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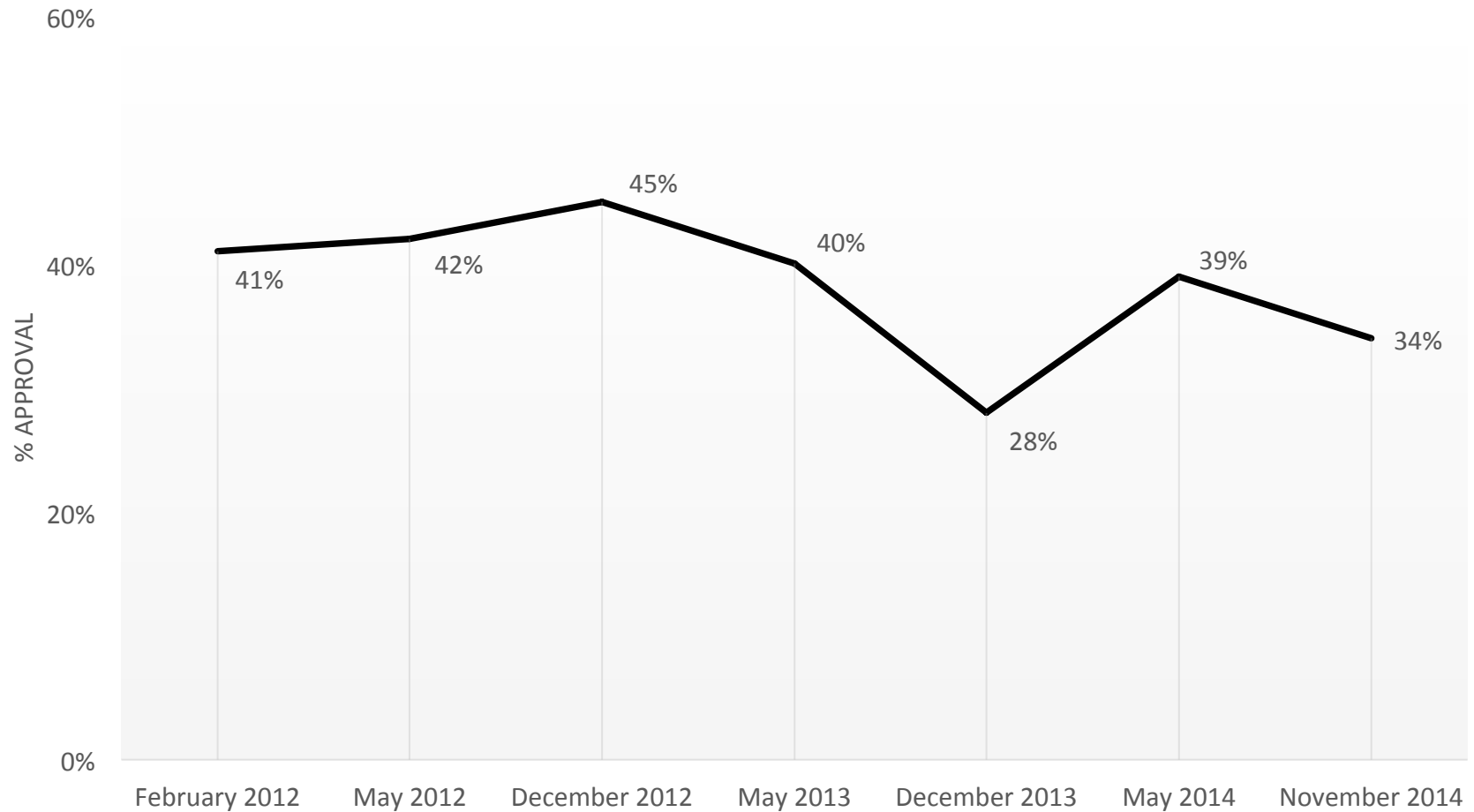
December 3, 2014

**1,201 Tennessee adults
(600 landline phones; 601 cell phones)**

**Subset of 949 registered voters
(527 landline phones; 462 cell phones)**

Obama Approval

Among TN Registered Voters



Source: Vanderbilt University Polls

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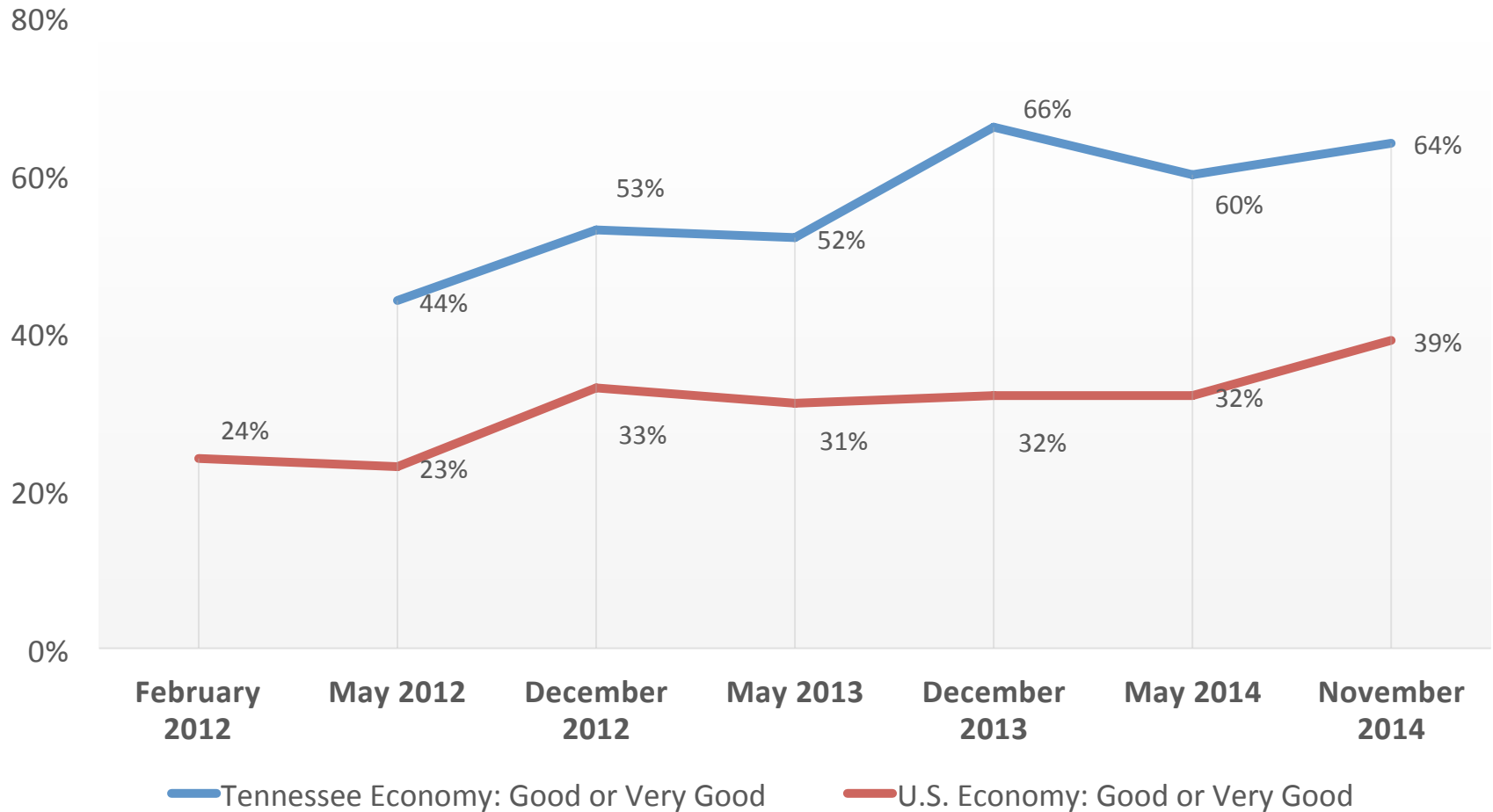
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Perceptions of the Economy

Among TN Registered Voters



Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
Nov. 2014 Poll: N=989; MoE: +/- 3.71%

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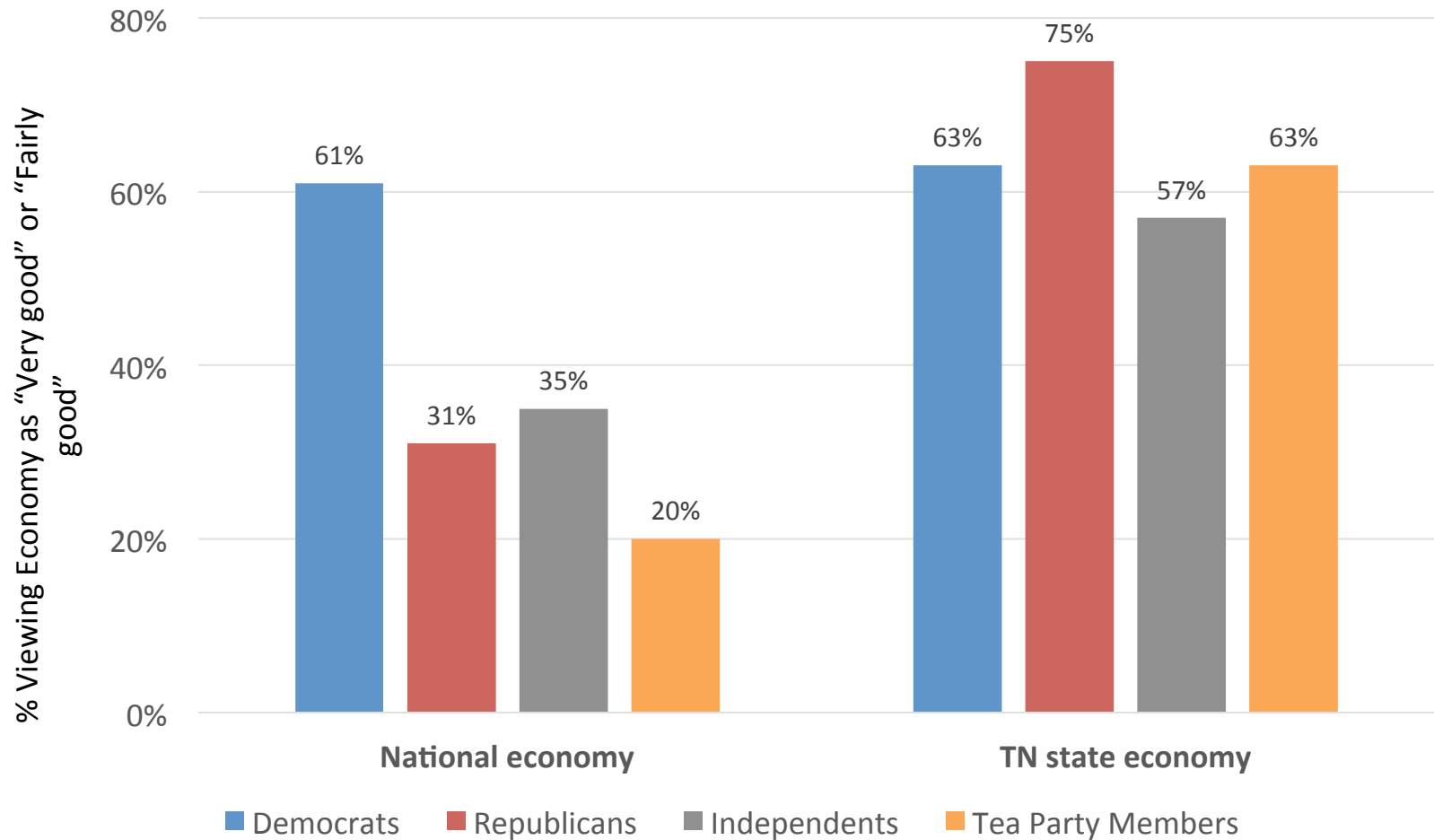
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Perceptions of the Economy by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters



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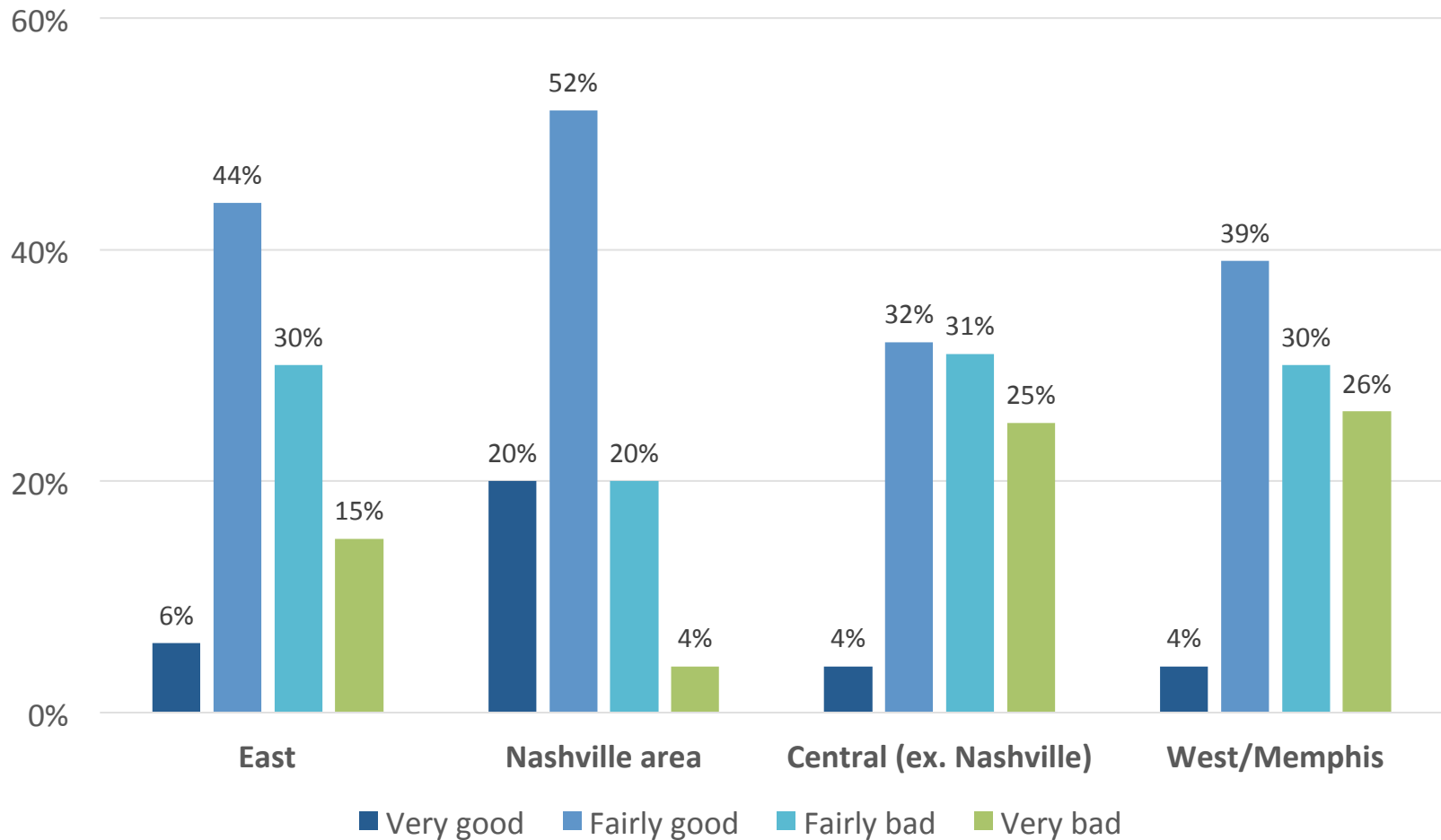
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Perceptions of Local Economy by Region

Among TN Registered Voters



Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
Nov. 2014
N=459; MoE: +/- 5.47%

