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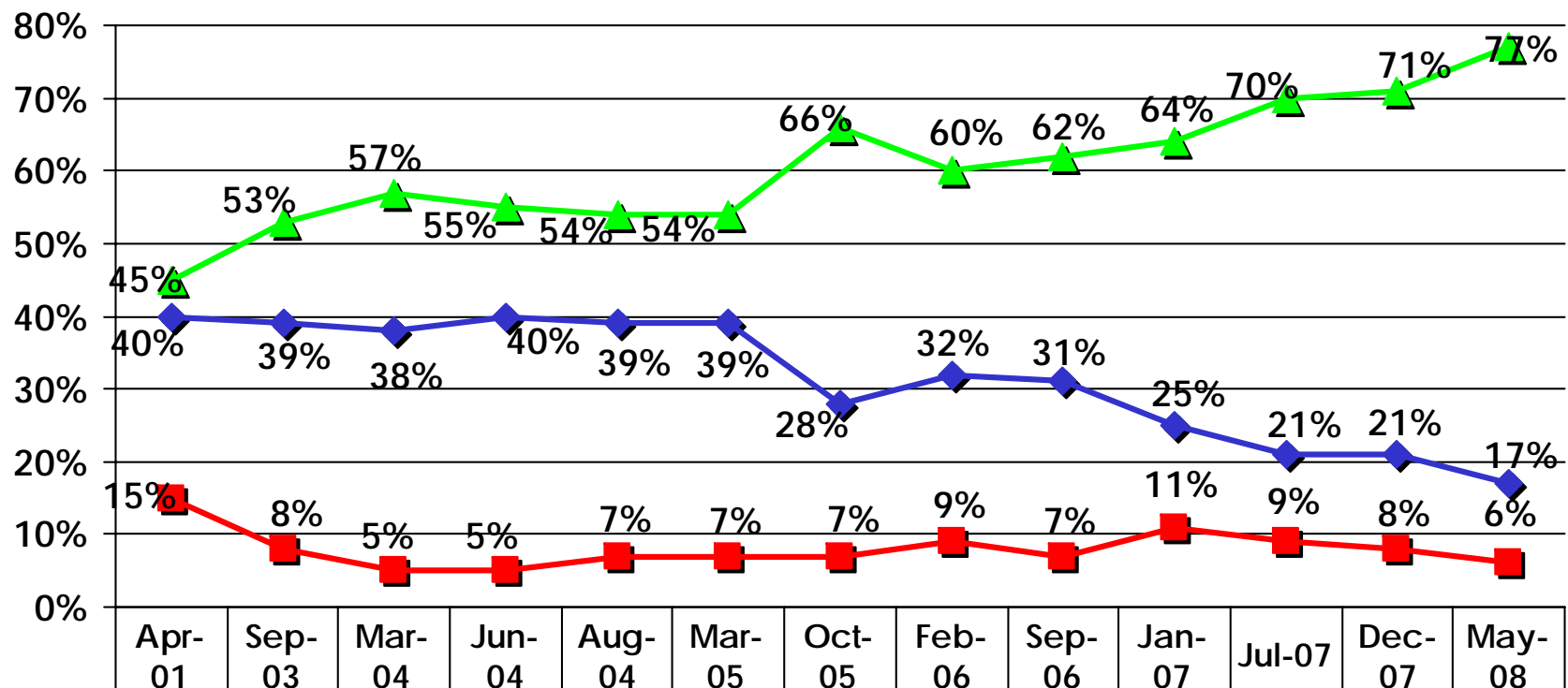


May 11-14, 2008

N=1,018 Registered “Likely” Voters/±3.1% M.O.E.

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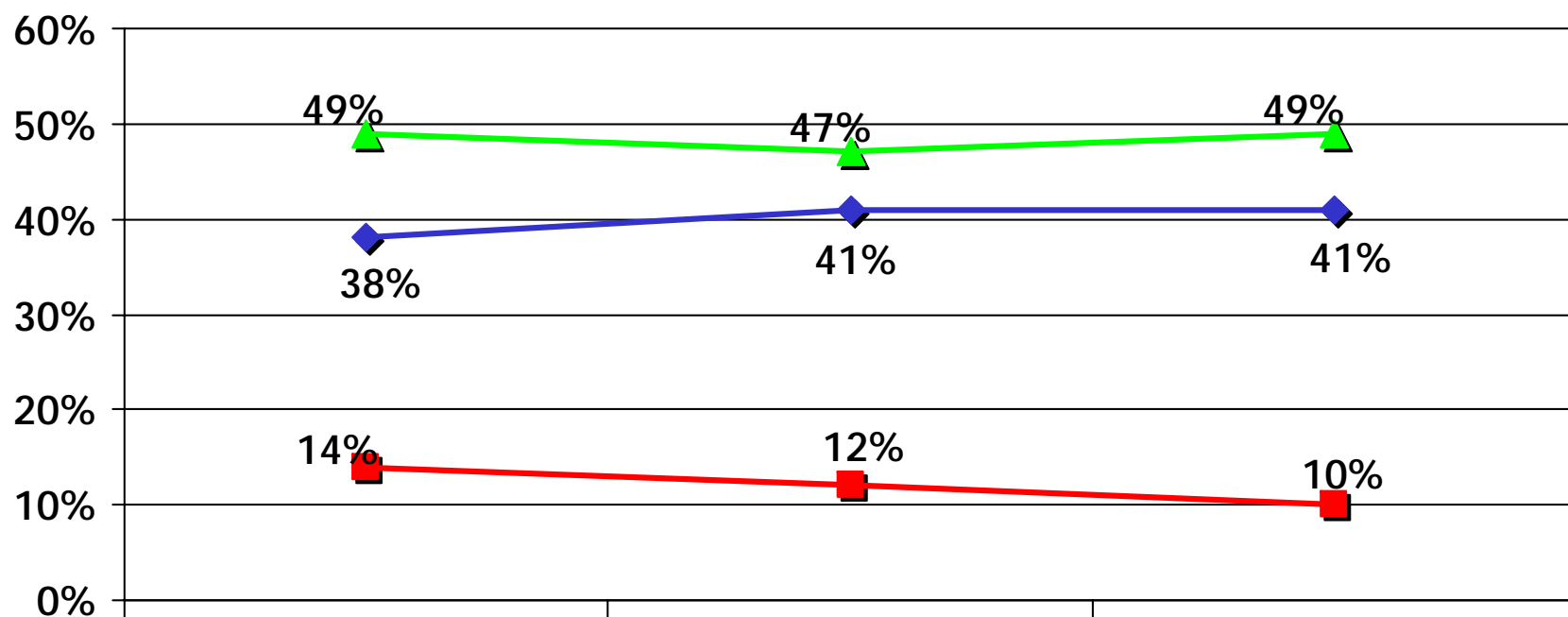
Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?



◆ Right Direction	40%	39%	38%	40%	39%	39%	28%	32%	31%	25%	21%	21%	17%
■ Unsure	15%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%	9%	7%	11%	9%	8%	6%
▲ Wrong Track	45%	53%	57%	55%	54%	54%	66%	60%	62%	64%	70%	71%	77%

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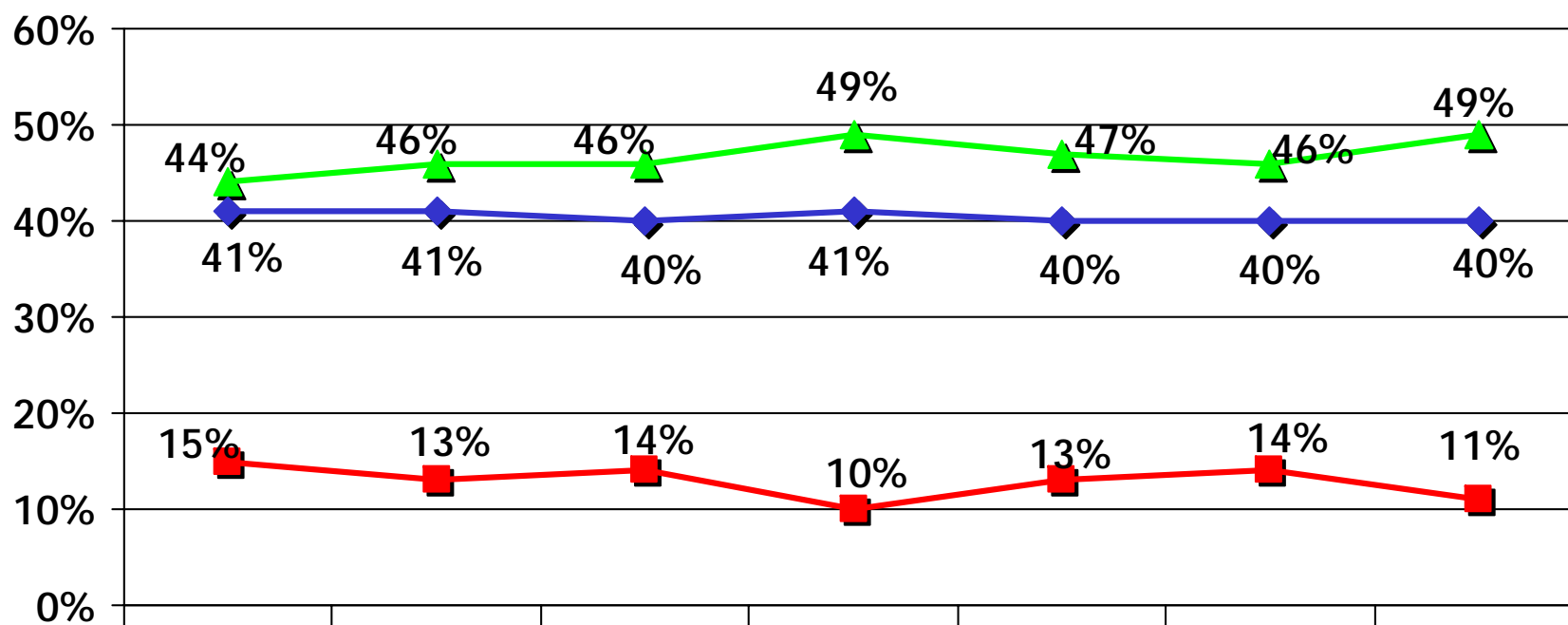
If the election for President were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?



	Jul-07	Dec-07	May-08
◆ Republican	38%	41%	41%
■ Undecided	14%	12%	10%
▲ Democrat	49%	47%	49%

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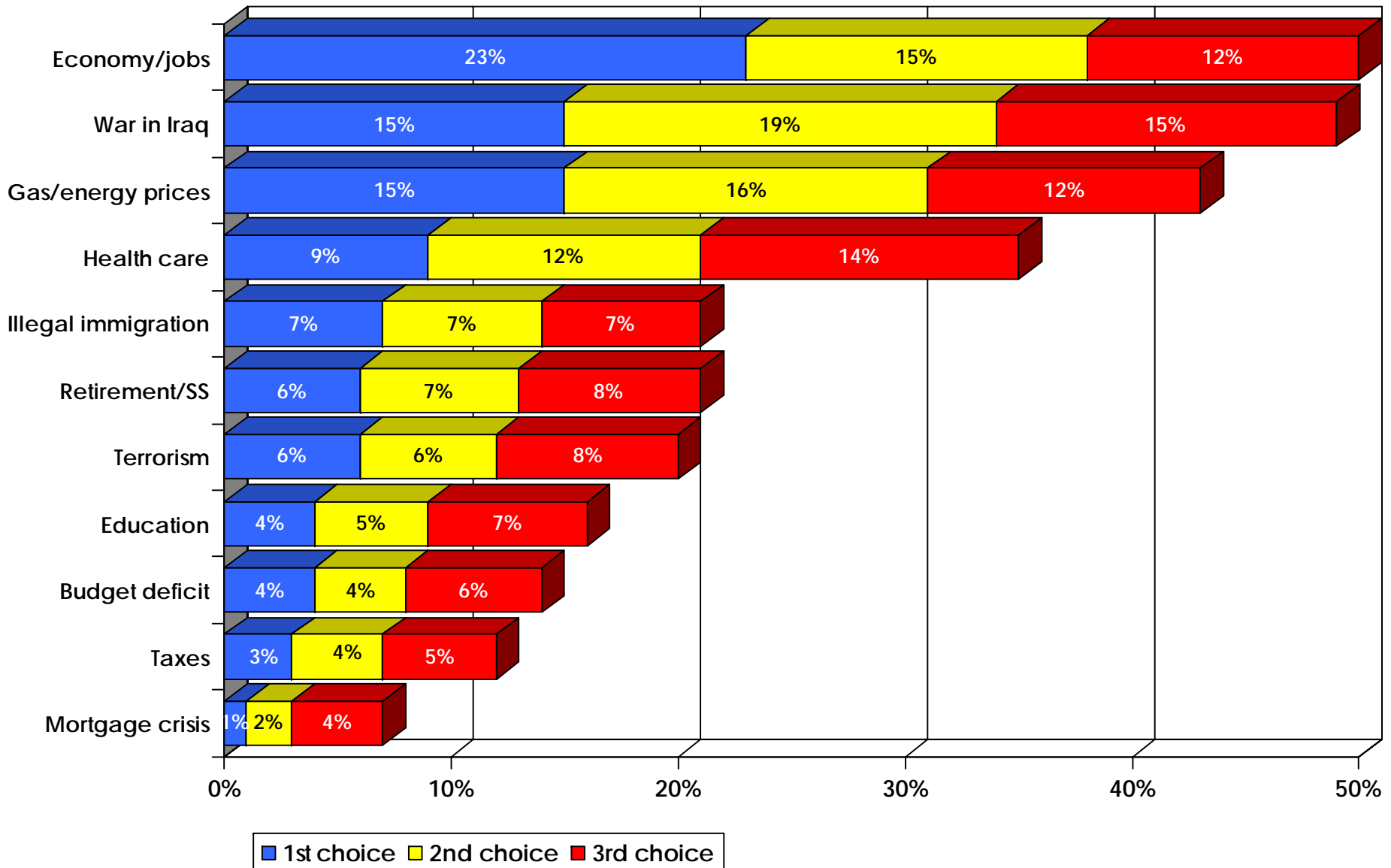
If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?



◆ Republican	41%	41%	40%	41%	40%	40%	40%
■ Undecided	15%	13%	14%	10%	13%	14%	11%
▲ Democrat	44%	46%	46%	49%	47%	46%	49%

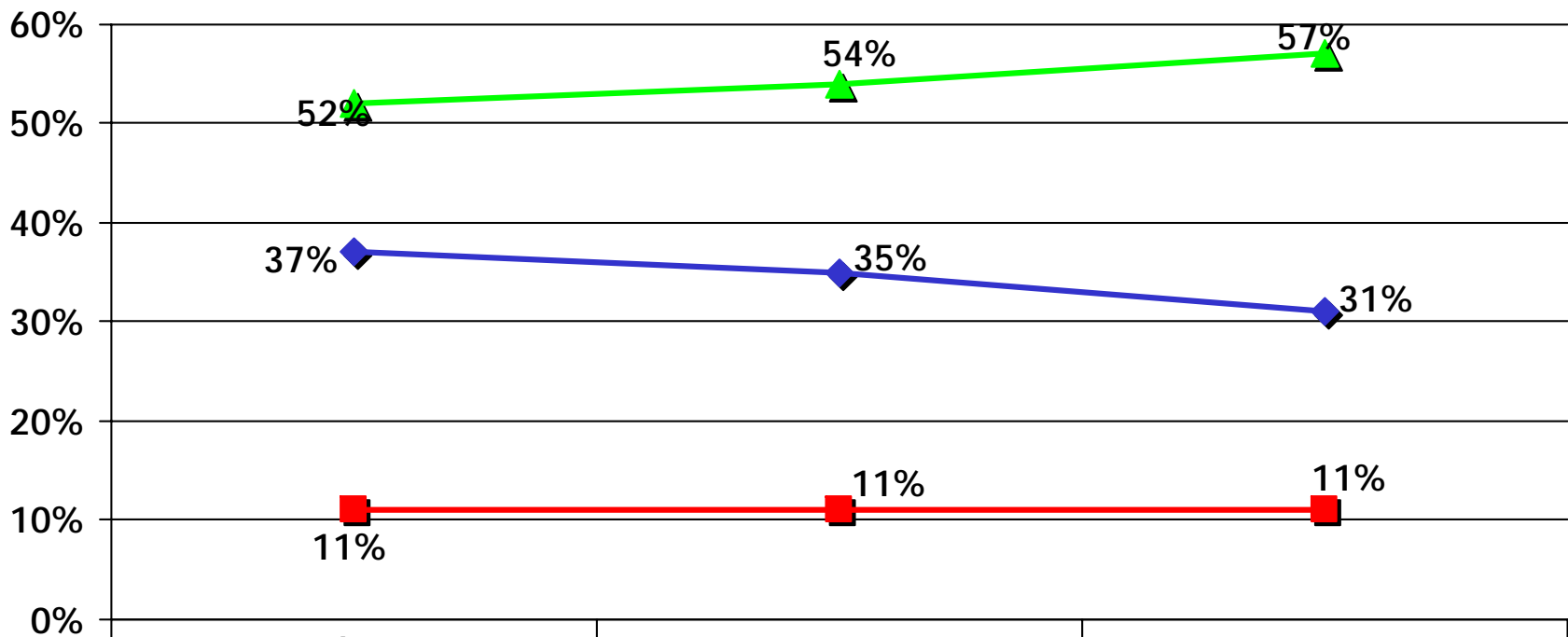
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Please tell me which one issue is most important for Congress to work on.



