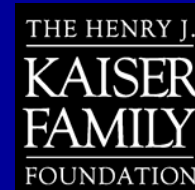

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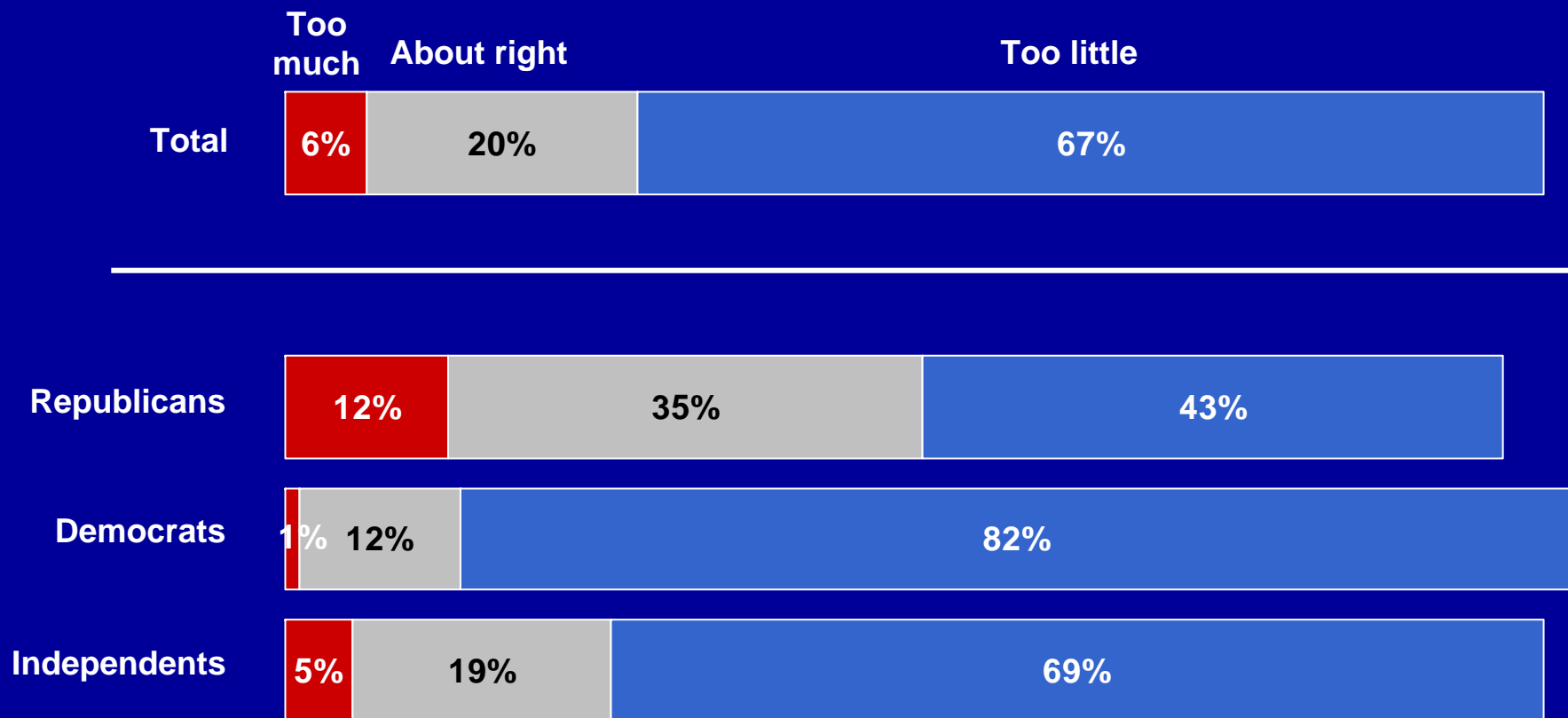
Public Views on SCHIP Reauthorization

October 2007

Chart 1

Majority Says Government Not Doing Enough to Cover Children

In general, do you think the government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount in providing health insurance to children who don't have it?



Note: "Don't know/refused" responses not shown.

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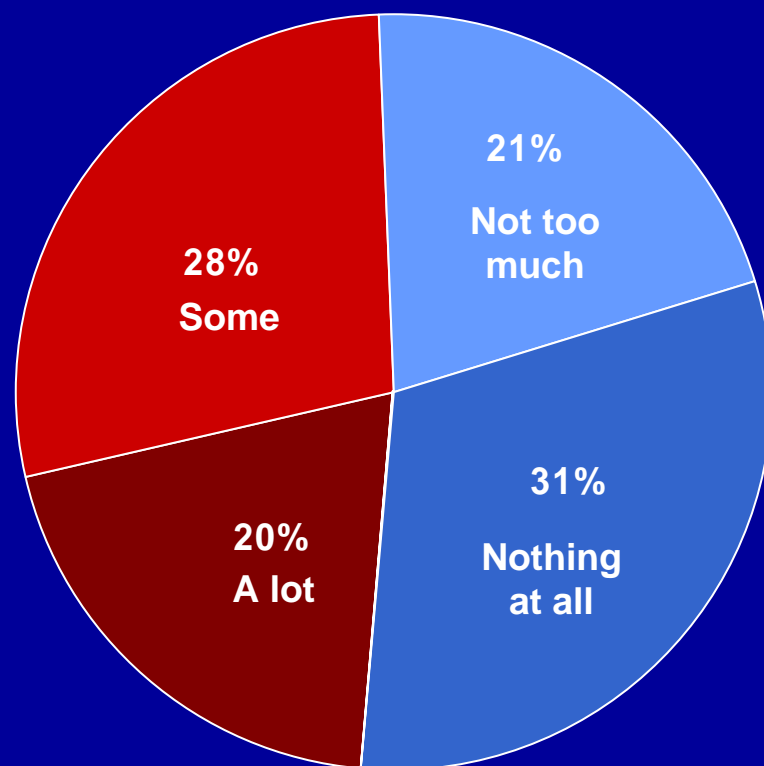


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Chart 2

Public Attention to the SCHIP Renewal and Expansion

Over the past couple of weeks, Congress and the president have been debating a renewal of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as SCHIP. Would you say you have heard a lot, some, not too much, or nothing at all about this issue?



