Common Ground in the Commonwealth Q1 Survey

n600 Registered Pennsylvania Voters

Field Dates: March 24 – 29, 2023

Margin of Error: ± 4.0%

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Methodology

- Online survey among n600 Registered Pennsylvania voters statewide. Respondents were selected randomly from opt-in panel participants.

- Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of respondents were interviewed from such demographic groups as partisanship, age, gender, race, and geographic region.

- Statewide survey of registered voters has a ± 4.0% overall margin of error at the 95% confidence interval.

Update: *An earlier version of these results included transposed labeling for some favorability questions. These have been addressed in the updated version below.*

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Commonwealth Sentiment Series

Registered voters pessimistic about direction of country, and direction of state.

Would you say that things in **America** are going in the right direction, or has the country fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track?

- Right direction: 21%
- Gotten off on the wrong track: 72%

Would you say that things in **Pennsylvania** are going in the right direction, or has the state fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track?
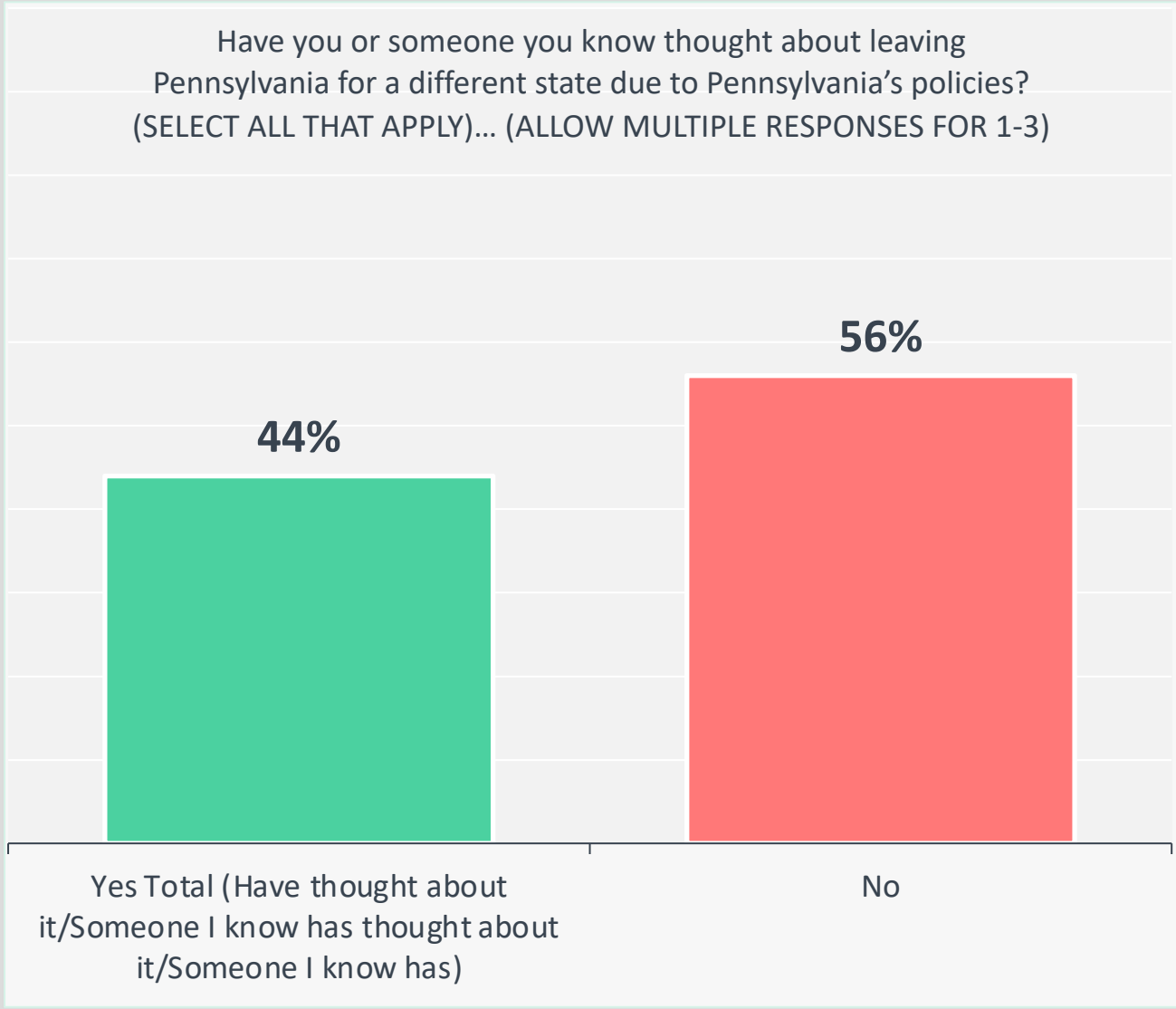
- Right direction: 27%
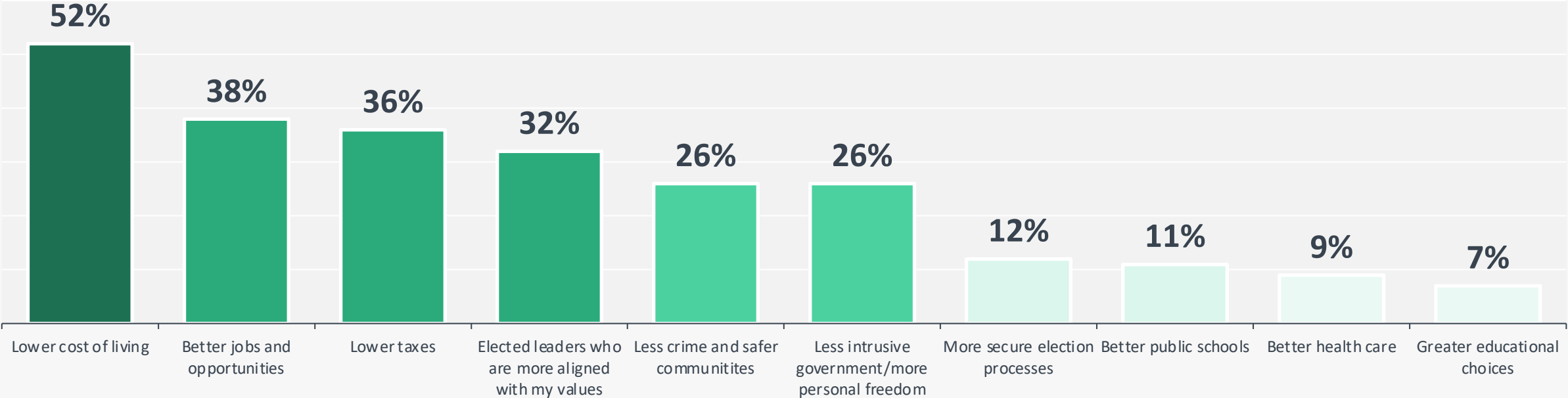- Gotten off on the wrong track: 61%

More than 4-in-10 registered voters in Pennsylvania have thought about leaving the state, know someone who has thought about leaving, or know someone who has already left due to Pennsylvania's policies.

Have you or someone you know thought about leaving Pennsylvania for a different state due to Pennsylvania's policies? (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)... (ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-3)

44% — Yes Total (Have thought about it/Someone I know has thought about it/Someone I know has)

56% — No

| Subgroup	Total Yes	No	Differential
Female (52%)	44%	56%	-12%
Male (48%)	45%	55%	-10%
Democratic (38%)	39%	61%	-22%
Independent (23%)	47%	53%	-6%
Republican (37%)	48%	52%	-4%
18-29 (13%)	70%	30%	40%
30-44 (23%)	59%	41%	18%
45-64 (36%)	42%	58%	-16%
65+ (28%)	24%	76%	-52%
Urban (22%)	50%	50%	0%
Suburban (56%)	43%	57%	-14%
Rural (22%)	40%	60%	-20%
<$40K (33%)	46%	54%	-8%
$40-$75K (33%)	47%	53%	-6%
$80-$125K (19%)	44%	56%	-12%
$125+ (12%)	40%	60%	-20%

Those considering leaving Pennsylvania pointed to the Commonwealth's high cost of living, taxes, and economic conditions, as well as political values and crime as the primary reasons for relocating.

What was the primary reason for thinking about moving from Pennsylvania to another state?
(Among 266 who responded 'yes' on previous...) (ALLOW FOR 3 RESPONSES)

Category	Percent
Lower cost of living	52%
Better jobs and opportunities	38%
Lower taxes	36%
Elected leaders who are more aligned with my values	32%
Less crime and safer communitites	26%
Less intrusive government/more personal freedom	26%
More secure election processes	12%
Better public schools	11%
Better health care	9%
Greater educational choices	7%

Locations considered "red" politically topped the list of where Pennsylvanians are looking to relocate, including Florida (26%), Texas (11%), and South Carolina (10%).

Is there another state you would relocate to if you could? If so, please list (up to 3) from the drop-down menu.
(among 244 who answered 'yes' to leaving PA)
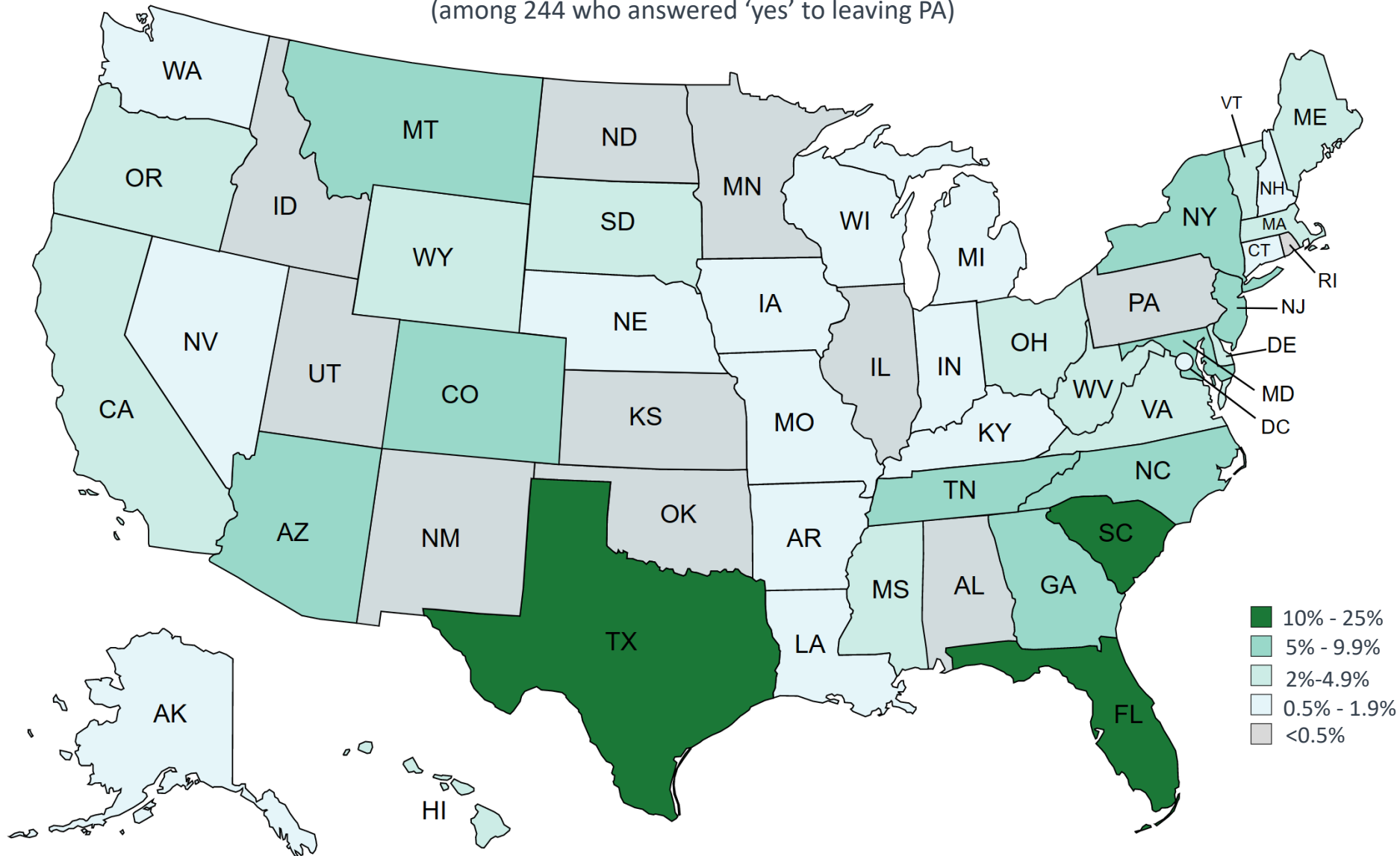
Legend:
- 10% - 25%
- 5% - 9.9%
- 2% - 4.9%
- 0.5% - 1.9%
- <0.5%

Inflation / cost of living, the economy, and security concerns top the list of most important problems facing the nation.

Please rank the three most important problems facing the country today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the country.
(Top 5 responses for each rank shown)

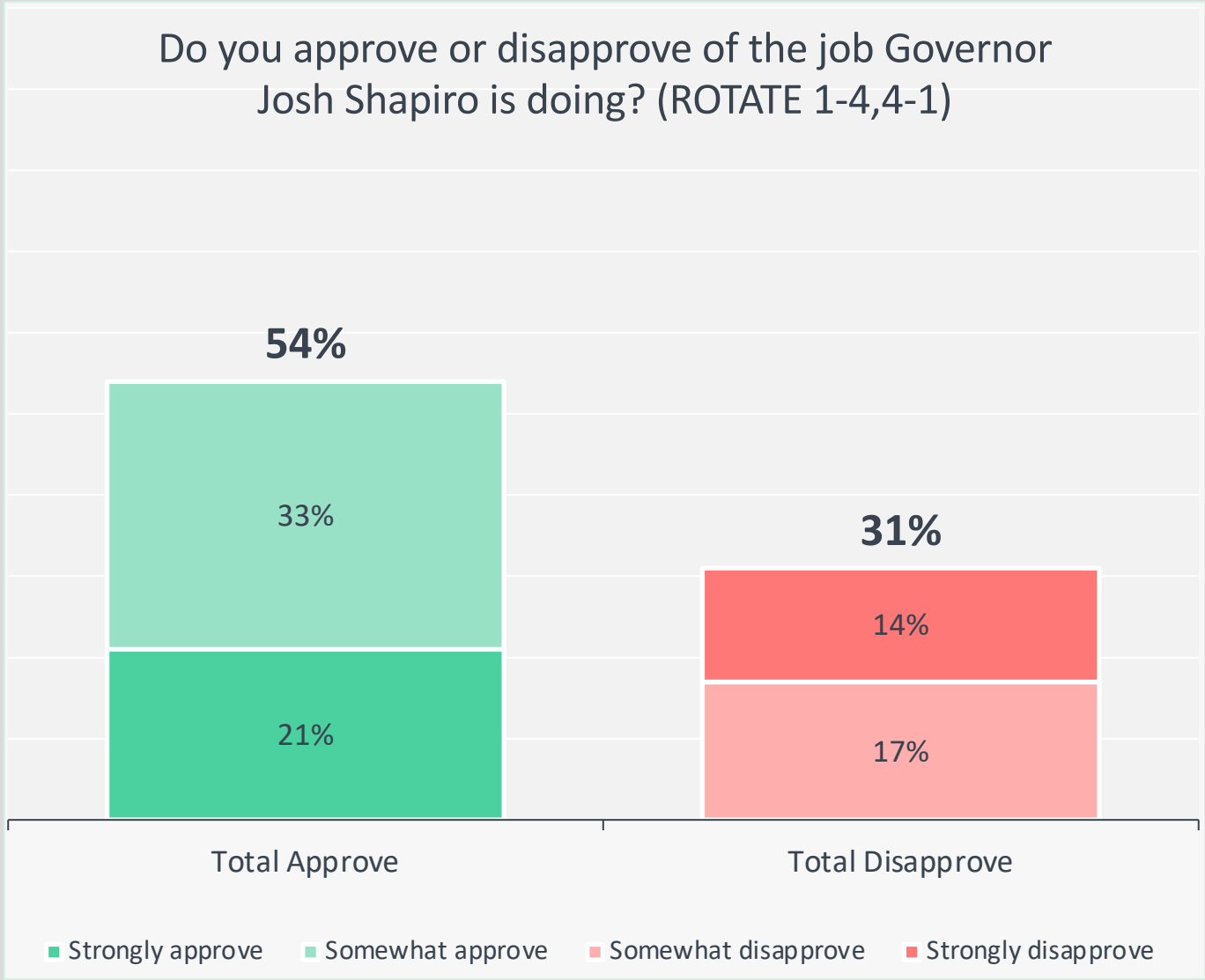| Most Important Problem	Second Most Important	Third Most Important
Inflation / Cost of living (24%)	Inflation / Cost of living (11%)	Inflation / Cost of living (11%)
U.S. Economy – General (12%)	U.S. Economy – General (10%)	Crime / Rising violence (8%)
Immigration / Border Security (6%)	Crime / Rising violence (10%)	U.S. Economy – General (7%)
Crime / Rising violence (6%)	Immigration / Border Security (7%)	Gun rights / Gun control (7%)
Gun rights / Gun control (6%)	Gun rights / Gun control (6%)	Immigration / Border Security (6%)

Similar to problems facing the nation, respondents see Inflation / cost of living, the economy, and security concerns top the list of most important problems facing our state.

