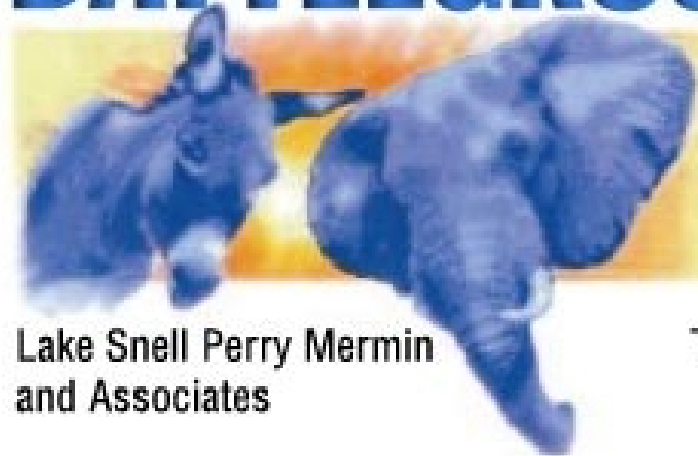


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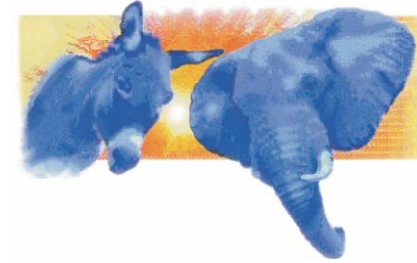
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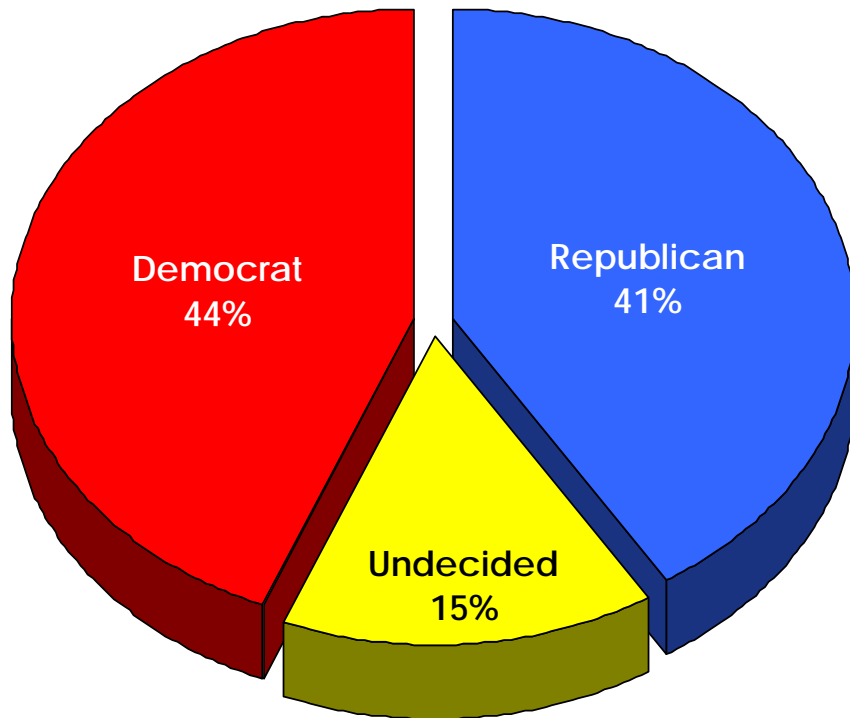
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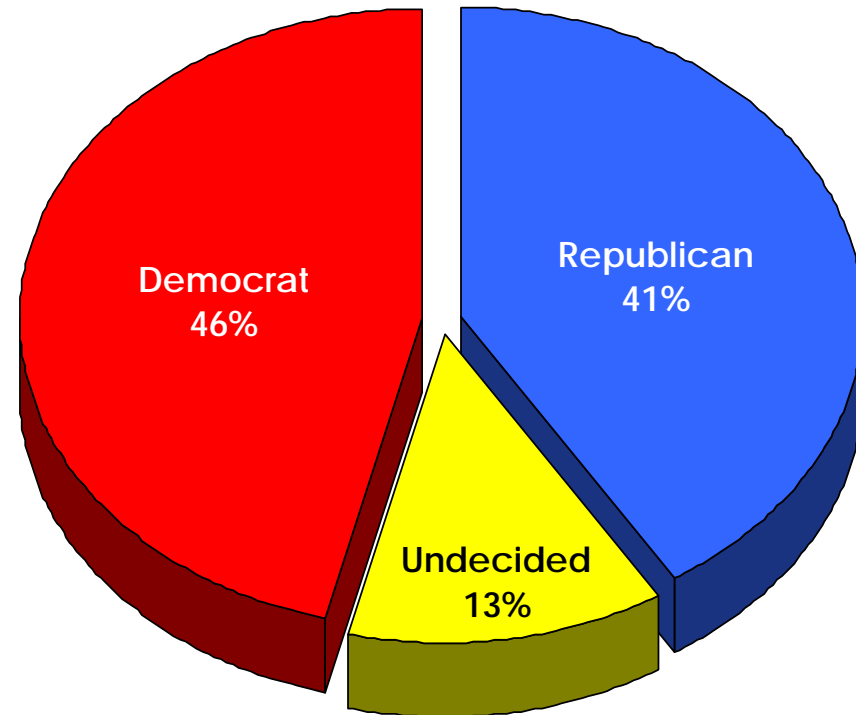
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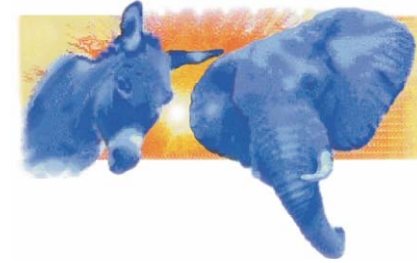
If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?



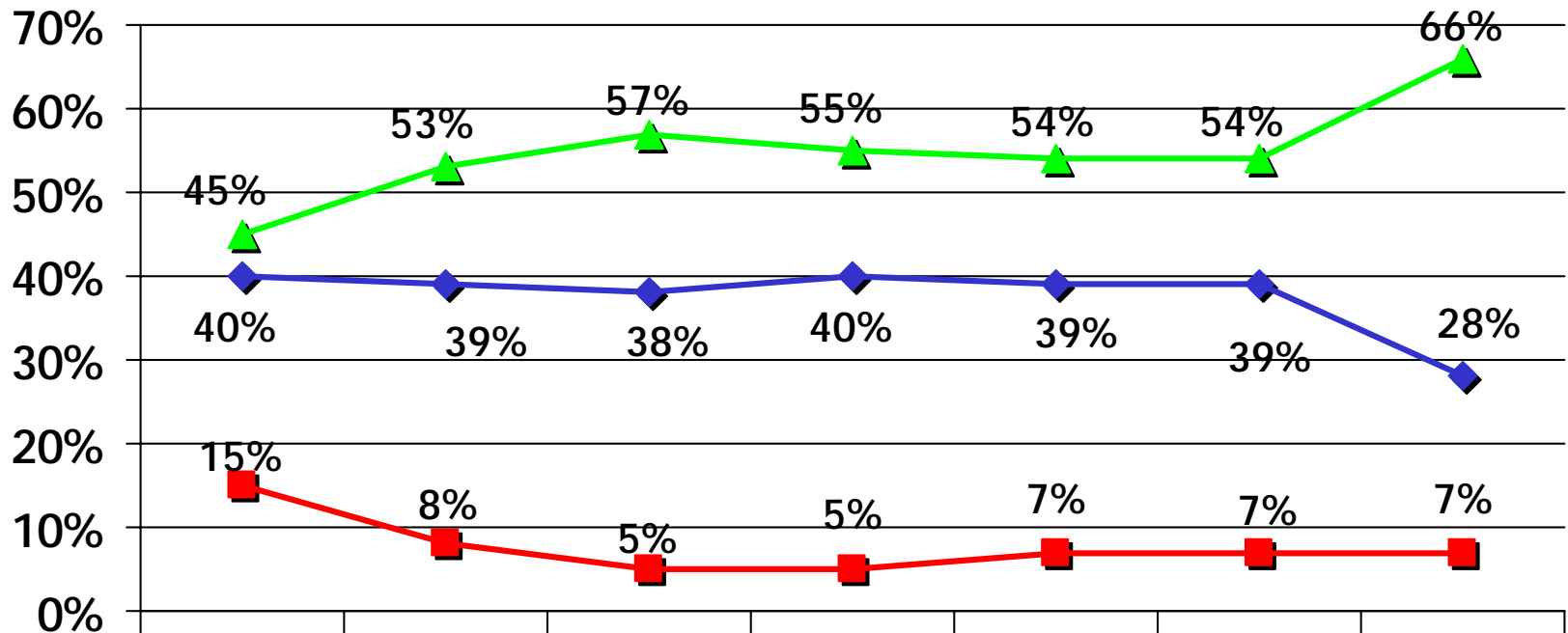
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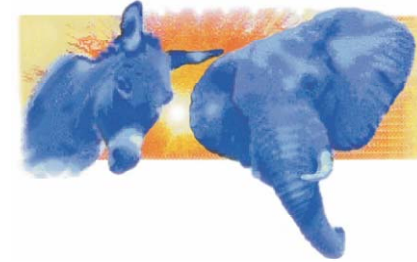
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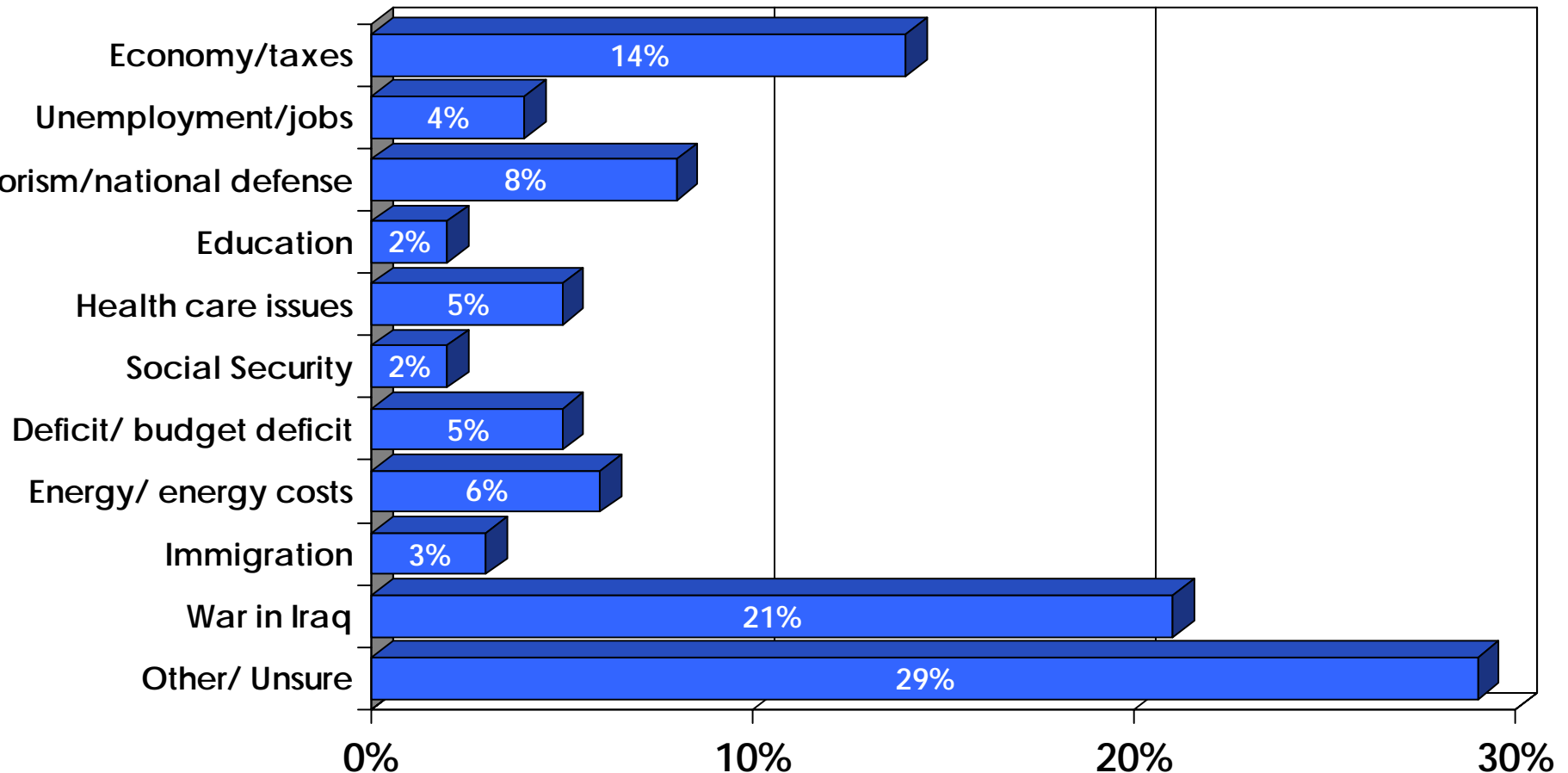
Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

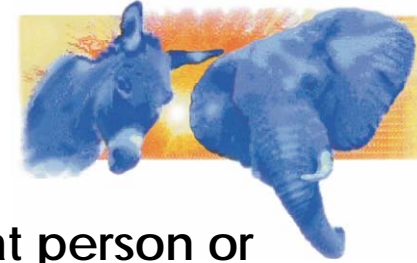


	Apr-01	Sep-03	Mar-04	Jun-04	Aug-04	Mar-05	Oct-05
◆ Right Direction	40%	39%	38%	40%	39%	39%	28%
■ Unsure	15%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%
▲ Wrong Track	45%	53%	57%	55%	54%	54%	66%



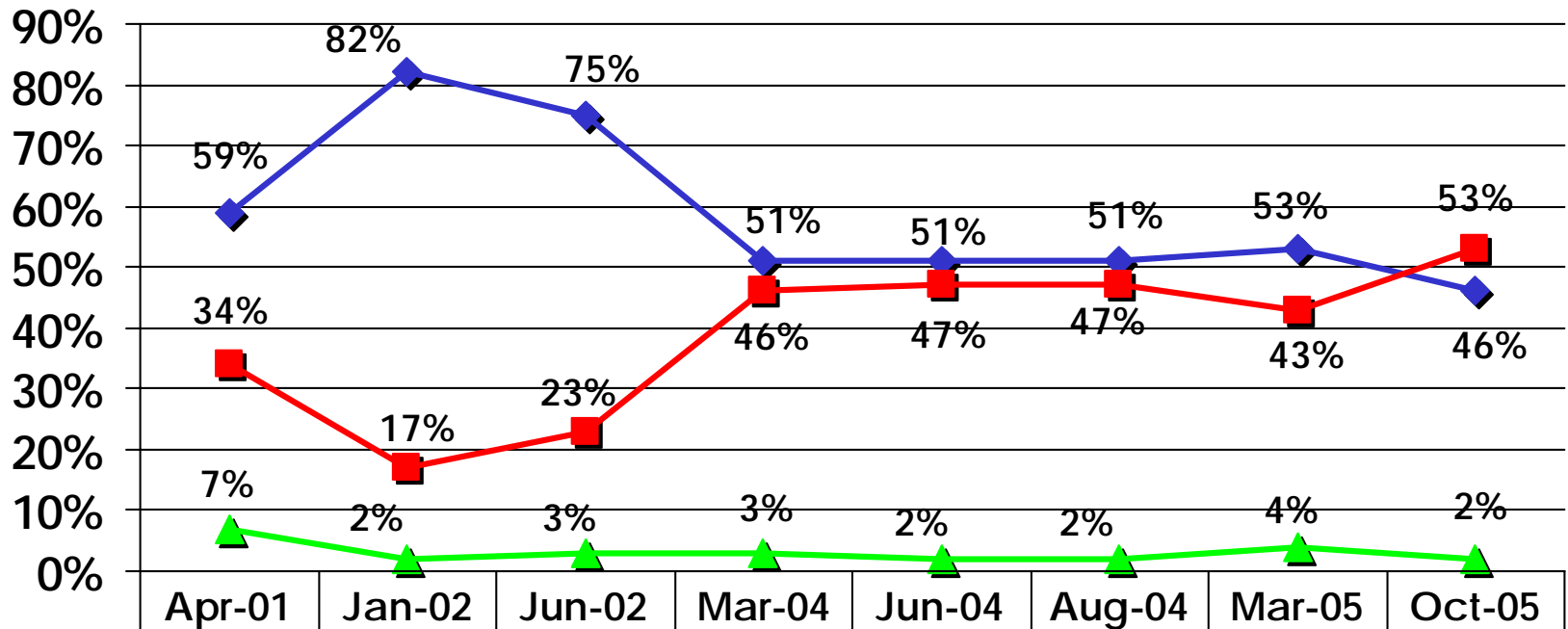
What do you think is the number one problem for the President and Congress to deal with -- that is, what is the problem that you and your family think is most important for the President and Congress to deal with?



