

# HERITAGE ACTION FOR AMERICA

N1600 Registered Voters Nationwide

June 17– 20, 2021

Margin of Error +/- 2.45%

# Methodology

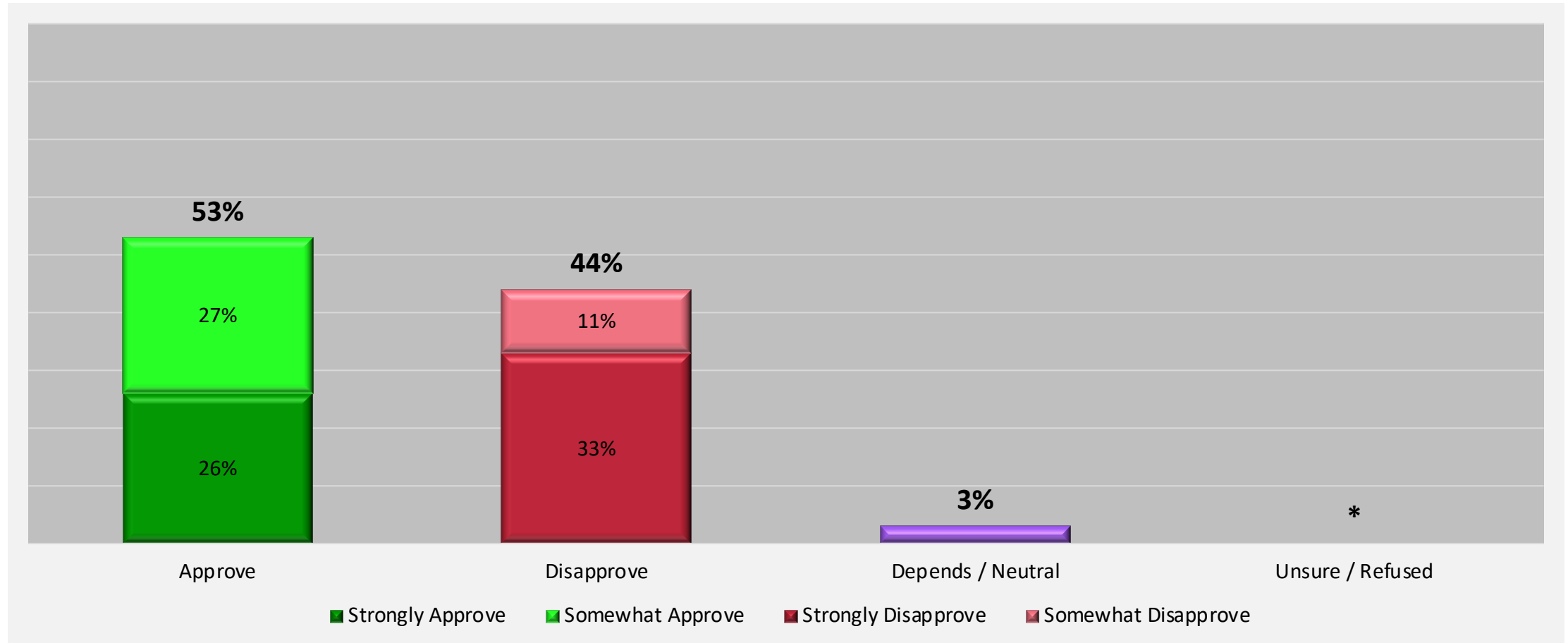
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- Online survey among 1,600 registered voters nationwide conducted June 17 – 20, 2021. Respondents were selected randomly from opt-in panel participants. Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of respondents were interviewed from such demographic groups as age, gender, race, and geographic region.
  - Gender breakdown: 48% men – 52% women
- $\pm 2.45\%$  overall margin of error at the 95% confidence interval for overall survey. M.O.E.s for subgroups are larger.

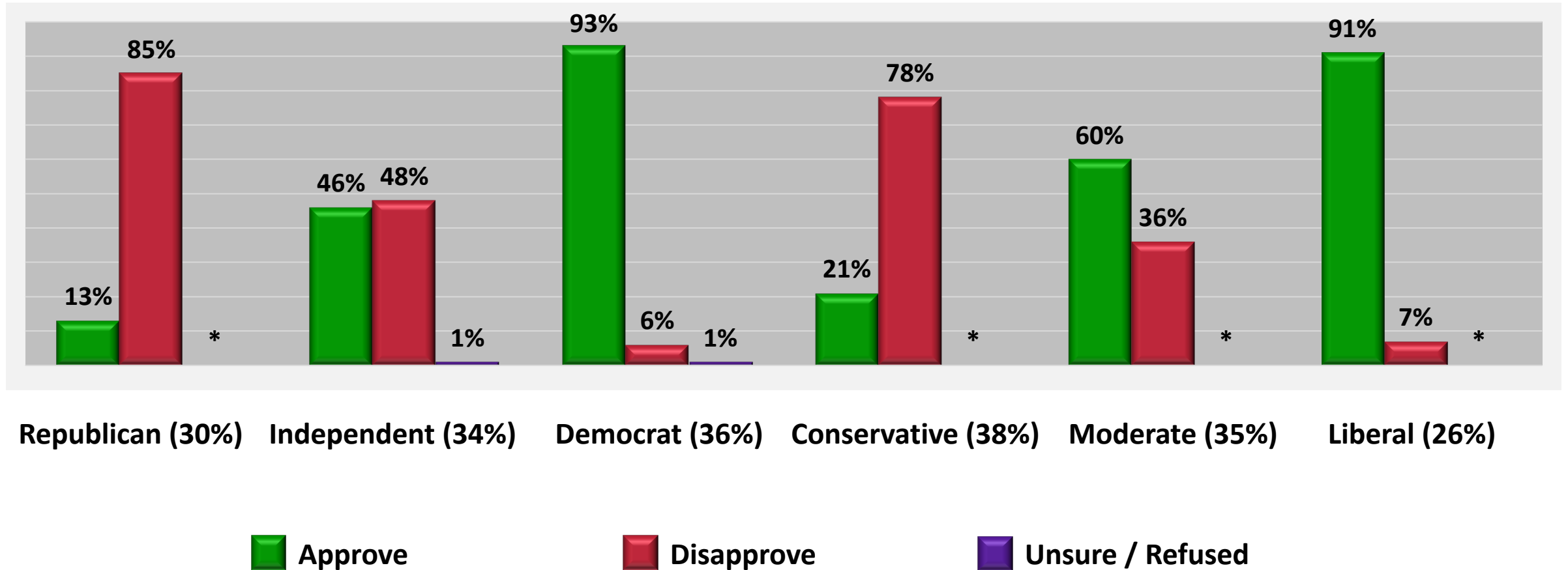
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# General Political Opinions and Behaviors

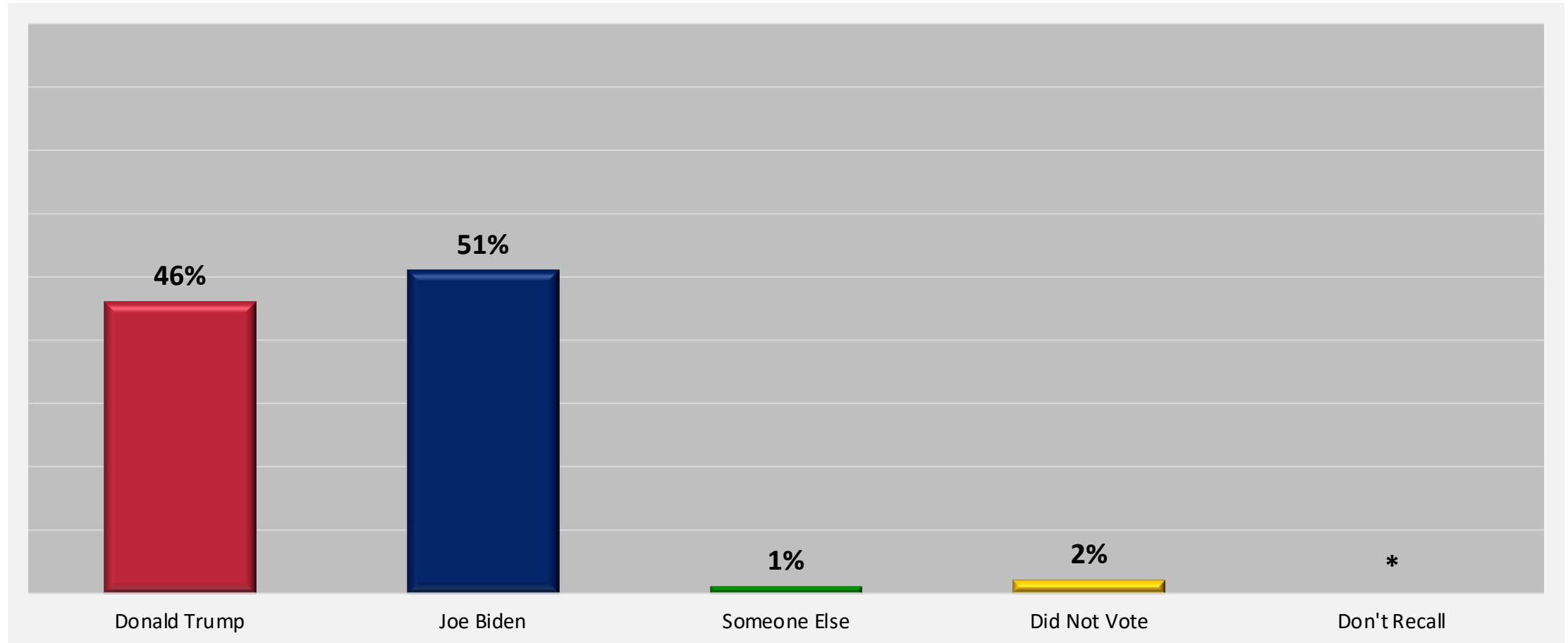
# Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his responsibilities as President?



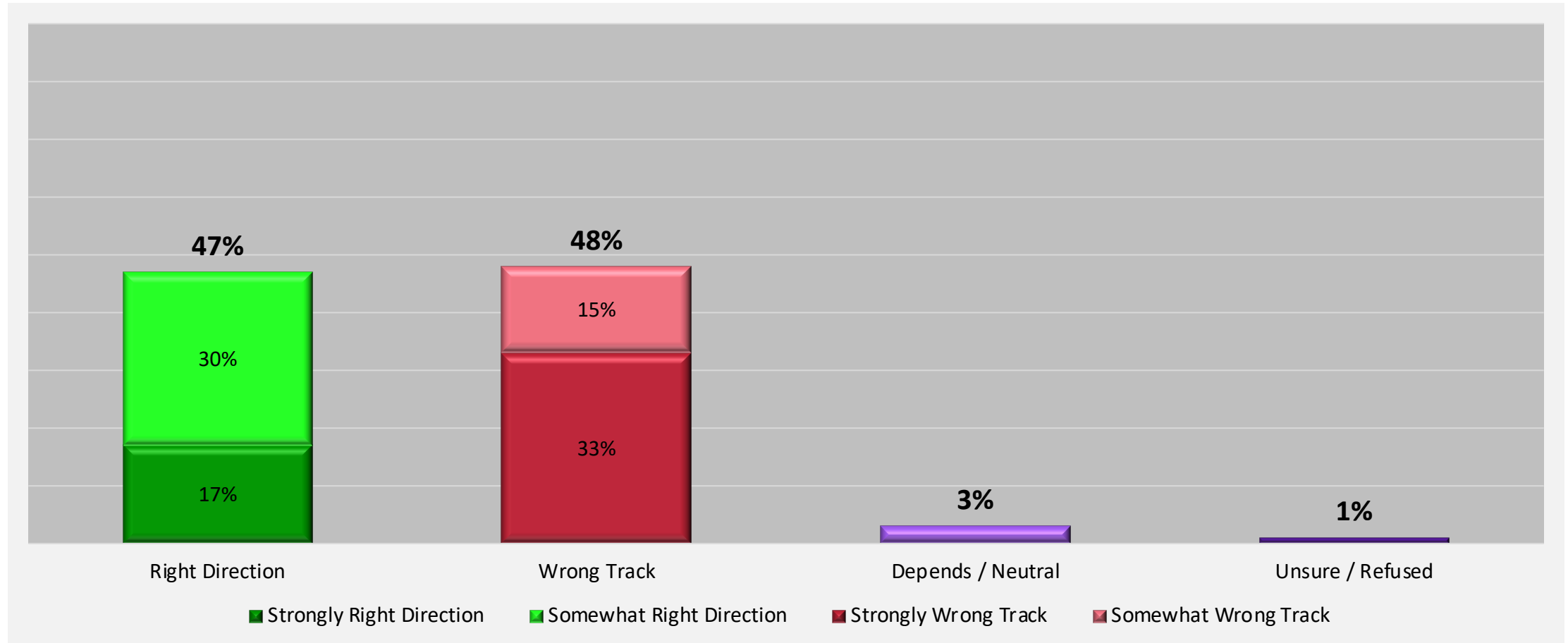
# Biden Approval by Key Demographics



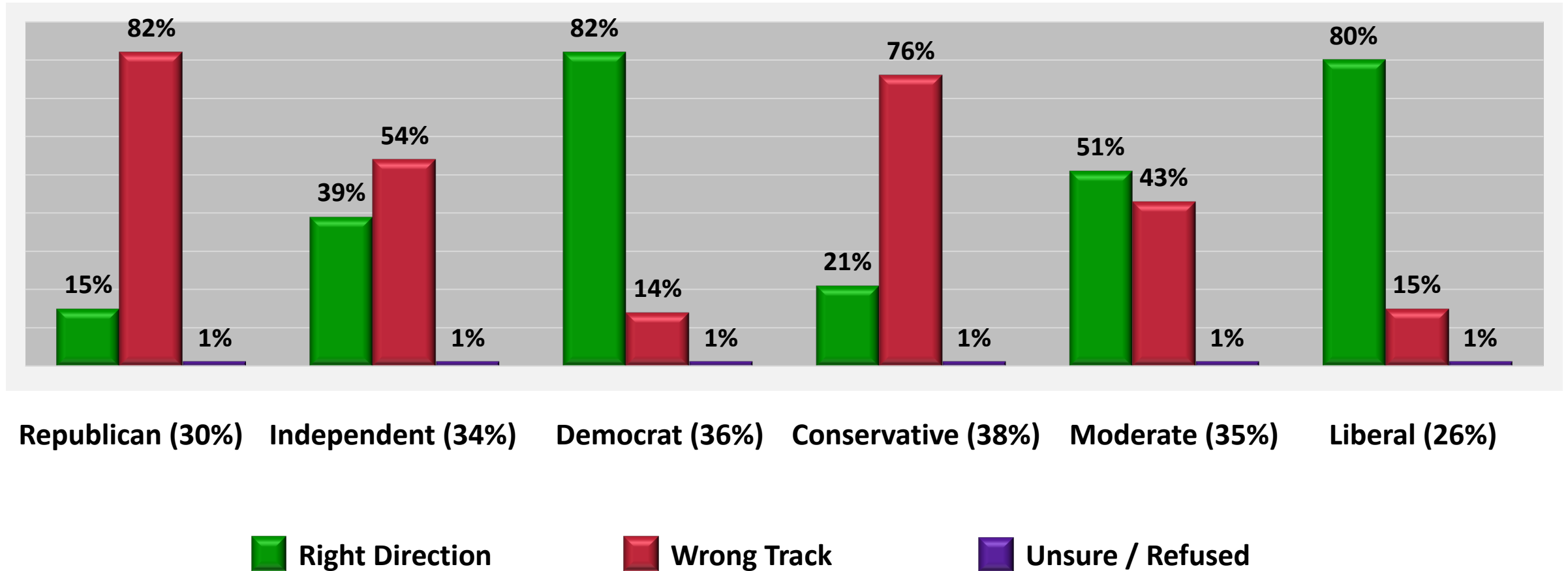
# For whom did you vote in the 2020 Presidential election Donald Trump, Joe Biden or another candidate?



# Do you think things in this country are headed in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



# Direction of Country by Key Demographics

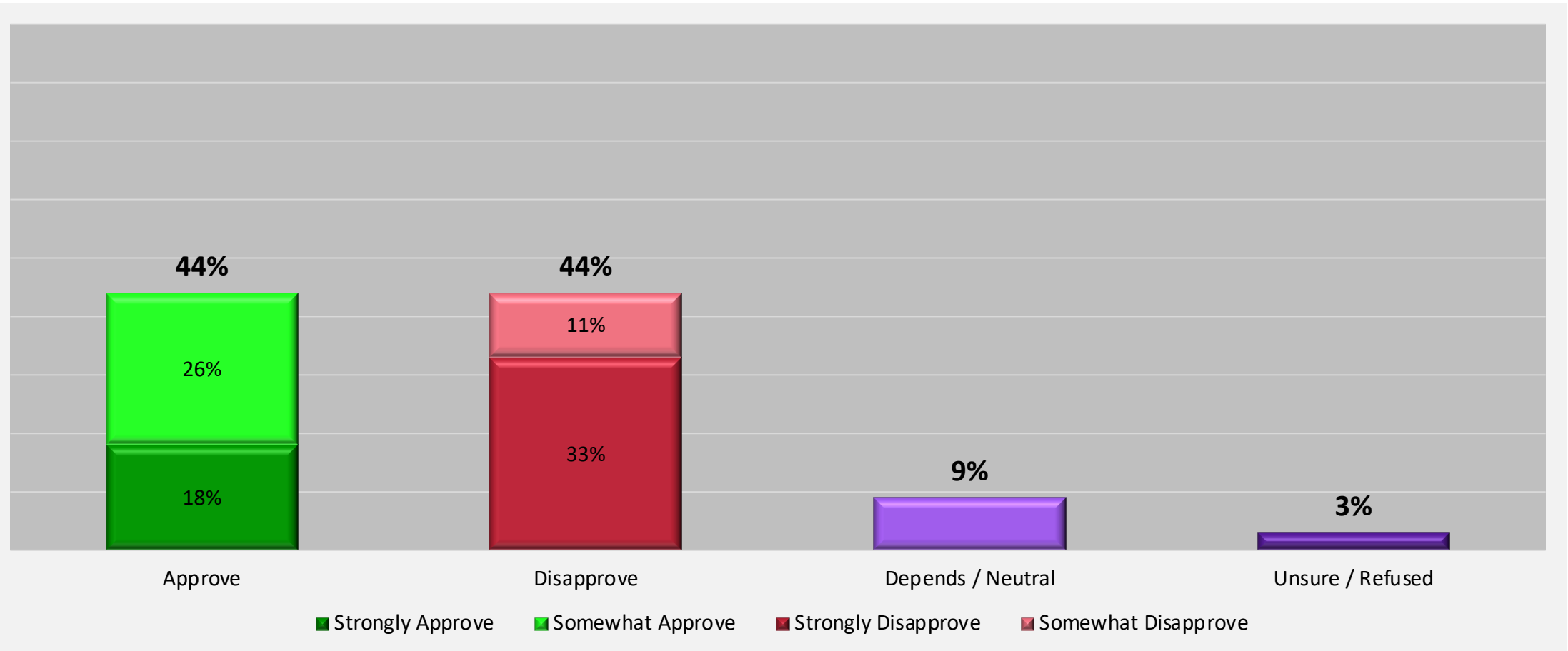




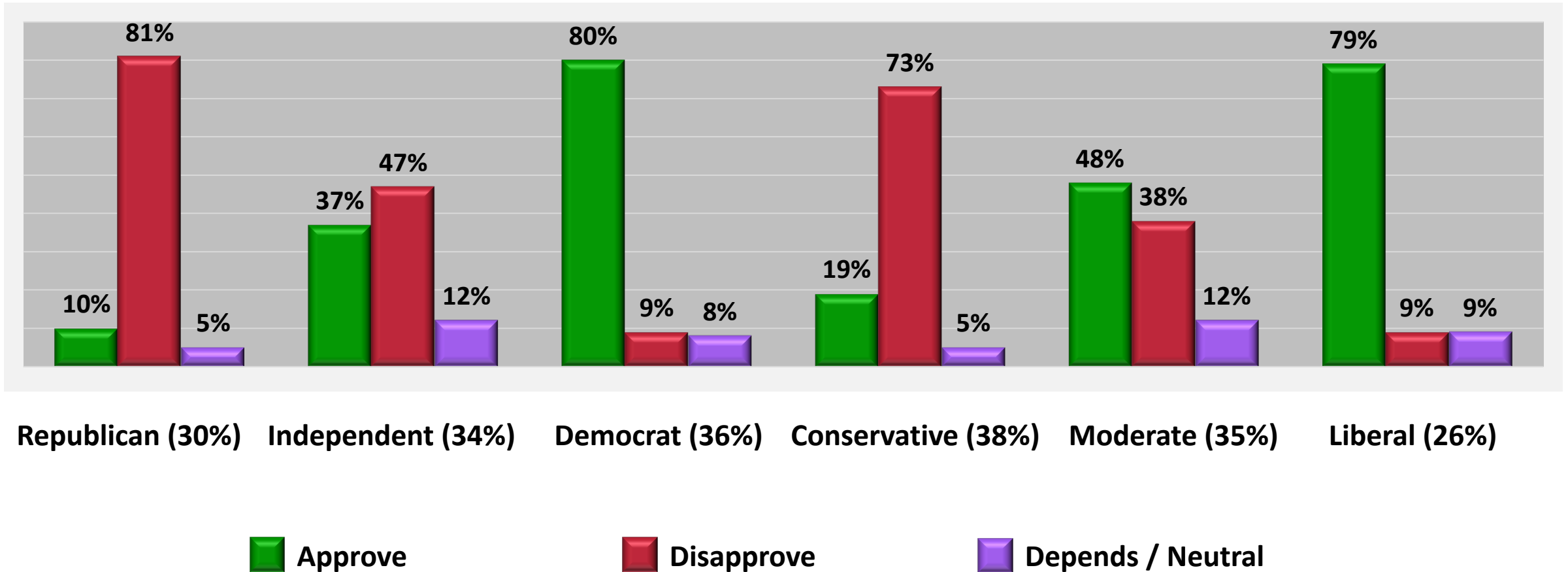
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# Crime and Law Enforcement

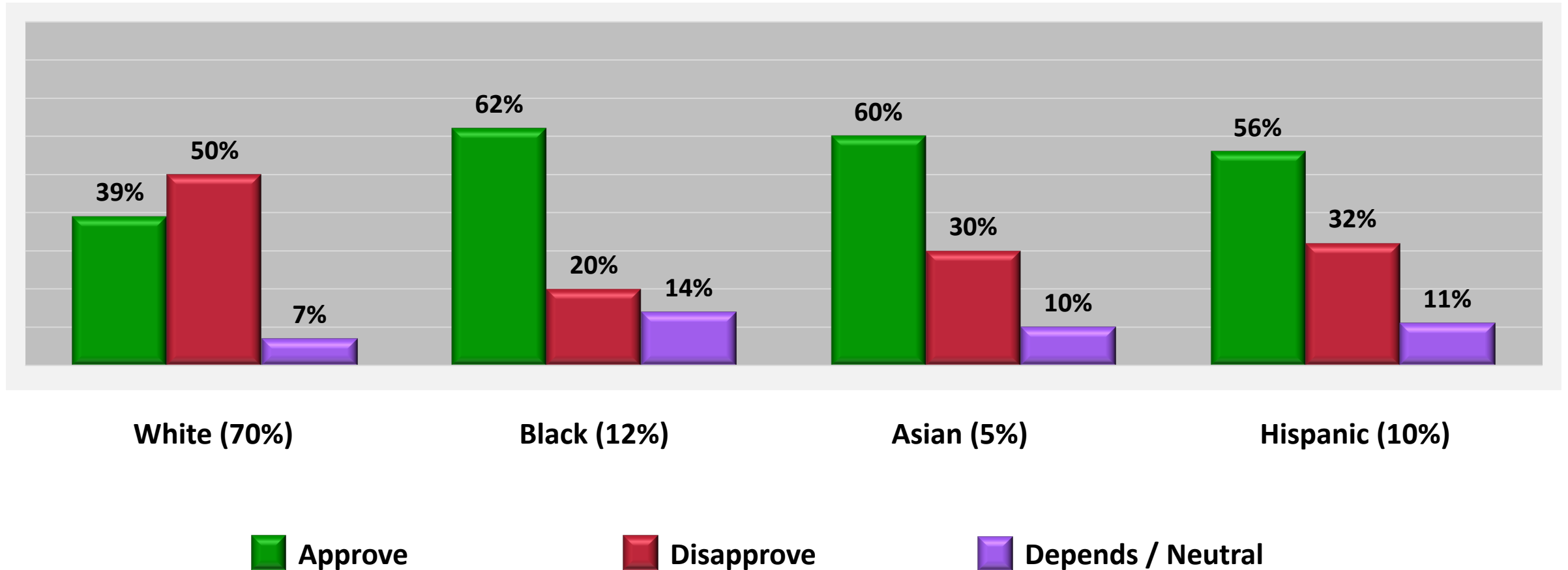
# Do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden is handling the issue of crime?



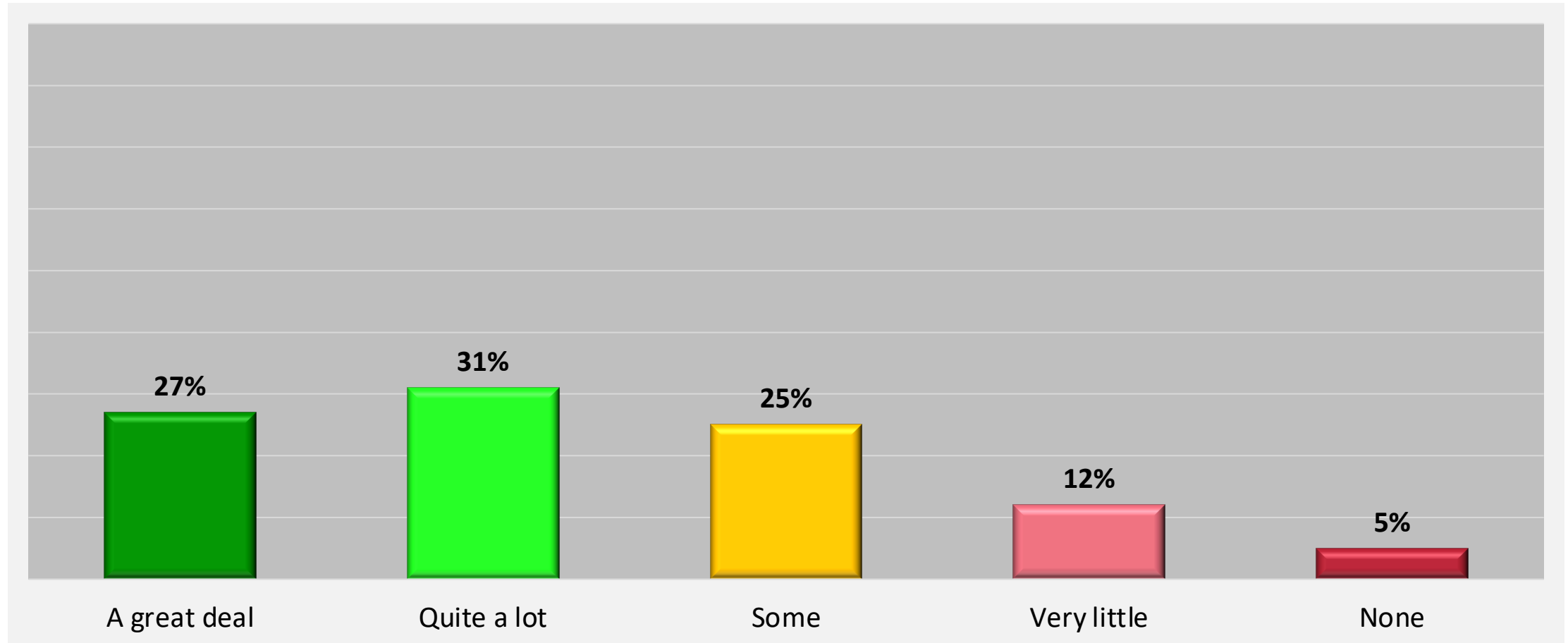
# Biden Approval on Crime by Key Demographics



# Biden Approval on Crime by Key Demographics



# How much confidence do you have in the police?



# How much confidence do you have in the police? – Republicans

- 40% - “A great deal”
- 35% - “Quite a lot”
- 17% - “Some”
- 6% - “Very little”
- 2% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police? – Independents

- 21% - “A great deal”
- 34% - “Quite a lot”
- 27% - “Some”
- 13% - “Very little”
- 5% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police? – Democrats

- 22% - “A great deal”
- 26% - “Quite a lot”
- 30% - “Some”
- 17% - “Very little”
- 6% - “None”



# How much confidence do you have in the police? – Conservatives

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- 42% - “A great deal”
- 35% - “Quite a lot”
- 16% - “Some”
- 5% - “Very little”
- 2% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police? – Moderates

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- 19% - “A great deal”
- 33% - “Quite a lot”
- 30% - “Some”
- 12% - “Very little”
- 5% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police? – Liberals

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- 17% - “A great deal”
- 24% - “Quite a lot”
- 30% - “Some”
- 23% - “Very little”
- 7% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police? – White

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- 30% - “A great deal”
- 35% - “Quite a lot”
- 23% - “Some”
- 9% - “Very little”
- 3% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police? – Black

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- 13% - “A great deal”
- 20% - “Quite a lot”
- 31% - “Some”
- 24% - “Very little”
- 13% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police? – Asian

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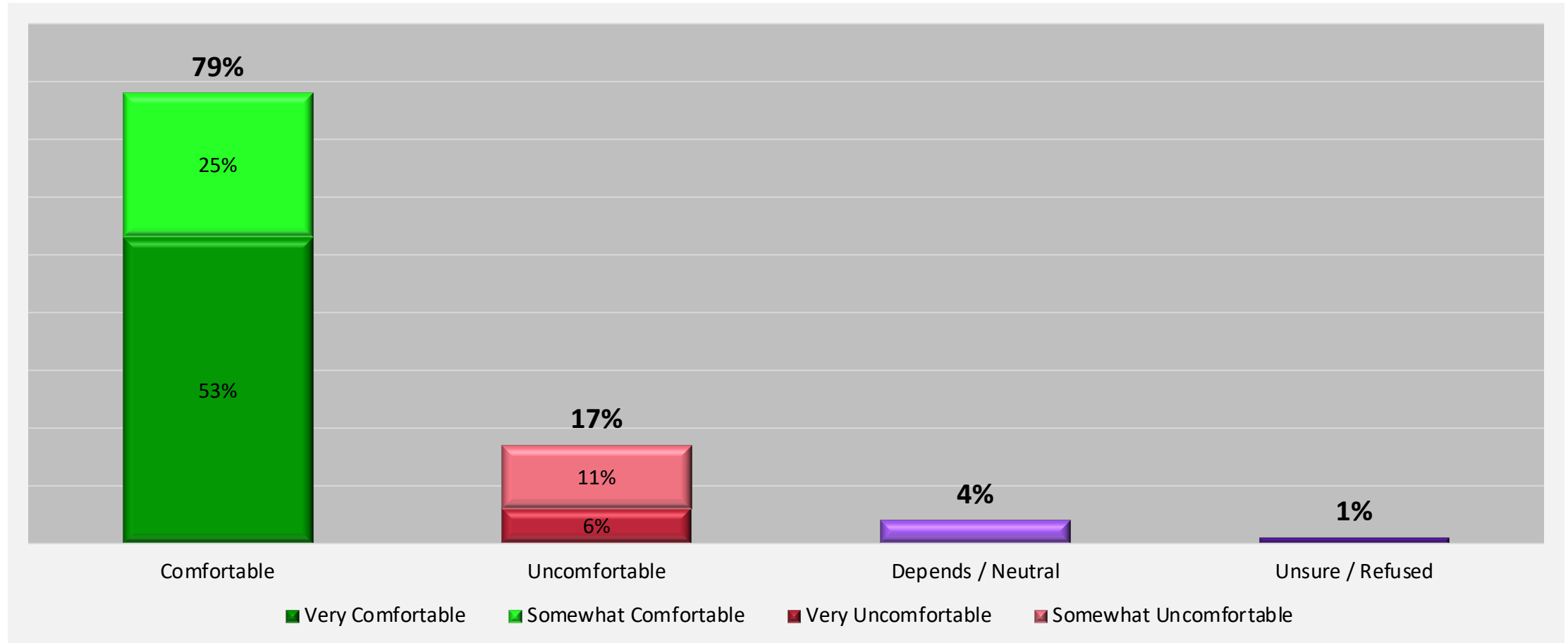
- 15% - “A great deal”
- 27% - “Quite a lot”
- 36% - “Some”
- 16% - “Very little”
- 6% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police? – Hispanic

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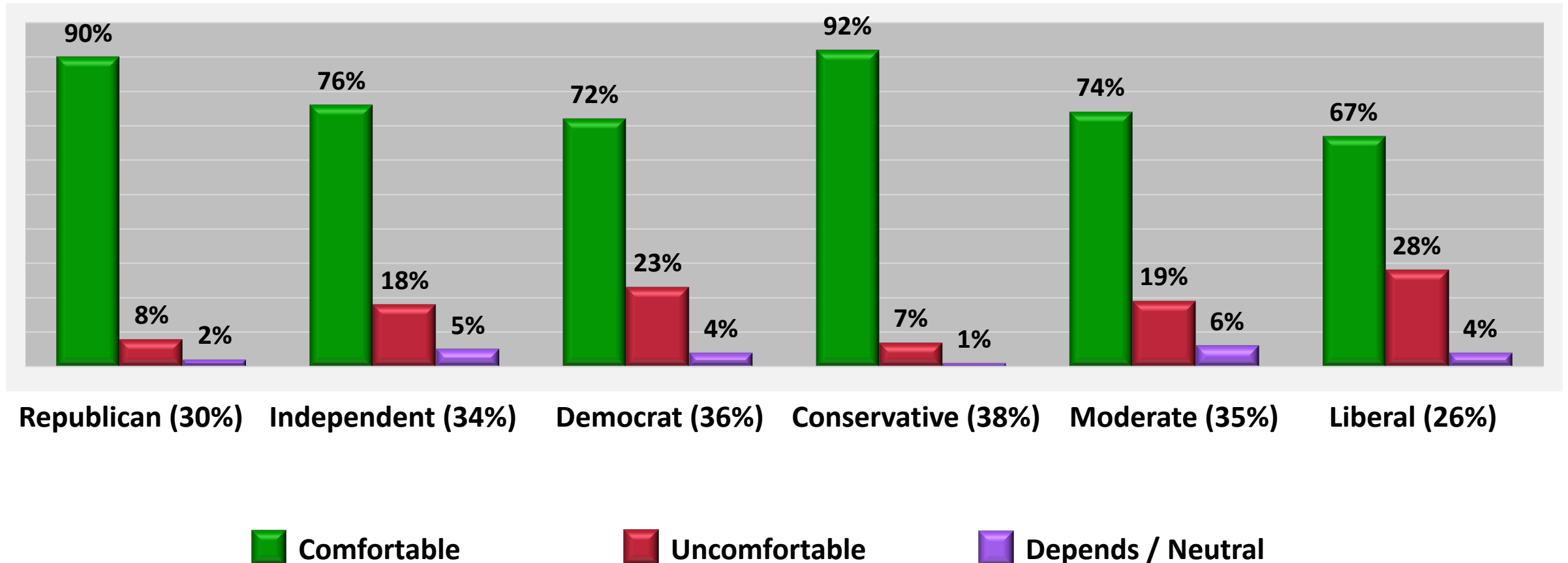
- 27% - “A great deal”
- 24% - “Quite a lot”
- 26% - “Some”
- 18% - “Very little”
- 5% - “None”

# If you were in a situation which would require law enforcement, would you feel comfortable or uncomfortable calling the police?

