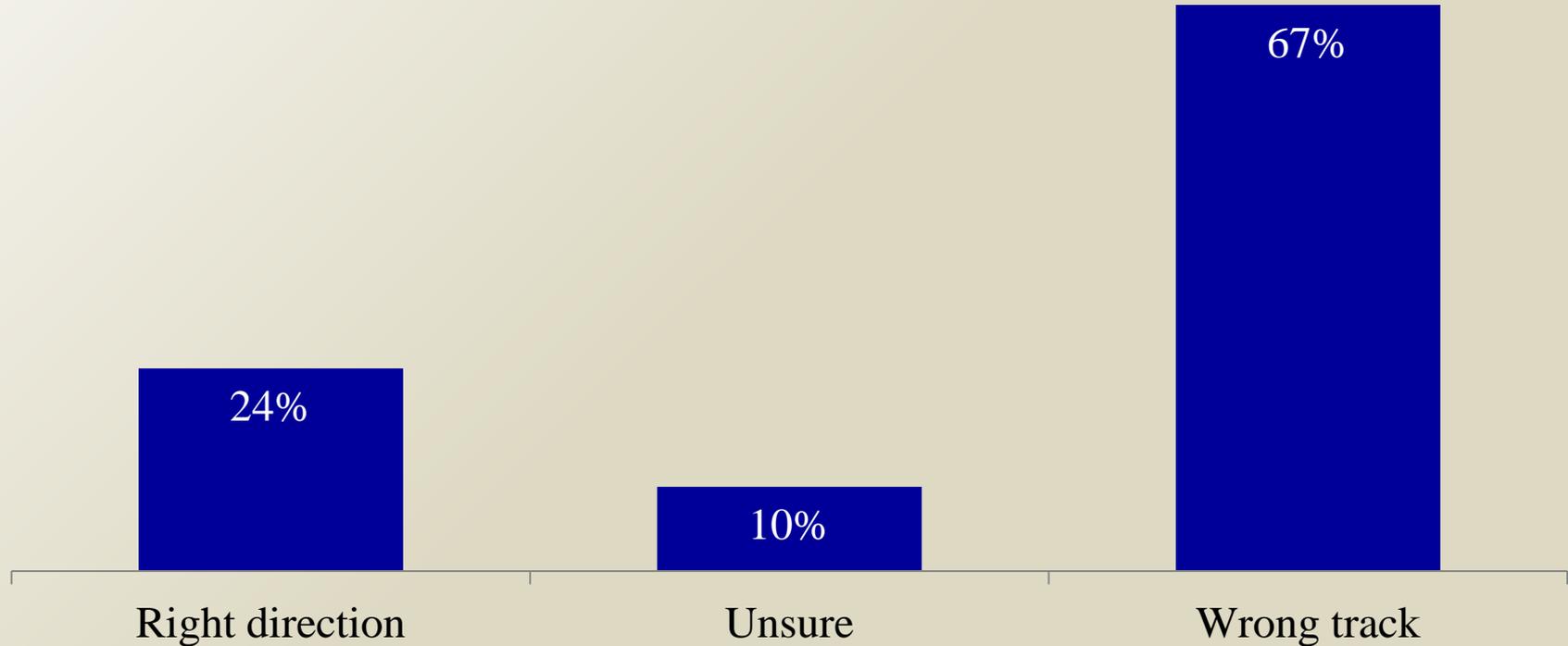


# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BATTLEGROUND POLL

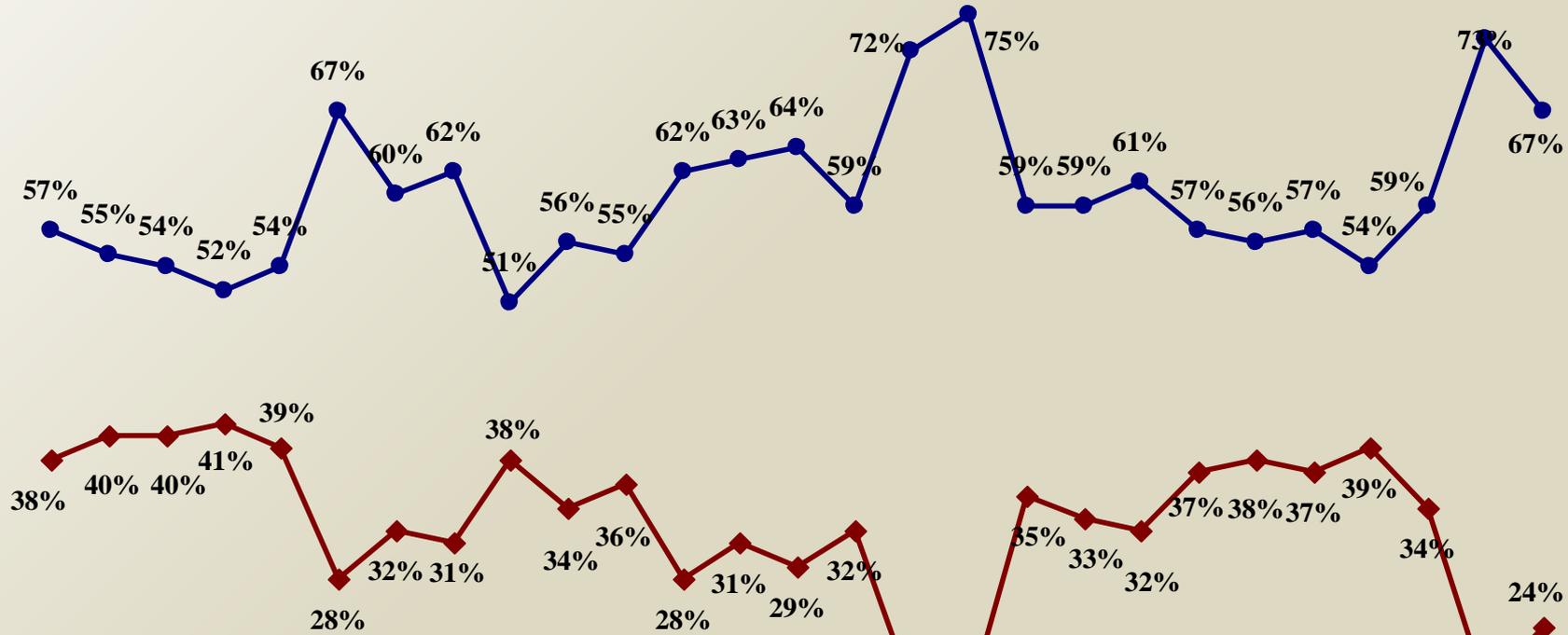
A national survey of 1,000 Registered “Likely” Voters



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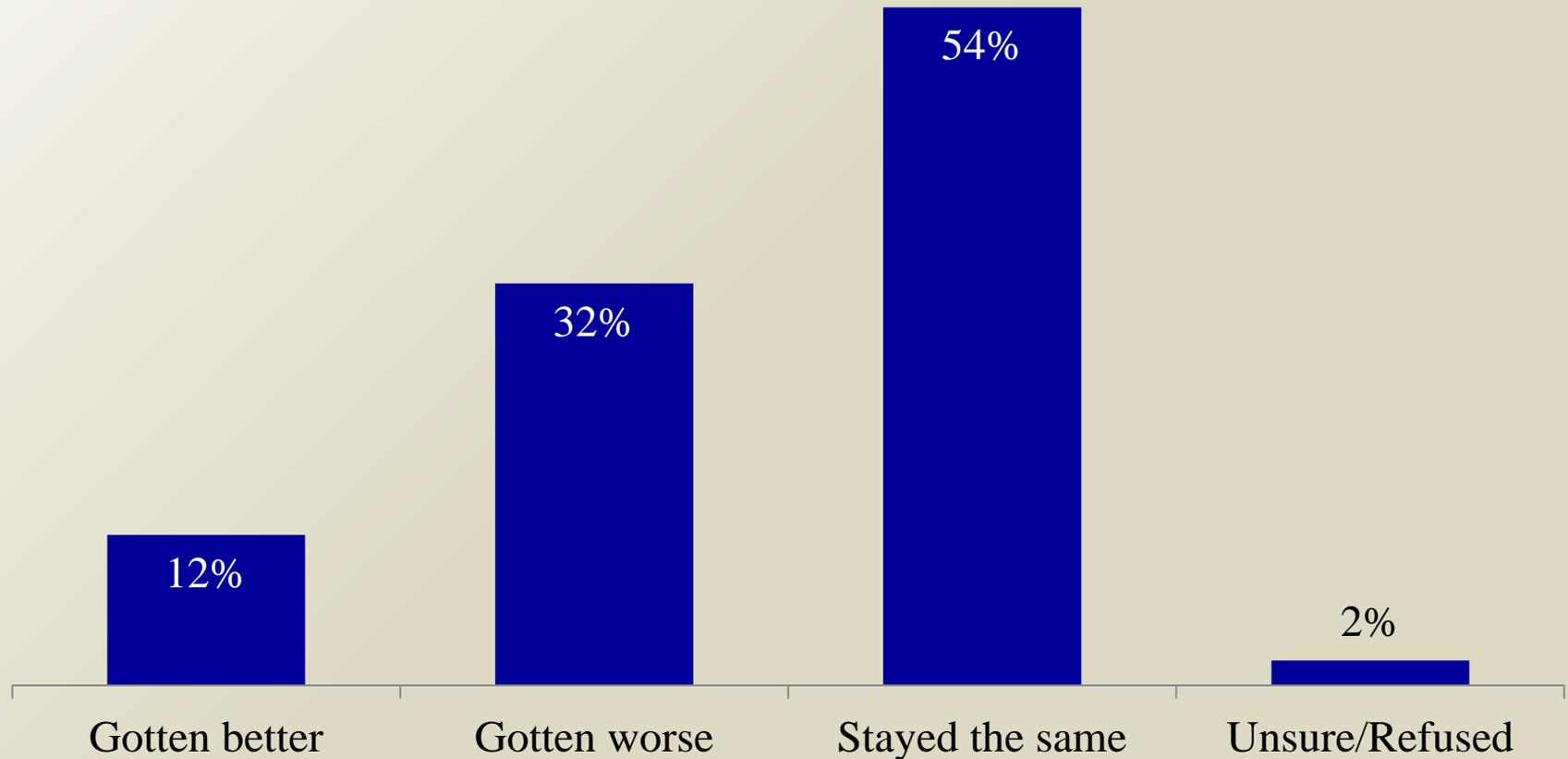


