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National Survey Results



March 9-12 & 14, 2009

800 Likely voters



The survey

This survey was conducted by Public Opinion Strategies in conjunction with Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research for National Public Radio and is the 27th survey in the NPR series.

These findings are based on a national telephone survey of 800 likely voters conducted March 10-12 & 14, 2009. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 3.4 percent.



Direction of the Country

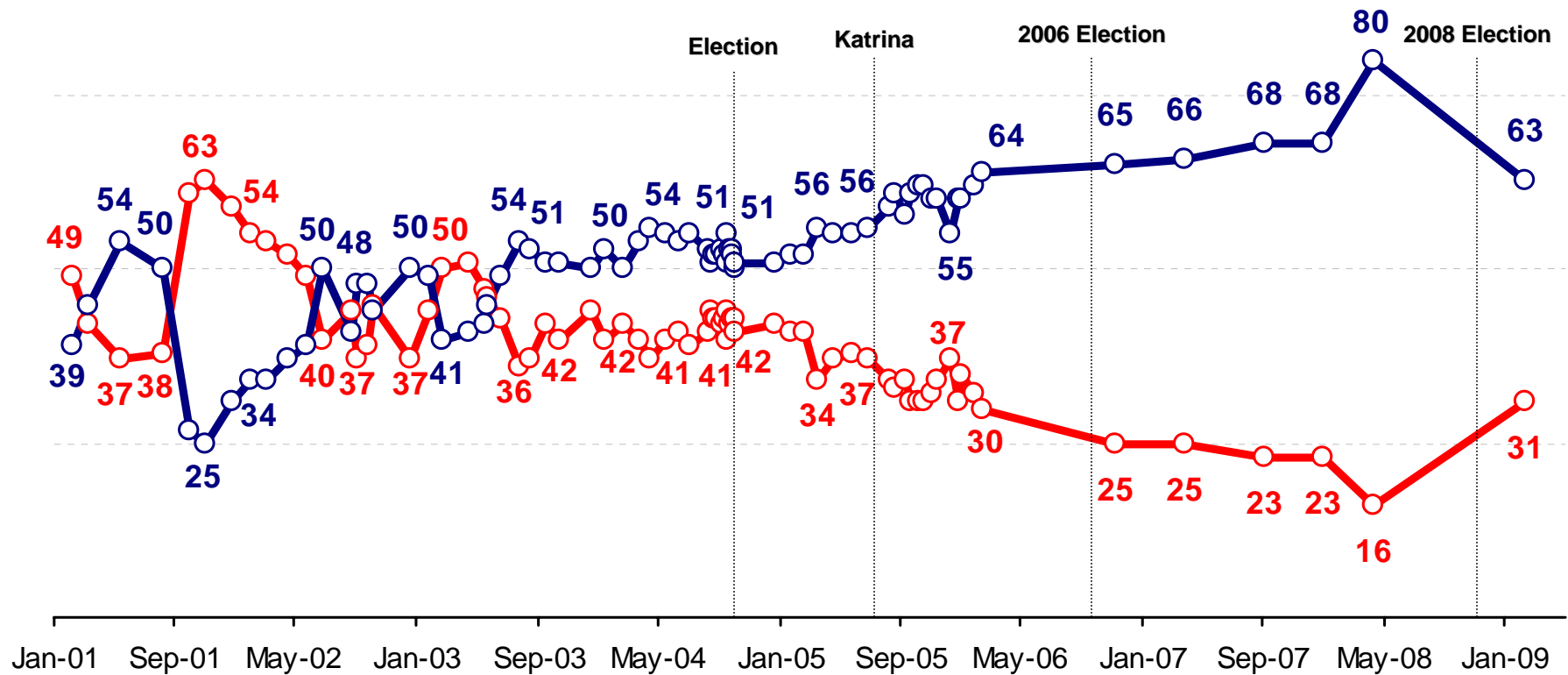




Wrong track wins out 2 to 1

Generally speaking, do you think things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Right direction Wrong direction



Net Difference	+10	-17	-12	+38	+20	-10	-11	-13	+9	-18	-9	-8	-13	-10	-9	-22	-19	-18	-34	-40	-41	-45	-45	-74	-32
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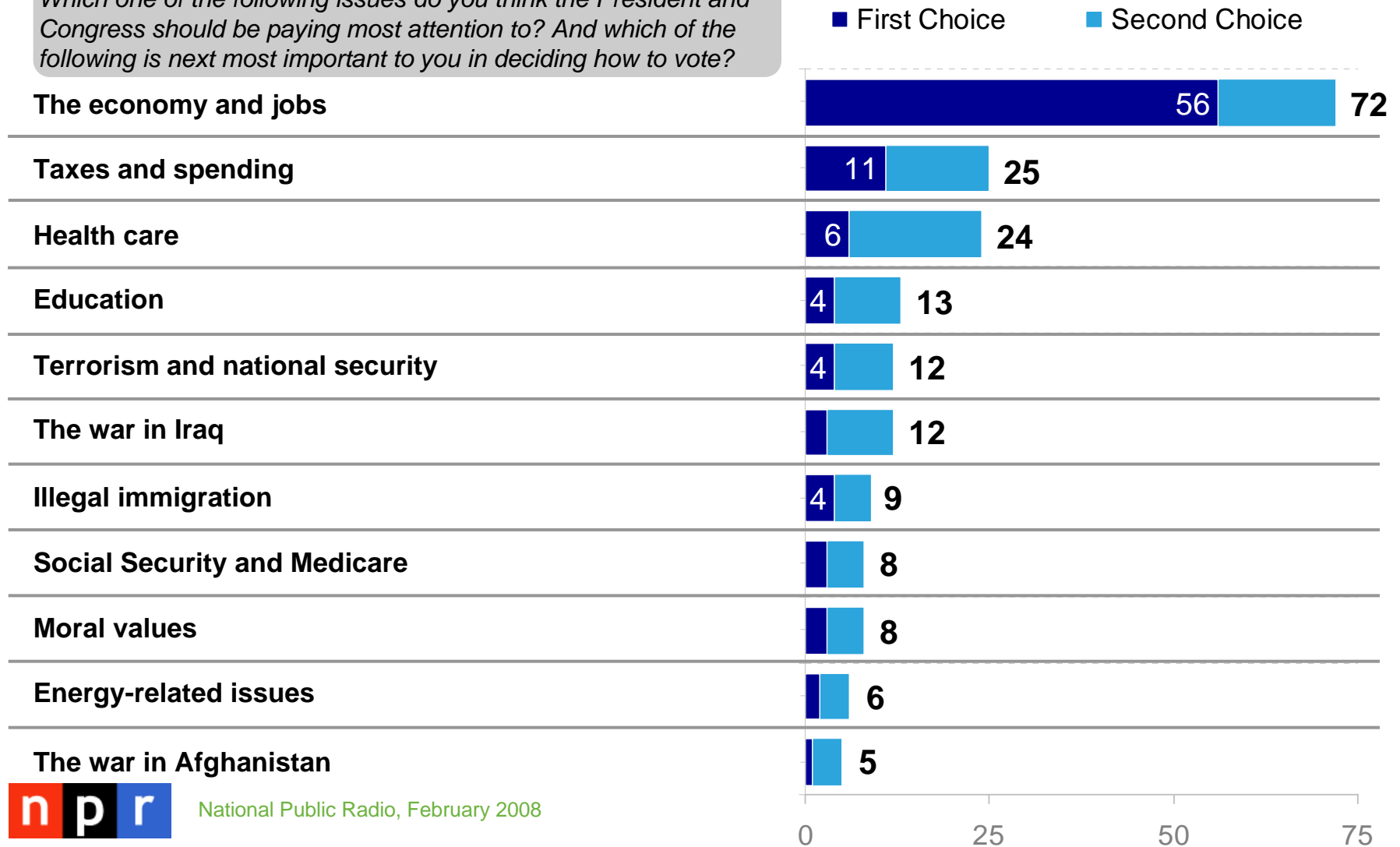
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The economy and jobs dominate voters' concerns

Which one of the following issues do you think the President and Congress should be paying most attention to? And which of the following is next most important to you in deciding how to vote?

