

THE TARRANCE GROUP LAKE RESEARCH

December 2-6, 2012/ N=1,000 Registered “likely” voters /  $\pm 3.1\%$  M.O.E.

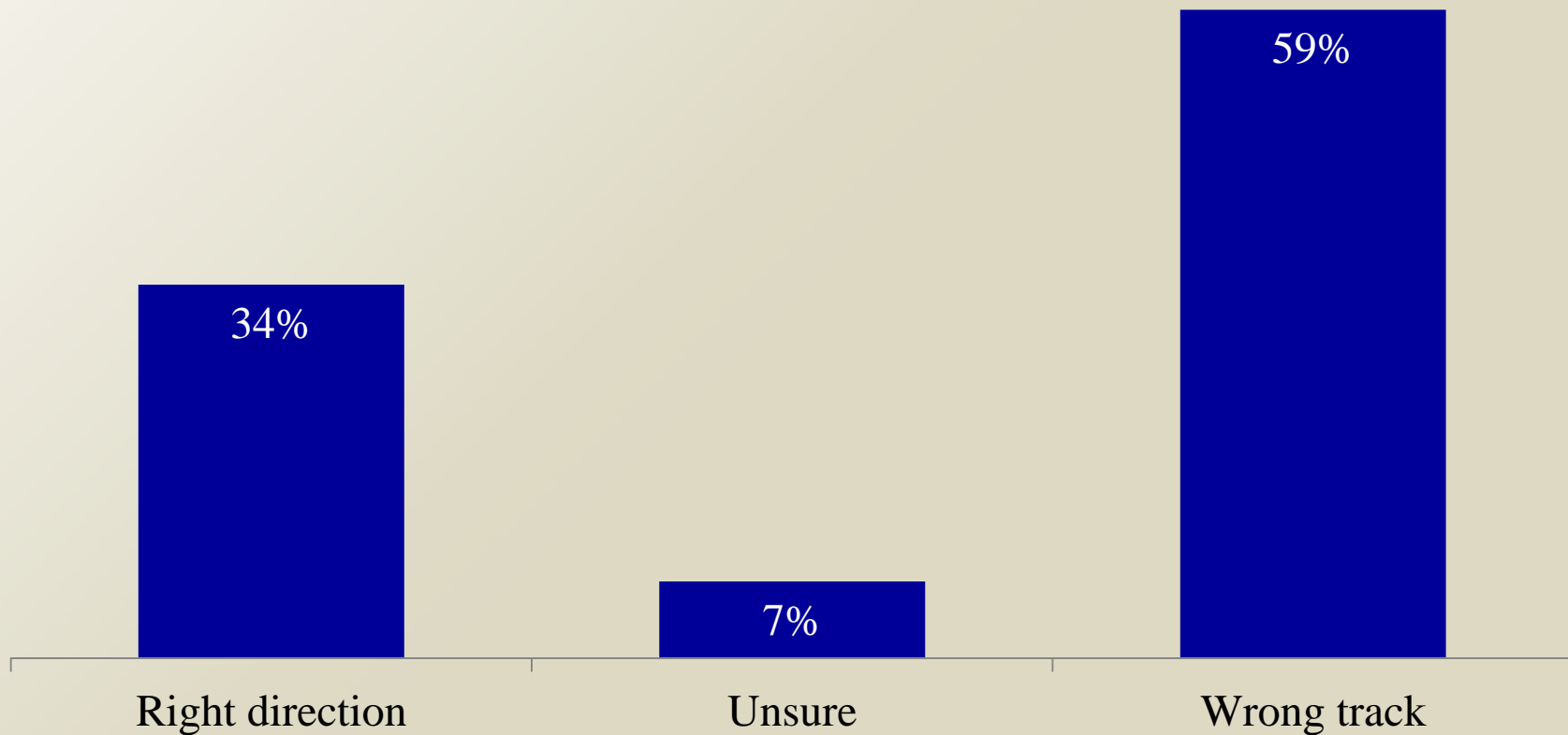


# THE POLITICO-GW BATTLEGROUND POLL

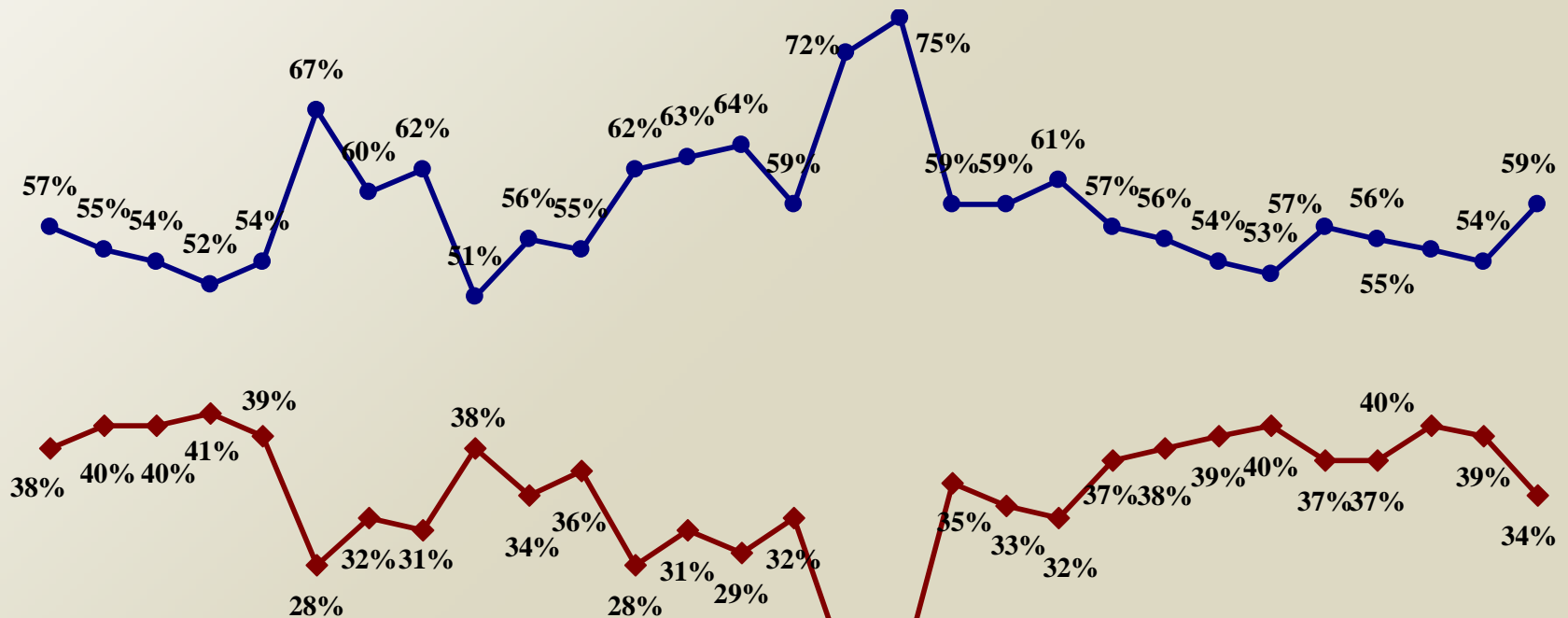
A national survey of 1,000 Registered “Likely” Voters