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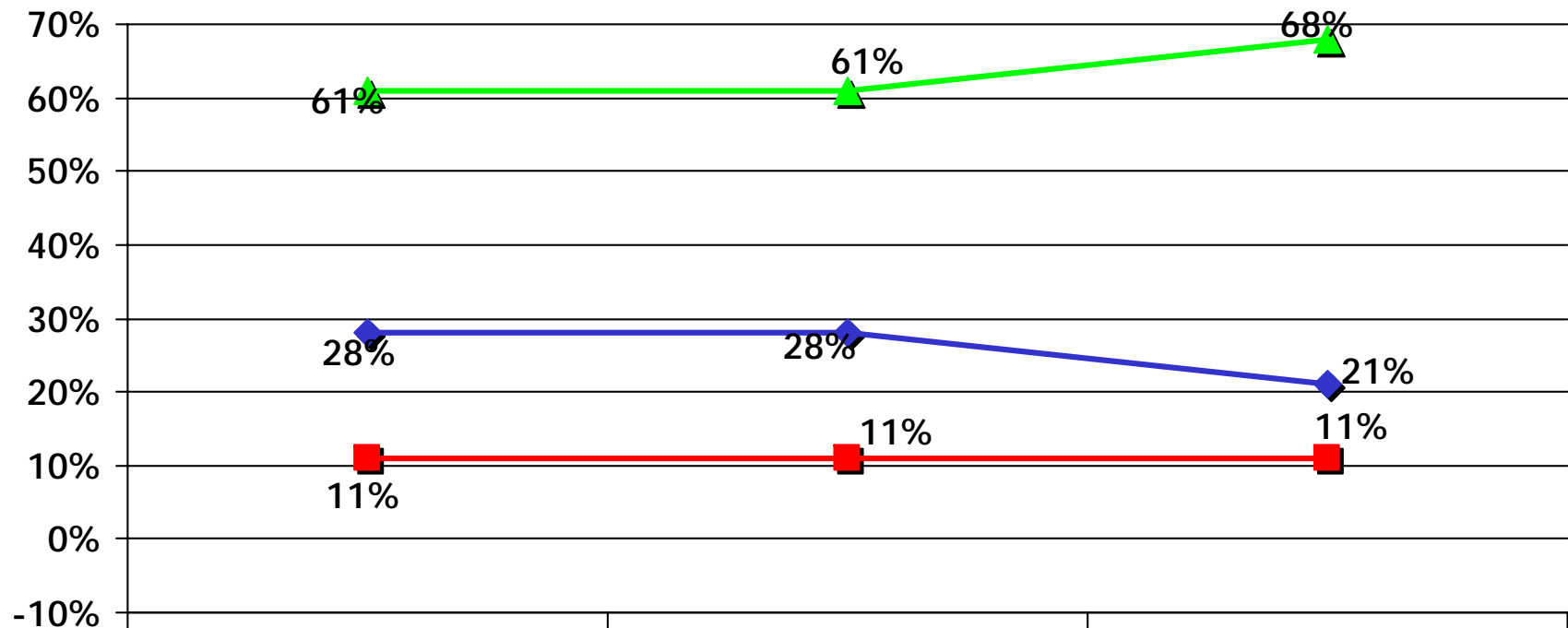
How would you rate the job that Congressional Democrats have been doing this year? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?



	Jul-07	Dec-07	May-08
◆ Approve	37%	35%	31%
■ Unsure	11%	11%	11%
▲ Disapprove	52%	54%	57%

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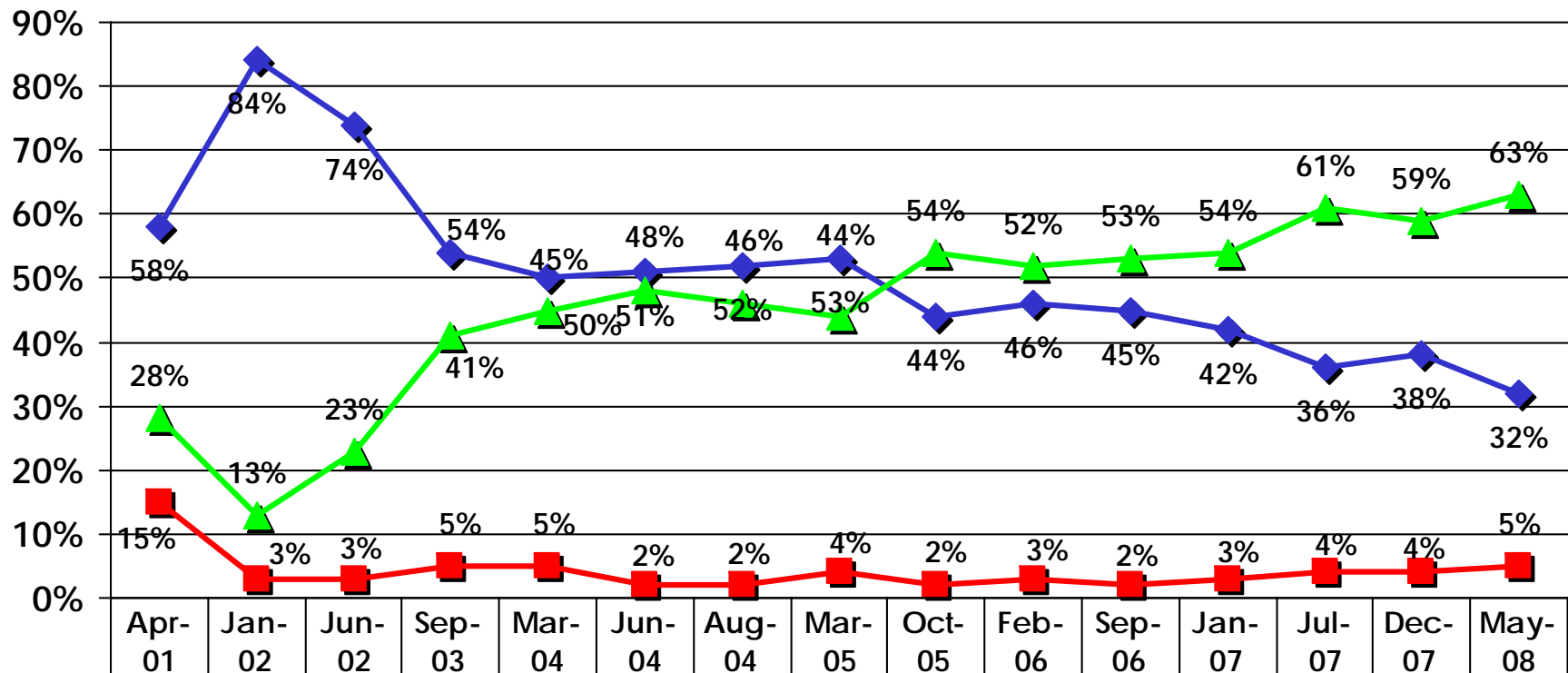
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	Jul-07	Dec-07	May-08
◆ Approve	28%	28%	21%
■ Unsure	11%	11%	11%
▲ Disapprove	61%	61%	68%

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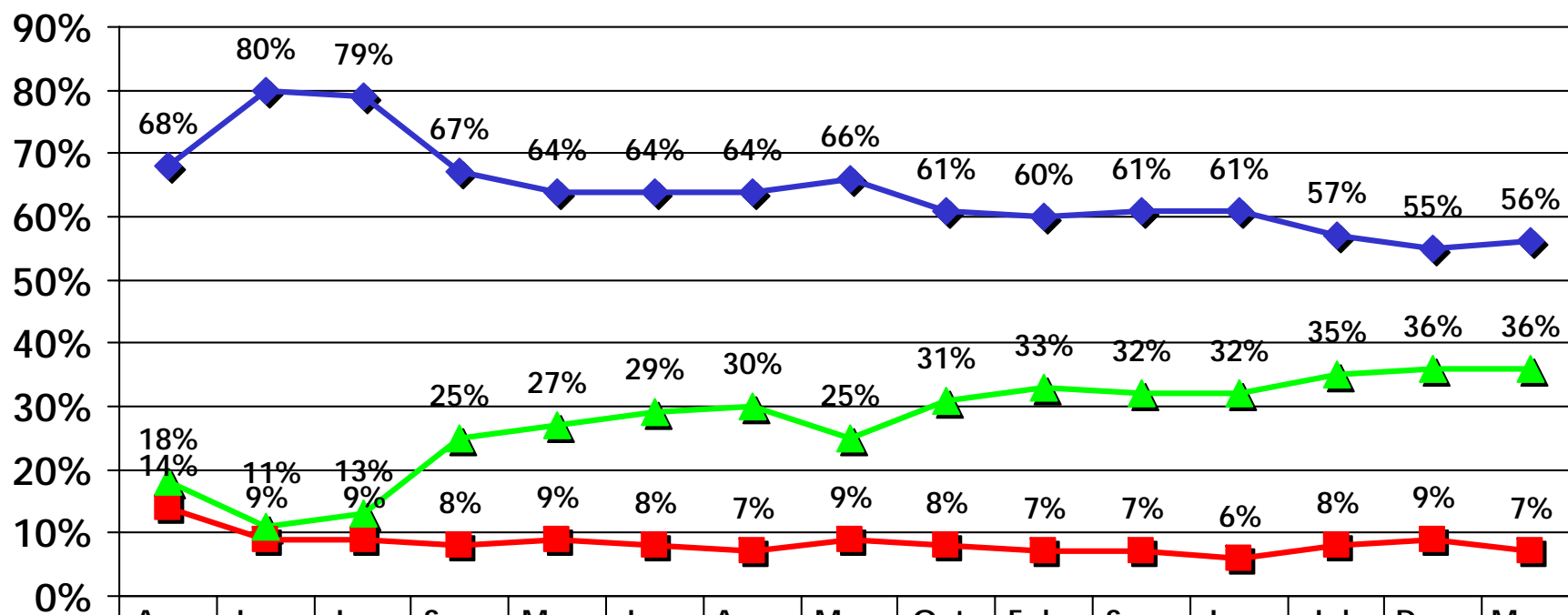
How would you rate the job George W. Bush has been doing as President – do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?



◆ Approve	58%	84%	74%	54%	50%	51%	52%	53%	44%	46%	45%	42%	36%	38%	32%
■ Unsure	15%	3%	3%	5%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%
▲ Disapprove	28%	13%	23%	41%	45%	48%	46%	44%	54%	52%	53%	54%	61%	59%	63%

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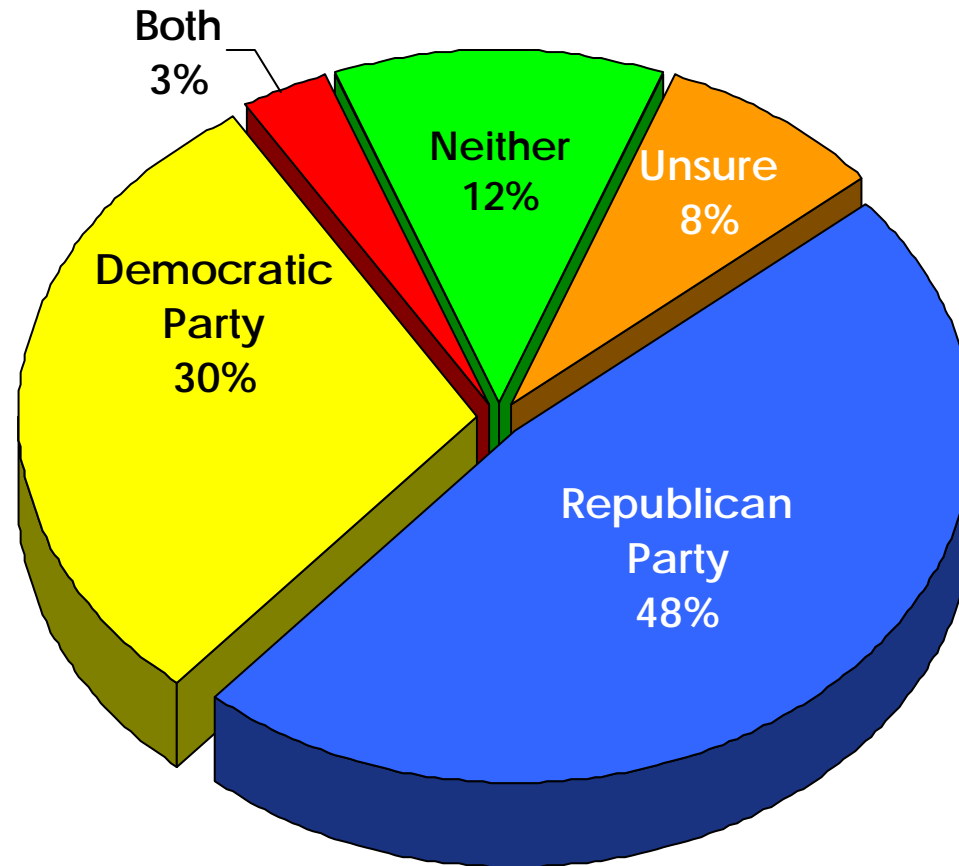
Whether you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President, what is your impression of George W. Bush as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?



	Apr-01	Jan-02	Jun-02	Sep-03	Mar-04	Jun-04	Aug-04	Mar-05	Oct-05	Feb-06	Sep-06	Jan-07	Jul-07	Dec-07	May-08
◆ Approve	68%	80%	79%	67%	64%	64%	64%	66%	61%	60%	61%	61%	57%	55%	56%
■ Unsure	14%	9%	9%	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%	8%	7%	7%	6%	8%	9%	7%
▲ Disapprove	18%	11%	13%	25%	27%	29%	30%	25%	31%	33%	32%	32%	35%	36%	36%

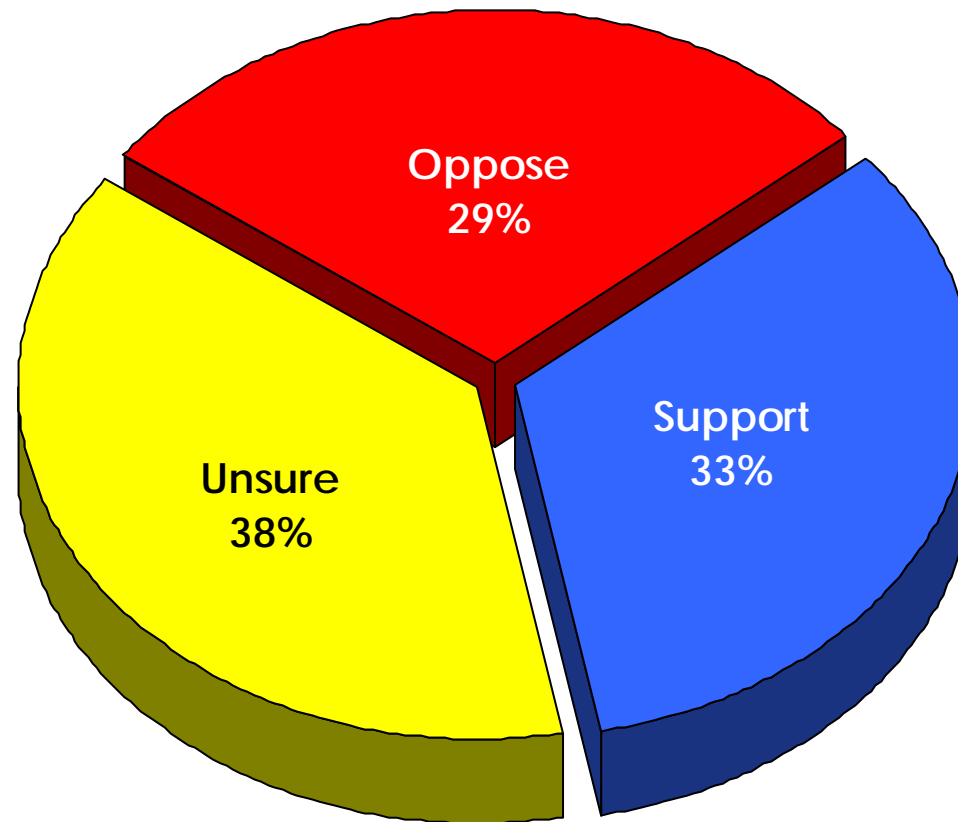
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Who do you think is in control of the federal government? That is, which political party do you think is in control of the federal government? Would you say it is the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?



