

# SCHOOL CHOICE: THE ENGINE OF A GROWING ECONOMY?

**July 15, 2015** | Free Admisson\*

**Registration Opens** | 5:15p  
**Optional Reception** | 5:15p-6:00p  
**Program** | 6:00p-7:30p

**Thales Academy**  
**8151 Town Drive Raleigh, NC**  
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## SPEAKERS

**John Allison**, former President of the Cato  
Institute & former CEO of BB&T

**Dr. Bart Danielsen**, North Carolina State  
University

**Dr. Nathan Grey**, Young Harris College

**Lt. Gov. Dan Forest**, Lieutenant Governor of NC

*\*Registration is required to attend this event*

# Civitas Institute Poll Presentation

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# National Research

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**600 Registered Voters: 30% Cell**

**Margin of Error = +/- 4.00%**

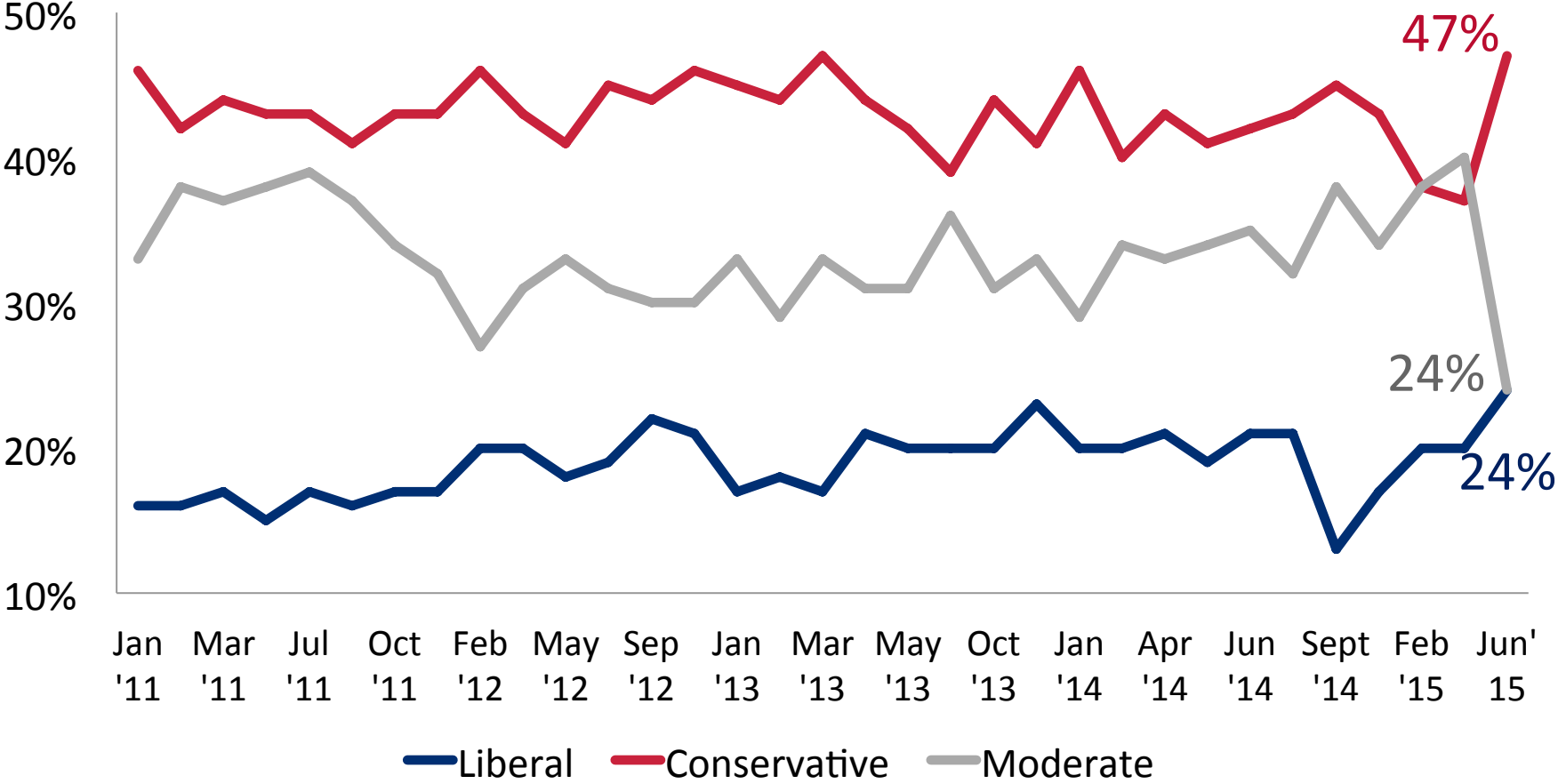
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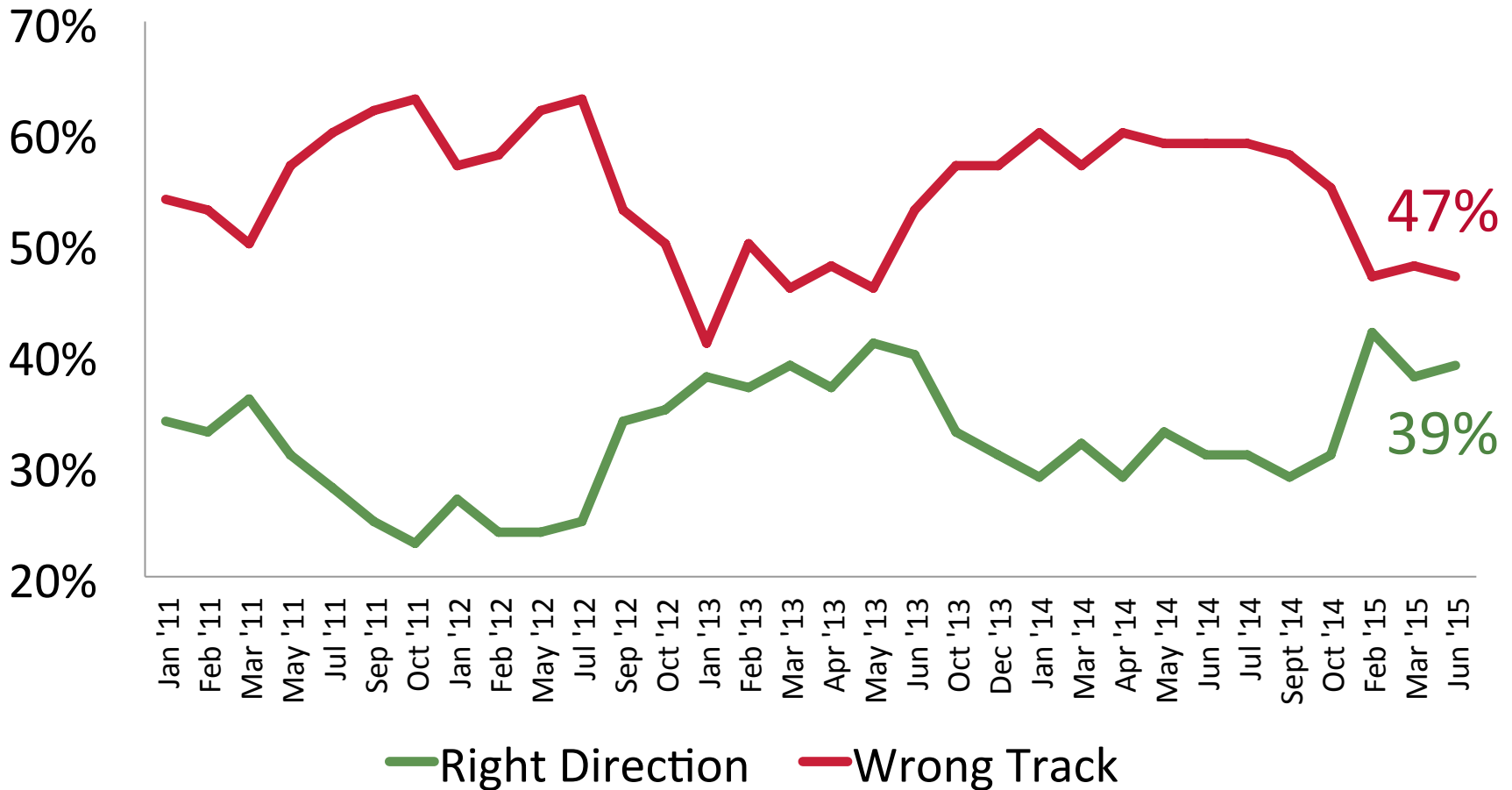


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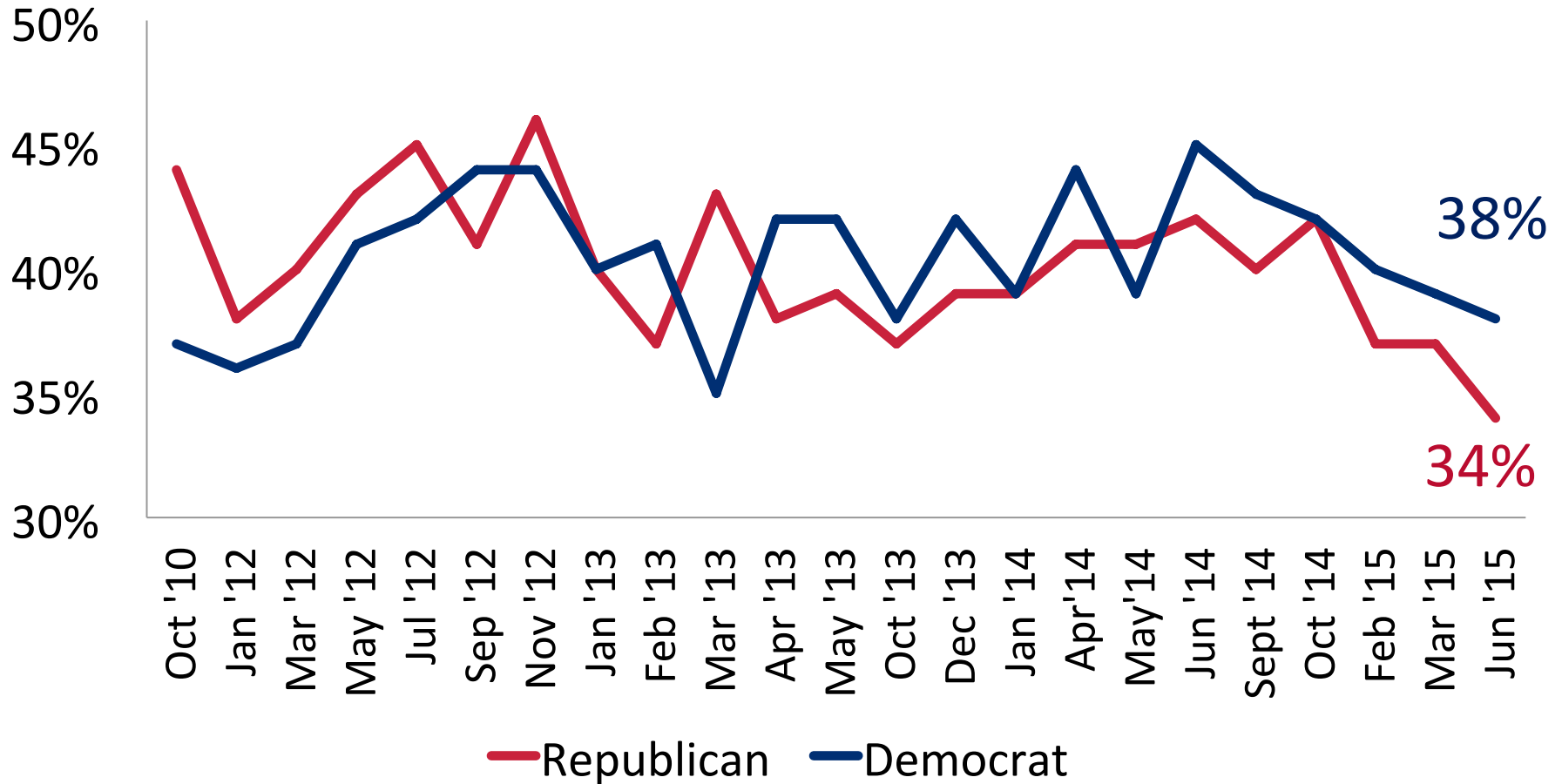
# If you were to label yourself, would you say you are a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative in your political beliefs?



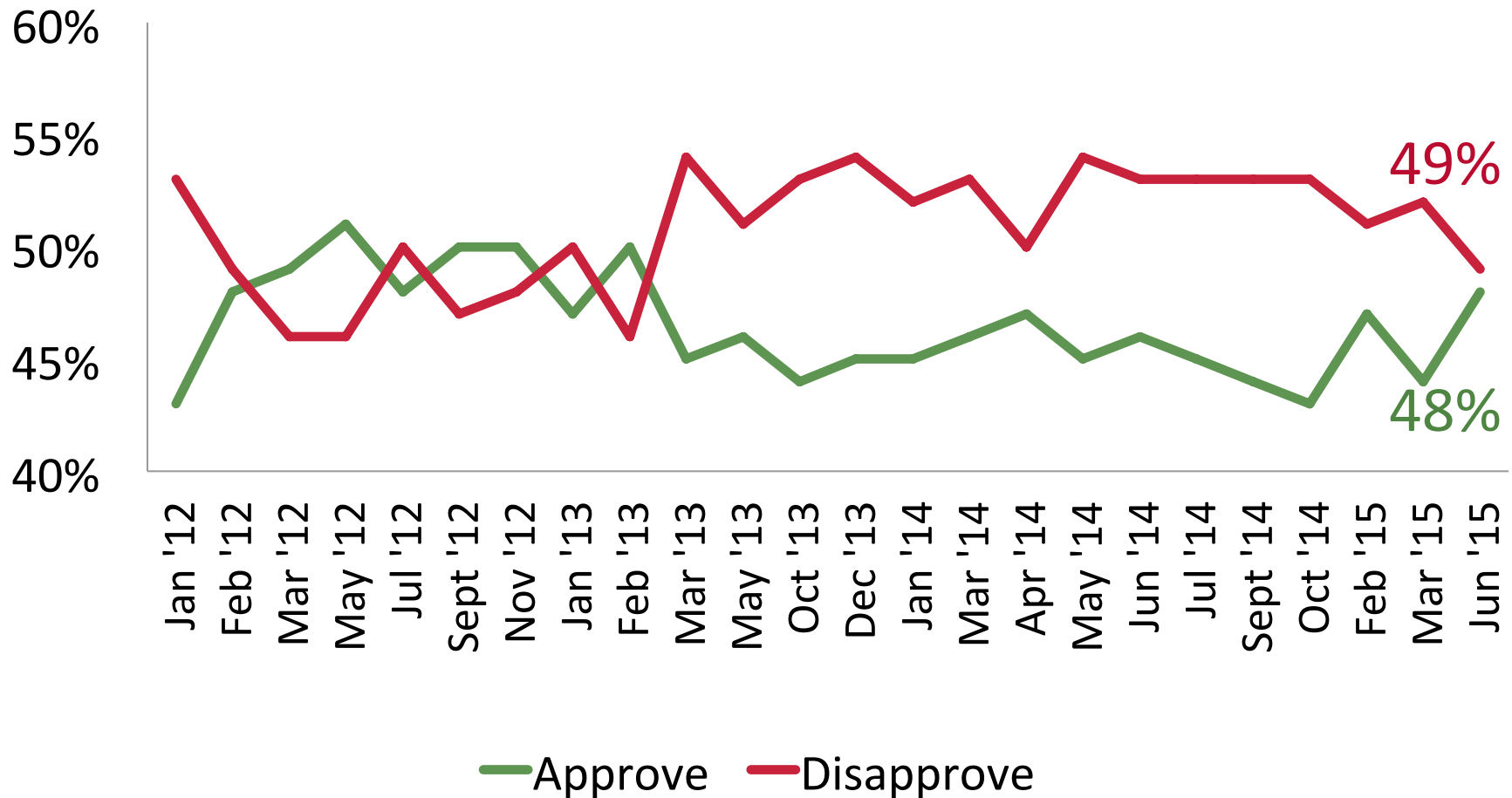
# Do you feel things in North Carolina are generally headed in the right direction or have gotten off on the wrong track?



