

# 11<sup>th</sup> Vanderbilt University Poll

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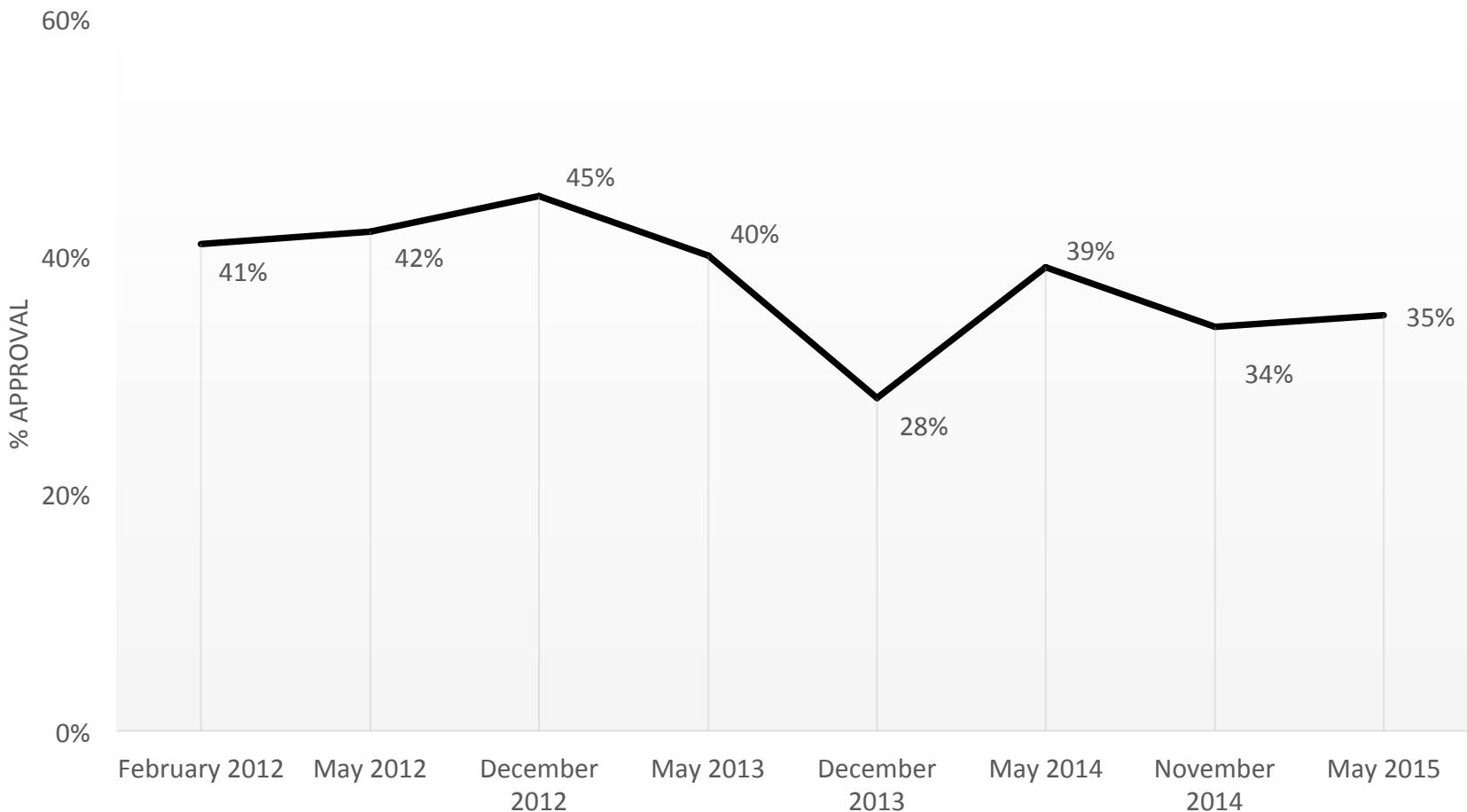
**May 13, 2015**

**1,001 registered voters in Tennessee**

**MoE: +/- 4.3 percentage points**

# Obama Approval

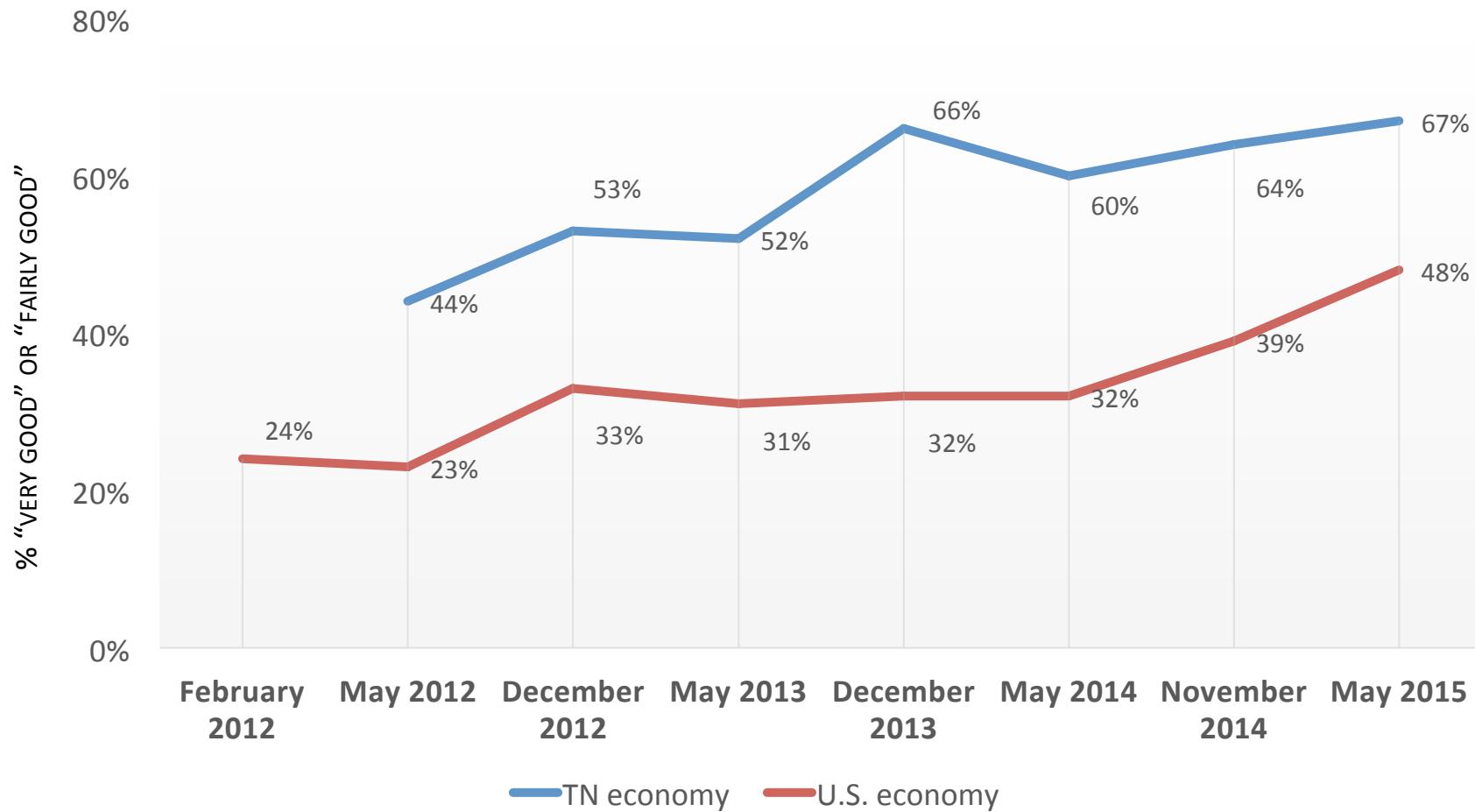
## Among TN Registered Voters



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# Perceptions of the Economy

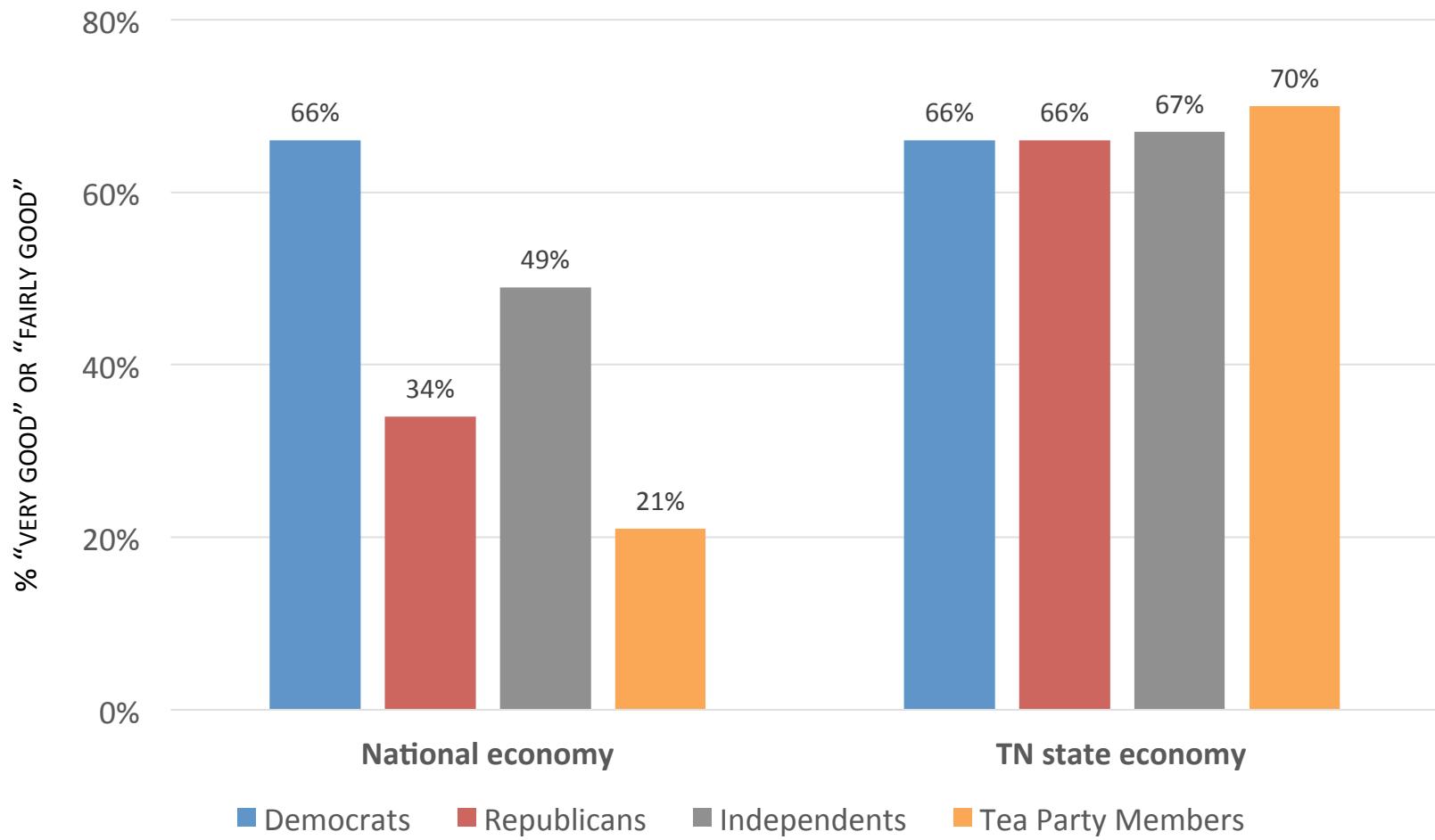
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# Perceptions of the Economy by Partisanship

