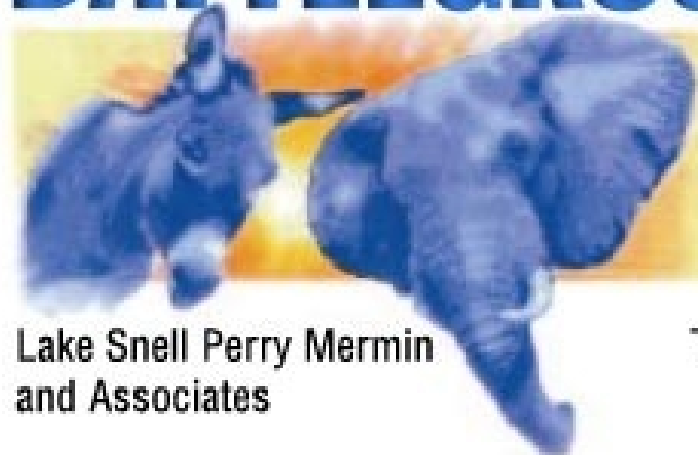


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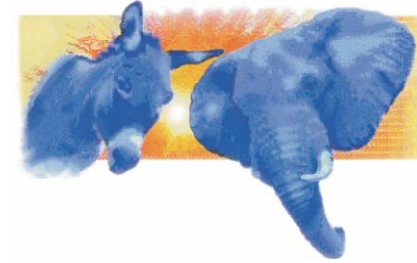
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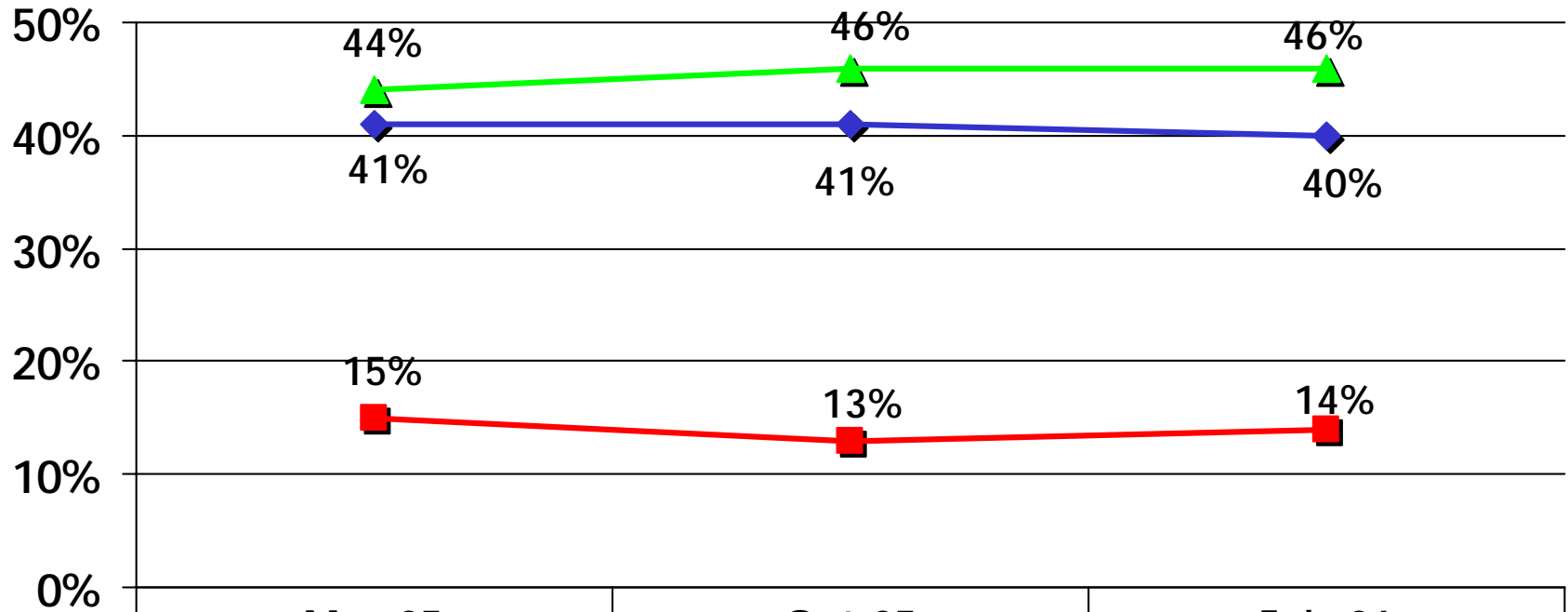
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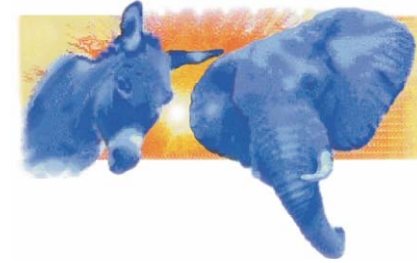
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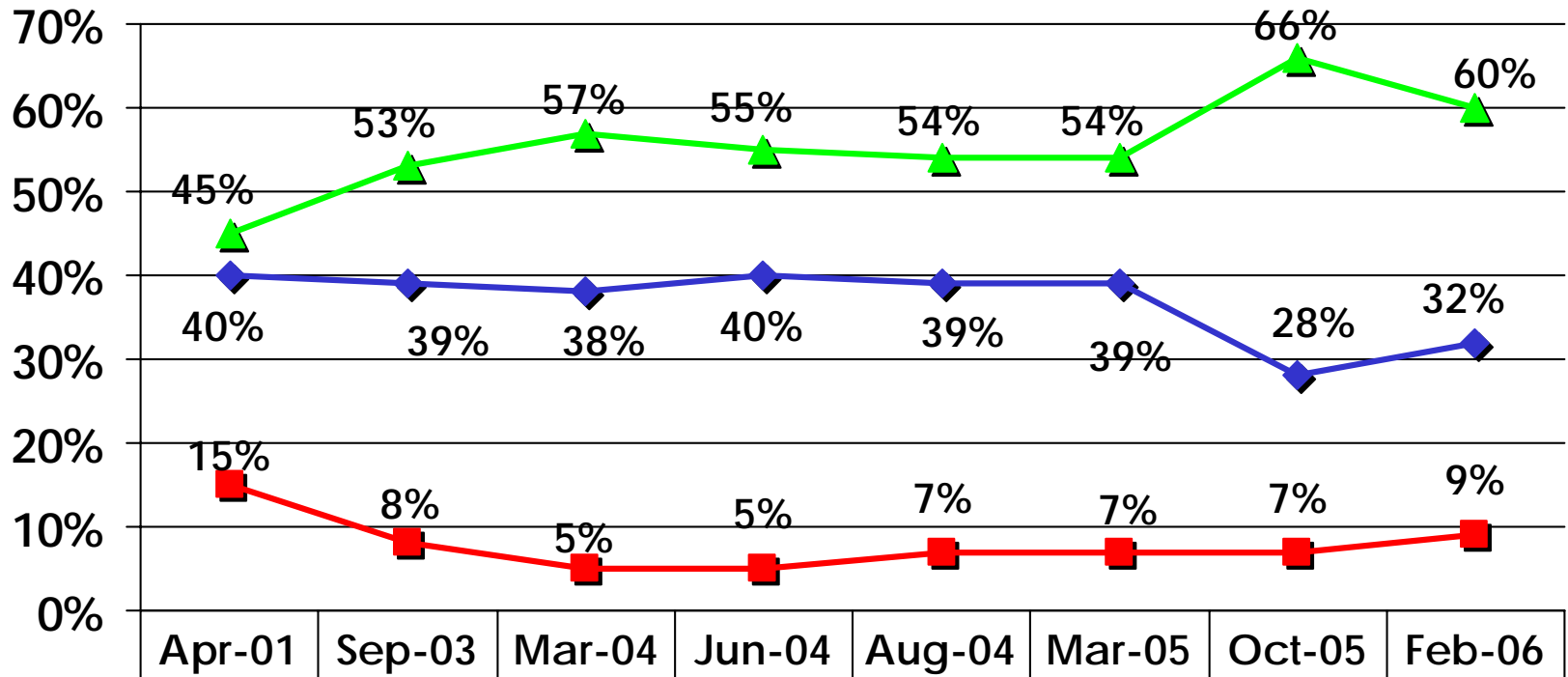
If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?



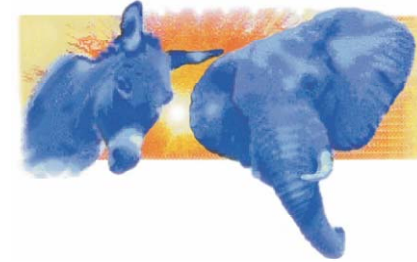
	Mar-05	Oct-05	Feb-06
◆ Republican	41%	41%	40%
■ Undecided	15%	13%	14%
▲ Democrat	44%	46%	46%



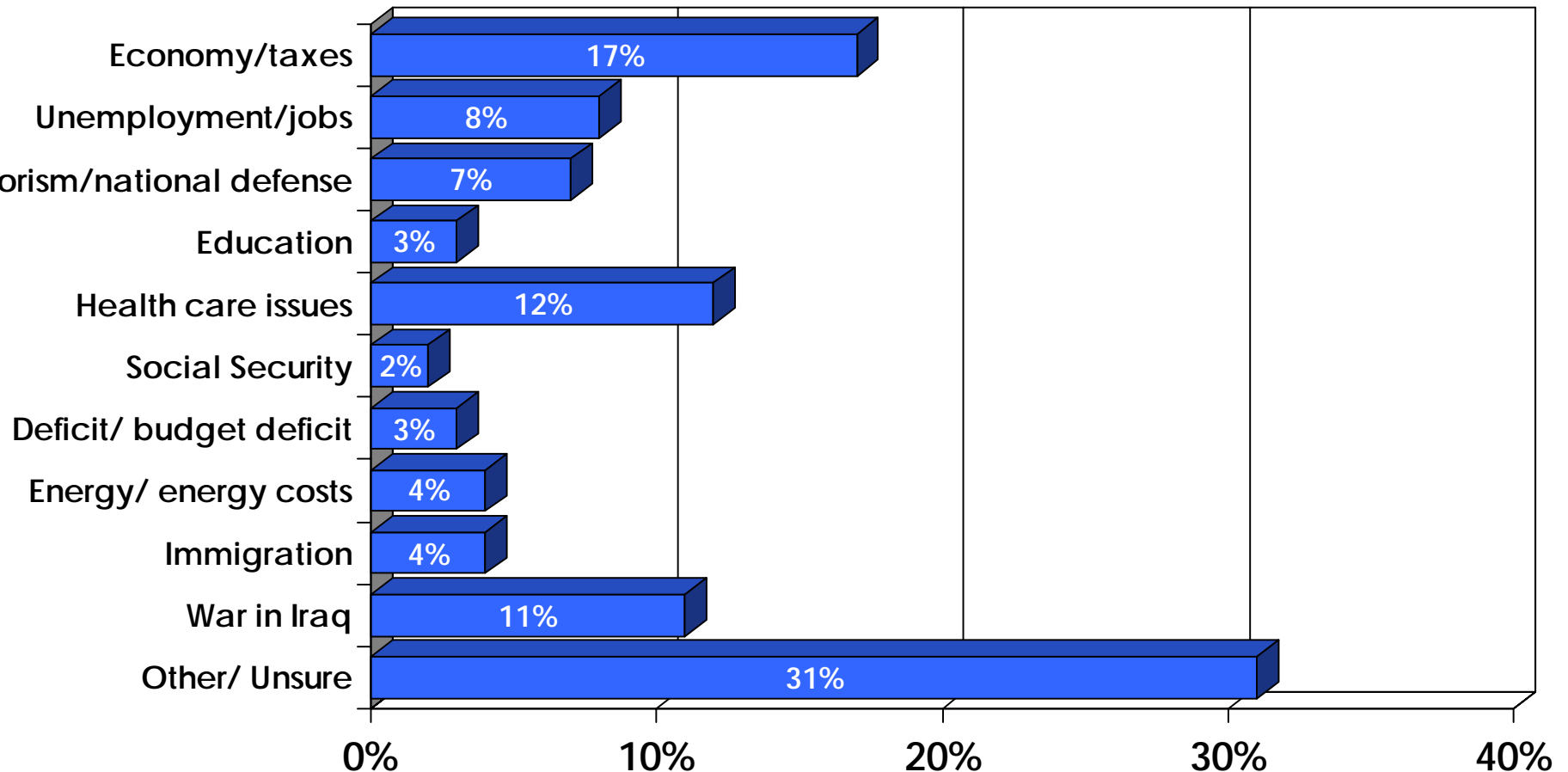
## Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

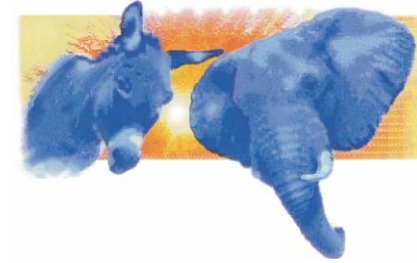


◆ Right Direction	40%	39%	38%	40%	39%	39%	28%	32%
■ Unsure	15%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%	9%
▲ Wrong Track	45%	53%	57%	55%	54%	54%	66%	60%

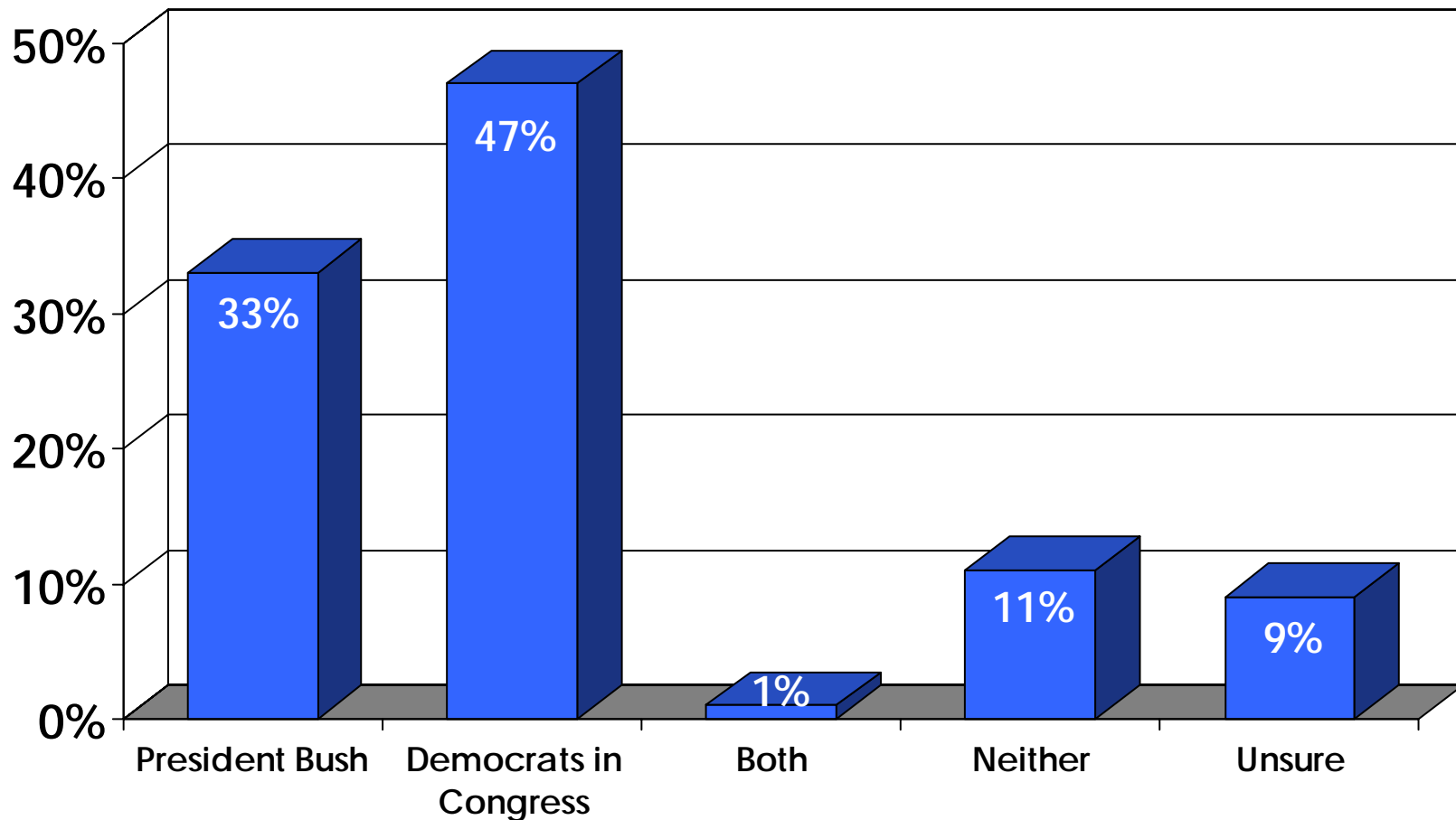


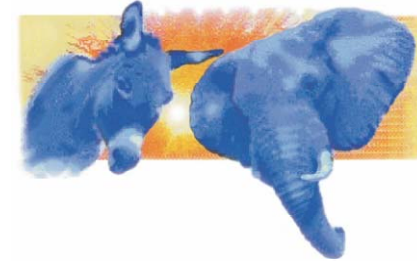
What do you think is the number one problem facing this part of the country today -- that is, what is the problem that you and your family are most concerned about?