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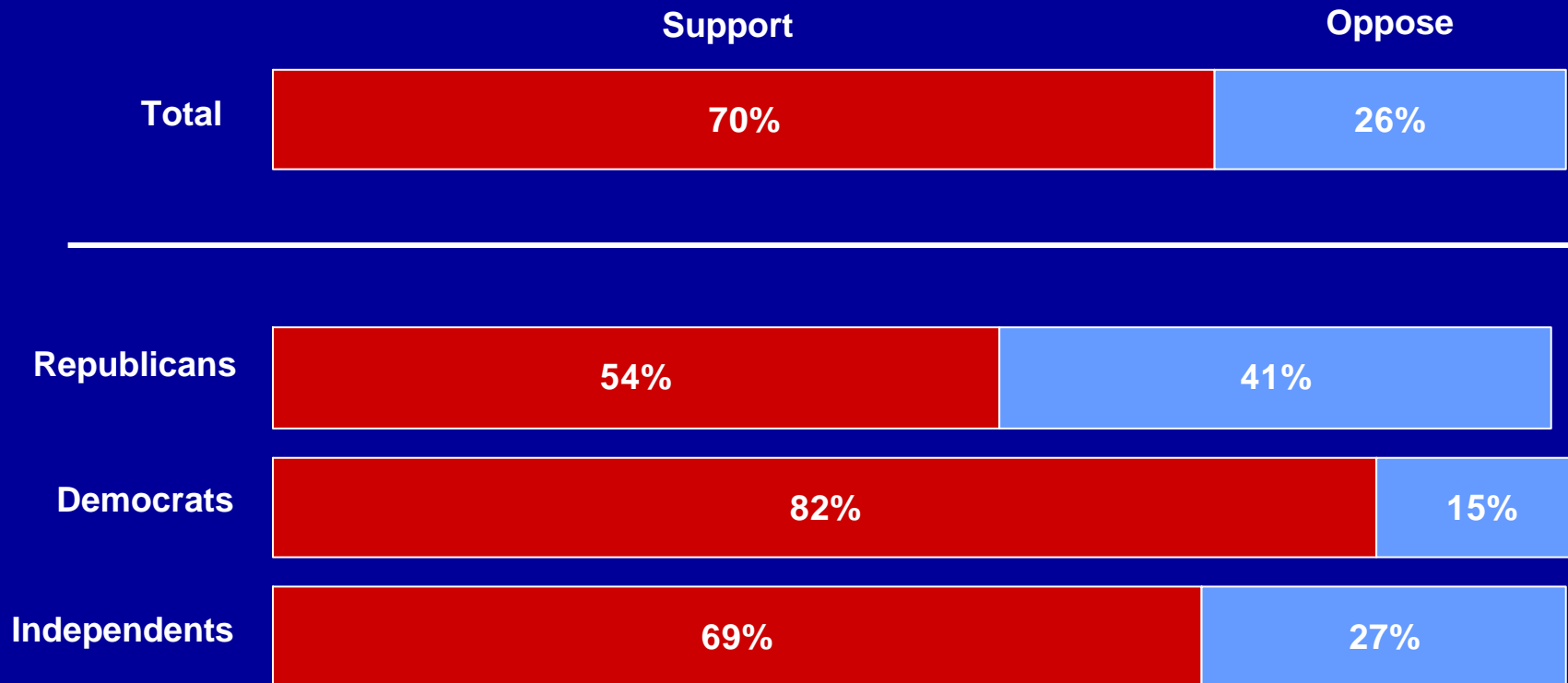


Chart 3

Majority Backs SCHIP Renewal and Expansion

READ TO ALL: SCHIP is a program in which the federal government joins with states to fund health insurance for children whose parents make too much to qualify for Medicaid. Currently, approximately 6 million children get health insurance through this program at a cost to the federal government of \$25 billion over 5 years.

Congress is proposing to spend an additional \$35 billion over the next 5 years in order to maintain coverage for those already in the program and expand coverage to an additional 3.8 million uninsured children. The expansion would be financed by an increase in cigarette taxes. In general, would you say you support or oppose the increased funding for this program?



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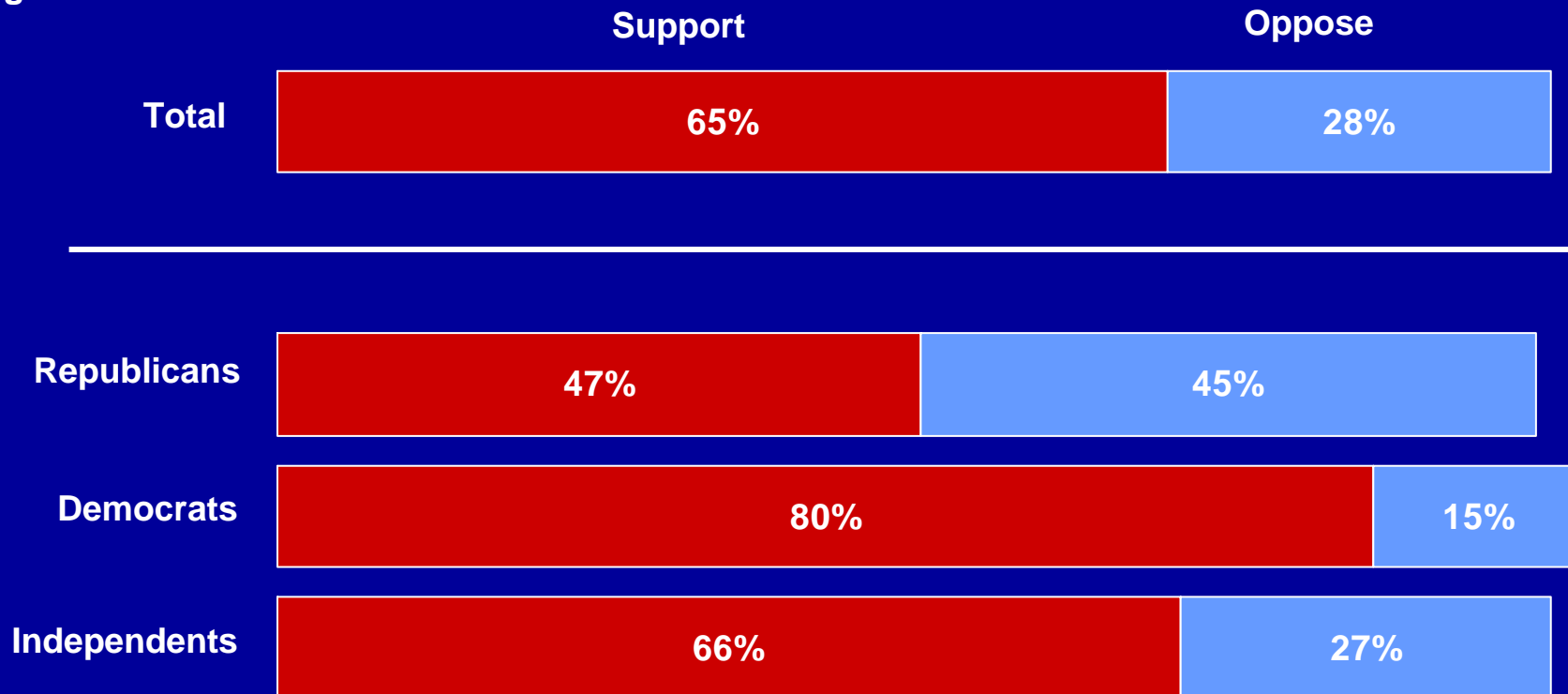
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Chart 4

Support Remains After Hearing Arguments

Supporters say the expansion would prevent children who are already covered from losing their coverage and provide health insurance for millions of low-income children who are currently uninsured. They also say the program has been shown to be effective over the past ten years. Opponents say the expansion would encourage some families who have private health insurance to drop it in favor of government-funded coverage. They also say the expansion will wind up covering some children in middle-class families.

After hearing these arguments, would you say you support or oppose the increased funding for this program?



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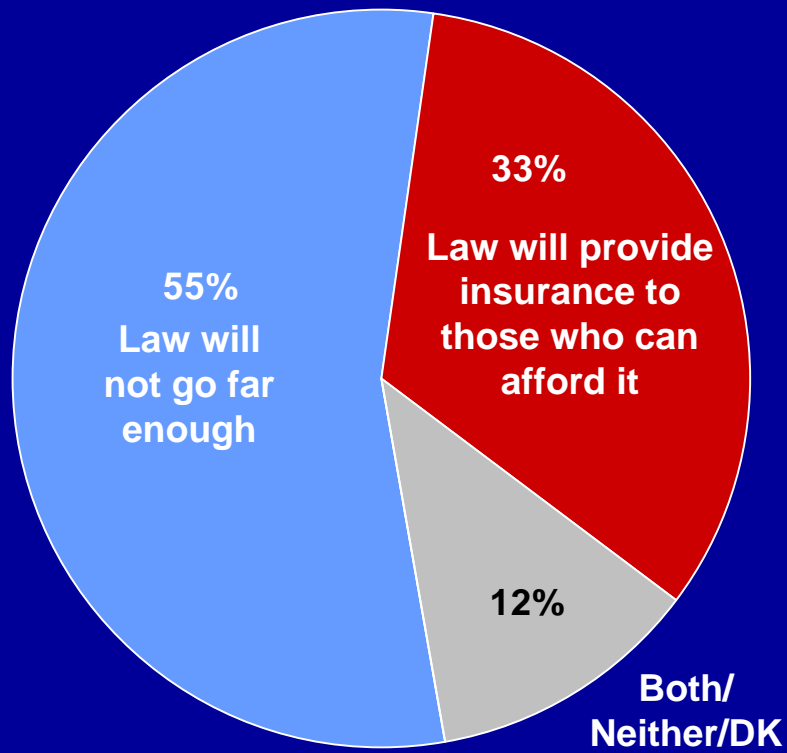
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Chart 5

