

Spring 2023 - Vanderbilt University Poll

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1,003 registered voters in Tennessee

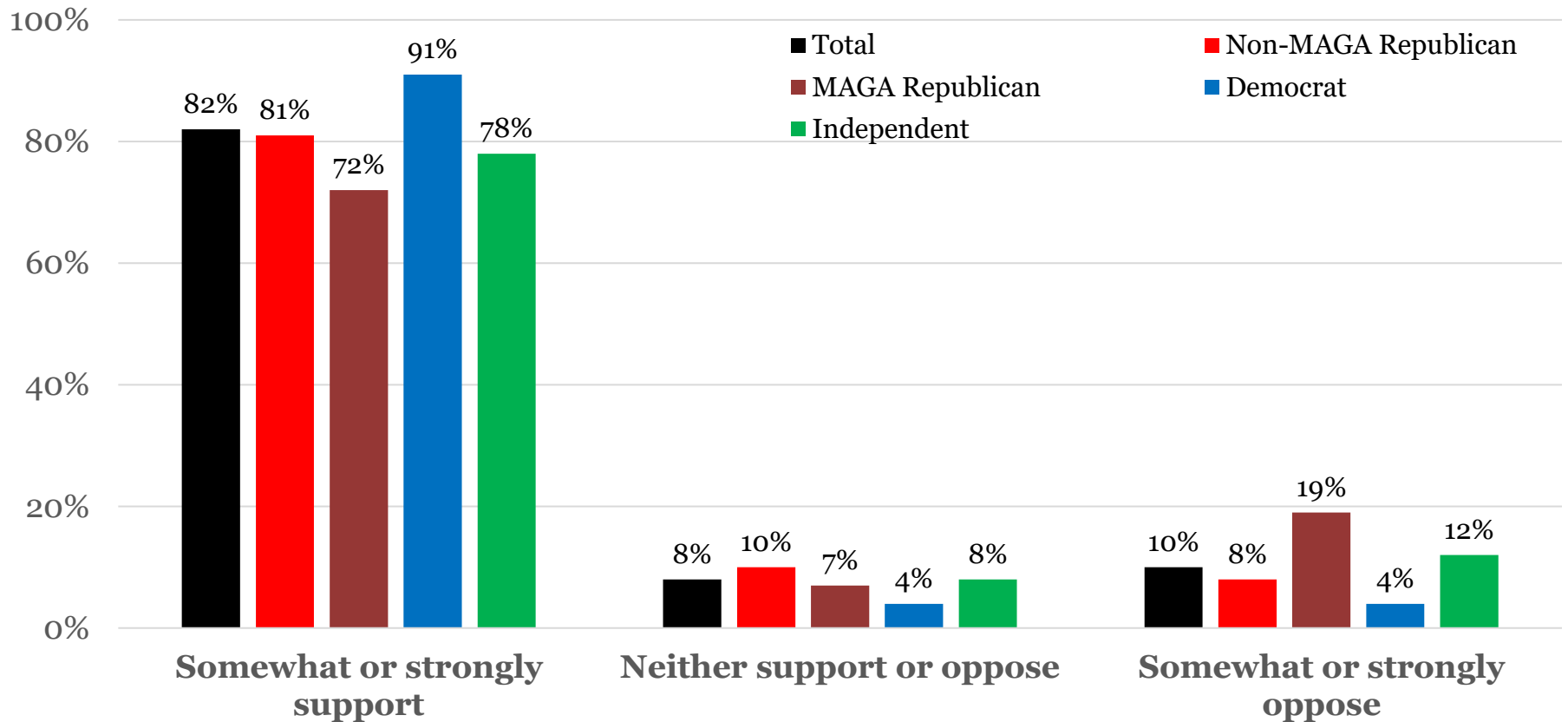
MoE: +/-3.6 percentage points



GUNS

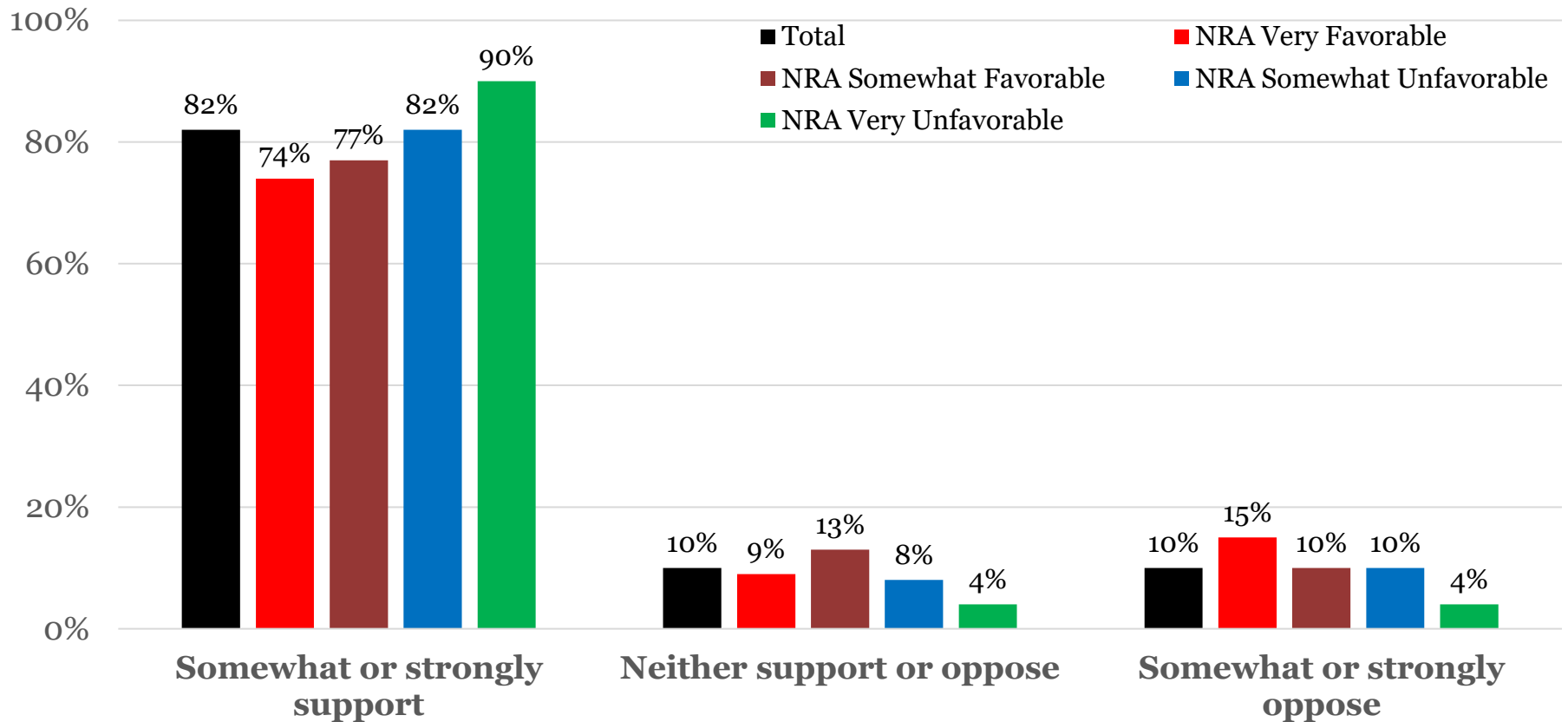
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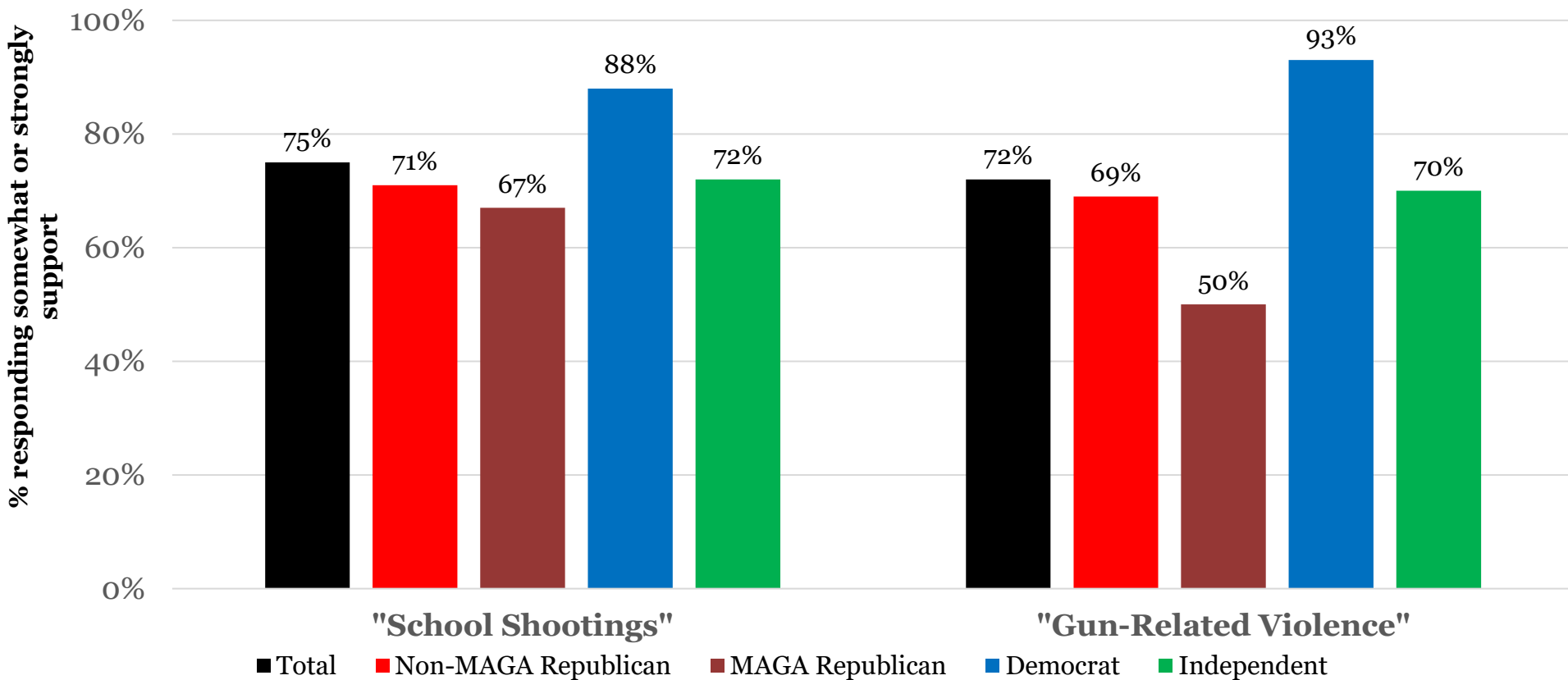
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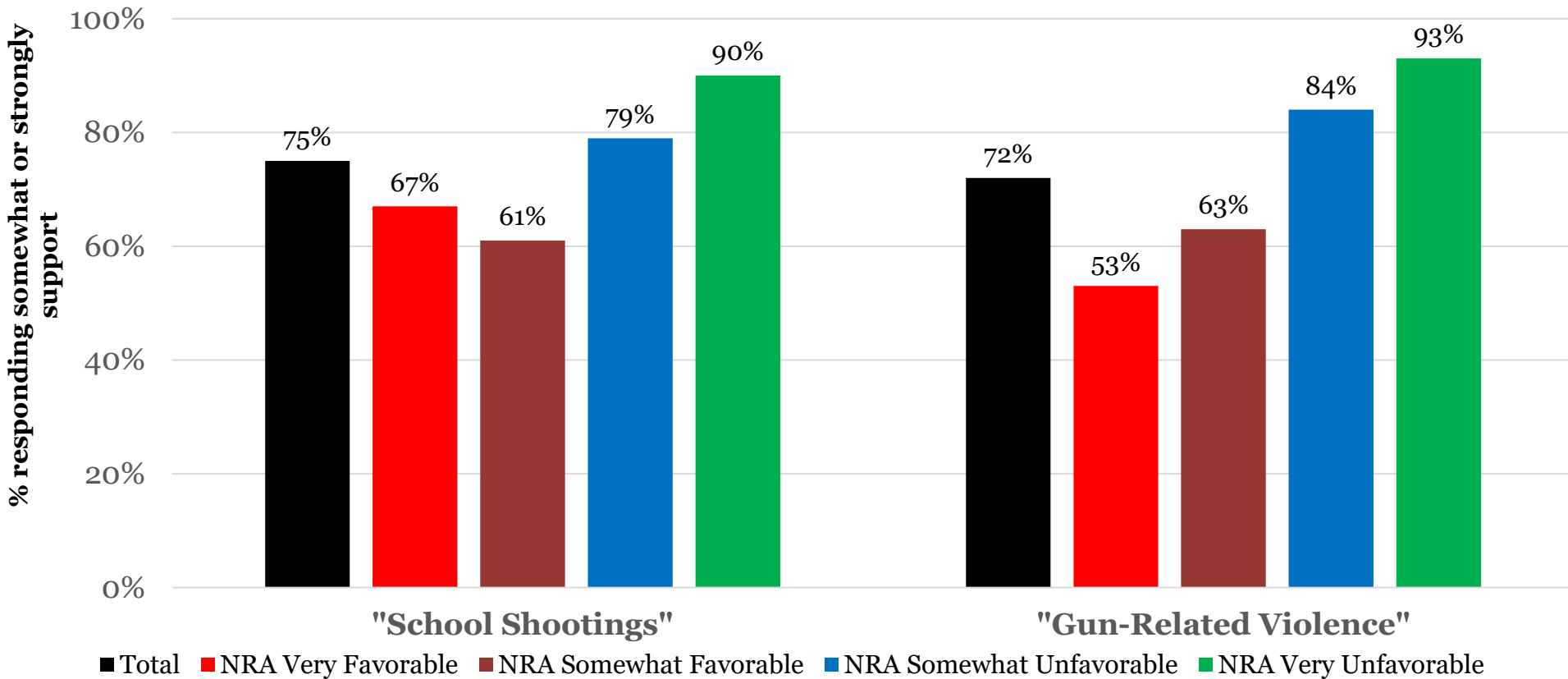
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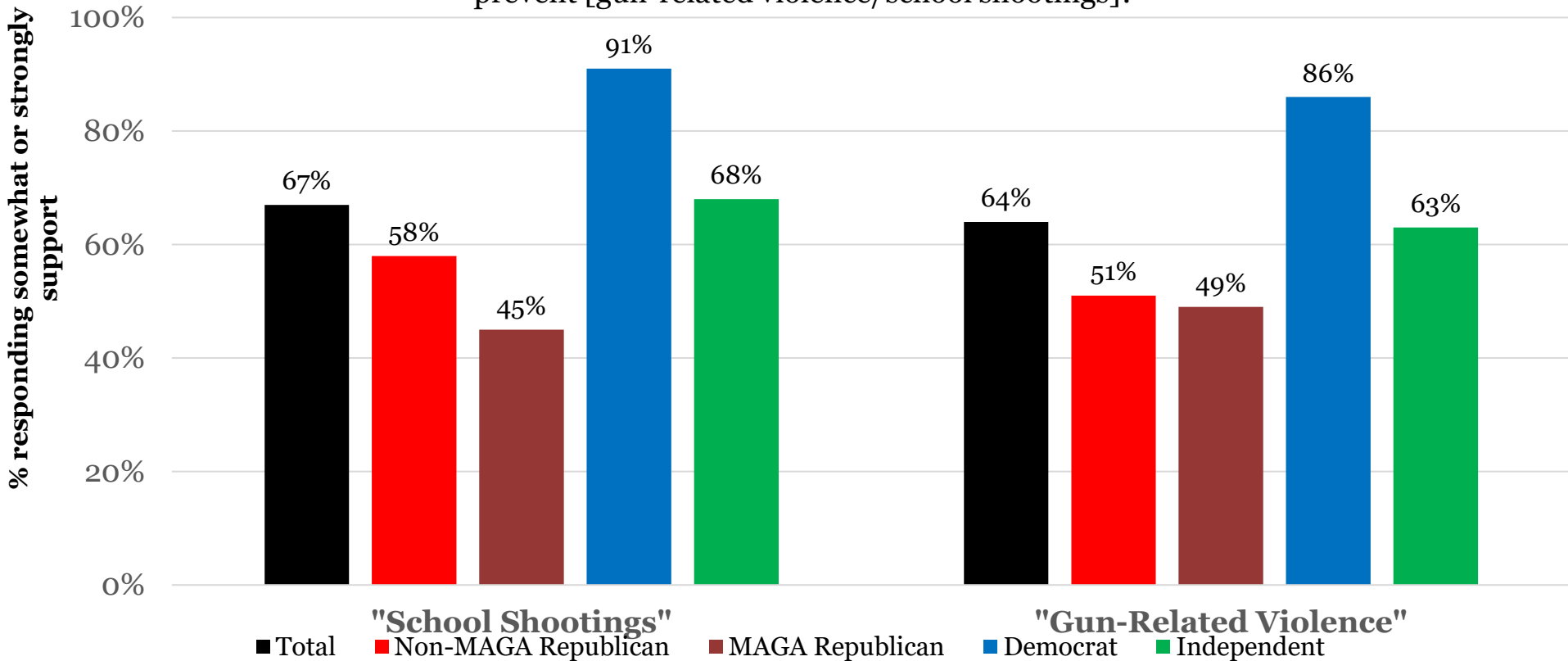