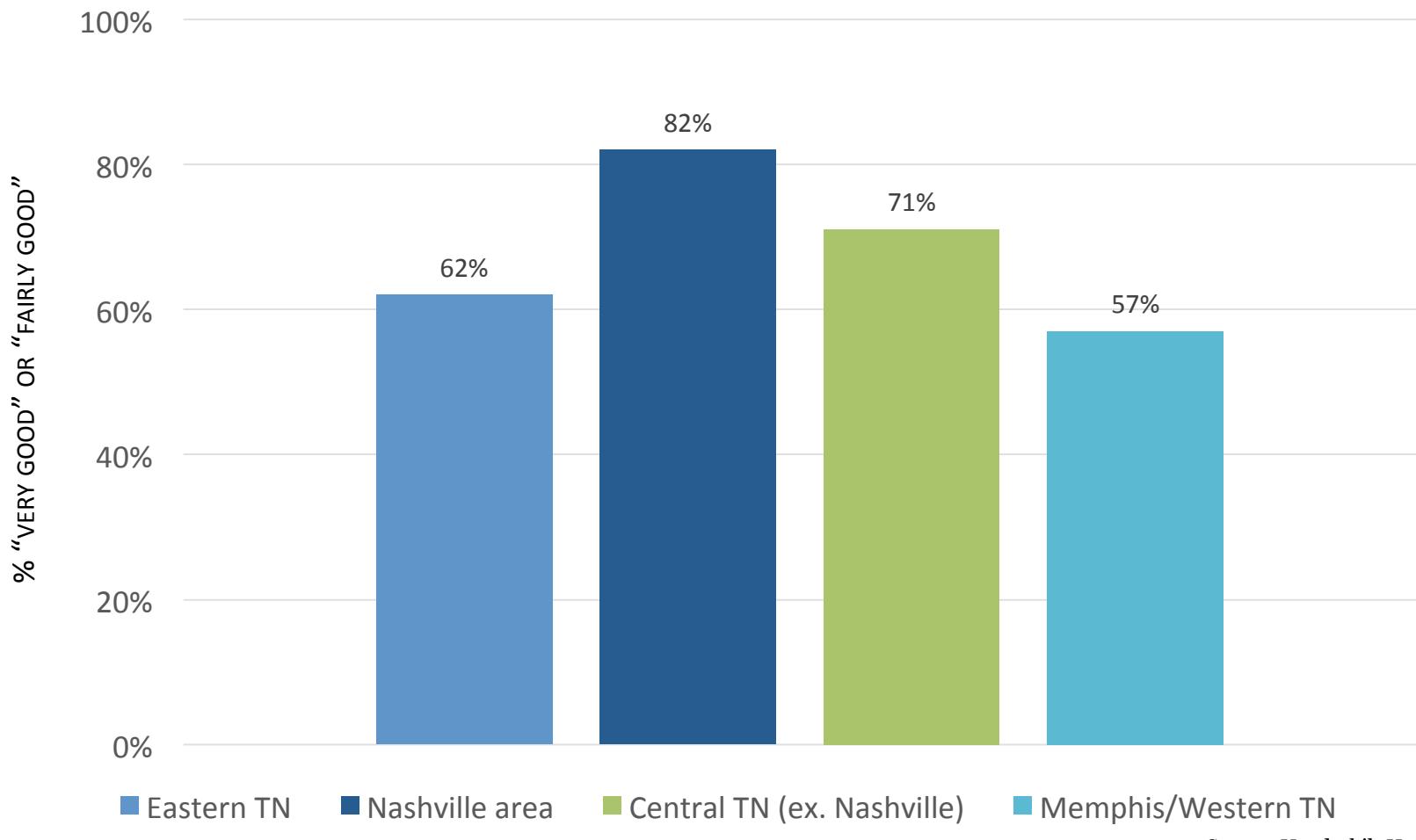
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# Perceptions of State Economy by Region

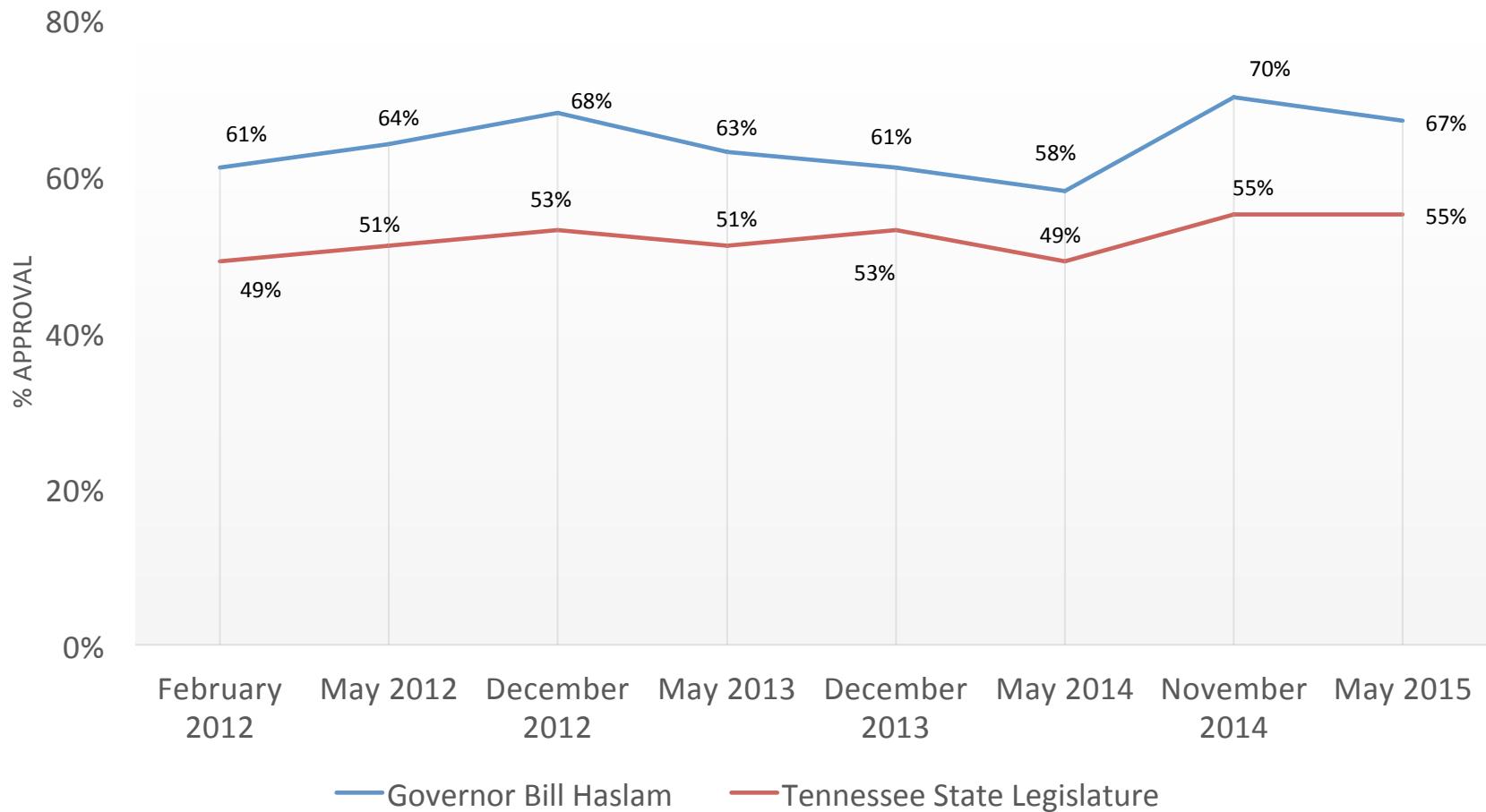
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# Approval of Haslam & State Legislature

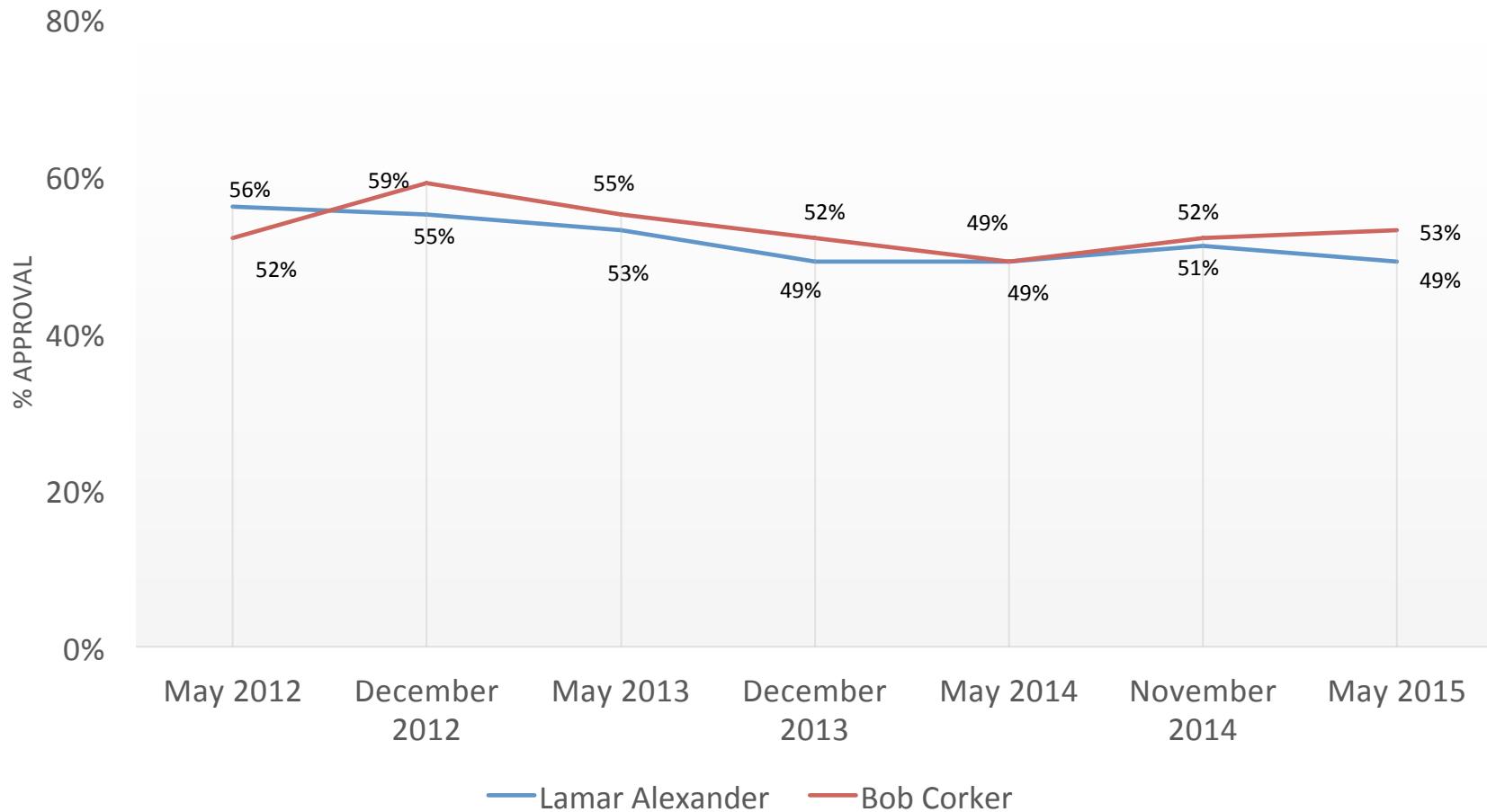
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# Approval of Tennessee Senators