# If the 2016 election for the North Carolina State Legislature were held today, would you be voting for the:

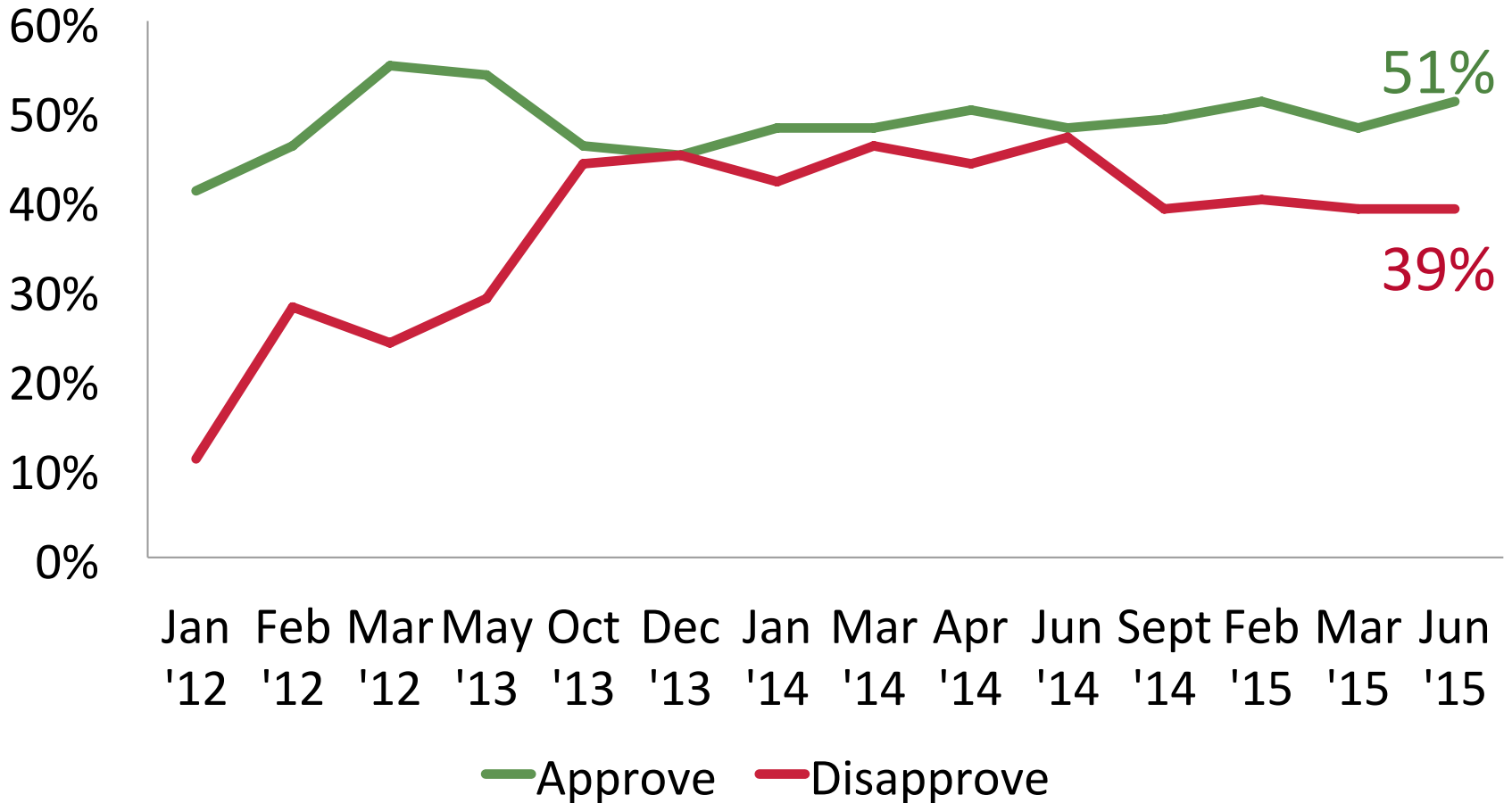


# Now, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President of the United States.

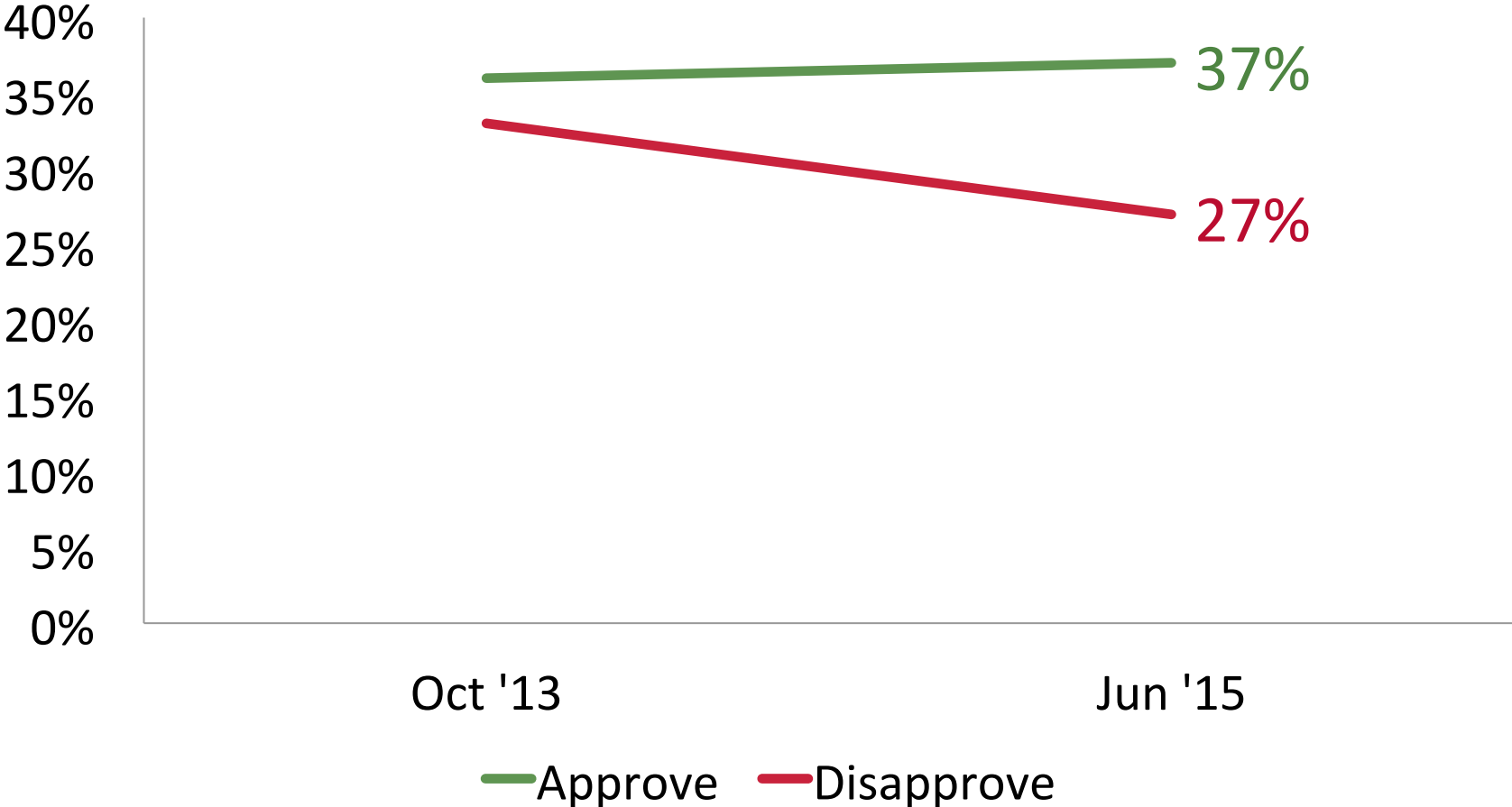




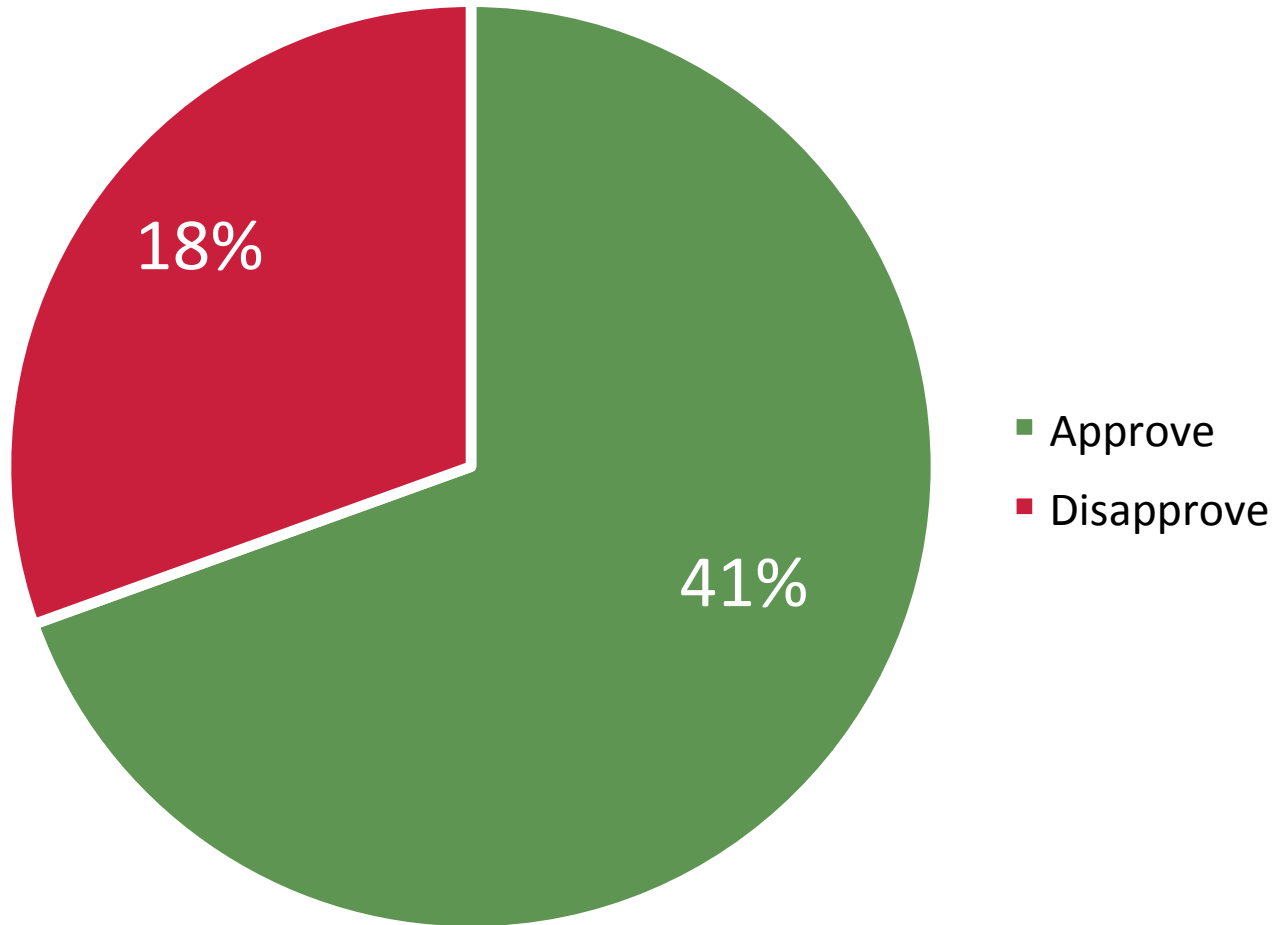
# Now, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Pat McCrory is doing as Governor of North Carolina.



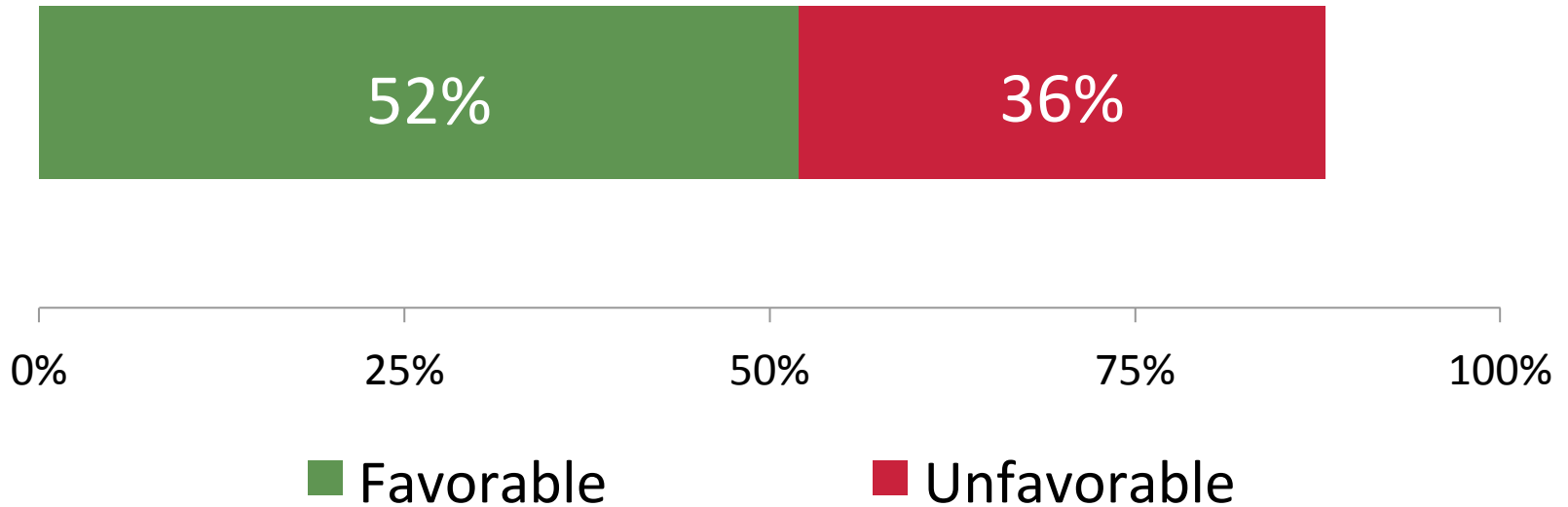
# Now, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Richard Burr is doing as US Senator.



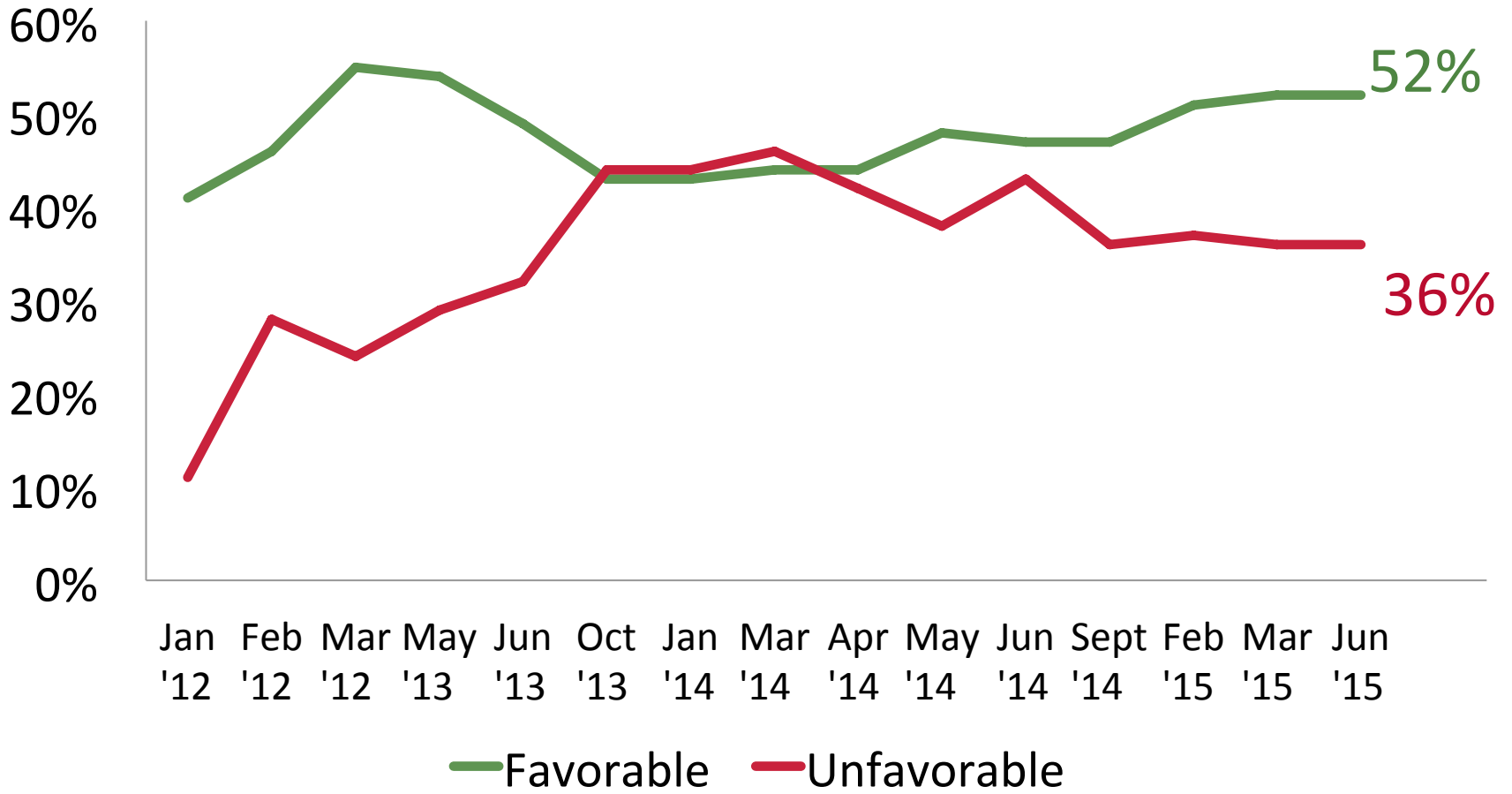
**Now, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Roy Cooper is doing as Attorney General.**



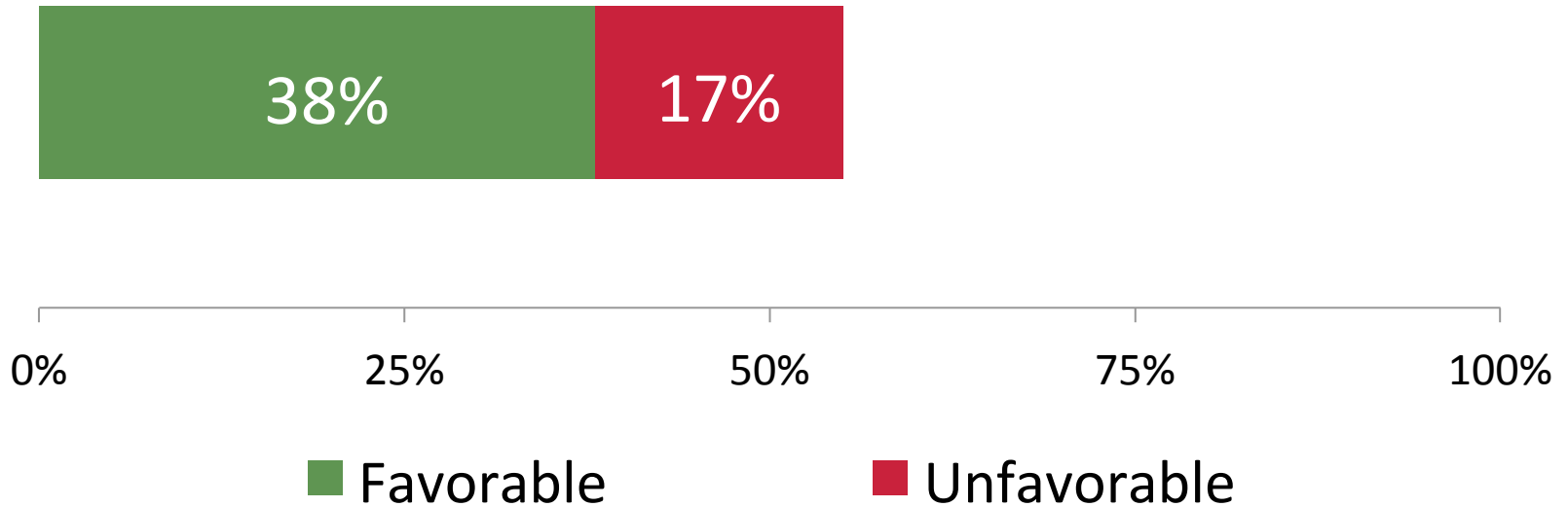
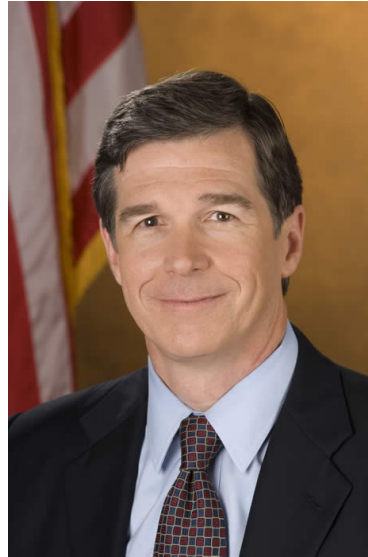
# Favorability – Pat McCrory



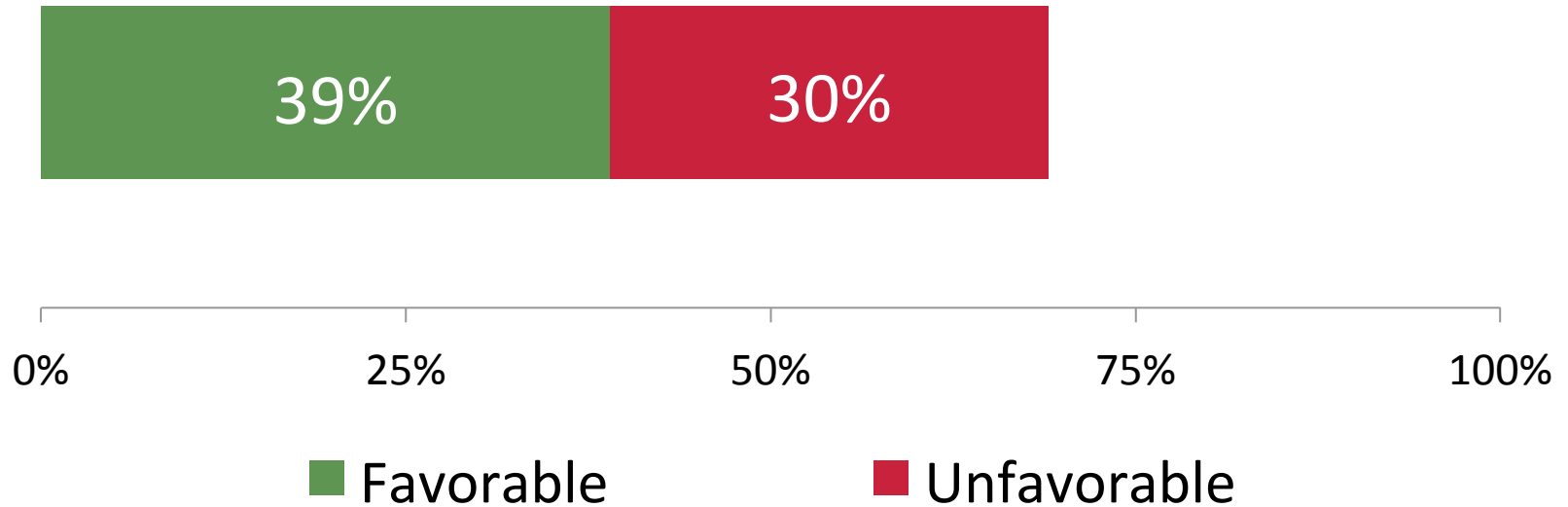
# Now, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Governor Pat McCrory.