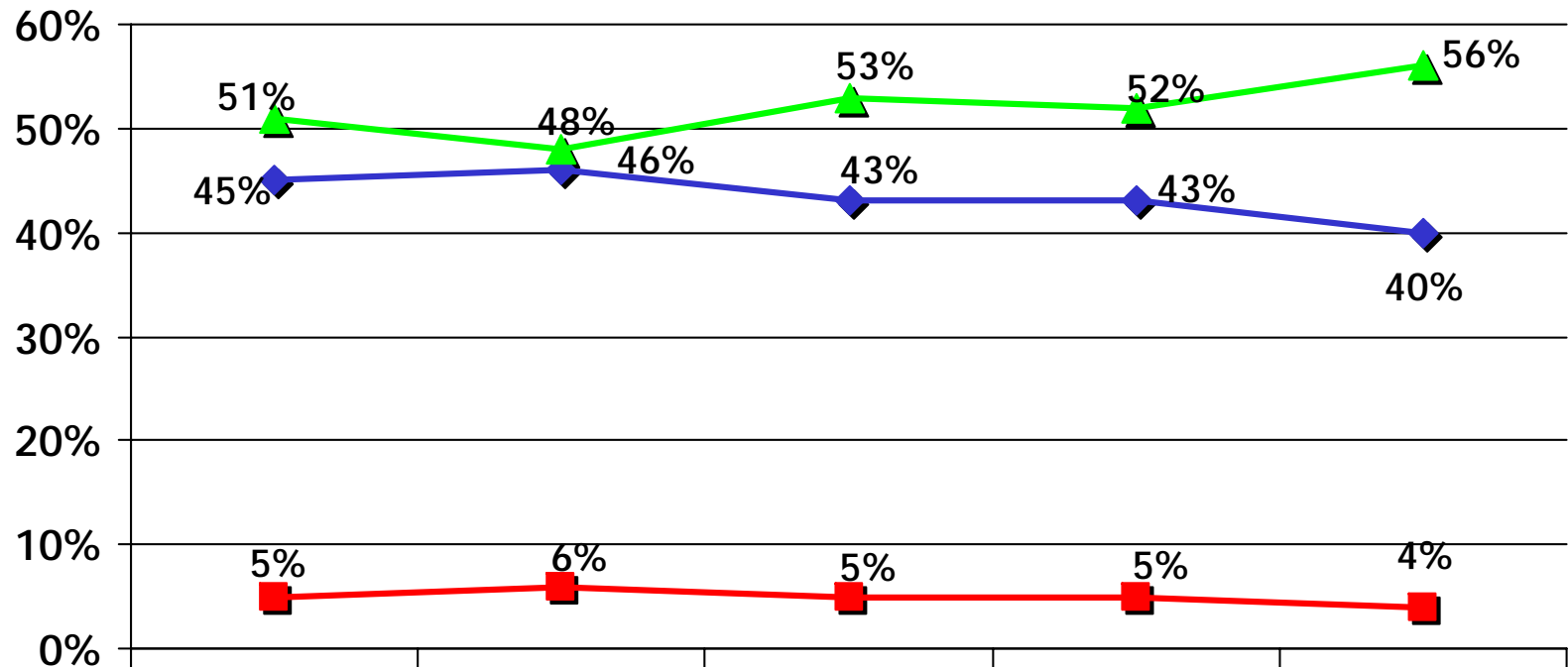
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If it is discovered that Iran has developed nuclear weapons, would you support or oppose the United States taking military action against Iran or are you unsure?



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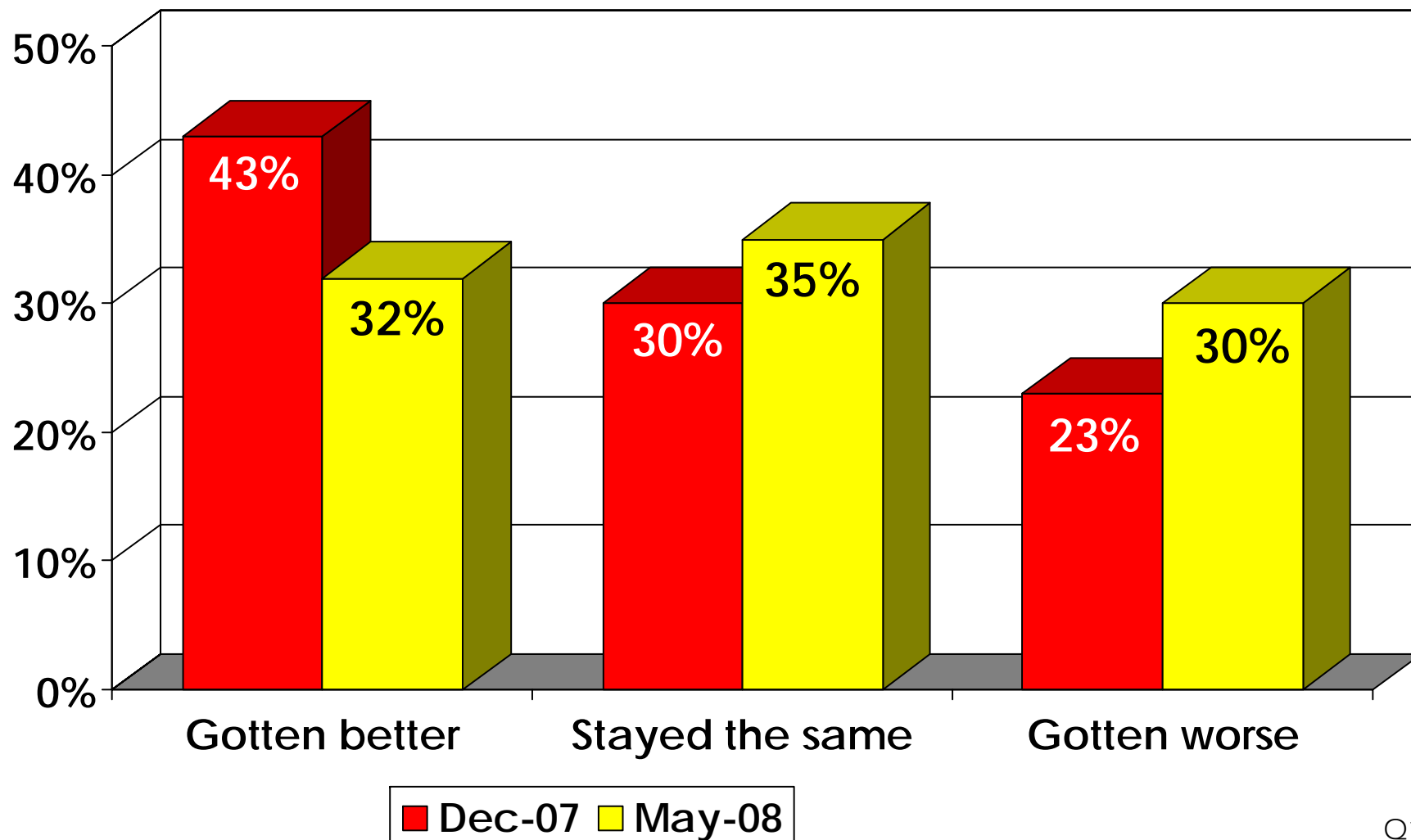
Now, thinking now about the war in Iraq – All in all, do you think the war in Iraq is worth fighting, or not?



	Sep-06	Jan-07	Jul-07	Dec-07	May-08
◆ Worth fighting	45%	46%	43%	43%	40%
■ Unsure	5%	6%	5%	5%	4%
▲ Not worth fighting	51%	48%	53%	52%	56%

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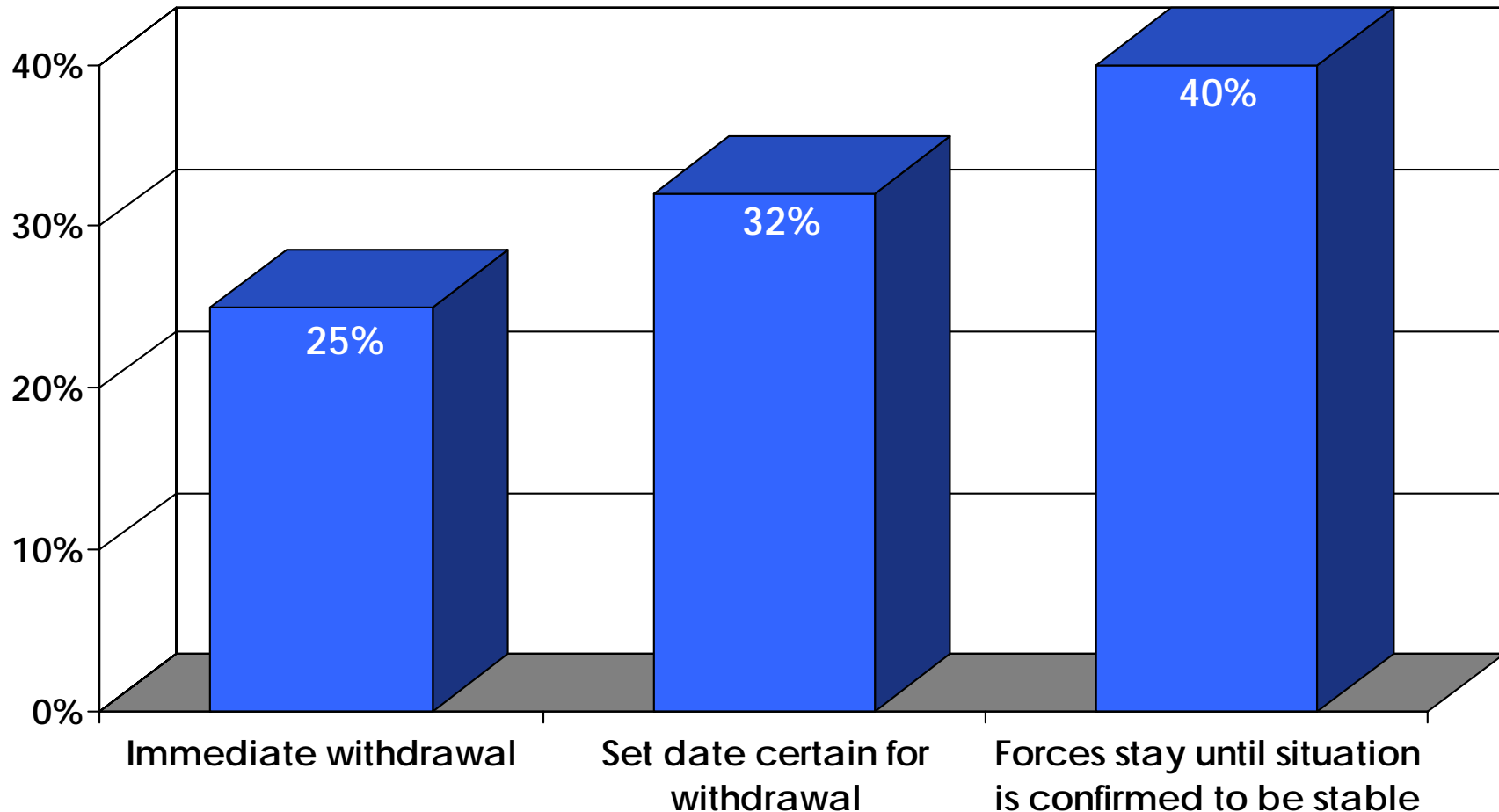
Do you believe that the situation in Iraq has gotten better, stayed the same, or gotten worse – over the past six months?



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Please tell me which one of these statements comes closest to your own view about Iraq:

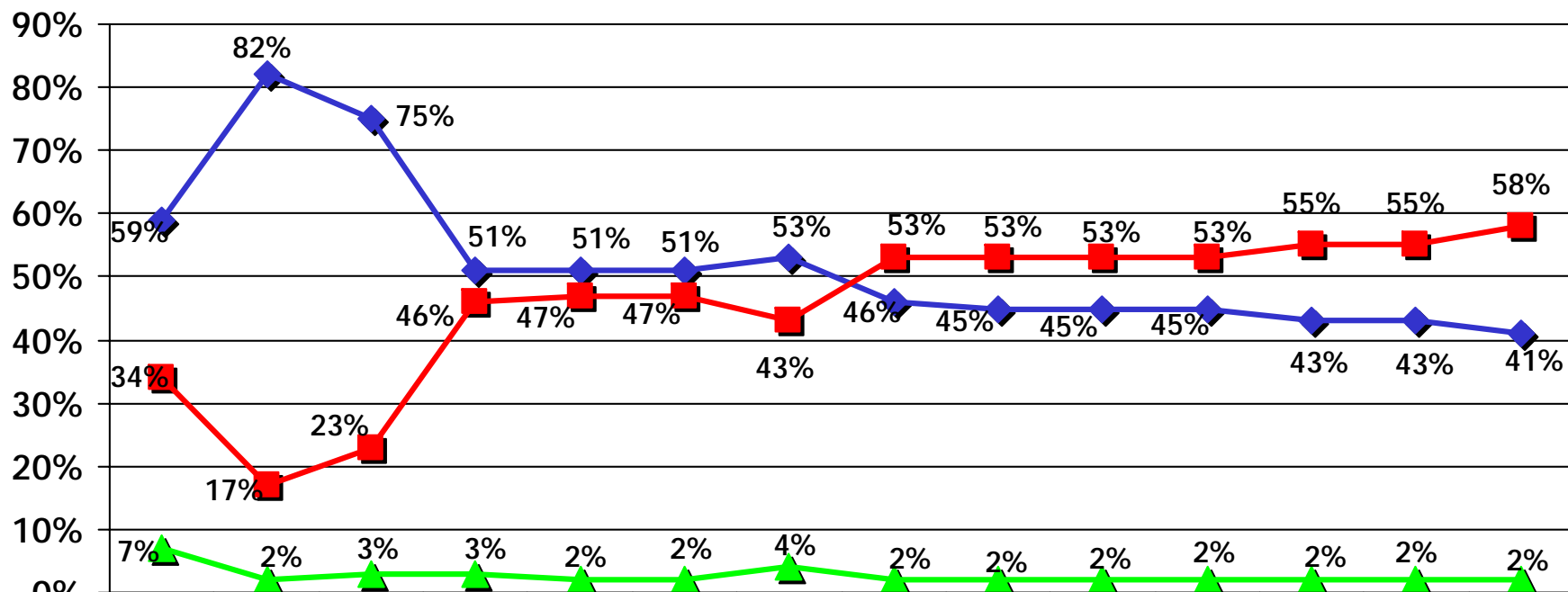
- The US should begin immediately withdrawing all troops from Iraq. This is now a job for Iraqi forces to handle.
- The US should set a date certain, no more than two years from now, when all troops will be withdrawn from Iraq, and start bringing some troops home immediately.
- The US should keep its 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



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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"

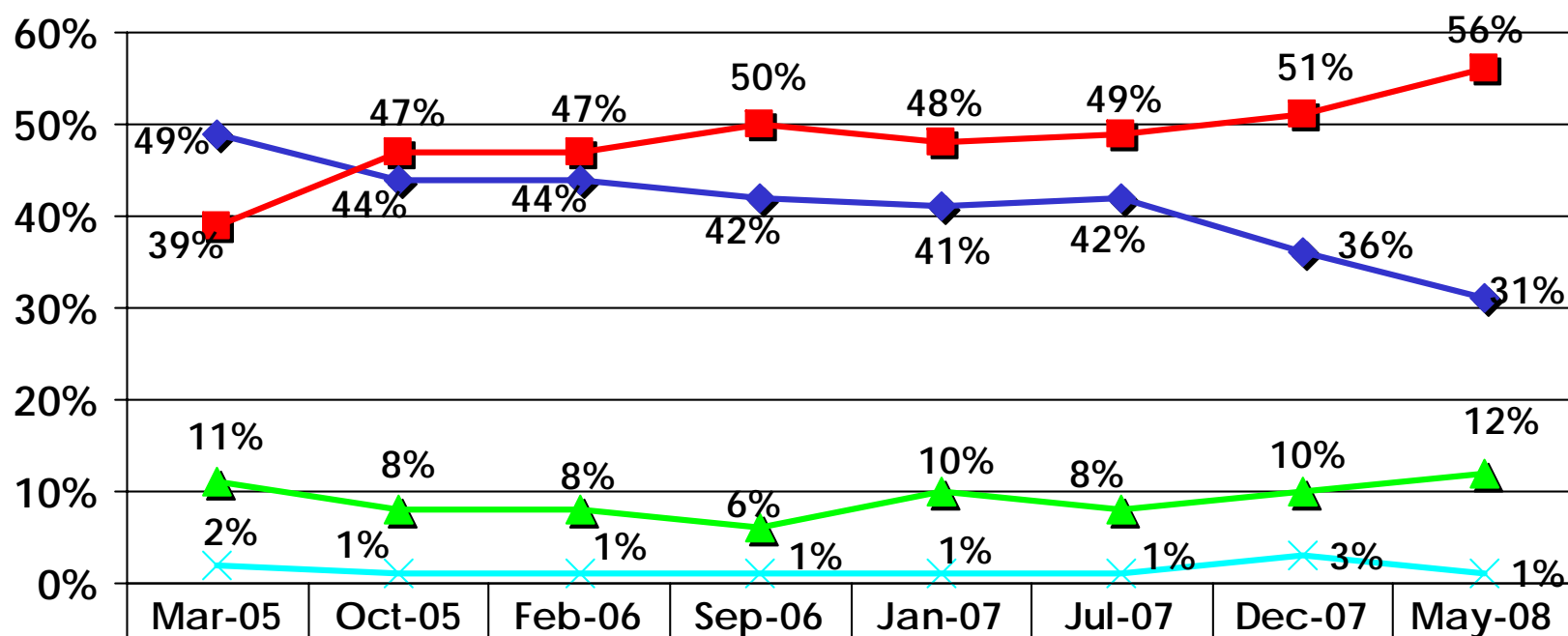


◆ Favorable	59%	82%	75%	51%	51%	51%	53%	46%	45%	45%	45%	43%	43%	41%
■ Unfavorable	34%	17%	23%	46%	47%	47%	43%	53%	53%	53%	53%	55%	55%	58%
▲ No Opinion	7%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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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.

