

Political Implications of Immigration in 2010: Latino Voters in Arizona

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Survey Overview



- Statewide survey of Latino registered voters in state of Arizona
- Primary aim was to understand Latino views towards Arizona immigration law, 1070
- Also included questions national immigration reform and political parties
- n=402, margin of error +/- 4.9
- Field dates, April 30 – May 5, 2010
- Partnered with Latino politics faculty at Arizona State University, and Northern Arizona University



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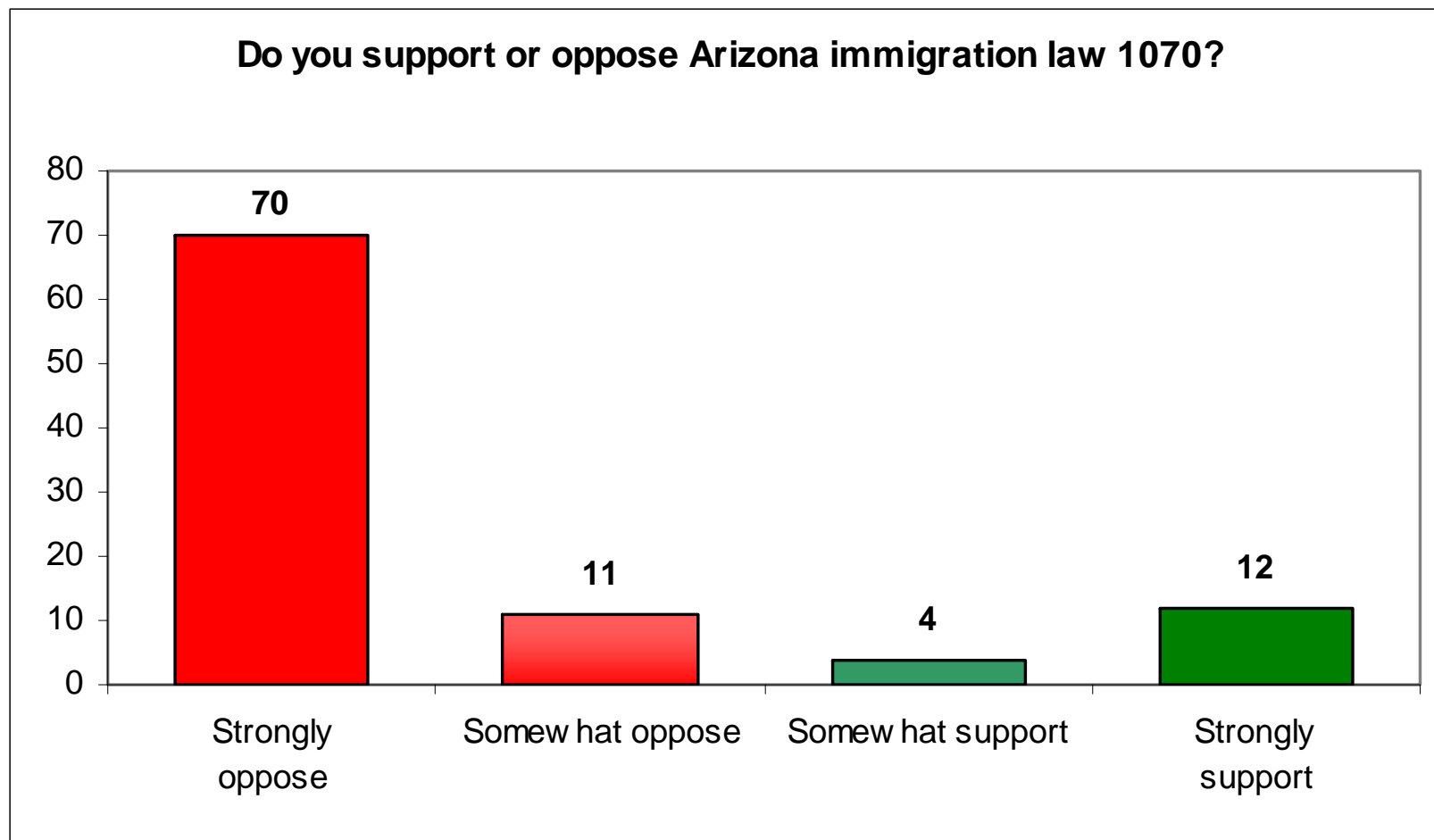
We examine 4 topic areas:

1. Reaction to Arizona law
2. National immigration policy
3. Partisan implications
4. Impact on 2010 turnout

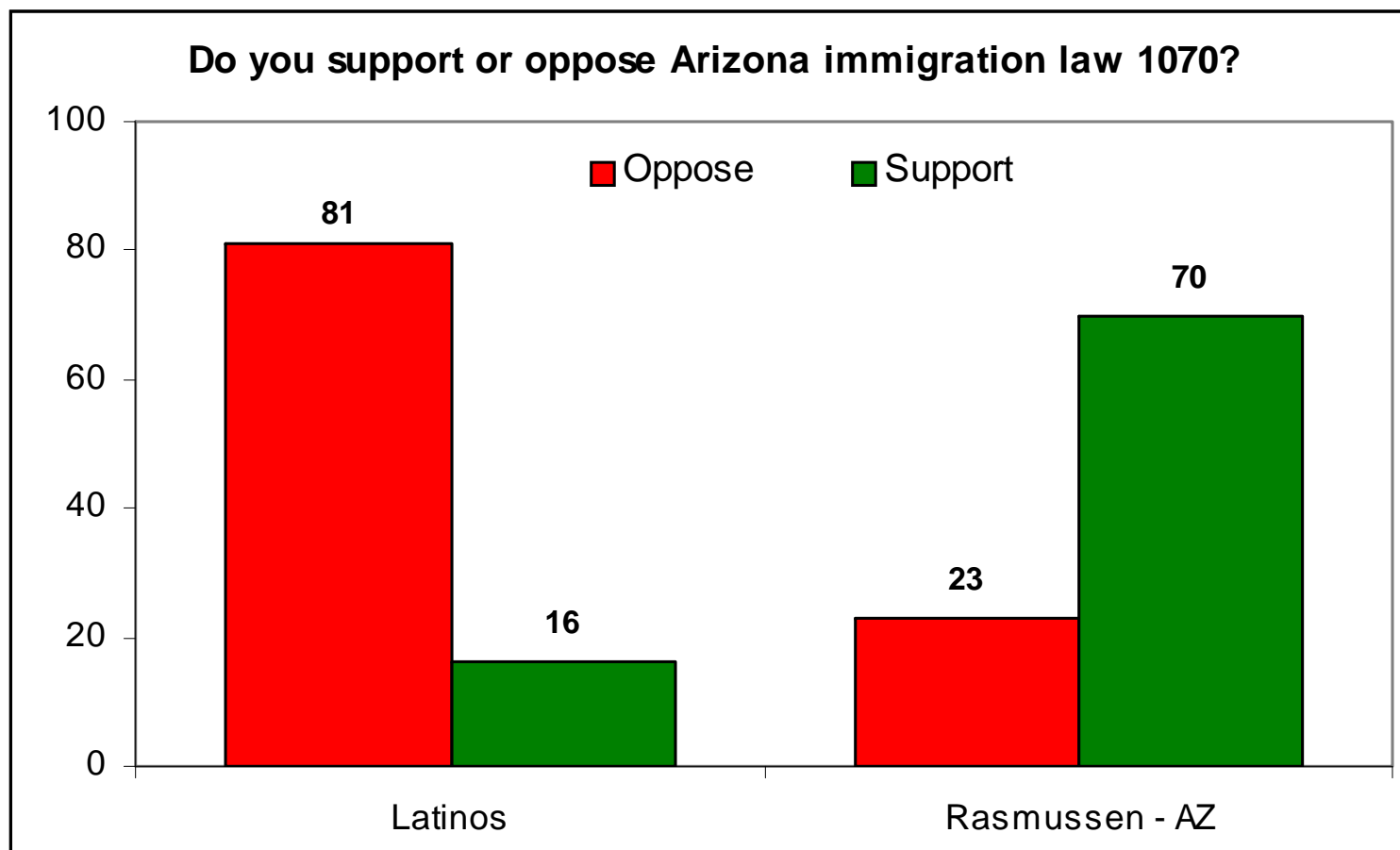


1. Reaction to the Arizona Law

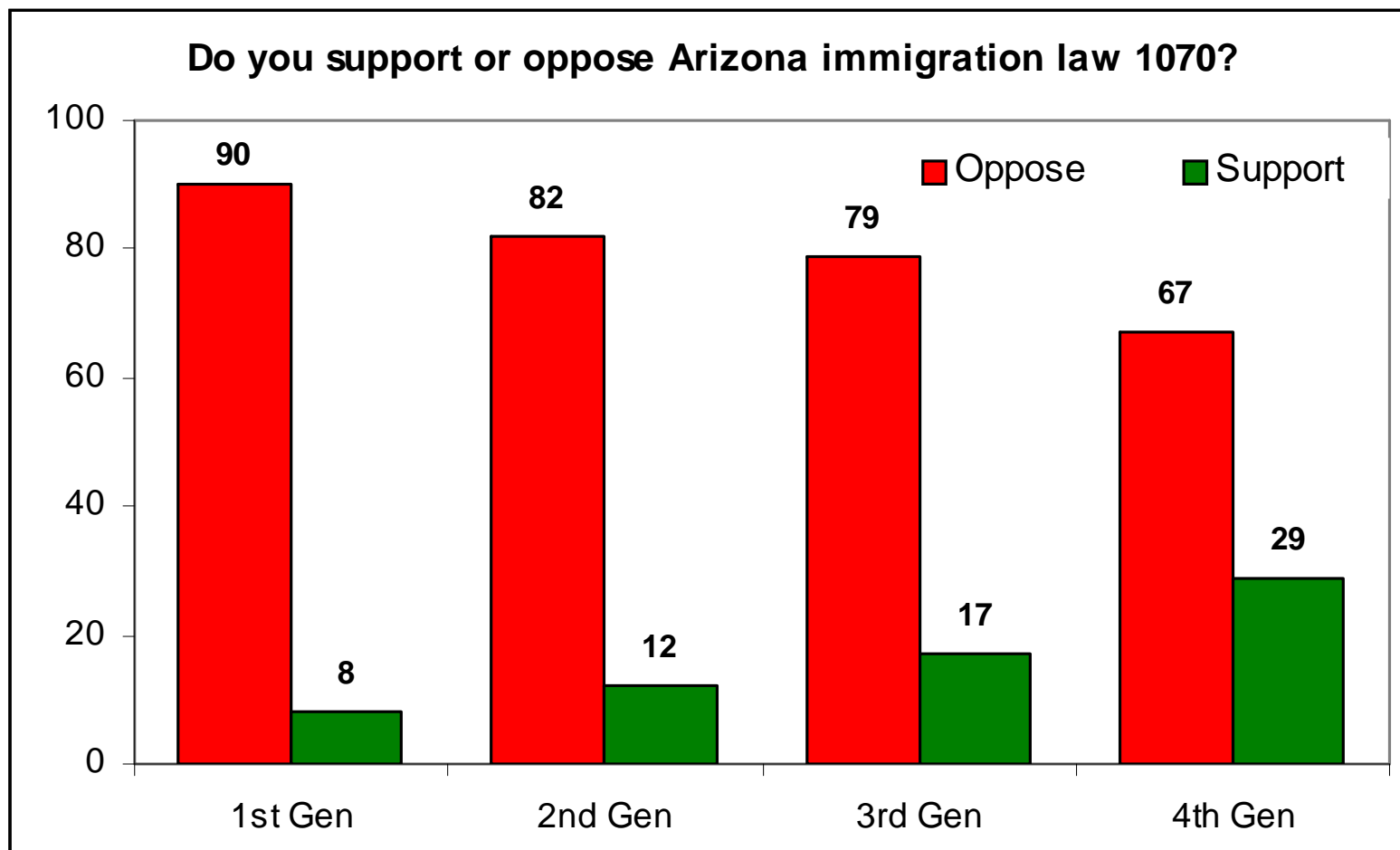
Latino views on 1070



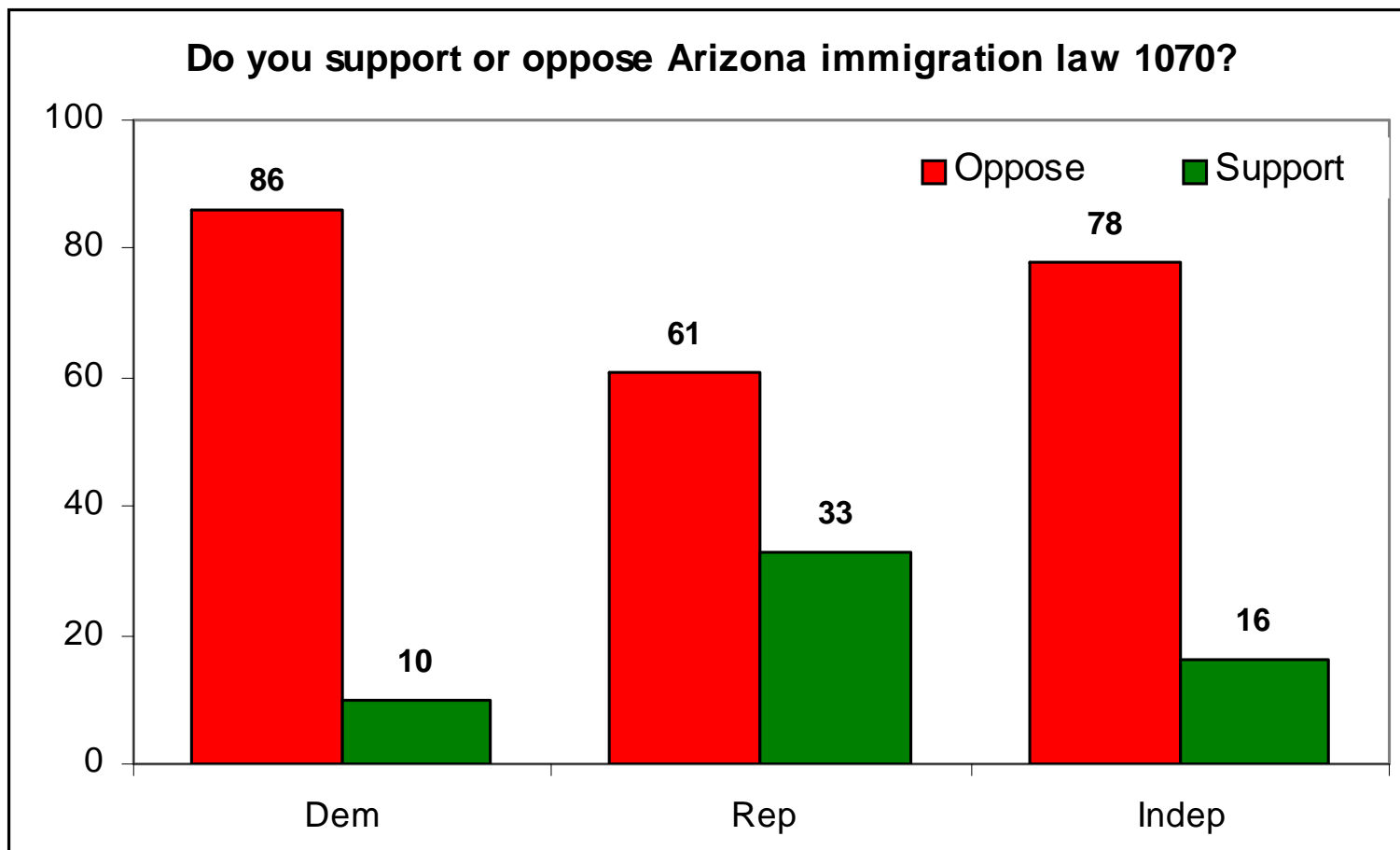
Latinos in comparison



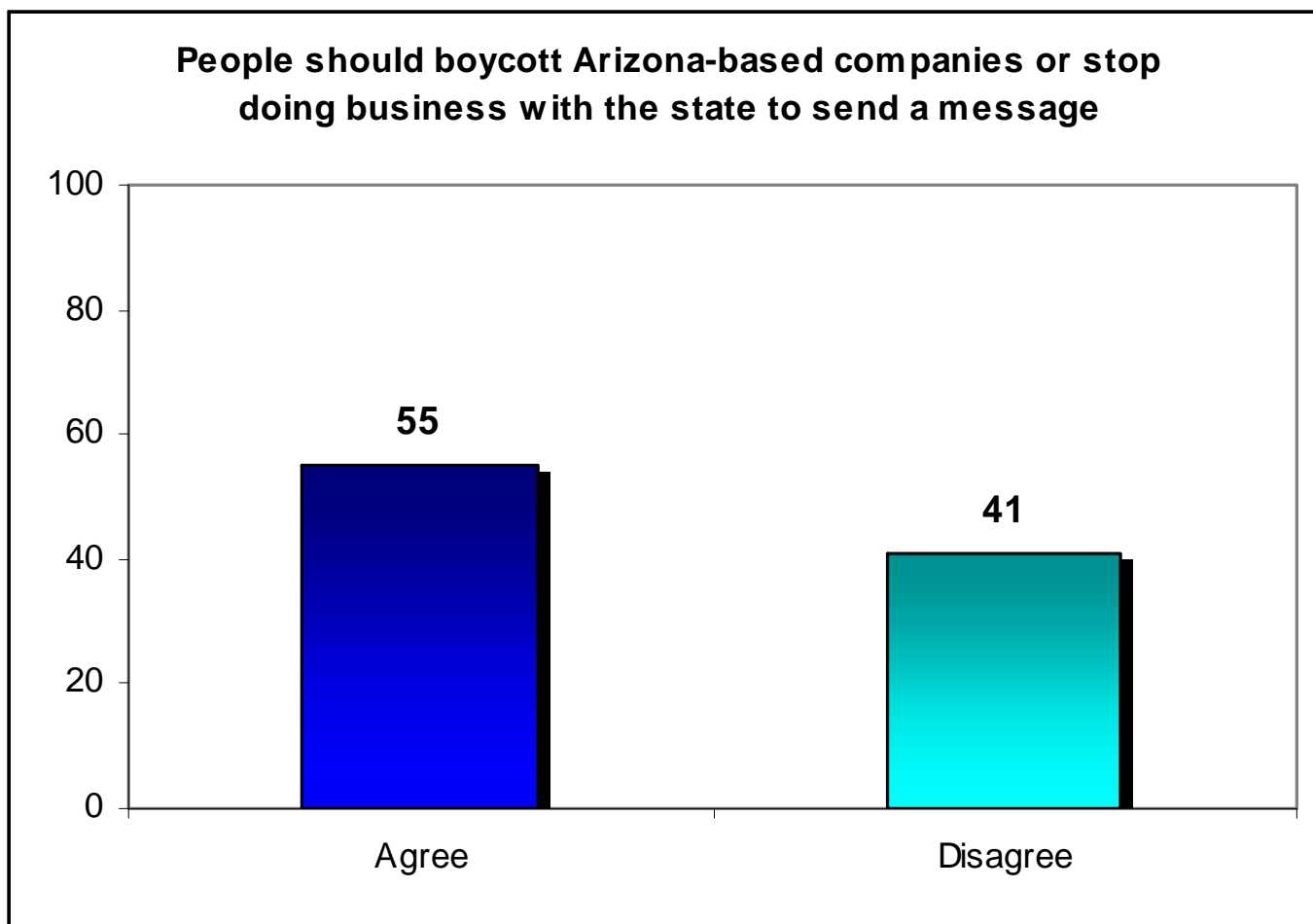
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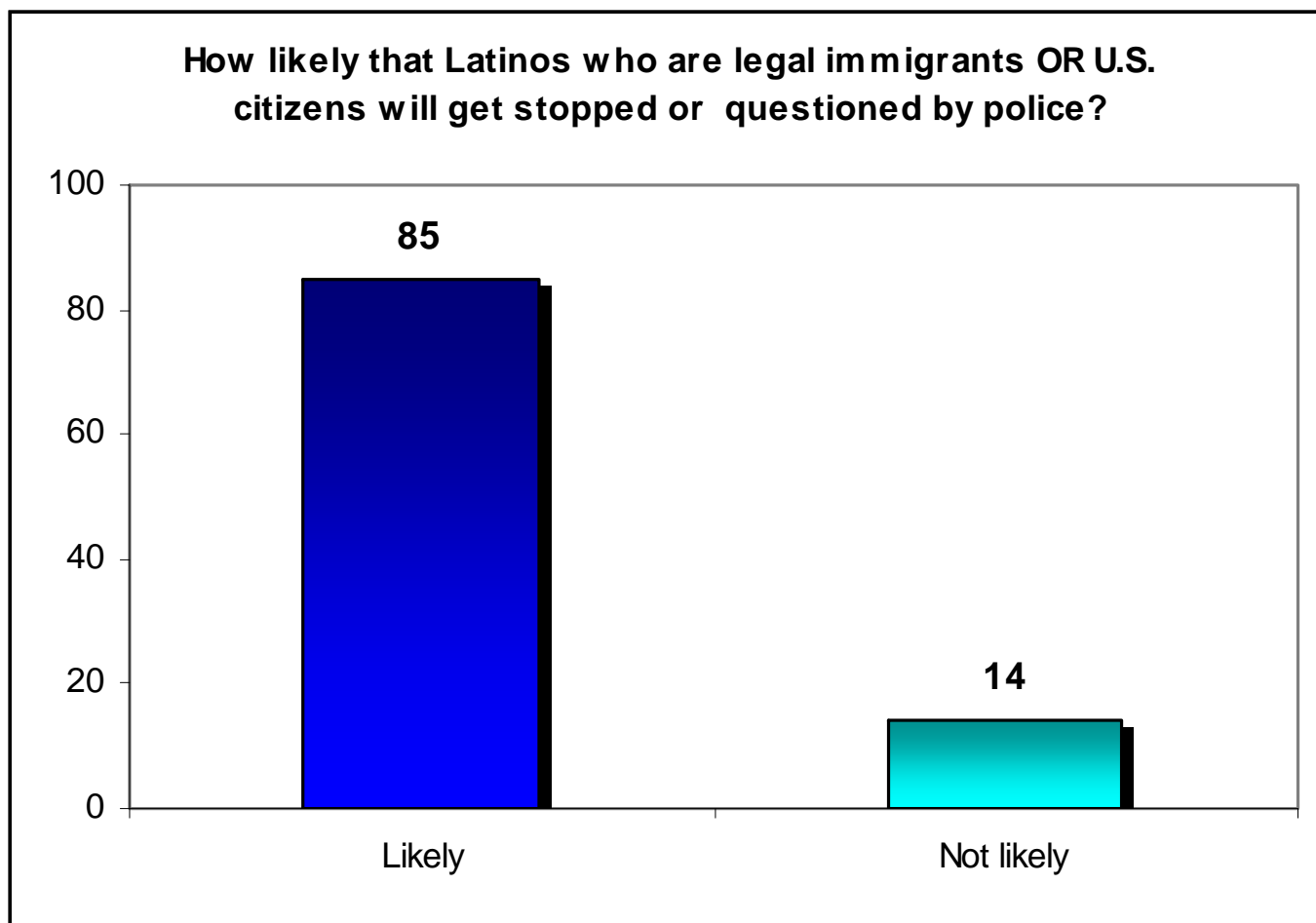
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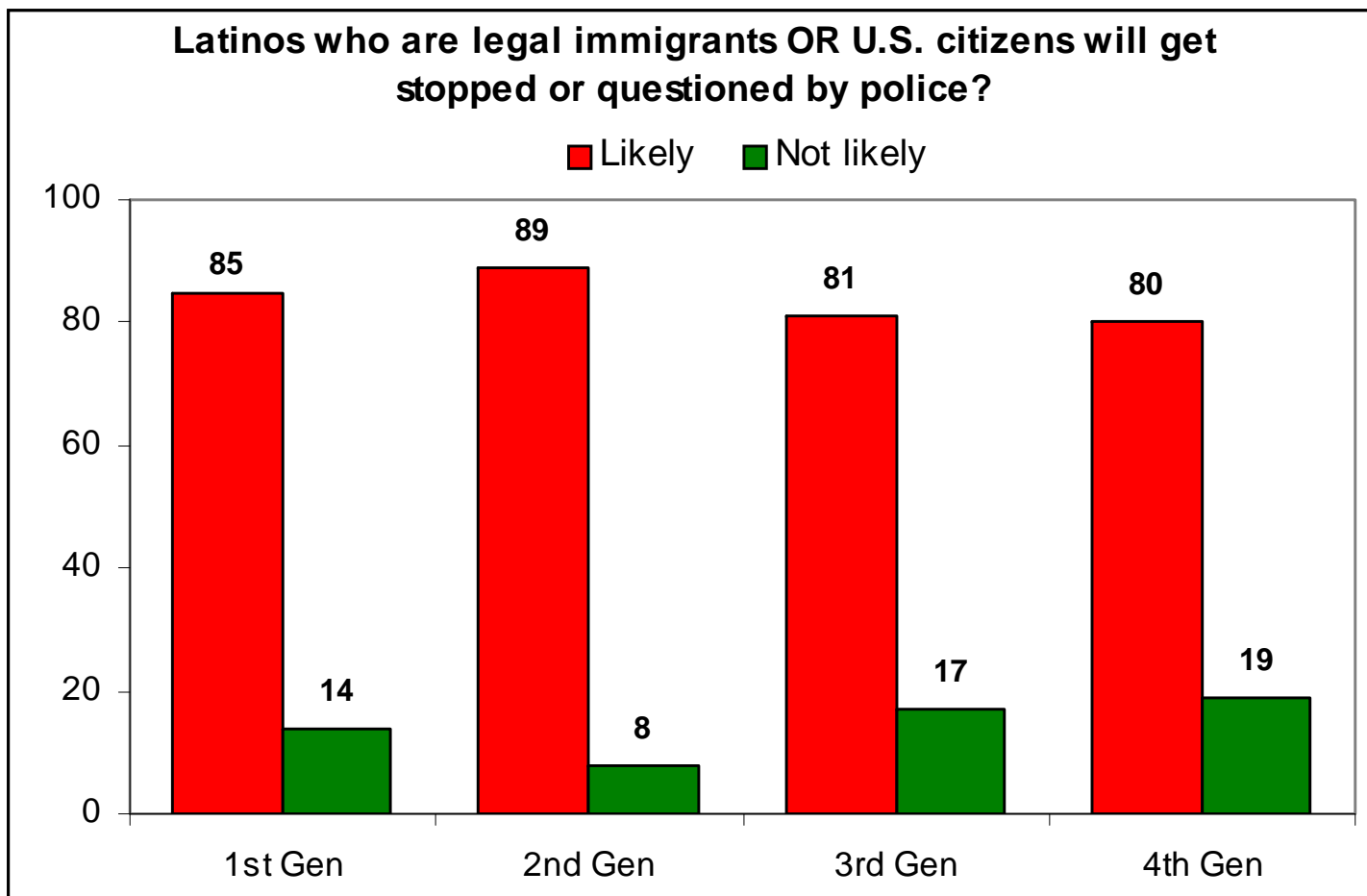
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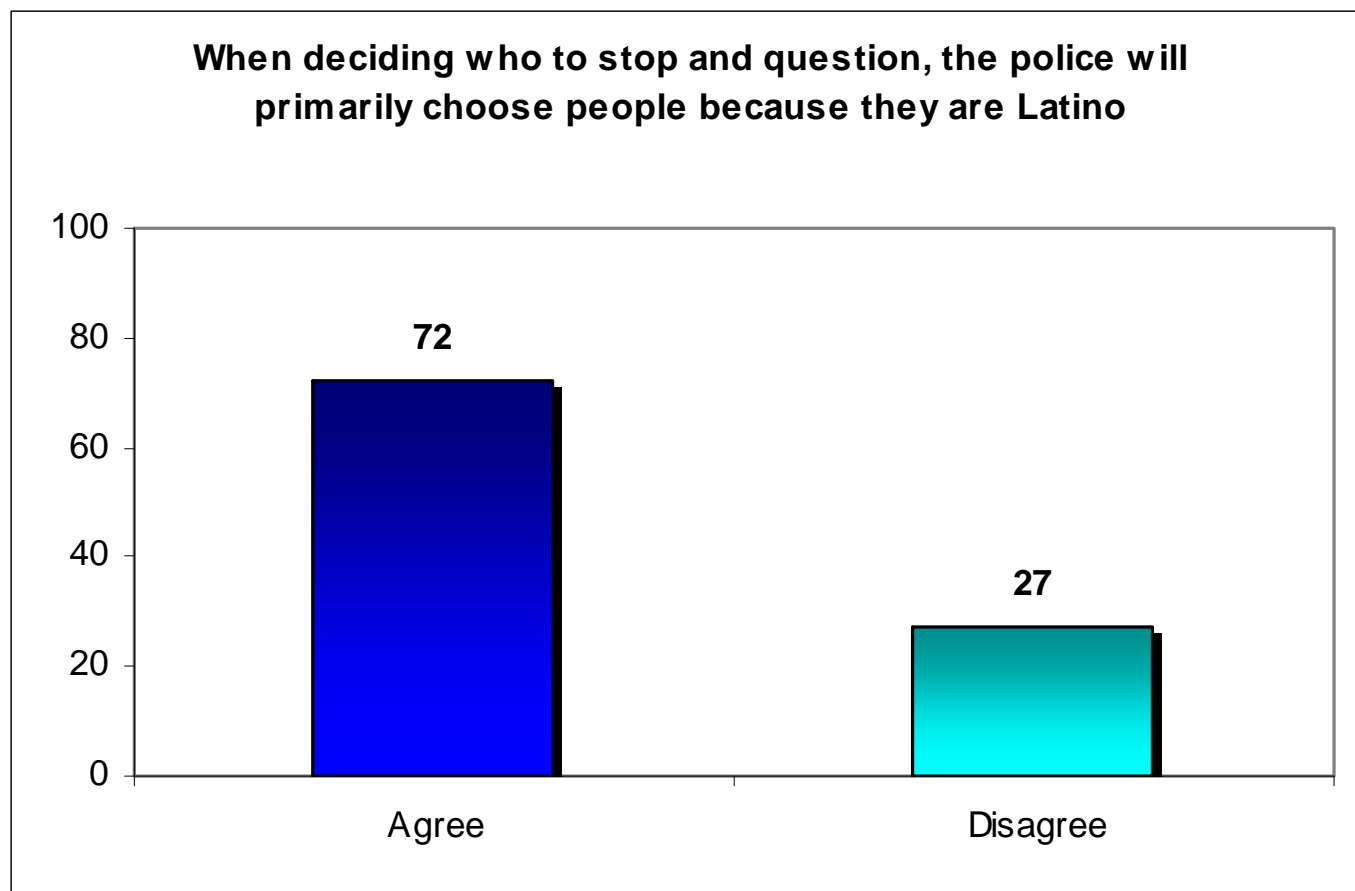
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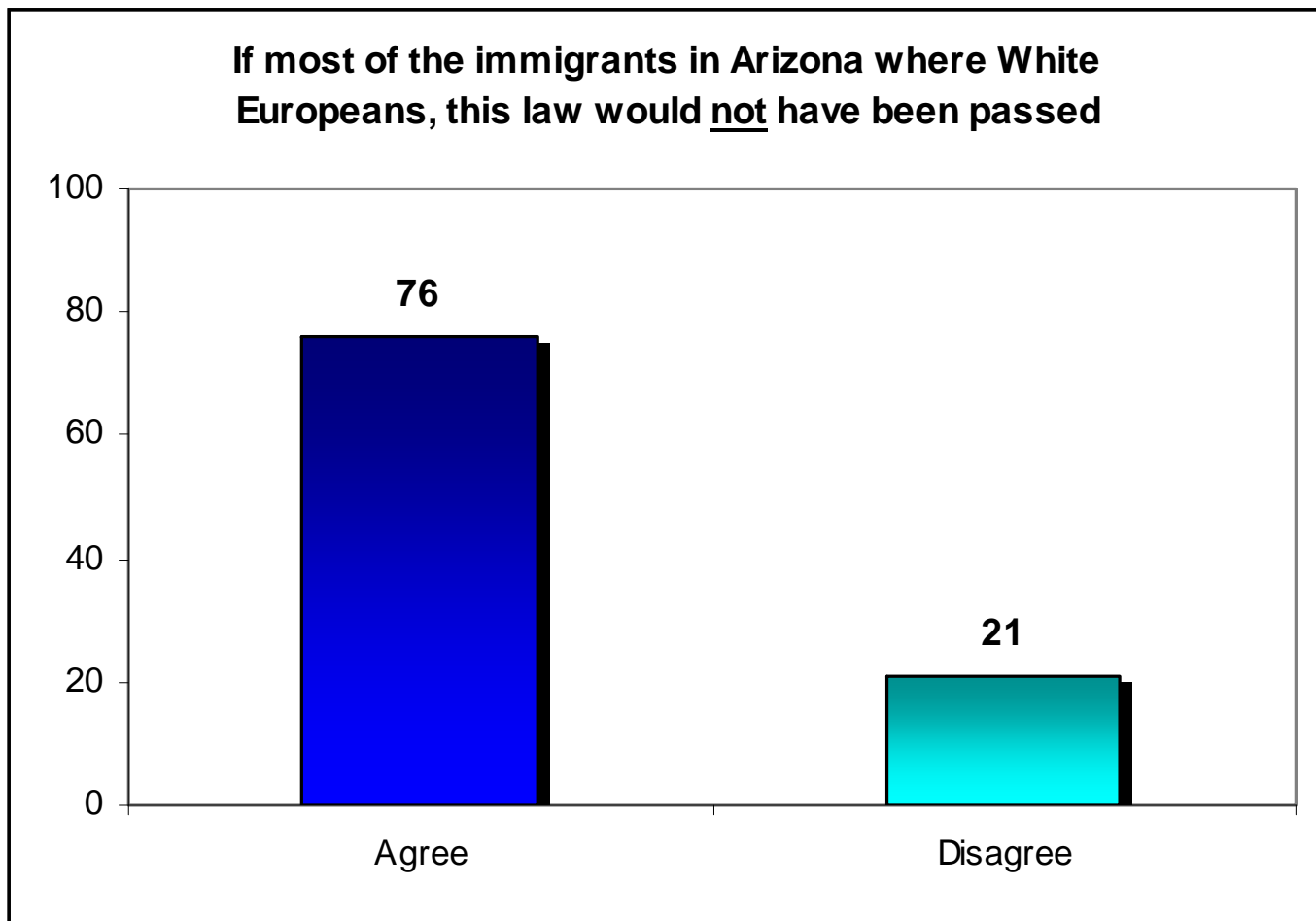
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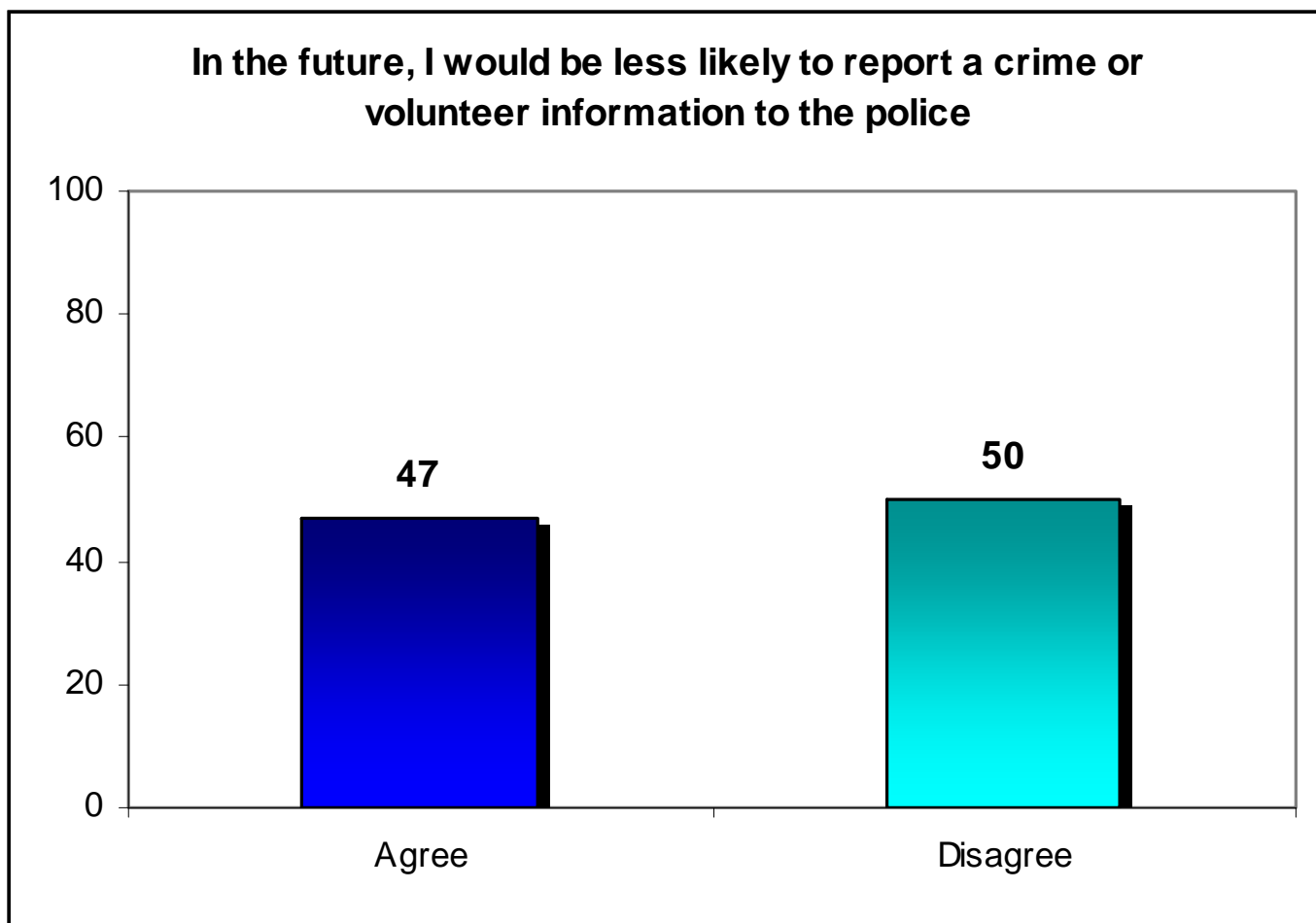
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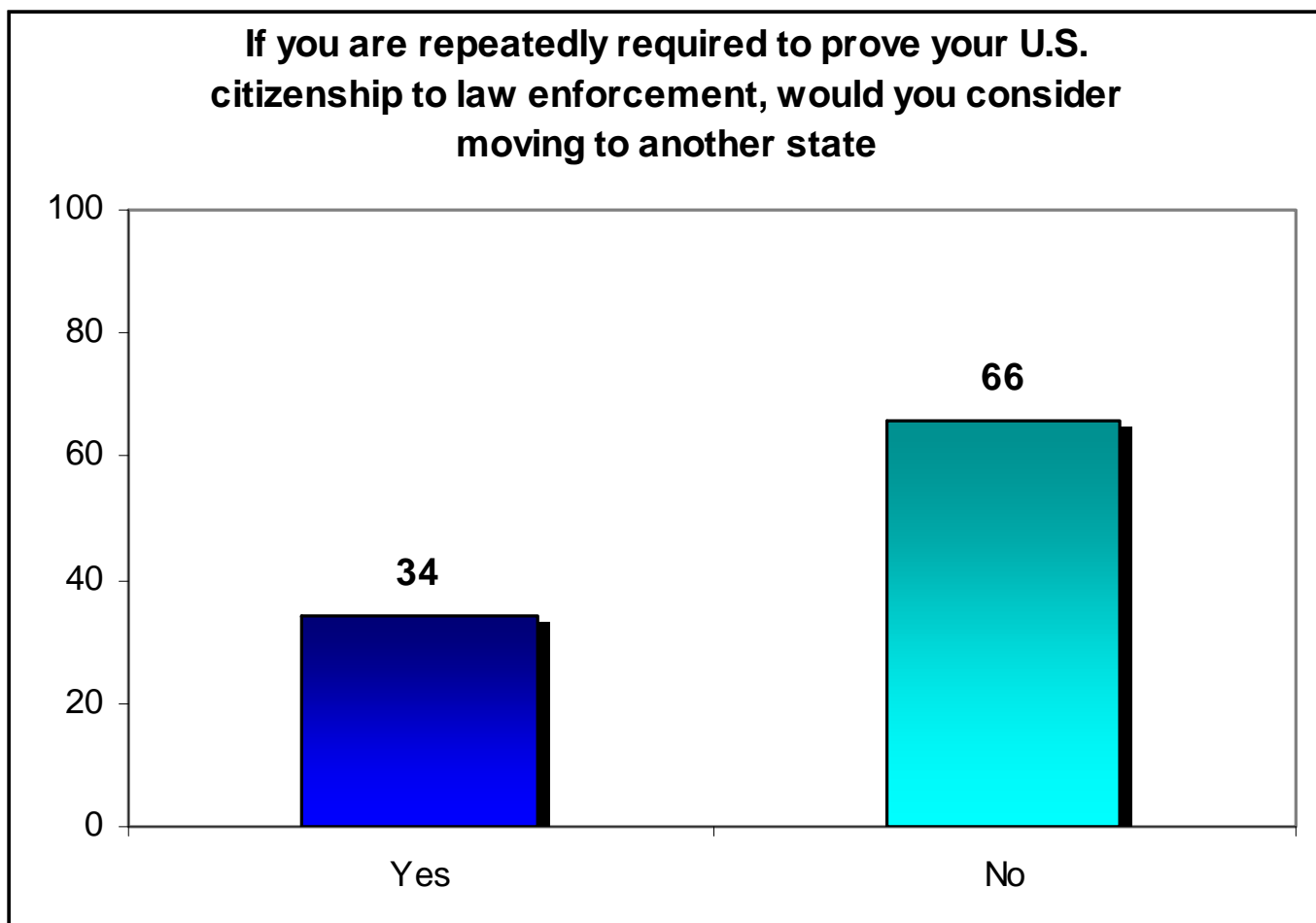
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Hurting relations with police