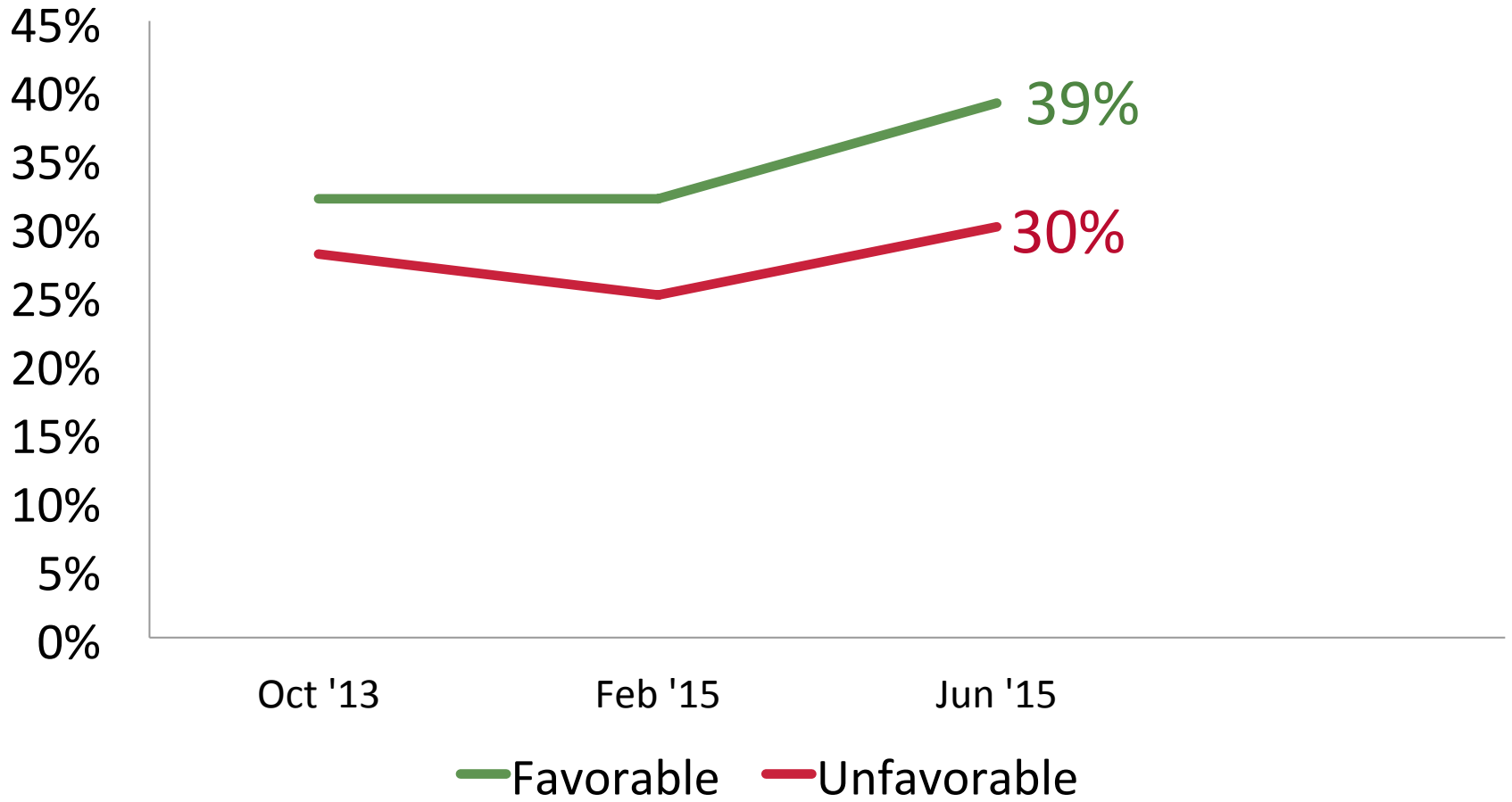
# Favorability – Roy Cooper



# Favorability – Richard Burr



**Now, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Senator Richard Burr.**





# Favorability – Barack Obama

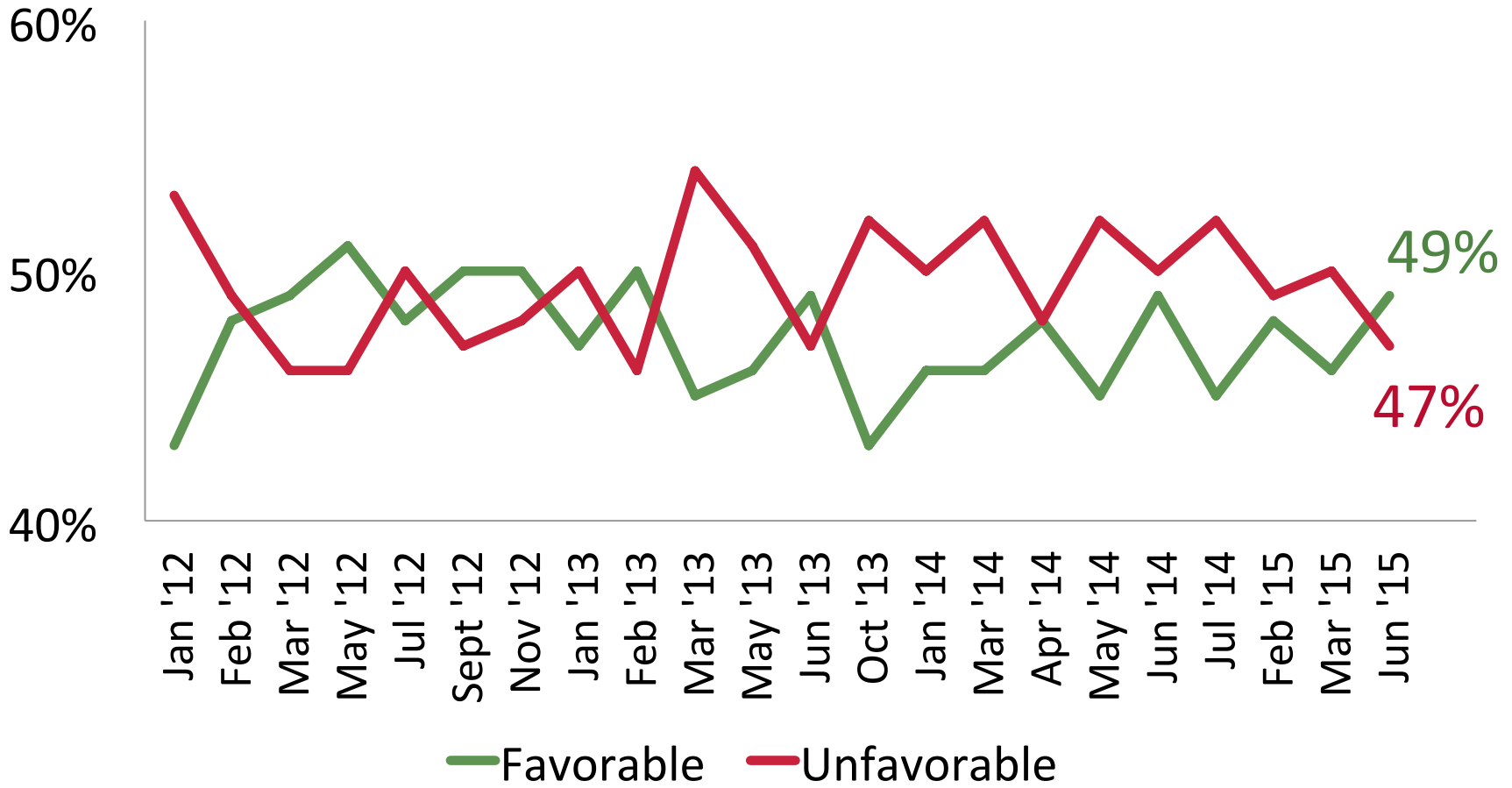


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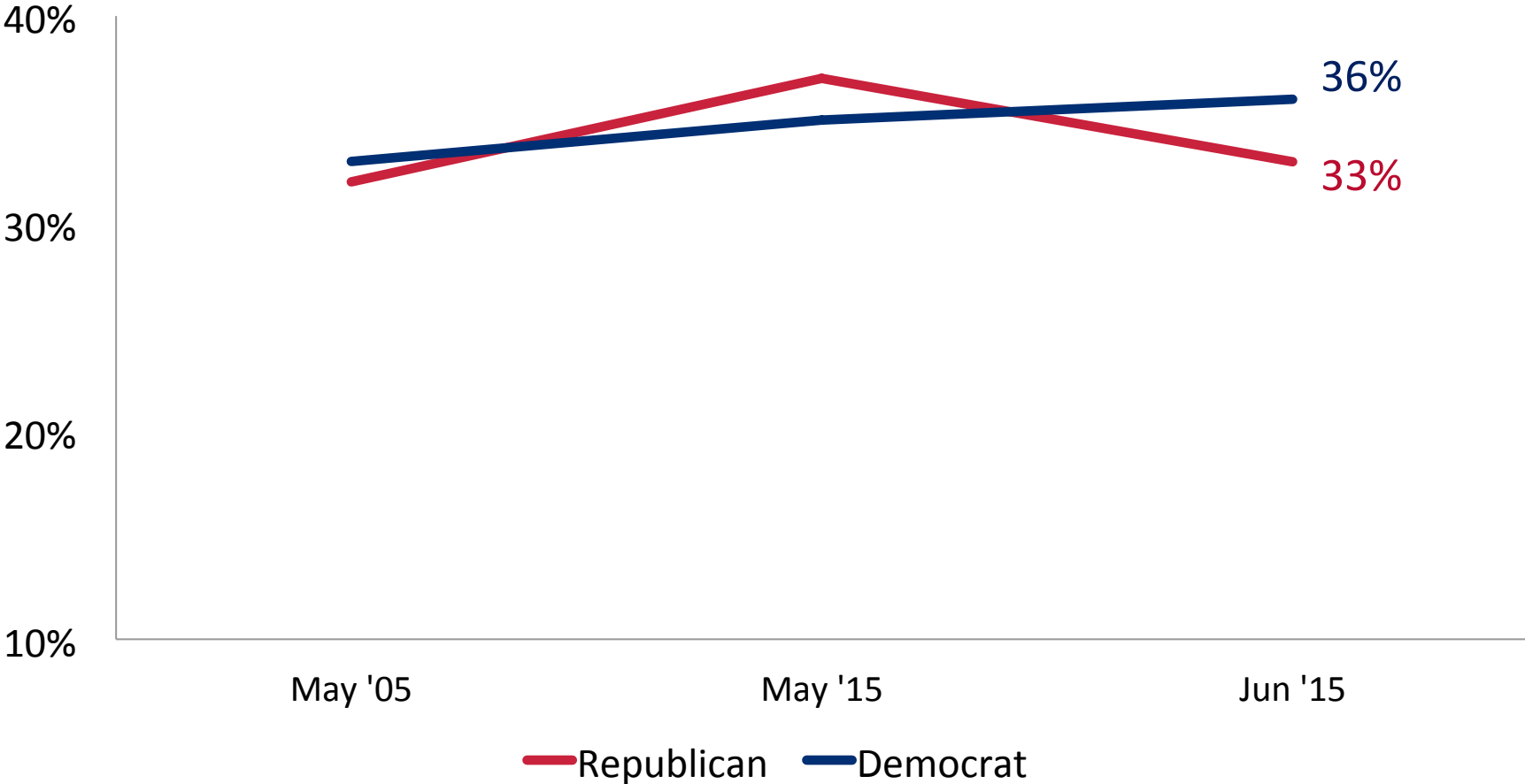
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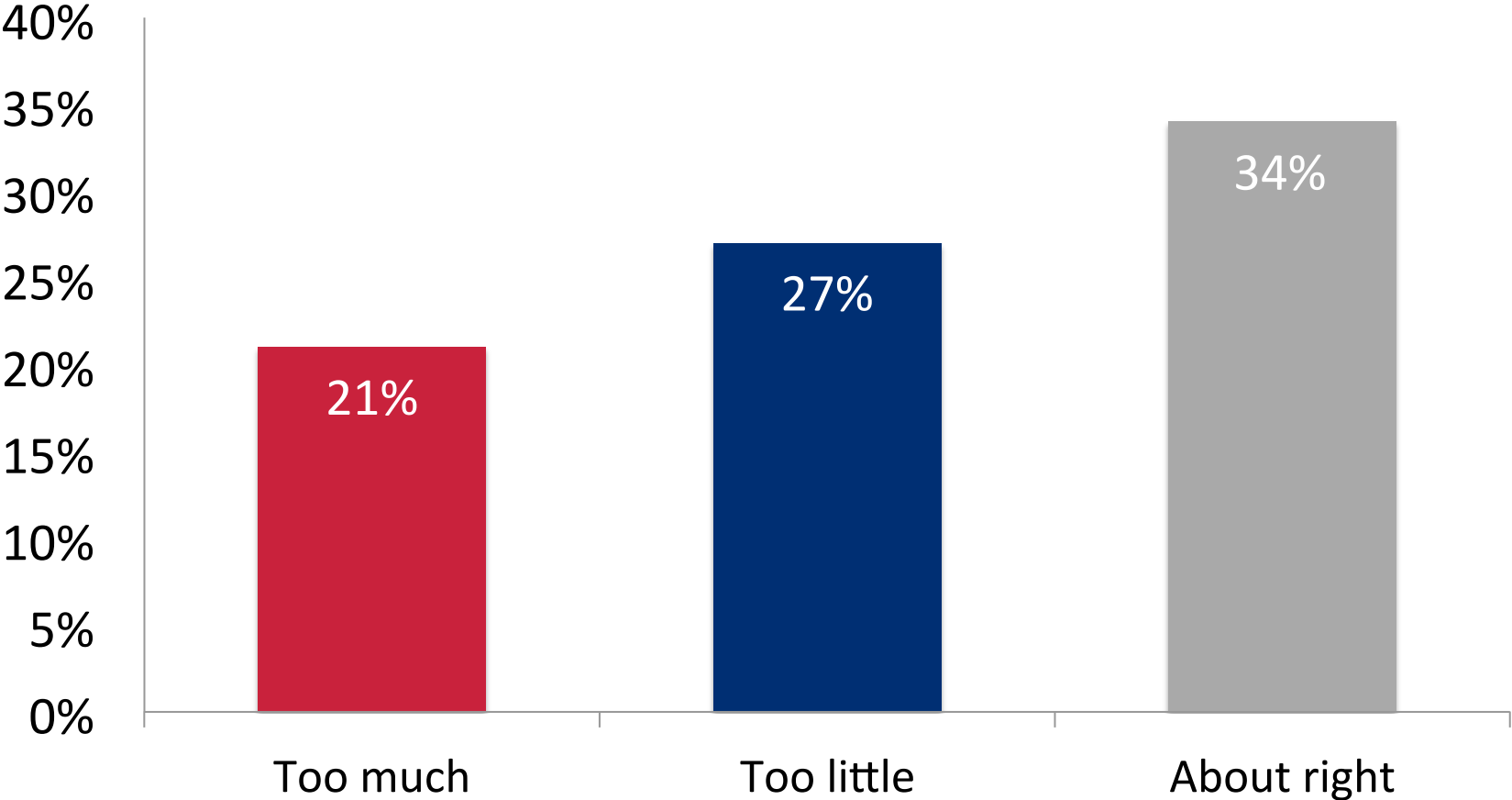
**Now, please tell me whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of President Barack Obama.**



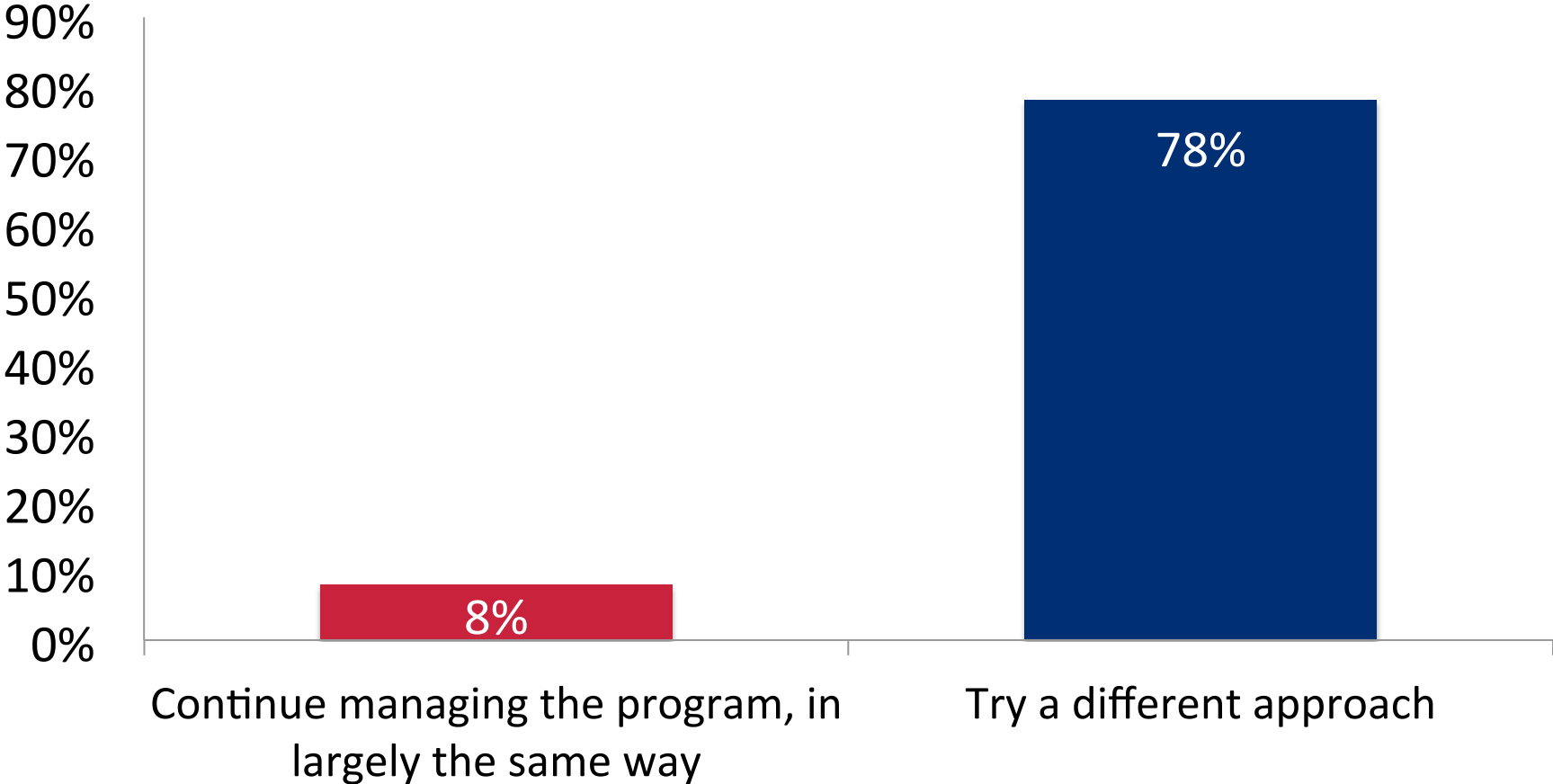
# Thinking about political parties, which party in North Carolina would you say provides the best solutions to our problems?



