

# Spring 2022 - Vanderbilt University Poll

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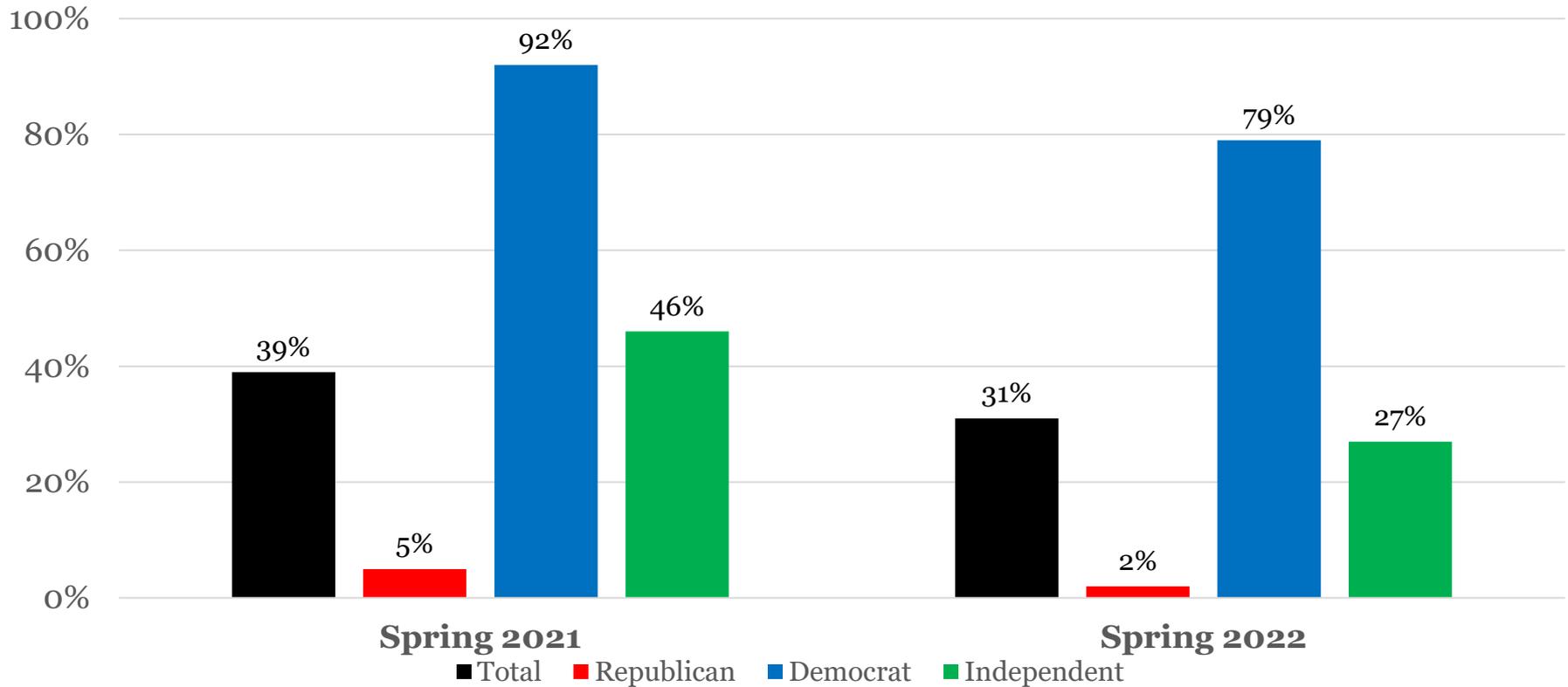
1,000 registered voters in Tennessee

MoE: +/- 3.8 percentage points



# Approval of President Biden by Partisanship Spring 2021/Spring 2022

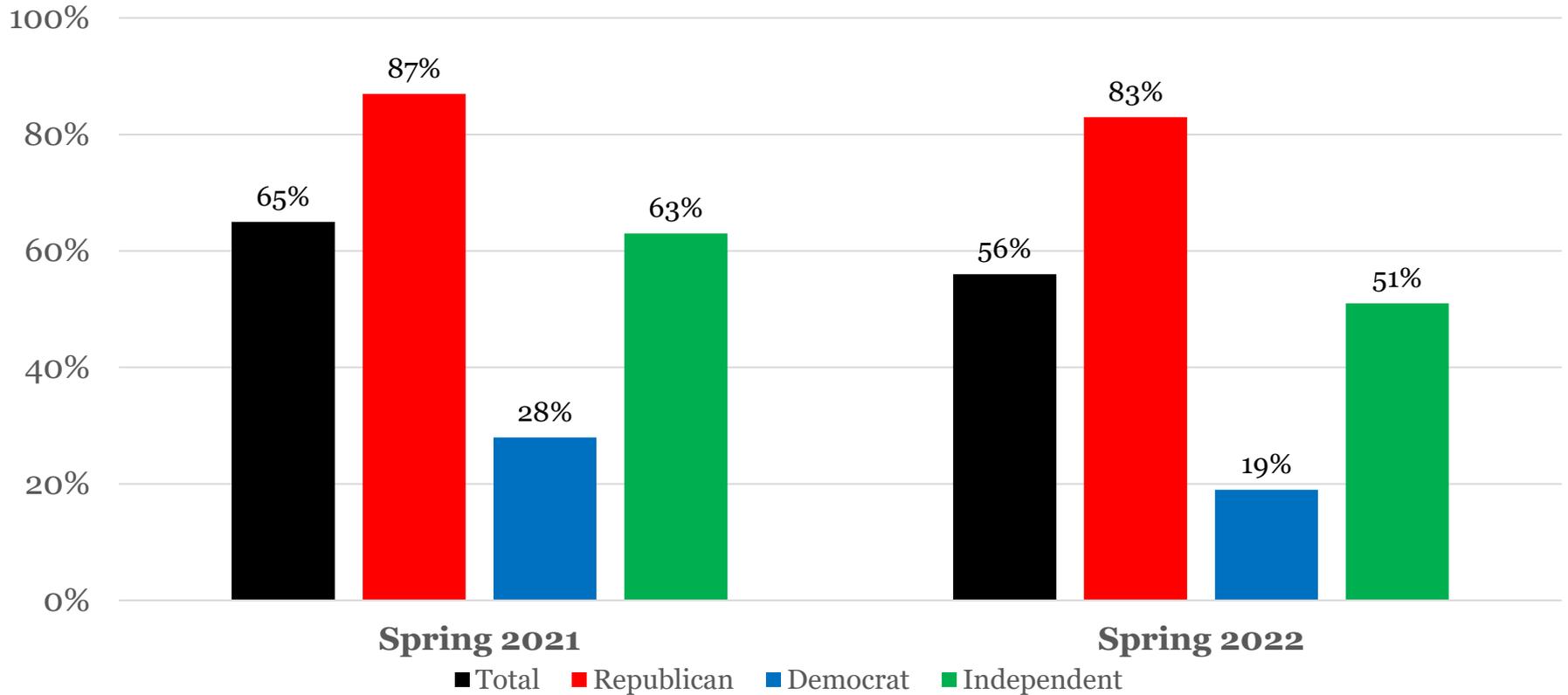
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# Approval of Governor Lee by Partisanship

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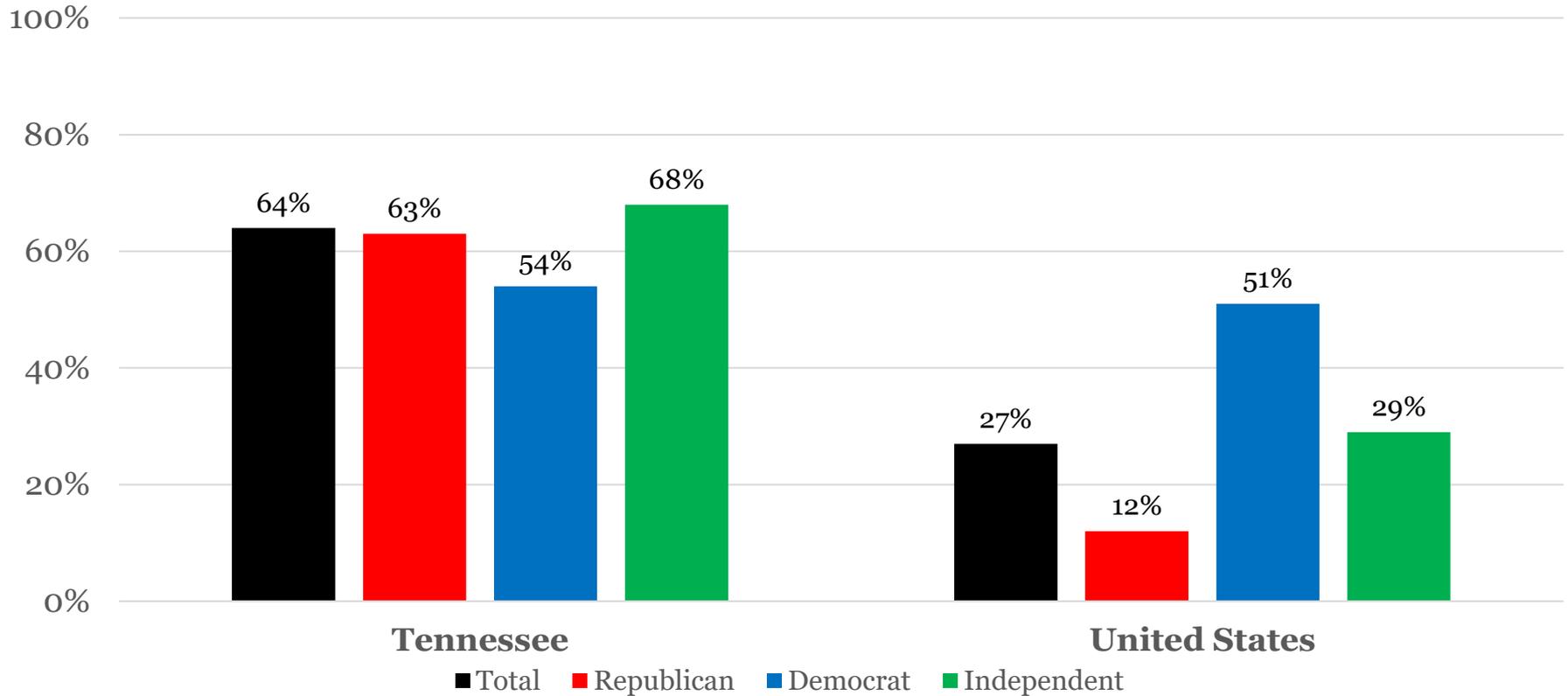
# Perceptions of the Economy

(% Responding “Very Good” or “Fairly Good”)

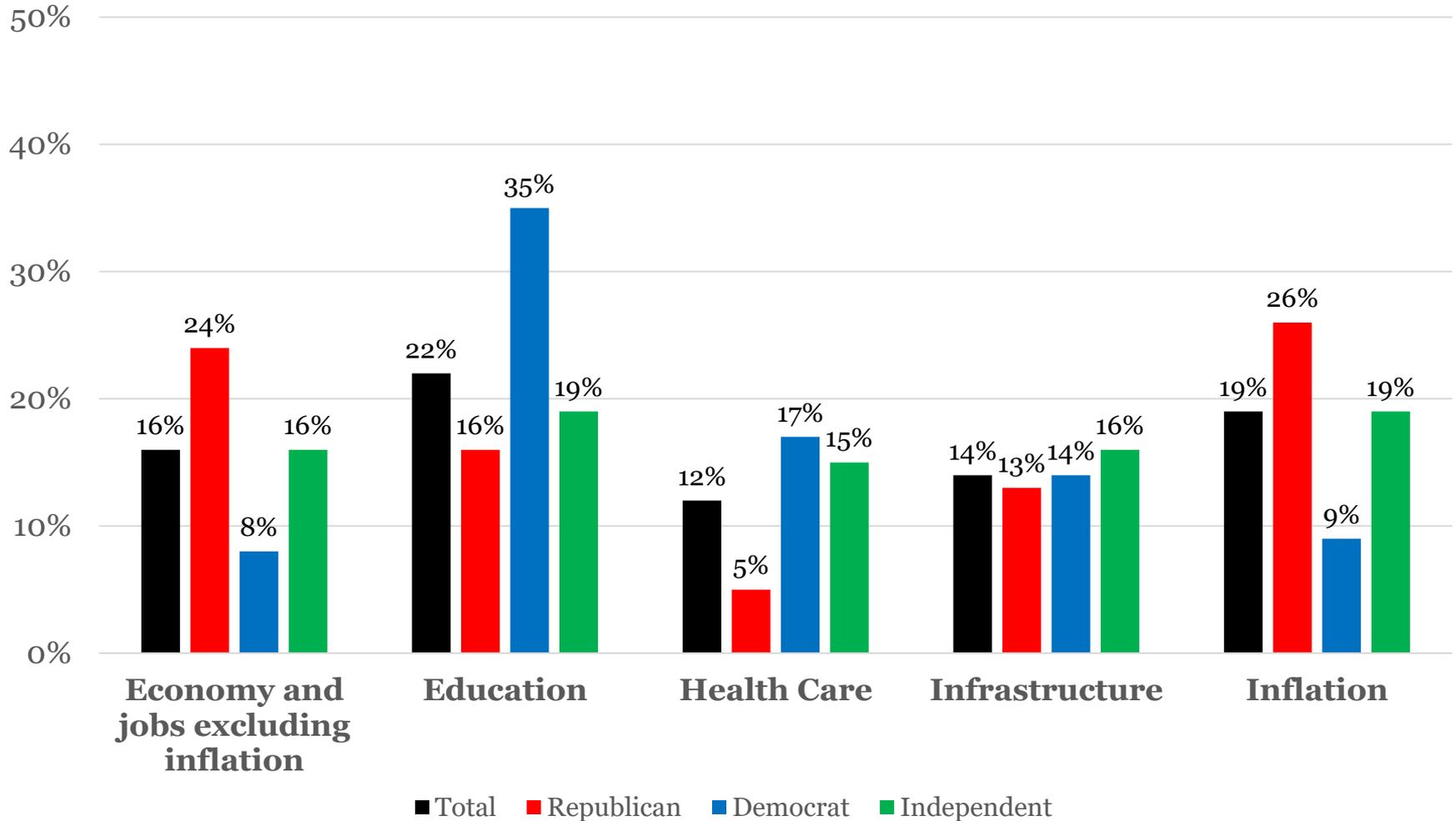


# Perceptions of Tennessee and U.S. Economy by Partisanship

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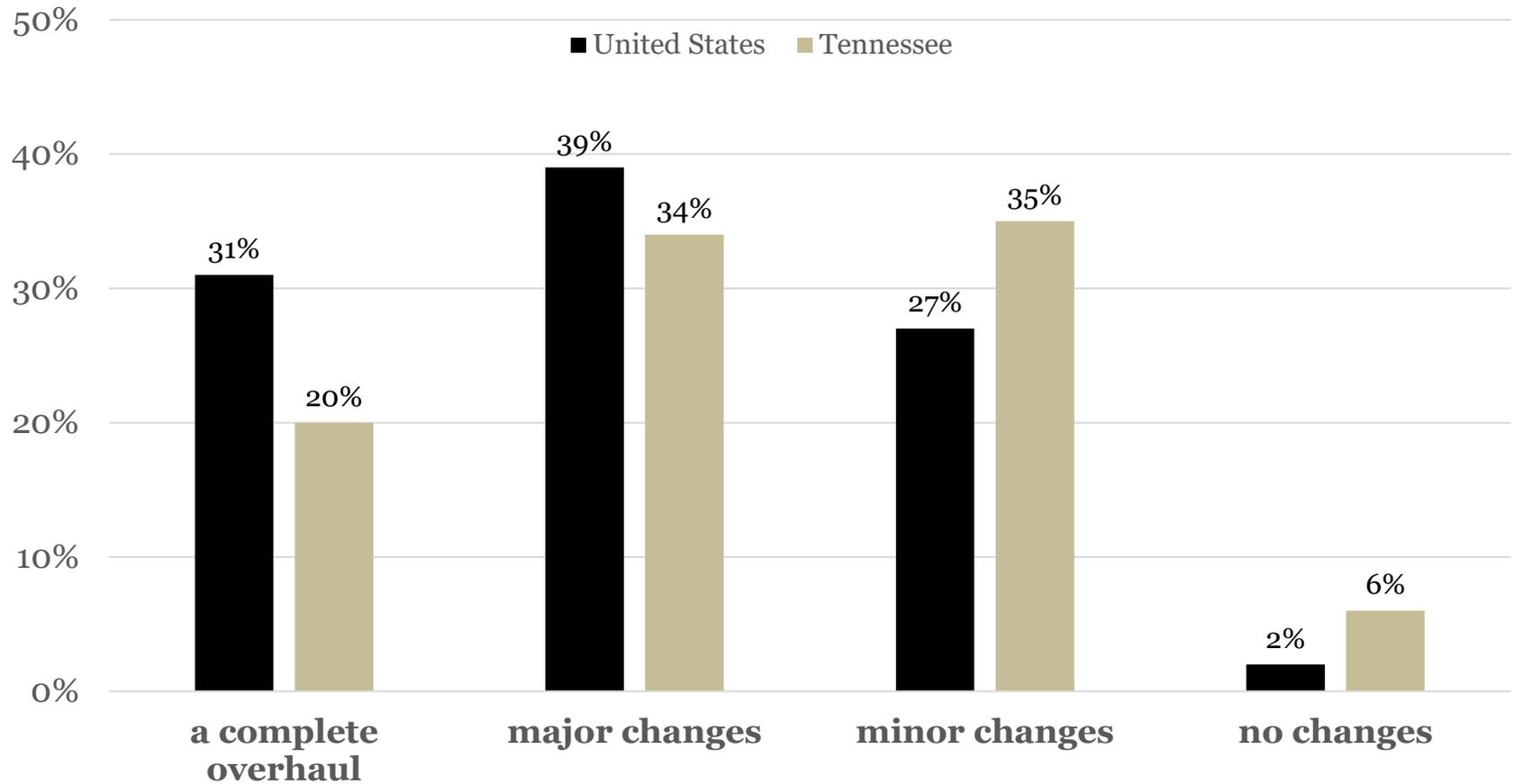
# Top Priorities For Tennessee State Government by Partisanship



