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SUMMER SURVEY

2026

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About the Survey

Mode	Combined telephone (n=501), online panel (n=903), and text-to-web (n=151) survey.
Sample	1,555 U.S. adults, including a base sample of 1,254 adults and an oversample of 301 MAGA Republicans under age 30.
Dates	May 26 – June 3, 2026
Weights	Slight weights were applied to ensure the sample accurately reflects the demographic profile of the U.S. population.
Margin of Error	$\pm 2.5\%$ at the 95% confidence level for the entire sample, $\pm 4\%$ for split-sampled questions. The margin of error for MAGA under 30 is $\pm 5\%$.
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Note	Some data may not add to 100% due to rounding.

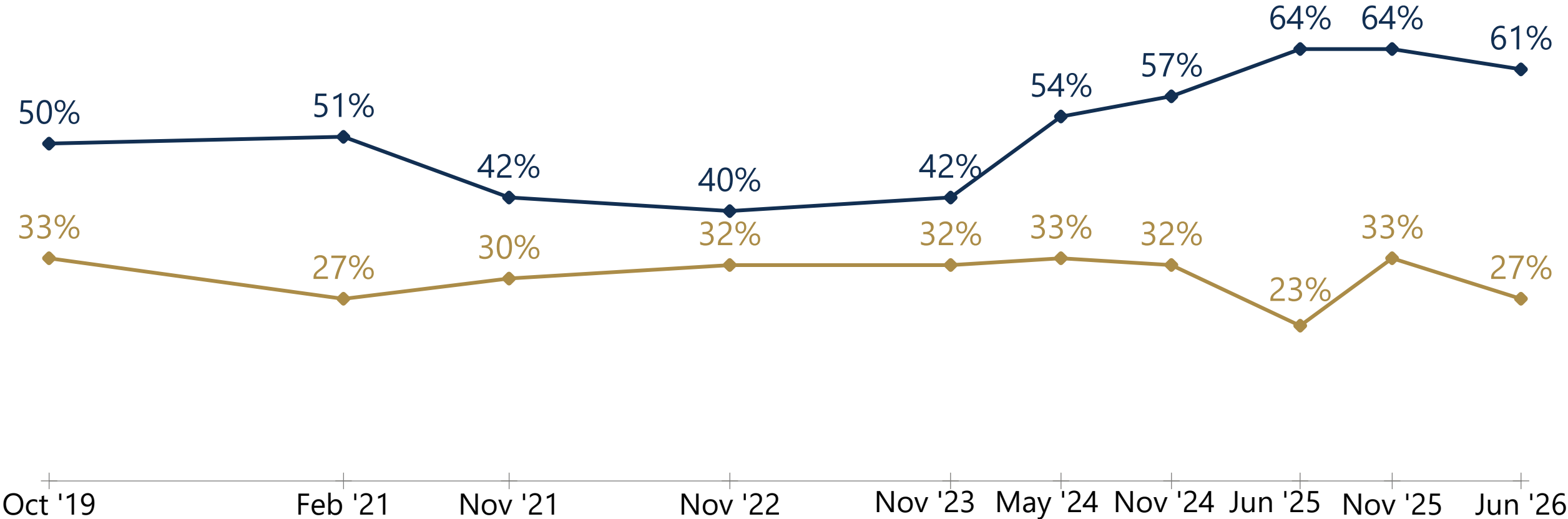
FOREIGN POLICY APPROACH



Most Americans favor U.S. engagement and leadership on the world stage.



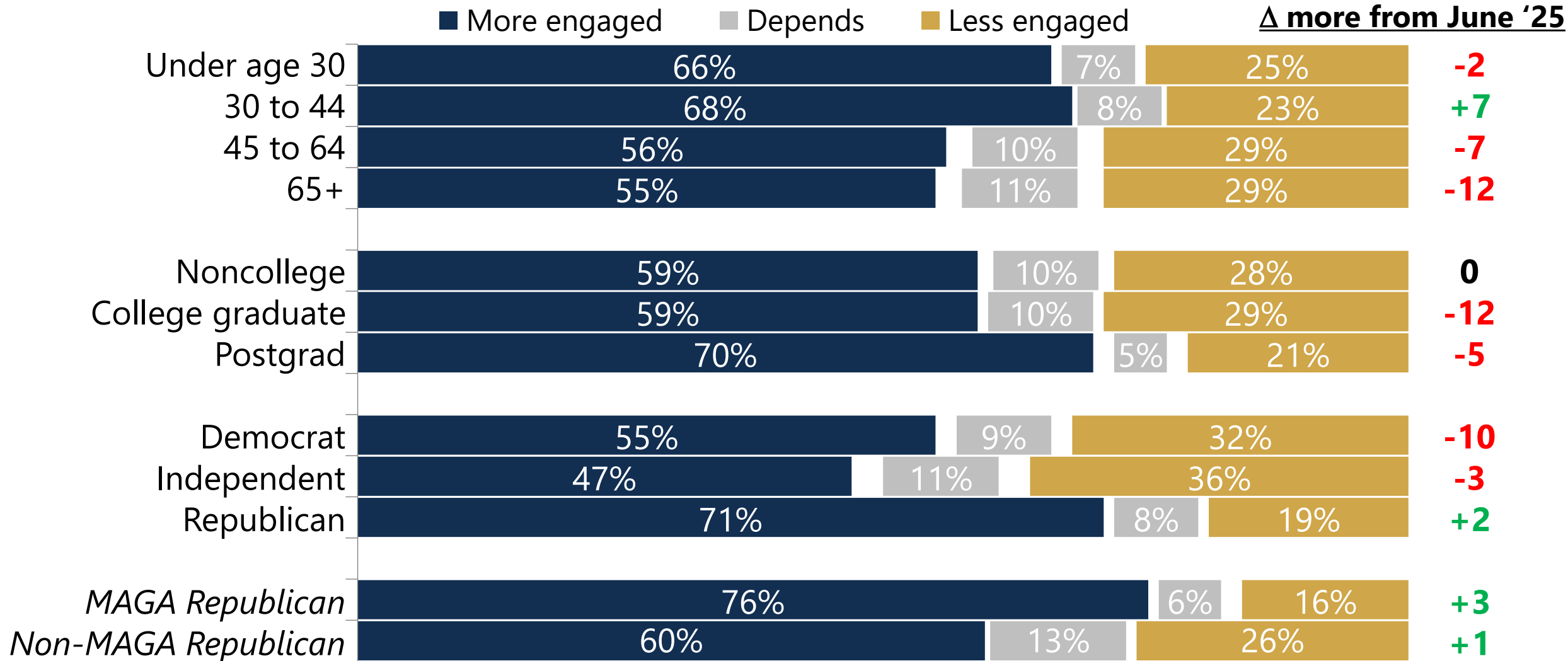
◆ More engaged and take the lead ◆ Less engaged and react to events



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Foreign policy posture, by subgroup.



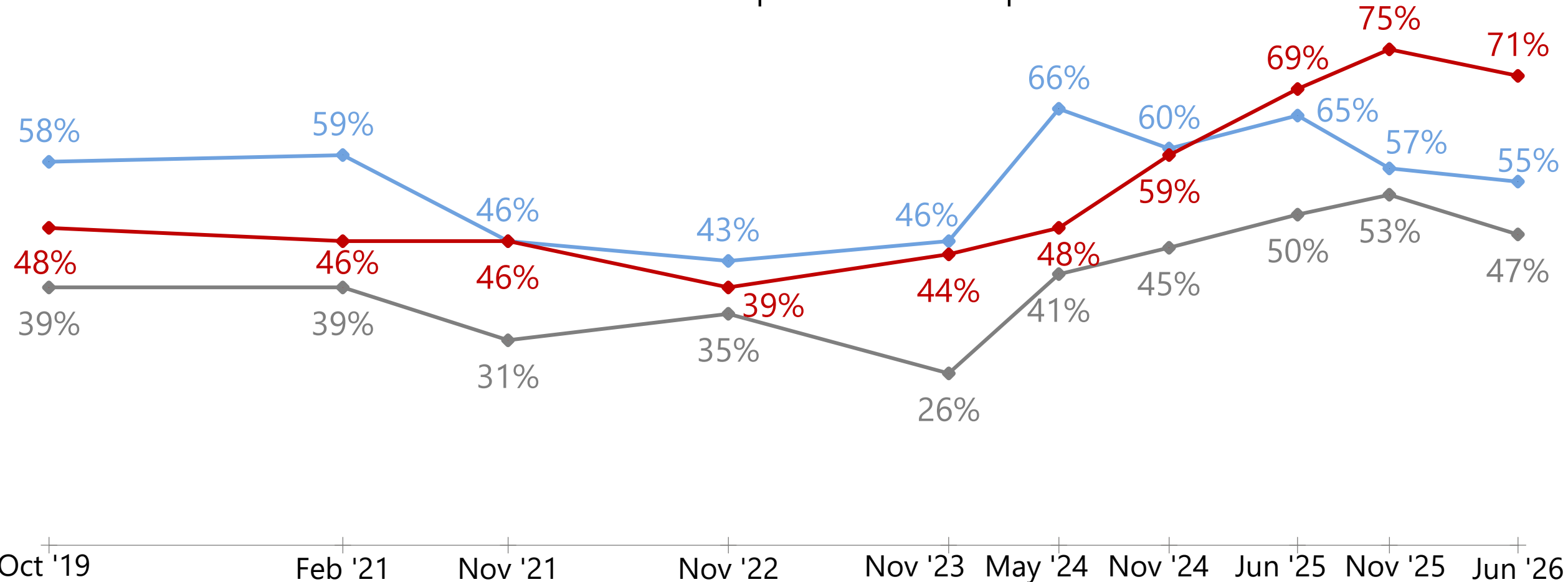
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Foreign policy posture over time, by party ID.

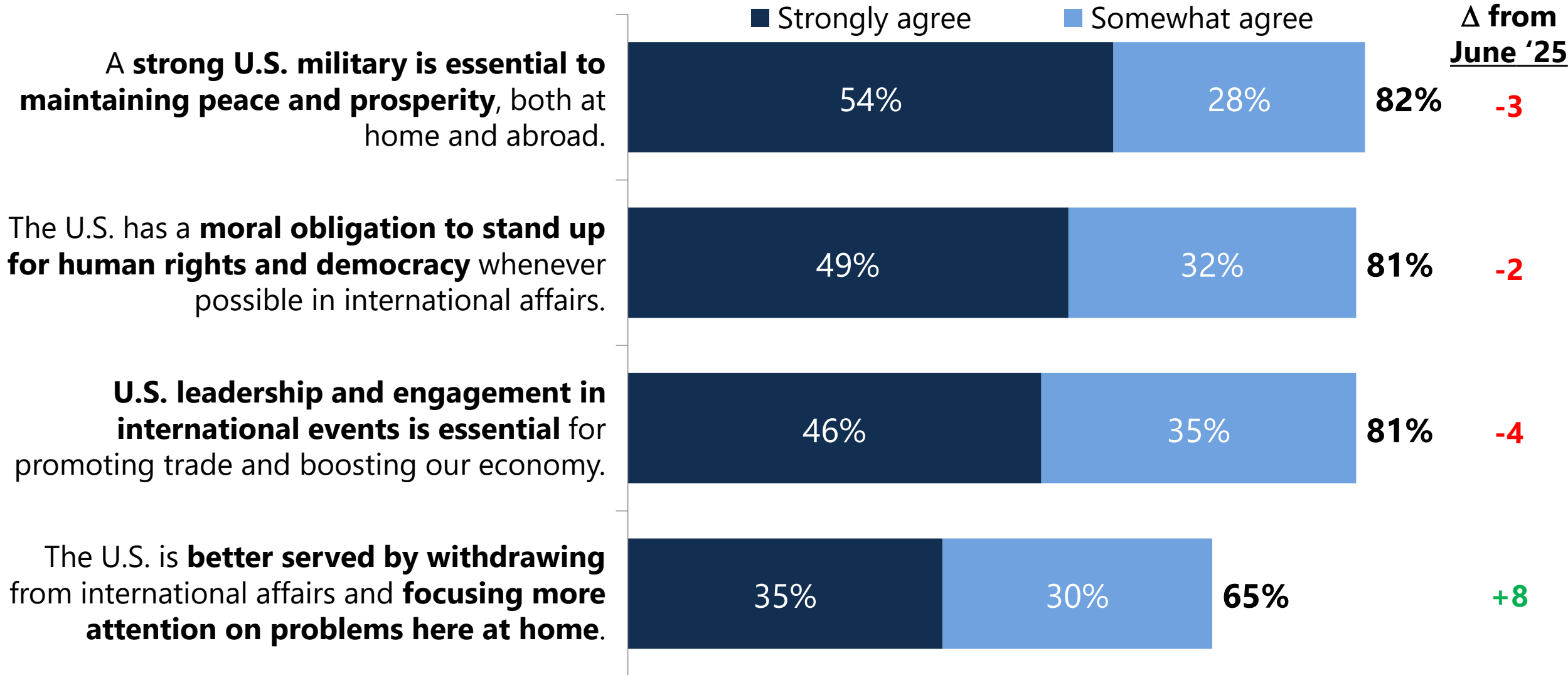
More Engaged and Take the Lead

— Democrats — Independents — Republicans



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8-in-10 Americans agree with traditional foreign policy doctrines, but withdrawal sentiment is rising.

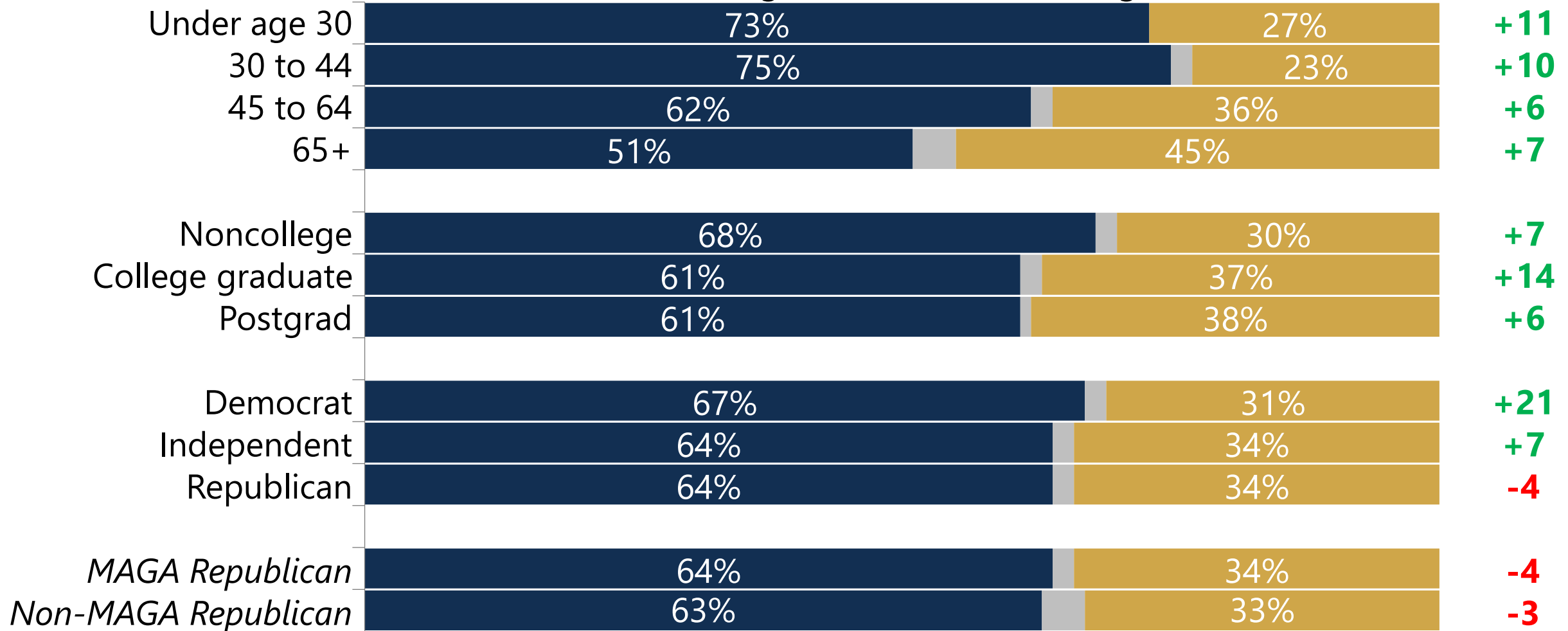


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Agreement with withdrawing from international affairs, by subgroups.



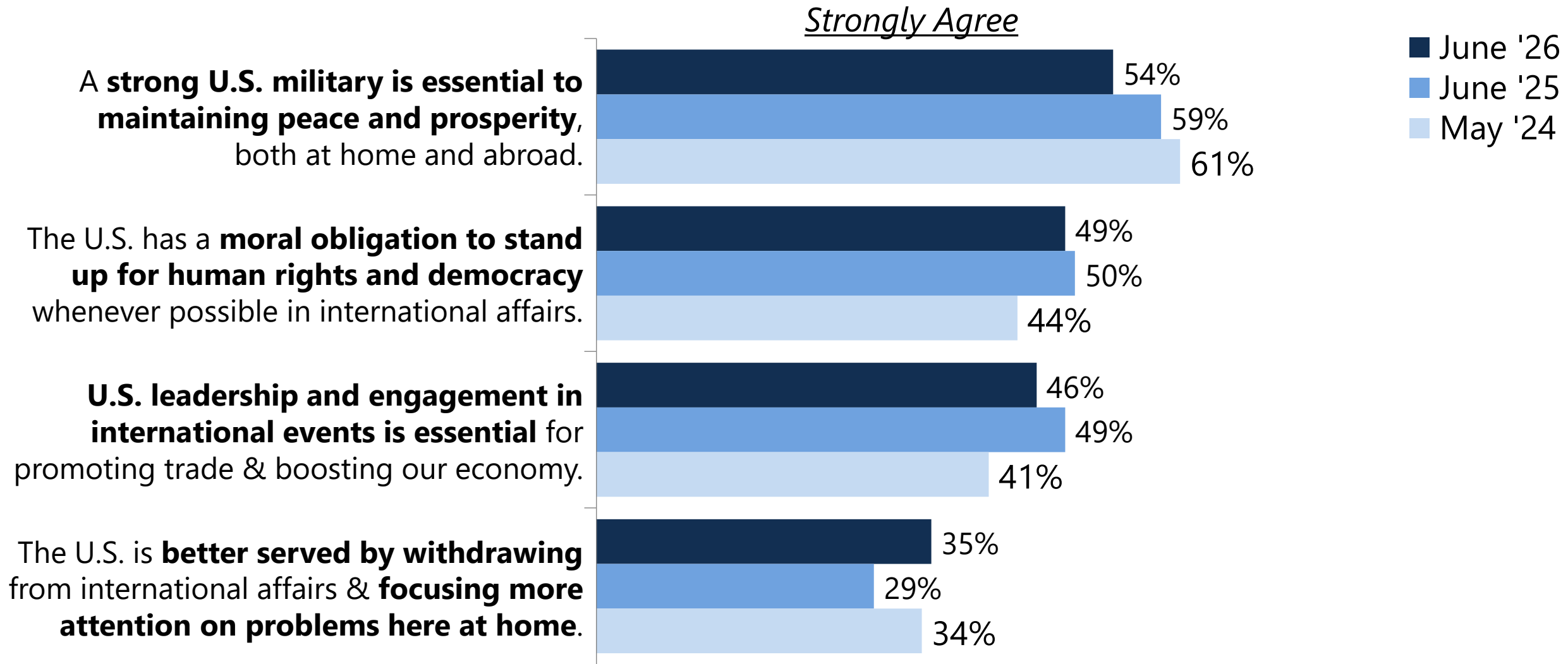
U.S. is better served by withdrawing... ■ Agree ■ Disagree **Δ agree from June '25**



Q10. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statement about U.S. leadership and engagement in international events:
The U.S. is better served by withdrawing from international affairs and focusing more attention on problems here at home



Agreement with foreign policy doctrines, over time.

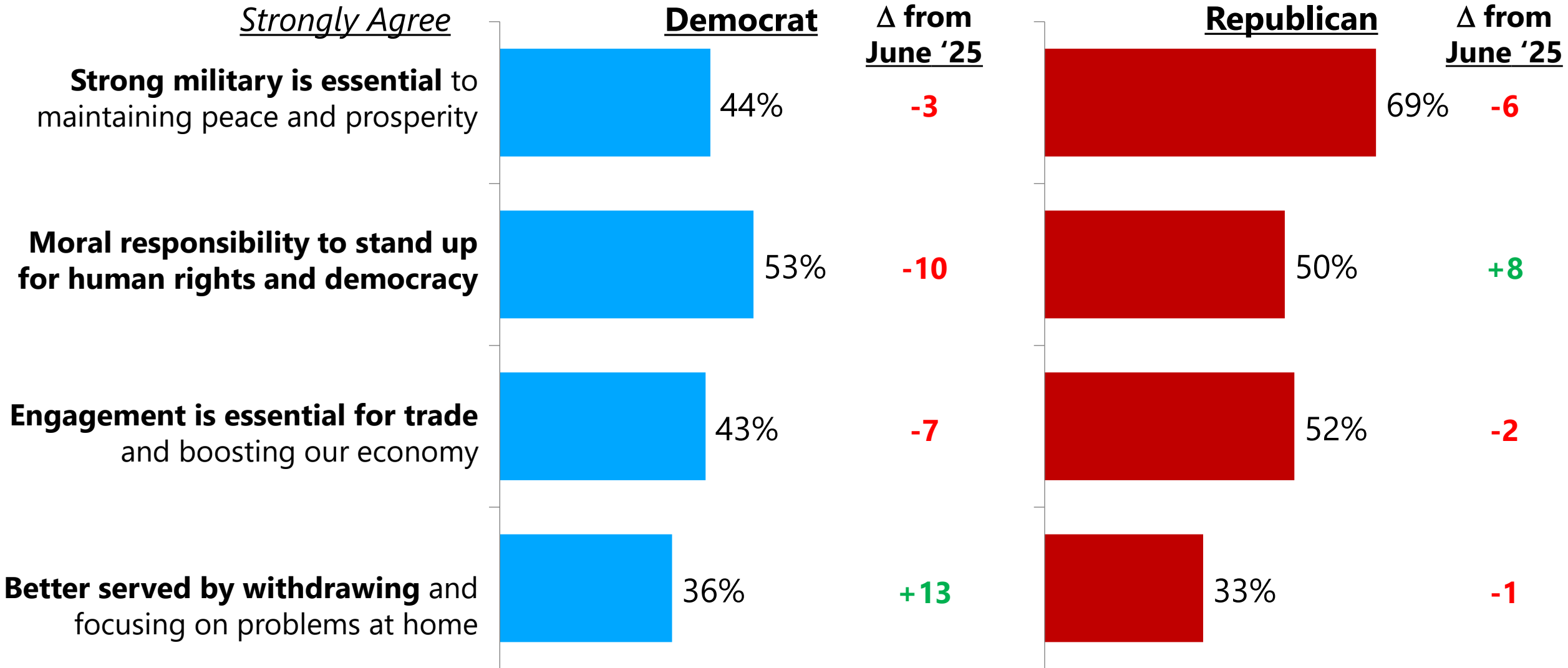


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Views of foreign policy philosophy, by party ID.

Strongly Agree



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View on impact of U.S. involvement on the world stage.

U.S. International Involvement is...

Δ from May '24

For the world

Mostly beneficial

59%

-2

Mostly harmful

33%

+6

For the U.S.

Mostly beneficial

57%

0

Mostly harmful

34%

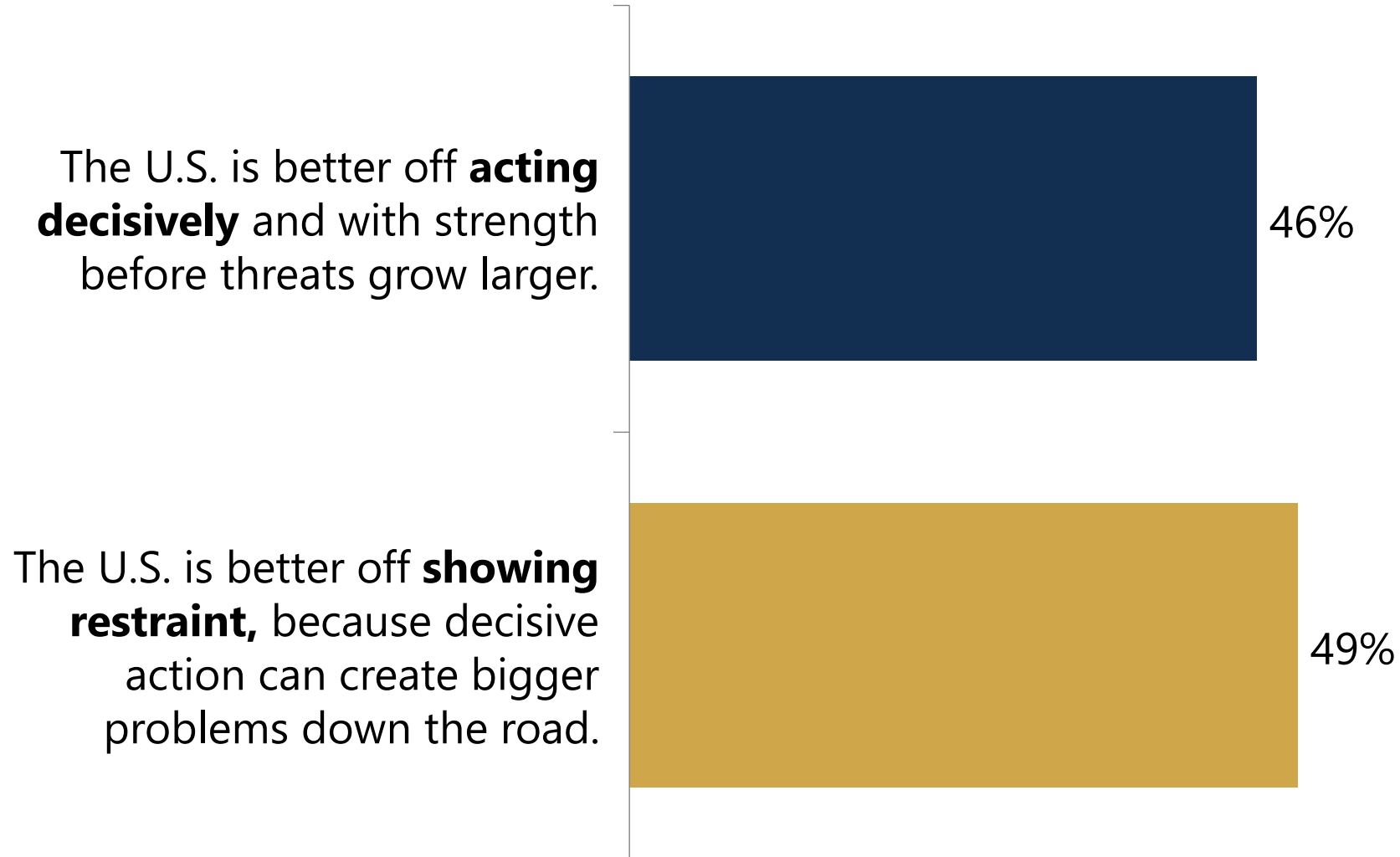
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Q11. Overall, do you think U.S. involvement with international events is mostly beneficial for the world, or mostly harmful?

Q12. Overall, is American involvement with international events mostly beneficial for the U.S. or mostly harmful?



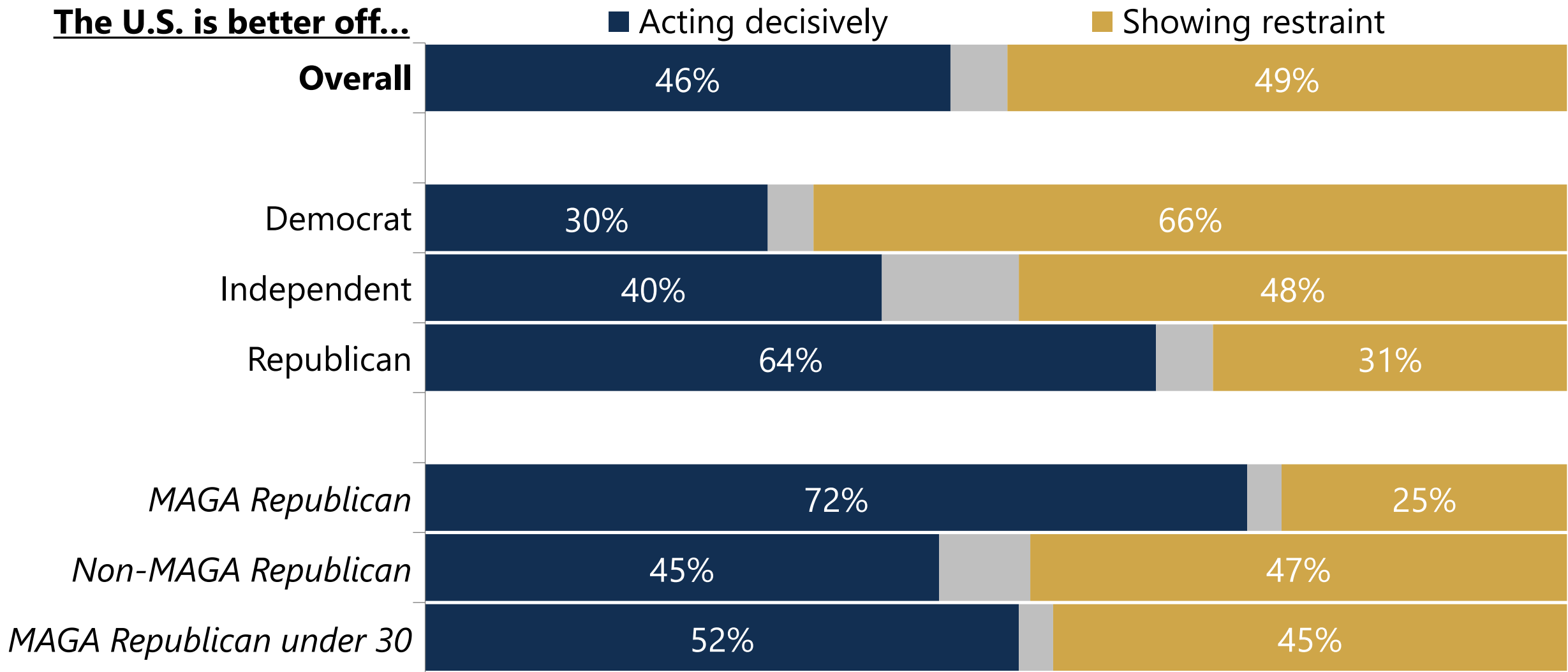
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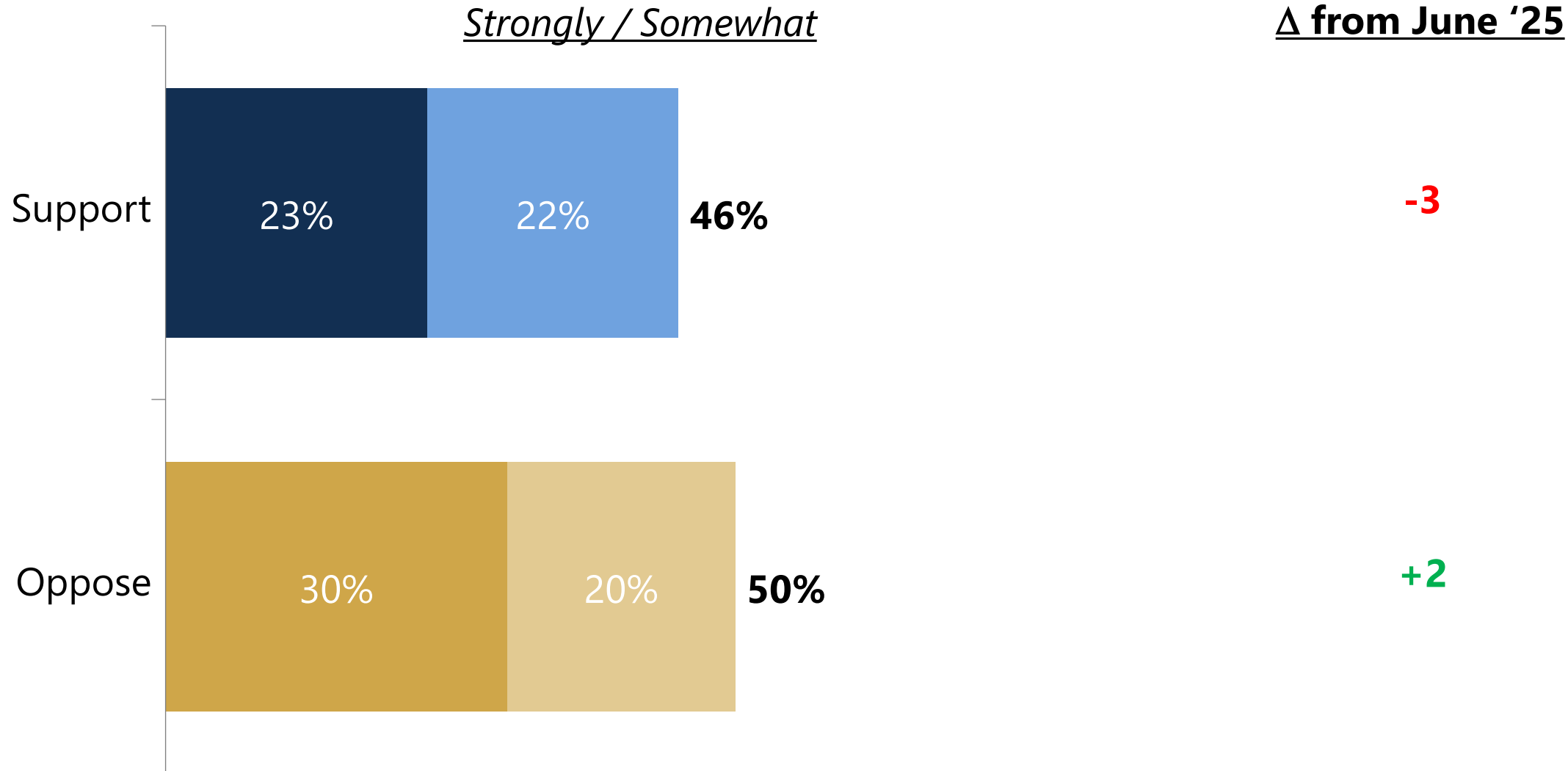
Decisive action versus restraint, by subgroups.