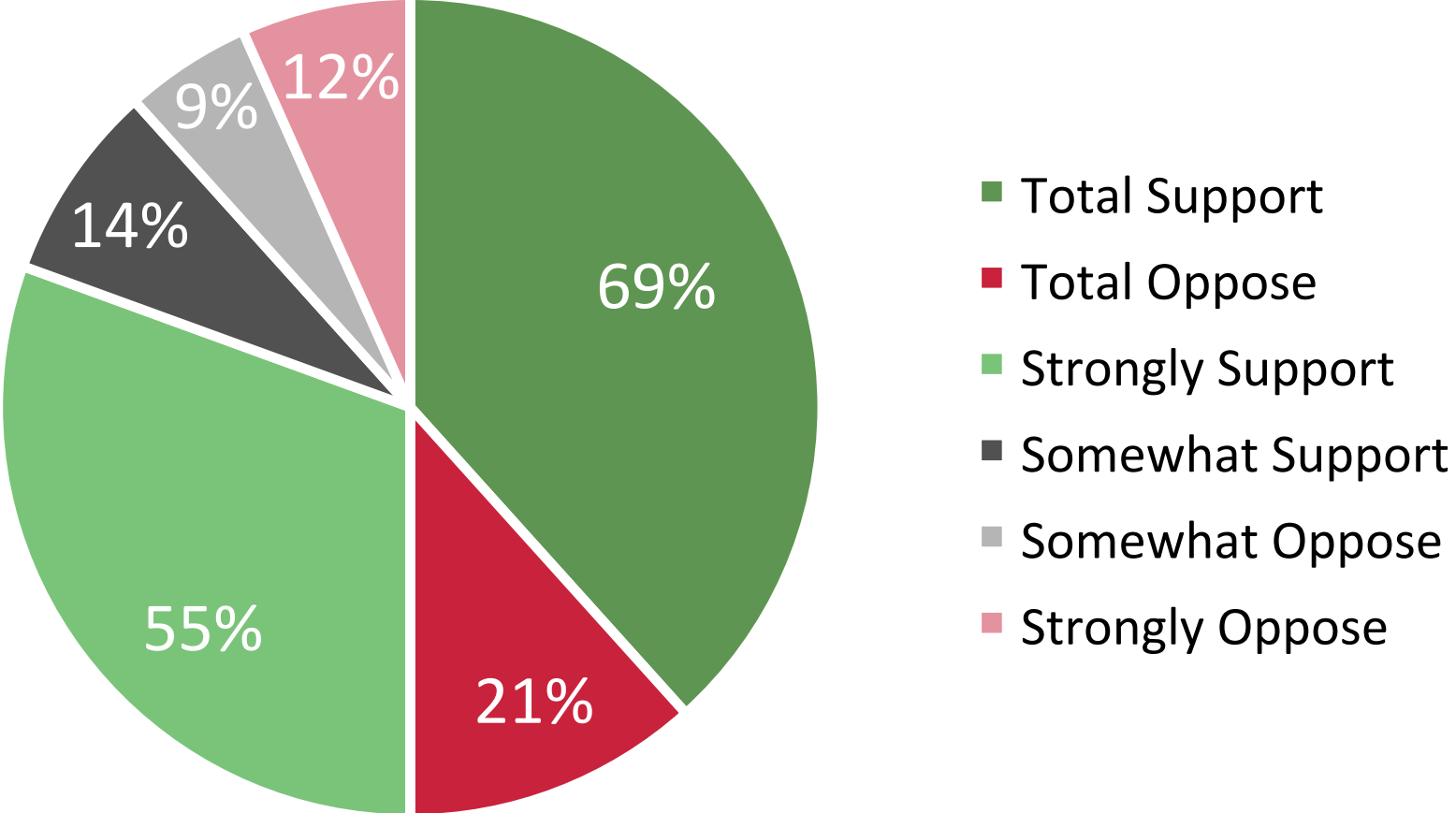
The state of North Carolina currently spends 17% of its General Fund, or \$3.8 Billion on the Medicaid program. In your opinion, is this too much, too little, or about right?



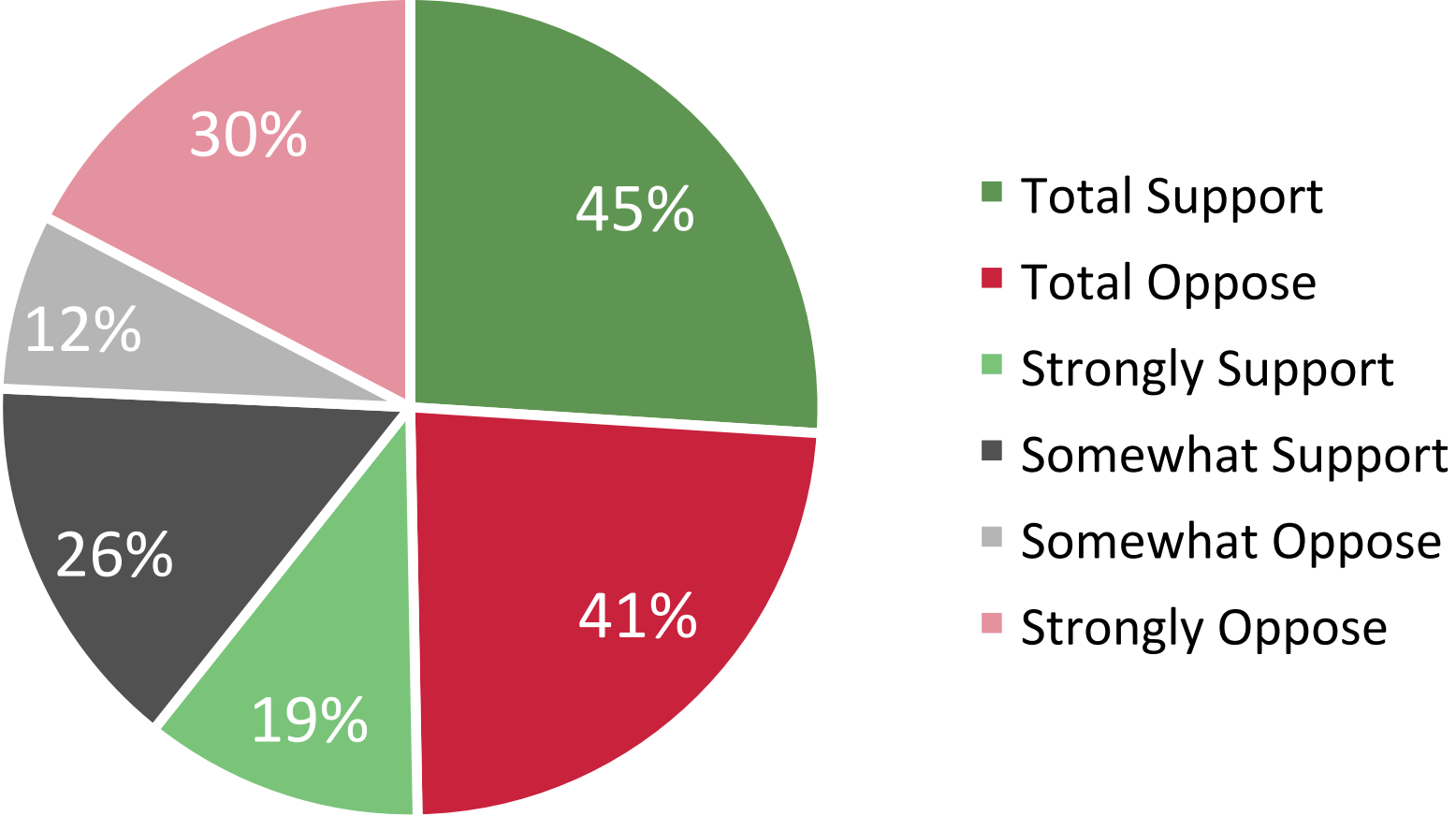
The total spending on Medicaid, including federal and state funds, is almost \$14 billion. The program has been plagued by almost annual cost overruns. In your opinion, what is the best way to address these problems?



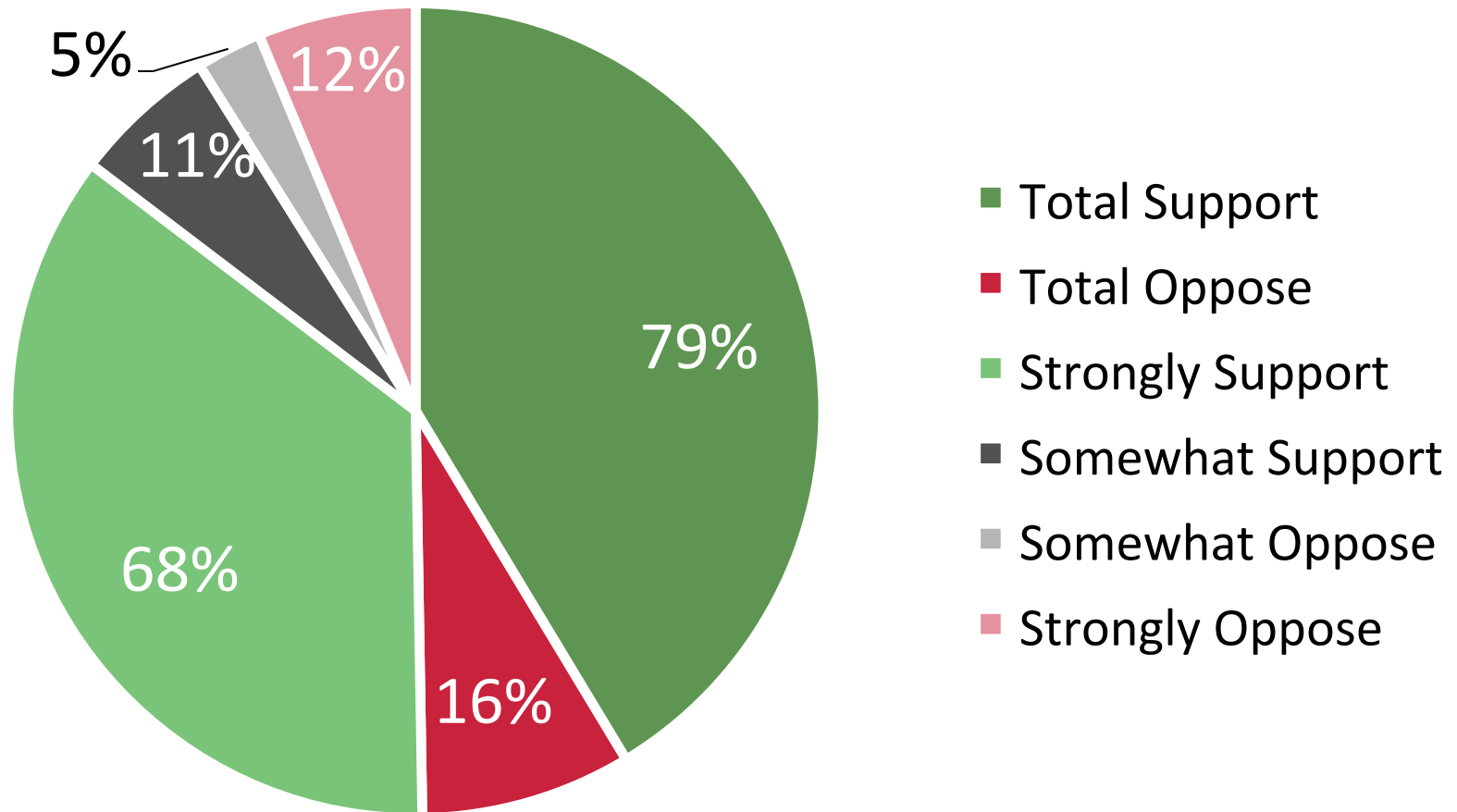
**Government agencies want to collect performance data on students for research purposes. The Department of Public Instruction is implementing a new assessment rating system which would begin with 5 year olds in Kindergarten. The data collected will begin a “child profile,” and be stored electronically in the cloud. With that in mind, would you support or oppose providing parents the ability to opt-out their child from this rating system and data collection?**



**New assessments for 5 year old students entering kindergarten will rate children both on cognitive areas, such as counting and letter recognition, and also on emotional areas, like emotional literacy and social development. These Child Ratings will be entered electronically into the North Carolina Statewide Longitudinal Data System and used to guide education decision-making and improve workforce development. Do you support or oppose this policy?**

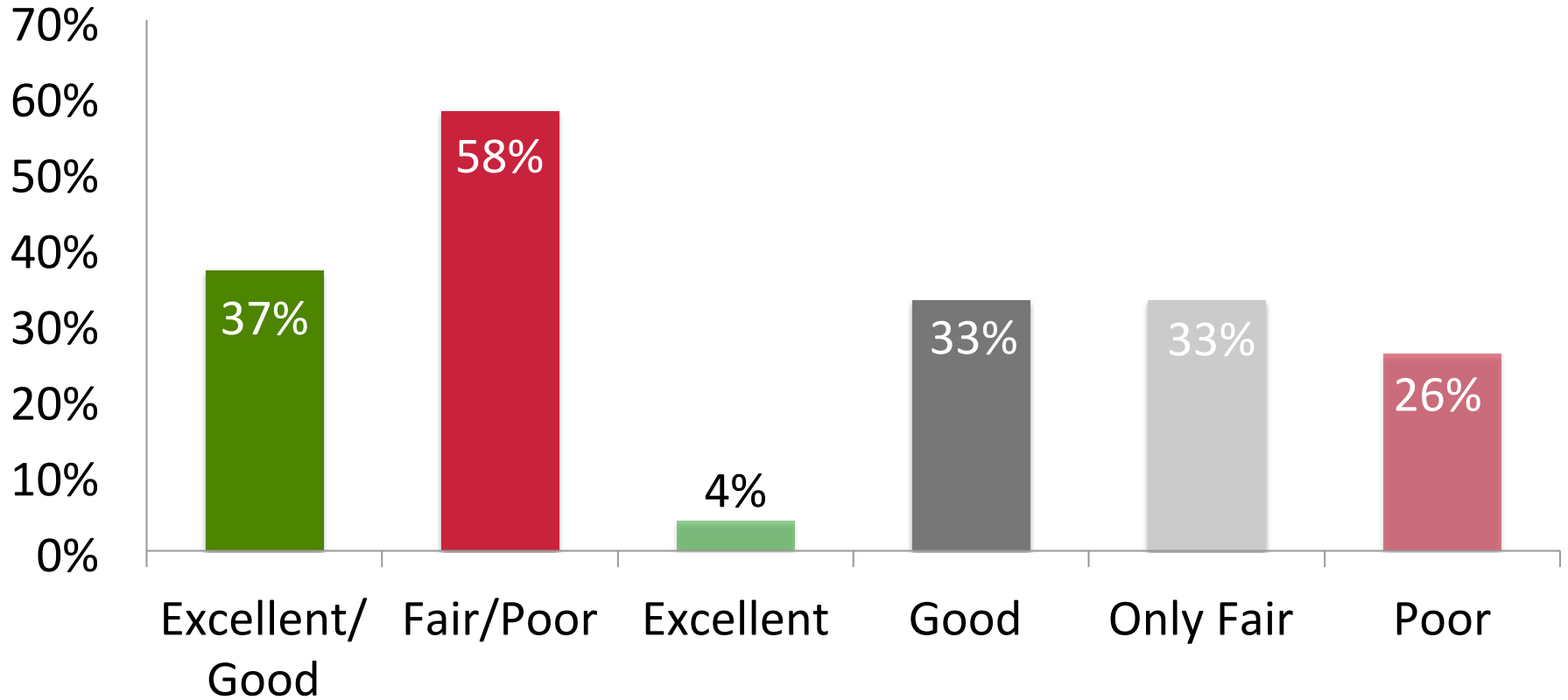


Teachers of kindergarten classes will be evaluating students electronically, and may take photos and videos of the child, or their work, to provide evidence of the child's performance on such areas as emotional literacy, counting, and letter recognition. Currently, teachers are allowed to take photos of a child or their work without written permission by parents or guardian. With that in mind, would you support or oppose a proposal to require schools to obtain written permission from parents before allowing teachers to take photos or videos of a child and their work?

