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# Insights from the UT Austin Energy Poll

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*Impartial and authoritative source of public perspectives on energy to inform and guide discussion, business planning and policy development*

## General Topics

- Energy prices and availability
- Energy concerns
- Satisfaction
- Consumer behaviors and voting preferences

## “Hot Topics”

Spring 2012: Hydraulic Fracturing

Fall 2012: Energy, Voting Behavior, and the 2012 Election

Spring 2013: Consumer Attitudes on Energy

Fall 2013: The Energy-Water Nexus

Spring 2014: Energy Efficiency

Fall 2014: Energy, Voting Behavior, and the 2014 Election

Spring 2015: KeystoneXL and Gas Prices

Fall 2015: “Best of” the UT Energy Poll

Spring 2016: US Role in the International Energy Landscape/Energy Security

## Background

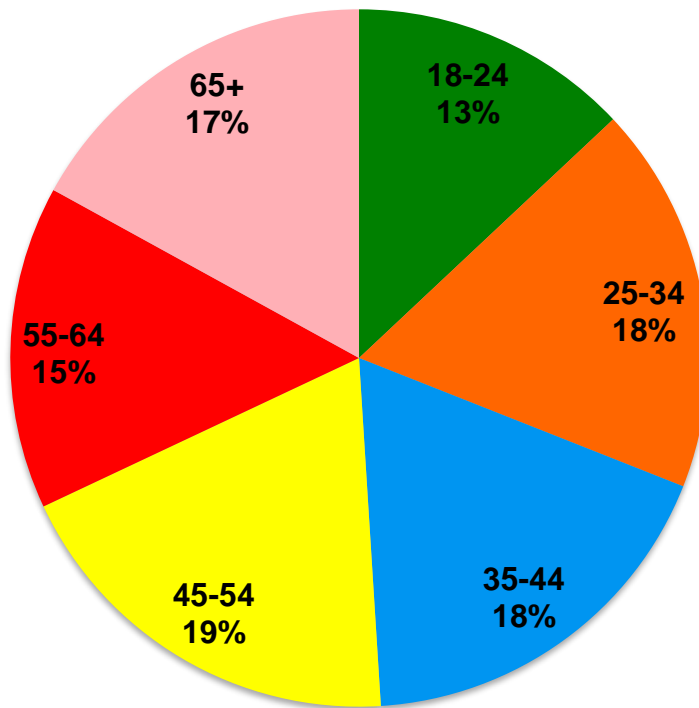
- First questionnaire developed in 2010 (Inaugural launch Oct. 2011)
- Collaborative effort with representatives from academic institutions, polling companies, non-governmental organizations, energy producers and energy consumers

## Spring 2016 – Tenth Release

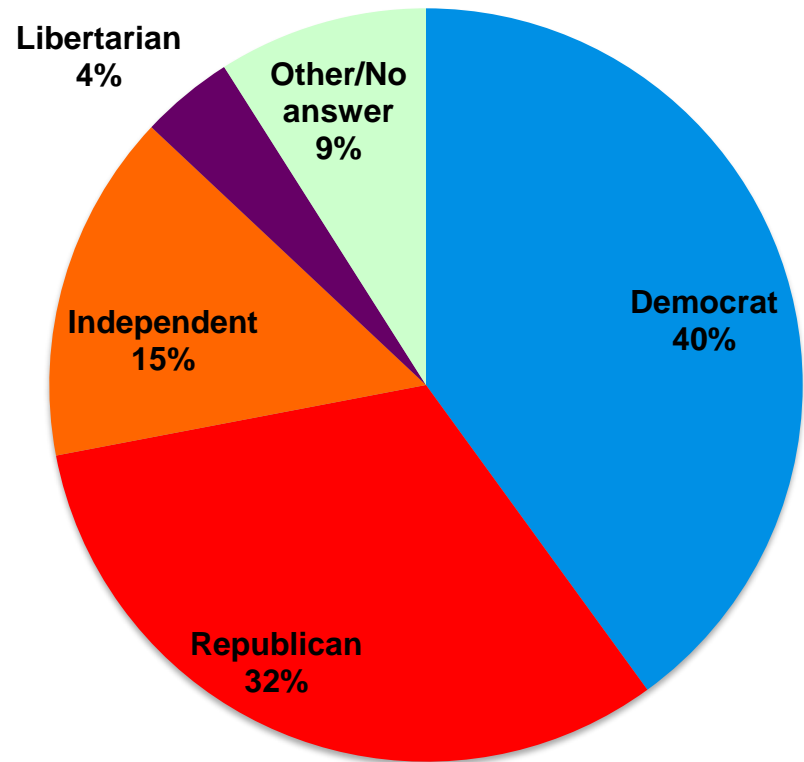
- Online survey conducted January 15-23, 2016
- 2,043 respondents, weighted to reflect U.S. Census demographics

A Look At All Respondents: Spring 2016

**Age**

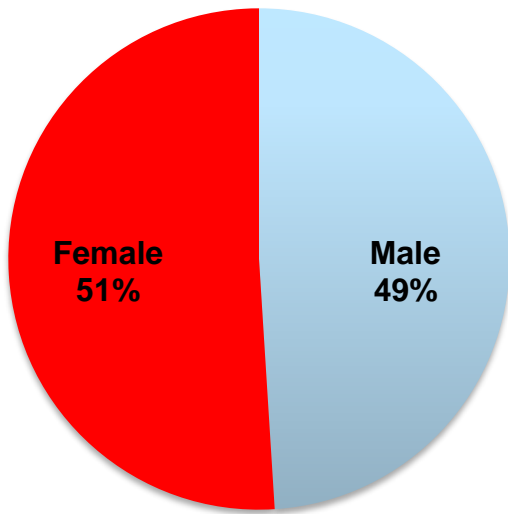


**Party affiliation**

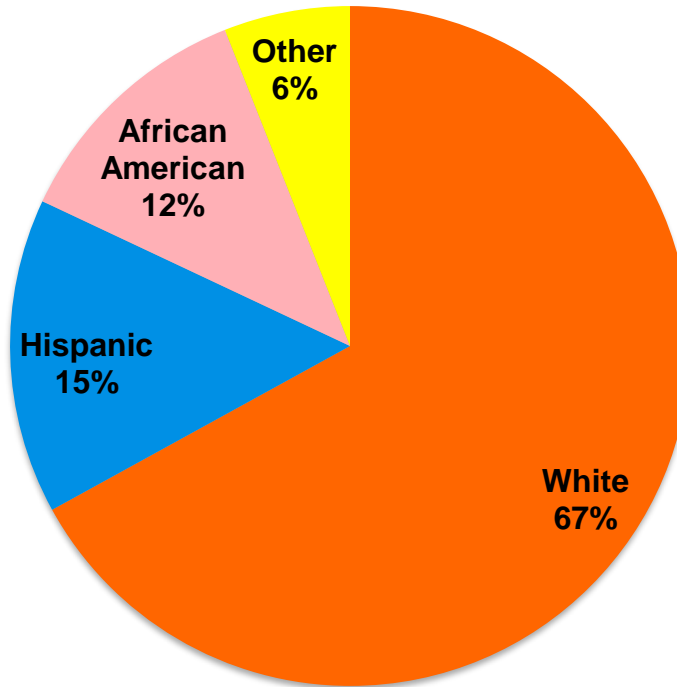


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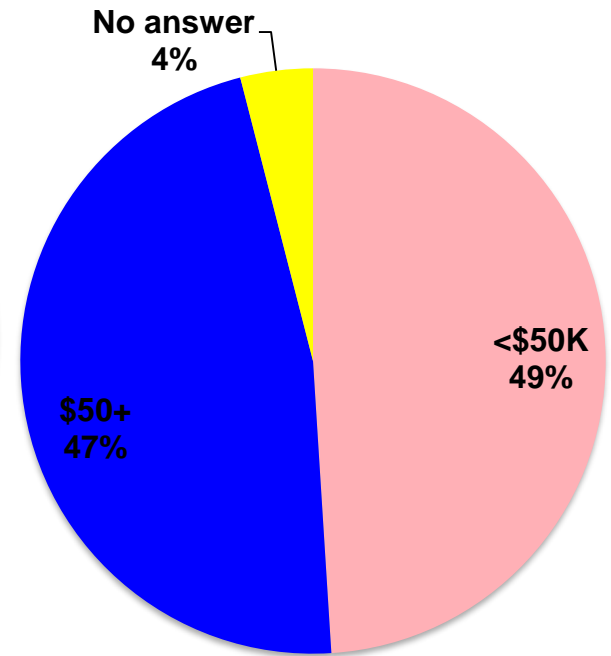
**Gender**



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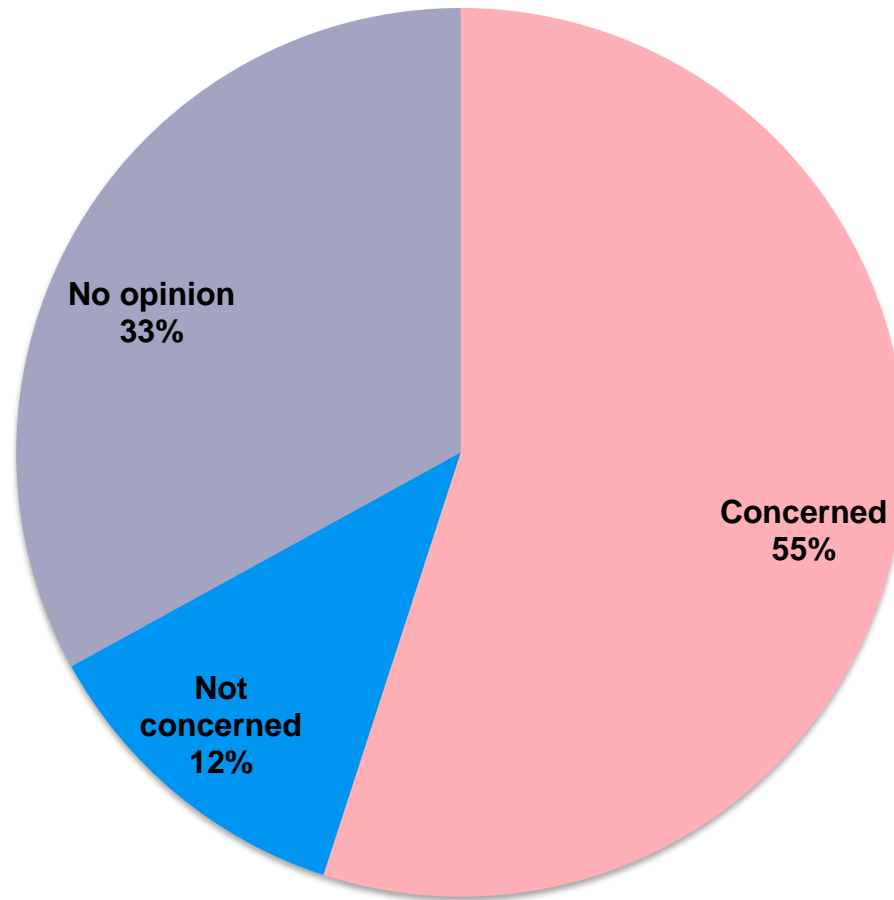