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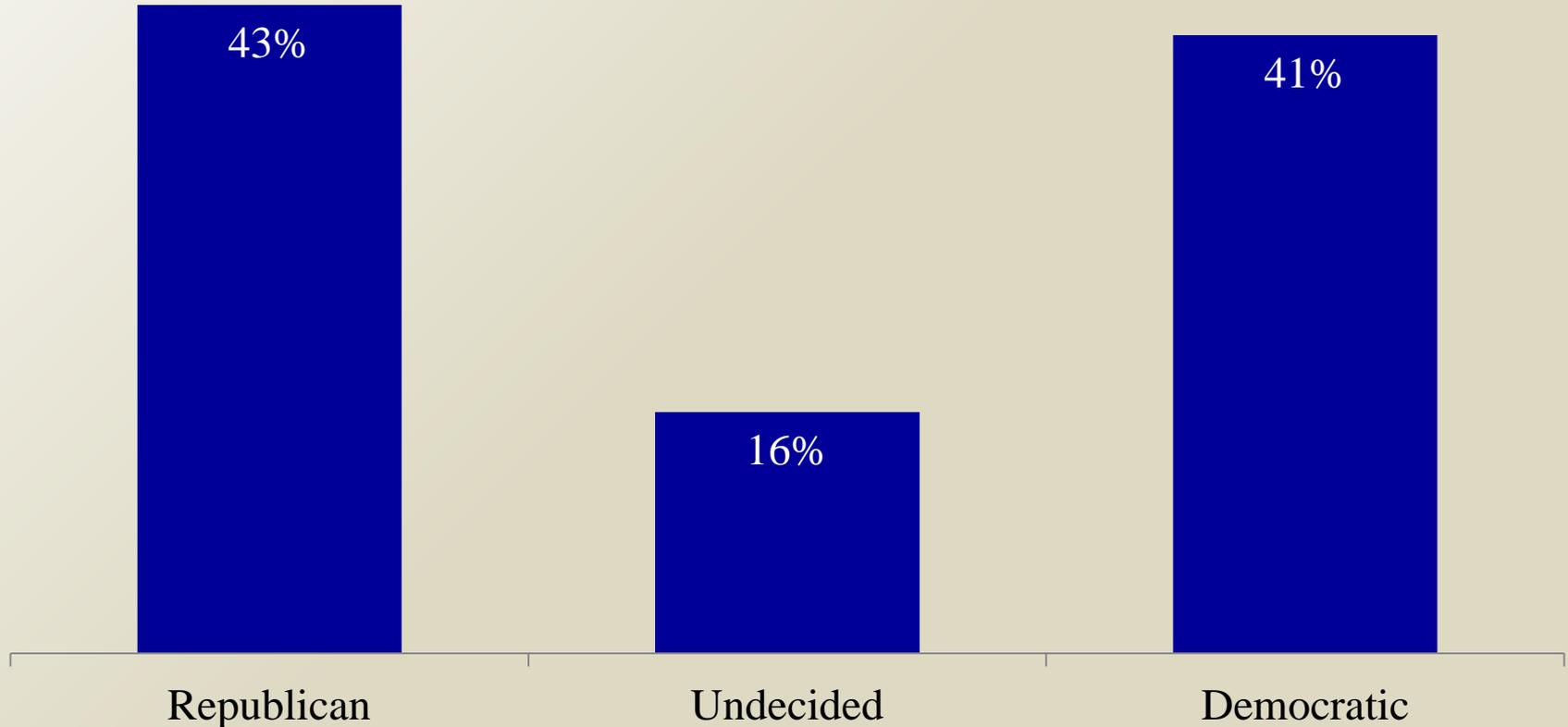


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Right Direction	38%	40%	40%	41%	39%	28%	32%	31%	38%	34%	36%	28%	31%	29%	32%	19%	18%	35%	33%	32%	37%	38%	37%	39%	34%	19%	24%
Wrong Track	57%	55%	54%	52%	54%	67%	60%	62%	51%	56%	55%	62%	63%	64%	59%	72%	75%	59%	59%	61%	57%	56%	57%	54%	59%	73%	67%
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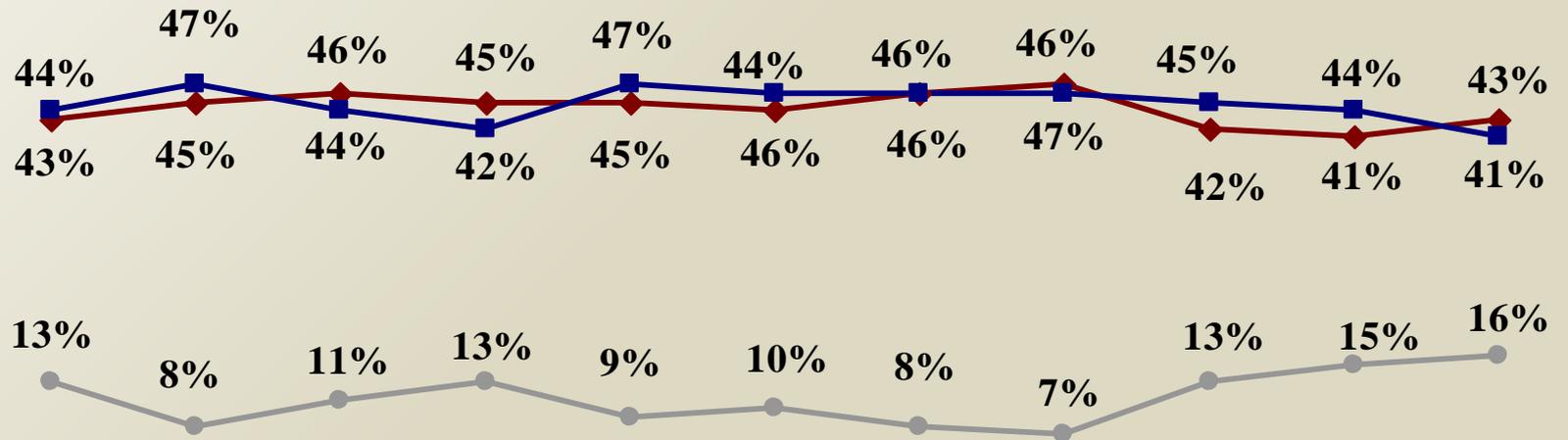
In thinking about the past few months and leaders in Washington solving problems, do you think that things have gotten better, gotten worse, stayed the same over the past few months?



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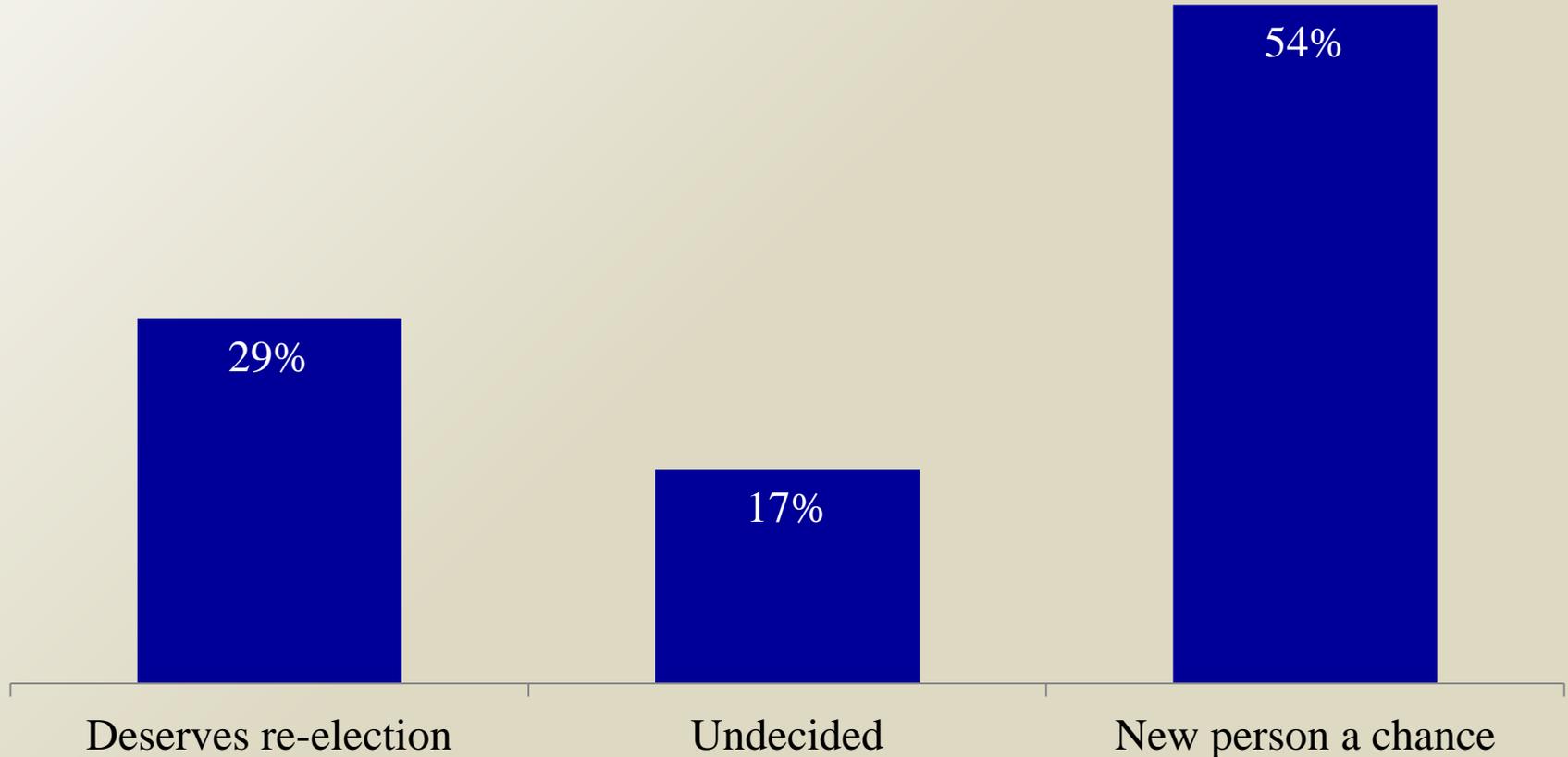