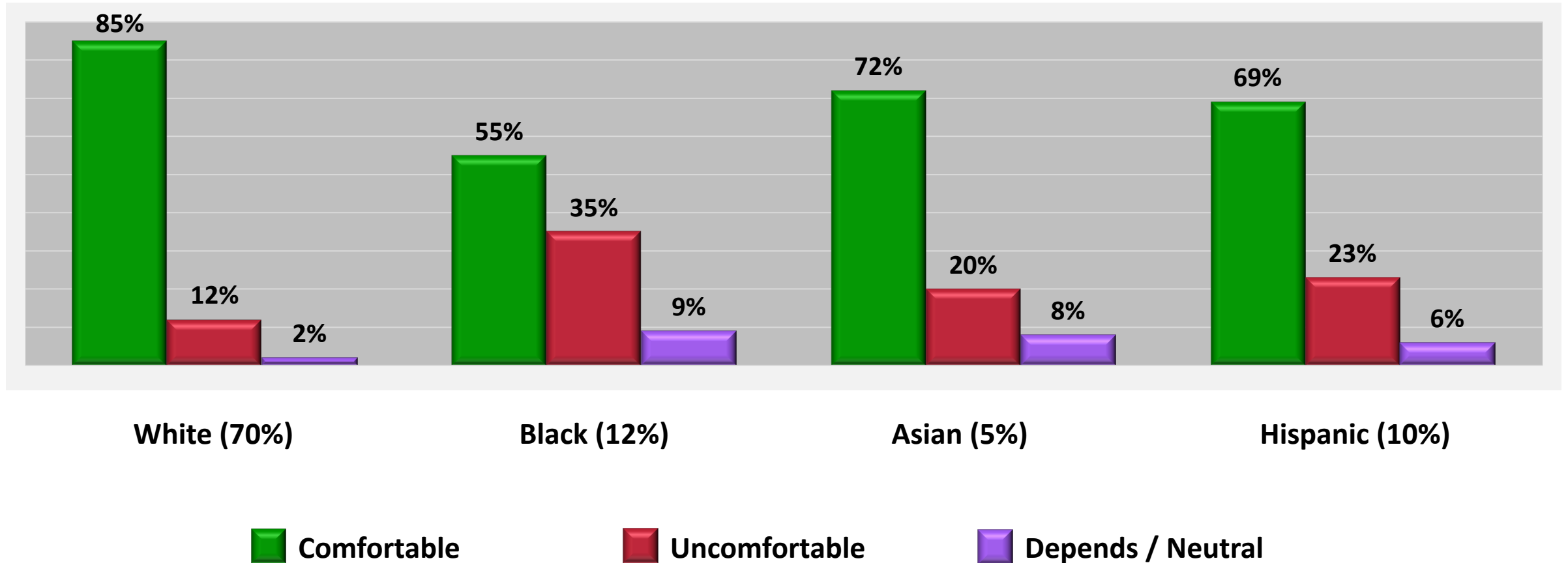




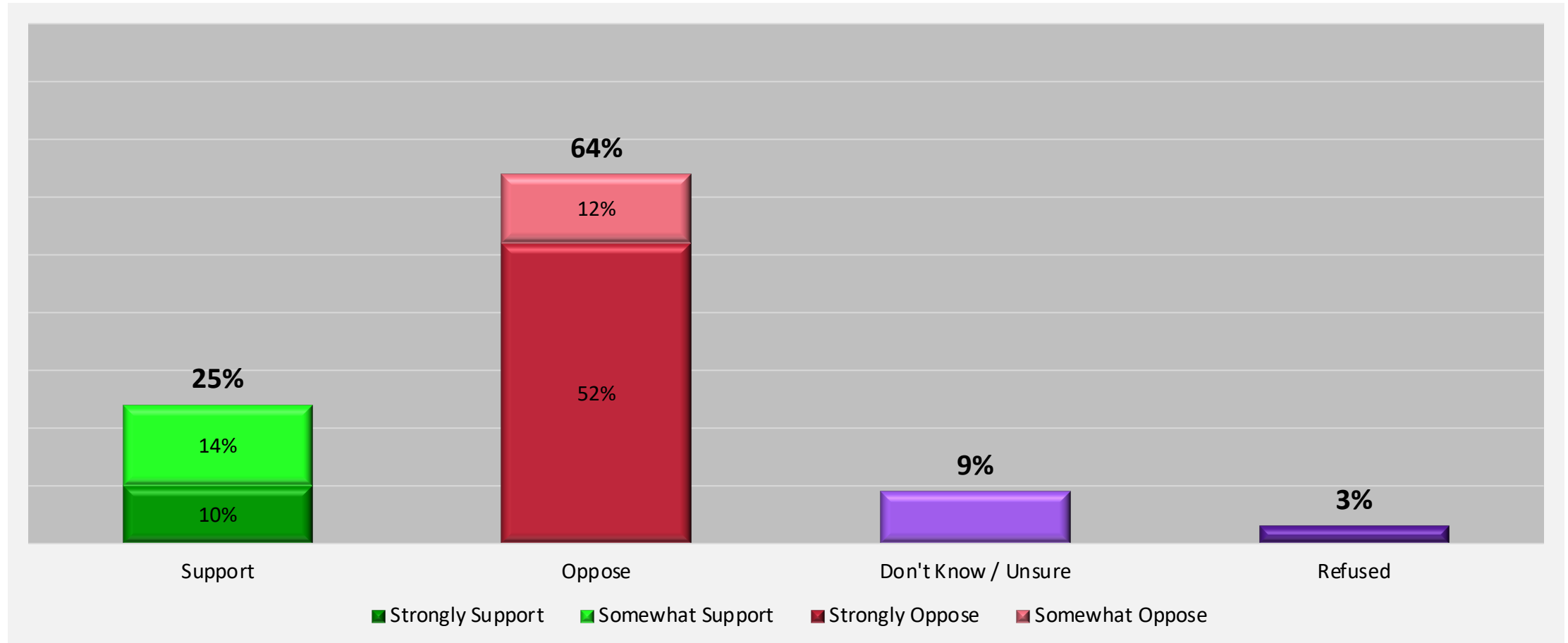
# Comfort when Calling the Police by Key Demographics



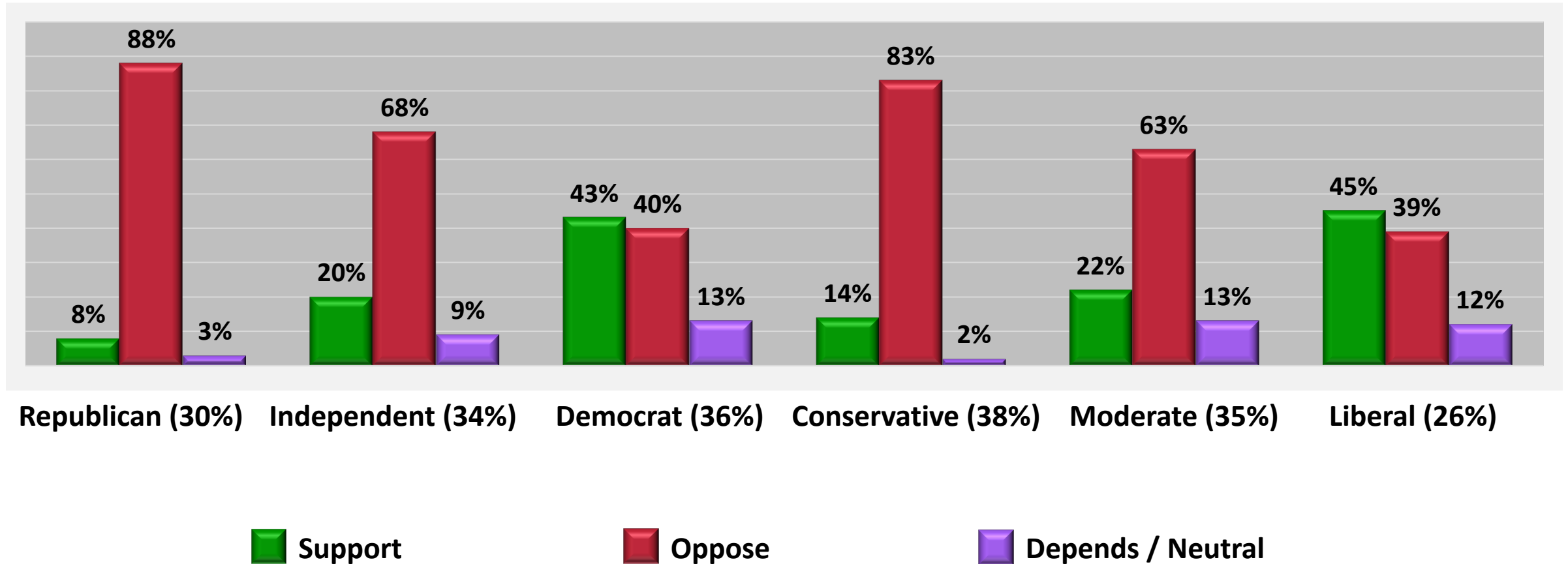
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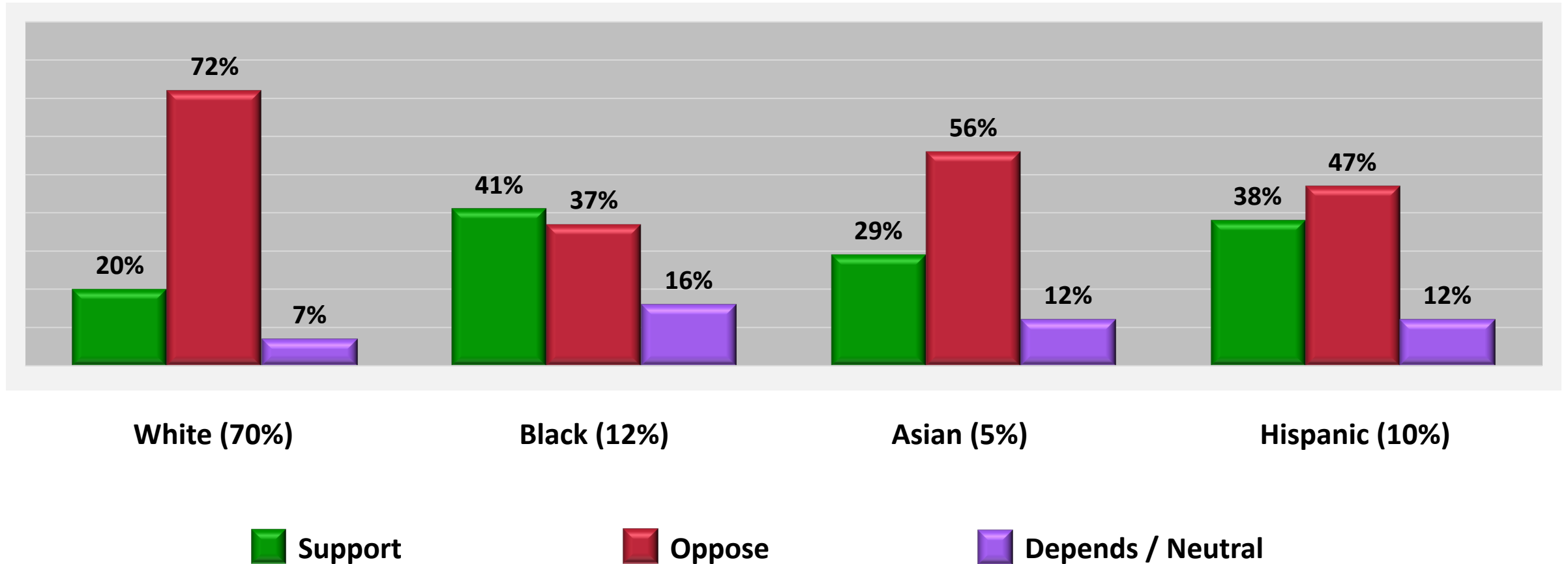
# Do you support or oppose the Defund the Police movement?



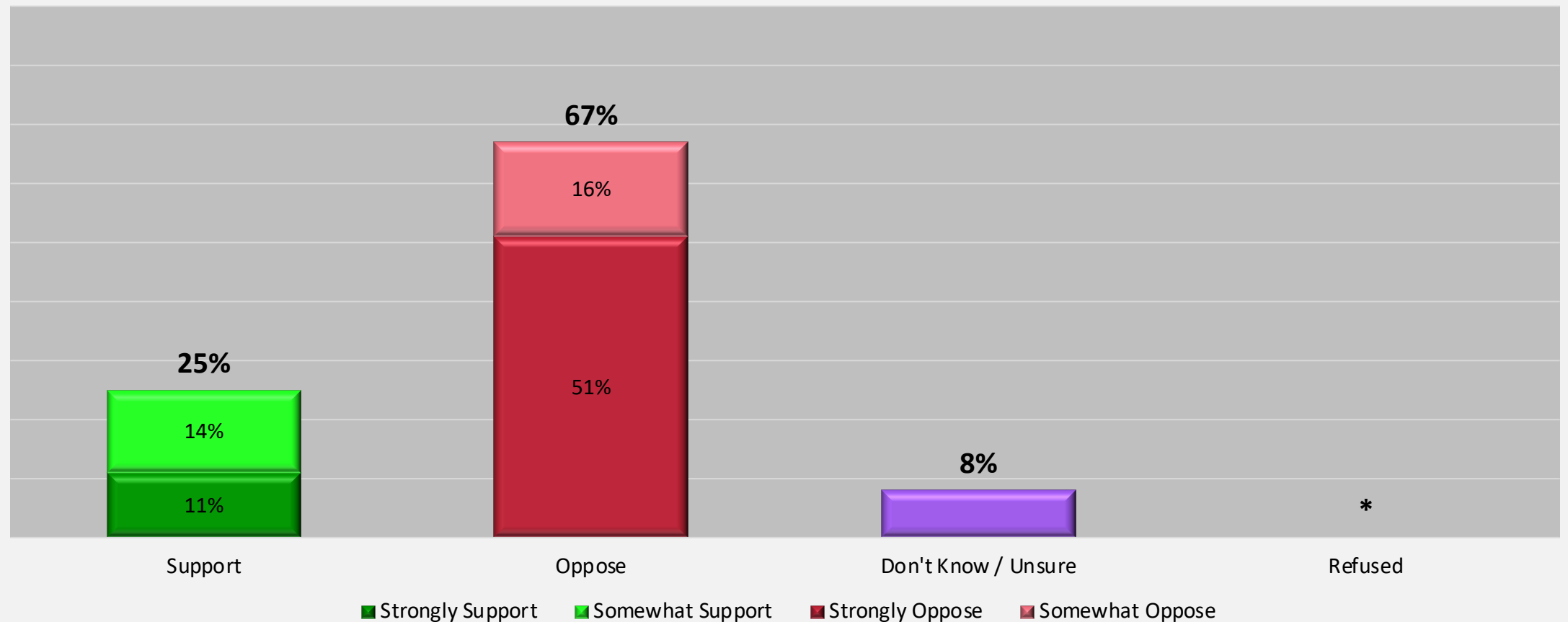
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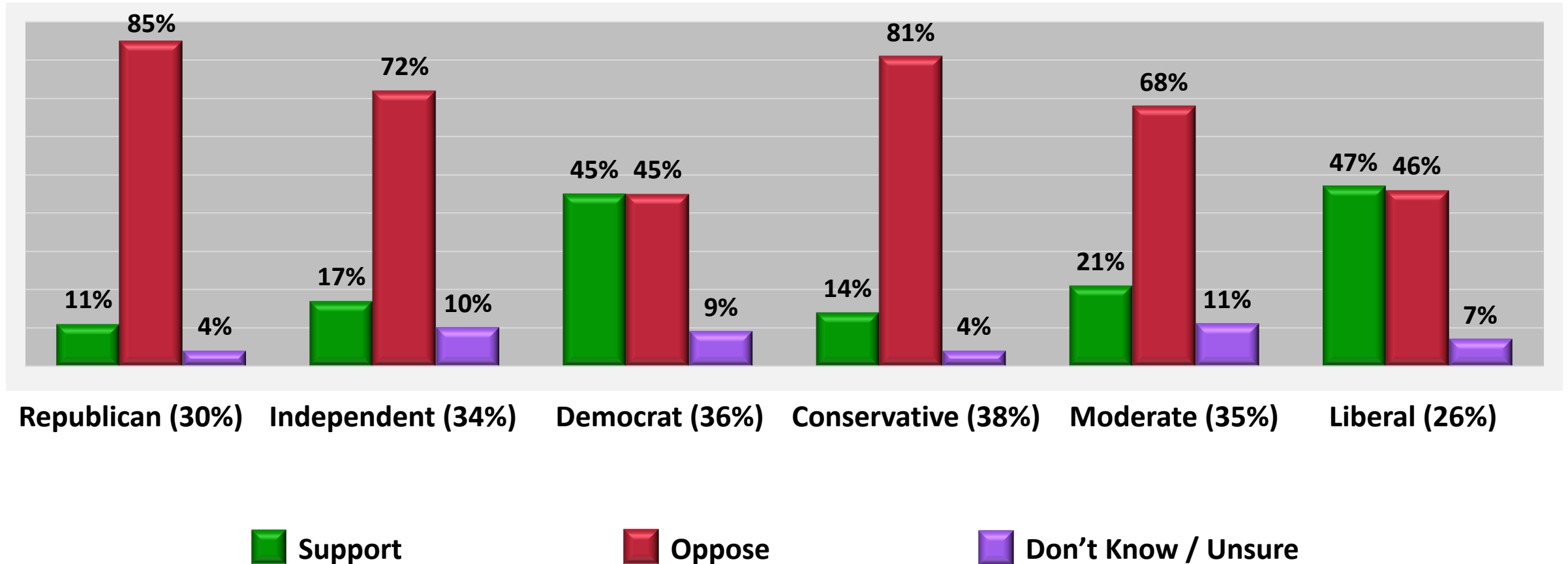
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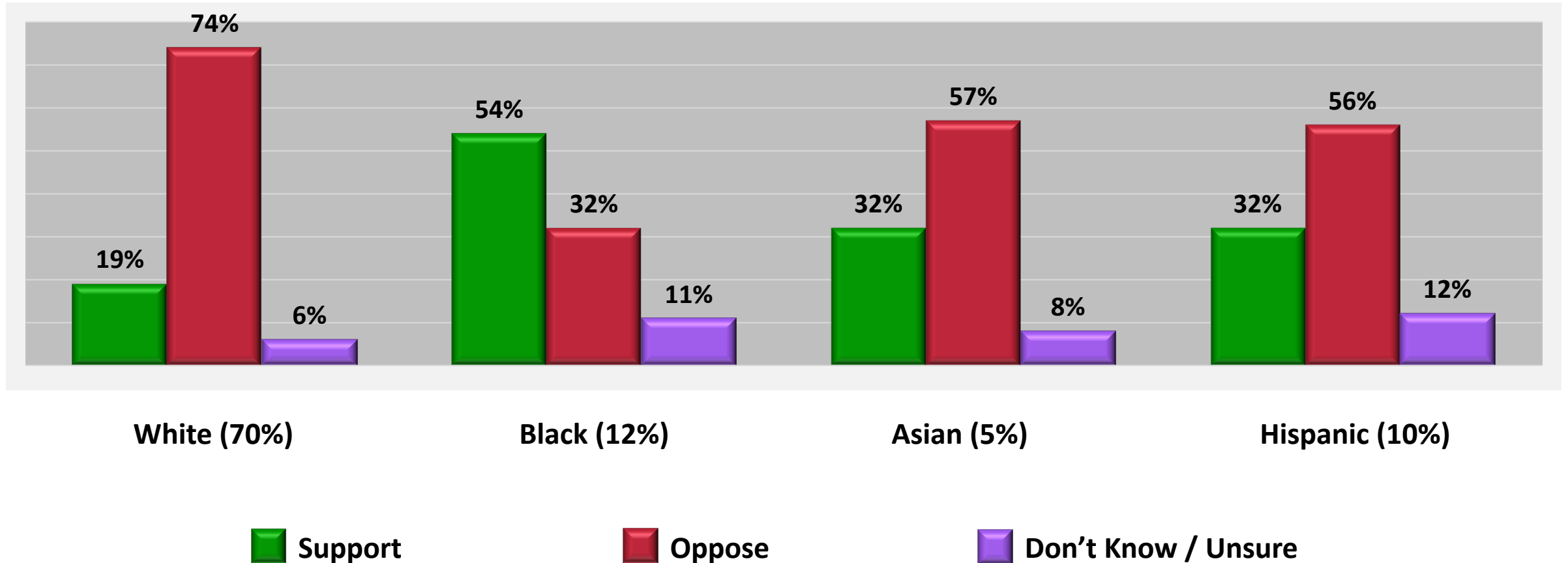
# Do you support or oppose reducing the budget of the police department in your community? (N = 800)



# Support Reducing the Police Budget by Key Demographics

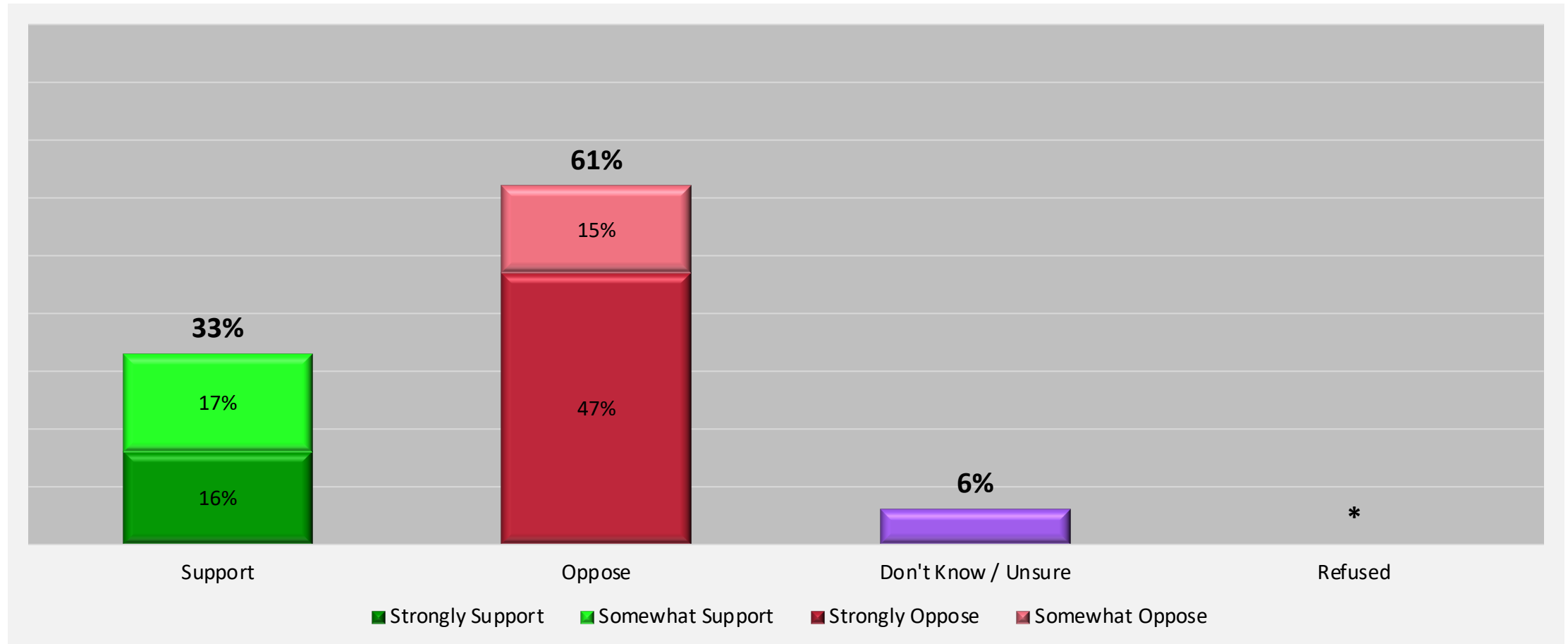


# Support Reducing the Police Budget by Key Demographics

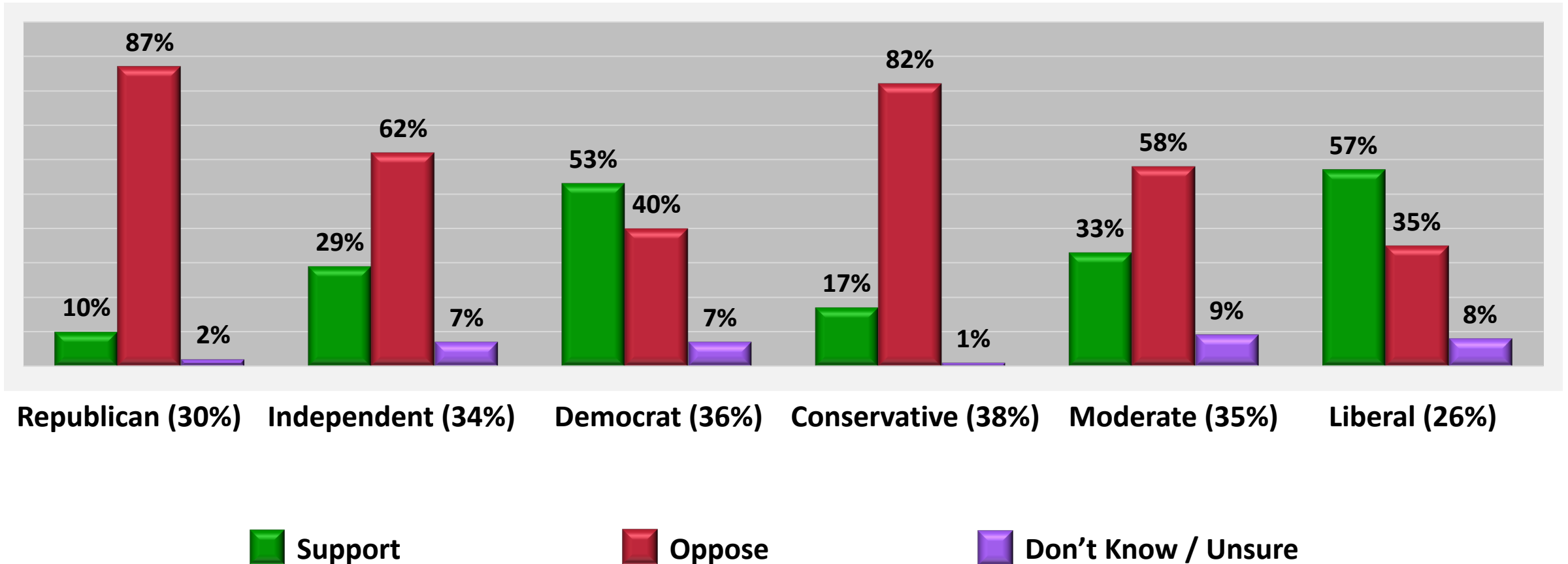




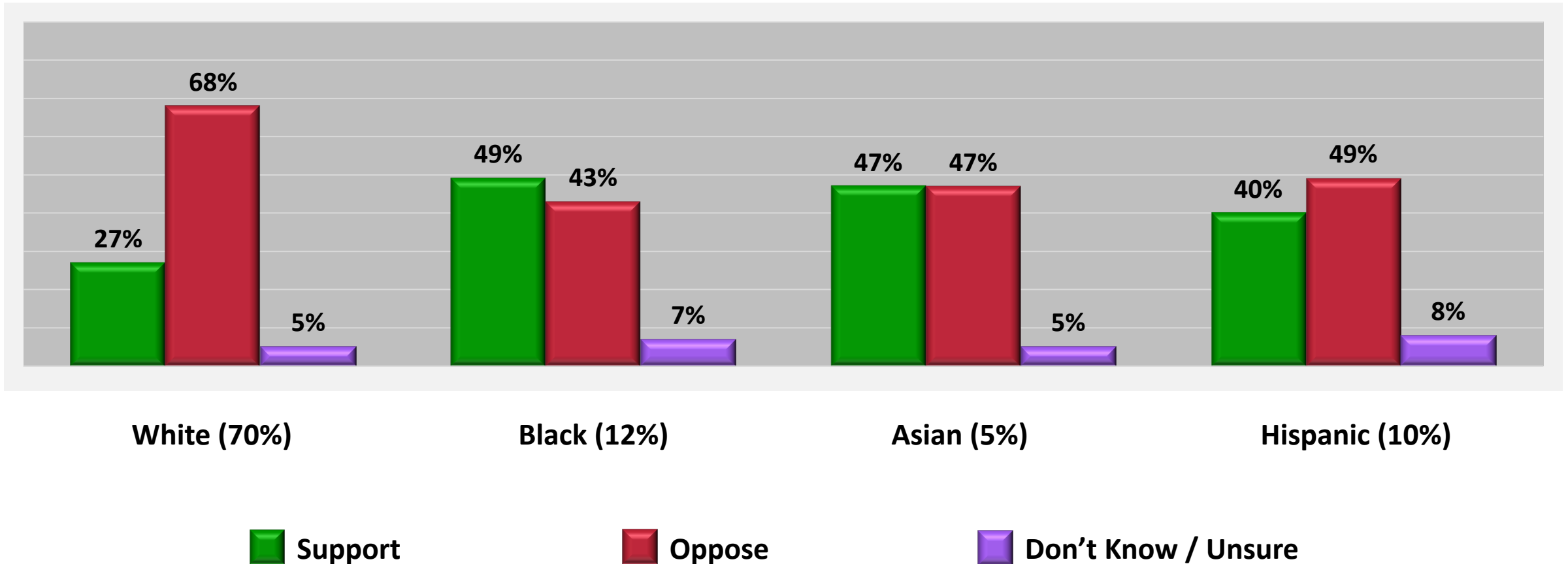
# Do you support or oppose reducing the budget of the police department in your community, even if that means fewer police officers, if the money is shifted to programs related to mental health, housing, and education? (N = 800)



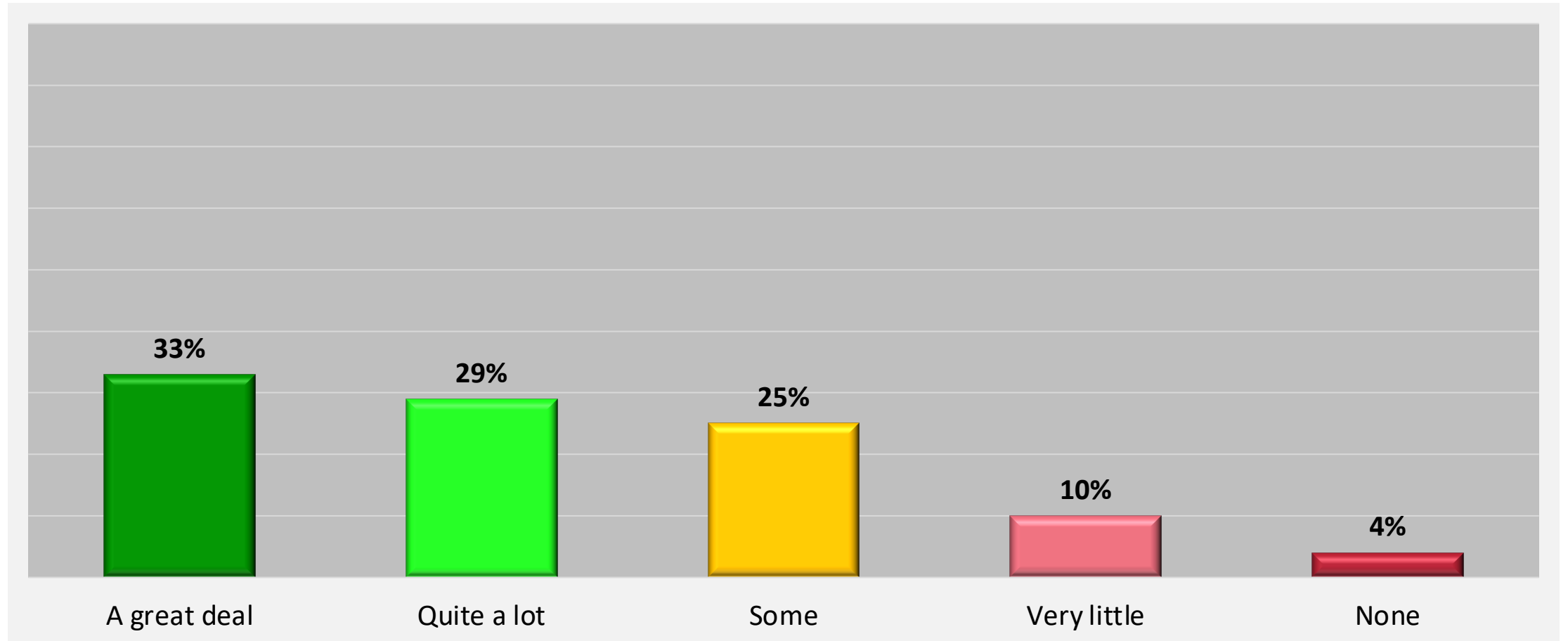
# Support of Reducing Police Budgets to Give to Other Programs by Key Demographics



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# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community?



# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community? – Republicans

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- 46% - “A great deal”
- 32% - “Quite a lot”
- 14% - “Some”
- 4% - “Very little”
- 2% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community? – Independents

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- 30% - “A great deal”
- 30% - “Quite a lot”
- 27% - “Some”
- 9% - “Very little”
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# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community? – Democrats

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- 24% - “A great deal”
- 25% - “Quite a lot”
- 31% - “Some”
- 15% - “Very little”
- 5% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community? – Conservatives

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- 48% - “A great deal”
- 31% - “Quite a lot”
- 14% - “Some”
- 4% - “Very little”
- 2% - “None”



# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community? – Moderates

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- 27% - “A great deal”
- 31% - “Quite a lot”
- 29% - “Some”
- 9% - “Very little”
- 4% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community? – Liberals

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- 20% - “A great deal”
- 23% - “Quite a lot”
- 33% - “Some”
- 19% - “Very little”
- 5% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community? – White

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- 37% - “A great deal”
- 33% - “Quite a lot”
- 20% - “Some”
- 8% - “Very little”
- 2% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community? – Black

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- 18% - “A great deal”
- 19% - “Quite a lot”
- 39% - “Some”
- 13% - “Very little”
- 11% - “None”

# How much confidence do you have in the police in your community? – Asian

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- 22% - “Quite a lot”
- 41% - “Some”
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- 3% - “None”

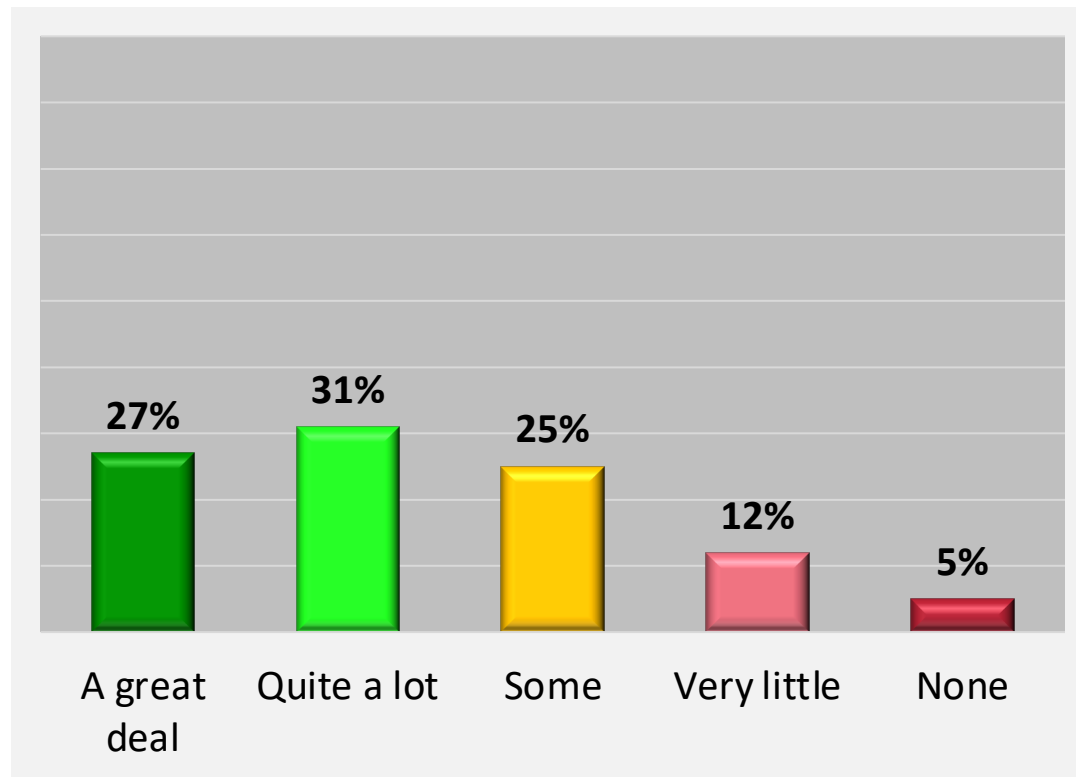
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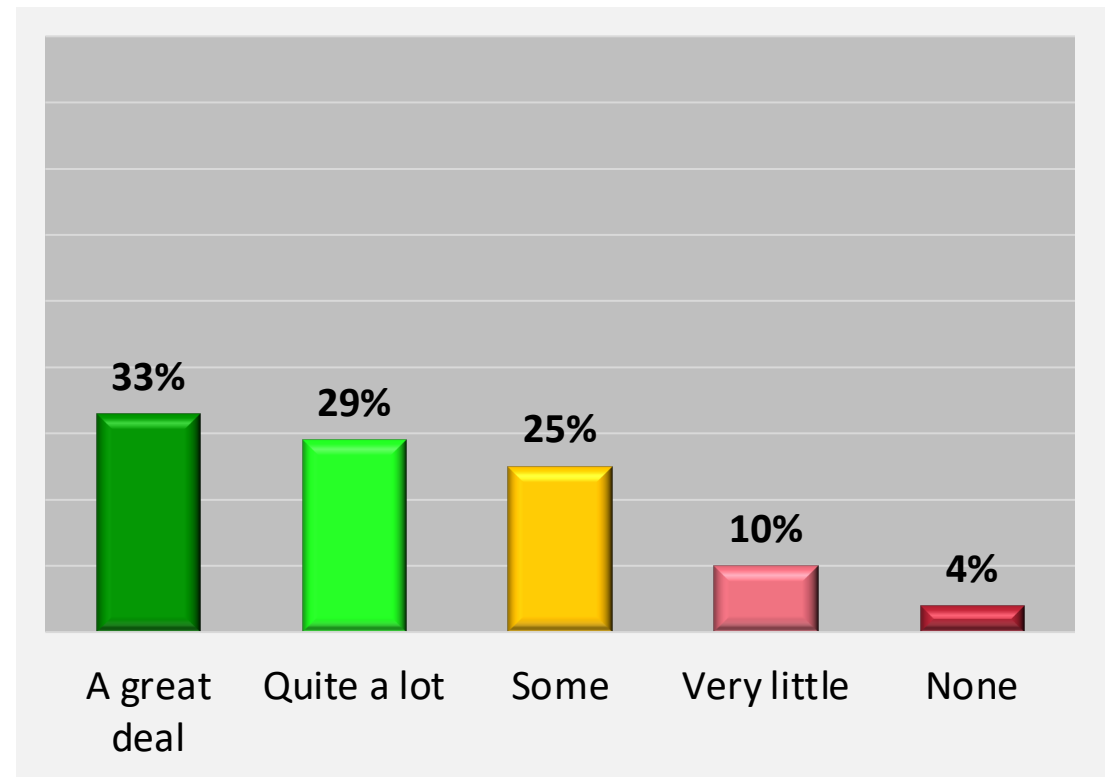
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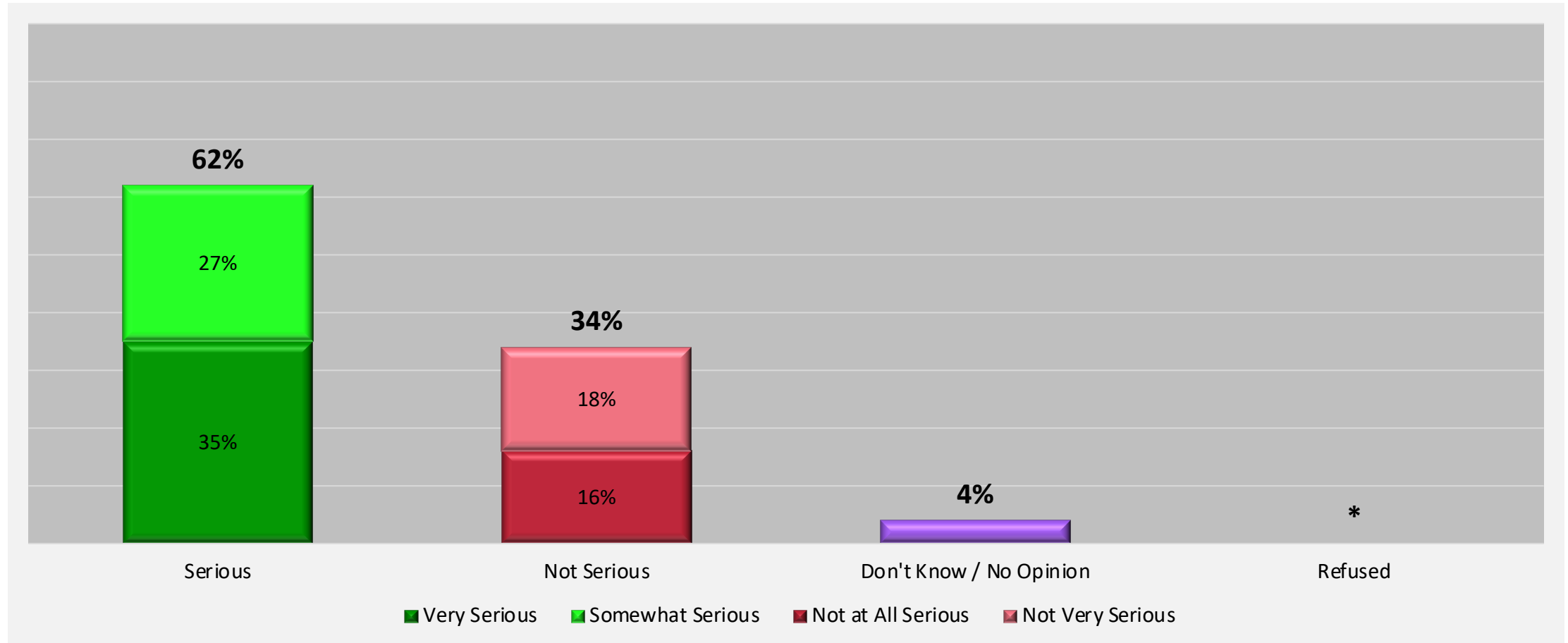
## Police



## Police in Community

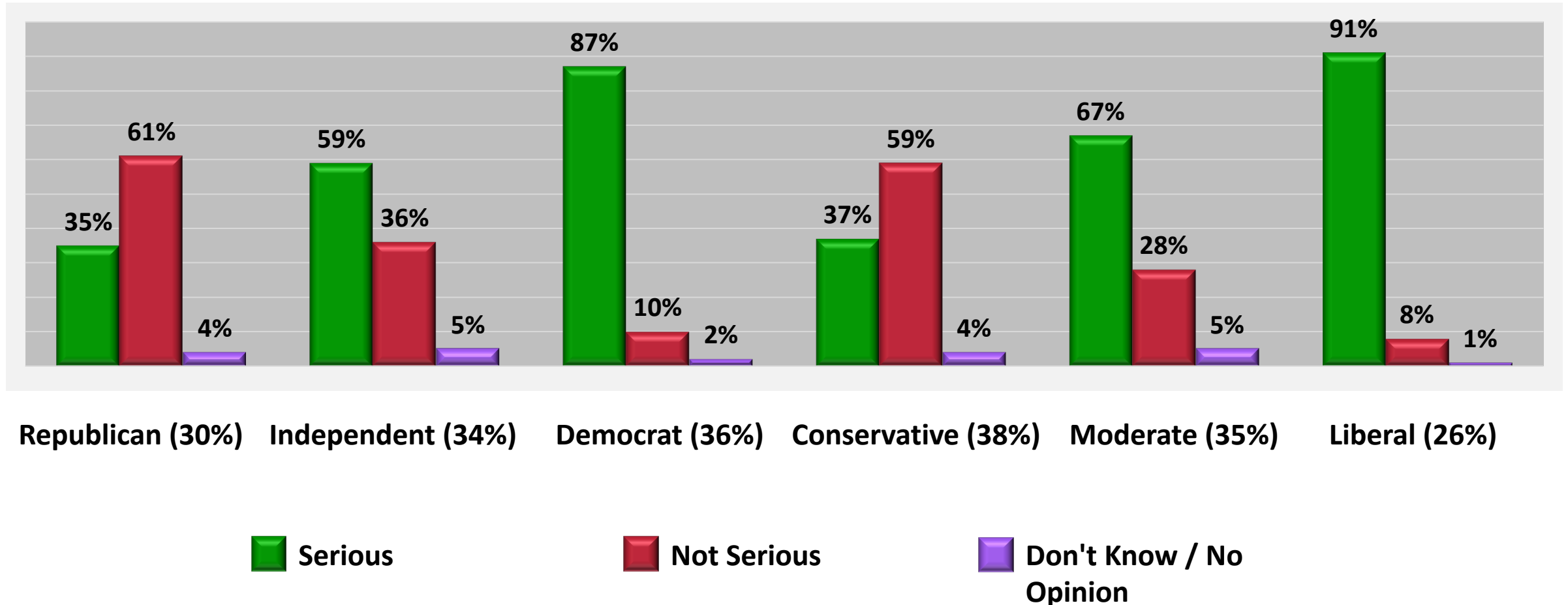


# How serious of an issue do you think law enforcement violence against racial minorities is in the United States?

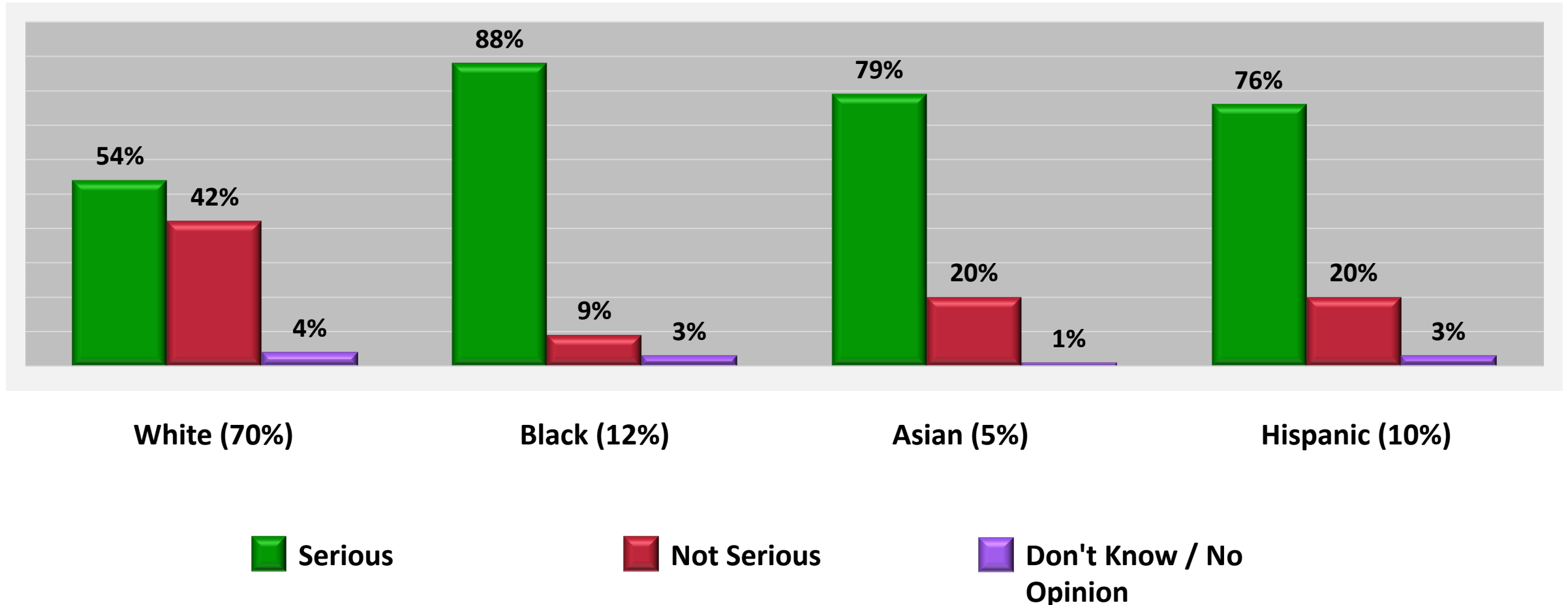




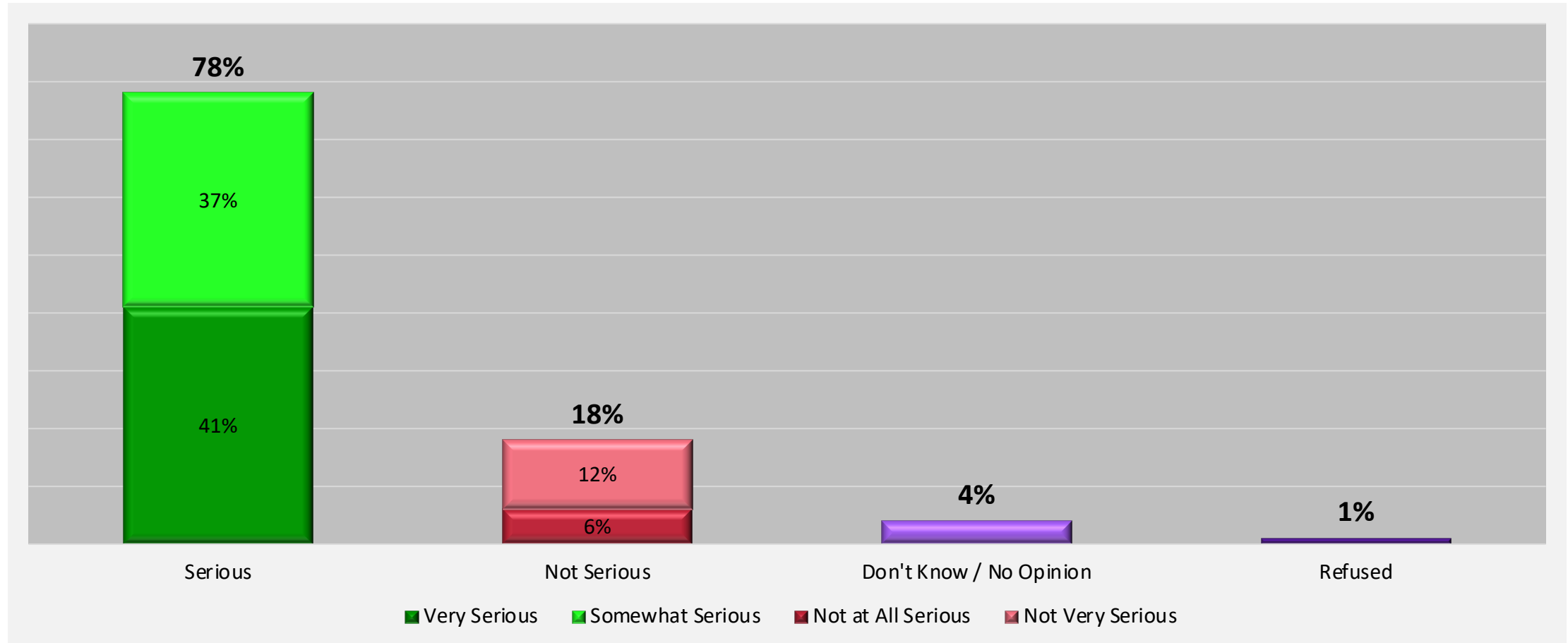
# Seriousness of Violence Against Minorities by Key Demographics



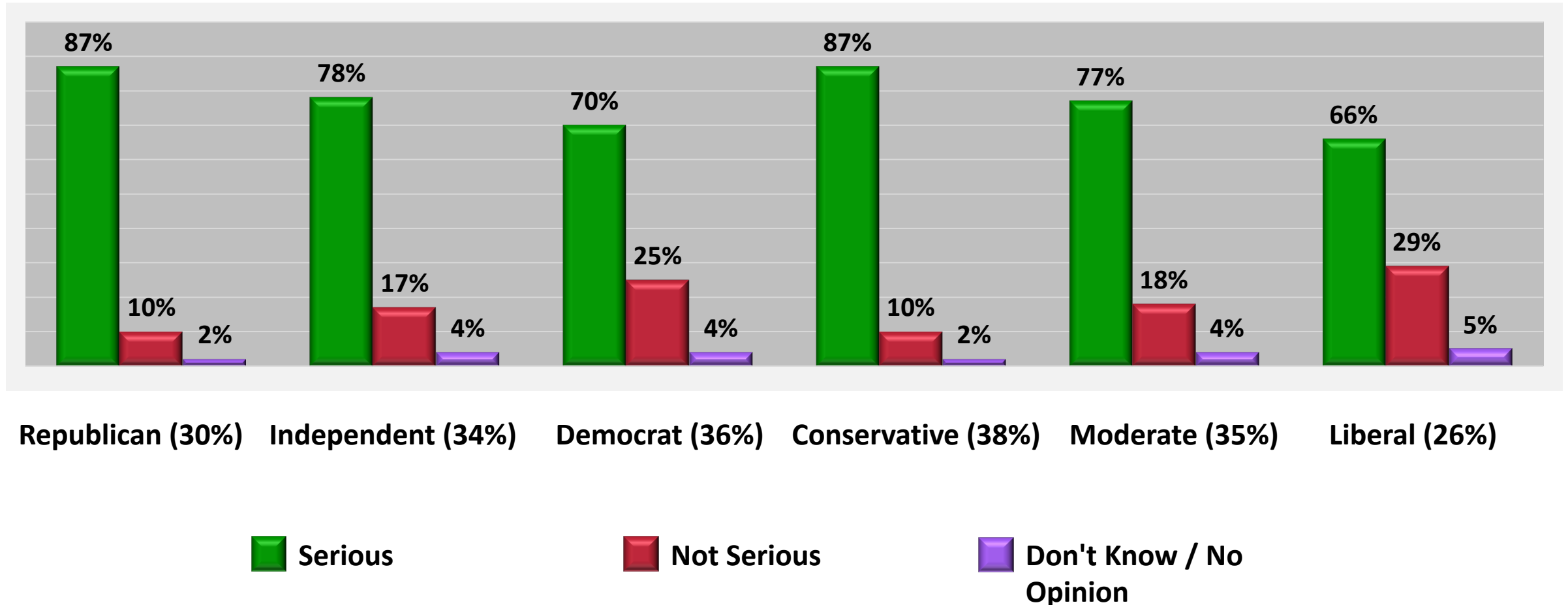
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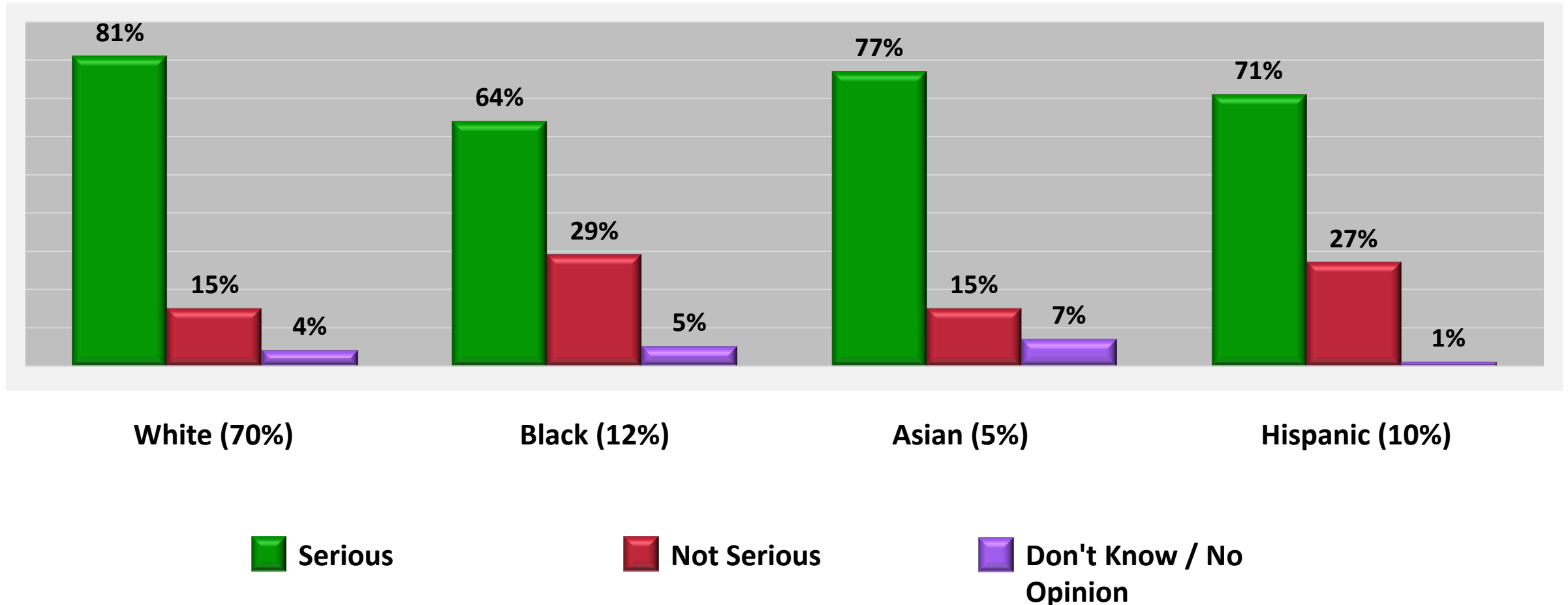
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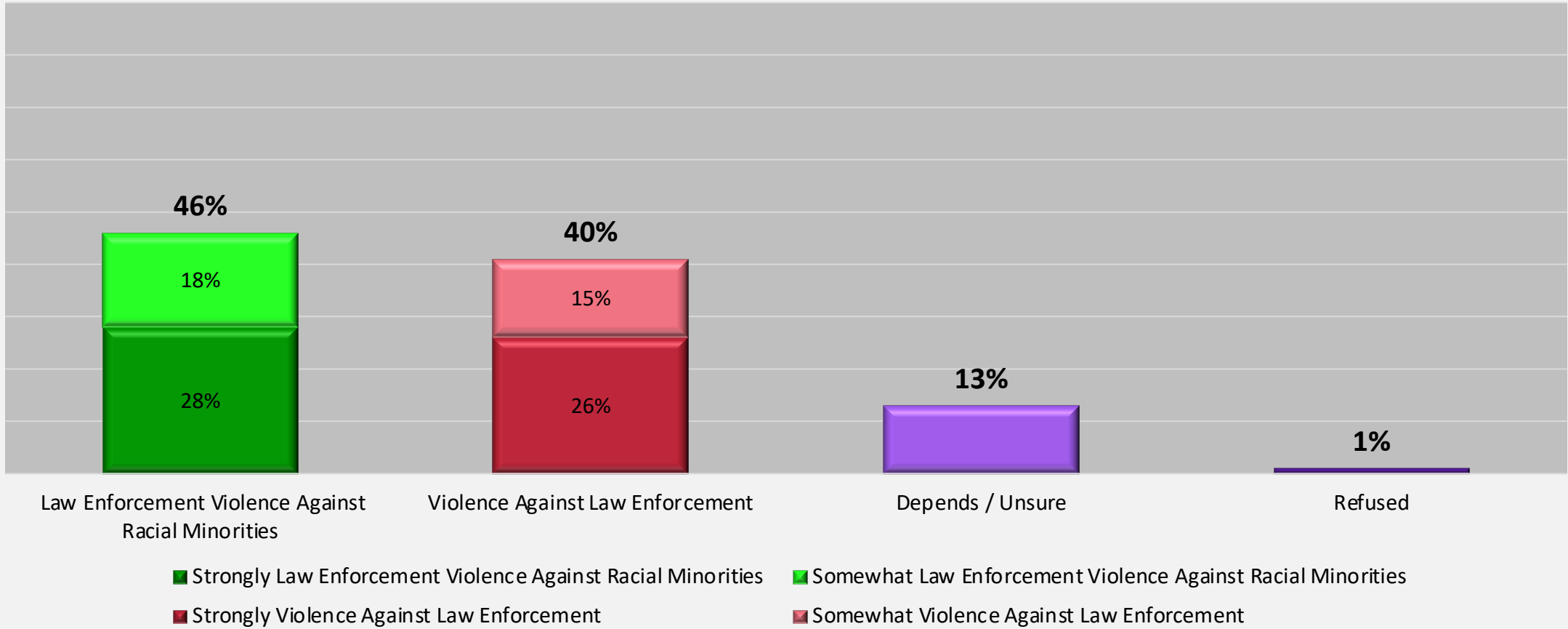
# Seriousness of Violence against Police Officers by Key Demographics



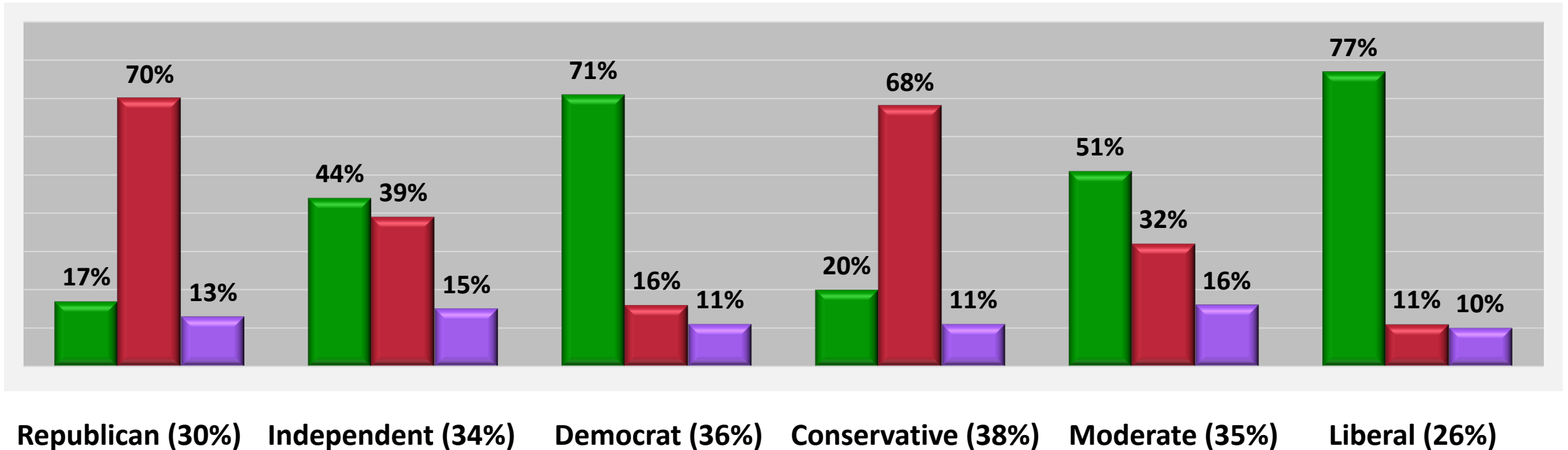
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# Which is more serious in the United States today?