**Total family income**



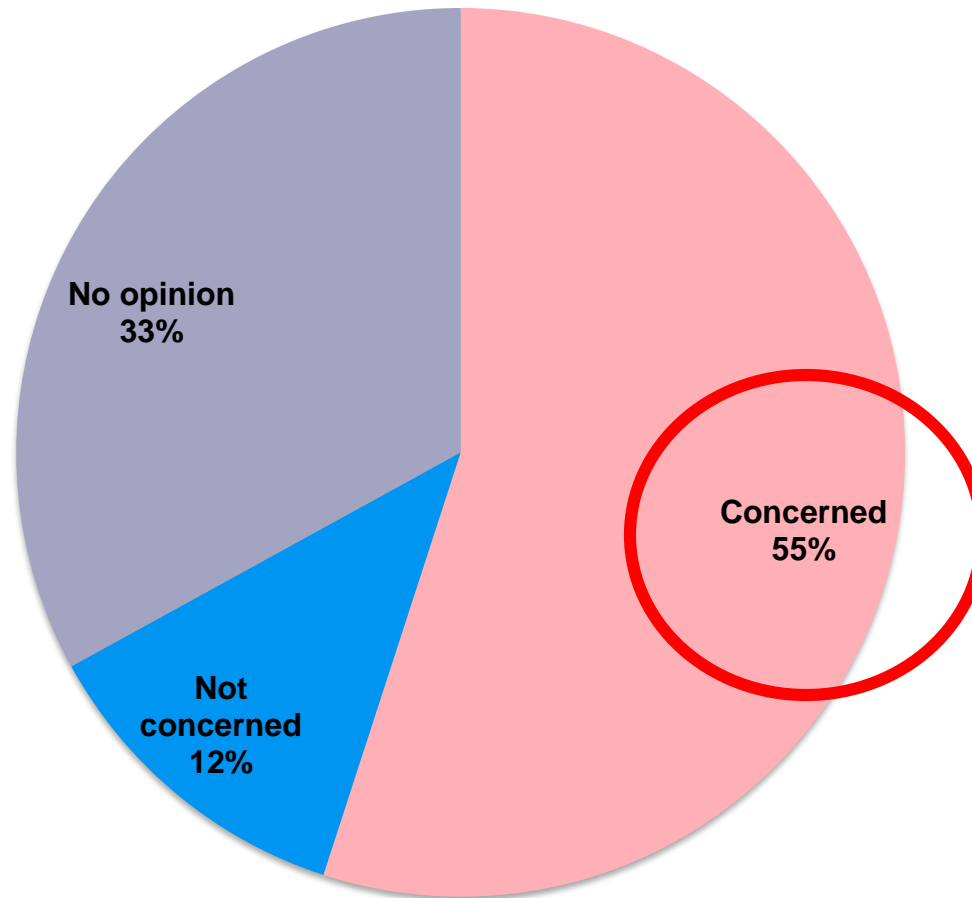
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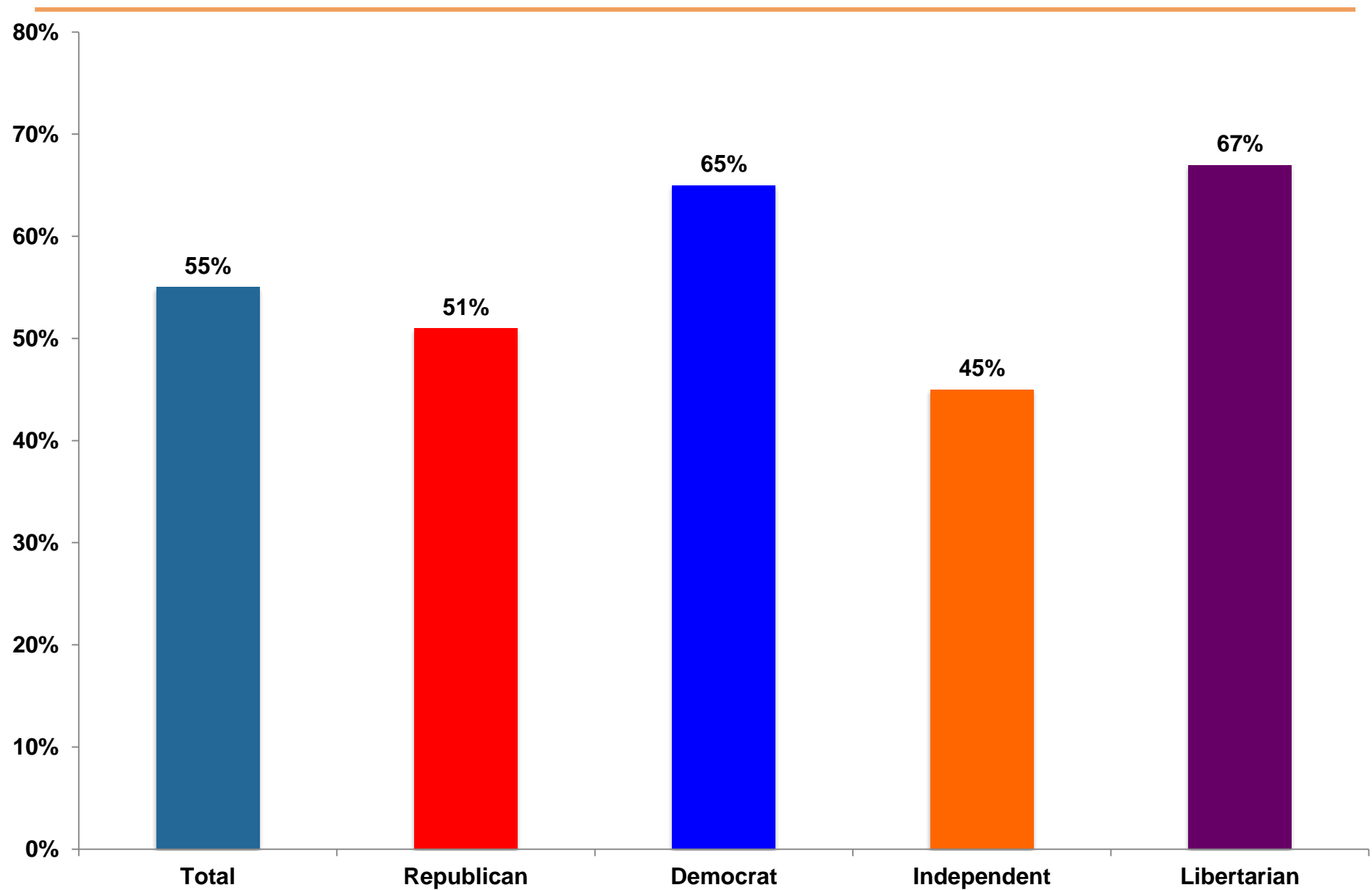
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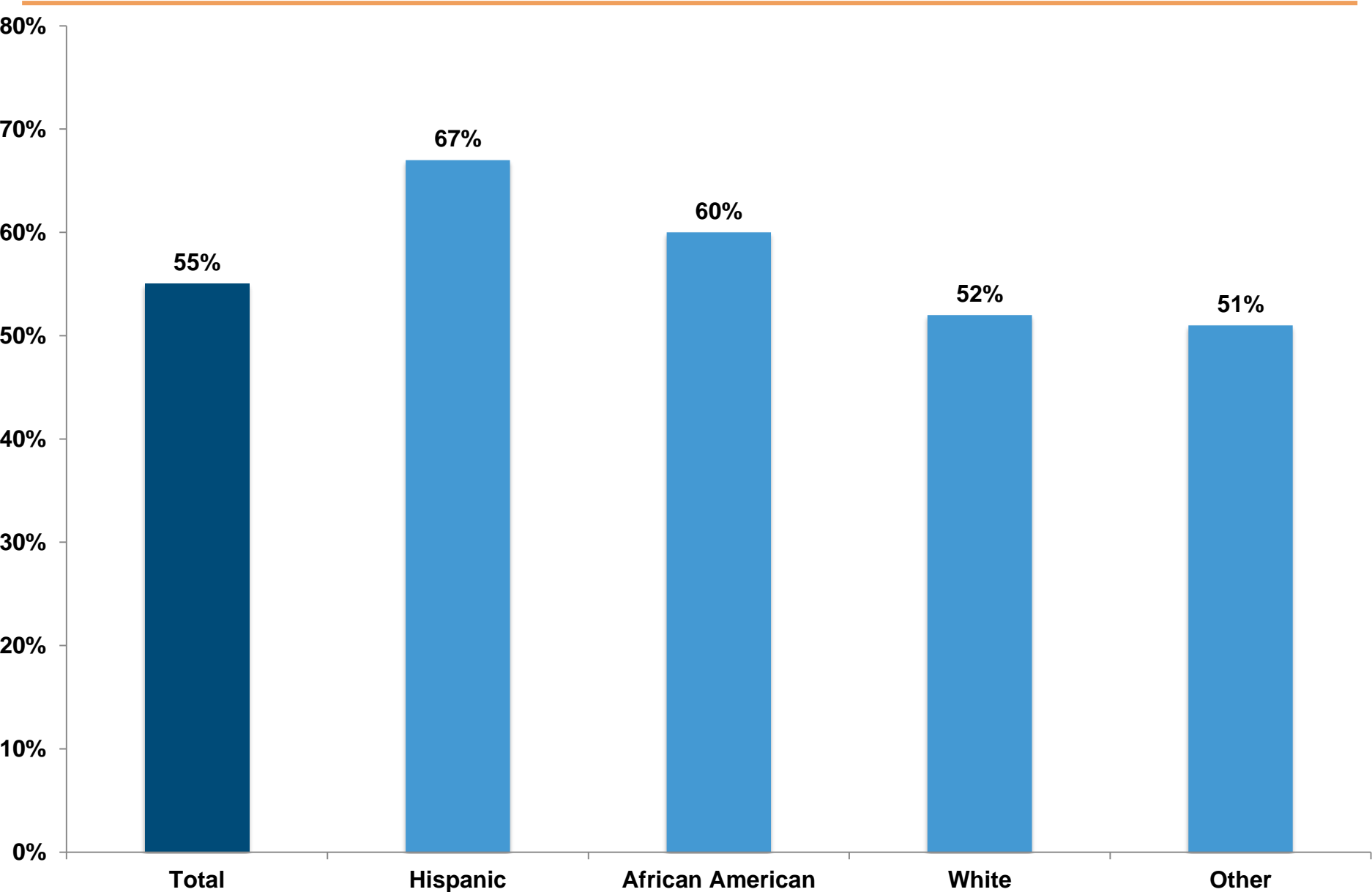


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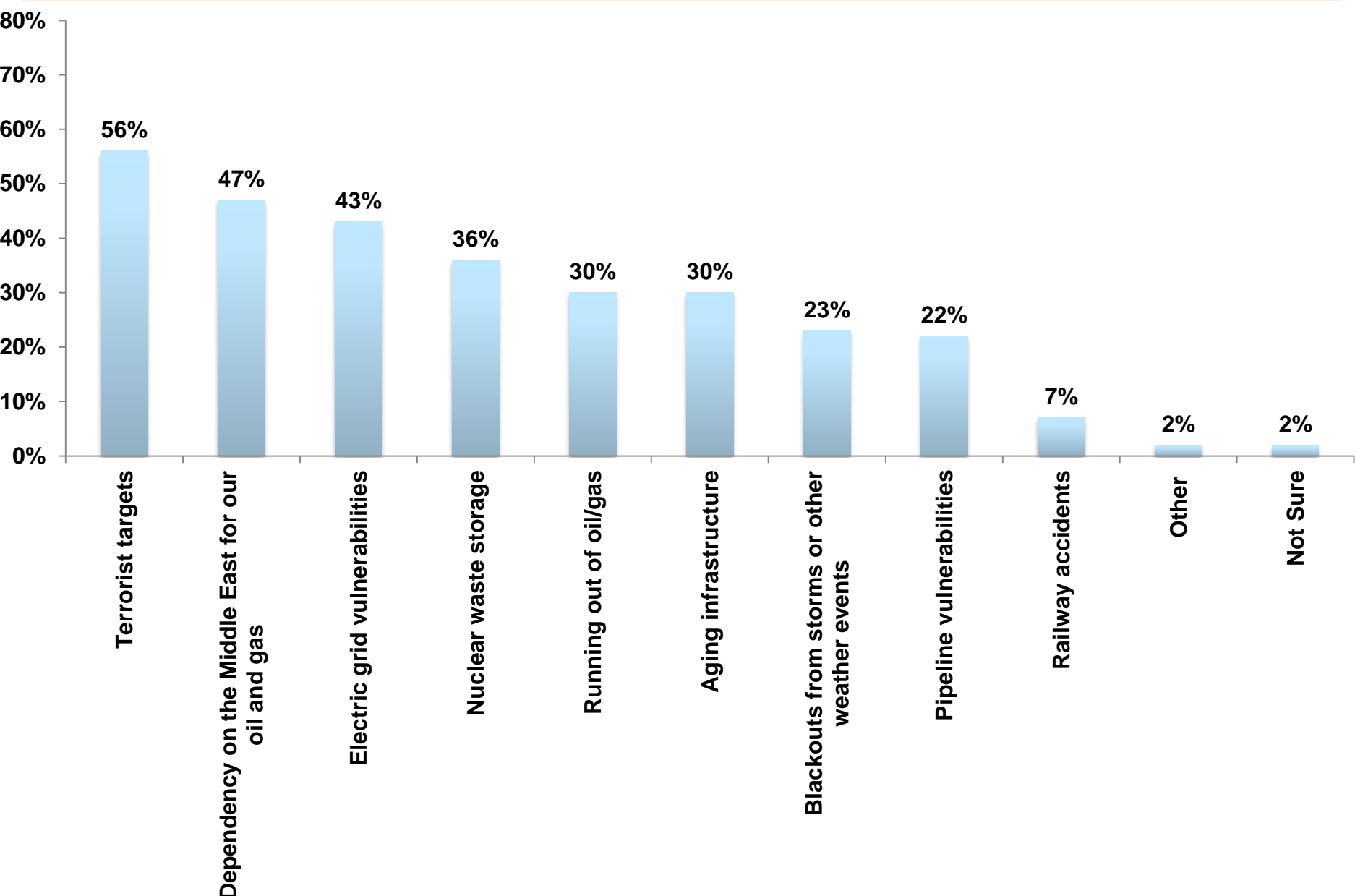
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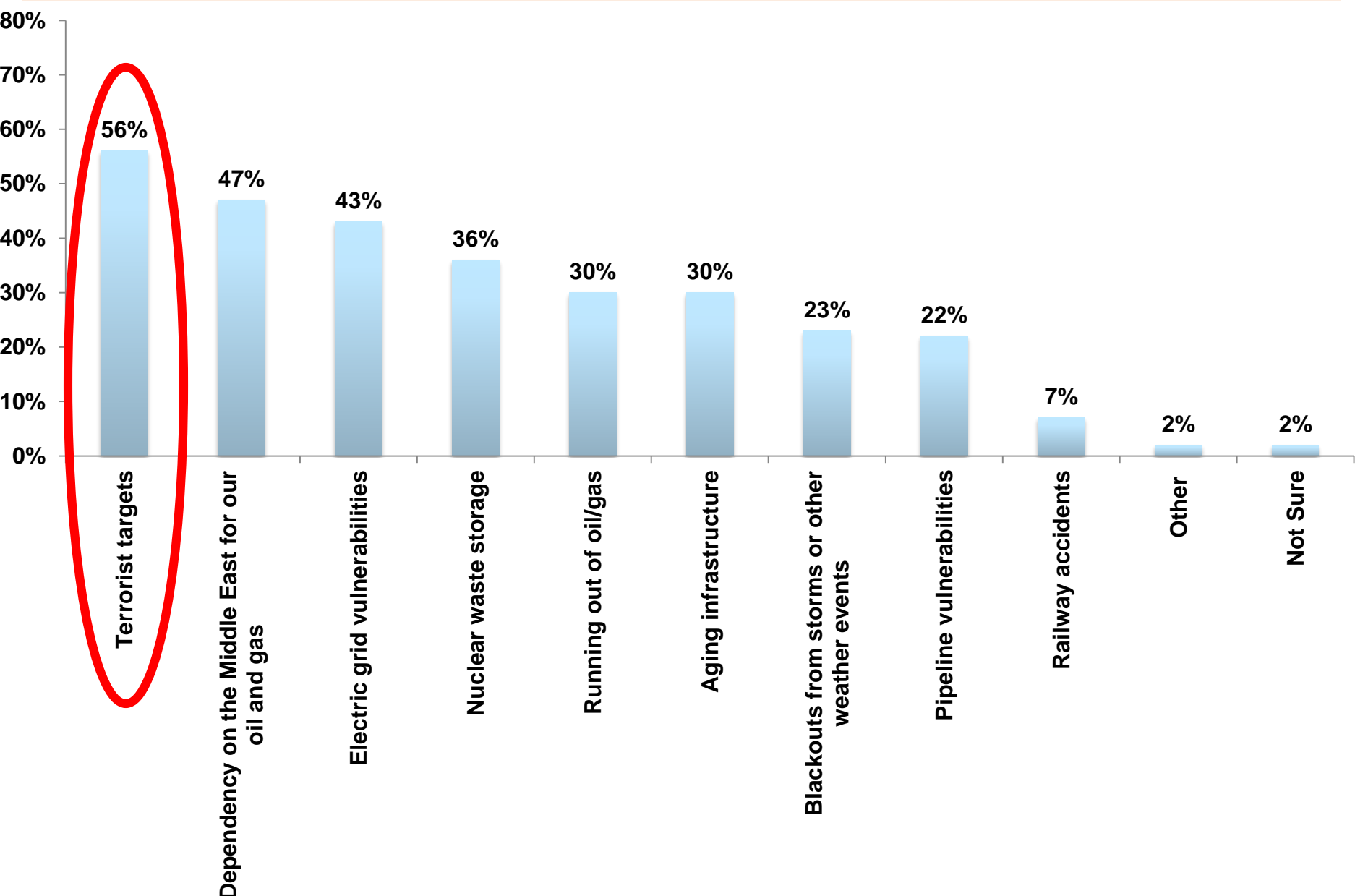
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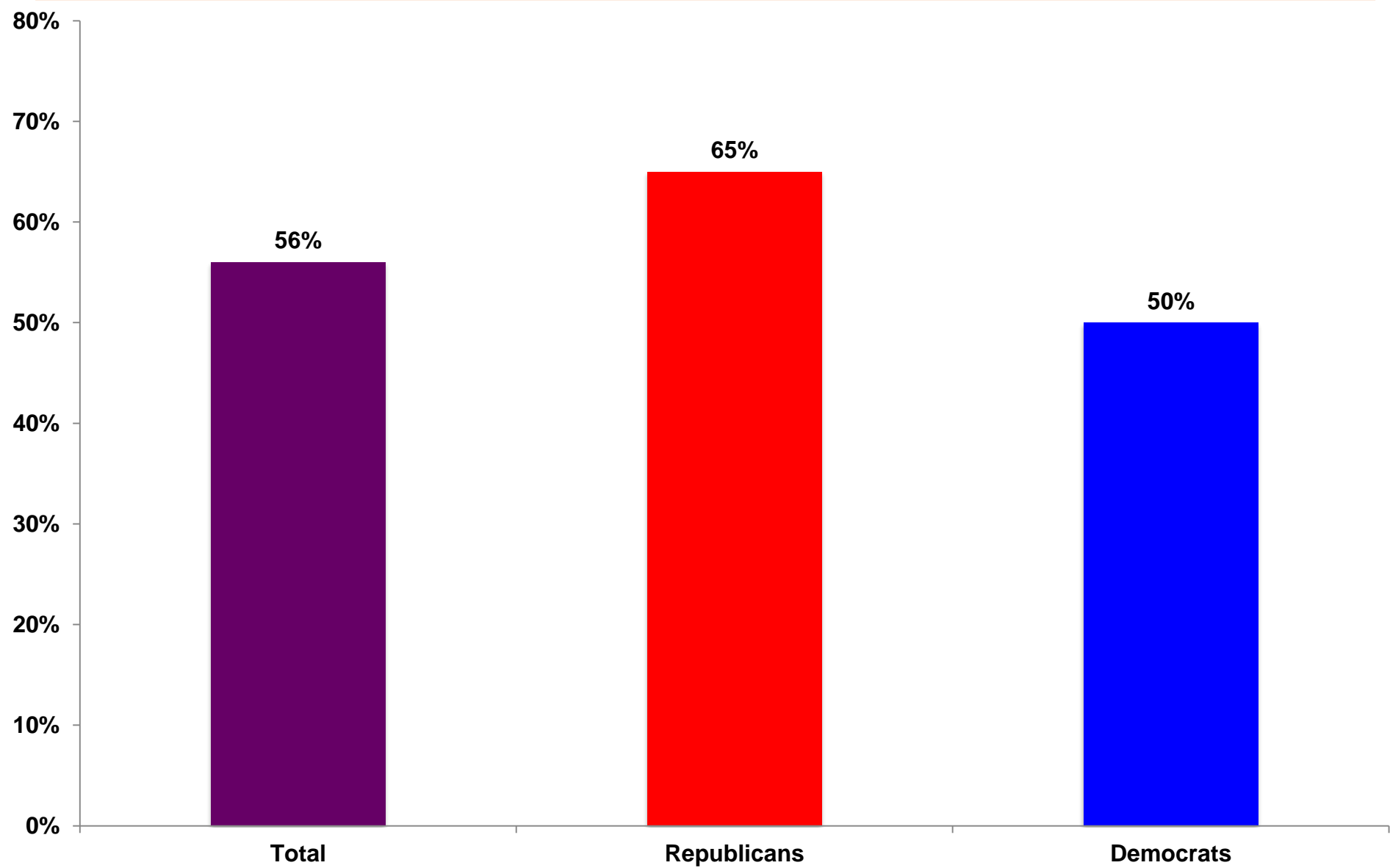