Q13. Which comes closer to your view: The U.S. is better off acting decisively and with strength before threats grow larger OR The U.S. is better off showing restraint, because decisive action can create bigger problems down the road.



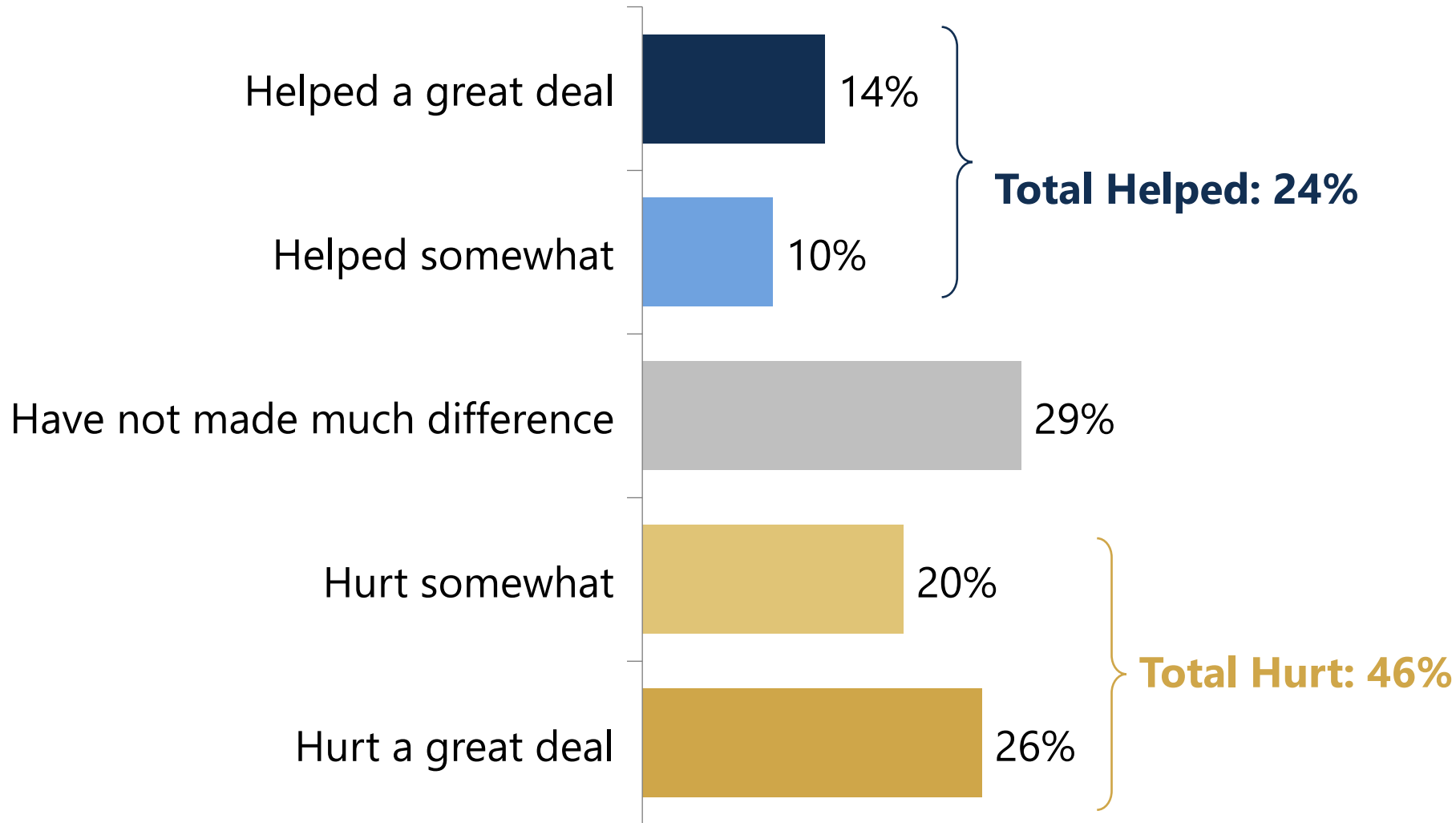
Plurality reject tariffs as a foreign policy tool.



Q14. Do you support or oppose the use of tariffs as a tool of U.S. foreign policy?

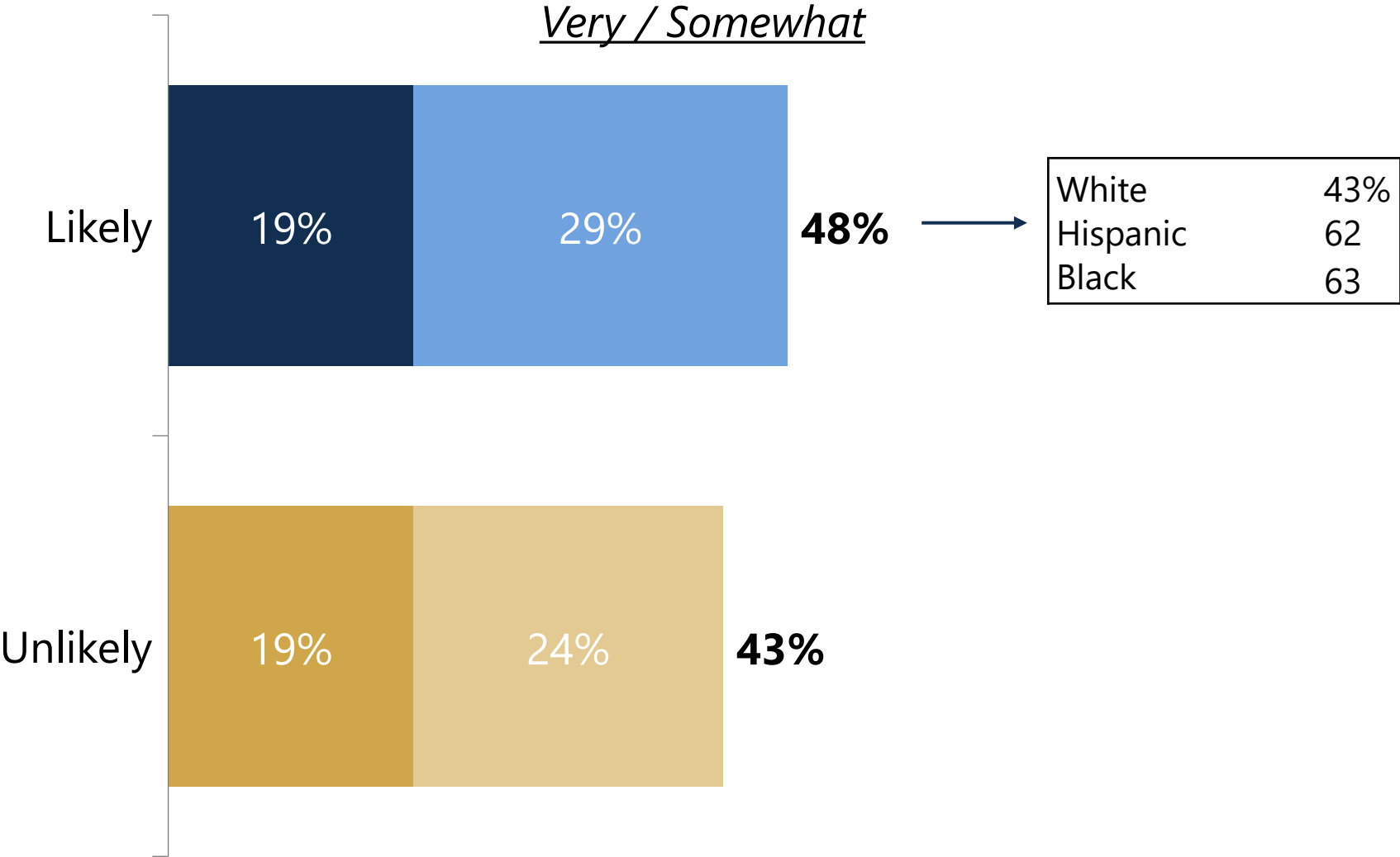


Personal impact of tariffs.



Q15. In the last year, the federal government has imposed tariffs on products coming into the United States from many countries. Based on what you have seen or experienced, have these tariffs helped your personal financial situation, hurt it, or have they not made much difference?

Likelihood of community or industry losing jobs due to tariffs.



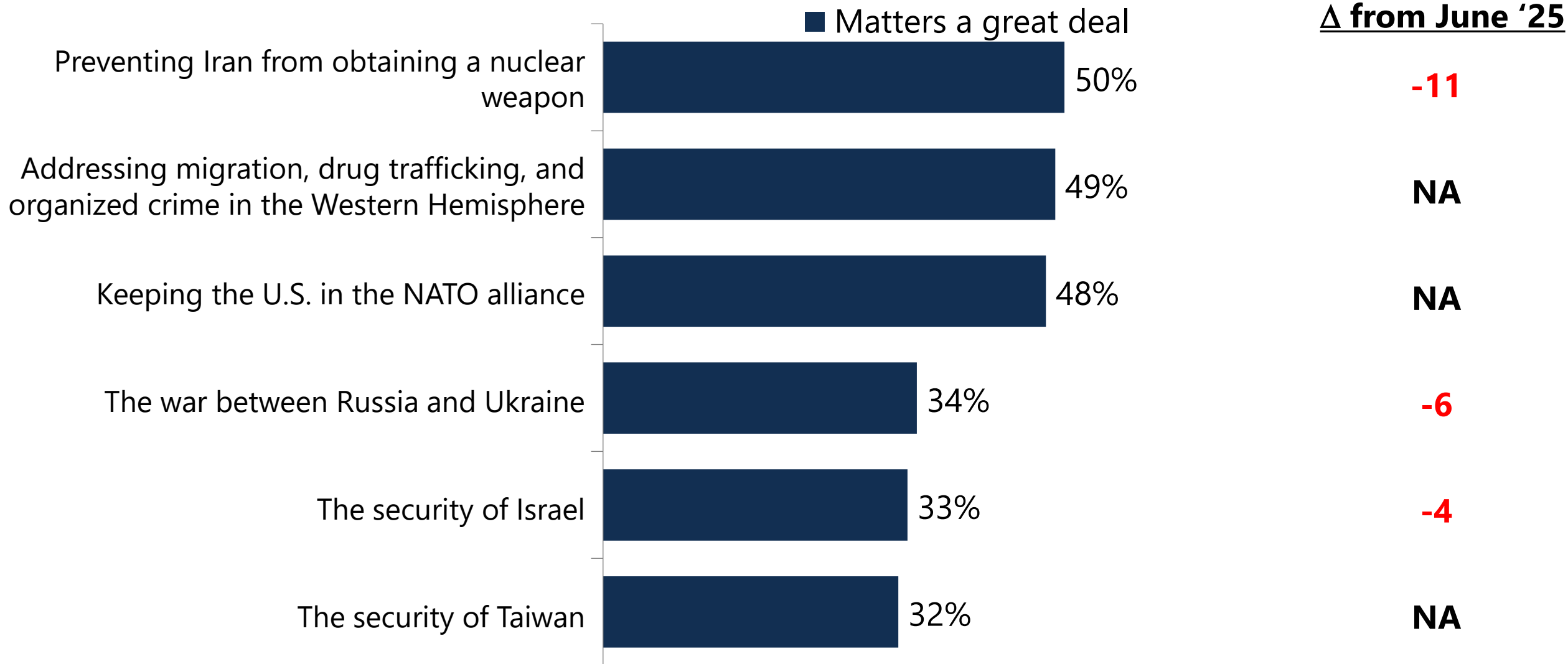
Q16. How likely is it that people in your community or industry will lose their jobs because of tariffs?

FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES



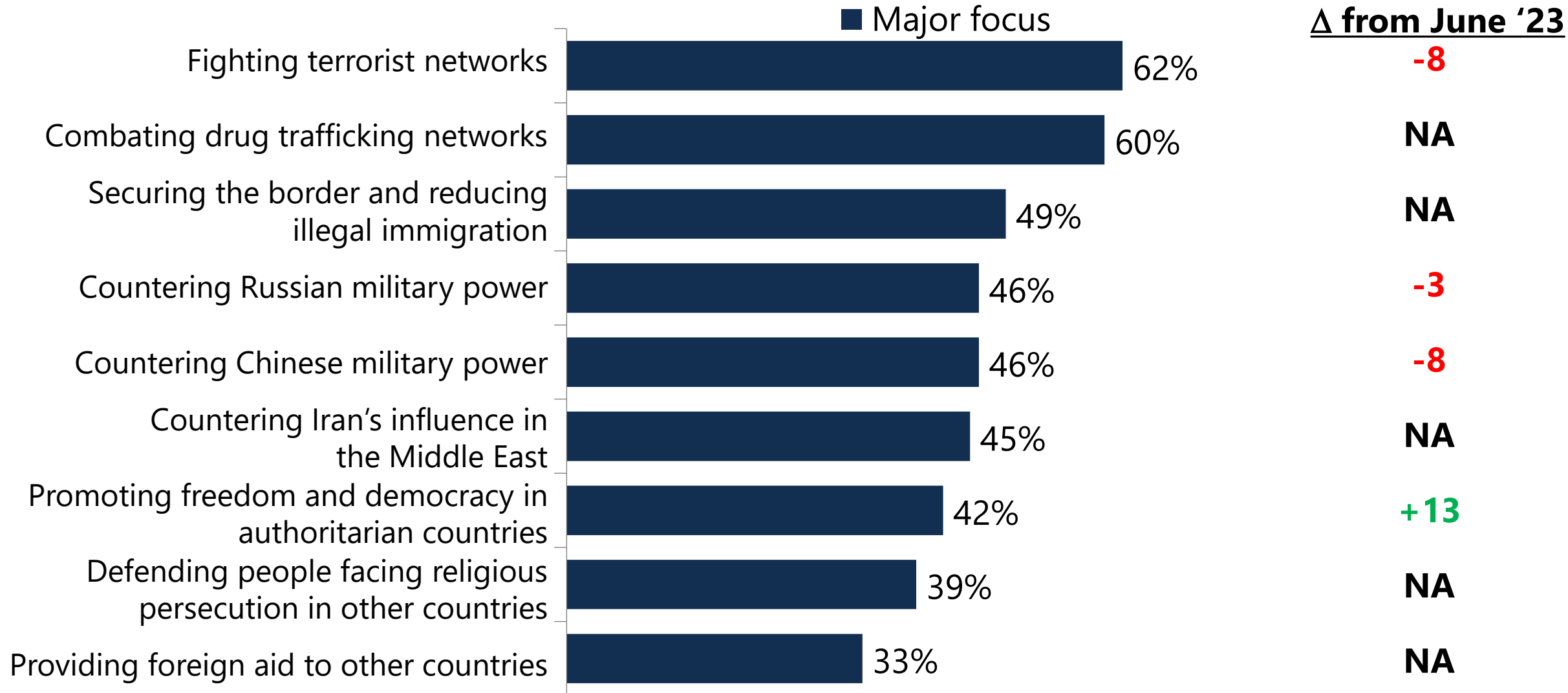


Iran non-proliferation, Western Hemisphere security, and NATO top U.S. security priorities.



Q17-22. How much do you think each of the following matters to U.S. security and prosperity?

Combatting terrorists and drug networks lead the focal-point ranking, promoting freedom and democracy is up.

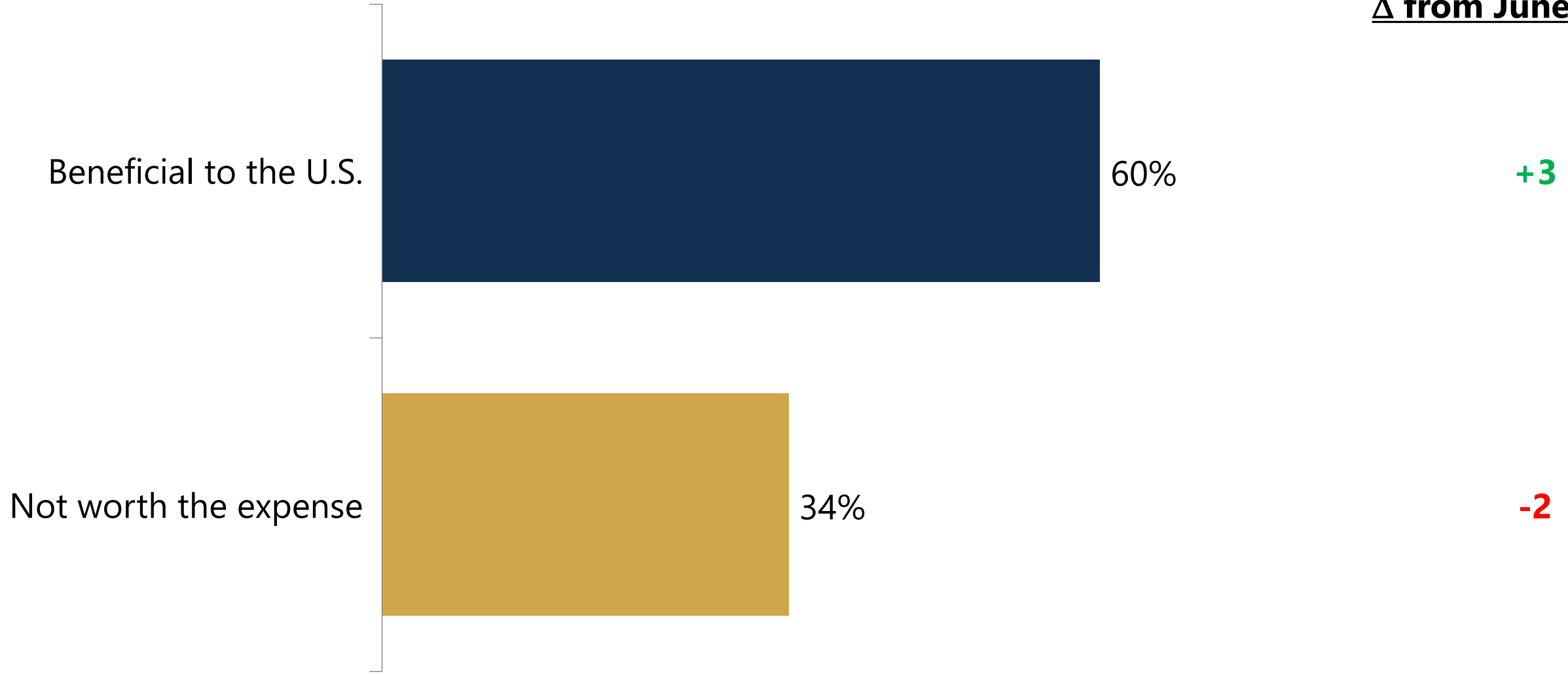


Q23-31. Please tell me whether you think each of the following should be a major focus of U.S. foreign policy efforts, a minor focus, or not really a focus at all.

6-in-10 believe funding democracy abroad is beneficial to the U.S. and its interests.

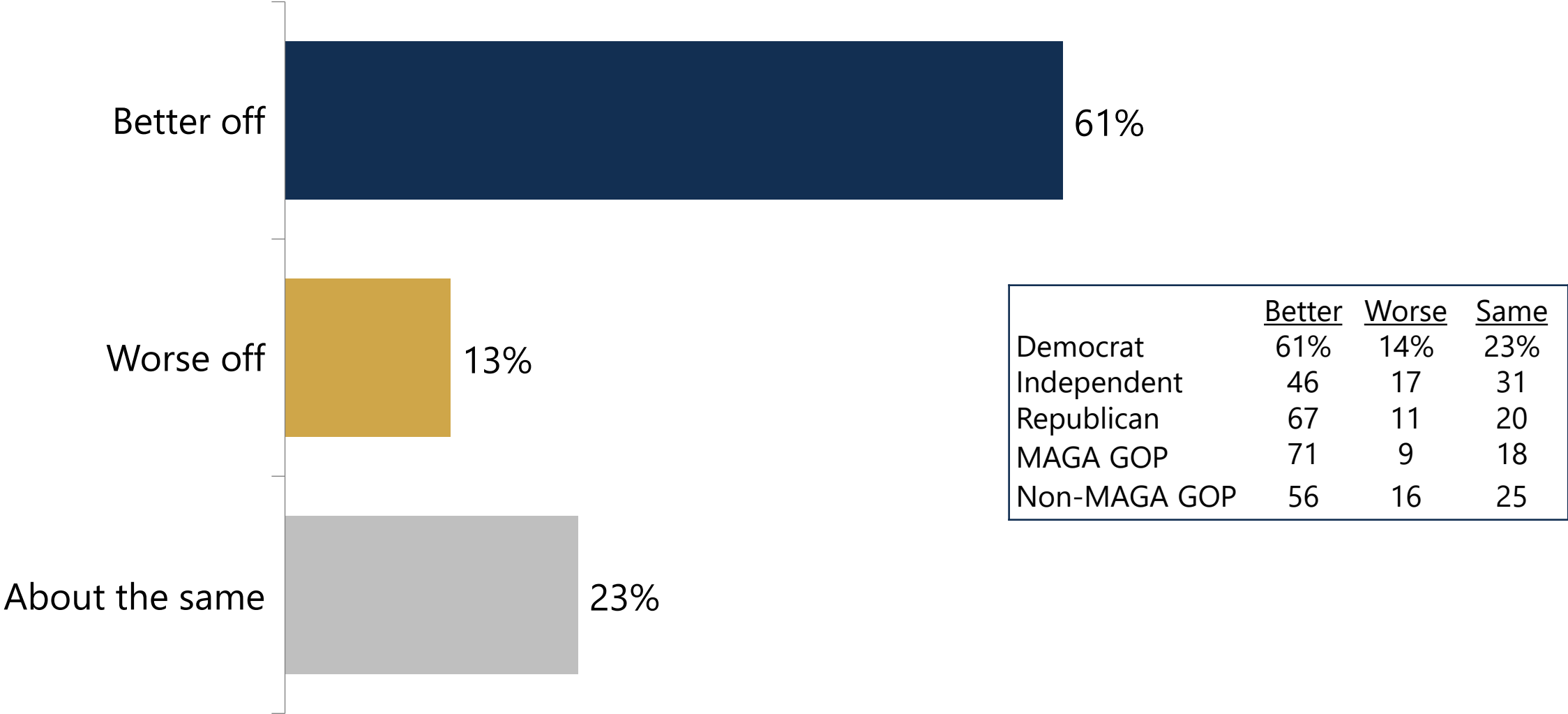


Δ from June '25



Q32. When it comes to funding programs and organizations designed to advance freedom and democracy abroad, do you think those investments are generally beneficial to the U.S. and its interests, or not worth the expense?

And believe the U.S. would be better off if more countries were free.



Q33. Would the U.S. be better off, worse off, or about the same if more countries in the world were free?

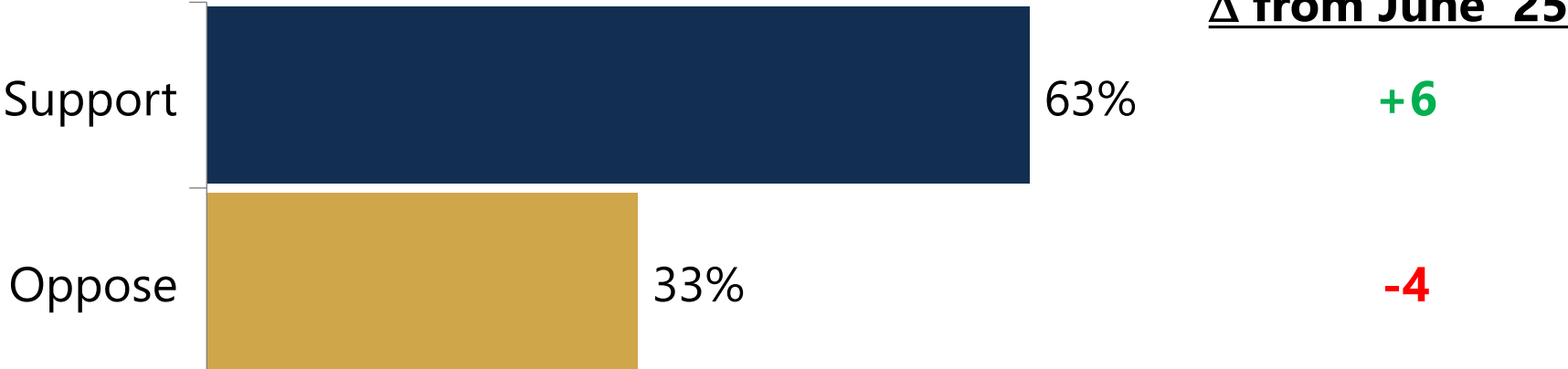
EXPANSIONISM AND INTERVENTION



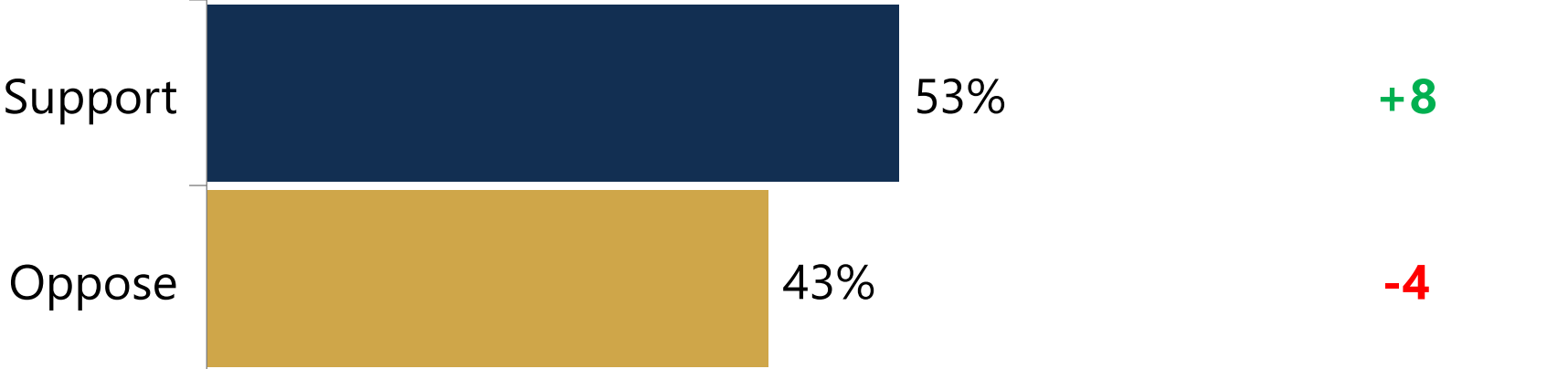


Support for territorial expansion has increased.

