



Key Issues in Healthcare: Where Voters Stand

Findings from a national survey of 1,503 voters
Conducted January 16-20, 2025

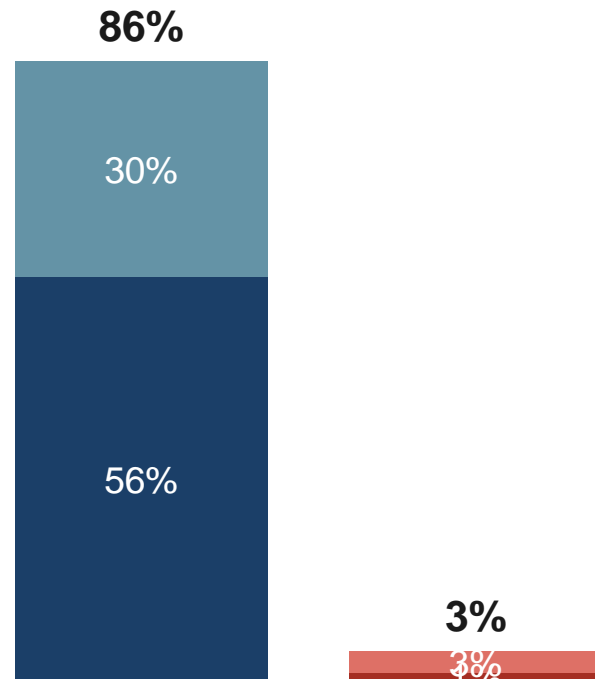
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Americans place a high degree of importance on healthcare as a voting issue

How important is the issue of healthcare to you when voting in elections for U.S. Congress?

