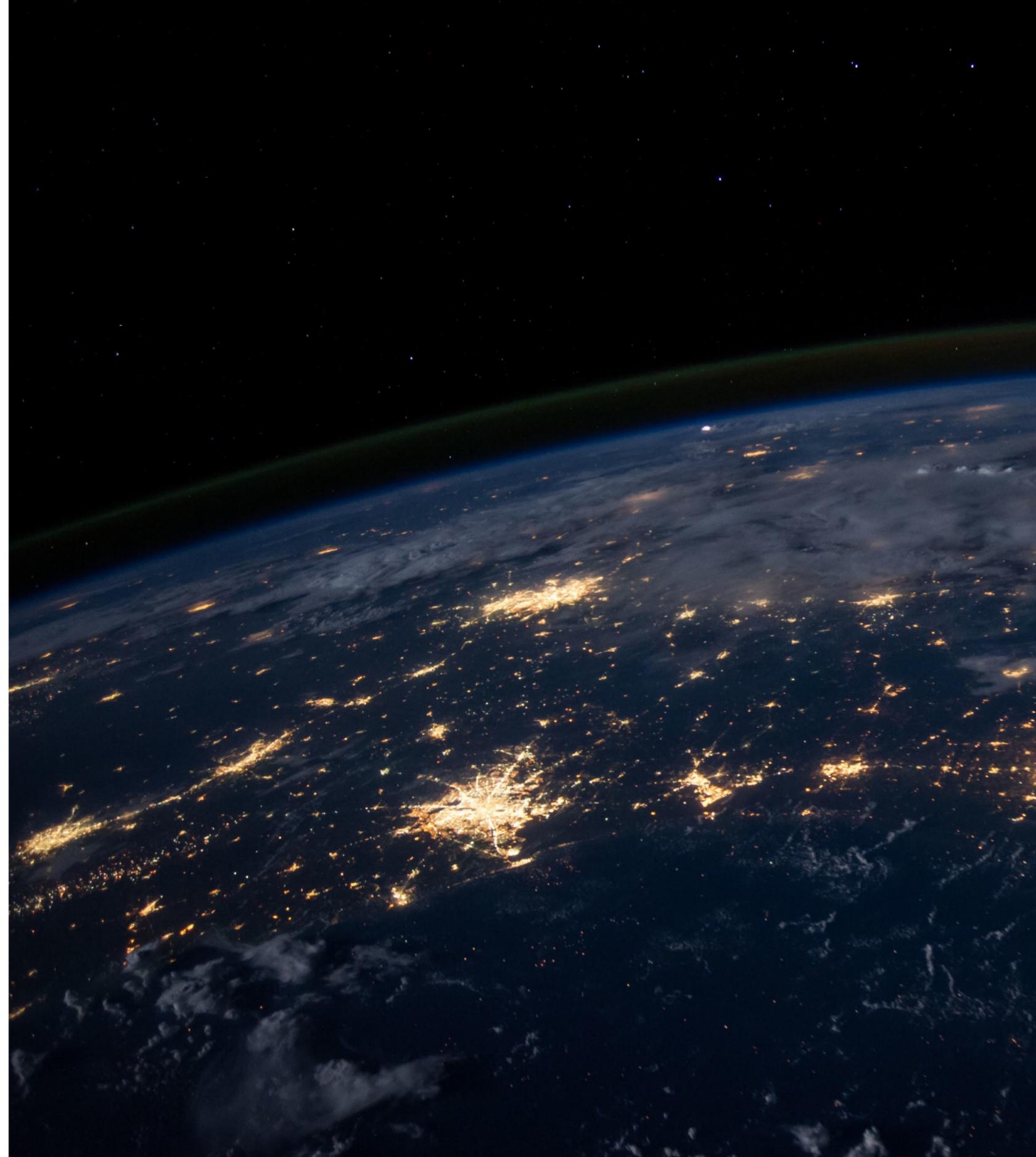




Survey and District-Level Modeling on Clean Energy and Climate Change

Clearpath

N=4,005 National Registered Voters
January 7 - January 17, 2026



Key Findings

- **3-in-4 voters (76%) say it is extremely or fairly important that their Member of Congress supports clean energy.**
- Respondents believe that **Republican members of Congress *should* care about clean energy (82%)**. A plurality disagree that they *do* care about clean energy (47%).
- **Strong majorities of respondents believe a variety of energy policies would reduce energy costs, including:**
 - Permitting reform (70% believe would reduce energy costs a lot/a little)
 - Increased use of nuclear power, geothermal, and other technologies (69% believe would reduce energy costs a lot/a little)
 - Putting renewables on the grid (67% believe would reduce energy costs a lot/a little)
- **Majorities (87%) believe "It is possible for the U.S. to develop cleaner energy sources that can also provide more affordable energy."**
- Nearly half (48%) of respondents say that the US is the world leader in energy production, while 19% say China.
 - Respondents are divided about AI, with 42% say the US compared to 40% who say China. **Majorities (53%) support increasing energy production in order to support the growth of AI while keeping energy affordable for Americans.**
- 3 in 5 voters say they have heard about the Trump administration's energy policies (63%) and the issues of electricity for data centers (65%).



**Voters want to see action from
Congressional Republicans when it
comes to clean energy.**



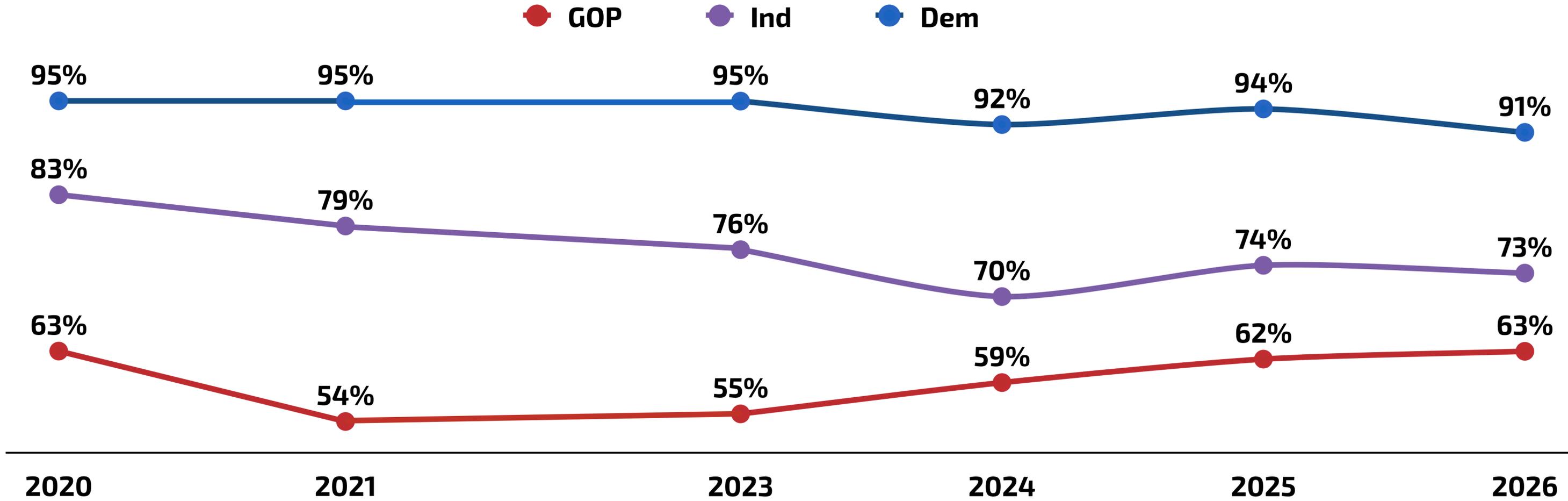
Voters overwhelmingly say their member of Congress should support clean energy-friendly policies.

- **76% of respondents** say it is extremely or fairly important to them that their Member of Congress support policies that promote clean energy, consistent with 2025 and up 2 points since 2024.
- **This includes 63% of Republicans and 73% of political independents.**



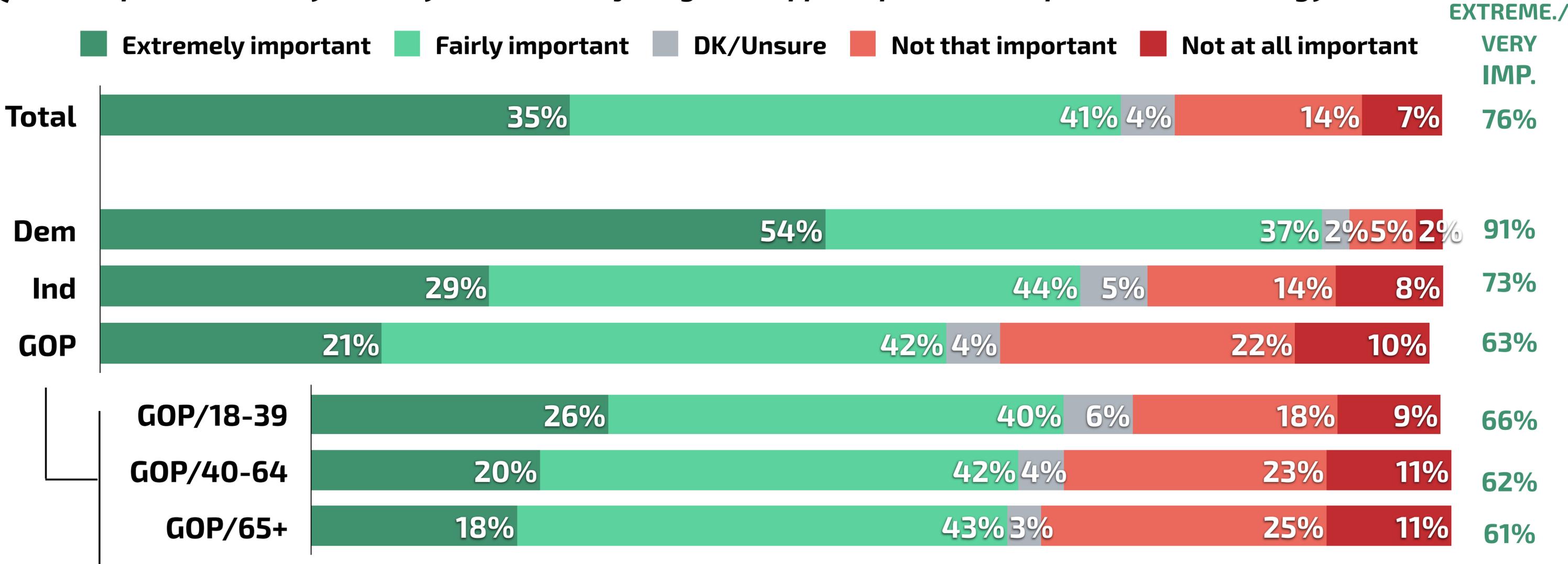
Republicans are increasingly saying that it is important that their Member of Congress supports clean energy

Q. How important is it to you that your Member of Congress supports policies that promote clean energy?
-EXTREMELY/FAIRLY IMPORTANT



Younger Republicans more likely than their older counterparts to say that it is important for their Member of Congress to promote clean energy

Q. How important is it to you that your Member of Congress supports policies that promote clean energy?



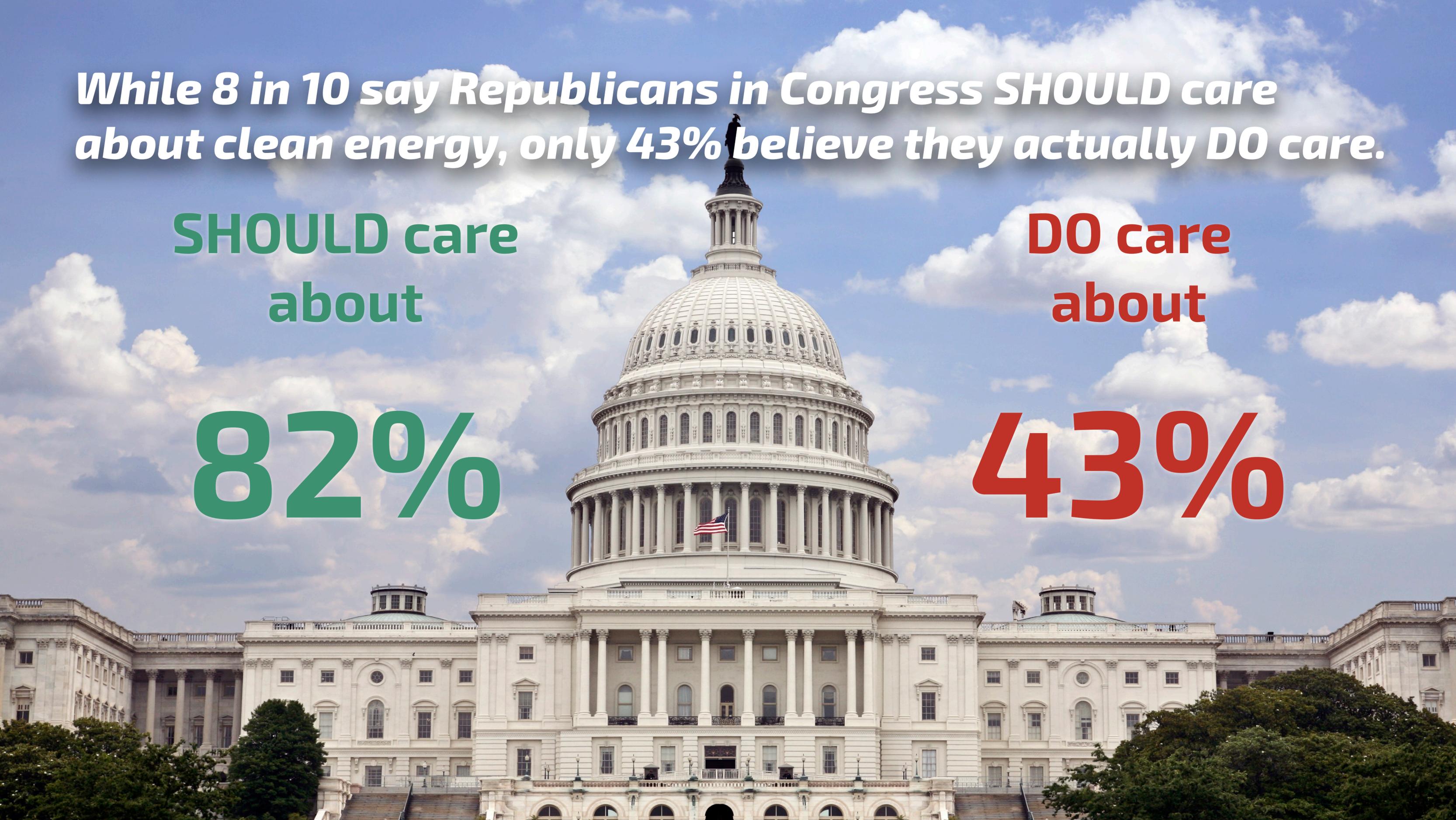
While 8 in 10 say Republicans in Congress SHOULD care about clean energy, only 43% believe they actually DO care.

**SHOULD care
about**

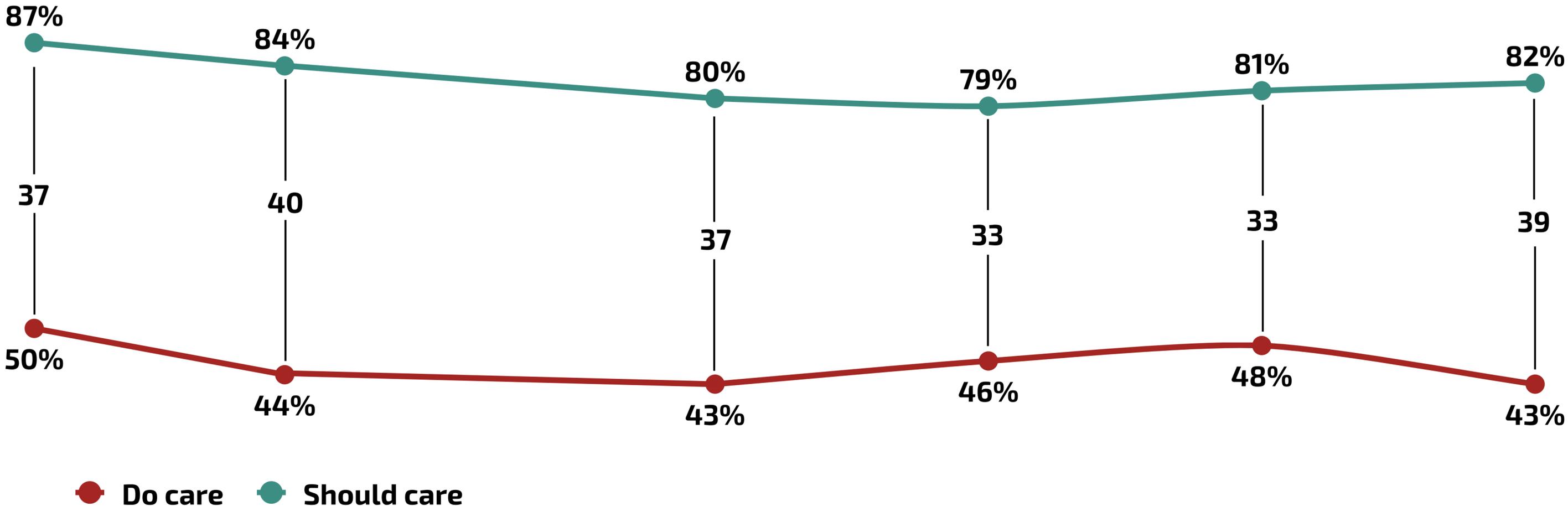
82%

**DO care
about**

43%



Voters in 2026 are less likely to say Republicans in Congress DO care about clean energy than in the year previous



2020

2021

2023

2024

2025

2026



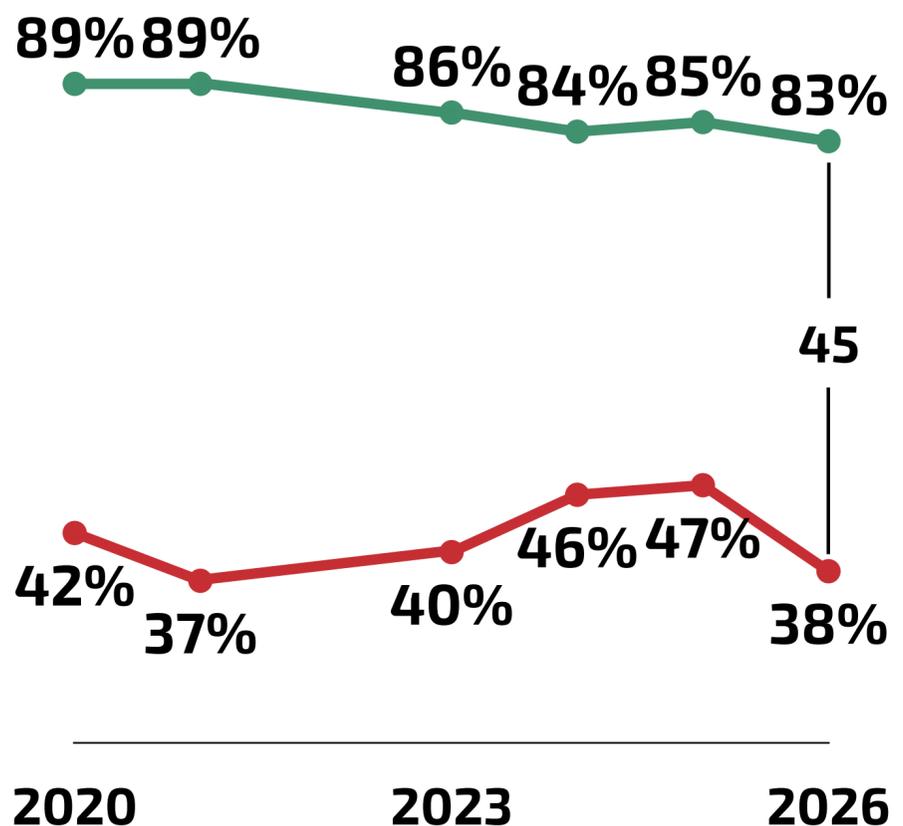
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Note: Showing those who selected "Strongly agree" or "Somewhat agree."

Urban and suburban voters see the largest gap between what Congress SHOULD do and what it DOES about clean energy

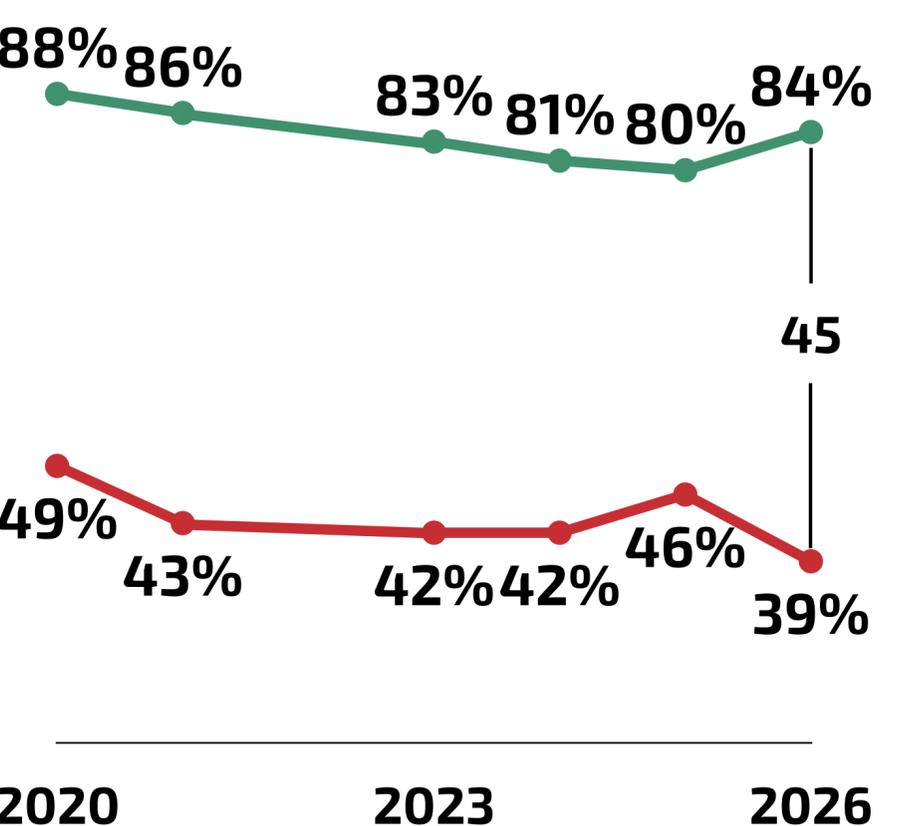
-STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT AGREE

● Should care ● Do care

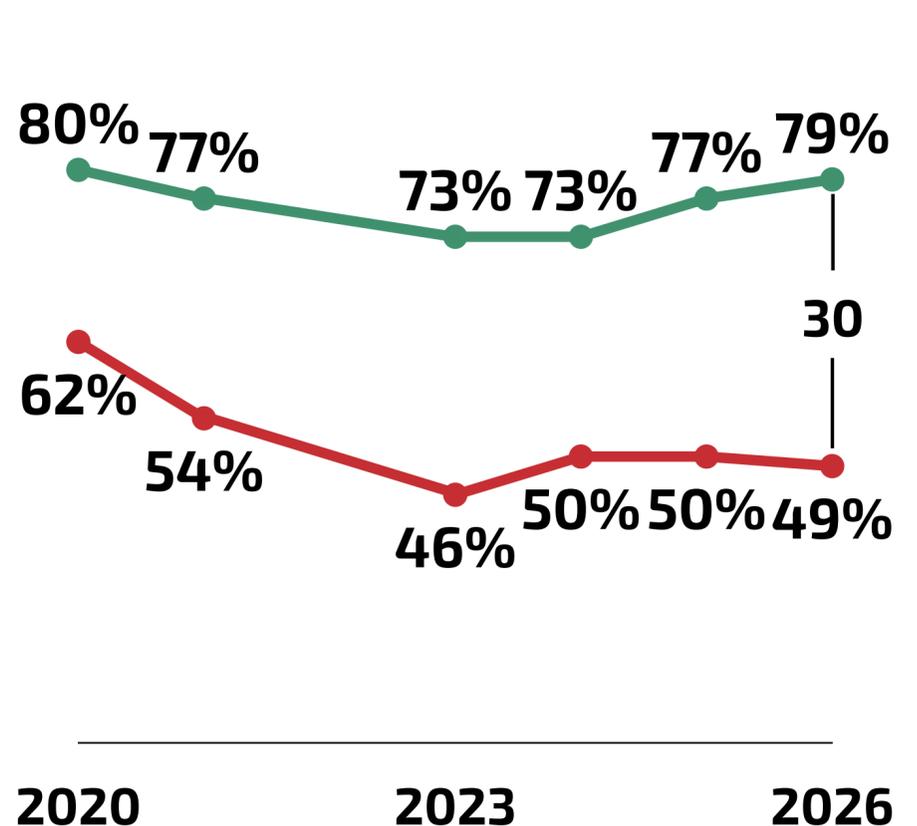
Urban



Suburban



Rural



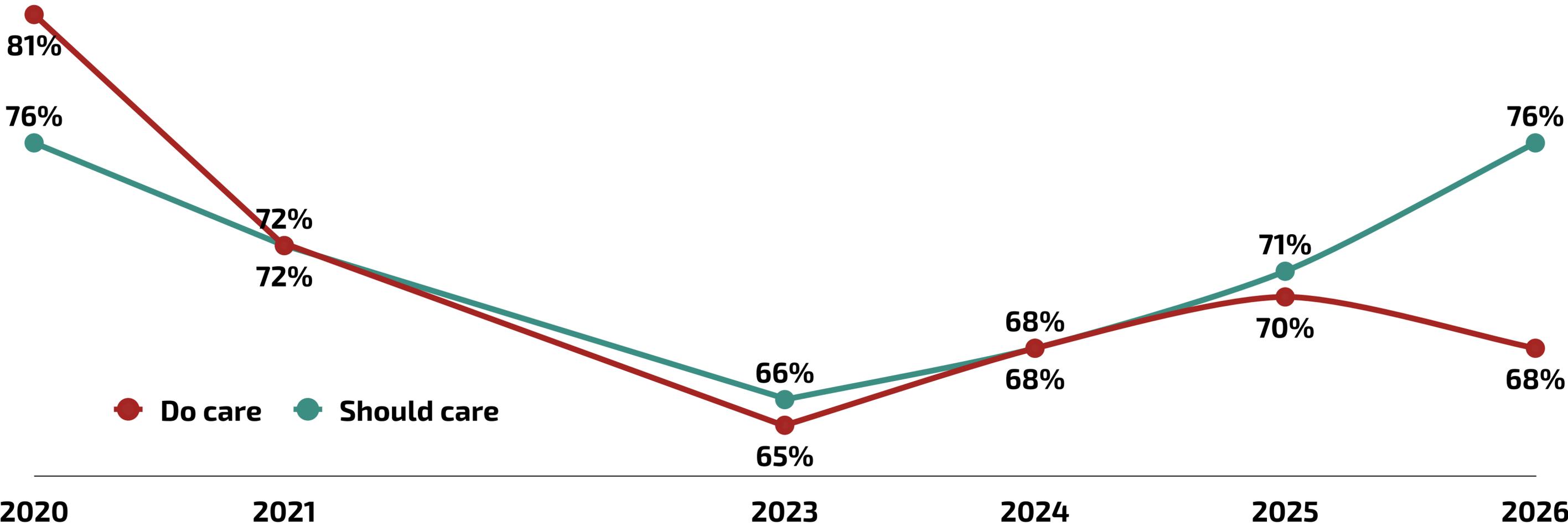
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What do *Republican voters* think about clean energy?



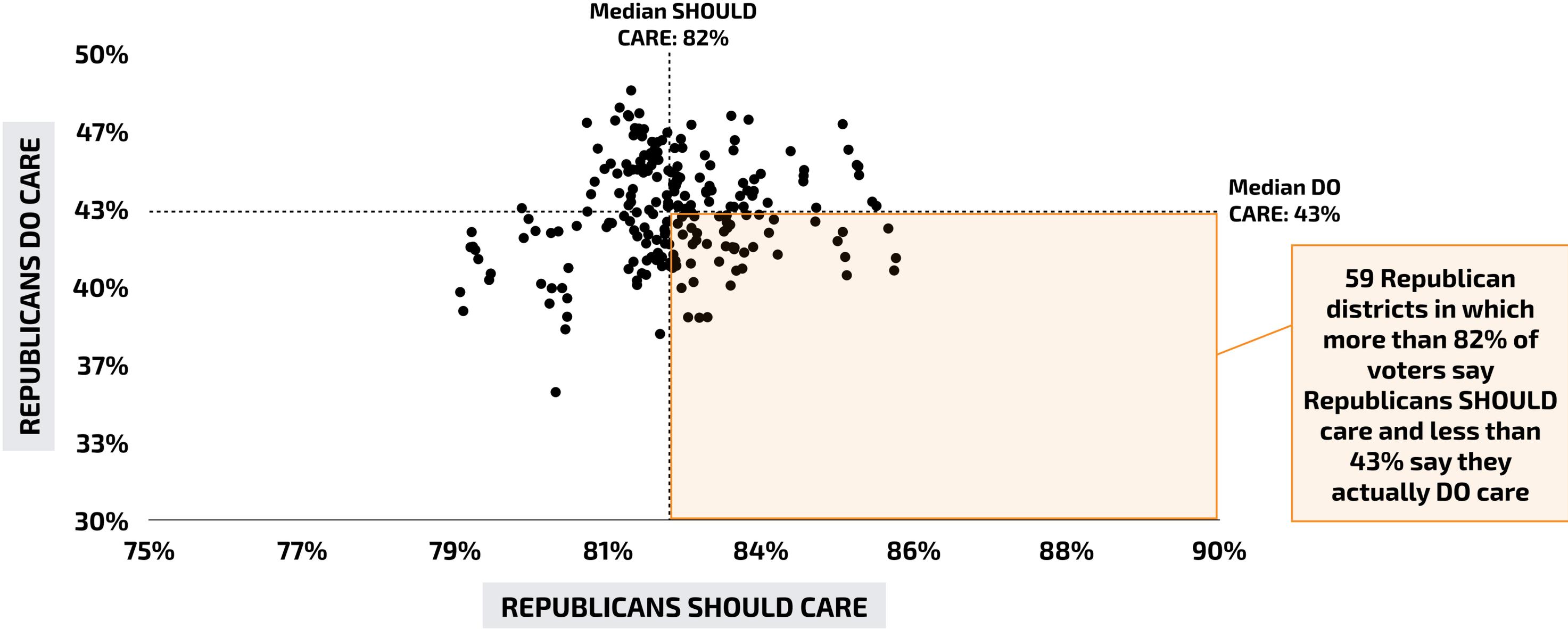
Belief among Republicans that Congress SHOULD care about clean energy increased from 2025, while belief that they DO care remains relatively stable

REPUBLICANS



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Note: Only showing Republicans, n=1338.

In 59 Republican districts, there is a wide gap between voters saying Republicans SHOULD and DO care about clean energy



NOTE: Showing 220 districts won by Republicans in 2024. See Appendix A for an inclusive list of the 59 districts highlighted.

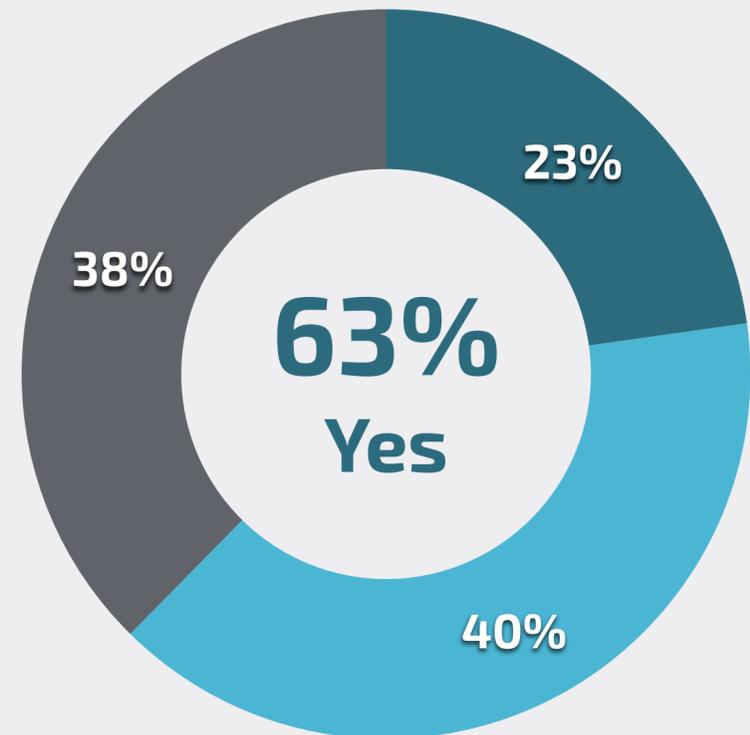
Headlines in energy



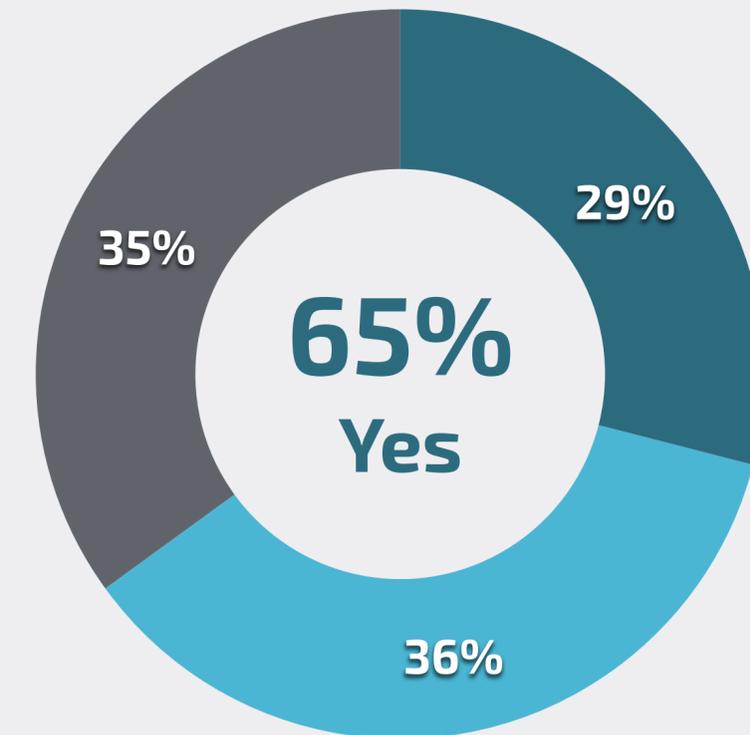
3 in 5 voters say they have heard about Trump administration energy policies and issues of electricity for data centers

Q. In the last few months, have you seen, read, or heard anything about...

...The Trump Administration's policies around energy production in America?



...The issue of electricity and the power needs of data centers?



● Yes, I've heard a lot

● Yes, I've heard a little

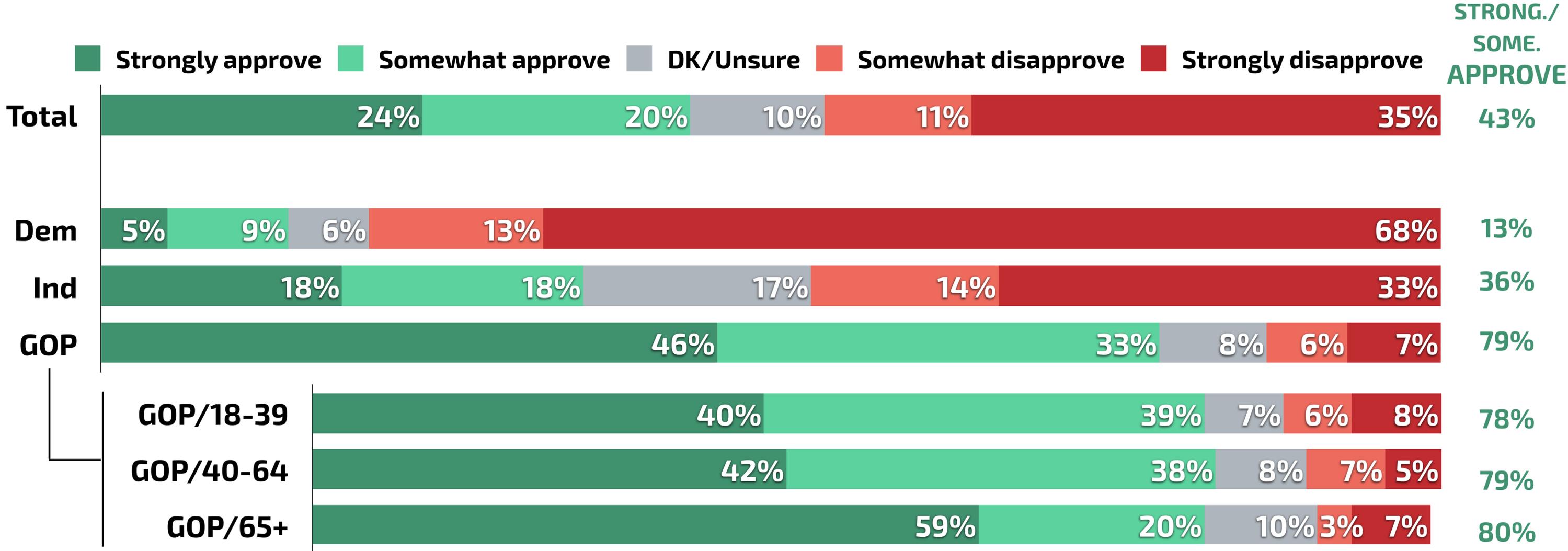
● No, I haven't heard about this



Q. In the last few months, have you seen, read, or heard anything about the issue of electricity and the power needs of data centers?
Q. In the last few months, have you seen, read, or heard anything about the Trump Administration's policies around energy production in America?

Younger and older Republicans approve of Trump's handling of energy production at similar rates

Q. Based on what you know, do you generally approve or disapprove of President Trump's handling of the issue of energy production in America?

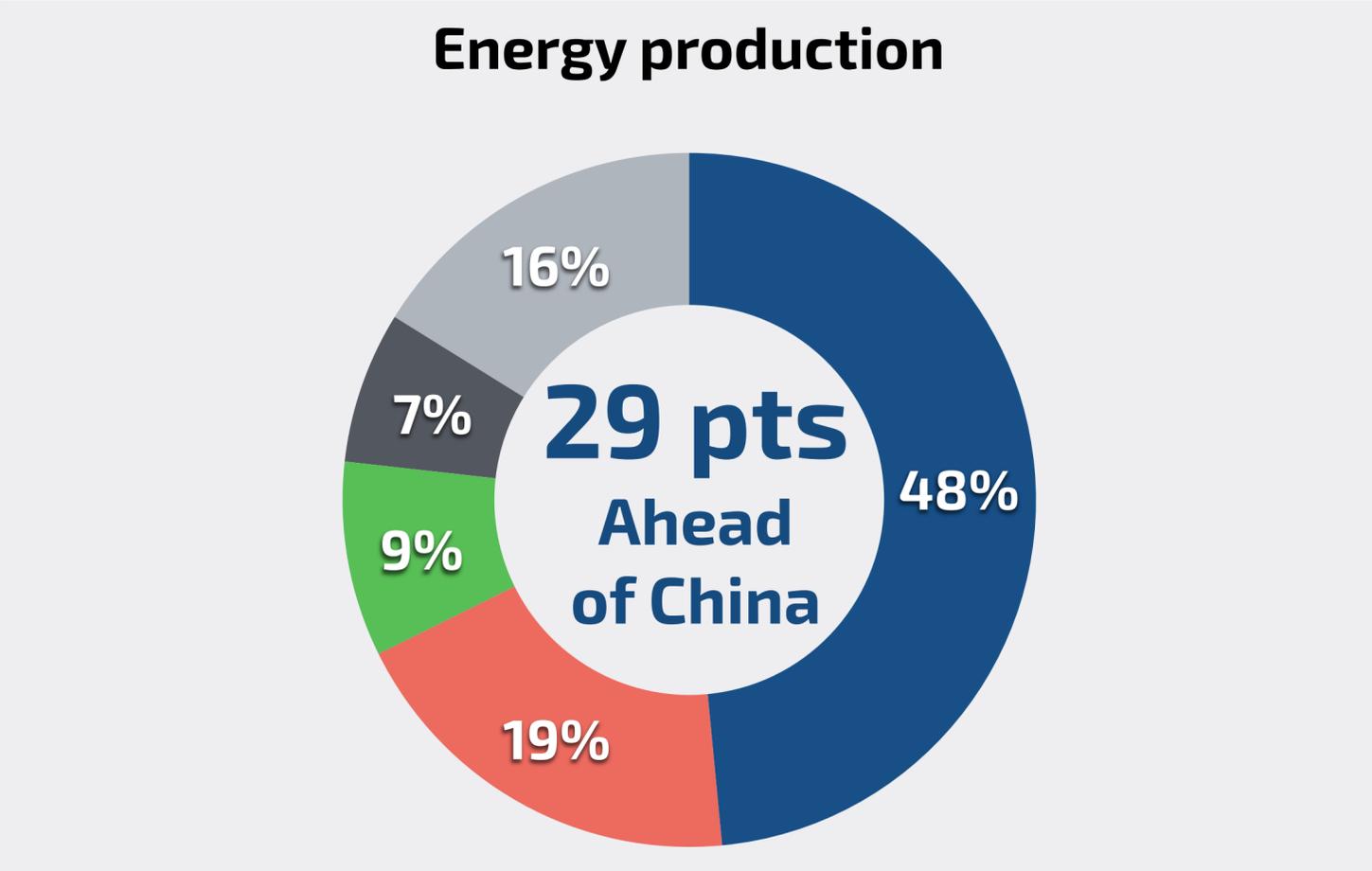
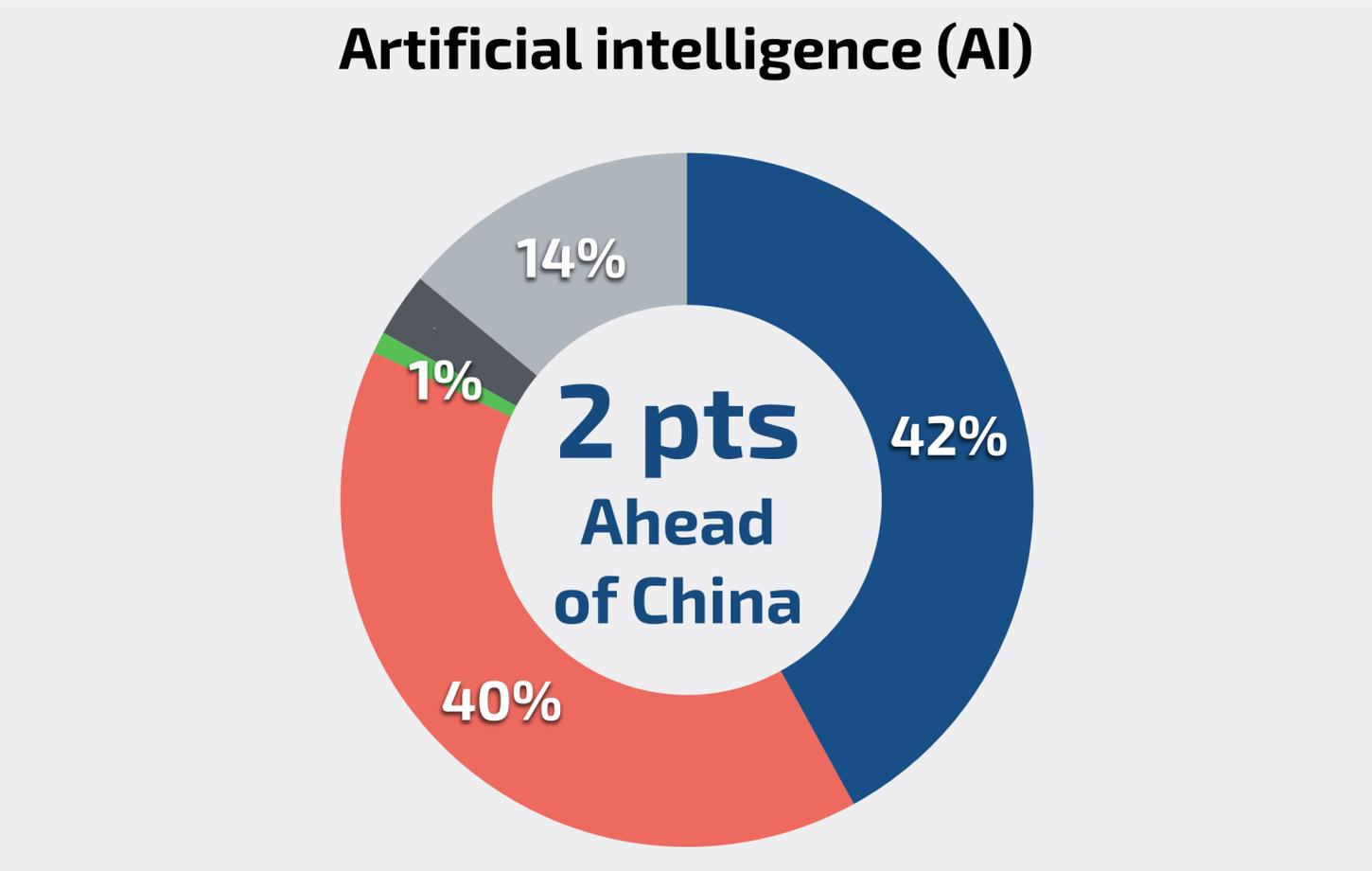


The artificial intelligence boom



Voters are more likely to say the US is leading in energy production than in AI

Q. Which of the following countries or regions do you think is the world leader in each of the following TODAY?



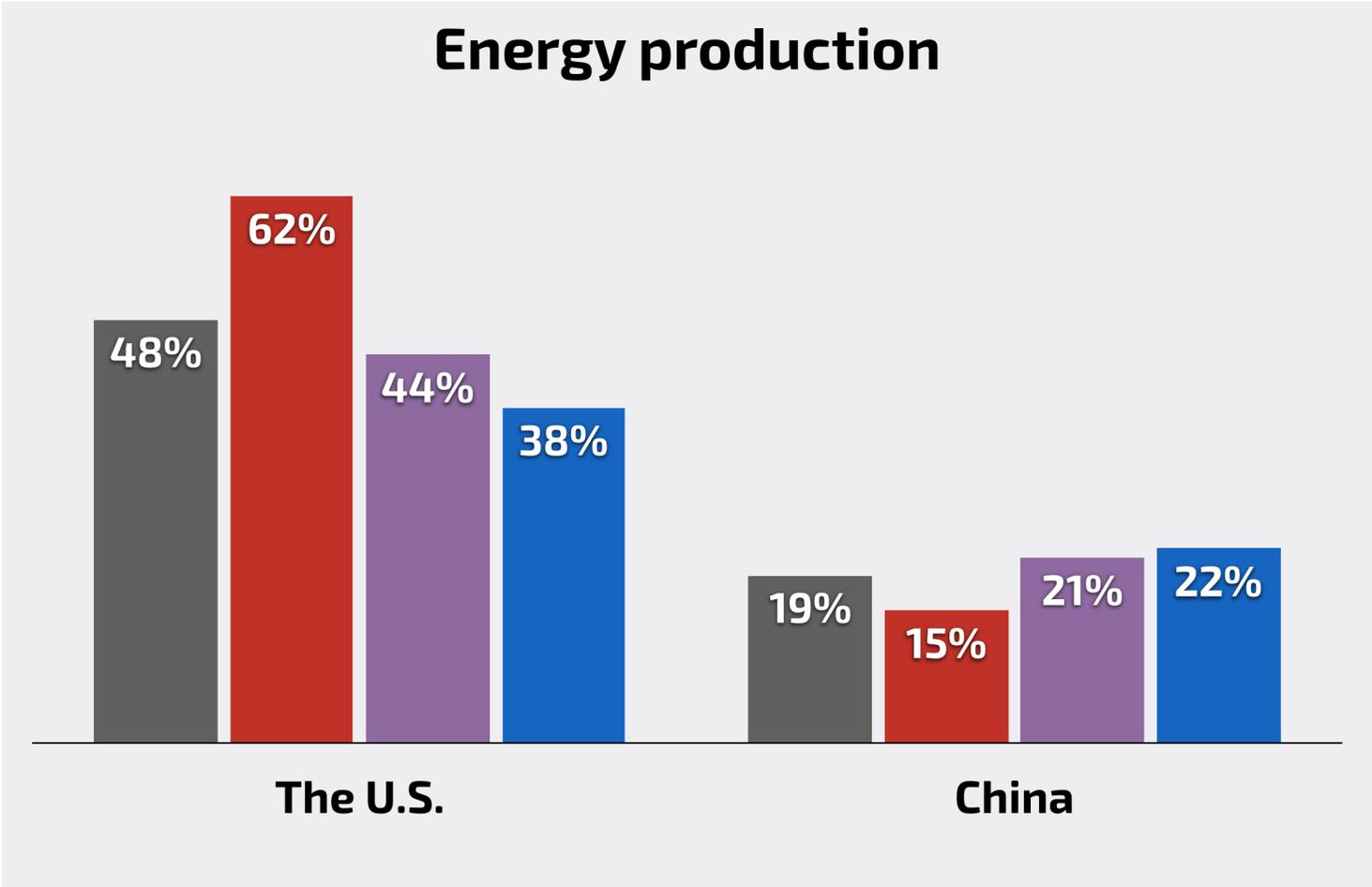
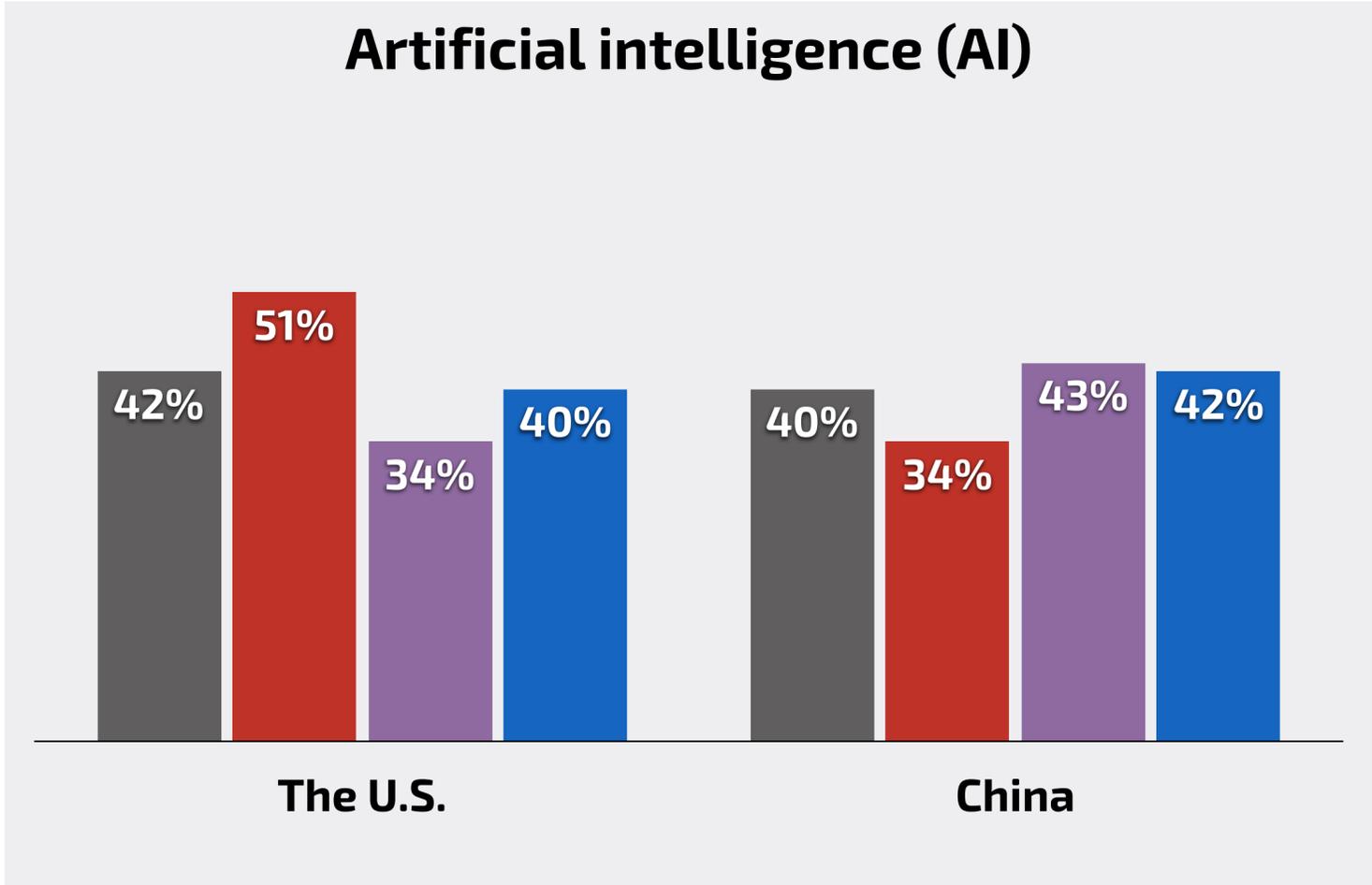
● The U.S. ● China ● Europe ● Somewhere else ● Don't know/Refused/Unsure



Majorities of Republicans say the US is leading in both AI and energy production

Q. Which of the following countries or regions do you think is the world leader in each of the following TODAY?

■ Total ■ GOP ■ Ind ■ Dem

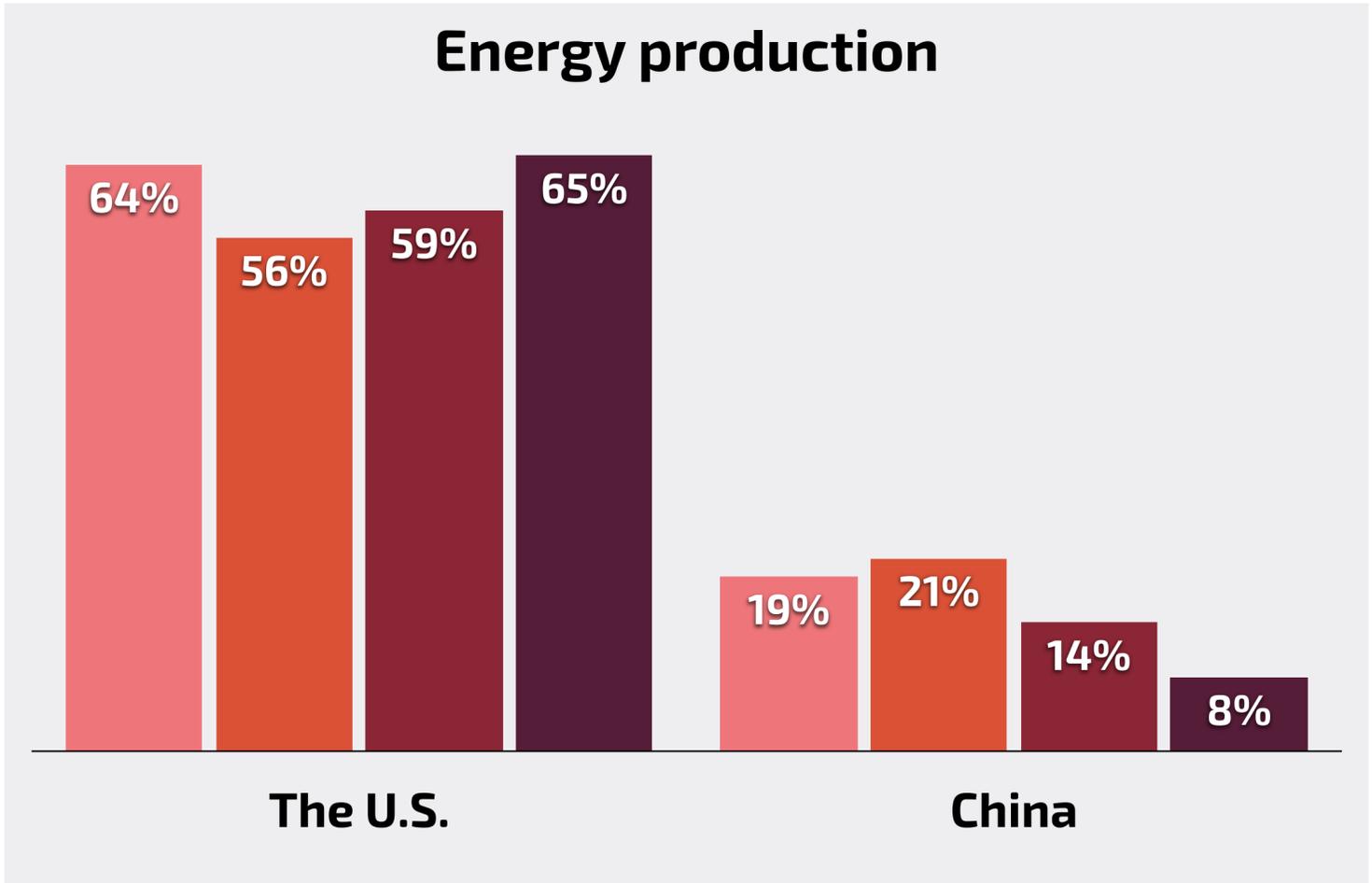
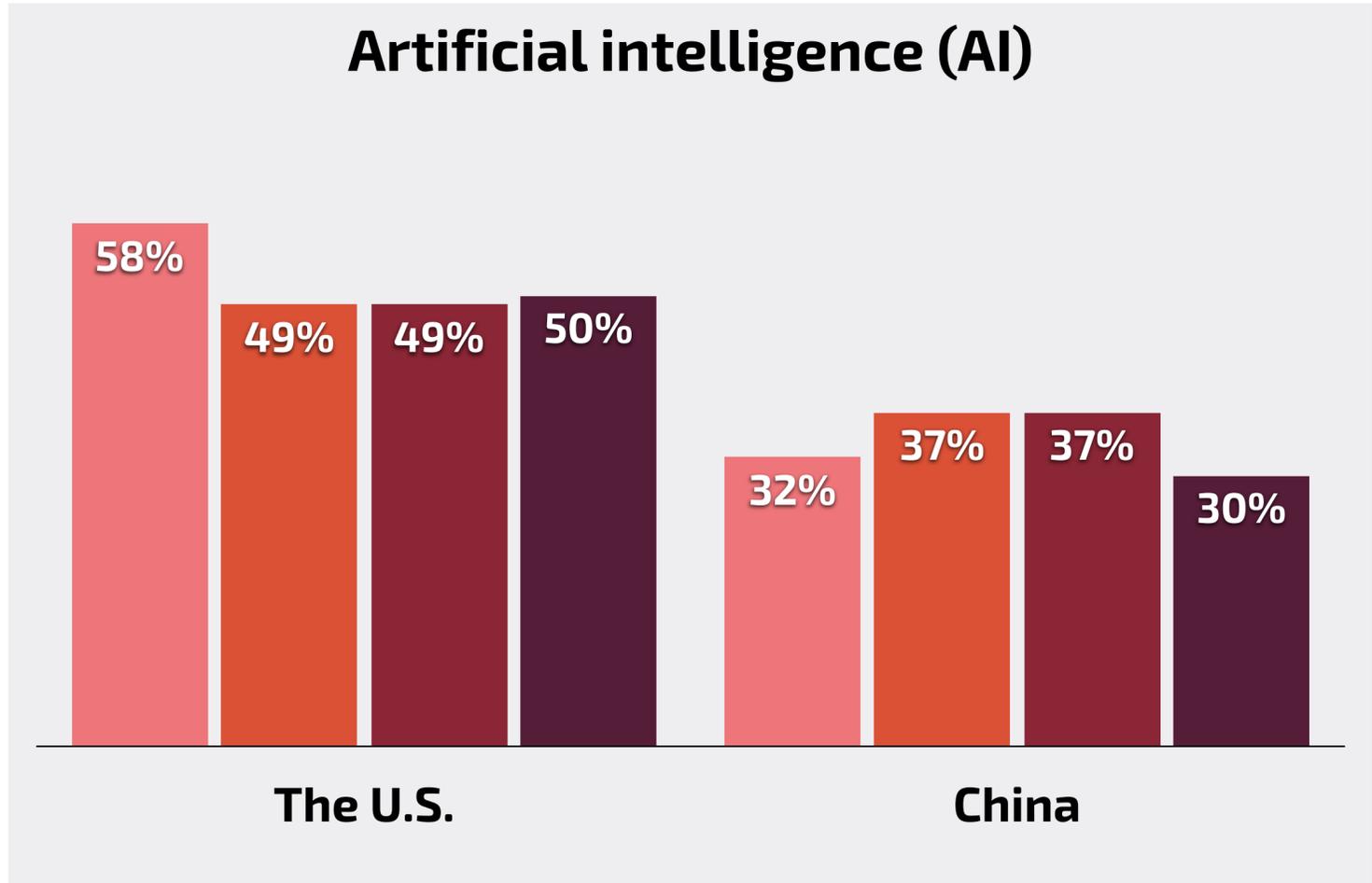


Note: Not showing "Europe", "Somewhere else" and "Don't know/Refused/Unsure."

Young Republicans believe US is the world leader in AI; youngest and oldest are most likely to believe the same about energy production

Q. Which of the following countries or regions do you think is the world leader in each of the following TODAY?

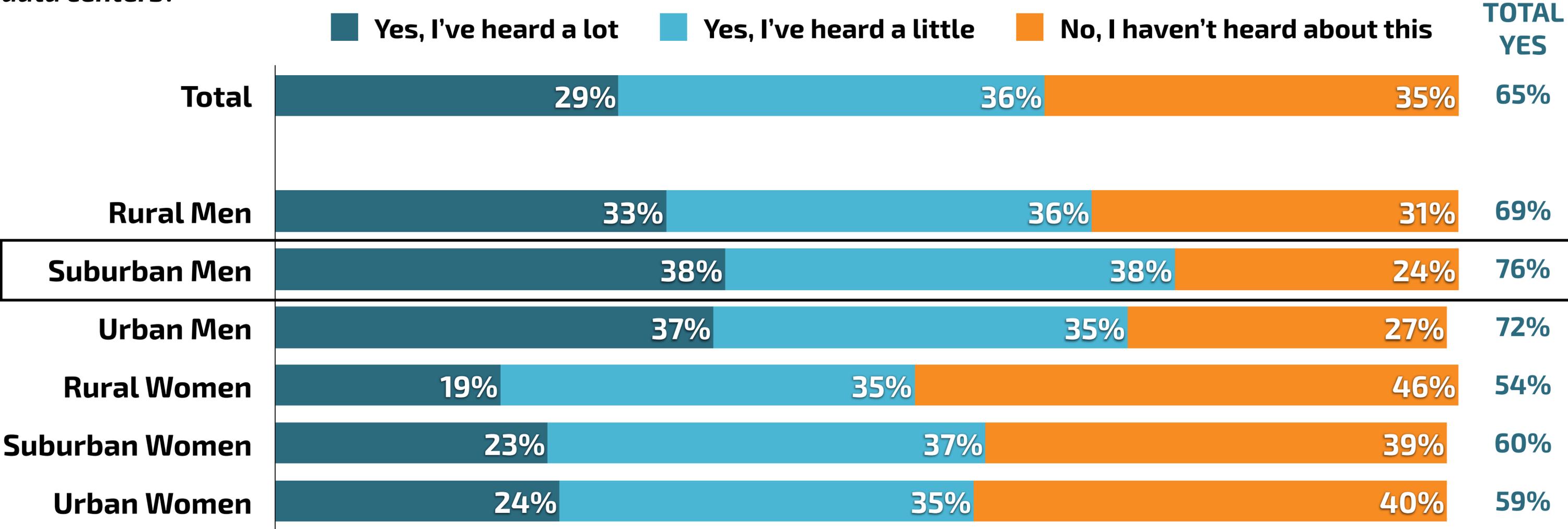
■ GOP/18-34 ■ GOP/35-49 ■ GOP/50-64 ■ GOP/65+



Note: Not showing "Europe", "Somewhere else" and "Don't know/Refused/Unsure."

Nearly 2-in-3 voters have heard about the energy needs of data centers, including 3-in-4 suburban men

Q. In the last few months, have you seen, read, or heard anything about the issue of electricity and the power needs of data centers?



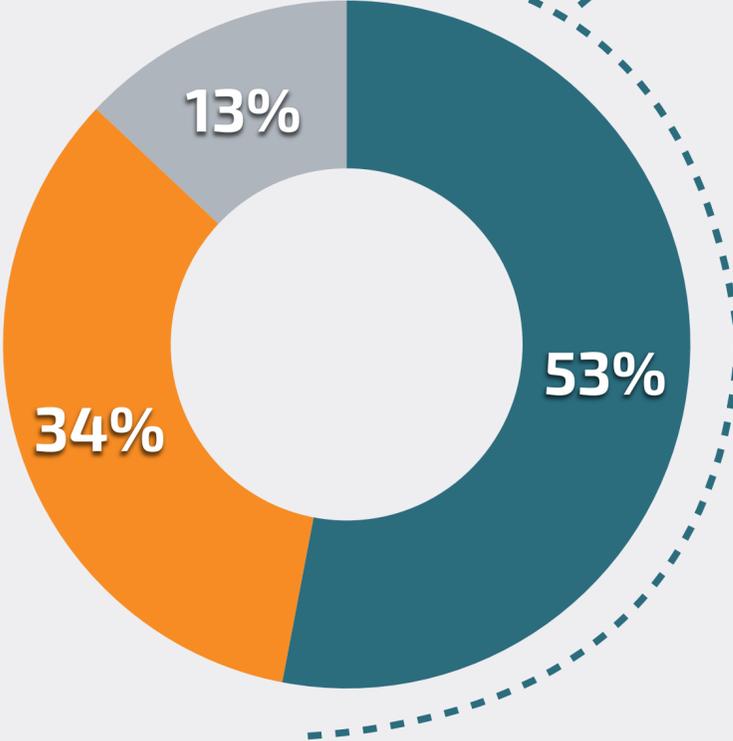
Majorities support increasing energy production in order to support the growth of AI while keeping energy affordable for Americans

Q. Which of the following do you think you agree with more, even if neither is perfect?

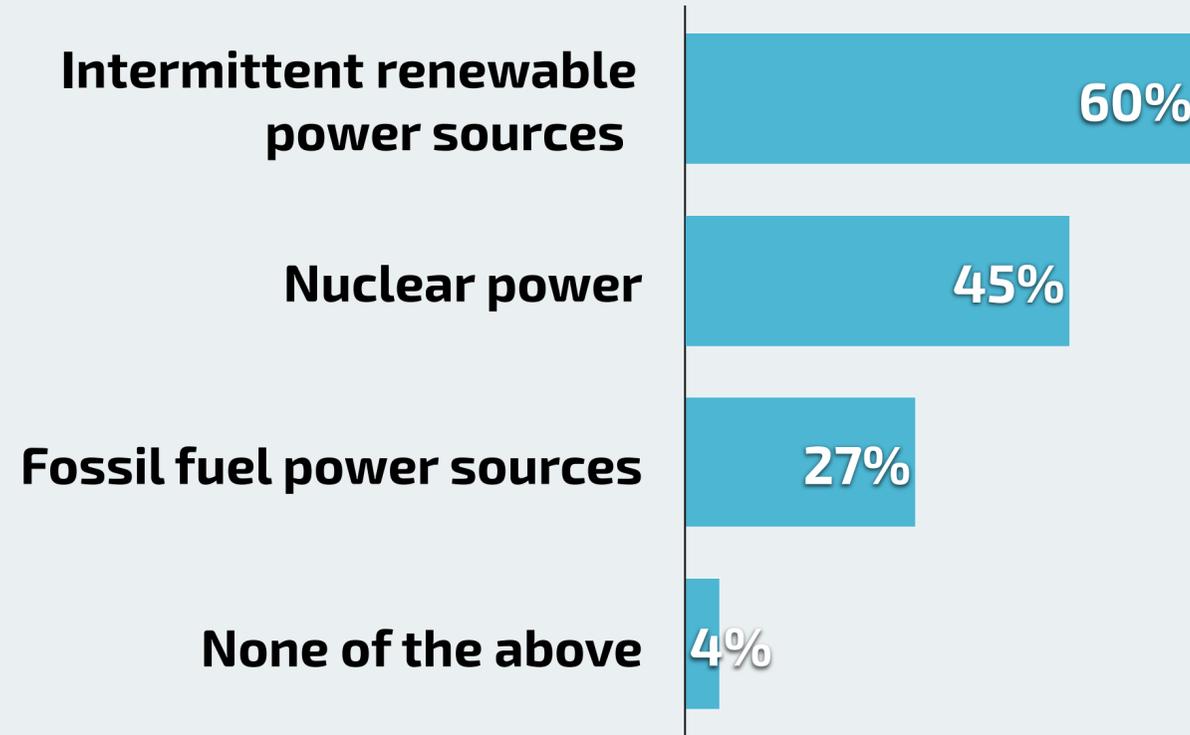
We should increase the amount of energy we produce in order to support the growth of AI while keeping energy affordable for the American people

Unsure

We should not support the growth of AI or the data centers that it relies on

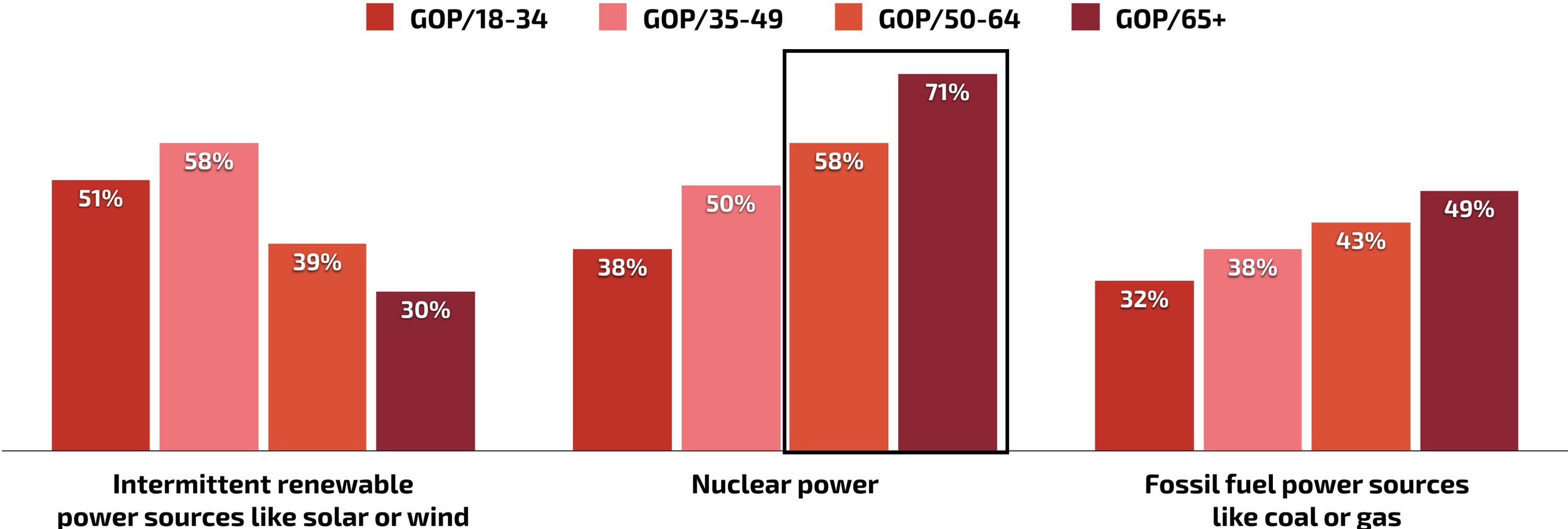


Q. You indicated that you think we should increase the amount of energy we produce in order to support the growth of AI. If you could choose, which energy sources should we rely on to do this? (n=2112)



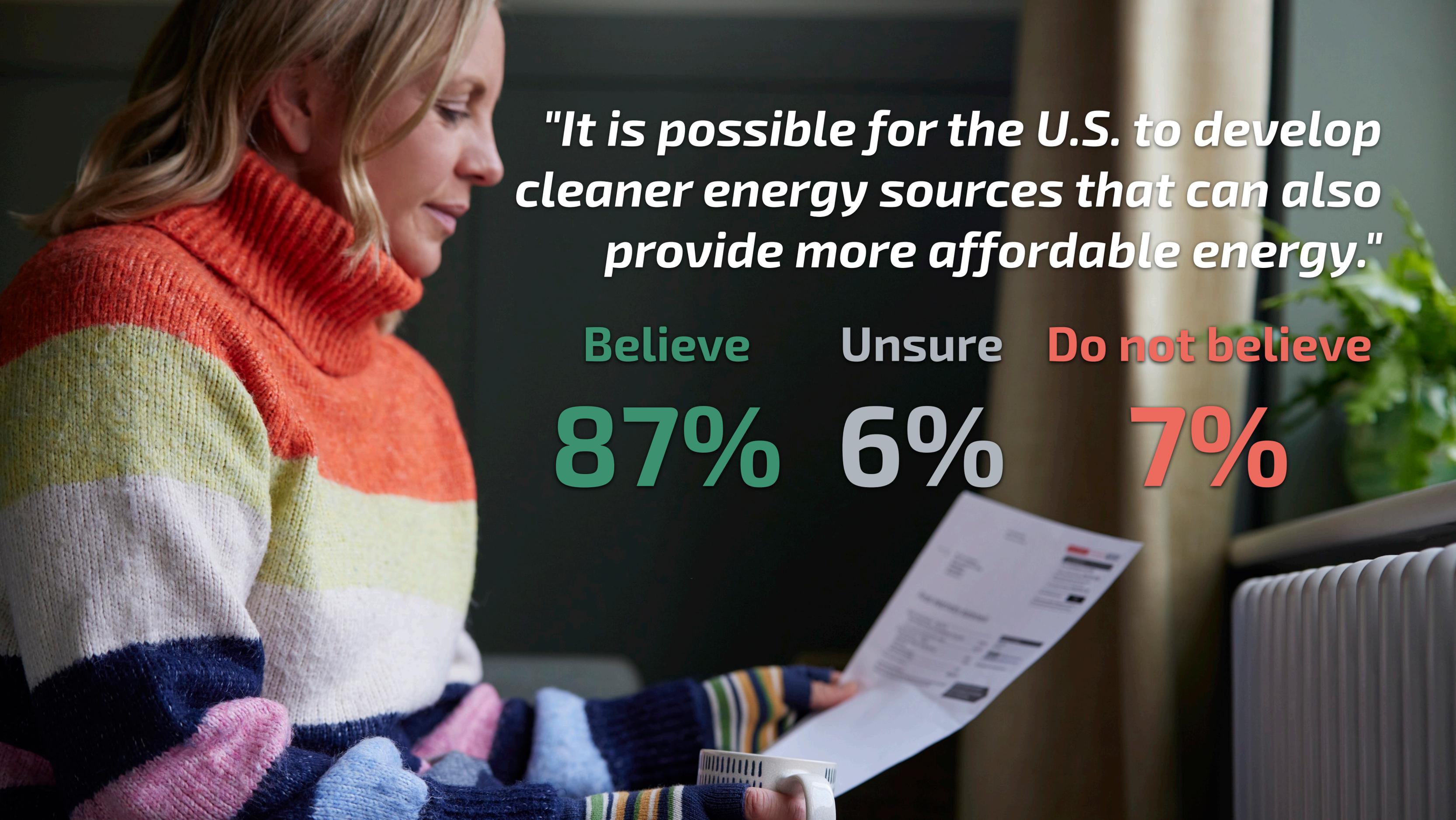
Note: Question text shortened, for full question text, please see Topline. "Intermittent renewable power sources" shortened from "Intermittent renewable power sources like solar or wind" and "Fossil fuel power sources" shortened from "Fossil fuel power sources like coal or gas."

Republicans are most likely to support nuclear for AI energy needs, especially older Republicans



Q. You indicated that you think we should increase the amount of energy we produce in order to support the growth of AI. If you could choose, which energy sources should we rely on to do this?
Note: Only asked of those who believe "We should increase the amount of energy we produce in order to support the growth of AI while keeping energy affordable for the American people" (n=2112). Not showing "None of the above."

How can energy issues affect affordability?

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a colorful striped turtleneck sweater, is looking down at a document she is holding. She is also holding a white mug. The background is a blurred indoor setting with a radiator and a plant.

"It is possible for the U.S. to develop cleaner energy sources that can also provide more affordable energy."

Believe

87%

Unsure

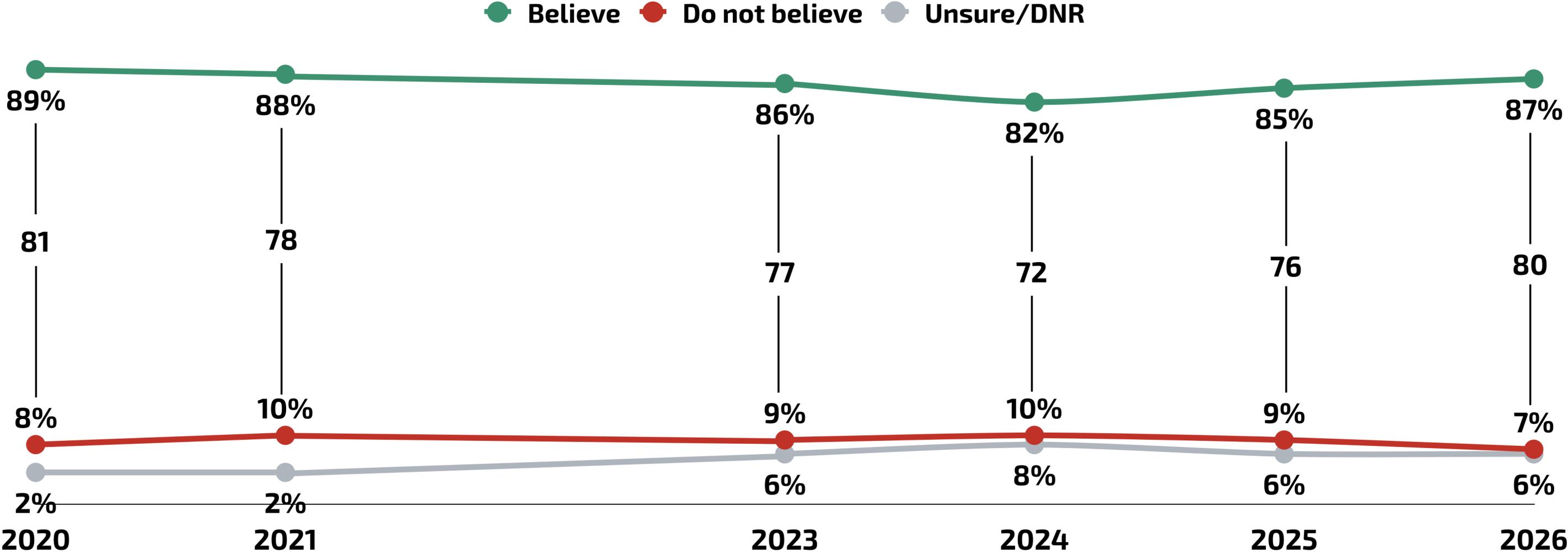
6%

Do not believe

7%

Majorities believe the U.S. can develop cleaner energy sources that are also more affordable, by 80 point margin

“It is possible for the U.S. to develop cleaner energy sources that can also provide more affordable energy.”



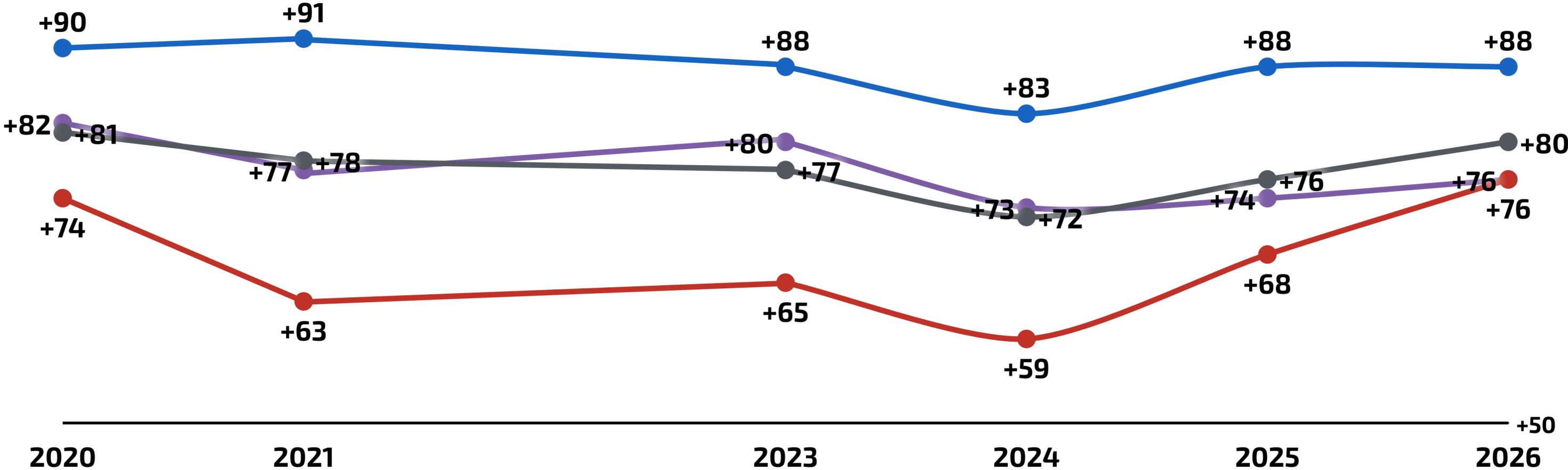
Q. Would you say you generally believe or do not believe the following statement?

Across parties, voters believe that clean and affordable energy is achievable, with Republicans at a six year net high

"It is possible for the U.S. to develop cleaner energy sources that can also provide more affordable energy."

NET (BELIEVE-DO NOT BELIEVE)

● Total ● GOP ● Ind ● Dem



Q. Would you say you generally believe or do not believe the following statement? "It is possible for the U.S. to develop cleaner energy sources that can also provide more affordable energy."

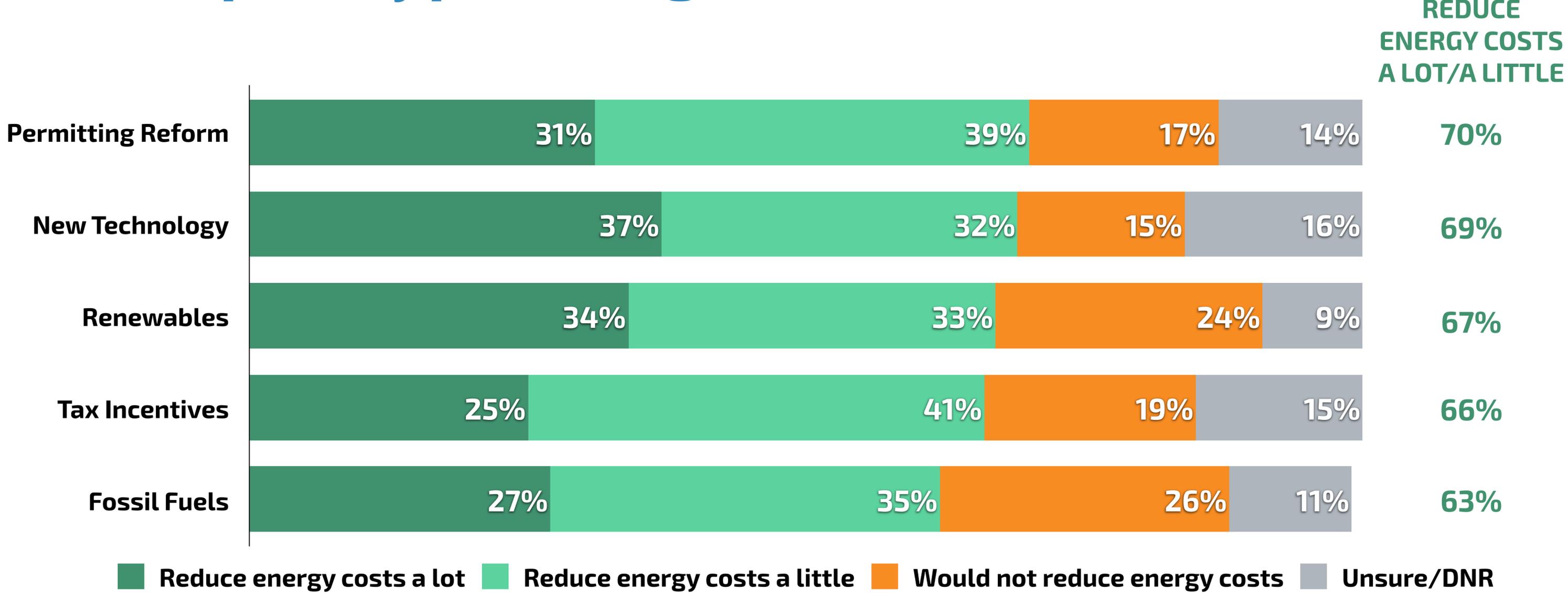
Voters were asked about how potential policy ideas would affect energy costs

Permitting Reform	“Make it simpler to build new clean energy projects without getting too tied up in a cumbersome permitting process”
Renewables	“Support putting more renewable energy sources like wind and solar on the grid because they don't require fuel”
New Technology	“Support the increased use of advanced nuclear power, geothermal, and other new technologies to provide more electricity”
Fossil Fuels	“Keep more fossil fuel energy plants like coal and natural gas operating because the U.S. has an abundance of those resources”
Tax Incentives	“Extend tax incentives for new energy production so U.S. companies don't pass that cost on to consumers”



Q. For each of the following, please indicate whether, if at all, you think implementing the idea would reduce energy costs. If you aren't sure, it is OK to give your best guess.

Majorities believe all energy policies presented would reduce costs, especially permitting reform

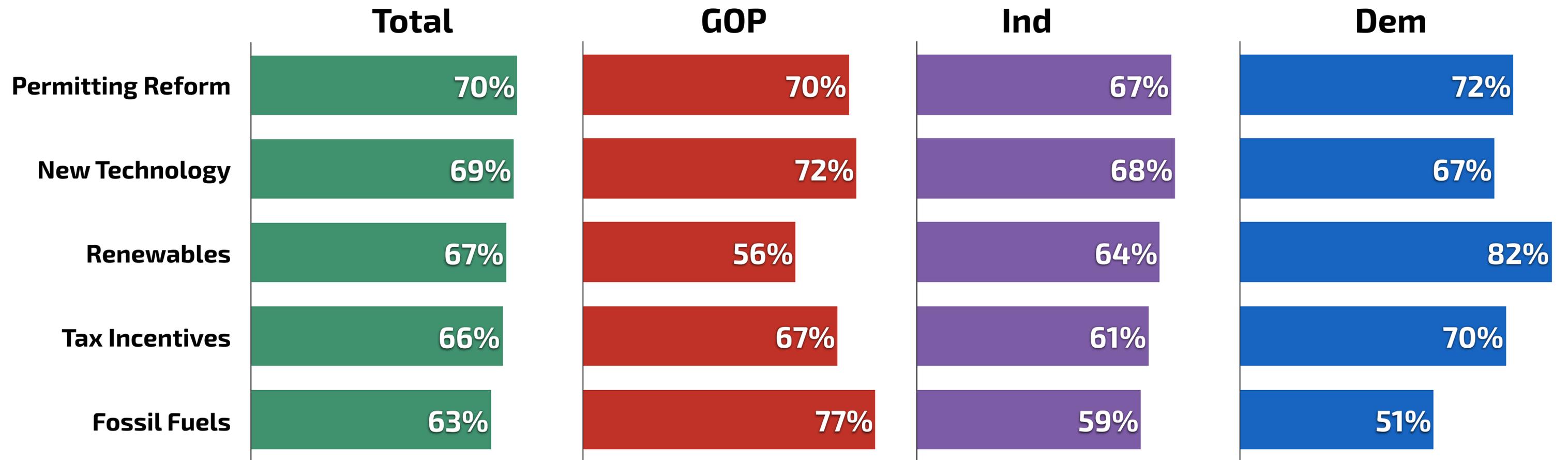


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Majorities across parties believe in these policies' ability to reduce costs

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-REDUCE ENERGY COSTS A LOT/A LITTLE

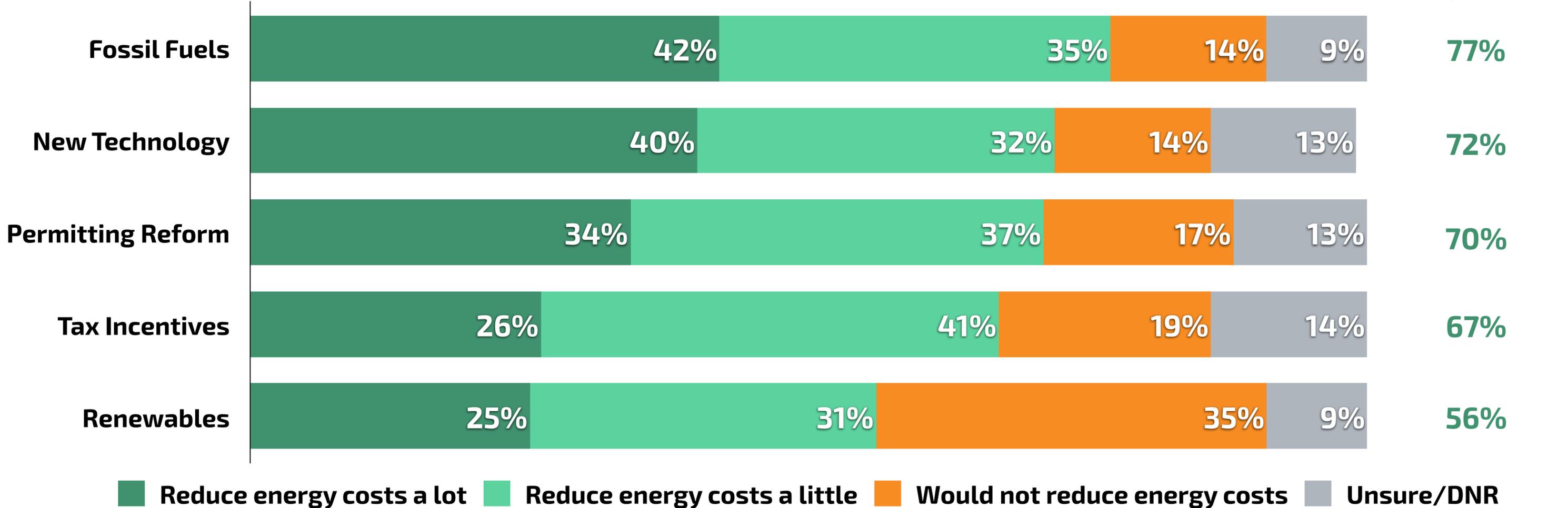


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Republicans feel most optimistic about price cutting ability of fossil fuels, but agree all will cut costs

REPUBLICANS

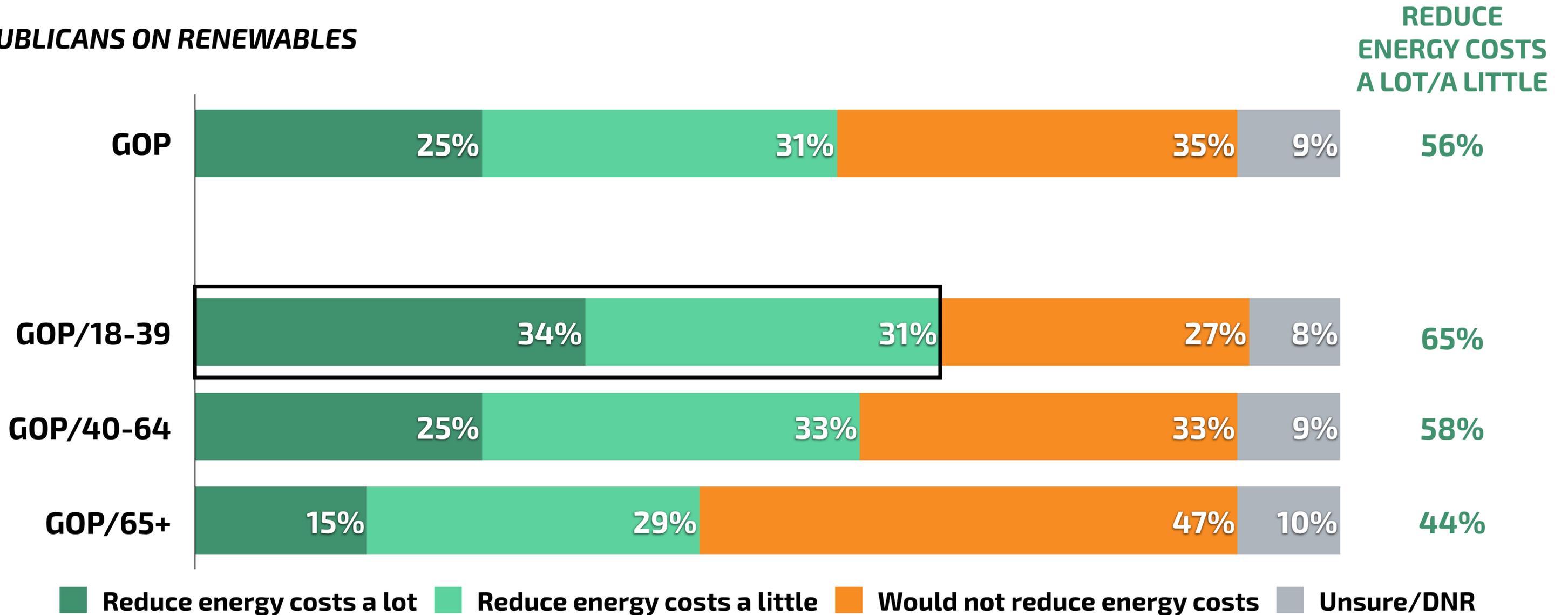
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Q. For each of the following, please indicate whether, if at all, you think implementing the idea would reduce energy costs. If you aren't sure, it is OK to give your best guess.
 Note: Only showing Republicans, n=1338.

Nearly 2-in-3 young Republicans think renewables will lower costs

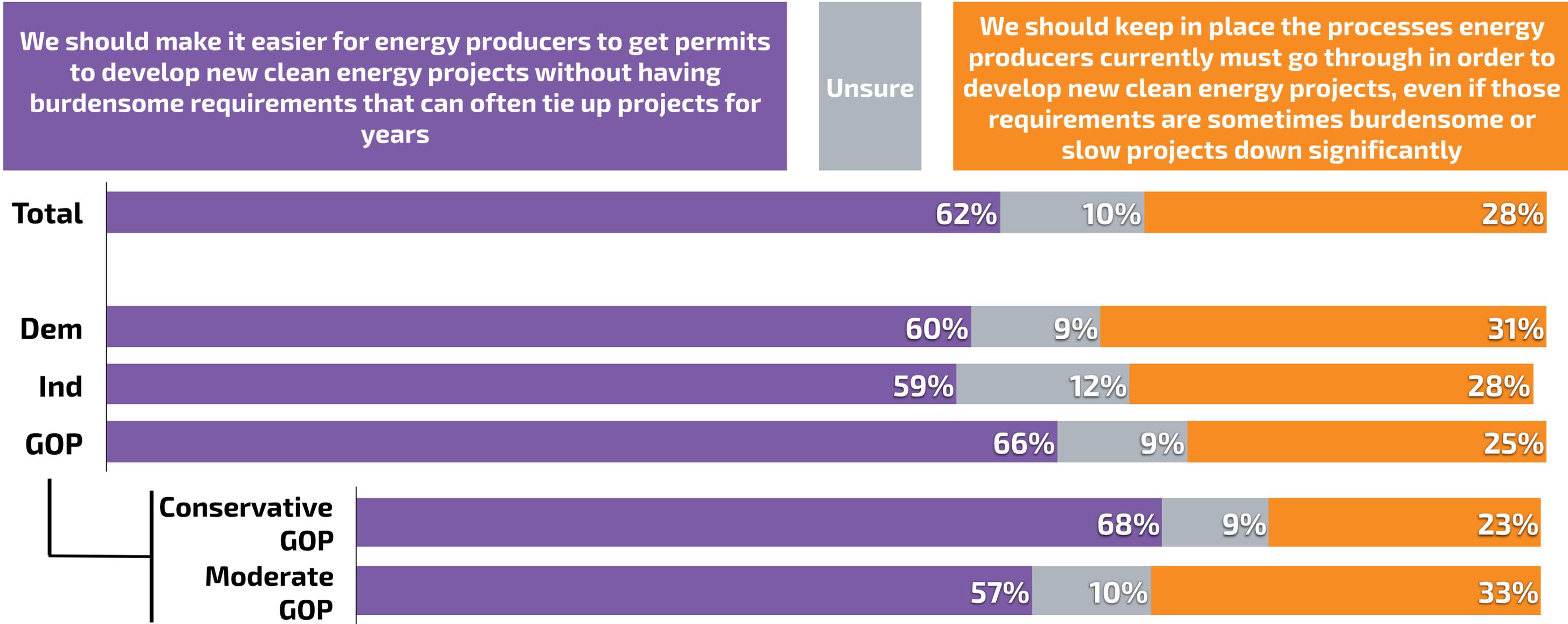
REPUBLICANS ON RENEWABLES



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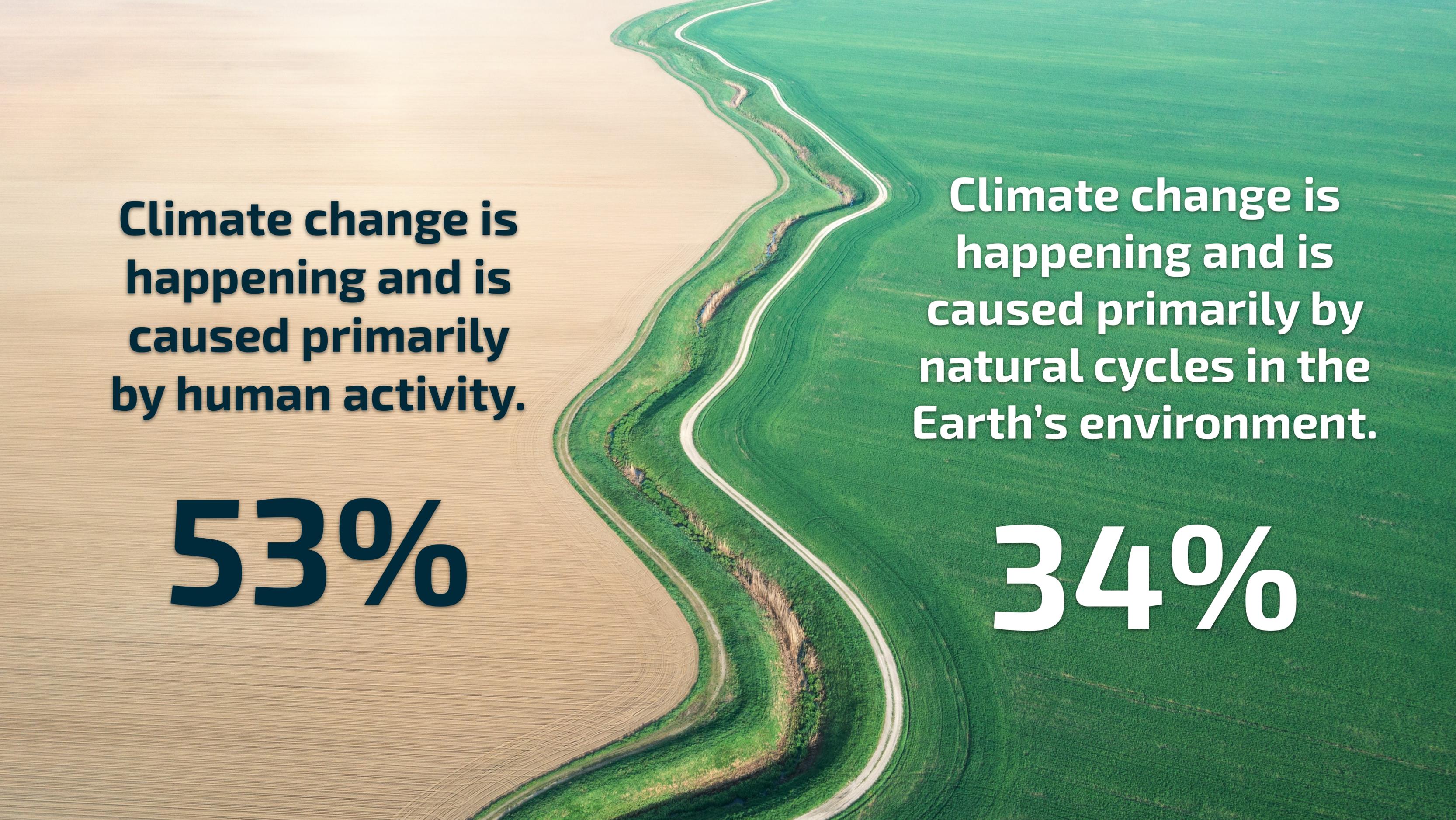
Across the aisle, majorities choose permitting reform over burdensome requirements



Q. Which of the following do you agree with more, even if neither is perfect?
 Note: Not showing n=54 liberal GOP voters.

**Voters — and Republican voters in particular
— believe the U.S. can combat climate
change without imposing new regulations**





Climate change is happening and is caused primarily by human activity.

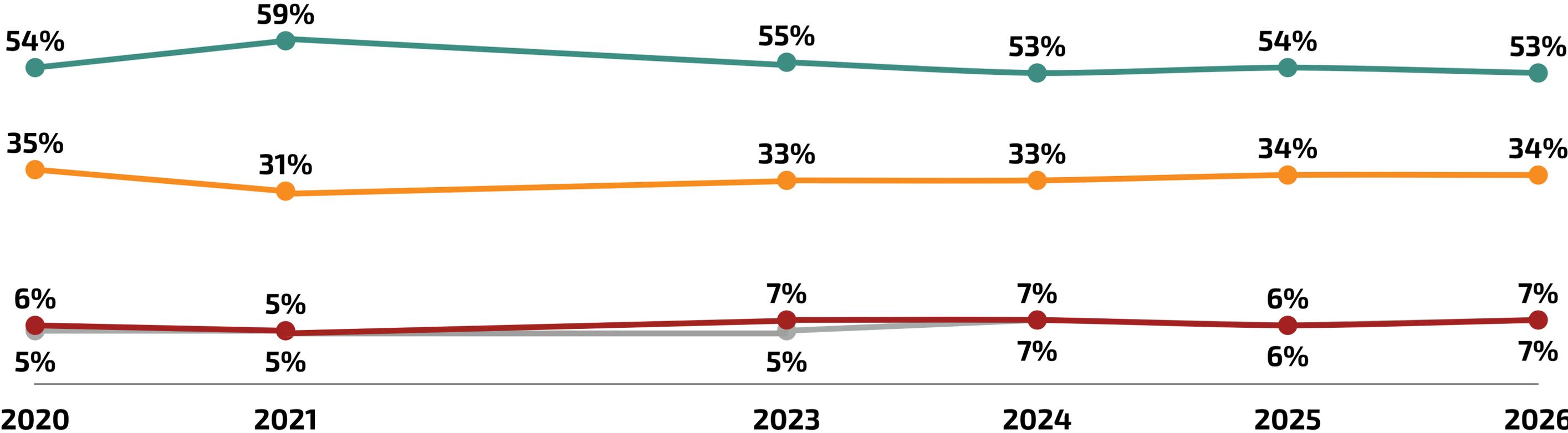
53%

Climate change is happening and is caused primarily by natural cycles in the Earth's environment.

34%

Majorities continue to say climate change is happening and is caused by human activity

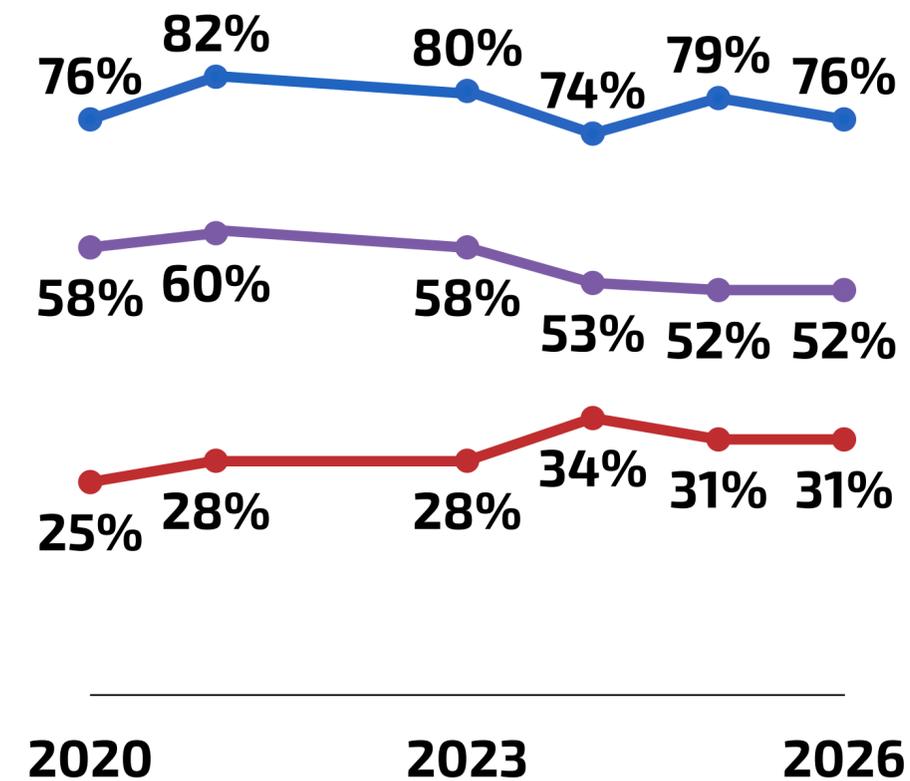
- Climate change is happening and is caused primarily by human activity
- Climate change is happening and is caused primarily by natural cycles in the Earth's environment
- Climate change is not happening
- Unsure/DNR



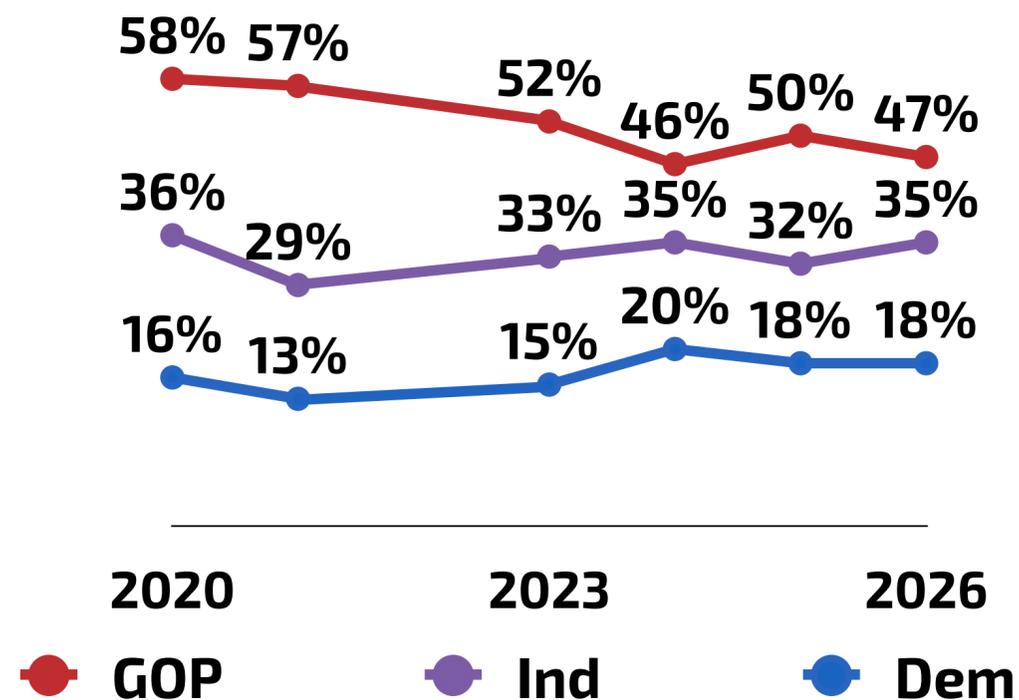
Q. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Majorities of Democrats and independents continue to say that climate change is primarily caused by human activity

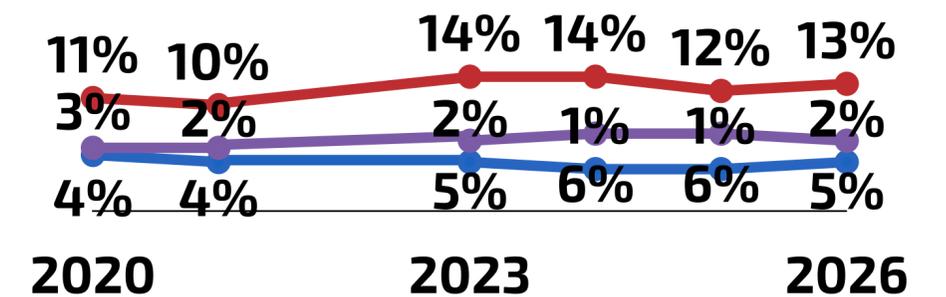
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Climate change is not happening

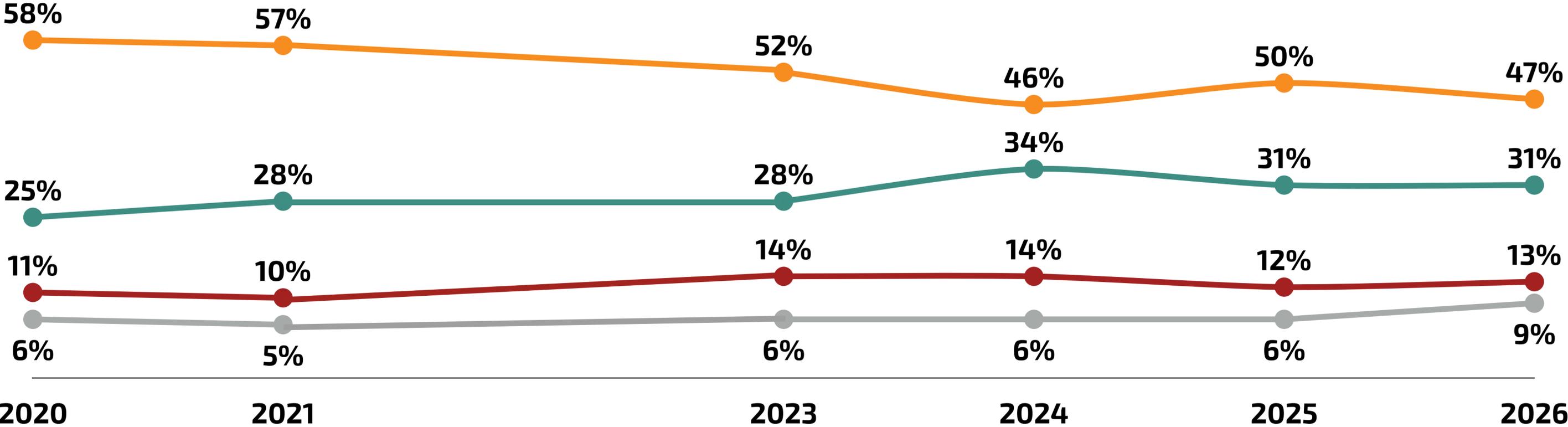


Q. Which of the following comes closest to your view?
Note: Not showing "Unsure."

Compared to 2020, Republicans are 11 points less likely to attribute climate change to natural cycles in the environment

REPUBLICANS

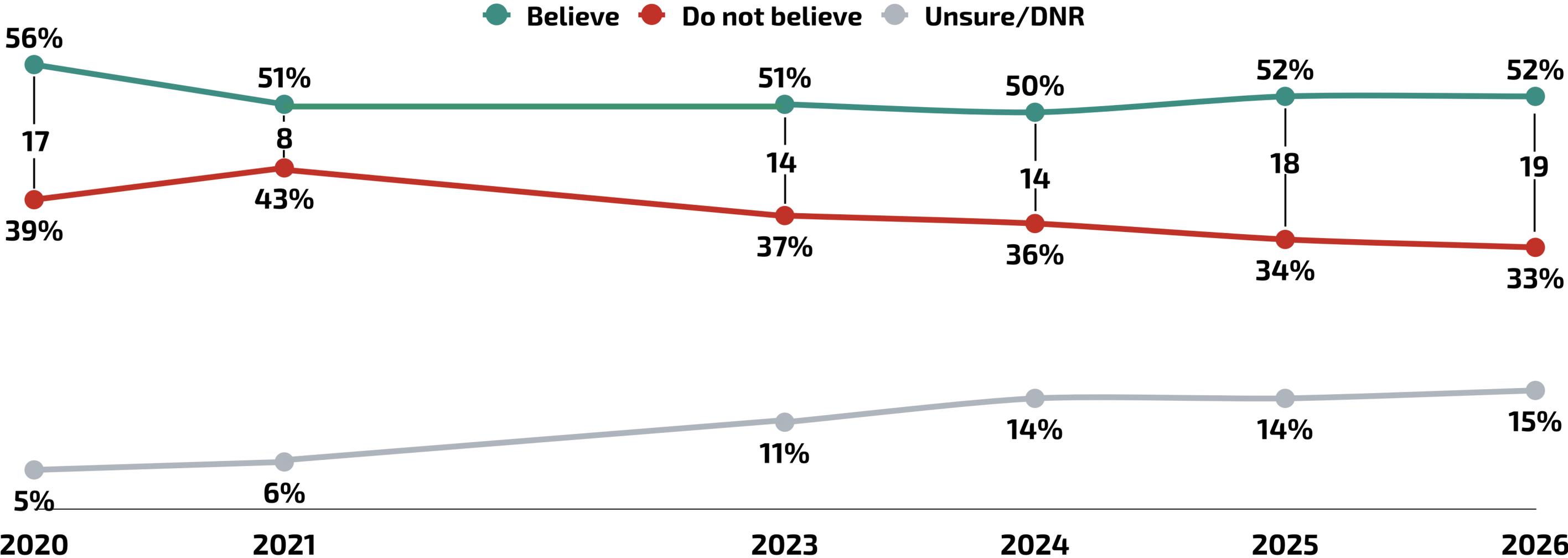
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- Climate change is not happening
- Unsure/DNR



Q. Which of the following comes closest to your view?
Note: Only showing Republicans, n=1338.

Majorities continue to believe the US can reduce carbon emissions without imposing new regulations and restrictions

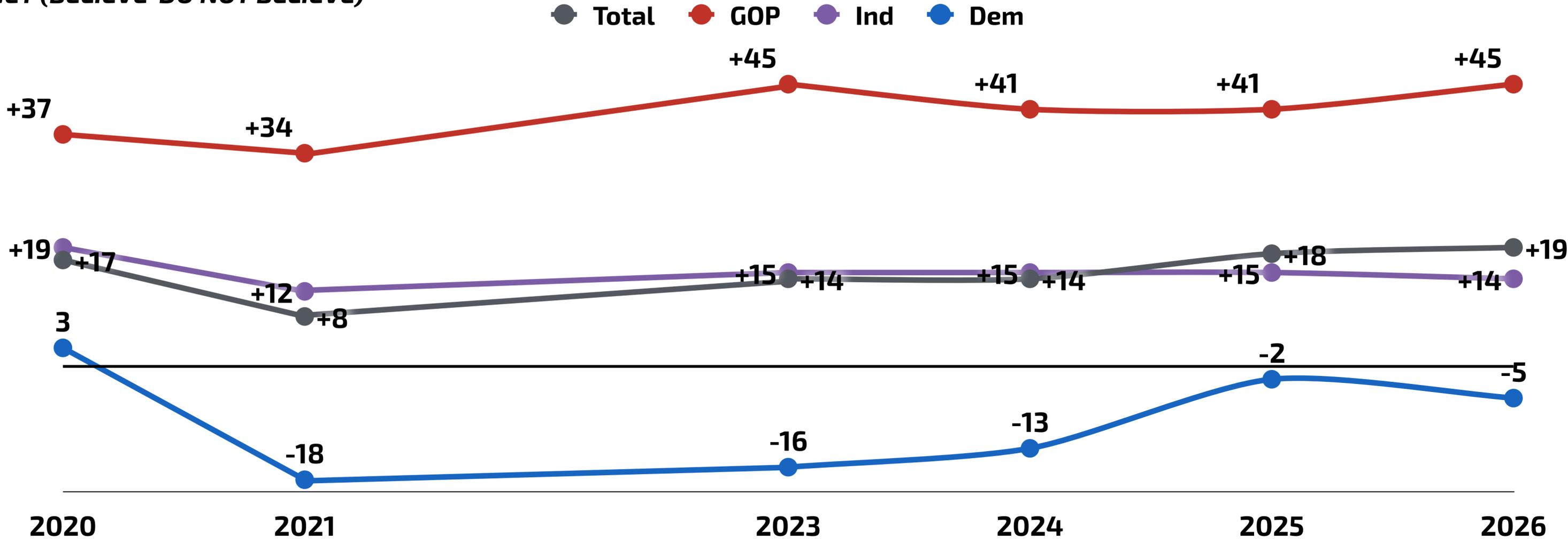
“We can reduce carbon emissions in the U.S. without having to impose new regulations on people and new restrictions on our economy.”



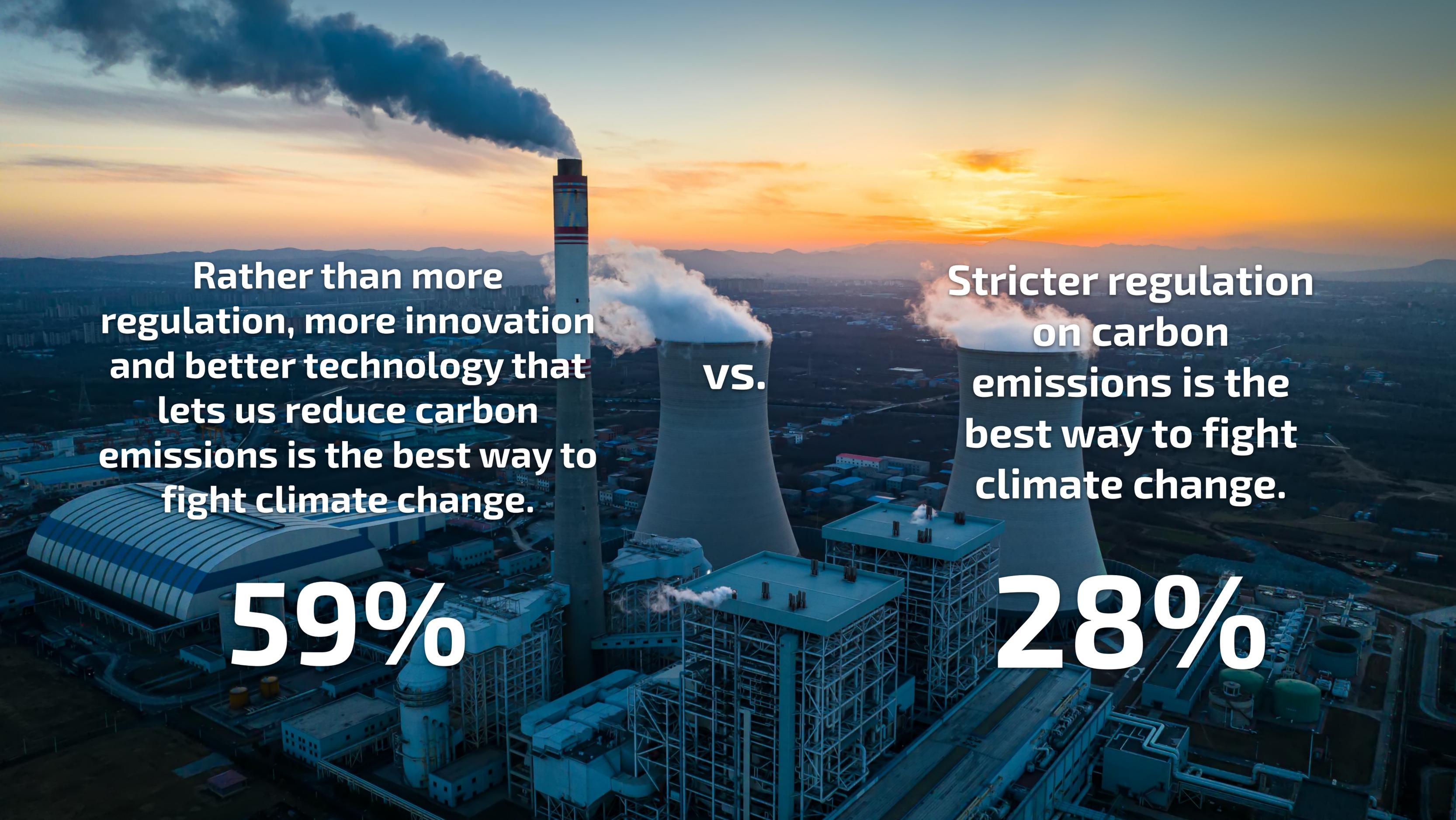
Q. Would you say you generally believe or do not believe the following statement?

Democrats don't believe the U.S. can reduce emissions without regulation, 46-41

"We can reduce carbon emissions in the U.S. without having to impose new regulations on people and new restrictions on our economy."
NET (BELIEVE-DO NOT BELIEVE)



Q. Would you say you generally believe or do not believe the following statement?



Rather than more regulation, more innovation and better technology that lets us reduce carbon emissions is the best way to fight climate change.

59%

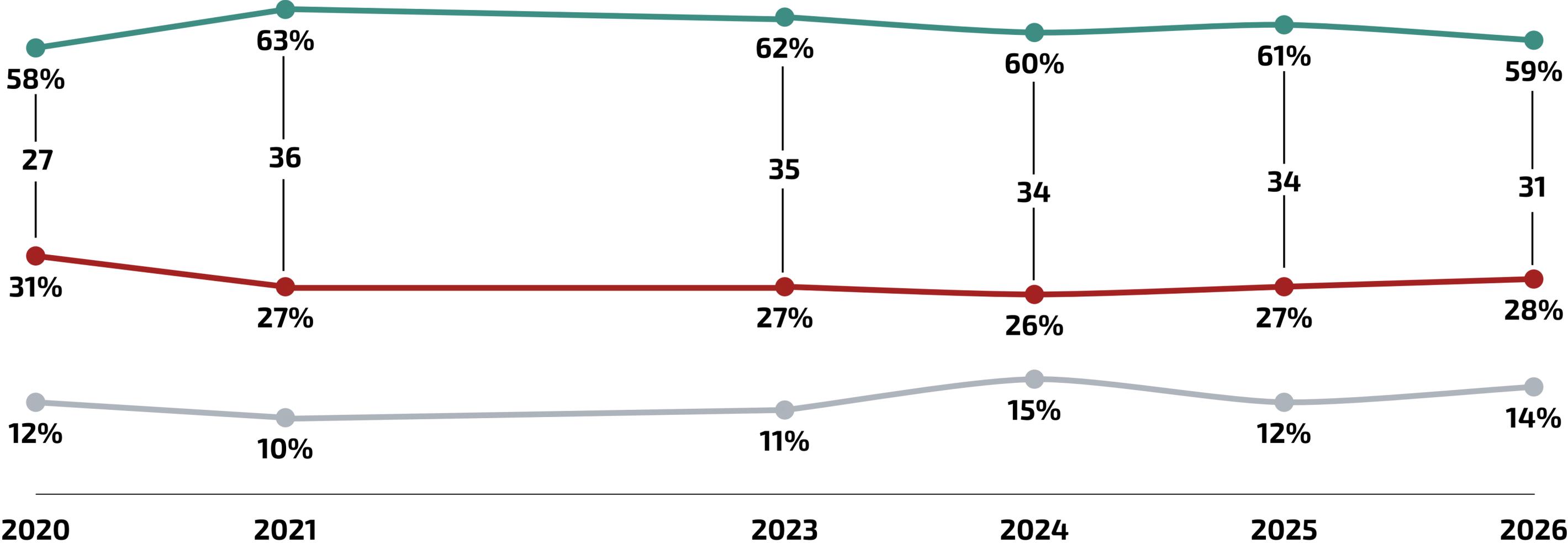
vs.

Stricter regulation on carbon emissions is the best way to fight climate change.

28%

Majorities of voters continue to believe we can combat climate change without new regulations at similar rates

- Rather than more regulation, more innovation and better technology that lets us reduce carbon emissions is the best way to fight climate change
- Unsure/DNR
- Stricter regulation on carbon emissions is the best way to fight climate change



Q. Which of these statements comes closest to your view, even if neither of them is exactly right?

Appendices



Appendix A

Miller (OH-7)	-45	Fitzpatrick (PA-1)	-44	Carey (OH-15)	-44	Bacon (NE-2)	-44	Wagner (MO-2)	-44	Hunt (TX-38)	-44	Van Duyne (TX-24)	-44	Mackenzie (PA-7)	-43	Steil (WI-1)	-43
Turner (OH-10)	-43	Perry (PA-10)	-43	Kean (NJ-7)	-43	Evans (CO-8)	-43	Nehls (TX-22)	-43	Barrett (MI-7)	-42	Gonzales (TX-23)	-42	Bresnahan (PA-8)	-42	Van Orden (WI-3)	-42
Mace (SC-1)	-42	Wilson (SC-2)	-42	De La Cruz (TX-15)	-42	Ogles (TN-5)	-42	Smucker (PA-11)	-42	Carter (TX-31)	-42	Crank (CO-5)	-42	McCaul (TX-10)	-42	Hurd (CO-3)	-41
Self (TX-3)	-41	Huizenga (MI-4)	-41	Roy (TX-21)	-41	Boebert (CO-4)	-41	Kiggans (VA-2)	-41	Goldman (TX-12)	-41	Gooden (TX-5)	-41	Hill (AR-2)	-41	Crenshaw (TX-2)	-41
Ciscomani (AZ-6)	-41	Gill (TX-26)	-41	James (MI-10)	-41	Wied (WI-8)	-41	Wittman (VA-1)	-41	Van Drew (NJ-2)	-41	Barr (KY-6)	-41	Grothman (WI-6)	-41	Bice (OK-5)	-41
Norman (SC-5)	-41	Babin (TX-36)	-40	Luttrell (TX-8)	-40	Fitzgerald (WI-5)	-40	Van Epps (TN-7)	-40	Owens (UT-4)	-40	Schweikert (AZ-1)	-40	Tiffany (WI-7)	-40	Weber (TX-14)	-40
Cloud (TX-27)	-40	Ellzey (TX-6)	-40	Onder (MO-3)	-40	Sessions (TX-17)	-39	Knott (NC-13)	-39								



Table displaying the difference between the percentage of voters saying Republicans in Congress DO care about clean energy and the percentage of voters in each district estimated to say Republicans in Congress SHOULD care about clean energy in the 59 Republican districts with "should care" above the Republican median and "do care" below the Republican median.

Methodology

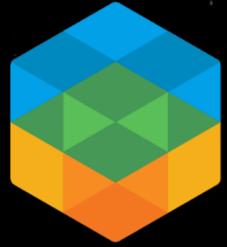
THE SURVEY: 4,005 registered voters nationwide were surveyed from January 7-17, 2026, with 50% of respondents sampled via online panels and matched to the voter file, 25% of respondents sampled via landline live caller and matched to the voter file, and 25% of respondents sampled via cell live caller and matched to the voter file.

The sample was weighted to population benchmarks for registered voters nationwide on gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, region, 2024 U.S. House vote, and 2024 presidential vote. Estimates for gender, age, and region were derived from the L2 voter file. Estimates for race/ethnicity and education were derived from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey demographic data adjusted to match voter registration estimates from the November 2020 Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement.

The margin of error, calculated the way it would be for a random sample and adjusted to incorporate the effect of weighting, is +/-1.6 percentage points.

THE MODEL: Mixed effect multi-level models were used to estimate the likelihood of agreement/favorability based on collected survey responses matched to registered voter data. The probabilities were then aggregated to summarize opinion at the congressional district level.





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