Driving Latinos away?





Summary of Reaction to SB1070



- Latino opposition to the new law is overwhelming:
 - 98% were knowledgeable of the law, SB 1070
 - Transcends generation and transcends party
- Latino voters see the law as personally threatening:
 - US citizens and legal immigrants will be targeted;
 - Racial profiling will be the mechanism of enforcement;
 - If immigrants were white, there would be no law.
- Majority support for the boycott, though modest.



2. National Immigration Policy



Most Important Issue

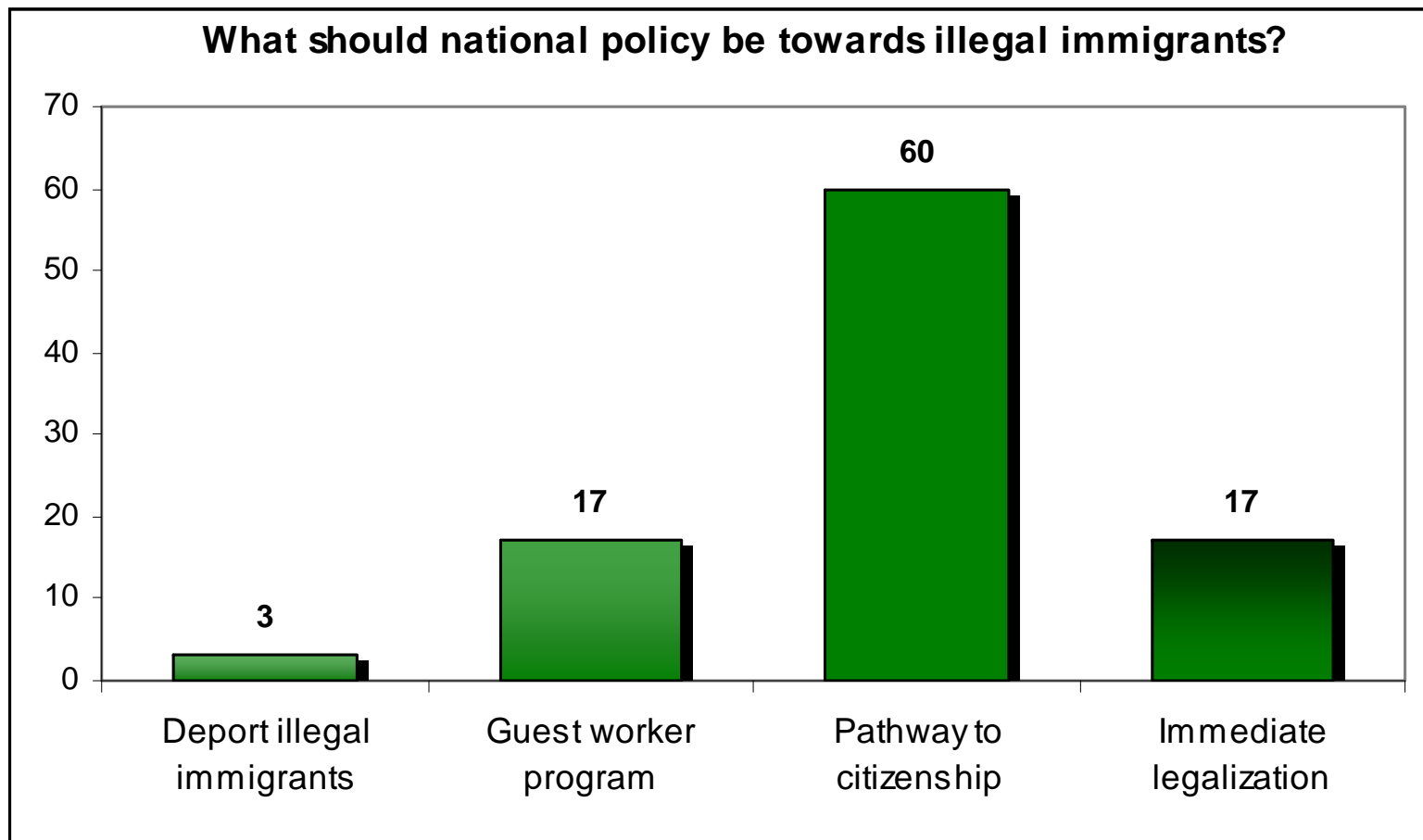


What do you think are the most important issues that President Obama and the Congress should address over the next year?

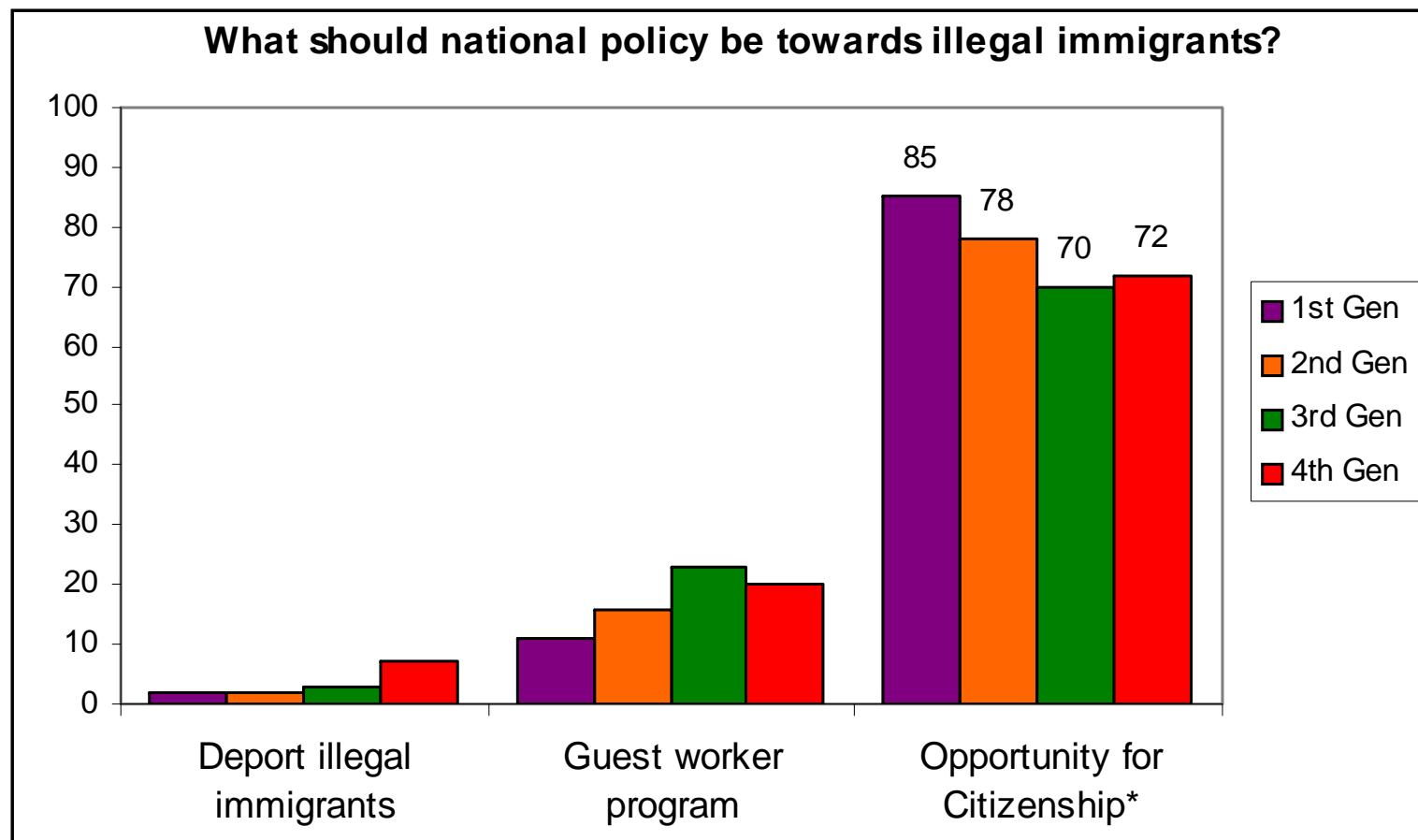
Immigration	59%
Fix the economy	22%
Health Care	17%
Create more jobs	13%
Education	5%
War on terror	4%
Banking reform	2%

*Respondents could
select 2 issues*

Support for Policy Reform

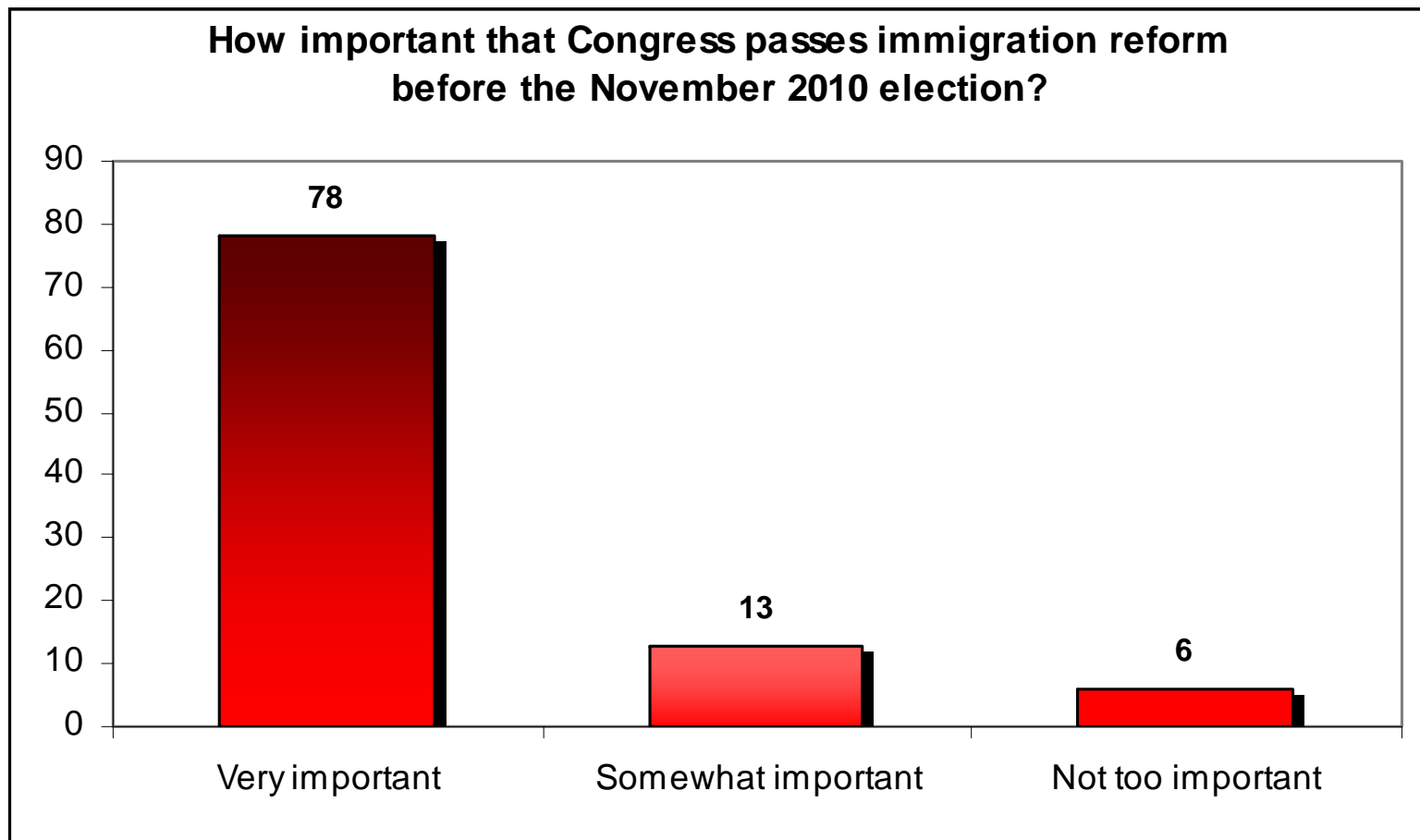


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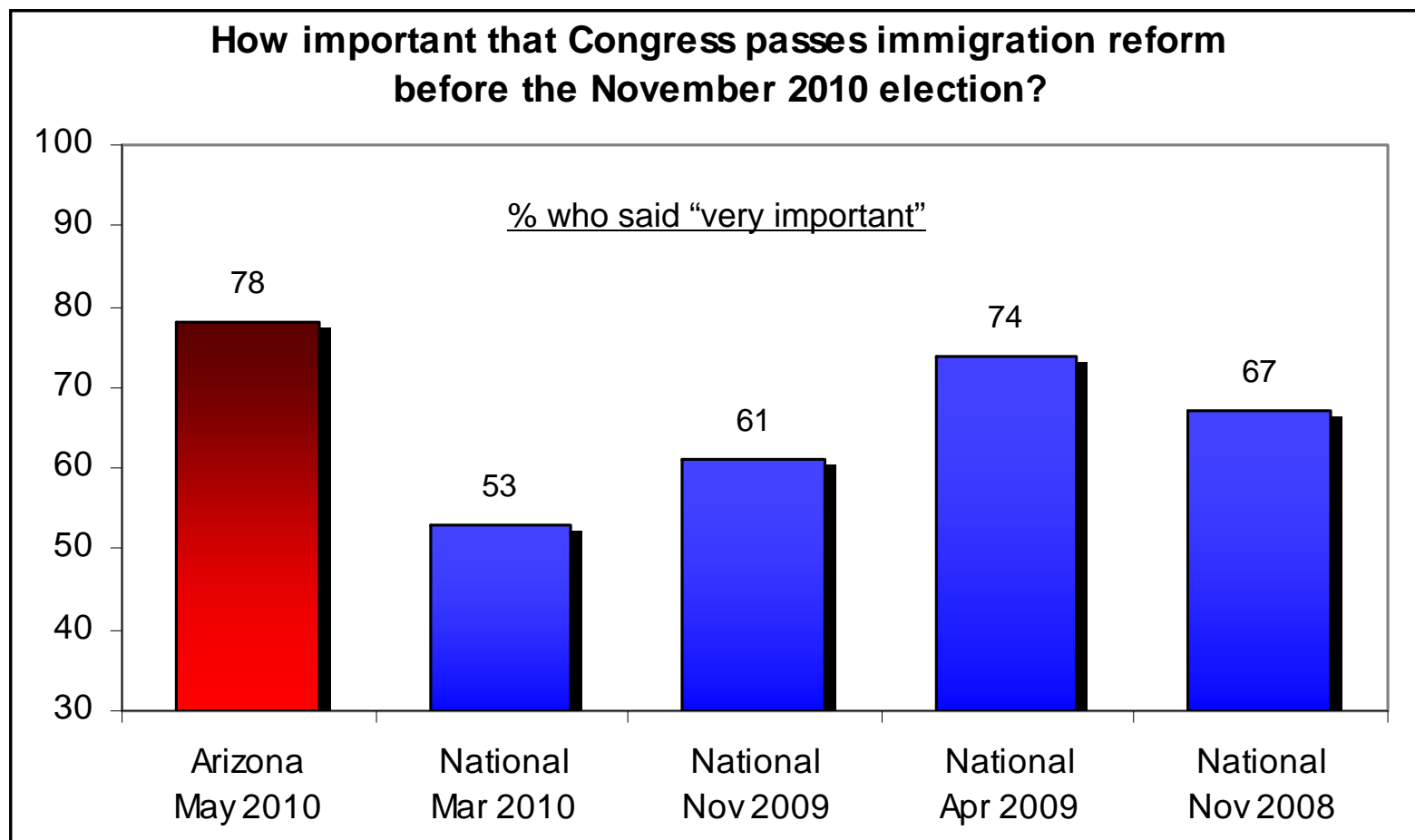


