



America's Voice

Findings from a Survey of 800 Registered Voters Nationwide, with an oversample of 300 Latino Registered Voters

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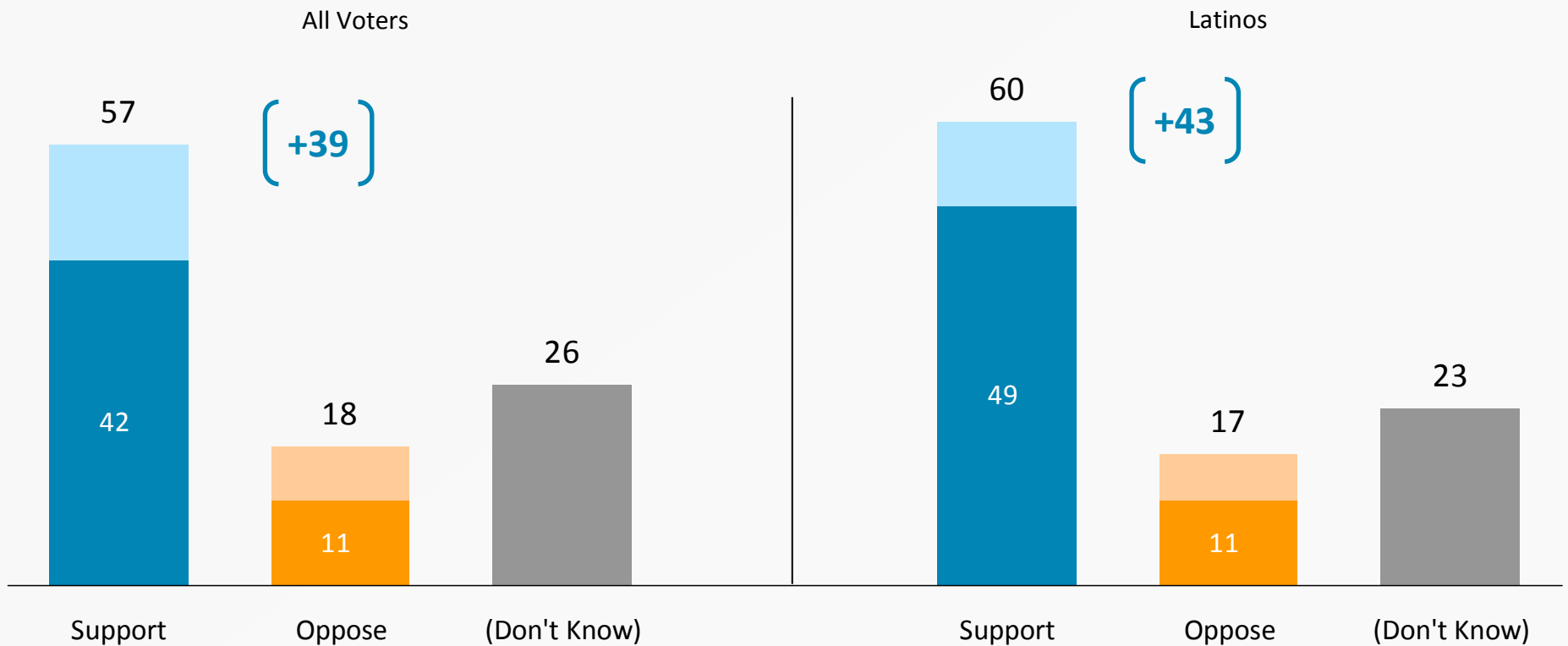
- Lake Research Partners and Public Opinion Strategies designed and administered this survey that was conducted by telephone using professional interviewers May 13-19, 2010.
- The random digit dial (RDD) survey reached a total of 1100 registered voters nationwide, including a base sample of 800 and an oversample of 300 Latino voters.
- Twenty percent of the interviews were conducted via cell phone.
- The margin of error is +/-3.5%.
- The sample was stratified geographically by region based on the proportion of voters in each region. The data were weighted by age, party identification, household cell and landline usage, education, region, and race.

A Call to Action

- Just as many other public polls have found, **a majority of voters support Arizona's new immigration law** that would require police to check immigration status and arrest anyone who cannot prove they are here legally.
- The conventional wisdom since the passage of Arizona's law has been that it represents a nationwide anti-immigrant wave and that it hurts the chances of passage of comprehensive reform. However, **the conventional wisdom is wrong.**
- We find that **support for comprehensive immigration reform is stronger than ever**, and, in fact, **those who support the Arizona law are actually more likely to support comprehensive reform** that strengthens border security, cracks down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, and requires those here illegally to register, pay taxes, learn English, and go to the back of the line for citizenship.
- **The support of the Arizona law comes out of a desire for action and frustration with inaction on an issue that demands a solution.**
- **Voters see this as a national issue and want federal action**, not state-by-state laws; **they want Congress to act now, and they are willing to vote on the issue in 2010.**

A clear majority of voters supports Congress passing comprehensive immigration reform. Support is even stronger among Latino voters.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform - Initial

