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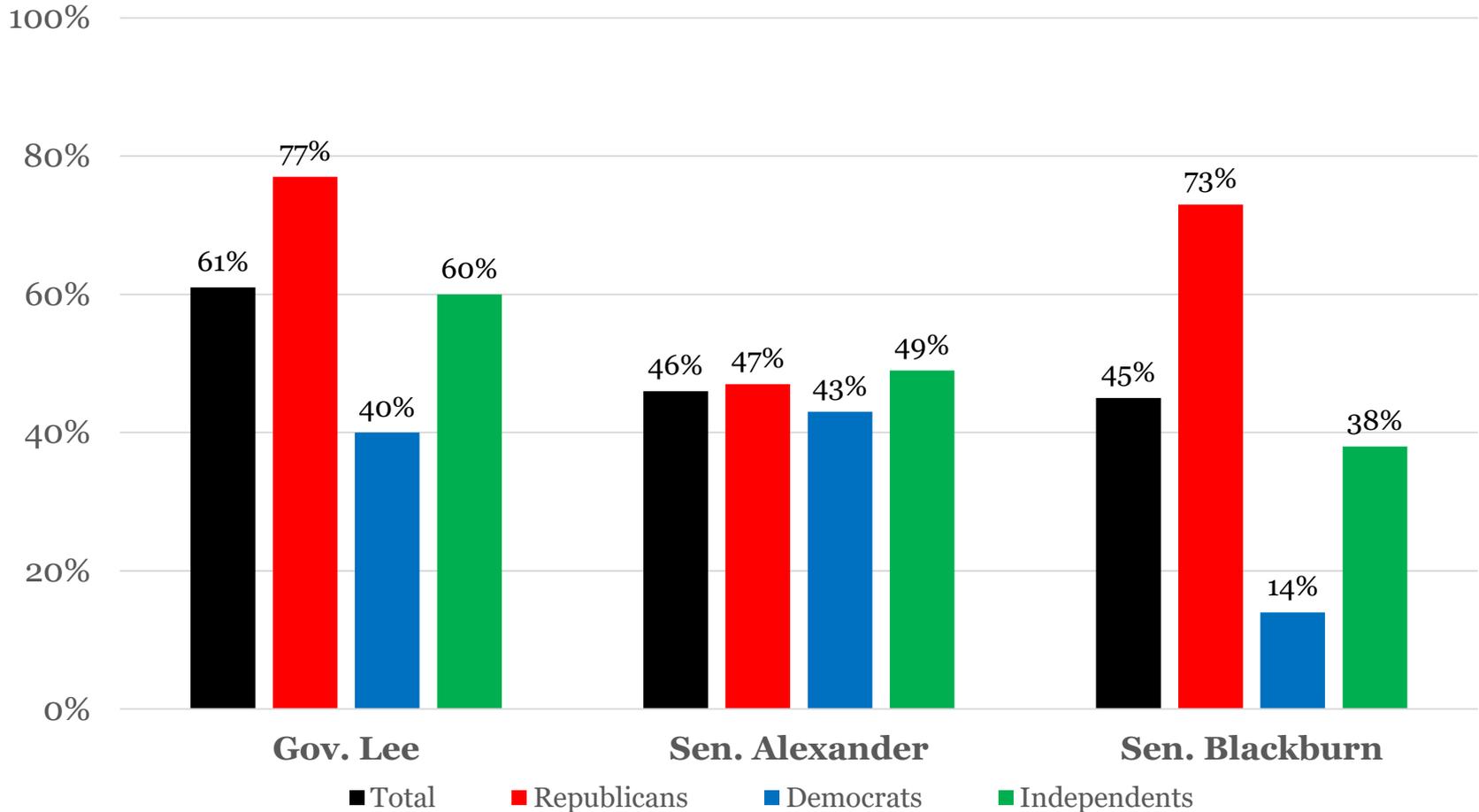
June 6, 2019

1,000 registered voters in Tennessee

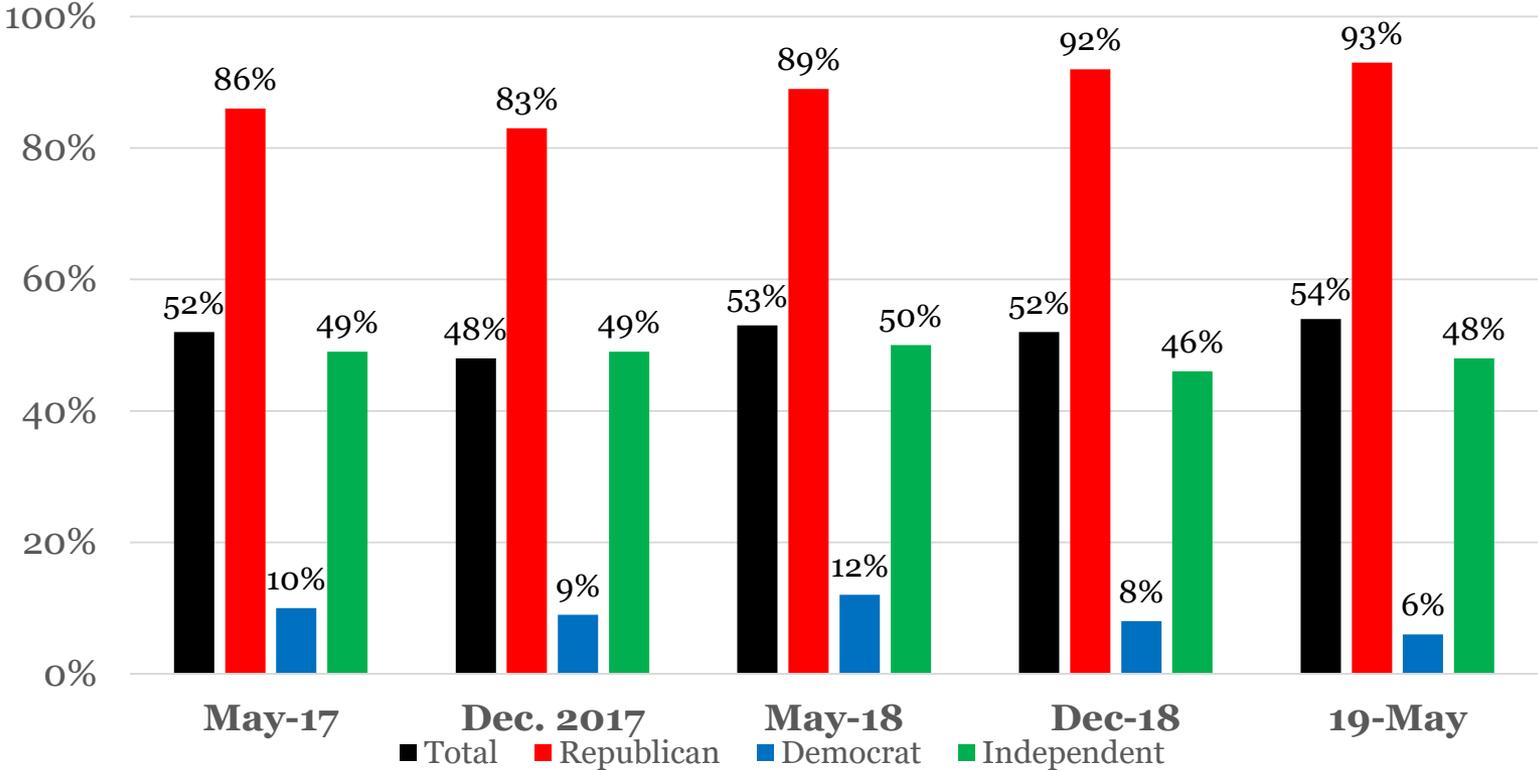
MoE: +/- 3.8 percentage points

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Approval of State Leaders by Party ID



Approval of President Trump Over Time



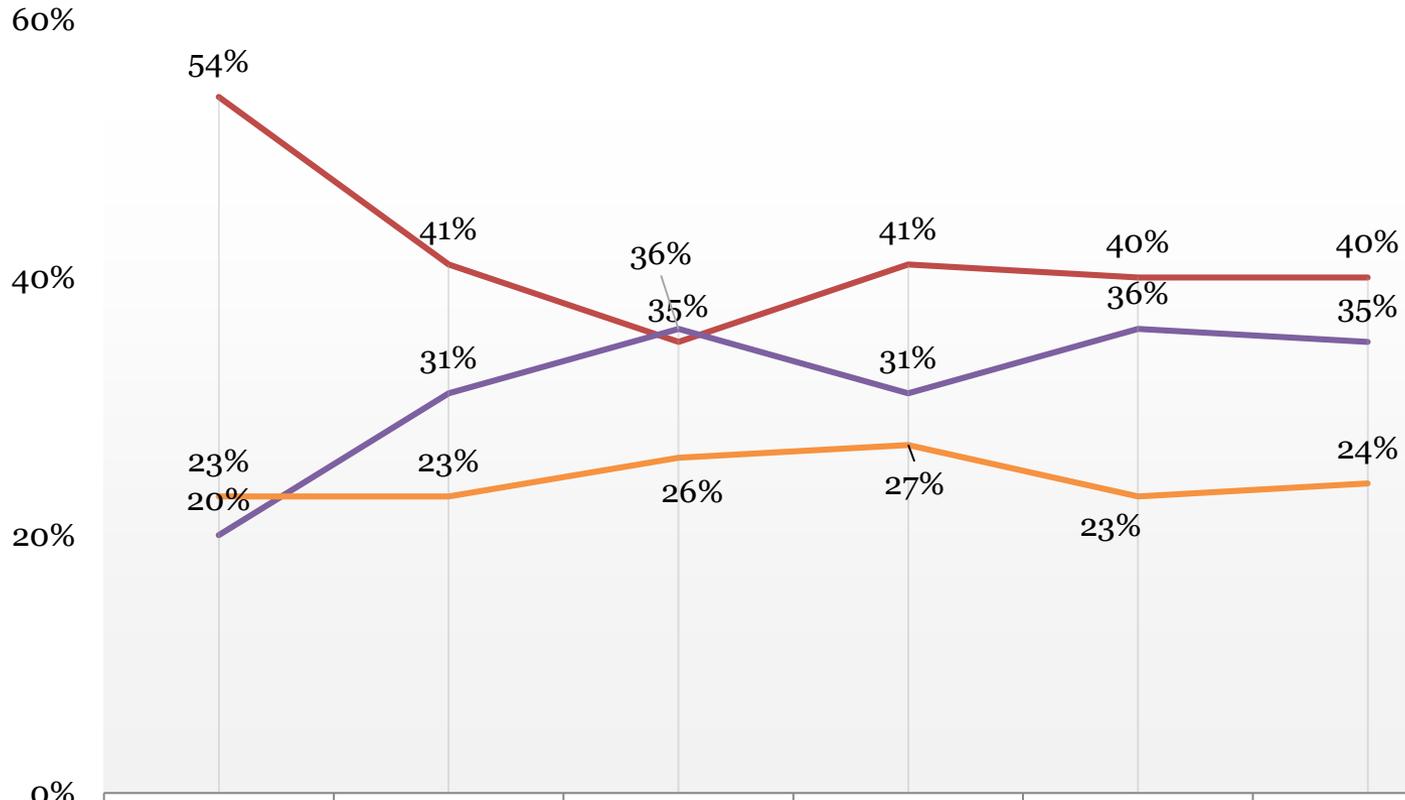
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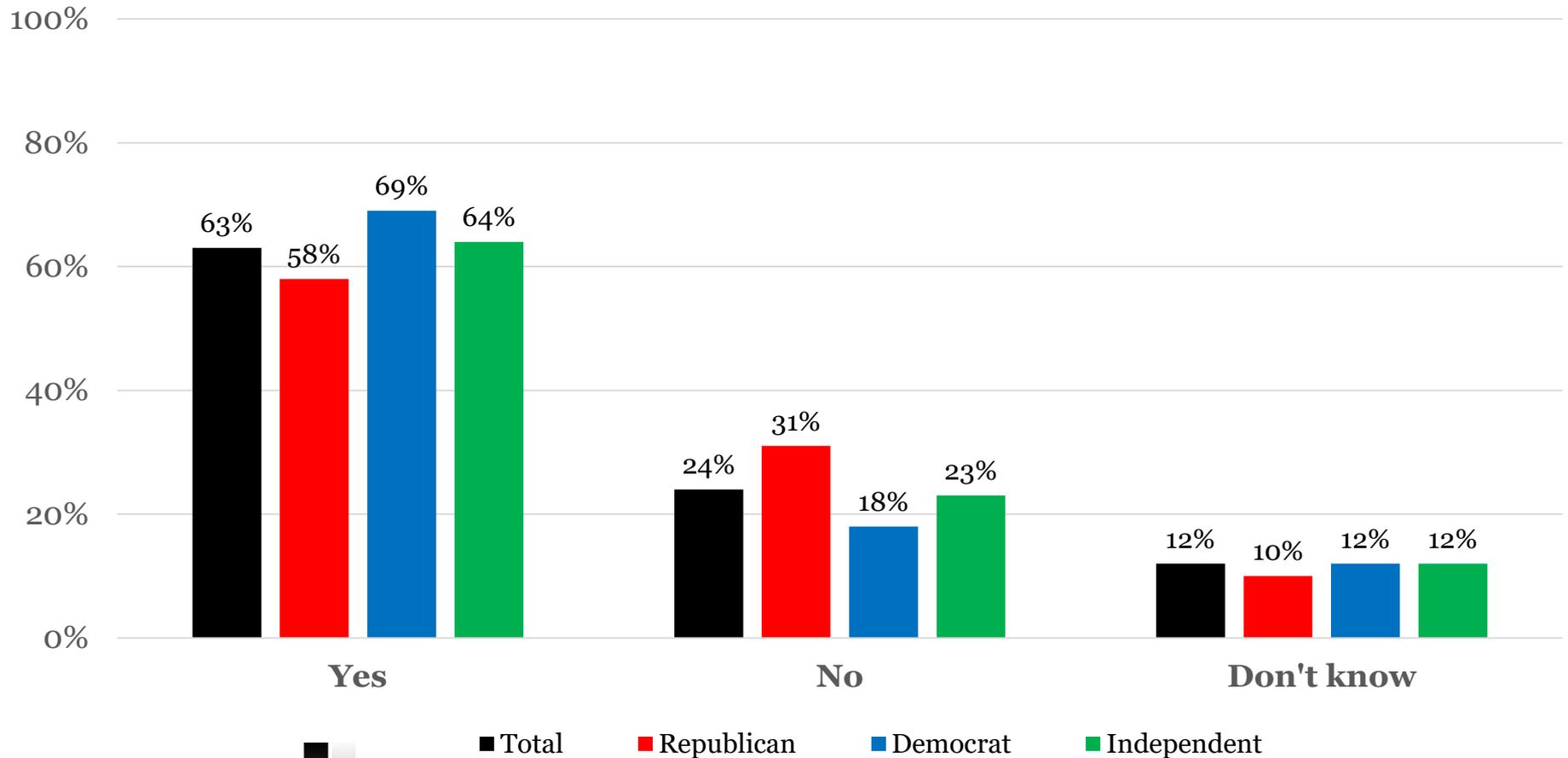
Opinion on How Pres. Trump is Changing Washington Over Time



| | Nov. 2016 | May 2017 | Dec. 2017 | May 2018 | Dec. 2018 | May 2019 |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| For the better | 54% | 41% | 35% | 41% | 40% | 40% |
| For the worse | 20% | 31% | 36% | 31% | 36% | 35% |
| Stayed the same | 23% | 23% | 26% | 27% | 23% | 24% |

Views on Glen Casada by Party ID

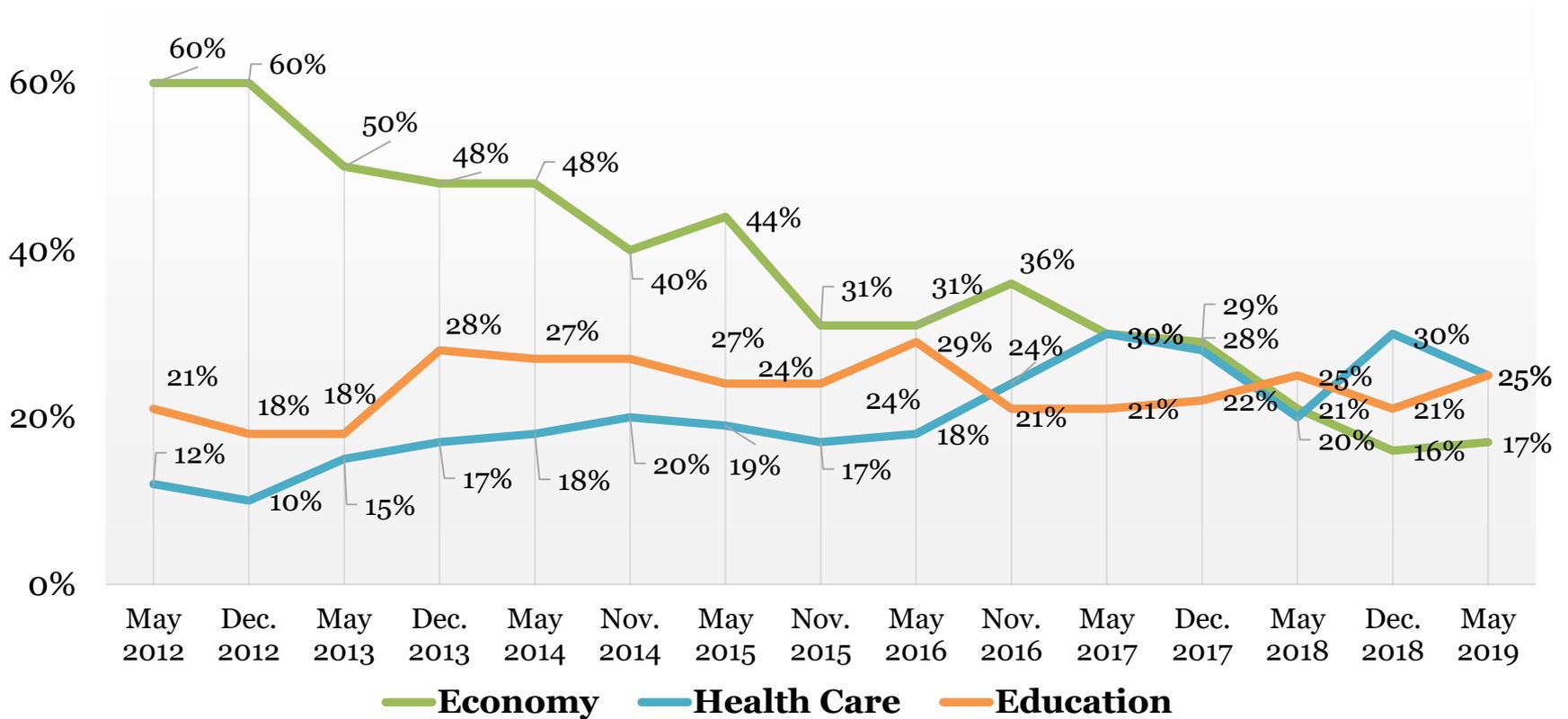
As you may have heard, Tennessee's House Speaker Glen Casada admitted to sending sexually explicit text messages to a colleague in 2016. Do you think Casada should resign from office, or not?