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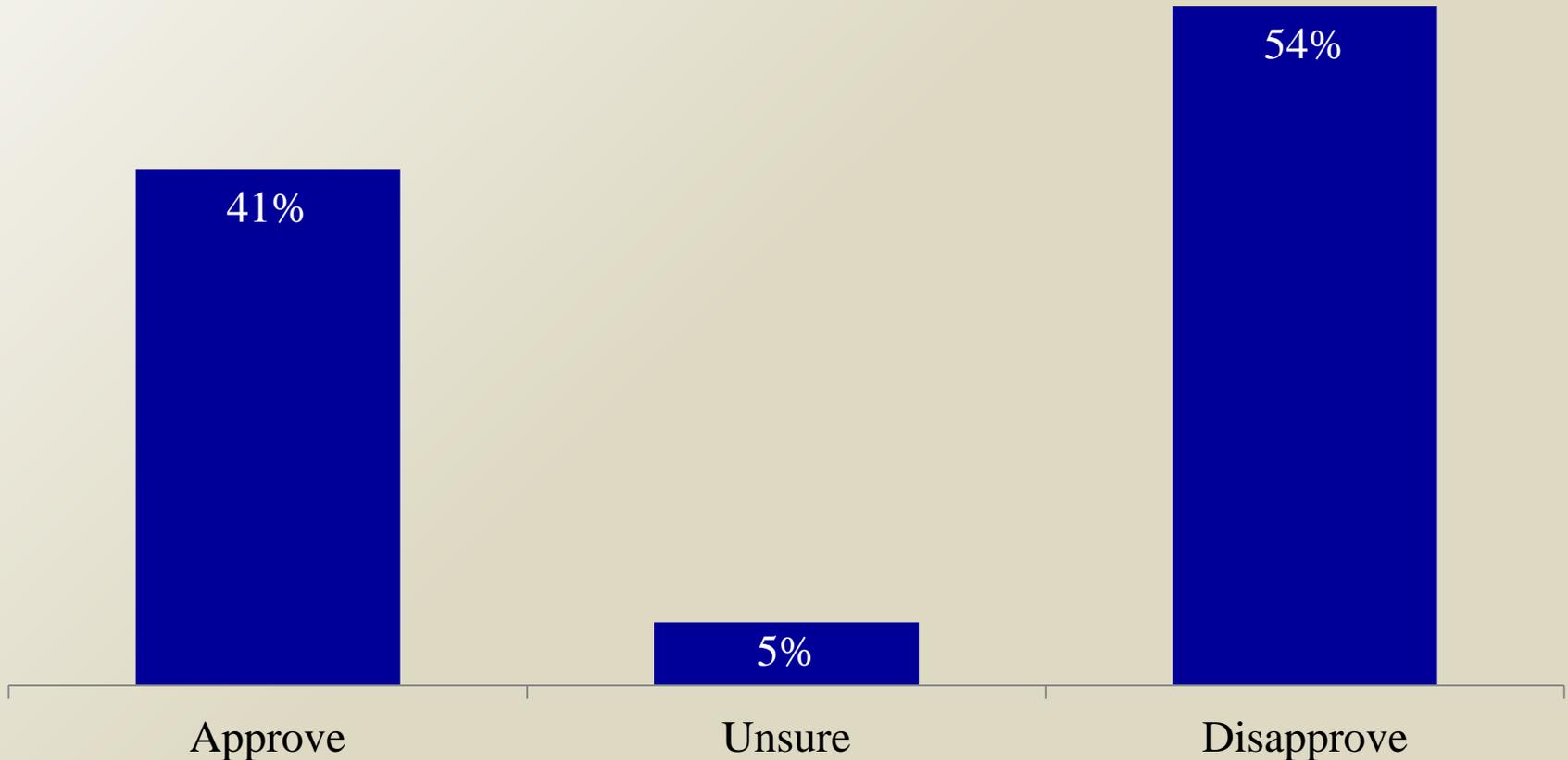


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◆ Republican	43%	45%	46%	45%	45%	44%	46%	47%	42%	41%	43%
● Undecided	13%	8%	11%	13%	9%	10%	8%	7%	13%	15%	16%
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Do you think your Member of Congress has performed their job well enough to deserve re-election, or do you think it's time to give a new person a chance?

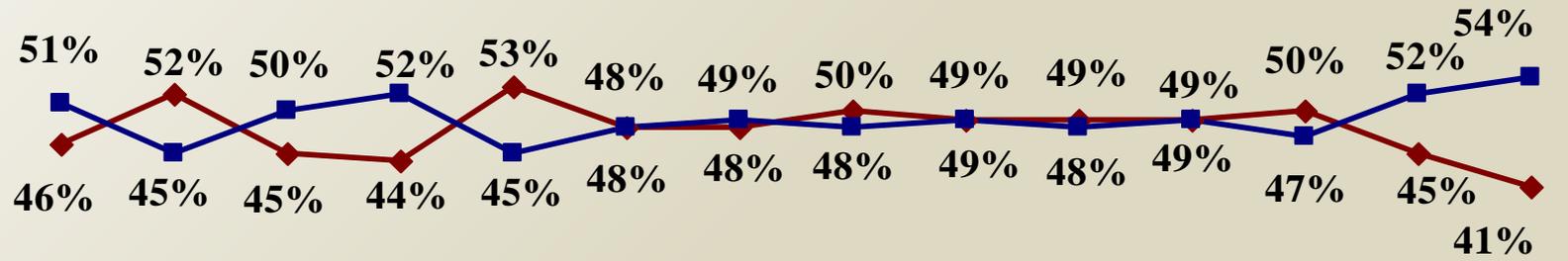


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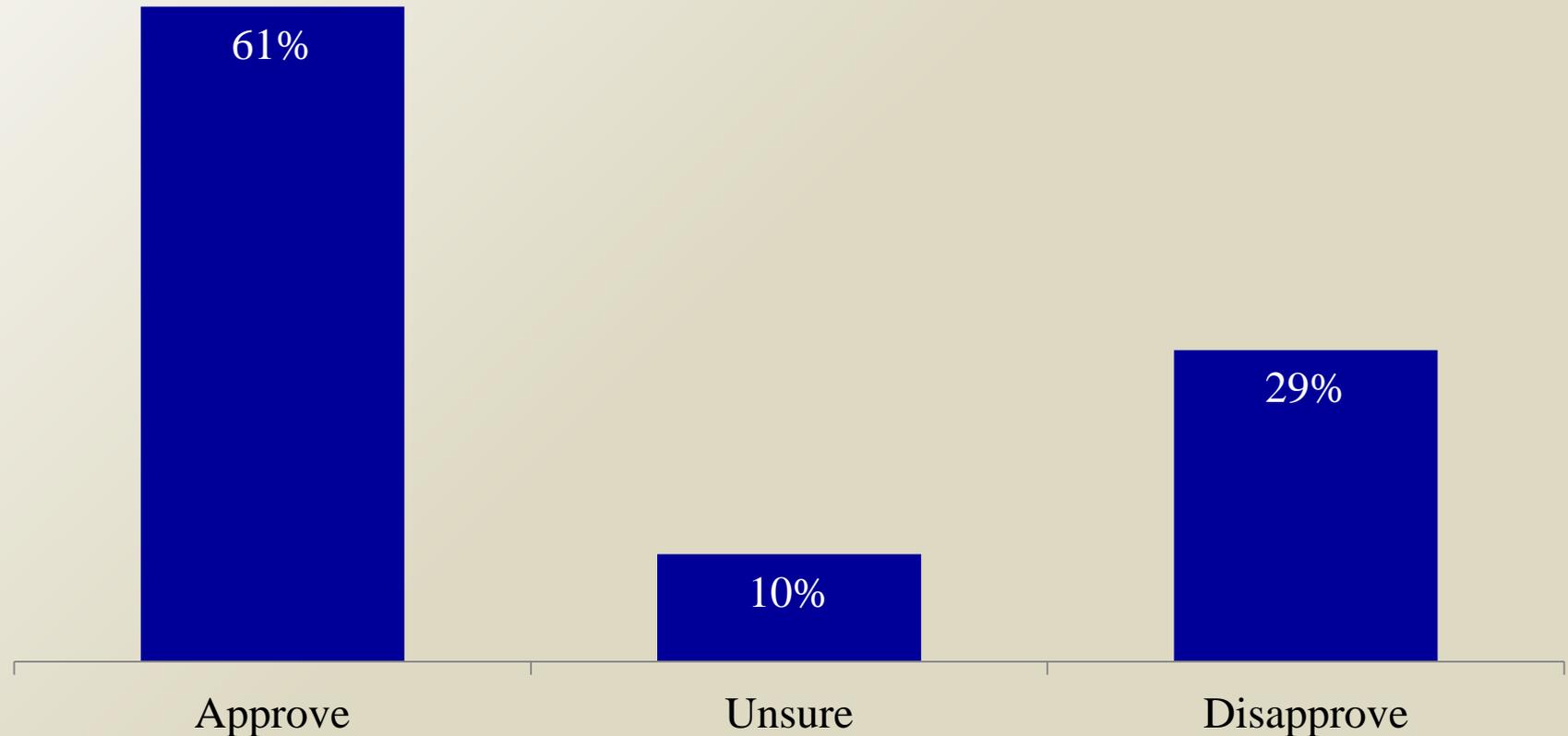


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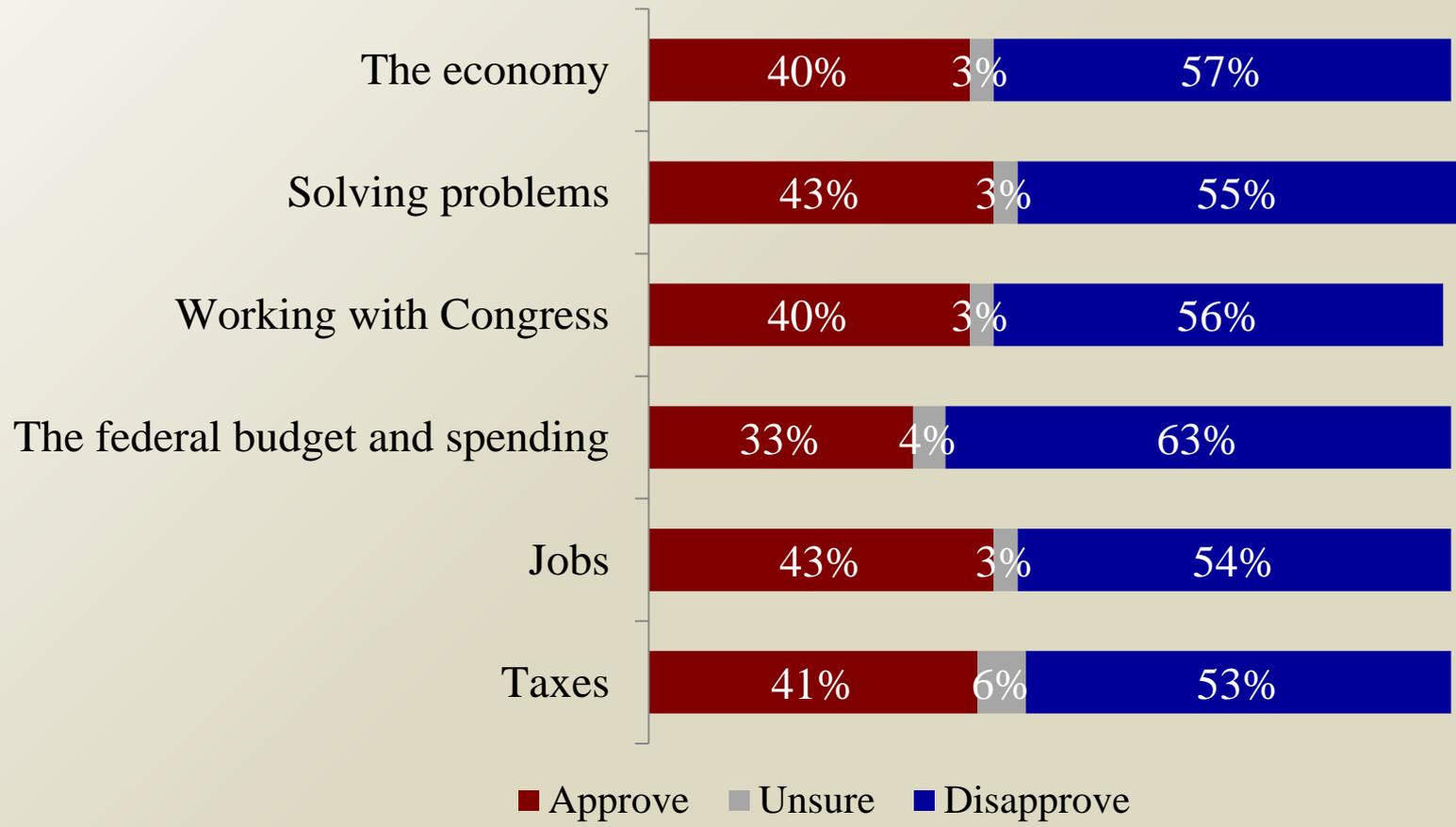
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Approve	46%	52%	45%	44%	53%	48%	48%	50%	49%	49%	49%	50%	45%	41%
Unsure	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	5%
Disapprove	51%	45%	50%	52%	45%	48%	49%	48%	49%	48%	49%	47%	52%	54%

Whether you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President, what is your impression of Barack Obama as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?

