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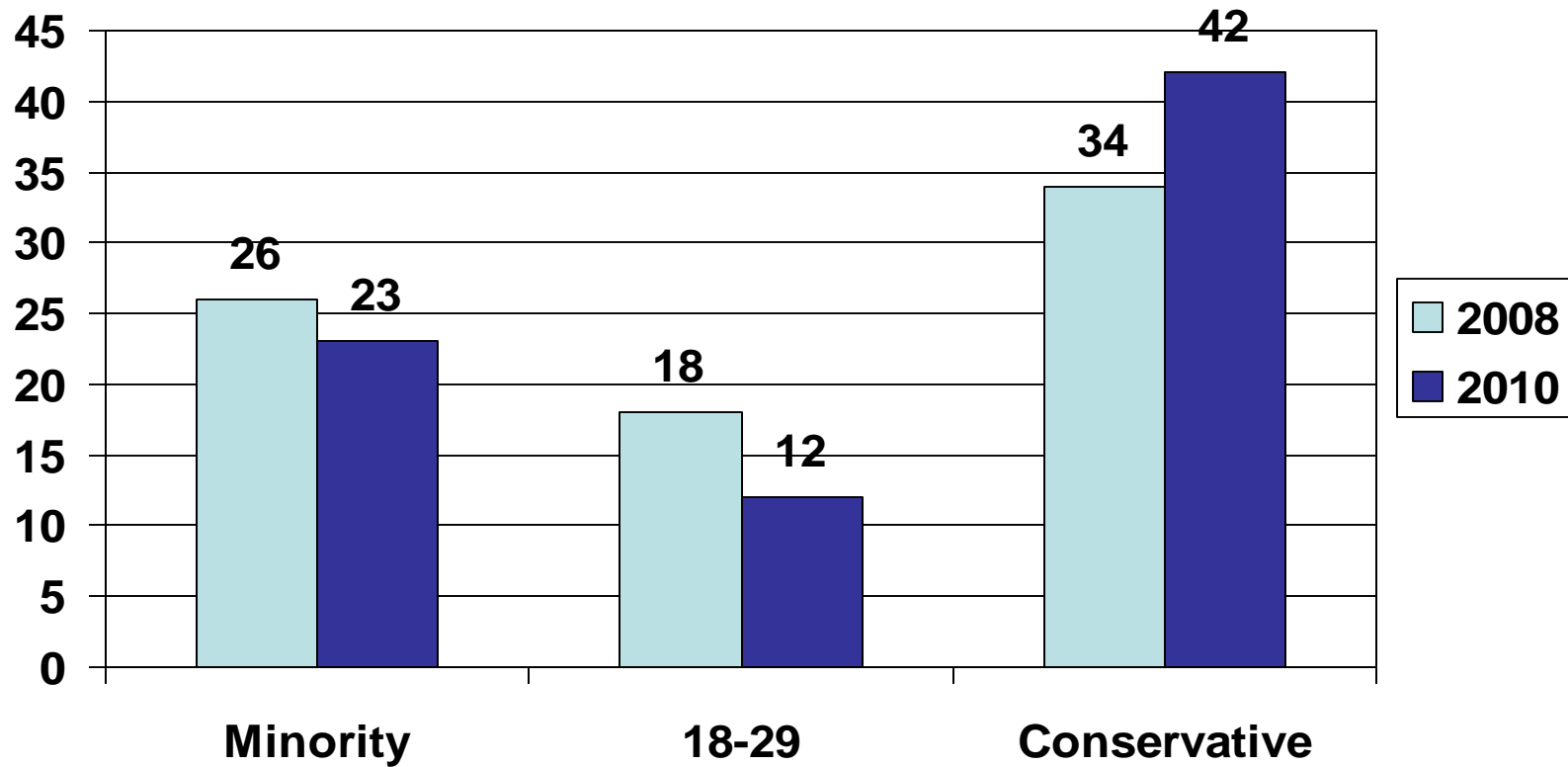


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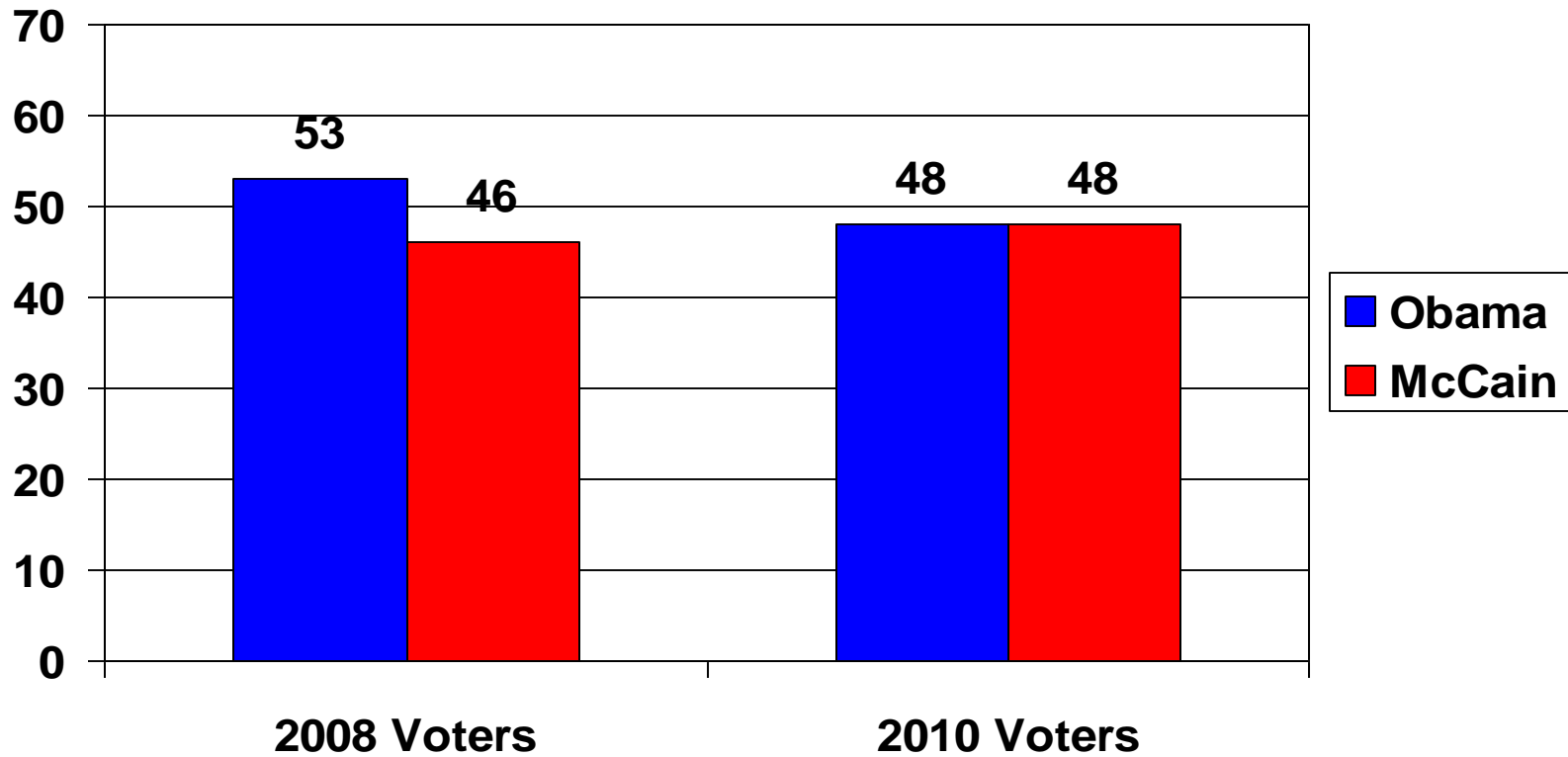
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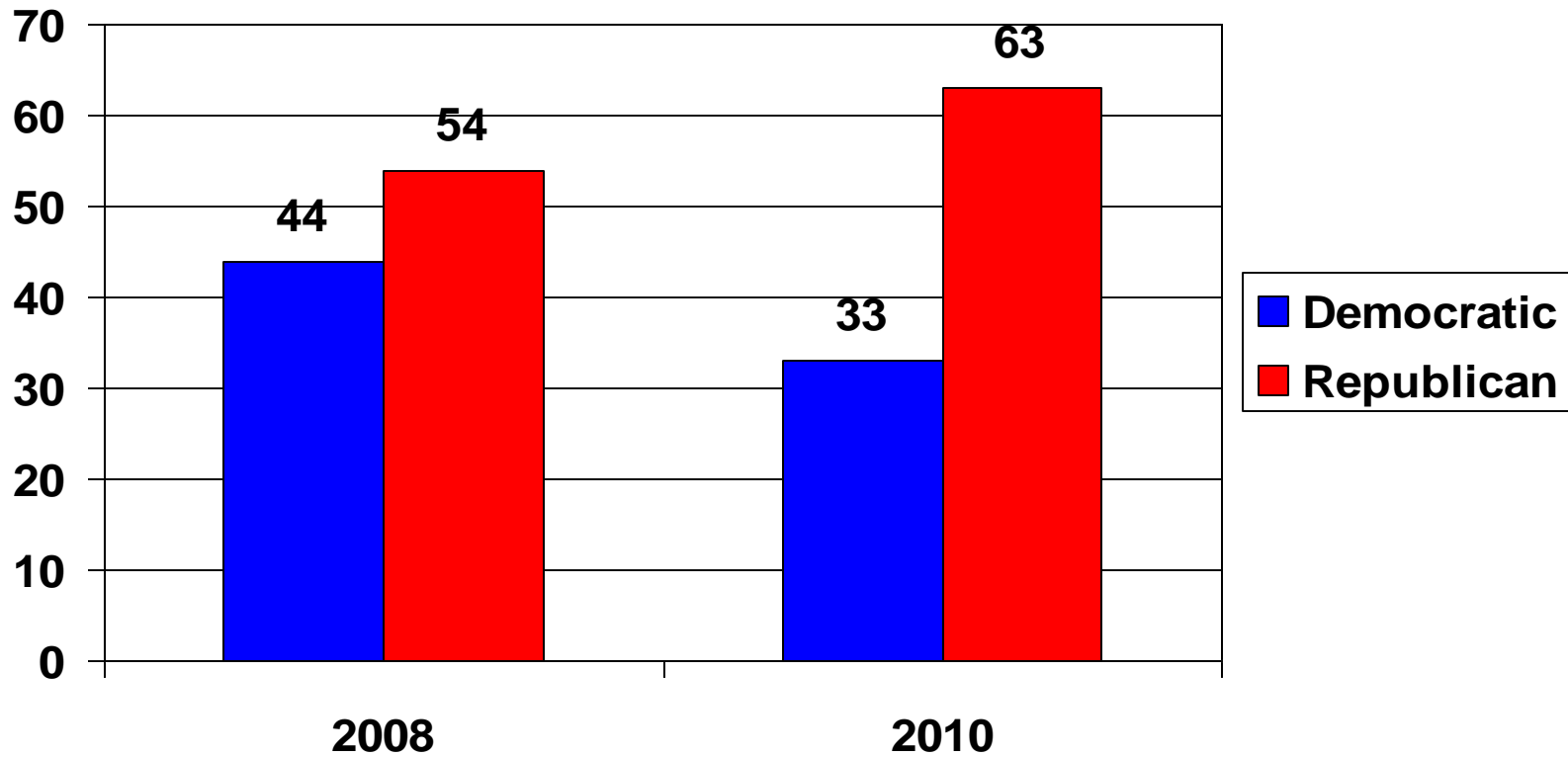
2010: Big Voting Shifts