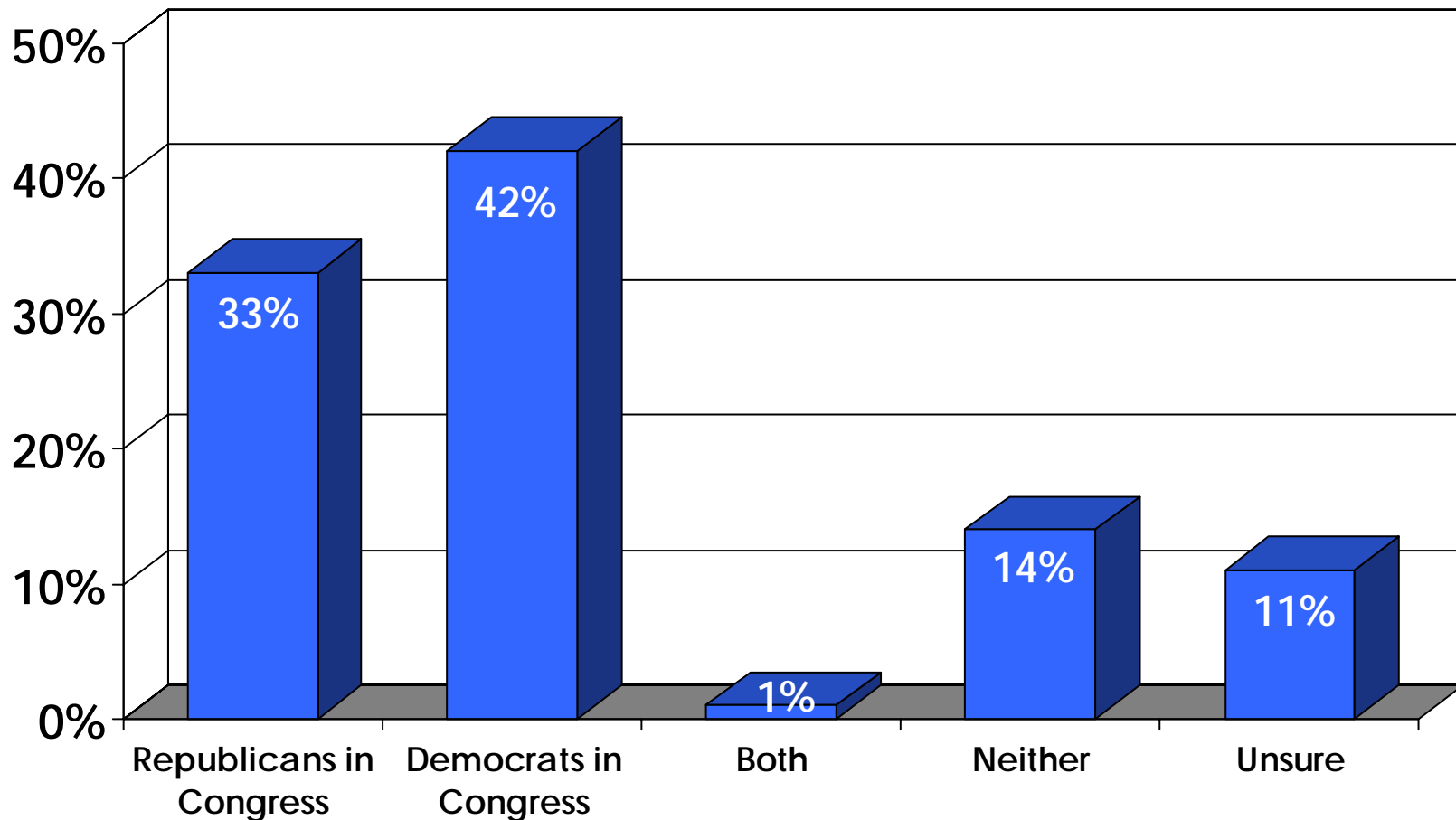


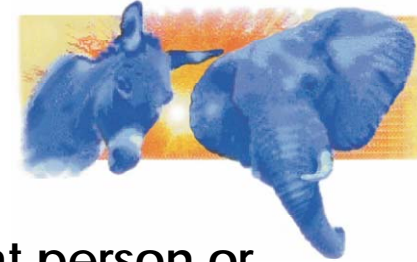
Thinking about the issue you just mentioned... Who do you think would do a better job at solving this problem– President Bush or the Democrats in Congress?  
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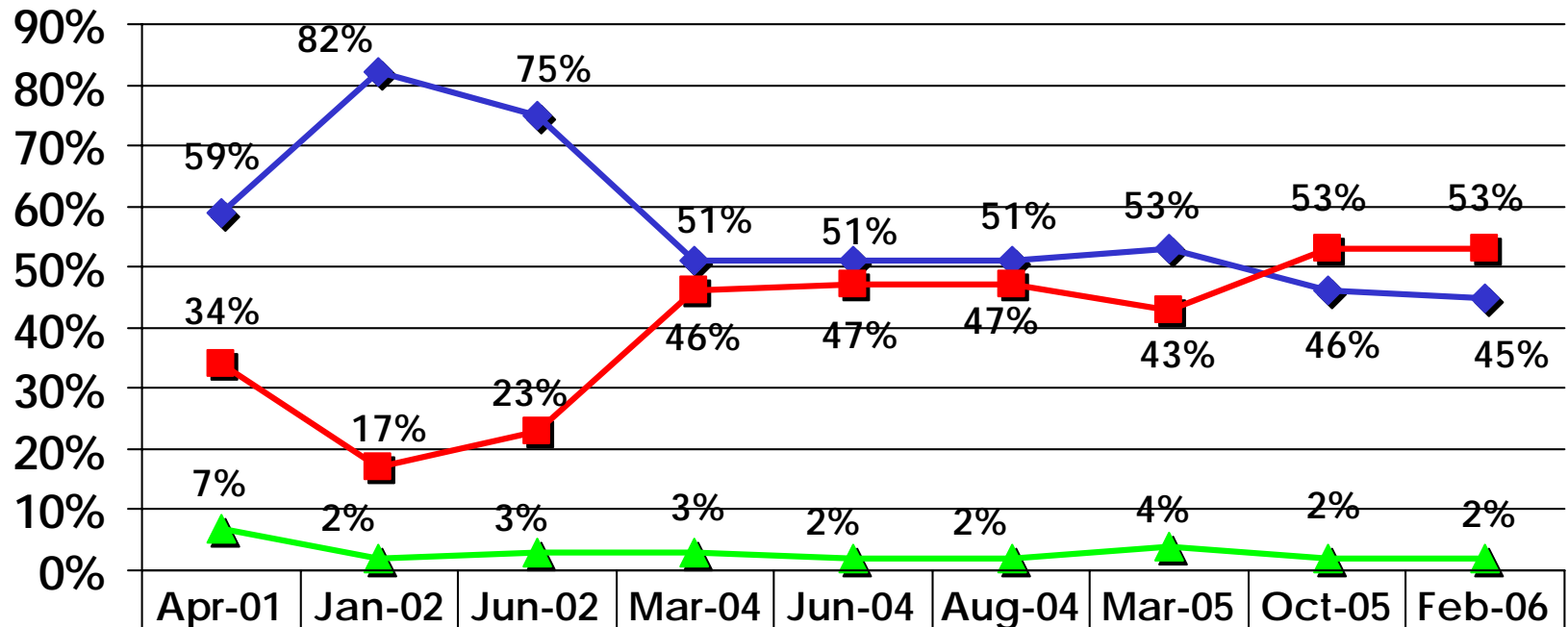
Thinking about the issue you just mentioned... Who do you think would do a better job at solving this problem- the Republicans in Congress or the Democrats in Congress?  
(Split Sample B)



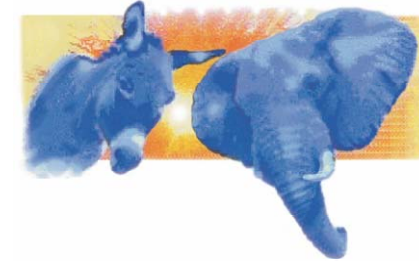


For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person or organization and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of them.

## "George W. Bush"

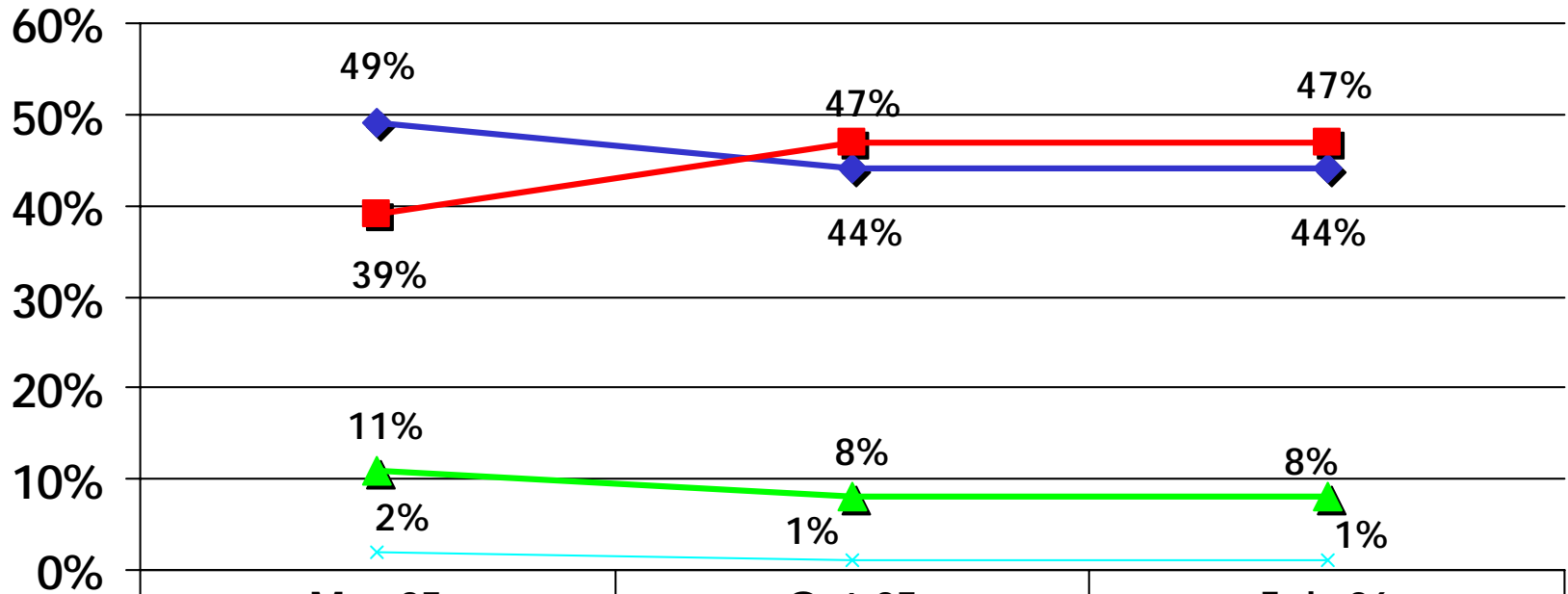


◆ Favorable	59%	82%	75%	51%	51%	51%	53%	46%	45%
■ Unfavorable	34%	17%	23%	46%	47%	47%	43%	53%	53%
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✦ Never heard of									

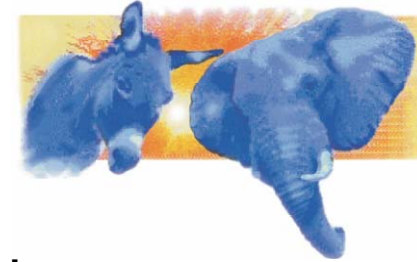


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## "The Republicans in Congress"

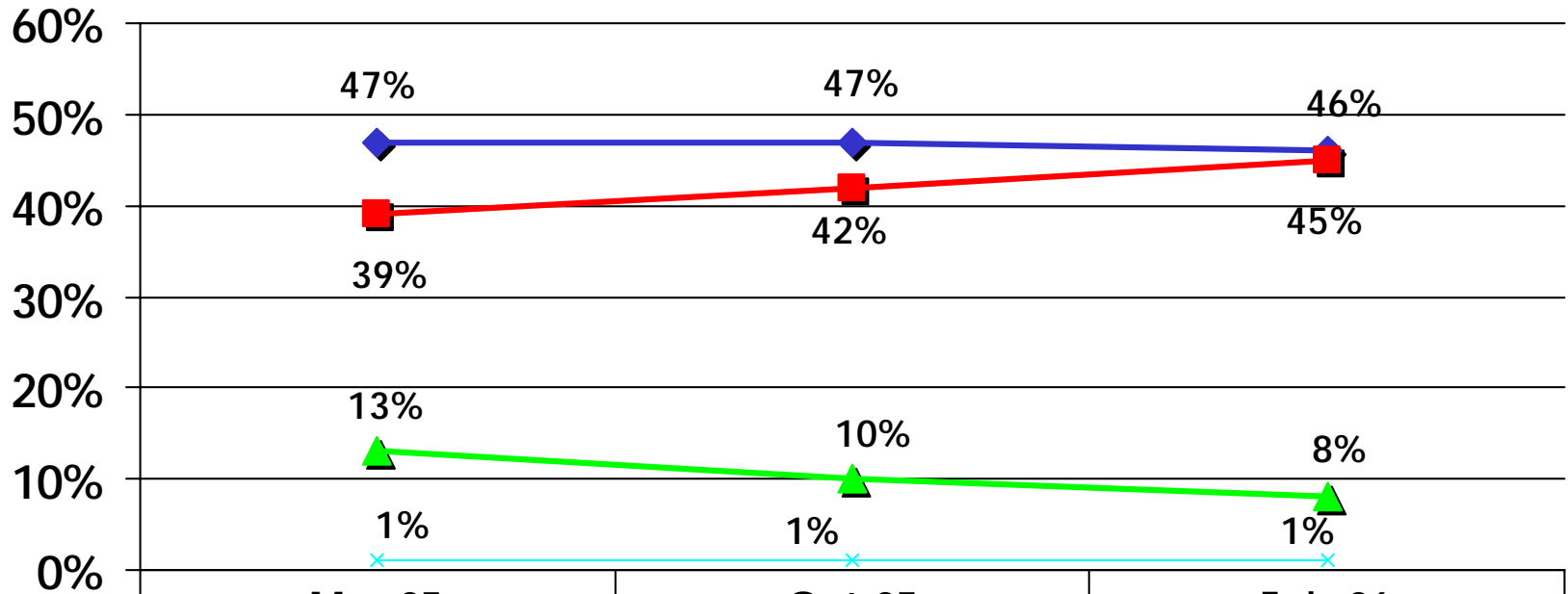


	Mar-05	Oct-05	Feb-06
◆ Favorable	49%	44%	44%
■ Unfavorable	39%	47%	47%
▲ No Opinion	11%	8%	8%
× Never heard of	2%	1%	1%

