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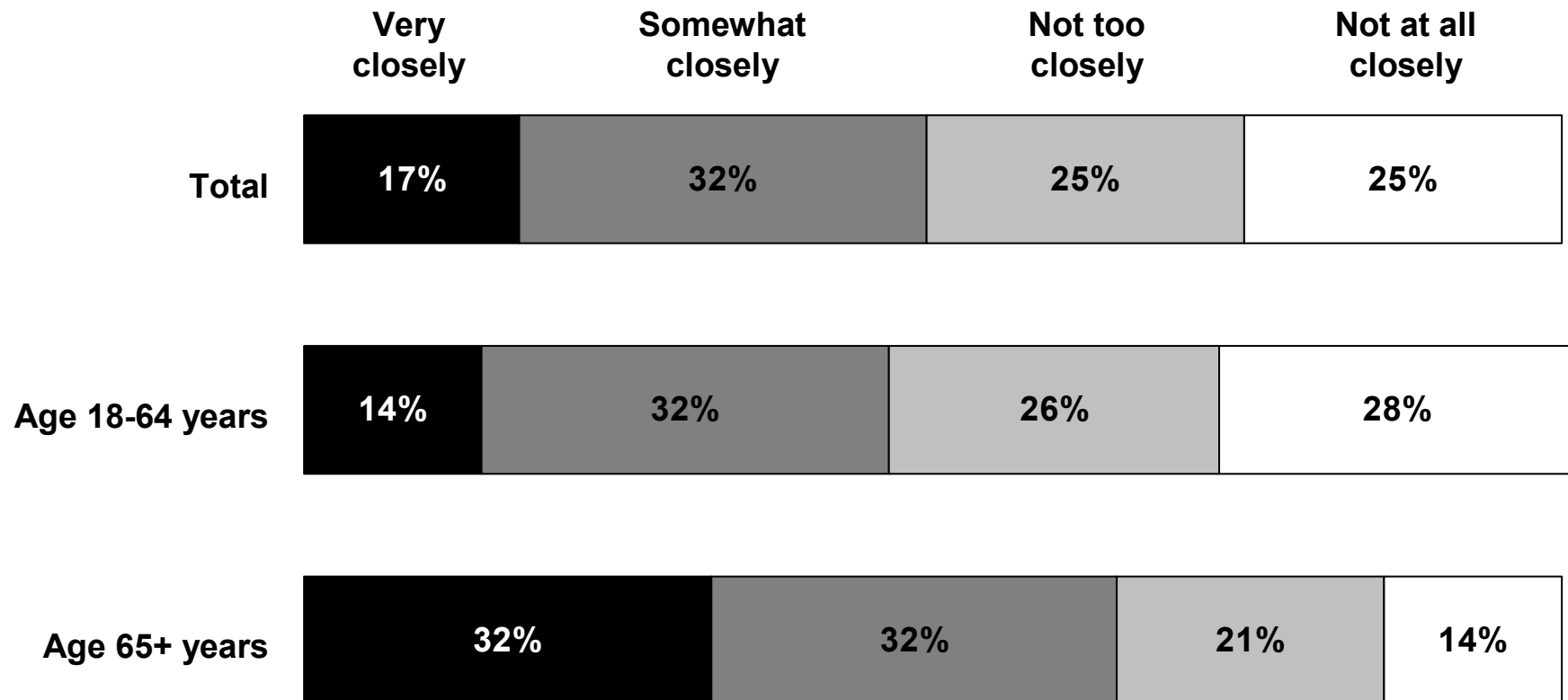
Selected Findings on the New Medicare Drug Law

February 2004

Chart 1

Attention to News about New Medicare Law

How closely did you follow the following story... Continued discussions of the recently passed Medicare prescription drug law?