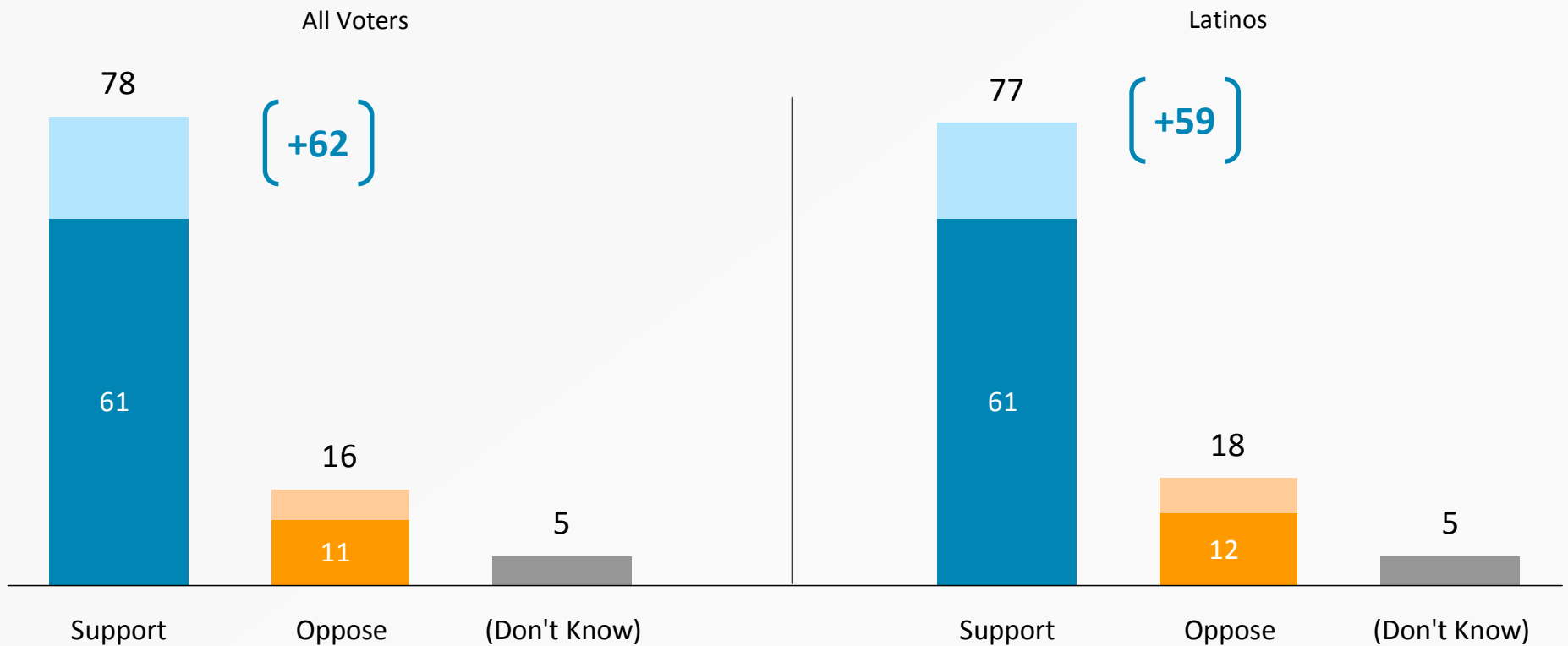


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Do you support or oppose Congress passing comprehensive immigration reform? [IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:] Do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that choice?

When voters hear a description of comprehensive reform, support increases to some of the highest levels we have ever seen. This support is broad-based, with the electorate as a whole supporting reform in almost the exact same proportion and intensity as Latino voters.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform - Informed



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Now I'd like to read you a description of comprehensive immigration reform. <...> Do you support or oppose Congress passing comprehensive immigration reform? [IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:] Do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that choice?

Tested Description of Comprehensive Immigration Reform

- Under this proposal, the federal government would strengthen border security and crack down on employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants. Illegal immigrants currently living in the United States would be required to register with the federal government, undergo criminal background checks, pay taxes, learn English, and go to the back of the line for U.S. citizenship.

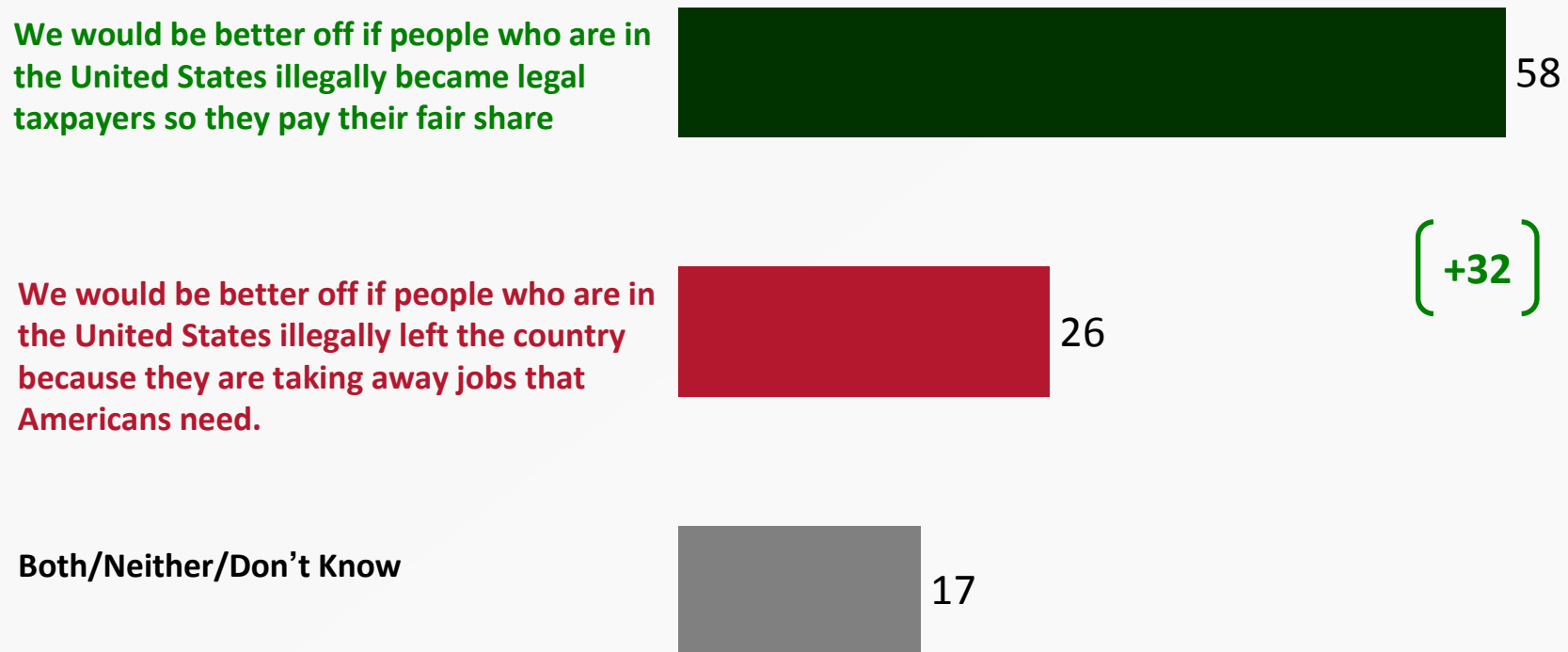
Support for comprehensive immigration reform crosses party lines and is consistent across the country. Support is especially high among Republicans and voters in border states.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform	Support	Oppose	Net
Total	78	16	+62
Democrats	76	17	+59
Independents	76	19	+57
Republicans	84	12	+72
Northeast	80	15	+65
Midwest	81	14	+67
South	76	19	+57
West	78	16	+62
Border States*	81	13	+68

