



The Future of Health Care in the Post-Election Period: A View Through Polarized Lenses

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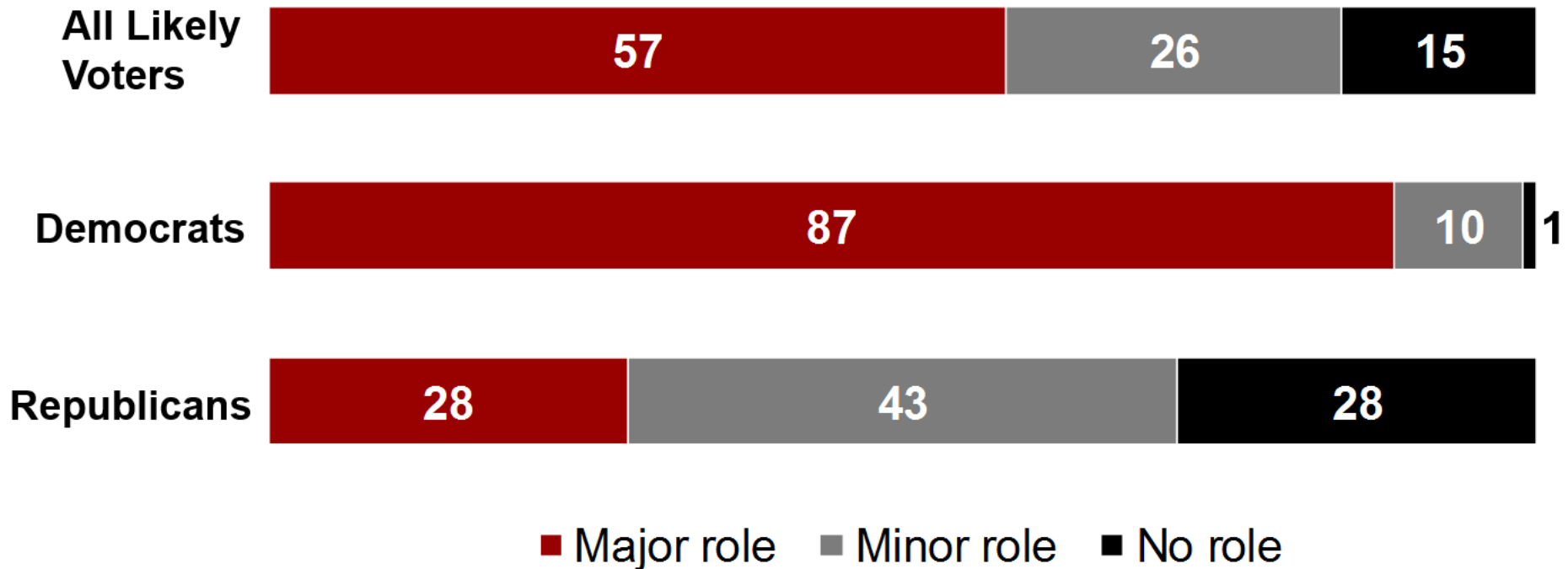
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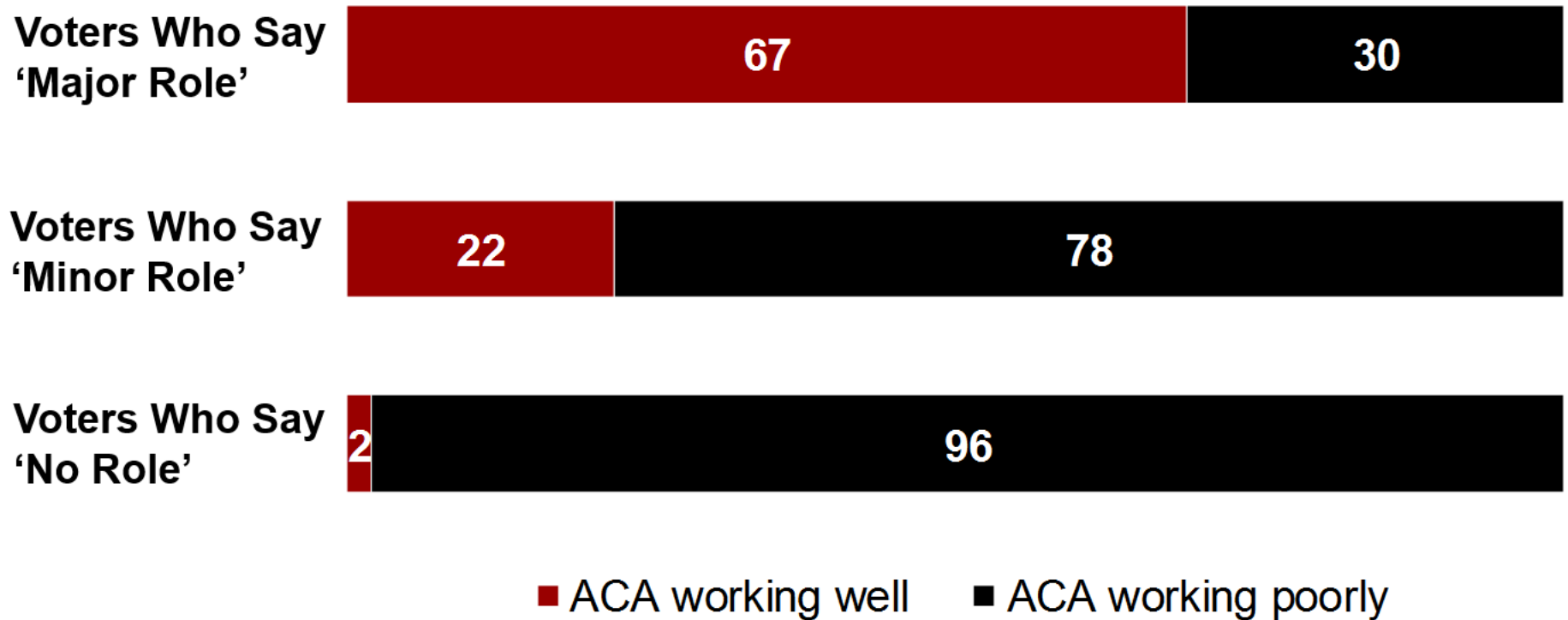
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The Values Behind Health Care's Role in the Election