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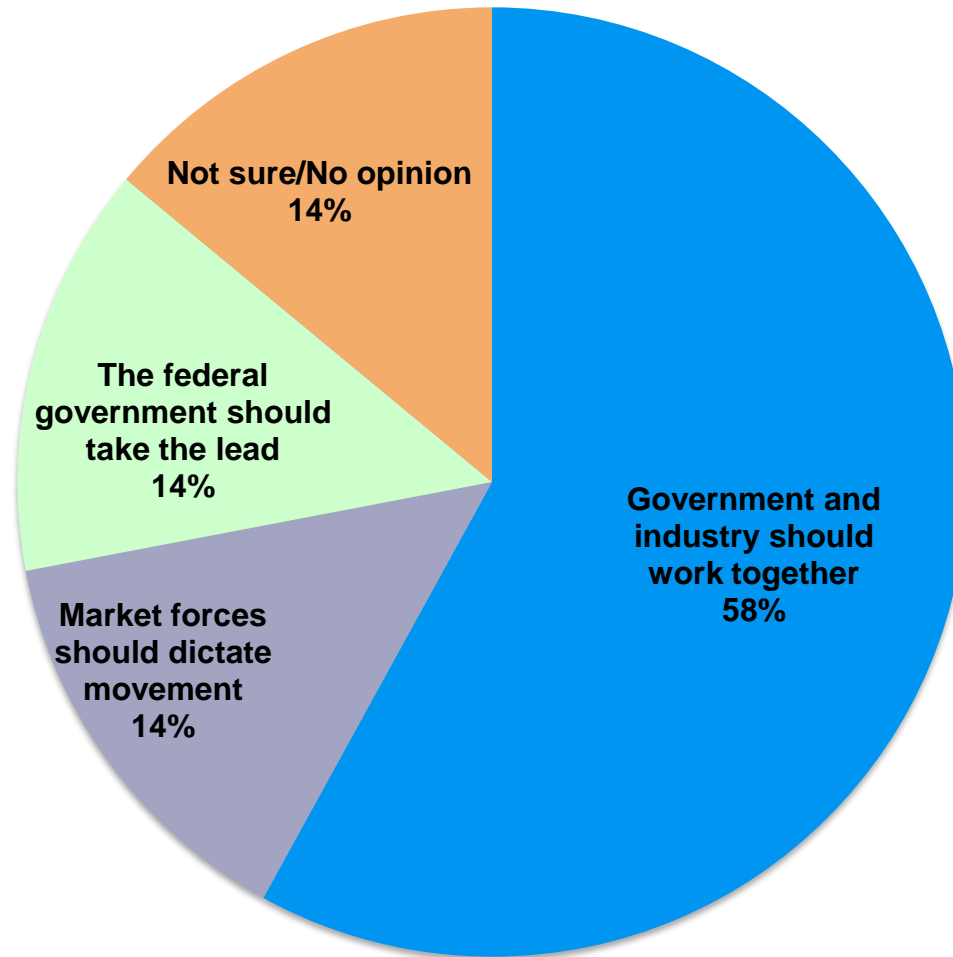
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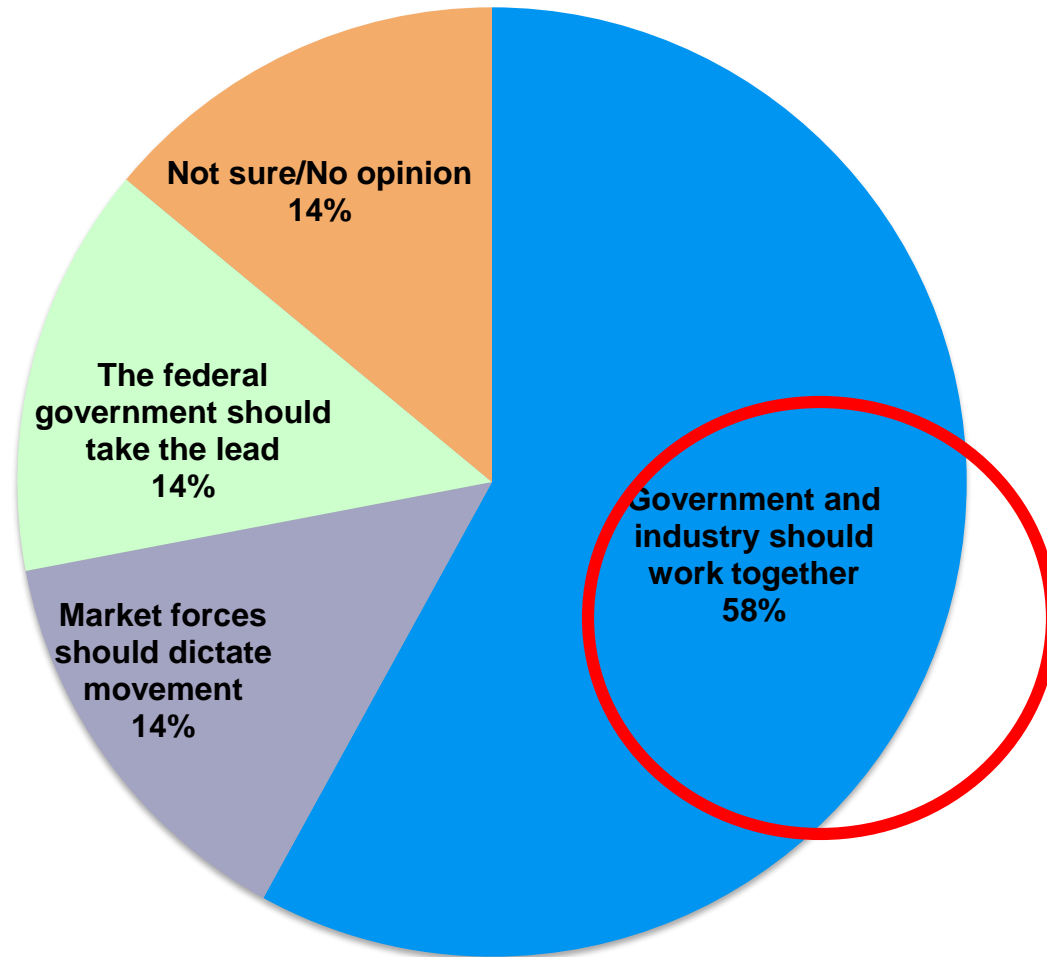
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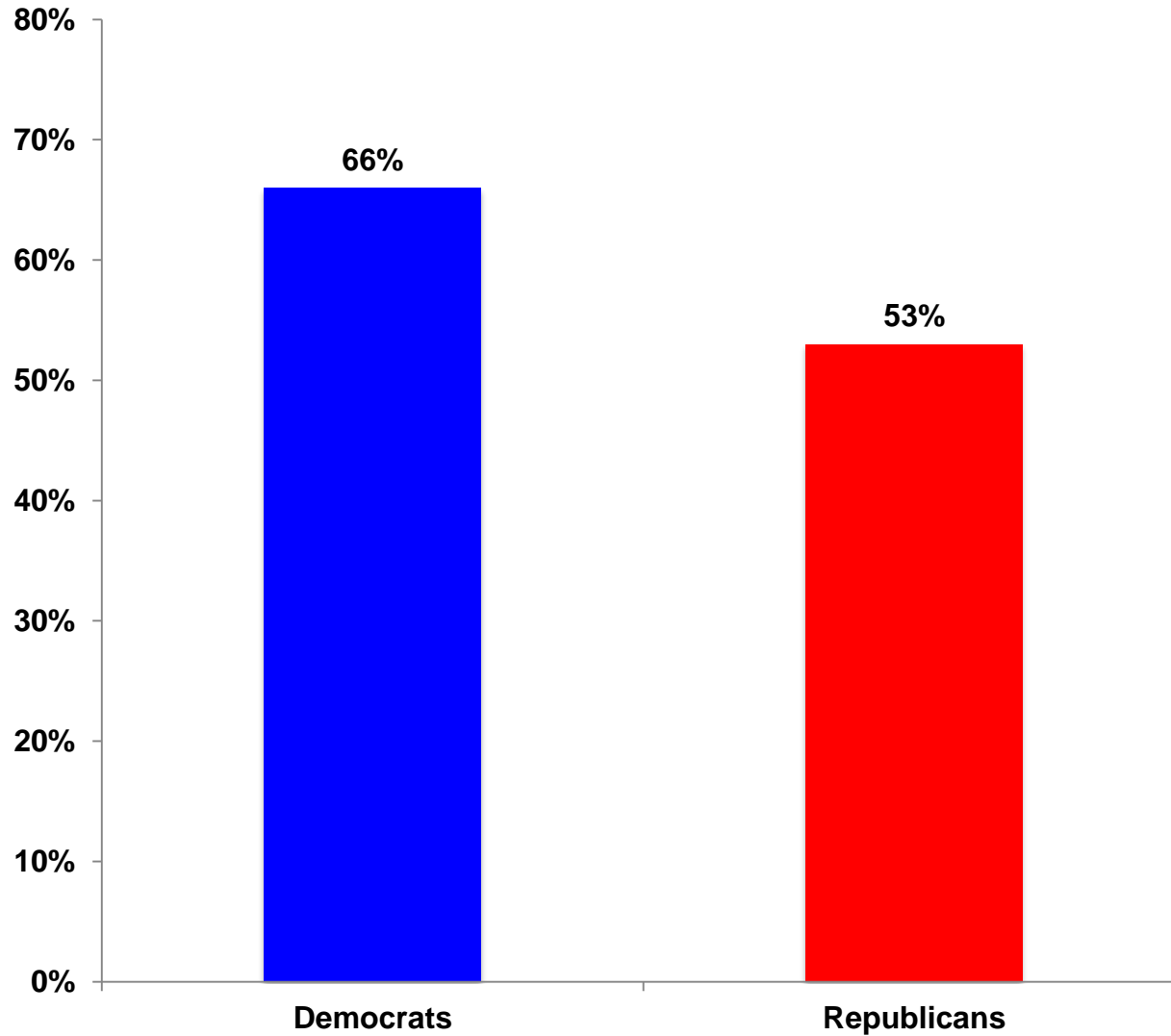
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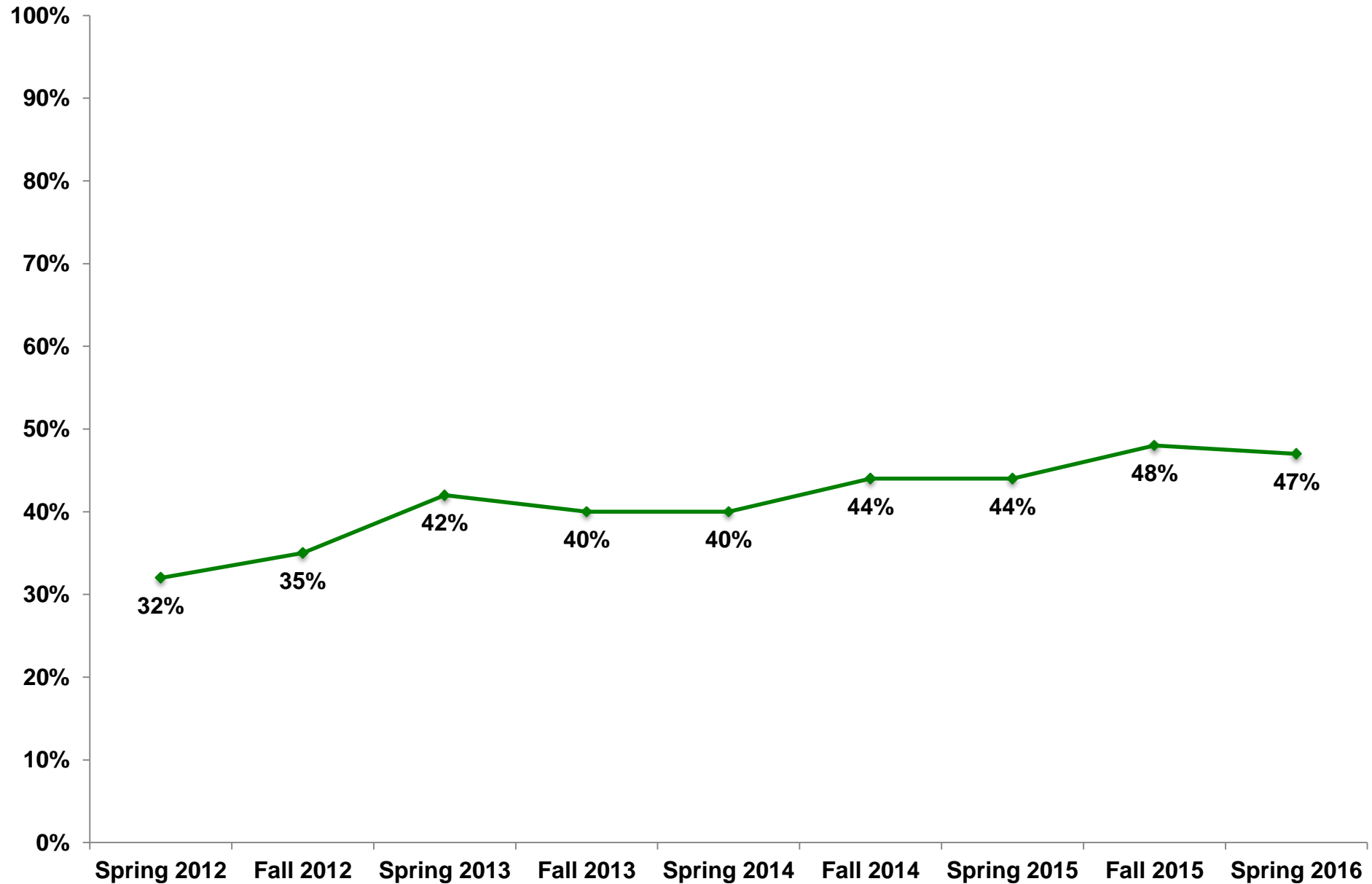