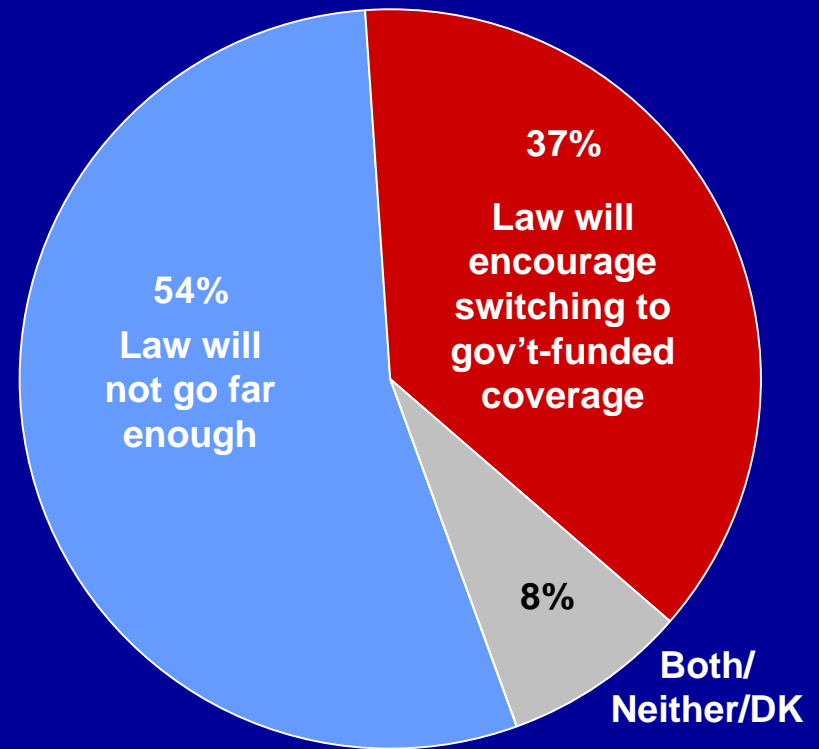
What Worries People More About SCHIP Expansion

Which worries you more...?

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The law will not go far enough and some children who need health insurance won't get it OR the law will go too far and end up encouraging those who already have private insurance to drop it in favor of government-funded coverage



Note: Each question asked of separate half-sample.

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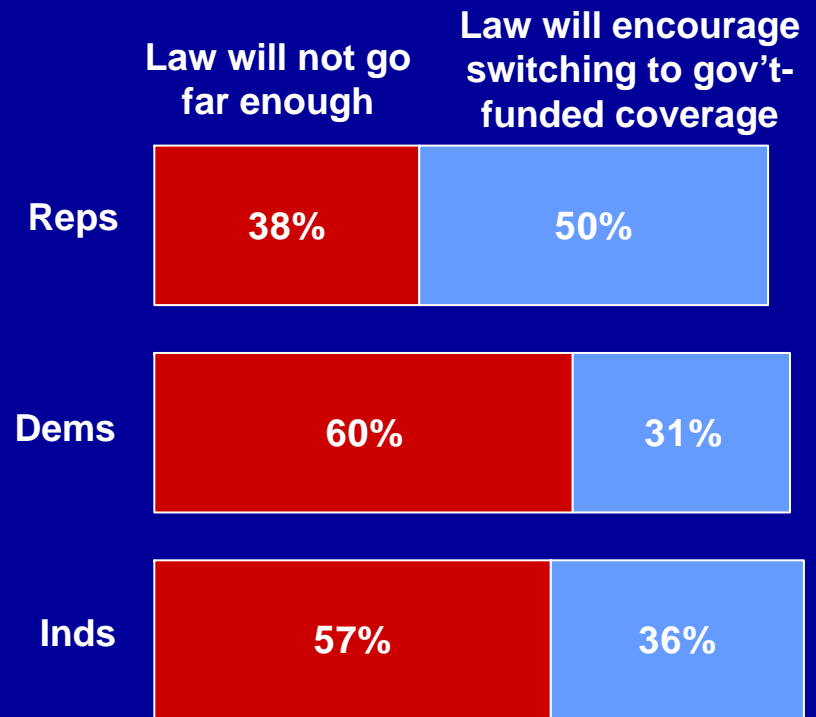
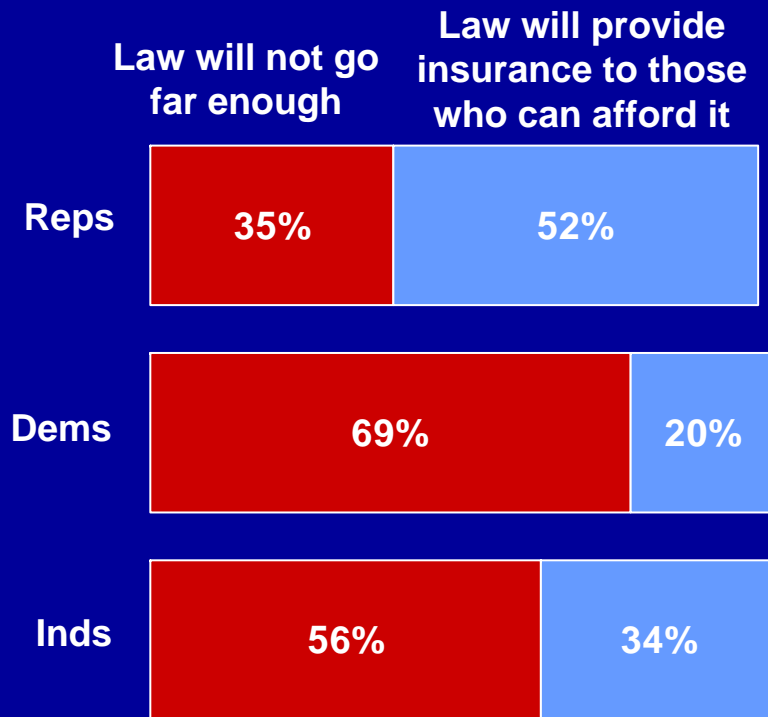
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What Worries People More About SCHIP Expansion by Party Self Identification

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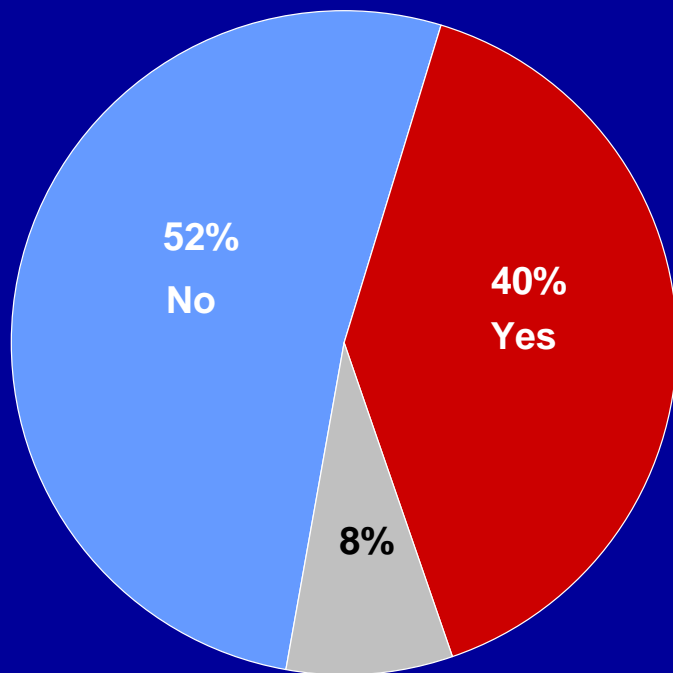


Note: "Both," "Neither," and "Don't know/refused" responses not shown. Each question asked of separate half sample.
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Chart 7

Do Arguments About SCHIP Expansion Leading to Government-Run Health Care Resonate?

