

THE TARRANCE GROUP LAKE RESEARCH

April 29 - May 3, 2012 / N=1,000 Registered “likely” voters / ±3.1% M.O.E.

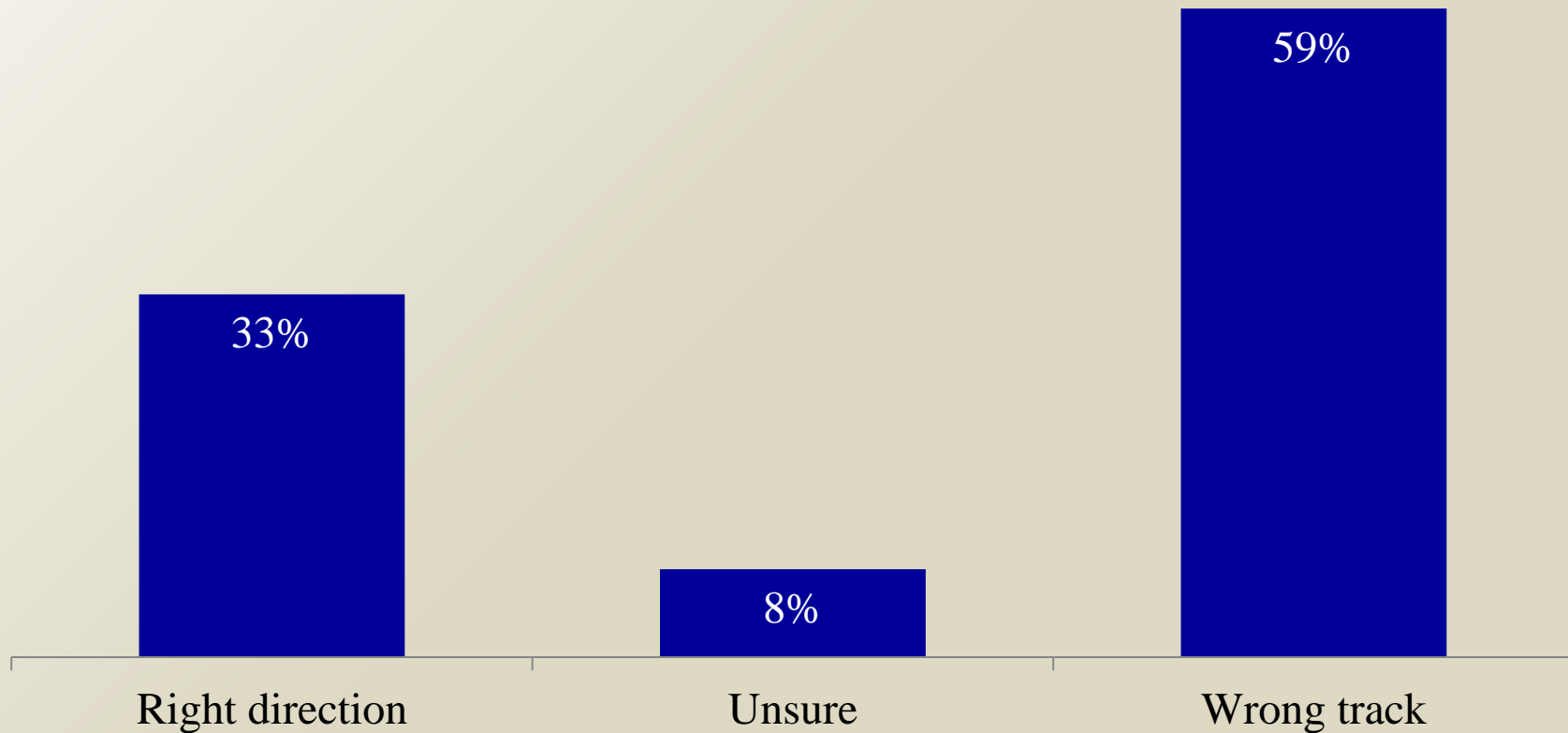


THE POLITICO-GW BATTLEGROUND POLL

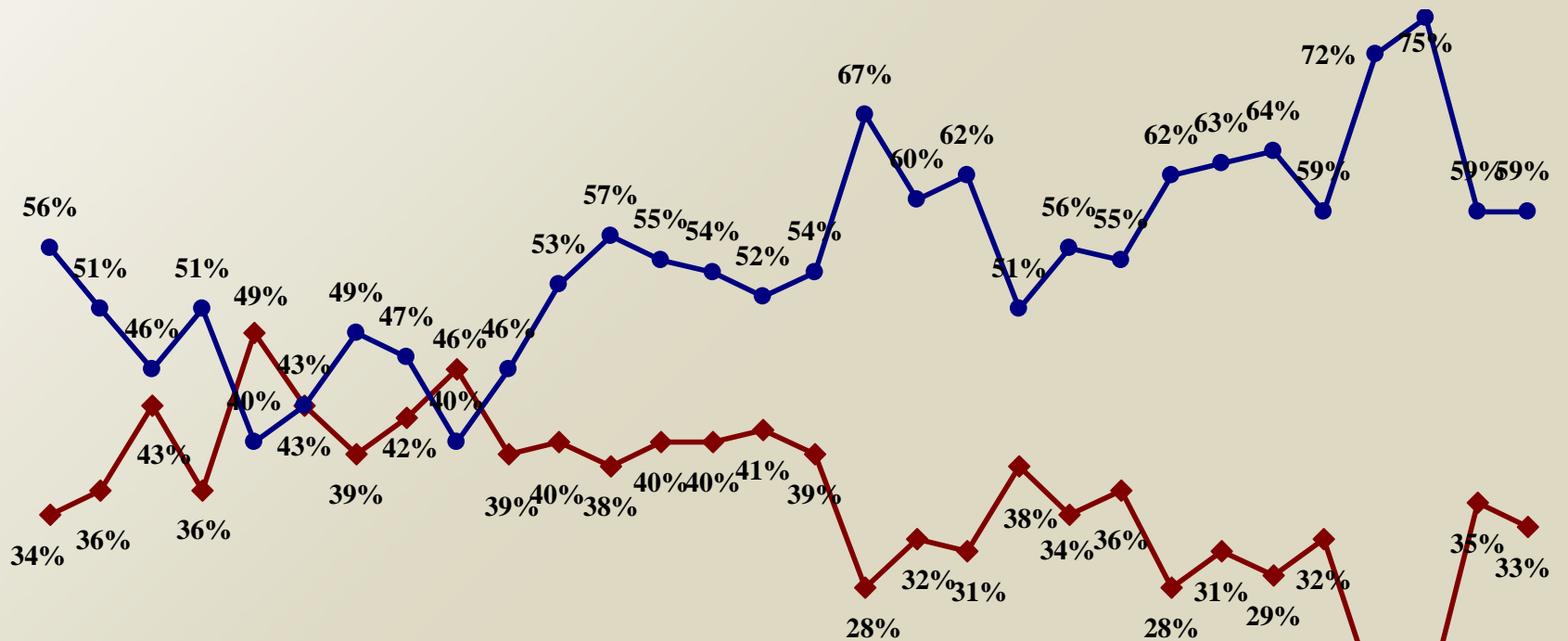
A national survey of 1,000 Registered “Likely” Voters



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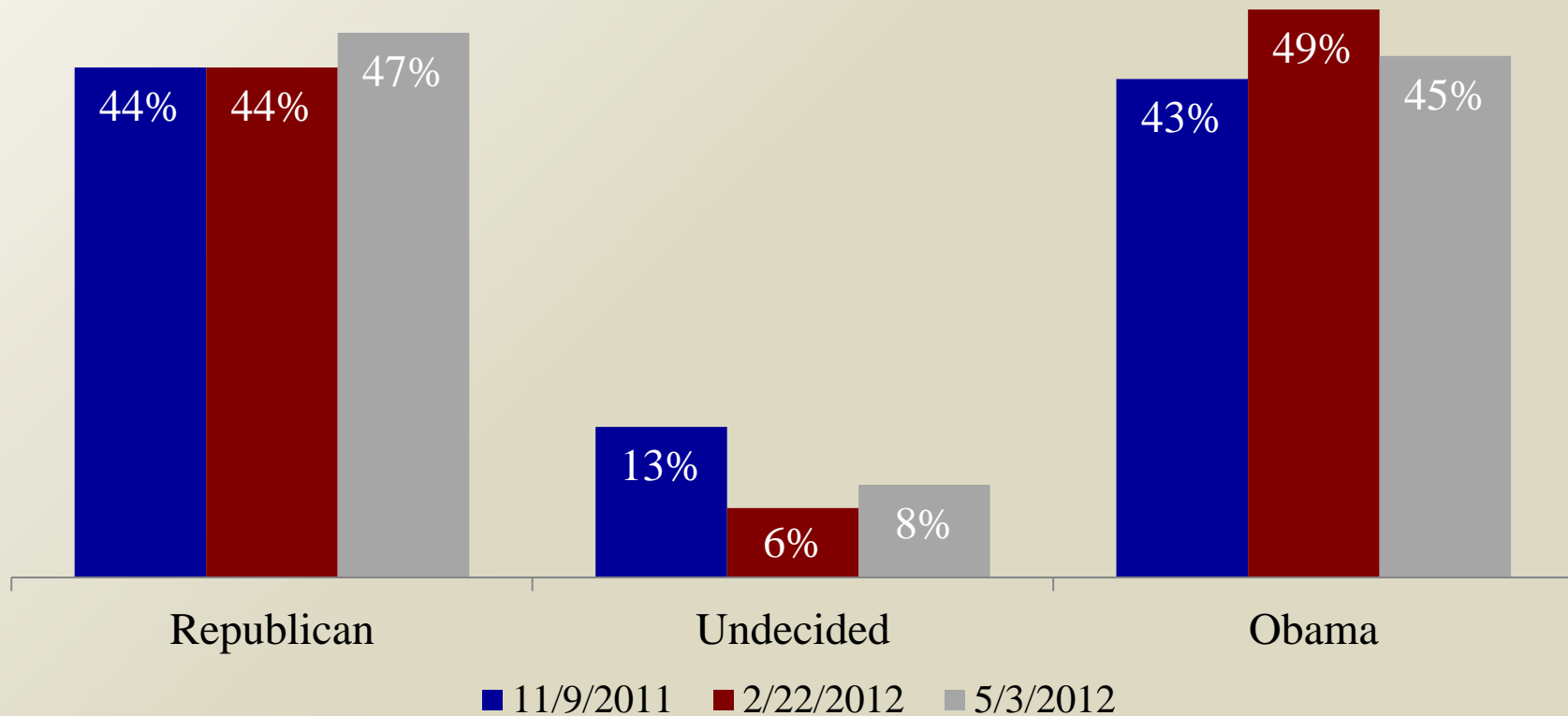


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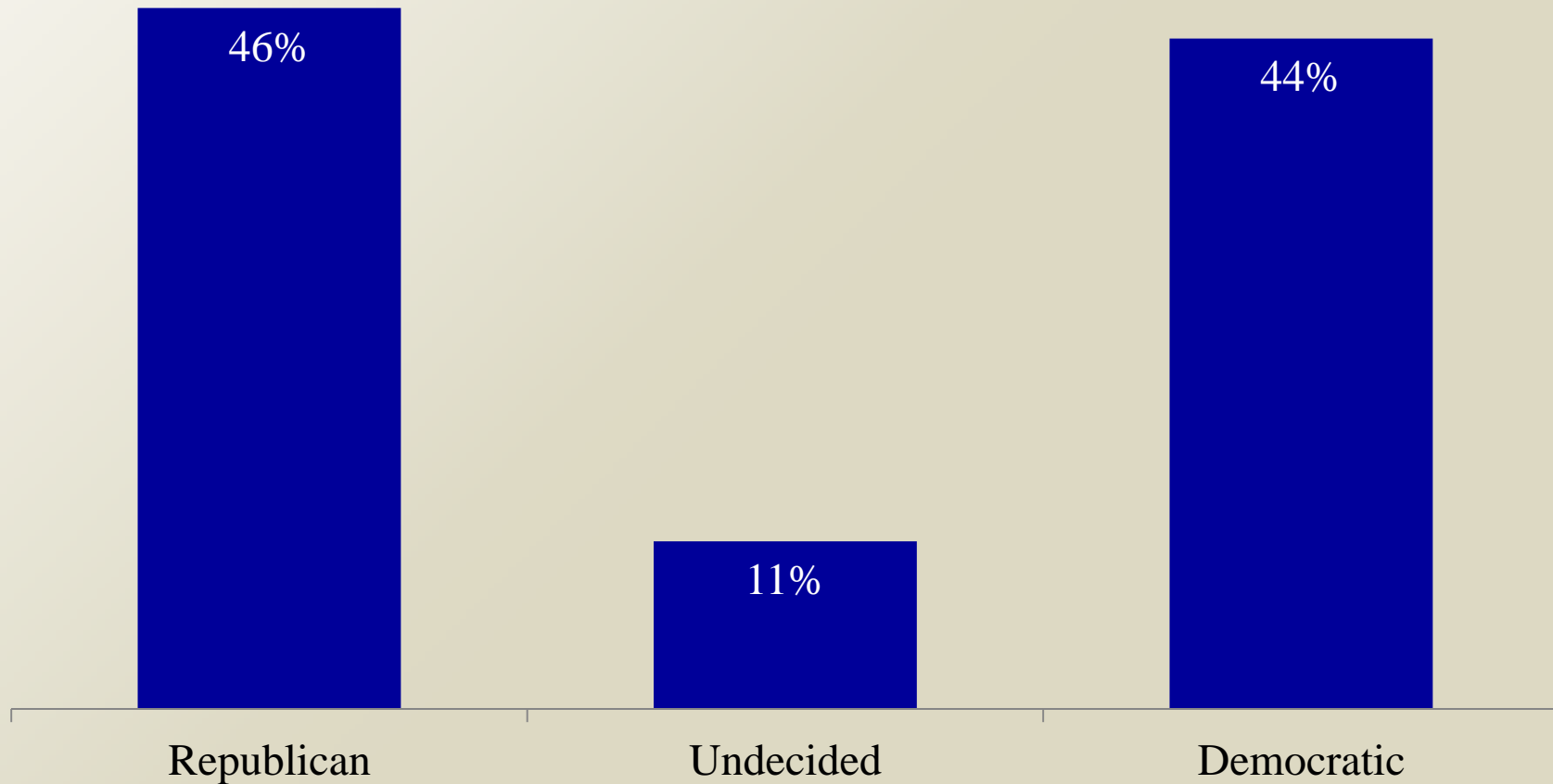


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Right Direction	34%	36%	43%	36%	49%	43%	39%	42%	46%	39%	40%	38%	40%	40%	41%	39%	28%	32%	31%	38%	34%	36%	28%	31%	29%	32%	19%	18%	35%	33%
Wrong Track	56%	51%	46%	51%	40%	43%	49%	47%	40%	46%	53%	57%	55%	54%	52%	54%	67%	60%	62%	51%	56%	55%	62%	63%	64%	59%	72%	75%	59%	59%
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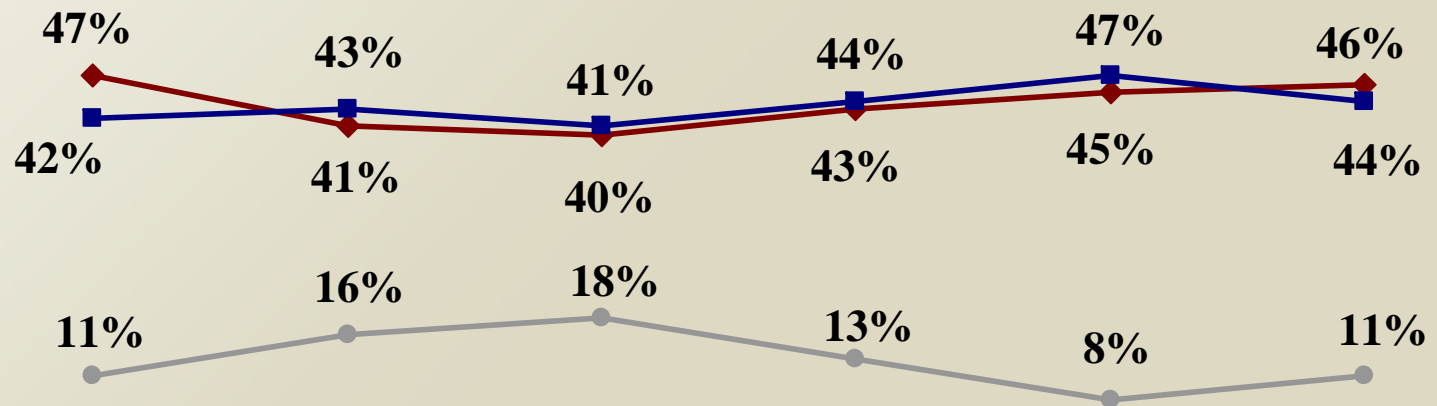
If the election for President were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or President Barack Obama, the Democratic candidate?



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 Congressional district?