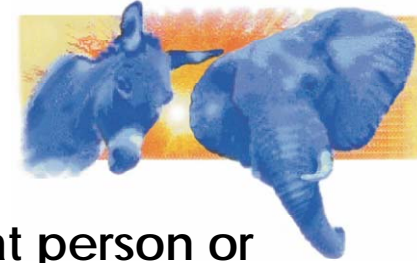


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"George W. Bush"

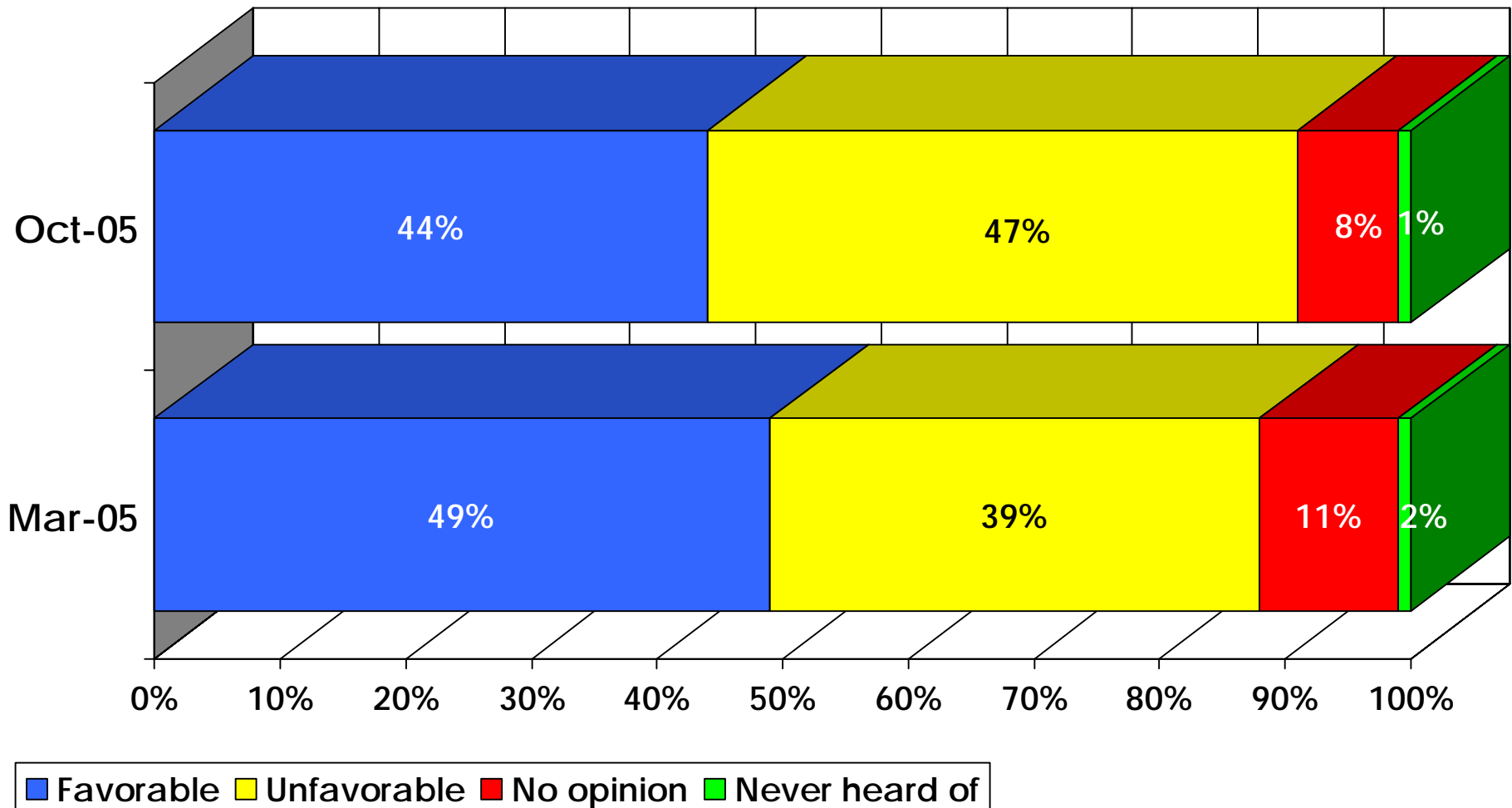


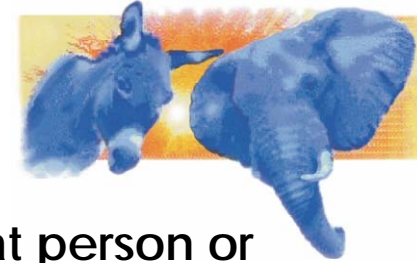
◆ Favorable	59%	82%	75%	51%	51%	51%	53%	46%
■ Unfavorable	34%	17%	23%	46%	47%	47%	43%	53%
▲ No Opinion	7%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%
✕ Never heard of								



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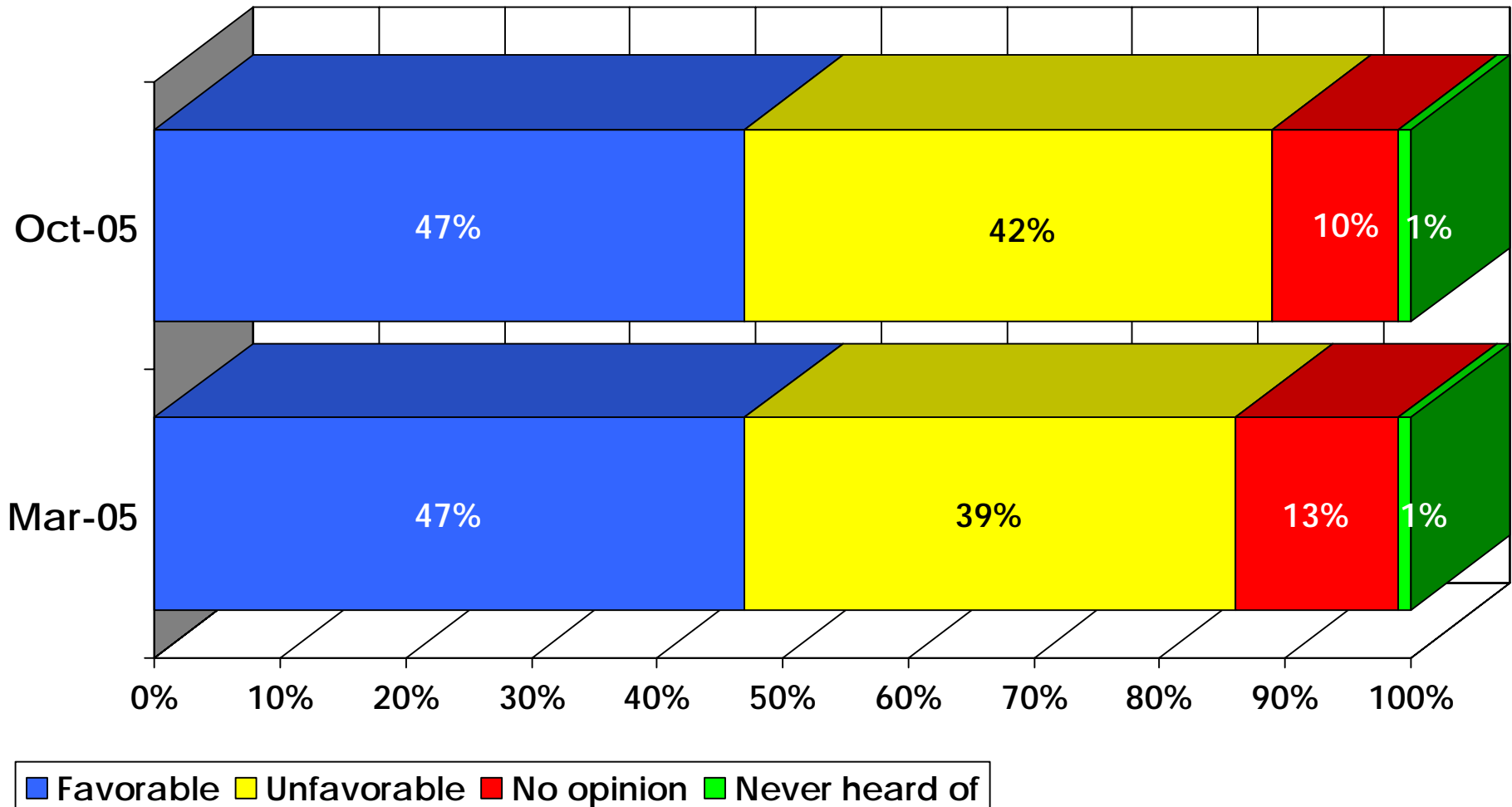
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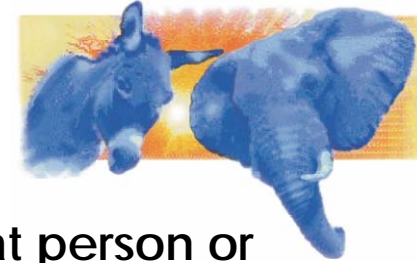




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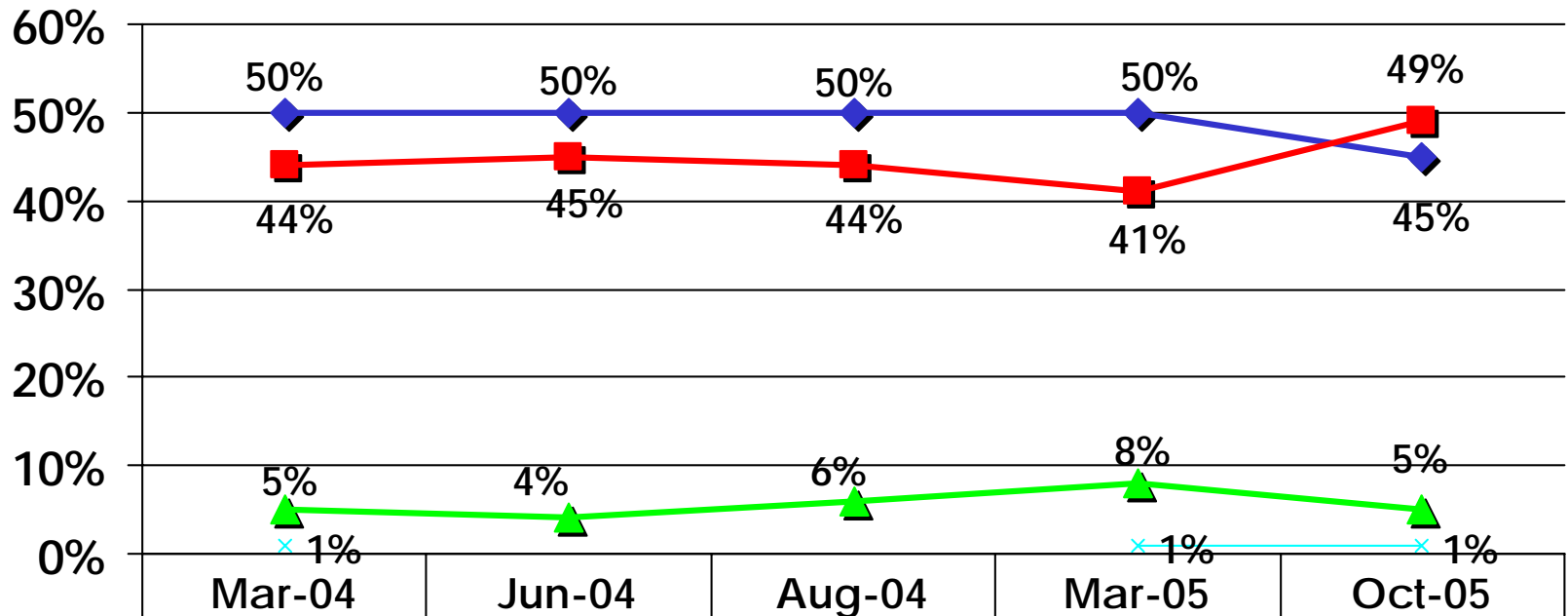
"The Democrats in Congress"



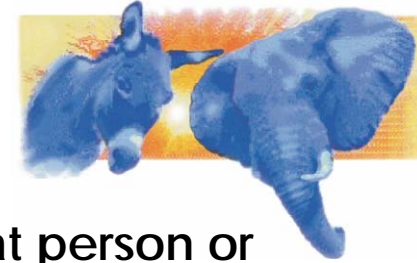


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"The Republican Party"

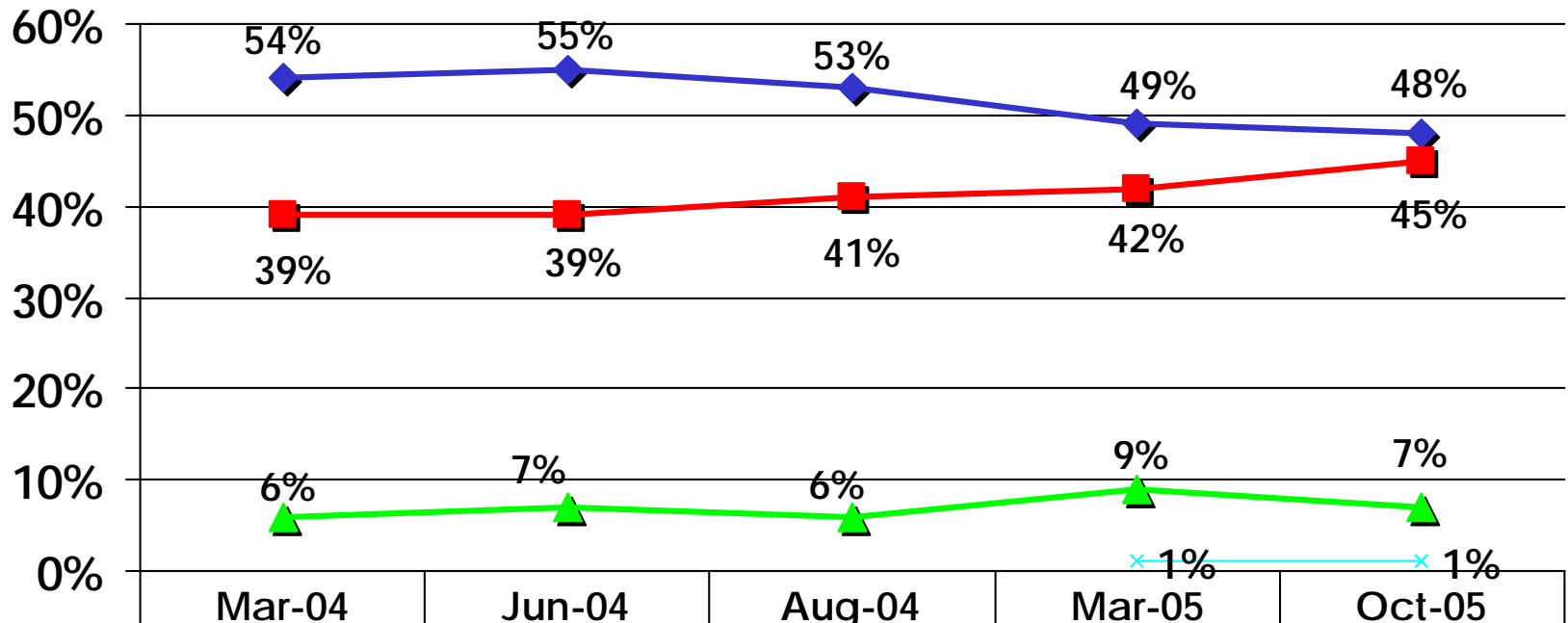


◆ Favorable	50%	50%	50%	50%	45%
■ Unfavorable	44%	45%	44%	41%	49%
▲ No Opinion	5%	4%	6%	8%	5%
× Never heard of	1%			1%	1%



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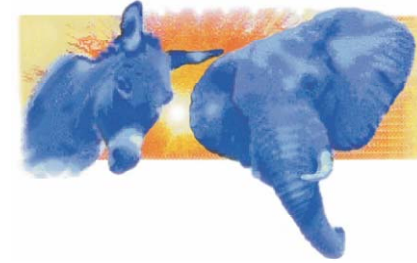
"The Democratic Party"



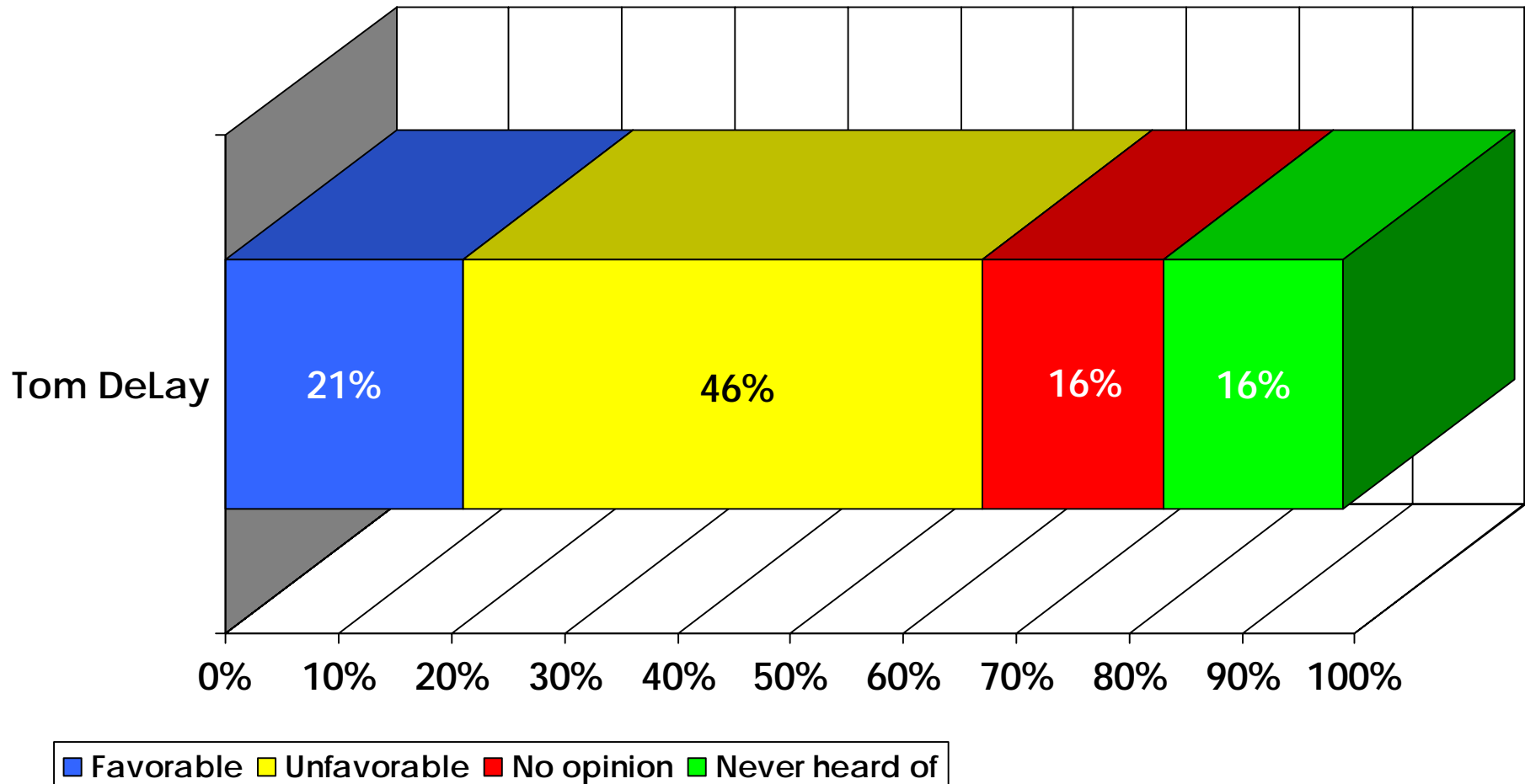
◆ Favorable	54%	55%	53%	49%	48%
■ Unfavorable	39%	39%	41%	42%	45%
▲ No Opinion	6%	7%	6%	9%	7%
× Never heard of				1%	1%

