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POLICY POLLING
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Background

Poll Goals:

- 1 Support for U.S. investment in clean energy and inclusion in stimulus packages
- 2 Impact of investment in addressing climate change

Methodology:

This poll was conducted between May 29-June 4, 2020 among a national sample of 1000 Voters in swing districts. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Swing Districts:

- AZ-01
- CA-21
- CA-25
- CA-48
- GA-06
- IA-01
- IA-03
- IL-06
- IL-13
- IL-14
- ME-02
- MI-08
- MI-11
- MN-02
- NJ-02
- NJ-03
- NM-02
- NV-03
- NY-11
- NY-22
- PA-01
- PA-08
- PA-10
- SC-01
- TX-07
- TX-22
- VA-02
- VA-04
- VA-07

Sample Definitions:

- **Trump job approval swing:** Voters in swing districts who say they either somewhat approve or somewhat disapprove of the job President Donald Trump is doing in office.
- **Right Direction:** Voters in swing districts who believe the U.S. is moving in the right direction.
- **Wrong Track:** Voters in swing districts who believe the U.S. is on the wrong track.

Key Points

1 Voters in swing districts say they support clean energy, including solar (86%), wind (80%), and clean energy industries at large (85%).

- Over half of voters in swing districts support all of the tested pieces for future stimulus packages, including proposals focused on drought resilience, electric vehicles, reducing methane pollution and other environmentally-focused initiatives.

2 And, voters in swing districts want to see the U.S. prioritize addressing climate change (70%).

- Thinking about specific measures, over half of voters in swing districts believe that addressing climate change can help solve concerning environmental threats, such as air pollution, drought, changes in rainfall, and flooding.
- And, seeking solutions to these environmental threats influences vote in swing districts. Half of more voters in swing districts say they would be more likely to vote for a member of Congress who is committed to addressing lead pipes (37%) and air pollution (29%).

3 Republican and Independent voters in swing districts support U.S. investment in clean energy.

- Support for U.S. investment in clean energy crosses party lines: Republicans (80%), Democrats (91%) and Independents (83%) all say they support U.S. investment.
- Half of Independents (51%) and Republicans (46%) say increased investment in clean energy would have a positive impact on their **local** economy.
- Half of Republican voters in swing districts (50%) say climate change should be a top priority in the U.S., while two-thirds of Independents (66%) say the same.
- Half of Republicans (56%) and two-thirds of Independents (67%) say they would be more likely to vote for a member of Congress who is committed to addressing lead pipes.
- Two-thirds of Republicans (64%) and 80% of Independents say they support replacing lead pipes.

4 Similarly, voters across generations and communities in swing districts support U.S. investment in clean energy.

- A majority of voters across generations and communities in swing districts support U.S. investment in clean energy, including half of voters across generations and over half of urban and suburban voters who say they **strongly** support U.S. investment.
- And, these voters say it is a priority for Congress to include clean energy in future stimulus packages.

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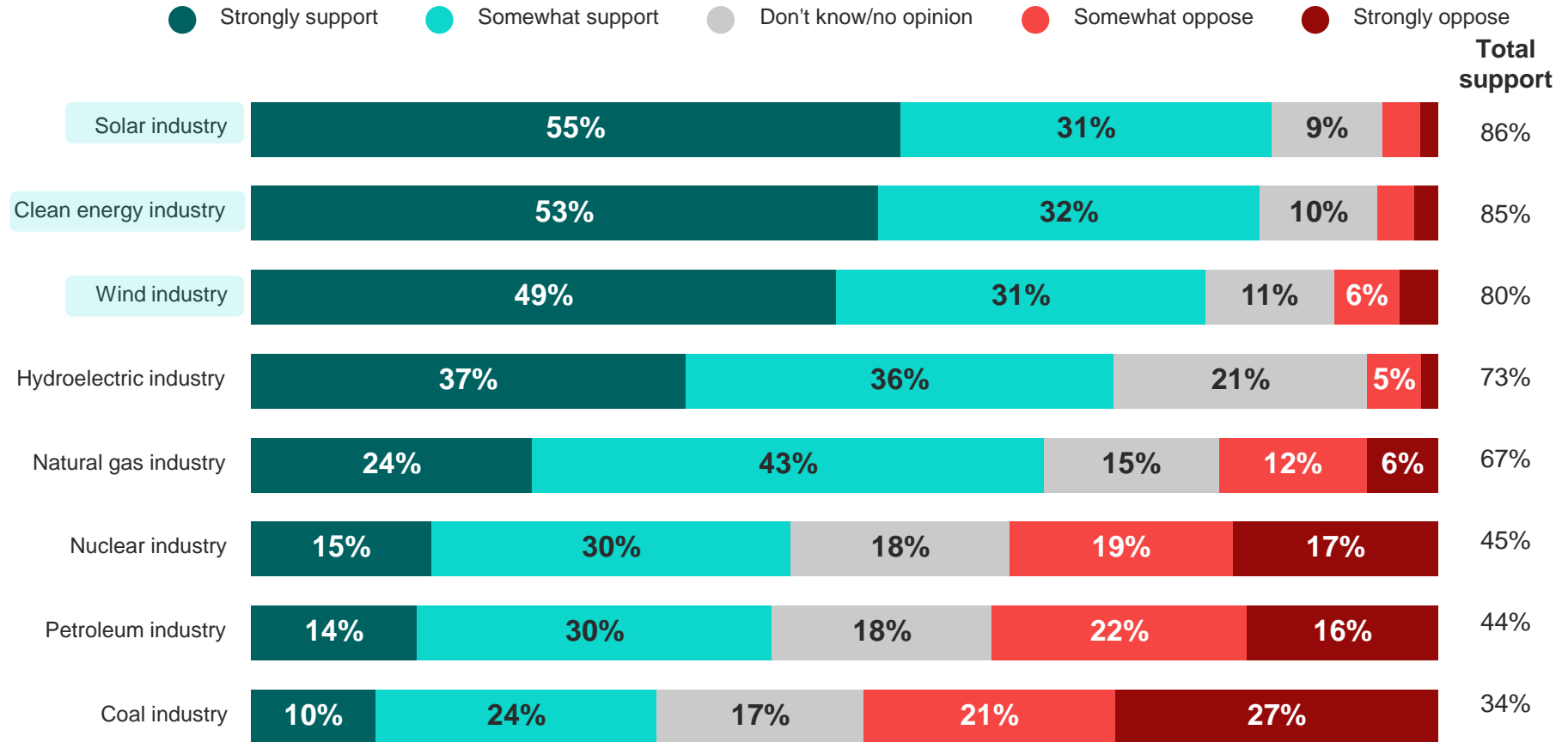


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Support for U.S. Investment in Clean Energy

Three quarters or more of voters in swing districts say they support solar (86%), wind (80%), and clean energy industries at large (85%).

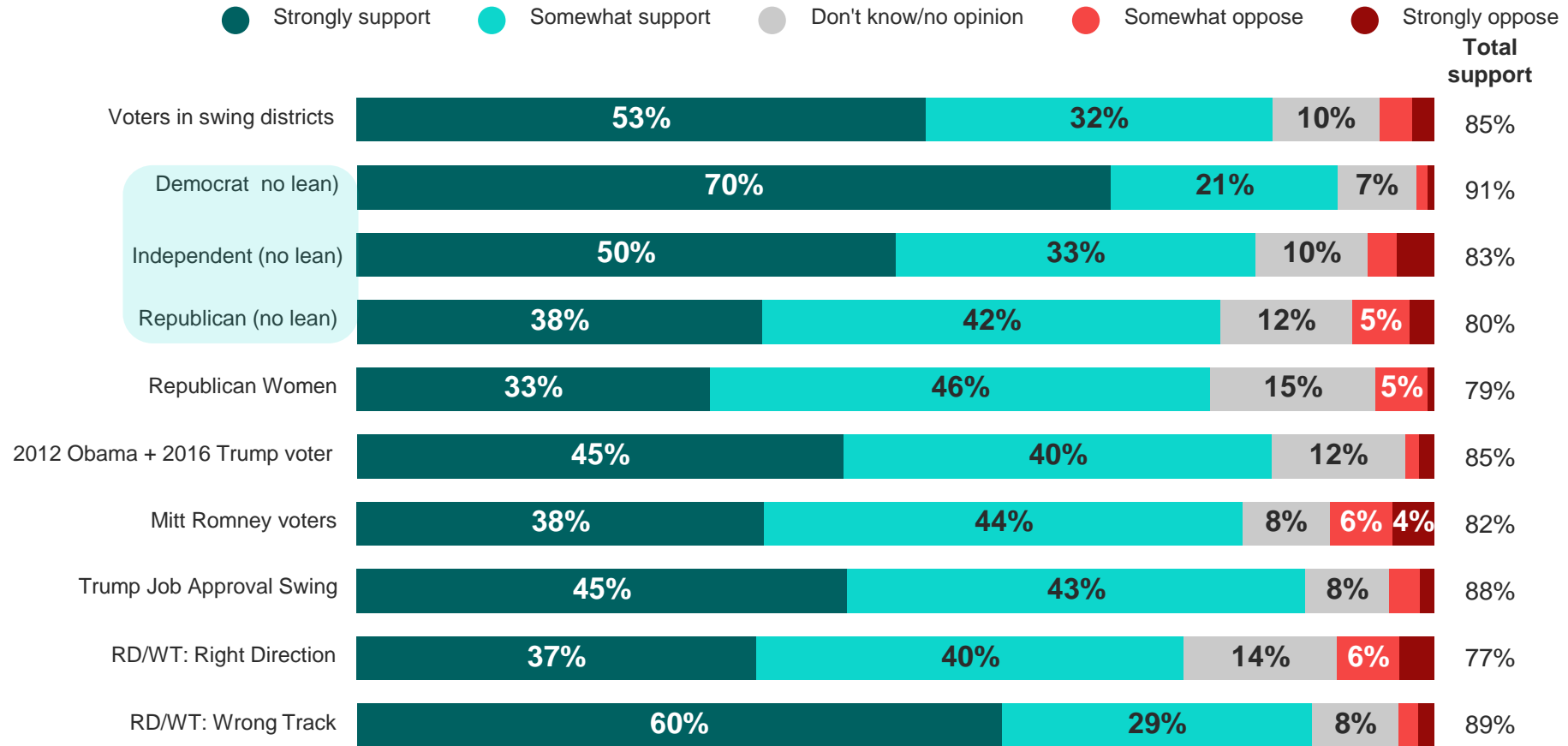
Do you support or oppose U.S. investment in each of the following industries?