* Border states include California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

Even in this economy, voters do not see deportation as a solution to unemployment. By a margin of 2-to-1, they would much rather see illegal immigrants become legal taxpayers than be forced to leave the country.

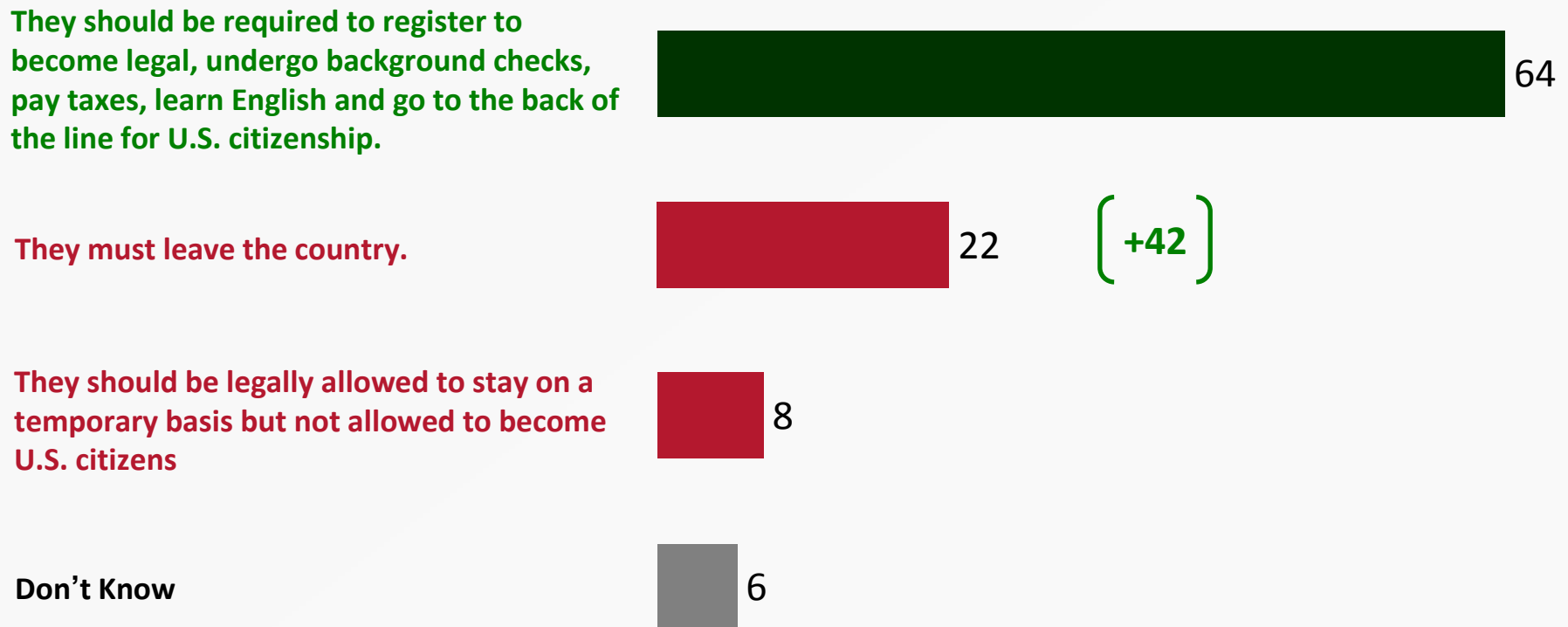
Legal Taxpayers vs. Leave the Country



Which is closer to how you think about the issue of immigration and this economy?

