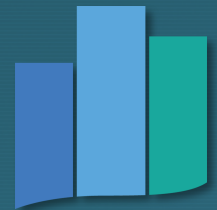


# THE 2013 RELIGION, VALUES, AND IMMIGRATION REFORM SURVEY

Citizenship, Values, and Cultural Concerns:  
What Americans Want from Immigration Reform

# Survey Methodology



## 2013 Religion, Values, and Immigration Reform Survey

- Designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute in partnership with The Brookings Institution
- One of largest surveys ever conducted on immigration (N=4,465 Americans)
- MOE = +/- 1.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence interval for total sample
- Conducted by telephone (1,774 contacted by cell phone) between January 28 and February 24, 2013
- Bilingual (English and Spanish) interviews
- Funded by The Ford Foundation, with additional support from The Nathan Cummings Foundation and Four Freedoms Fund/Public Interest Projects

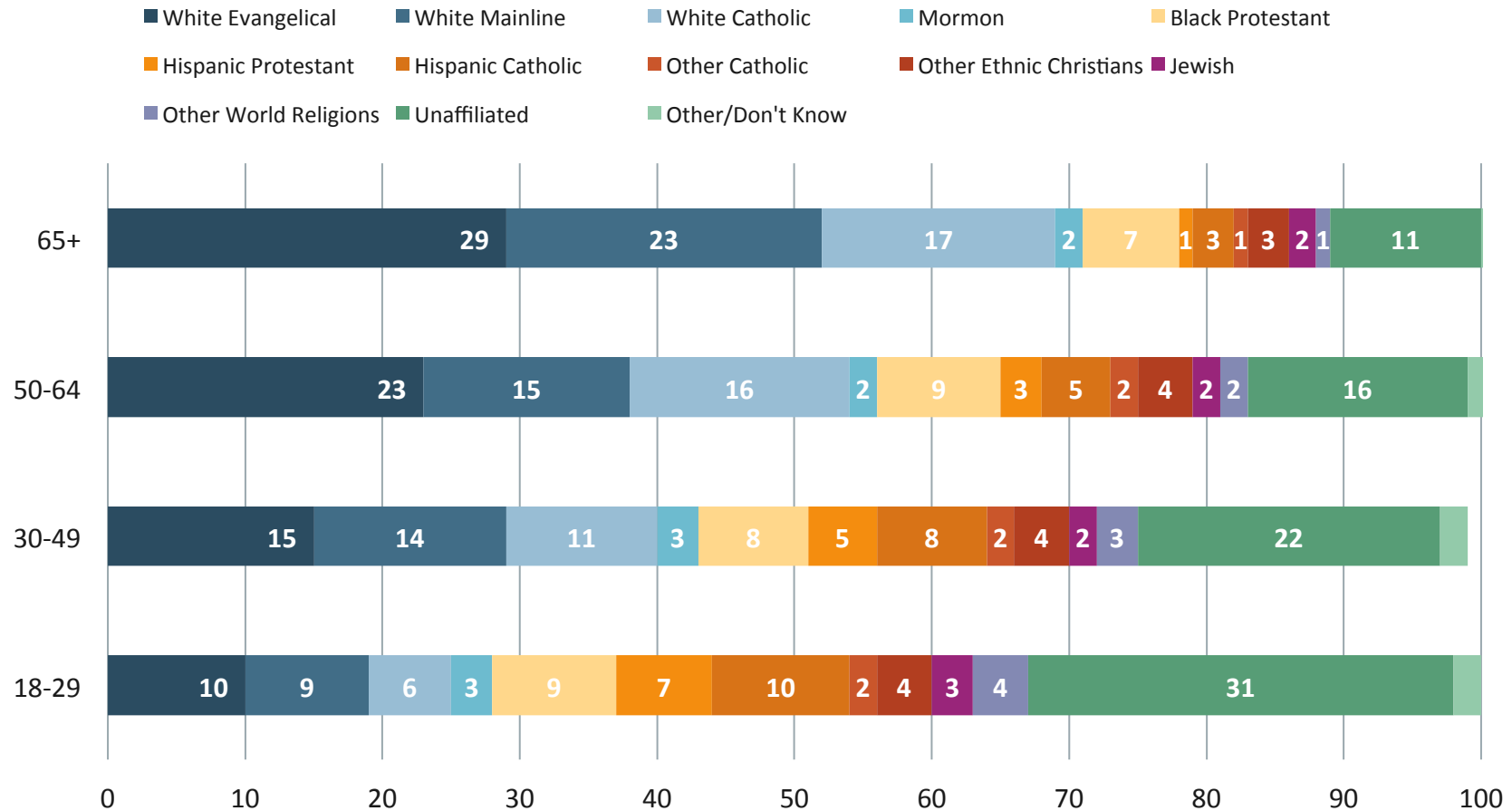


# THE CULTURAL CONTEXT

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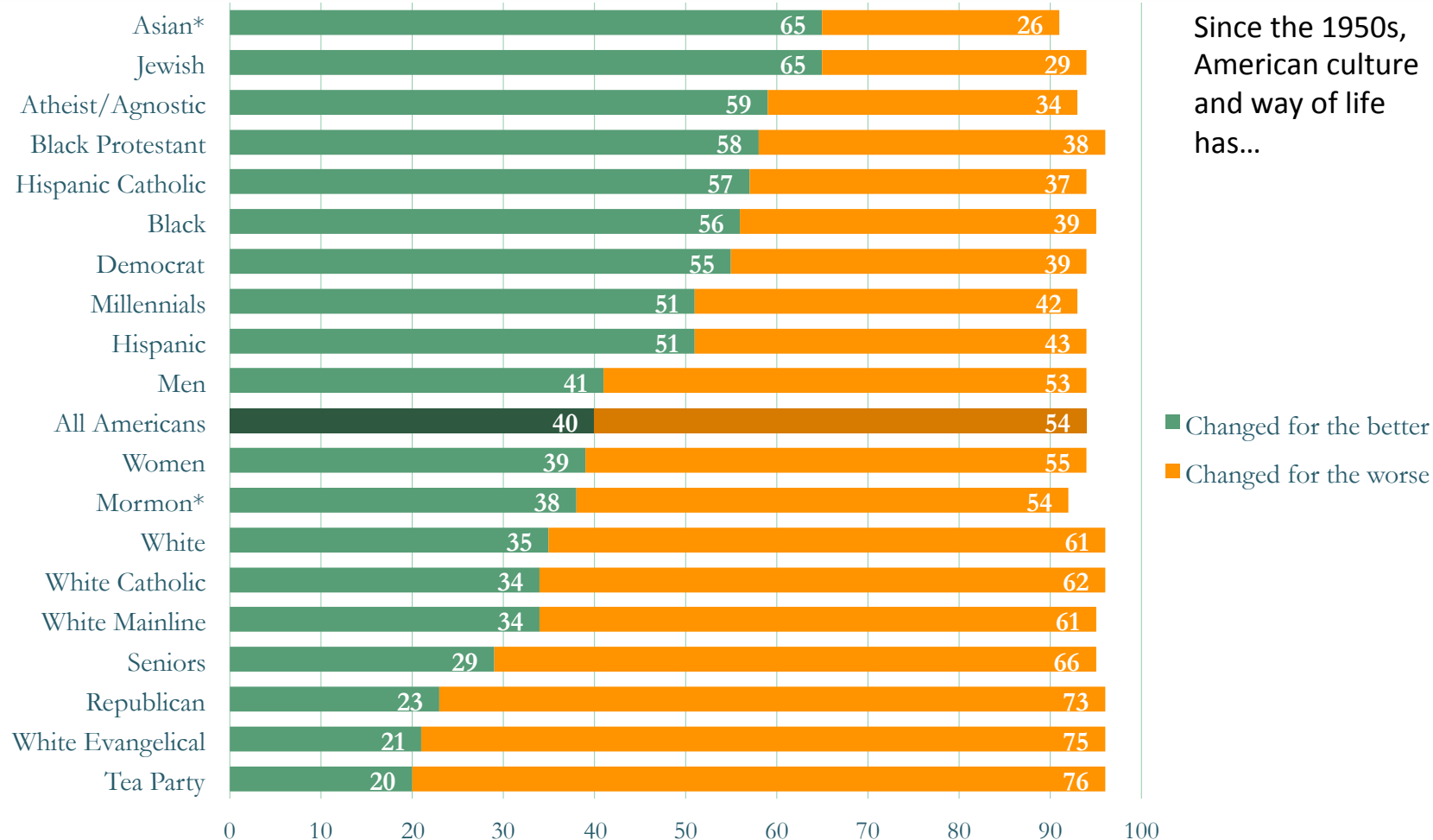
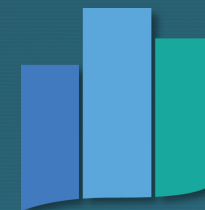
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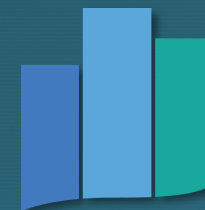