Please rank the three most important problems facing Pennsylvania today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the country.
(Top 5 responses for each rank shown)

Most Important Problem
Inflation / Cost of living (23%)
Crime / Rising violence (12%)
PA Economy – General (9%)
Gun rights / Gun control (6%)
Taxes (6%)

Second Most Important
Inflation / Cost of living (14%)
Crime / Rising violence (10%)
Taxes (9%)
PA Economy – General (7%)
Wages/Salary/Pay Inequality (5%)

Third Most Important
Inflation / Cost of living (13%)
Crime / Rising violence (9%)
PA Economy – General (7%)
Health Care (6%)
Poverty / Homelessness (6%)

Pennsylvania Policy & Elected Official Series

At the beginning of his term, Governor Shaprio's job approval finds positive footing.

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Josh Shapiro is doing? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

54%

33%

21%

31%

14%

17%

Total Approve | Total Disapprove

■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Somewhat disapprove ■ Strongly disapprove

Subgroup	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Differential
Female (52%)	56%	28%	28%
Male (48%)	52%	34%	18%
Democratic (38%)	83%	4%	79%
Independent (23%)	56%	29%	27%
Republican (37%)	25%	58%	-33%
18-29 (13%)	72%	12%	60%
30-44 (23%)	51%	34%	17%
45-64 (36%)	47%	37%	10%
65+ (28%)	57%	29%	28%
Urban (22%)	66%	19%	47%
Suburban (56%)	51%	35%	16%
Rural (22%)	50%	33%	17%
<$40K (33%)	54%	28%	26%
$40-$75K (33%)	51%	33%	18%
$80-$125K (19%)	56%	32%	24%
$125+ (12%)	62%	28%	34%

You will now read a list of key officials and institutions in Pennsylvania. After each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion if each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the entity, please note that. (ROTATE 1-4,4-1) (RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

…Individuals by favorability differential

Total

Governor Josh Shapiro: Favorable 56%, Unfavorable 32%, Never heard of / Unsure 12%
Lt. Governor Austin Davis: Favorable 28%, Unfavorable 22%, Never heard of / Unsure 50%
Treasurer Stacy Garrity: Favorable 25%, Unfavorable 20%, Never heard of / Unsure 55%
PA House Speaker Joanna McClinton: Favorable 24%, Unfavorable 20%, Never heard of / Unsure 55%
PA Senate President Kim Ward: Favorable 22%, Unfavorable 21%, Never heard of / Unsure 57%
Acting Attorney General Michelle Henry: Favorable 21%, Unfavorable 21%, Never heard of / Unsure 58%
Auditor General Tim DeFoor: Favorable 18%, Unfavorable 21%, Never heard of / Unsure 61%
Former PA House Speaker Mark Rozzi: Favorable 19%, Unfavorable 24%, Never heard of / Unsure 57%
Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner: Favorable 18%, Unfavorable 36%, Never heard of / Unsure 47%
Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney: Favorable 19%, Unfavorable 40%, Never heard of / Unsure 41%

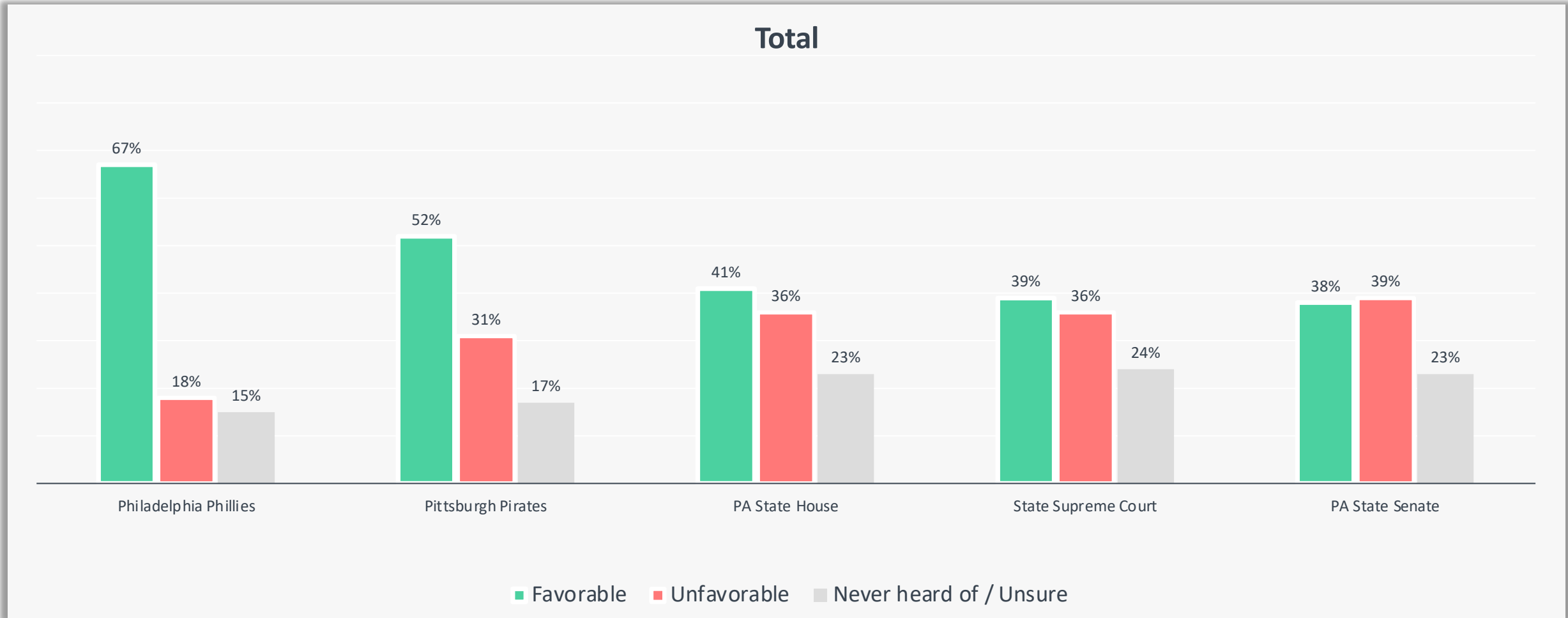■ Favorable   ■ Unfavorable   ■ Never heard of / Unsure

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You will now read a list of key officials and institutions in Pennsylvania. After each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion if each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the entity, please note that. (ROTATE 1-4,4-1) (RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

...Institutions by favorability differential

Total

	Philadelphia Phillies	Pittsburgh Pirates	PA State House	State Supreme Court	PA State Senate
Favorable	67%	52%	41%	39%	38%
Unfavorable	18%	31%	36%	36%	39%
Never heard of / Unsure	15%	17%	23%	24%	23%

■ Favorable   ■ Unfavorable   ■ Never heard of / Unsure

State Policy Series

Bipartisan measures supported by Governor Shapiro during his campaign, such as speeding up licensing and permit processes, expanding telemedicine, expanding tax credit scholarships, and lowering the tax rate on businesses, receive substantial support from Pennsylvanians.

You will now read a list of bipartisan measures supported by Governor Shapiro during his campaign. After each, please indicate if you support or oppose Governor Shapiro and lawmakers in Harrisburg working across the aisle to enact these measures in 2023. (RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

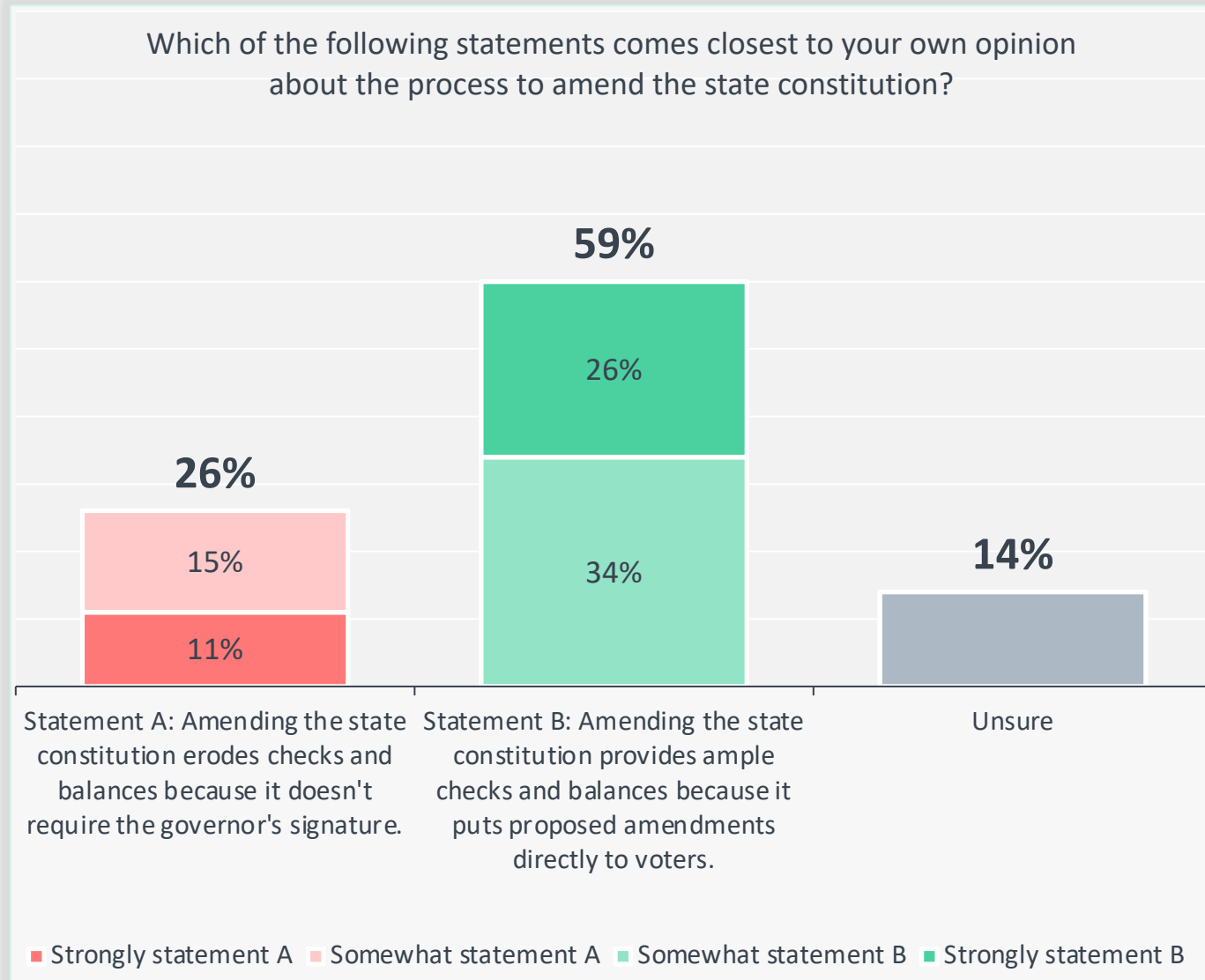| Policy	Total Support	Total Oppose	Differential
Speeding up the process for businesses and individuals to obtain state-issued professional licenses, permits, or certifications - and holding government bureaucrats accountable for delays.	86%	8%	78%
Expanding access to telemedicine, providing Pennsylvanians with increased access to affordable health care.	83%	10%	73%
Expanding tax credit scholarships, which allow businesses to donate money to nonprofit organizations that provide scholarships to low-income and middle-income children in Pennsylvania to attend pre-kindergarten or K-12 private school.	77%	14%	63%
Lowering Pennsylvania's tax rate on businesses to 4% by 2025 to spur economic growth by attracting new companies to the state and encouraging existing businesses to remain in Pennsylvania.	77%	15%	62%
Lifeline Scholarships for students in the worst performing schools - bottom 15% - allowing parents to use government-funded education opportunity accounts for restricted educational expenses, including tuition, tutoring, online education programs, and therapies for students with special needs.	67%	21%	46%
Addressing and resolving concerns about new carbon taxes that would increase families' electric utility bills.	52%	36%	16%

Voters overwhelmingly support constitutional amendments such as requiring voter identification, preventing unelected officials from making policy, and expanding the ability for victims of childhood sexual abuse to file lawsuits.

State lawmakers in Harrisburg are proposing a number of amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution that, if passed by the General Assembly, would go before voters in a ballot referendum that voters can vote yes or no on.

After each of the following amendments, please indicate if you would vote yes or no for the amendment. (RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

| Policy	Total Yes	Total No	Differential
Would you vote "yes" or "no" on an amendment modernizing Pennsylvania election laws to require voter identification?	77%	17%	60%
Would you vote "yes" or "no" on an amendment that prevents unelected bureaucrats from making significant and costly policy changes without input from your directly elected representatives?	70%	21%	49%
Would you vote "yes" or "no" on an amendment that would allow individuals for whom a statutory limitation period has already expired to have a period of two years to commence lawsuits arising from childhood sexual abuse?	63%	21%	42%

Nearly 6-in-10 respondents say amending the state constitution provides *ample* checks and balances because amendments are put directly to the voters.

Which of the following statements comes closest to your own opinion about the process to amend the state constitution?

26%
- 15%
- 11%

59%
- 26%
- 34%

14%

Statement A: Amending the state constitution erodes checks and balances because it doesn't require the governor's signature.

Statement B: Amending the state constitution provides ample checks and balances because it puts proposed amendments directly to voters.

