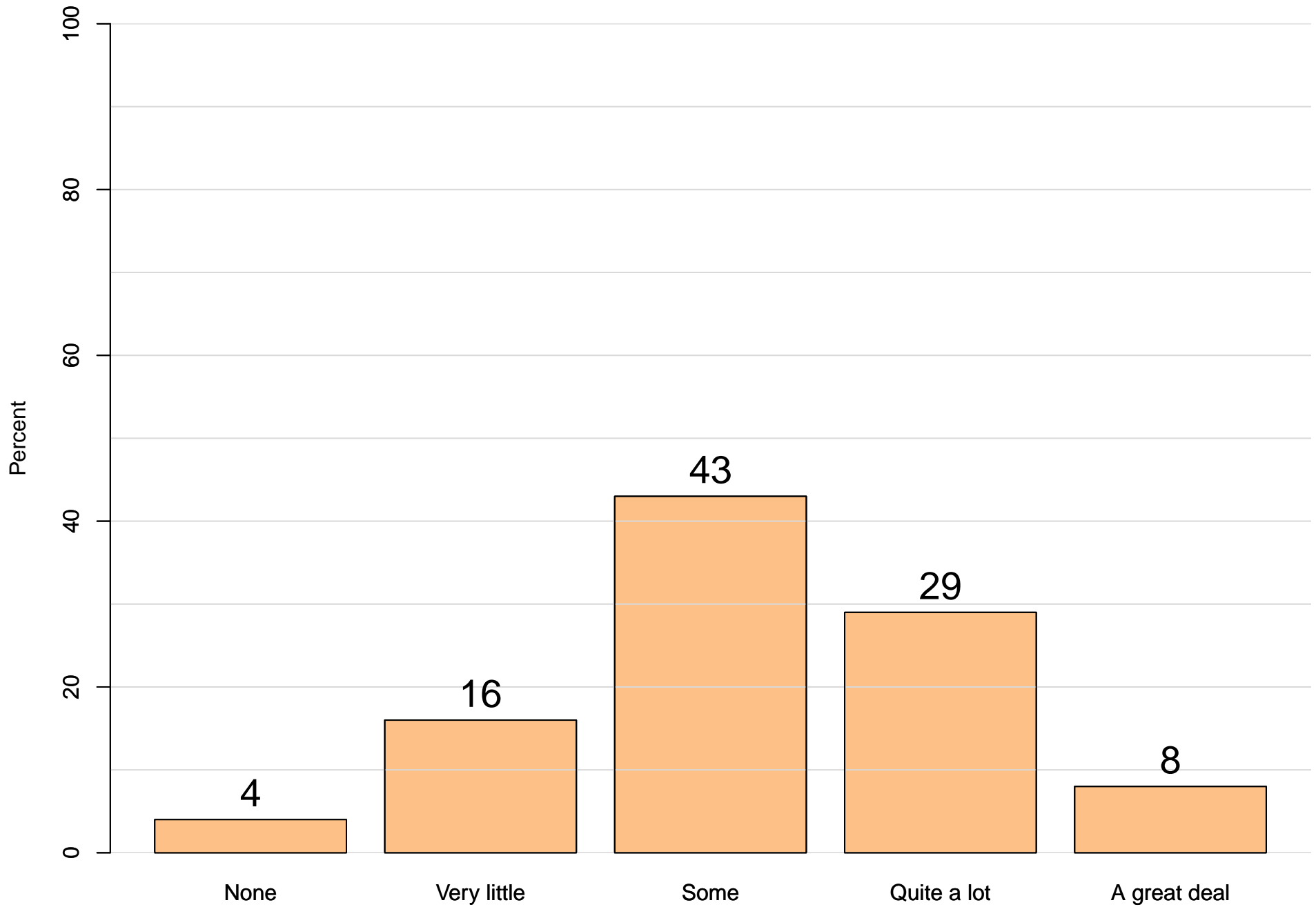


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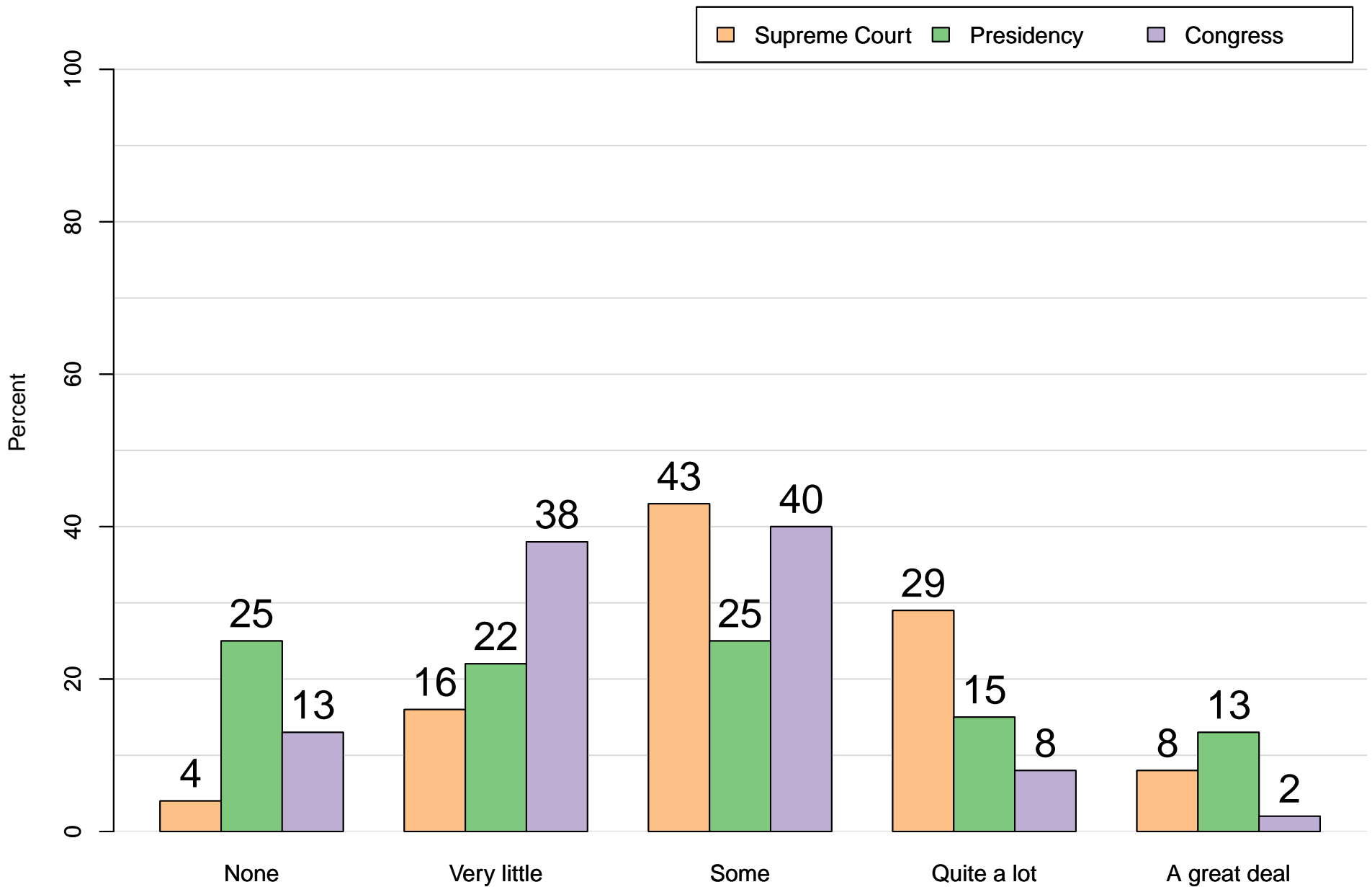


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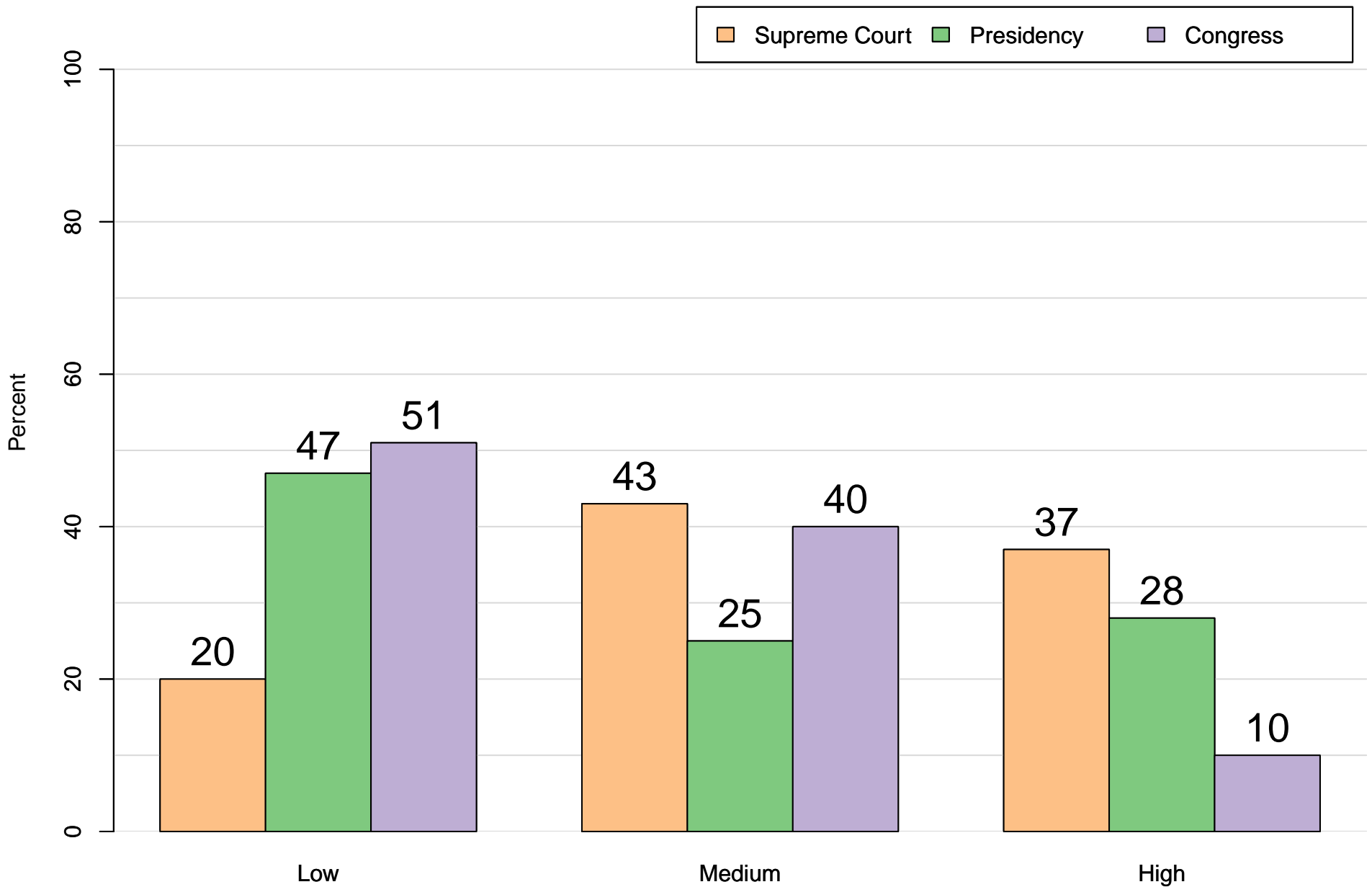


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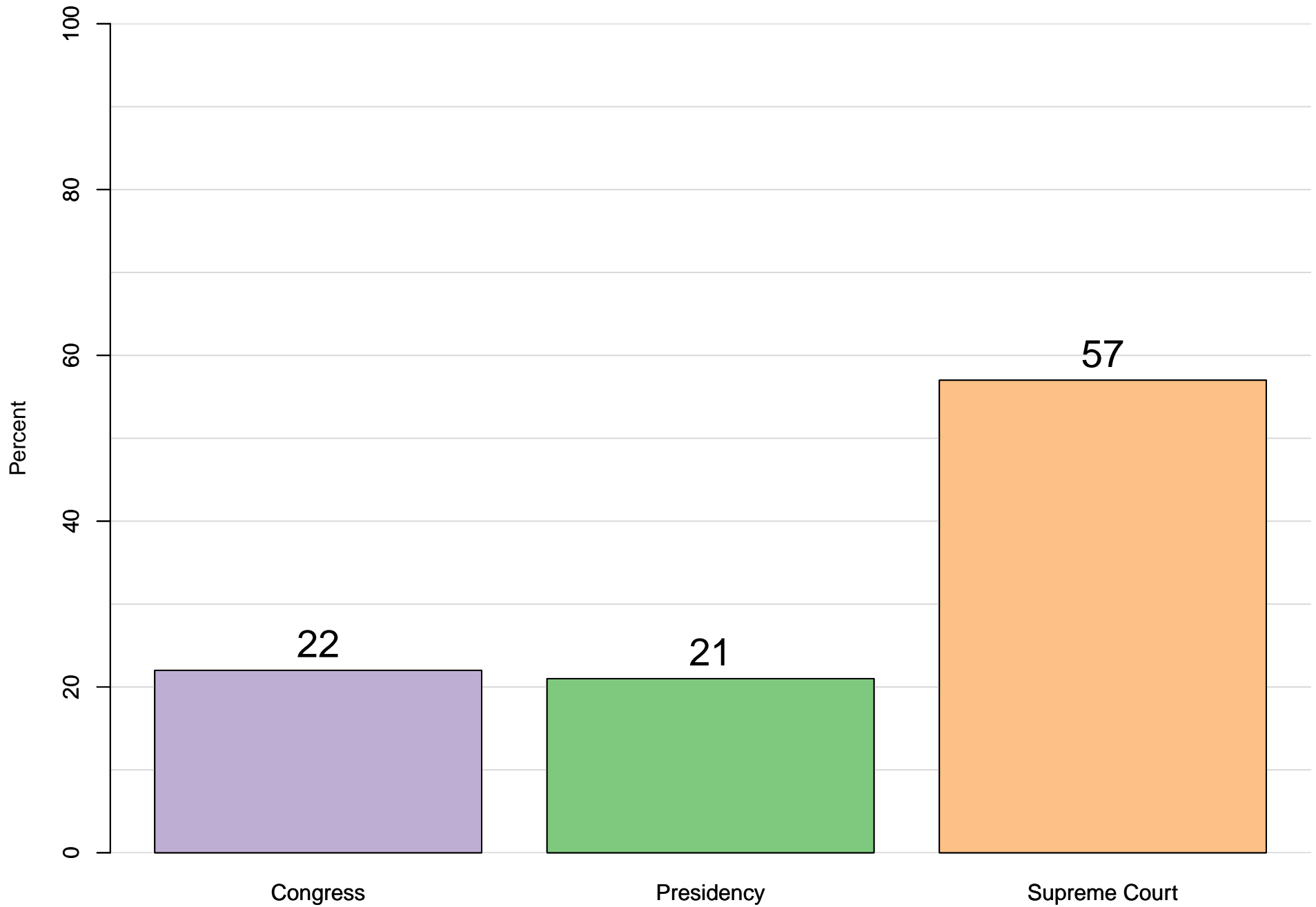


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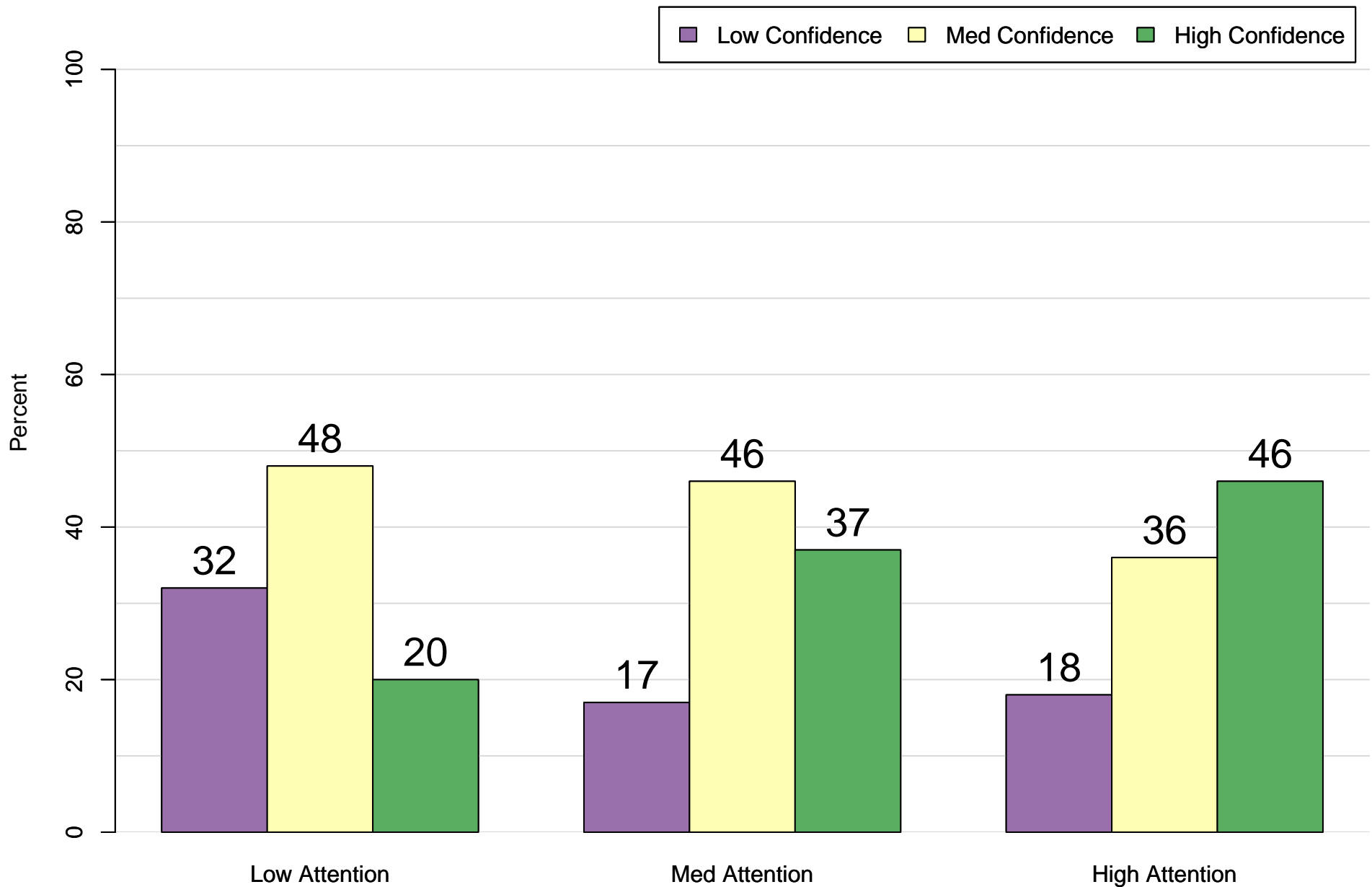
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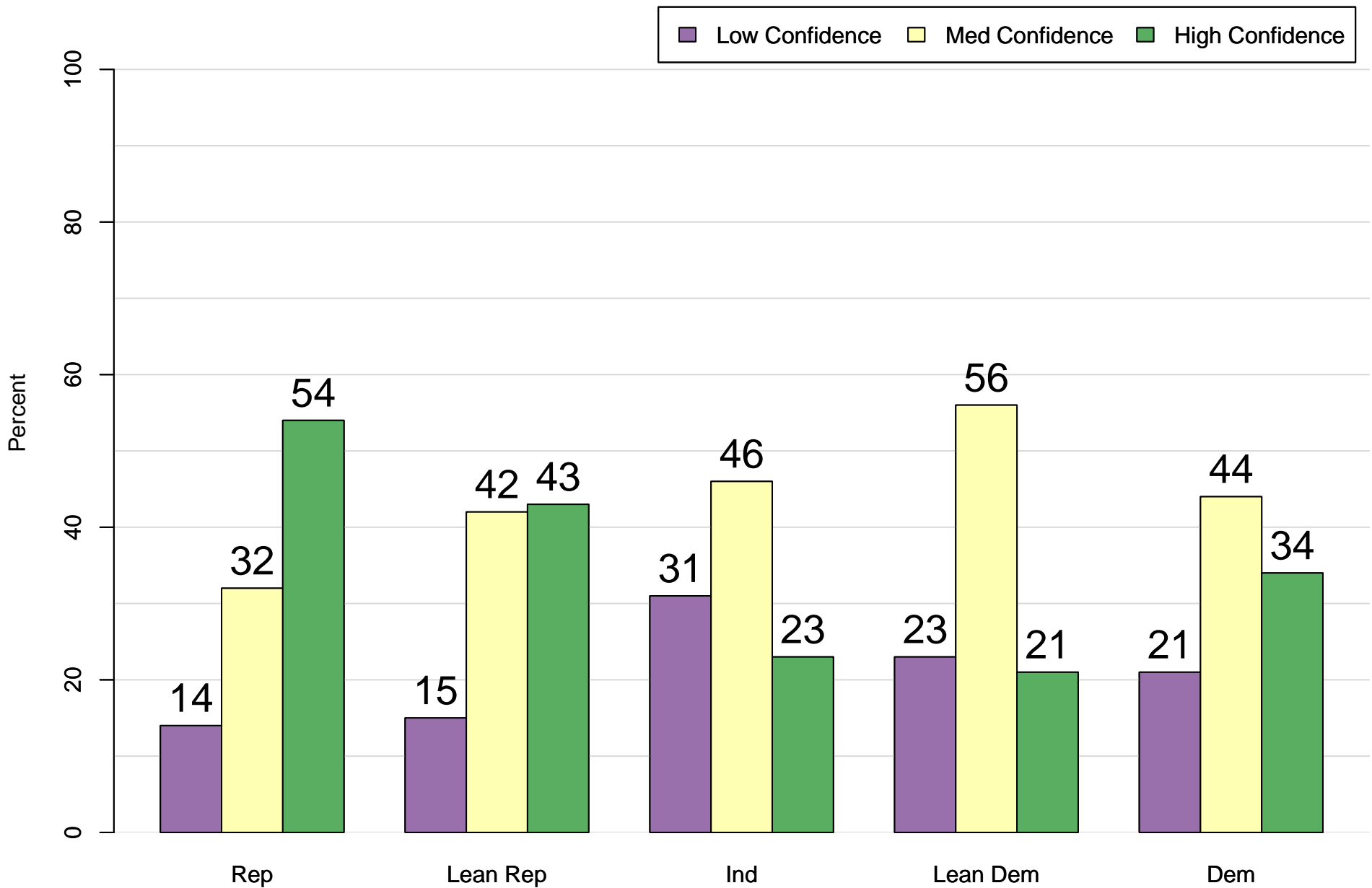
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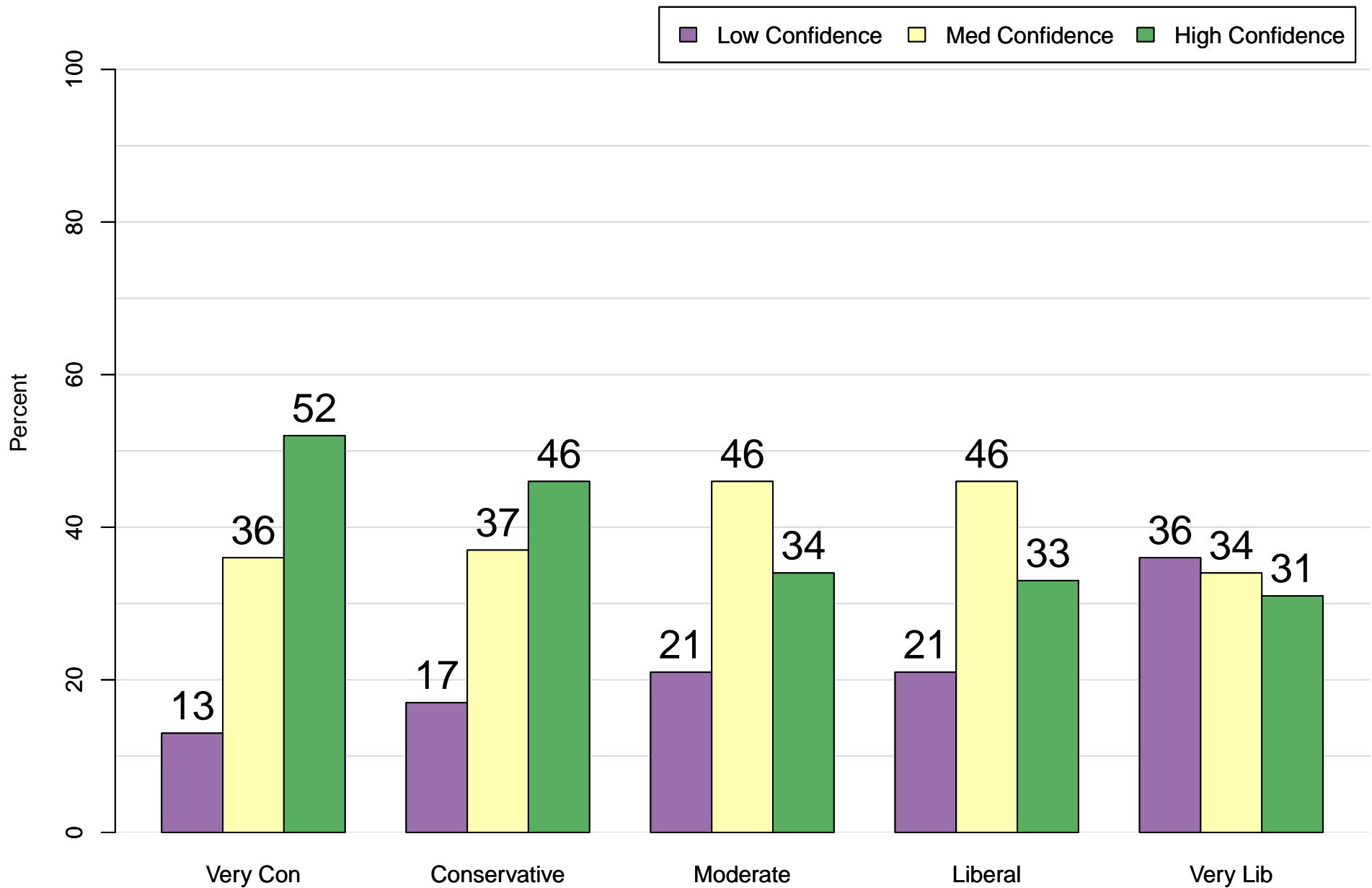
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## Confidence in the Court by party identification