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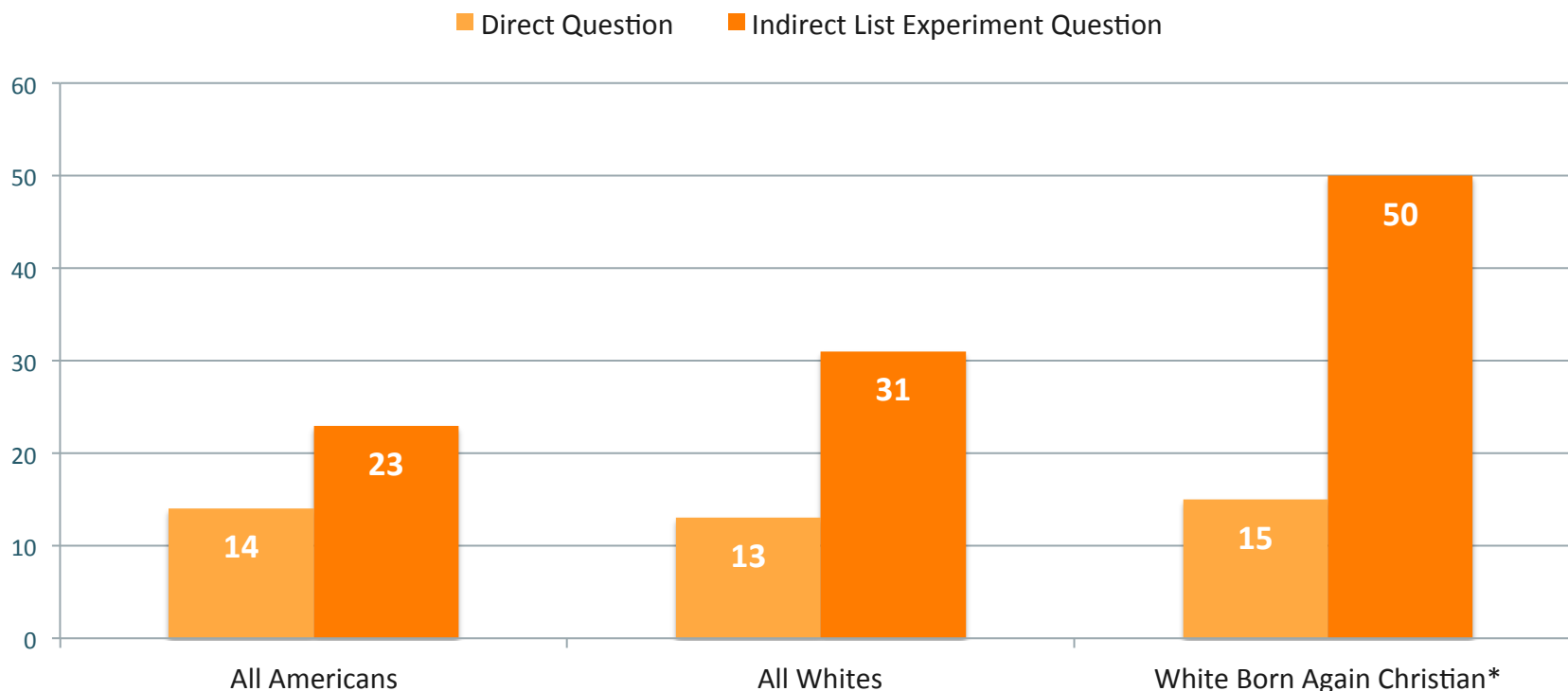


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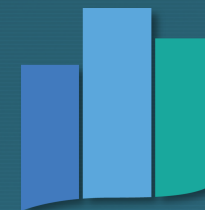
**The idea of an American where most people are not white bothers me.**  
*Percent who Agree*