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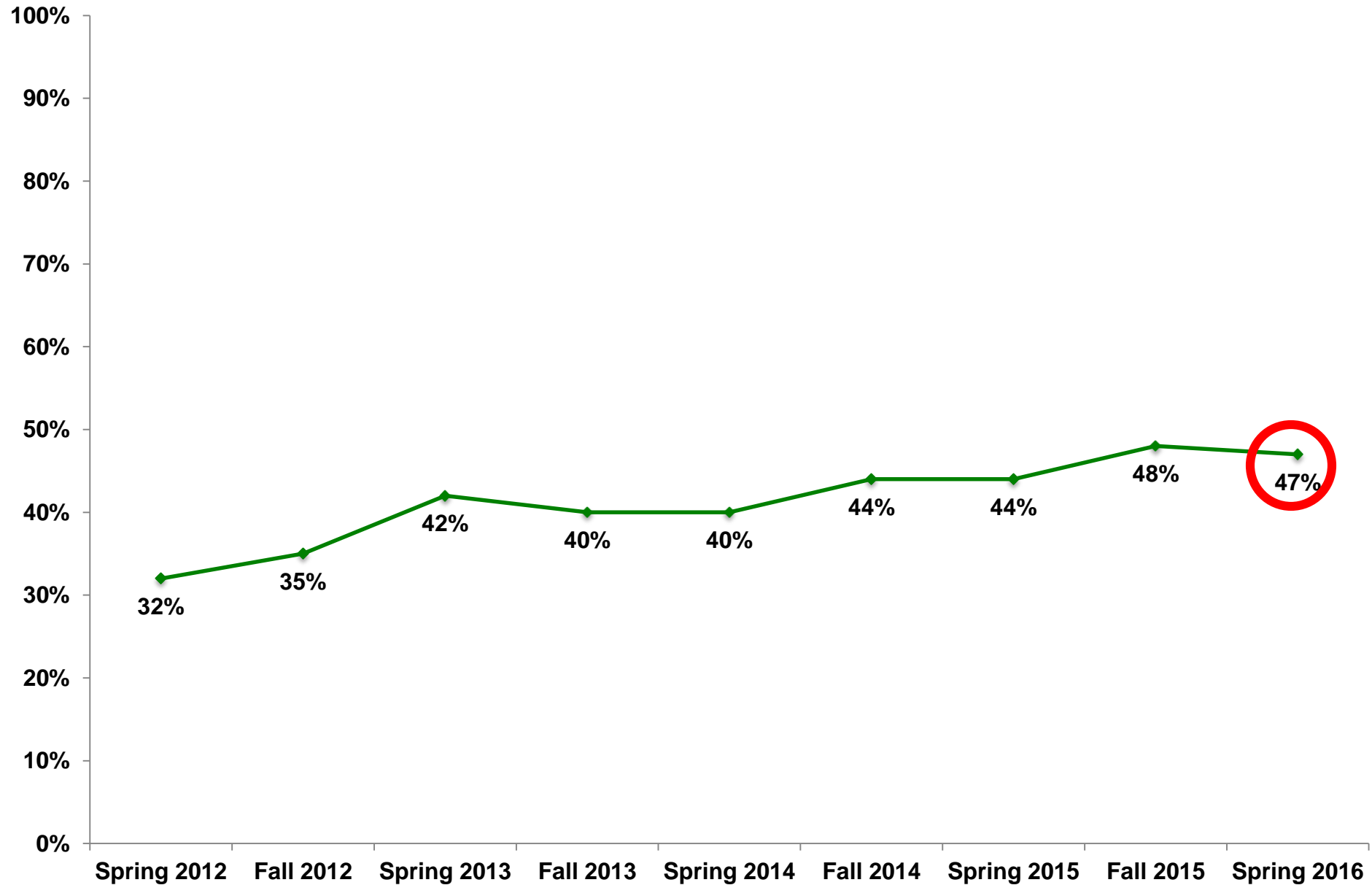
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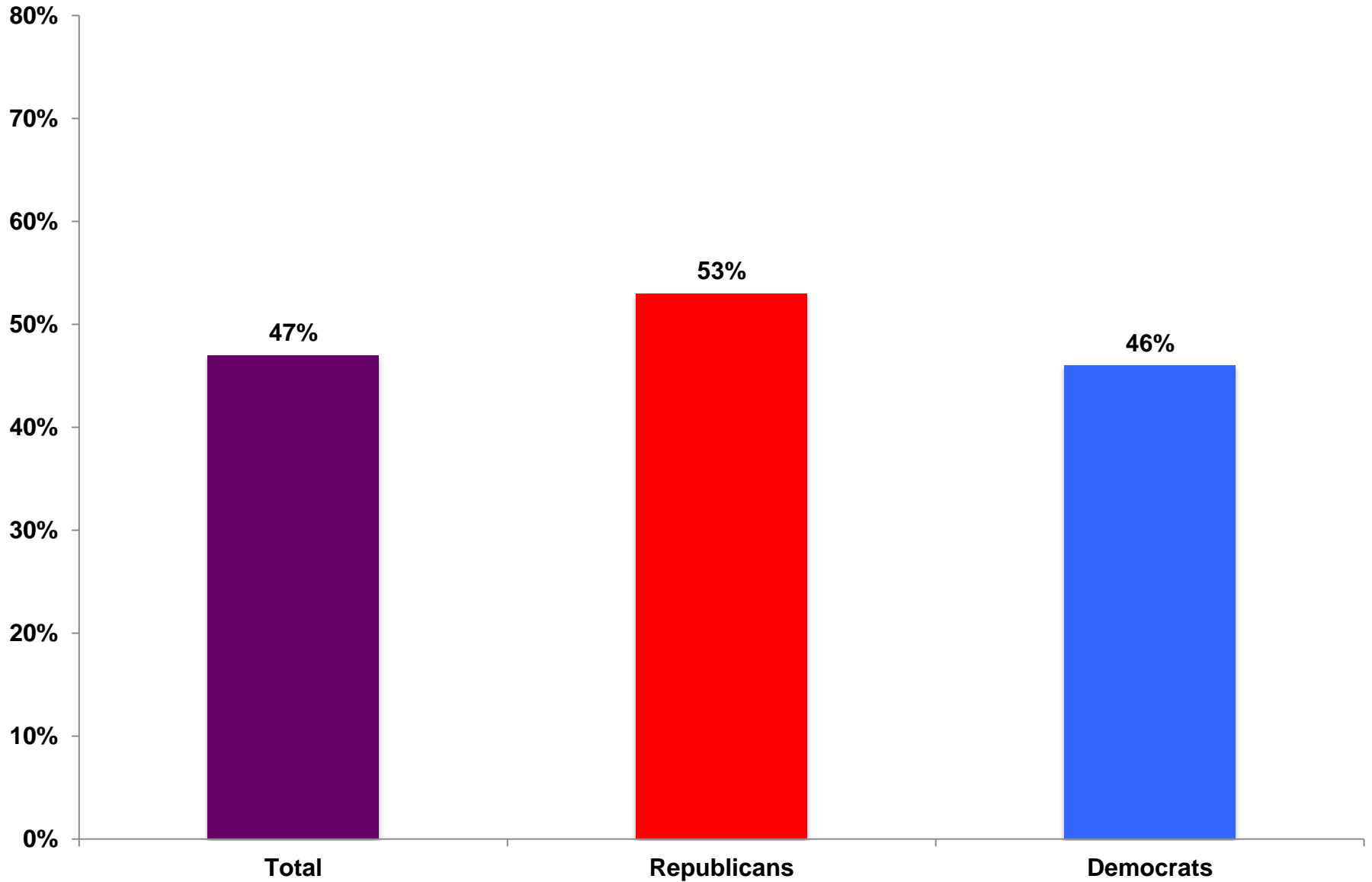
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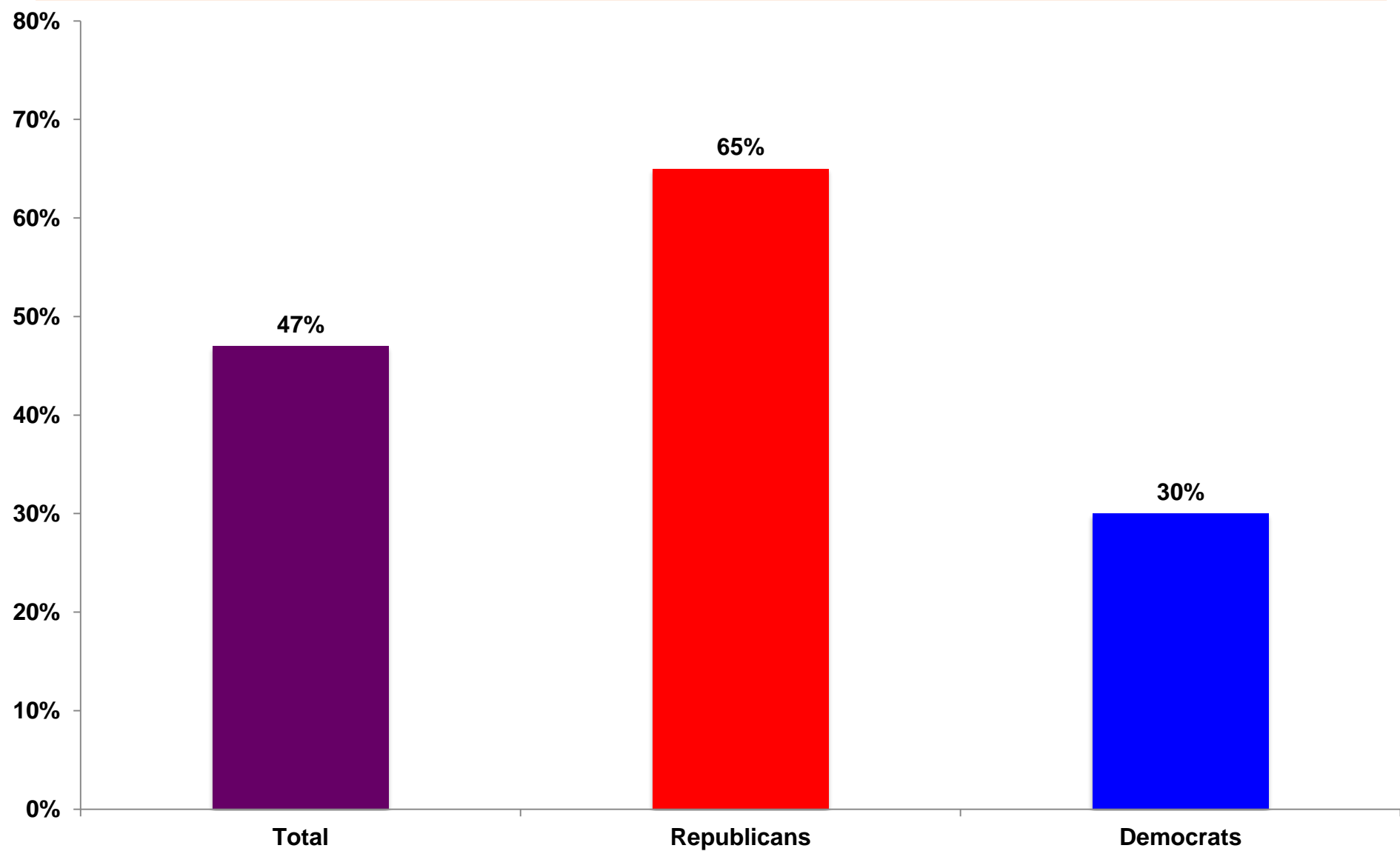
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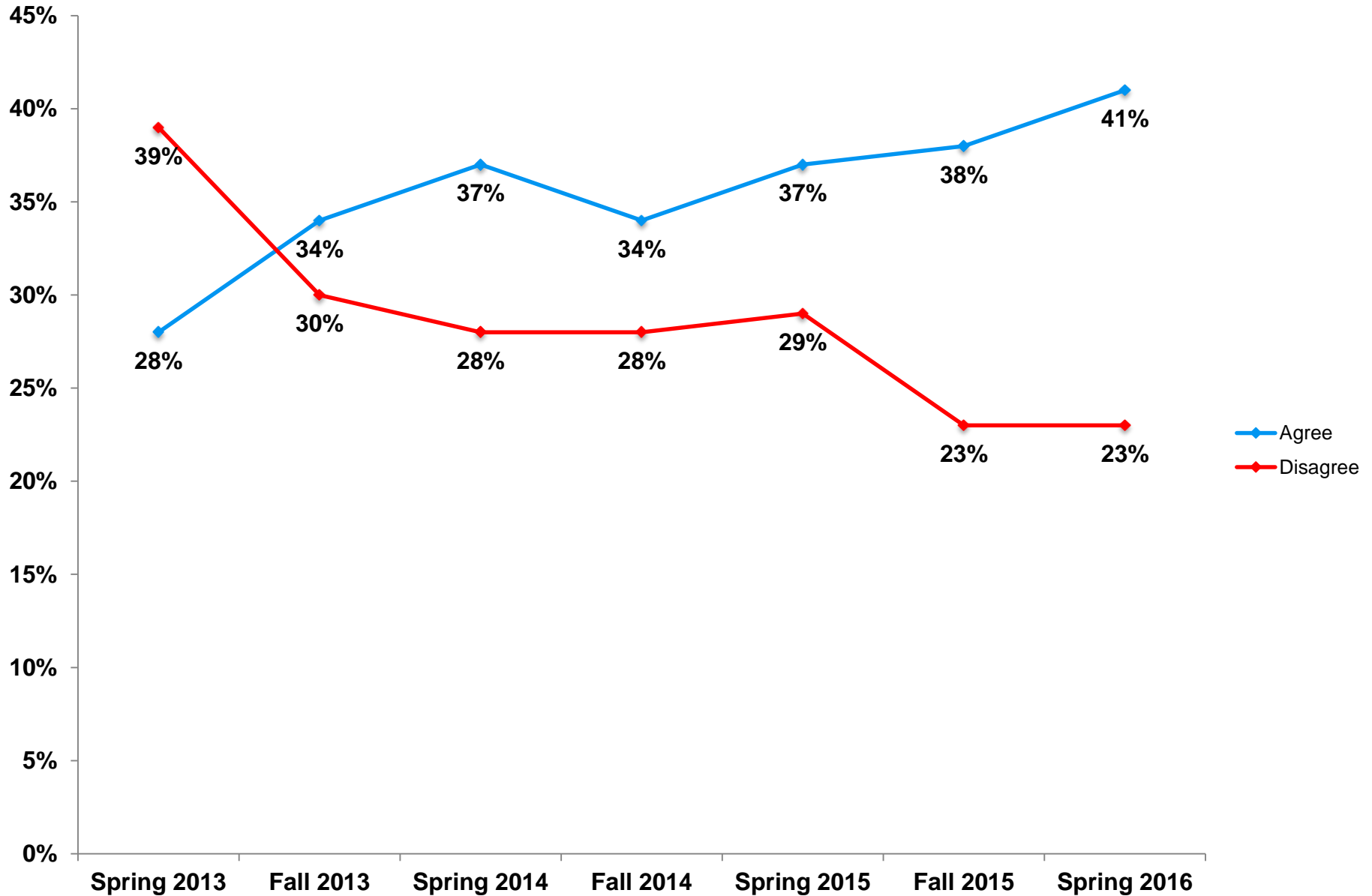