■ Very important ■ Fairly important ■ Not that important ■ Not important at all

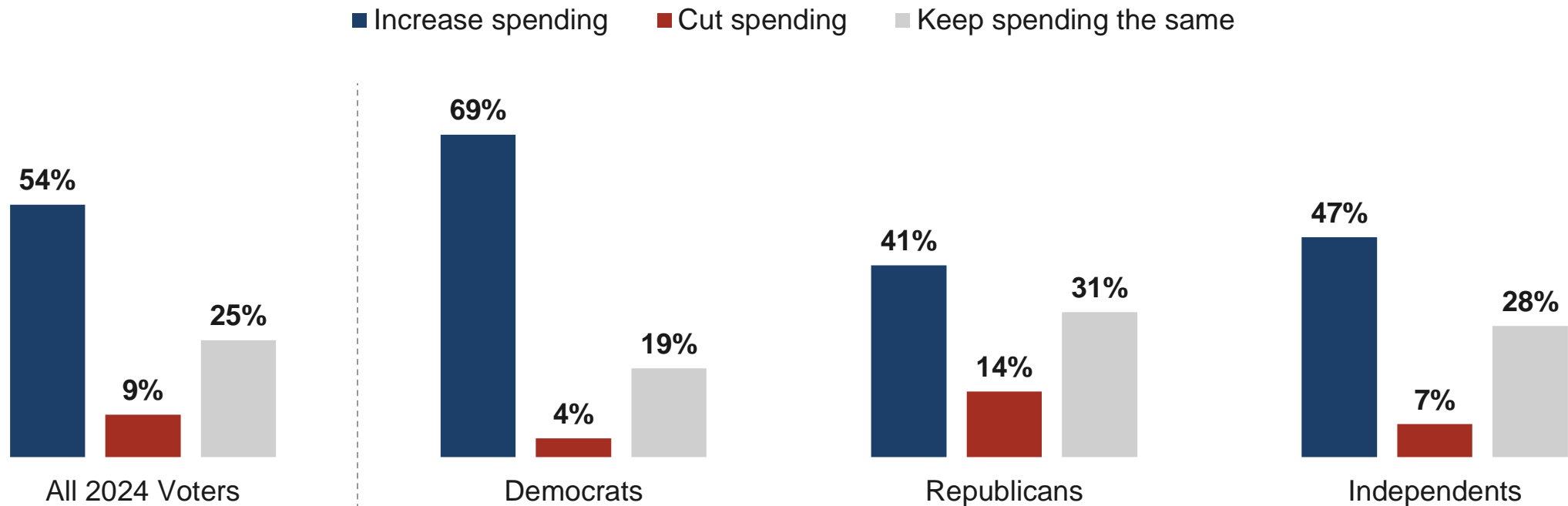


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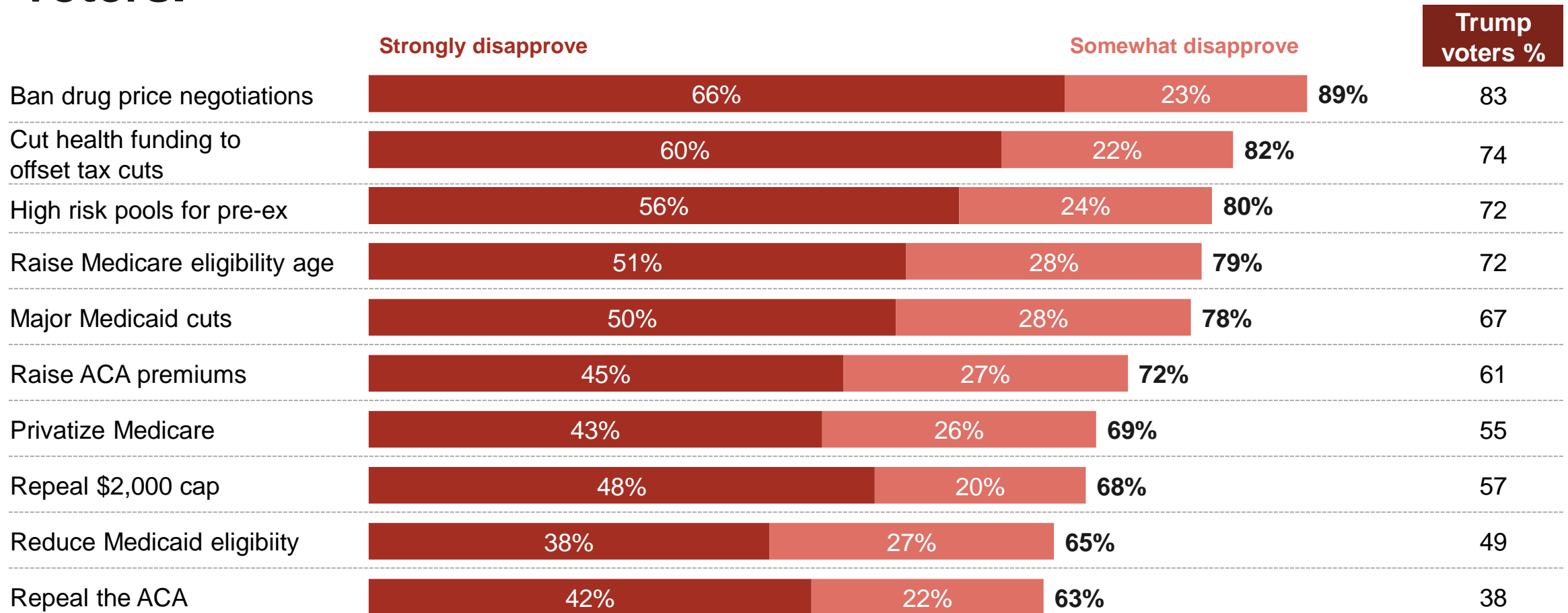
Democrats	70
Republicans	45
Independents	40
Black voters	70
Hispanic voters	69
AAPI voters	47
White men	44
White women	58
White working-class	55

Most voters want to increase funding for healthcare, and very few think healthcare spending should be cut

Do you think the federal government should increase the amount of money it spends on healthcare, cut the amount of money it spends on healthcare, or keep the amount it spends on healthcare about the same as it is now?

