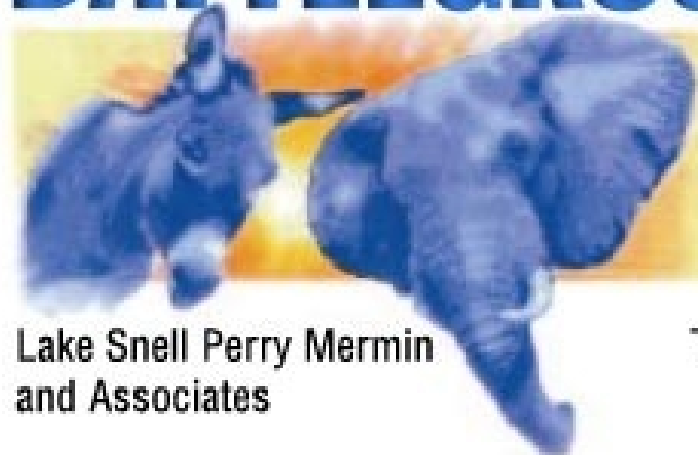


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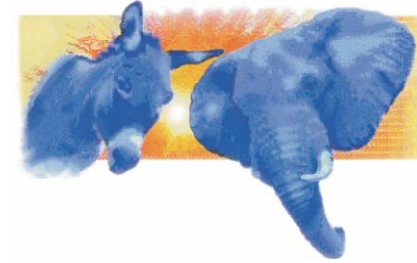
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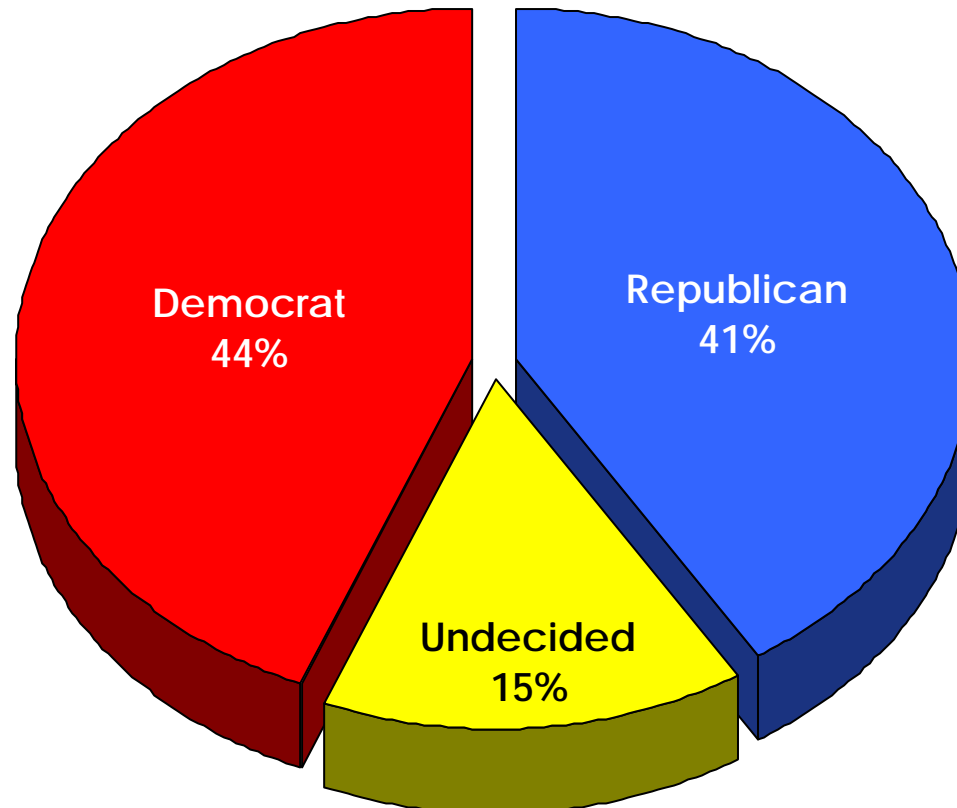
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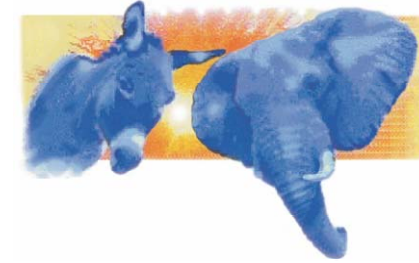
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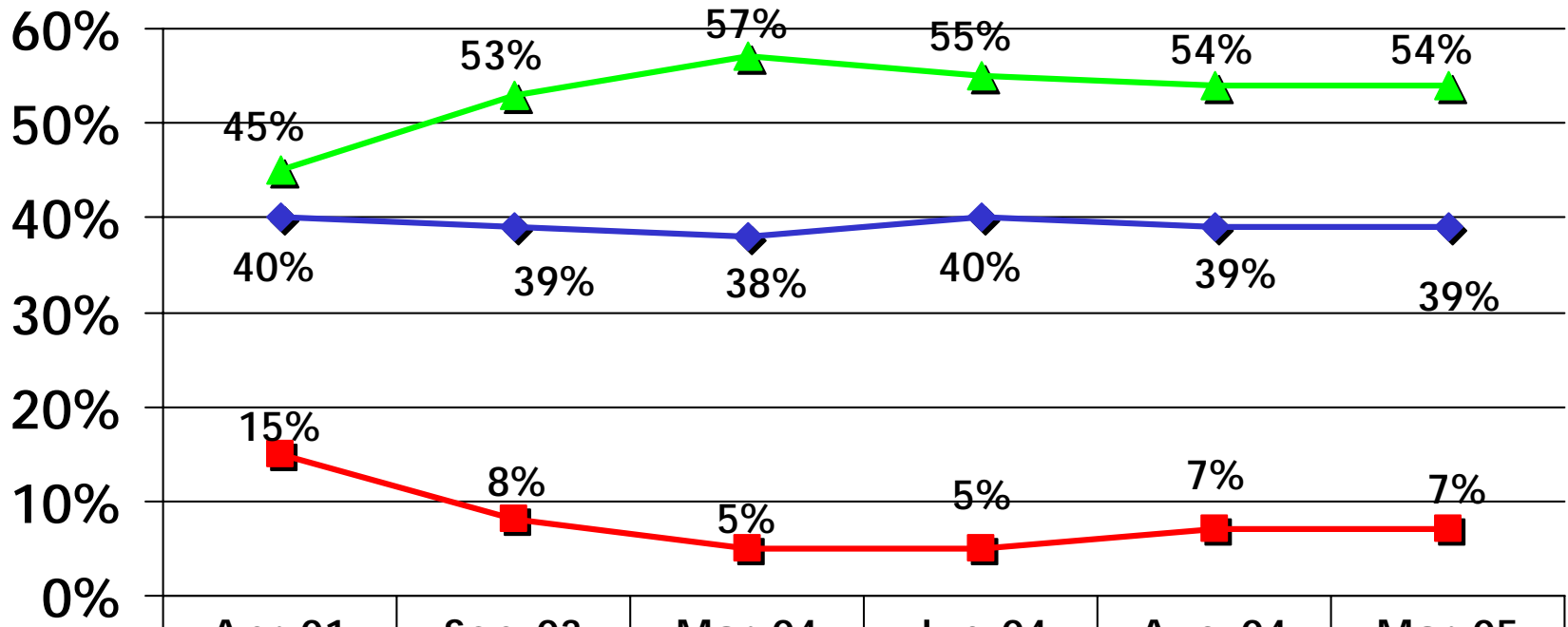


If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

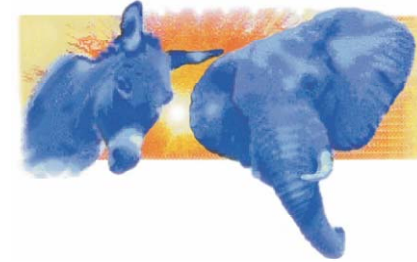




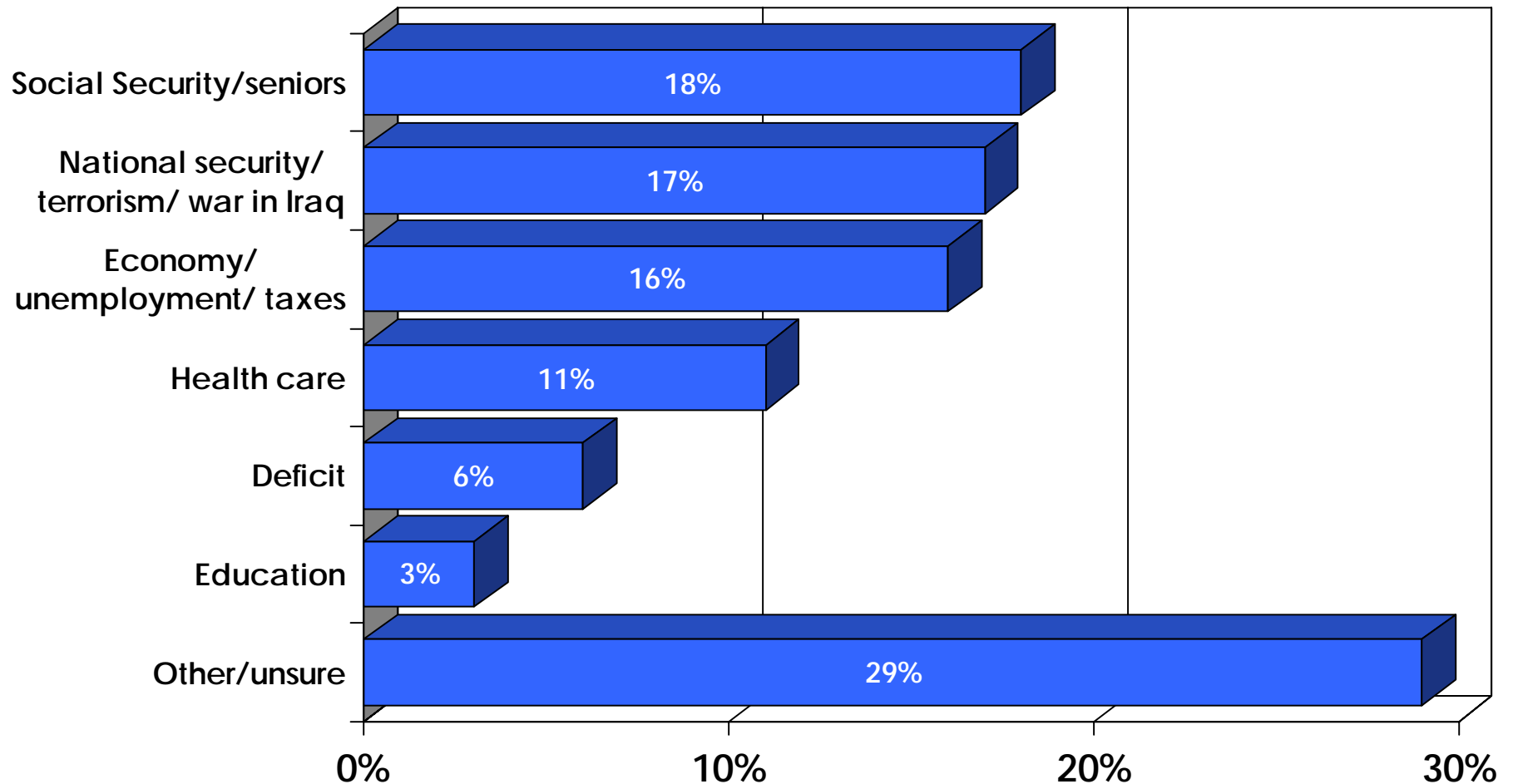
Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

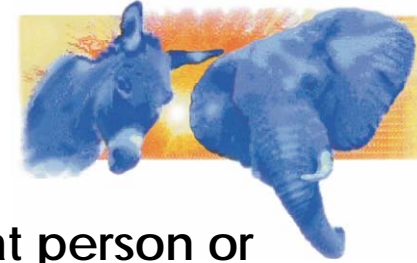


◆ Right Direction	40%	39%	38%	40%	39%	39%
■ Unsure	15%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%
▲ Wrong Track	45%	53%	57%	55%	54%	54%



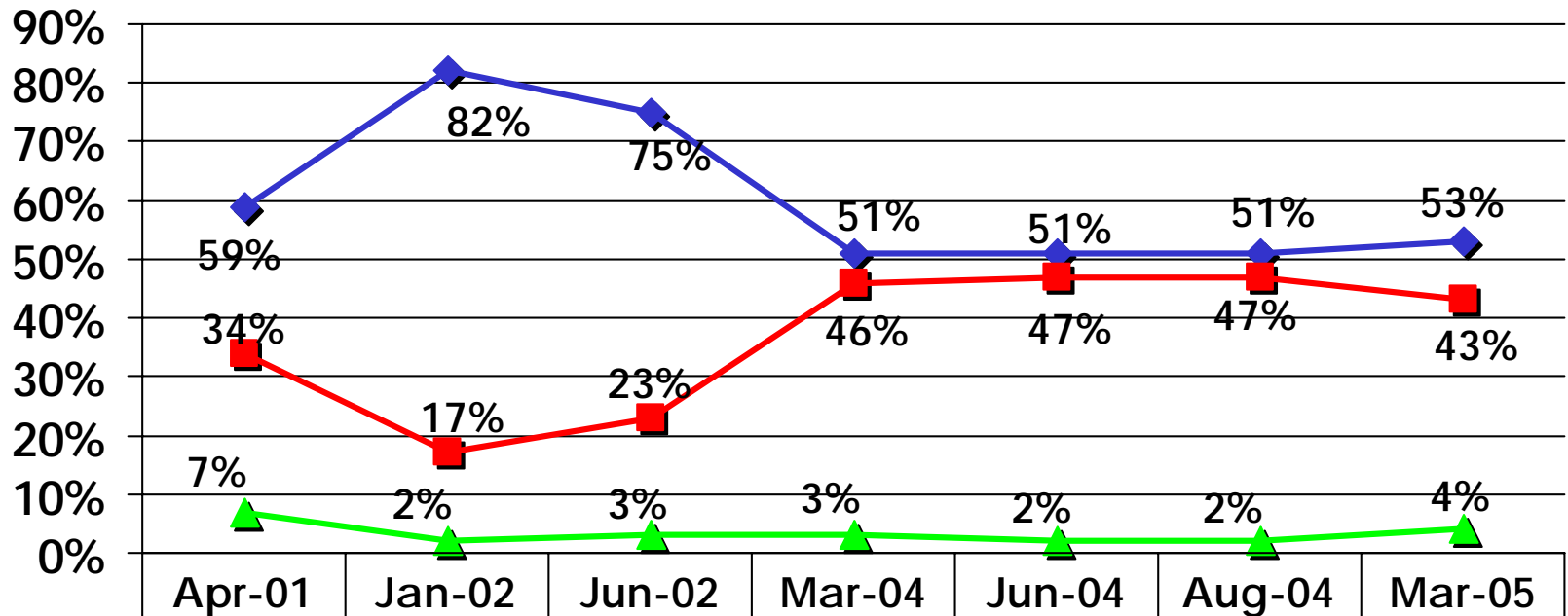
What do you think is the number one problem for the President and Congress to deal with -- that is, what is the problem that you and your family think is most important for the President and Congress to deal with?