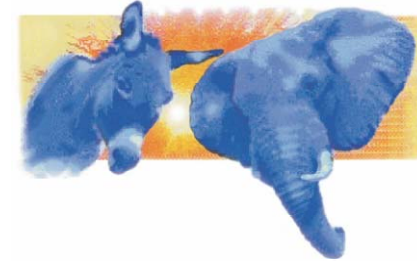


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## "The Democrats in Congress"

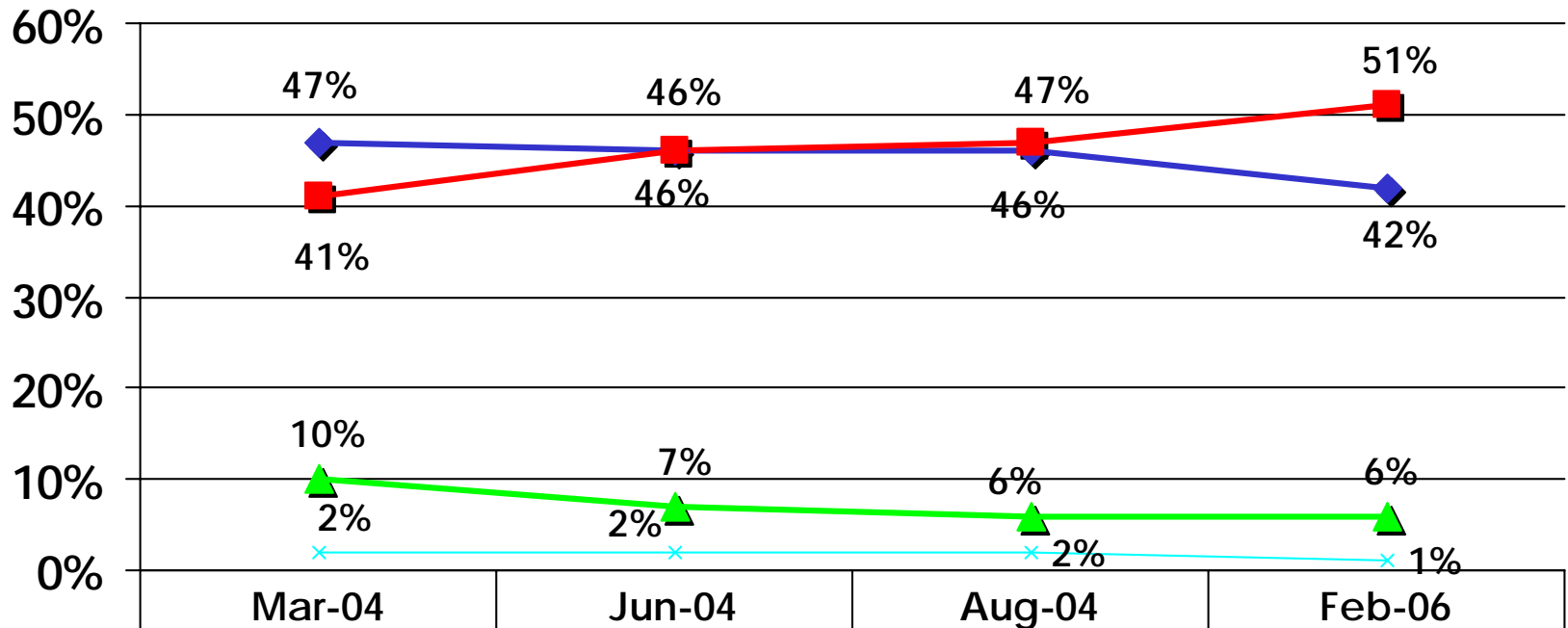


	Mar-05	Oct-05	Feb-06
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■ Unfavorable	39%	42%	45%
▲ No Opinion	13%	10%	8%
× Never heard of	1%	1%	1%



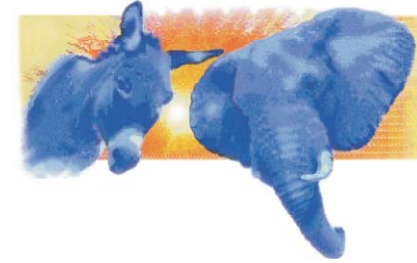
For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person or organization and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of them.

## "Dick Cheney"



◆ Favorable	47%	46%	46%	42%
■ Unfavorable	41%	46%	47%	51%
▲ No Opinion	10%	7%	6%	6%
× Never heard of	2%	2%	2%	1%

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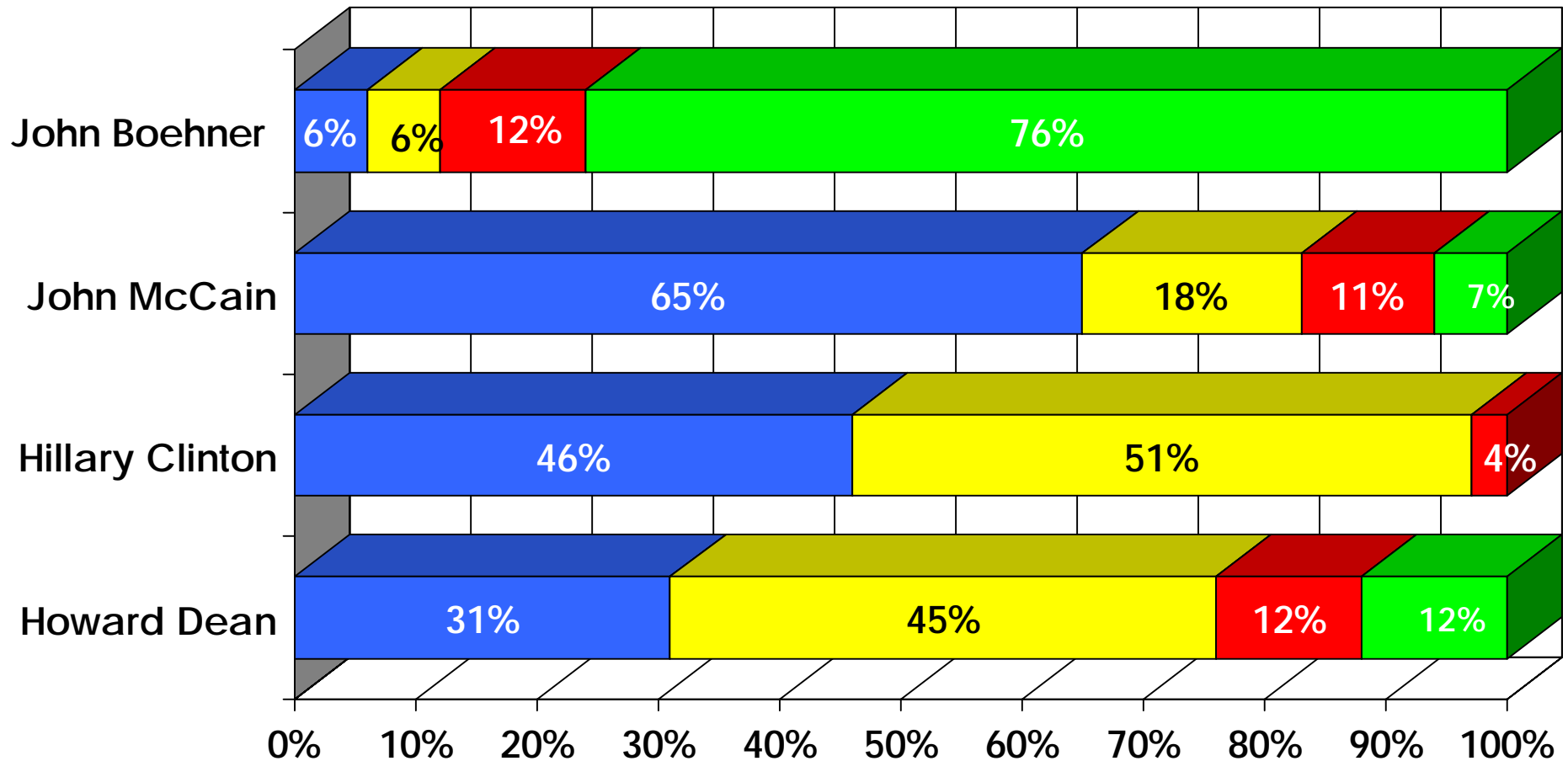


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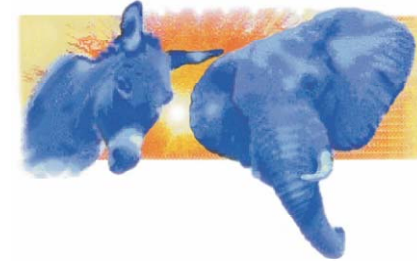
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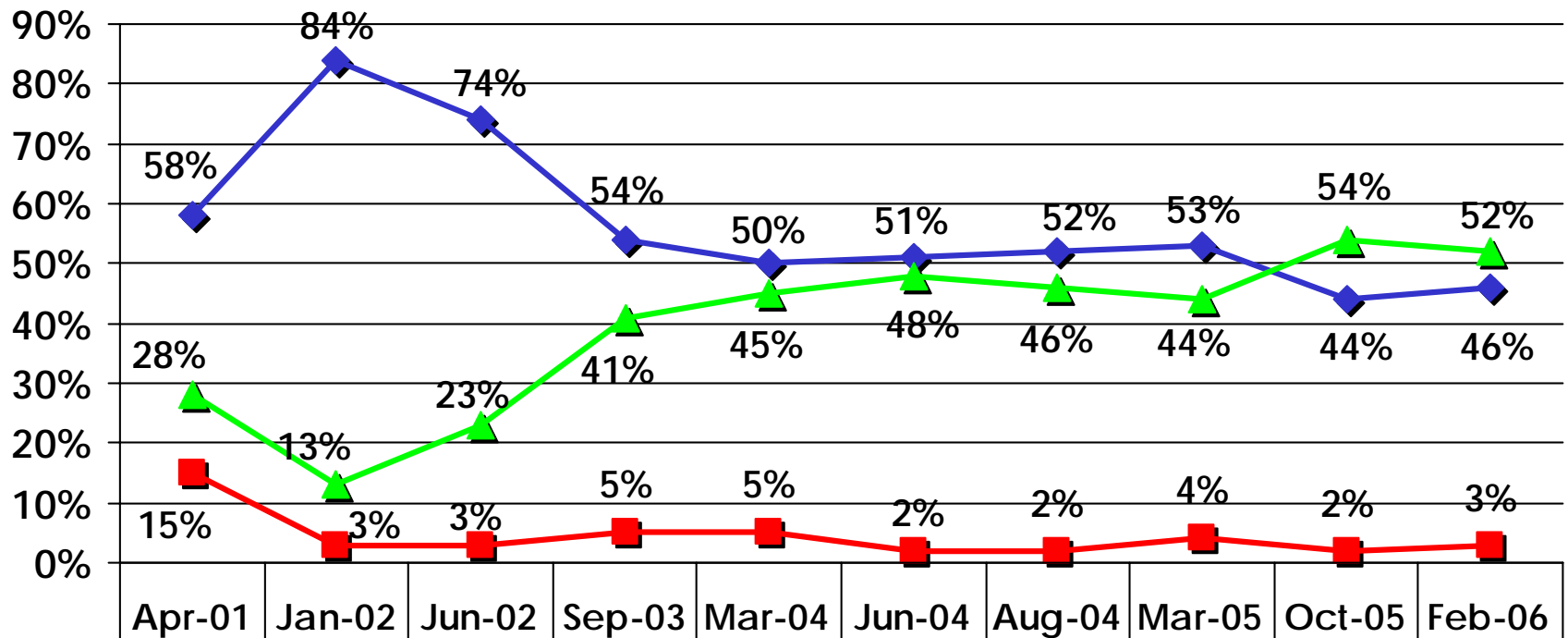
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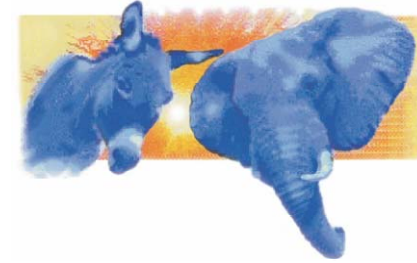
■ Favorable ■ Unfavorable ■ No opinion ■ Never heard of



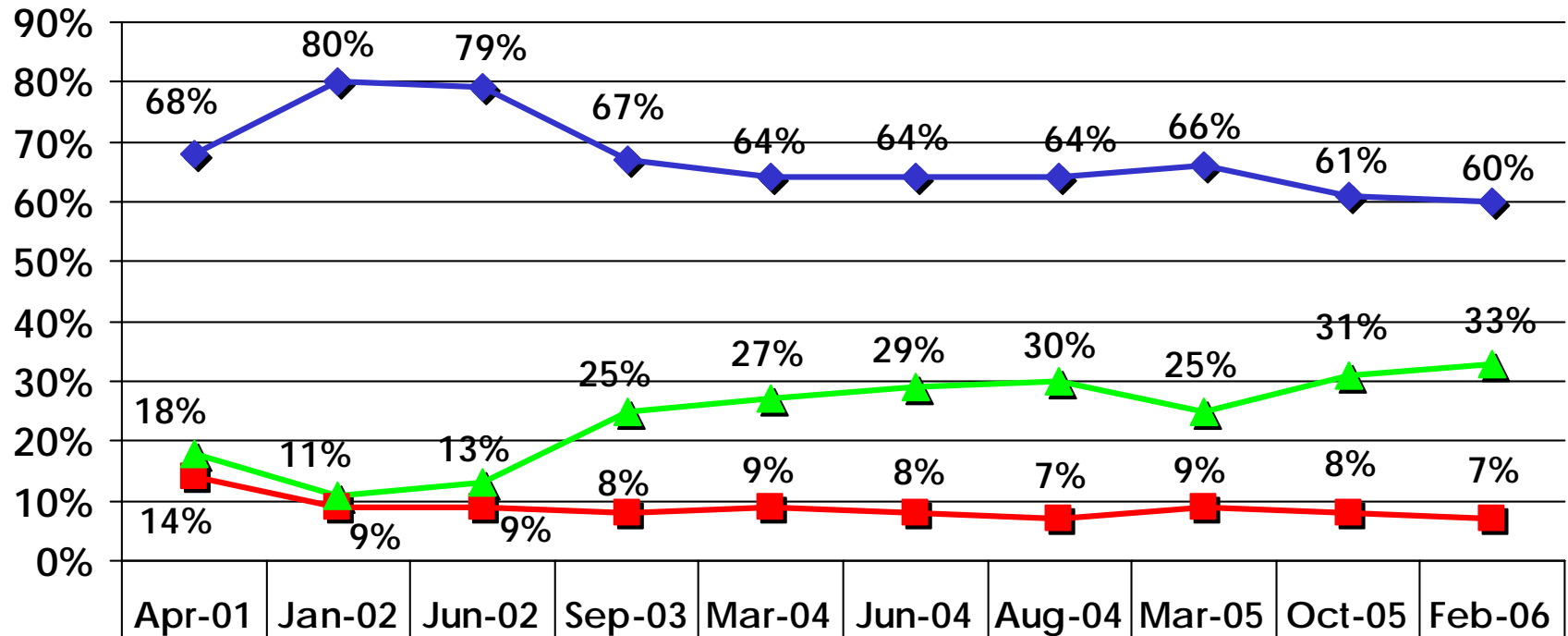
## How would you rate the job George W. Bush has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?