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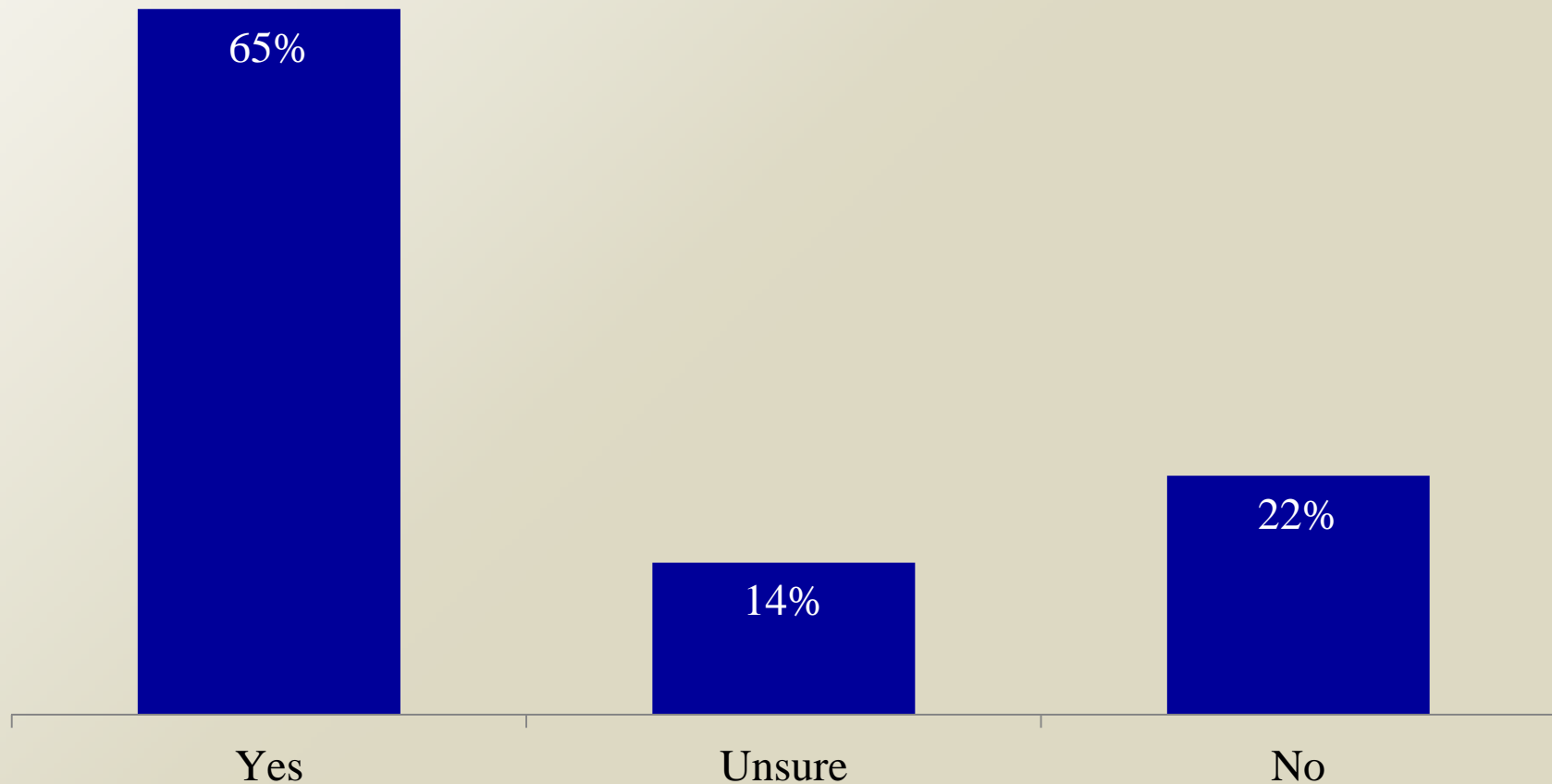


	10/21/2010	5/12/2011	9/1/2011	11/9/2011	2/22/2012	5/3/2012
◆ Republican	47%	41%	40%	43%	45%	46%
● Undecided	11%	16%	18%	13%	8%	11%
■ Democrat	42%	43%	41%	44%	47%	44%

As you may know, the Republican Party currently is the majority party in the US House of Representatives. The Democratic Party would need to win at least 24 additional seats to become the majority party in the US House.

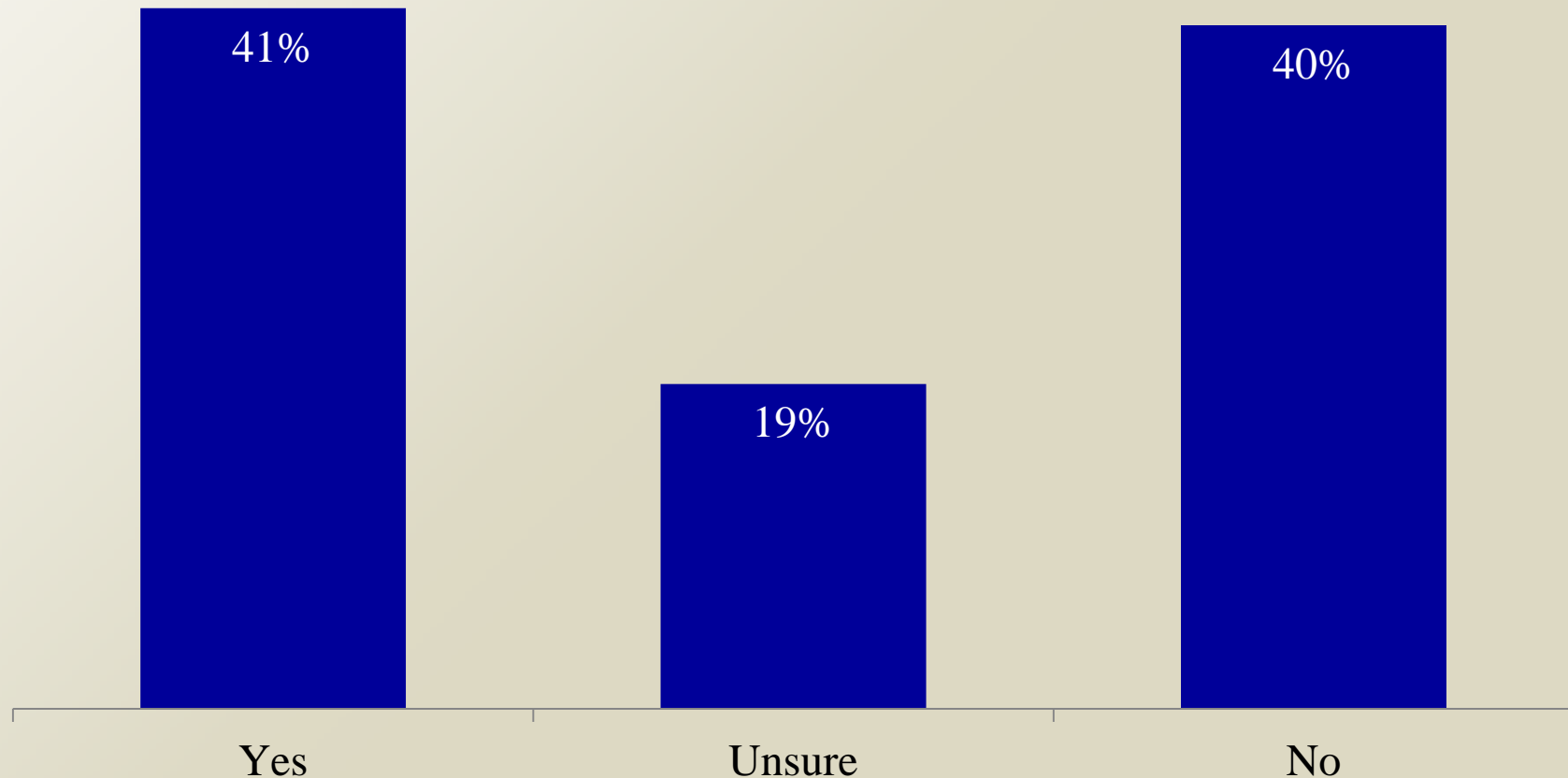
After the 2012 elections, do you believe that the Republican Party will continue to be the majority party in the US House of Representatives?

(Asked of Half Sample)

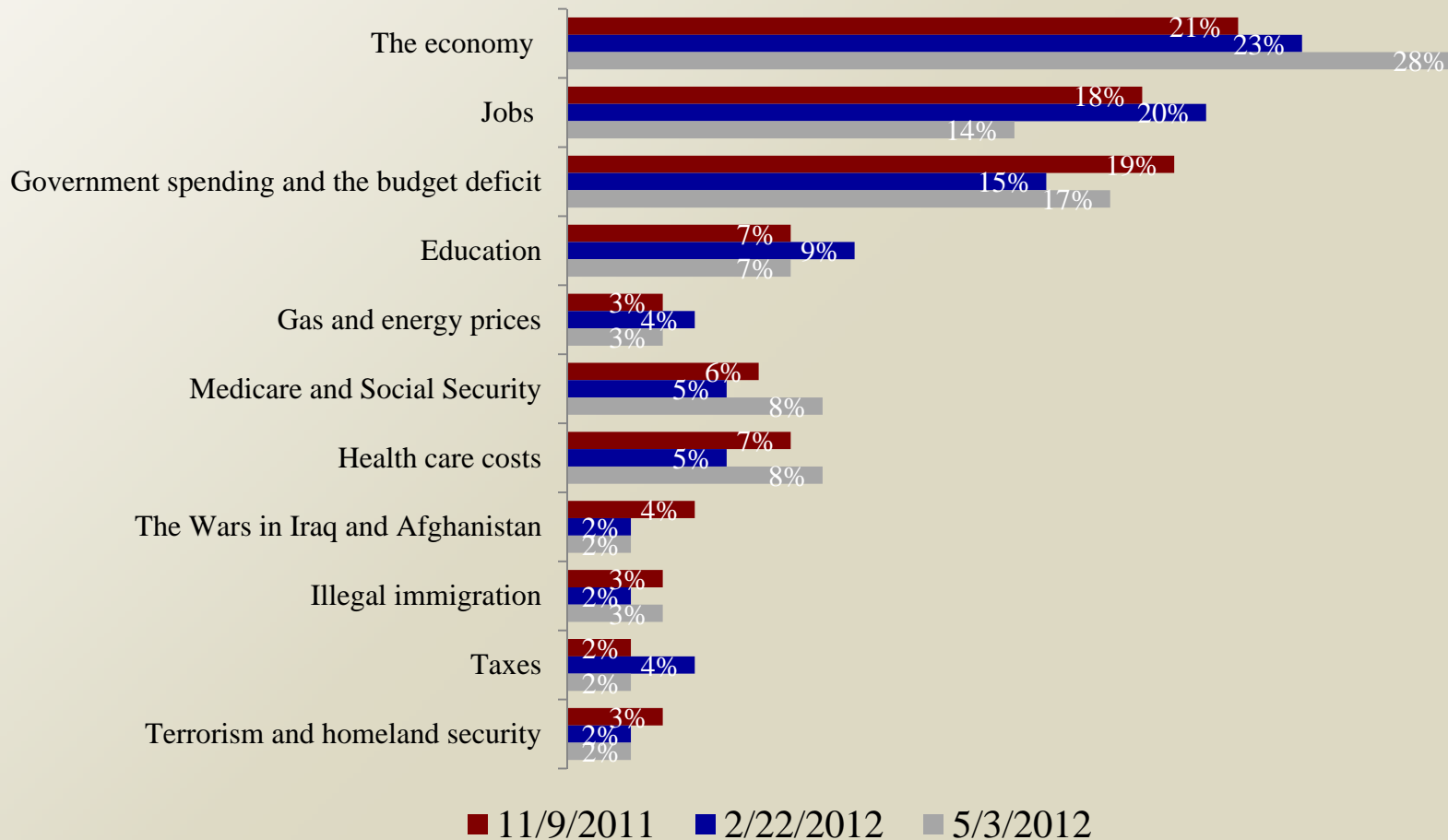


In the United States Senate, the Democratic Party is currently the majority party. The Republican Party would need to win at least 4 additional Senate seats to become the majority party in the US Senate.

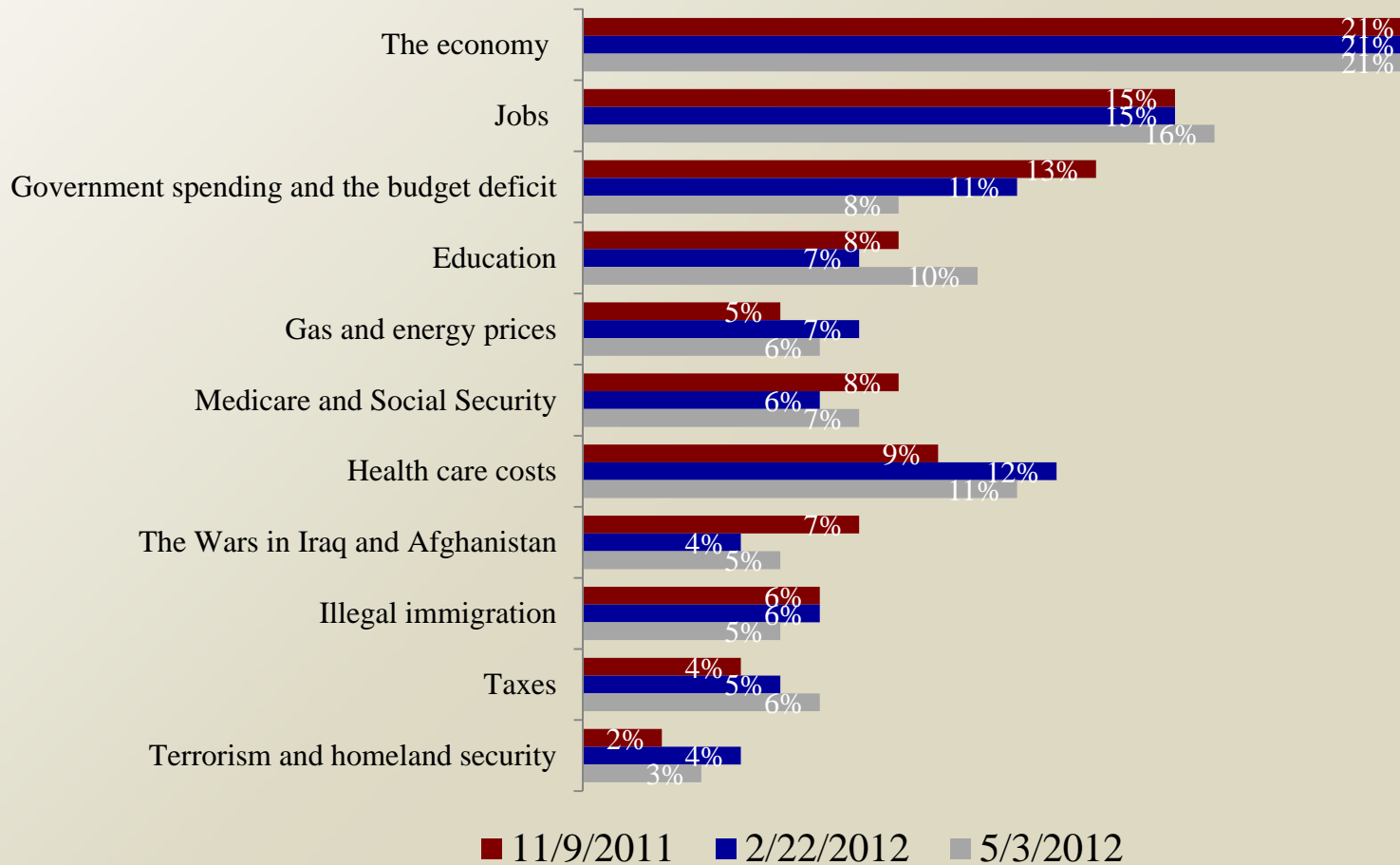
After the 2012 elections, do you believe that the Democratic Party will continue to be the majority party in the US Senate?
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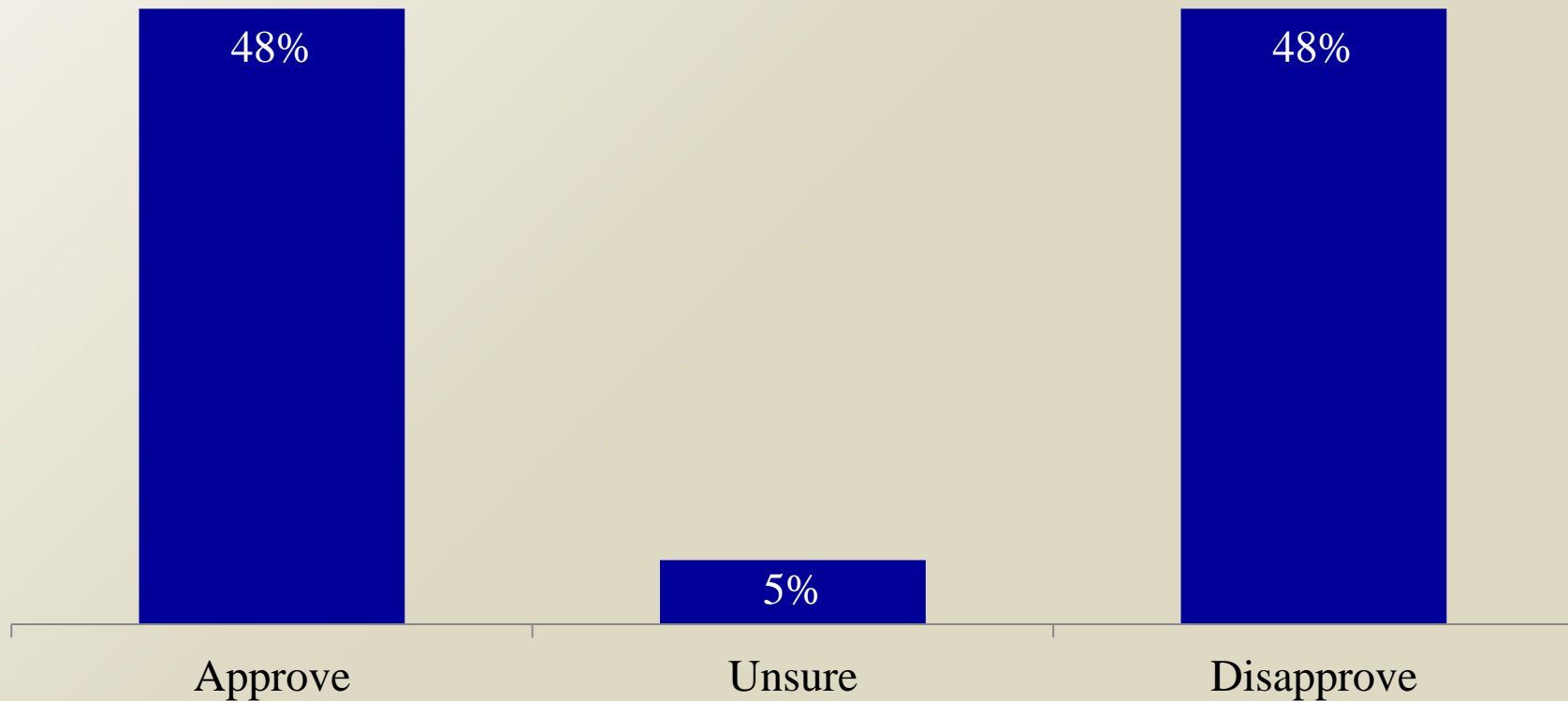
Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for Congress to focus on. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which one issue you think is the most important.