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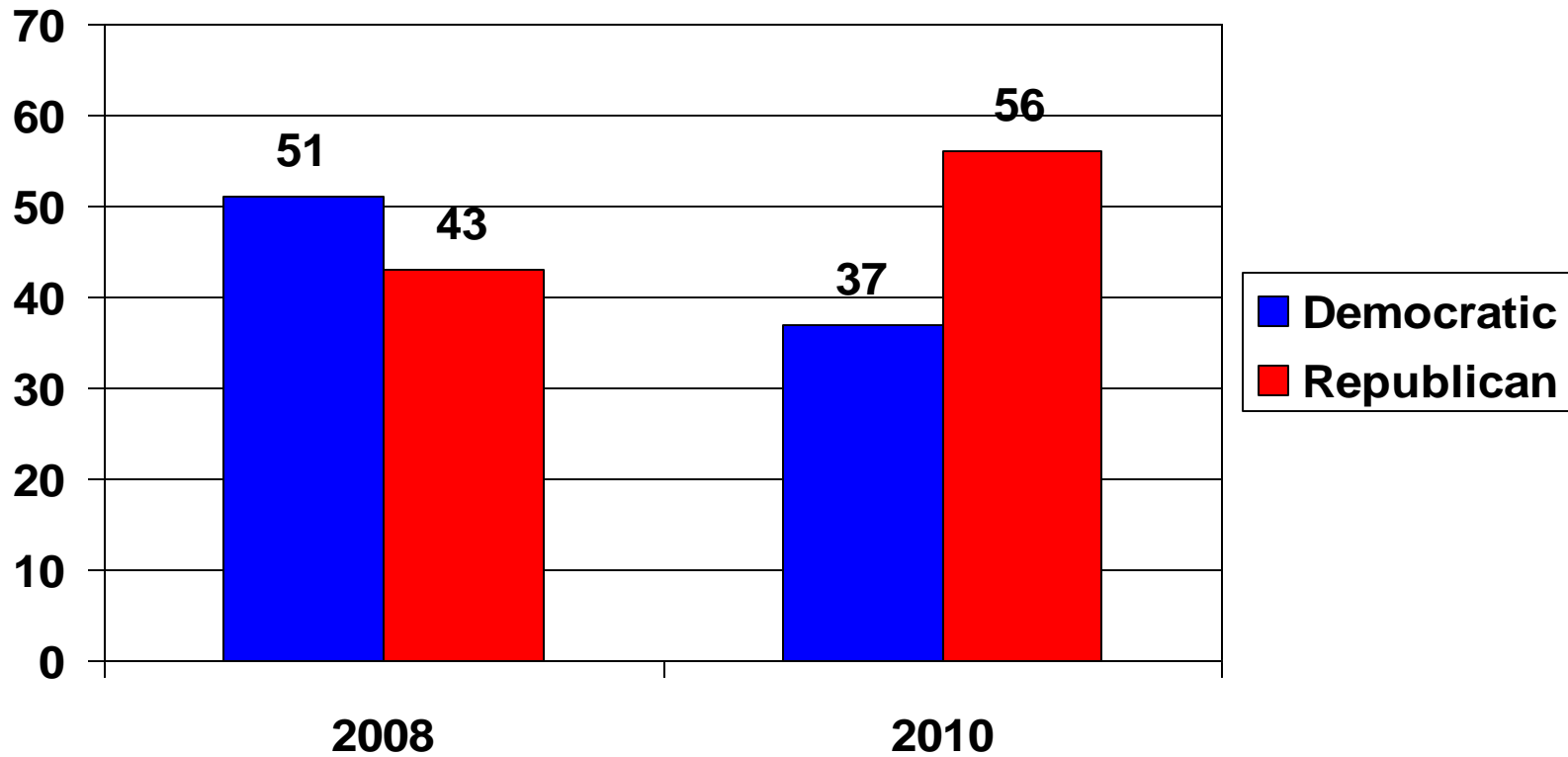


