

Health Care and the 2020 Election

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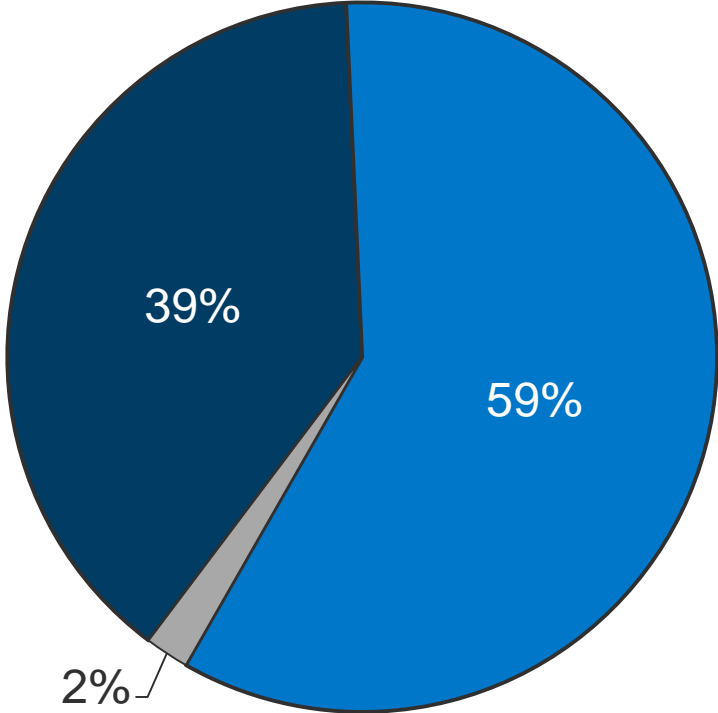
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2020 Democratic Primary Voters Say Defeating Trump Matters Most In A Candidate

In selecting a presidential nominee for the Democratic Party, which of the following is most important to you?

- A candidate who comes closer to your views on the issues
- A candidate with the best chance to beat Donald Trump
- Don't know/Refused

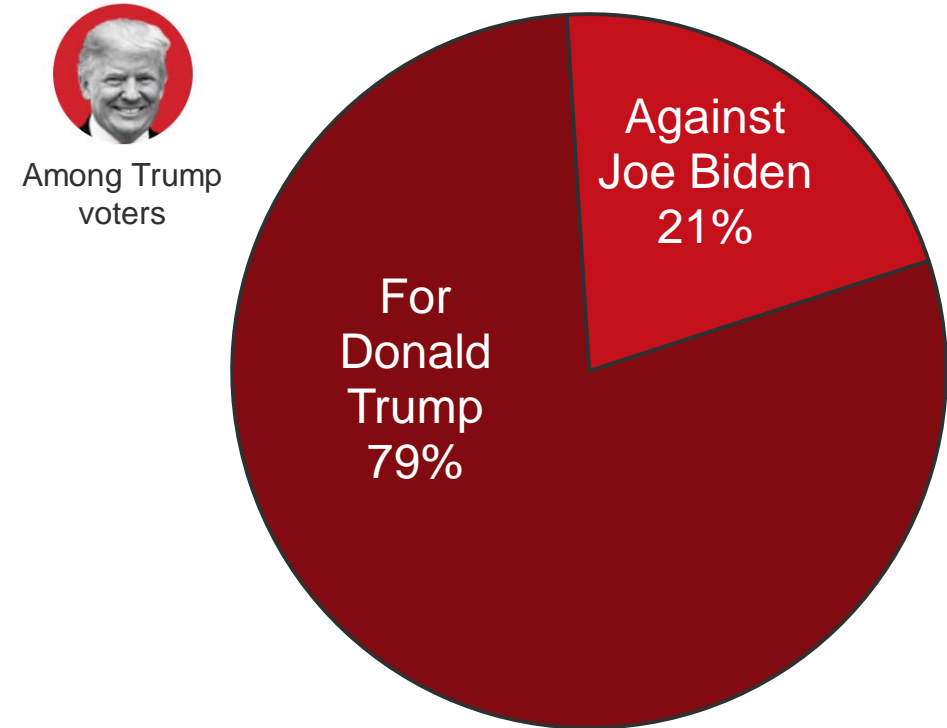
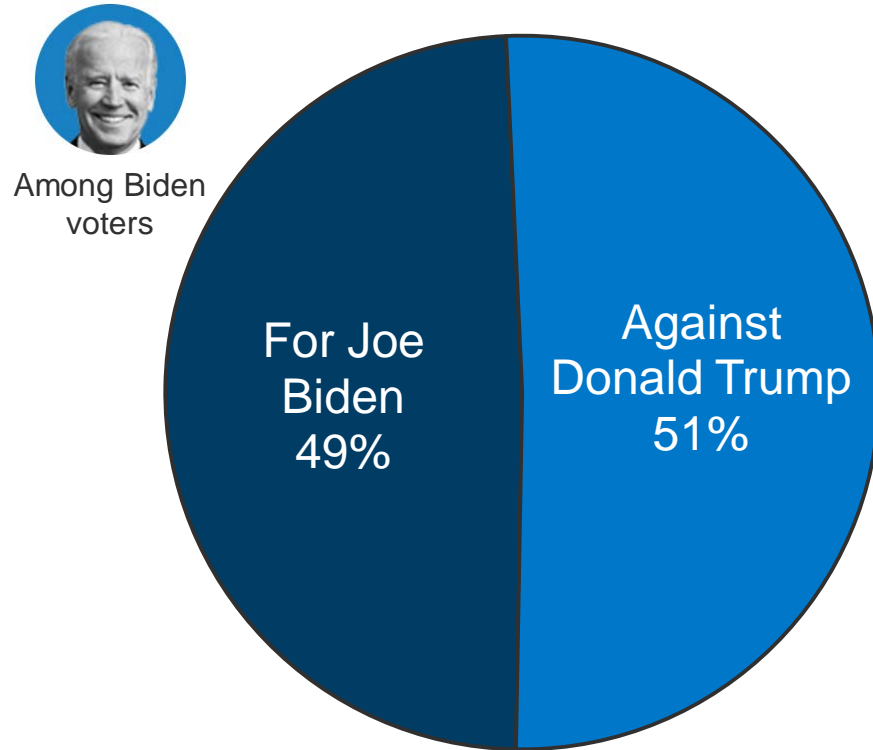


NOTE: Among those who say they are definitely voting for the Democratic nominee.
SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (conducted February 13-18, 2020). See topline for full question wording and response options.



2020 Vote Decisions Were Largely About President Trump

Is your vote mainly a vote ...?



SOURCE: KFF analysis of AP VoteCast, a survey of the American electorate conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago (conducted Oct. 27-Nov. 3, 2020)

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Opinion

Can We Please Stop Fighting About 'Medicare for All'?

One policy proposal has defined this Democratic race. It's time to move on.