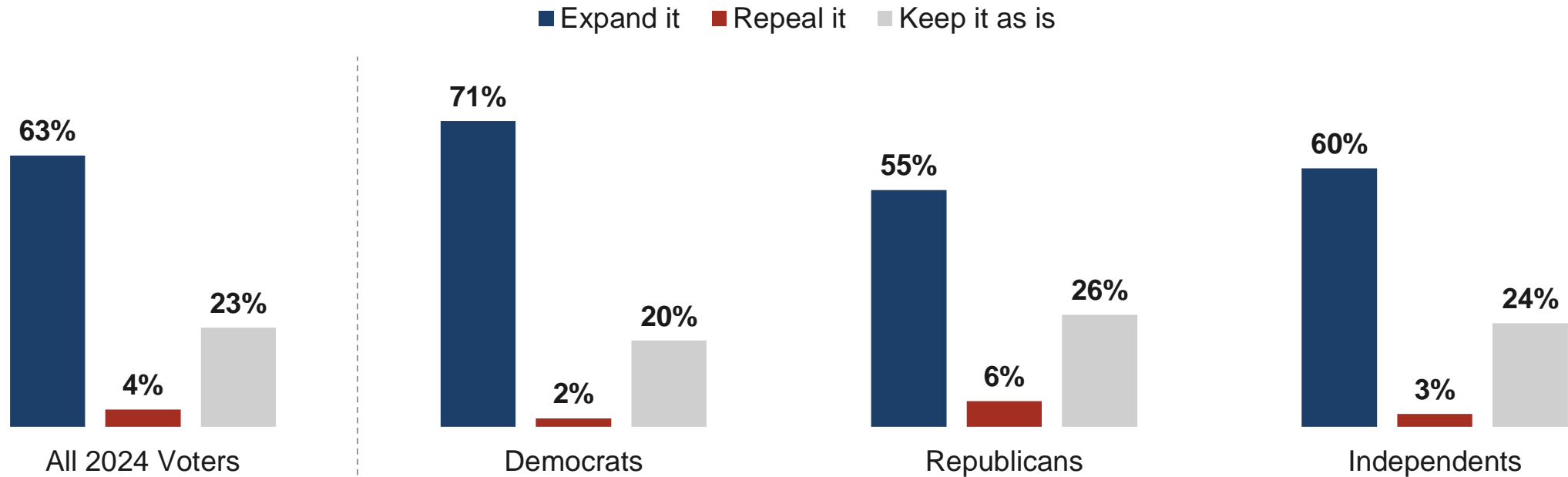


There is broad opposition across party lines to major elements of the Republican healthcare agenda, including among Trump voters.



Across party lines, voters want to expand Medicare price negotiations, and hardly anyone wants to repeal.

What would you like to see Congress do about the law that gives Medicare the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices?

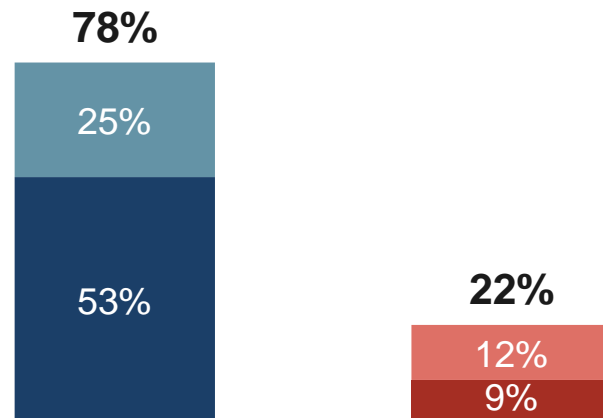


A large majority of voters say it is important for Congress to take action to extend tax credits to keep ACA premiums low and oppose GOP policies that would cause premiums to rise.

In 2022, Congress passed a law increasing the amount of these tax credits and making the tax credits available to more people. Unless further action is taken, these expanded tax credits will expire at the end of this year, raising premiums for as many as 20 million Americans.

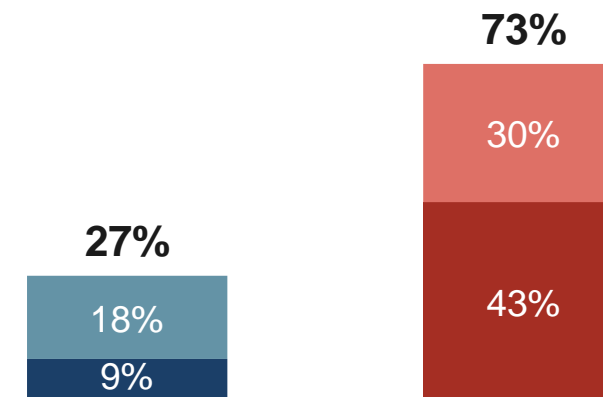
How important do you think it is for Congress to take action to continue these expanded tax credits for people who buy health insurance through the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare?