Shift in White Working Class House Vote, 2008-2010



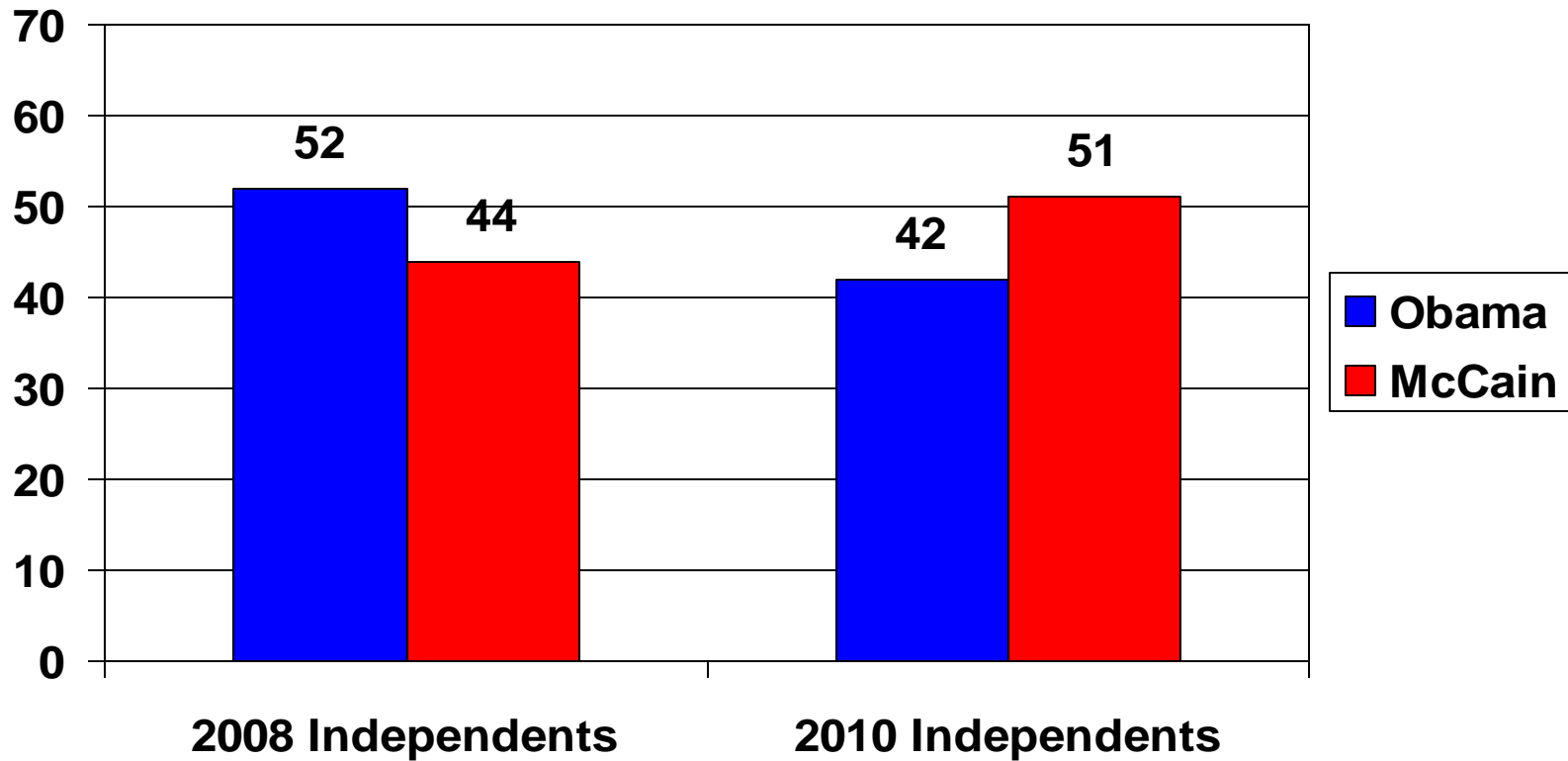


Shift in Independent House Vote, 2008-2010



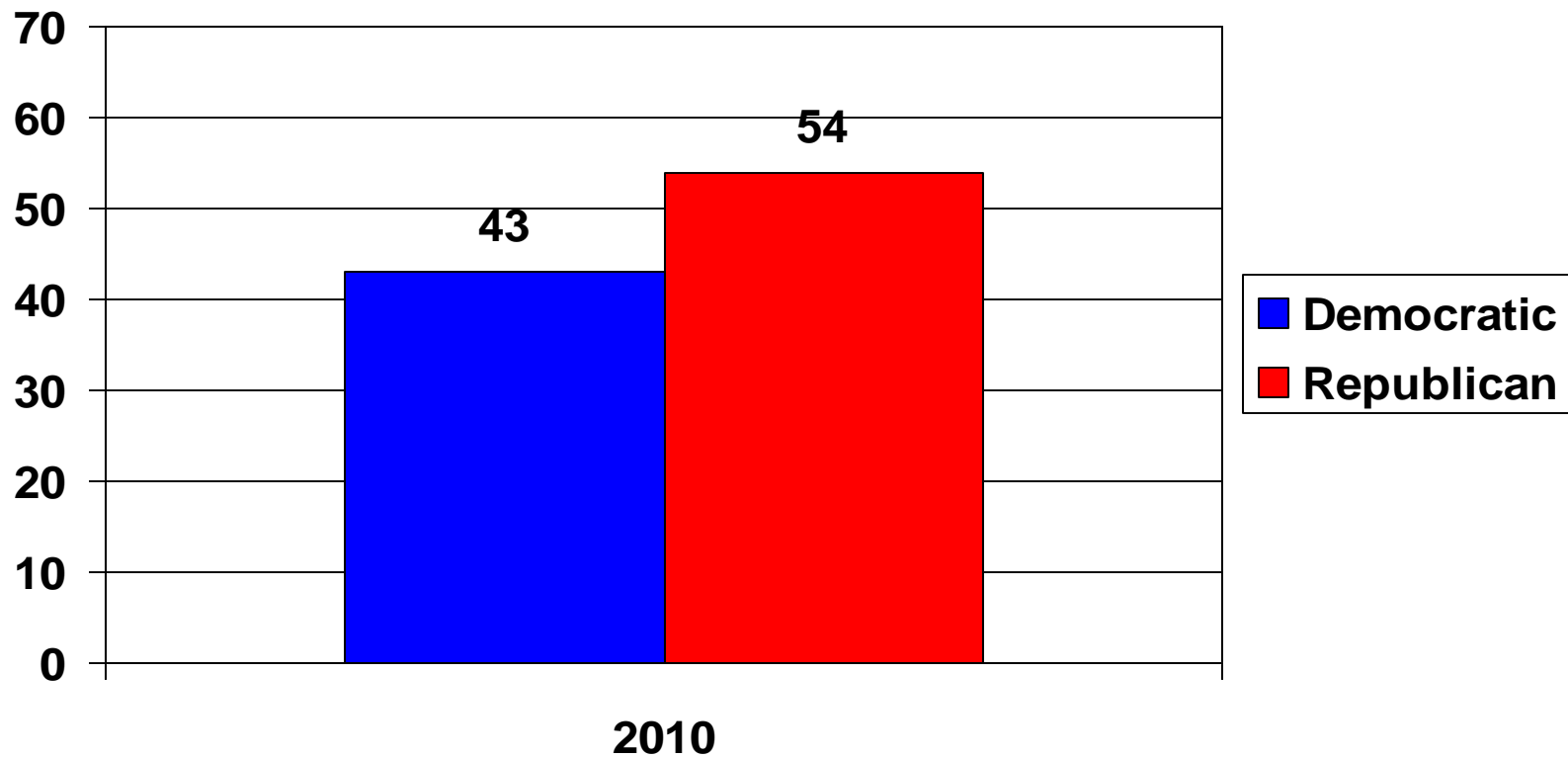


Independent Voters in 2008 and 2010





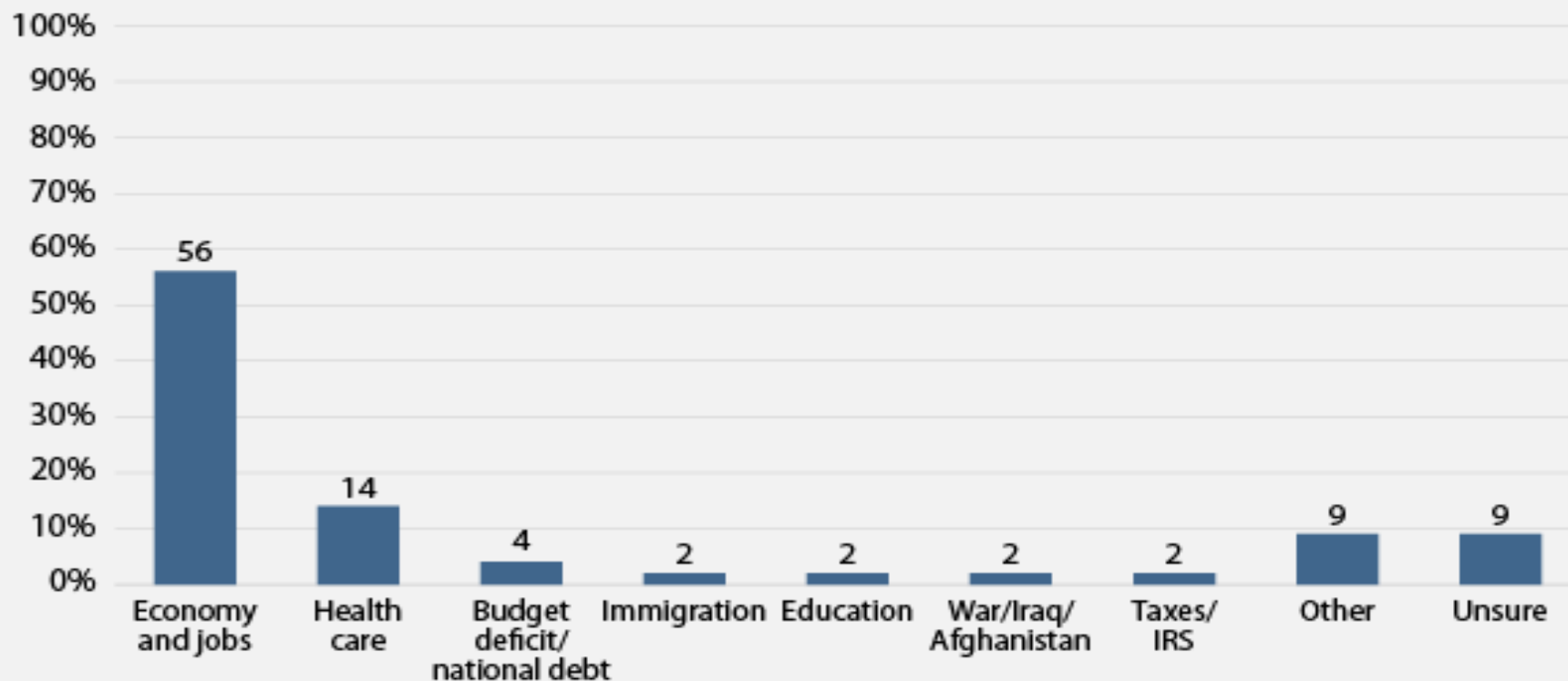
Jobs, Jobs, Jobs: House Vote Among Economy Voters (63 Percent of All Voters)





The Deficit, Not So Much

Of all the problems facing this country today, which one do you most want the new Congress to concentrate on first when it begins in January?



Source: Nov. 7-10, 2010 CBS News poll. N=1,137 adults nationwide. Margin of error \pm 3.

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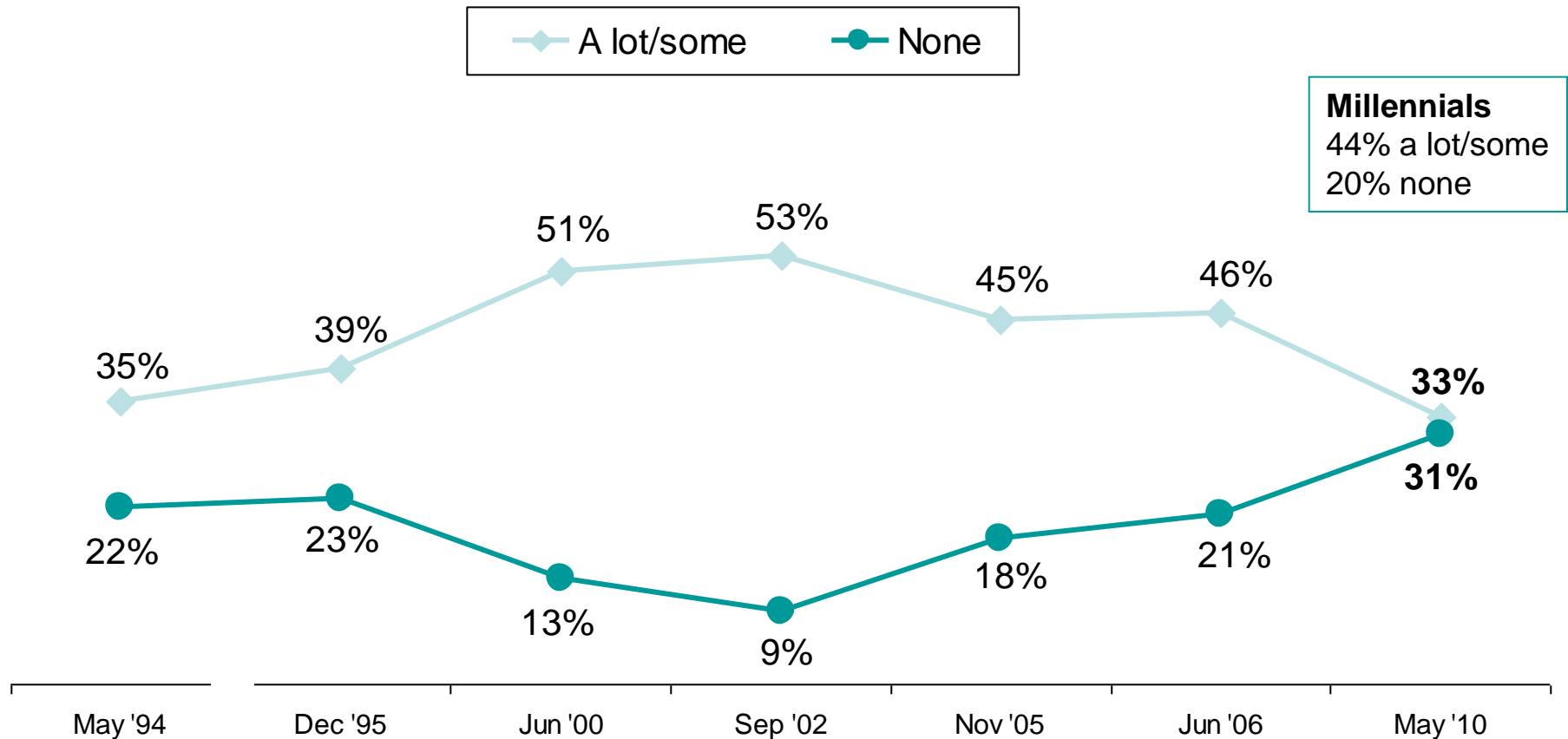
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Lowest Rating On Record For Confidence In Federal Government

