

How Immigration and Concerns about Cultural Changes are Shaping the 2016 Election

Findings from the 2016 PRRI/Brookings Immigration Survey

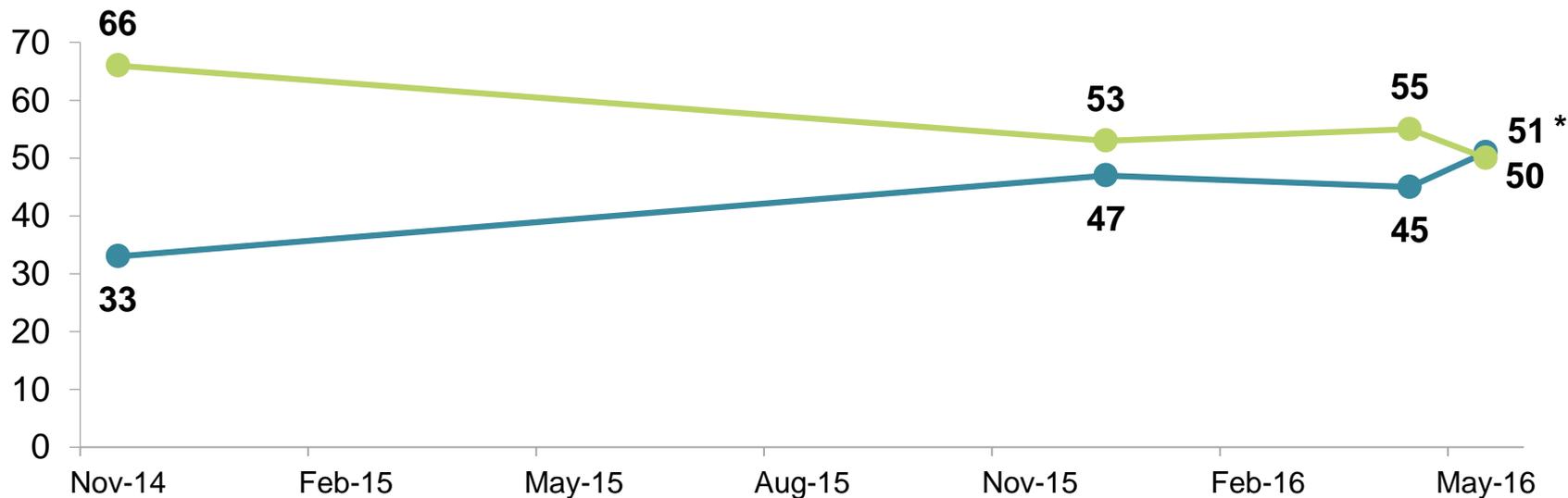
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PERCEPTIONS OF PERSONAL VULNERABILITY

How worried are you that you or someone in your family will be a victim of terrorism?

2014-2016

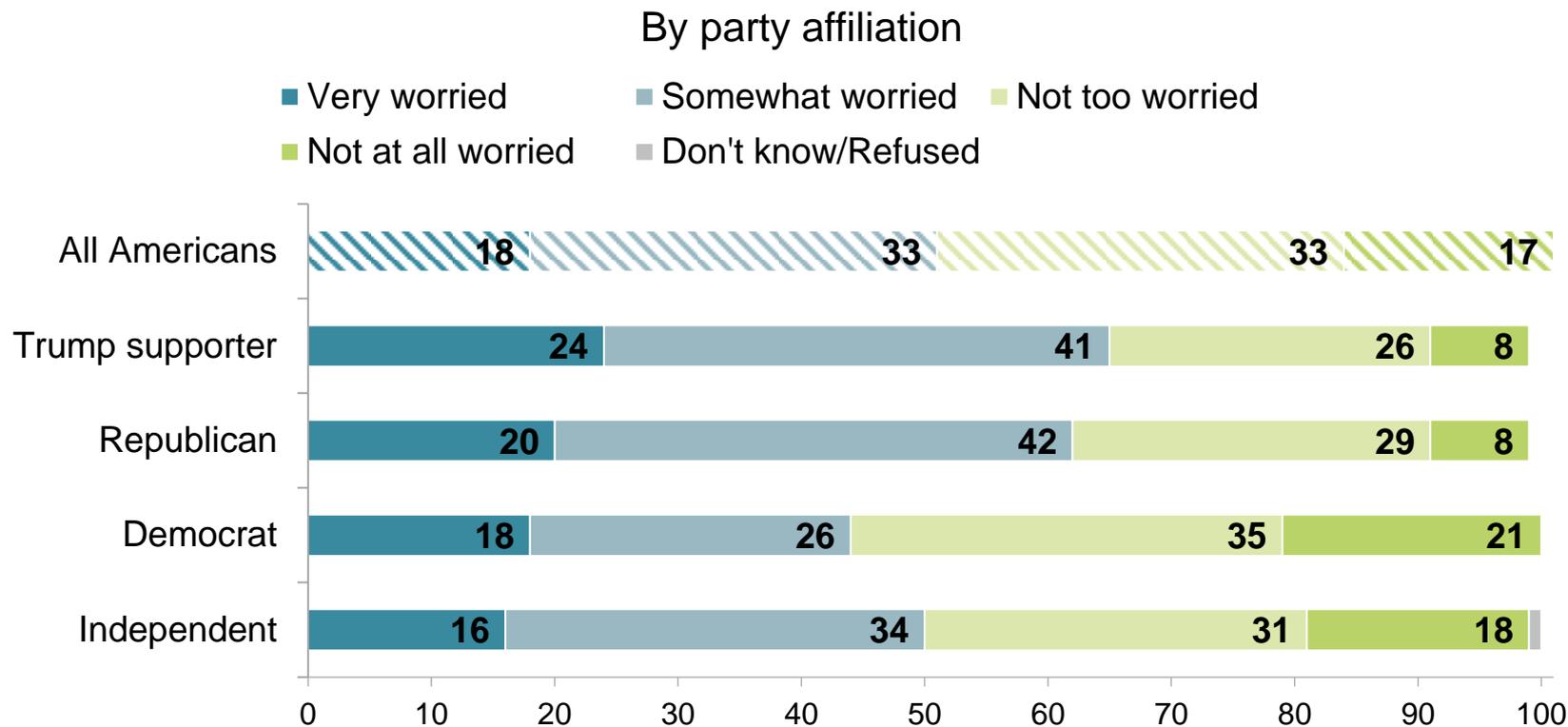
● Very/somewhat worried ● Not too/not at all worried