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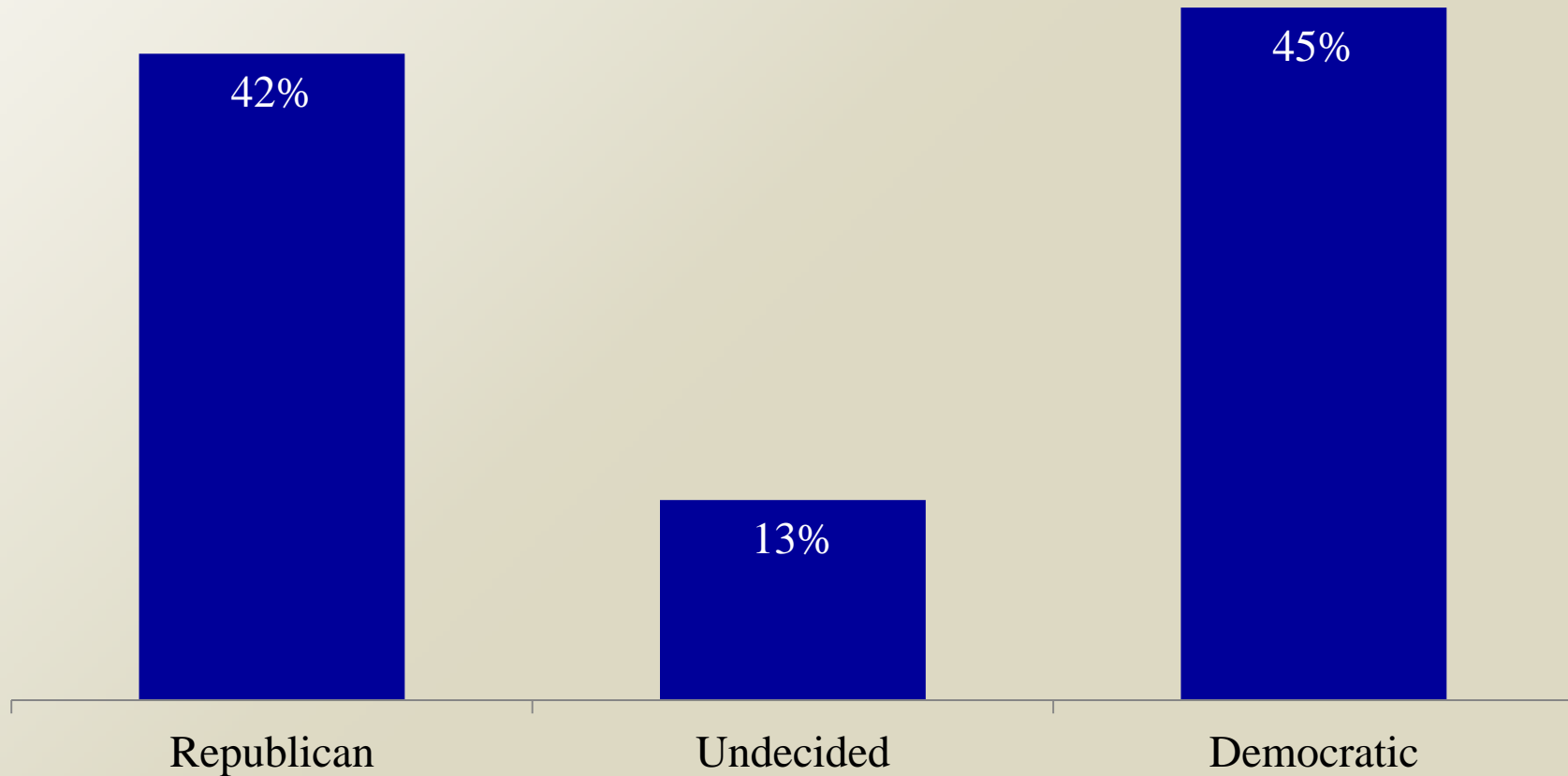


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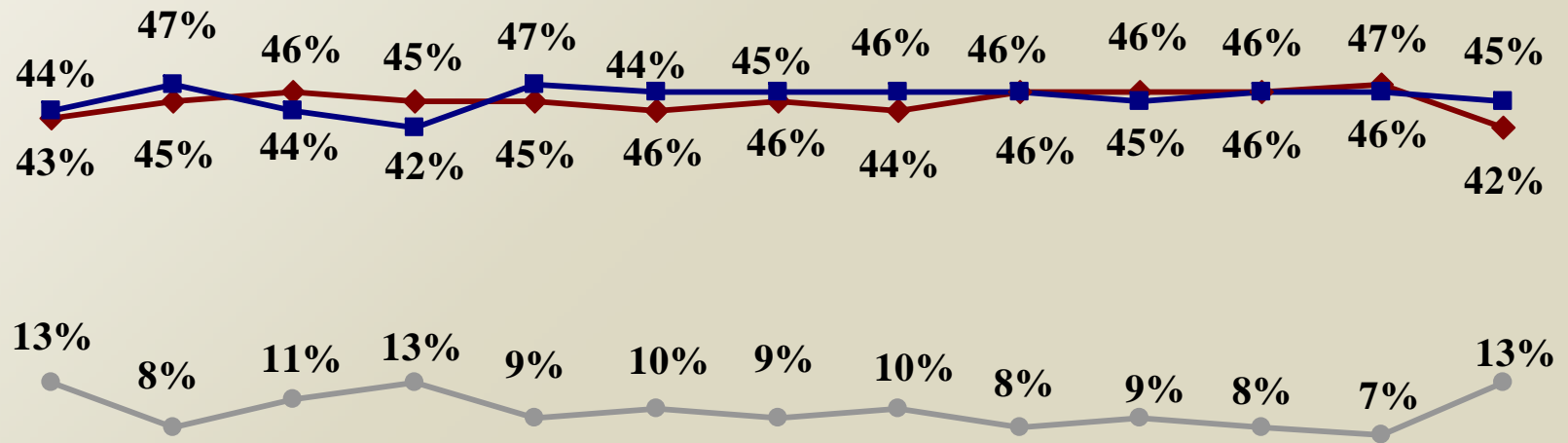


	Mar-04	Jun-04	Aug-04	Oct-04	Mar-05	Oct-05	Feb-06	Sep-06	Jul-09	Dec-09	Apr-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	May-11	Sep-11	Nov-11	Feb-12	May-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	9/27/12	10/4/12	10/1/12	10/1/12	10/2/12	11/1/12	11/5/12	12/6/12
Right Direction	38%	40%	40%	41%	39%	28%	32%	31%	38%	34%	36%	28%	31%	29%	32%	19%	18%	35%	33%	32%	37%	38%	39%	40%	37%	37%	40%	39%	34%
Wrong Track	57%	55%	54%	52%	54%	67%	60%	62%	51%	56%	55%	62%	63%	64%	59%	72%	75%	59%	59%	61%	57%	56%	54%	53%	57%	56%	55%	54%	59%
Unsure					7%	7%	9%	7%	11%	9%	9%	10%		7%	9%	9%	8%	6%	8%	7%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%	6%	5%	6%	7%

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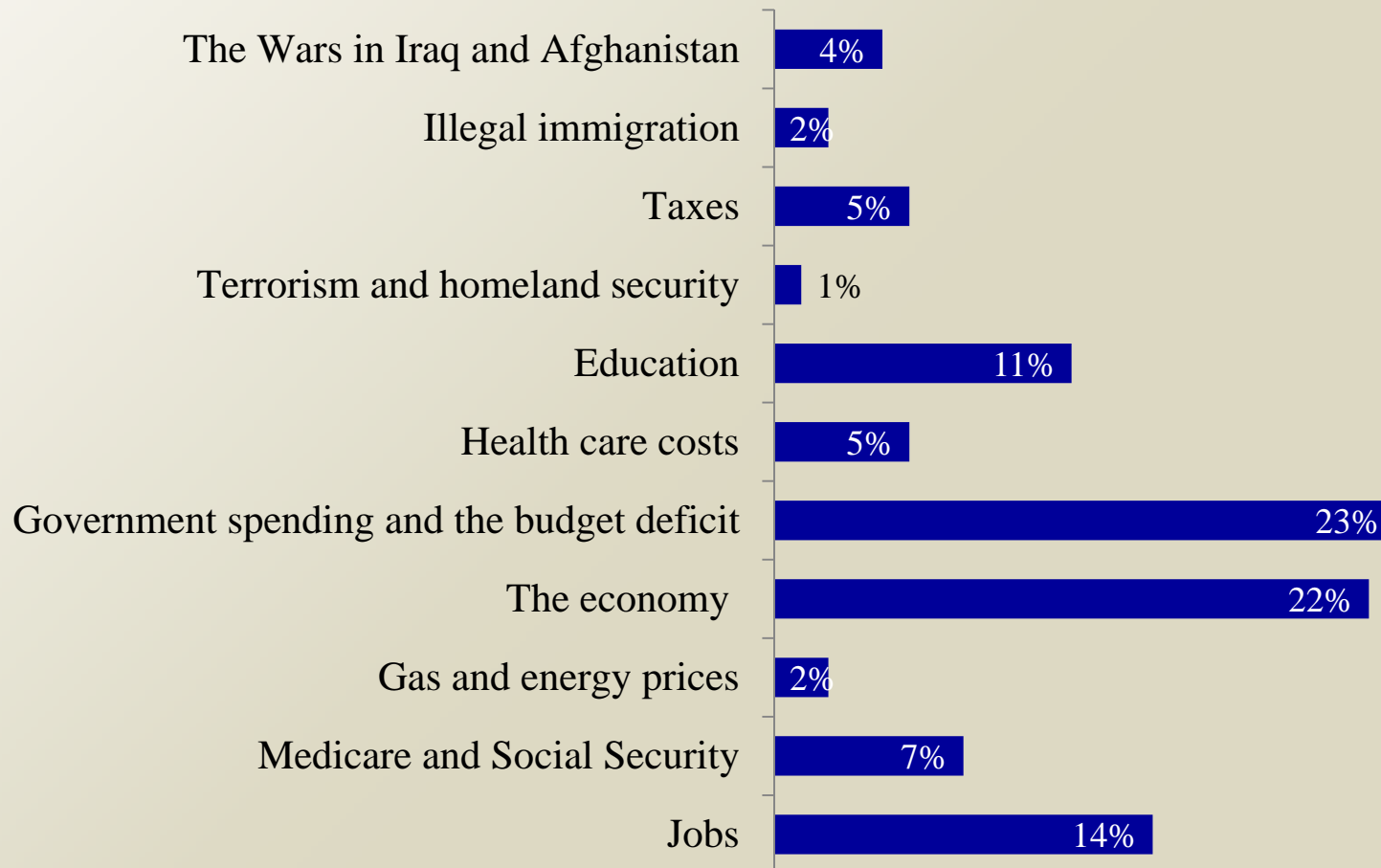