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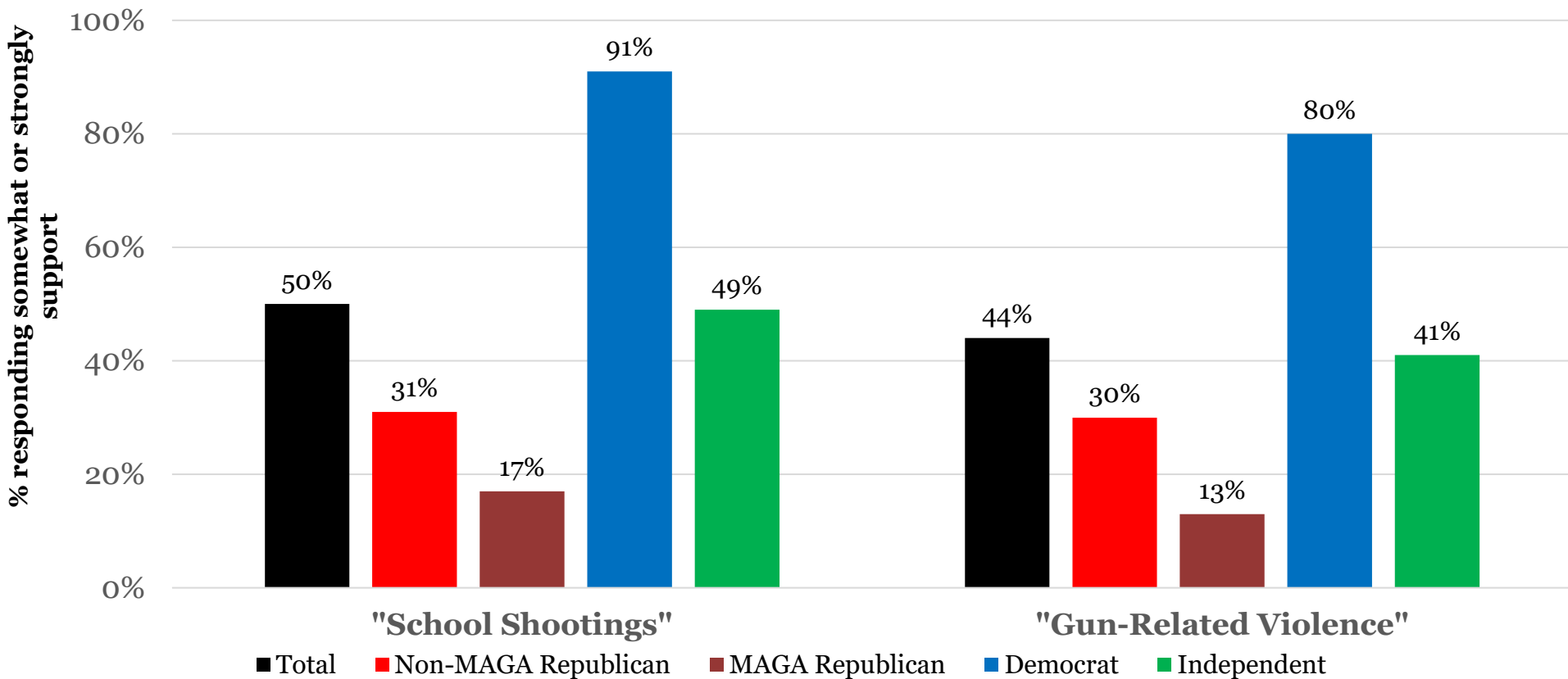
Opinions on Laws Requiring Secure Storage of Firearms to Prevent School Shootings vs. Gun Related Violence by Party ID

How much do you (support) or (oppose) passing laws that would require gun owners to securely store their firearms to protect against unauthorized access or else face penalties for failing to secure their guns to prevent [gun-related violence/school shootings]?