# **CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM & DEATH PENALTY**

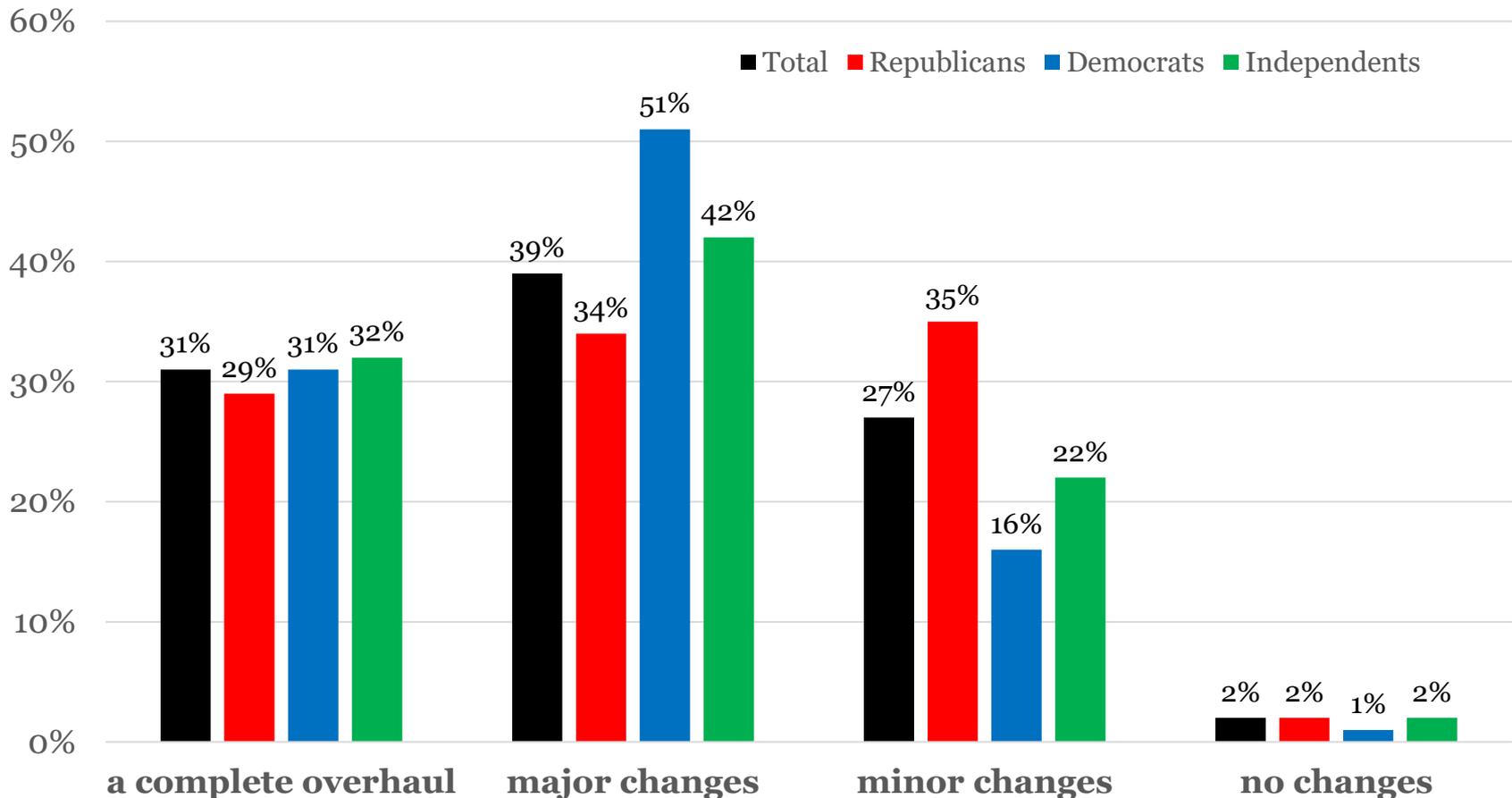
# Opinions of the U.S. and Tennessee Criminal Justice Systems

Thinking about the criminal justice system in the United States/Tennessee, would you say it needs?



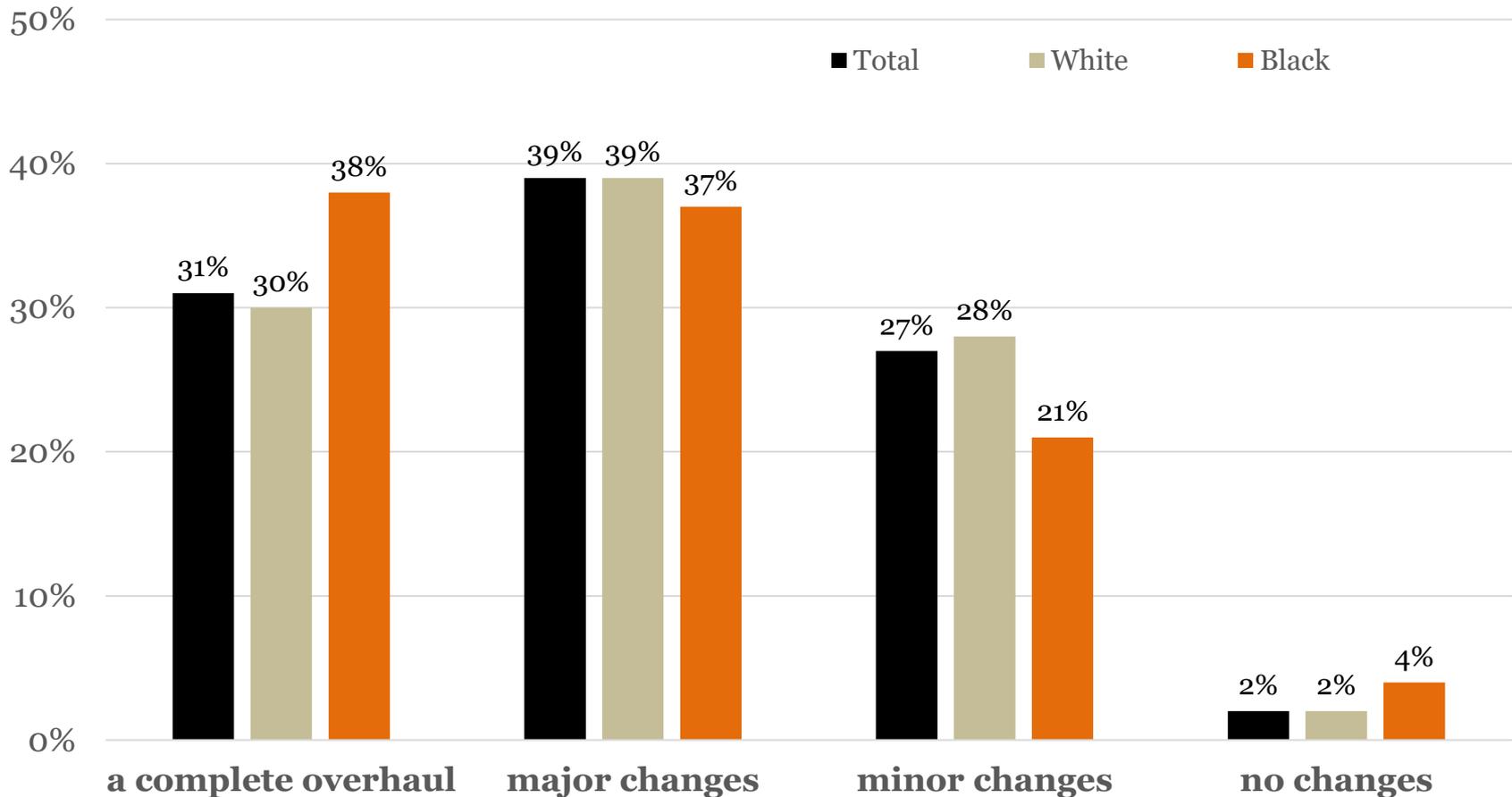
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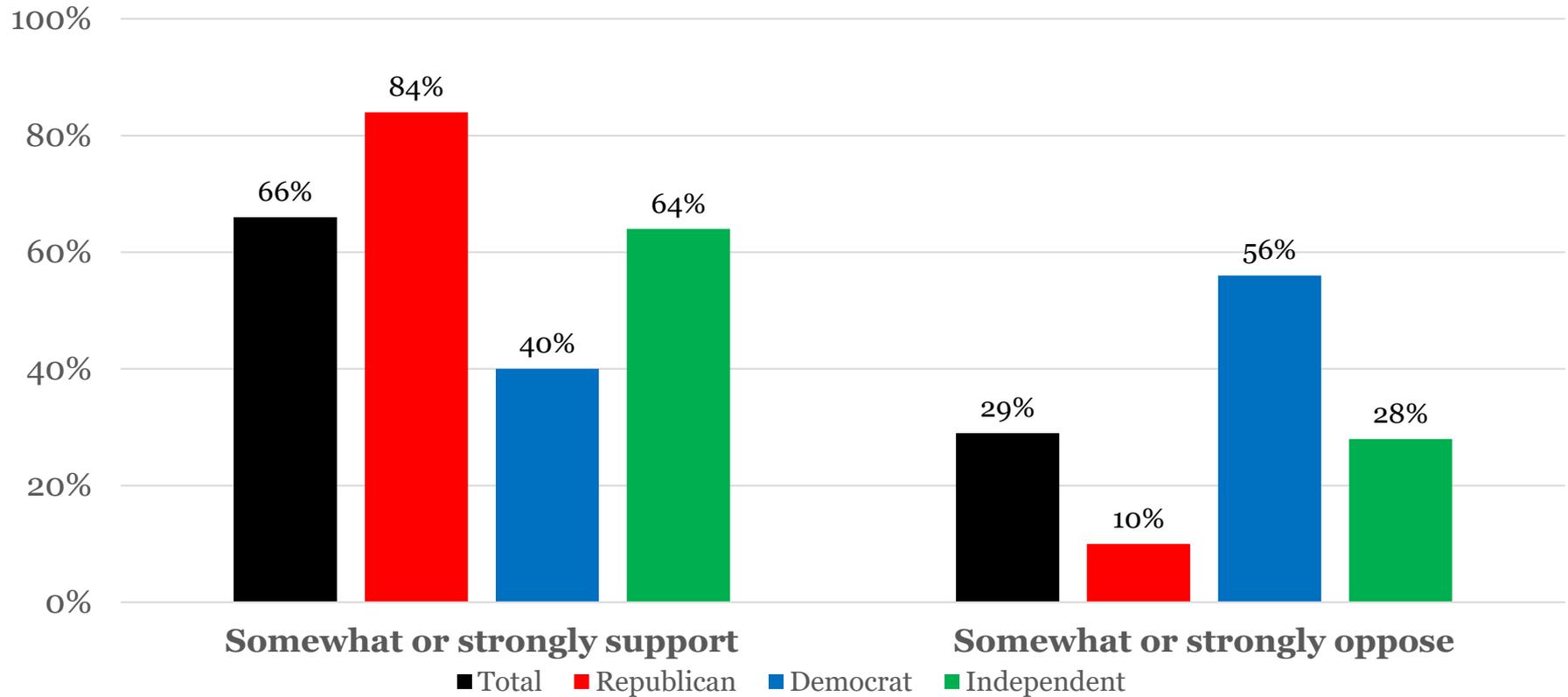
# Opinions of the U.S. Criminal Justice System by Race