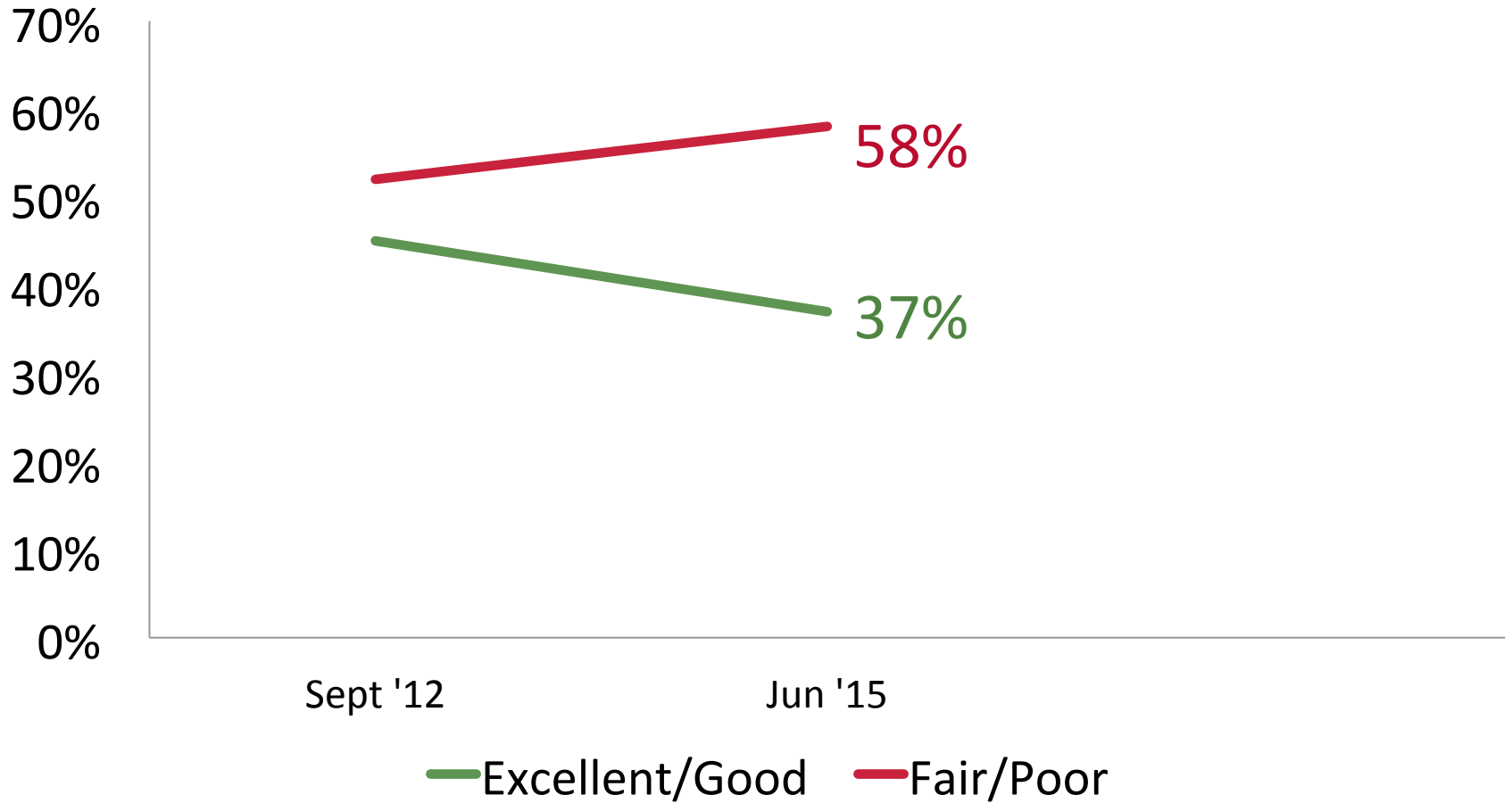




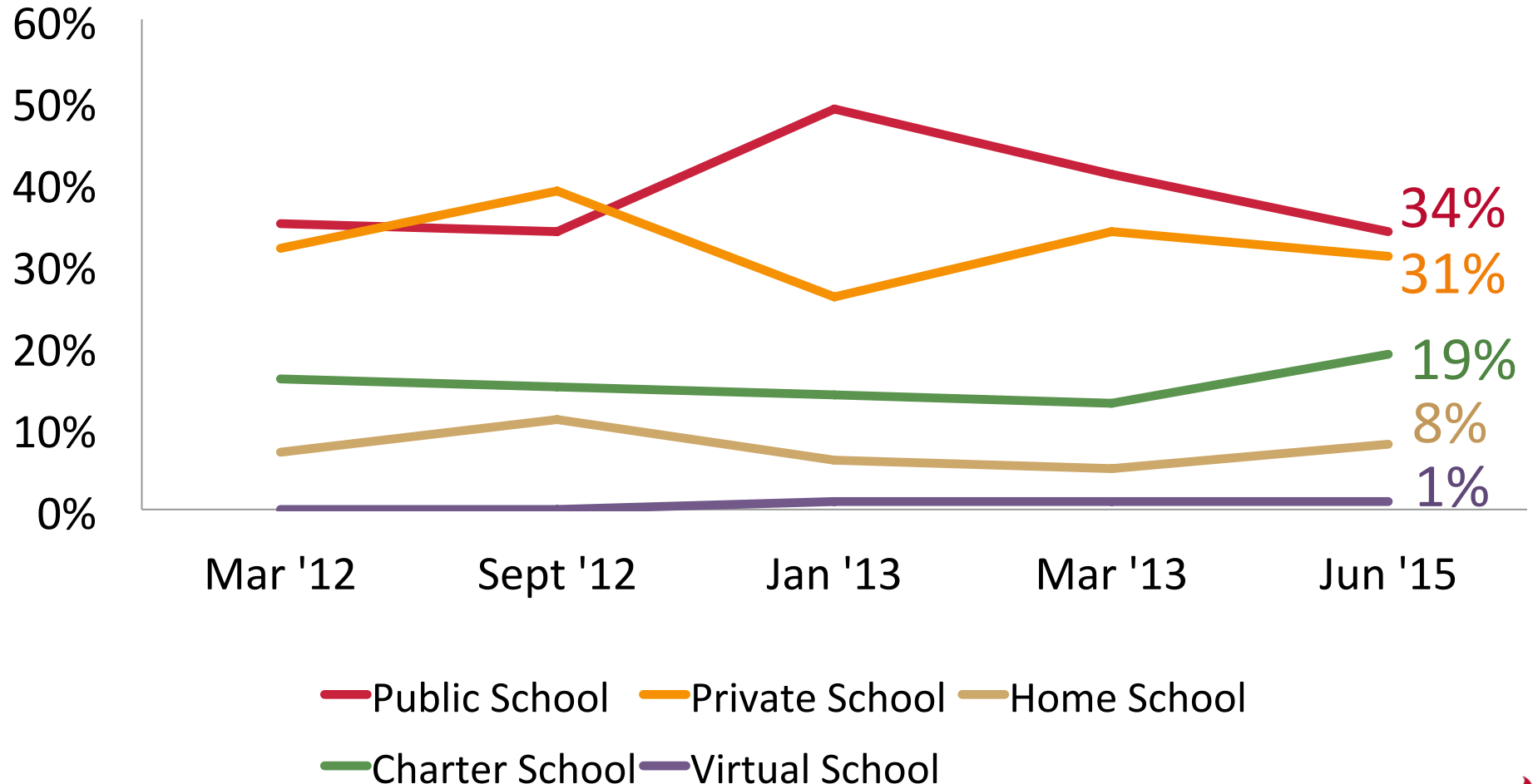
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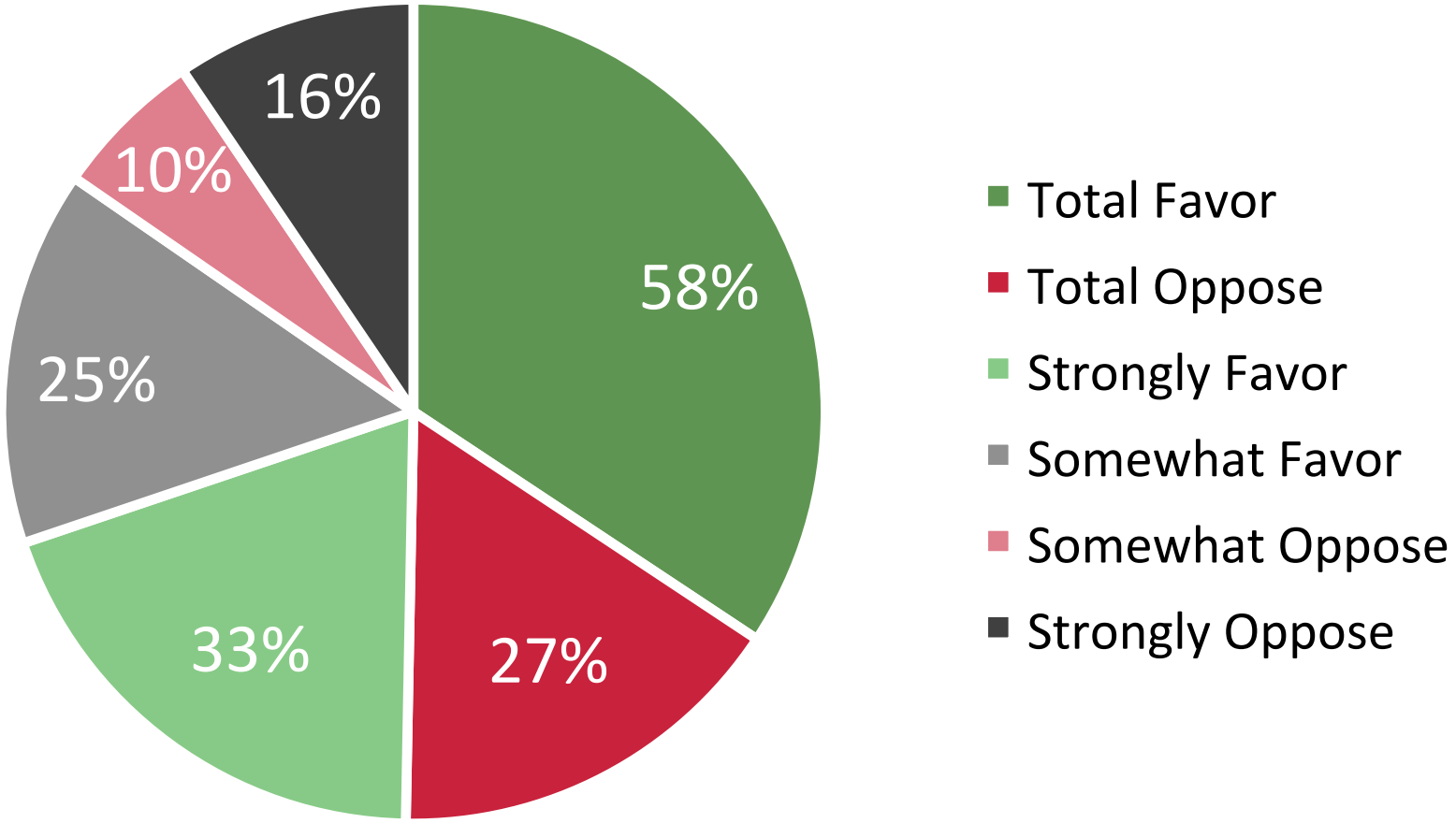
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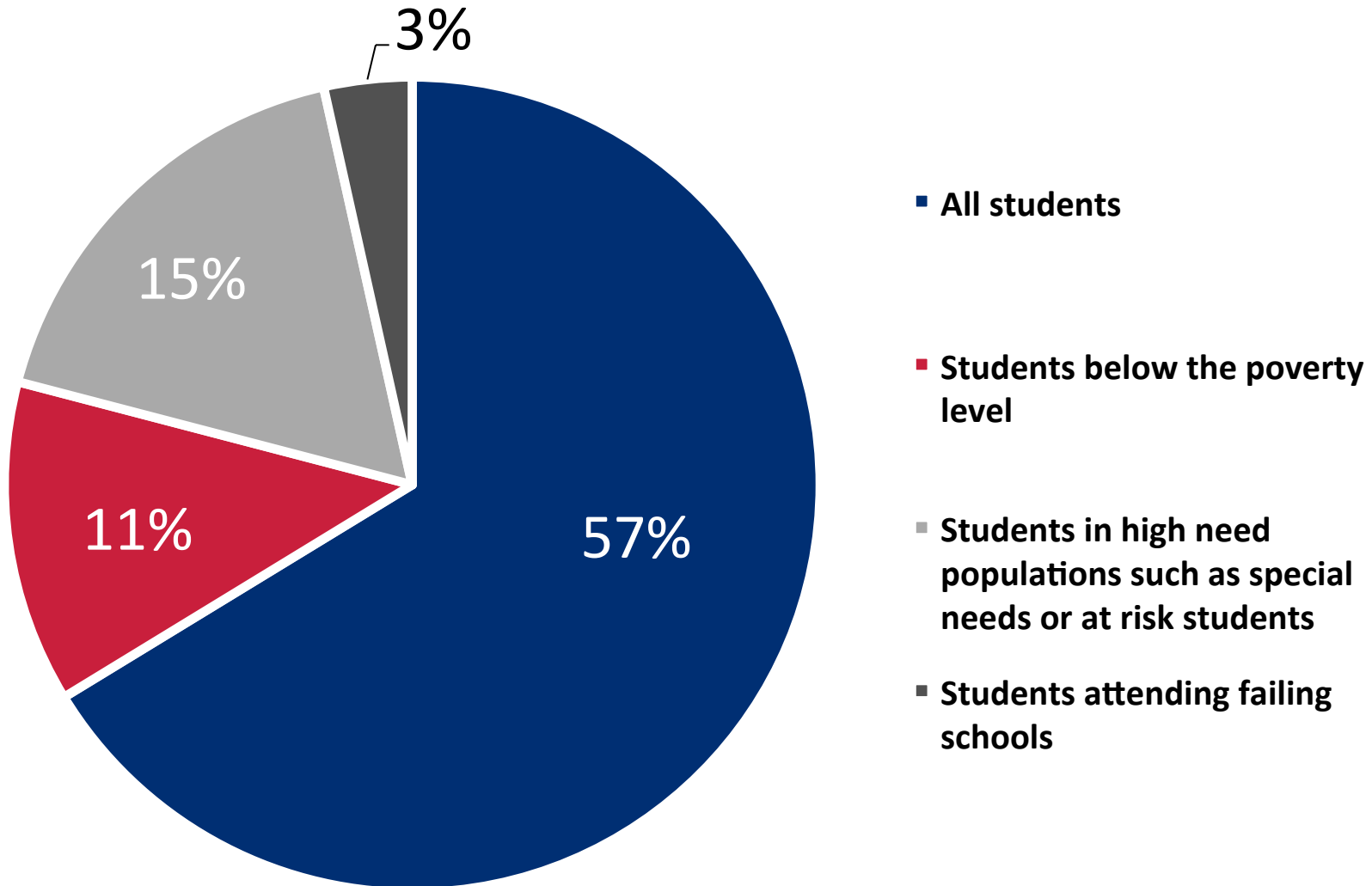
# It if were your decision and you could select any type of school, what type of school would you select in order to obtain the best education for your child?



Recently, Nevada became the fifth state to approve Education Savings Accounts for students, commonly called ESAs. ESAs are government authorized savings accounts that place government funds in an account for families and allow parents to use the funds for approved expenses such as tuition, books, and tutoring. In general, do you favor or oppose the idea of “Education Savings Accounts?”



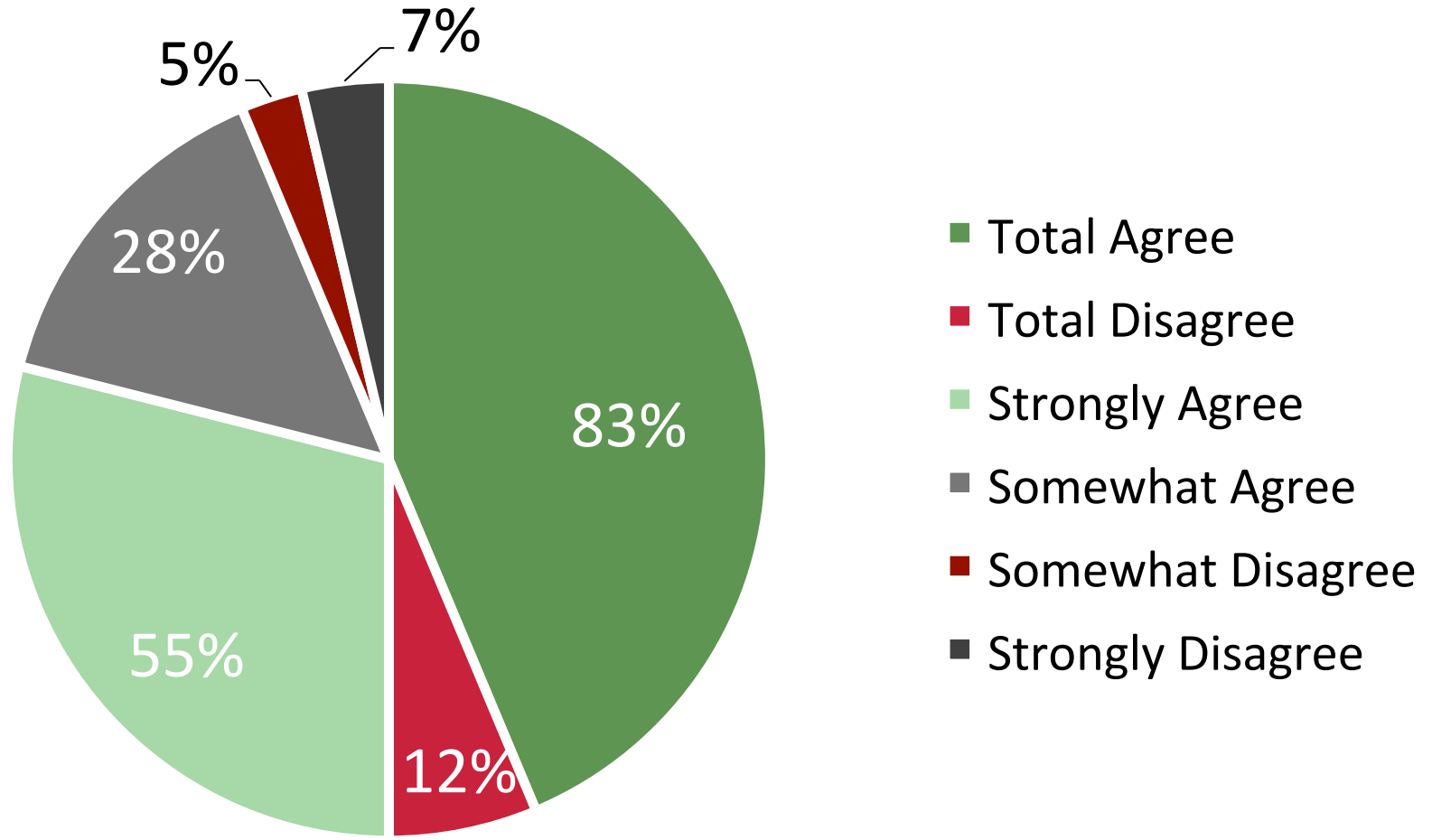
**Five states have approved ESA legislation. These states vary in who is eligible for the ESA, ranging from special needs or other specific populations, to all students. If approved by the North Carolina State legislature, in your opinion, who should be eligible to receive an education savings account?**



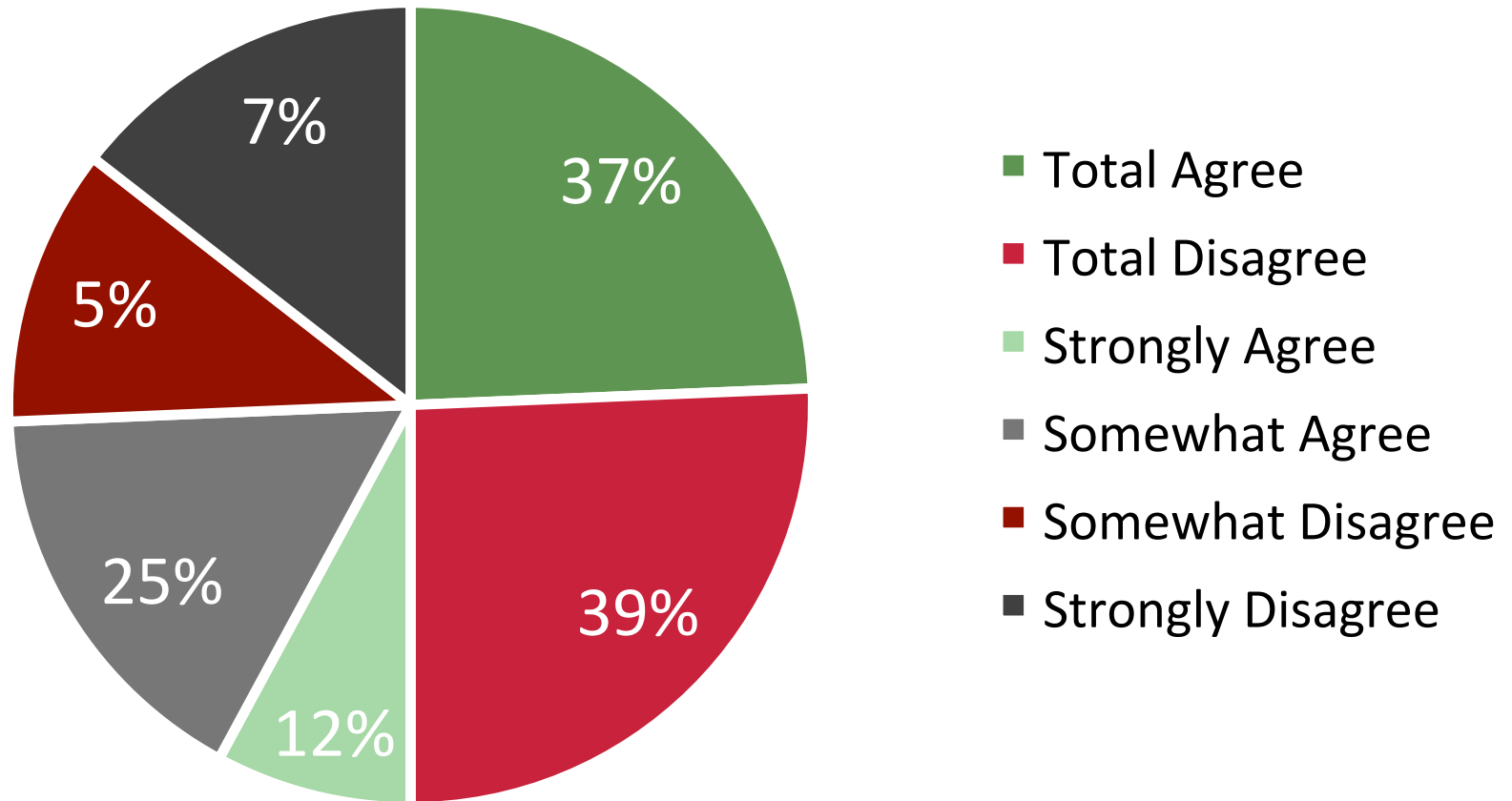
**Now I am going to read you a list of statements. After I read each, please tell me if you personally agree or disagree with the statement...**