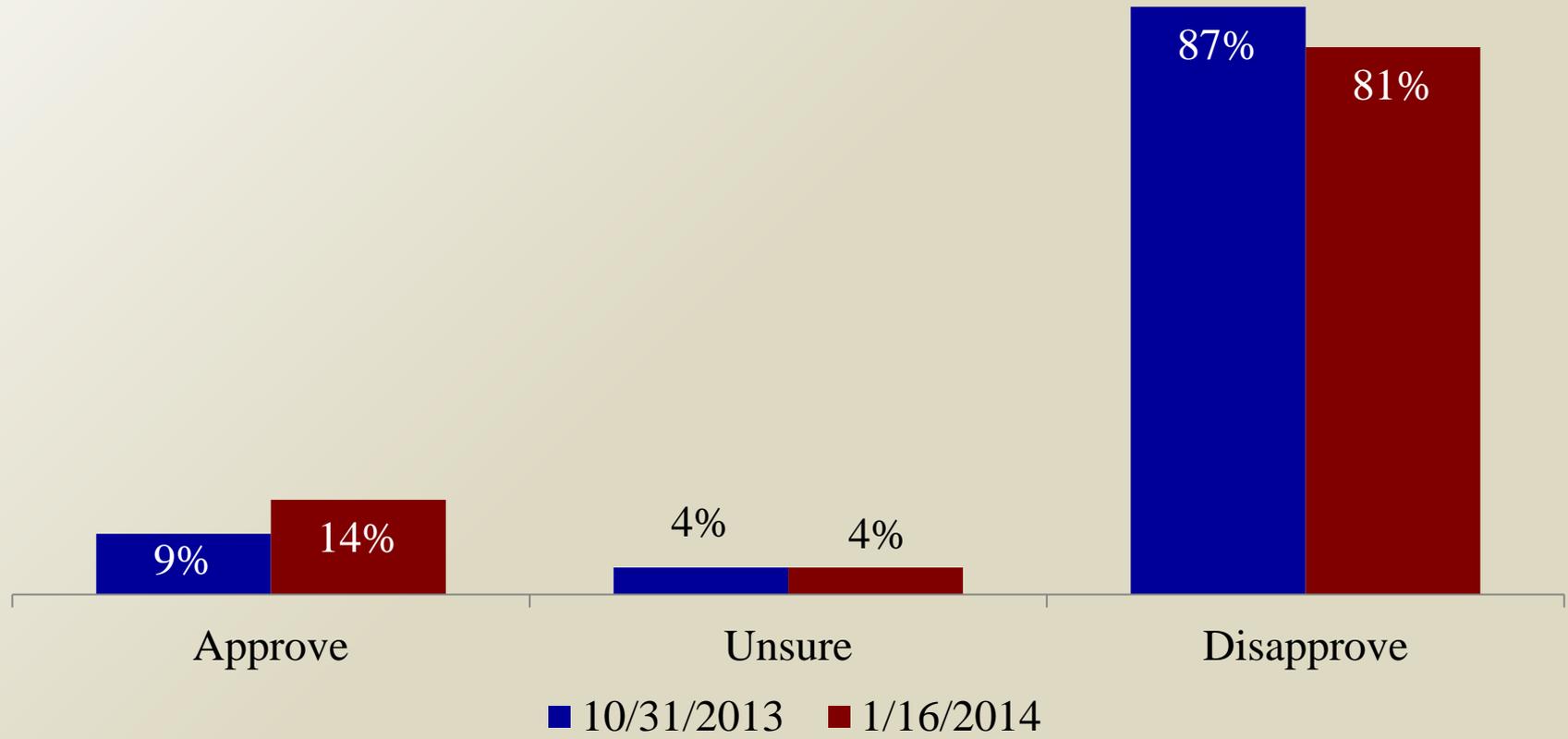


I am going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that President Obama is doing on this issue.

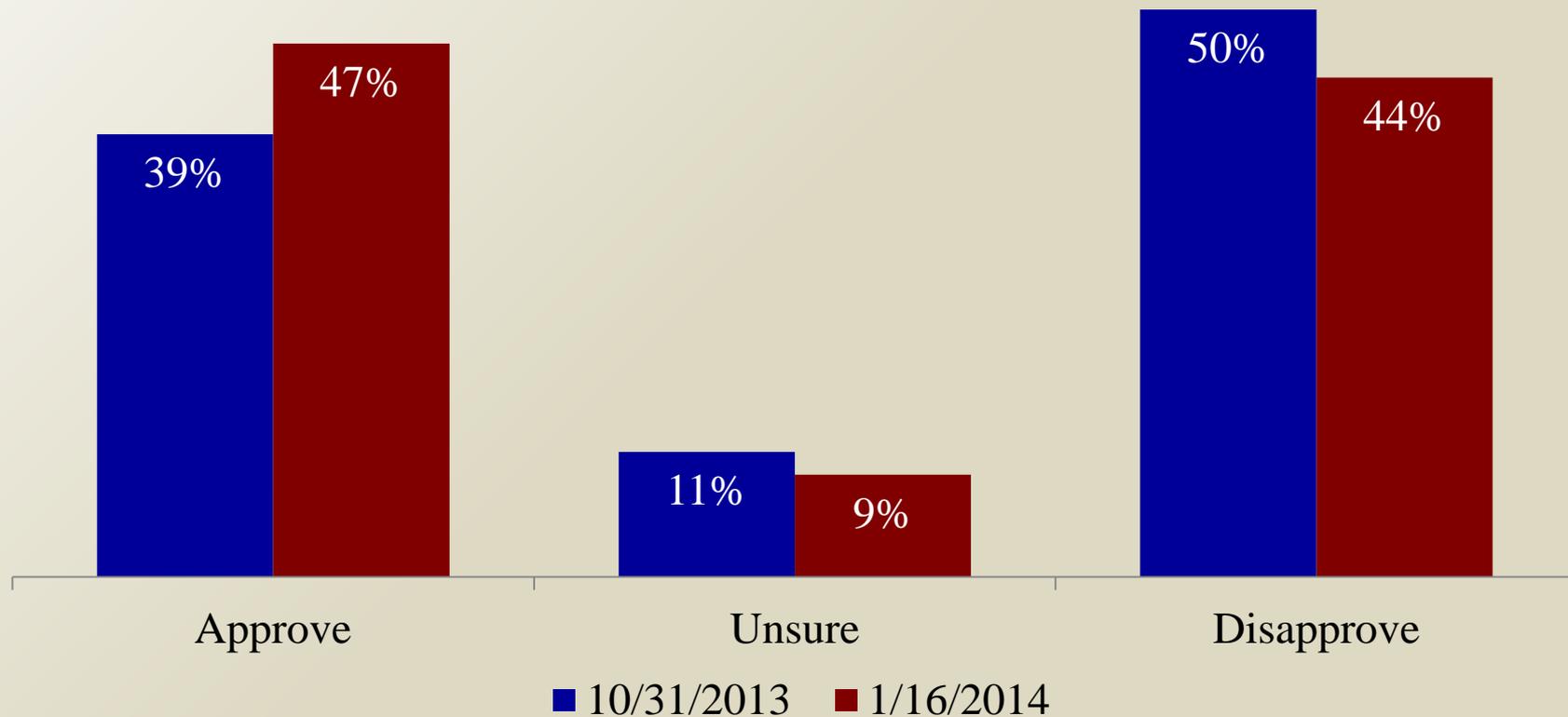
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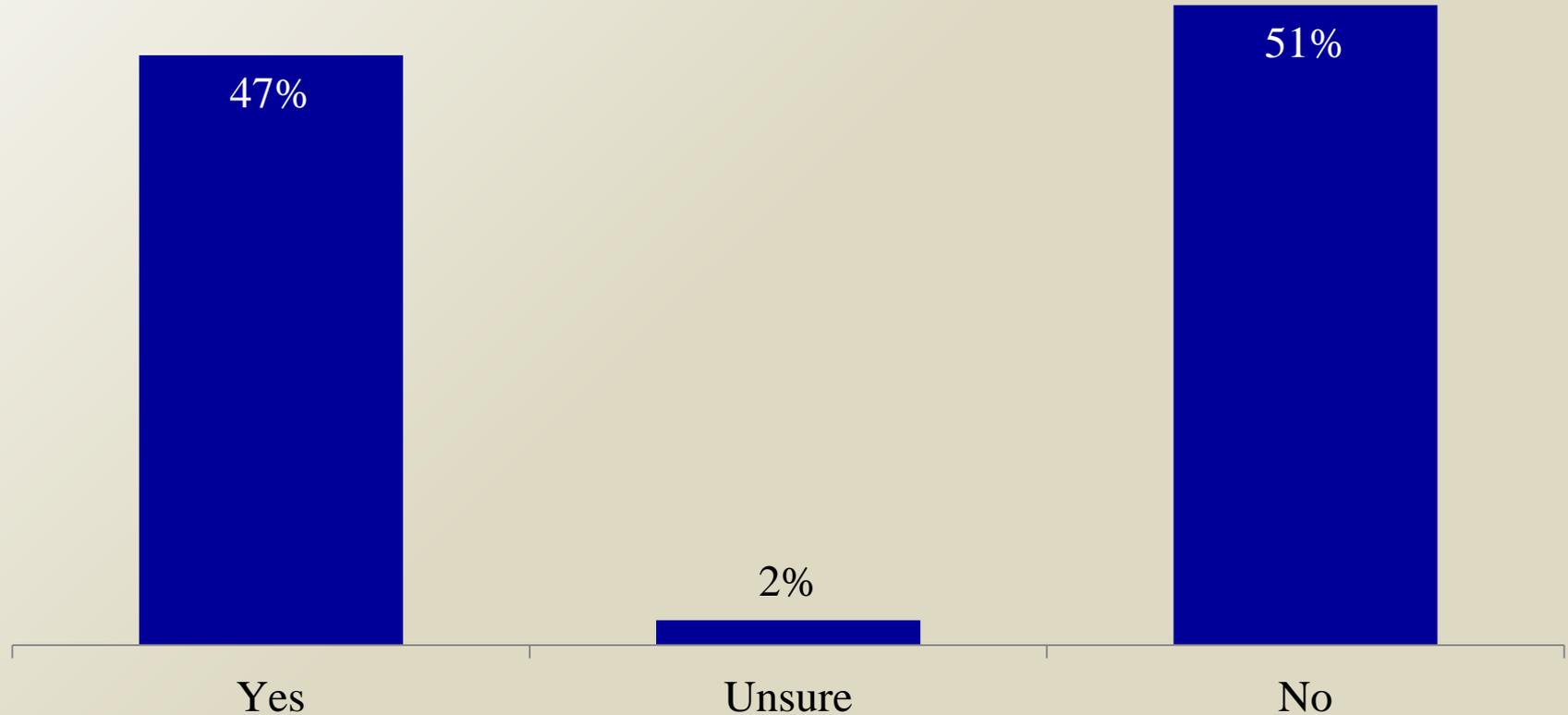
How would you rate the job Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?