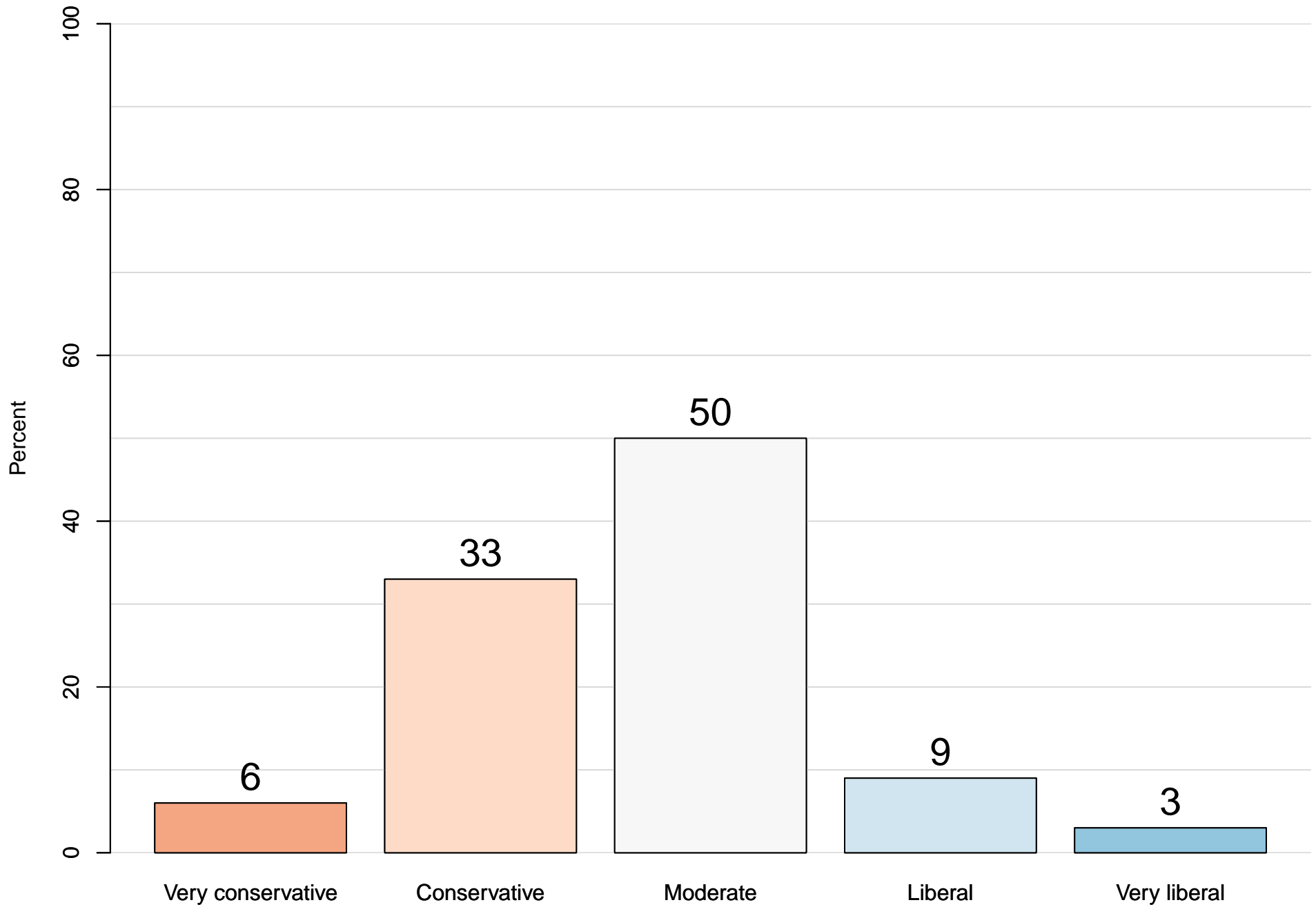


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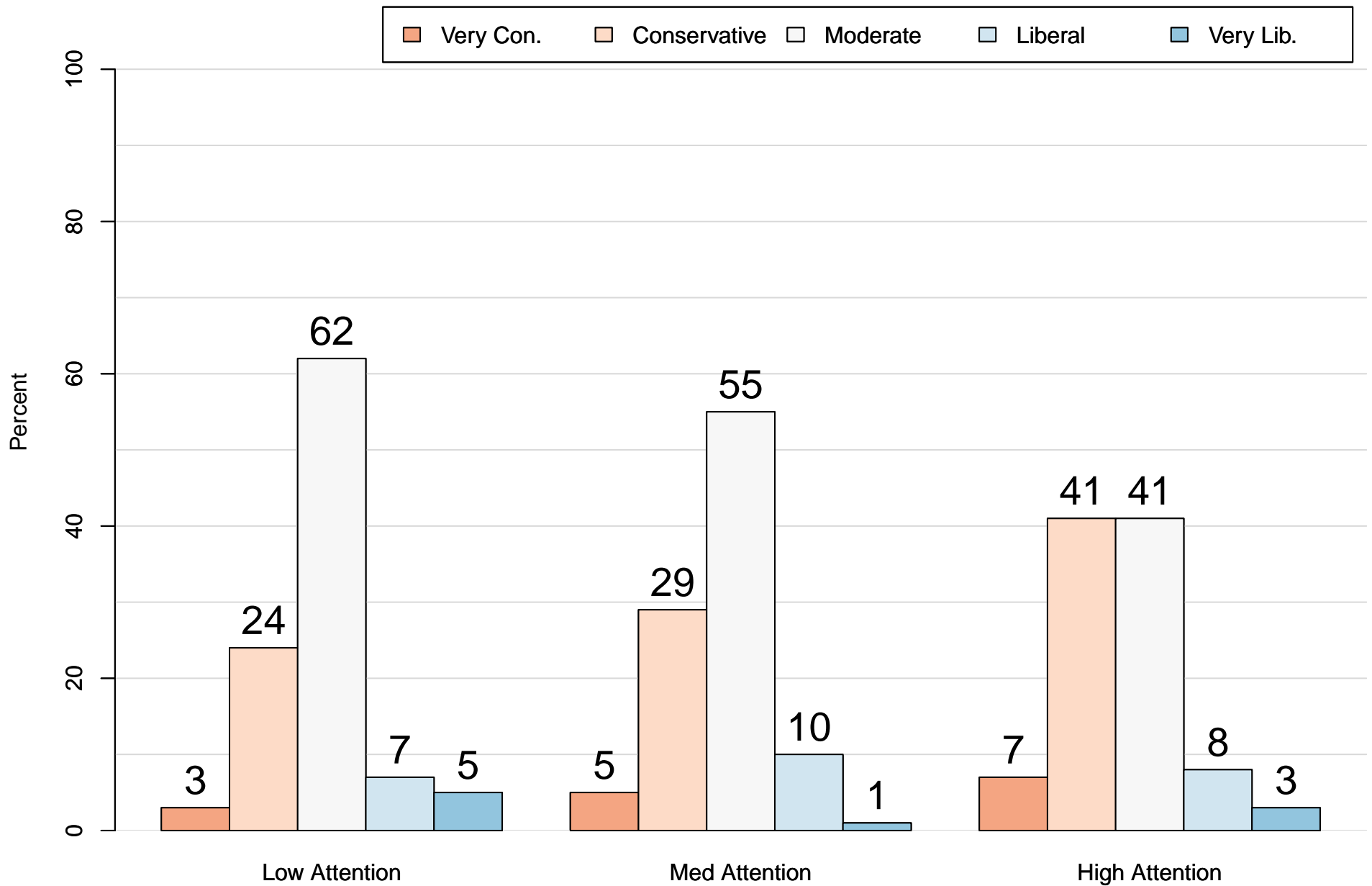




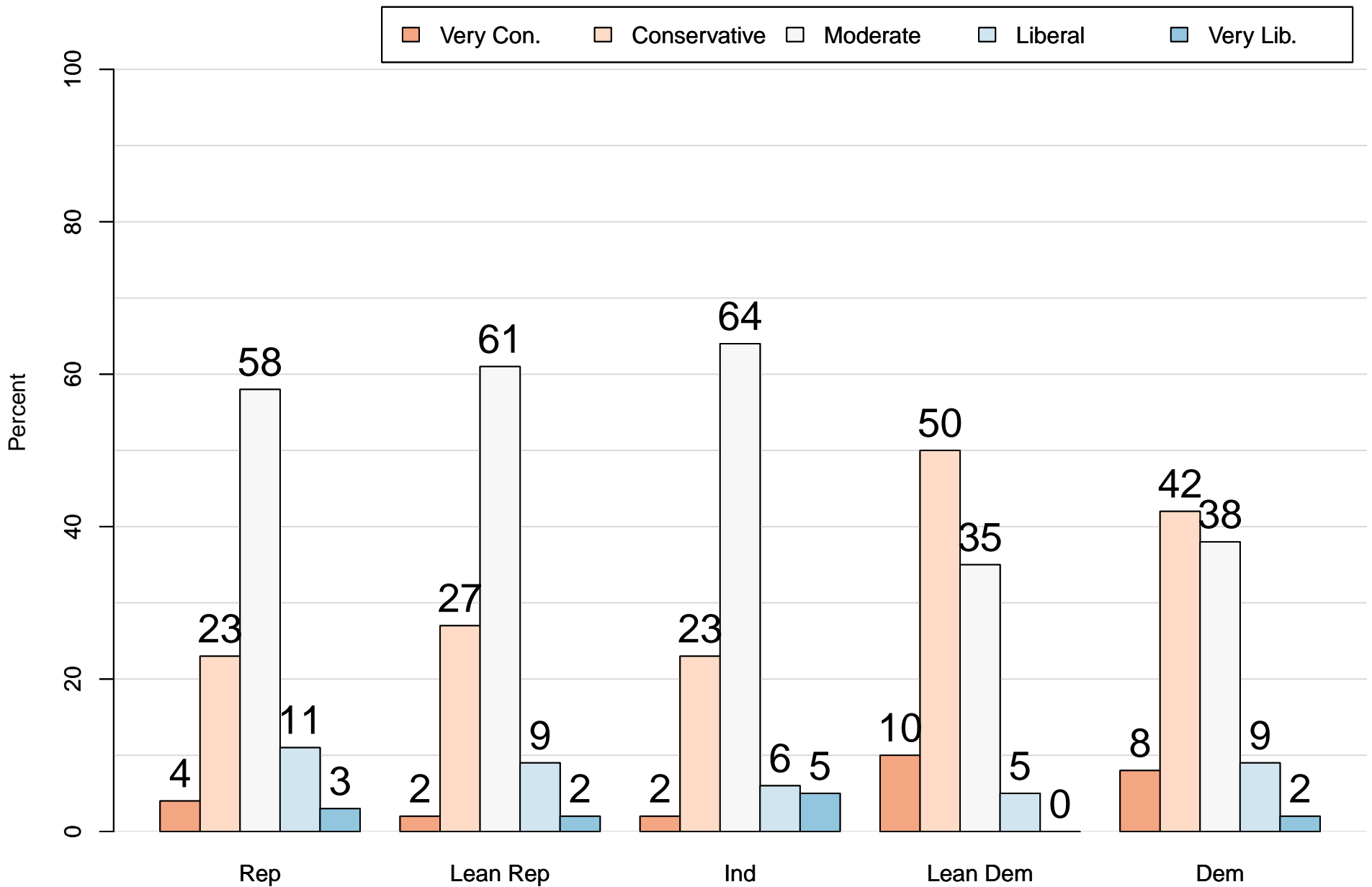
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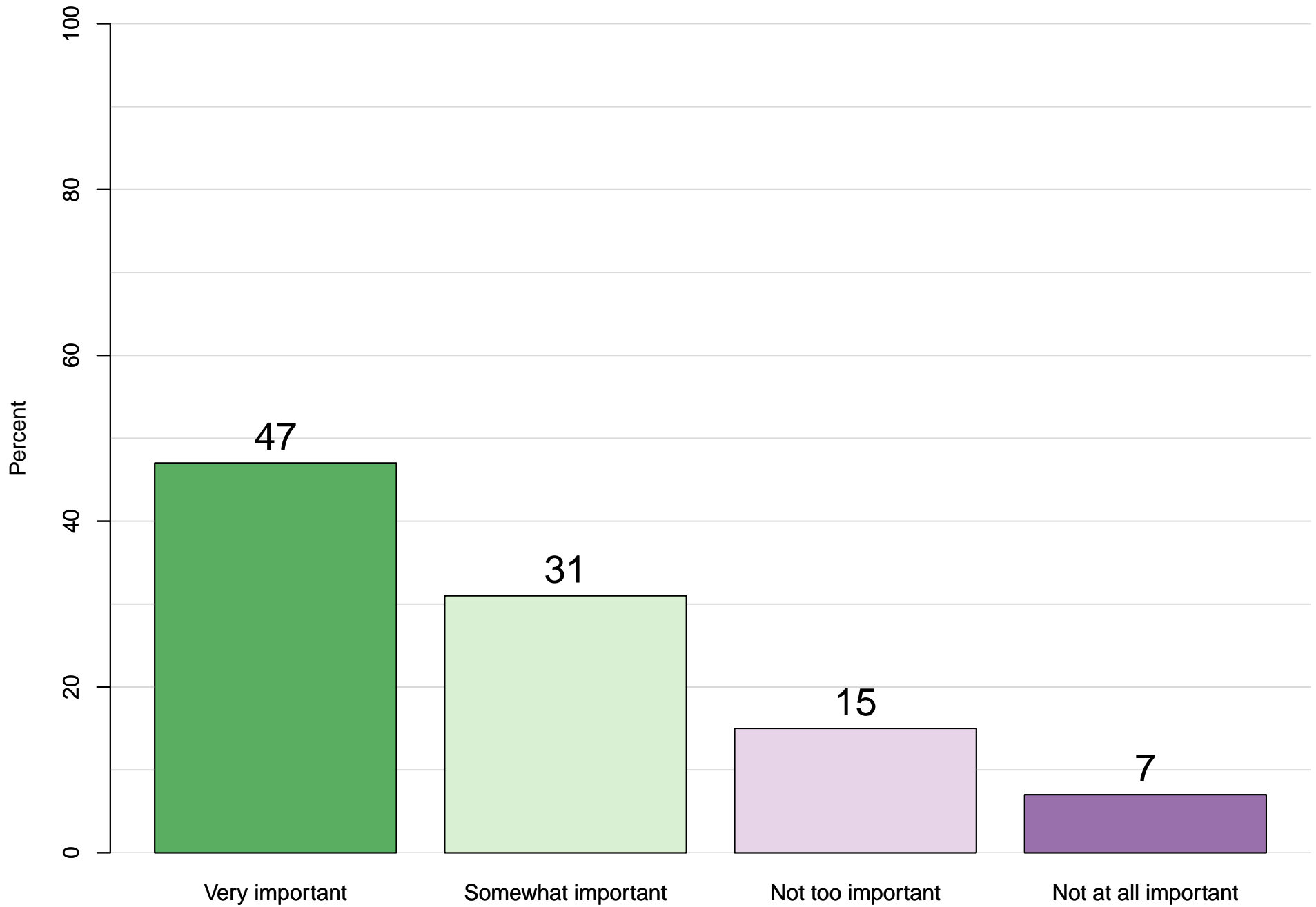
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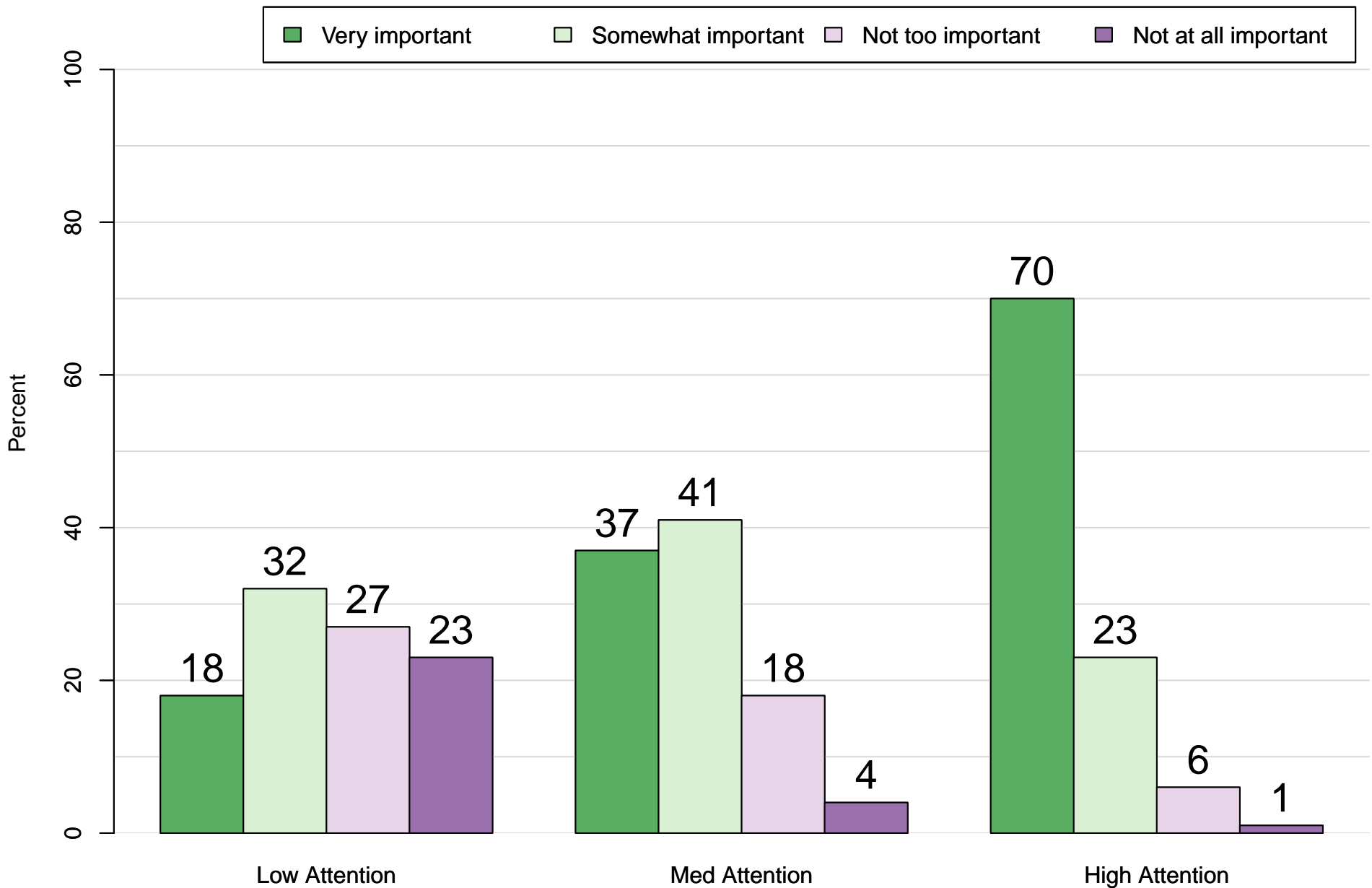
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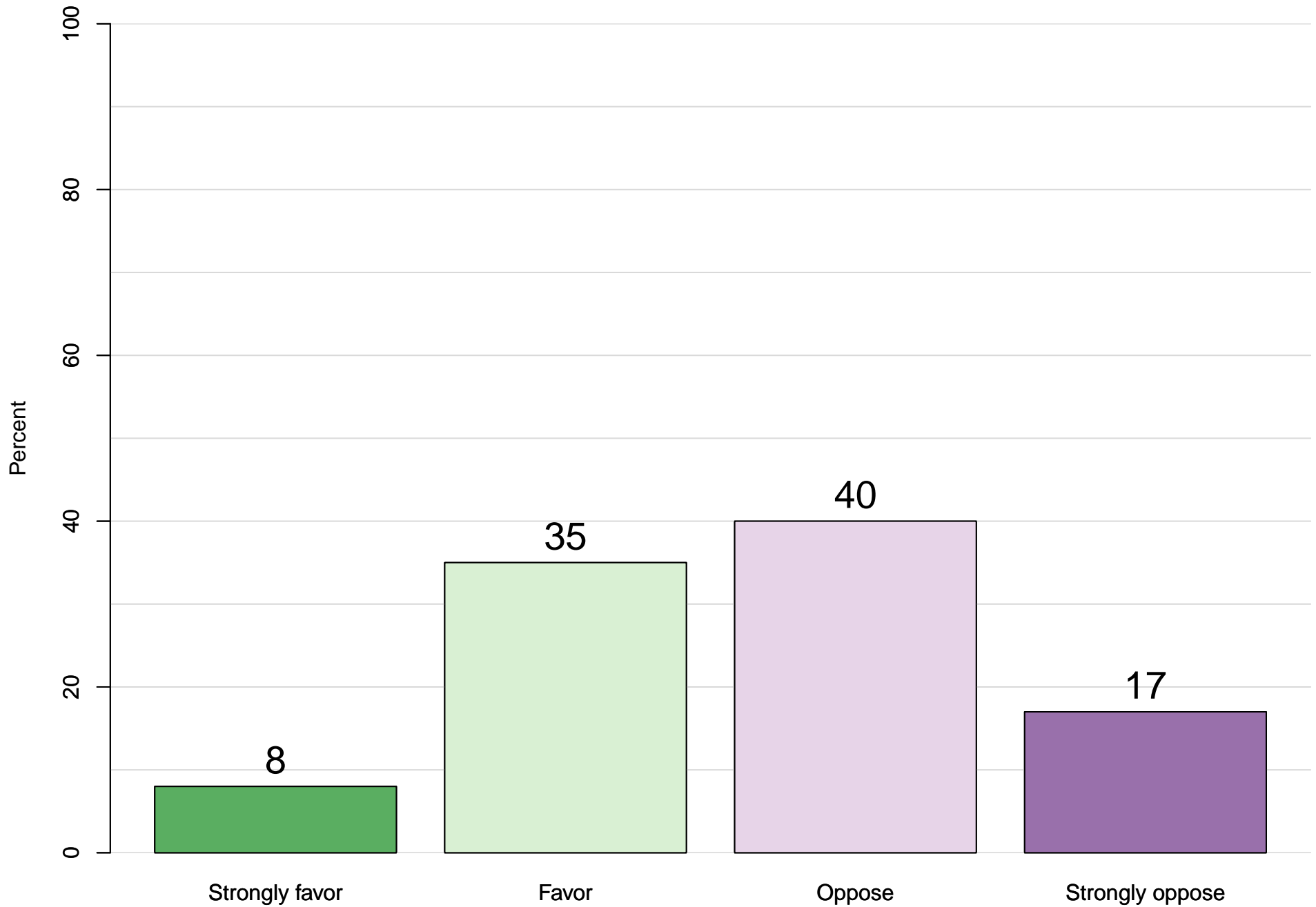
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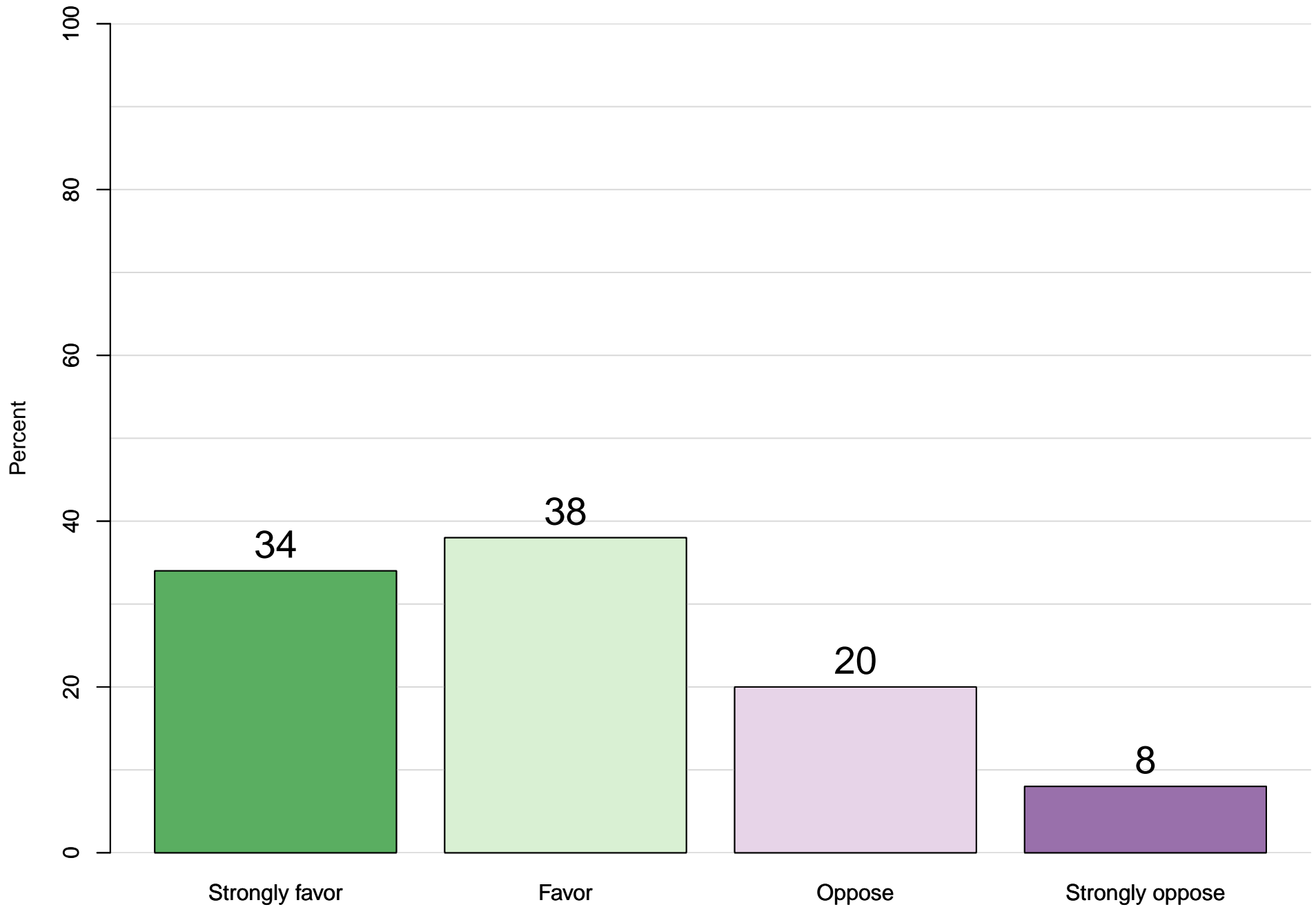
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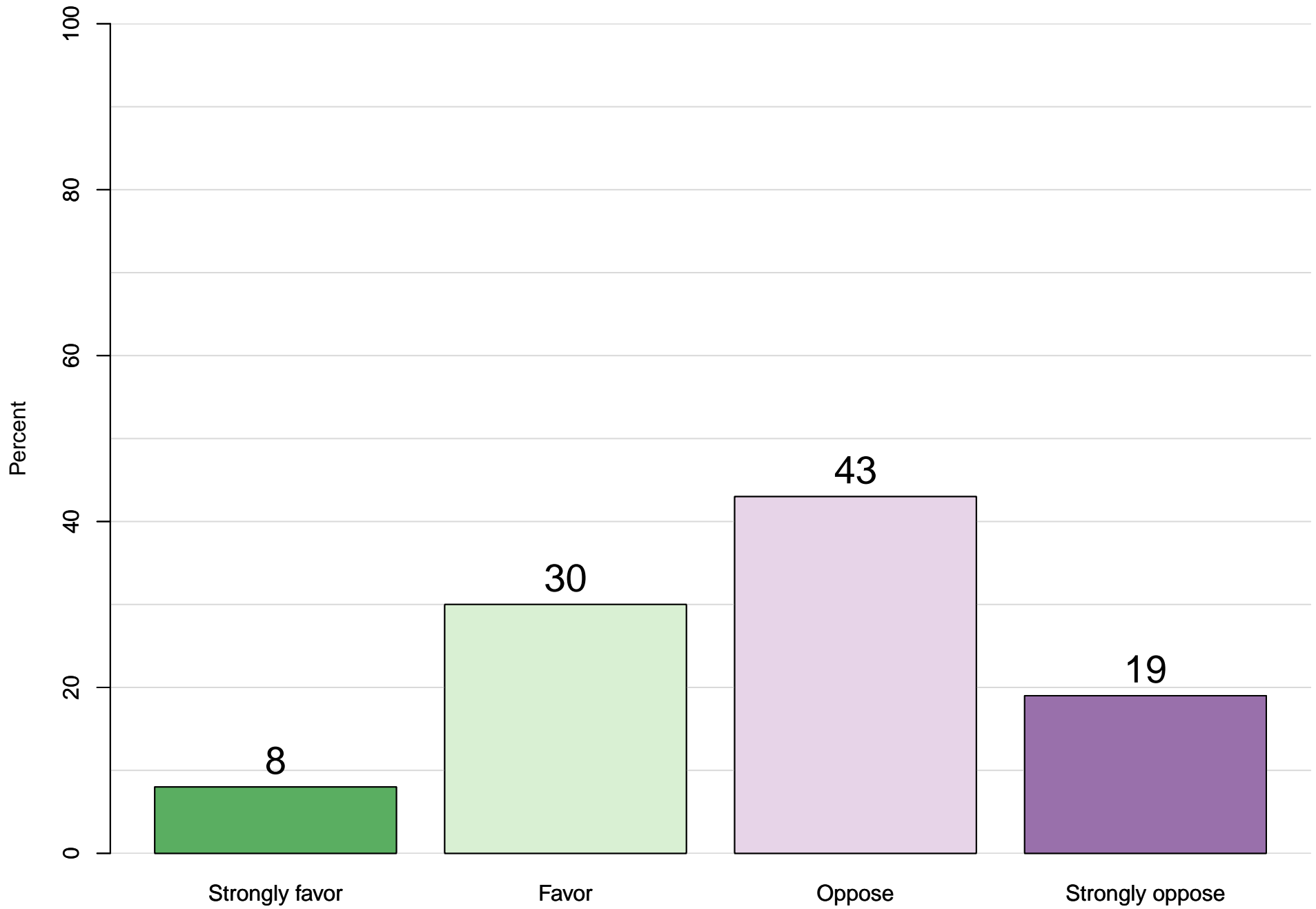
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## Fixed terms for justices