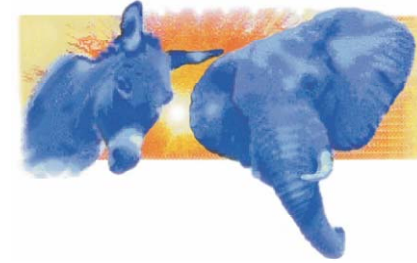
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■ Unsure	15%	3%	3%	5%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%
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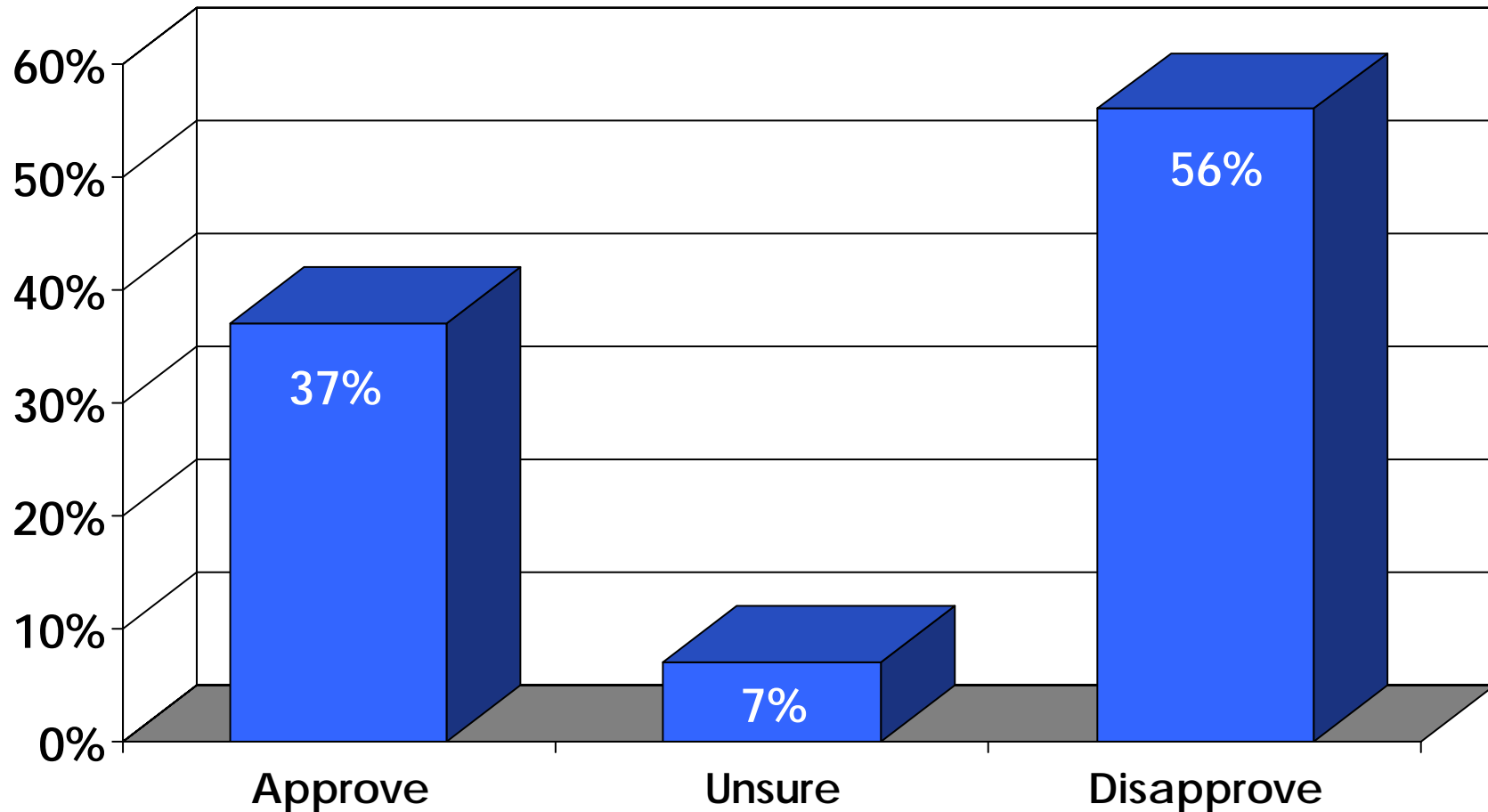
Whether you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President, what is your impression of George W. Bush as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?

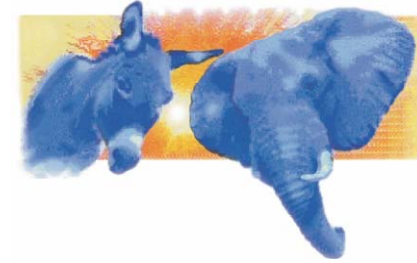


◆ Approve	68%	80%	79%	67%	64%	64%	64%	66%	61%	60%
■ Unsure	14%	9%	9%	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%	8%	7%
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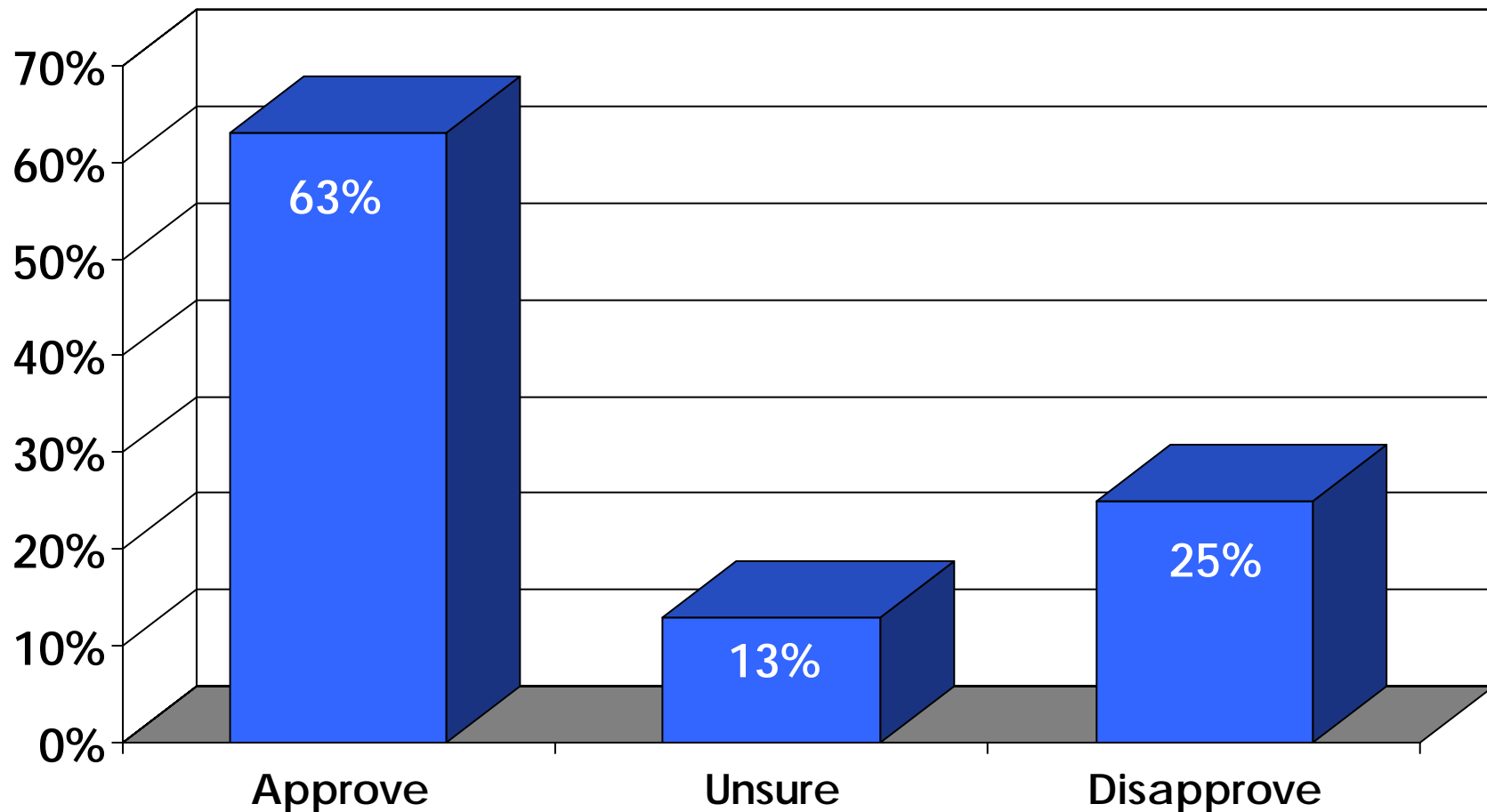


How would you rate the job that Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

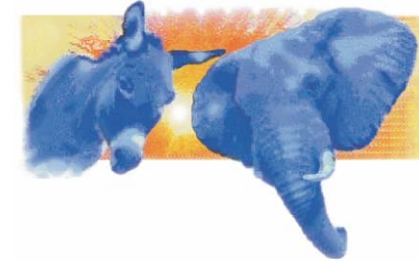




How would you rate the job that your Member of Congress is doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job that your Member of Congress is doing?



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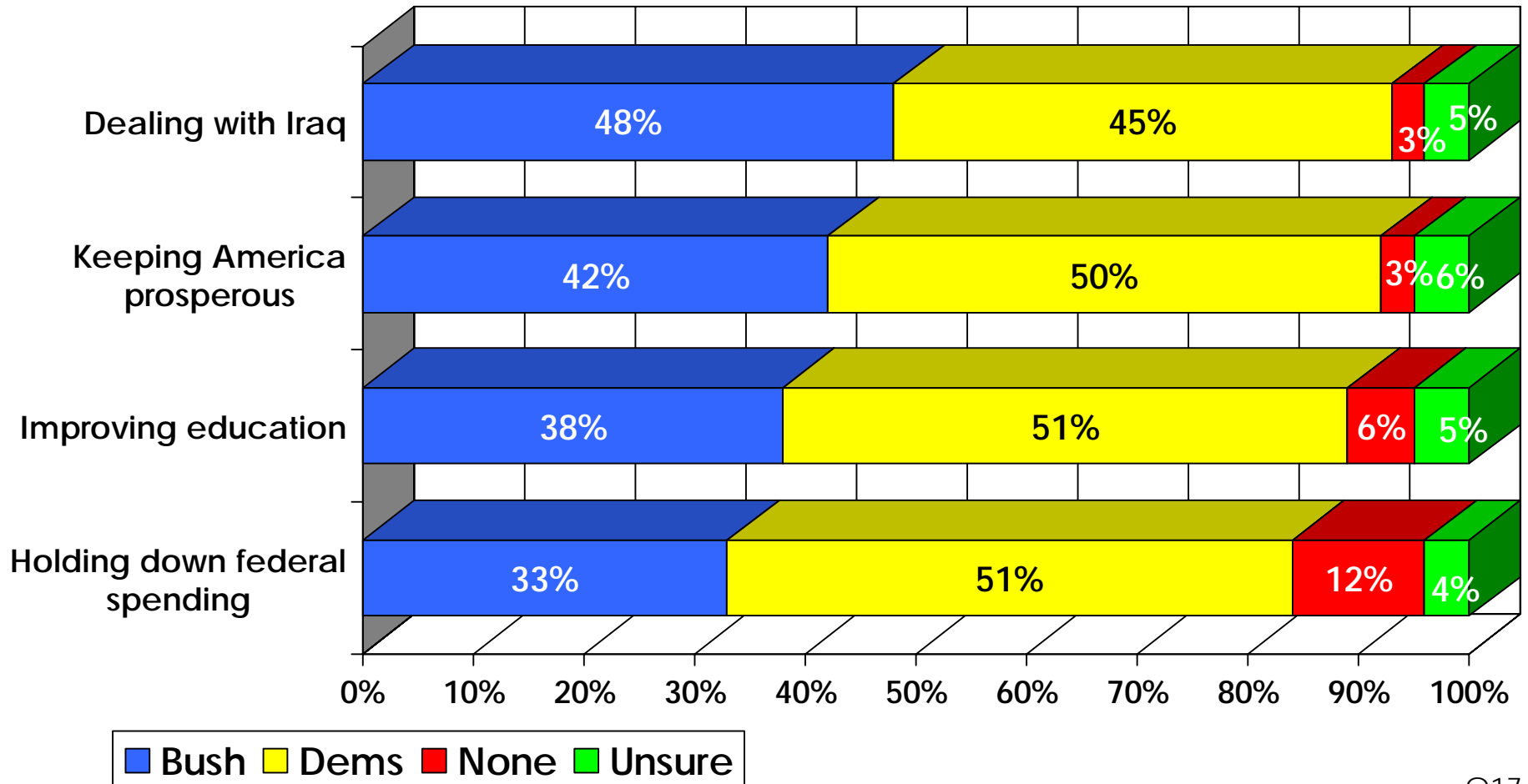
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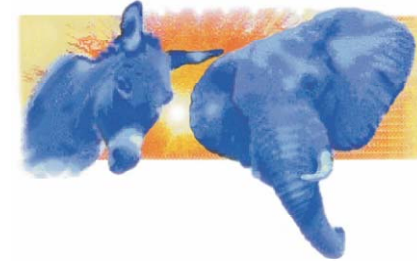
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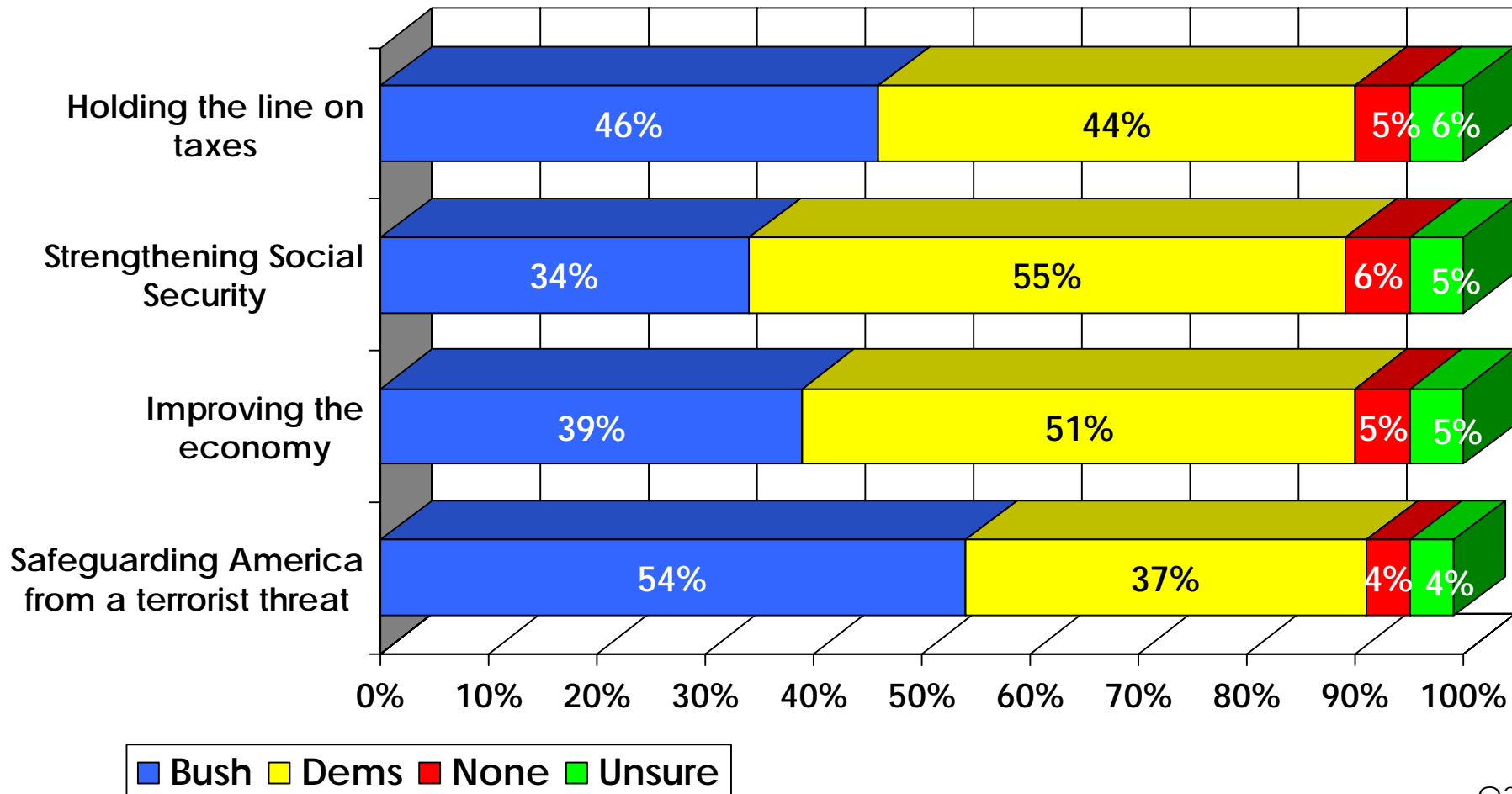
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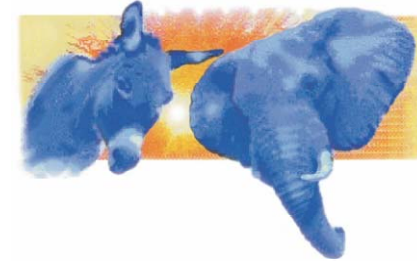