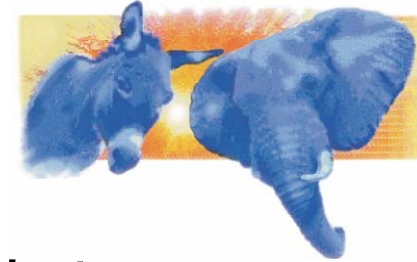


For each one, please tell me whether you have heard of that person or organization and if so, whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of them.

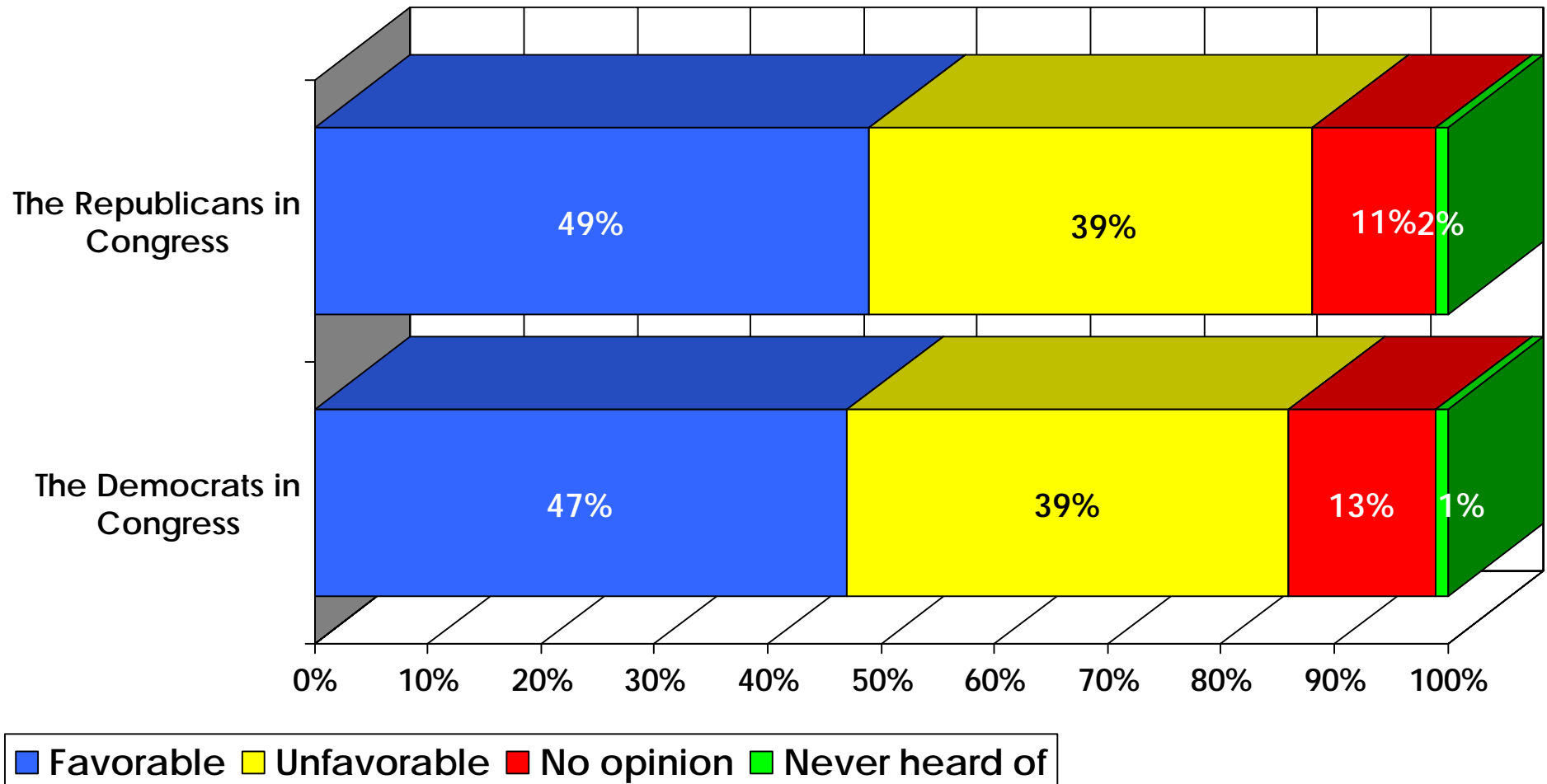
"George W. Bush"

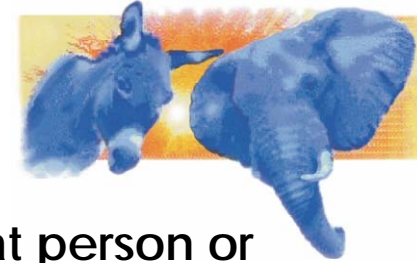


◆ Favorable	59%	82%	75%	51%	51%	51%	53%
■ Unfavorable	34%	17%	23%	46%	47%	47%	43%
▲ No Opinion	7%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%
✕ Never heard of							



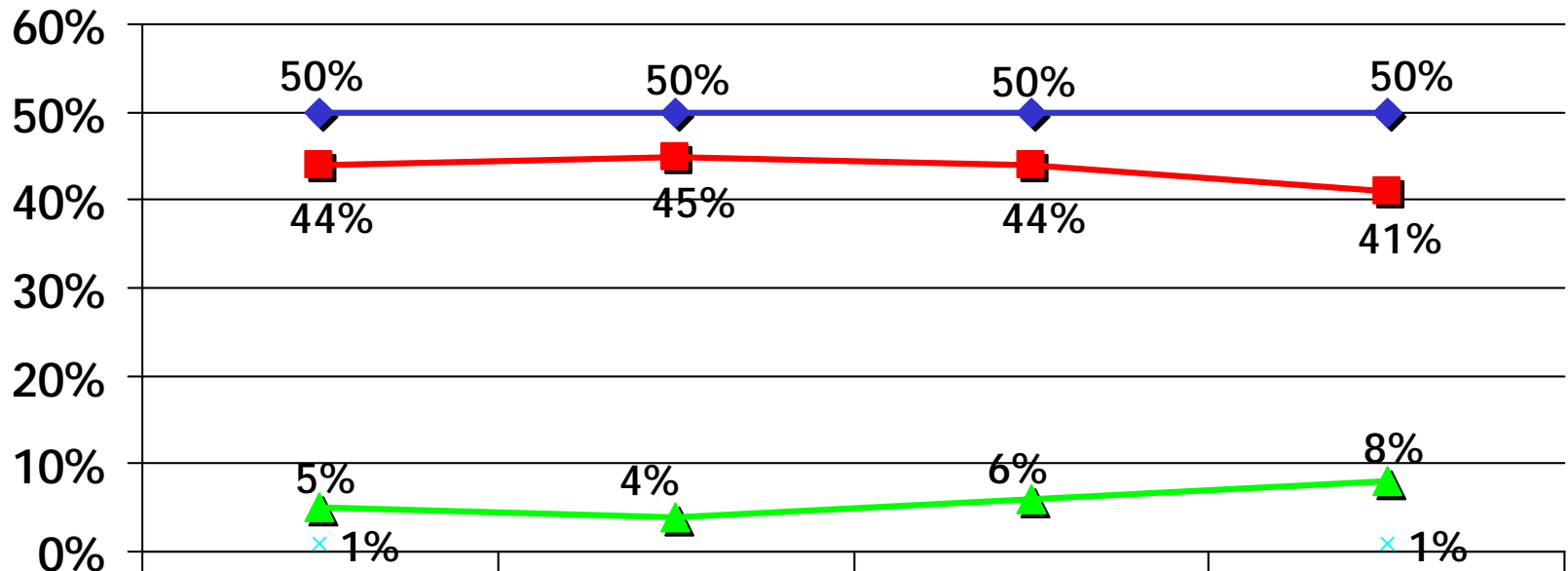
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"The Republican Party"

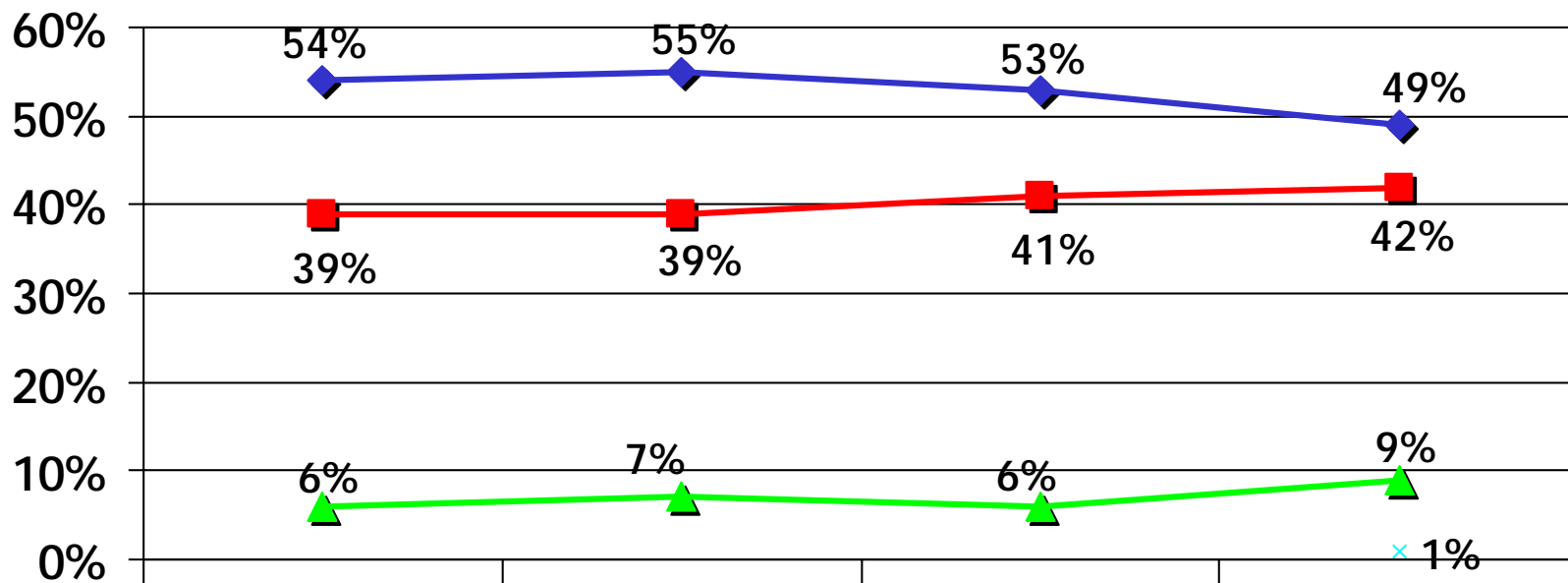


◆ Favorable	50%	50%	50%	50%
■ Unfavorable	44%	45%	44%	41%
▲ No Opinion	5%	4%	6%	8%
× Never heard of	1%			1%

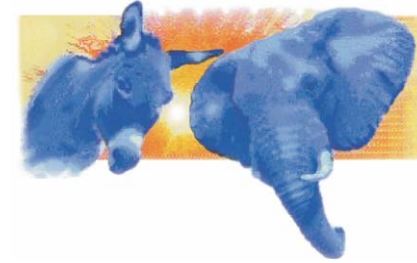


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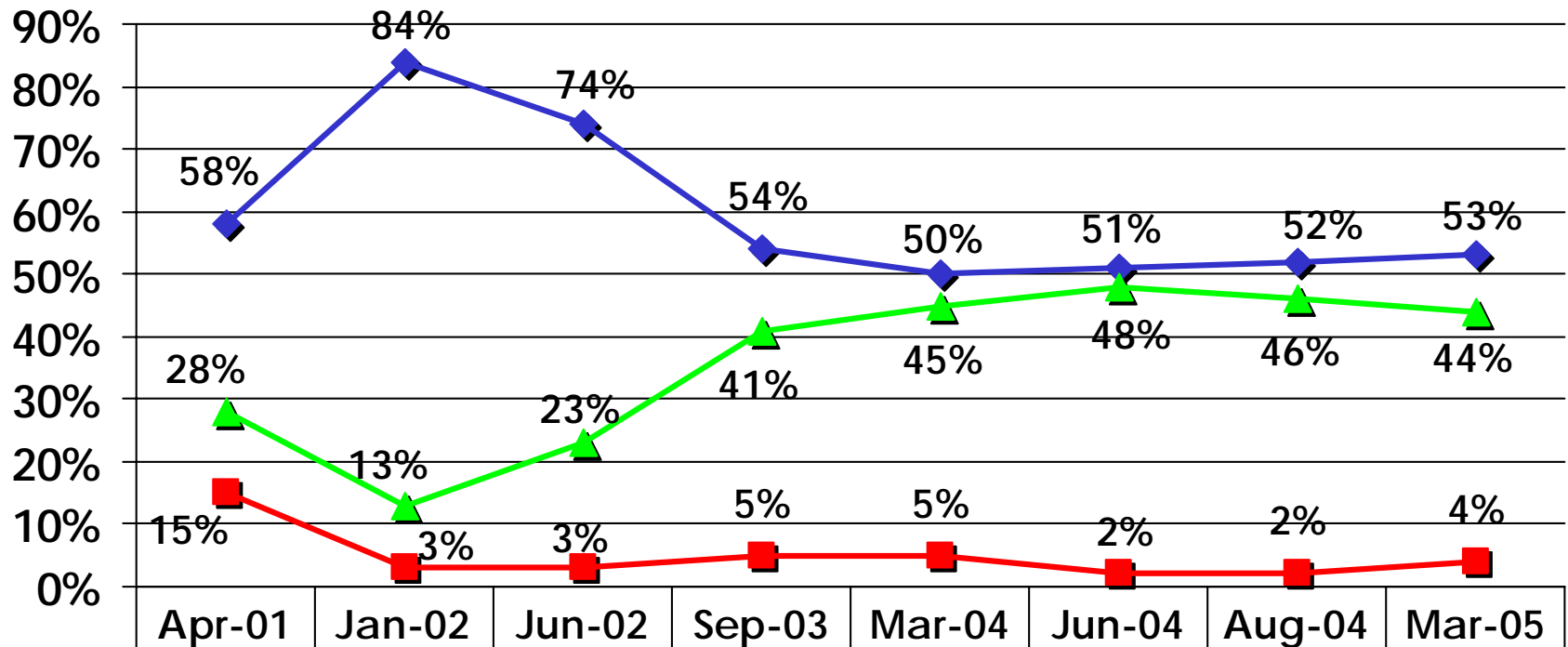
"The Democratic Party"