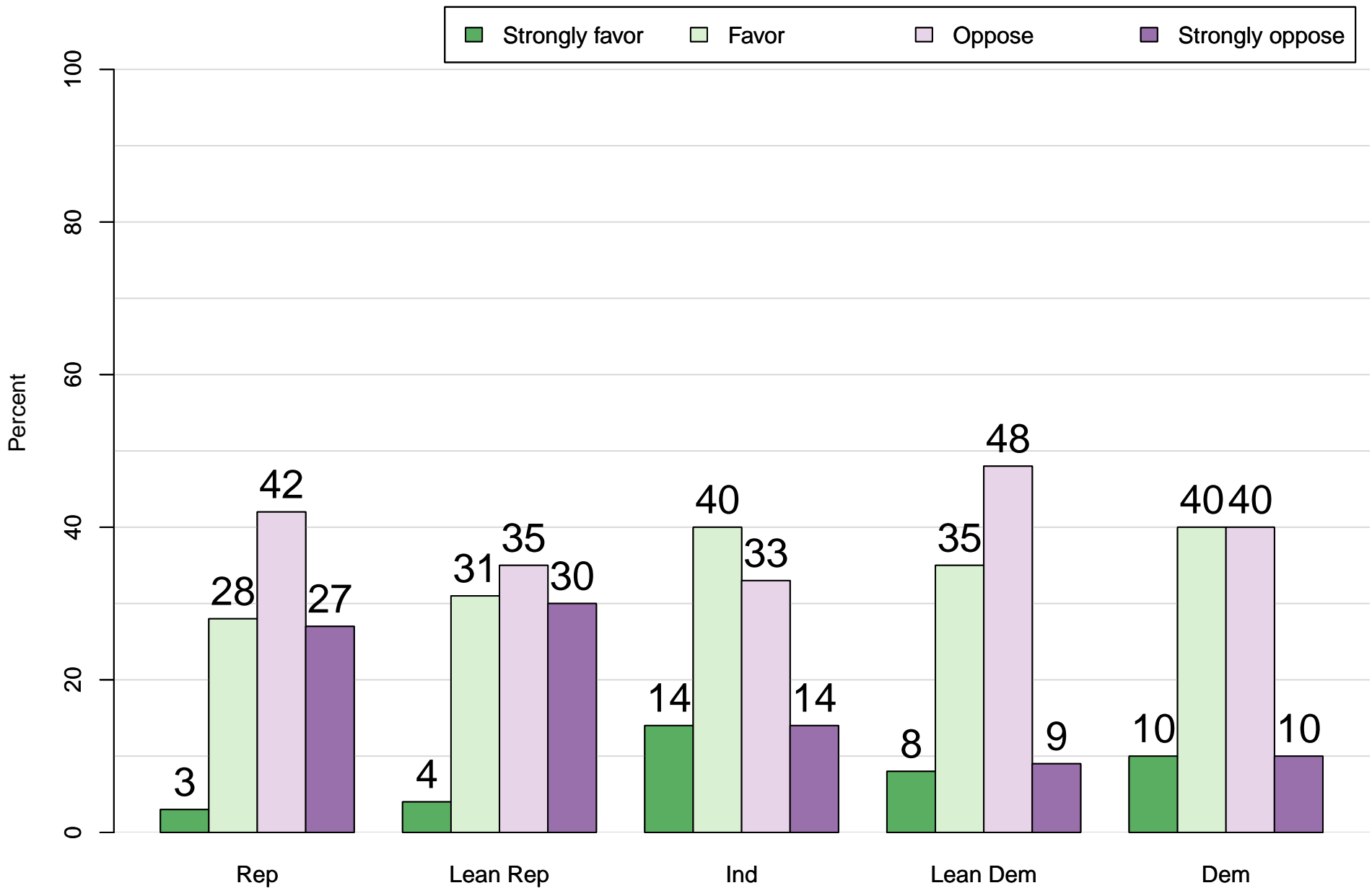


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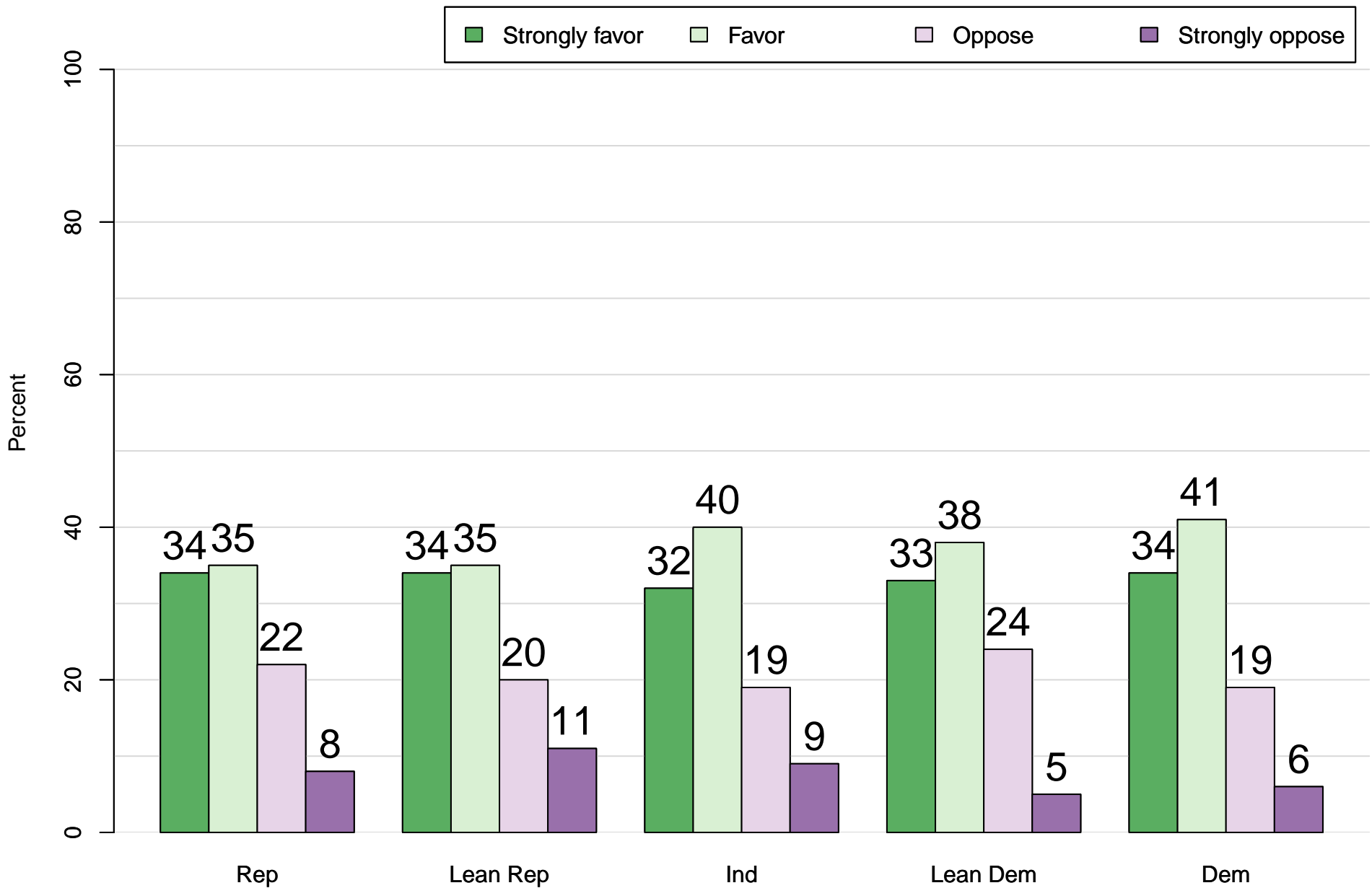




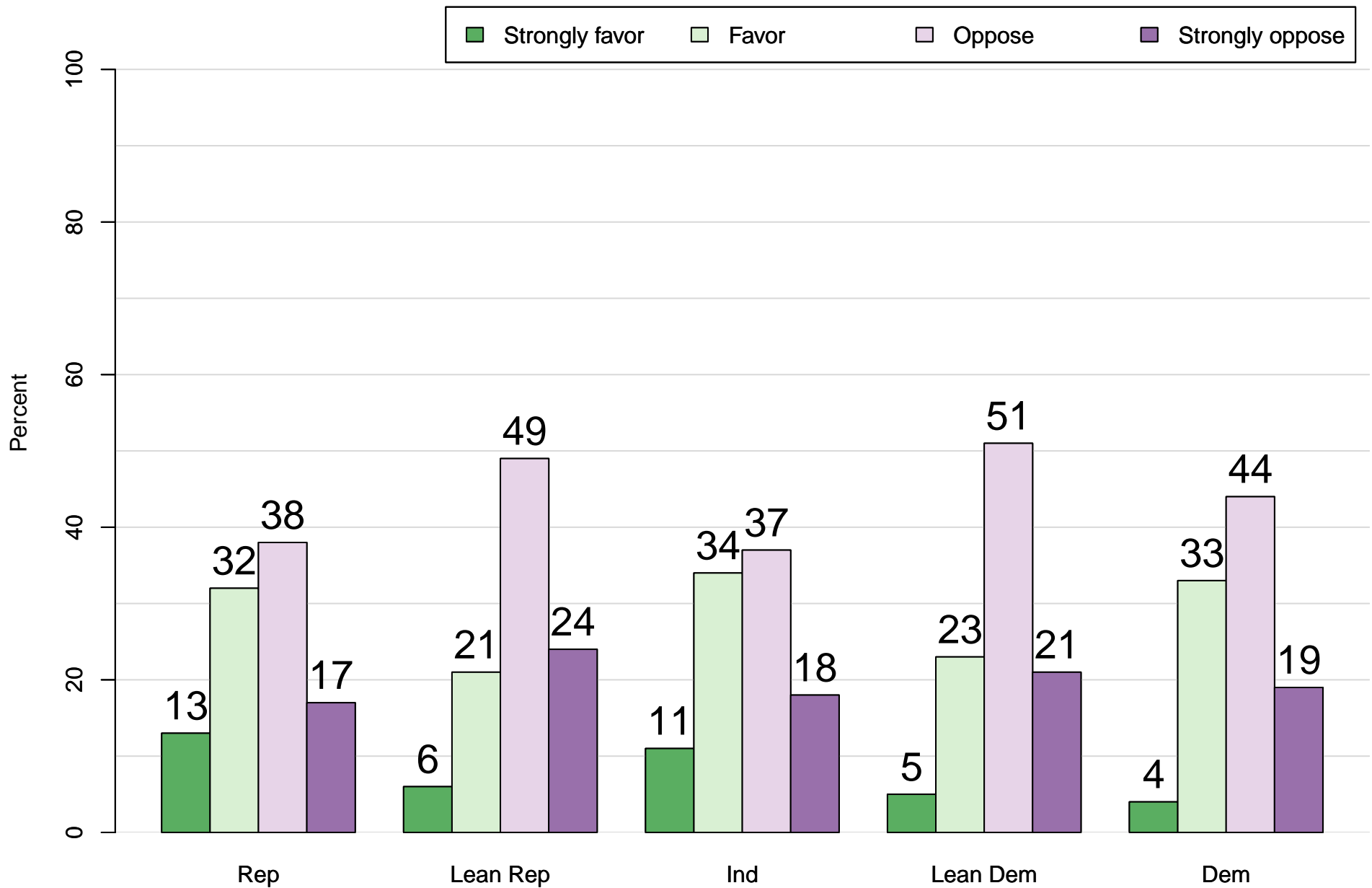
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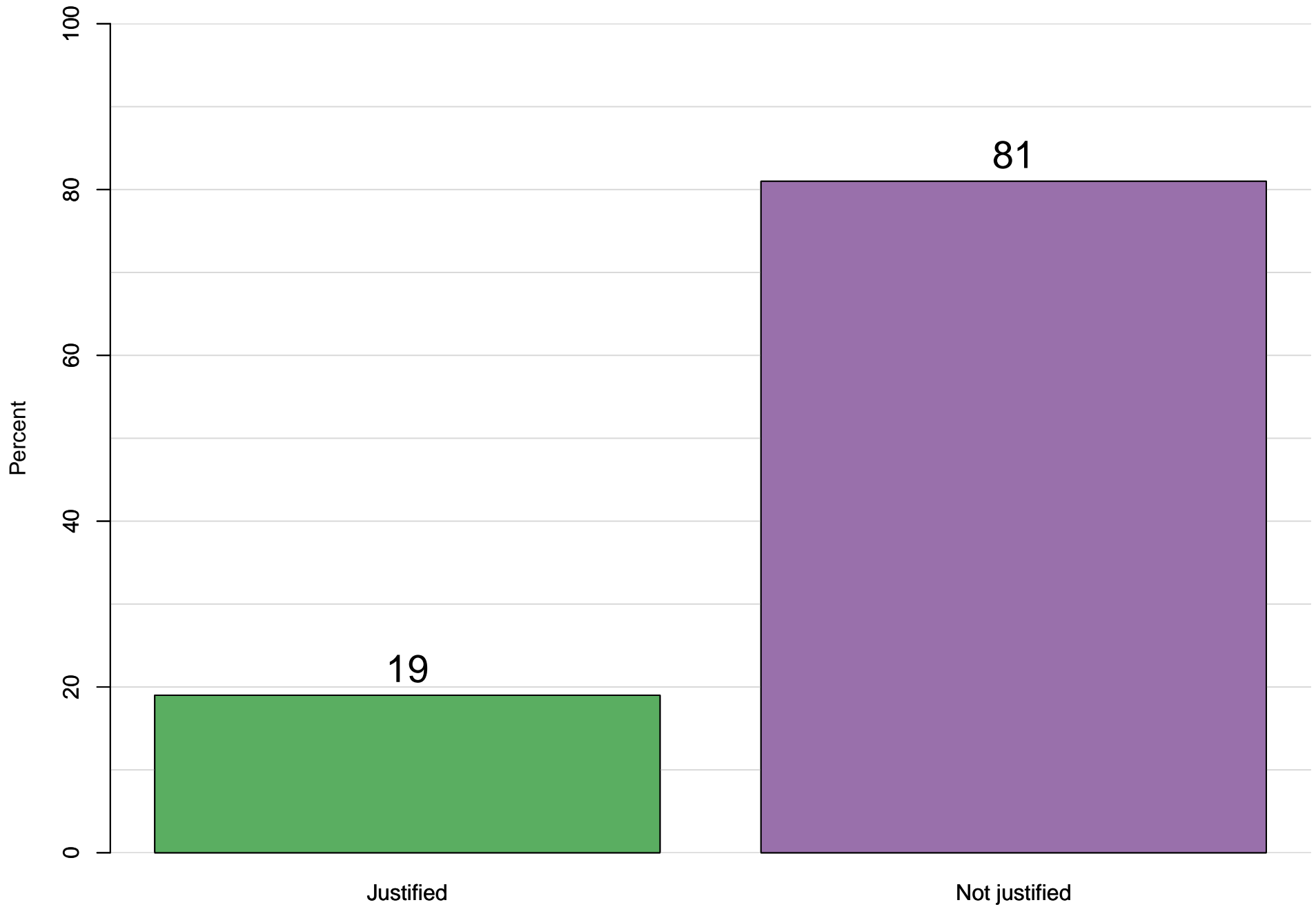
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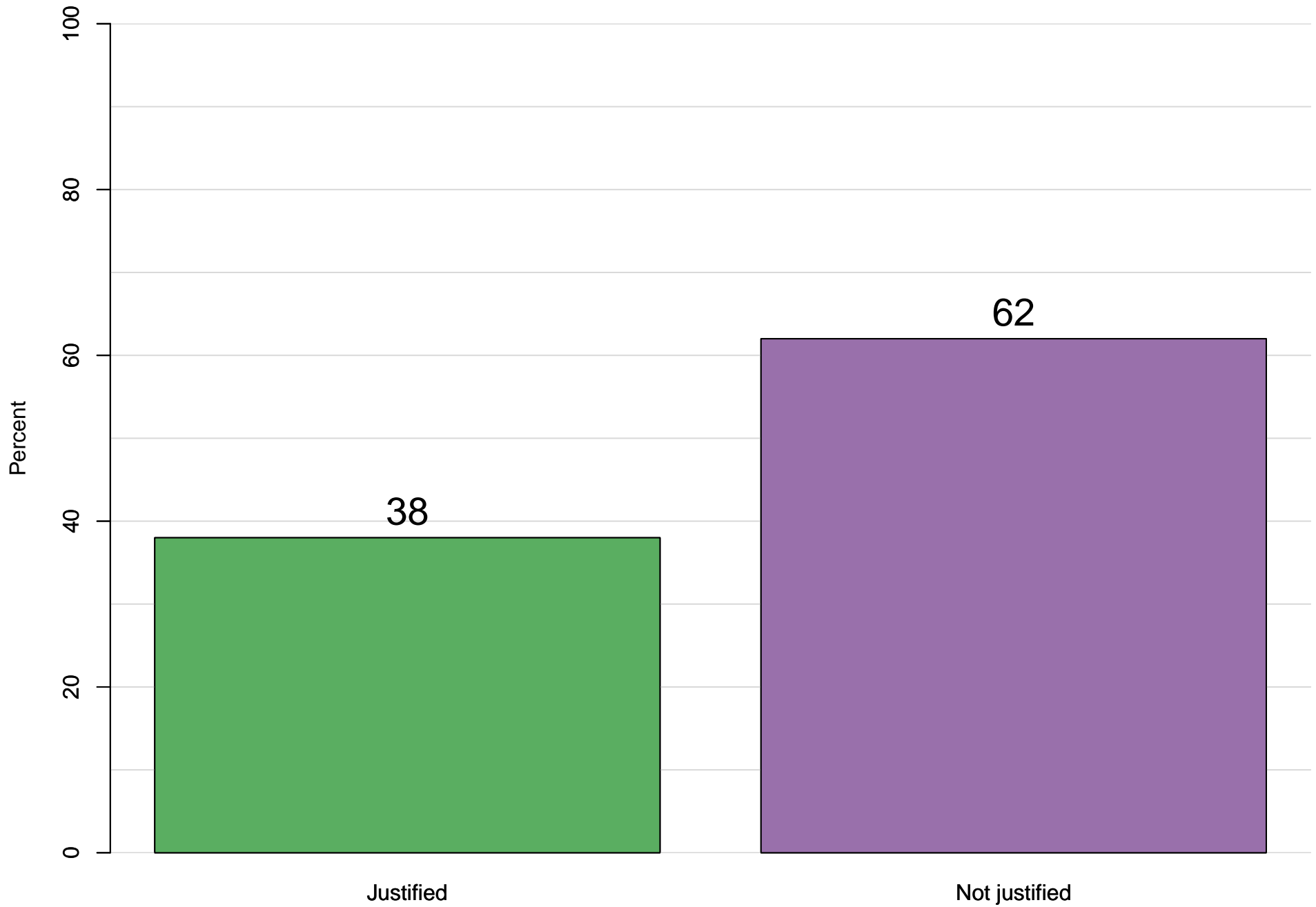
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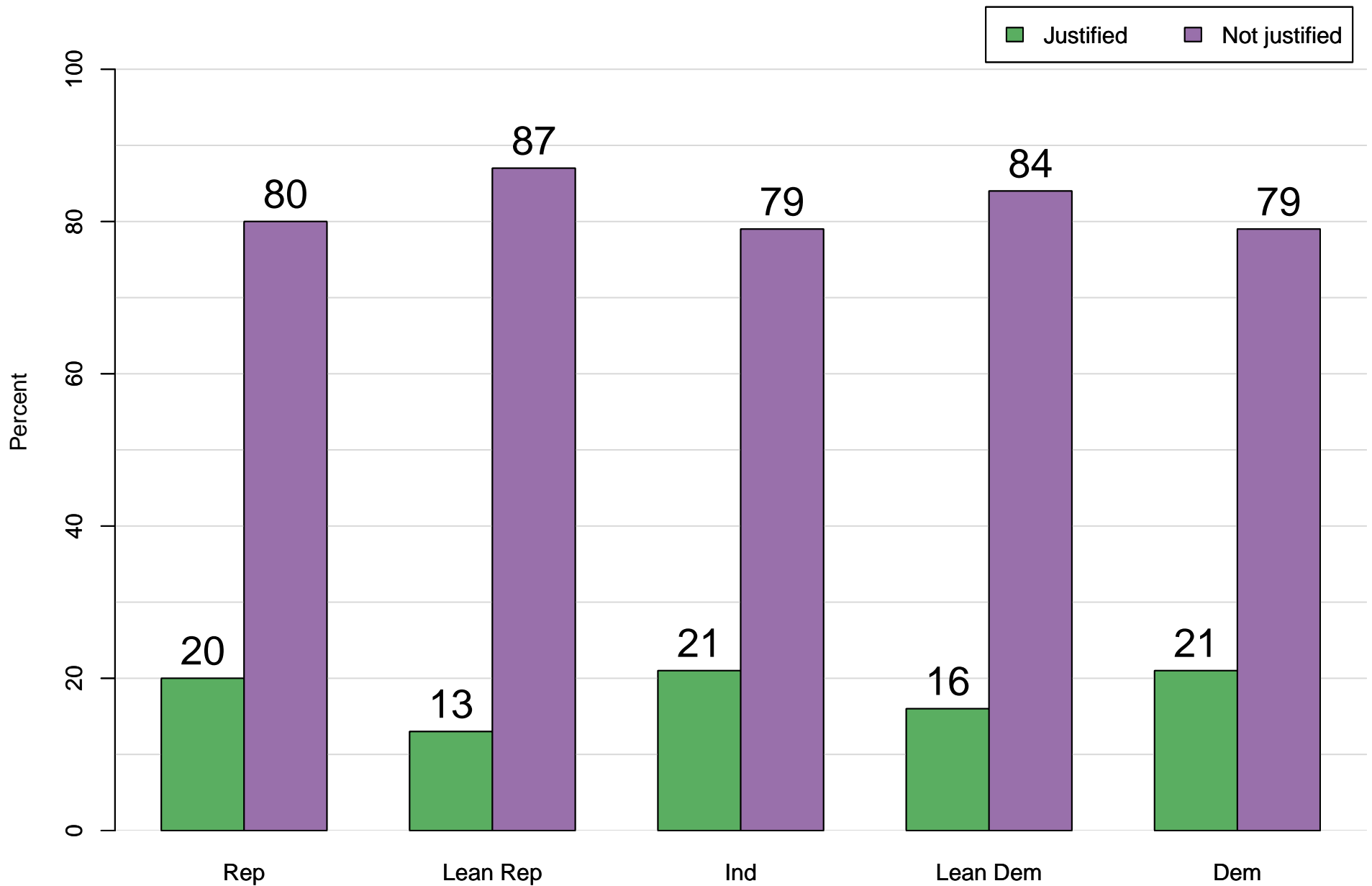
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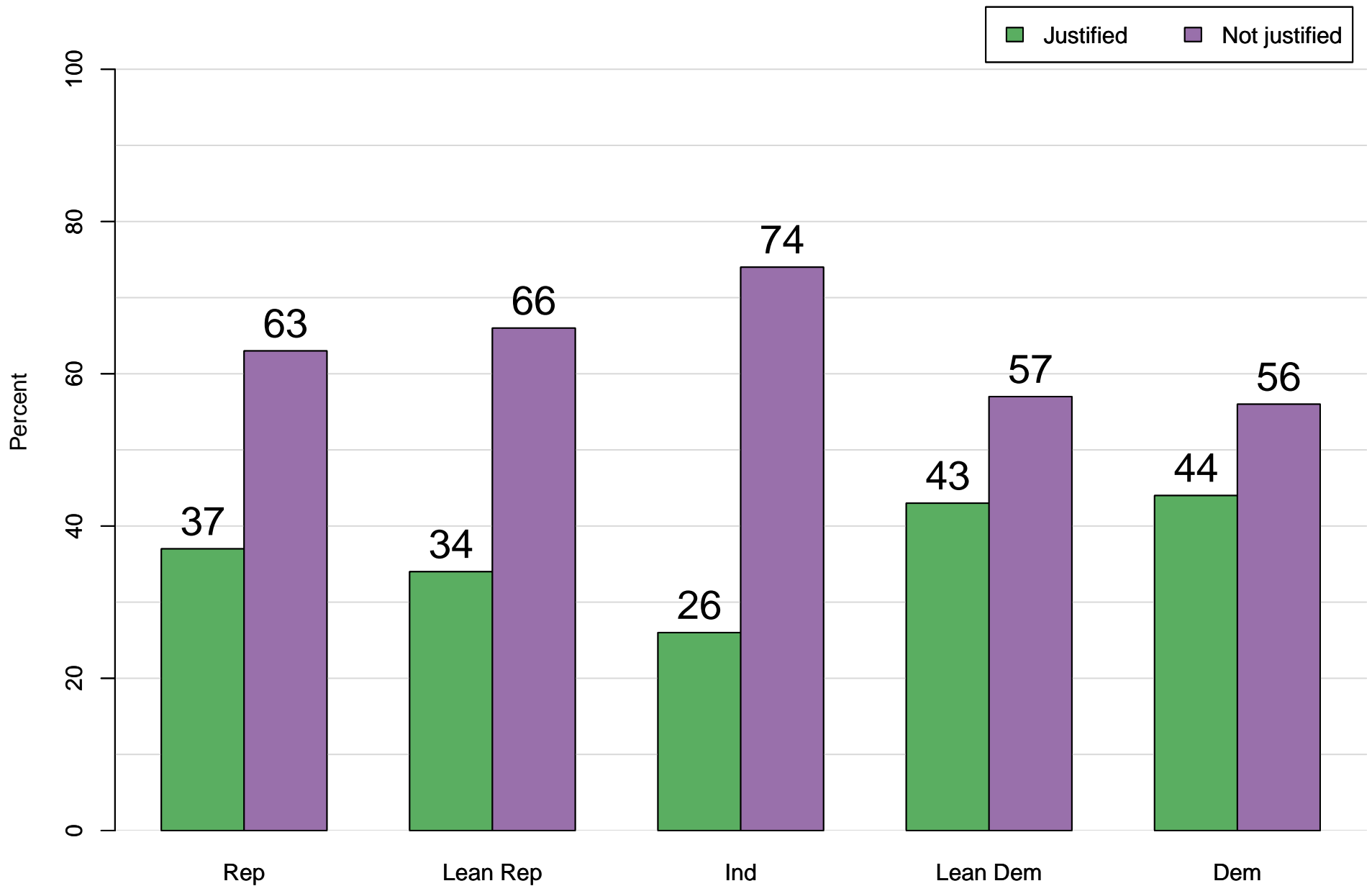
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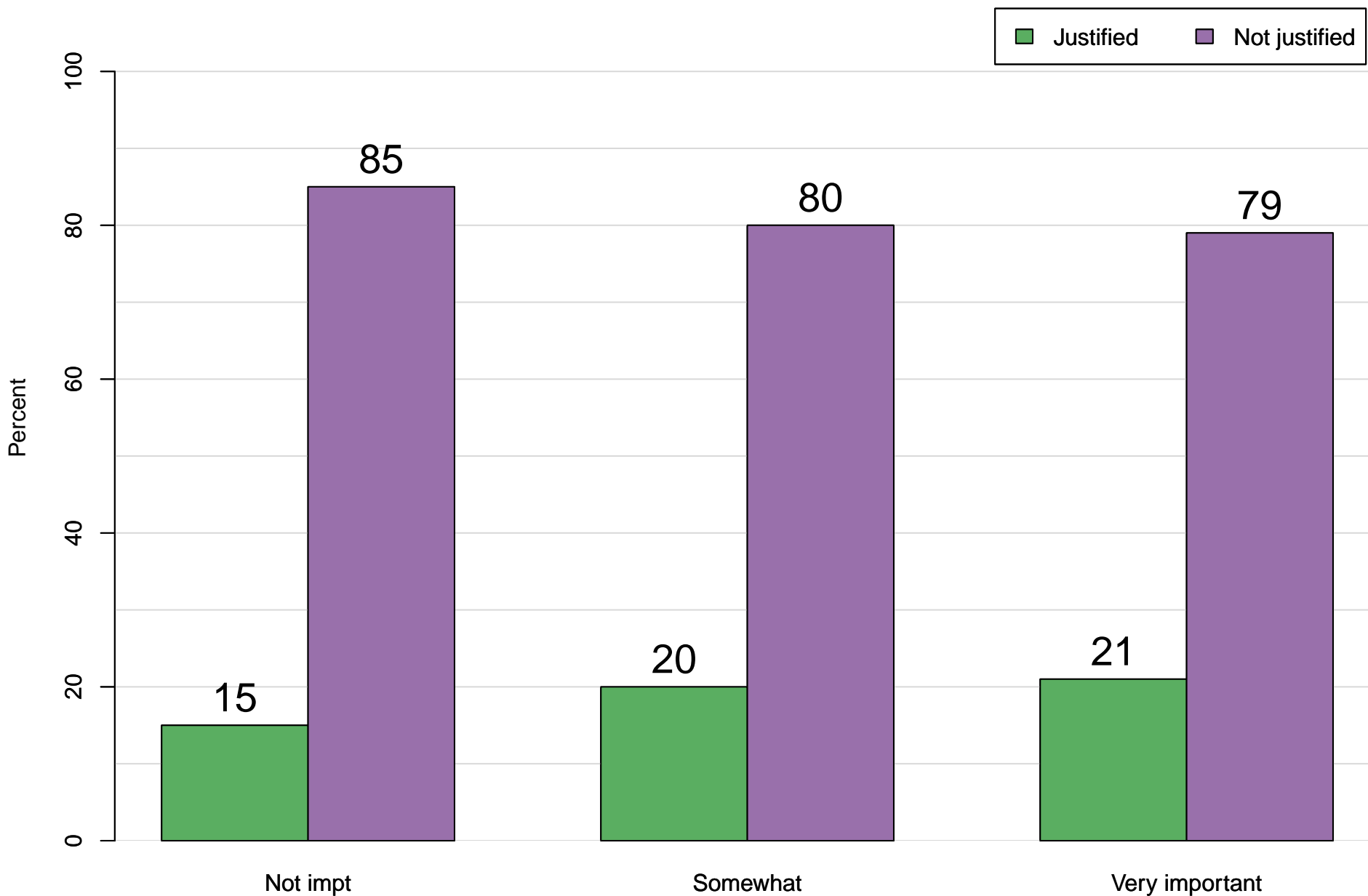
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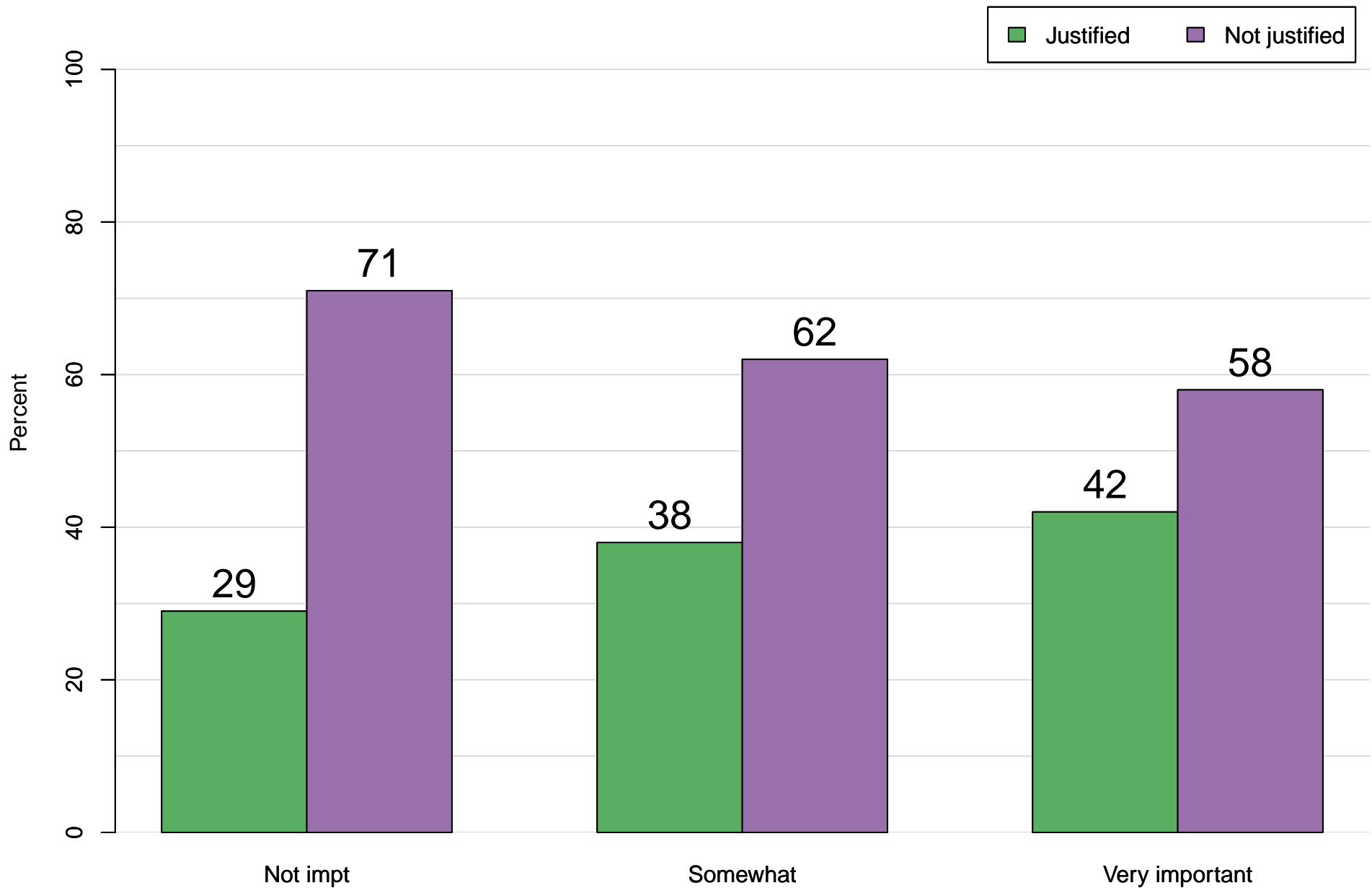