Greenland, to provide the U.S. with critical minerals and increased access to the Arctic



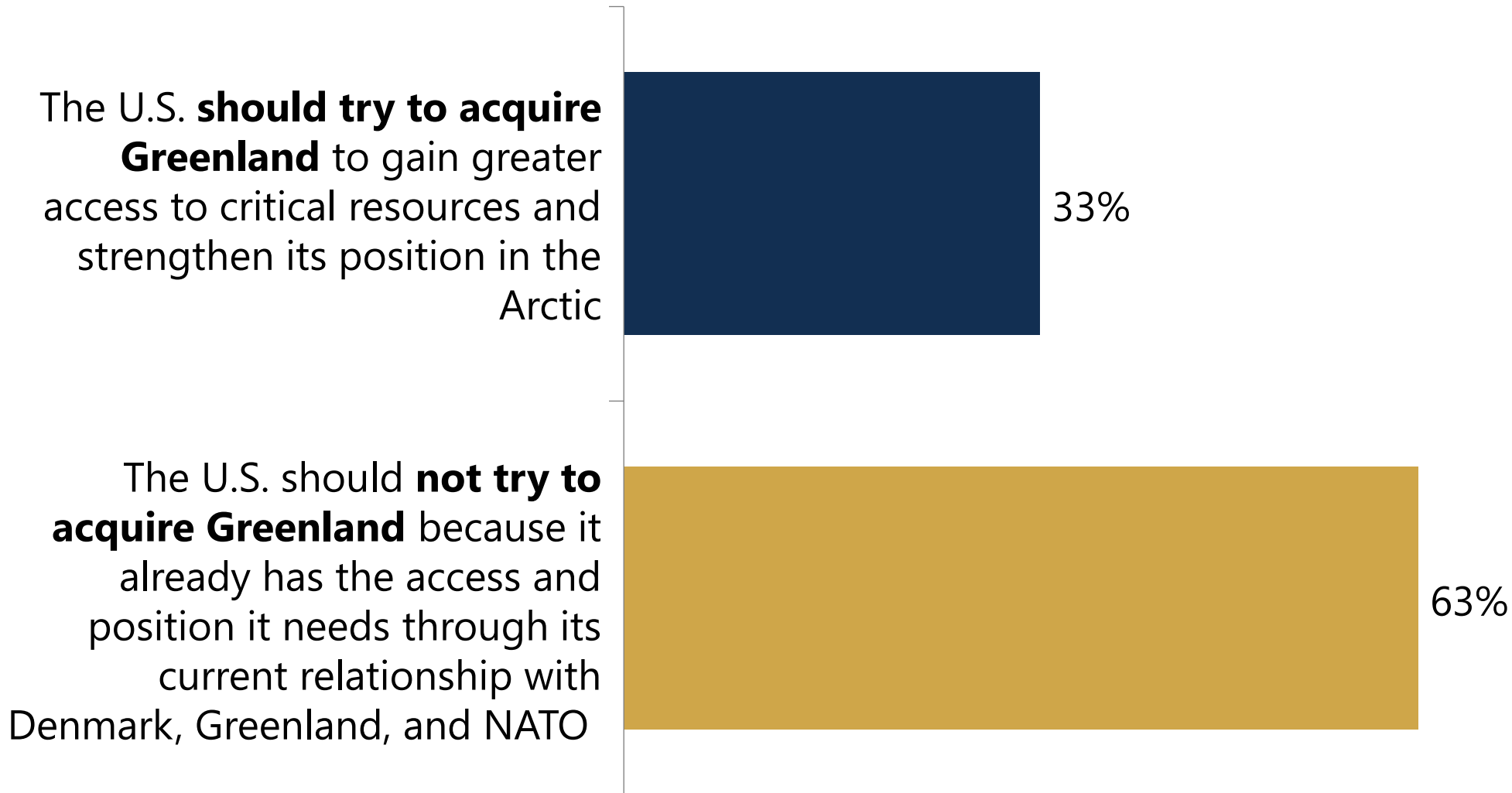
Panama Canal, to protect a strategic transit route and counter Chinese influence over the Canal



Q34-35. Do you support or oppose pursuing the following proposals for U.S. territorial expansion which have been discussed recently?



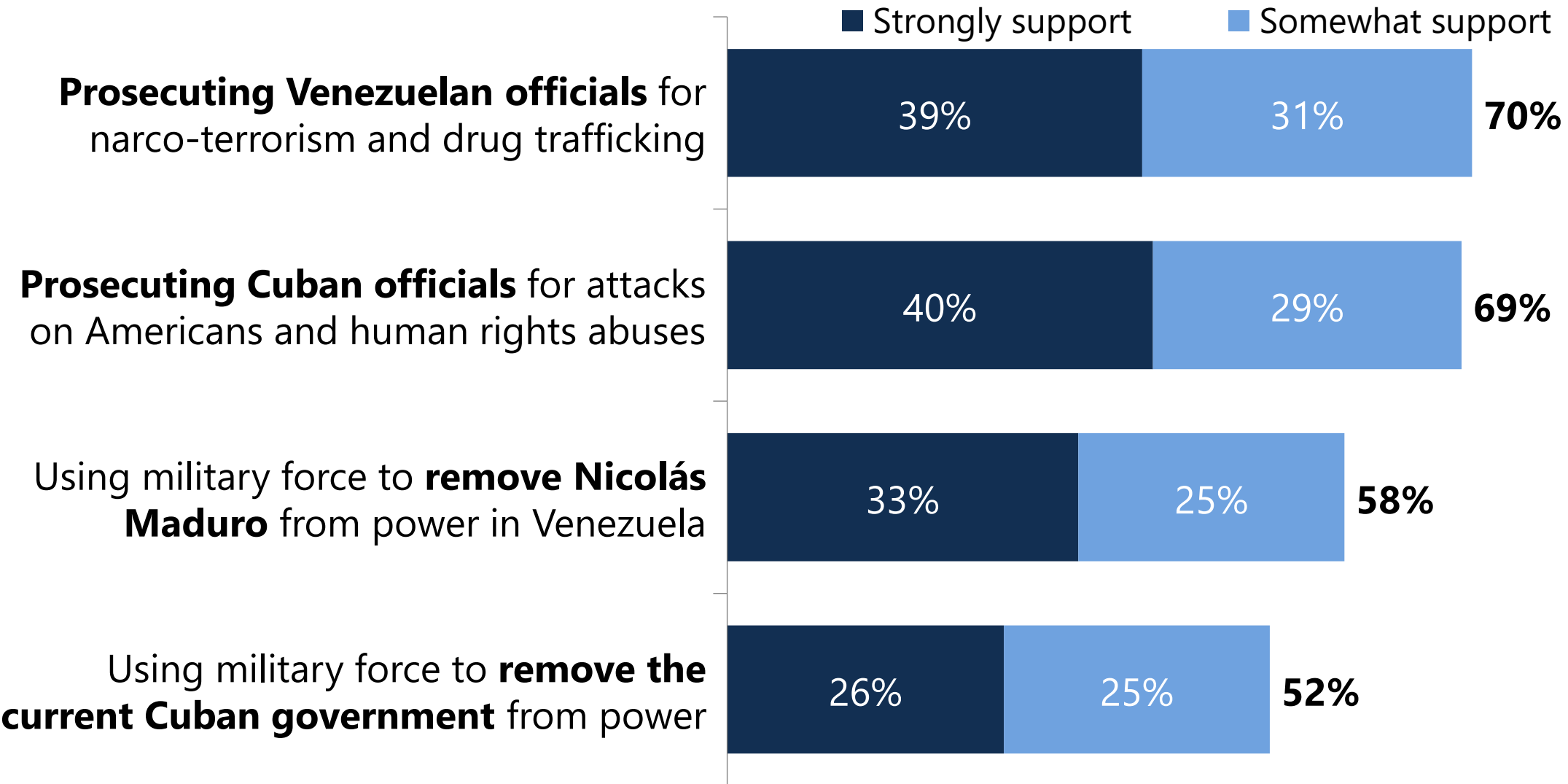
However, most Americans would rather gain access to resources without acquiring Greenland.



Q36. As you may know, Greenland is a self-governing territory of Denmark, a NATO ally. Which comes closer to your view?



7-in-10 support prosecuting Venezuelan and Cuban officials for criminal behavior.



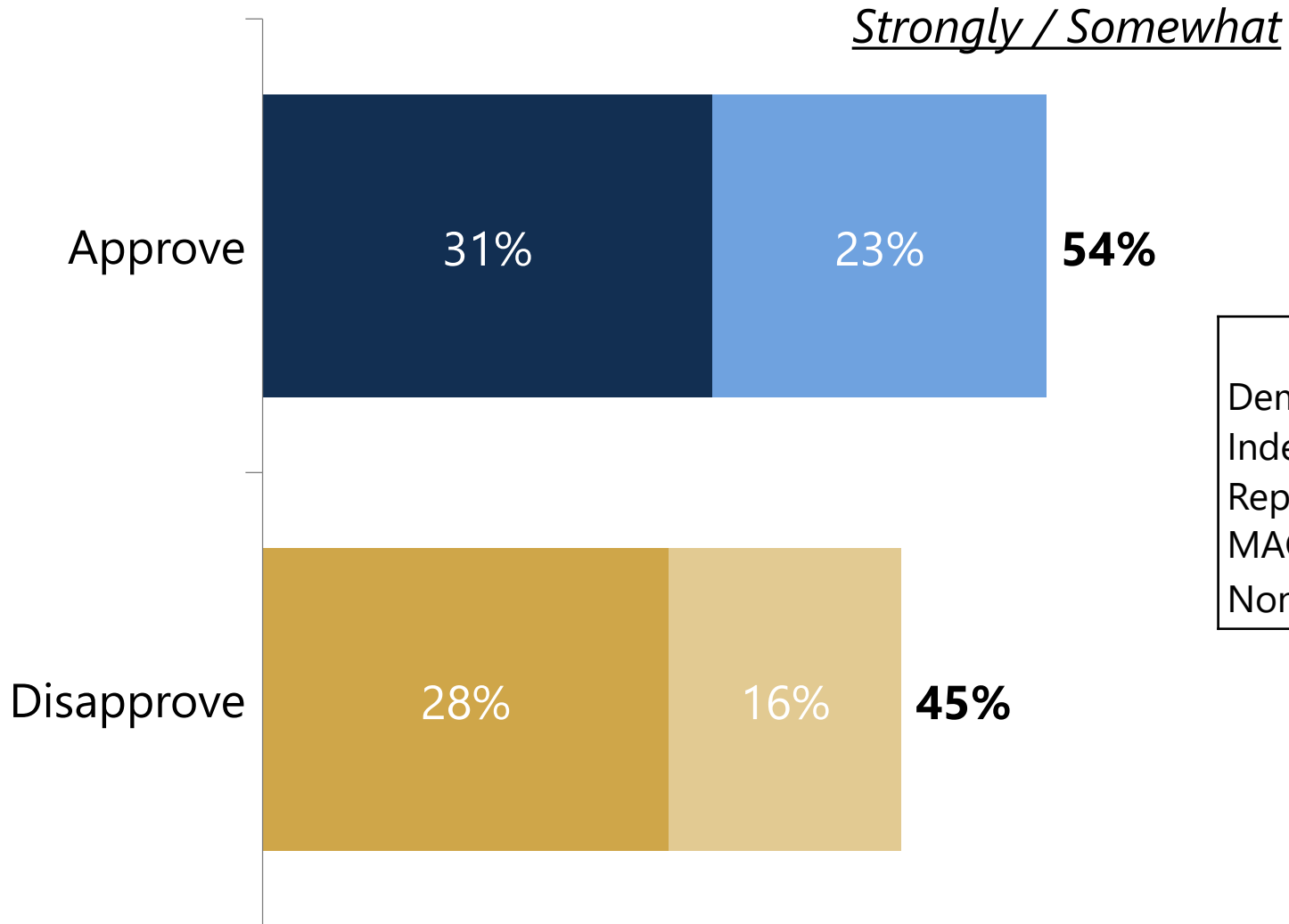
Q37-40. Do you support or oppose the following U.S. actions toward authoritarian governments in the Western Hemisphere?

IRAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST





Majority approve of U.S. military actions against Iran.

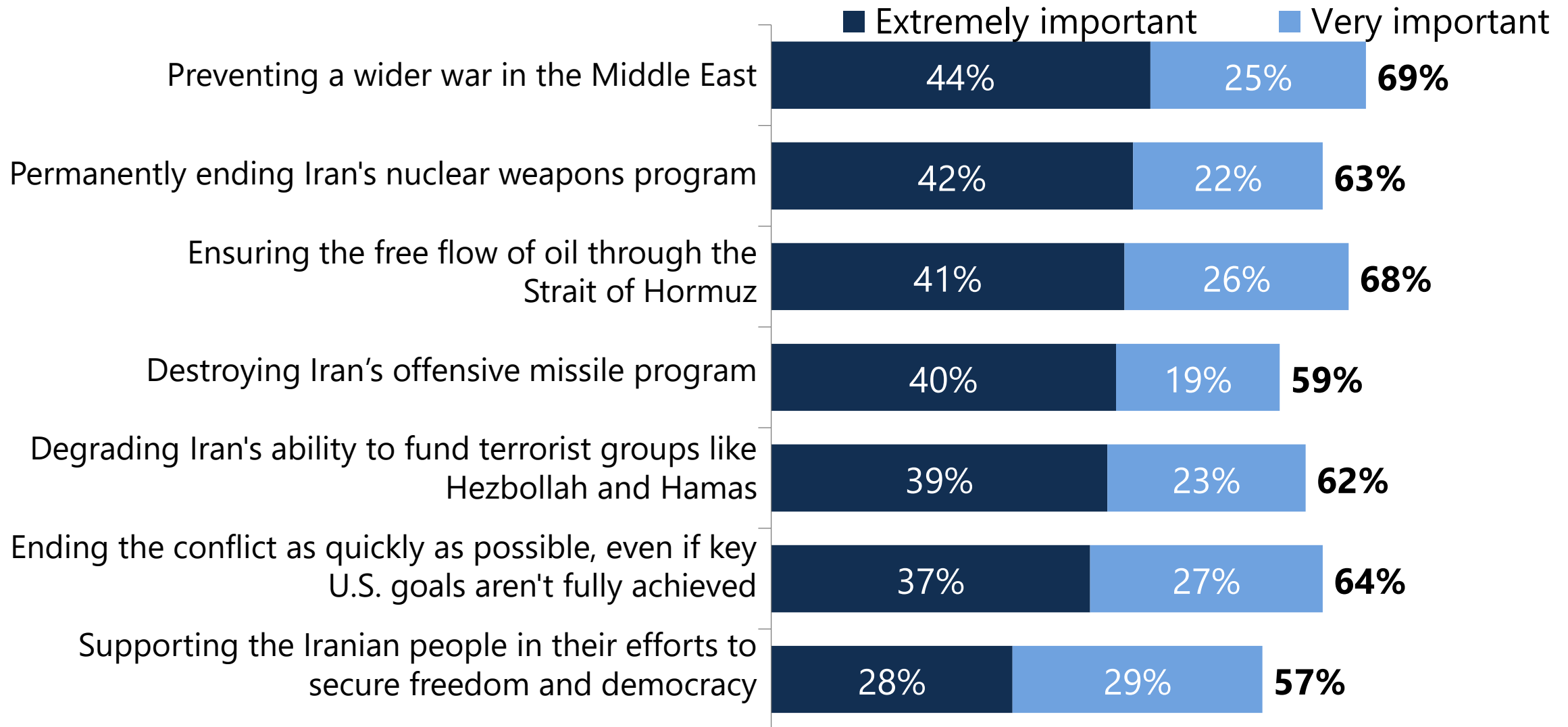


	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
Democrat	31%	68%
Independent	44	52
Republican	81	18
MAGA GOP	89	11
Non-MAGA GOP	62	35

Q41. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military actions taken against Iran this year?



Preventing a wider war ranks alongside ending Iran's nuclear program as a top U.S. priority.



Q42-48. How important should each of the following be for U.S. policy towards Iran?

Americans divided between a negotiated settlement and regime change in Iran.



Negotiated settlement: Iran's current government remains in exchange for verifiable limits on its nuclear and missile programs

39%

Regime change: Iran's current government is replaced with one more favorable to the U.S.

36%

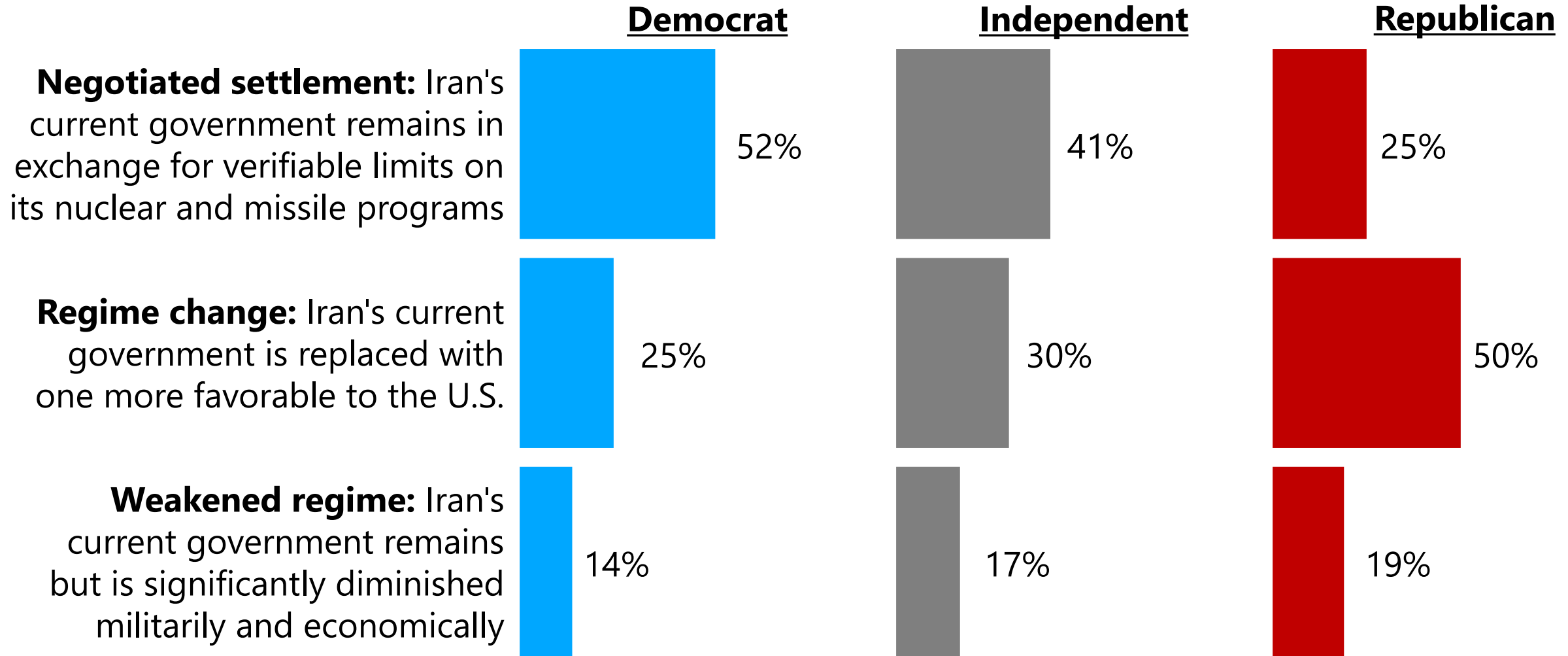
Weakened regime: Iran's current government remains but is significantly diminished militarily and economically

16%

Q49. Which of the following outcomes would you most prefer to see in Iran?

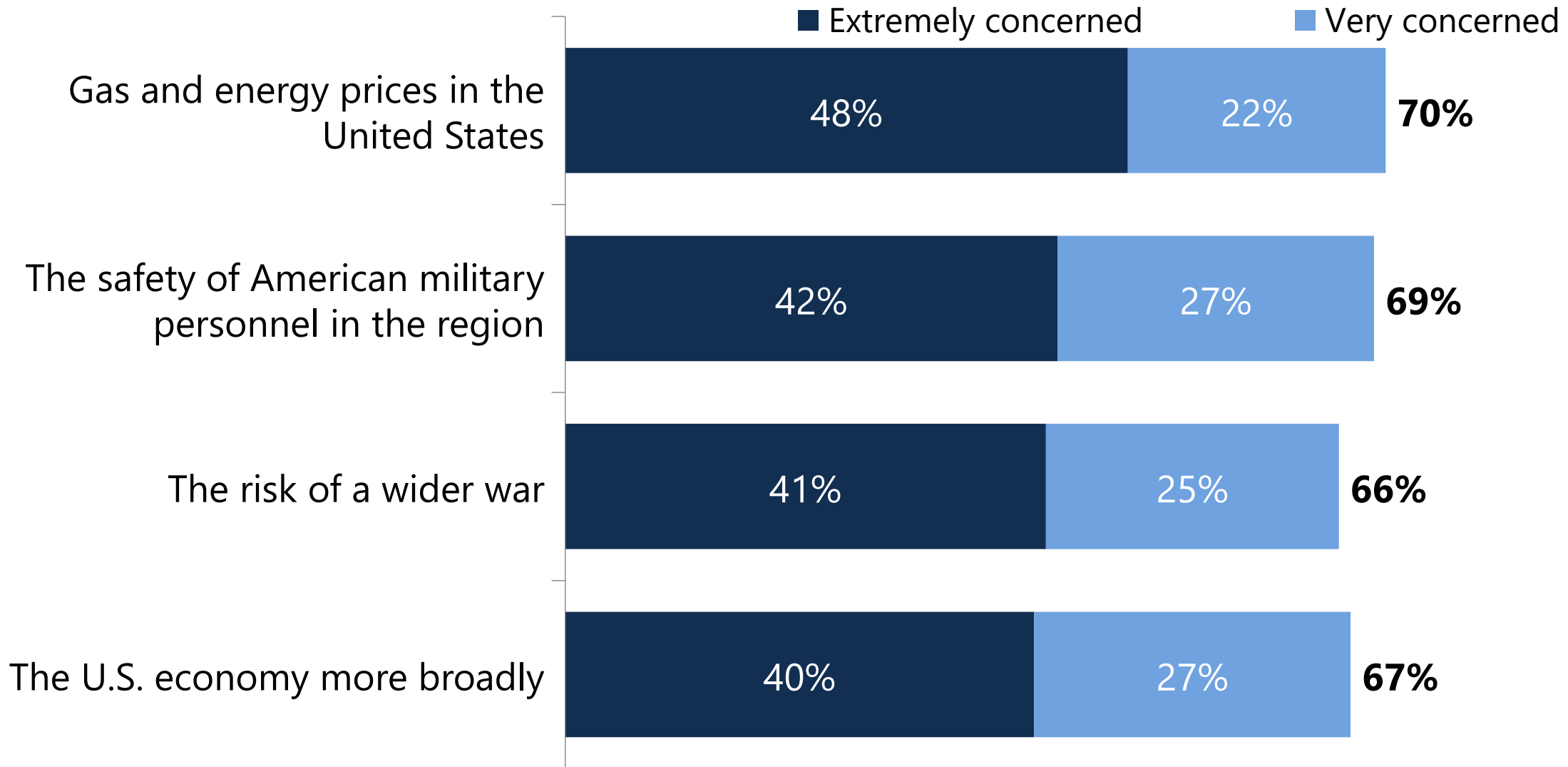


Iran preferred outcome, by PID.



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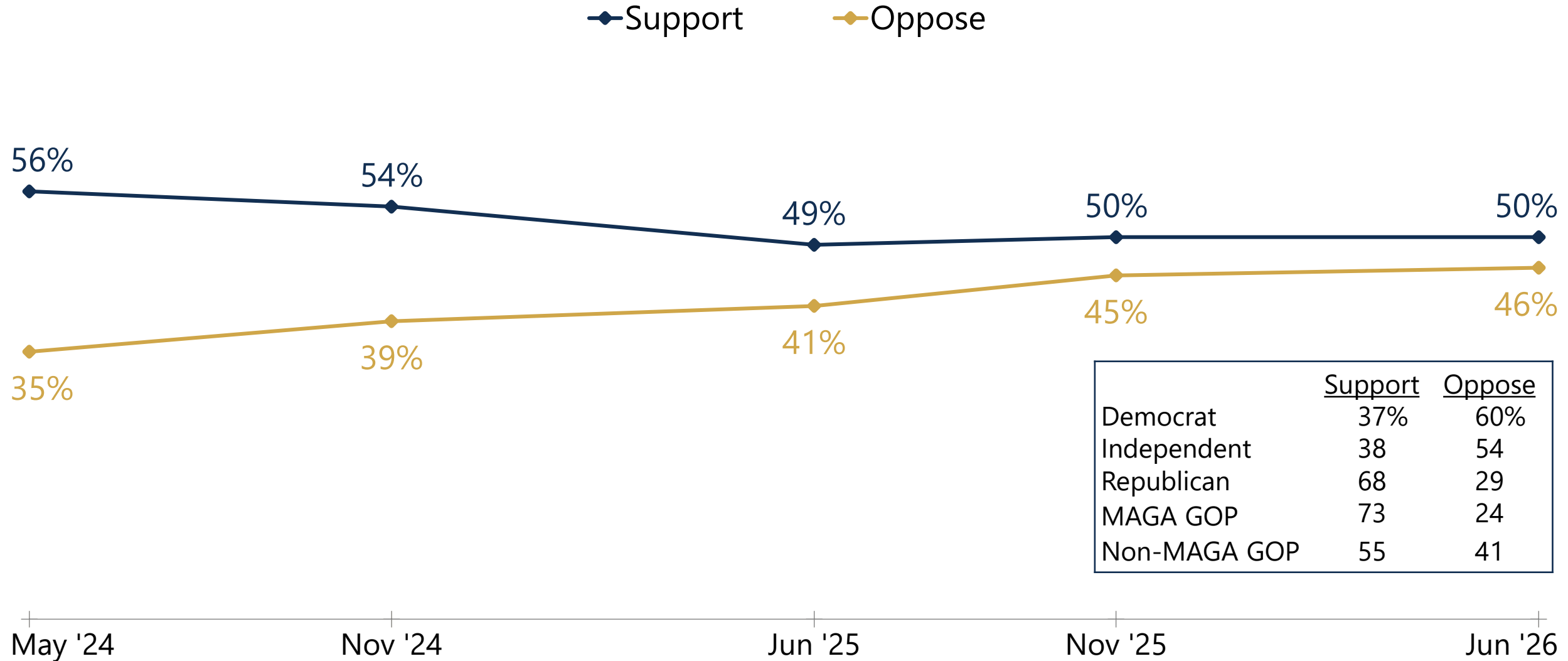
7-in-10 Americans are concerned about Strait of Hormuz impact on gas prices, troop safety, and risk of wider war.



Q50-53. As you may know, Iran has restricted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, a waterway that carries roughly one-fifth of the world's oil. How concerned are you about the impact of this on each of the following:



Americans are divided on sending weapons to Israel.

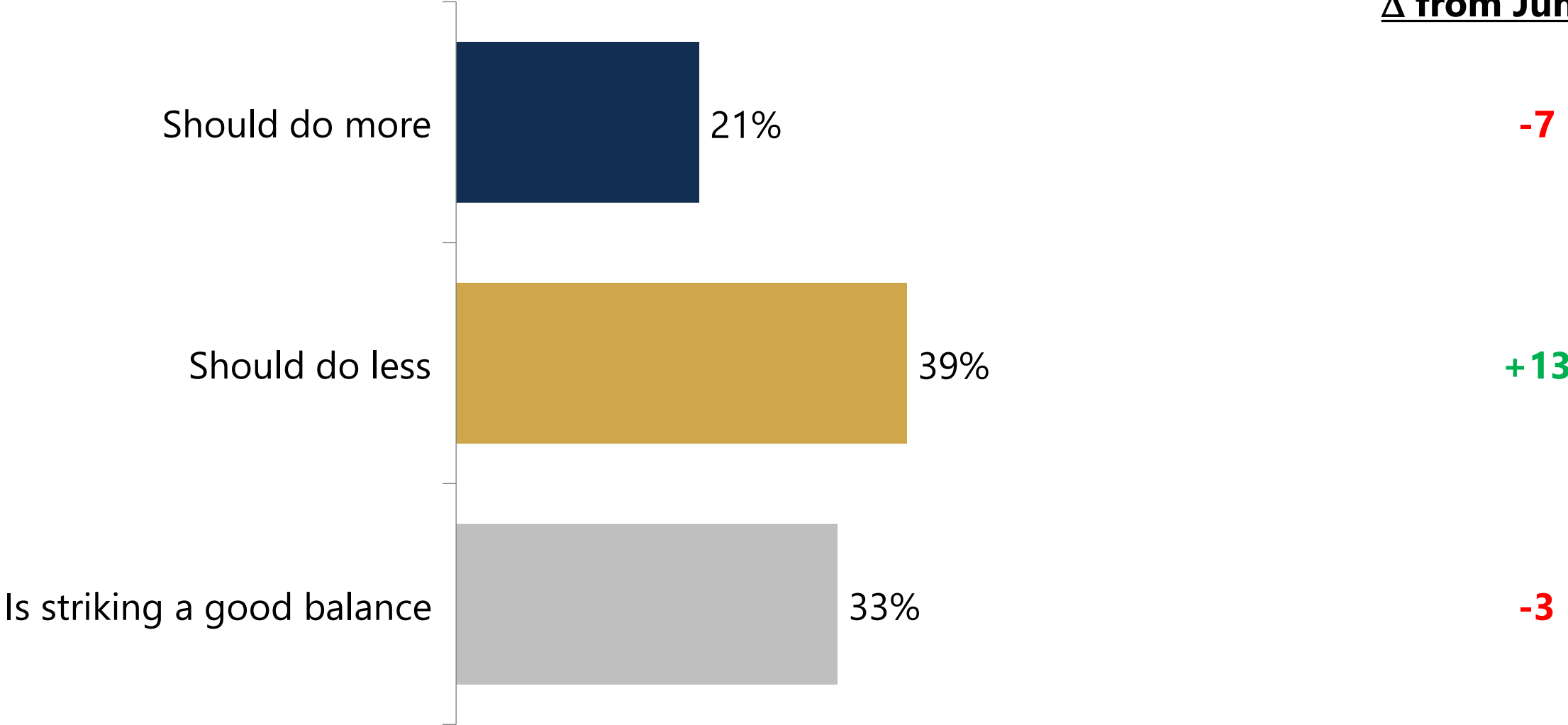


Q54. Do you support or oppose the U.S. sending weapons to Israel?

Plurality believe the U.S. should do less to support Israel's military actions.



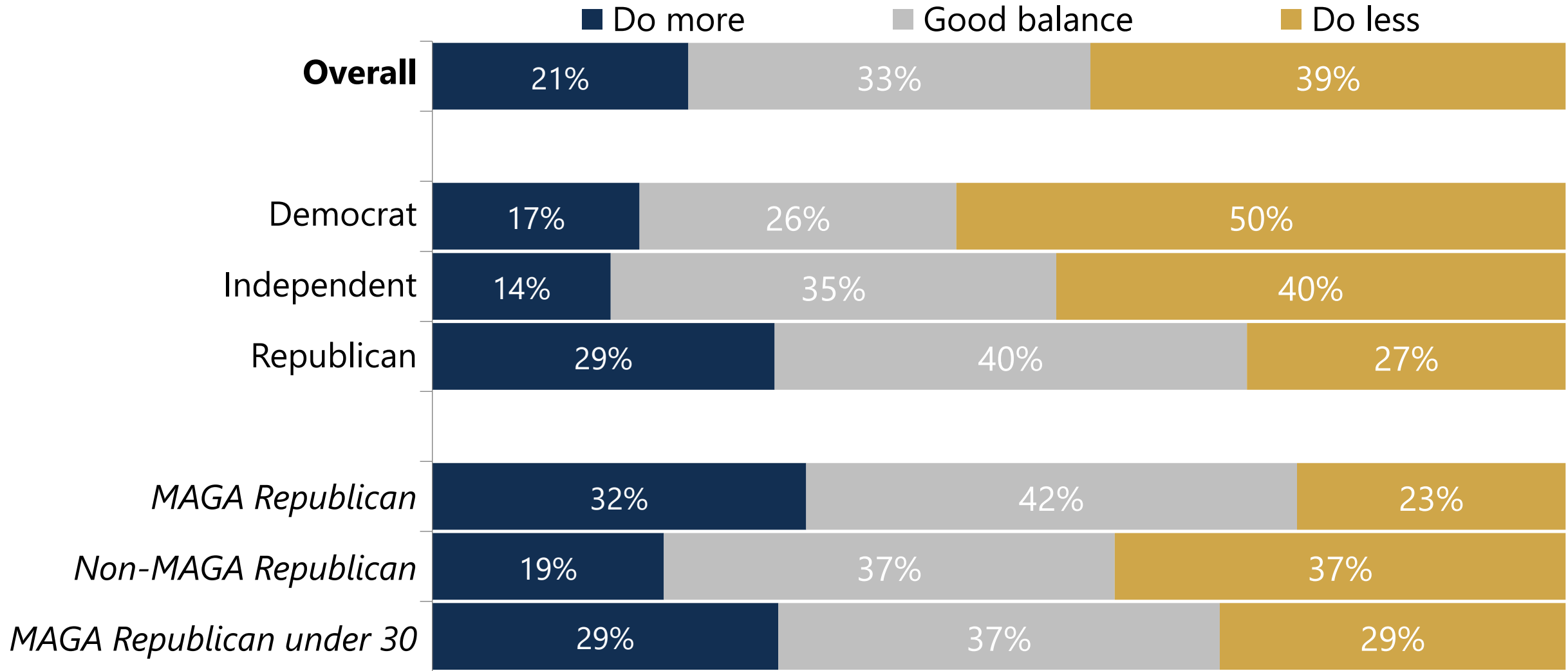
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Q55. When it comes to Israel's military actions in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon, should the U.S. do more to support Israel, do less, or is the U.S. striking a good balance?