Opinions on Banning Assault-Style Weapons to Prevent School Shootings vs. Gun Related Violence by Party ID

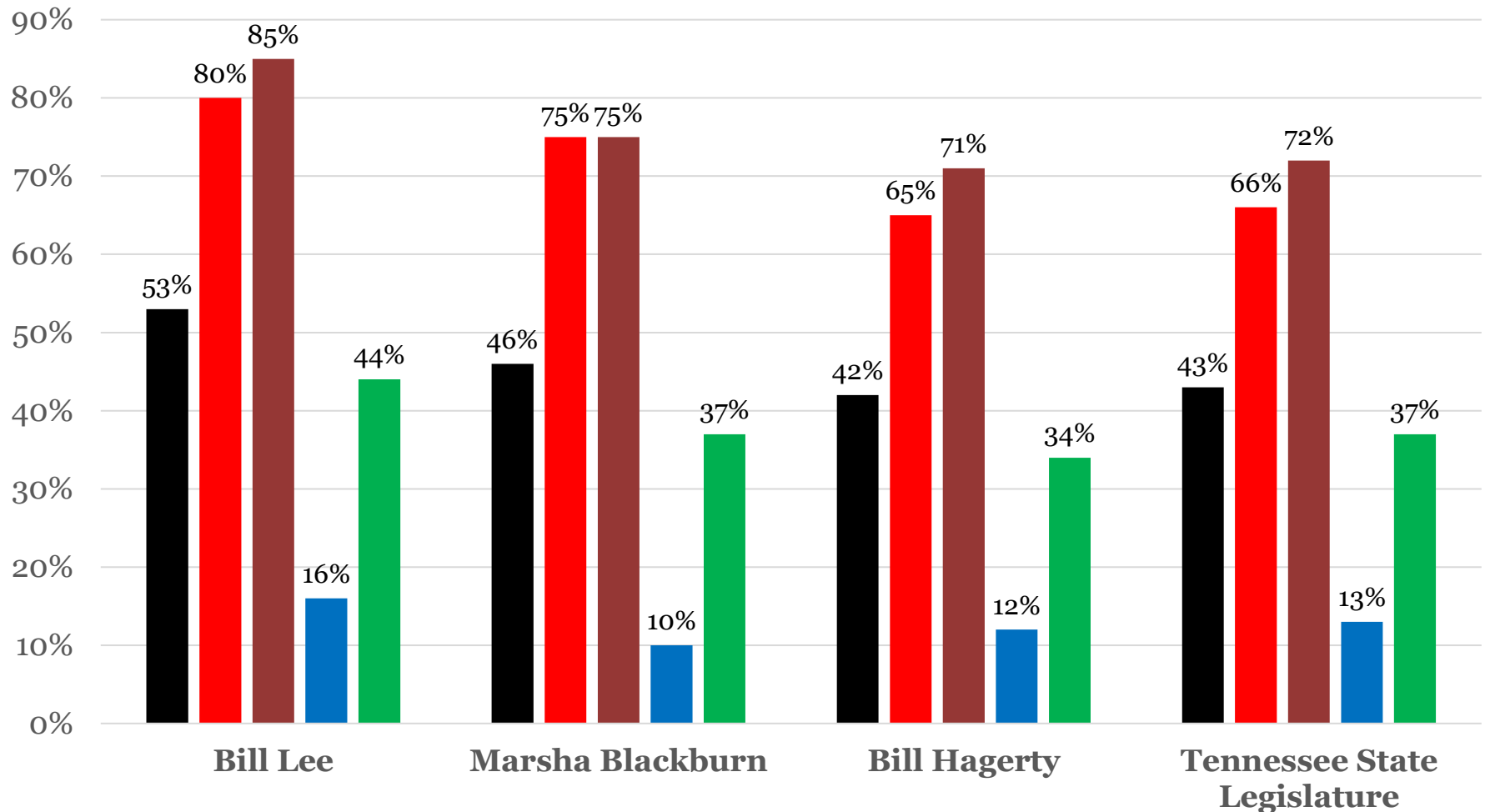
How much do you (support) or (oppose) passing laws that would ban assault-style weapons to prevent [gun-related violence/school shootings]?



STATE POLITICS

Approval of State Elected Officials by Party ID

% responding approve

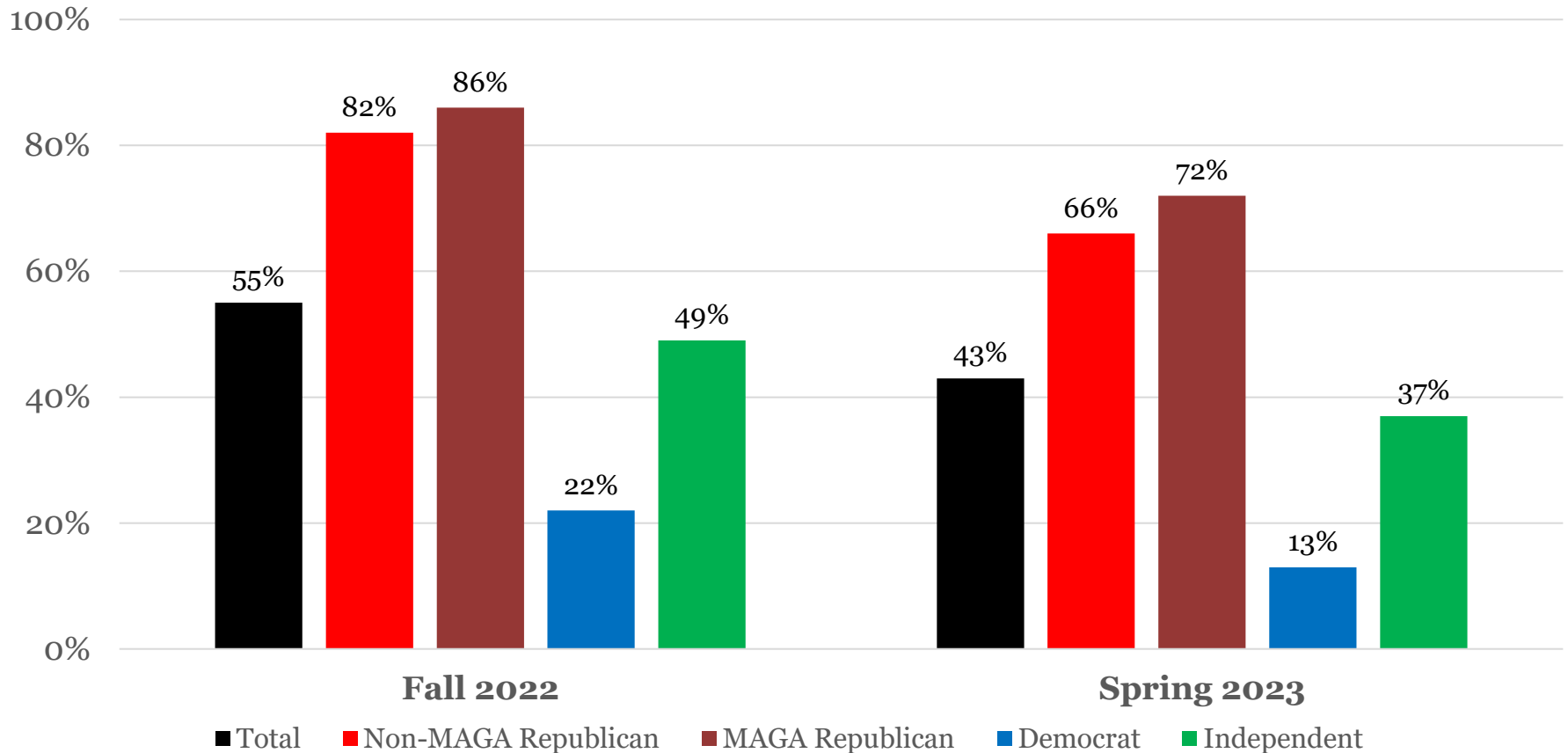


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Approval of Tennessee State Legislature by Party ID

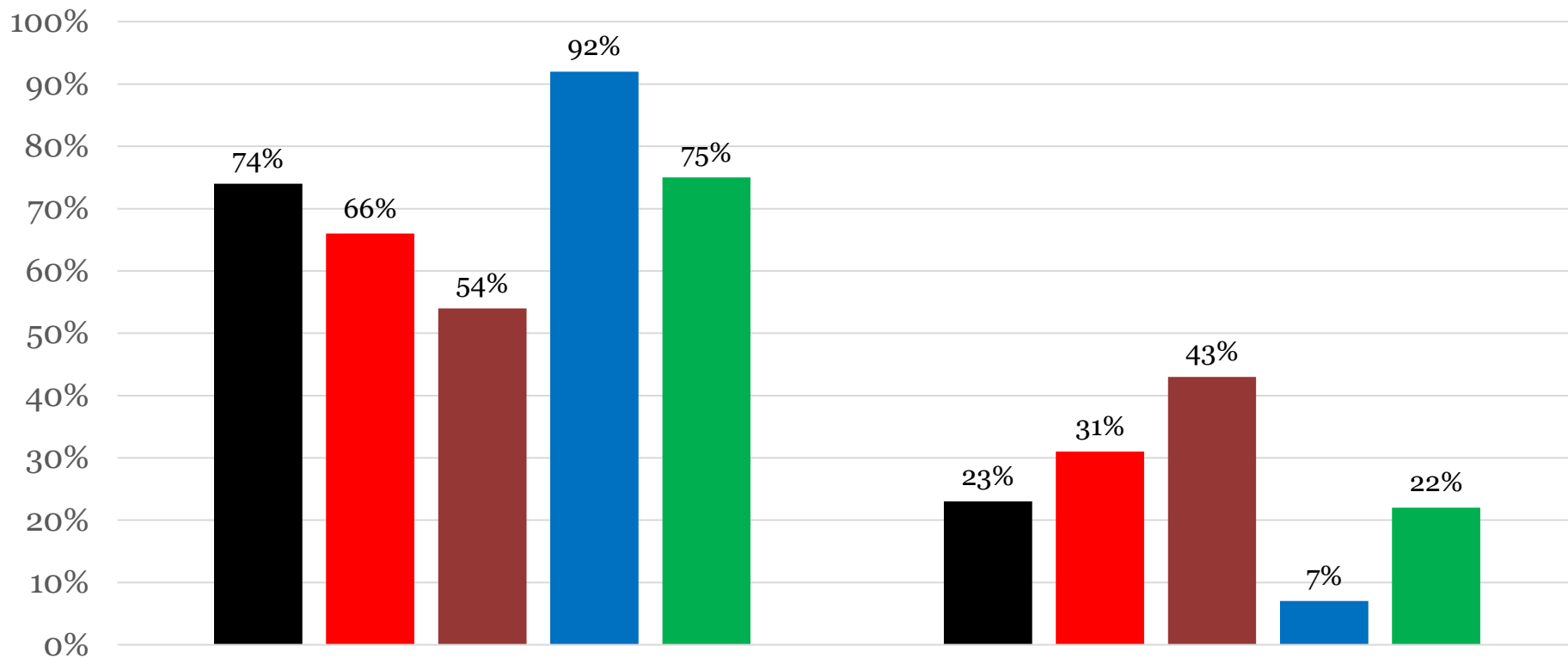
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% Who "Approve"