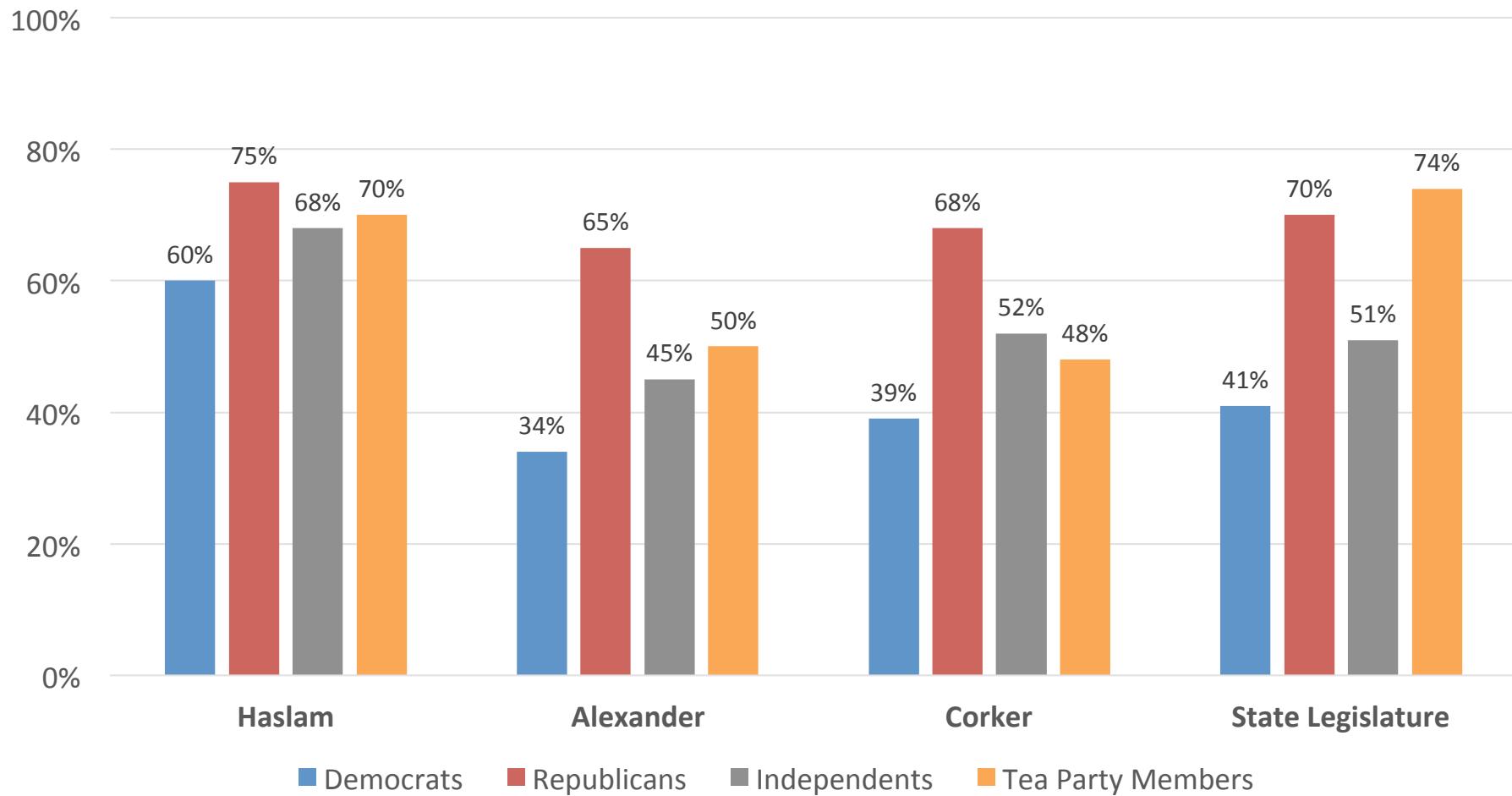
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# Approval of State Leaders by Partisanship

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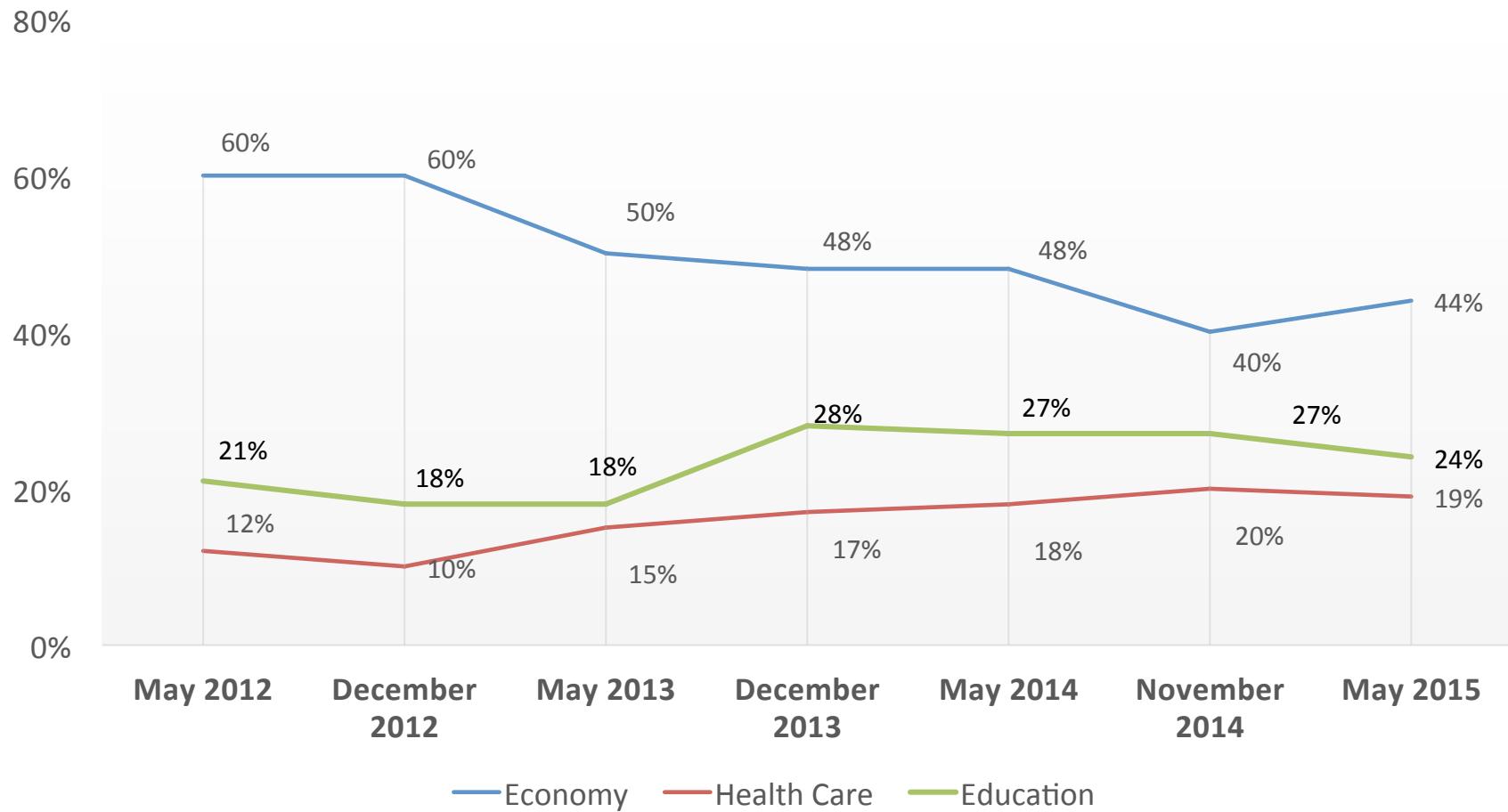


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# Top Priority of TN State Government Over Time

## Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following do you think should be the top priority of the Tennessee state government?

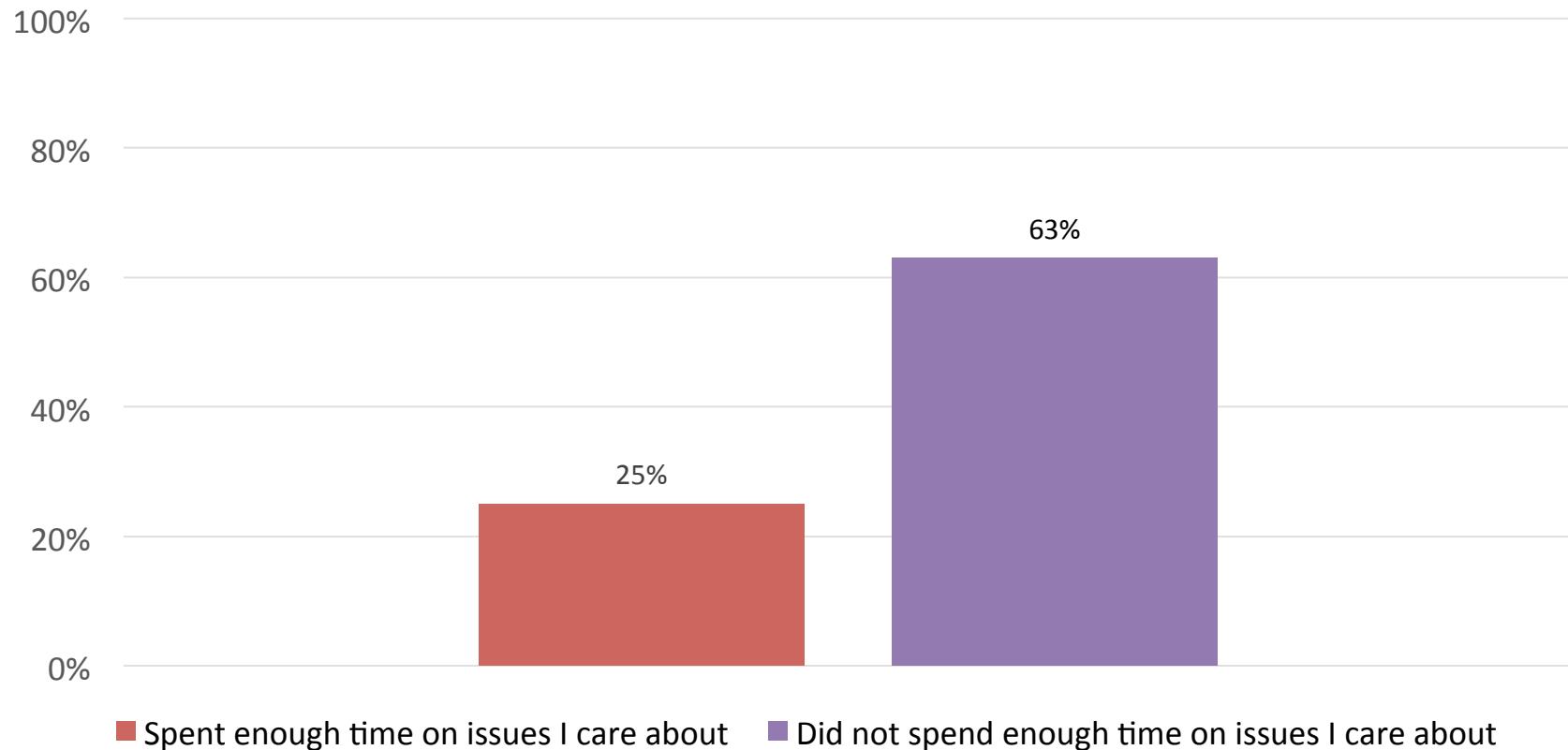


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# Opinion – State Legislative Priorities

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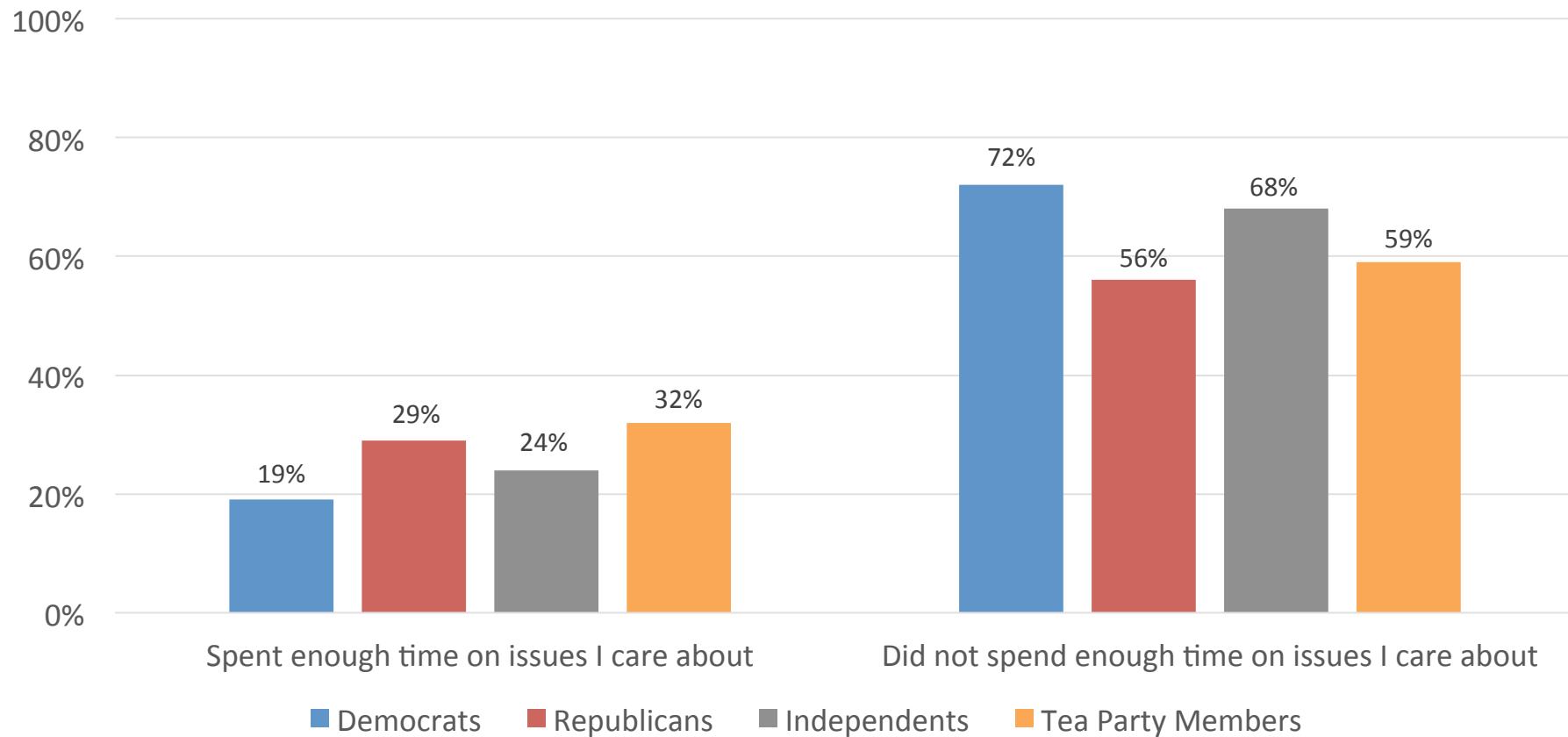