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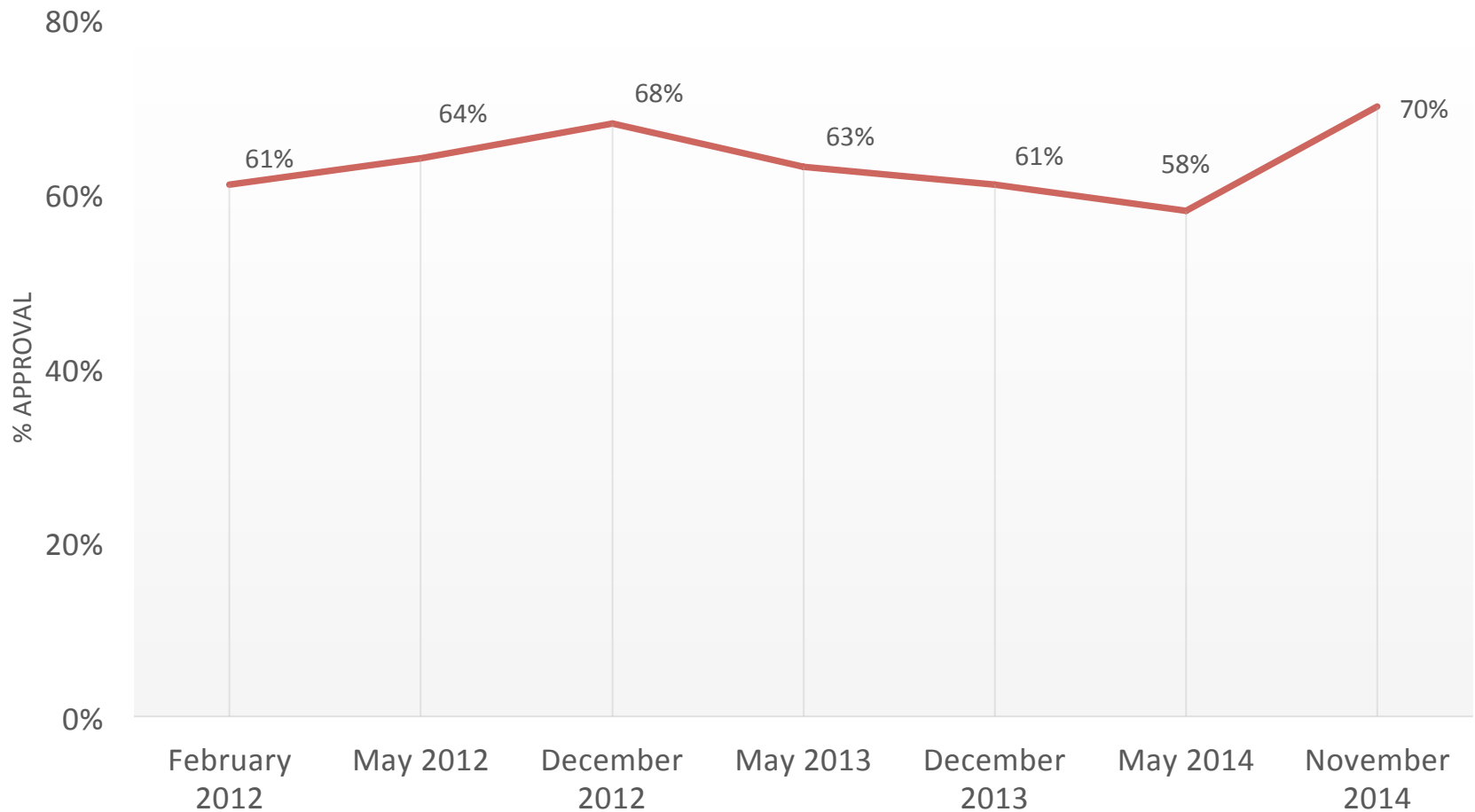
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Approval of Gov. Bill Haslam

Among TN Registered Voters



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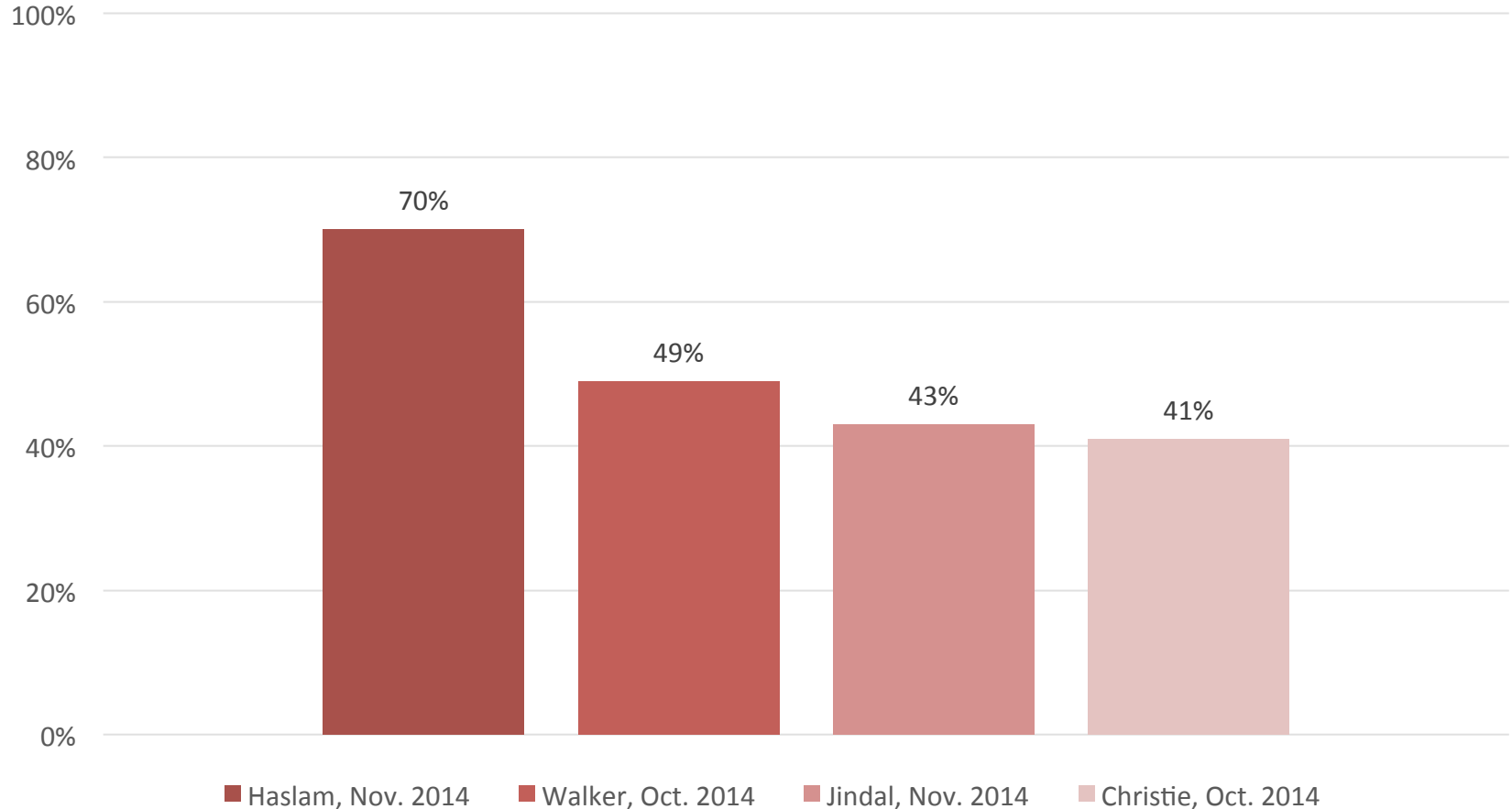
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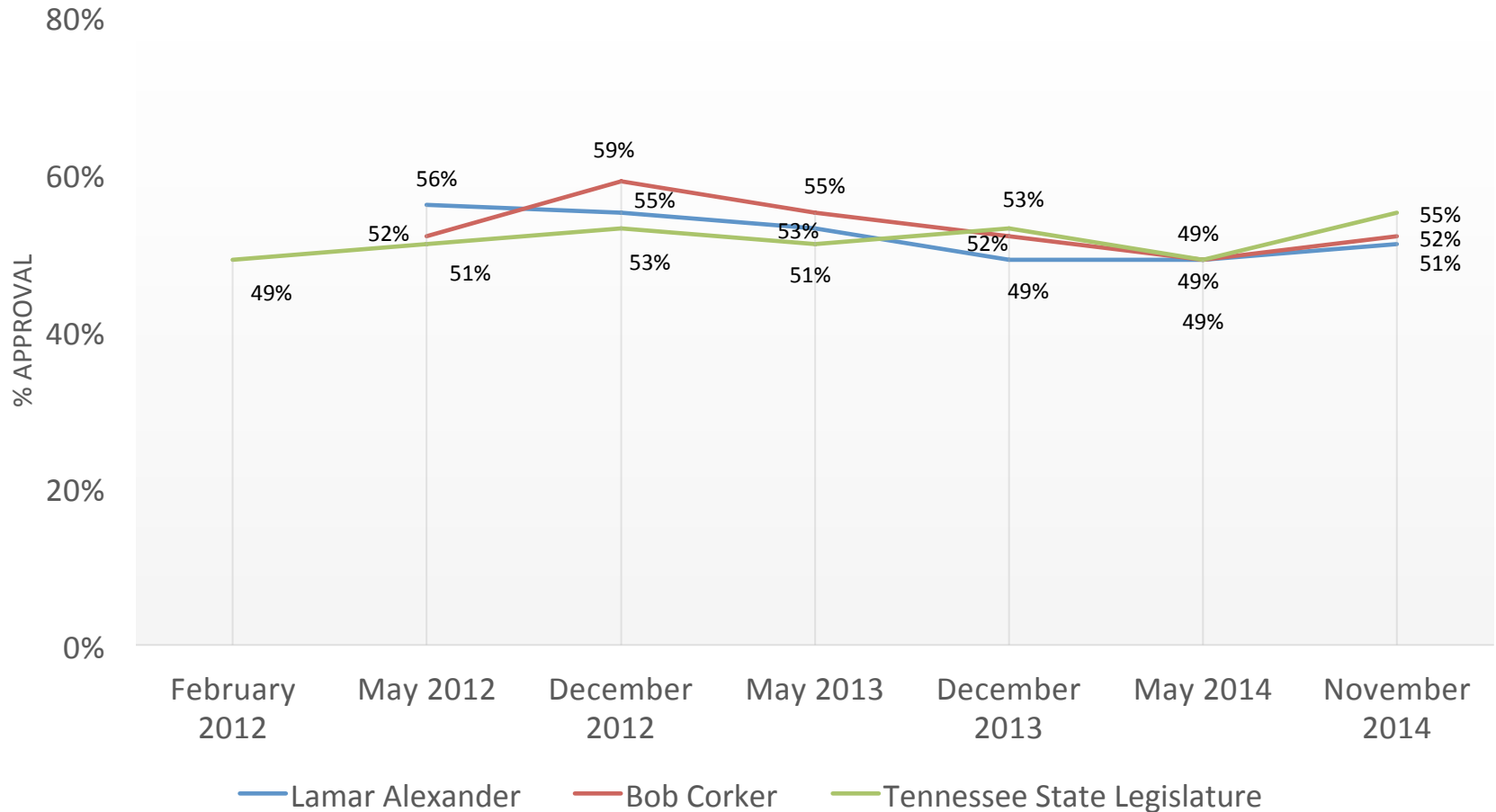
Approval of Republican Governors



Haslam source: Vanderbilt University Poll, Nov. 2014; Christie source: Farleigh-Dickinson University PublicMind Poll, Oct. 2014; Walker source: Marquette University Law School Poll, October 2014; Jindal source: Rasmussen Reports Poll, Nov. 2014. Haslam, Christie, and Walker poll results are among registered voters; Jindal results are among likely voters.

Approval of Senators and State Legislature

Among TN Registered Voters



Source: Vanderbilt University Polls

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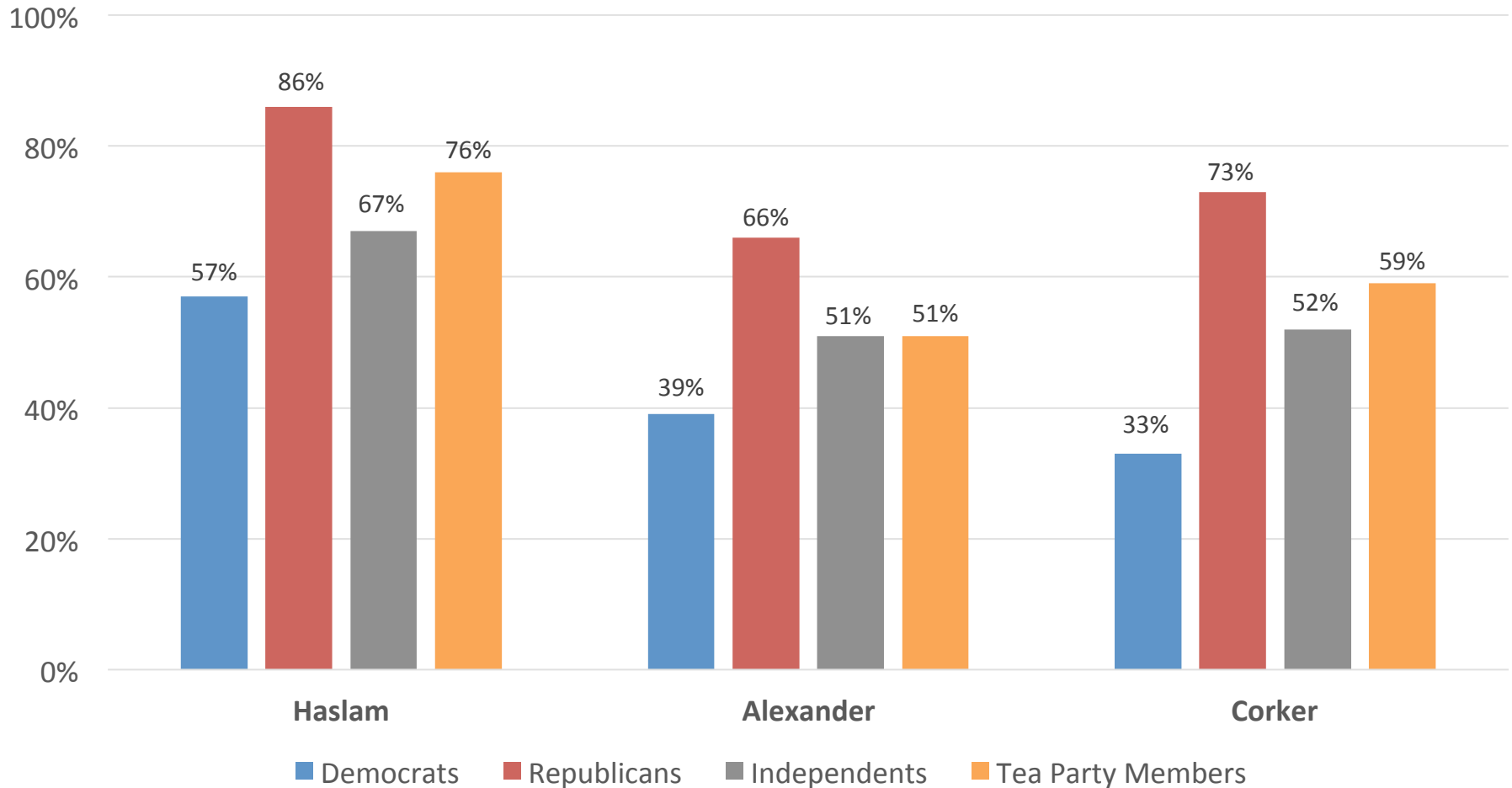
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Approval of State Officials by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters



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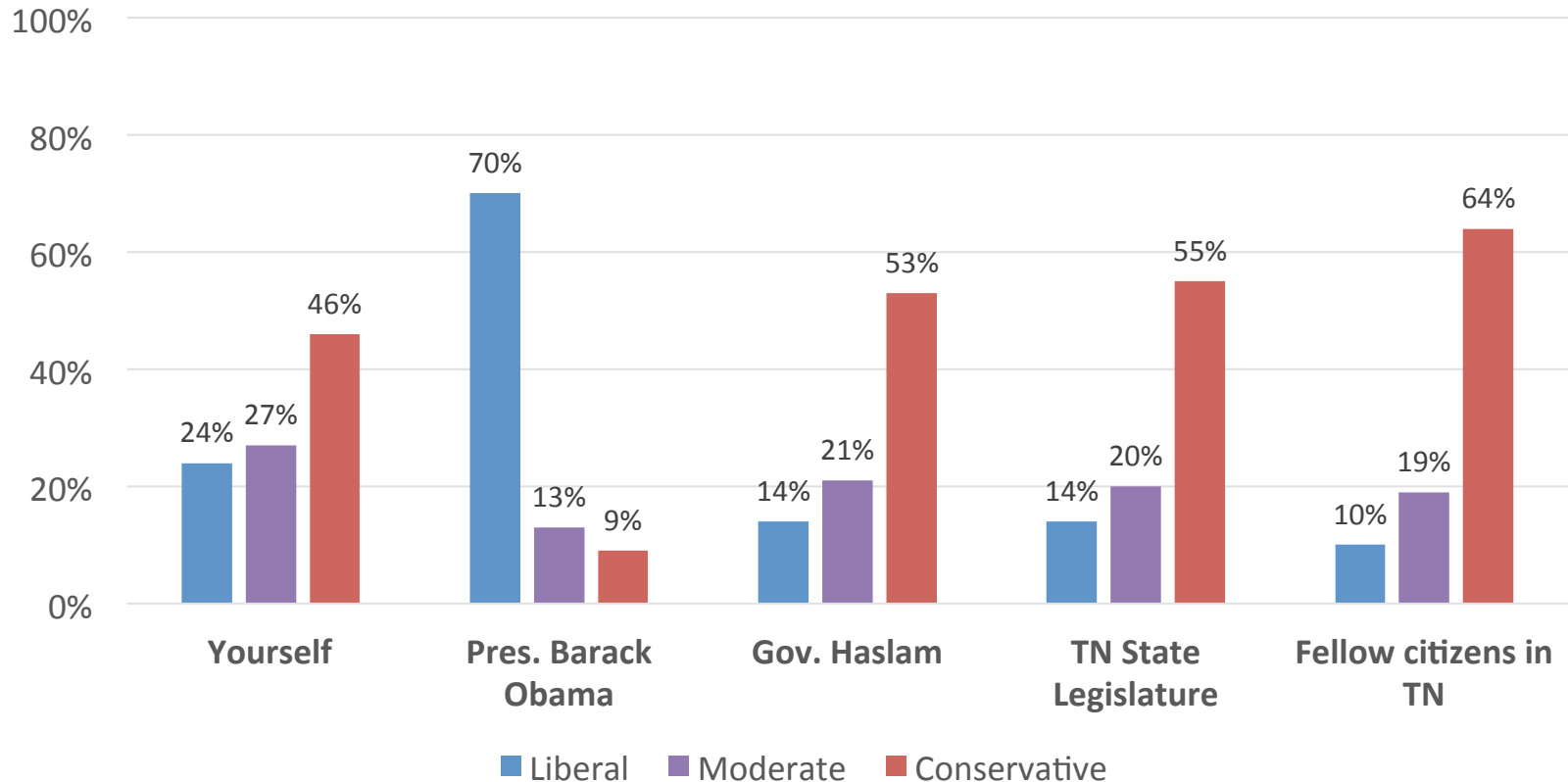


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Views on Social Issues

Among TN Registered Voters

We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Where would you place each of the following with respect to their views on **social issues such as gay marriage, abortion, guns, or immigration?**



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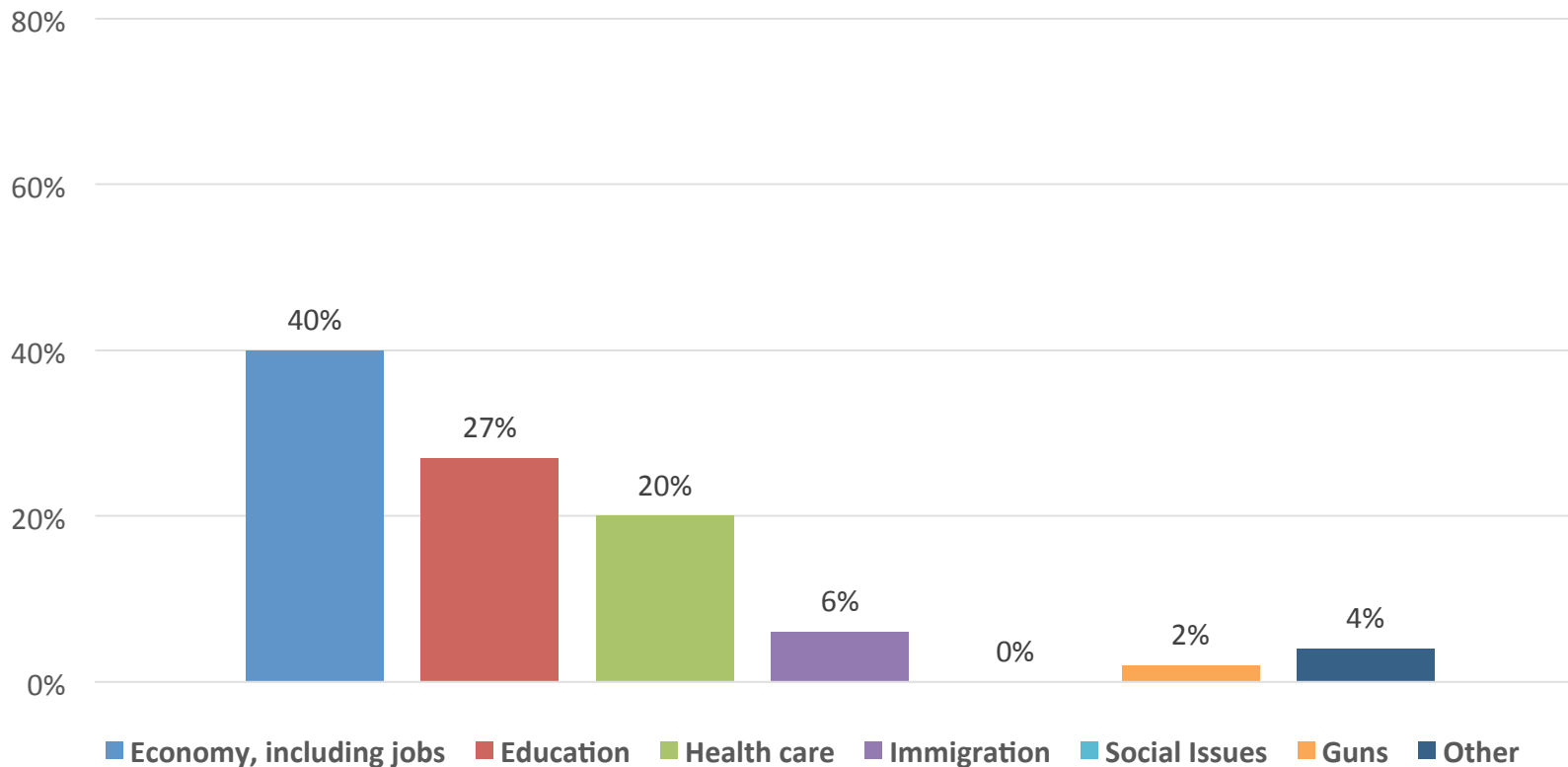


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Top Priority of TN State Government

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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Nov. 2014
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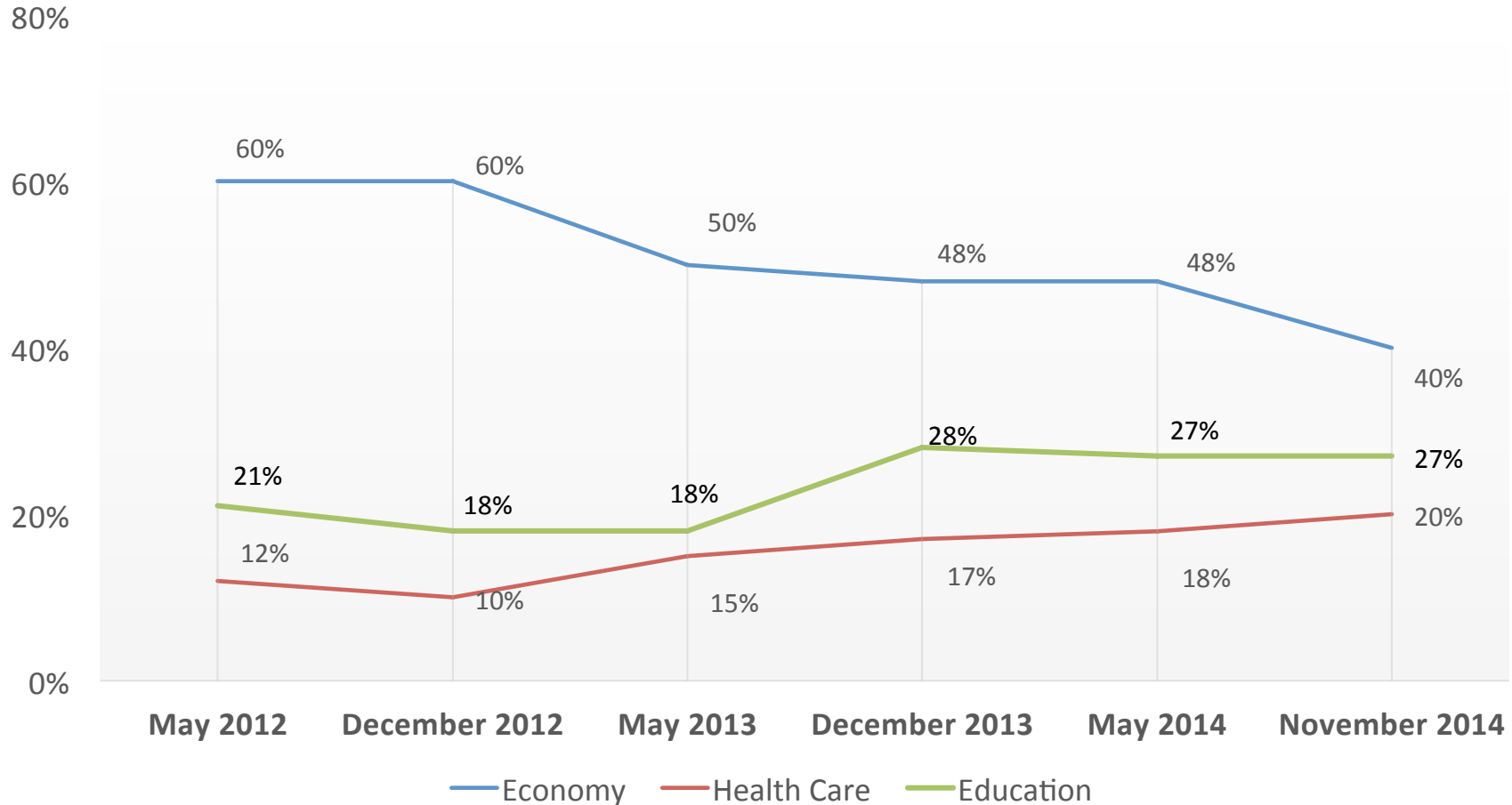


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Top Priority of TN State Government Over Time

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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Tennesseans' Assessments of Performance

Among TN Registered Voters

LOCAL SERVICES REPORT CARD

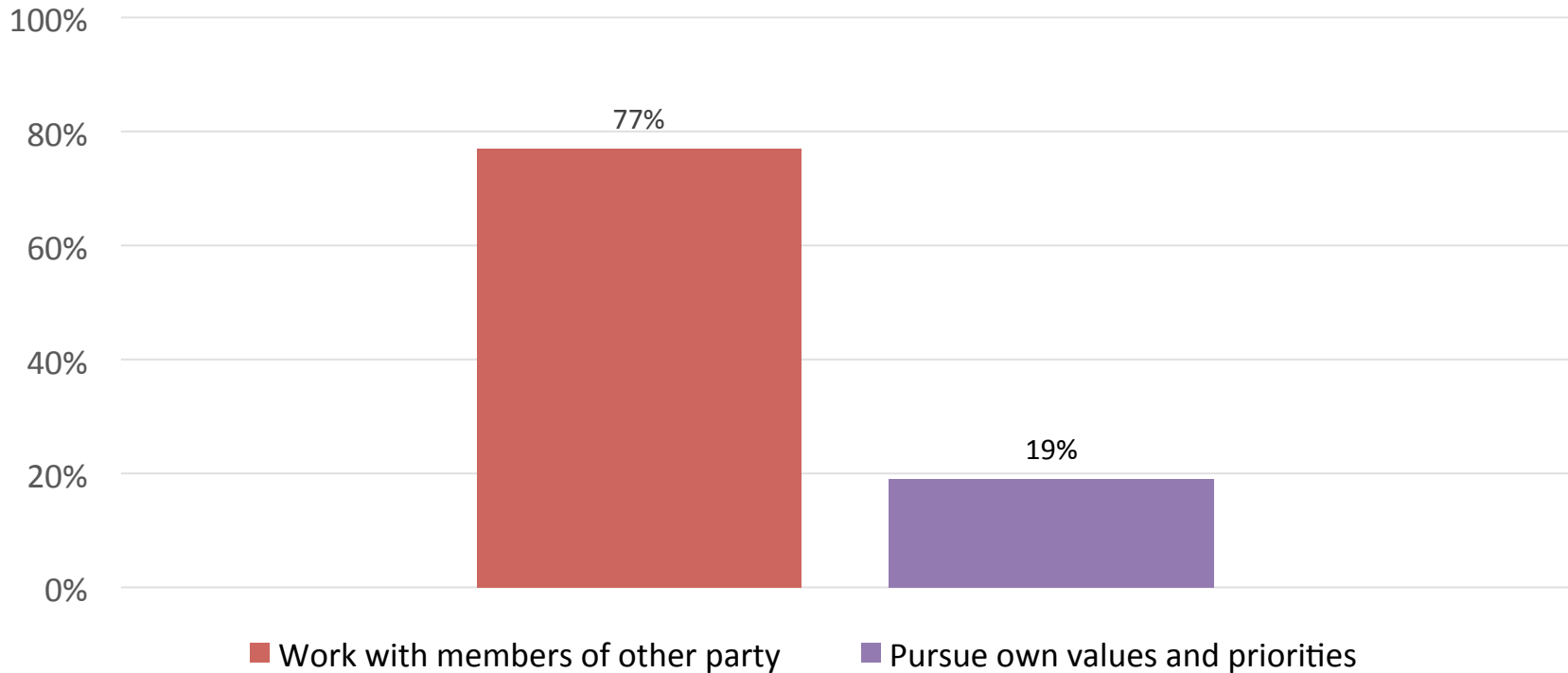
	Statewide	Eastern Tennessee	Nashville area	Central Tennessee	Western Tennessee	Urban	Suburban	Rural	
Fire Departments	A-	B+	A-	A-	A-	A-	A-	A-	Grading Scale A+: 97+ A: 94-96 A-: 90-93 B+: 87-89 B: 84-86 B-: 80-83 C+: 77-79
Public Schools	B-	B-	B	B-	C+	B	B-	C+	
Law Enforcement	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	
Health Care Services	B-	B	B	B-	B-	B-	B	B	

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
 Nov. 2014
 N=506; MoE: +/- 5.20%

Desire for Compromise

Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following comes closest to your views, even if neither is exactly right? I would prefer my legislators **work with members of the other political party**, even if it means they have to compromise on some of their values and priorities, OR I would prefer my legislators **pursue their own values and priorities** even if it means they are unwilling to work with members of the other political party.