Unsure

■ Strongly statement A   ■ Somewhat statement A   ■ Somewhat statement B   ■ Strongly statement B

Subgroup	Statement A	Statement B	Unsure
Female (52%)	22%	60%	18%
Male (48%)	30%	59%	11%
Democratic (38%)	33%	54%	13%
Independent (23%)	23%	62%	15%
Republican (37%)	22%	63%	15%
18-29 (13%)	36%	47%	17%
30-44 (23%)	27%	57%	15%
45-64 (36%)	25%	60%	15%
65+ (28%)	22%	67%	11%
Urban (22%)	30%	52%	18%
Suburban (56%)	24%	63%	13%
Rural (22%)	27%	60%	13%
<$40K (33%)	30%	54%	17%
$40-$75K (33%)	21%	65%	15%
$80-$125K (19%)	31%	57%	12%
$125+ (12%)	29%	61%	10%

Political Bellwether Series

If the 2024 Presidential elections were held today, how would you vote if your options were between a (ROTATE) Republican or Democratic (END ROTATE) candidate? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)
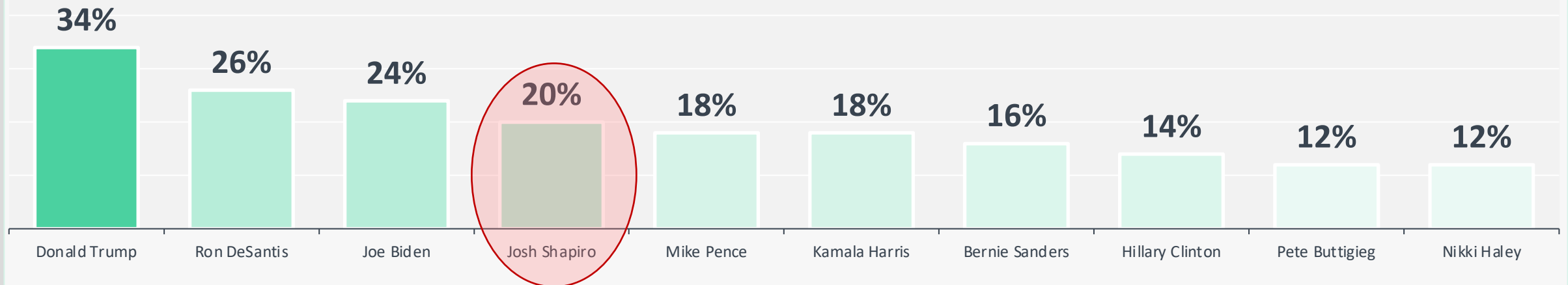

Total

Republican **44%**
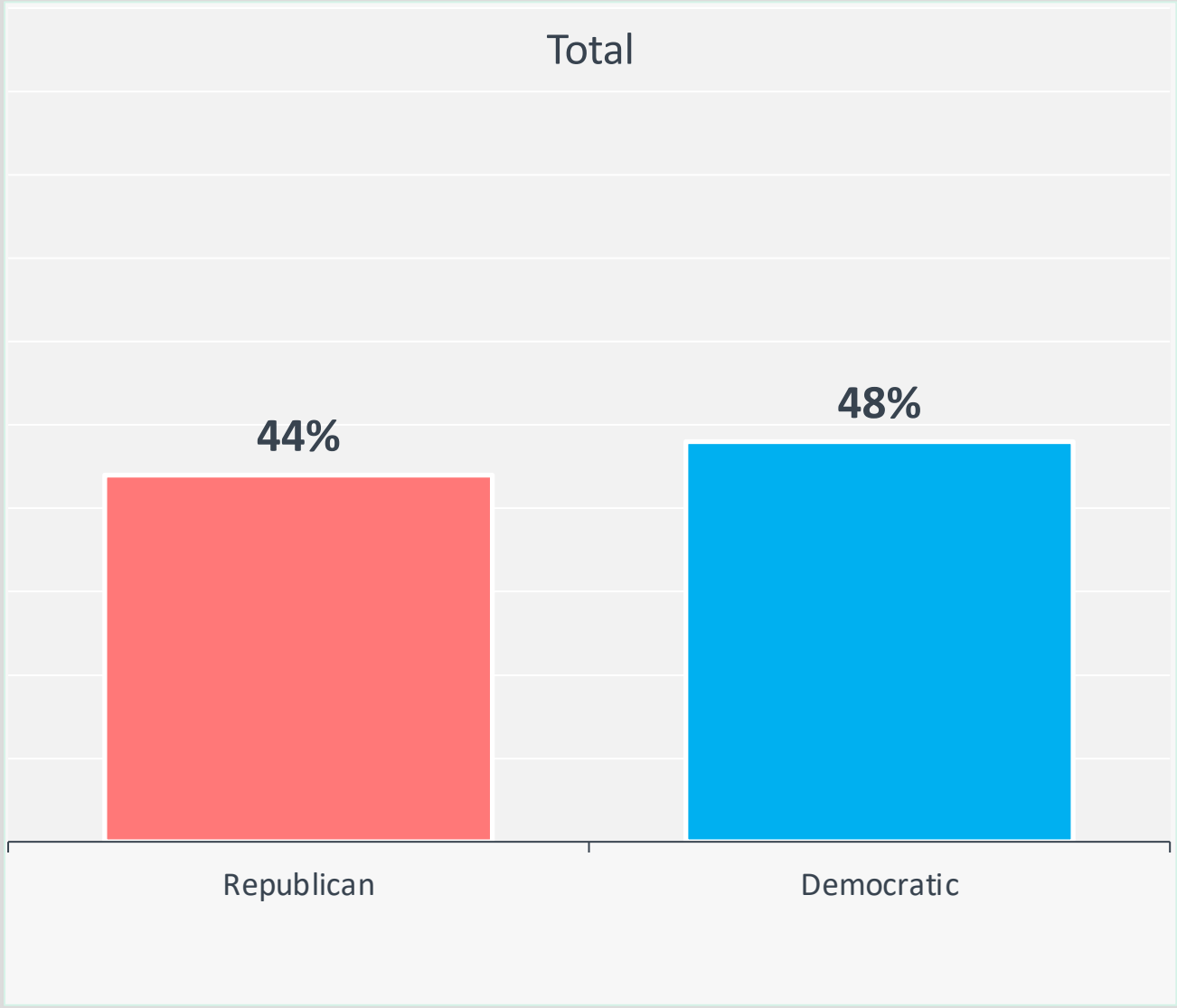
Democratic **48%**

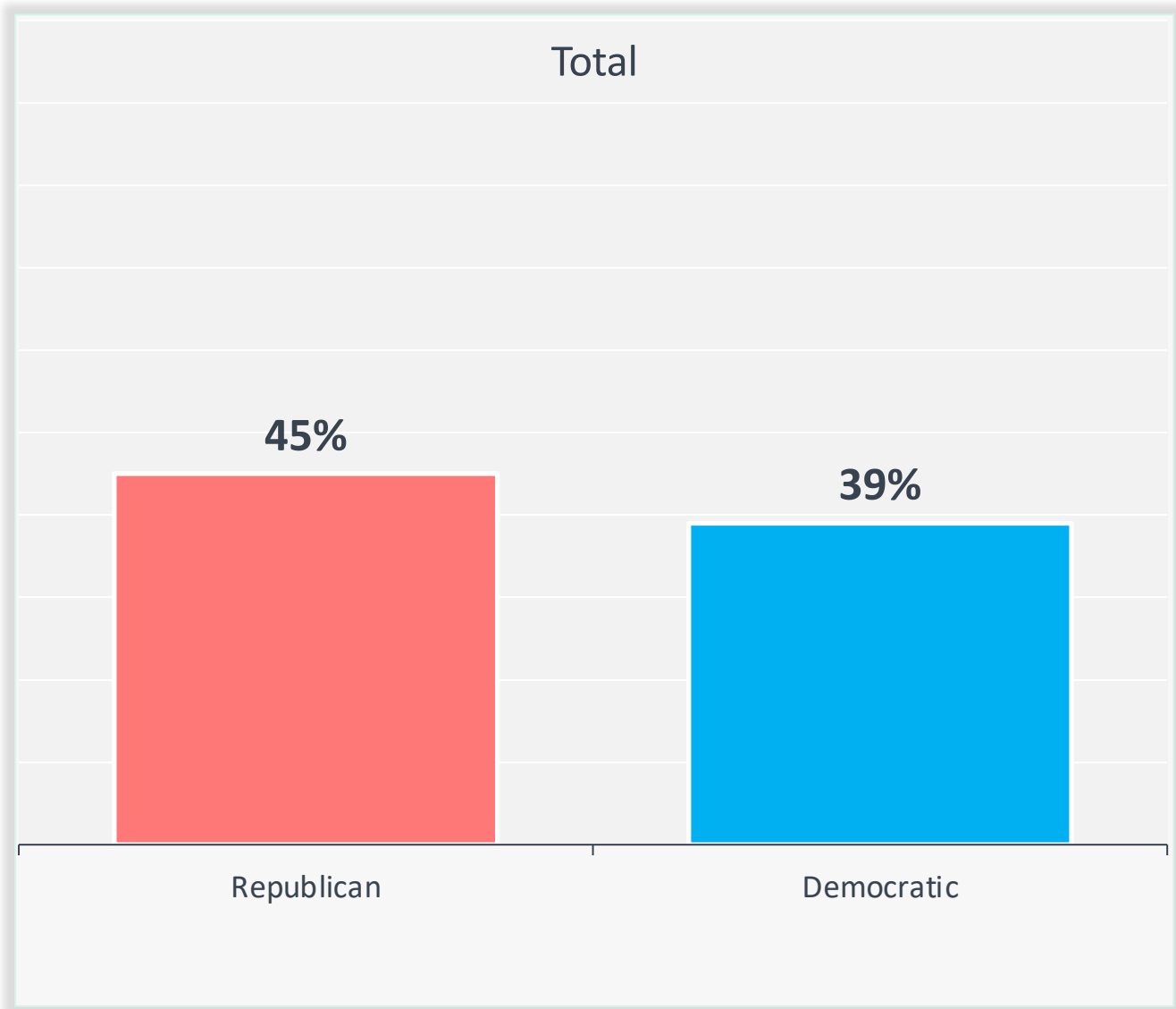| Subgroup	Republican	Democratic	R - D Differential
Female (52%)	43%	48%	-5%
Male (48%)	46%	48%	-2%
Democratic (38%)	3%	94%	-91%
Independent (23%)	33%	45%	-12%
Republican (37%)	91%	5%	86%
18-29 (13%)	16%	74%	-58%
30-44 (23%)	47%	47%	0%
45-64 (36%)	50%	43%	7%
65+ (28%)	48%	42%	6%
Urban (22%)	20%	72%	-52%
Suburban (56%)	49%	45%	4%
Rural (22%)	58%	32%	26%
<$40K (33%)	37%	52%	-15%
$40-$75K (33%)	50%	43%	7%
$80-$125K (19%)	50%	44%	6%
$125+ (12%)	41%	55%	-14%

Donald Trump is leading the field of individuals respondents would like to see run for President, with Biden leading among Democrats, narrowing outpacing Governor Shapiro.

Please select the following individuals you would like to see run for president in 2024.
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)... (RANDOMIZE)

...Top 10

| Donald Trump	Ron DeSantis	Joe Biden	Josh Shapiro	Mike Pence	Kamala Harris	Bernie Sanders	Hillary Clinton	Pete Buttigieg	Nikki Haley
34%	26%	24%	20%	18%	18%	16%	14%	12%	12%

Which political party's policies do you think are better for the economy? (ROTATE 1-2)

Total

Republican 45%

Democratic 39%

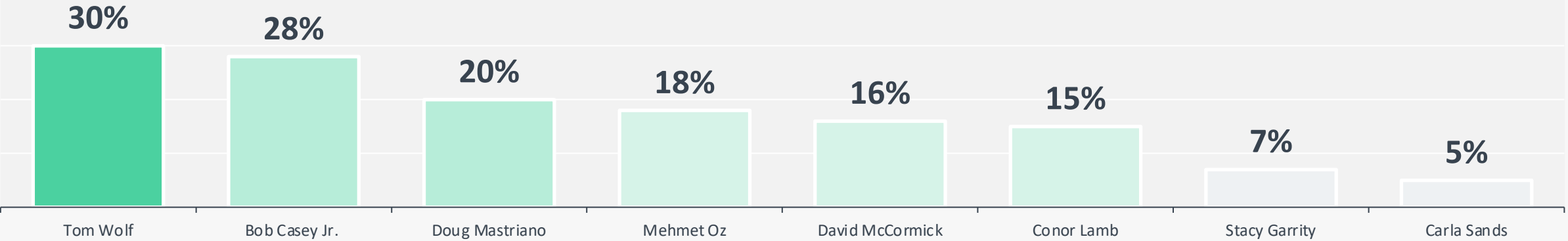| Subgroup	Republican	Democratic	R - D Differential
Female (52%)	44%	37%	7%
Male (48%)	47%	41%	6%
Democratic (38%)	6%	84%	-78%
Independent (23%)	34%	28%	6%
Republican (37%)	90%	2%	88%
18-29 (13%)	26%	49%	-23%
30-44 (23%)	48%	37%	11%
45-64 (36%)	49%	36%	13%
65+ (28%)	47%	39%	8%
Urban (22%)	28%	56%	-28%
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$40-$75K (33%)	51%	34%	17%
$80-$125K (19%)	52%	36%	16%
$125+ (12%)	47%	44%	3%

Which of the following do you think would be the best candidate to represent you and your neighbors in Congress? (RANDOMIZE)

Total

A Republican	**41%**
An independent or third-party	**10%**
A Democrat	**40%**
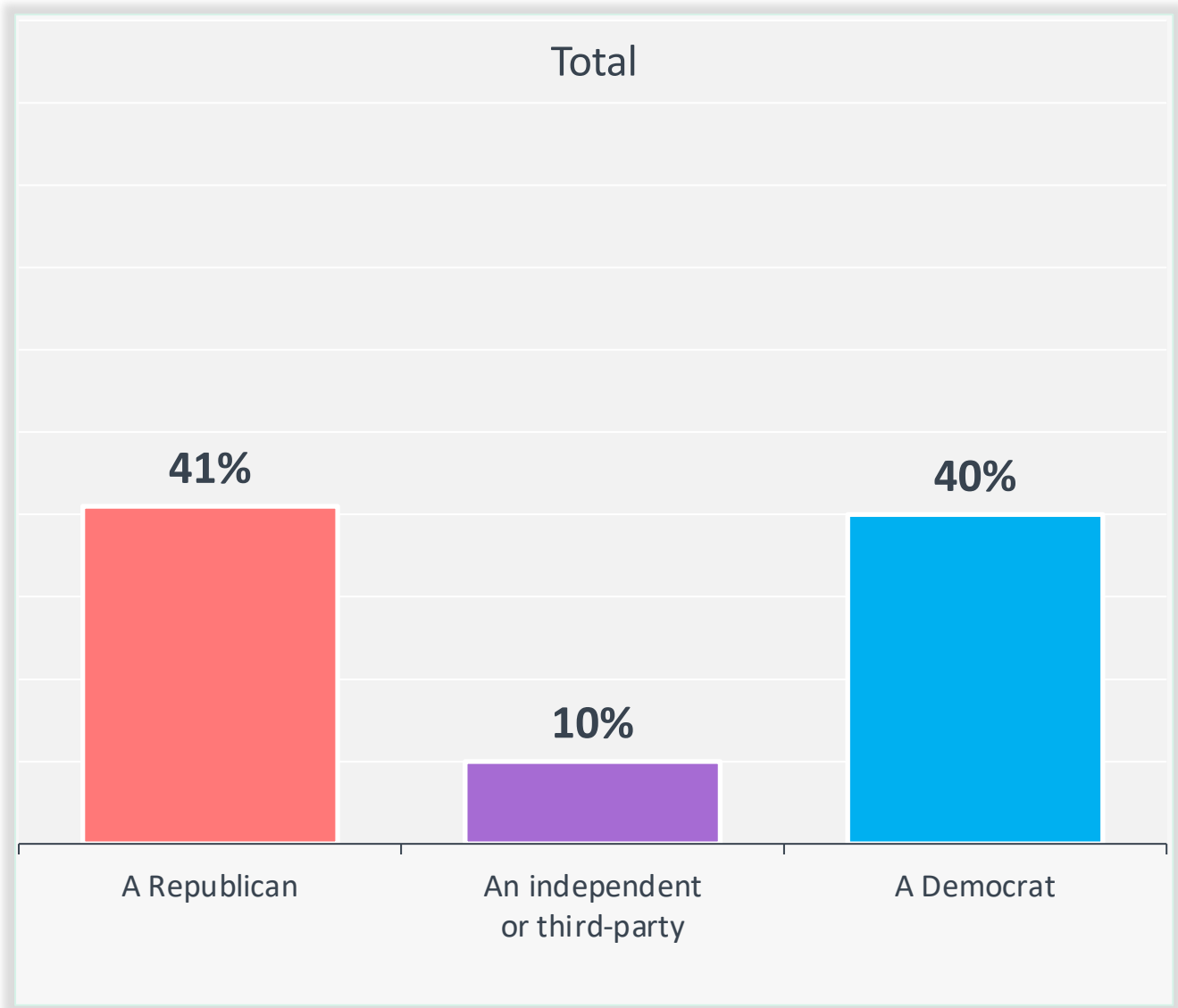
Subgroup	Republican	Independent	Democratic
Female (52%)	40%	11%	39%
Male (48%)	42%	9%	42%
Democratic (38%)	3%	7%	84%
Independent (23%)	25%	28%	29%
Republican (37%)	87%	2%	4%
18-29 (13%)	16%	20%	50%
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<$40K (33%)	34%	12%	46%
$40-$75K (33%)	47%	9%	37%
$80-$125K (19%)	44%	7%	37%
$125+ (12%)	36%	11%	47%

Former Governor Wolf outpacing sitting Senator Casey as top Democrat respondents want to see run for Senate, while Mastriano leads the field among Republicans – narrowly outpacing Oz.