Level of support for Israeli actions, by subgroups.

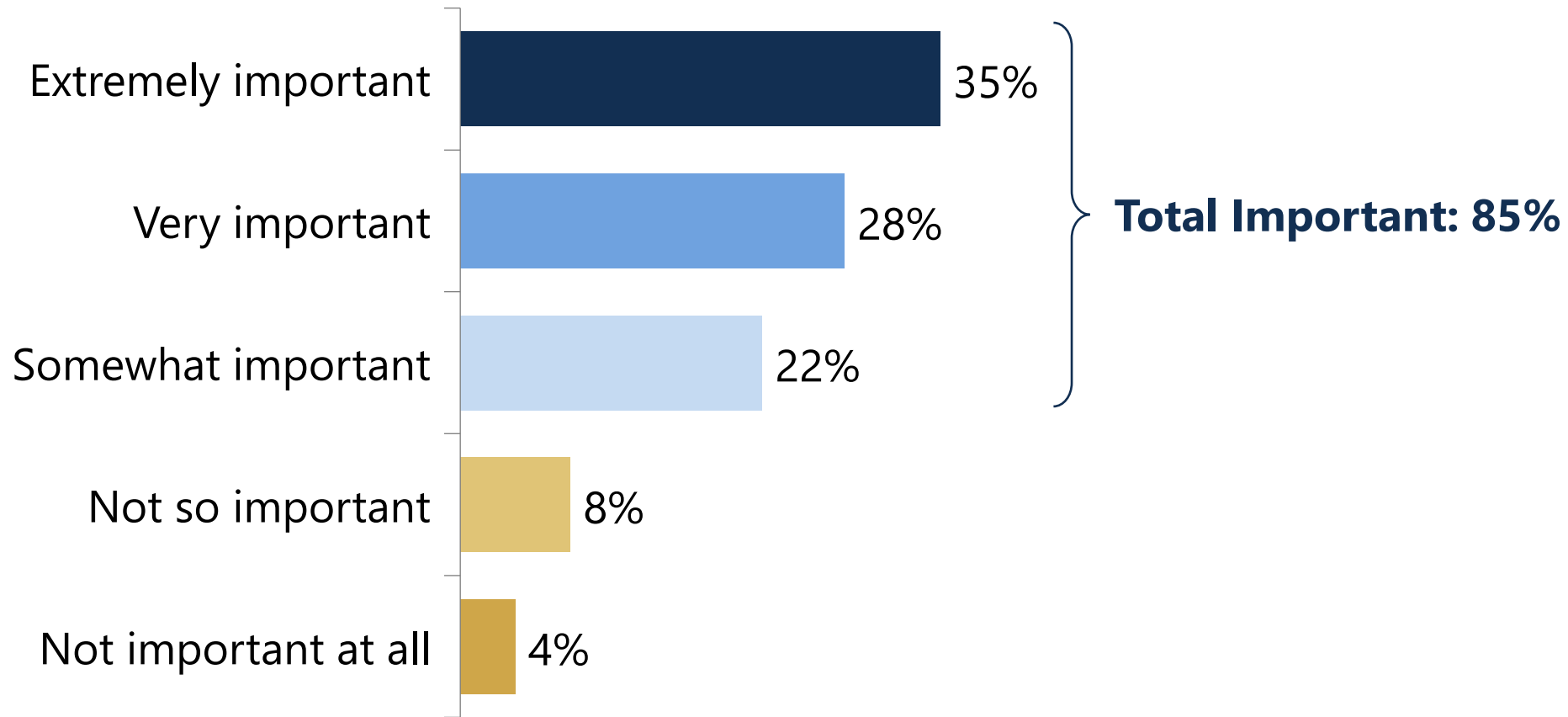


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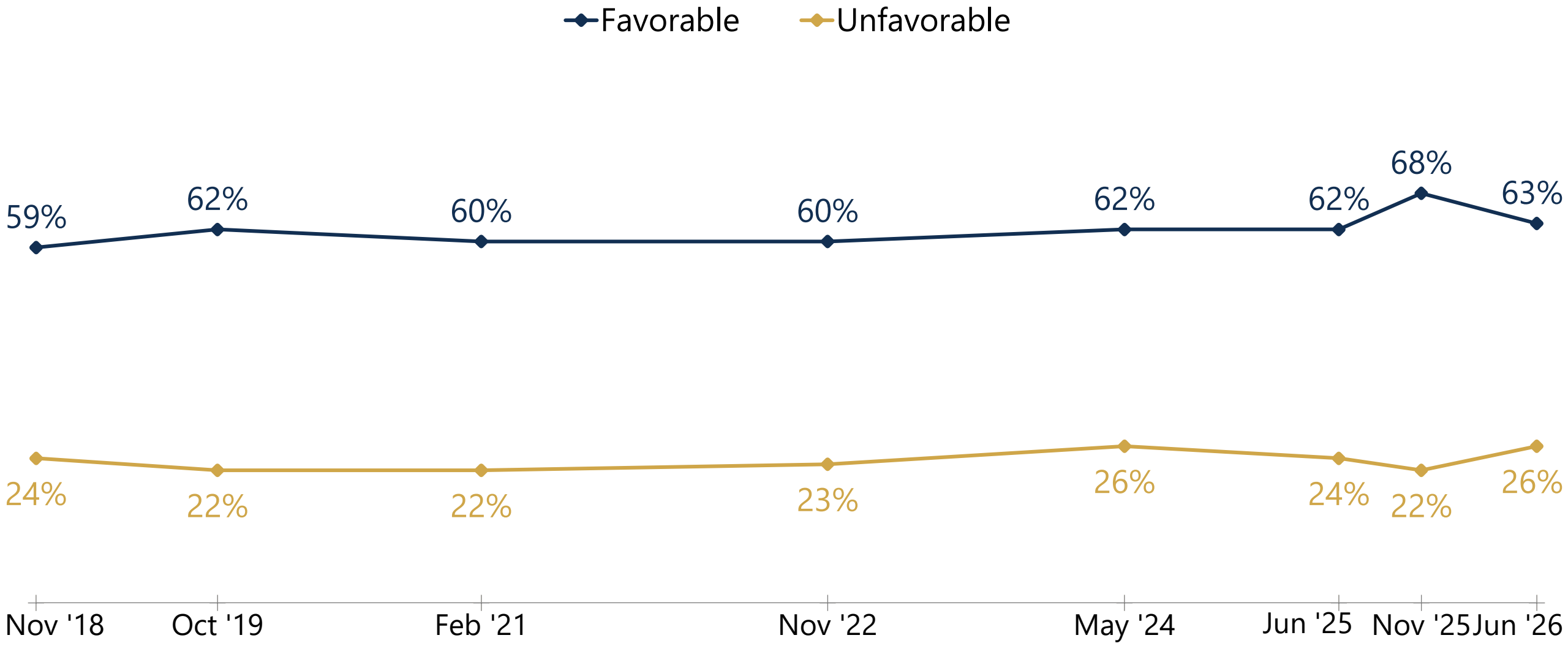
More than 8-in-10 see importance of expanding domestic capacity for military manufacturing.

The U.S. military used large quantities of missiles and air defense interceptors during its military actions against Iran this year. Experts say it could take up to five years to rebuild those stockpiles, and until then, the U.S. may be less prepared to protect itself or its allies.



Q56. How important is it to you that the U.S. expand its domestic capacity to produce military equipment?

Over 6-in-10 have favorable view of NATO; favorability stable across trend data.



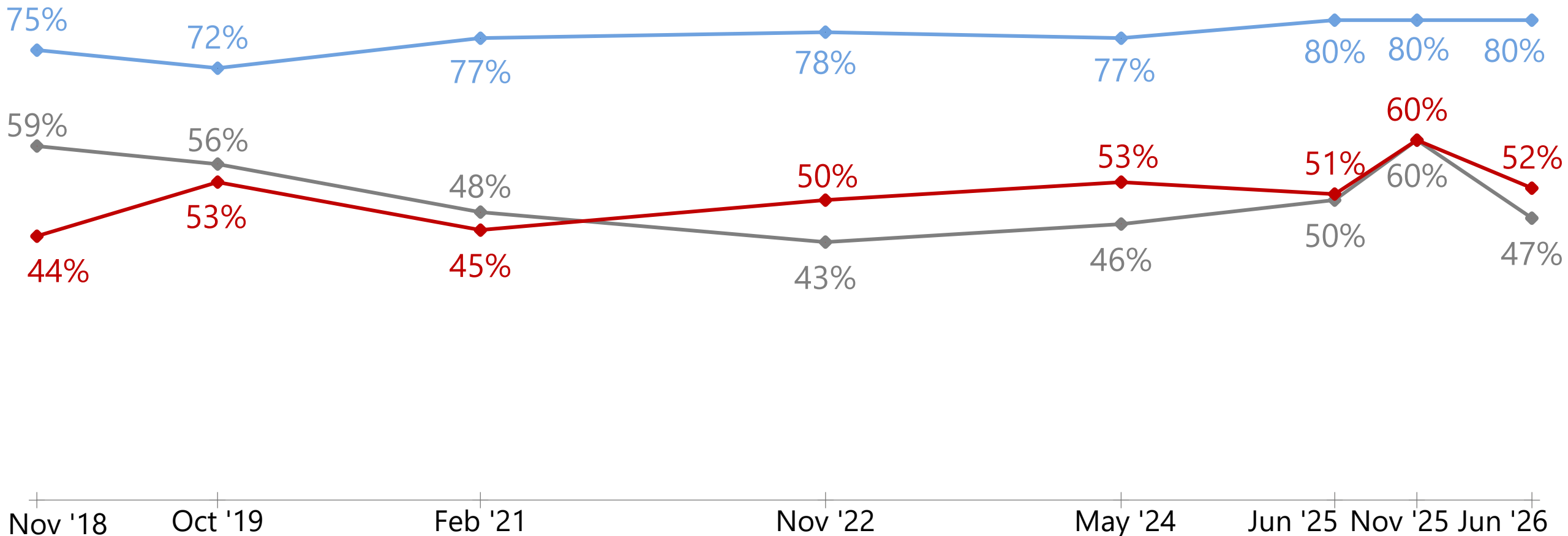
Q57. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, also known as NATO?



Favorability of NATO over time, by party ID.

Favorable View of NATO

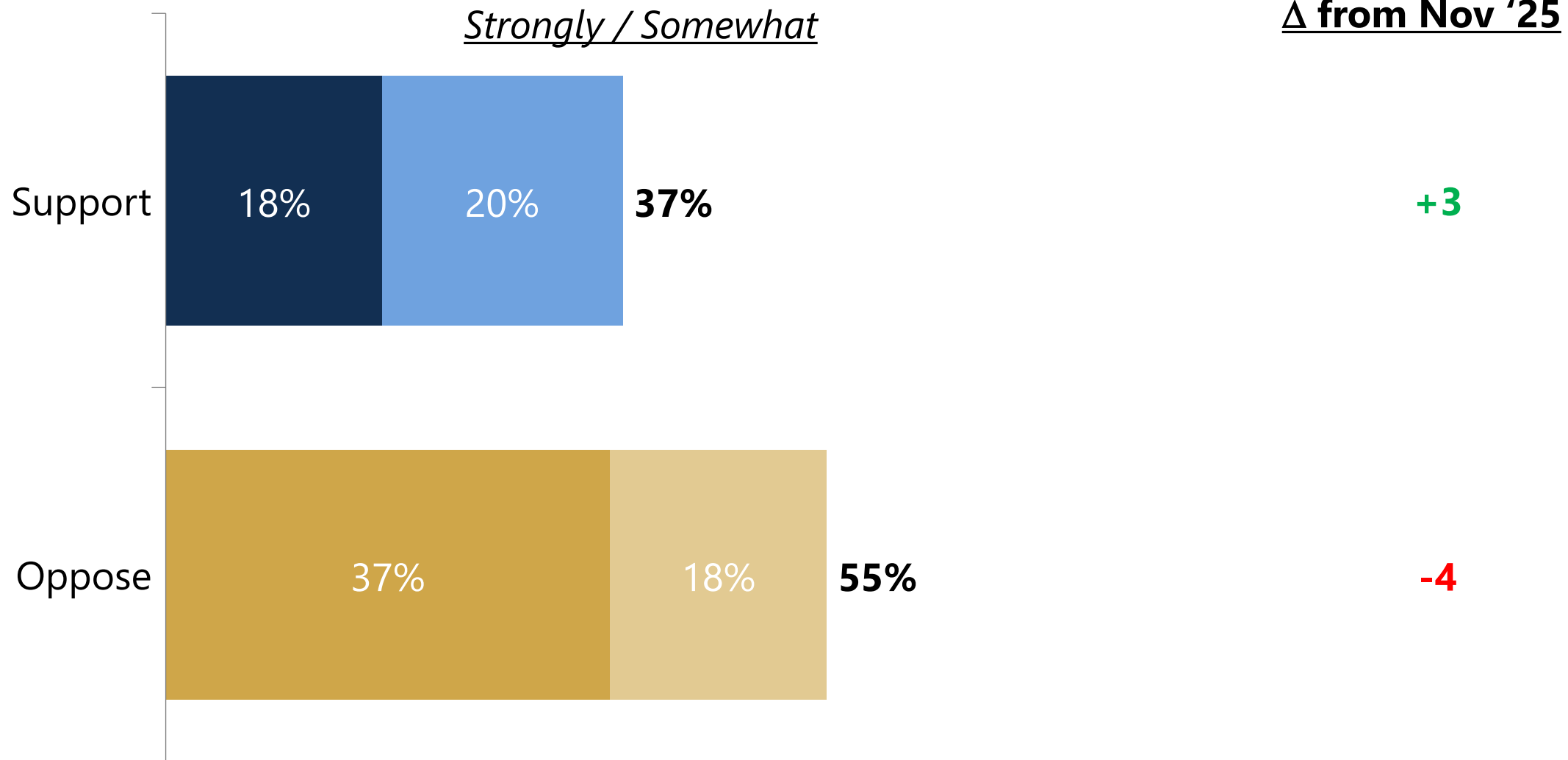
—♦— Democrats —♦— Independents —♦— Republicans



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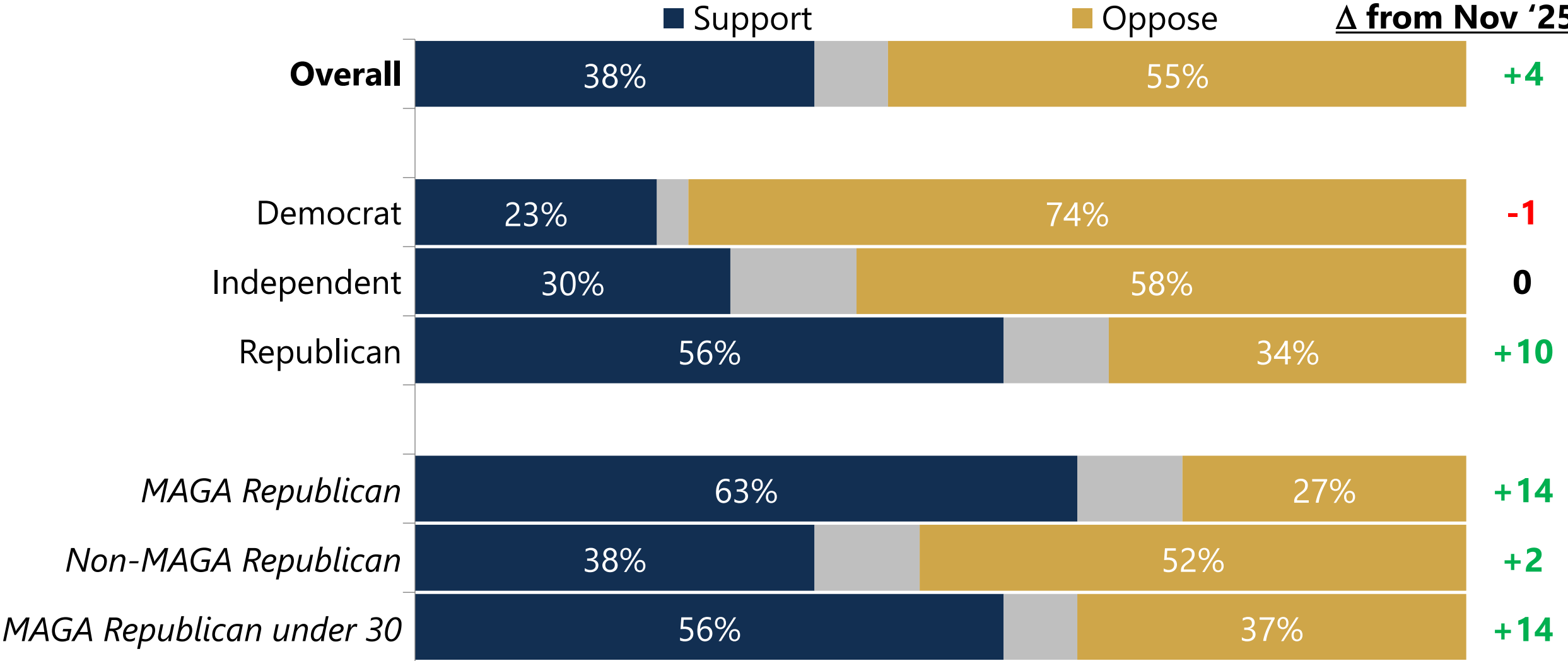
Majority of Americans oppose withdrawing from NATO.



Q58. Would you support or oppose withdrawing the United States from NATO?



Support for NATO withdrawal, by subgroups.

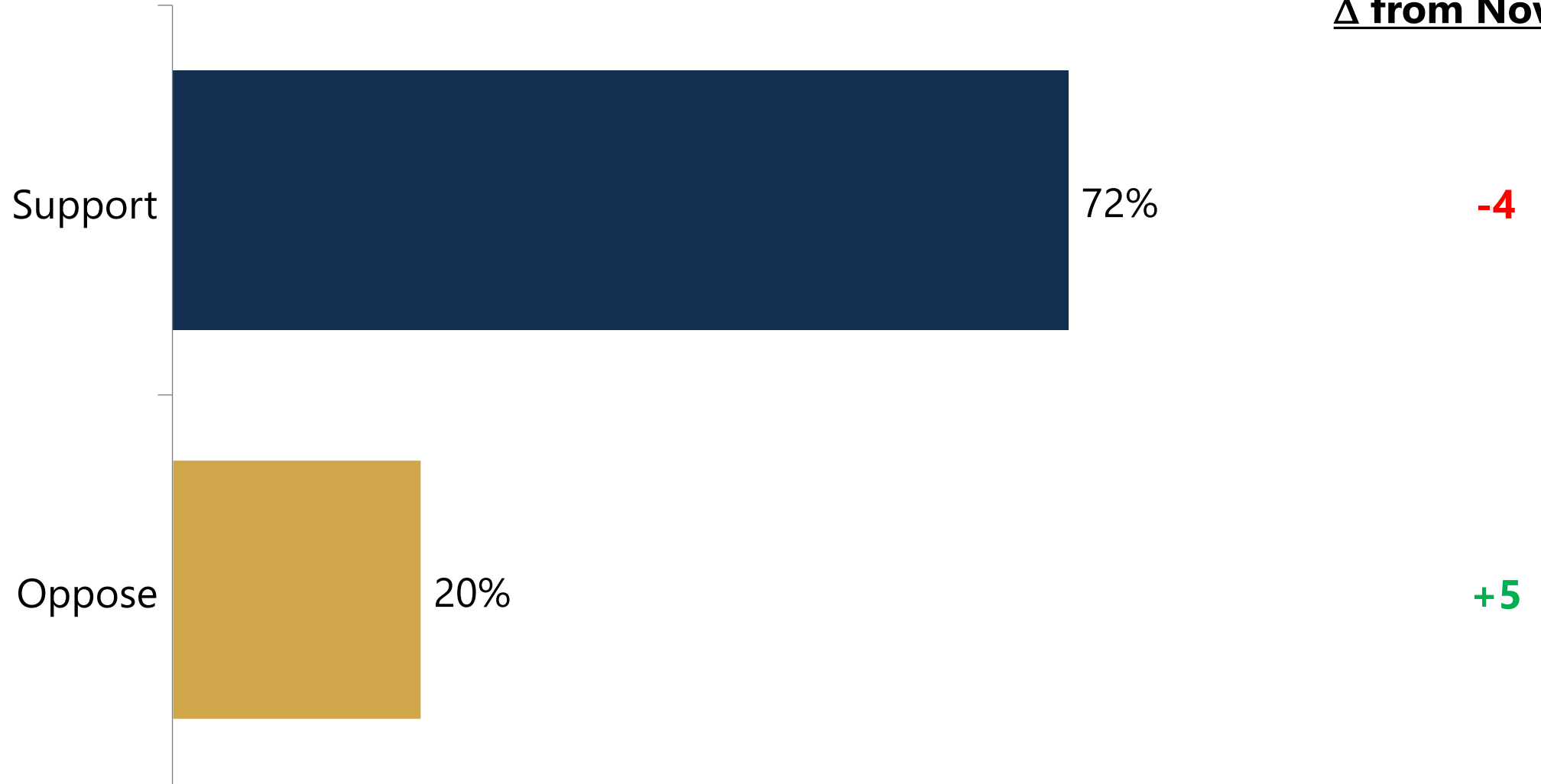


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7-in-10 support NATO's collective defense principle.

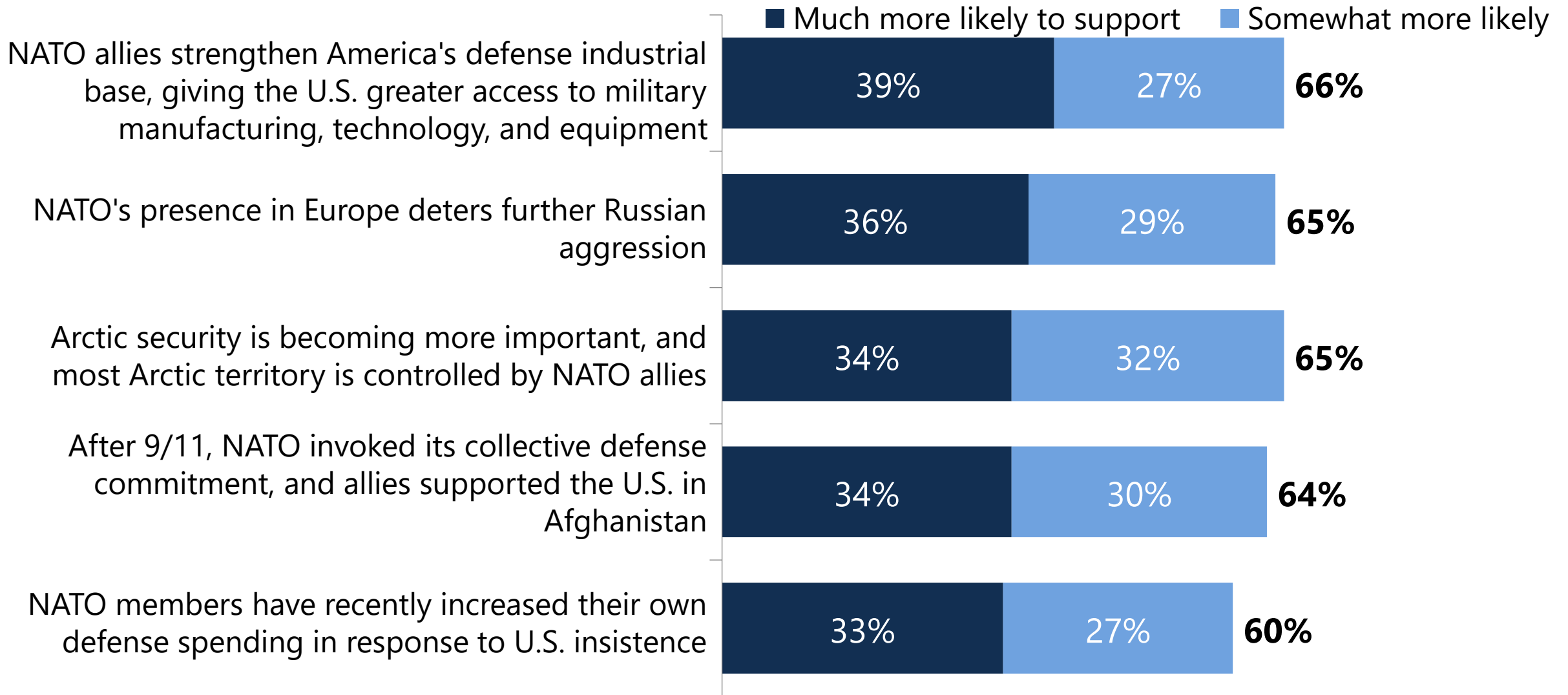
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Q59. As you may know, all NATO members are required to respond if one country in the alliance is attacked. This is called the collective defense principle. Knowing this, would you support or oppose the U.S. responding with military force if a NATO ally was attacked?



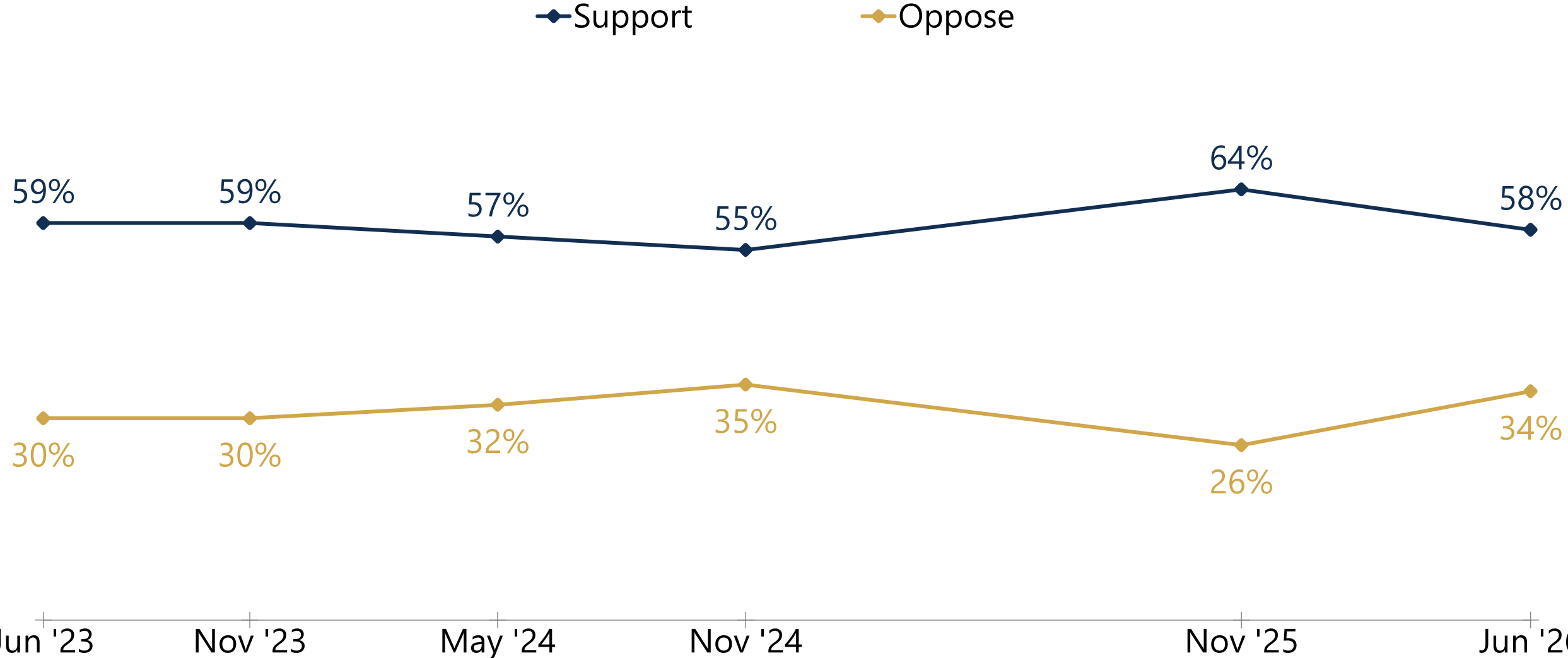
Reasons to support continued participation in NATO.



Q60-64. The following are some reasons that have been given for why the U.S. should remain committed to NATO. Does hearing each make you more or less likely to support continued U.S. participation in NATO, or does it make no difference?



Only 1-in-3 oppose sending U.S. weapons to Ukraine.



Q65. Overall, do you support or oppose sending U.S. weapons to Ukraine?



Plurality support Ukraine defending its full territory.

Δ from Nov '25

Supporting Ukraine's defense of its full **territorial sovereignty** until all Russian-occupied territory is liberated.



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Ukraine conceding territory to Russia in exchange for a **longstanding ceasefire** with **security guarantees** from Western countries to prevent future Russian aggression.



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Enacting a **longstanding ceasefire** along current front lines, without formally recognizing Russian control of annexed territories.