**Federal government funds to state government are never QUOTE “free” UNQUOTE, and usually come with strings attached.**

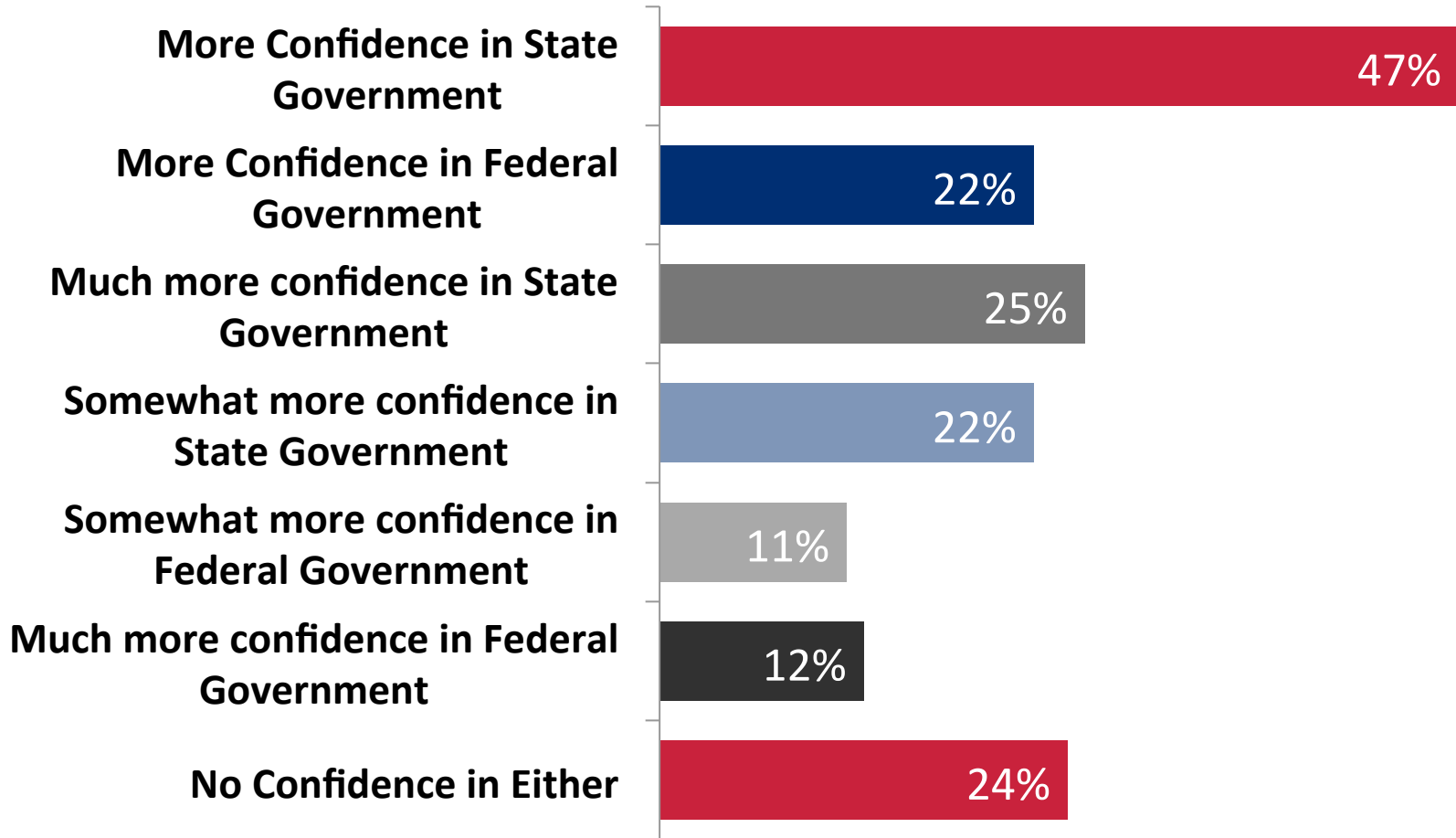


# Federal government funds sent to North Carolina reflect North Carolina's values and priorities.

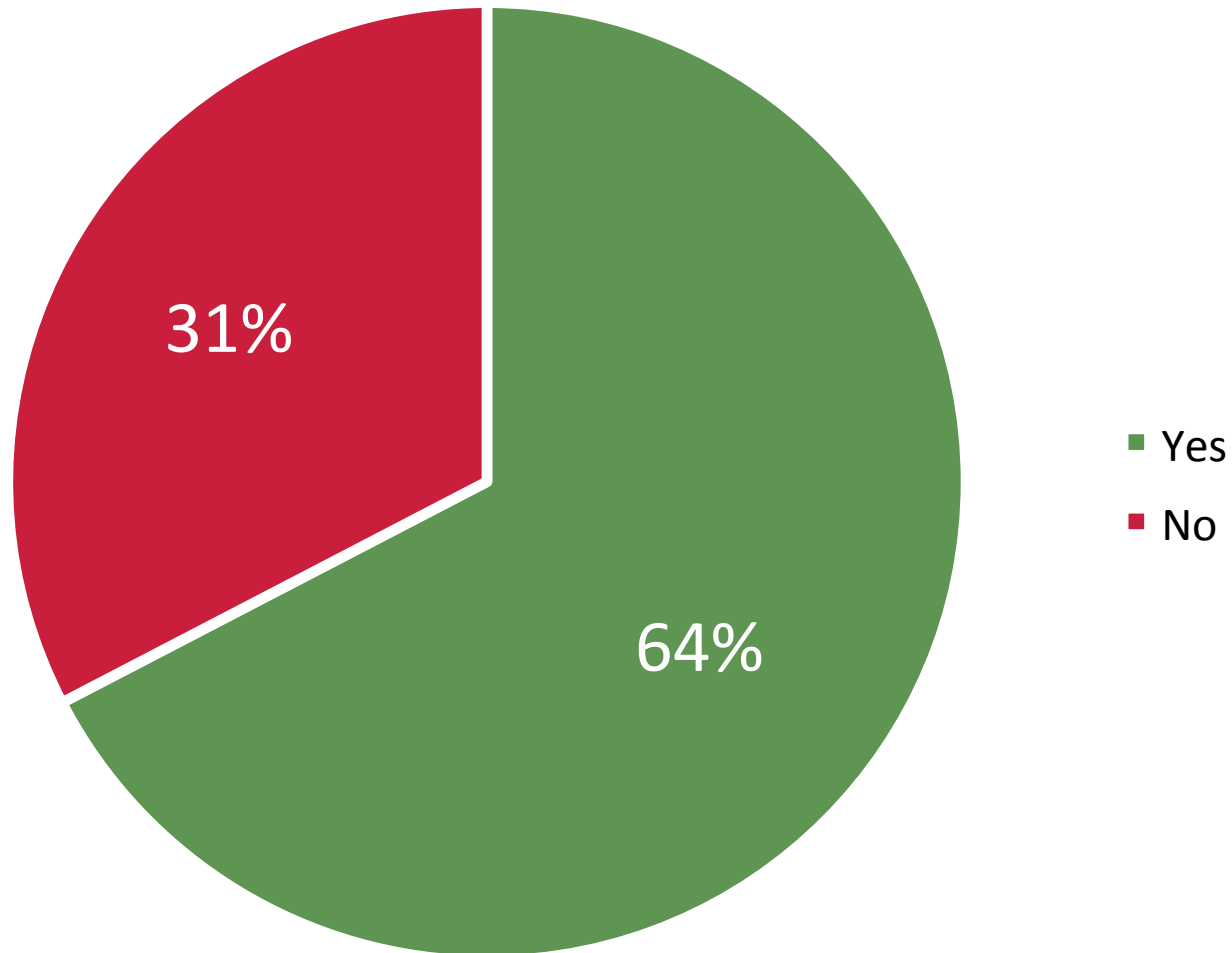




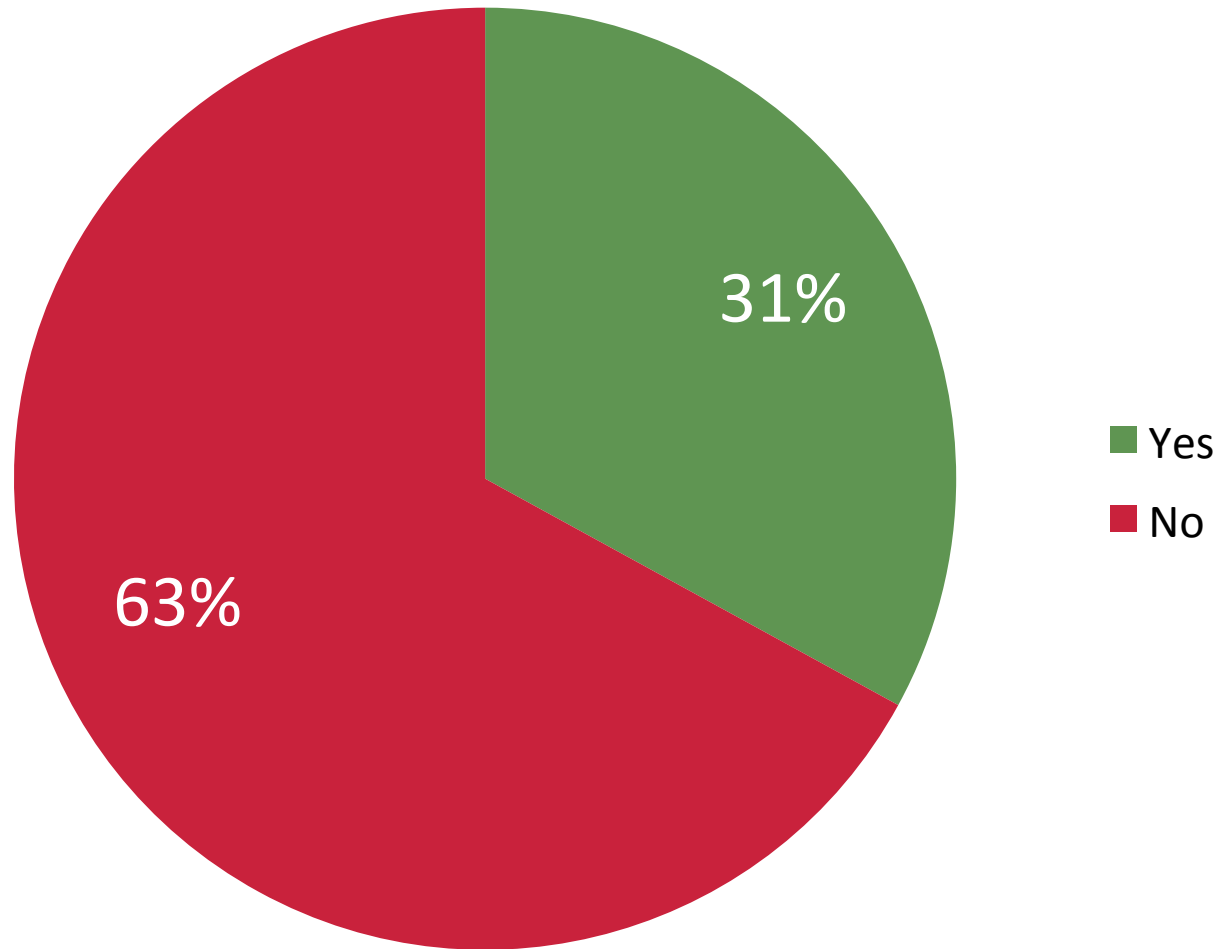
**Thinking about the handling of your tax dollars for a moment...Do you have more confidence in the North Carolina State Government or the Federal Government to BEST allocate you tax dollars?**



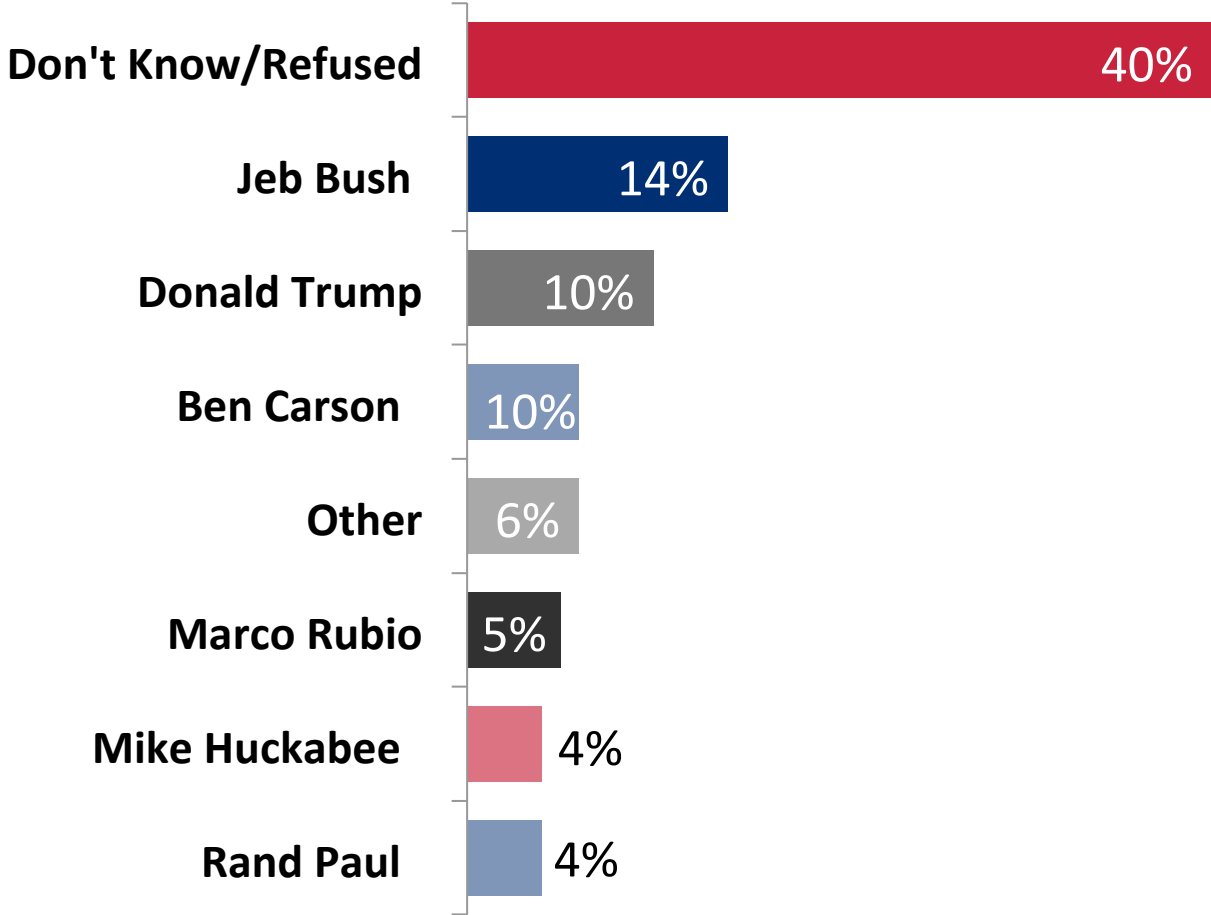
# Do you support the state constitutional which defines marriage as an act between one man and one woman?



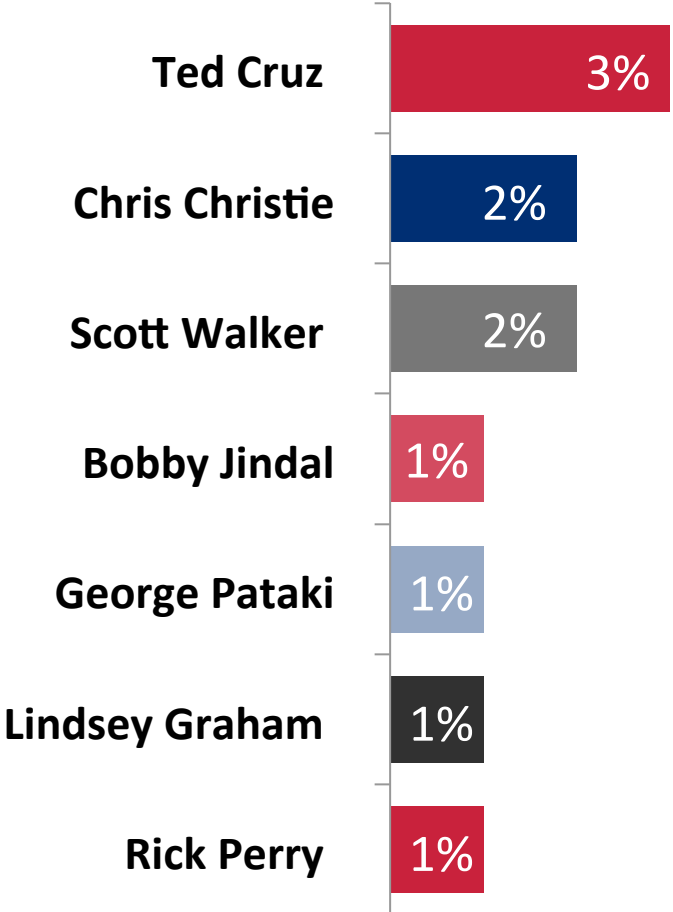
**Do you think state government court officials, such as a register of deeds, who oppose same sex marriage on religious grounds, should be compelled to perform and certify same sex marriages, even if it clearly violates an individual's religious convictions?**