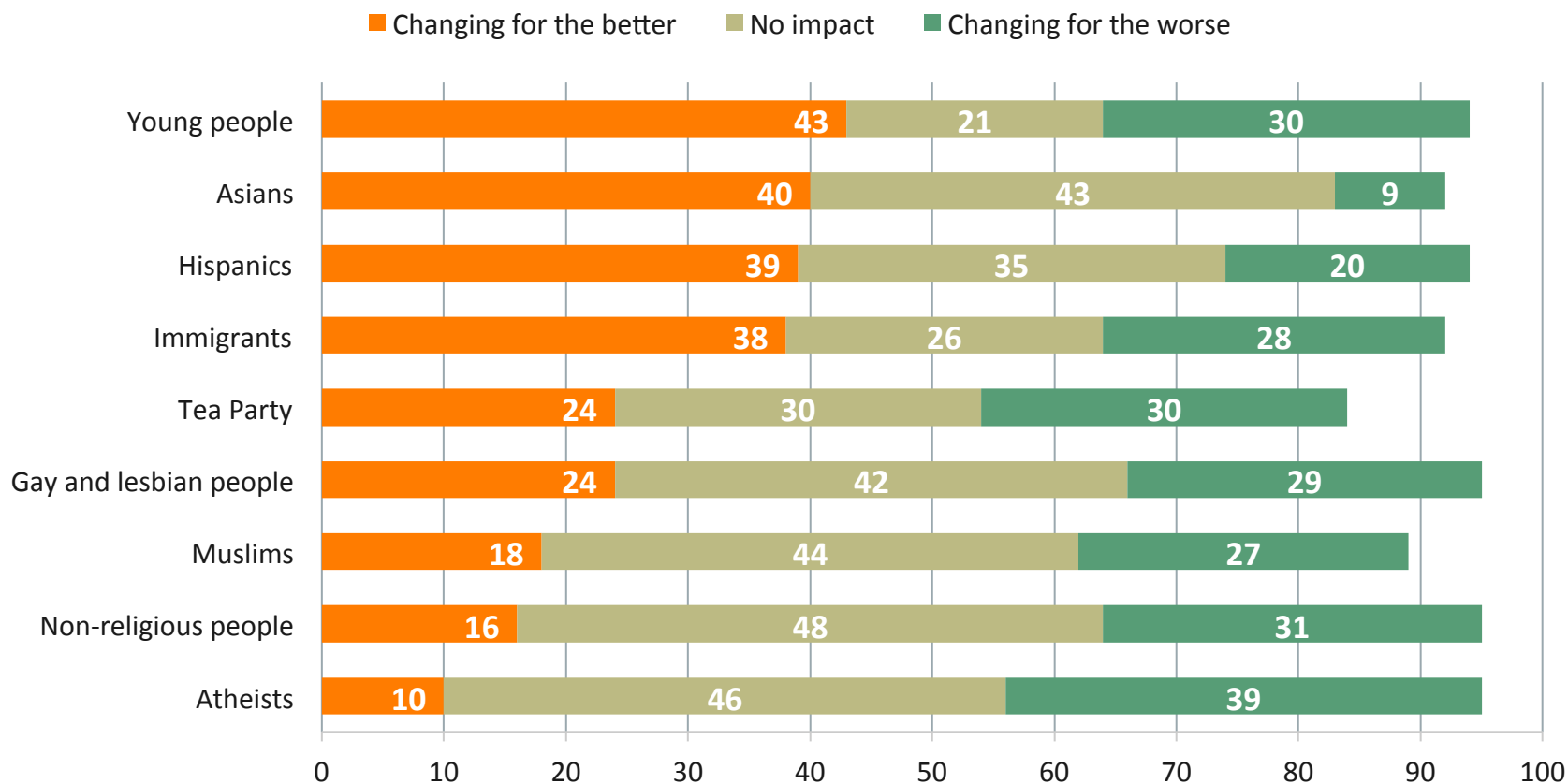
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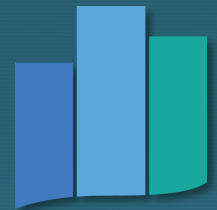
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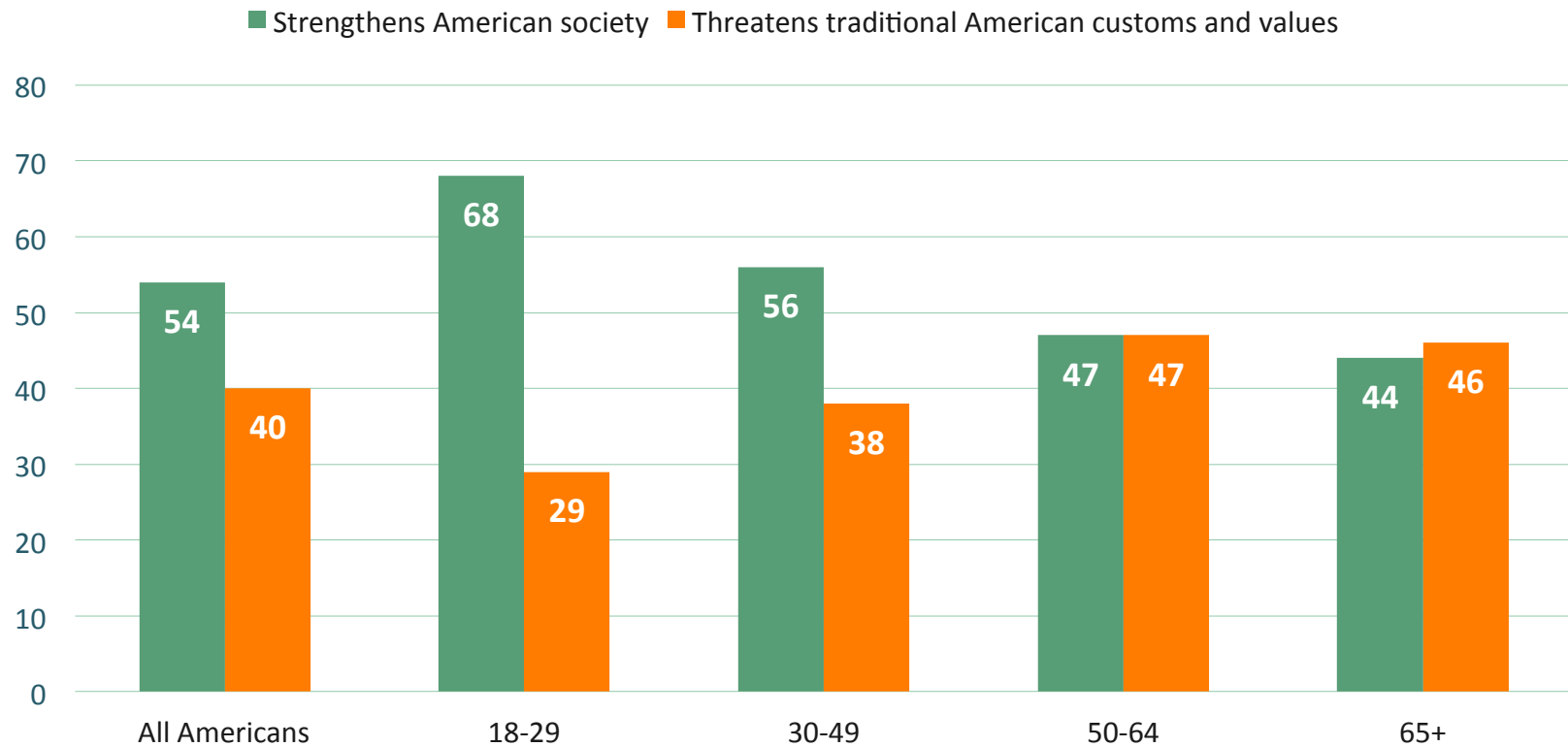
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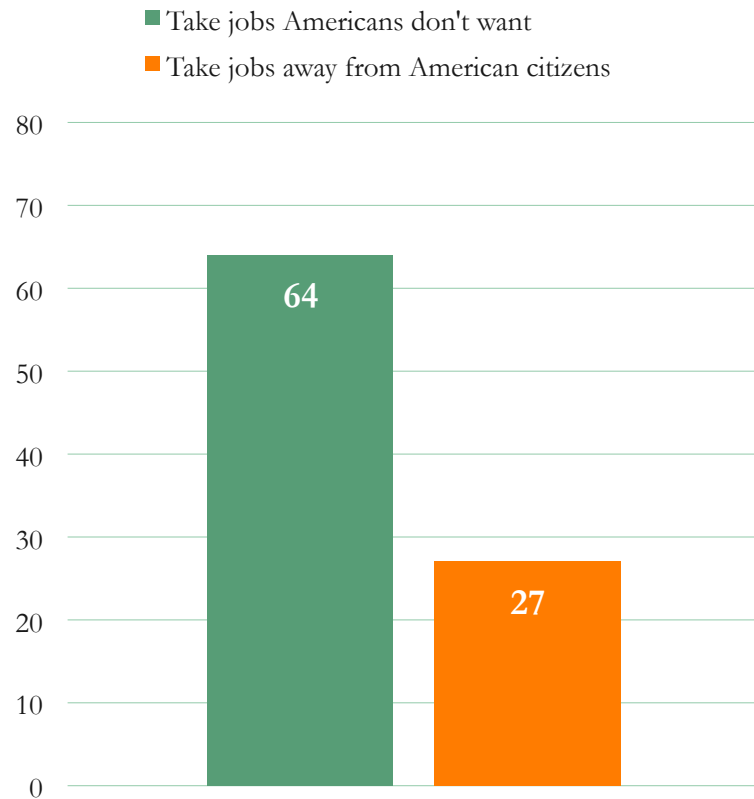
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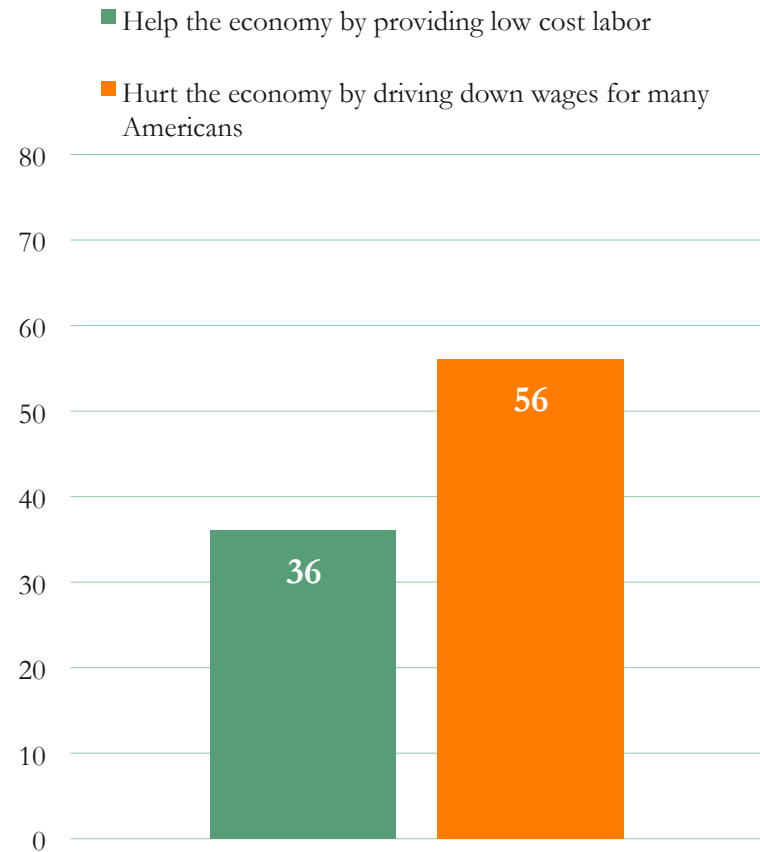