- Fairly important
- Very important
- Just somewhat important
- Not important



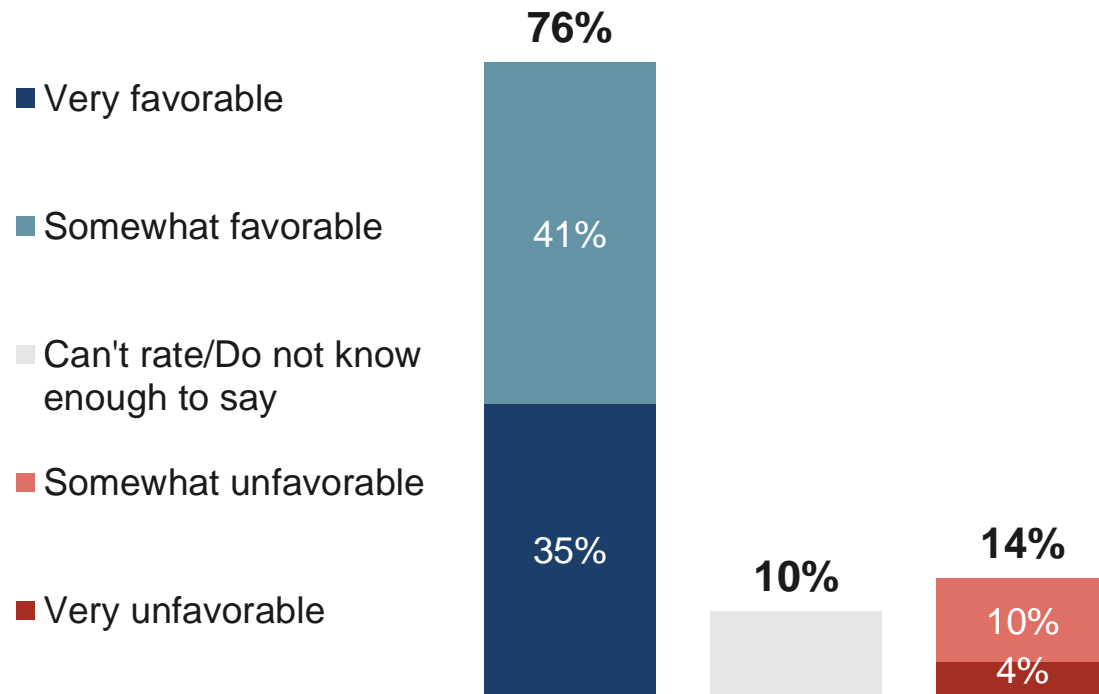
Do you approve or disapprove of increasing premiums for nearly 20 million Americans who get health insurance through the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare?

- Somewhat approve
- Strongly approve
- Somewhat disapprove
- Strongly disapprove