# Who Serious Violence is Against by Key Demographics

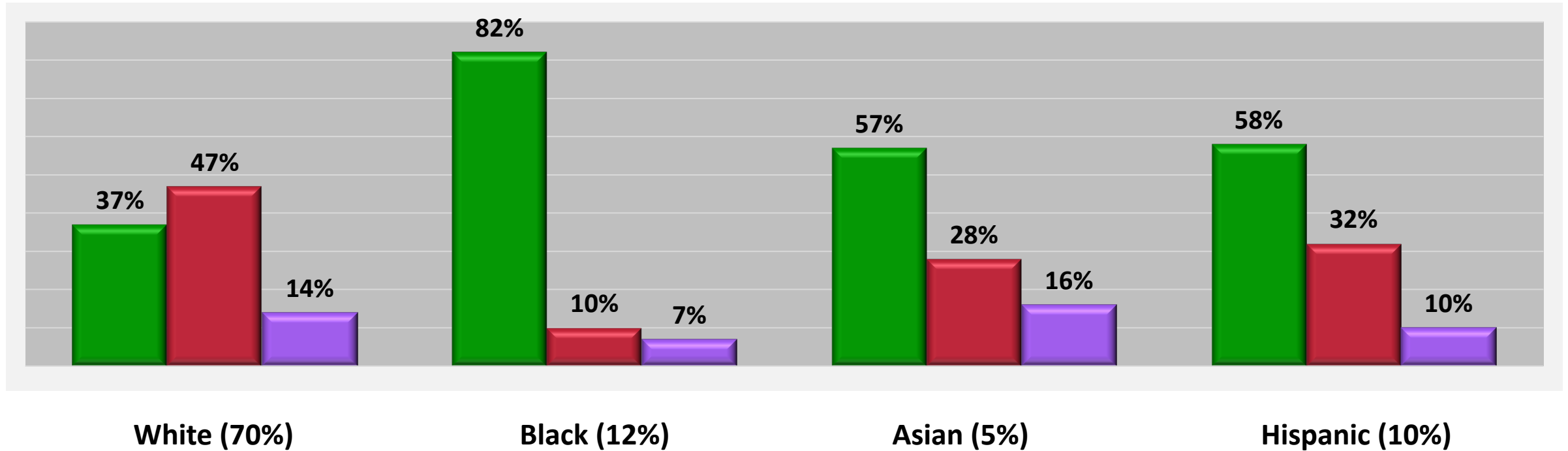


**Law Enforcement Violence Against Racial Minorities**

**Violence Against Law Enforcement**

**Depends / Unsure**

# Who Serious Violence is Against by Key Demographics



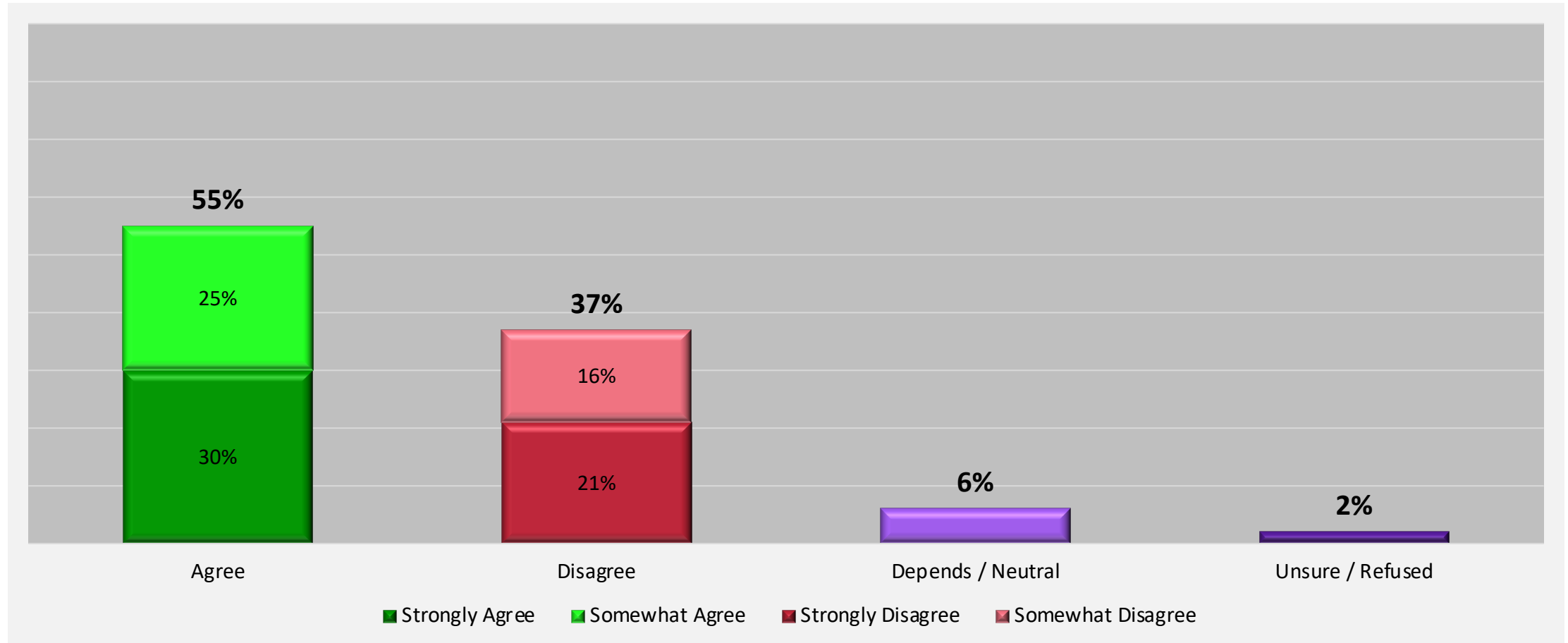
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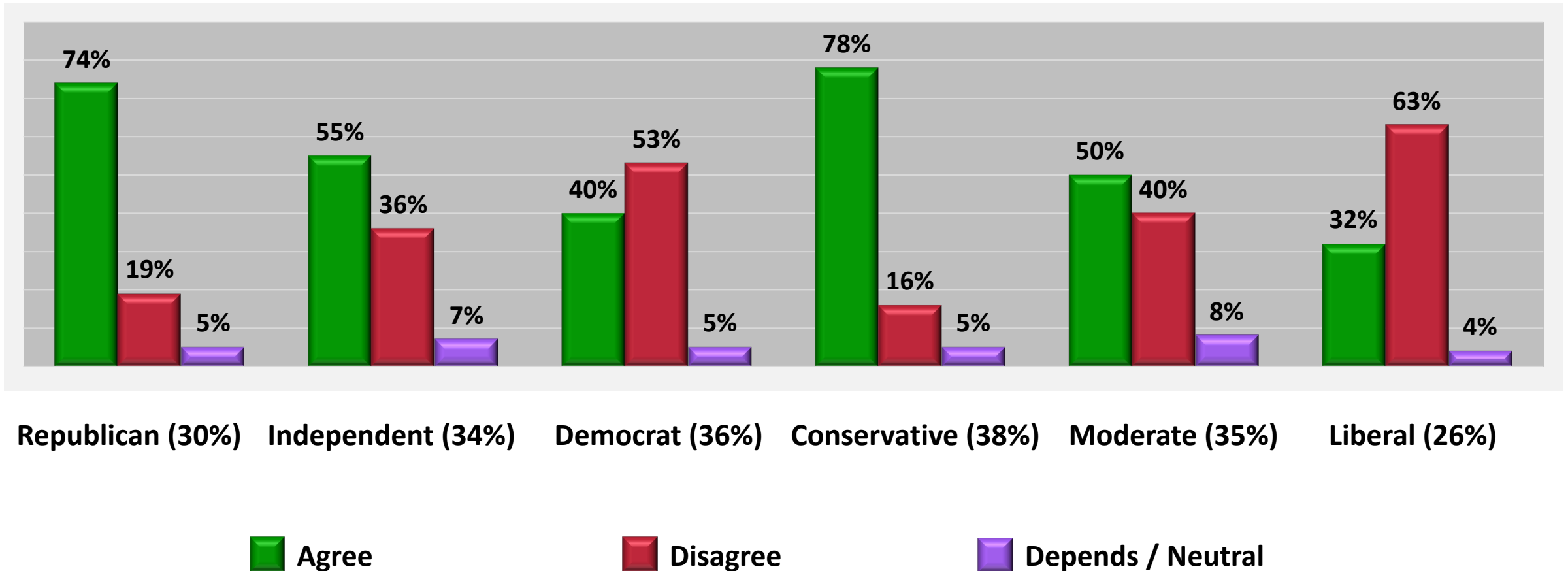
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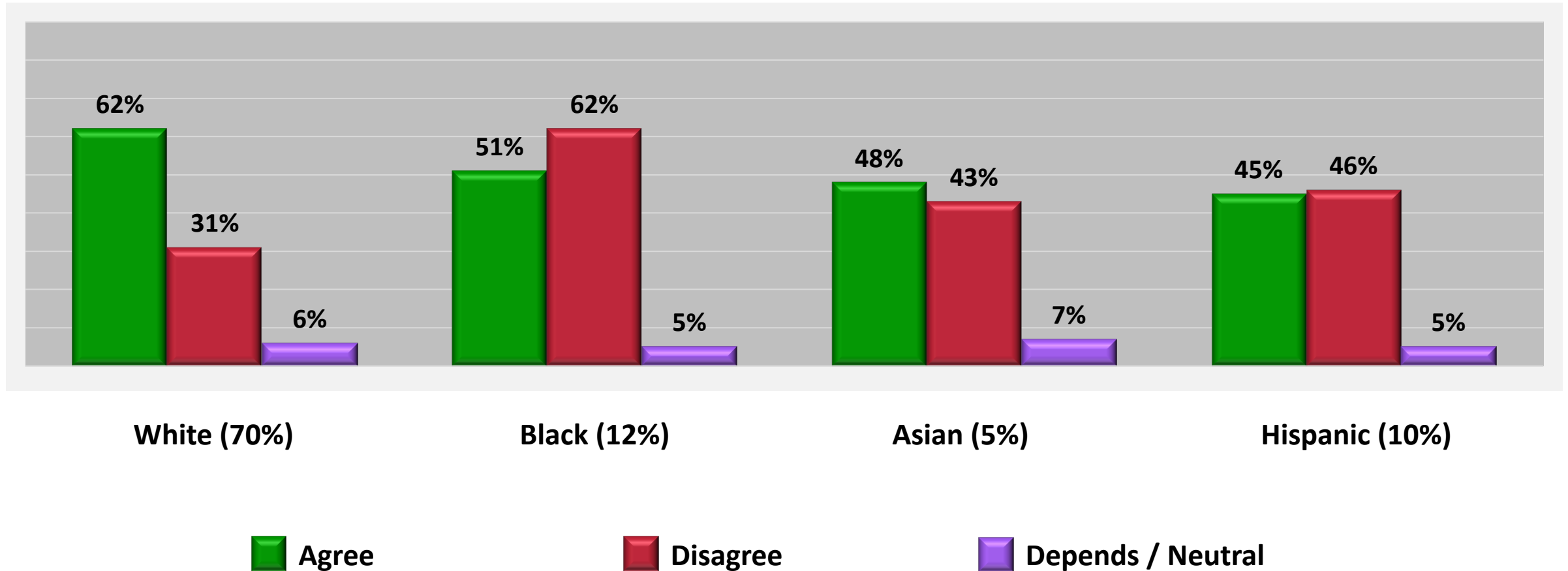
# Do you agree or disagree that police brutality is an isolated problem and not very widespread?



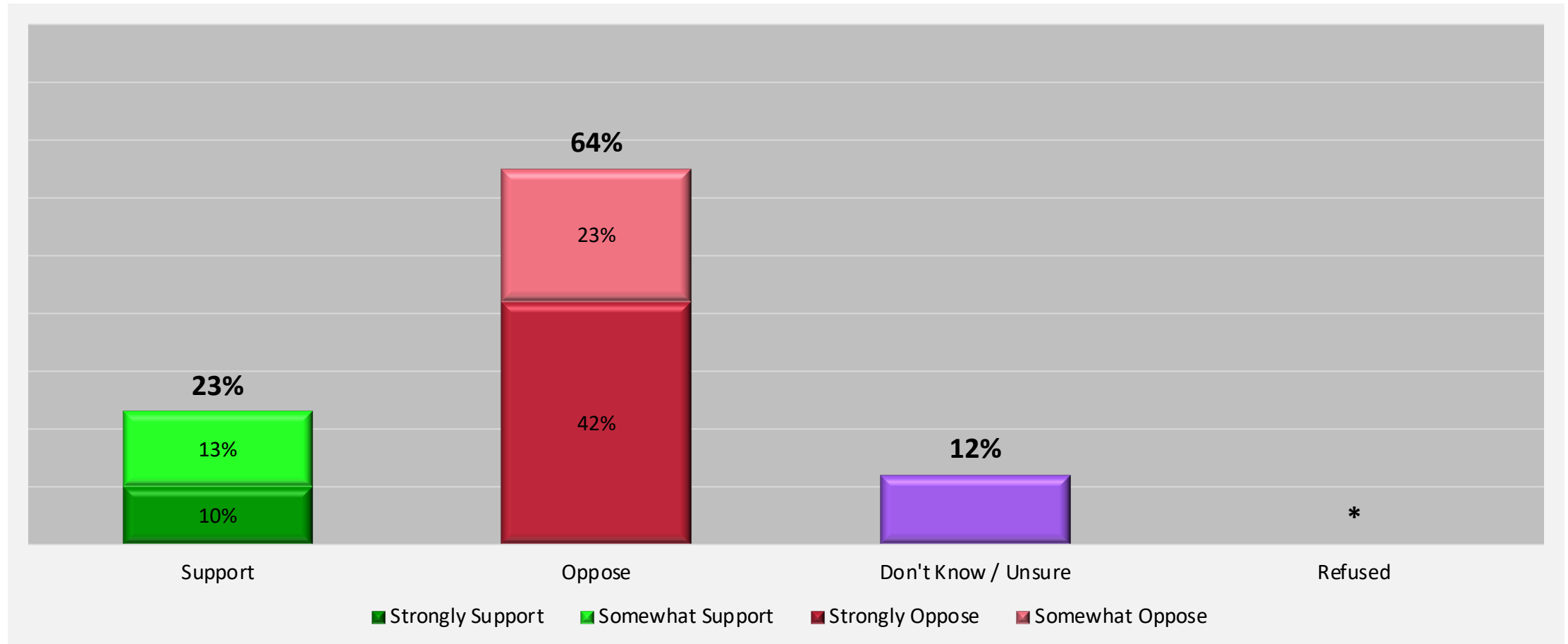
# Agreement that Police Brutality is an Isolated Problem by Key Demographics



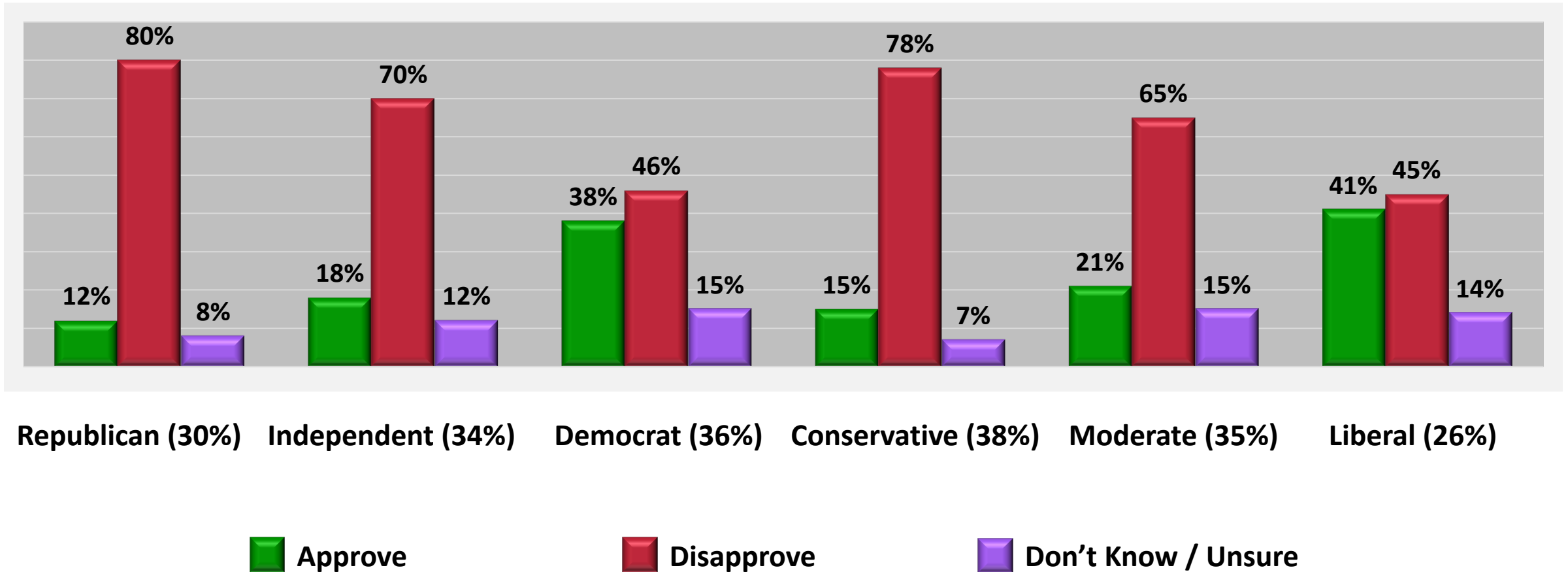
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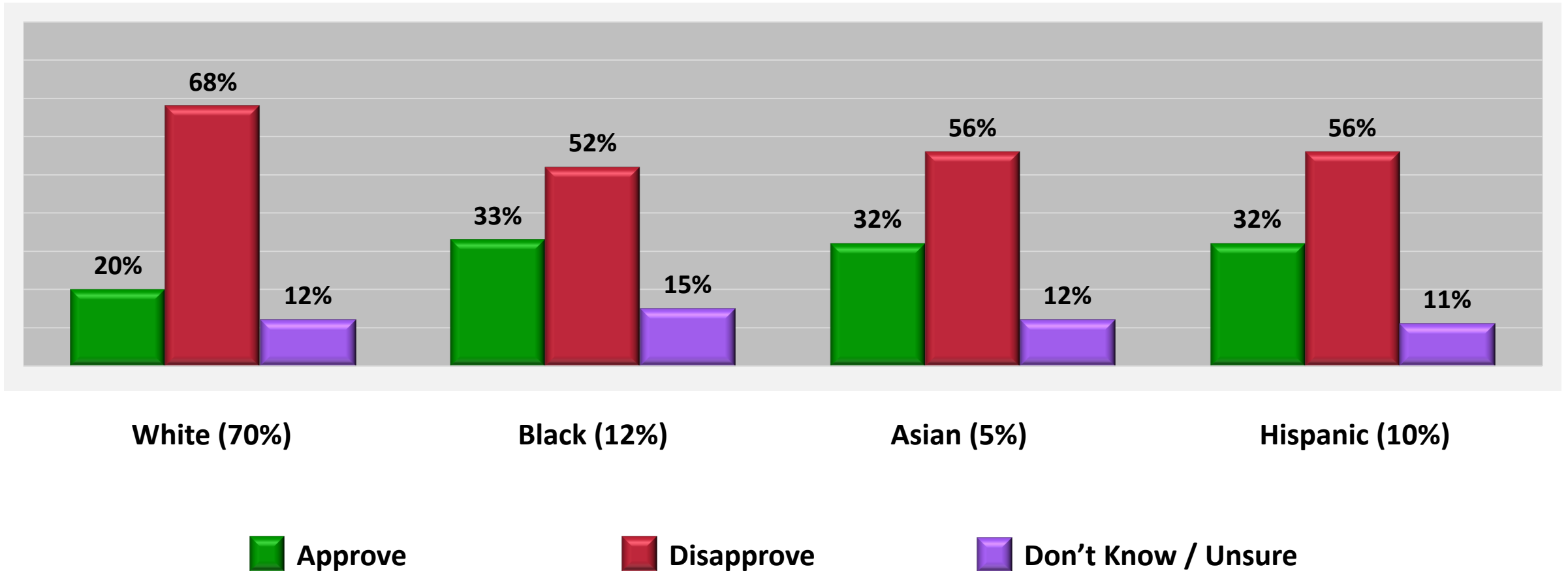
# Do you support or oppose efforts to remove police officers, sometimes referred to as public safety officers, from schools?



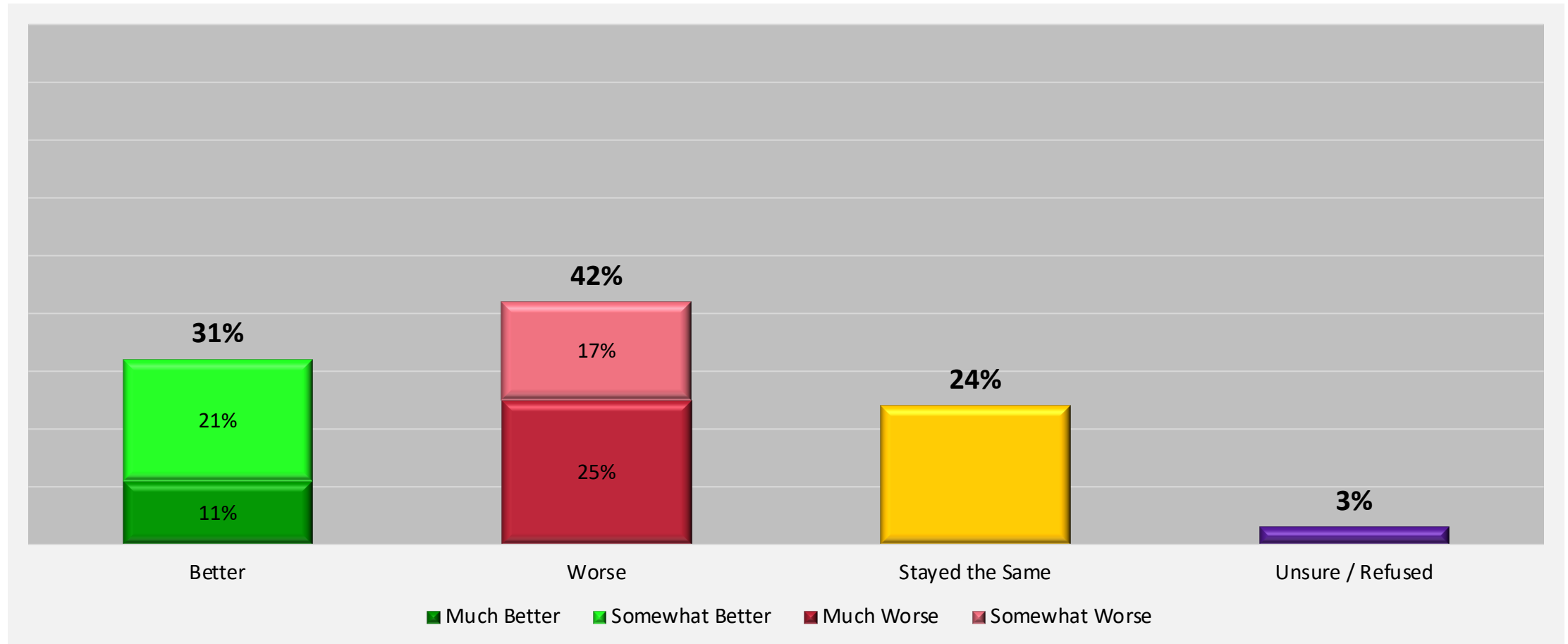
# Support of Removing Police Officers from Schools by Key Demographics



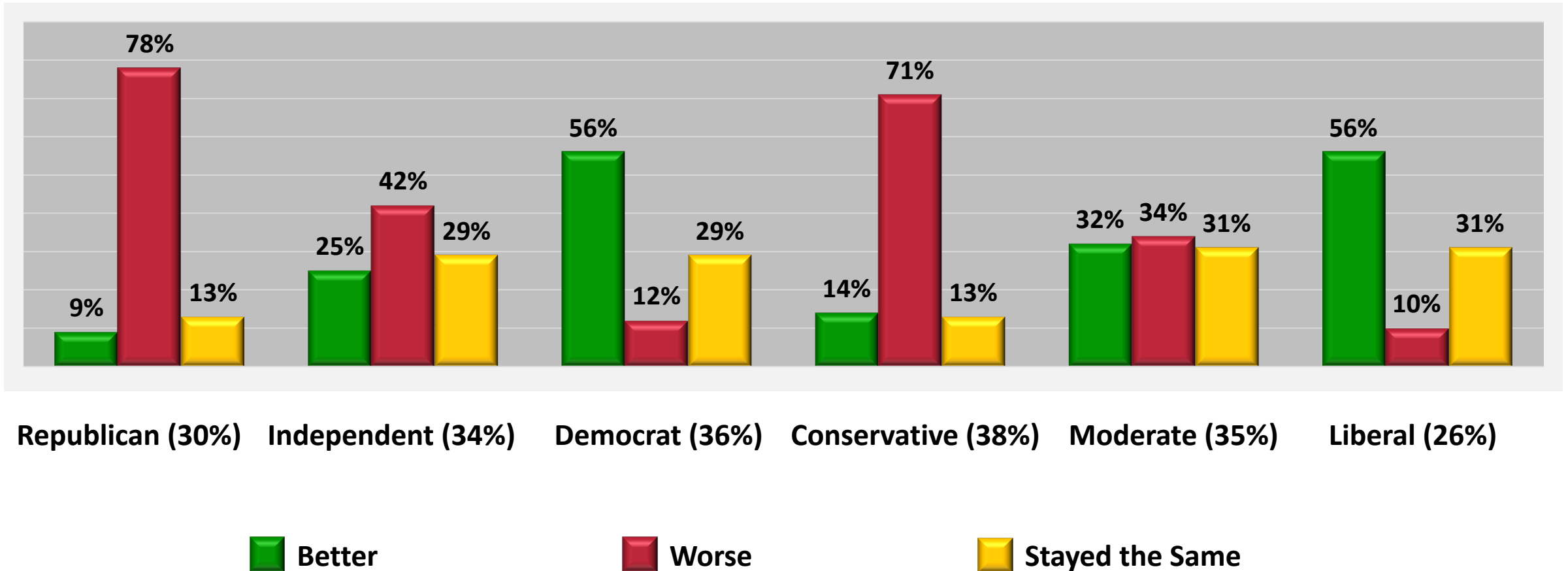
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# Thinking about crime, do you think things in this country have gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed the same under President Biden?