Do you think the expansion of the SCHIP program to covered more uninsured children is a step toward a system where the government runs all the country's health care, or don't you think so?



Don't know

ASKED OF THOSE WHO SAY YES:

Do you think that is mostly a good thing, or mostly a bad thing?

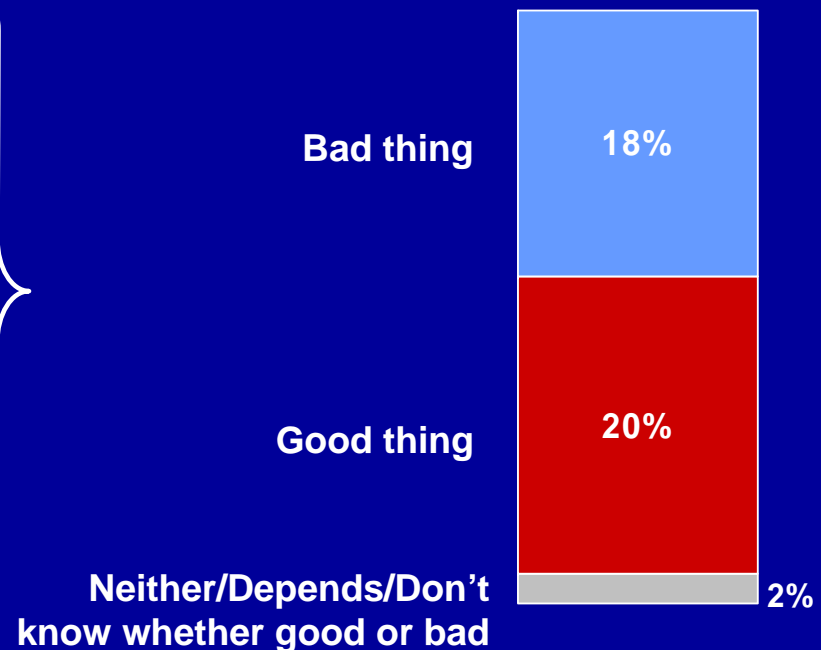


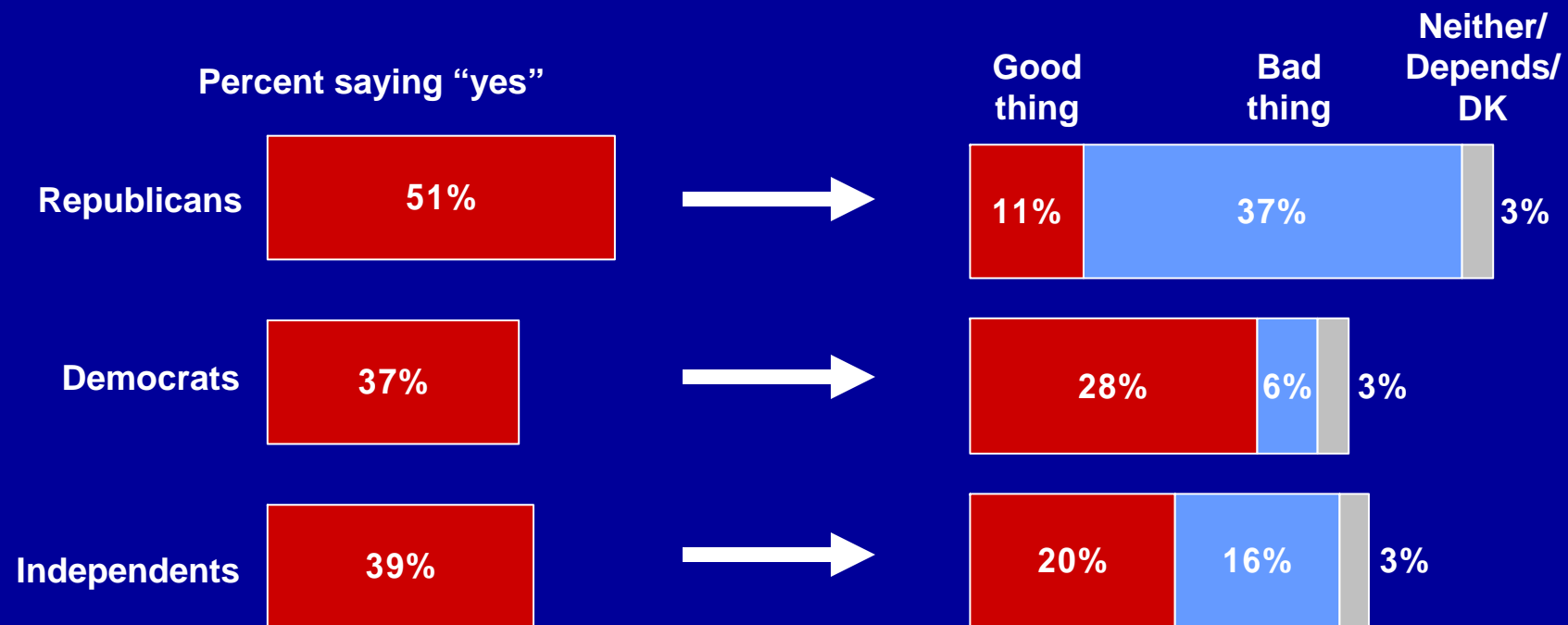
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Arguments About SCHIP Expansion and Government-Run Health Care, by Party Self-Identification