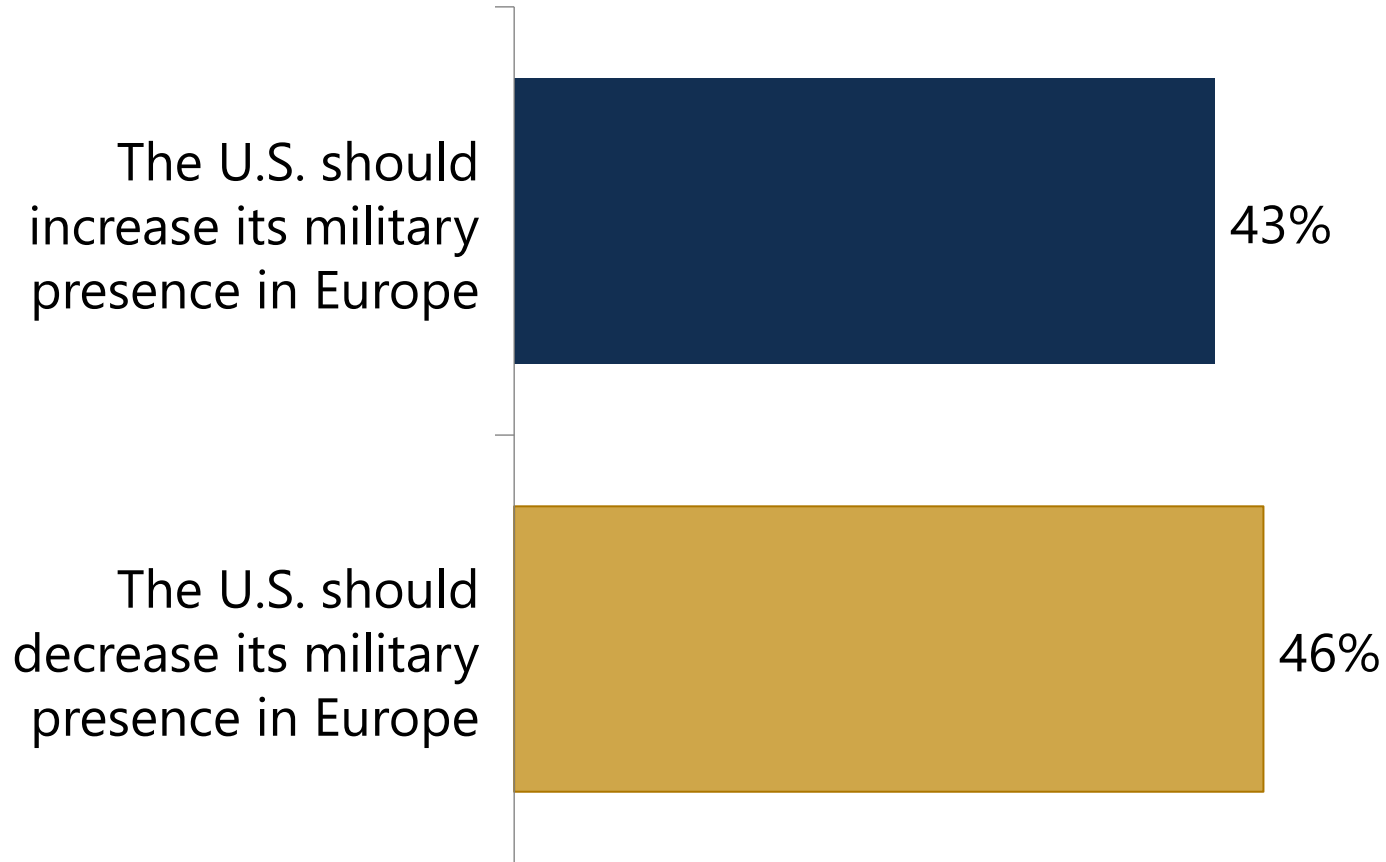
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*Note: Nov. 2025 wording referred to a "temporary ceasefire".



Americans are divided on question of troop presence in Europe to counter Russian aggression.

Some people say the U.S. should increase its military presence in Europe to prevent Russian aggression. Others say the U.S. should reduce its presence and require European countries to take on more of their own defense.



Q67. Which comes closest to your view about the U.S. military presence in Europe?

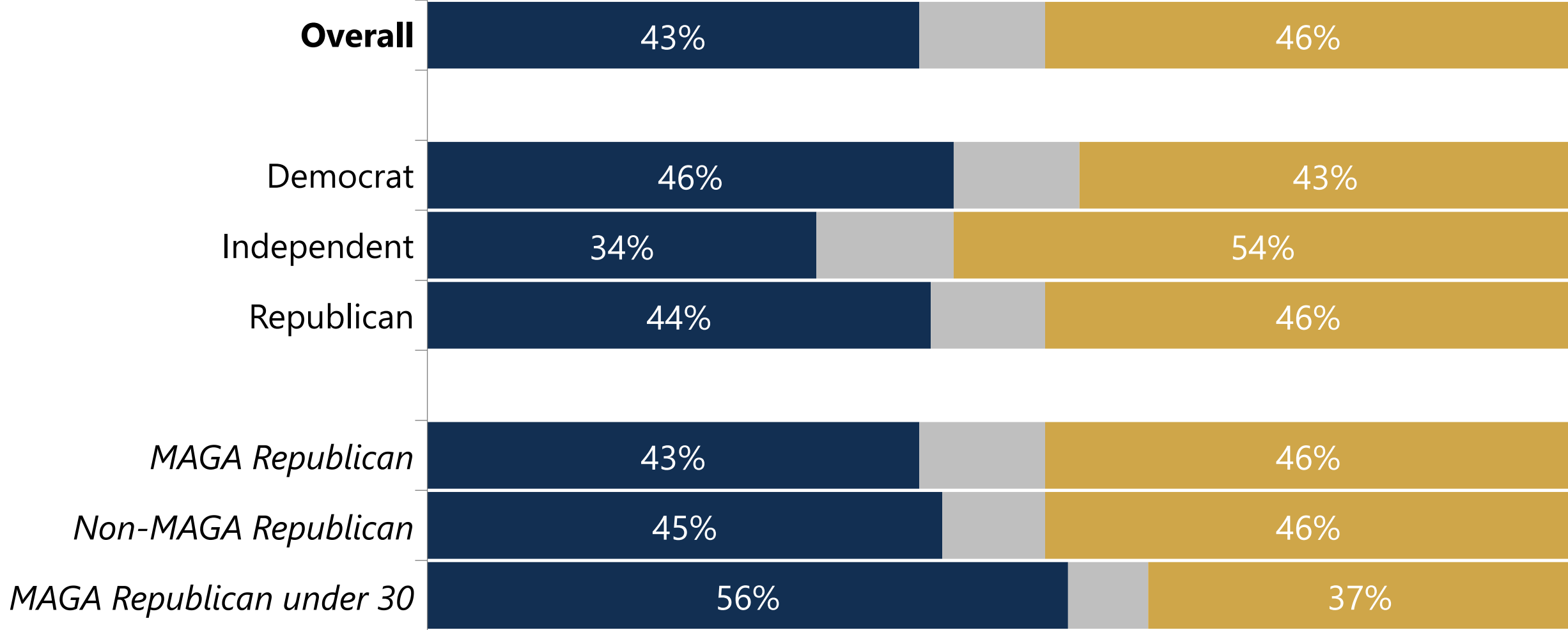


View on troop presence in Europe, by PID.

The U.S. Military Should...

■ Increase presence in Europe

■ Decrease presence in Europe



Q67. Which comes closest to your view about the U.S. military presence in Europe?

CHINA / TAIWAN



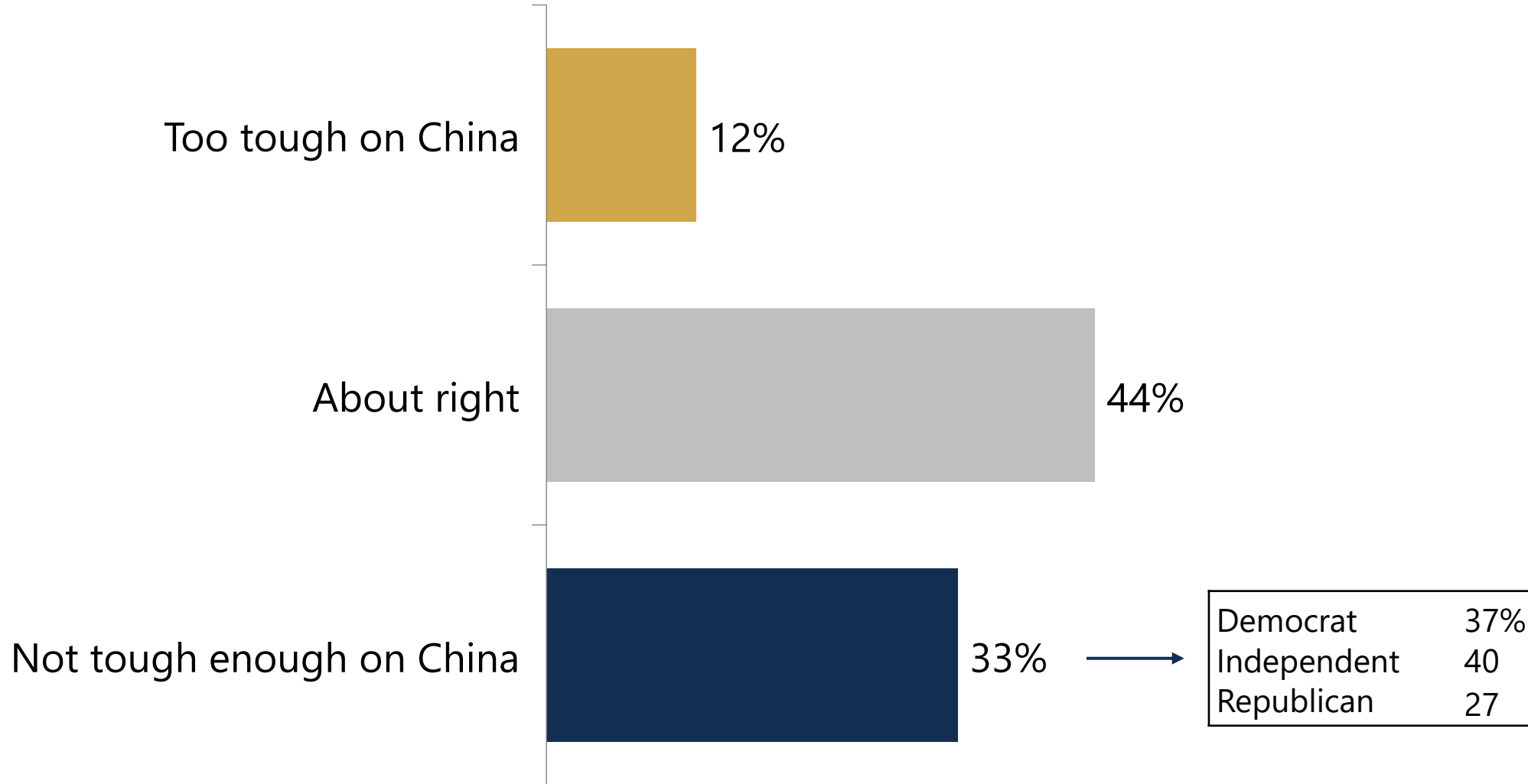


Homeland-impact concerns — land purchases, spying, fentanyl — outrank traditional China security concerns.



Q68-78. Thinking specifically about China, how concerned are you about each of the following?

Plurality say President Trump's posture towards China is "about right."

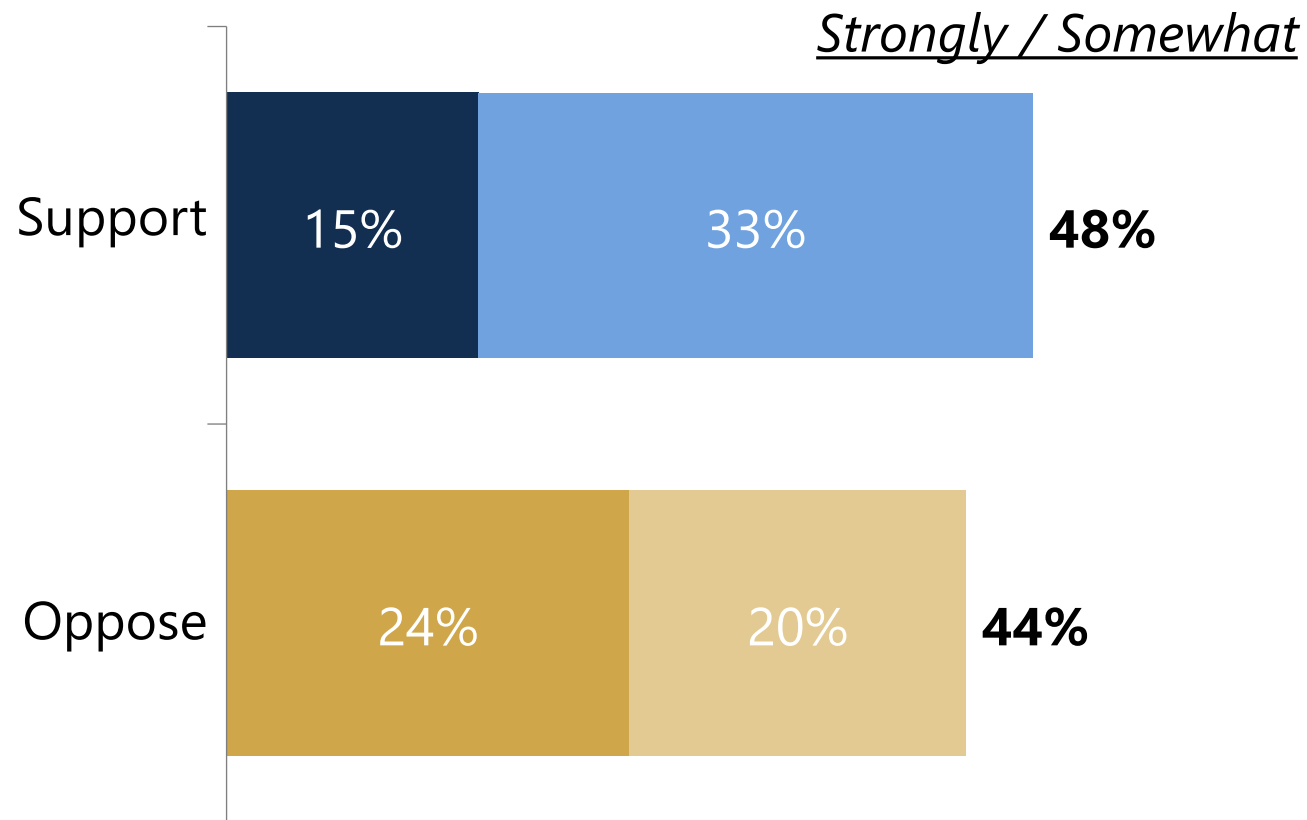


Q79. Thinking about U.S. policy towards China, would you say President Trump and his administration have been...



Americans are divided on framework for China deal.

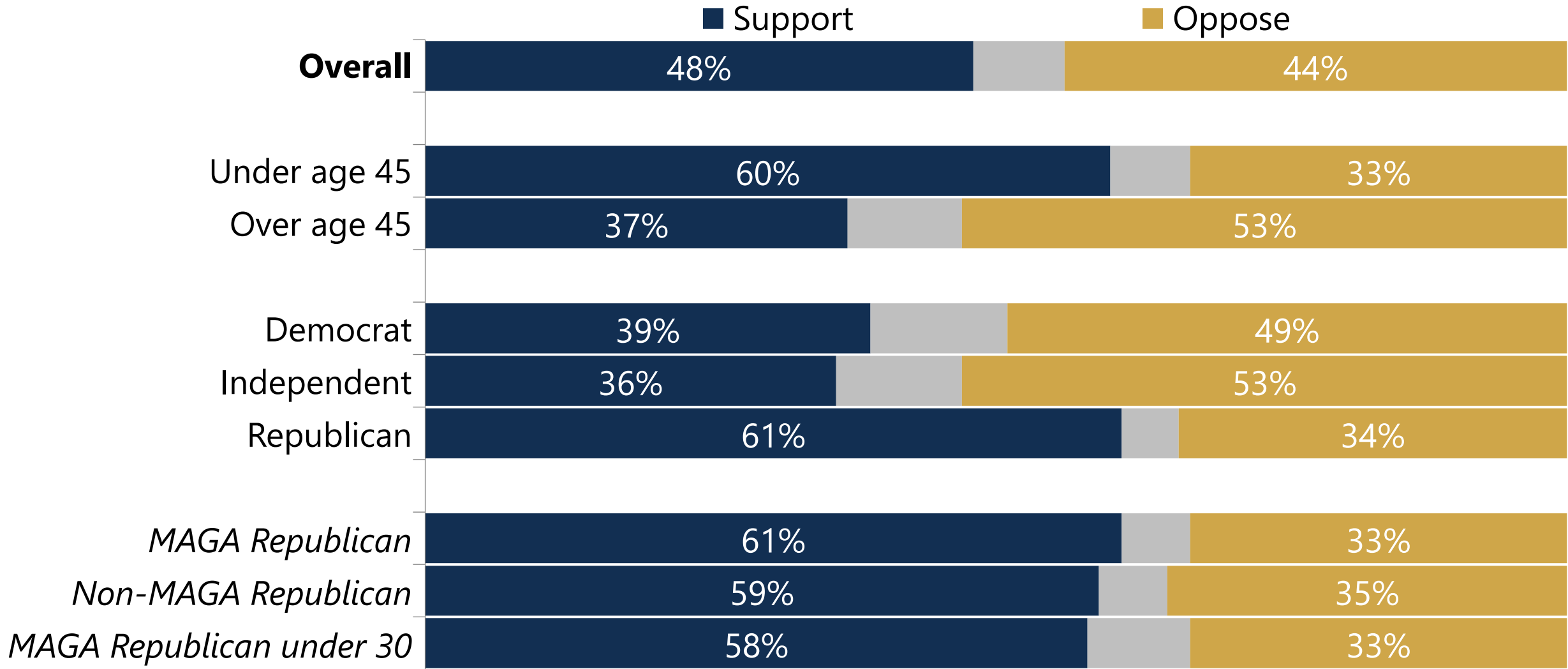
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China deal, by subgroups.

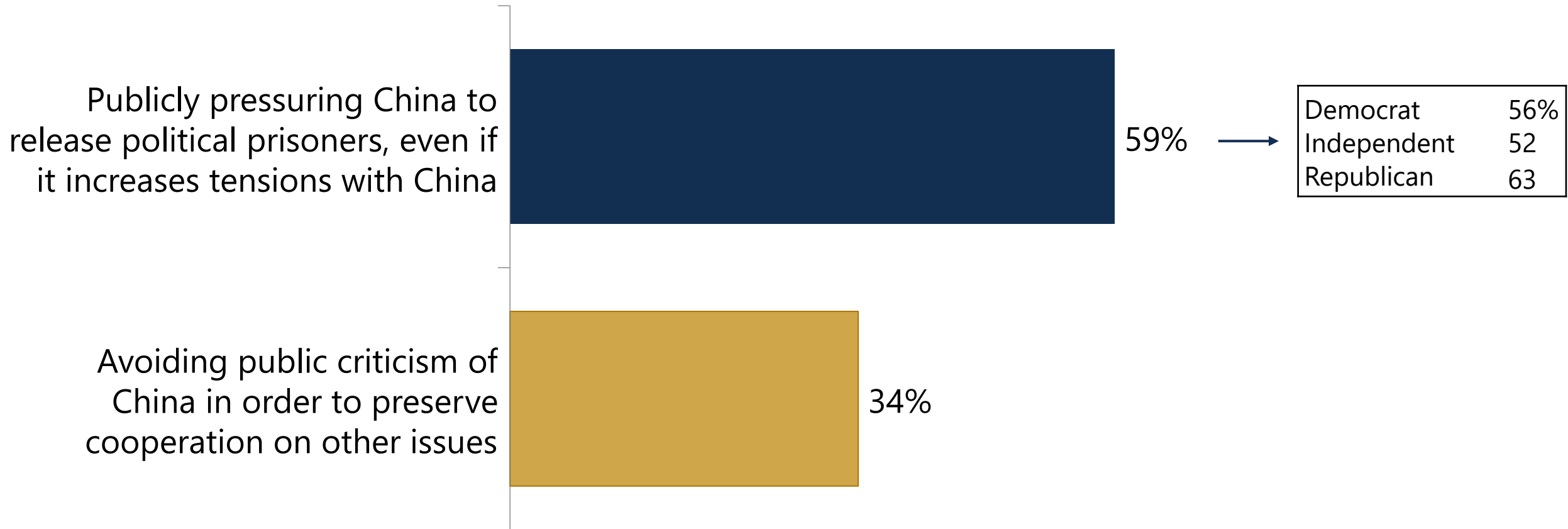


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6-in-10 support public pressure on China to release political prisoners.

As you may know, the Chinese government has imprisoned a number of prominent individuals for political reasons, including Jimmy Lai, a pro-democracy newspaper publisher from Hong Kong, and Ezra Jin, a pastor of one of China's largest underground Christian churches.

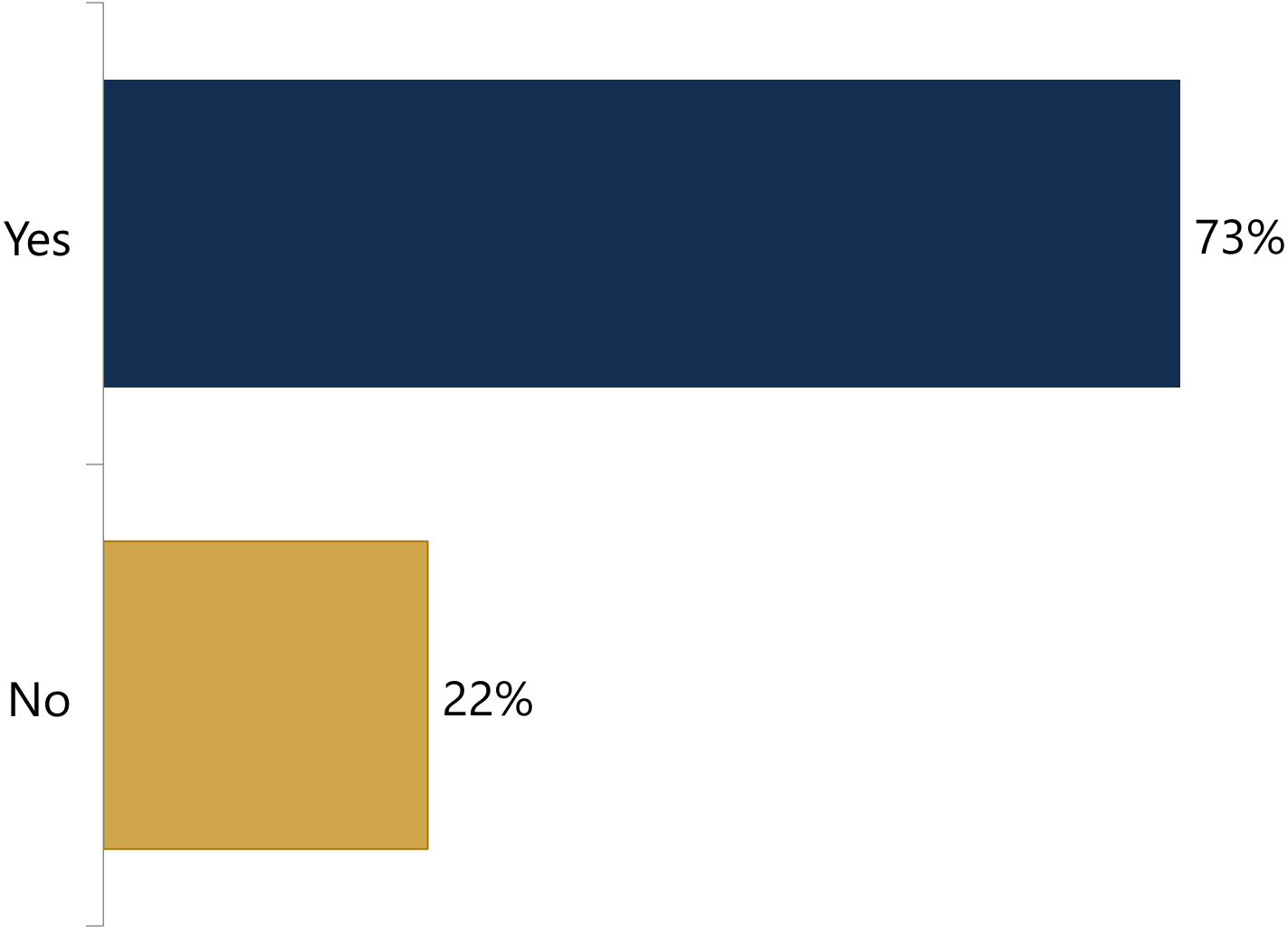


Q81. When it comes to political prisoners like these, which should be the higher priority for the U.S.?

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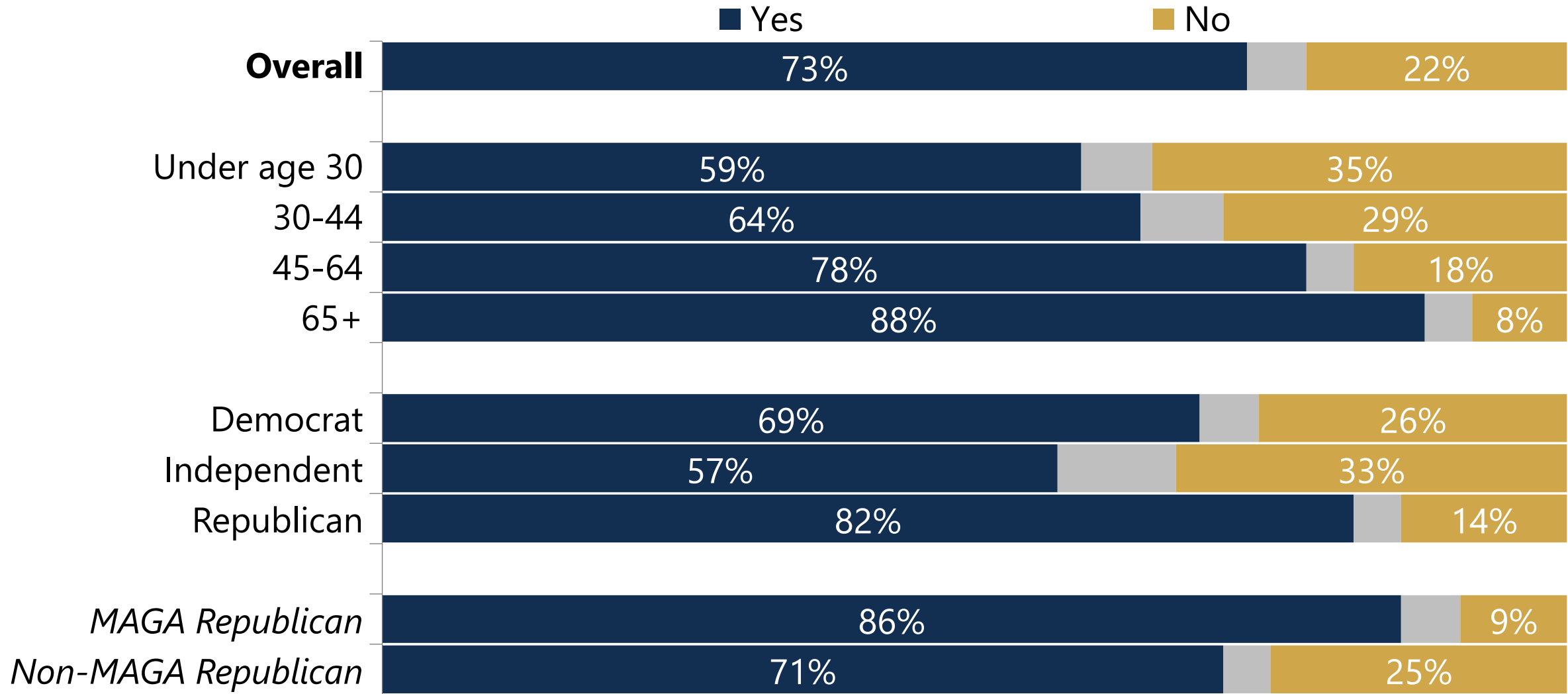
Three-quarters of Americans believe the U.S. has mostly been a force for good since 1776.



Q82. This 4th of July will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Over those years, do you believe the U.S. has mostly been a force for good in the world?



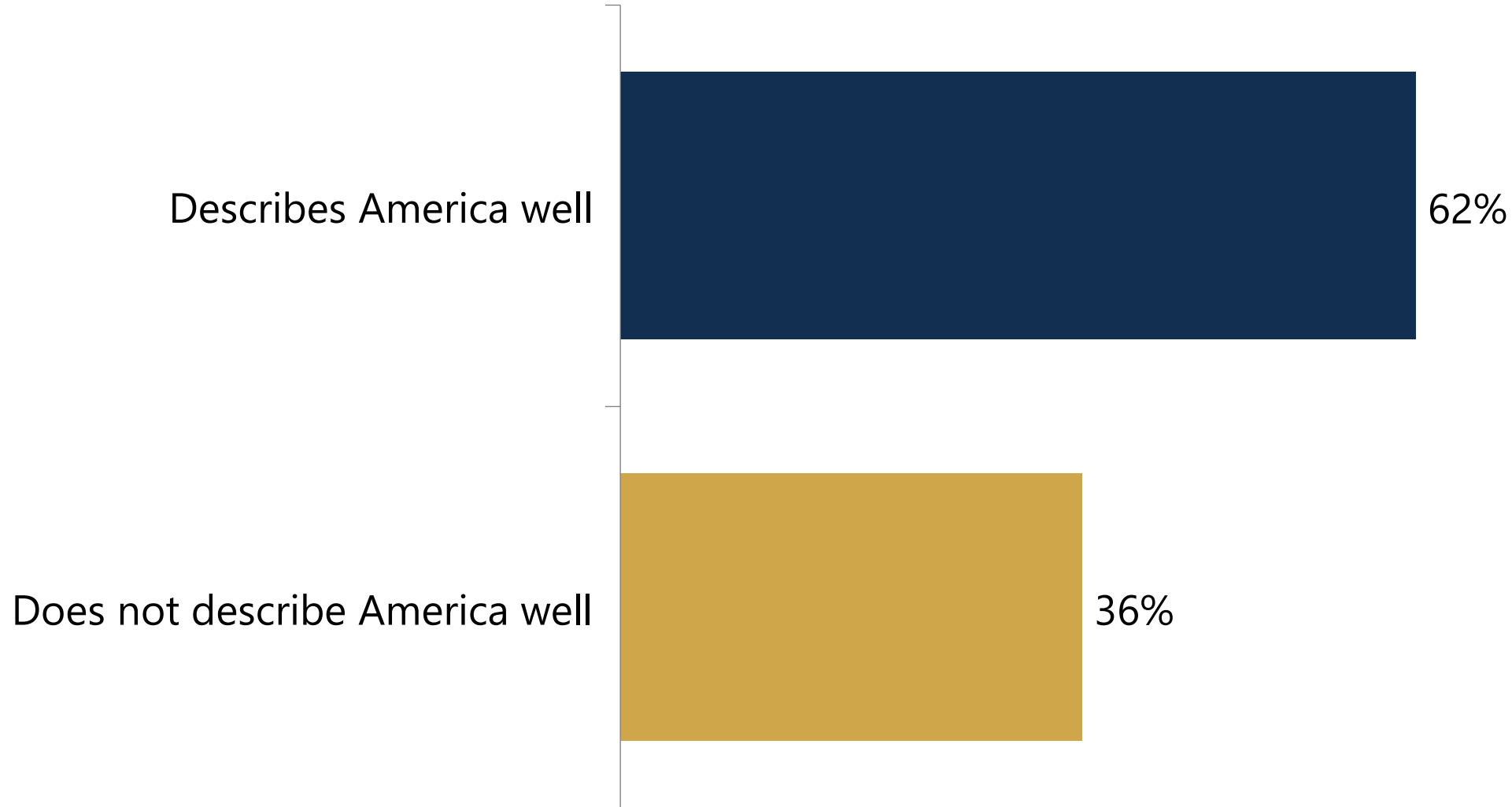
Evaluation of America's historical impact, by subgroups.