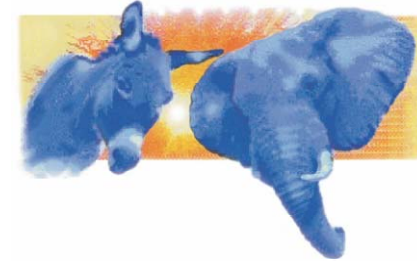
	Mar-04	Jun-04	Aug-04	Mar-05
◆ Favorable	54%	55%	53%	49%
■ Unfavorable	39%	39%	41%	42%
▲ No Opinion	6%	7%	6%	9%
× Never heard of				1%



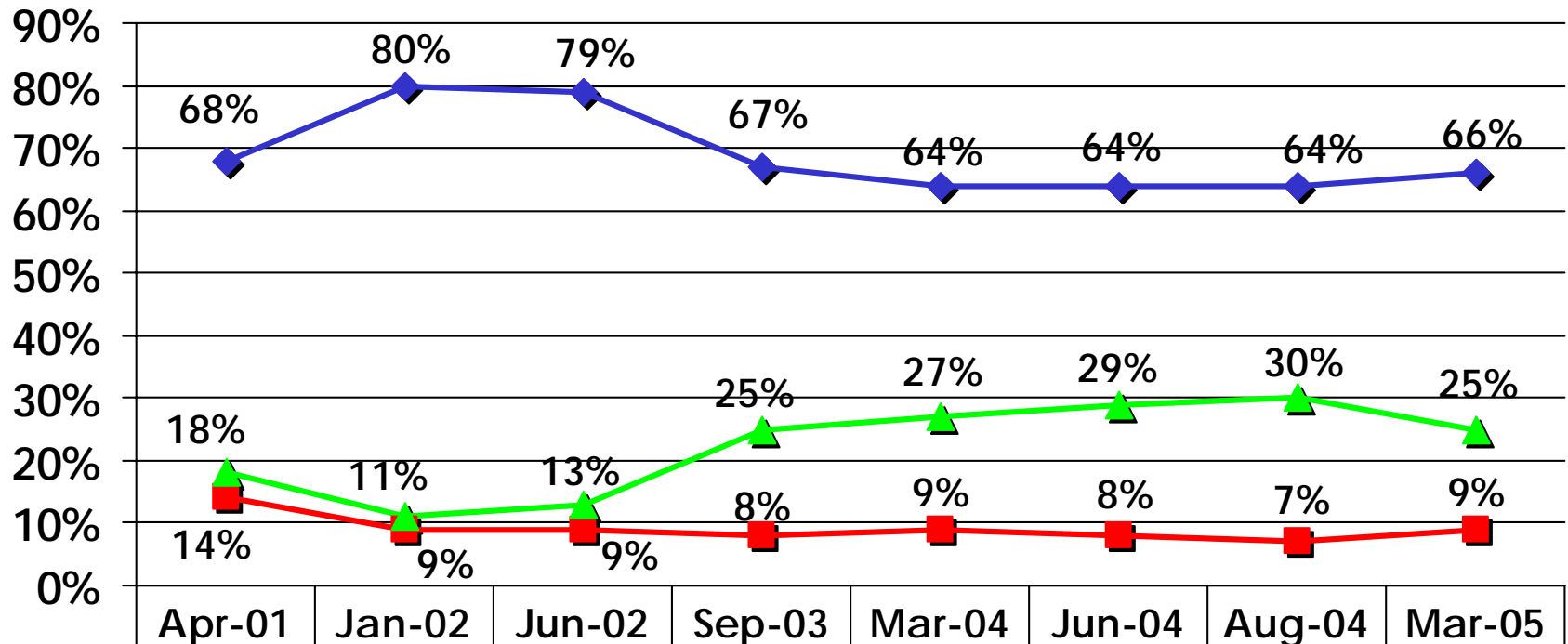
How would you rate the job George W. Bush has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?



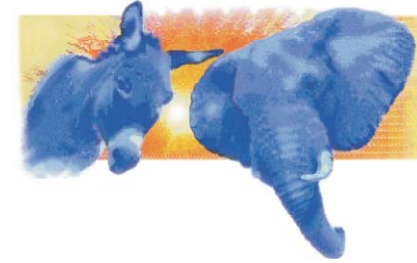
◆ Approve	58%	84%	74%	54%	50%	51%	52%	53%
■ Unsure	15%	3%	3%	5%	5%	2%	2%	4%
▲ Disapprove	28%	13%	23%	41%	45%	48%	46%	44%



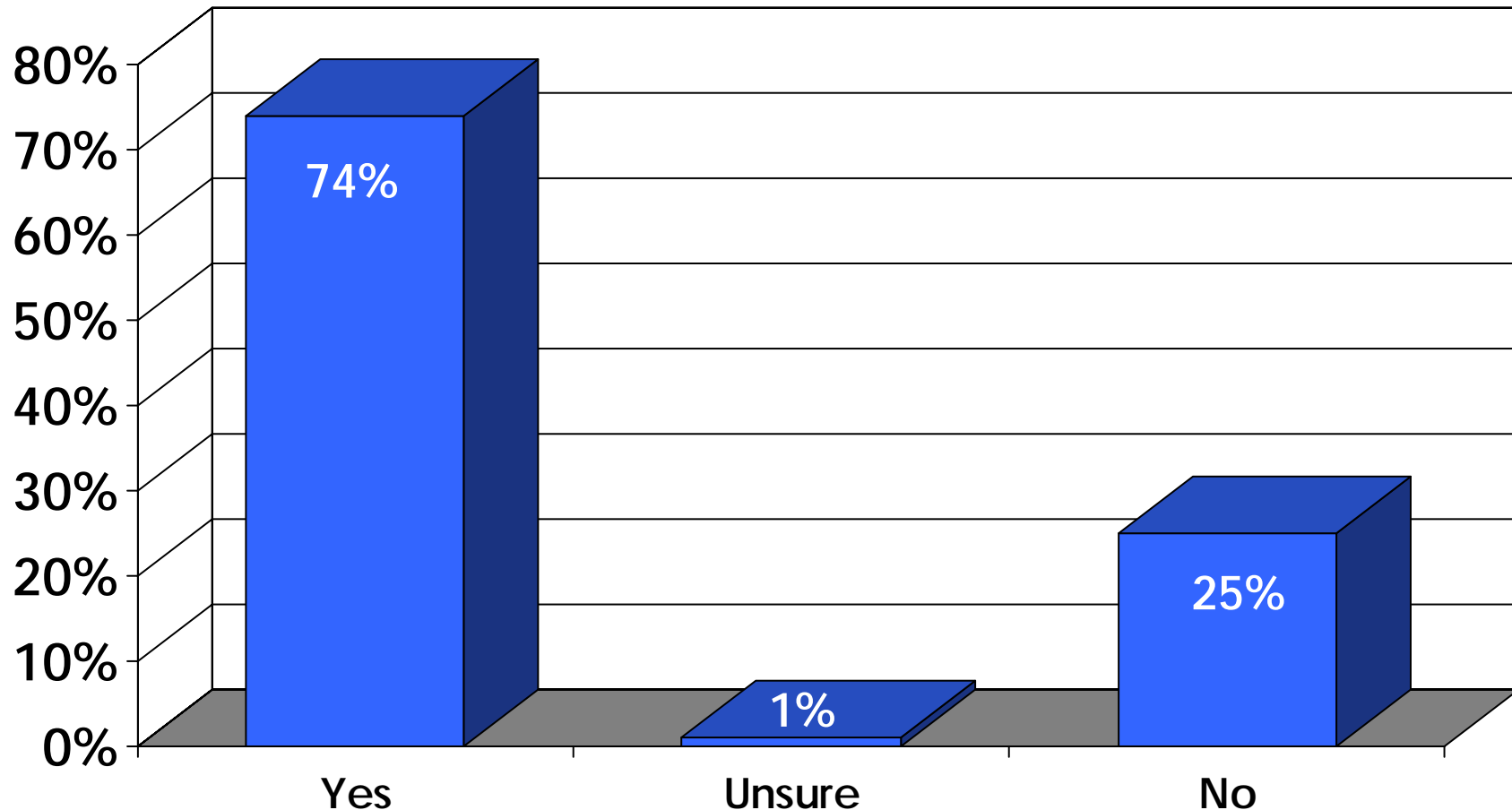
Whether you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as President, what is your impression of George W. Bush as a person? Do you approve or disapprove of him?

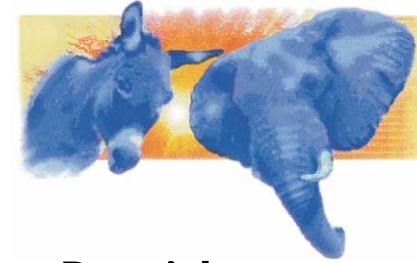


◆ Approve	68%	80%	79%	67%	64%	64%	64%	66%
■ Unsure	14%	9%	9%	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%
▲ Disapprove	18%	11%	13%	25%	27%	29%	30%	25%



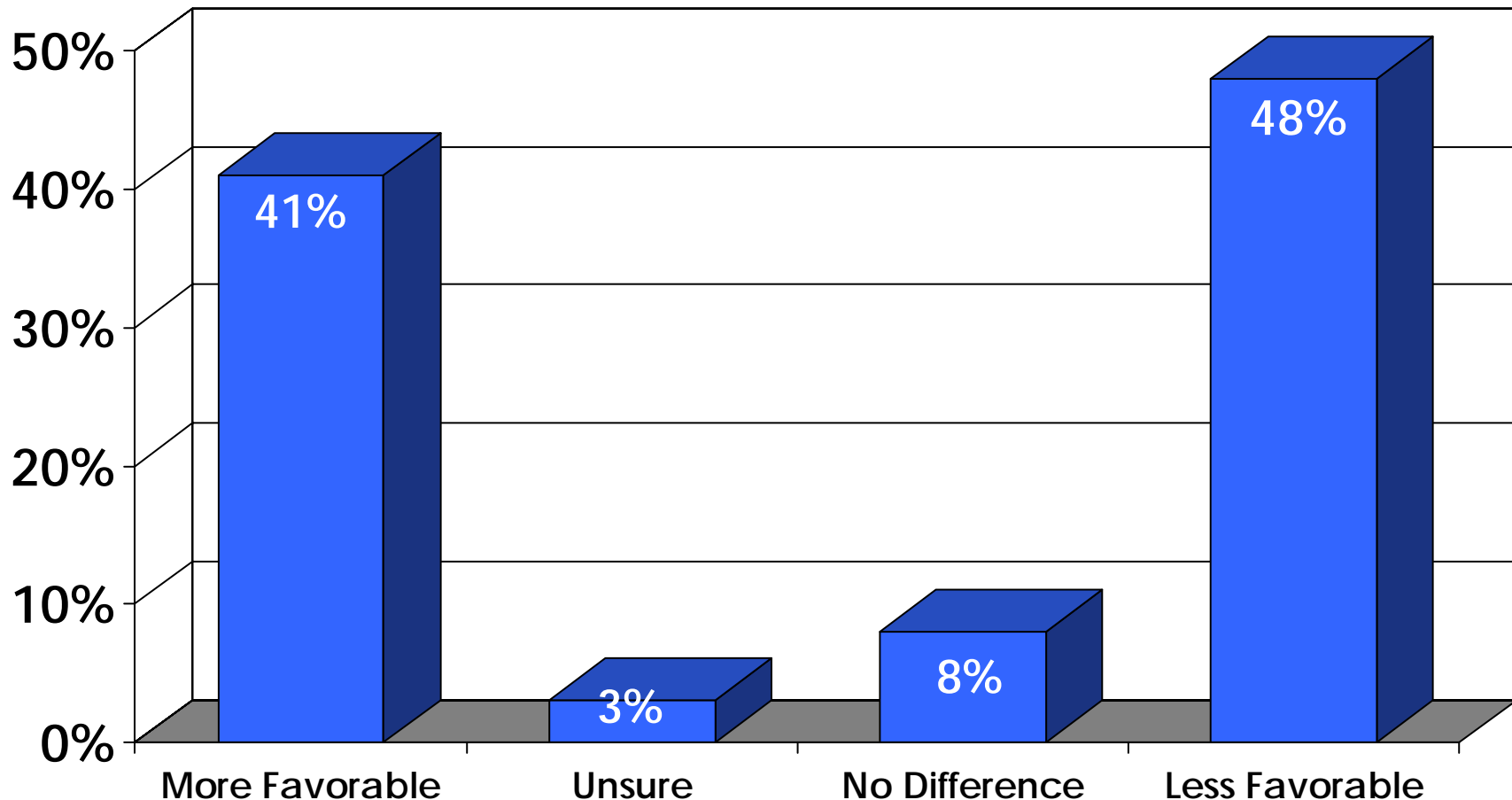
Have you seen, read or heard anything about President George W. Bush and his policies recently?

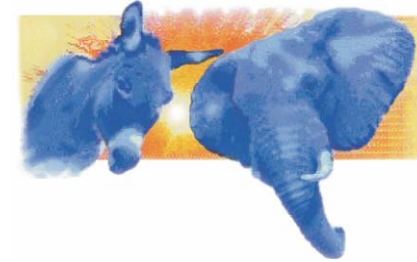




Thinking about what you have seen, read or heard about President George W. Bush and his policies, has it made you more favorable or less favorable towards him?