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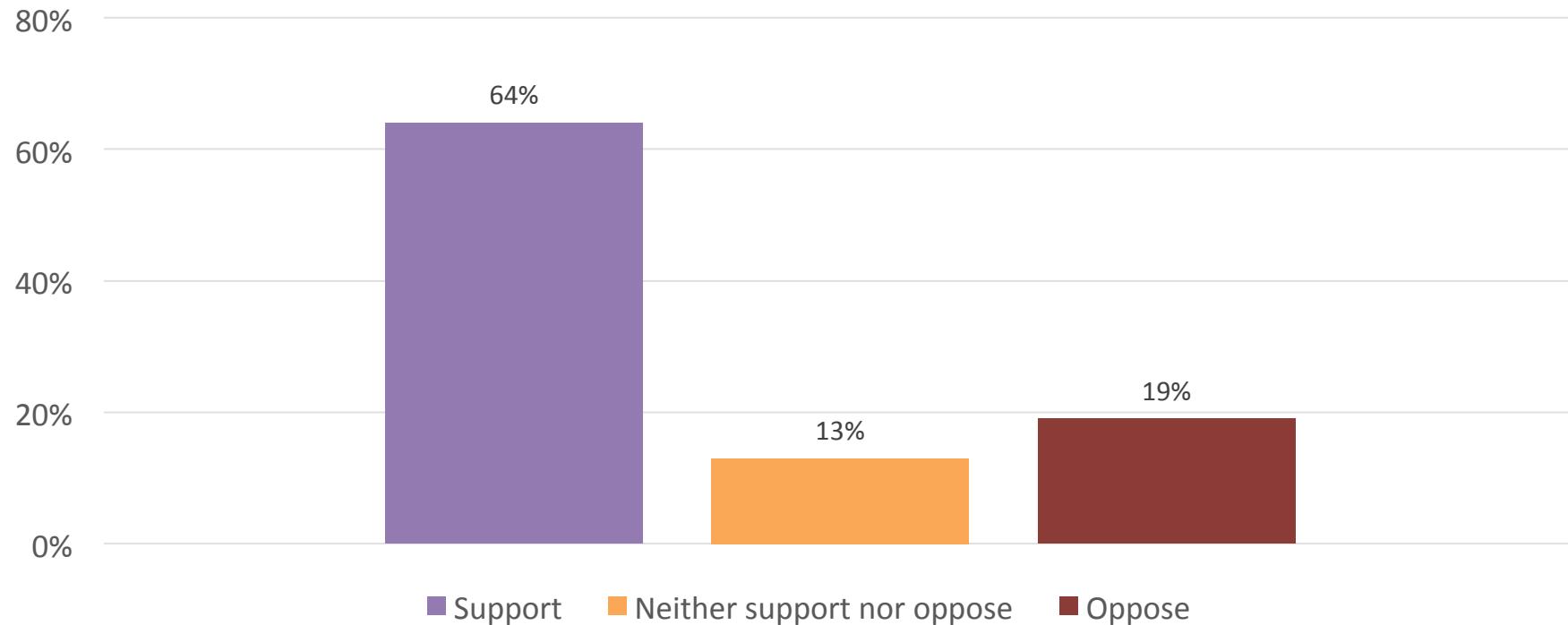
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# Support for Insure Tennessee

## Among TN Registered Voters

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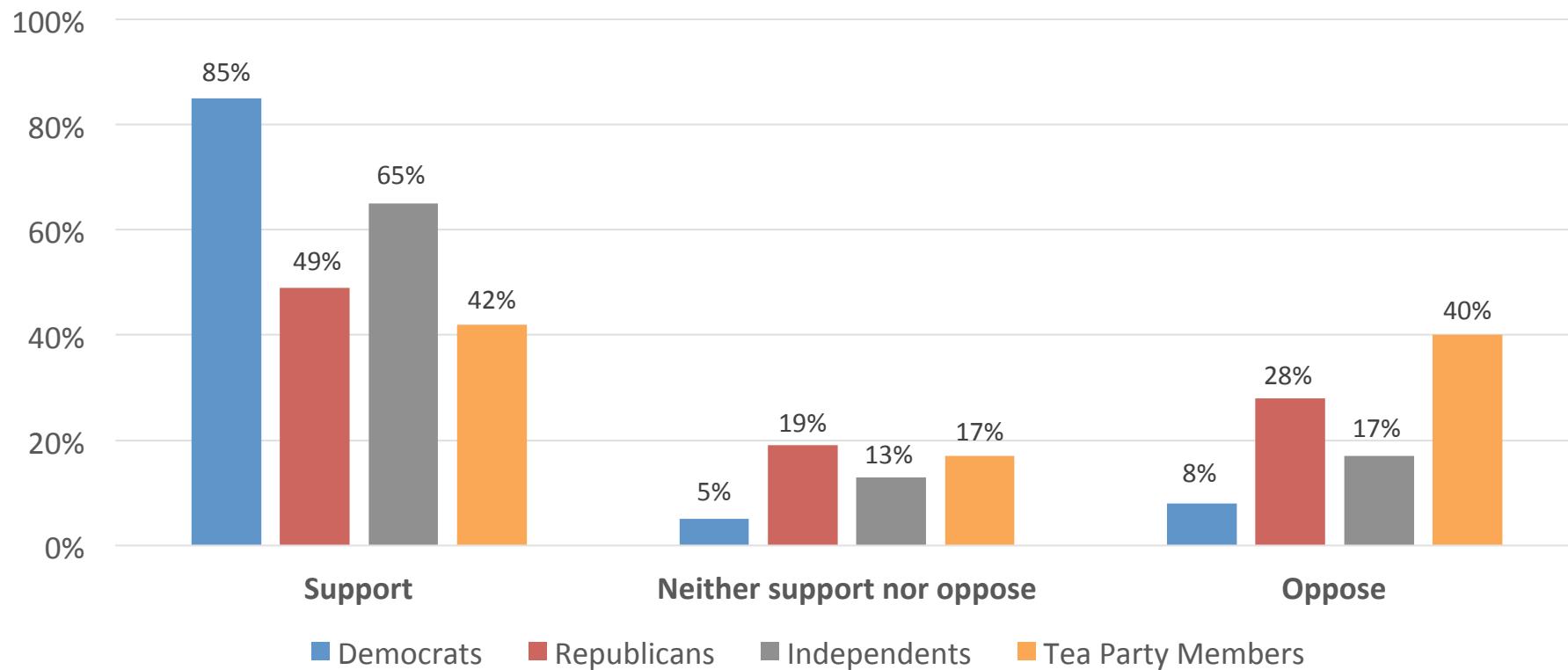


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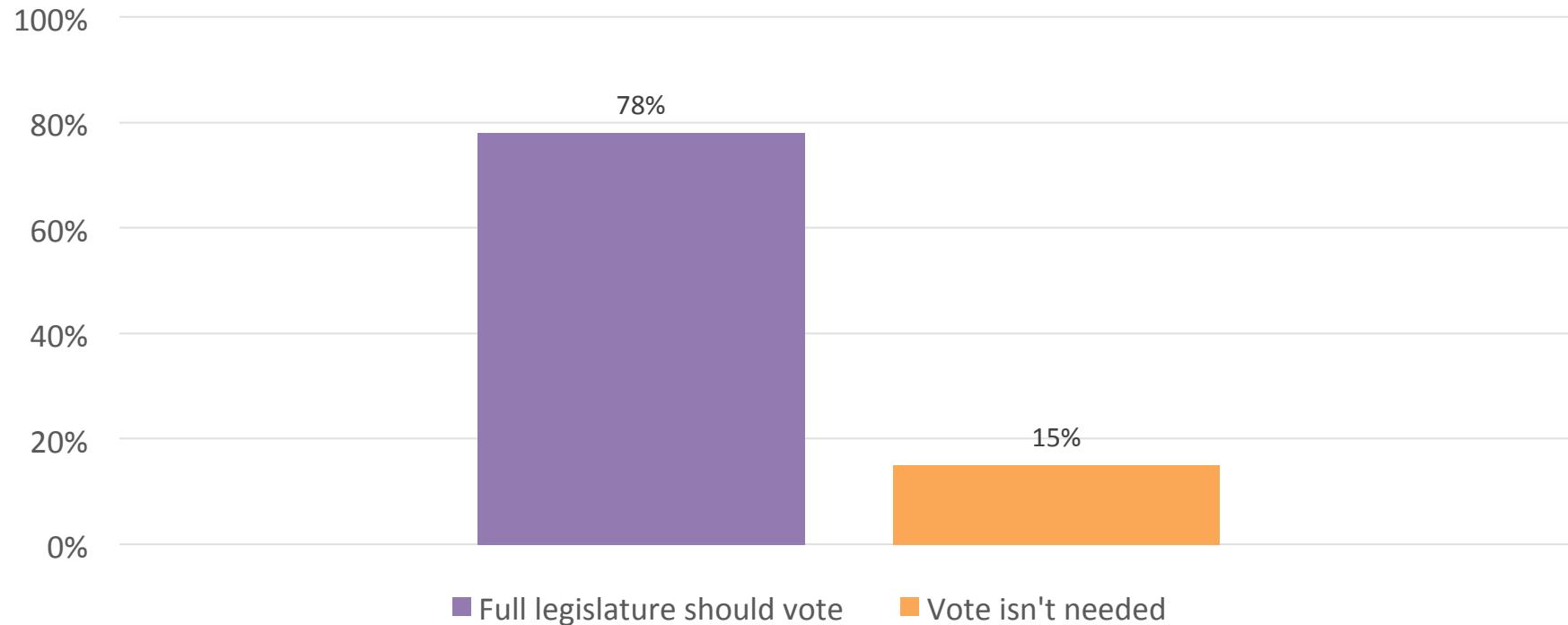


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# Opinion – Need for Legislative Vote on Insure Tennessee

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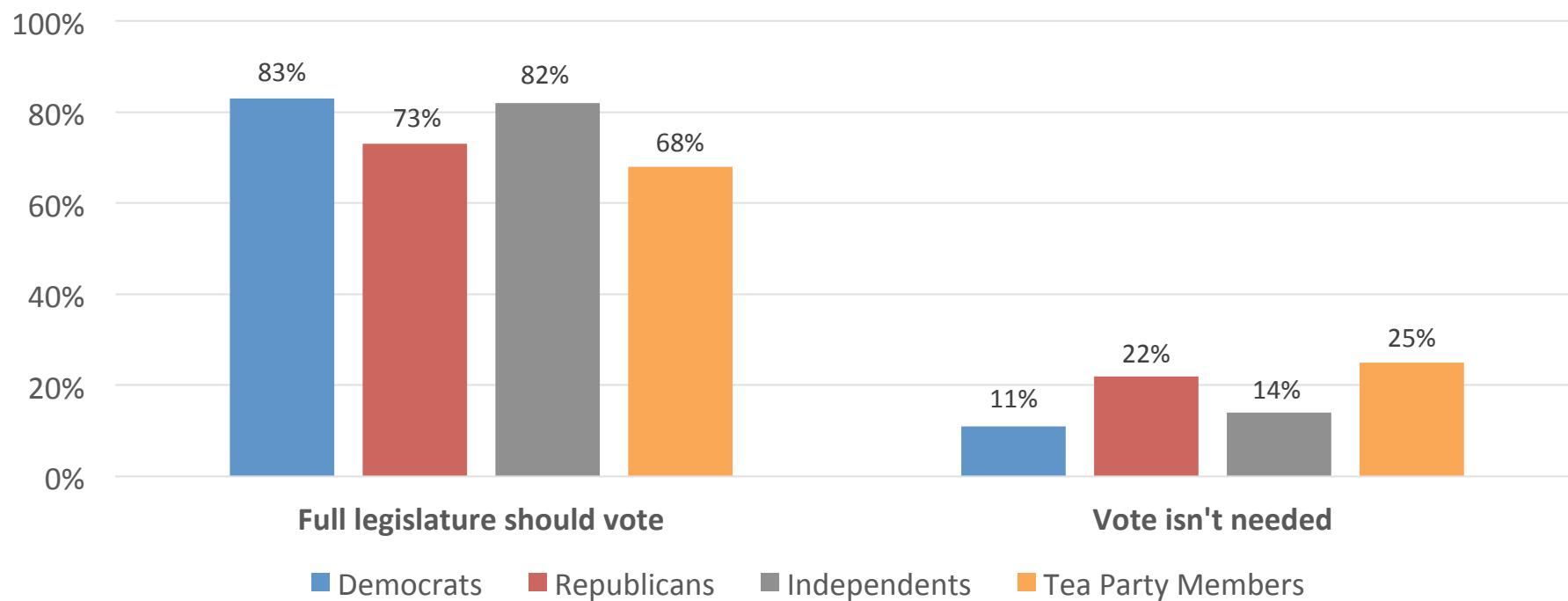