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N=477; MoE: +/- 5.37%

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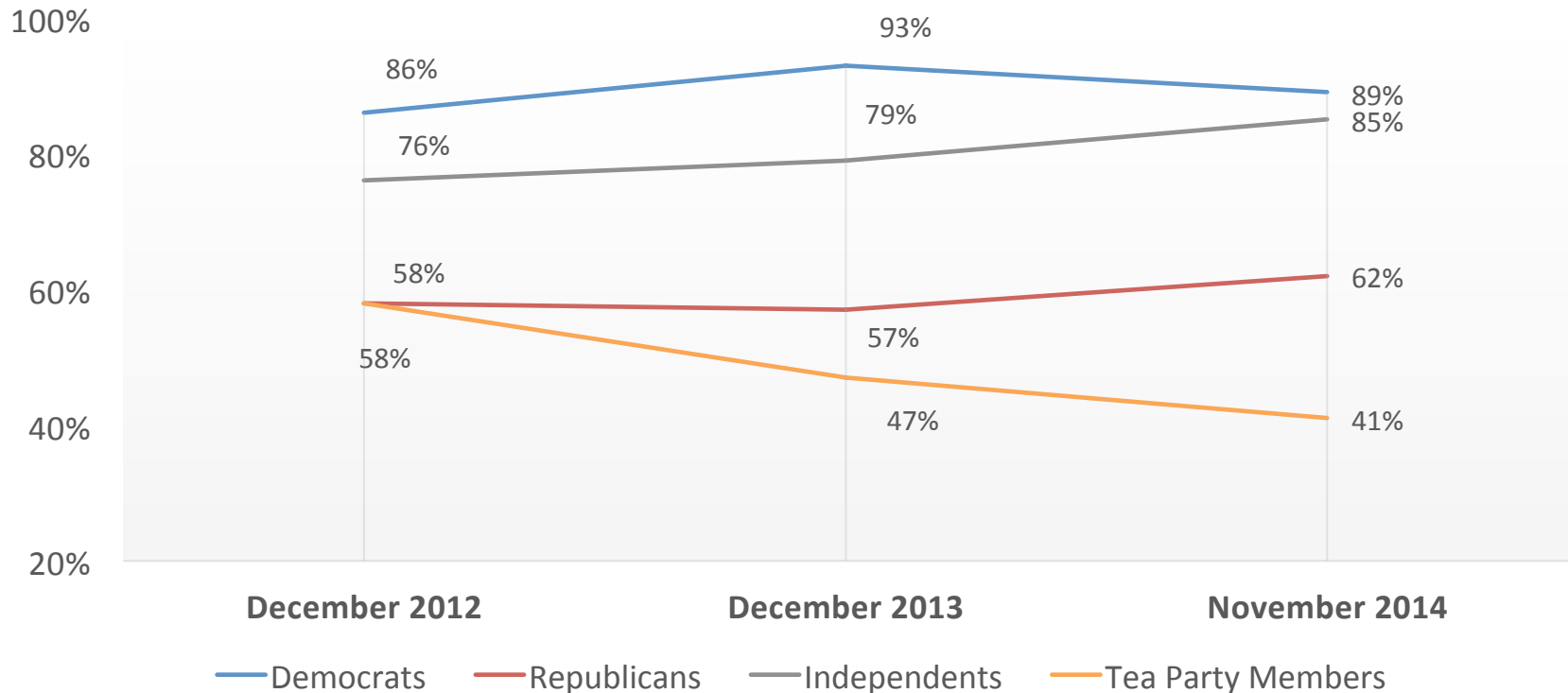


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Desire for Compromise Over Time by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

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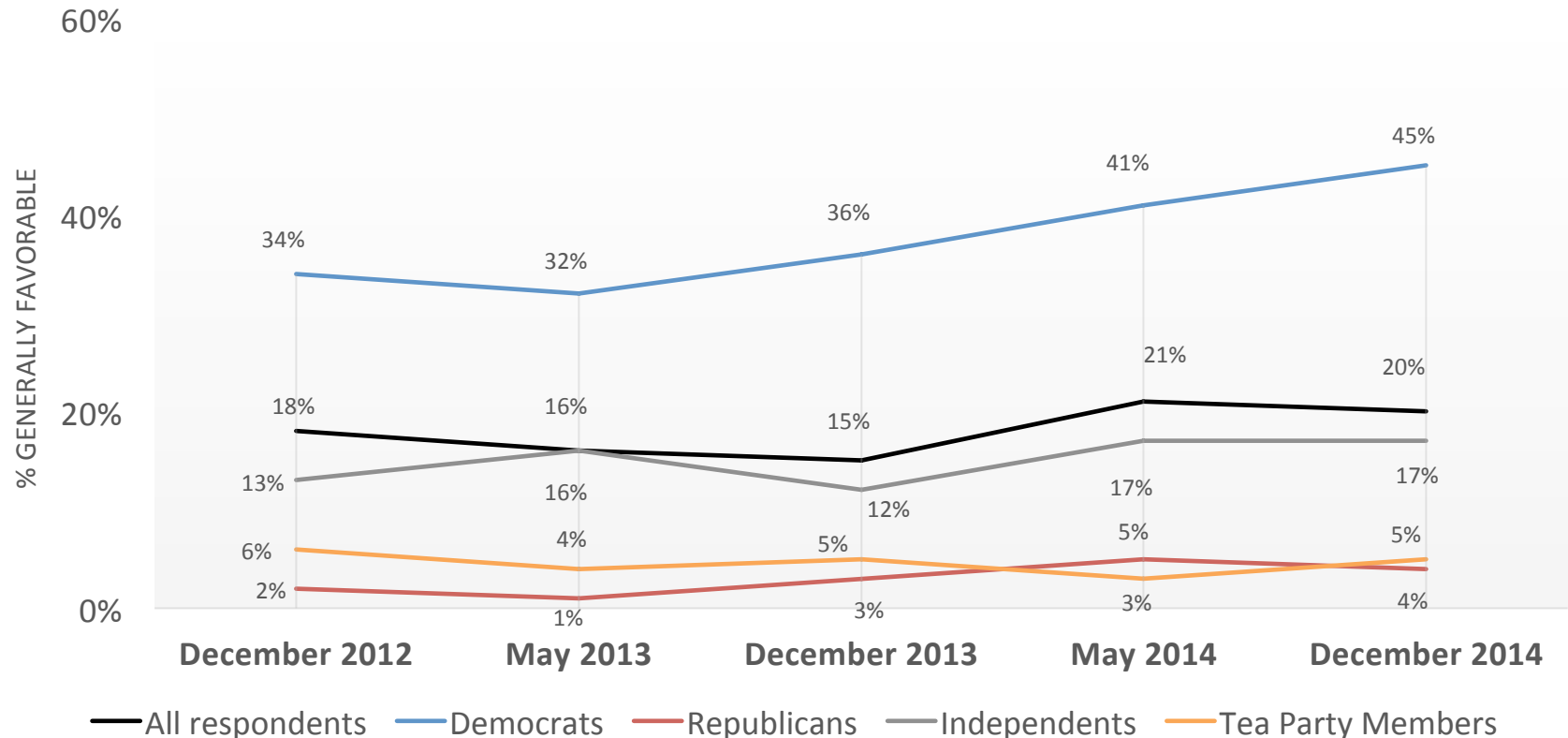


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Favorability of Affordable Care Act Over Time by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

Given what you know about the Affordable Care Act that passed in 2010, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable view of it, or have you not heard enough about it to have an opinion?



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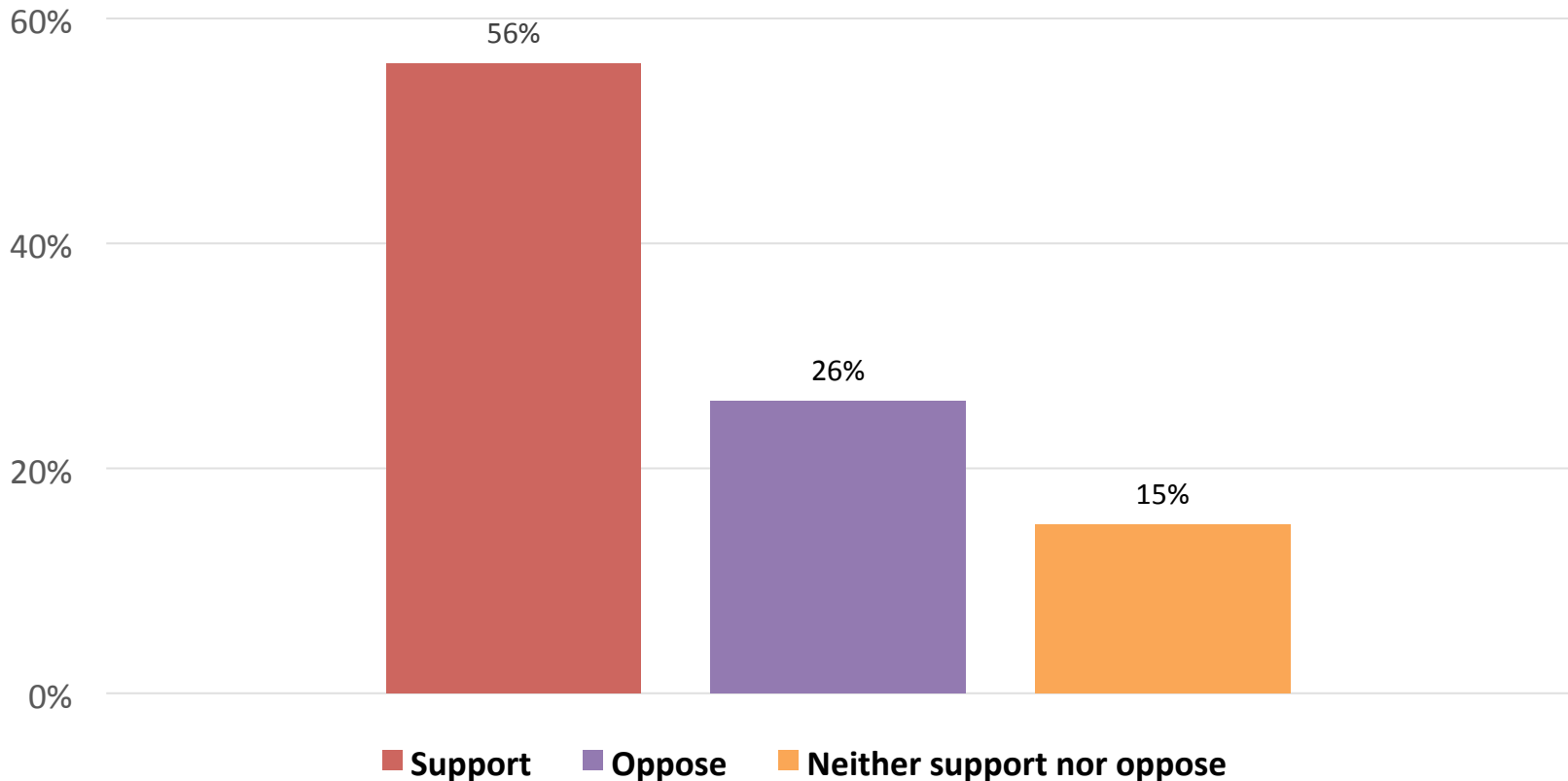


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Support for Medicaid Expansion

Among TN Registered Voters

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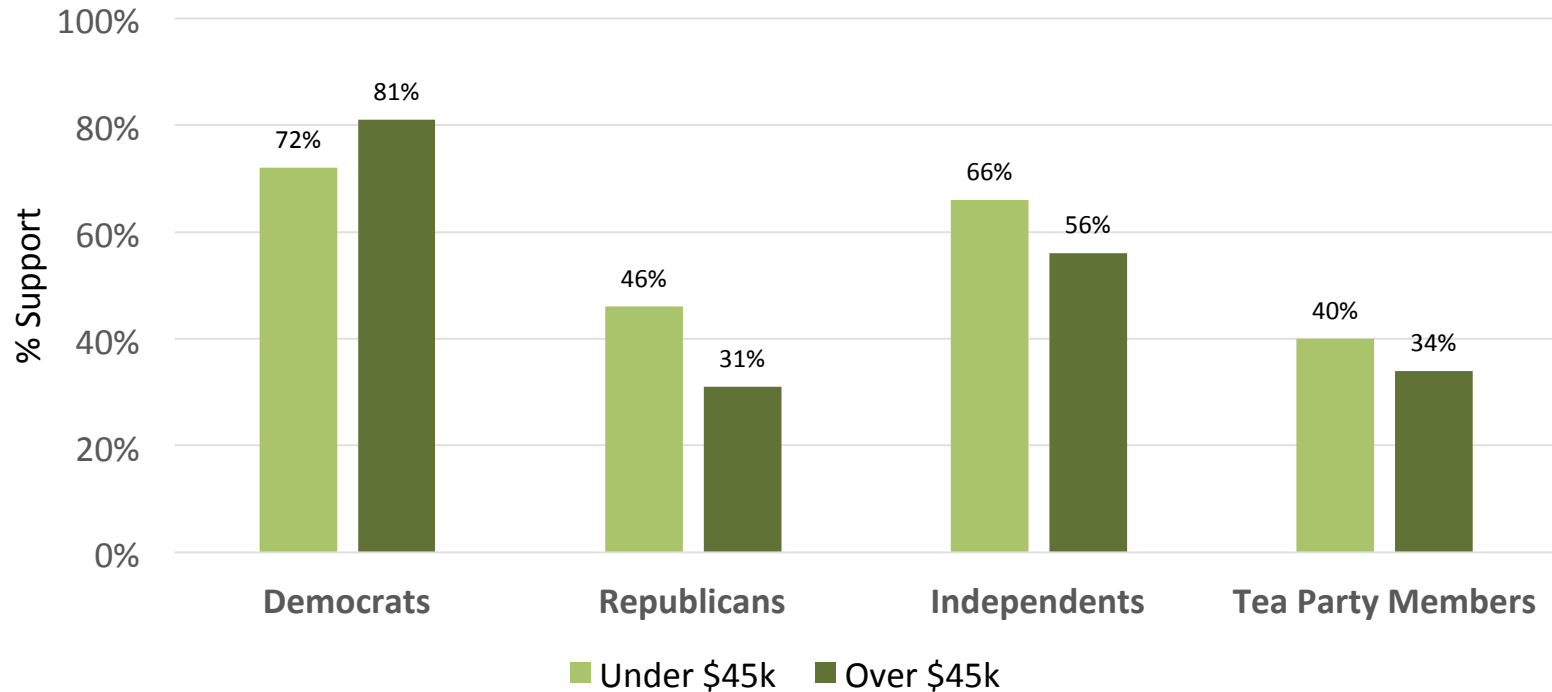