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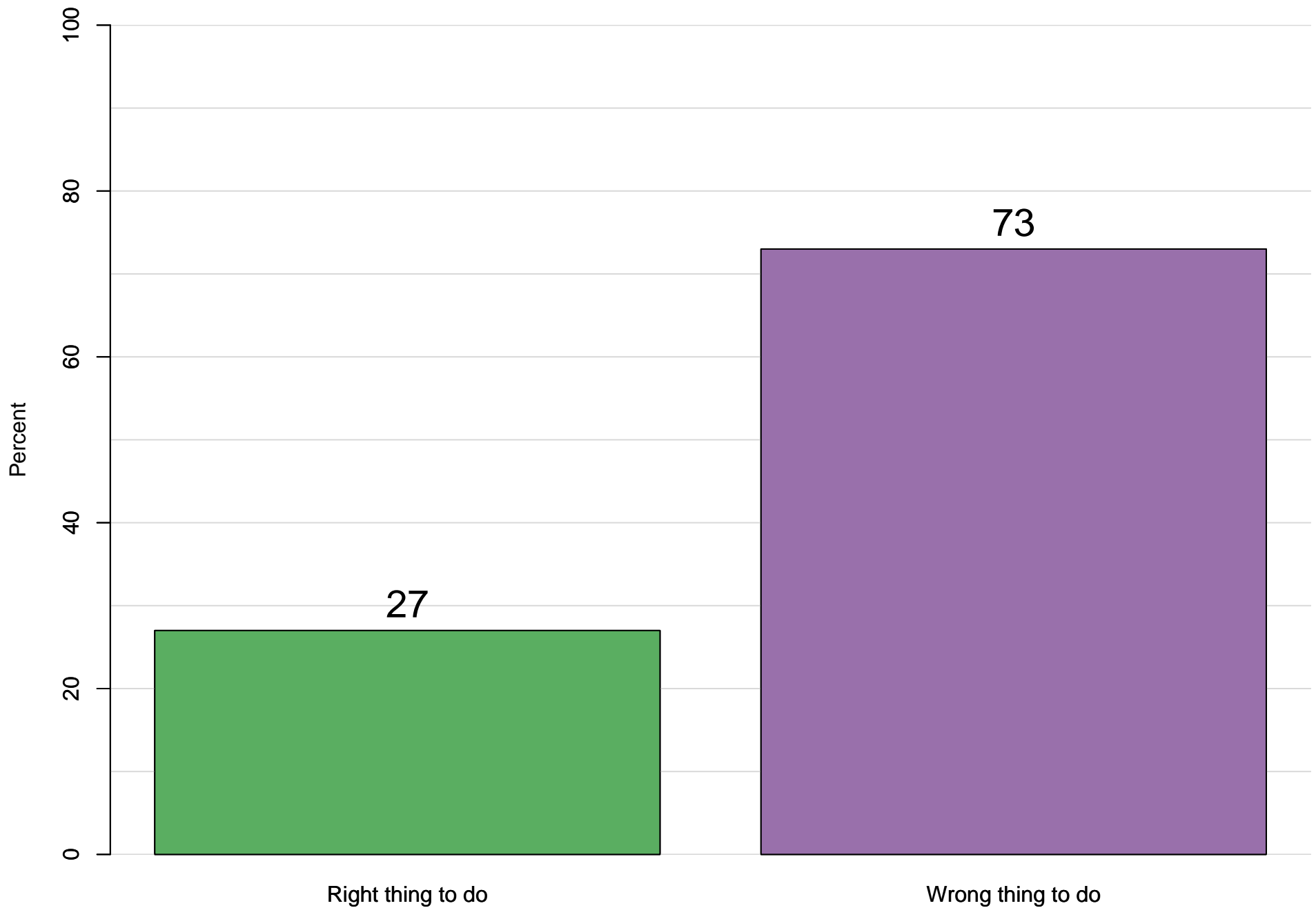




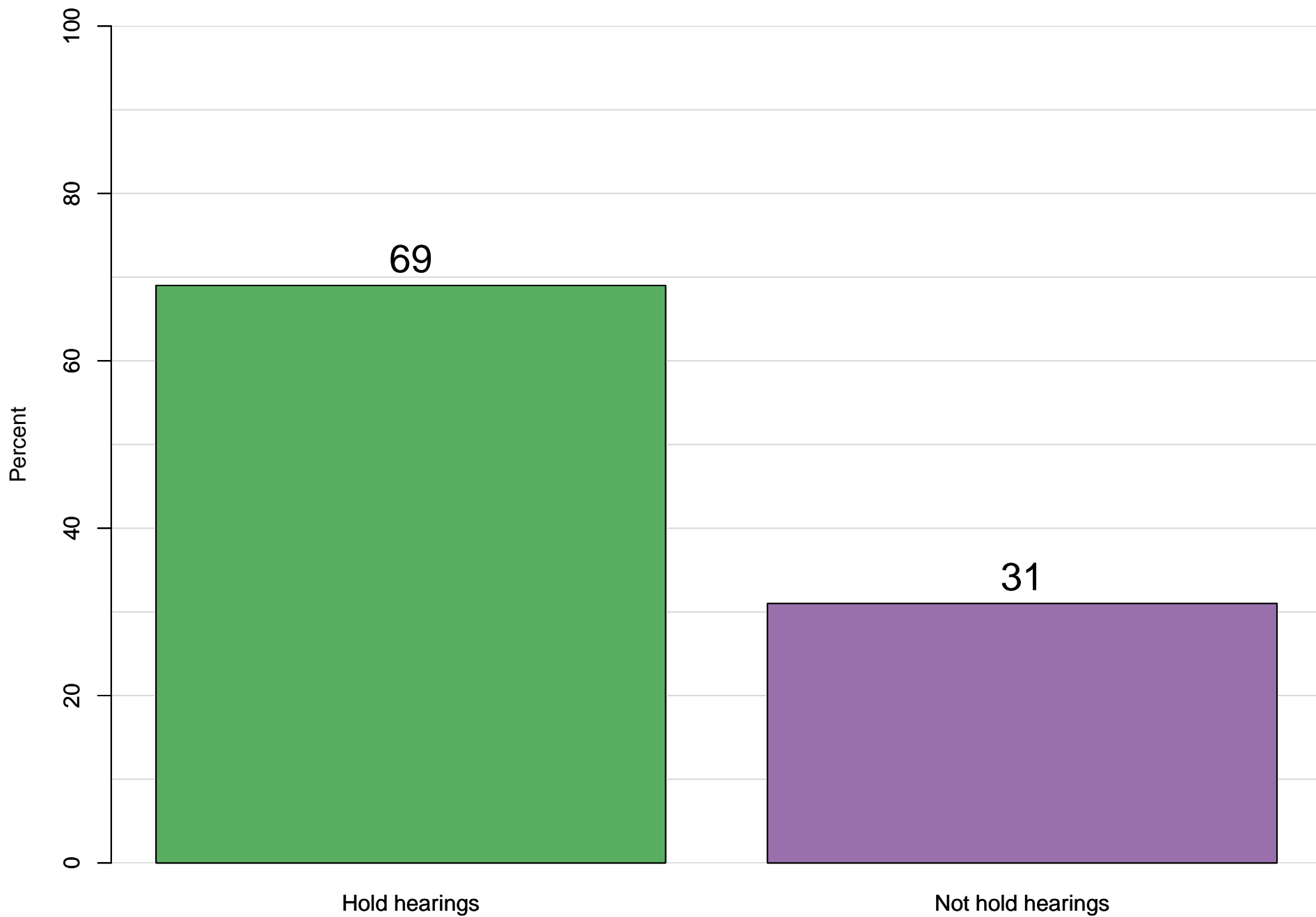
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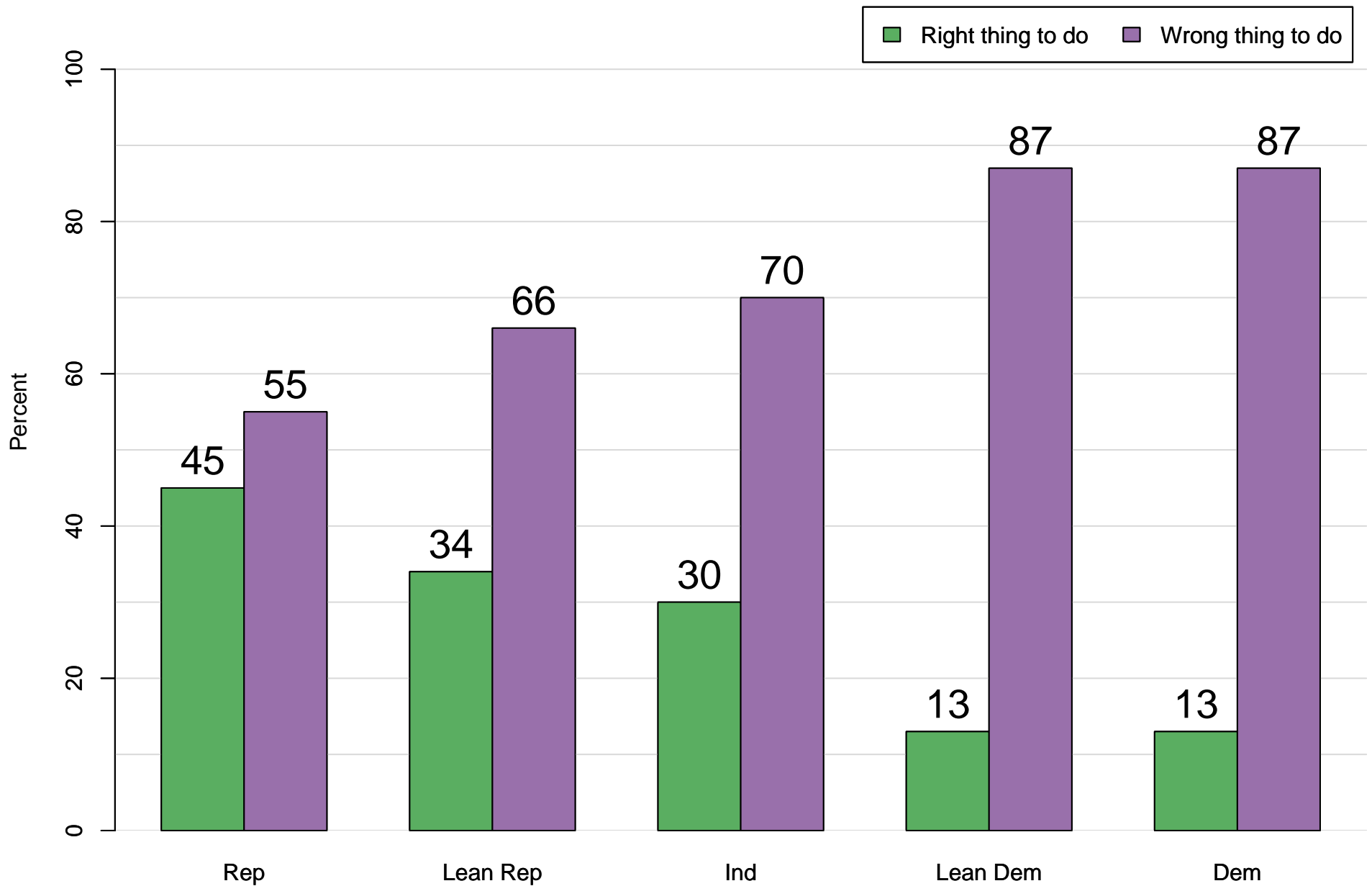
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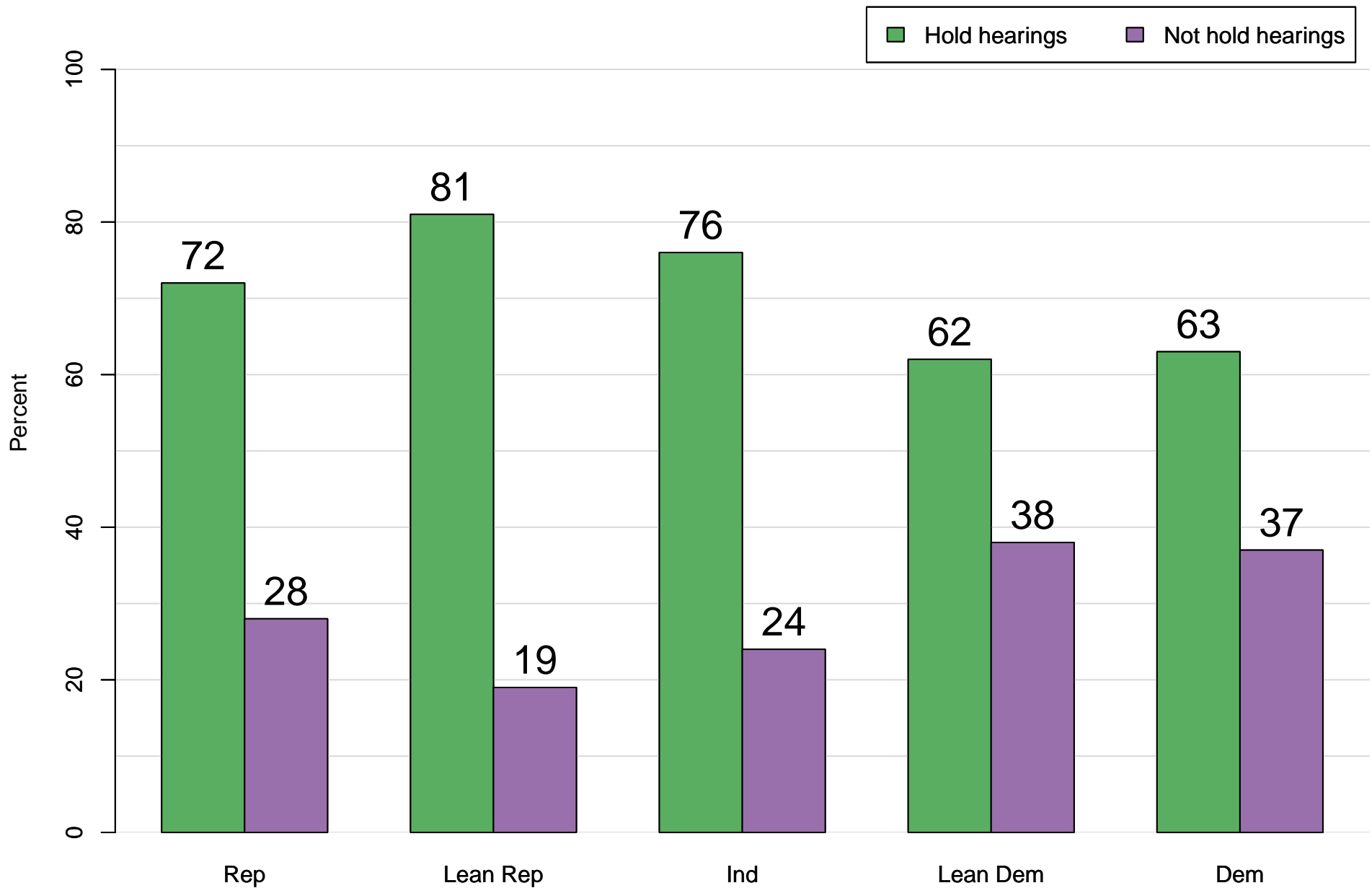
## If there is a vacancy in 2020 should hold hearings or not?



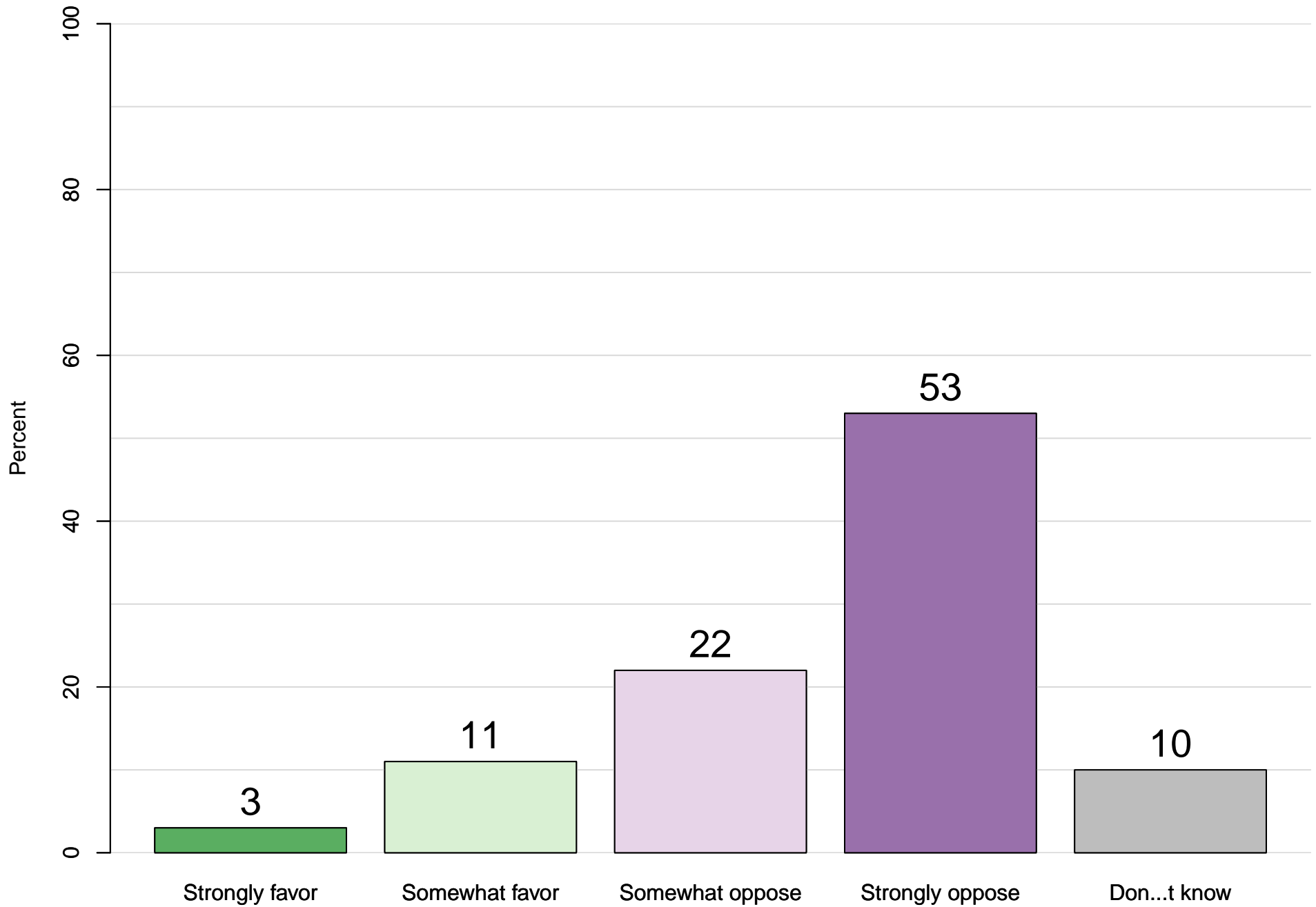
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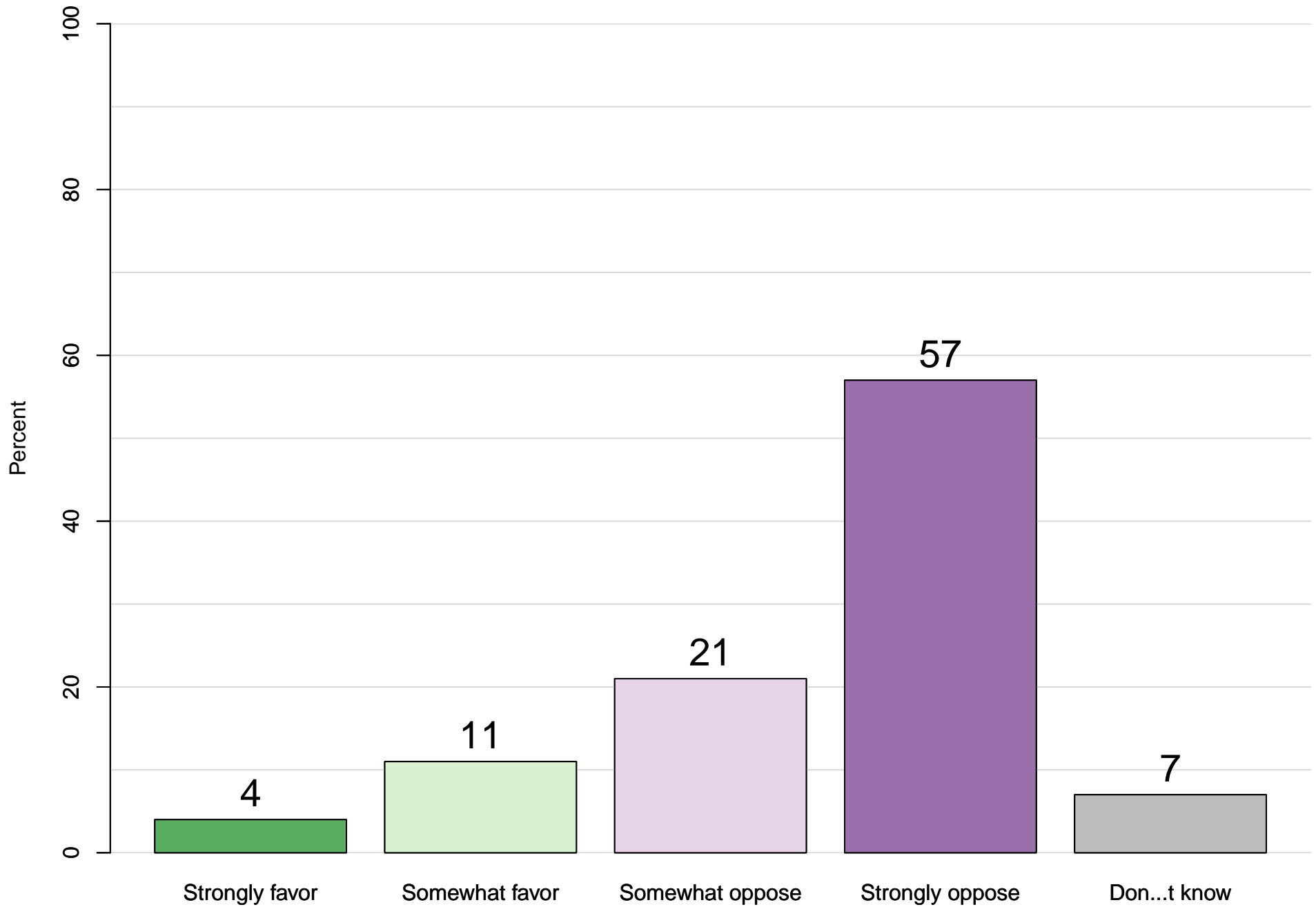
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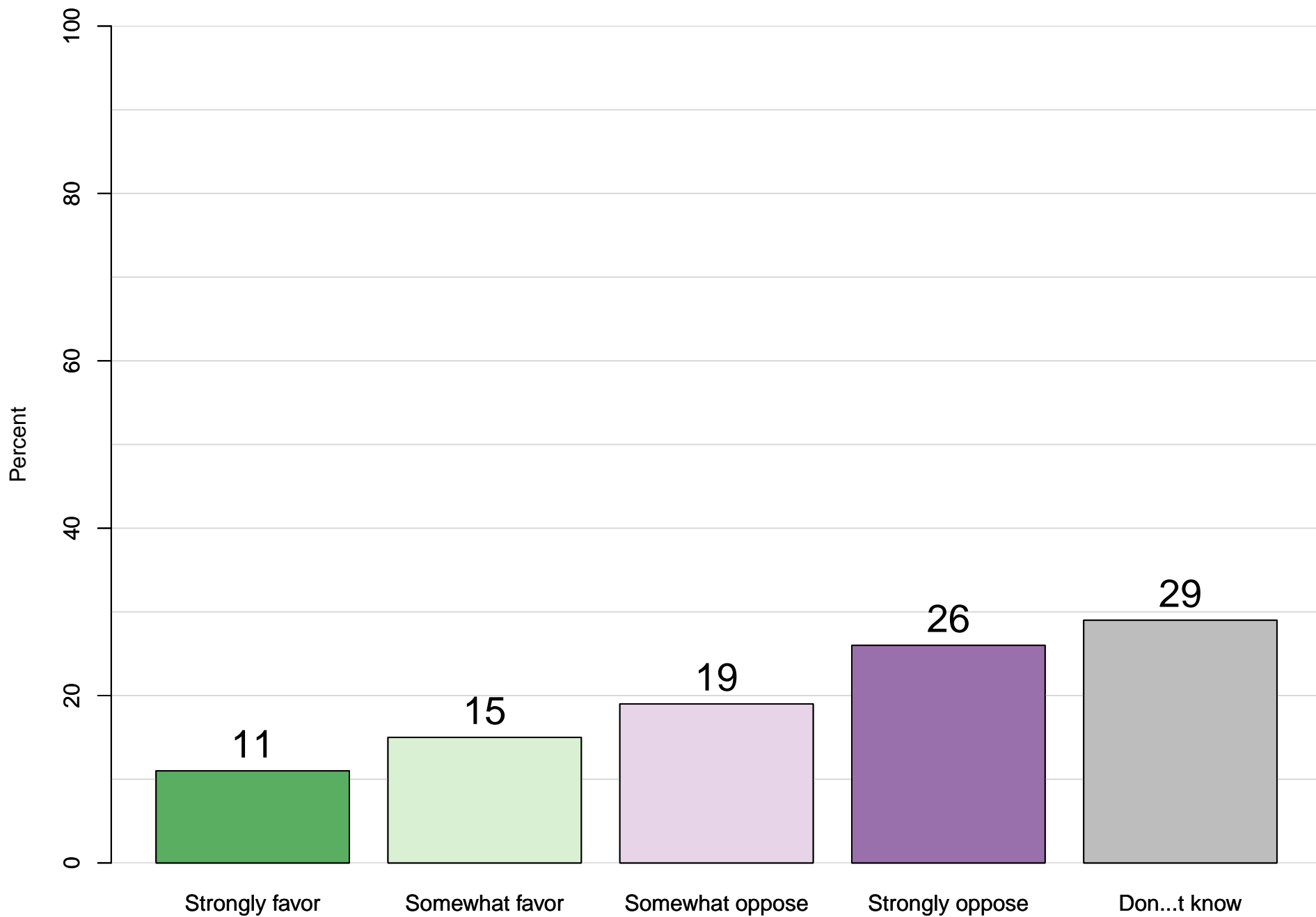
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## Favor or oppose: Use of race in admissions