Voters' Beliefs About the Federal Government's Role in Improving Health System

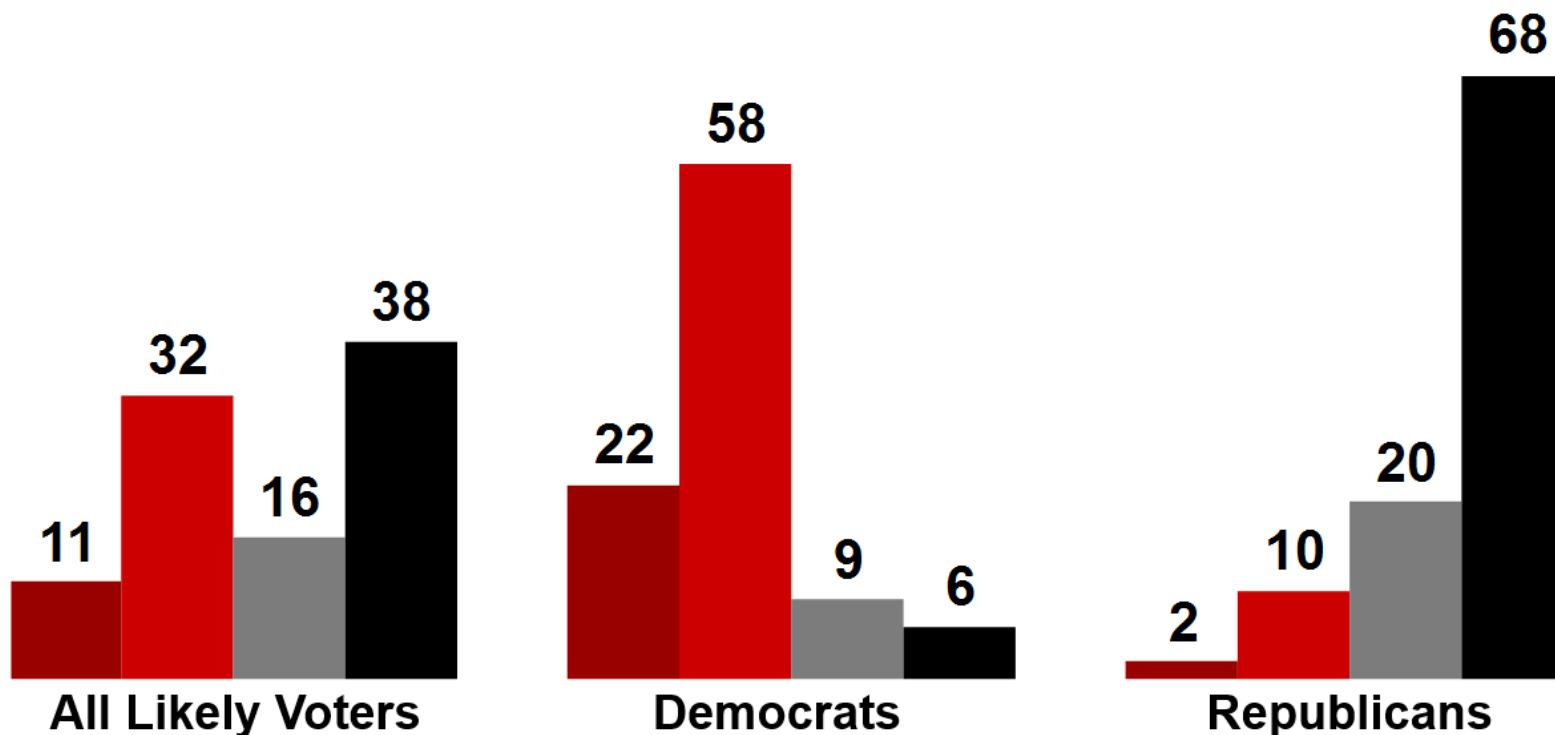


Voters' Views of the ACA Colored by Beliefs About the Government's Role in Improving Health System



Voters' Views – How Well is the ACA Working?

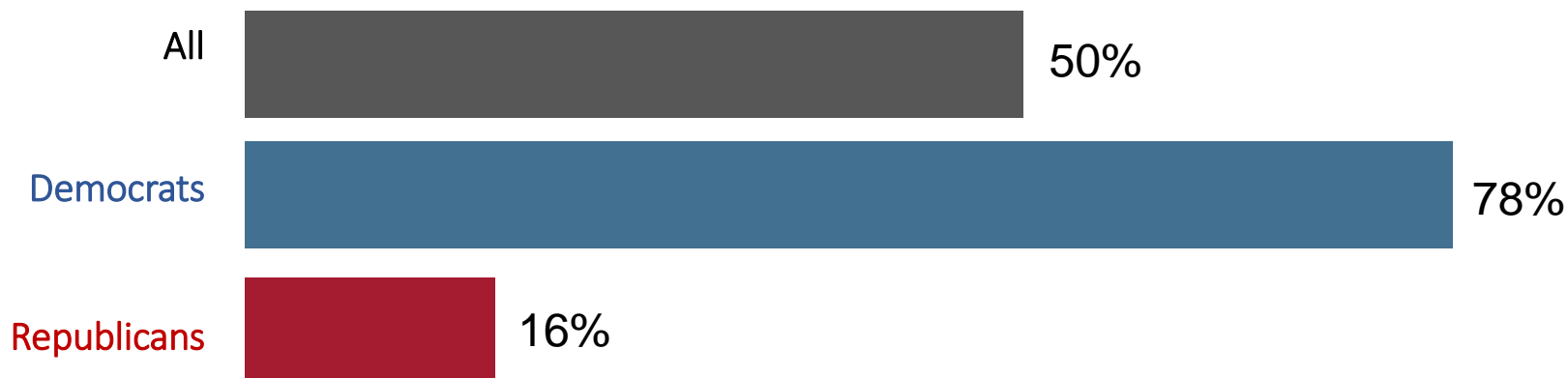
■ Very well ■ Somewhat well ■ Somewhat poorly ■ Very poorly