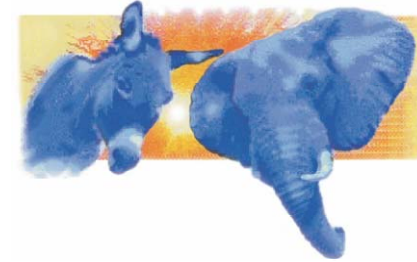
BATTLEGROUND 2006

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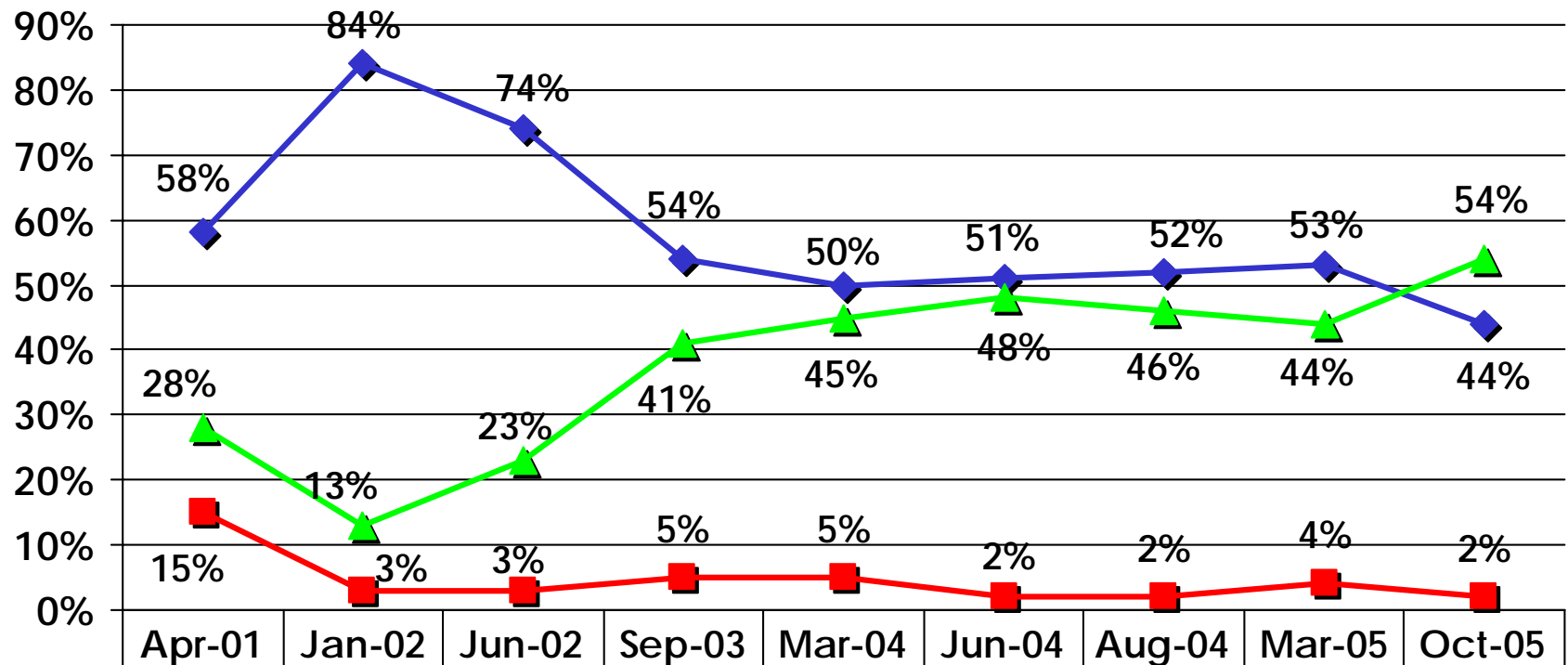


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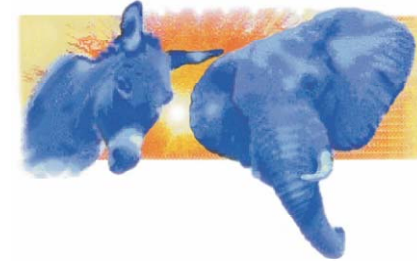




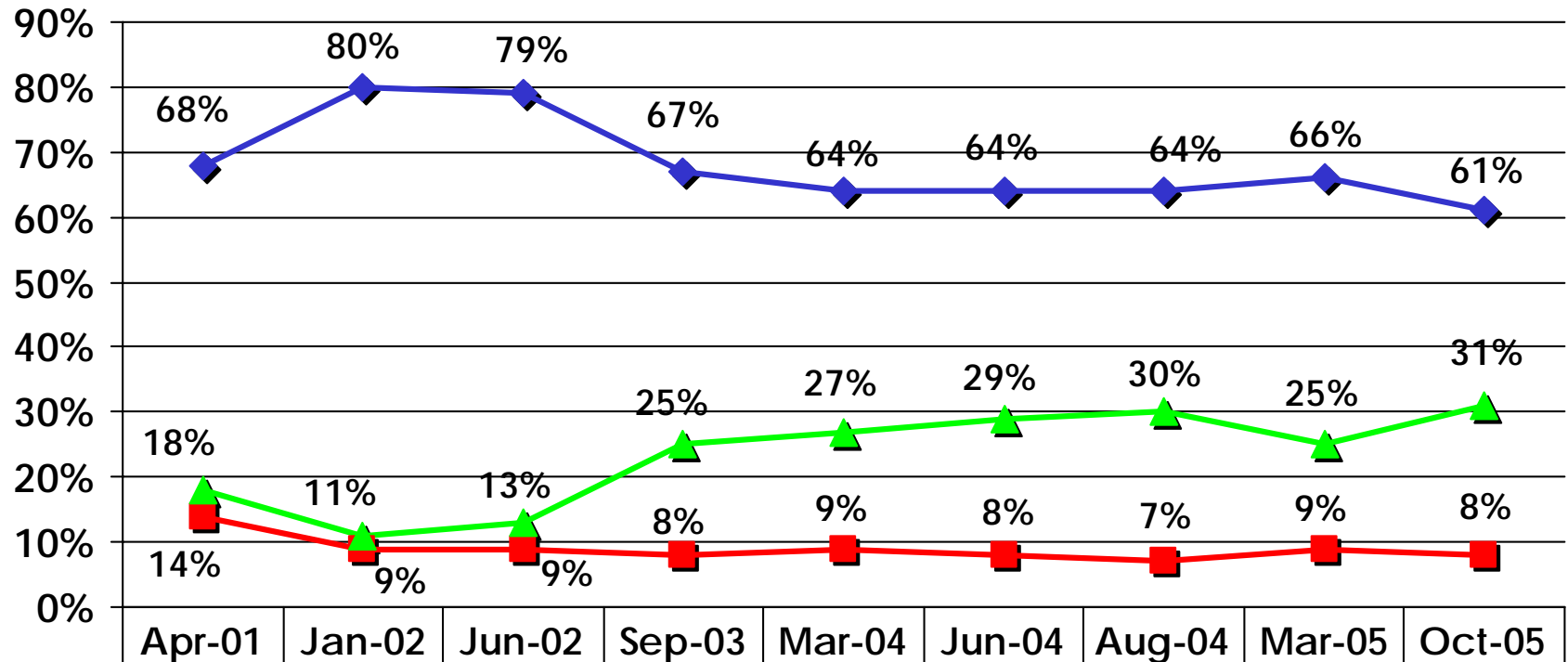
How would you rate the job George W. Bush has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?



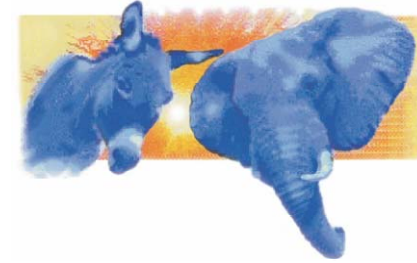
◆ Approve	58%	84%	74%	54%	50%	51%	52%	53%	44%
■ Unsure	15%	3%	3%	5%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%
▲ Disapprove	28%	13%	23%	41%	45%	48%	46%	44%	54%



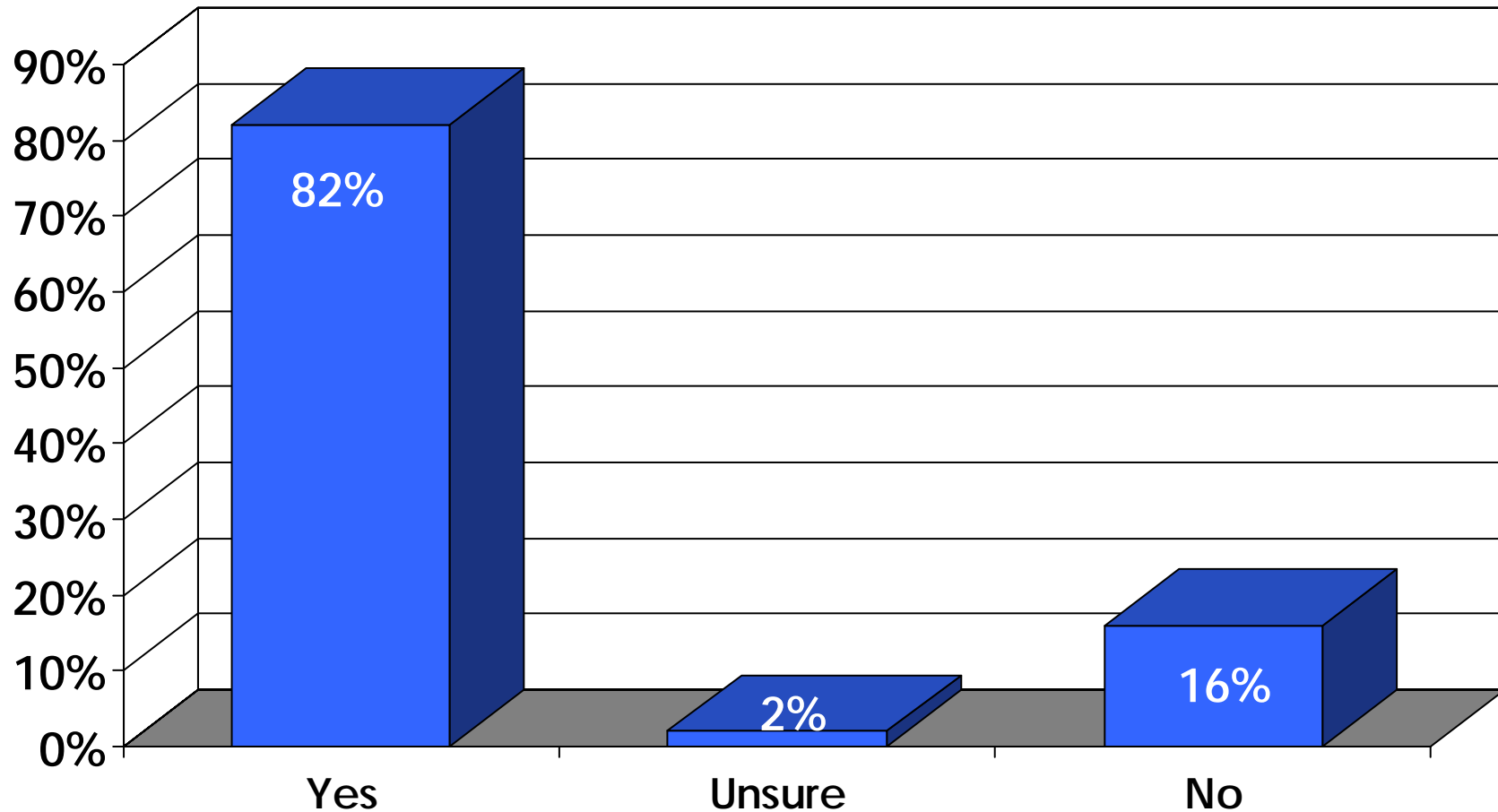
Whether you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President, what is your impression of George W. Bush as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?



◆ Approve	68%	80%	79%	67%	64%	64%	64%	66%	61%
■ Unsure	14%	9%	9%	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%	8%
▲ Disapprove	18%	11%	13%	25%	27%	29%	30%	25%	31%

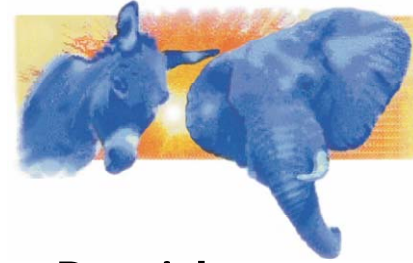


Have you seen, read or heard anything about President George W. Bush and his policies recently?



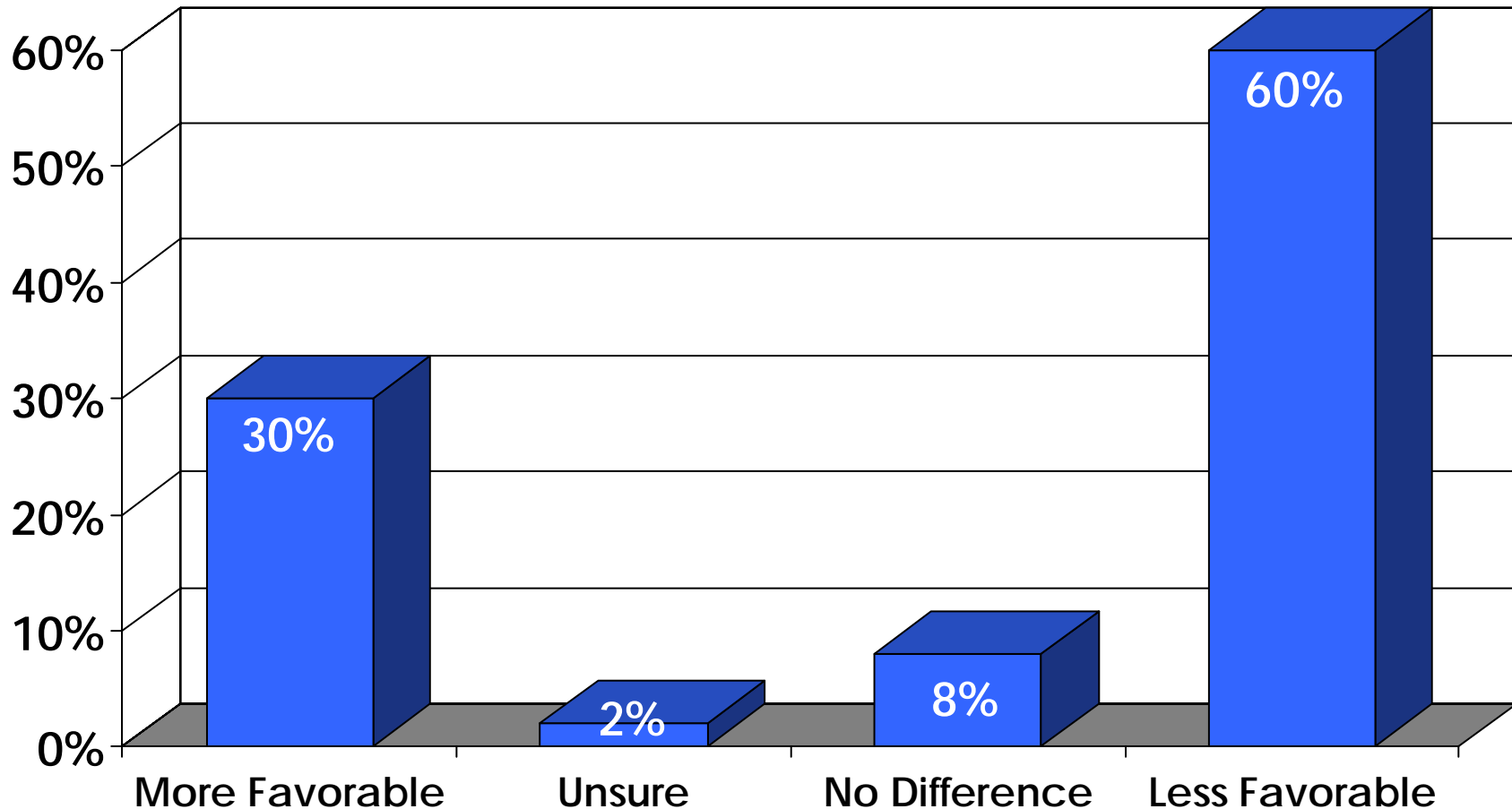
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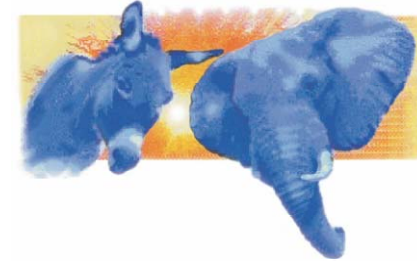
Thinking about what you have seen, read or heard about President George W. Bush and his policies, has it made you more favorable or less favorable towards him?

(Asked of N= 823, or 82% of total sample)



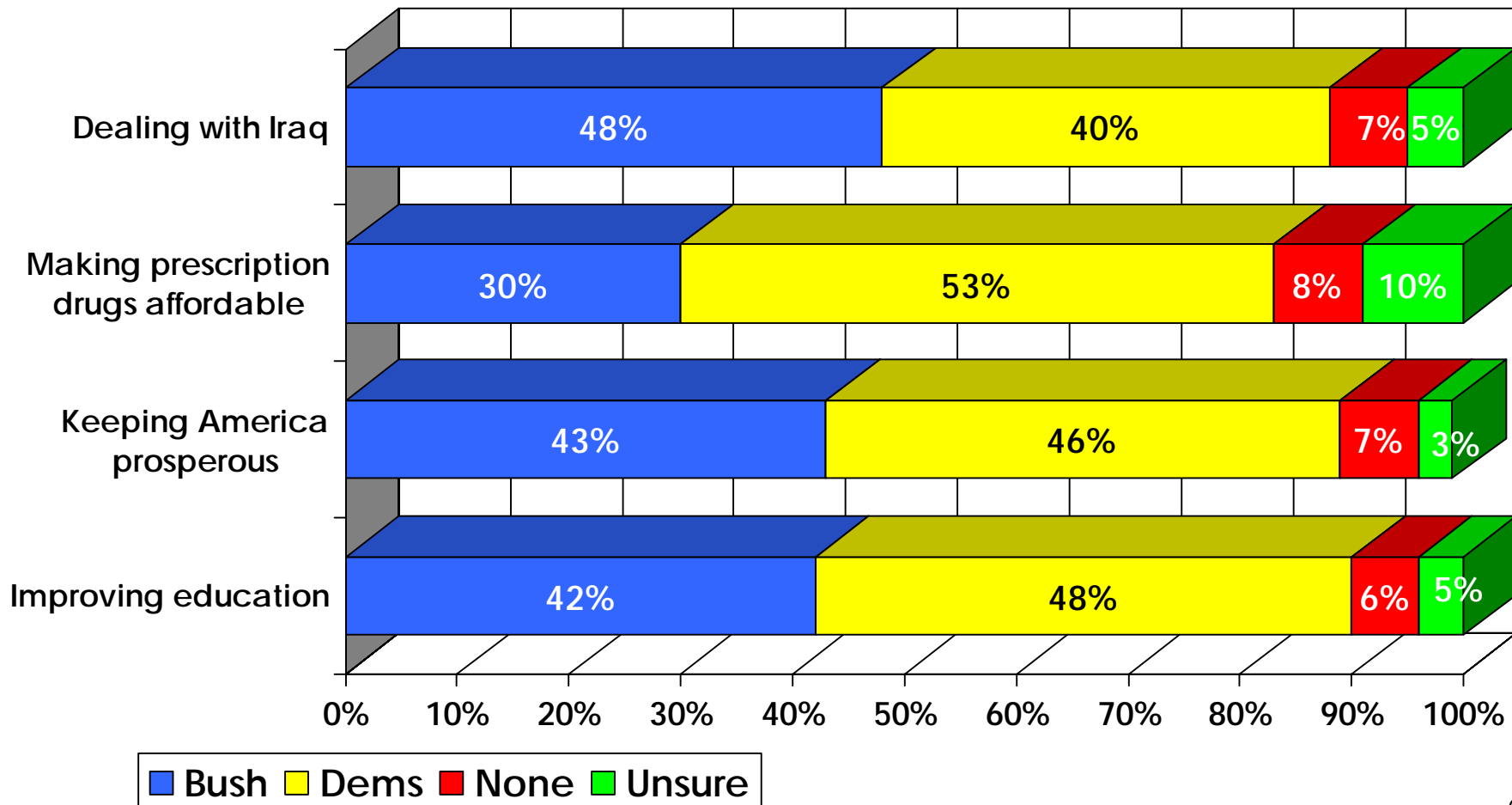
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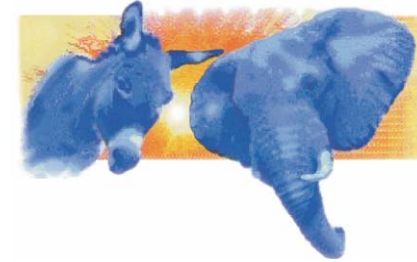
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(Split Sample A)