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Clean energy industry

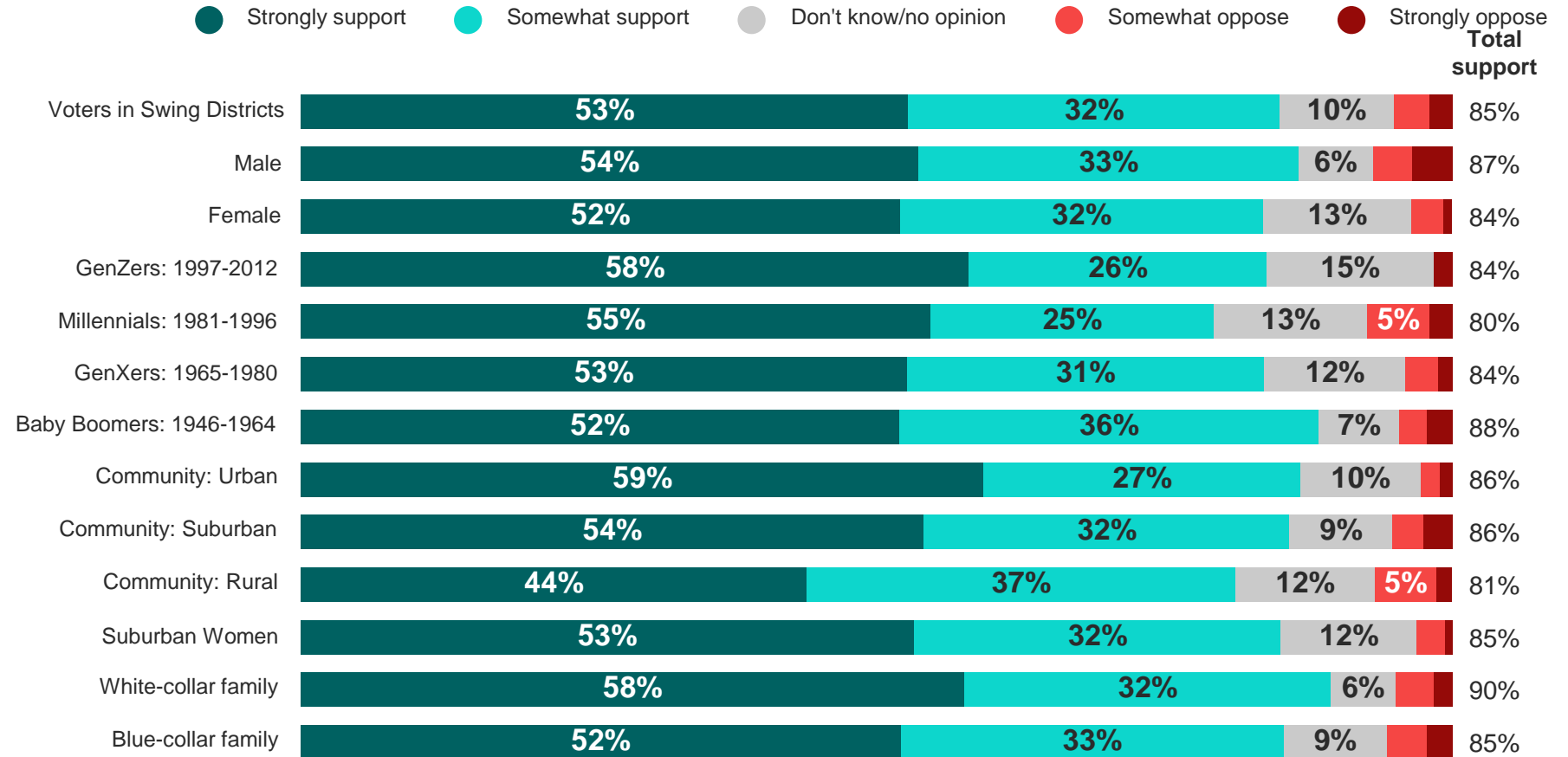


Support for U.S. Investment in Clean Energy

A majority of voters in swing districts across key demographics support U.S. investment in clean energy.

Do you support or oppose U.S. investment in each of the following industries?

Clean energy industry



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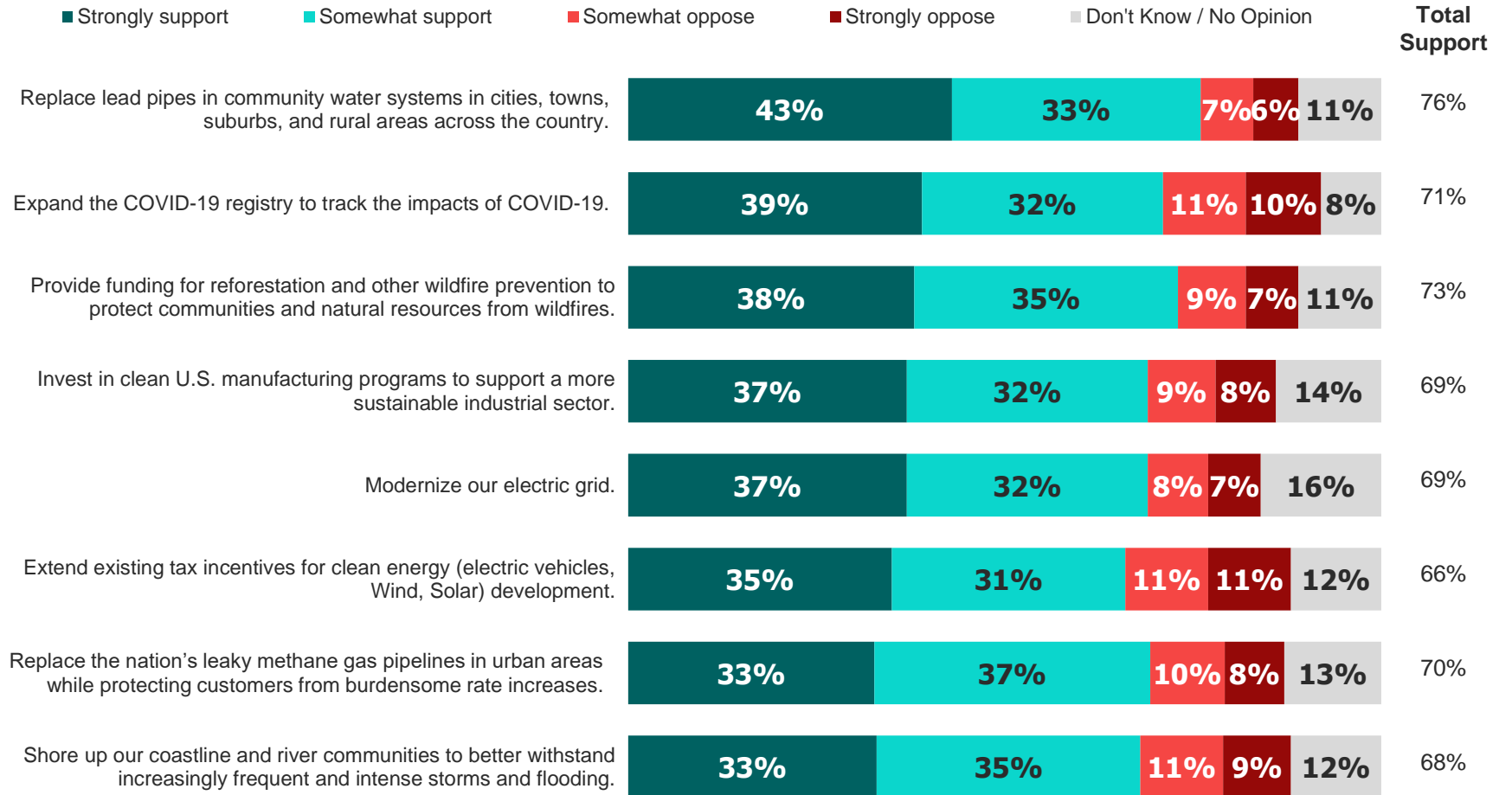