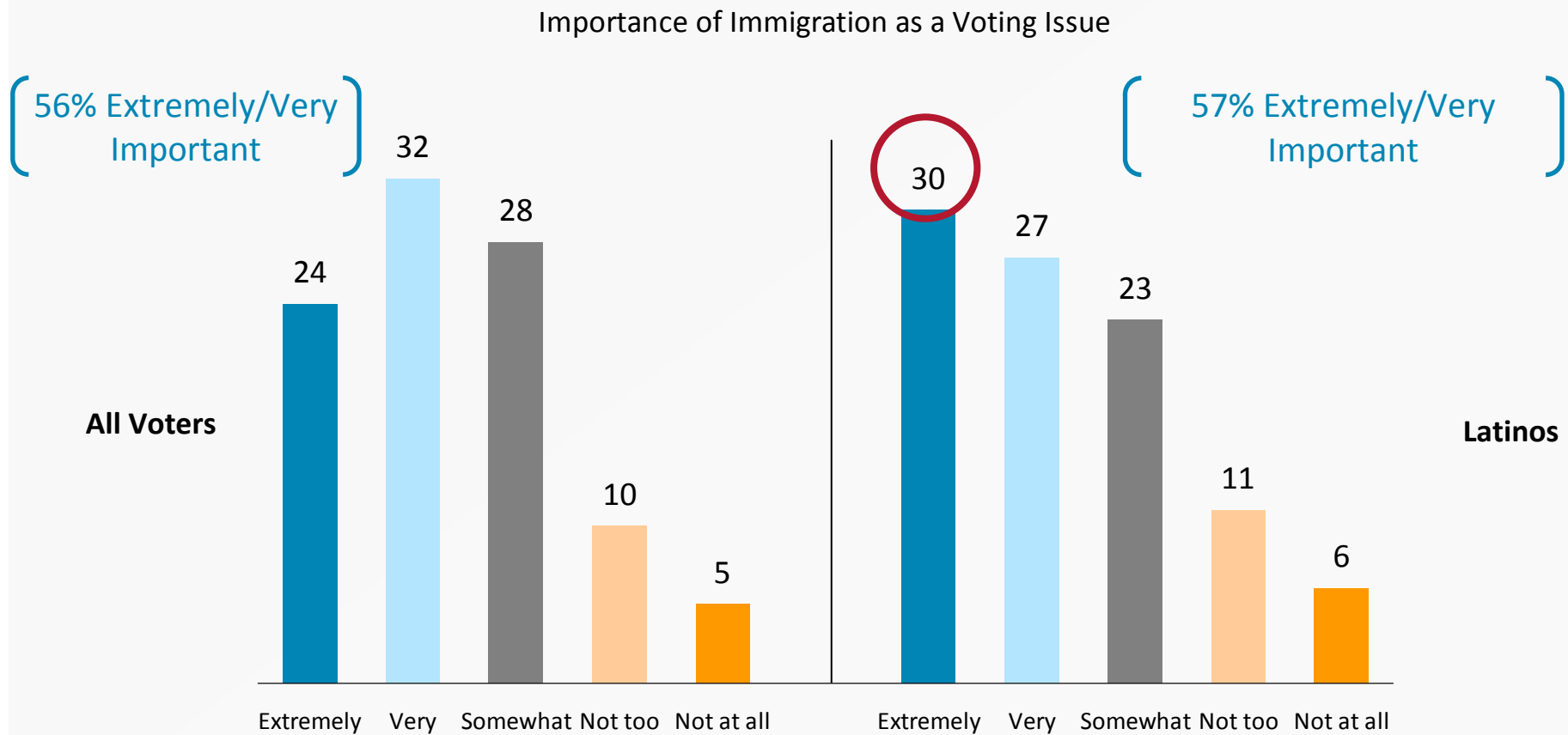
Even when given the explicit choice of sending all illegal immigrants home, allowing them to stay only temporarily, or enacting comprehensive immigration reform, voters clearly and decisively choose comprehensive reform.

Comprehensive vs. Deportation vs. Temporary Status



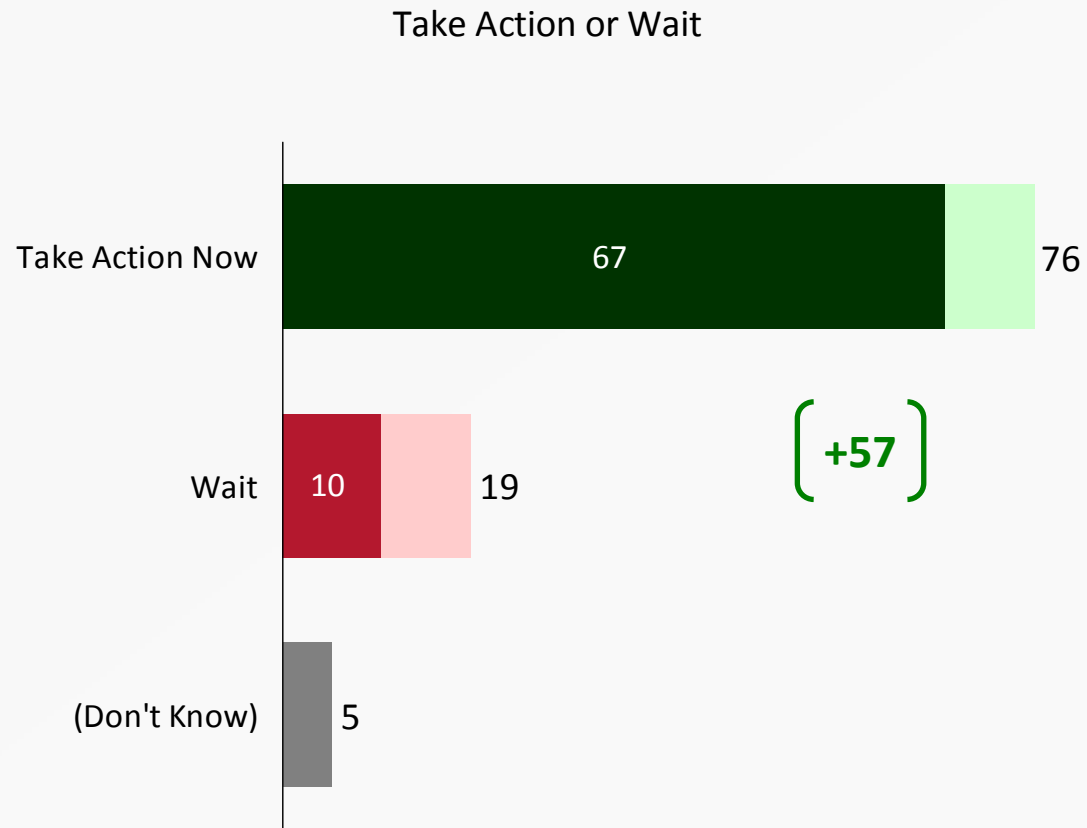
Most government officials believe that to deal with the problem of illegal immigration, we need to tighten border security, crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, and deport illegal immigrants who commit crimes. In addition to these steps, what should be done about the 12 million illegal immigrants here in the United States?

A majority of voters say immigration will be a very or extremely important factor in their vote this fall. For Latinos, the issue holds extra urgency.