* Combines path to citizenship and immediate legalization categories

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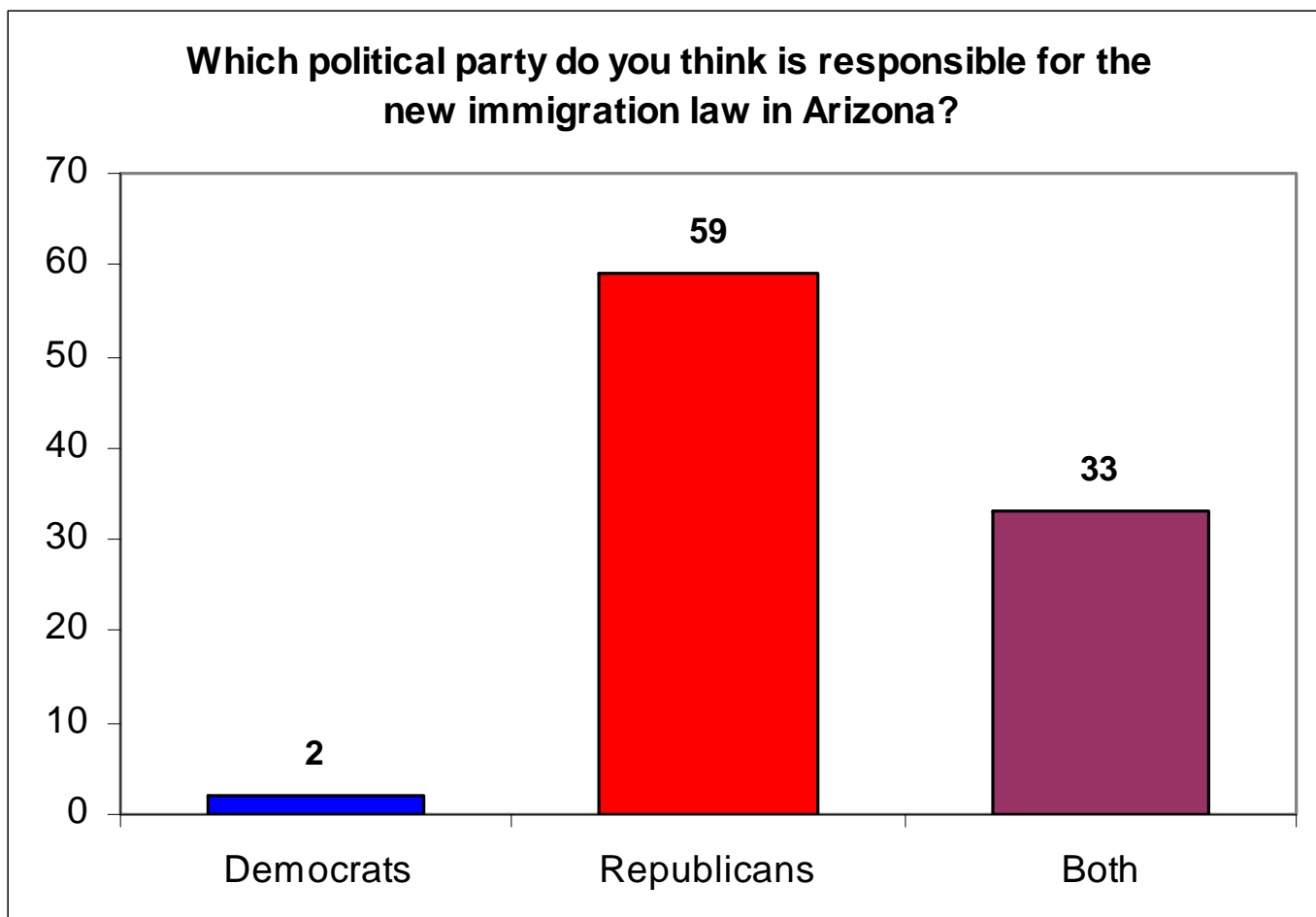
Summary on National Policy

- The Arizona law has radically increased the salience of immigration as an issue;
 - Immigration is now the #1 issue to Latino voters
- Latino voters overwhelmingly prefer a policy option that includes a path to legalization;
- There is growing impatience with the administration:
 - Almost four in five voters think there needs to be a bill passed by the November election.
 - Support for a national bill is highest we have ever recorded