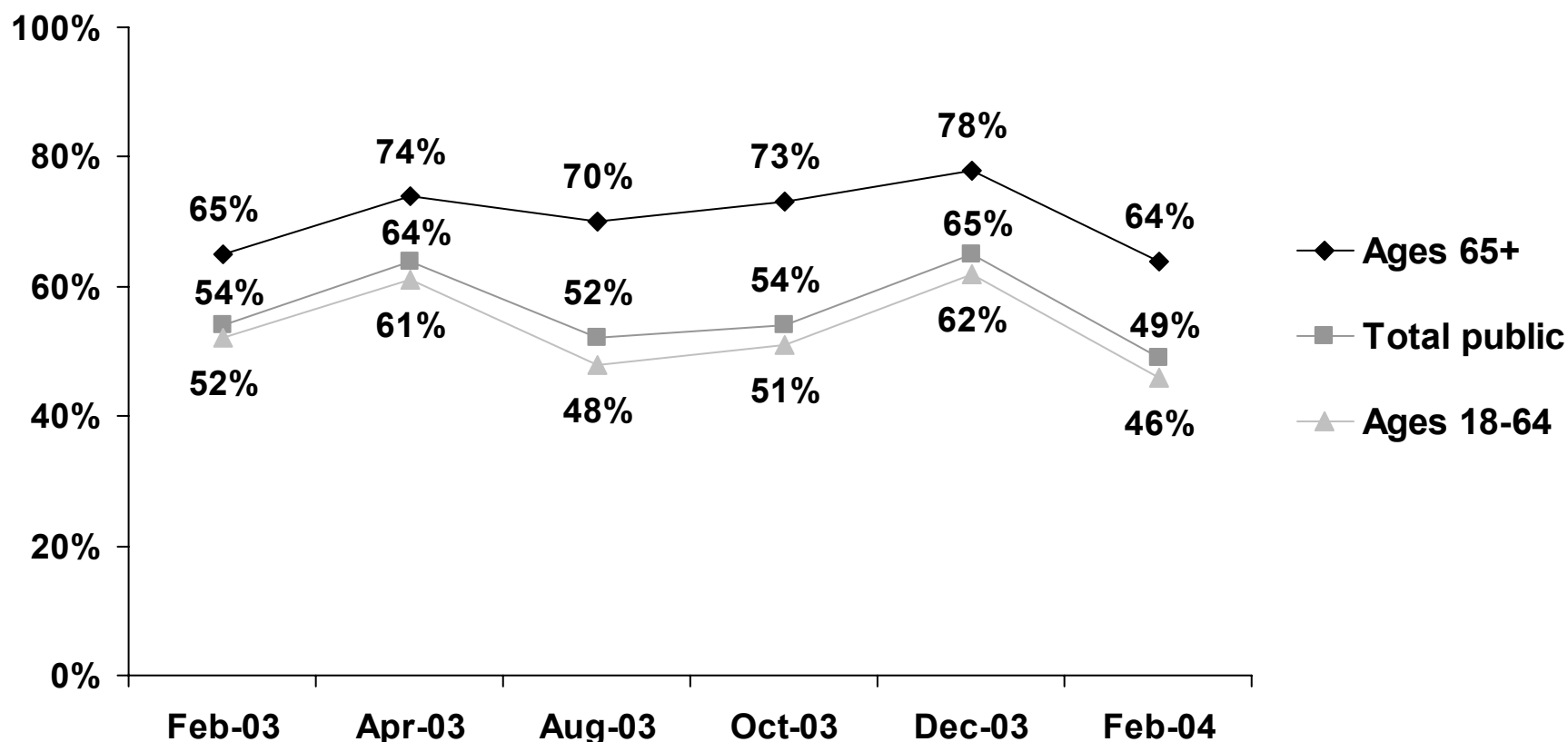
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Chart 2

Attention to Medicare Prescription Drug Debate Over Time

Percent who said they followed news about the Medicare prescription drug debate “very closely” or “somewhat closely”