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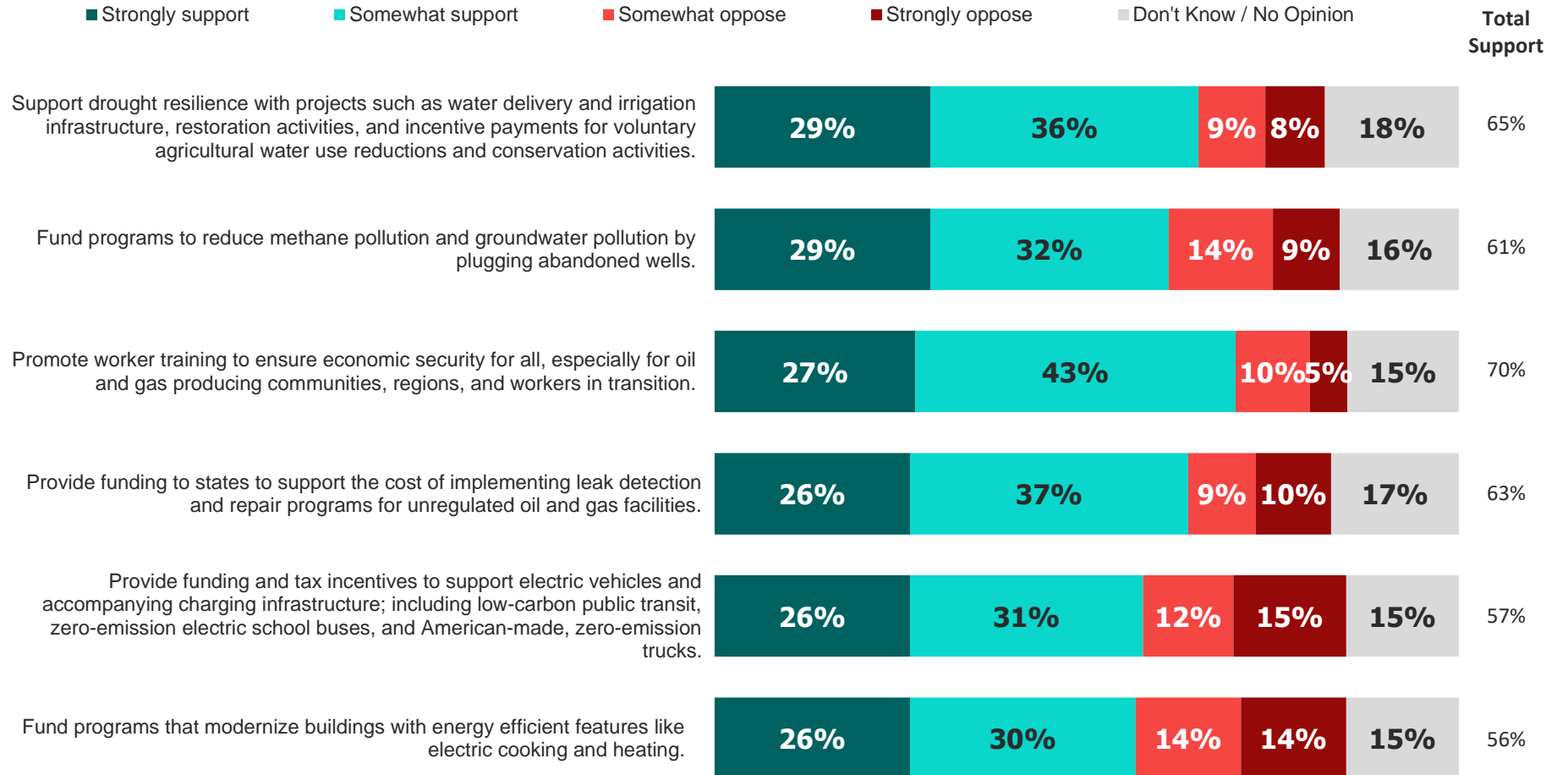
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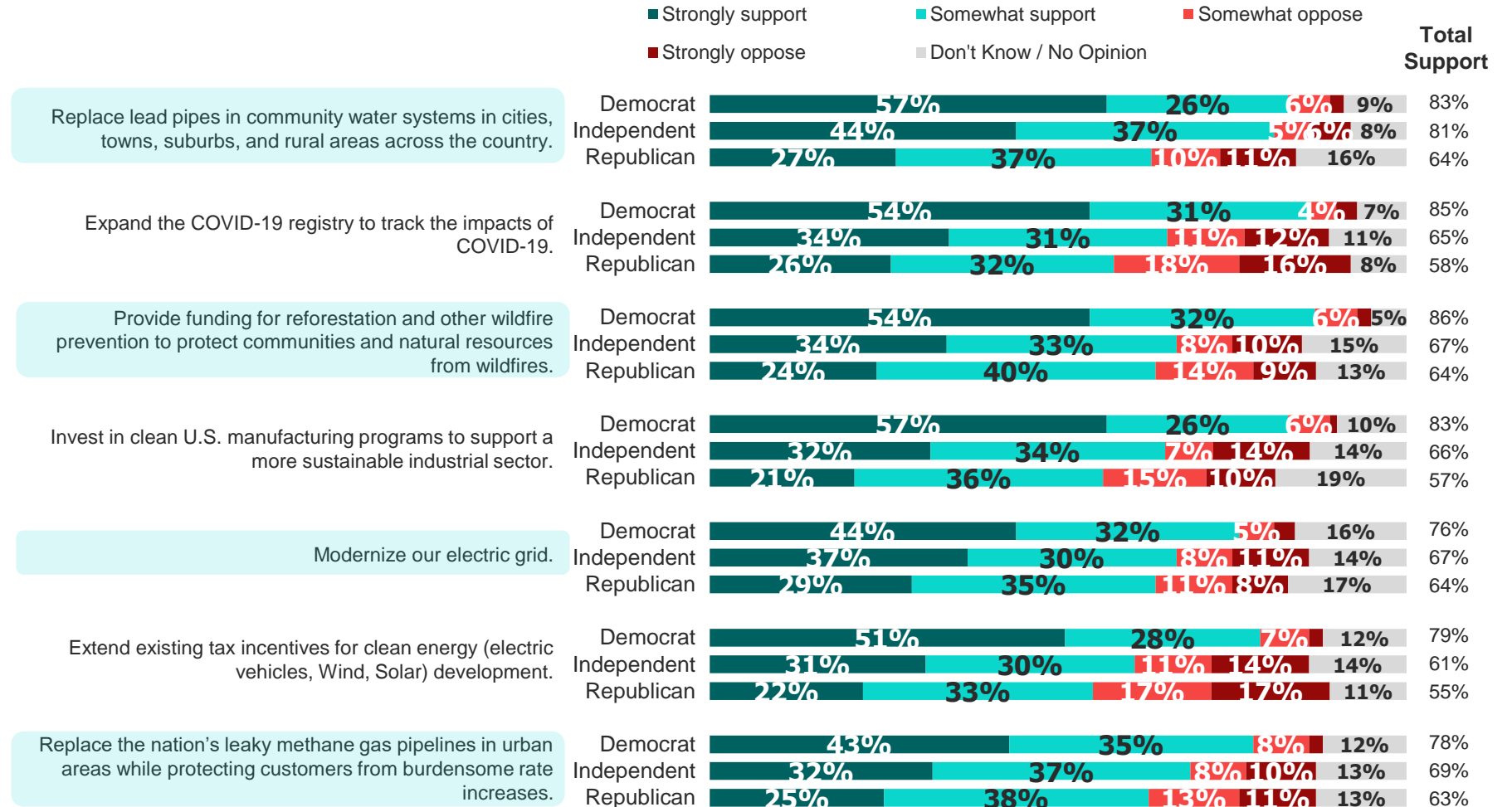


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Two-thirds of Republicans say they support replacing lead pipes (64%), funding reforestation (64%), modernizing the electric grid (64%), and replacing methane pipelines (63%) in future coronavirus recovery packages.

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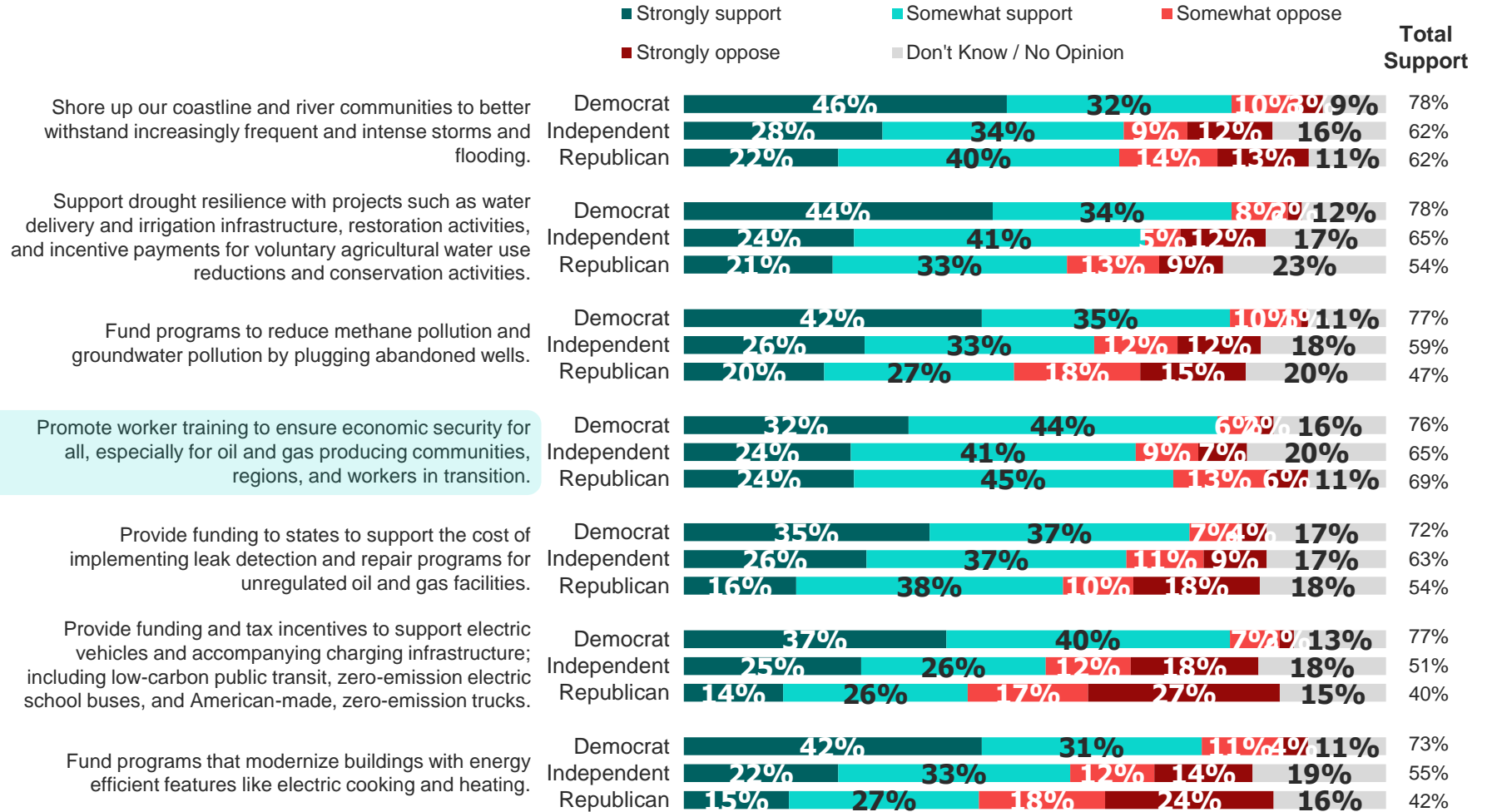
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Two-thirds of Republicans also say they support working training for those in oil and gas communities (69%).