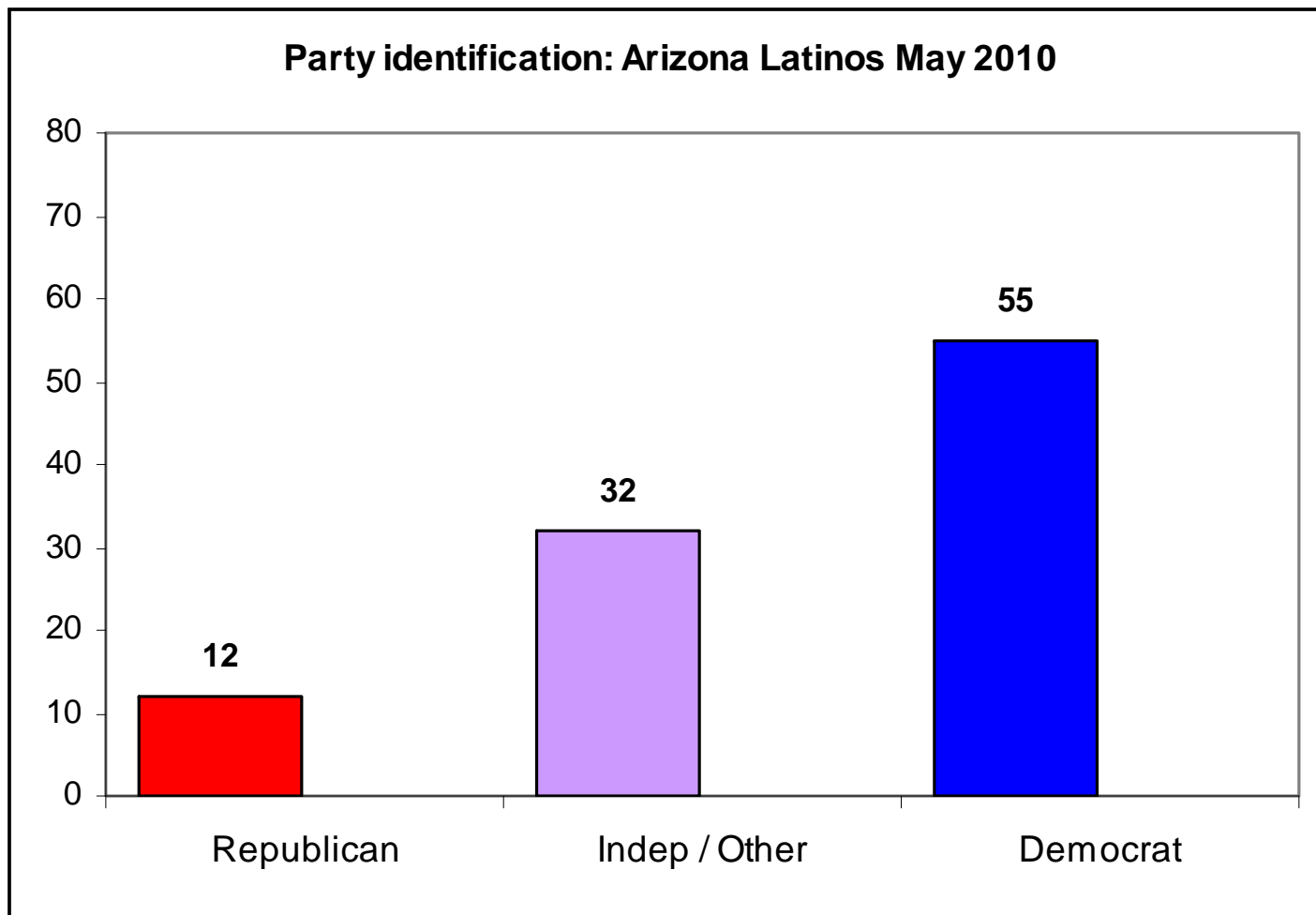


3. Partisan Implications and Consequences

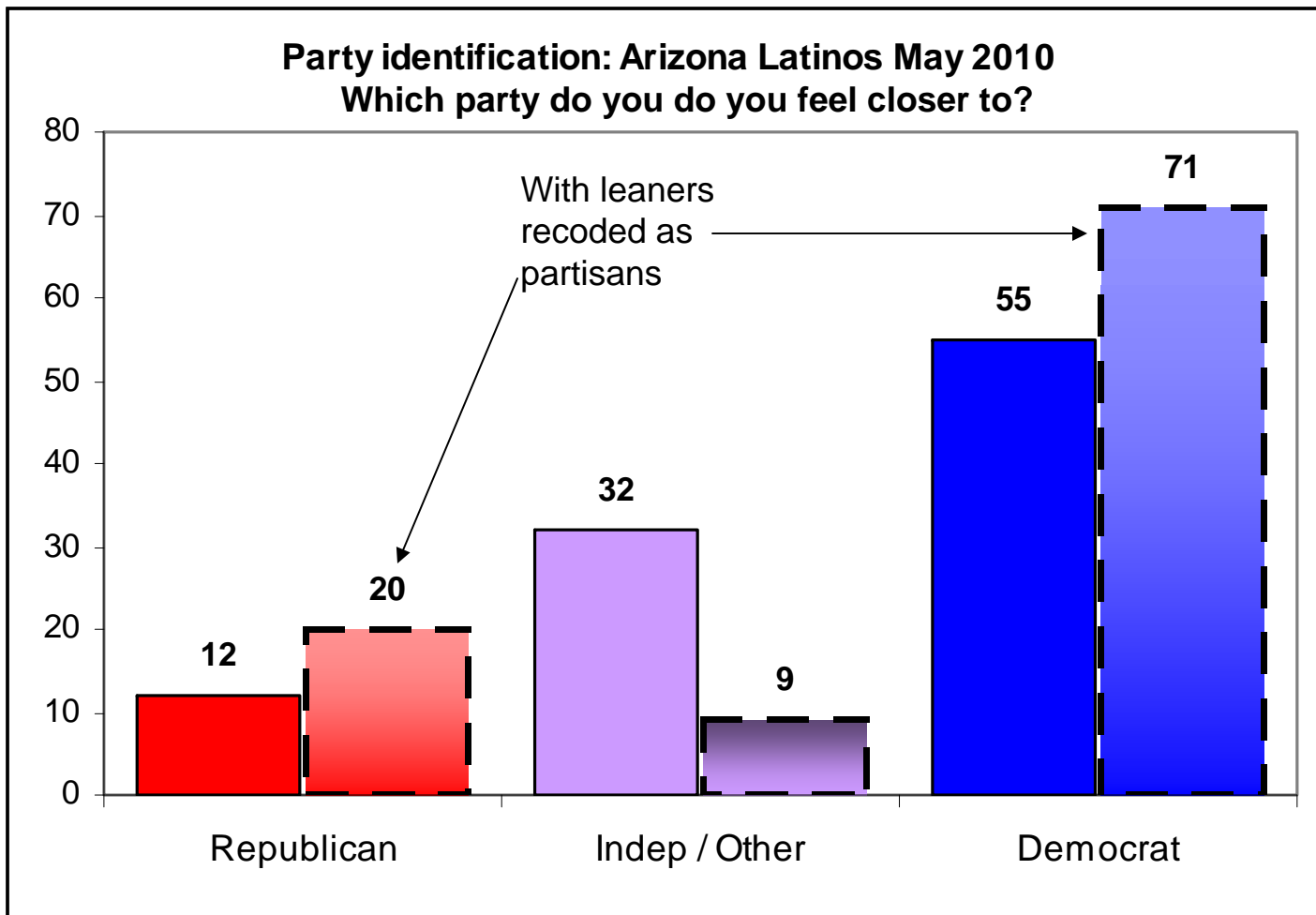
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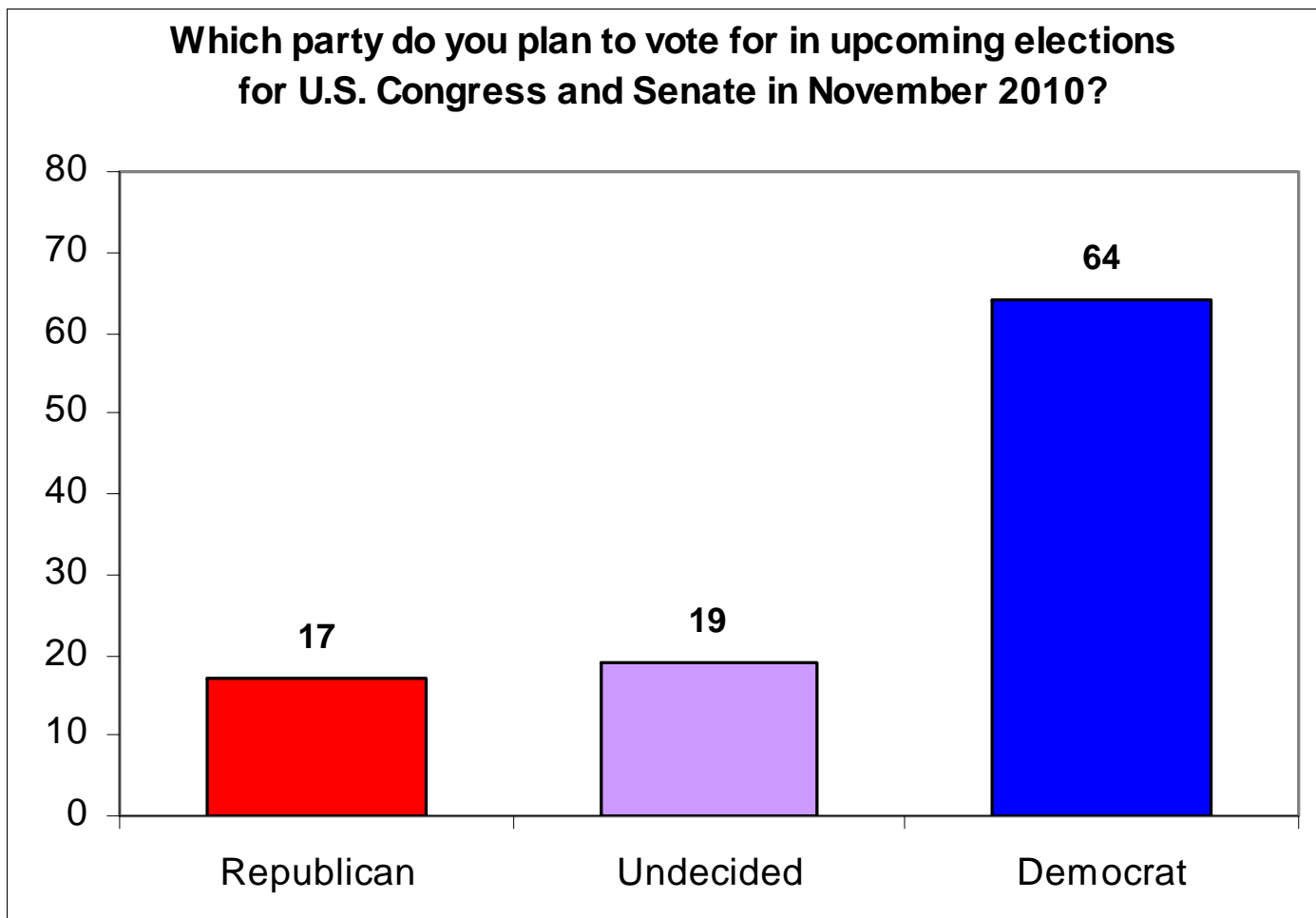
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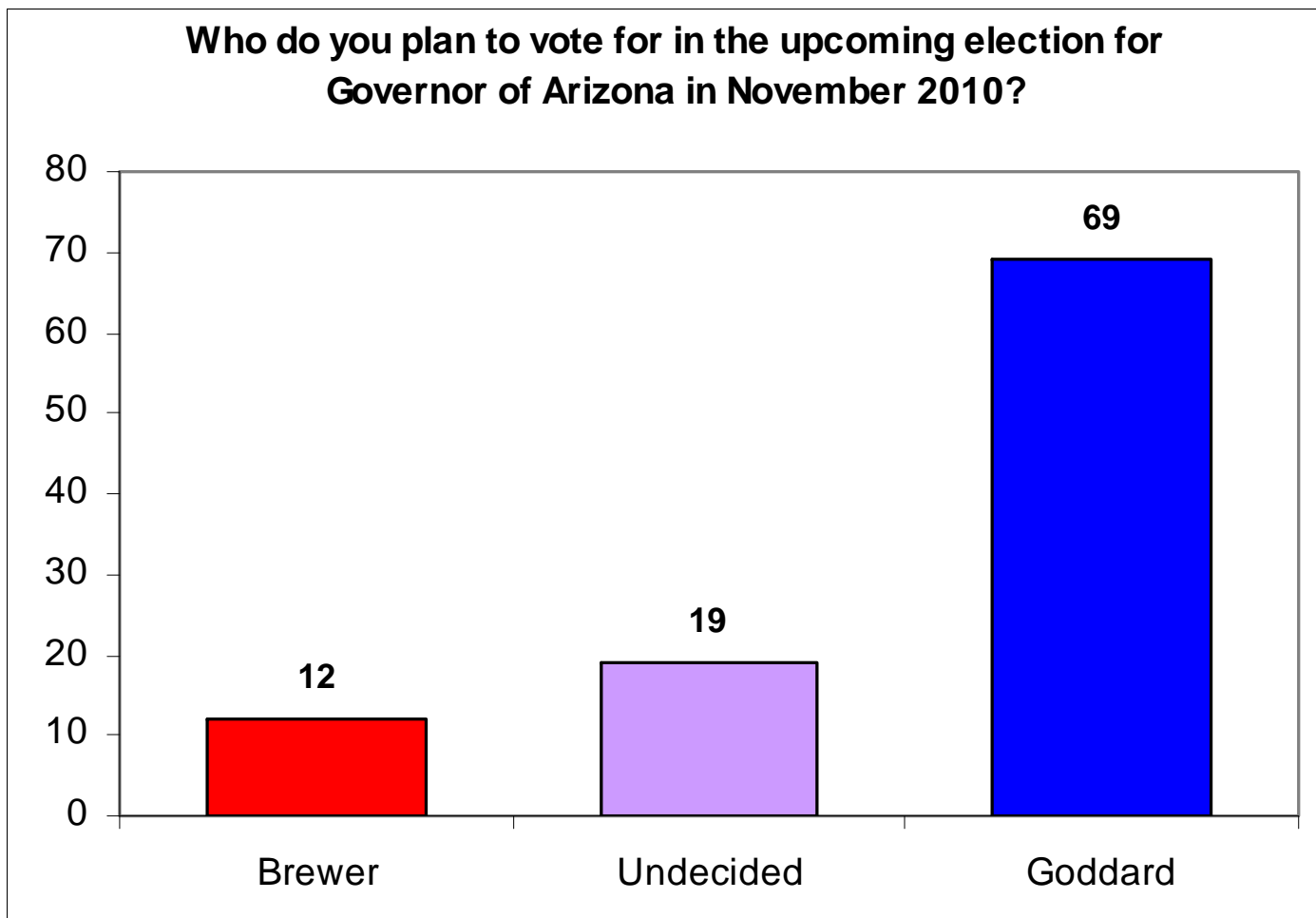
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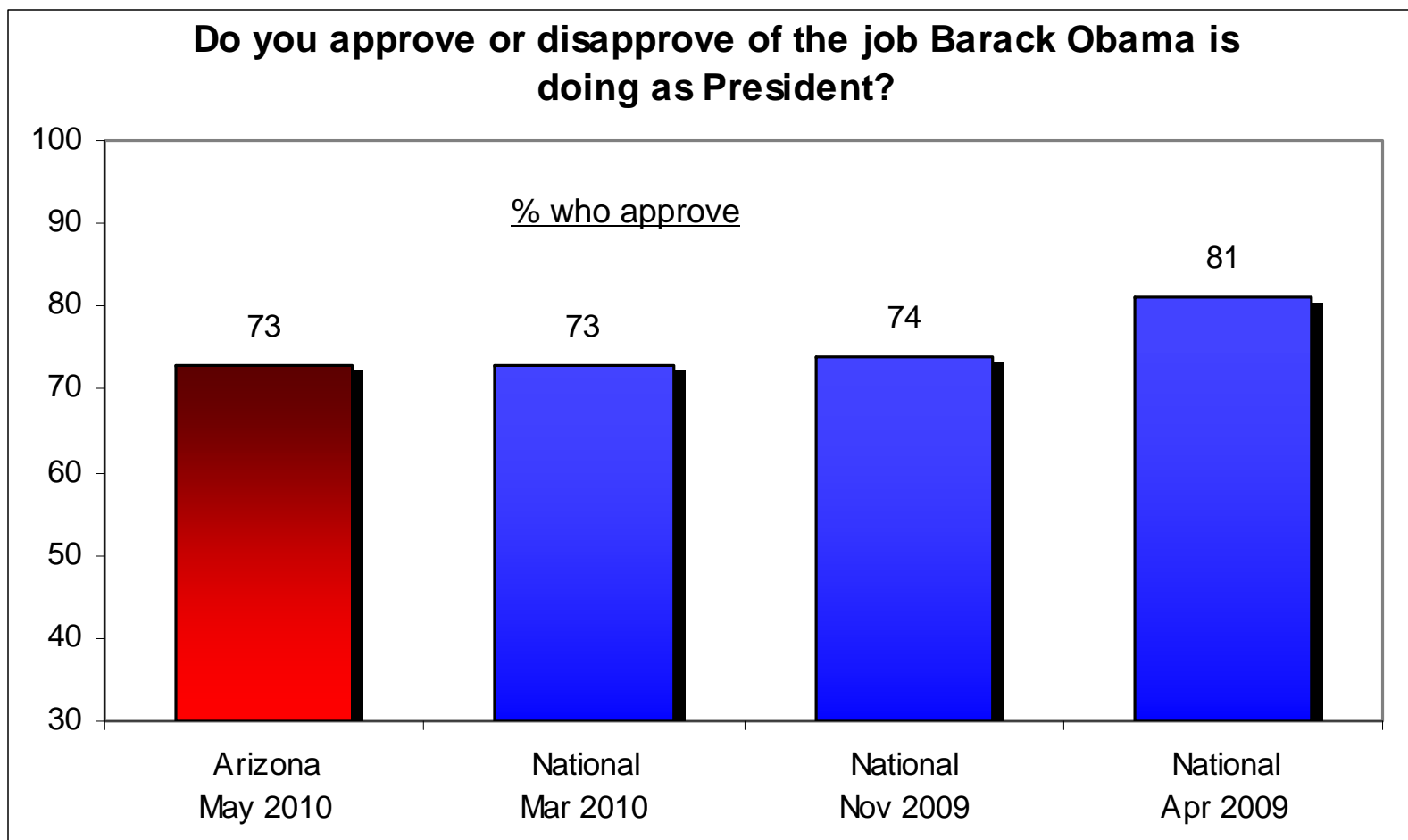
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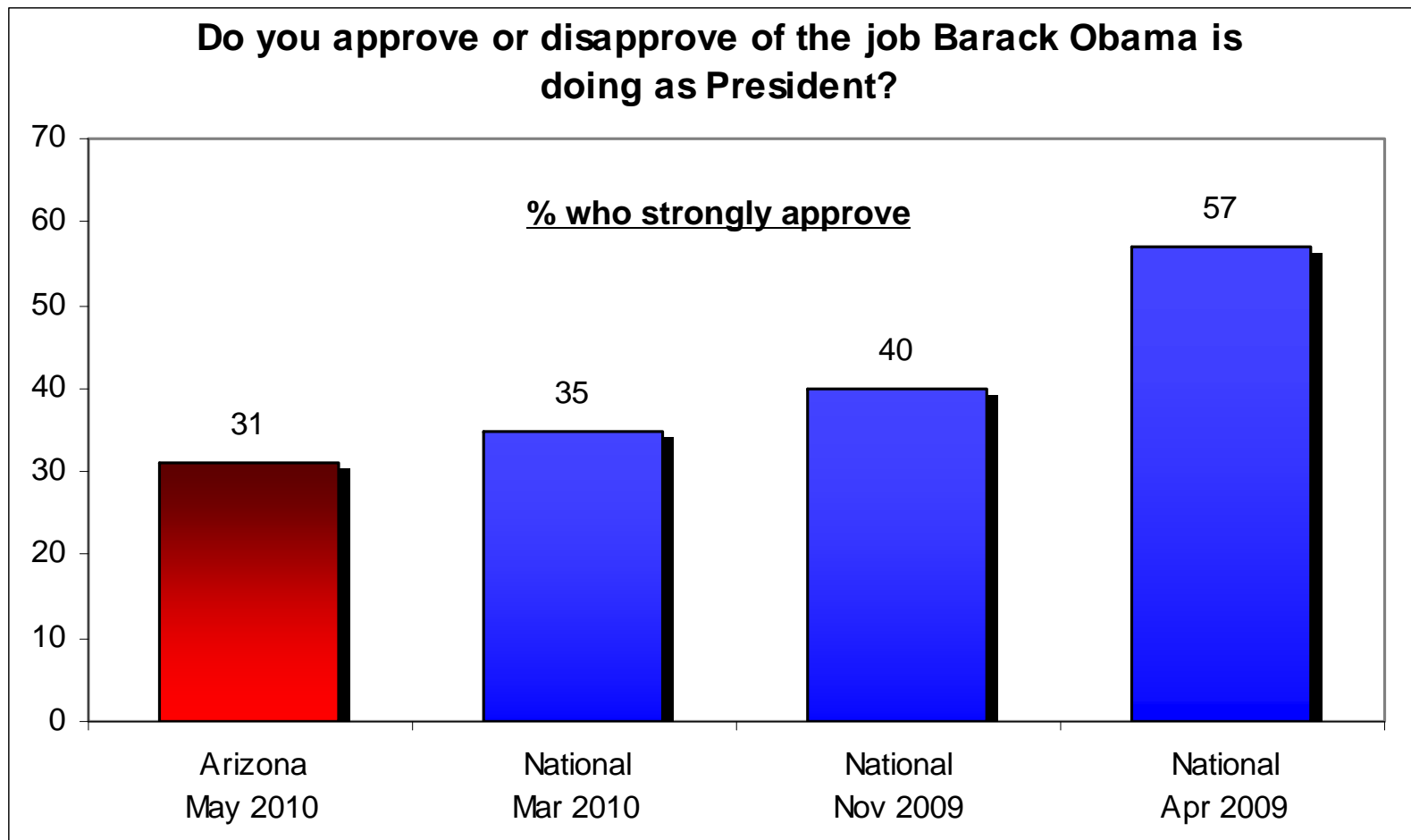
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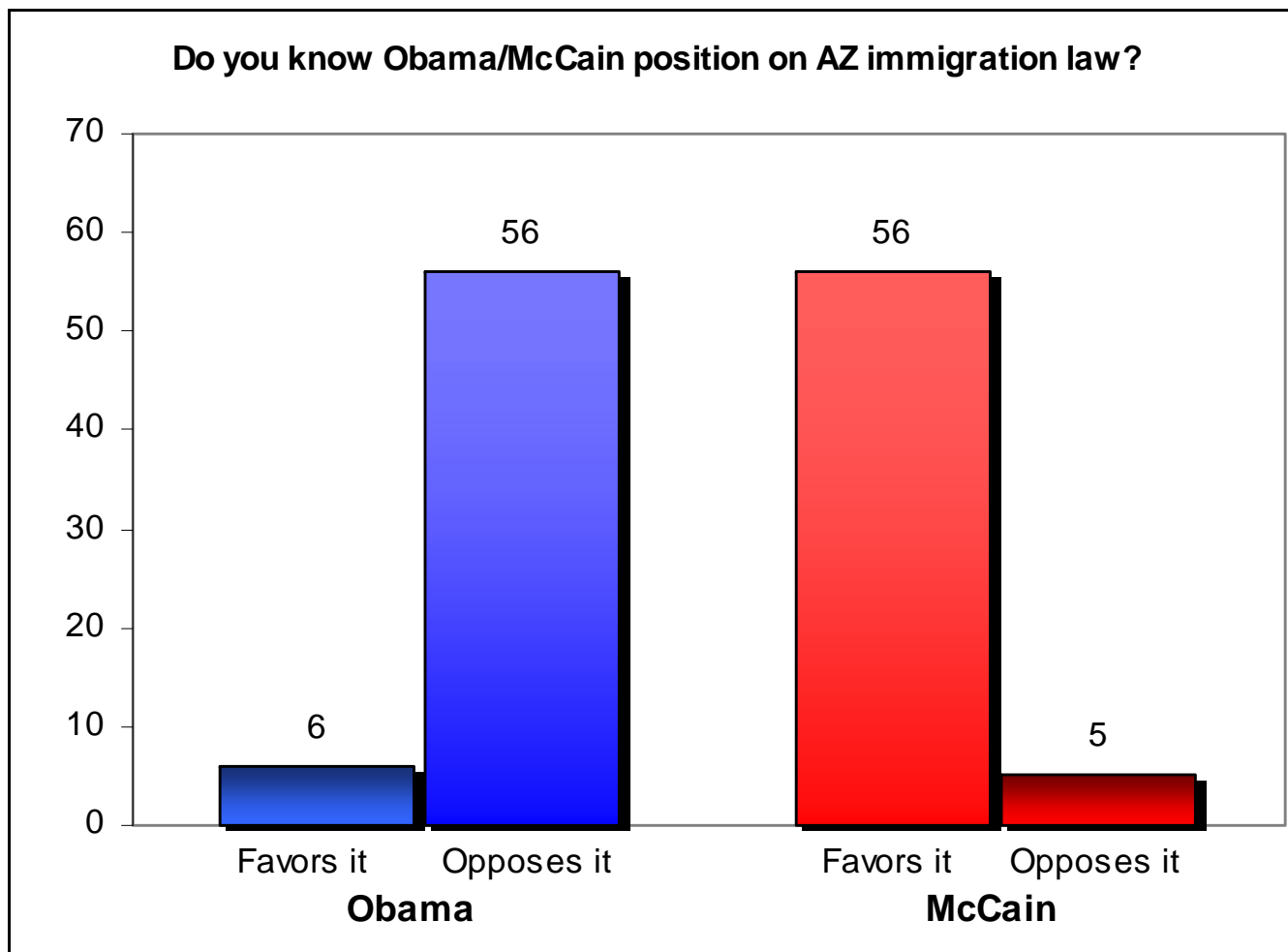