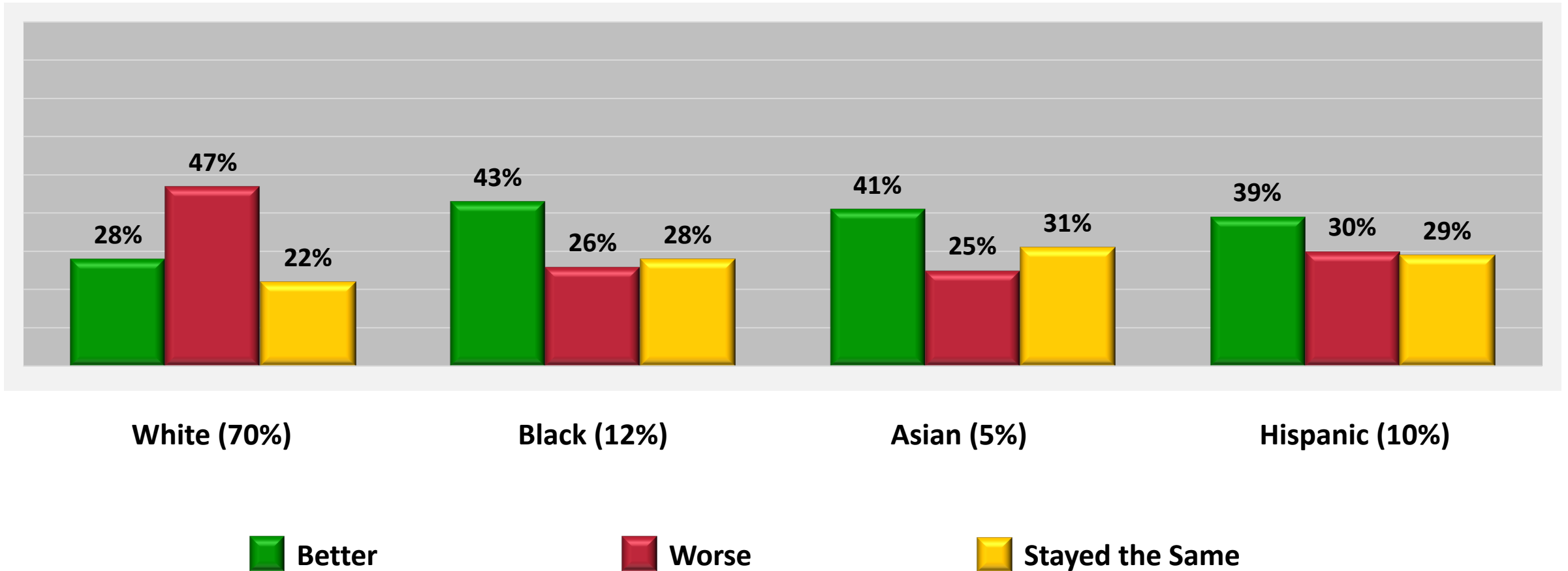


# Biden's Effect on Crime by Key Demographics

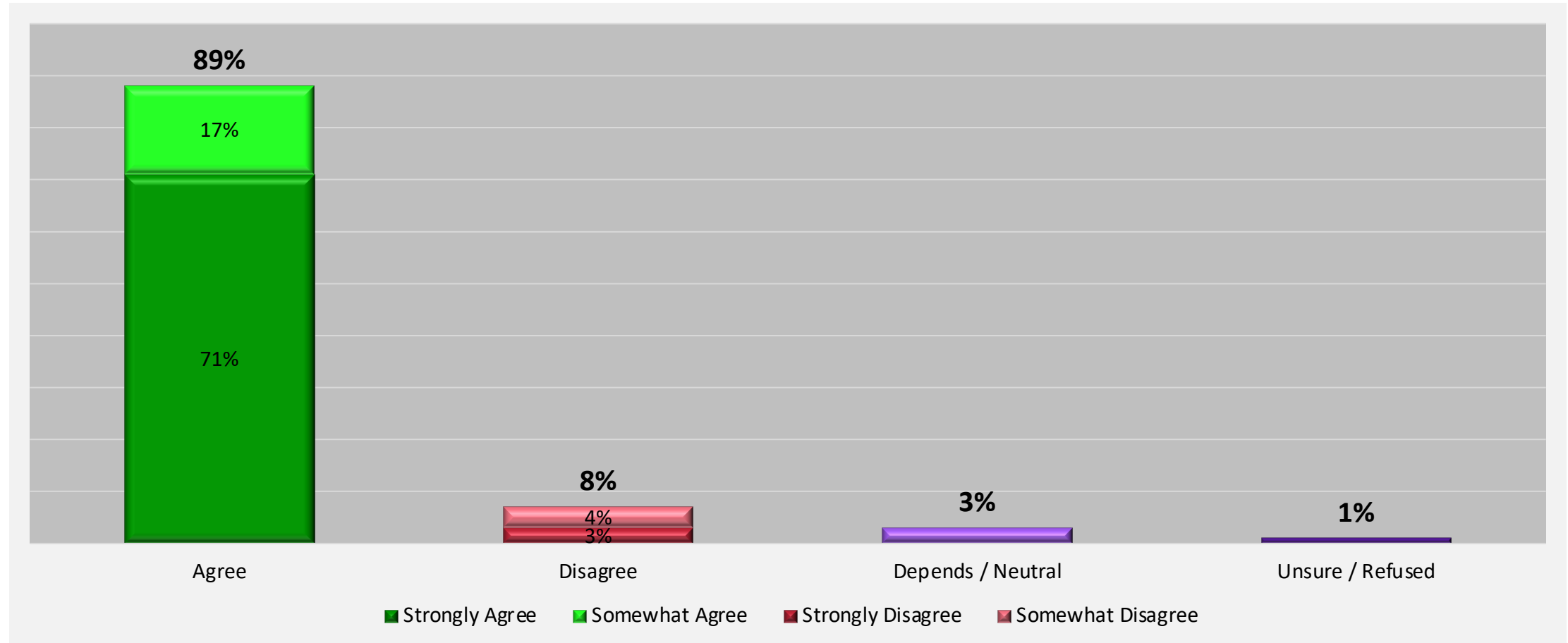




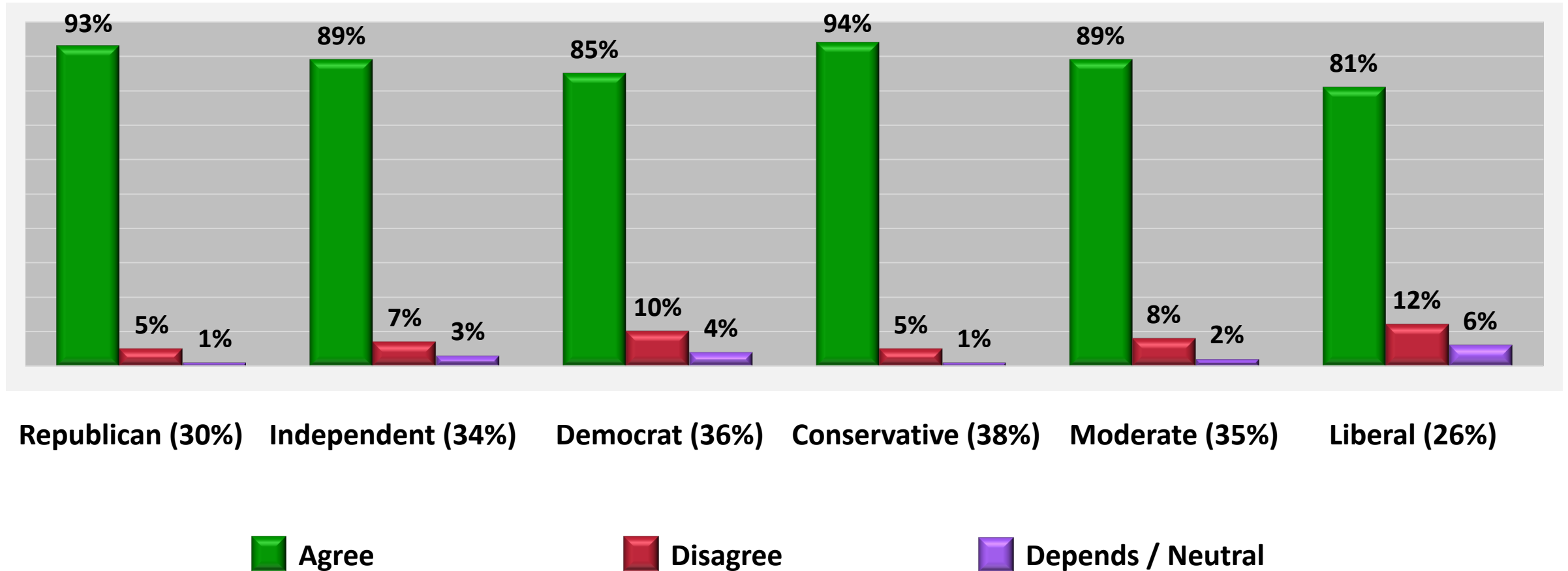
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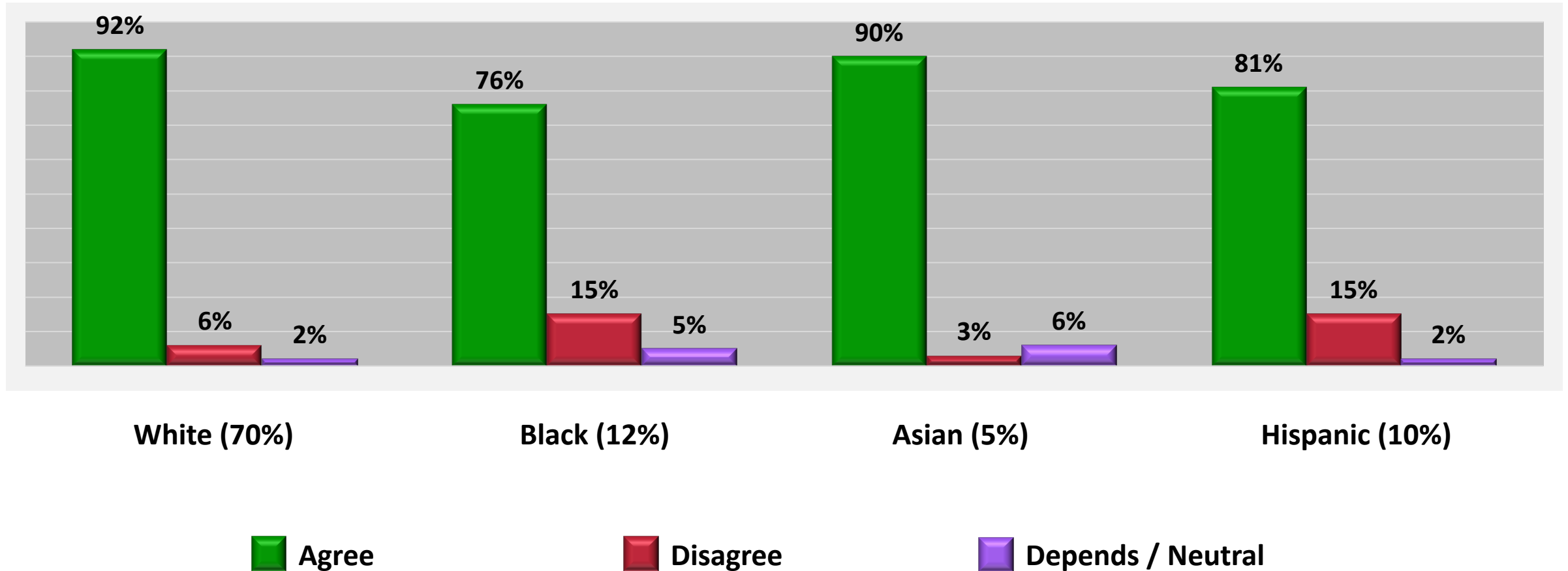
# Do you agree or disagree that people who destroy property and looted stores during riots and protests should be prosecuted and potentially go to jail?



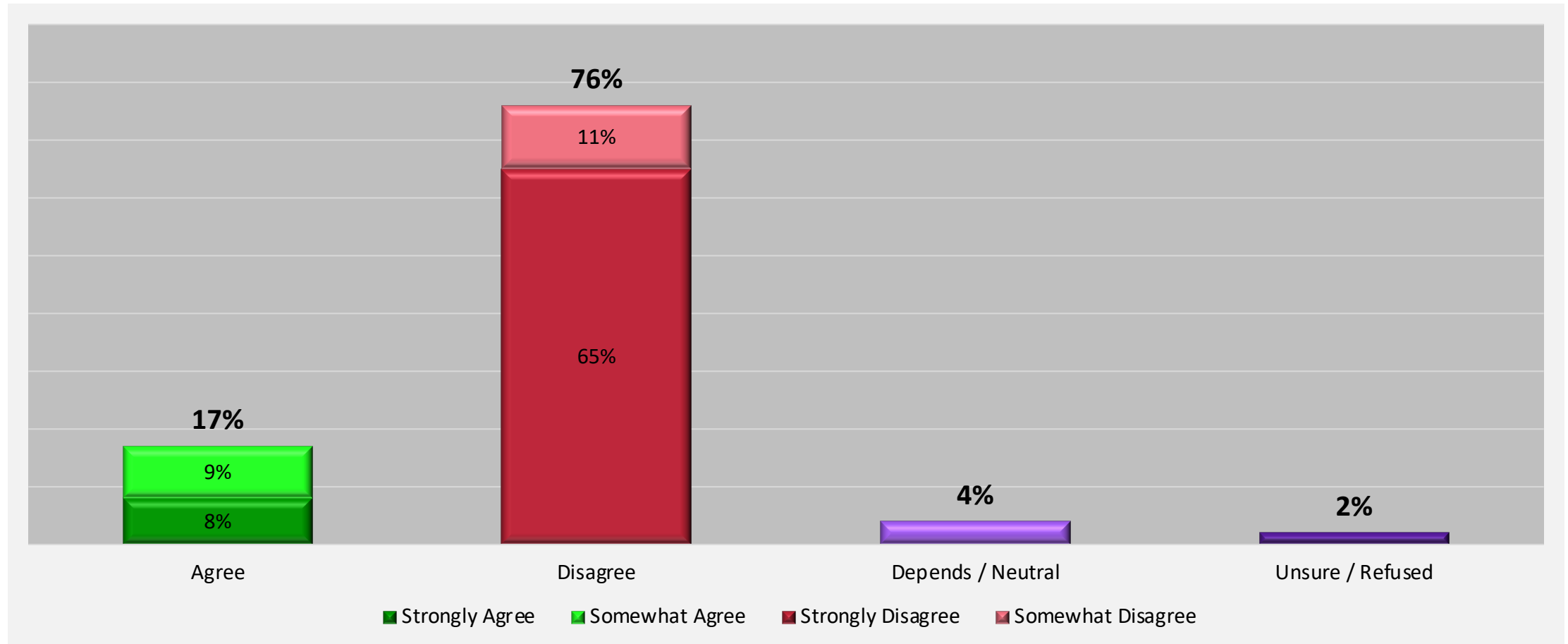
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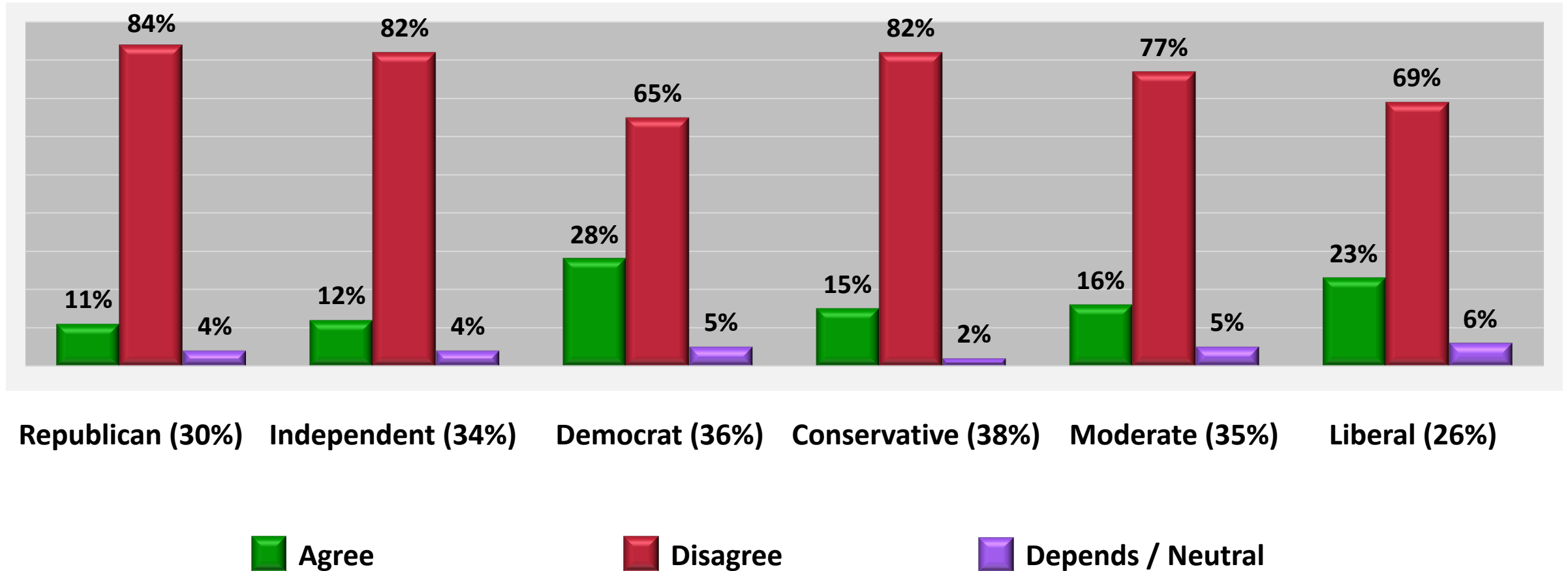
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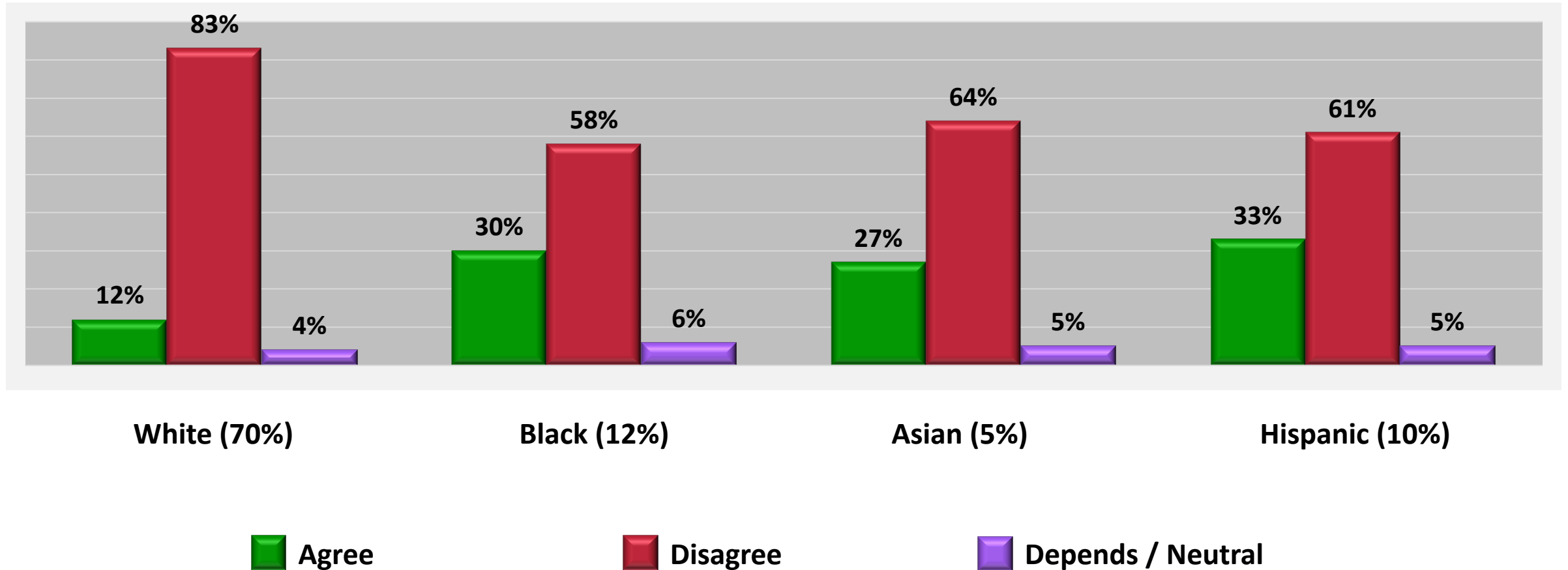
# Some people say that riots and looting over racial injustice in America is covered by the right to free speech and freedom of assembly under the First Amendment and should not be considered a crime. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?



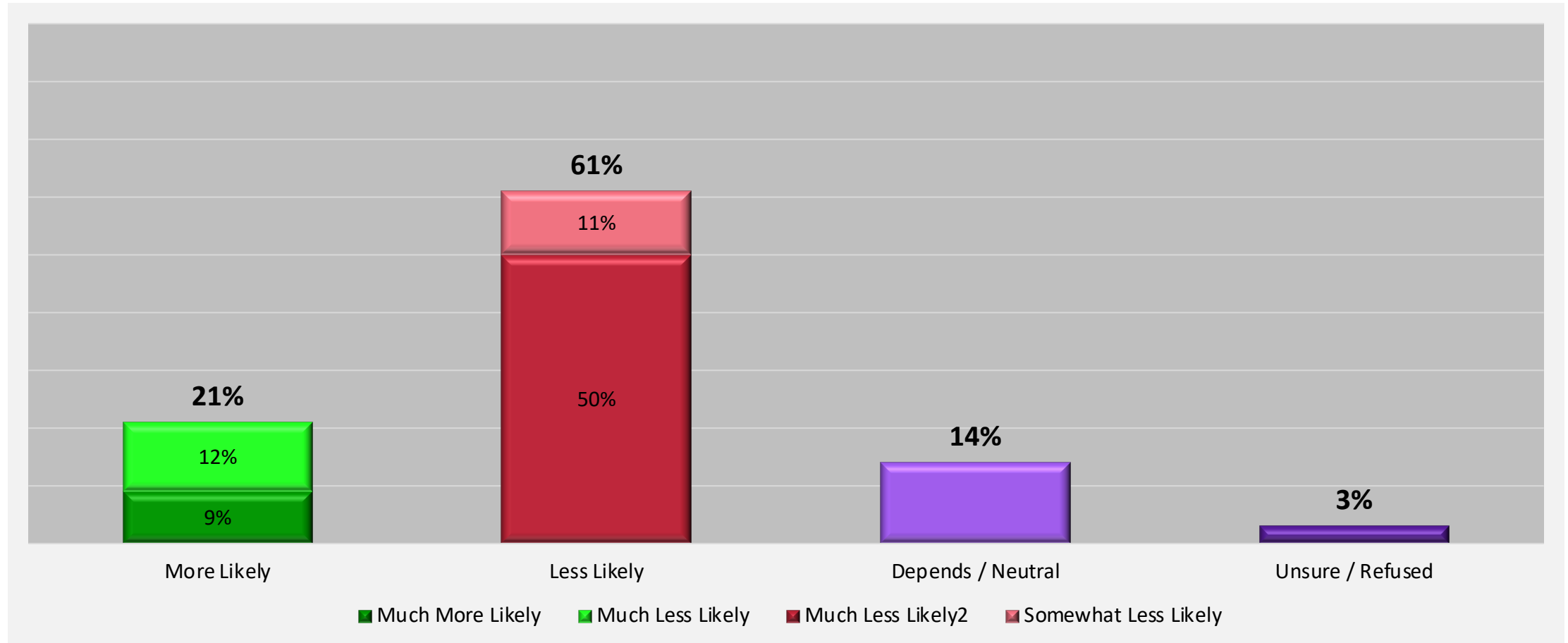
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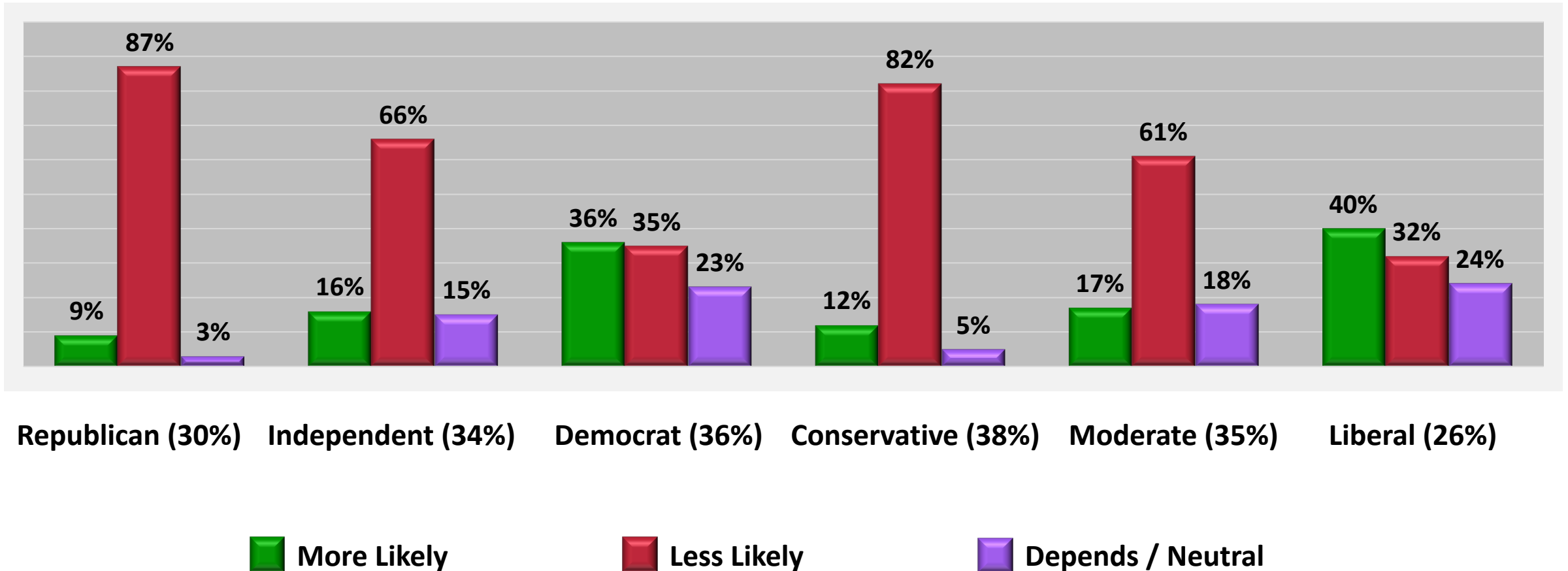


# Are you more or less likely to support a politician who calls for the defunding of the police?

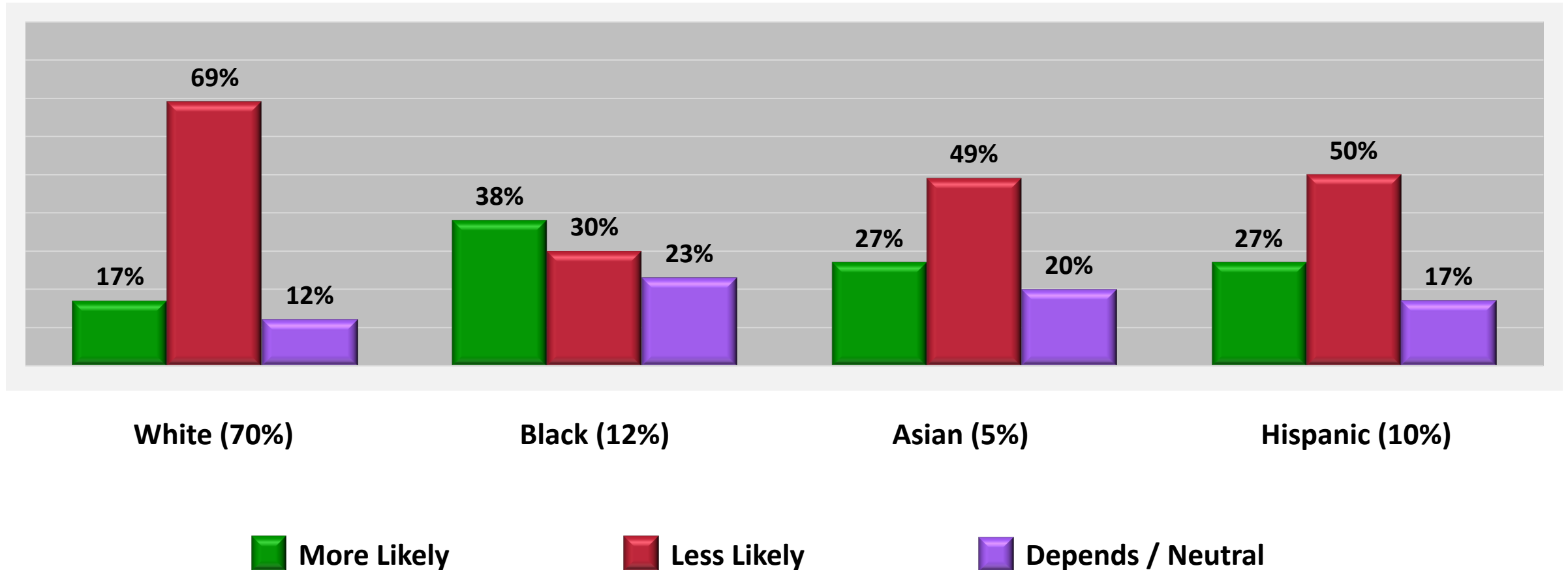




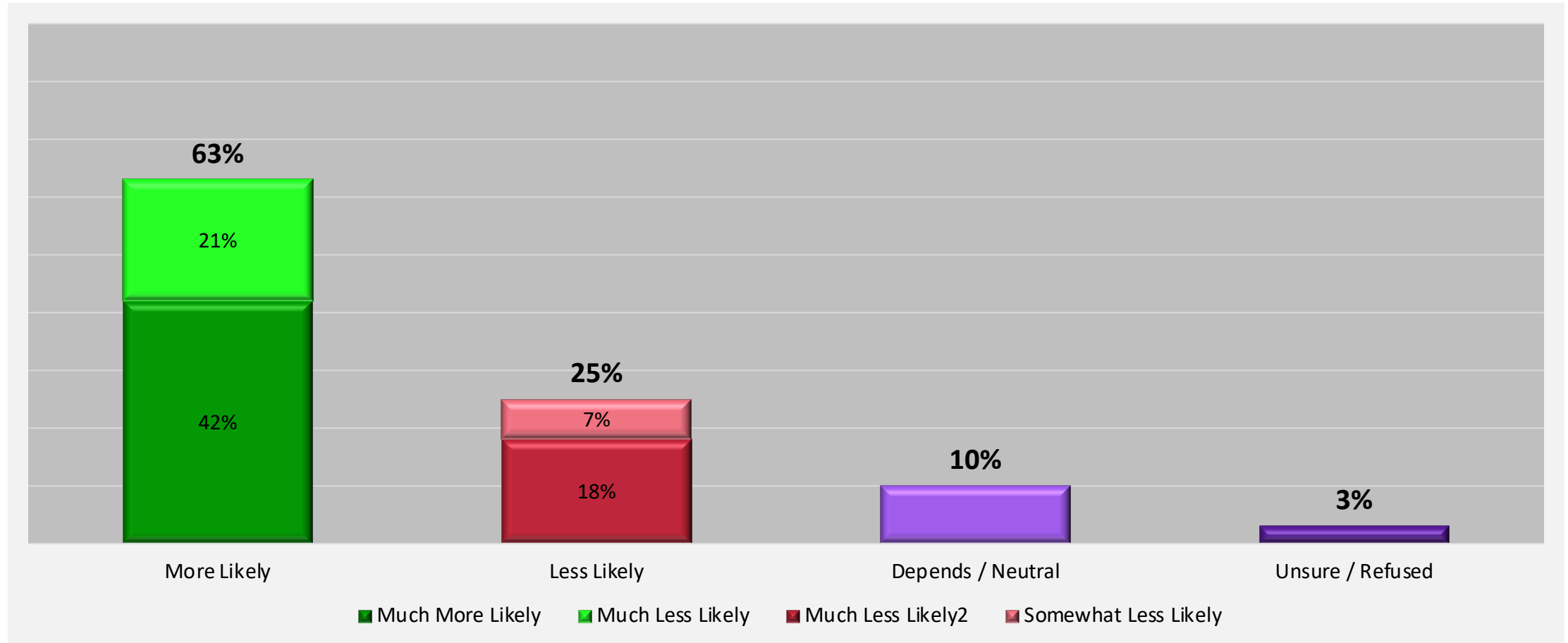
# Support of Politicians Based on Defund the Police by Key Demographics



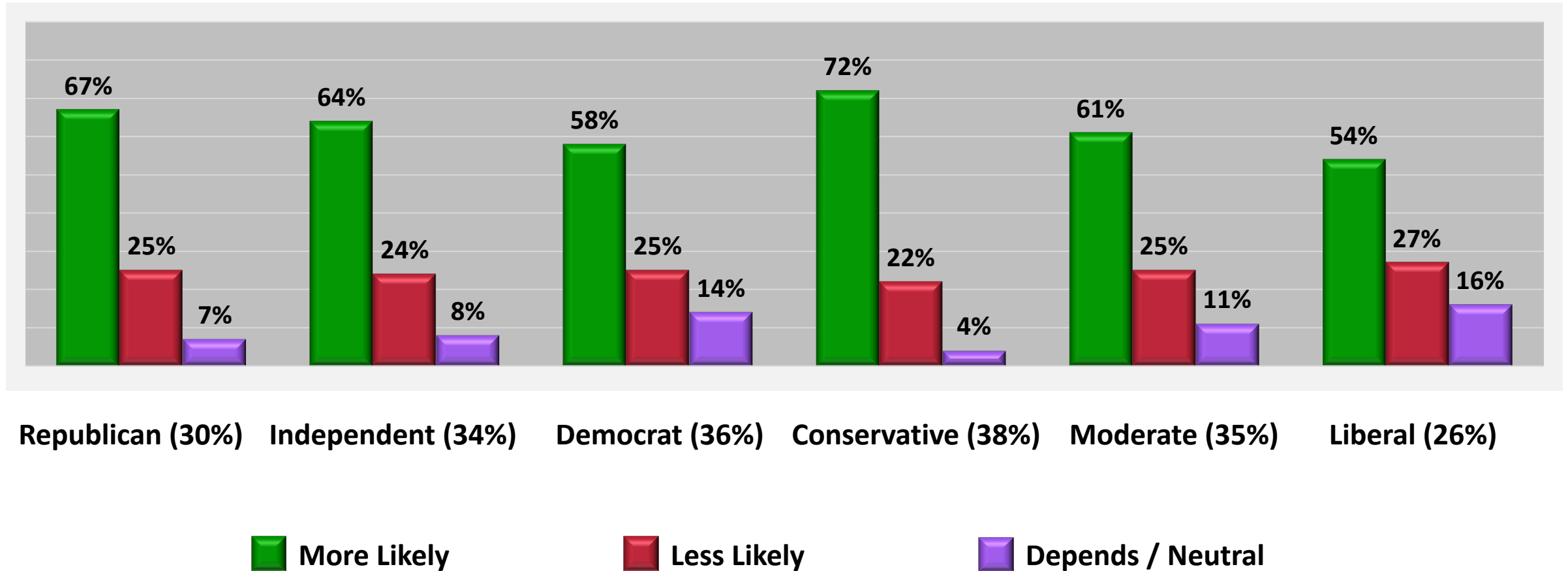
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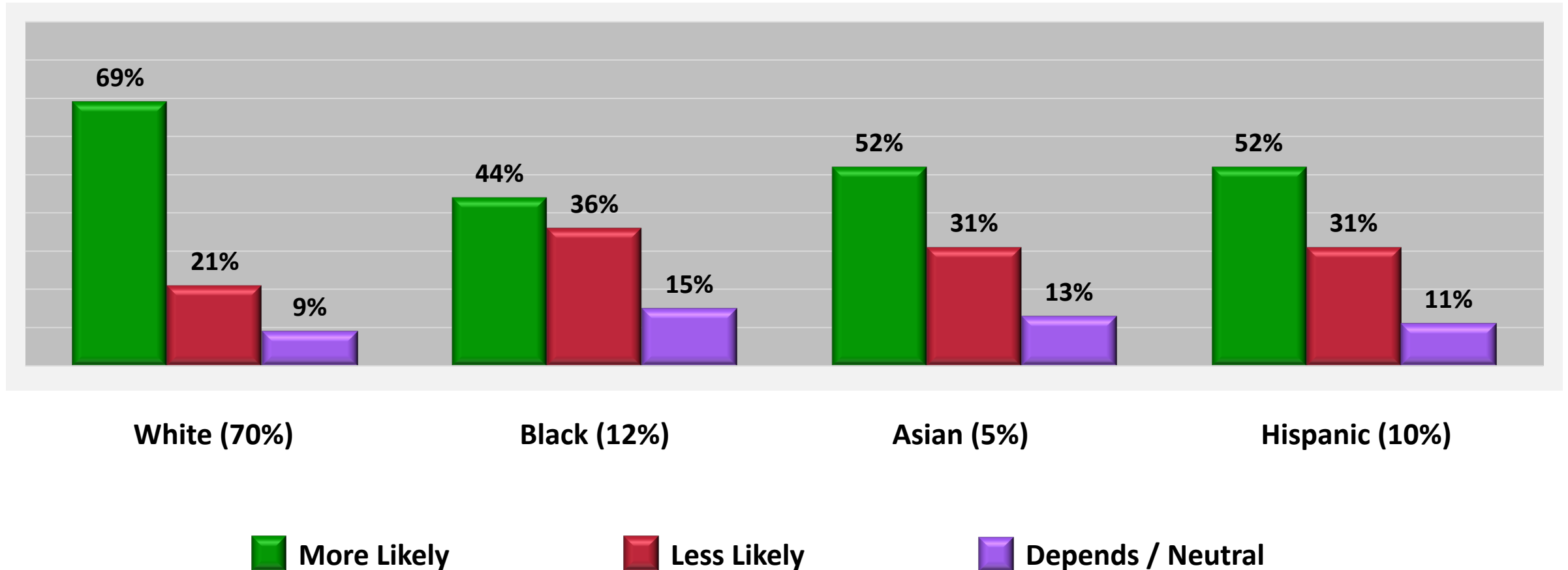
# Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who condemns those who encourage or participate in riots and looting?