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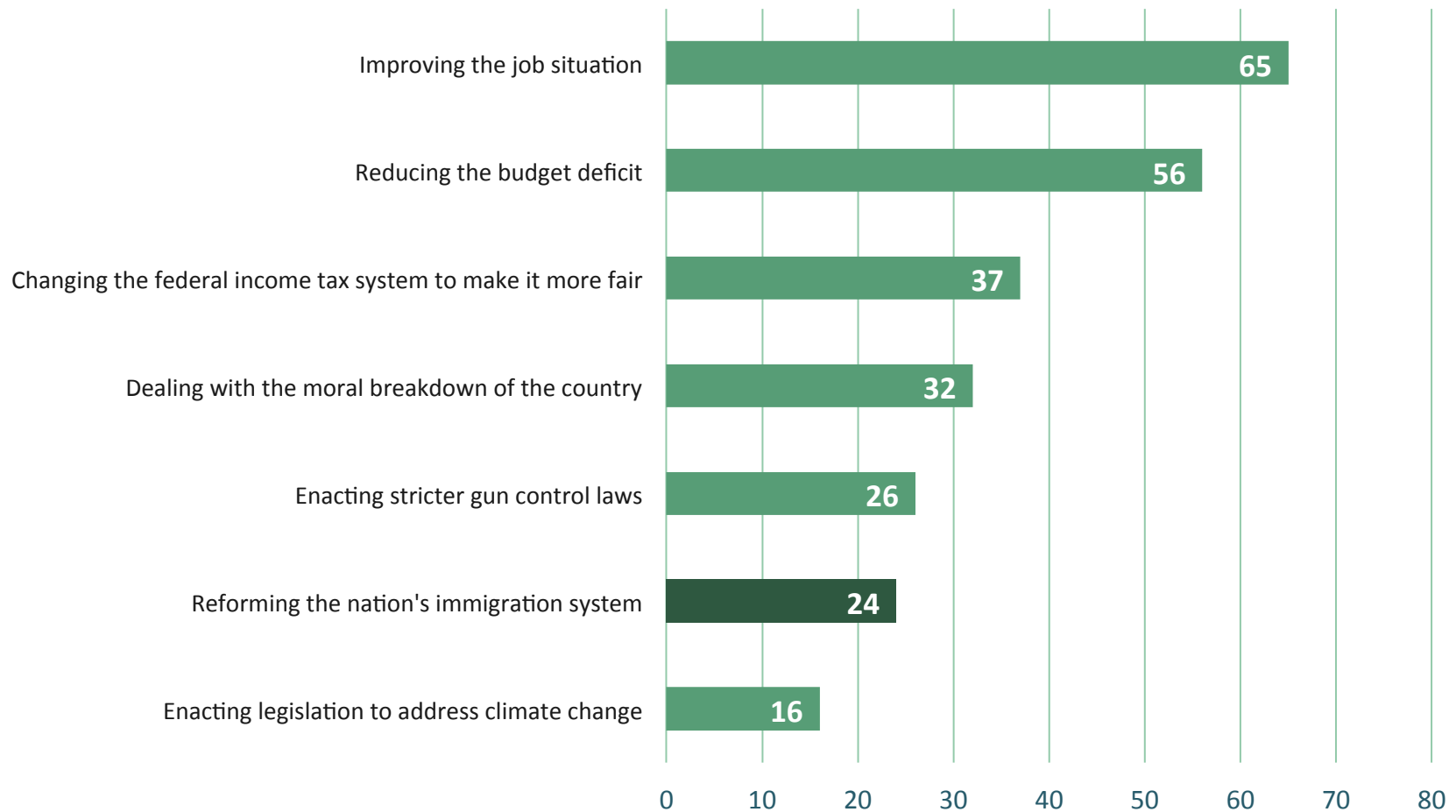
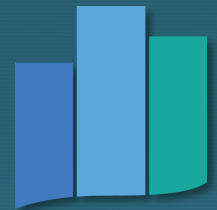
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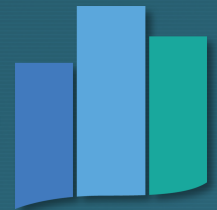
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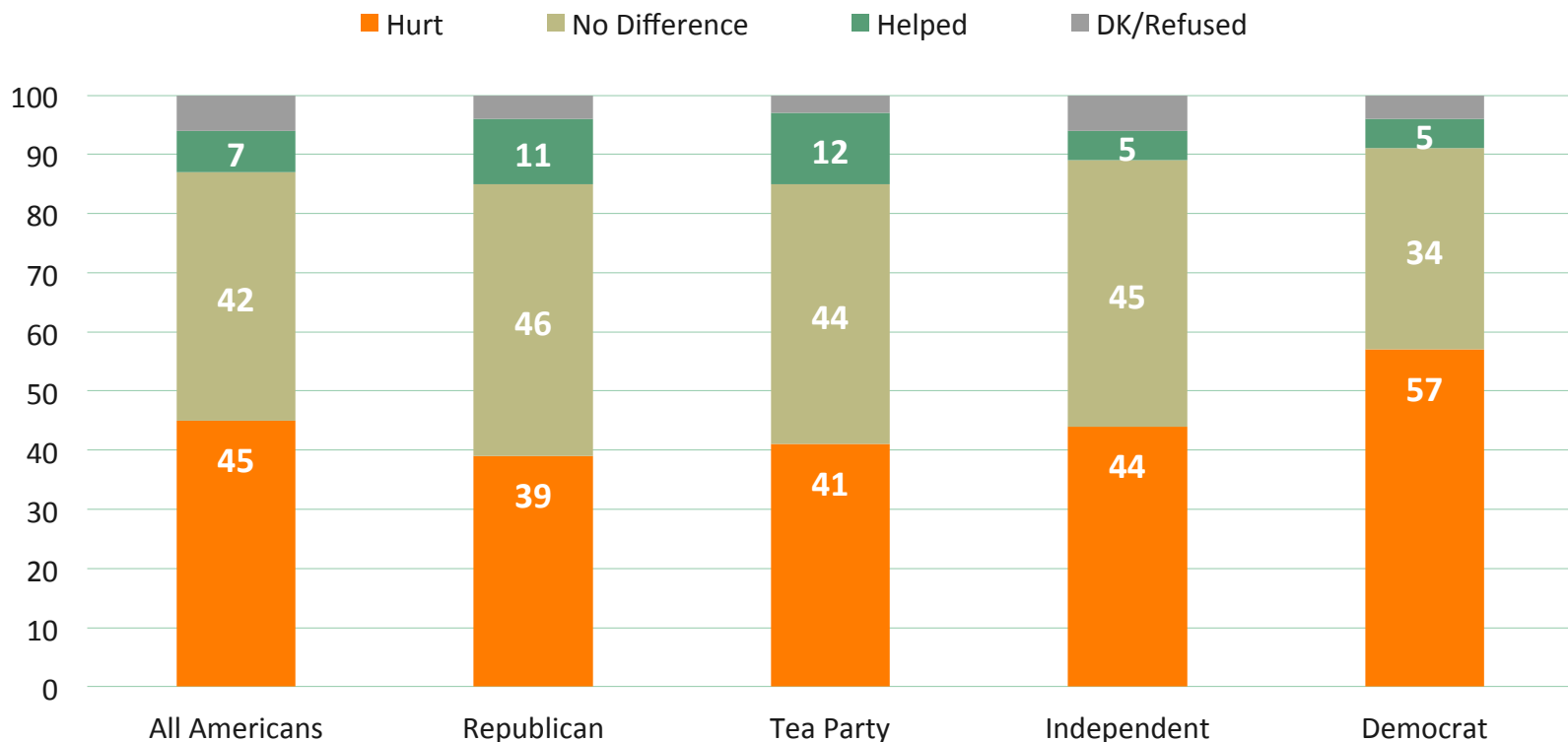
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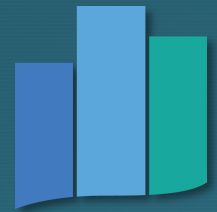