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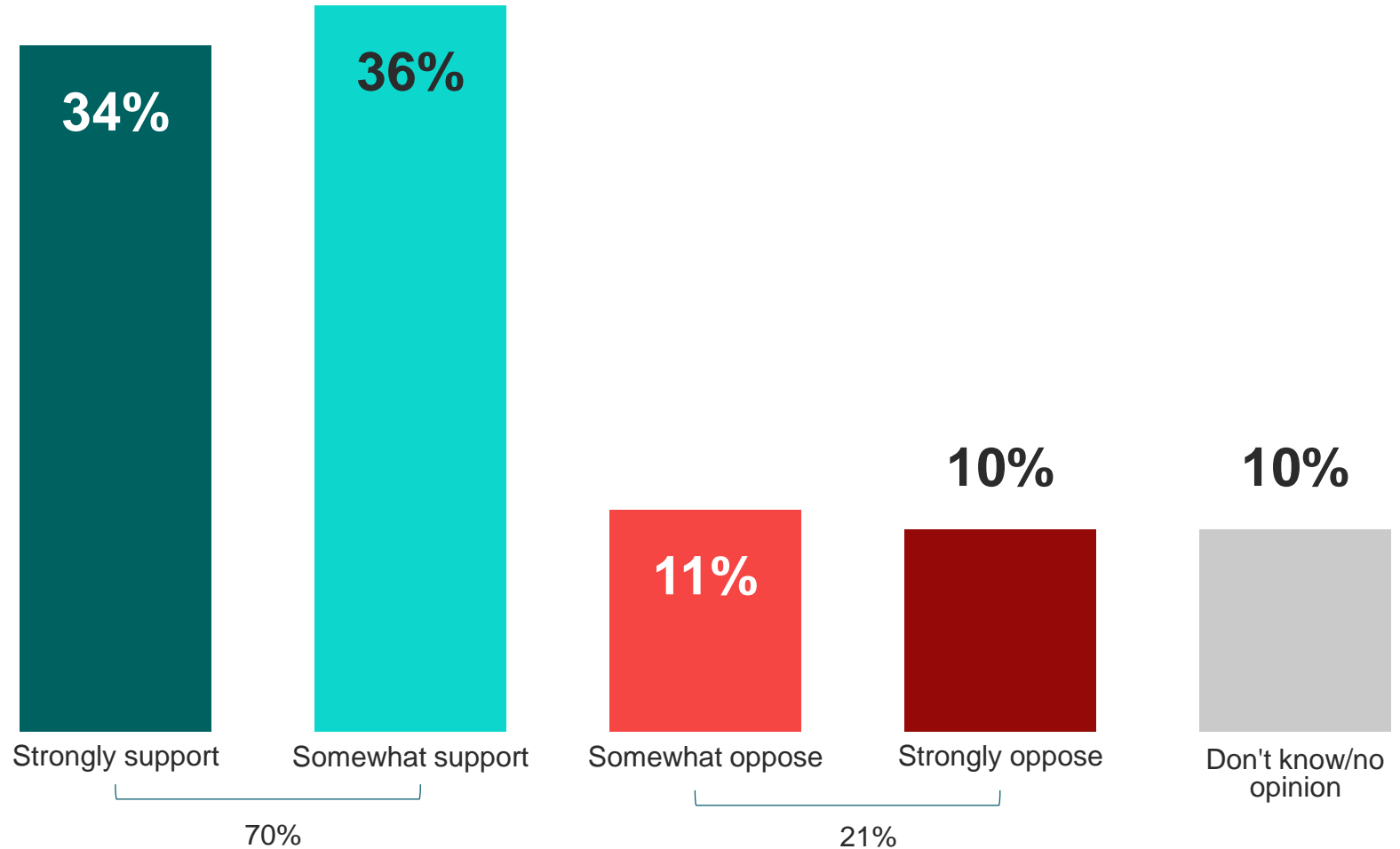


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As Congress moves to address the economic impacts of coronavirus, 70% of voters in swing districts say they support Congress investing in clean energy.

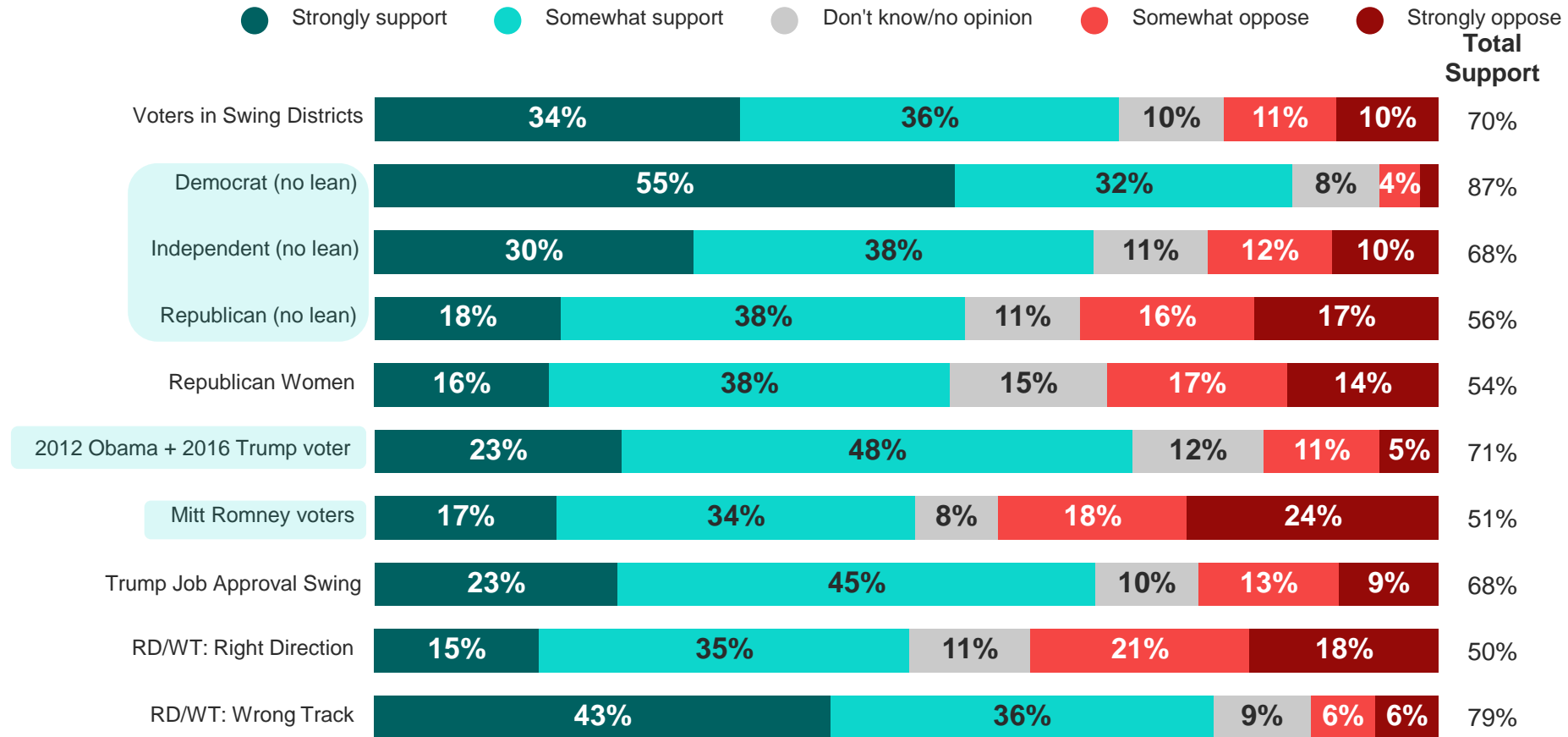
As Congress moves to address the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, do you support or oppose Congress investing in clean energy?



Inclusion of Environmental Priorities in Future Stimulus Packages

Half of Republicans (56%) and Mitt Romney voters (51%) in swing districts say they support investment in clean energy. A strong majority of Democrats (87%), Independents (68%), and Obama + Trump voters in swing districts say the same.

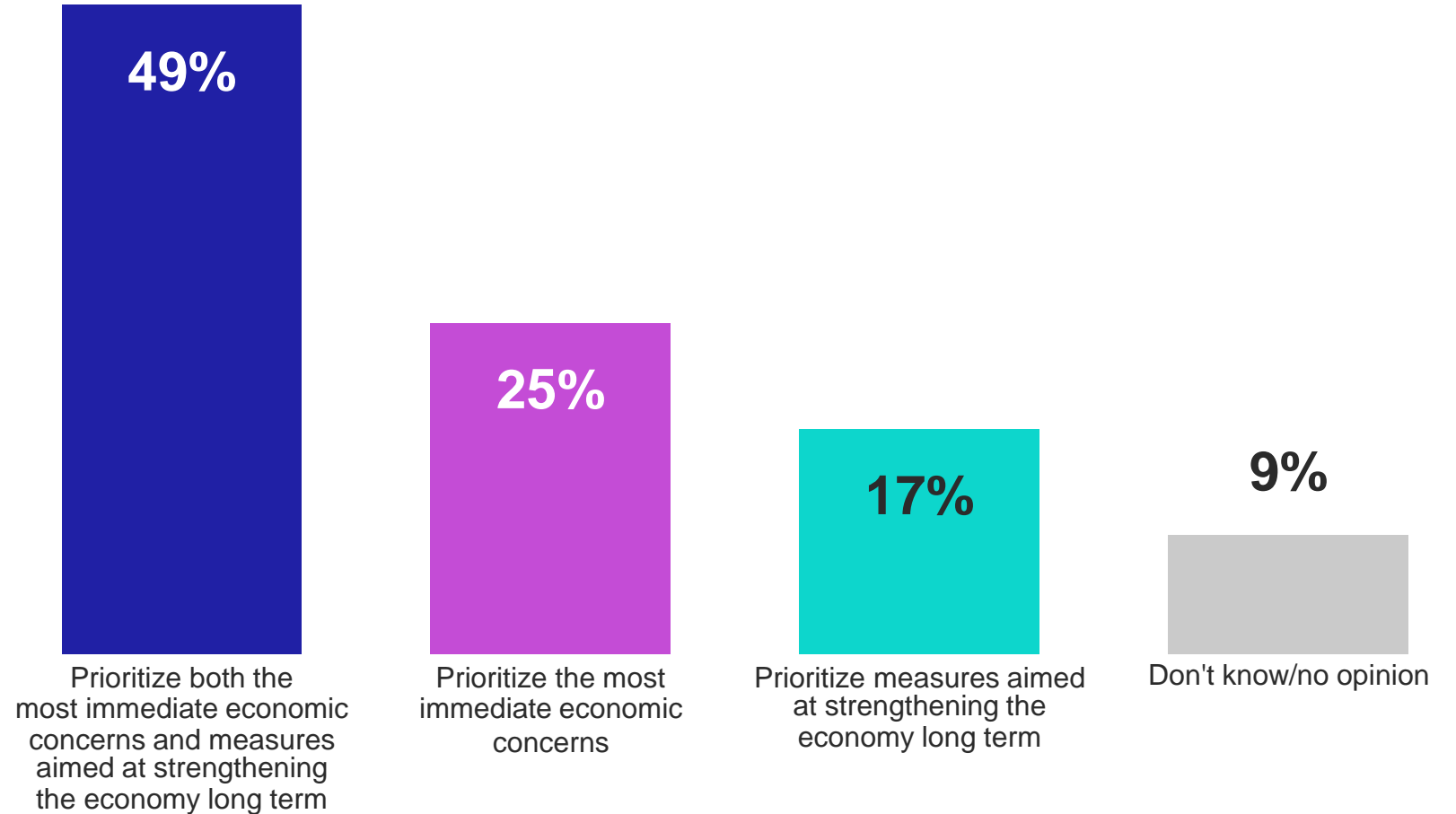
As Congress moves to address the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, do you support or oppose Congress investing in clean energy?