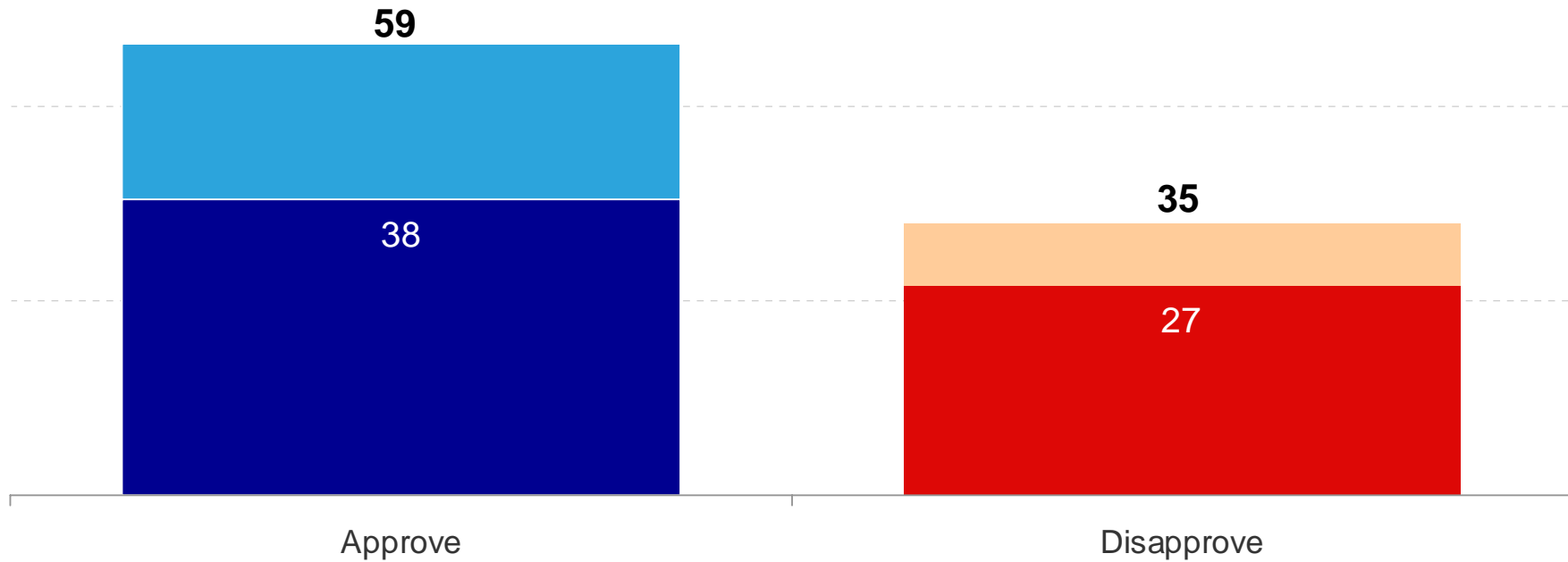




Obama boasts strong approval rating

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

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

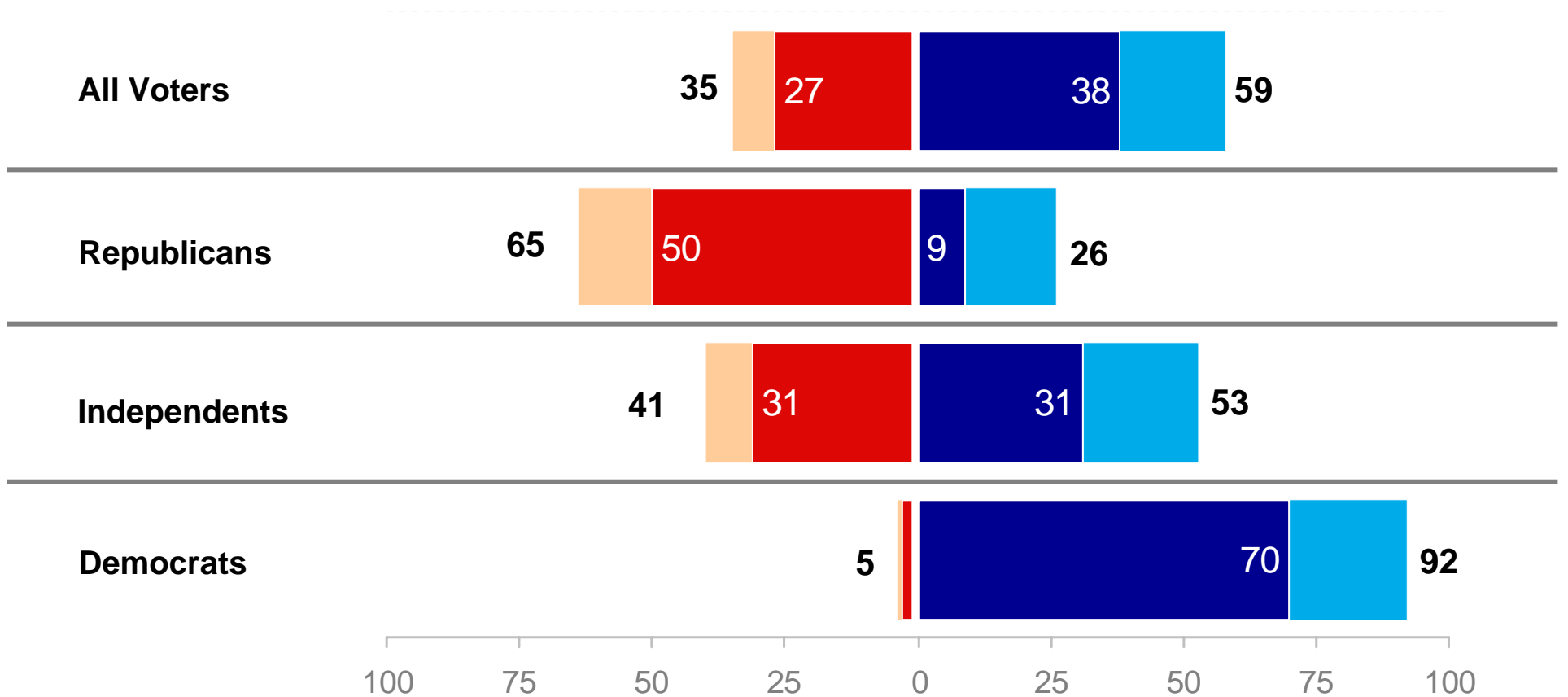




Partisan breakdown of Obama's approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