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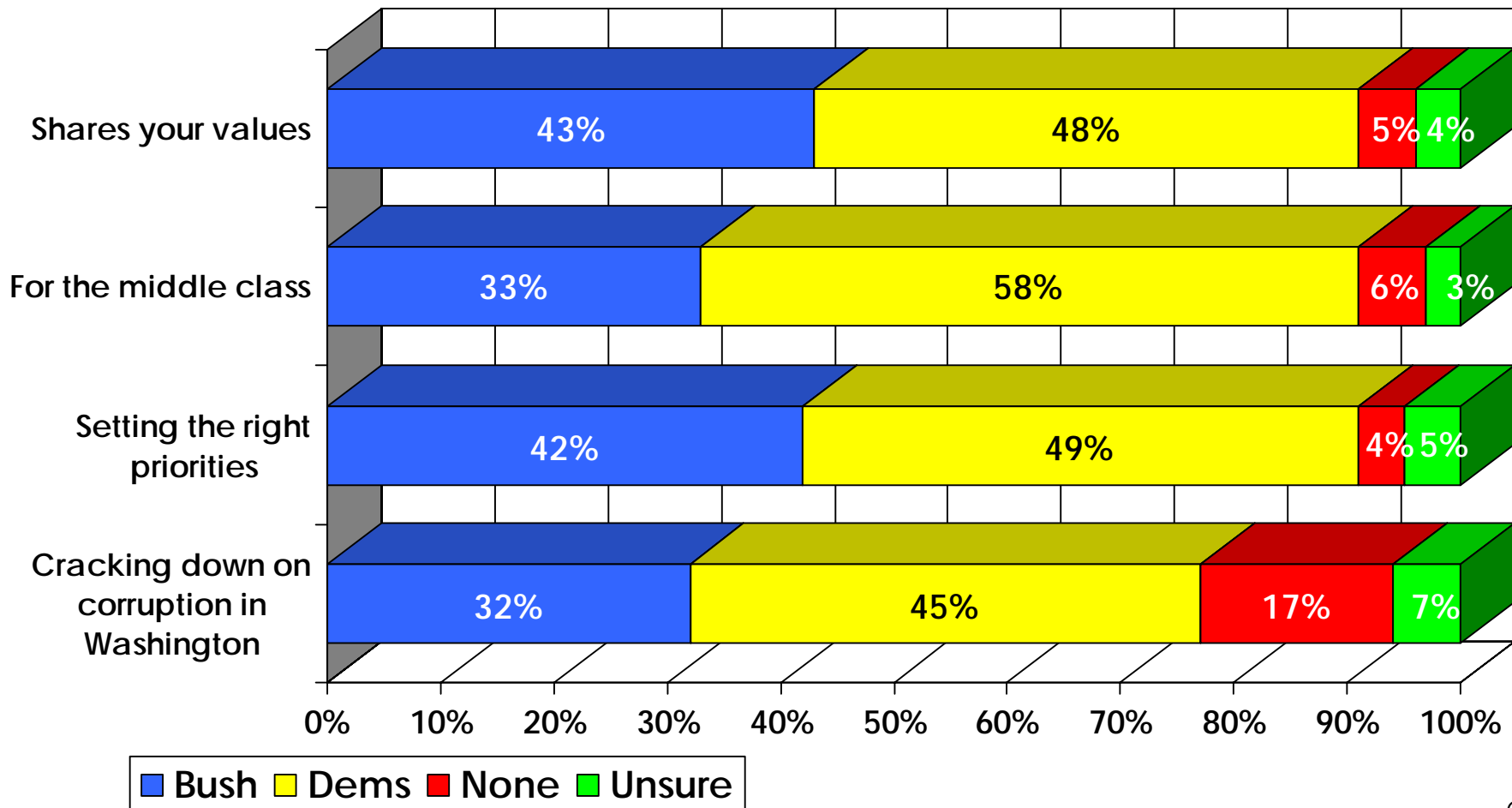
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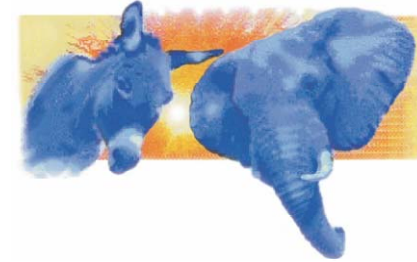




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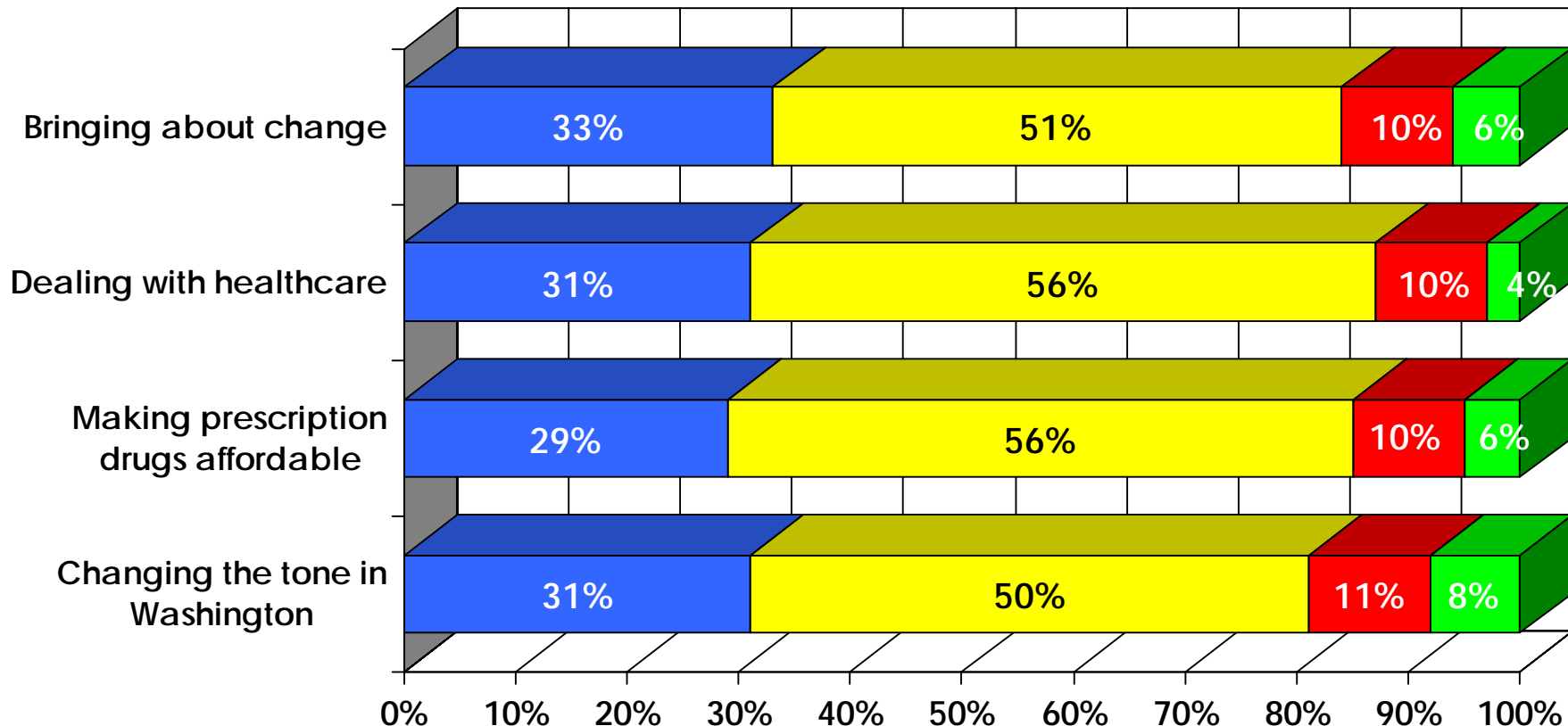
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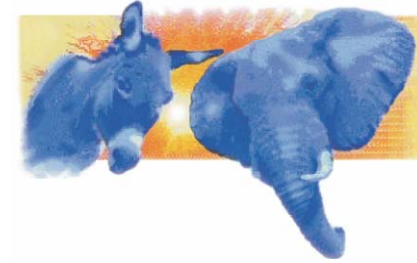


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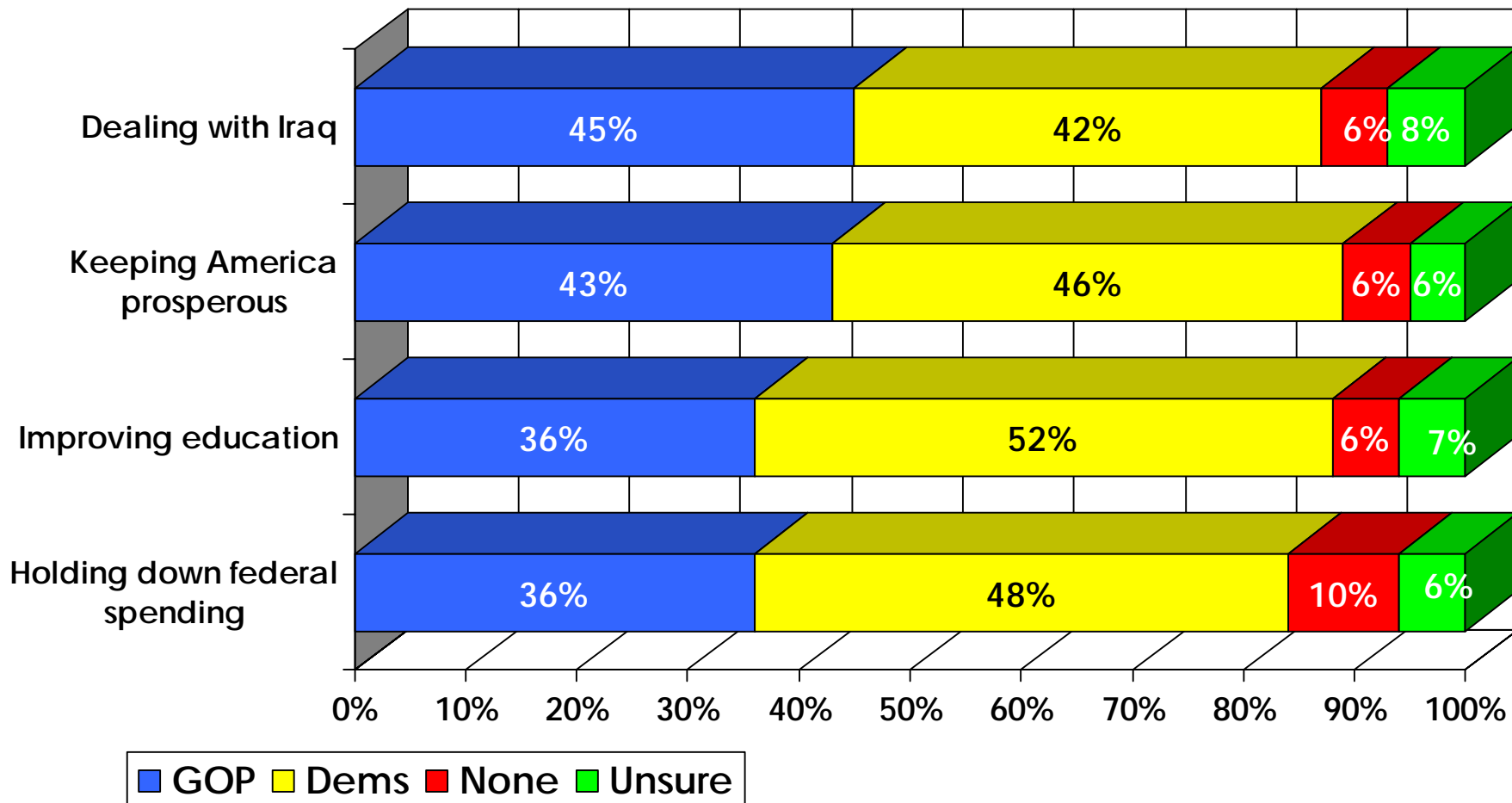


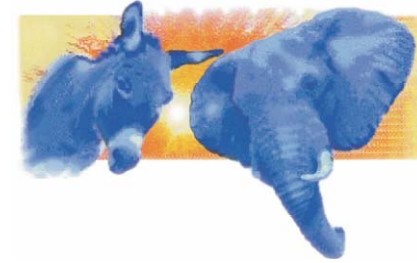
■ Bush ■ Dems ■ None ■ Unsure



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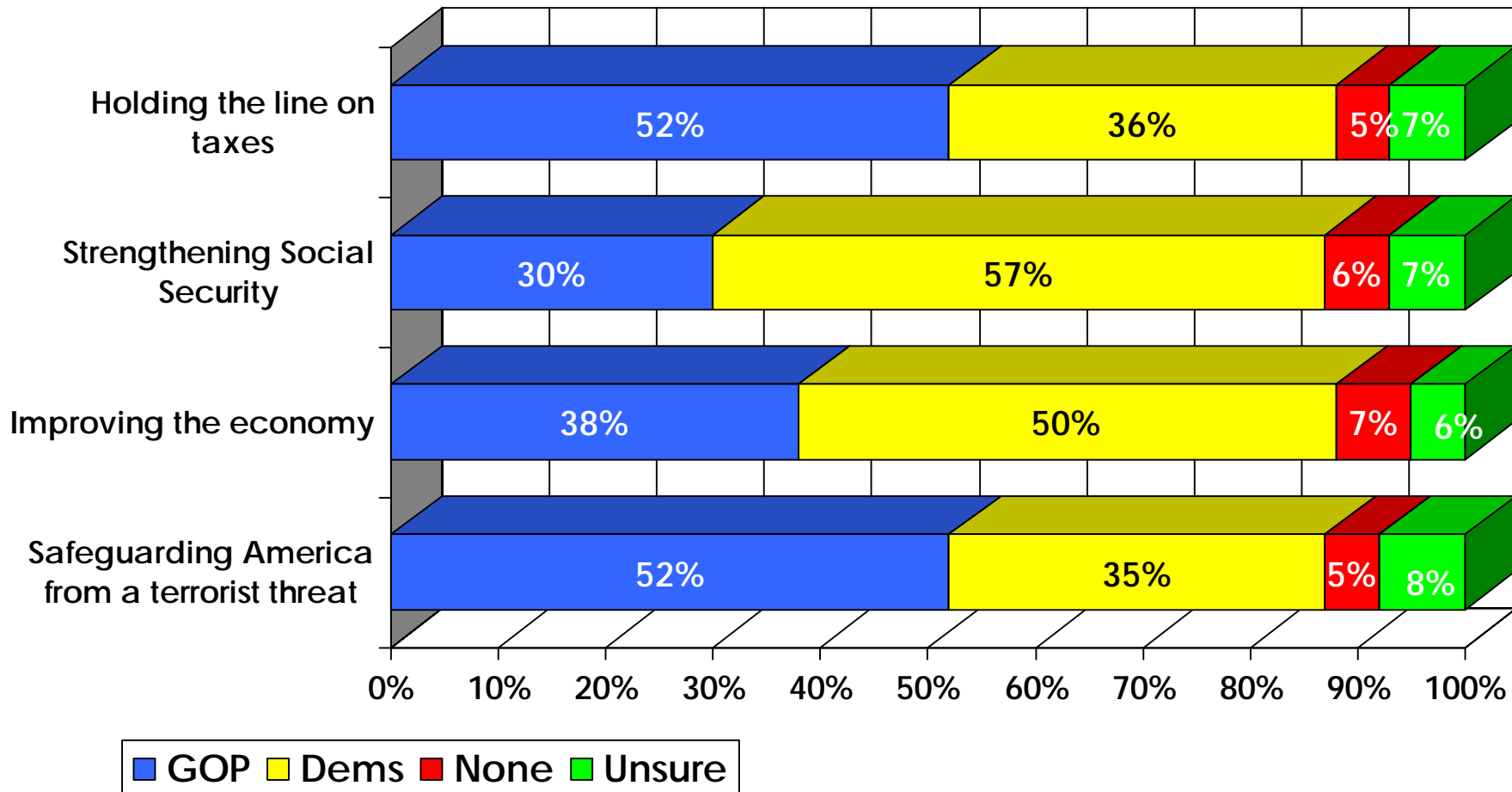
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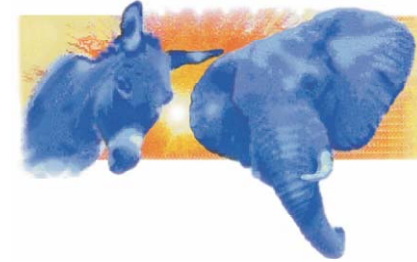




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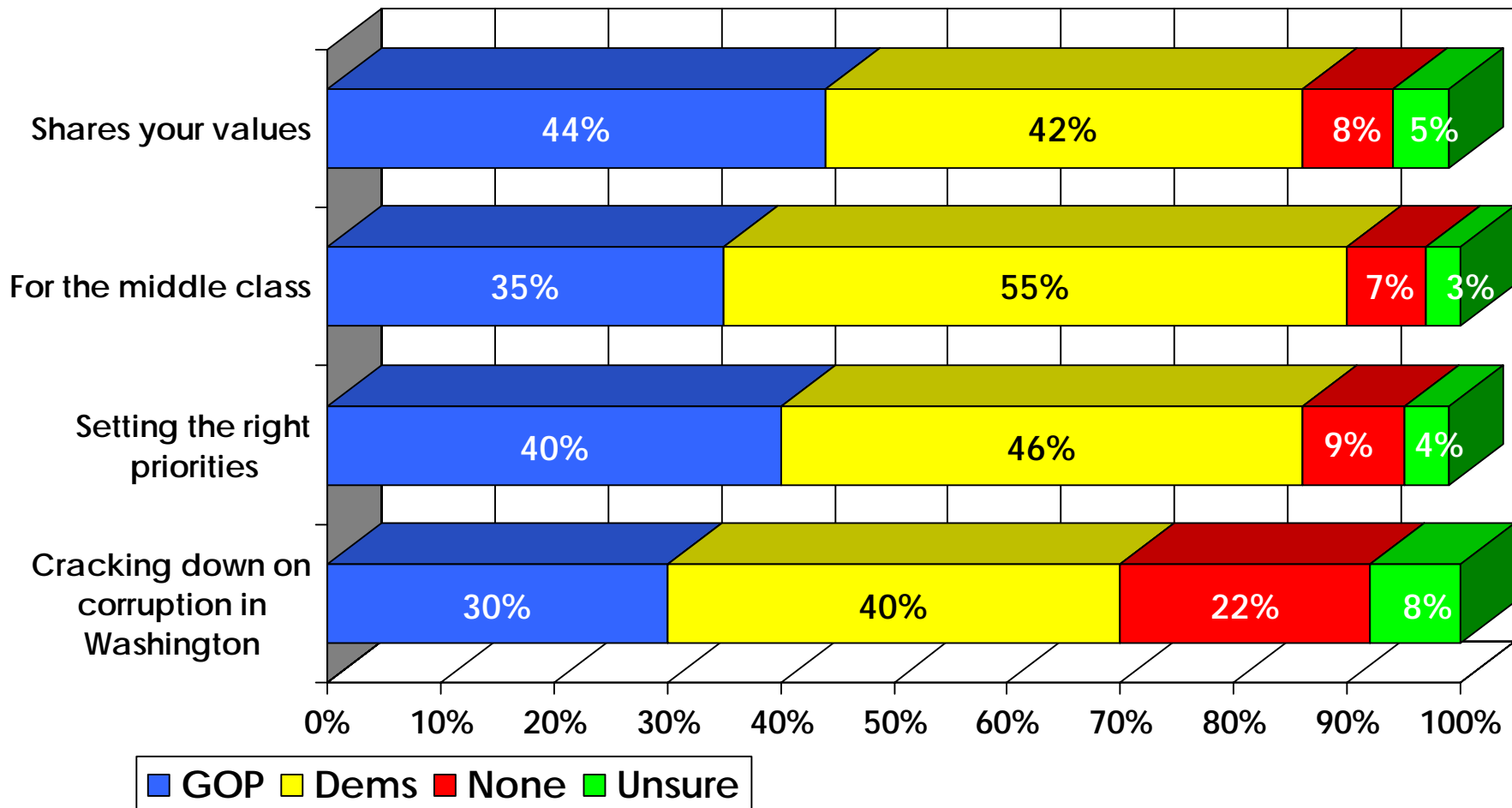
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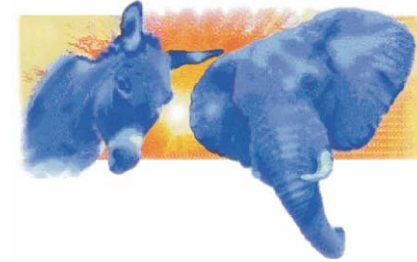




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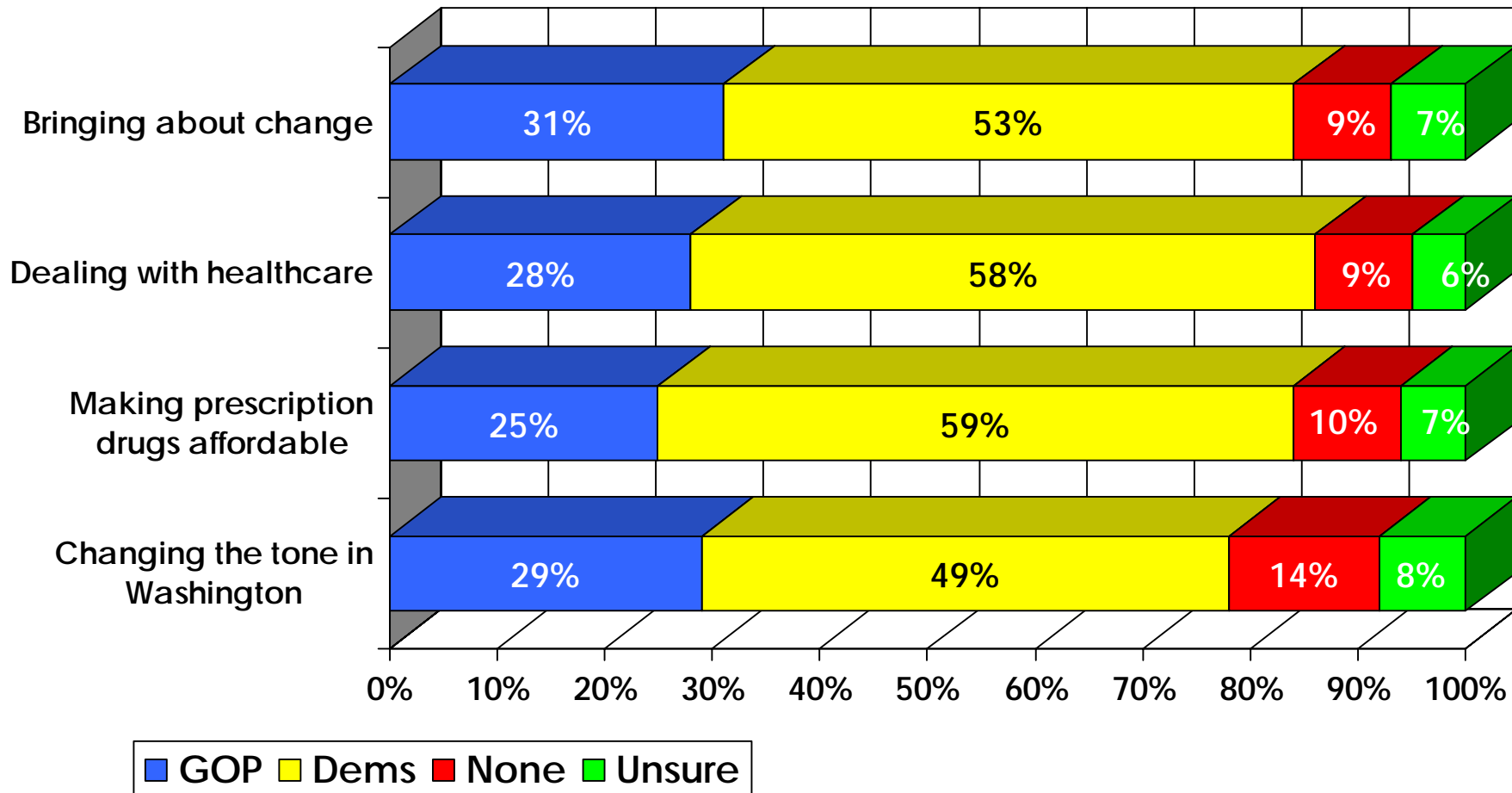
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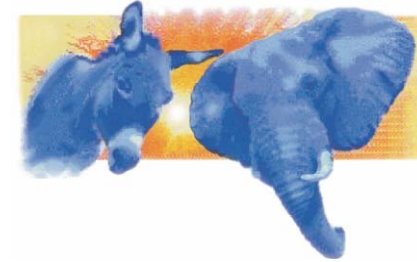




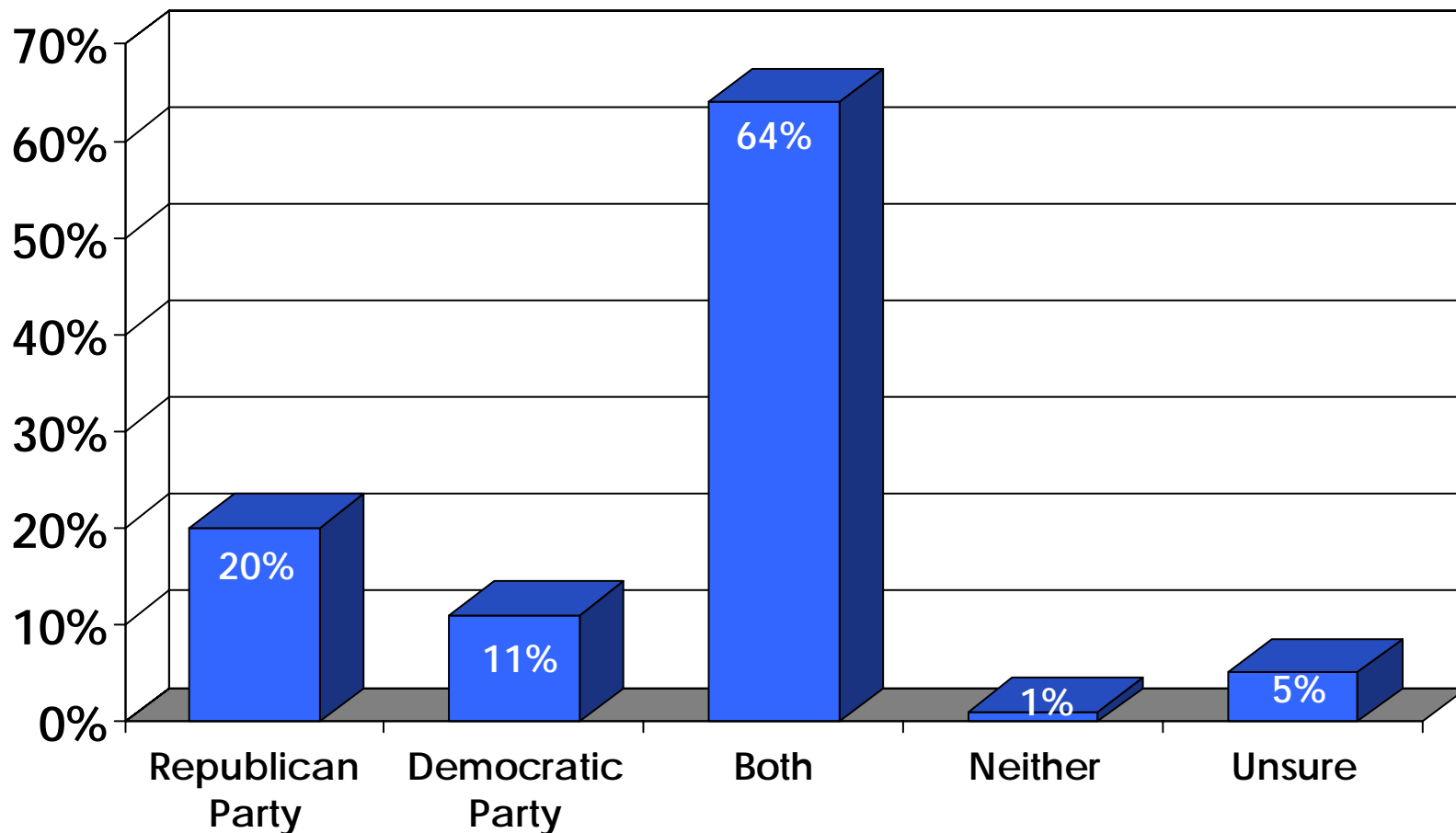
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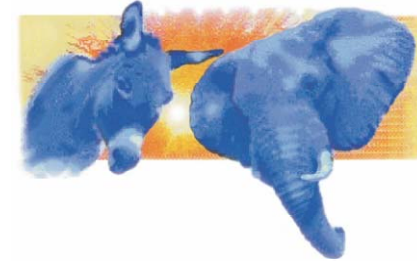
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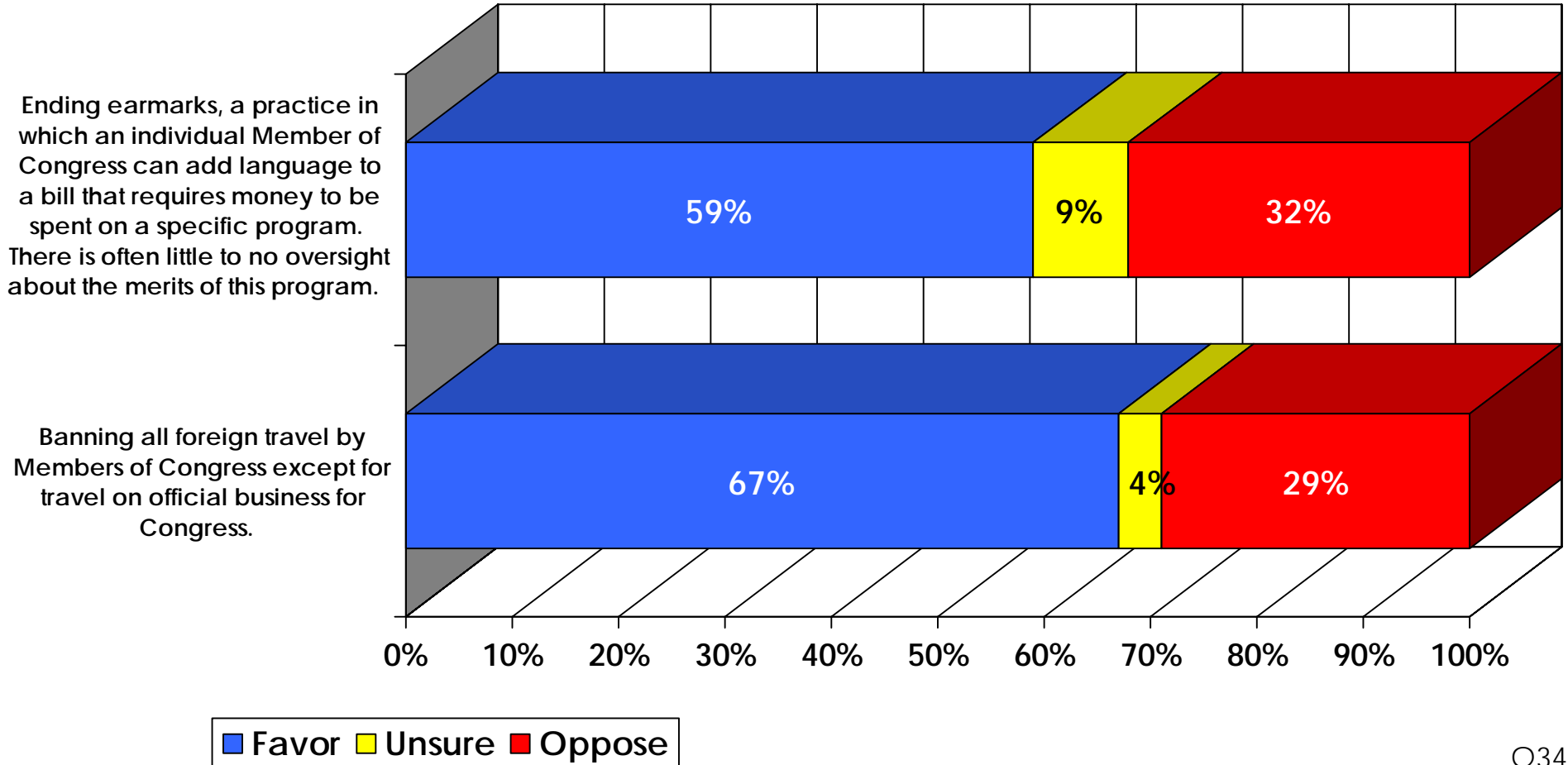


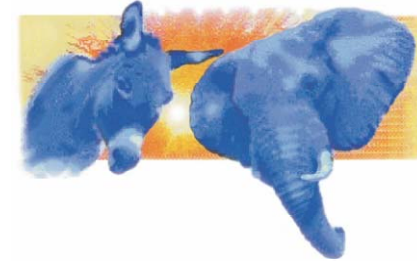
Which party –the Republican Party or the Democratic Party or both parties equally – do you think is most responsible for the current problems facing Congress on the issues of lobbying reform and Congressional reform?



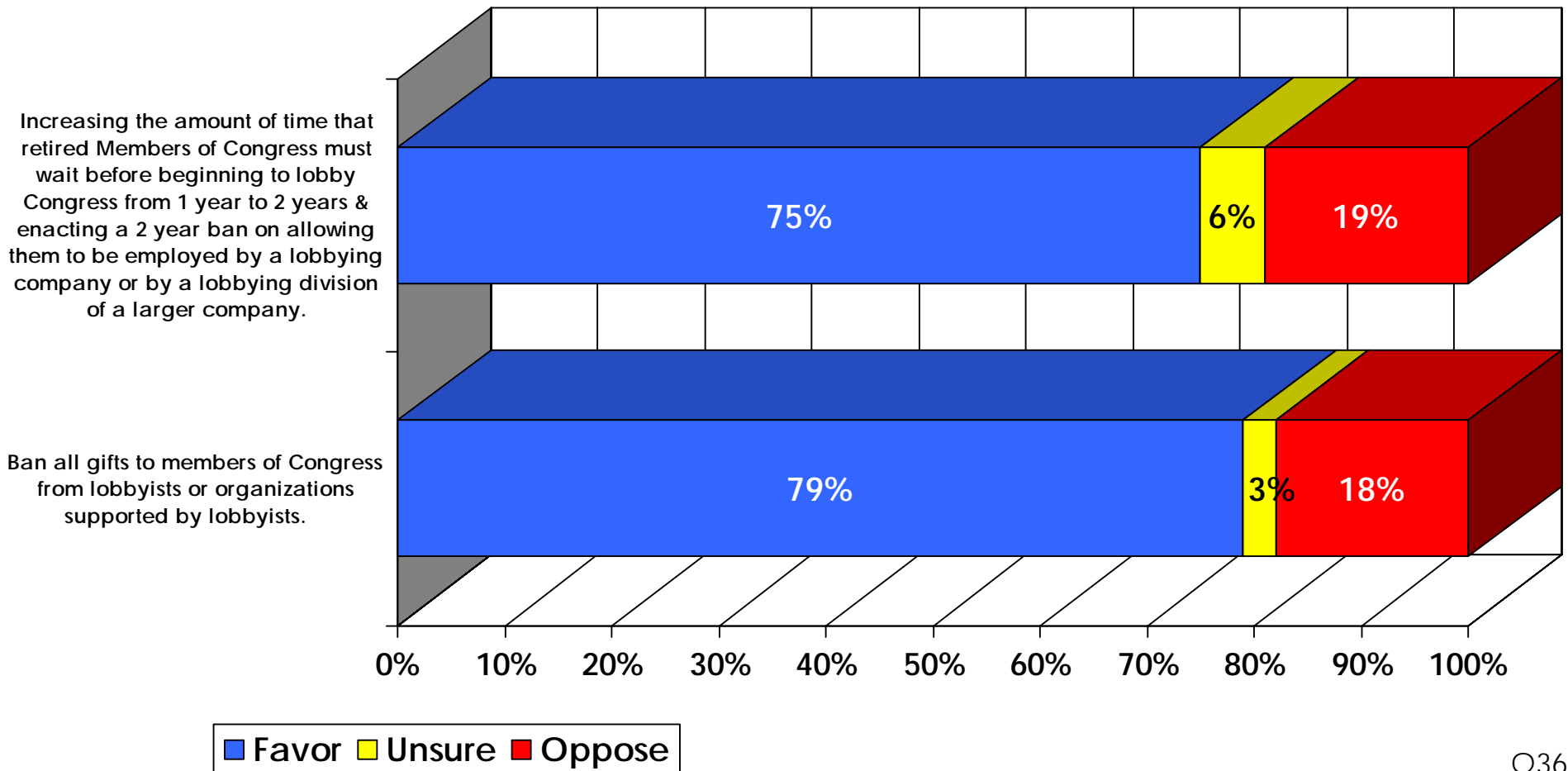


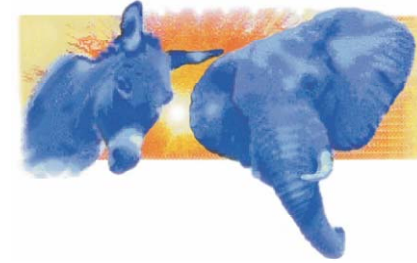
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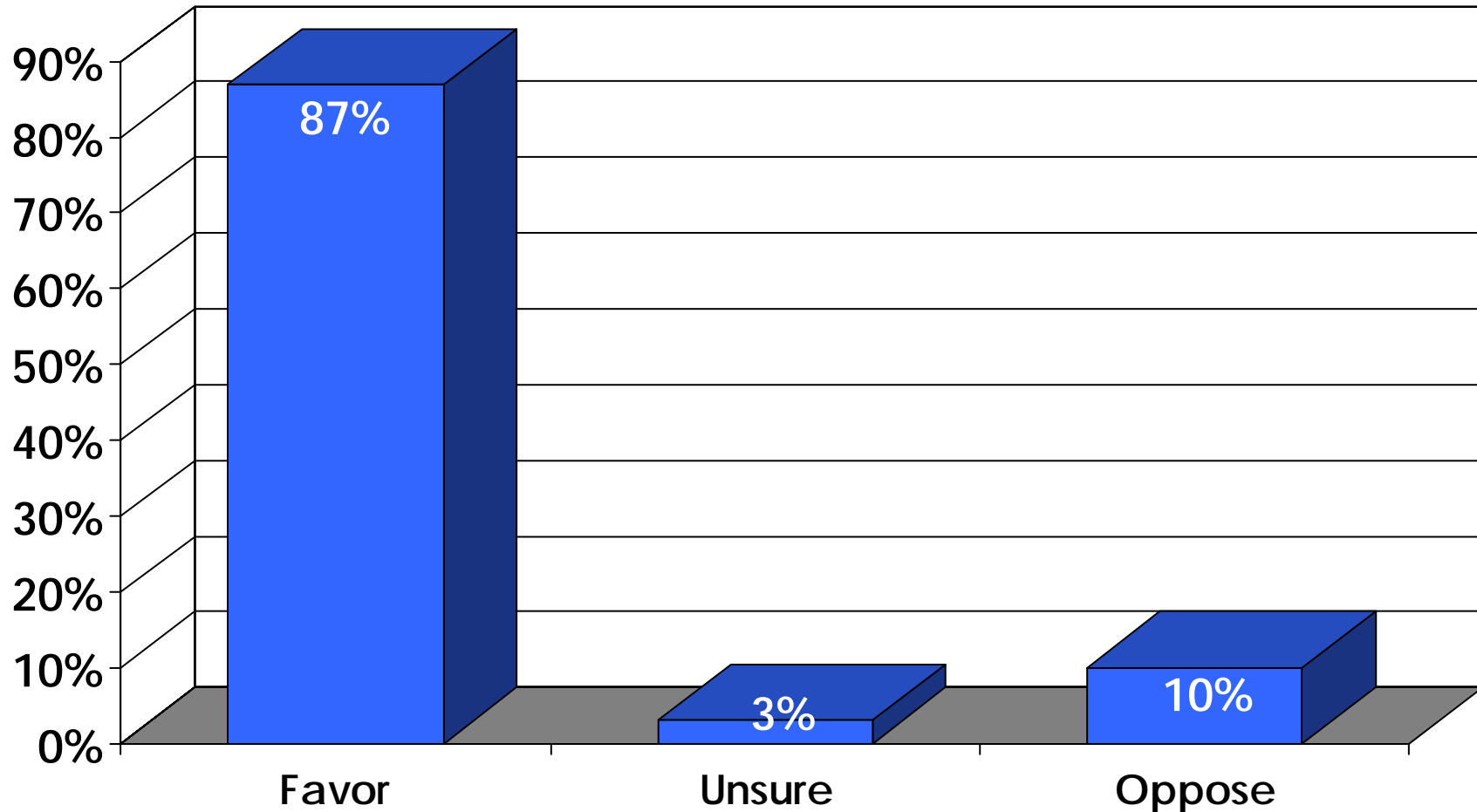
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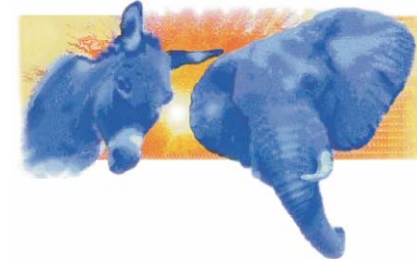


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"Requiring all lobbyists to register a list of their clients with Congress & making this list available online for public searches. In addition, lobbyists would be required to also make publicly available any contact with a Member of Congress or their staff within 48 hours of this communication."



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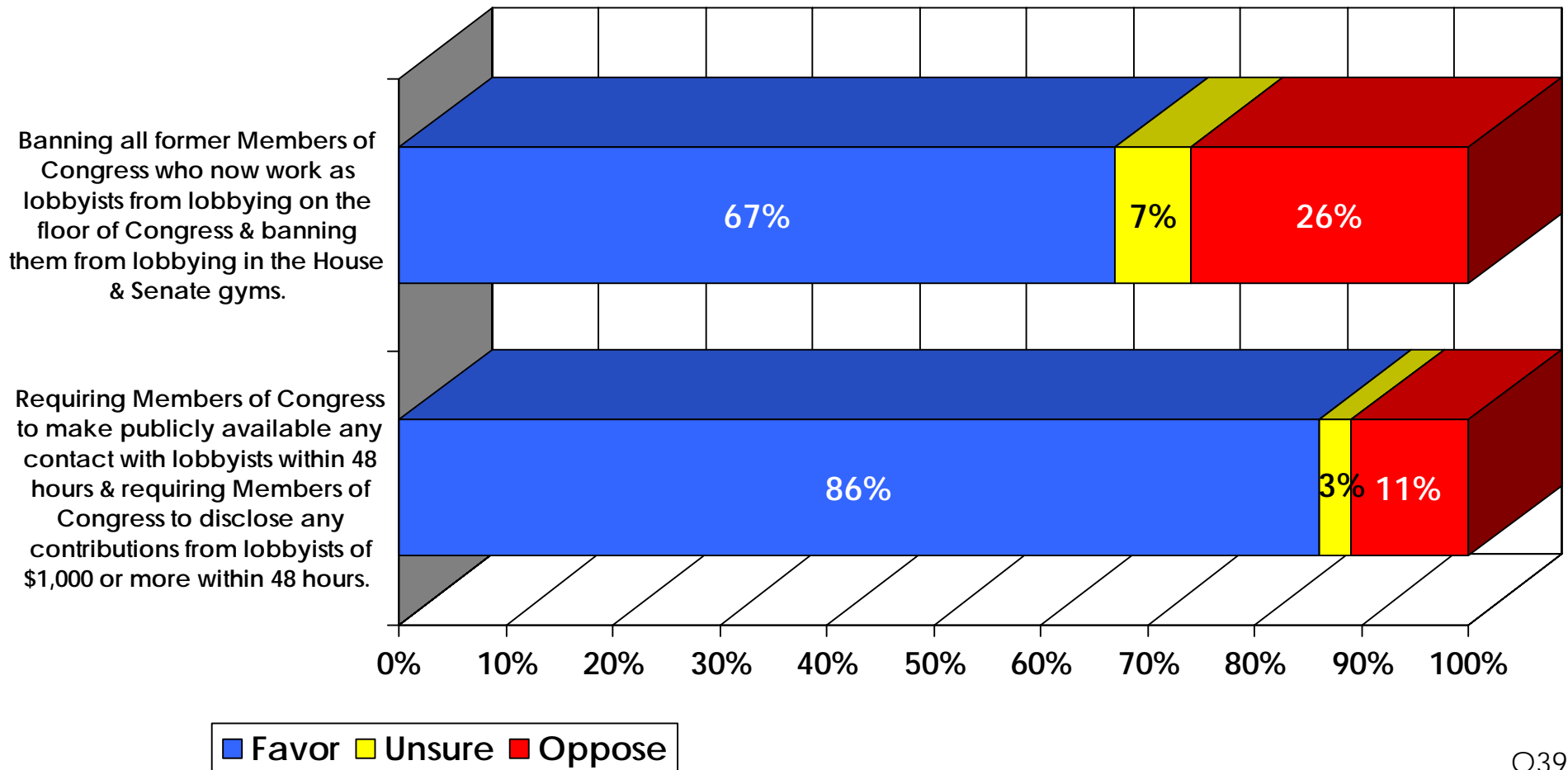


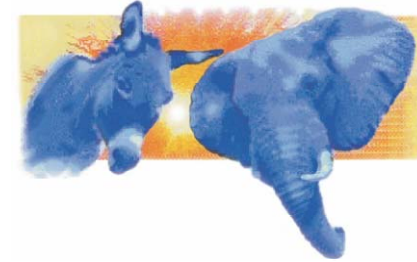
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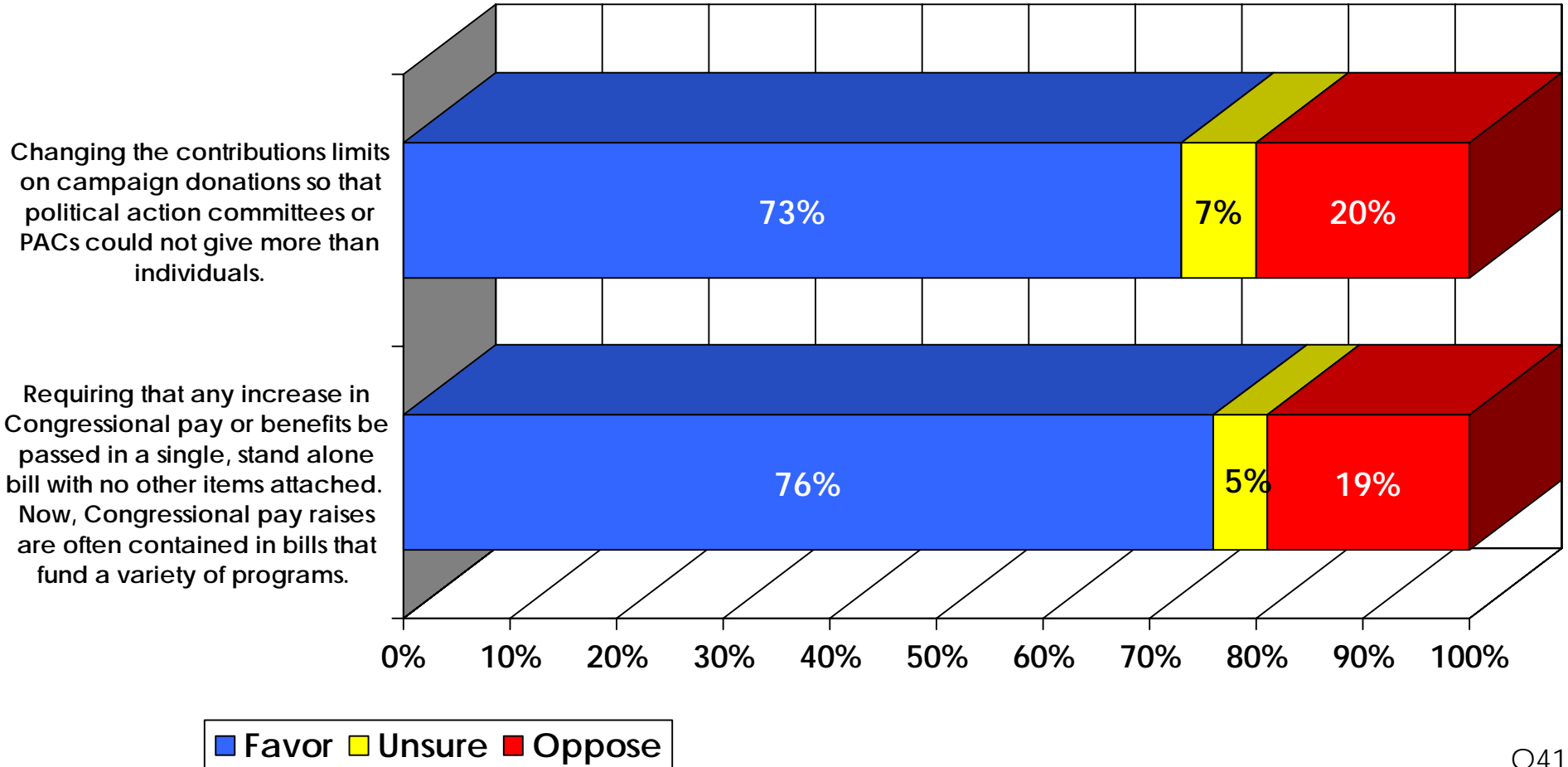
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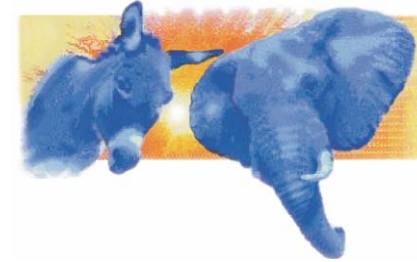
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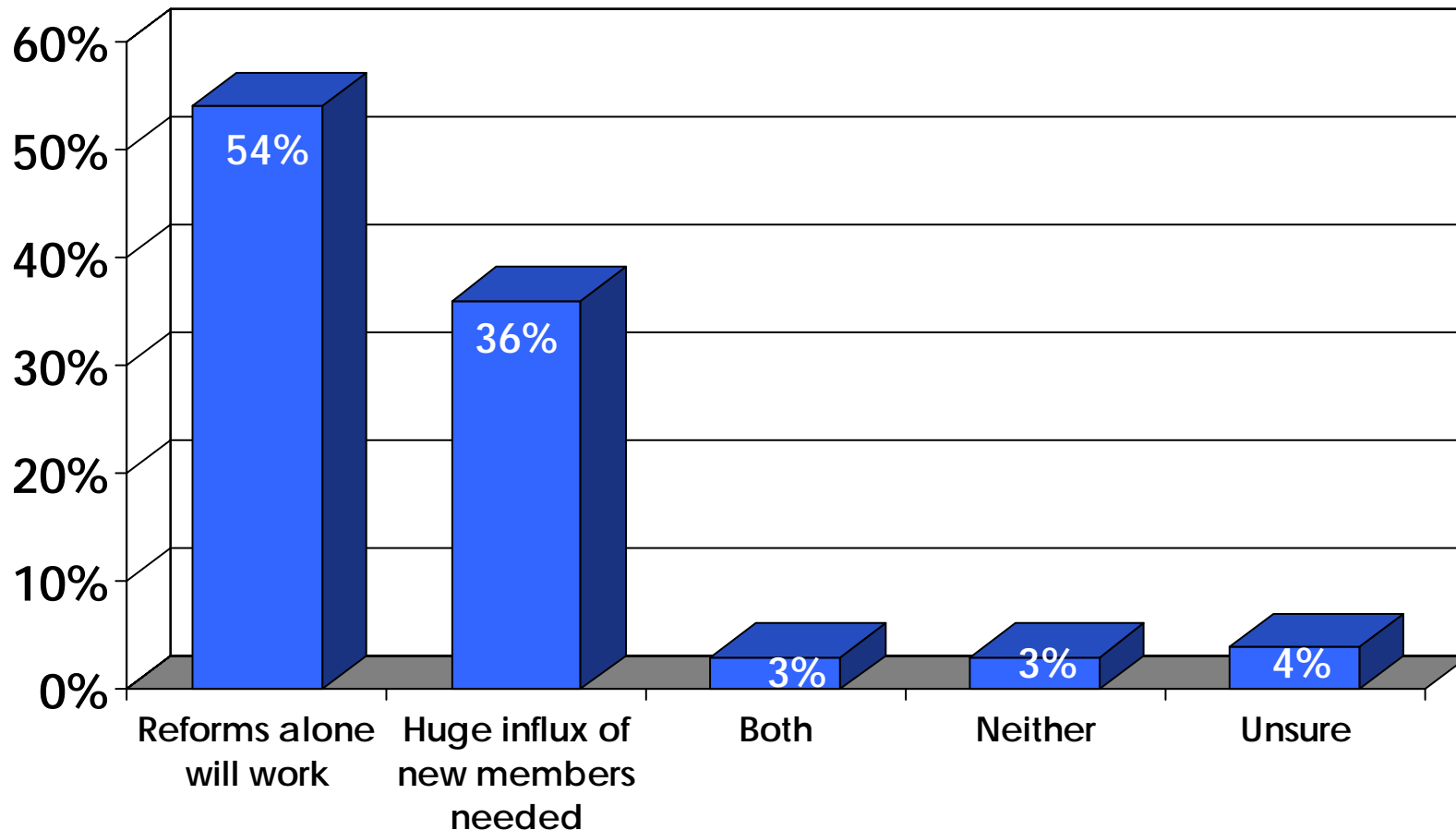
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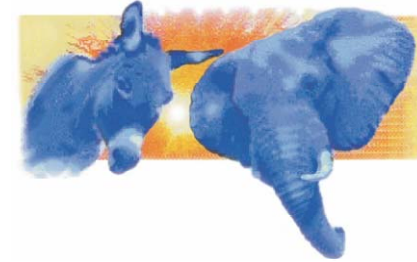




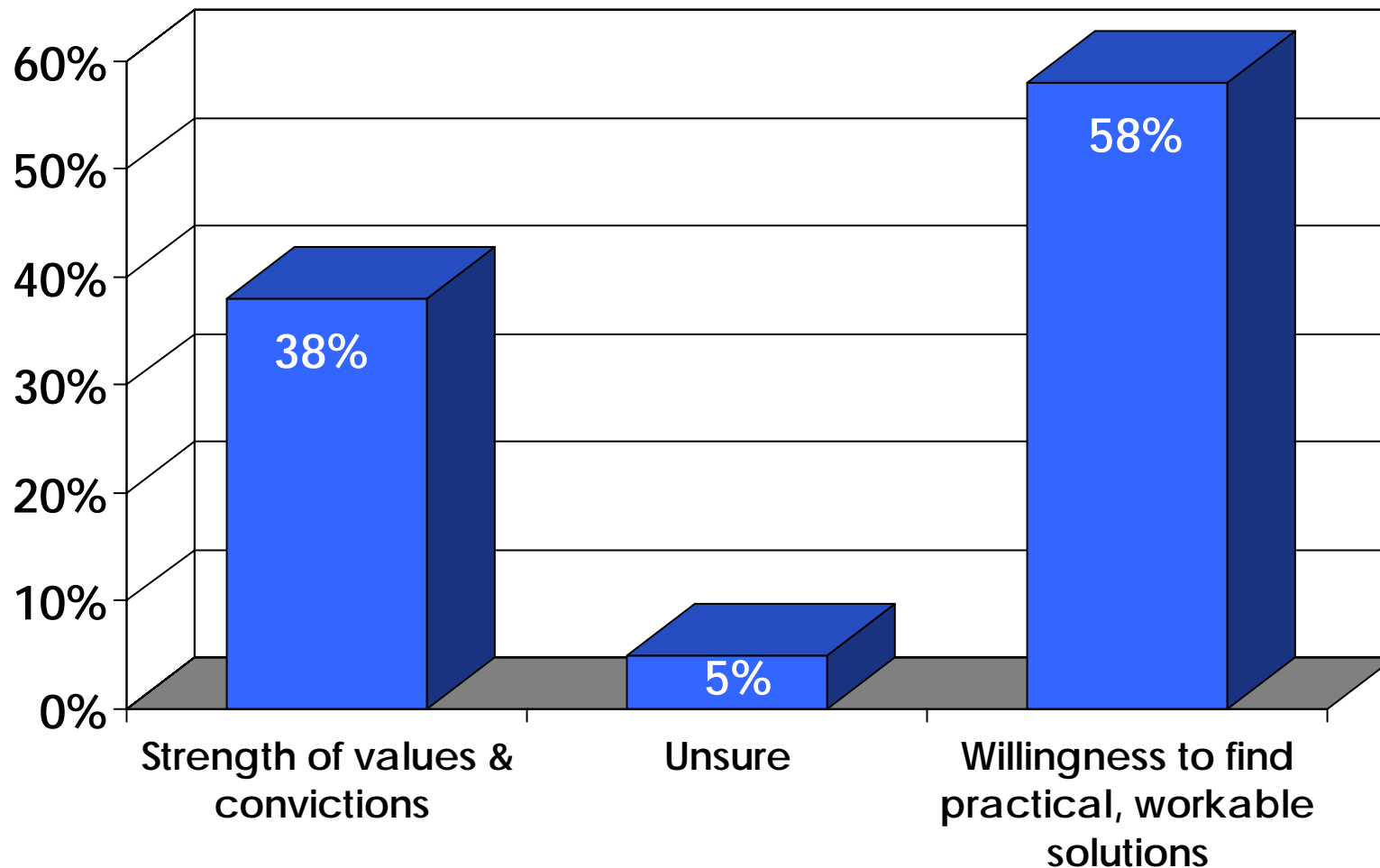
Some people say that the primary cause of the current ethical scandals facing Congress is that it is too easy to break the existing rules. What is needed are reforms, tougher enforcement of existing rules, & transparency to make it much easier for the public & the media to see when existing rules are being broken. Other people say that the primary cause of the current ethical scandals facing Congress is the current culture of Washington which affects all Members of Congress sooner or later. We need to change Congress with new Members who pledge to change this culture & operate with new rules.

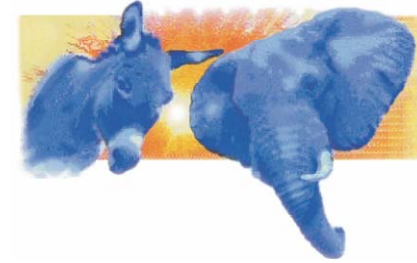
Which viewpoint comes closest to your own?





Which of these qualities is the most important for a Member of Congress to possess: Strength of values & convictions, or Willingness to find practical, workable solutions to the country's problems?





## Do you believe that lawmakers in Washington: put you first or put partisan politics first?