"The Republicans in Congress"

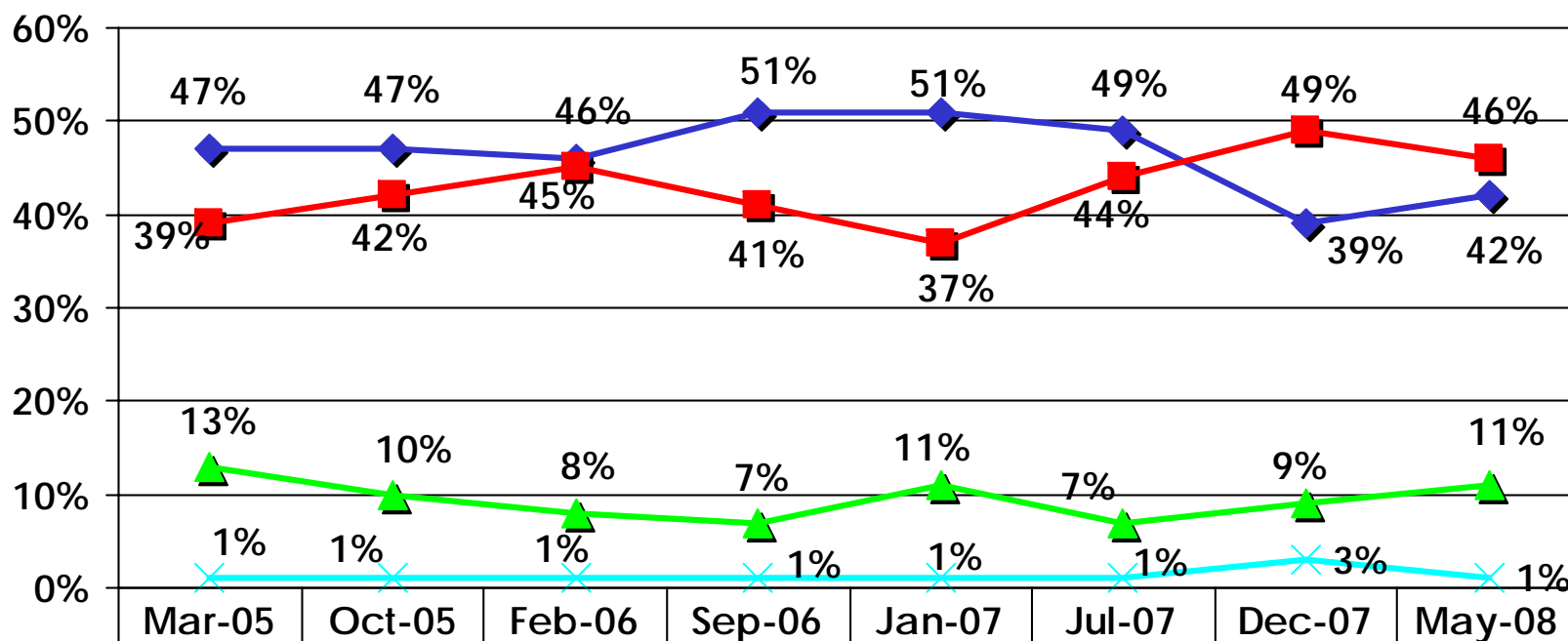


◆ Favorable	49%	44%	44%	42%	41%	42%	36%	31%
■ Unfavorable	39%	47%	47%	50%	48%	49%	51%	56%
▲ No Opinion	11%	8%	8%	6%	10%	8%	10%	12%
✕ Never heard of	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%

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“The Democrats in Congress”

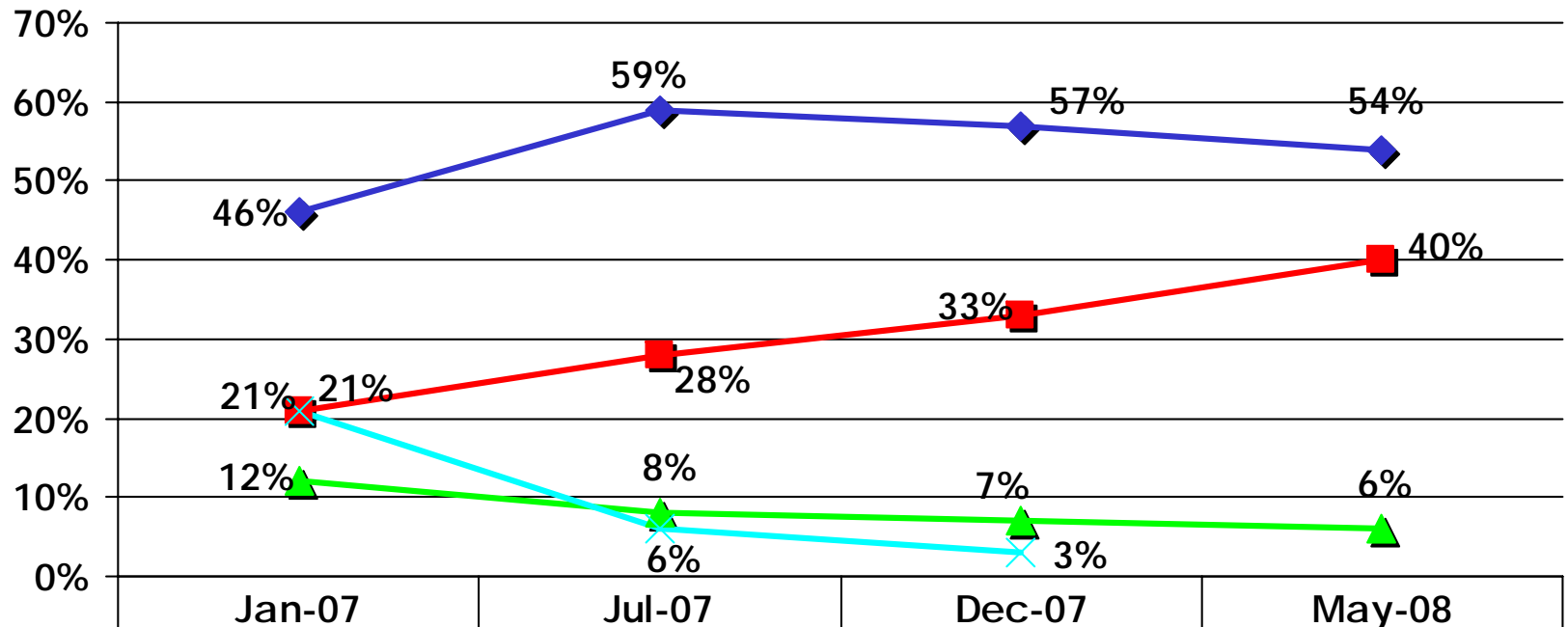


◆ Favorable	47%	47%	46%	51%	51%	49%	39%	42%
■ Unfavorable	39%	42%	45%	41%	37%	44%	49%	46%
▲ No Opinion	13%	10%	8%	7%	11%	7%	9%	11%
✕ Never heard of	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%

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Please tell me if you have heard of this person, and if so, whether you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person.

"Barack Obama"

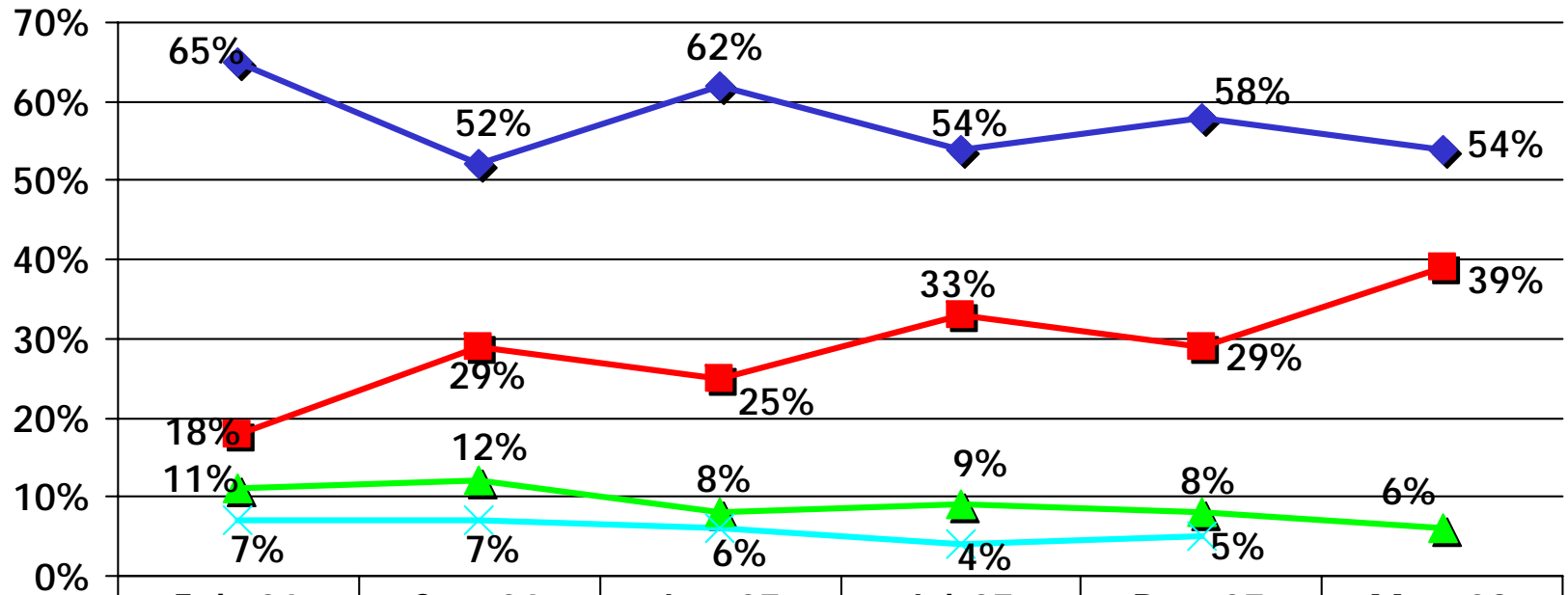


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"John McCain"

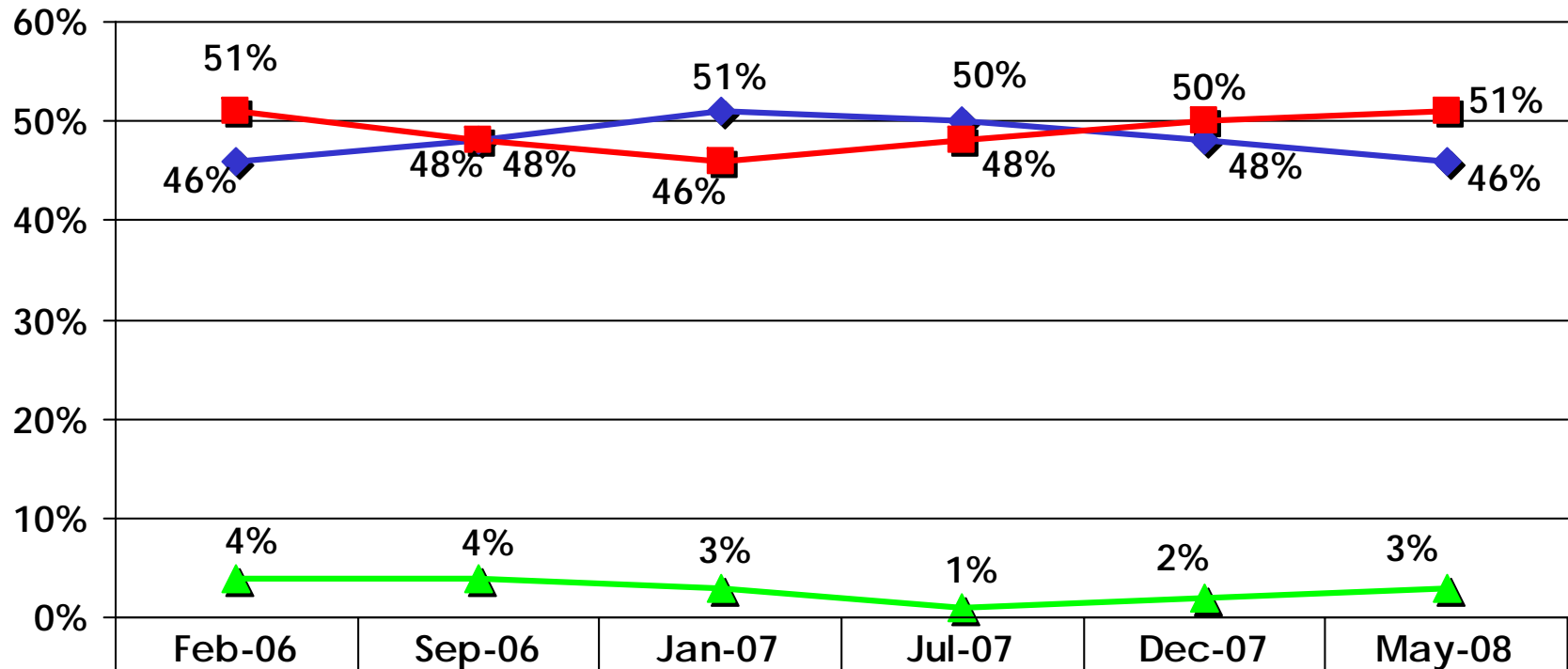


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■ Unfavorable	18%	29%	25%	33%	29%	39%
▲ No Opinion	11%	12%	8%	9%	8%	6%
✕ Never heard of	7%	7%	6%	4%	5%	

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"Hillary Clinton"