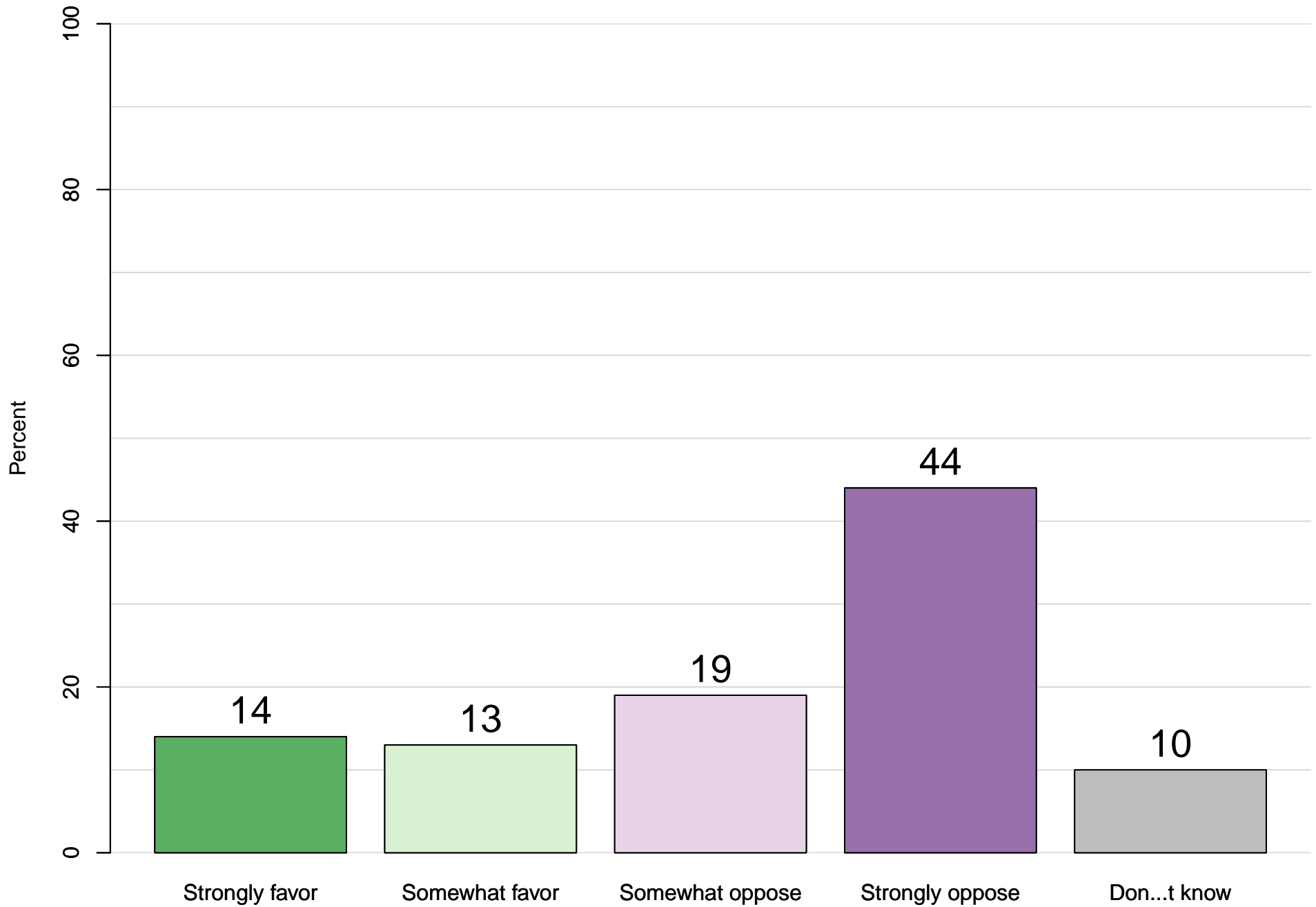


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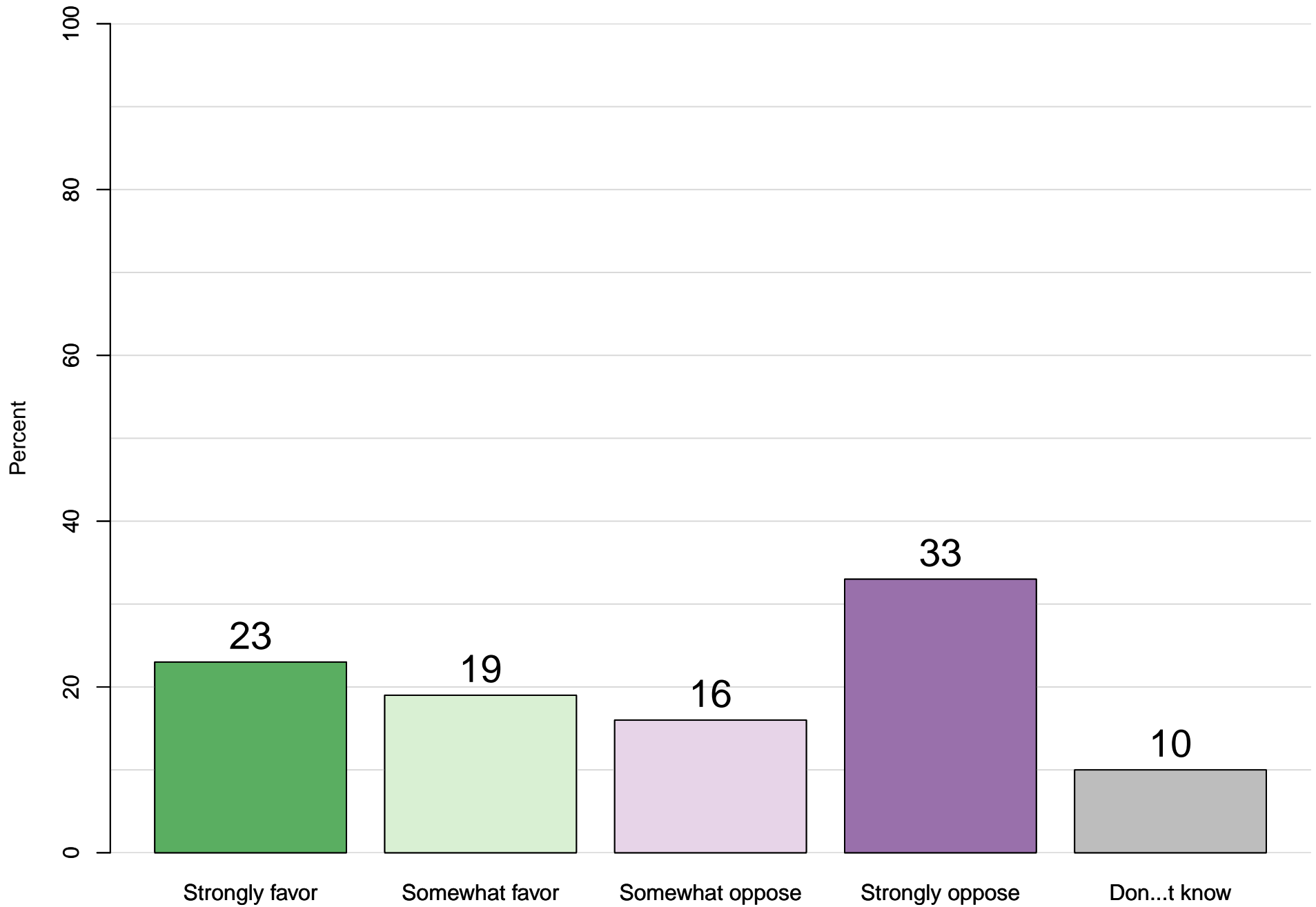




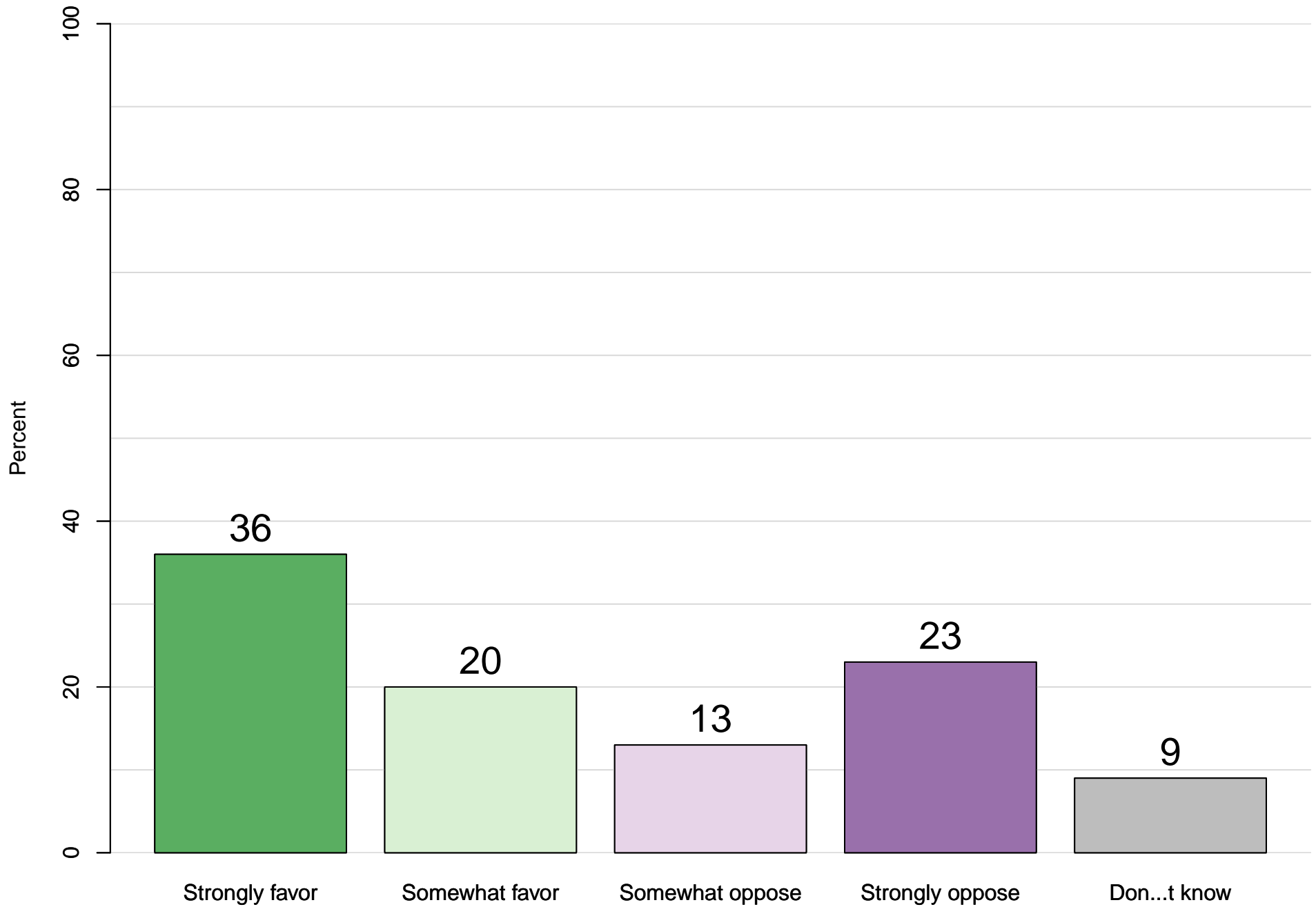
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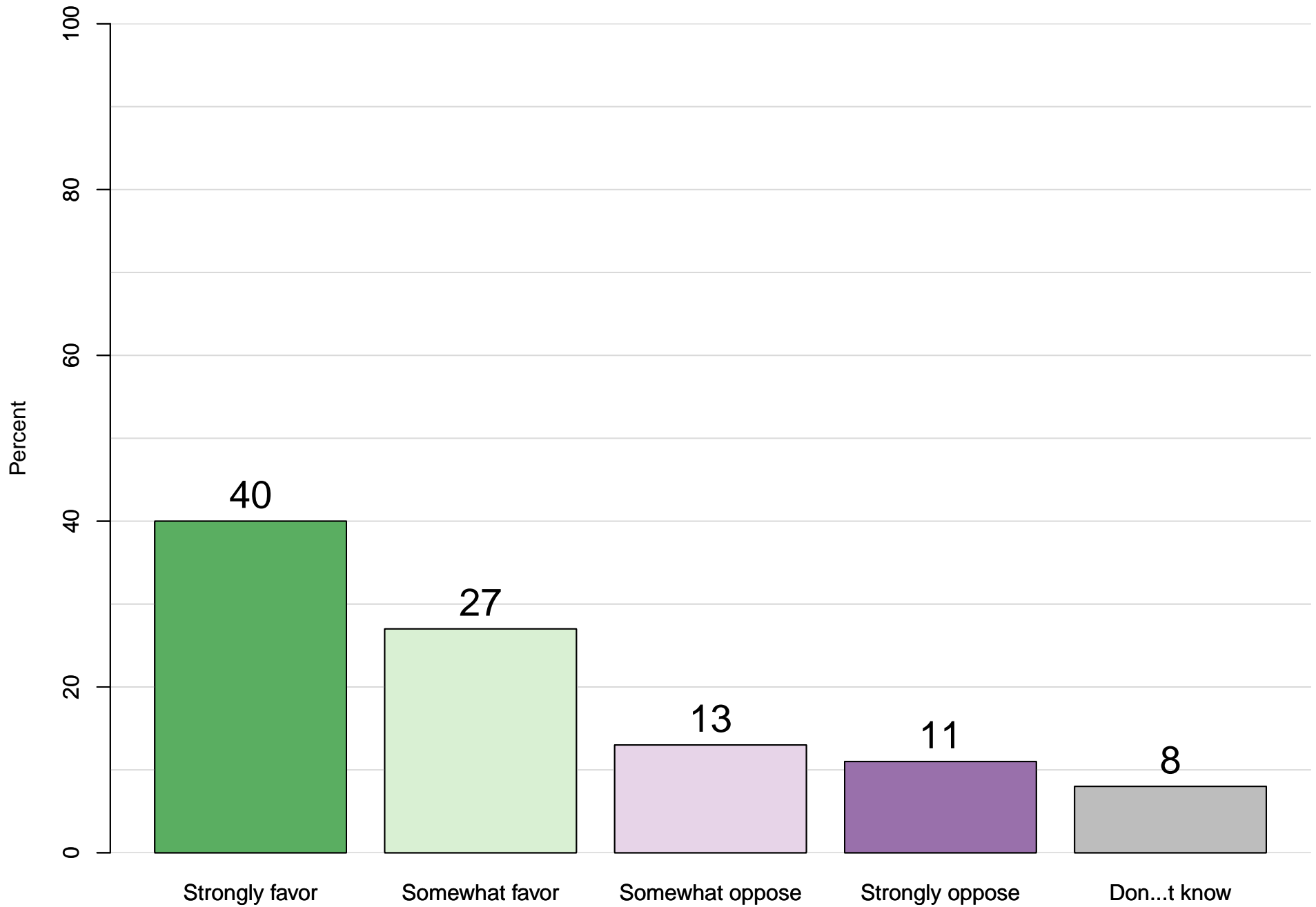
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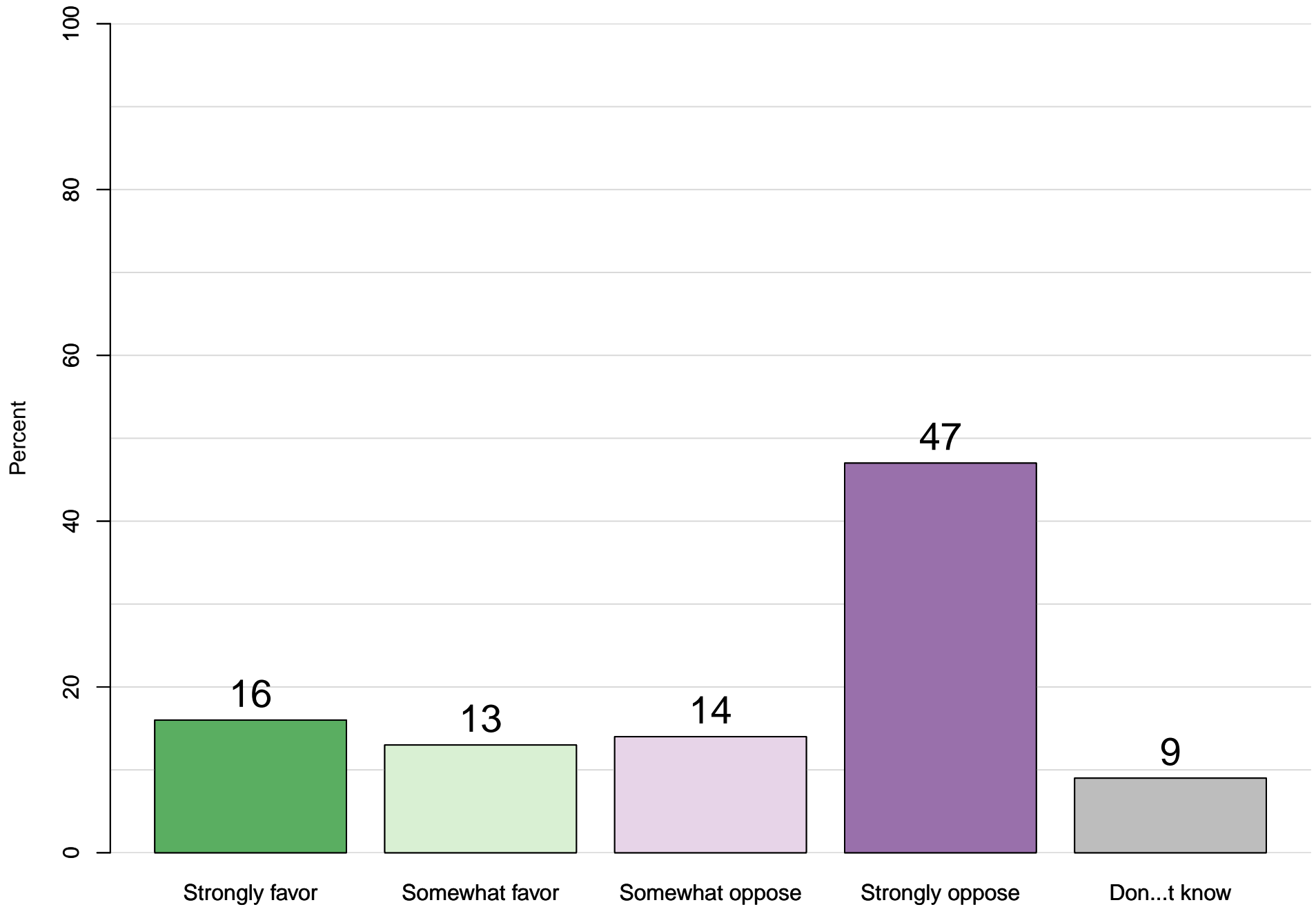
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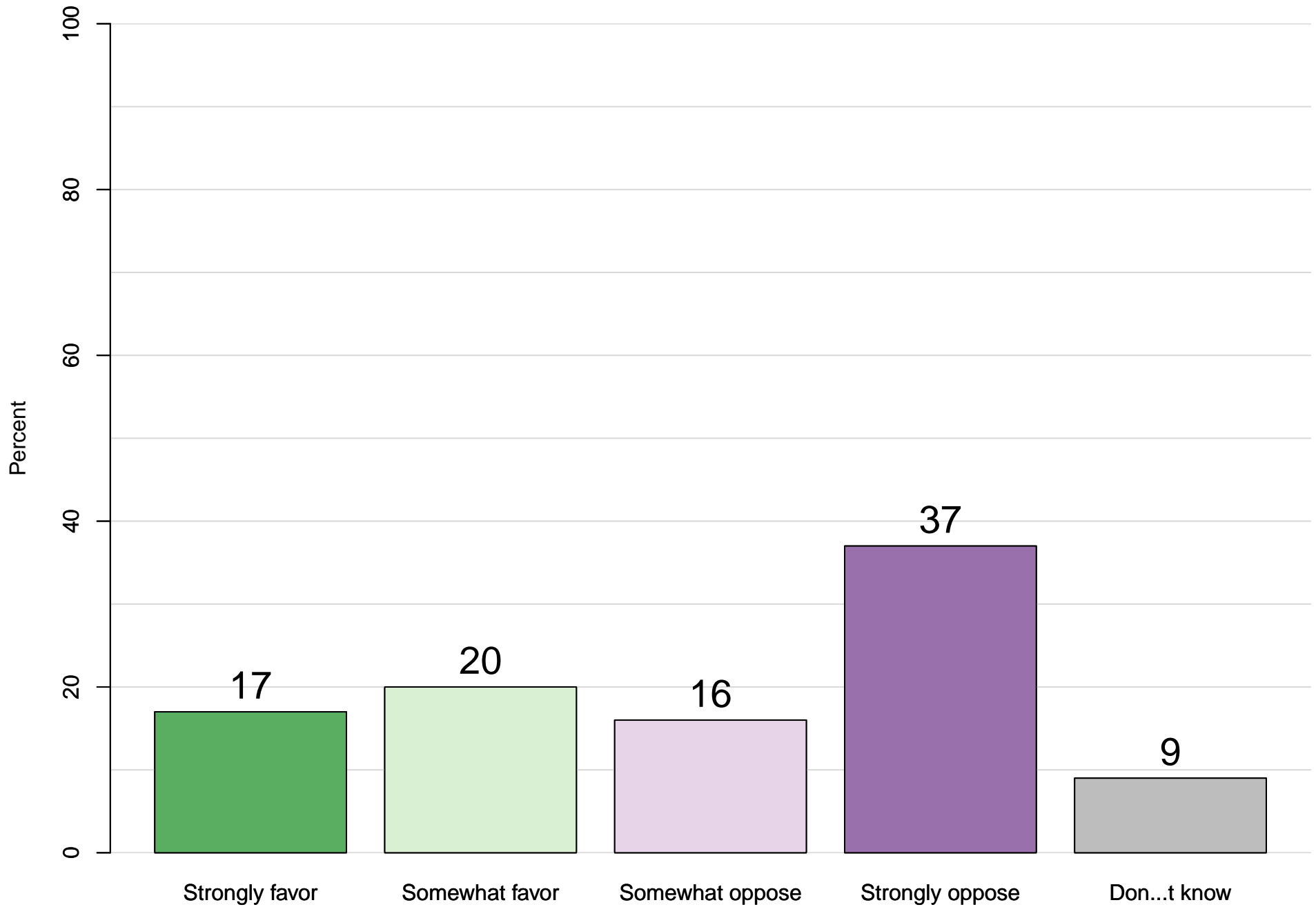
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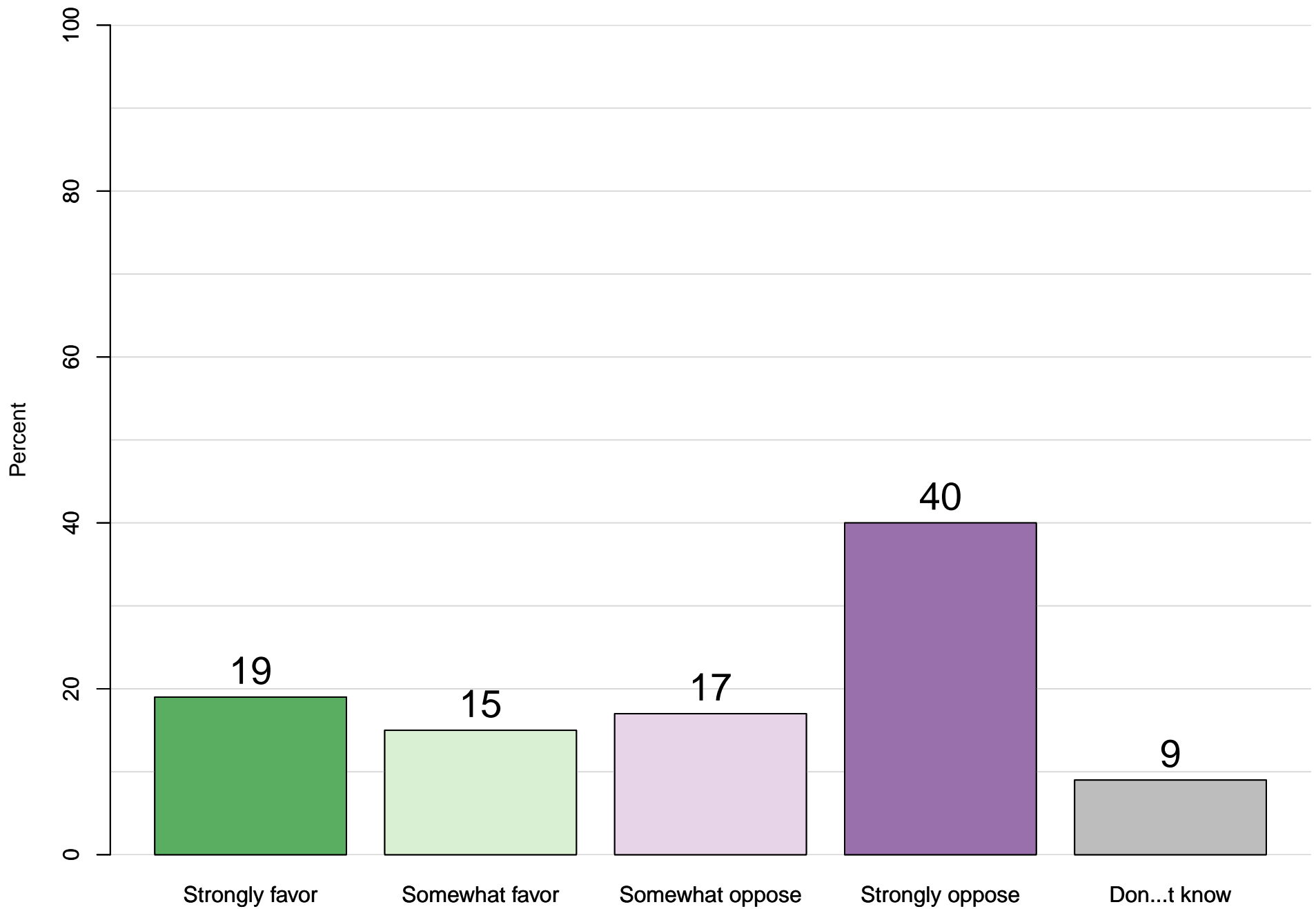
## Favor or oppose: Overturn Roe v Wade



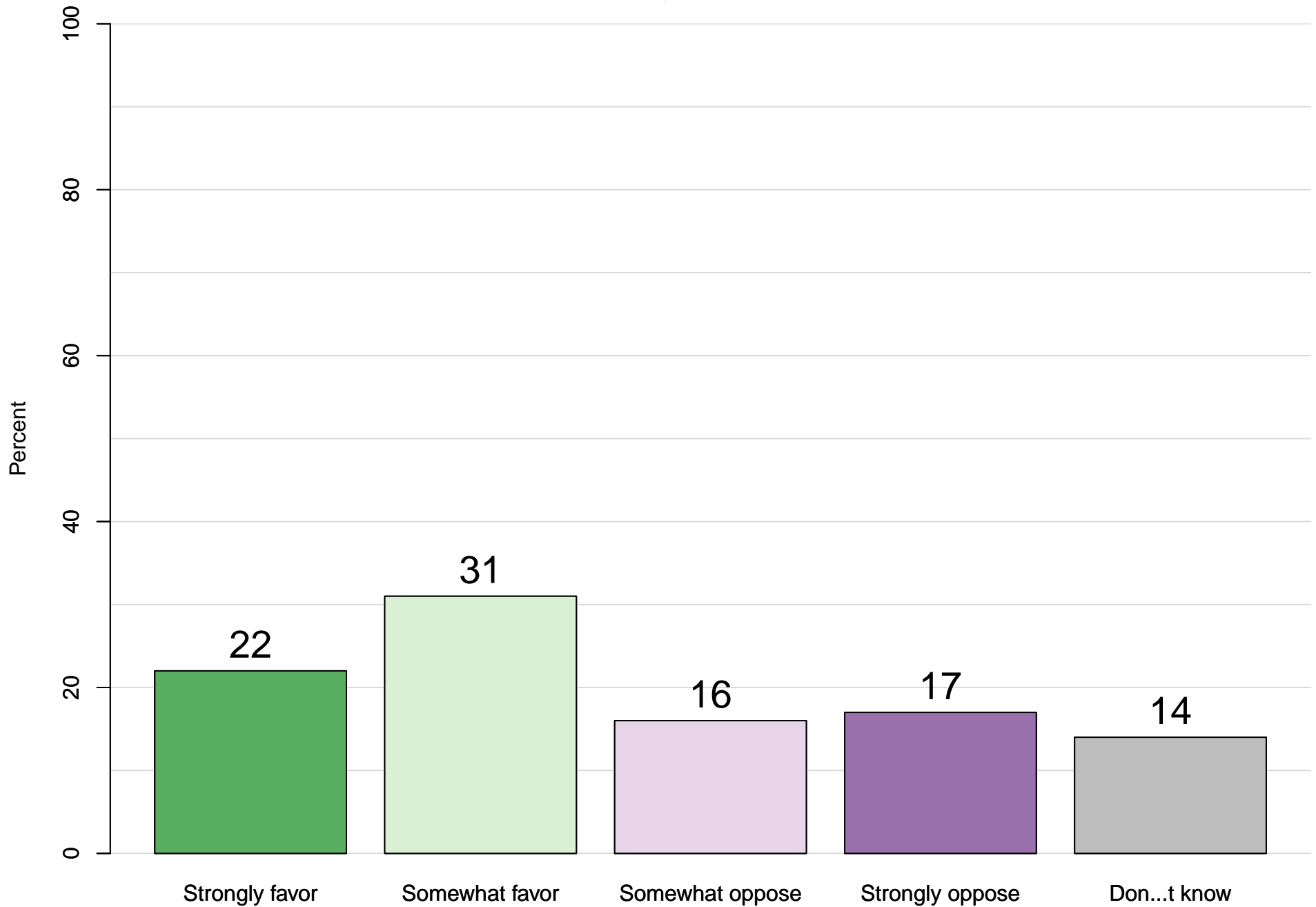
## Favor or oppose: Allow administration to end DACA