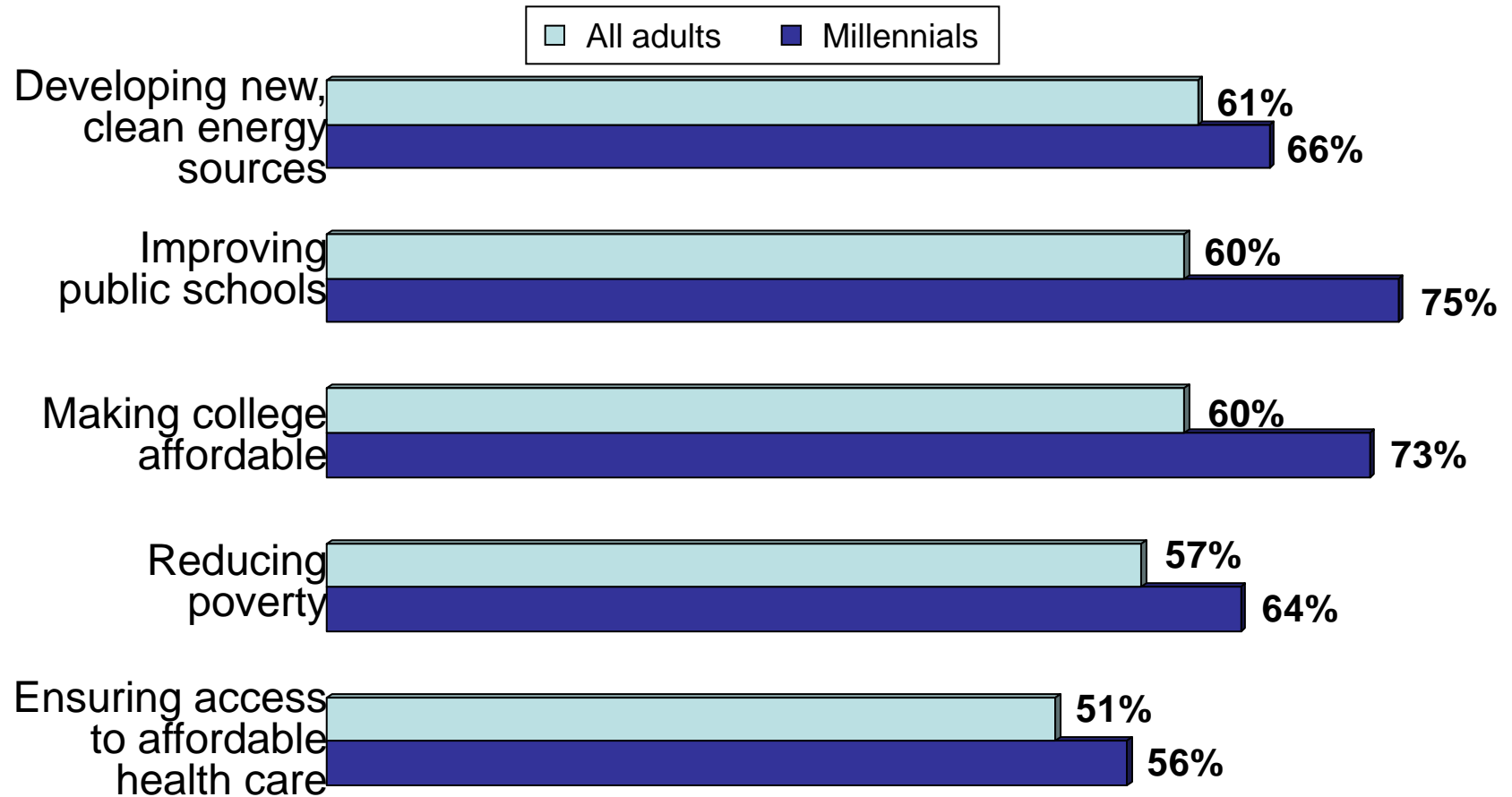
Confidence in Federal Government to Solve Problems





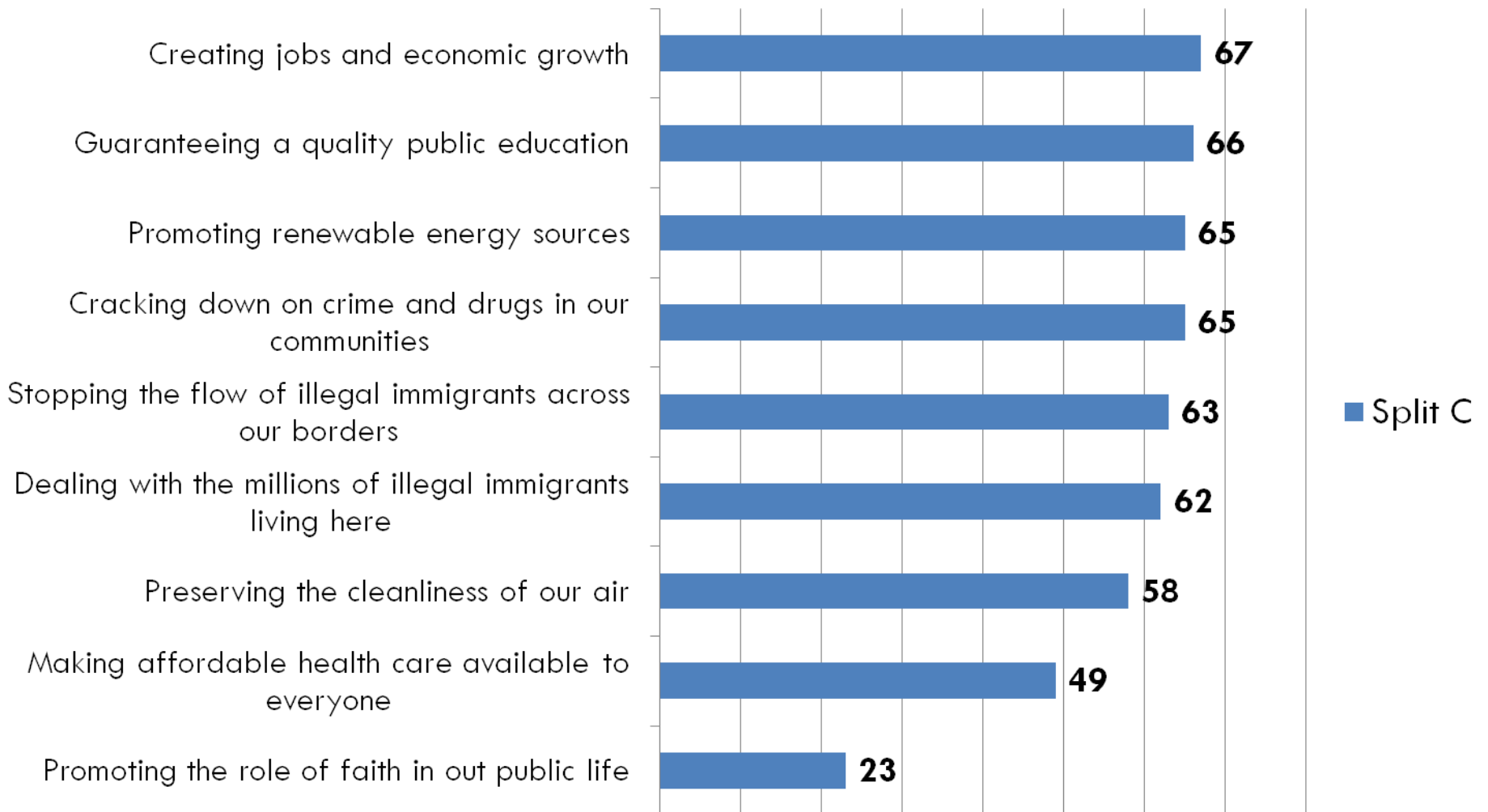
But Government Should Also Do More

Want More Federal Government Involvement in Various Areas



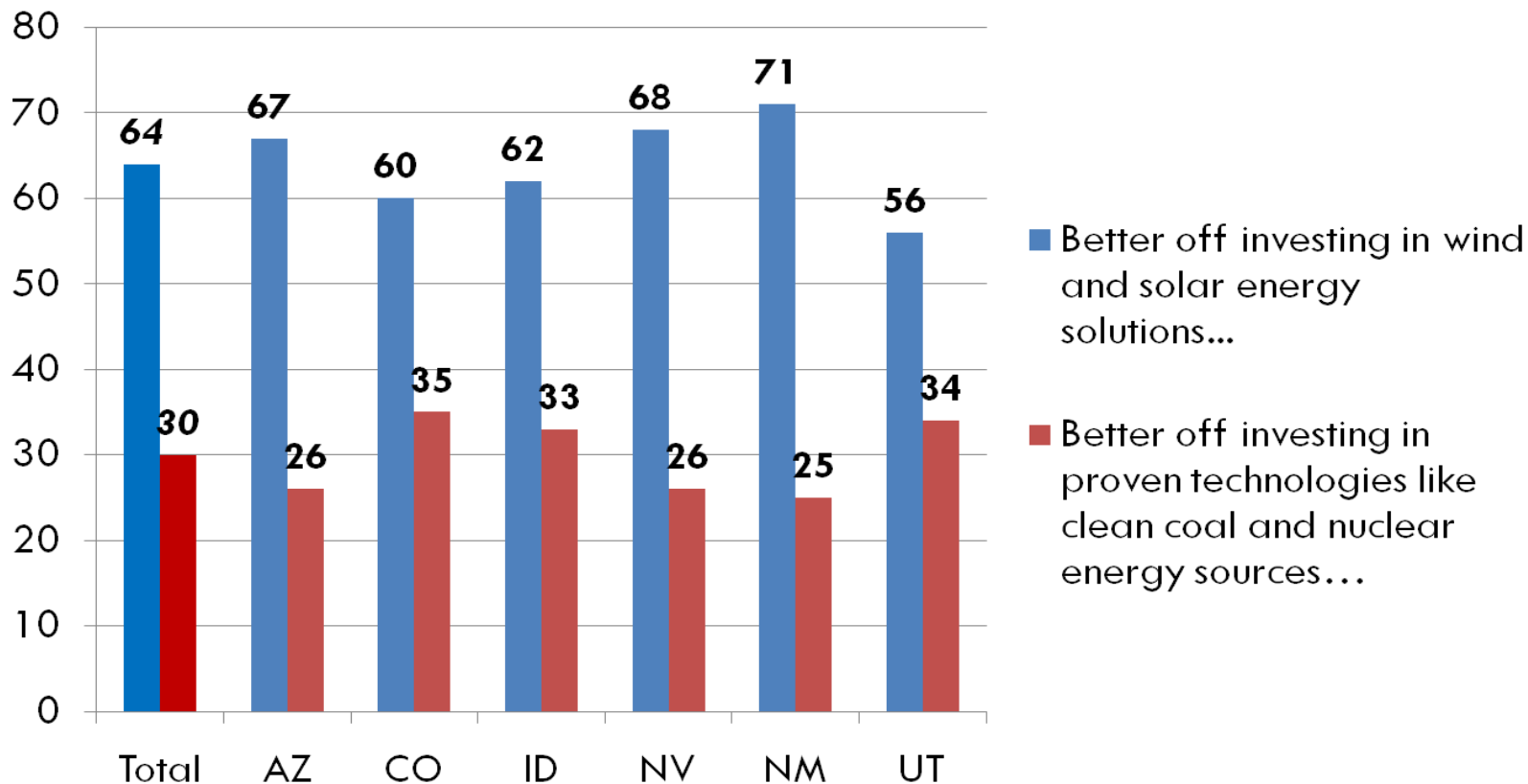


Feel the need for more state government involvement in... (AZ, CO, ID, NM, NV, UT)