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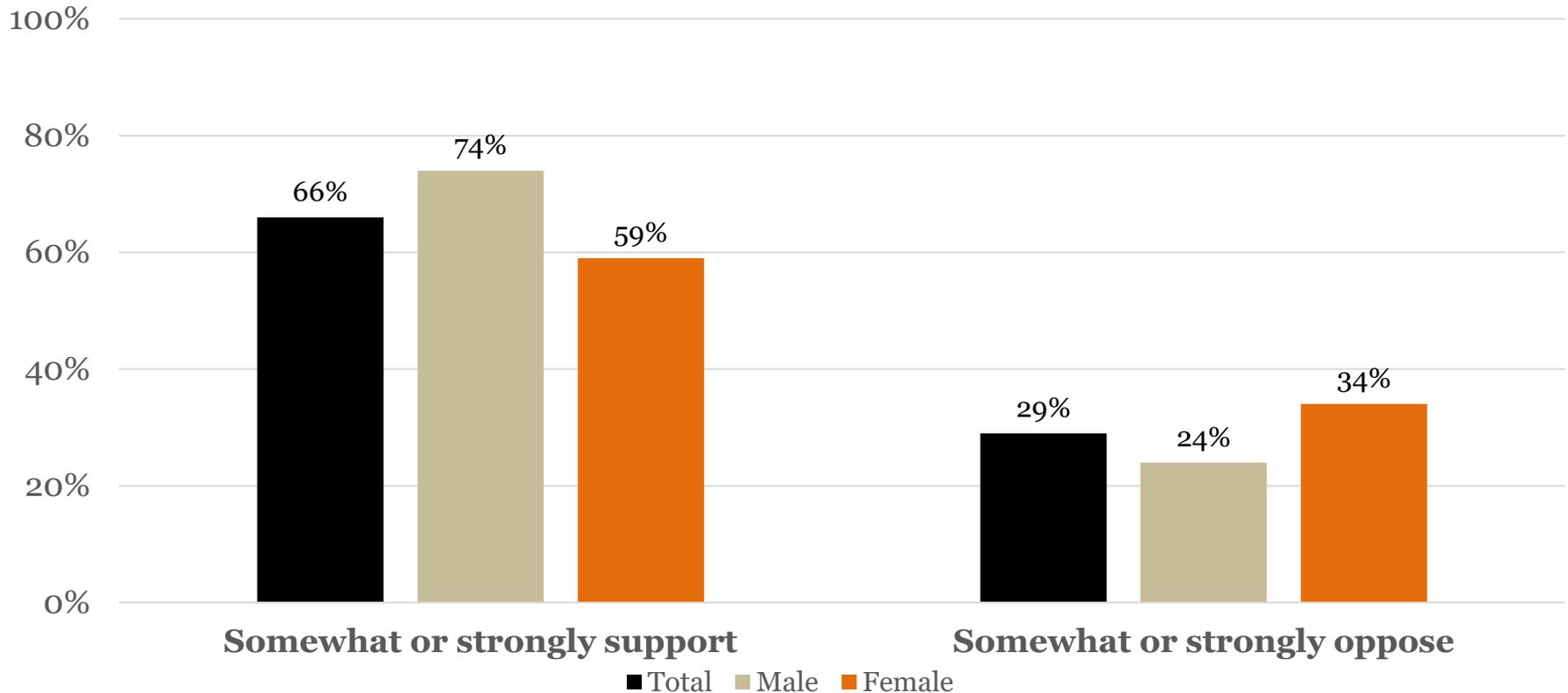
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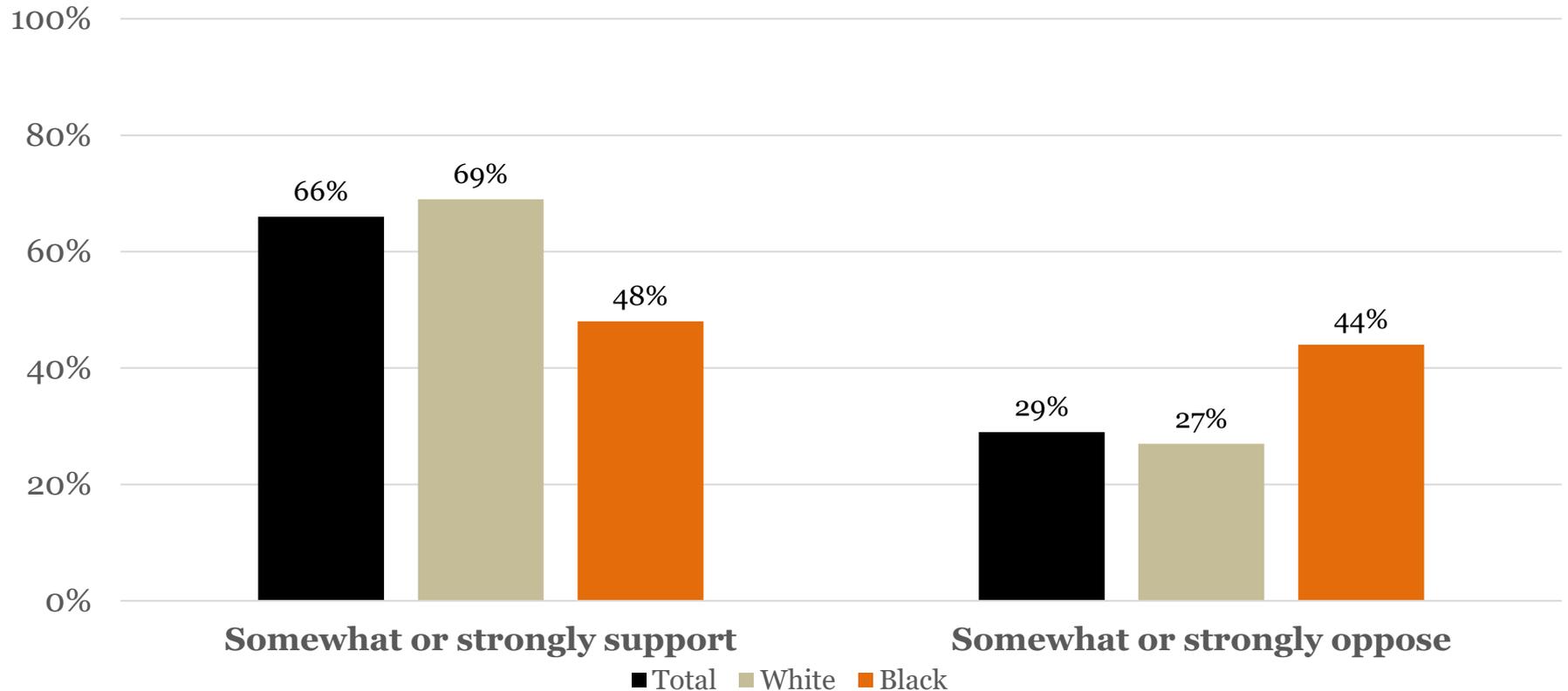
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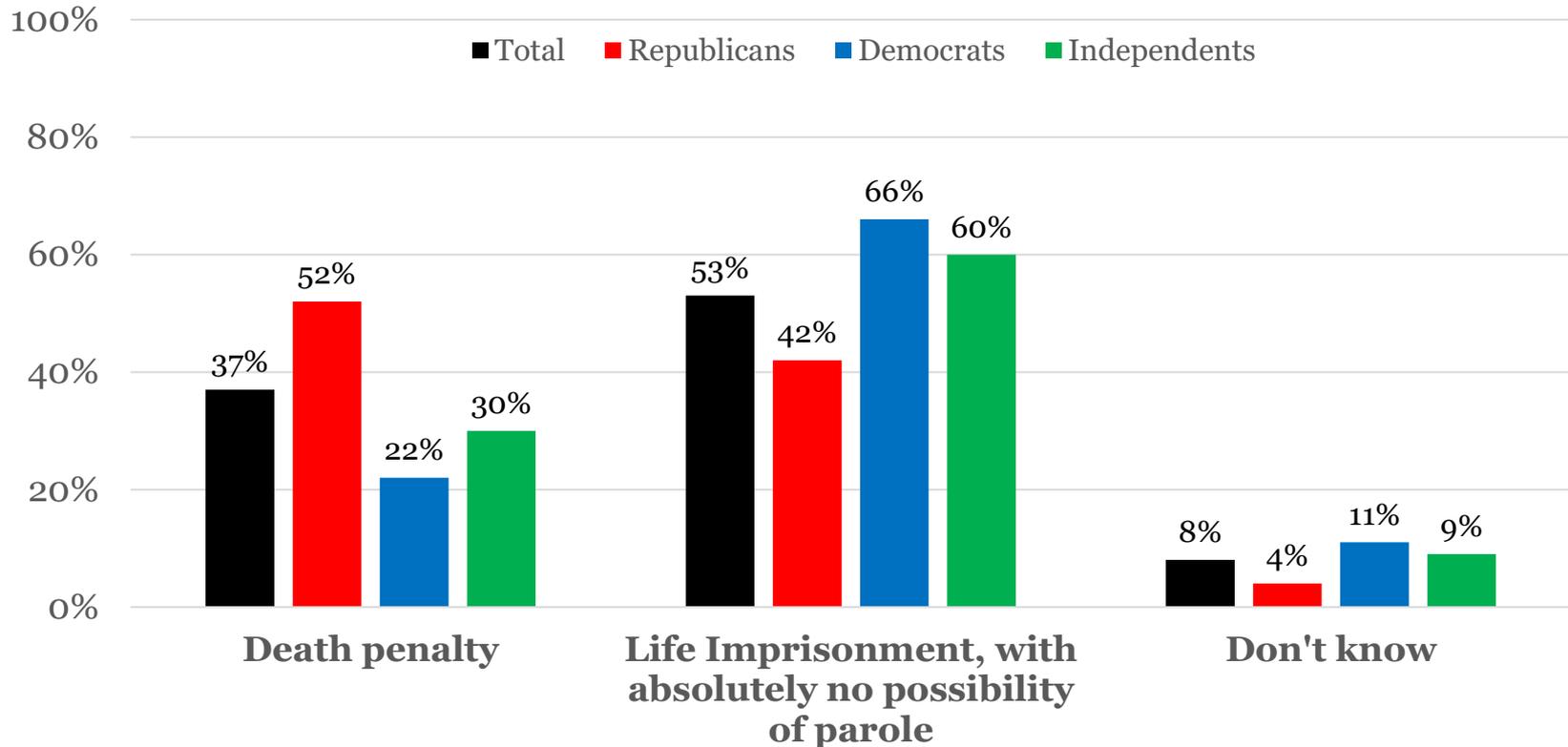
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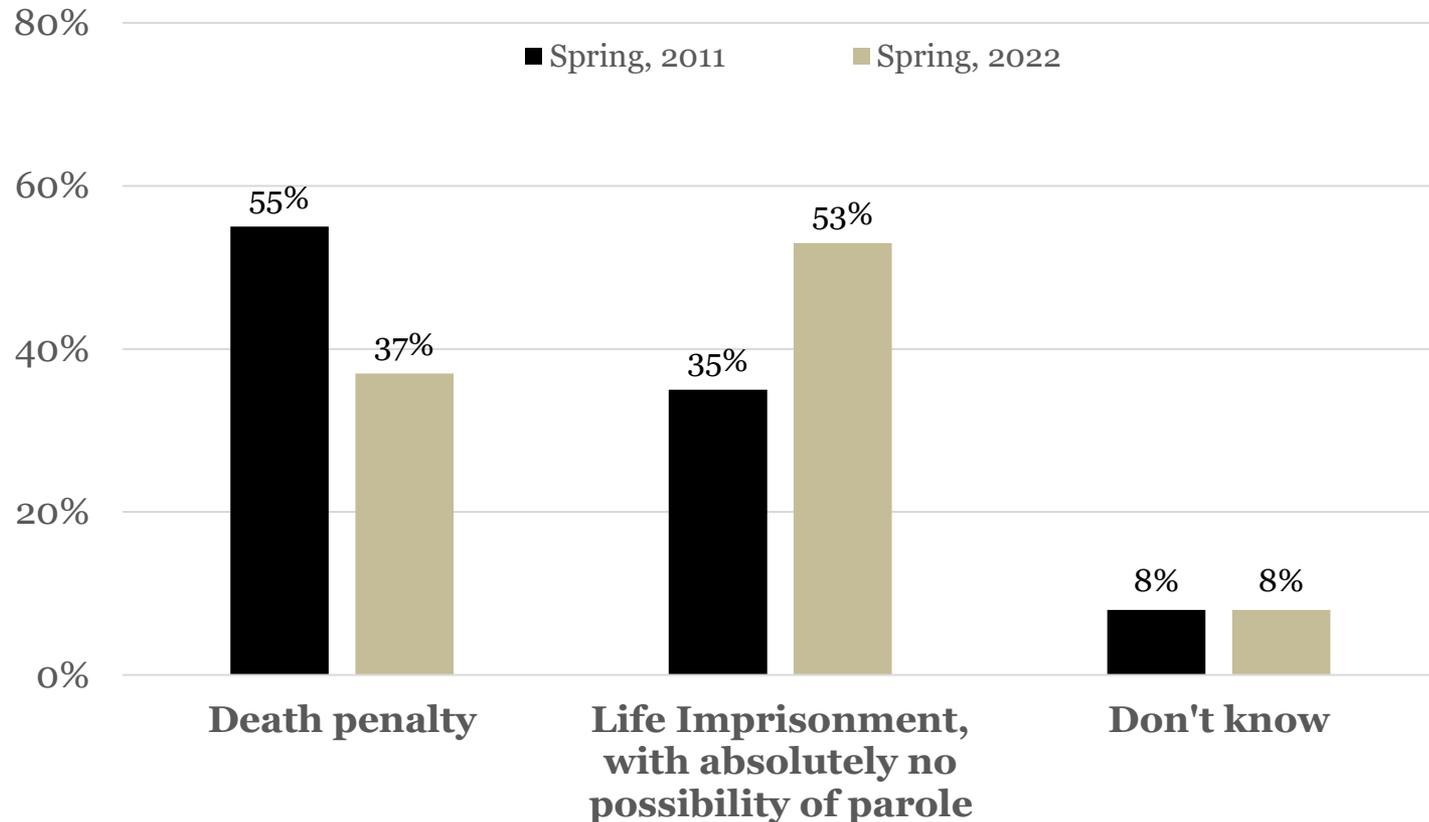
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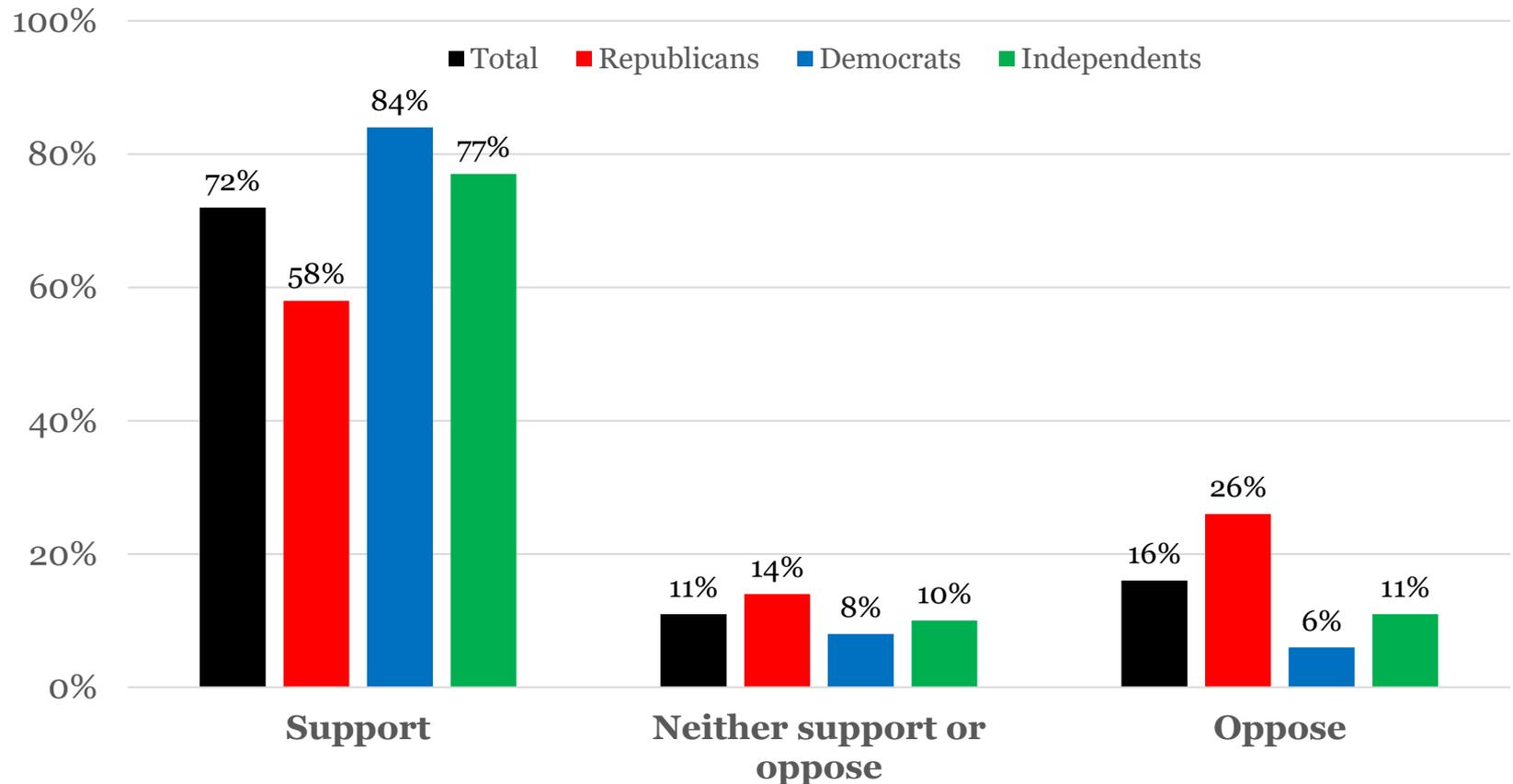
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# Support of Taxpayer Funded Rehabilitation Programs for People Convicted of Crimes by Partisanship

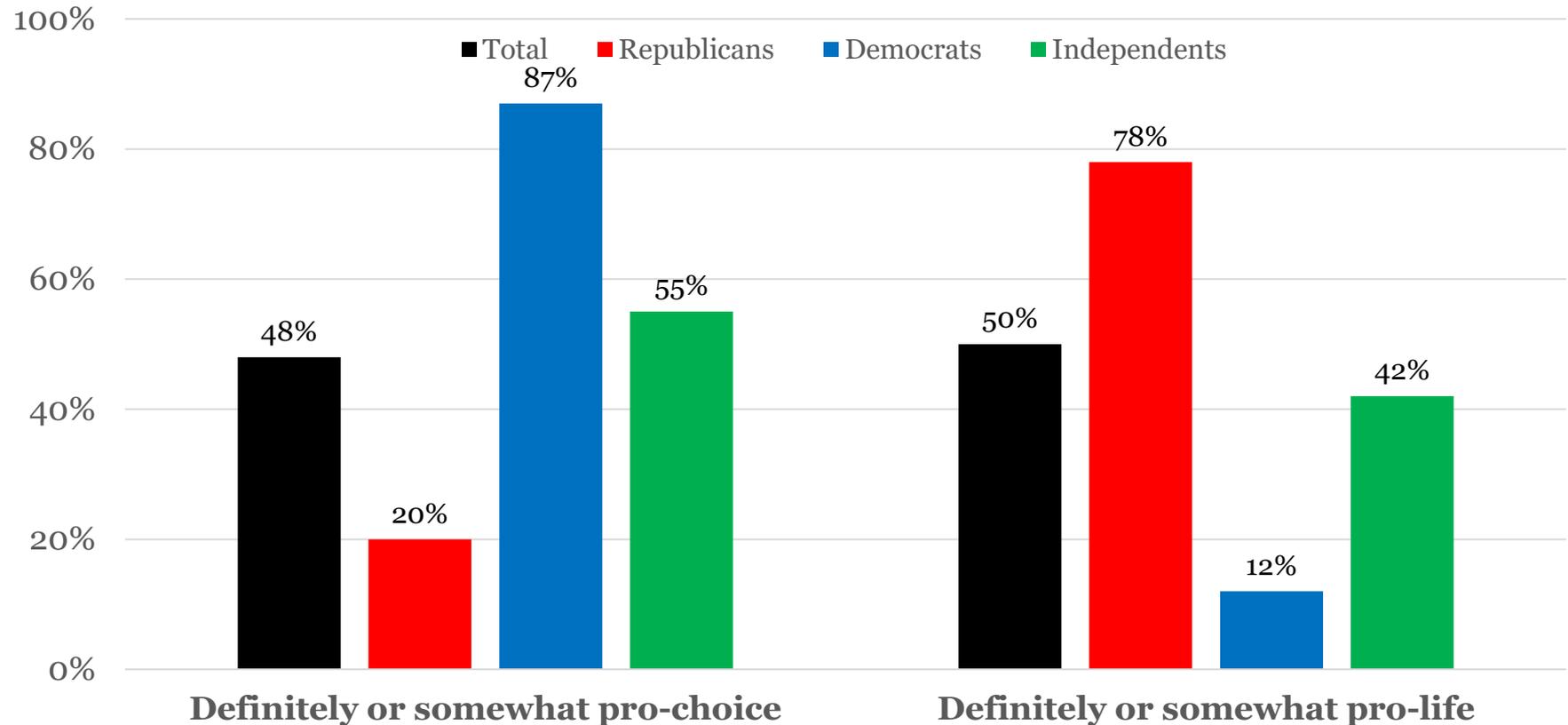
In general, would you support, neither support or oppose, or oppose the use of taxpayer dollars for rehabilitation programs for people convicted of crimes, such as mental health or drug treatment?



# **OPINIONS ABOUT ABORTION POLICY**

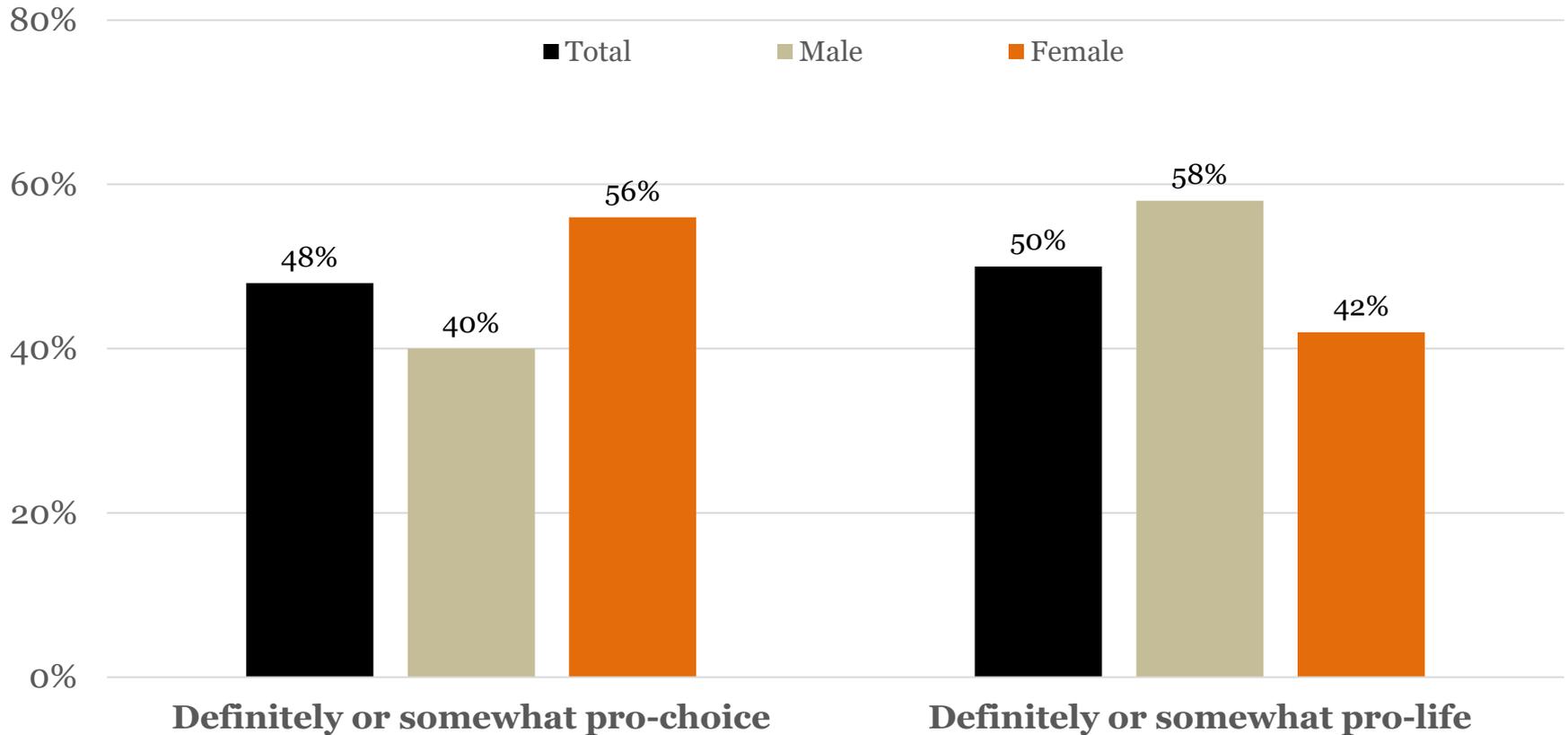
# Pro-Choice v. Pro-Life by Partisanship

On the issue of abortion, where (PRO-CHOICE means you support a woman's right to choose an abortion) and (PRO-LIFE means you support restricting access to abortion), would you say you are...?