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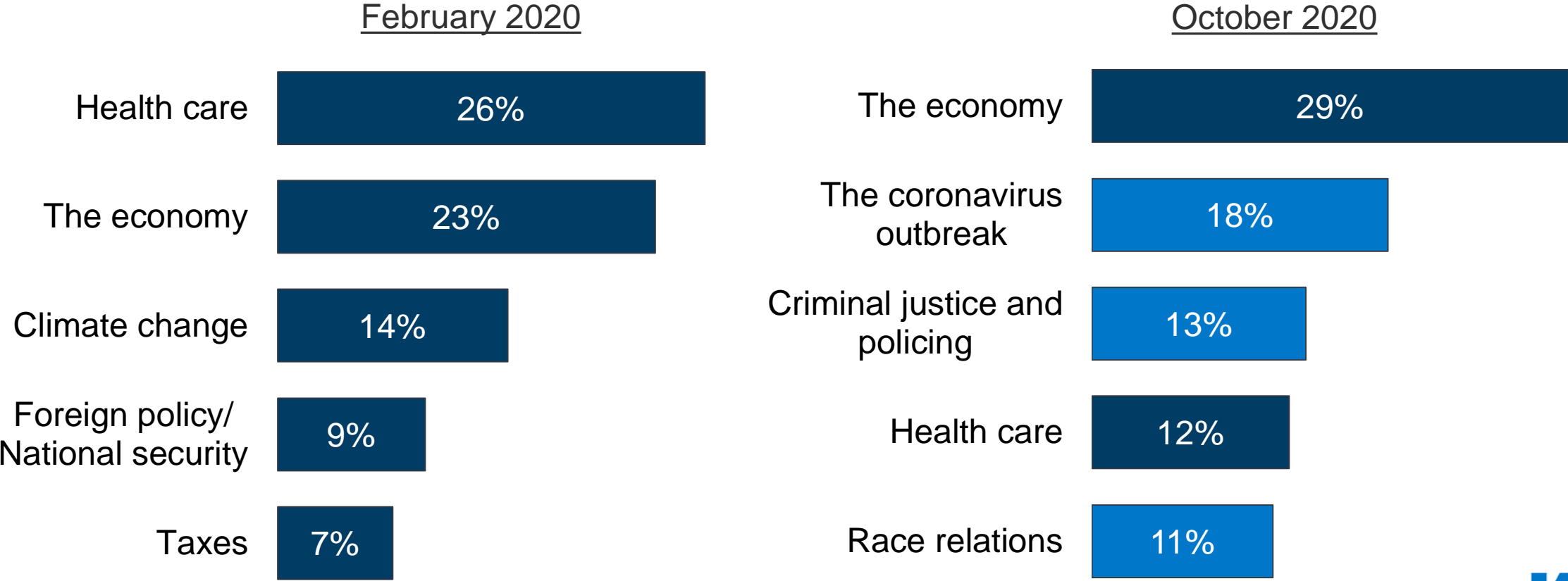
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The Top Issues For Election: February vs. October

AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: Percent who say each of the following issues will be the **most important** in deciding their vote for president:

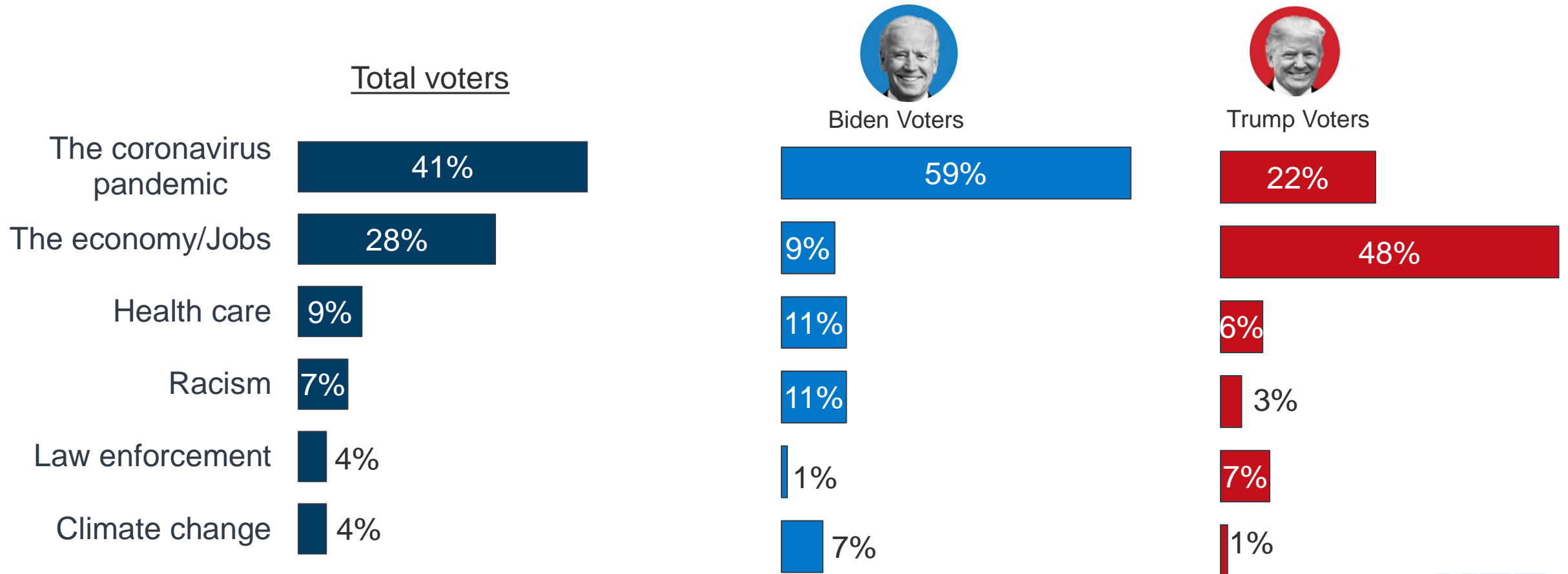


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Coronavirus And Economy Dominate Voters' Top Issues, Depending On Who They Voted For

Percent of voters who said each is the most important issue facing the country:



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NOTE: Issues receiving at least 4% of total voters saying it is “most important issue” shown.