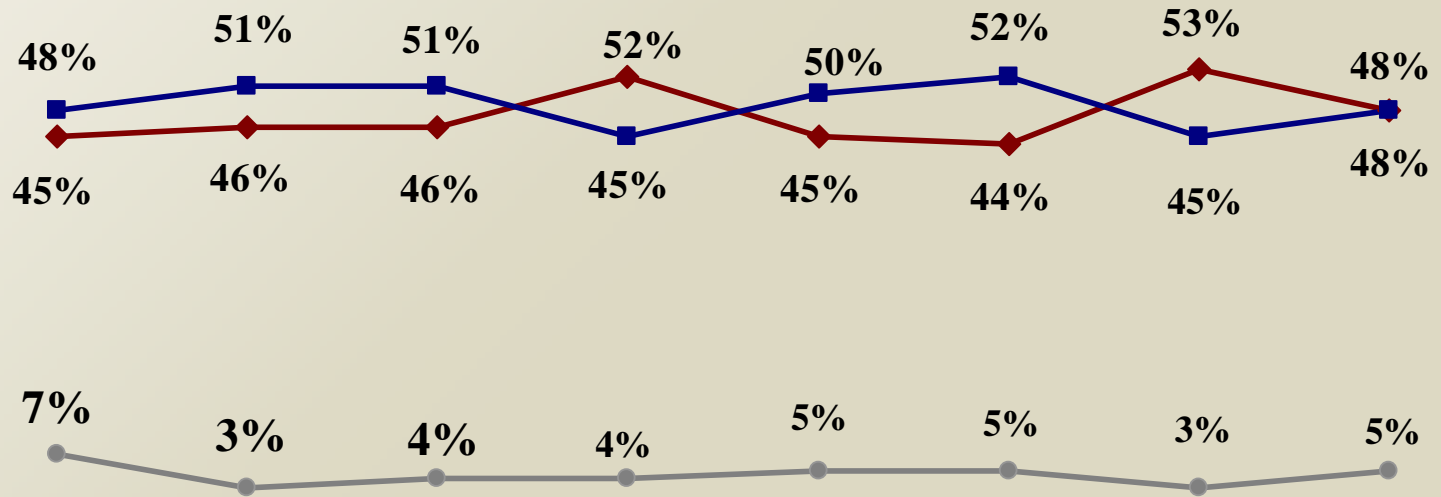
And what would you say is the next most important problem?
(If choice made in Q5, Asked of N=936, or 93.6% of Sample)



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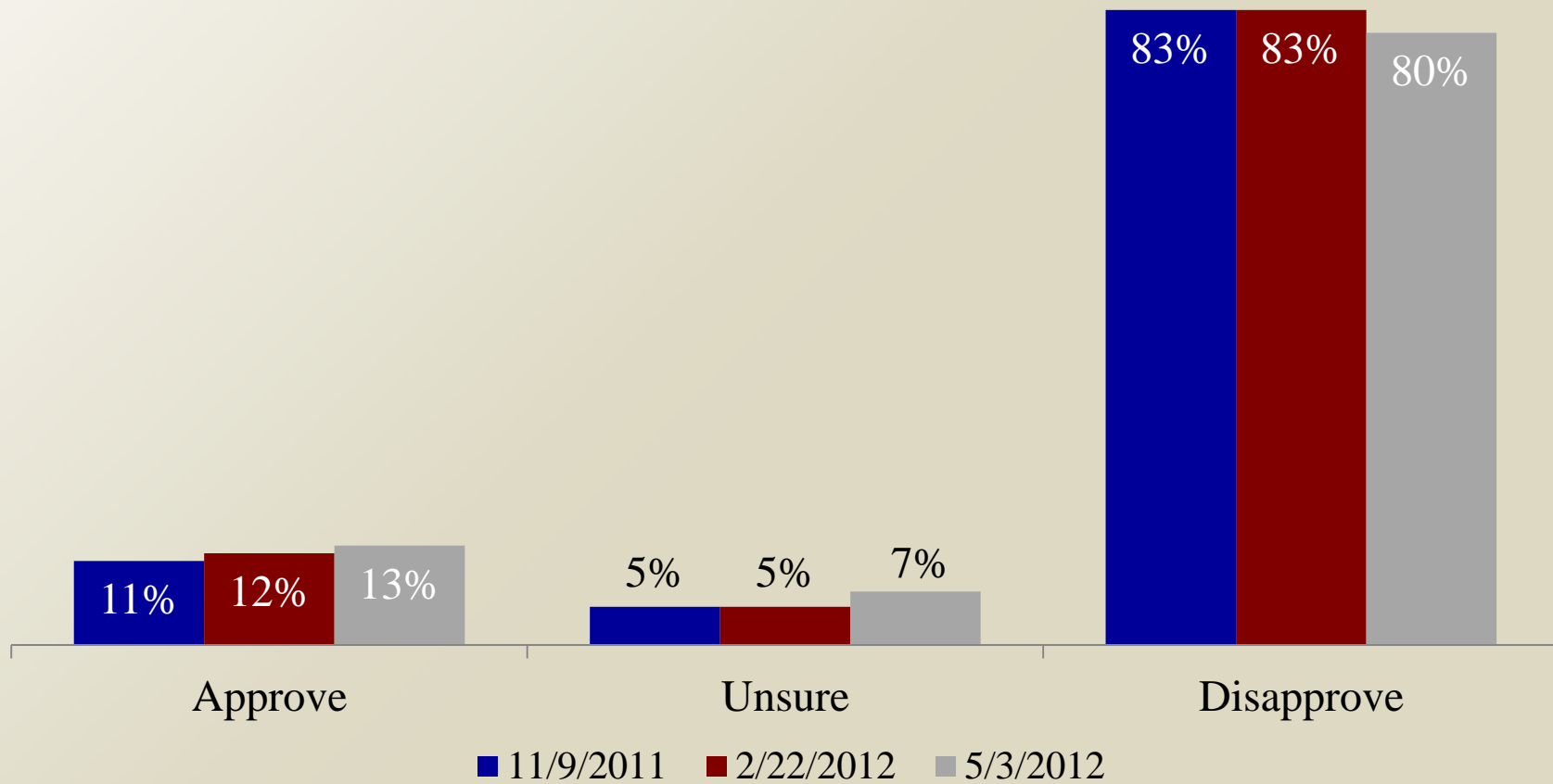


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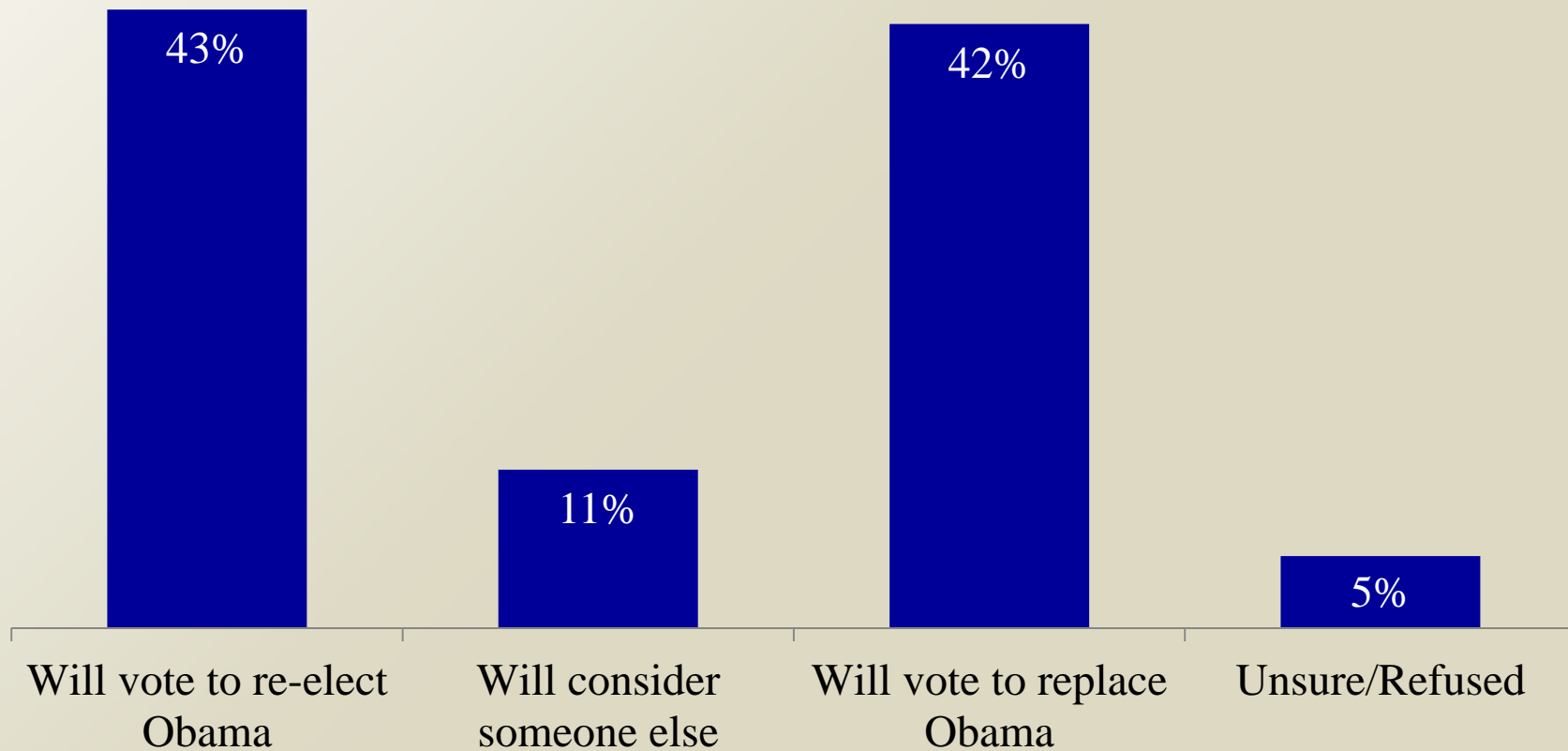


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◆ Approve	45%	46%	46%	52%	45%	44%	53%	48%
● Unsure	7%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%
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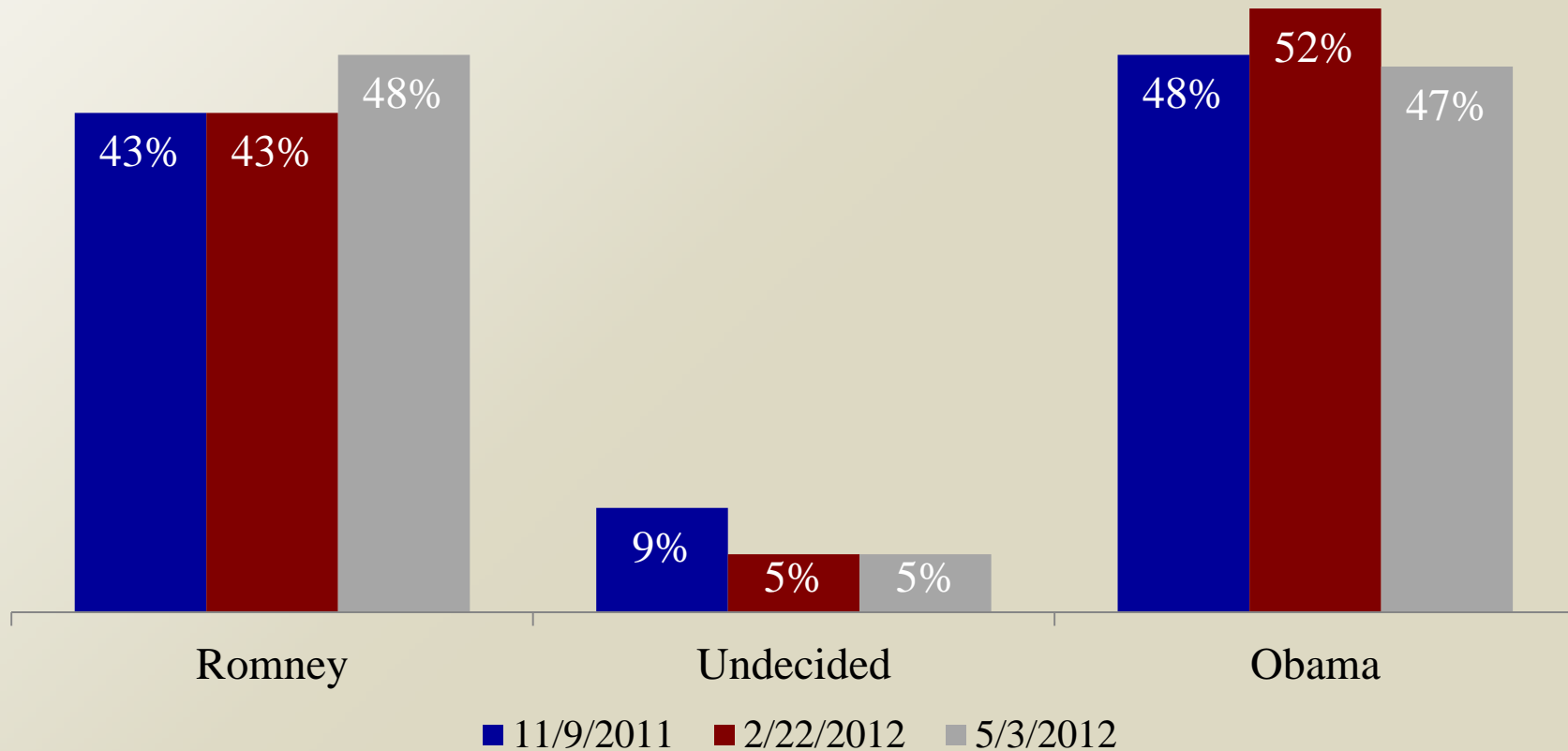
How would you rate the job Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?



Do you think you will vote to re-elect Barack Obama, will you consider voting for someone else, or do you think you will vote to replace him?



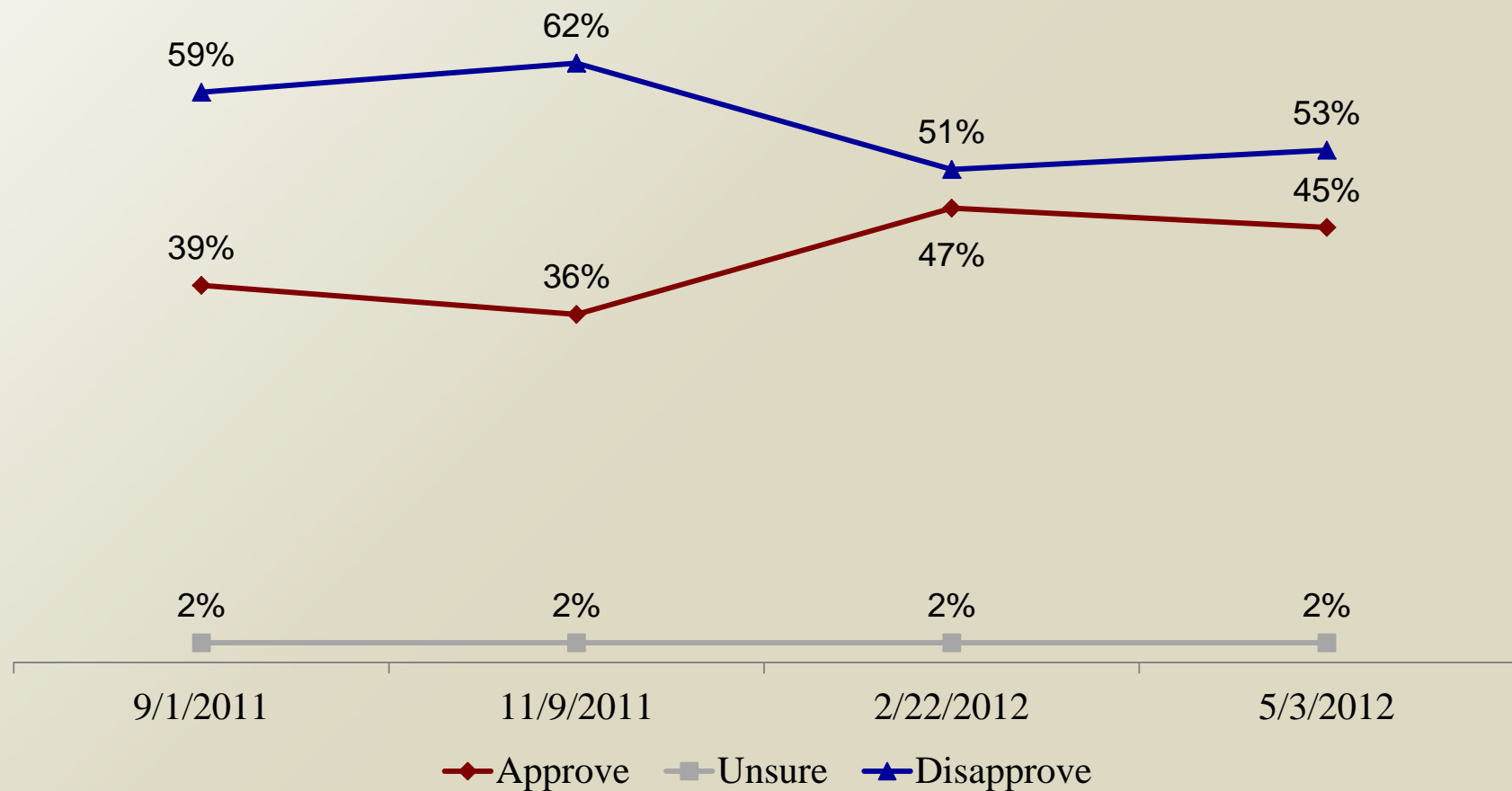
If the Presidential election were held today and you had to make a choice, for whom would you vote, Mitt Romney, the Republican, or Barack Obama, the Democrat?