* Note: Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

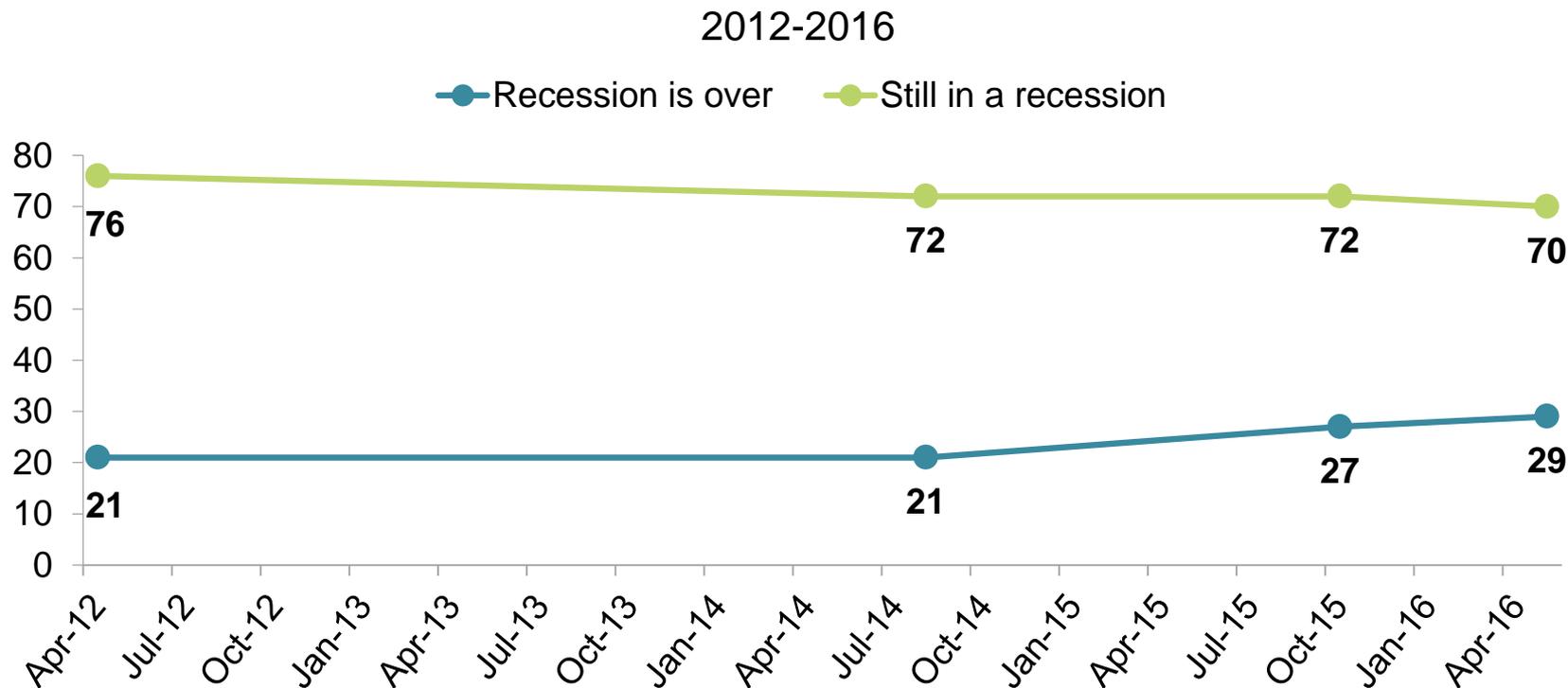
Sources: PRRI 2014 Post-election American Values Survey; PRRI/RNS December 2015 Survey; PRRI/The Atlantic April 2016 Survey; PRRI/Brookings 2016 Immigration Survey.

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Do you think the country's economic recession is over, or do you think the economy is still in a recession?

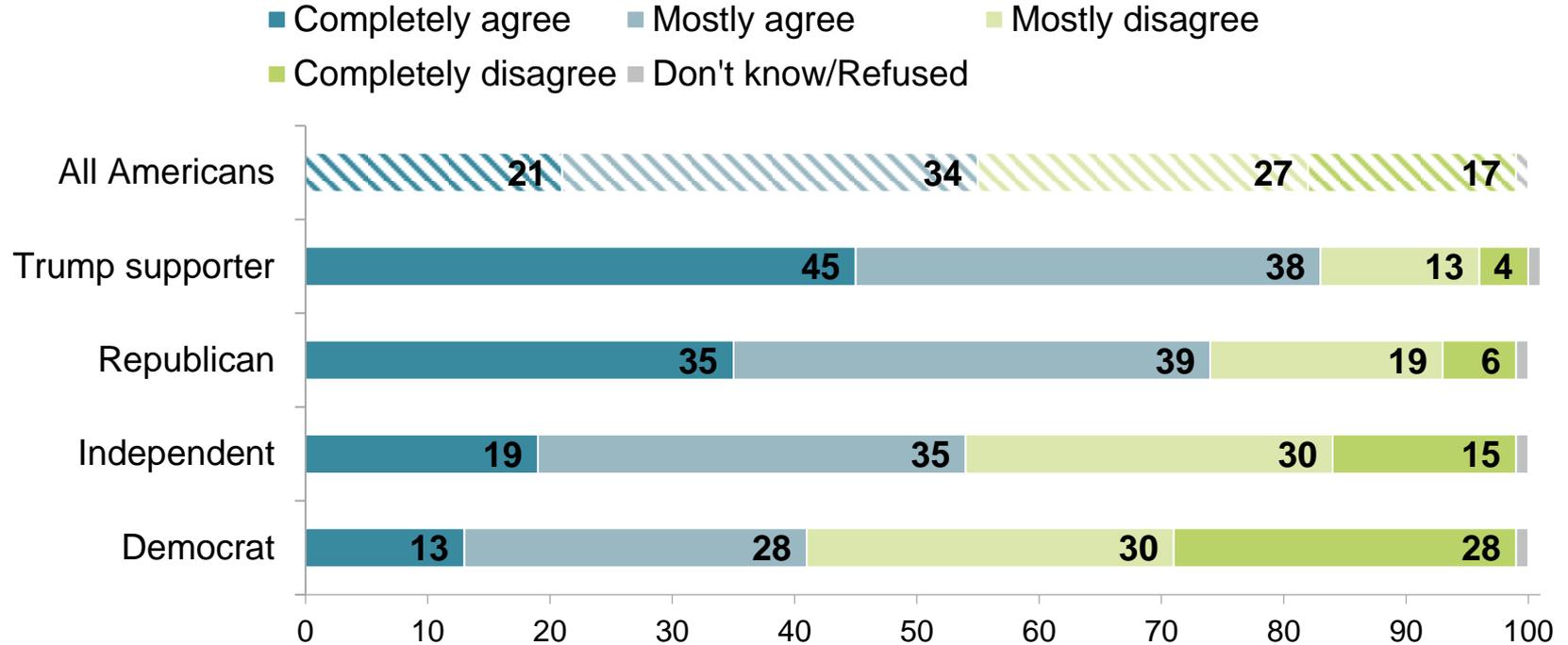


Sources: ABC News/Washington Post Poll, April 2012; PRRI 2014 American Values Survey; PRRI 2015 American Values Survey; PRRI/Brookings 2016 Immigration Survey.