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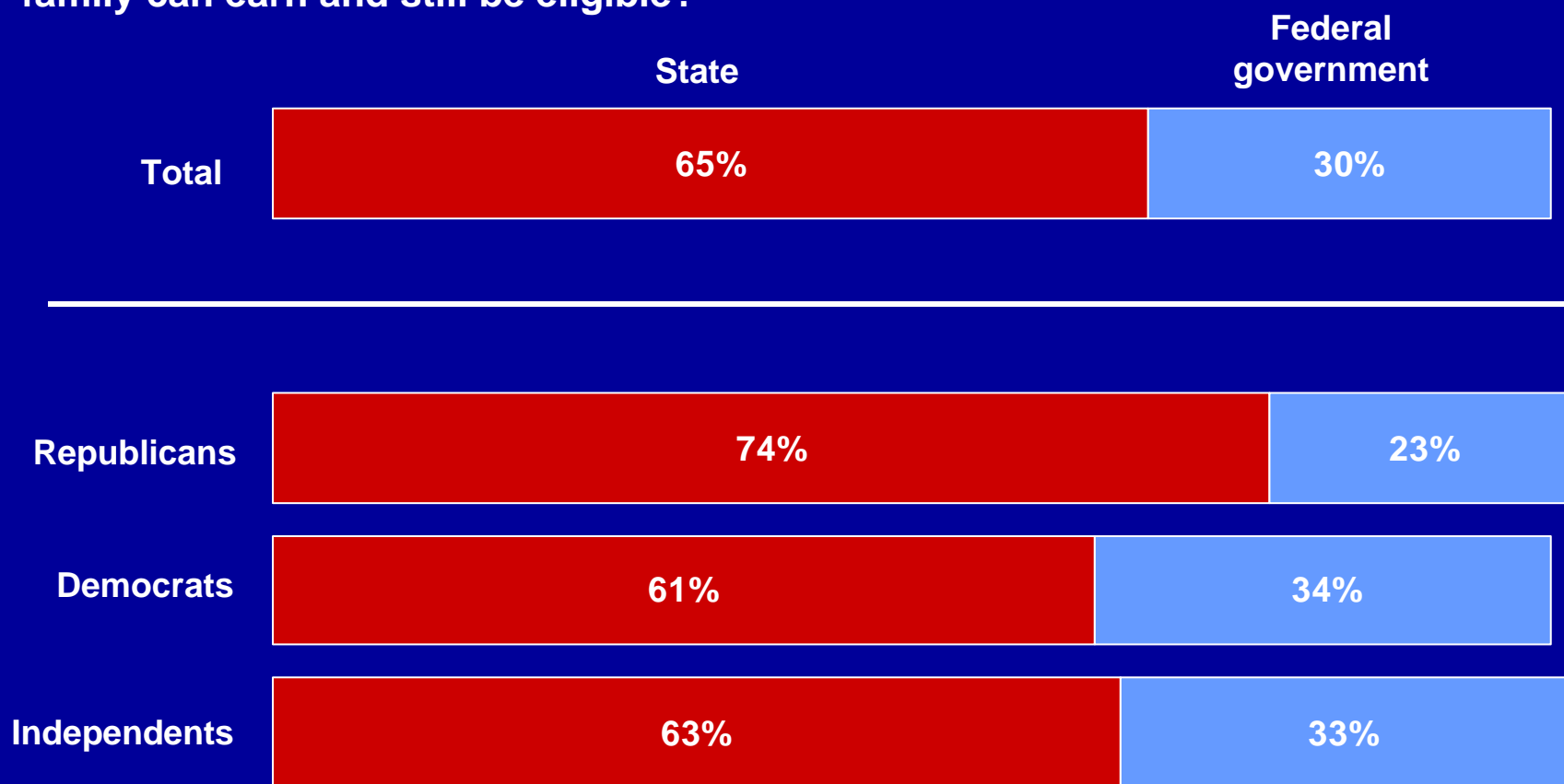
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Chart 9

State vs. Fed: Who Should Decide Eligibility

When it comes to deciding how much a family can make and still be eligible for the children's health insurance program, do you think each state should set their own standards, or the federal government should set some basic limits on how much a family can earn and still be eligible?



Note: "Don't know/refused" responses not shown.

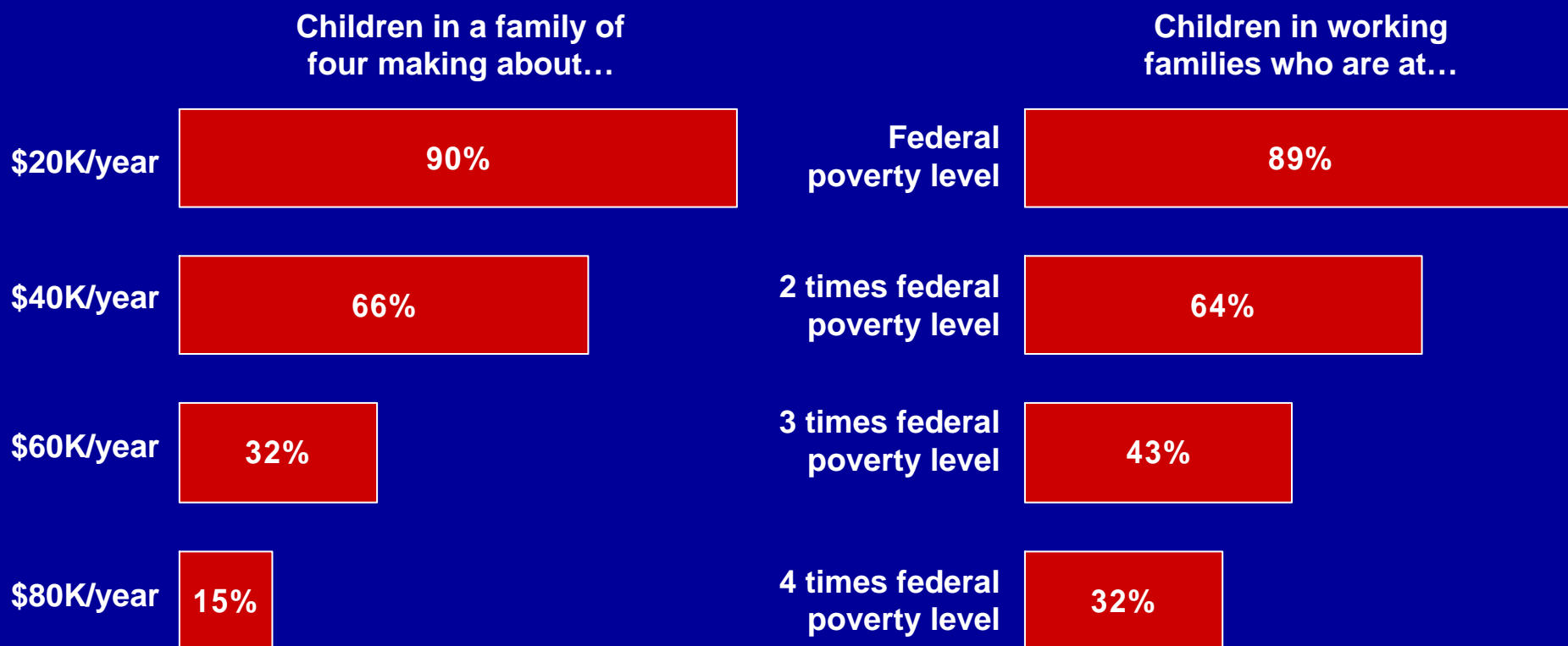
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Chart 10

Public's Reactions To Various Eligibility Criteria

Do you think each of the following should be eligible for the SCHIP program, or not?



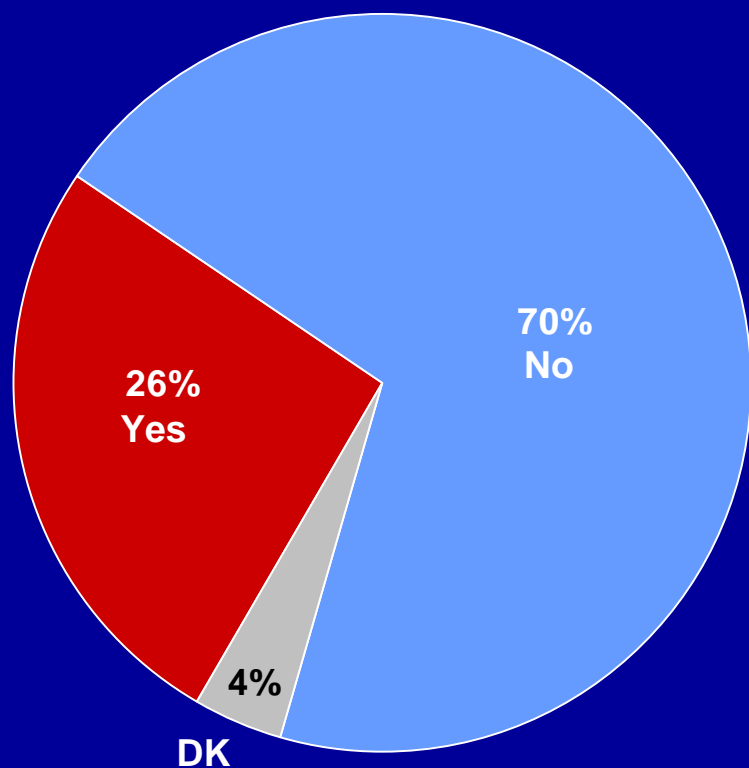
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Chart 11