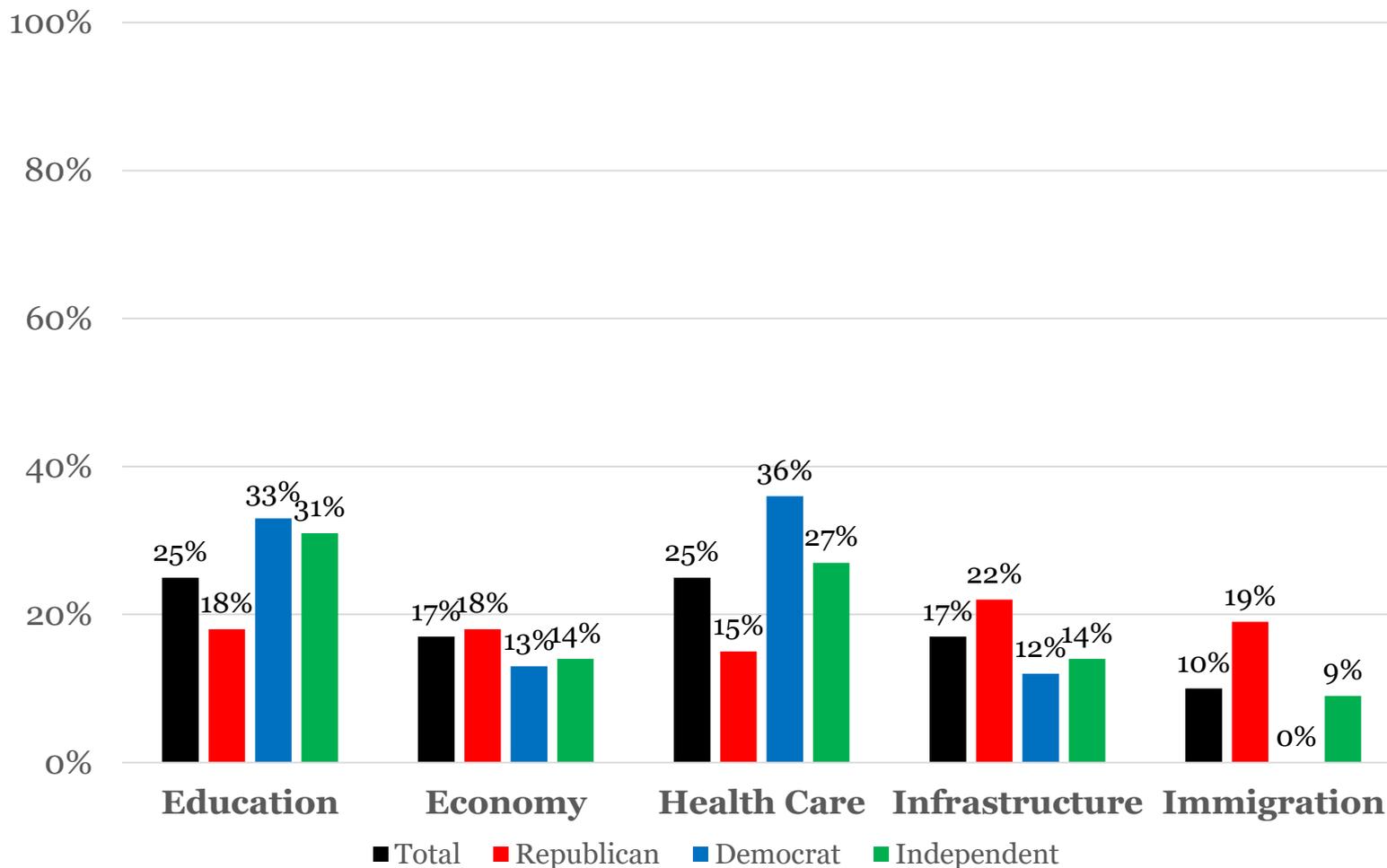
Top 3 Priorities of TN State Government Over Time

Which of the following do you think should be the top priority of the Tennessee state government?

80%

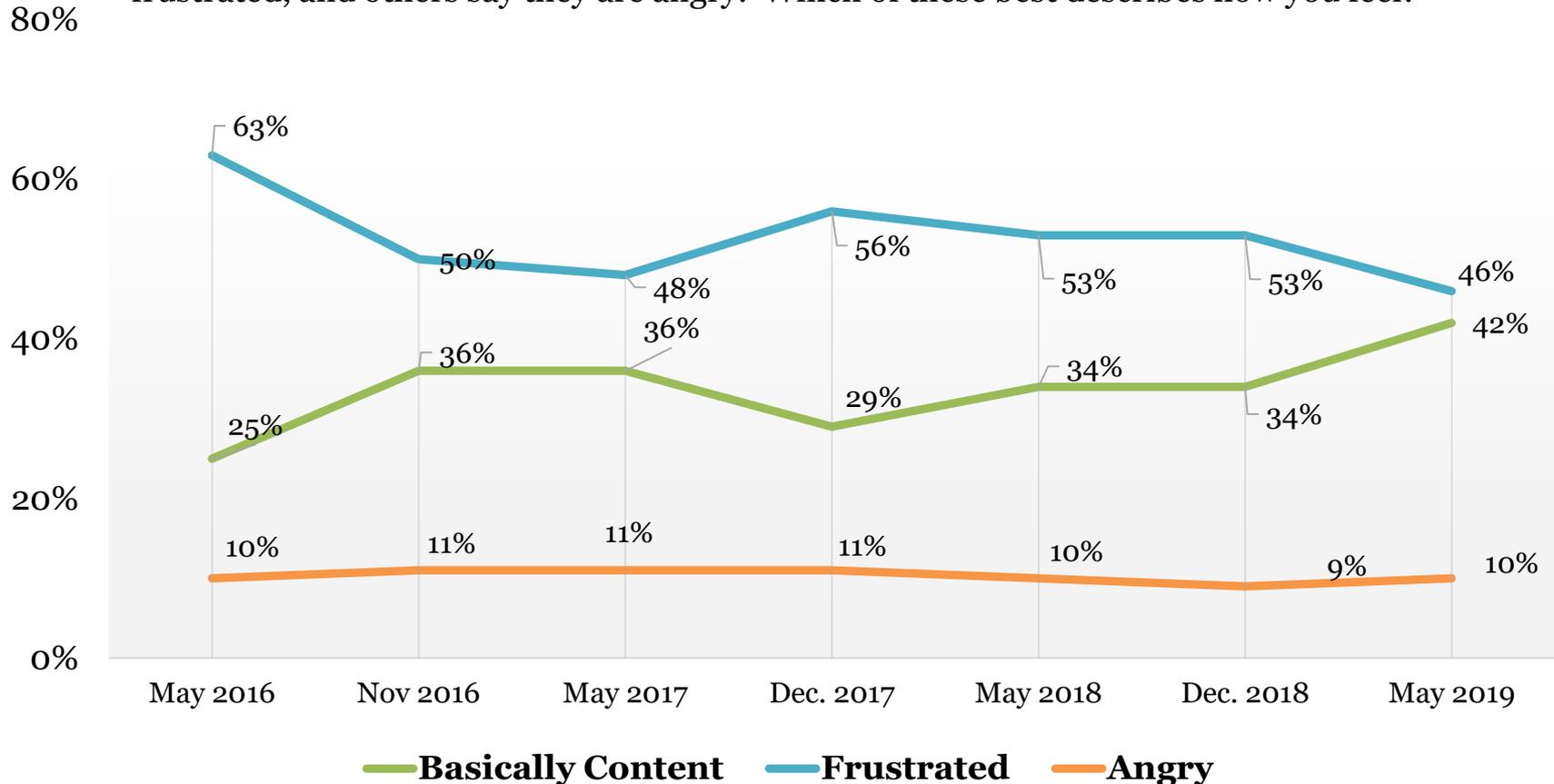


Top Priorities For Tennessee State Government by Party ID



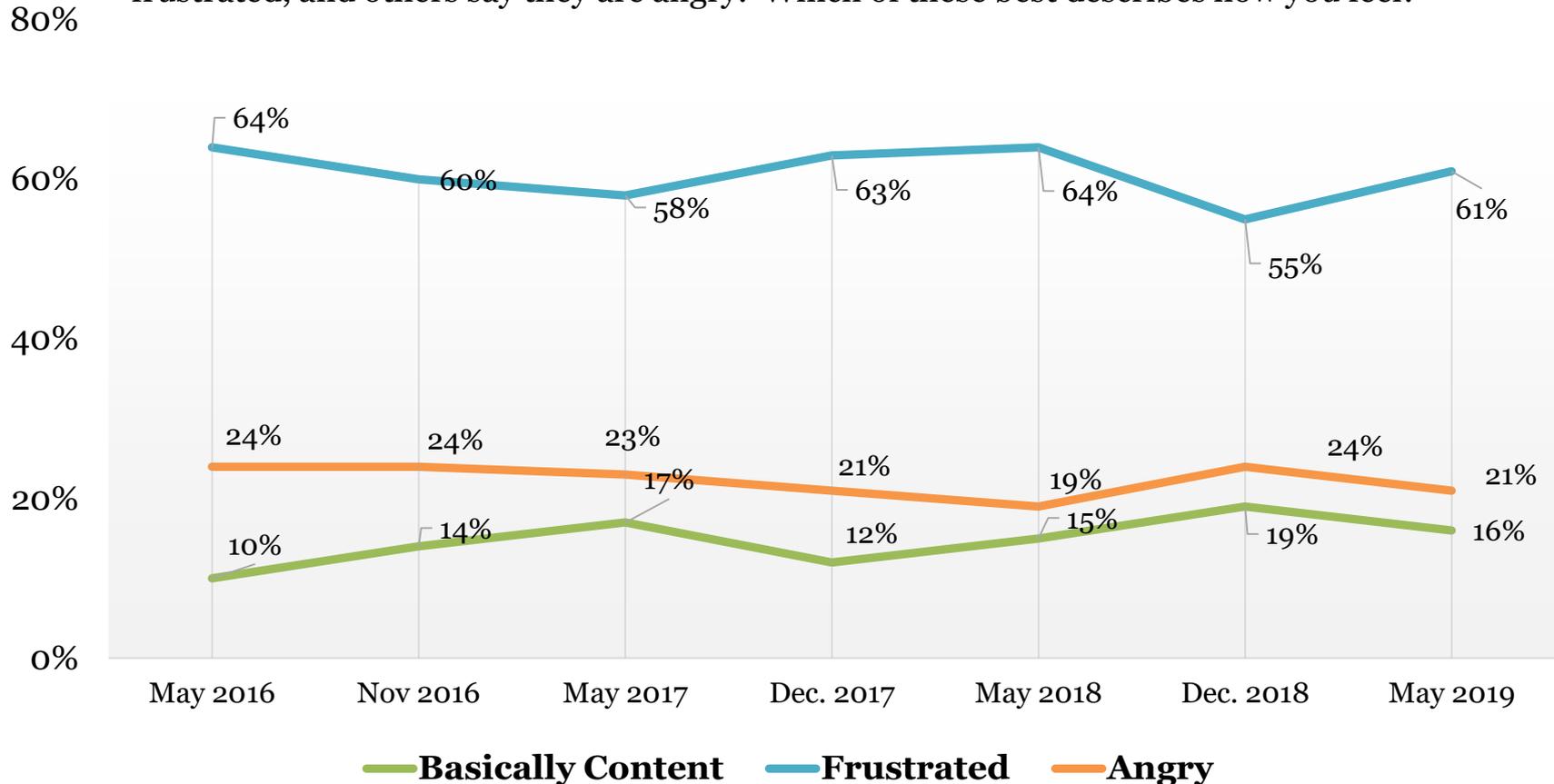
Feelings About Tennessee State Government Over Time

Some people say they are basically content with the way state government works today, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

