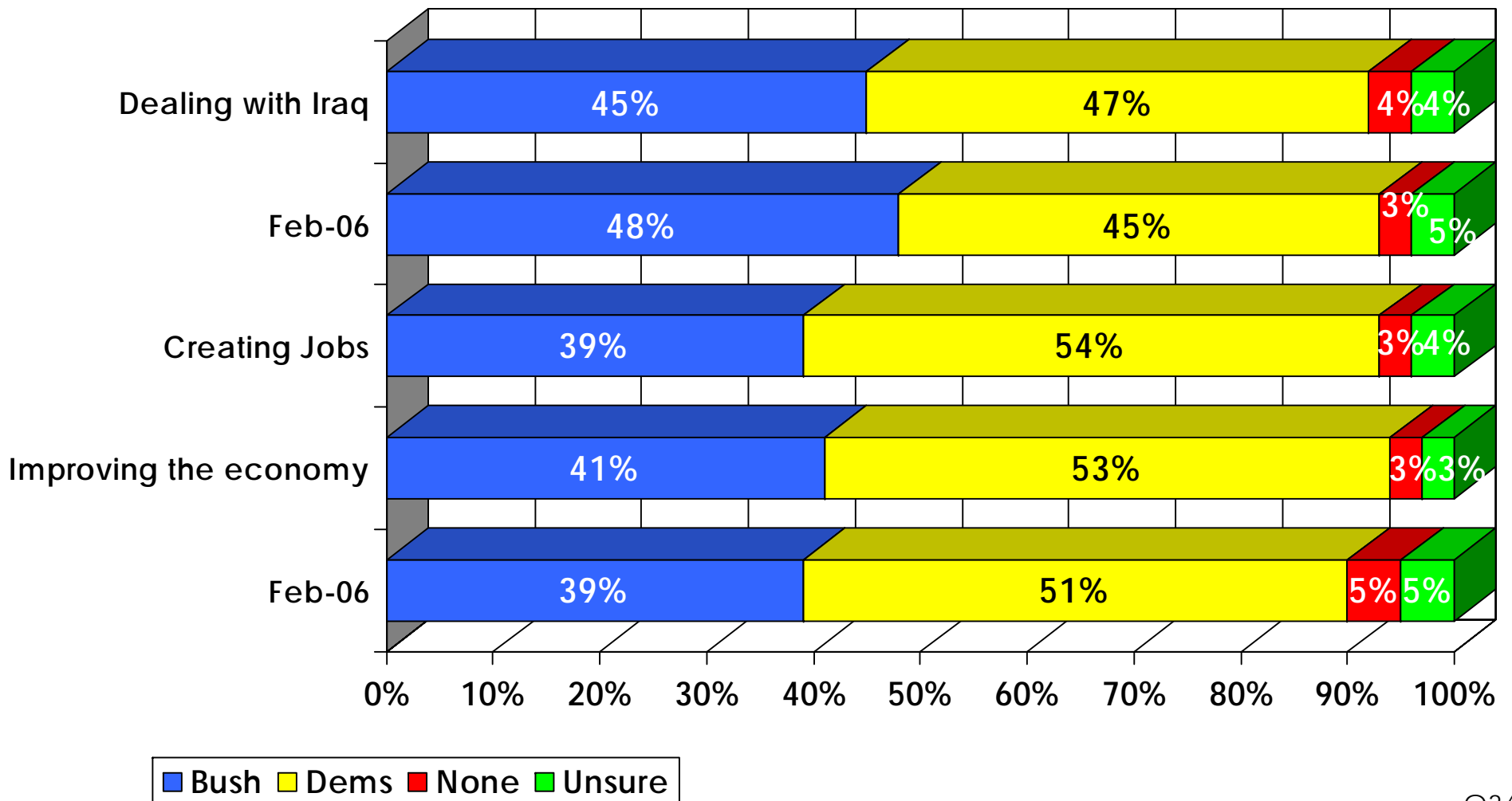
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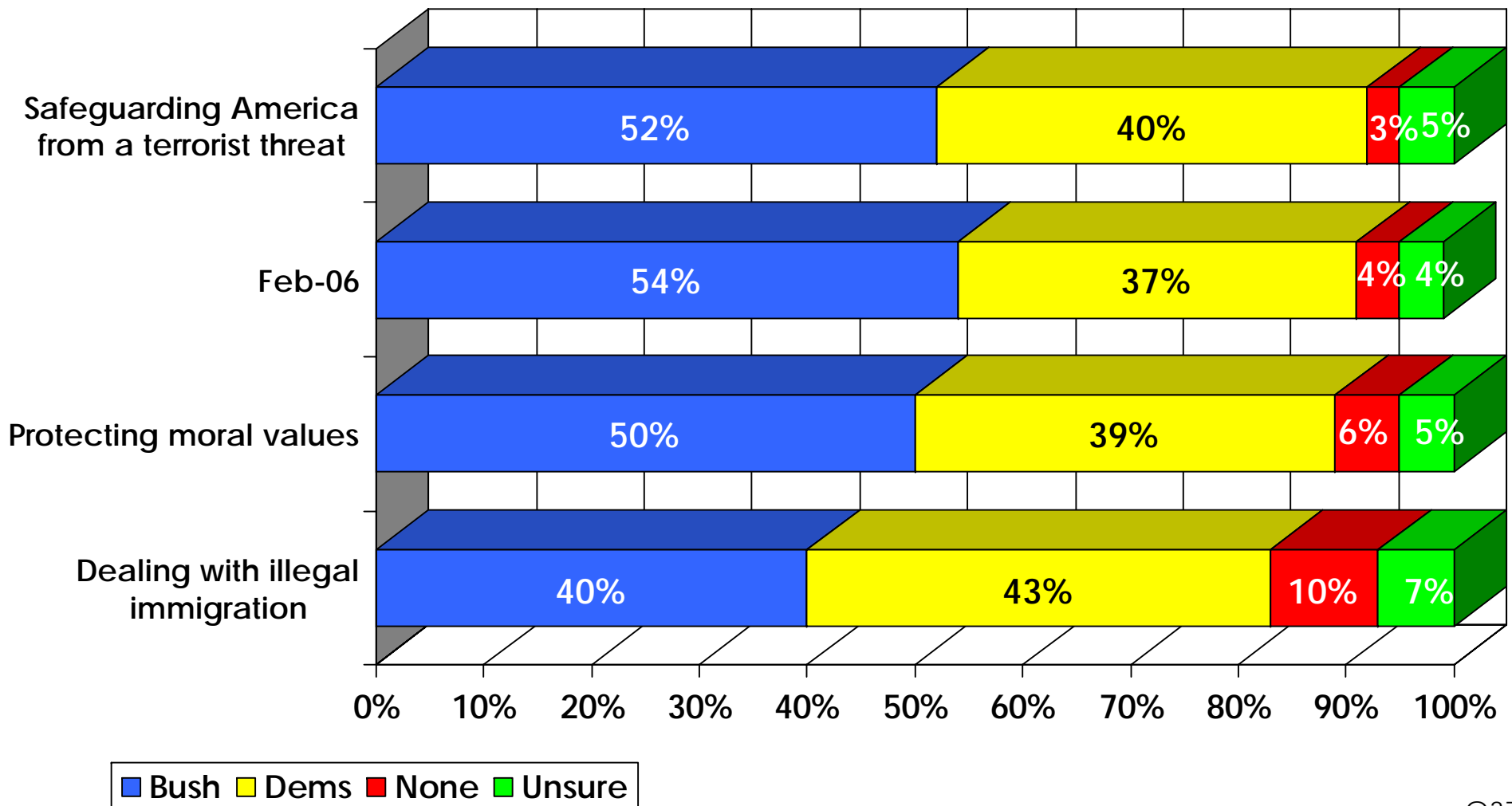