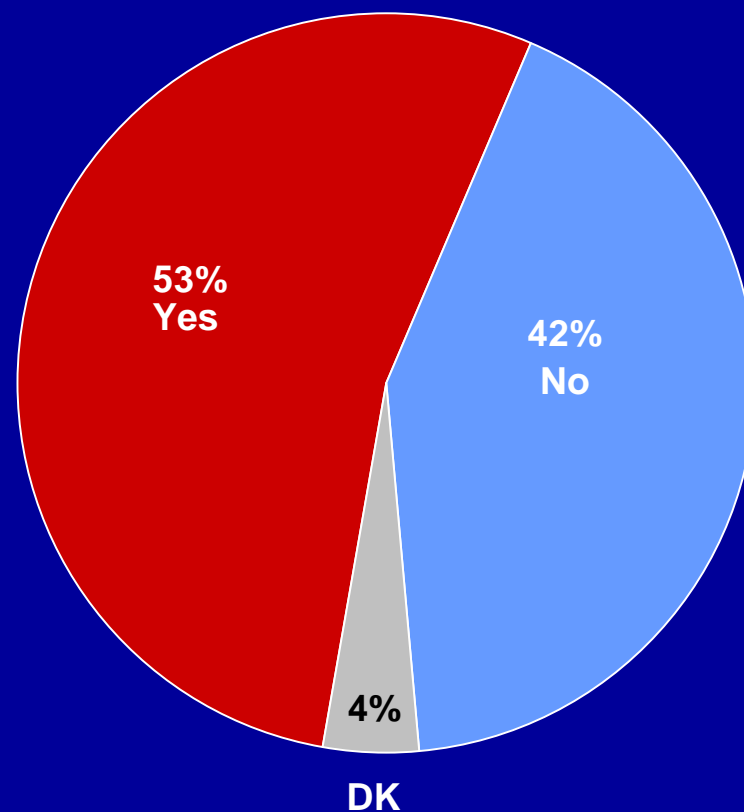
Ability to Afford Health Insurance

Do you think a family of four making (AMOUNT) per year that doesn't get health insurance through an employer can afford to buy their family health insurance coverage ON THEIR OWN, or don't you think they could afford that?

\$40,000



\$60,000



Note: Each question asked of separate half-sample.

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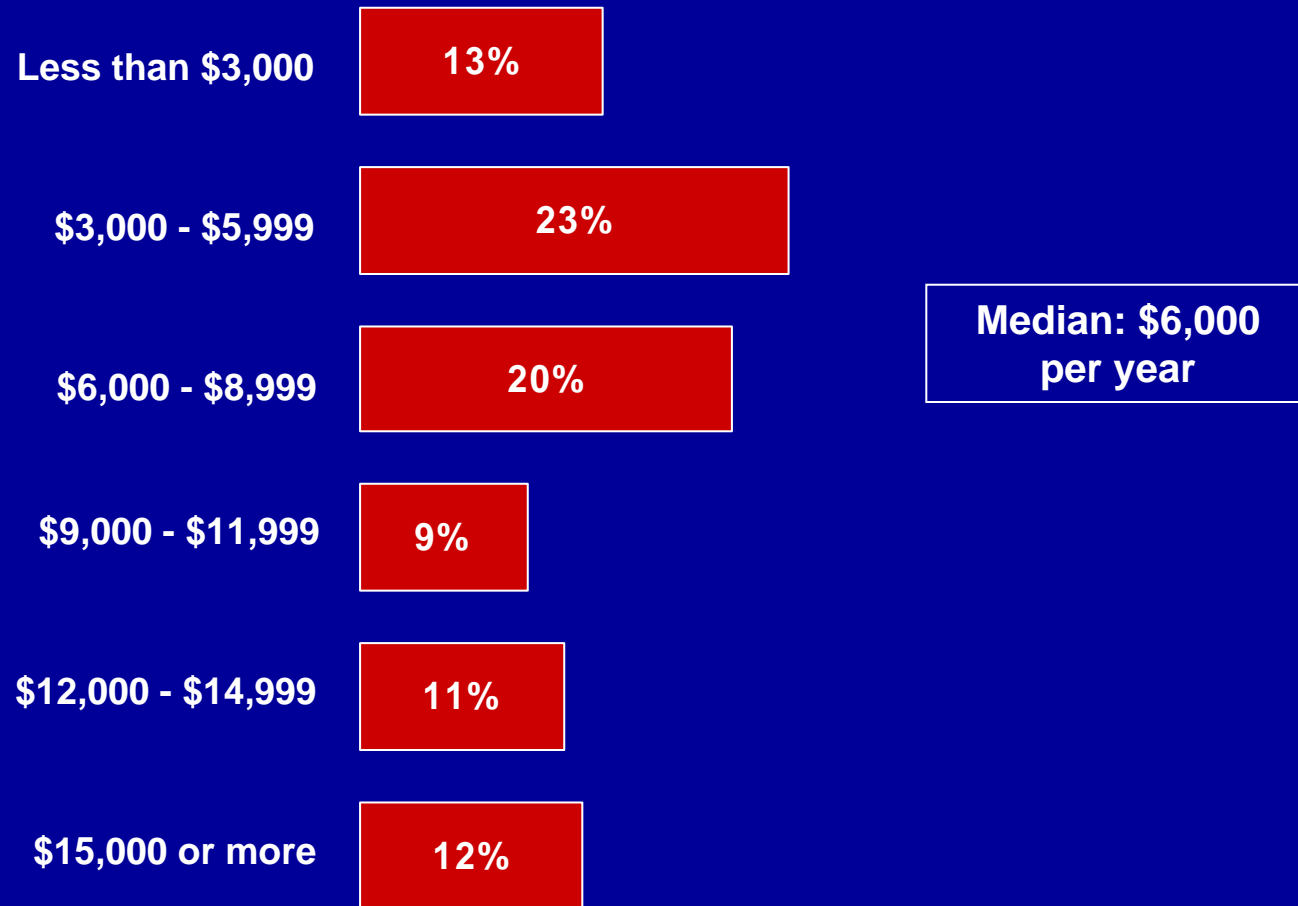
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Chart 12

What Does Health Insurance Cost?

For people who don't get health insurance through their jobs, about how much do you think it would cost to buy a health insurance policy on their own for a family of four?