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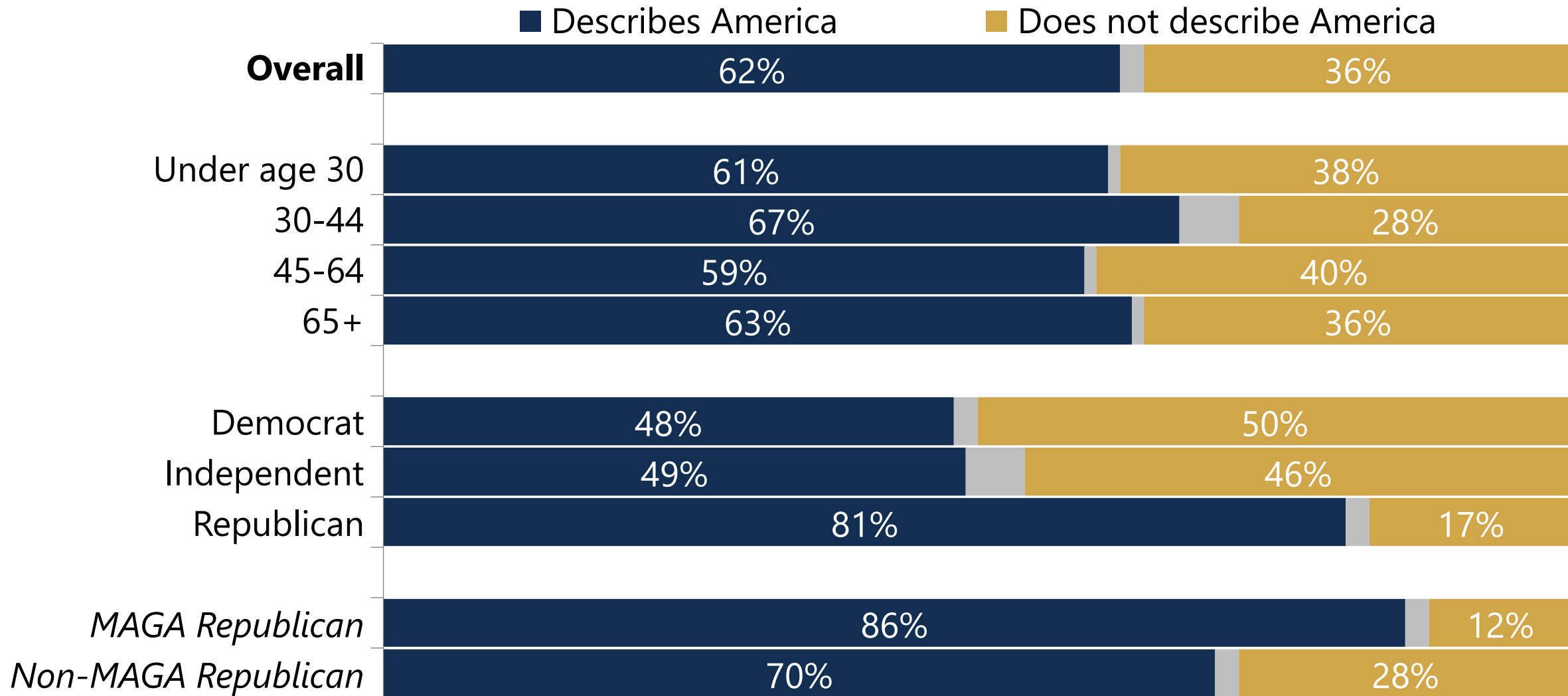
Over 6-in-10 say 'shining city upon a hill' describes America today; one-third disagree.



Q83. The U.S. has been described as a "shining city upon a hill" because its freedom, prosperity, and democratic ideals serve as an example to the world. Do you think that describes America today very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?



“Shining City on a Hill” characterization, by subgroups.



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Profile of the Sample

Category	Group	% of Sample
Gender	Men	47%
	Women	53
Age	18-29	17
	30-44	26
	45-64	37
	65+	19
Race	White	68
	Black	12
	Hispanic or Latino	13
	Asian	3
Education	Noncollege	60
	College degree	25
	Postgraduate degree	15

Category	Group	% of Sample
Region	East	20%
	Midwest	20
	South	36
	West	24
Party Identification	Democrat	44
	Independent	15
	Republican	42
	<i>MAGA Republican</i>	72
	<i>Non-MAGA Republican</i>	25
Philosophy	Liberal	30
	Moderate	35
	Conservative	33



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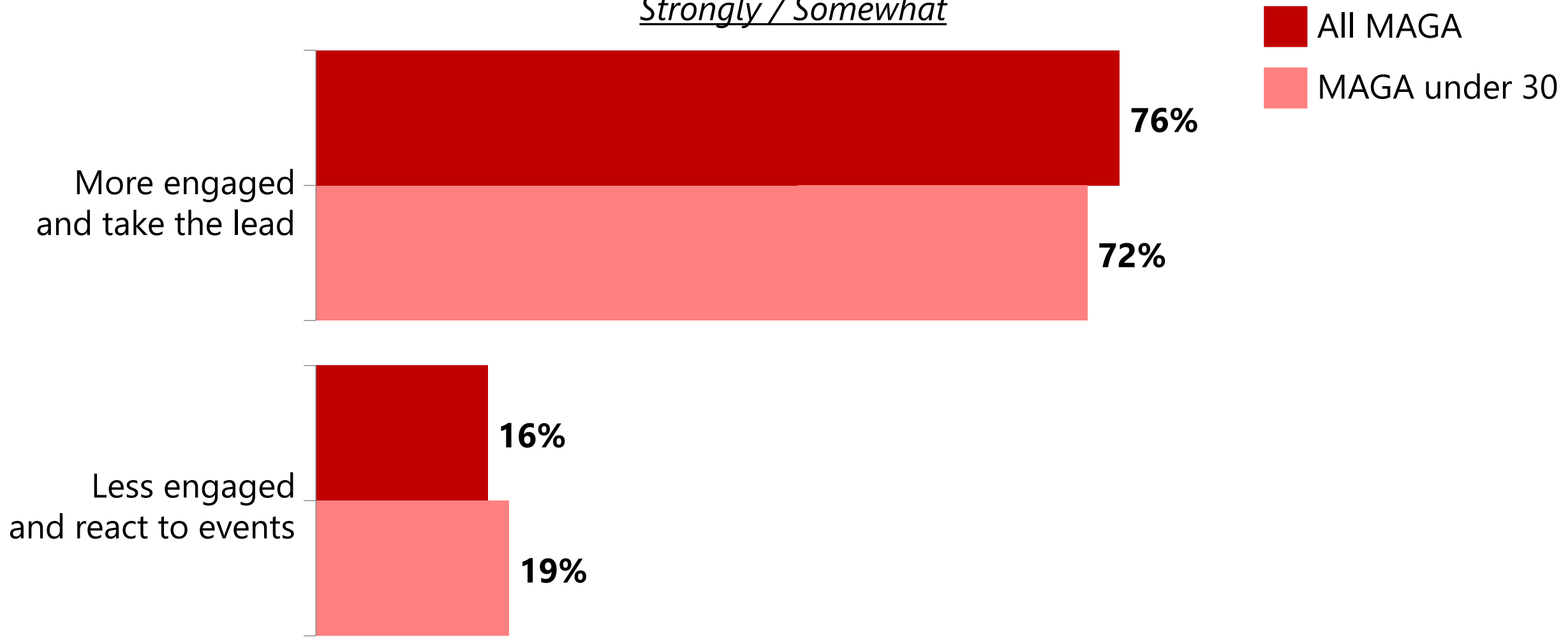
FOREIGN POLICY APPROACH OF MAGA



MAGA Republicans are highly supportive of U.S. engagement and leadership.



Strongly / Somewhat

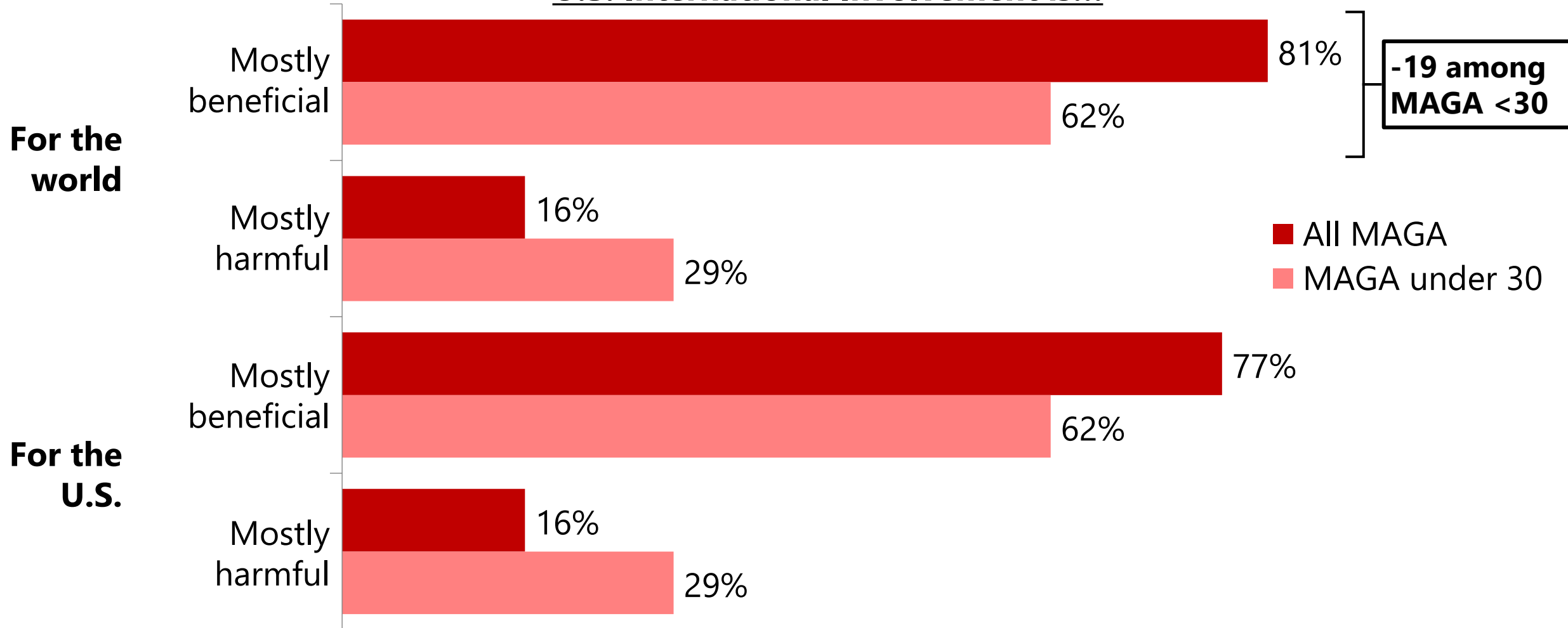


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View on impact of U.S. involvement on the world stage.

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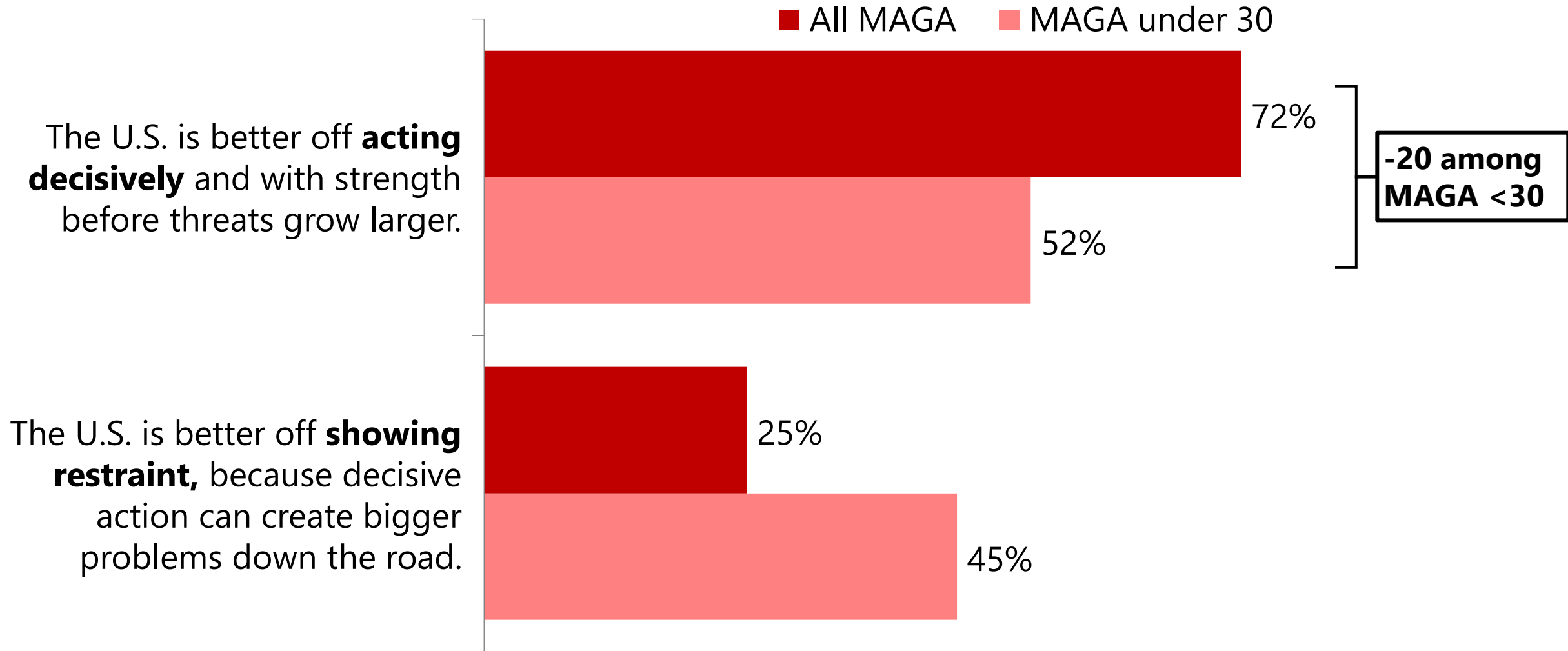


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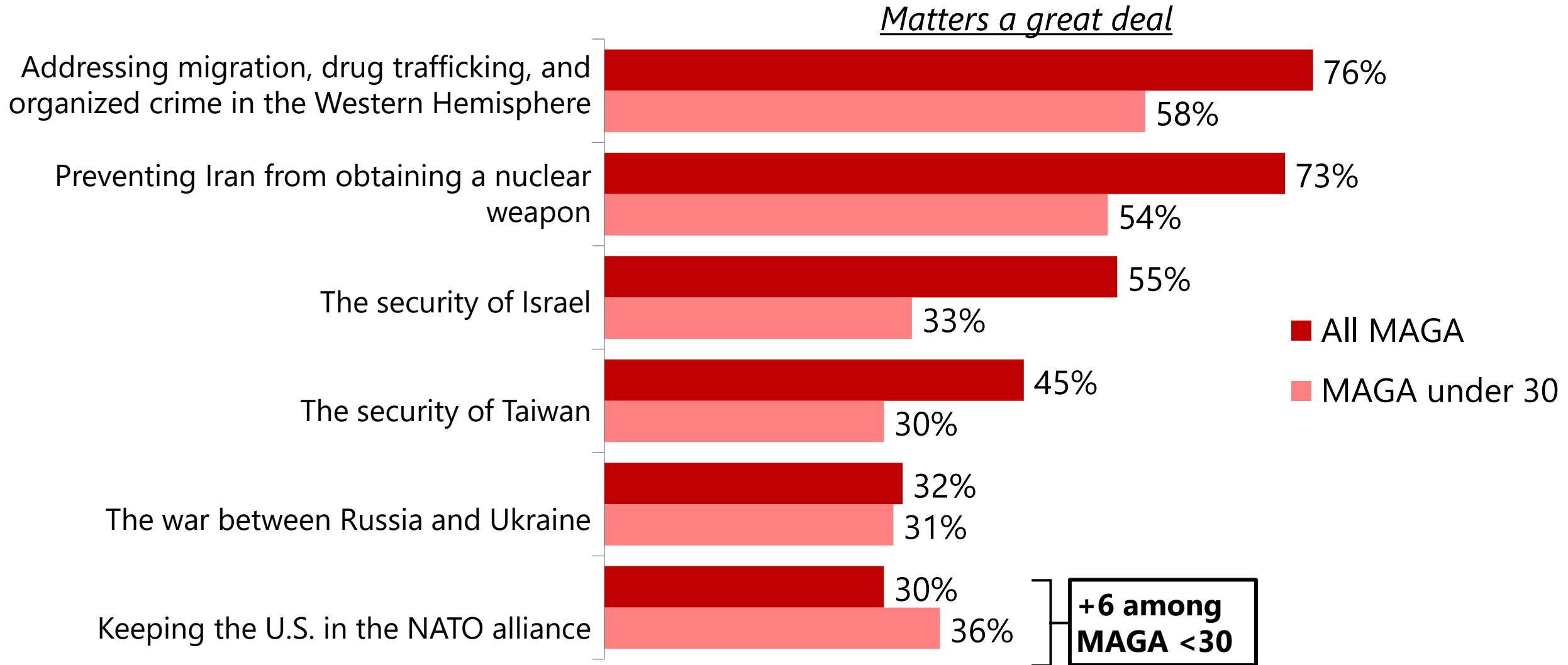
Young MAGA Republicans are divided on question of decisive action versus restraint.



Q13. Which comes closer to your view?

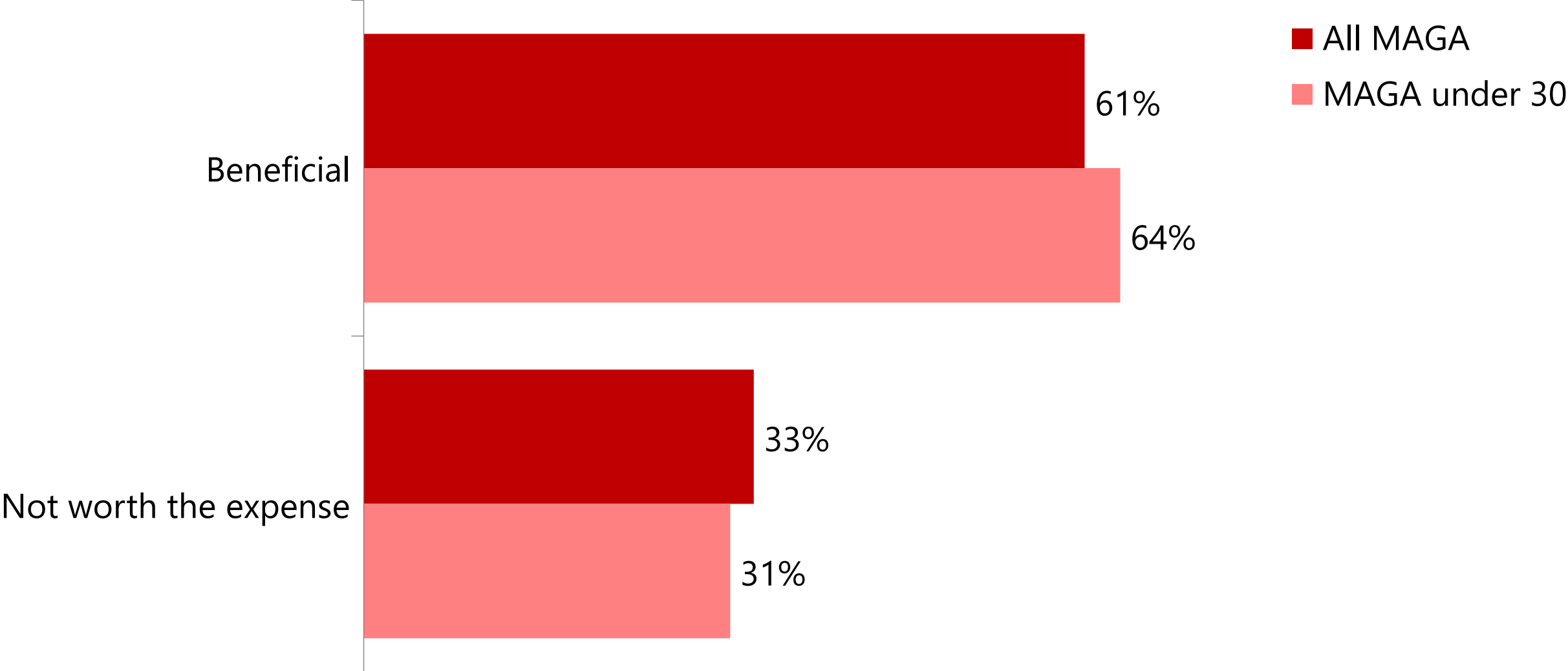


MAGA Republicans' rating of foreign policy priorities.



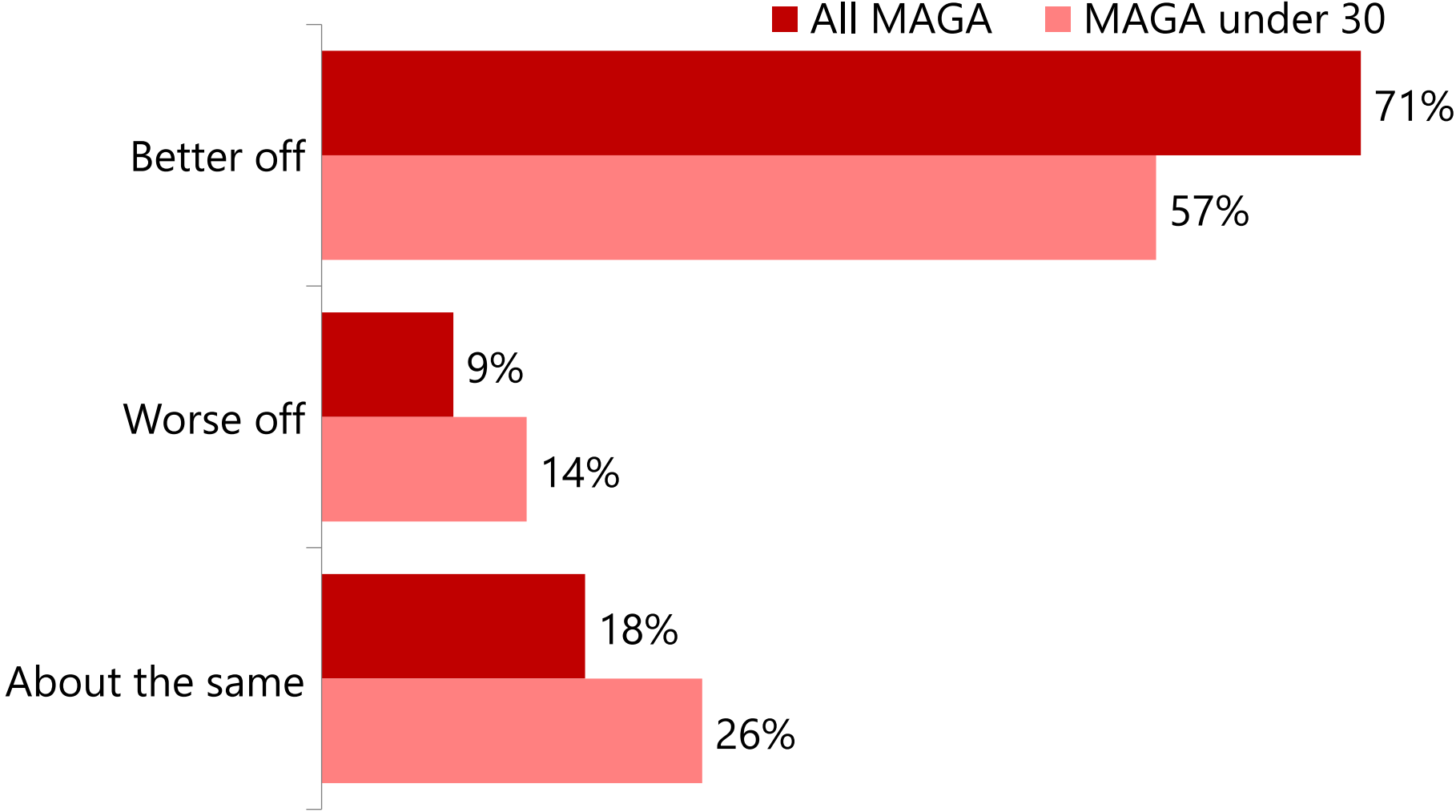
Q17-22. How much do you think each of the following matters to U.S. security and prosperity?

6-in-10 MAGA Republicans believe funding democracy abroad is beneficial to the U.S. and its interests.



Q32. When it comes to funding programs and organizations designed to advance freedom and democracy abroad, do you think those investments are generally beneficial to the U.S. and its interests, or not worth the expense?

A strong majority of MAGA Republicans think the U.S. would be better off if more countries were free.



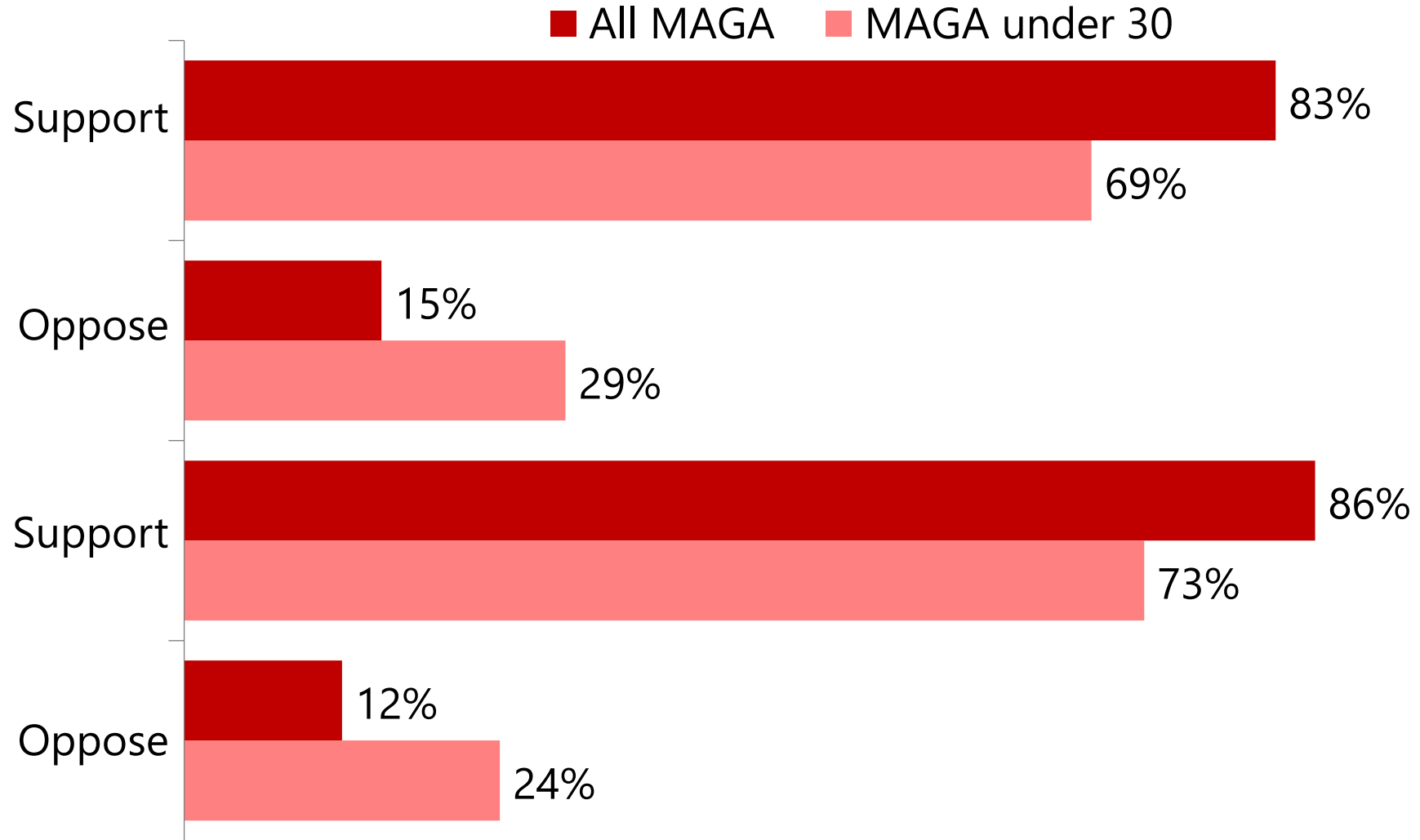
Q33. Would the U.S. be better off, worse off, or about the same if more countries in the world were free?



MAGA Republicans support pursuing territorial expansions.

Greenland, to provide the U.S. with critical minerals and increased access to the Arctic

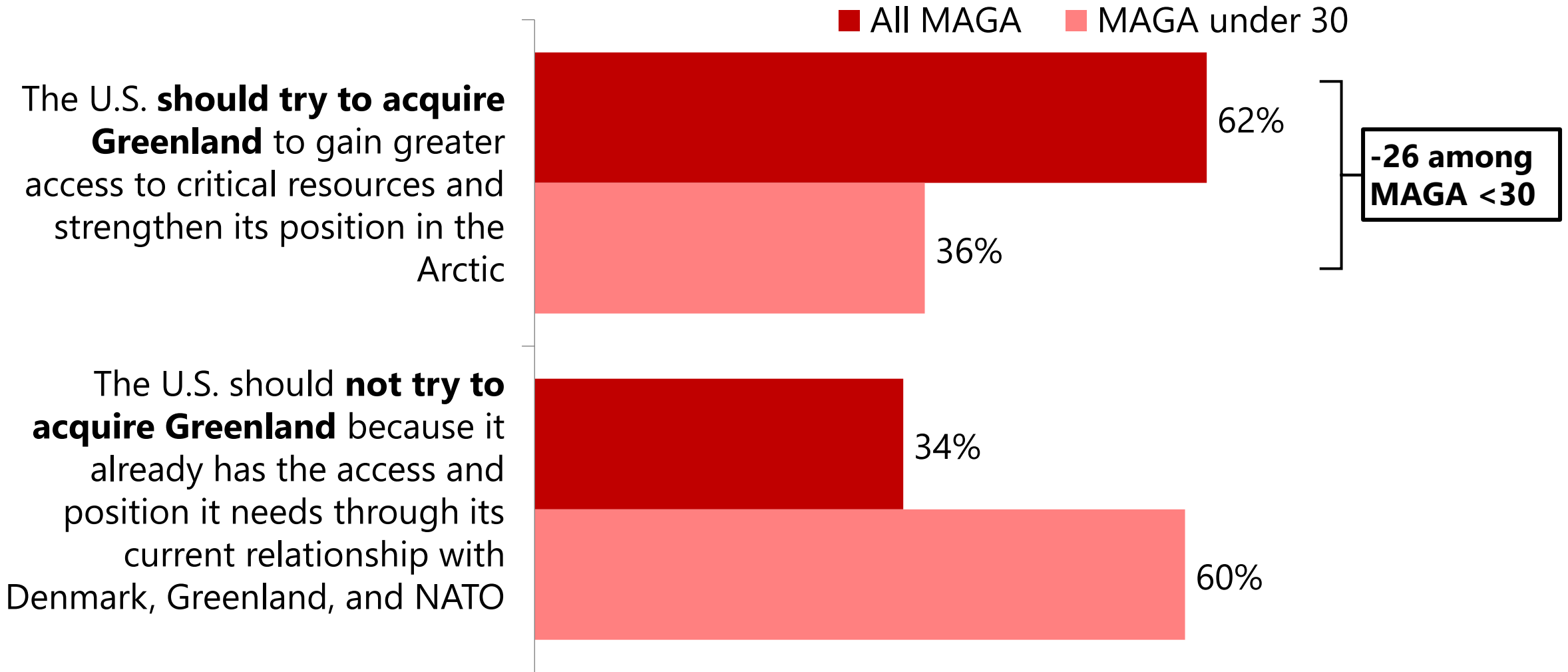
Panama Canal, to protect a strategic transit route and counter Chinese influence over the Canal



Q34-35. Do you support or oppose pursuing the following proposals for U.S. territorial expansion which have been discussed recently?