# Support of Candidates Who Encourage Riots by Key Demographics



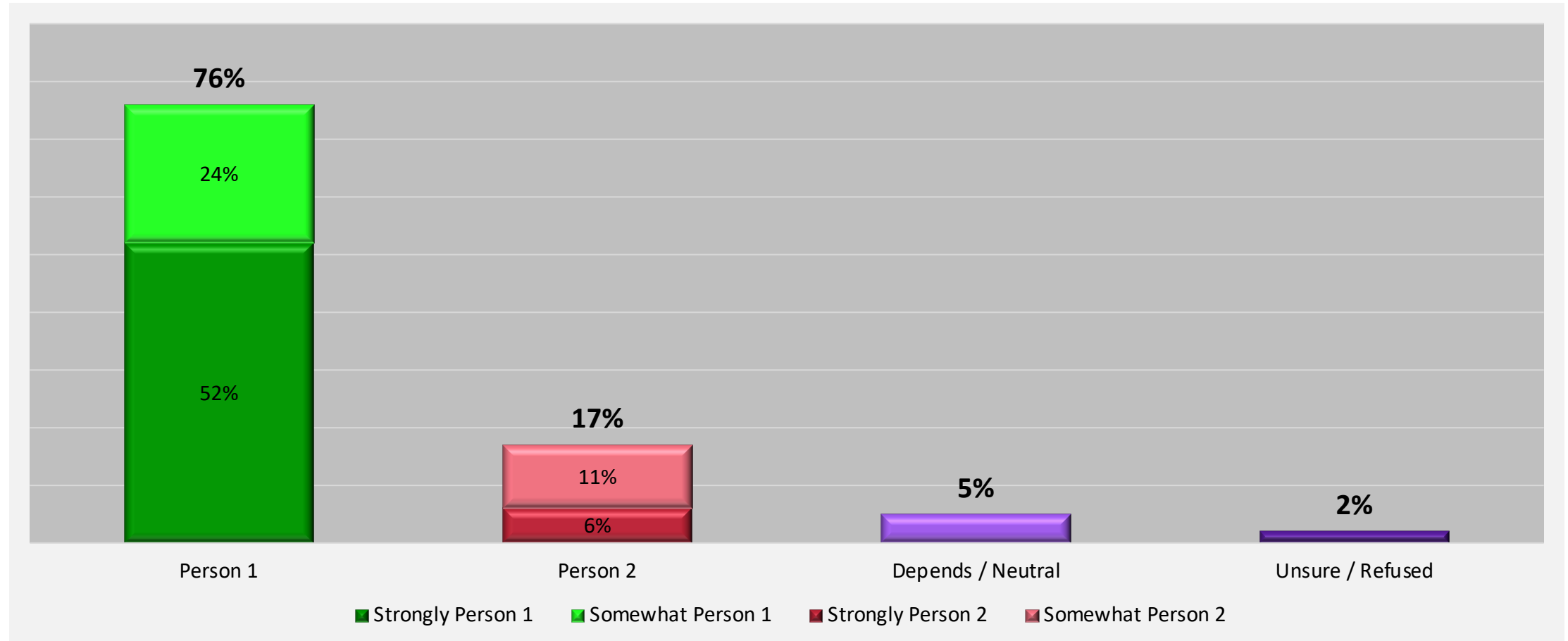
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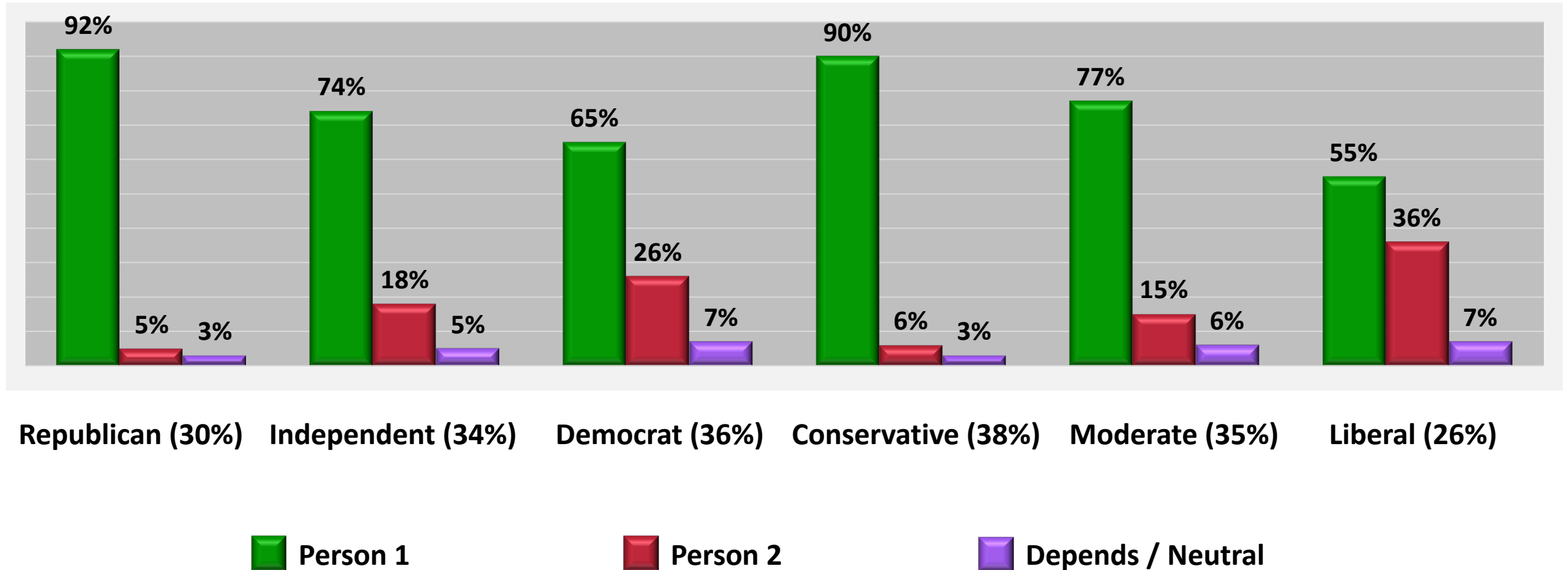
# Which of the following is closest to your opinion?

**Person 1: Police officers and other members of law enforcement help support our society.**

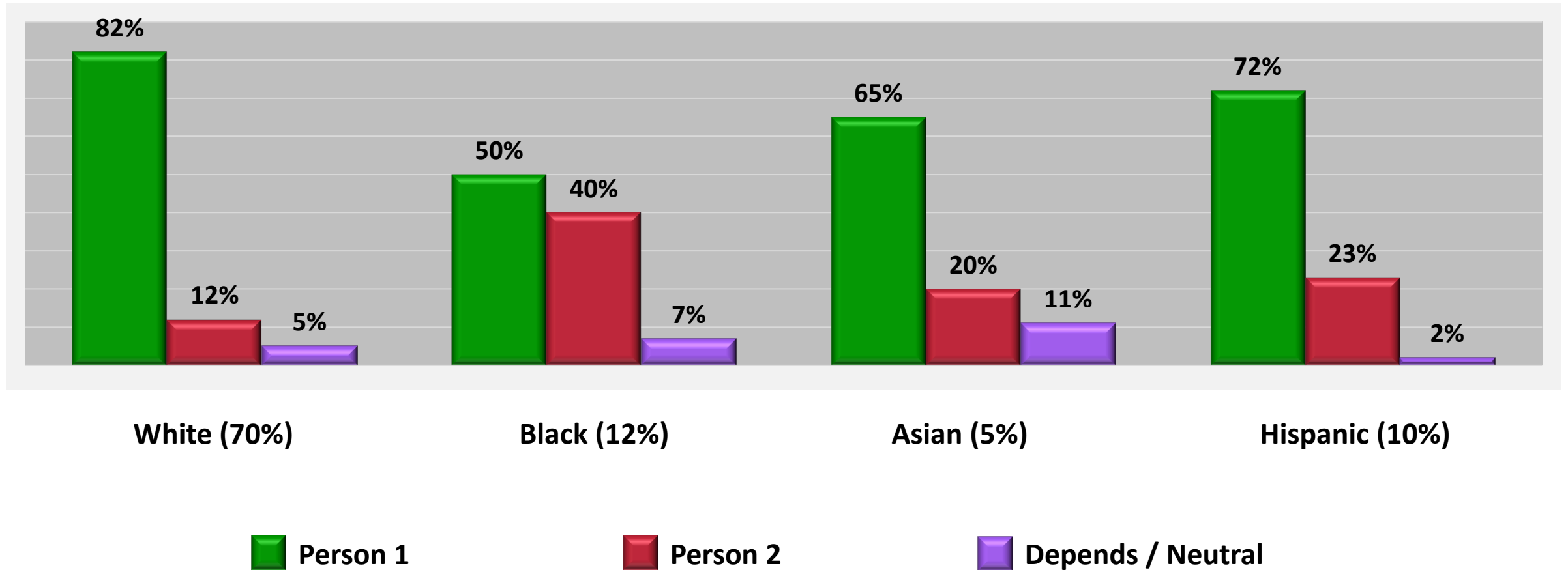
**Person 2: No amount of reform can cure the systemic problems in police departments and law enforcement, and these agencies should be defunded.**



# Opinions by Key Demographics

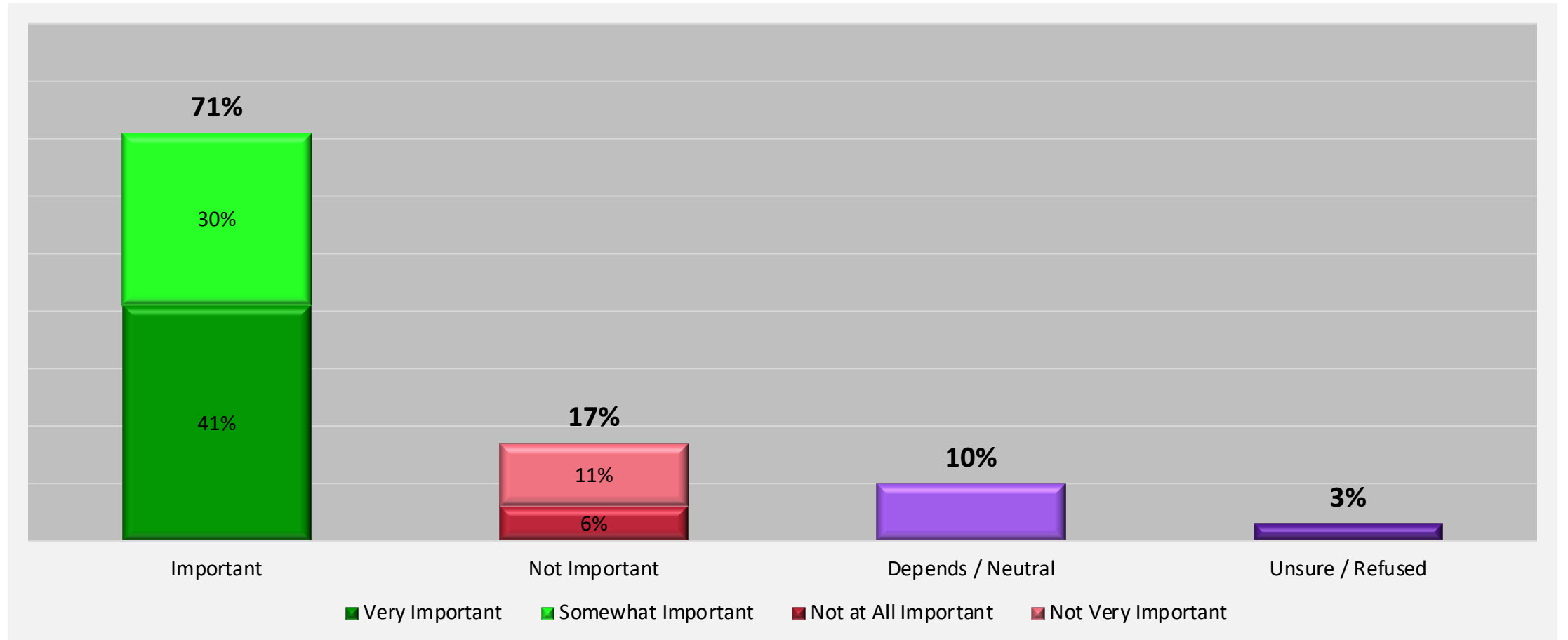


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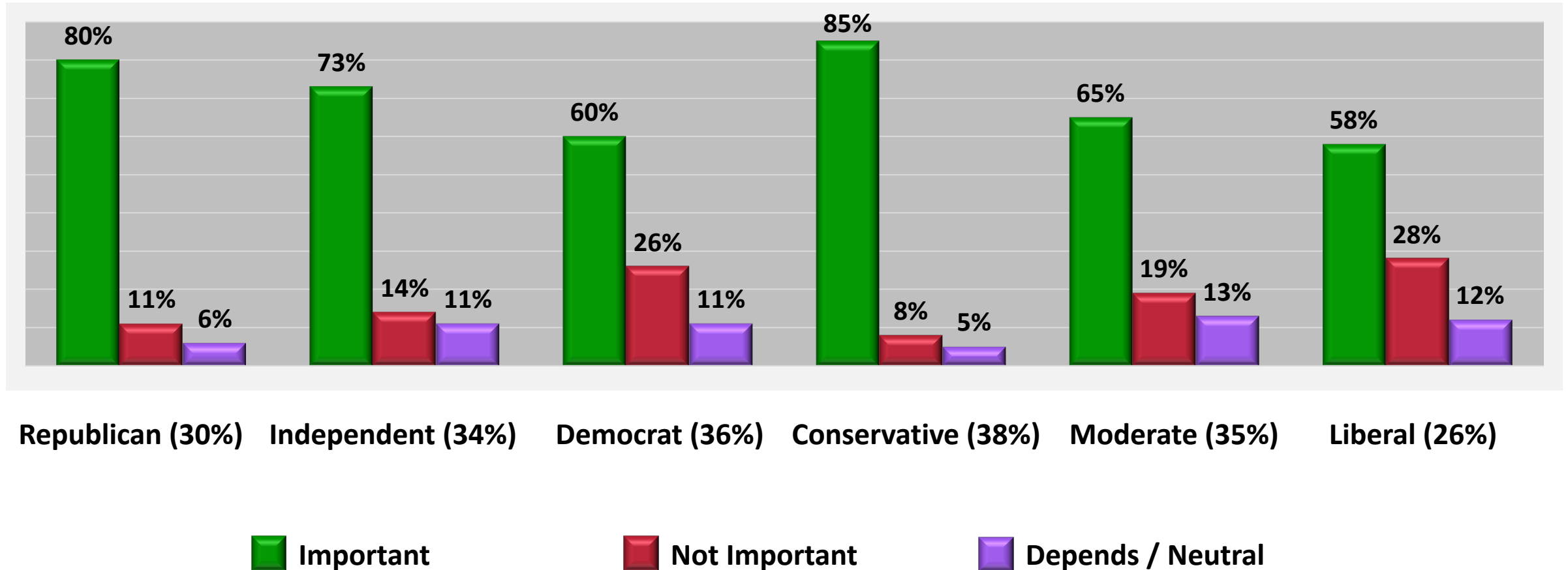




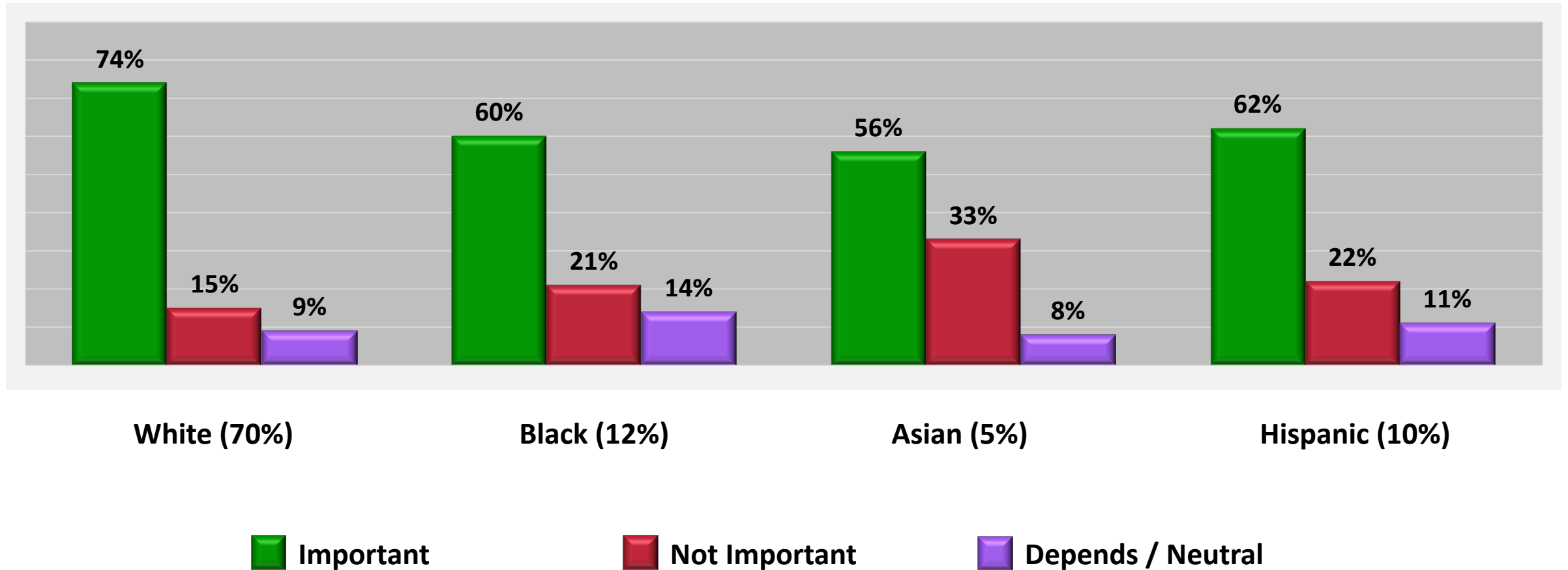
# When considering which political candidates you will vote for next year, how important is their position on Defunding the Police?



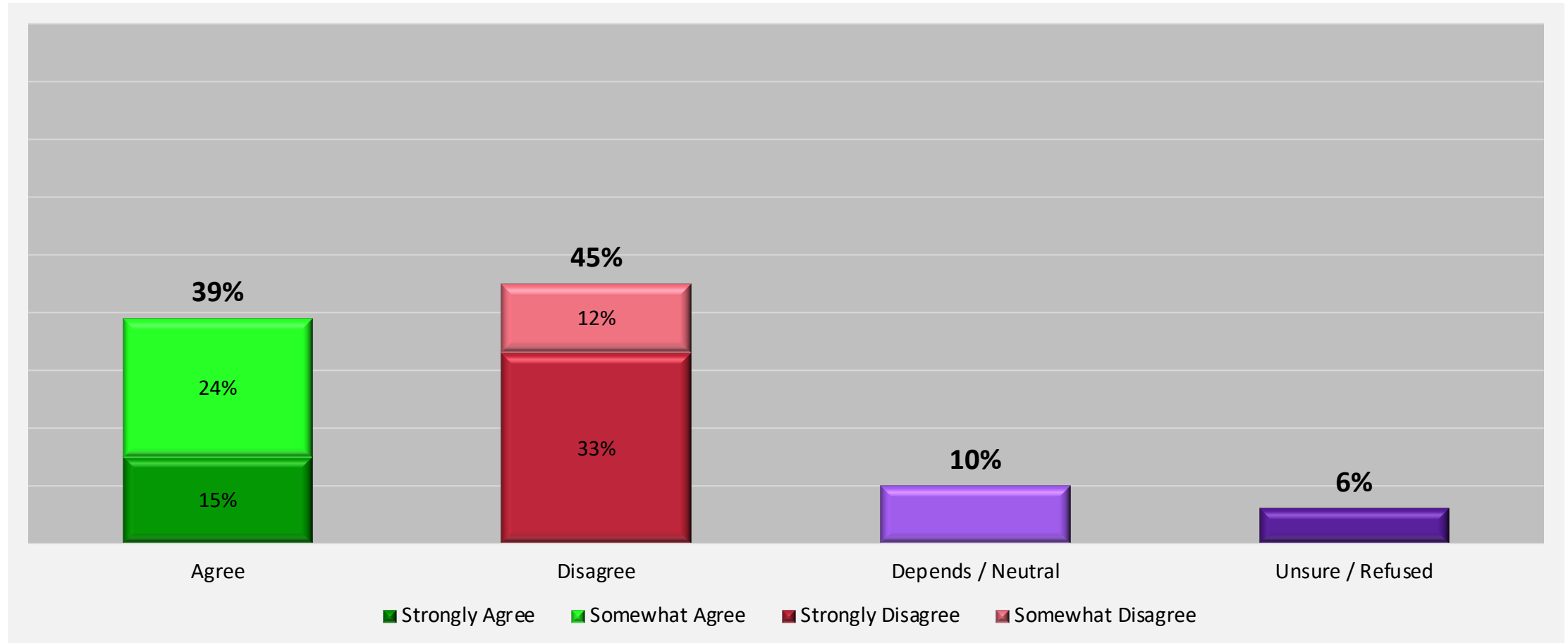
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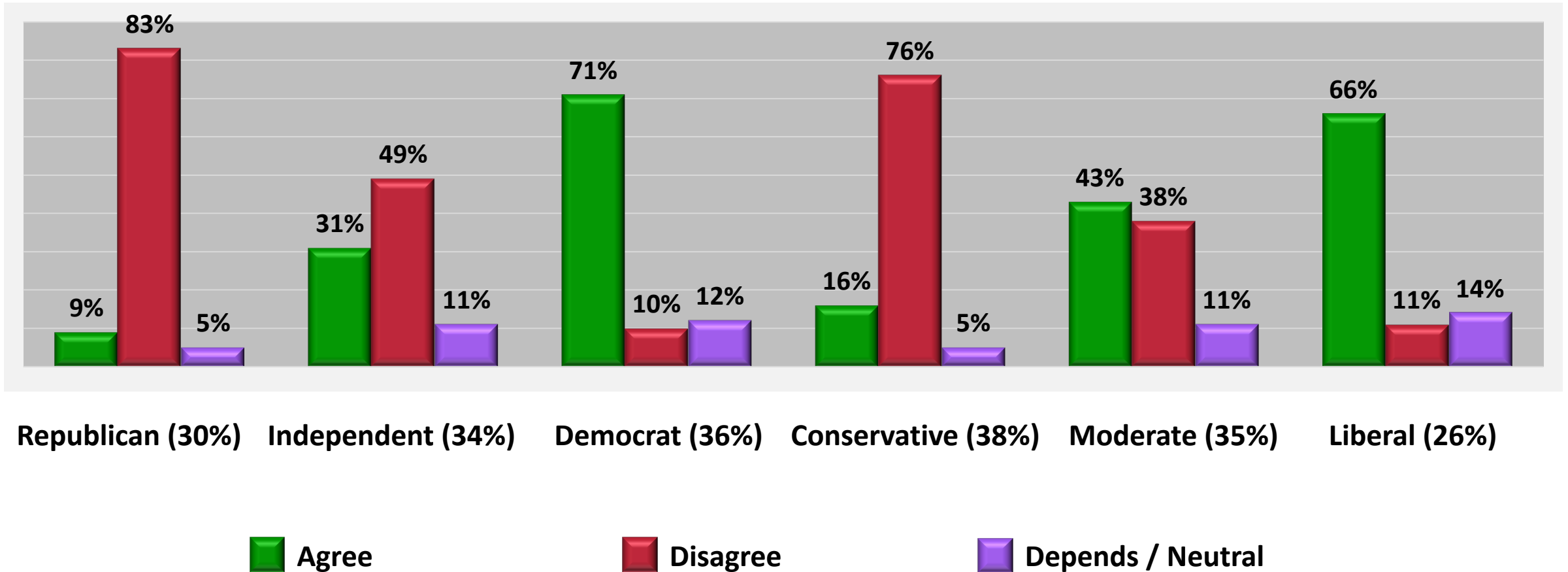
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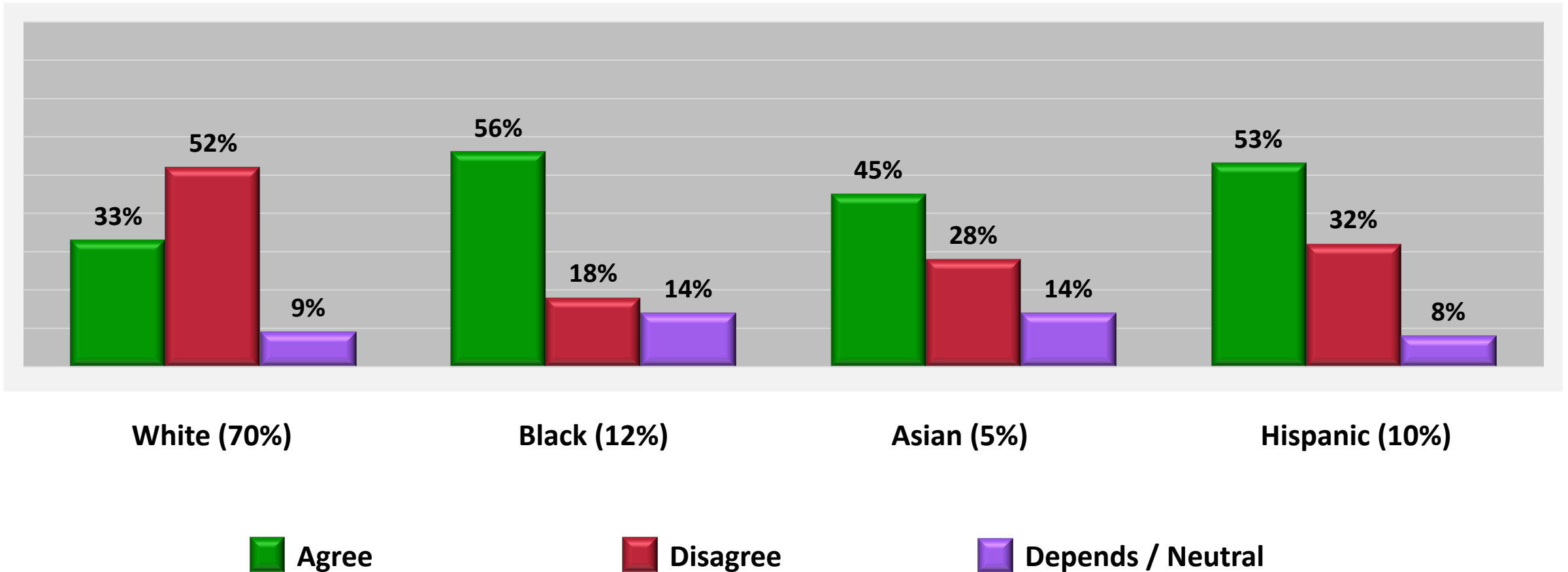
# Do you agree or disagree that President Biden is doing enough to support law enforcement in the United States?



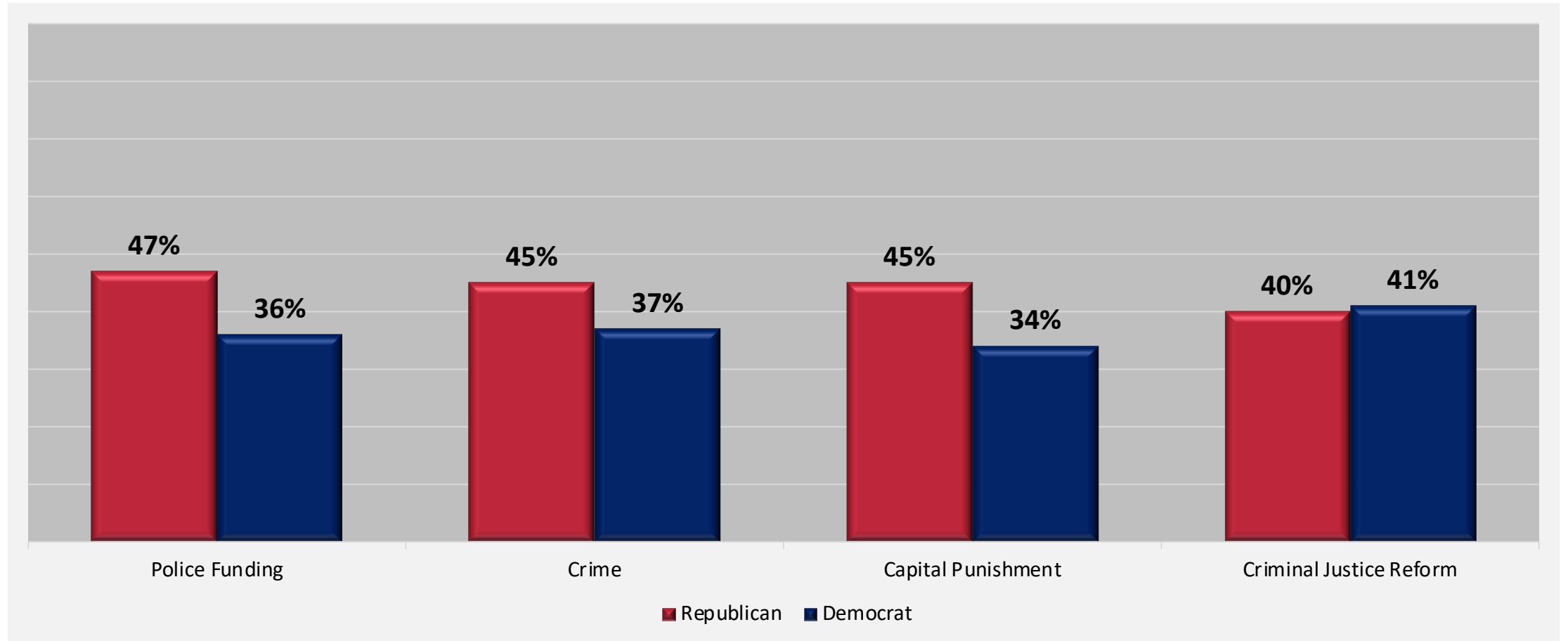
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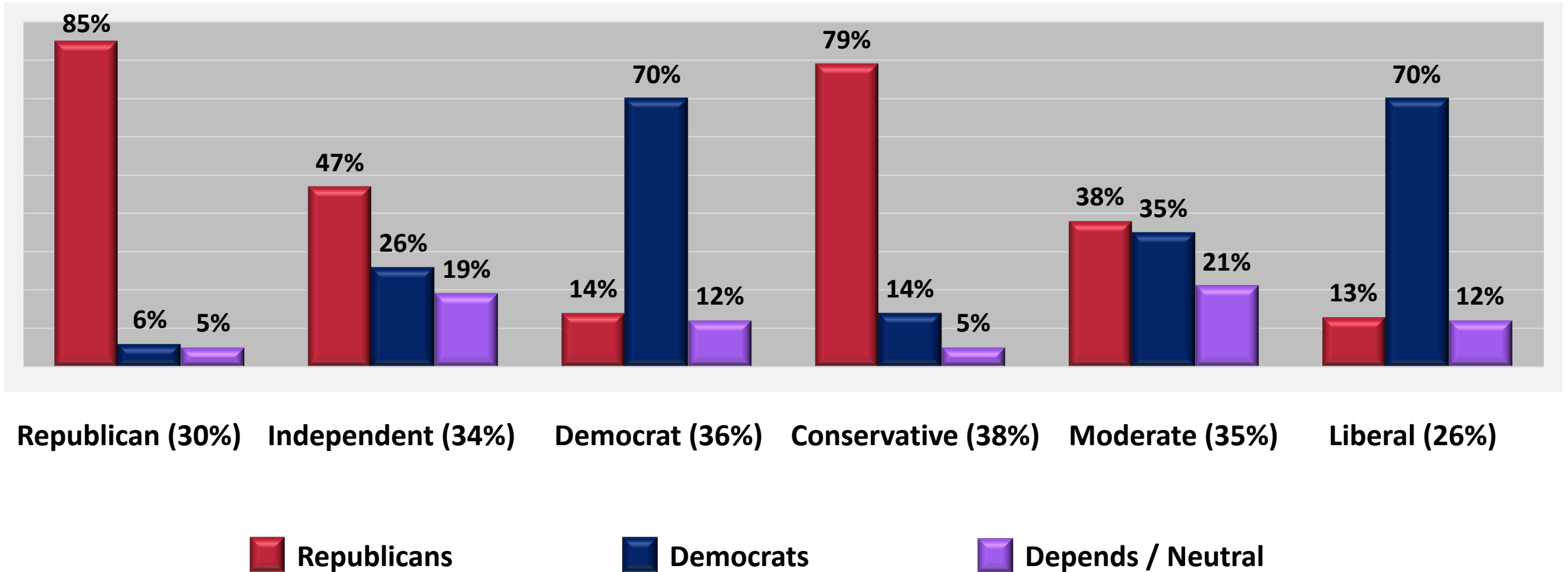
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# On each of the following issues, please indicate whether you trust Republicans or Democrats more.