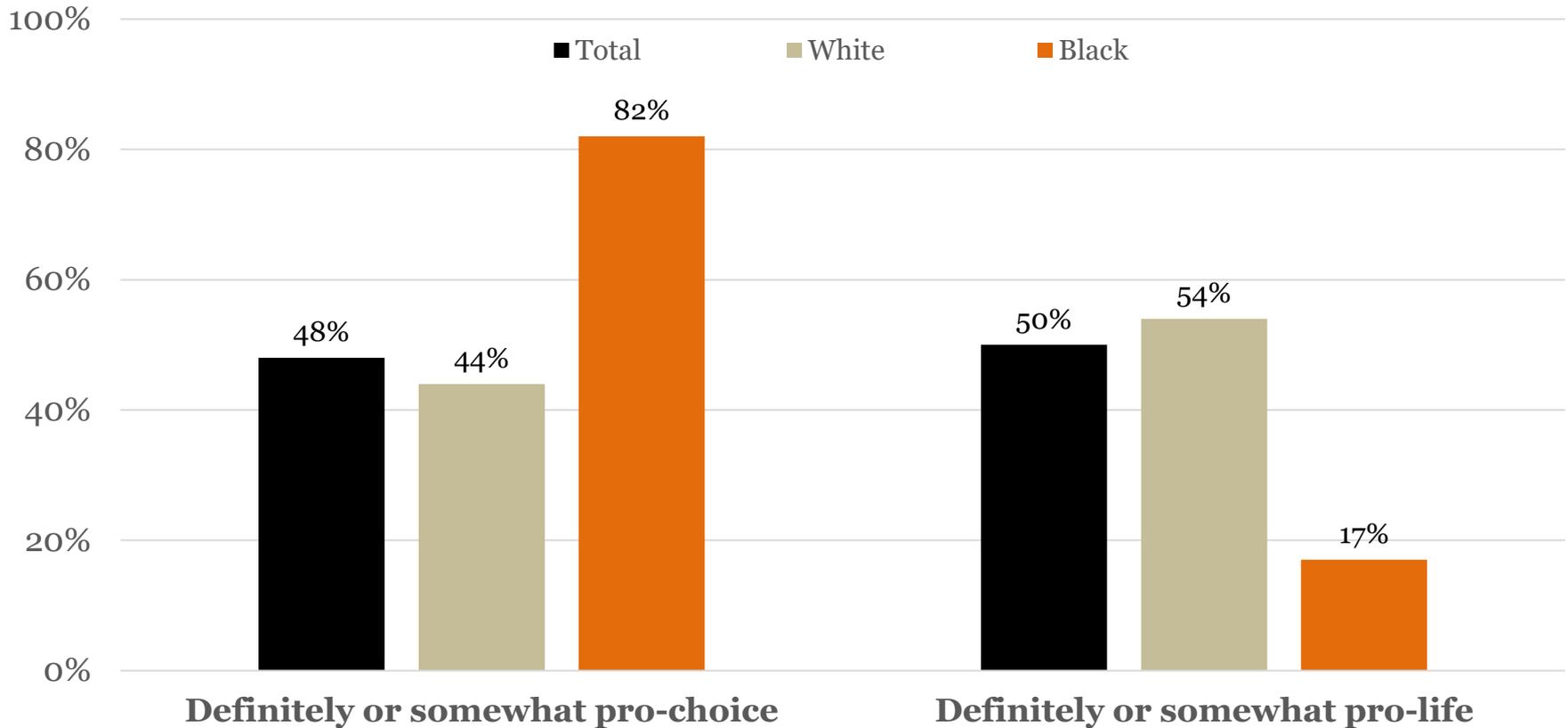
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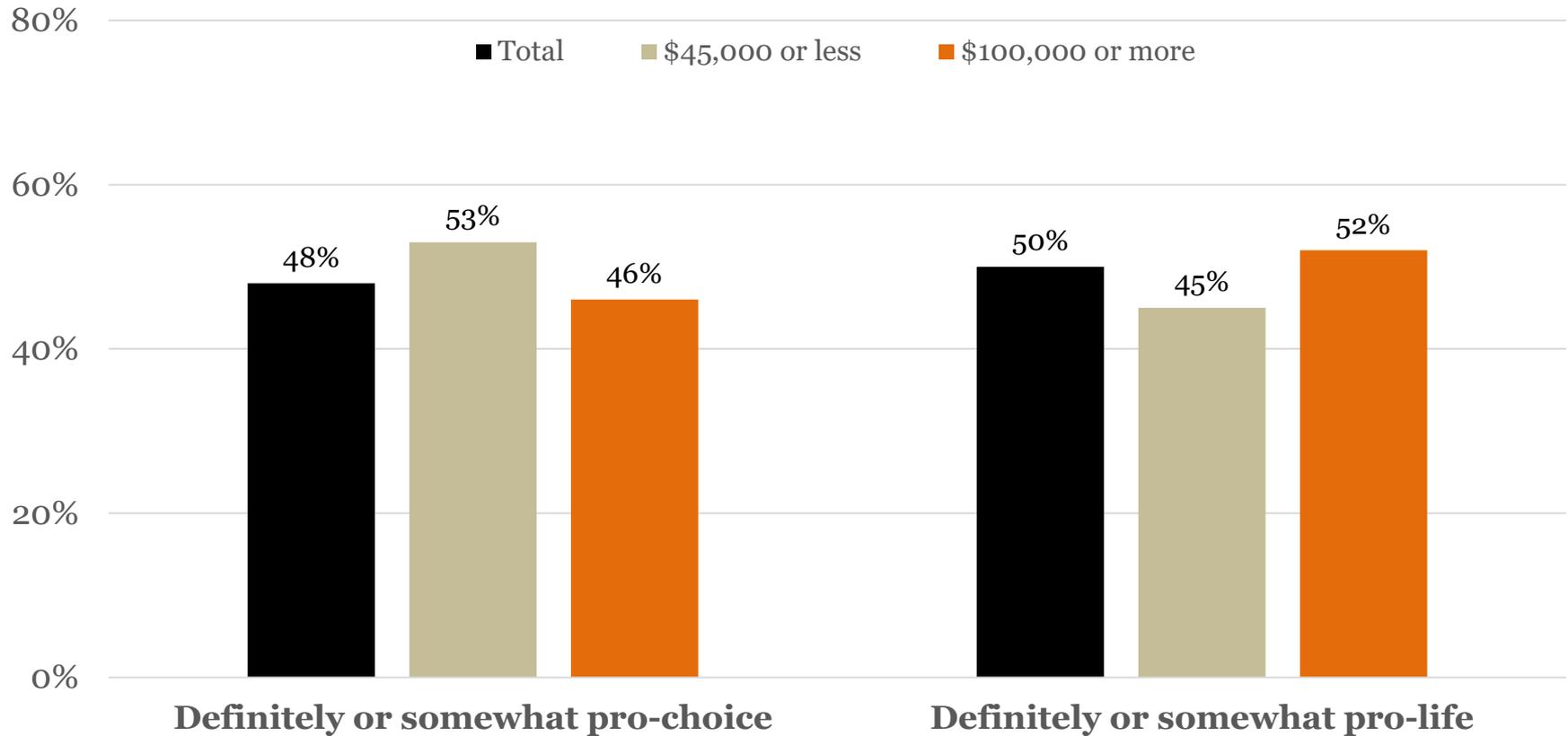
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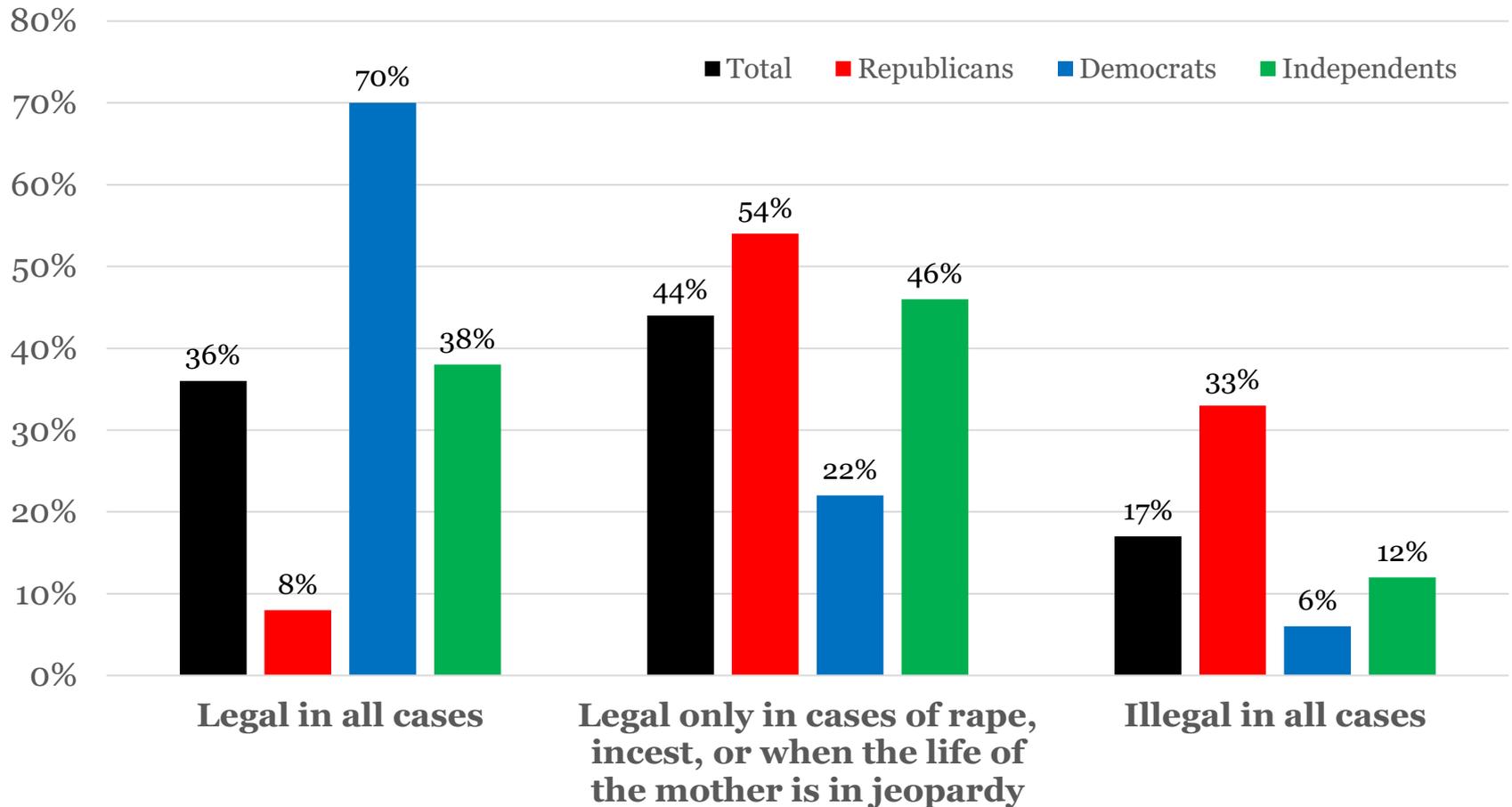
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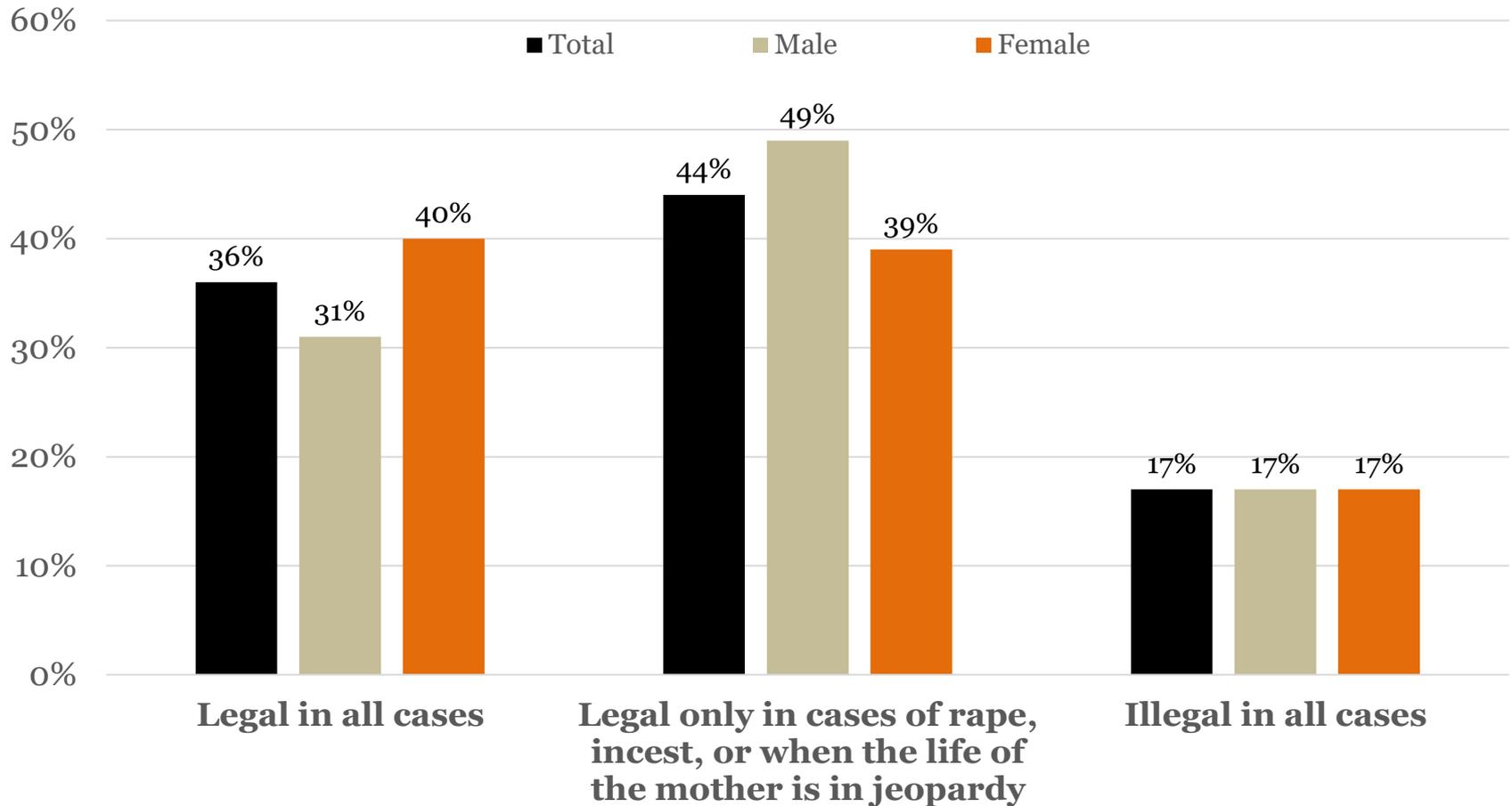
# Opinion of Abortion Rights by Partisanship