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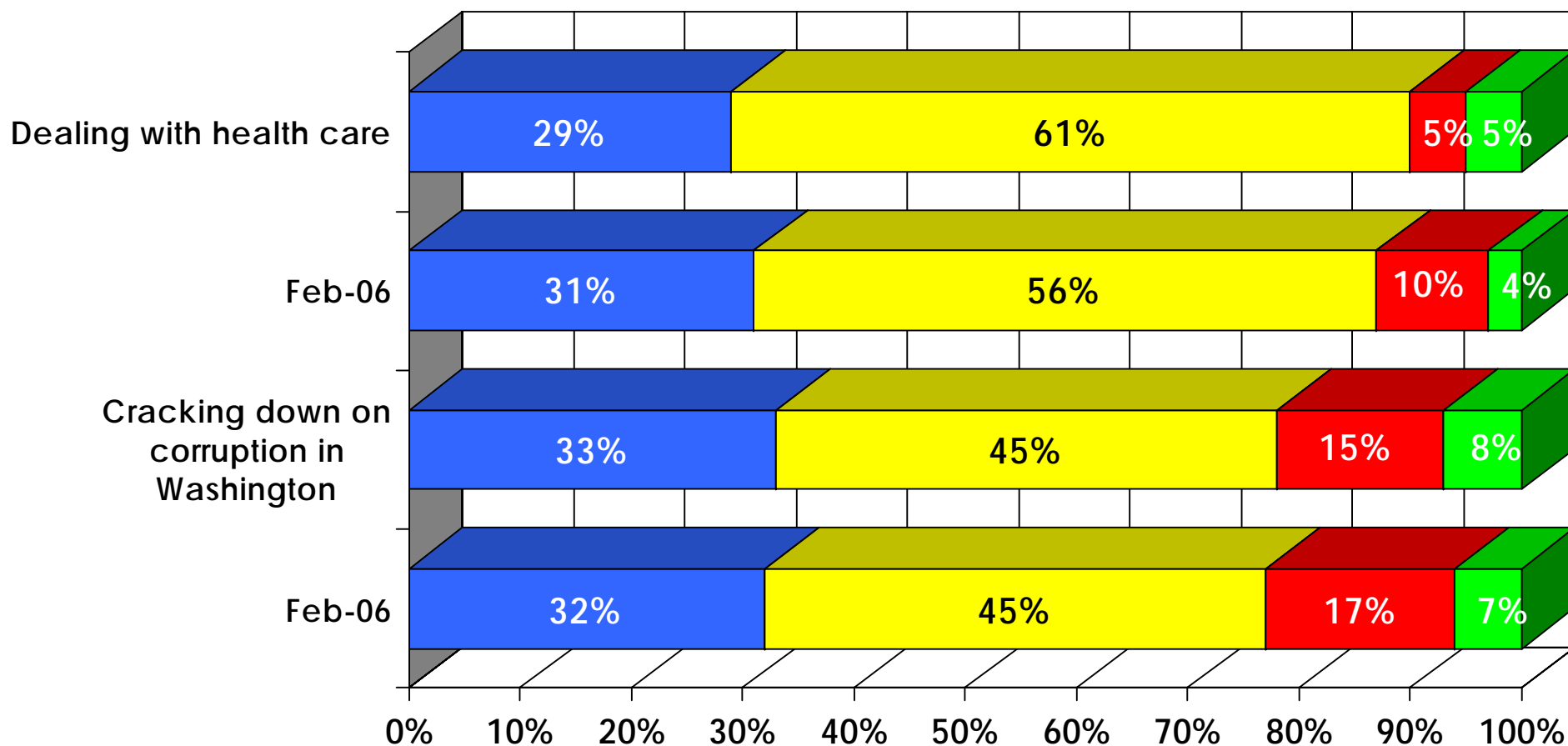
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