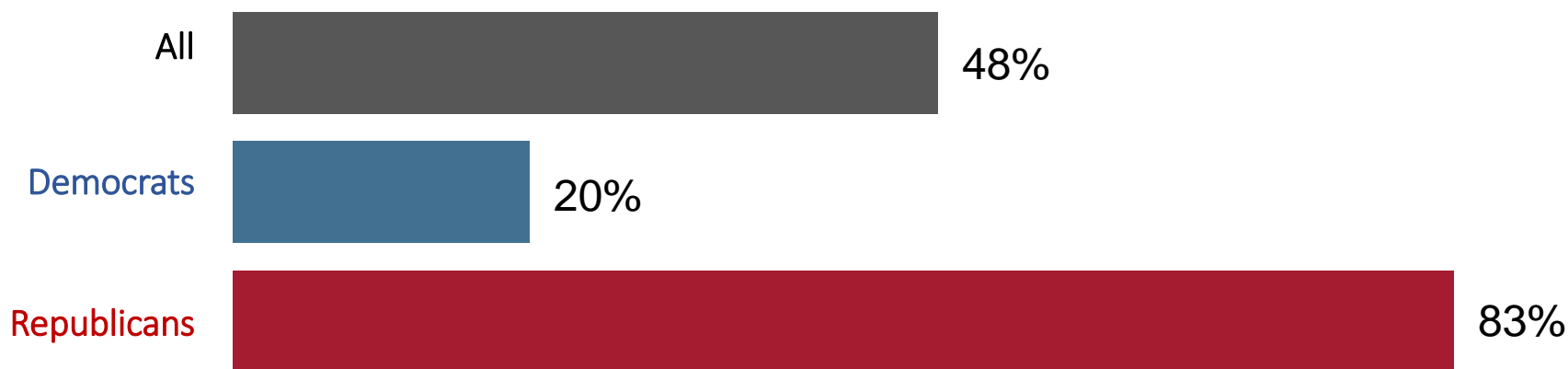
Responsibility of the Federal Government in Health Care

“Is it the responsibility of the federal government to ensure that all Americans have health coverage?”