How would you rate the job your Member of Congress is doing?  
Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

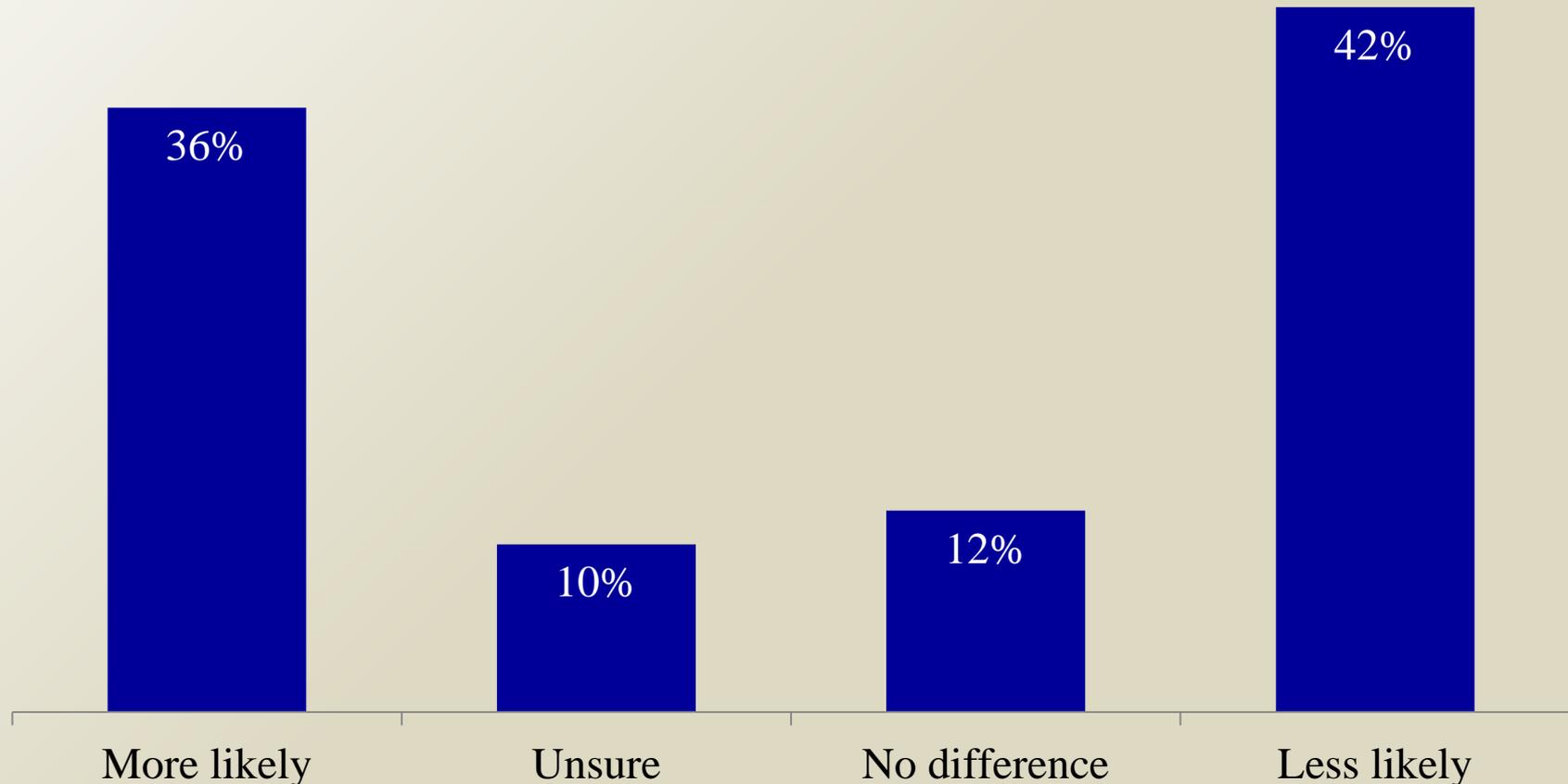


As you may already know, in December Congress passed and the President signed a law to fund the federal government for two years. Have you seen, read or heard anything about this federal budget deal?

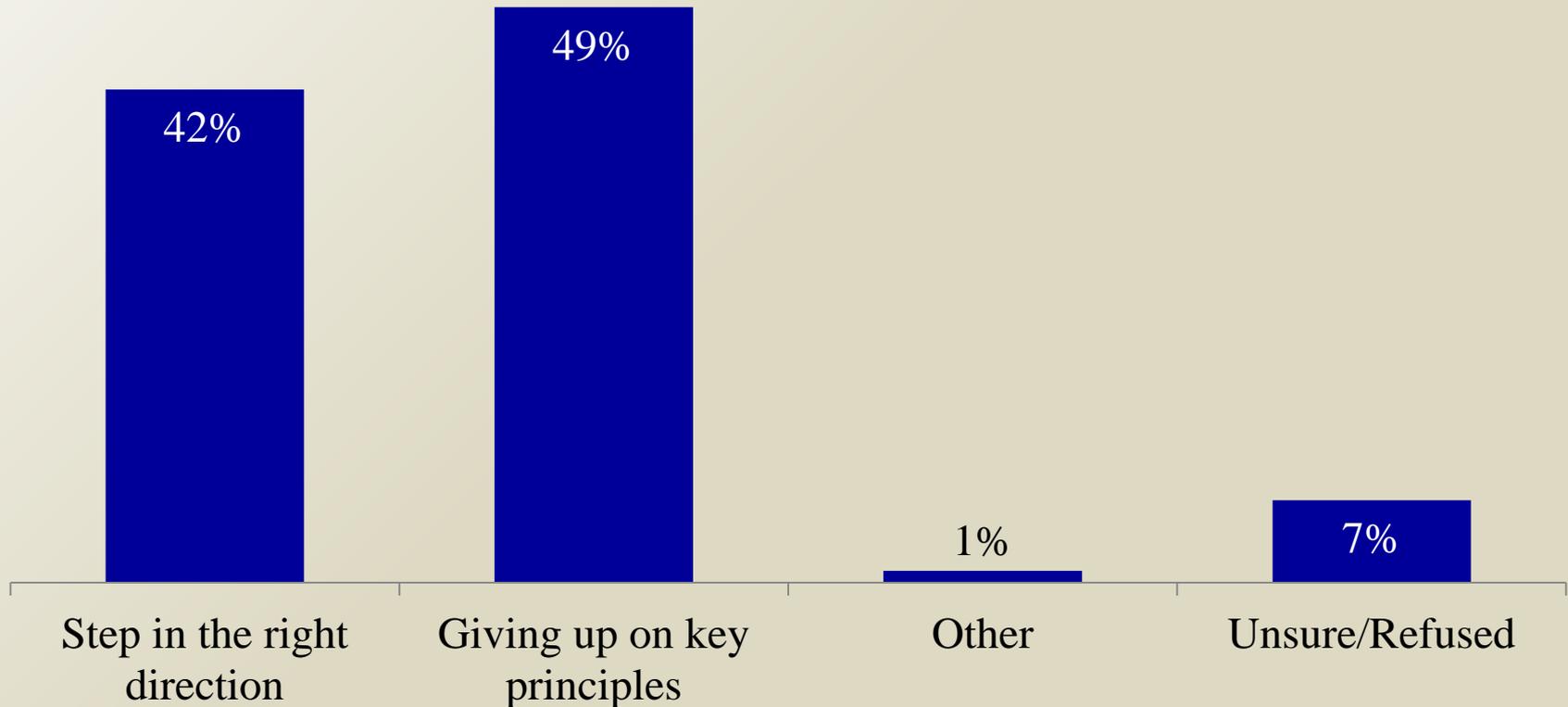


Thinking about what you have seen, read or heard about this budget deal, has it made you more likely or less likely to vote for your Member of Congress?