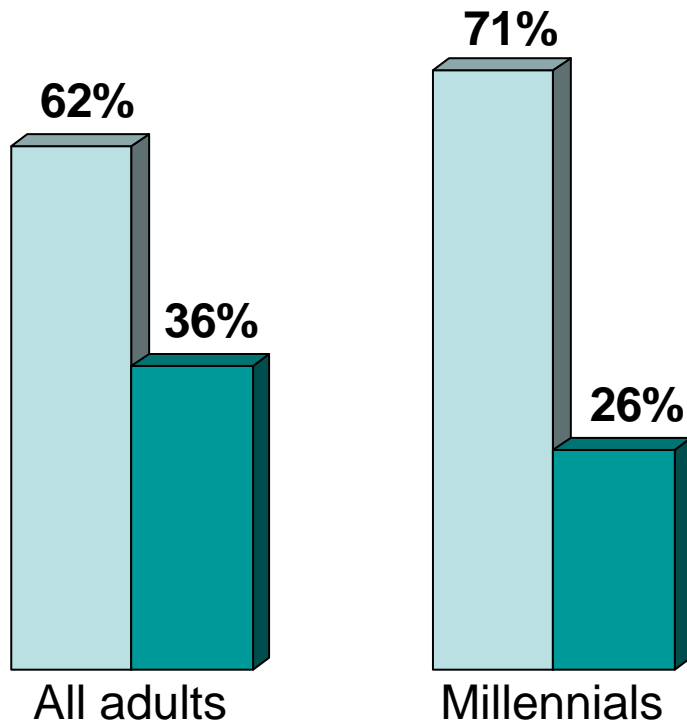
The Best Energy Investments



Improving Government Performance More Important Than Reducing Size

Priority for Improving Federal Government

■ Improve efficiency and effectiveness
 ■ Reduce size of federal government



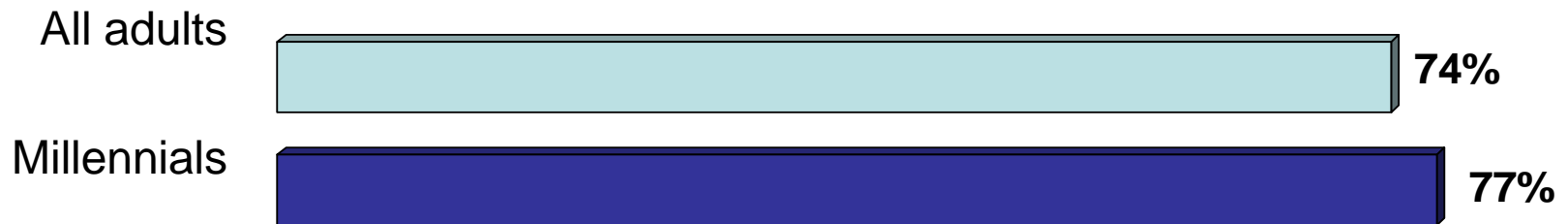
Improve Efficiency	
Democrats	81%
Independents	62%
Republicans	41%
Liberal/progressive	82%
Moderate	69%
Conservative/libertarian	45%
Whites	58%
Hispanics	76%
African Americans	79%



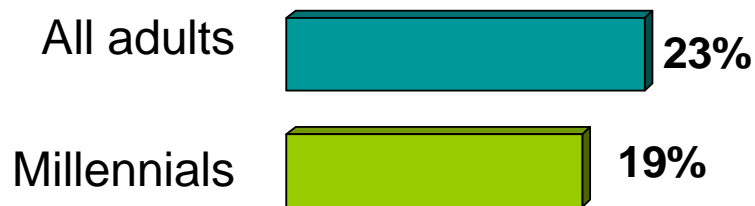
Government Could Be More Effective

Possibility of Improving Federal Government Effectiveness

Could be more effective if better managed



Bound to be ineffective no matter what

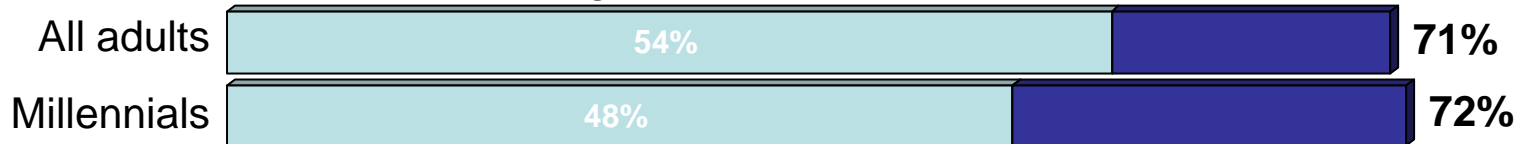


74% of adults, including 66% of Millennials, say it is very important for President and Congress to take steps to improve effectiveness and efficiency of federal government.

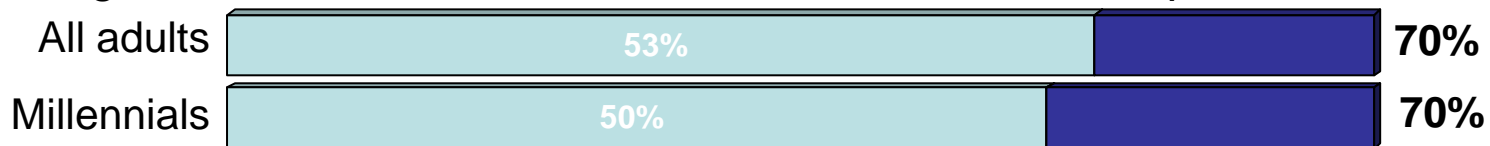
“Doing What Works” Plan Core Components Seen As Effective

□ Would be very effective in making federal govt work better ■ Would be fairly effective

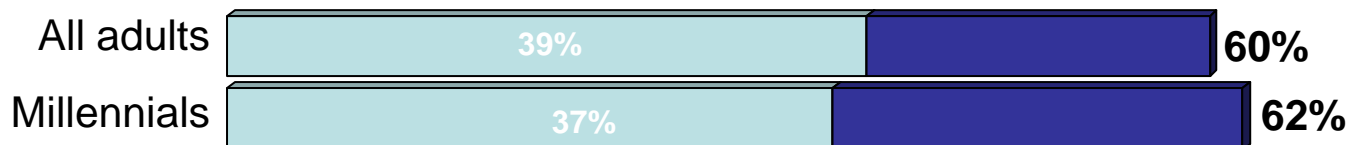
Eliminate inefficient government programs and redirect support to the most cost-effective programs



Carefully evaluate the performance of government programs and agencies and make this information available to the public

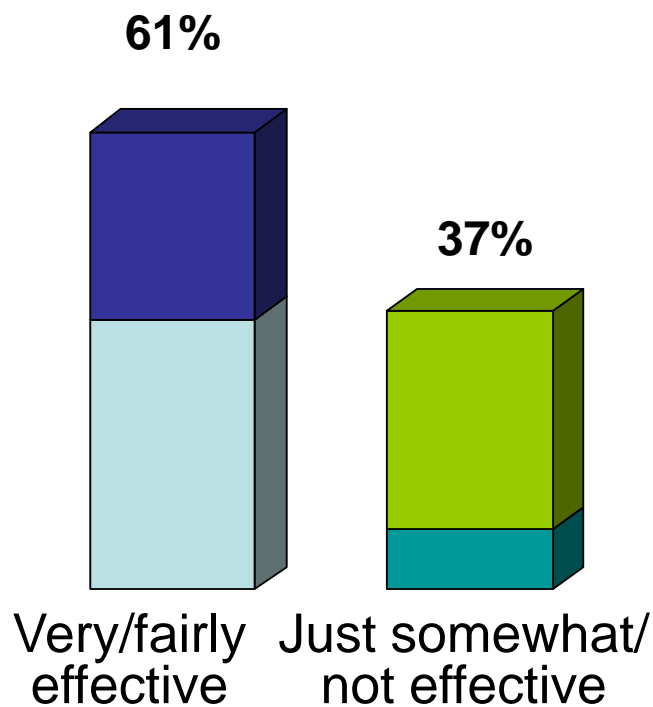


Have the government use the most modern management methods and information technologies



Overall Effectiveness Of "Doing What Works" Plan

All adults



Very/Fairly Effective

Millennials	65%
Democrats	67%
Independents	57%
Republicans	58%
Part of Tea Party	60%
Progressives/liberals	70%
Conservatives/libertarians	56%
2008 Obama voters	66%
2008 McCain voters	55%

Specific Elements Of “Doing What Works” Plan

Adults’ Ratings of Each as a Way to Improve Federal Government Performance

	Effective*	<i>Highly effective*</i>
Require every federal agency to set clear goals that are measured by real-world results	83%	68%
Reform the federal budget process, so that spending decisions are based on objective evidence about what works and what does not	82%	65%
Measure and compare the performance of state actions in areas such as health care, education, and energy to identify what approaches work and what do not	80%	58%
Consolidate federal programs where there is significant overlap	79%	62%
Change the way government contracts are awarded, so officials can quickly and accurately determine the best contractor for the job	79%	60%

* Ratings on zero-to-ten scale: 6-10 = effective, 8-10 = highly effective



“Doing What Works” Plan Would Improve Government Performance In Three Areas

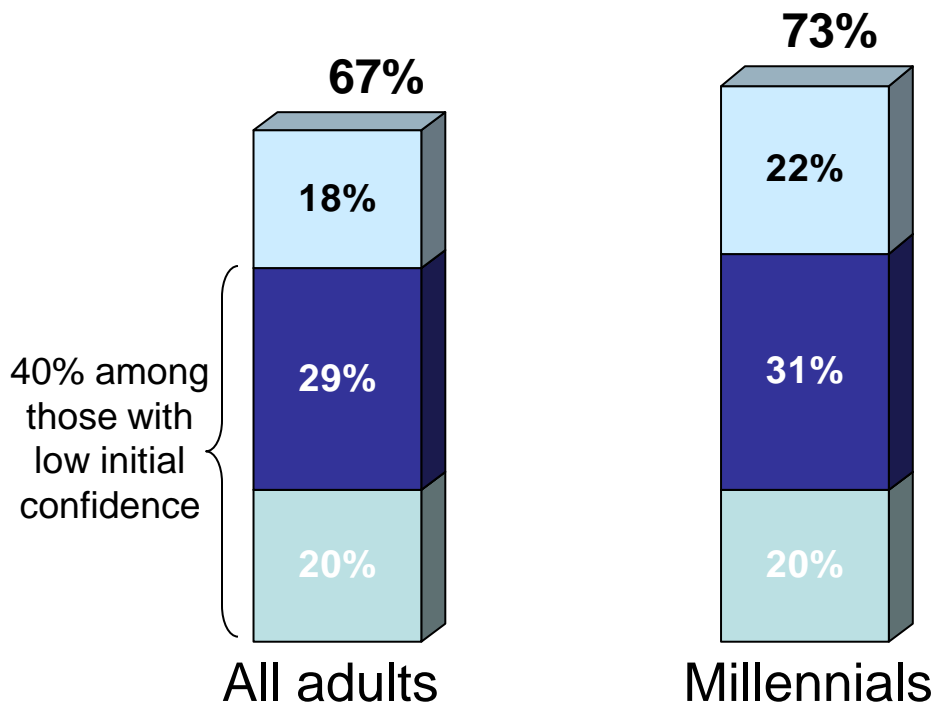
% saying plan would make things better on various aspects of government