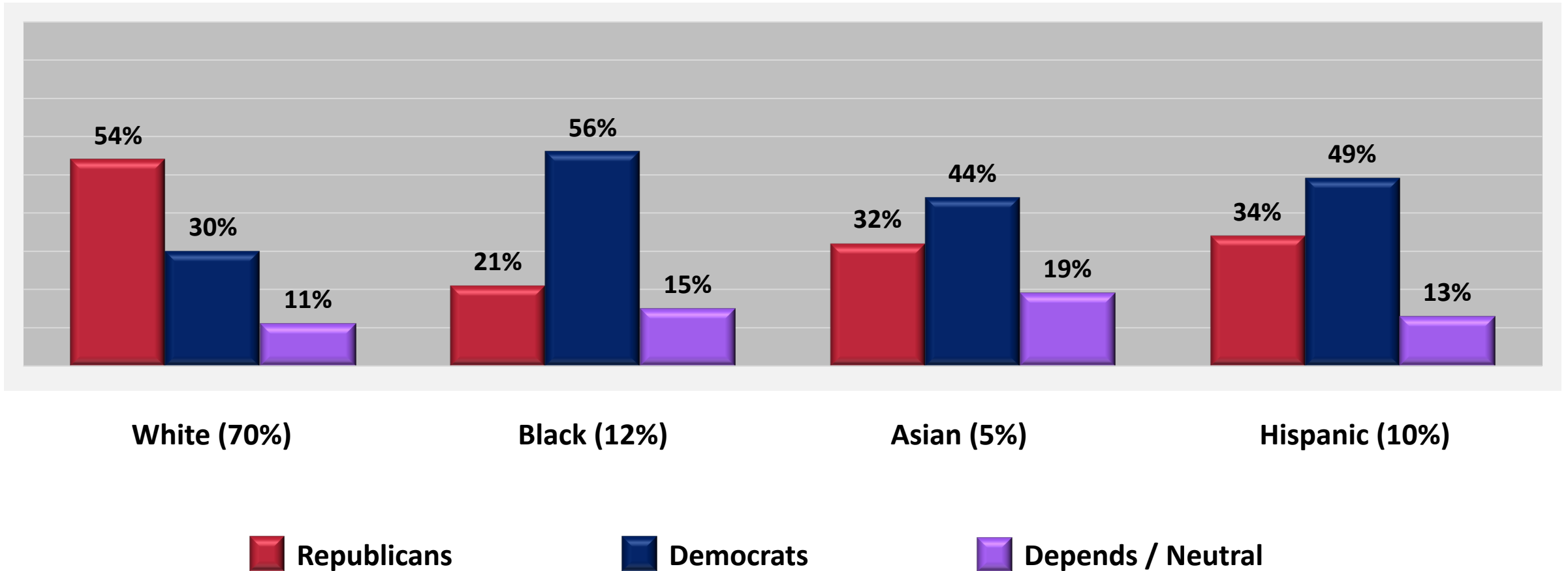


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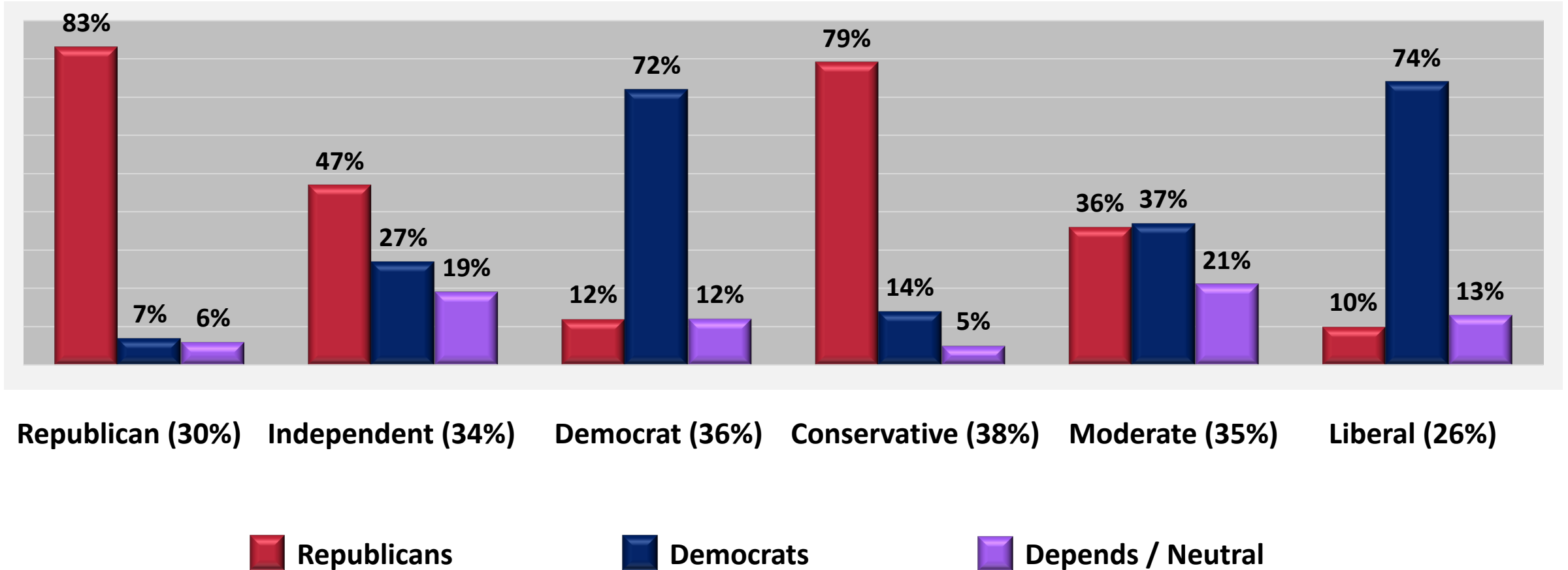




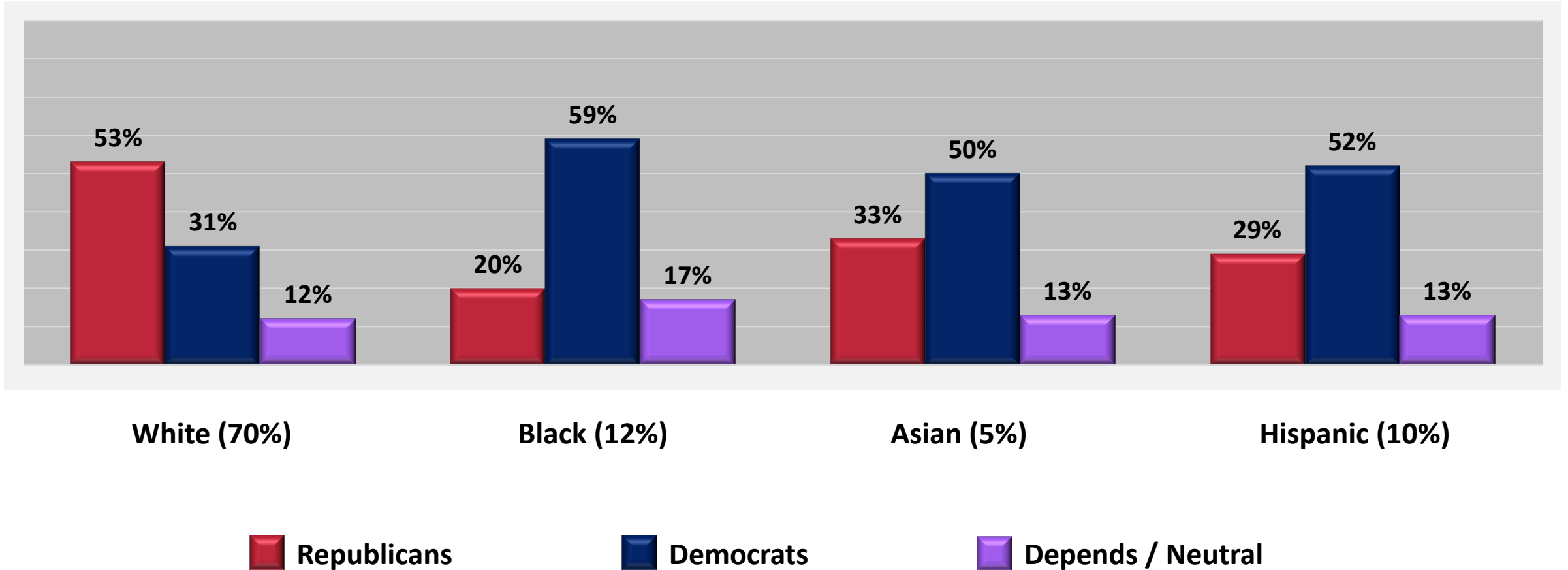
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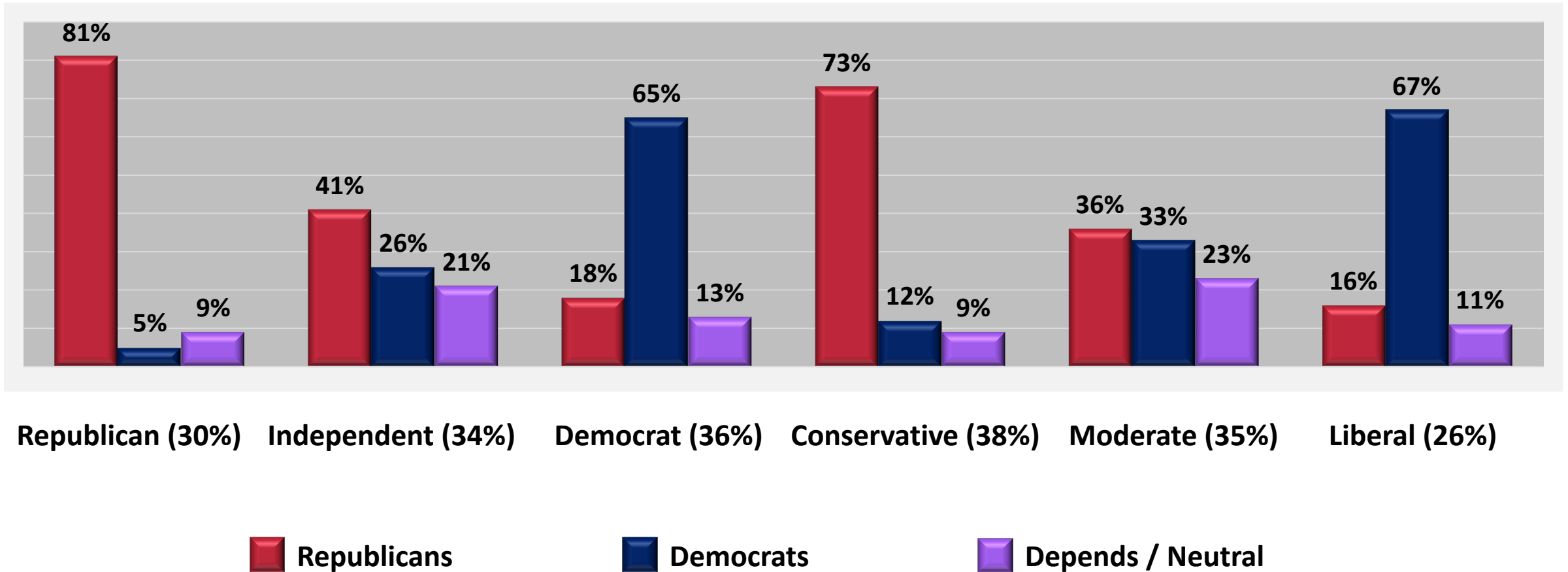
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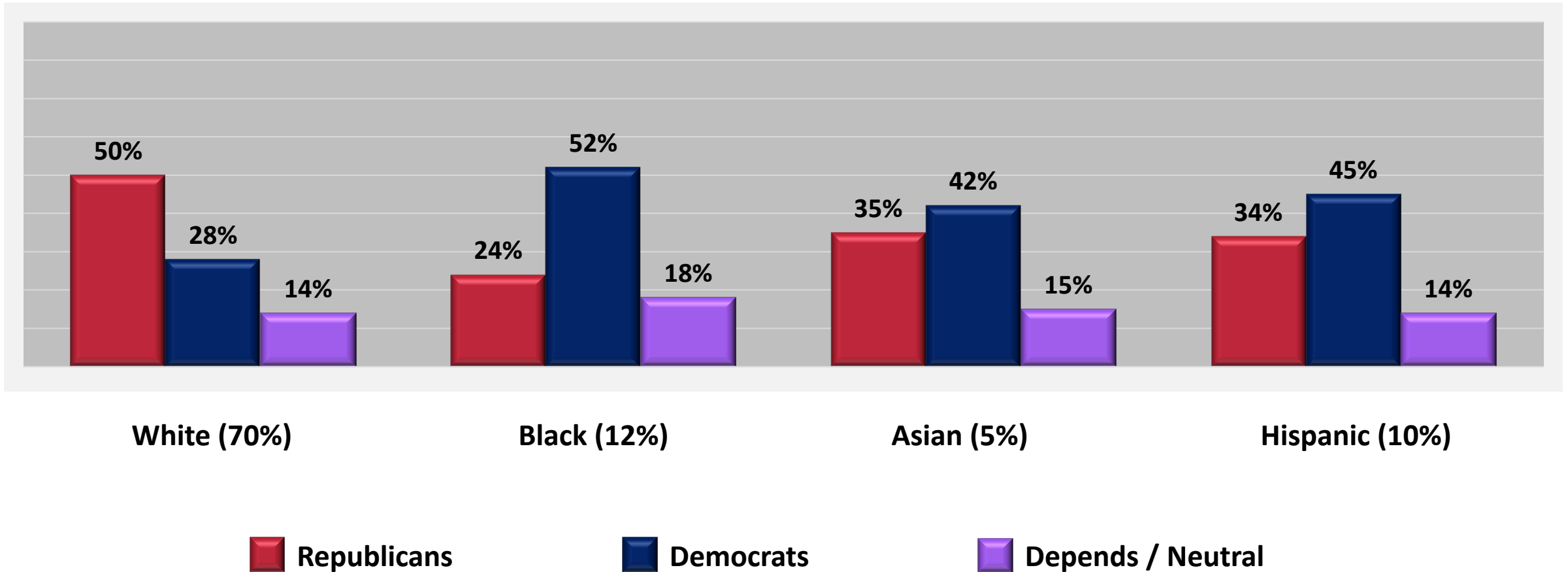
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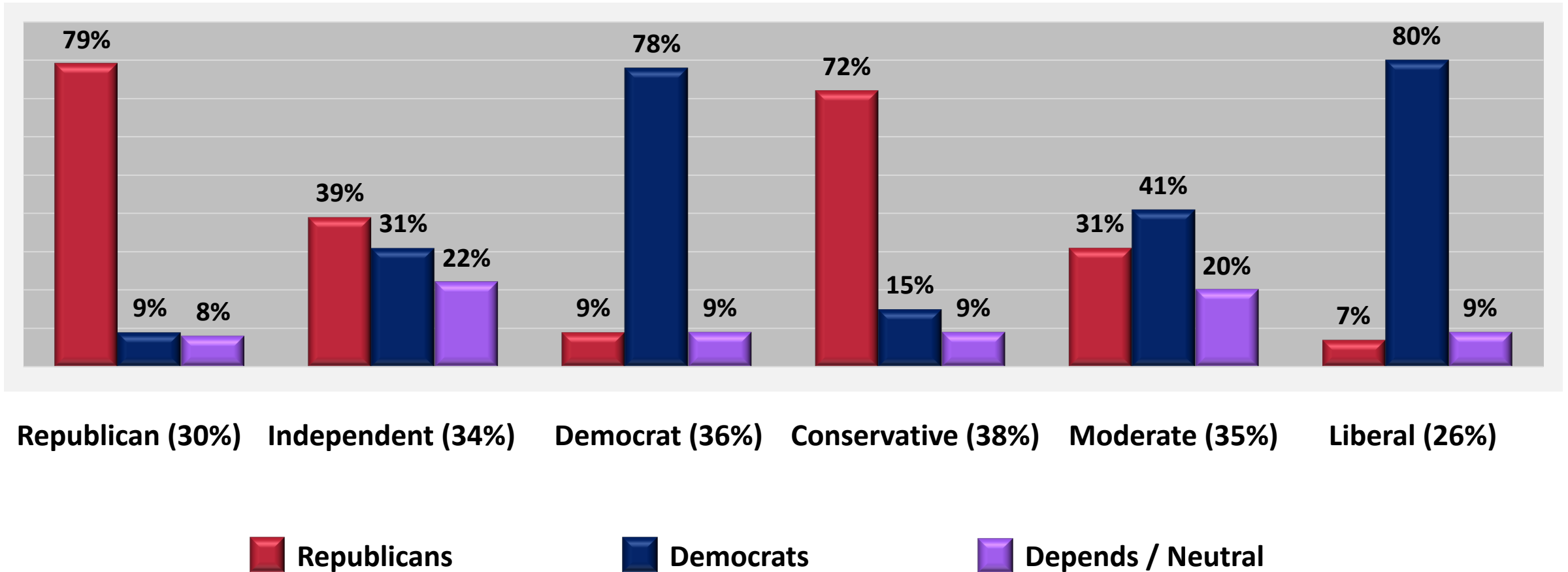
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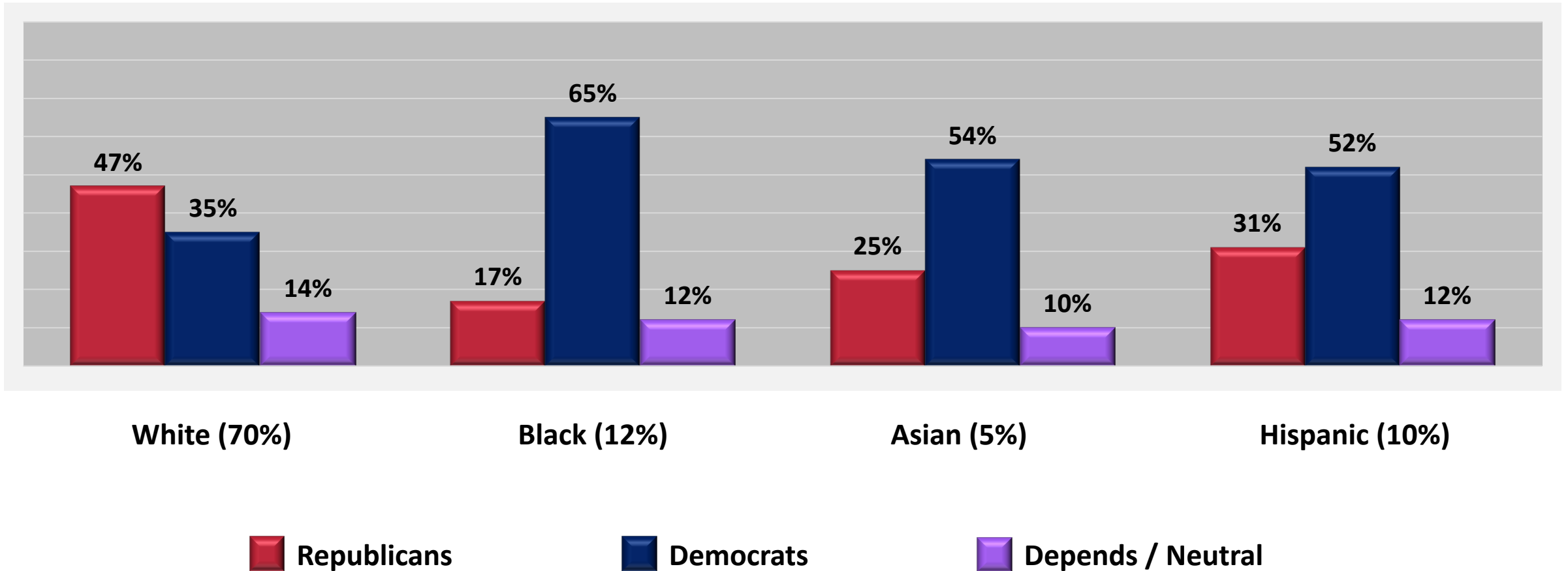
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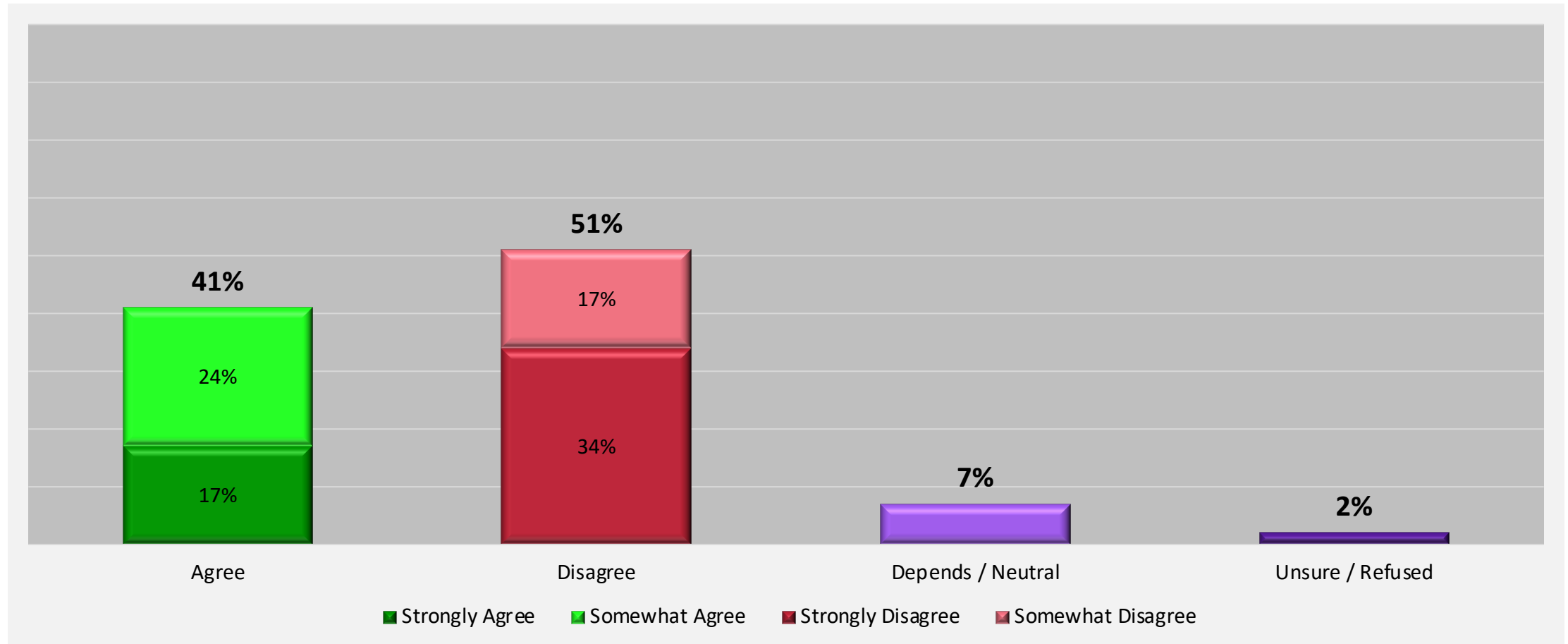
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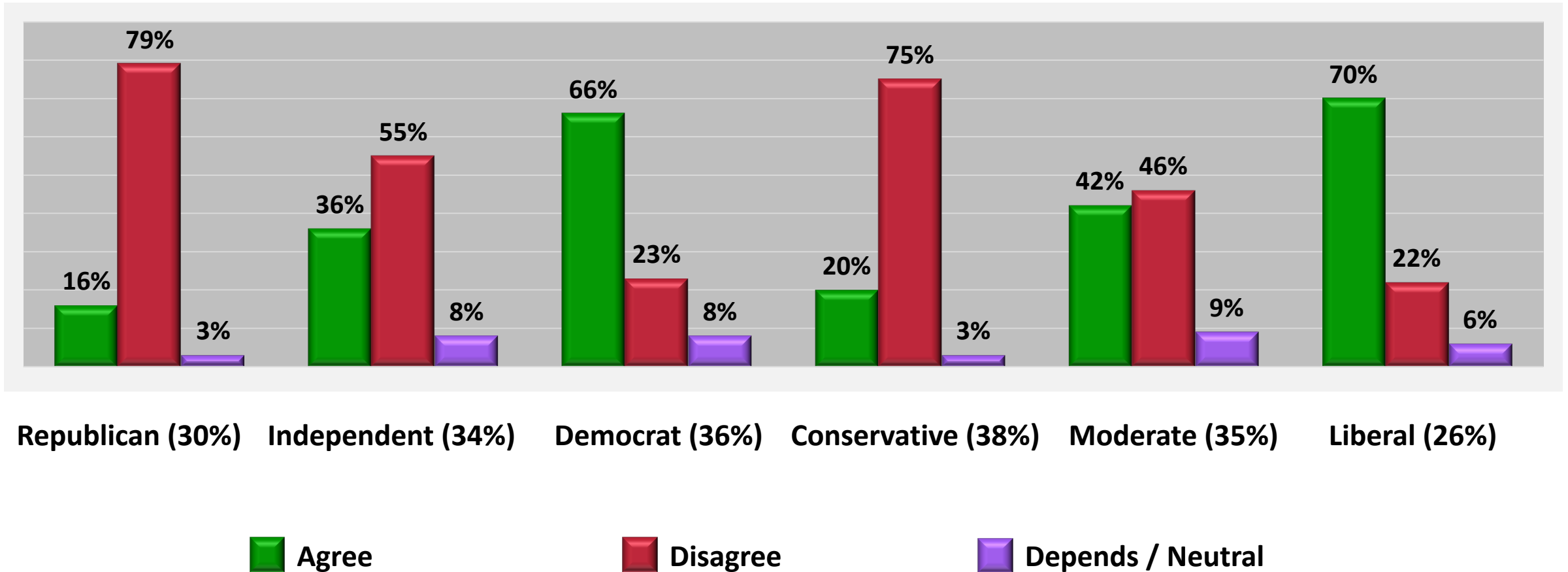