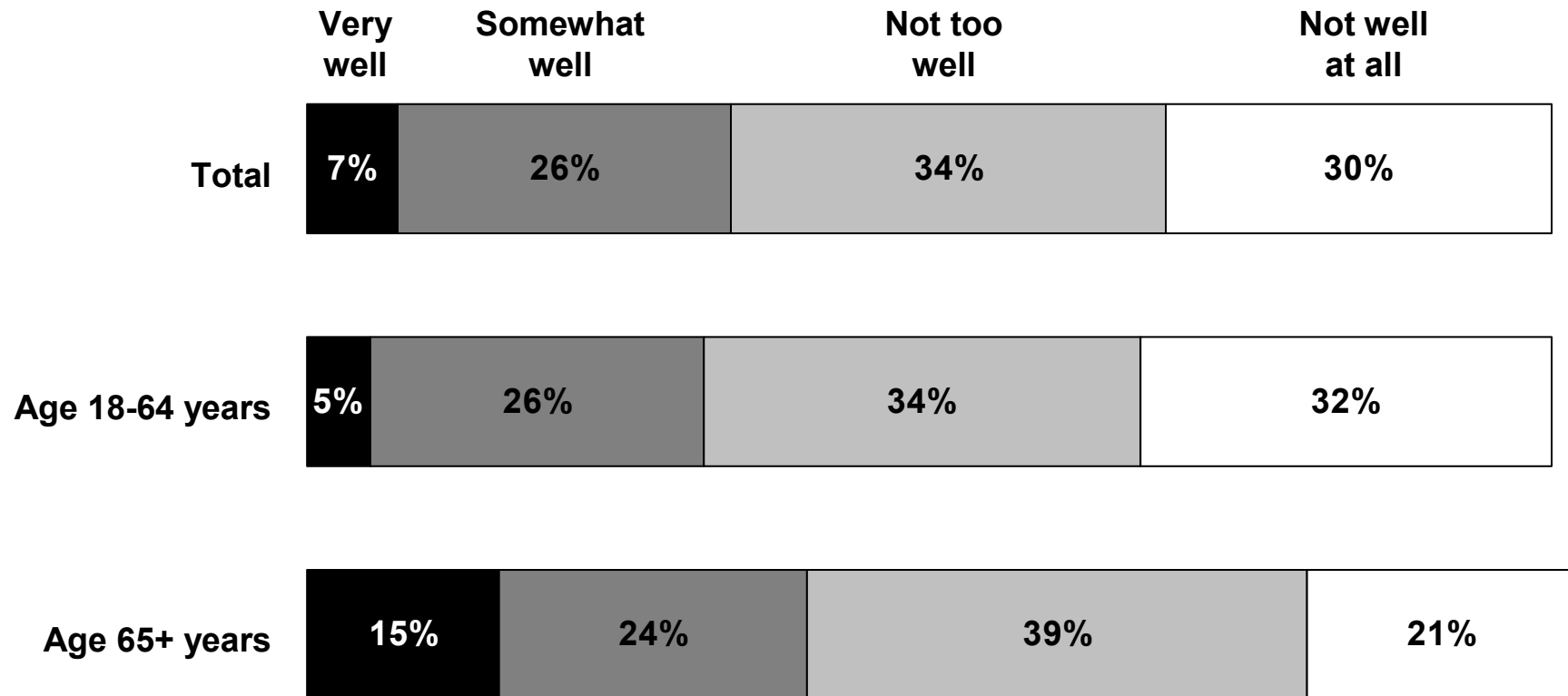
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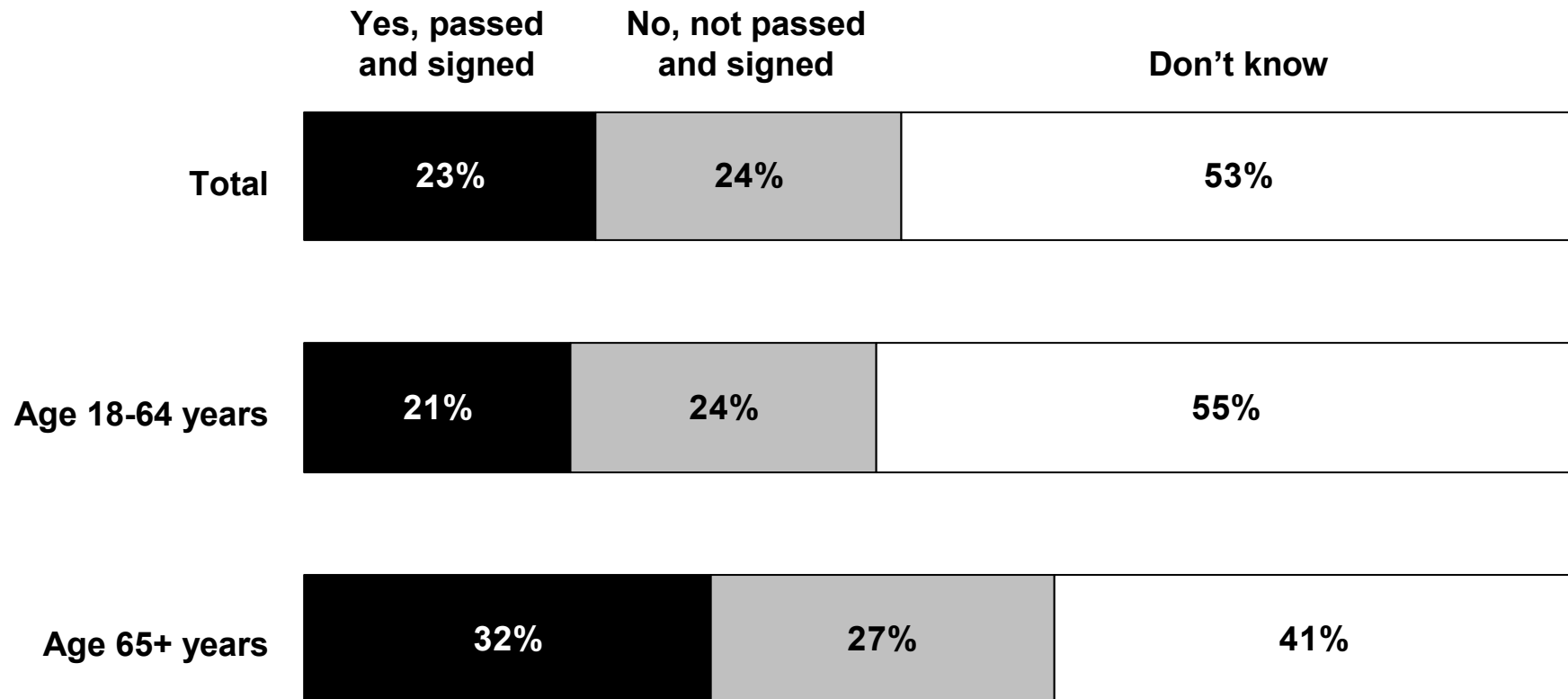
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Chart 4