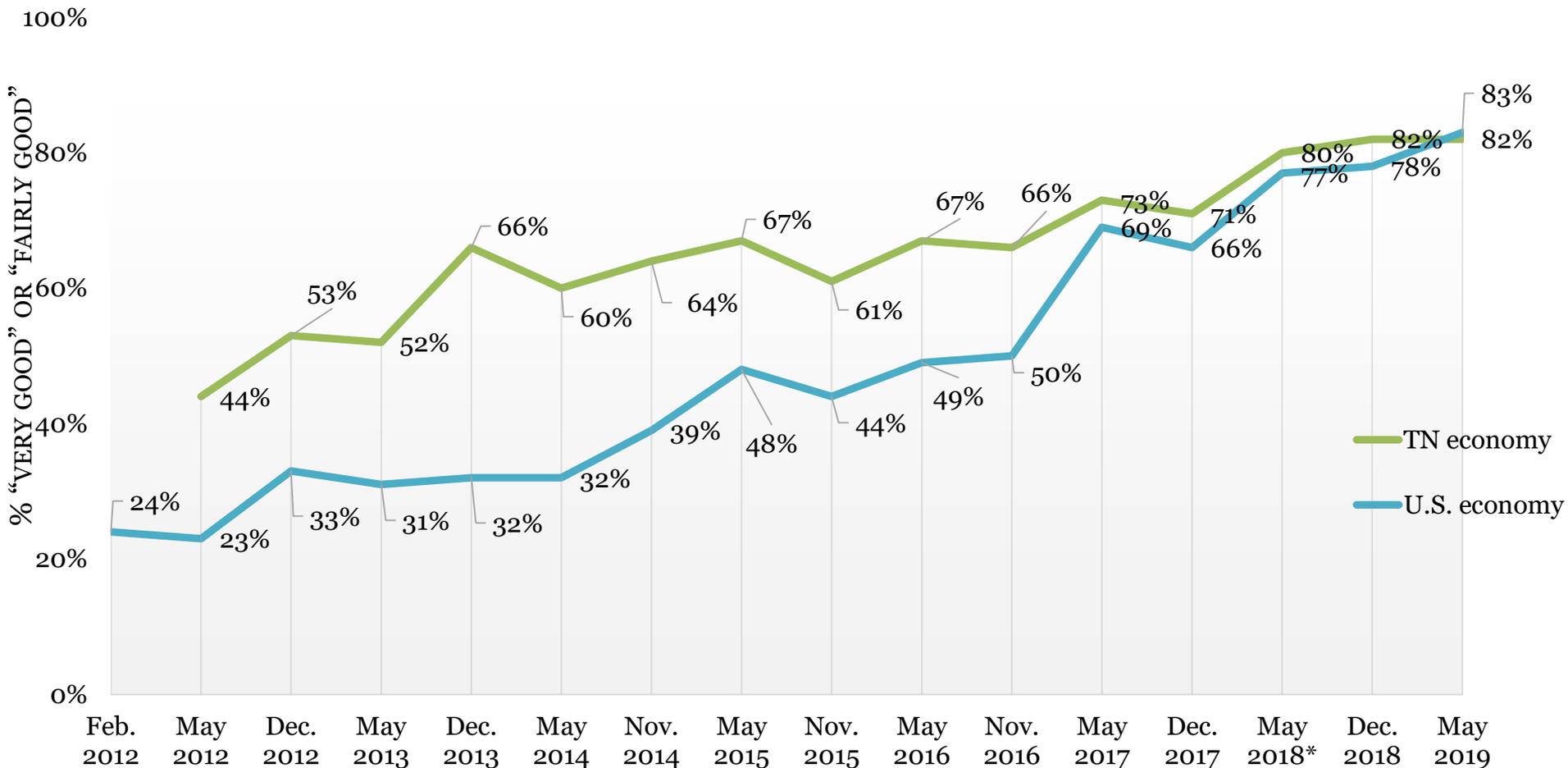


Feelings About National Government Over Time

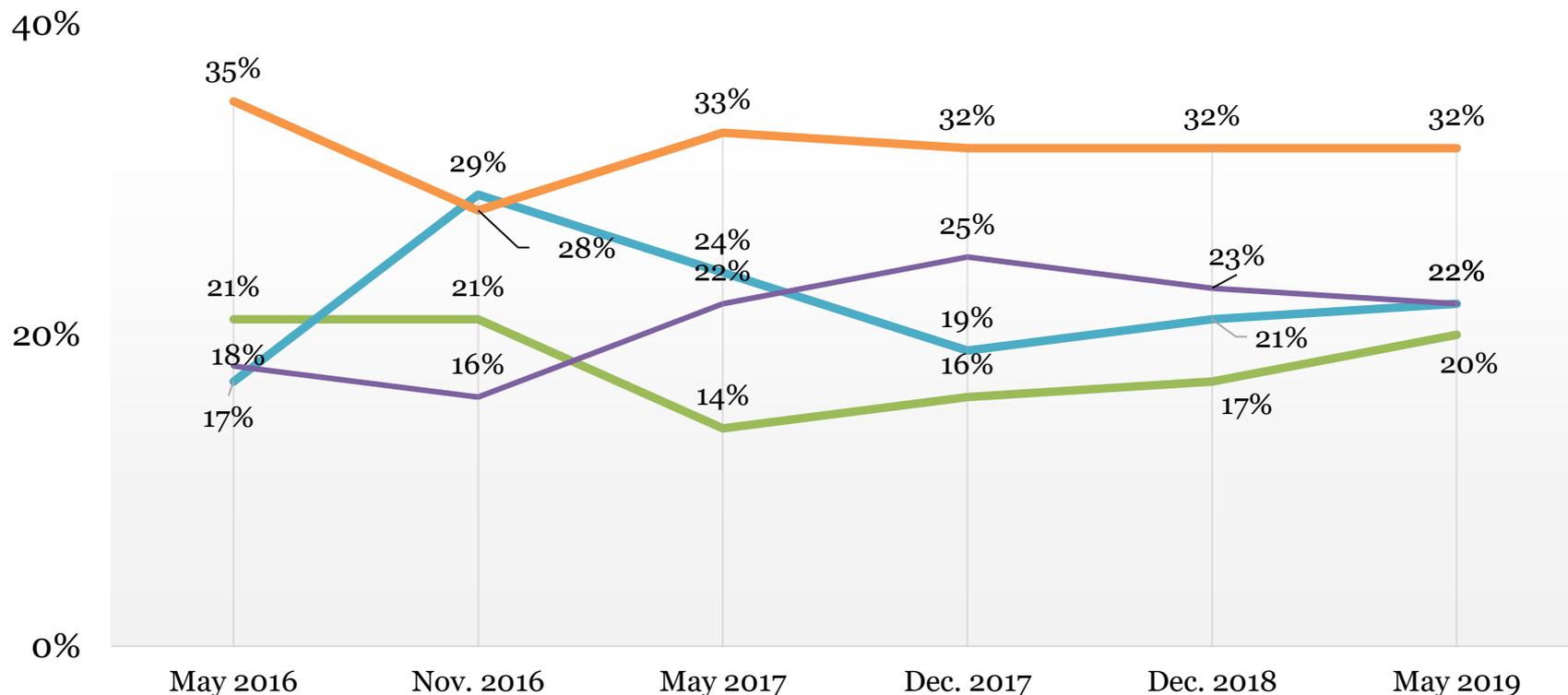
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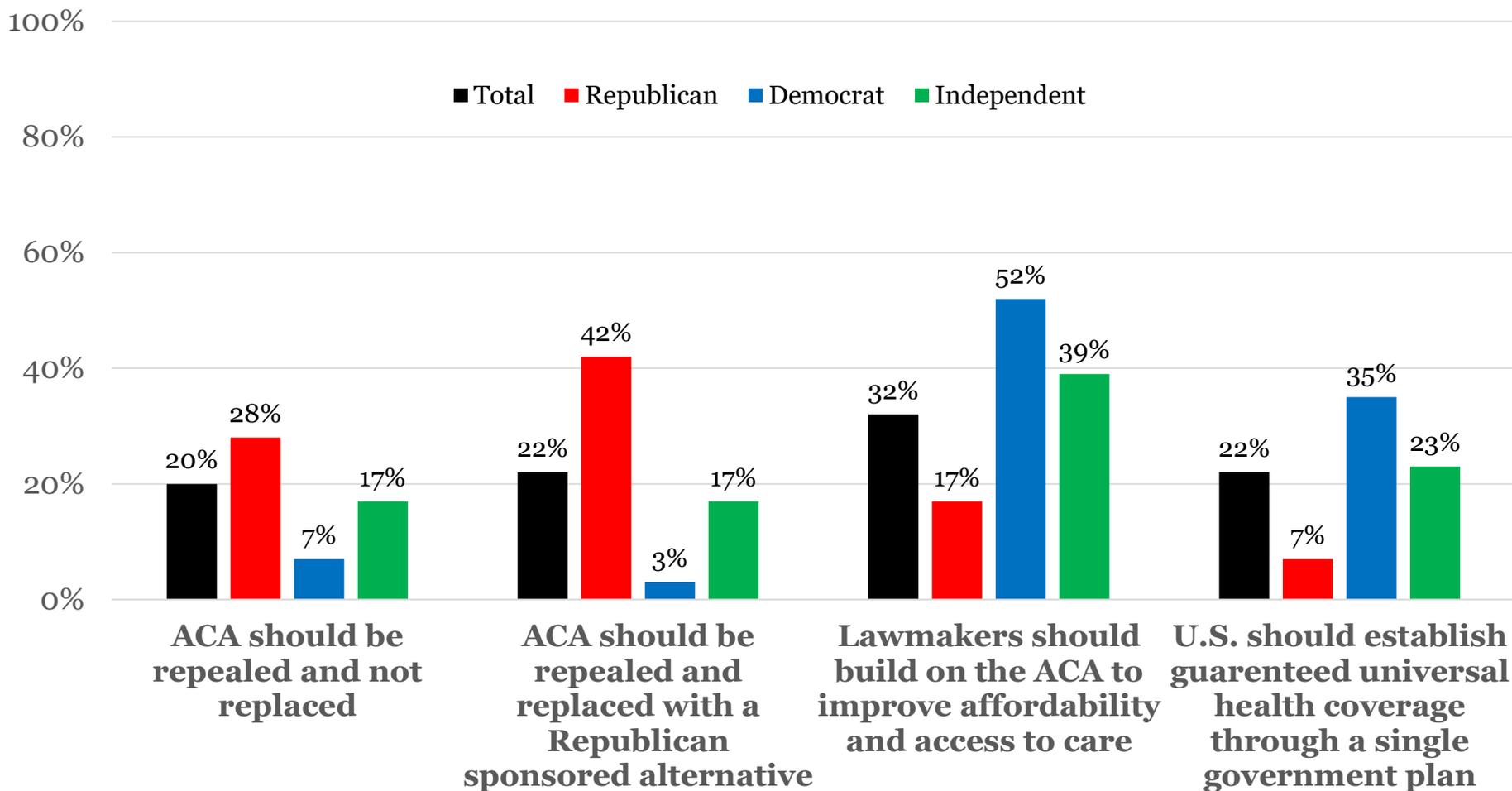


Views on the Future of The U.S. Health Care System



- The ACA should be repealed and not replaced
- The ACA should be repealed and replaced with a Republican sponsored alternative
- Lawmakers should build on the ACA to improve affordability and access to care
- The U.S. should establish guaranteed universal health coverage through a single government plan

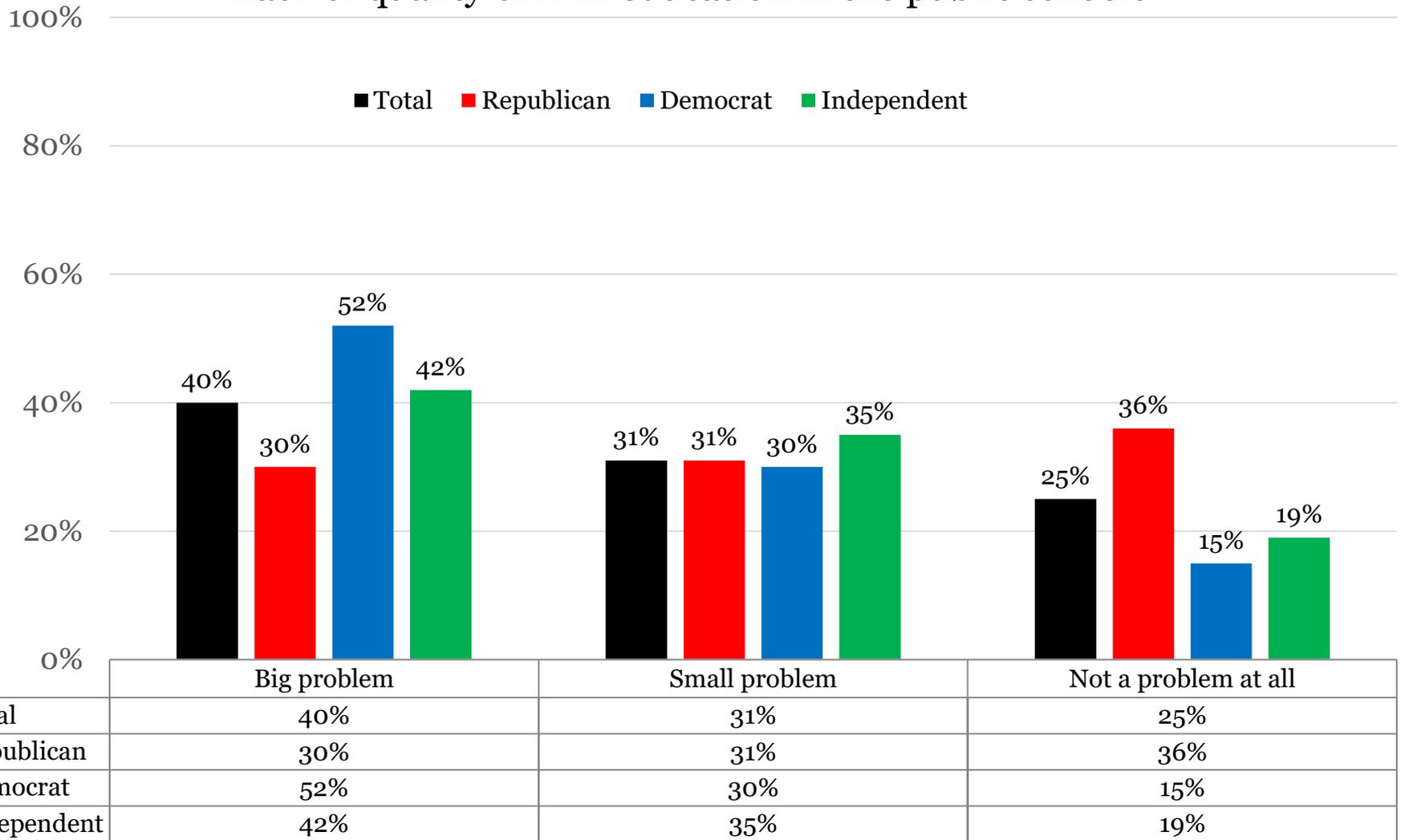
Views on Future of U.S. Health Care System by Party ID