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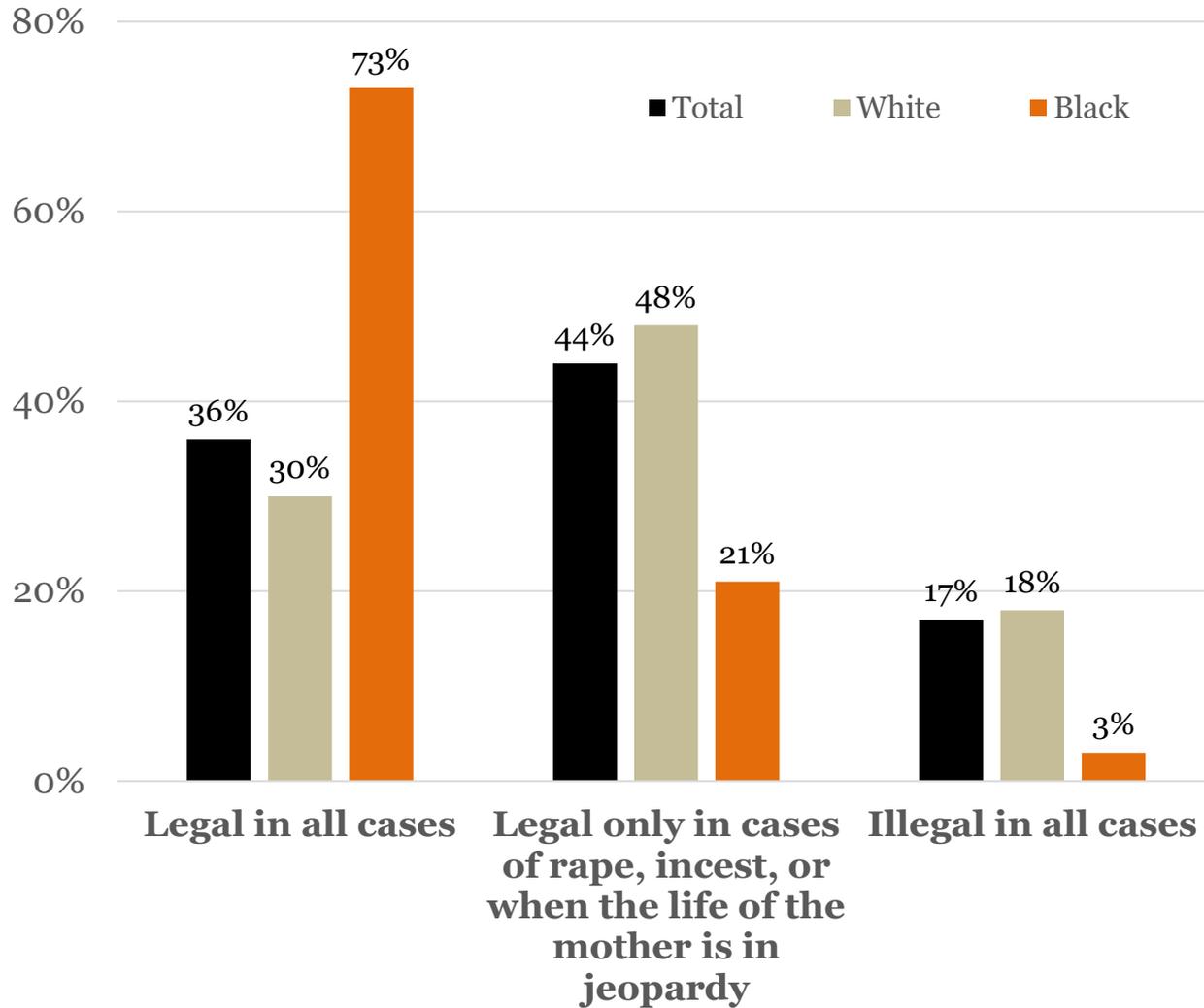
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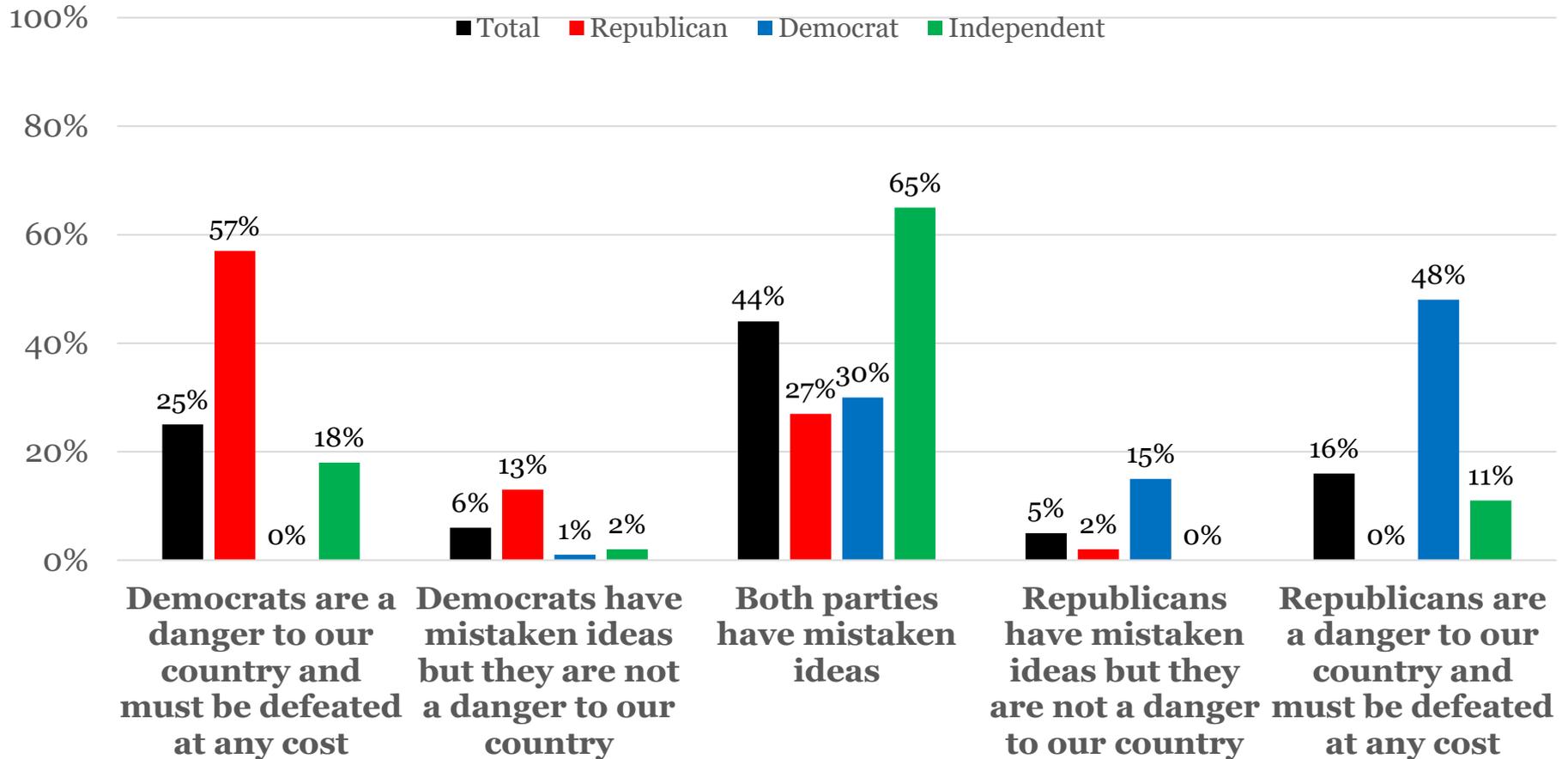
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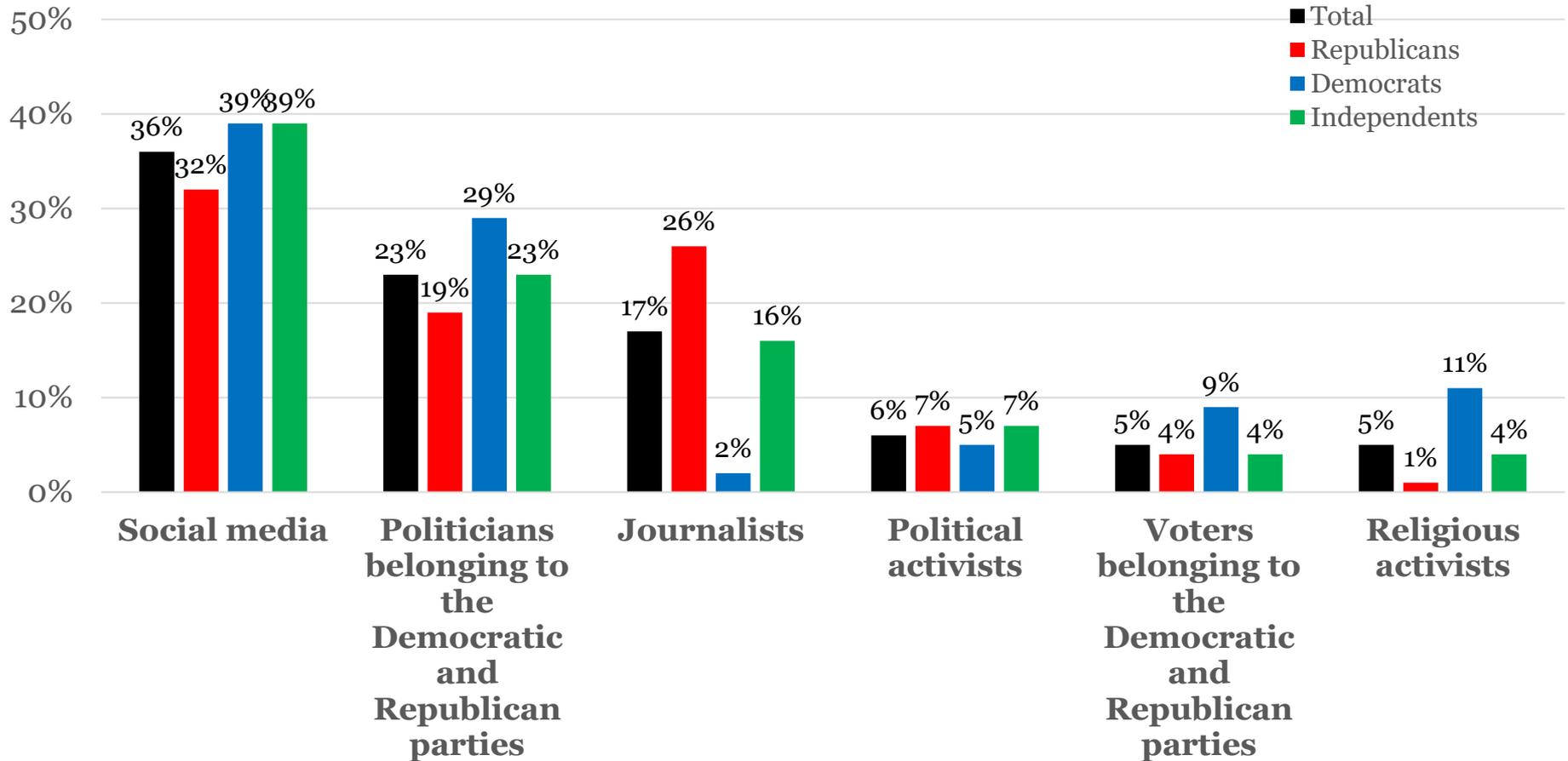
# Feelings About Opposing Party by Partisanship

Which comes closest to your view, even if none is exactly right?



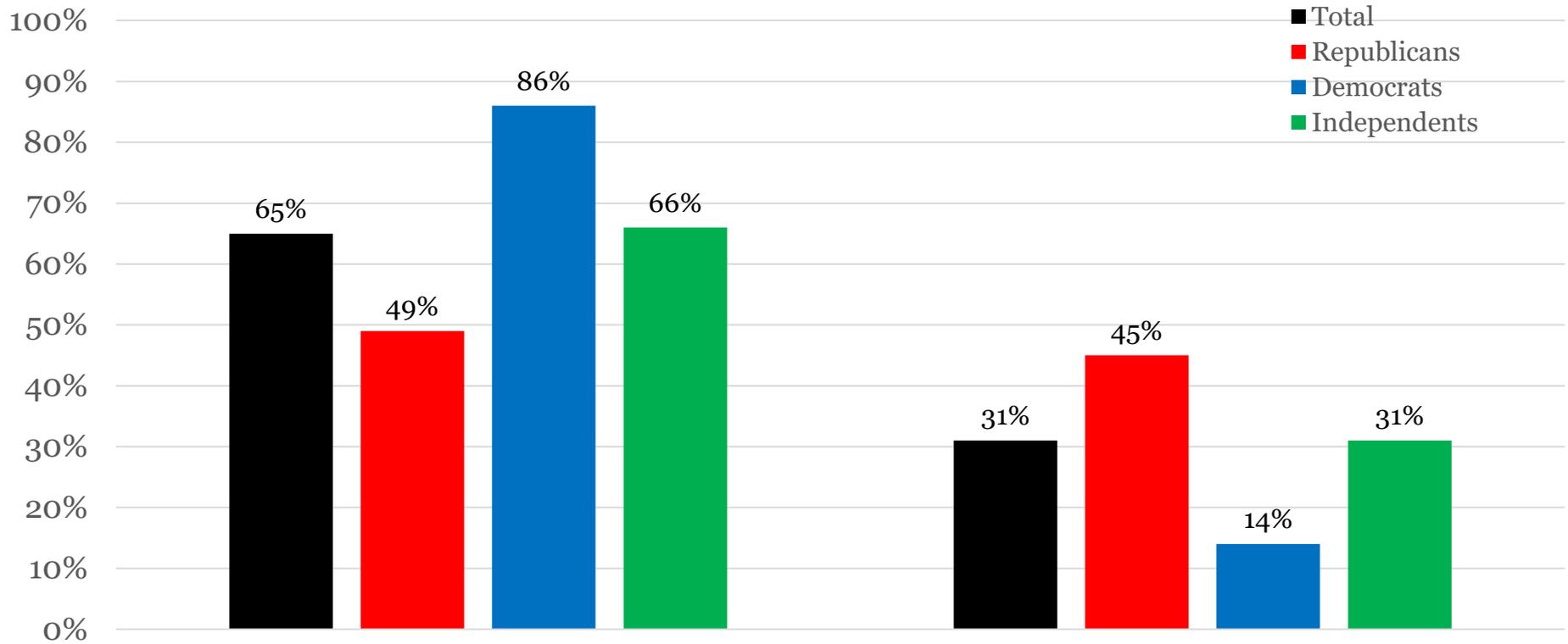
# Opinions on Causes of Polarization by Partisanship

There is a lot of discussion about polarization in the country today. There are different reasons offered for polarization. Which of the following do you think is most responsible?



# Opinions on Compromise by Partisanship

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

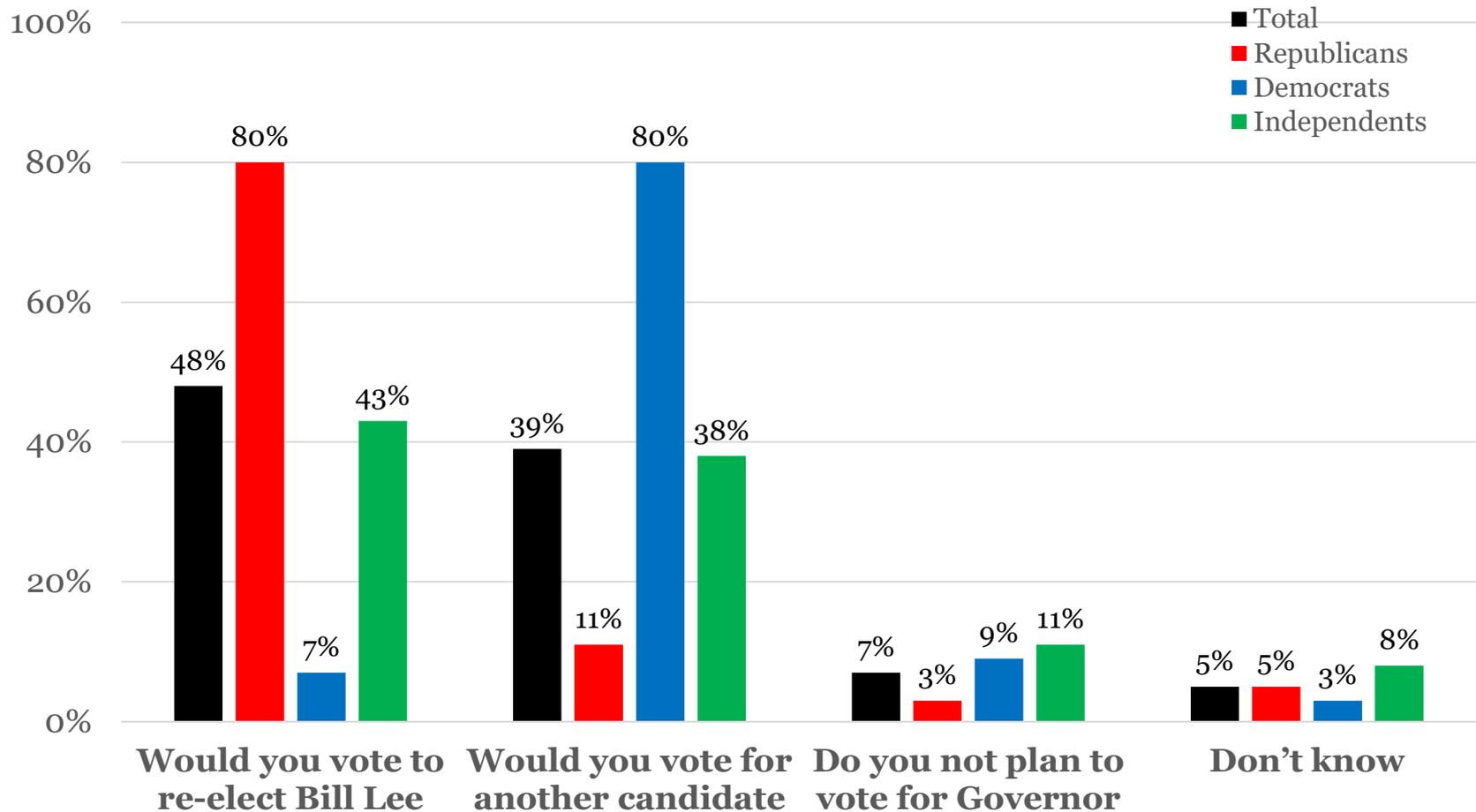


**I would prefer my elected officials work with members of the other political party even if it means they have to compromise on some of their values and priorities**

**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**

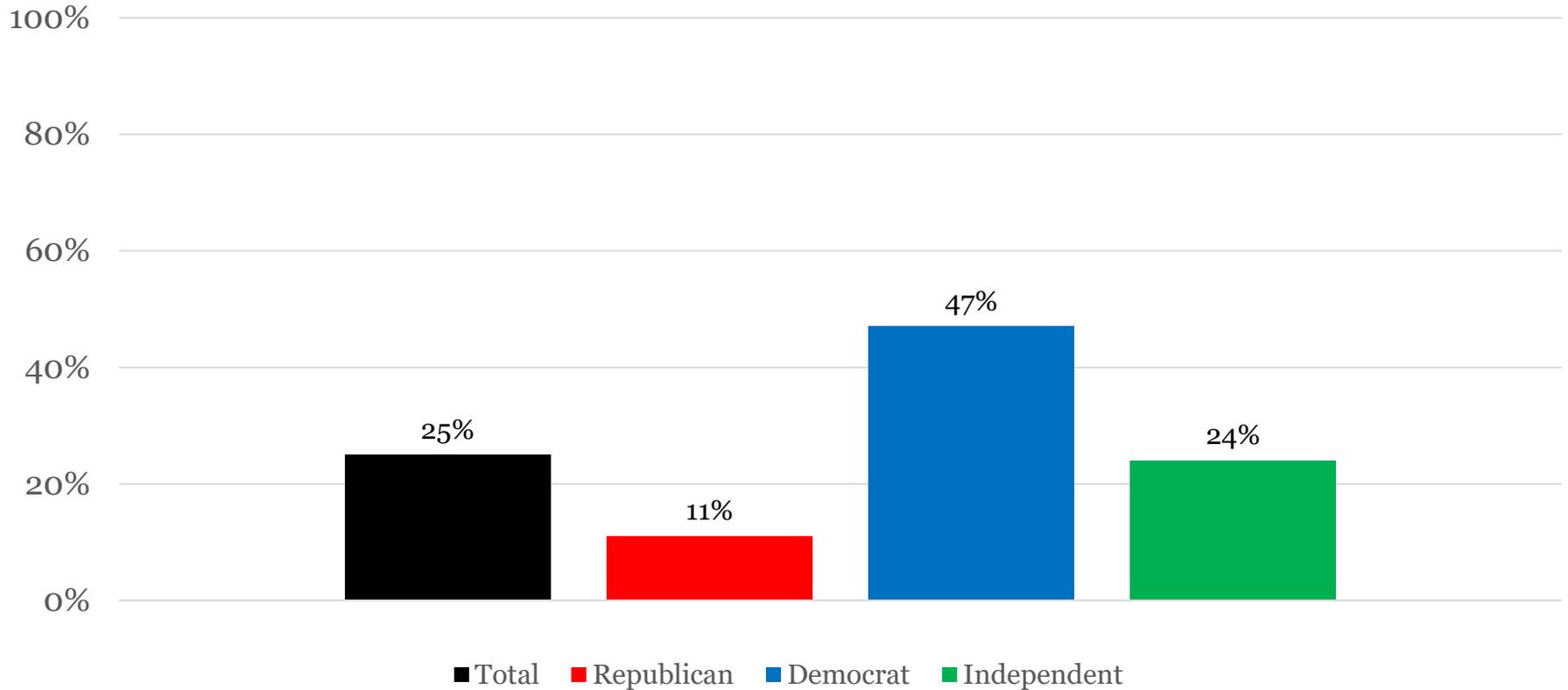
# Thoughts on the 2022 Tennessee Gubernatorial Election by Partisanship

Thinking about the 2022 general election for Governor in Tennessee, if the election was held today?