Knowledge About Medicare Bill's Passage

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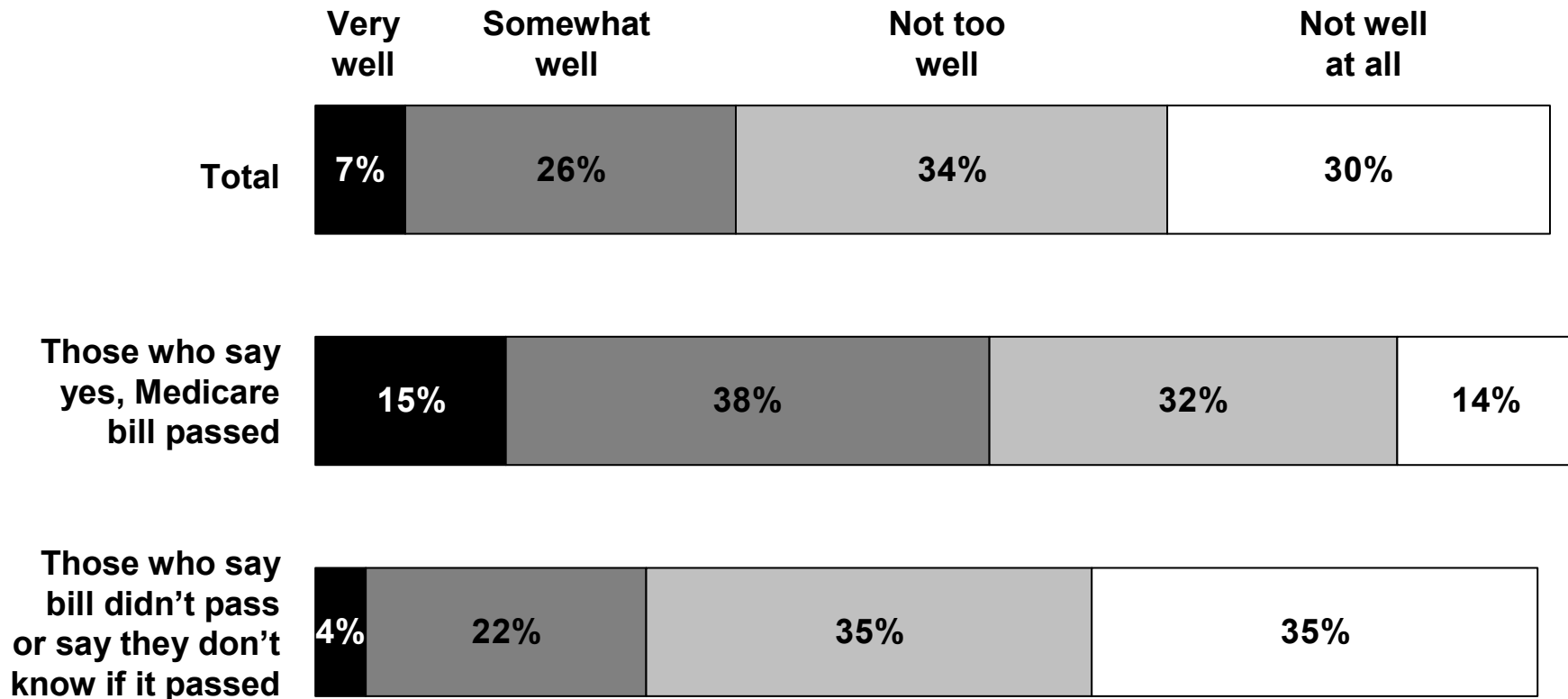