Thinking about this year's election, please tell me how important the issue of immigration will be in making your voting decision for Congress – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

Voters overwhelmingly want Congress to take action now on comprehensive immigration reform rather than waiting to take action later.

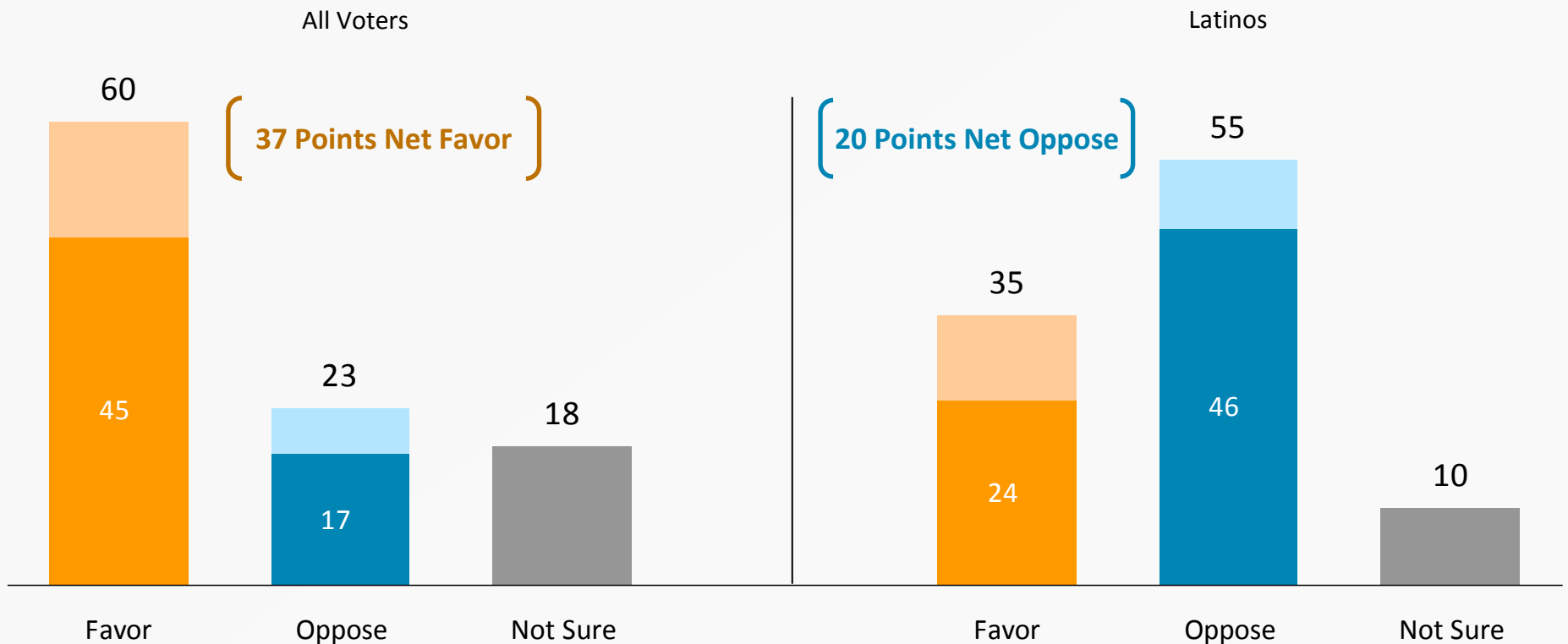


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And would you tell Congress to take action now or wait on this proposal to reform immigration? IF RESPONSE, ASK: And do you feel strongly about that?

A majority of voters supports the new Arizona law. However, Latinos oppose the law in large numbers.

Arizona Law



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Now I'd like to read you a description of Arizona's new immigration law. <...> Do you favor or oppose Arizona's new immigration law, or aren't you sure? IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK: Do you feel strongly or not so strongly about that choice?

Tested Description of Arizona's Immigration Law

- According to the law recently passed in Arizona, law enforcement officers will be required to ask for proof of immigration status of people they have a “reasonable suspicion” is an illegal immigrant. If the individual is unable to produce identification that proves their legal status, they will be arrested. The law says that officers are not allowed to ask for identification based solely on ethnic background. The law allows any citizen to file lawsuits against local government or law enforcement agencies that they believe are not enforcing the law strictly enough.

Supporters of the Arizona law are more likely to be white, male, Republican, and supporters of the Tea Party movement than the electorate as a whole. They are not clustered in any one region.

Supporters of AZ Law

Sex	Supporters	Total
Men	52%	48%
Women	48%	52%

Region	Supporters	Total
Northeast	19%	19%
Midwest	24%	24%
South	38%	37%
West	19%	20%