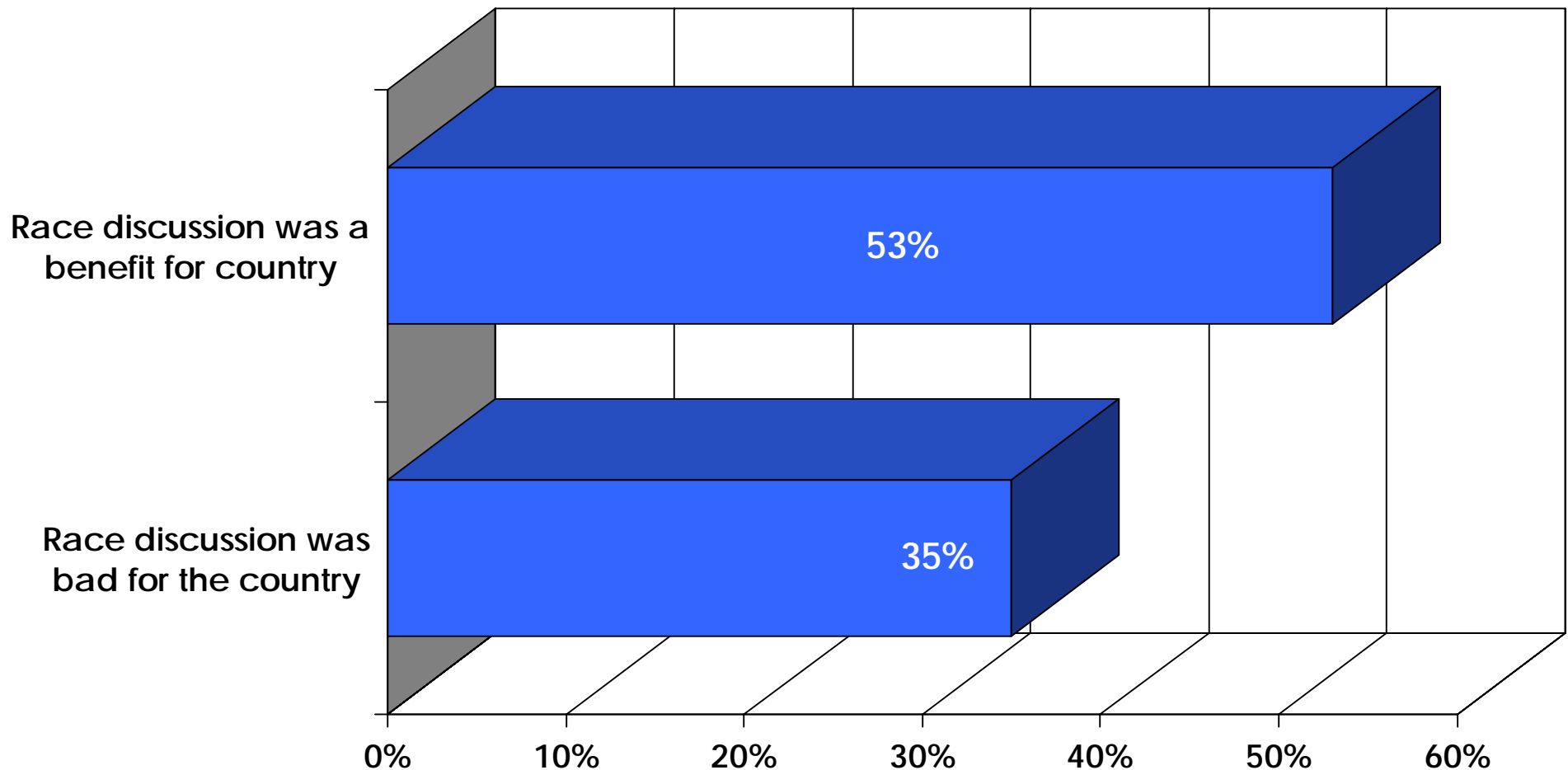


◆ Favorable	46%	48%	51%	50%	48%	46%
■ Unfavorable	51%	48%	46%	48%	50%	51%
▲ No Opinion	4%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%

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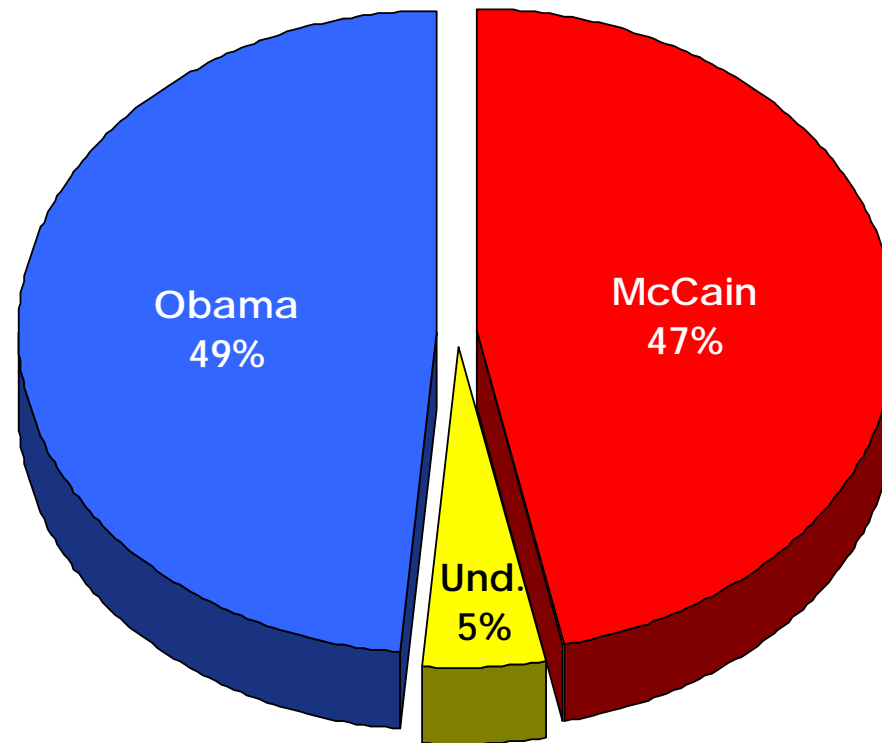
Now I'd like to read you two viewpoints about the issue of race and this the Democratic nomination for President. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own.

- The issue of race being raised in this campaign was a benefit for the country because it provided a thoughtful way to have a conversation about race relations.
- The issue of race being raised in this campaign was bad for the country because it worsened race relations.



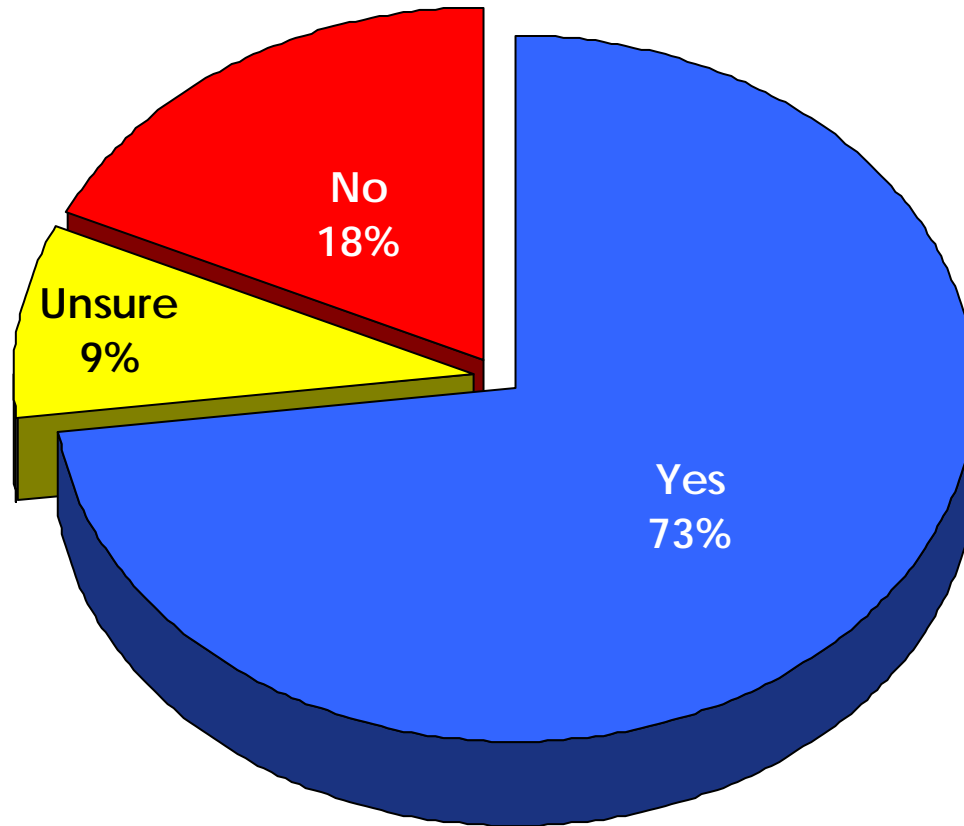
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If the election for President were held today and you had to make a choice between these two candidates, for whom would you vote John McCain, the Republican, or Barack Obama, the Democrat?



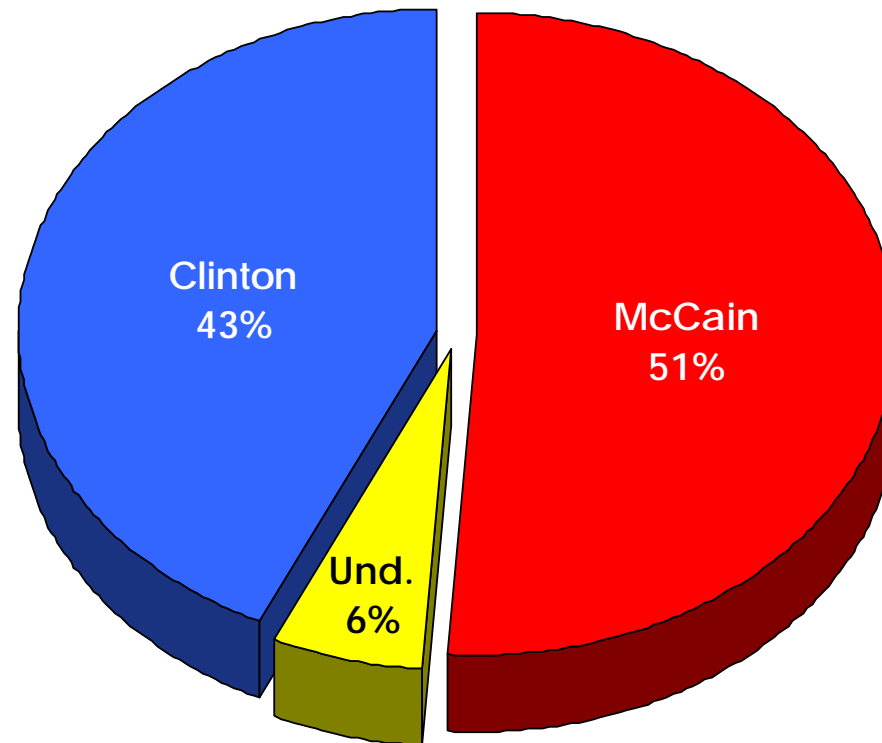
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If Hillary Clinton is the Democratic nominee instead of Barack Obama, do you plan to vote for her?
(Among Obama voters only)



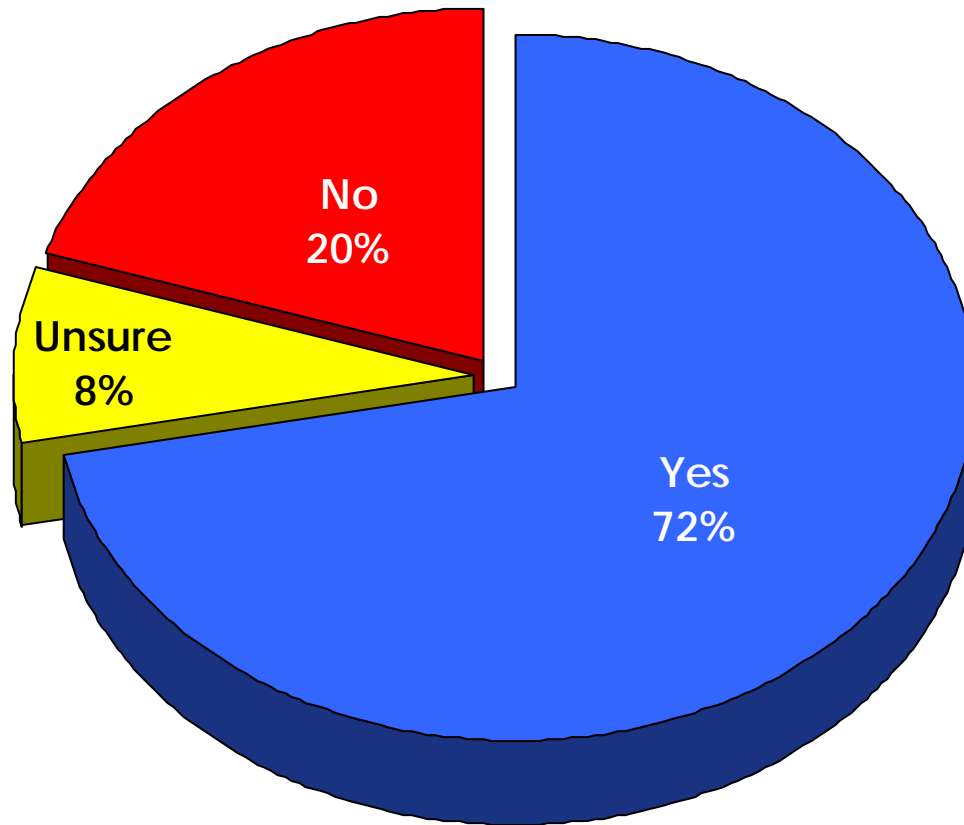
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If the election for President were held today and you had to make a choice between these two candidates, for whom would you vote John McCain, the Republican, or Hillary Clinton, the Democrat?



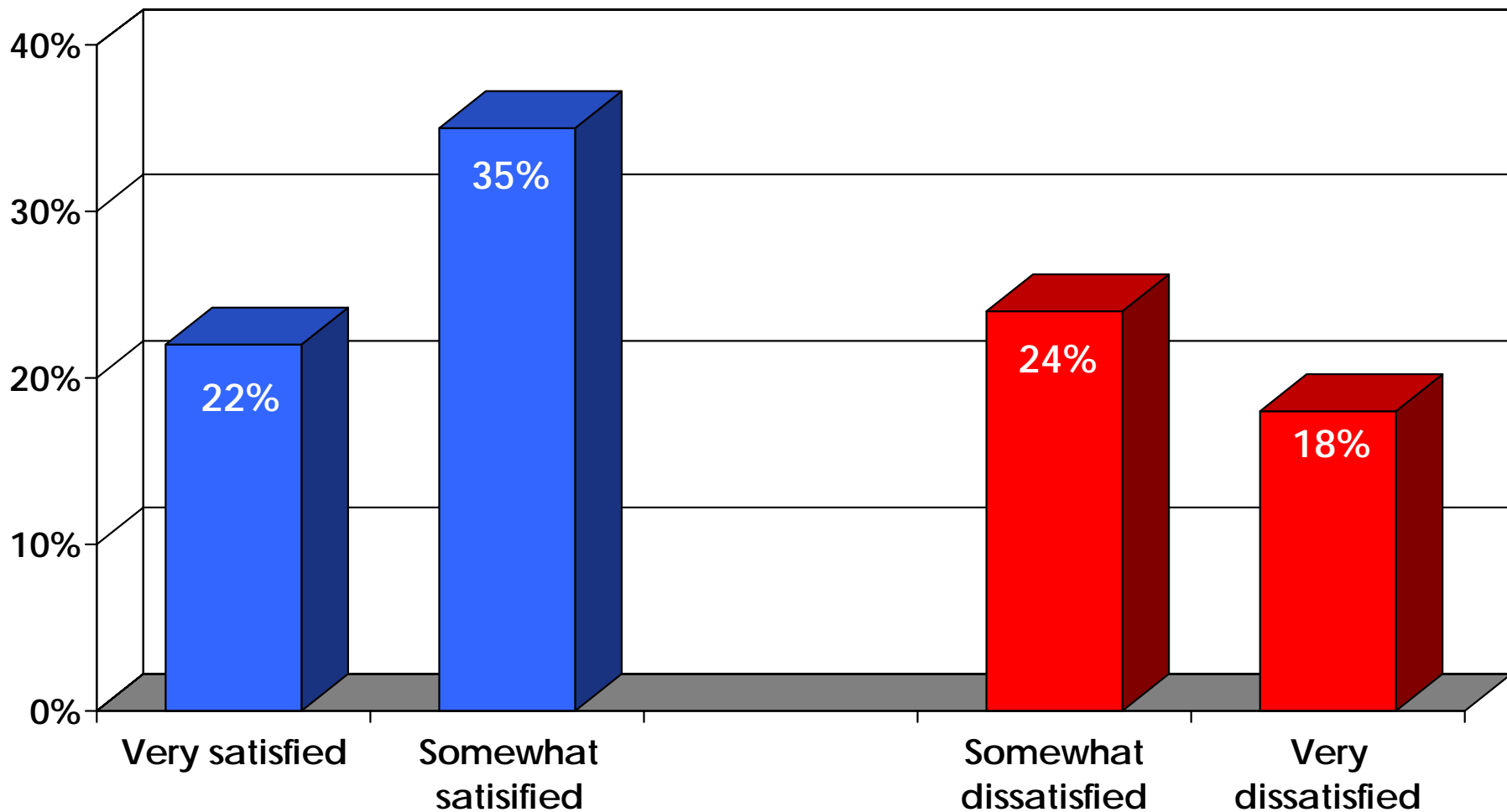
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If Barack Obama is the Democratic nominee instead of Hillary Clinton, do you plan to vote for him?
(Among Clinton voters only)