# Among “Familiar,” Americans who support hydraulic fracturing

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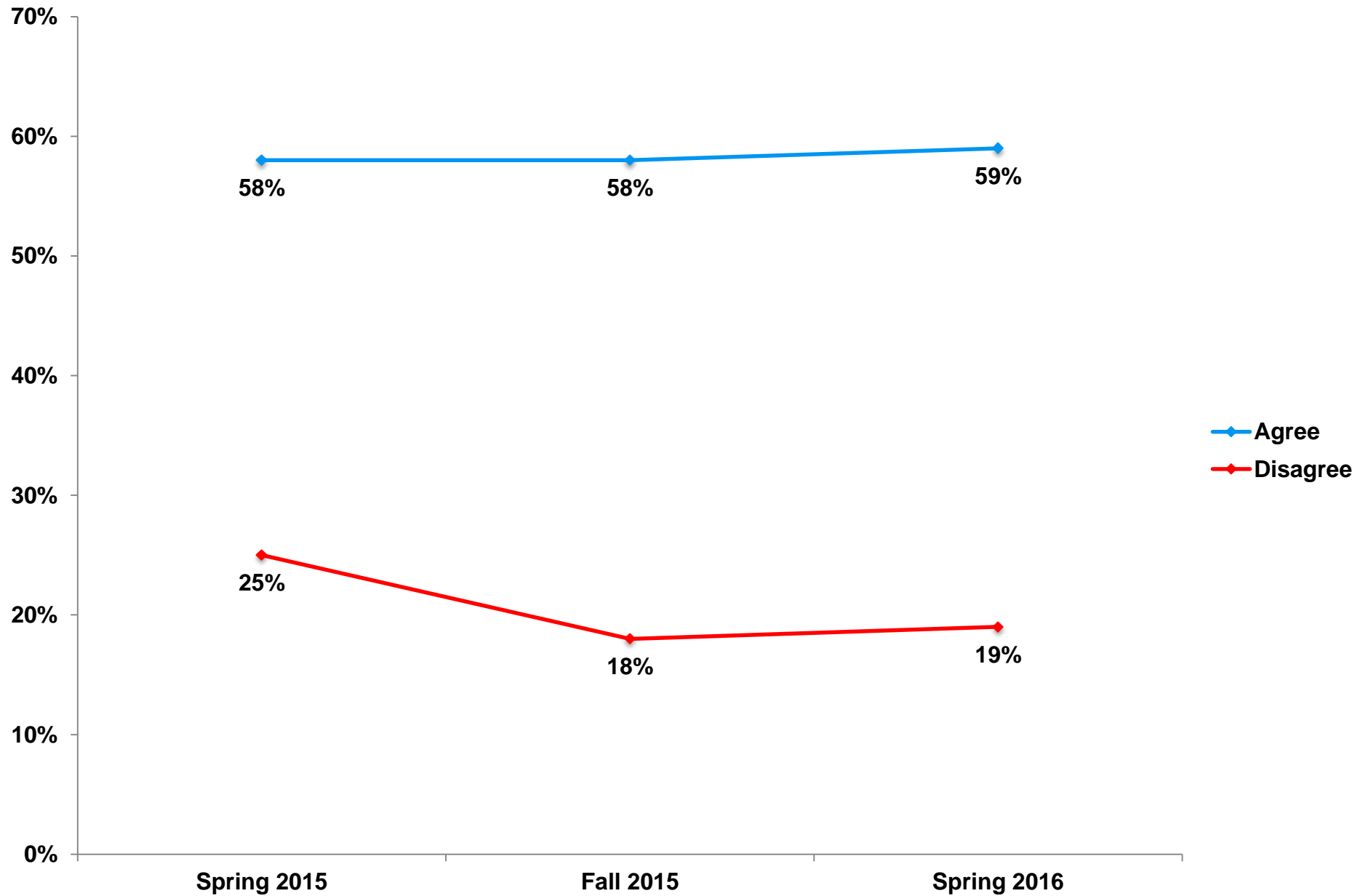


# “The U.S. should permit the export of natural gas to other countries”



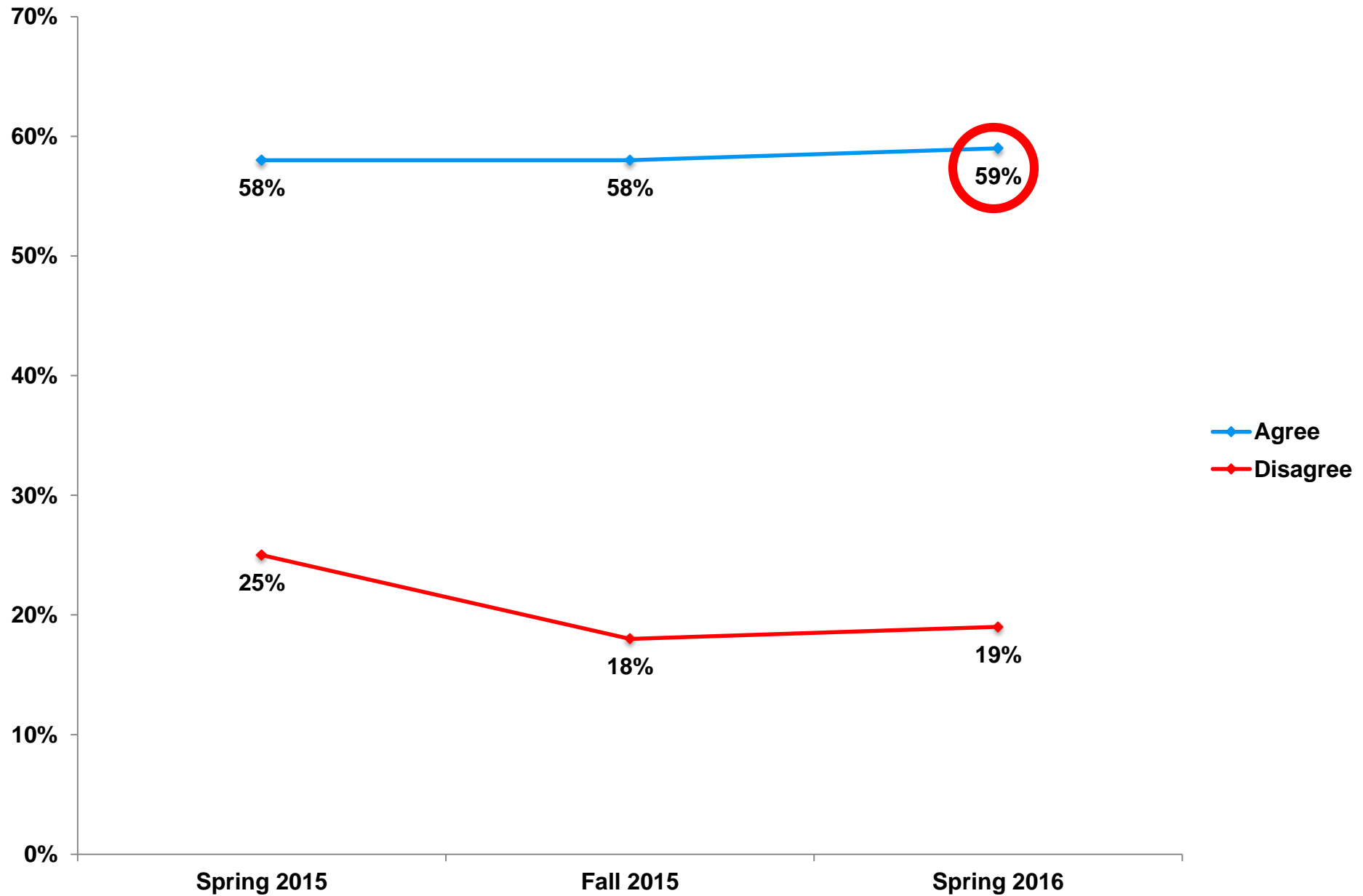
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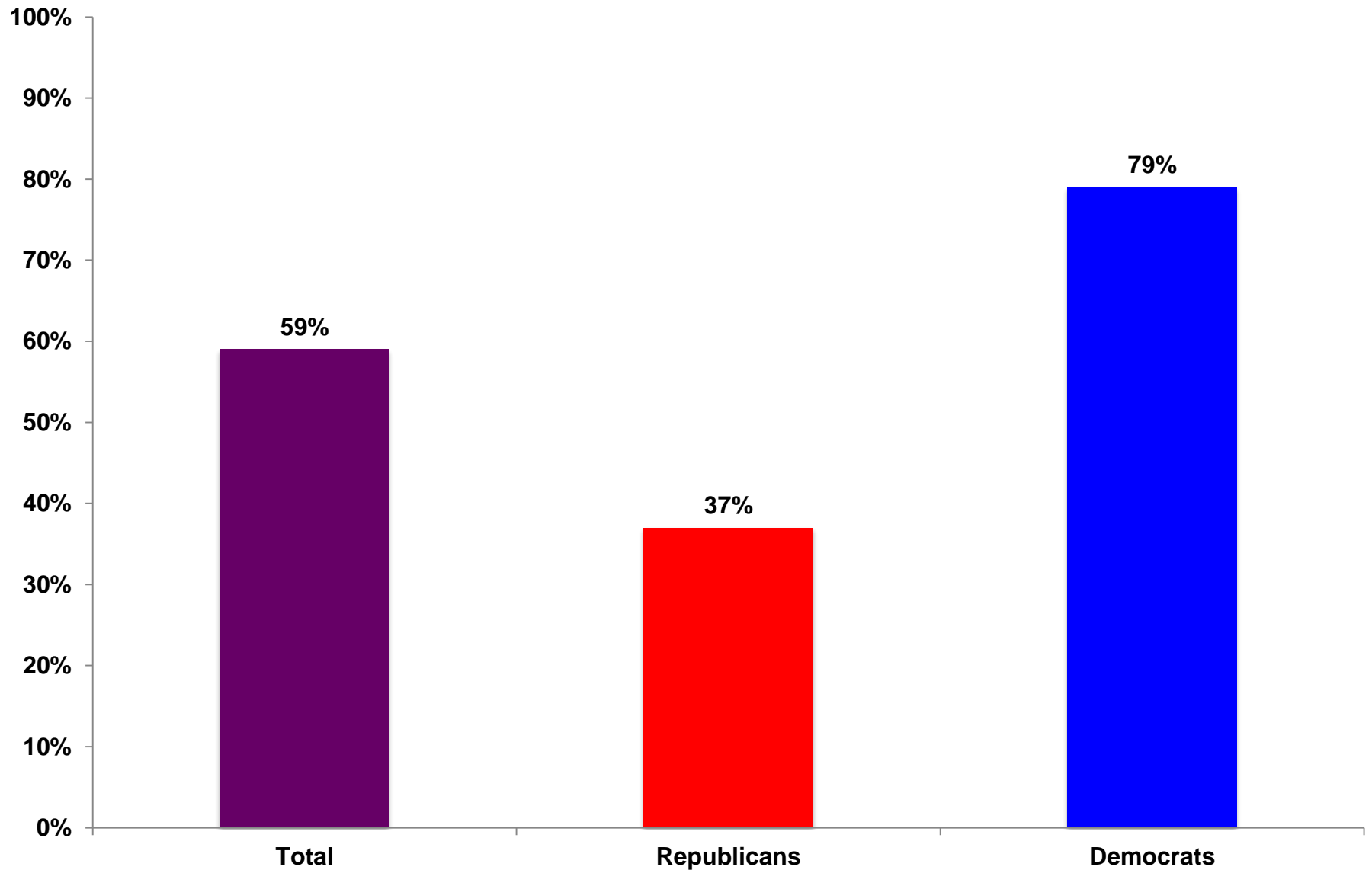
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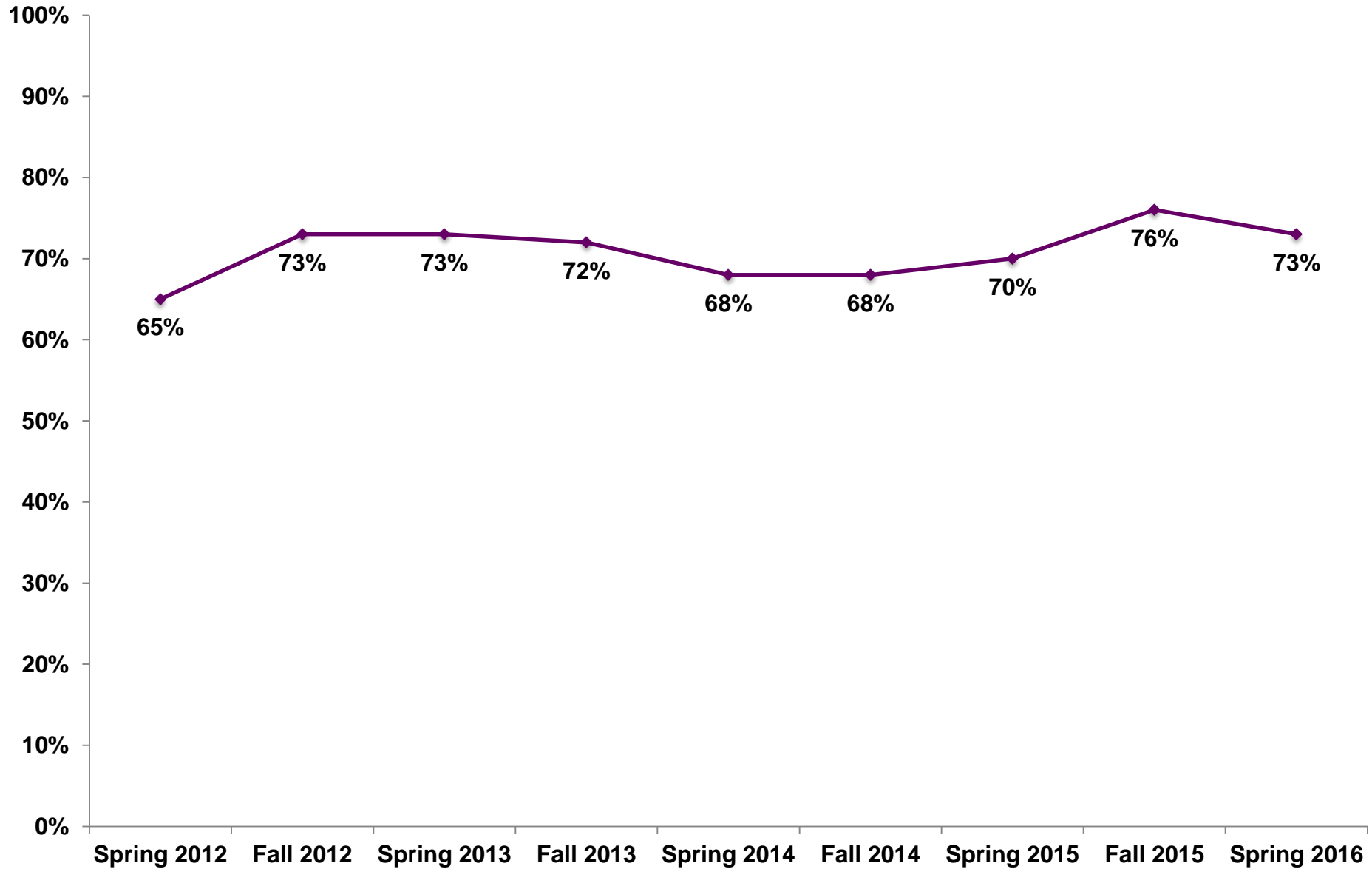
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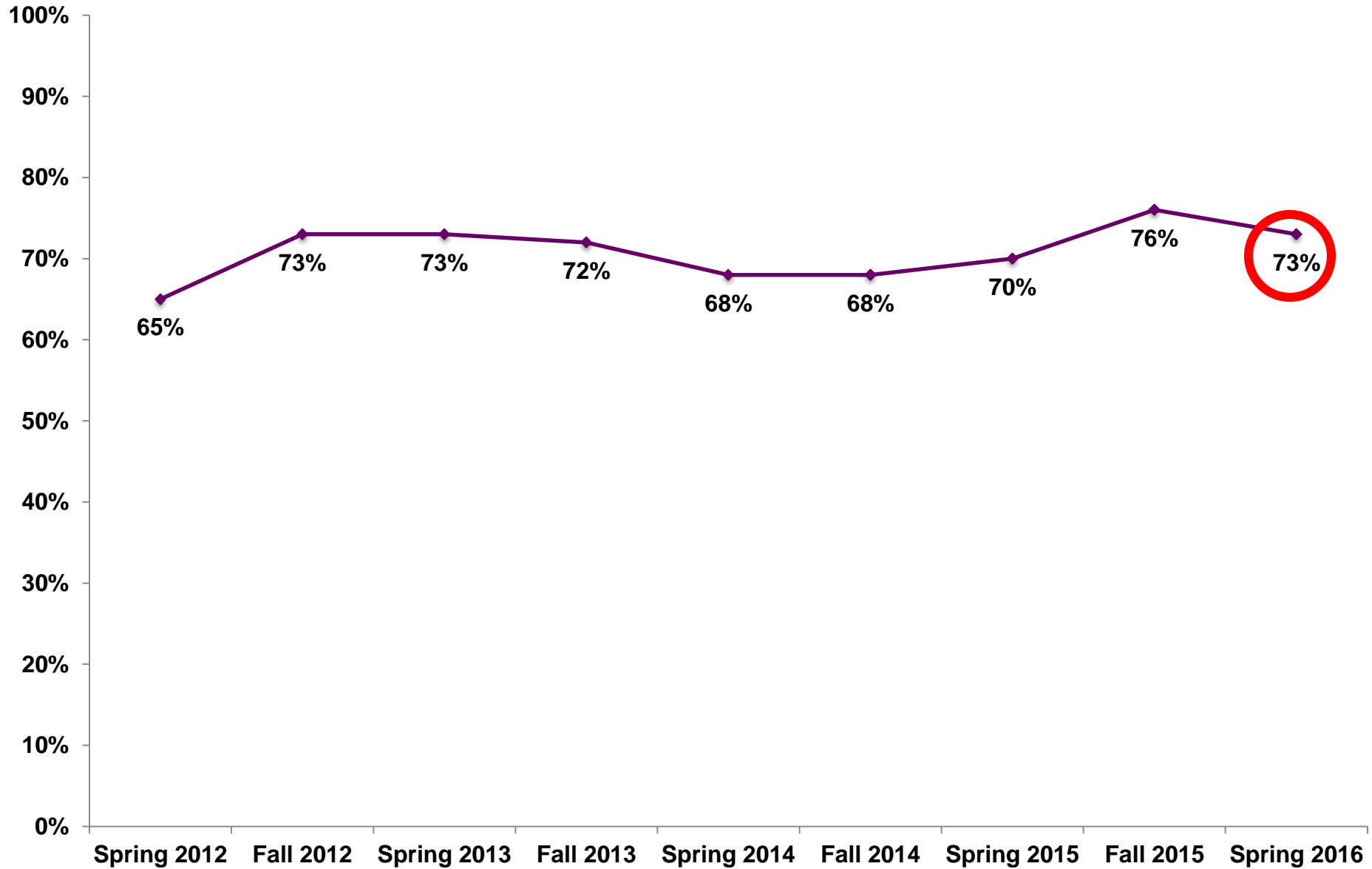