Opinions on Compromise by Party ID

Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

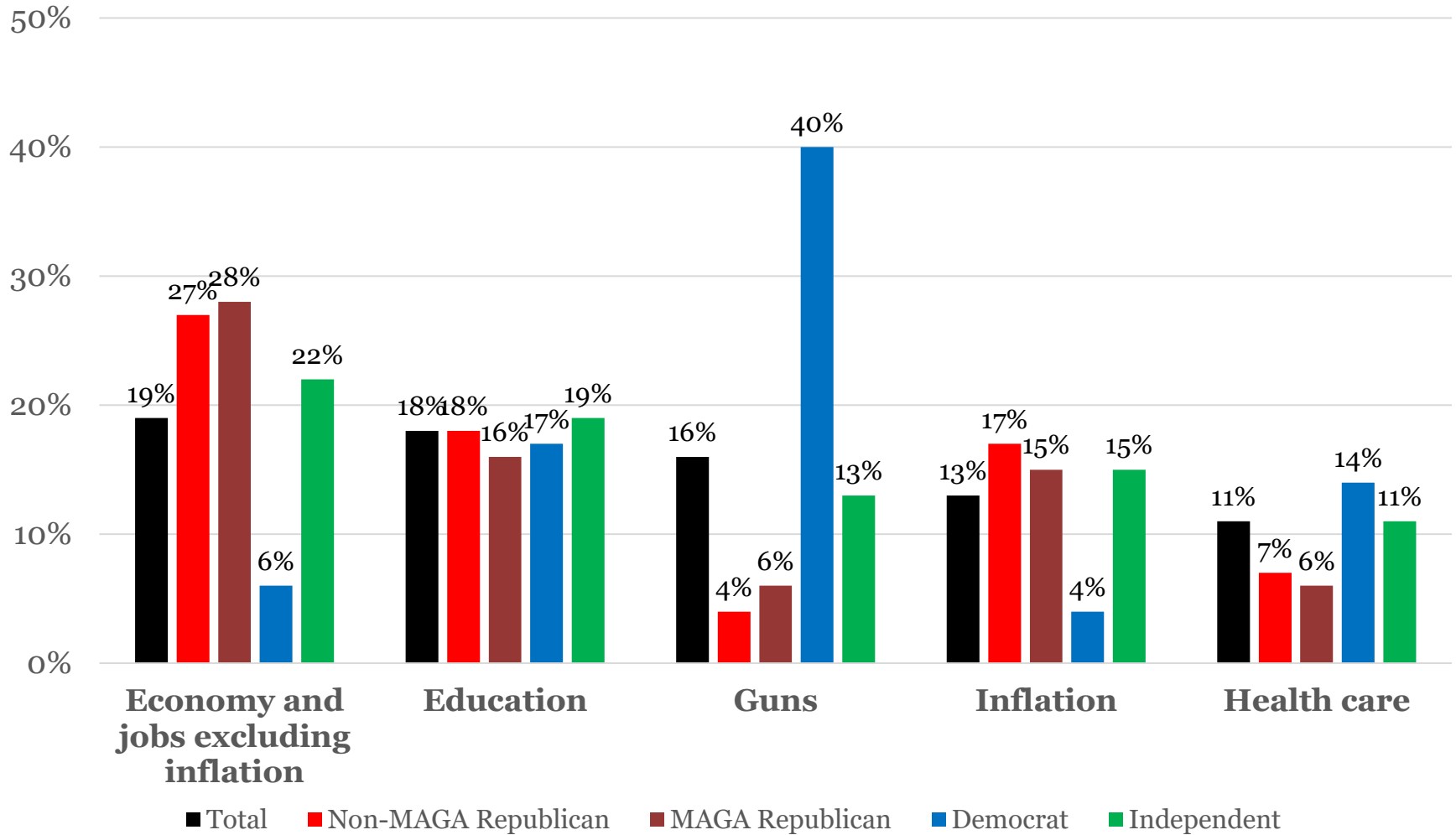


I would prefer my elected officials work with members of the other political party even if it means they have to compromise on some of their values and priorities

I would prefer my elected officials pursue their own values and priorities even if it means they are unwilling to work with members of the other political party

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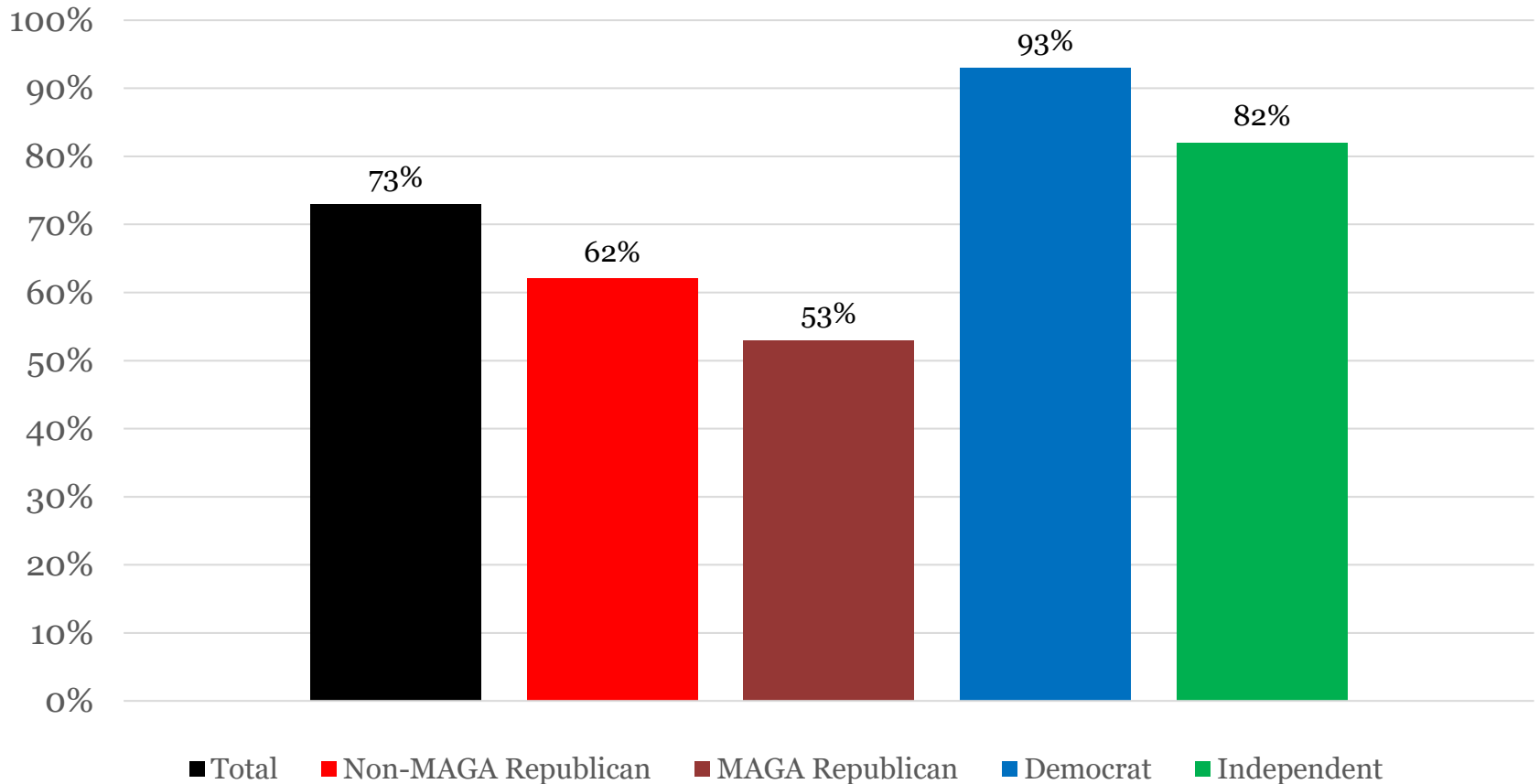
Top Priorities for Tennessee State Government by Party ID