## Favor or oppose: Deny service to gays on religious grounds

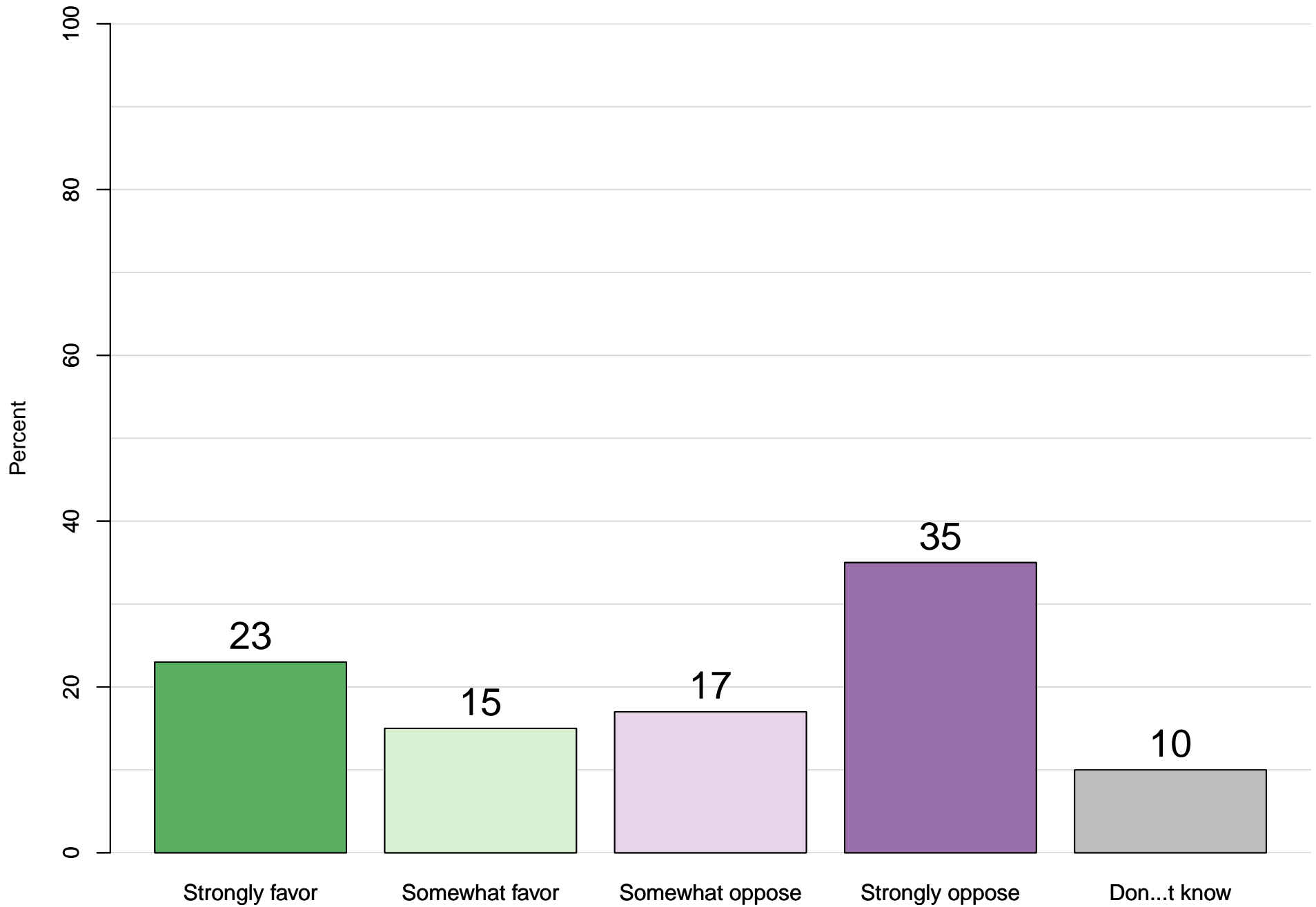


**Favor or oppose: Alllow public funds to private school students  
to include religious school students**

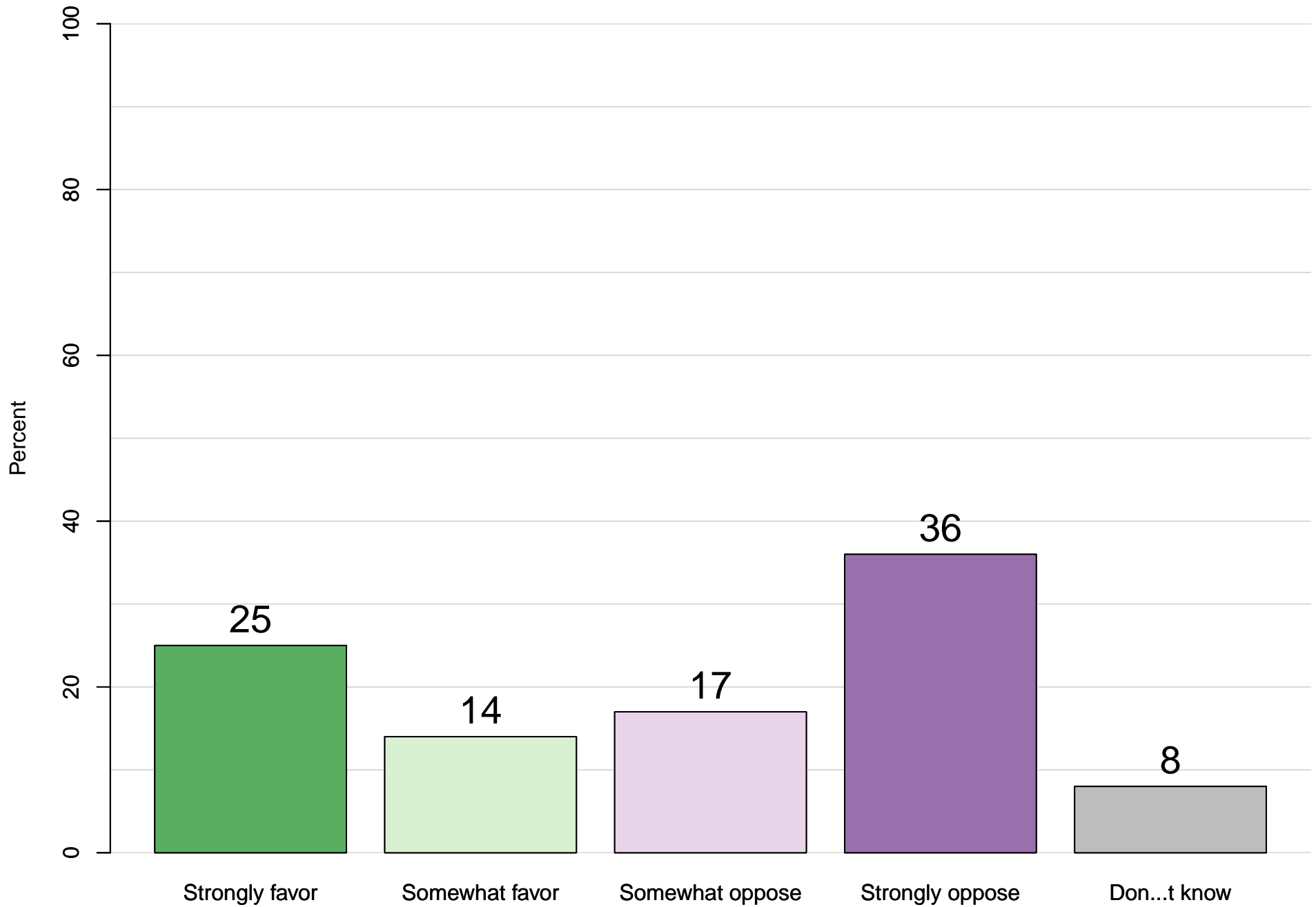




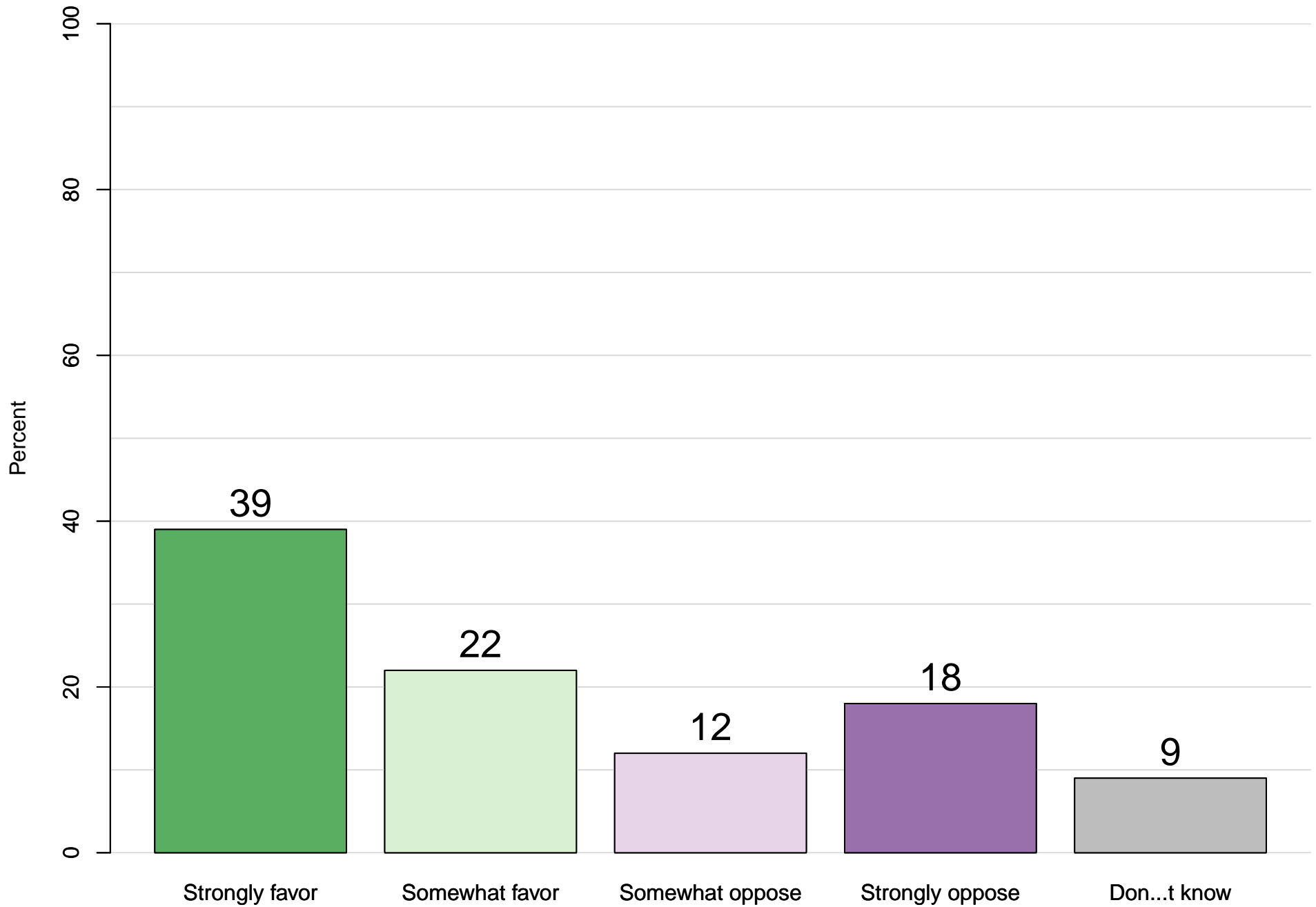
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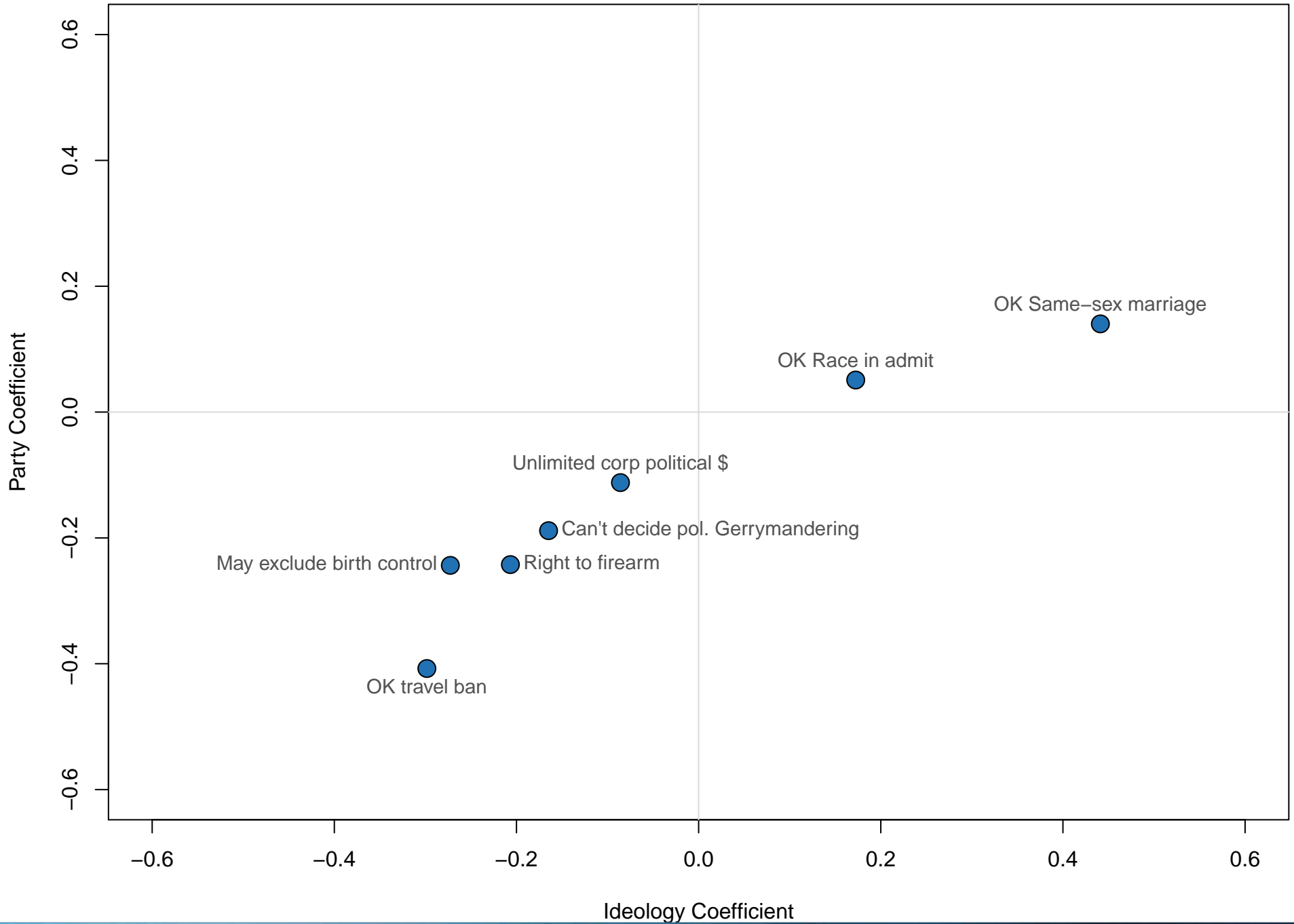
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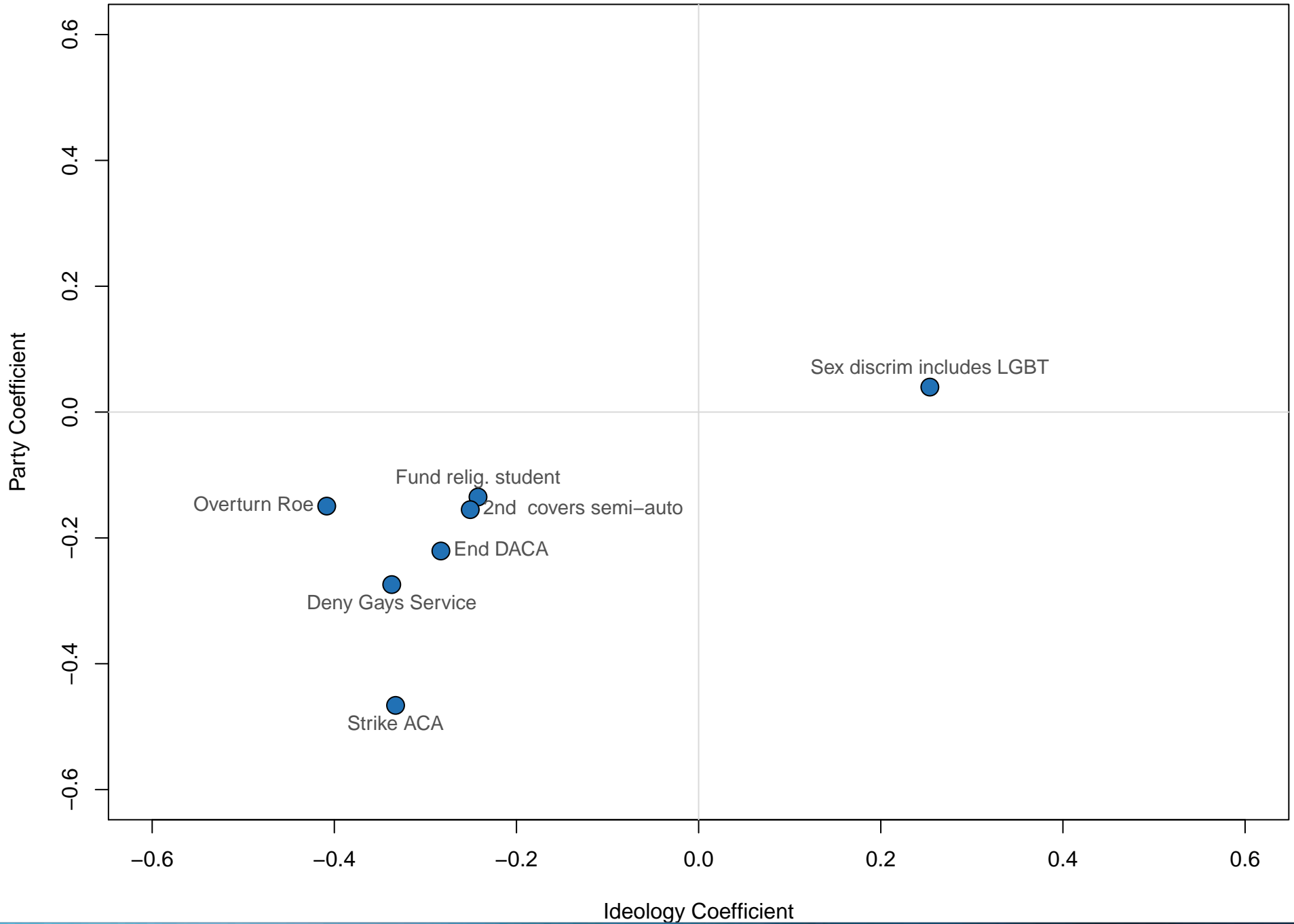
## Favor or oppose: Employment discrimination based on sex includes LGBTQ



# Estimated effects of party and ideology on favor or oppose past decisions



# Estimated effects of party and ideology on favor or oppose possible future decisions

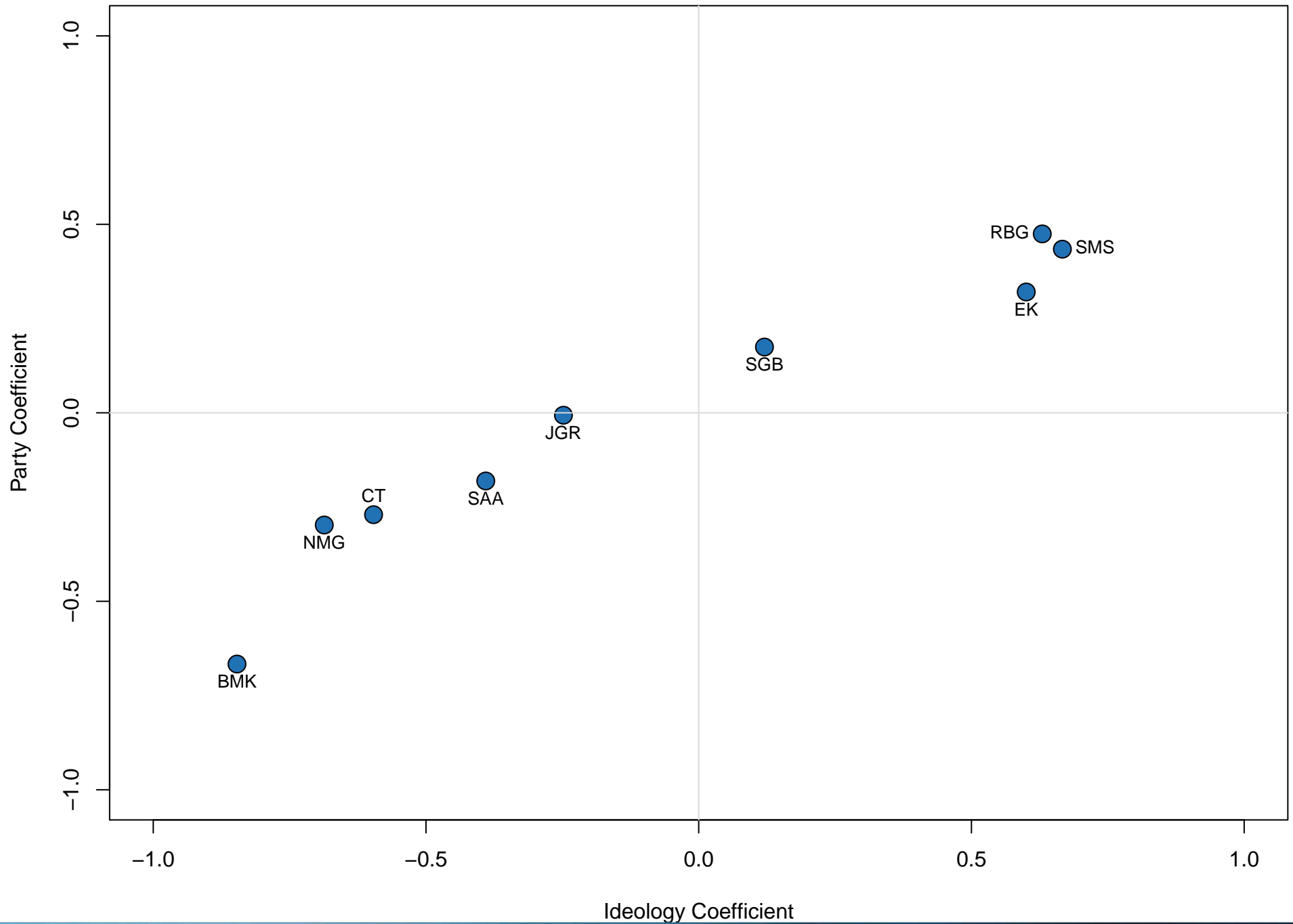


*Some justices of the Supreme Court are better known than others. For each of these names, have you never heard of them, heard of them but don't know enough to have an opinion of them, have a favorable opinion, or have an unfavorable opinion?*

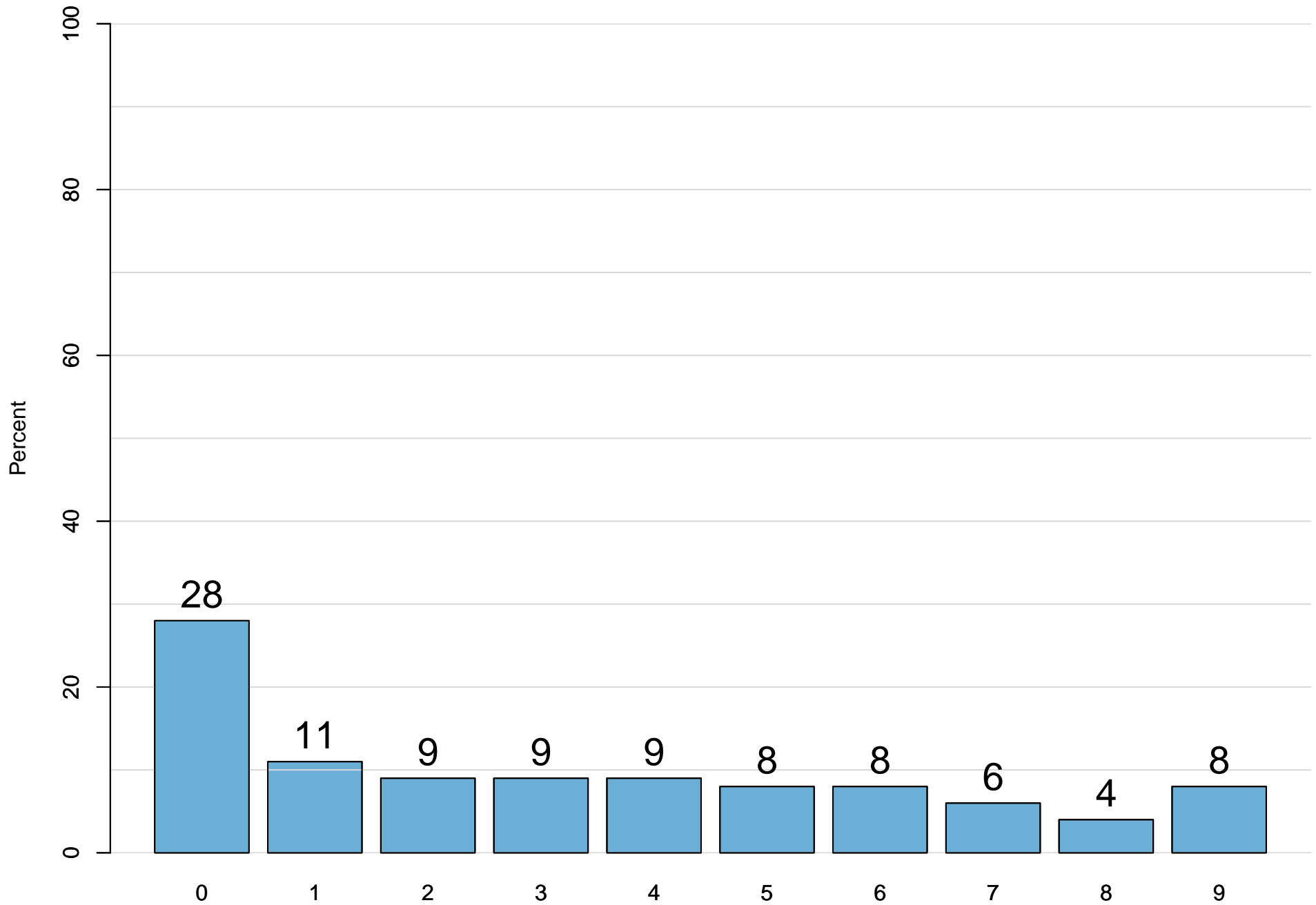
	Unfavorable	Unable to rate	Favorable
Breyer	5	84	11
Kagan	7	78	15
Alito	8	78	15
Gorsuch	12	70	18
Roberts	9	66	25
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Thomas	23	49	28
Kavanaugh	32	42	26
Ginsburg	17	41	41