**Did Republican Party Position on Immigration Help or Hurt in Recent Elections?  
By Party Affiliation**



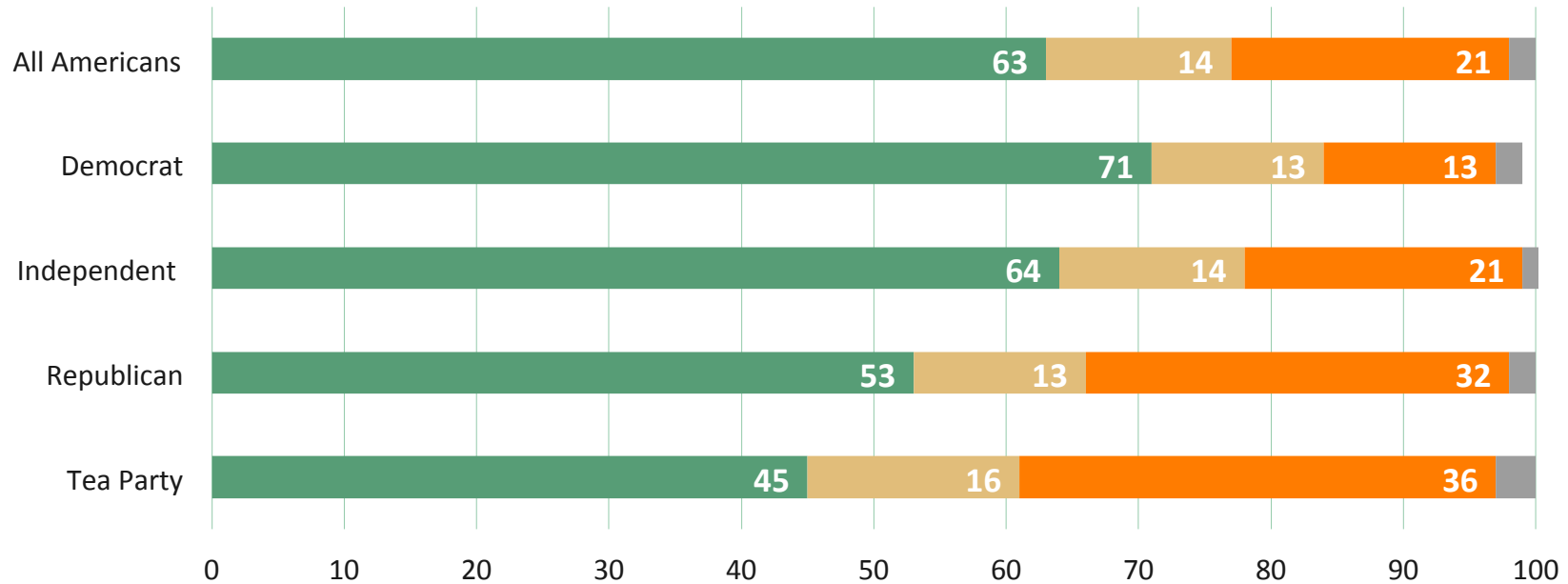
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# Support for Path to Citizenship By Party Affiliation



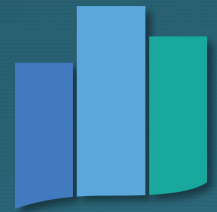
## How should the immigration system deal with illegal immigrants? By Party Affiliation

- 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
- None of these/DK/Refused