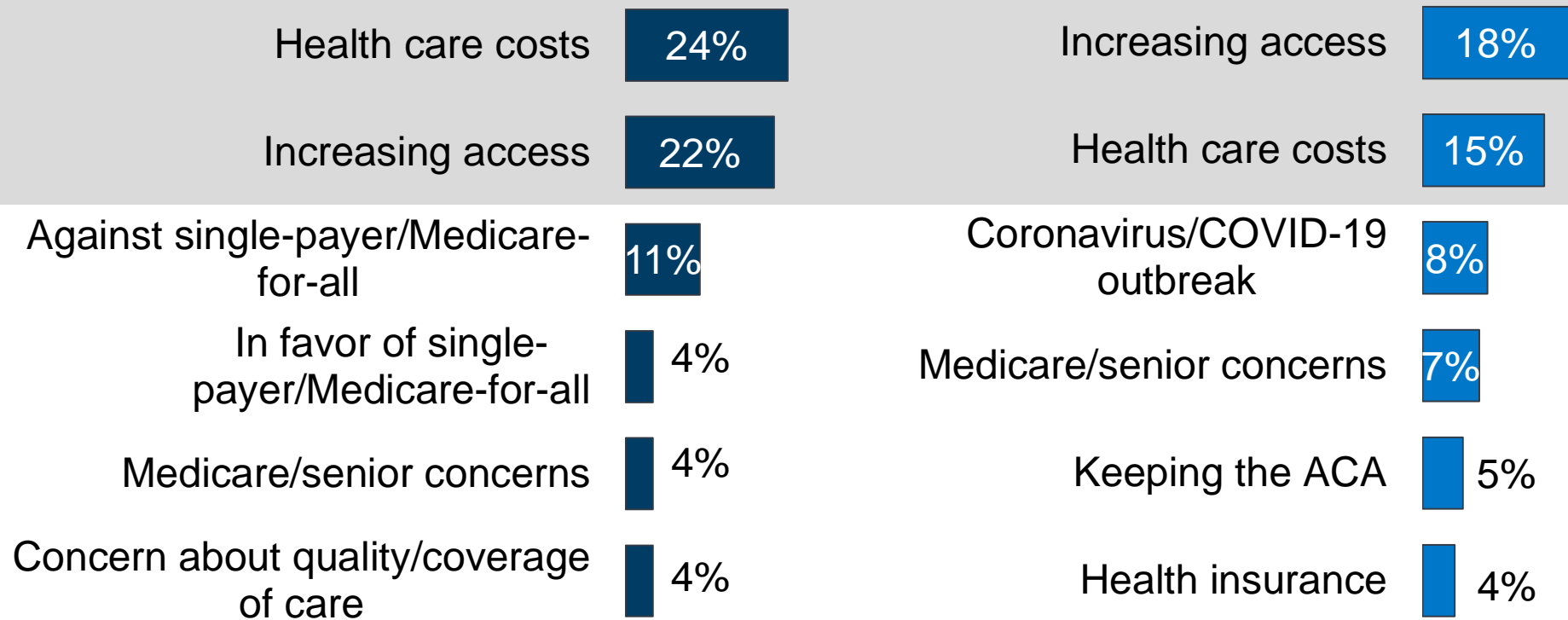


When Voters Say Health Care, What Do They Mean?

AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: Percent who say, when it comes to health care, they specifically mean (*open-end*):

February 2020

September 2020



NOTE: Responses 4% and above are shown.

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Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Champion Of Gender Equality, Dies At 87

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Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court's Feminist Icon, Is Dead at 87

The second woman appointed to the Supreme Court, Justice Ginsburg's pointed and powerful dissenting opinions earned her late-life rock stardom.

SUPREME COURT

Trump poised to nominate Amy Coney Barrett to fill Ginsburg's seat

The president will officially announce his choice Saturday, just over five weeks from Election Day.

POLITICS

Amy Coney Barrett Confirmed To Supreme Court, Takes Constitutional Oath

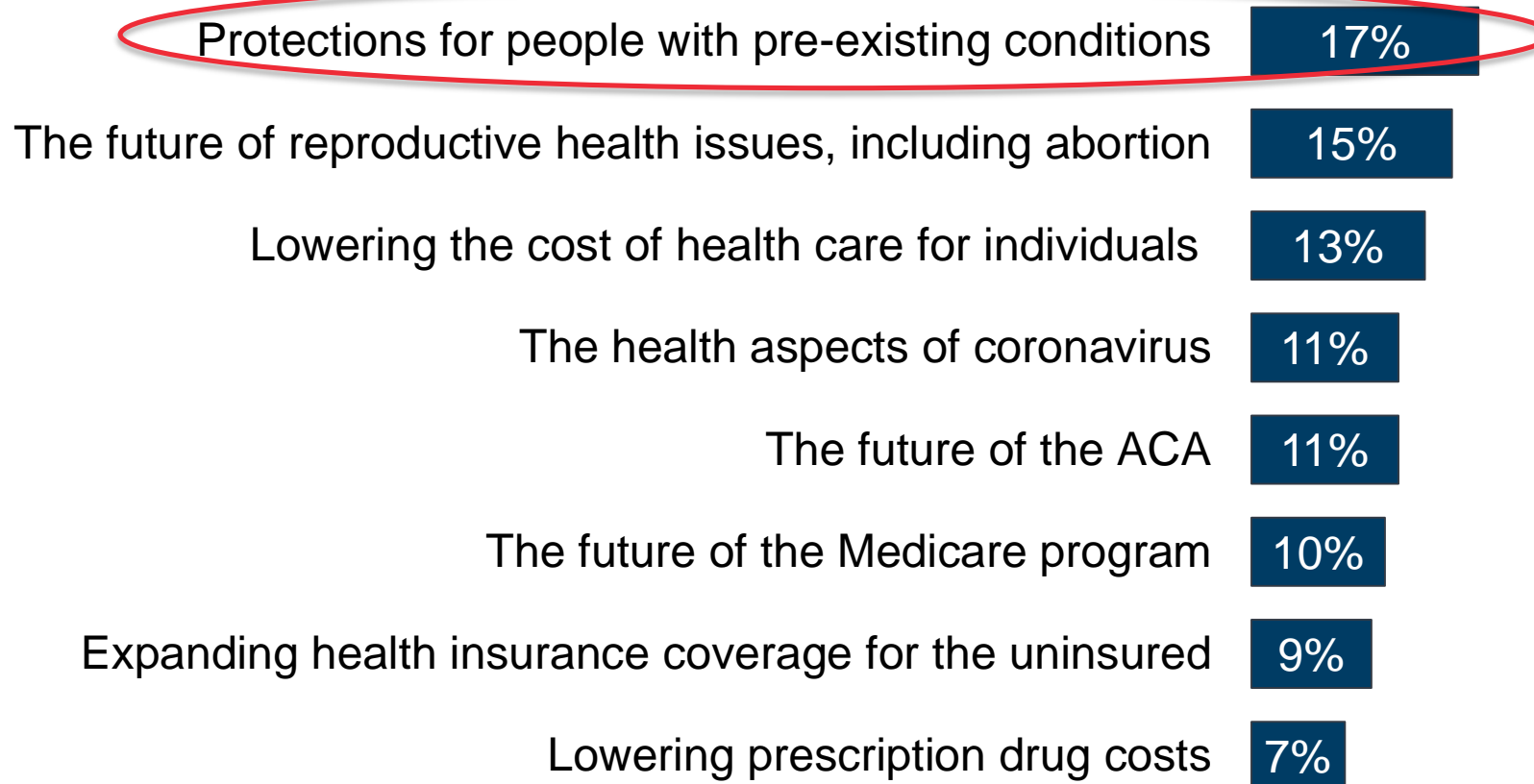
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CONGRESS

McConnell locks down key Republican votes for Supreme Court fight

Voters Are Split Across Various Health Care Priorities On Which Is The Most Important To Their 2020 Vote Choice

REGISTERED VOTERS: Percent who say each of the following is the **most important health care issue** in making their decision about who to vote for president:



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Biden defeats Trump

WITH HARRIS, HE REBUILDS 'BLUE WALL,' CALLS FOR 'A TIME TO HEAL'

279 Biden | 270 to win | Trump 214



President presses legal challenges, won't concede

BY TOLUSE OLOREUNWA, ANNIE LINSKEY AND PHILIP RUCKER

Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. was elected the nation's 46th president Saturday in a repudiation of President Trump powered by legions of women and minority voters who rejected his handling of the coronavirus pandemic and his divisive, bullying conduct in office.