Amount per year:



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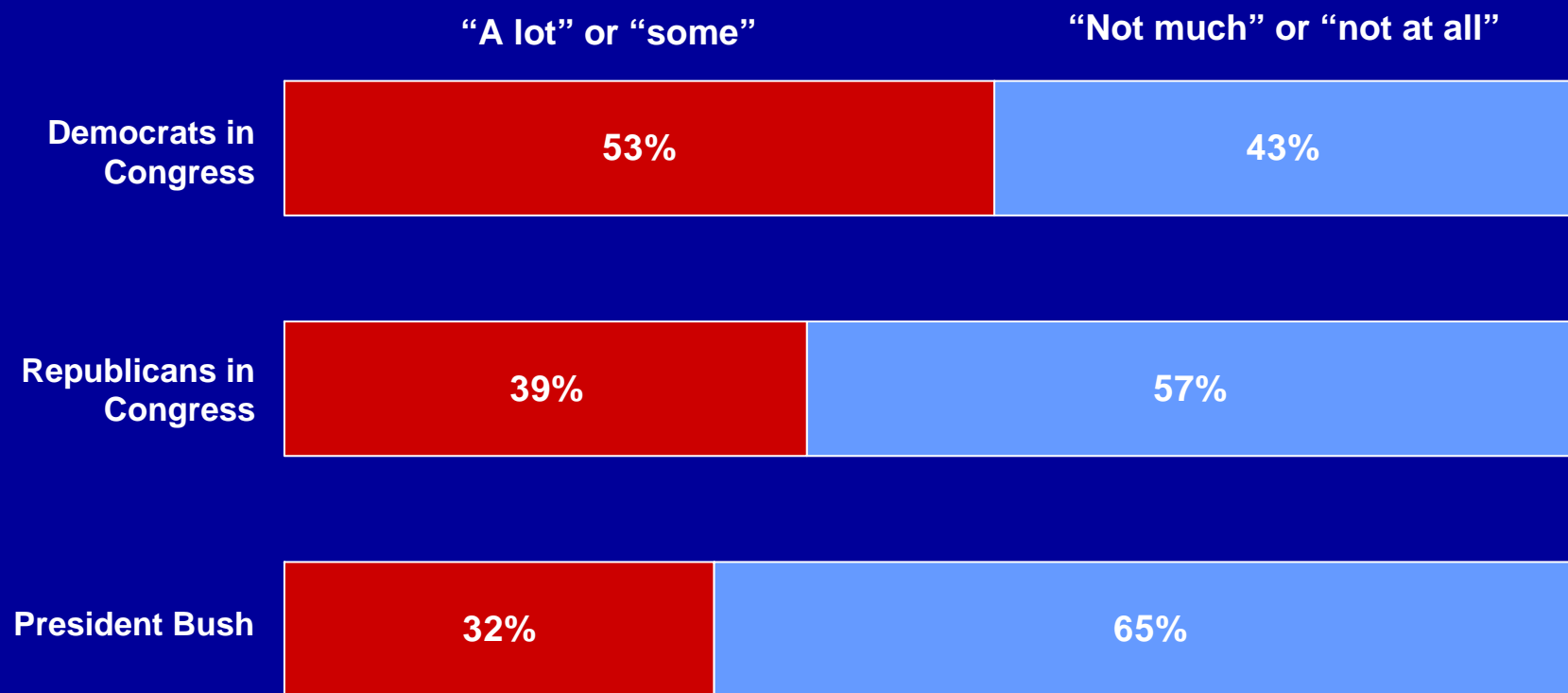


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Chart 13

Insuring Children: Who Do You Trust?

In general, how much do you trust each of the following to handle the issue of providing health insurance for uninsured children:



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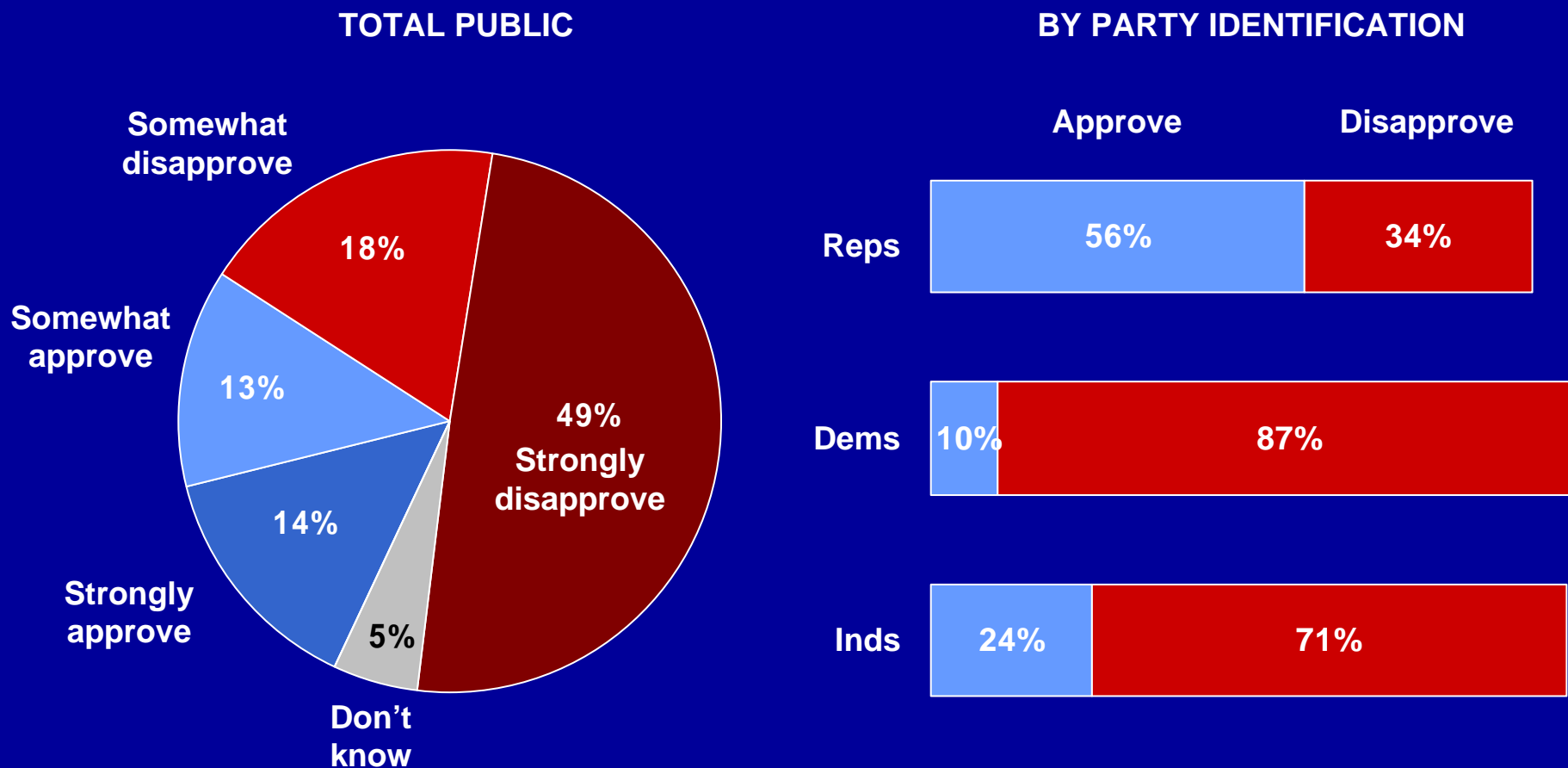
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Chart 14

Reactions to SCHIP Veto

As you may know, President Bush has vetoed the expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program. Do you approve or disapprove of Bush's decision to veto the bill?