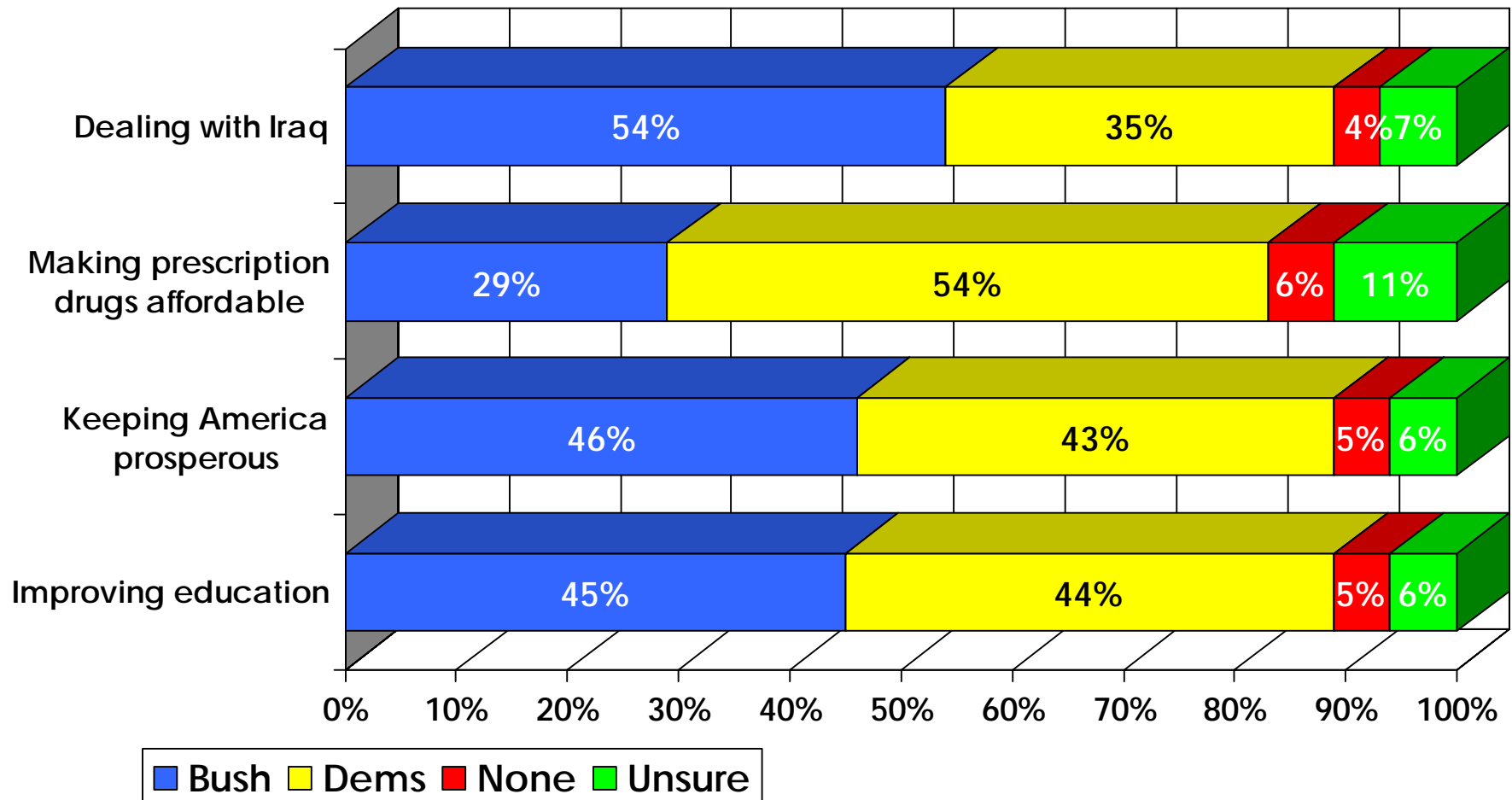
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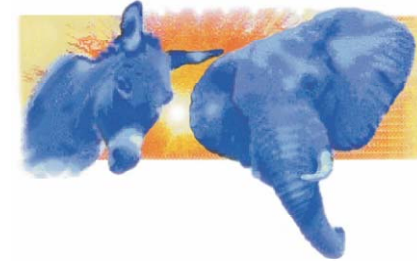




Please tell me, for each one, who would do a better job of handling this issue or better represents this quality -- President George W. Bush or the Democrats in Congress.

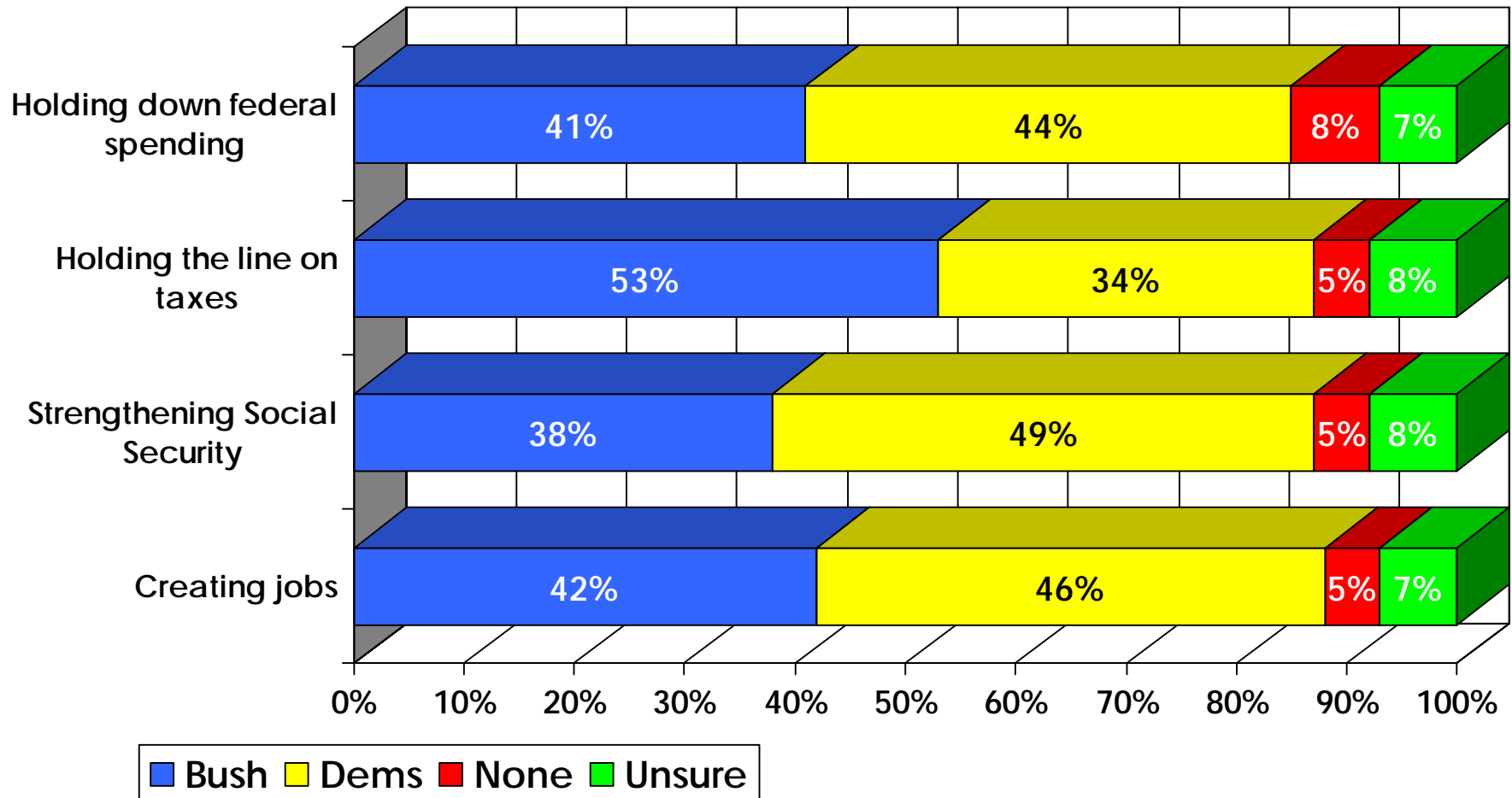
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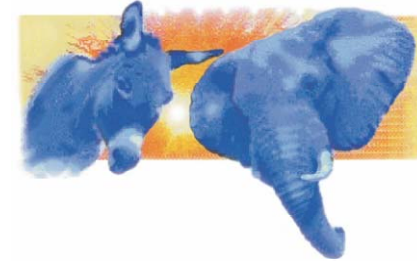




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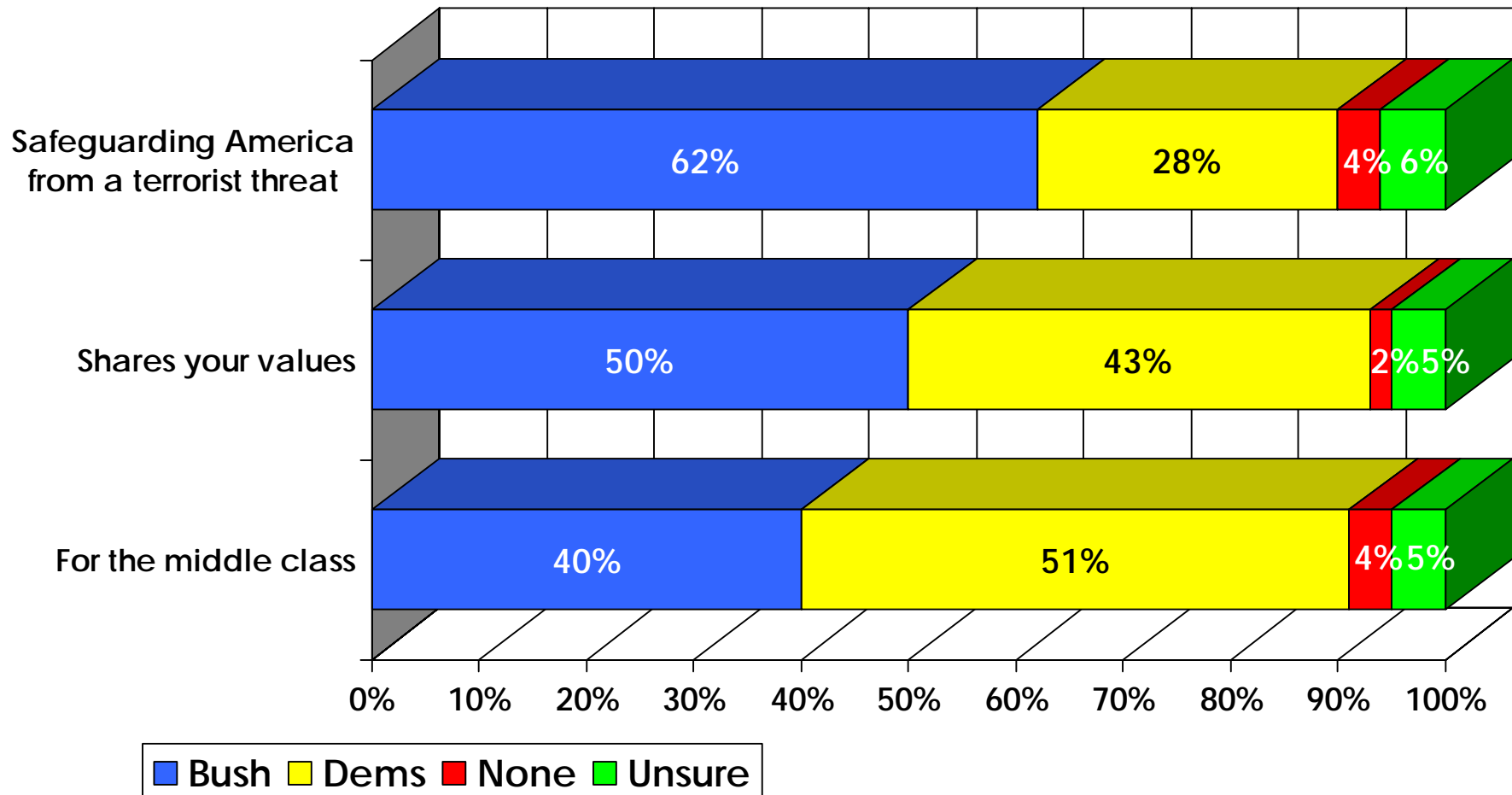
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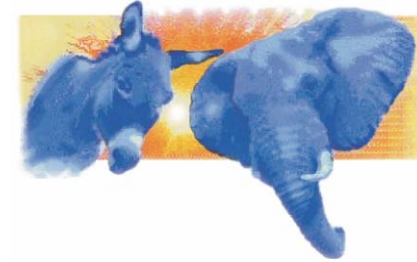




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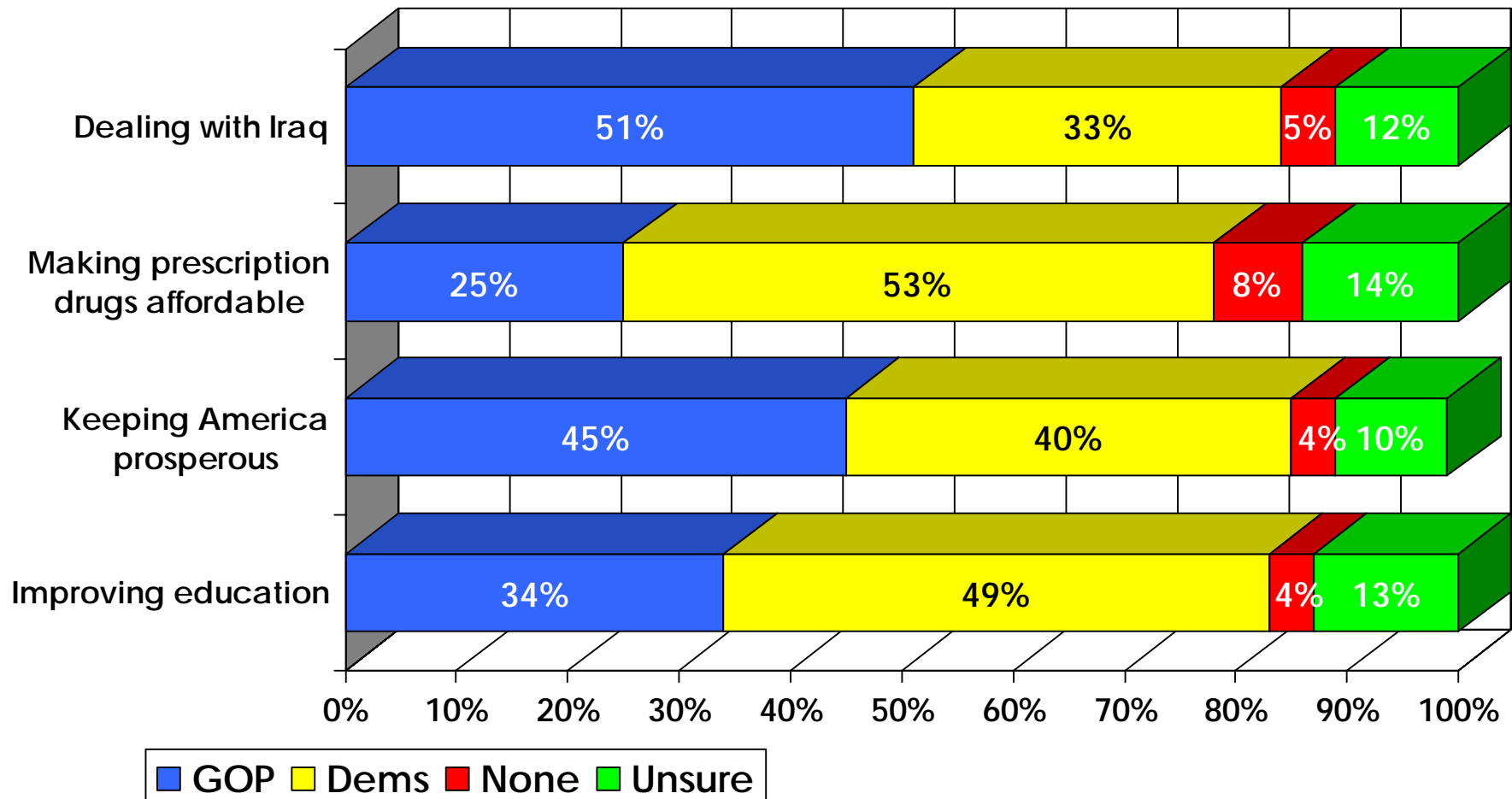
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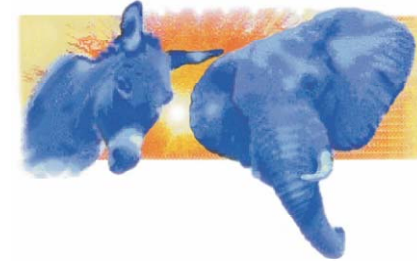