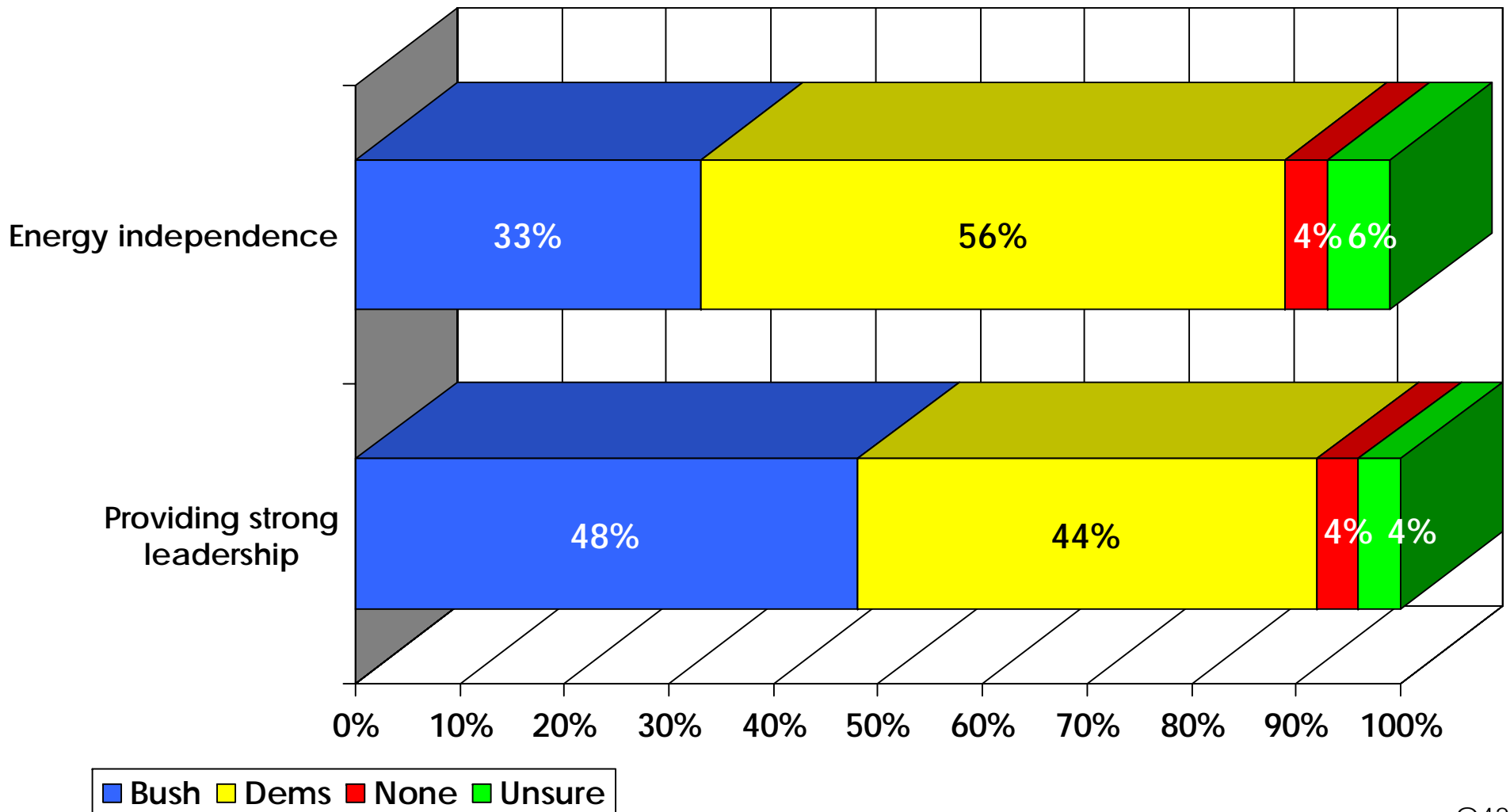
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■ Bush ■ Dems ■ None ■ Unsure