- Strongly disapprove
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly approve
- Somewhat approve



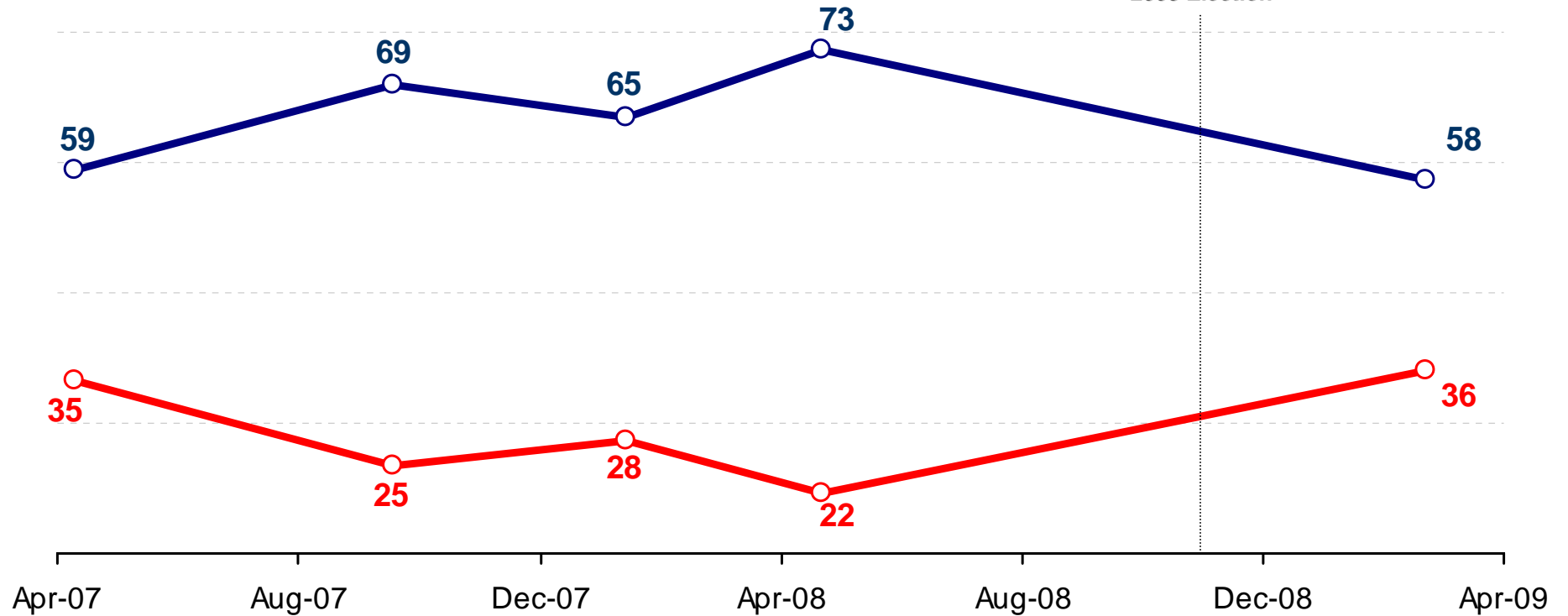


New Congress finds higher approval figures

Do you approve or disapprove of how Congress is doing its job?

○ Approve ○ Disapprove

2008 Election



Net Difference	Apr-07	Aug-07	Dec-07	Apr-08	Dec-08	Apr-09
	-24	-44	-37	-41	-30	-22



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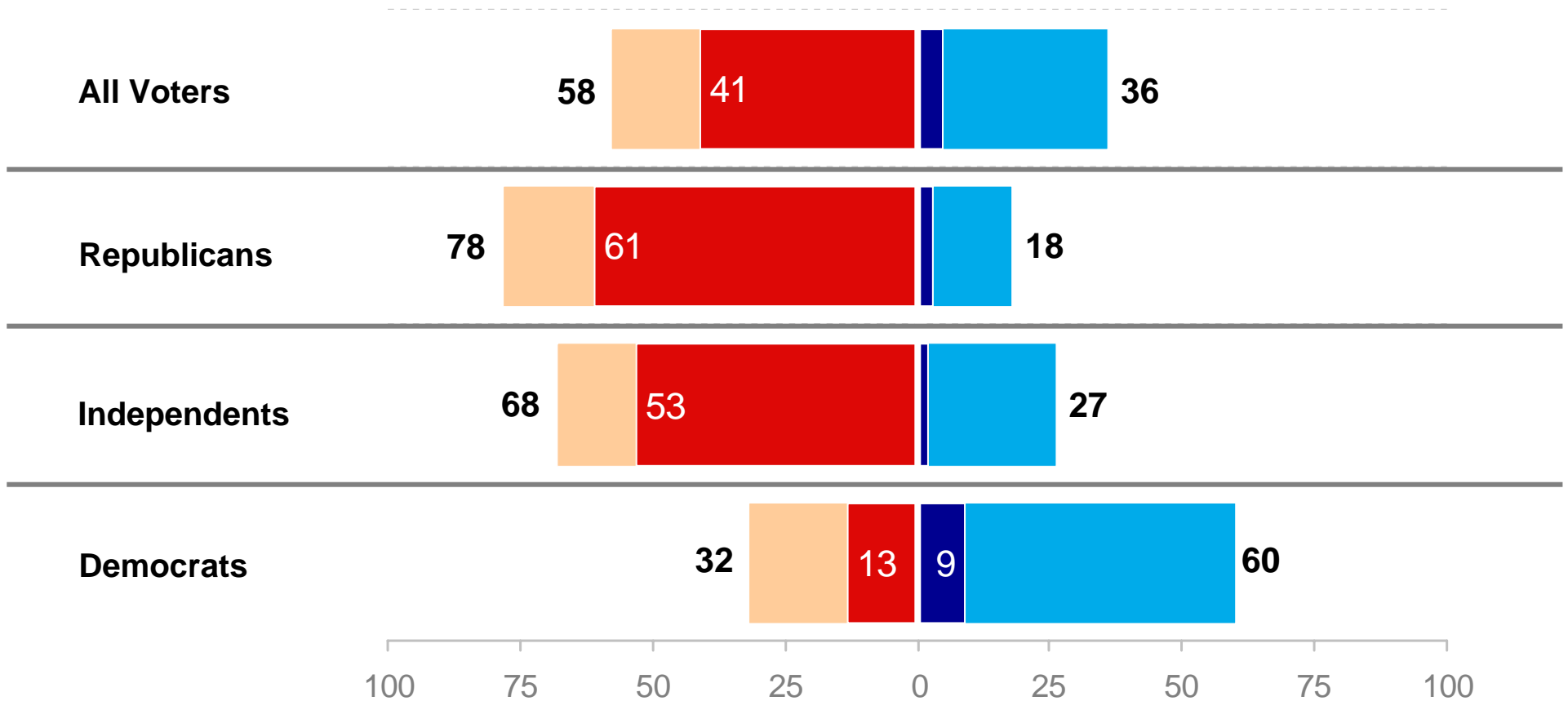
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Only Democrats approve of Congress

Do you approve or disapprove of how Congress is handling its job?