Biden's victory was the culmination of four years of struggle for Democrats and others who have resisted Trump. It was celebrated by an emotional outpouring in cities coast to coast that reached into a full moon and...

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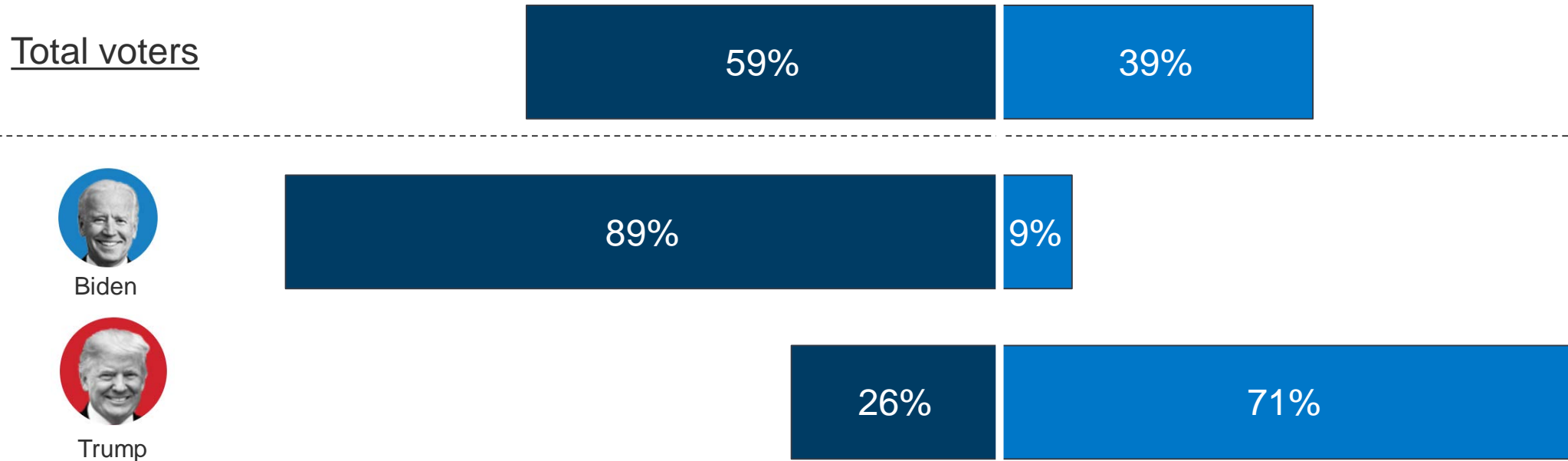
Biden Administration “Day One” Priorities And Challenges

- How to govern a “50-50” nation?
 - Evidence of split ticket voting in key battleground states?
- Which party will have control over the U.S. Senate?
- What do voters have to tell us about Biden Administration priorities and challenges in health?
 1. Coronavirus v. Economy
 2. Affordable Care Act
 3. Public option and other broad reforms
 4. Bipartisan consensus?

Views Of Whether Federal Government Should Prioritize Limiting Spread Or Economy Differ By Vote Choice

What should be the federal government's higher priority?

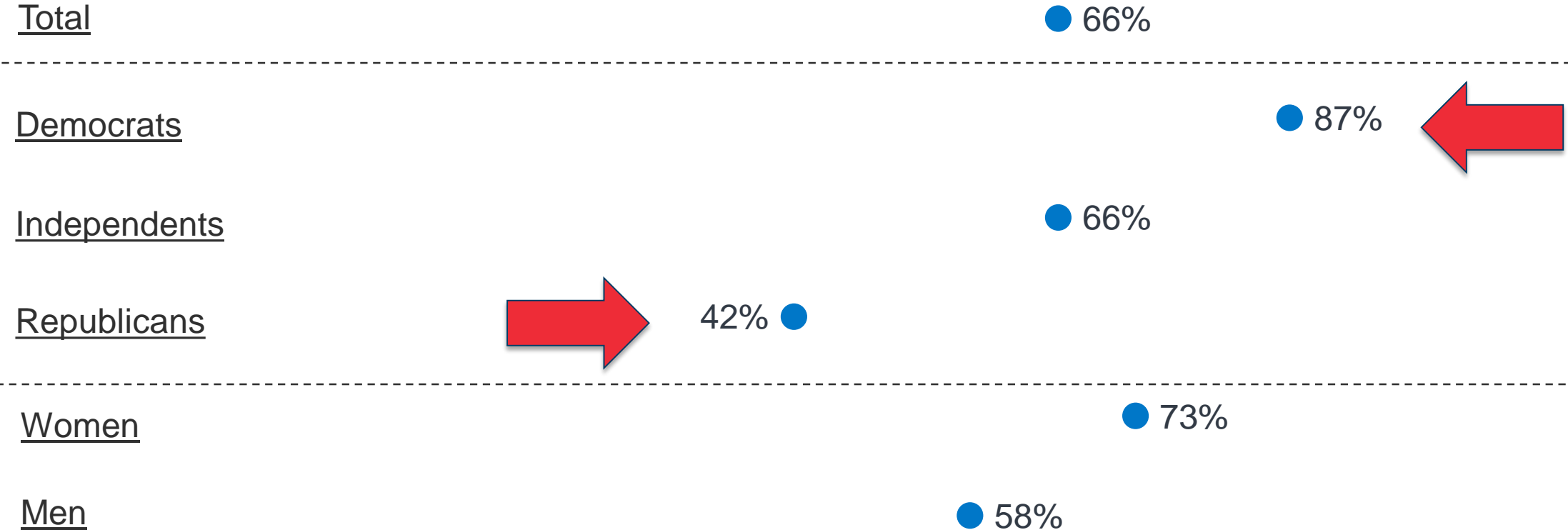
- Limiting the spread of the coronavirus, even if it damages the economy
- Limiting the additional damage to the economy, even if it increases the spread of the coronavirus



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Twice As Many Democrats Worry About Getting Sick From Coronavirus

Percent who say they are **very worried** or **somewhat worried** that they or someone in their family will get sick from the coronavirus:



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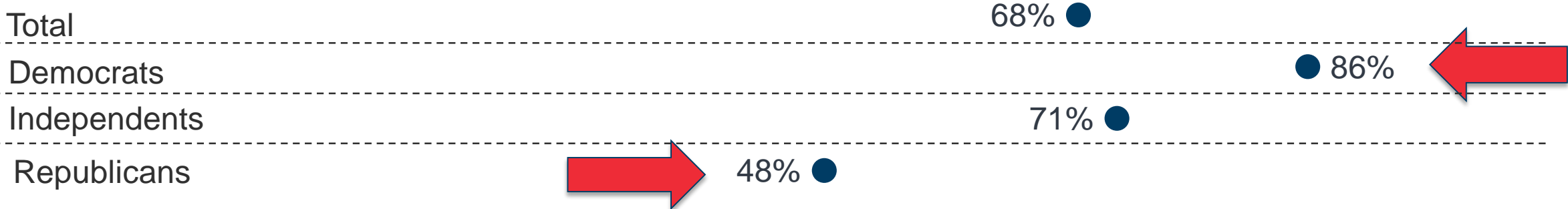
Partisans Differ in Trust of Public Health Institutions and Prominent Public Health Officials

Percent who say they have a **great deal** or a **fair amount** of trust in each of the following to provide reliable information on coronavirus:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Dr. Anthony Fauci

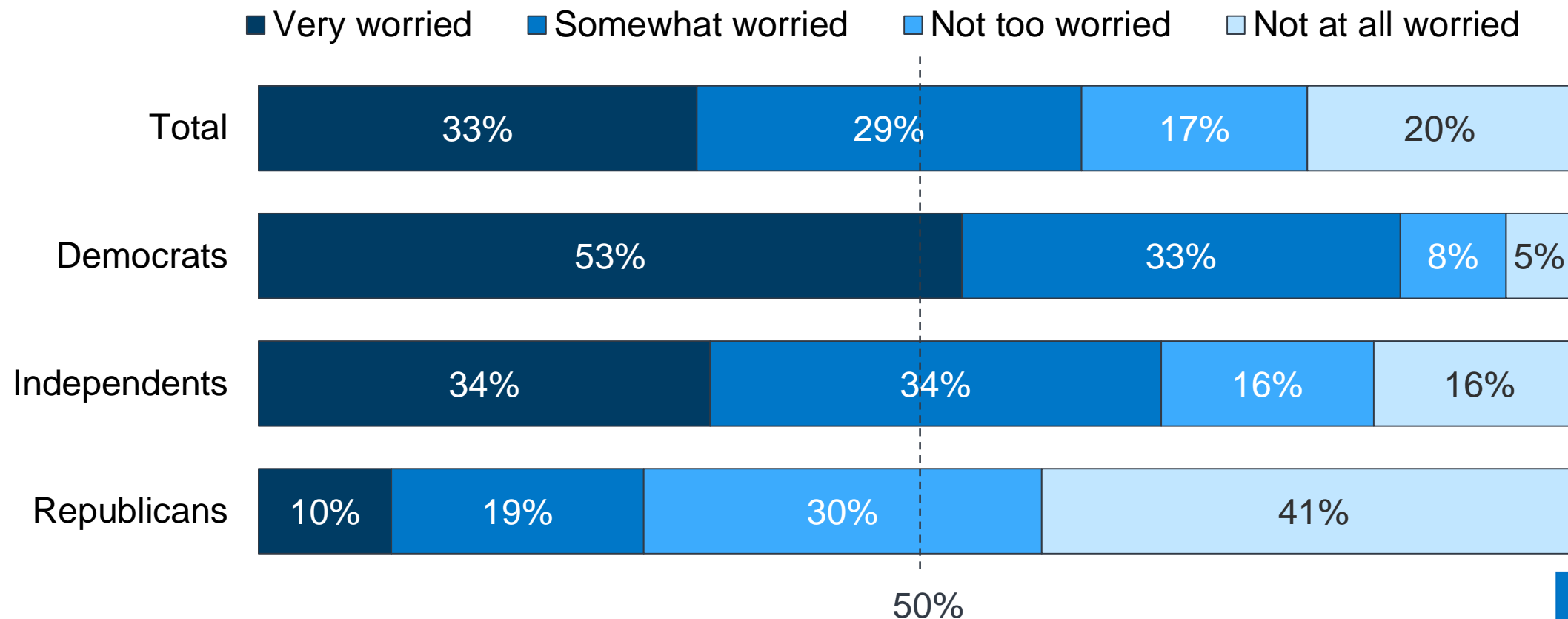


SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (conducted August 28-September 3, 2020). See topline for full question wording.



Majorities Of Democrats And Independents Worry FDA May Rush To Approve A Vaccine

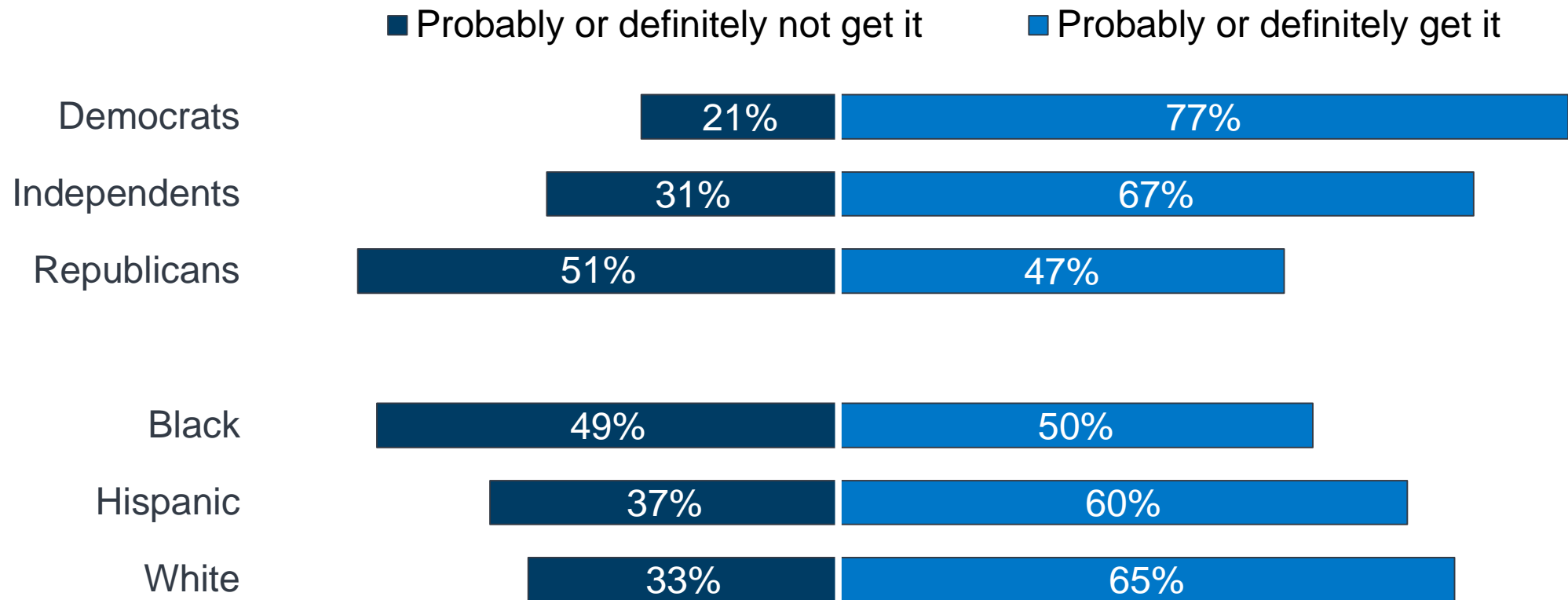
How worried are you, if at all, that the **FDA will rush to approve a coronavirus vaccine** without making sure that it is safe and effective, due to political pressure from President Trump and the White House?