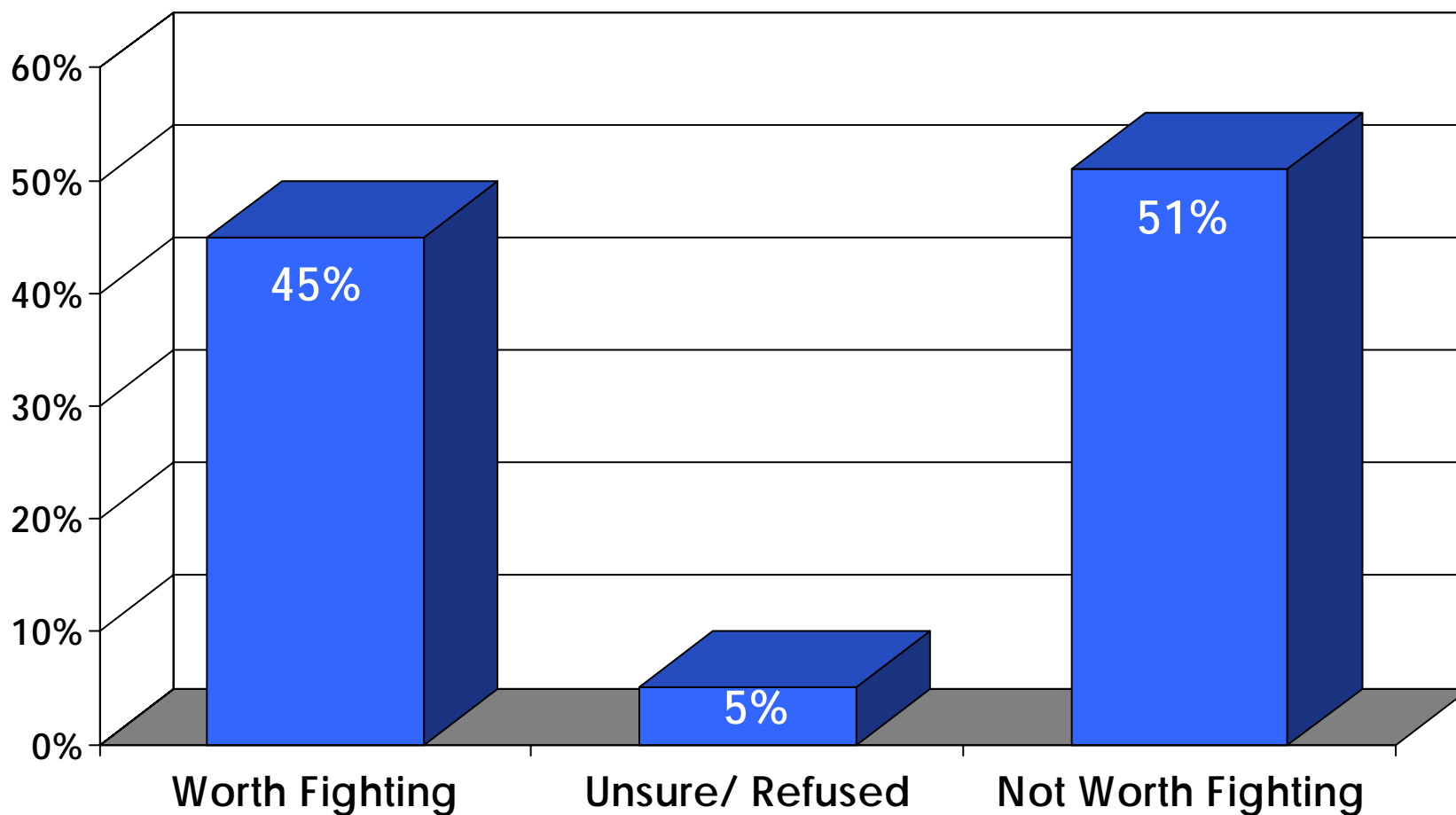
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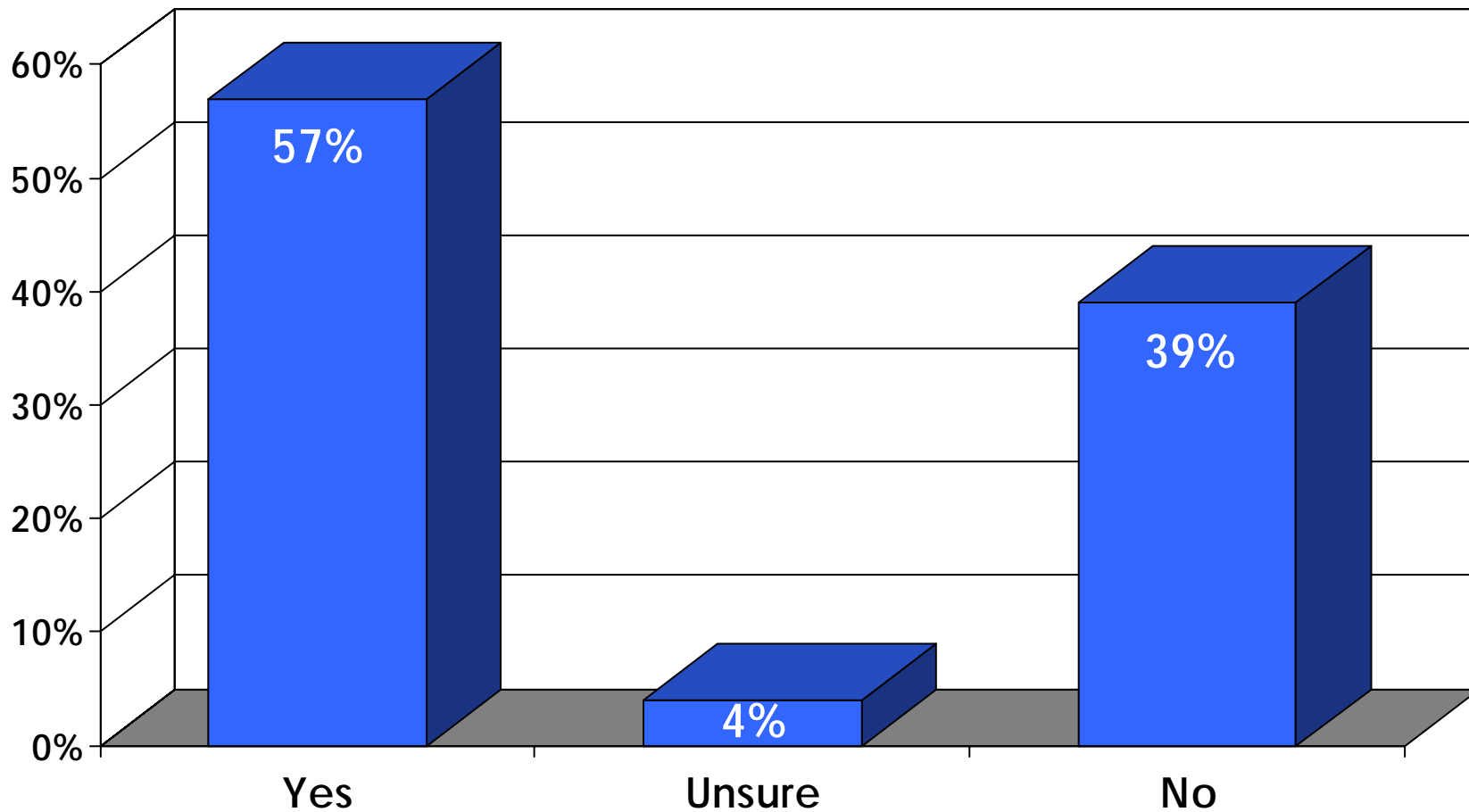
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Now, thinking now about the war in Iraq – All in all, do you think the war in Iraq is worth fighting, or not?