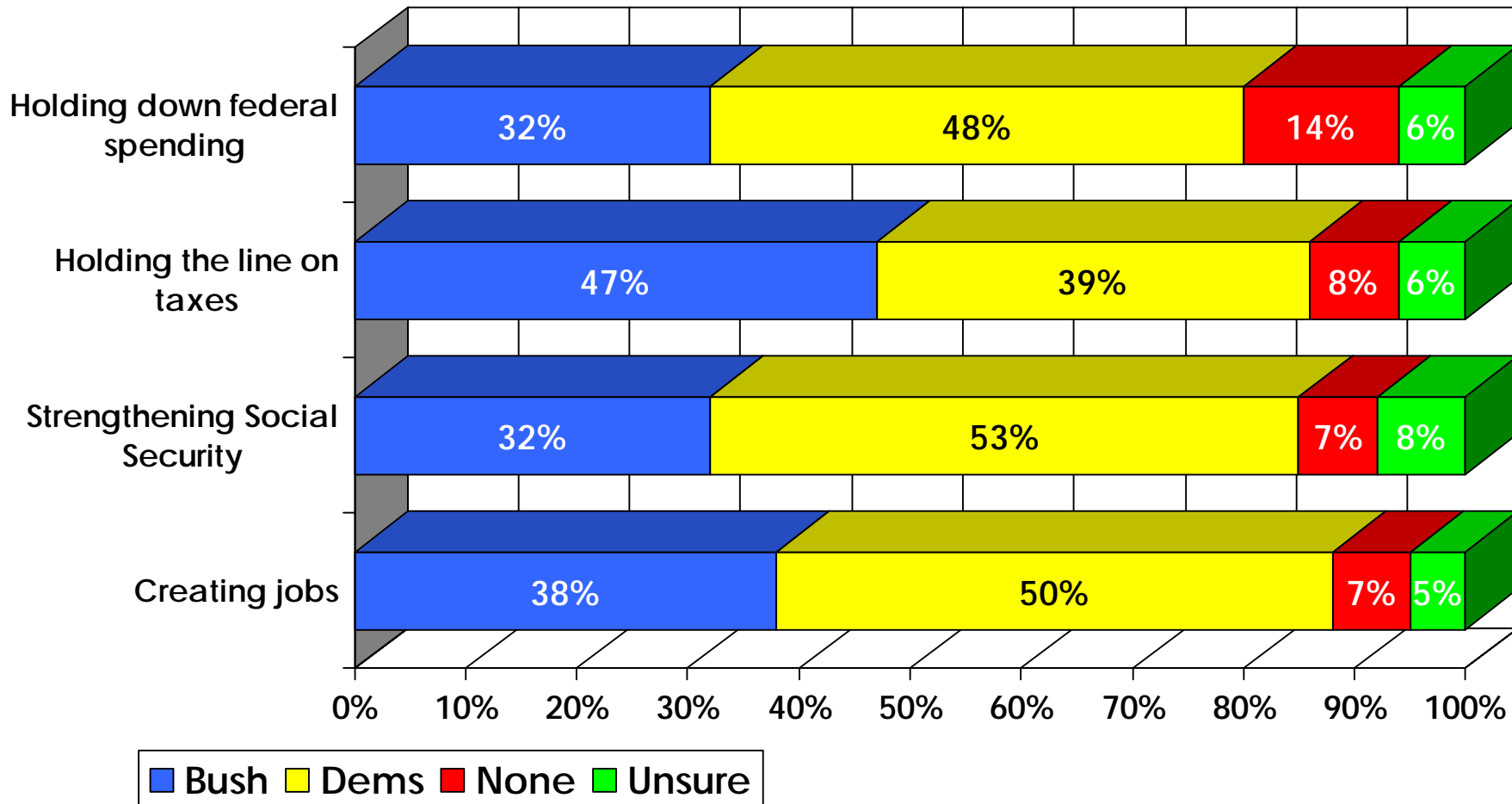
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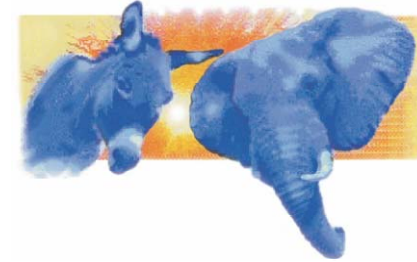
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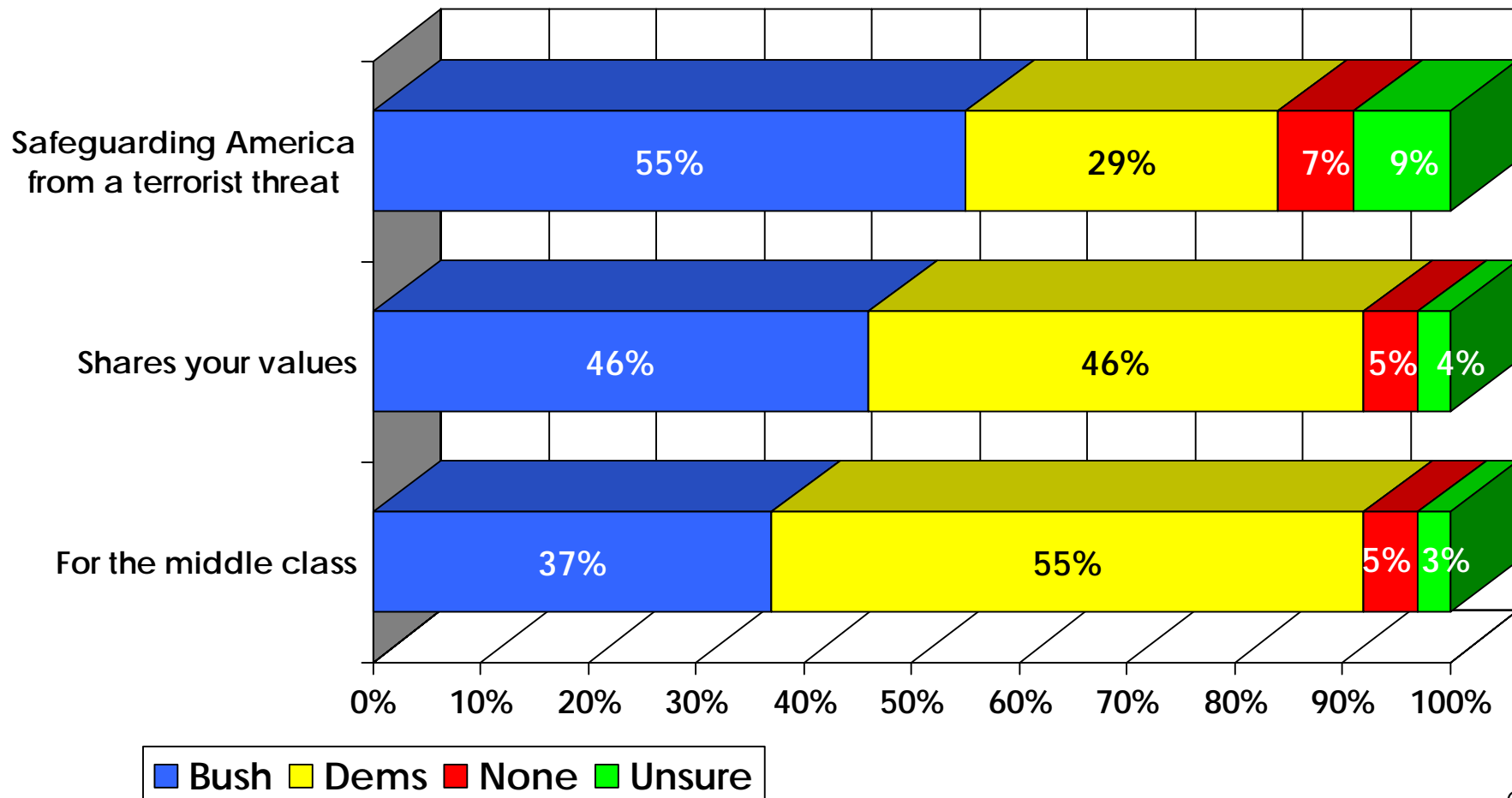
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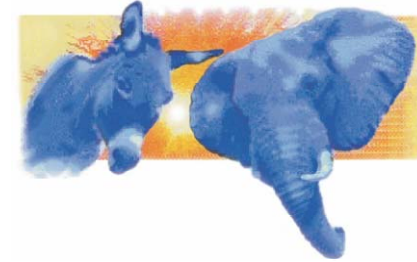
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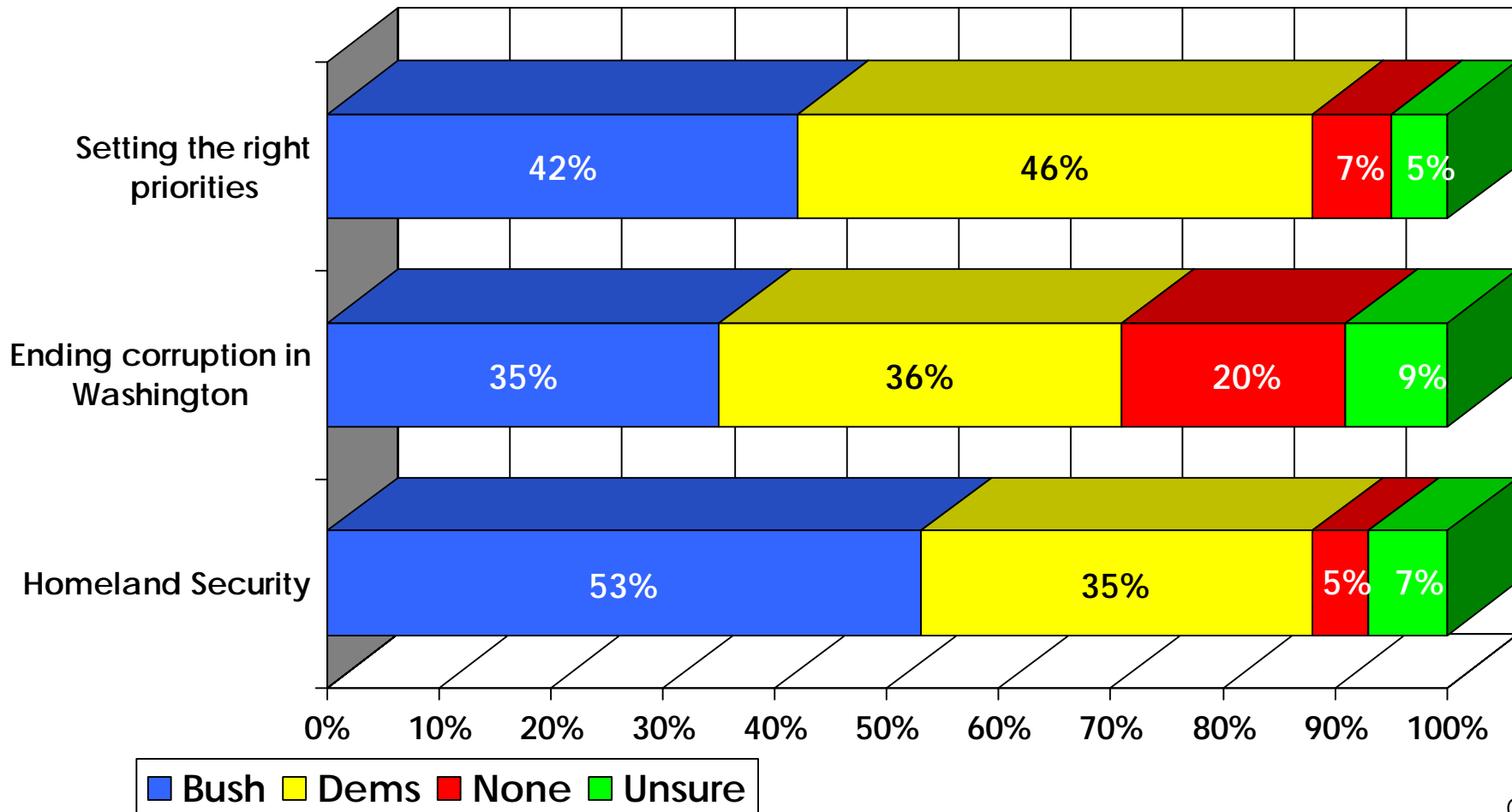
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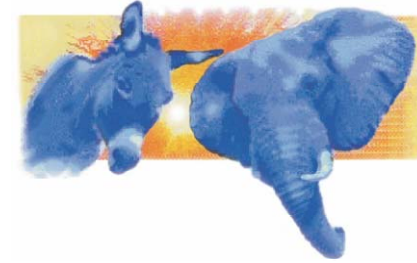
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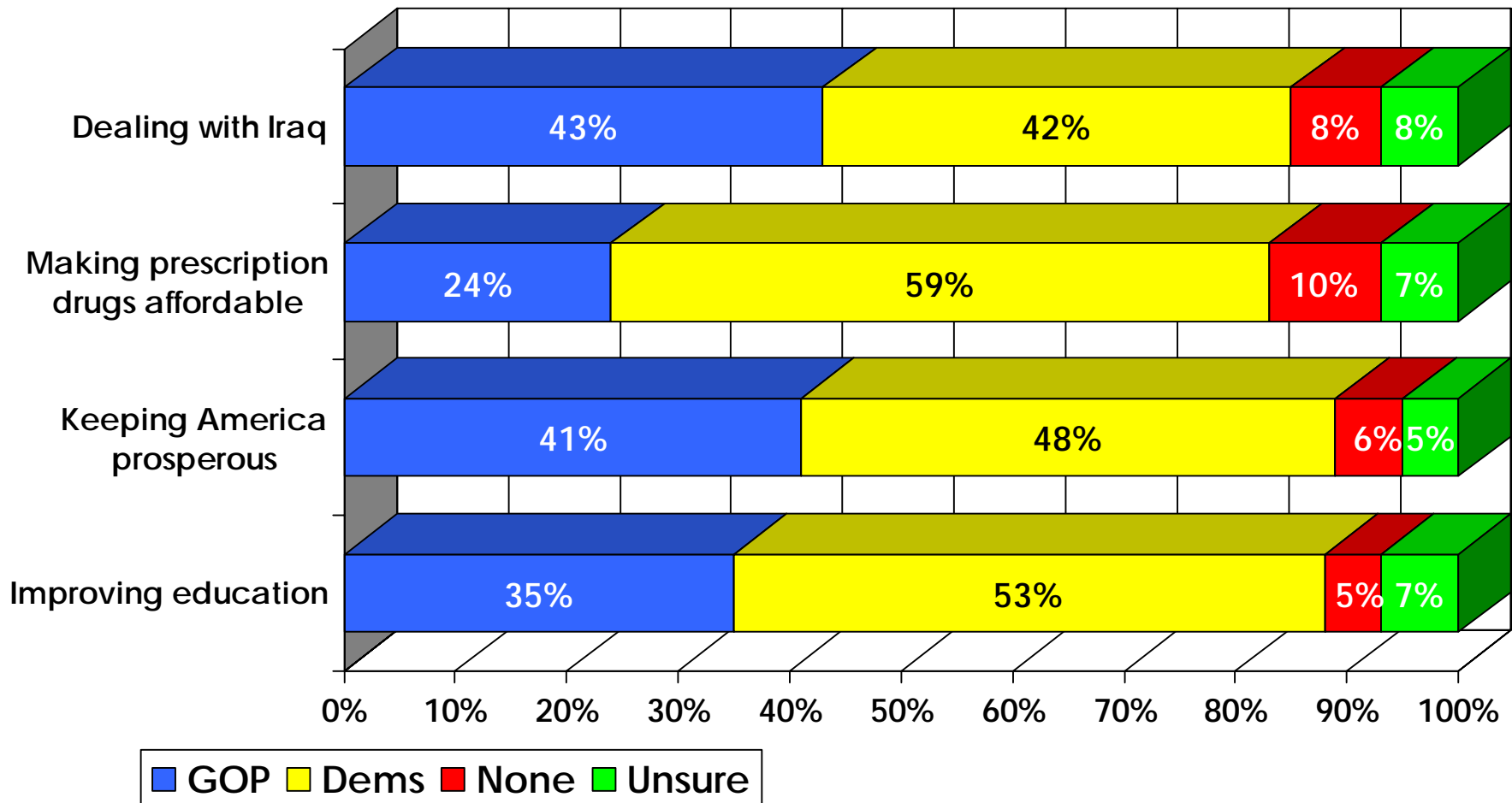
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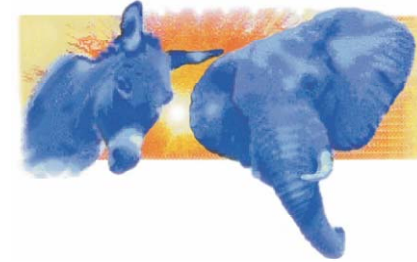
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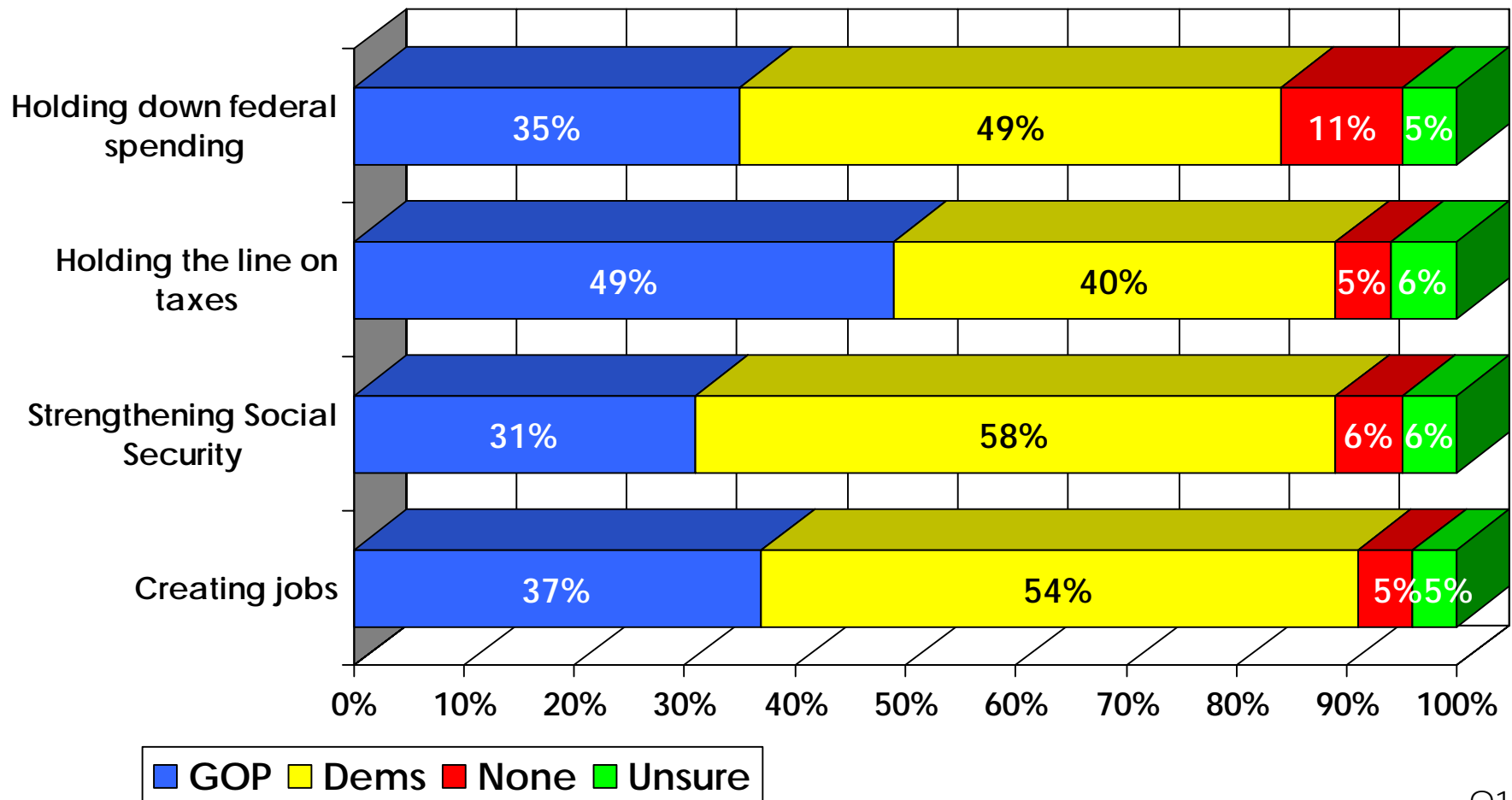
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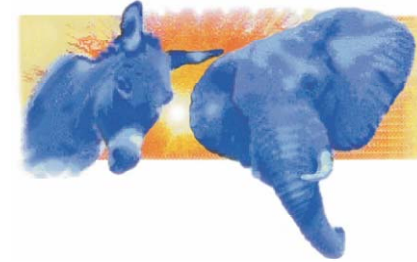
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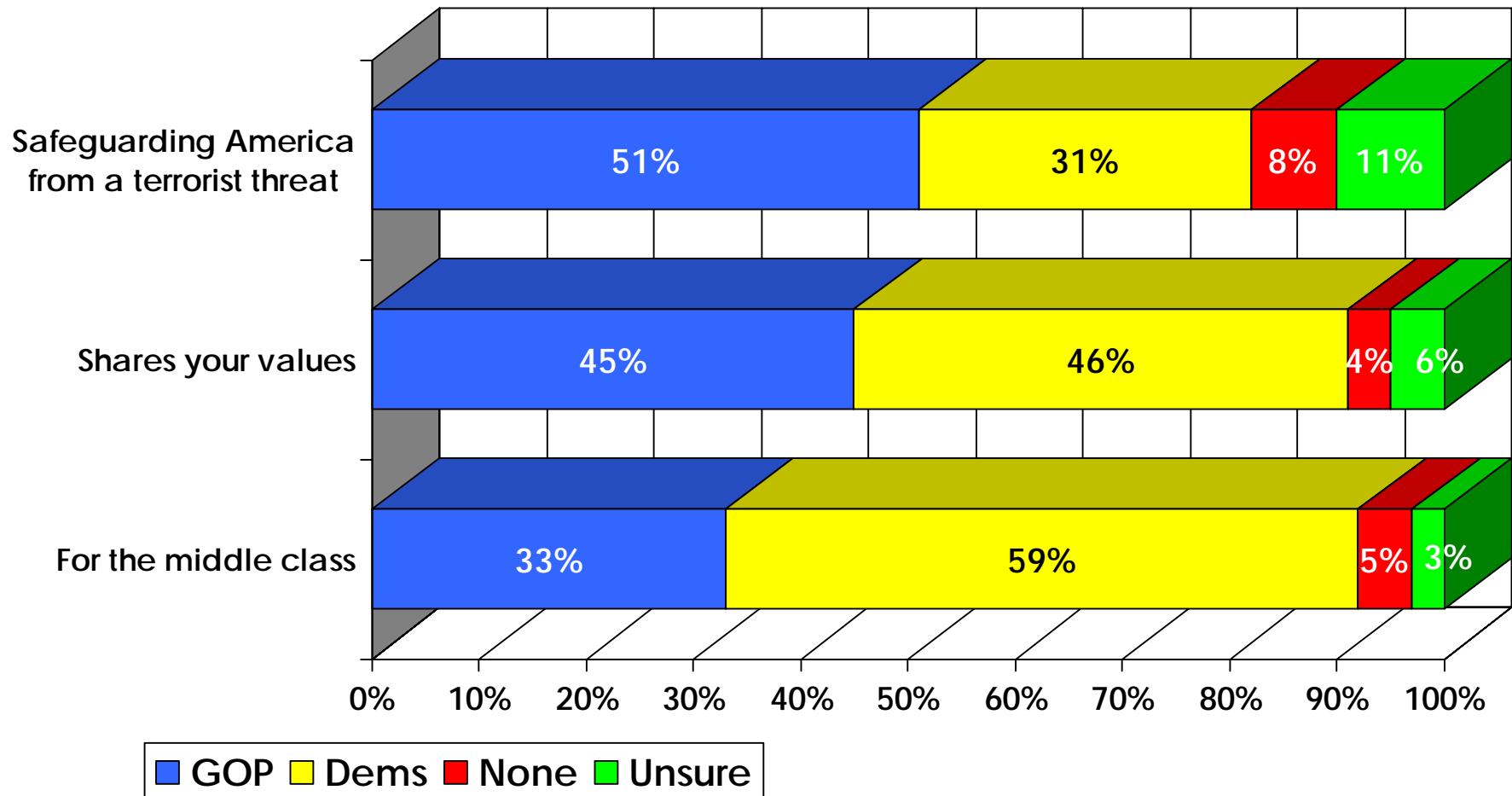
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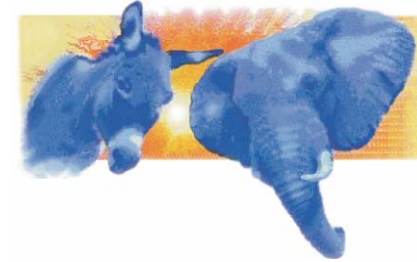
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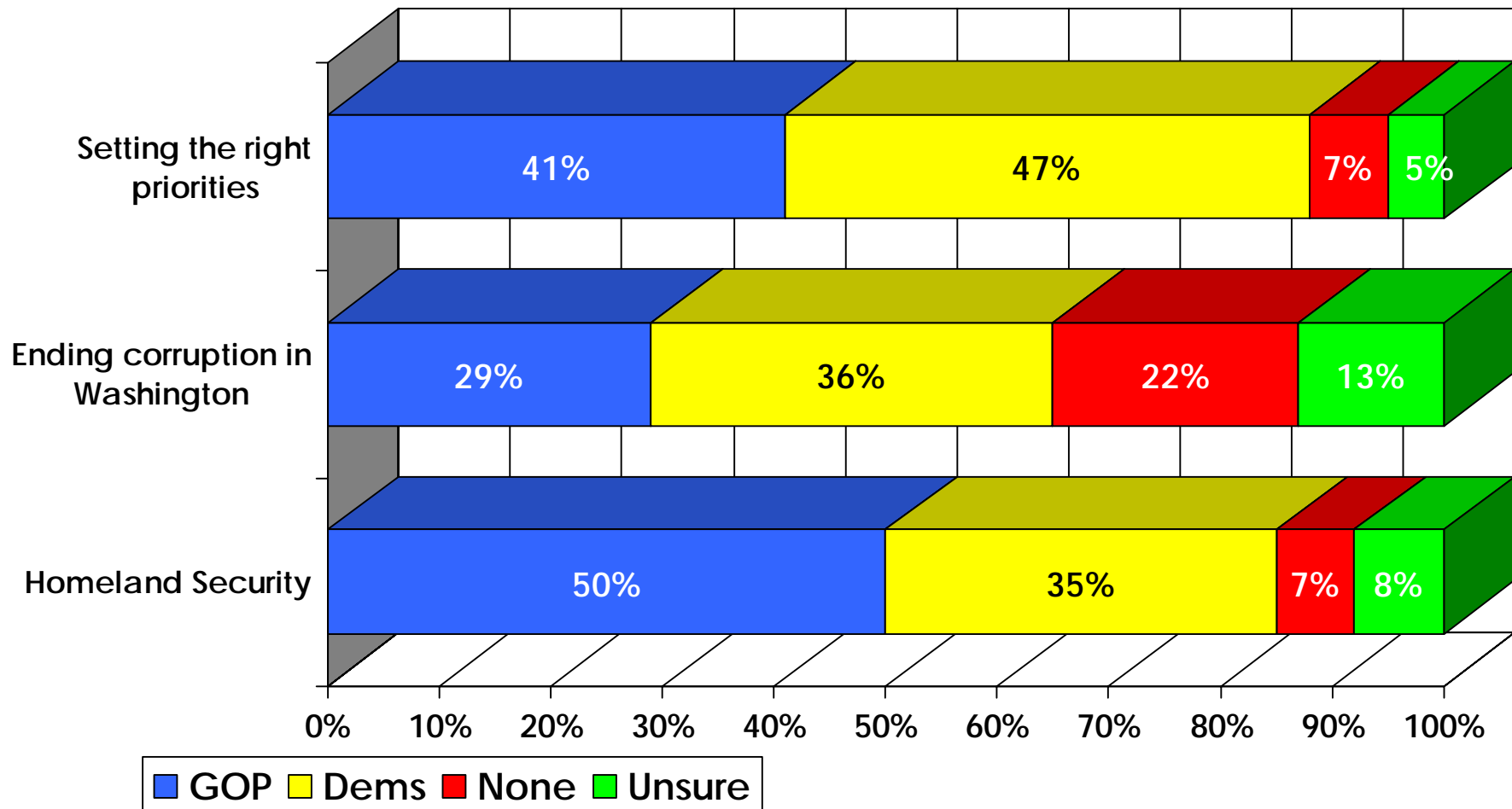
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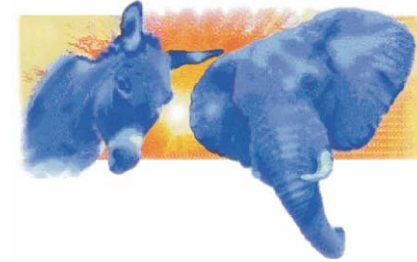
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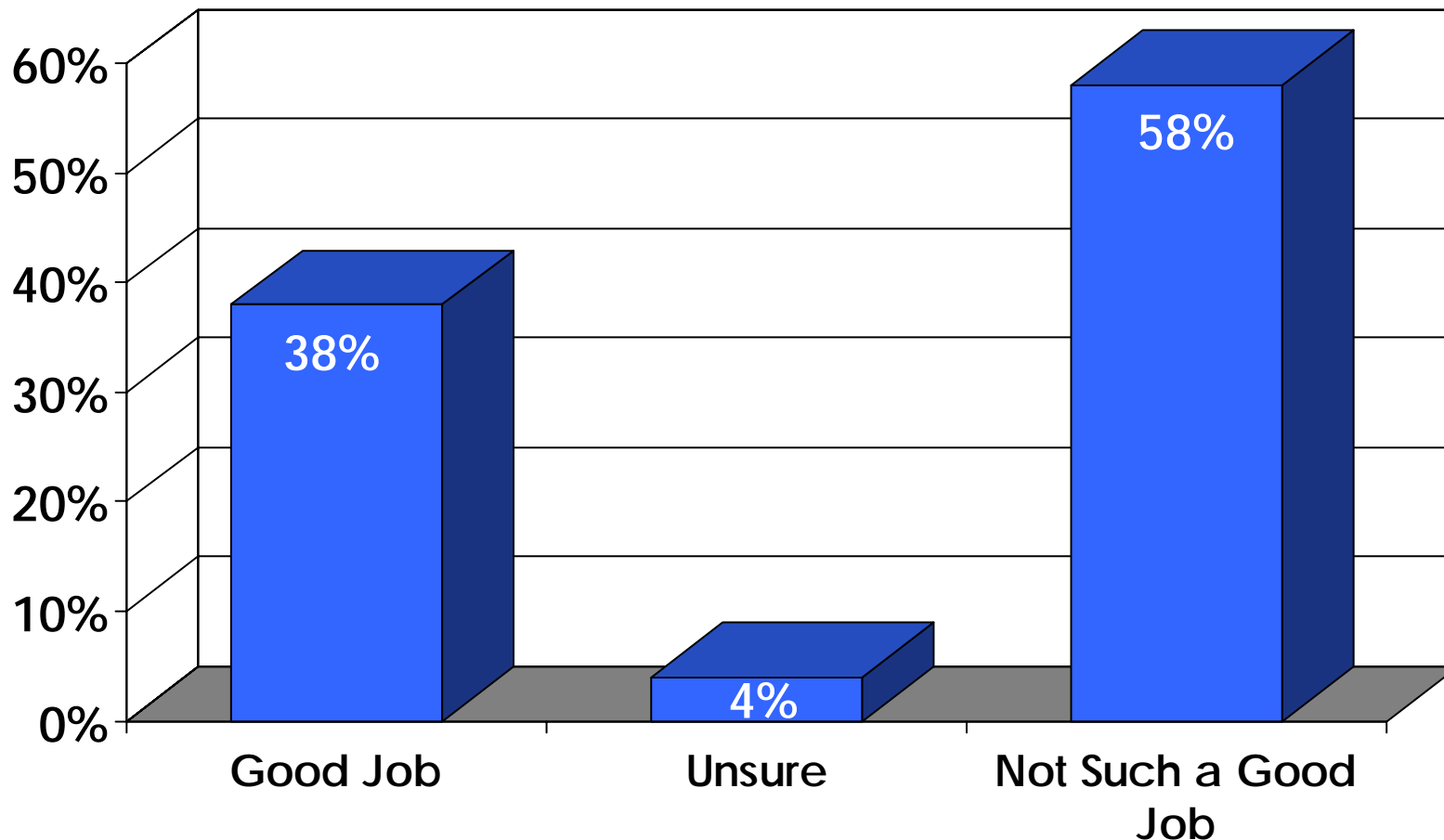
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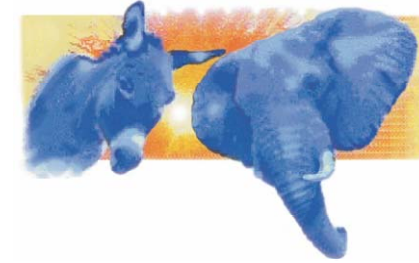