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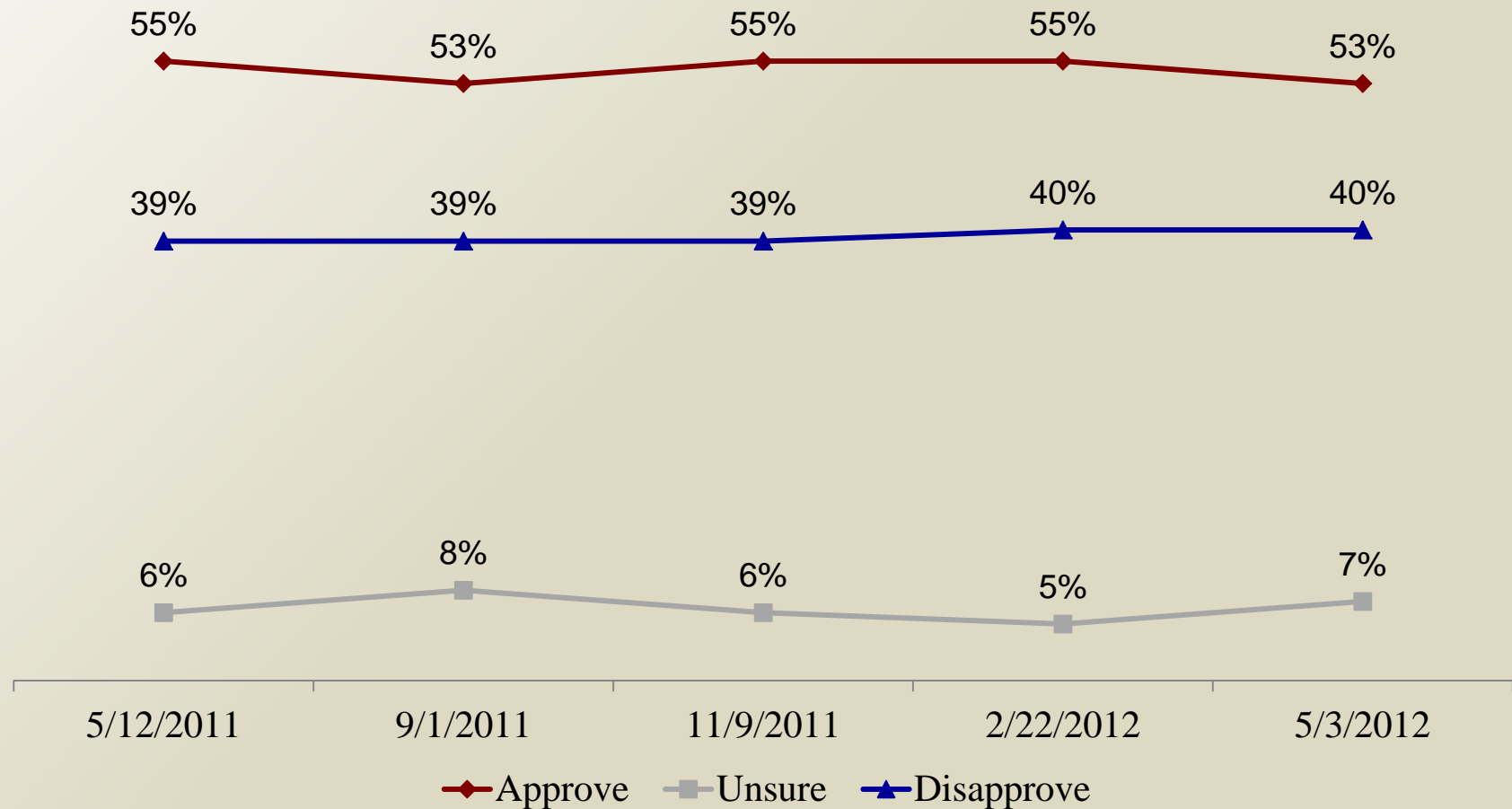
I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.

The economy



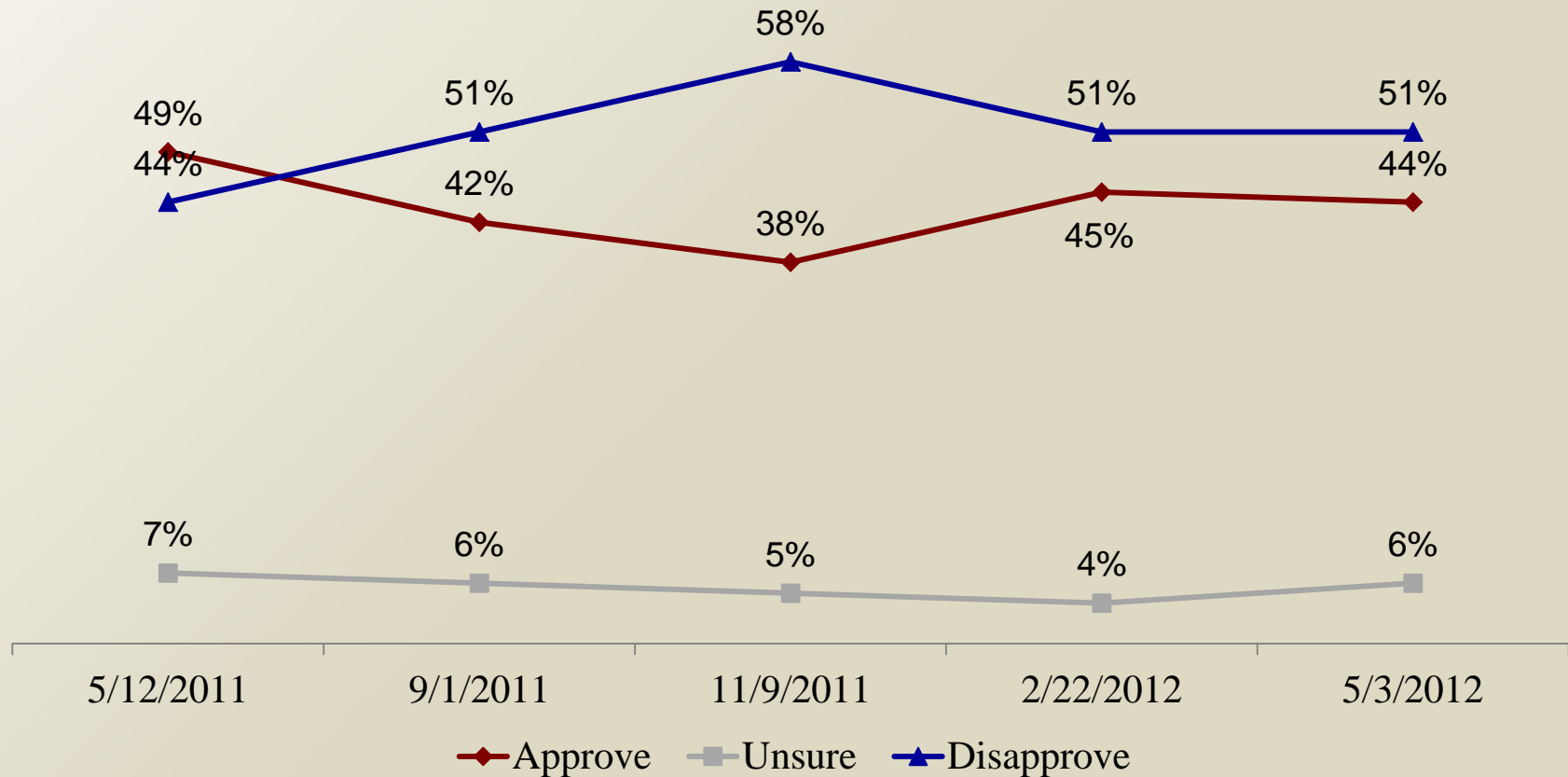
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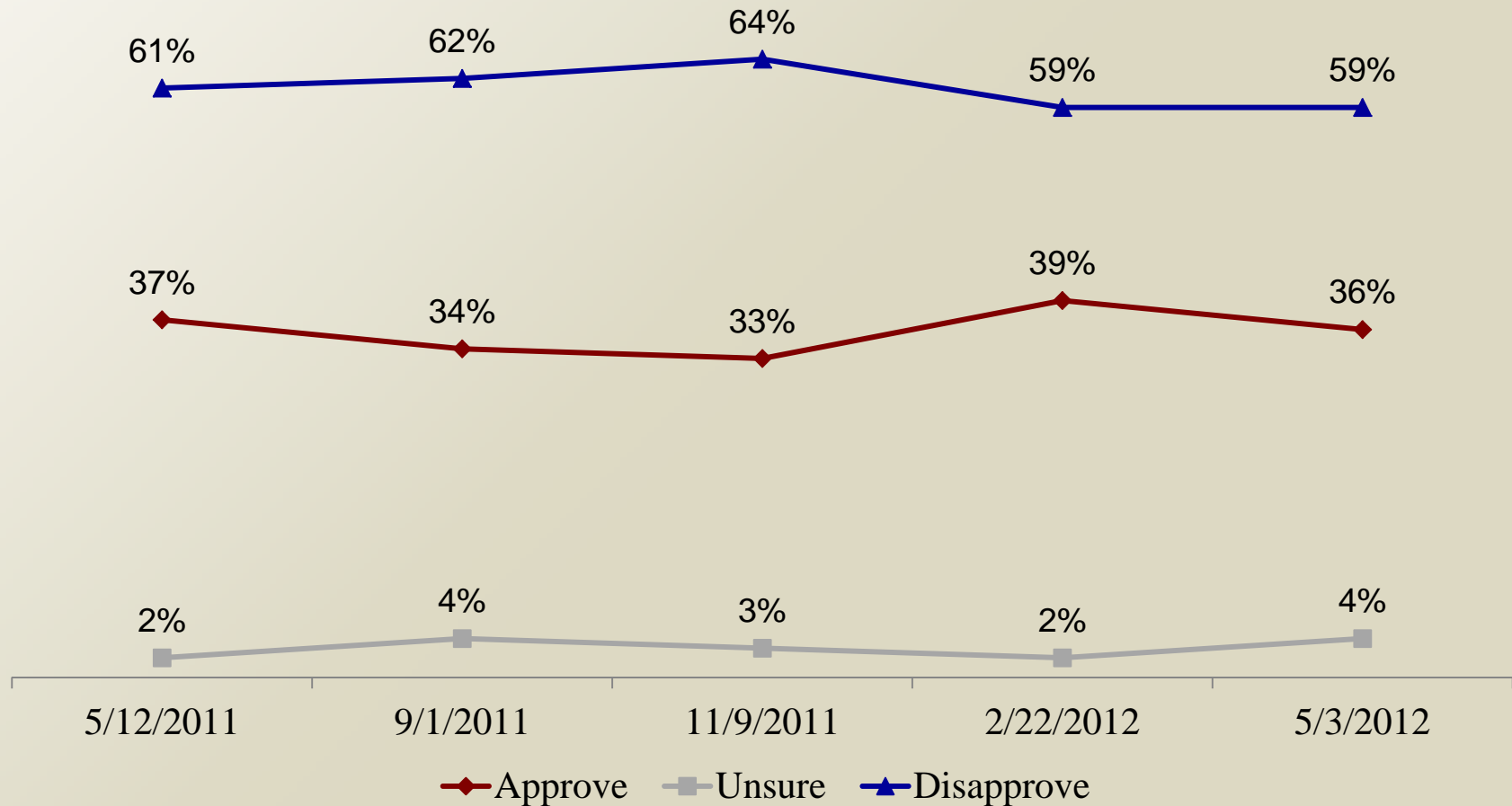
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Dealing with Congress



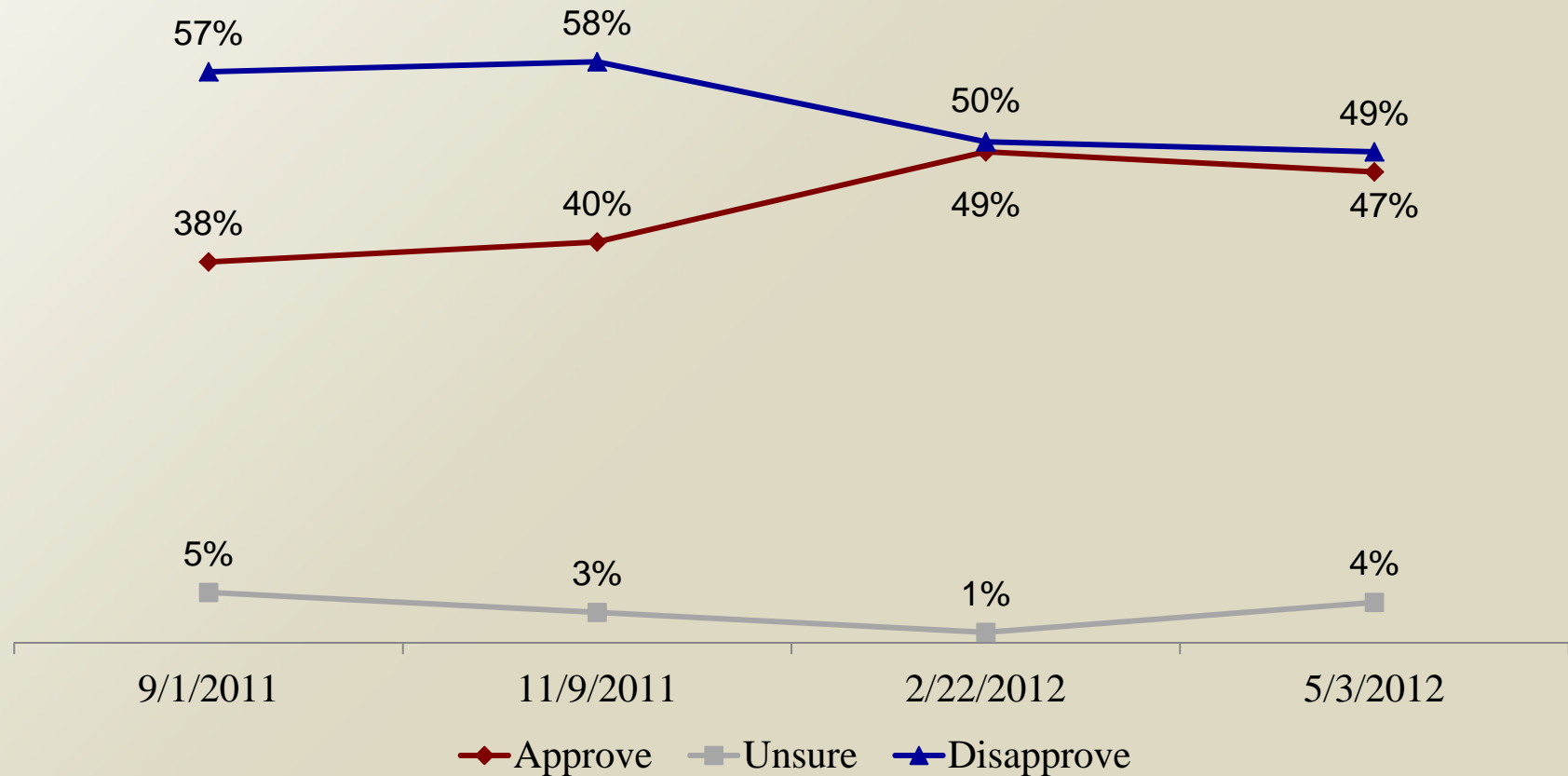
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The federal budget and spending