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N=494; MoE: +/- 5.10%

Support for Medicaid Expansion by Income & Partisanship

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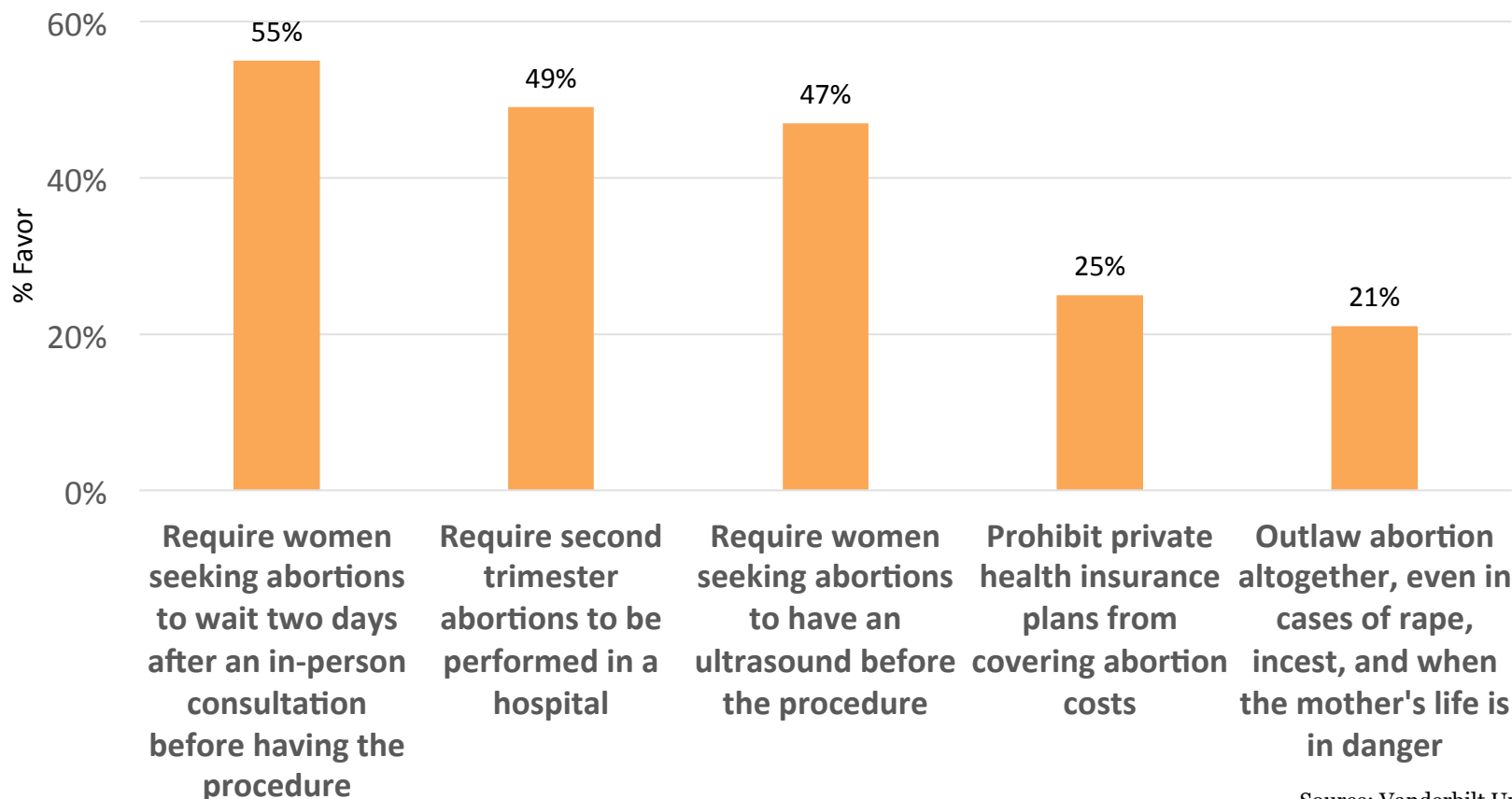


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Favorability of Hypothetical Abortion Laws

Among TN Registered Voters

On Election Day, Tennesseans voted in favor of Amendment 1, which allows the state legislature to make laws regulating abortion within the state. Please tell me whether you would **support or oppose a state law that would:**



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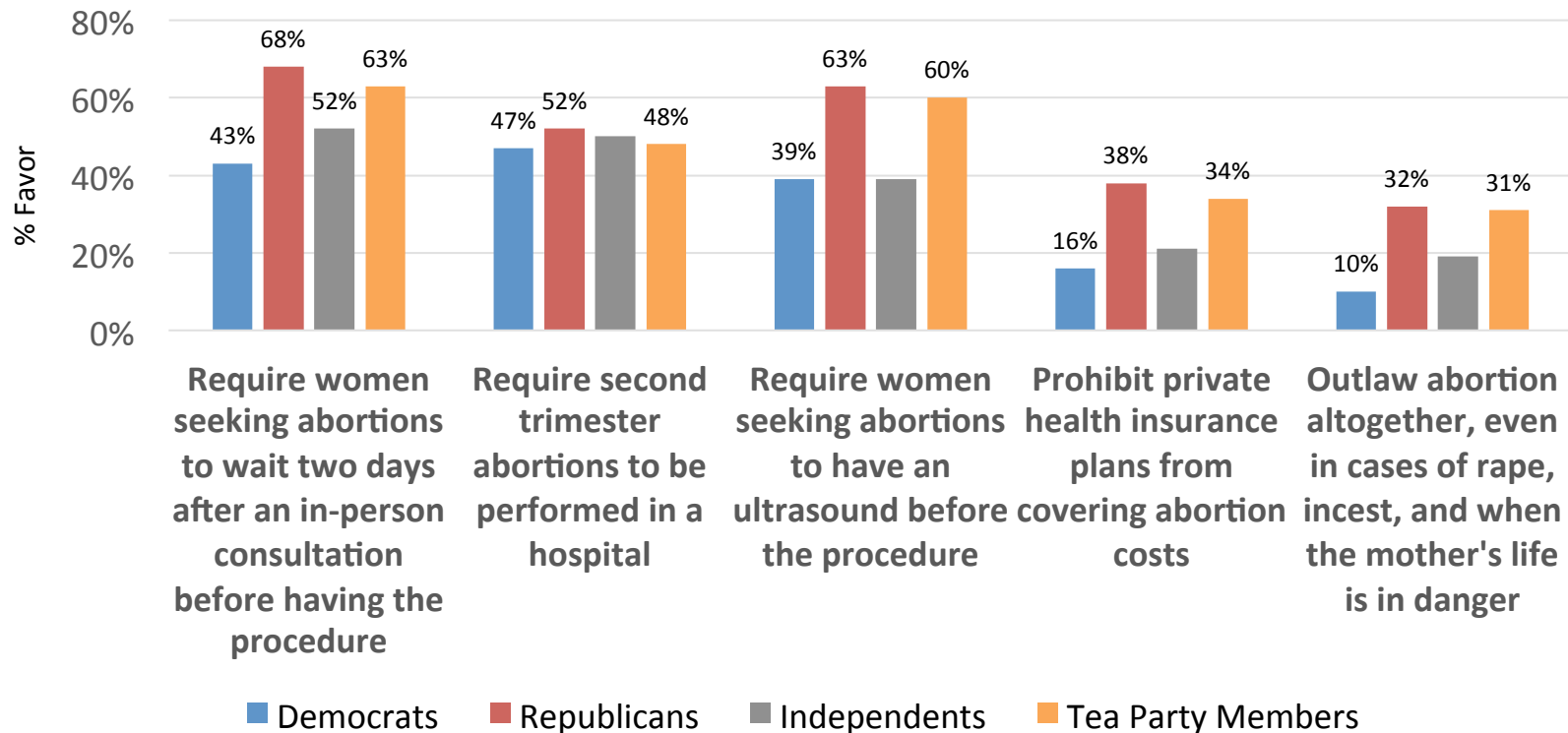


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Favorability of Hypothetical Abortion Laws by Partisanship

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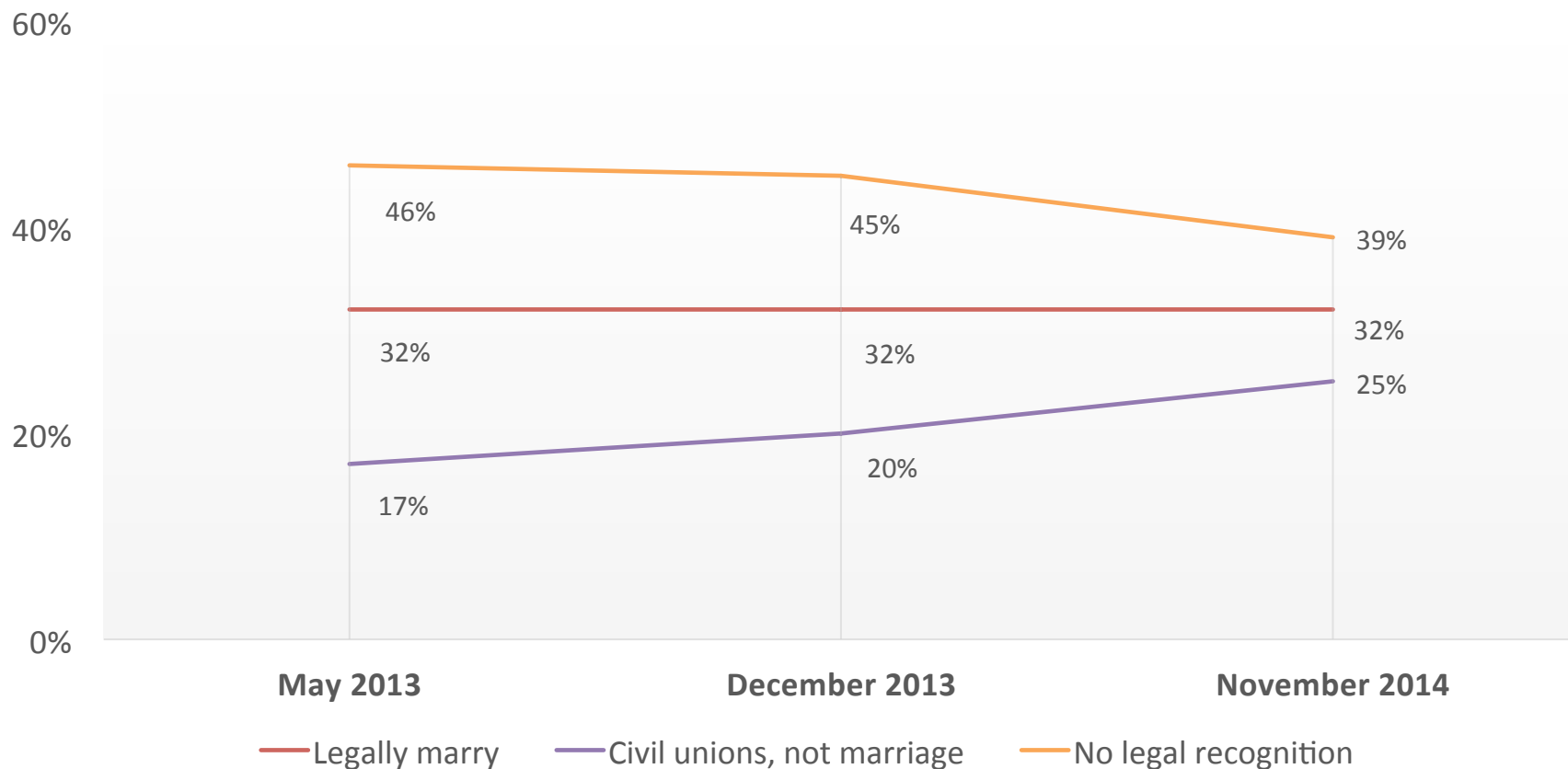


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Views on Same-Sex Marriage Over Time

Among TN Registered Voters

Which comes closest to your view about the relationships of same-sex couples? (1) Same-sex couples should be allowed to legally marry, (2) Same-sex couples should be allowed to form civil unions, but not marry, OR (3) There should be no legal recognition of same sex relationships.



Source: Vanderbilt University Polls
Nov. 2014 Poll: N=499; MoE: +/- 5.08%

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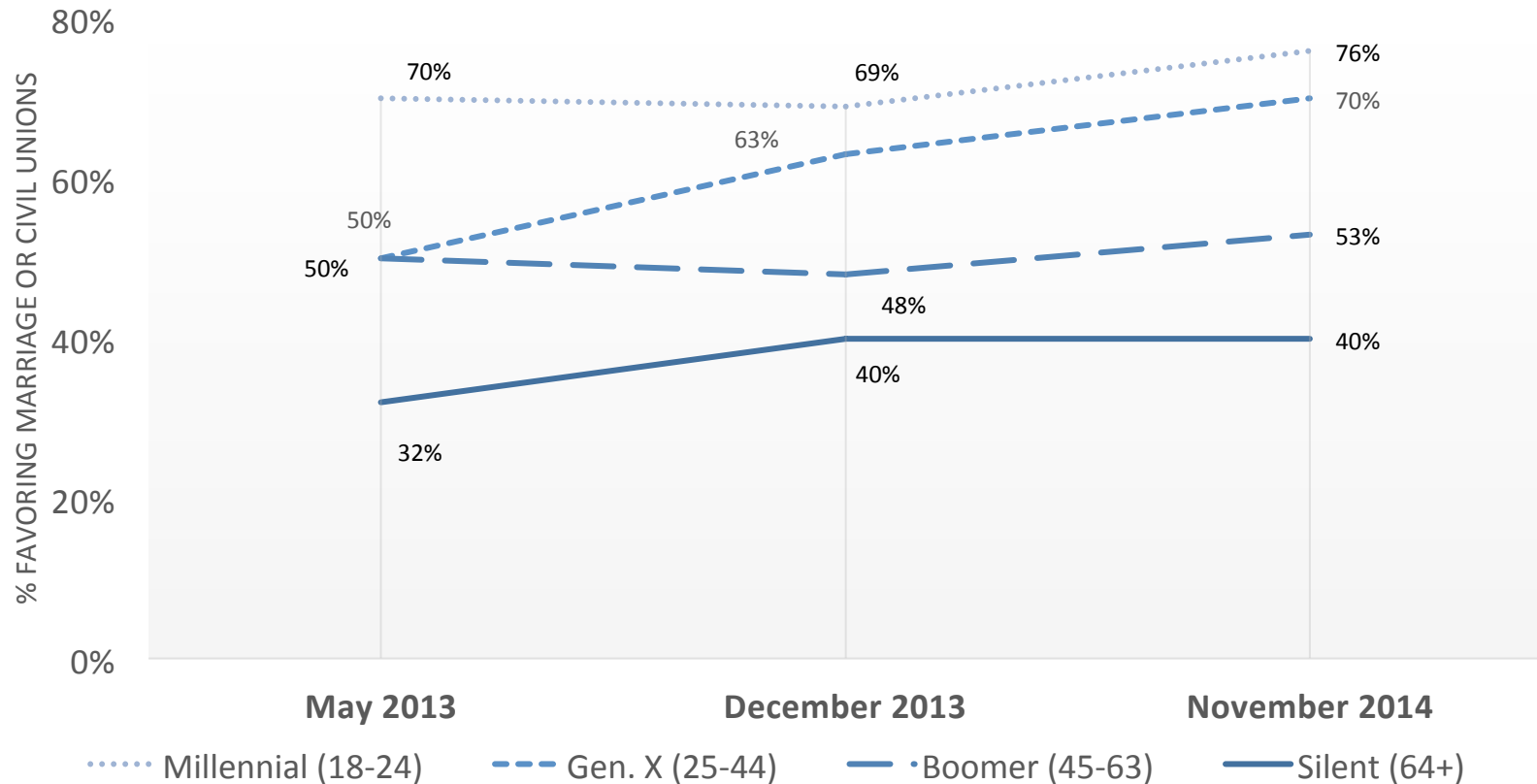


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Views on Same-Sex Marriage by Age