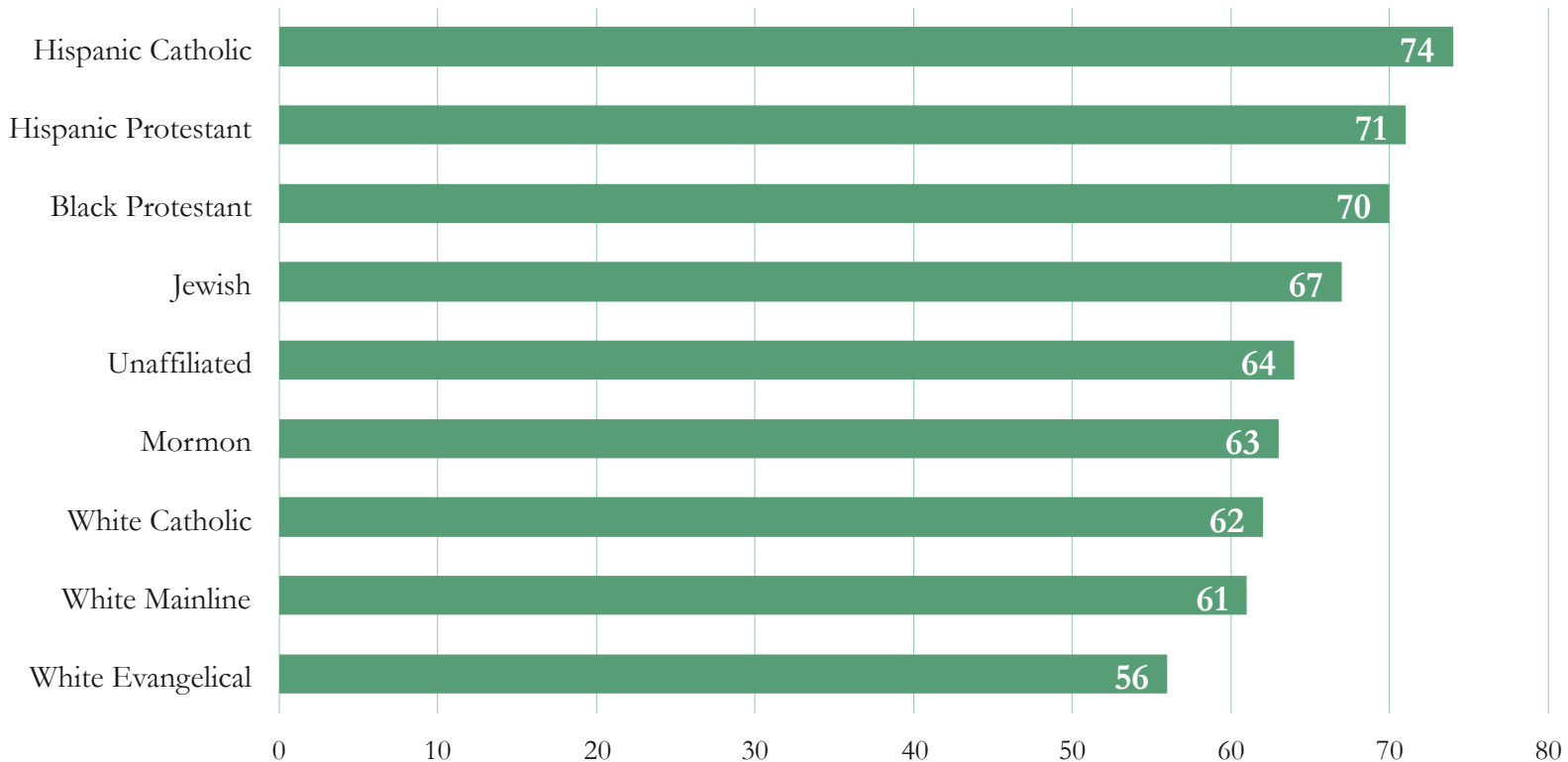




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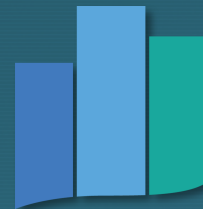


Support for Path to Citizenship (3-Way Question)  
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# Binary Question: Support for Earned Path to Citizenship (2011 vs. 2013)

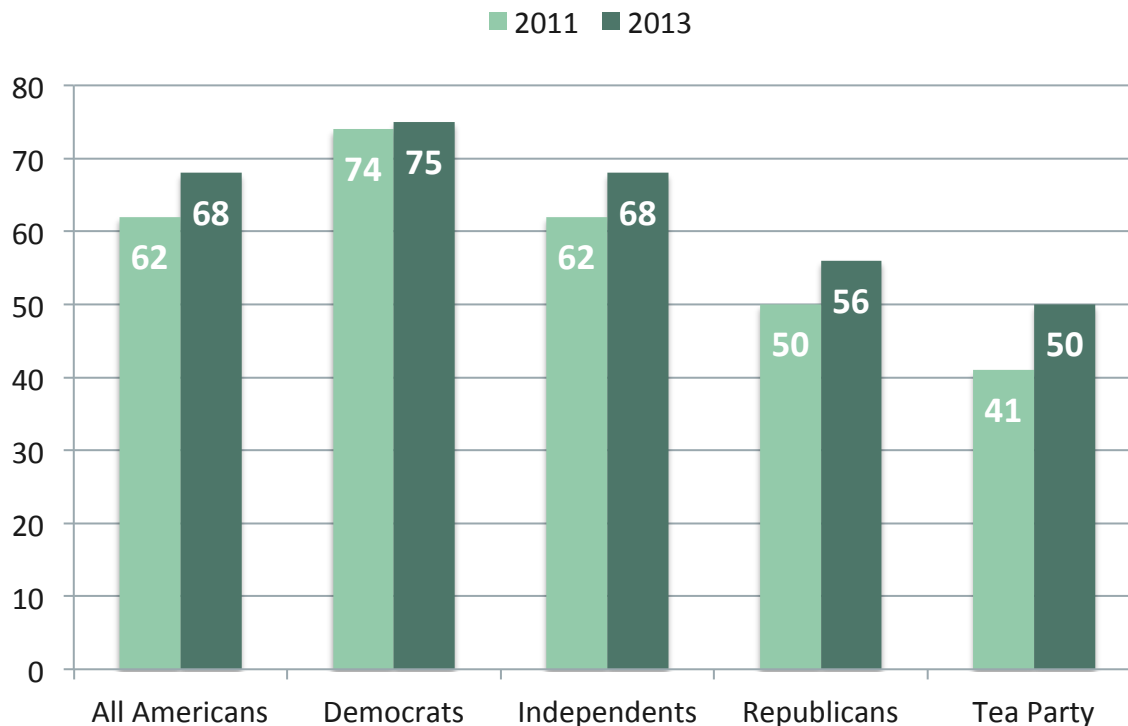


The best way to solve the country's illegal immigration problem is to:

1-Secure our borders and provide an earned path to citizenship

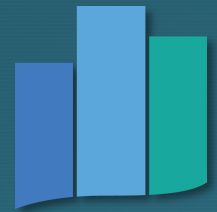
2-Secure our borders and arrest and deport all those who are here illegally.