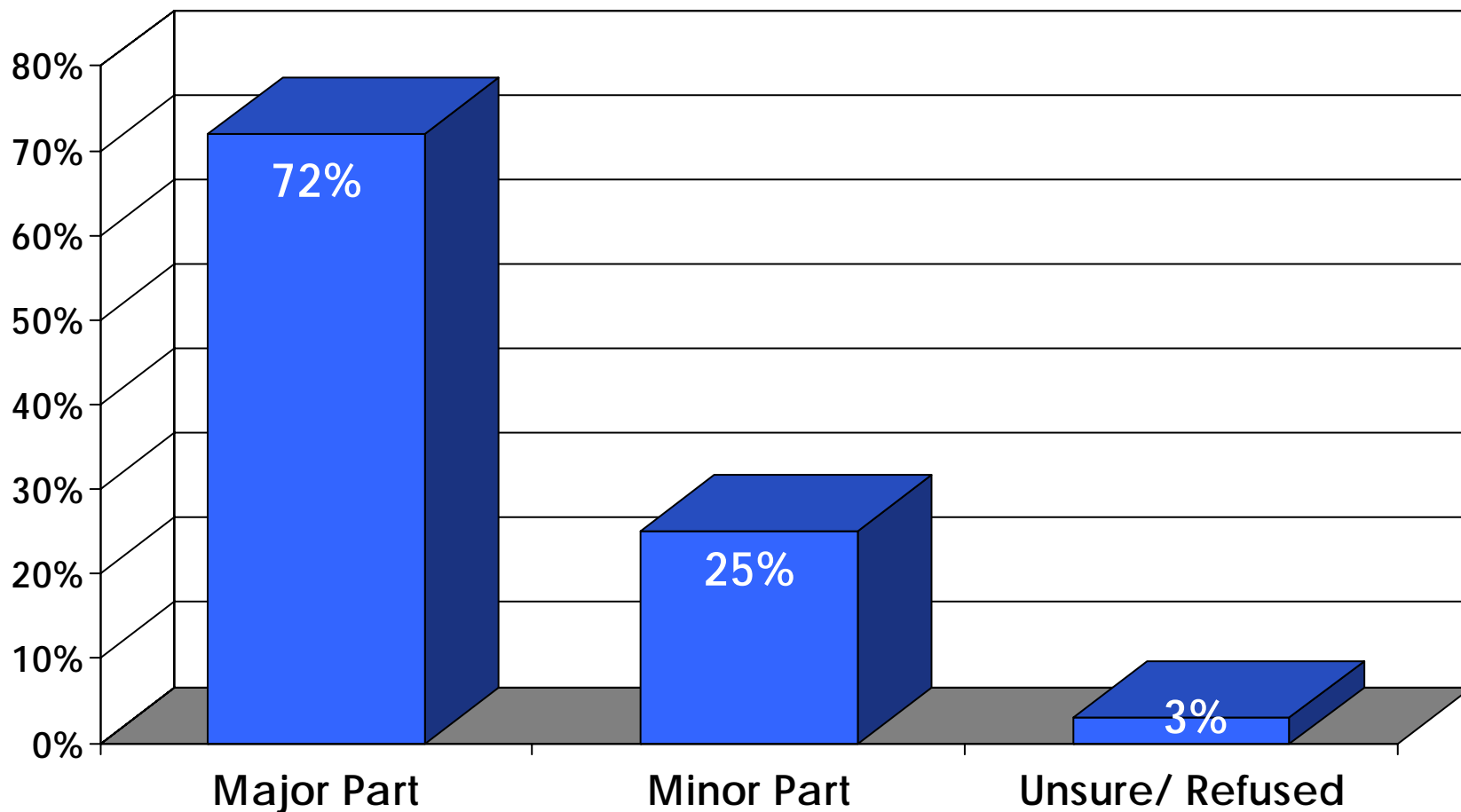
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Do you think the War in Iraq is a part of the global war on terrorism?