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Half of voters in swing districts (49%) say Congress should prioritize *both* the most immediate economic impacts of coronavirus *and* measures aimed at strengthening the economy long term.

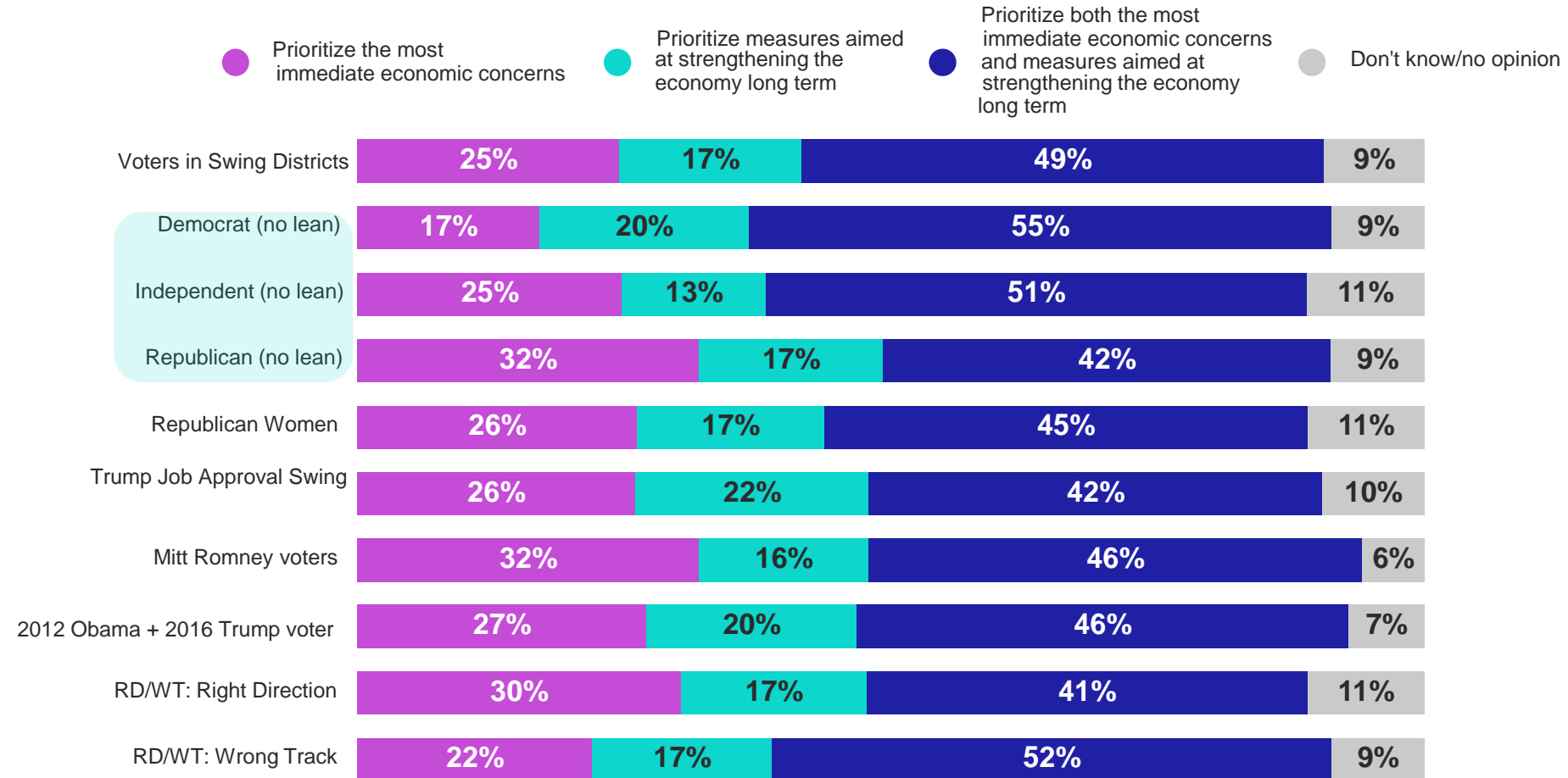
As Congress moves to address the economic impacts of coronavirus, should it prioritize near term fixes designed to address our most immediate economic concerns or should it prioritize measures aimed at strengthening the economy over the long term?



Inclusion of Environmental Priorities in Future Stimulus Packages

Half of Democrats (55%) and the plurality of Republicans (42%) in swing districts agree that Congress should prioritize both the immediate economic impacts of coronavirus and long-term measures aimed at strengthening the economy.

As Congress moves to address the economic impacts of coronavirus, should it prioritize near term fixes designed to address our most immediate economic concerns or should it prioritize measures aimed at strengthening the economy over the long term?



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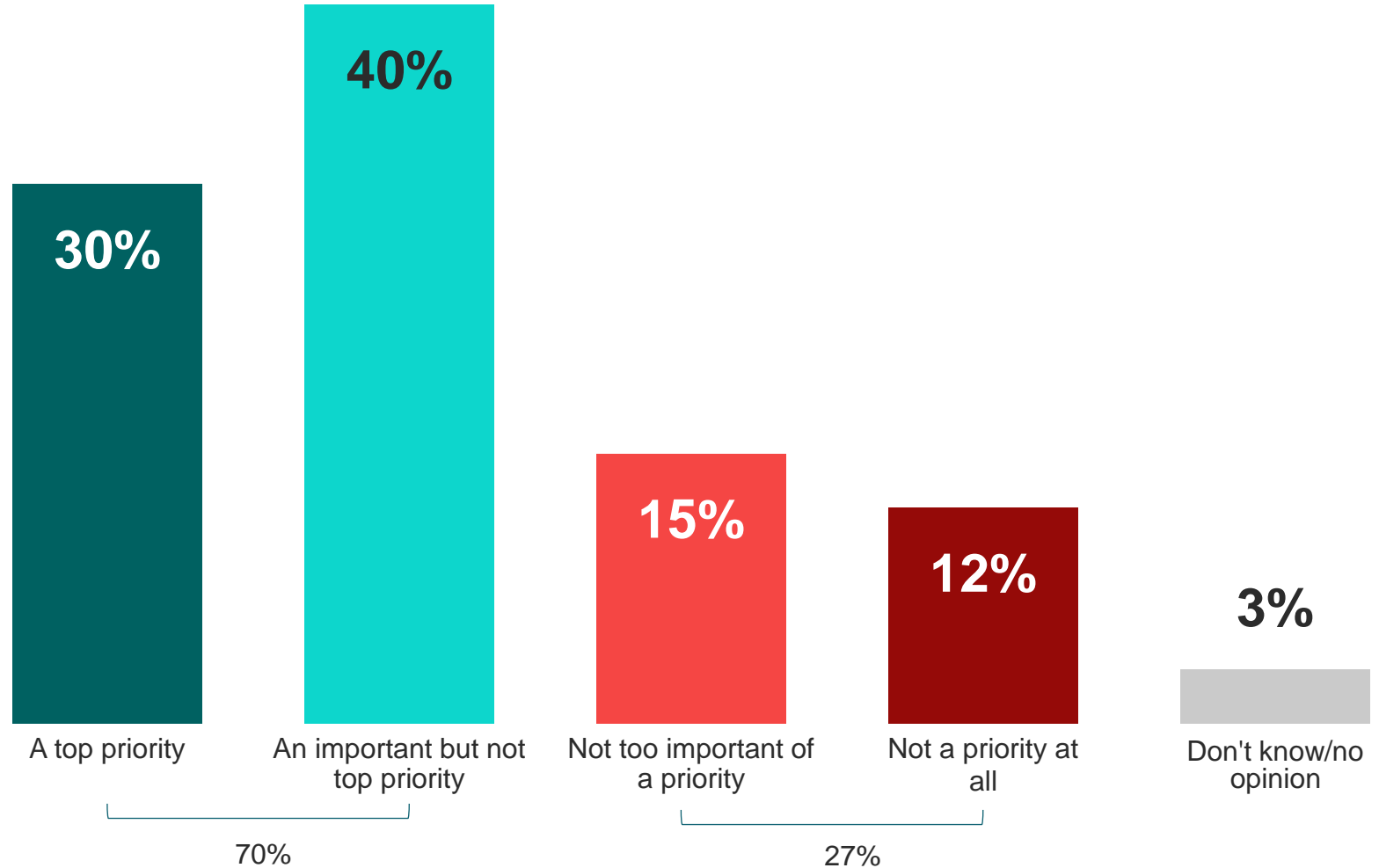


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A strong majority of voters say addressing climate change should be an important priority for the U.S. (70%).