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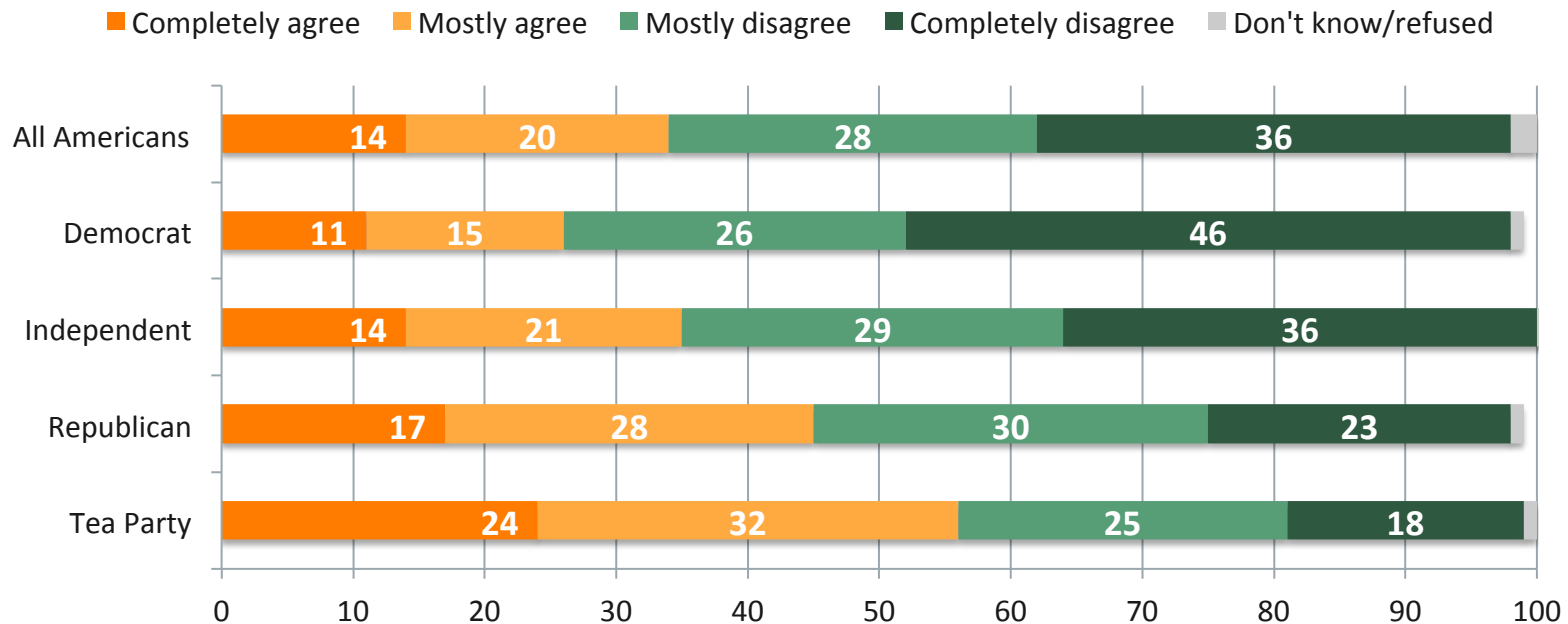


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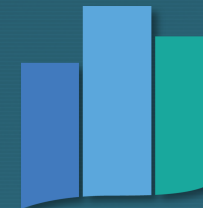
**Self-Deportation: The best way to solve the country's illegal immigration problem is to make conditions so difficult for illegal immigrants that they return to their home country on their own.**



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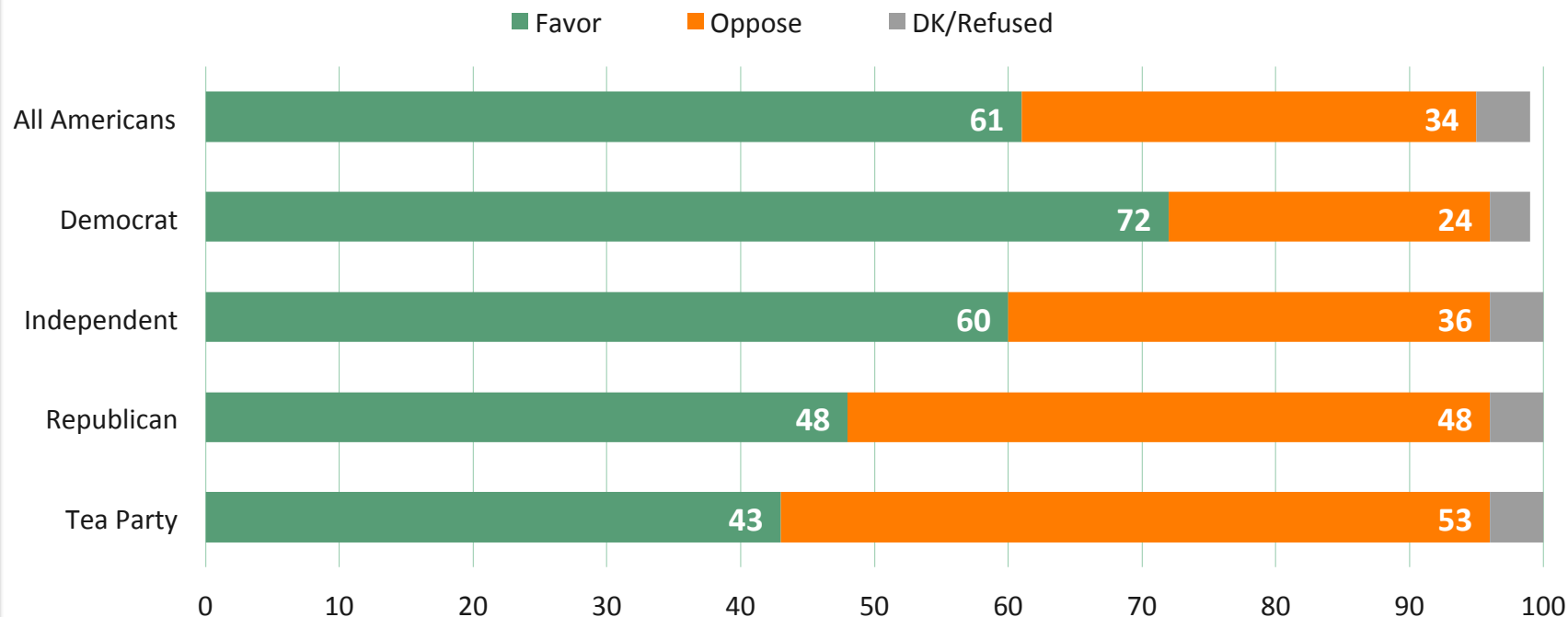


# Support for DREAM Act By Party Affiliation



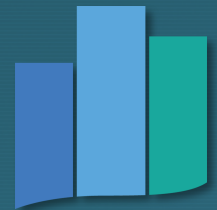
**Allowing illegal immigrants brought to U.S. as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military or go to college.**