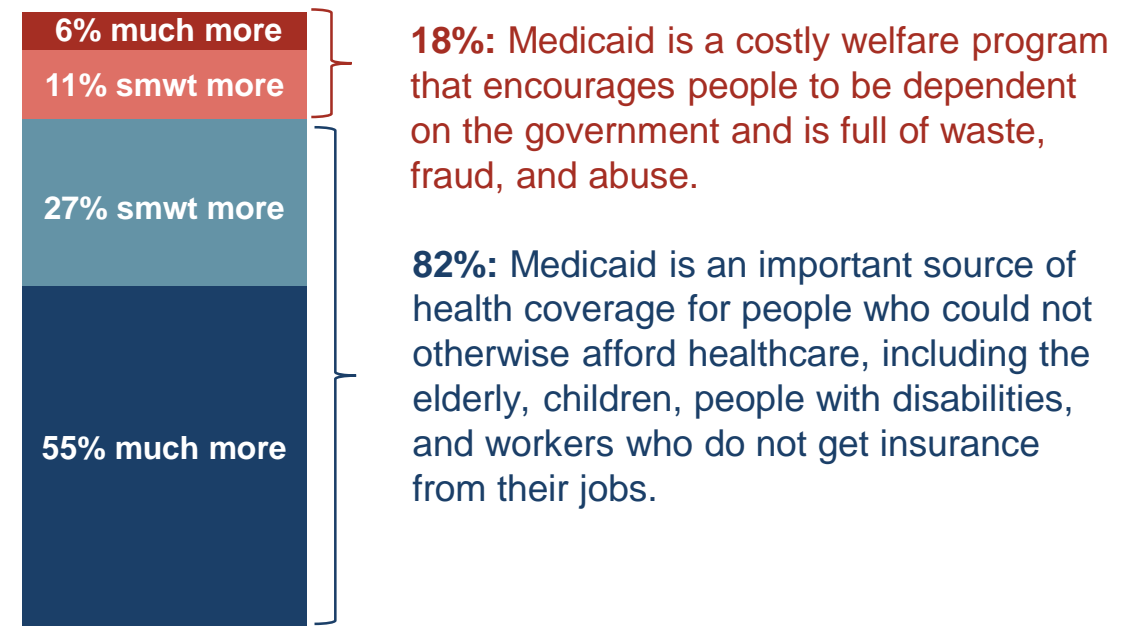


A large majority of voters have a favorable opinion of Medicaid and see it as an important source of health coverage rather than as a wasteful welfare program.

Please rate your opinion of Medicaid.



Which one of the following statements do you think better describes Medicaid today?

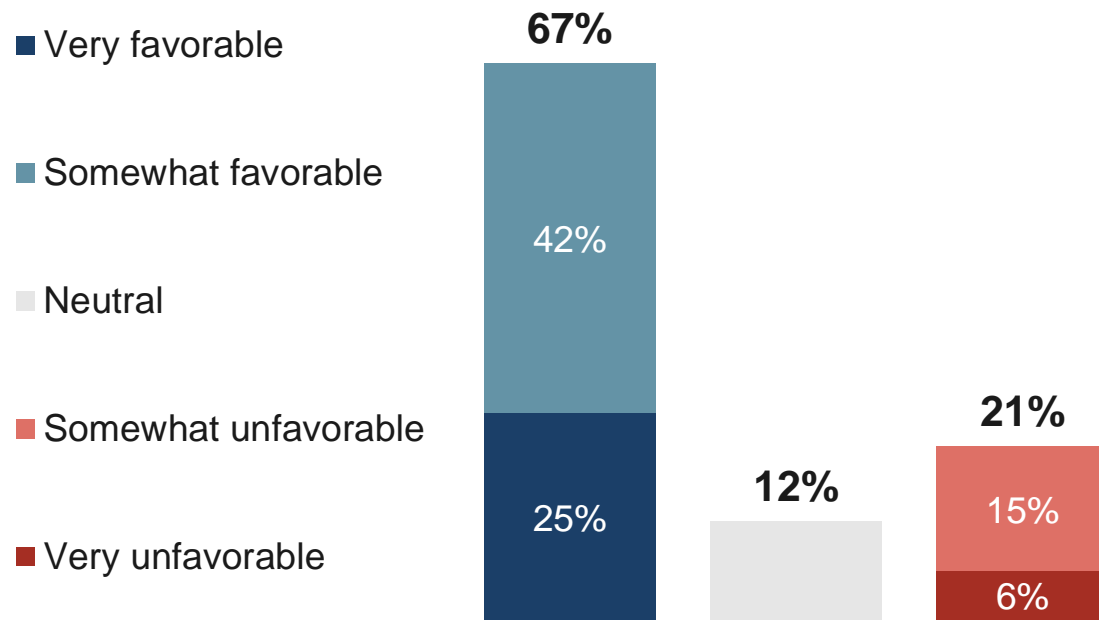


18%: Medicaid is a costly welfare program that encourages people to be dependent on the government and is full of waste, fraud, and abuse.