# Do you agree or disagree that the law enforcement system in the United States is generally racist?

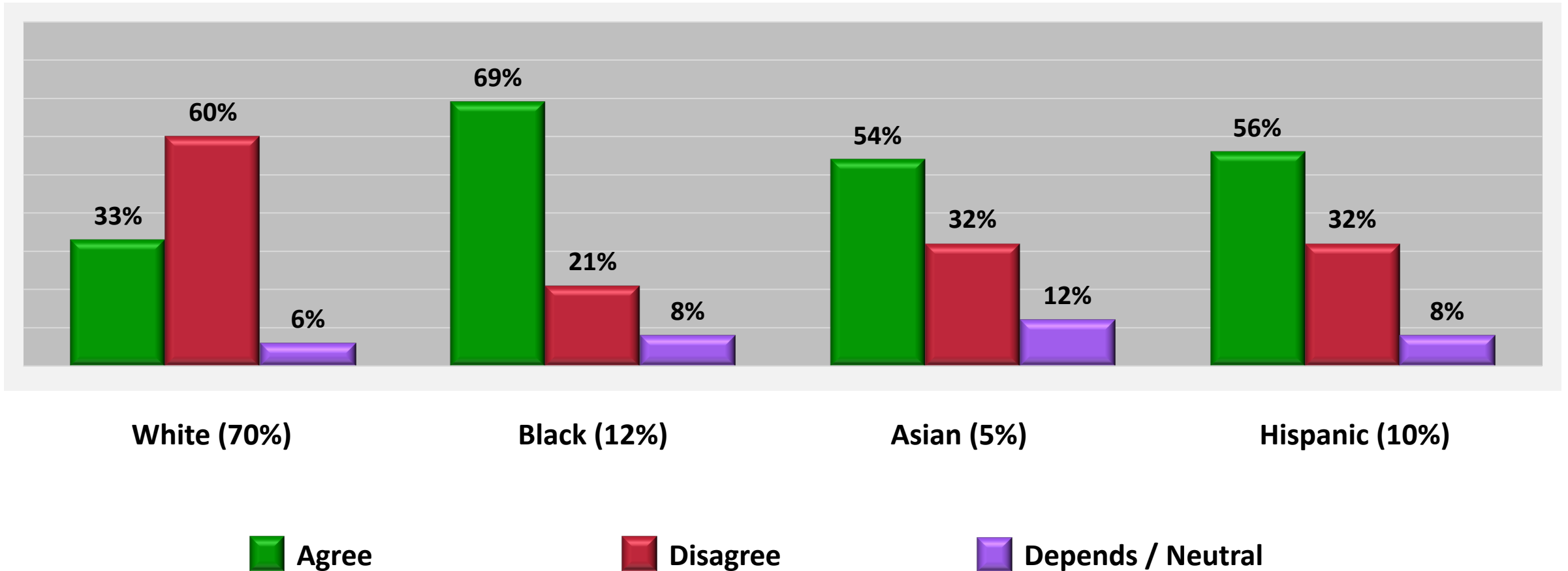




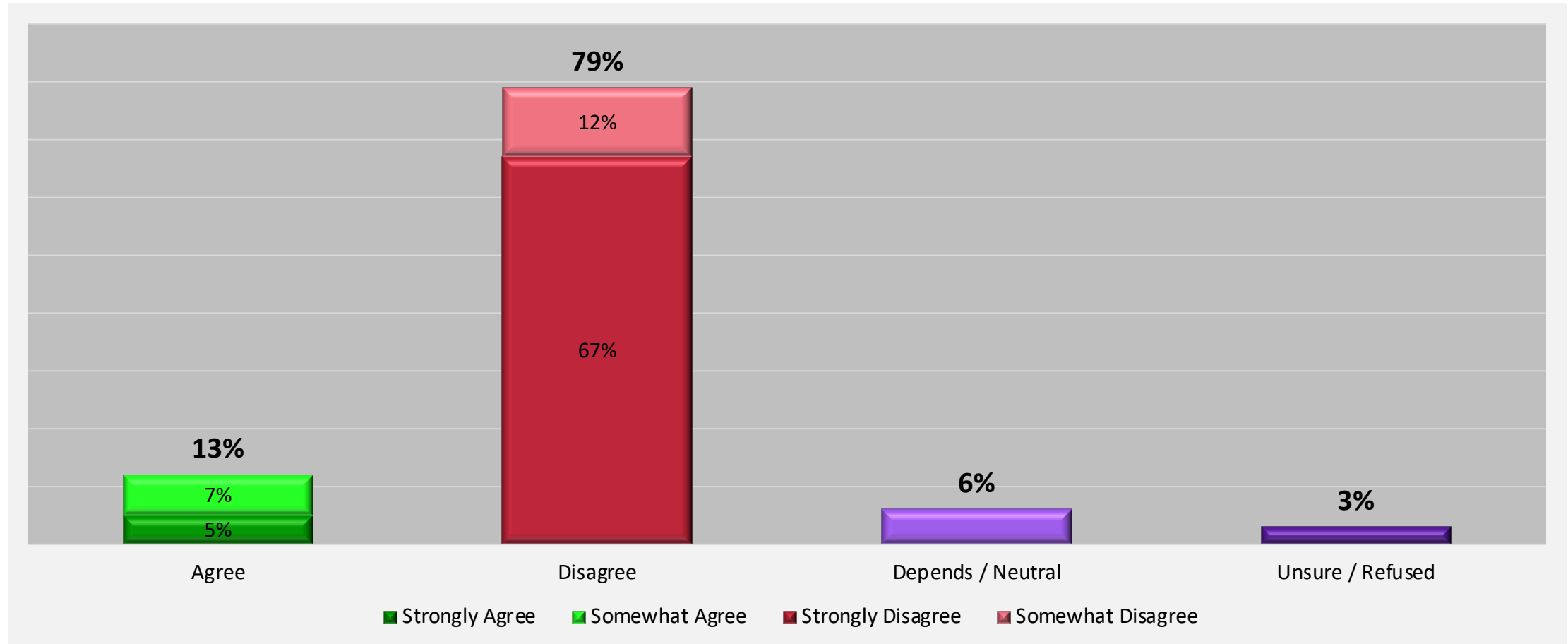
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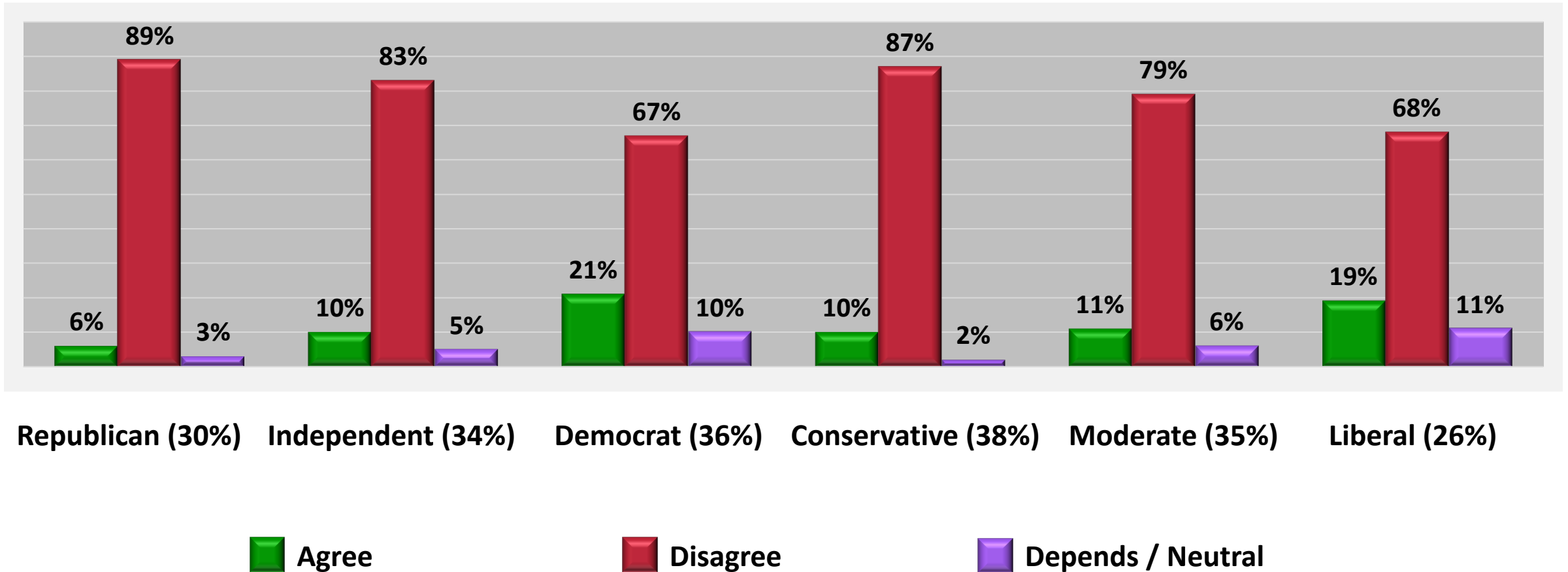
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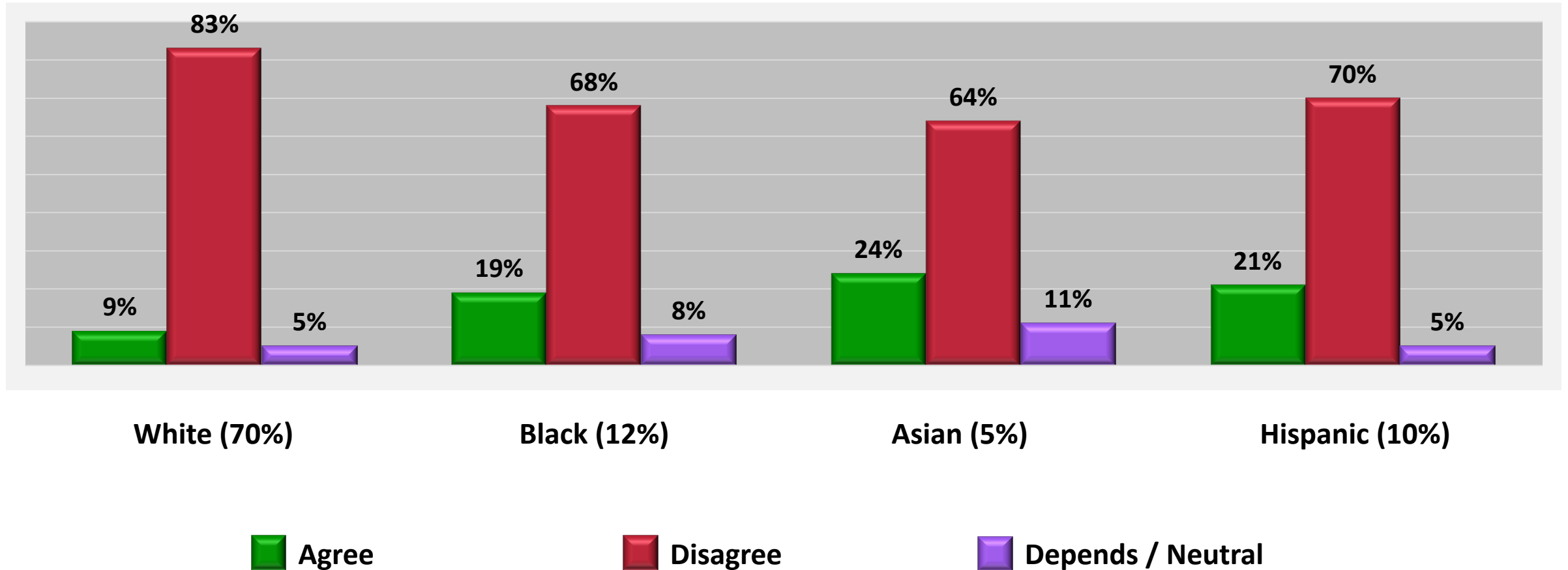
# Do you agree or disagree that the best way to reduce crime is to close prisons and jails?



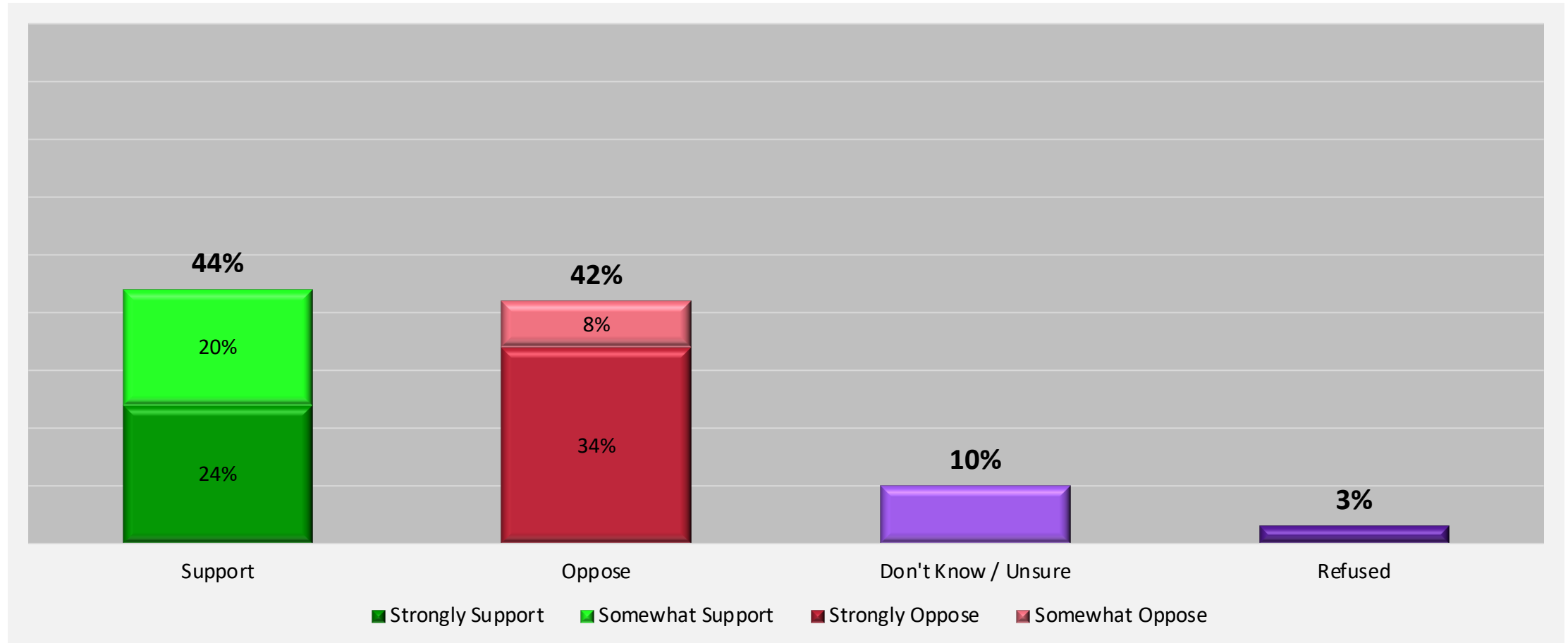
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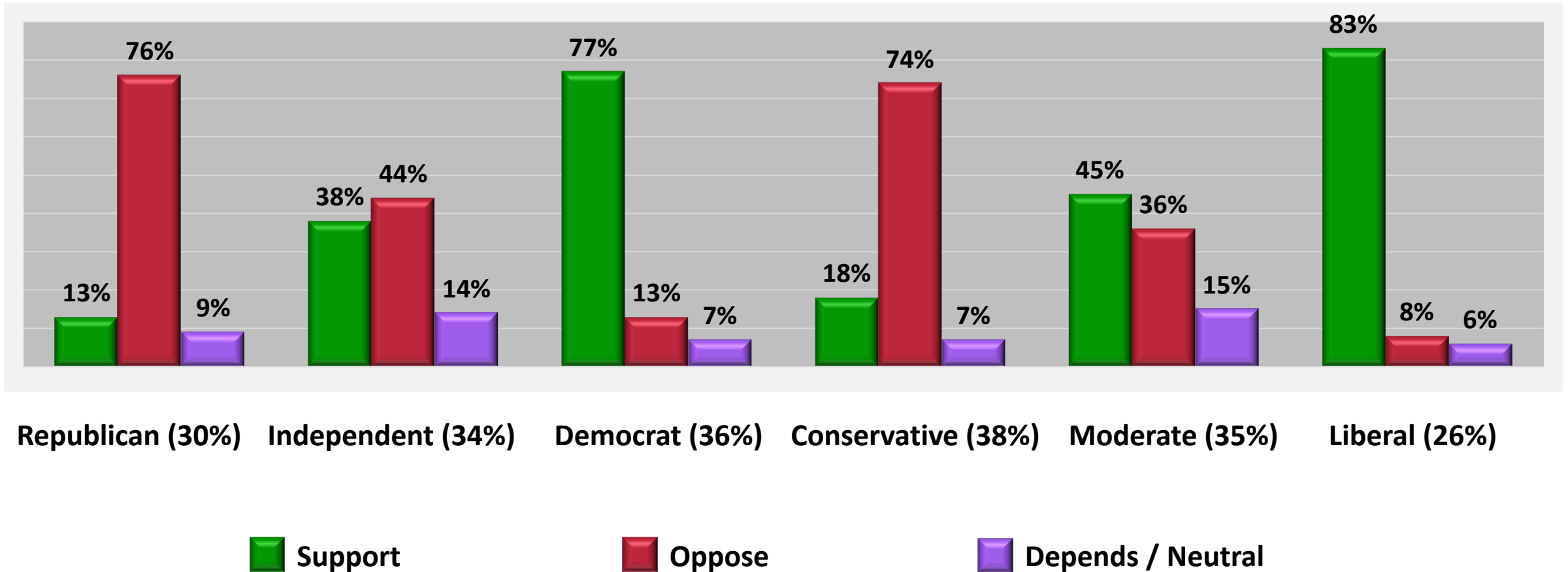
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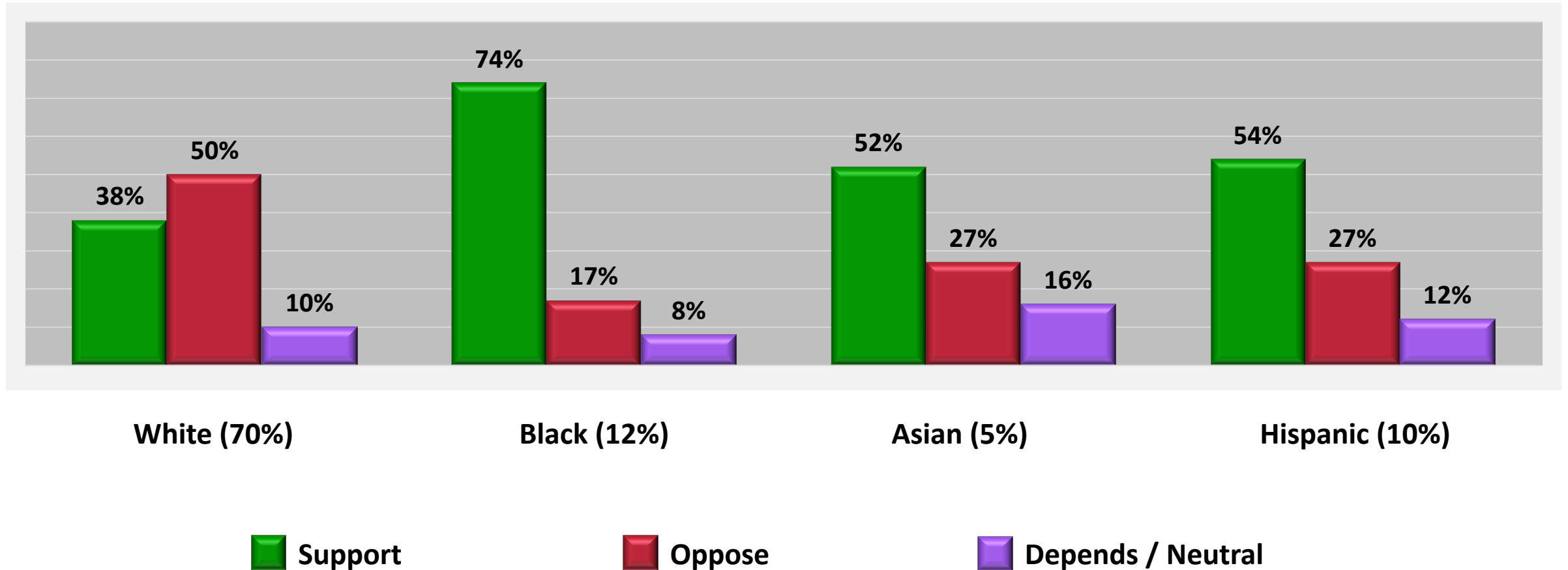
# Do you support or oppose the Black Lives Matter movement?



# Opinion of Black Lives Matter by Key Demographics



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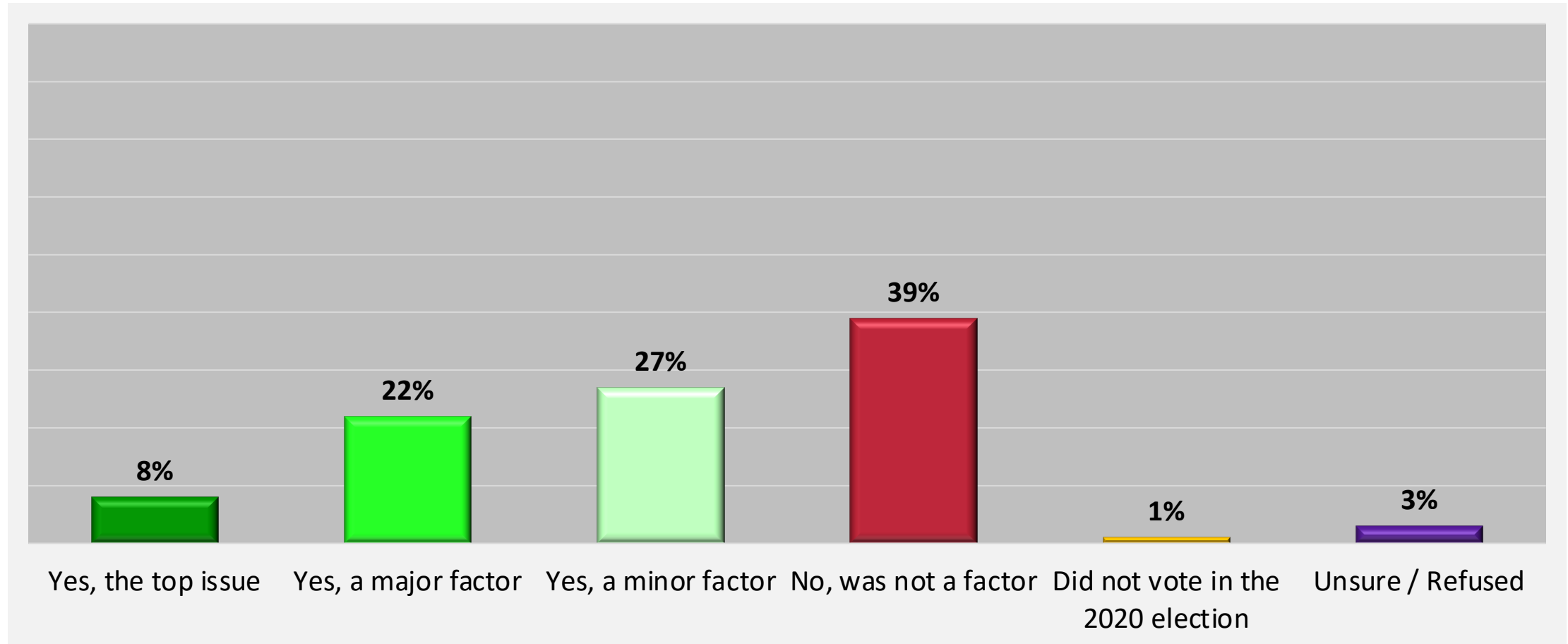




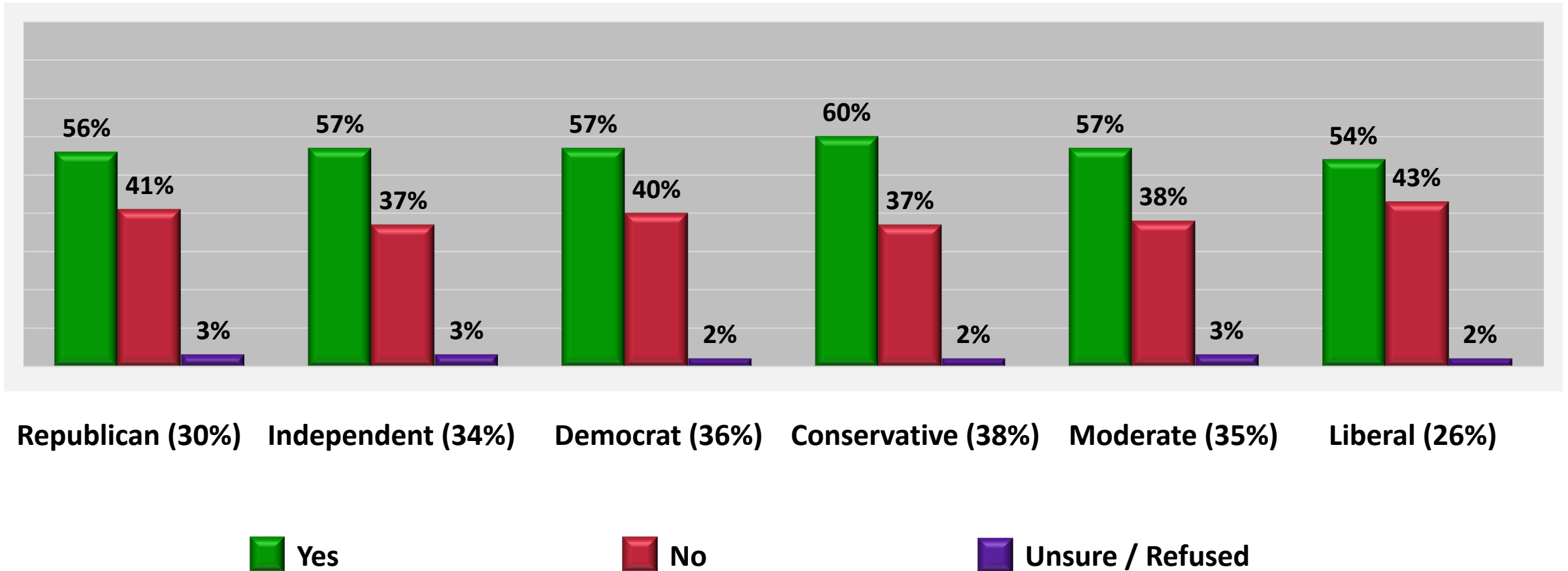
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# Election Factors

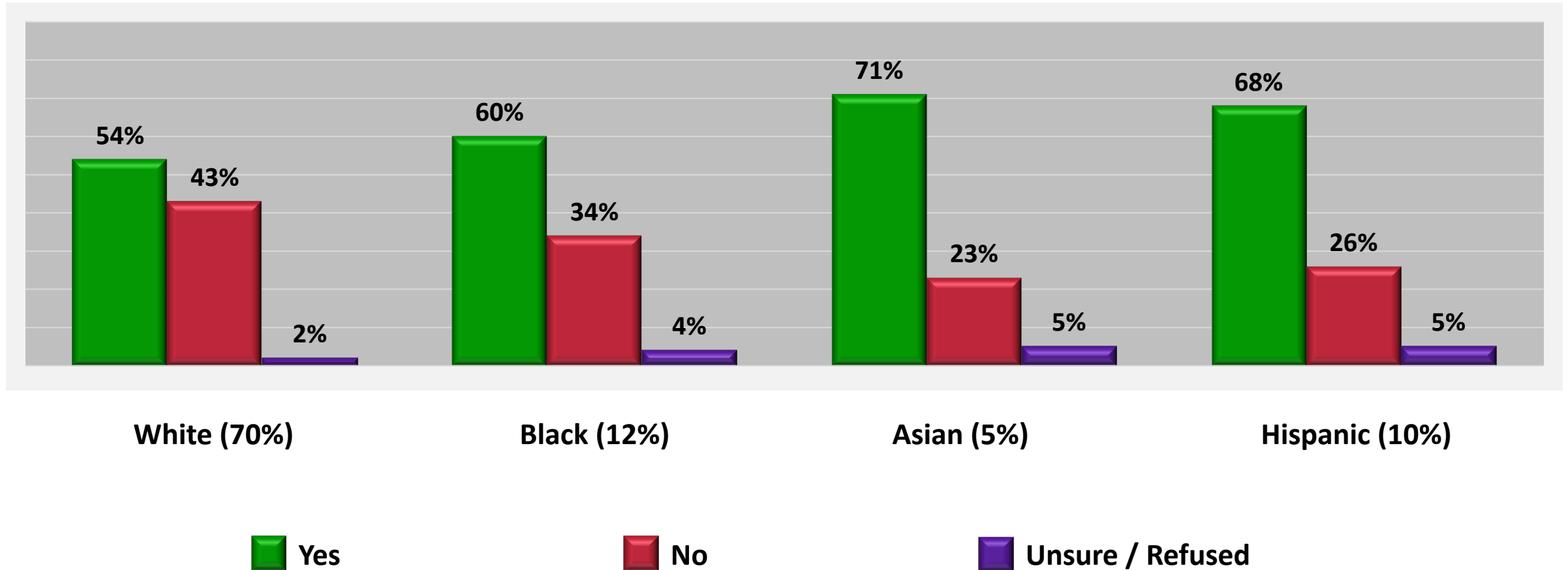
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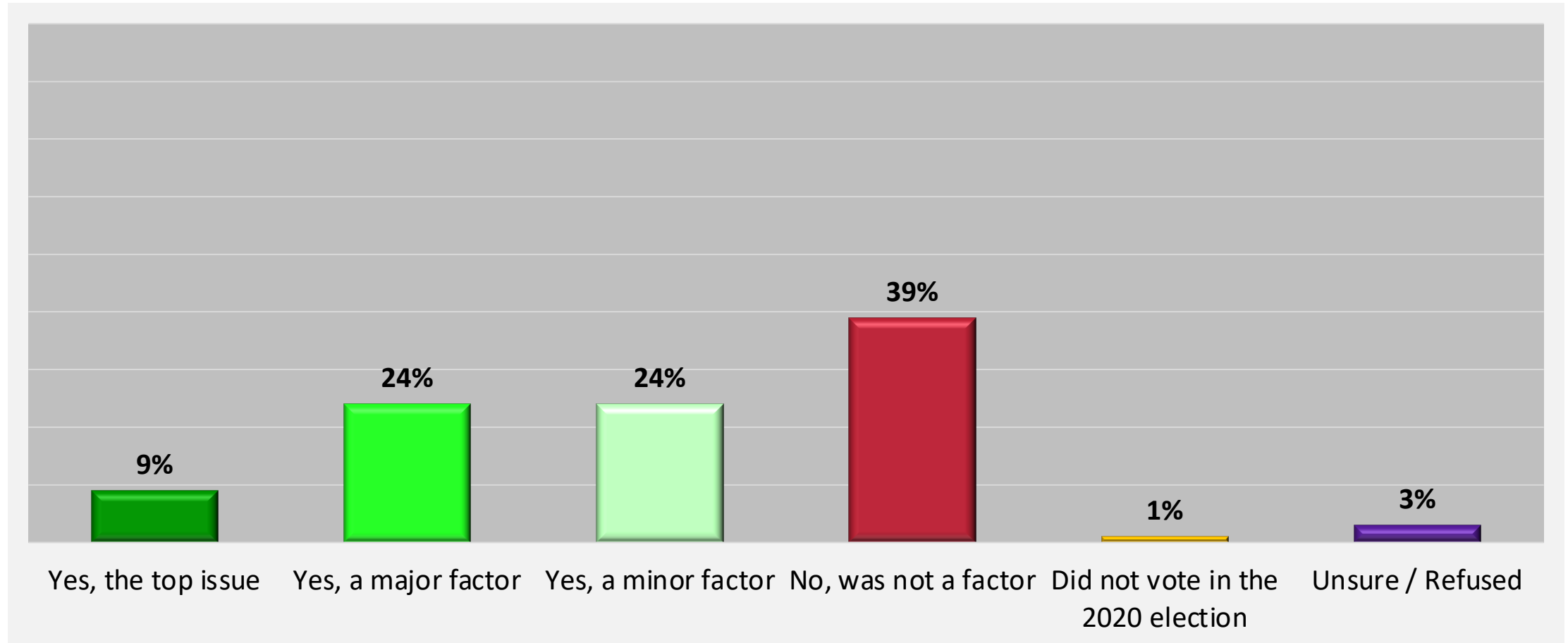
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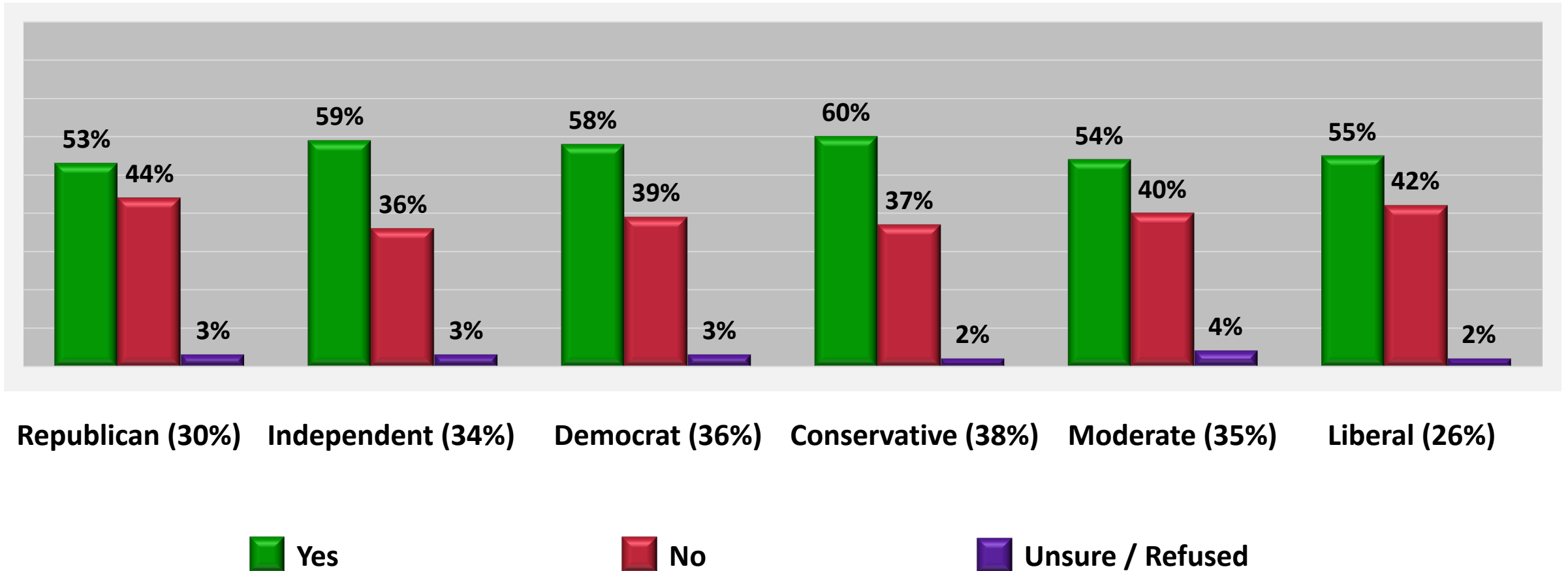
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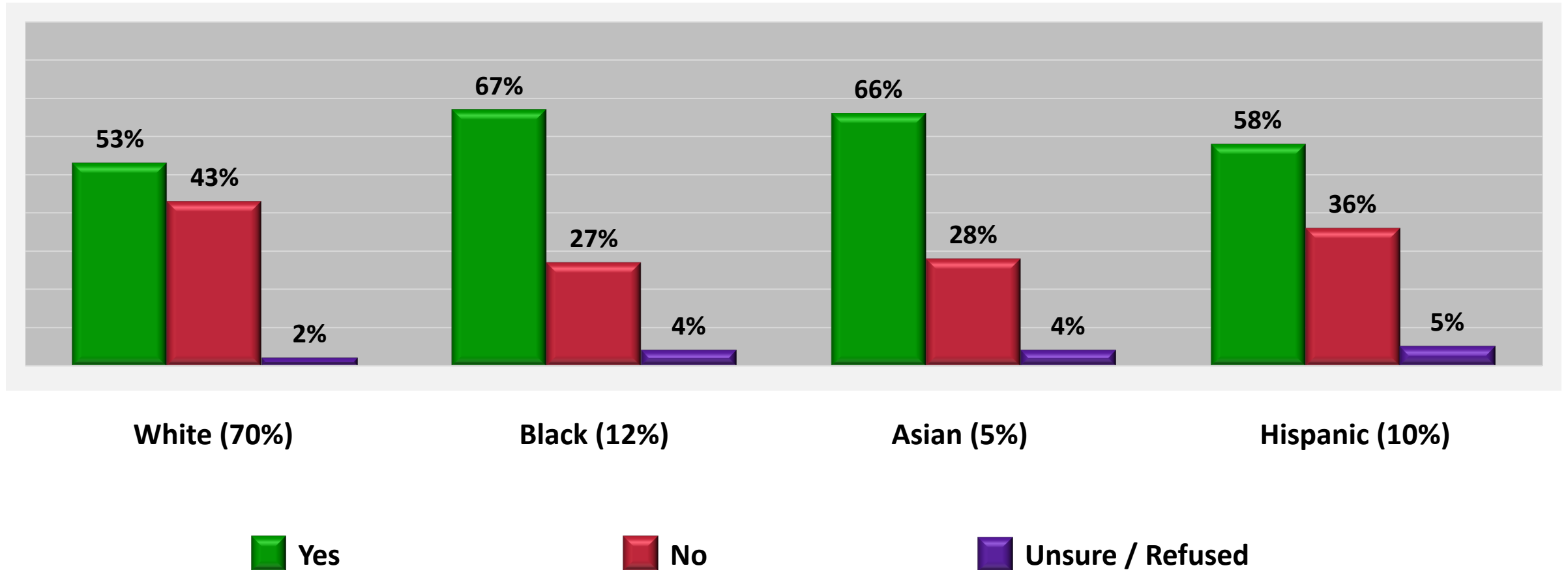
# Thinking back to the 2020 election, were riots and social unrest a factor in deciding for whom you would cast your vote for President?



# Riots Affecting Vote by Key Demographics



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# Executive Summary



# Summary

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- Voters are generally split on Biden's approval on crime.
  - Independents disapprove of Biden's handling of crime by 10-points.
- Over half (55%) of voters believe police brutality is not a widespread problem.
- A candidate's stance on Defund the Police is viewed as important to over 7-in-10 (71%) registered voters.
  - Over two-thirds (70%) of Independents view a candidate's position on Defund the Police as **important**.
- By 6-points, registered voters disagree that Biden is doing enough to support law enforcement.