Views on Local Problems

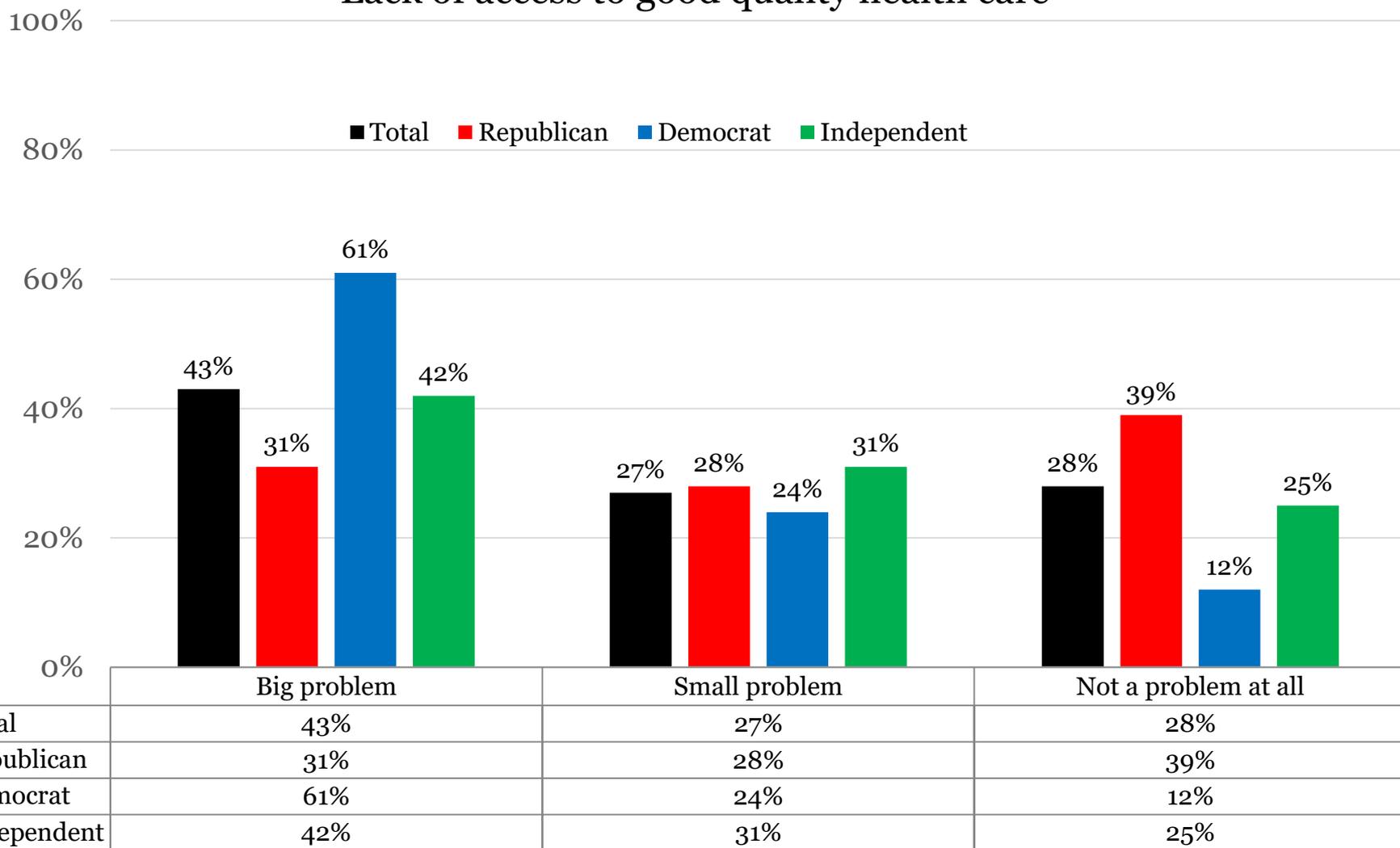
Views on Local Problems by Party ID

Lack of quality of k-12 education in the public schools



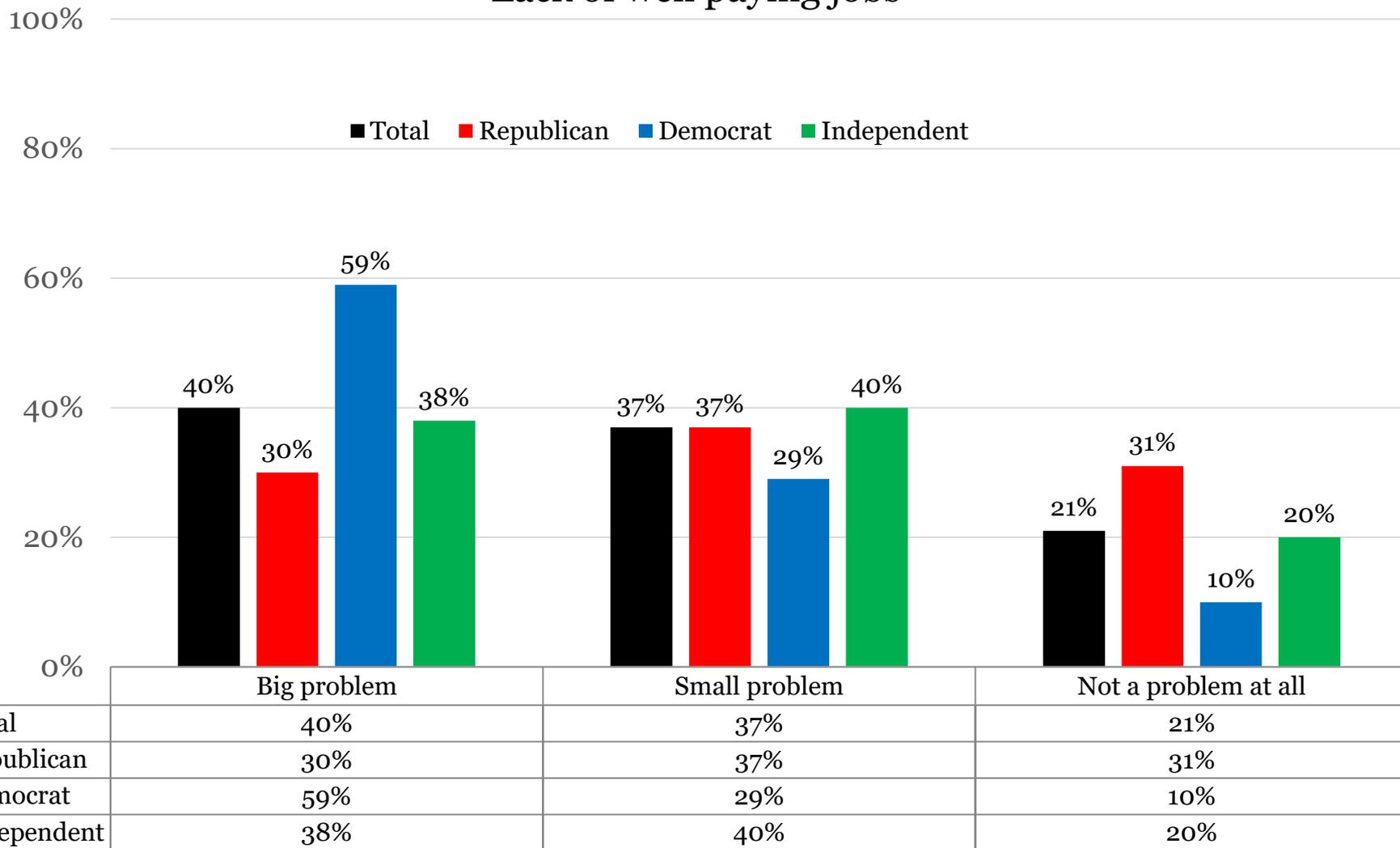
Views on Local Problems by Party ID

Lack of access to good quality health care



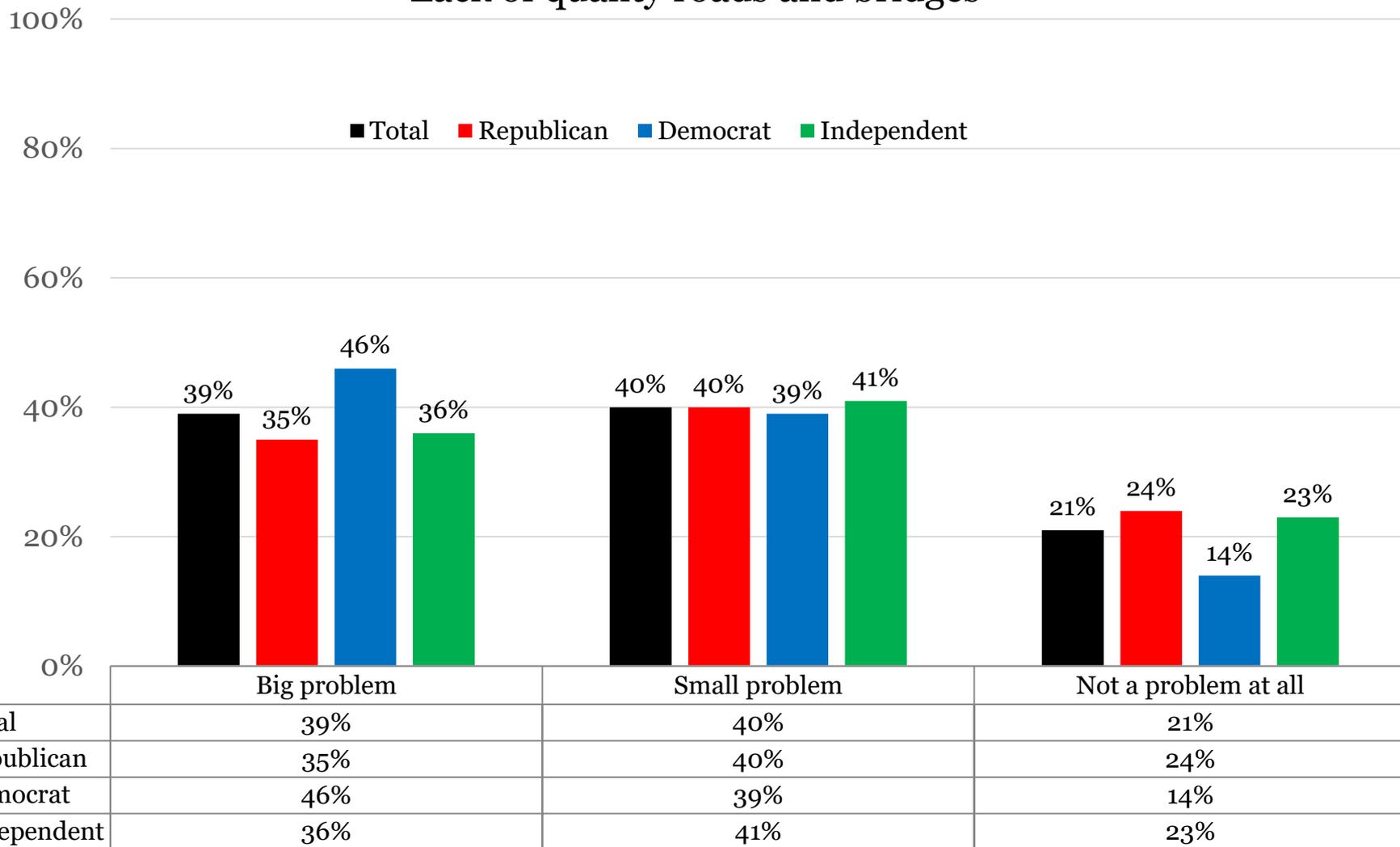
Views on Local Problems by Party ID

Lack of well paying jobs



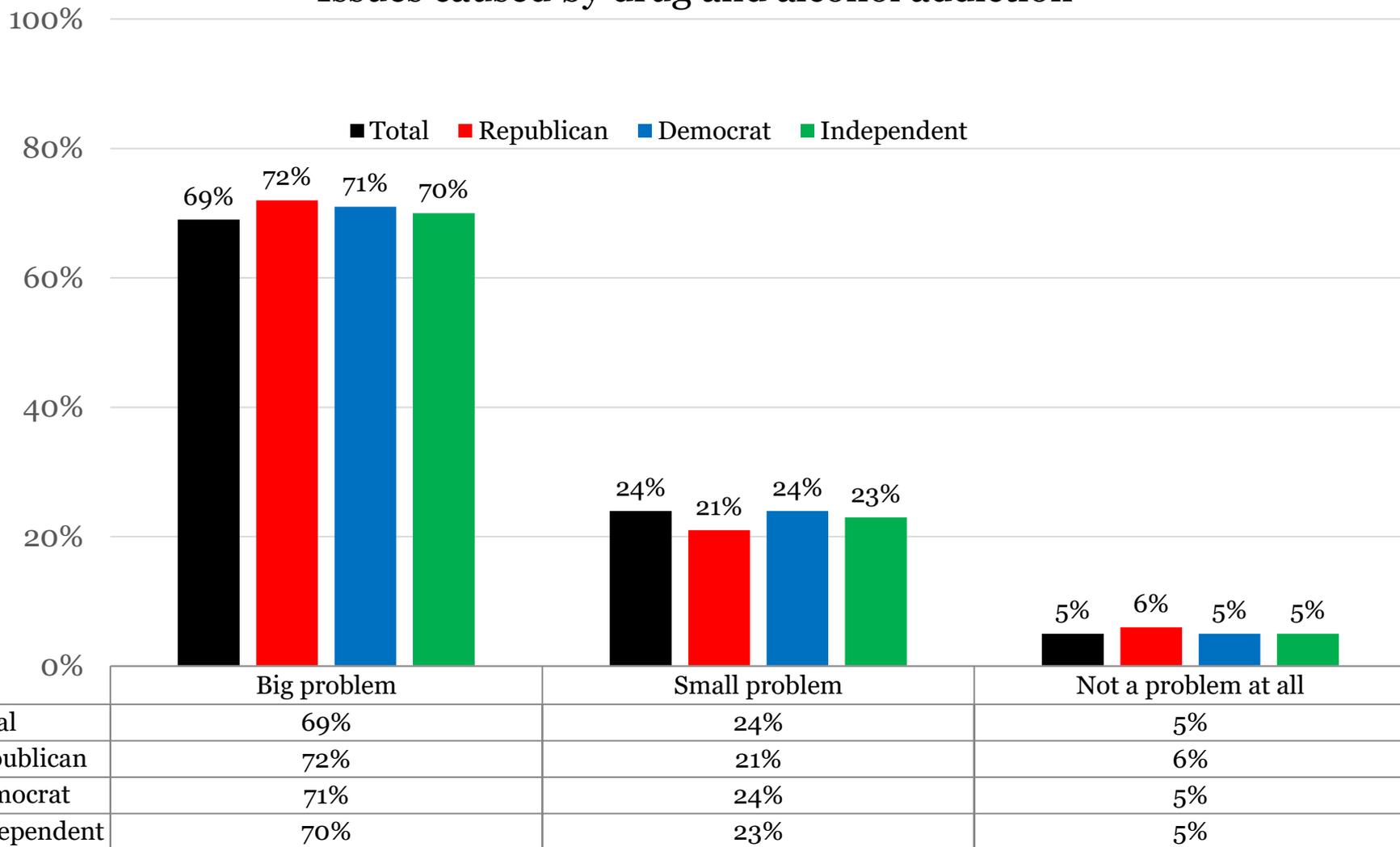
Views on Local Problems by Party ID

Lack of quality roads and bridges



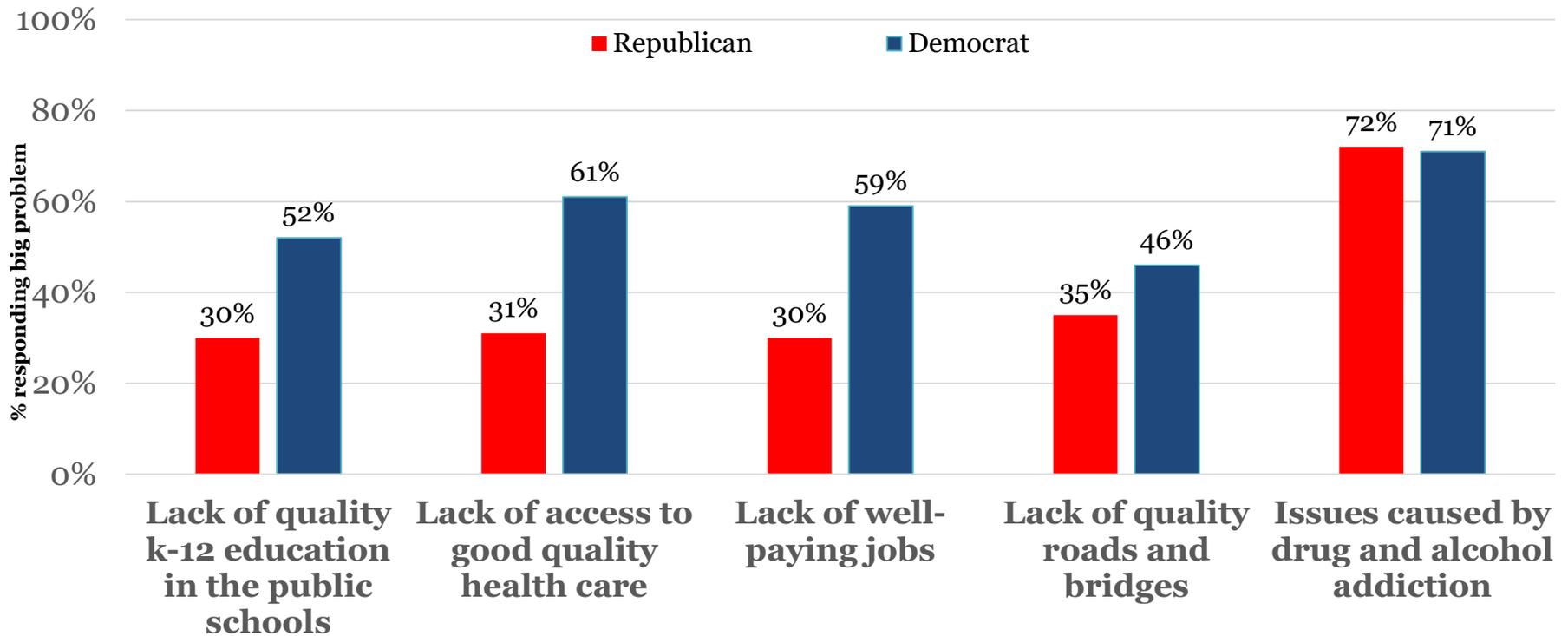
Views on Local Problems by Party ID

Issues caused by drug and alcohol addiction



Views on Severity of Local Problems by Party ID

How much of a problem, if at all, is each of the following in your local community



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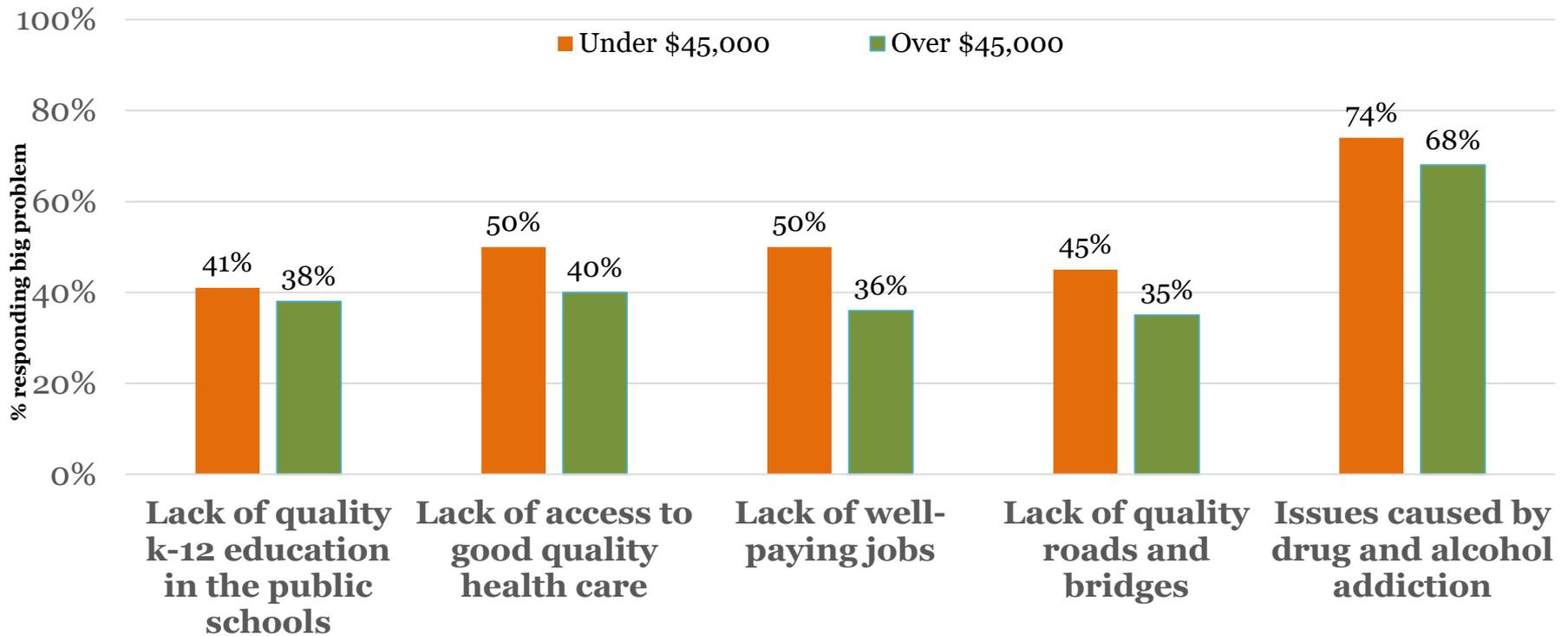
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Views on Severity of Local Problems by Income Level