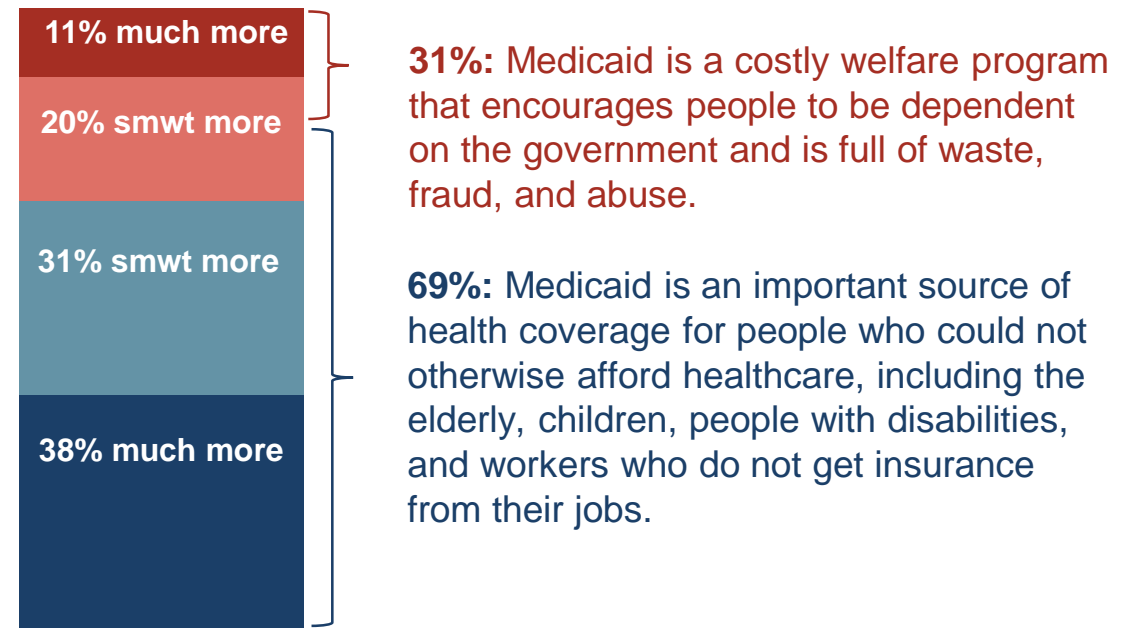
82%: Medicaid is an important source of health coverage for people who could not otherwise afford healthcare, including the elderly, children, people with disabilities, and workers who do not get insurance from their jobs.

Like voters overall, **Trump voters** are favorable to Medicaid and see it as an important source of healthcare rather than as a wasteful welfare program.

Please rate your opinion of Medicaid/
TRUMP VOTERS



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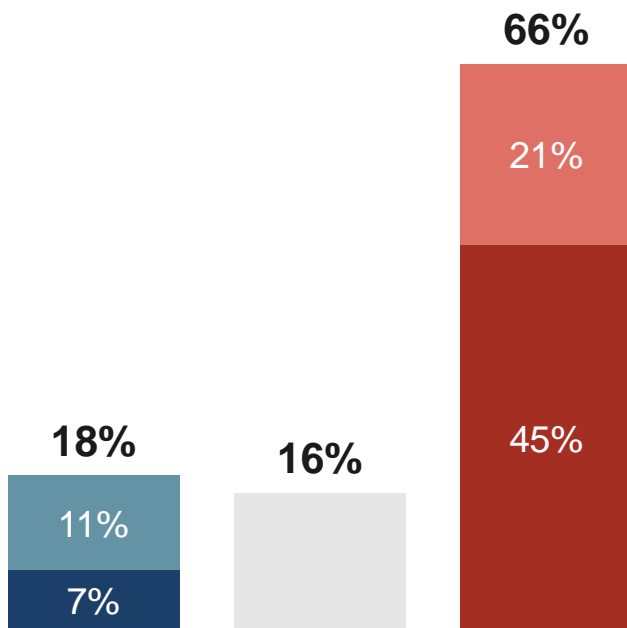
31%: Medicaid is a costly welfare program that encourages people to be dependent on the government and is full of waste, fraud, and abuse.