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Reported Understanding of New Medicare Law by Knowledge

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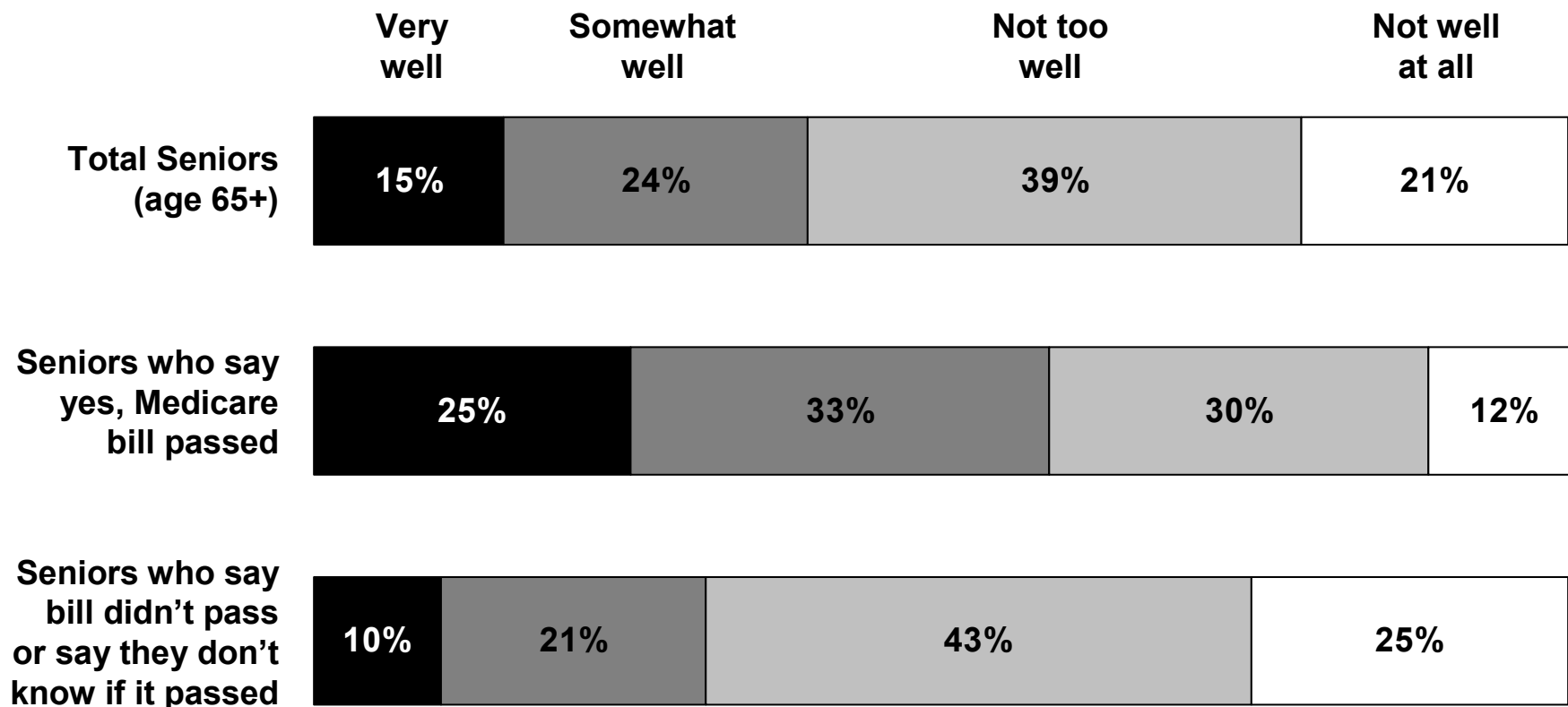