CULTURAL PROTECTIONISM

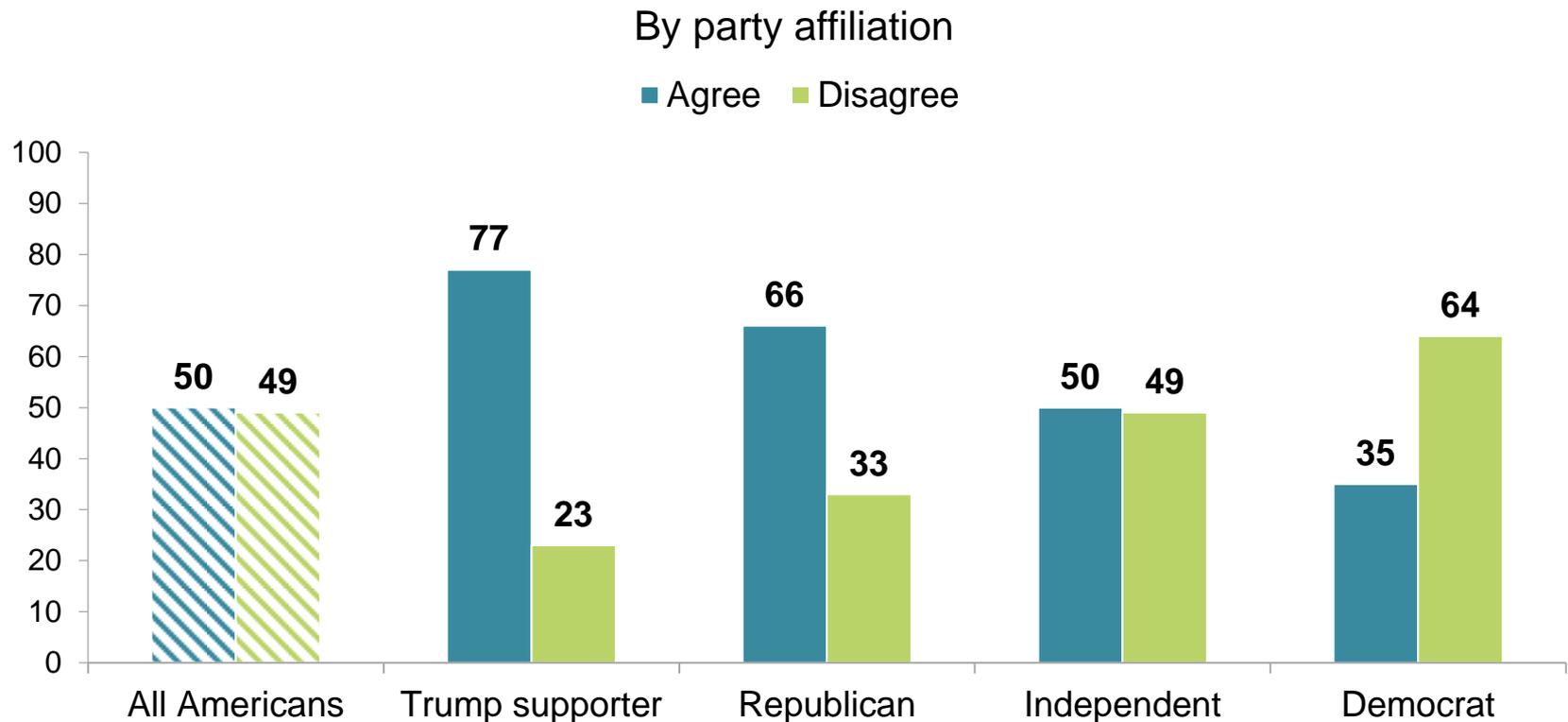
The American way of life needs to be protected against foreign influence

By party affiliation



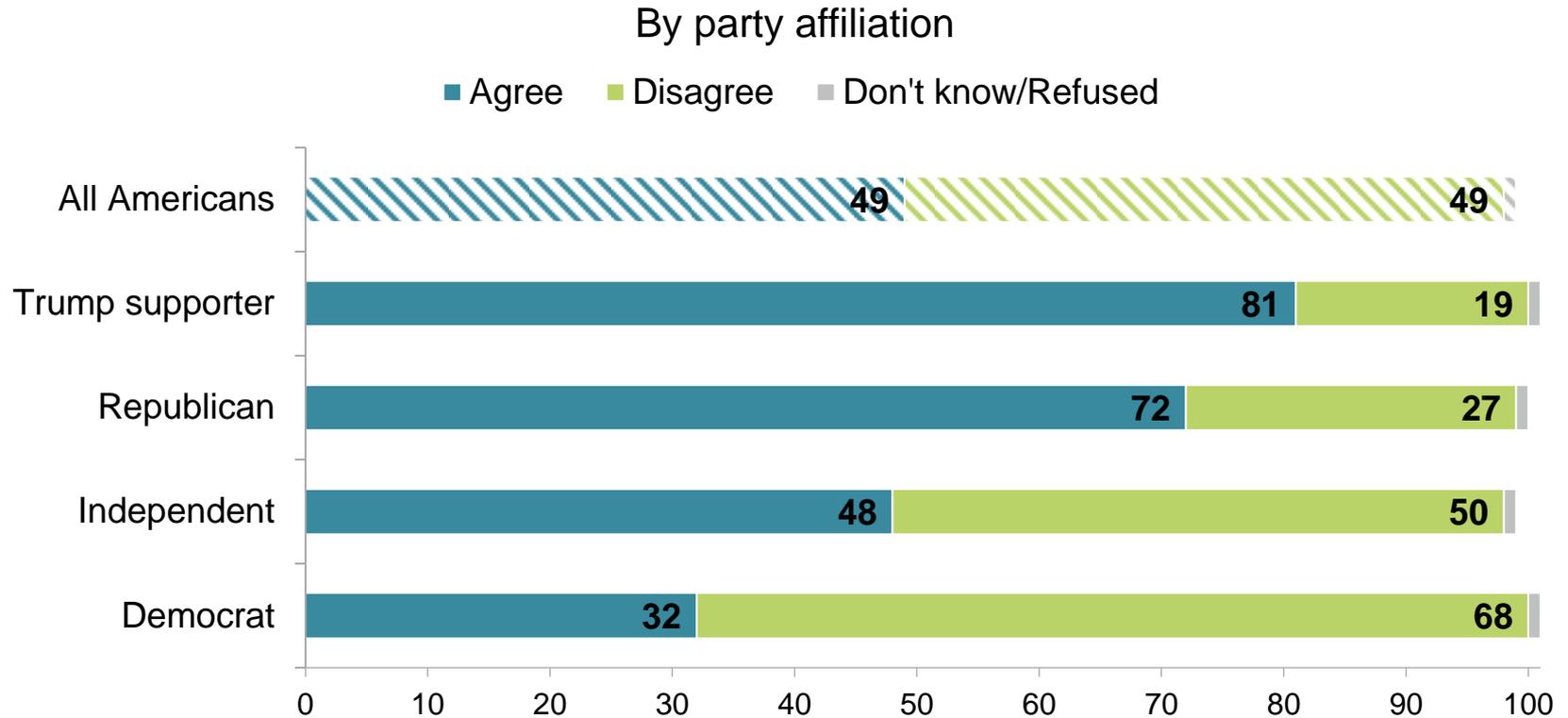
Source: PRRI/Brookings 2016 Immigration Survey.