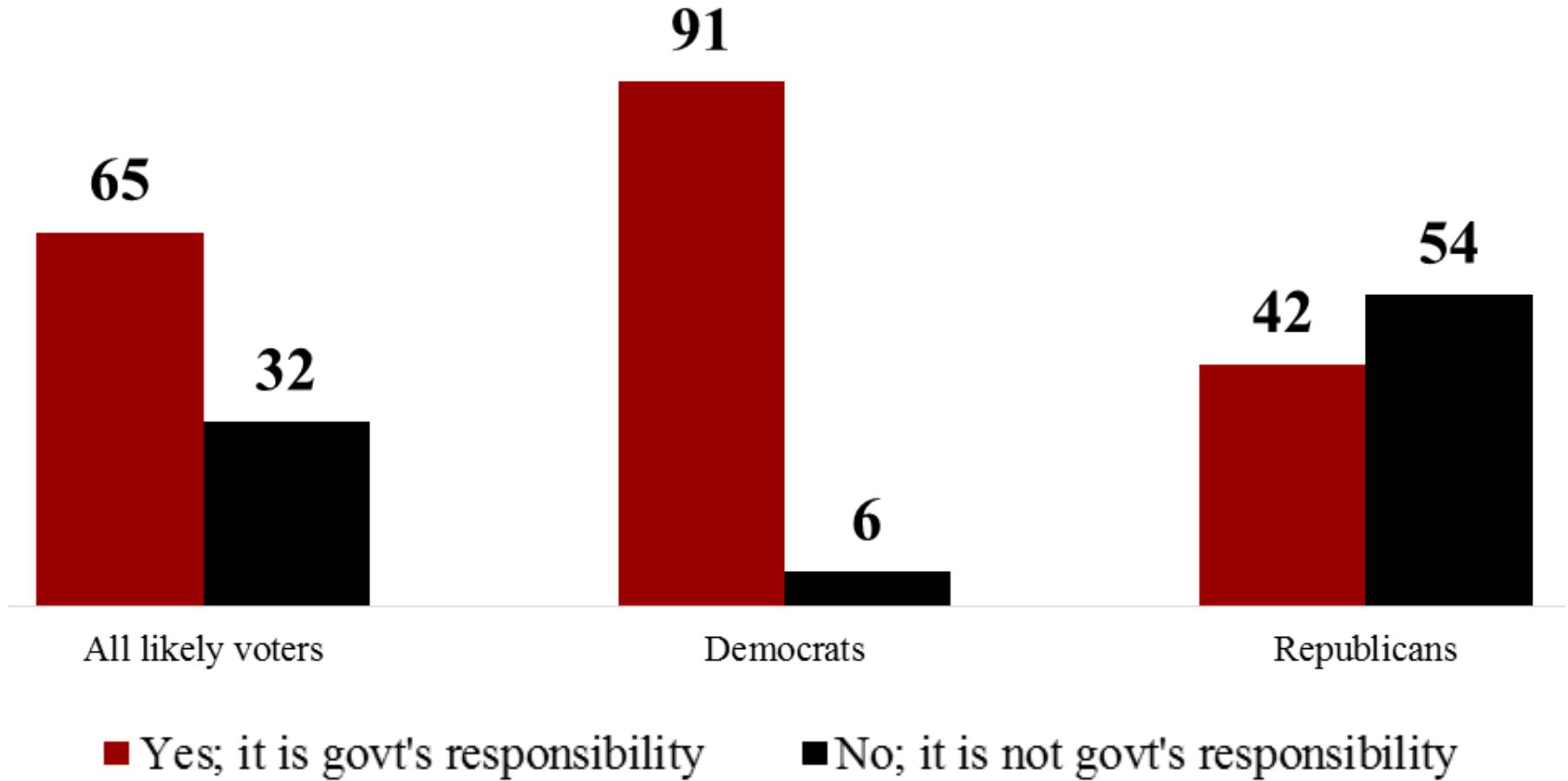
Yes - it is



No - it is not



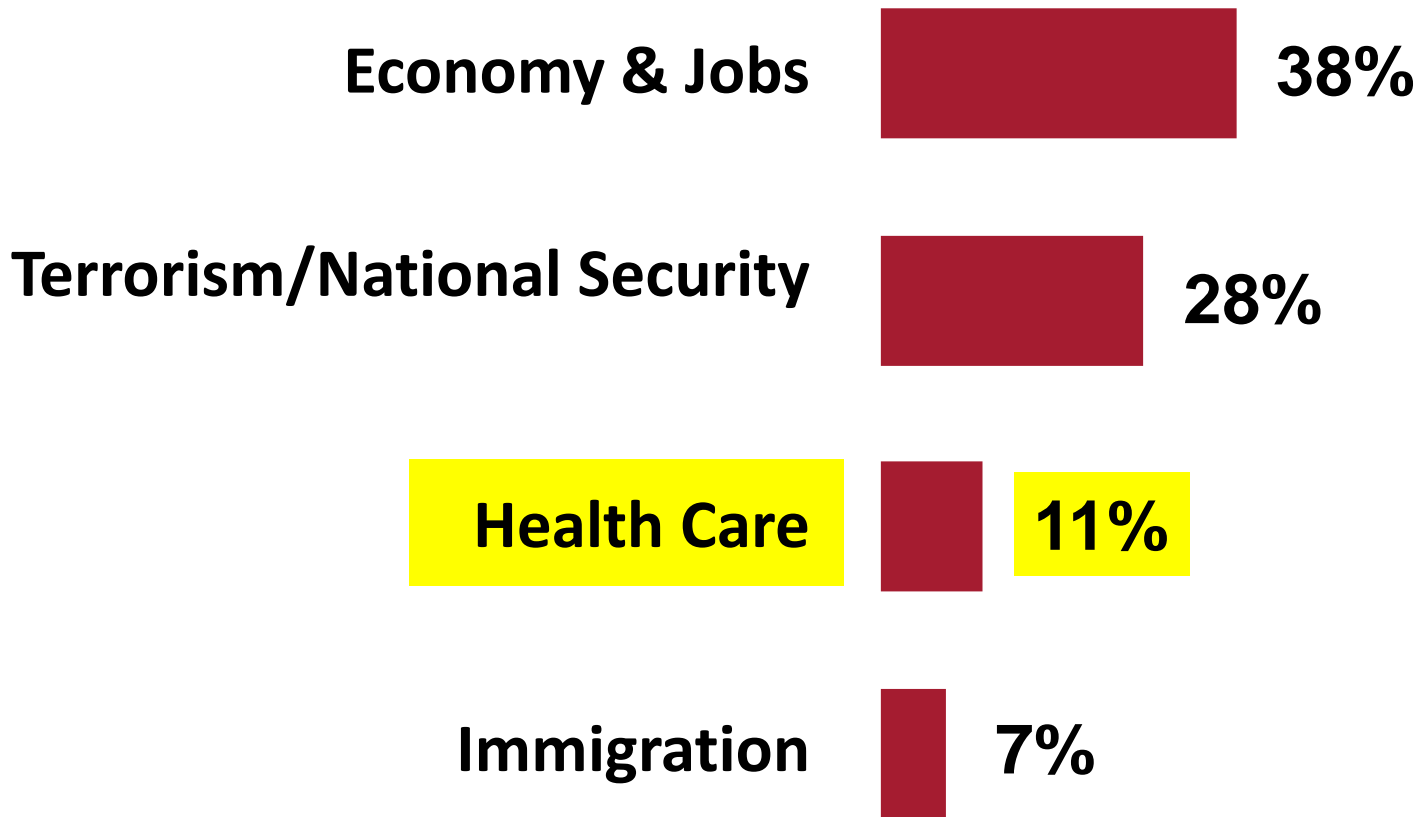
Voters' Views on Government Responsibility to Ensure Rich and Poor Get Same Health Care



Health Care in the 2016 General Election

Top Four Policy Issues in 2016 Election

Percent of registered voters saying:
“Most important issue in presidential vote choice”



Voters Views on Obamacare (ACA)