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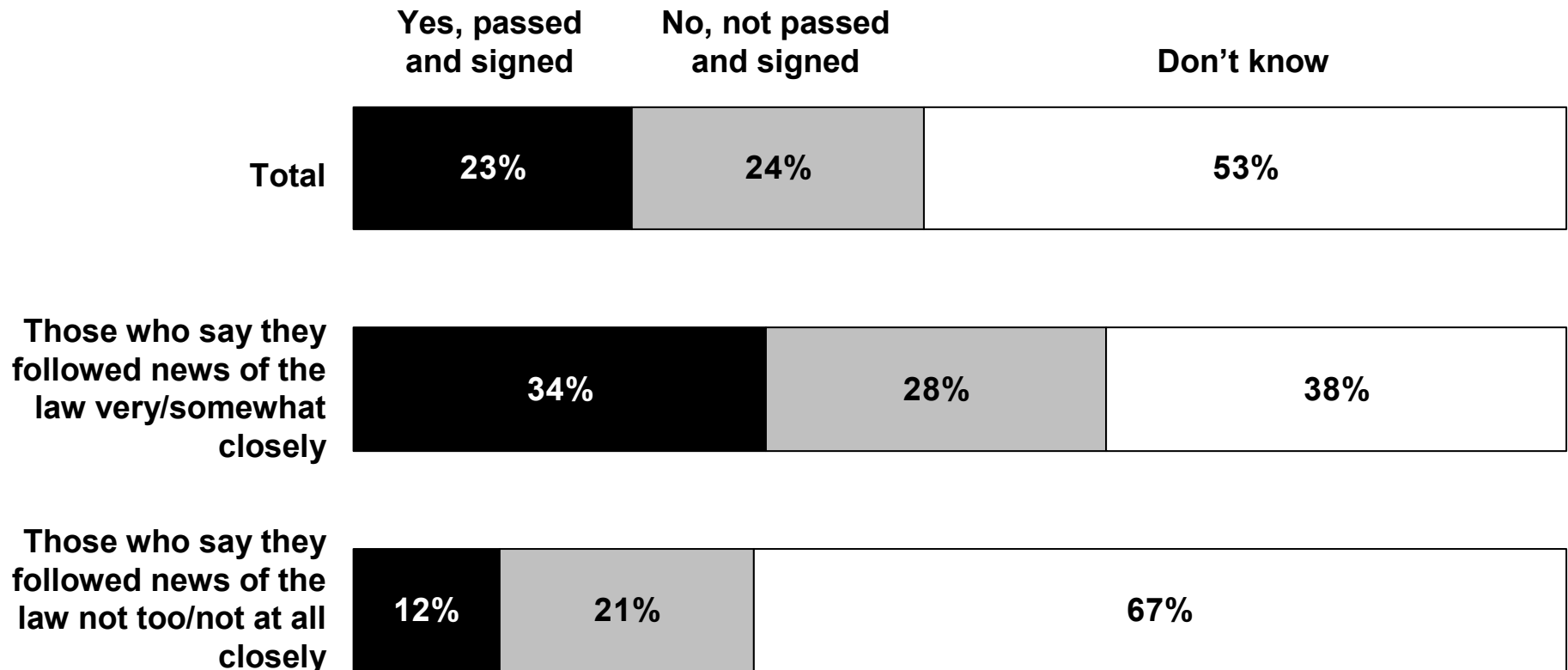


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Chart 7

Knowledge About Medicare Bill's Passage by Attention

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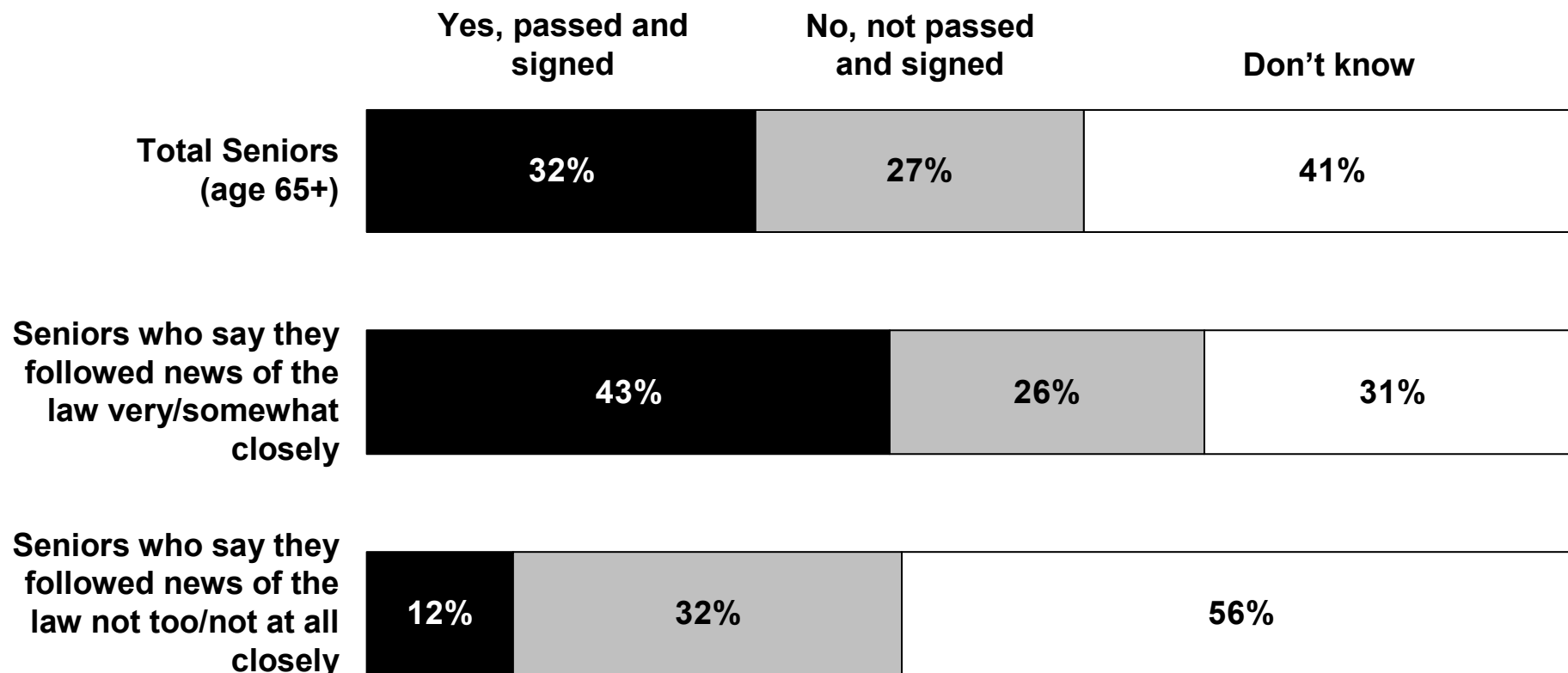