It bothers me when I come in contact with immigrants who speak little or no English



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Today discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities

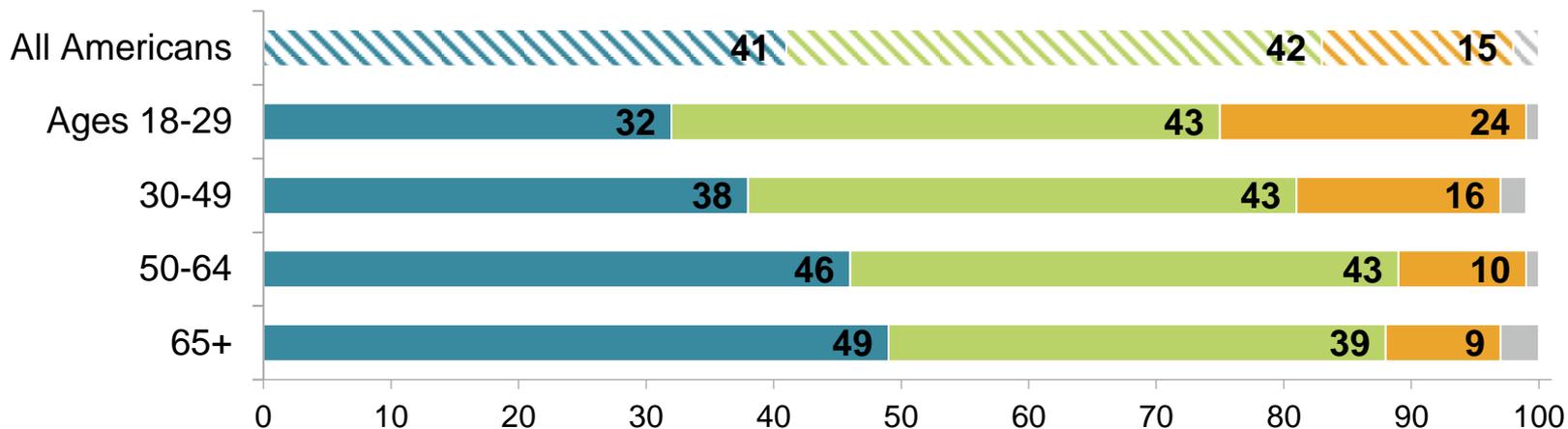


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Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

By age

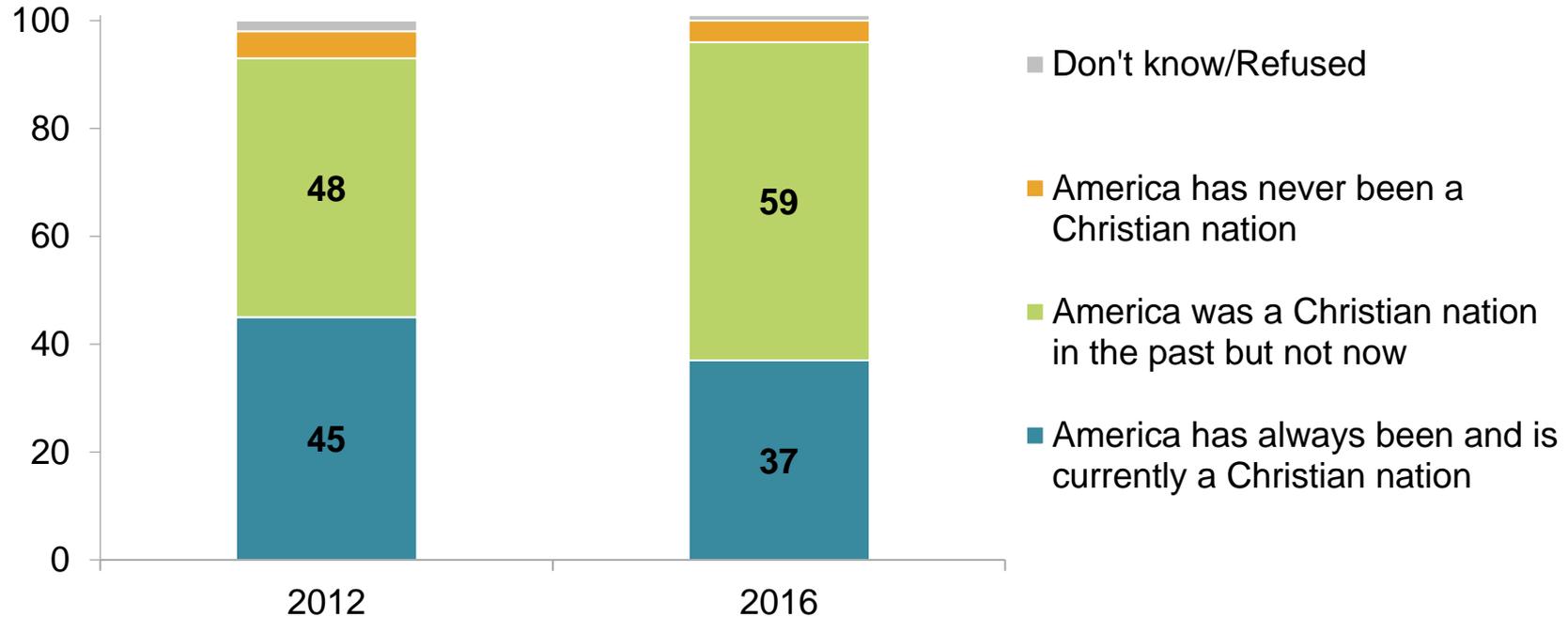
- America has always been and is currently a Christian nation
- America was a Christian nation in the past but not now
- America has never been a Christian nation
- Don't know/Refused



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Growing Feeling Among White Evangelical Protestants that America Is No Longer a Christian Nation