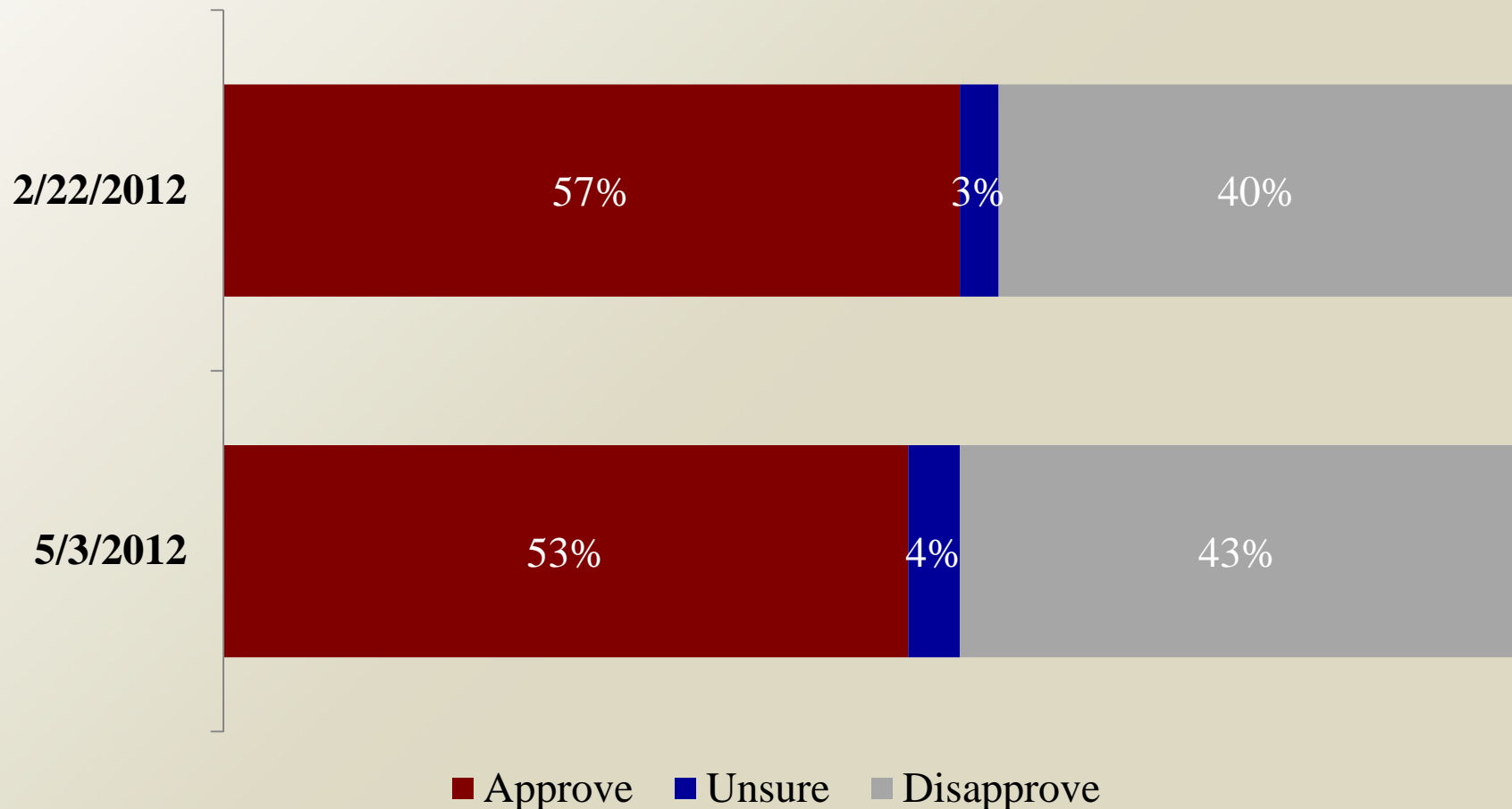
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Jobs



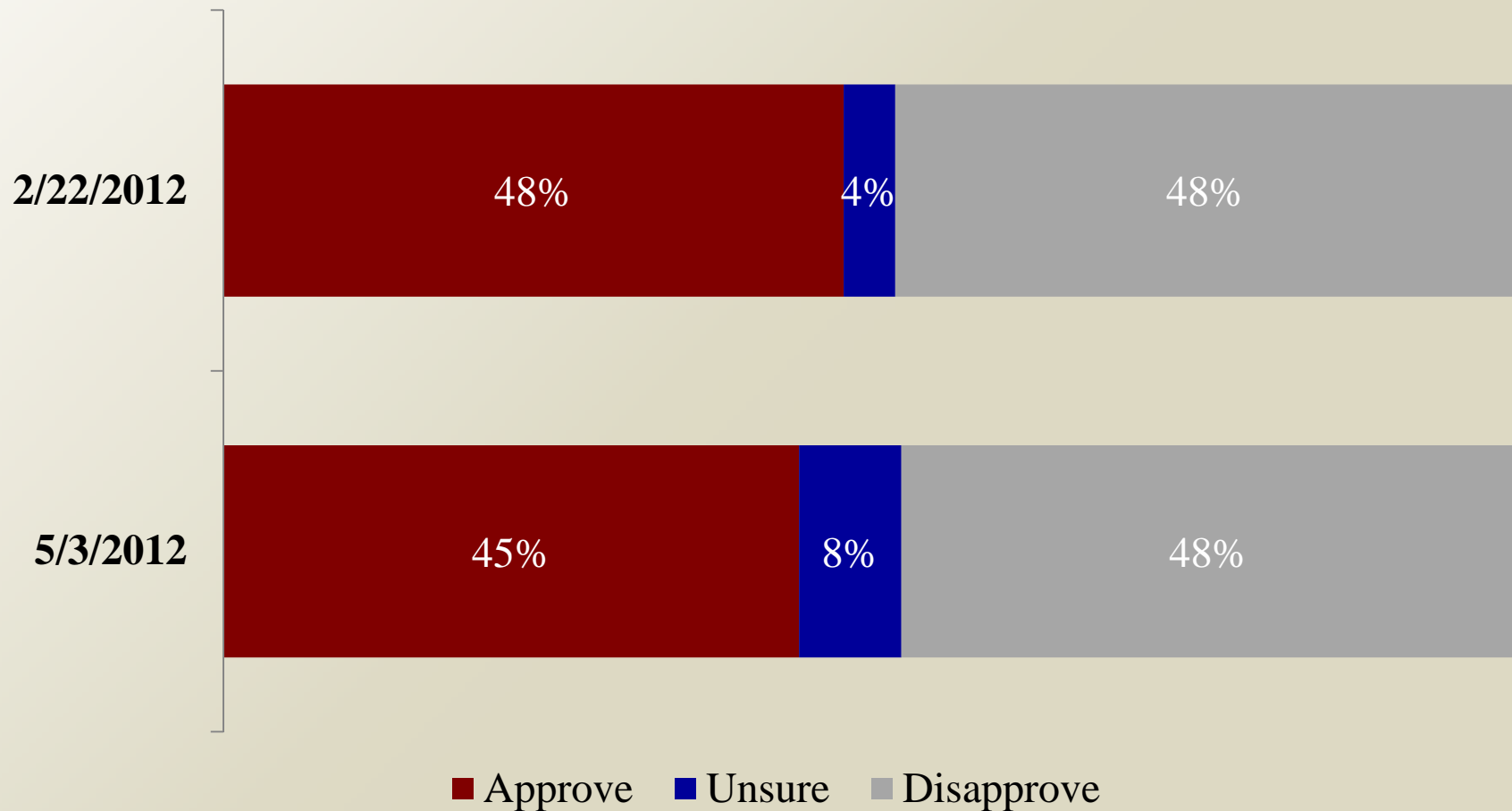
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Standing up for the middle class

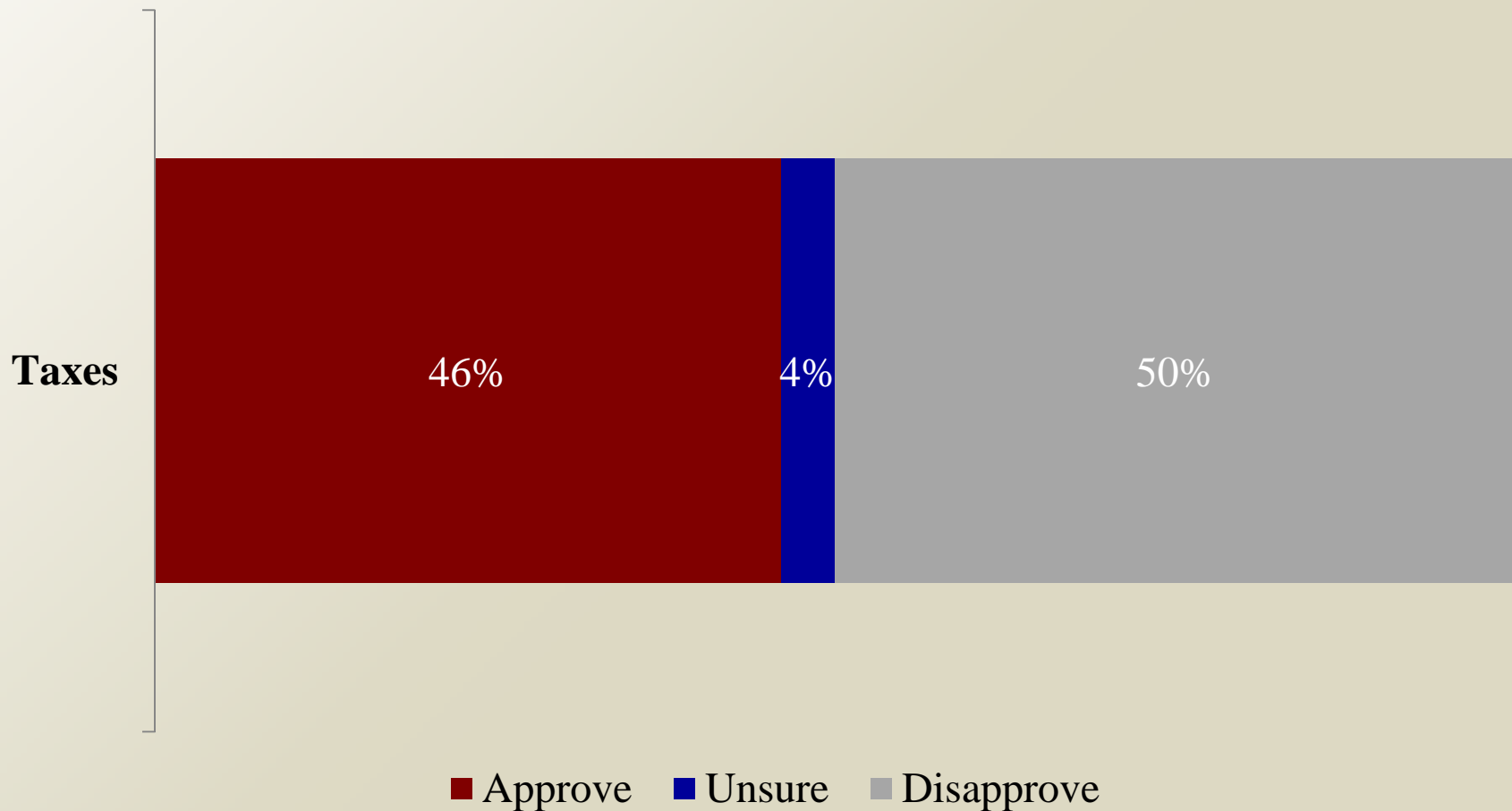


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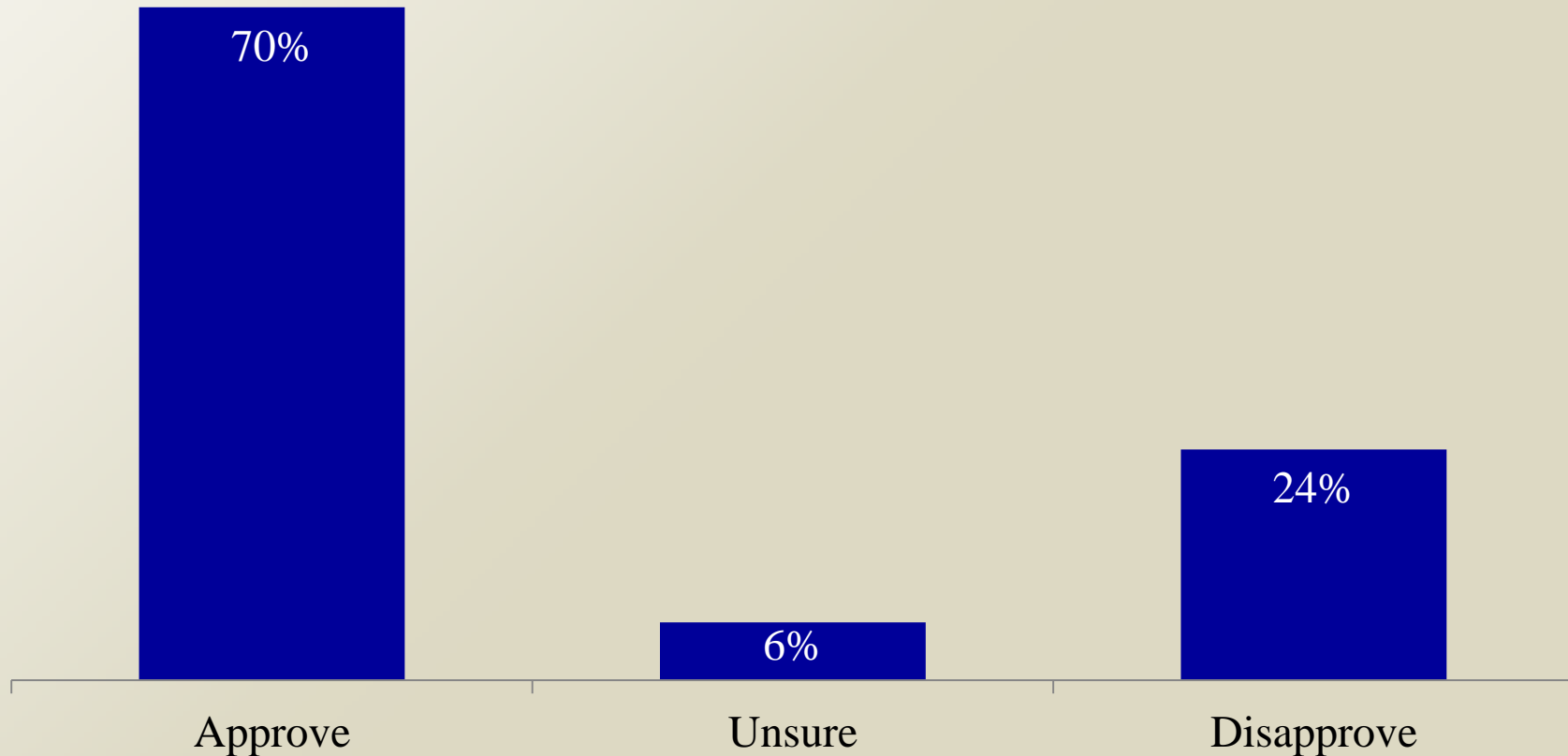
Social Security and Medicare



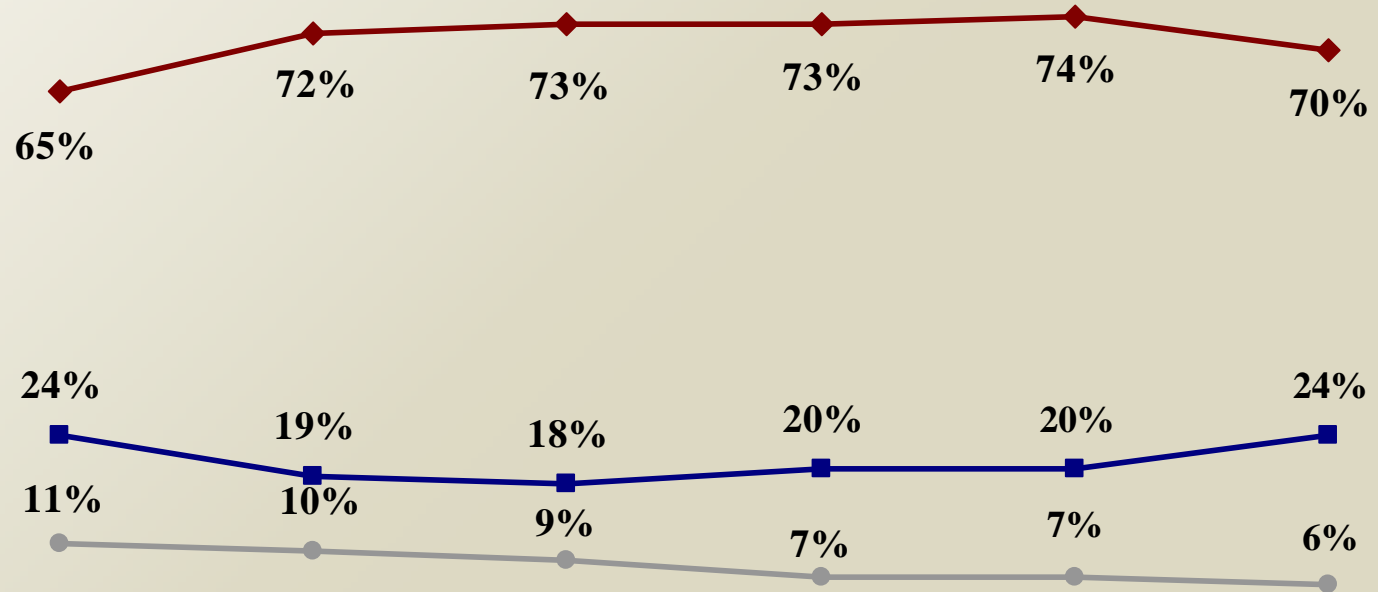
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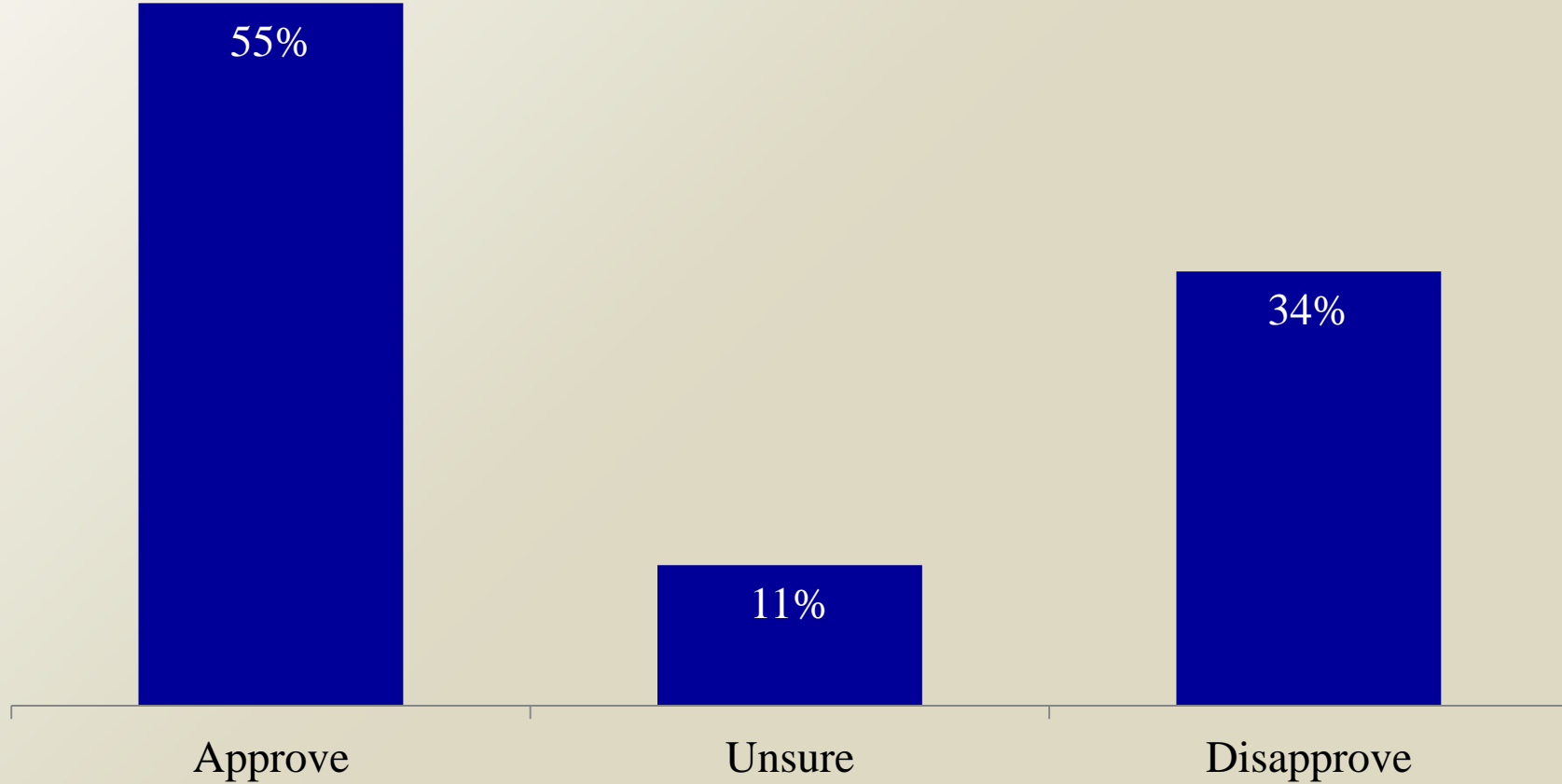


