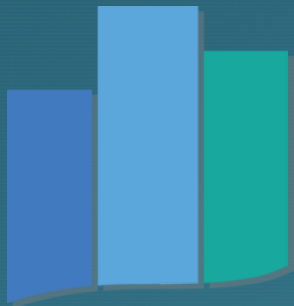


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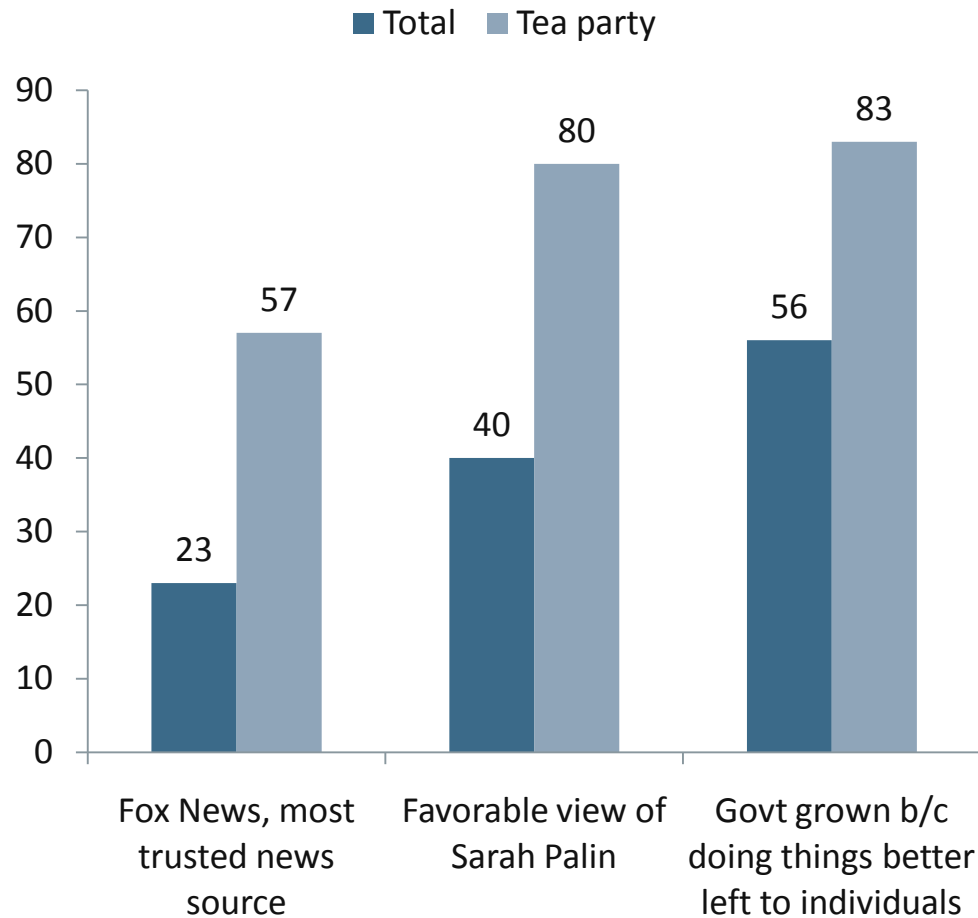
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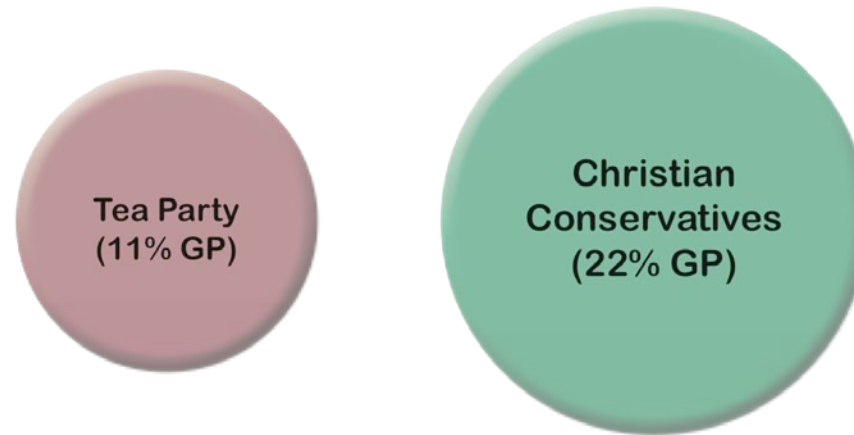
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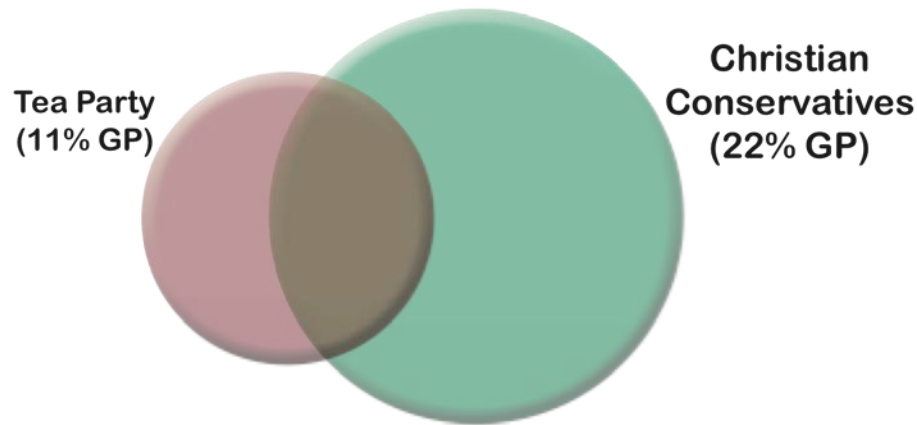