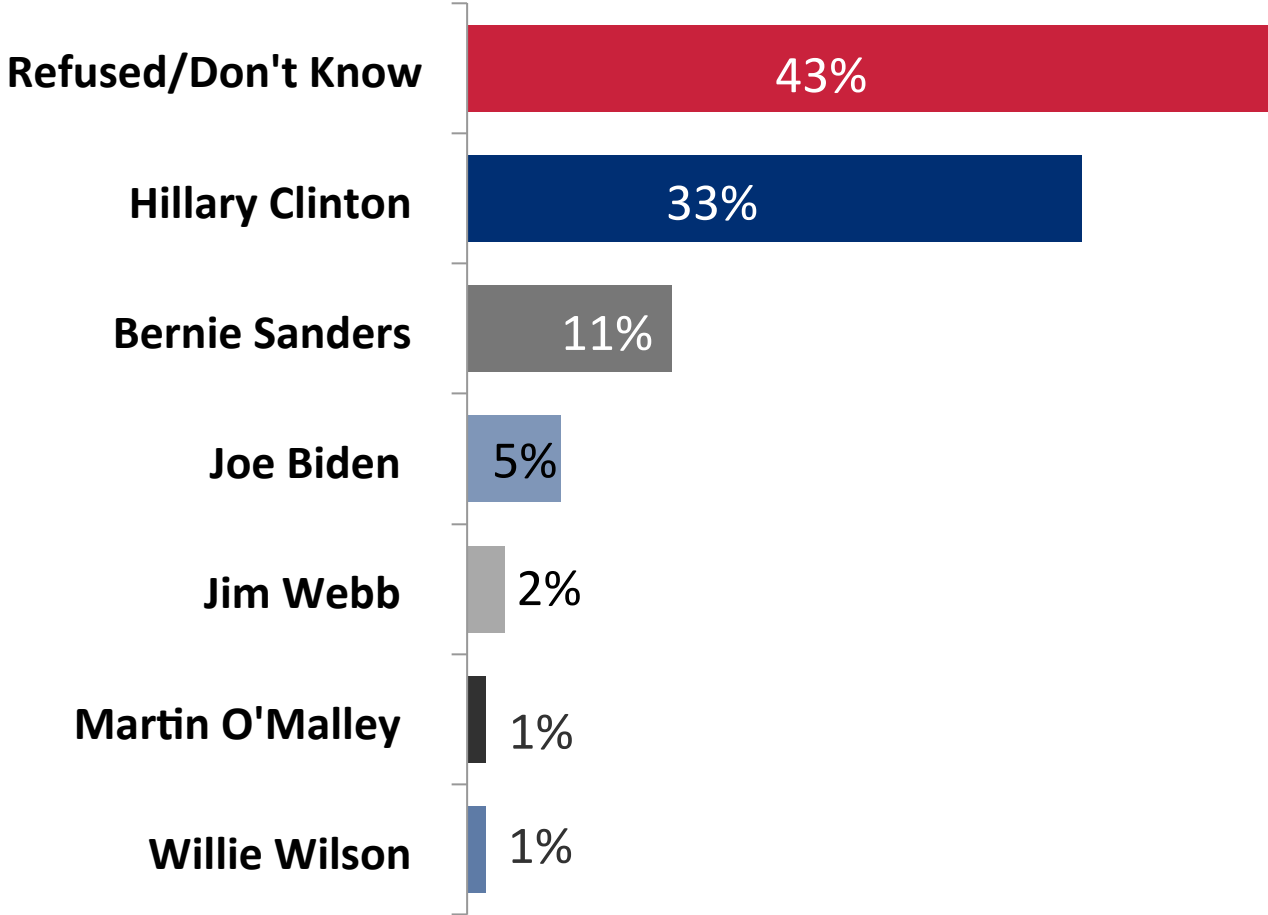
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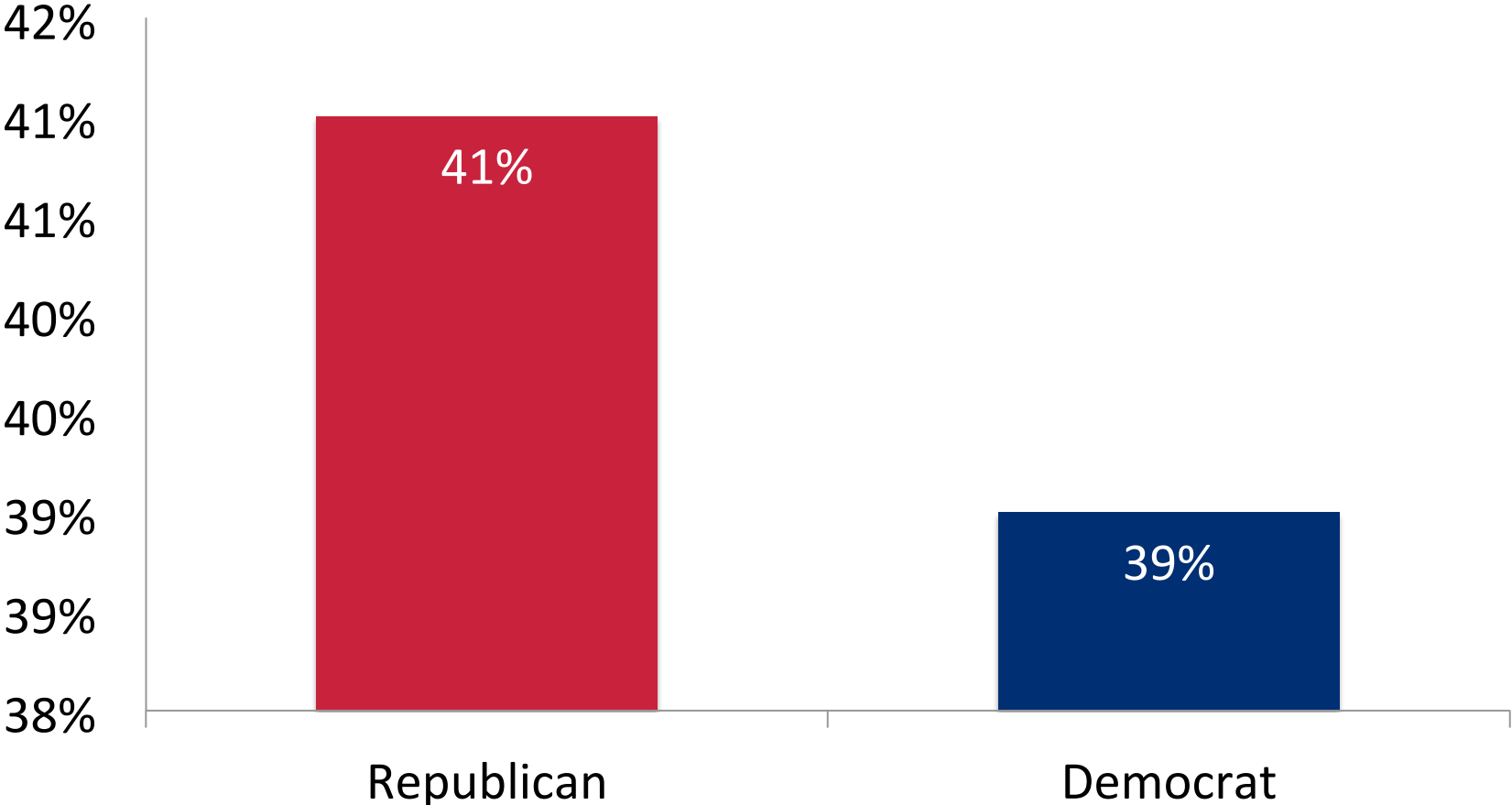
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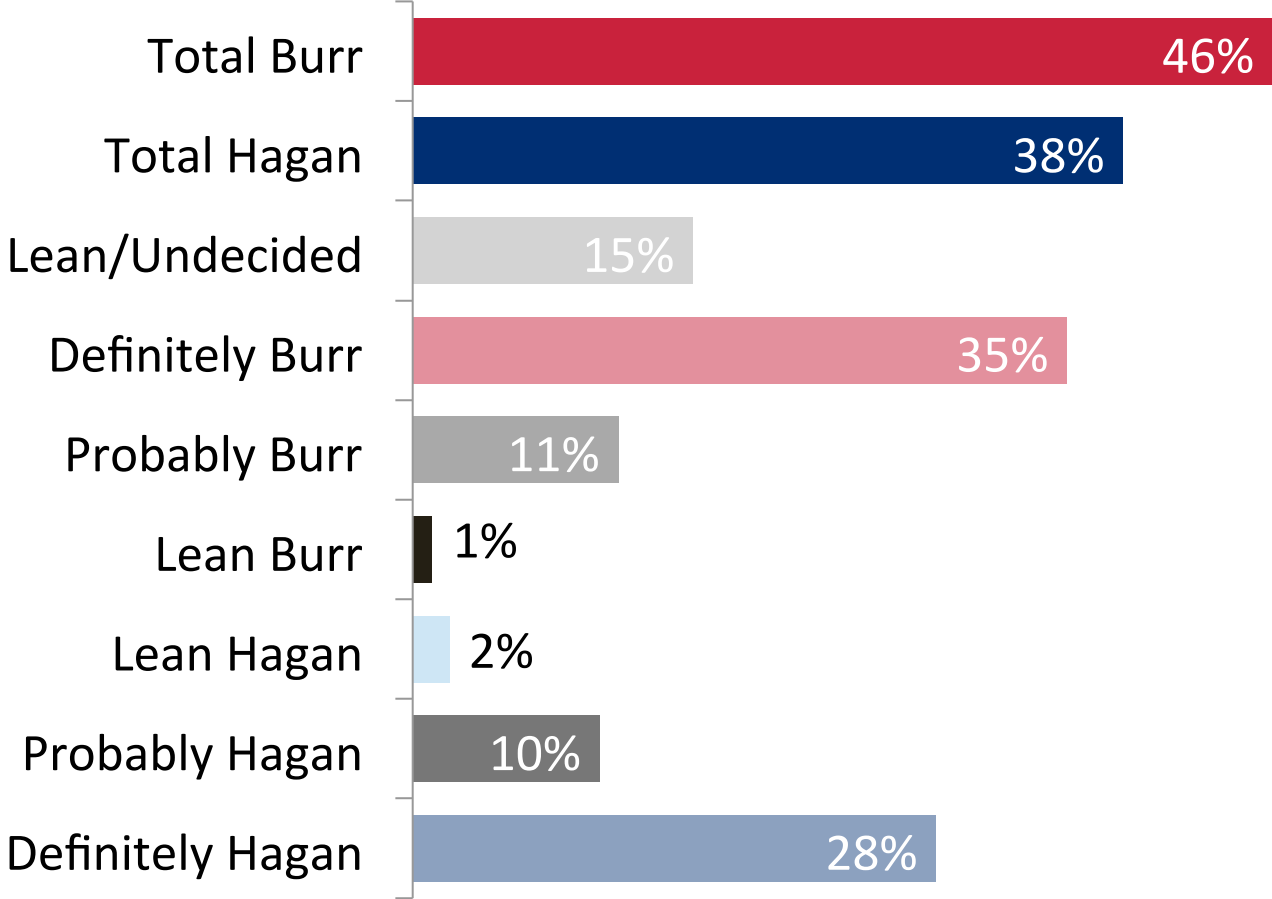
# If the 2016 Presidential Election were being held today who would you like to see as the candidate for the Democratic Party? (Open Ended Asked of All Voters)



**If the 2016 Presidential Election were being held today, and you had to make a choice, for whom would you vote between the Republican candidate, and the Democrat candidate?**

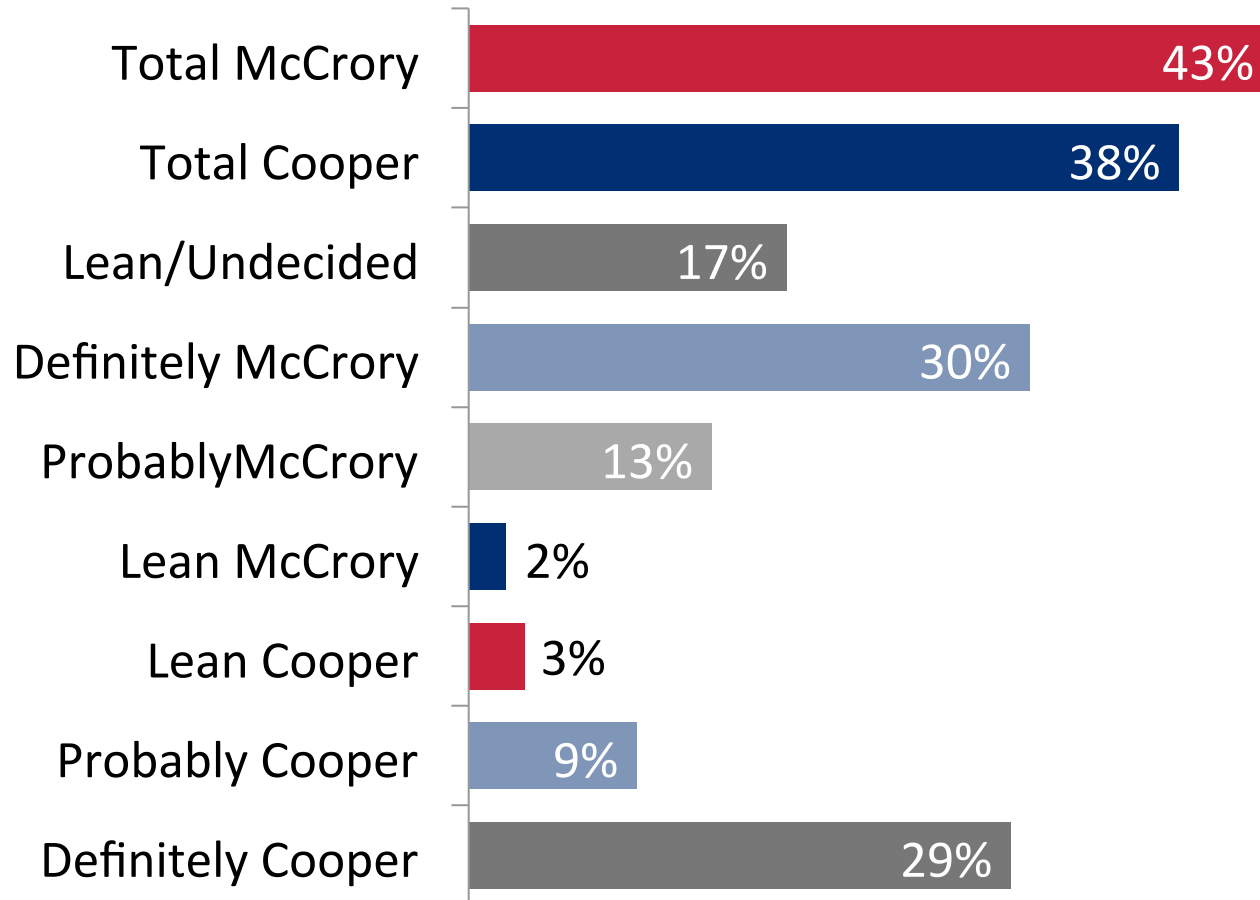


# If the election for United States Senate were being held today, for whom would you vote between: Richard Burr, the Republican, and Kay Hagan, the Democrat?

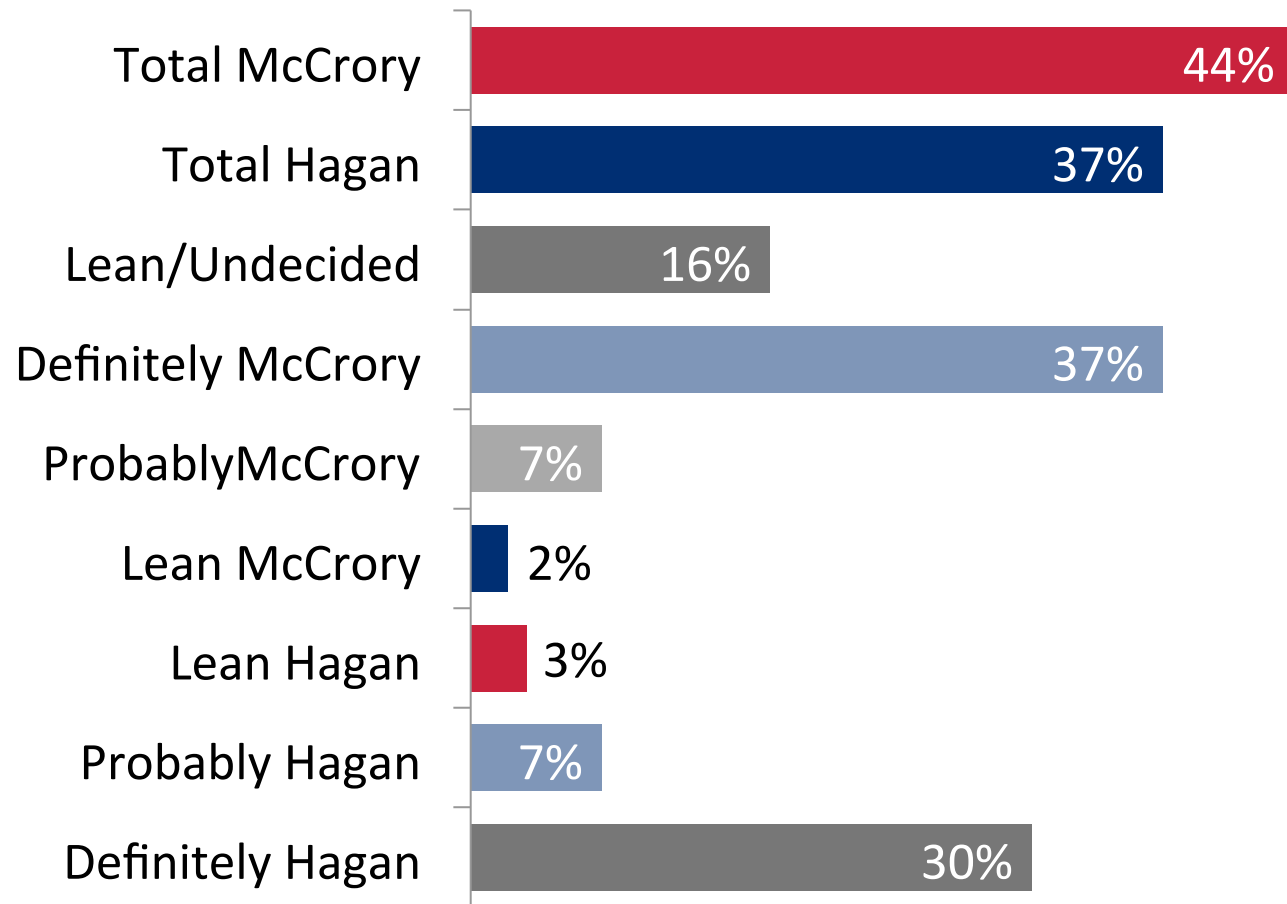




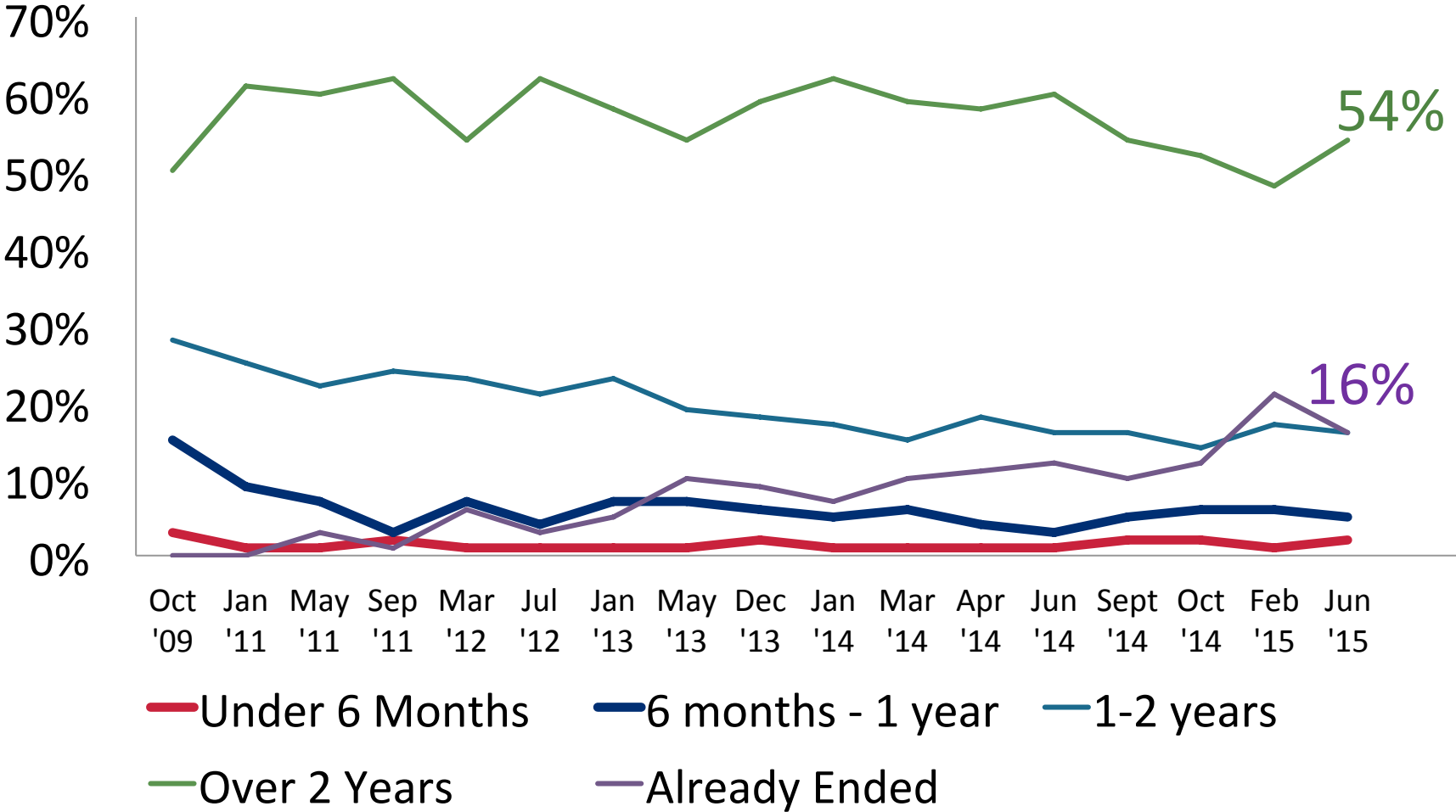
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# Thinking about the economy, in your opinion, how much longer do you think it will take for the economy to improve and the current recession to end?