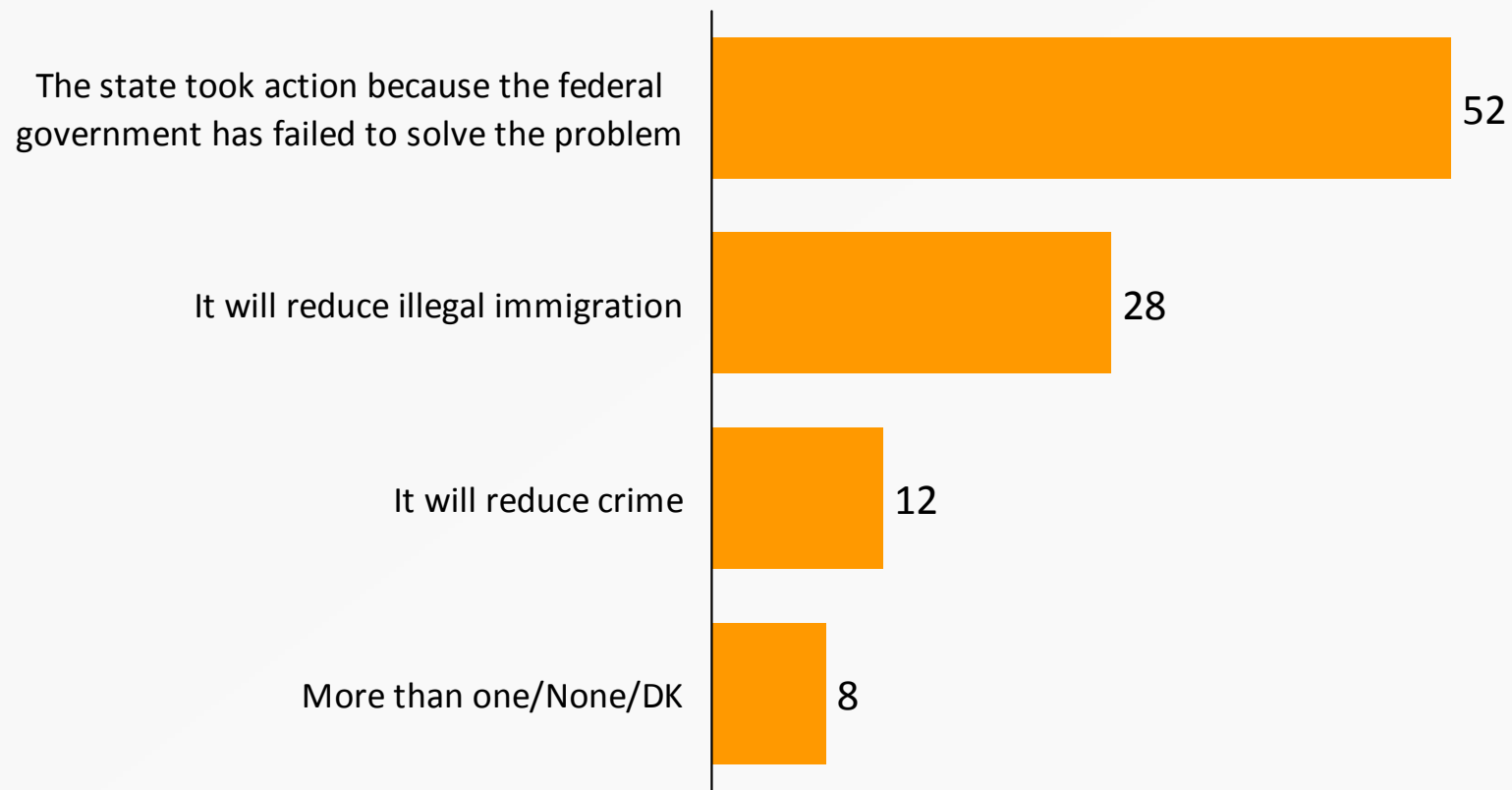
Party Identification	Supporters	Total
Democrat	30%	37%
Independent	28%	28%
Republican	40%	31%

Race	Supporters	Total
White	81%	73%
Black	10%	13%
Latino	6%	10%

Tea Party	Supporters	Total
Yes, Supporter	37%	28%
No, Not Supporter	40%	49%
Don't Know	23%	23%

When asked why they support the Arizona law, a majority of those in support report that they support the law because the federal government has failed to solve the problem and the state of Arizona took action.