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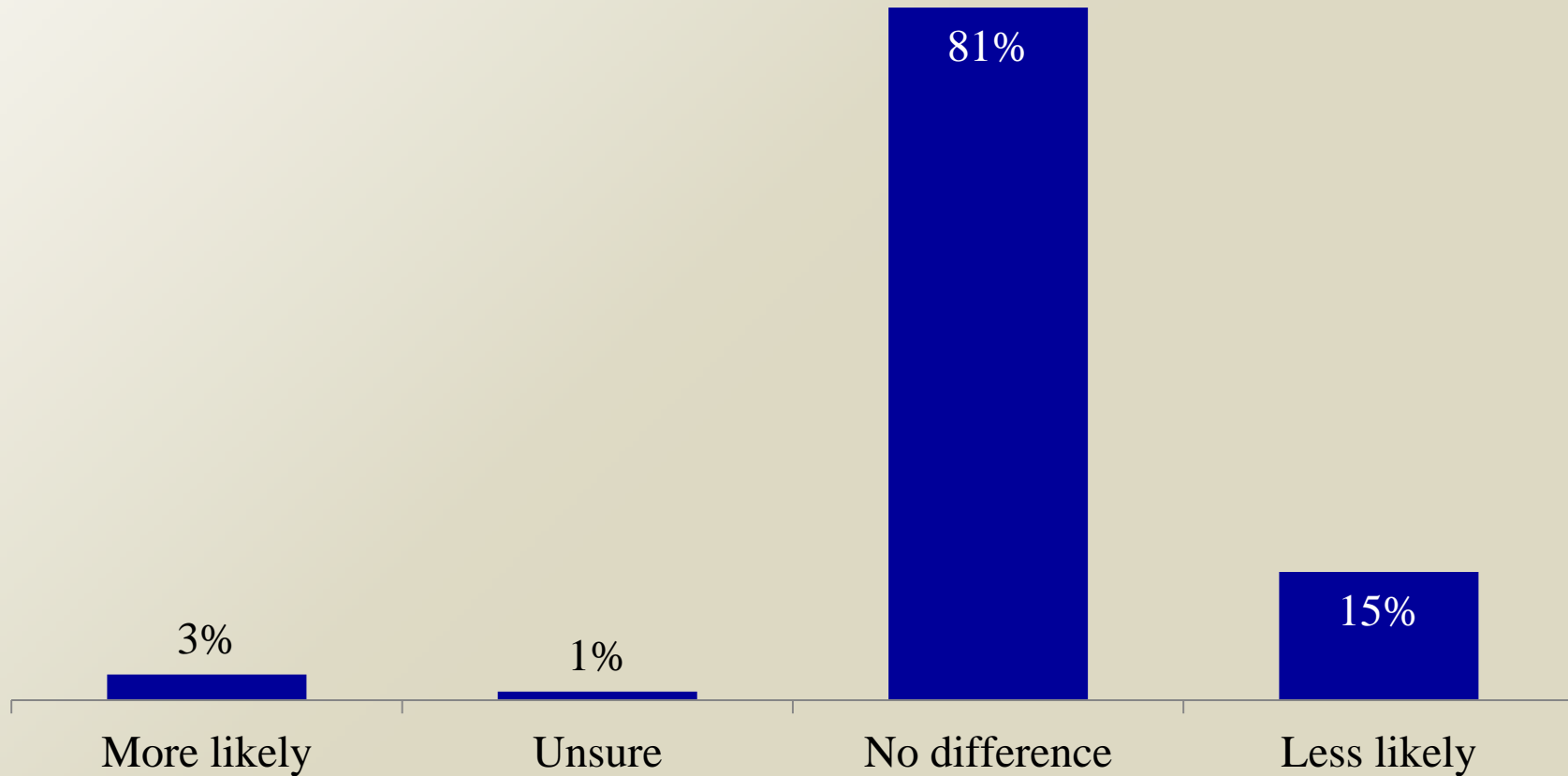


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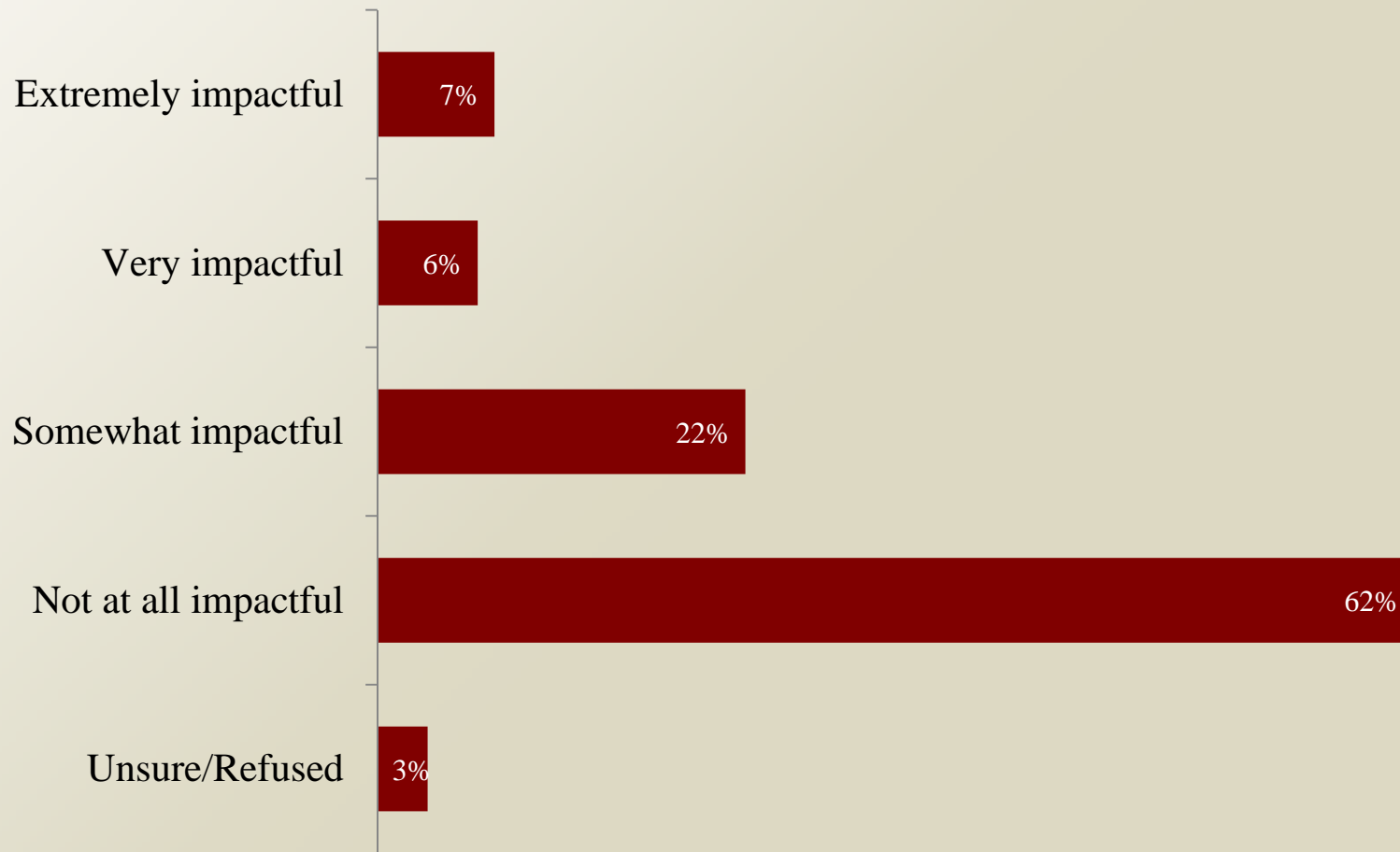
What is your impression of Mitt Romney as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?



Mitt Romney is a member and has been a prominent leader in the Church of Latter Day Saints, also known as the Mormon Church. Some Christian leaders have been critical of the ways in which the teachings of the Mormon Church differ from the teaching of their churches. **Does his membership in this church make you more likely or less likely to vote for him or does this issue not make any difference to you?**

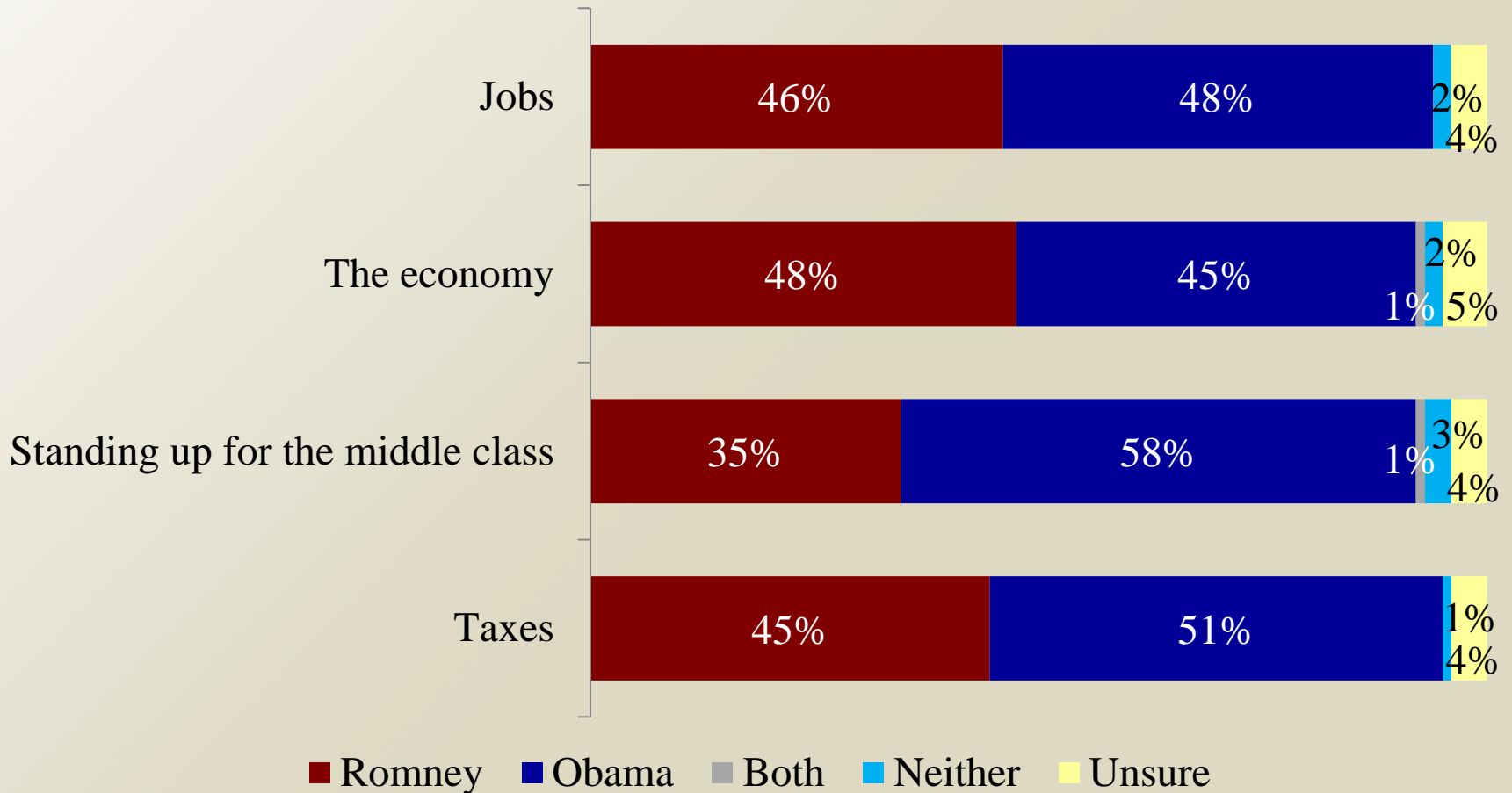


How much impact will Mitt Romney's choice of a Vice Presidential running mate have on your vote? Would you say that this selection will be extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all impactful on your decision about voting for Mitt Romney?



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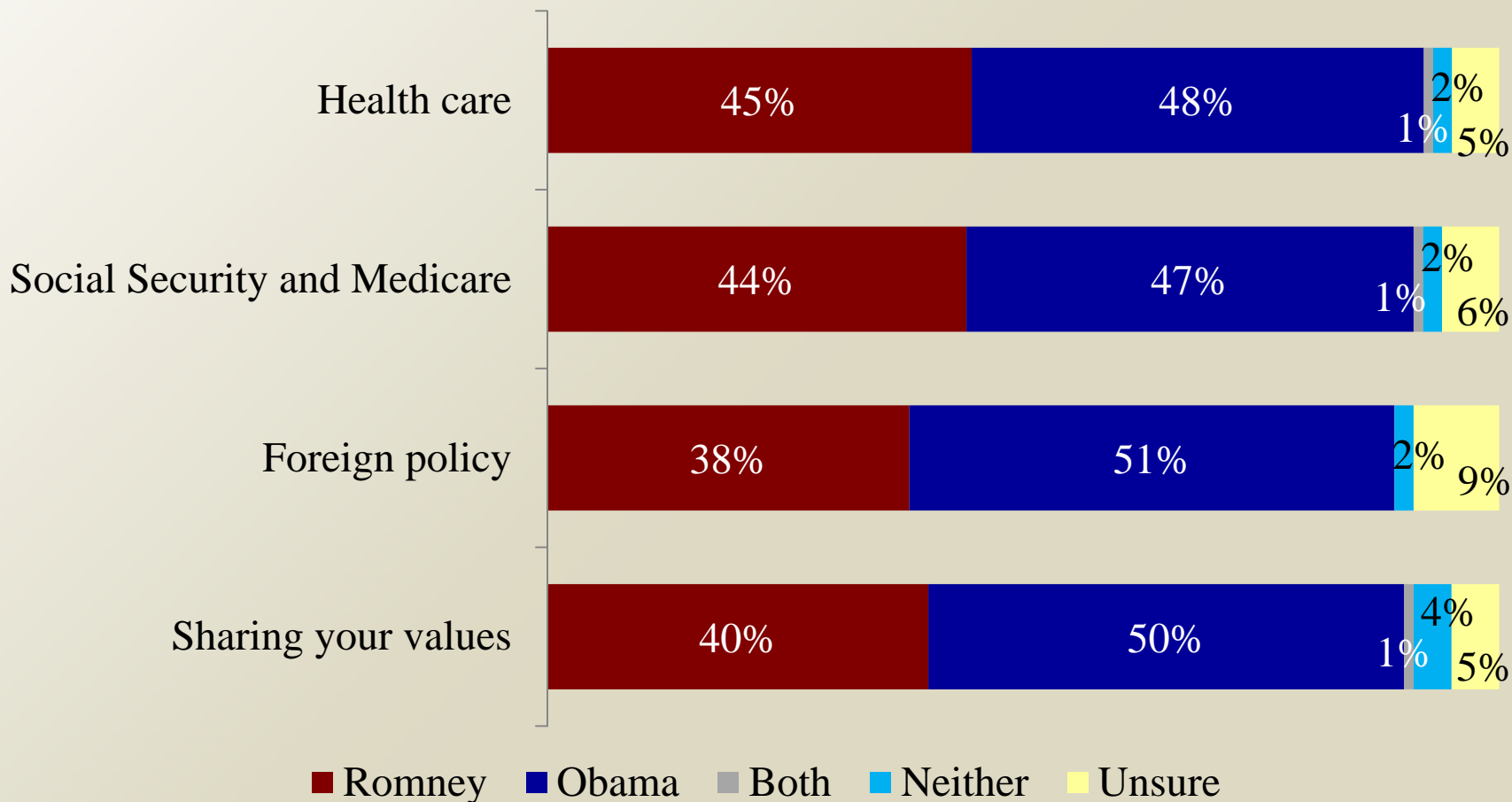