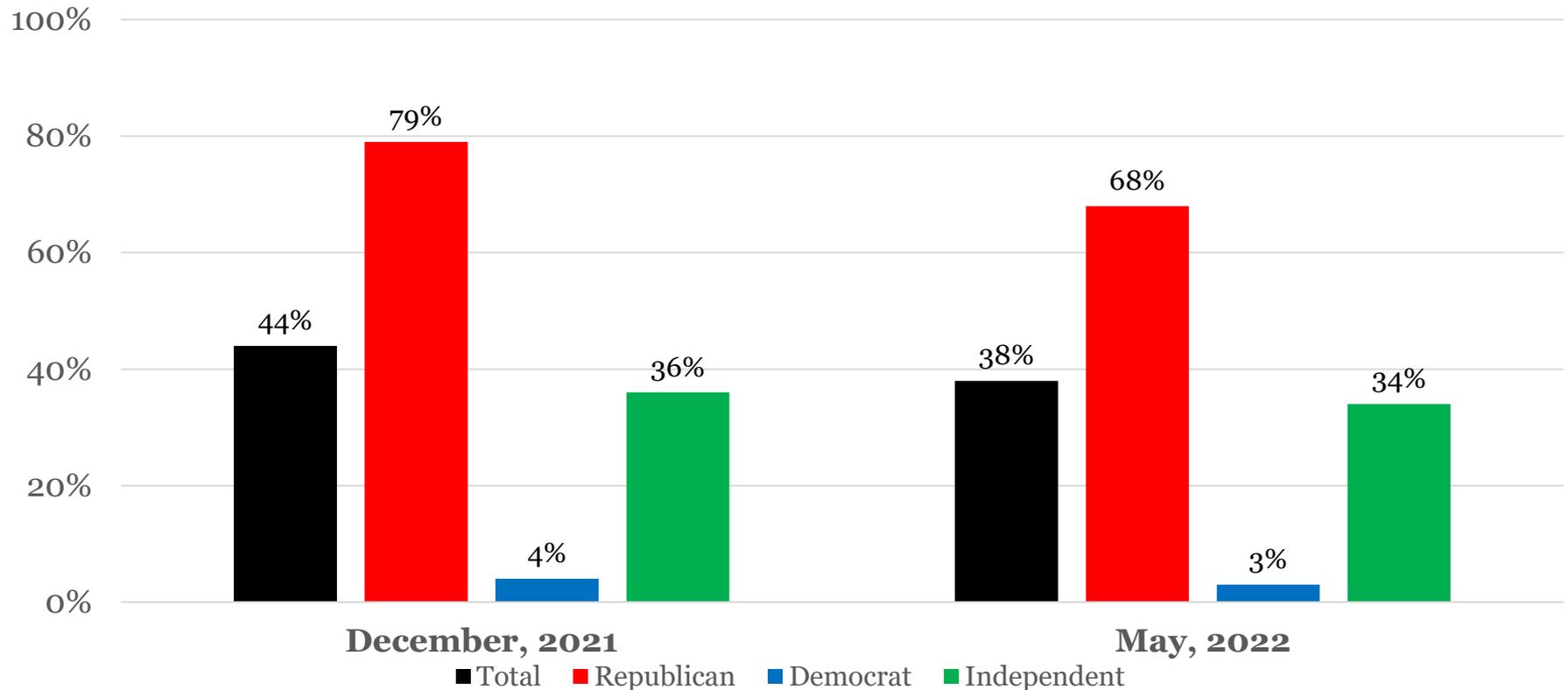
# Would you like to see Joe Biden Run for Re-election For U.S. President in 2024 by Partisanship

% Responding "Yes"



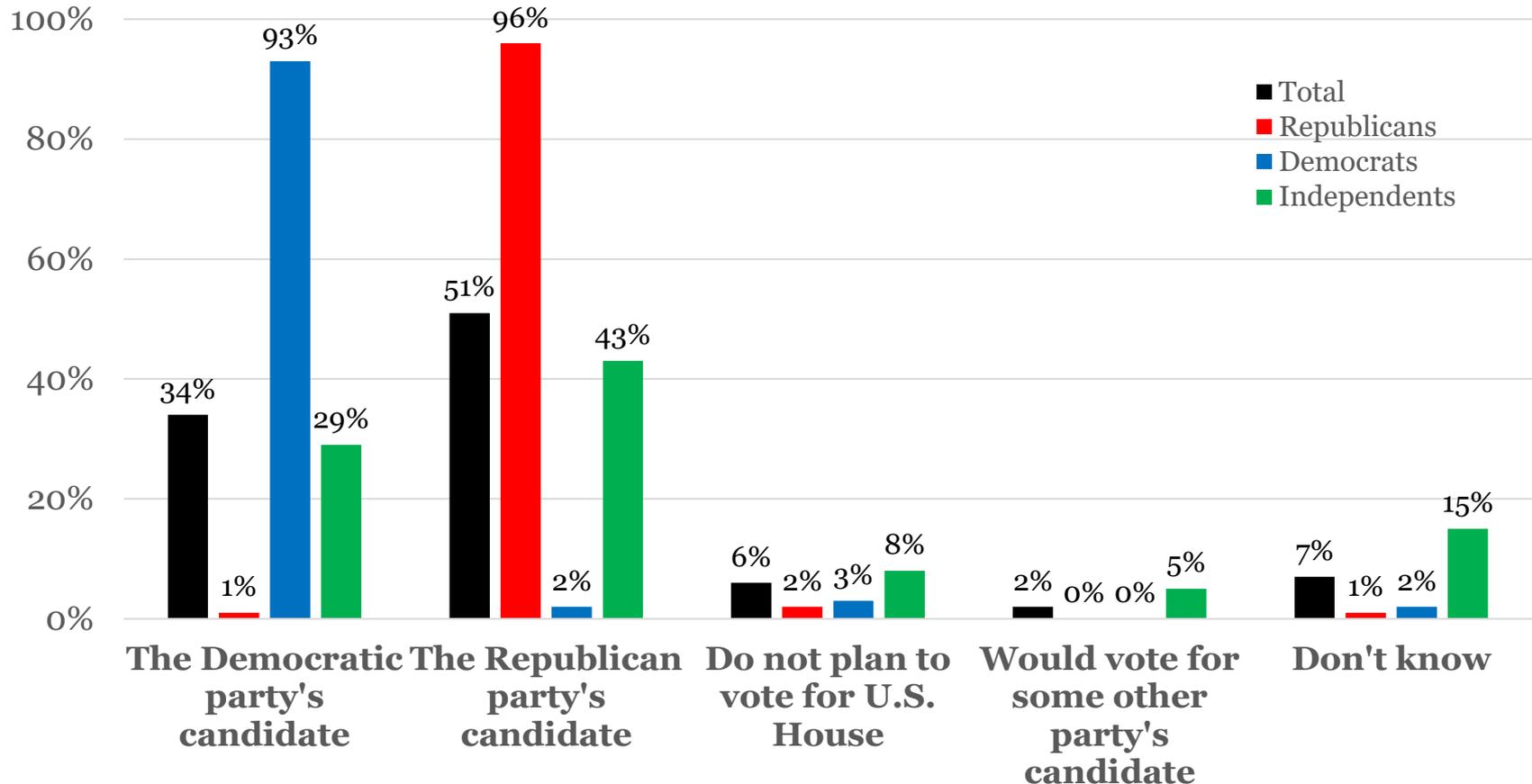
# Would you like to see Donald Trump Run for U.S. President in 2024 by Partisanship

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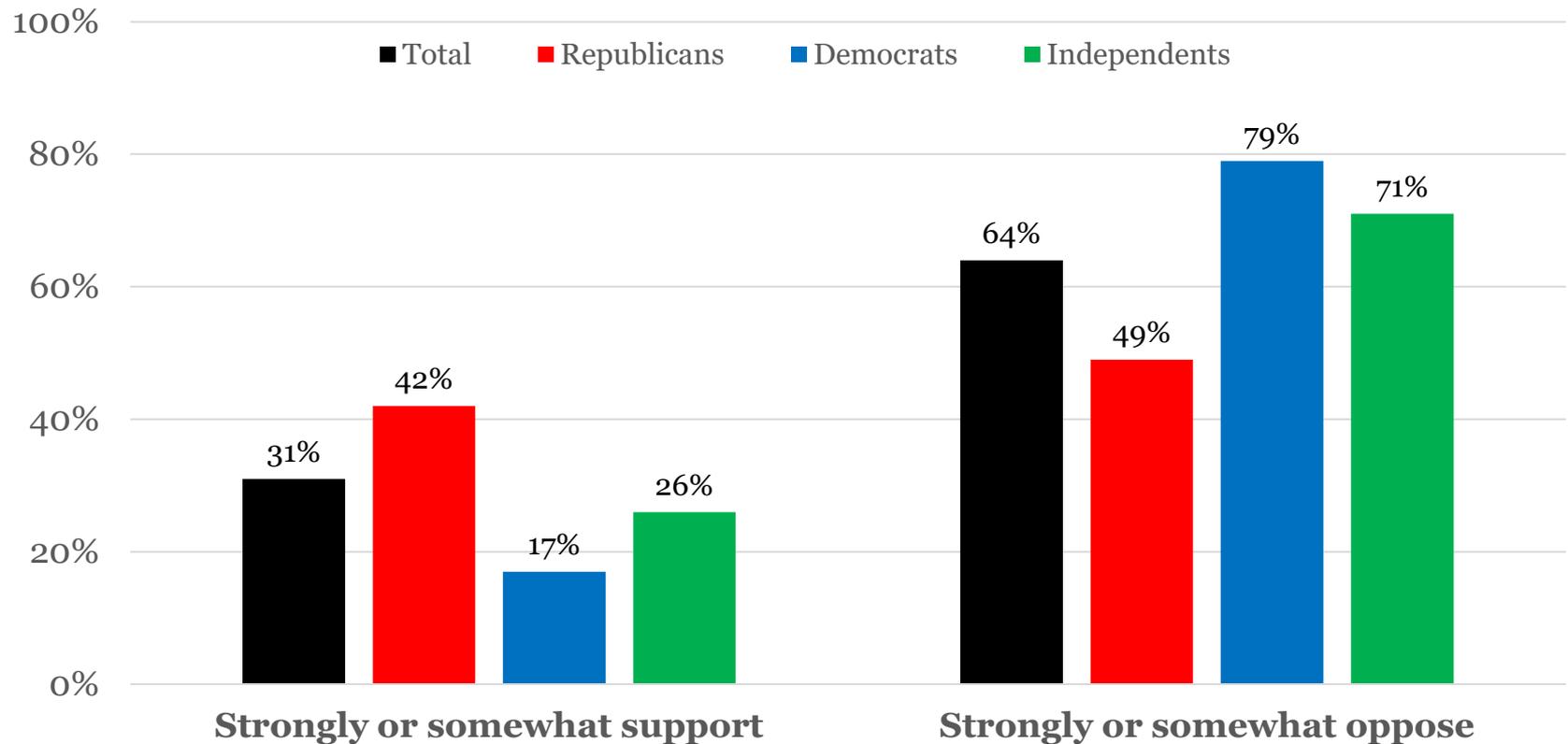
# Thoughts on the 2022 US House Midterm Election by Partisanship

Thinking about the 2022 midterm elections for U.S. House, If the election were held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district?



# Opinions on Legislation Restricting Transgender Americans' Access to Health Care by Partisanship

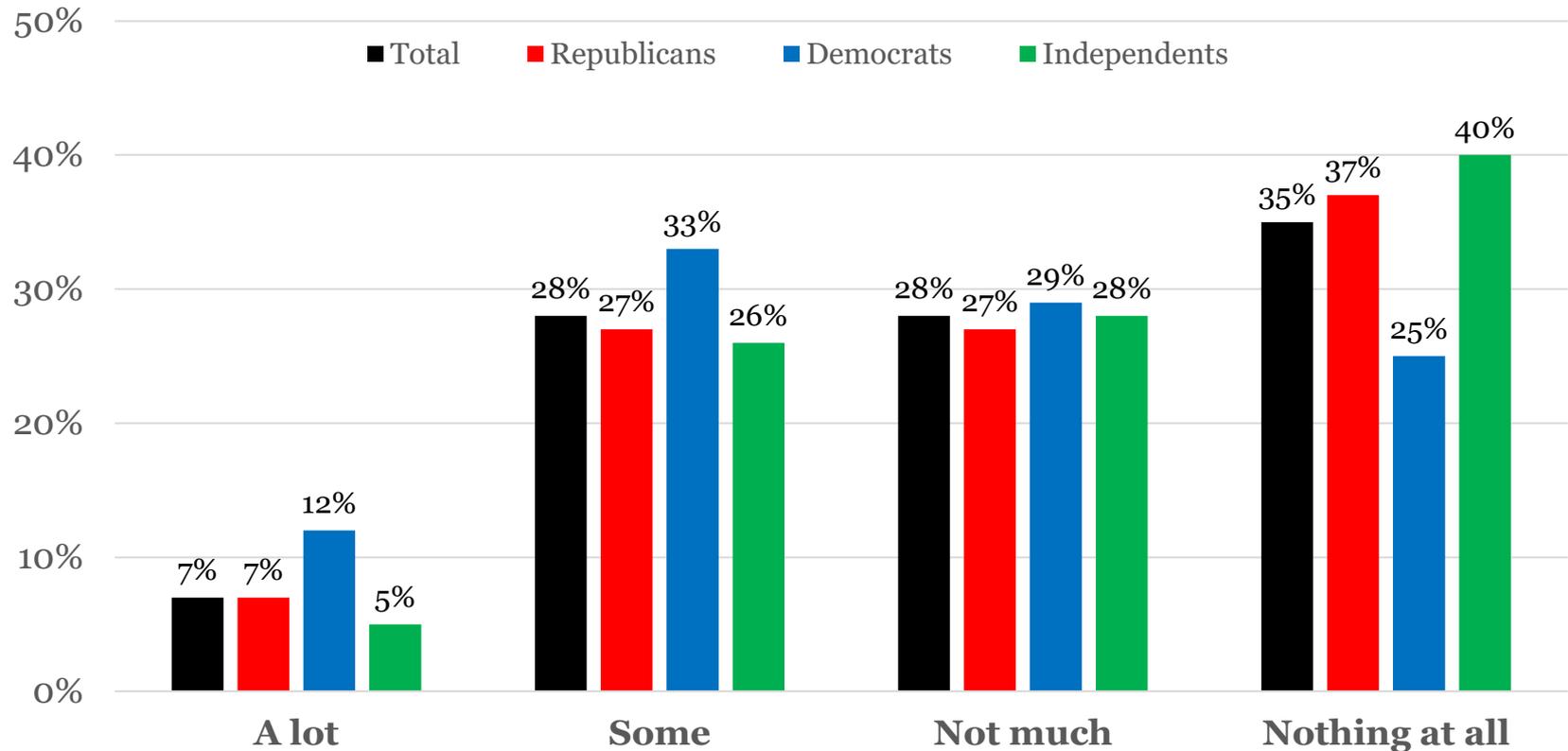
Overall, do you support or oppose legislation that would place restrictions on transgender Americans' access to health care?



# **EDUCATION POLICY**

# Knowledge of Governor Lee's Proposal on Public School Funding by Partisanship

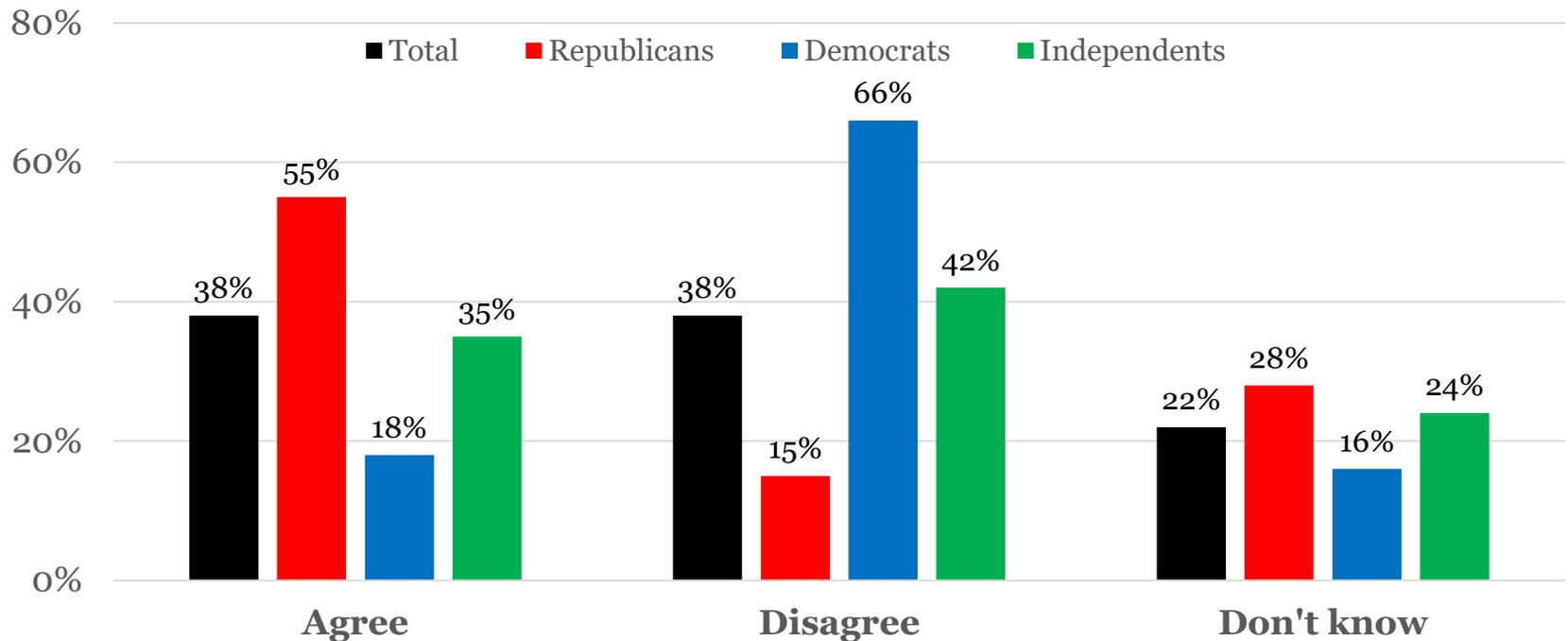
How much, if anything have you heard, seen, or read about Governor Lee's proposal to change how the state helps fund public schools in Tennessee?