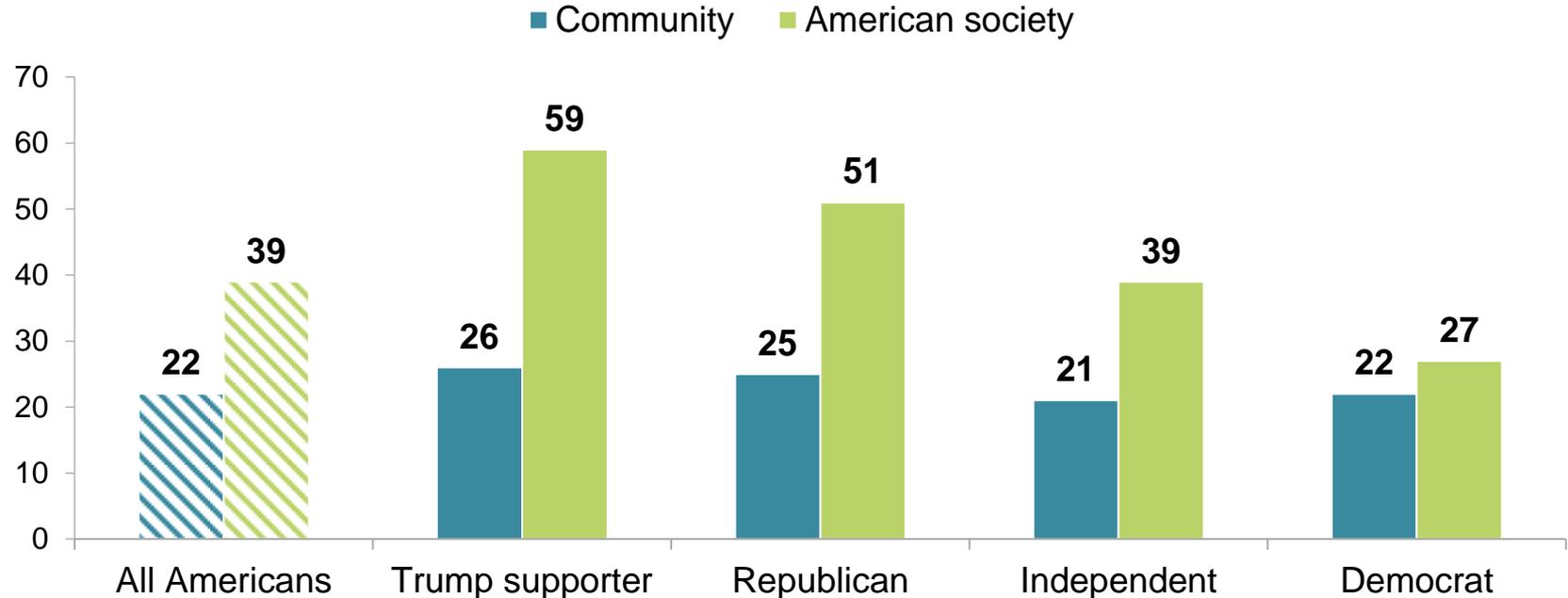
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Sources: PRRI/Brookings 2012 Race, Class, and Culture Survey;
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Perception Gap: How Much Are Immigrants Changing Your Own Community vs. American Society?

Percent who say immigrants are changing their community/American society "a lot," by party affiliation