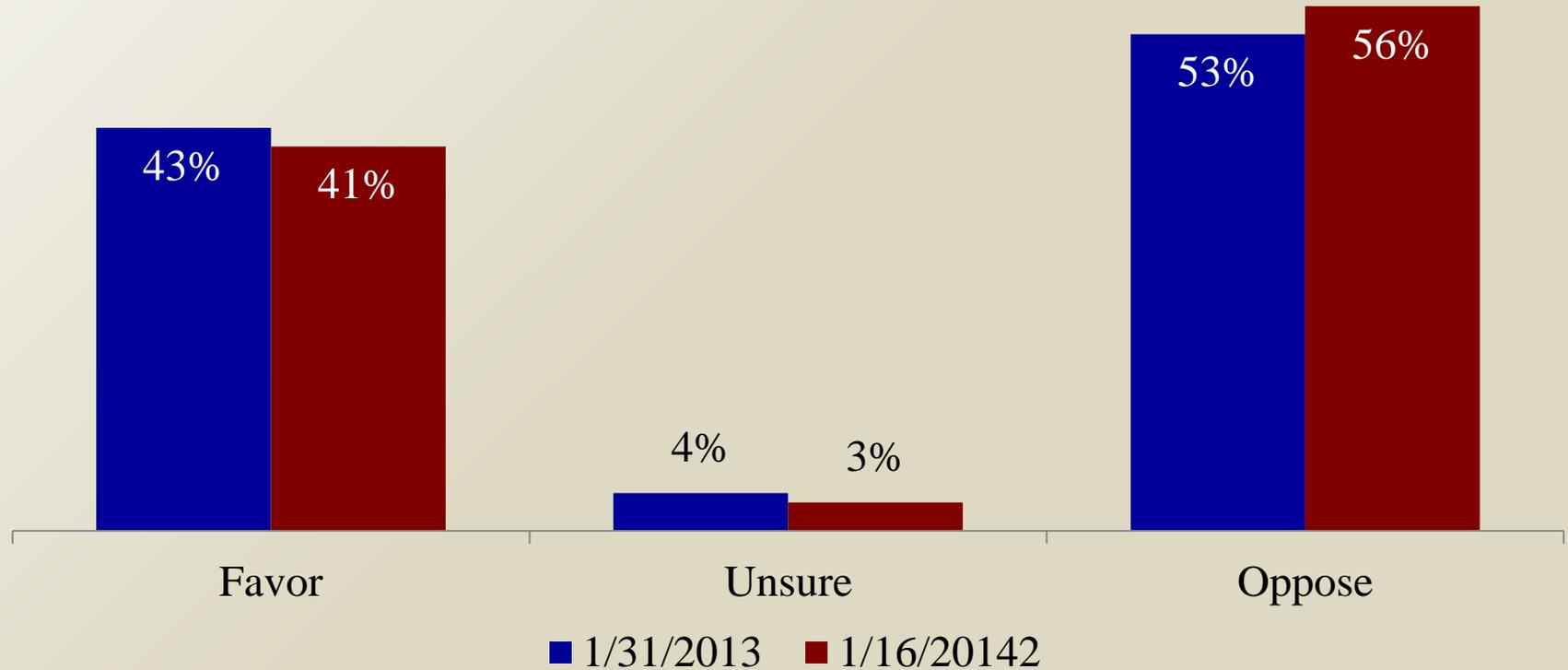
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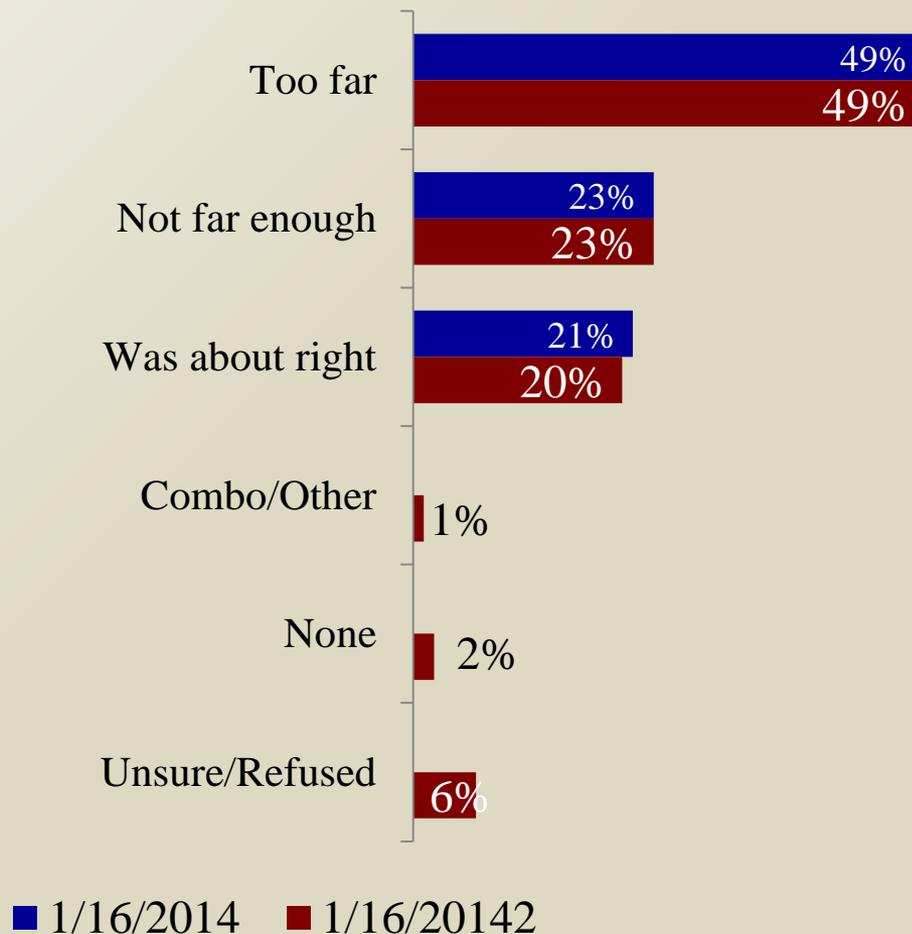
And, based on what you know, do you think this deal was more of a step in the right direction or giving up on key principles?  
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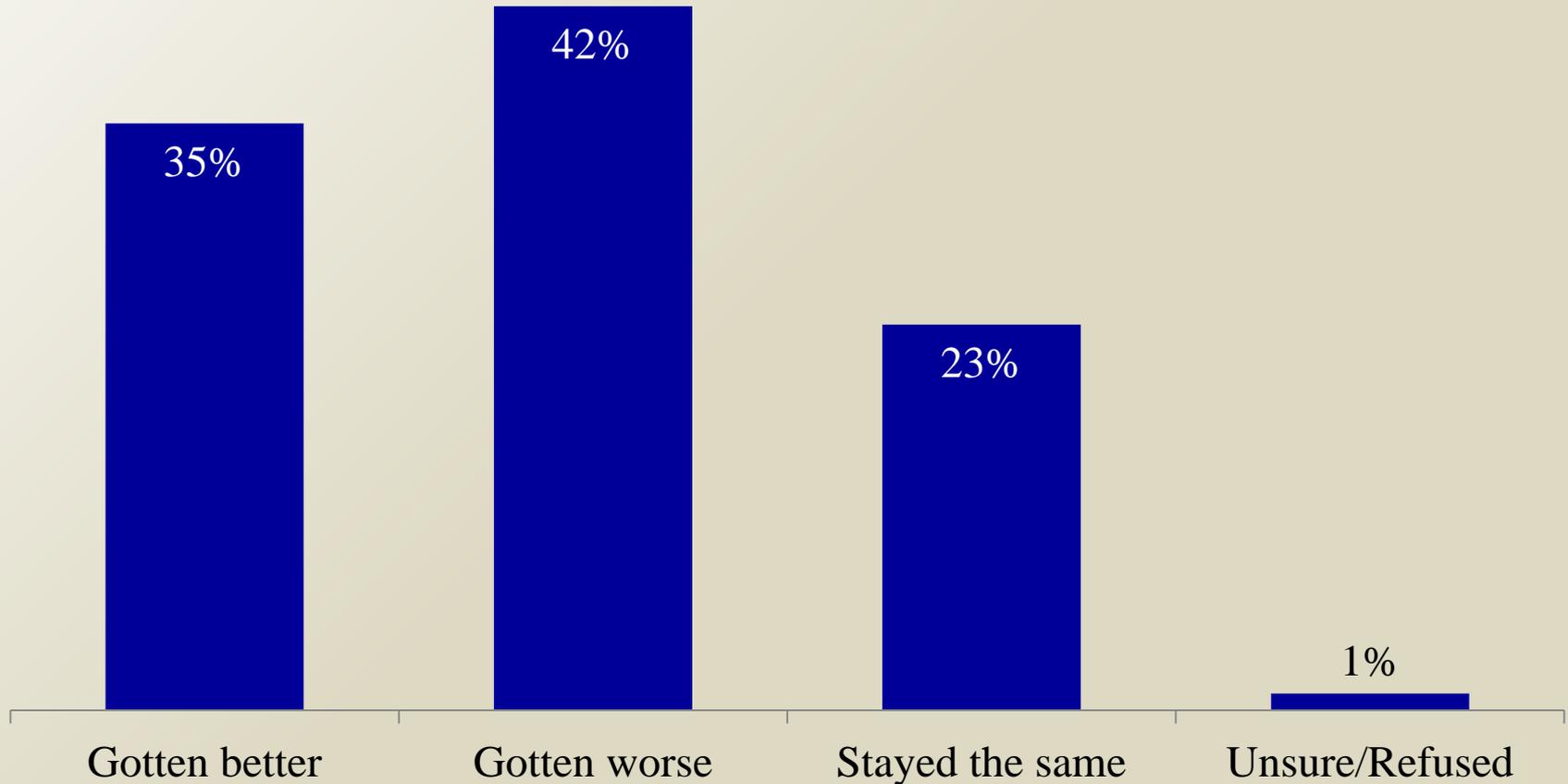
In general, do you favor or oppose the Affordable Care Act, which is also called Obamacare?



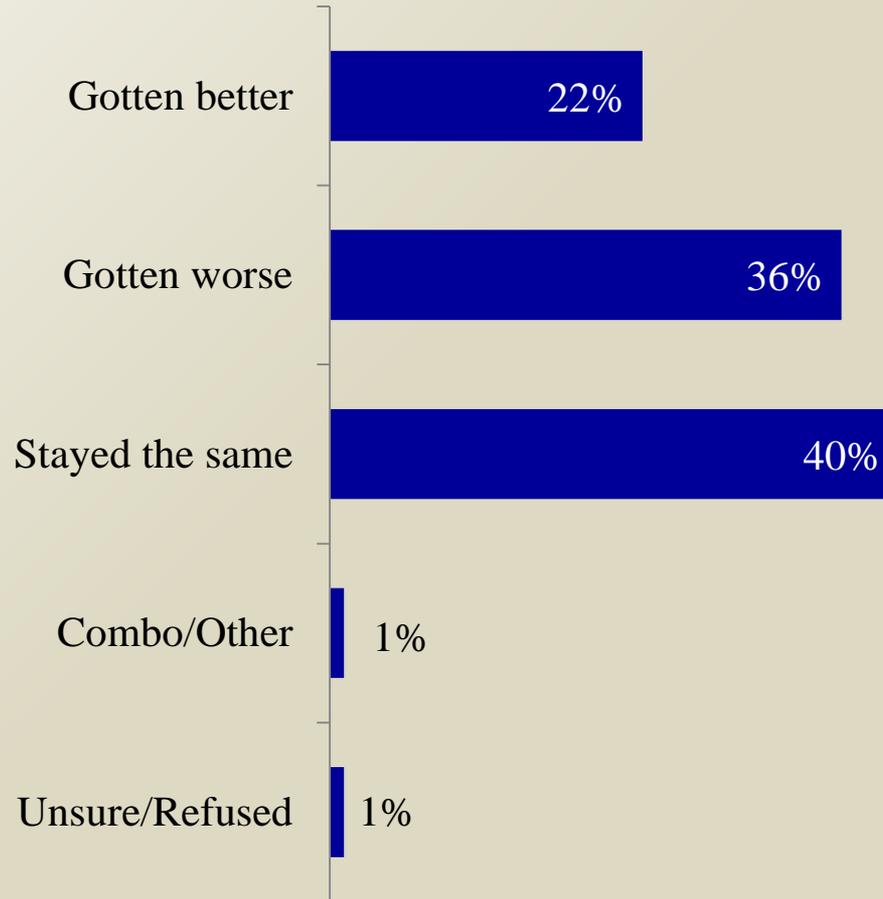
Do you think that the Affordable Care Act, also called Obamacare, went too far, did not go far enough, or was about right?