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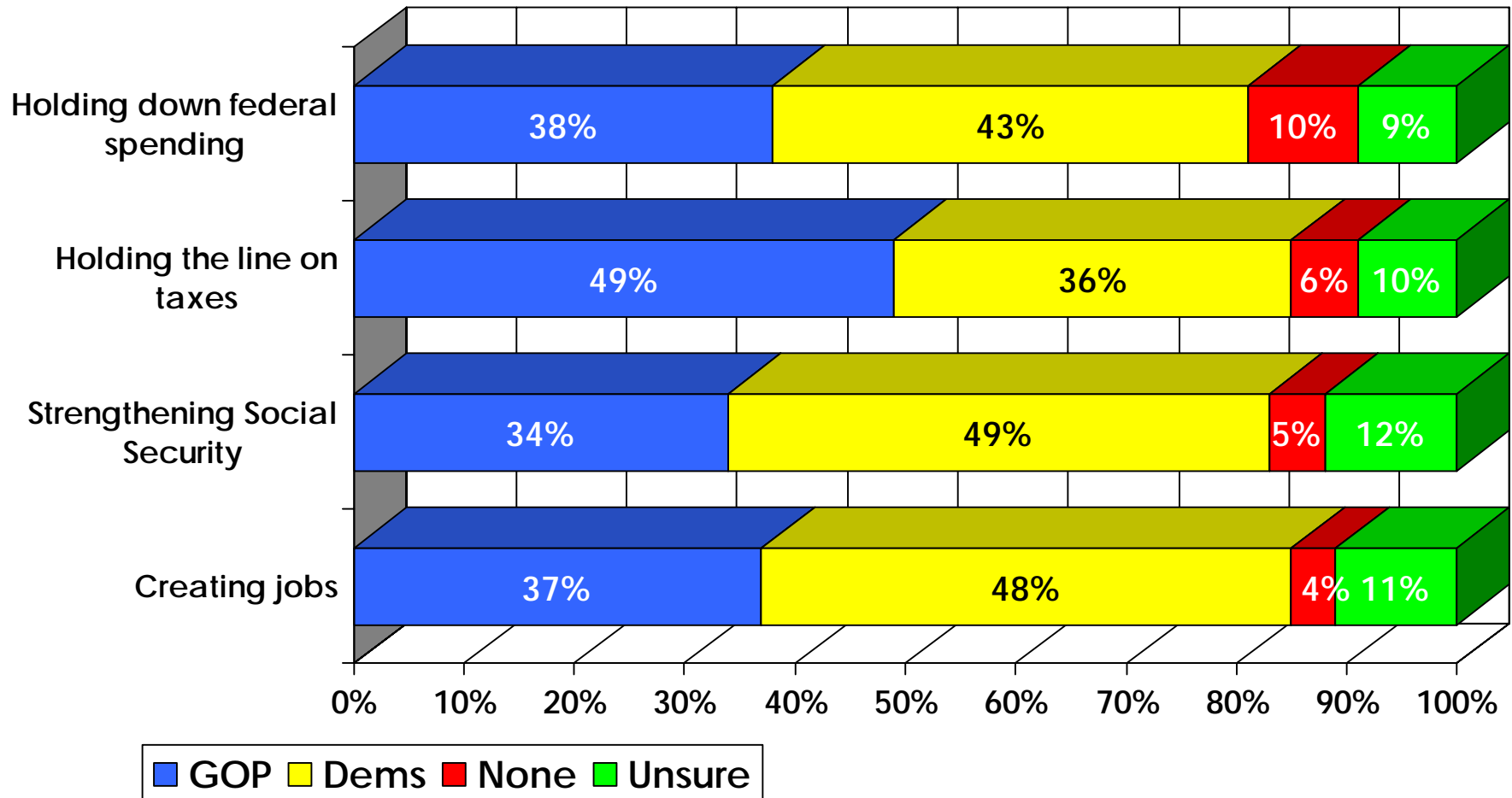
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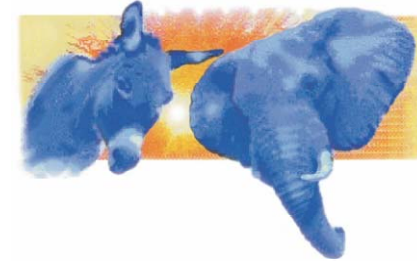




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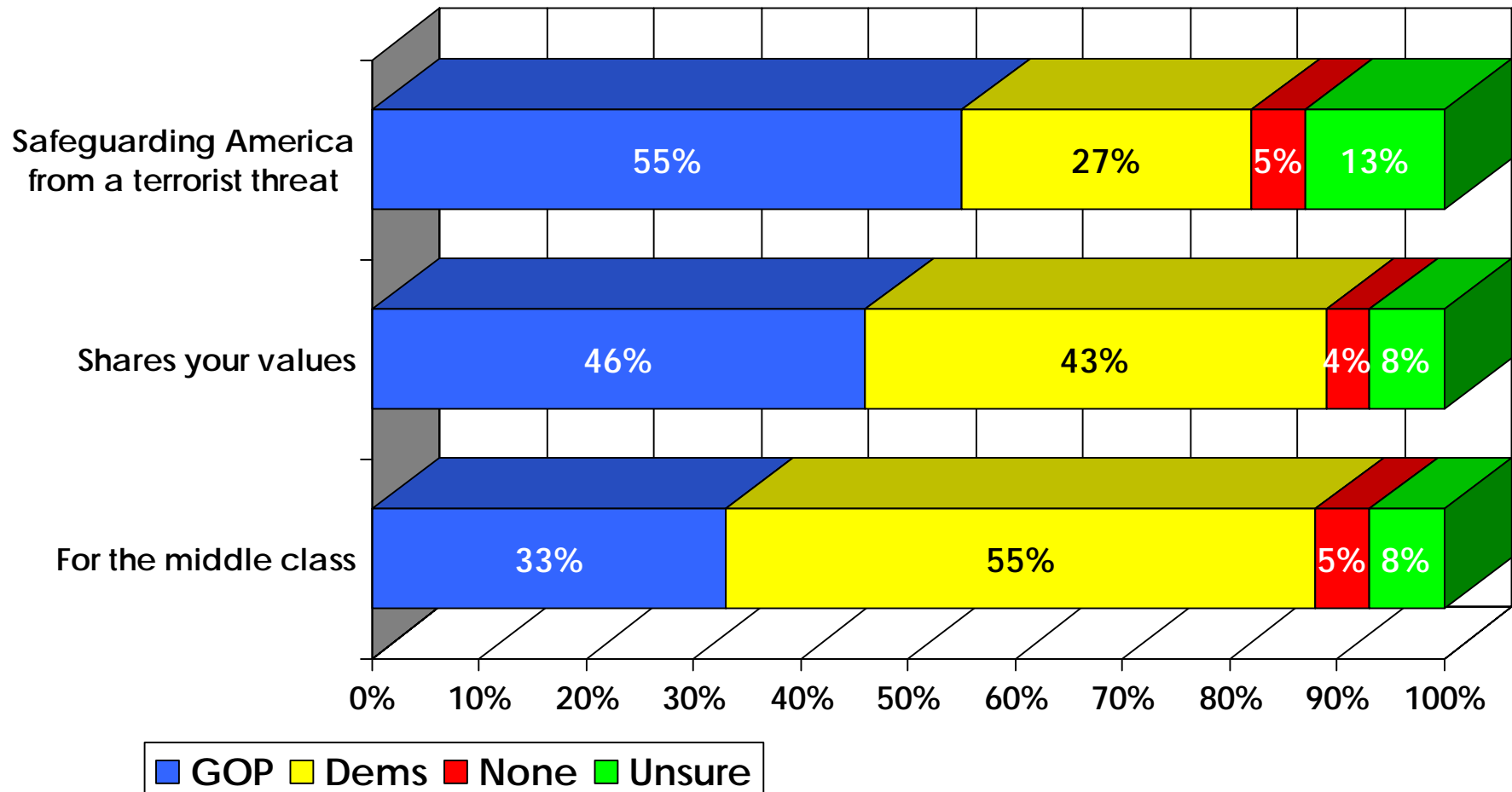
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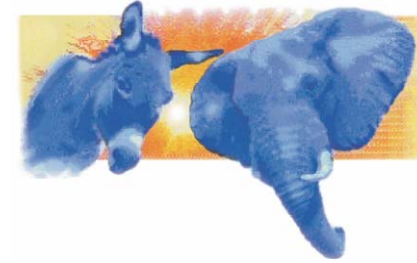




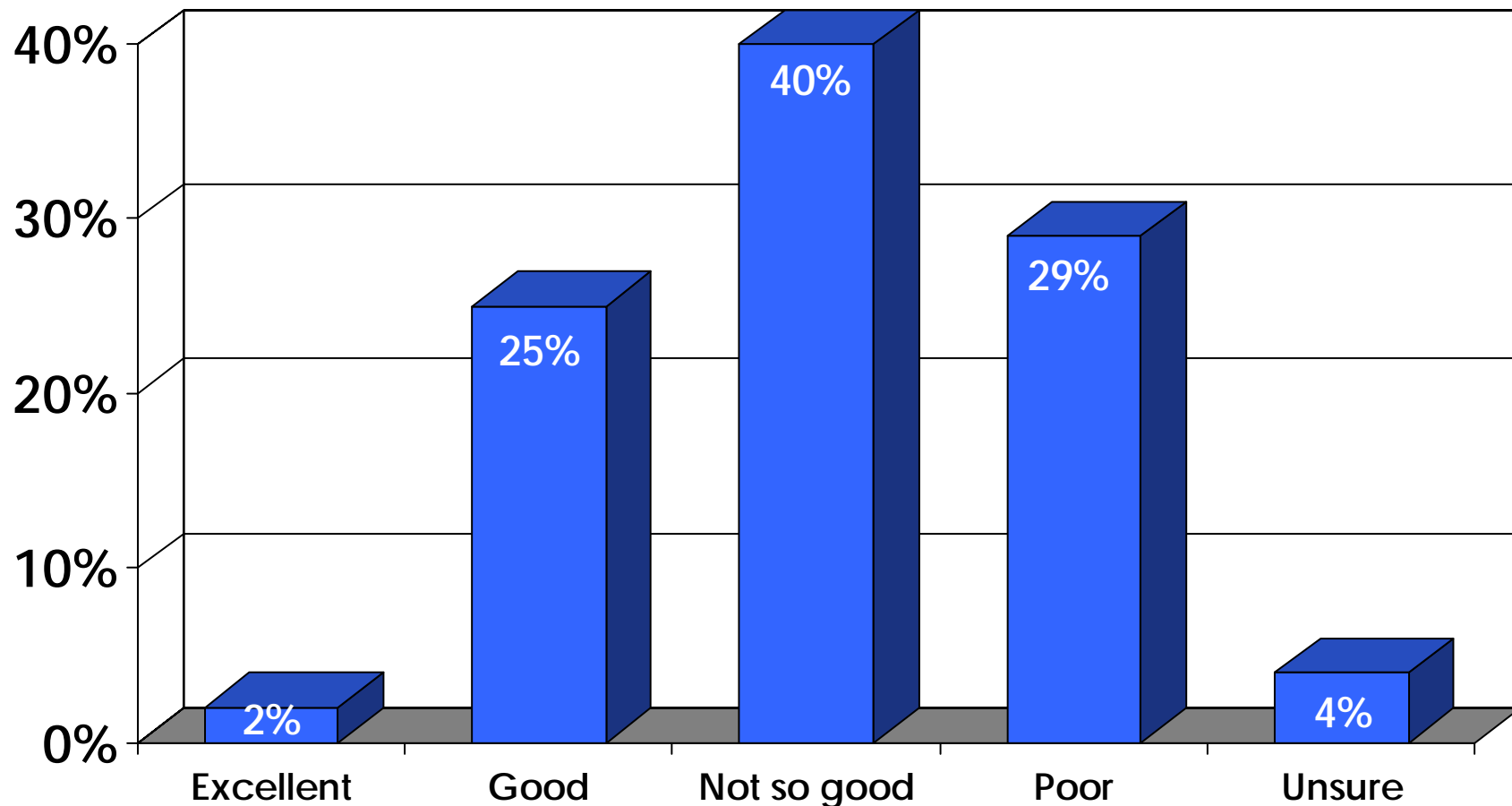
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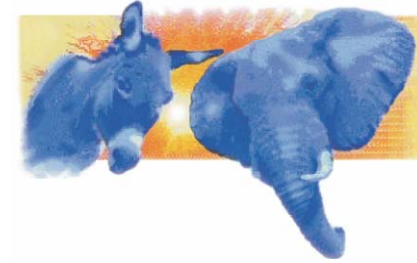
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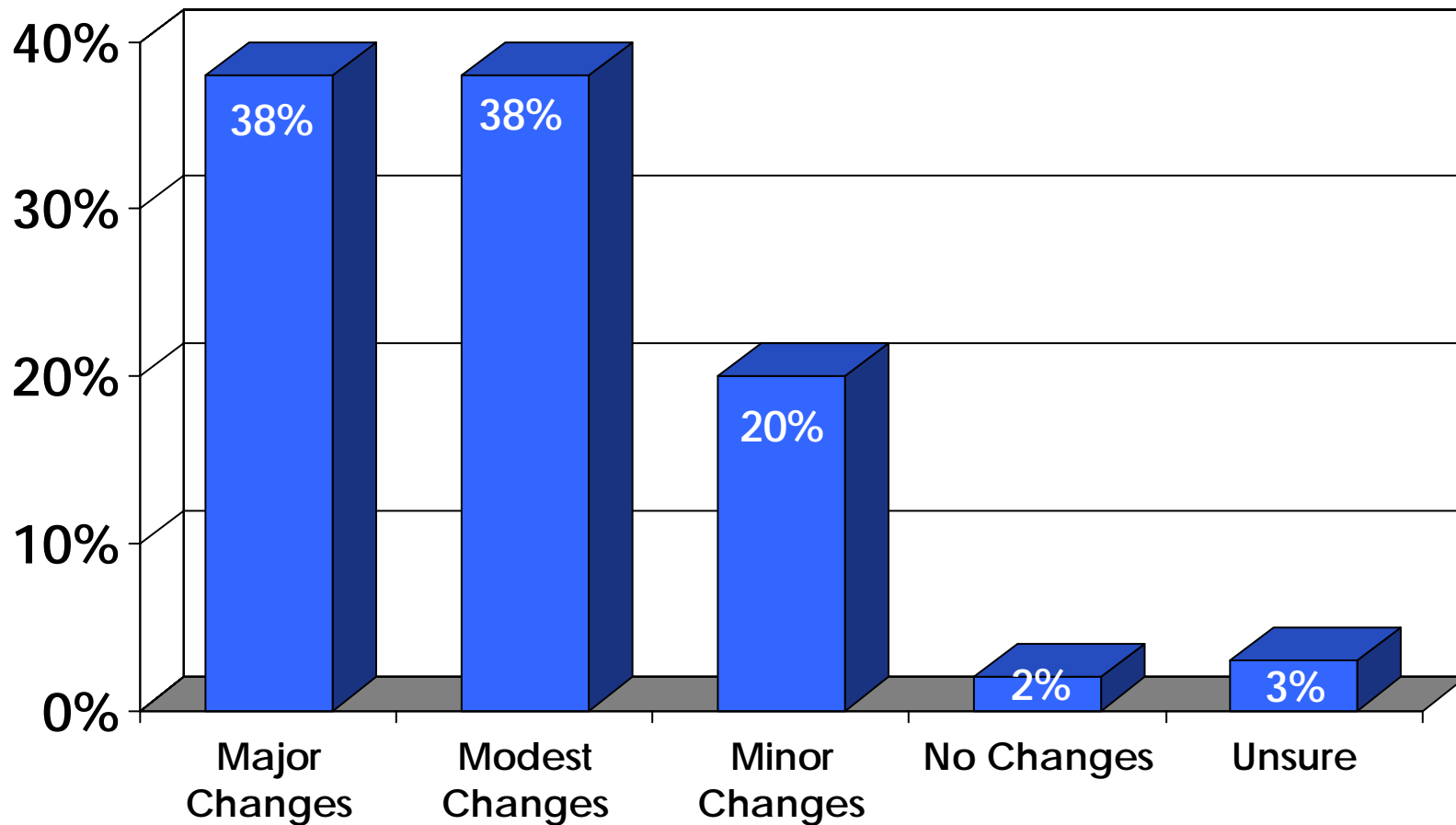