Did not go far enough

Clinton Voters



Trump Voters



Went too far

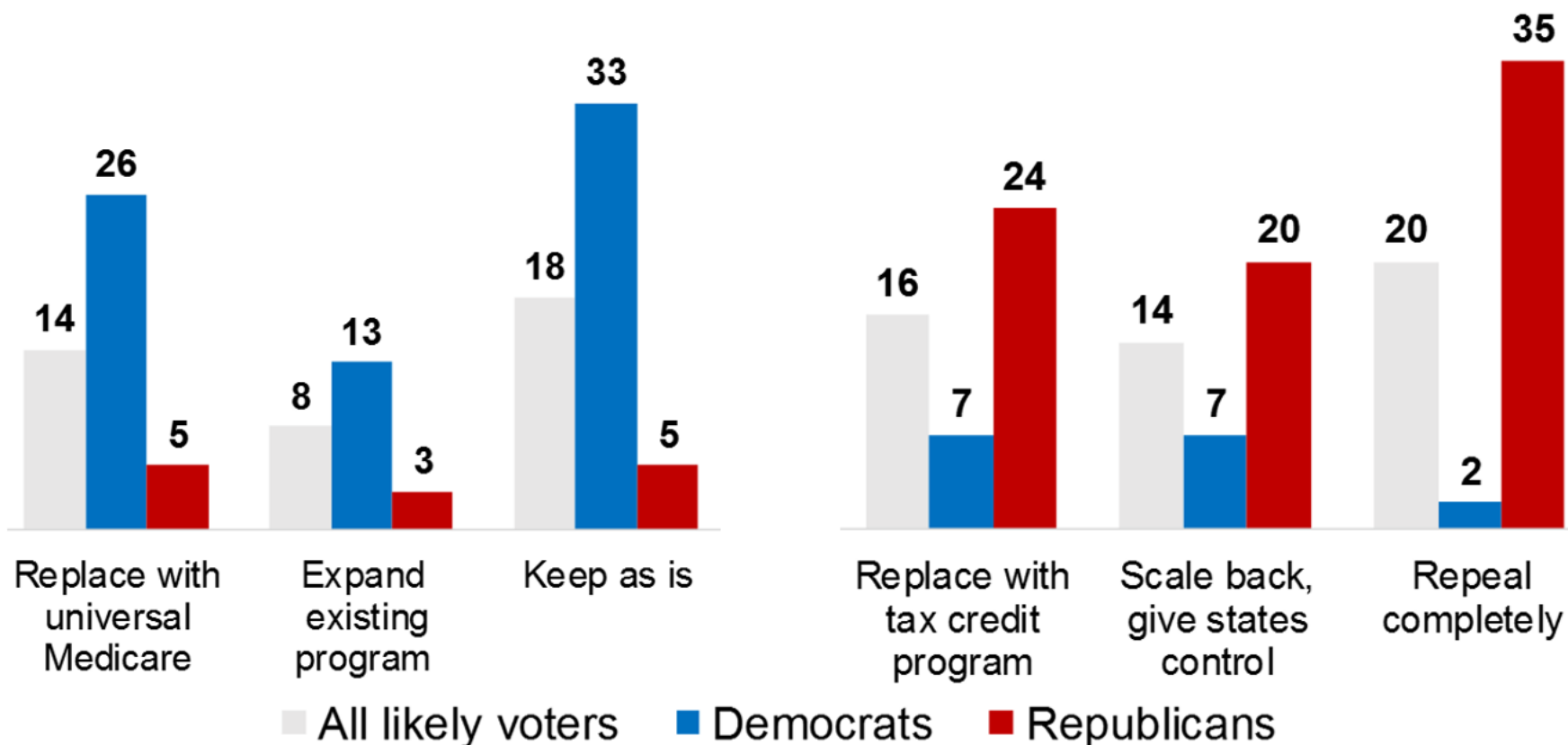
Clinton Voters



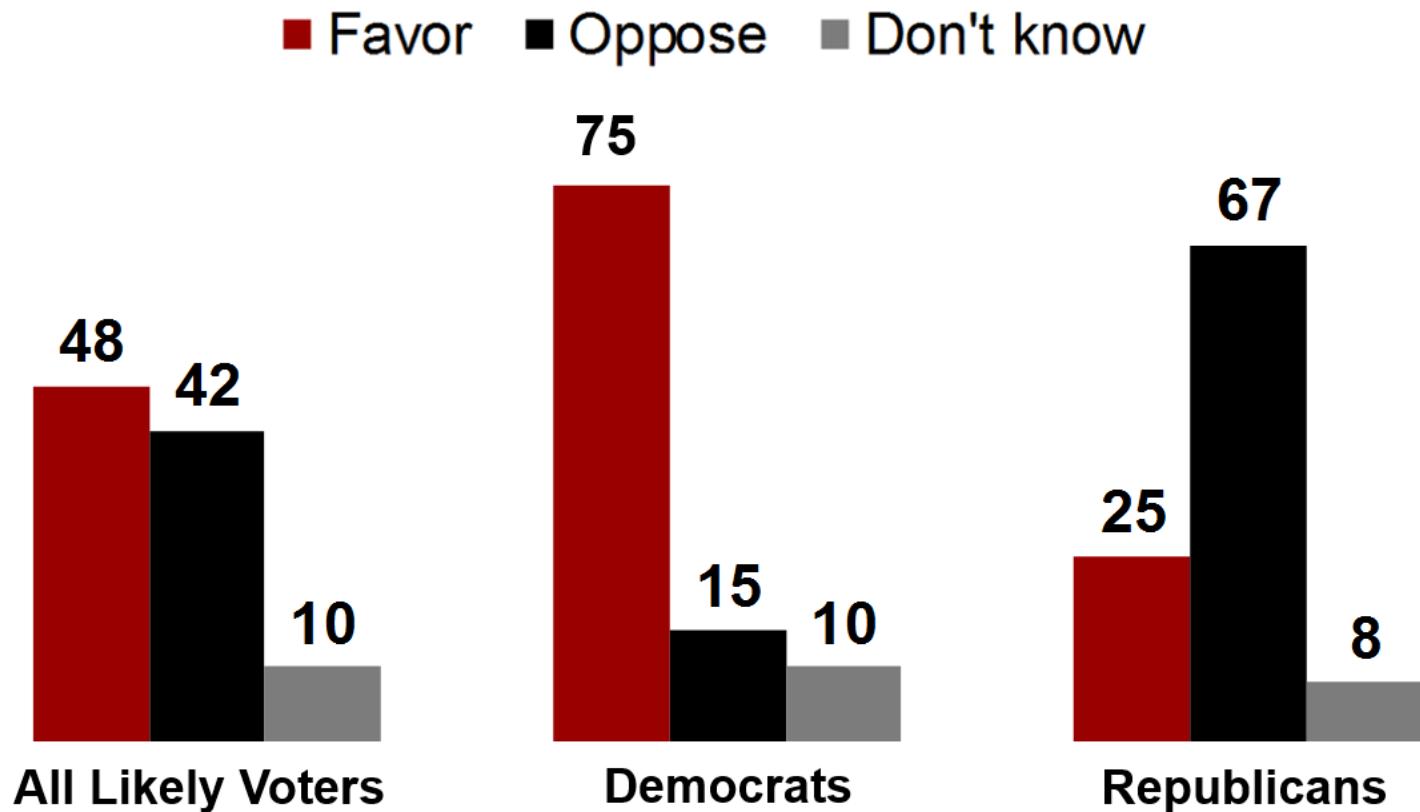
Trump Voters



Voters' Top Choice – What Should Happen to the ACA?