69%: Medicaid is an important source of health coverage for people who could not otherwise afford healthcare, including the elderly, children, people with disabilities, and workers who do not get insurance from their jobs.

Before any messaging, 66% say a push for large Medicaid cuts would make them feel unfavorable about Republicans.

How would it make you feel about Republicans in Congress if they push for large cuts to Medicaid this year?

■ Very favorable
 ■ Somewhat favorable
 ■ Neutral
 ■ Somewhat unfavorable
 ■ Very unfavorable



	Total Unfavorable %	Very Unfavorable %
Harris voters	89	73
Trump voters	43	18
Black voters	82	62
Hispanic voters	64	44
AAPI voters	70	48
White MC/ higher	53	33
White working class	74	52

After hearing more about the role of Medicaid, 72% of all voters (including 52% of Trump voters) would be unfavorable to the GOP if it pushes for large Medicaid cuts

These facts about Medicaid are particularly important to voters.

1

Medicaid provides essential care for over 10 million adults with disabilities, and Medicaid is the only source of health coverage for millions of children with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities.

2

Medicaid provides healthcare to almost half of all children in America, helping over 30 million children get the healthcare they need.

3

Nearly a million non-elderly veterans--many of whom suffer with chronic conditions--rely on Medicaid for all or part of their healthcare.

4

Over eight million lower-income seniors rely on Medicaid for affordable and essential healthcare, from vision care to long-term care.

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Medicaid helps pay the costs for almost two-thirds of all nursing home residents nationwide and plays a key role in helping families afford quality nursing home care for their elderly parents and family members with disabilities.

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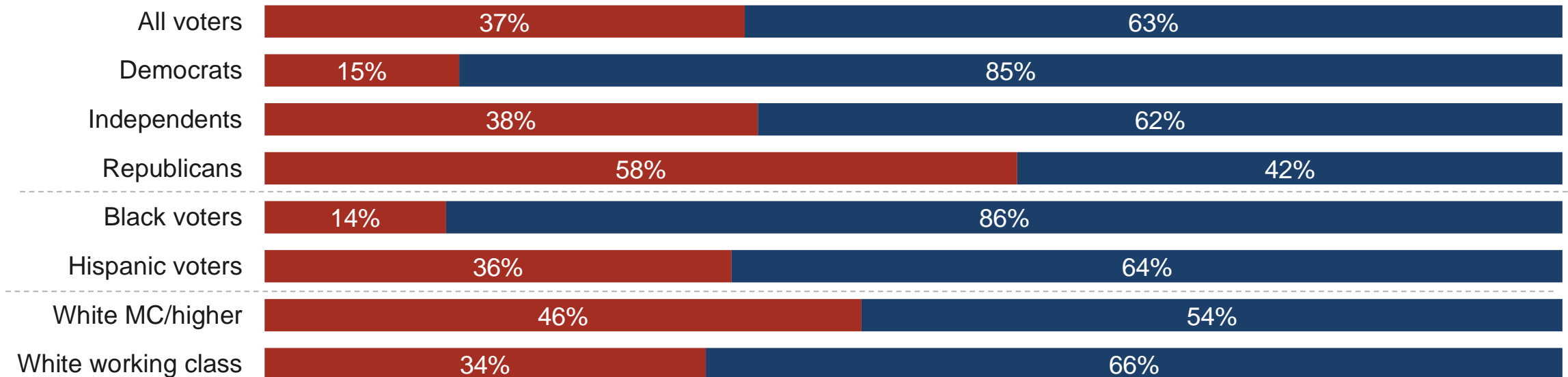
Medicaid provides essential home care services that allow elderly people and people with disabilities to stay in their homes and communities, while reducing burdens on families.

On work requirements, concerns about taking away health care overrides concerns about potential abuse.

Which statement would concern you more?

Total Statement A: *Without work requirements, people will abuse the system and receive government benefits instead of working or seriously looking for a job.*

Total Statement B: *With work requirements, many people who are in poor health, who have a disability, or who take care of their children or parents could lose their healthcare.*



Building off policy differences, key contrasts between the two parties provide a major advantage for Democrats.