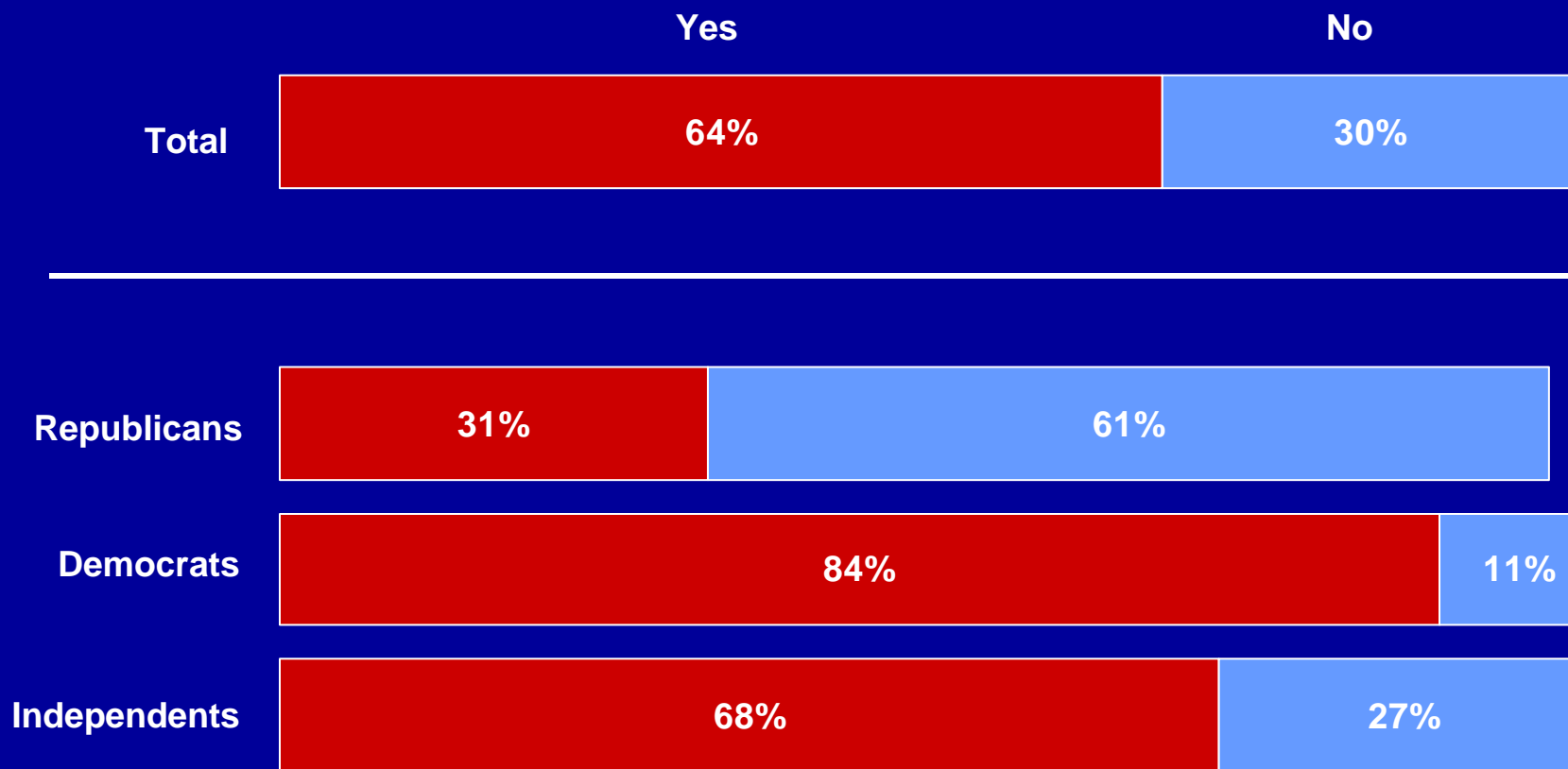


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Chart 15

Most Believe Congress Should Overturn Veto, Except Among Republicans

Do you think Congress should vote to overturn President Bush's veto, or not?



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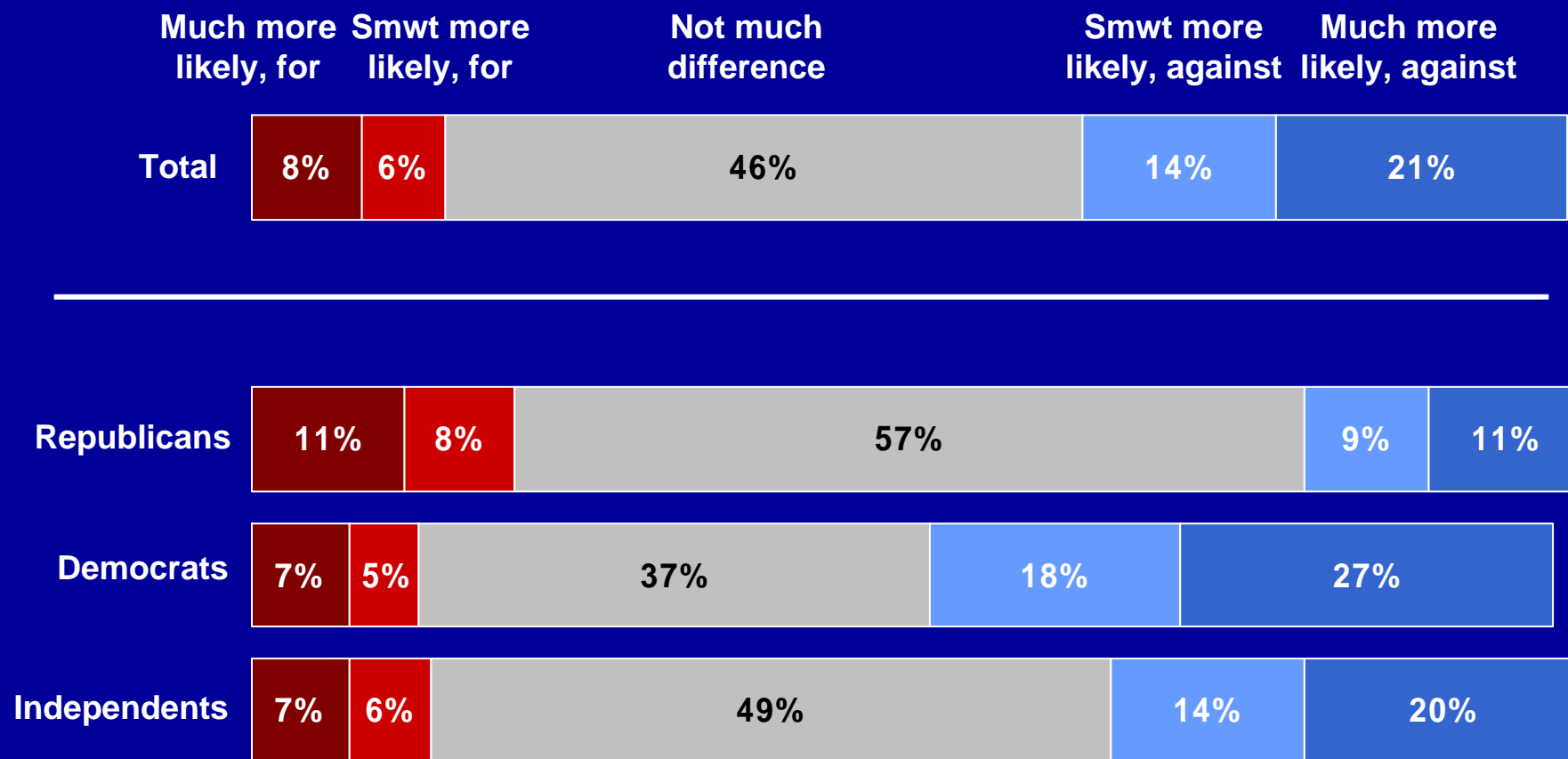
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Chart 16

SCHIP and the 2008 Elections

If your Member of Congress was **OPPOSED** to the expansion of SCHIP, would that make you much more likely to vote for them, somewhat more likely to vote for them, somewhat more likely to vote against them, or much more likely to vote against them in the next election, or wouldn't it make much of a difference to your vote?



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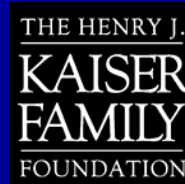
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