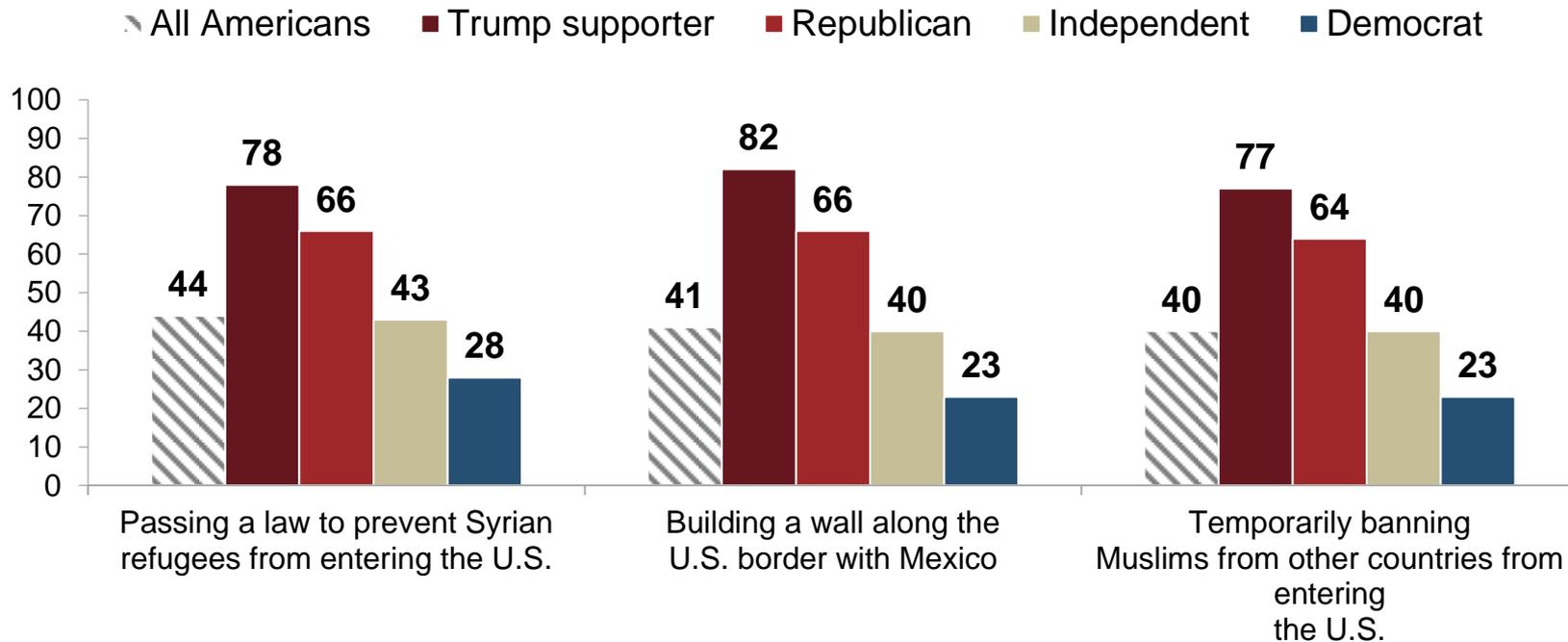


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IMMIGRATION POLICY

Cultural Protectionist Policies

Percent who favor each policy, by party affiliation

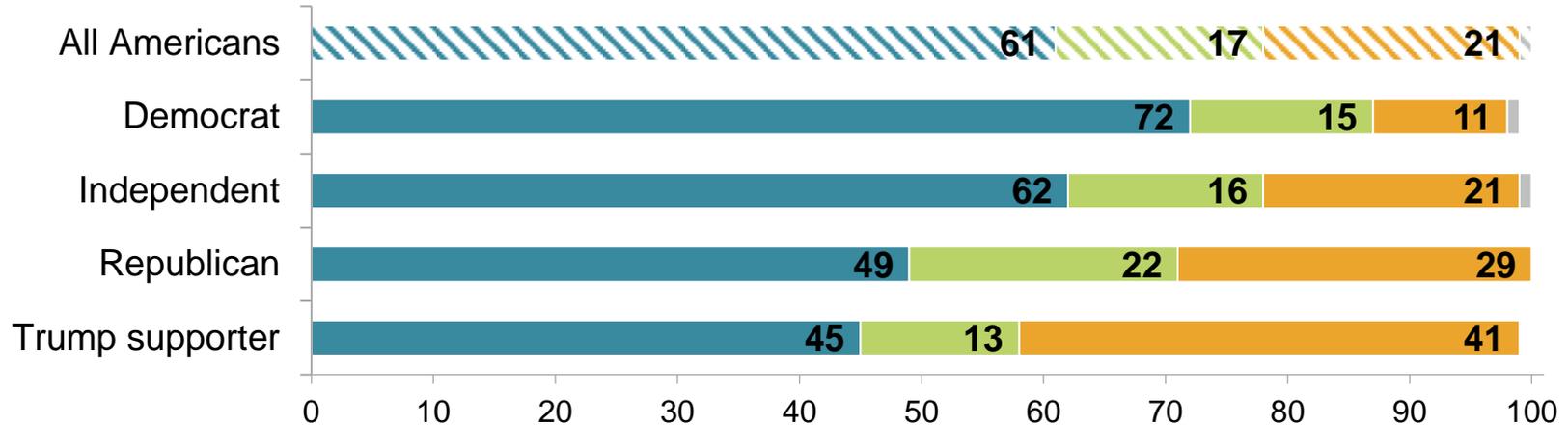


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How should the immigration system deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally?

By party affiliation

- Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements
- Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens
- Identify and deport them
- Don't know/Refused

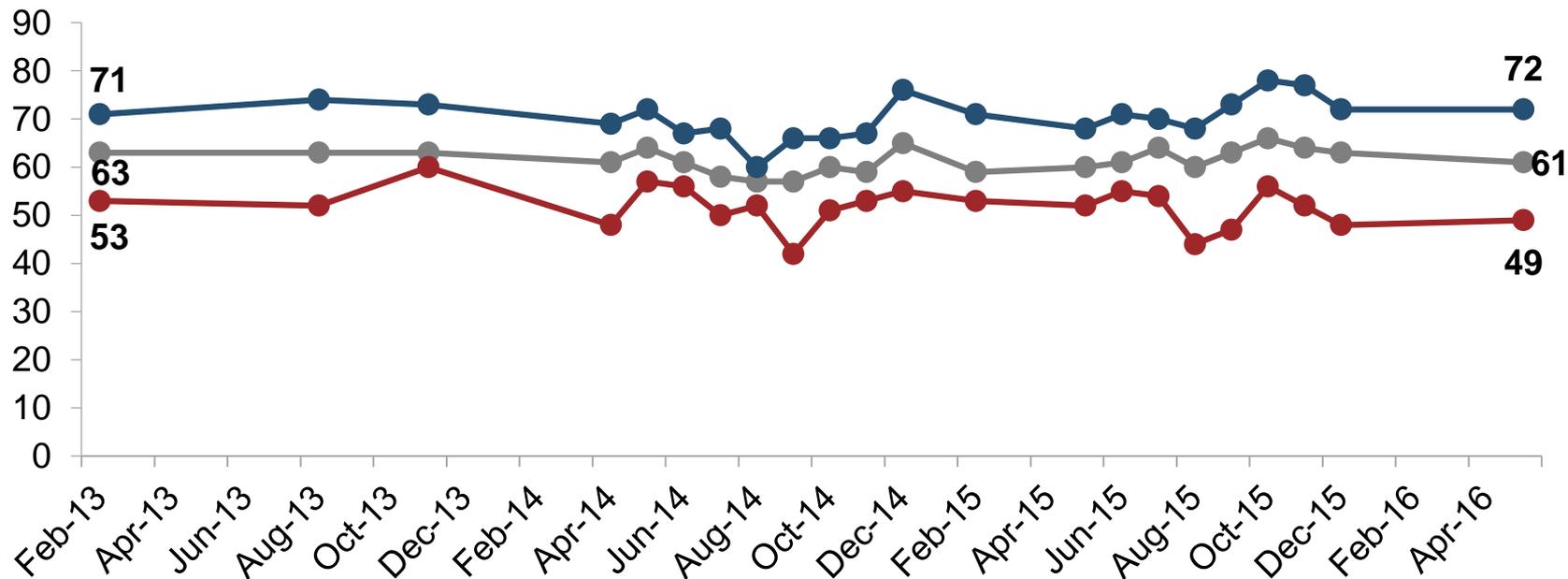


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Allowing Immigrants Living in Country Illegally to Become Citizens, 2013-2016

Percent who favor, by party affiliation

—●— All Americans —●— Republican —●— Democrat



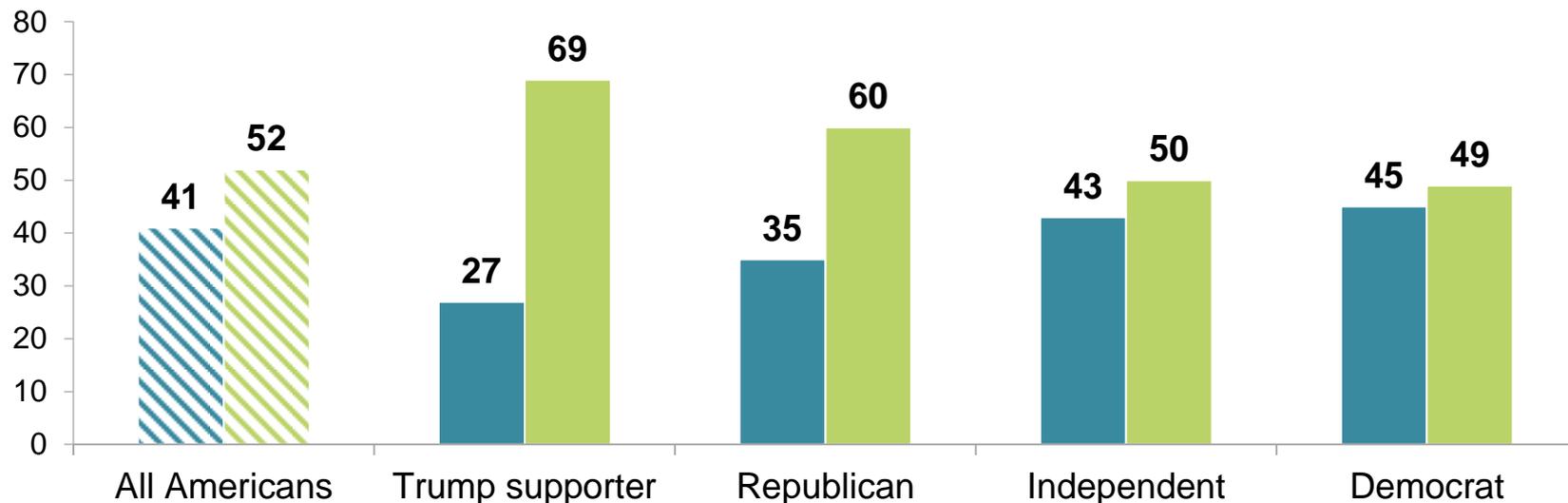
Sources: PRRI Surveys, 2013-2016.