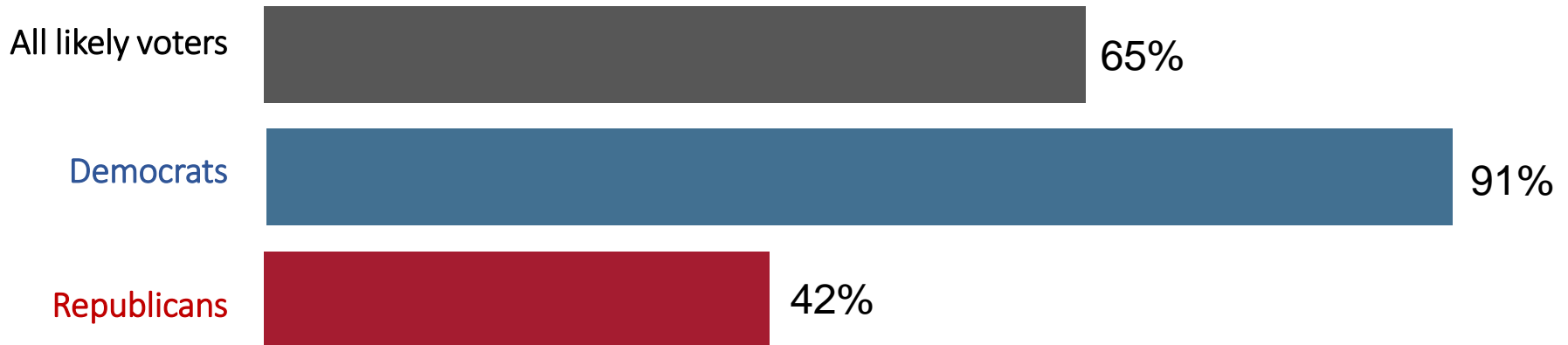
Voters' Beliefs About a Public Option in the ACA



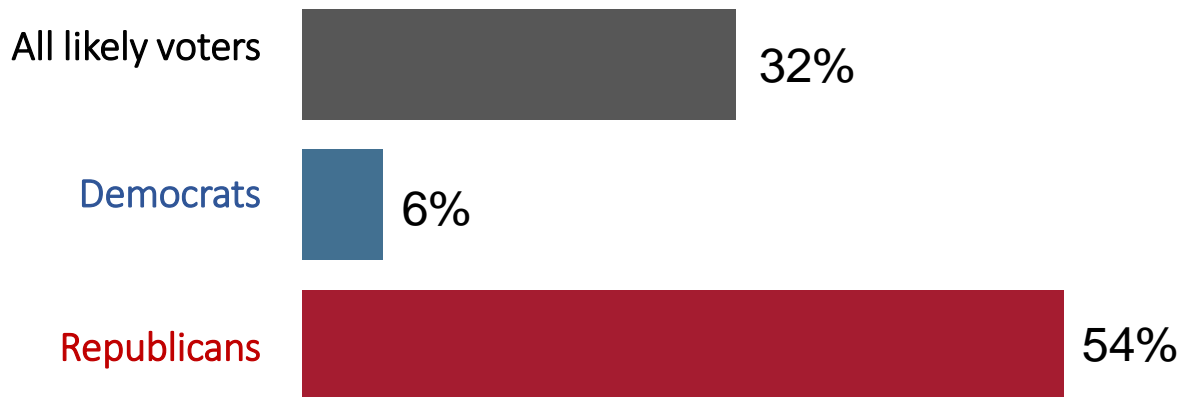
Voters and Inequality

“Is it the responsibility of the federal government to make sure the rich and poor get the same quality access to health care?”