# Questions?

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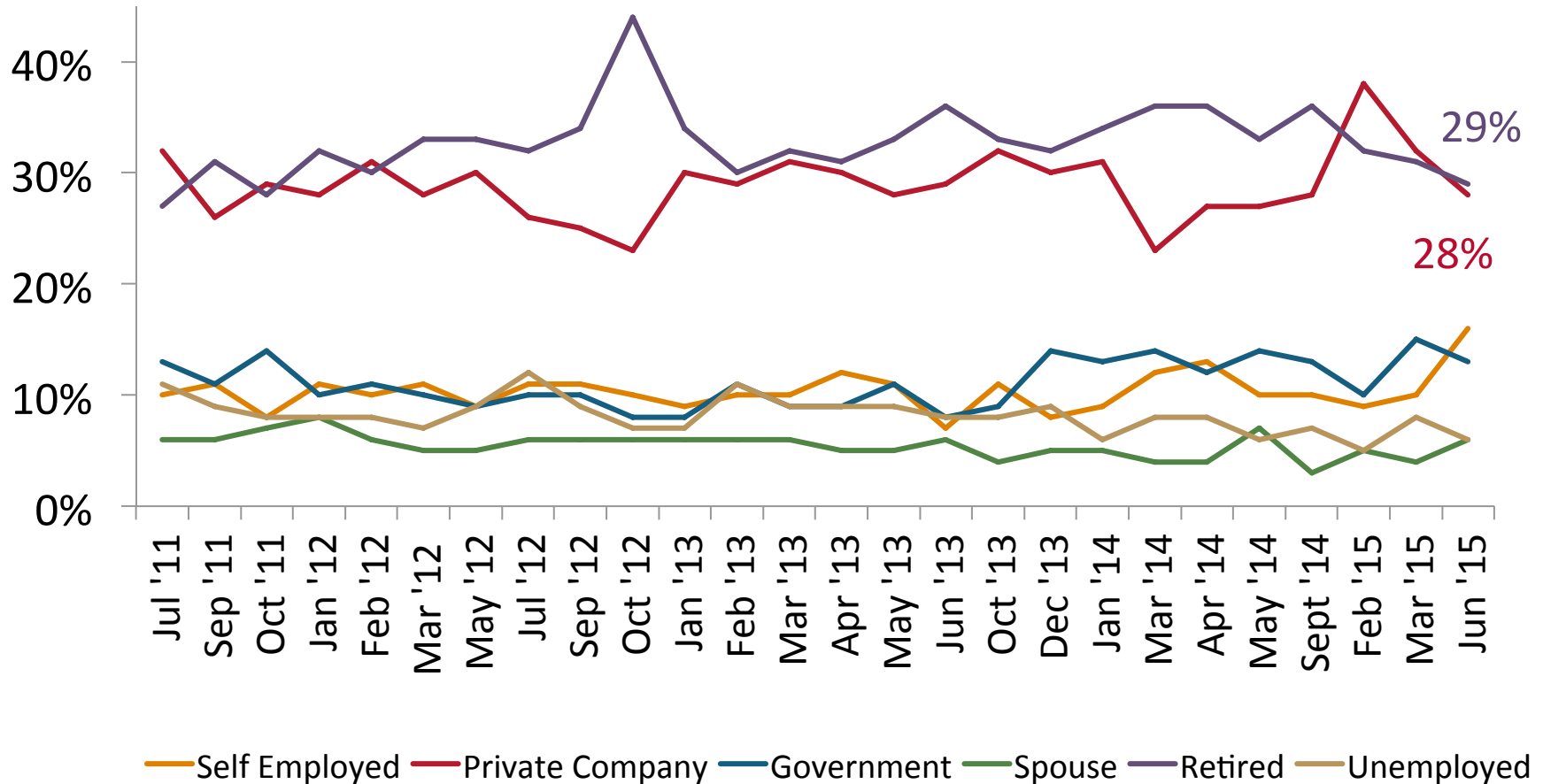


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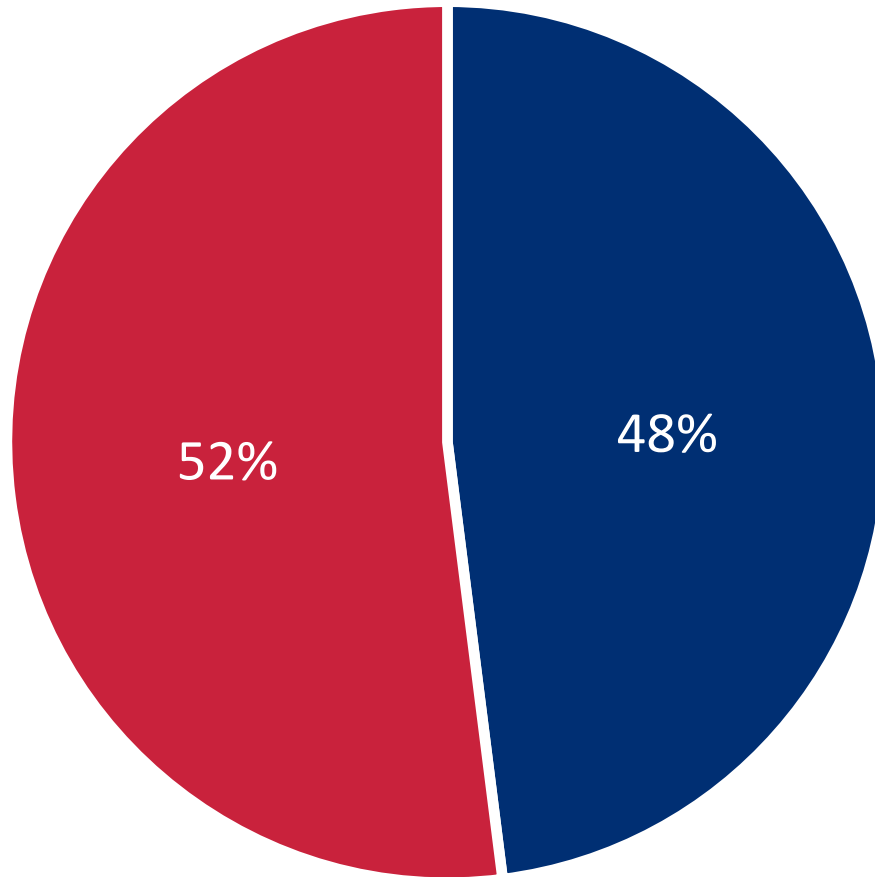


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# In terms of your current employment status, would you say you...

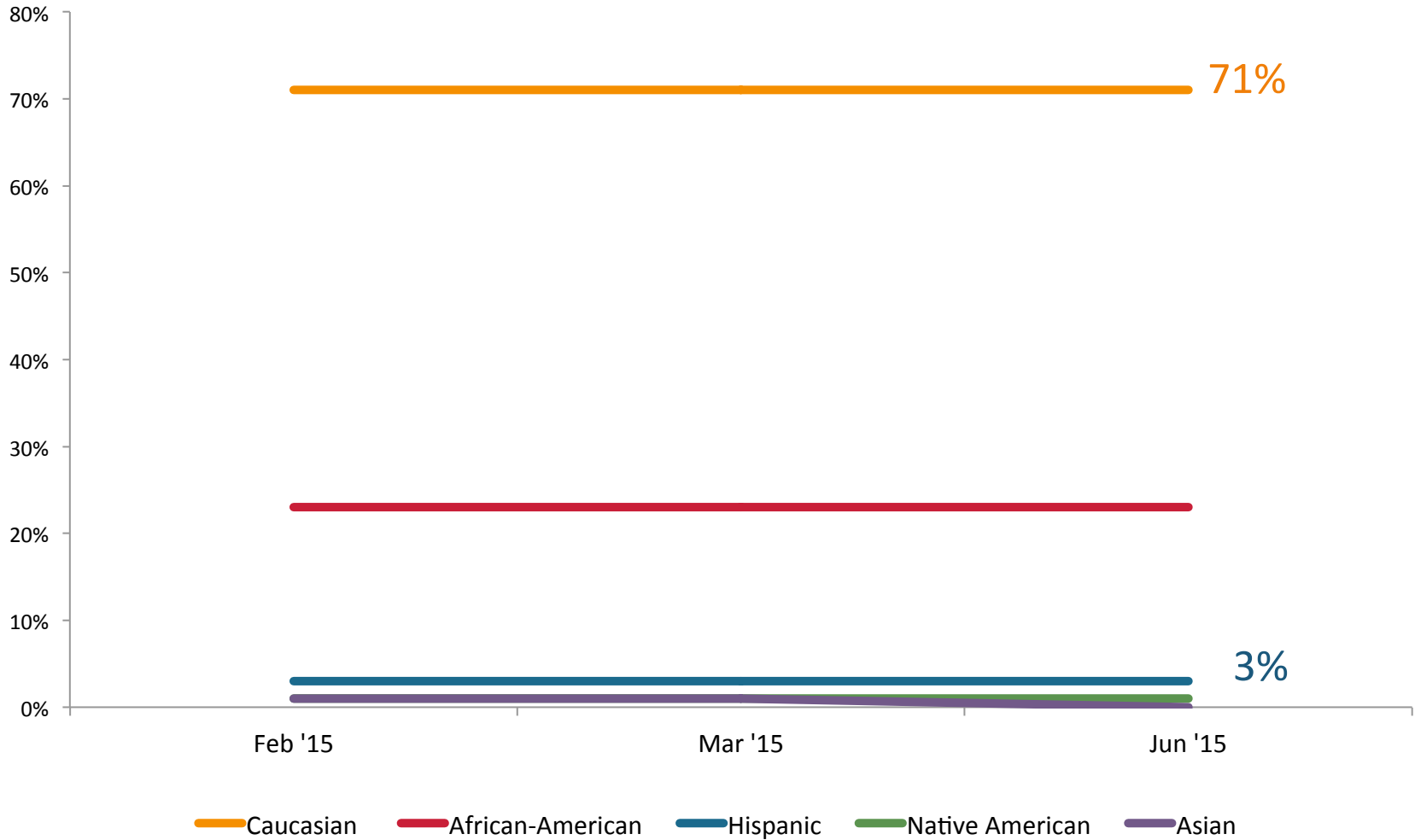


# Gender

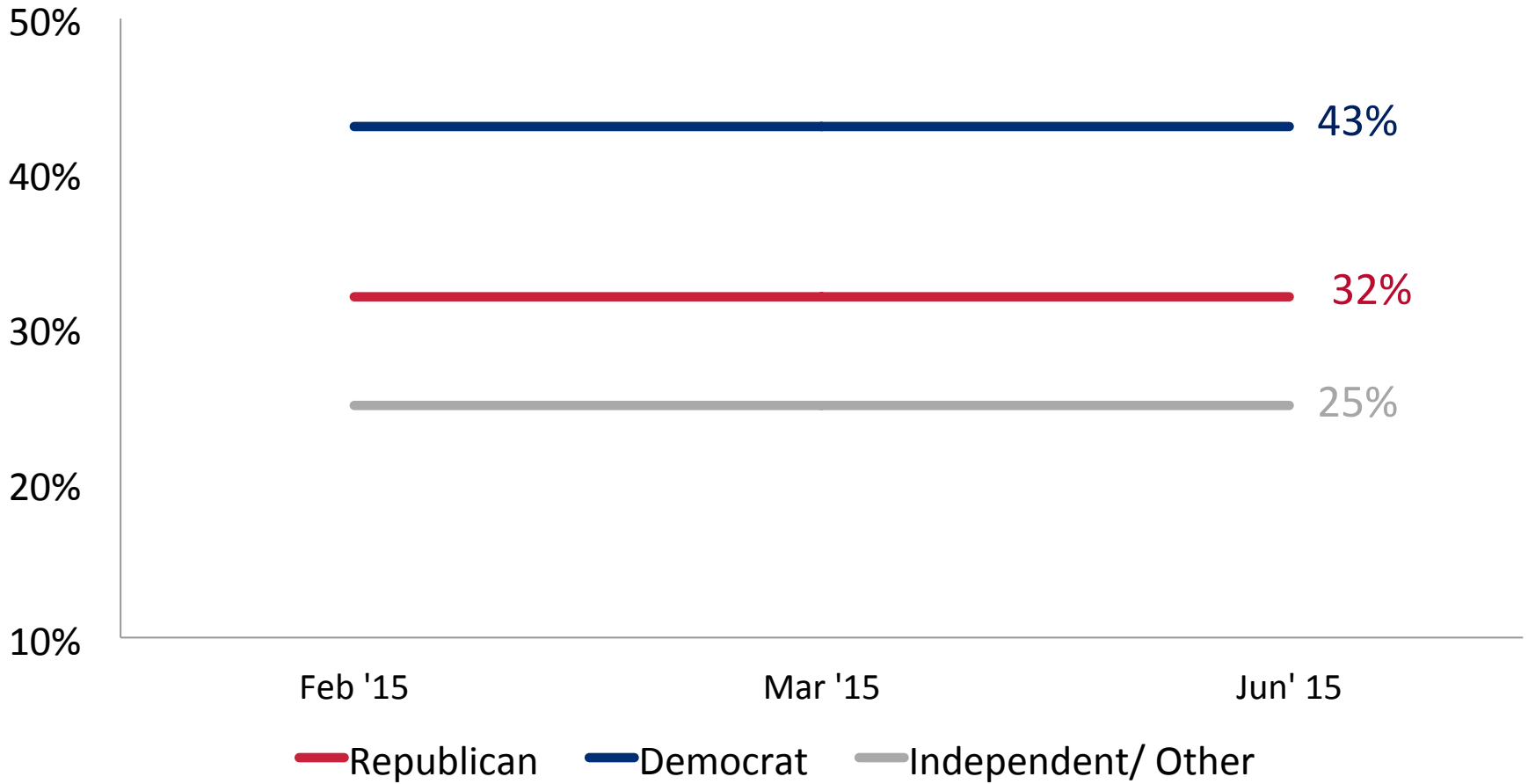


- Men
- Women

# Ethnicity

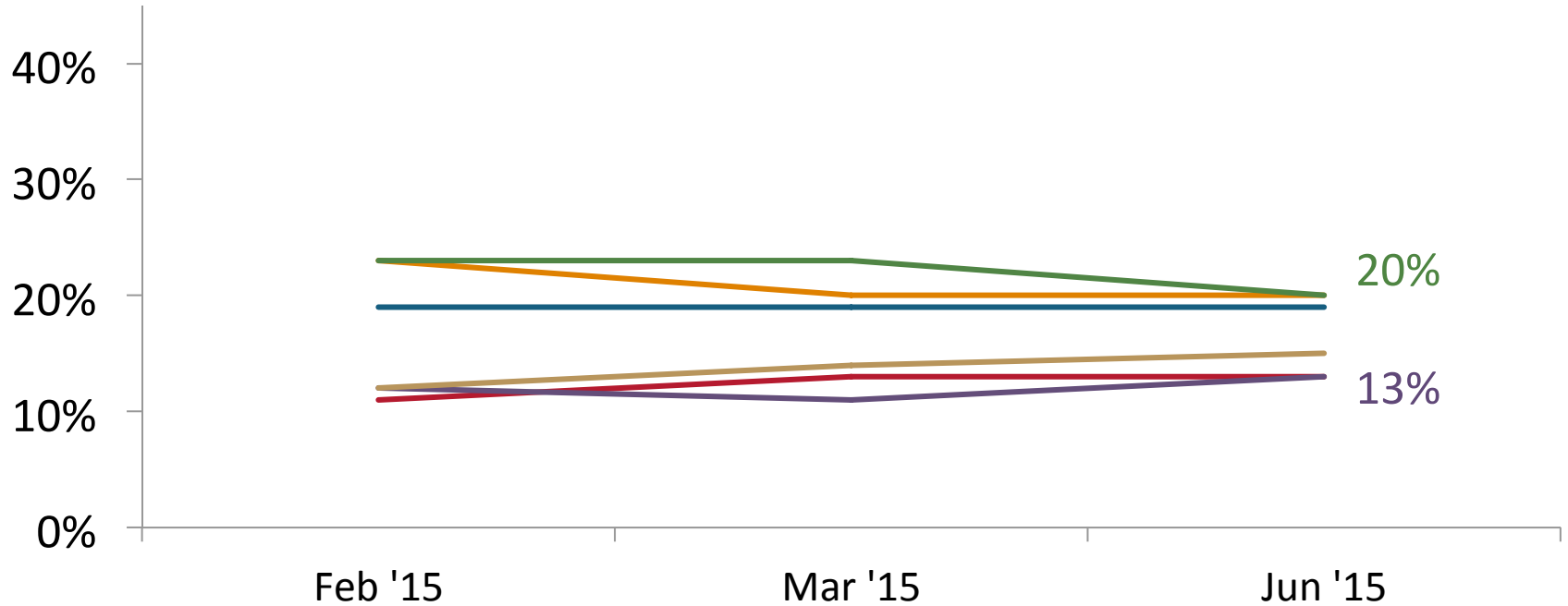


# Party Reg



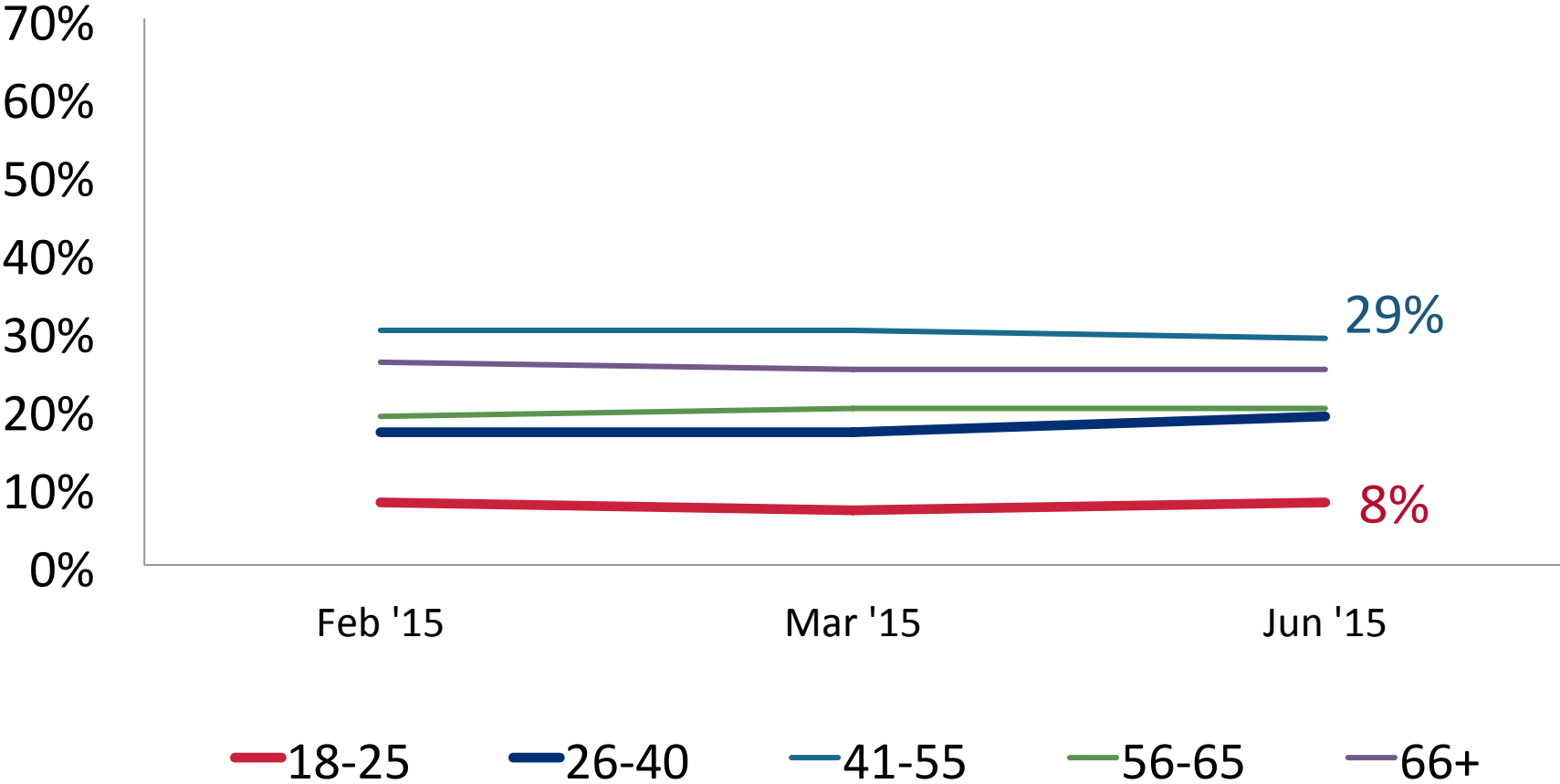


# Geographic Area



— Charlotte — Western — Piedmont Triad — Triangle — Northeast — Southeast

# Age



**Now, thinking about the Republican and Democrat you've just selected... If the 2016 Presidential Election were between those candidates, and being held today, and you had to make a choice, for whom would you vote between the Republican or the Democrat?**