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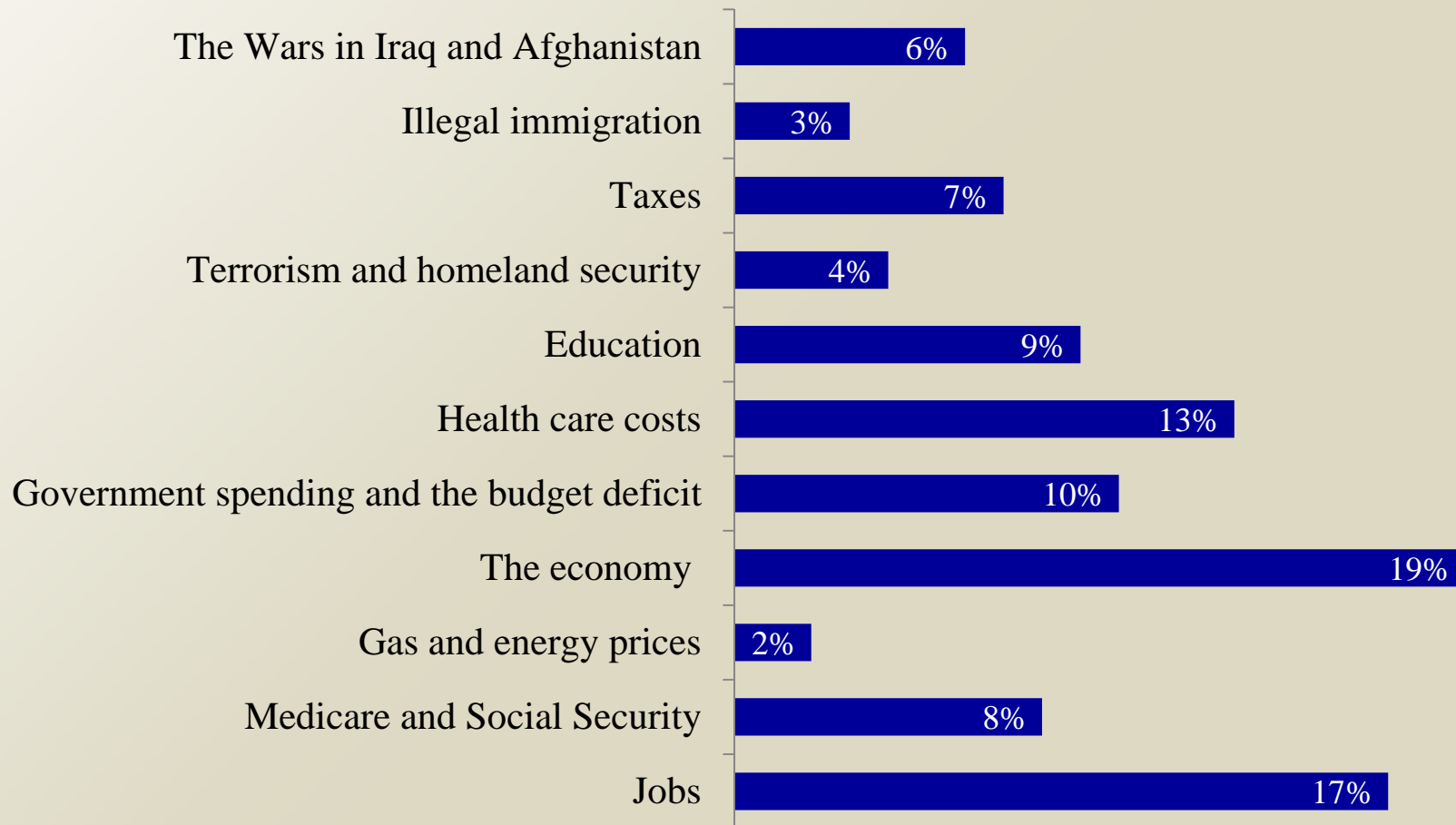


	11/9/11	2/22/12	5/3/12	8/8/12	9/20/12	9/27/12	10/4/12	10/11/12	10/18/12	10/25/12	11/1/12	11/5/12	12/6/12
◆ Republican	43%	45%	46%	45%	45%	44%	45%	44%	46%	46%	46%	47%	42%
● Undecided	13%	8%	11%	13%	9%	10%	9%	10%	8%	9%	8%	7%	13%
■ Democratic	44%	47%	44%	42%	47%	46%	46%	46%	46%	45%	46%	46%	45%

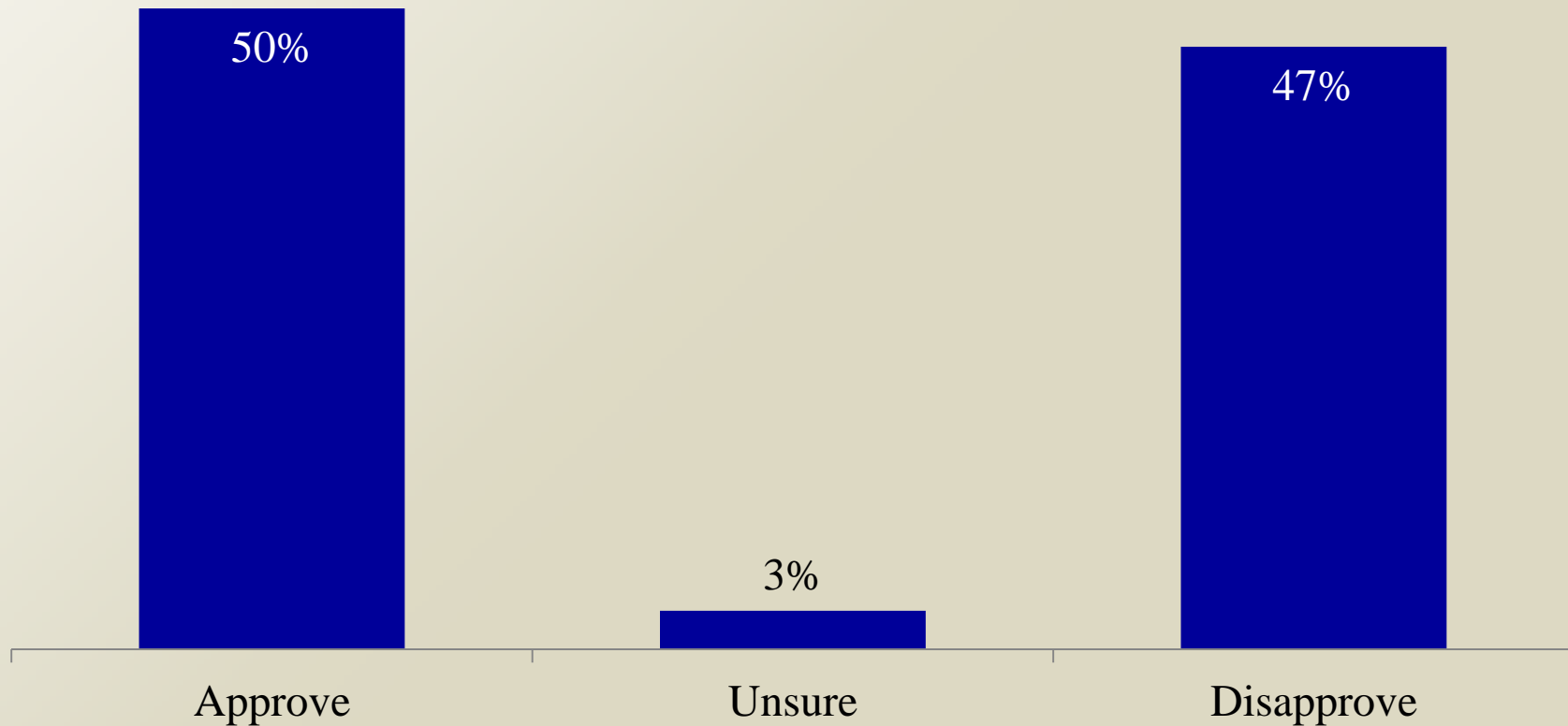
Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for Congress to focus on. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which one issue you think is most important.