Please select the following individuals you would like to see run for U.S. Senate in 2024.
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)… (RANDOMIZE)

Tom Wolf	Bob Casey Jr.	Doug Mastriano	Mehmet Oz	David McCormick	Conor Lamb	Stacy Garrity	Carla Sands
30%	28%	20%	18%	16%	15%	7%	5%

Federal Policy Series

President Biden's job approval is currently underwater, with only about a third of self-identified independents in Pennsylvania 'approving' of the job he is doing.

Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Joe Biden is doing?
(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

Total Approve: 40%
- Somewhat approve: 24%
- Strongly approve: 16%

Total Disapprove: 58%
- Strongly disapprove: 43%
- Somewhat disapprove: 15%

Legend:
- ■ Strongly approve
- ■ Somewhat approve
- ■ Somewhat disapprove
- ■ Strongly disapprove
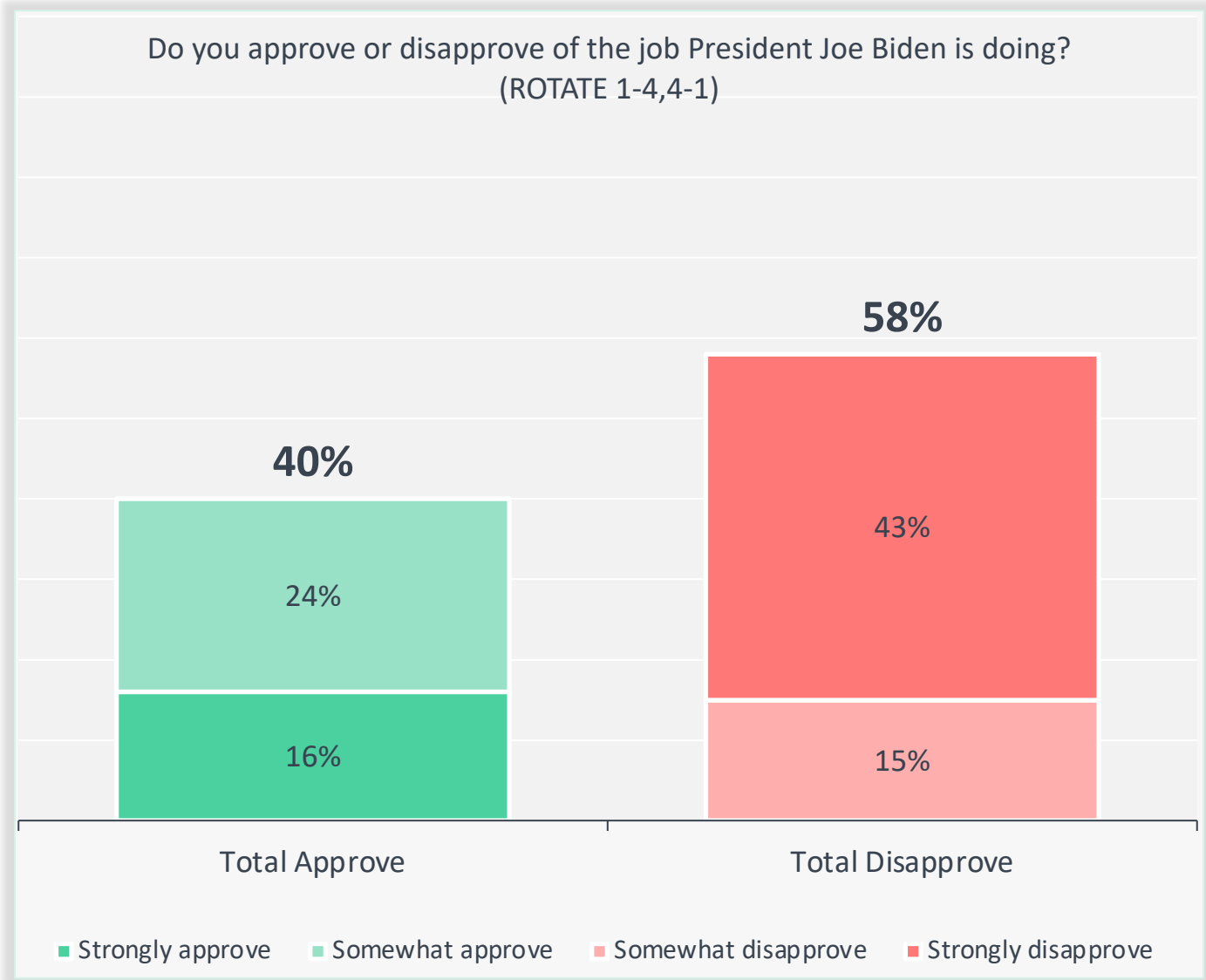
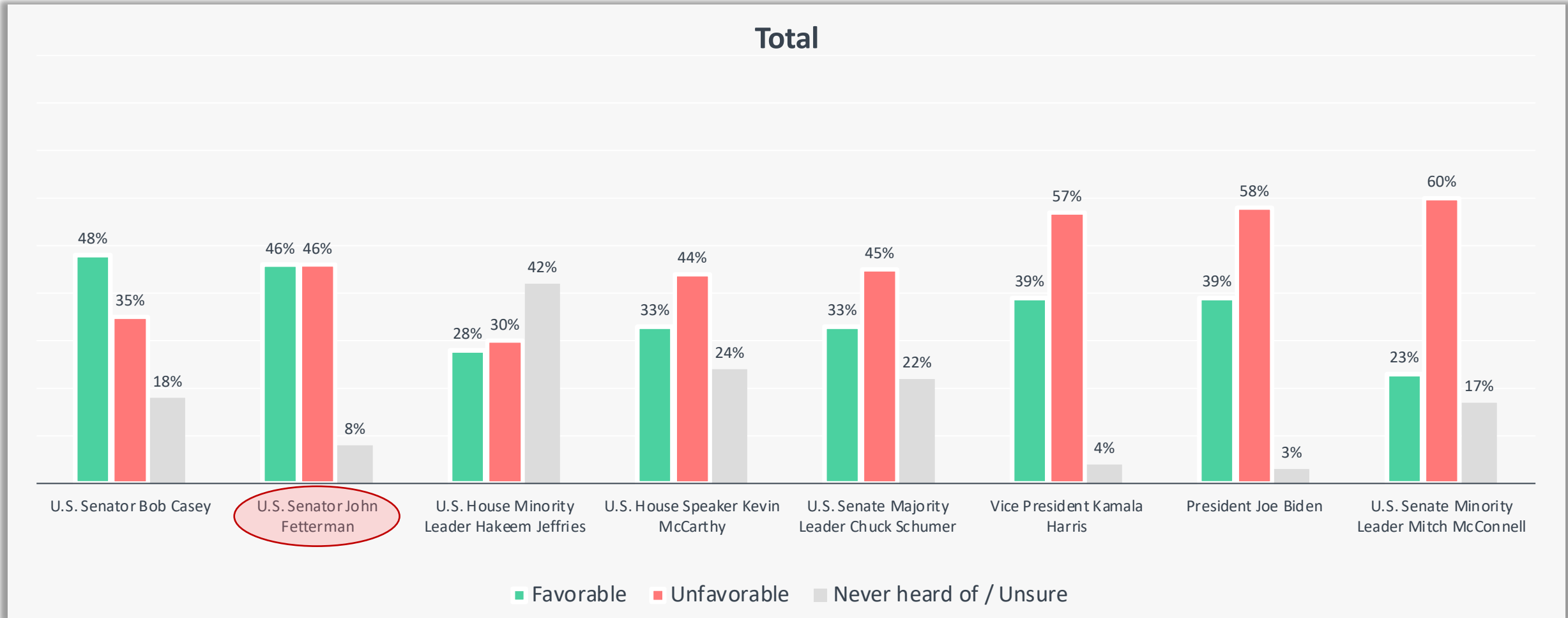| Subgroup	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Differential
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Rural (22%)	26%	71%	-45%
<$40K (33%)	45%	53%	-8%
$40-$75K (33%)	32%	65%	-33%
$80-$125K (19%)	42%	58%	-16%
$125+ (12%)	48%	50%	-2%

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You will now read a list of key federal officials and institutions. After each, please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the entity, please note that. (ROTATE 1-4,4-1) (RANDOMIZE QUESTIONS IN SERIES)

...Individuals by favorability differential

Total

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Never heard of / Unsure
U.S. Senator Bob Casey	48%	35%	18%
U.S. Senator John Fetterman	46%	46%	8%
U.S. House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries	28%	30%	42%
U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy	33%	44%	24%
U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer	33%	45%	22%
Vice President Kamala Harris	39%	57%	4%
President Joe Biden	39%	58%	3%
U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell	23%	60%	17%

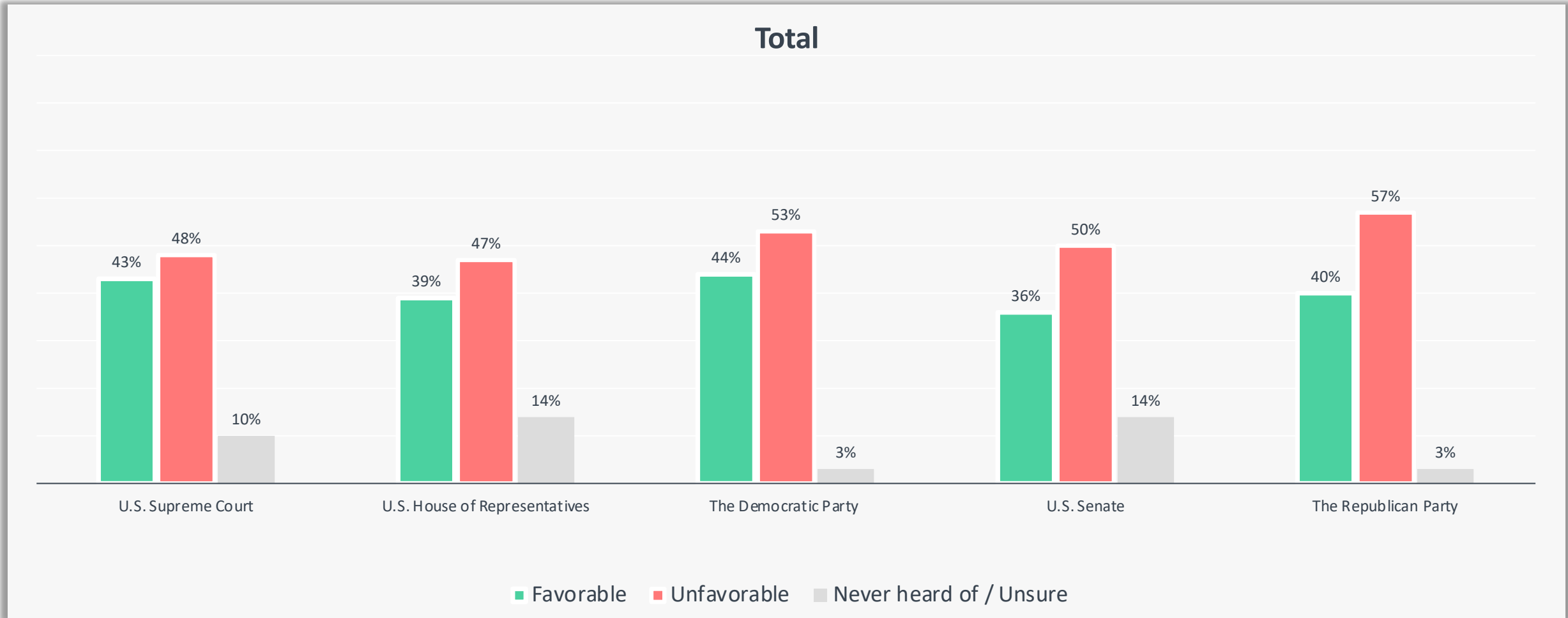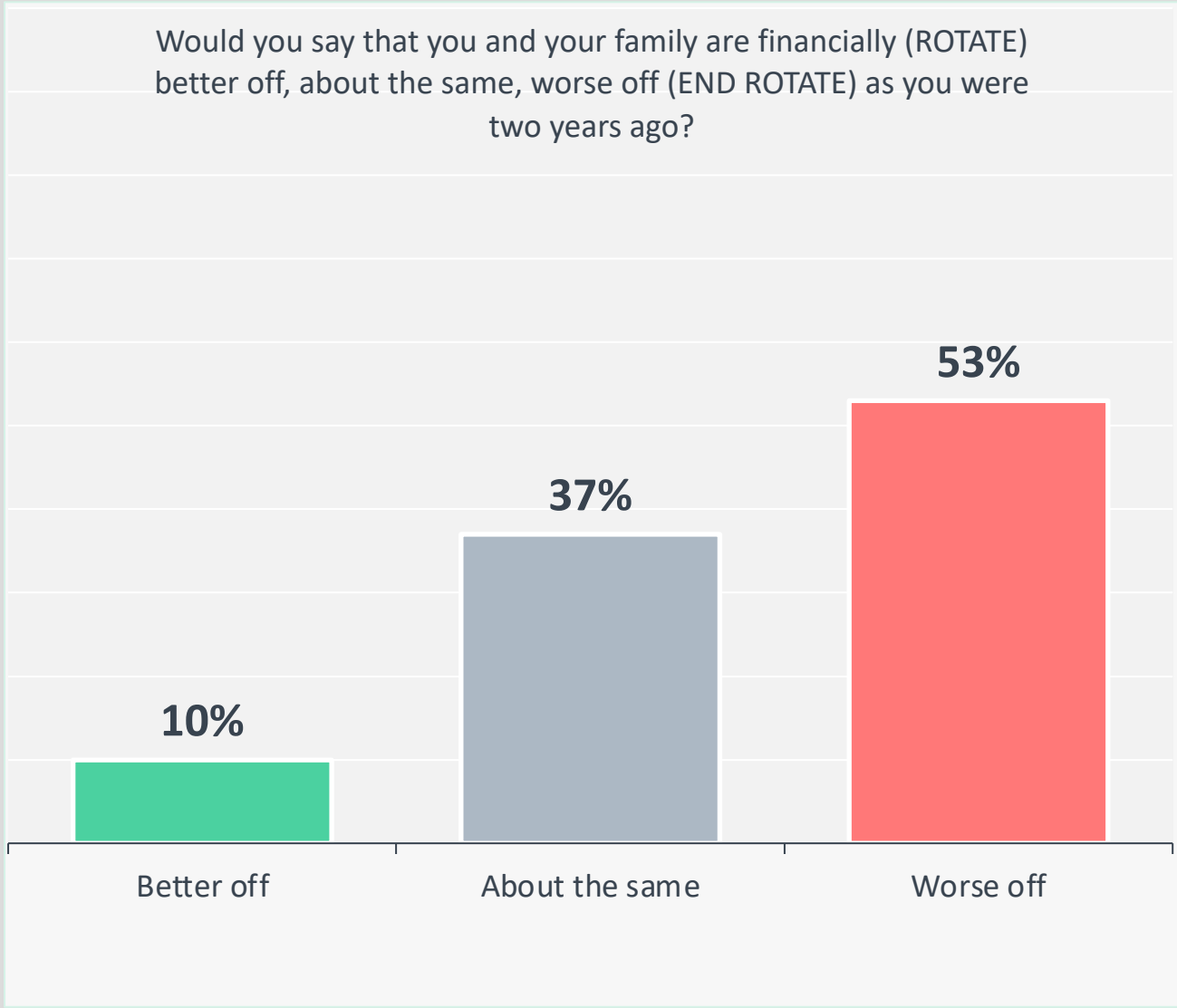■ Favorable   ■ Unfavorable   ■ Never heard of / Unsure

