

IMPLICATIONS OF THE 2012 ELECTION FOR HEALTH CARE: THE VOTERS' PERSPECTIVE

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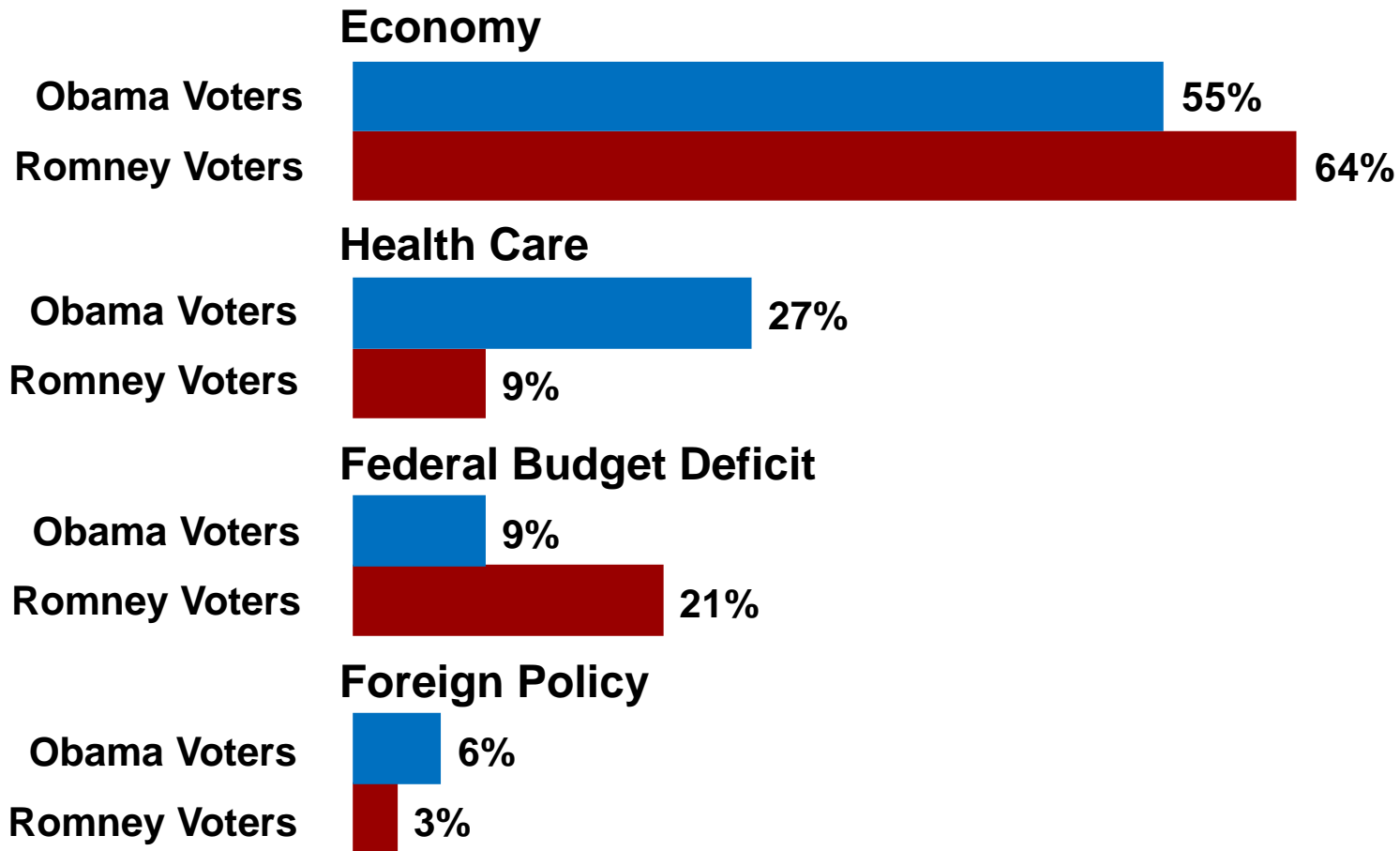
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Obama Voters' Perspective on the Future of Health Care