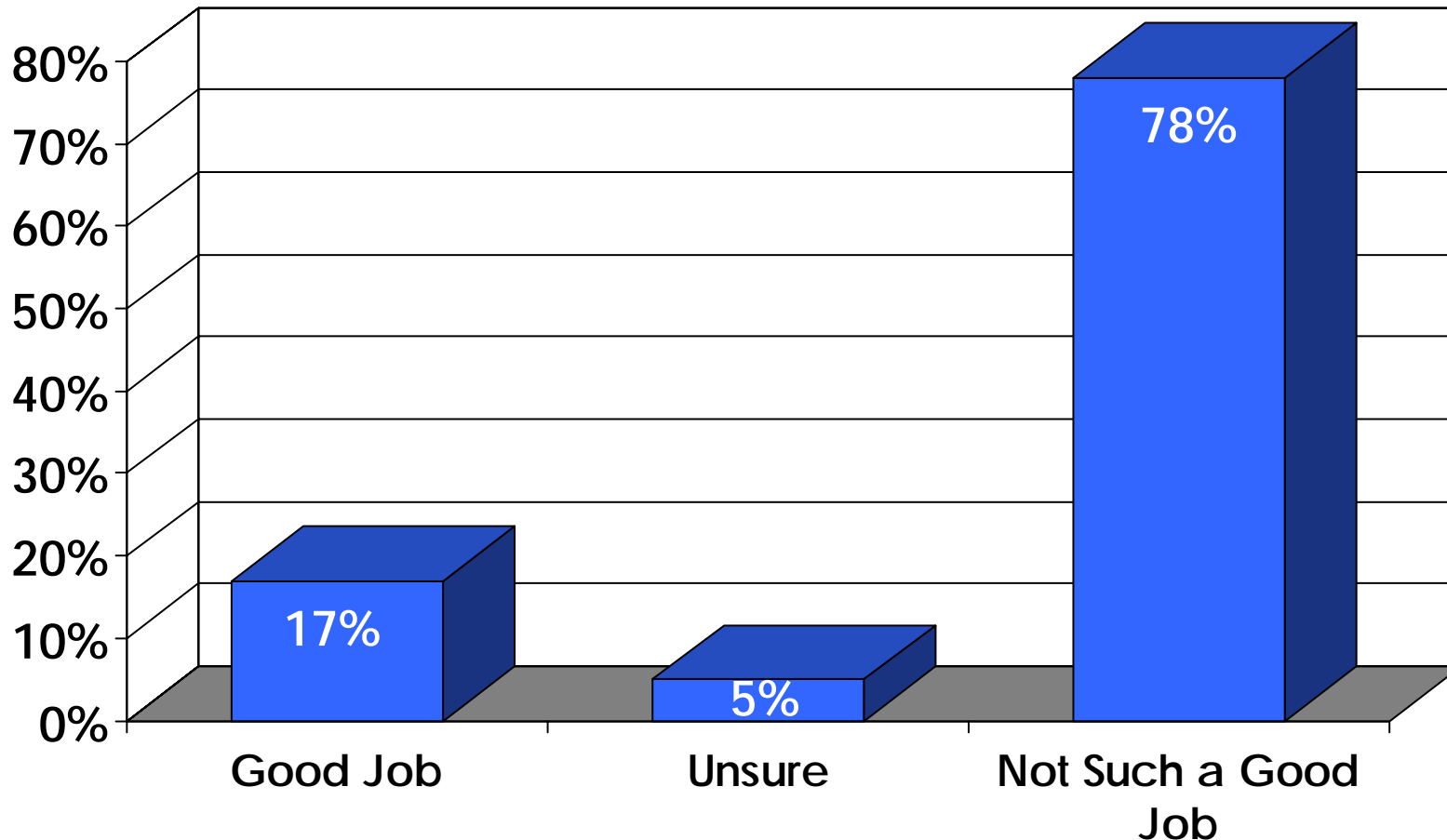
Do you think the federal government did a good job or not such a good job on providing relief & assistance to residents in the Gulf Coast area?