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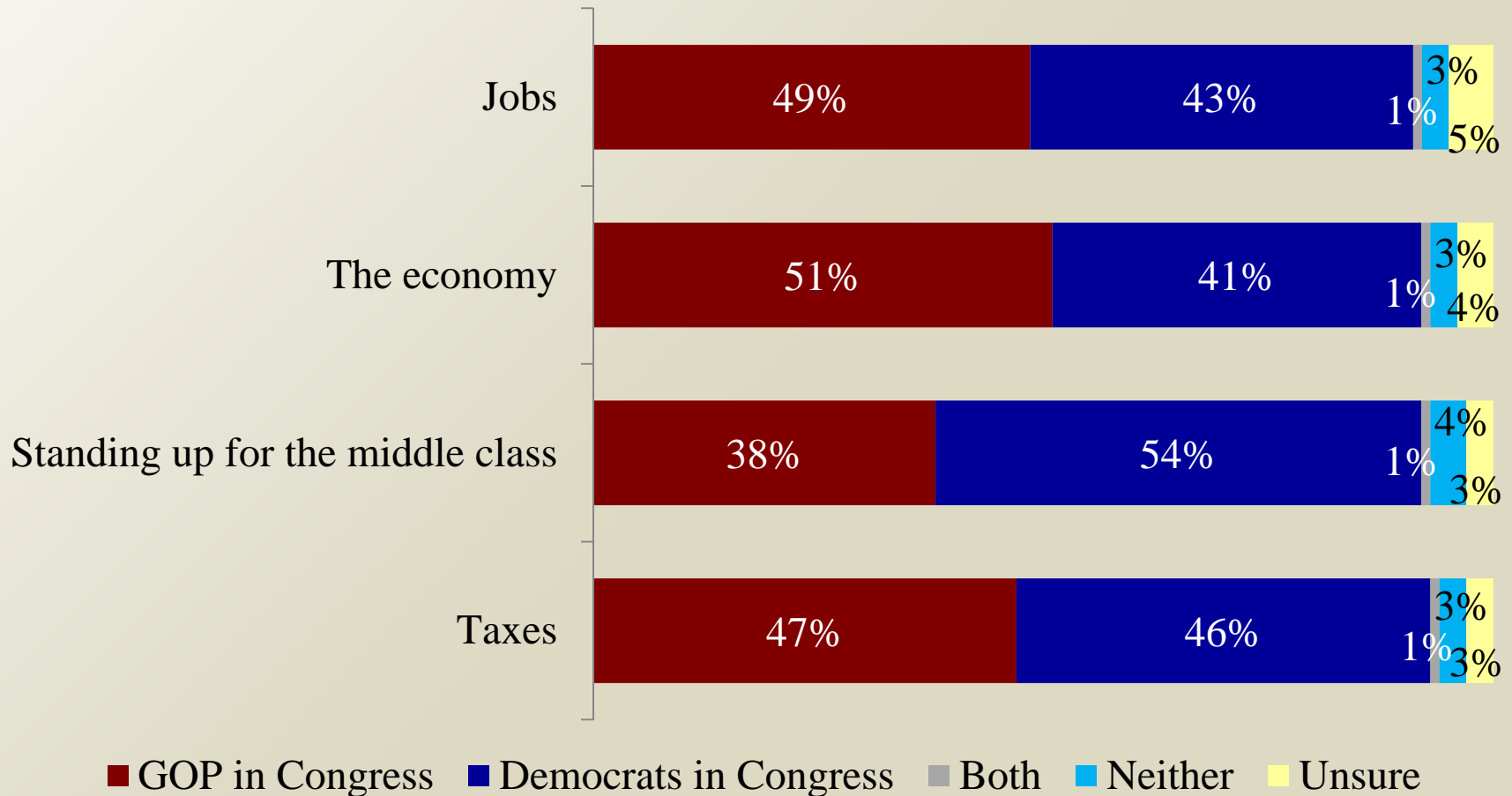
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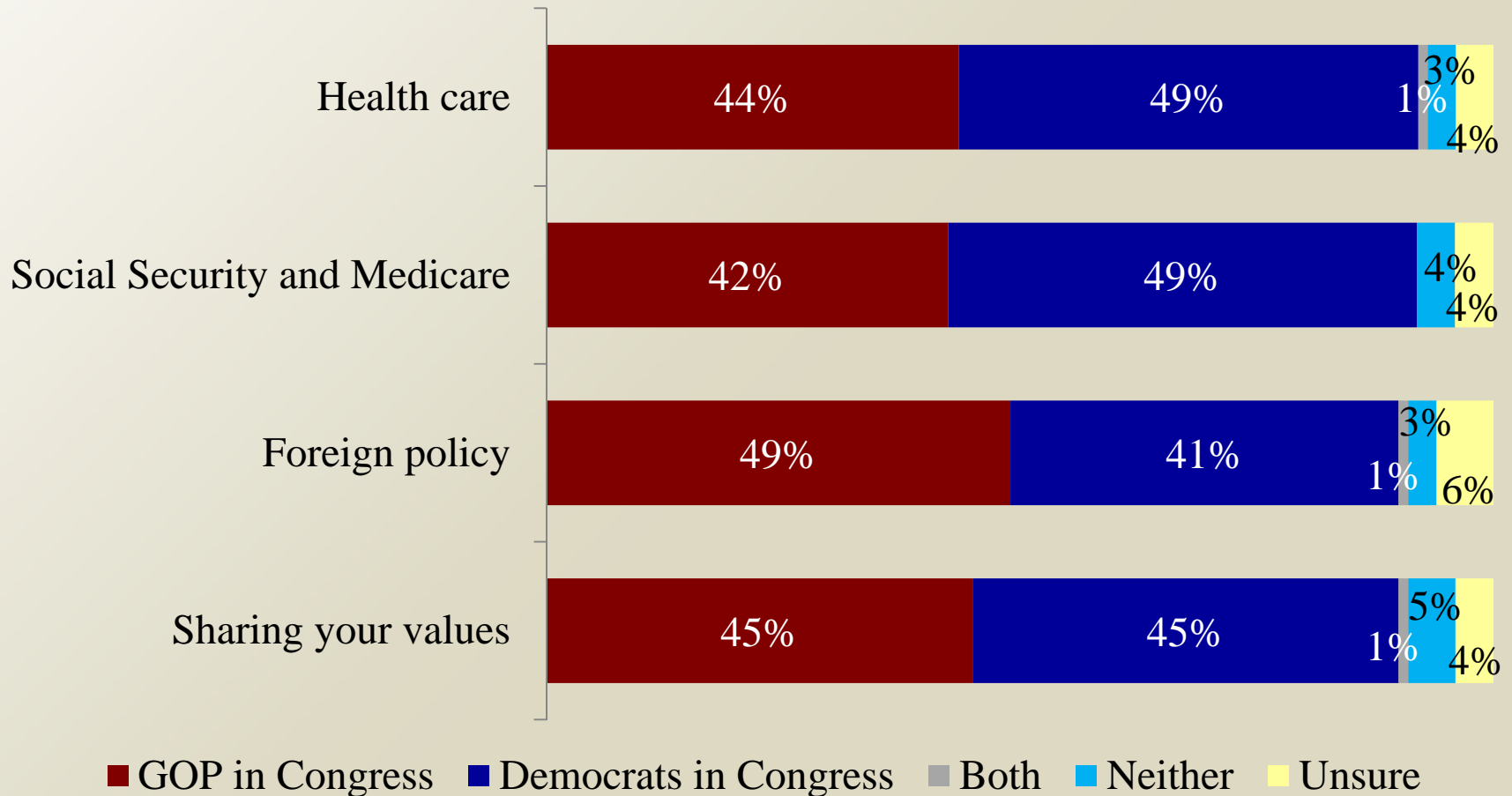
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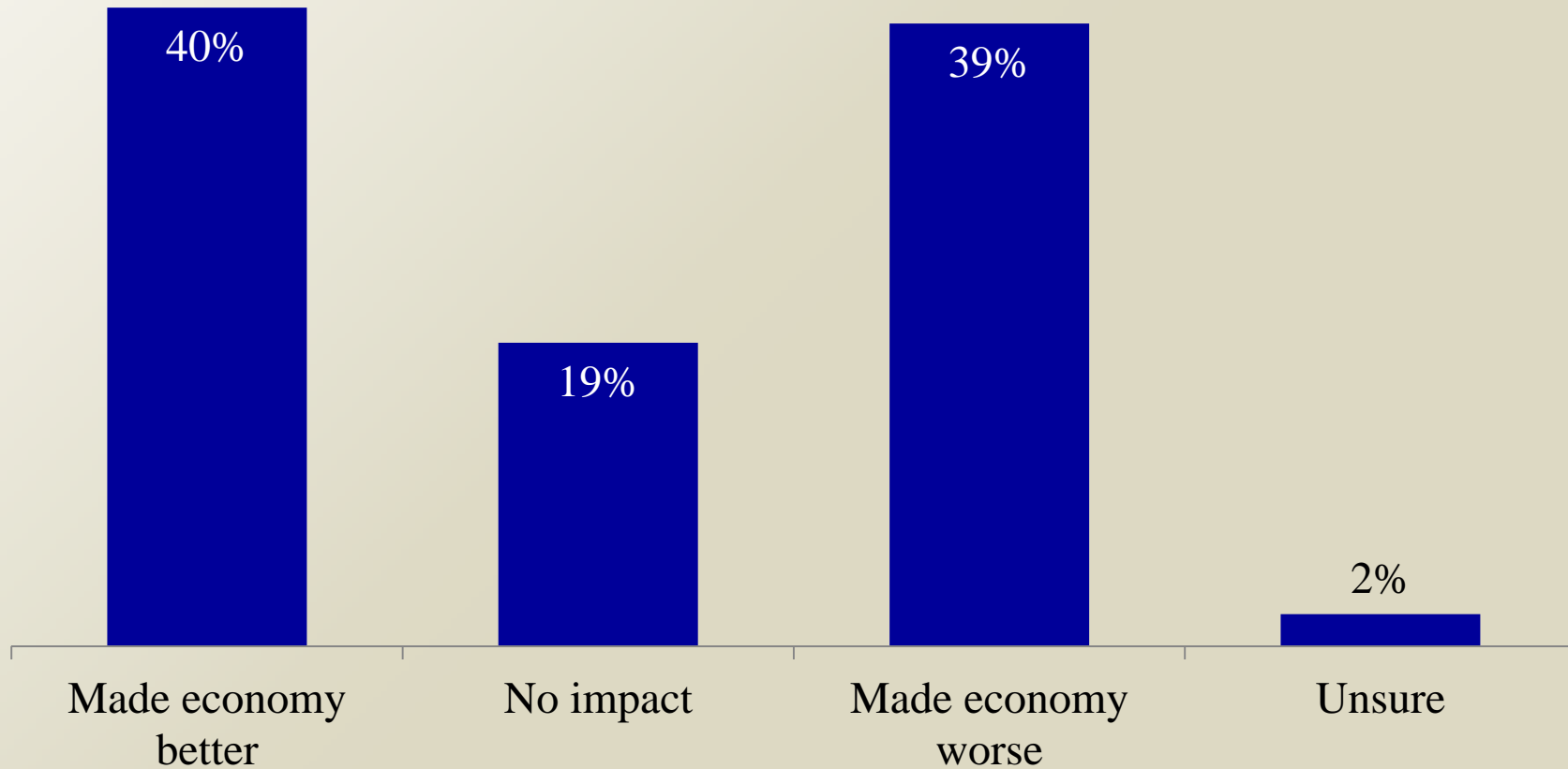


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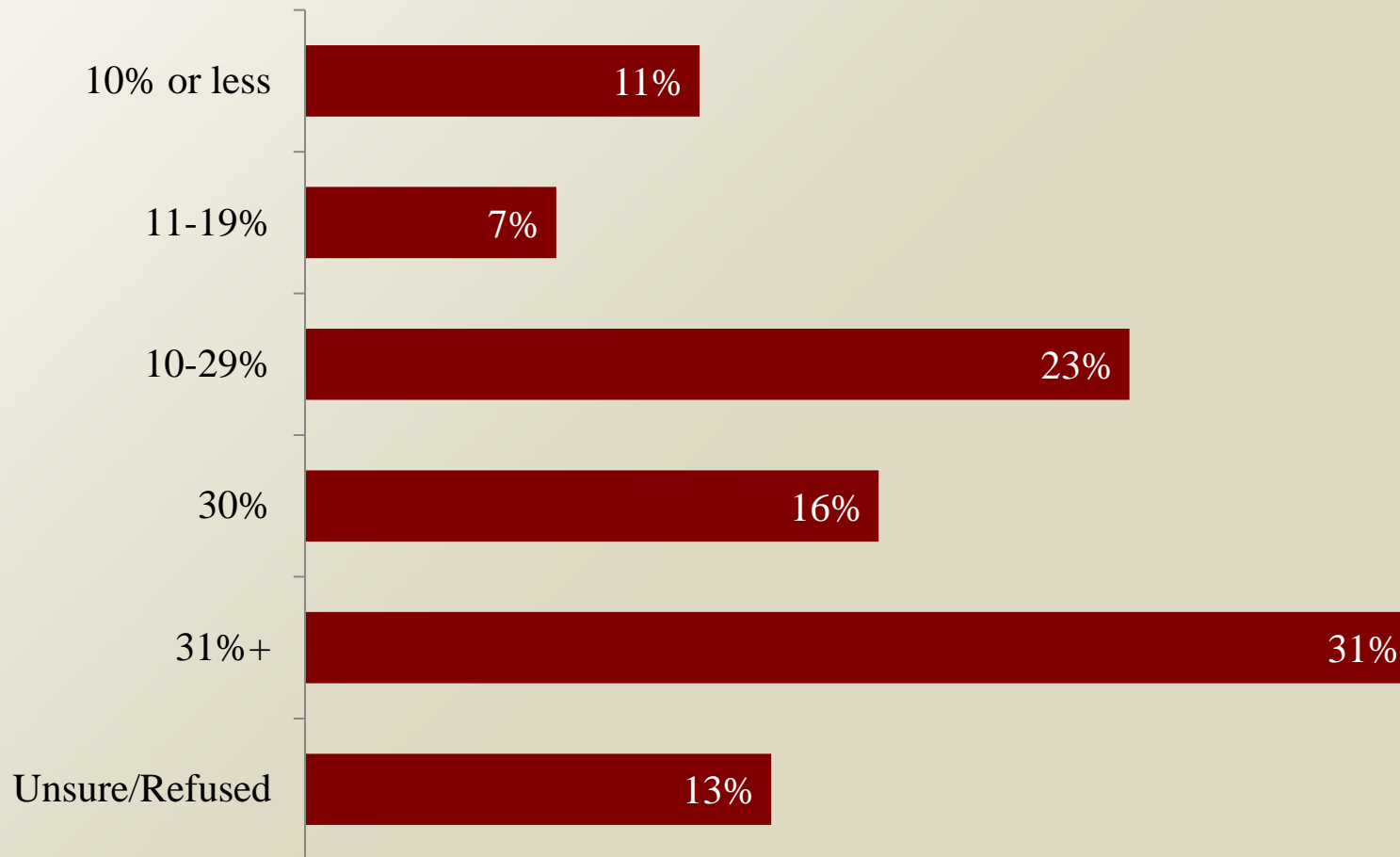


Do you believe that President Obama's economic policies have -- helped make the economy better, had no impact on the economy, or made the economy worse?



President Obama has said that our tax system is in need of reform because sometimes very wealthy people pay a lower tax rate than people in the middle class.