■ Strongly Disapprove ■ Somewhat Disapprove
■ Strongly Approve ■ Somewhat Approve





The Economy

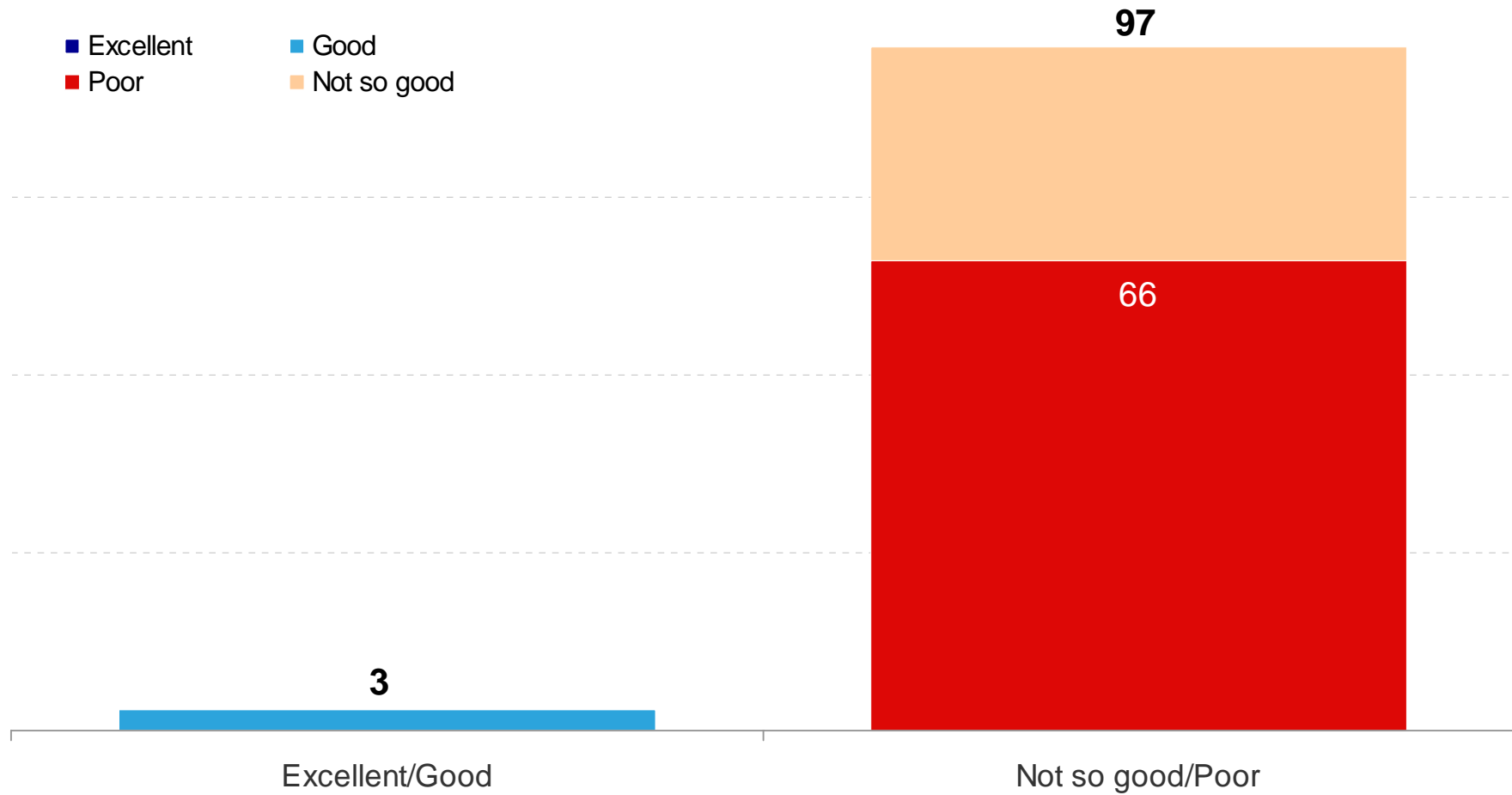




Voters extremely pessimistic about economy

Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

- Excellent
- Good
- Poor
- Not so good

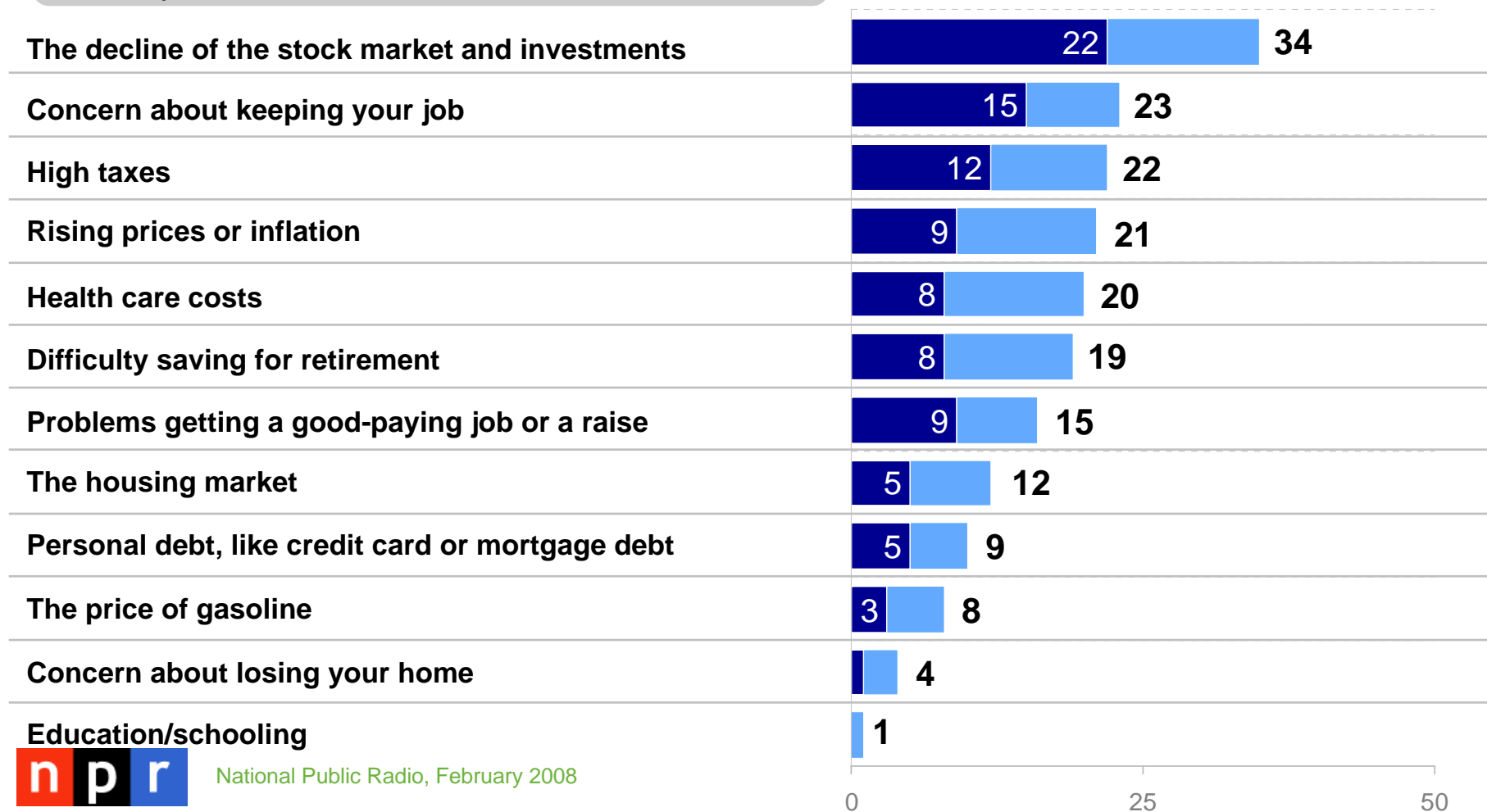




Investment losses top jobs as biggest economic concern

Which of these is the single most important economic issue facing you and your family? If it's a different economic issue than the ones on the list, just tell me that.

■ First Choice ■ Second Choice

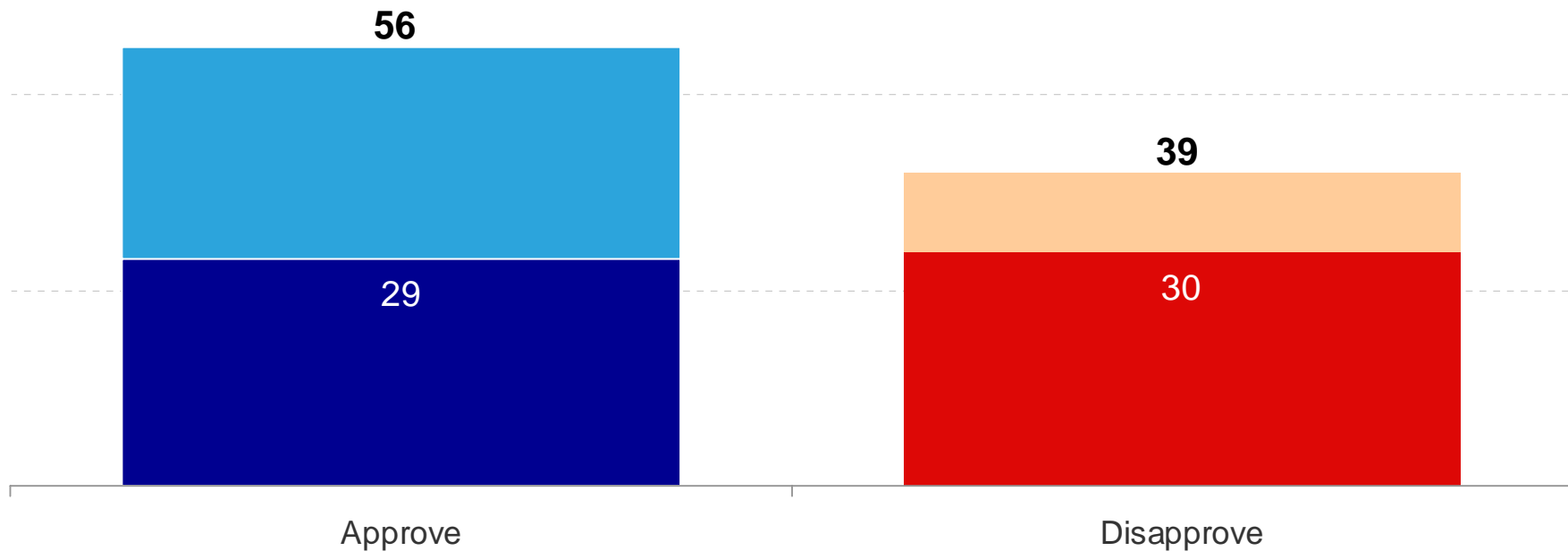




Most approve of Obama's handling of the economy

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the economy?

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

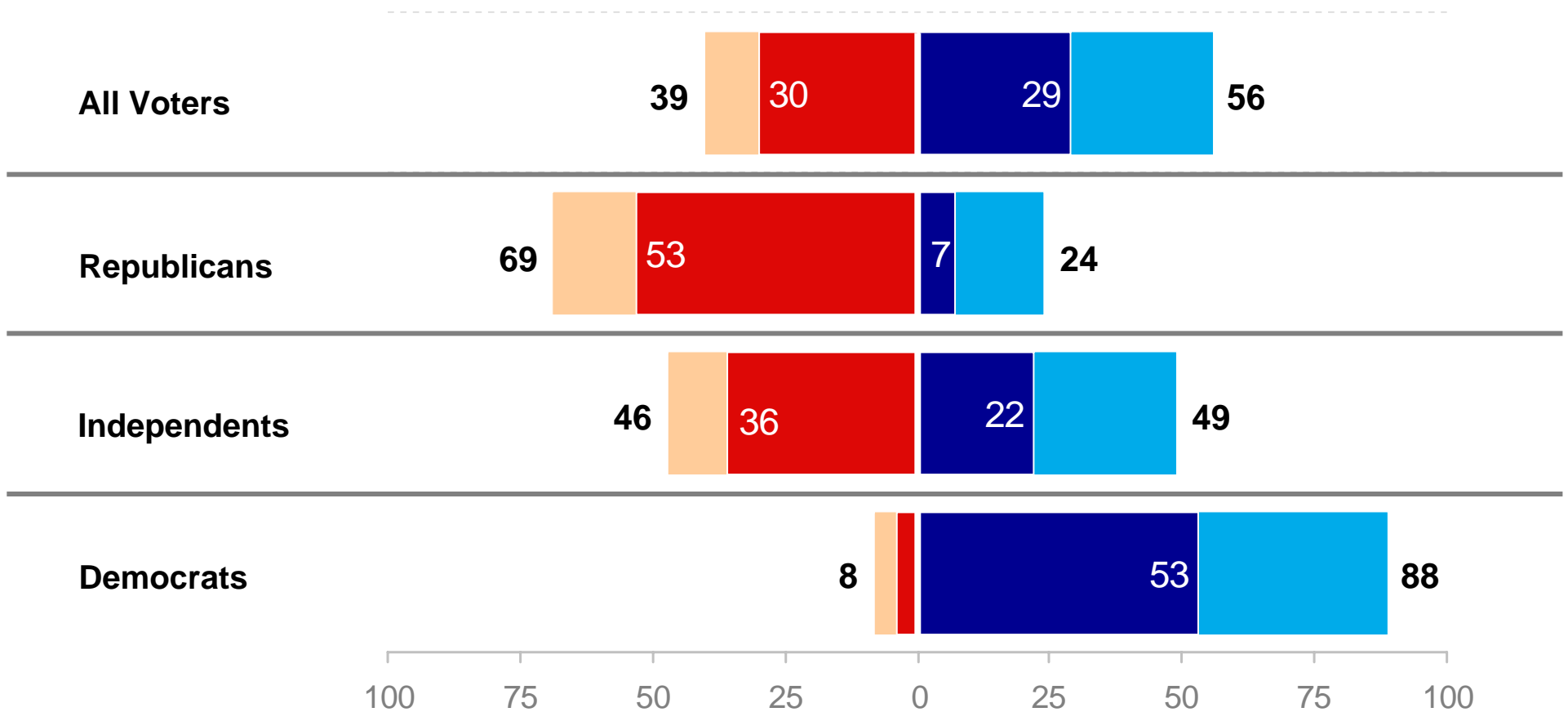




Independents divided on Obama's economic approach

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

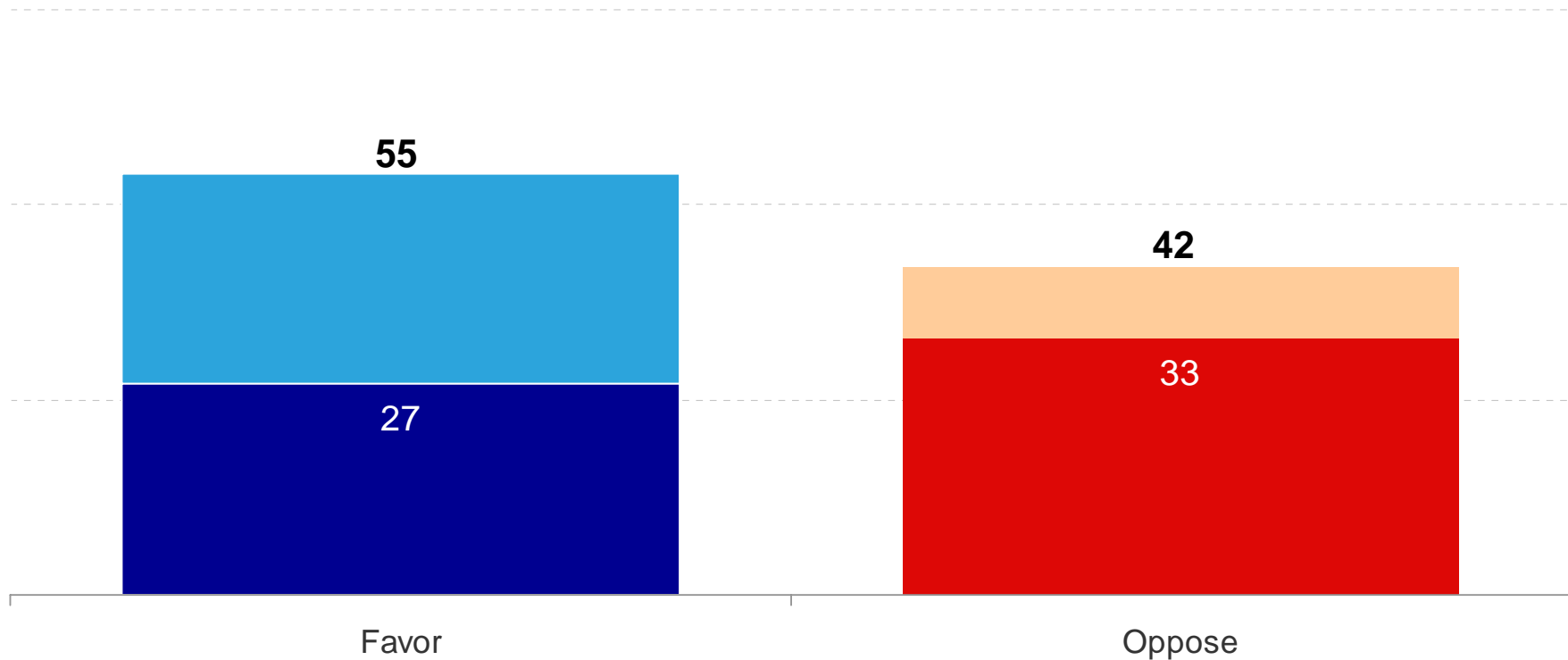




Majority in favor of Obama's stimulus bill

Do you favor or oppose the economic stimulus bill recently signed into law by President Obama?

■ Strongly favor ■ Somewhat favor ■ Strongly oppose ■ Somewhat oppose



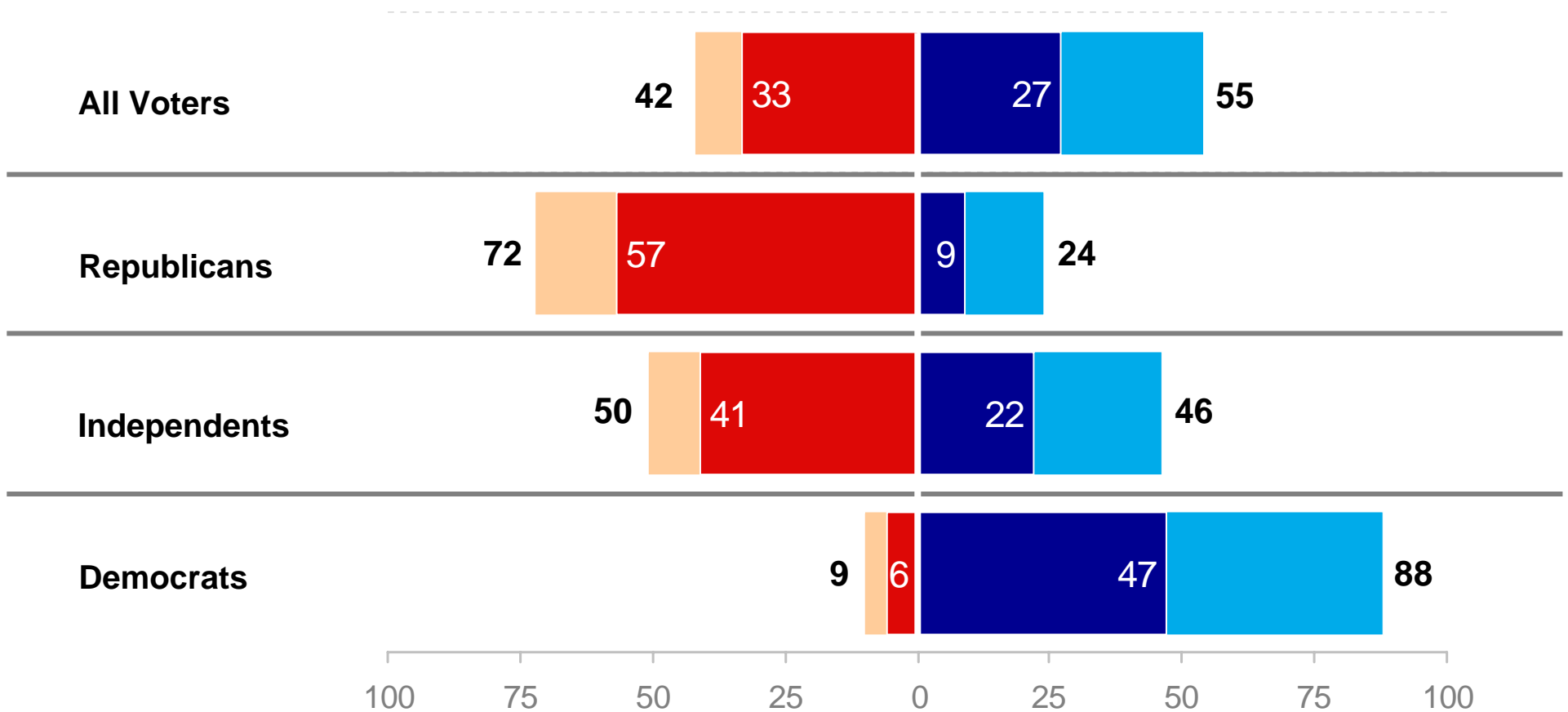


Partisan breakdown of support for stimulus bill

Do you favor or oppose the economic stimulus bill recently signed into law by President Obama?

Strongly oppose
Strongly favor

Somewhat oppose
Somewhat favor

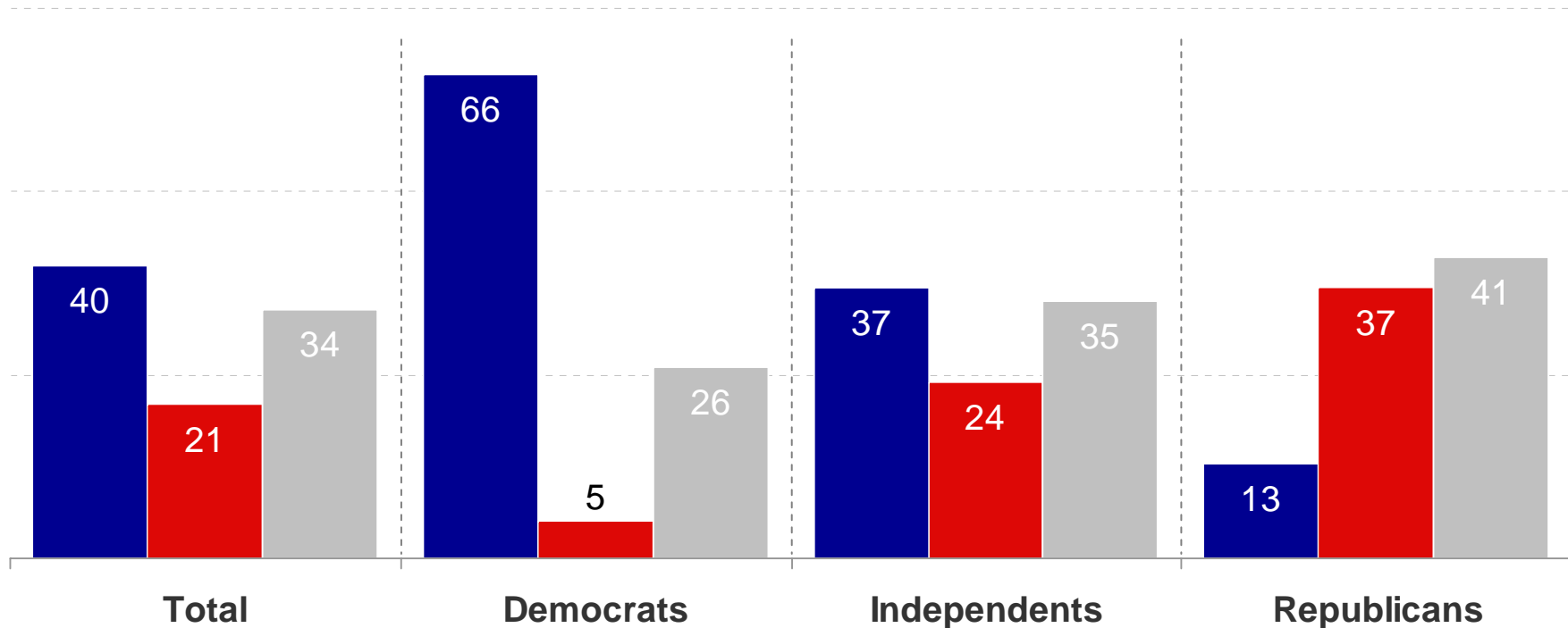




Plurality believes stimulus will help economy

Do you think that the stimulus bill will help the economy, hurt the economy, or have little impact on the economy?

■ Help the economy ■ Hurt the economy ■ Have little impact





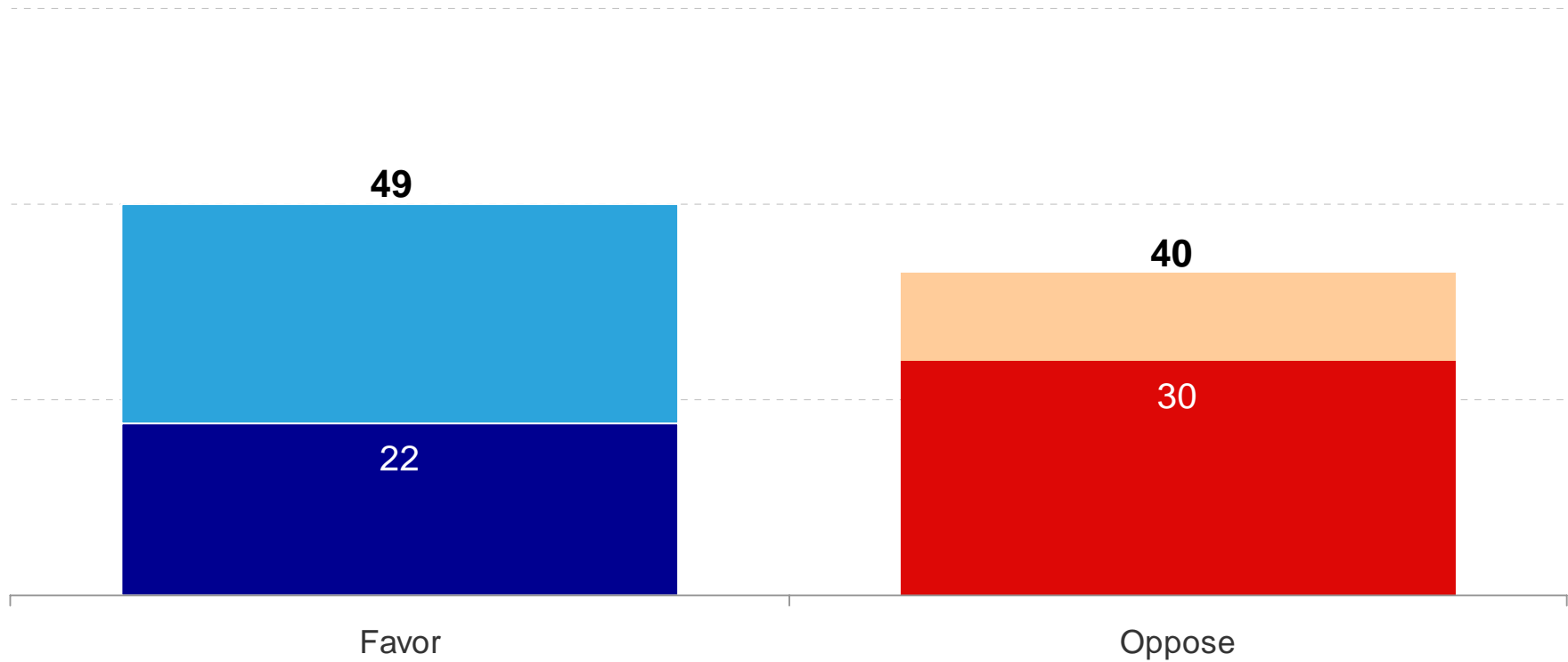
Obama's Budget



Mixed support for Obama's budget

Do you favor or oppose President Obama's plan for the federal budget?