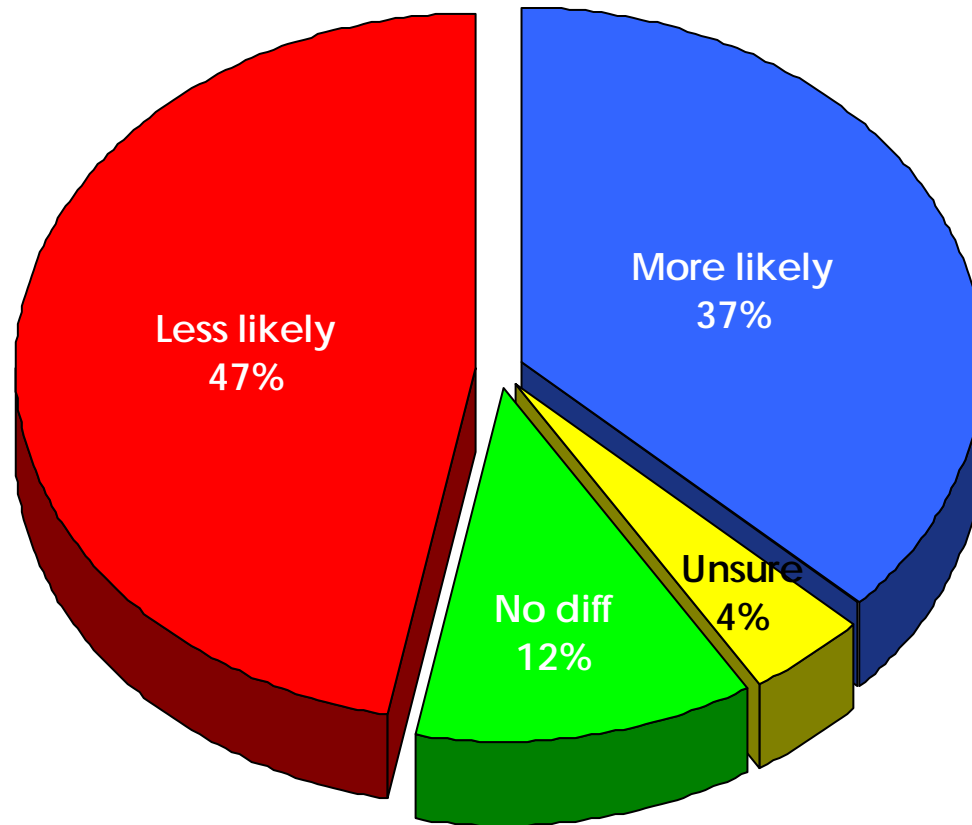
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Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the choice of candidates for president this year -- are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?



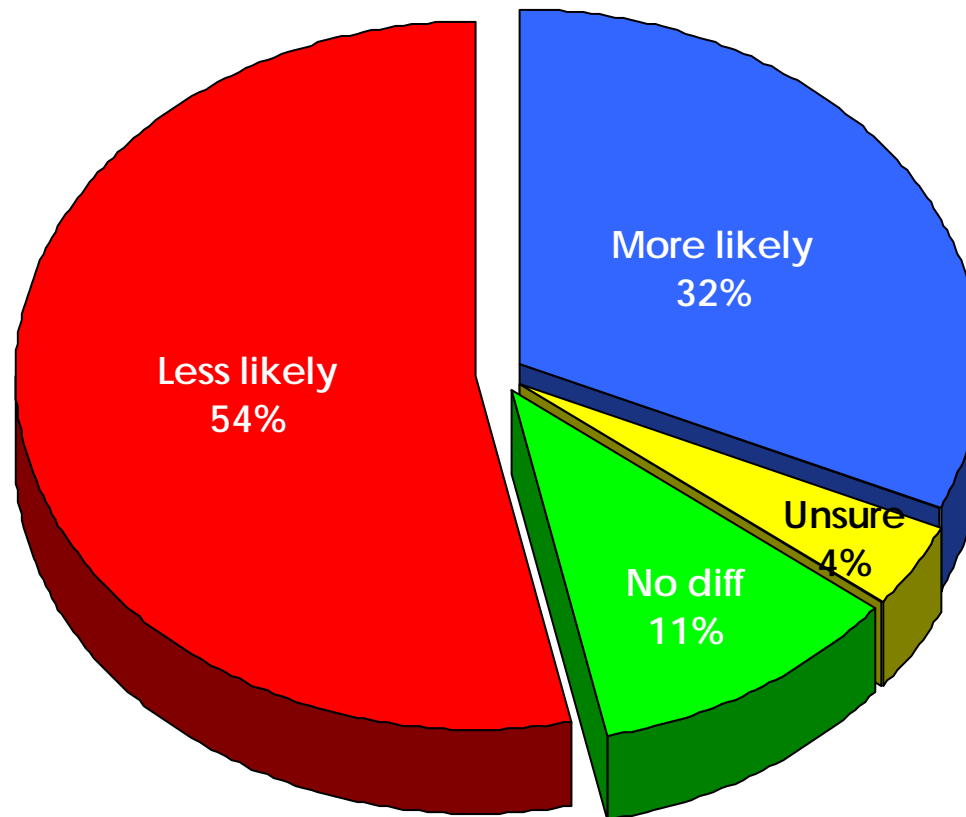
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Thinking about what you might have seen, read or heard recently about Barack Obama, has it made you more likely or less likely to vote for him?