ABORTION

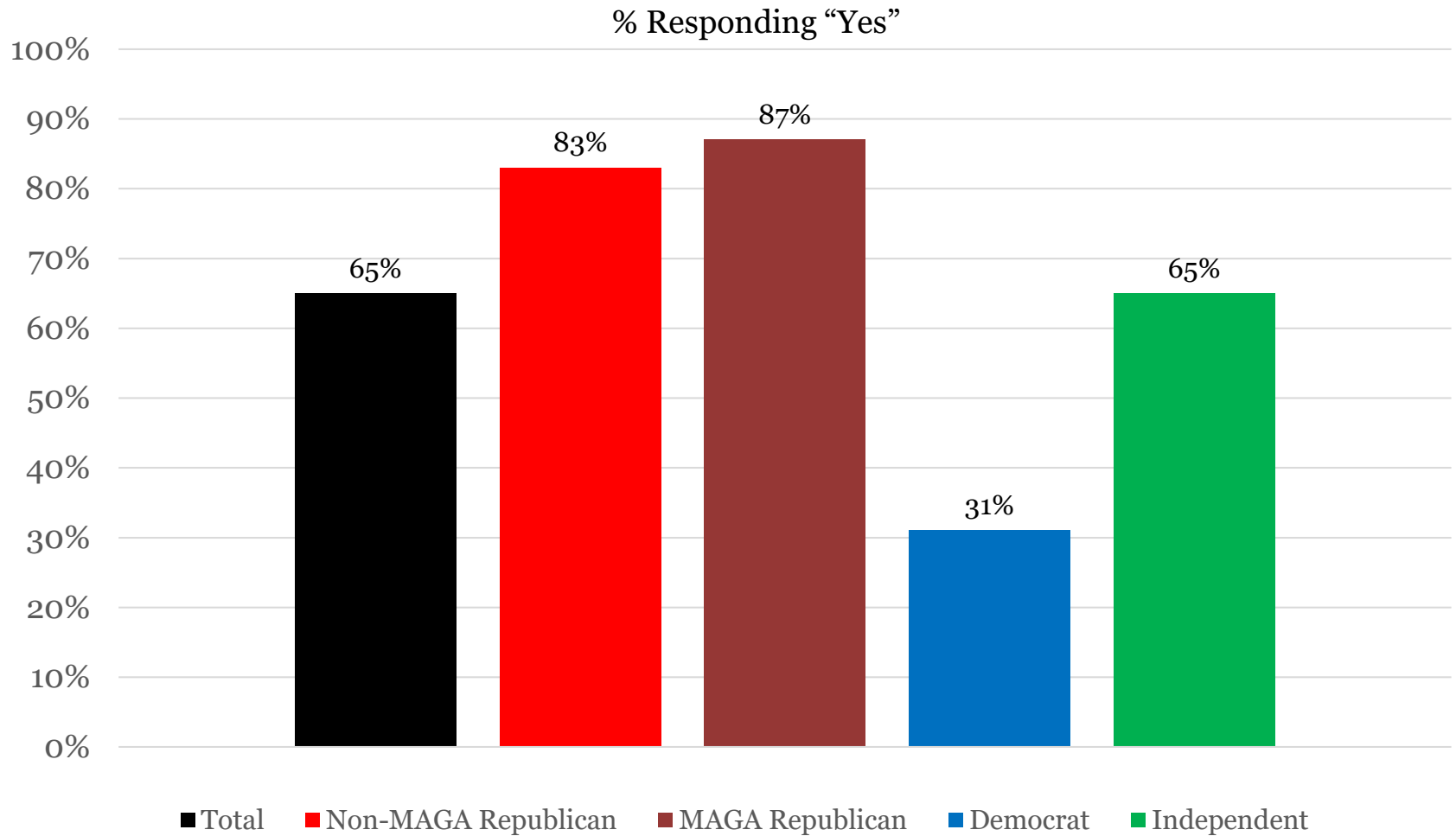
Opinion on Making it a Crime to Help a Tennessee Citizen Get an Abortion in Another State by Party ID

Do you think a person who helps a Tennessee citizen to get an abortion in another state should be charged with a crime or not?
% Responding “No”



Opinion on 15-Week Abortion Law by Party ID

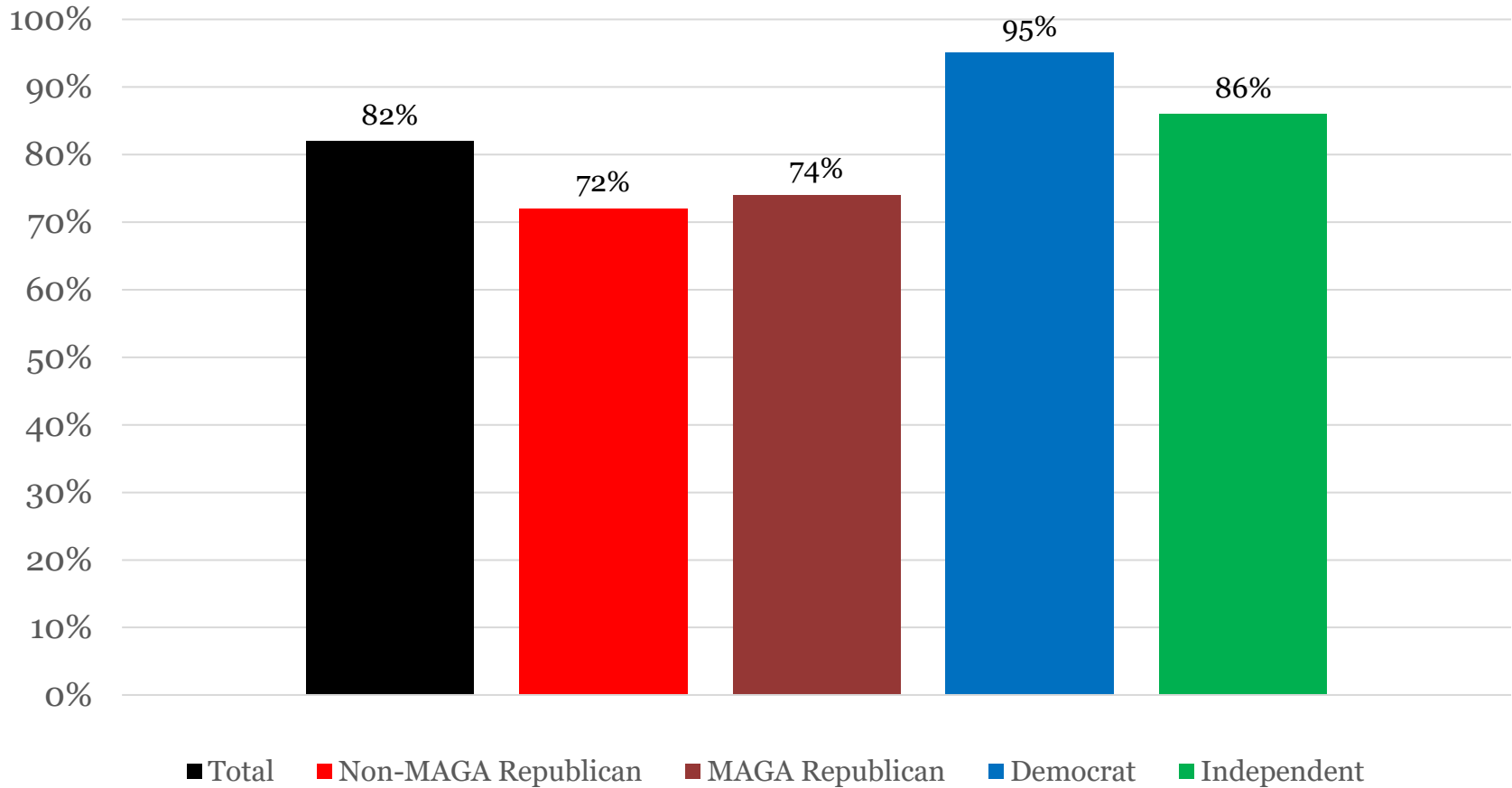
Do you think abortion should be illegal after 15 weeks except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother?



Opinion on Abortion Law When Life or Health of the Mother Is at Risk by Party ID

Do you think abortion should be legal in Tennessee if it would prevent the death or “serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman?”

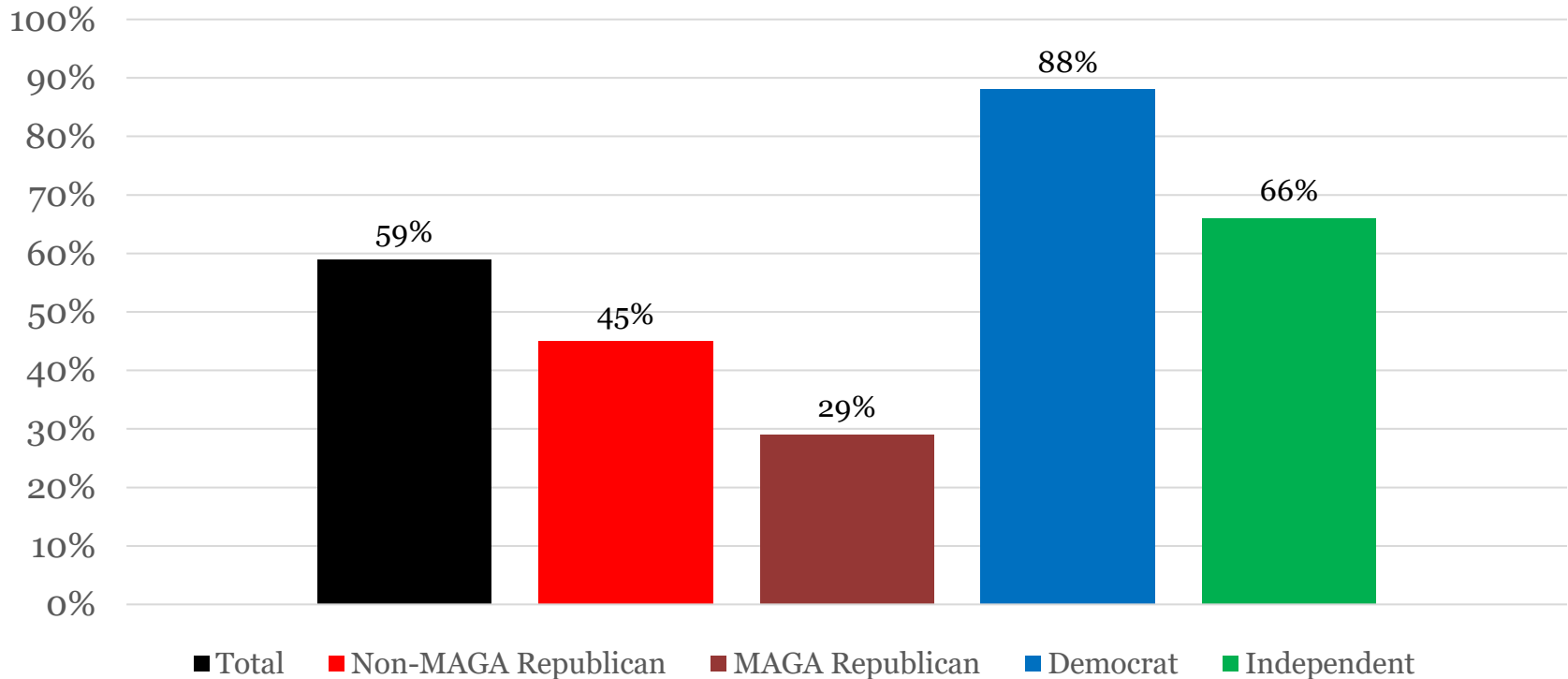
% Responding “Yes”



Opinion on Upholding FDA Approval of Mifepristone (abortion pill) by Party ID

Mifepristone is a drug in the form of a pill that can be taken to end a pregnancy sometimes called “medication abortion.” This abortion pill has been available for use in the United States since 2000 when it received approval from the Food and Drug Administration. Do you think FDA approval for this medication pill should be upheld or revoked?