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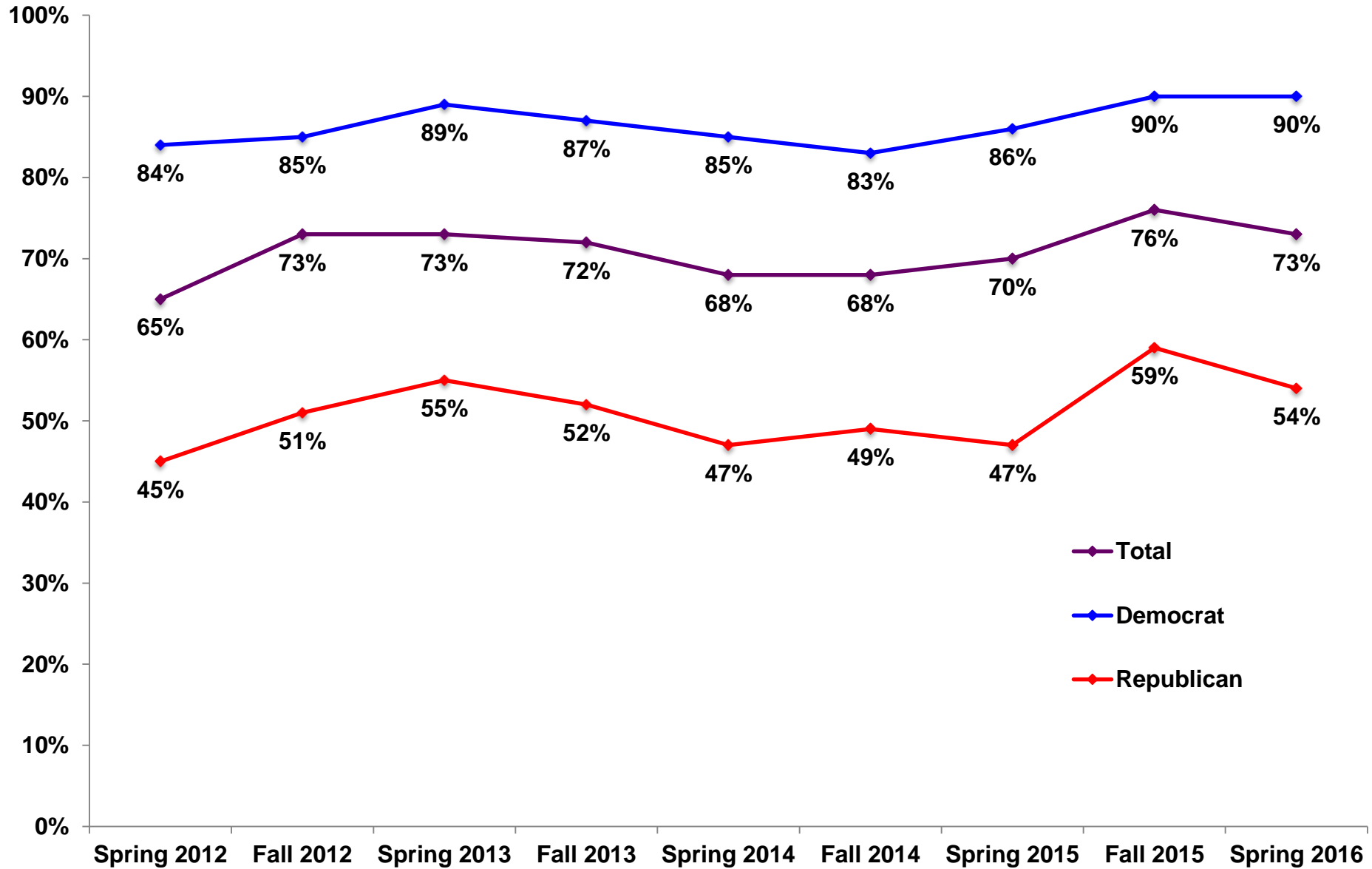
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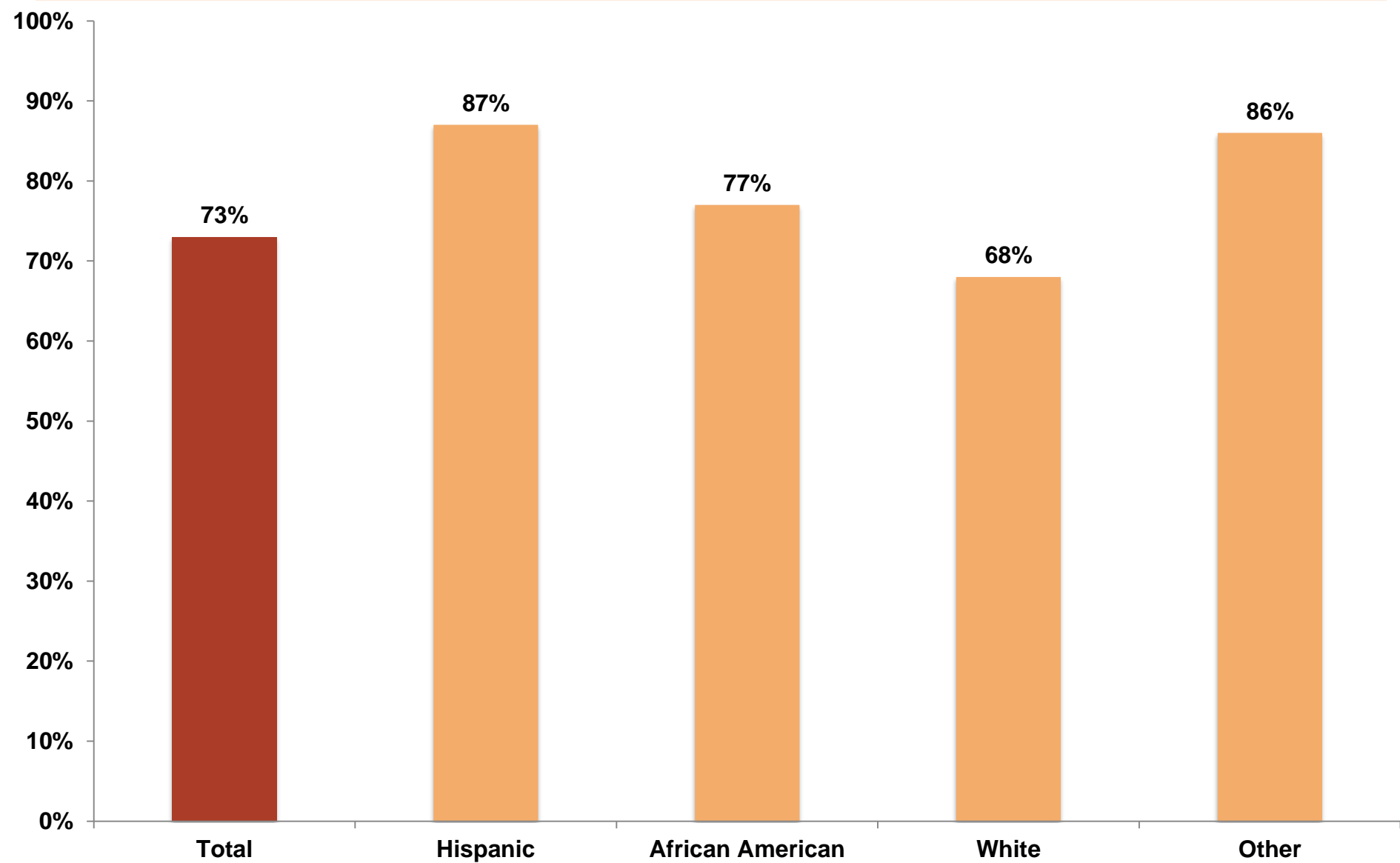