(Split Sample A)



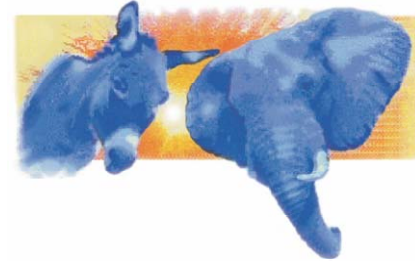


Do you think the state and local governments in Louisiana did a good job or not such a good job on providing relief and assistance to their residents?
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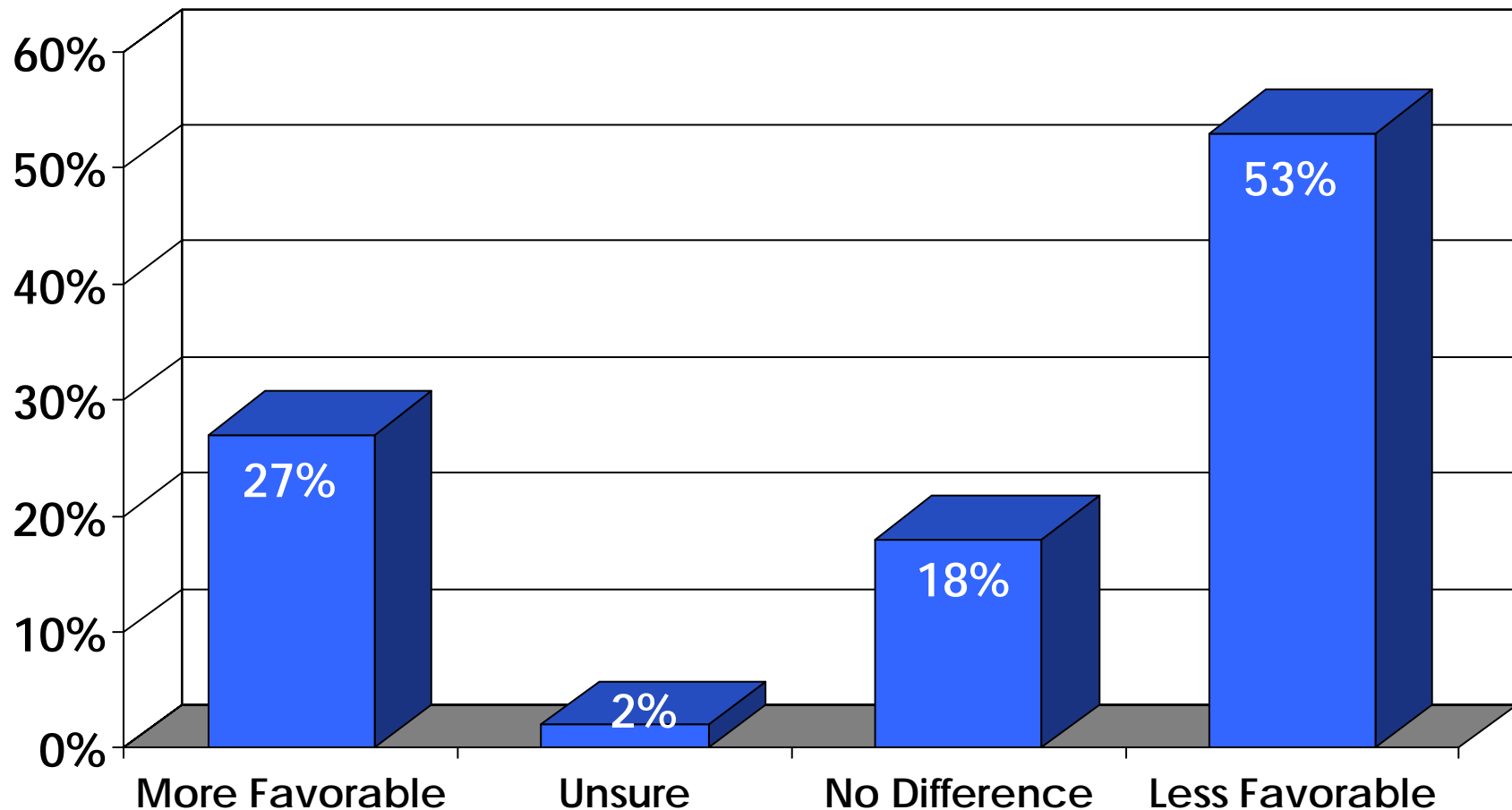


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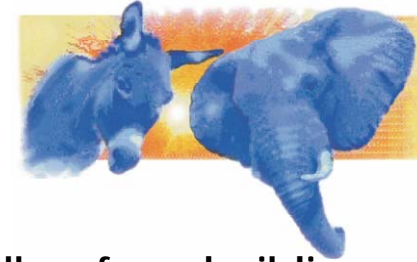


Did these events cause you to have a more favorable or less favorable view of the leadership of President George W. Bush?

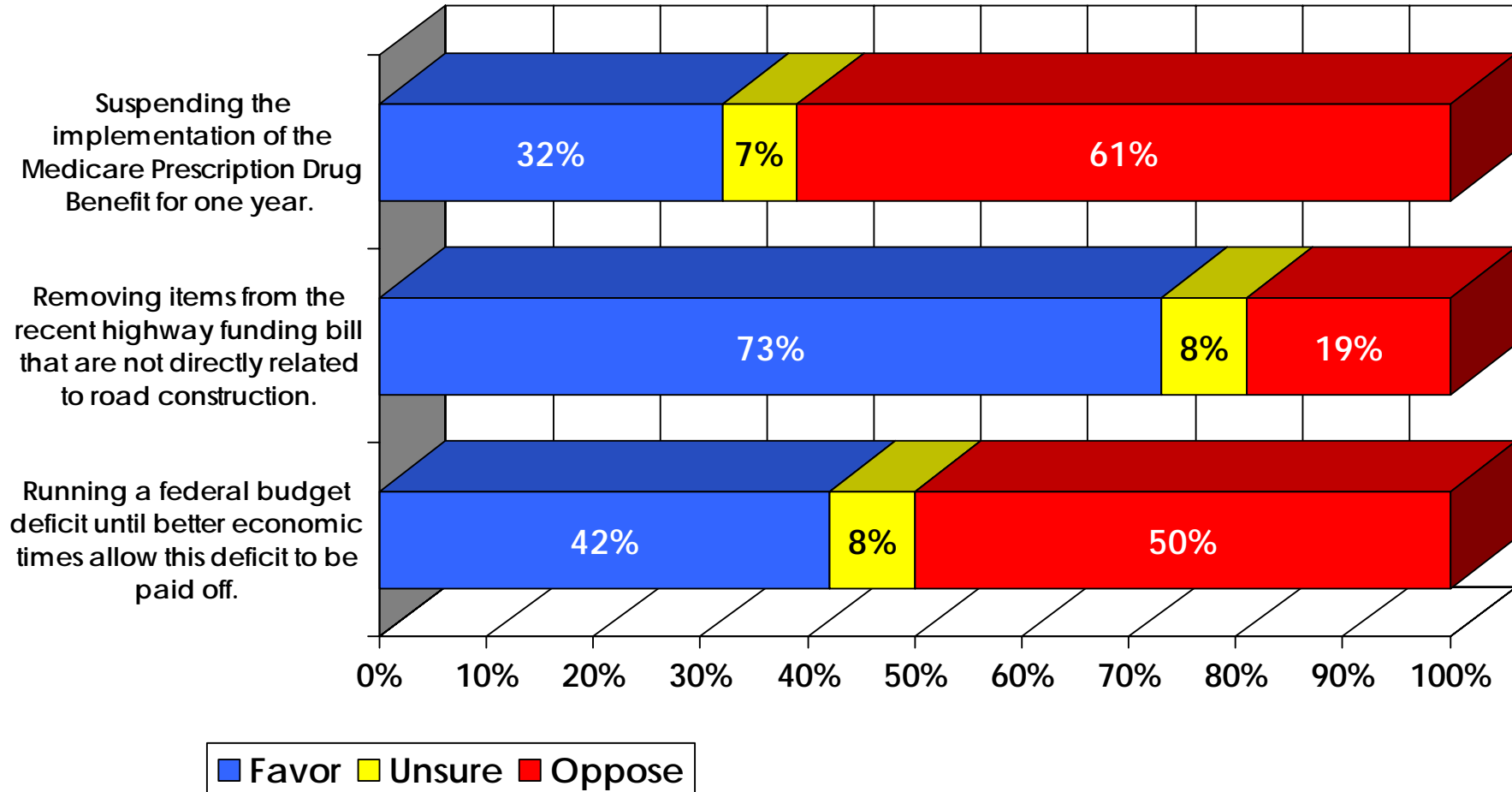


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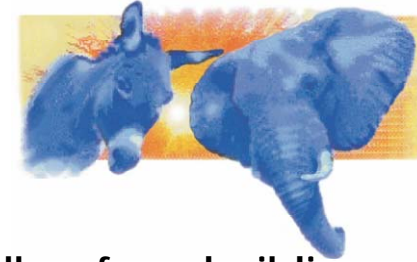


As you may know, it is expected that it will cost hundreds of billions of dollars for rebuilding efforts in the regions affected by the recent hurricanes. A majority of this cost will come from the federal government. Now I would like to read you several proposals that have been made to pay for these programs. For each one, please tell me if you would favor or oppose this proposal.

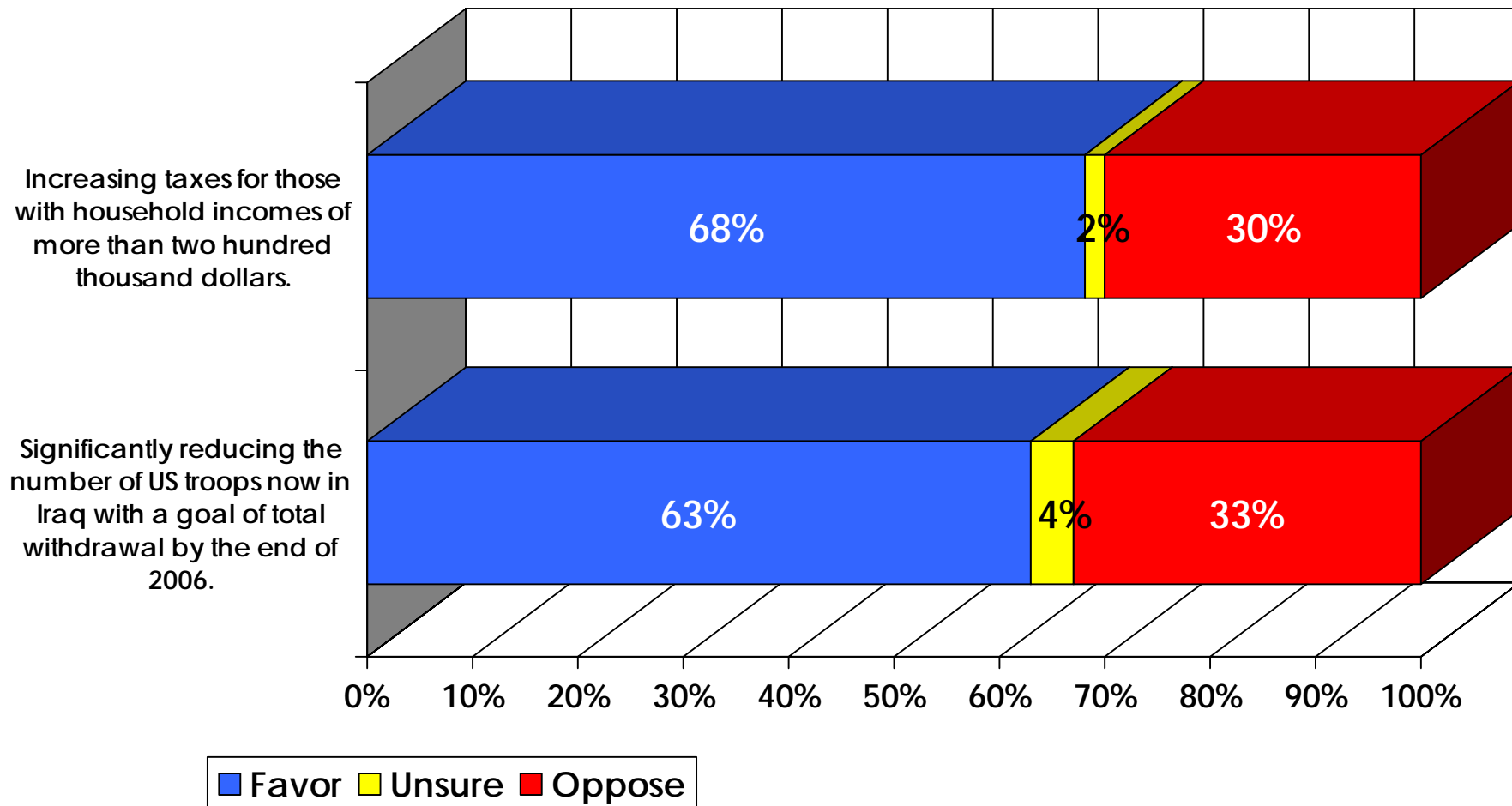


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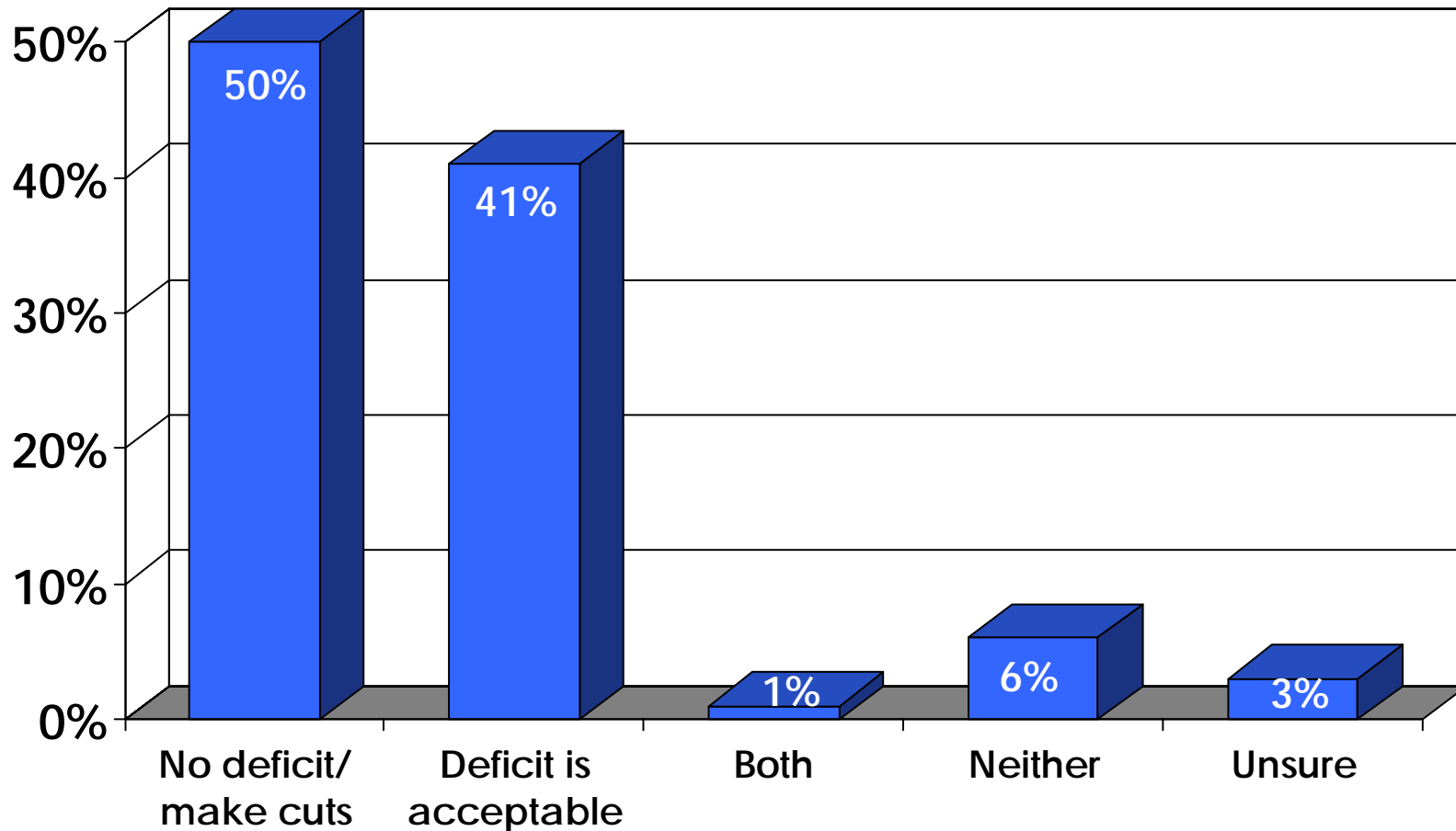
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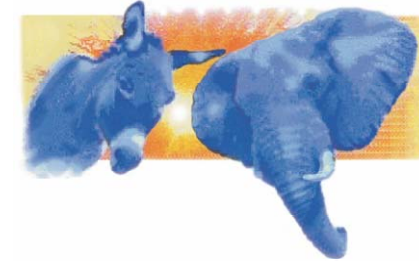




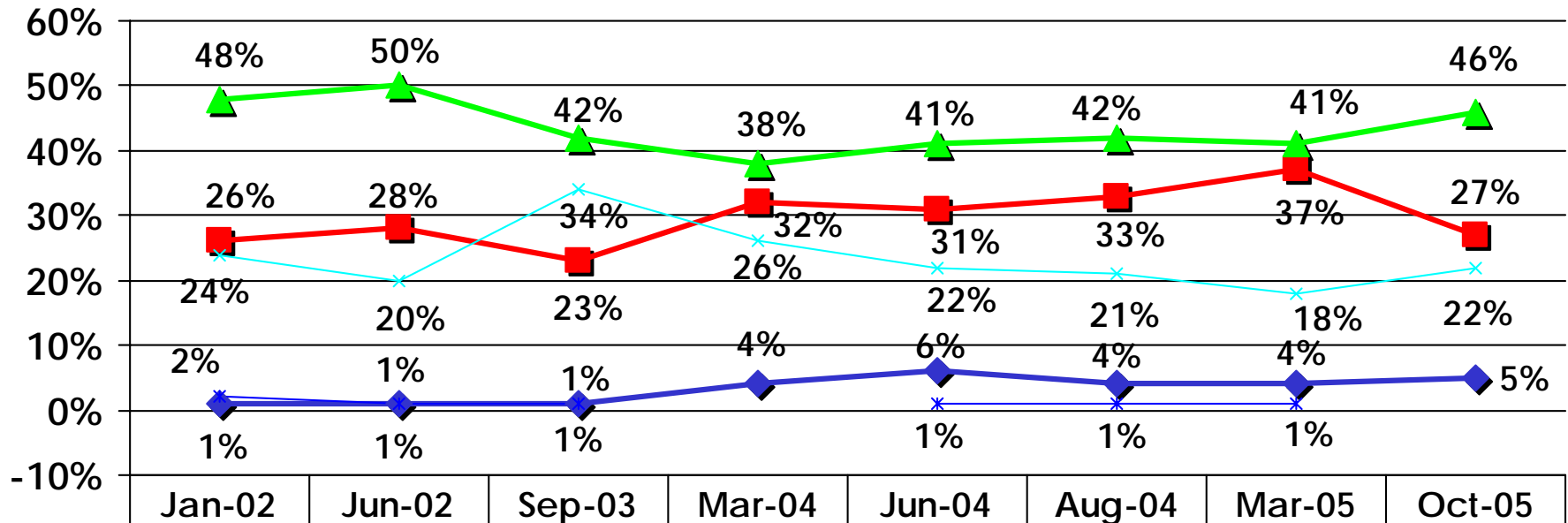
Some people say that we cannot afford to increase the deficit to pay for this rebuilding. We must make cuts in federal spending or raise taxes. Other people say that this is a special situation that requires a special solution. We have to do whatever it takes to rebuild, even if we have to create a federal budget deficit.