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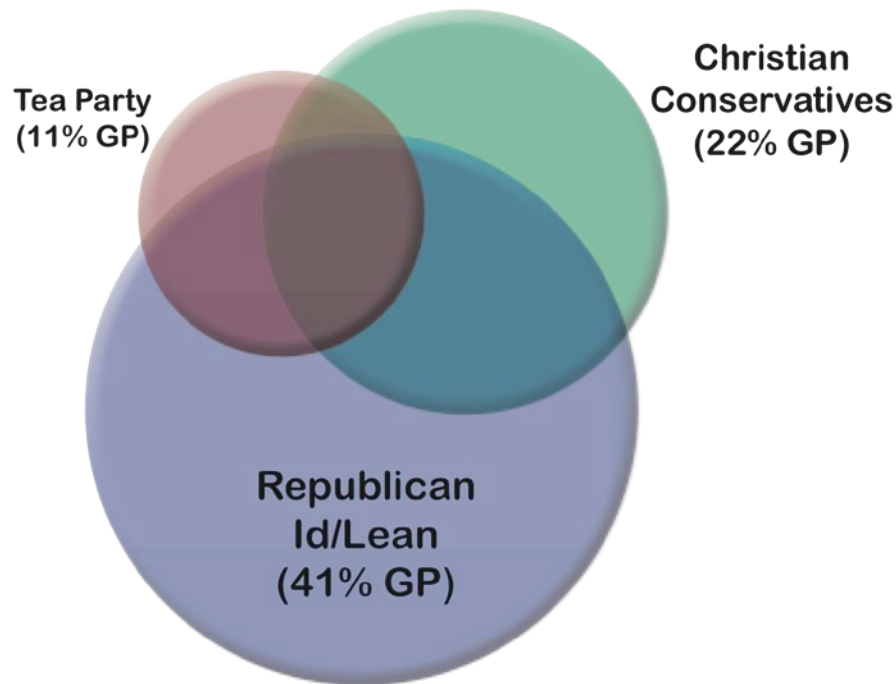
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Overlap between the Tea Party and Christian Conservative Movements



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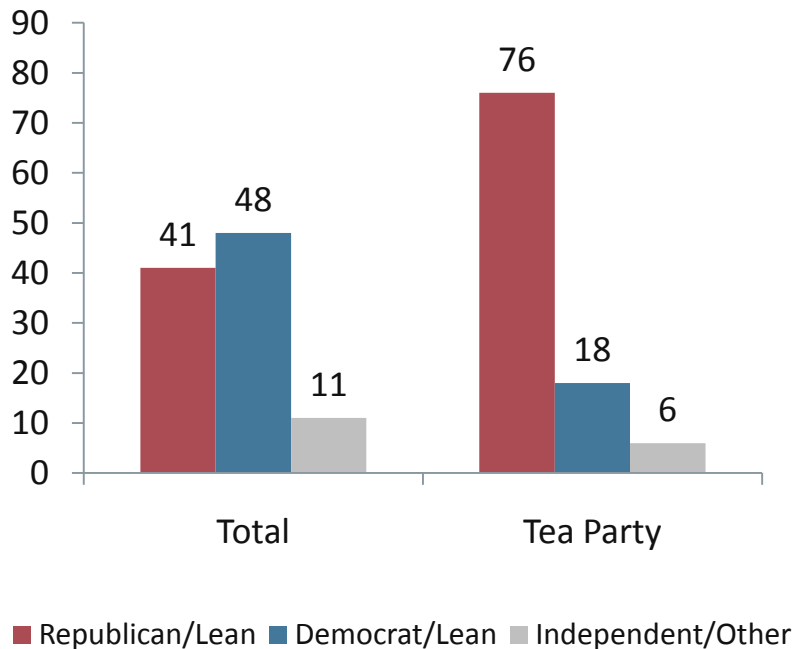