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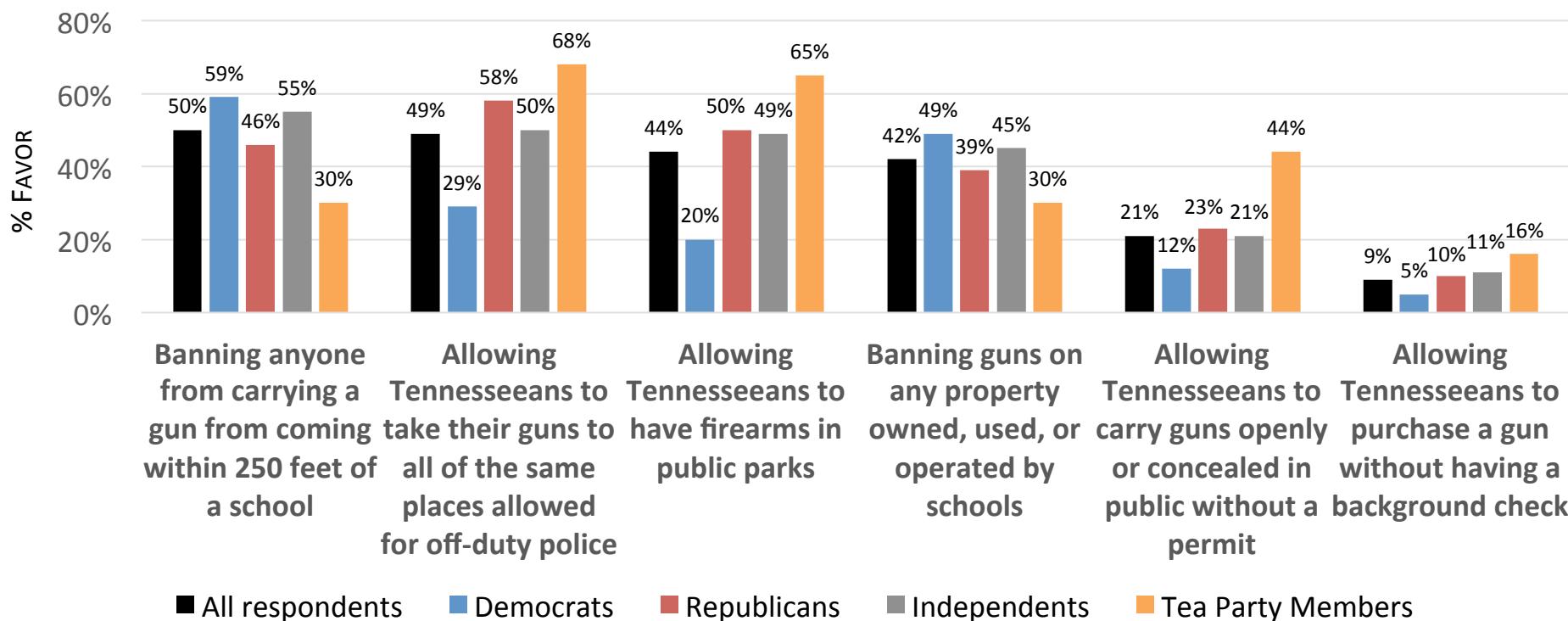


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# Favorability of Proposed Gun Control Legislation by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

The Tennessee State Legislature is considering legislation on a number of issues related to gun control. Would you favor or oppose each of the following measures?

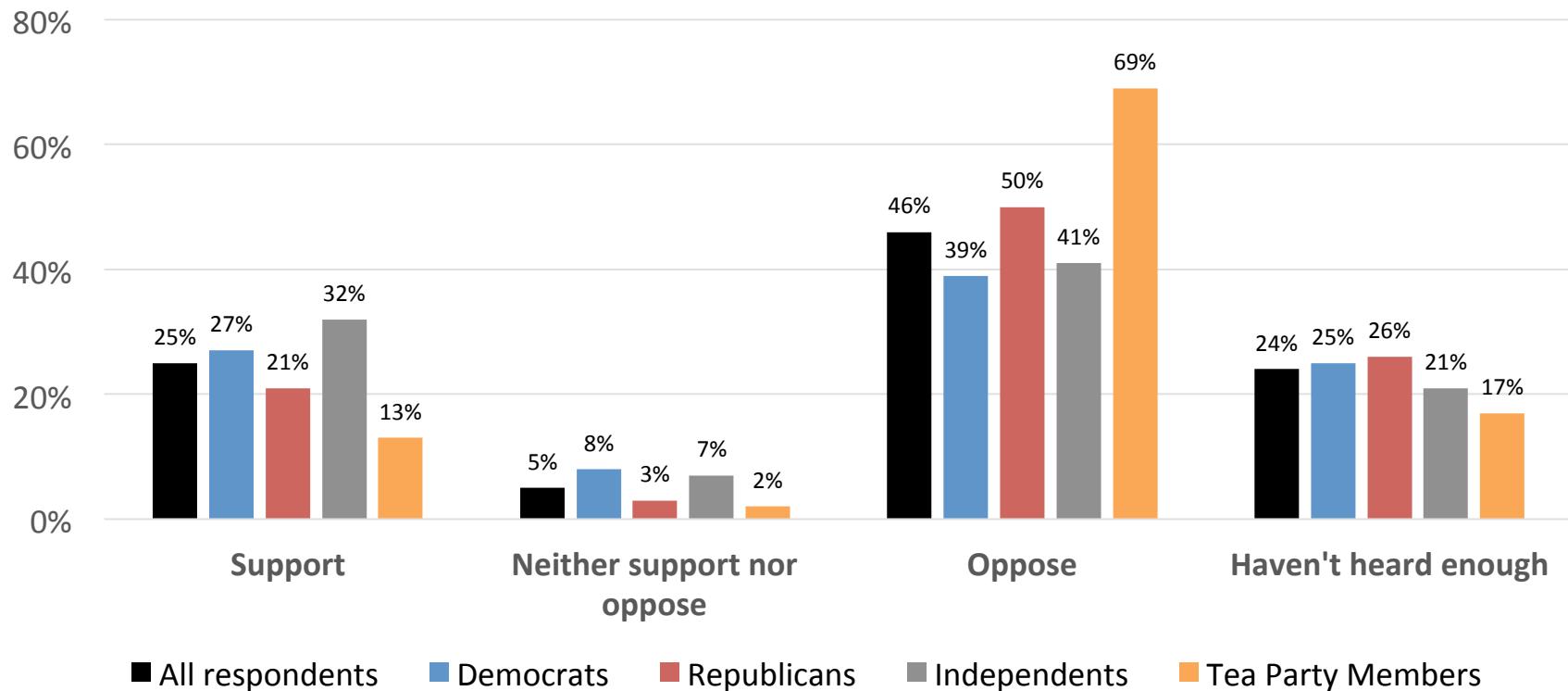


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# Support for Gas Tax by Partisanship

## Among TN Registered Voters

Elected officials in Tennessee are considering raising the gas tax for the first time in more than 25 years. Revenues from the tax will help fund improvements to roads throughout the state [as well as develop mass transit alternatives that would relieve traffic]. Do you [favor], neither favor nor oppose, or [oppose] an increase in the gas tax, or haven't you heard enough about it?

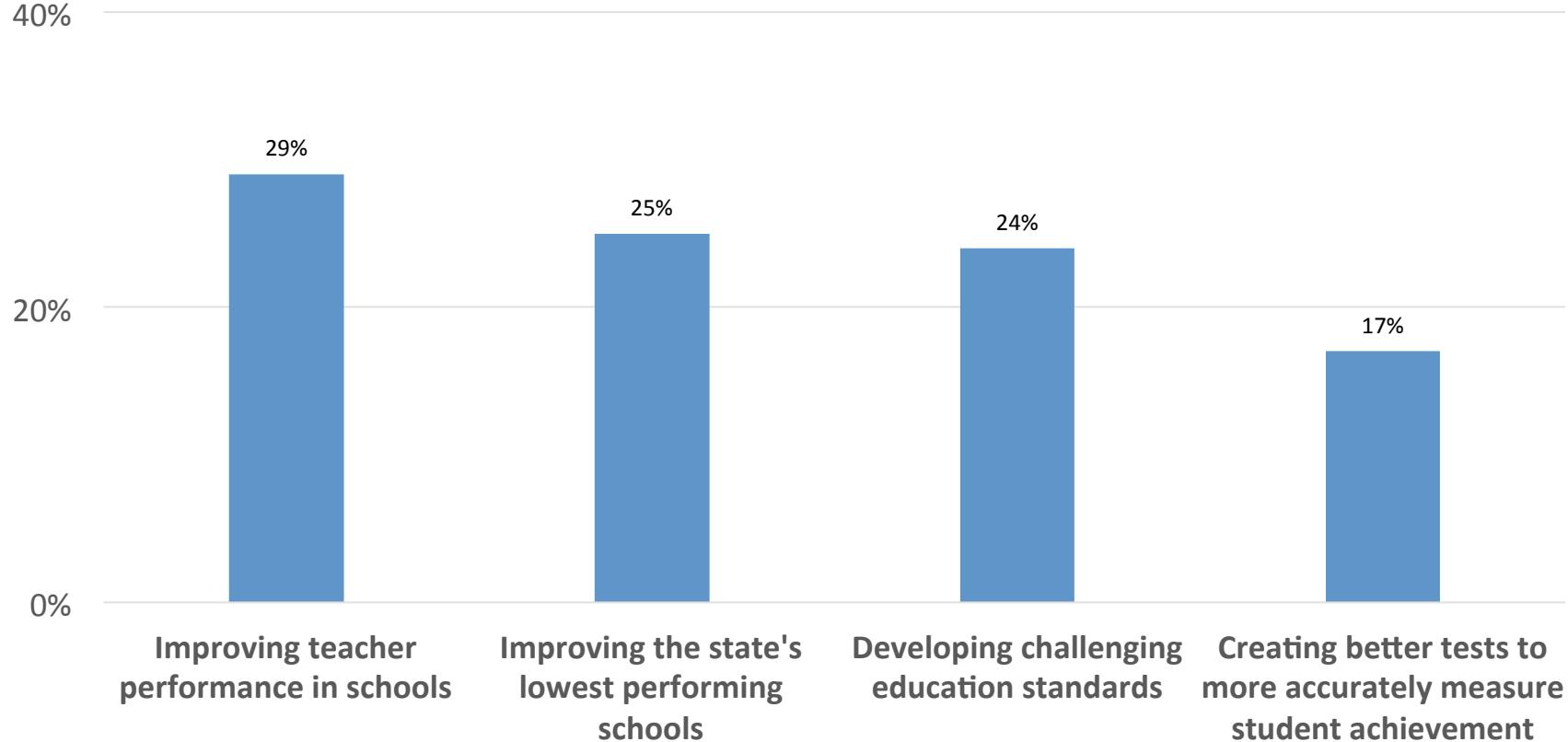


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# Support for State Education Initiatives