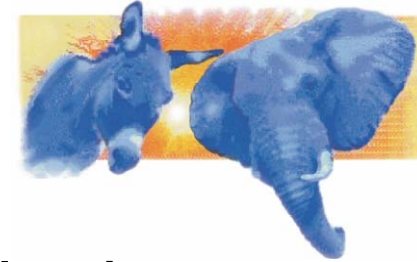
Would you describe the long-term financial security of Social Security these days as – excellent, good, not so good, or poor?





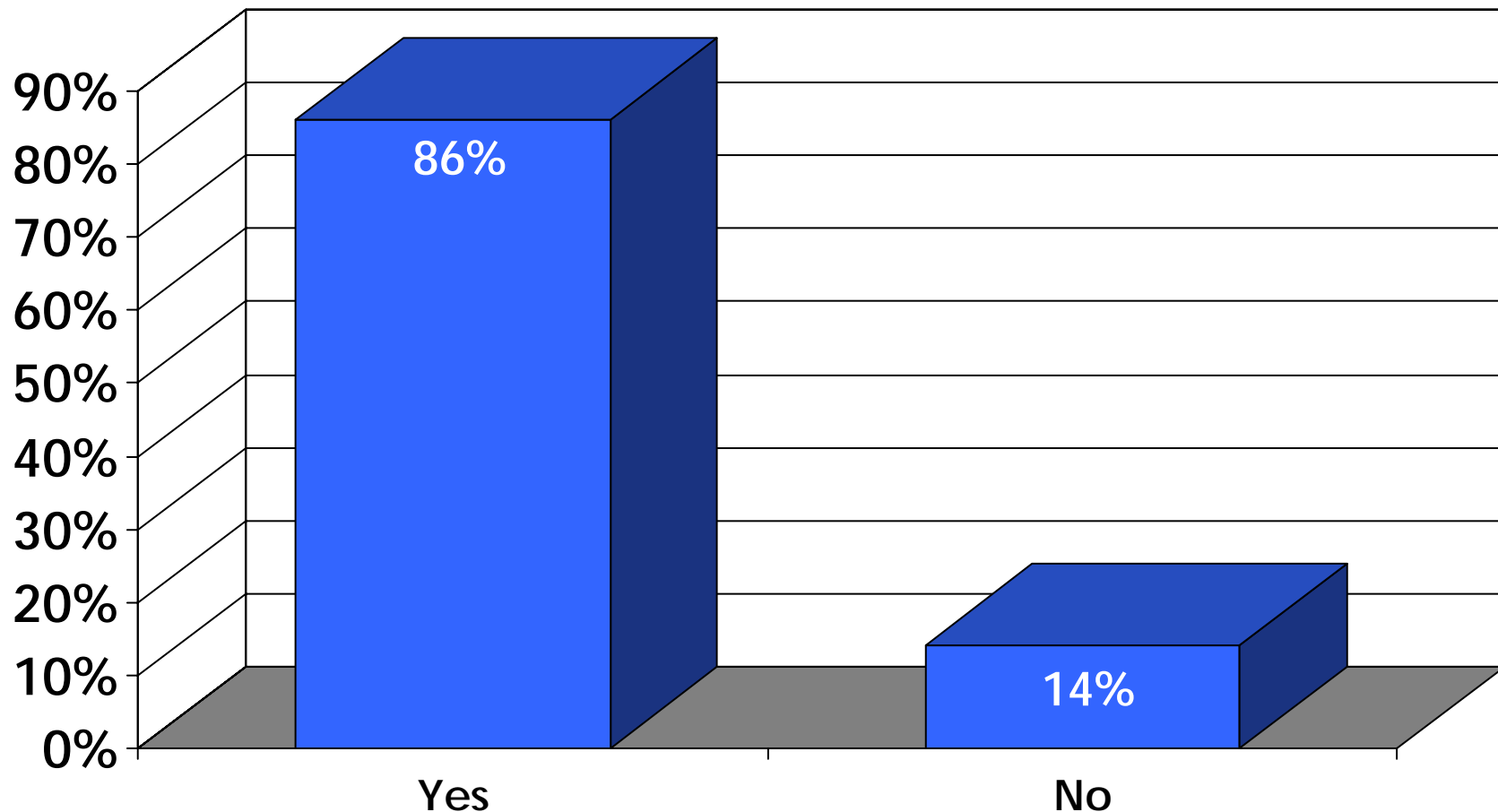
Do you think that Social Security needs -- major changes, modest changes, or only a minor adjustment?

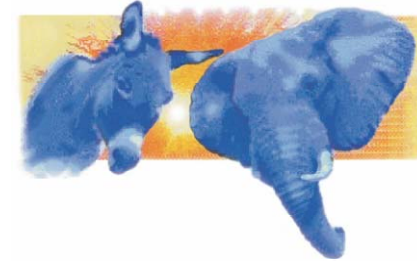




Have you seen, read, or heard anything in recent weeks about a proposal by President Bush to create voluntary "Personal Retirement Accounts" as part of the Social Security System?

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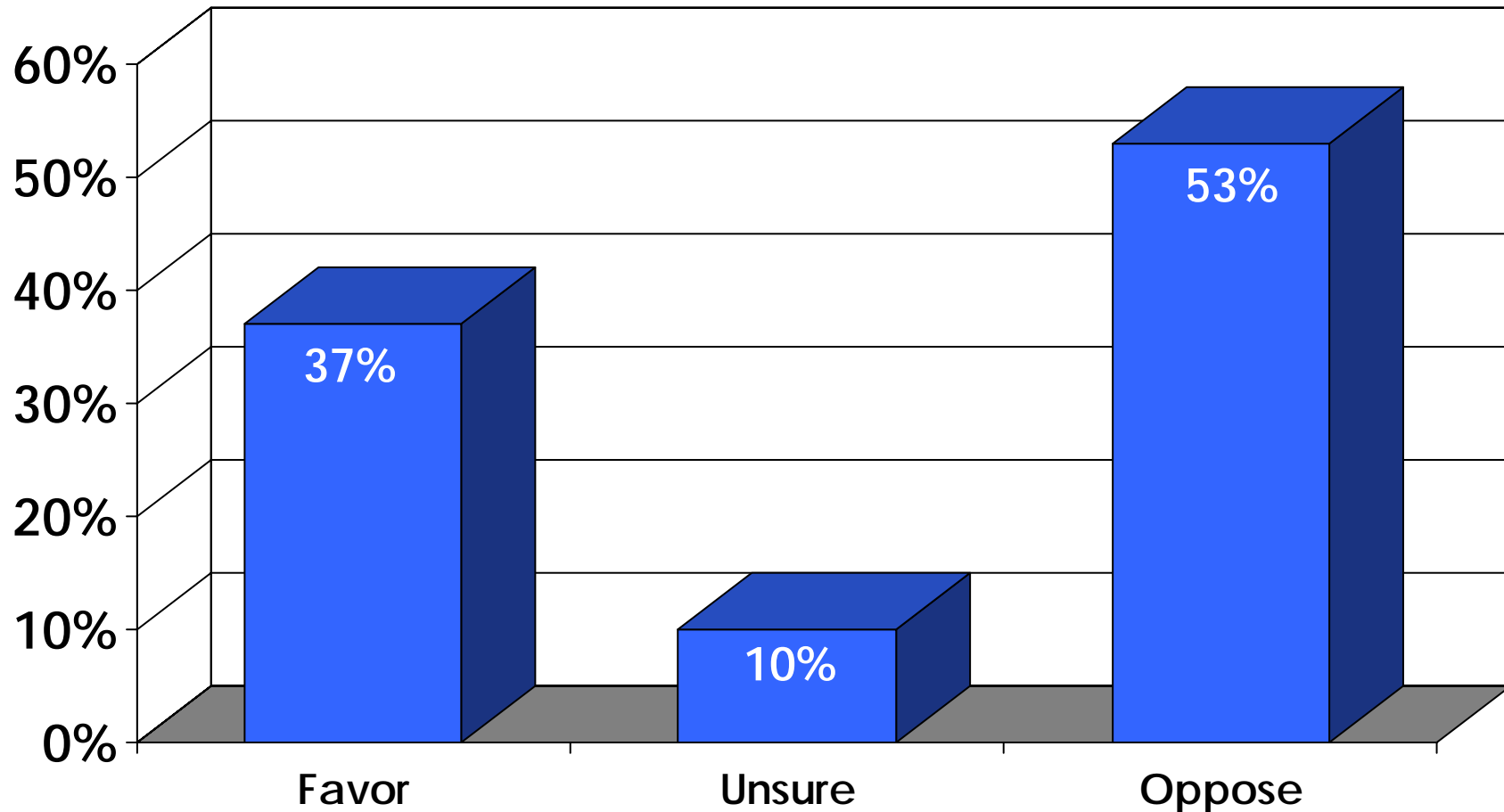


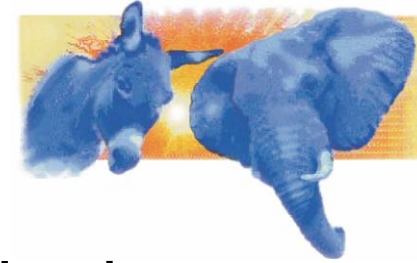


Do you favor or oppose President Bush's proposal to create voluntary "Personal Retirement Accounts" as part of the Social Security system?