And what would you say is the next most important problem?  
(If choice made in Q3, Asked of N=950 Respondents, or 94.8% of Sample)

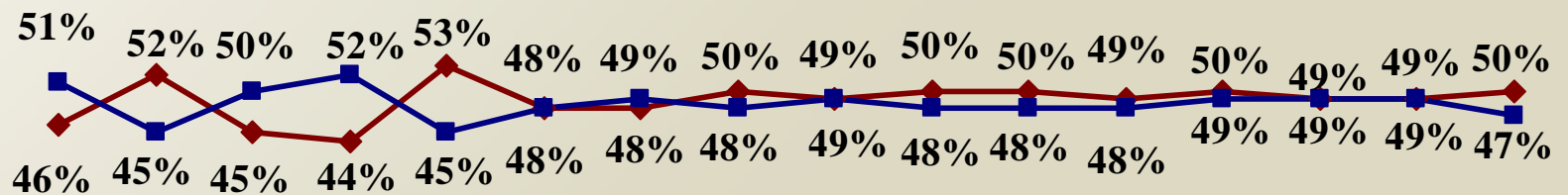


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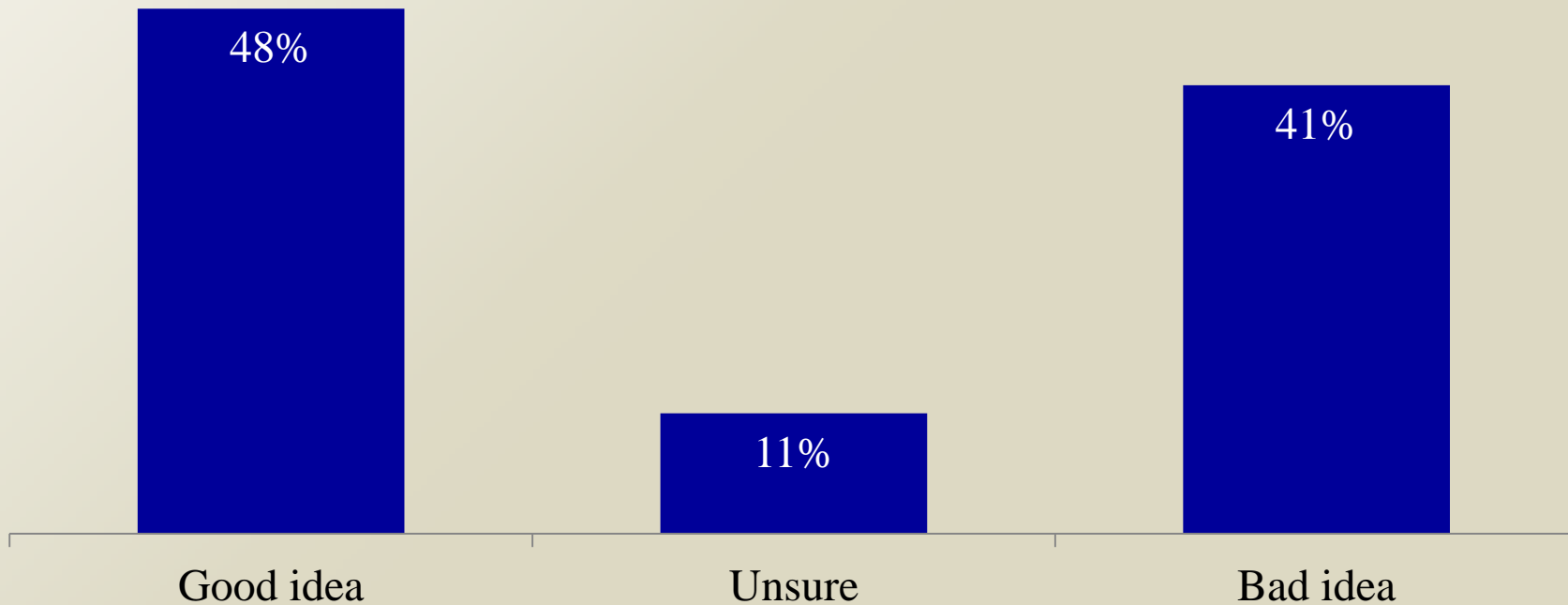
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◆ Approve	46%	52%	45%	44%	53%	48%	48%	50%	49%	50%	50%	49%	50%	49%	49%	50%
● Unsure	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
■ Disapprove	51%	45%	50%	52%	45%	48%	49%	48%	49%	48%	48%	48%	49%	49%	49%	47%

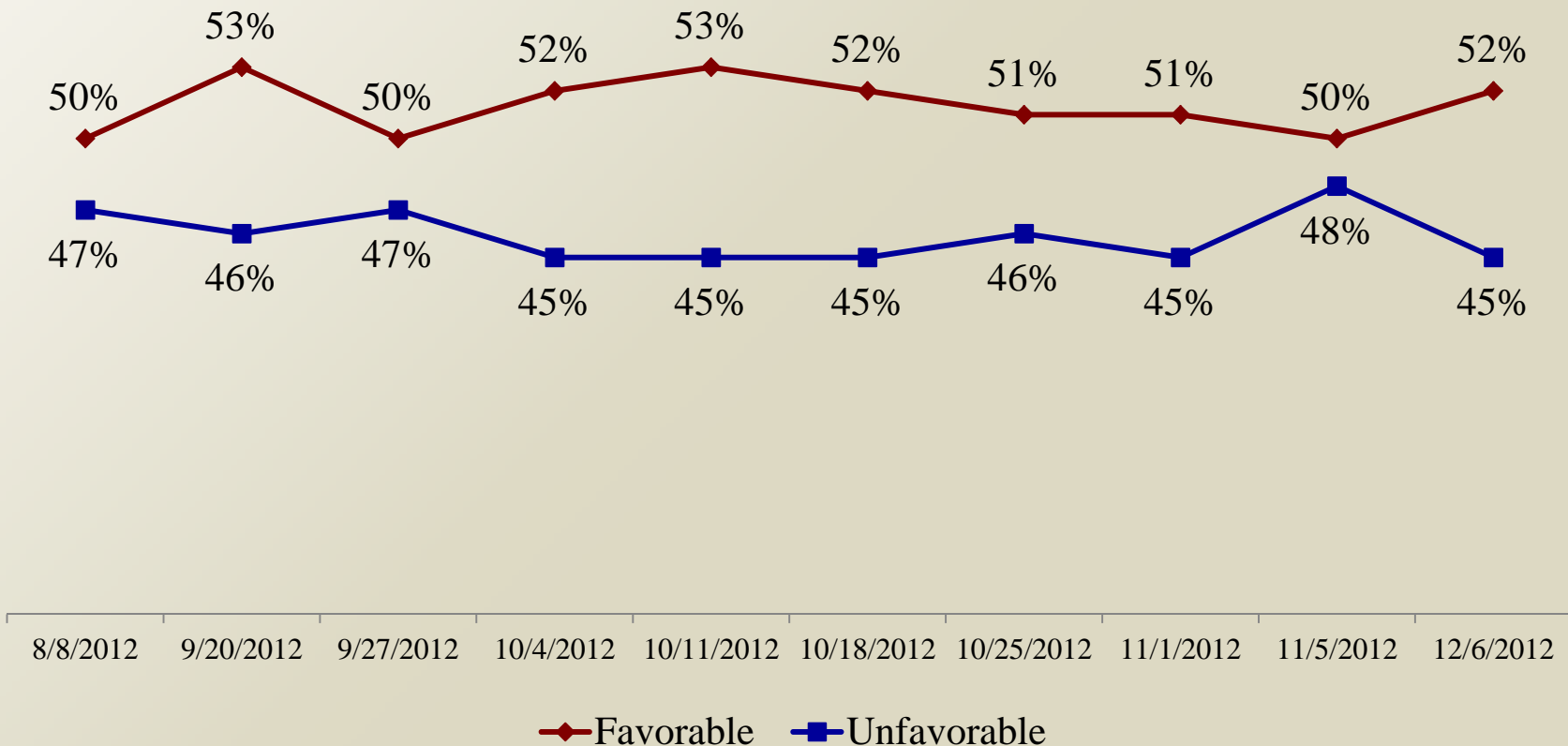
Over the past few years, both the Republicans and the Democrats had candidates for the US House and the US Senate who ran poor campaigns. Leaders in both parties have suggested that the national political parties should take a more active role in supporting stronger candidates during political primaries. Others have suggested that this type of meddling will lead to candidates who are less responsive to voters.

Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea for the national political parties to take a more active role during political primaries to support stronger candidates?



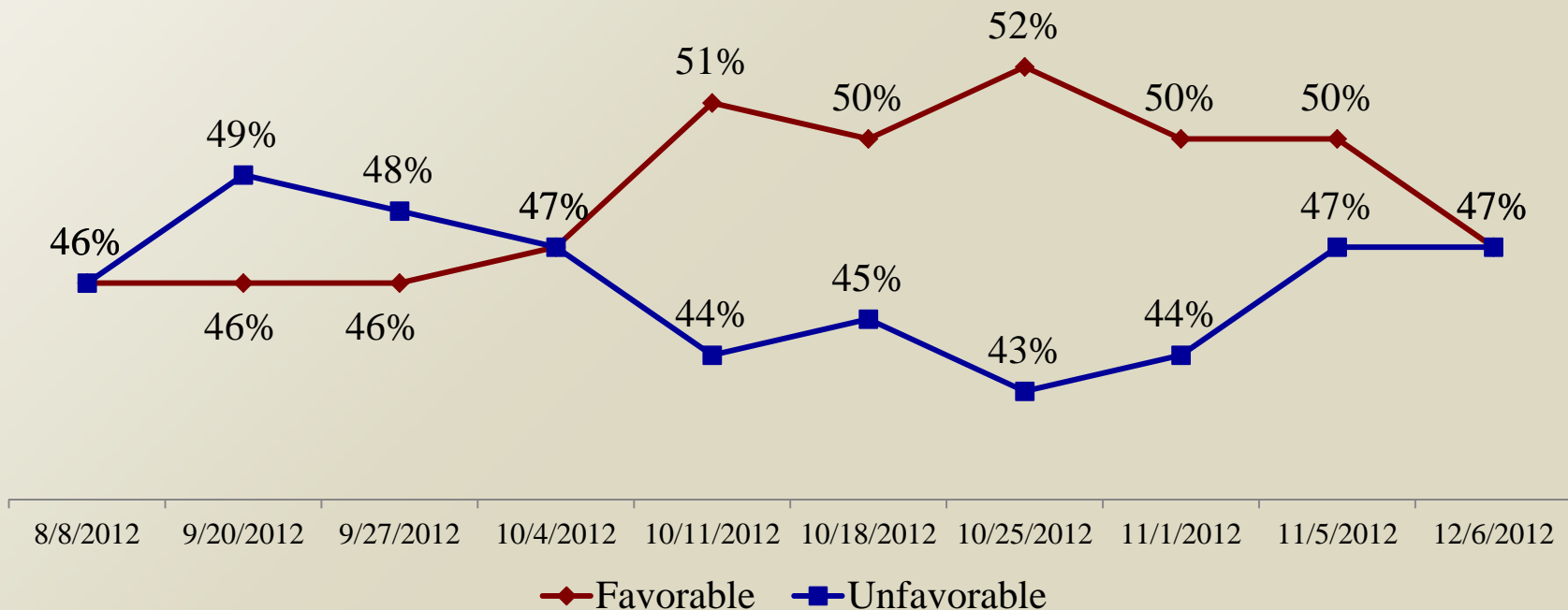
Now I would like to read you the names of several individuals. For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that person. If you do not recognize the name, just say so.