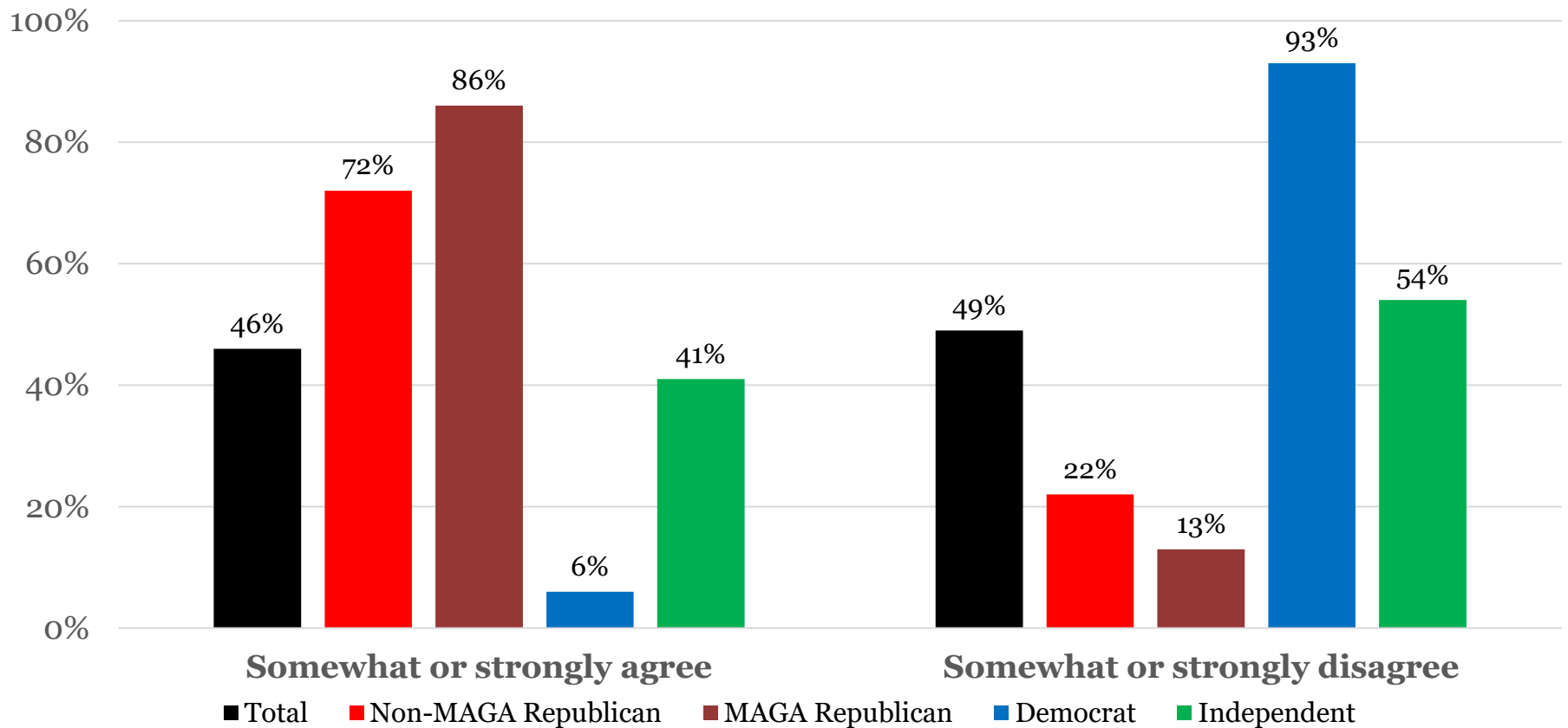
% Responding “Upheld”



HOT TOPICS

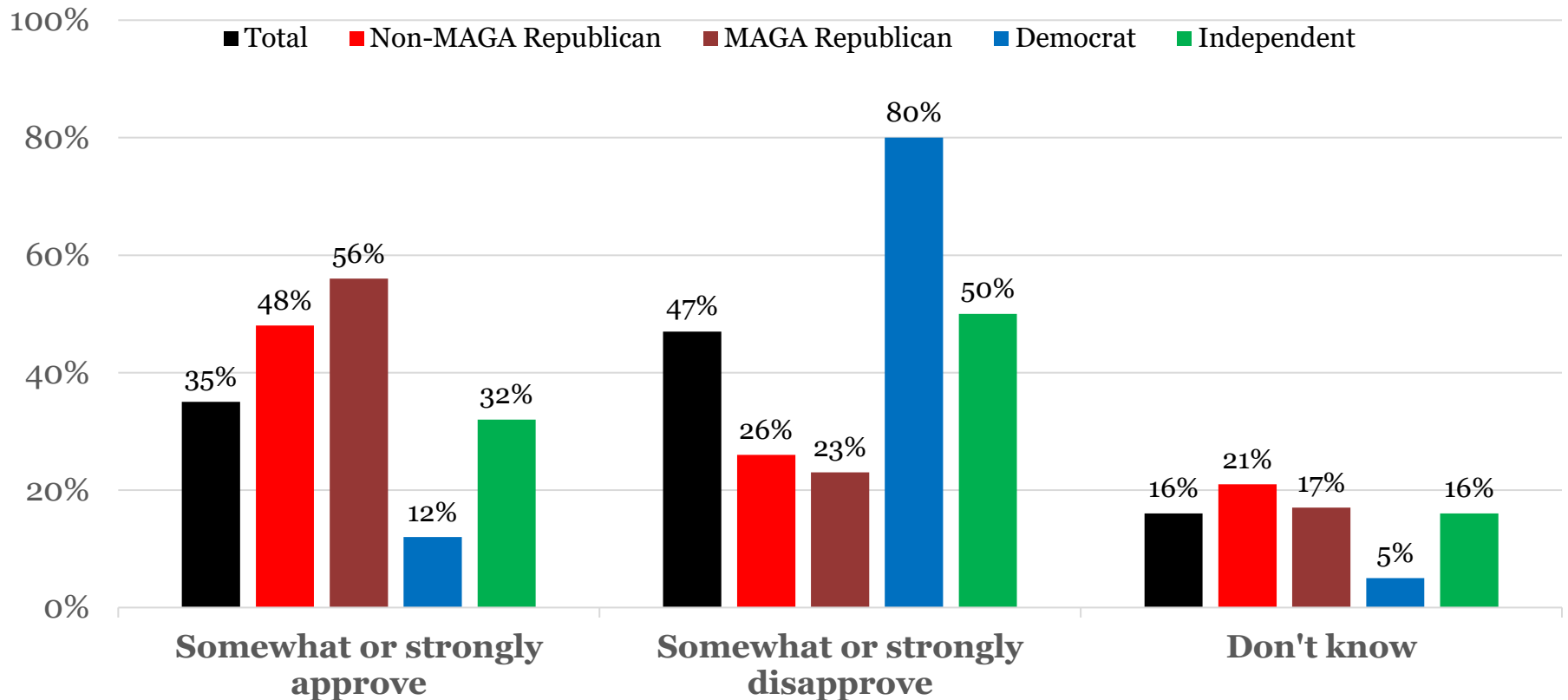
Opinion of State Legislature Expelling Democratic Representatives by Party ID

As you may know, the Republican supermajority in the Tennessee State House recently voted to expel two Democratic lawmakers – one from Nashville and one from Memphis – for a breach in “decorum” after they led a gun control protest on the house floor following the Covenant School shootings. Do you...



Opinion of Tennessee State Legislature's Handling of LGBTQ Laws by Party ID

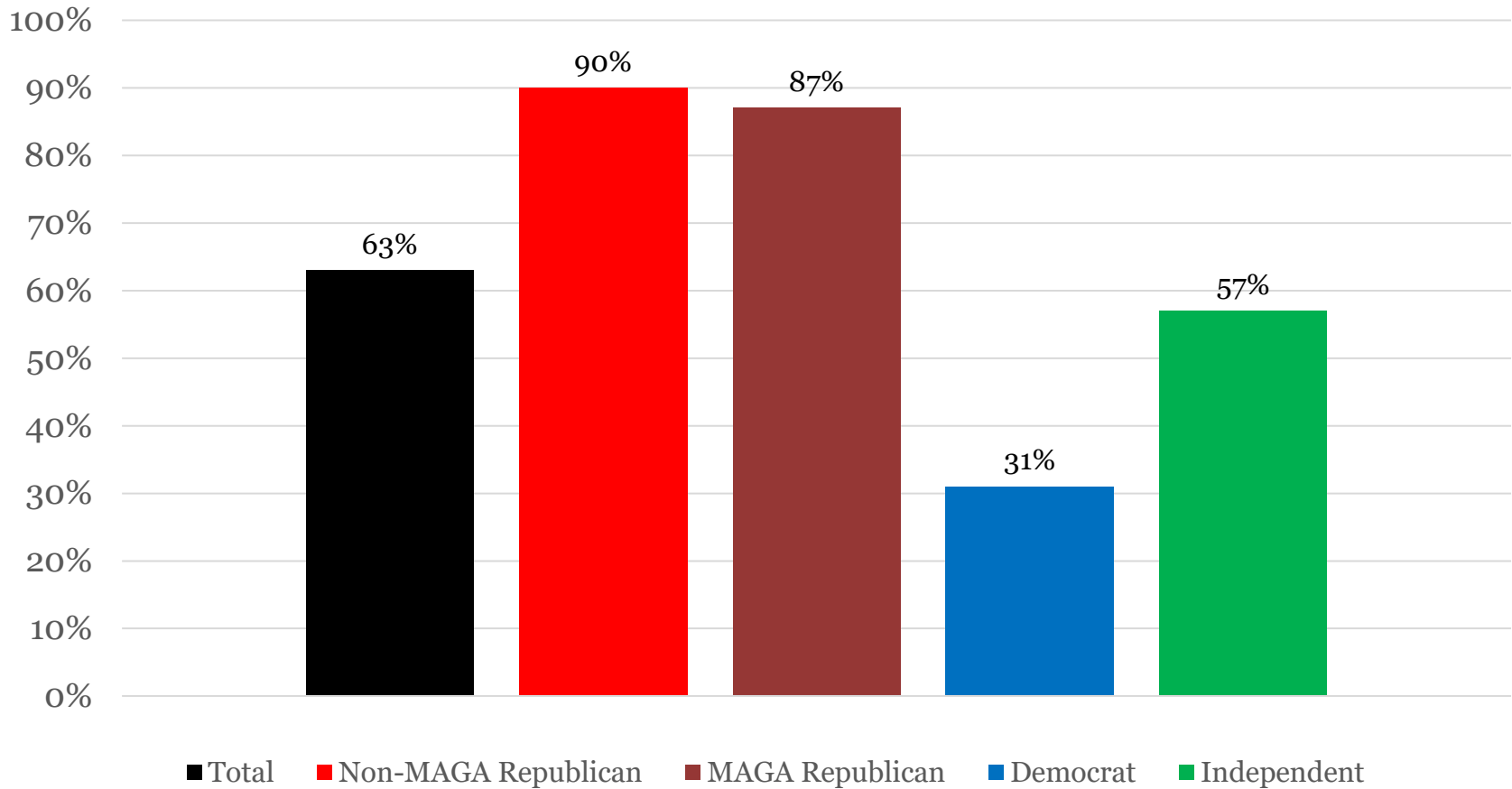
How much do you approve or disapprove of the way the state legislature handles laws that affect the LGBTQ community in Tennessee?