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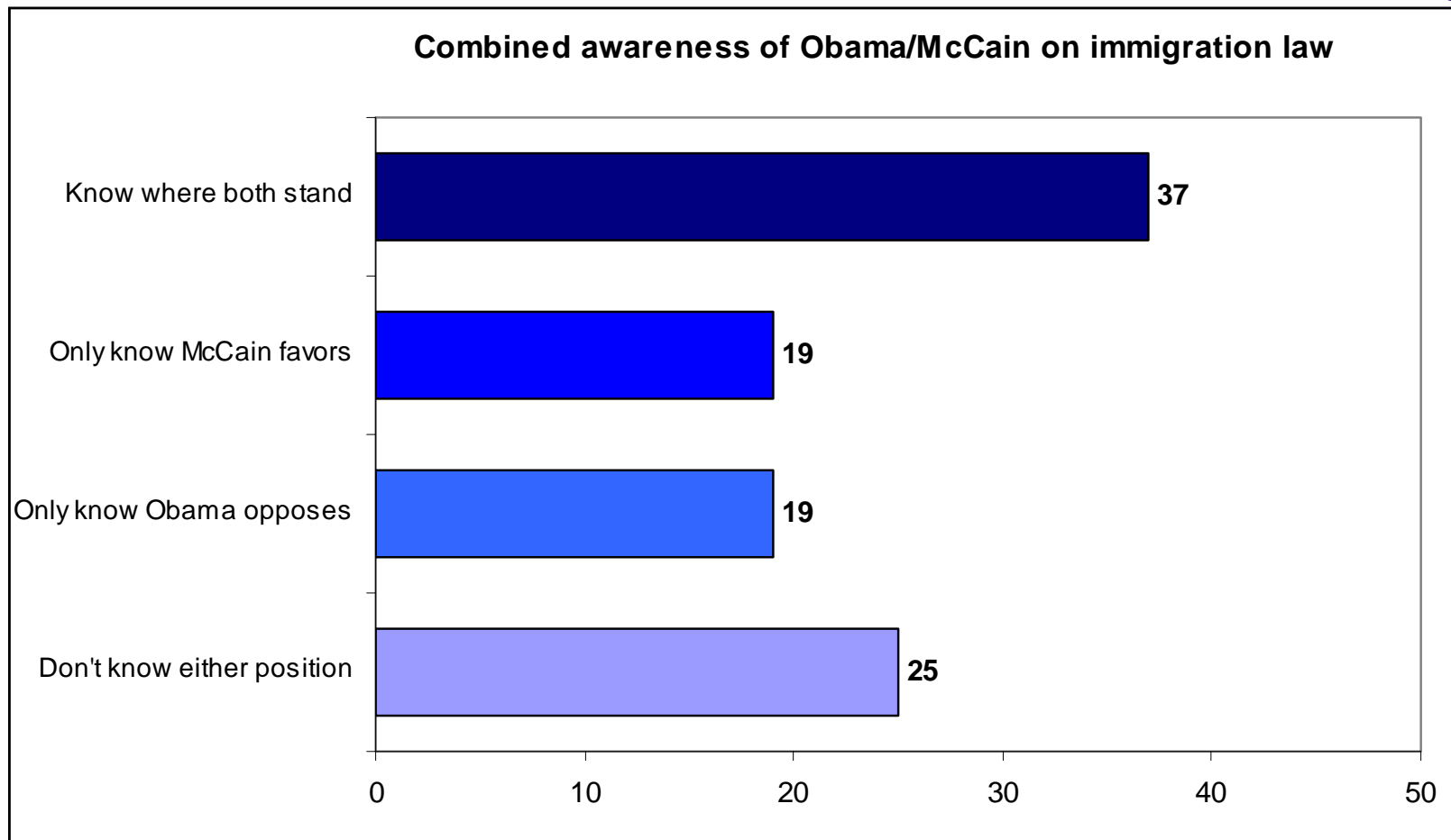
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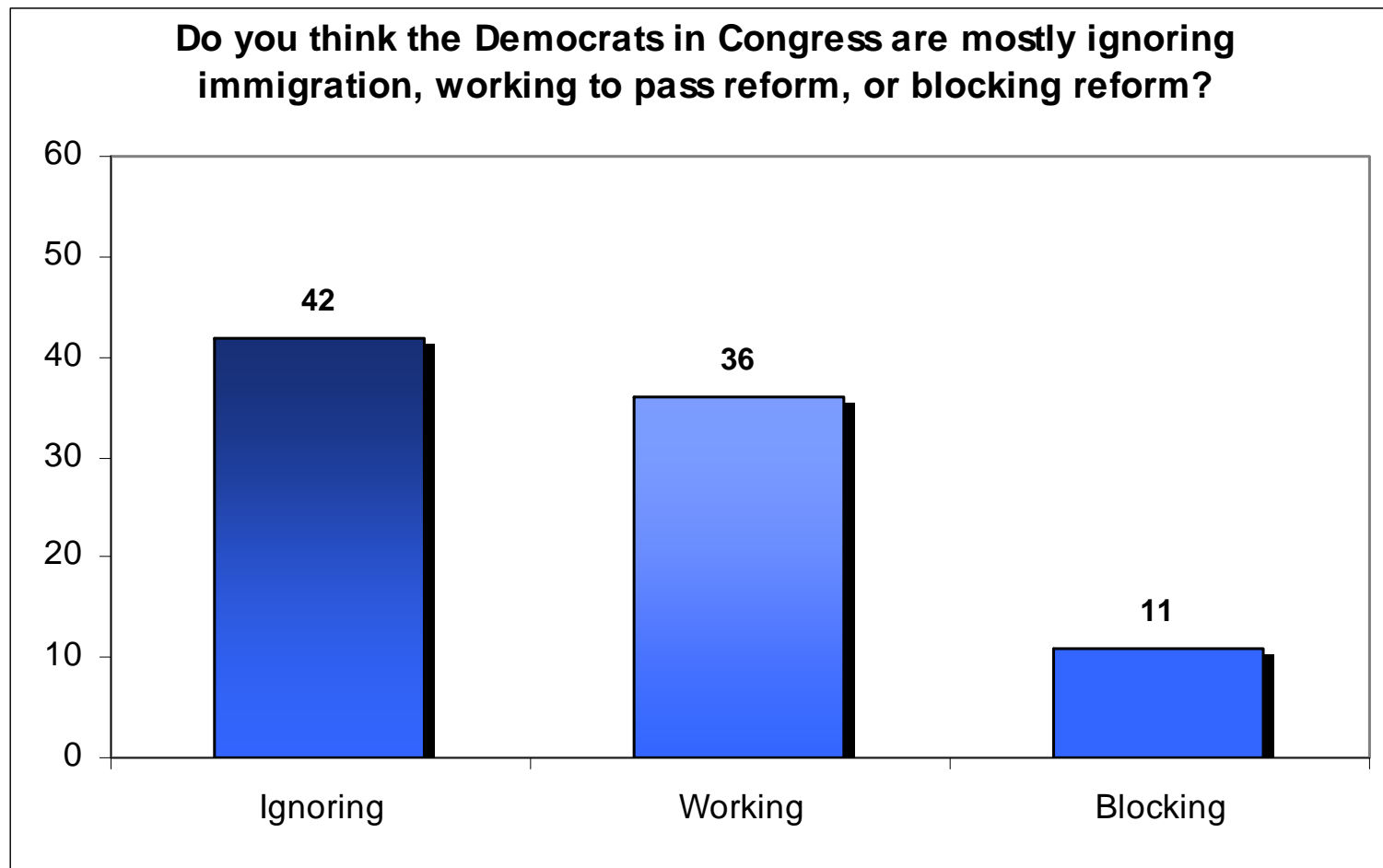
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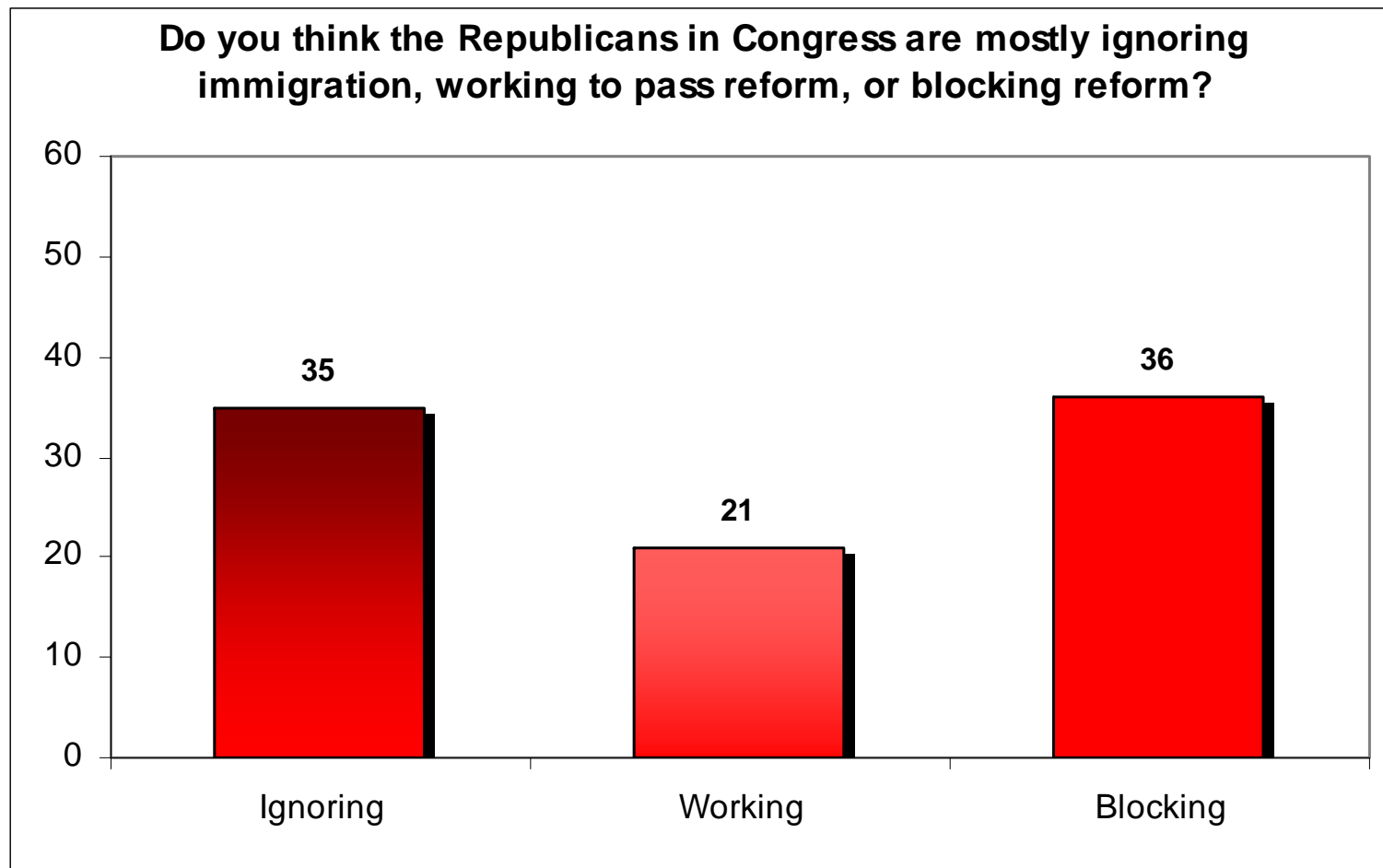
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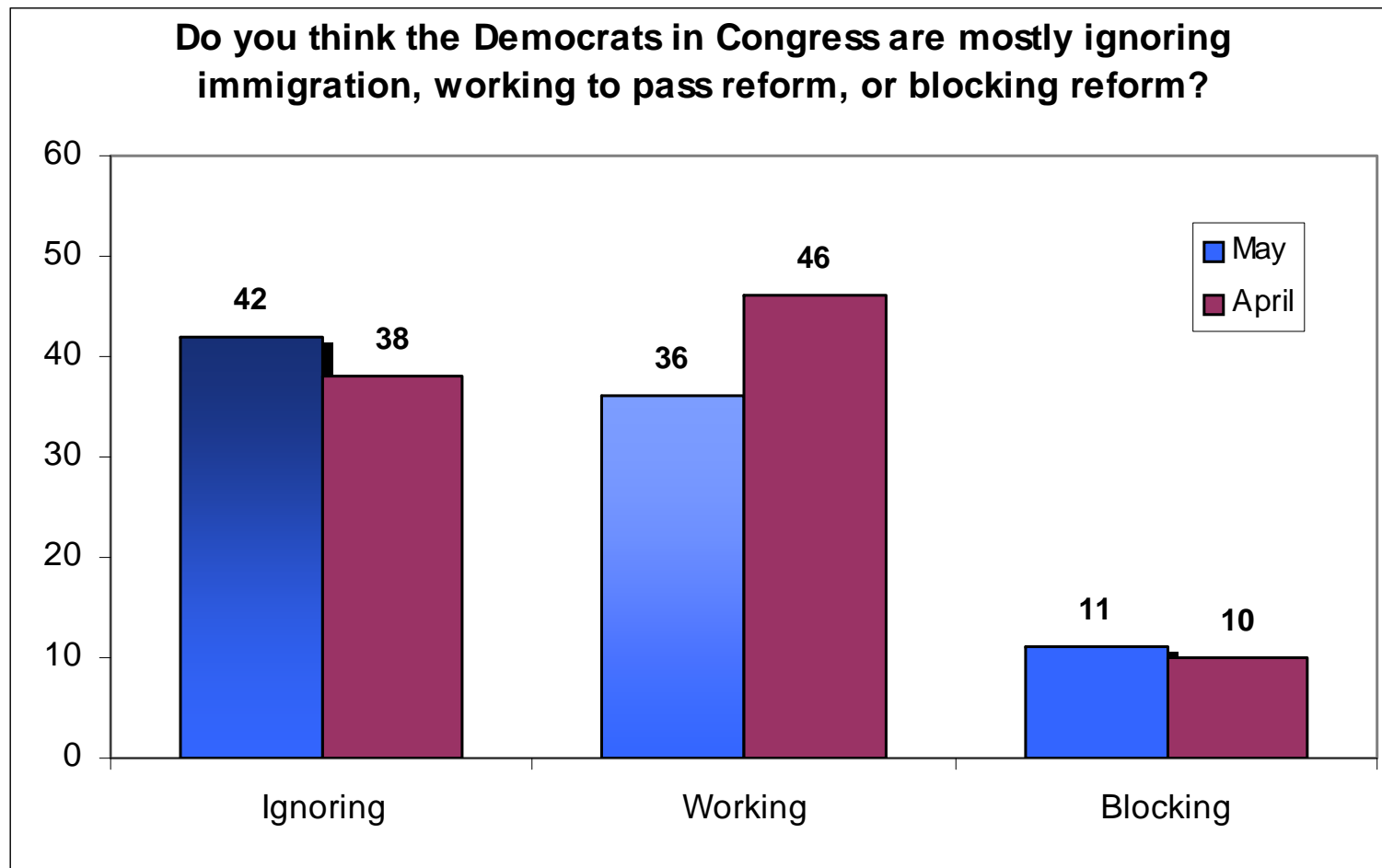
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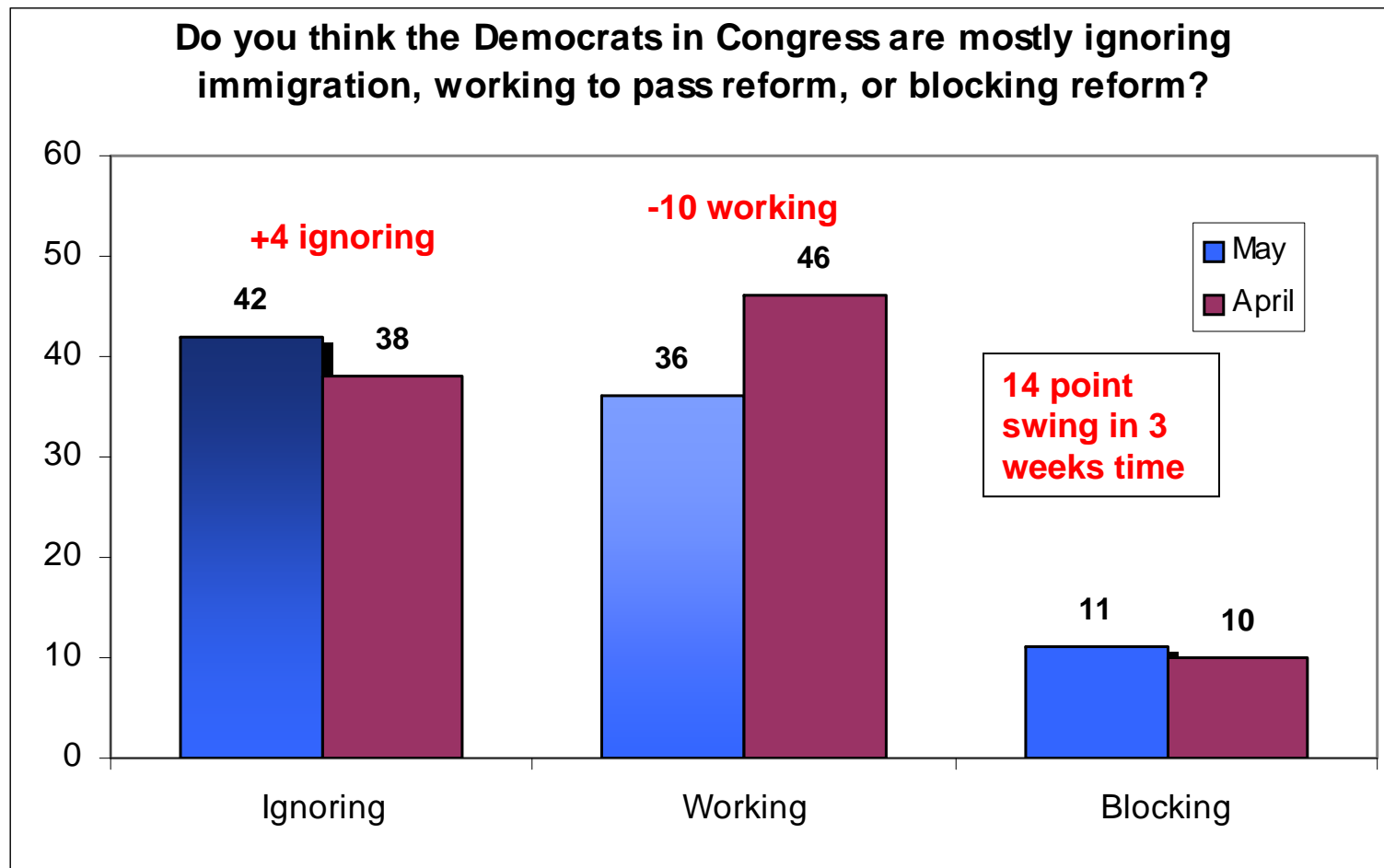
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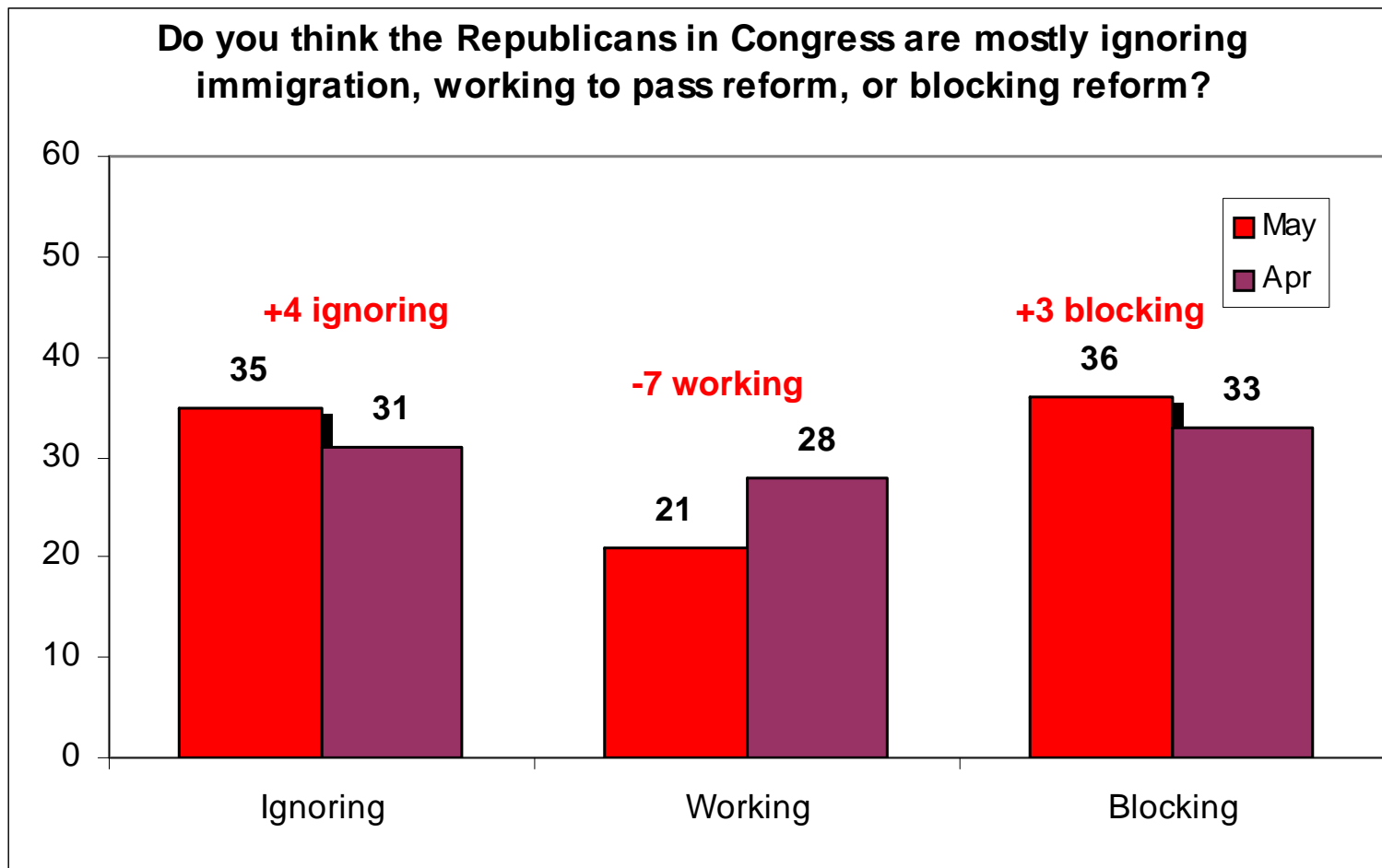