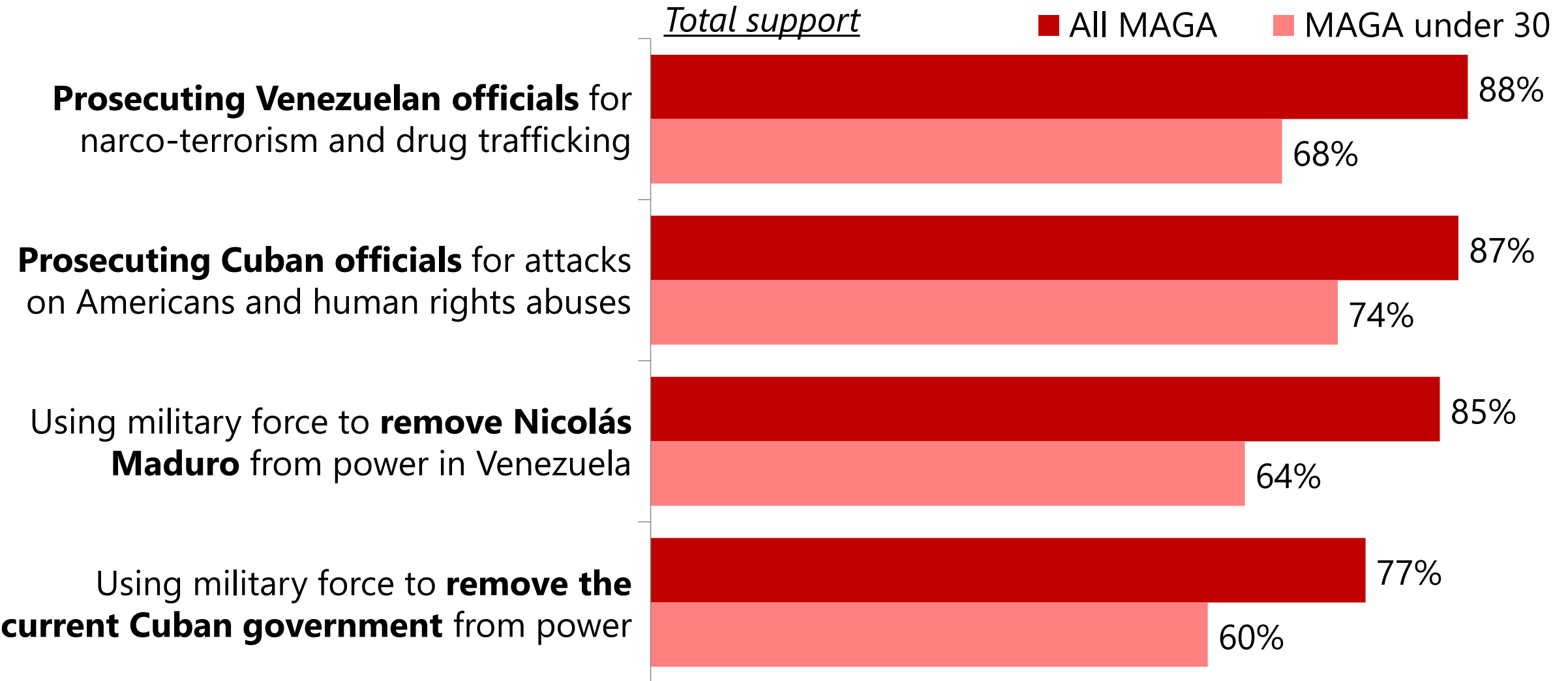
However, when U.S. relationships with Greenland and NATO are evoked, young MAGA Republicans oppose acquisition.



Q36. As you may know, Greenland is a self-governing territory of Denmark, a NATO ally. Which comes closer to your view?



Most MAGA Republicans support strong measures against authoritarian governments in the Western Hemisphere.

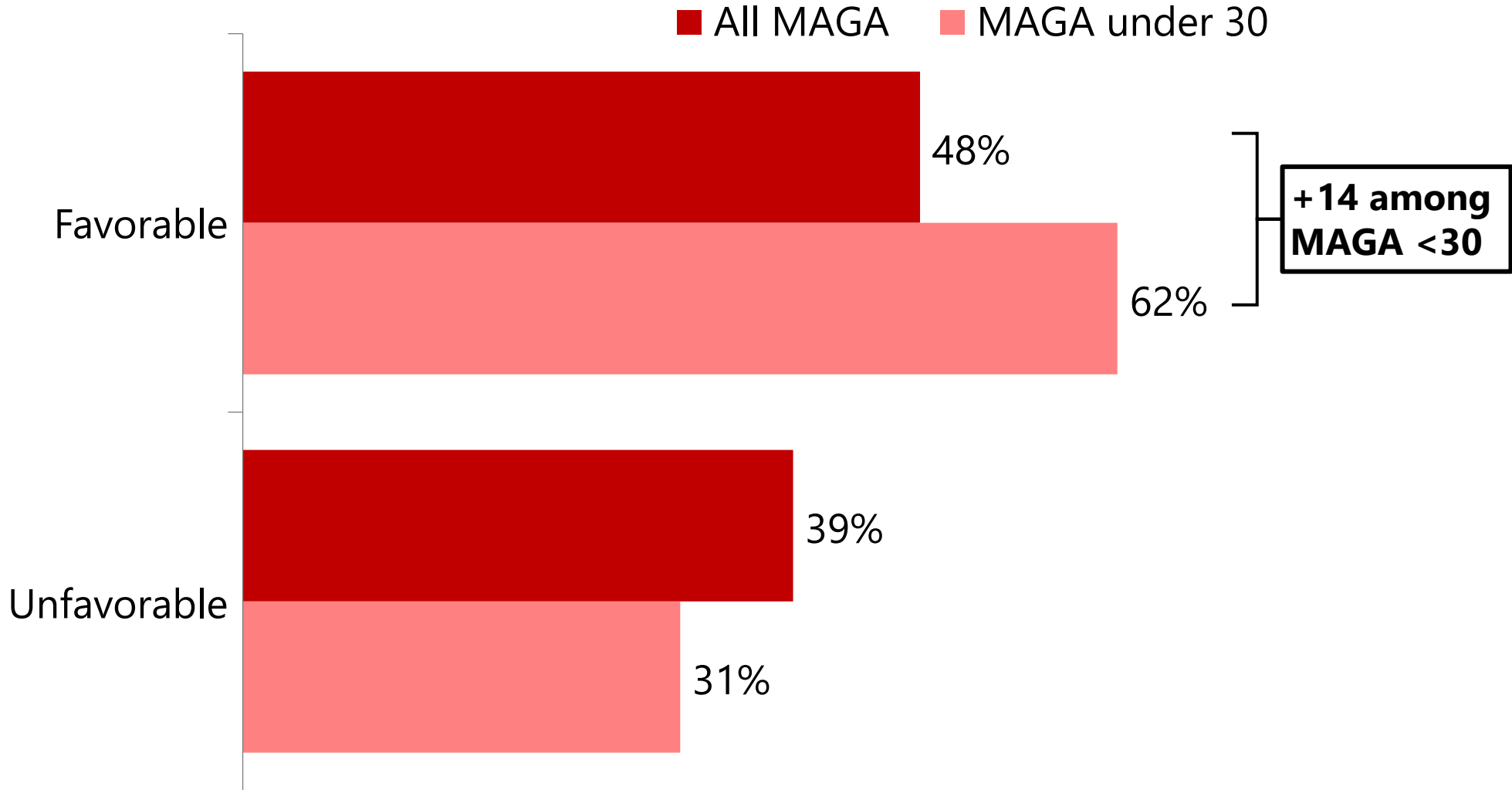


Q37-40. Do you support or oppose the following U.S. actions toward authoritarian governments in the Western Hemisphere?

ATTITUDES TOWARD NATO AMONG MAGA REPUBLICANS

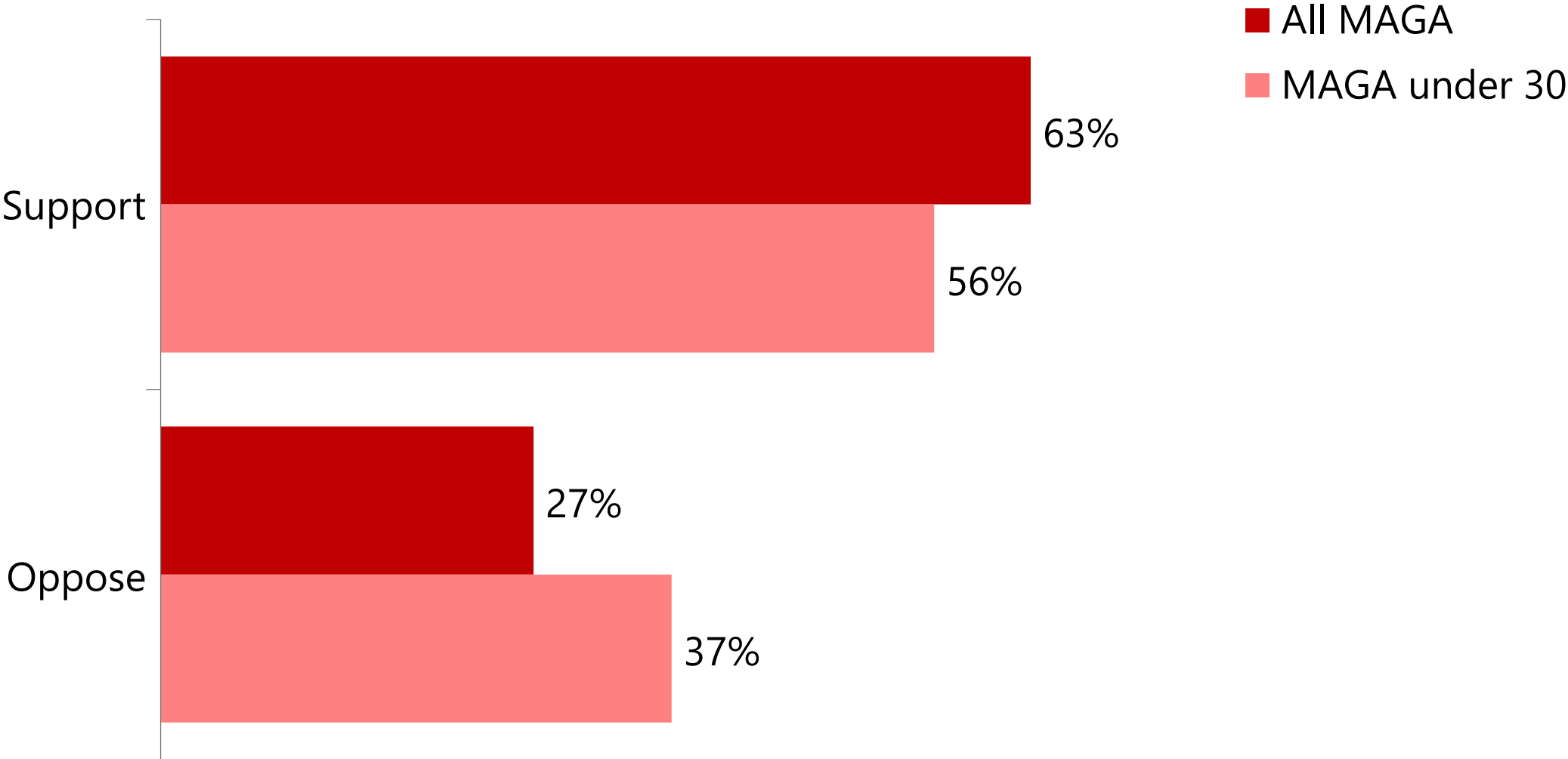


MAGA Republicans under 30 hold more favorable views of NATO.



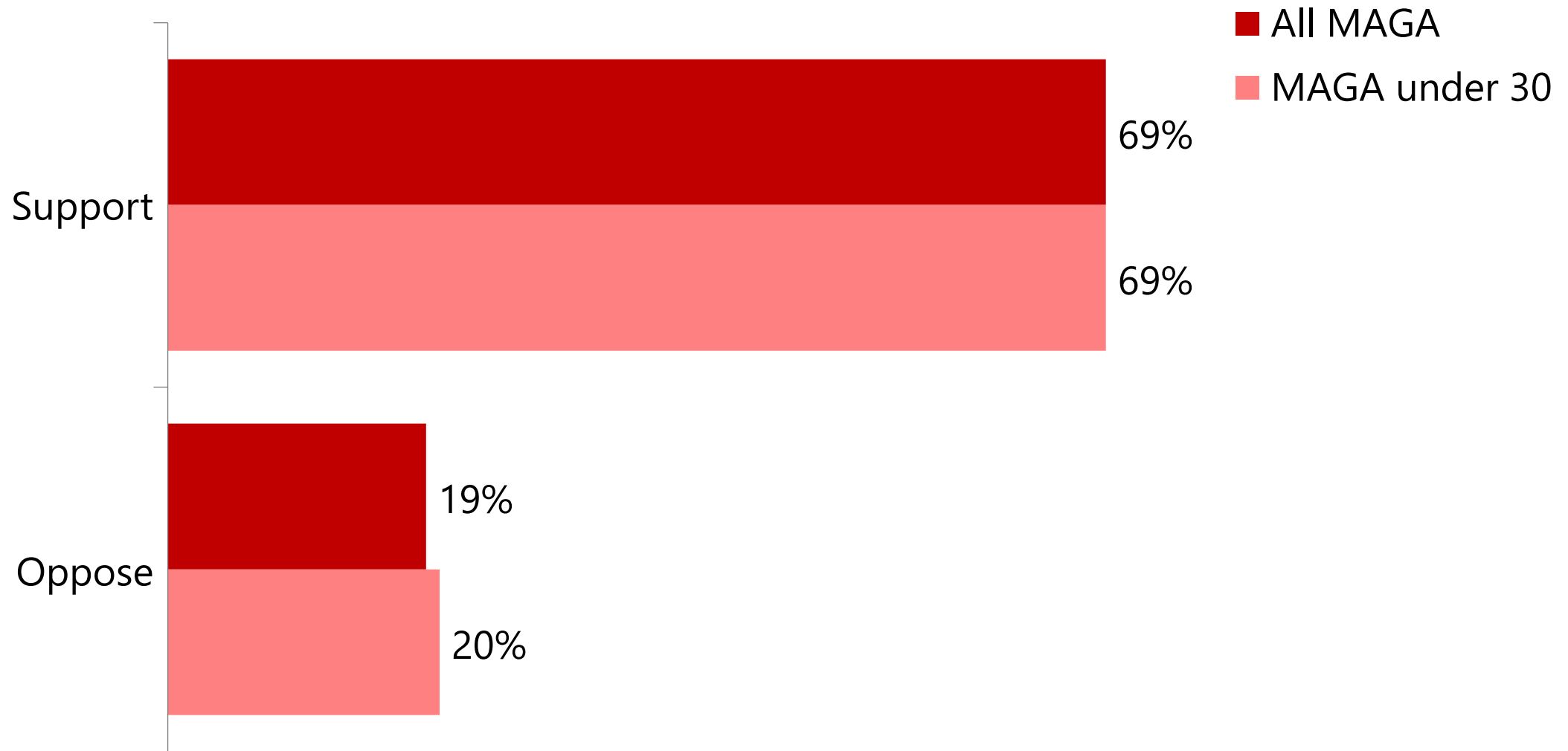
Q57. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, also known as NATO?

A majority of MAGA Republicans support the U.S. withdrawing from NATO.



Q58. Would you support or oppose withdrawing the United States from NATO?

However, 7-in-10 still support NATO's collective defense principle.

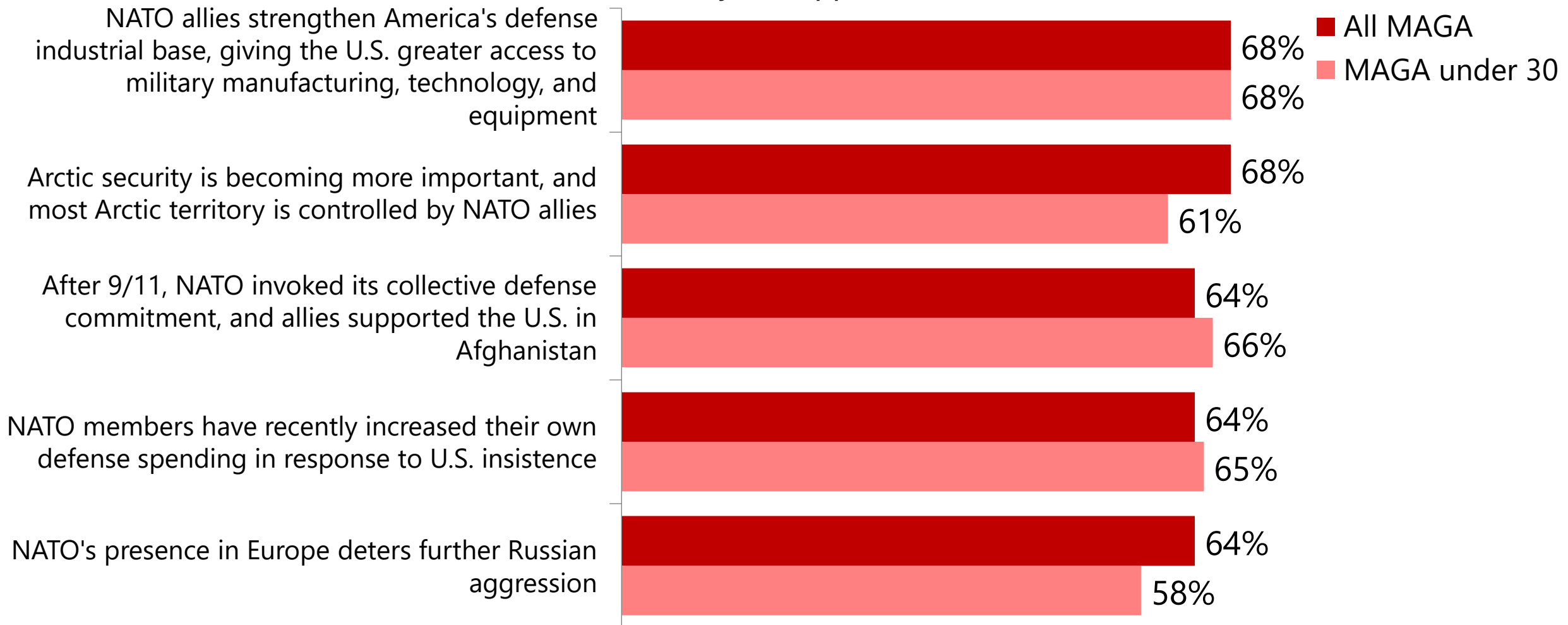


Q59. As you may know, all NATO members are required to respond if one country in the alliance is attacked. This is called the collective defense principle. Knowing this, would you support or oppose the U.S. responding with military force if a NATO ally was attacked?



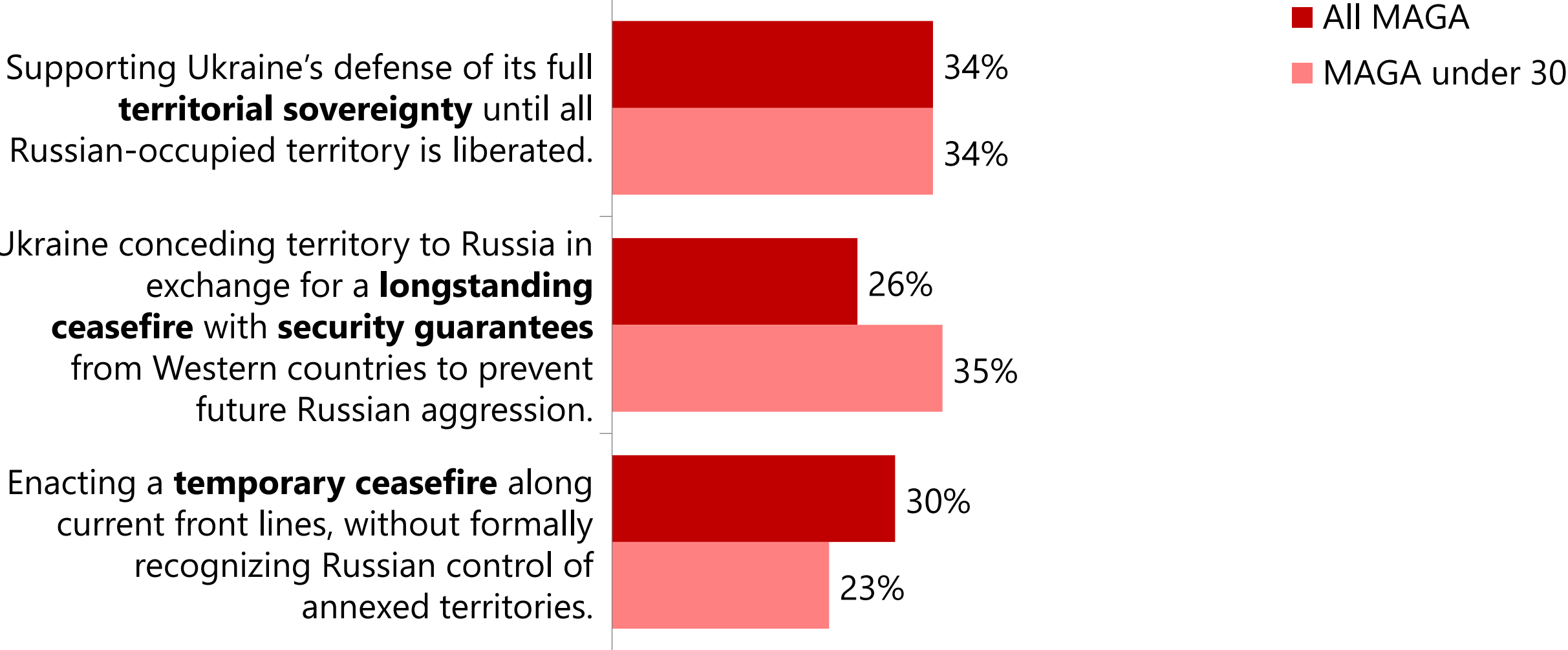
Defense industrial base rationale is most compelling argument for supporting commitments to NATO.

More likely to support U.S. commitments to NATO



Q60-64. The following are some reasons that have been given for why the U.S. should remain committed to NATO. Does hearing each make you more or less likely to support continued U.S. participation in NATO, or does it make no difference?

Preferred resolution to conflict between Russia and Ukraine among MAGA Republicans.

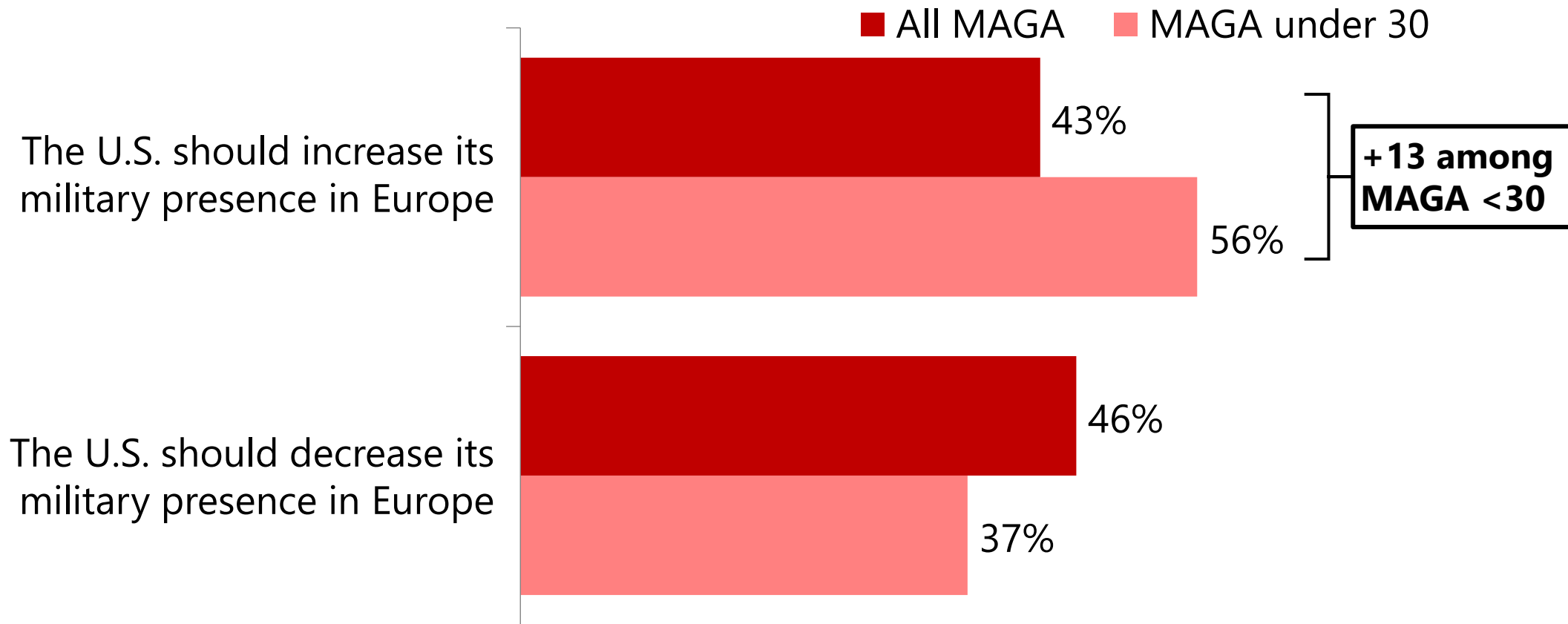


66. Which approach to resolving the conflict between Russia and Ukraine do you think the U.S. should push for?



Young MAGA Republicans are inclined to increase U.S. military presence in Europe to deter Russian aggression.

Some people say the U.S. should increase its military presence in Europe to prevent Russian aggression. Others say the U.S. should reduce its presence and require European countries to take on more of their own defense.

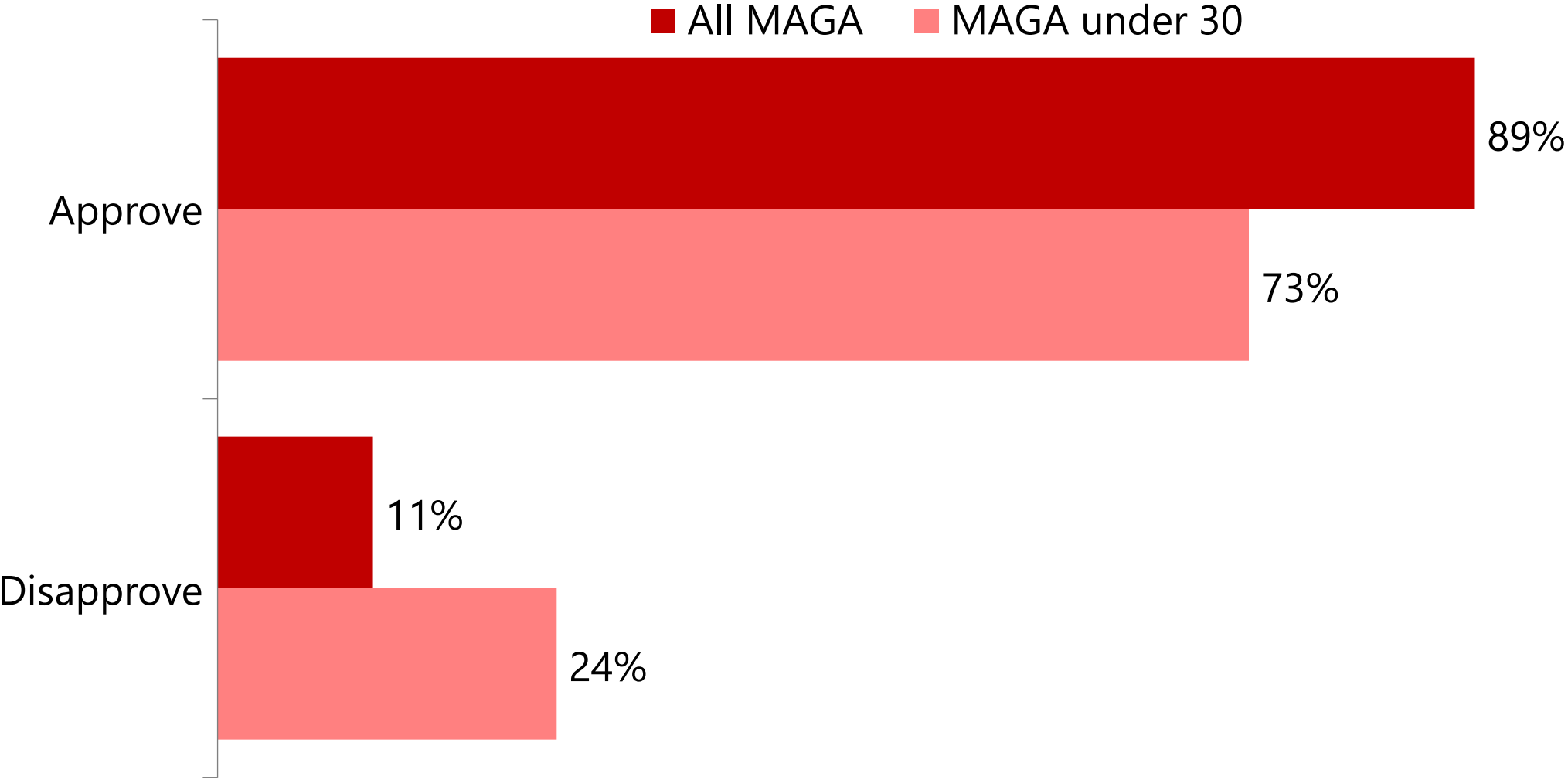


Q67. Which comes closest to your view about the U.S. military presence in Europe?

IRAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST



MAGA Republicans overwhelmingly approve of the U.S. military actions taken against Iran.