# Opinion of Governor Lee's Proposal on Public School Funding by Partisanship

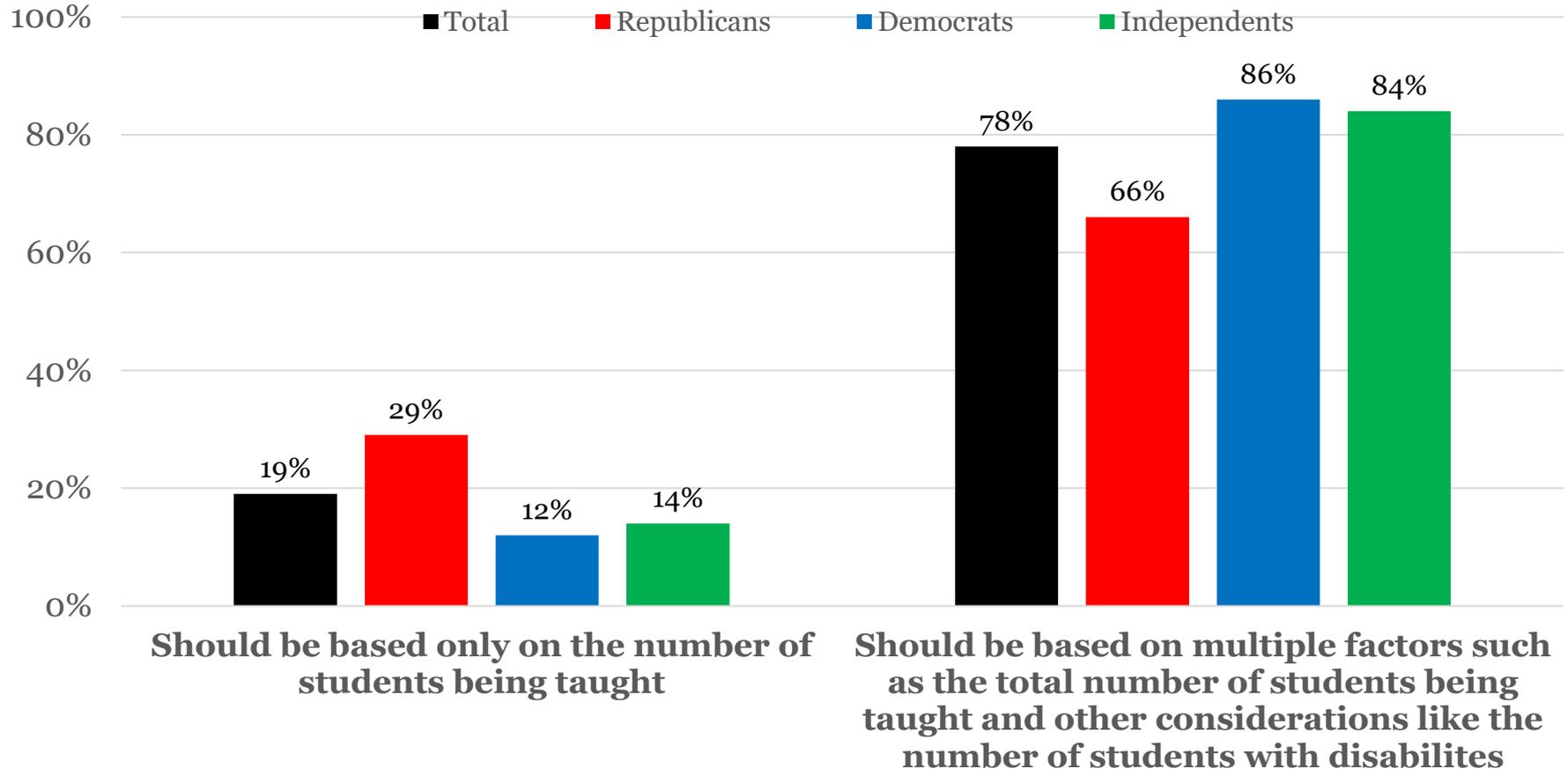
(asked of respondents who have heard, seen, or read anything about Lee's proposal to change how the state helps fund public schools in Tennessee)

Based on what you know, overall, do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes for how the state helps fund schools in Tennessee?



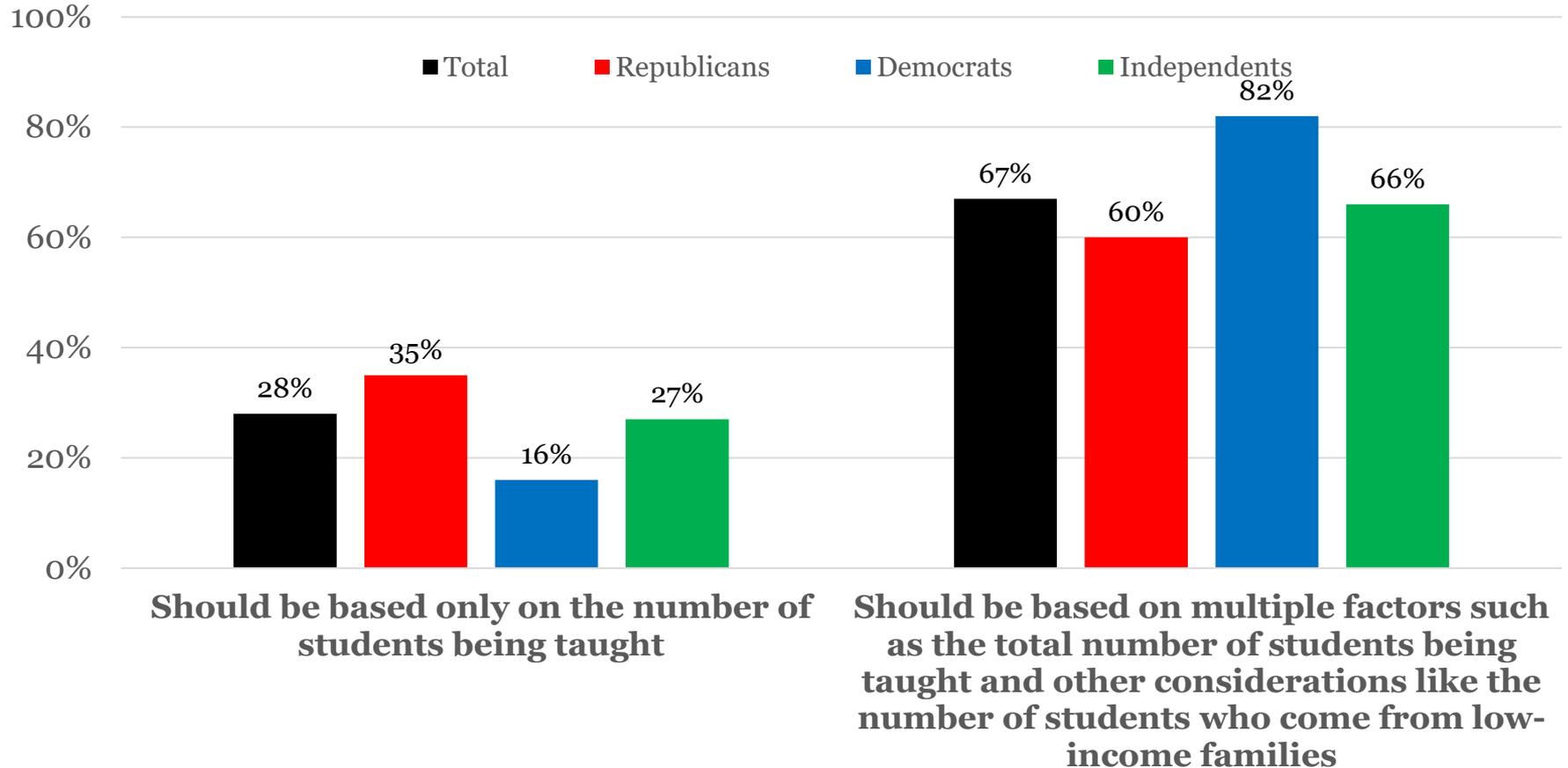
# Opinion on funding amounts for public schools by Partisanship – Students with Disabilities

Do you think the amount of funding a school district receives from the state....



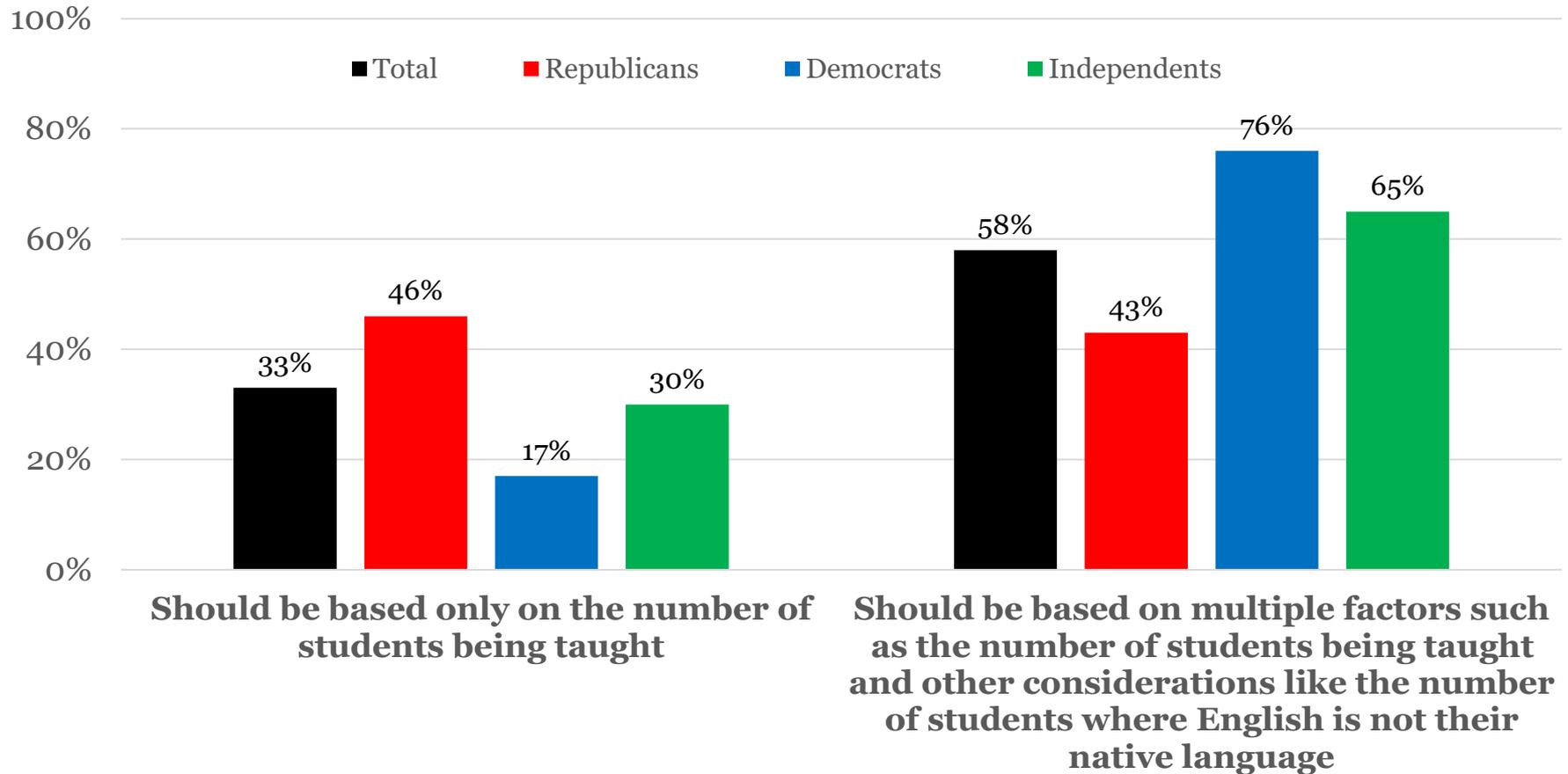
# Opinion on funding amounts for public schools by Partisanship – Poverty

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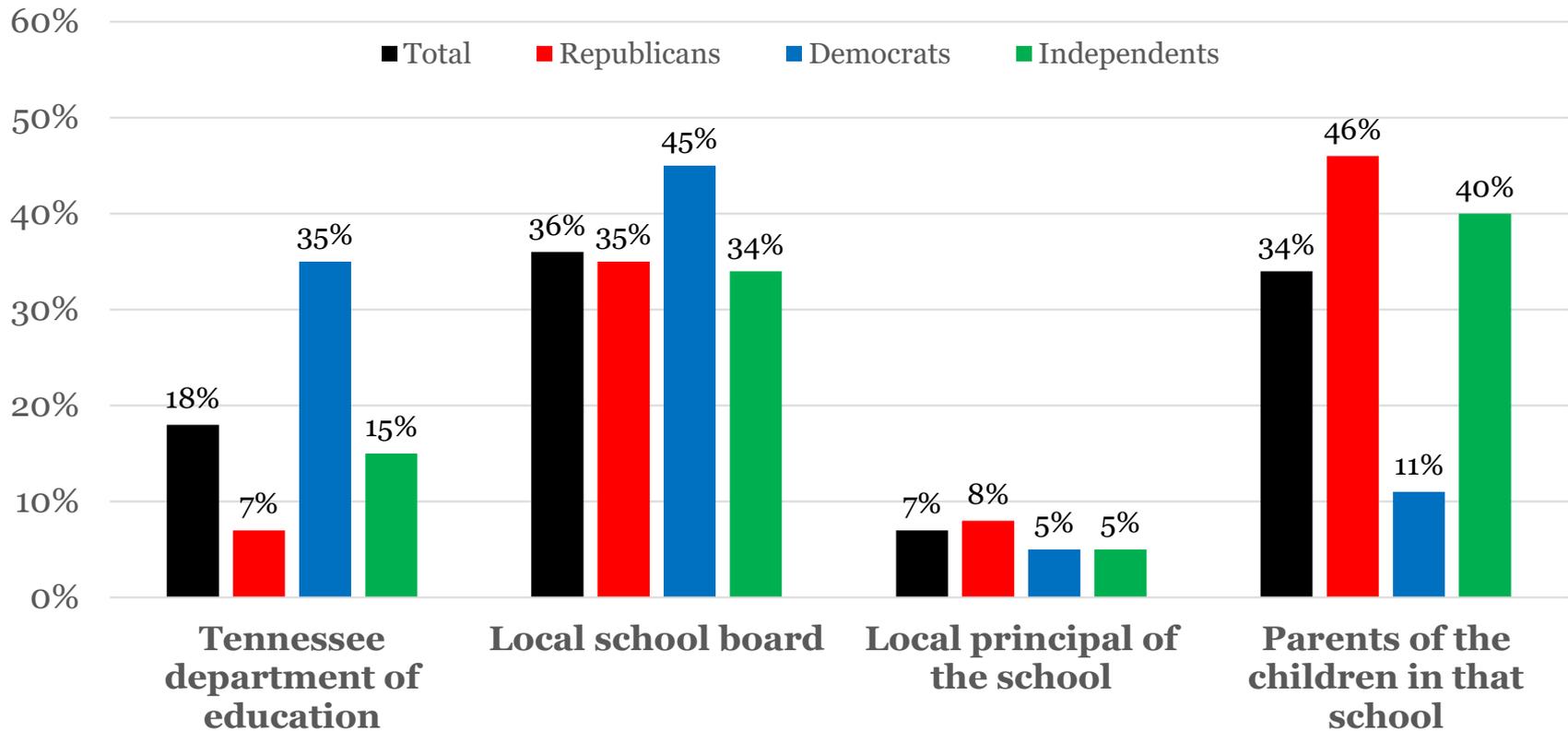
# Opinion on funding amounts for public schools by Partisanship– English Language Learners

Do you think the amount of funding a school district receives from the state....