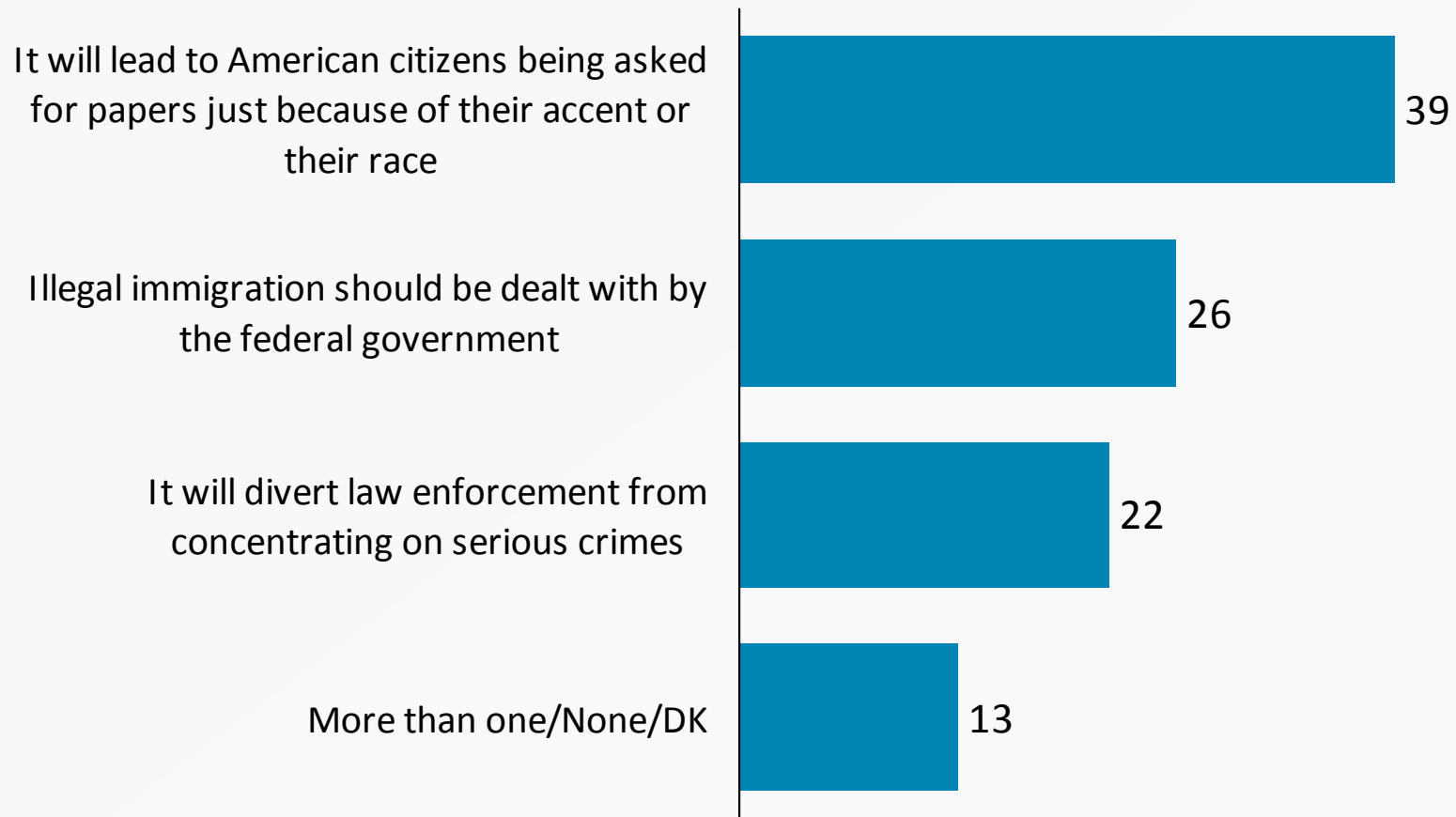
Reasons Support AZ Law



Which one of these reasons is the most important reason you support Arizona's new immigration law? (READ CHOICES)

Opponents of the law tend to cite both racial profiling and the fact that immigration ought to be dealt with at the federal level rather than done state by state.

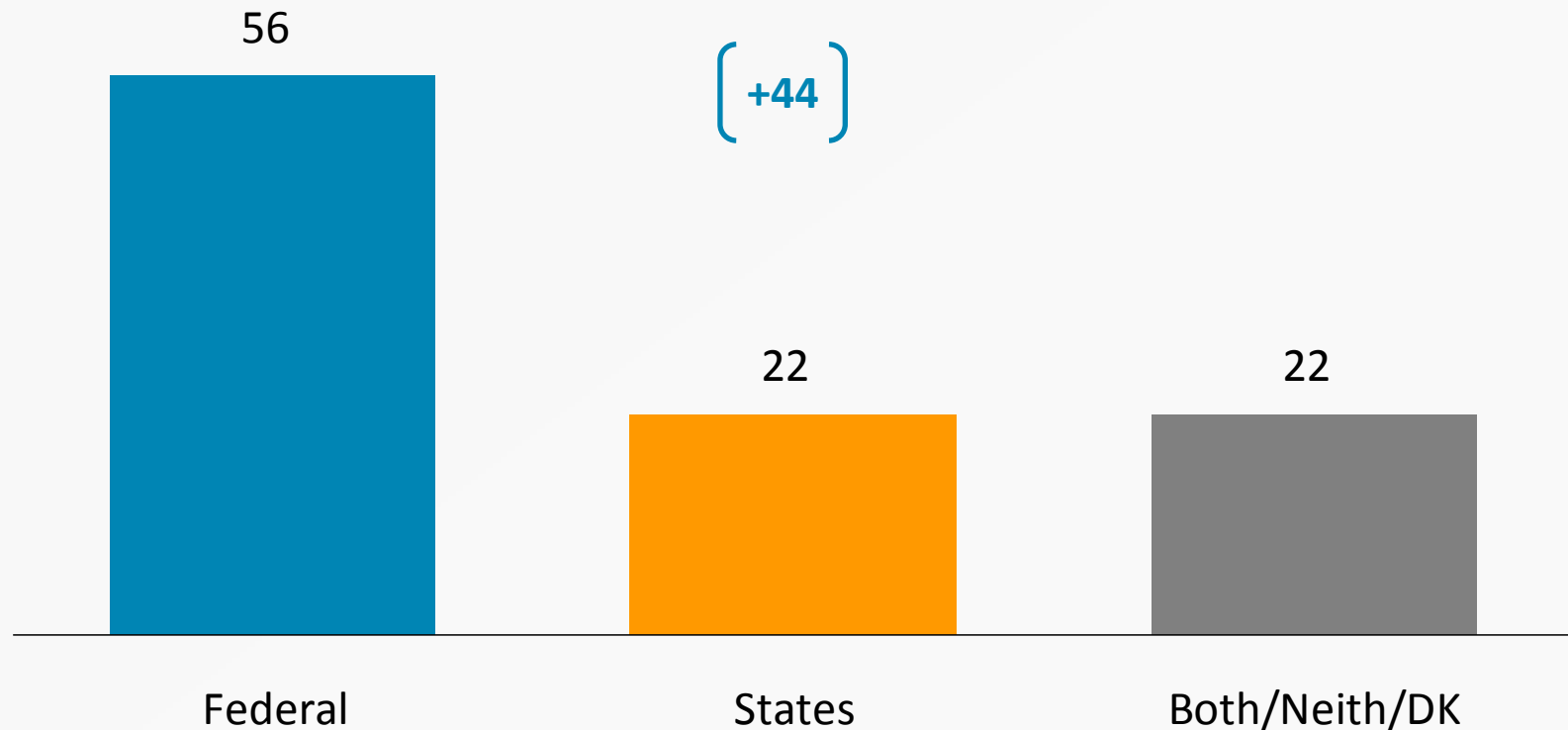
Reasons Opposed to AZ Law



Which one of these reasons is the most important reason you oppose Arizona's new immigration law? (READ CHOICES)

Voters believe that immigration should be handled by the federal government rather than by individual states.