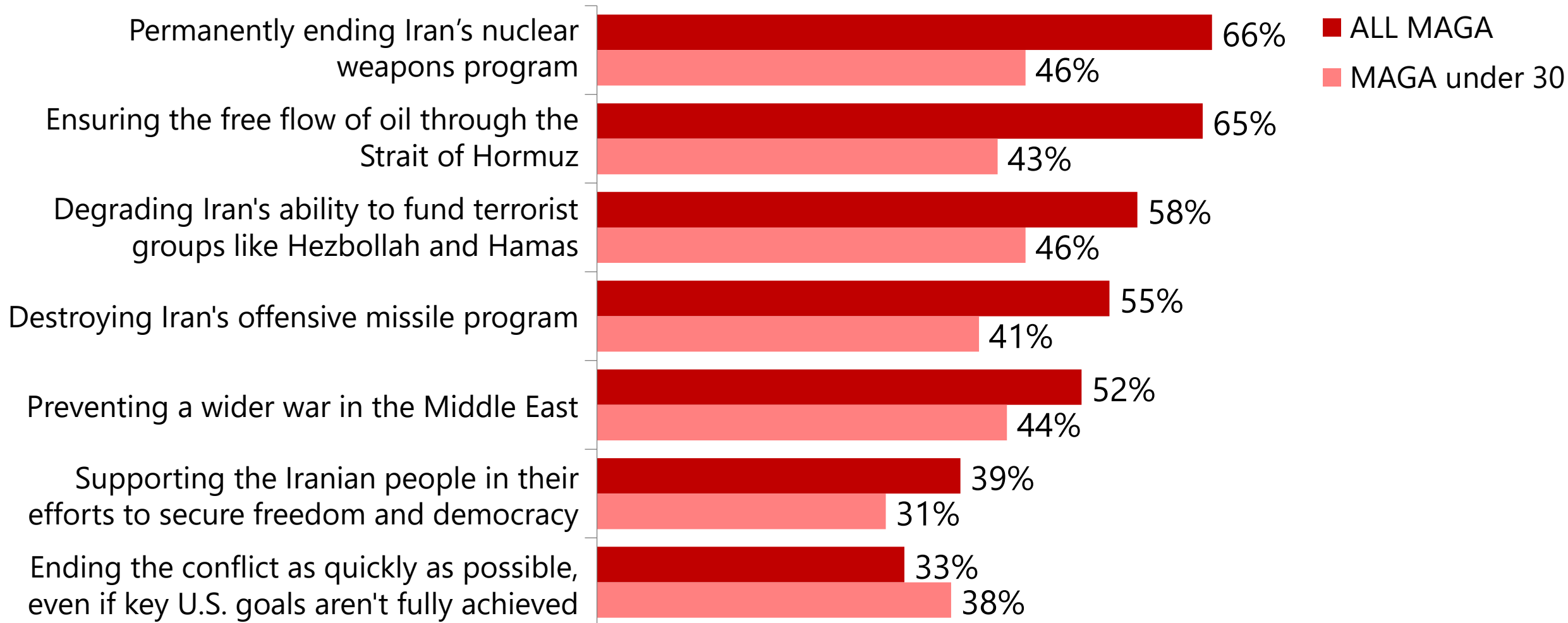


Q41. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military actions taken against Iran this year?



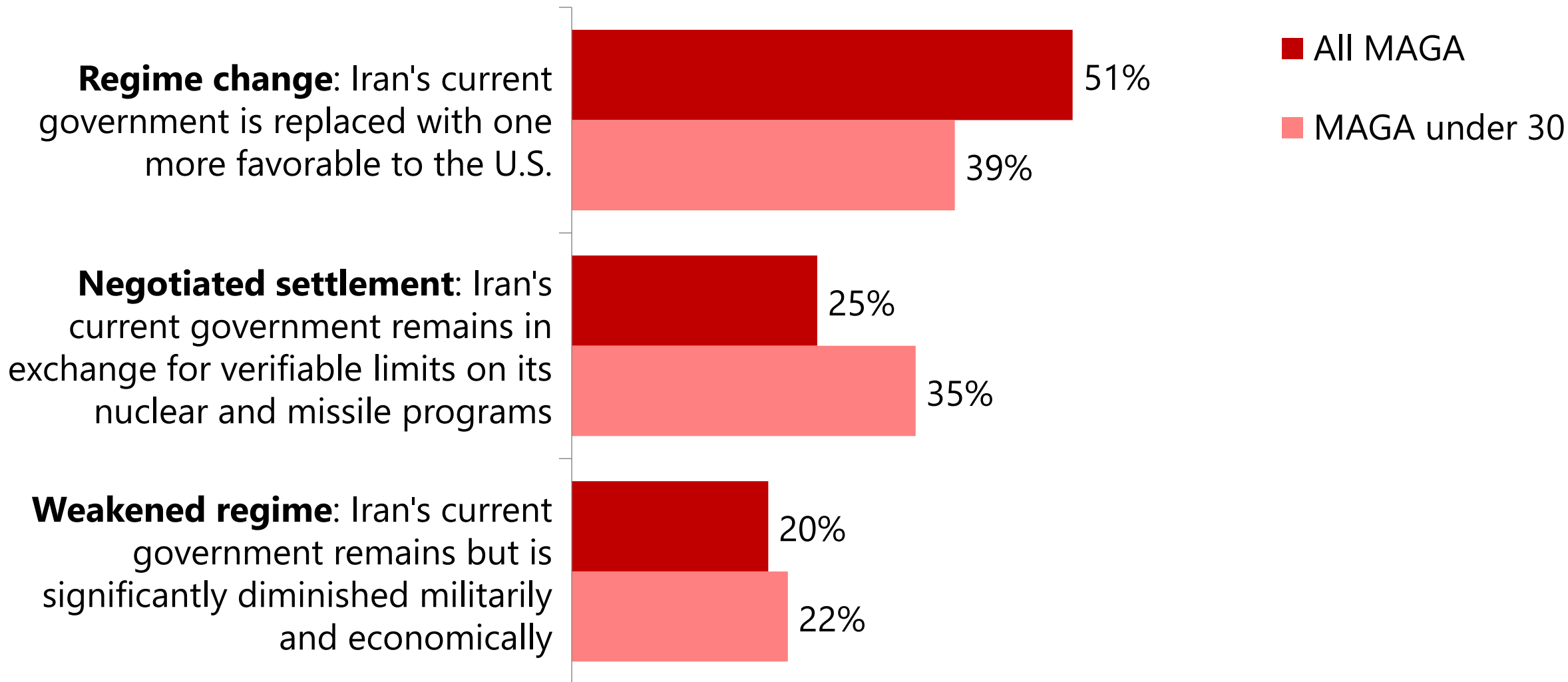
Ranking of priorities for U.S. policy towards Iran.

Extremely important for U.S. policy towards Iran



Q42-48. How important should each of the following be for U.S. policy towards Iran?

MAGA Republicans under 30 are more skeptical of regime change in Iran than the broader MAGA movement.

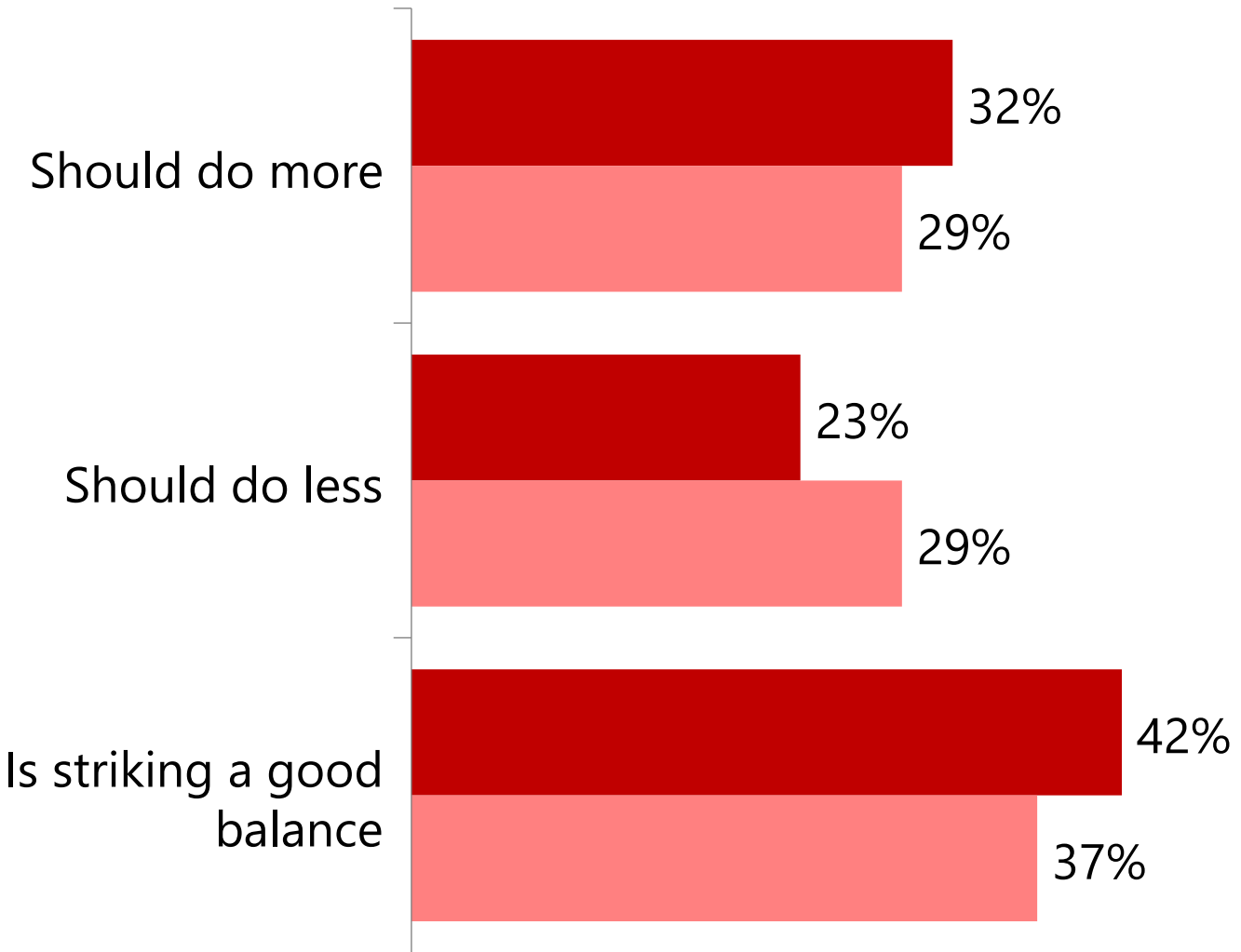


Q49. Which of the following outcomes would you most prefer to see in Iran?

Just 1-in-4 MAGA Republicans think the U.S. should do less to support Israel's military actions.



■ All MAGA
■ MAGA under 30

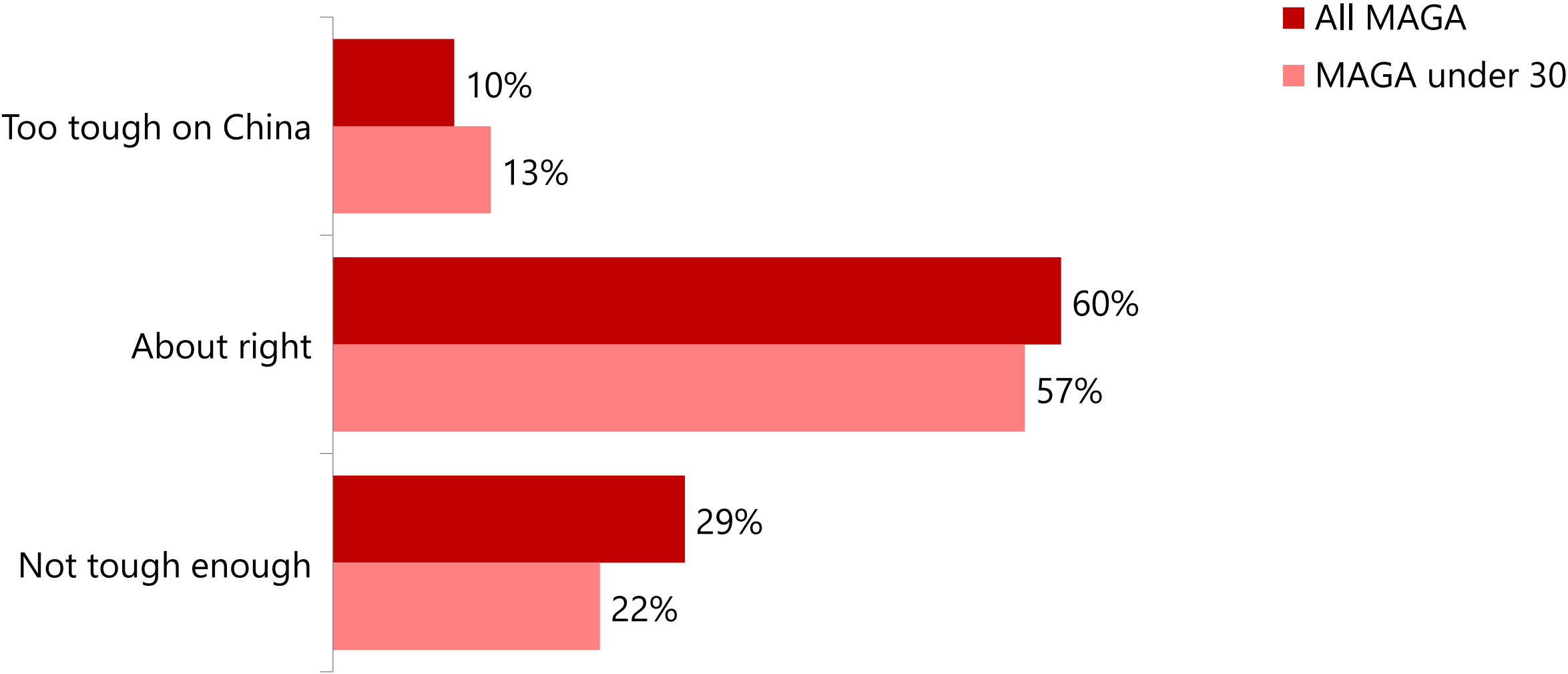


Q55. When it comes to Israel's military actions in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon, should the U.S. do more to support Israel, do less, or is the U.S. striking a good balance?

CHINA AND TAIWAN



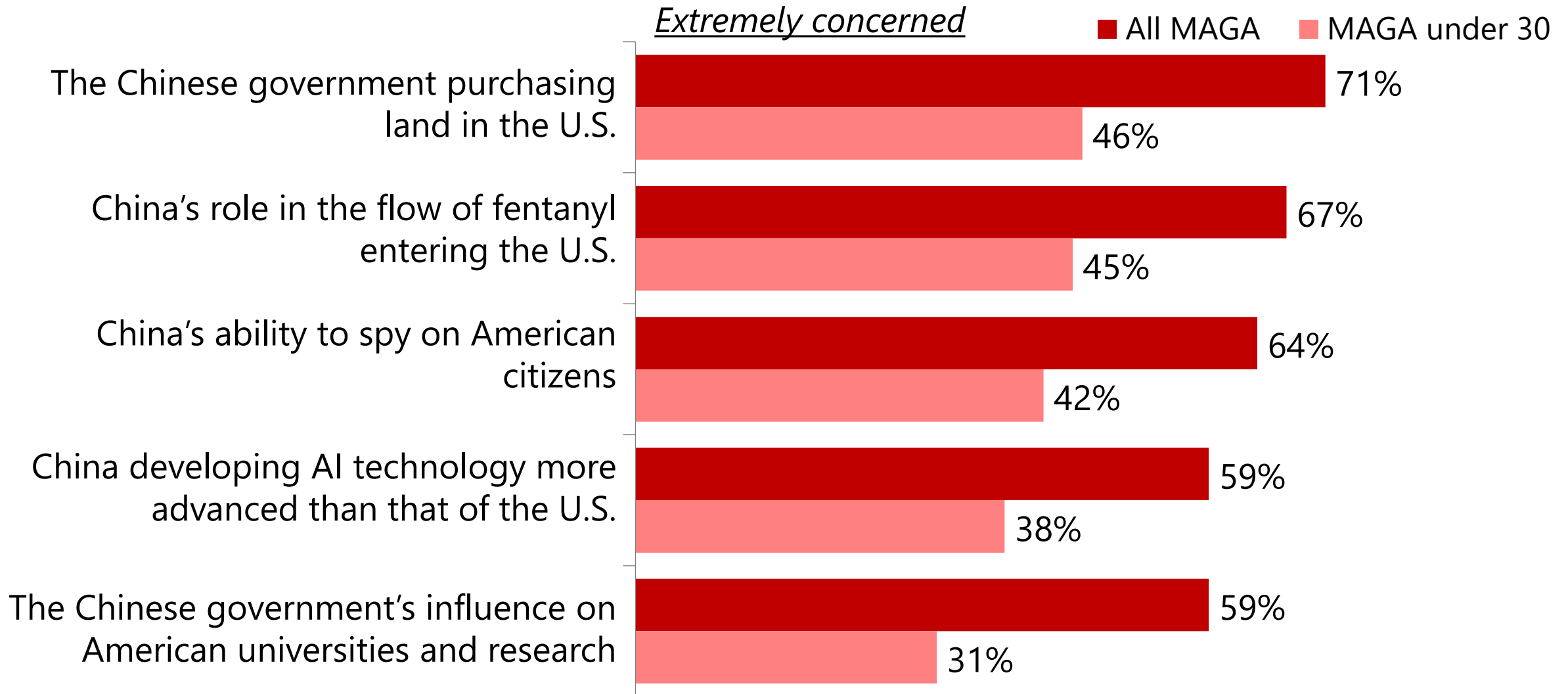
6-in-10 MAGA Republicans think President Trump's posture towards China has been "about right."



79. Thinking about U.S. policy towards China, would you say President Trump and his administration have been...



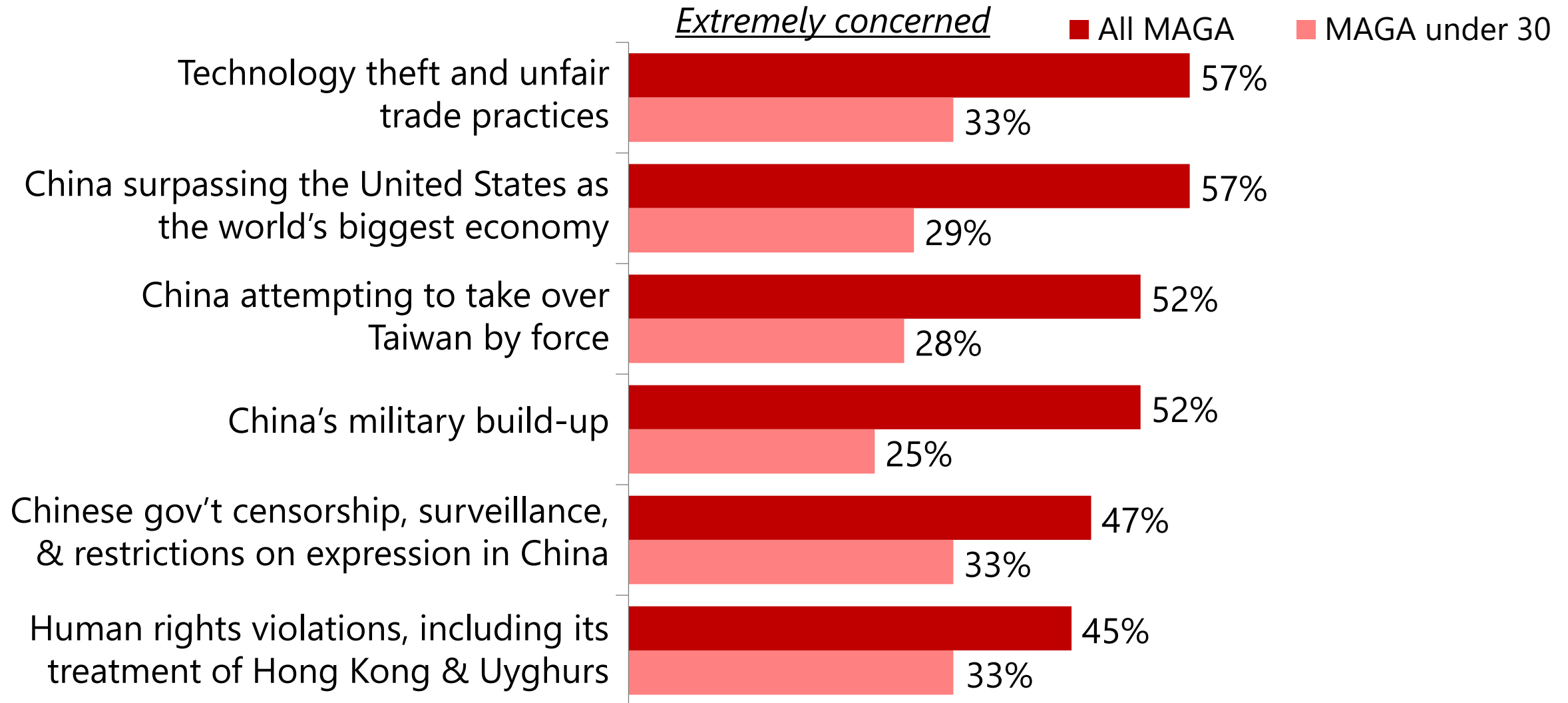
Ranking of concerns about China.



Q68-78. Thinking specifically about China, how concerned are you about each of the following?



Ranking of concerns about China, continued.

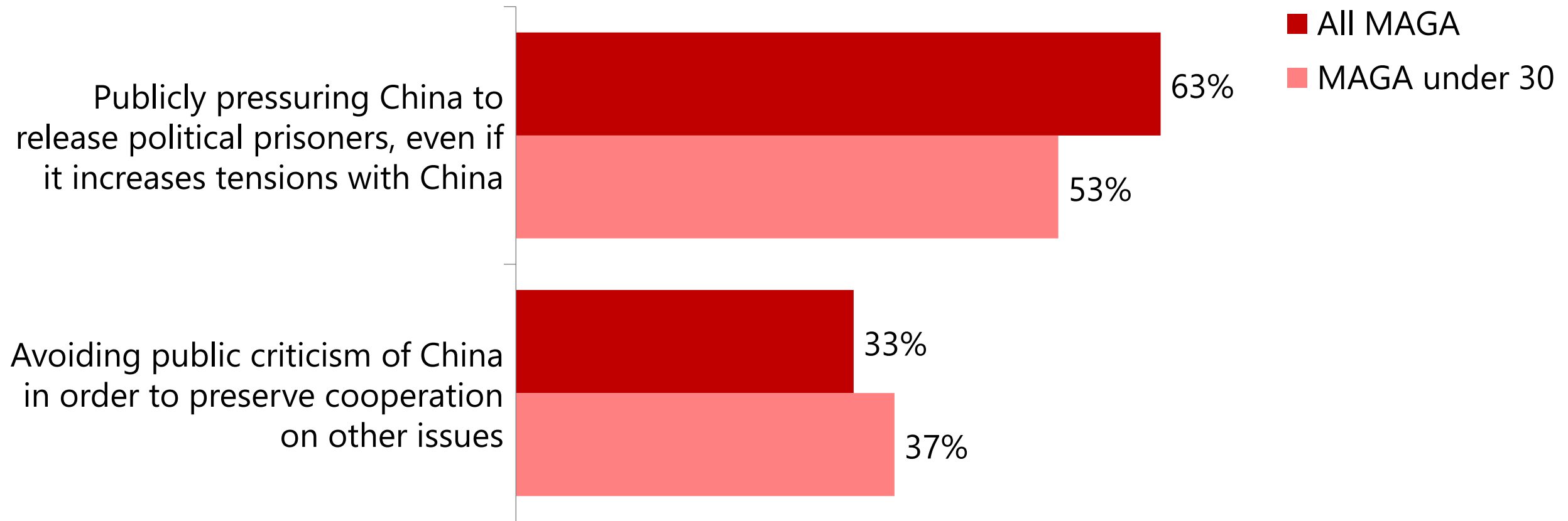


Q68-78. Thinking specifically about China, how concerned are you about each of the following?



Most MAGA Republicans would rather see public pressure on China to release political prisoners.

As you may know, the Chinese government has imprisoned a number of prominent individuals for political reasons, including Jimmy Lai, a pro-democracy newspaper publisher from Hong Kong, and Ezra Jin, a pastor of one of China's largest underground Christian churches.

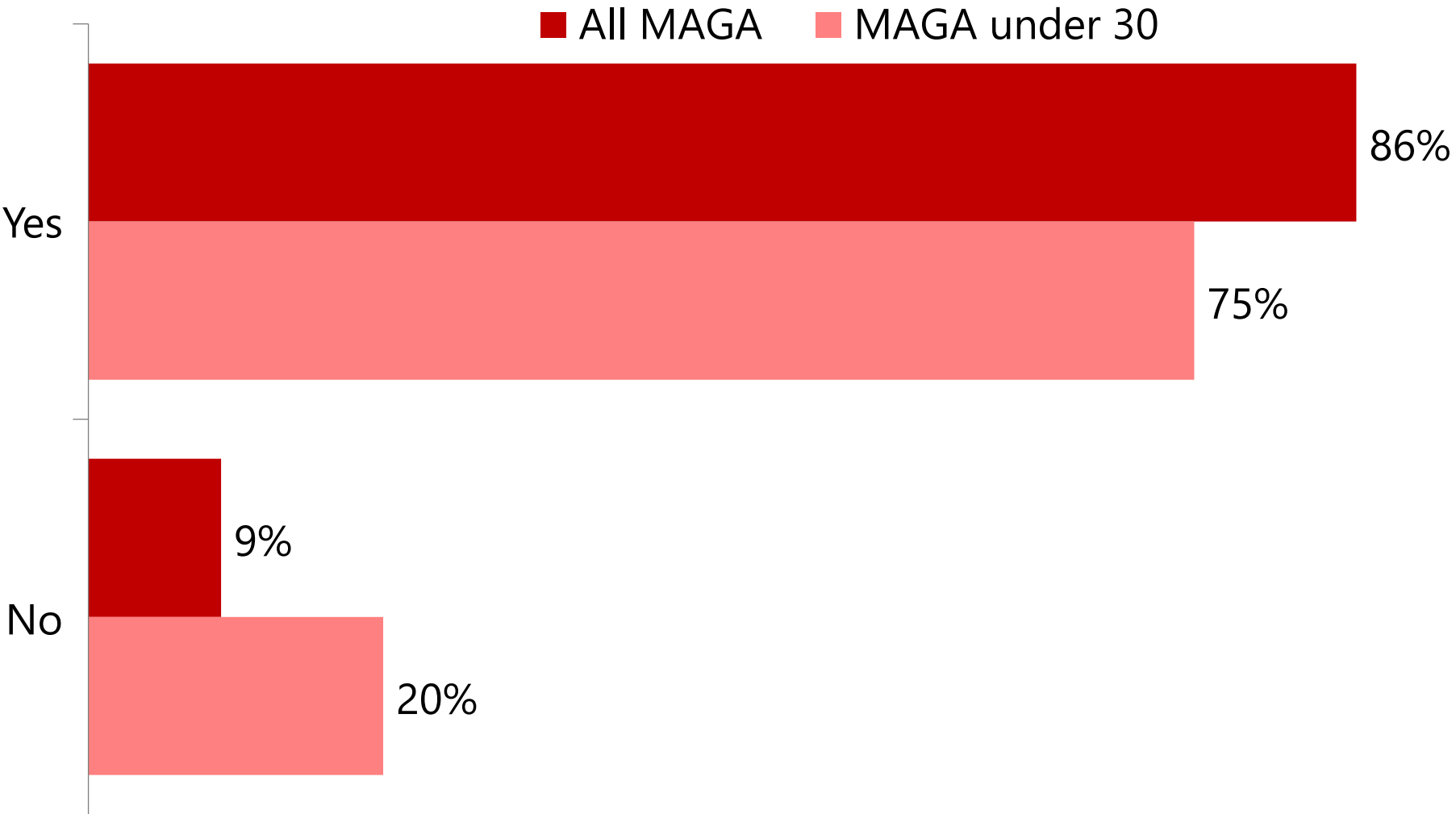


Q81. When it comes to political prisoners like these, which should be the higher priority for the U.S.?

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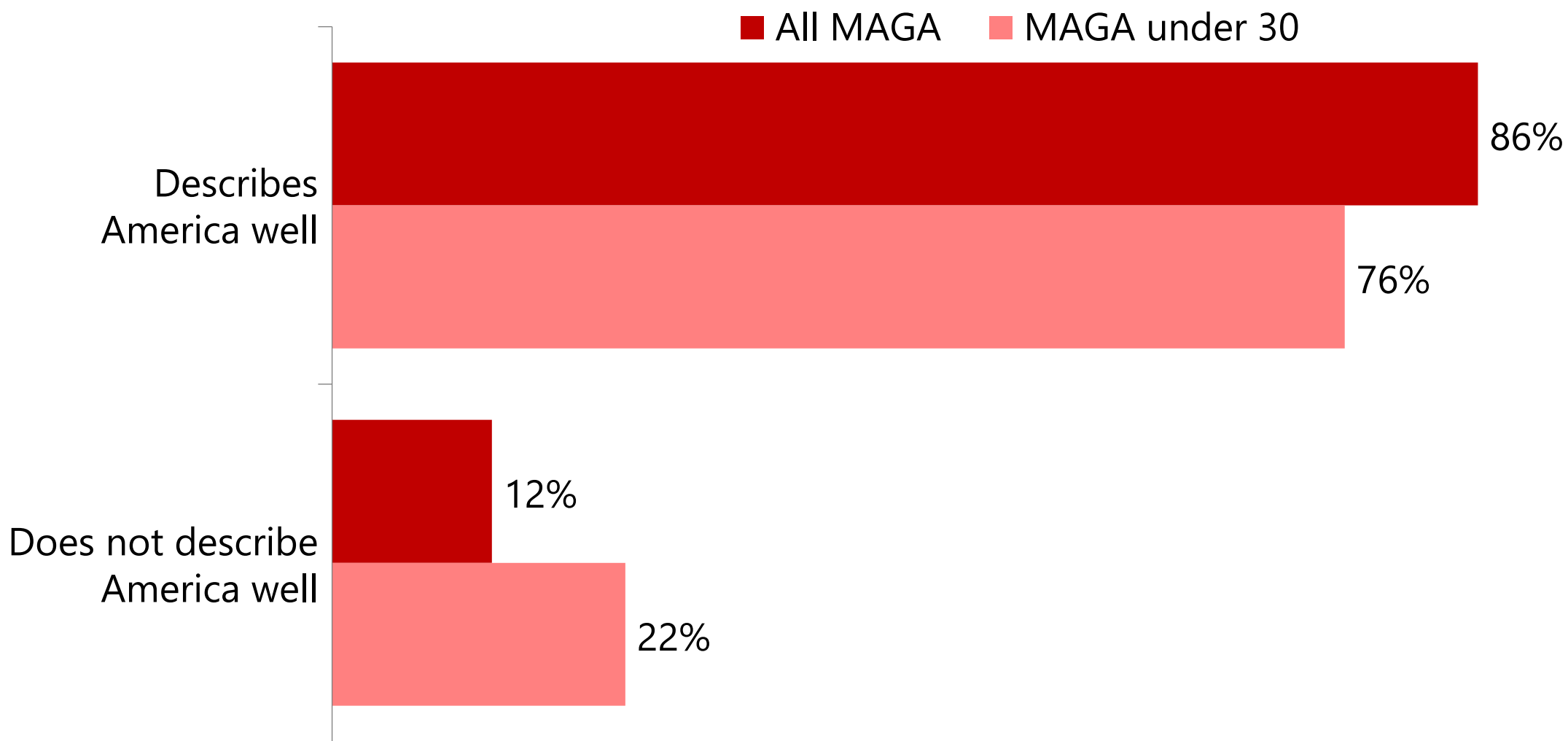


MAGA Republicans overwhelmingly see the U.S. as a force for good over its 250-year history...



Q82. This 4th of July will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Over those years, do you believe the U.S. has mostly been a force for good in the world?

And see a “shining city upon a hill” as an apt description of America.



Q83. The U.S. has been described as a “shining city upon a hill” because its freedom, prosperity, and democratic ideals serve as an example to the world. Do you think that describes America today very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not well at all?

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