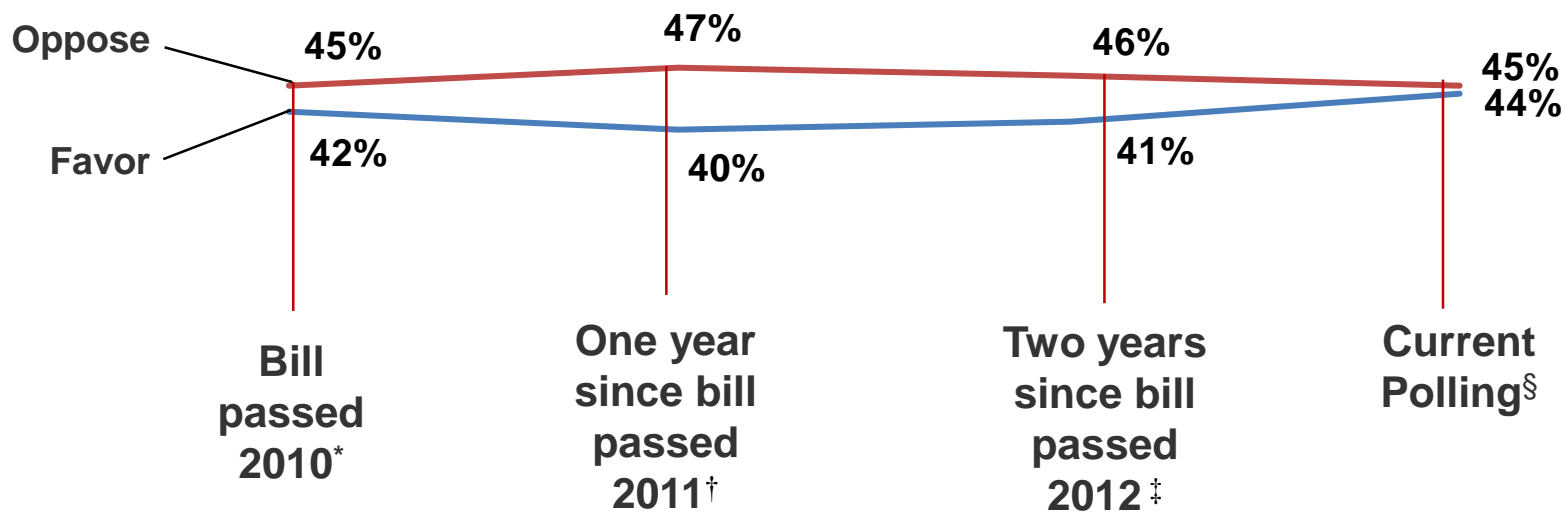
- Nation remains polarized over health policy. As a result of the election, Obama's voters' policy views will likely dominate future decisions. These include:
 - Favor a more expansive government role in health care
 - Favor implementing the ACA
 - Favor keeping Medicare and Medicaid in their current form
 - Oppose increased restrictions on abortion
 - Oppose health care cuts to solve deficit and more likely to support tax increases and defense cuts
- The reality that the House and the governorships remain a majority Republican suggests there will be conflicts on many of these issues

Voters' Views of Most Important Issue Facing the Country



Public Attitudes about the Affordable Care Act

Average of available polls in each time period



*KFF April 2010; AP-GfK March 2010; Gallup-USA Today March 2010; WP March 2010; Pew Research Center April 2010; CBS March-April 2010.

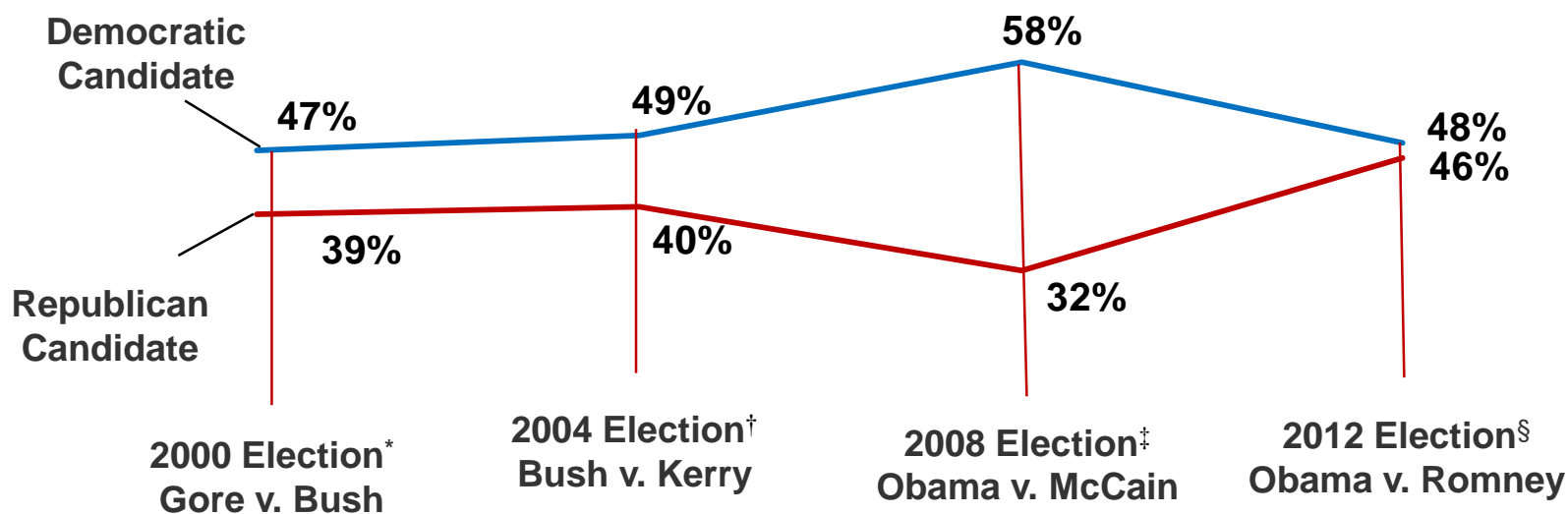
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§KFF September 2012; ABC-WP July 2012; Pew Research Center June-July 2012; Reuters-Ipsos July 2012; NBC-WSJ July 2012; NPR July 2012; CBS-NYT September 2012.

Which Candidate Will Do A Better Job on Health Care: The Past Four Elections

Average of available polls in each time period



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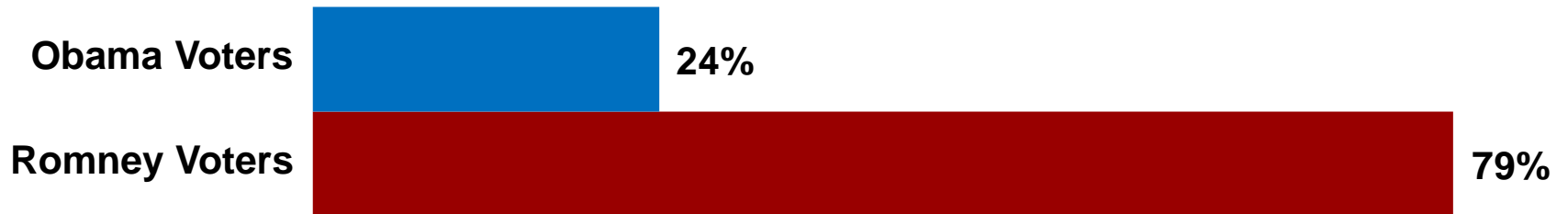
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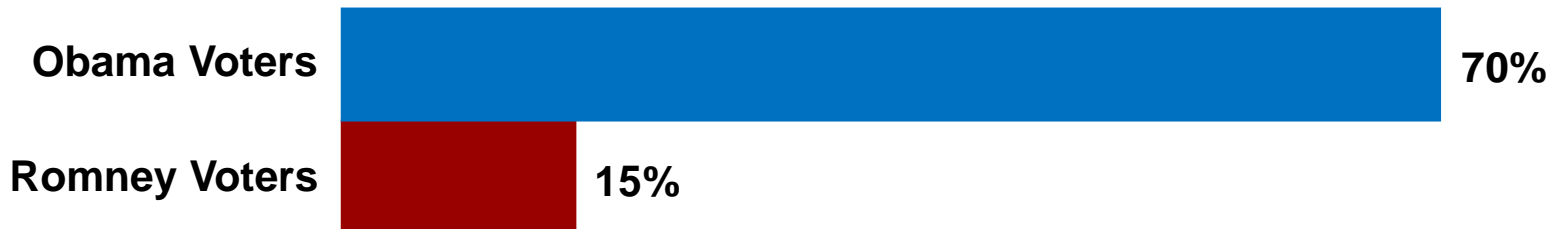
Role of Government in Health Care

Voters' Views on the Role of Government to Solve Problems

Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals

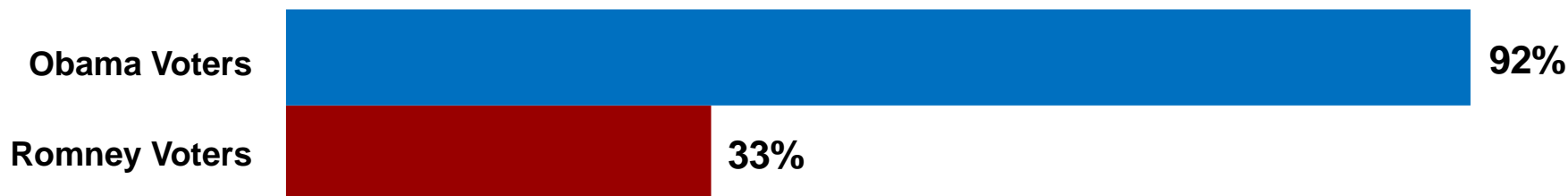


Government should do more solve problems



Voters' Support for The Federal Government Continuing Efforts to Make Sure Most Americans Have Health Care Coverage

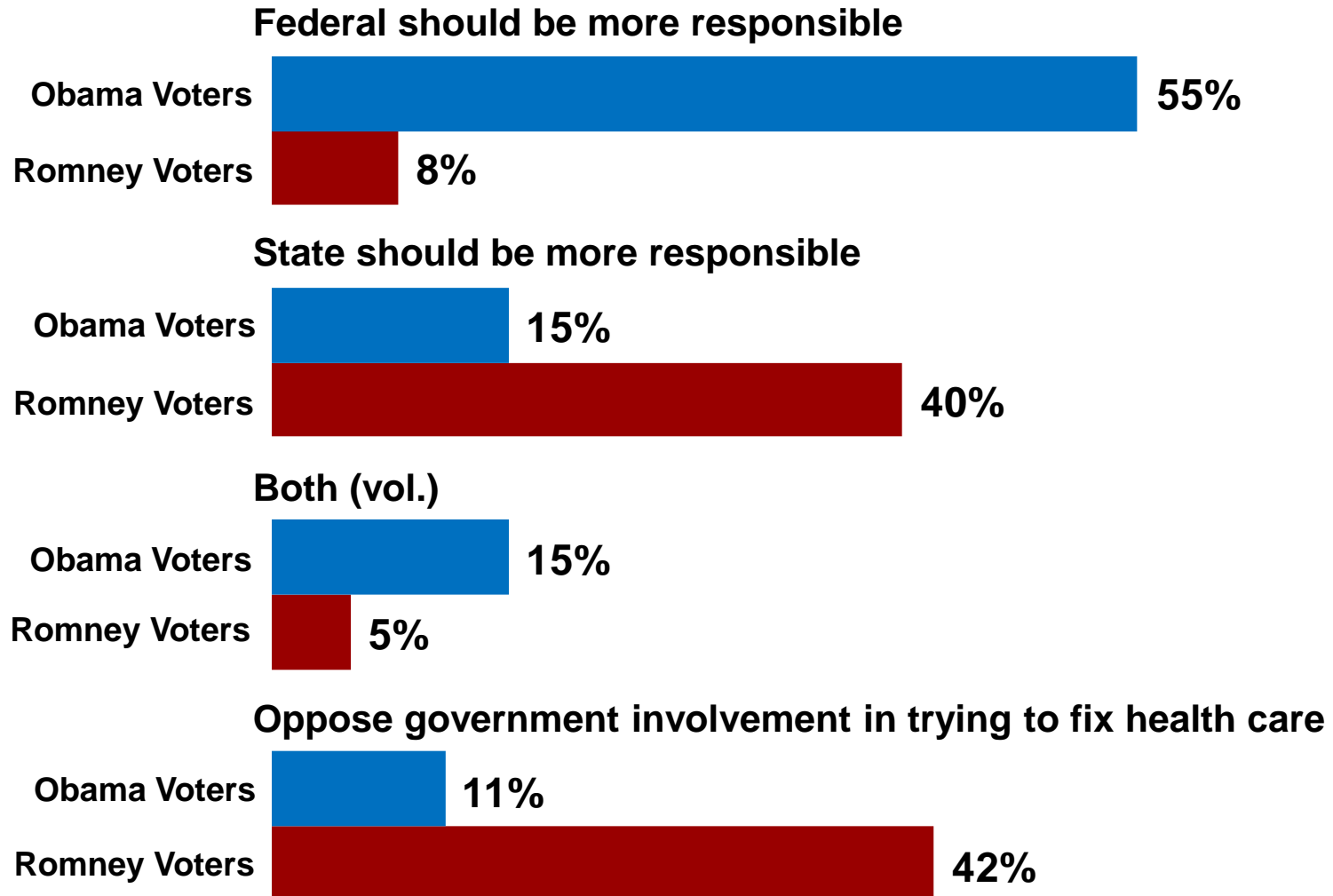
Favor



Oppose



Voters' Views on Government Responsibility for Fixing the Health Care System



Critical Policy Issues

Voters' Preference for Controlling Rising Health Care Costs

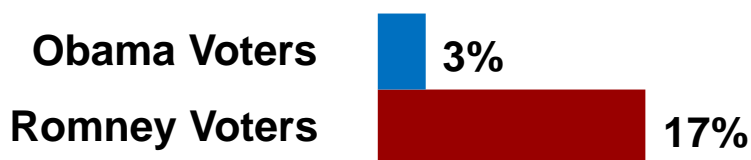
Increasing federal government regulation of charges by insurance companies, doctors, and hospitals



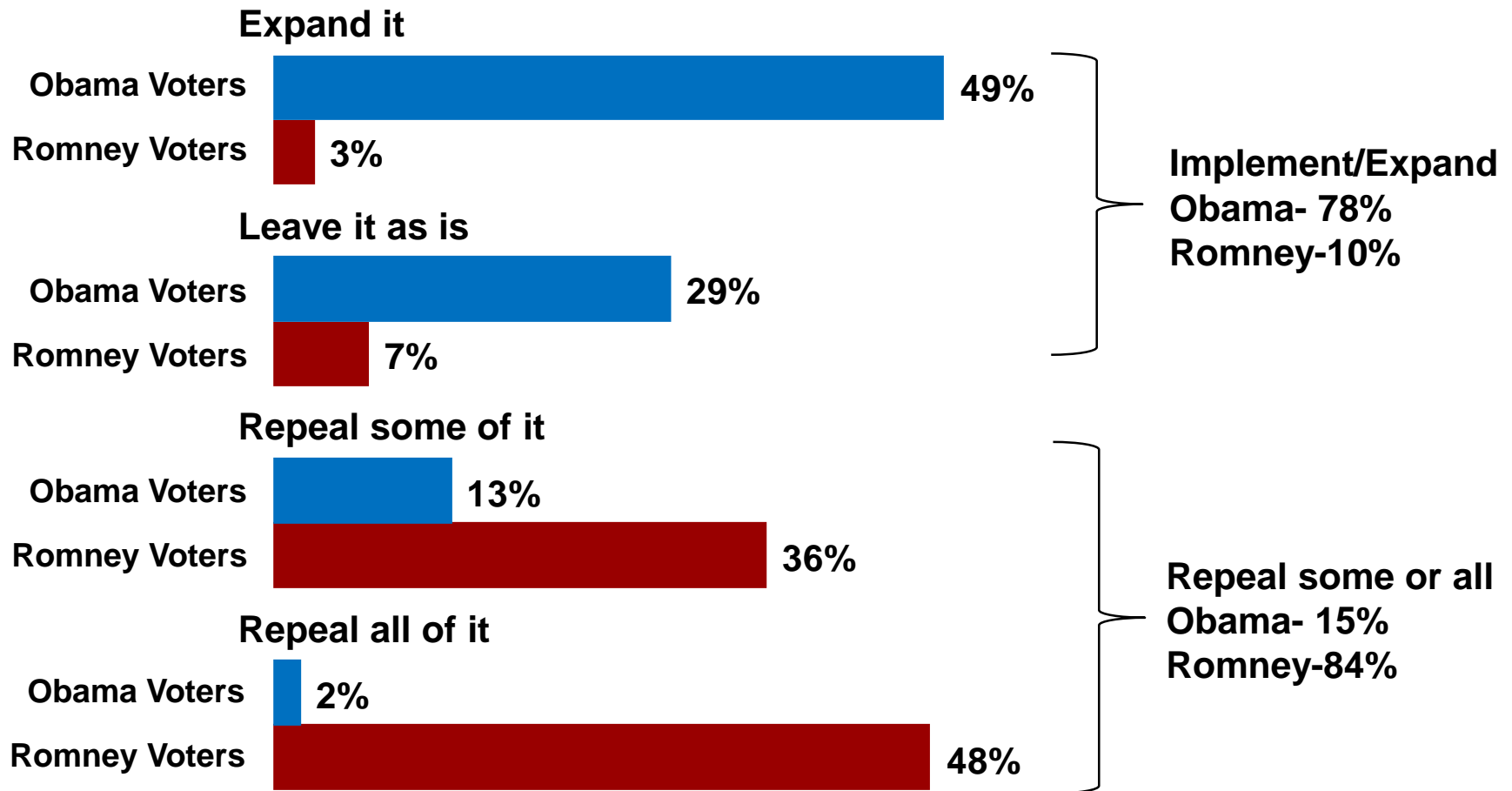
The federal government providing incentives for more competition among insurance companies, doctors, and hospitals



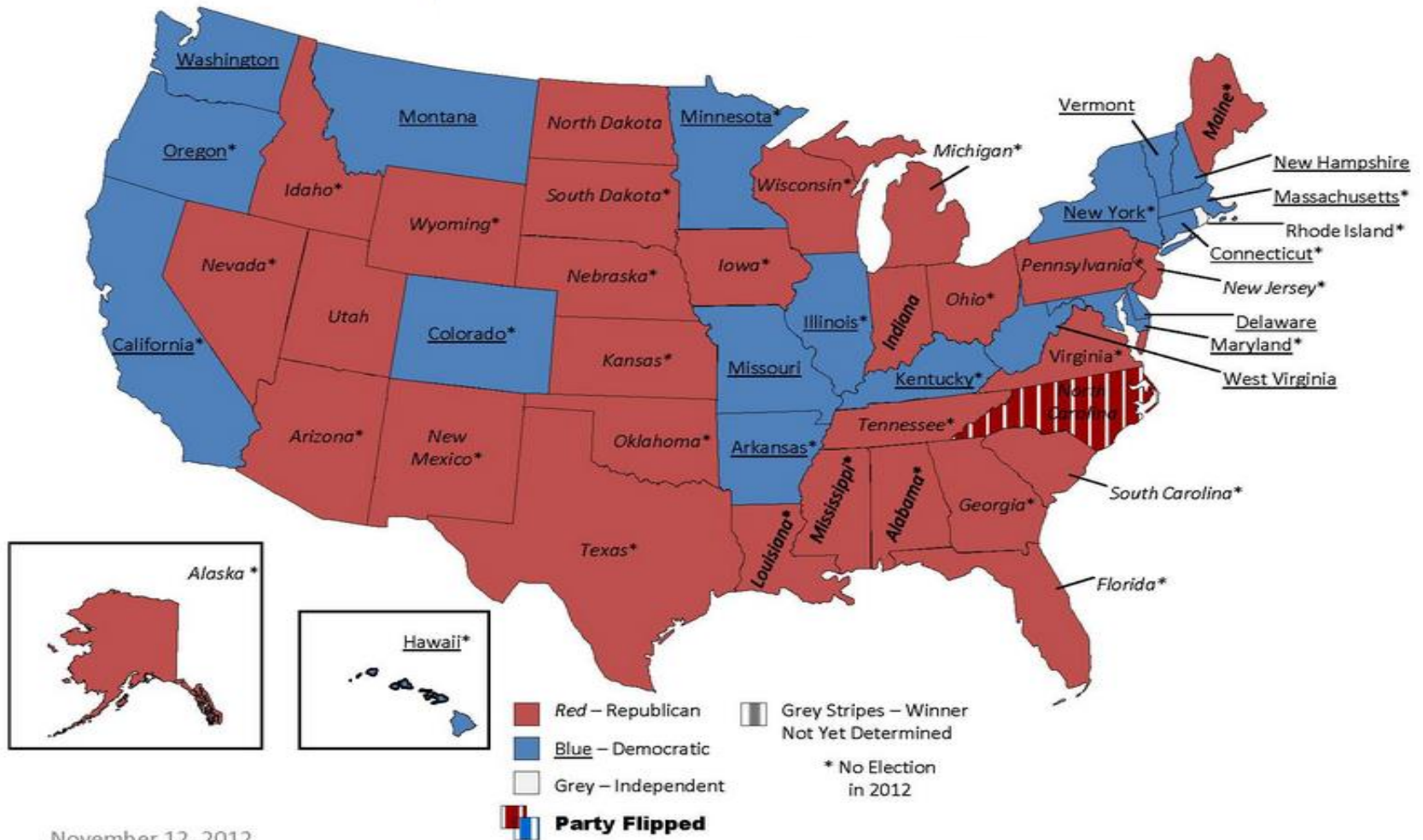
Neither (vol.)



Voters' Views on What Should Be Done with the Affordable Care Act After the Election



Gubernatorial Map Post-Election 2012

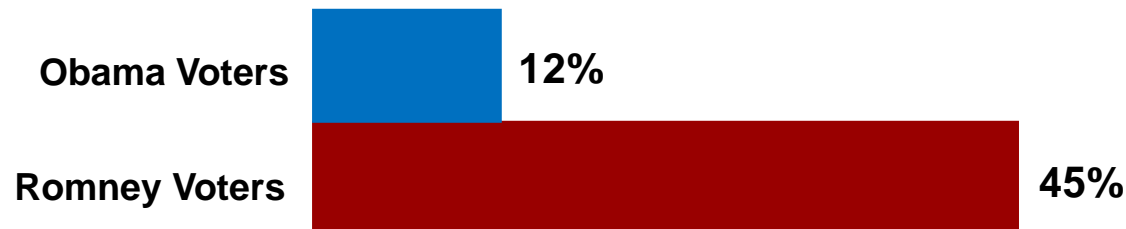


Voters' Views on What Should Be Done with Medicare for People Now Under 55

Medicare should continue as it is today, with the government providing seniors with health insurance

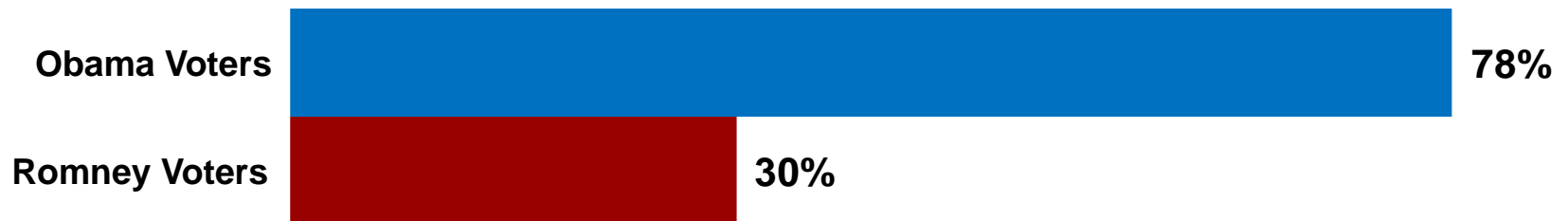


Medicare should be changed to a system where the government provides seniors with a fixed payment or credit they could use either to purchase private health insurance or to pay the cost of remaining in the current Medicare program

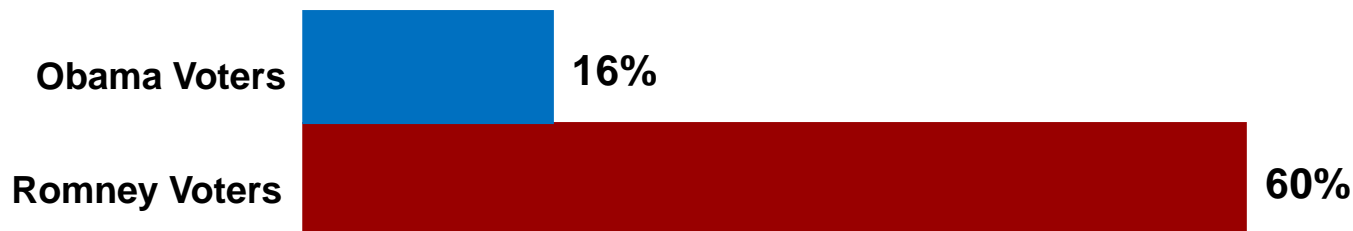


Voters' Views on What Should Be Done with Medicaid

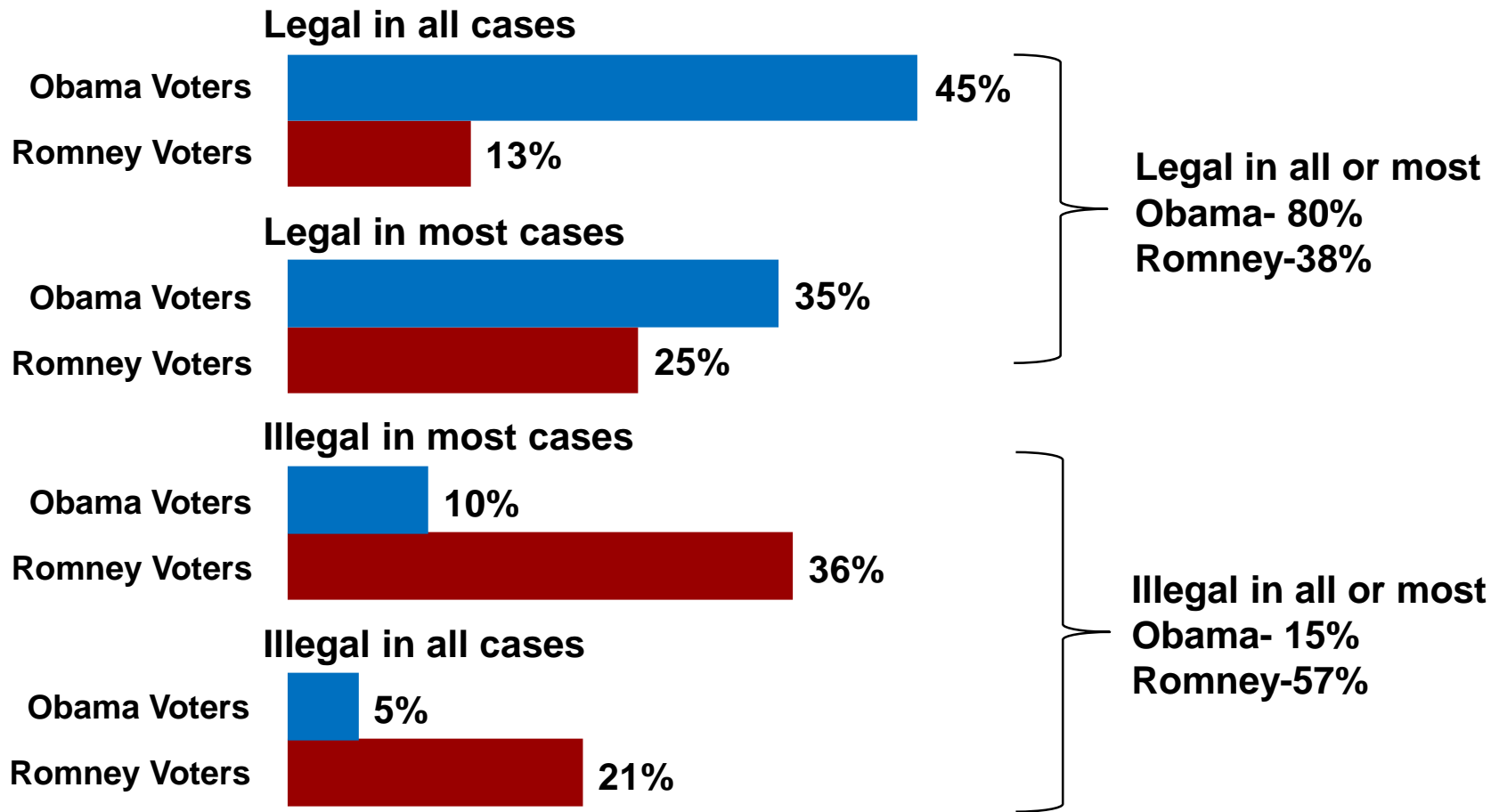
Medicaid should continue as it is today, with the federal government paying for programs jointly with state governments and setting basic standards for coverage, benefits, and eligibility



Medicaid should be changed to a system where the federal government gives states a fixed amount of money and each state decides who to cover and what services to pay for

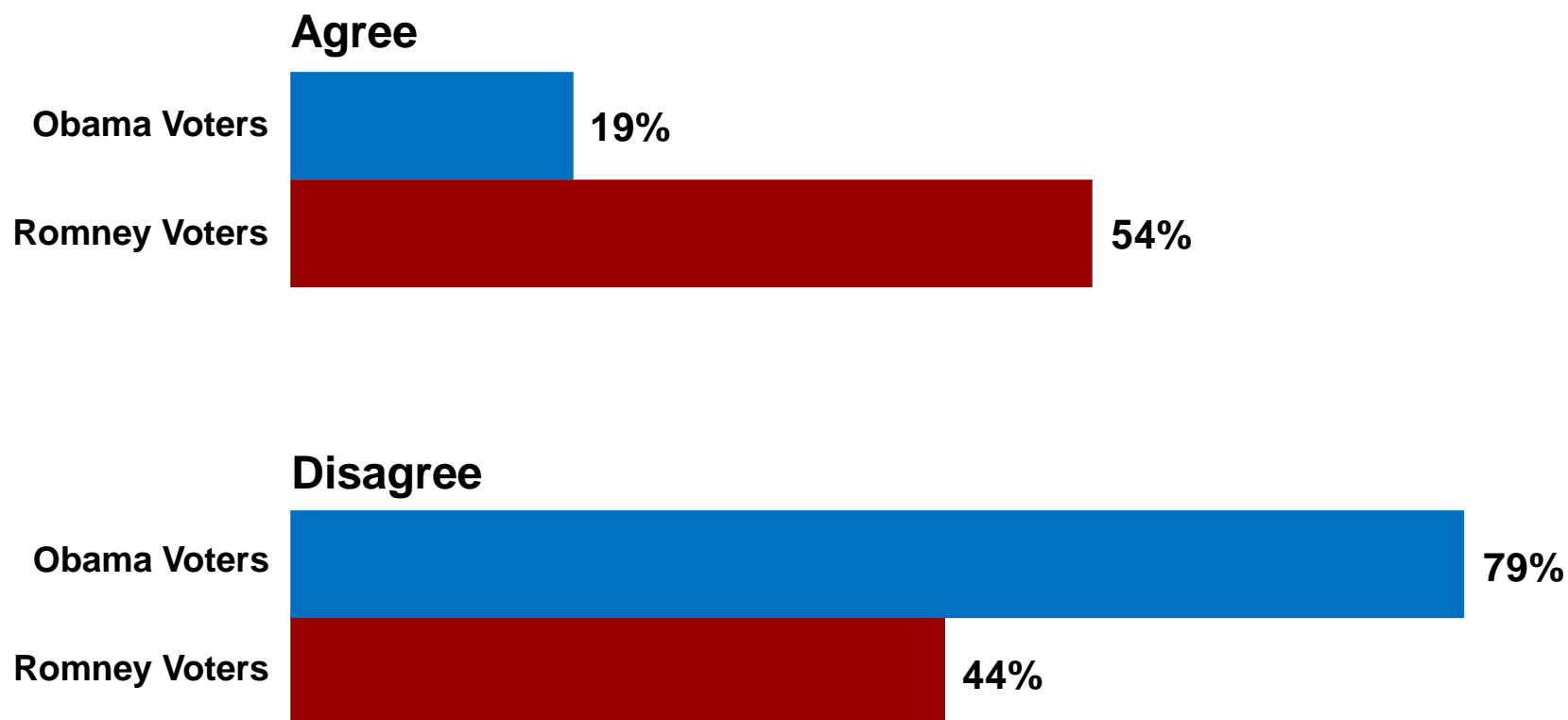


Voters' Views on the Legality of Abortion



Future Budget Deficit Decisions

Voters' Agreement for Major Cuts to Health Care and Education Programs are Needed Given the Size of the Federal Deficit



Voters' Preferences for Reducing the Federal Budget Deficit: Budget Cuts (Part 1)

% who favor

Large cuts in future spending for Medicare



Large cuts in future spending for Medicaid



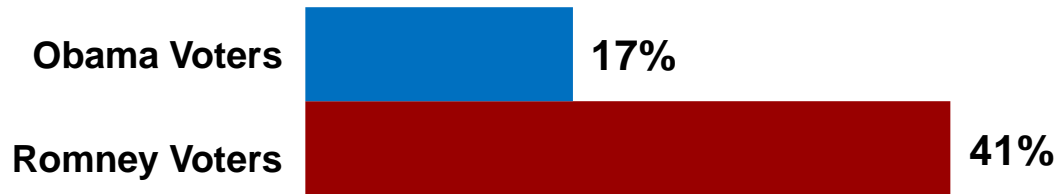
Large cuts in future spending for the new health care law, the Affordable Care Act



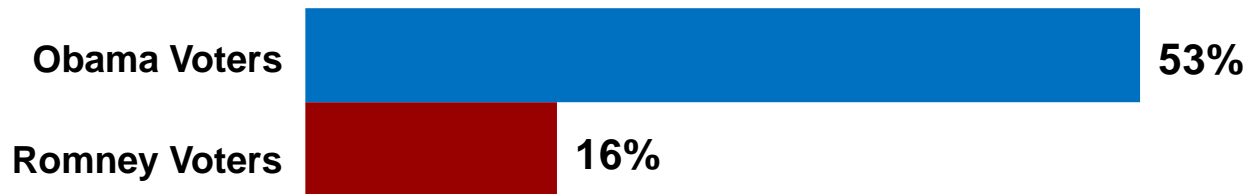
Voters' Preferences for Reducing the Federal Budget Deficit: Budget Cuts (Part 2)

% who favor

Large cuts in the future spending for other areas of health



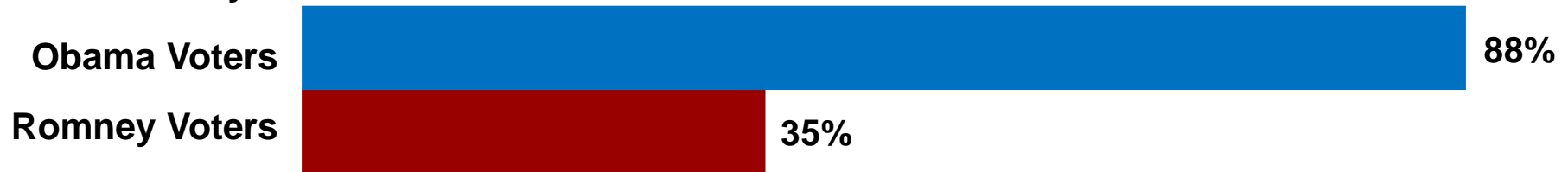
Large cuts in future defense spending



Voters' Preferences for Reducing the Federal Budget Deficit: Willingness to Raise Taxes

% who favor

Raising income taxes paid by people who make more than \$250,000 a year in order to raise more revenue



Raising income taxes on everyone in order to raise more revenue



Raising taxes on corporations in order to raise more revenue