Among TN Registered Voters

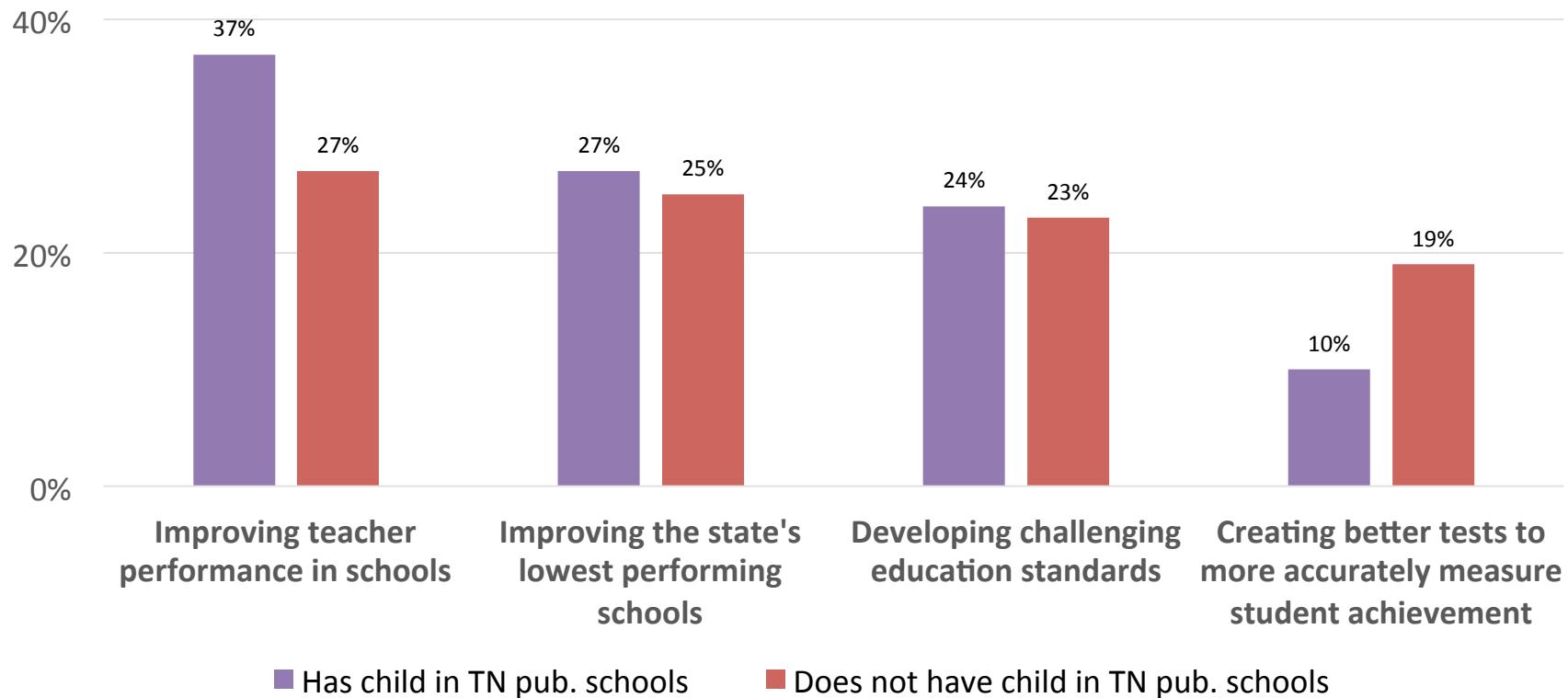
Of the following state education initiatives, which do you think is the **MOST** important?



Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  
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N=489; MoE: +/- 6.15%

# Support for State Education Initiatives by Use Among TN Registered Voters

(1) Of the following state education initiatives, which do you think is the MOST important?  
(2) Do you have children who currently attend K-12 public school in Tennessee?

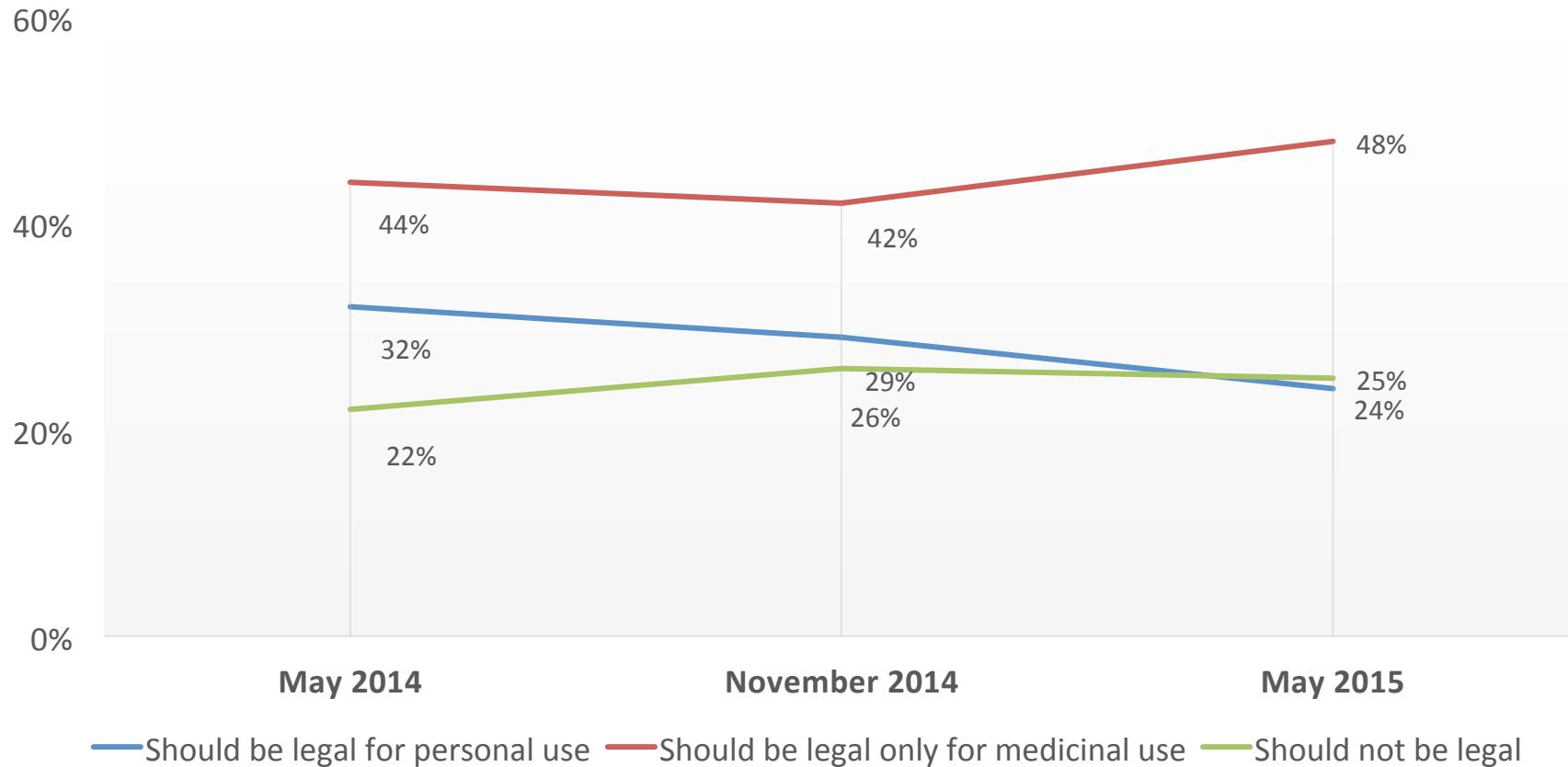


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# Views on Marijuana Legalization

## Among TN Registered Voters

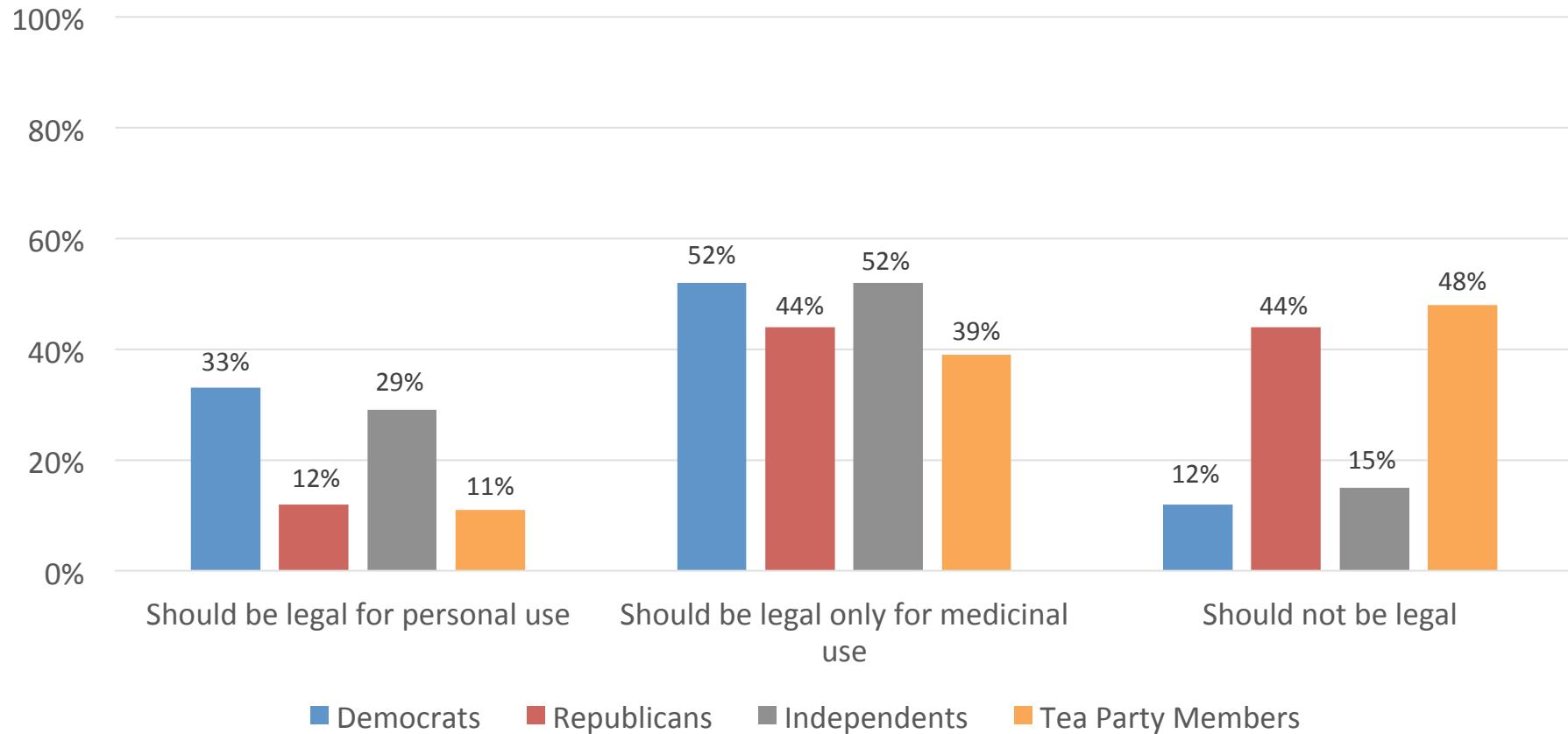
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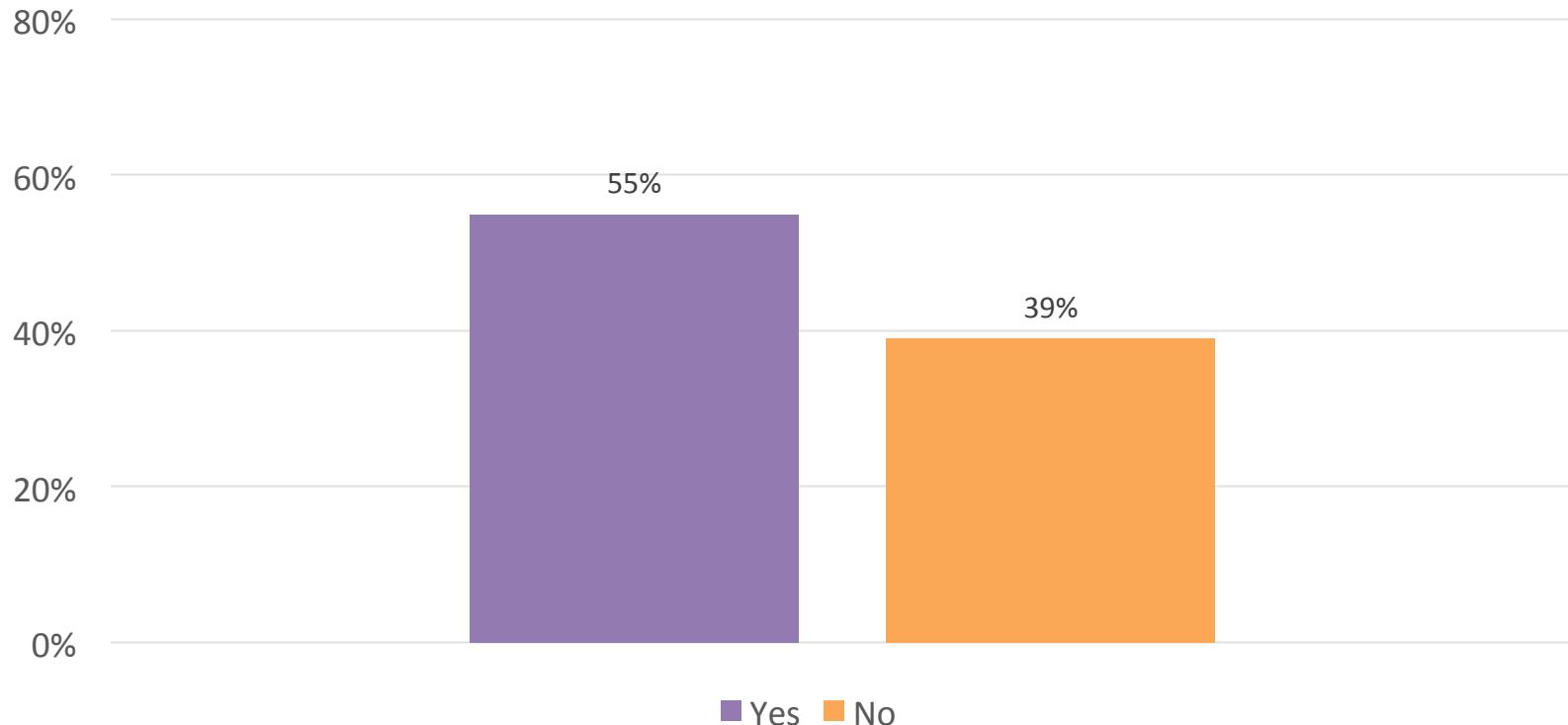