**Barack Obama**

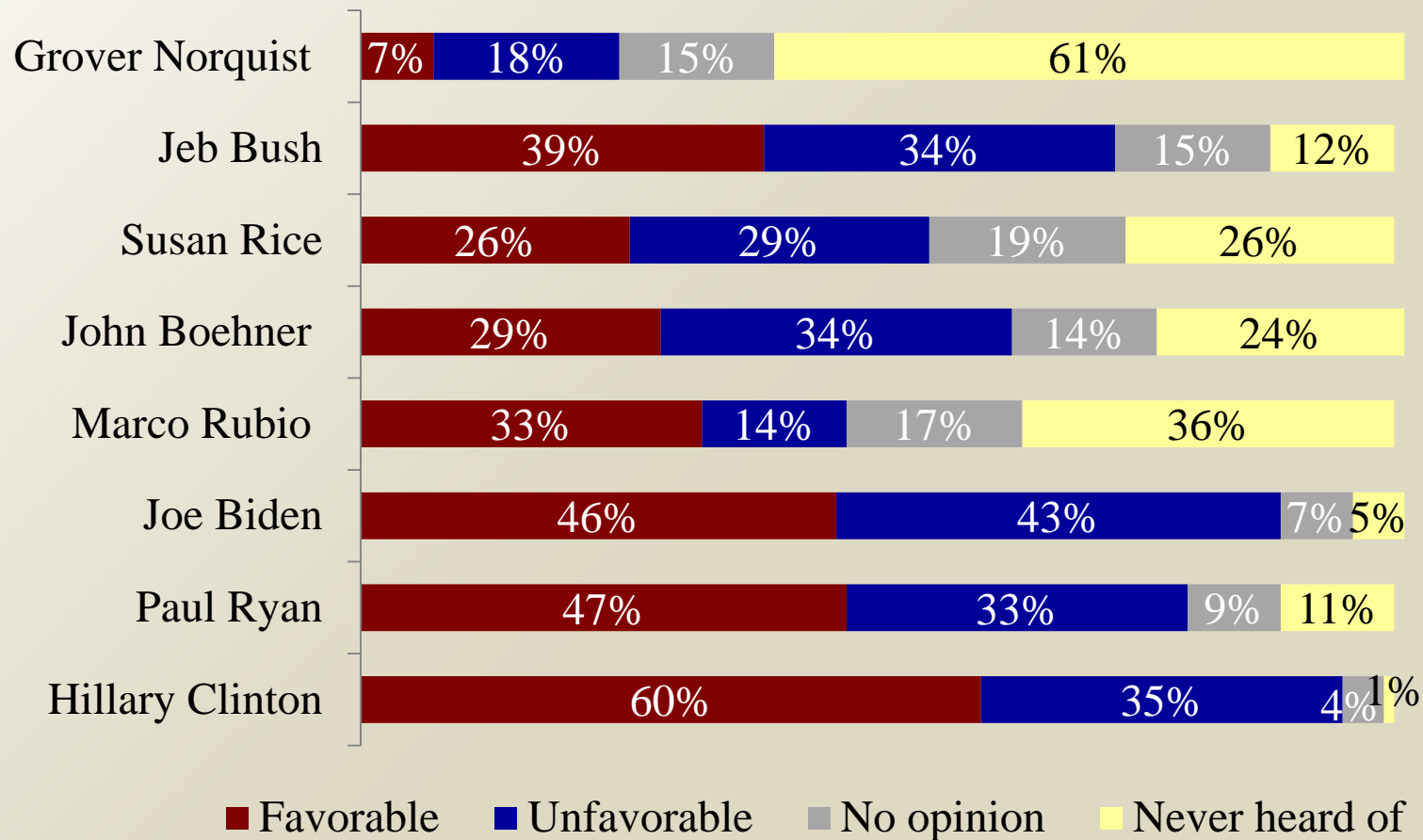


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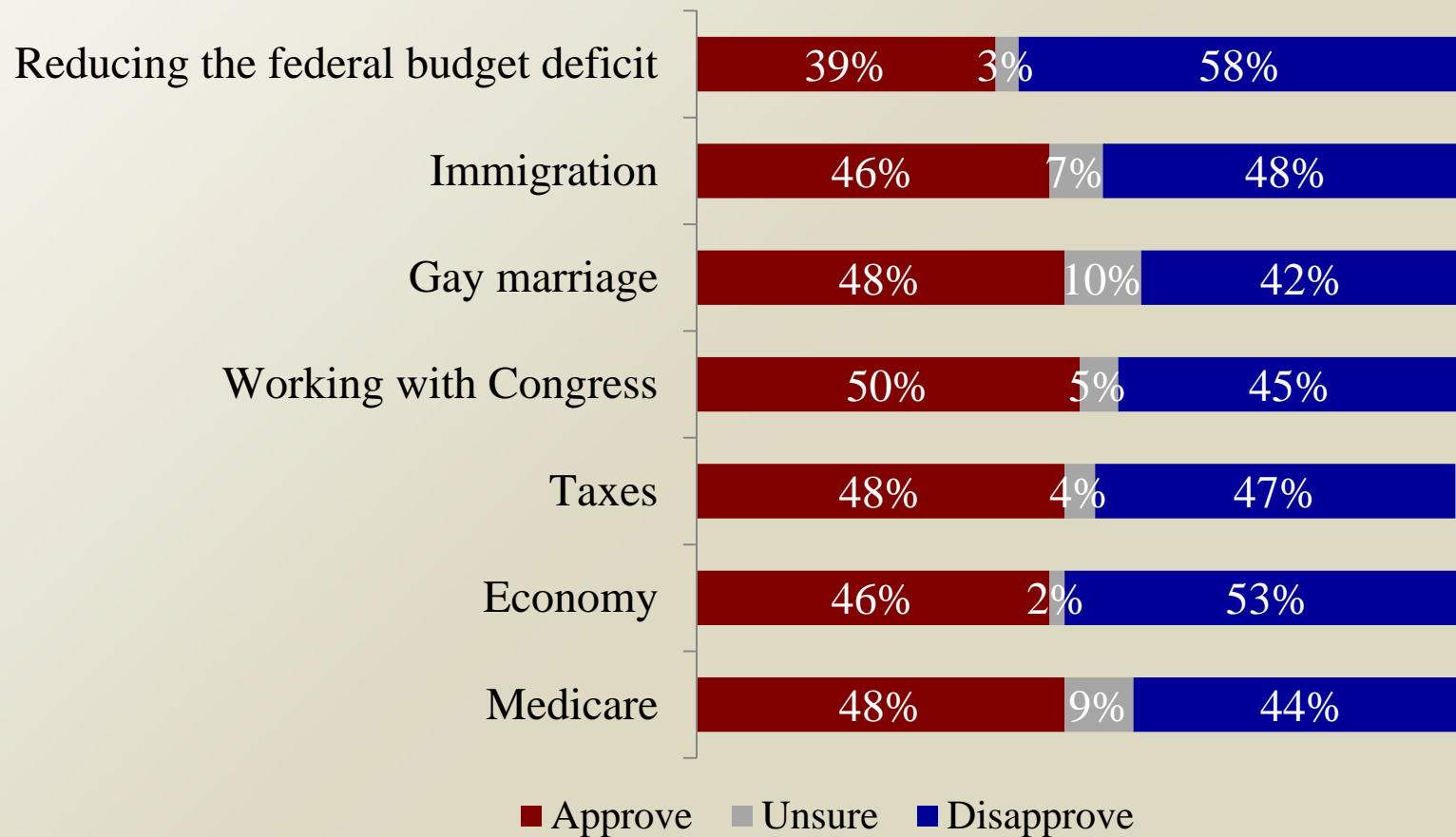
**Mitt Romney**



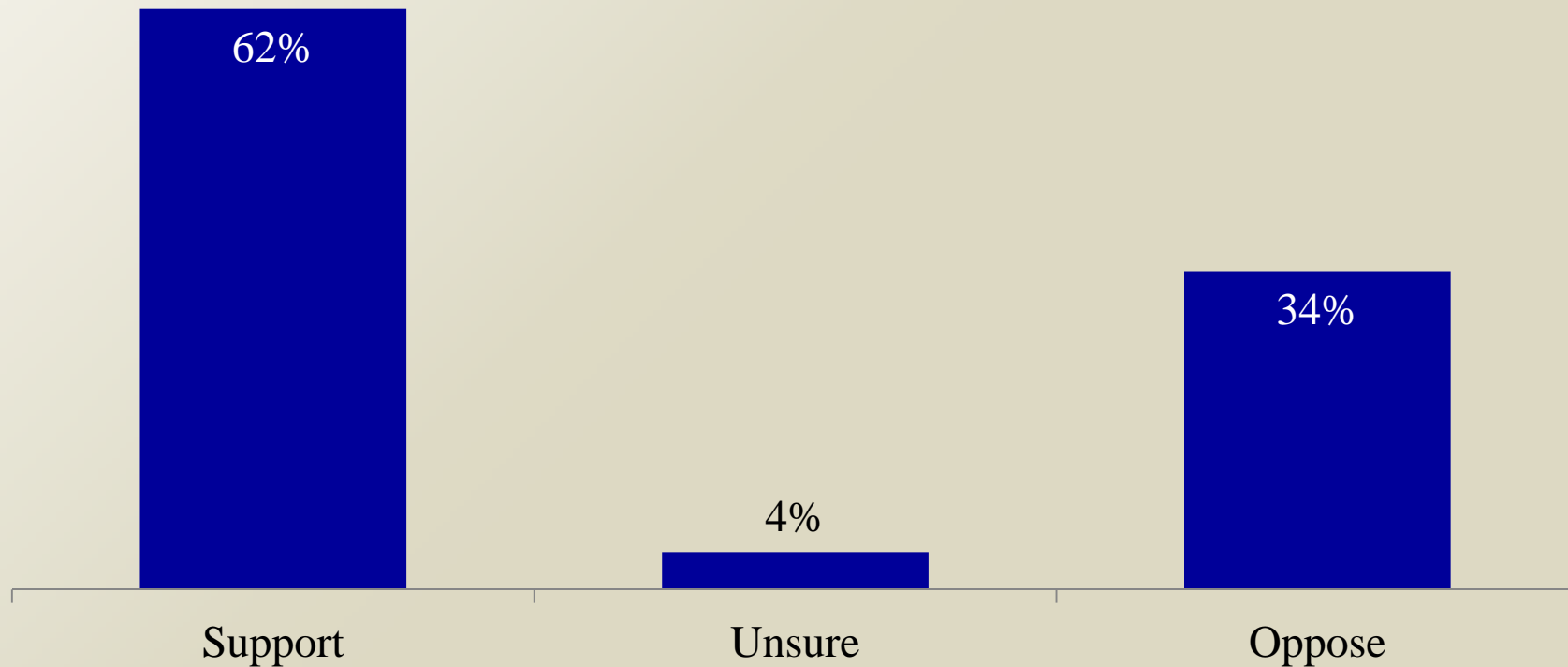
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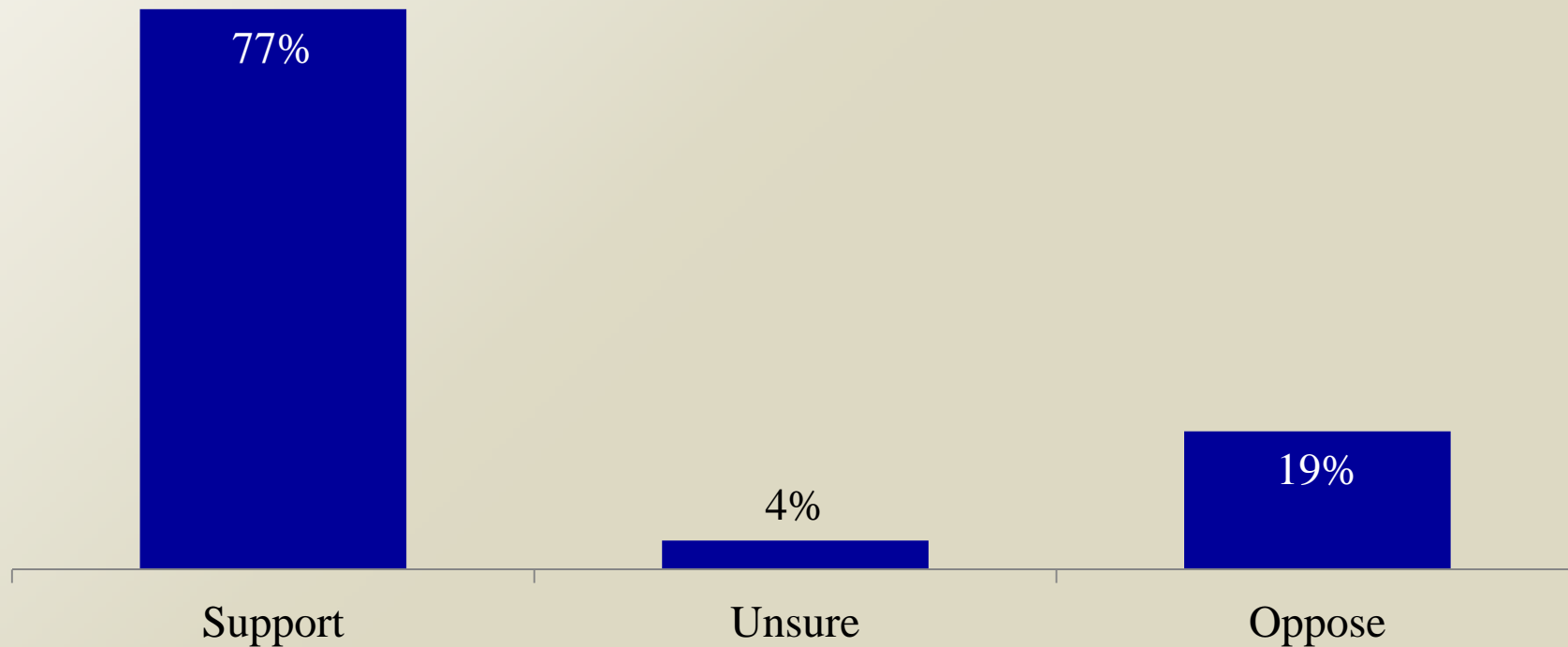
I am going to read you some issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.