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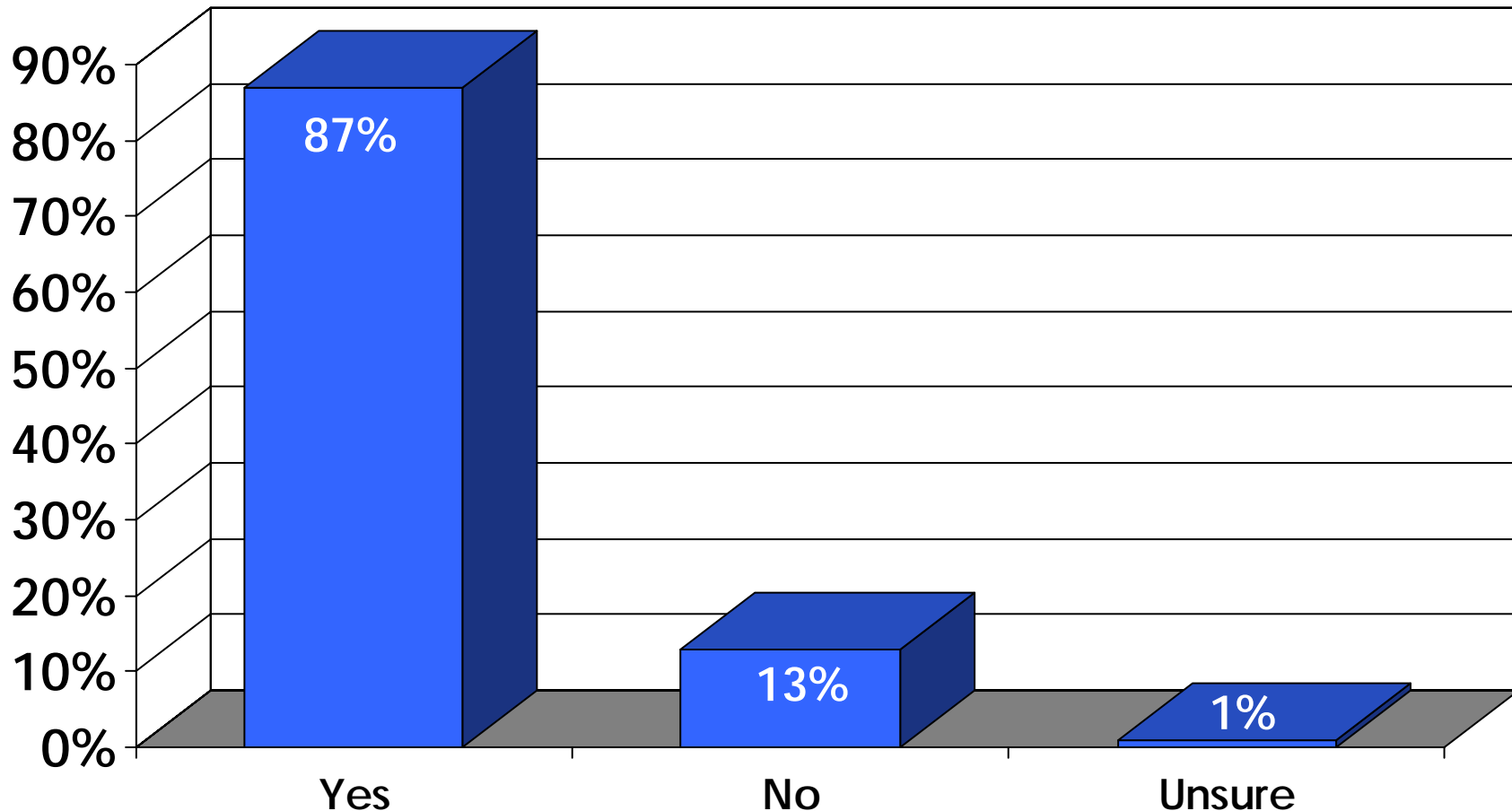
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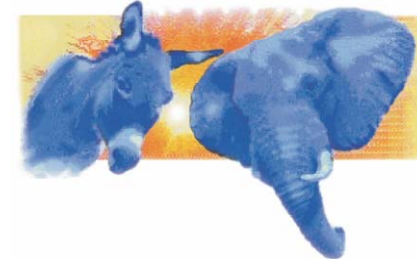




Have you seen, read, or heard anything in recent weeks about a proposal by President Bush to privatize Social Security and put some Social Security funds into privately run accounts?

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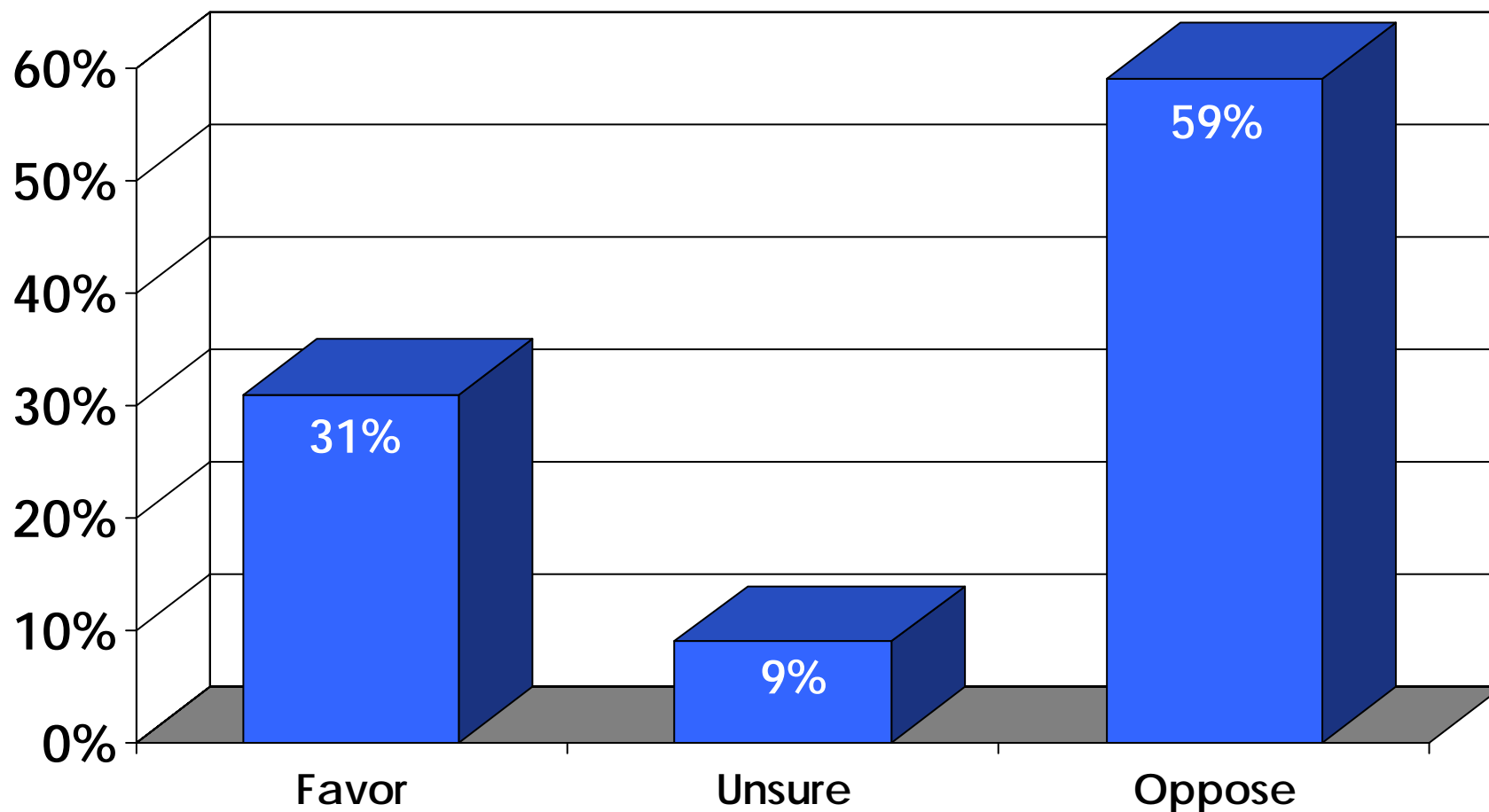


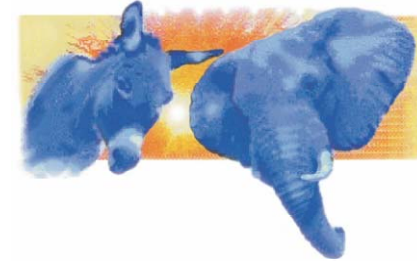


Do you favor or oppose President Bush's proposal to privatize Social Security and put some Social Security funds into privately run accounts?

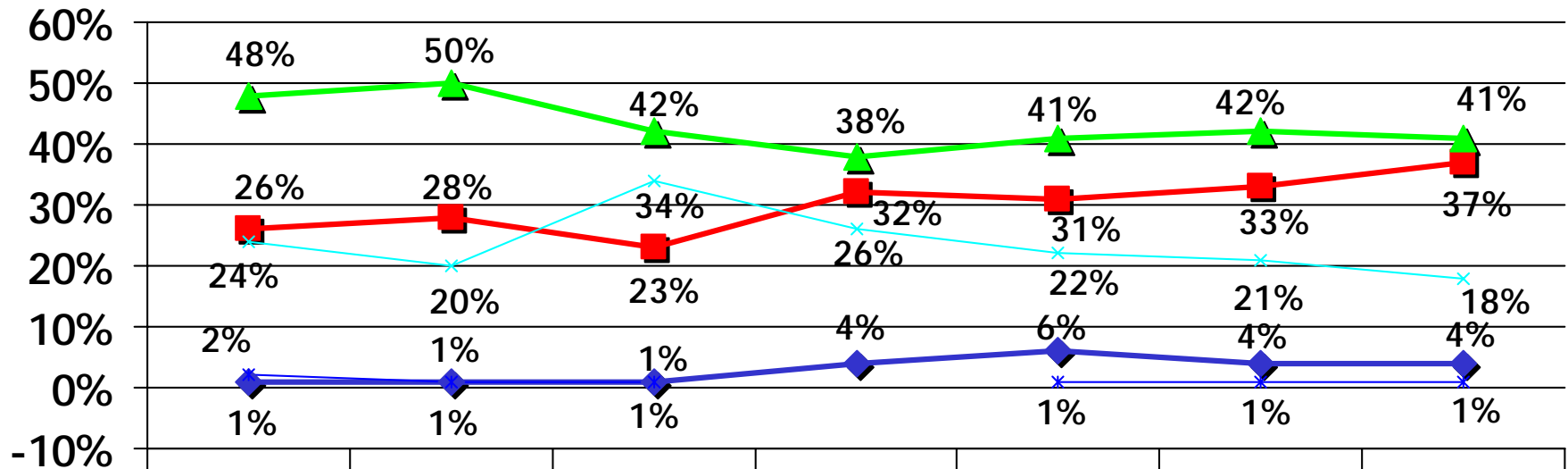
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(Asked of N= 435 , or 43% of total sample)

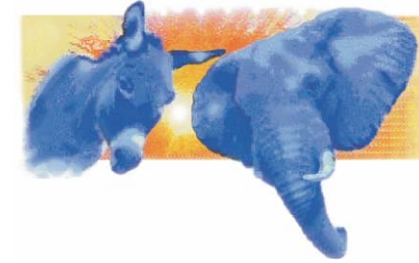




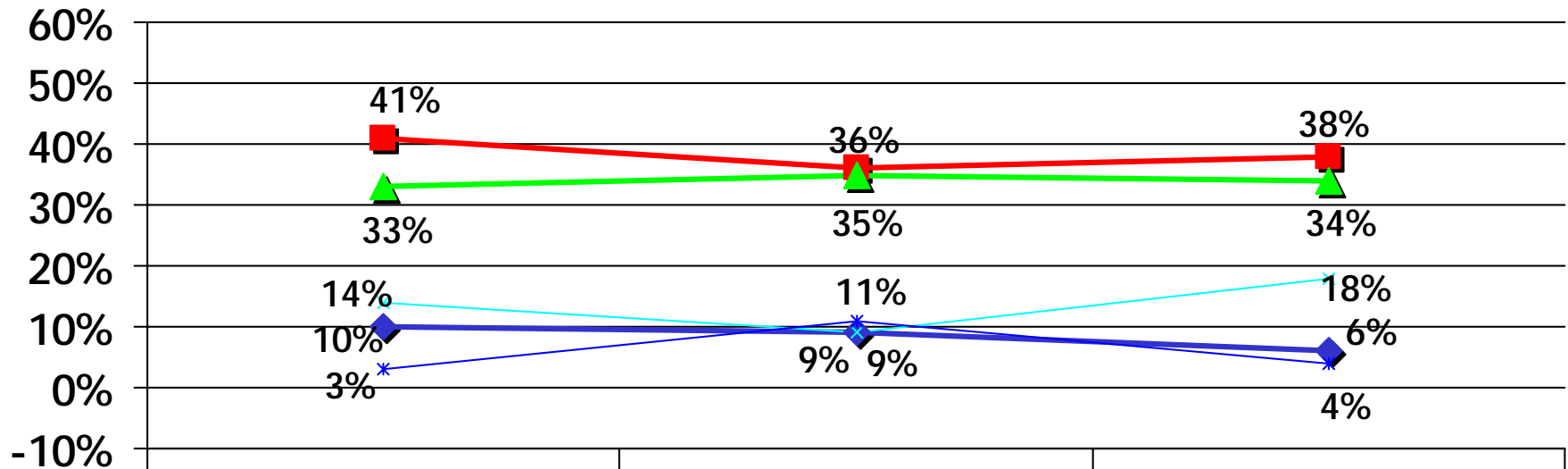
In thinking about the economy, how would you rate the current state of the economy?



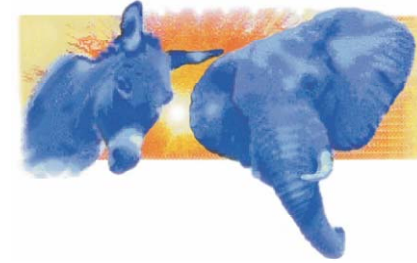
	Jan-02	Jun-02	Sep-03	Mar-04	Jun-04	Aug-04	Mar-05
◆ Excellent	1%	1%	1%	4%	6%	4%	4%
■ Good	26%	28%	23%	32%	31%	33%	37%
▲ Just Fair	48%	50%	42%	38%	41%	42%	41%
× Poor	24%	20%	34%	26%	22%	21%	18%
* Unsure	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	1%



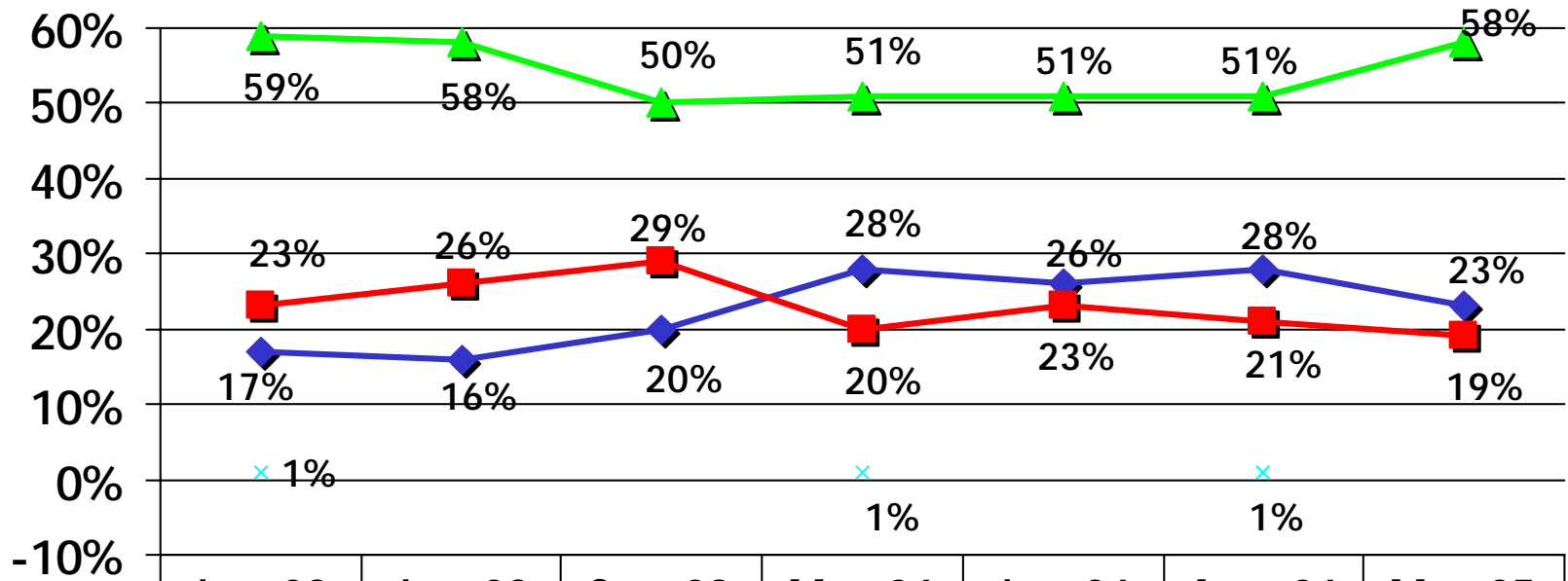
In thinking about the economy, how do you think the economy will rate SIX months from now?