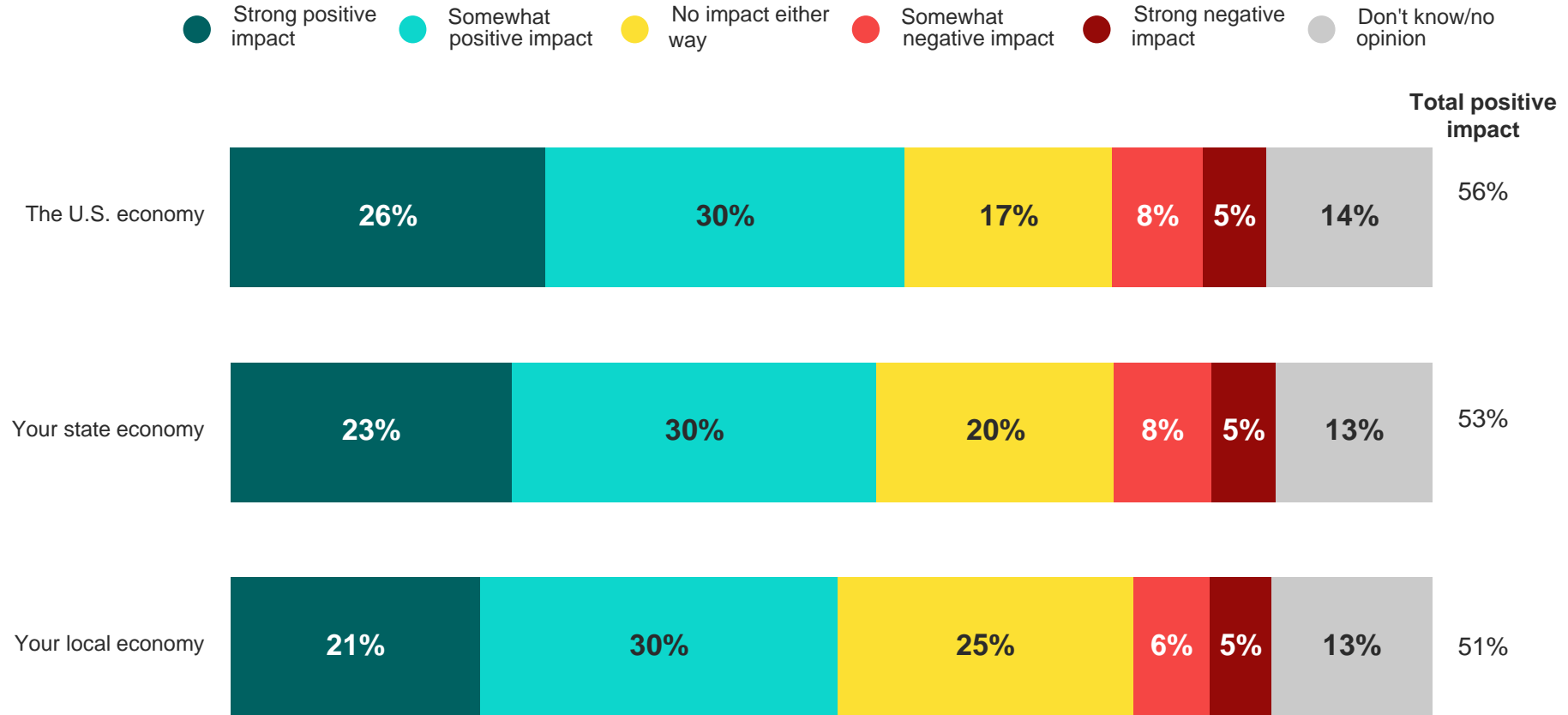
How much of a priority should it be, if at all, for the U.S. to address climate change?



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At least half of voters in swing districts predict that today's investments to address climate change will have a positive impact on the future economy.

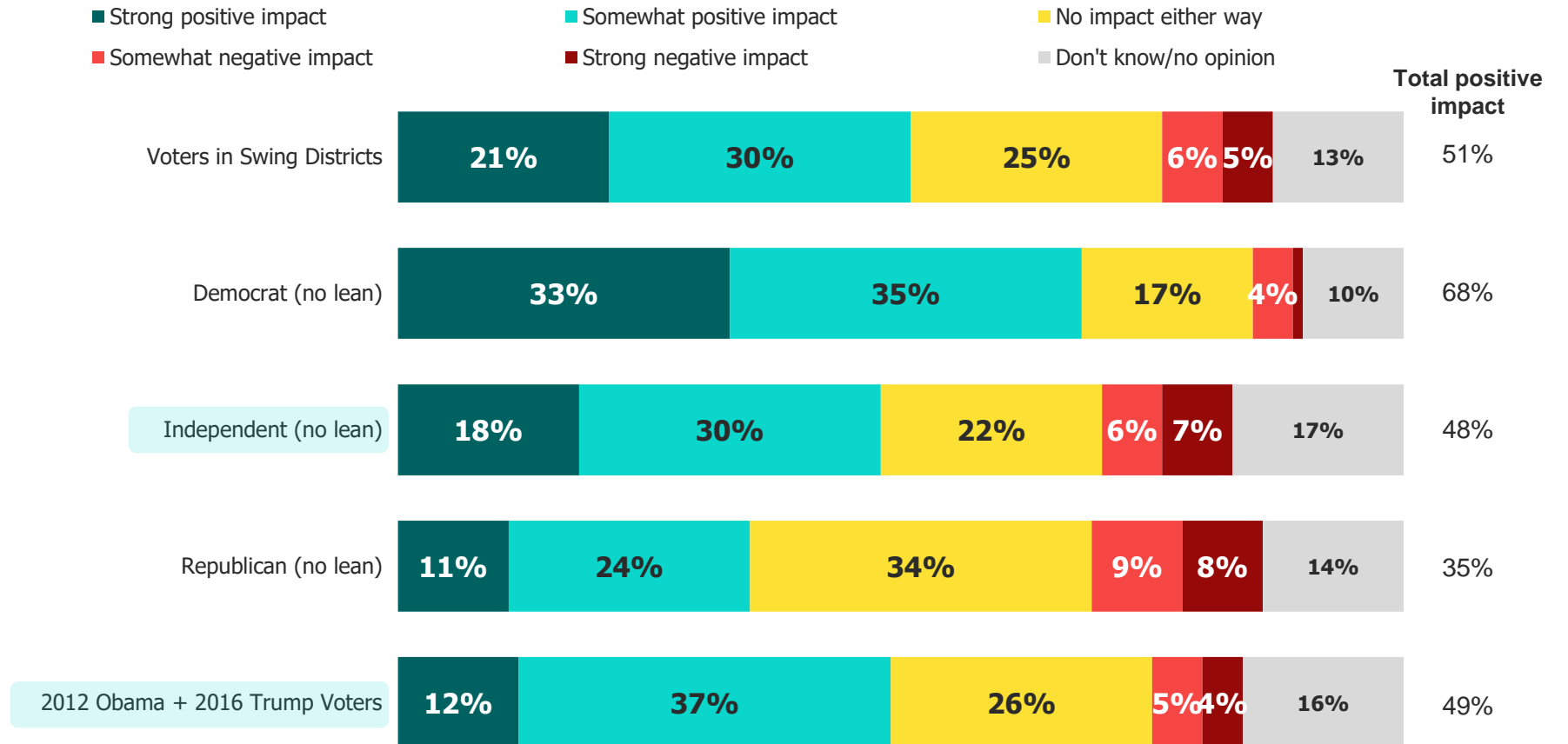
In five years, do you think today's investments to address climate change will have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or will today's investments have no impact either way on each of the following?



The plurality of Independents (48%) and Obama + Trump voters (49%) in swing districts predict that today's investments in climate change will have a positive impact on their local economy.

In five years, do you think today's investments to address climate change will have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or will today's investments have no impact either way on each of the following?

Your local economy

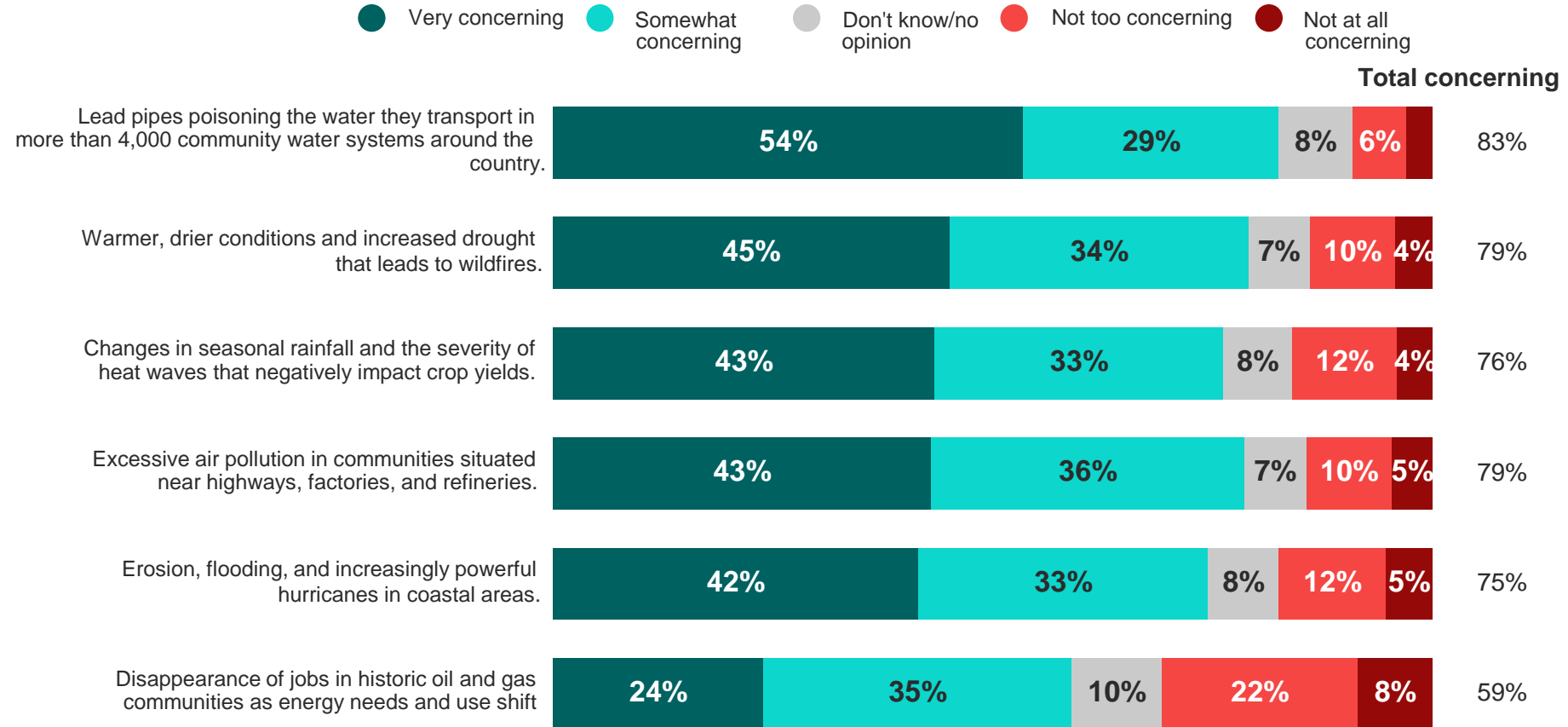


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Three-quarters of voters in swing districts say lead pipes (83%), increased drought (79%), air pollution (79%), changes in rainfall (76%), and hurricanes (75%) are all concerning.