How much of a problem, if at all, is each of the following in your local community



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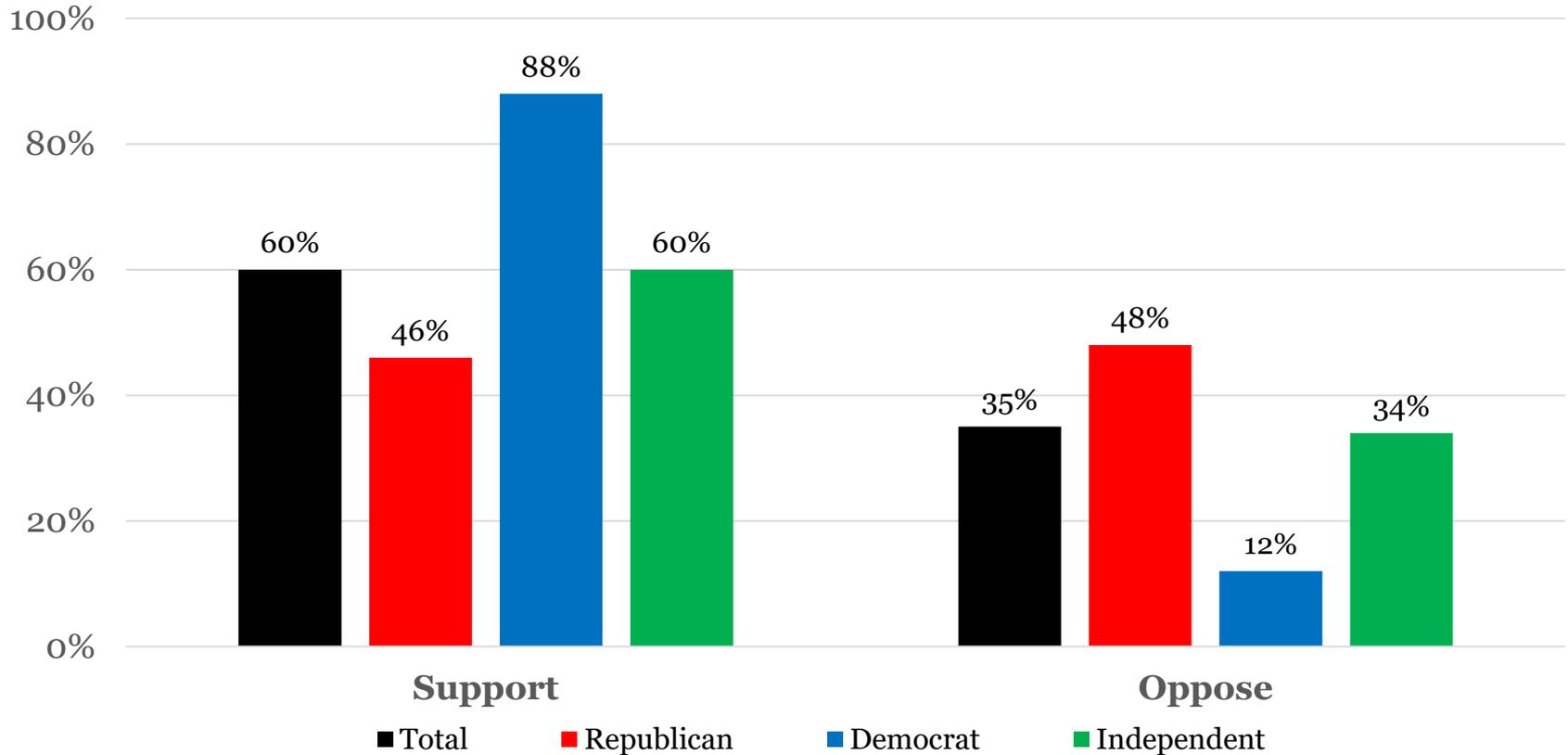
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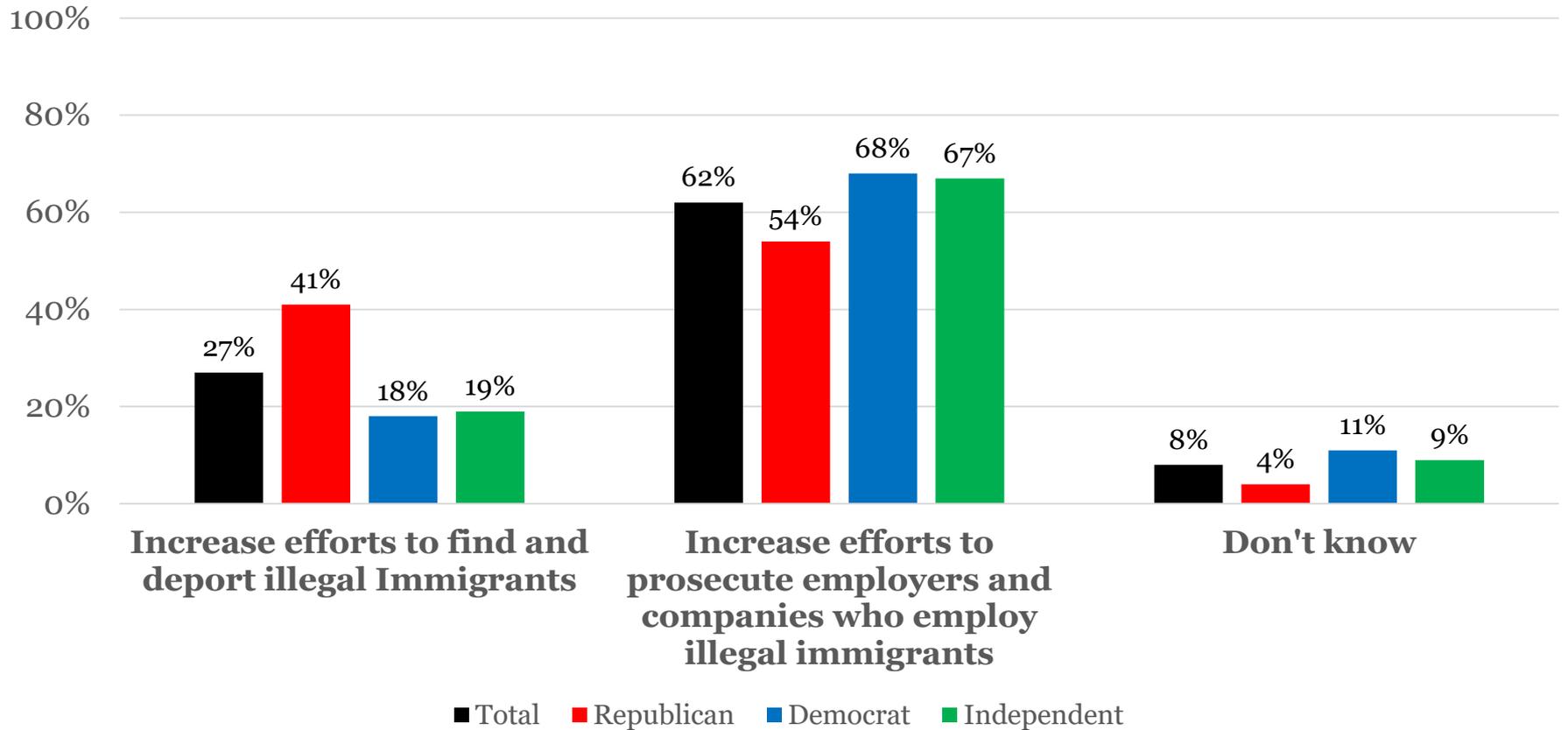
Opinions on Medicaid Expansion by Party ID

Tennessee is one of 14 states that has chosen not to expand Medicaid, which would allow more low-income uninsured adults to have health insurance. Overall, do you support or oppose Medicaid expansion in Tennessee?



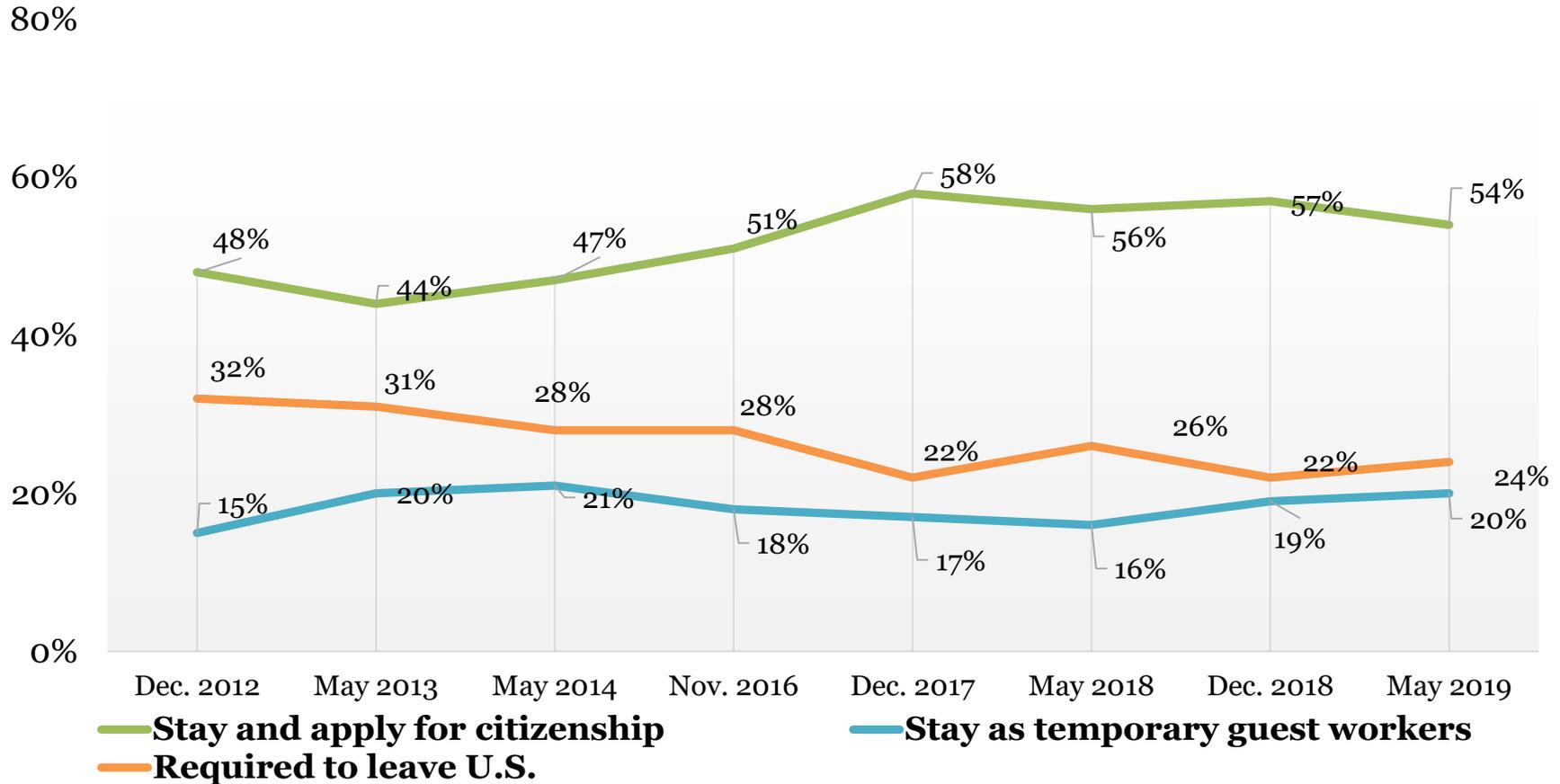
Support for Different Methods Designed to Limit Illegal Immigration by Party ID

Which approach do you think the federal government should take to decrease the amount of Illegal Immigration?



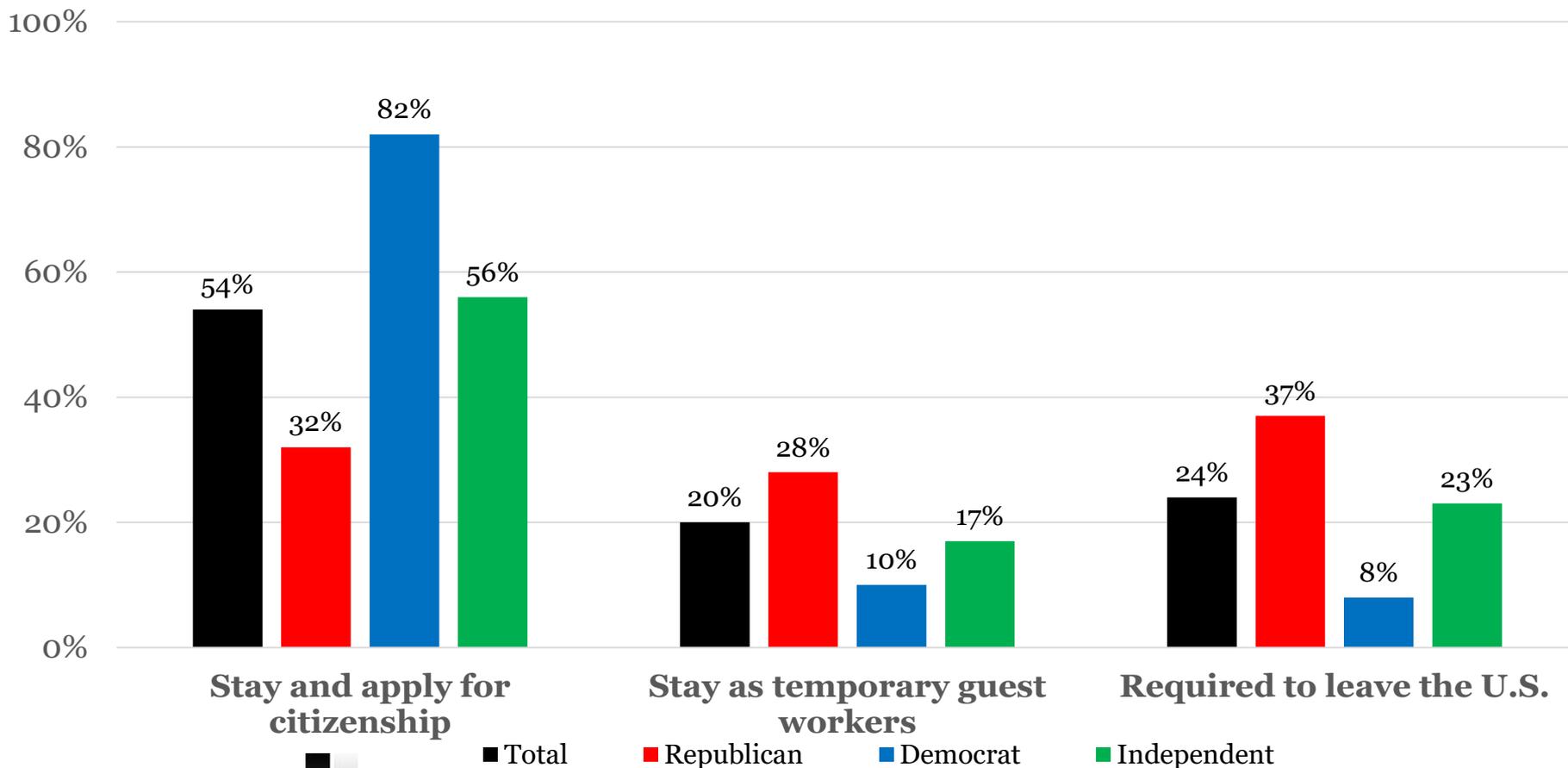
Views on Illegal Immigrants Over Time

Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are currently working in the U.S. (They should be allowed to stay in the country and eventually apply for U.S. citizenship...) (They should be allowed to stay in the country only as temporary guest workers, but not apply for U.S. citizenship...) or, (They should be required to leave the country).