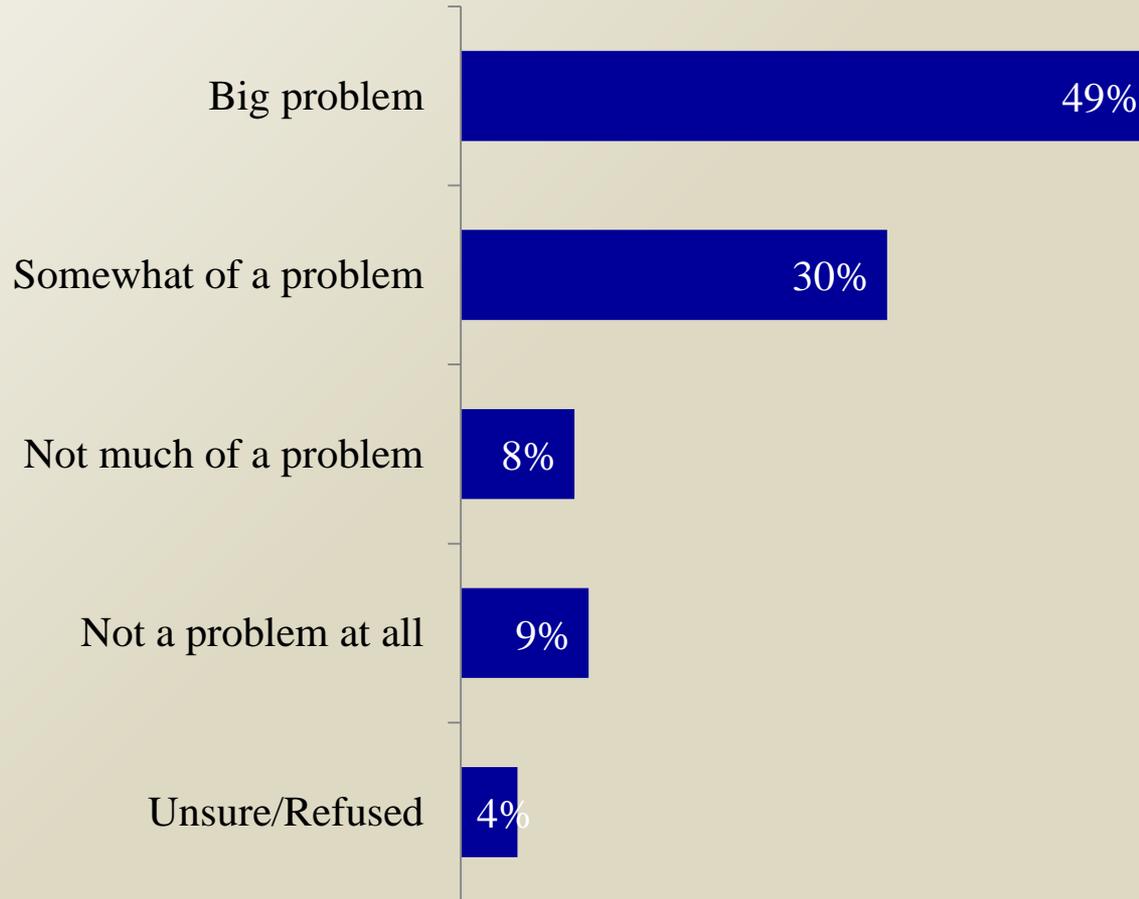
Do you think that the national economy has gotten better, worse, or stayed the same over the past four years?



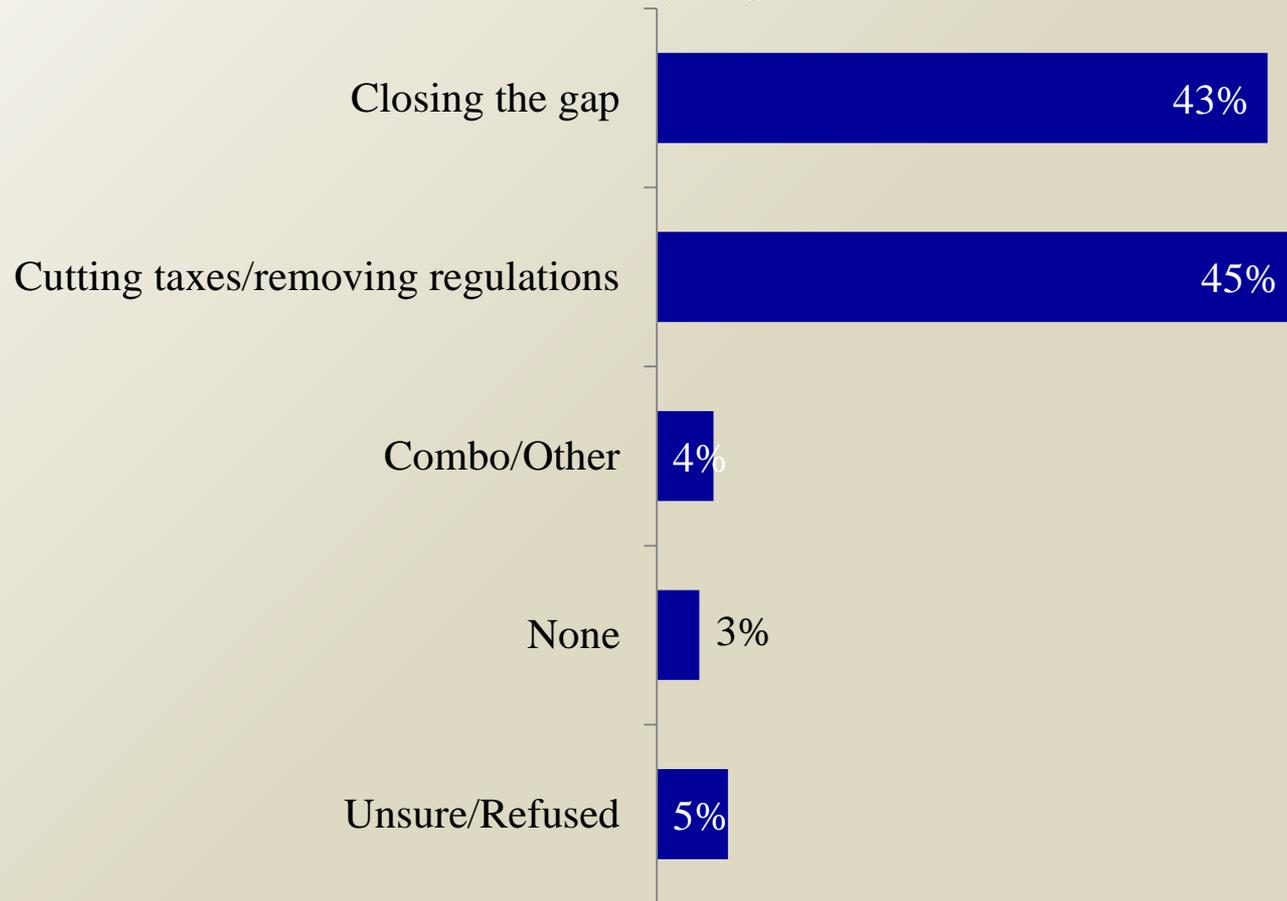
# Do you think that your personal economic situation has gotten better, worse, or stayed the same over the past four years?



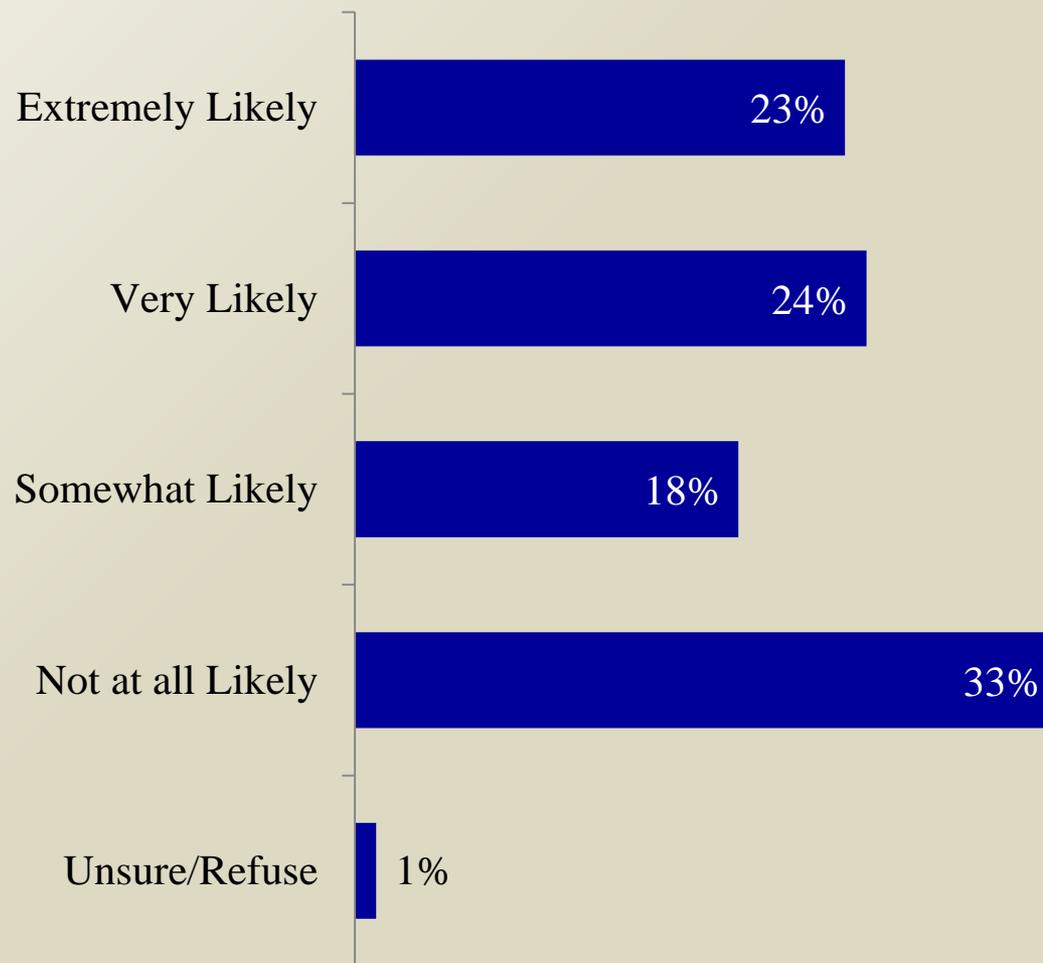
How big of a problem would you say that income inequality is? Would you say it is a big problem, somewhat of a problem, not much of a problem, or not a problem at all?



What do you think would be the best way to make sure that everyone can move up economically? Would you say it is reducing the gap between the wealthiest Americans and the rest of the country or cutting taxes and removing unnecessary regulations?