Would you support or oppose an immigration reform proposal that allows illegal or undocumented immigrants to earn citizenship over a period of several years?

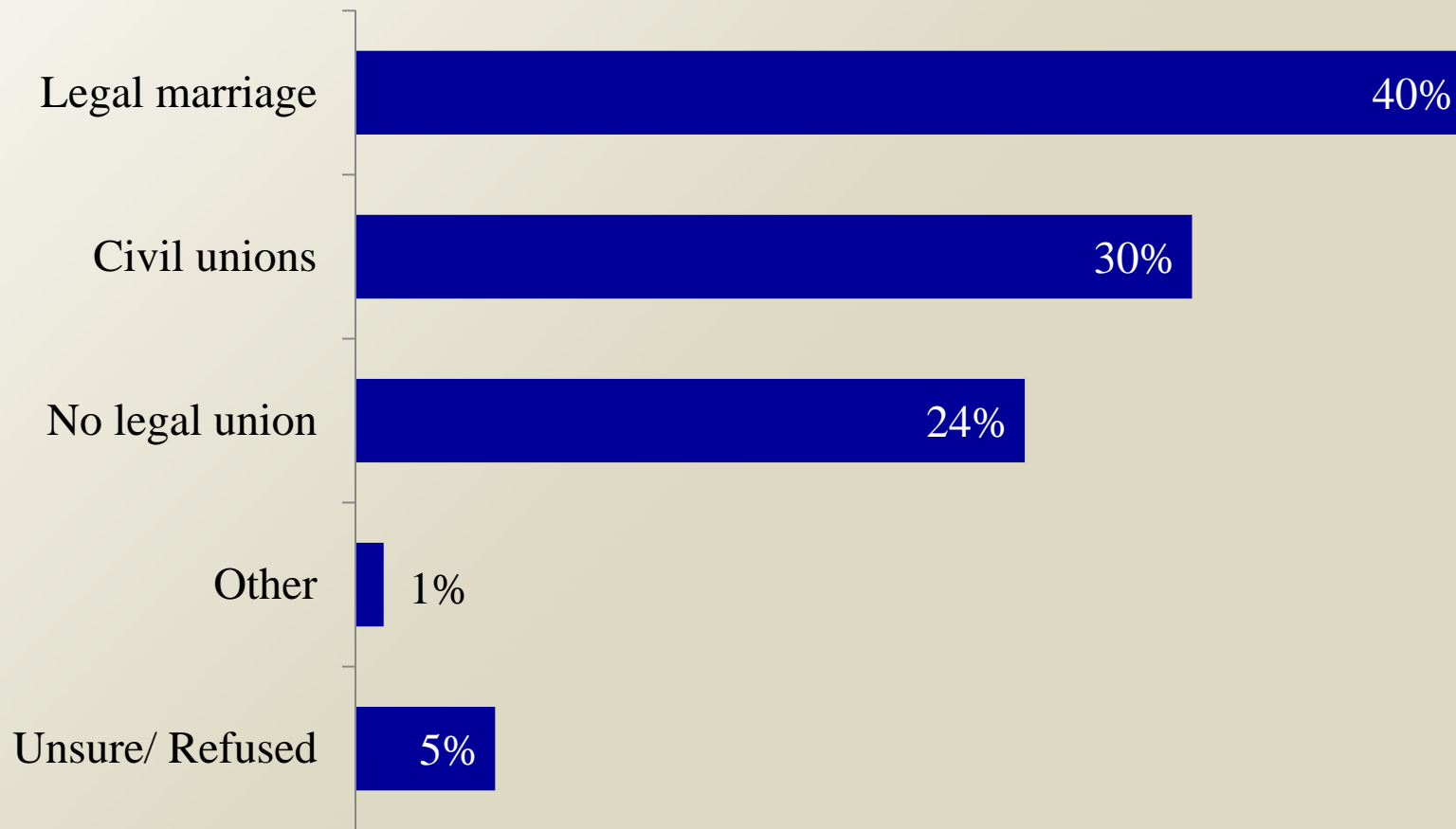


Would you support or oppose an immigration reform proposal that allows the children of illegal or undocumented immigrants to earn the right to stay here permanently if they complete a college degree or serve in the military?