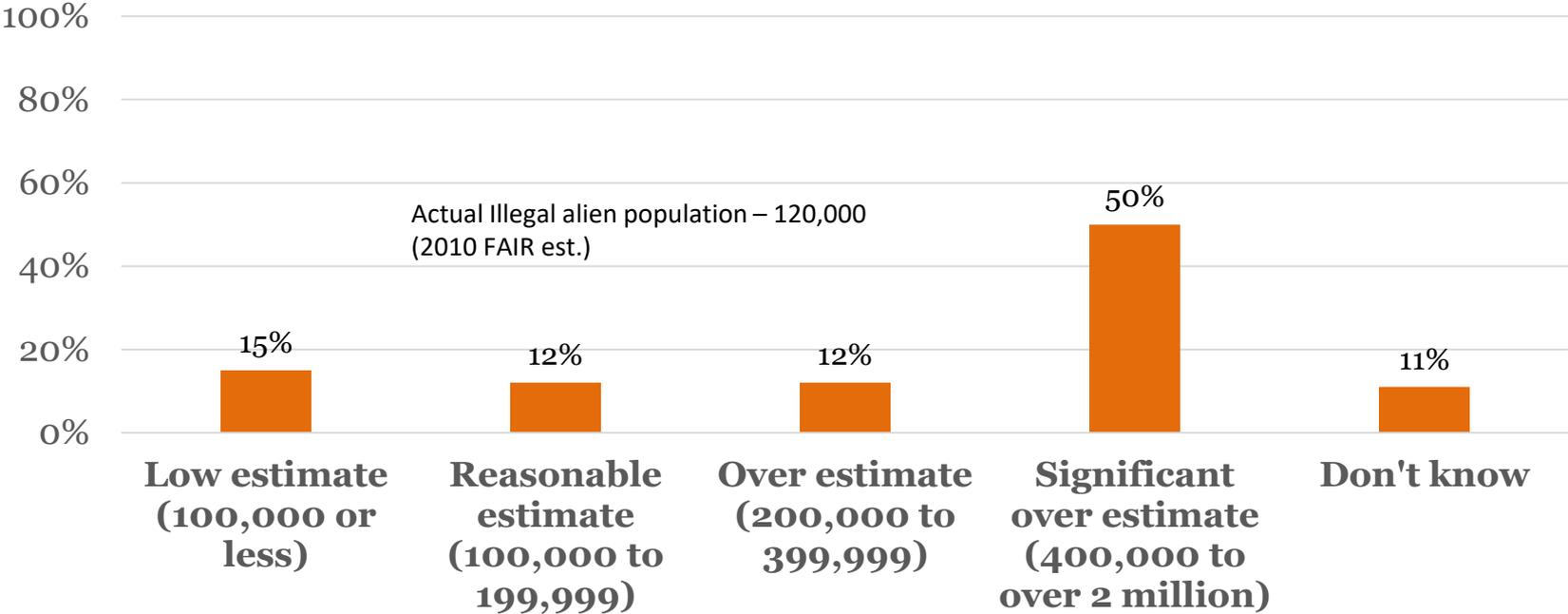
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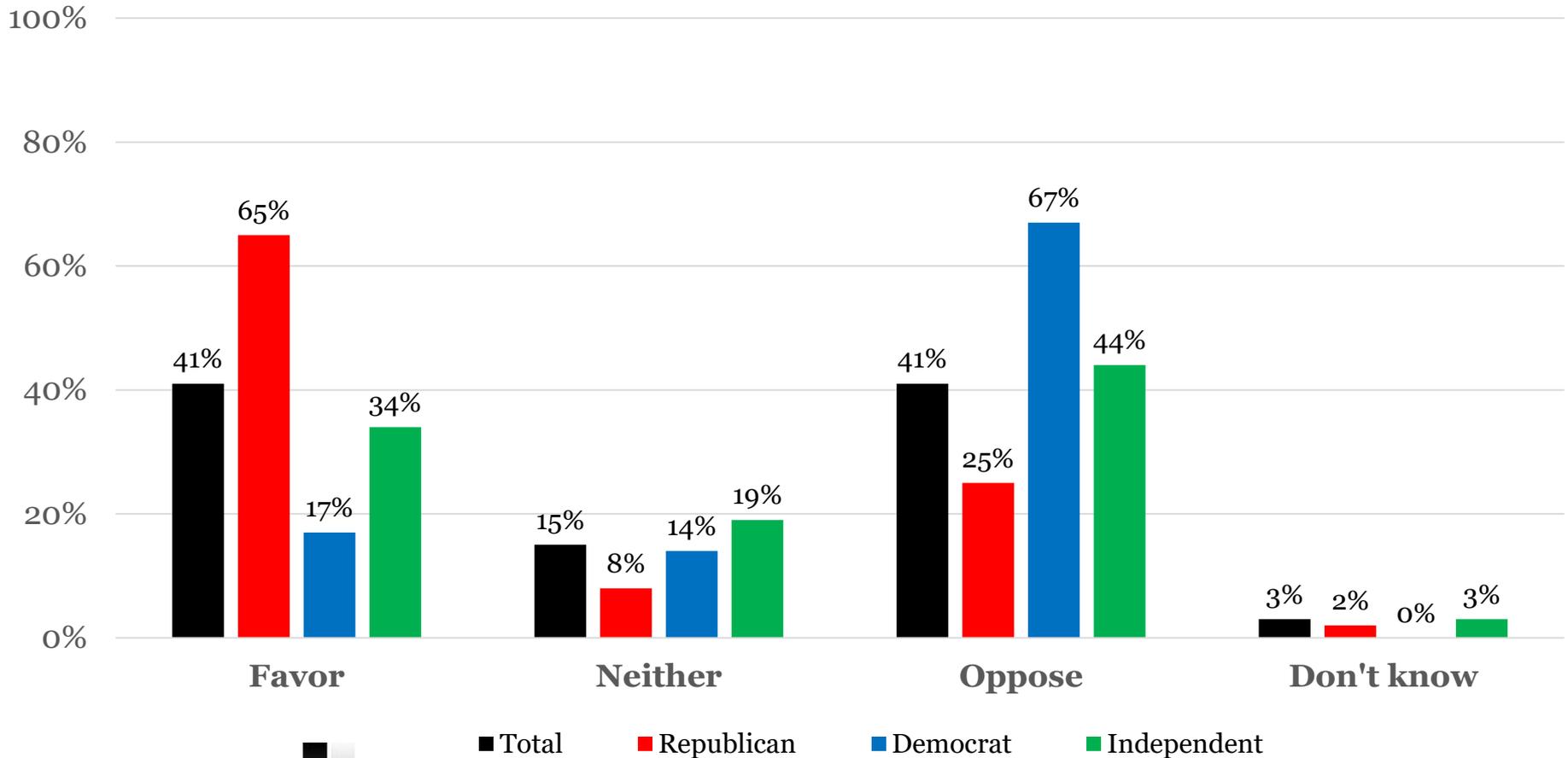
Estimates on Number of Illegal Immigrants Living in Tennessee

As you may know Tennessee currently has a population of around 6.8 million people. How many illegal immigrants do you think live in Tennessee?



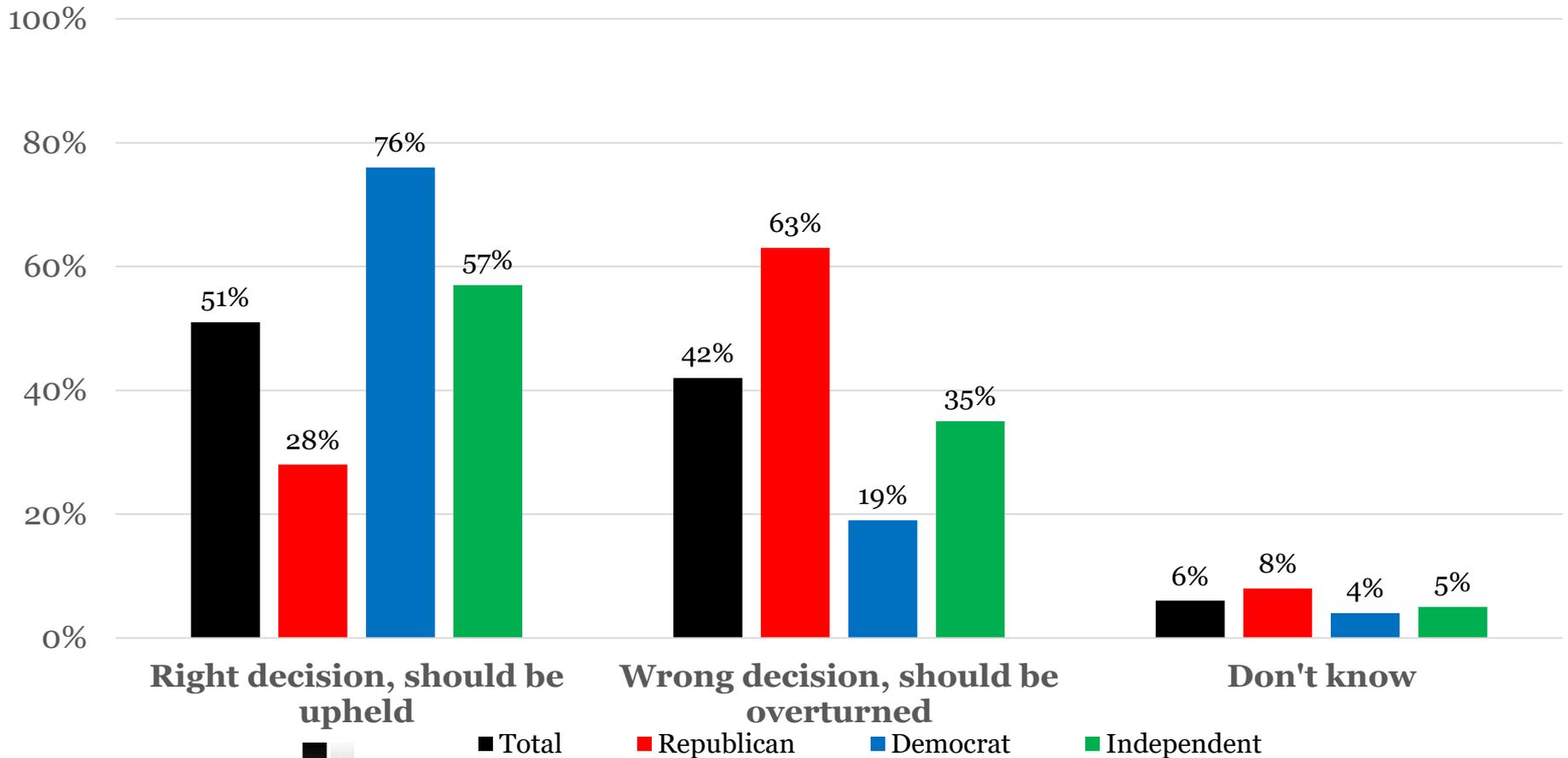
Views on Abortion when a Fetal Heartbeat is Detected by Party ID

Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose a state law that would prohibit abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected by a doctor or other medical professional?



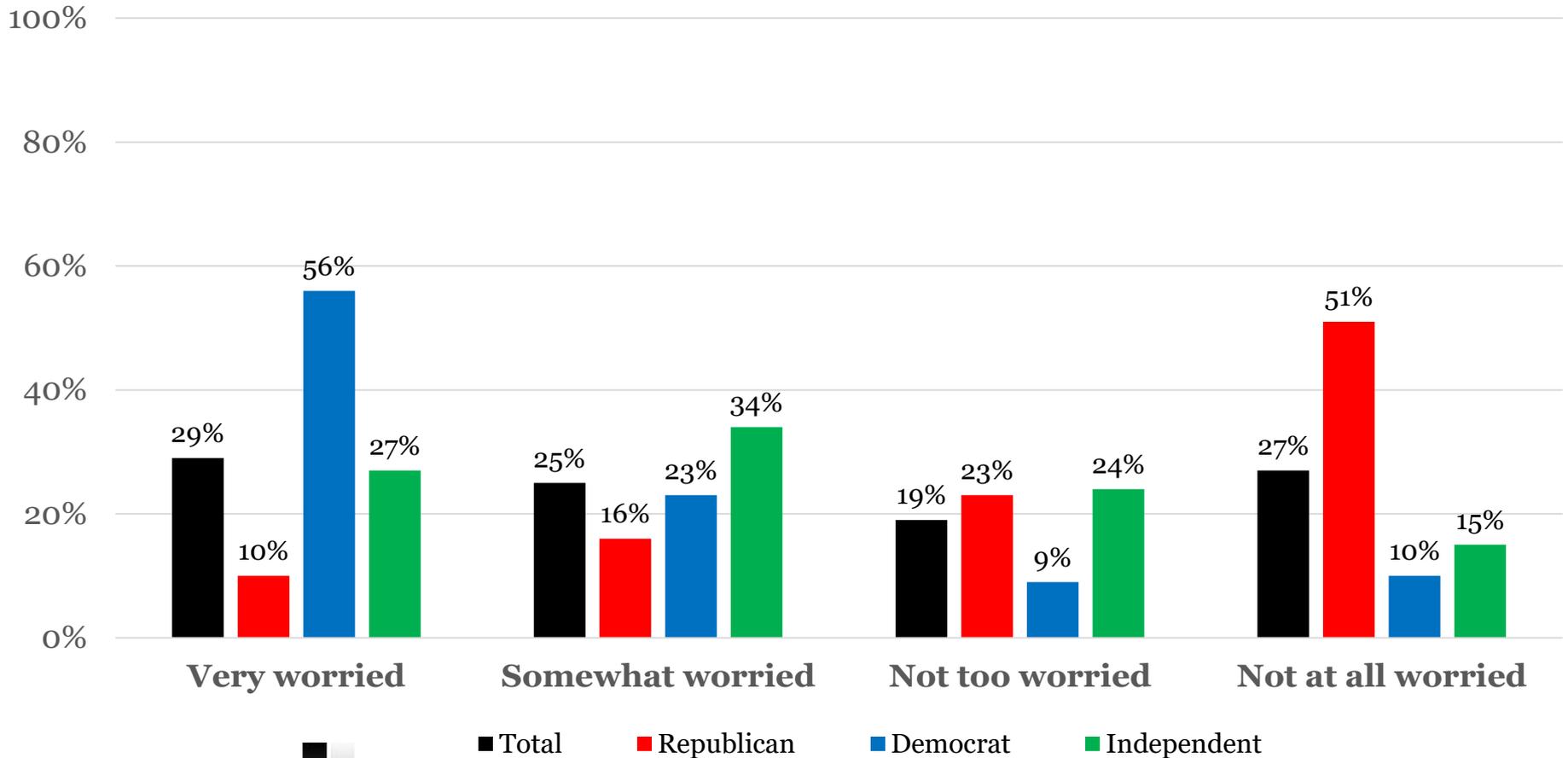
Views on Roe Versus Wade by Party ID

Overall, do you think Roe versus Wade – the 1973 Supreme Court decision that established a constitutional right to an abortion – (was the right decision and should be upheld), or (was the wrong decision and should be overturned)?

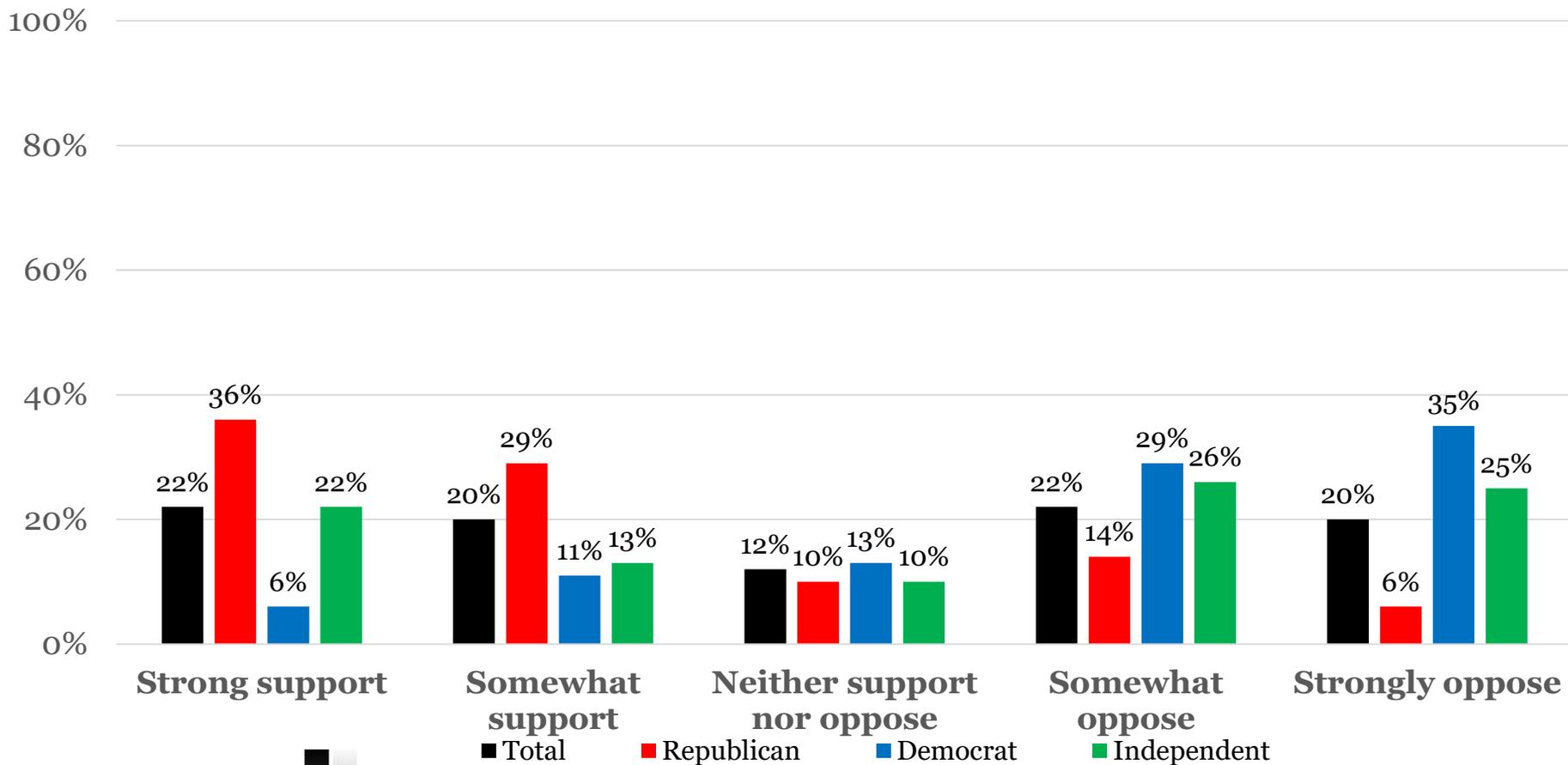


Views on Climate Change by Party ID

How worried are you, if at all, about the effects of climate change?