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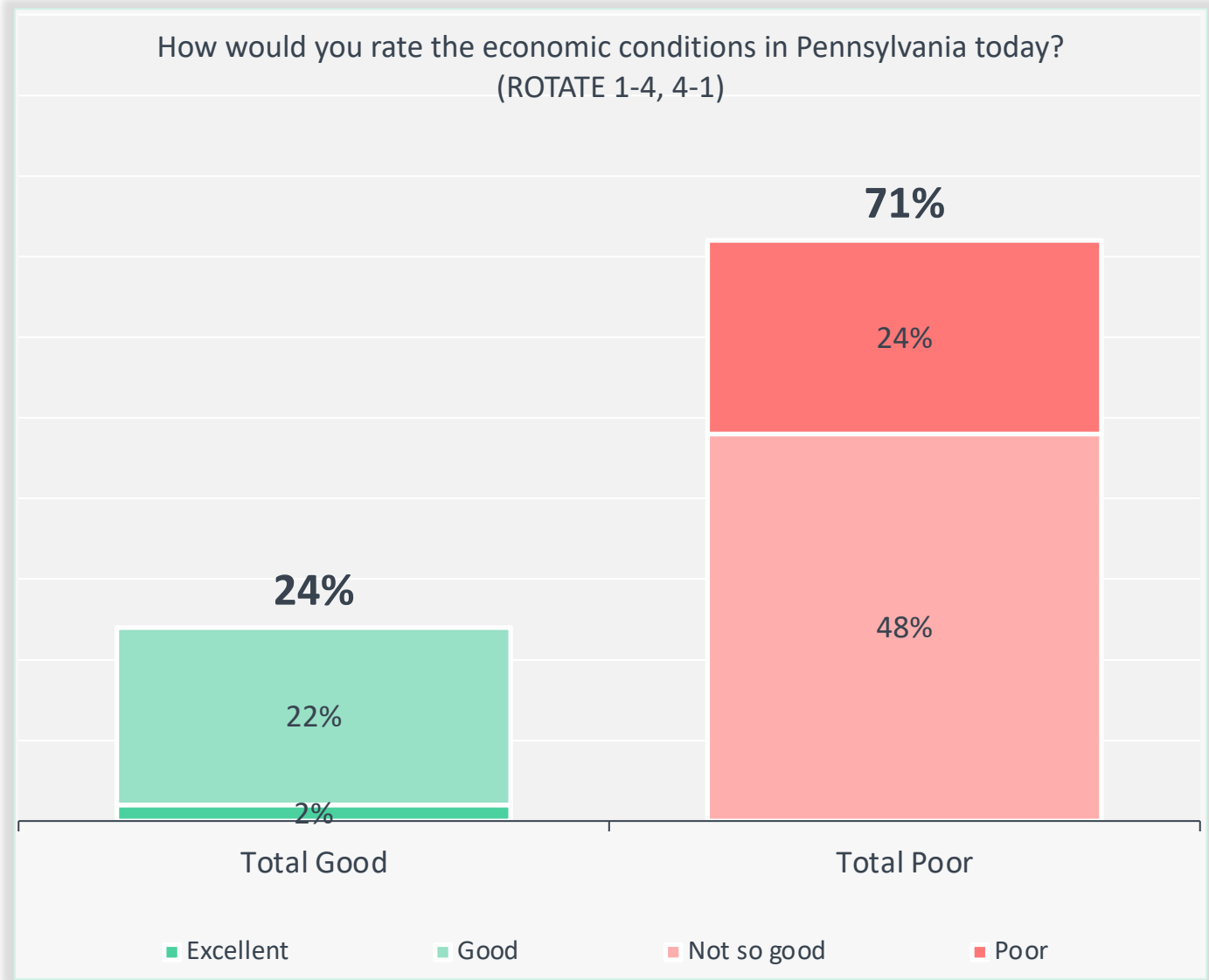|	U.S. Supreme Court	U.S. House of Representatives	The Democratic Party	U.S. Senate	The Republican Party
Favorable	43%	39%	44%	36%	40%
Unfavorable	48%	47%	53%	50%	57%
Never heard of / Unsure	10%	14%	3%	14%	3%

■ Favorable   ■ Unfavorable   ■ Never heard of / Unsure

Jobs & The Economy Series

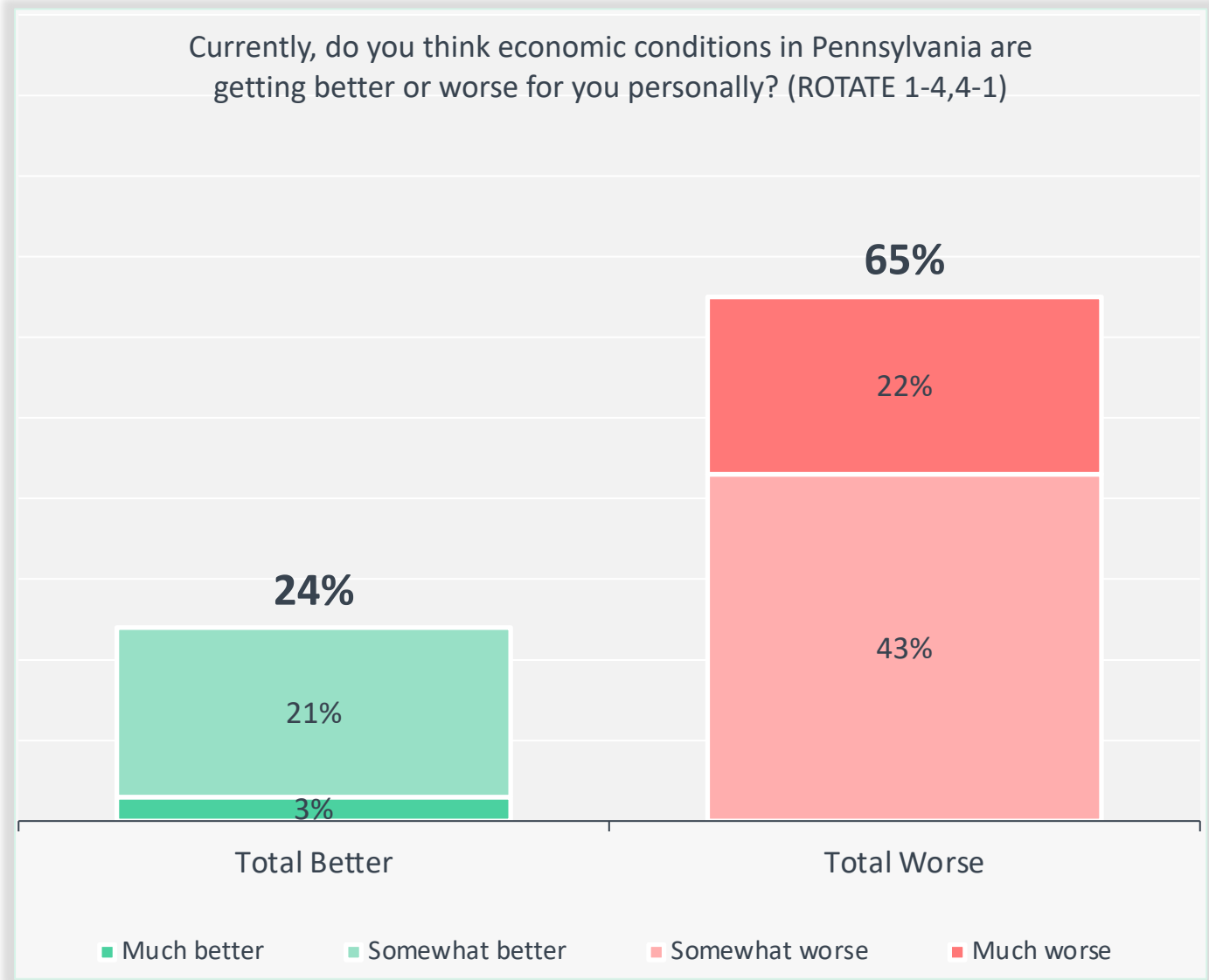# Over half of registered voters in Pennsylvania say they are financially worse off than they were two years ago.

Would you say that you and your family are financially (ROTATE) better off, about the same, worse off (END ROTATE) as you were two years ago?

Better off	About the same	Worse off
10%	37%	53%

Subgroup	Better	Same	Worse
Female (52%)	7%	38%	55%
Male (48%)	13%	36%	51%
Democratic (38%)	13%	54%	32%
Independent (23%)	11%	29%	59%
Republican (37%)	5%	25%	69%
18-29 (13%)	19%	48%	33%
30-44 (23%)	8%	34%	57%
45-64 (36%)	8%	34%	58%
65+ (28%)	9%	38%	53%
Urban (22%)	20%	41%	39%
Suburban (56%)	7%	37%	55%
Rural (22%)	5%	34%	61%
<$40K (33%)	9%	33%	57%
$40-$75K (33%)	7%	34%	59%
$80-$125K (19%)	15%	41%	44%
$125+ (12%)	10%	51%	39%

Over 7-in-10 registered voters, and over three-quarters of women, rate the current economic conditions in Pennsylvania as *poor.*
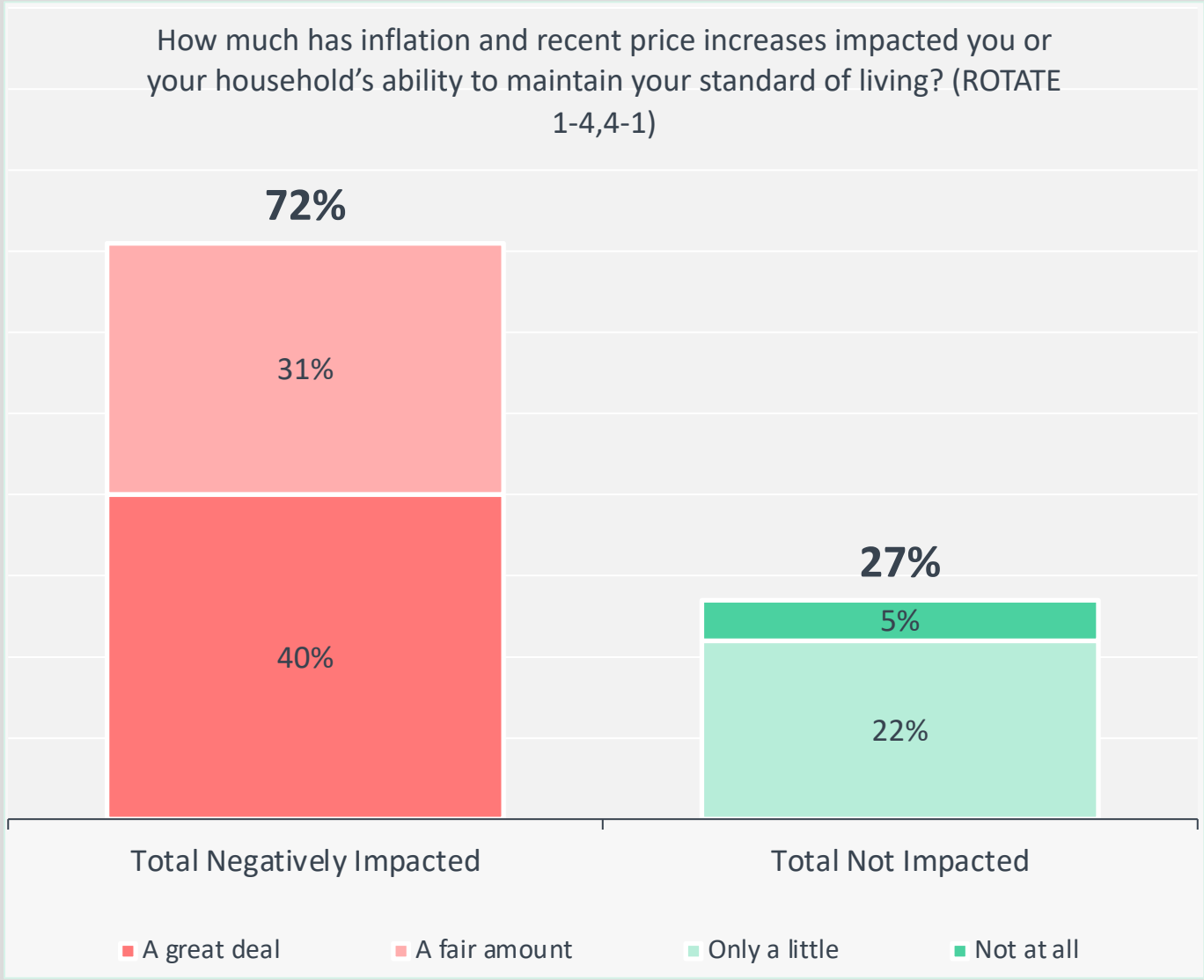
How would you rate the economic conditions in Pennsylvania today?
(ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)

Total Good: 24%
- Good: 22%
- Excellent: 2%

Total Poor: 71%
- Poor: 24%
- Not so good: 48%

Legend: ■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Not so good ■ Poor

Subgroup	Total Good	Total Poor	Differential
Female (52%)	17%	77%	-60%
Male (48%)	32%	65%	-33%
Democratic (38%)	40%	55%	-15%
Independent (23%)	22%	72%	-50%
Republican (37%)	10%	86%	-76%
18-29 (13%)	32%	66%	-34%
30-44 (23%)	22%	76%	-54%
45-64 (36%)	18%	78%	-60%
65+ (28%)	29%	61%	-32%
Urban (22%)	33%	63%	-30%
Suburban (56%)	22%	74%	-52%
Rural (22%)	21%	75%	-54%
<$40K (33%)	20%	74%	-54%
$40-$75K (33%)	18%	77%	-59%
$80-$125K (19%)	30%	68%	-38%
$125+ (12%)	45%	49%	-4%