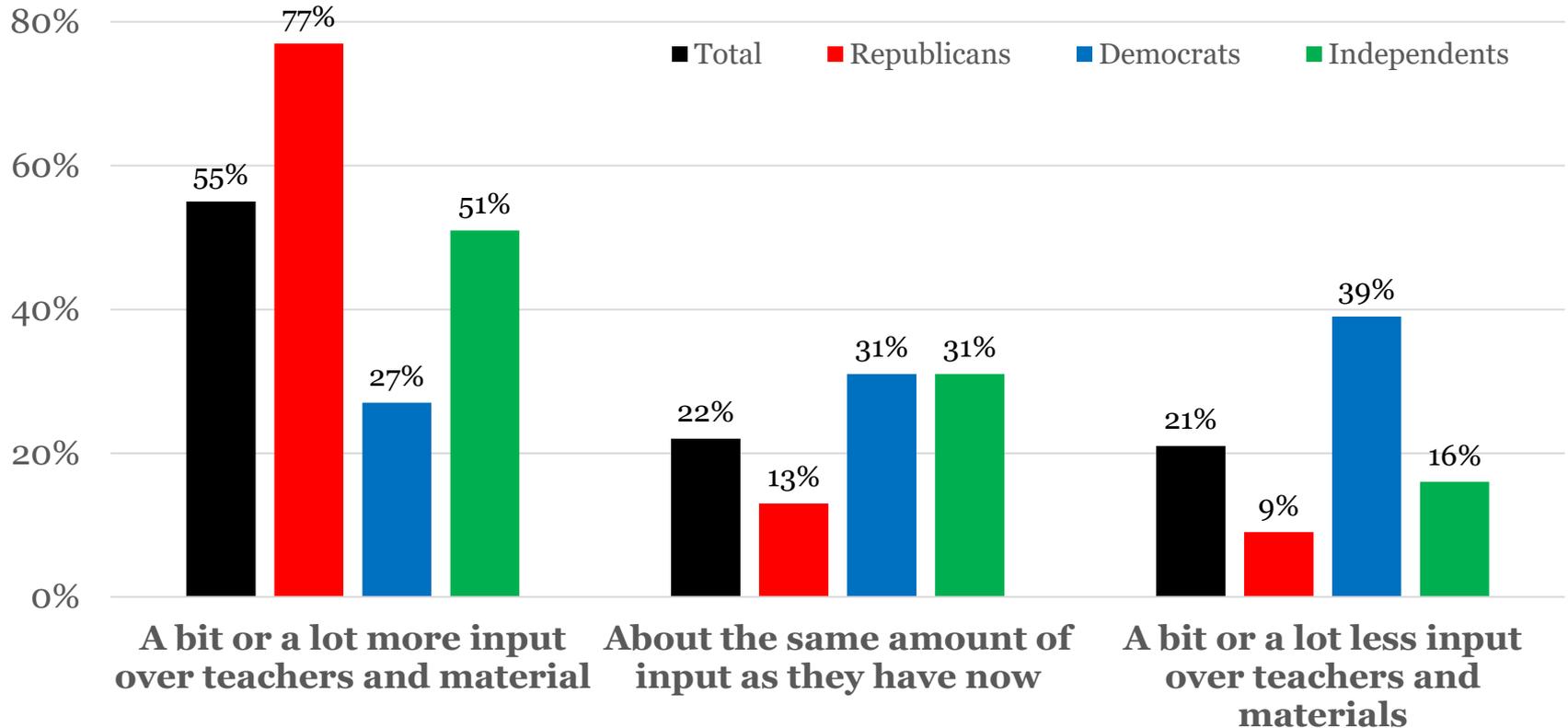
# Opinions on Who Should Make Most Public Education Decisions in the State by Partisanship

Who do you think should make most of the decisions about public education in the state?



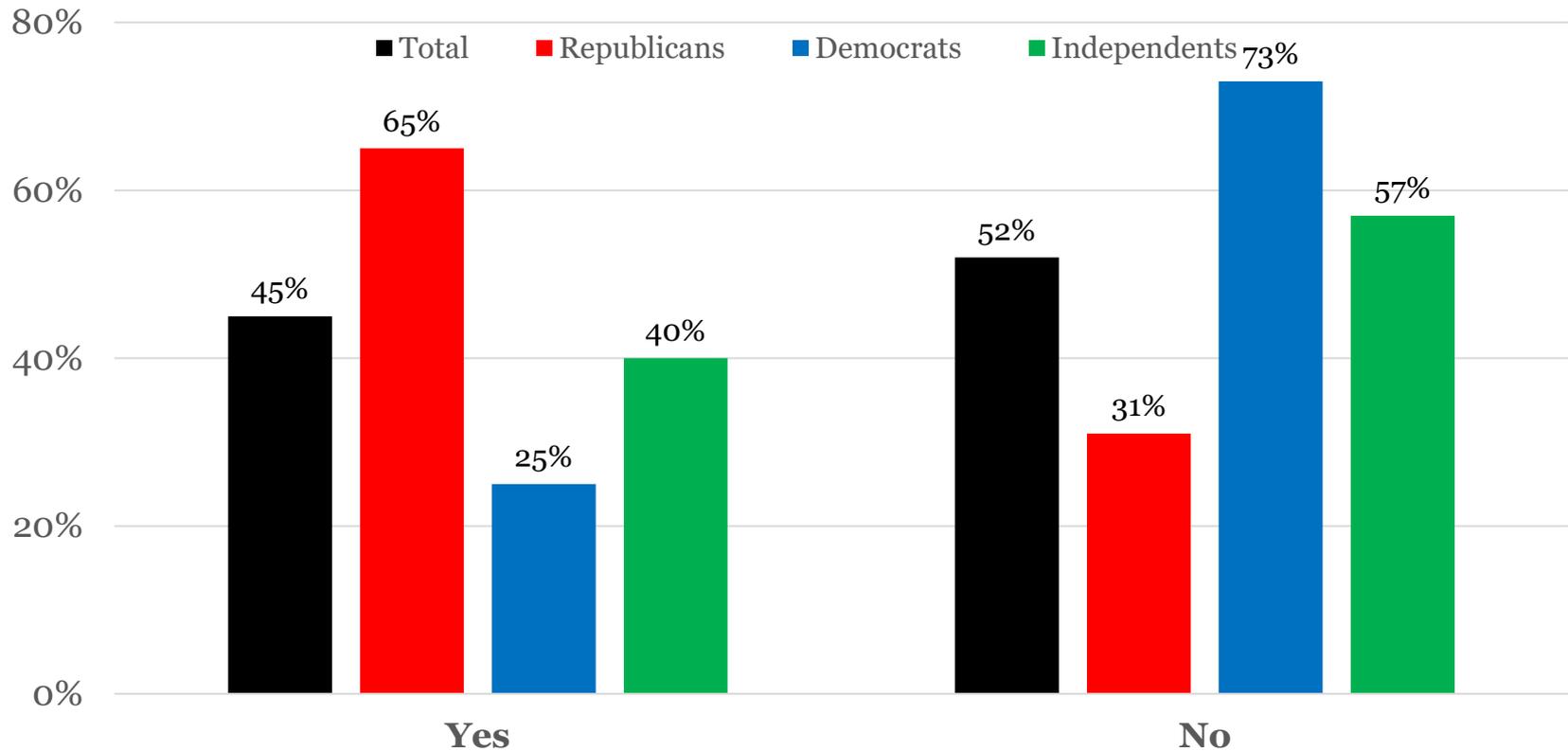
# Opinions on Parent Control of Public Education Curriculum by Partisanship

When it comes to what public schools teach and how they teach the material, should parents have?



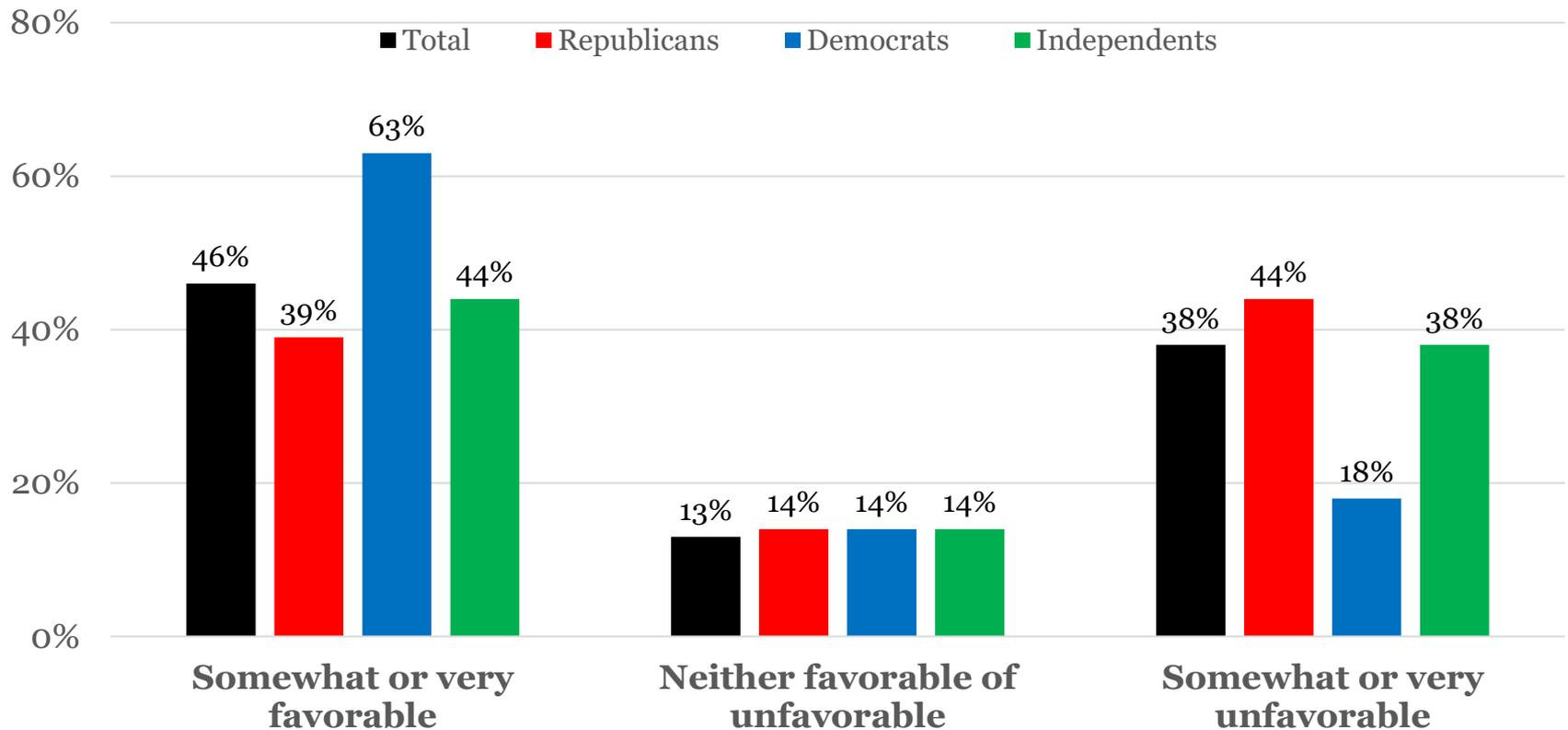
# Opinions on Committee to Review and Remove Books in Public Schools by Partisanship

Should public schools have a committee of parents and community members to review and remove books they find offensive?



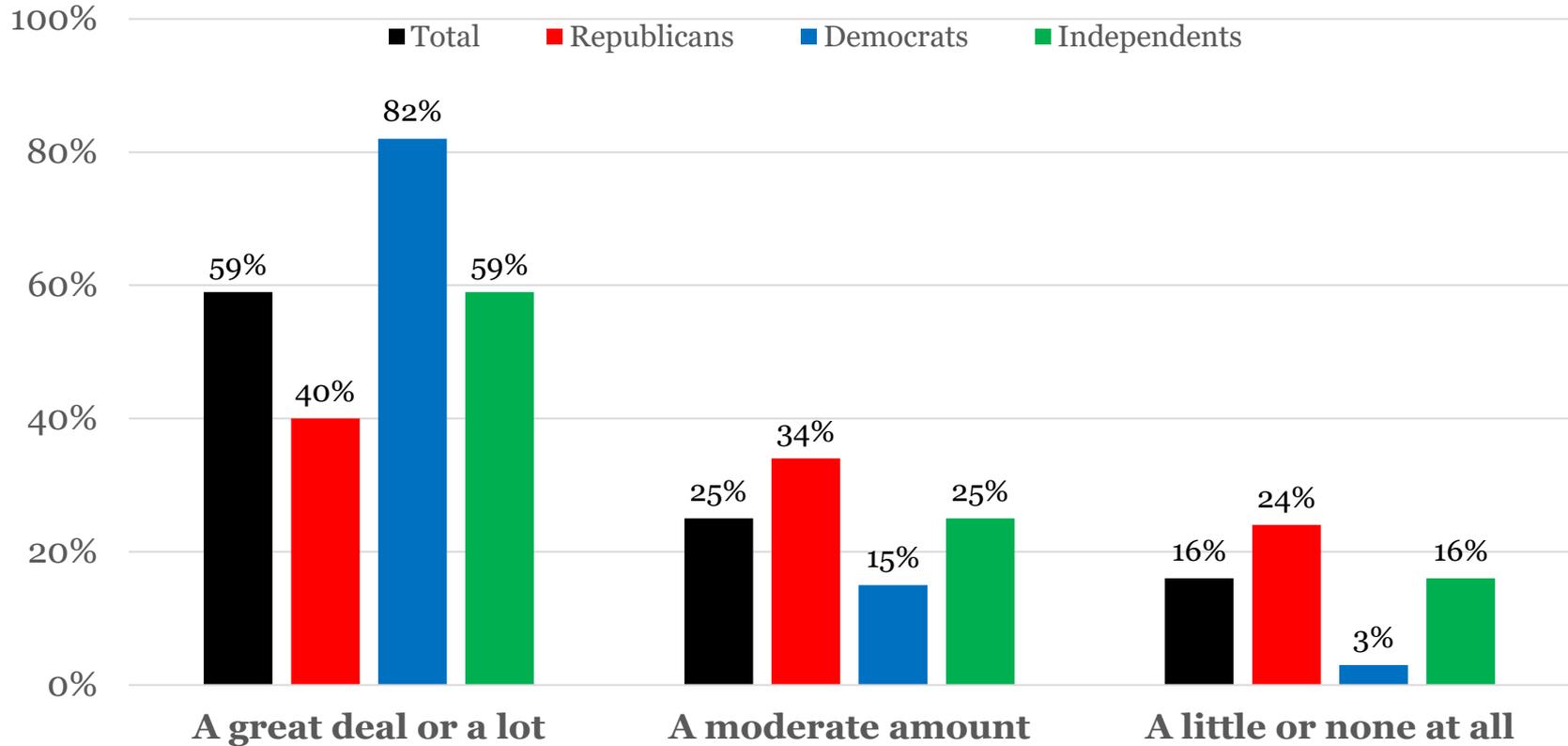
# Opinions on U.S. Colleges and Universities by Partisanship

Now thinking about U.S. colleges and universities, do you have a ... opinion of the higher education system in the United States today?



# Confidence in Science by Partisanship

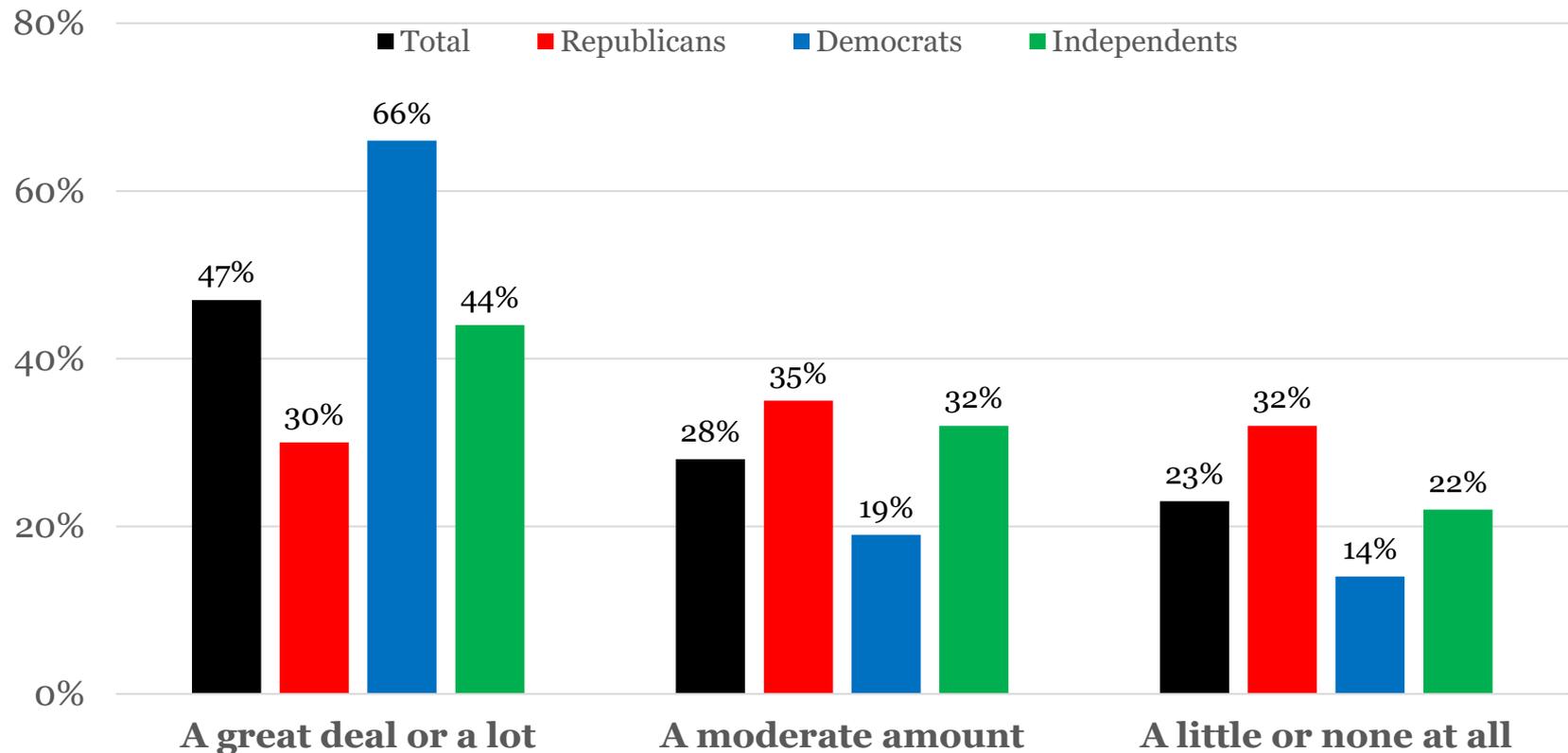
How much confidence, if any, do you yourself have in science?



Other slides

# Opinions on Government Supporting Scientific Discovery by Partisanship

State and Federal Governments support scientific discovery. How much, if at all, do you favor such support?



# Opinions of the US Criminal Justice System by Income

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