By Party Affiliation

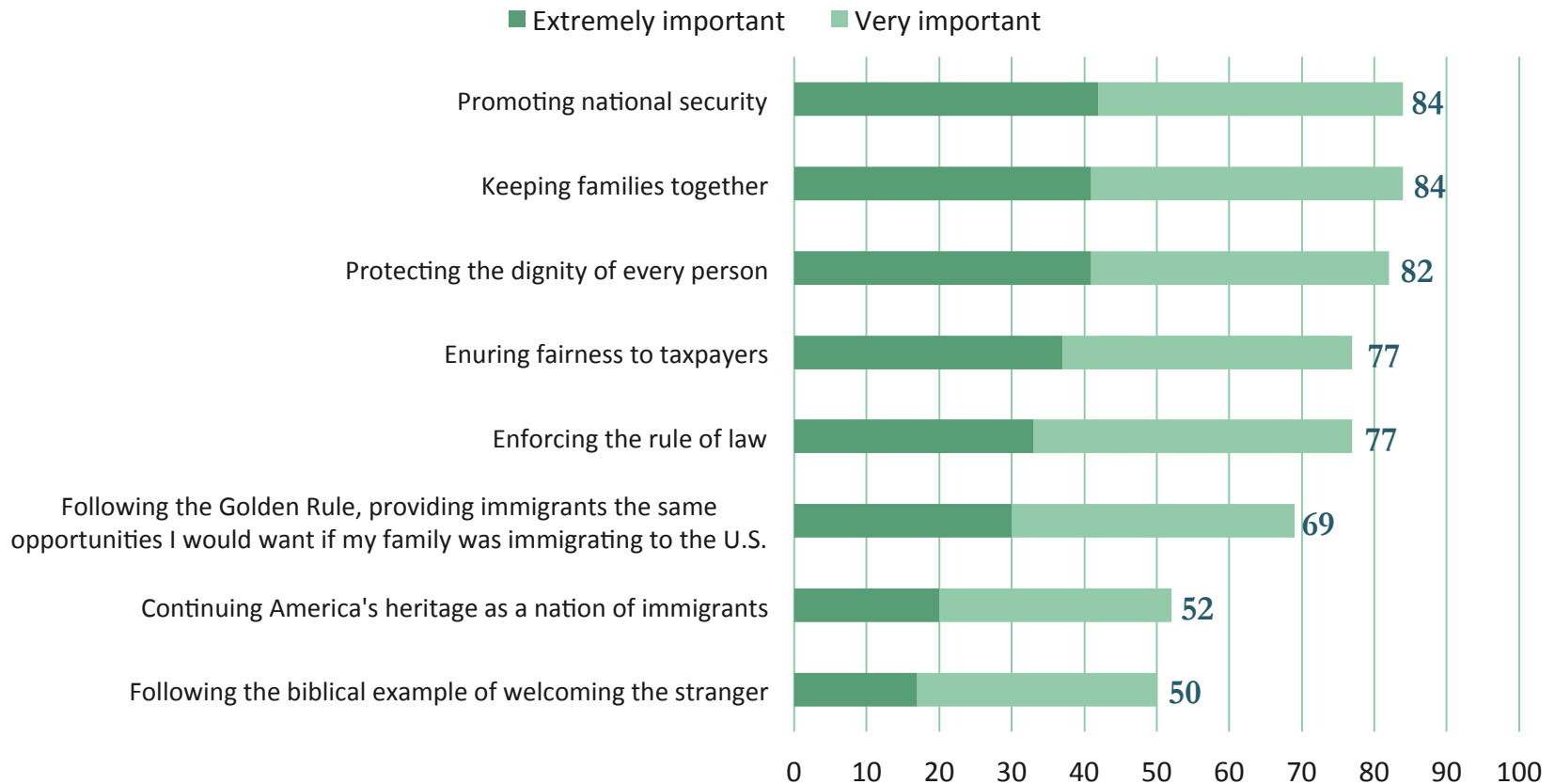


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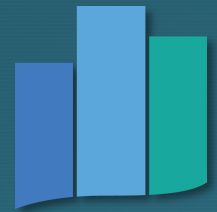


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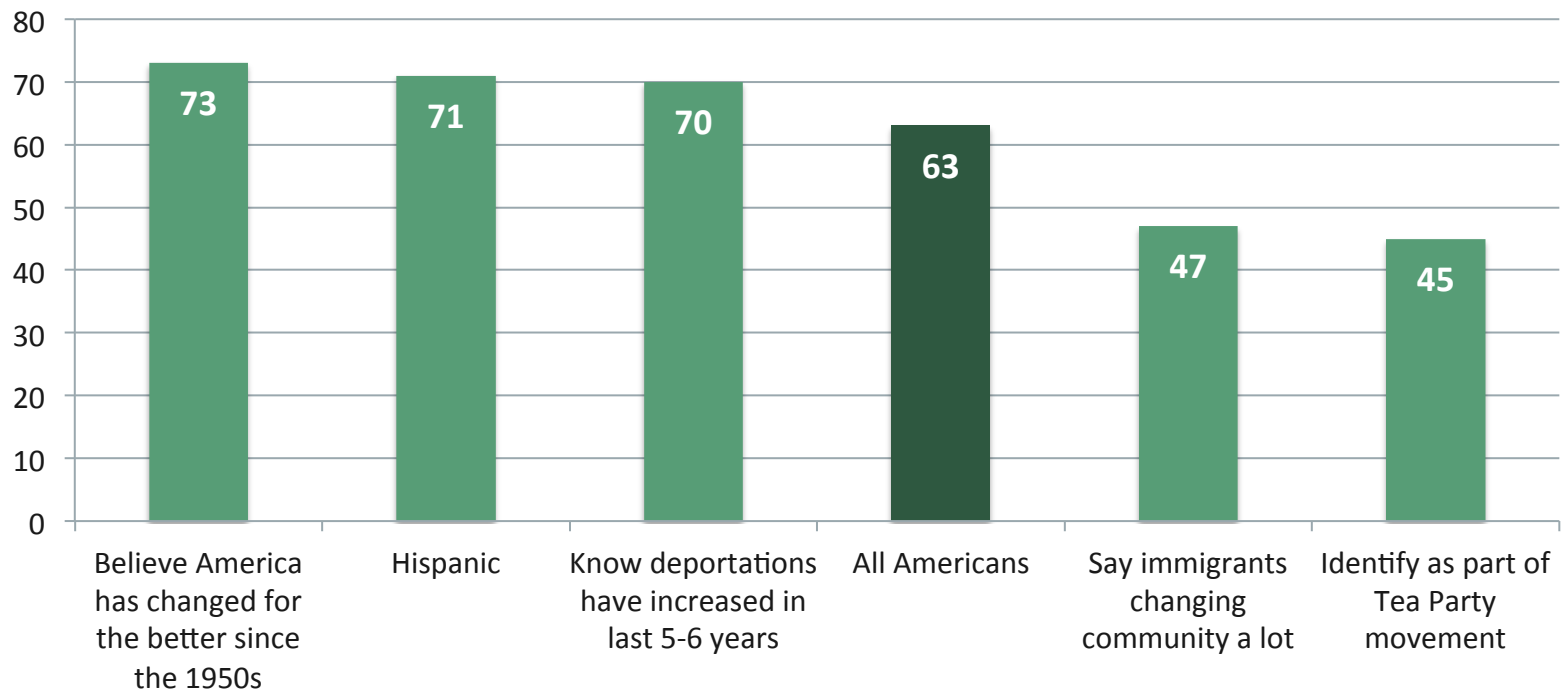


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# Top Predictors of Support for Path to Citizenship



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Among those who...**



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