Among TN Registered Voters

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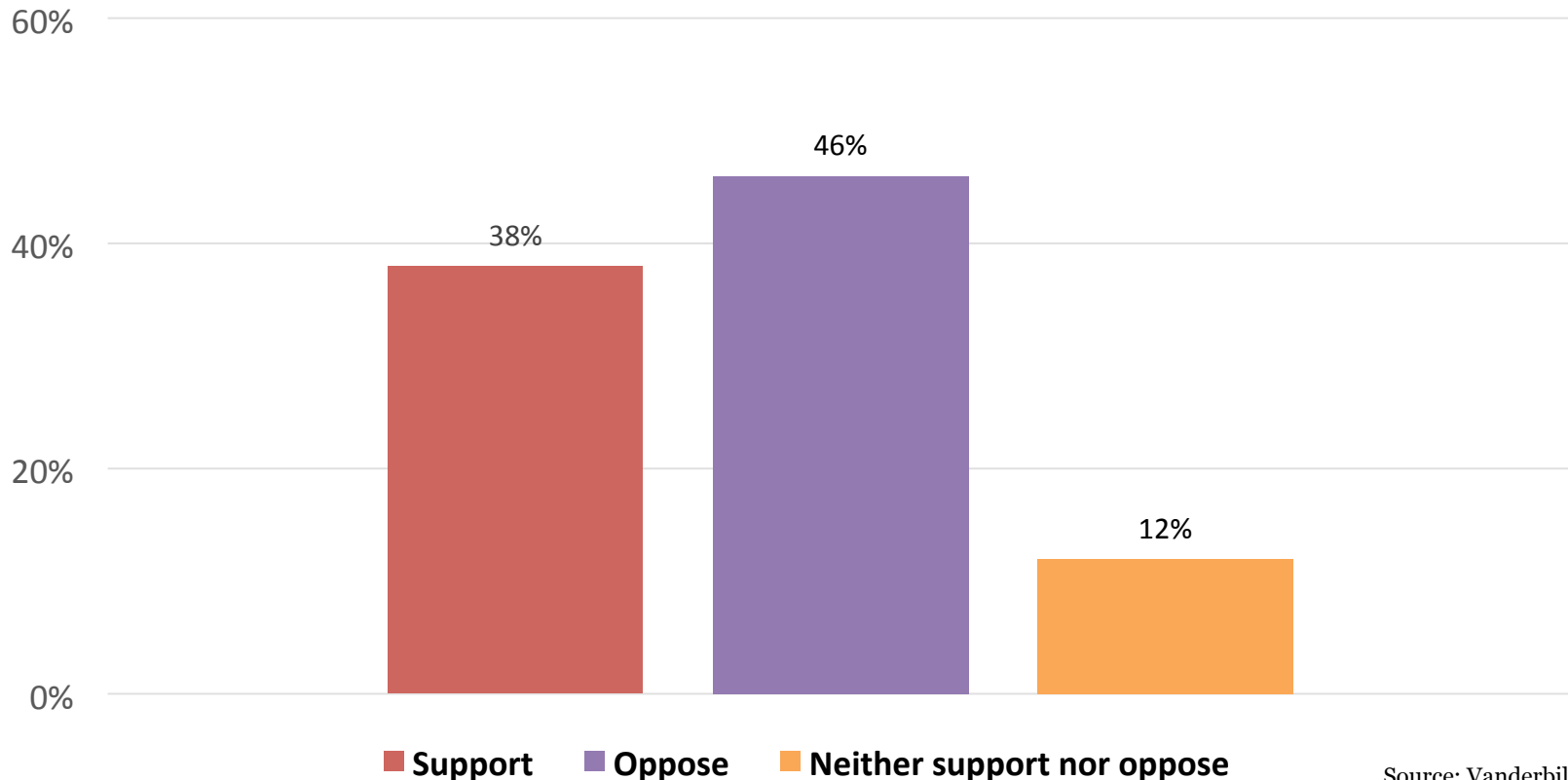


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Support for Common Core Standards

Among TN Registered Voters

As you may know, in the last few years, states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are education standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. ...Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in Tennessee?



Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
Nov. 2014
N=503; MoE: +/- 5.06%

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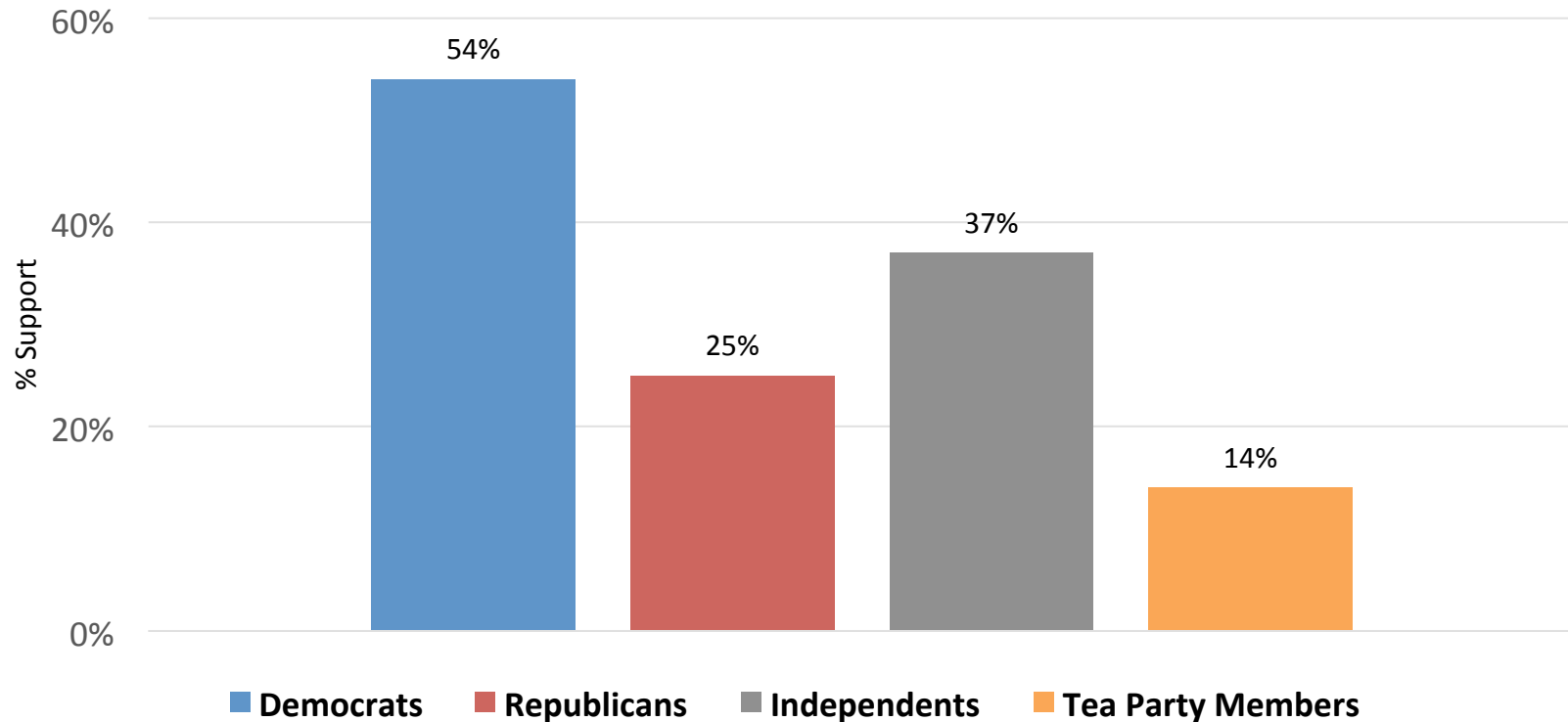
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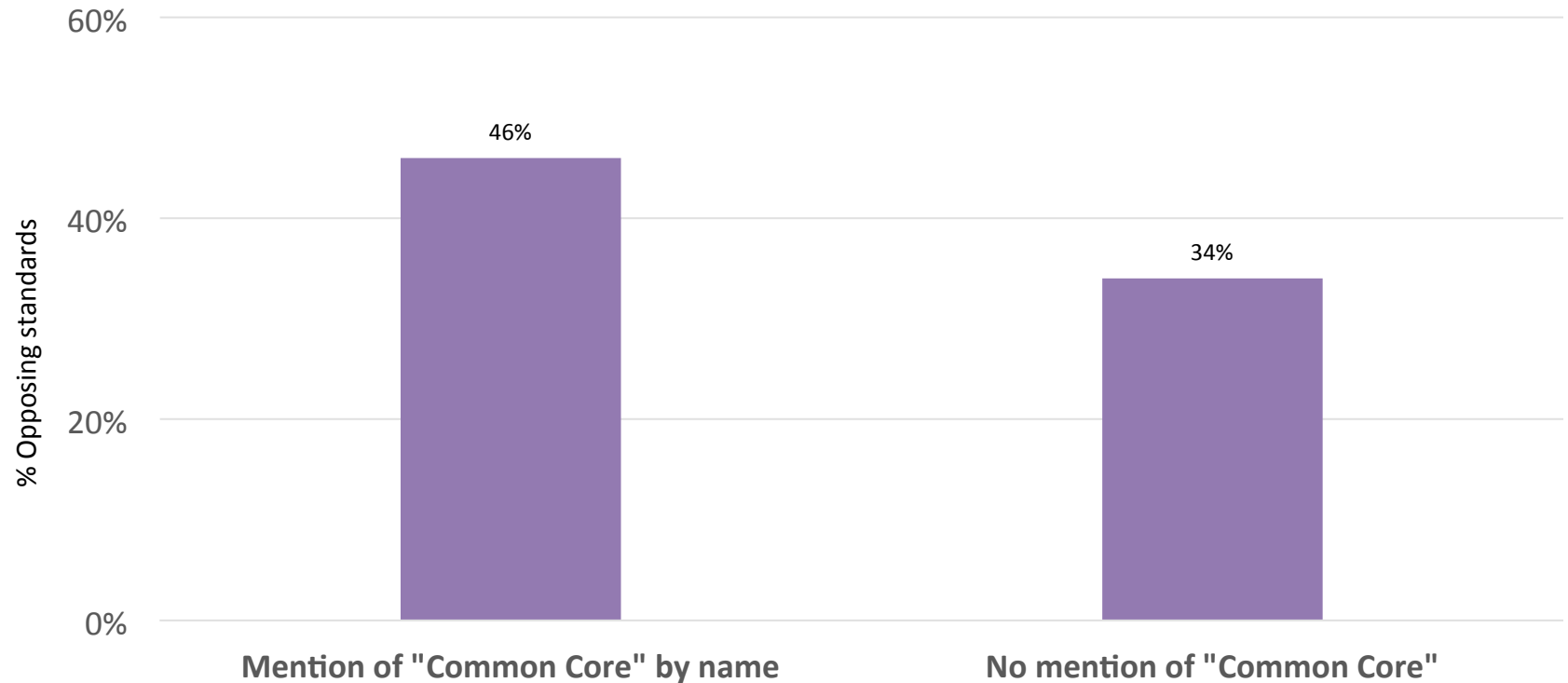


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Calling Policy “Common Core” Affects Opposition

Among TN Registered Voters

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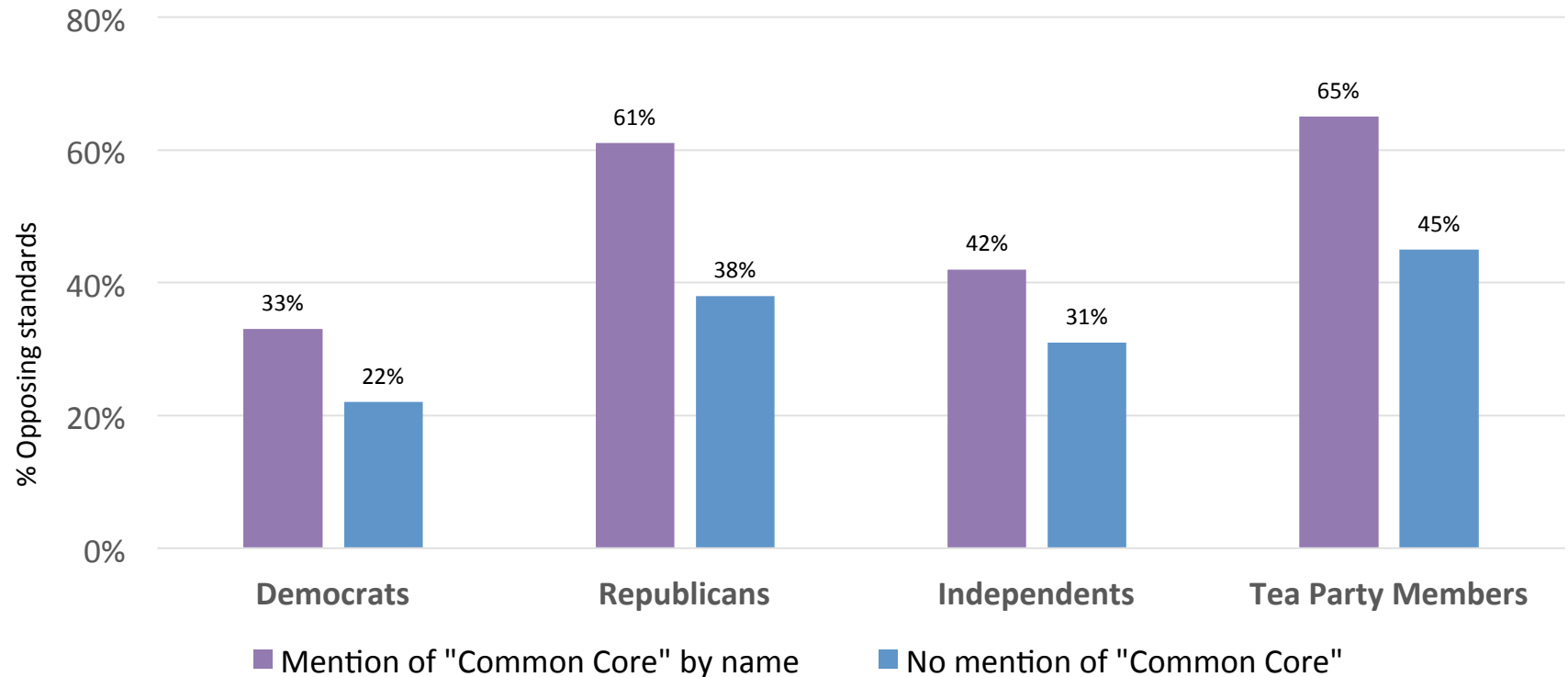


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“Common Core” Name: Opposition by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

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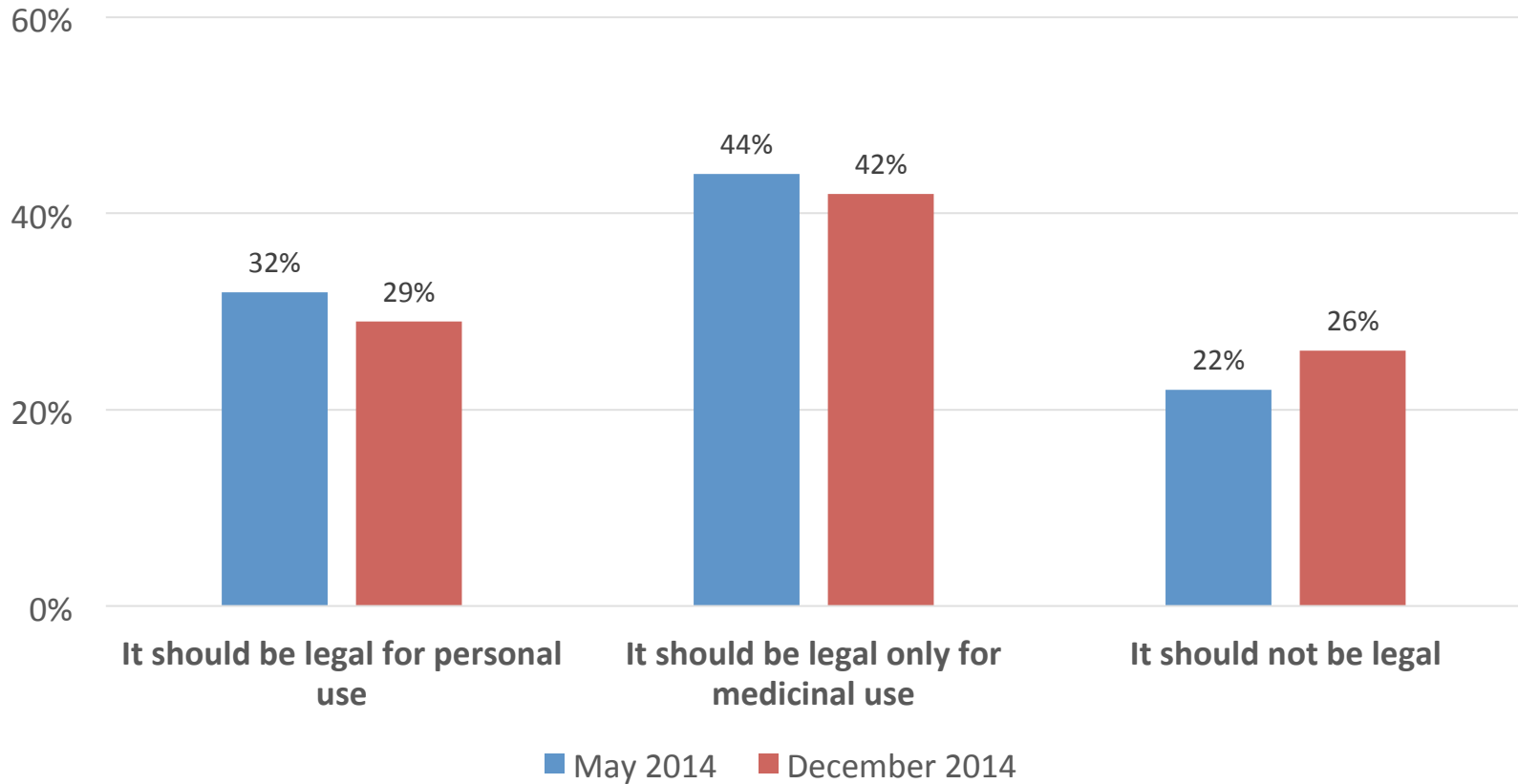


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Views on Marijuana Legalization

Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults?