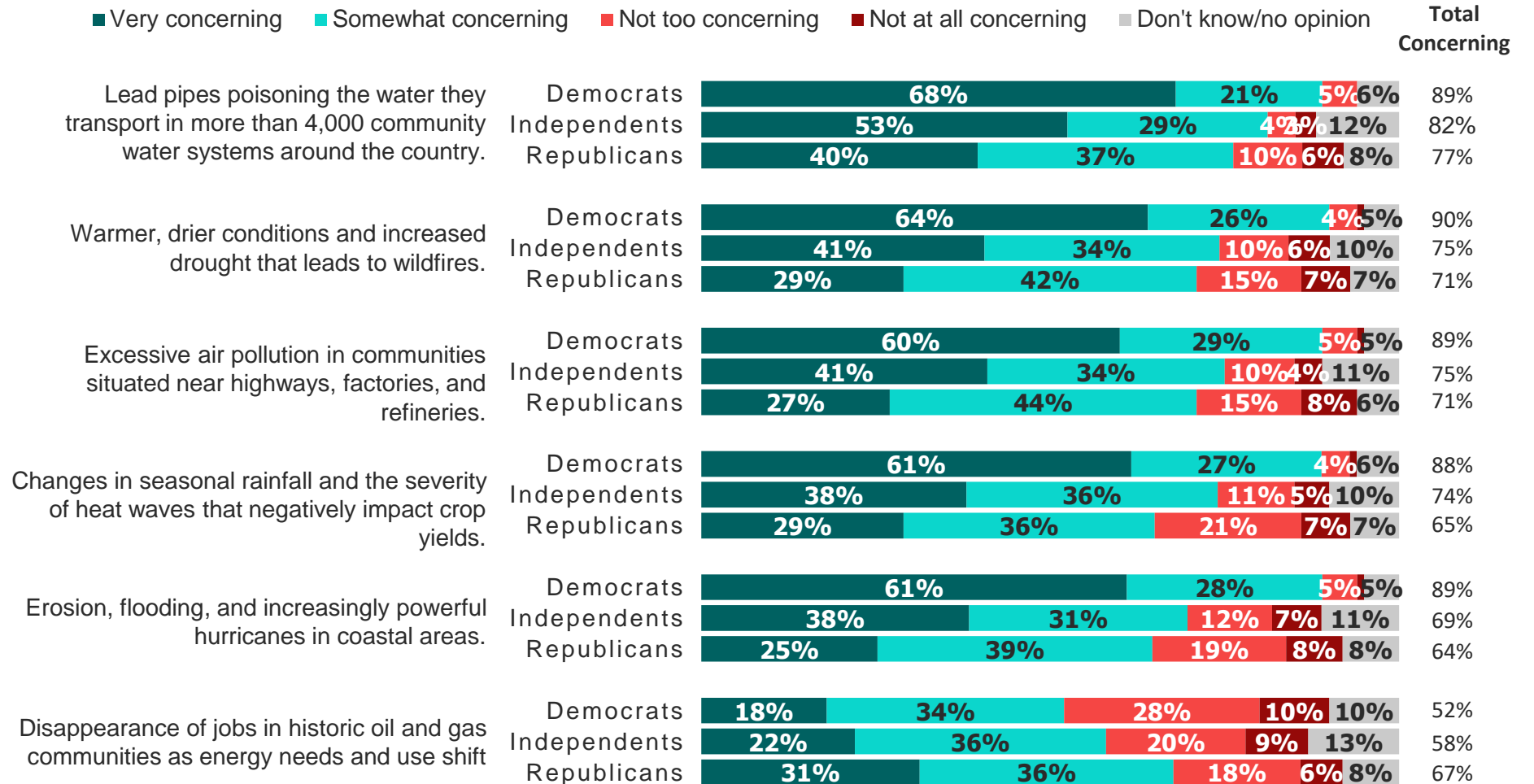
Based on your own knowledge and experience, how concerning, if at all, do you find each of the following?



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Over half of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents find all of the environmental threats tested concerning.

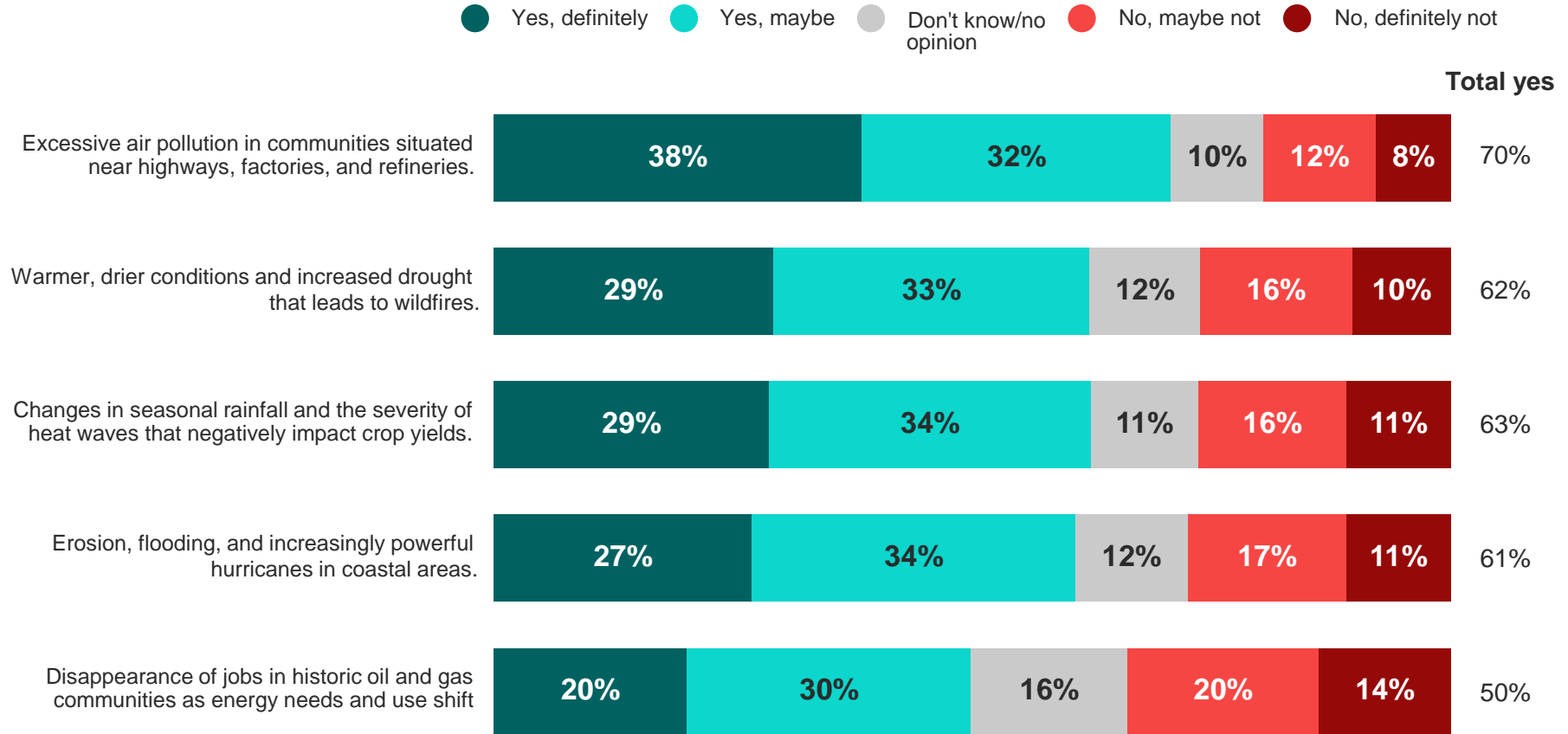
Based on your own knowledge and experience, how concerning, if at all, do you find each of the following?



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A majority of voters believe that addressing climate change can help solve all of the issues tested.