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Partisan And Racial Divide In Willingness To Get Vaccinated

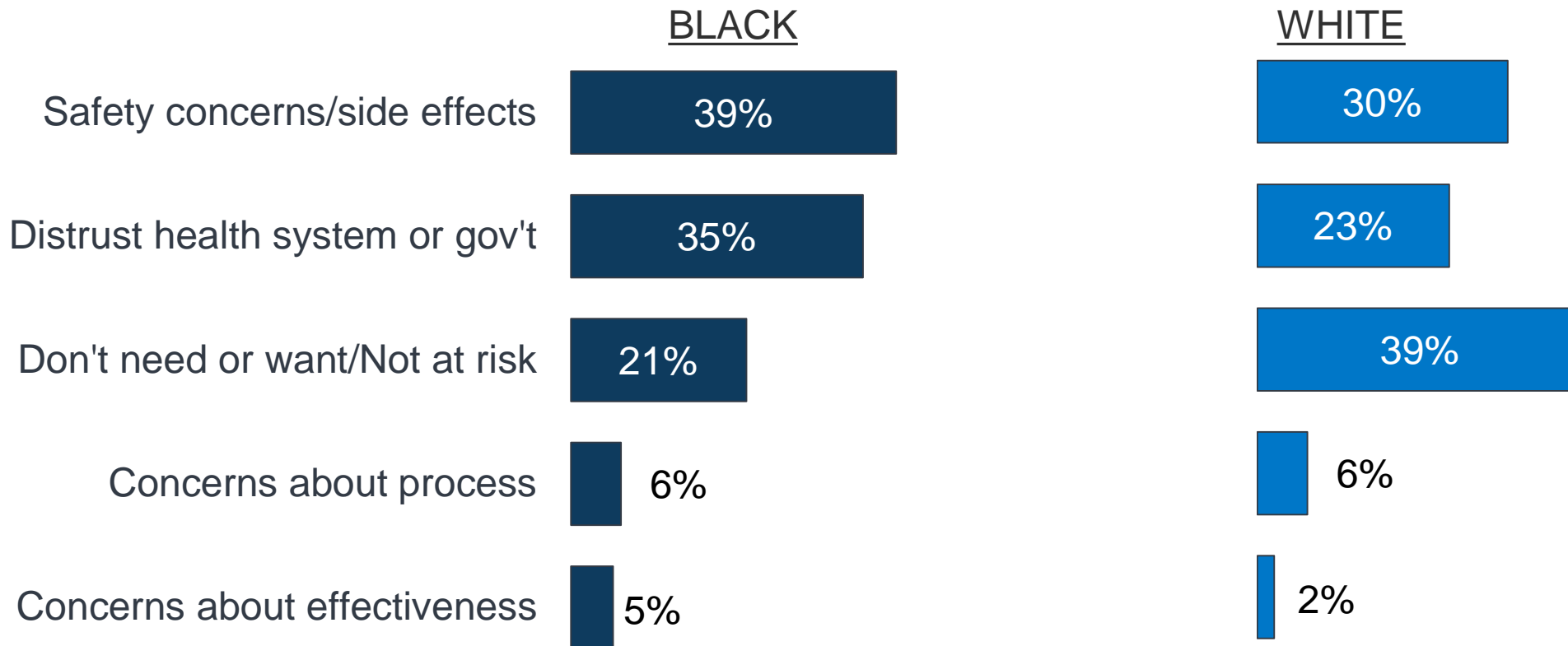
If a coronavirus vaccine was **determined to be safe by scientists and available for free to everyone** who wanted it, would you...?



SOURCE: KFF/The Undeclared Survey on Race and Health (conducted Aug. 20-Sept. 14, 2020). See topline for full question wording.

Black Adults Who Are Vaccine Hesitant Cite Safety Concerns, Distrust; More White Adults Say They Don't Need/Want It

AMONG THOSE WHO SAY THEY **WOULD NOT** GET A COVID-19 VACCINE: Percent who say each of the following is the main reason why (*open-end*):



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Justices appear ready to uphold ACA

By Robert Barnes, Ann E. Marlowe, Amy Goldstein and Ryan Wintello
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A majority of the Supreme Court appeared ready Tuesday to uphold the Affordable Care Act, the essential component in the face of the latest challenge to the health-care law brought by

Supreme Court majority seems skeptical of case against health-care law

Republican-led House and the Trump administration. Two key members of the court — Chief Justice John G. Roberts

and Justice Stephen M. Breyer — said plainly during two hours of telecast oral arguments that Congress had the authority to act to pass and the penalty for not buying health insurance did not indicate a desire to kill the entire law.

With that, the latest effort to derail President Barack Obama's landmark domestic achievement seemed likely to meet the fate of

past endeavors. President Trump and Republicans have not announced the steps to repeal the measure — even when in control of Congress and the White House. And the court has been unwilling to do the work for them.

Roberts, a conservative who nonetheless became the base of many on the right when he wrote the 2012 Supreme Court decision www.washingtonpost.com

Biden, allies assail stalling of transition

PLANNING CONTINUES DESPITE GOP DEFIANCE

President-elect council history as team weighs legal action

By Matt Flegenheimer and Michael Schwartz

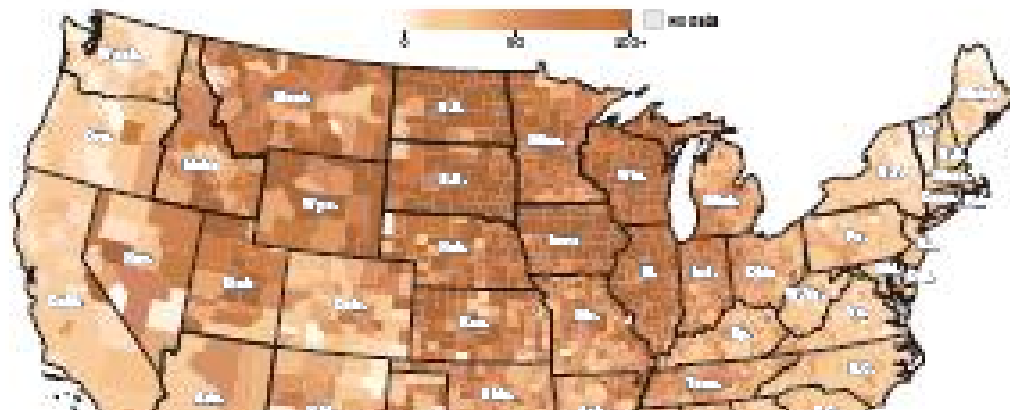
President-elect Joe Biden and his Democratic allies on Tuesday rebuked President Trump and top Republican leaders for refusing to acknowledge the results of the election, even as Biden continued with the pre-presidential negotiations of briefing an administration and fielding congratulatory calls from top Democrats.