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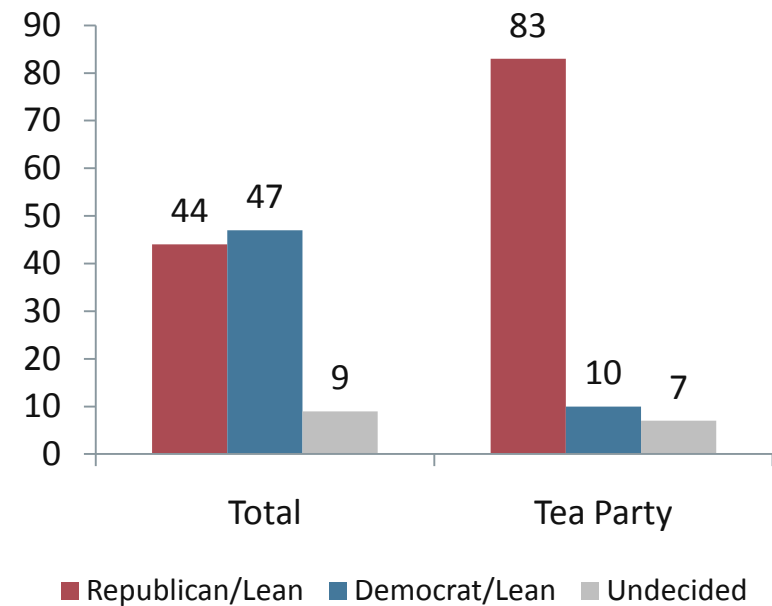


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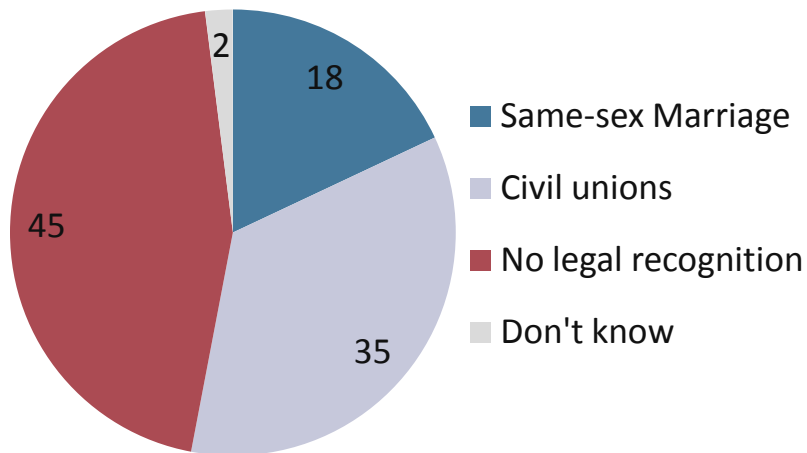


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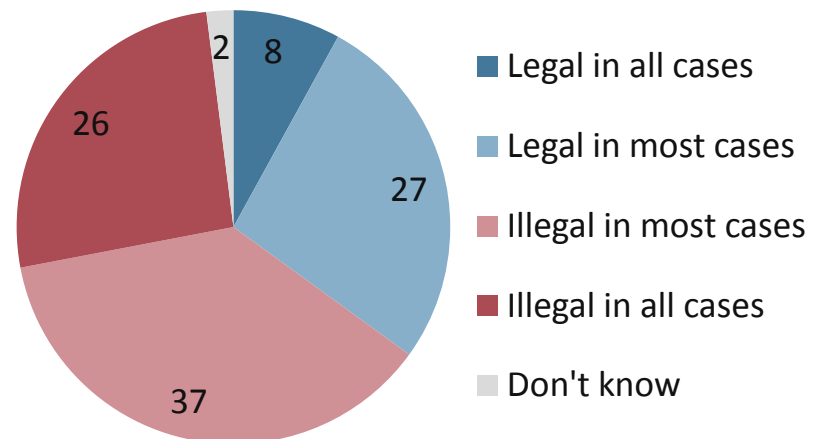
Views on Same-sex Marriage

Percent supporting..