- Strongly favor
- Somewhat favor
- Strongly oppose
- Somewhat oppose

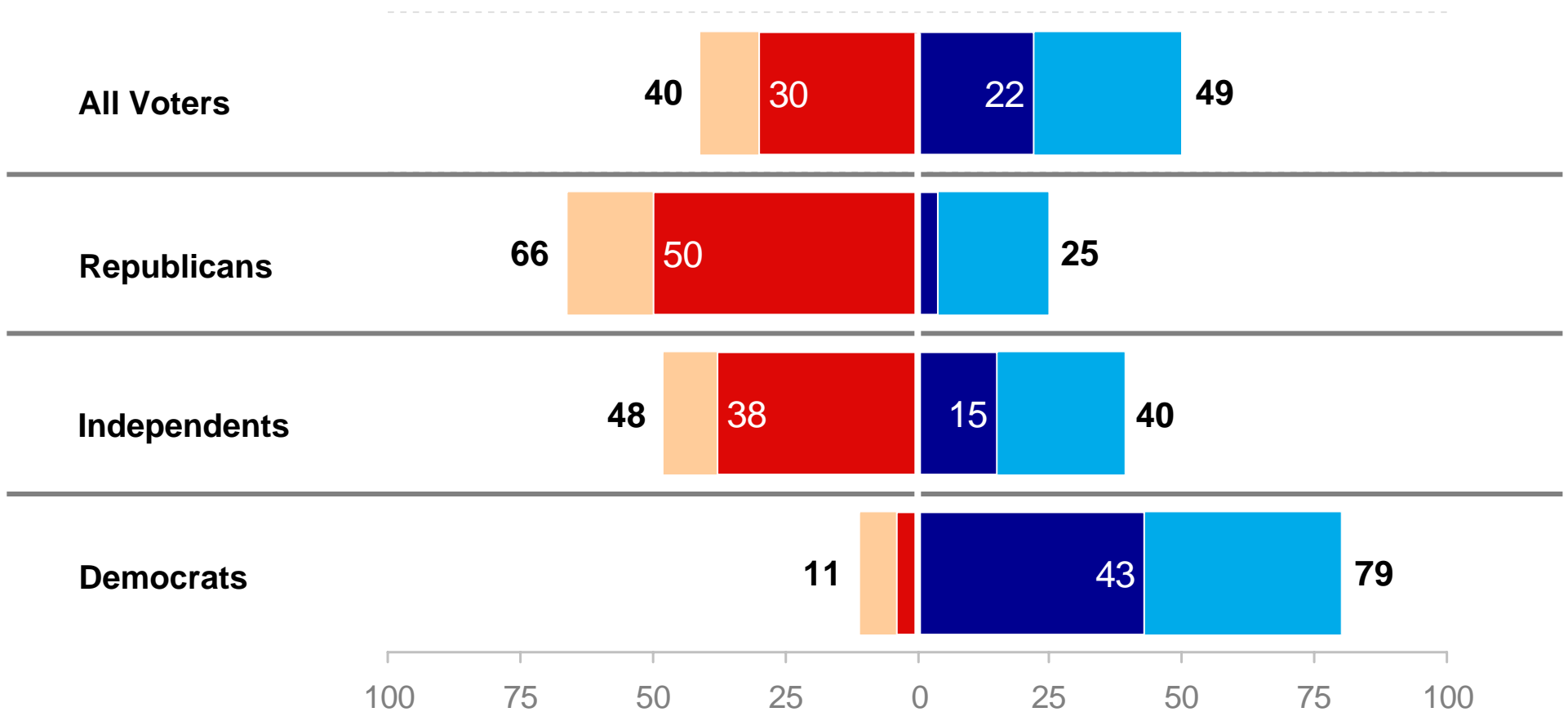




Partisan breakdown of support for Obama's budget

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■ Strongly oppose ■ Somewhat oppose
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Democrats win budget debate on taxes

Next, I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

Dem Statement: Middle class first

Democrats say that President Obama's budget will put the middle class first again, by cutting taxes for those earning under \$250,00 and small businesses and asking the very wealthiest and big corporations to pay their share. Bush's approach hurt average people and the economy. This budget cuts Bush's deficit in half and raises taxes on the wealthy to make health insurance more affordable. To grow the economy, it cuts taxes for 95 percent of Americans.

■ Total Democratic Statement



Total Democratic Statement

Rep Statement: Tax increase untimely

Republicans say that the Democratic budget is a job-killer that leaves all of us less economically secure. It takes \$1.4 trillion dollars in higher taxes from American families and small businesses when they can least afford it. These tax increases will hurt the small businesses that create most new jobs and force middle class Americans to tighten their belts to pay for a huge new energy tax while the federal government goes on a wasteful spending spree.

■ Total Republican Statement



Total Republican Statement



Democrats win debate on energy, cap and trade

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Dem Statement: Energy for the economy

Democrats say President Obama's budget will help build a clean energy economy that creates jobs, kick starts new businesses and cuts our dependence on foreign oil. We're falling behind Germany and Japan in renewable energy and it's time for America to lead again. The plan caps global warming pollution, makes corporate polluters pay a fee and rewards alternative energy like wind and solar while cutting taxes for the middle class.

■ Total Democratic Statement



Total Democratic Statement

Rep Statement: Energy tax on all

Republicans say the Democratic budget creates a huge new tax on energy that will send American jobs overseas to places like China and India, and raise taxes on anyone who uses electricity or drives a car. America needs to develop alternative energy sources like wind, solar, and biofuels and tap proven energy reserves here at home. But energy taxes that fall disproportionately on the poor and middle class are unfair and wrong.

■ Total Republican Statement



Total Republican Statement



Americans ready to fix healthcare

Next, I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

Dem Statement:

Address health care costs

Democrats say President Obama's budget finally addresses health care, after years of skyrocketing costs and millions losing health insurance, particularly now. The budget for the first time sets aside the funds for health care reform, but the president is calling on both parties and business to work together to ensure that affordable insurance is available to all. By addressing health care costs, we help small business, employees and American companies.

■ Total Democratic Statement



Total Democratic Statement

Rep Statement:

Trade choice for bureaucracy

Republicans say that health care reform must preserve choice, promote competition, and reward healthy lifestyle choices. The Democratic budget, however, will create an undependable and inefficient government-run health care system that would lead to rationing of care, runaway costs, and bureaucrats making healthcare decisions that should be made by doctors and patients.

■ Total Republican Statement



Total Republican Statement



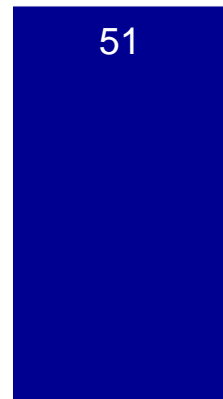
Democratic deficit message wins narrow edge

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Dem Statement: Honest, responsible budget

Democrats say that President Obama's budget commits America to cutting the federal deficit in half in four years. Thanks to irresponsible policies from both parties, Obama has inherited a trillion-dollar deficit, but this is the first budget to honestly account for all costs and it reduces our deficit by cutting spending and restoring Clinton-era tax rates for the wealthiest. It returns to greater responsibility, cutting the deficit while meeting national needs.

■ Total Democratic Statement



Total Democratic Statement

Rep Statement: Wealth redistribution

Republicans say that the Democratic budget puts the government before the people. It is a combination of out-of-control spending and job-killing taxes that breaks their promise of fiscal responsibility. It penalizes charities with higher taxes. It redistributes wealth by giving government checks to people who don't pay taxes. It will prolong the recession and leave a mountain of debt for our children and grand children to pay off.

■ Total Republican Statement



Total Republican Statement



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