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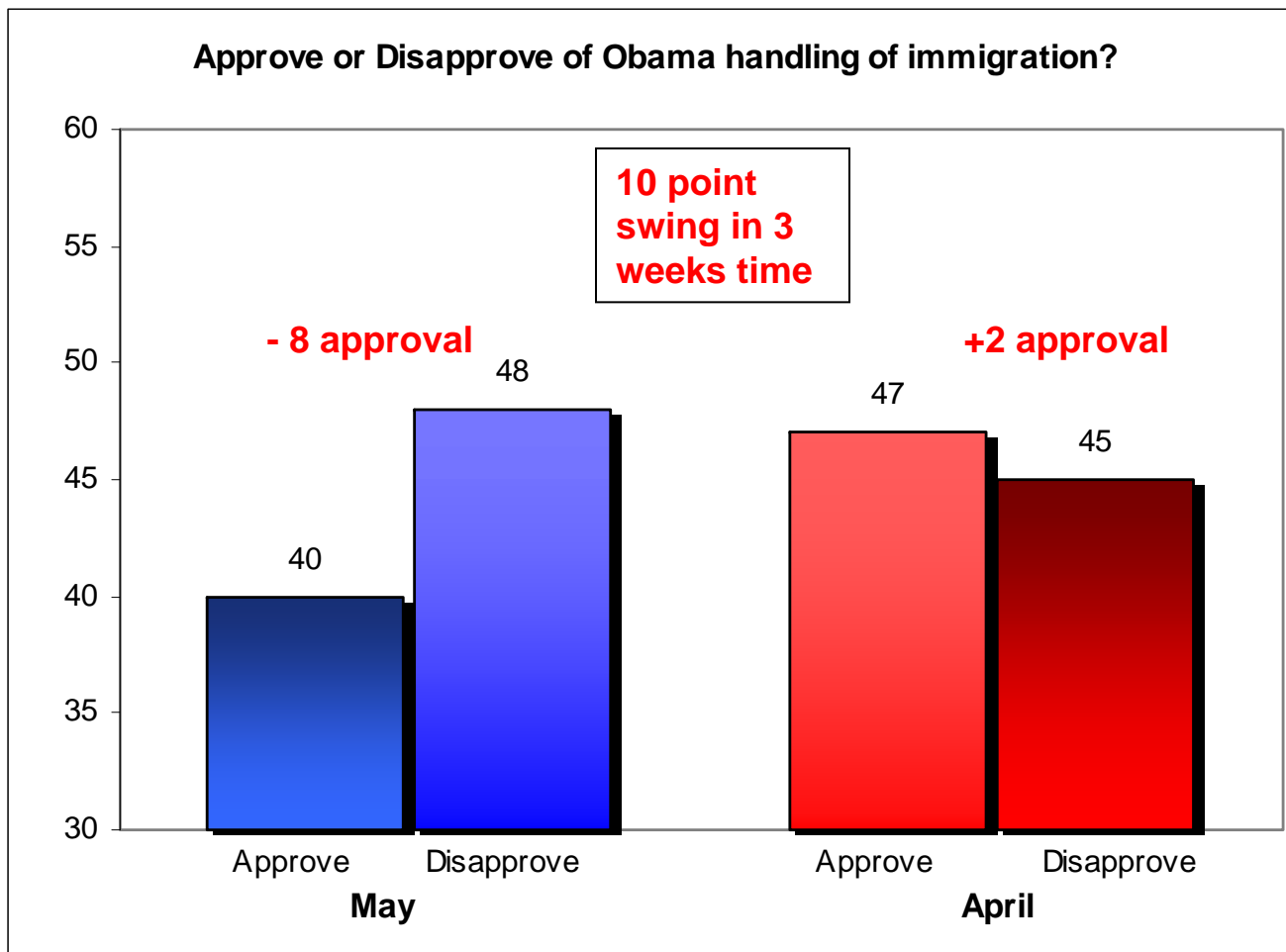
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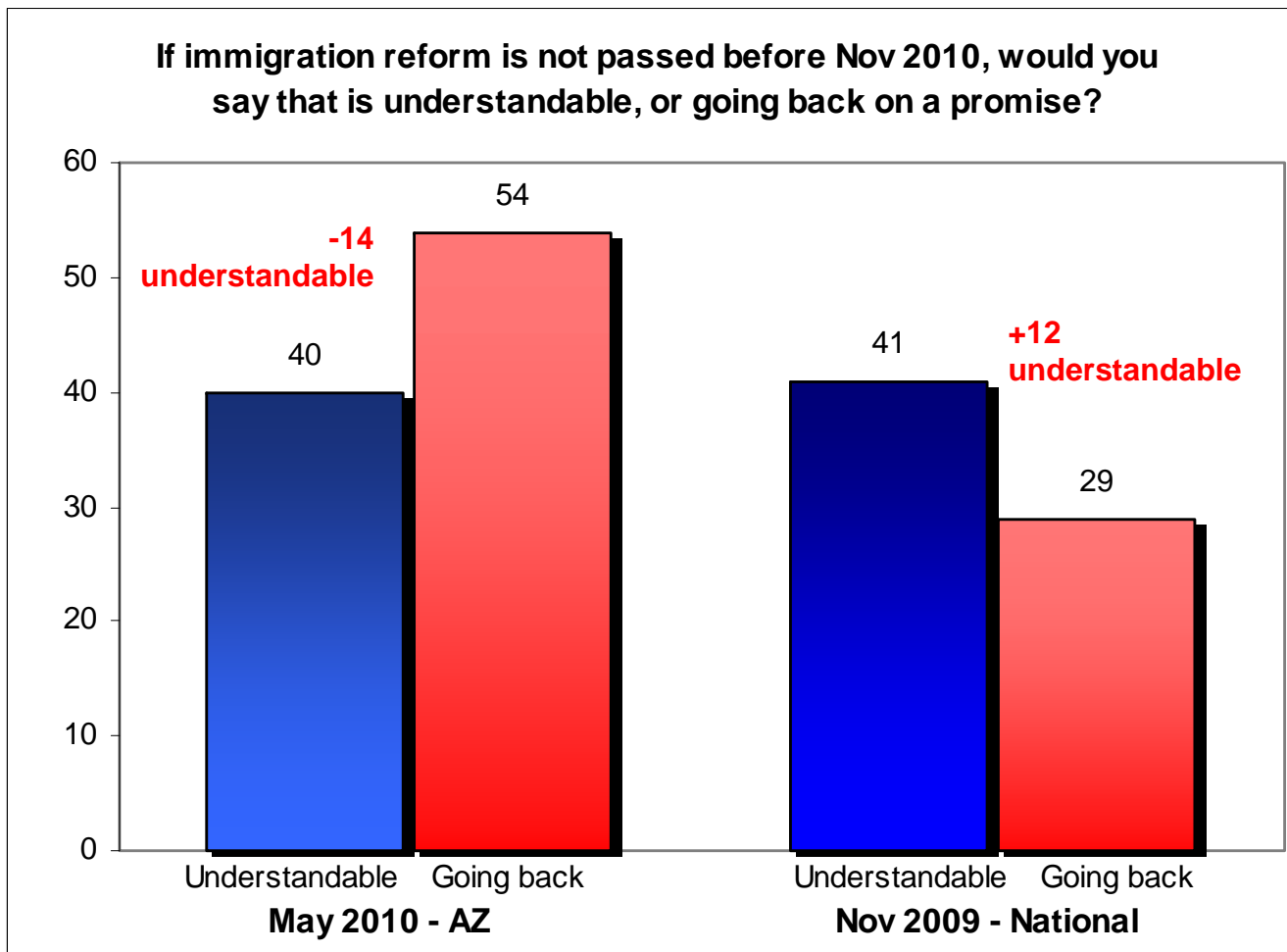
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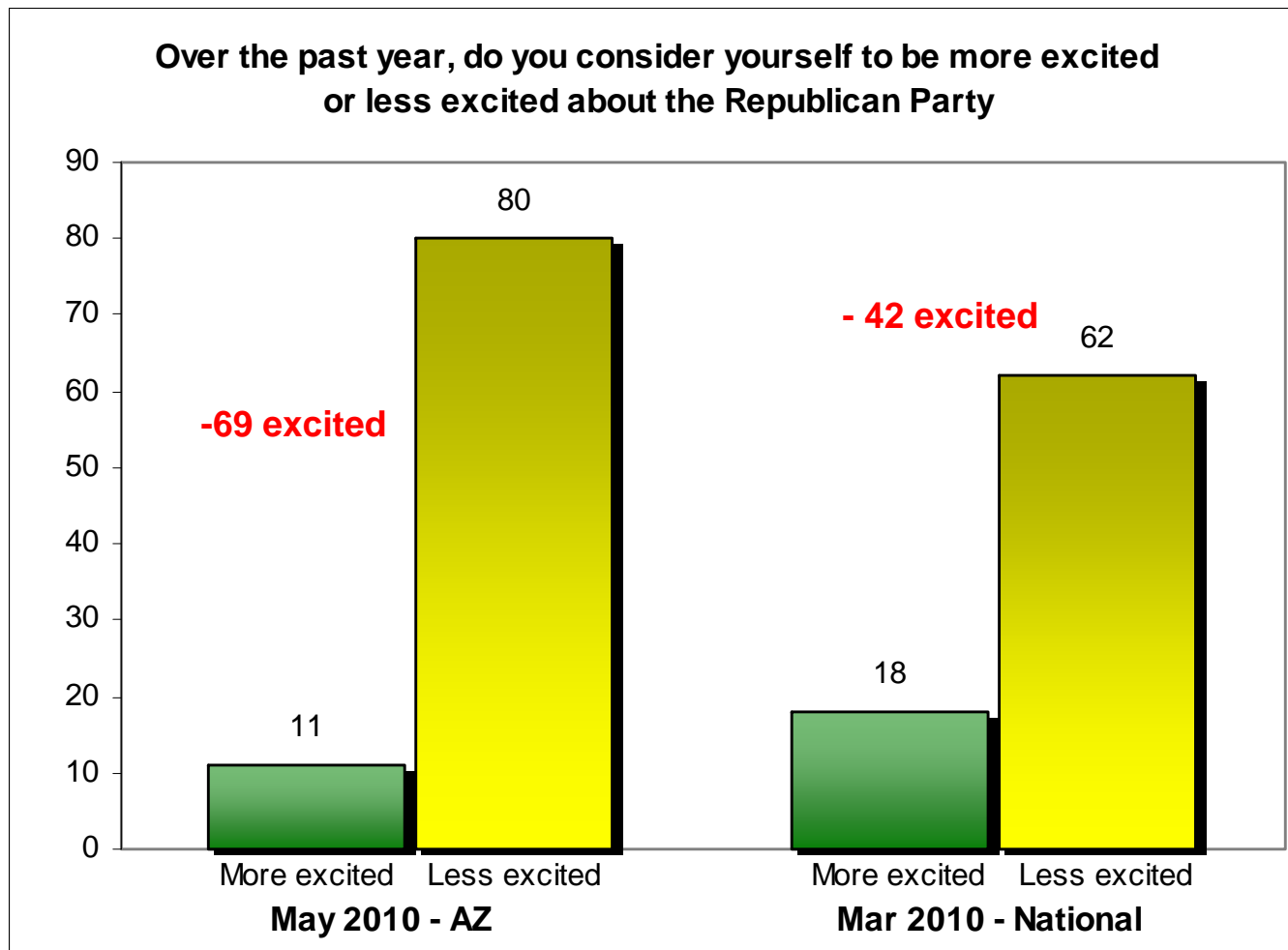
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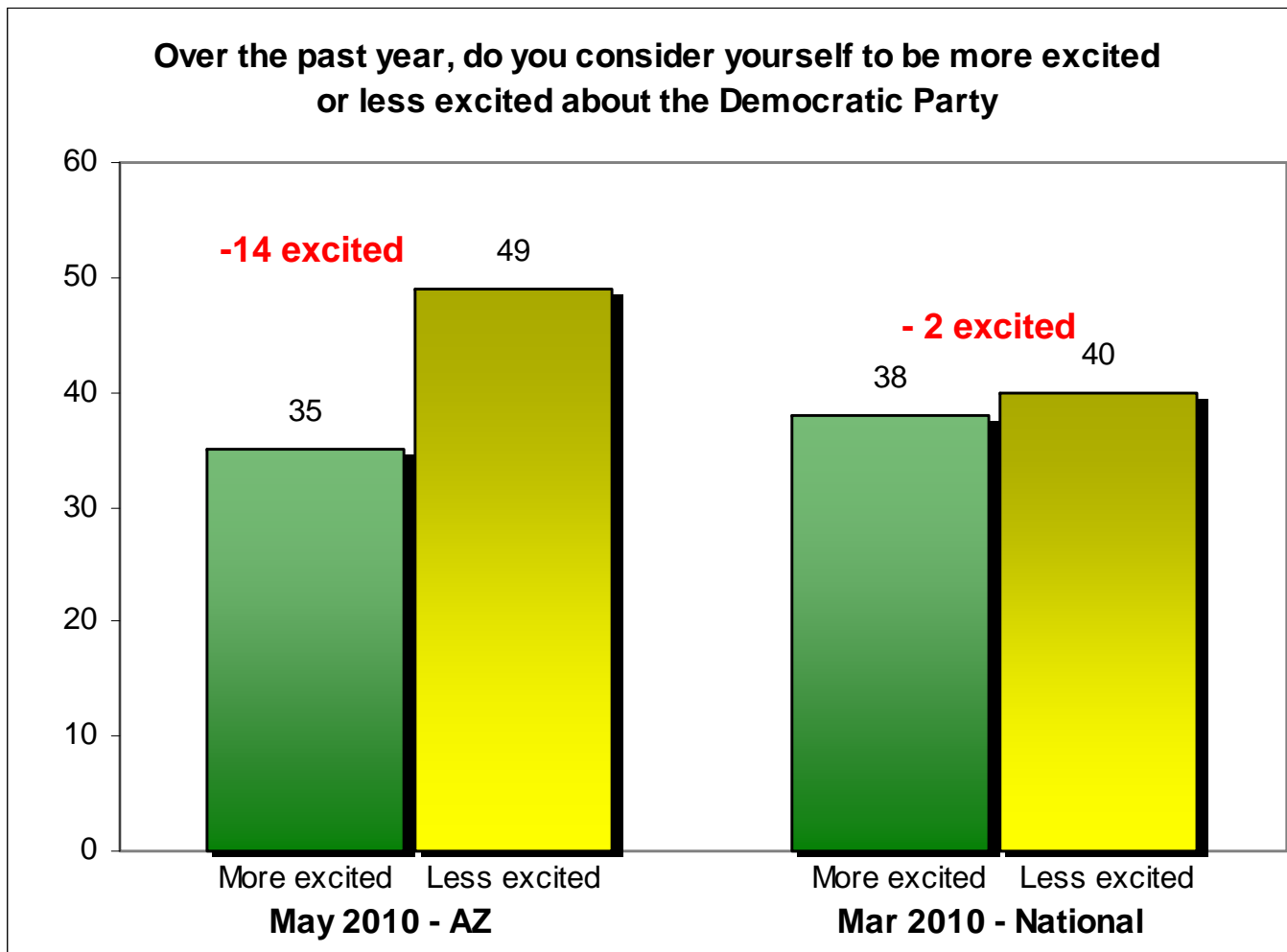
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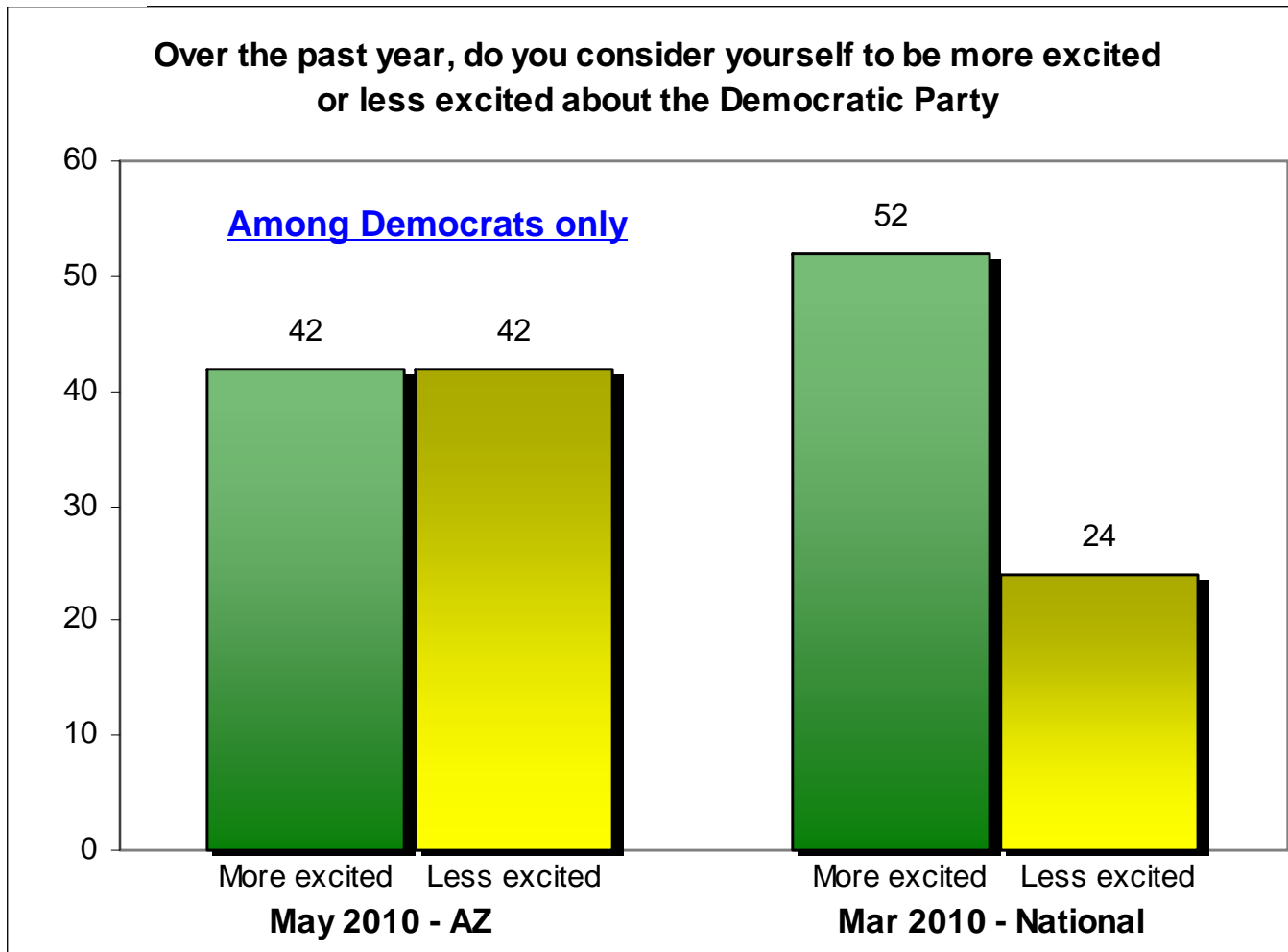
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Summary of Partisan Effects