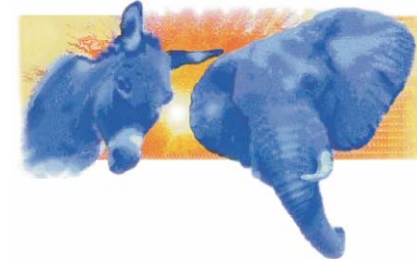
	Jun-04	Aug-04	Mar-05
◆ Excellent	10%	9%	6%
■ Good	41%	36%	38%
▲ Just Fair	33%	35%	34%
× Poor	14%	9%	18%
* Unsure	3%	11%	4%



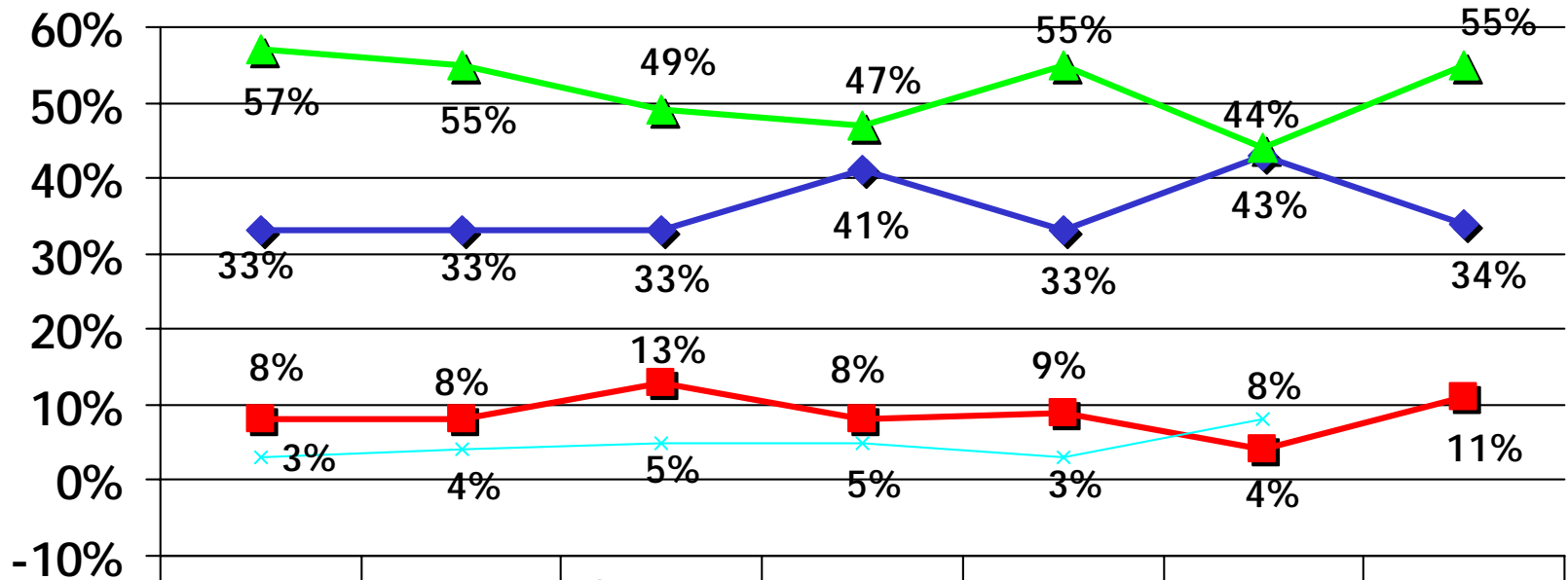
Would you say that you and your family are financially better off, worse off, or just about the same as you were a year ago?



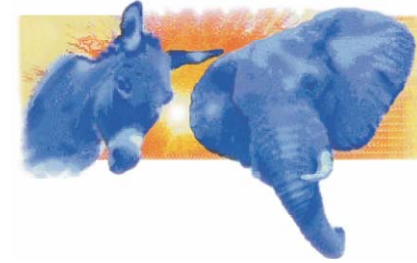
	Jan-02	Jun-02	Sep-03	Mar-04	Jun-04	Aug-04	Mar-05
◆ Better off	17%	16%	20%	28%	26%	28%	23%
■ Worse off	23%	26%	29%	20%	23%	21%	19%
▲ About the same	59%	58%	50%	51%	51%	51%	58%
× Unsure/Refused	1%			1%		1%	



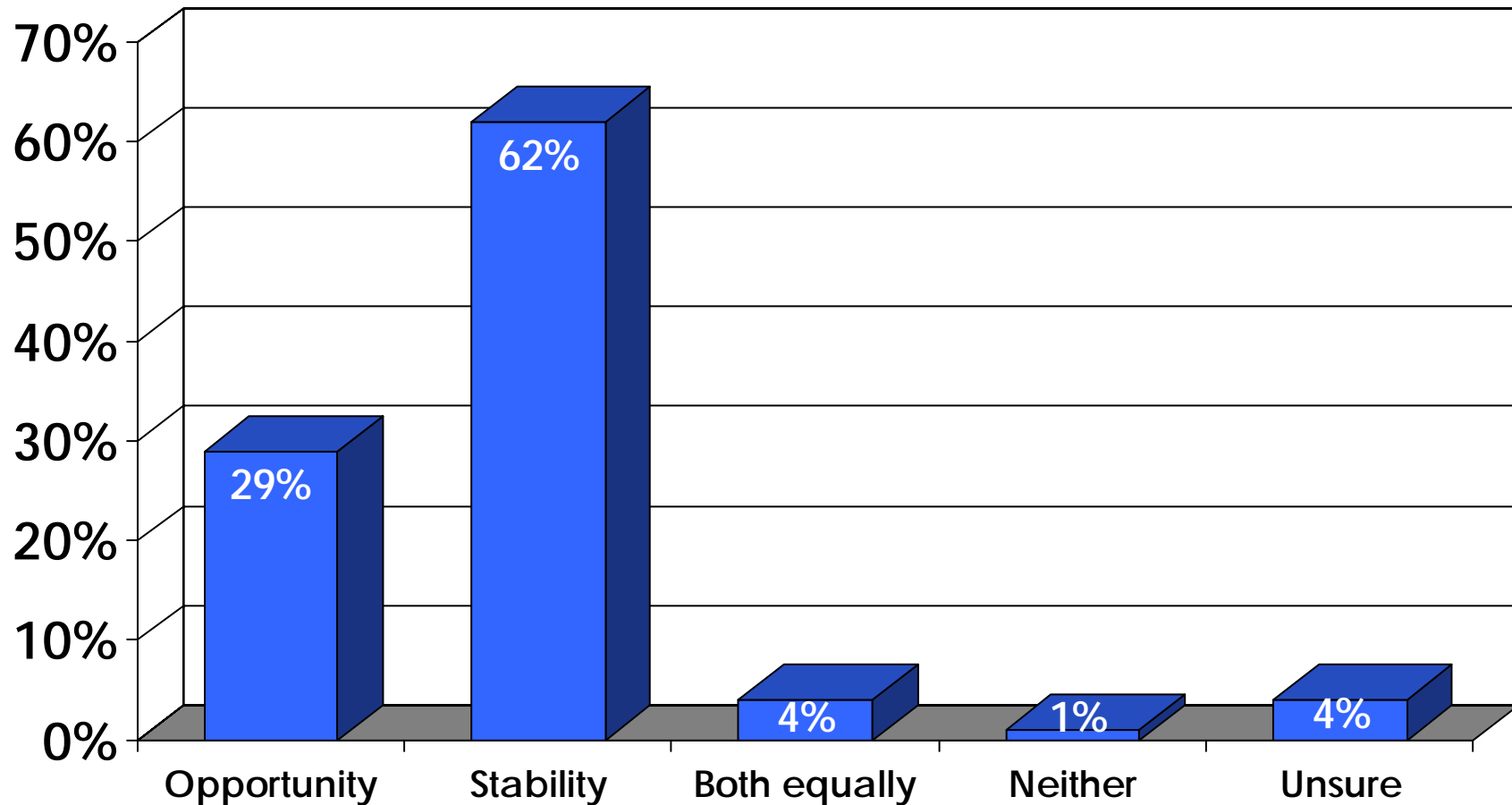
Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family will be better off financially, worse off, or just about the same?

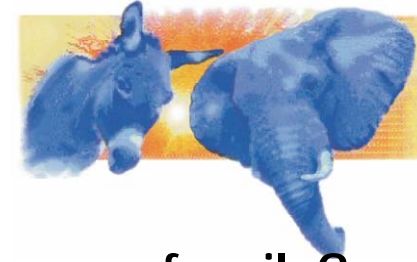


	Jan-02	Jun-02	Sep-03	Mar-04	Jun-04	Aug-04	Mar-05
◆ Better off	33%	33%	33%	41%	33%	43%	34%
■ Worse off	8%	8%	13%	8%	9%	4%	11%
▲ About the same	57%	55%	49%	47%	55%	44%	55%
× Unsure/Refused	3%	4%	5%	5%	3%	8%	

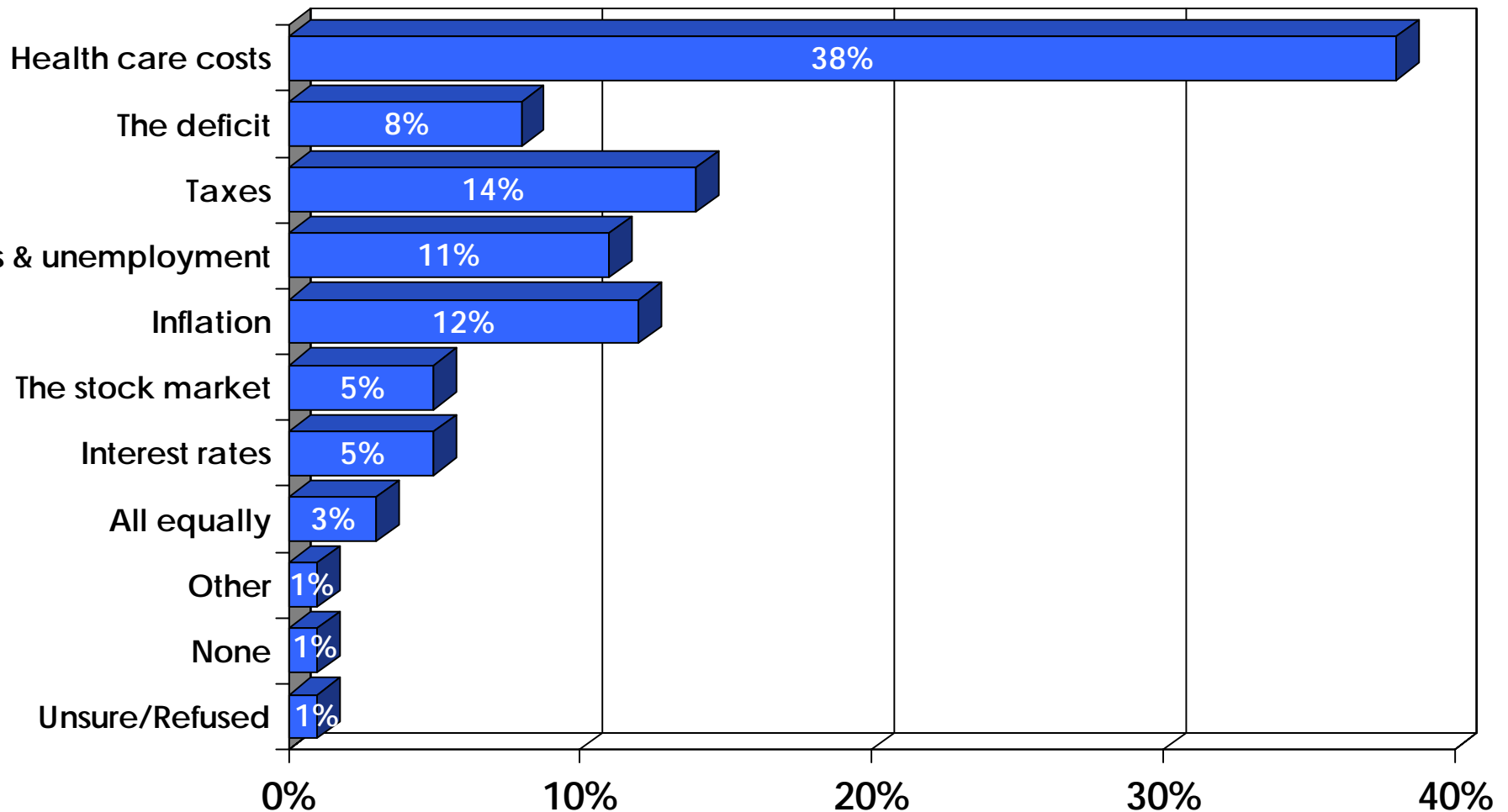


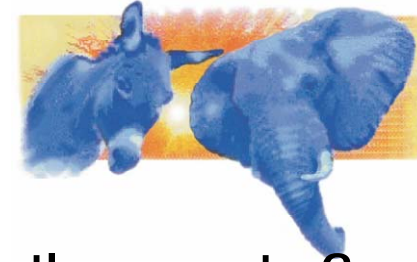
When you think about the financial situation of your family, are you more concerned with: The opportunity to make money in the future, or the stability of knowing your present sources of income are protected.





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, or interest rates?
(Split Sample A)





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, or interest rates?
(Split Sample B)