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Chart 8

Knowledge About Medicare Bill's Passage by Attention - Seniors

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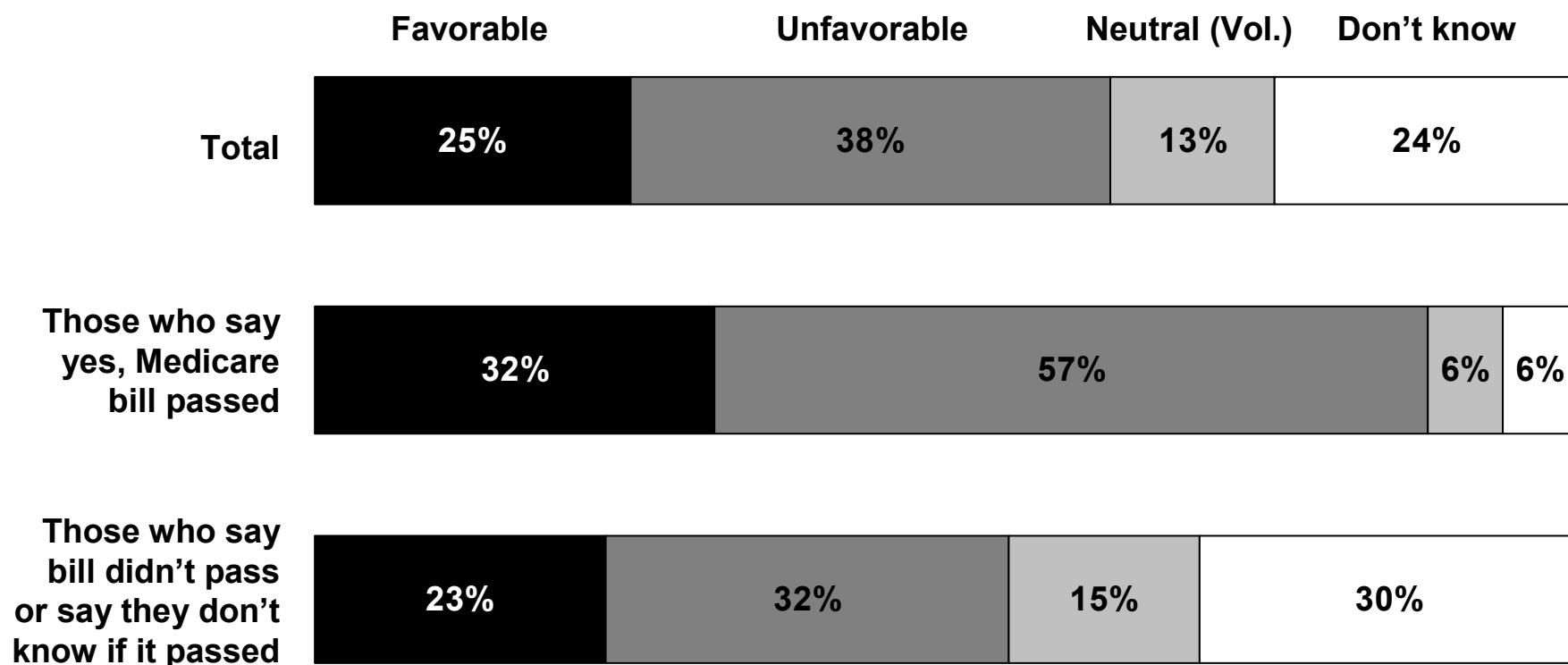