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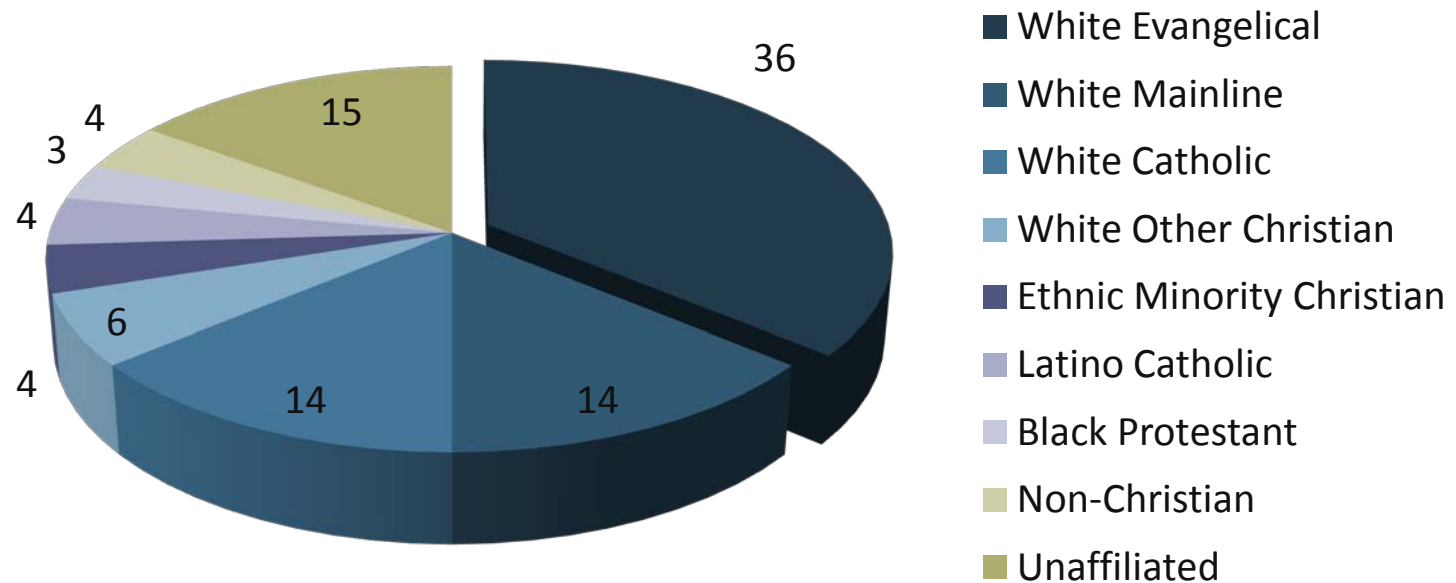
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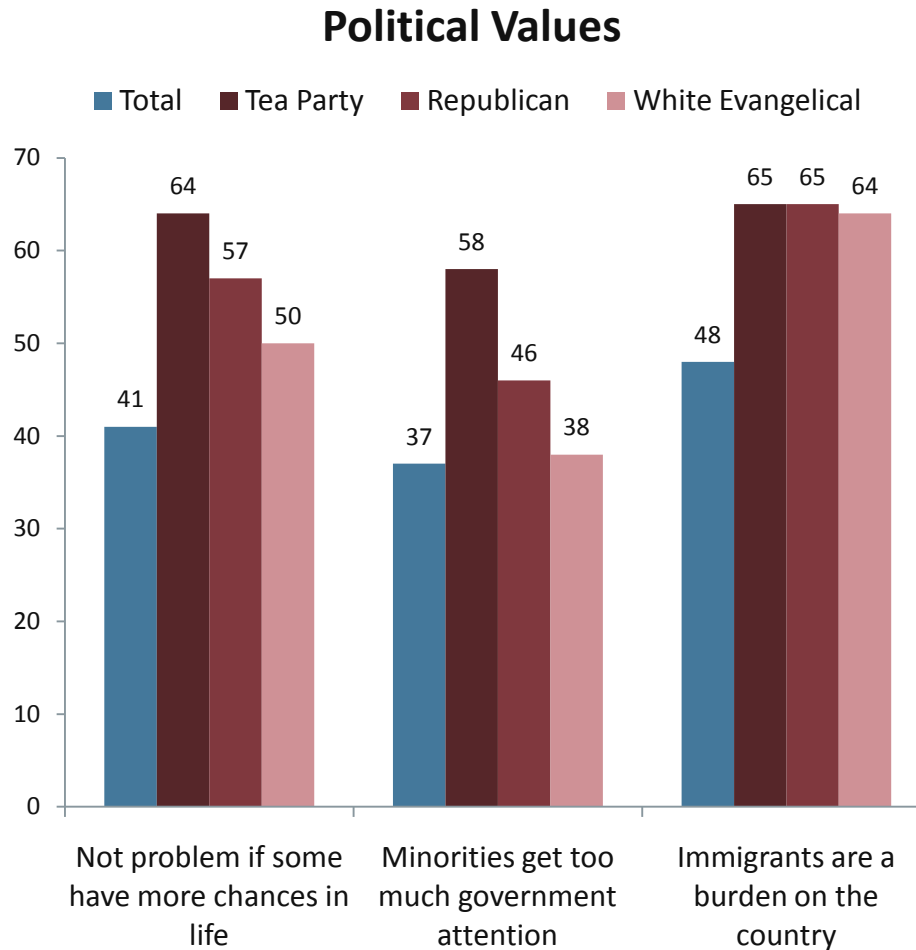