Yes - it is

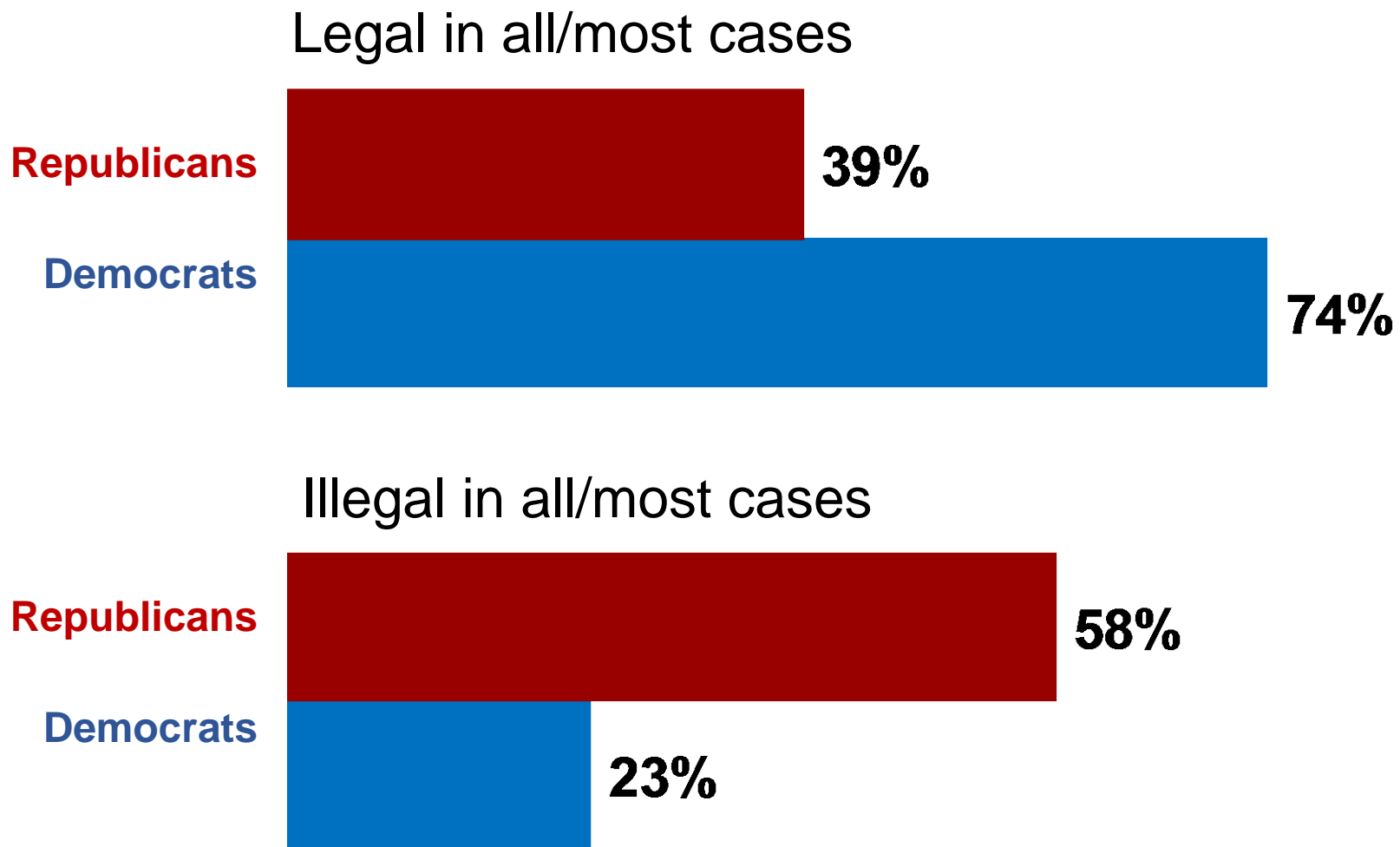


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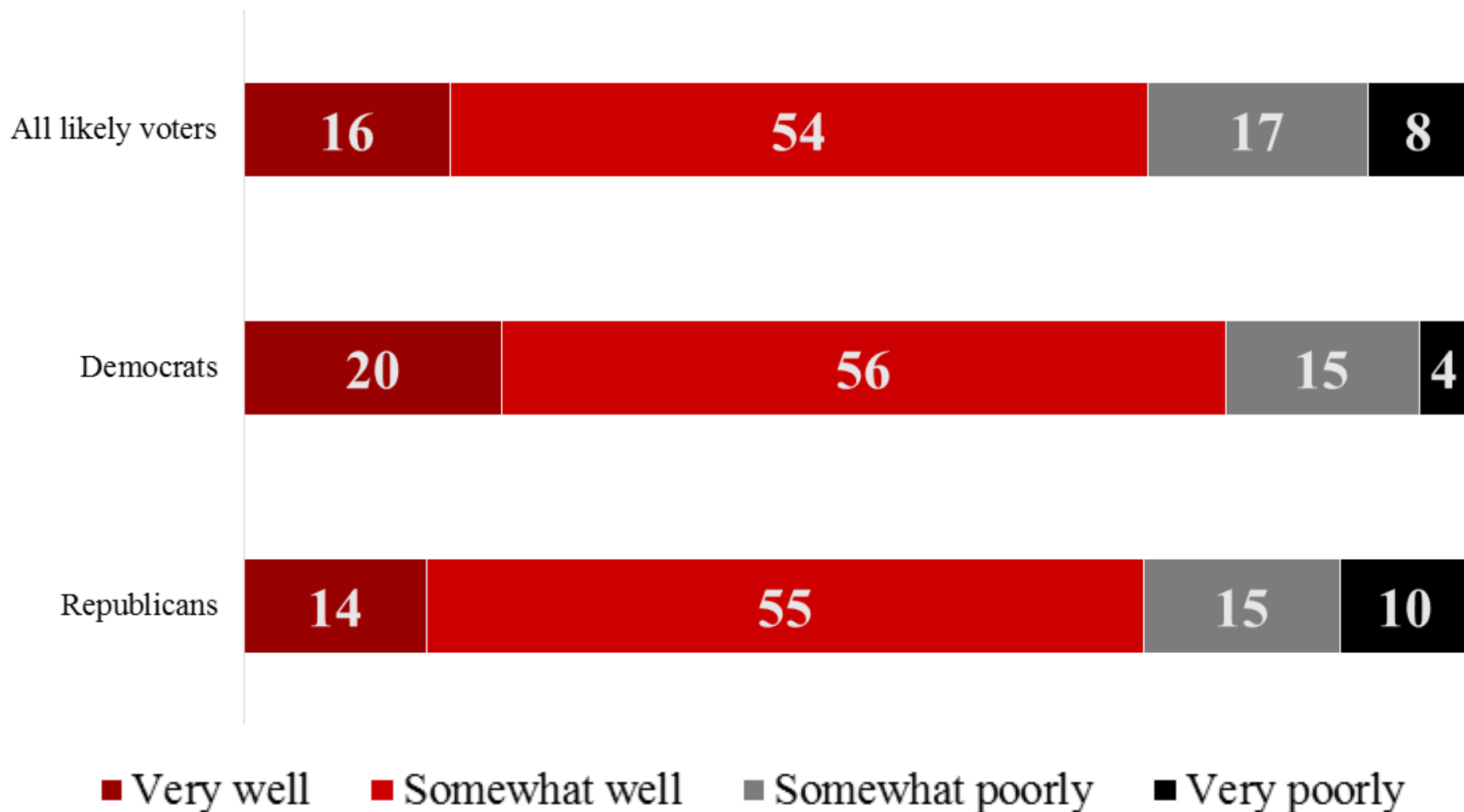