Democrats have grown increasingly agitated that Republicans have been unwilling to accept election results. On Tuesday, they began making more forceful arguments that the intransigence of Trump administration officials was putting national security at risk, and that his arguments concerning elec-

tion results were illegitimate, his early strategy has been to maximize making the moves of any traditional incoming president: appointing transition officials, talking to international leaders and deliberating over who will staff his administration. He has offered guidance to American on how to handle the coronavirus pandemic, broadly asking them to wear masks to save lives, and he has pledged to protect their access to health care, even as President Barack Obama signed and withdrew a legal challenge to the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

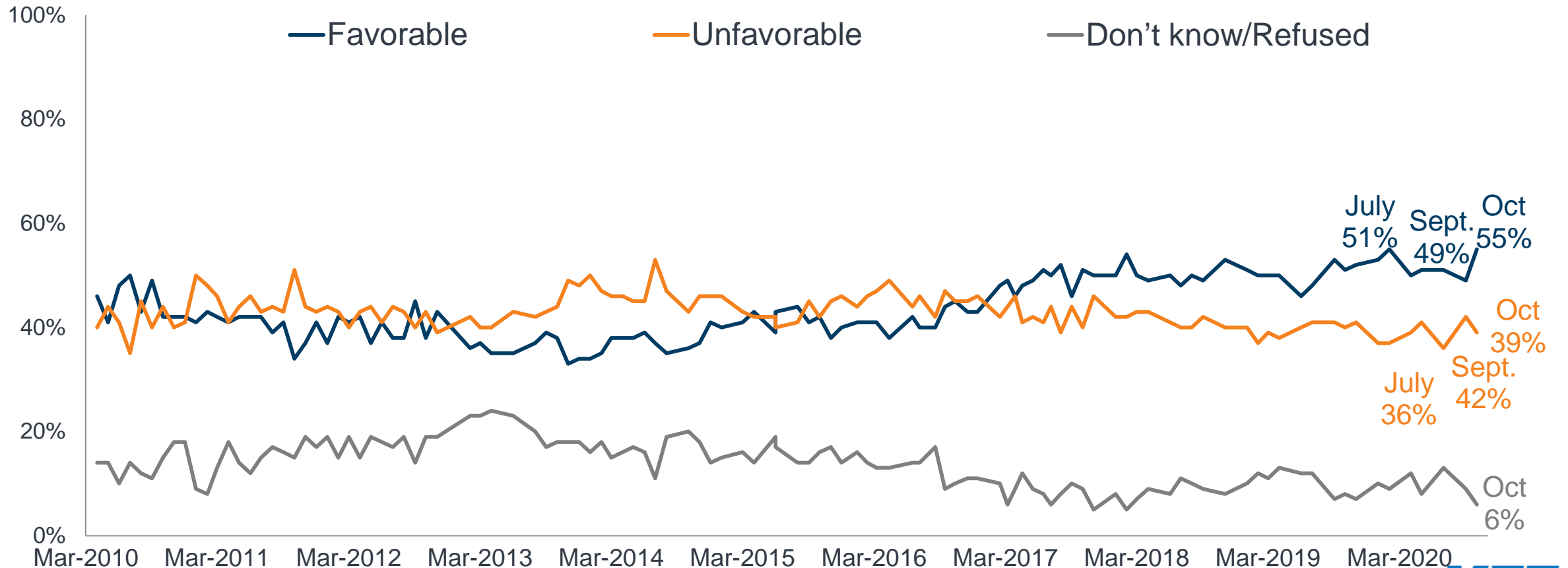
In private, some of his advisers have discussed potential legal challenges to Trump's refusal to recognize Biden's electoral win-

7-day rolling average of new reported coronavirus cases per 100,000 people as of Nov. 10



Majority Of Public View The ACA Favorably

Do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of the 2010 health reform law?

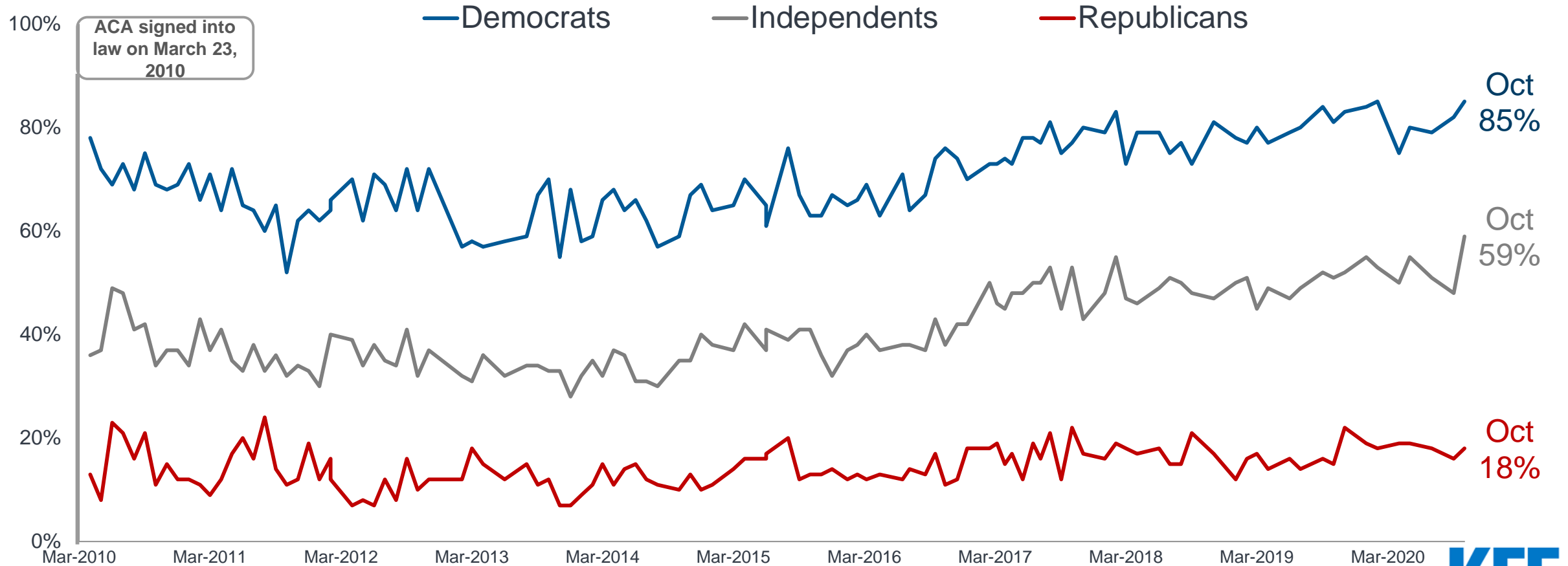


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Views Of The ACA Remain Partisan

Percent who say they have a favorable opinion of the health reform law:



SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Polls



Most Say It Is Important That ACA Provisions Remain In Place

Percent who say it is “very important” that each of these parts of the ACA are kept in place:	Total	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Prohibits health insurance companies from denying coverage for people with pre-existing conditions	72%	88%	73%	62%
Prohibits health insurance companies from denying coverage to pregnant women	71	89	73	49
Prohibits health insurance companies from charging sick people more	64	76	64	55
Requires health insurance companies to cover the cost for most preventive services	62	80	58	49
Prohibits health insurance companies from setting a lifetime limit	62	72	65	48
Gives states the option of expanding their Medicaid programs	57	84	55	36
Provides financial help to low- and moderate-income Americans to help them purchase coverage	57	82	54	31
Prohibits private health insurance companies from setting an annual limit	51	67	46	38
Allows young adults to stay on their parents’ insurance plans until age 26	51	68	50	36

SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (conducted July 18-23, 2019). See topline for full question wording and response options.