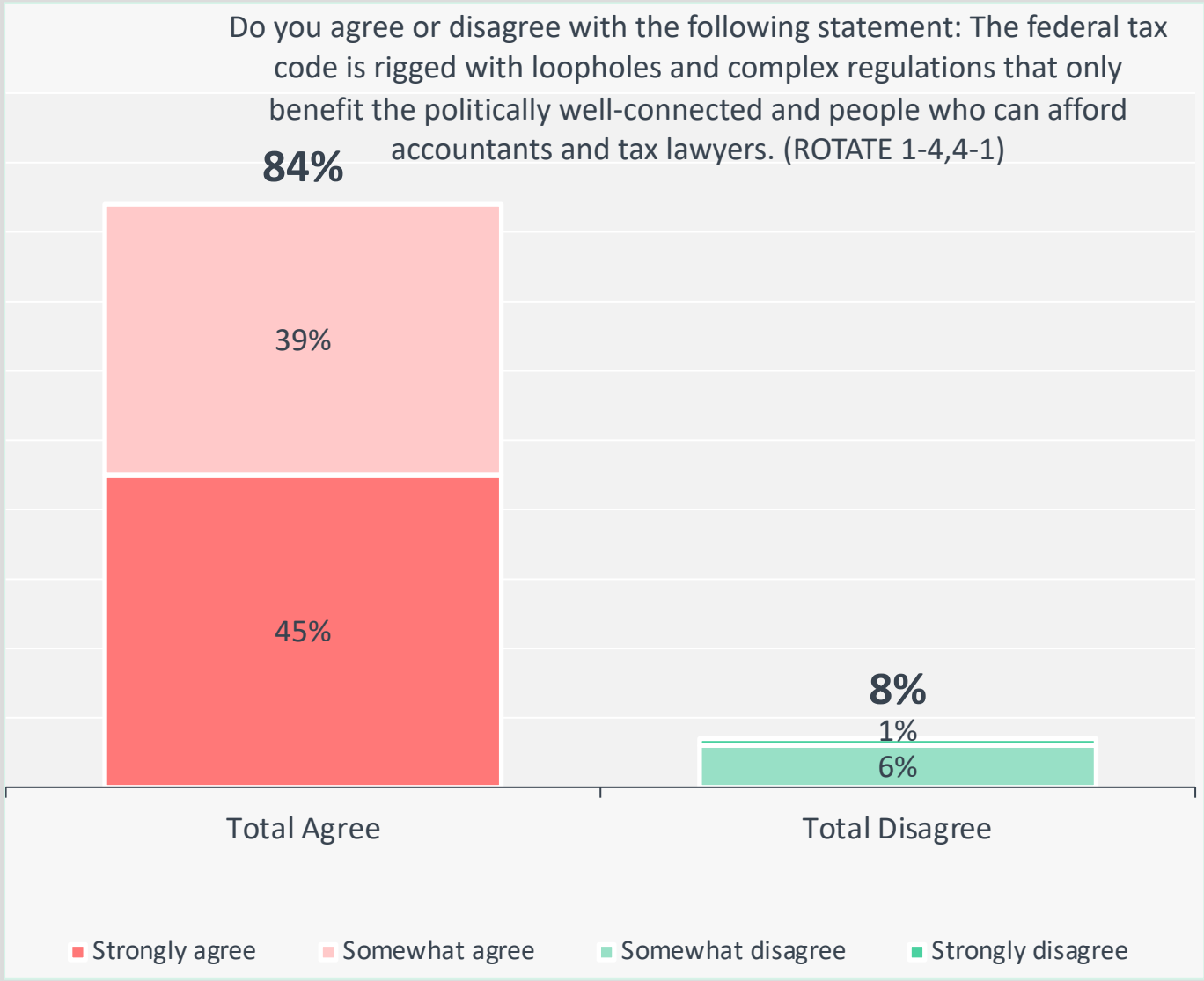# Nearly two-thirds of respondents think the economic conditions in Pennsylvania are getting worse, not better.

Currently, do you think economic conditions in Pennsylvania are getting better or worse for you personally? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

Total Better: 24%
- Somewhat better: 21%
- Much better: 3%

Total Worse: 65%
- Much worse: 22%
- Somewhat worse: 43%

Legend: ■ Much better ■ Somewhat better ■ Somewhat worse ■ Much worse

Subgroup	Total Better	Total Worse	Differential
Female (52%)	20%	67%	-47%
Male (48%)	29%	63%	-34%
Democratic (38%)	38%	45%	-7%
Independent (23%)	21%	70%	-49%
Republican (37%)	12%	80%	-68%
18-29 (13%)	32%	60%	-28%
30-44 (23%)	20%	68%	-48%
45-64 (36%)	20%	68%	-48%
65+ (28%)	29%	60%	-31%
Urban (22%)	34%	55%	-21%
Suburban (56%)	22%	68%	-46%
Rural (22%)	20%	67%	-47%
<$40K (33%)	18%	70%	-52%
$40-$75K (33%)	20%	71%	-51%
$80-$125K (19%)	31%	57%	-26%
$125+ (12%)	43%	48%	-5%

Nearly three-quarters of registered voters have been impacted by inflation, inhibiting their ability to maintain their standard of living.
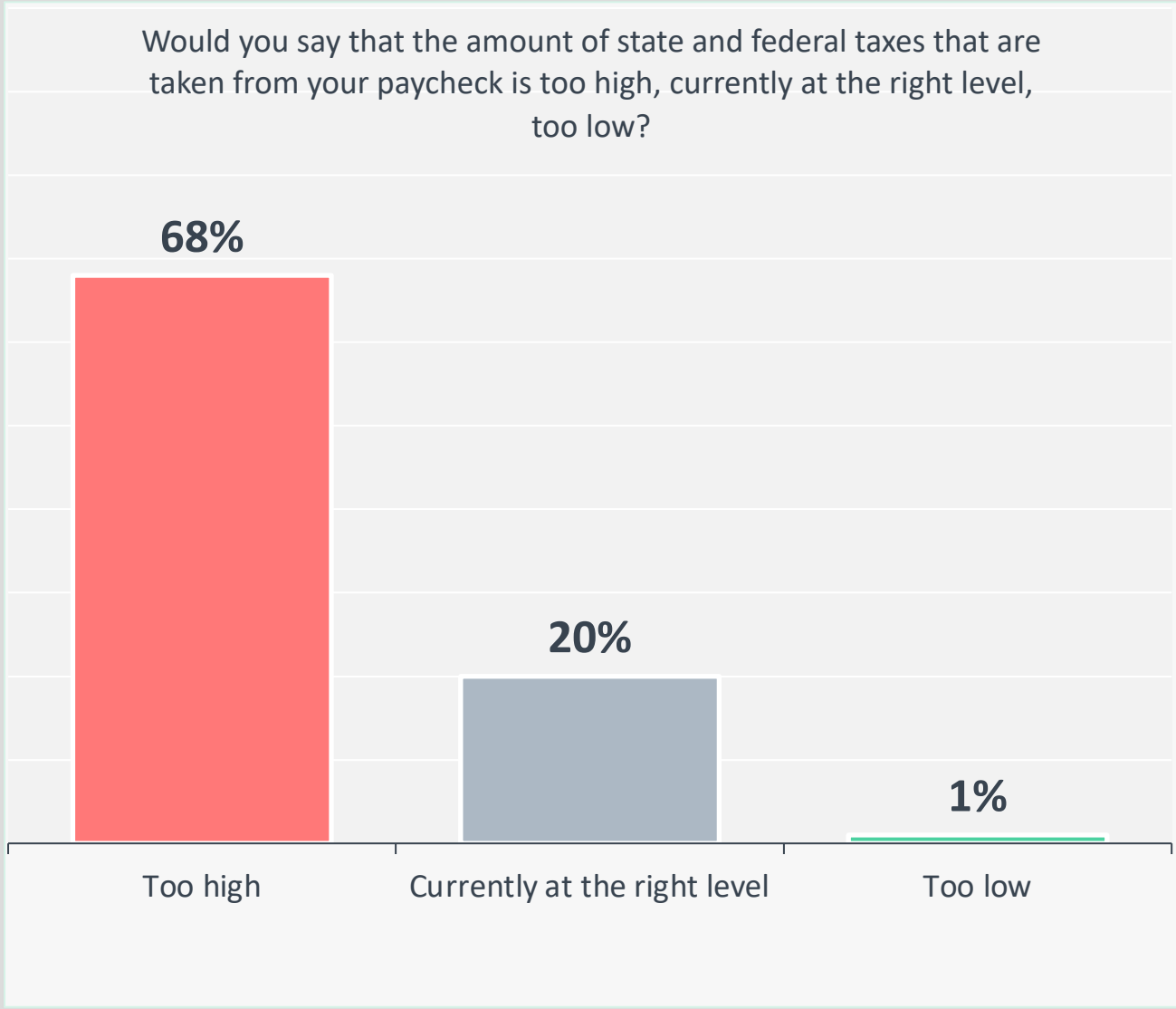
How much has inflation and recent price increases impacted you or your household's ability to maintain your standard of living? (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

72%

31%

40%

27%

5%

22%

Total Negatively Impacted

Total Not Impacted

■ A great deal   ■ A fair amount   ■ Only a little   ■ Not at all

Subgroup	Total Impact	Total No Impact	Differential
Female (52%)	74%	25%	49%
Male (48%)	69%	30%	39%
Democratic (38%)	65%	34%	31%
Independent (23%)	75%	25%	50%
Republican (37%)	75%	23%	52%
18-29 (13%)	78%	22%	56%
30-44 (23%)	81%	19%	62%
45-64 (36%)	71%	27%	44%
65+ (28%)	61%	38%	23%
Urban (22%)	76%	22%	54%
Suburban (56%)	68%	31%	37%
Rural (22%)	75%	23%	52%
<$40K (33%)	77%	20%	57%
$40-$75K (33%)	77%	23%	54%
$80-$125K (19%)	66%	34%	32%
$125+ (12%)	53%	47%	6%

By a 76-point margin, more respondents agree that the federal tax code is rigged with loopholes and complex regulations that only benefit those with the means to navigate them, than disagree.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The federal tax code is rigged with loopholes and complex regulations that only benefit the politically well-connected and people who can afford accountants and tax lawyers. (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

84%

39%

45%

8%

1%

6%

Total Agree

Total Disagree

■ Strongly agree   ■ Somewhat agree   ■ Somewhat disagree   ■ Strongly disagree

Subgroup	Total Agree	Total Disagree	Differential
Female (52%)	82%	7%	75%
Male (48%)	86%	9%	77%
Democratic (38%)	85%	7%	78%
Independent (23%)	88%	5%	83%
Republican (37%)	81%	10%	71%
18-29 (13%)	82%	5%	77%
30-44 (23%)	81%	11%	70%
45-64 (36%)	85%	9%	76%
65+ (28%)	86%	6%	80%
Urban (22%)	84%	12%	72%
Suburban (56%)	85%	7%	78%
Rural (22%)	82%	7%	75%
<$40K (33%)	87%	6%	81%
$40-$75K (33%)	86%	6%	80%
$80-$125K (19%)	83%	11%	72%
$125+ (12%)	73%	14%	59%

Over two-thirds of registered voters in Pennsylvania think state and federal taxes are *too high,* with only 1-in-5 thinking taxes are currently at the *right level.*

Would you say that the amount of state and federal taxes that are taken from your paycheck is too high, currently at the right level, too low?

68%	Too high
20%	Currently at the right level
1%	Too low

Subgroup	Too high	Right level	Too low
Female (52%)	70%	16%	1%
Male (48%)	65%	25%	2%
Democratic (38%)	53%	29%	2%
Independent (23%)	73%	19%	2%
Republican (37%)	79%	13%	0%
18-29 (13%)	52%	38%	0%
30-44 (23%)	69%	18%	3%
45-64 (36%)	75%	14%	1%
65+ (28%)	66%	23%	1%
Urban (22%)	63%	22%	3%
Suburban (56%)	69%	20%	1%
Rural (22%)	69%	21%	0%
<$40K (33%)	64%	17%	2%
$40-$75K (33%)	73%	16%	0%
$80-$125K (19%)	68%	22%	2%
$125+ (12%)	59%	40%	1%

Thinking about the job situation in Pennsylvania today, would you say that it is now a (ROTATE) good time or a bad time (END ROTATE) to find a quality job?

Total
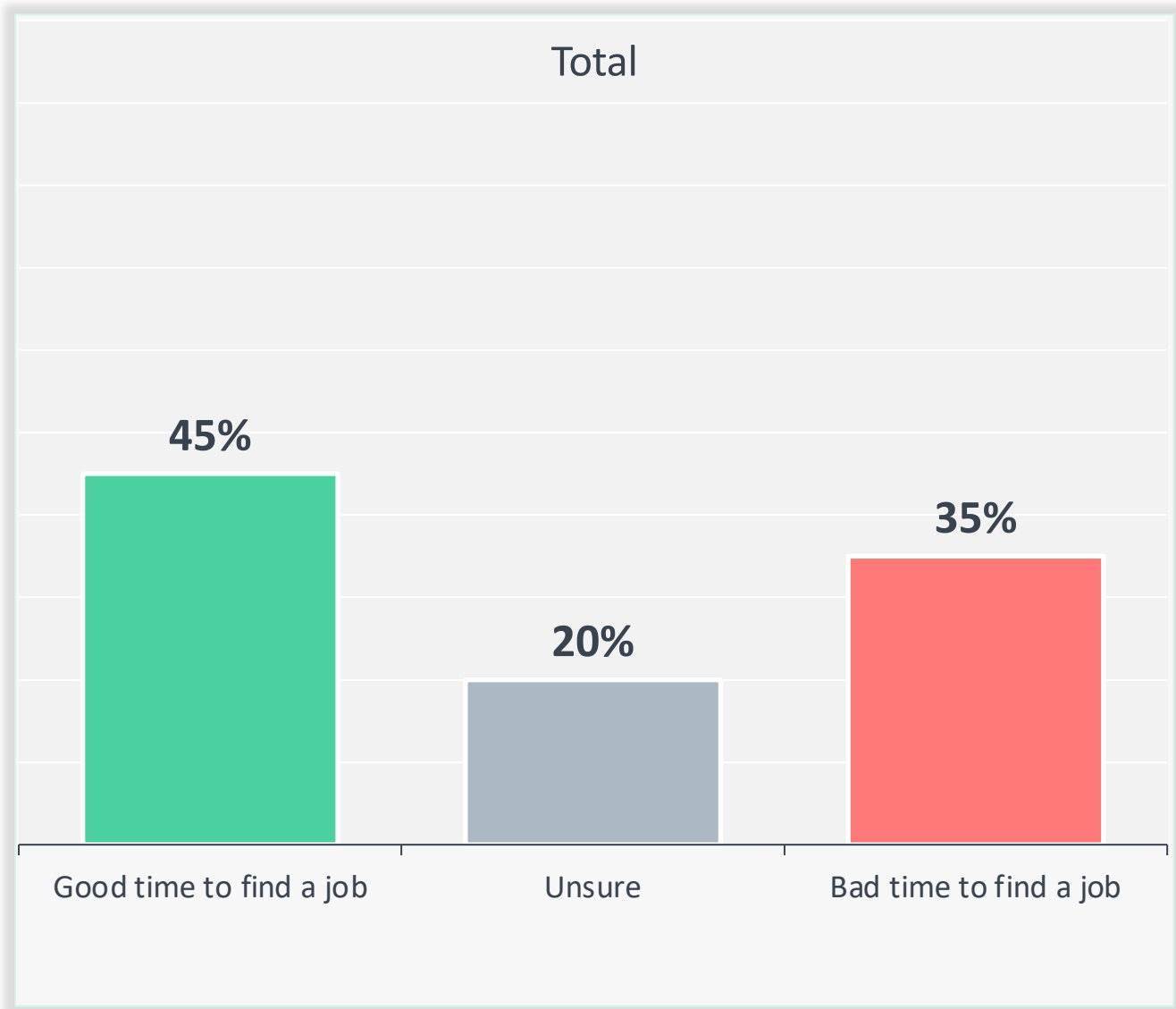
| | Good time to find a job | Unsure | Bad time to find a job |
| 45% | 20% | 35% |

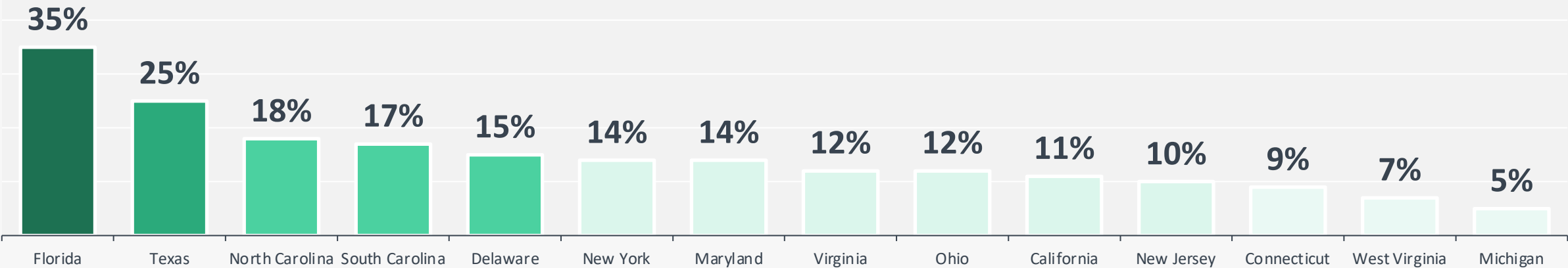| Subgroup	Good time	Unsure	Bad time
Female (52%)	44%	21%	34%
Male (48%)	45%	18%	36%
Democratic (38%)	54%	20%	26%
Independent (23%)	39%	15%	45%
Republican (37%)	39%	23%	38%
18-29 (13%)	43%	11%	46%
30-44 (23%)	42%	15%	43%
45-64 (36%)	40%	24%	36%
65+ (28%)	55%	22%	23%
Urban (22%)	48%	21%	31%
Suburban (56%)	43%	19%	38%
Rural (22%)	47%	20%	33%
<$40K (33%)	37%	26%	37%
$40-$75K (33%)	50%	14%	36%
$80-$125K (19%)	53%	18%	29%
$125+ (12%)	49%	14%	37%

Over half of women, and independents think the state of Pennsylvania is worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago, with only about 1-in-10 respondents believing PA is *better* for businesses than it was 10 years ago.