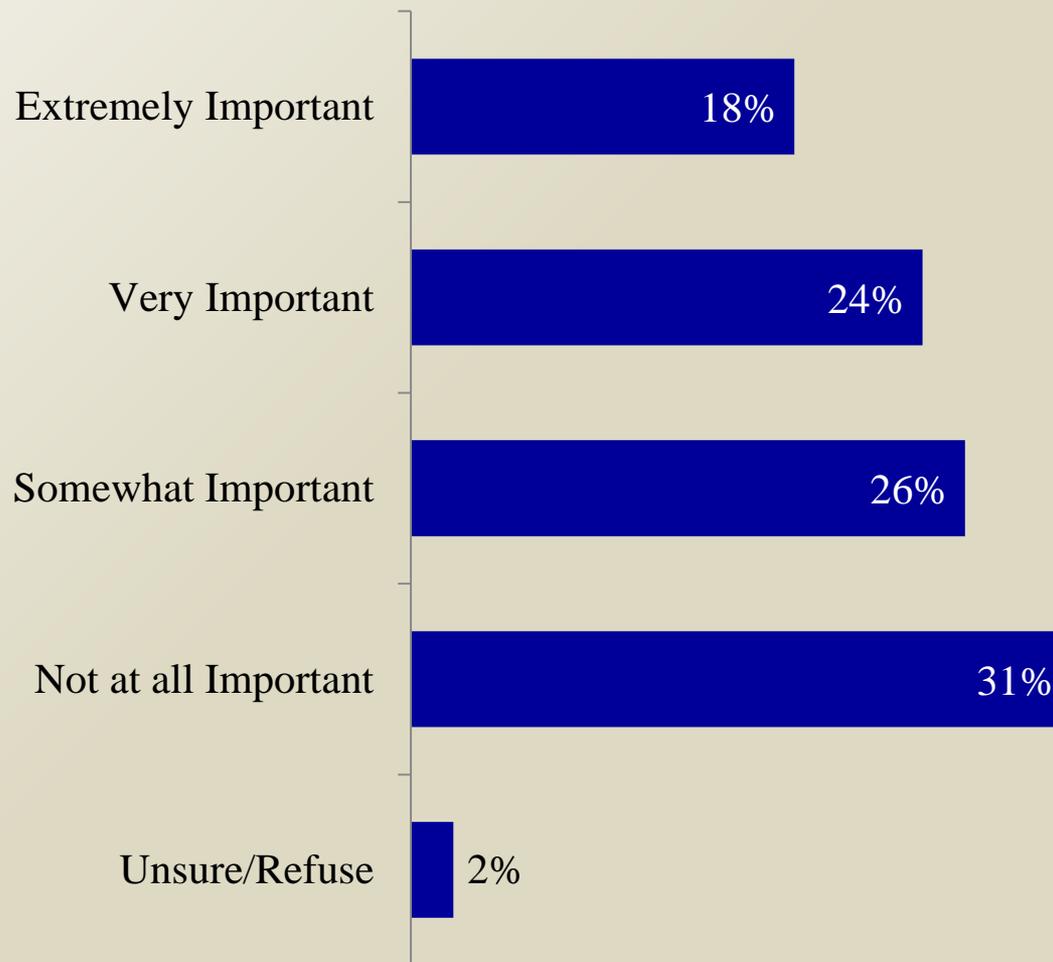


What is the likelihood that you will actually watch the speech live from the floor of the House of Representatives? Are you extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, or not very likely at all to watch President Obama's speech?

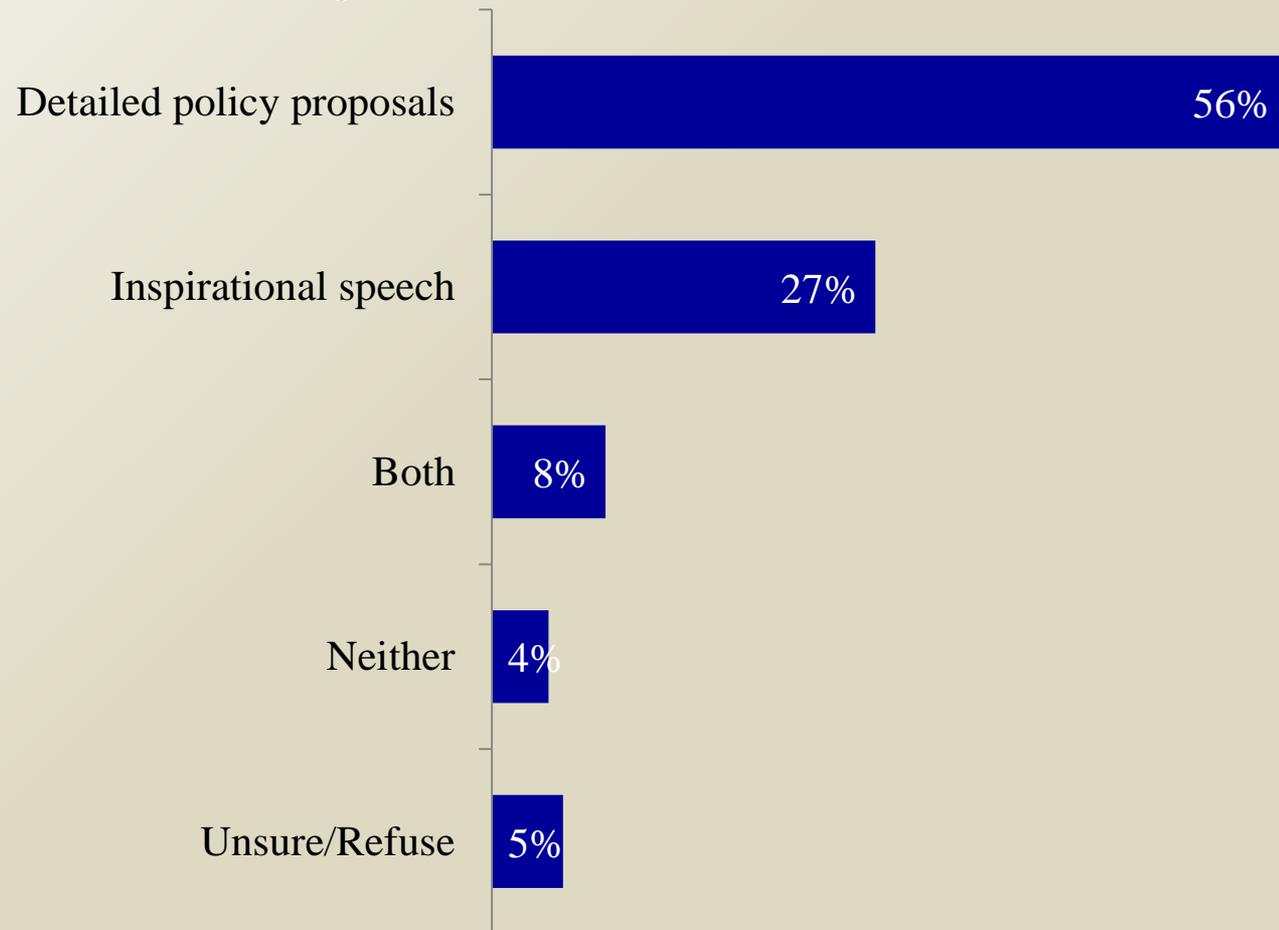




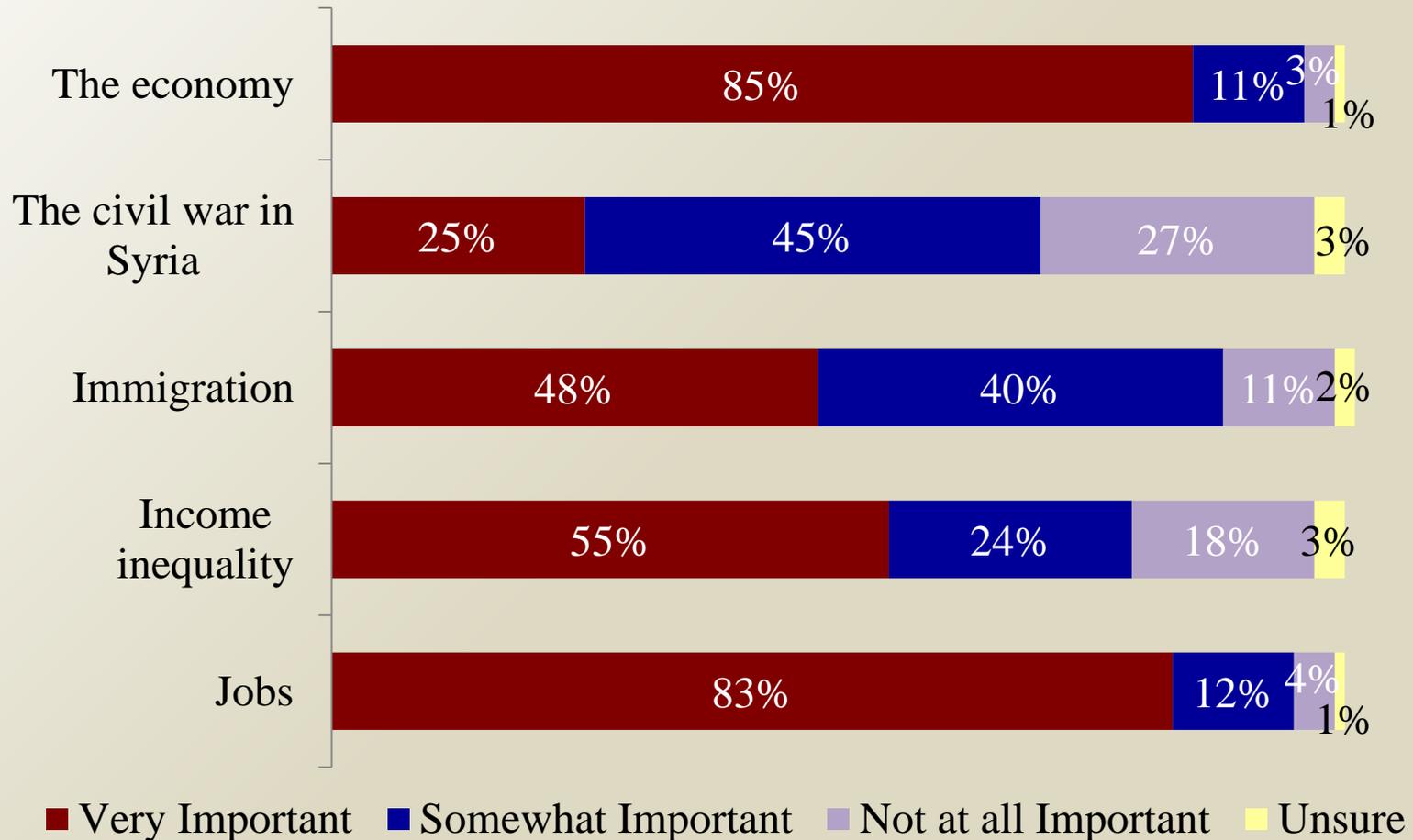
Still thinking about the State of the Union speech, how important do you think this year's speech will be? Would you say this will be extremely important, very important, somewhat important or not very important speech?



And, in thinking about the State of the Union speech that President Obama will give this year, do you think the nation needs to hear a list of detailed policy proposals to address our problems or an inspirational speech that will bring us together as a nation?



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