Comparative Religious Profiles



<i>Among those who consider themselves party of:</i>	Tea Party Movement	Republican Party	Christian Conservative Movement	Gen. Pop.
Literal view of Bible	47	45	64	33
Attend Church Weekly	46	47	64	36
Religion most impt. thing	27	27	39	20

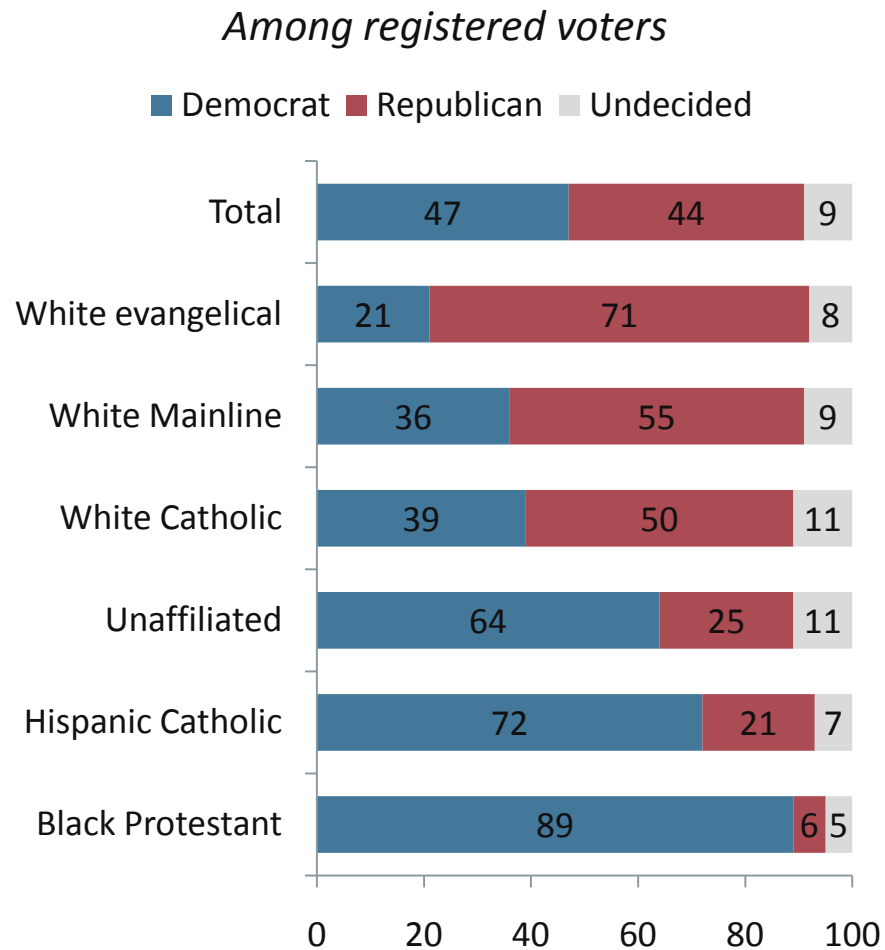
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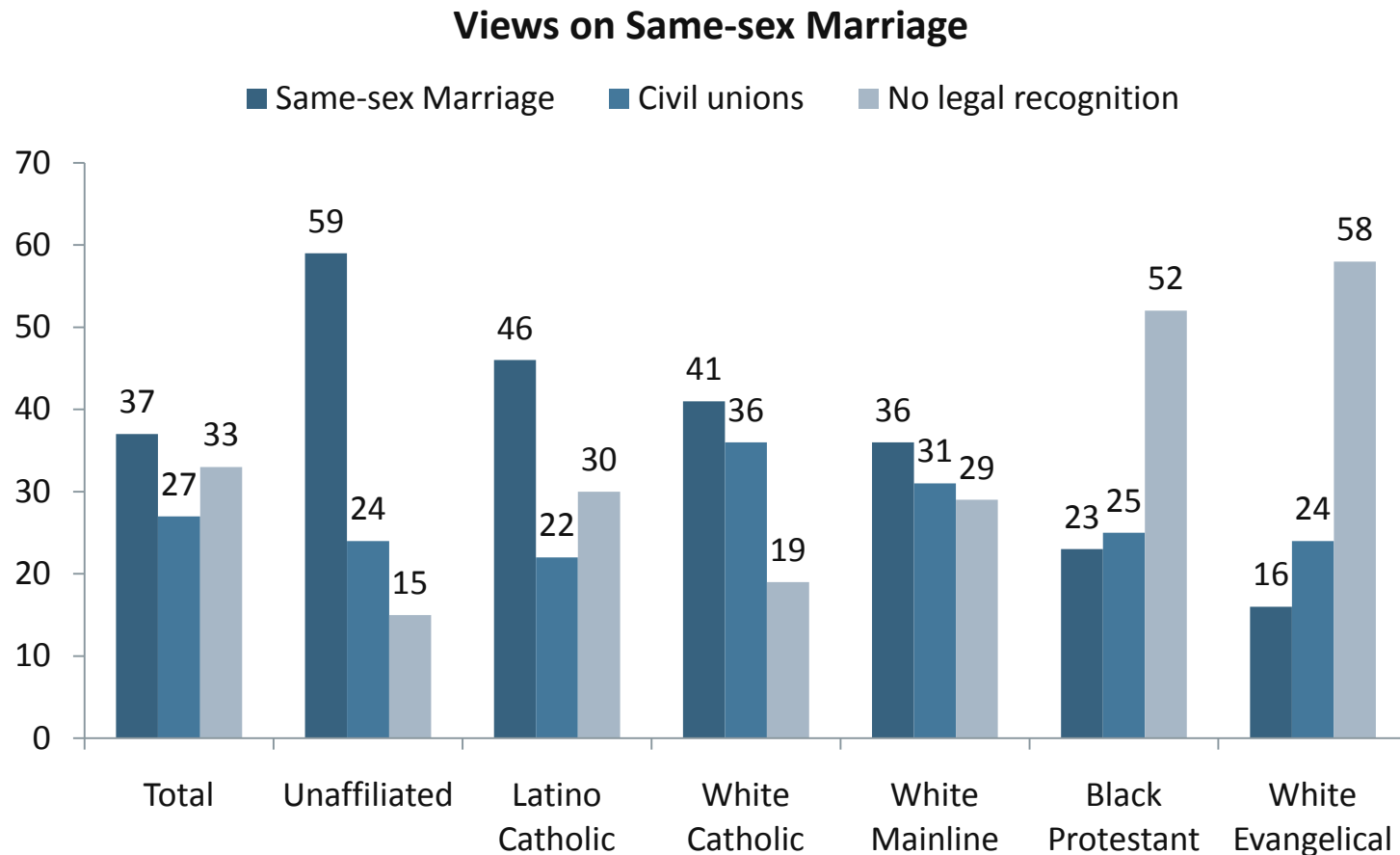