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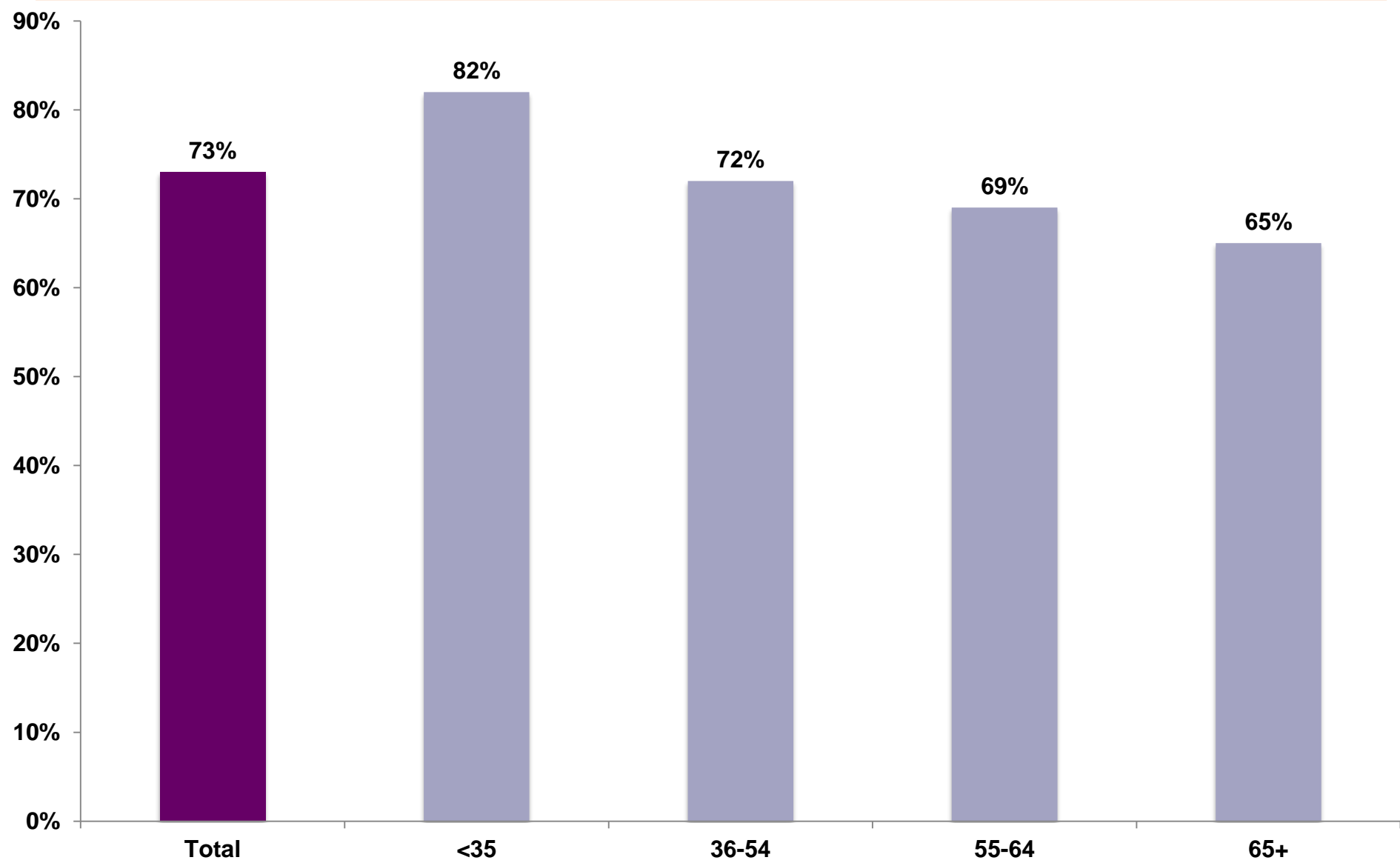
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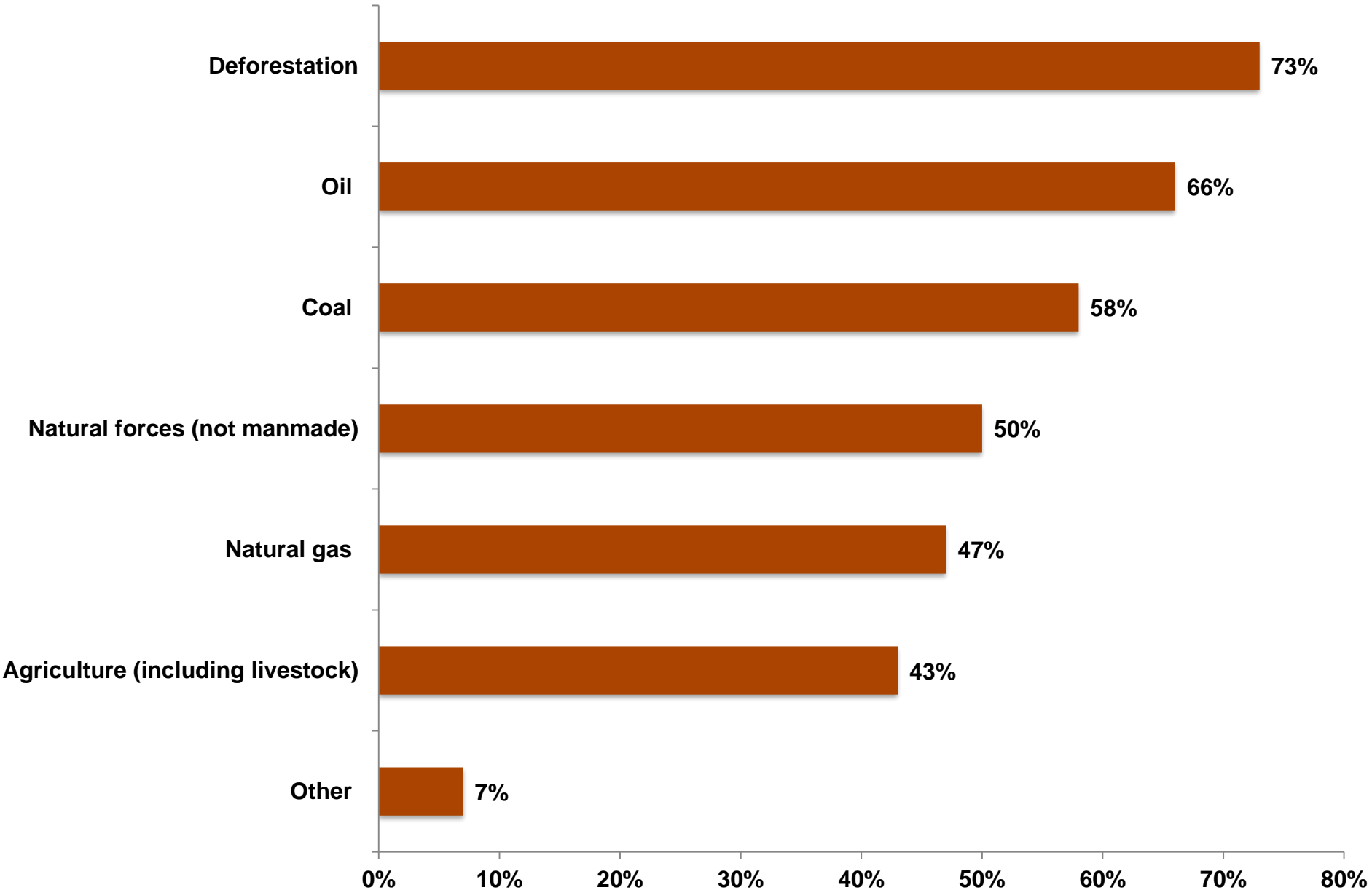
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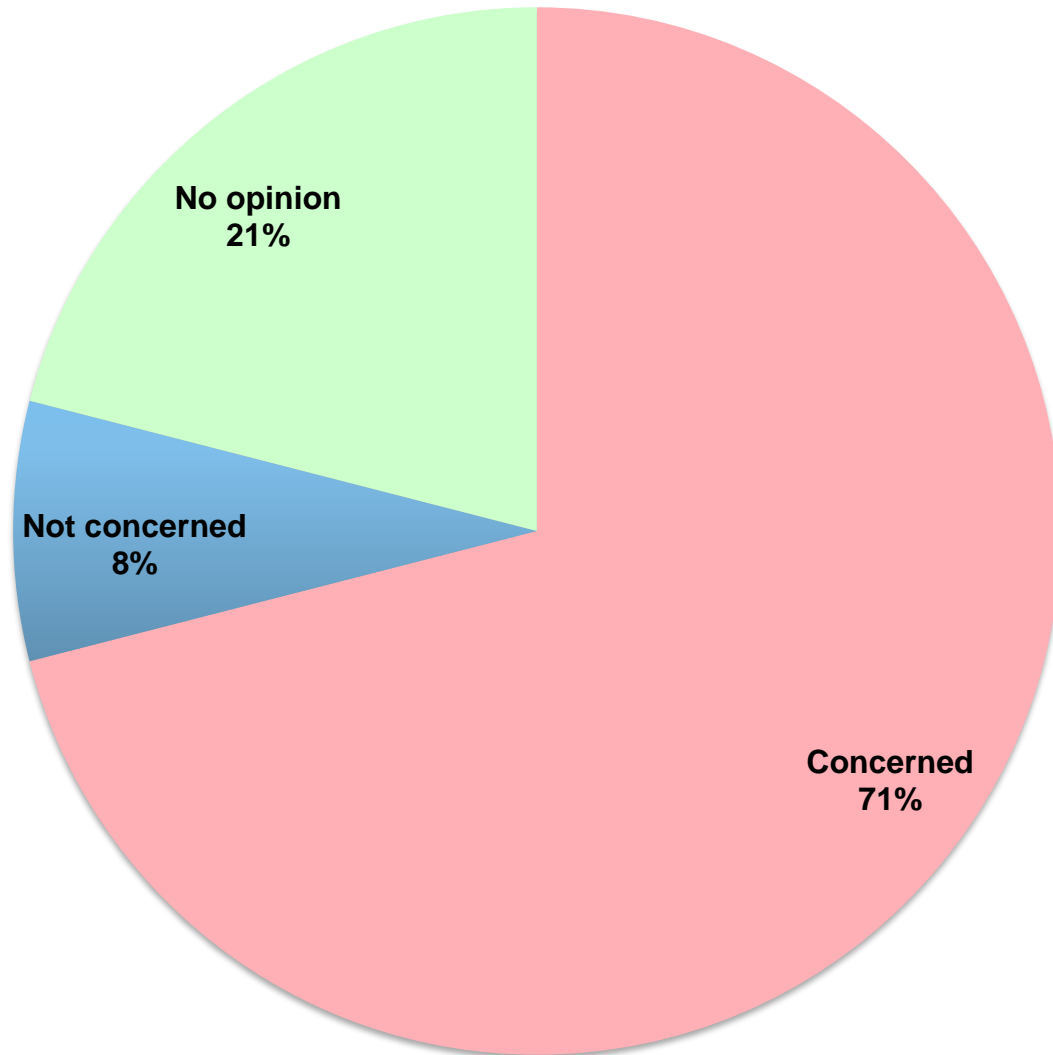
# Factors Americans think contribute to climate change