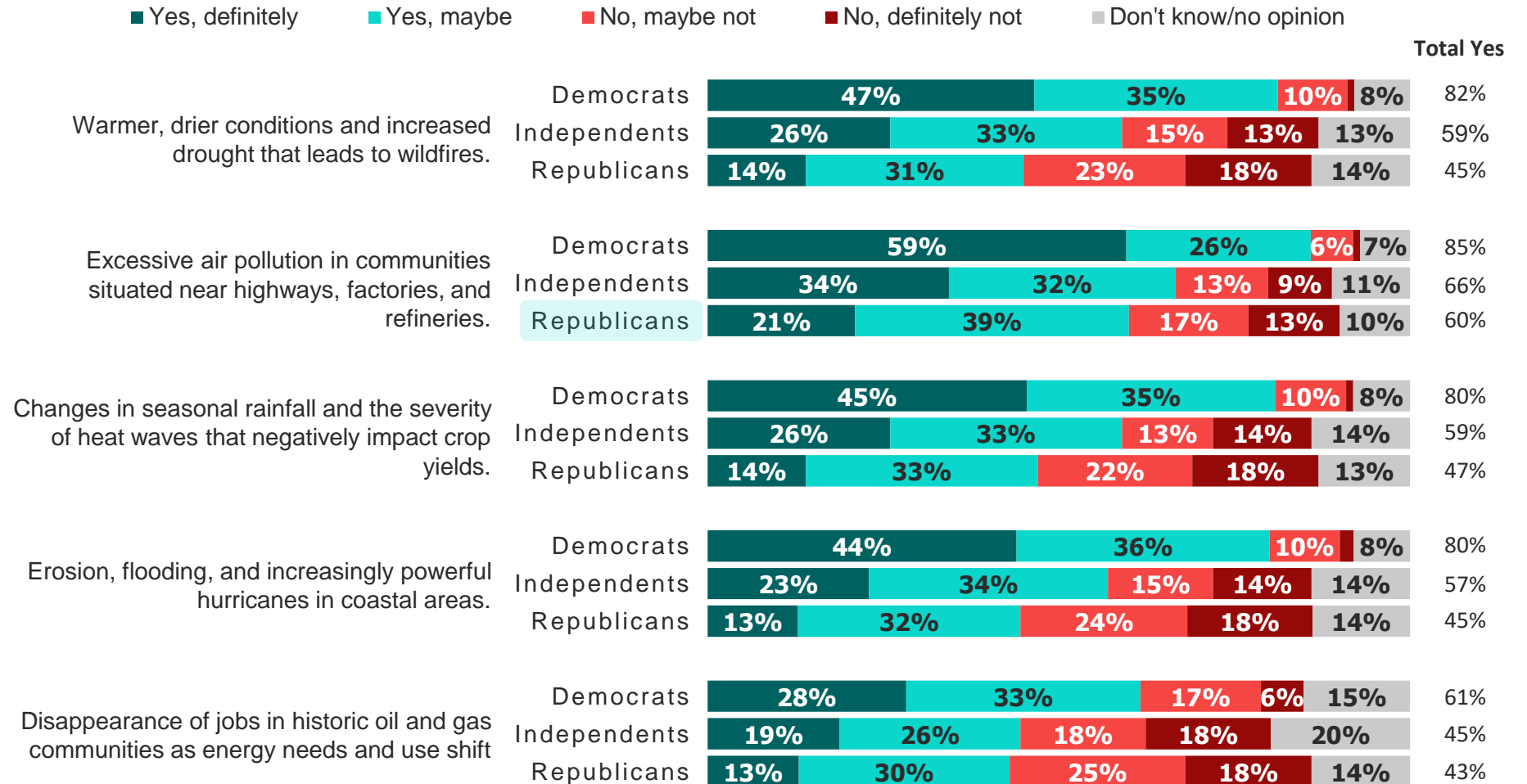
Do you believe that addressing climate change could help solve the following issues, or not?



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Over half of Republicans say they believe addressing climate change can help solve excessive air pollution (60%).

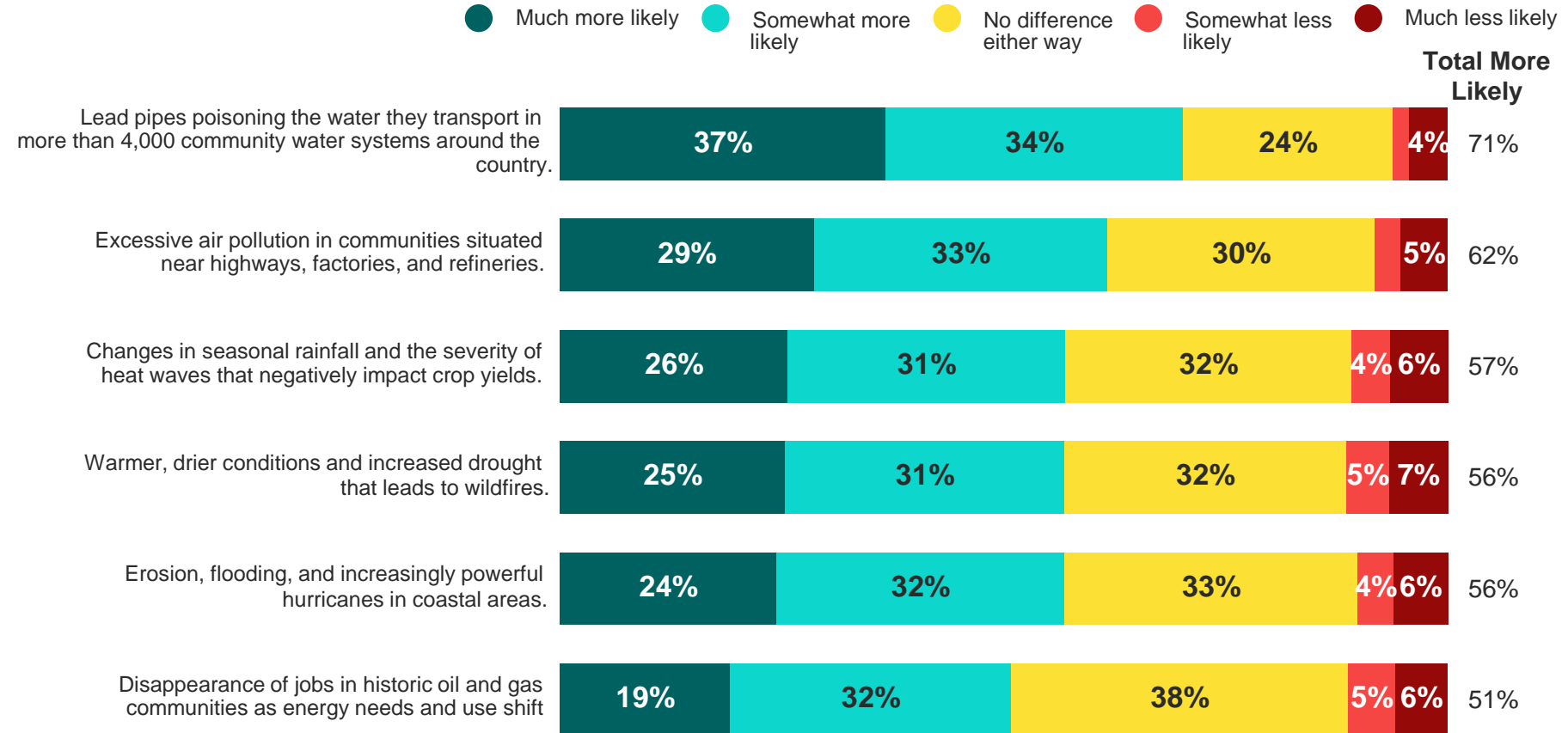
Do you believe that addressing climate change could help solve the following issues, or not?



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Half or more voters in swing districts say they would be more likely to vote for a member of Congress who is committed to addressing each of the issues tested.

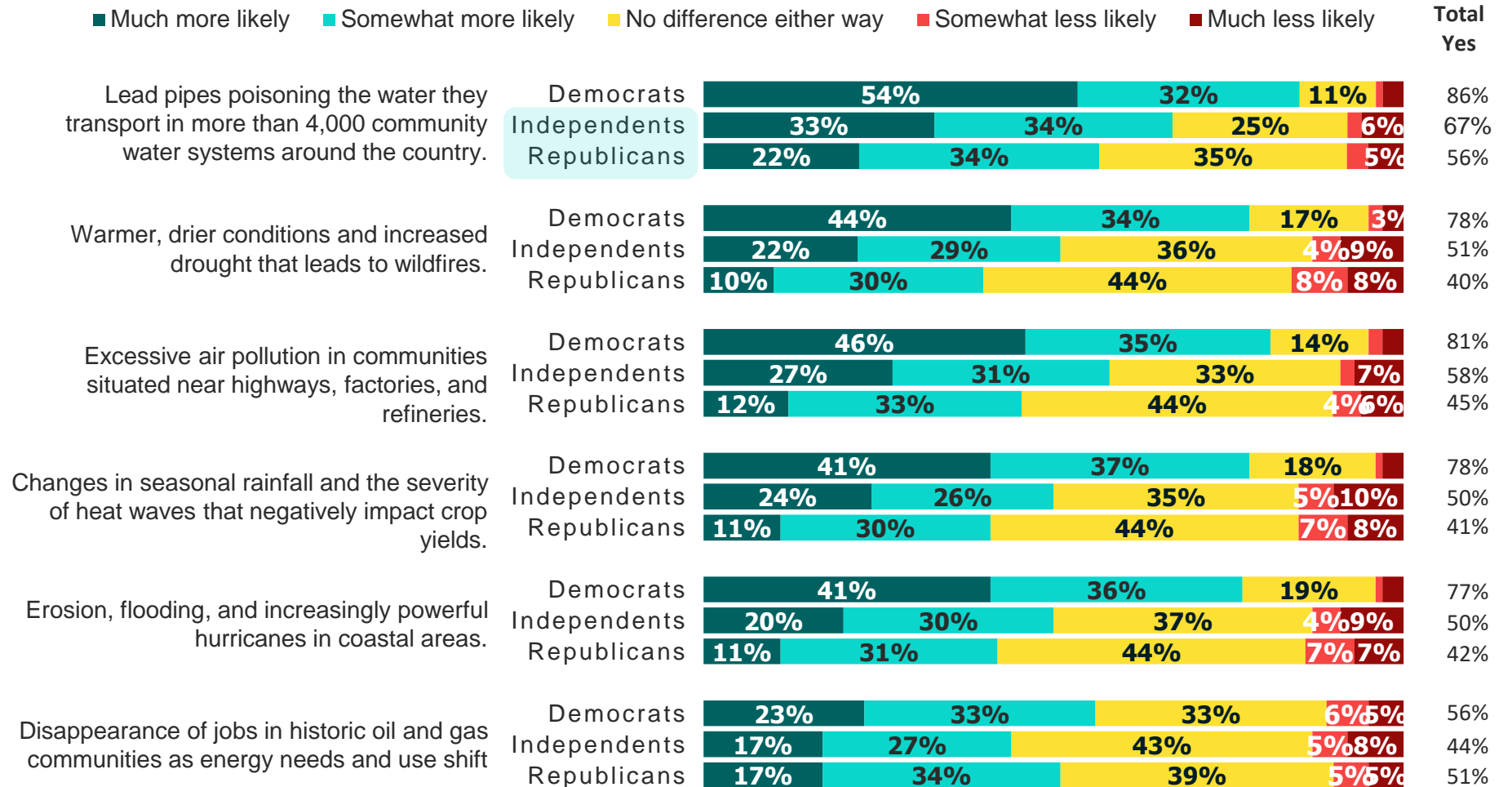
Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a member of Congress who is committed to addressing each of the following issues, or would it make no difference either way in your vote?



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