“Doing What Works” Plan Improves Confidence In Government

Effect of Congress/President Adopting Plan on Confidence in Federal Government's Ability to Solve Problems

■ A lot more confidence
 ■ Some more confidence
 ■ Just a little more confidence



More Confidence	
Democrats	77%
Independents	64%
Republicans	60%
Progressives/liberals	77%
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Part of Tea Party	57%

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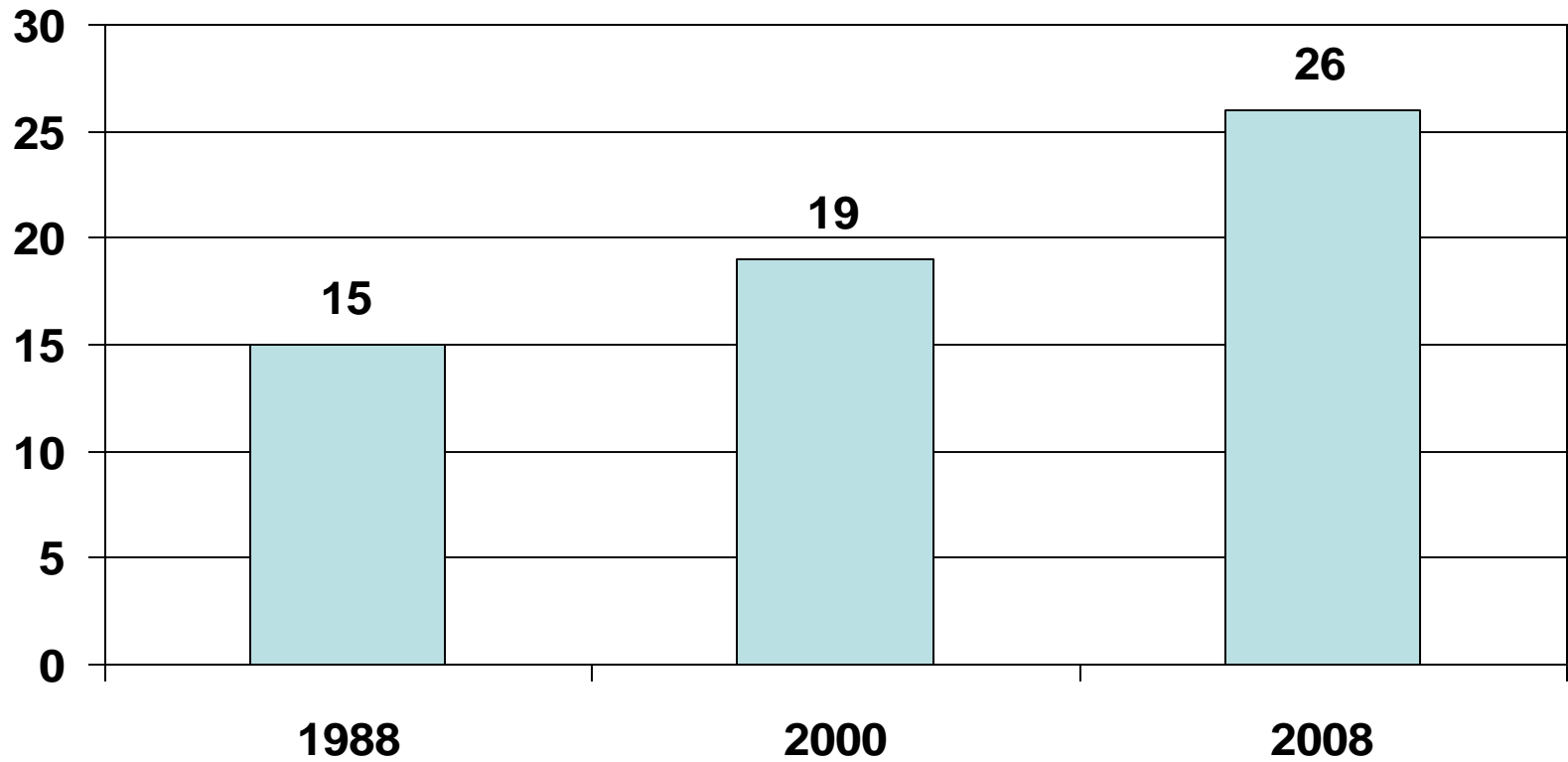
Where Are We Going?

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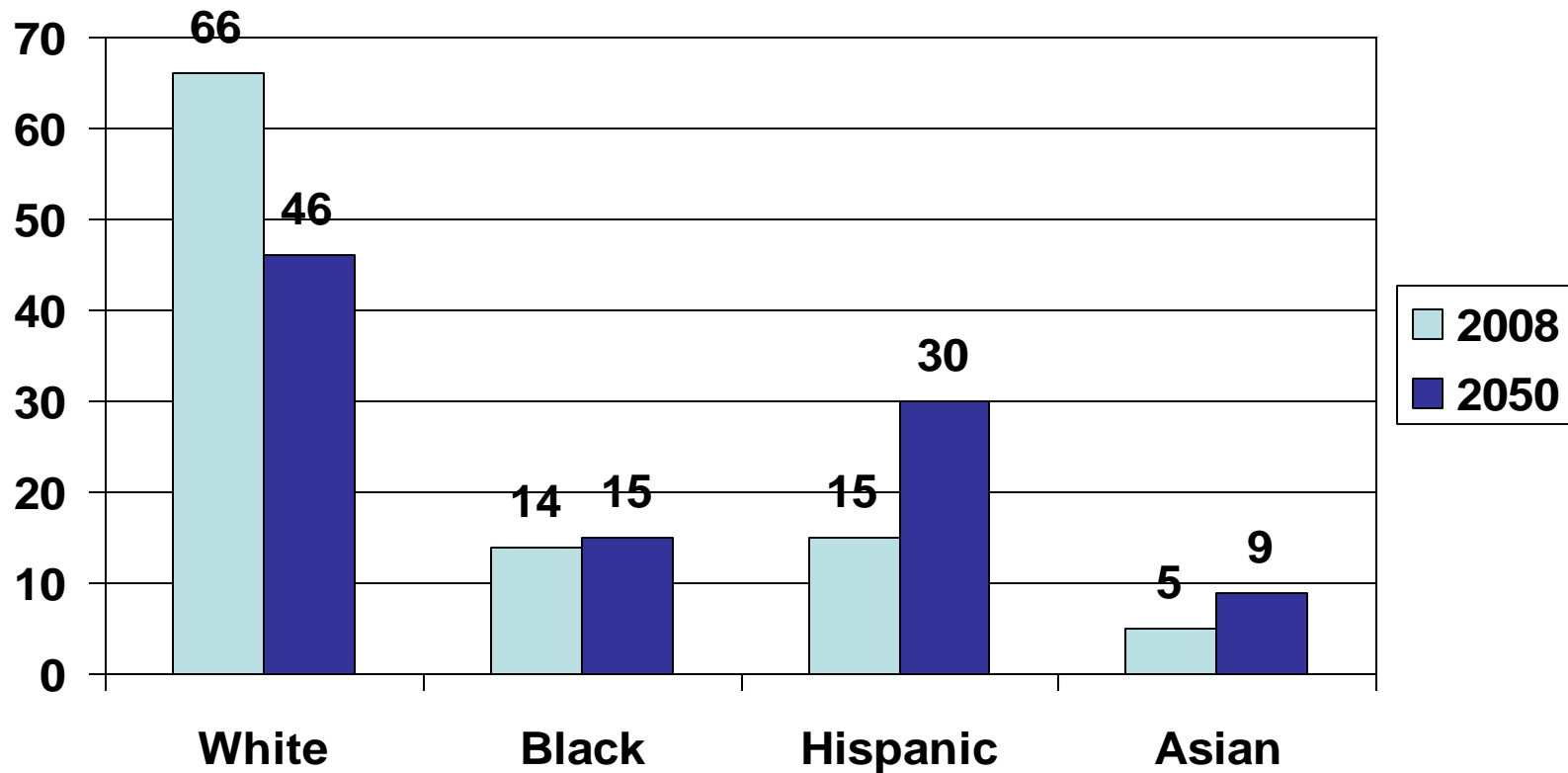