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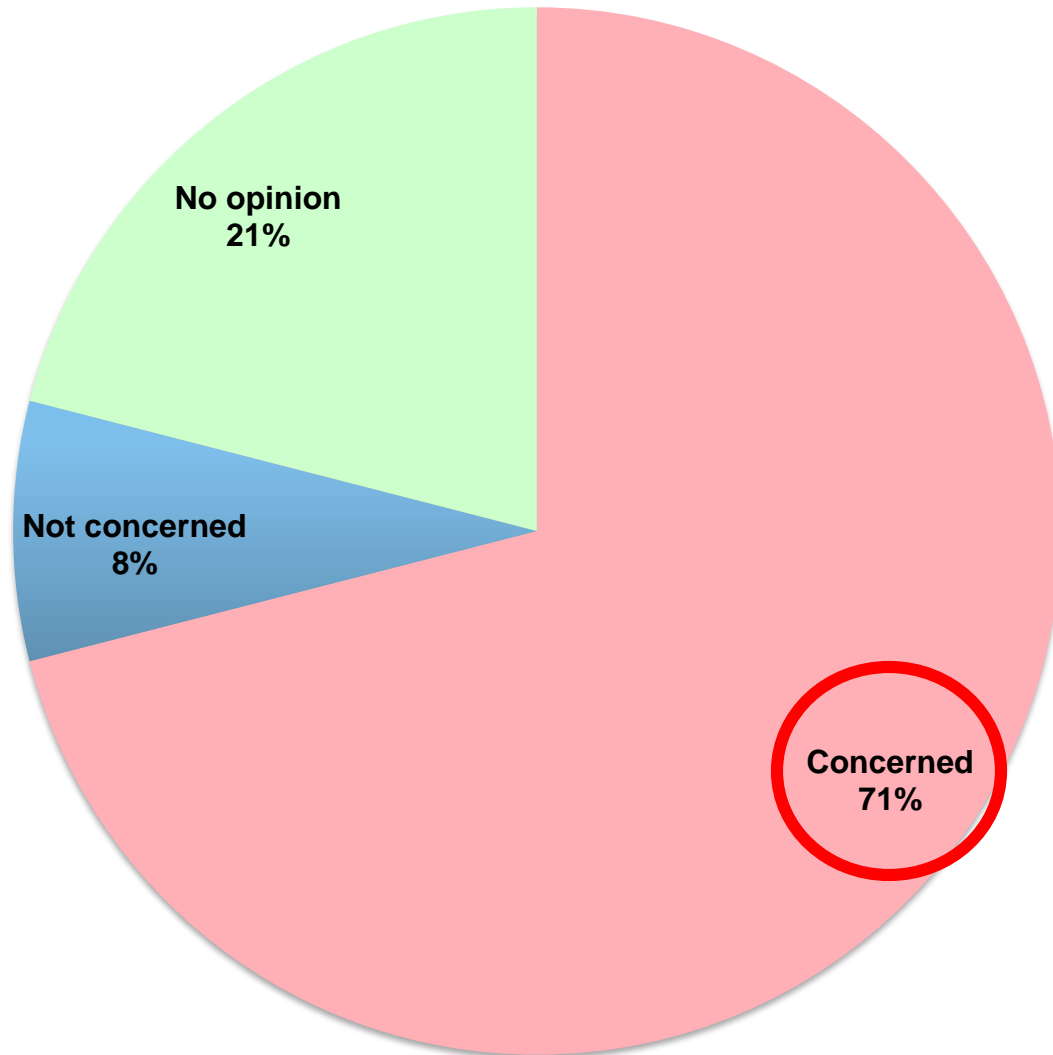
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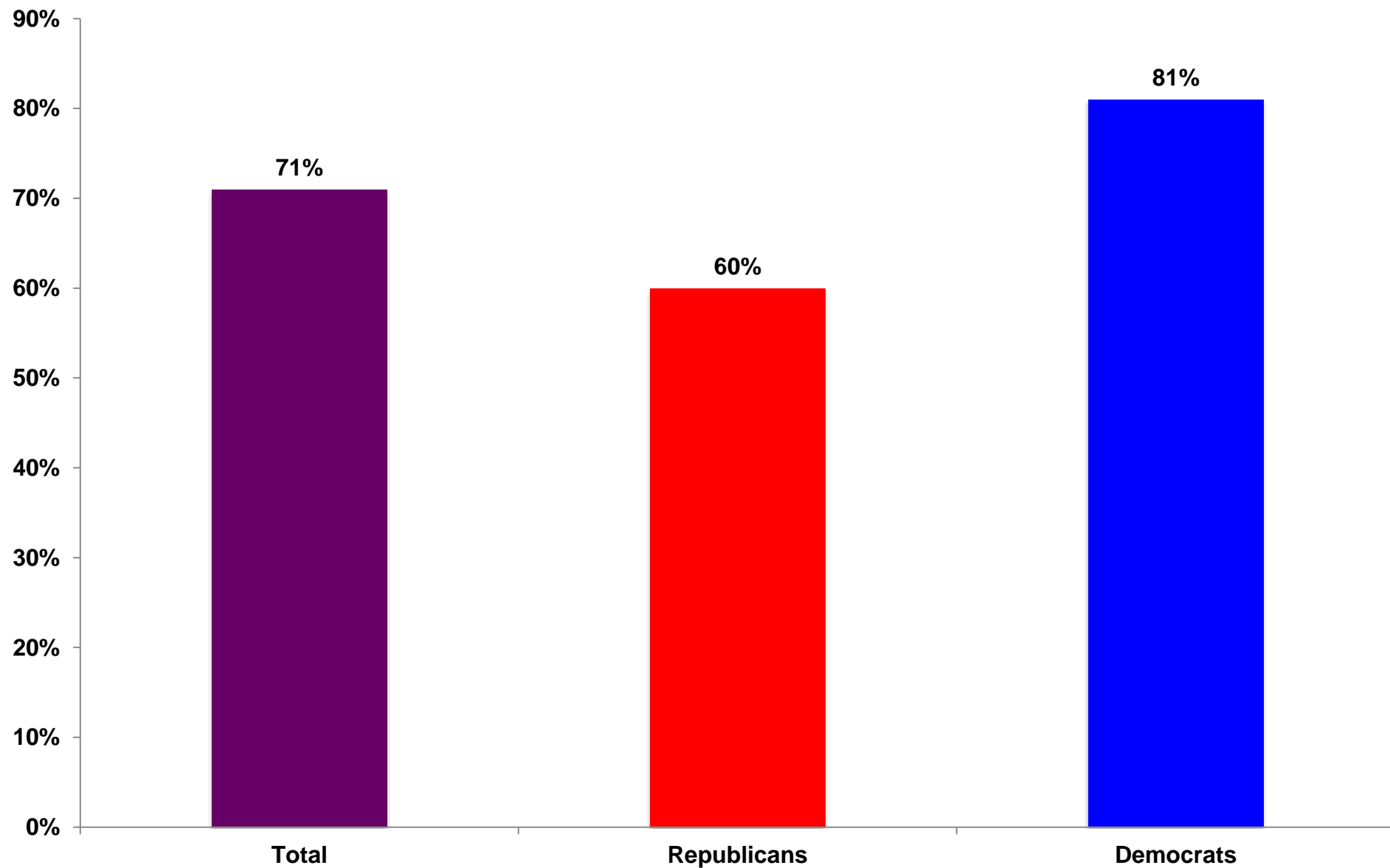
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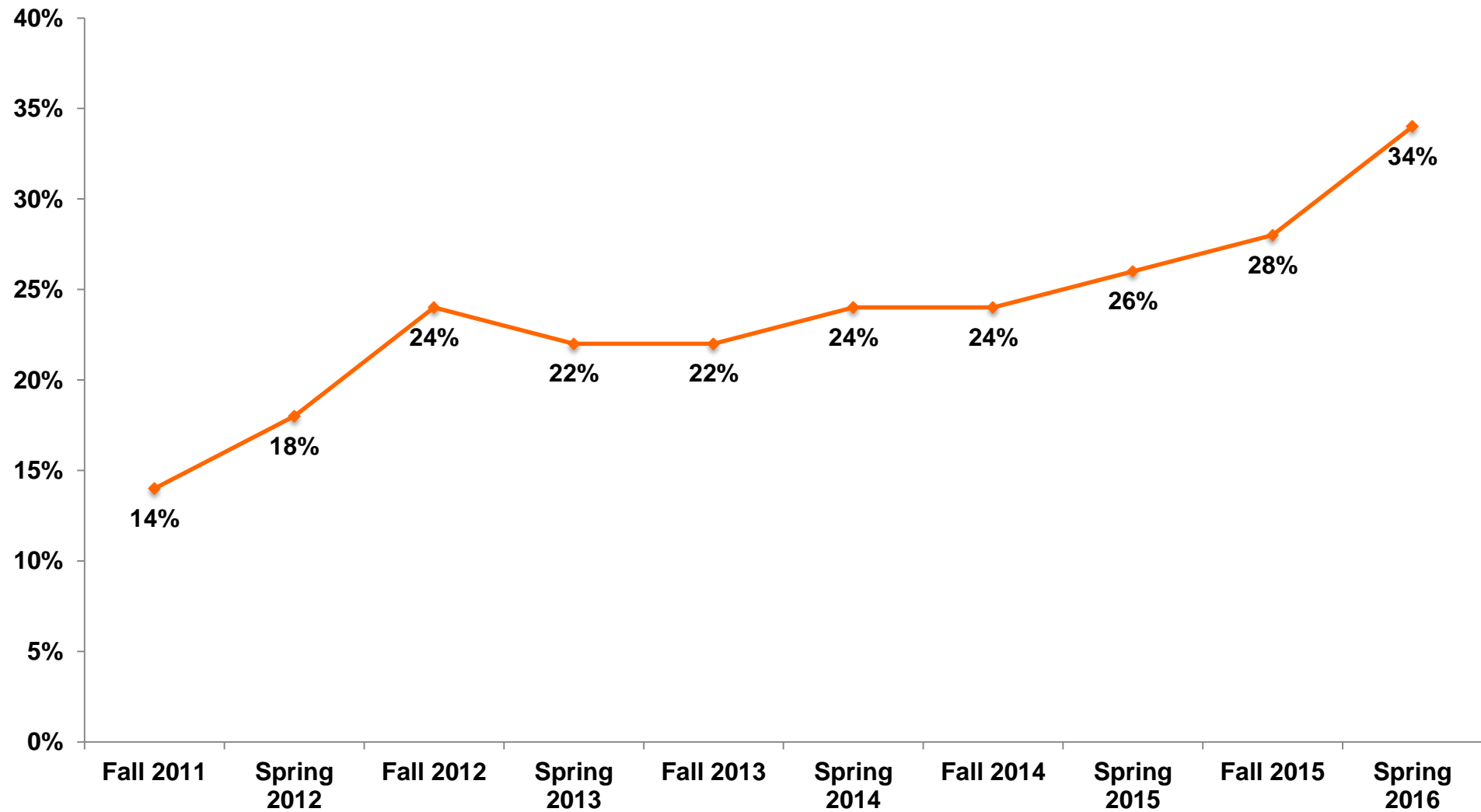
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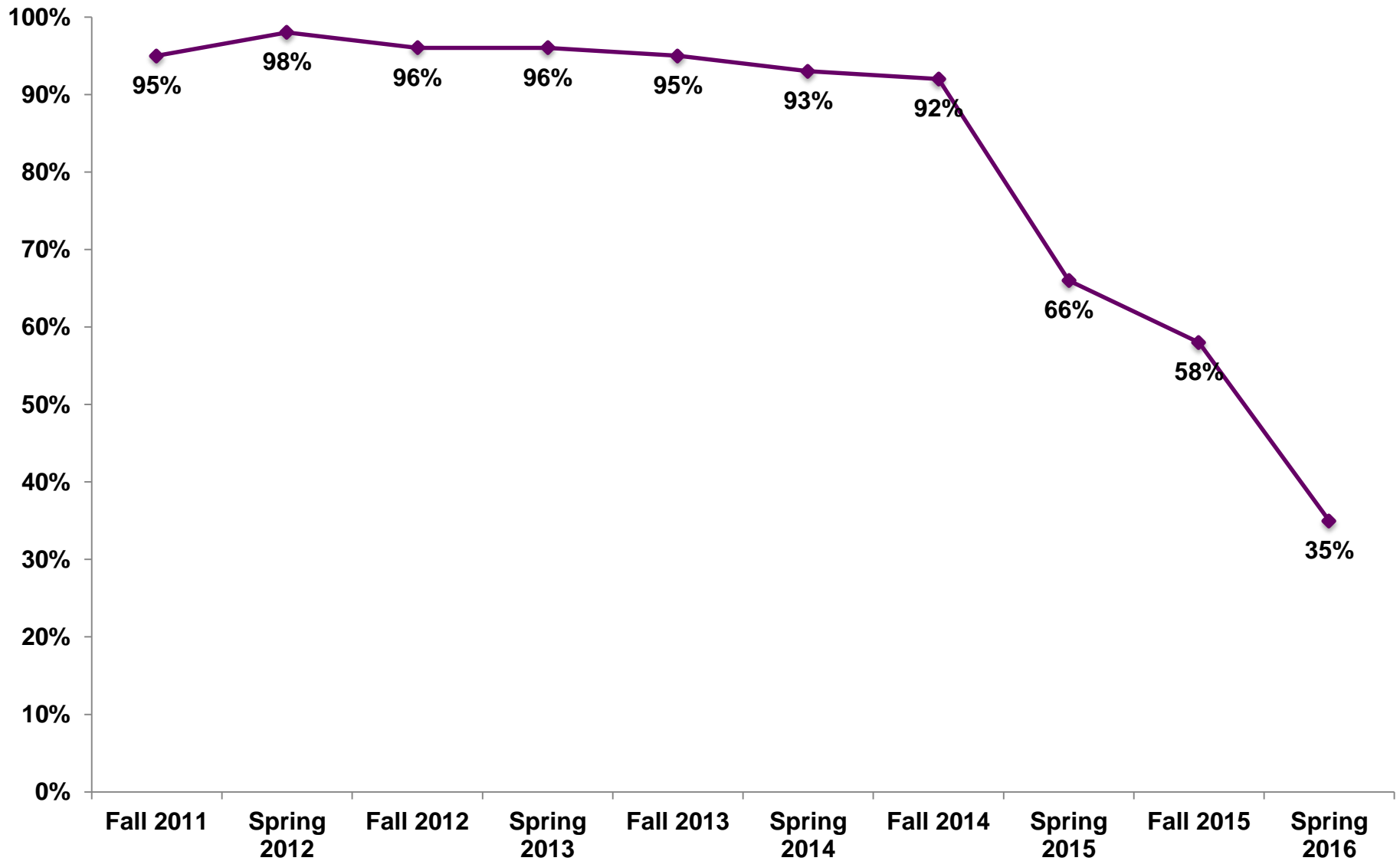
# U.S. headed in the right direction on dealing with energy issues...

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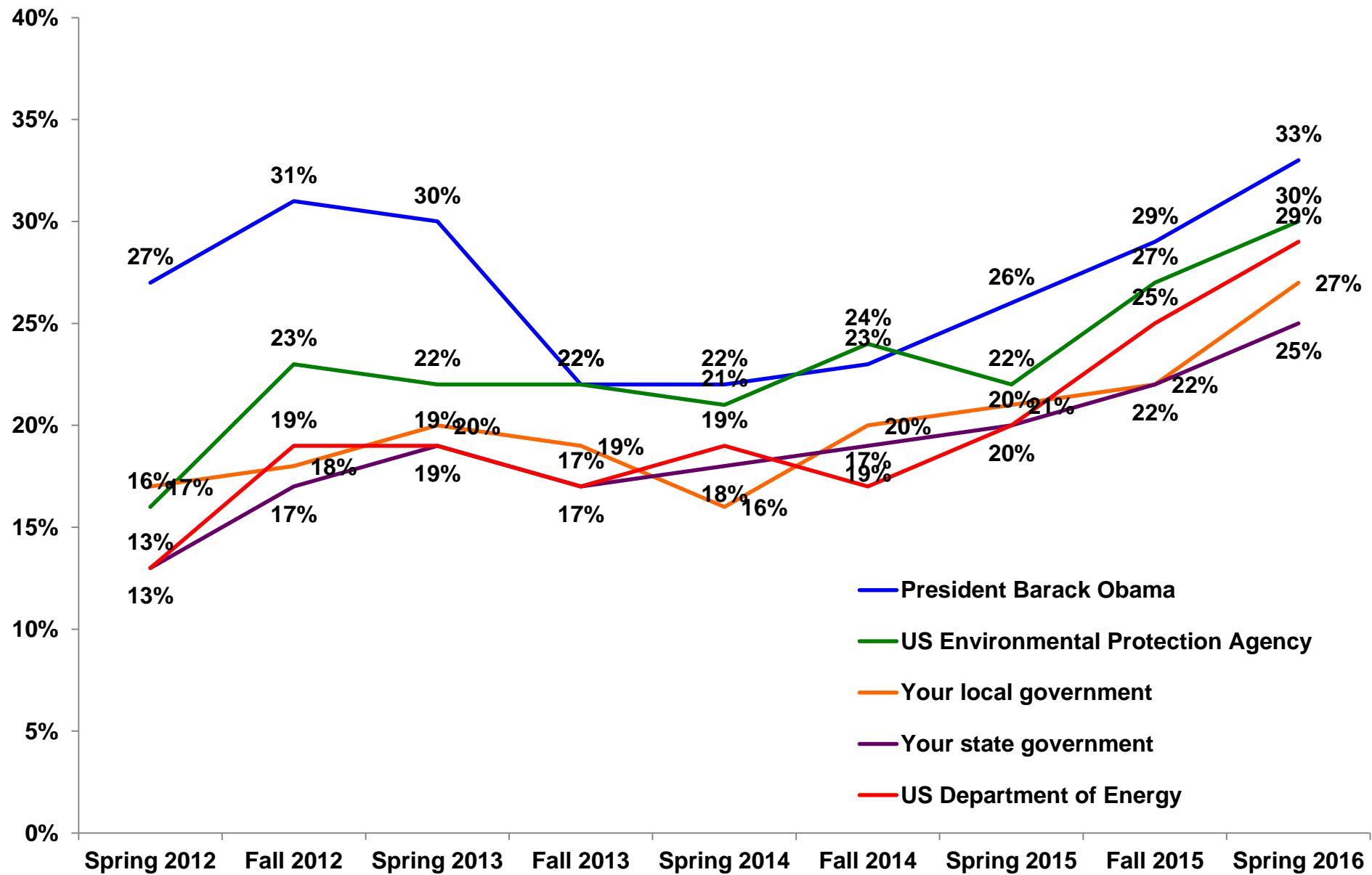


# Americans describing gas prices as “high”

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# Satisfied with the job each is doing to address energy issues...



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