# Estimated effects of party and ideology on evaluation of justices

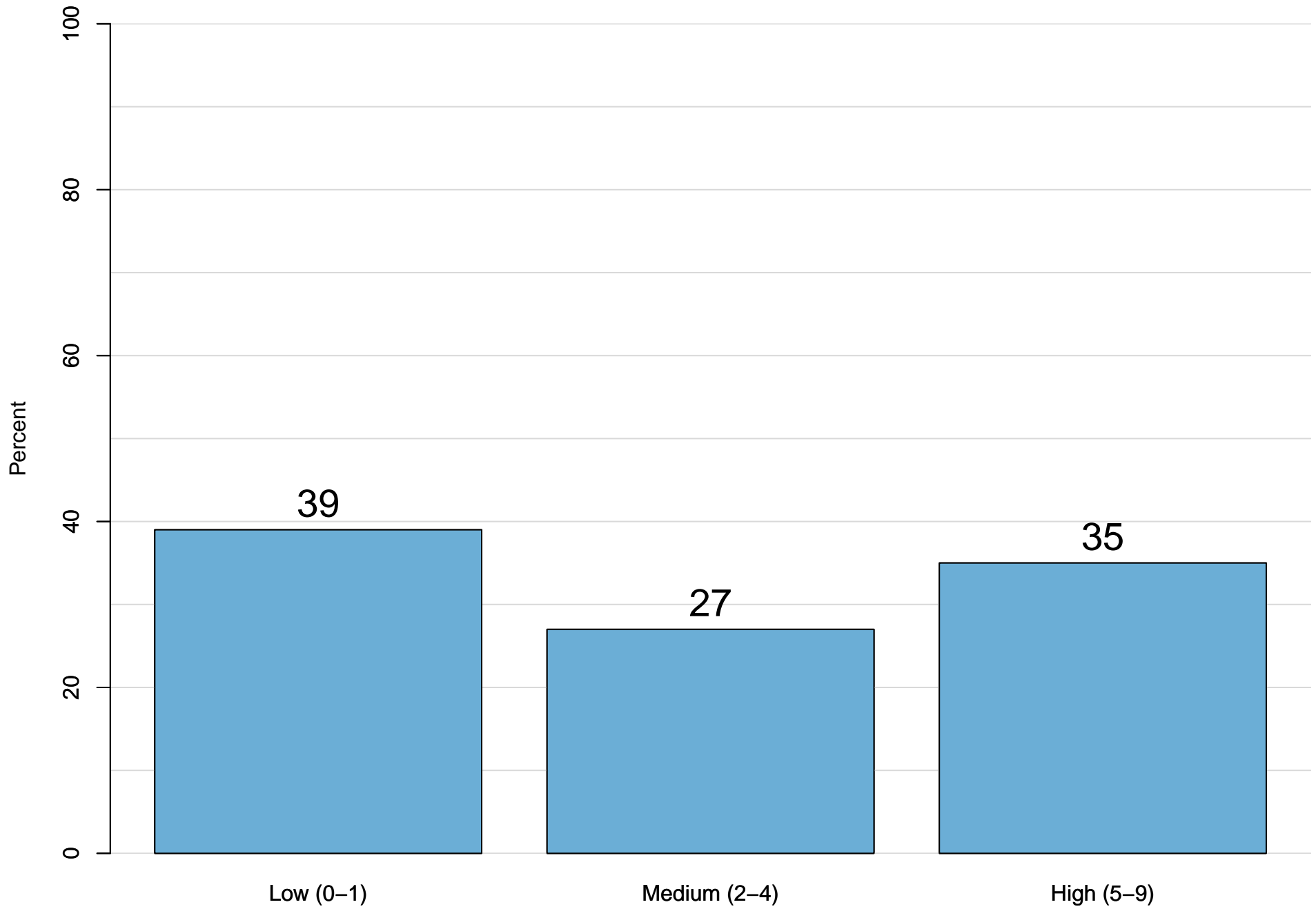


## Number of justices able to rate

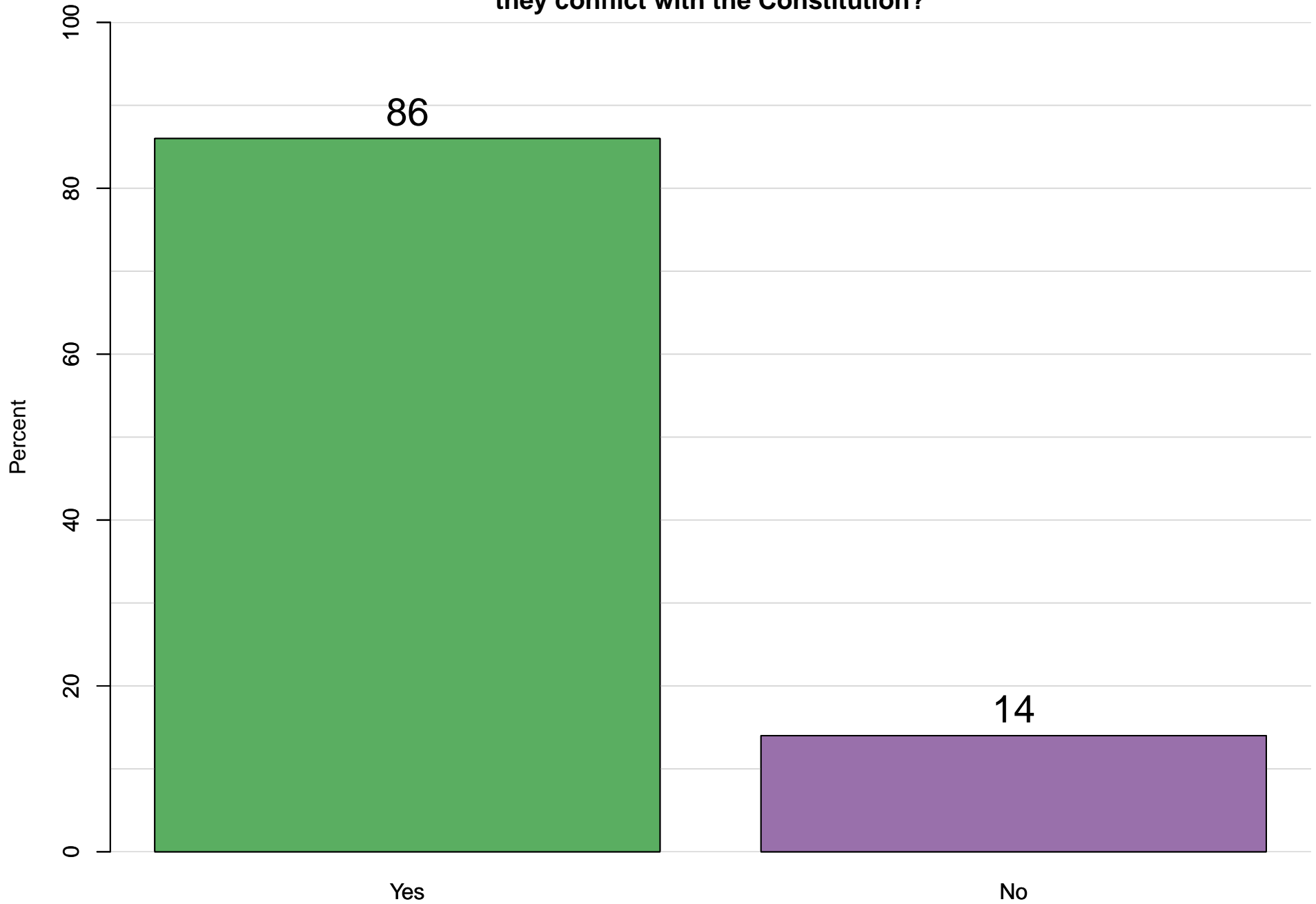




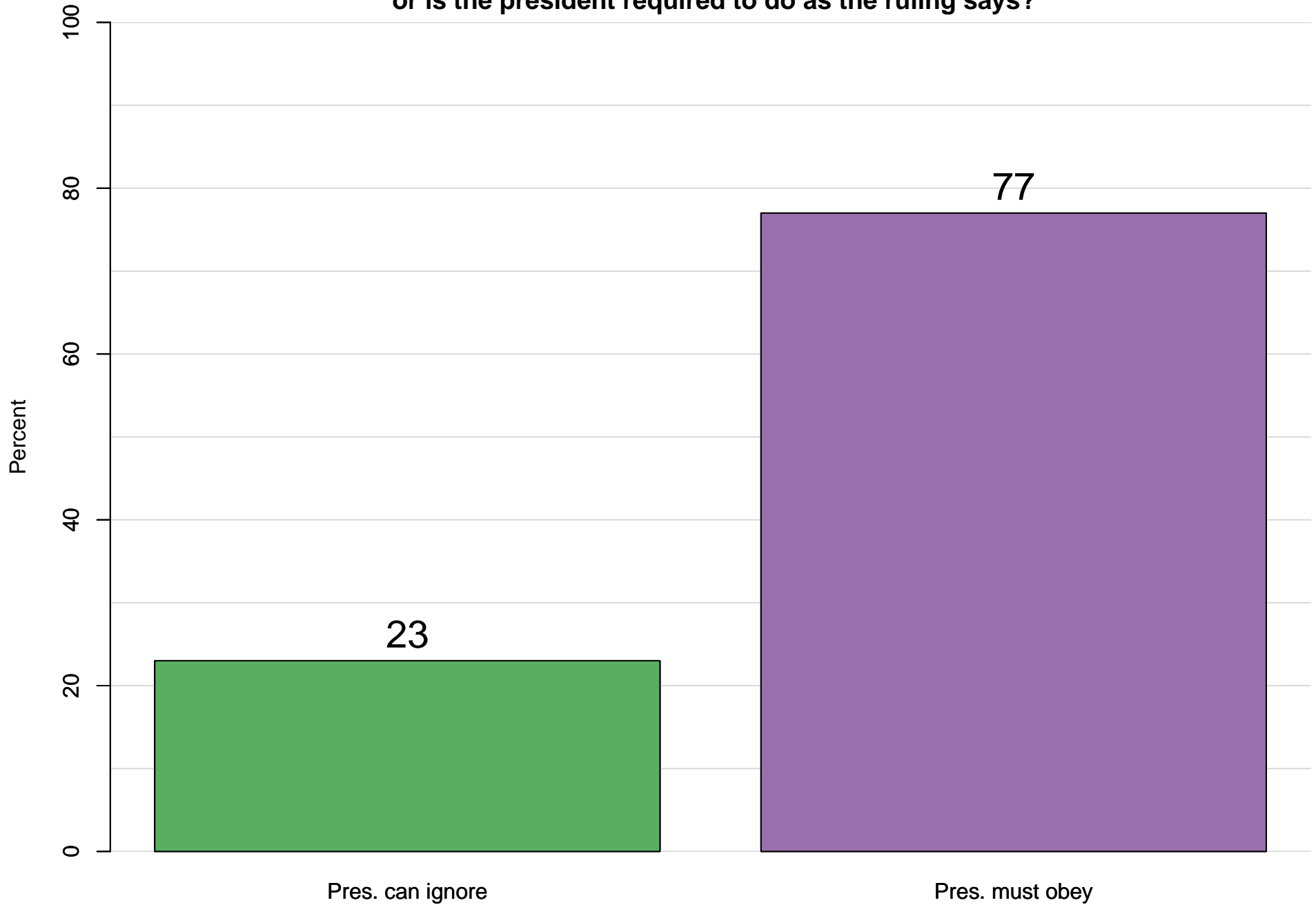
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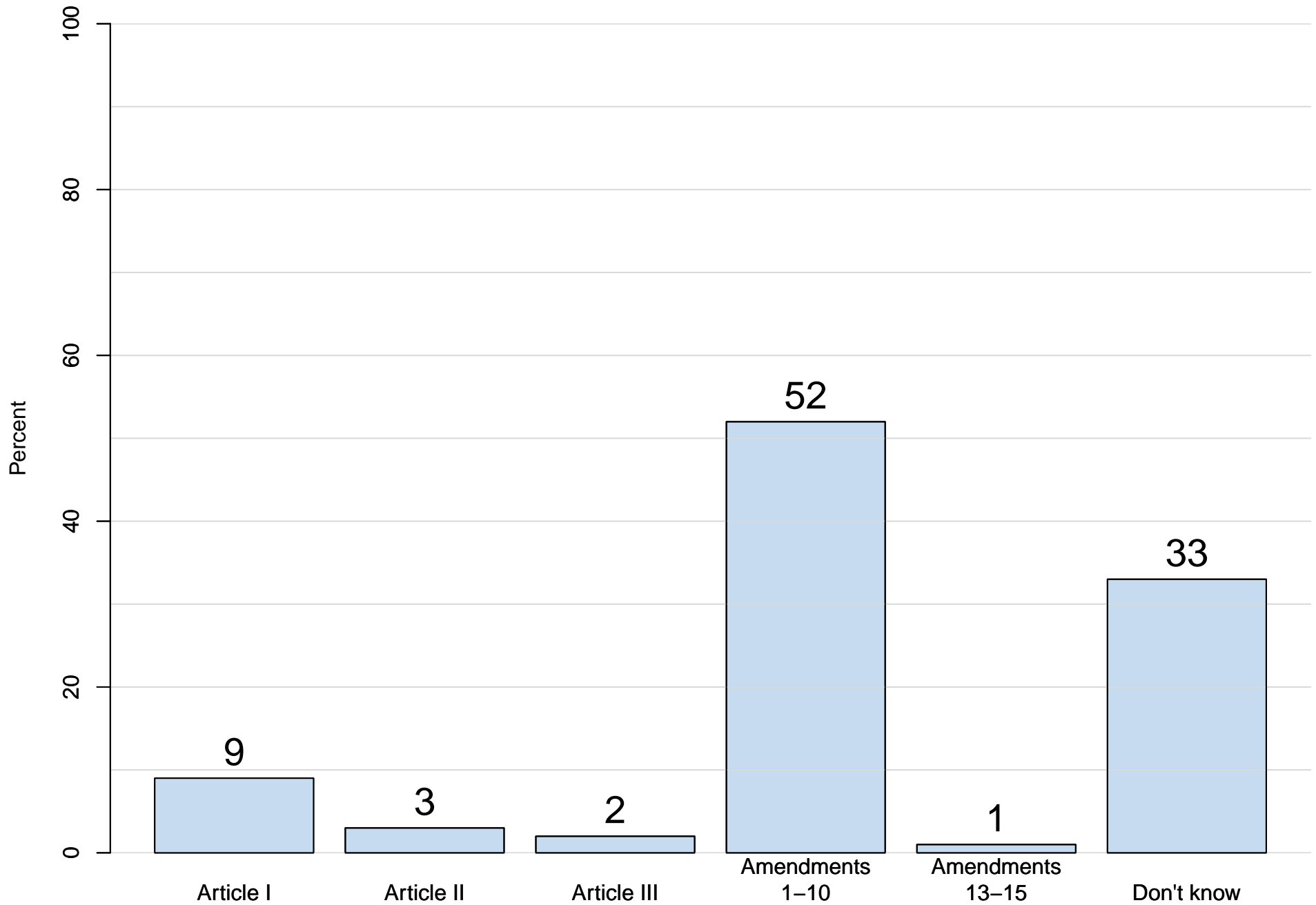
**Does the Supreme Court have the power to review laws  
passed by Congress and to declare them invalid if  
they conflict with the Constitution?**



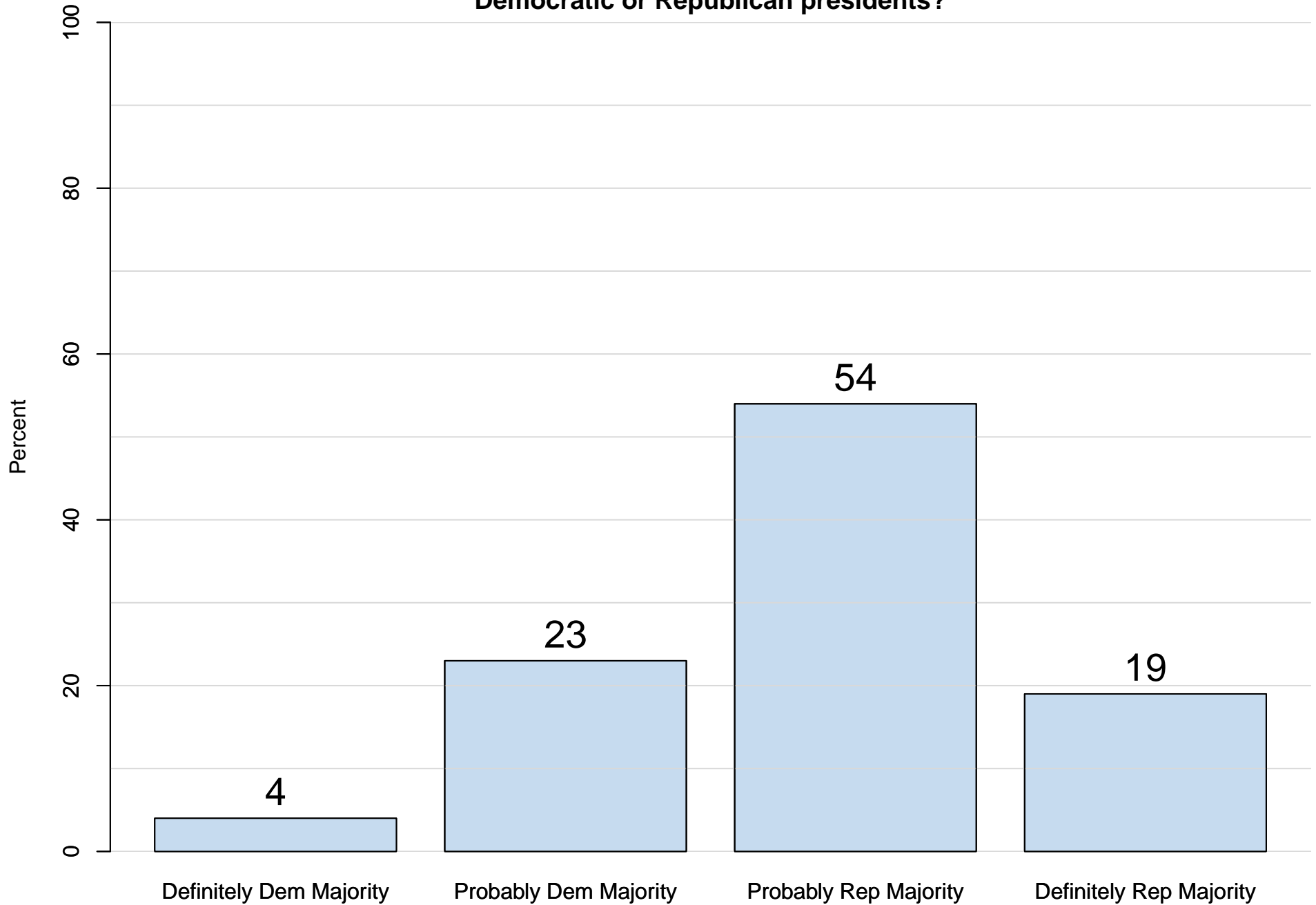
**If the Supreme Court rules against the president in a case,  
does the president have the power to ignore that ruling,  
or is the president required to do as the ruling says?**



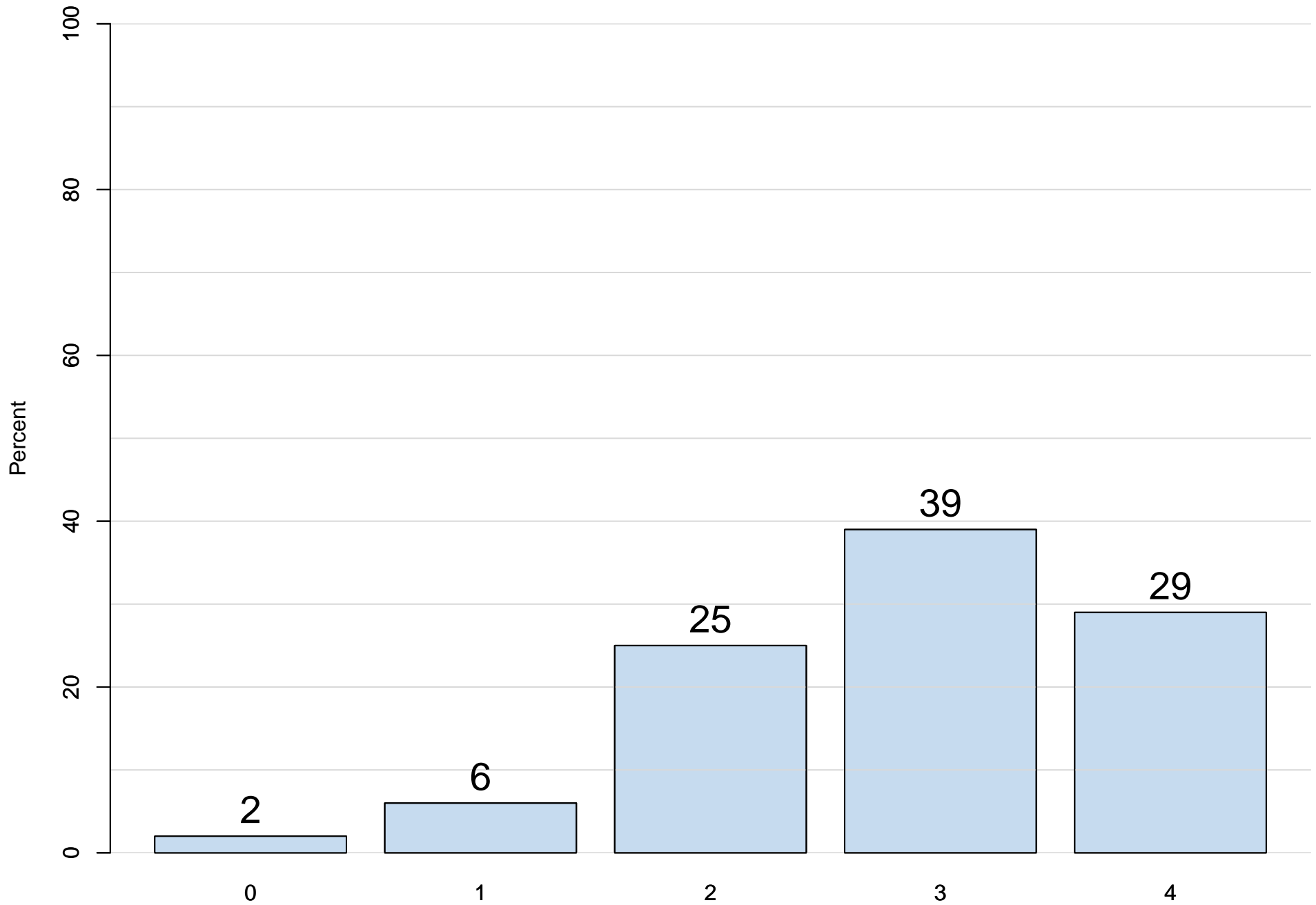
## Which part of the Constitution is called the Bill of Rights?



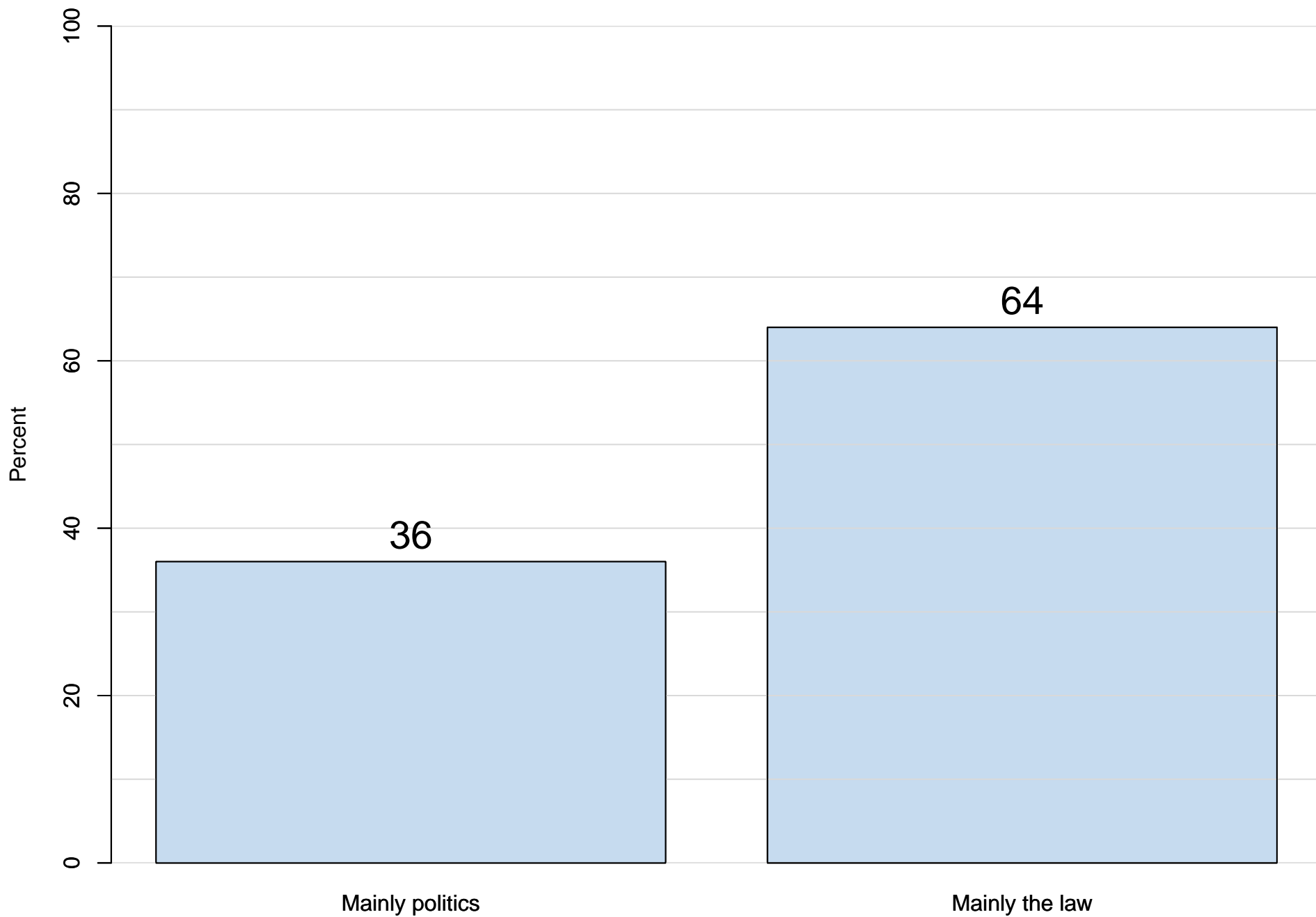
**What is your guess as to whether a majority of the  
current U.S. Supreme Court justices were appointed by  
Democratic or Republican presidents?**



## Number of correct factual items

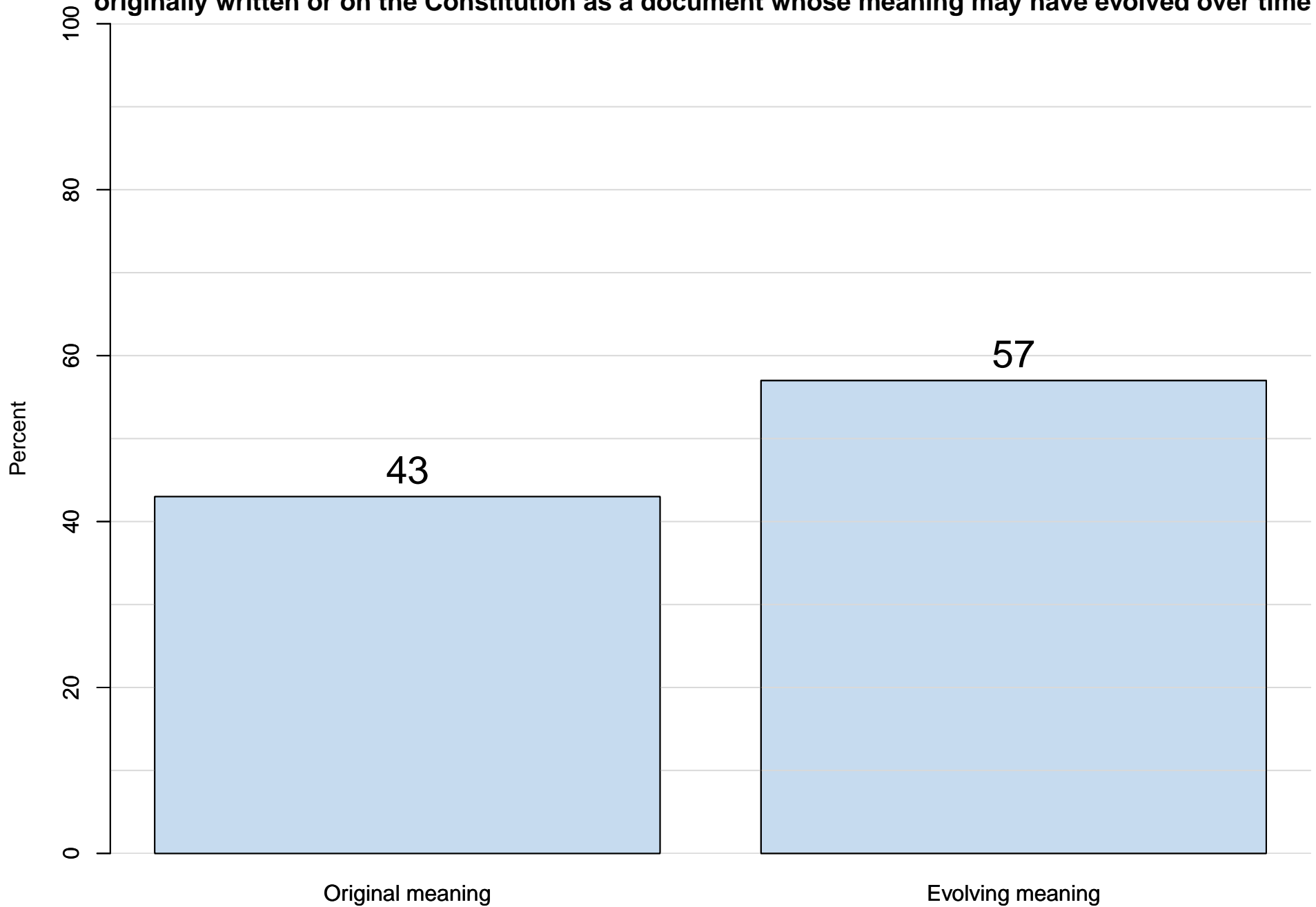


# In general, what most often motivates Supreme Court justices' decisions?



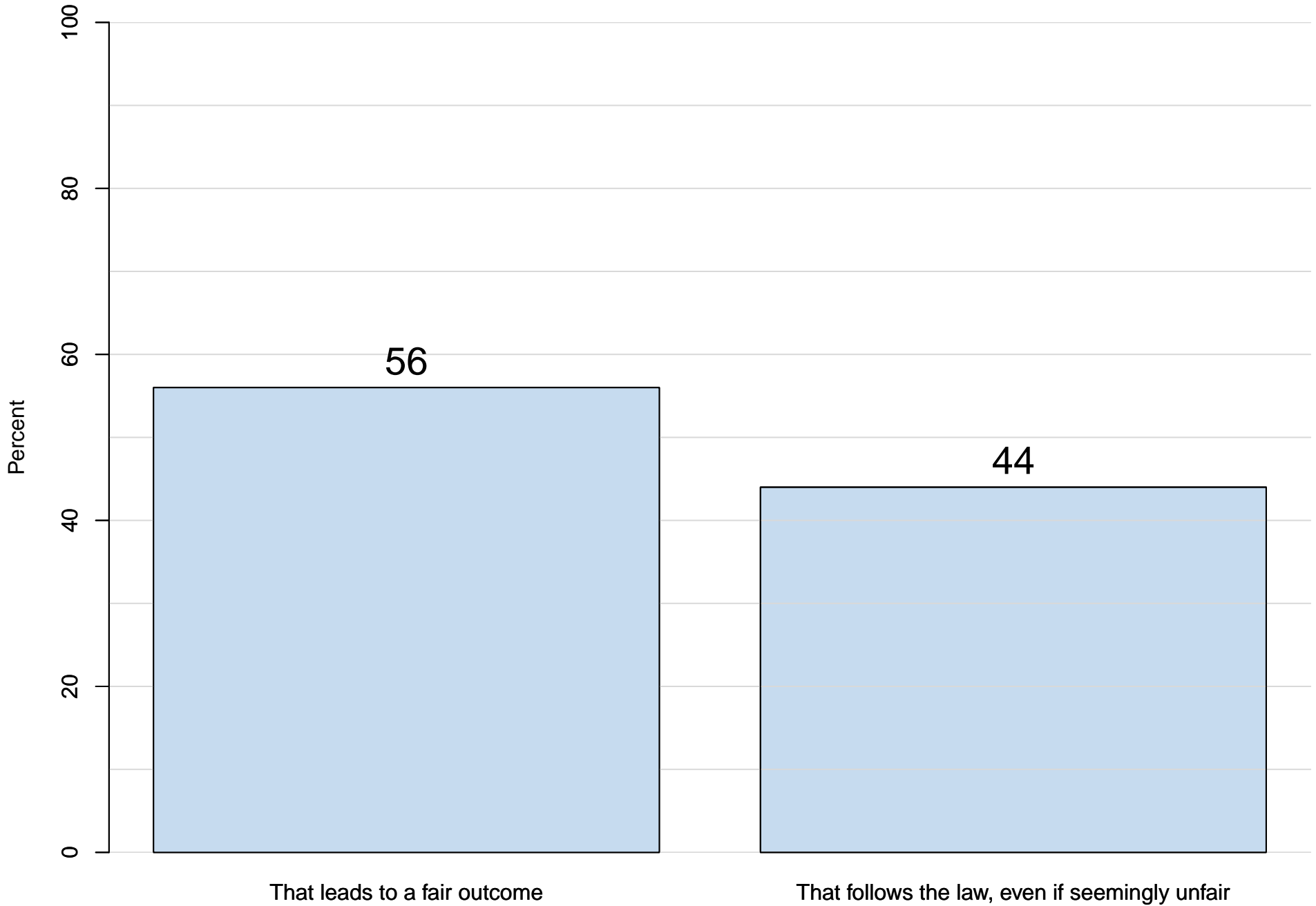
## How should Supreme Court justices base their decisions?

On their interpretations of what the U.S. Constitution was understood to mean when it was originally written or on the Constitution as a document whose meaning may have evolved over time?