Do you think the state of Pennsylvania is worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago, about the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago, better for businesses than it was 10 years ago?

	Better for businesses than it was 10 years ago	About the same for buisnesses than it was 10 years ago	Worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago
	11%	25%	50%
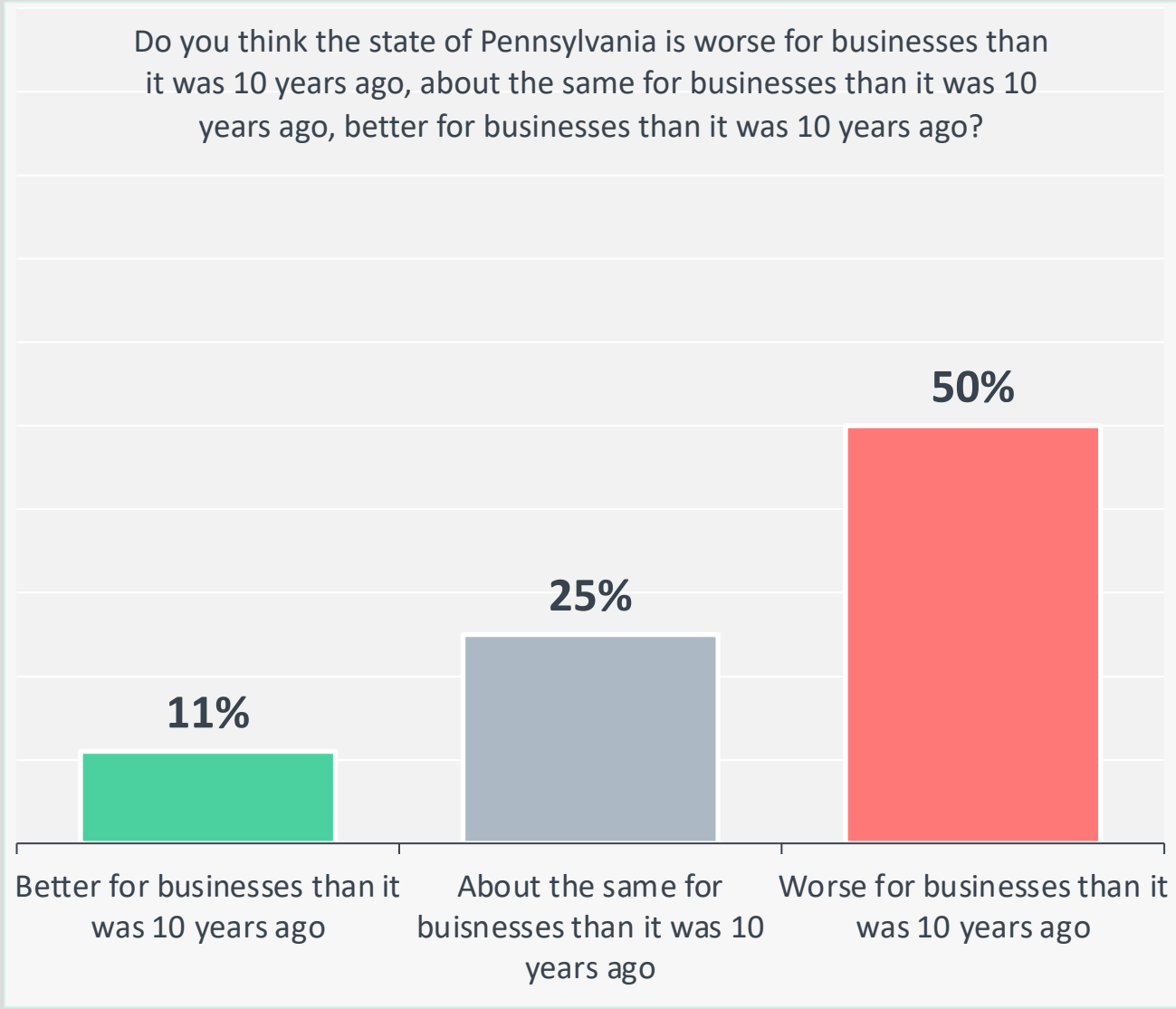
| Subgroup	Better for businesses	About the same	Worse for businesses
Female (52%)	8%	20%	55%
Male (48%)	13%	31%	45%
Democratic (38%)	17%	32%	33%
Independent (23%)	9%	23%	54%
Republican (37%)	5%	19%	65%
18-29 (13%)	21%	15%	50%
30-44 (23%)	9%	26%	56%
45-64 (36%)	9%	23%	53%
65+ (28%)	11%	31%	42%
Urban (22%)	19%	20%	46%
Suburban (56%)	8%	28%	50%
Rural (22%)	10%	22%	55%
<$40K (33%)	11%	22%	54%
$40-$75K (33%)	7%	24%	52%
$80-$125K (19%)	16%	30%	45%
$125+ (12%)	14%	32%	39%

States which respondents have considered moving to, are the same states respondents believe have a better economic outlook than Pennsylvania.

Which, if any, of the following states do you believe have a better economic outlook than Pennsylvania?
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY) (RANDOMIZE)

Florida	Texas	North Carolina	South Carolina	Delaware	New York	Maryland	Virginia	Ohio	California	New Jersey	Connecticut	West Virginia	Michigan
35%	25%	18%	17%	15%	14%	14%	12%	12%	11%	10%	9%	7%	5%

The State of Education in Pennsylvania

Two-thirds of registered voters in Pennsylvania grade the quality of PA's K-12 school system as a 'C' or worse.
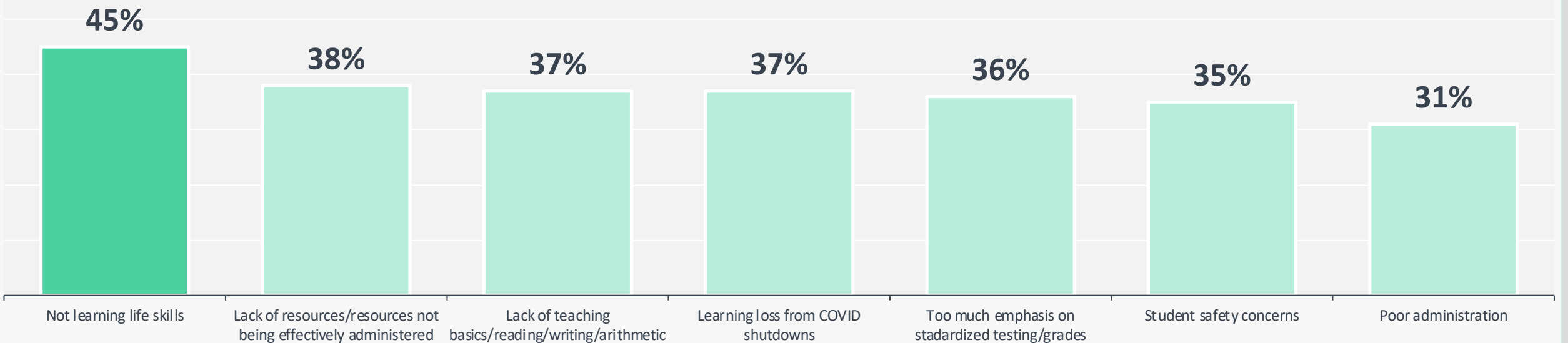
How would you grade the quality of Pennsylvania's K-12 school system?

Grade	Percentage
A	4%
B	21%
C	37%
D	19%
F	10%
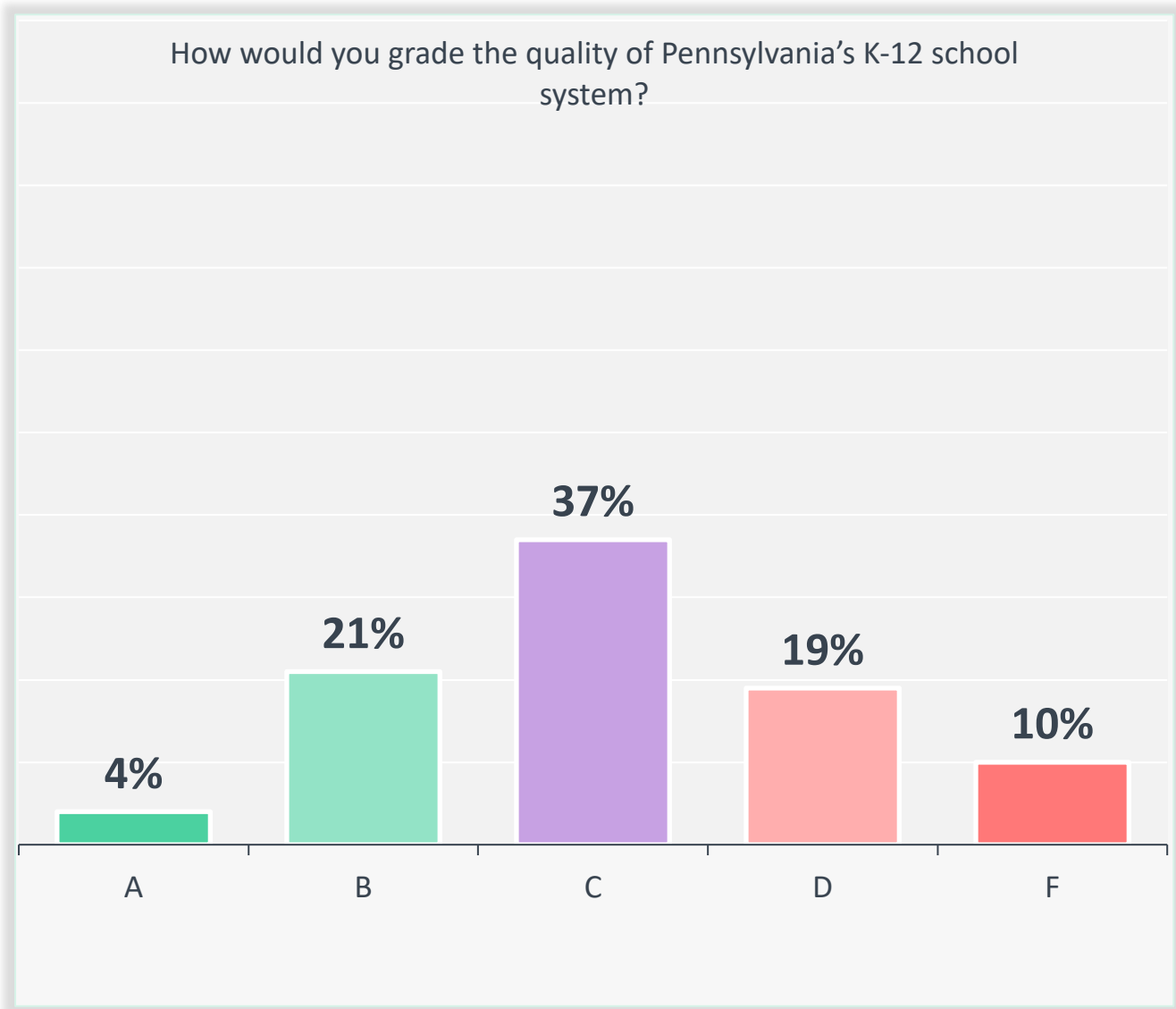
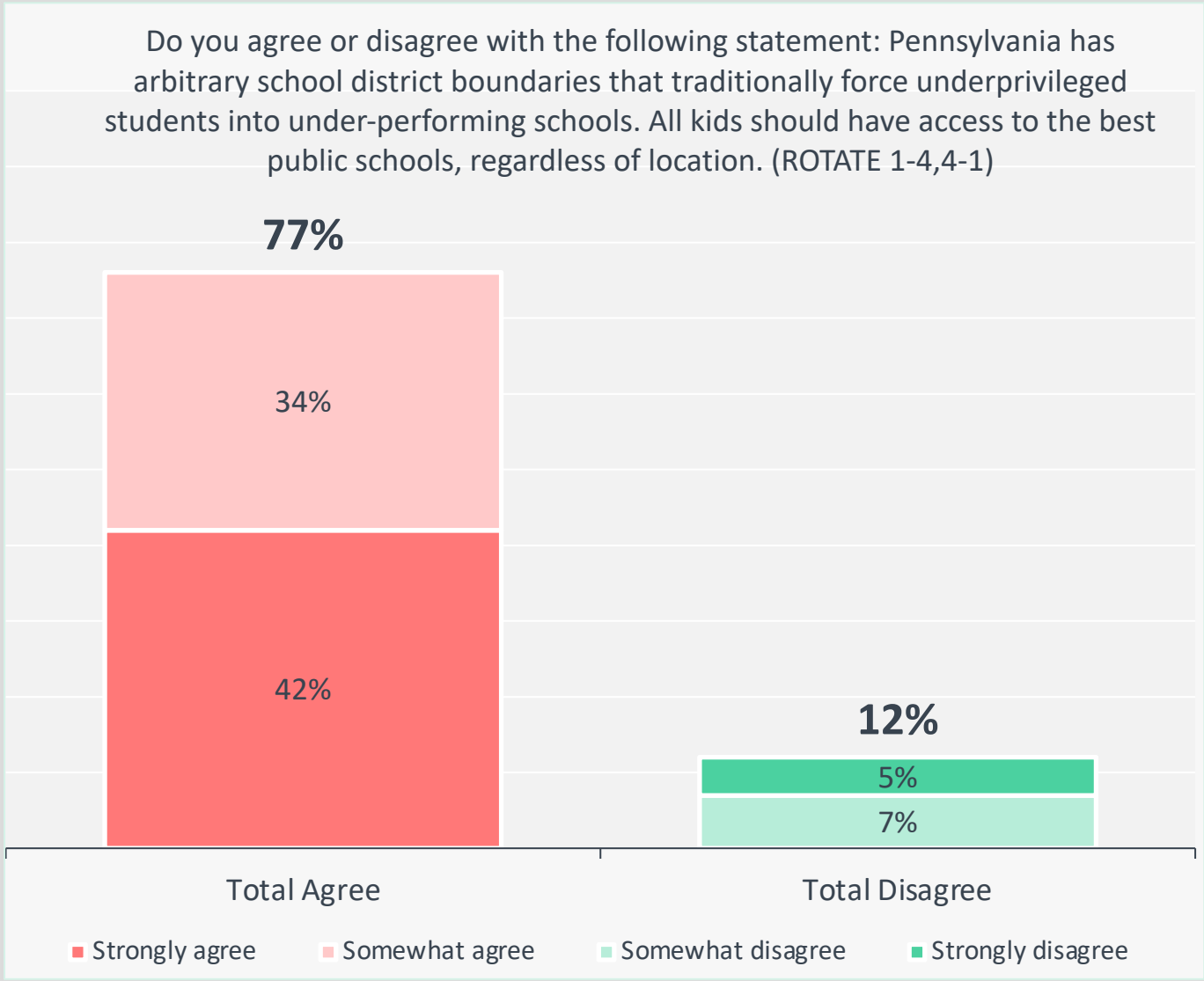| Subgroup	A	F	Differential
Female (52%)	2%	9%	-7%
Male (48%)	6%	11%	-5%
Democratic (38%)	6%	3%	3%
Independent (23%)	2%	11%	-9%
Republican (37%)	3%	16%	-13%
18-29 (13%)	6%	10%	-4%
30-44 (23%)	6%	10%	-4%
45-64 (36%)	3%	11%	-8%
65+ (28%)	3%	10%	-7%
Urban (22%)	6%	10%	-4%
Suburban (56%)	4%	11%	-7%
Rural (22%)	3%	9%	-6%
<$40K (33%)	3%	16%	-13%
$40-$75K (33%)	4%	9%	-5%
$80-$125K (19%)	5%	5%	0%
$125+ (12%)	8%	10%	-2%

Lack of teaching life skills, lack of effectively administering resources, and lack of teaching basics, top voters' reasons for dissatisfaction with the quality of Pennsylvania's education.