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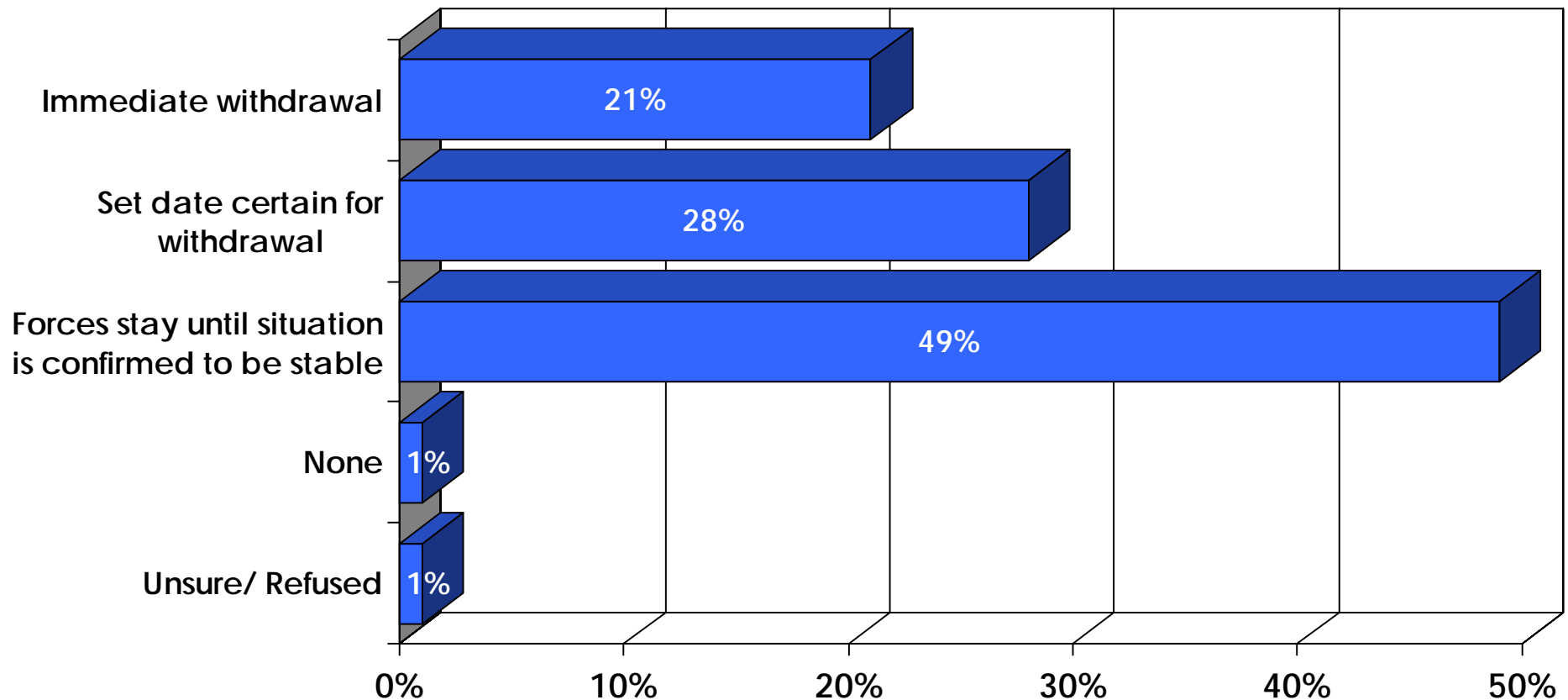
And, do you think of the War in Iraq as a: Major part of the global war on terrorism, or a Minor part of the global war on terrorism?
(Among those who responded "Yes" in Q45)



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- The US should begin immediately withdrawing all troops from Iraq. This is now a job for Iraqi forces to handle.
- The US should set a date certain, no more than 2 years from now, when all troops will be withdrawn from Iraq. This process should begin with some troops coming home immediately.