Which viewpoint comes closest to your own?

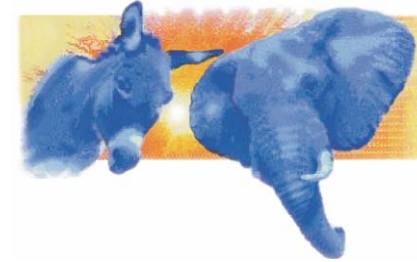




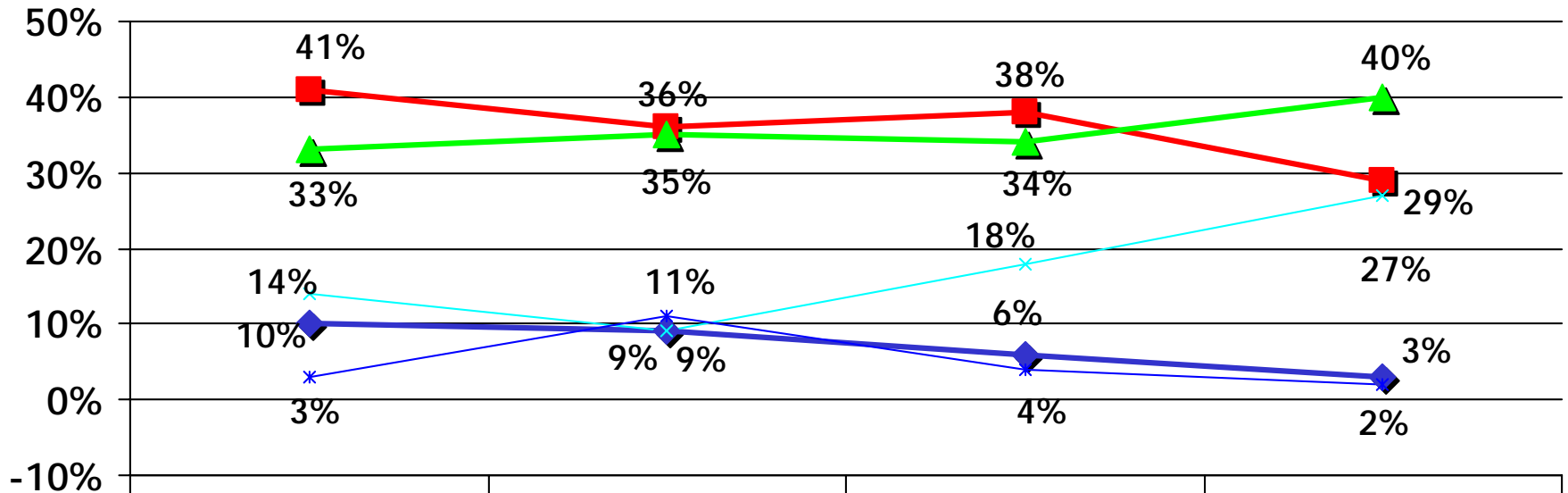
In thinking about the economy, how would you rate the current state of the economy? (Split Sample A)



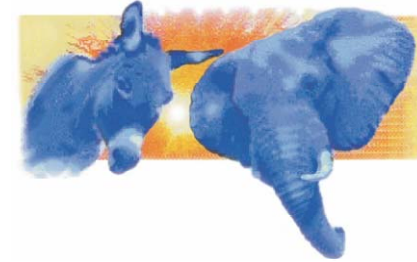
◆ Excellent	1%	1%	1%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%
■ Good	26%	28%	23%	32%	31%	33%	37%	27%
▲ Just Fair	48%	50%	42%	38%	41%	42%	41%	46%
× Poor	24%	20%	34%	26%	22%	21%	18%	22%
* Unsure	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%



In thinking about the economy, how do you think the economy will rate SIX months from now? (Split Sample B)

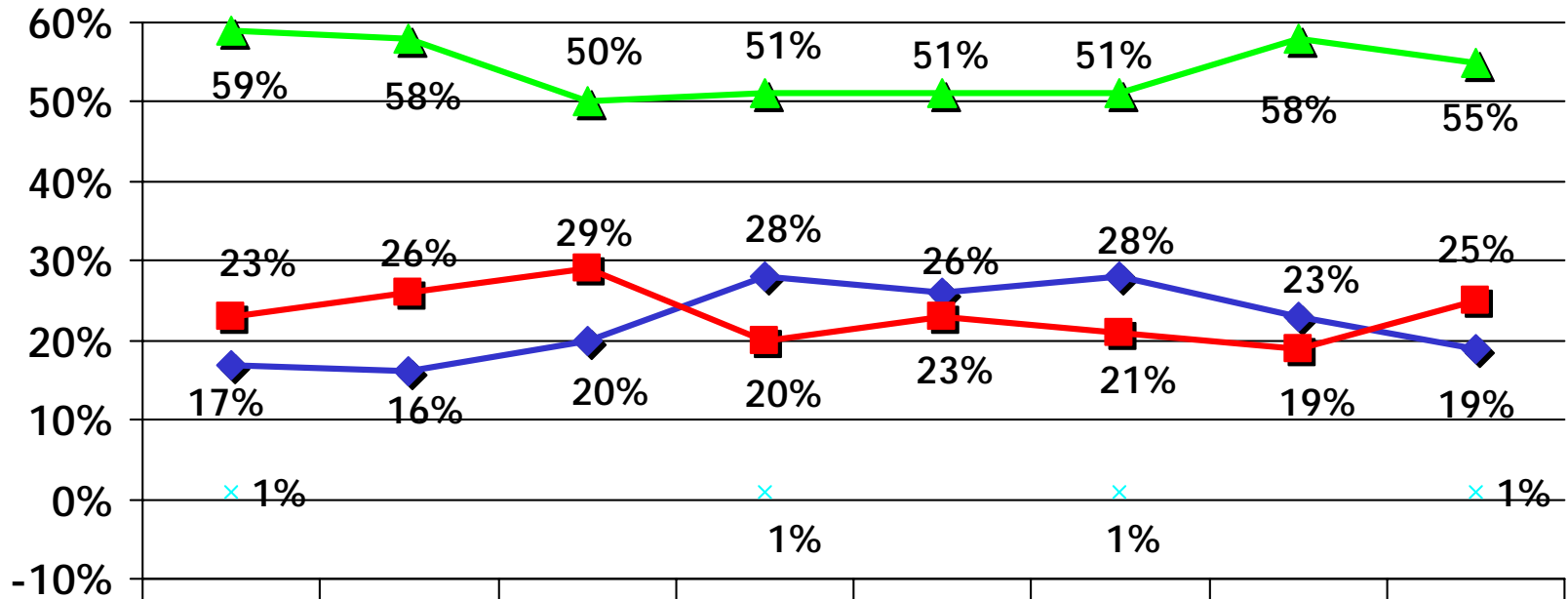


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◆ Excellent	10%	9%	6%	3%
■ Good	41%	36%	38%	29%
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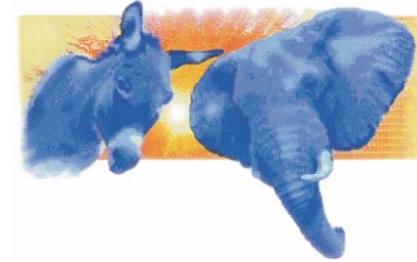


Would you say that you and your family are financially better off, worse off, or just about the same as you were a year ago?

(Split Sample A)

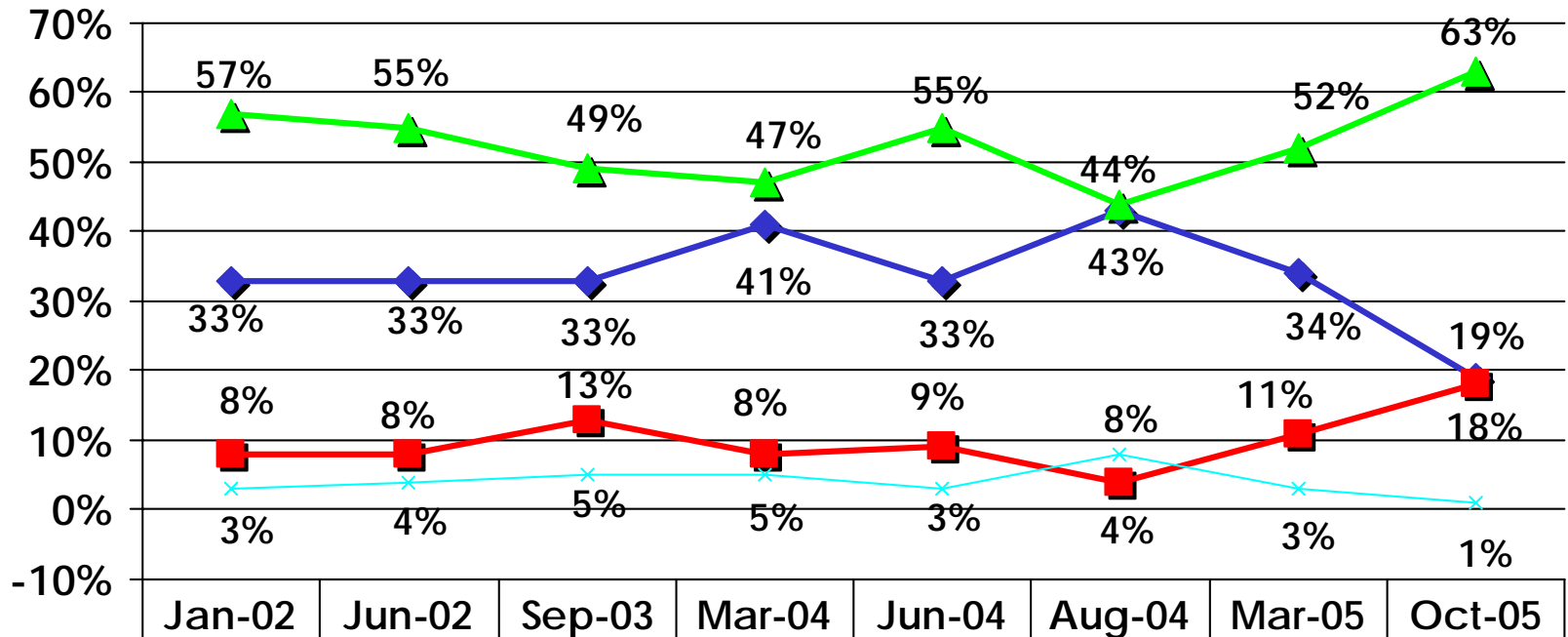


	Jan-02	Jun-02	Sep-03	Mar-04	Jun-04	Aug-04	Mar-05	Oct-05
◆ Better off	17%	16%	20%	28%	26%	28%	23%	19%
■ Worse off	23%	26%	29%	20%	23%	21%	19%	25%
▲ About the same	59%	58%	50%	51%	51%	51%	58%	55%
× Unsure/Refused	1%			1%		1%		1%

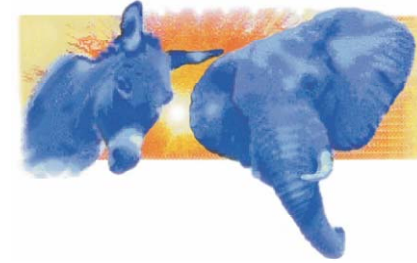


Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family will be better off financially, worse off, or just about the same?

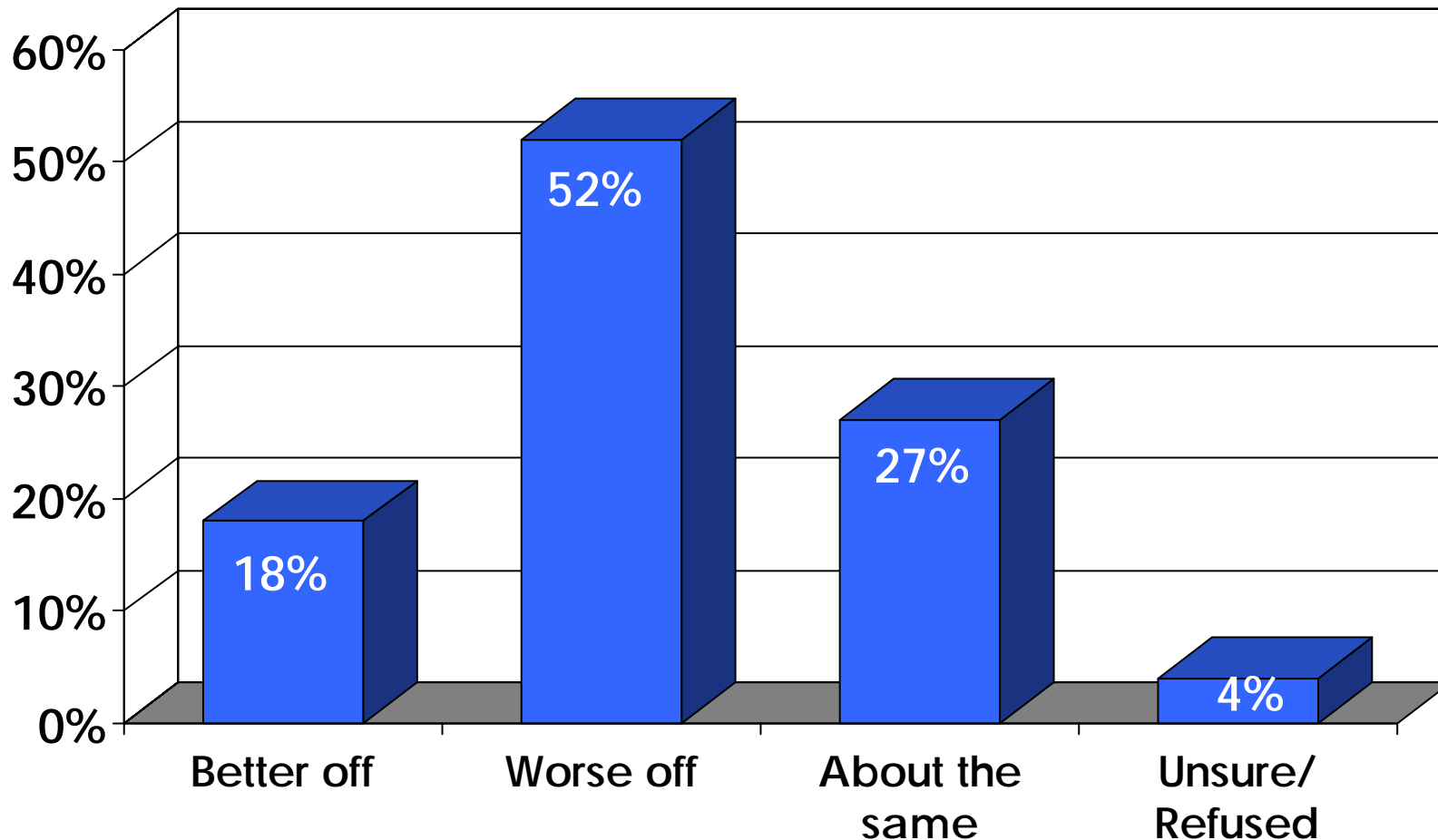
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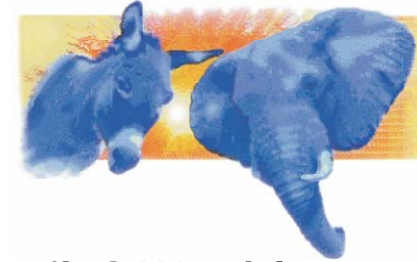


◆ Better off	33%	33%	33%	41%	33%	43%	34%	19%
■ Worse off	8%	8%	13%	8%	9%	4%	11%	18%
▲ About the same	57%	55%	49%	47%	55%	44%	52%	63%
× Unsure/Refused	3%	4%	5%	5%	3%	8%	3%	1%



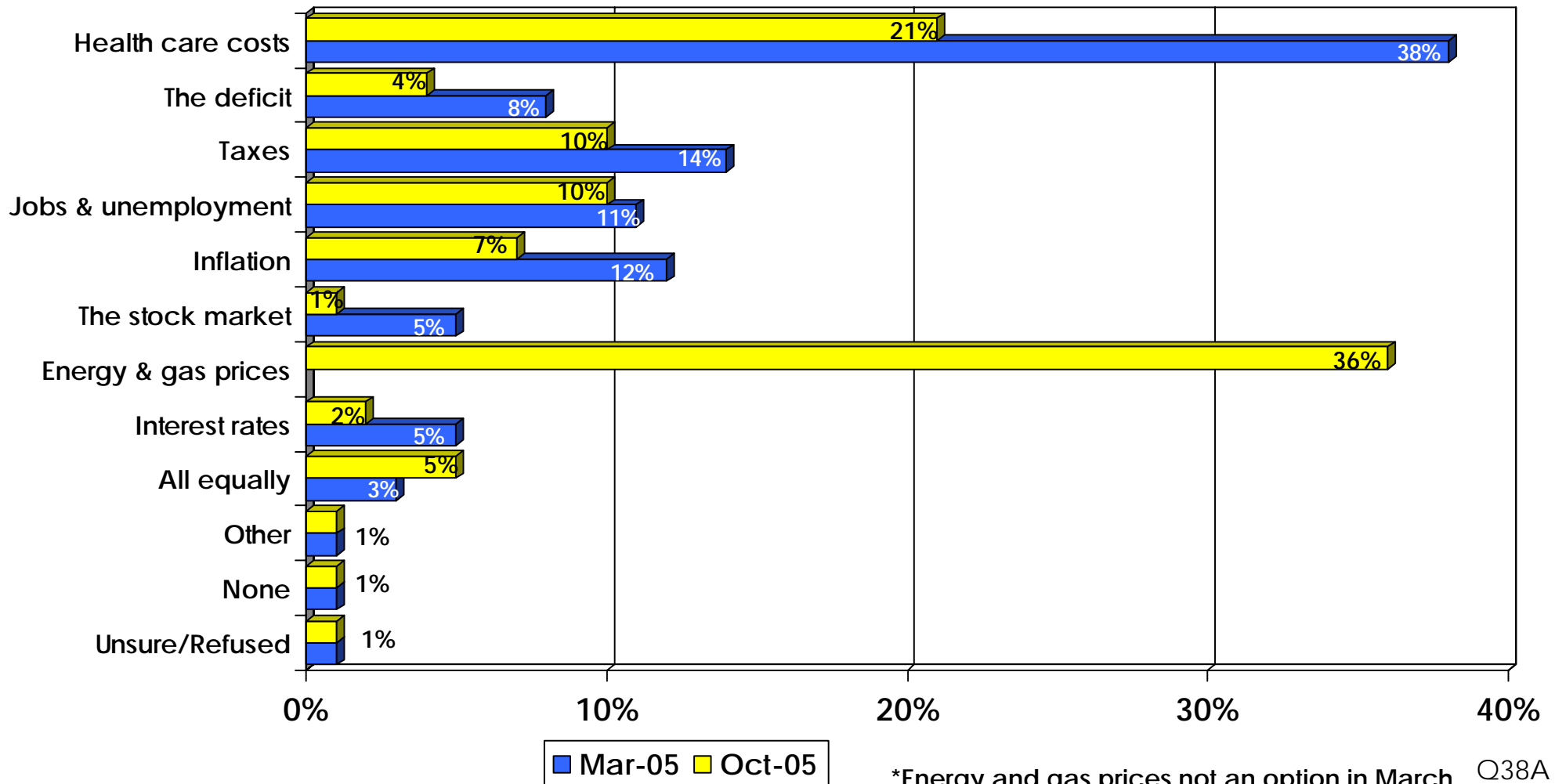
Do you think the next generation will be...better off, worse off, or about the same as your personal economic situation is right now?