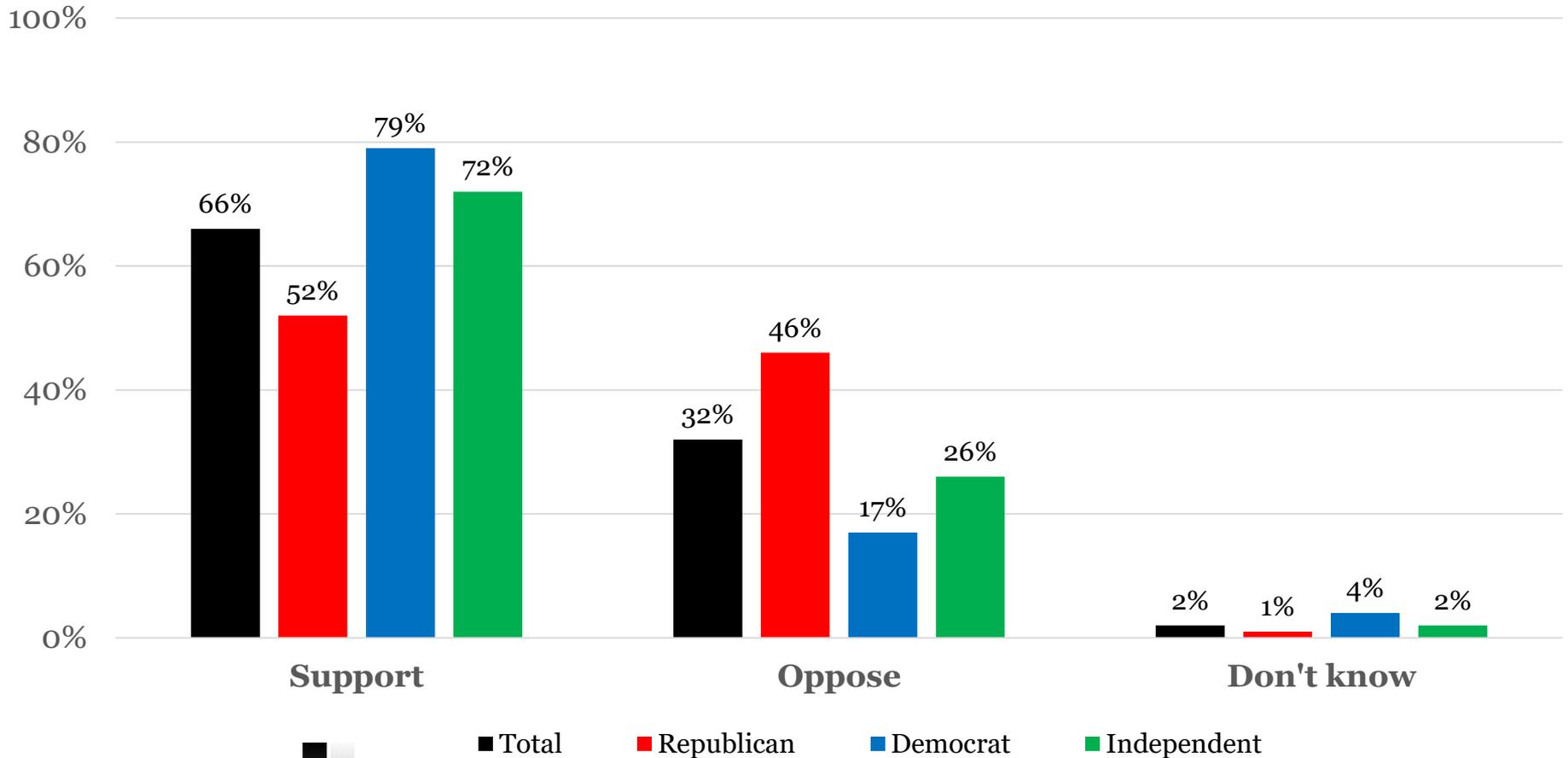


Views on the Use of Coal-fired Power Plants to Generate Electricity by Party ID



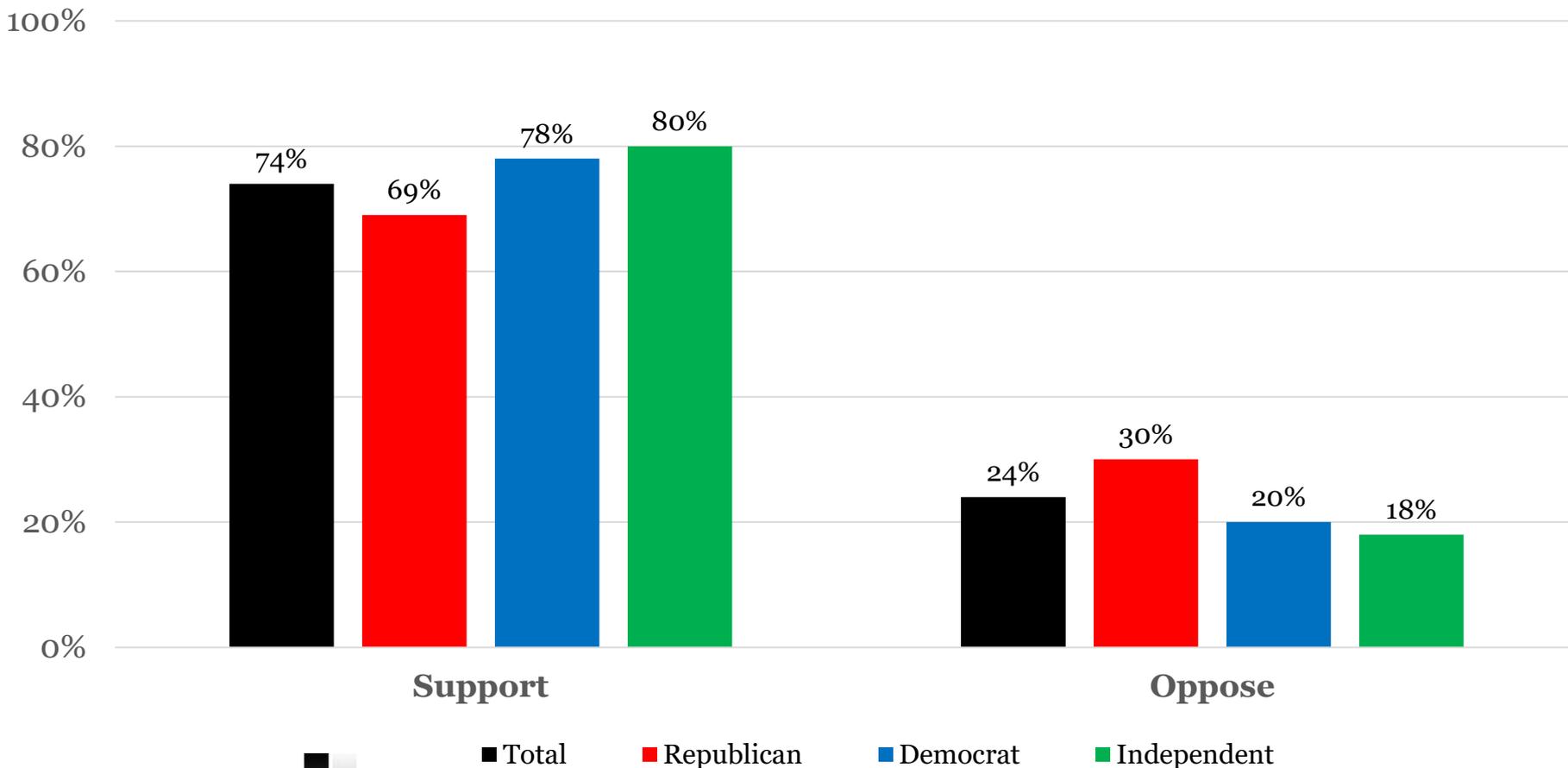
Views on Automatic Voter Registration by Party ID

As you may know, some states automatically verify and then register eligible citizens to vote when they get a driver's license or interact with other government agencies, unless citizens opt out. Would you support or oppose a policy like this in Tennessee?



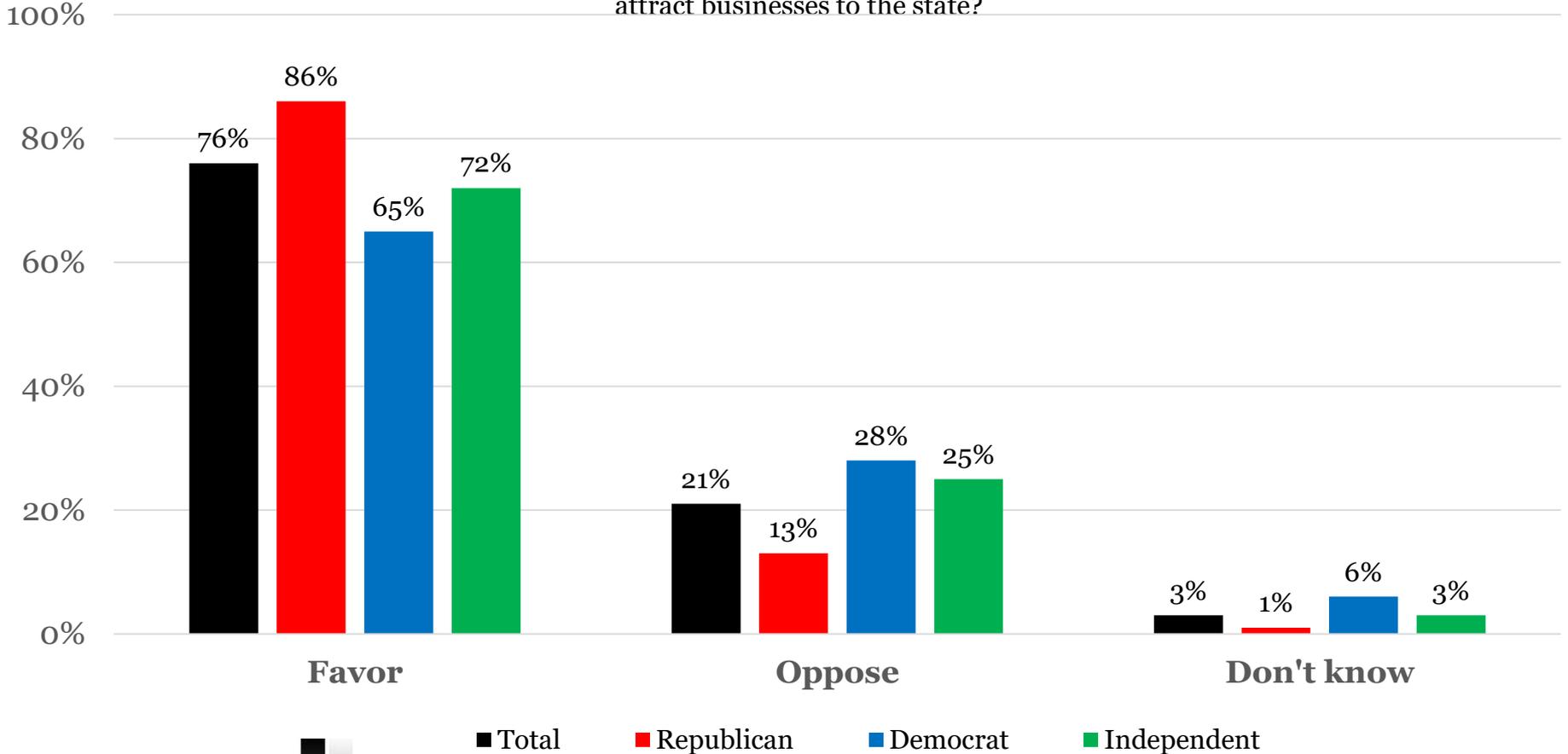
Views on Felon Voter Registration Legislation by Party ID

The Tennessee Legislature is considering whether to make it easier for Tennesseans with felony convictions to register to vote once they complete all terms of their sentence, including parole or probation. Those convicted of murder, rape, treason, or voter fraud would continue to be permanently banned from voting. Do you support or oppose this legislation?



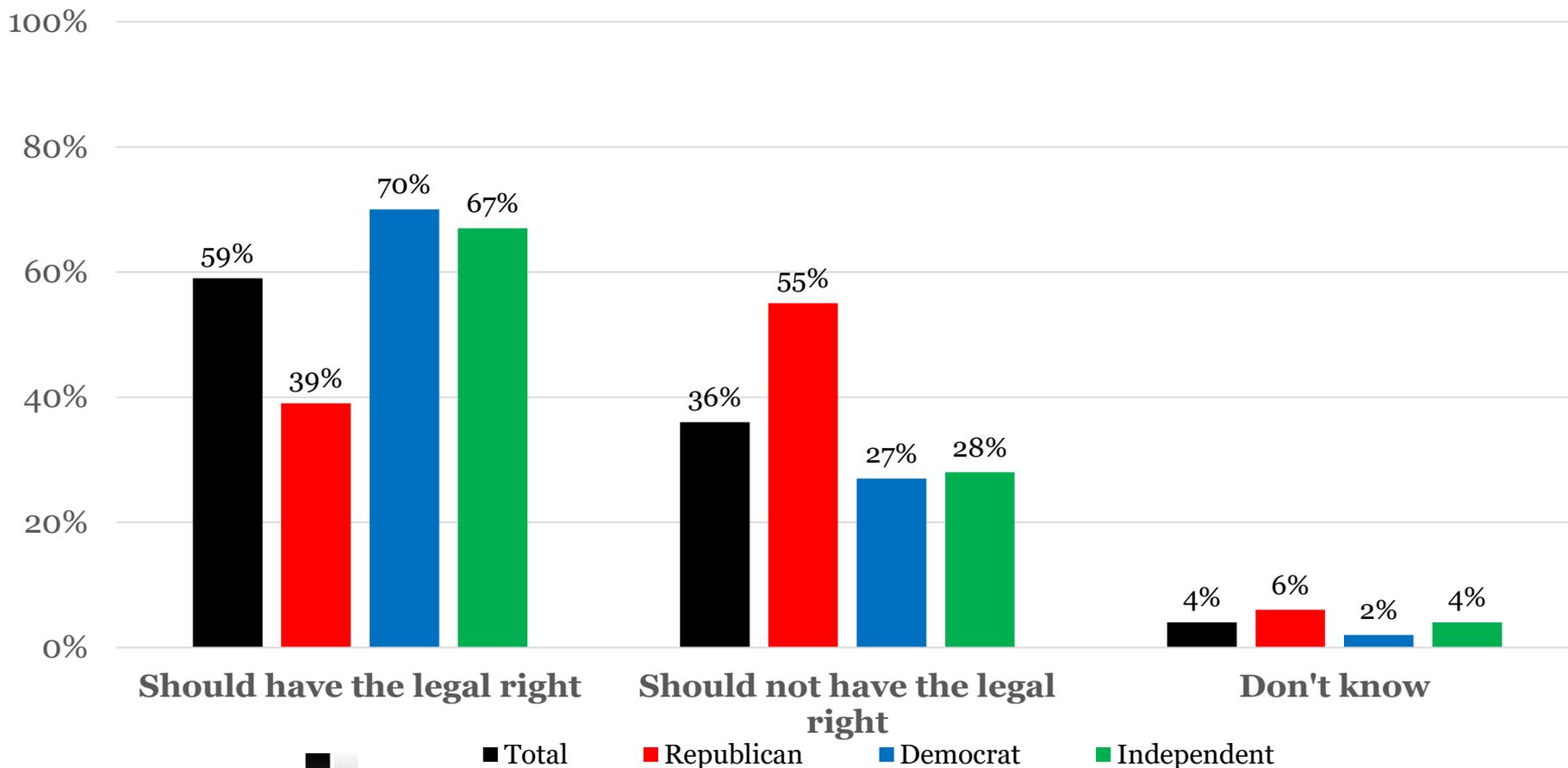
Views on Tax Breaks and Financial Incentives to Attract Businesses to the state by Party ID

Would you favor or oppose the Tennessee state government providing tax breaks and other financial incentives to keep or attract businesses to the state?