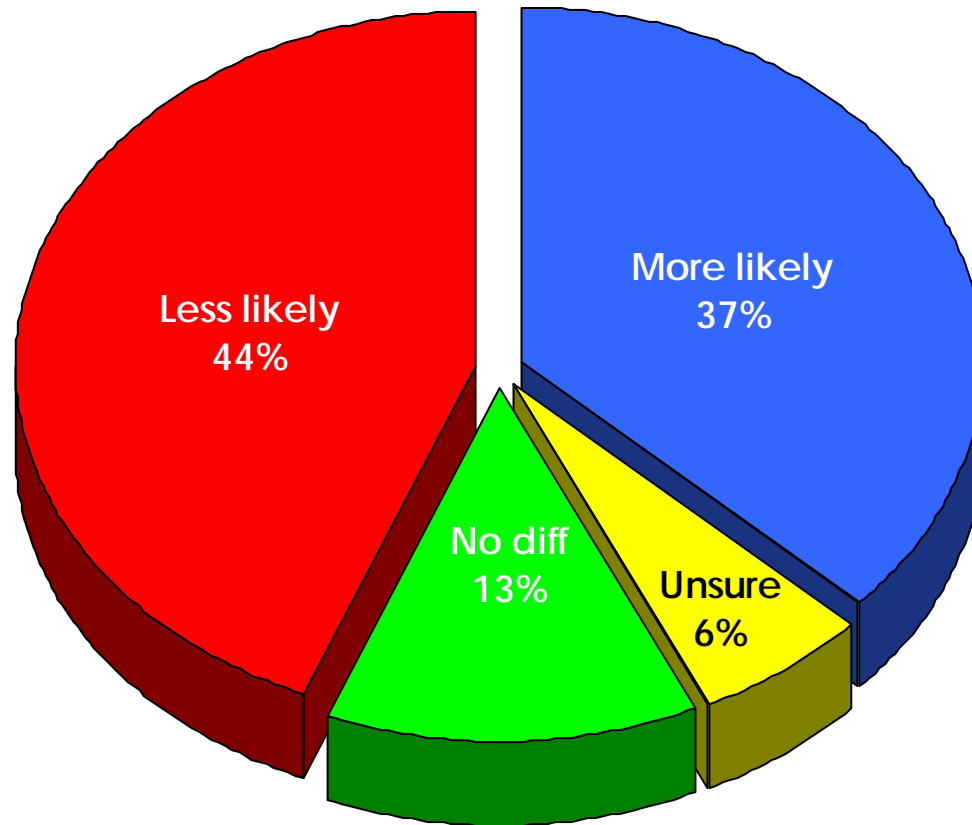
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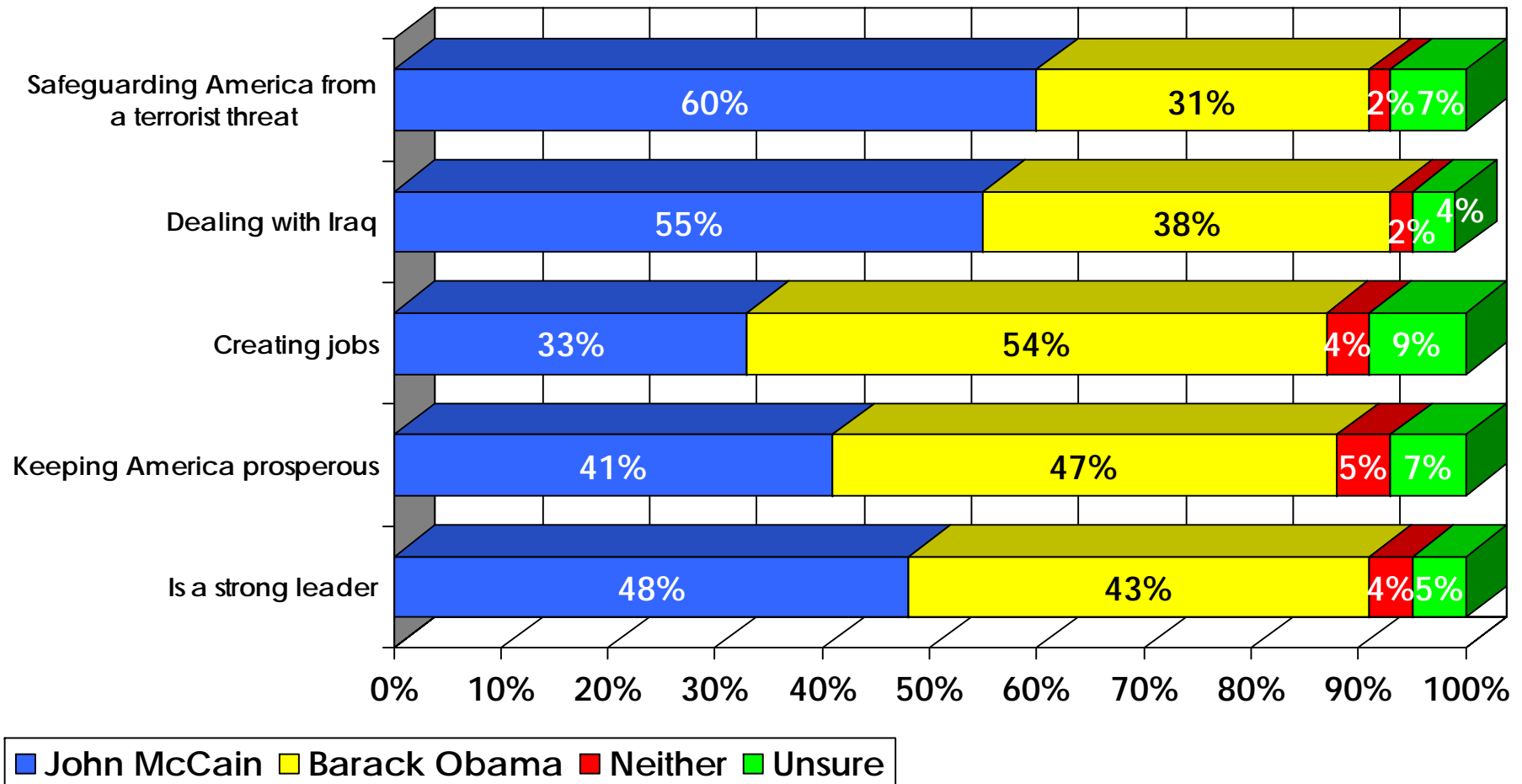
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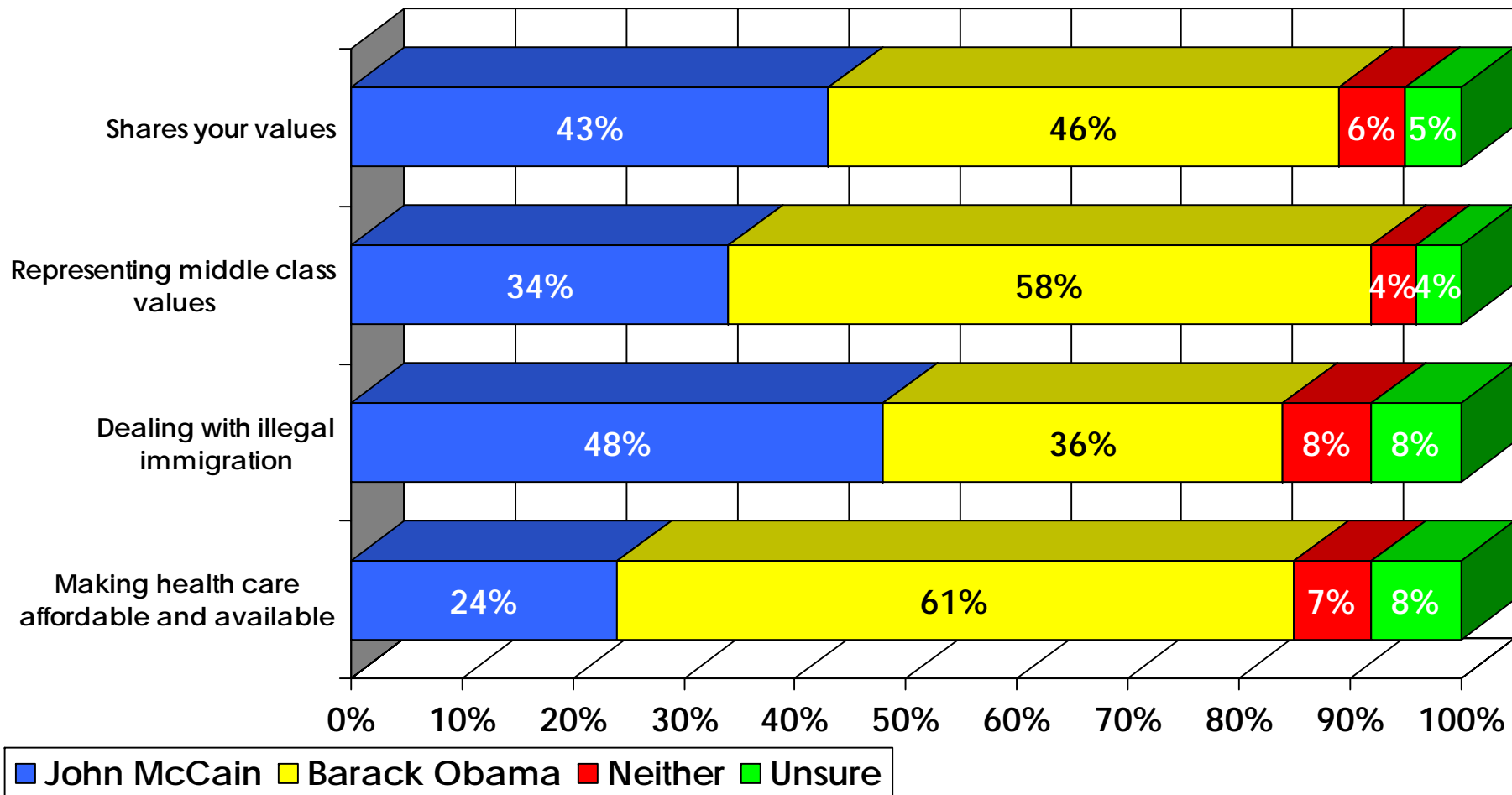
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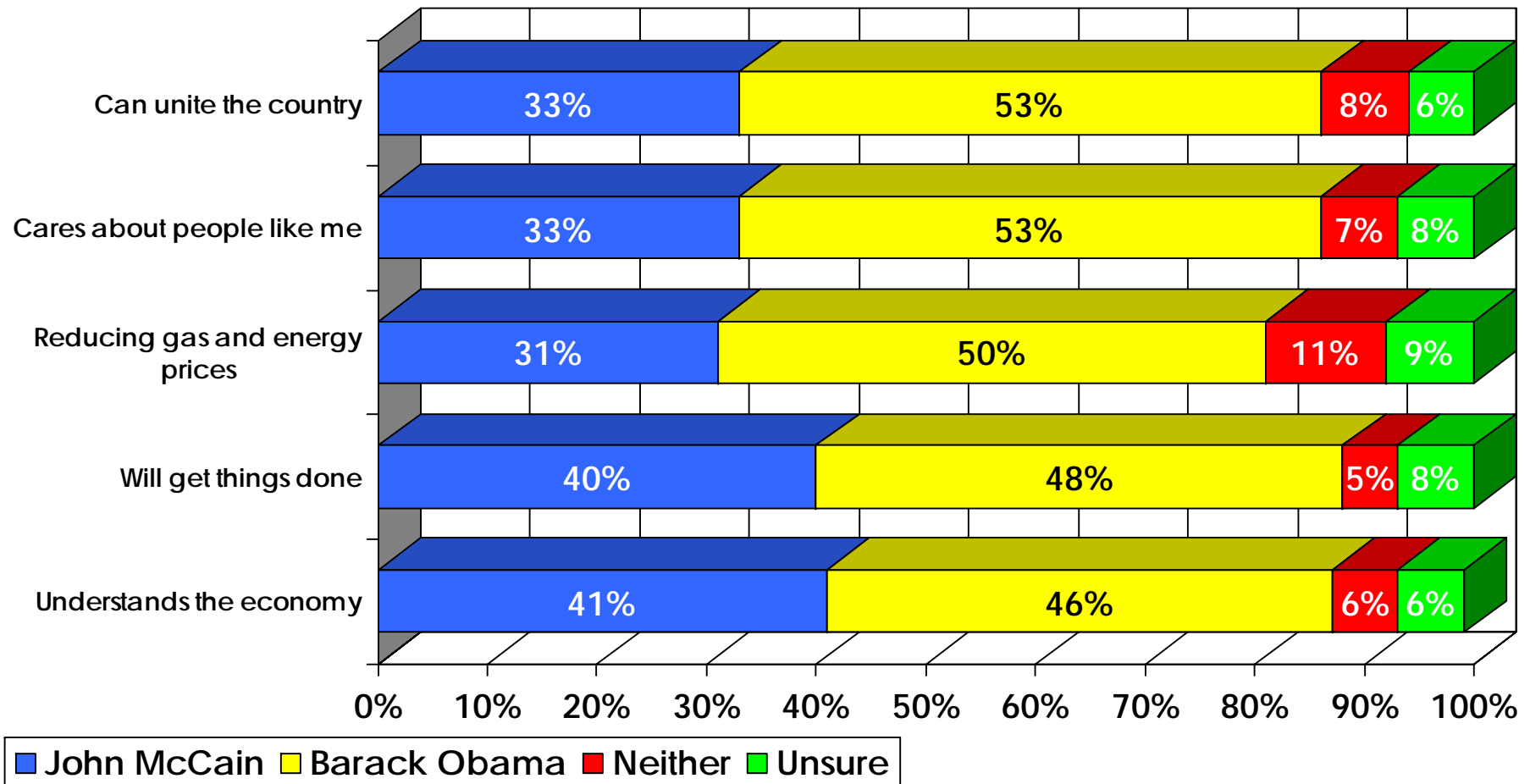
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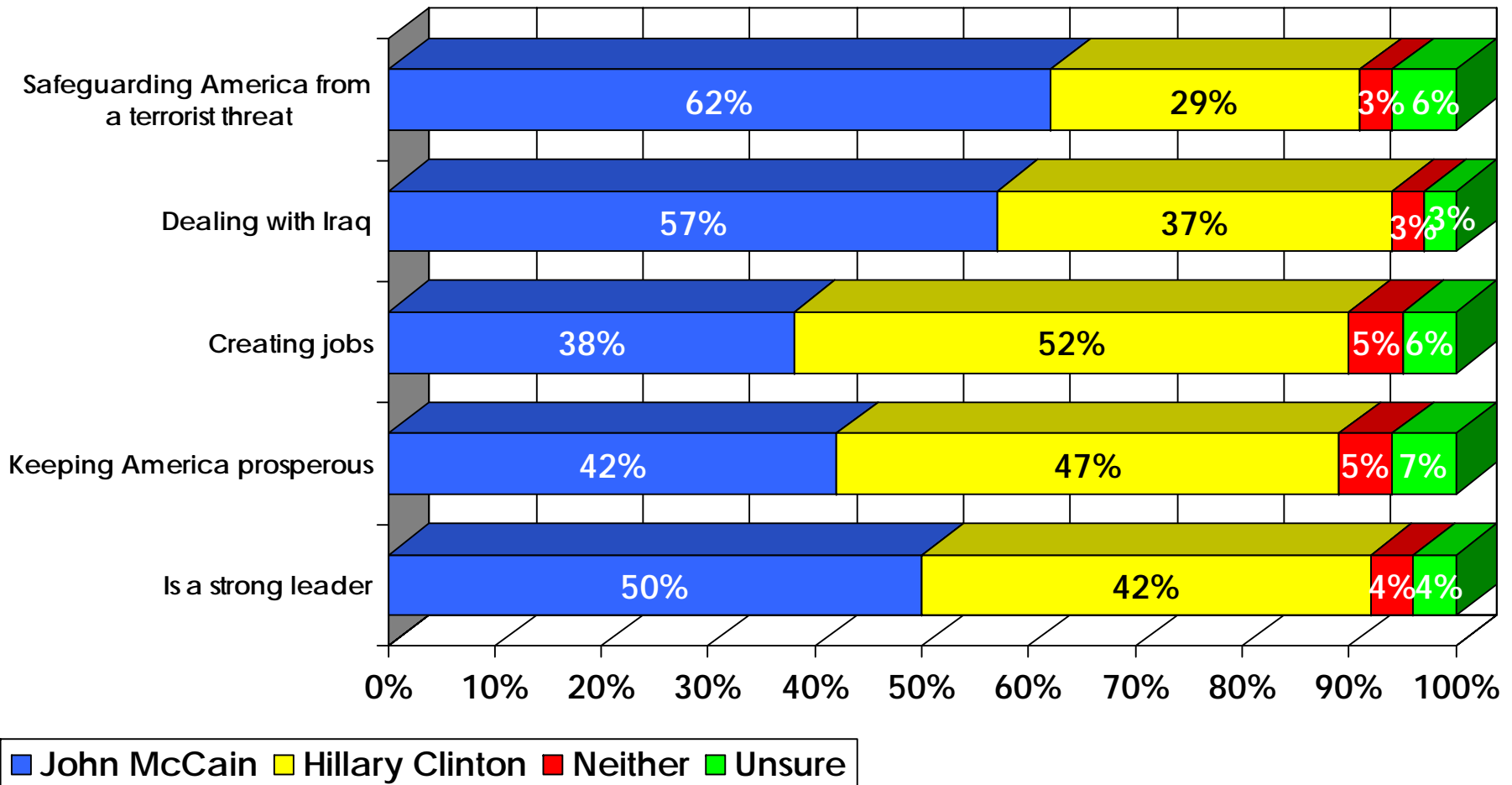
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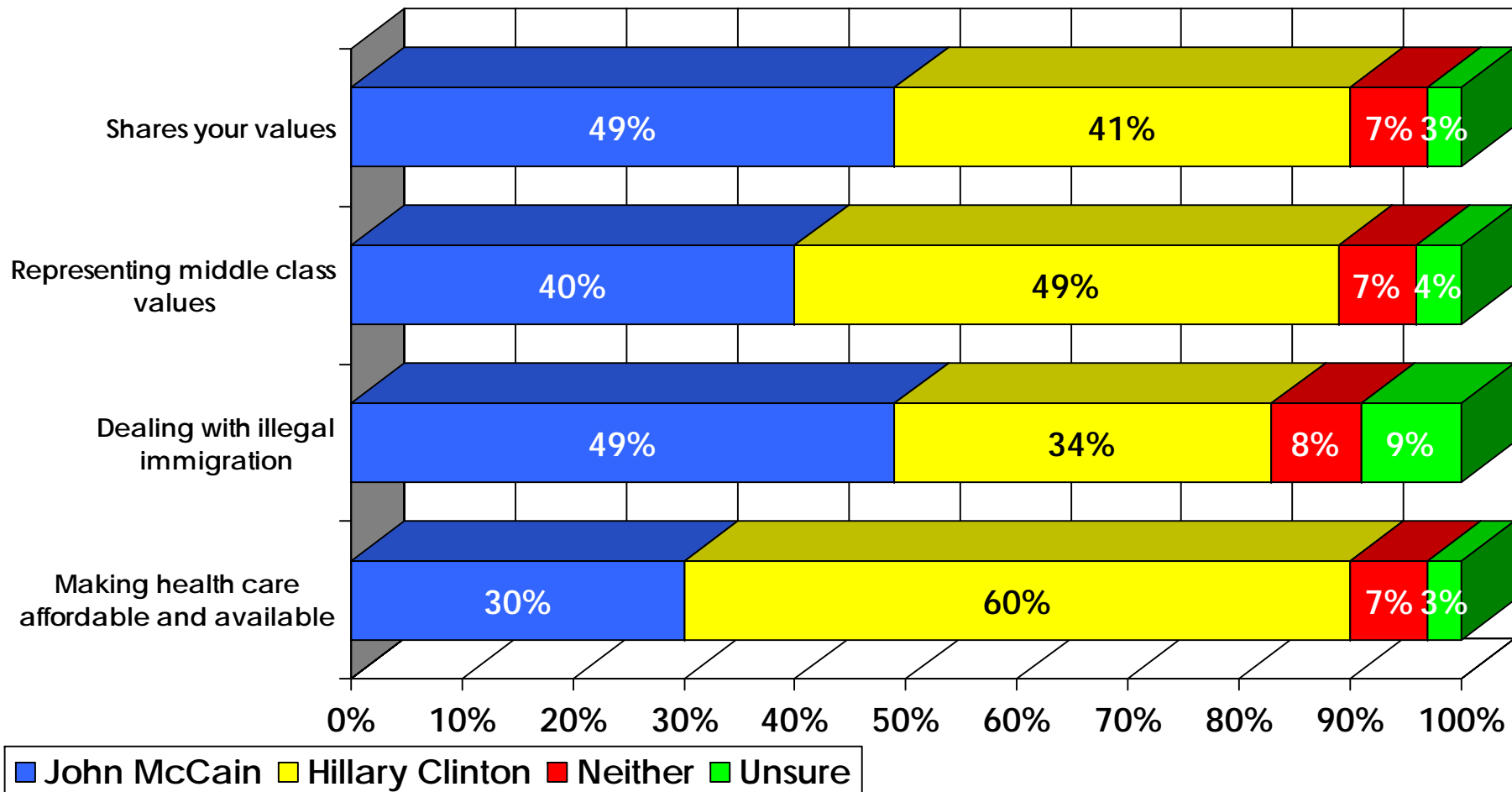
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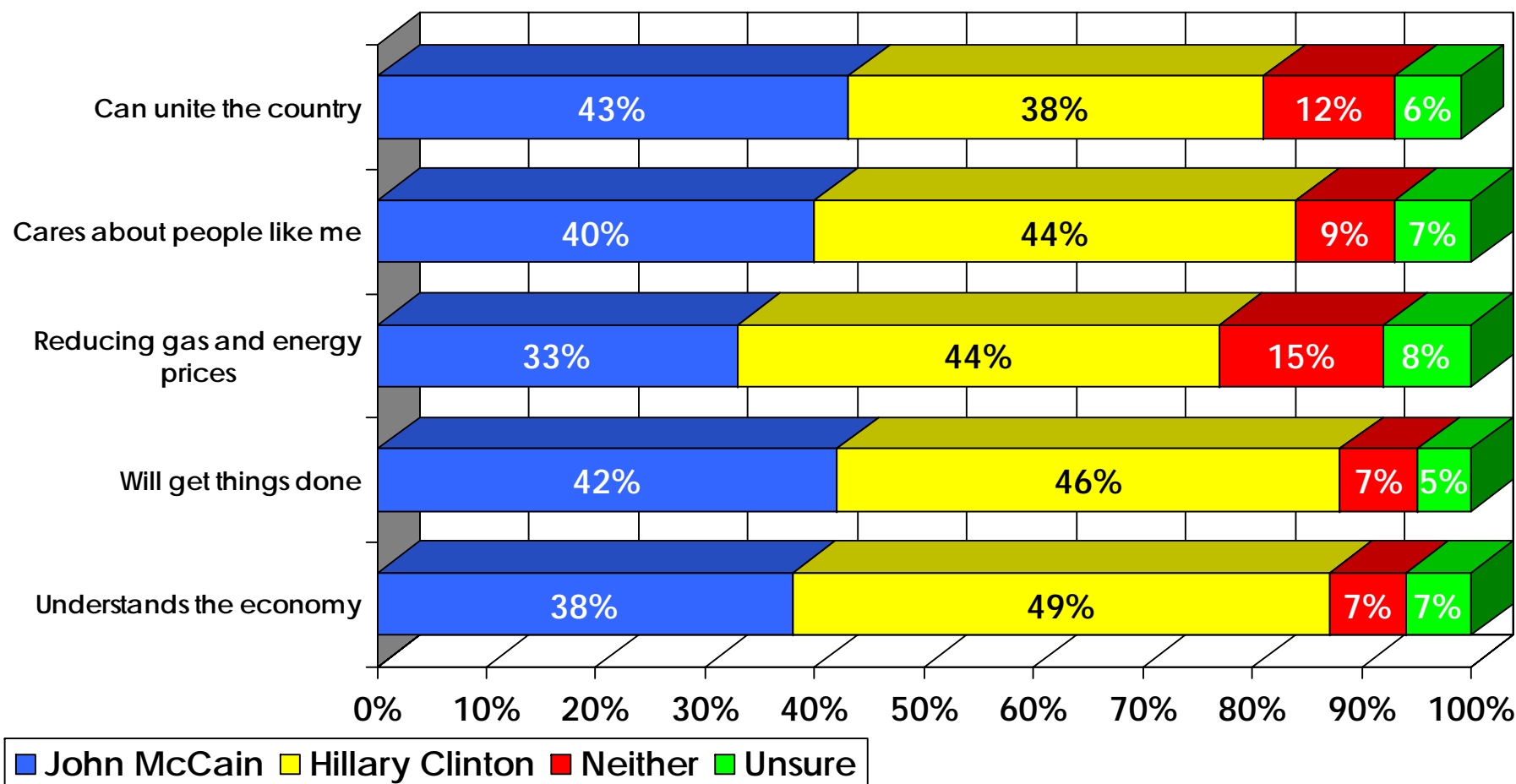
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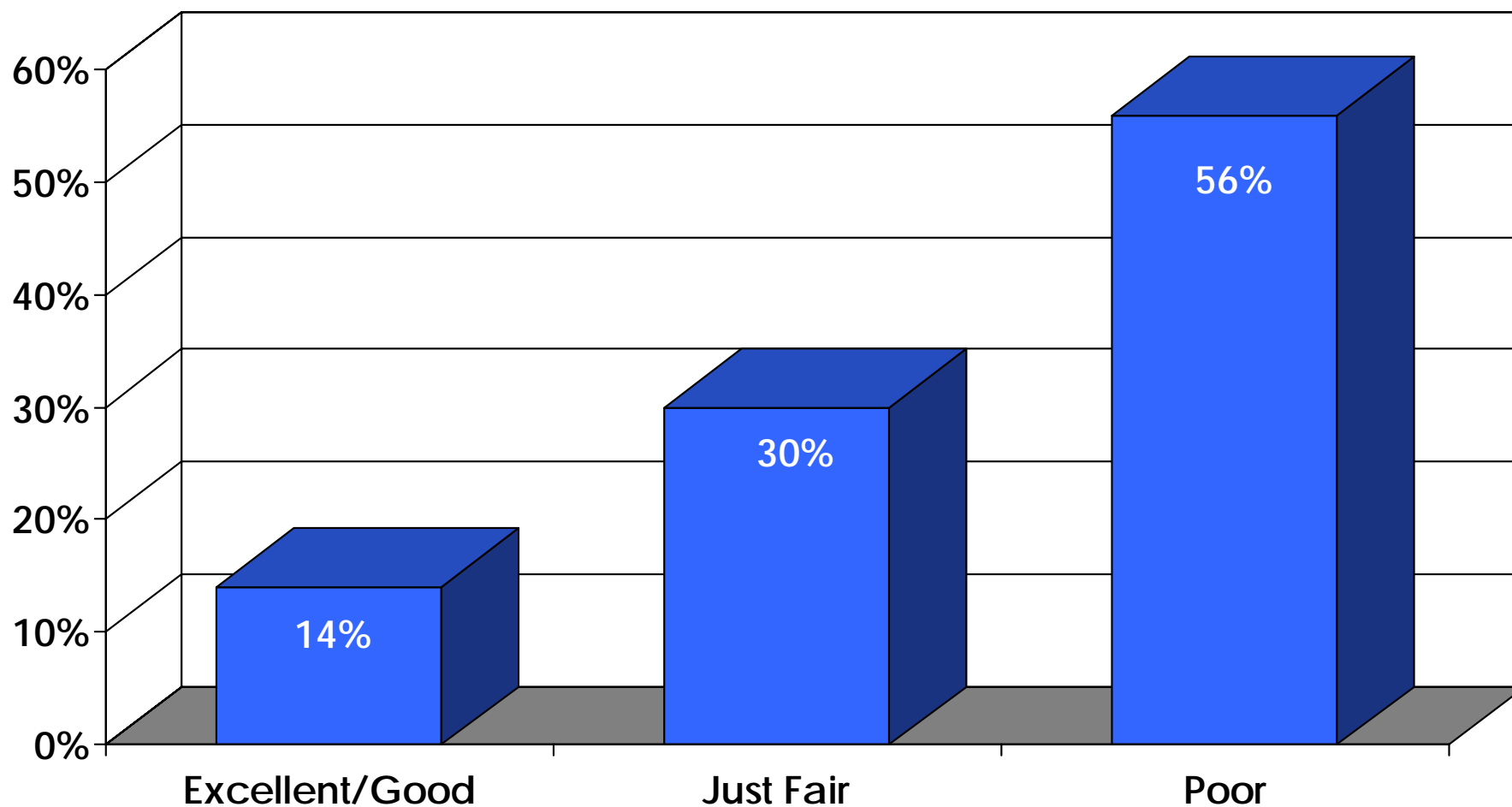
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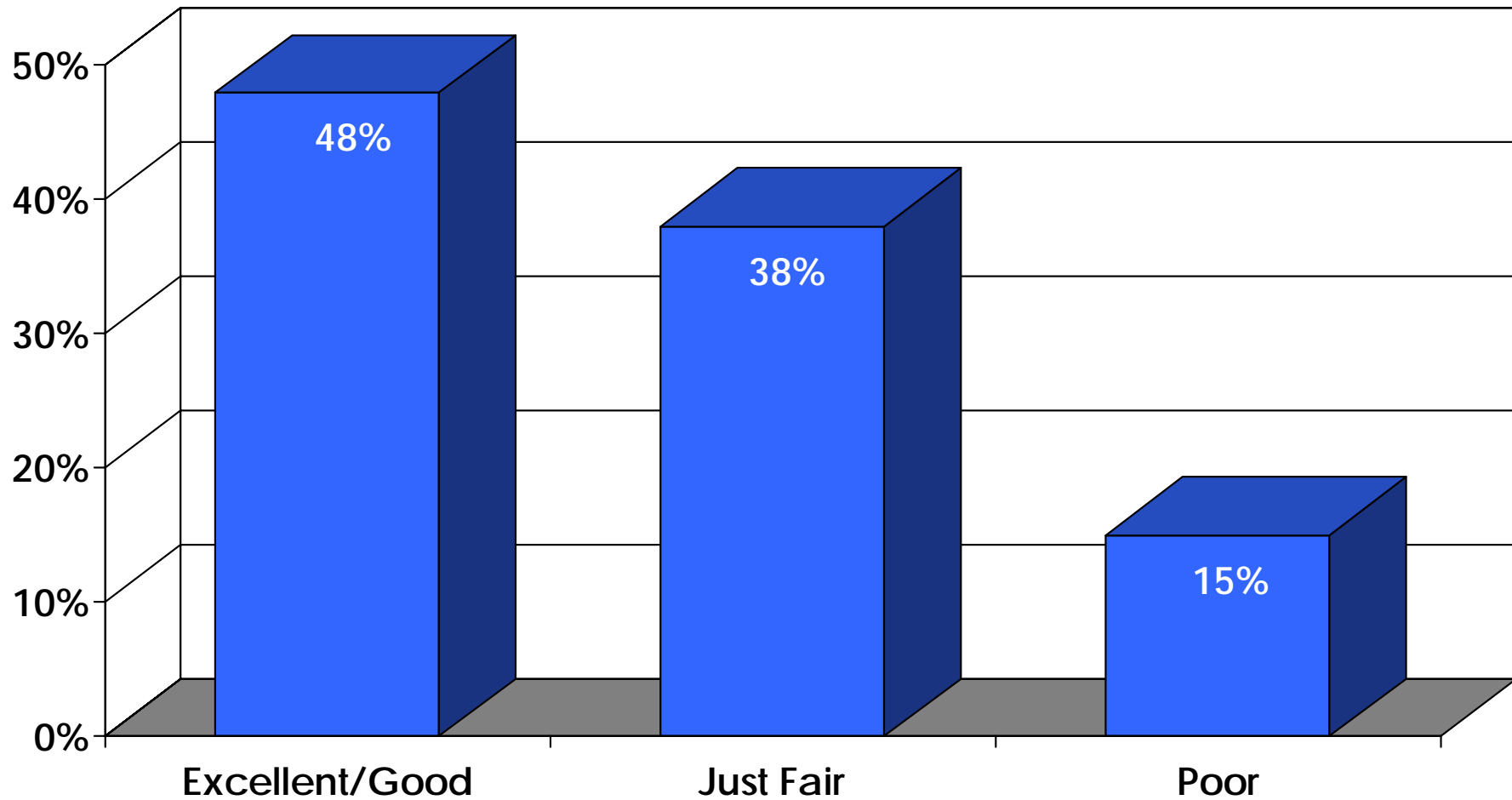
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In thinking about the economy, how would you rate the current state of the economy?