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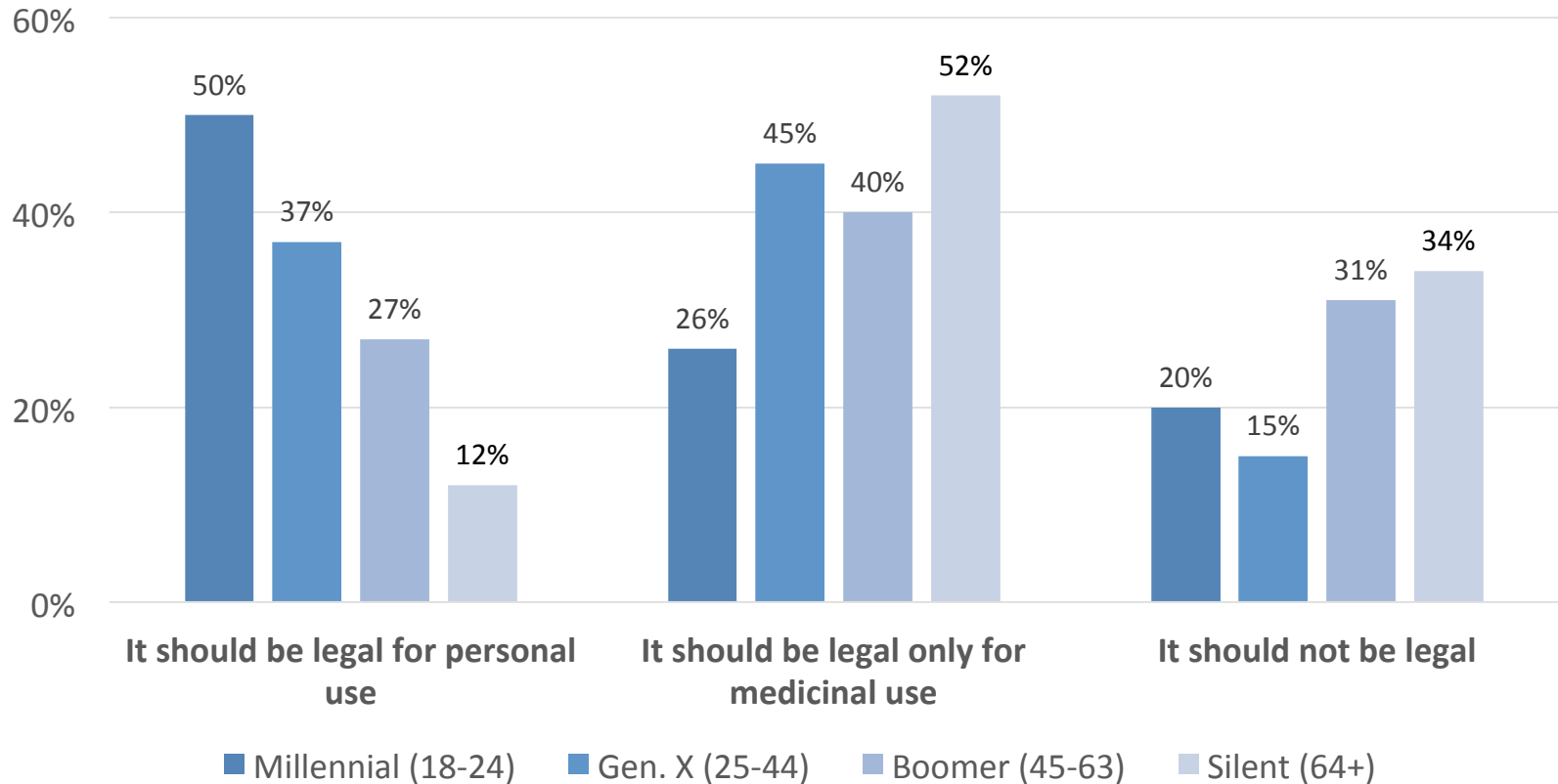


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Views on Marijuana Legalization by Age

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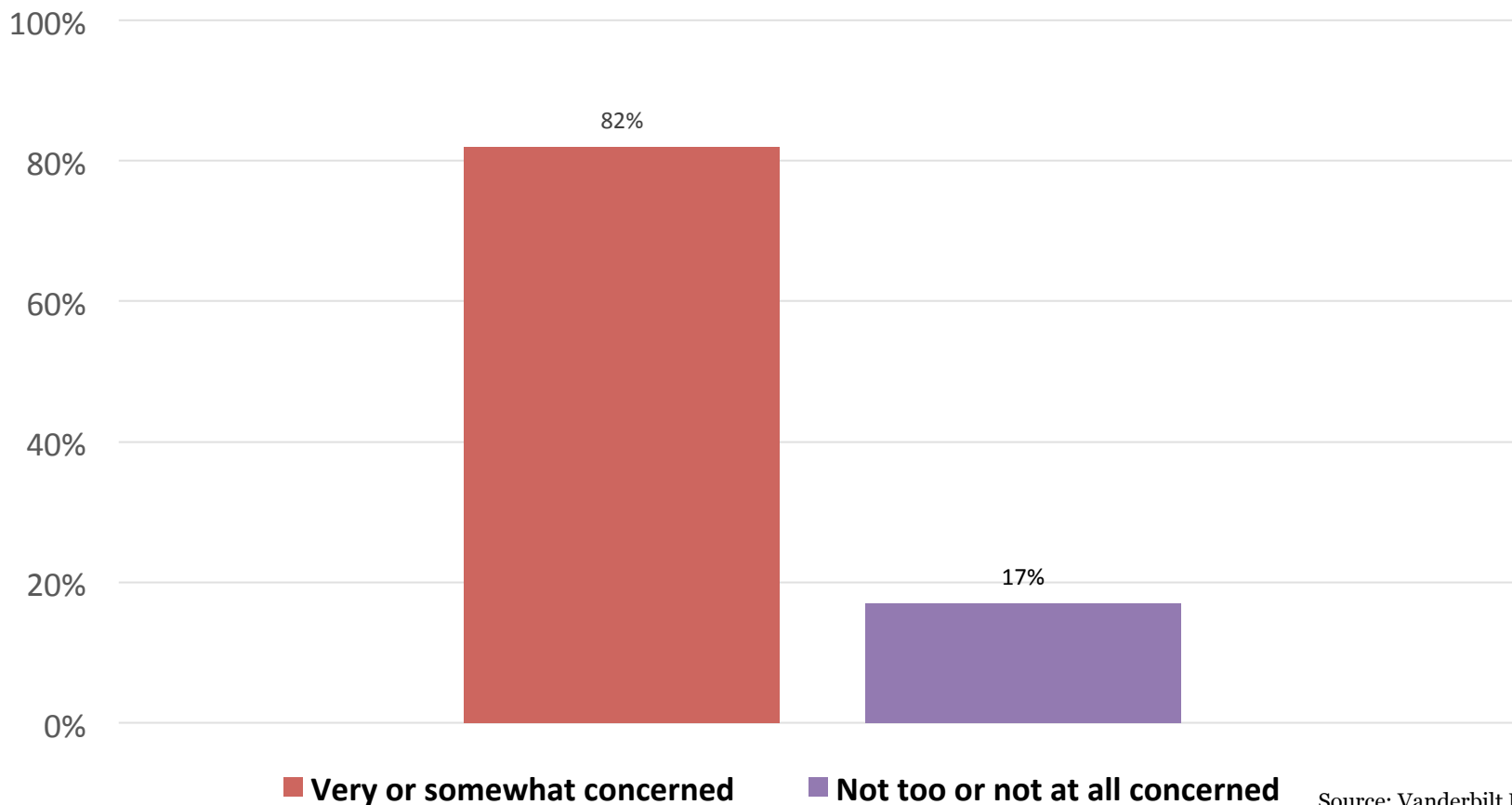


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Concern of Use or Sale of Meth

Among TN Registered Voters

How concerned are you about the use or sale of methamphetamines—also known as crystal meth—where you live?



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N=516; MoE: +/- 5.00%

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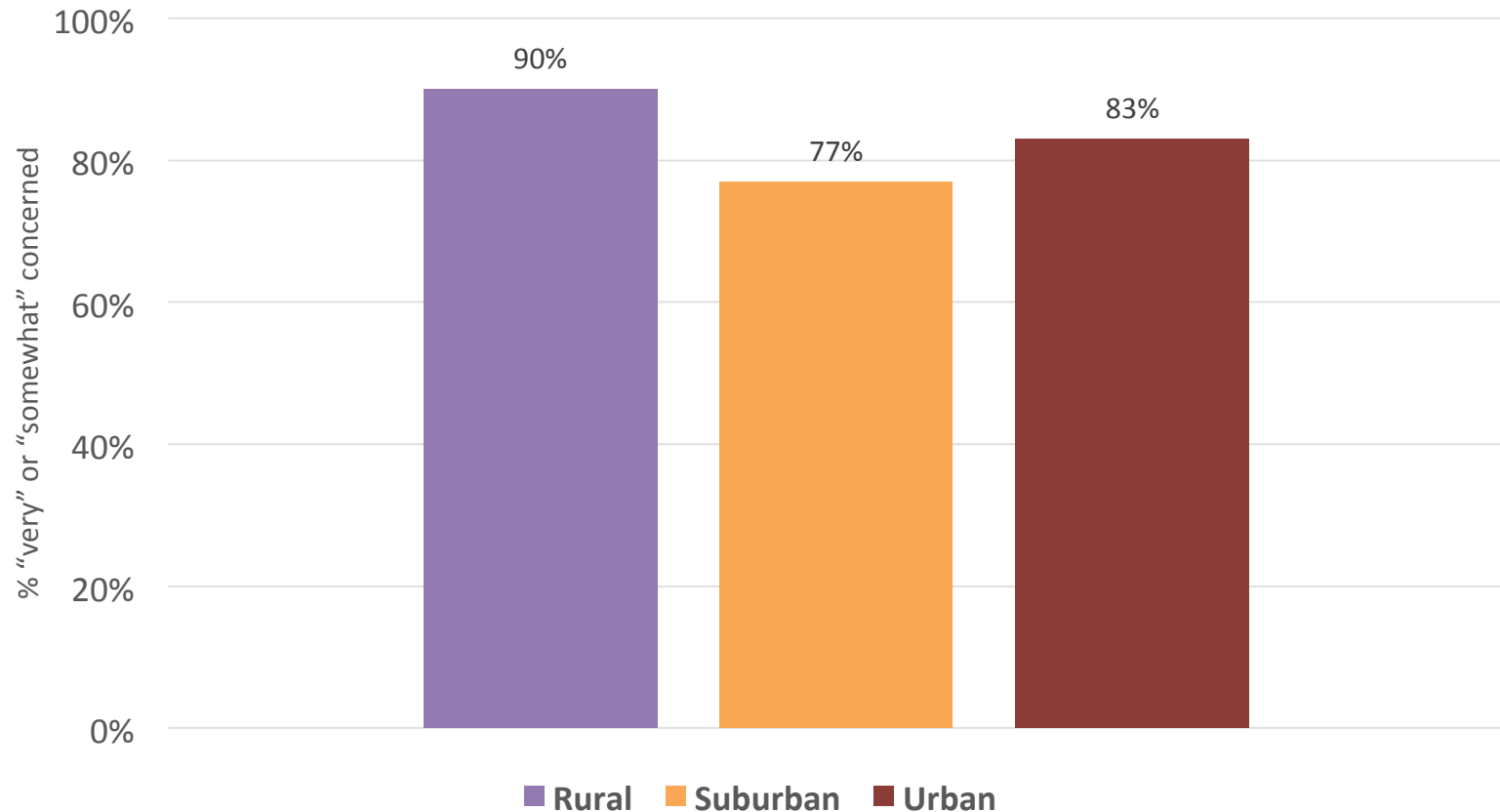


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Concern of Use or Sale of Meth by Region

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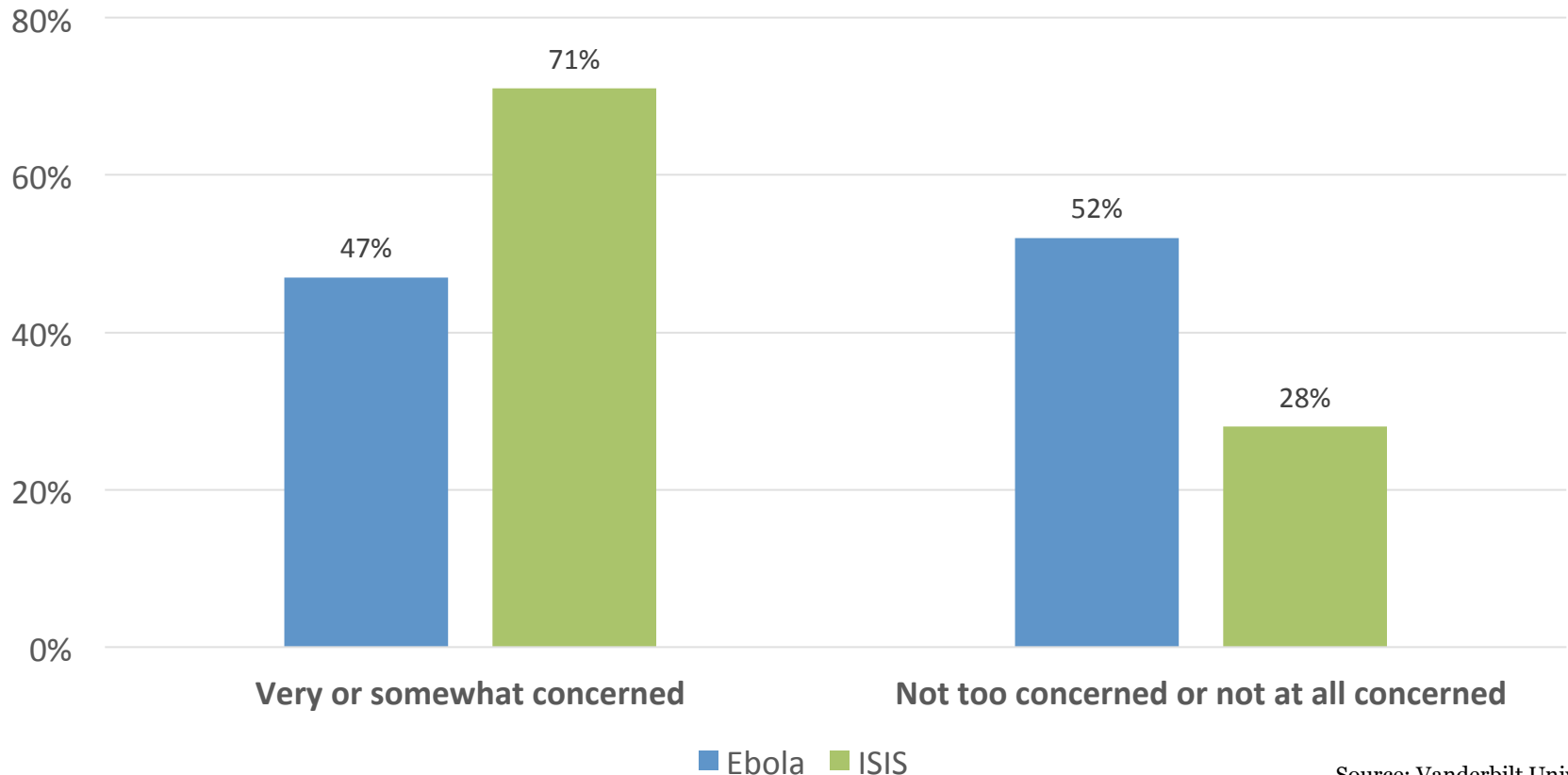


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Fear of Ebola & ISIS

Among TN Registered Voters

How concerned are you that there will be **a large outbreak of Ebola** inside the United States within the next twelve months? / How concerned are you that there will be **an attack by the militant group ISIS** inside the United States within the next twelve months?