Public Opinion About Abortion, by Political Party

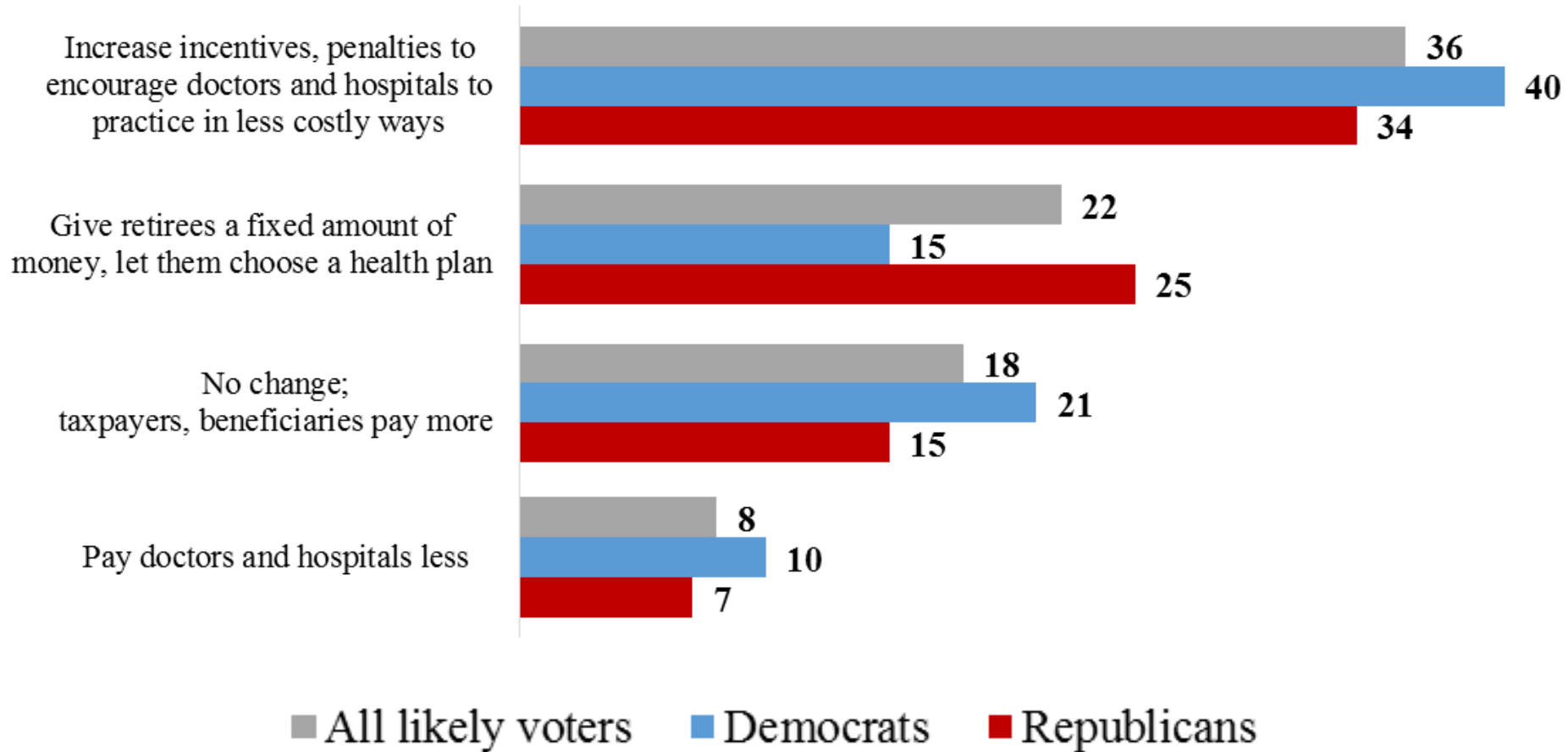
% Registered Voters



Voters' Evaluations of How Well Medicare is Working



Voters' Top Choice for How to Address Rising Medicare Costs



Responsibility for High Health Care Costs

“Who is to blame for the high costs of health care today?”

Top 3 ranked as “A lot”

All



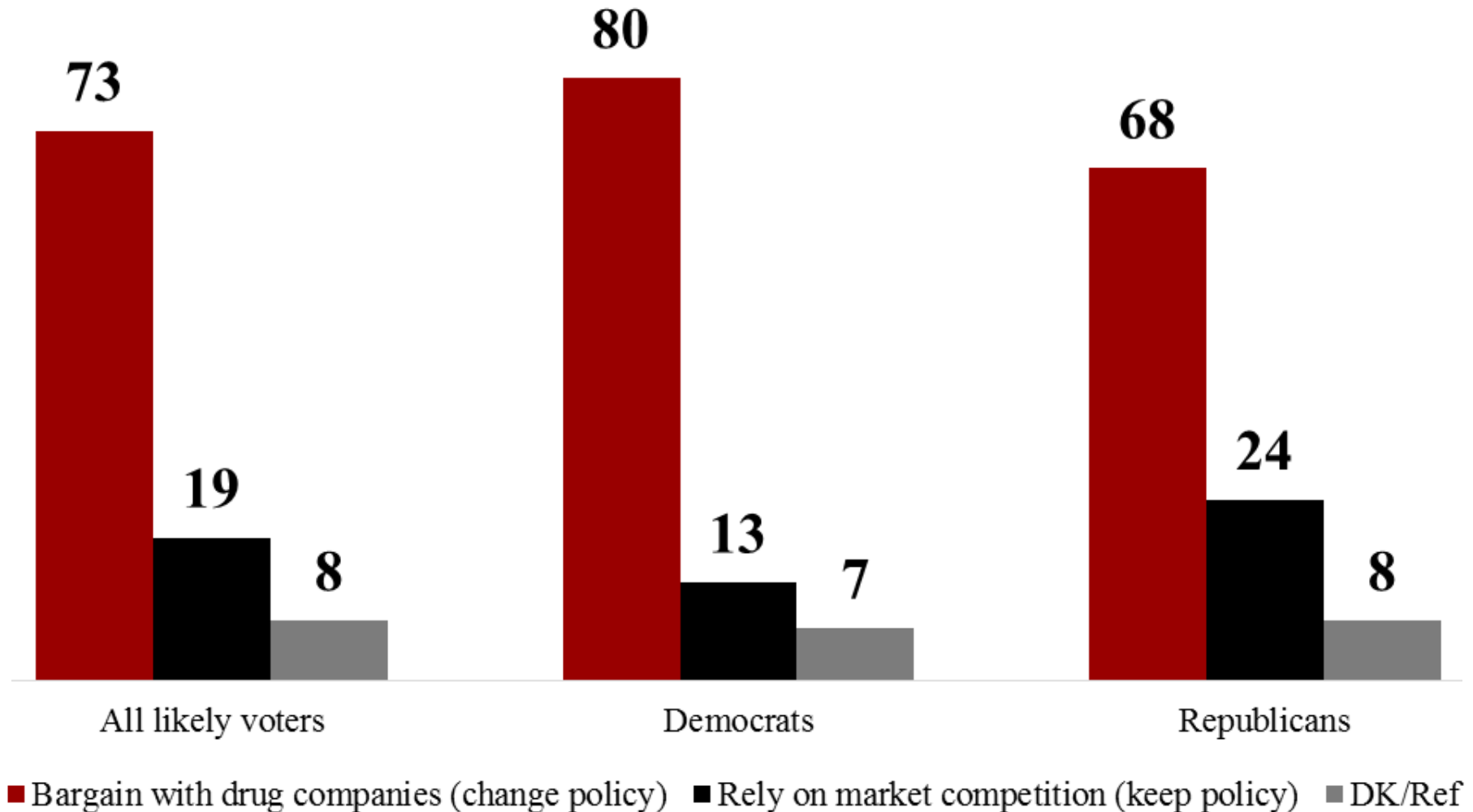
Democrats



Republicans



Voters' Views on Whether Medicare Should Use Bargaining Power to Lower Prescription Drug Prices



Questions?