Opinion on “Adult Cabaret Entertainment” by Party ID

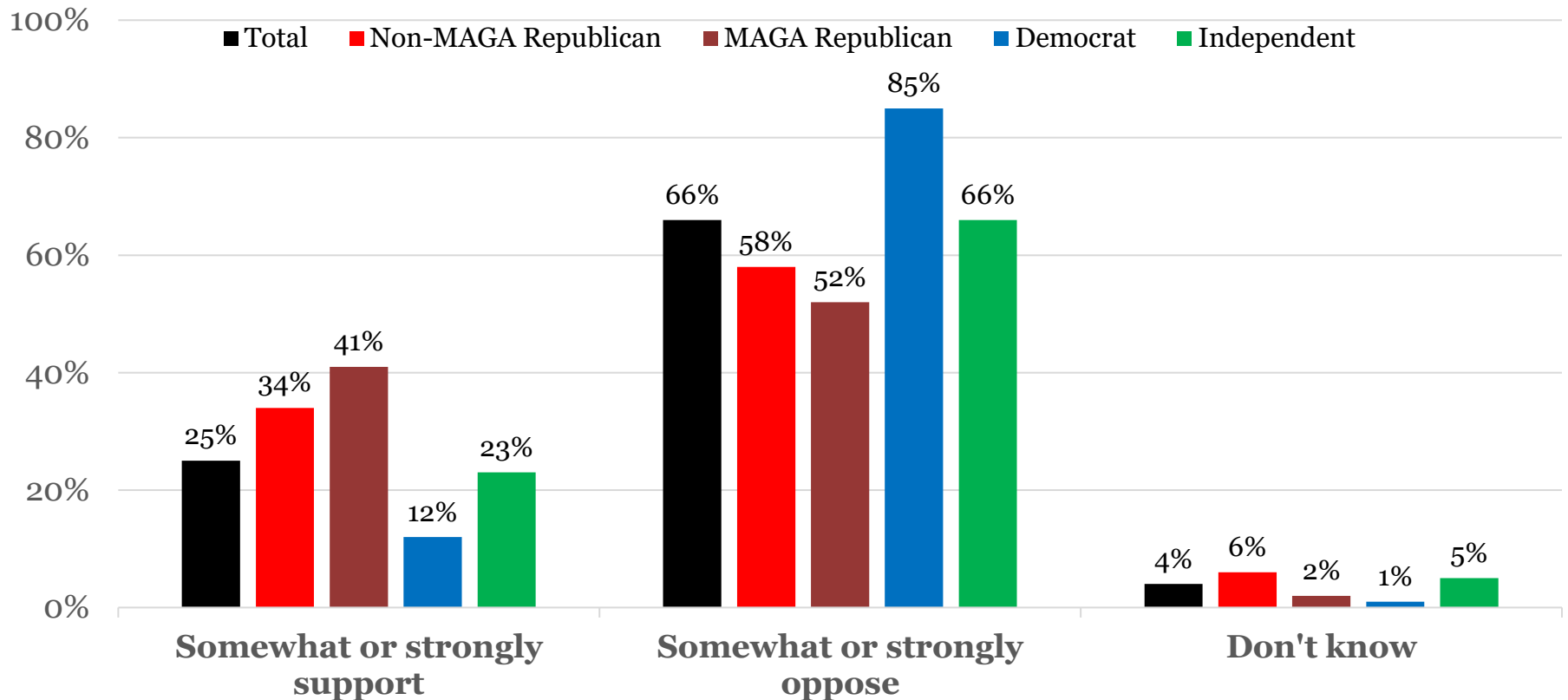
Do you think “adult cabaret entertainment” and drag shows should be banned on public properties or in locations where it could be viewed by a minor?

% Responding “Yes”



Opinion on Legislation Restricting Transgender Americans' Access to Health Care by Party ID

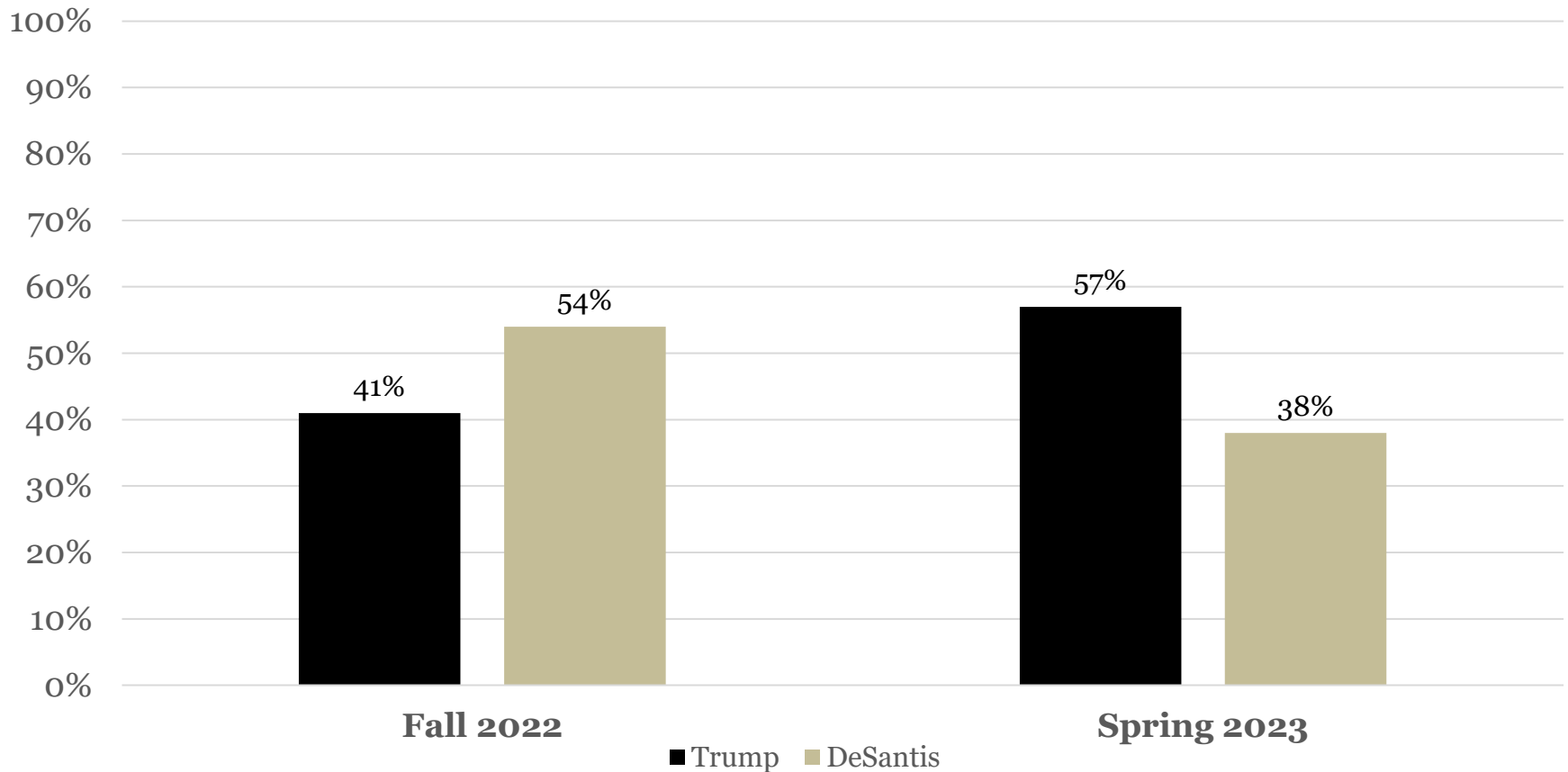
Overall, do you support or oppose legislation that would place restrictions on transgender Americans' access to health care?



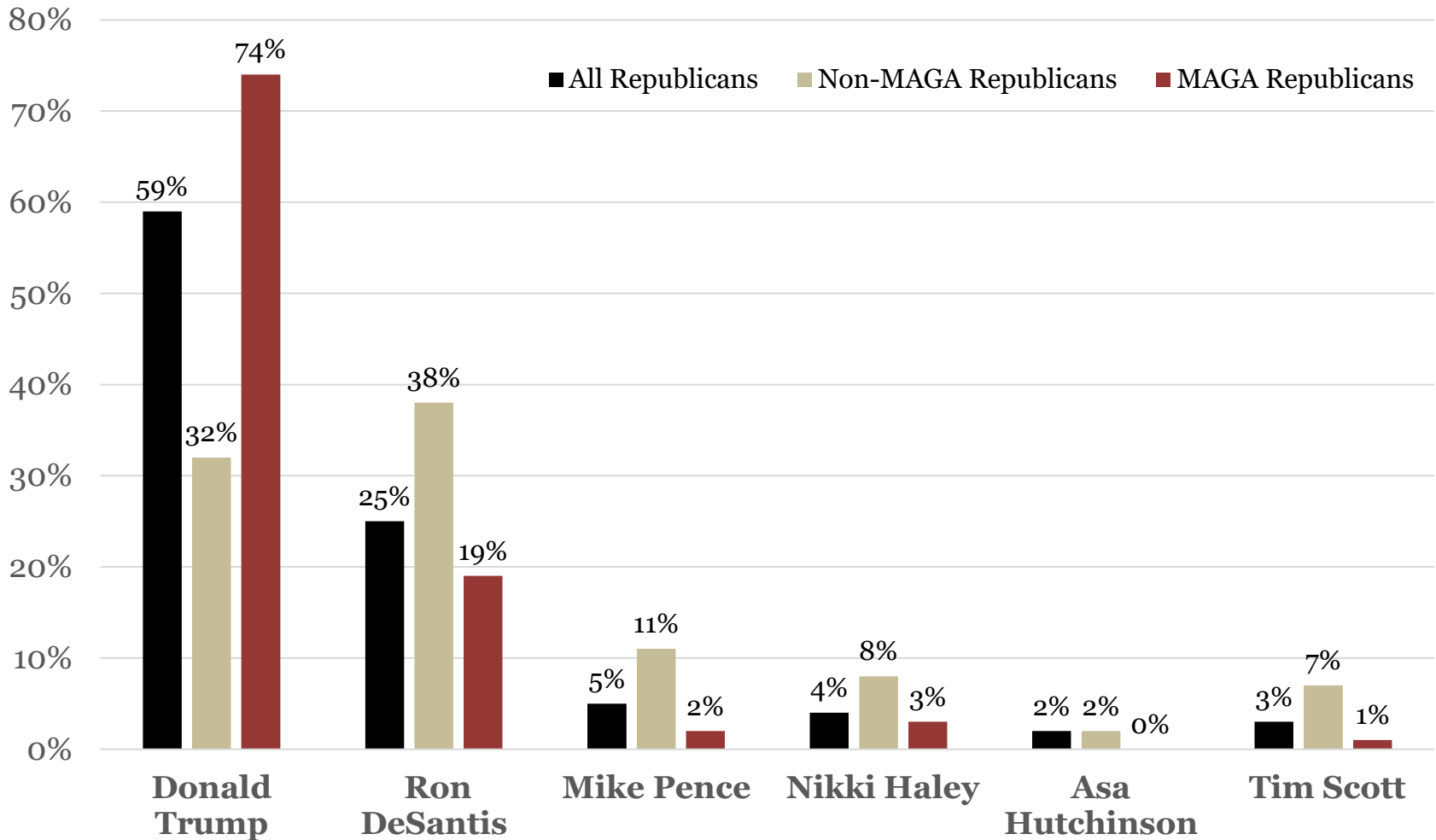
NATIONAL POLITICS

Trump v. DeSantis – Fall 2022/ Spring 2023 by Republicans

If you had to choose one of the following, who would you prefer as the Republican candidate for president in 2024?

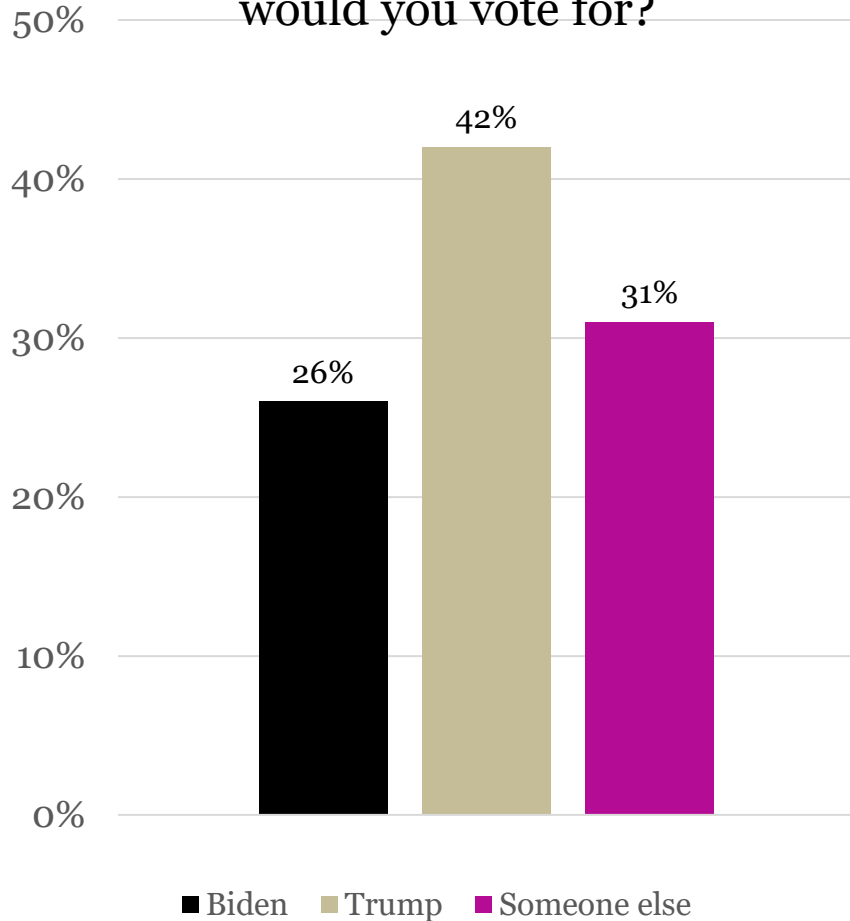


Preferred Republican Candidate for President 2024 by Republicans

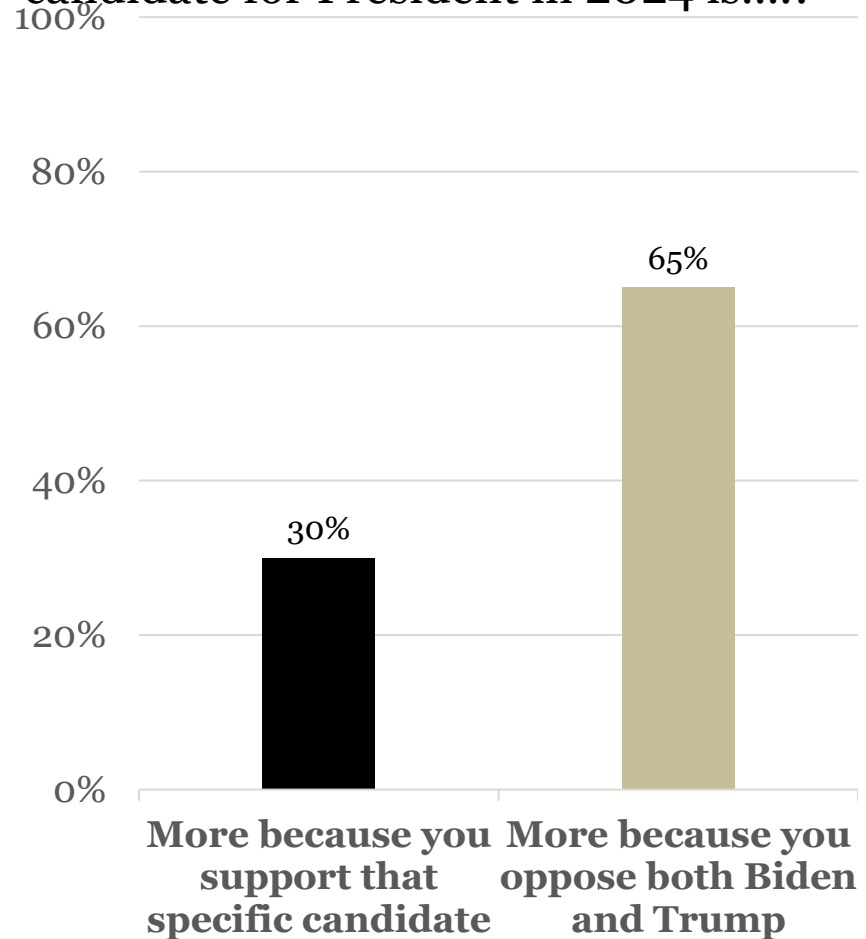


Biden vs. Trump

If the 2024 presidential general election were being held today, who would you vote for?

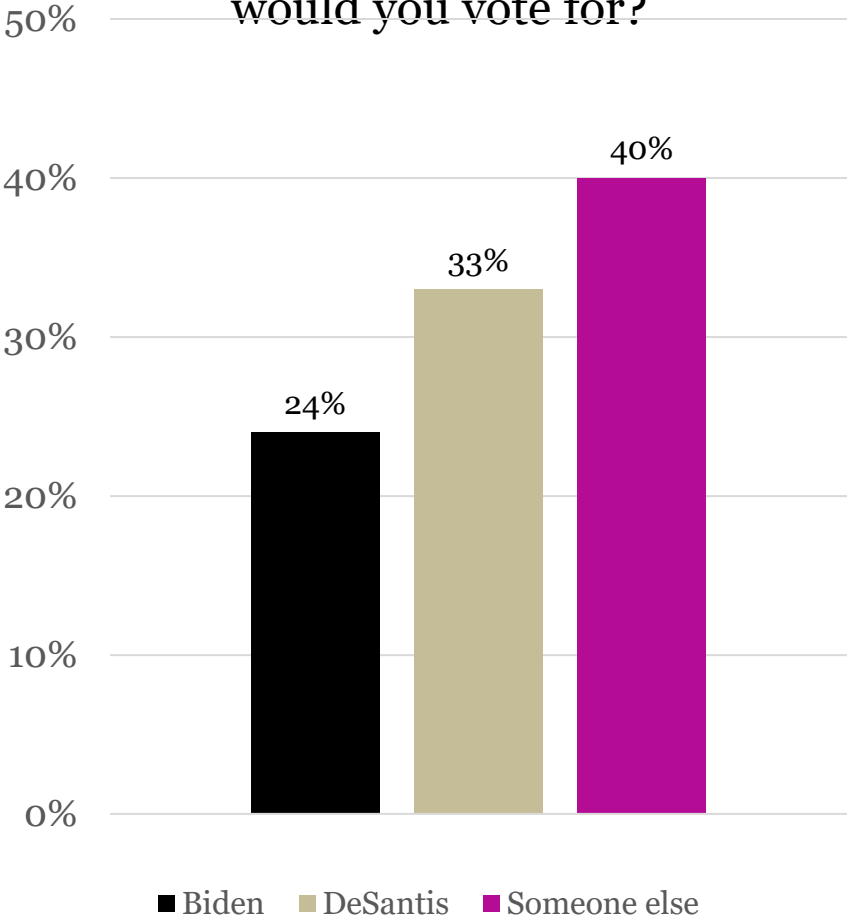


Would you say that your choice for another candidate for President in 2024 is....?



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