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Impressions of New Medicare Law by Knowledge

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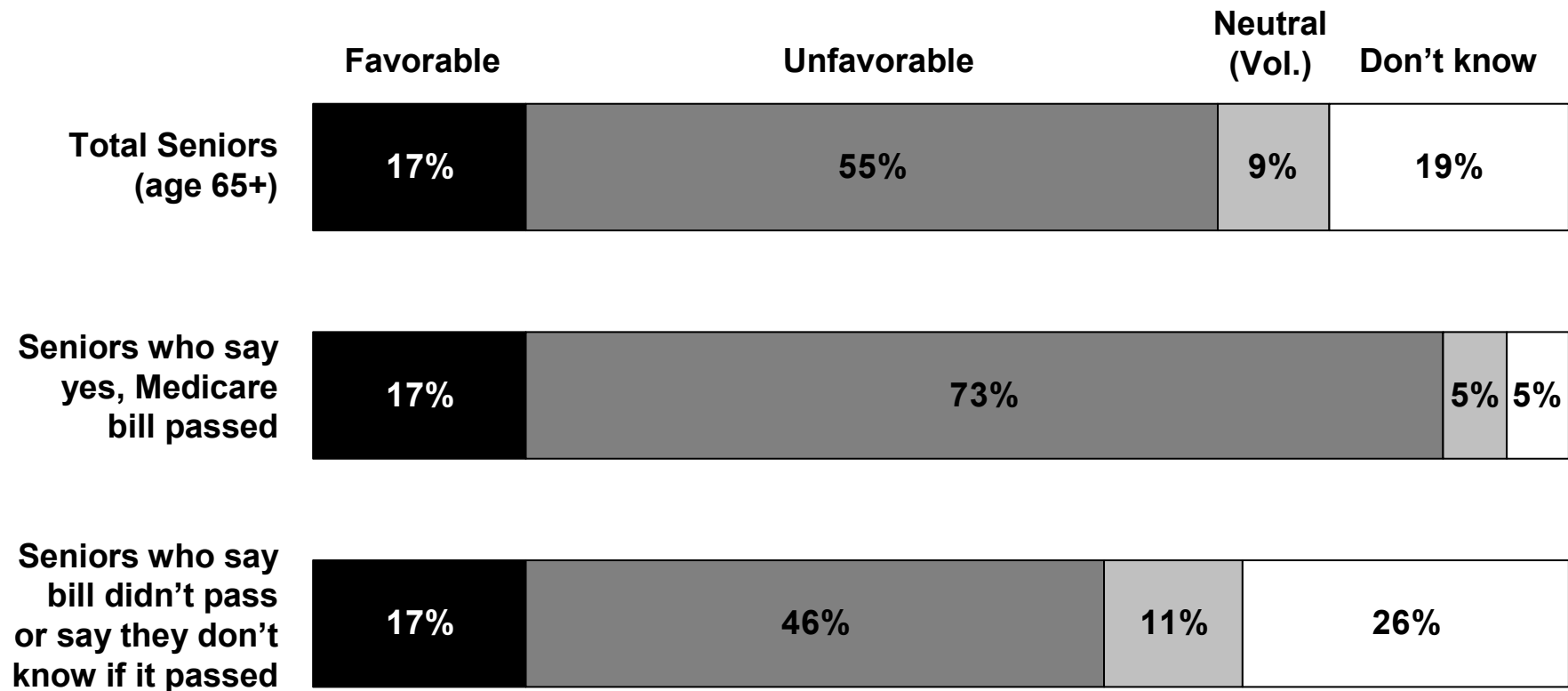


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Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation *Health Poll Report Survey* was designed and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation. Fieldwork was conducted by telephone by Princeton Survey Research Associates International between February 5 and February 8, 2004, among a nationally representative random sample of 1,201 adults ages 18 and over, including 237 adults ages 65 and older.

The margin of sampling error for the survey is plus or minus 3 percentage points for total respondents; for respondents ages 65 and older it is plus or minus 6.7 percentage points. For results based on smaller subsets of respondents the margin of sampling error is higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*). “VOL” indicates that a response was volunteered by respondent, not an explicitly offered choice.

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