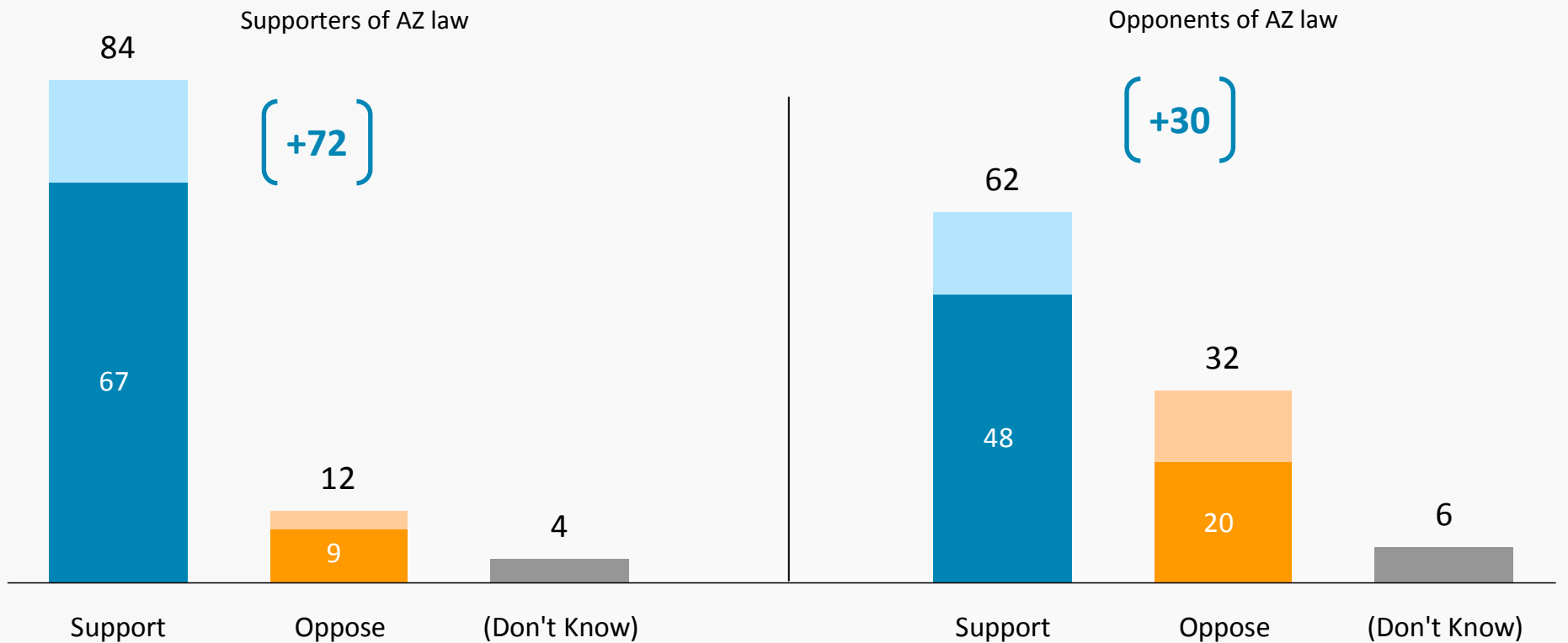
Federal Level or Dealt with by Individual States



Do you think immigration is a national problem that should be dealt with at the federal level, or should it be left up to individual states?

Support for Arizona's immigration law is not mutually exclusive with support for comprehensive immigration reform. In fact, those who support the Arizona law are actually more likely to support comprehensive immigration reform. This can only be understood as an expression of frustration and a desire for action.

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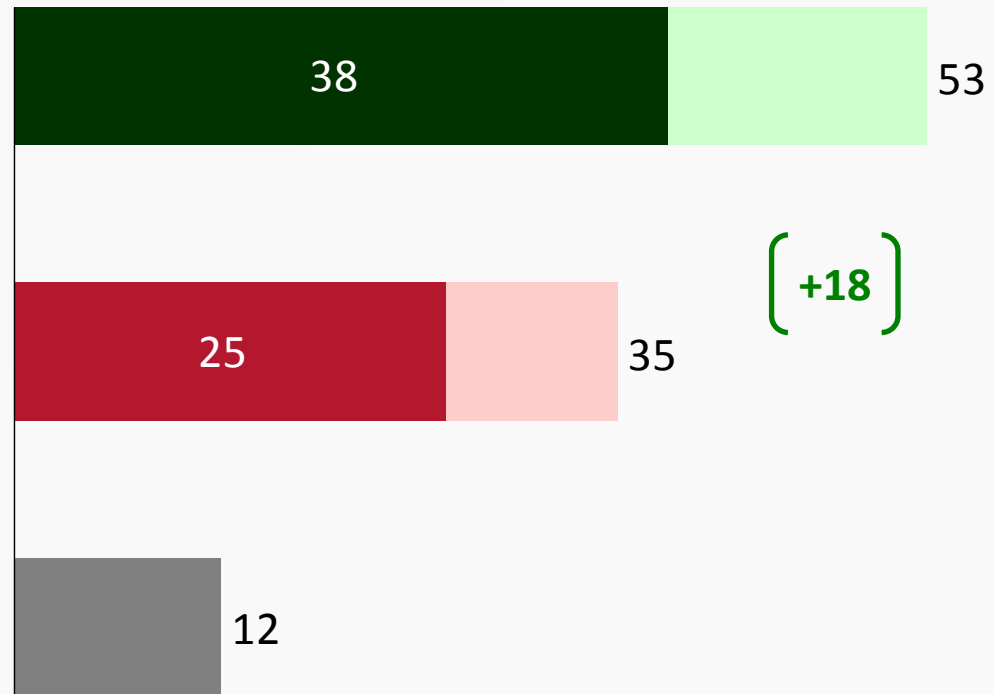
Voters are demanding a national solution on comprehensive immigration reform. A majority would prefer to see a national, comprehensive solution instead of a version of Arizona’s law in their own states.

National Solution or Want in our state

A state by state approach just won't work. Immigration needs a national solution that tightens the border, cracks down on illegal hiring, and requires illegal immigrants to register, pay taxes, and learn English.

I think we need a version of Arizona's law in our state. We need to give police here the tools to enforce our laws and finally crack down on illegal immigrants.

Both/Neither/Don't Know



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Now I'd like to read you a pair of statements. Of the two, please tell me which statement is closer to your own views.



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