ECONOMIC PROTECTIONISM

Are Free Trade Agreements Mostly Helpful or Harmful?

By party affiliation

- Mostly helpful because they open markets for U.S. companies and allow Americans to buy goods more cheaply
- Mostly harmful because they send jobs overseas and drive down wages

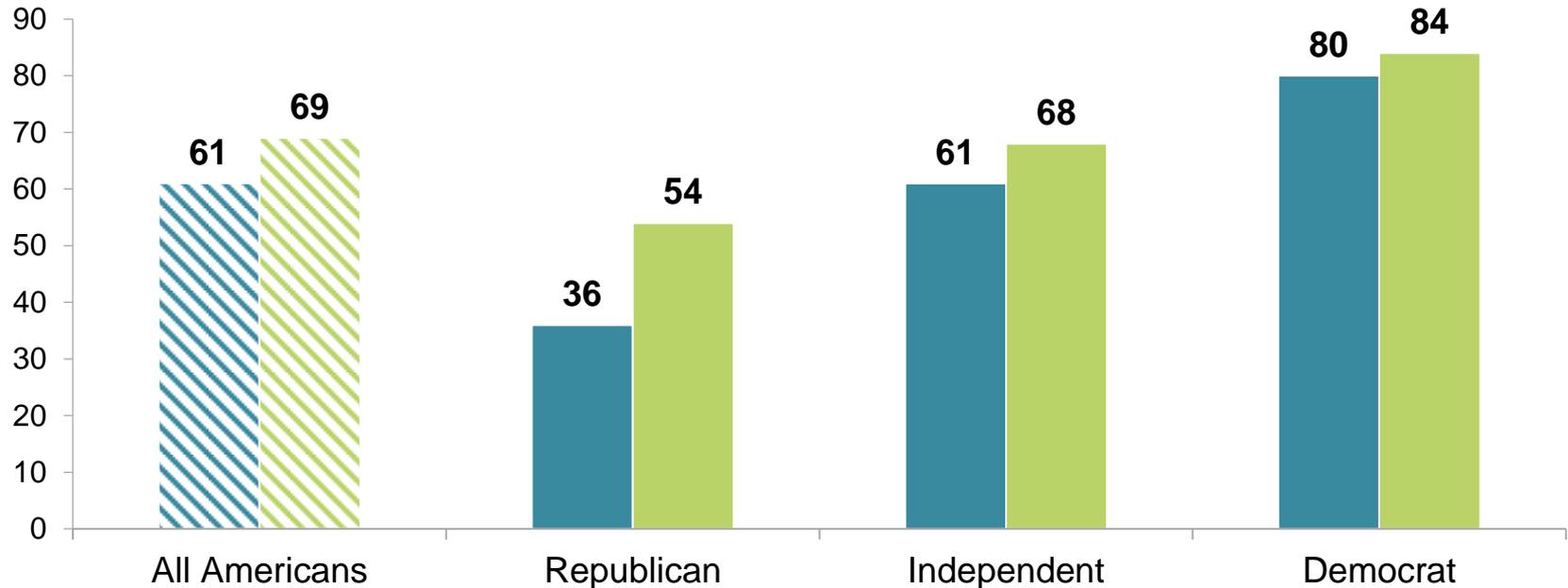


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Growing Support for Increasing the Tax Rate on Americans Earning More Than \$250,000 a Year

Percent who favor, by party affiliation

■ 2012 ■ 2016



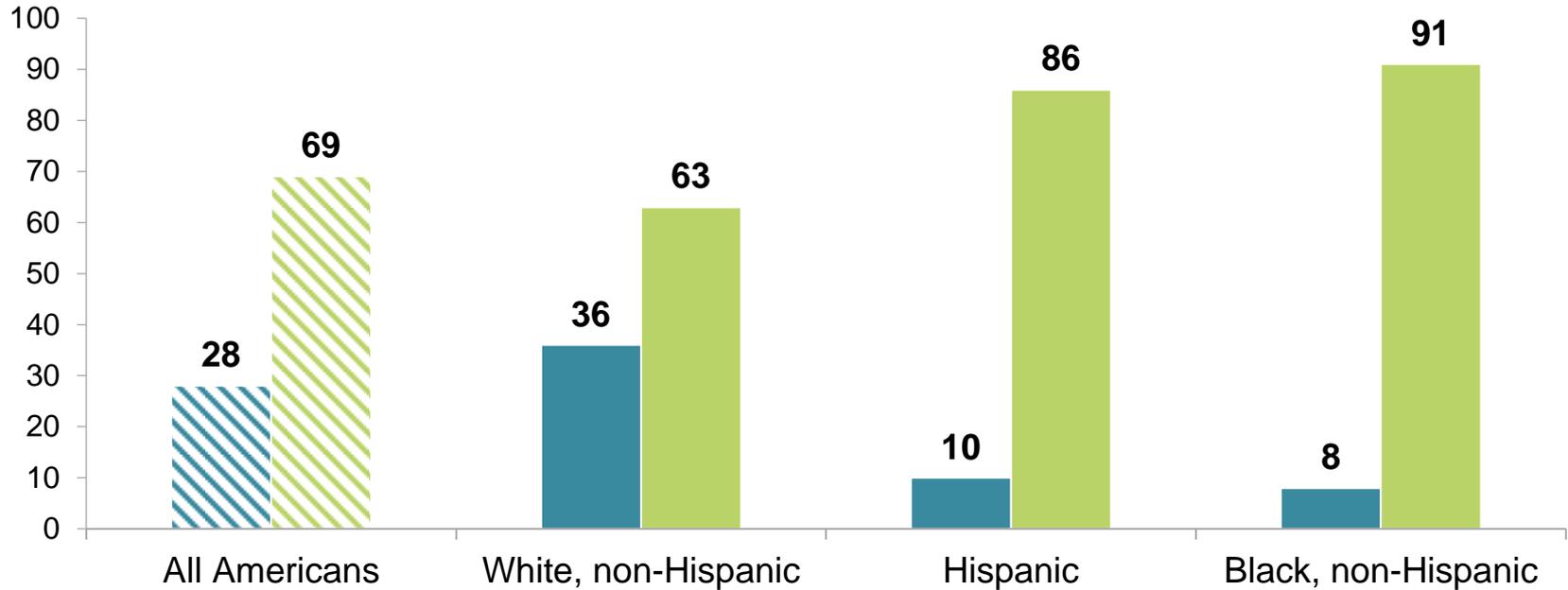
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LEADERSHIP AND THE 2016 ELECTION

Is your overall opinion of Donald Trump favorable or unfavorable?

By race/ethnicity

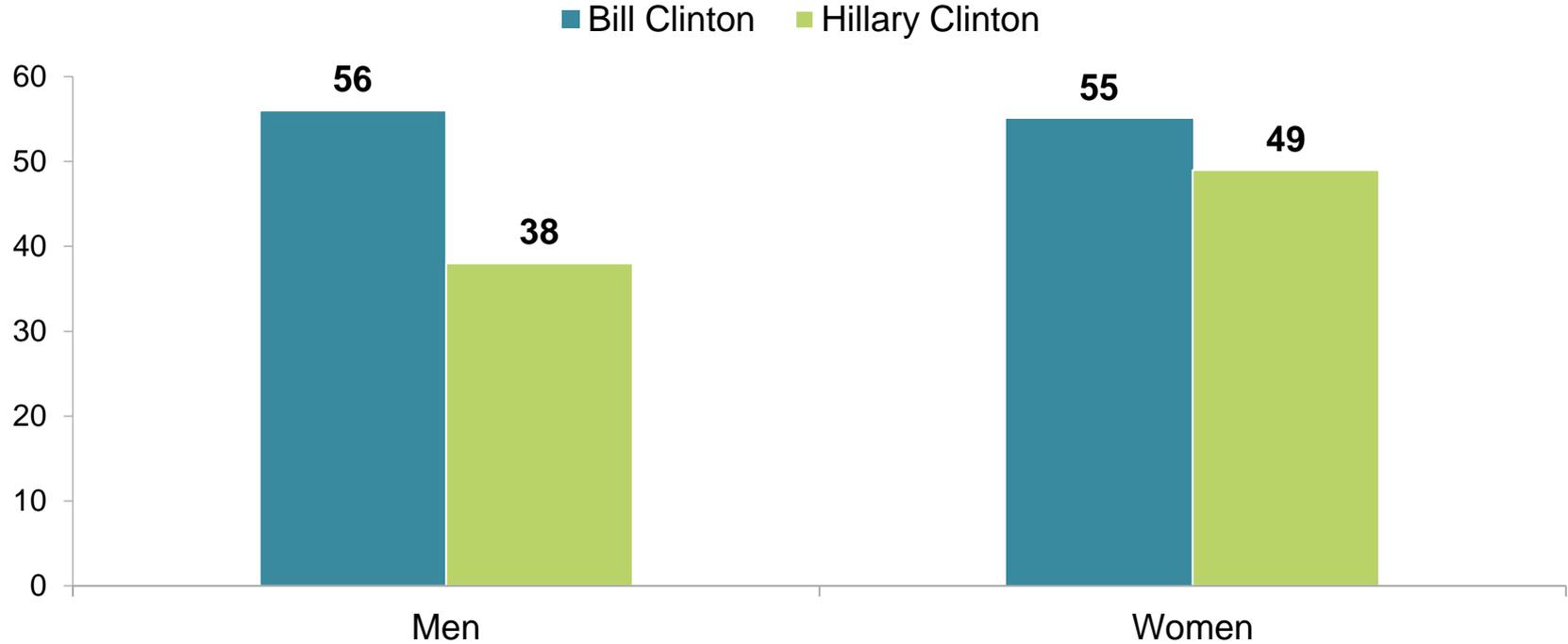
■ Favorable ■ Unfavorable



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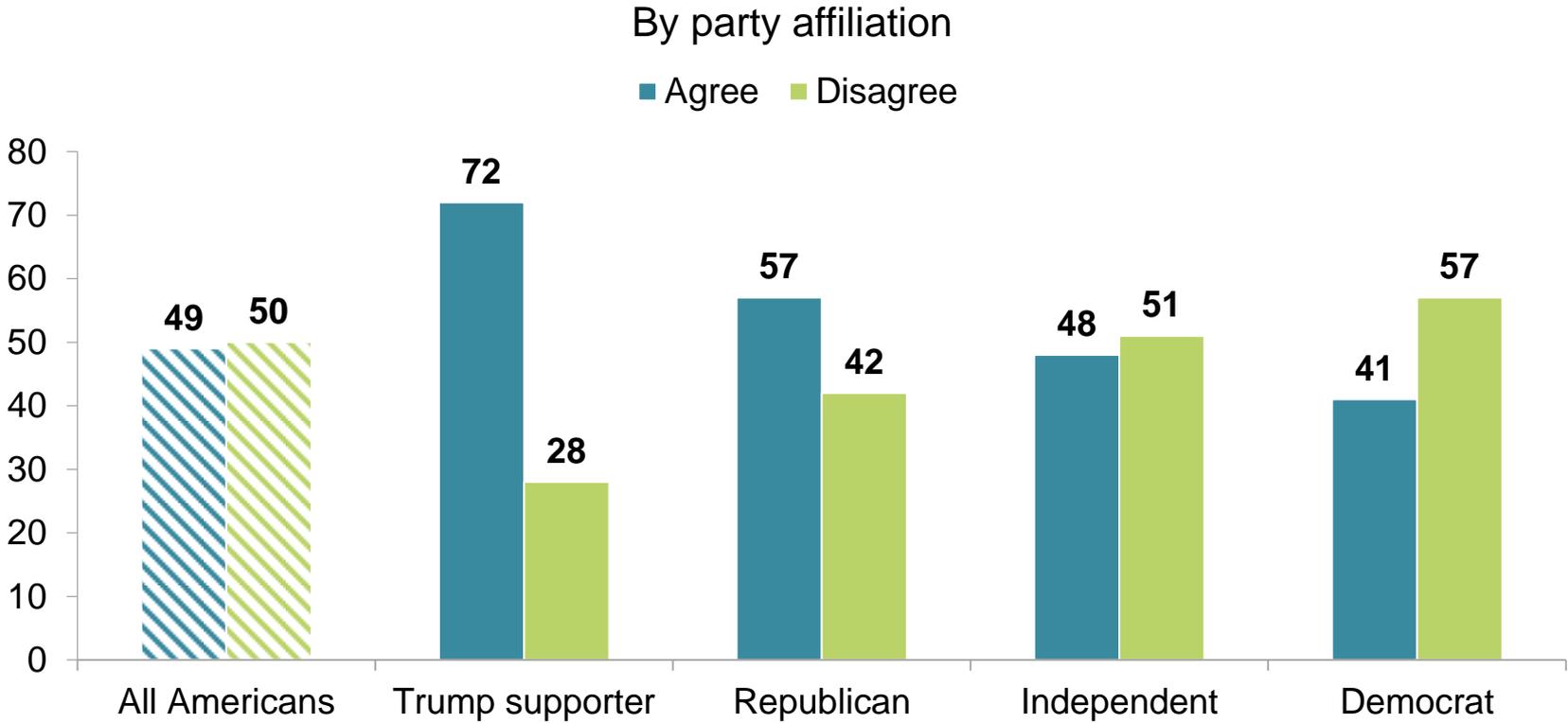
Favorability Gap Between Hillary Clinton and Bill Clinton

Percent with a favorable opinion, by gender



Source: PRRI/Brookings 2016 Immigration Survey.

Because things have gotten so far off track in this country, we need a leader who is willing to break some rules if that's what it takes to set things right



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Thank You

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