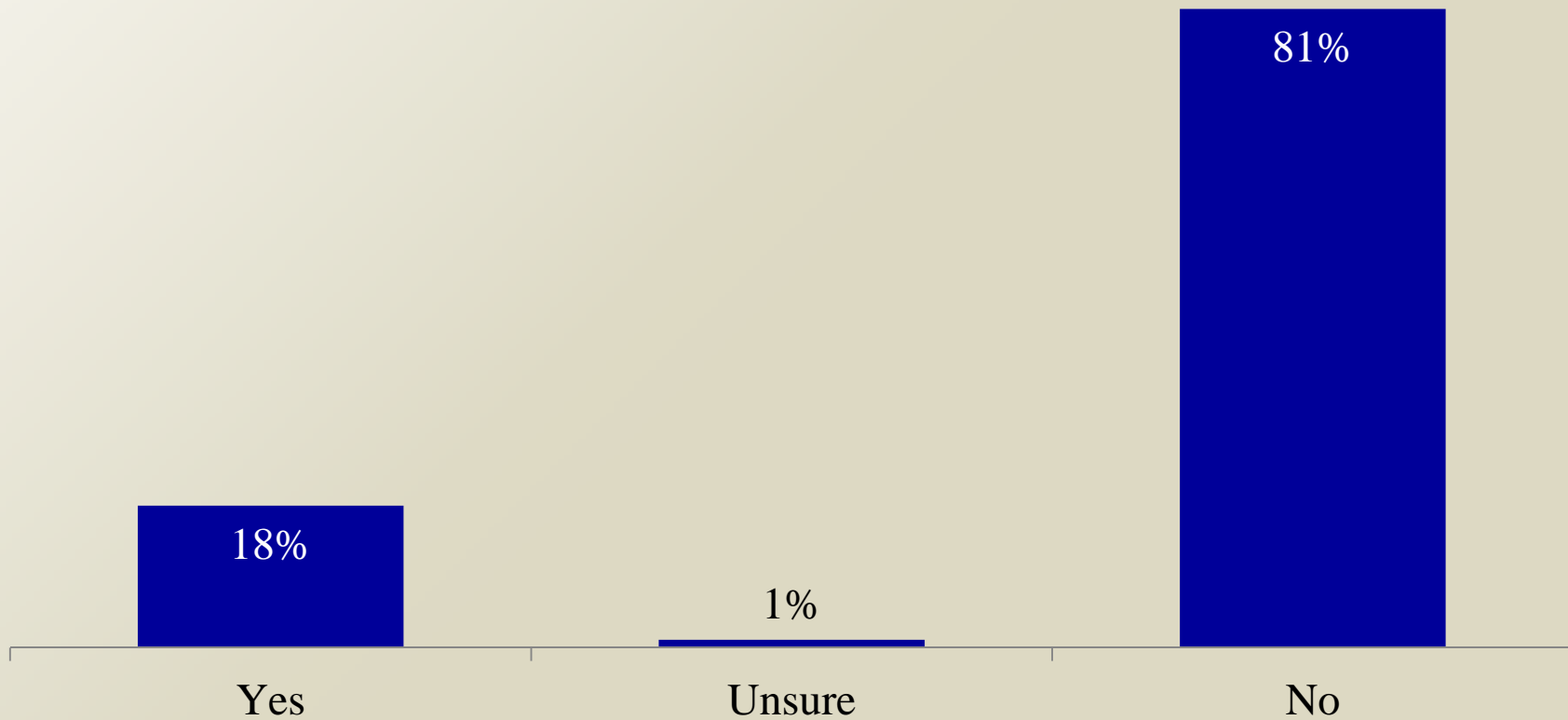




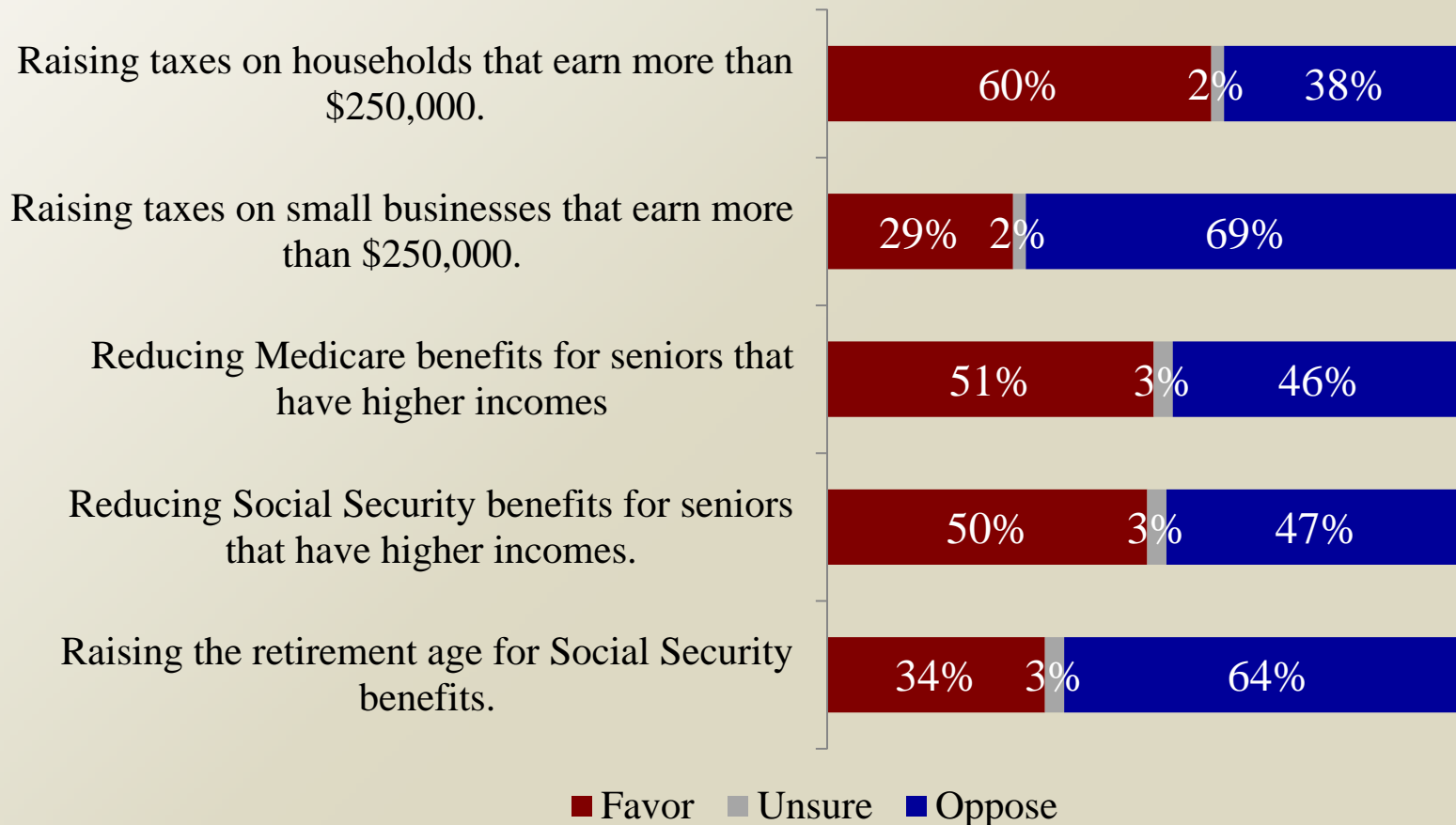
Which of these best describes your views on same sex marriage or gay marriage:  
Same sex couples should be able to be legally married; same sex couples should be able to enter into civil unions but not be allowed to get married, or same sex couples should not be allowed to have any type of legal union?



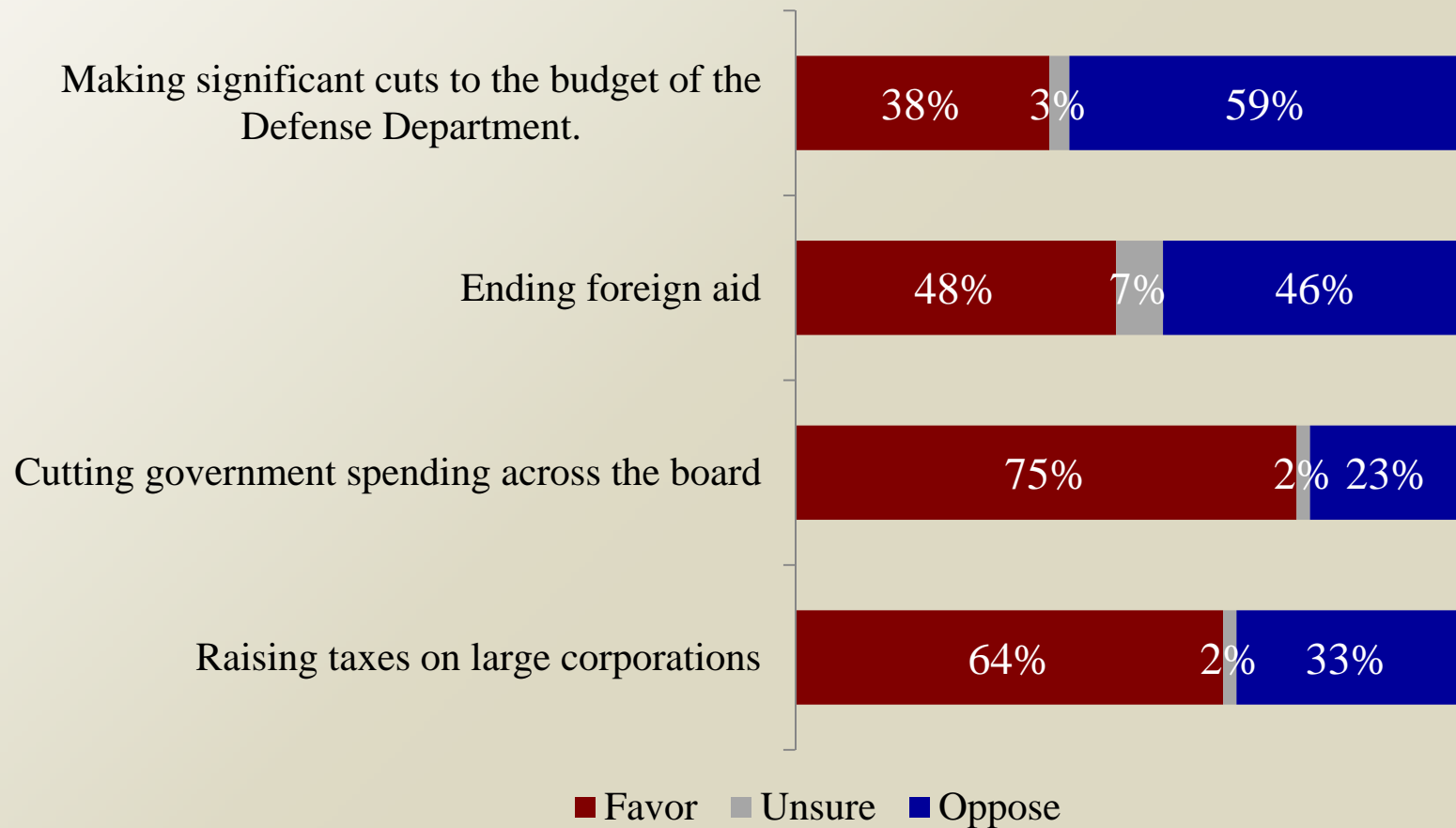
Have your views on same sex marriage or gay marriage changed over the past few years?



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Regardless of how you feel about requiring taxes on those with higher incomes, do you believe that if we raise taxes on households that earn over \$250,000 per year it will have a negative impact on the economy?