- The US should keep its forces in Iraq until our military leaders there confirm that the situation in Iraq is stable enough that extremist forces will not be able to seize control once US troops leave.

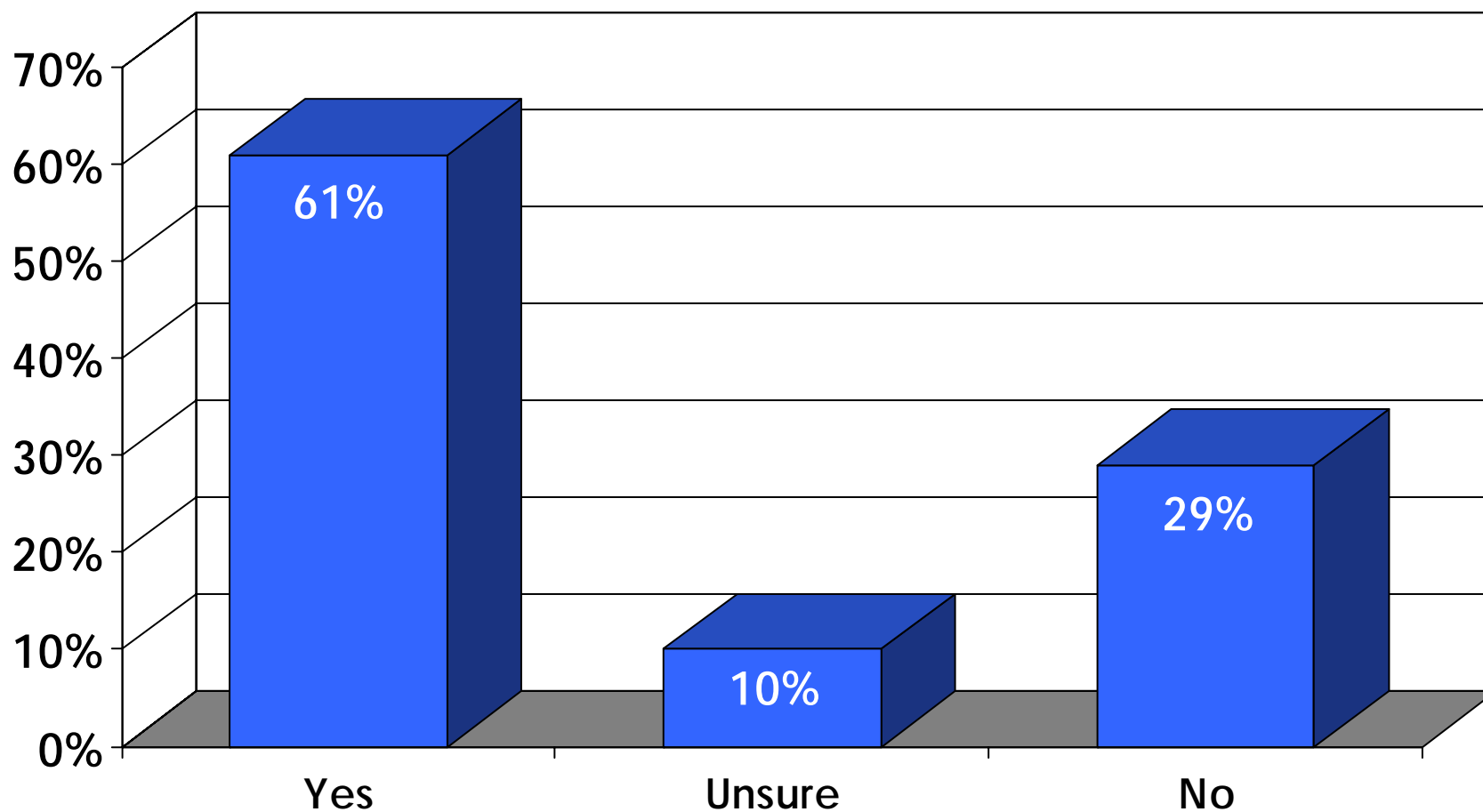
Please tell me which one comes closest to your own.



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And, would you still favor withdrawing US troops if you knew that this meant the insurgent forces in Iraq would seize control of the country?

(Among those who responded "withdrawal" in Q47)



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And, would you still favor keeping US forces in Iraq until the situation is confirmed stable if you knew that this meant the US would have fewer troops and resources available to deal with threats, including terrorists, in other parts of the world?

(Among those who responded "stay" in Q47)