Majorities Do Not Want Court To Overturn ACA's Pre-Existing Condition Protections, Republicans Want Entire Law Overturned

Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn...?

■ Yes, overturn

■ No, do not overturn

...the Affordable Care Act

...the ACA's protections for people with pre-existing conditions

Total

36% 58%

16% 79%

Democrats

9% 89%

8% 91%

Independents

29% 66%

14% 81%

Republicans

76% 16%

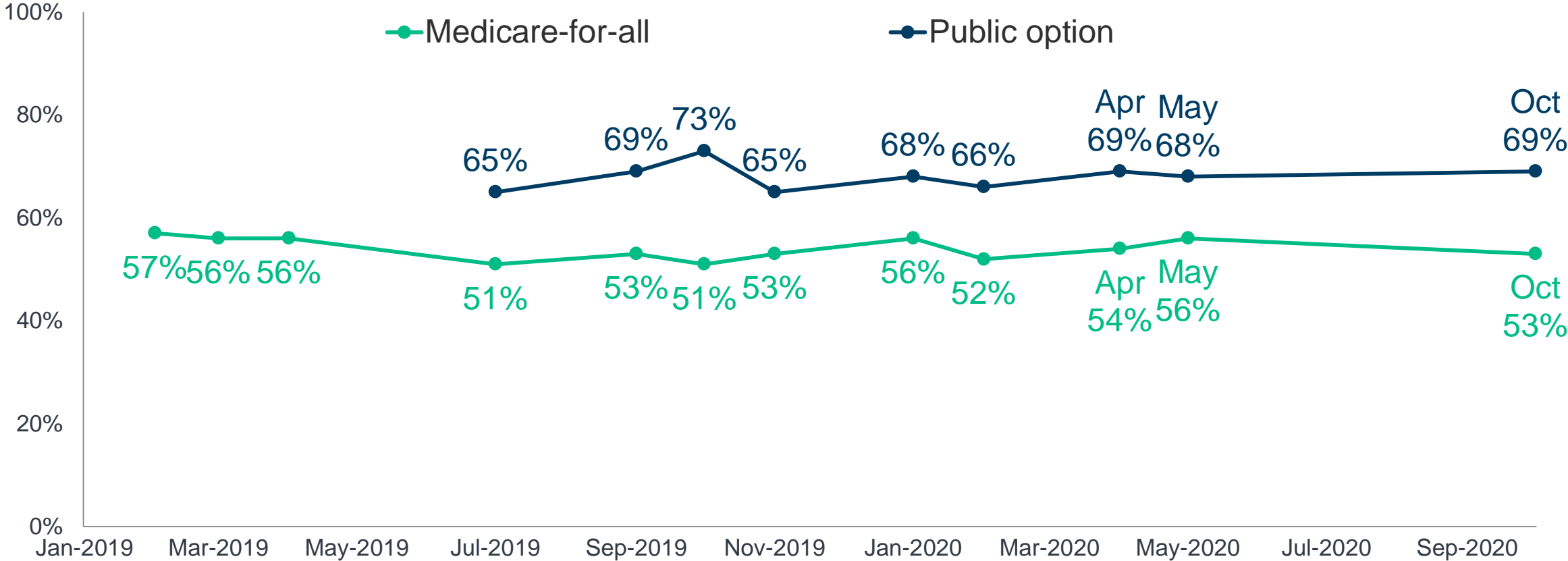
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Majorities Continue To View Plans To Expand Government's Role In Health Care Favorably

Percent who **favor** each of the following:



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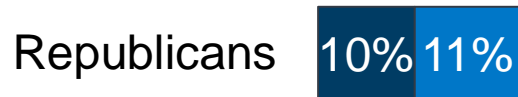
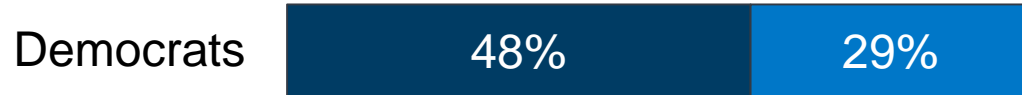
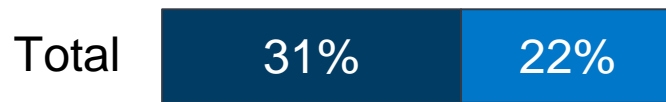


Views Of Medicare-For-All And Public Option Are Largely Partisan, Most Democrats And Independents Favor Both

Percent who **strongly** or **somewhat** favor...

A national health plan, sometimes called **Medicare-for-all**, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan

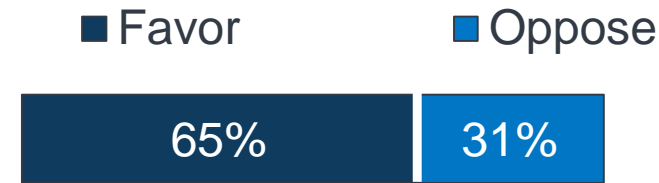
A government-administered health plan, sometimes called a **public option**, that would compete with private health insurance plans and be available to all Americans



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Attitudes Towards Public Option Can Be Swayed By Arguments

Do you favor or oppose having a government-administered health plan, sometimes called a public option?



Net favorability
+34

Would you favor or oppose a public health insurance option if you heard that it would do the following?

Help drive down costs because private insurers would be competing with the public plan



+53

Provide more choice to people getting insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplaces



+51

Cause doctors and hospitals to be paid less



+12

Lead to too much government involvement in health care



-18

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Any Bipartisan Consensus? Where Do Partisans Agree?

- Maintain protections for people with pre-existing conditions: 91% Democrats, 81% Independents, 66% Republicans do not want to see the Supreme Court overturn these protections
- Prescription drug costs: Majorities of Democrats, Independents, and Republicans say Congress is not doing enough on this issue
- Surprise medical bills: Nine in ten Democrats, 3/4 of Independents, and half of Republicans say the federal government should take action to protect patients from surprise bills
- Restore funding for ACA marketplaces open-enrollment period and restrict short-term health plans: ACA marketplaces are popular (82%) and short-term plans are not (66% opposed).
- Federal funding for reproductive health care for lower-income women: Majorities of Democrats (92%) and Independents (80%) and half of Republicans (52%) think it is important federal government provides funding for reproductive health services for lower-income women.
- LGBTQ discrimination: Large majorities (including more than 7 in 10 Republicans) think discrimination in health care against LGBTQ people should be illegal



Thank you.