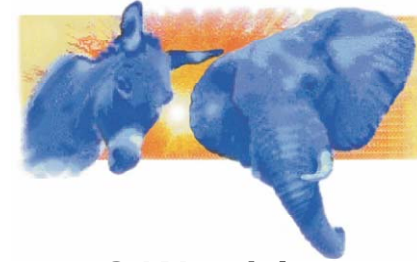




Which of these issues is the biggest economic issue facing your family? Would you say it is: Health care costs, the deficit, taxes, jobs and unemployment, inflation, the stock market, energy & gas prices or interest rates?

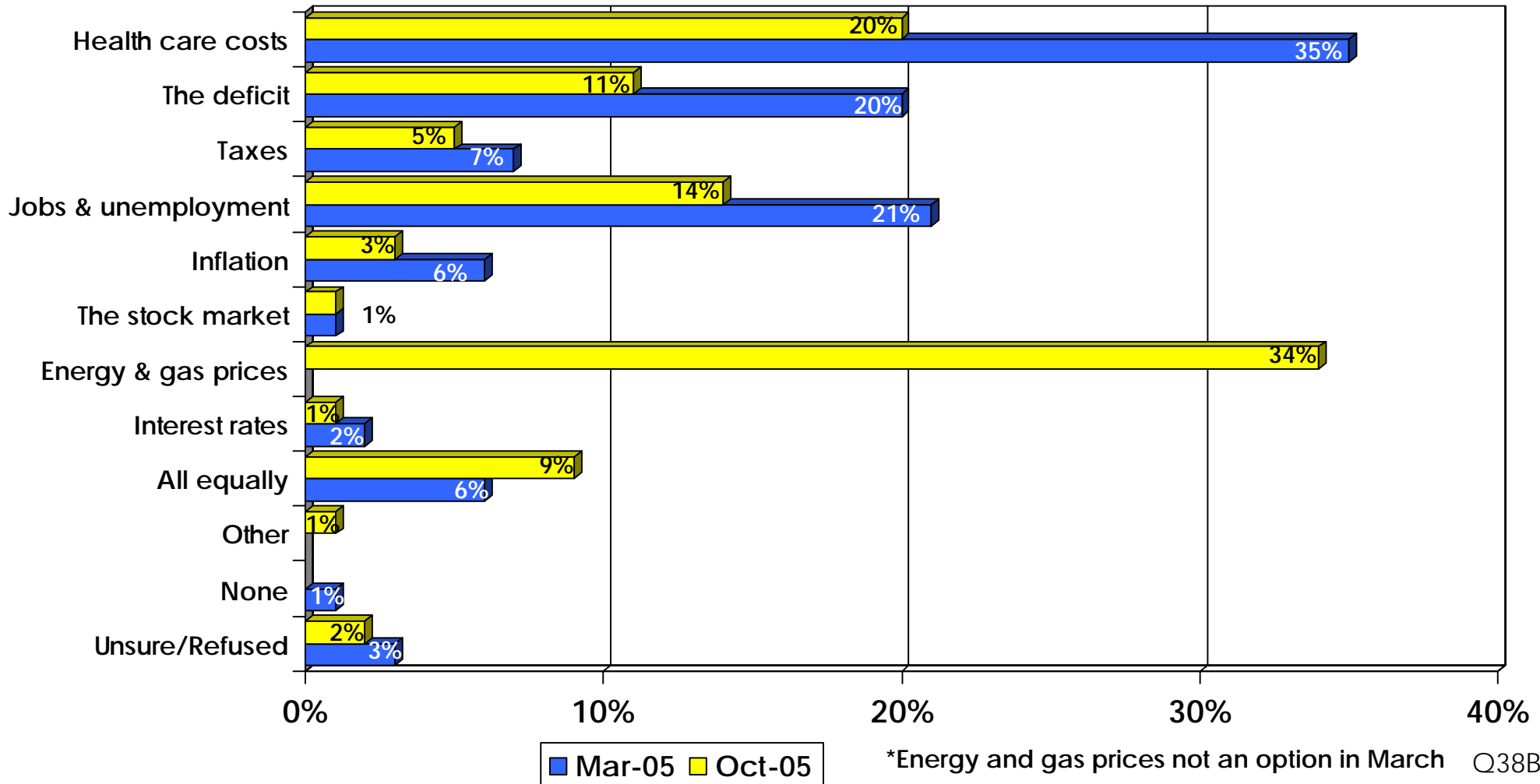
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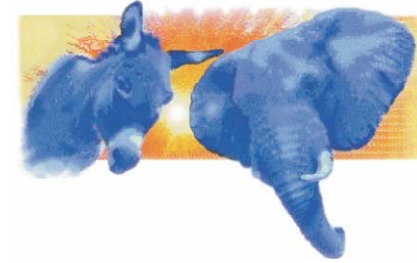




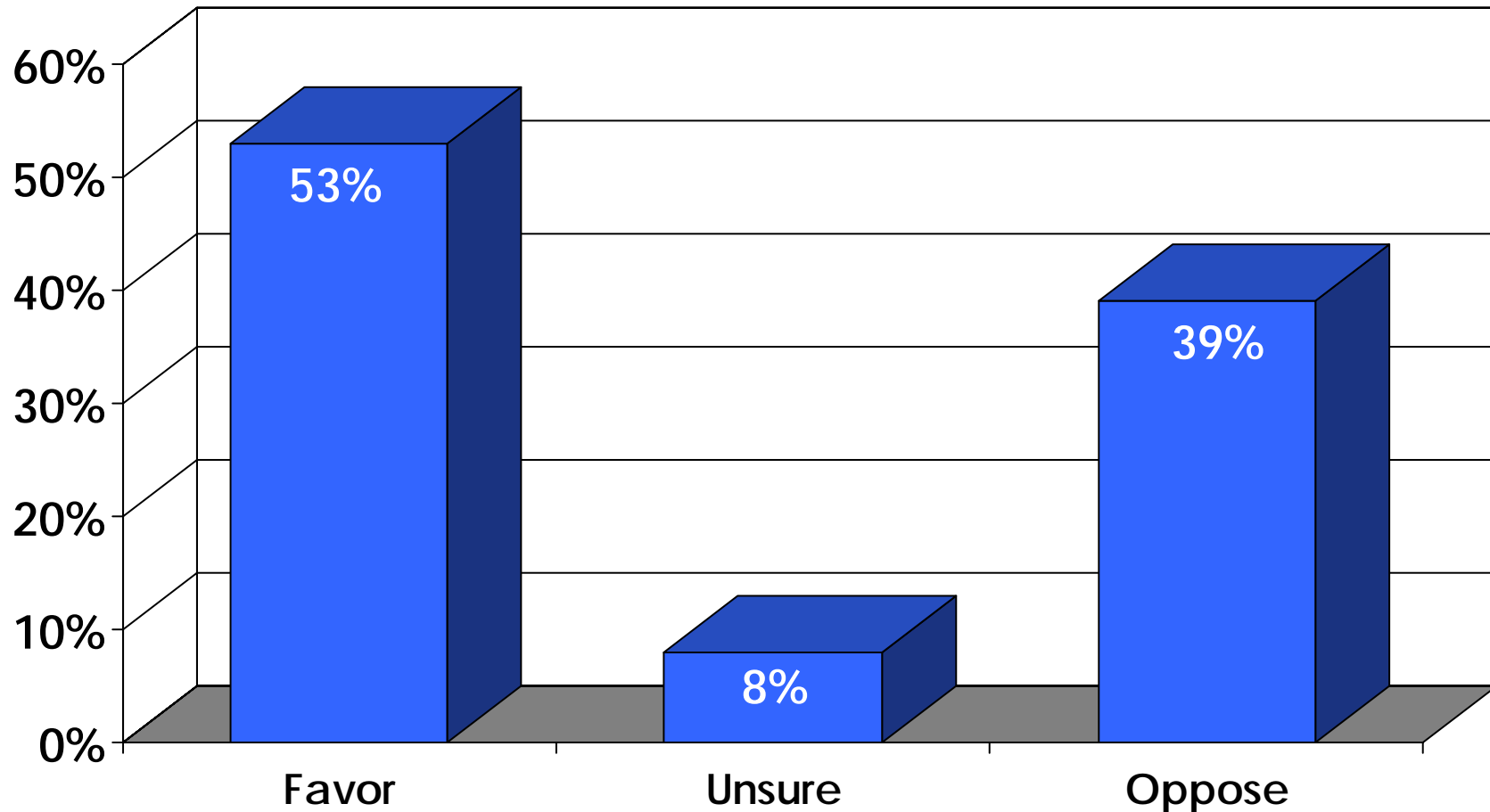
Which of these issues is the biggest economic issue facing the country? Would you say it is: Health care costs, the deficit, taxes, jobs and unemployment, inflation, the stock market, energy & gas prices, or interest rates?

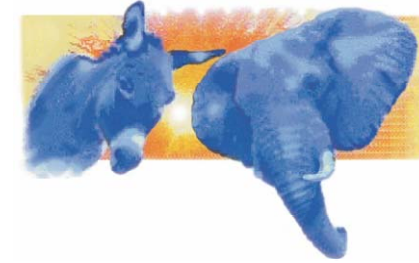
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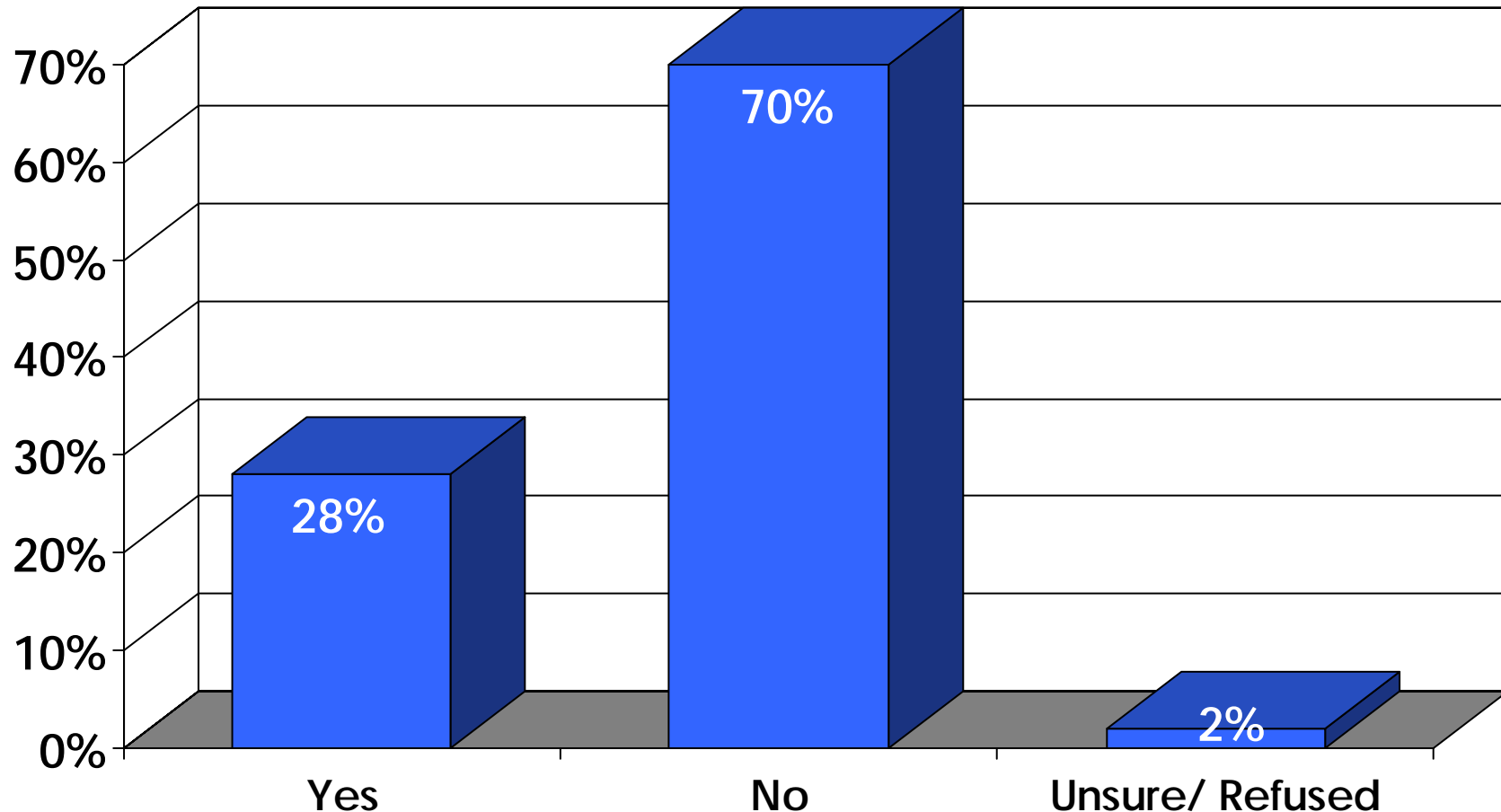


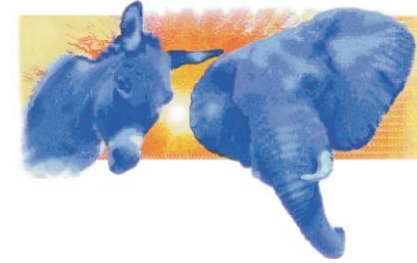
As you may know, the federal tax cuts enacted in 2001 are currently scheduled to expire in 2010. In 2011, tax rates would return to the level they were in 2000. With this in mind... Would you favor or oppose making these tax cuts permanent?



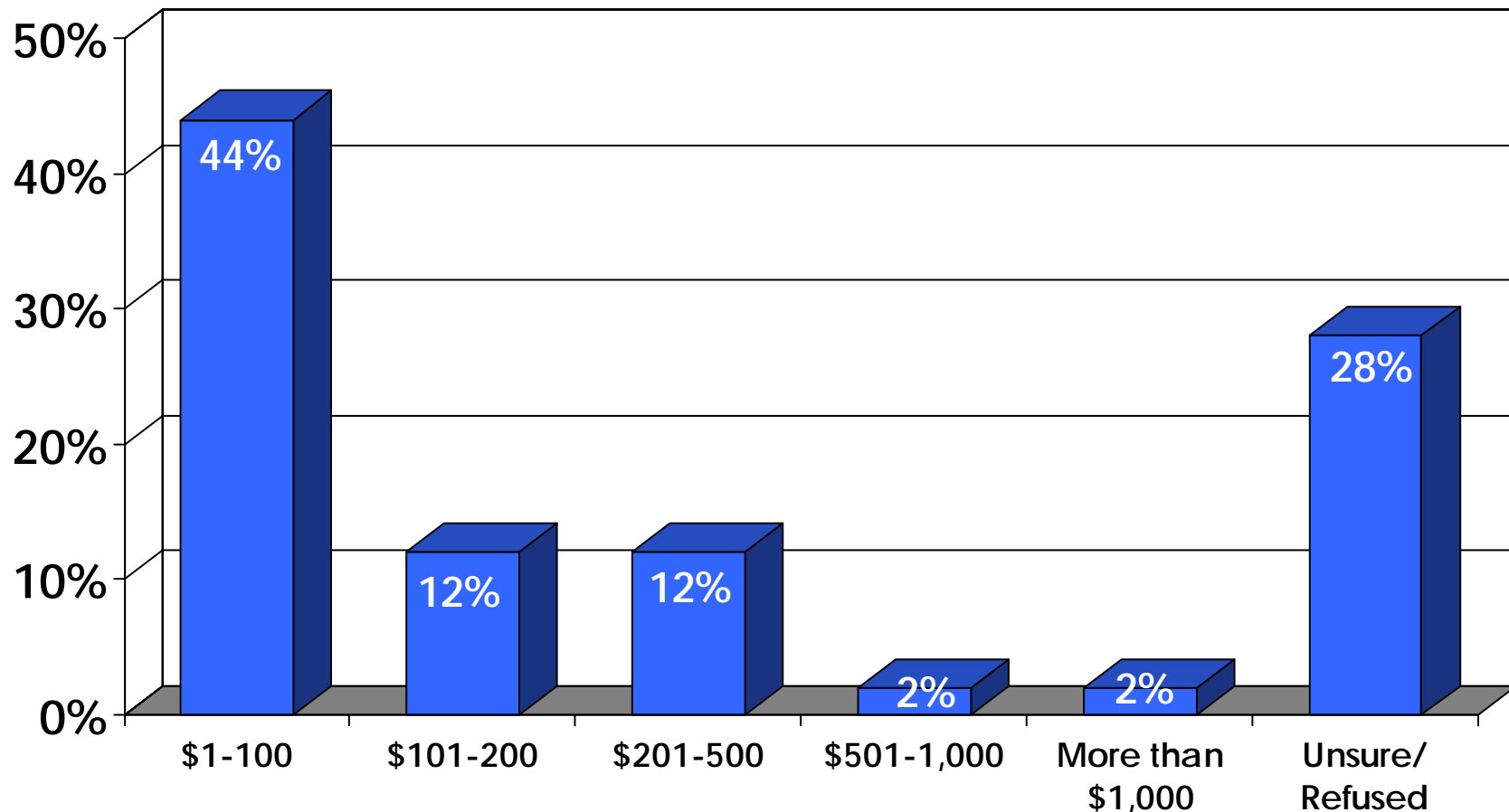


Did you contribute money to anyone who was running for President in 2004 or to one of the national political parties that was supporting one of the Presidential candidates?



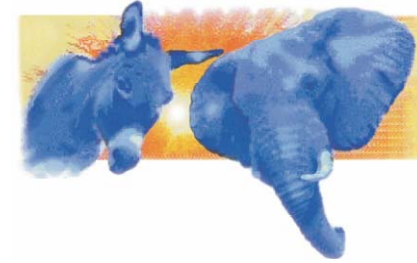


Can you tell me approximately how much you contributed? (Asked of N= 283, or 28% of total sample)



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And, could you tell me how you made most of your contributions?

(Asked of N= 283, or 28% of total sample)