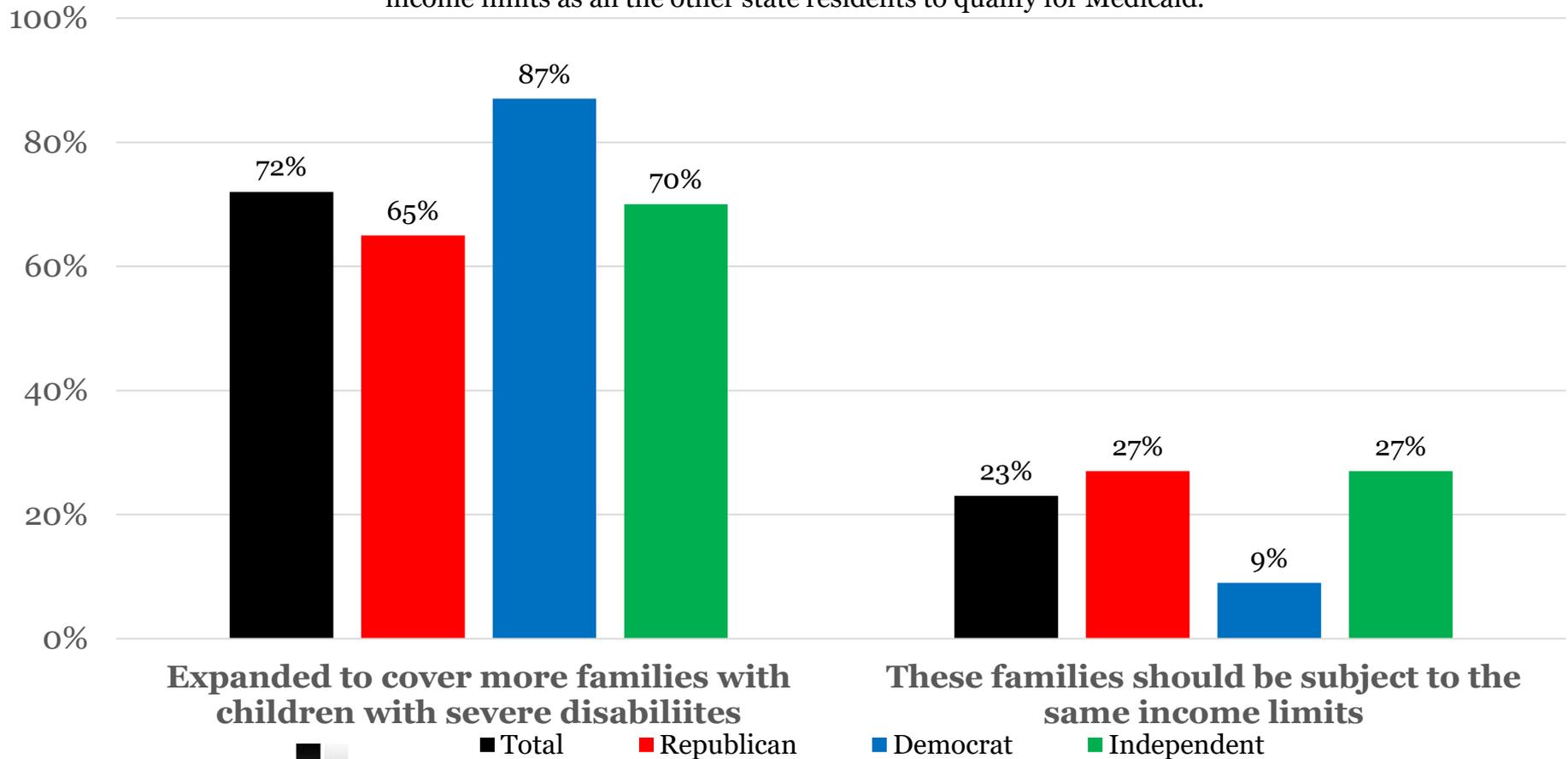
Views on Same-Sex Couples & Adoption by Party ID

Do you think same-sex couples should or should not have the legal right to adopt a child?



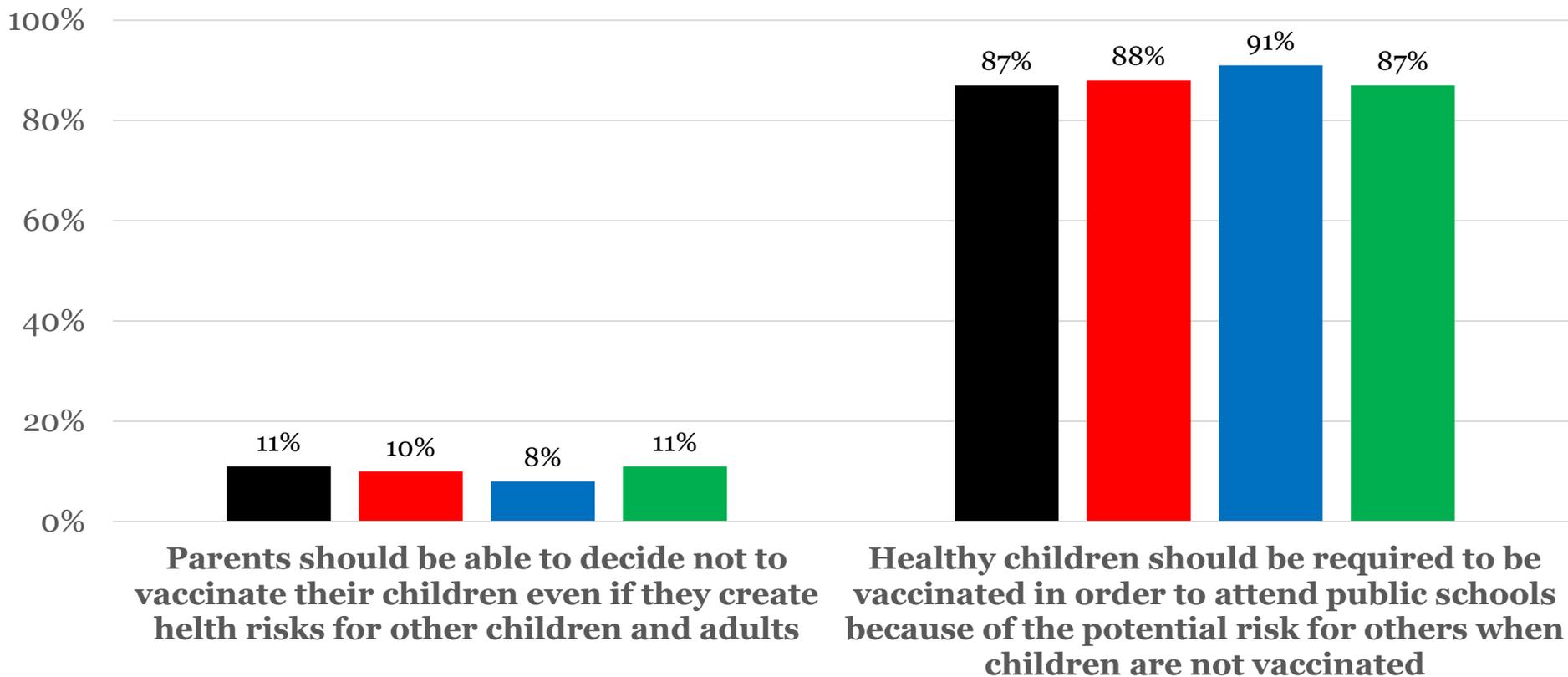
Views on Medicaid Coverage for Families With Children with Severe Disabilities by Party ID

As you may know, a law was recently passed that offers Medicaid coverage for families with children with severe disabilities regardless of their family's income level. Overall, do you think that Medicaid coverage in Tennessee should be expanded to cover more families with children with severe disabilities, or do you think these families should be subject to the same income limits as all the other state residents to qualify for Medicaid.



Views on Childhood Vaccinations by Party ID

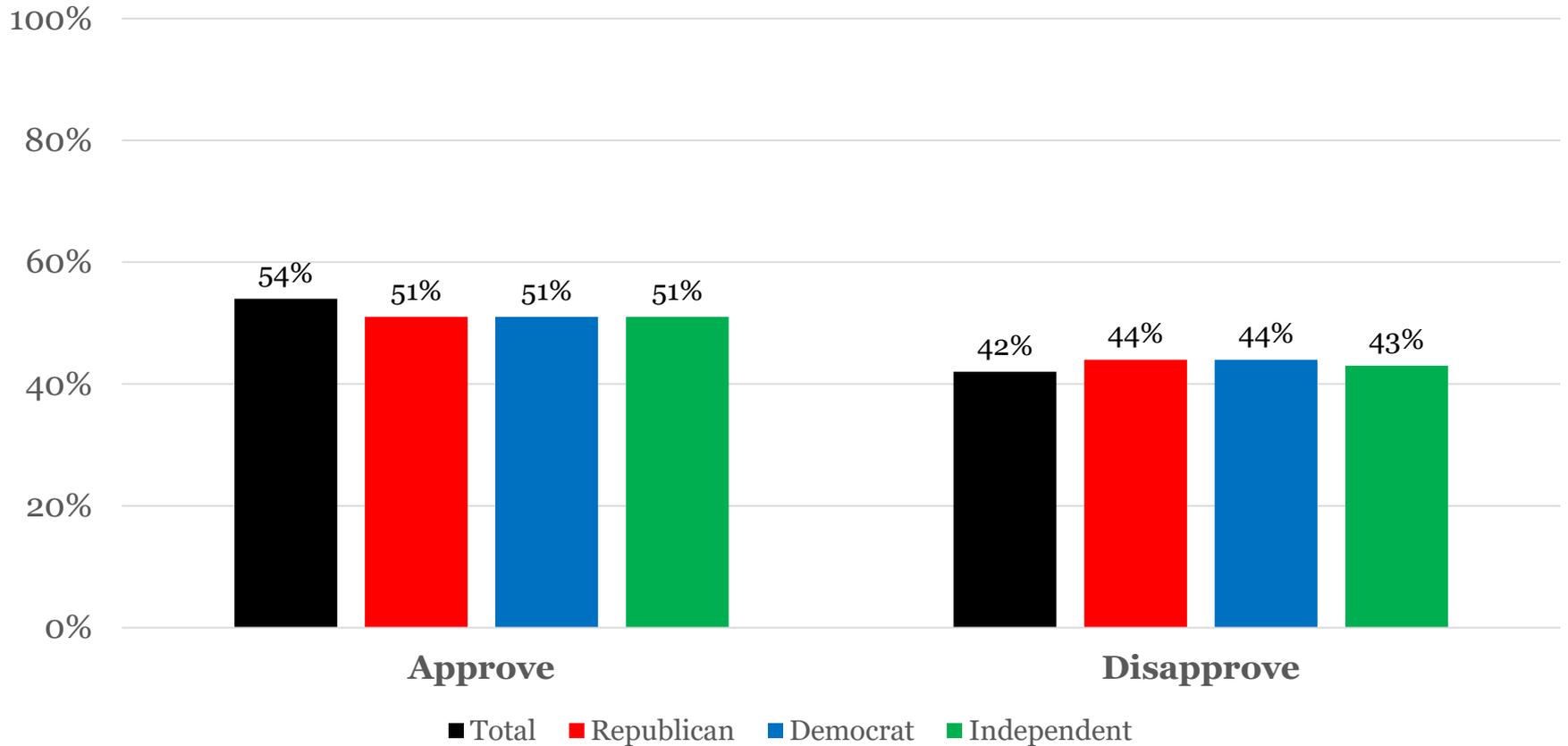
Which comes closer to your views about childhood vaccinations, even if neither is exactly right?



■ Total ■ Republican ■ Democrat ■ Independent

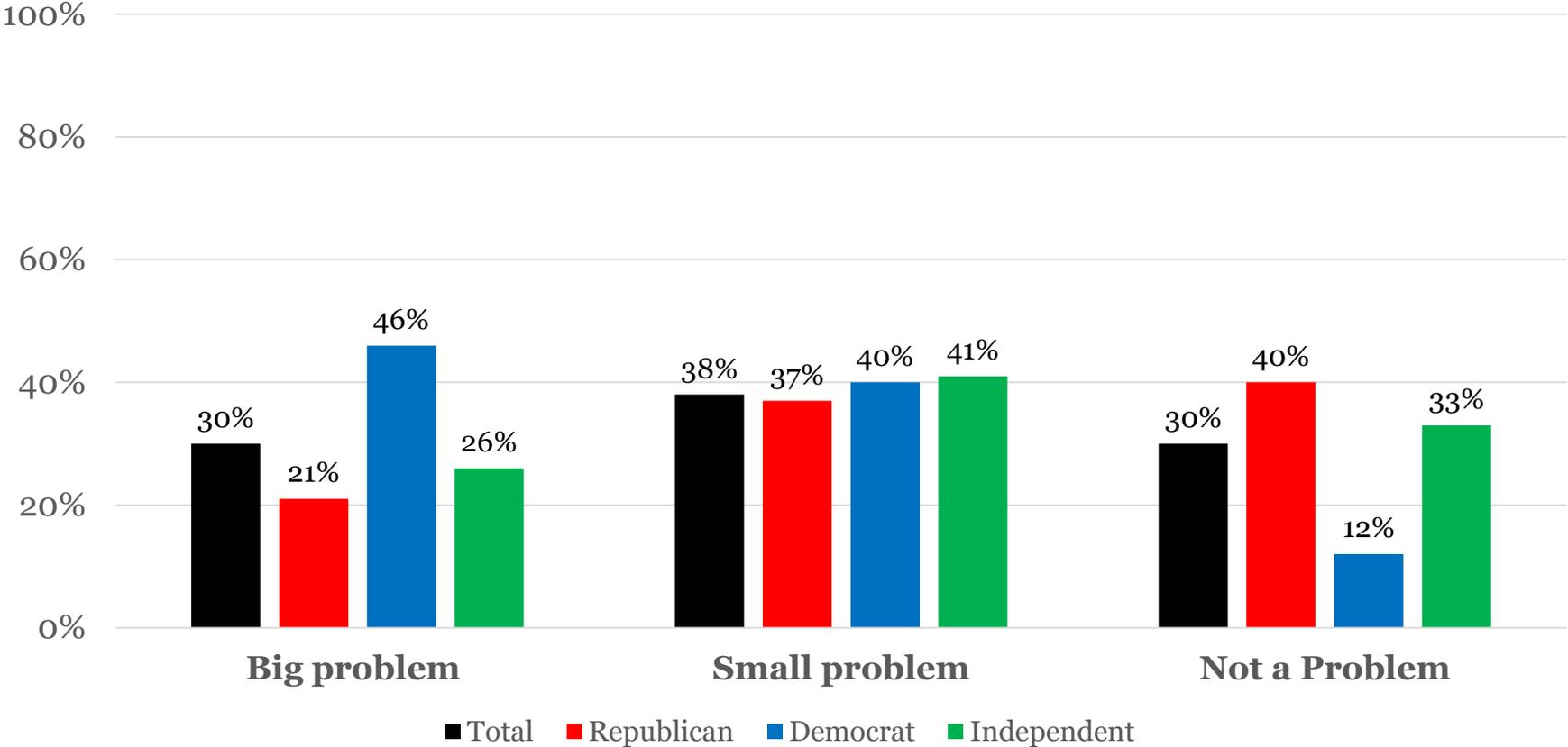
Support for Making Betting on Sporting Events Legal in Tennessee by Party ID

Do you approve or disapprove of making betting on sporting events legal in Tennessee?



Opinions on Higher Education in Tennessee by Party ID

Do you think access to higher education in Tennessee is a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?



Support for Voucher Program by Party ID

As you may know, Governor Lee signed into law a school voucher program that would allow parents in Davidson and Shelby Counties to unenroll their child from public school and use state funds to pay for private school or other education-related expenses. Overall, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose Governor Lee's school voucher program?