Share of Minority Vote, 1988-2010



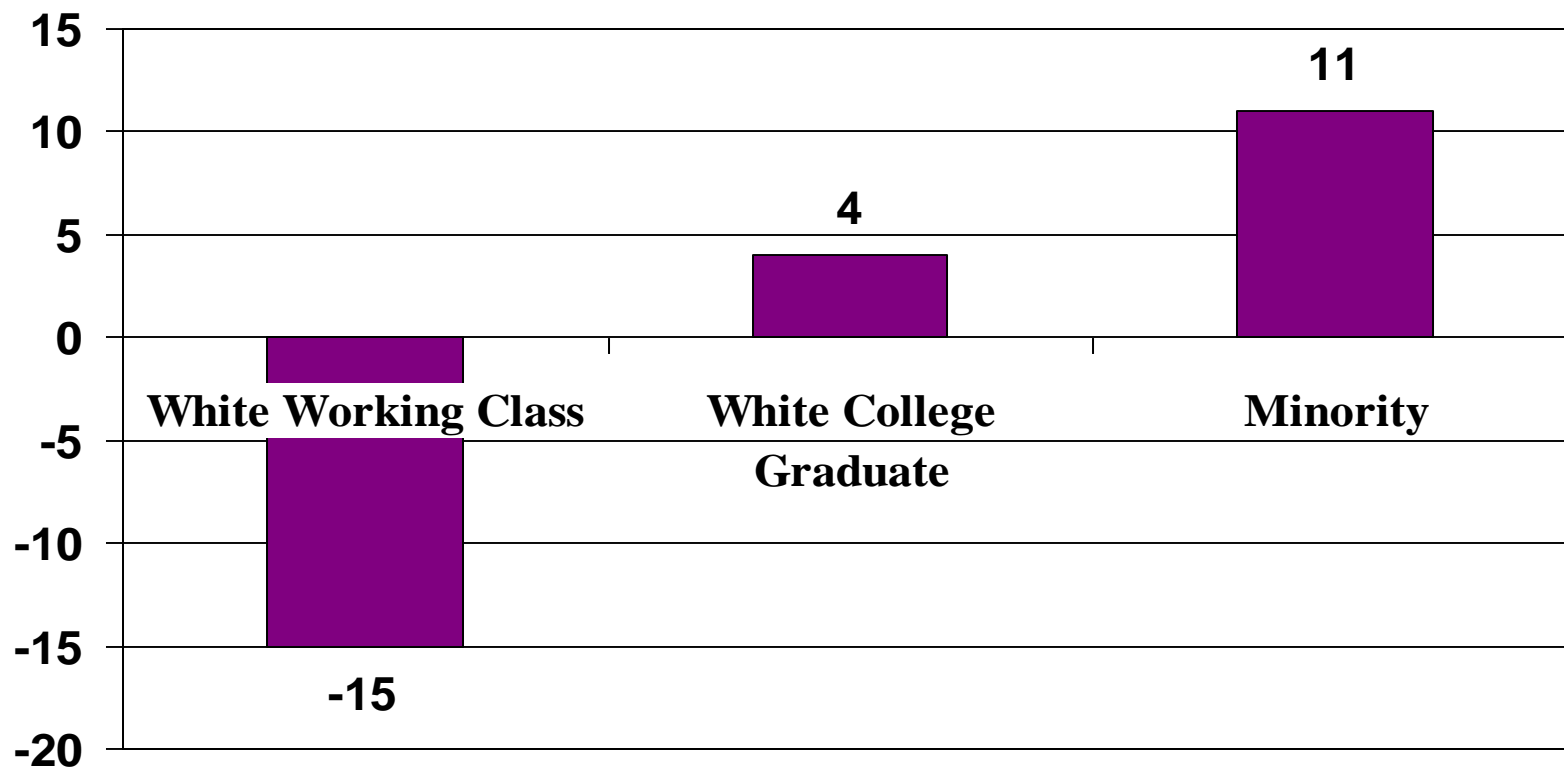


Population Projections by Race, 2008-2050



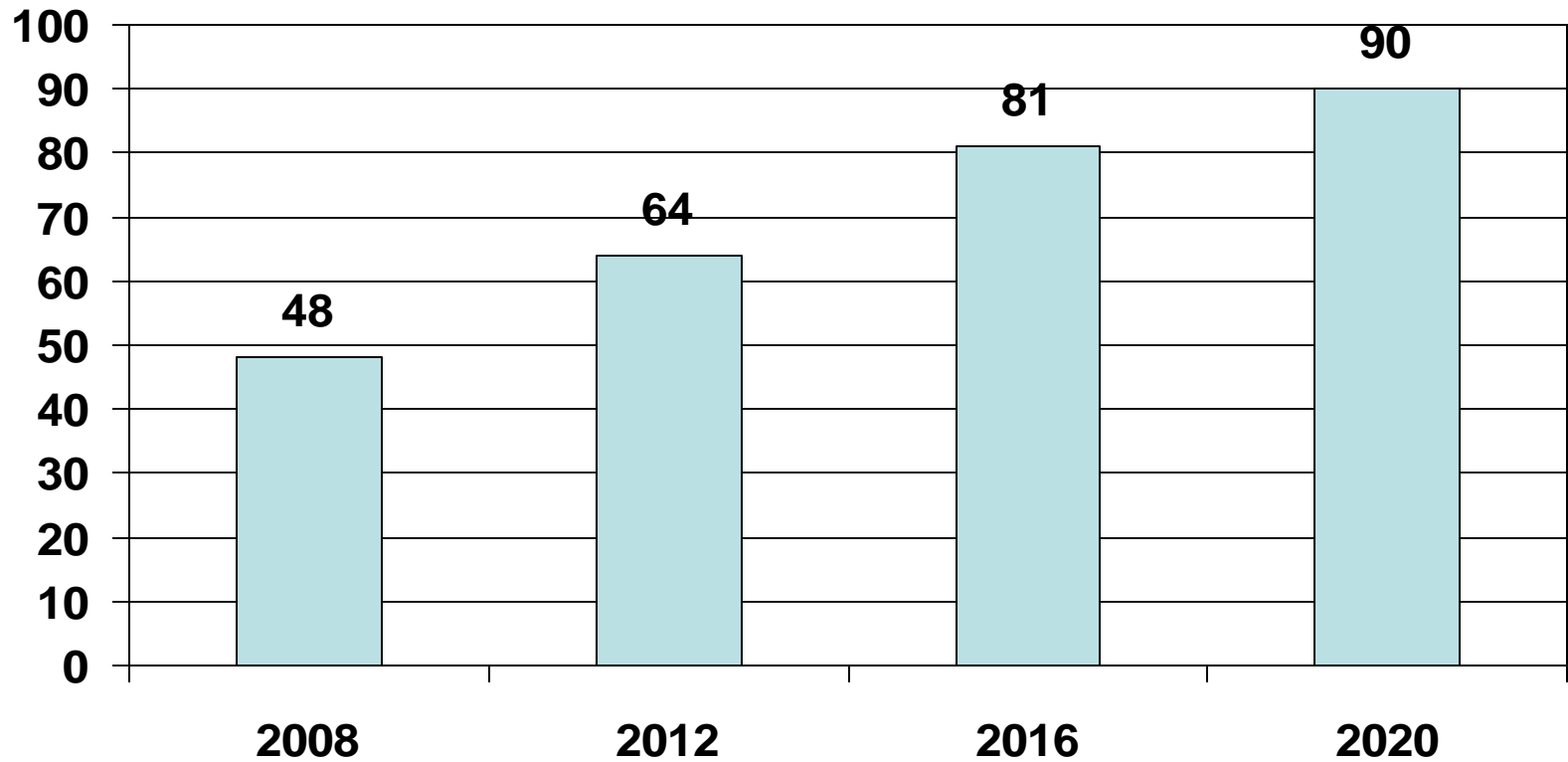


Change in Shares of White Working Class, White College Graduate and Minority Voters, 1988-2008





Growth in Millennial Eligible Voters, 2008-2020 (millions)





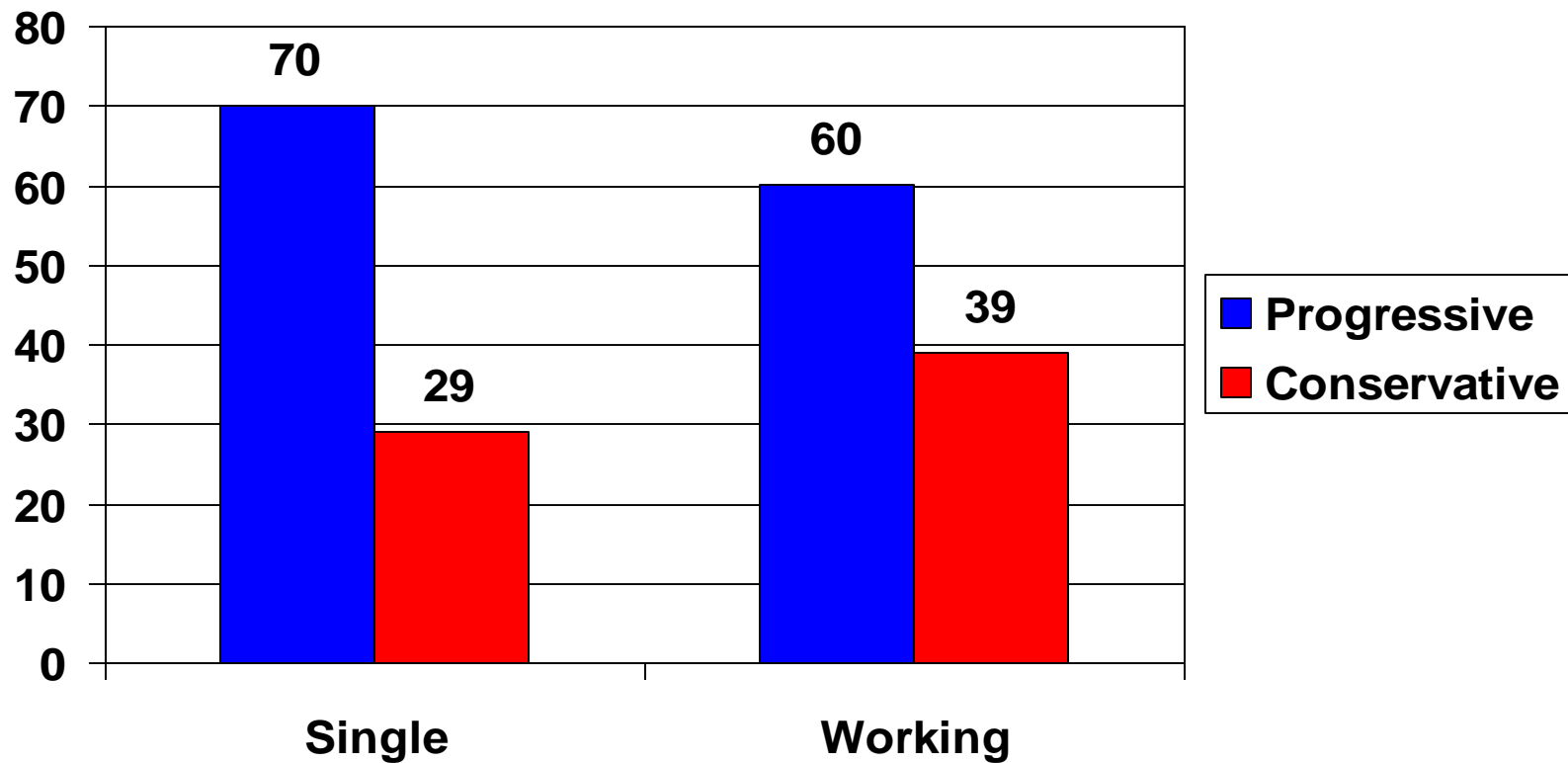
Size of the Millennial Generation

Millennial voting age population, eligible voters and estimated actual voters, 2008–2020