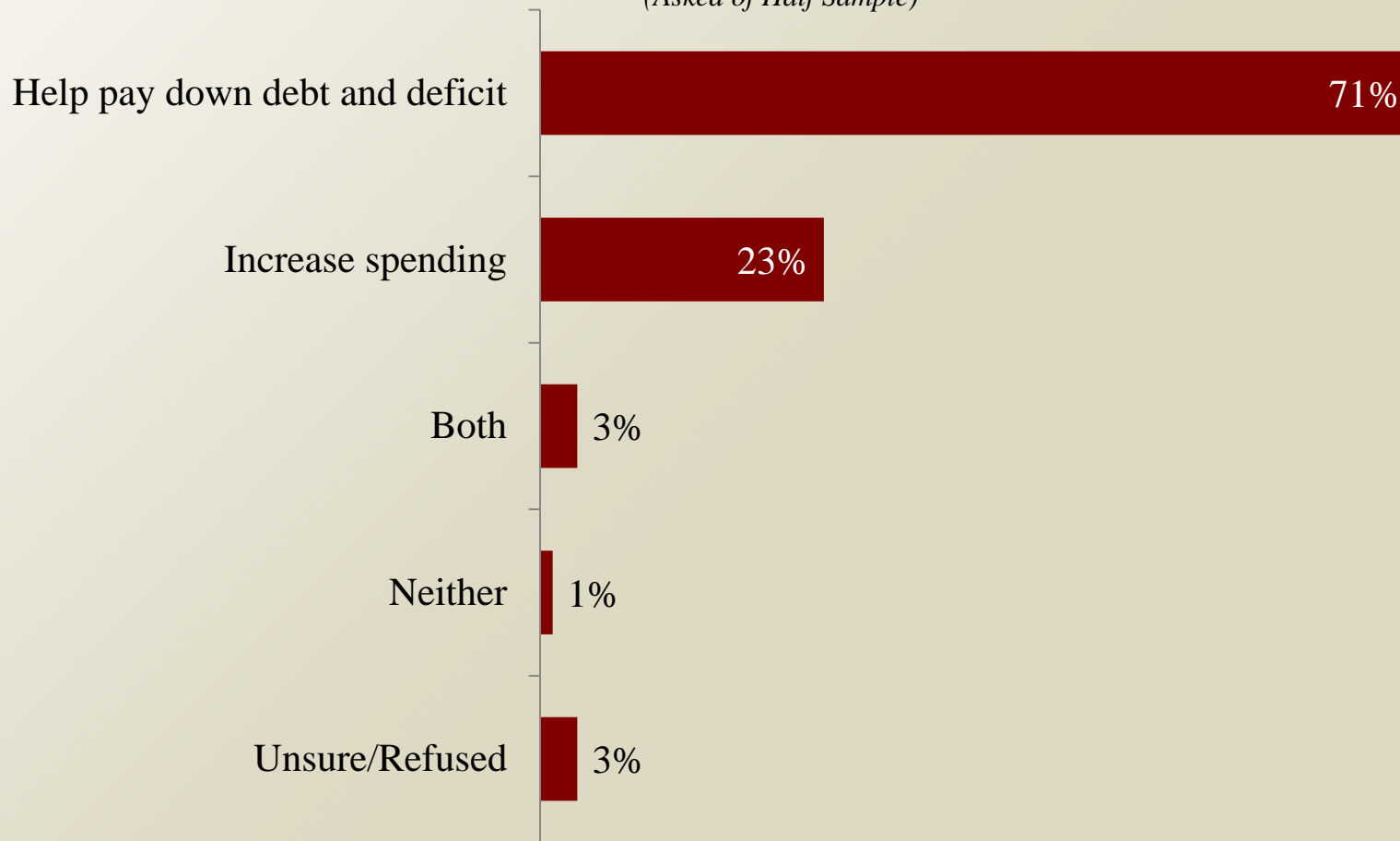
What do you personally think is the percentage that very wealthy people, those making 1 million dollars per year or more, should be paying in taxes?



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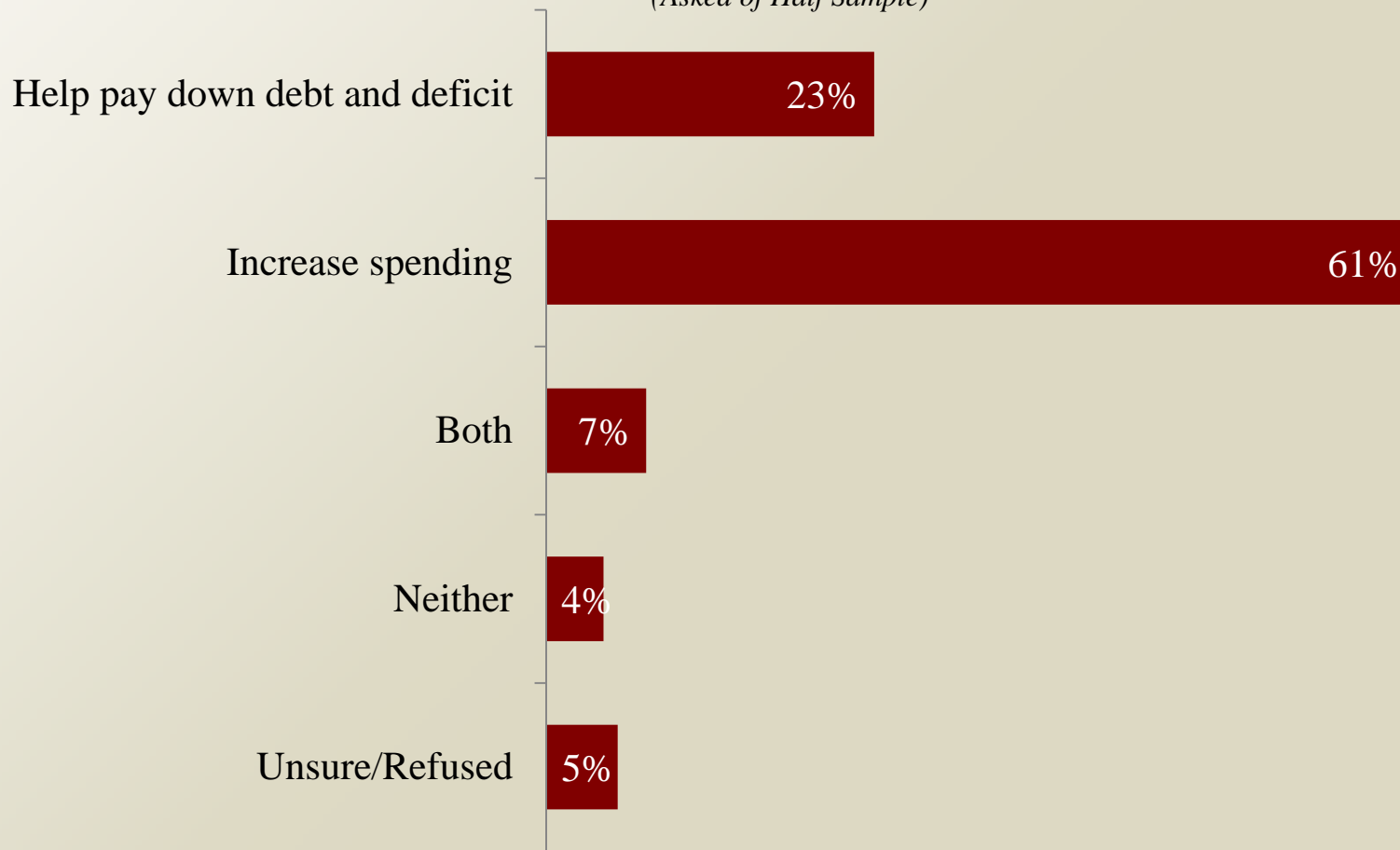
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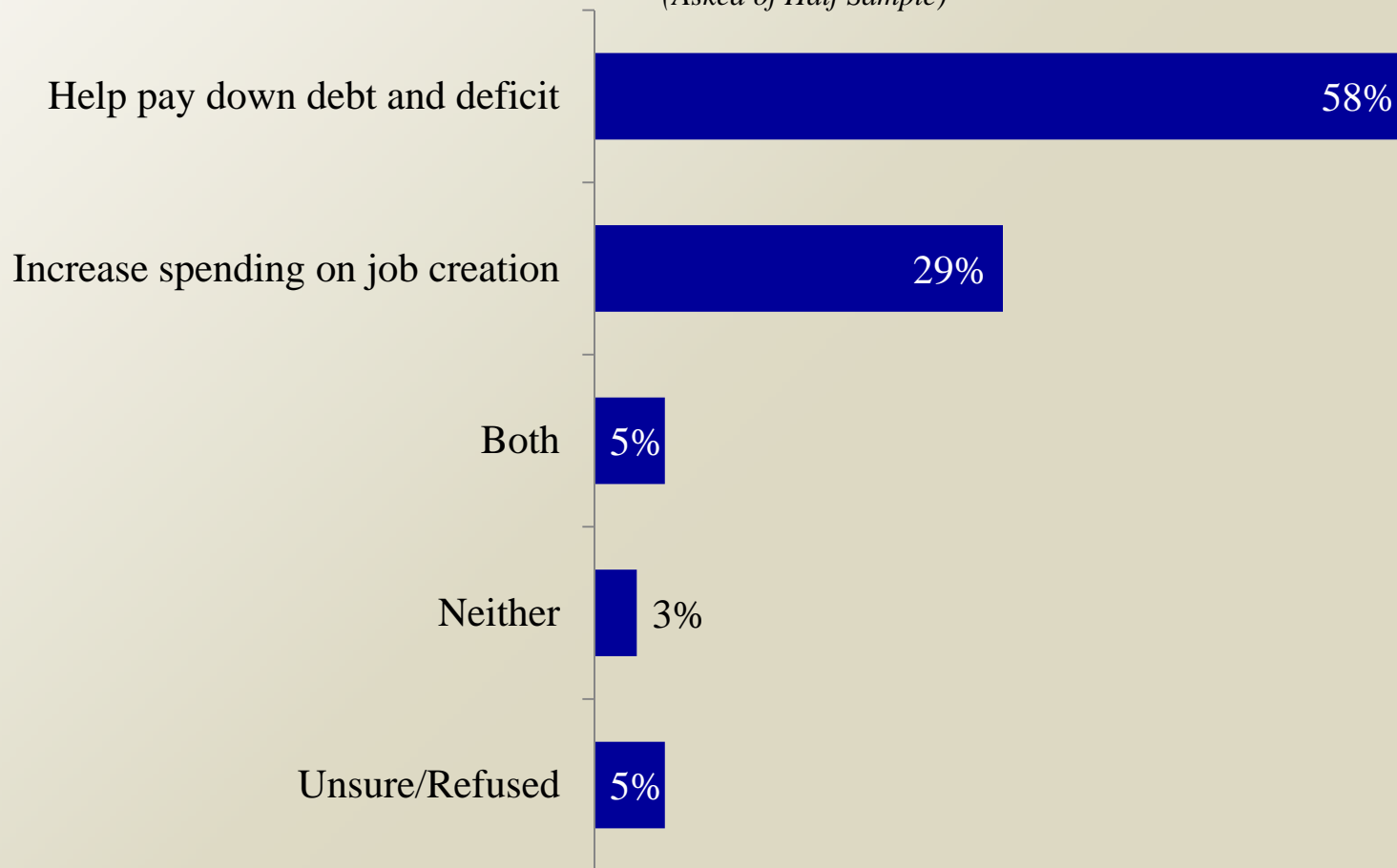
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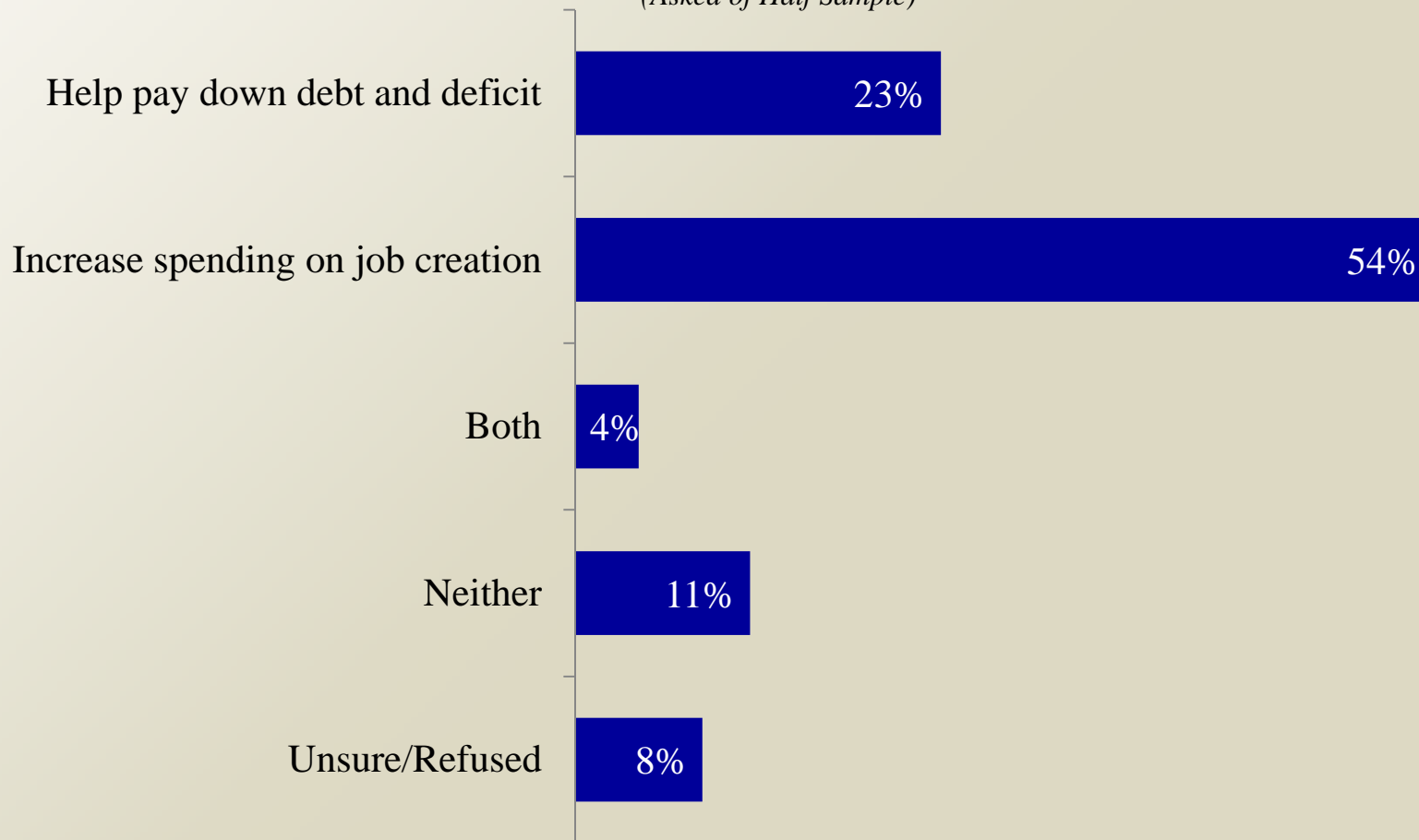
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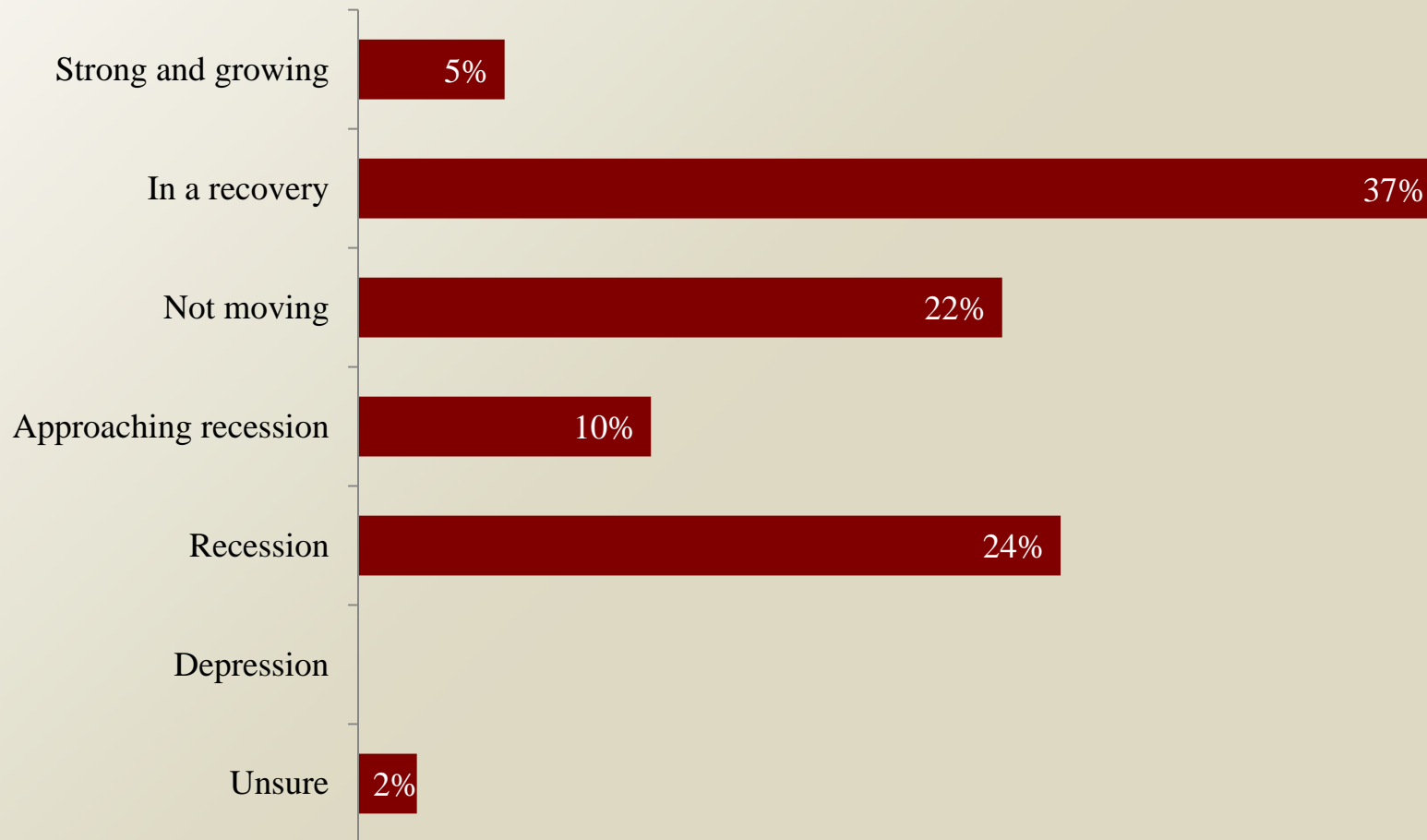
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Which of the following would you say most closely describes your view of the national economy? Would you say that the national economy is --



And which of the following do you believe is the best way to determine whether the economy is improving or not:

