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CPAC Straw Poll

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Methodology

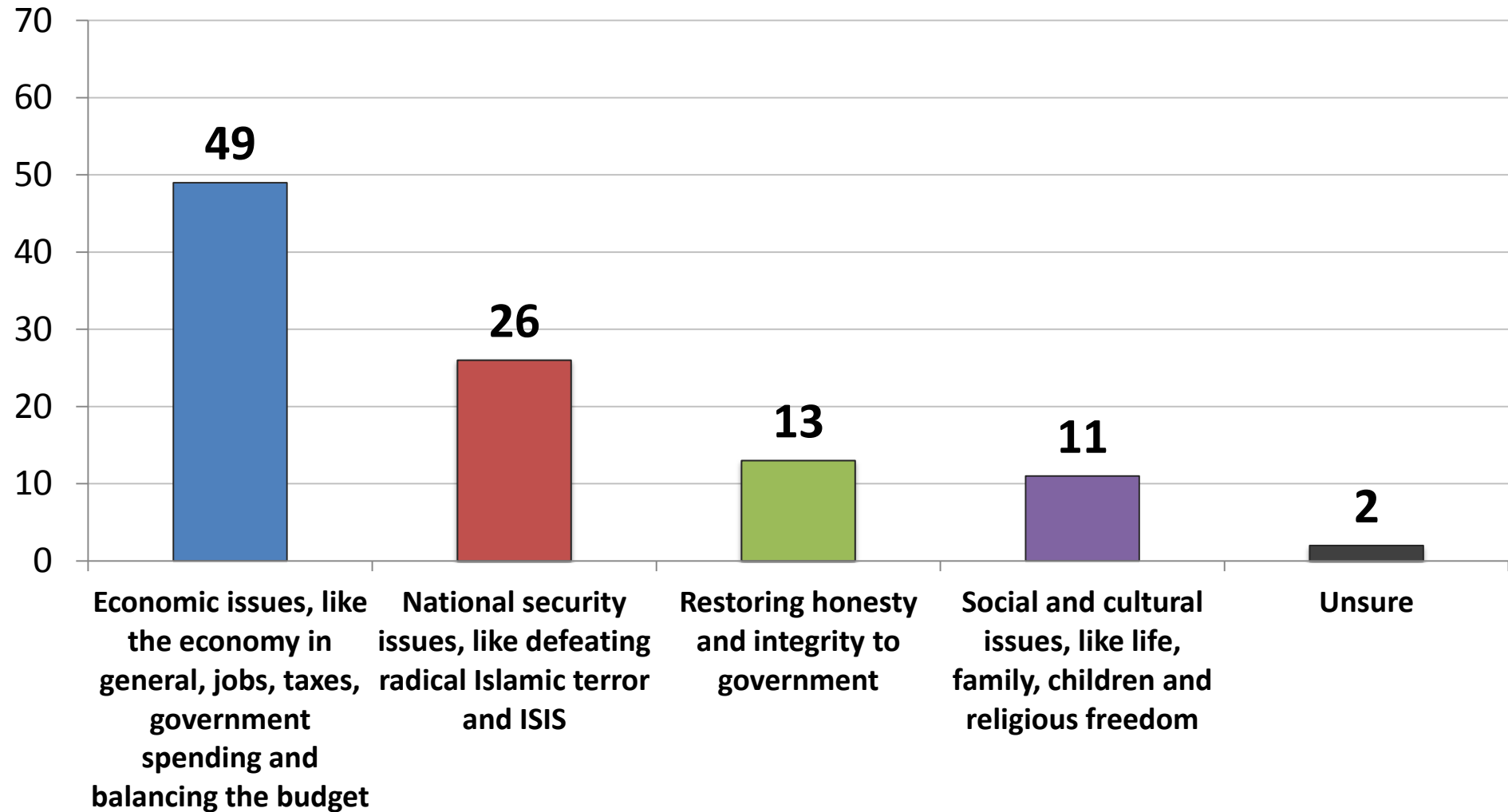
The annual straw poll was available to CPAC attendees from Wednesday, March 2nd to Saturday, March 5th. A total of 2,659 CPAC attendees participated in the straw poll.

Participants had the option to complete the straw poll via email or through the official CPAC App on their mobile device. Additionally, respondents had the ability to complete the straw poll in person at one of the seven stations available to participants at the event.

Each CPAC attendee was assigned a unique, five digit PIN code with their registration materials. Respondents were required to enter their PIN code as well as the email used to register to complete the straw poll, ensuring that only CPAC registrants could participate.

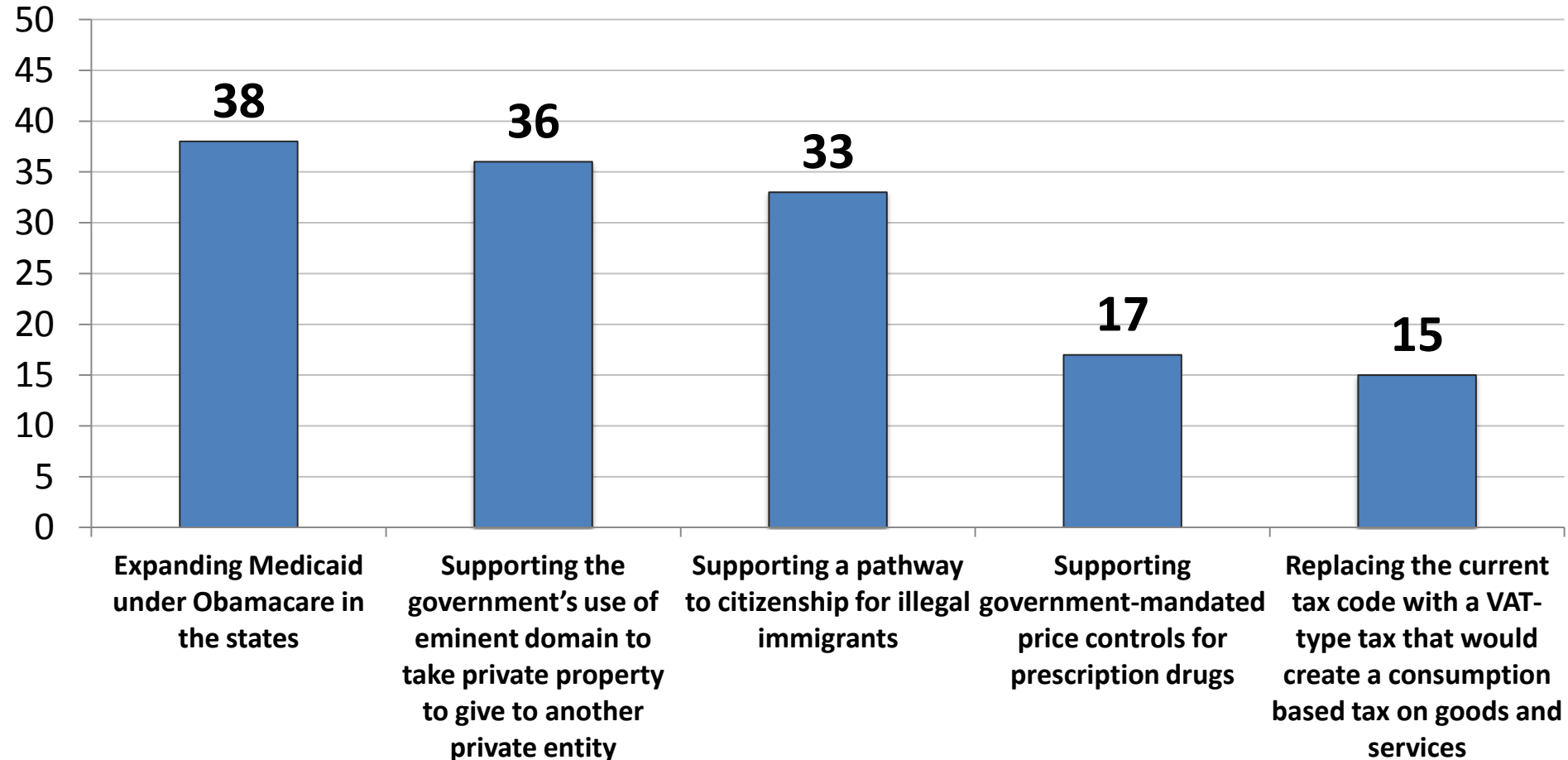
Most Important Issue For President

(Choices Rotated)



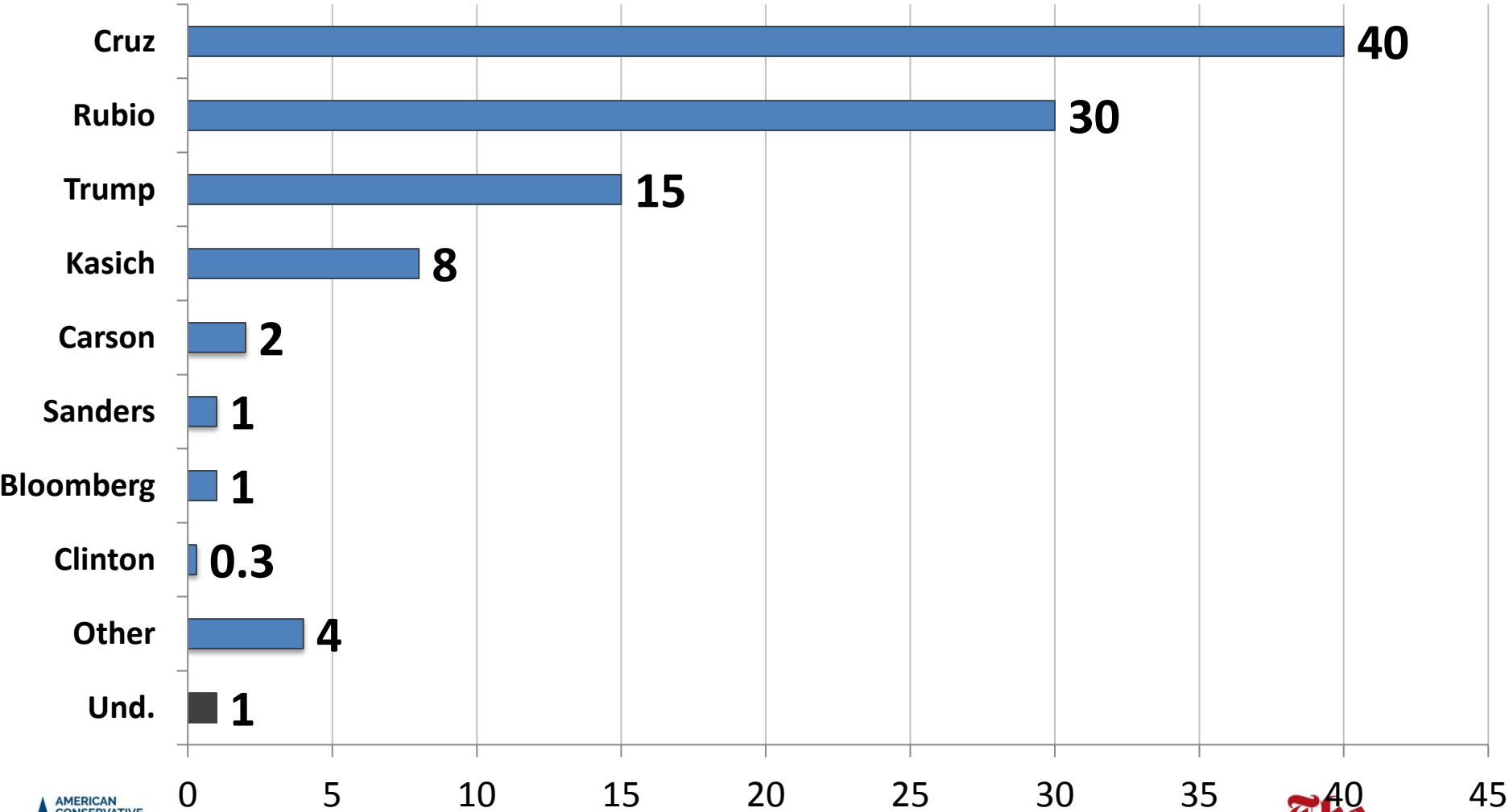
Thinking about the candidates for President, which of the following stances do you consider a deal-breaker, meaning that you would not vote for a candidate who holds that position?

(Choices Rotated, Multiple Responses Accepted)



Vote: President

(First Choice)

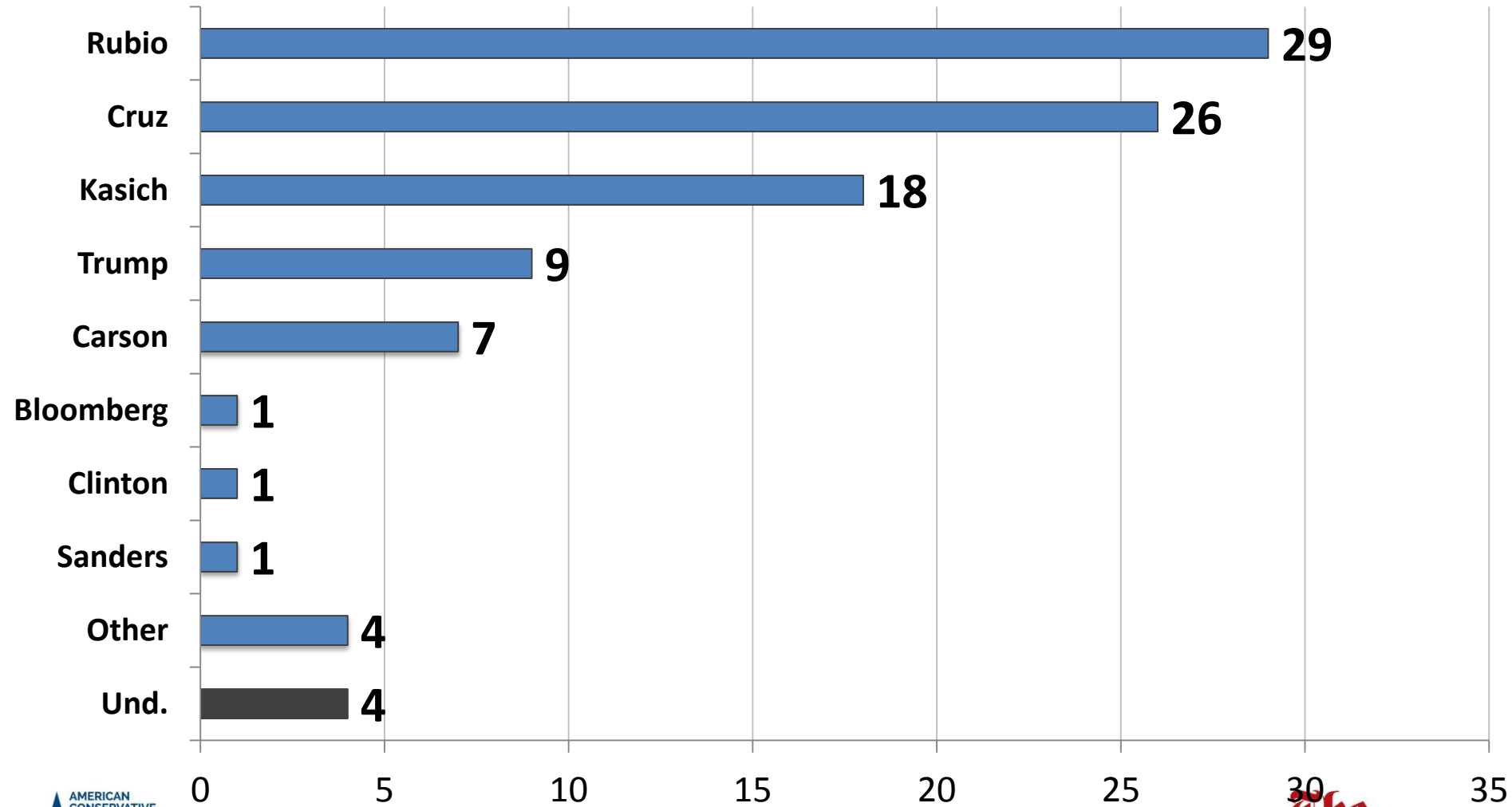


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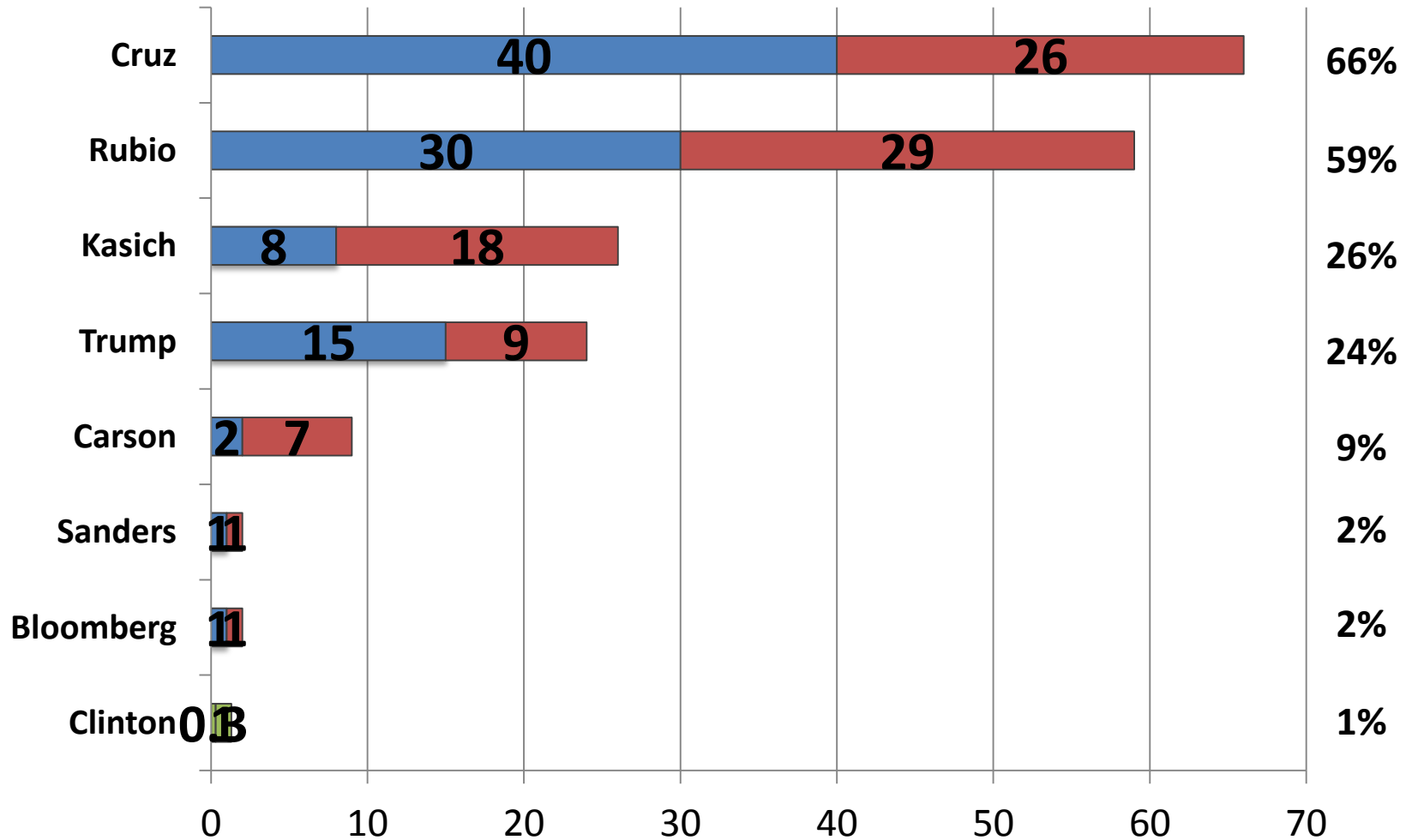
Vote: President

(Second Choice)



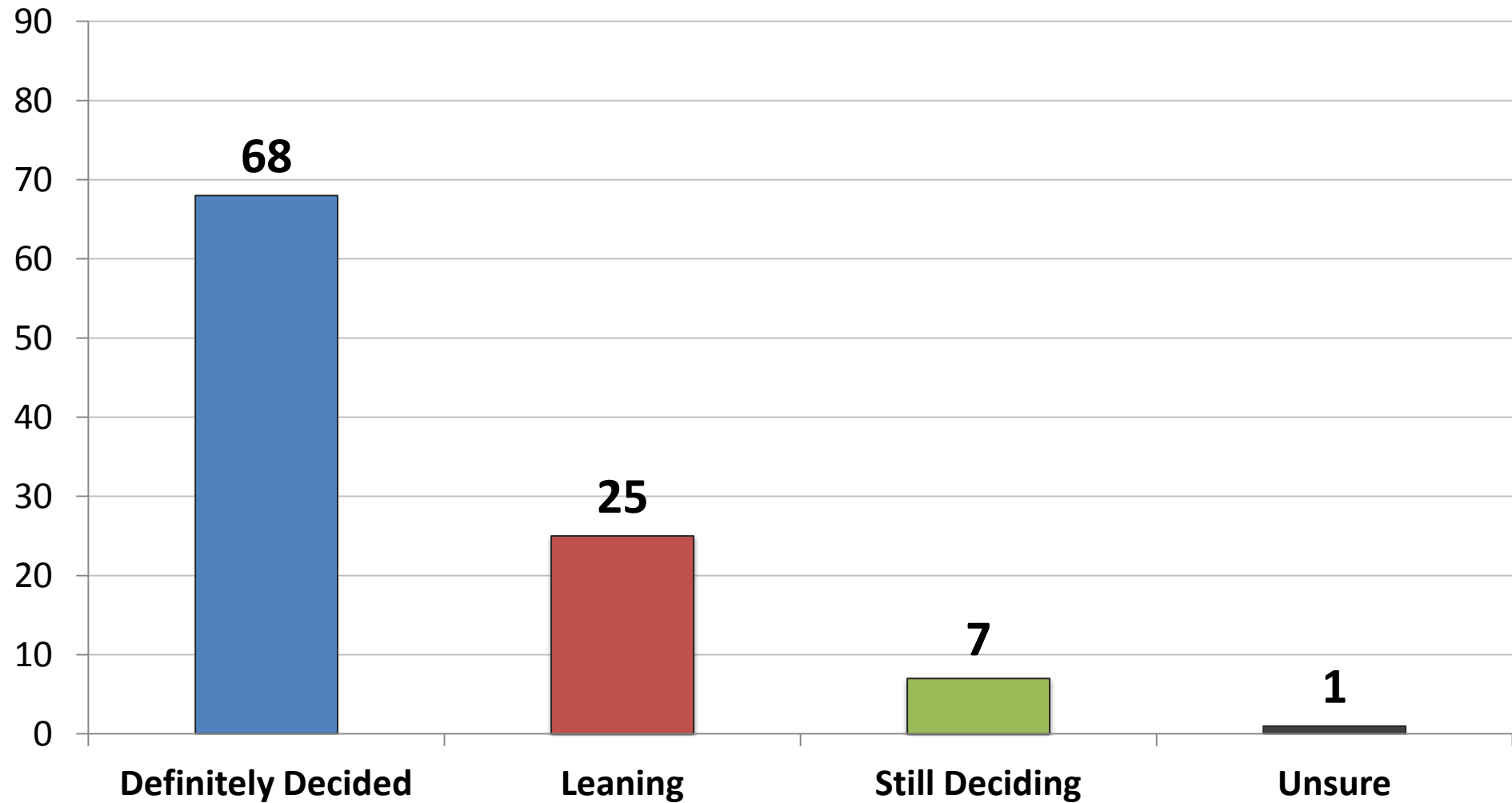
Vote: President

(Combo Ballot)

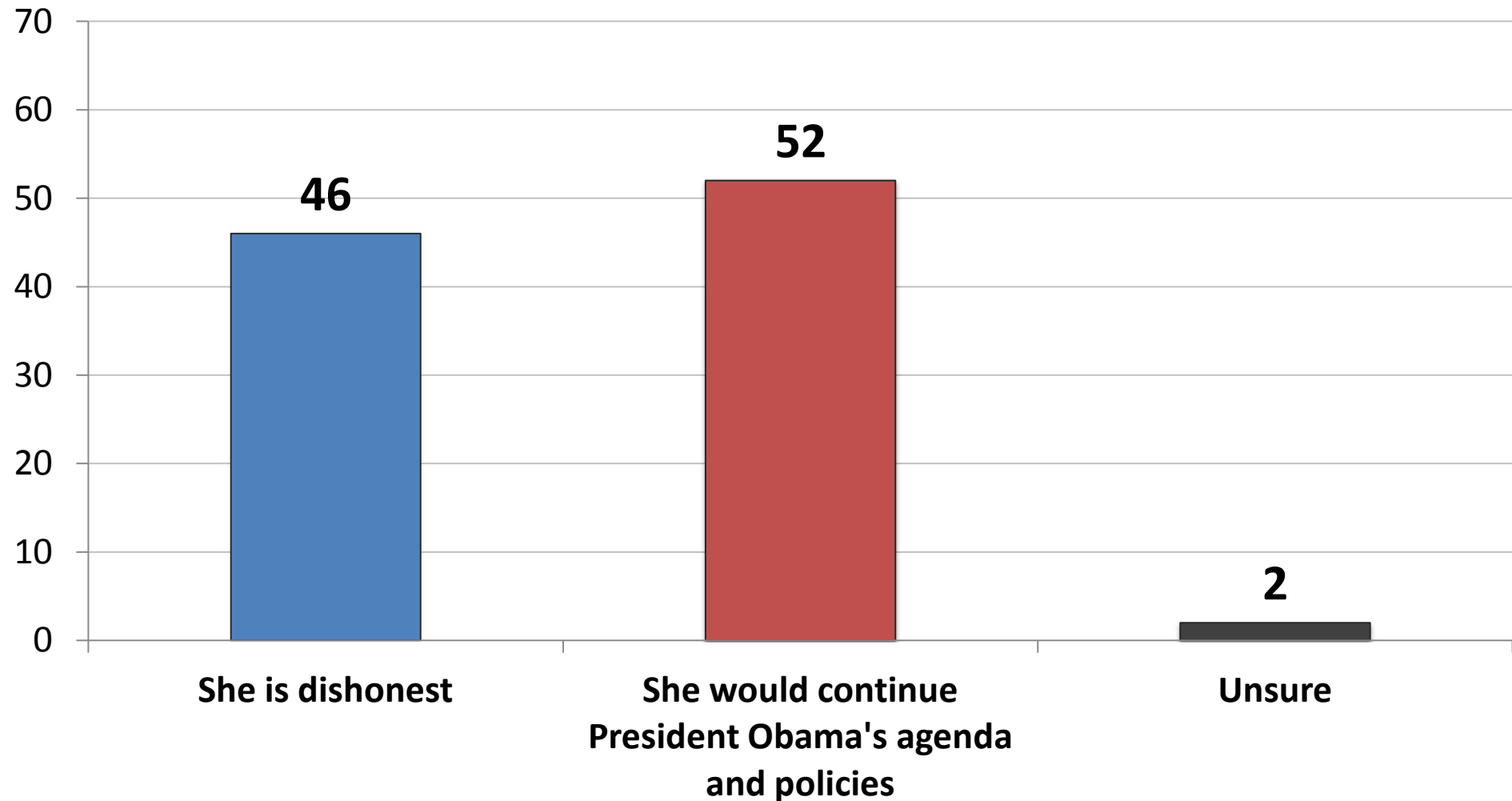


Decided on Your Candidate?

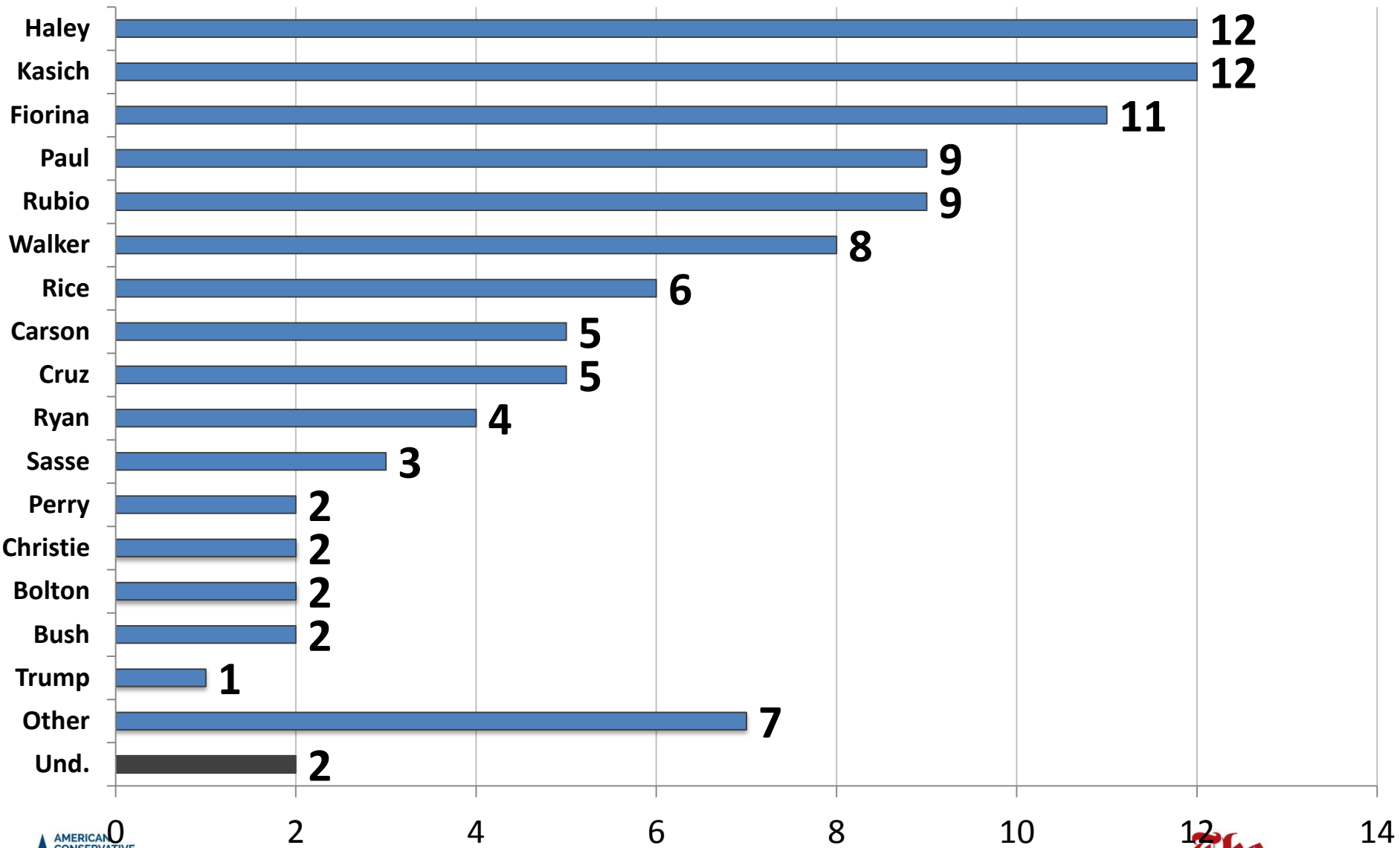
(Among Those Who Made a First Choice)



What is your bigger problem with Hillary Clinton? *(Choices Rotated)*



Vote: GOP Vice President



Vote: GOP Vice President

(By Vote for President)

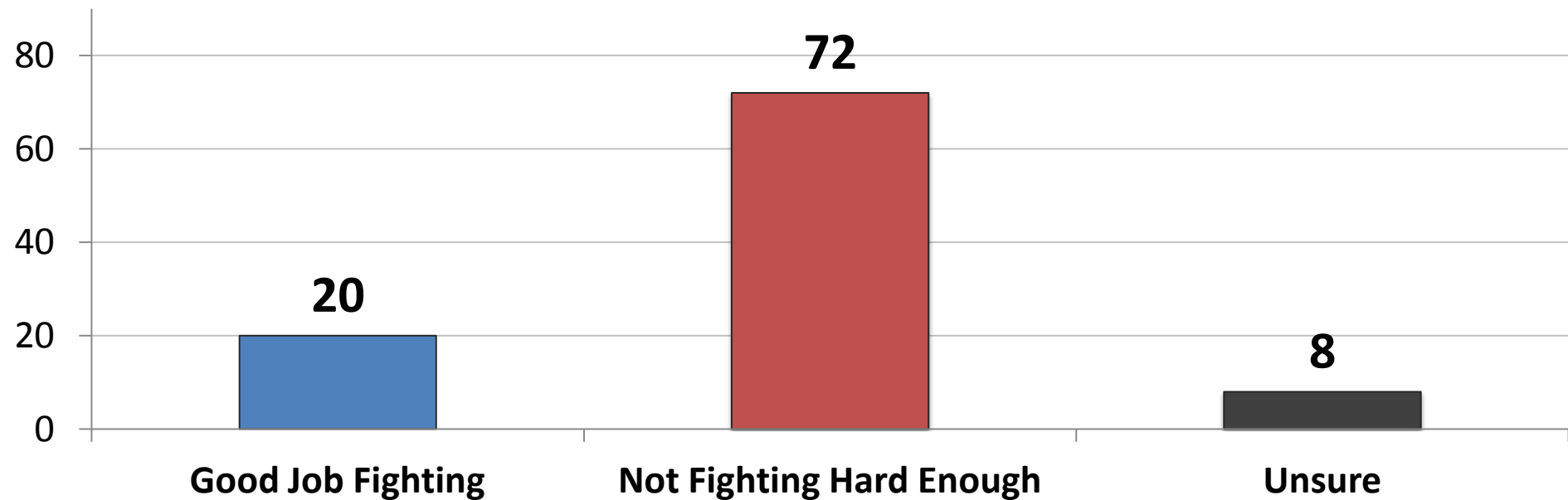
	Tot.	Cruz	Rubio	Trump	Kasich
Haley	12%	3%	29%	2%	14%
Kasich	12%	7%	15%	15%	18%
Fiorina	11%	15%	9%	8%	8%
Paul	9%	11%	4%	7%	8%
Rubio	9%	14%	6%	5%	12%
Walker	8%	11%	7%	8%	2%
Rice	6%	4%	7%	6%	11%
Carson	5%	5%	2%	8%	3%
Cruz	5%	5%	3%	13%	1%
Ryan	4%	2%	7%	1%	6%
Sasse	3%	5%	2%	1%	1%
Perry	2%	3%	1%	0.3%	1%

Which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion about most
Republicans in Washington?
(Choices Rotated)

They are doing a good job fighting for conservative principles and standing up to
President Obama

OR

They are not fighting hard enough for conservative principles and are too willing to
compromise with President Obama



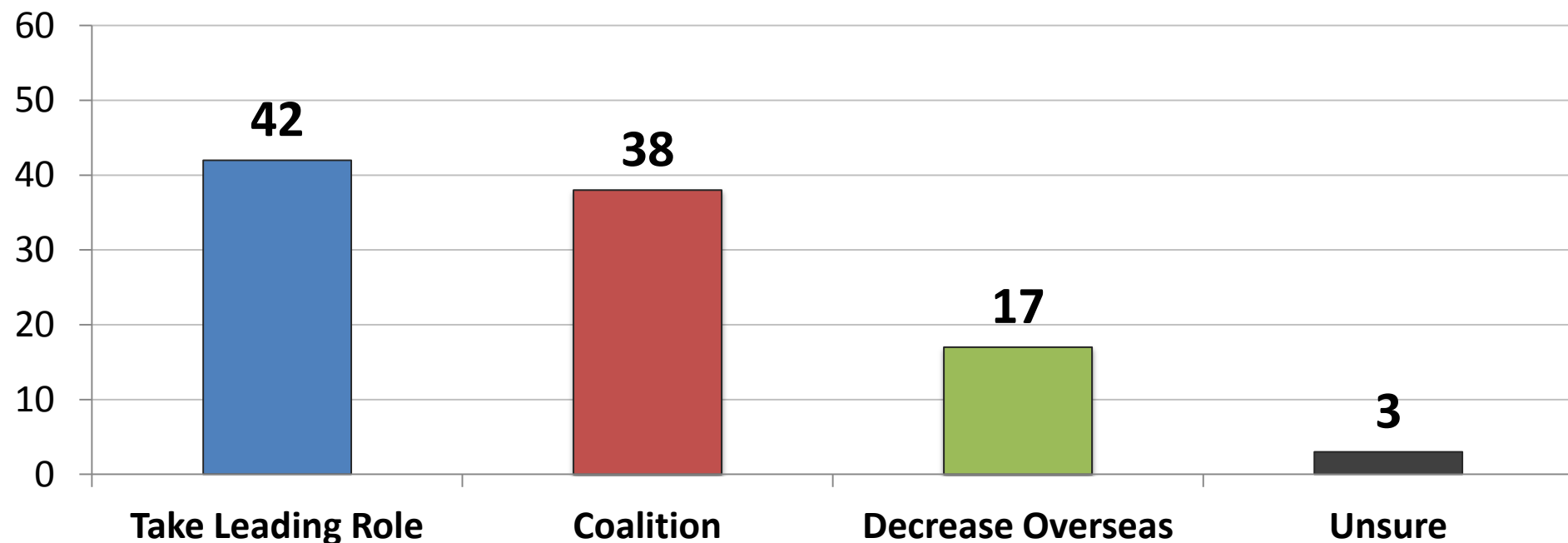
When it comes to defeating ISIS and radical Islamic terrorists overseas, which of the following comes closest to your own personal opinion?

America should take the leading role in the fight against ISIS because the world is safer when America leads the way

America should fight ISIS with a coalition of other countries and Middle Eastern countries like Saudi Arabia and Egypt should be leading the way since ISIS is in their backyards

OR

America should protect the homeland against ISIS, but decrease its military presence overseas and not be focused on trying to solve the problems in the Middle East

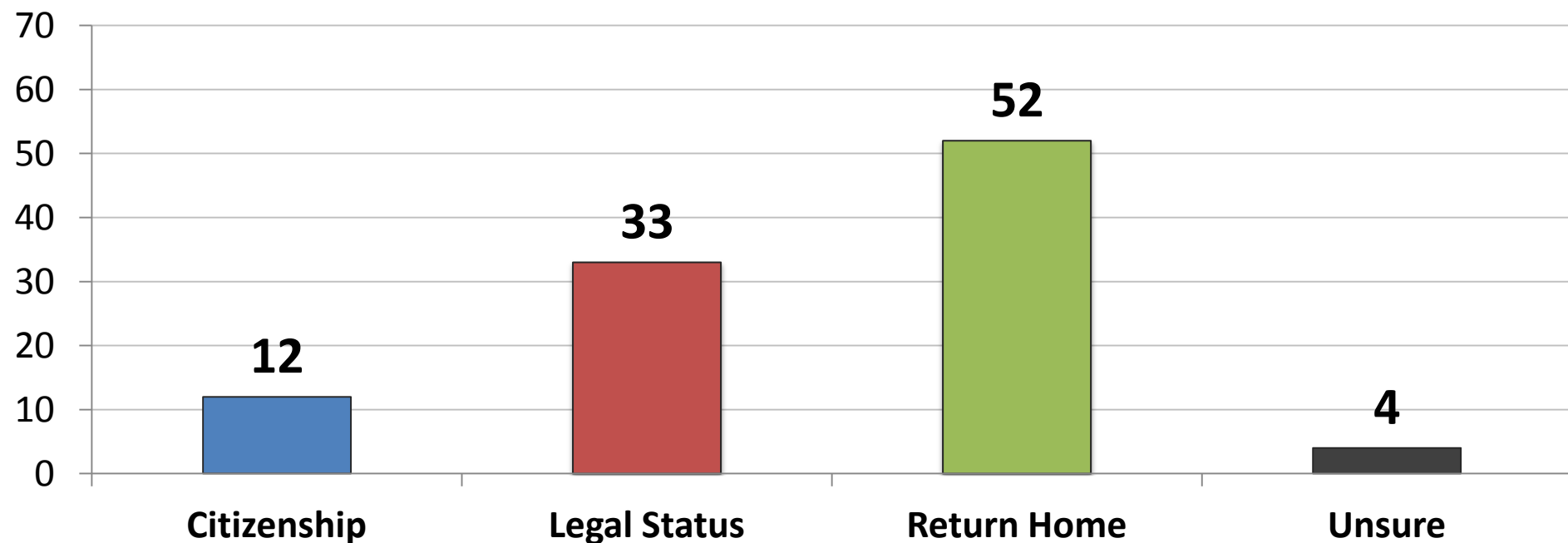


Which of the following comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants living in the United States?

They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship
They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for legal status, but NOT citizenship

OR

They should be required to return to their home countries and follow U.S. immigration laws

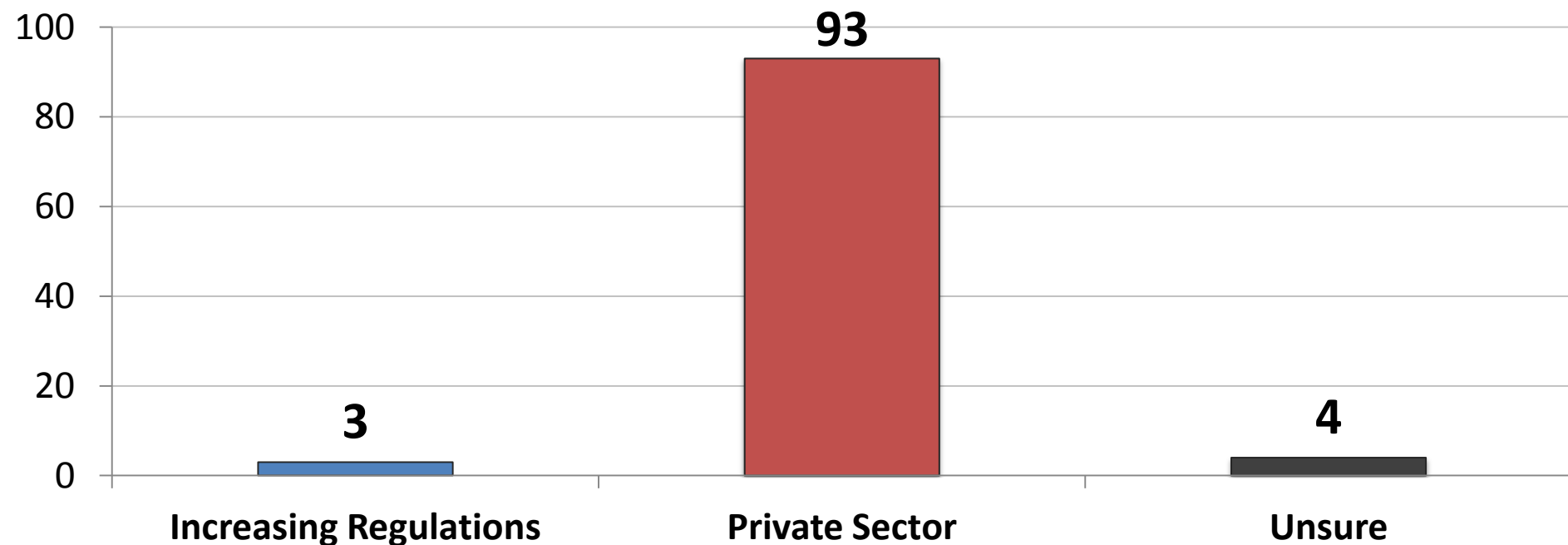


What do you think is a better way to reduce healthcare costs? *(Choices Rotated)*

The government increasing regulations on hospitals, insurance and pharmaceutical companies by putting price controls on drugs and medical care

OR

Giving the private sector and free markets more of an ability to determine the costs of care, which will increase competition and lower costs

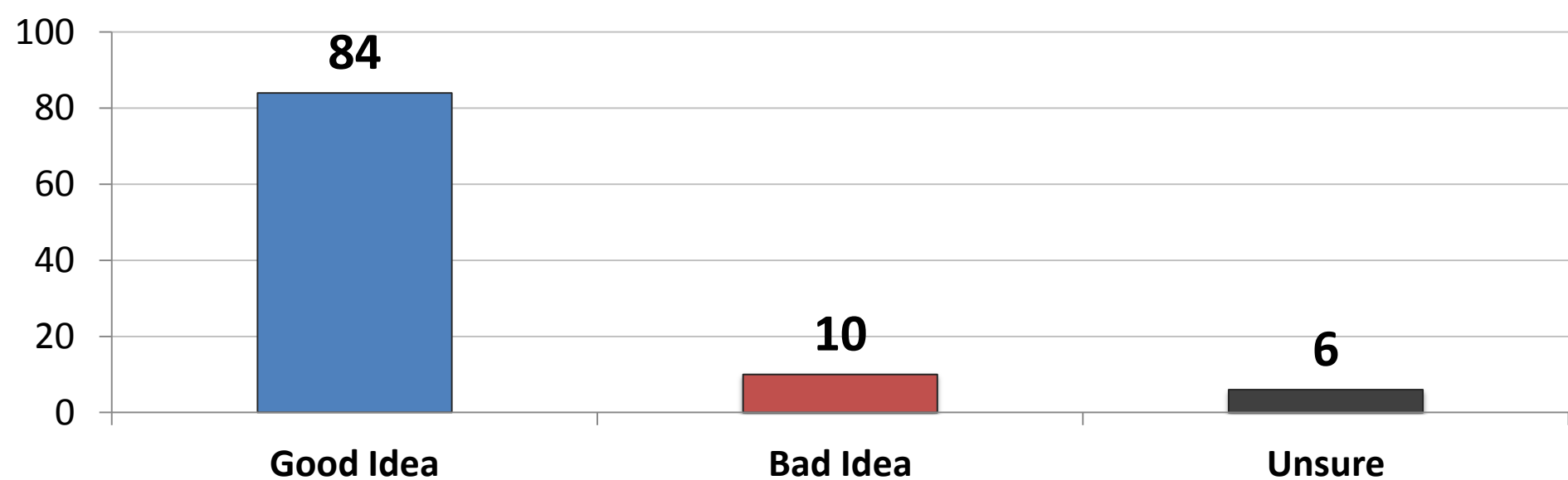


When it comes to religious freedom legislation, which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion?
(Choices Rotated)

It is a **GOOD IDEA** because it protects and strengthens religious liberty for ALL people of faith, which is a founding principle of this country. People and business owners should not be forced to participate in events that violate their own moral conscience or religious beliefs.

OR

It is a **BAD IDEA** because the government should enforce the recent Supreme Court decision on same sex marriage, even if it requires people or business owners to participate in events that violate their own moral conscience or religious beliefs.



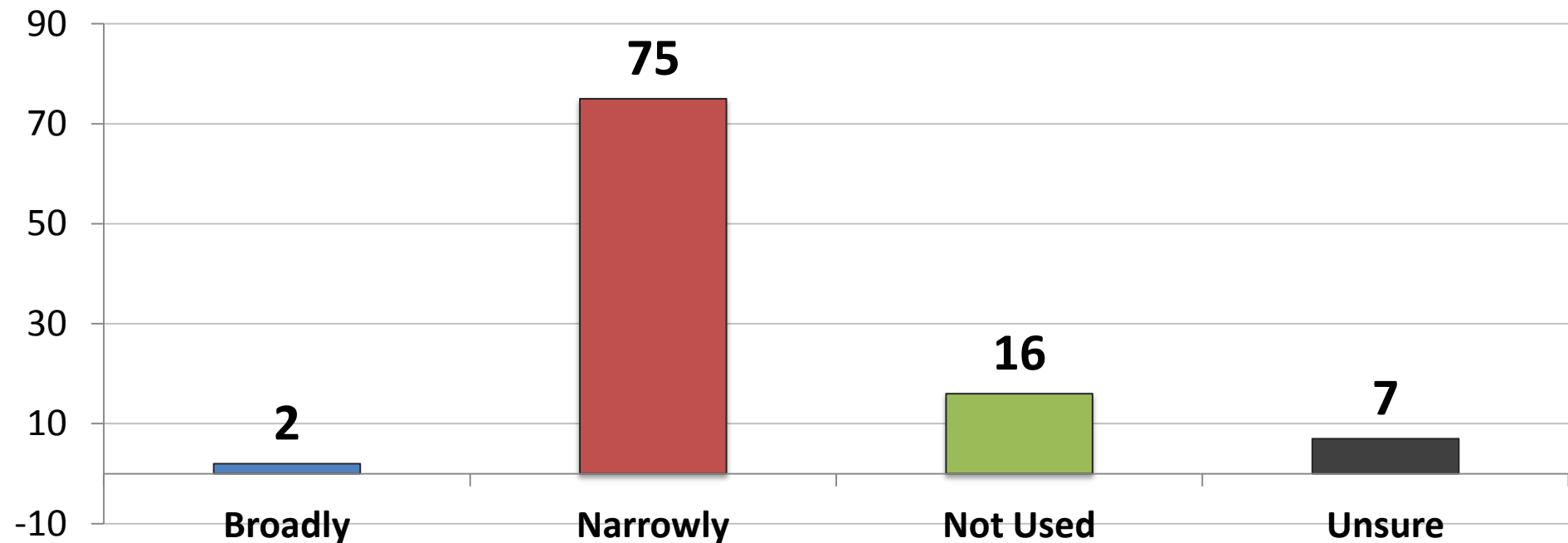
Generally speaking, do you think eminent domain should...?

Be **BROADLY** used, including to seize private property from one person to give to another who might be able to make a greater profit with the land

Be **NARROWLY** used, limited to only public use projects like schools, dams, highways and police stations

OR

Not be used **AT ALL**

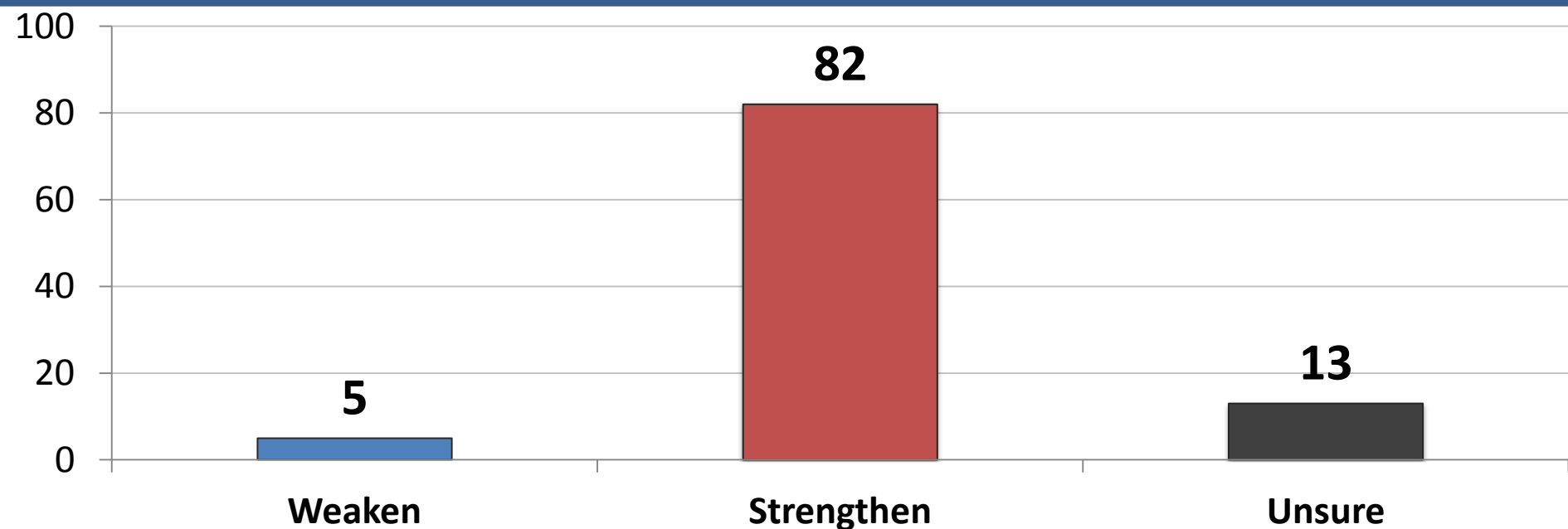


The U.S. Constitution grants authors and inventors “the exclusive right” to their creations, like the books they write and the technology they invent. These creations are known as intellectual property. Do you think that ...?
(Choices Rotated)

Congress should pass legislation to **WEAKEN** these Constitutional rights because patents and copyrights are outdated concepts.

OR

Congress should pass legislation to **STRENGTHEN** these Constitutional rights because inventors and authors should be rewarded for their efforts.

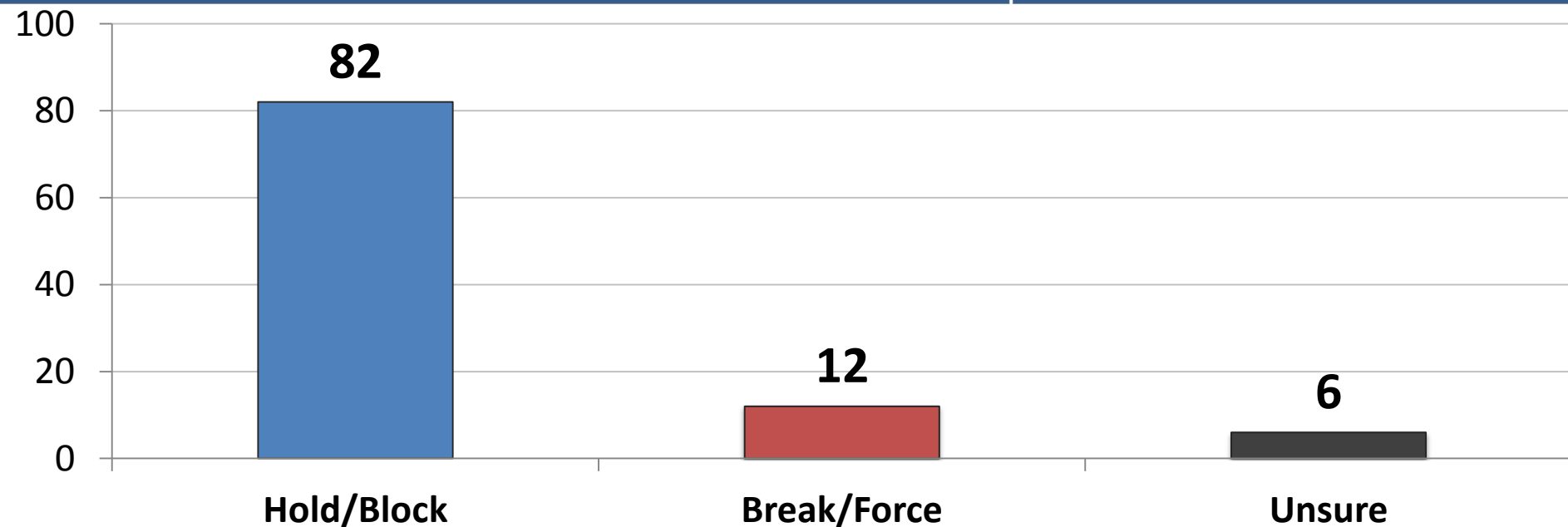


As you may know, there is now a vacancy on the Supreme Court since the passing of Justice Antonin Scalia. Republican Leaders in the Senate have committed to block anyone President Obama nominates. Do you think ...?
(Choices Rotated)

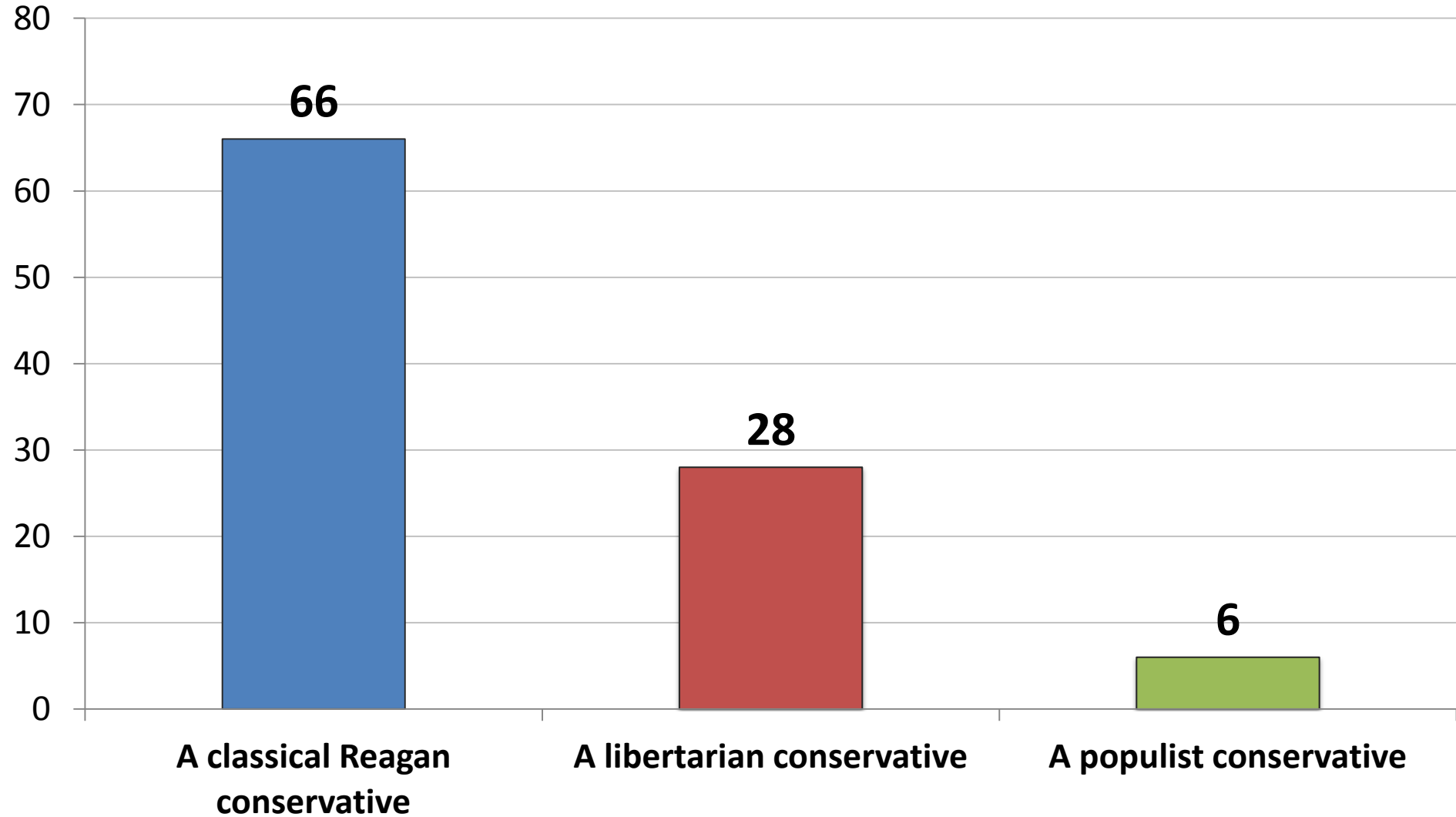
Republican Senators should **HOLD** with the Senate Leadership and **BLOCK** President Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court.

OR

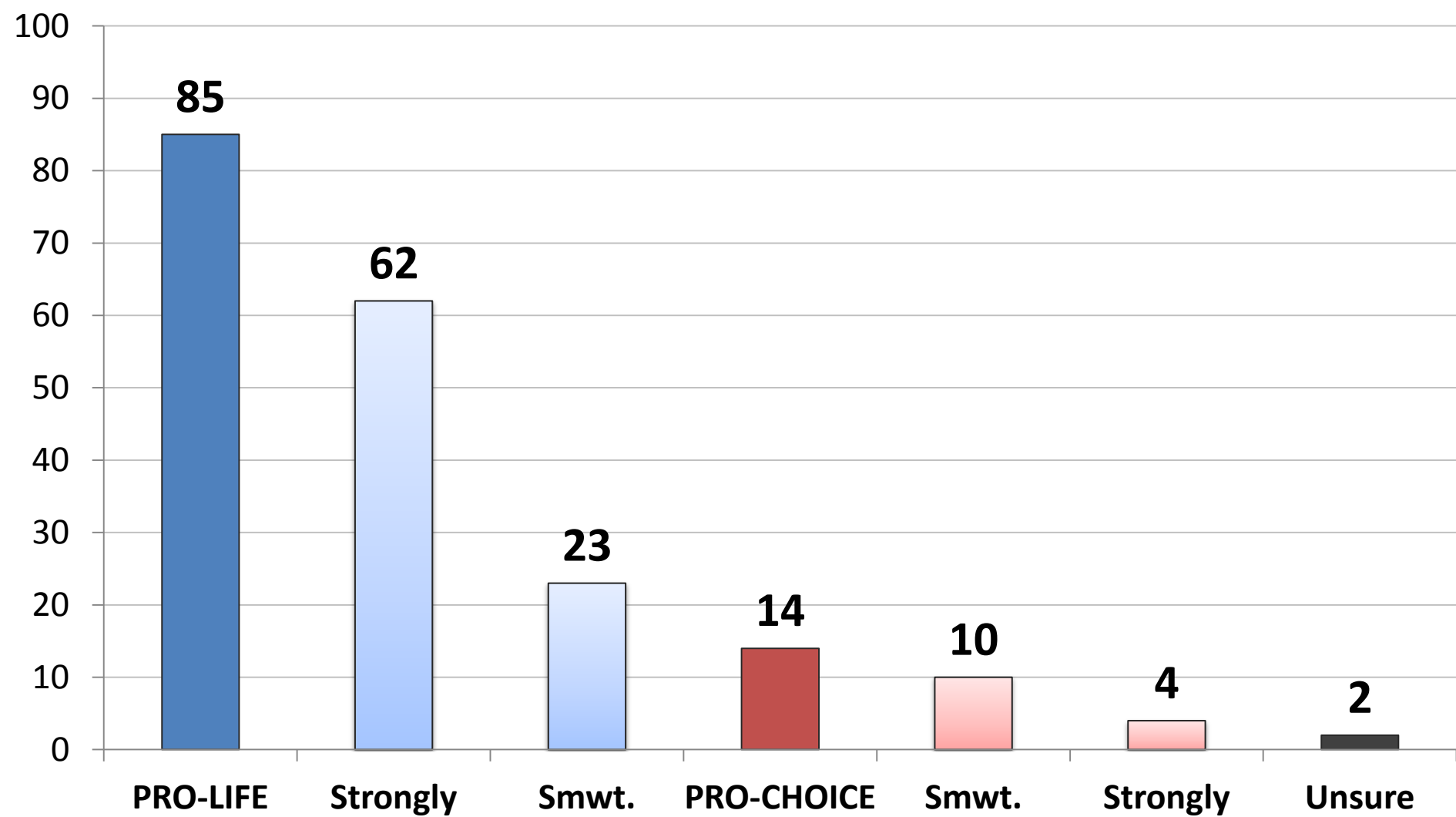
Republican Senators should **BREAK** with the Senate Leadership and **FORCE** a vote on President Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court



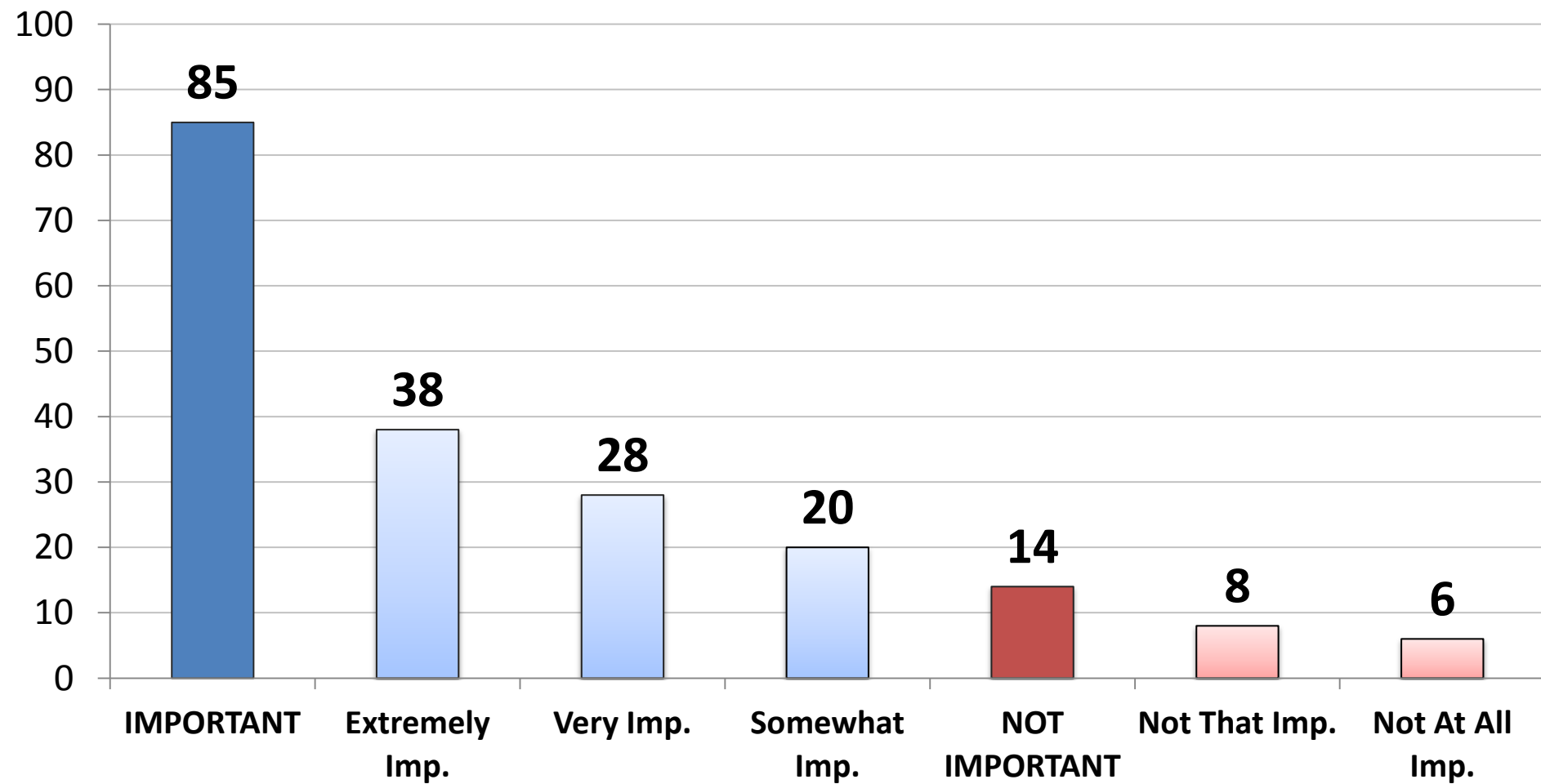
Would You Consider Yourself...?



Abortion

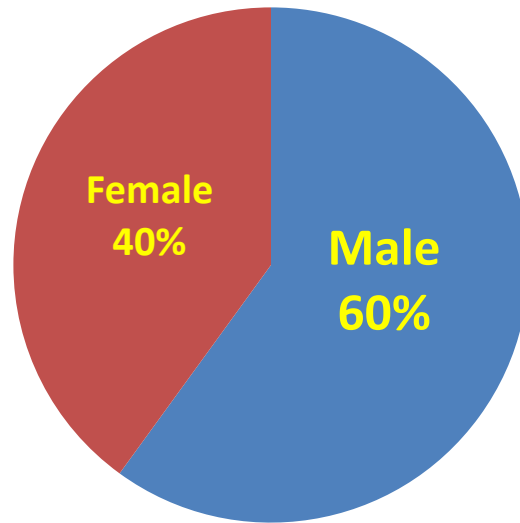


How important is religion and faith to you in your daily life?



Demographic Summary

<u>Age</u>	<u>Tot.</u>
Under 18	3%
18 – 25	50%
26 – 40	11%
41 – 55	14%
56 – 65	12%
66 – 75	9%
Over 75	1%
Mean Age	36



<u>Region of U.S.</u>	<u>Tot.</u>
East	24%
Midwest	20%
South	48%
West	9%