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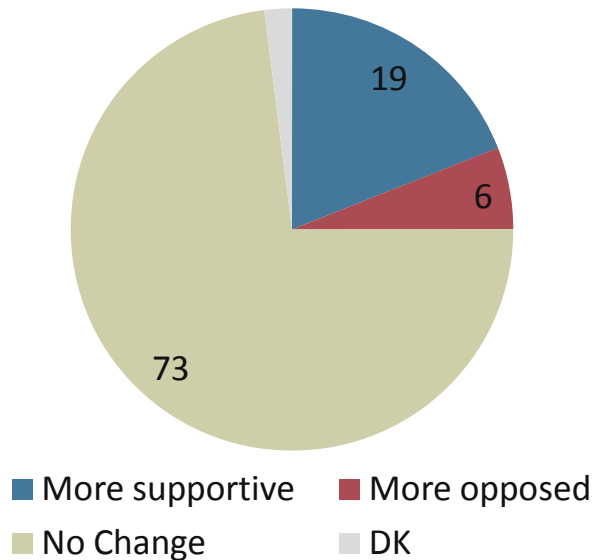
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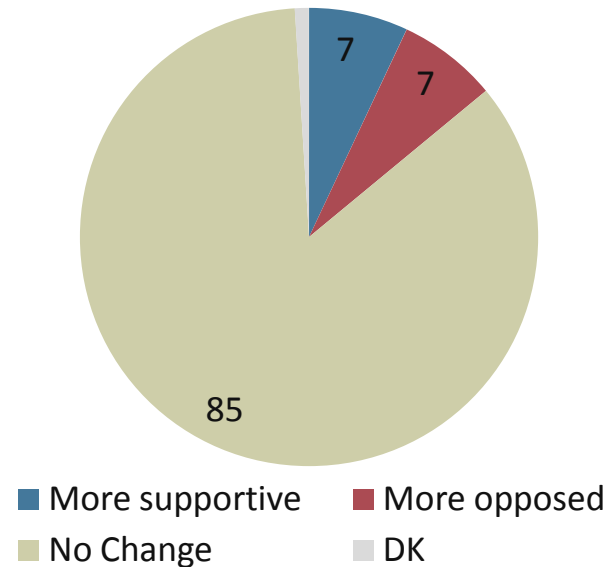
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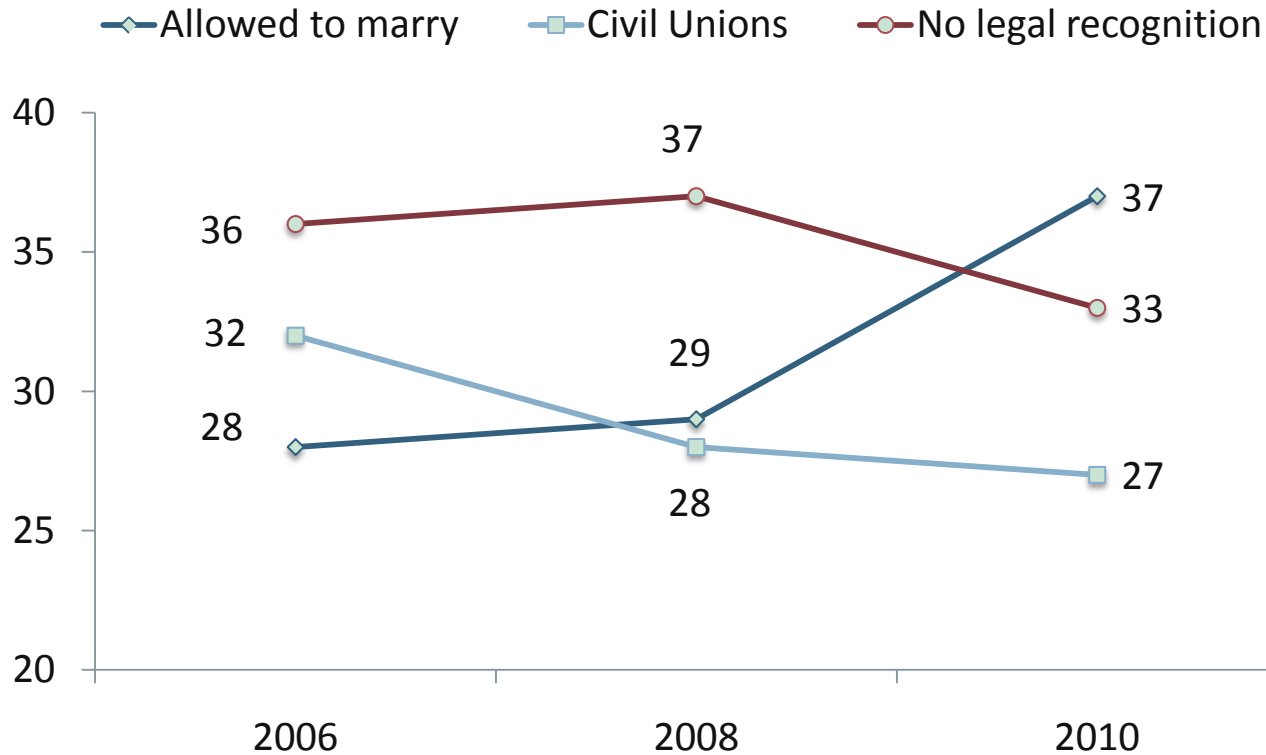
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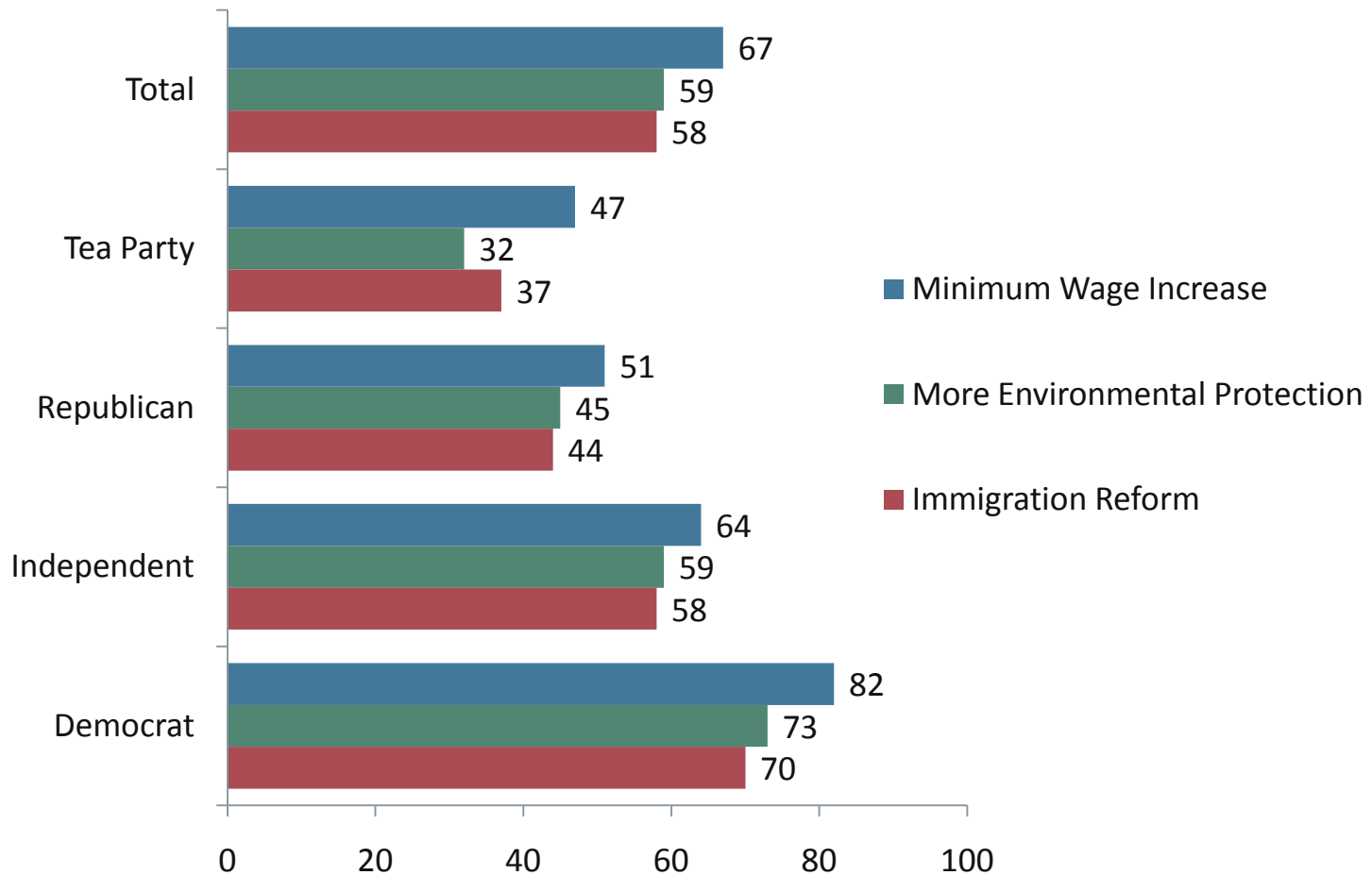


Increasing Support for Same-sex Marriage 2006-2010



Sources: American Values Survey (2006, 2008, 2010).

Support for Immigration Reform, Environmental & Minimum Wage Policies



Two Closing Notable Findings



- **A majority (54%) of voters say they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supported health care reform.**
- **Nearly 6-in-10 (58%) Americans favor a policy that provides a future path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have been in the U.S. for several years.** Three-quarters of Americans also say immigration reform policies should be decided at the national level.

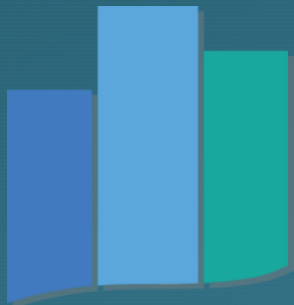
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