Source: Vanderbilt University Poll  
May 2015  
N=488; MoE: +/- 6.16%

# Views on “Right to Die”

Among TN Registered Voters

If a person has a disease that cannot be cured and is living in pain, do you think doctors should be allowed to assist the patient by some painless means to end their life if the patient and his or her family request it?



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N=519; MoE: +/- 5.98%

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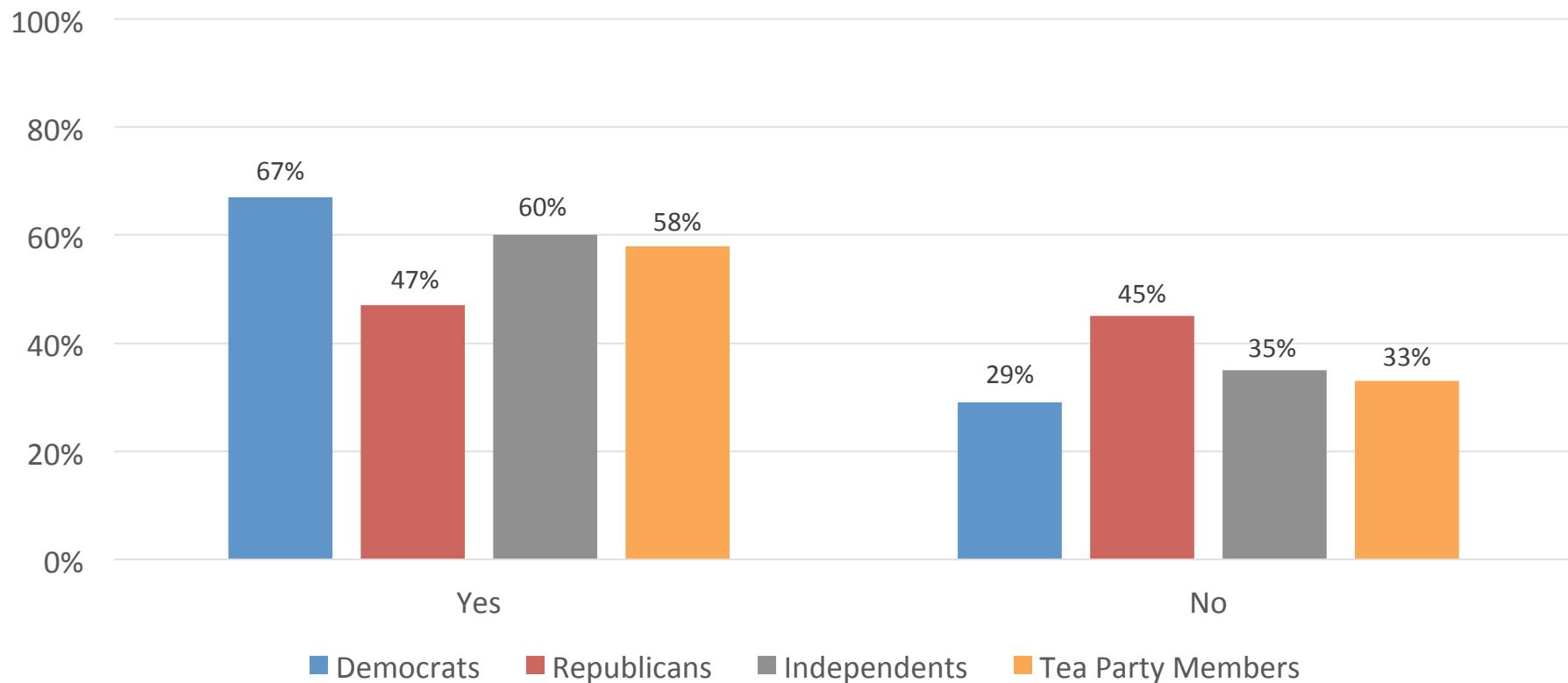


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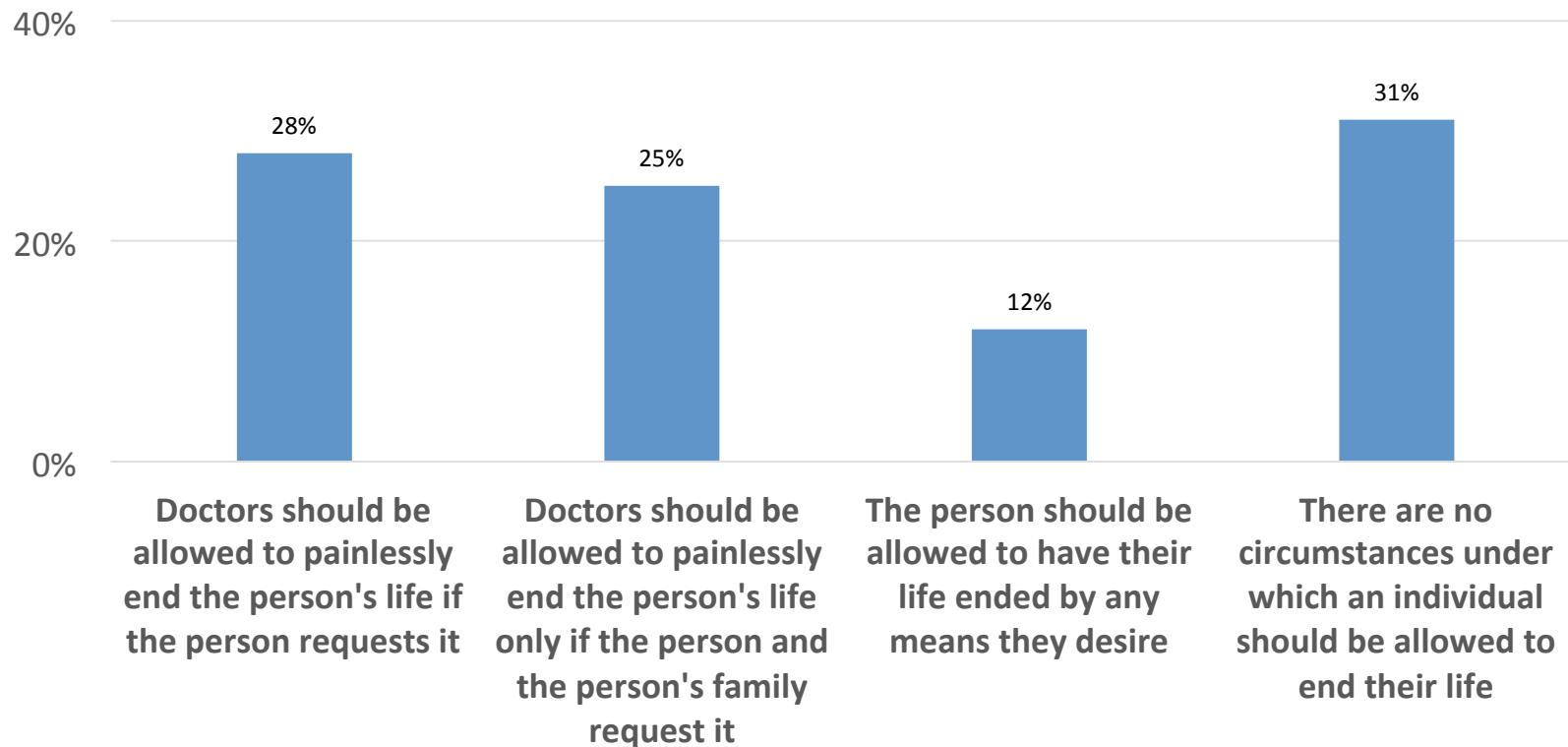


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# Right to Die – Legalization Options

## Among TN Registered Voters

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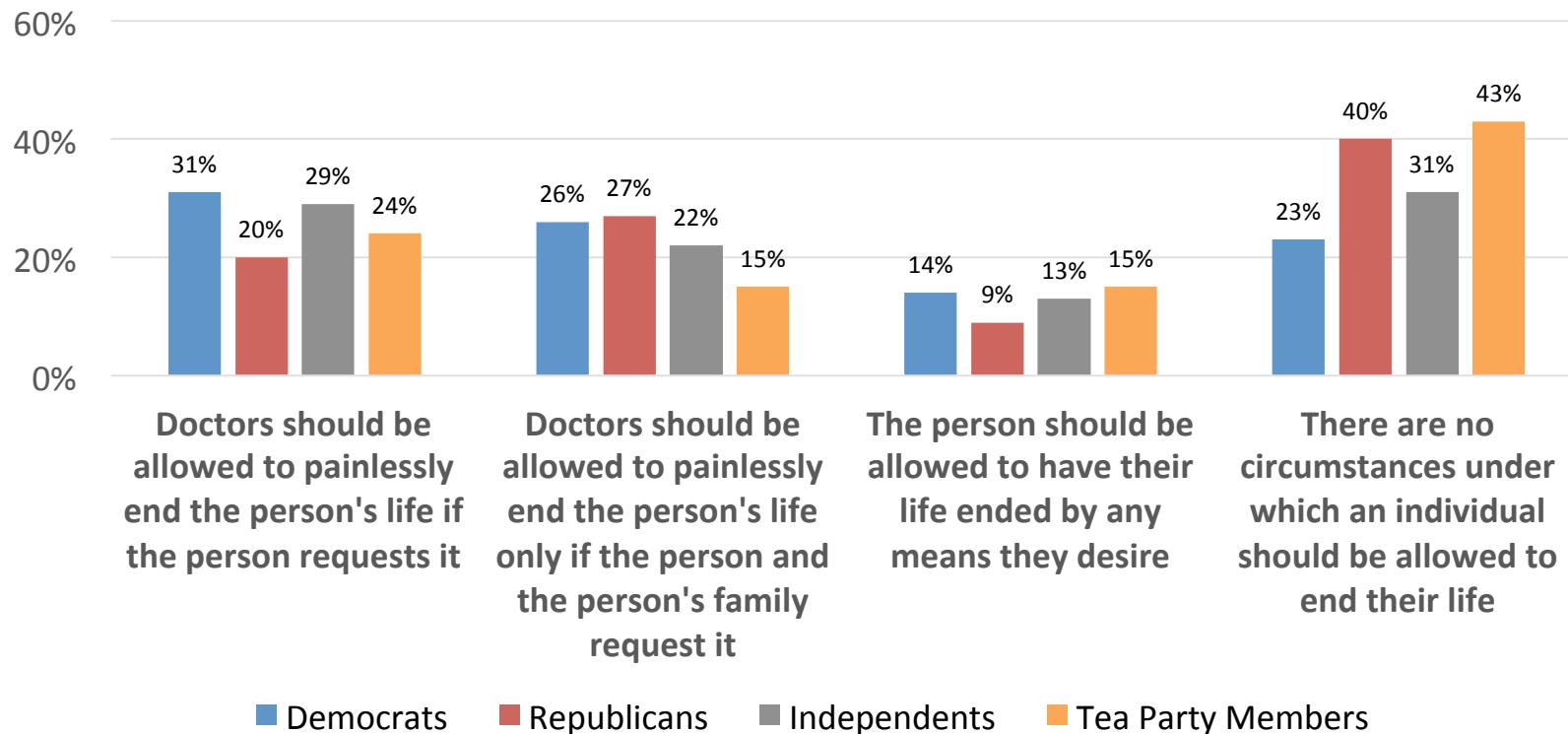