- A majority of Latino voters blame Republicans for the passage of the new law:
 - But a third of Latino voters blame both parties;
- A growing number of respondents believe Democrats are ignoring the issue;
- Both parties are paying costs for the issue:
 - GOP costs more severe, but enthusiasm for Democrats is severely constrained by perceived inaction.
 - There is not a knee-jerk swell of support for Democrats, Latinos are proceeding very cautiously with respect to Democratic support



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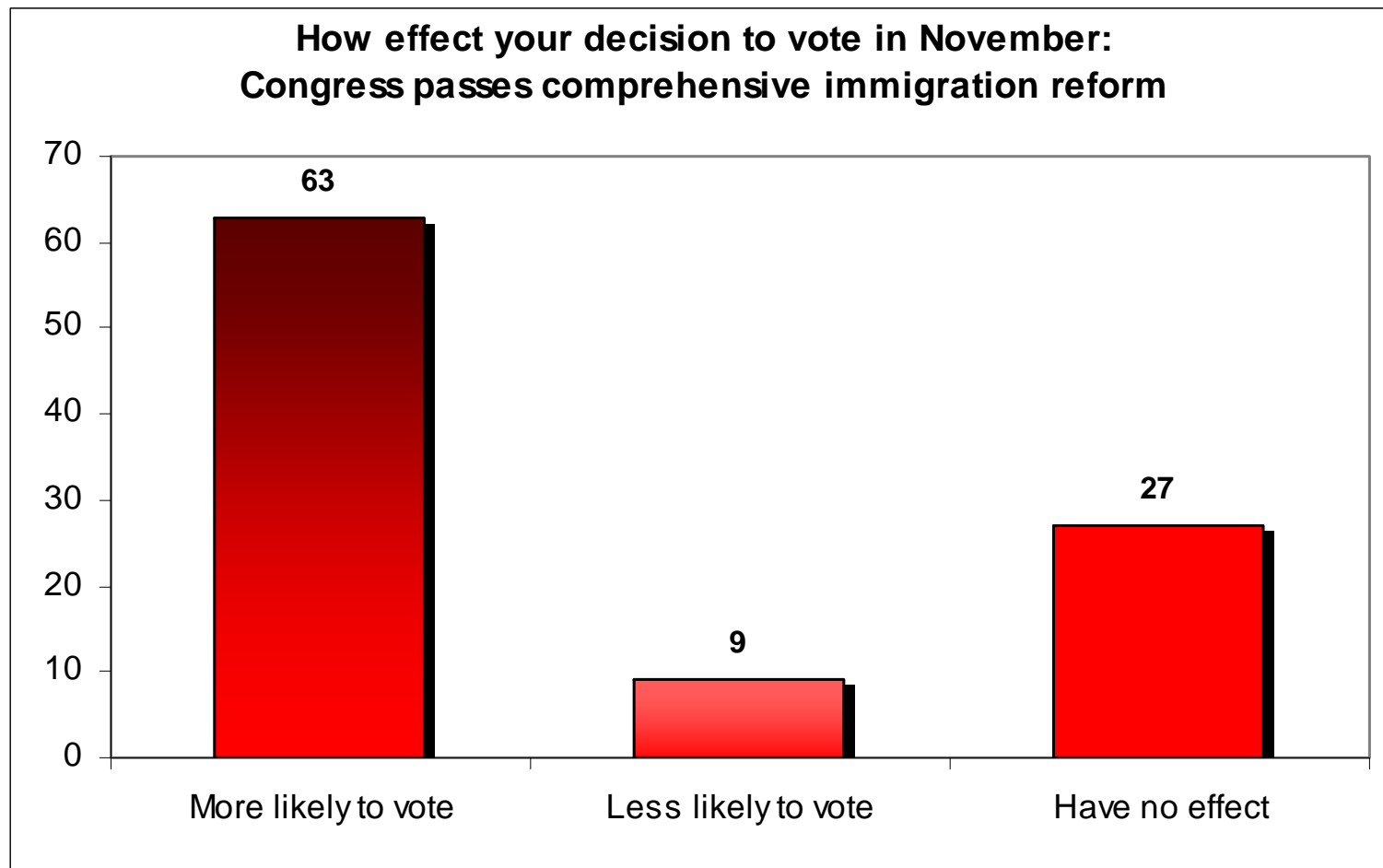


- Generic two-party vote is Democratic, but soft:
 - The undecided signals a weak vote share in November;
- Support for Governor Brewer among Latino voters is a scant 12%;
- Obama approval overall appears stable (73%)
 - However - the strength of support is weakening;
 - And, a significant decline in approval for his handling of immigration
- Majority now believe that inaction on immigration before Nov is going back on a campaign promise
- Only 42% of self-identified Democrats are “excited” about what the Democratic party is doing today

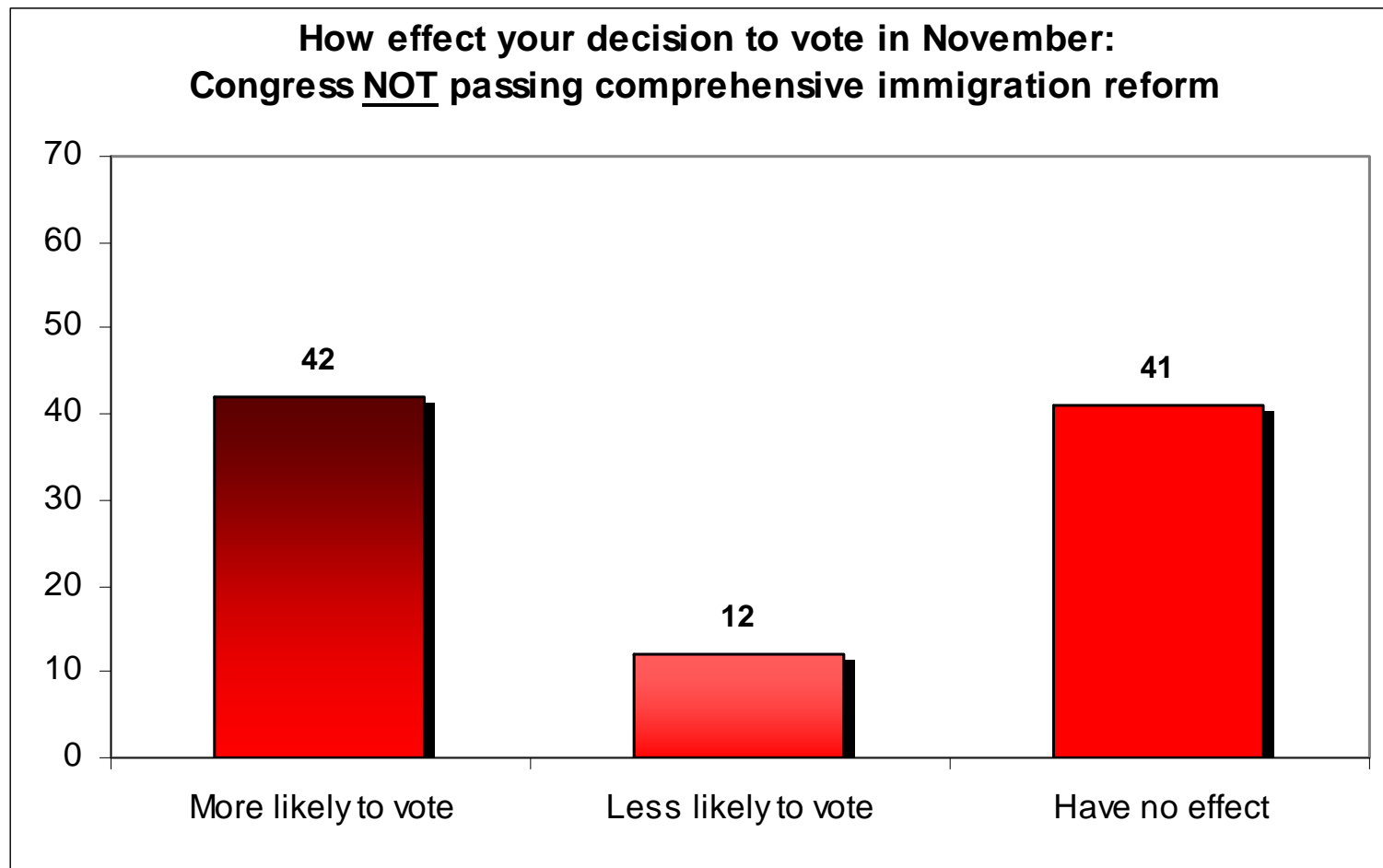


4. Impact on Voting in 2010

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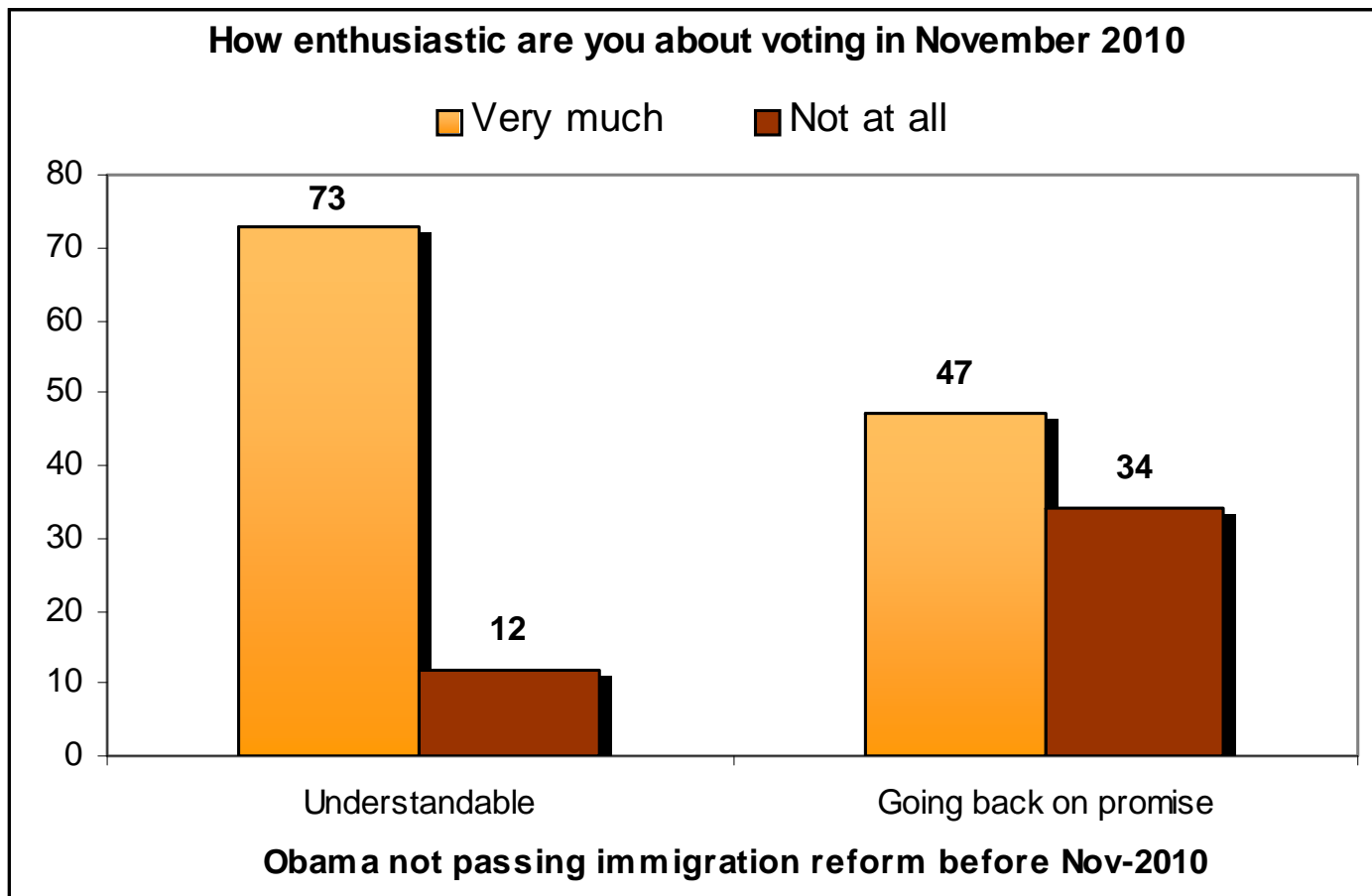


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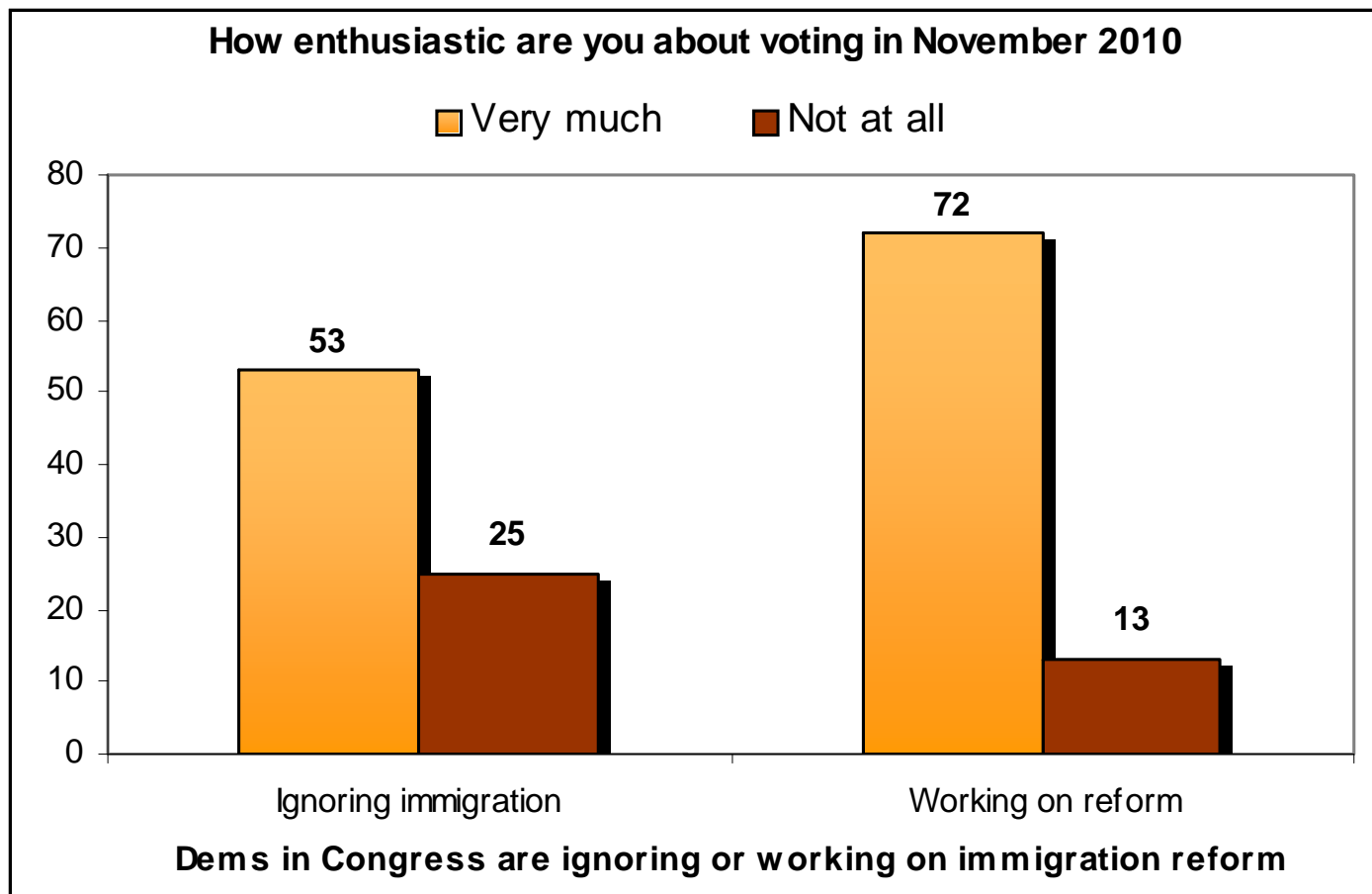
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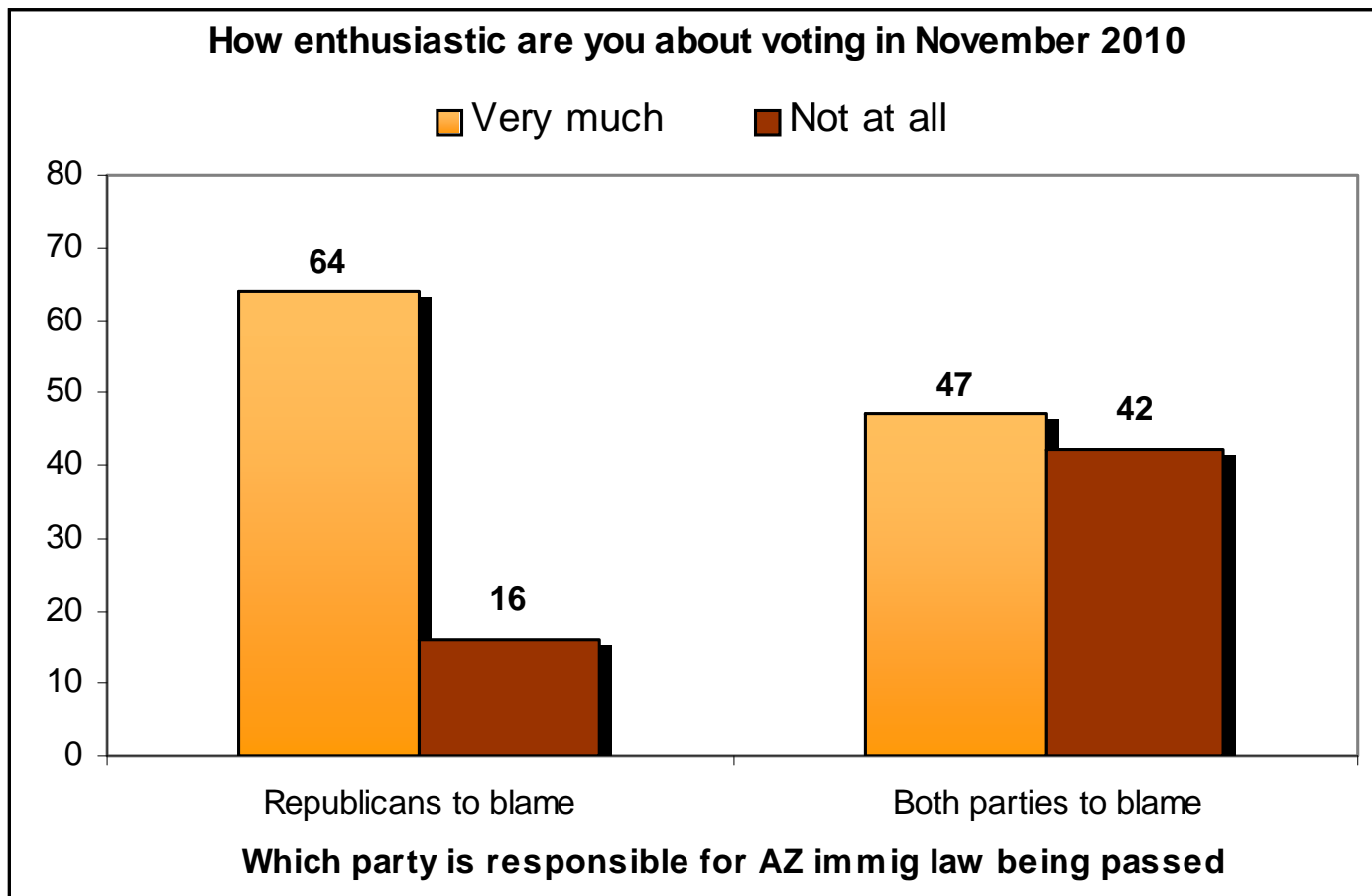
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Summary of Effects on 2010



- Immigration can significantly affect the 2010 Elections;
- Perceptions of Democratic inaction, or the view that the President has broken his promise on this issue, substantially reduce enthusiasm for voting in Nov
- Affirmative movement on the issue is key to mobilizing the Latino electorate.
- Throughout, Latinos who do not see Dems protecting their interests, are very unlikely to vote in Nov



CONCLUDING THOUGHTS



- The Arizona statute has moved immigration front and center in the minds of Latino registered voters;
 - The issue carries high salience across all conceivable demographics of Latino voters
- The Latino electorate's response is more sophisticated than some might have expected:
 - They are suspicious of Democratic and administration commitment on the issue;
 - In the absence of action, GOP misbehavior will not be sufficient to mobilize a Latino voting block, which is currently very energized