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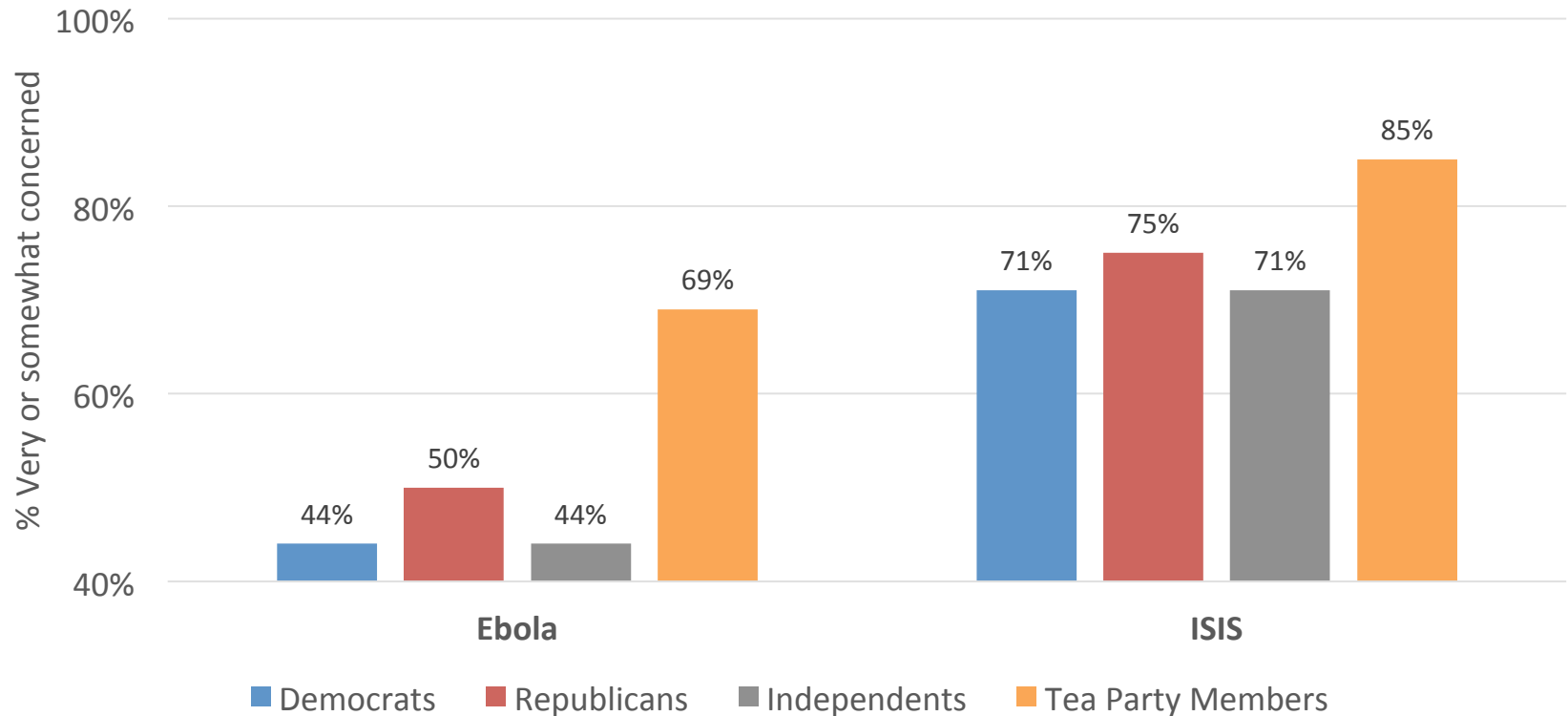


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Fear of Ebola & ISIS by Partisanship

Among TN Registered Voters

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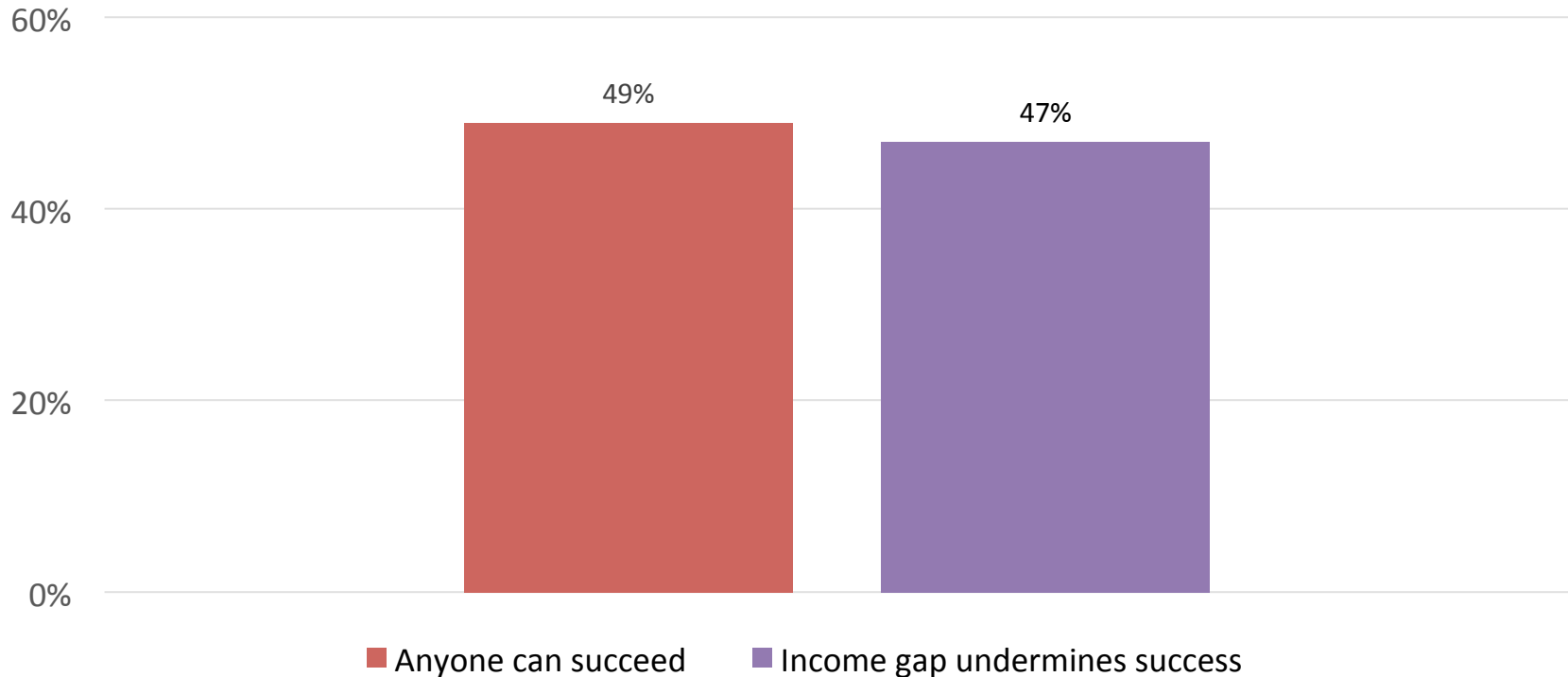


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Views on Income Equality

Among TN Registered Voters

Which of the following statements about America comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (1) The United States is a country in which **anyone, regardless of their background, can work hard, succeed, and be comfortable financially**, OR (2) The **widening gap between the incomes of the wealthy and everyone else is undermining the idea that every American has the opportunity to move up** to a better standard of living.



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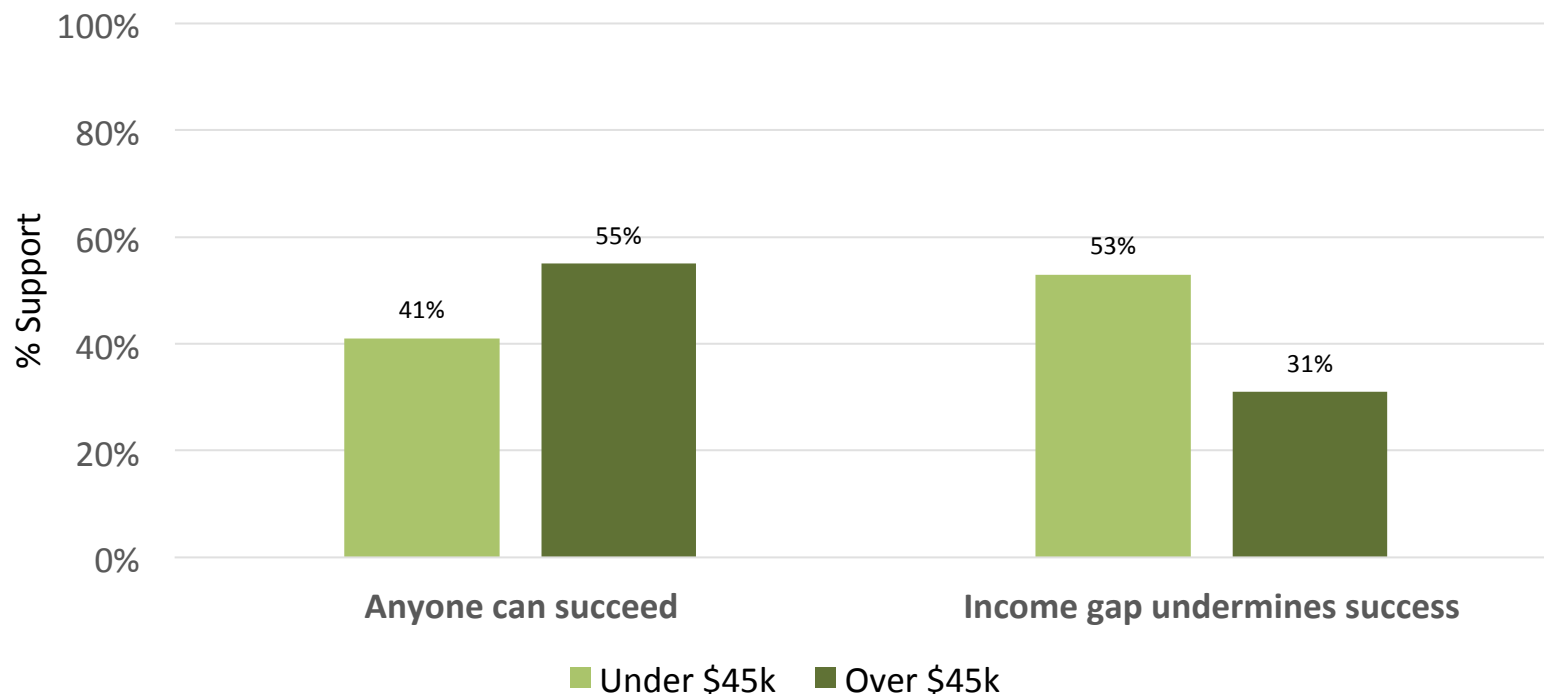


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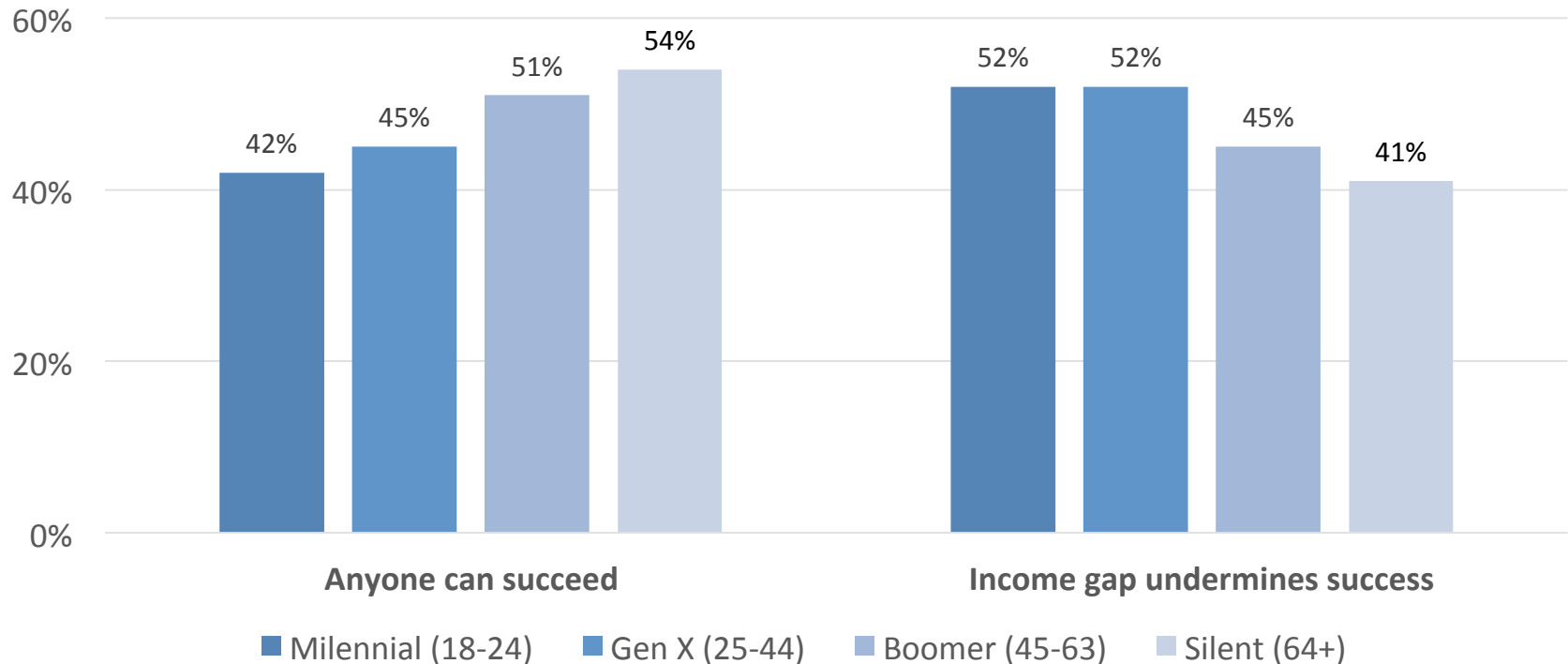


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Presidential Runoff: Clinton vs. Romney

Among TN Registered Voters

If the 2016 presidential election were held today and the candidates were **former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton** and **former Florida governor Jeb Bush**, for whom would you vote?

	Hillary Clinton	Mitt Romney
All Respondents	42%	44%
Democrats	86%	9%
Republicans	3%	89%
Independents	47%	36%
Tea Party Members	19%	63%

Source: Vanderbilt University Poll
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N=524; MoE: +/- 5.11%

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Among TN Registered Voters

If the 2016 presidential election were held today and the candidates were **former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton** and **former Florida governor Jeb Bush**, for whom would you vote?

	Hillary Clinton	Jeb Bush
All Respondents	37%	45%
Democrats	83%	9%
Republicans	4%	81%
Independents	46%	37%
Tea Party Members	12%	71%

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N=465; MoE: +/- 5.43%

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