What, if any, would you say are reasons you are dissatisfied with the quality of education that students in Pennsylvania receive?
(SELECT ALL THAT APPLY)... (RANDOMIZE RESPONSES)

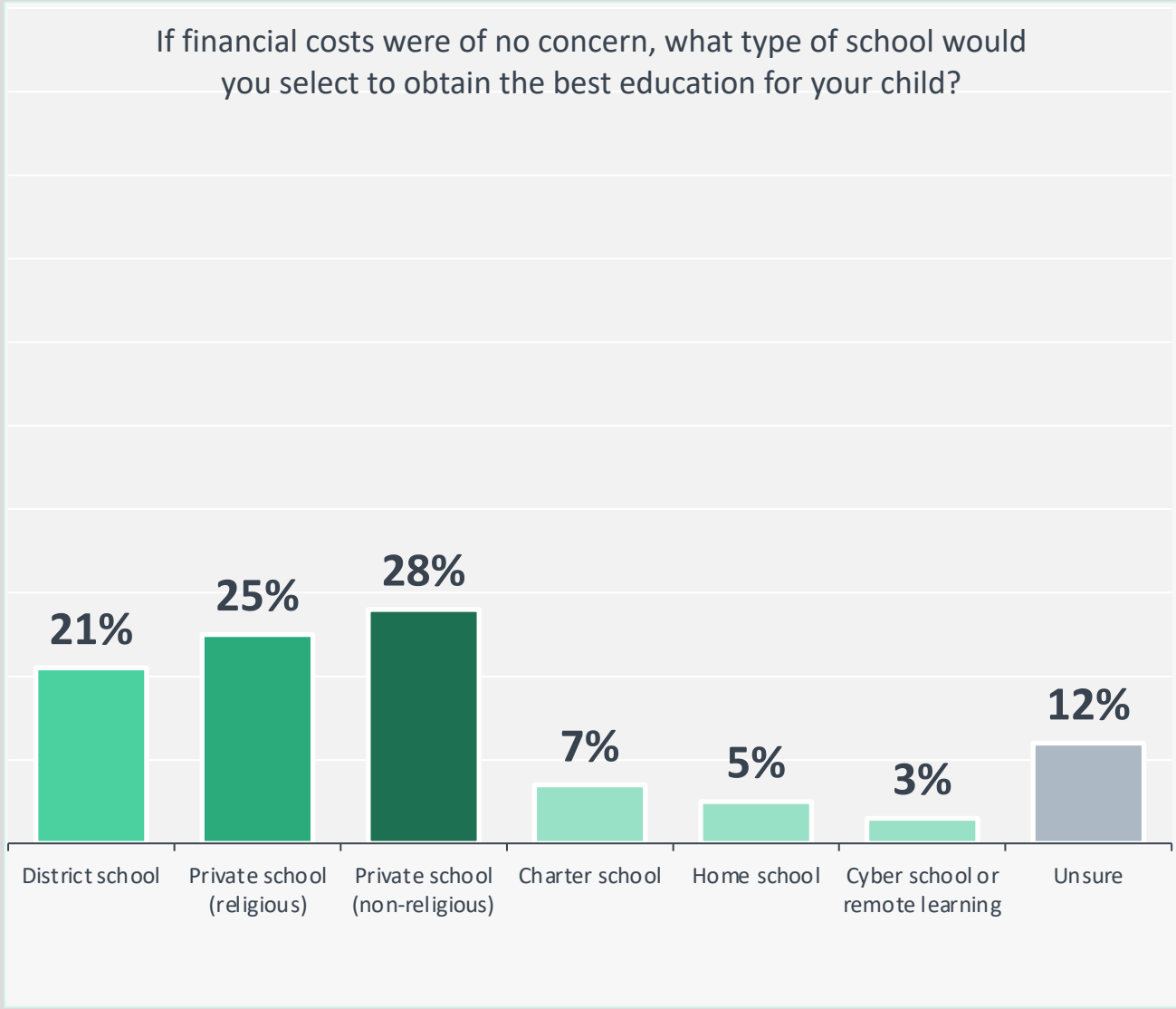*...Top reasons >30% among those who ranked school B-F (n576)*

45%	Not learning life skills
38%	Lack of resources/resources not being effectively administered
37%	Lack of teaching basics/reading/writing/arithmetic
37%	Learning loss from COVID shutdowns
36%	Too much emphasis on stadardized testing/grades
35%	Student safety concerns
31%	Poor administration

Over three-quarters agree that Pennsylvania has arbitrary school district lines that disproportionately hurt underprivileged students.
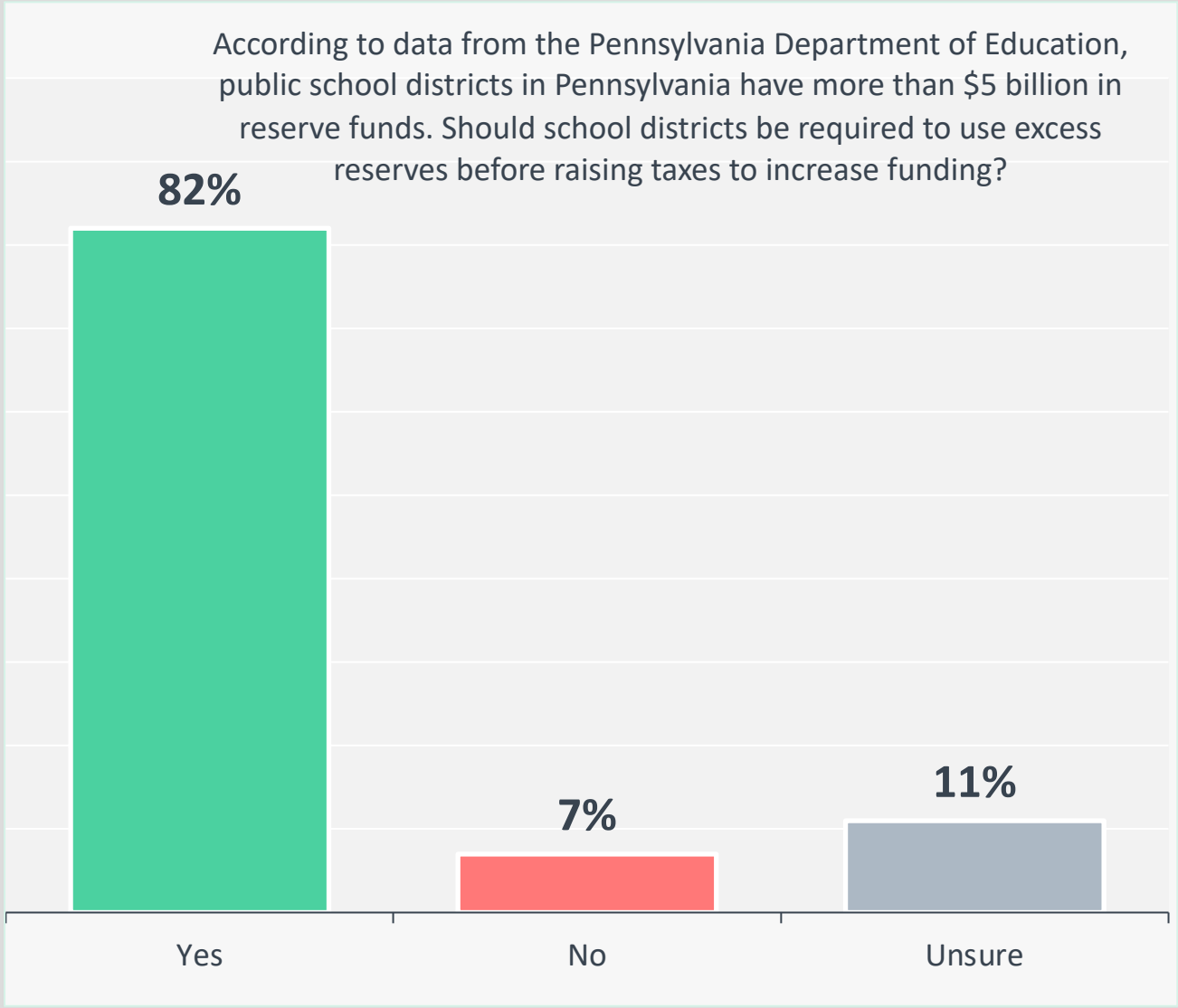
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Pennsylvania has arbitrary school district boundaries that traditionally force underprivileged students into under-performing schools. All kids should have access to the best public schools, regardless of location. (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

77%

34%

42%

12%

5%

7%

Total Agree

Total Disagree

■ Strongly agree   ■ Somewhat agree   ■ Somewhat disagree   ■ Strongly disagree

Subgroup	Total Agree	Total Disagree	Differential
Female (52%)	78%	10%	68%
Male (48%)	76%	13%	63%
Democratic (38%)	83%	9%	74%
Independent (23%)	78%	6%	72%
Republican (37%)	70%	18%	52%
18-29 (13%)	89%	6%	83%
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45-64 (36%)	72%	14%	58%
65+ (28%)	74%	12%	62%
Urban (22%)	84%	8%	76%
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<$40K (33%)	79%	8%	71%
$40-$75K (33%)	78%	10%	68%
$80-$125K (19%)	75%	19%	56%
$125+ (12%)	72%	16%	56%

If financial costs were of no concern, what type of school would you select to obtain the best education for your child?

Subgroup	District	Private (rel)	Private (non-rel)
Female (52%)	18%	22%	30%
Male (48%)	23%	28%	27%
Democratic (38%)	25%	15%	33%
Independent (23%)	19%	21%	29%
Republican (37%)	17%	37%	23%
18-29 (13%)	28%	10%	41%
30-44 (23%)	21%	22%	32%
45-64 (36%)	19%	27%	29%
65+ (28%)	19%	32%	19%
Urban (22%)	16%	18%	38%
Suburban (56%)	20%	27%	30%
Rural (22%)	25%	29%	16%
<$40K (33%)	20%	25%	21%
$40-$75K (33%)	21%	26%	27%
$80-$125K (19%)	26%	20%	39%
$125+ (12%)	18%	34%	30%

A vast majority of registered voters believe that schools should be required to use excess funds *before* raising taxes to increase funding.

According to data from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, public school districts in Pennsylvania have more than $5 billion in reserve funds. Should school districts be required to use excess reserves before raising taxes to increase funding?

82% Yes
7% No
11% Unsure

Subgroup	Total Yes	No	Differential
Female (52%)	80%	6%	74%
Male (48%)	84%	8%	76%
Democratic (38%)	76%	9%	67%
Independent (23%)	81%	9%	72%
Republican (37%)	89%	3%	86%
18-29 (13%)	71%	8%	63%
30-44 (23%)	81%	7%	74%
45-64 (36%)	84%	7%	77%
65+ (28%)	87%	5%	82%
Urban (22%)	81%	7%	74%
Suburban (56%)	84%	6%	78%
Rural (22%)	80%	9%	71%
<$40K (33%)	84%	6%	78%
$40-$75K (33%)	82%	6%	76%
$80-$125K (19%)	82%	4%	78%
$125+ (12%)	81%	14%	67%

Executive Summary

We've Gotten Off On The Wrong Track

Registered Voters Pessimistic With Our Current Trajectory

Over 7-in-10 registered voters in Pennsylvania think America has fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track, and over 6-in-10 believe our own state is headed in the wrong direction.

- Respondents see *Inflation/cost of living, the U.S. economy, and Immigration/Border security* as most important problems facing our nation.

- Within Pennsylvania, voters see *Inflation/cost of living, Crime/Rising violence, and the Pennsylvania economy* is the biggest problems we face.

Pocketbook Issues Driving Voters to Look Outside of the Commonwealth

<u>Swell of Voters Looking for Pocketbook and Security Solutions Outside of PA</u>

Over 4-in-10 registered voters in Pennsylvania say they themselves, or someone they know has thought about leaving Pennsylvania for a different state due to Pennsylvania's policies.

- Echoing the sentiment respondents said were the biggest problems facing the state, the top reasons mentioned for looking to live elsewhere were pocketbook, governmental, and crime related issues:
  - Lower cost of living
  - Better jobs and opportunities
  - Lower taxes
  - Elected leaders who are more aligned with my values
  - Less crime and safer communities

Solutions Abound to get PA Headed in the Right Direction

<u>Vast Majority of Registered Voters Agree With Bipartisan Policy Solutions</u>

Over two-thirds of registered voters statewide agree with bipartisan solutions supported by Governor Shapiro during his campaign.

- Speeding up the process for businesses and individuals to obtain state-issued professional licenses, permits, or certifications - and holding government bureaucrats accountable for delays.

- Expanding access to telemedicine, providing Pennsylvanians with increased access to affordable health care.

- Expanding tax credit scholarships, which allow businesses to donate money to nonprofit organizations that provide scholarships to low-income and middle-income children in Pennsylvania to attend pre-kindergarten or K-12 private school.

- Lowering Pennsylvania's tax rate on businesses to 4% by 2025 to spur economic growth by attracting new companies to the state and encouraging existing businesses to remain in Pennsylvania.

- Lifeline Scholarships for students in the worst performing schools - bottom 15% - allowing parents to use government-funded education opportunity accounts for restricted educational expenses, including tuition, tutoring, online education programs, and therapies for students with special needs.

The Bottom Line

The economy, inflation, and security concerns are gripping our residents.

Over half of registered voters in Pennsylvania say that they are financially worse off today than they were two years ago.

Over 70% of respondents currently rate the economic conditions in Pennsylvania today as *poor, with 65%* believing that the economic conditions in Pennsylvania are getting worse.

These respondents want action … Luckily, there is plenty of agreement on bipartisan, 'common ground' action they would like to see taken.