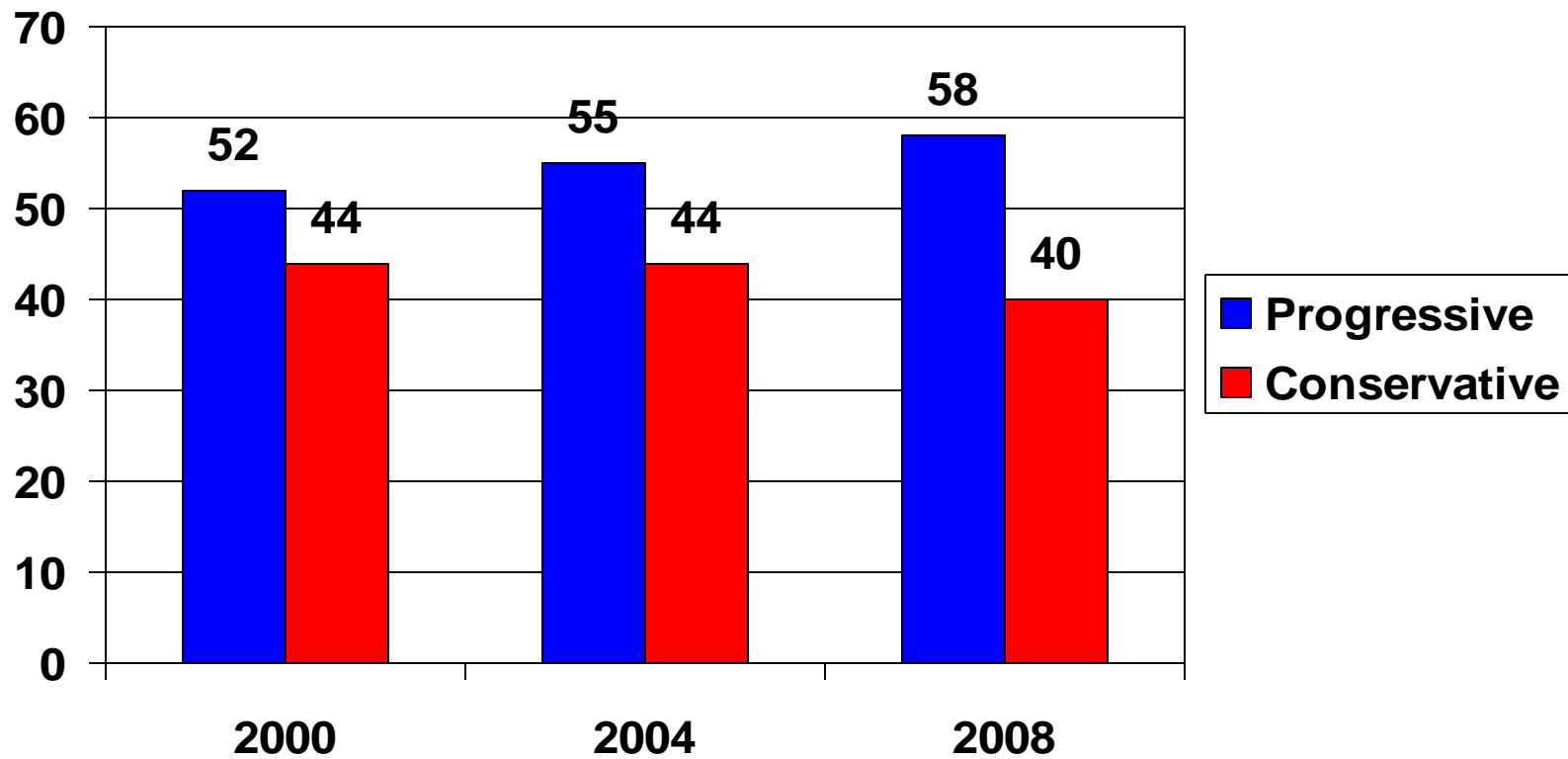
Year	Millennial voting age population	Millennial eligible voters	Millennial percent of eligible voters	Estimated millennial actual voters	Estimated millennial percent of actual voters
2008	55 million	48 million	23	25 million	20
2012	74 million	64 million	29	35 million	26
2016	93 million	81 million	36	46 million	33
2020	103 million	90 million	39	52 million	36



Women's Vote in 2008, Single and Working Women

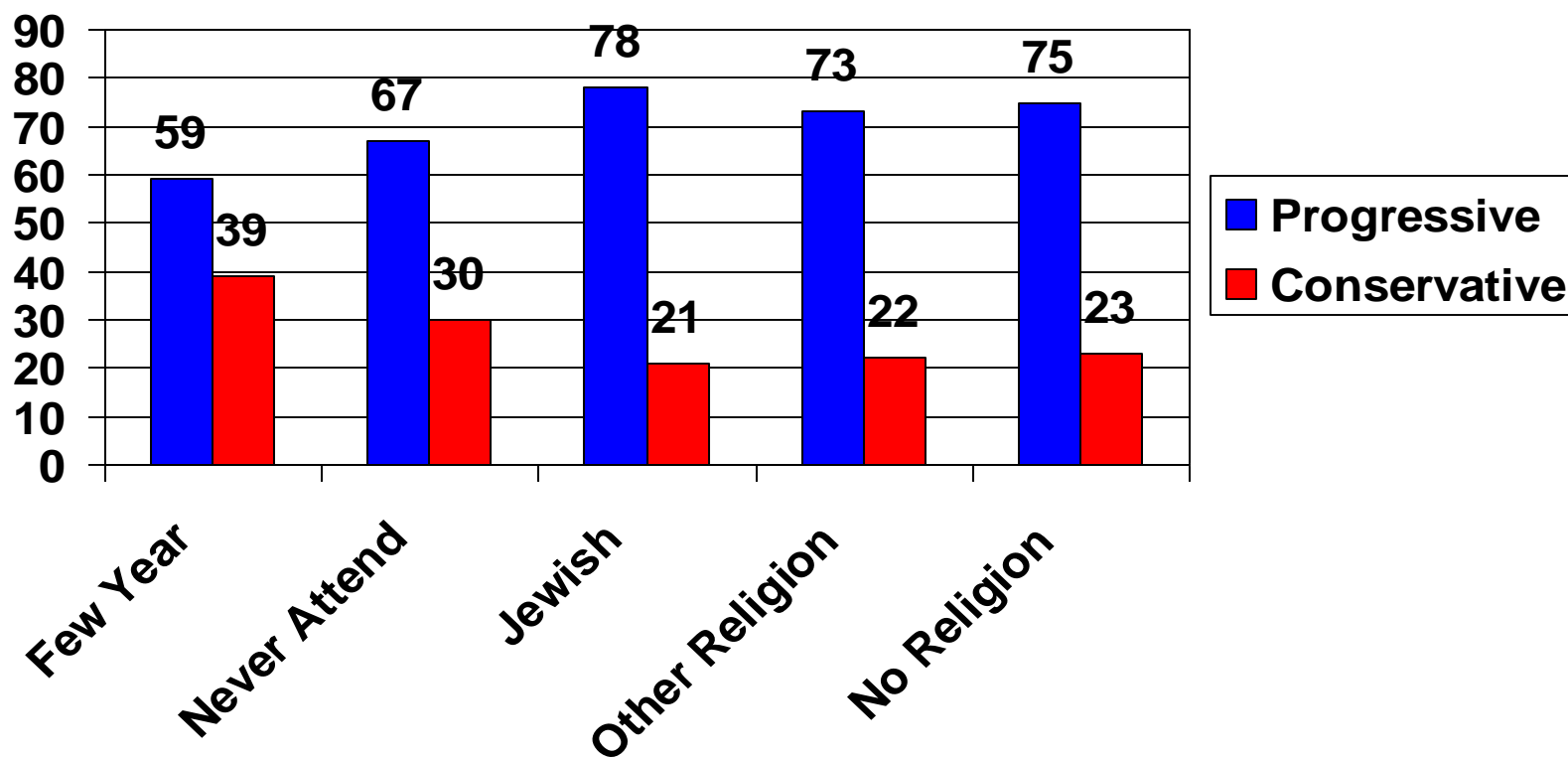


Postgraduate Presidential Vote, 2000-2008



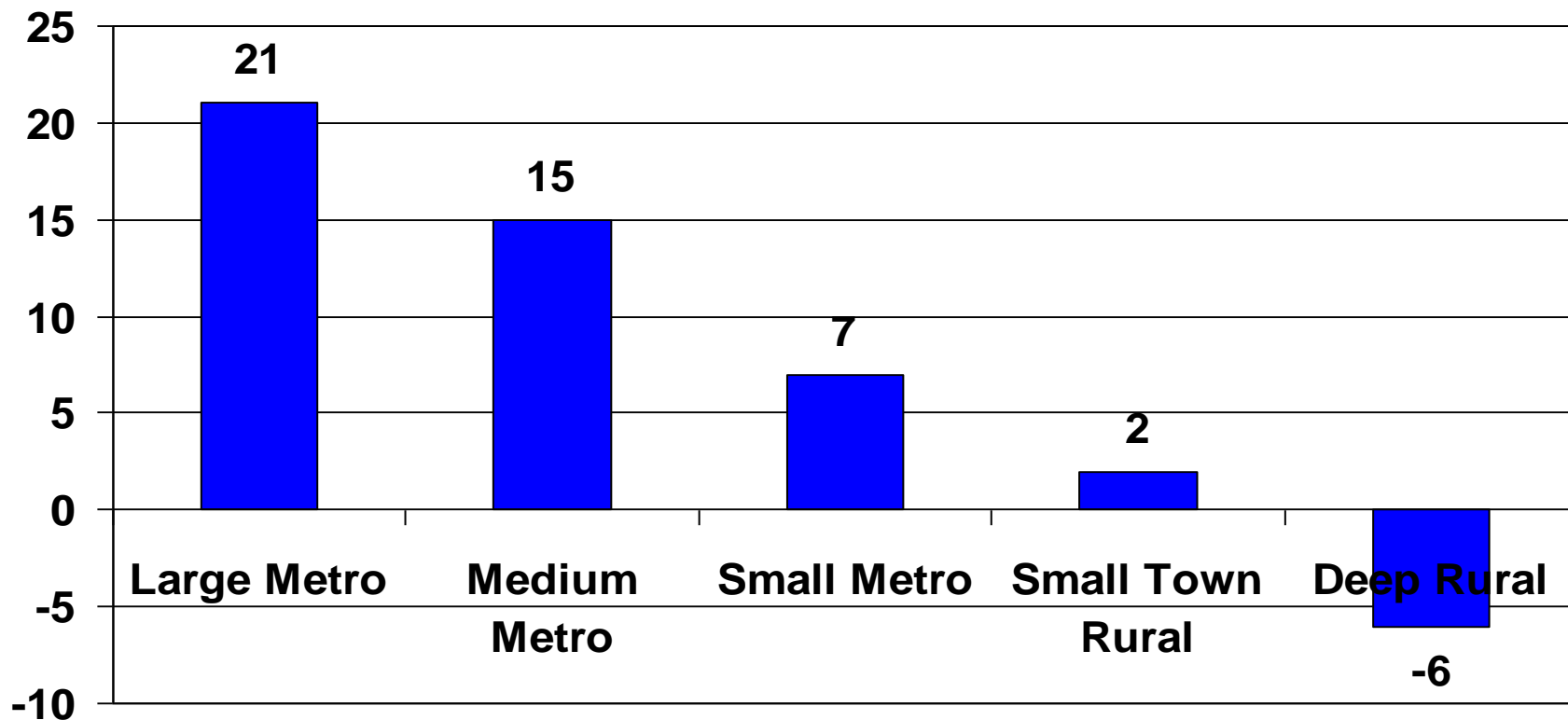


Secular, Less Observant and Non-Christian Vote, 2008





Change in Progressive Margin by Type of Area, 1988-2008





Change in Progressive Margin by Type of Area within Large Metros, 1988-2008