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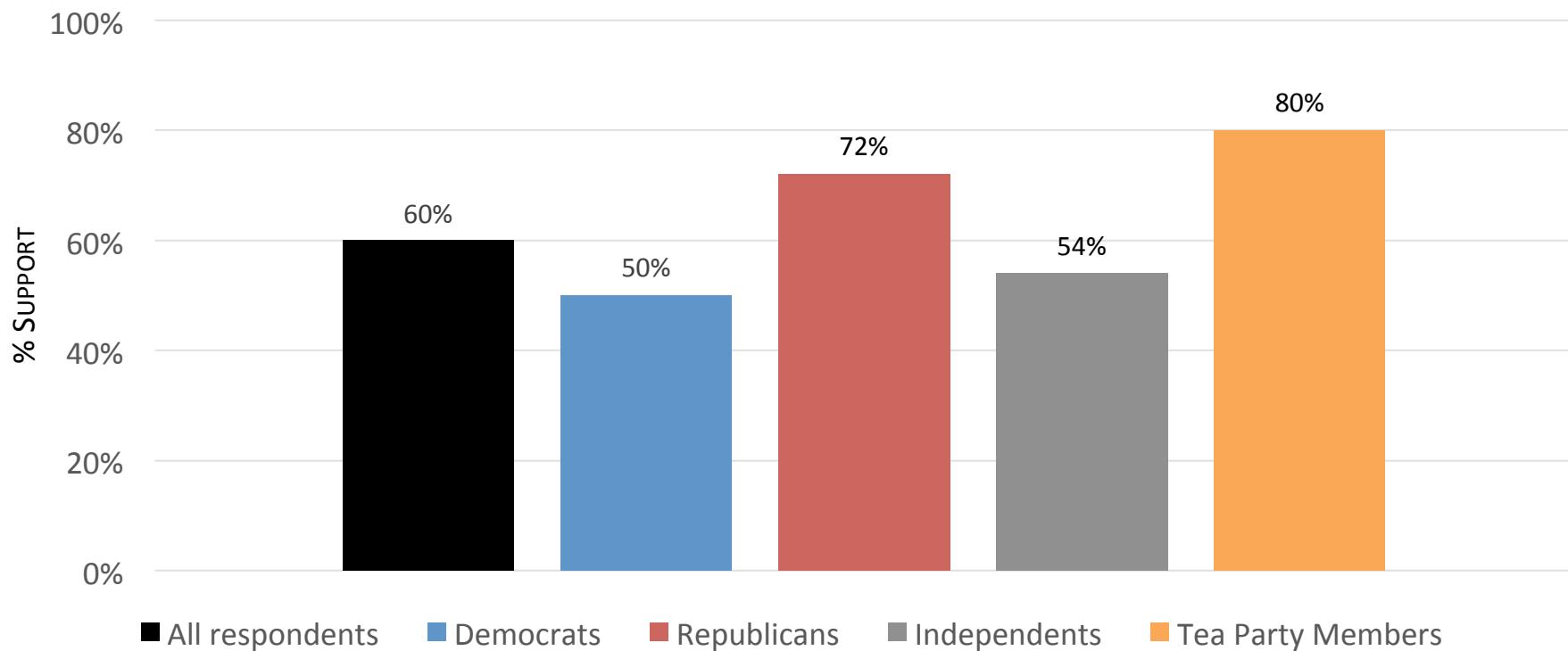


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# Support for Bible as State Book

## Among TN Registered Voters

The Tennessee State Legislature recently considered a law making the Bible the official state book. [Some elected officials opposed this bill because they believe the Bible deserves more respect than being listed beside the state song or state bird. Others wanted to acknowledge the importance of the Bible.] Do you support or oppose recognizing the Bible as the state book of Tennessee?

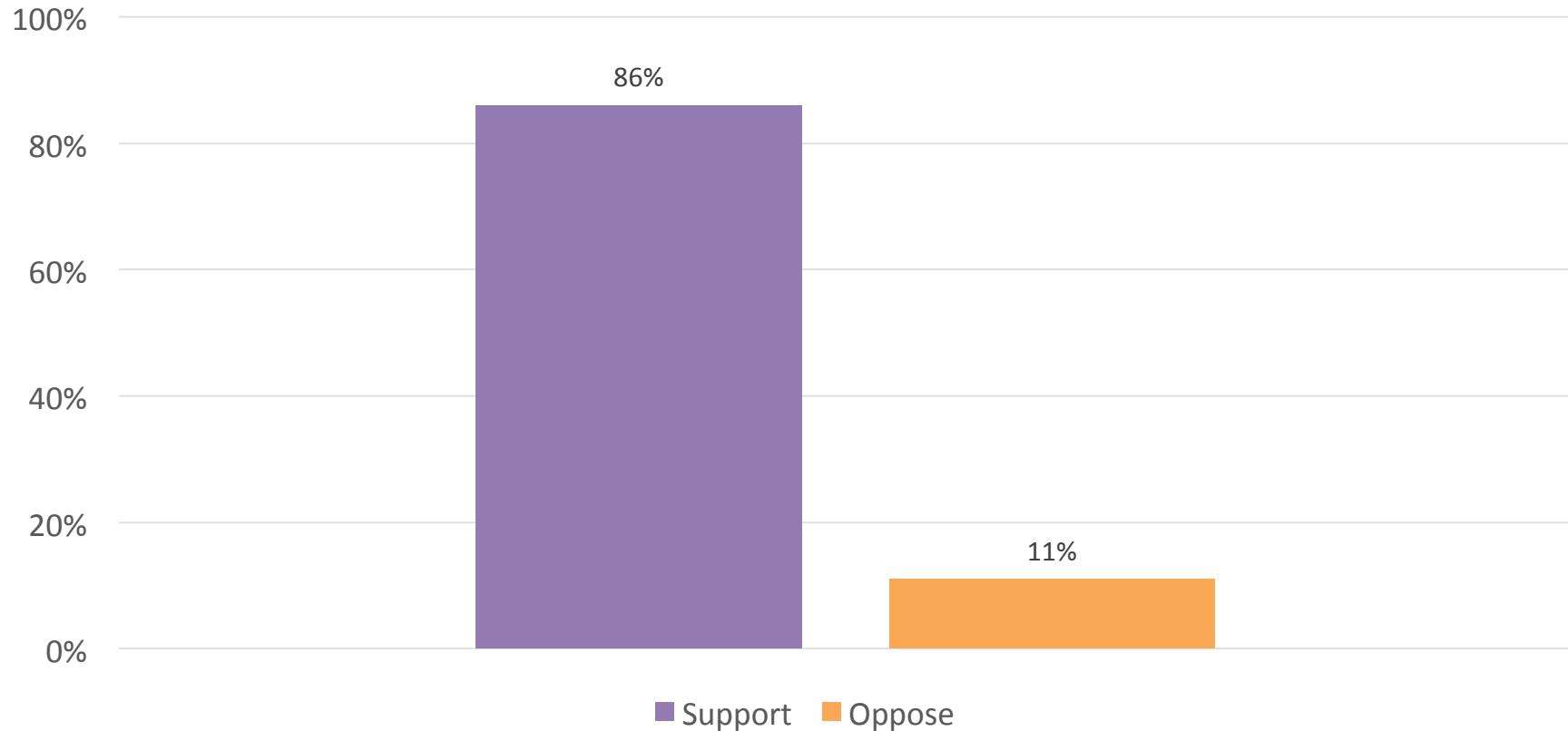


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# Support for Police Cameras

## Among TN Registered Voters

Would you support or oppose requiring patrol officers in your area to wear small video cameras whenever they're on duty?



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N=505; MoE: +/- 6.06%

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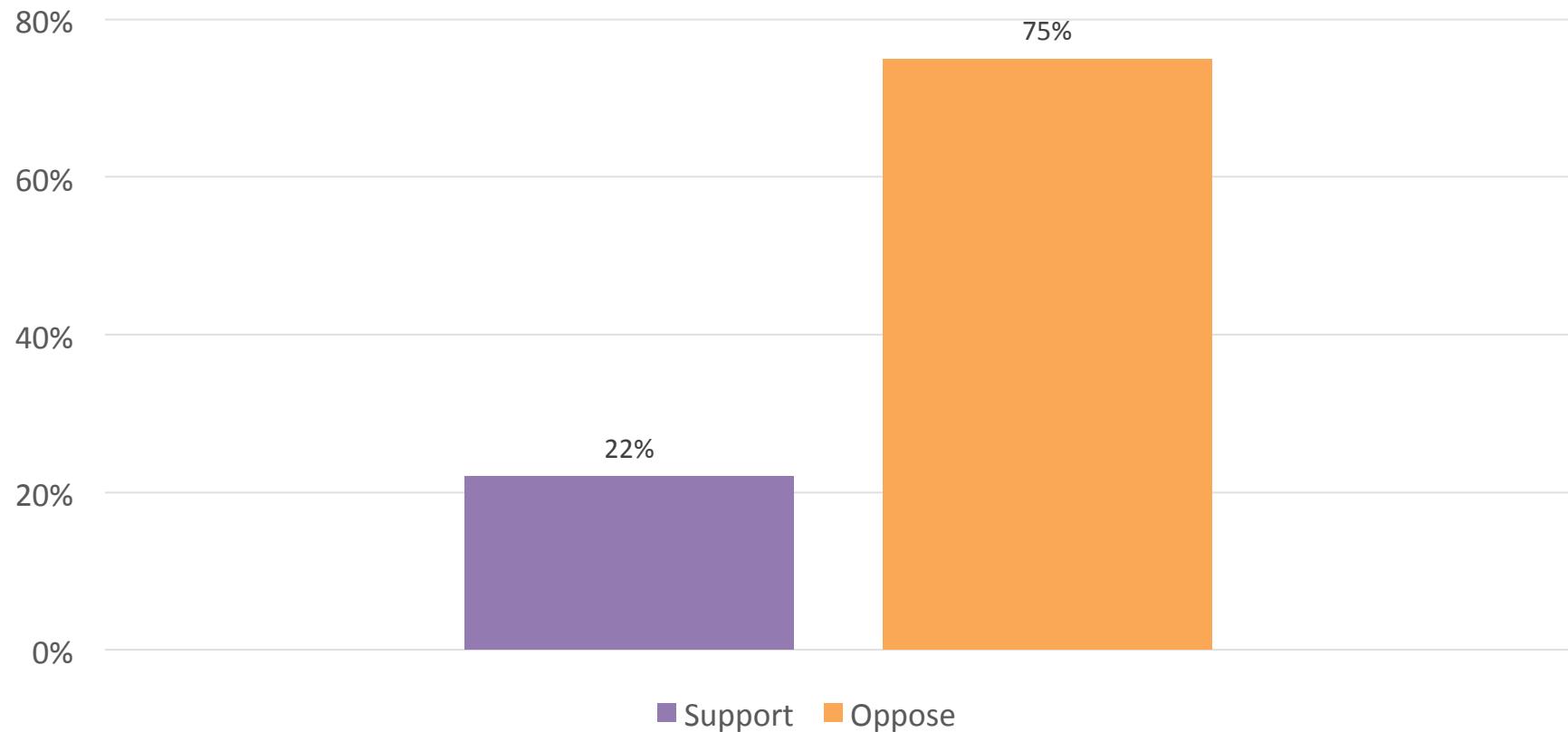


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# Support for Repeal of Motorcycle Helmet Law

## Among TN Registered Voters

There is currently a state law requiring all motorcycle riders to wear a helmet regardless of age. Would you support or oppose a law making it legal for adults age 21 or over to ride a motorcycle WITHOUT a helmet?



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N=496; MoE: +/- 6.11%