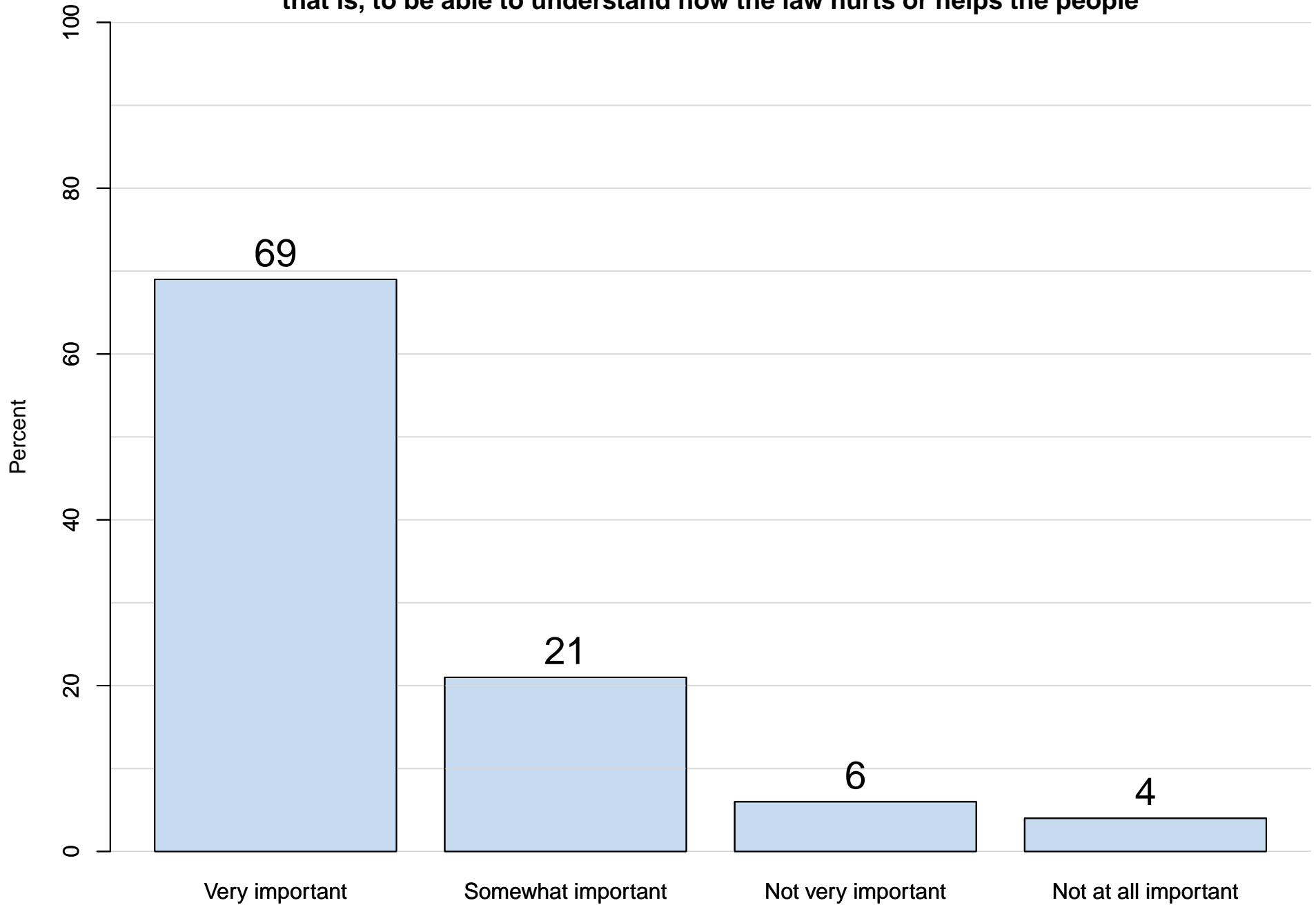




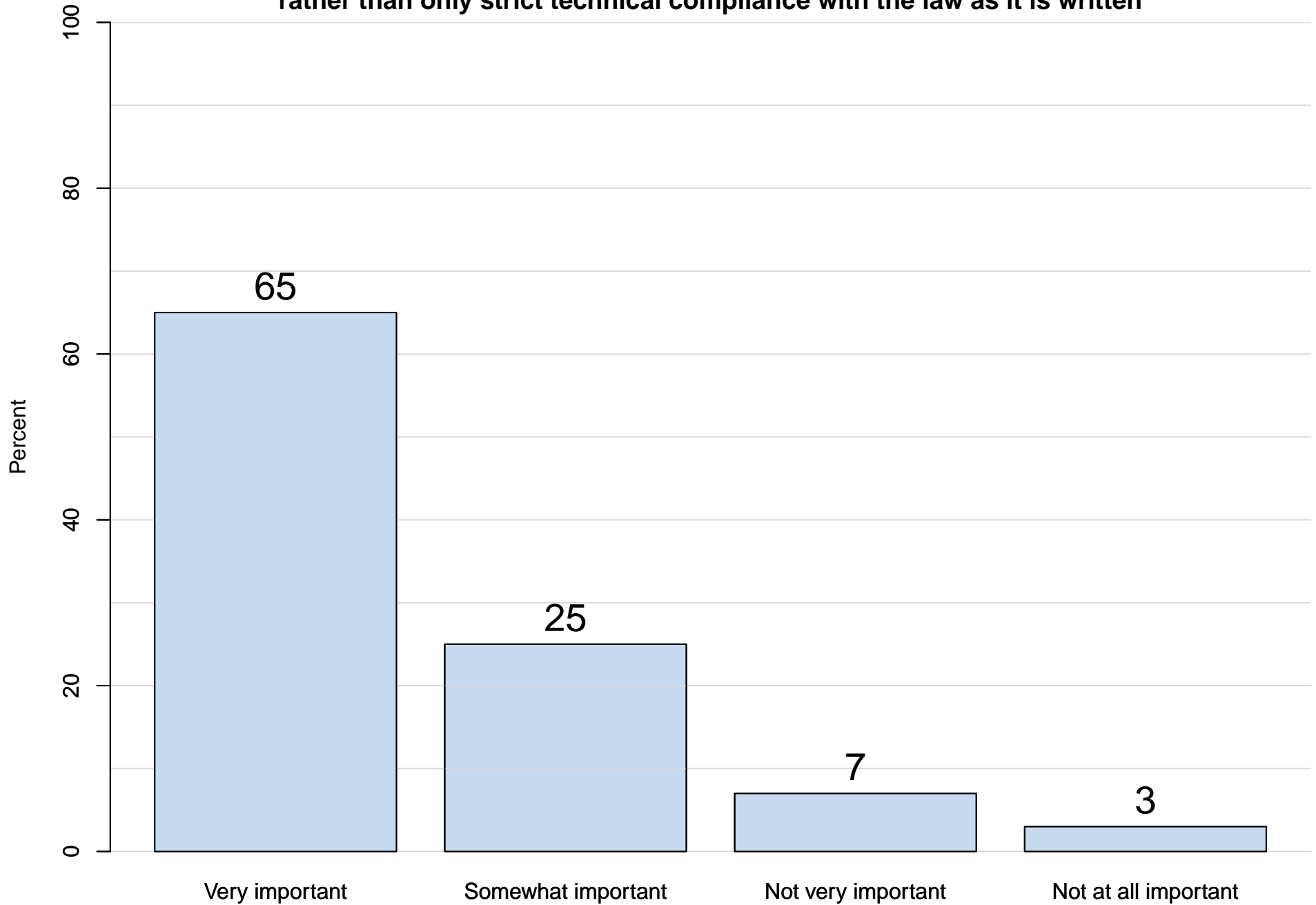
**Which is more important, a decision that leads to a fair outcome  
or one that follows the law, even if seemingly unfair?**



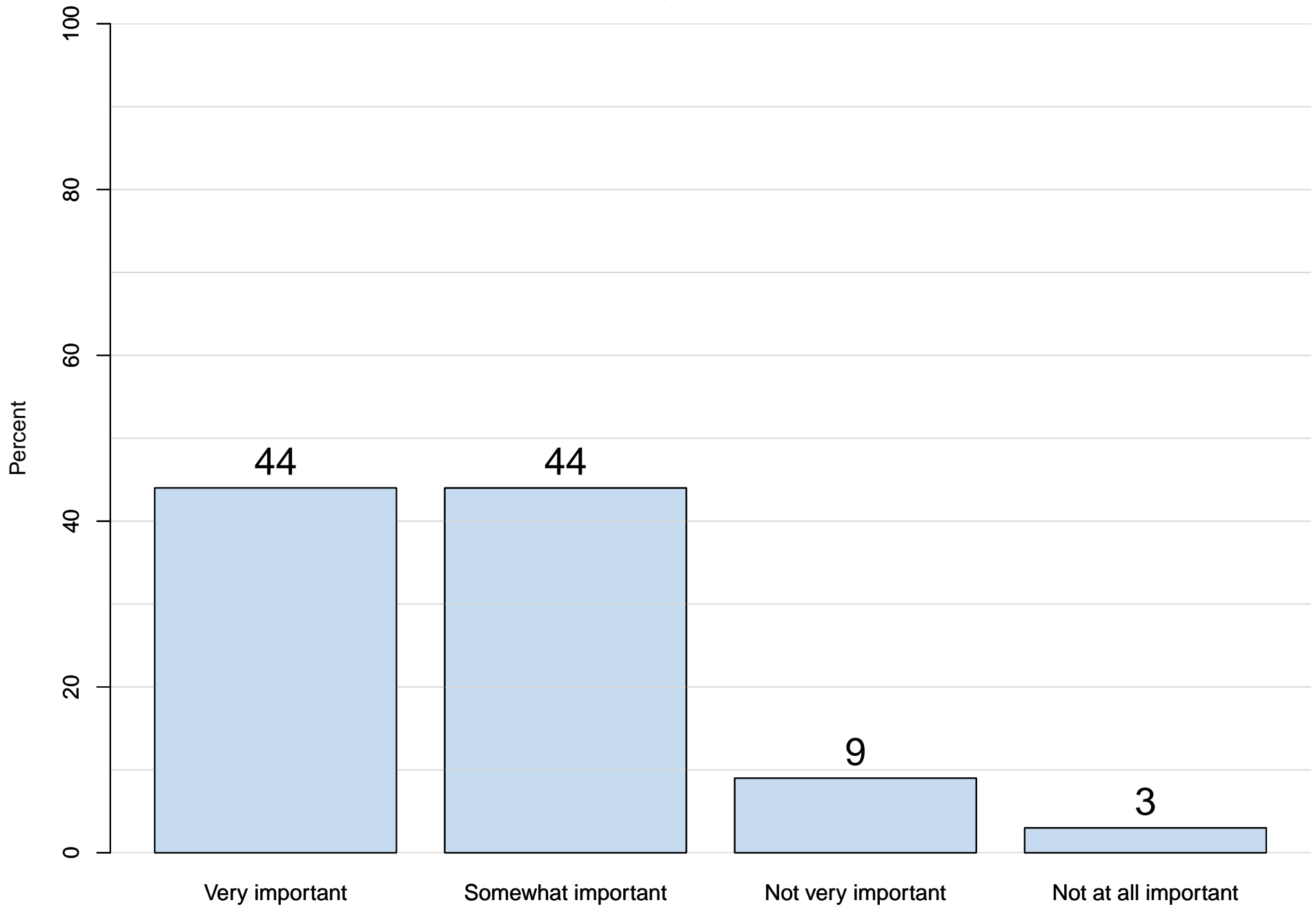
**How important in a justice:**  
**Be able to empathize with ordinary people;**  
**that is, to be able to understand how the law hurts or helps the people**



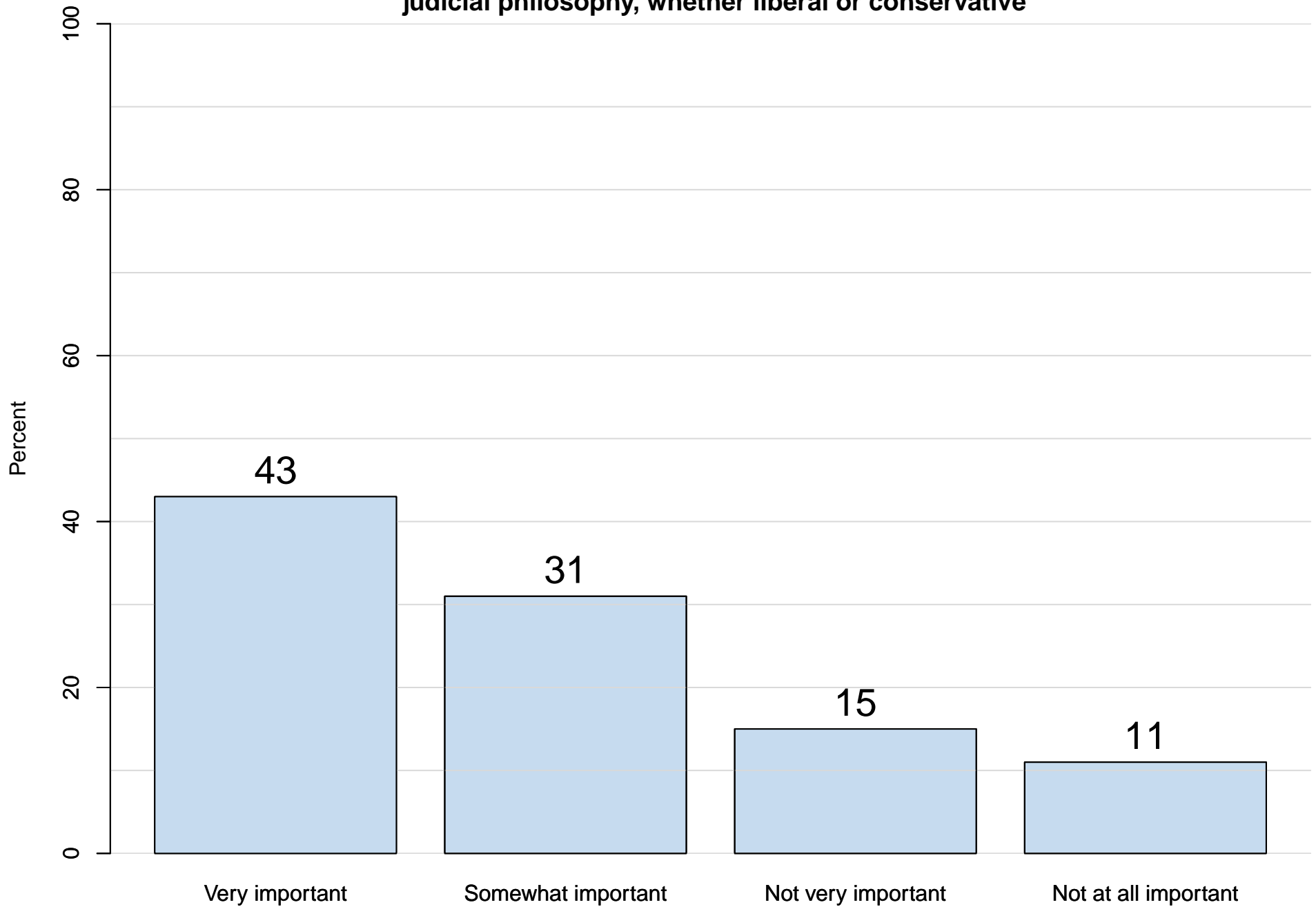
**How important in a justice:  
Exercise good judgment and wisdom in the application of the law  
rather than only strict technical compliance with the law as it is written**



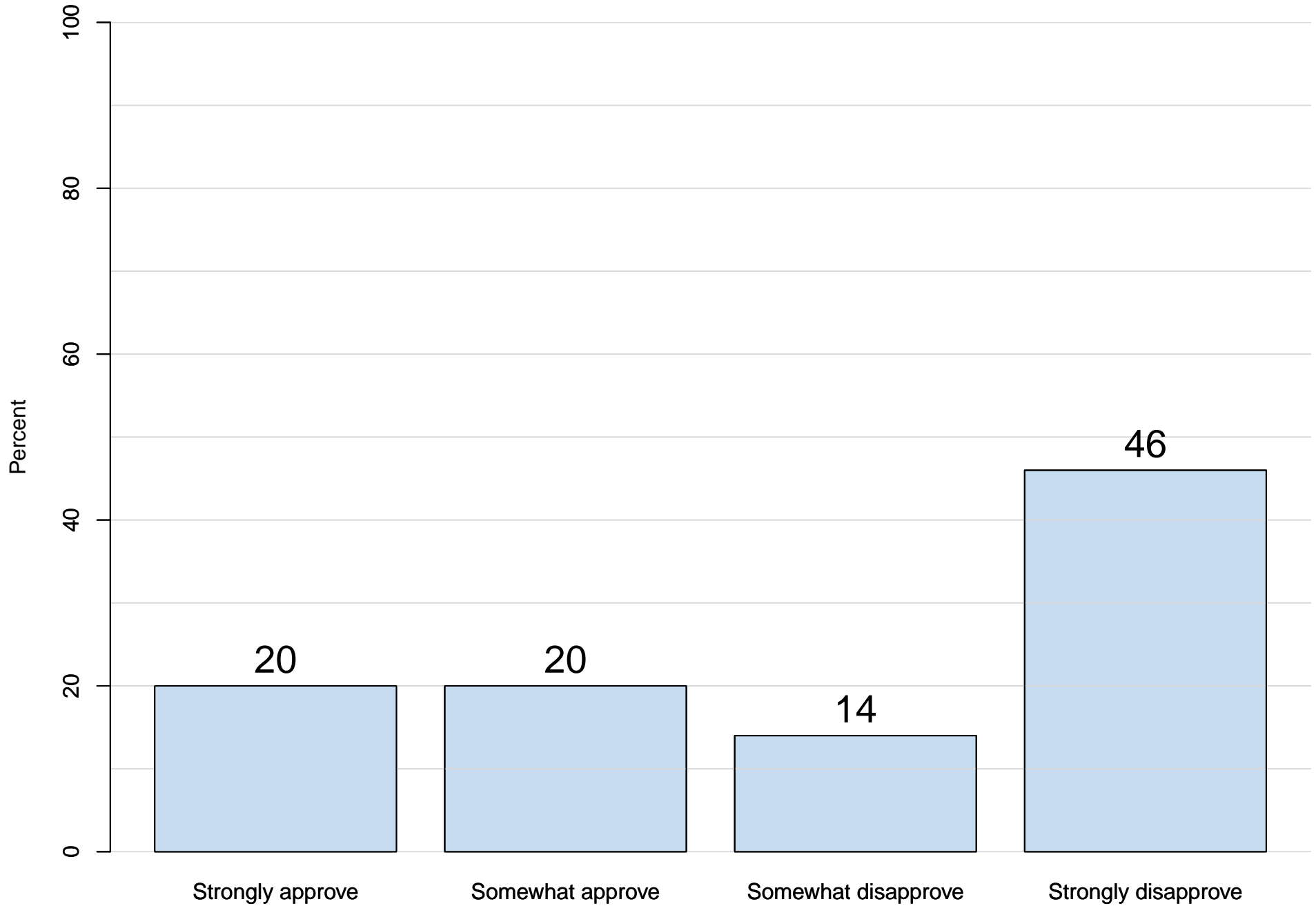
**How important in a justice:  
Respect for existing Supreme Court decisions**



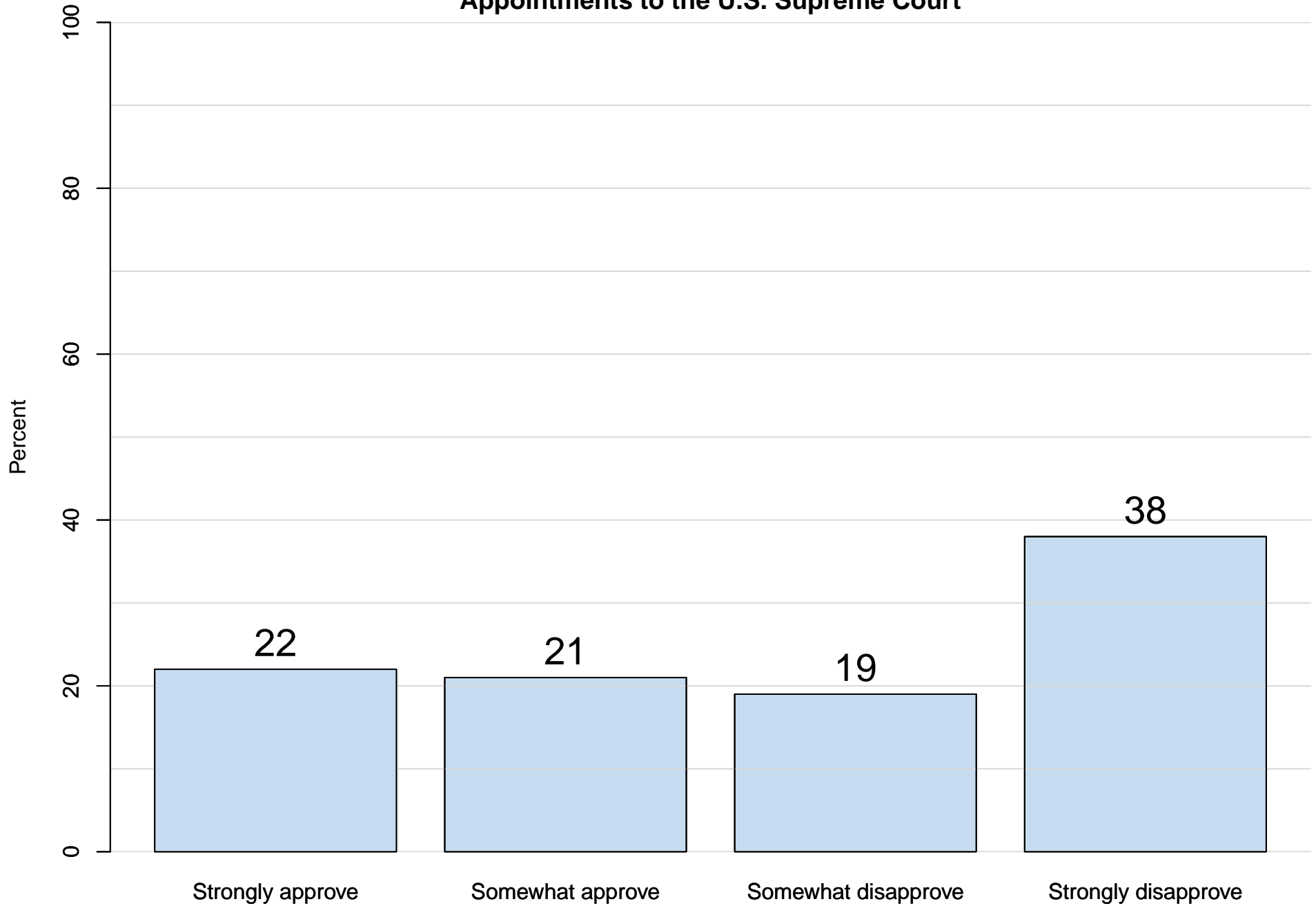
**How important in a justice:  
Interpret the law according to the justice's  
judicial philosophy, whether liberal or conservative**



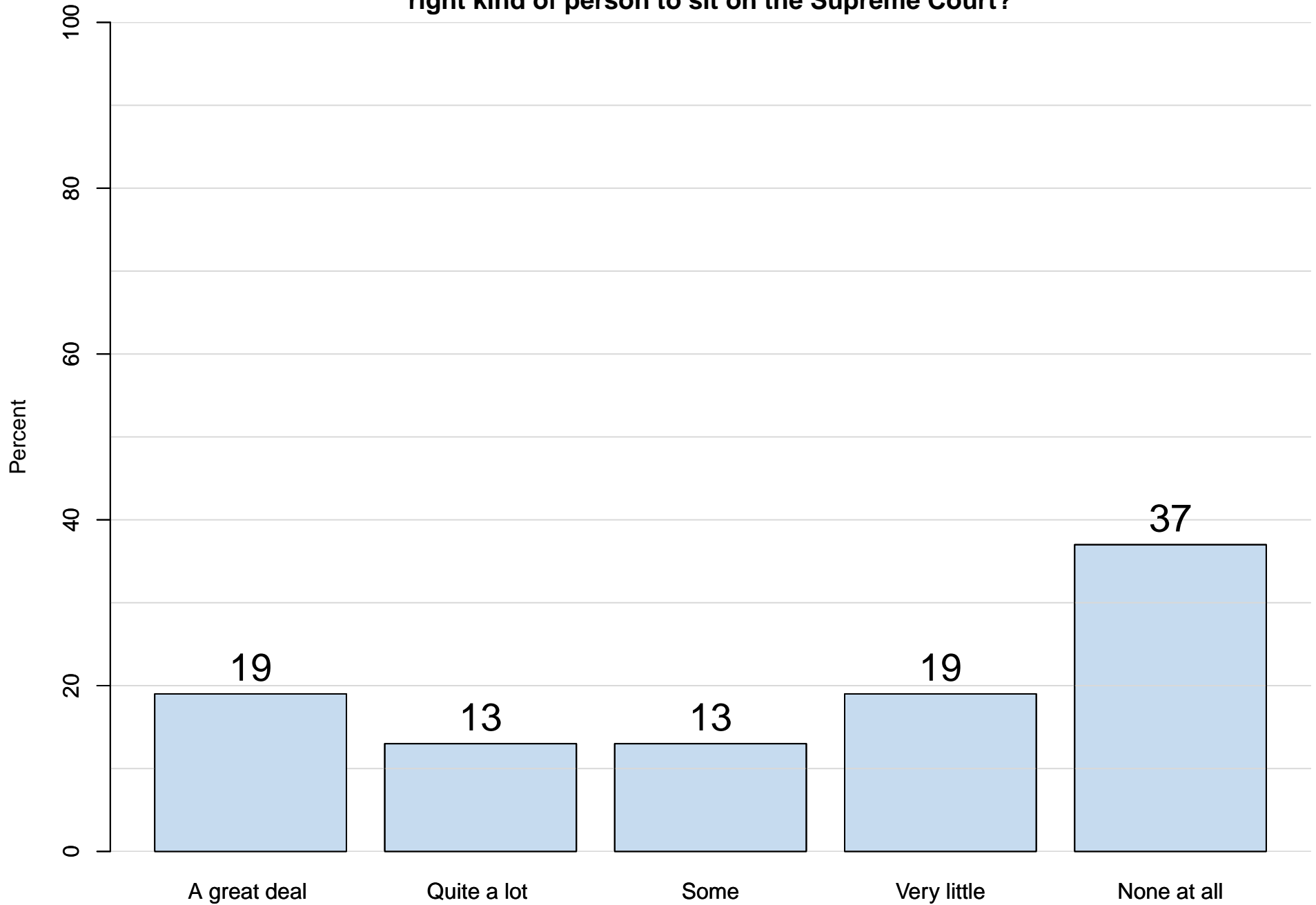
Overall, how much do you approve or disapprove of the way  
Trump is handling his job as president?



**How much do you approve or disapprove of the way  
Trump is handling the following issues?  
Appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court**

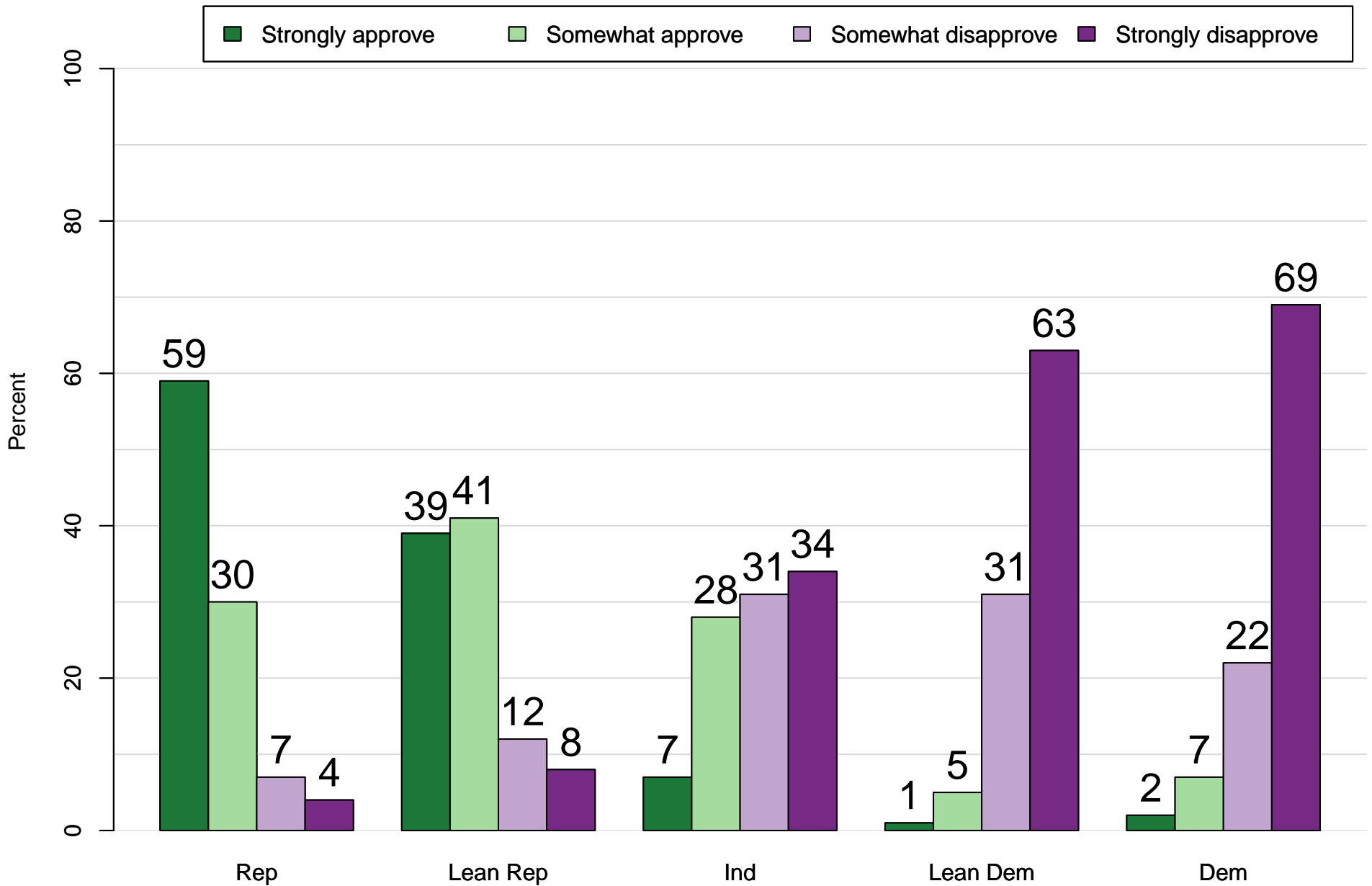


**If there is another opening on the Supreme Court,  
how much confidence do you have that President Donald Trump will select the  
right kind of person to sit on the Supreme Court?**





## Approve Court appointments by party ID



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