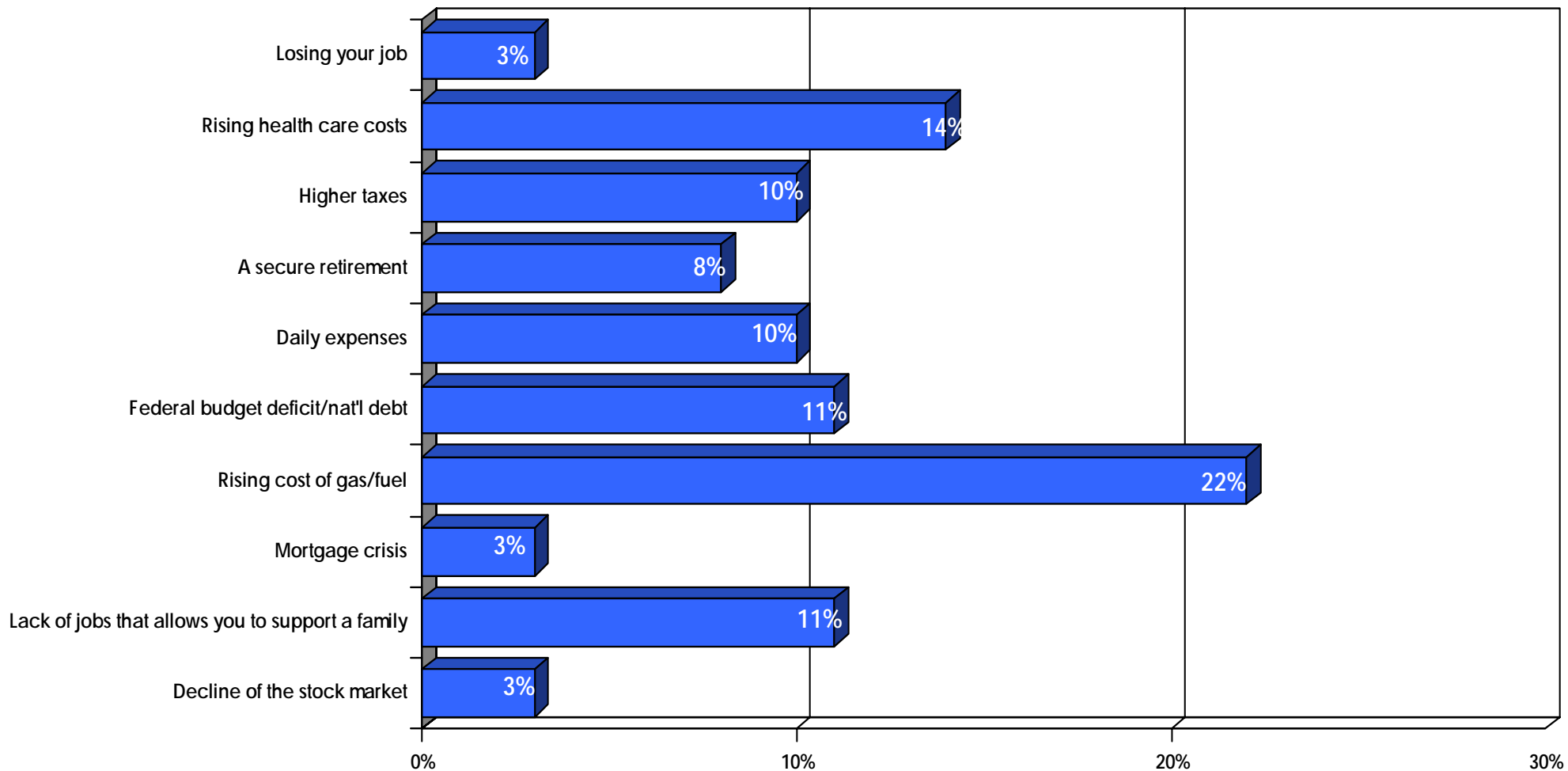
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In thinking about the economy, how would you rate your personal economic situation?



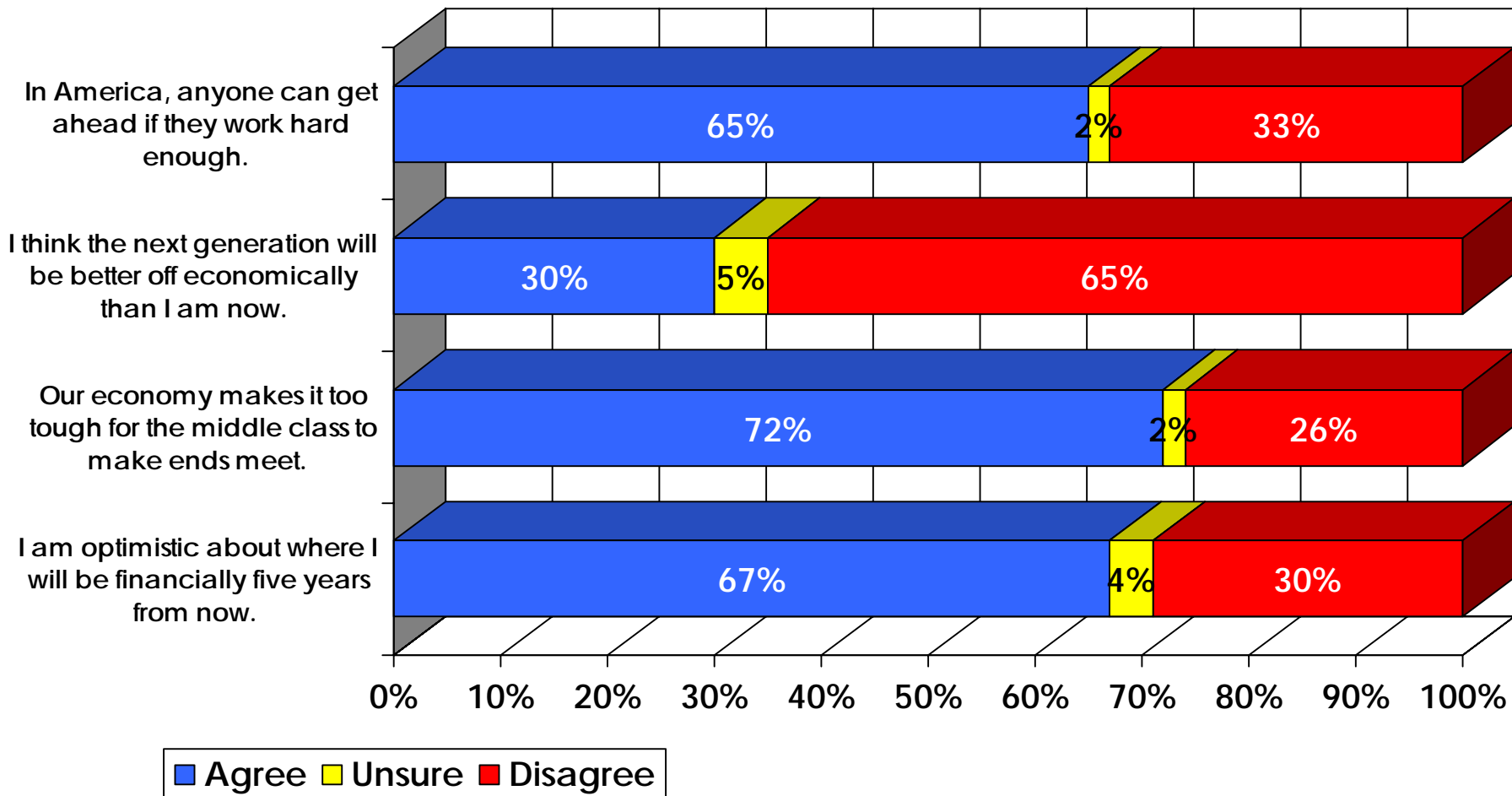
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Thinking about your own situation, what current economic issue is most important in determining your vote for President?



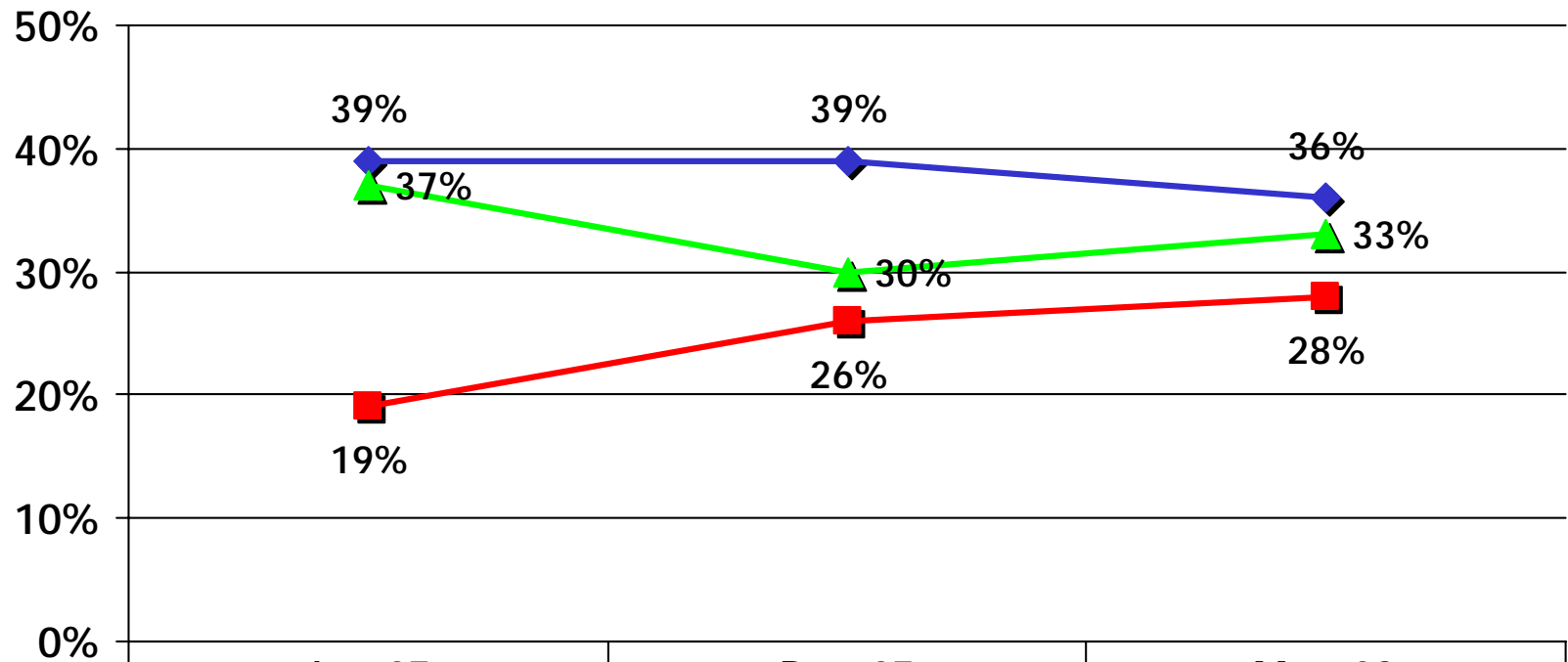
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Now, I would like to read you a list of statements that some people made. Please listen carefully as I read each statement and tell me if you would agree or disagree with that particular statement.



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Now, thinking about the future...
Do you believe that in the future your children will be—
better off, about the same, or worse off than you are right now?



	Jan-07	Dec-07	May-08
◆ Better off	39%	39%	36%
■ About the same	19%	26%	28%
▲ Worse off	37%	30%	33%