

# MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL POLL

Feb. 19-26, 2025



# The topics of the day

- Methodology of the poll
- Candidates on April 1 ballot
- Views of Trump so far
- Education issues
- Supreme Court issues
- Budget and policy issues
- Approval of governor, legislature and state Supreme Court

# The methodology

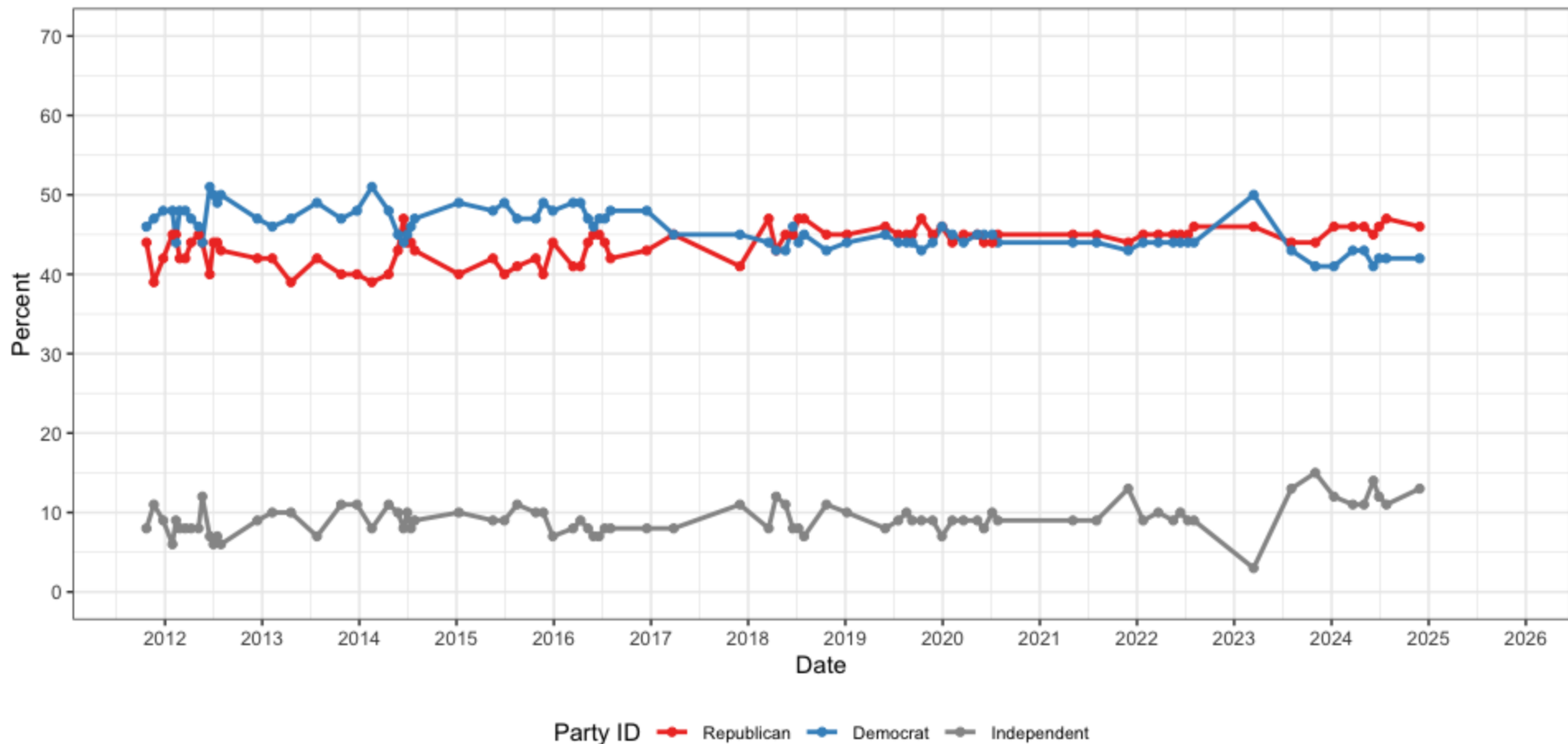
- The survey was conducted Feb. 19-26, 2025, interviewing 864 Wisconsin registered voters, with a margin of error of  $\pm 4.6$  percentage points.
- A number of policy questions are asked of a random half-sample of 432 registered voters with a margin of error of  $\pm 6.6$  percentage points. Using a half sample allows us to double the number of policy topics covered in the poll.

# Partisan makeup

- The partisan makeup of the sample is 36% Republican, 32% Democratic and 32% independent.
- When independents who lean to a party are counted as partisans the sample is 46% Republican, 42% Democratic and 13% independent.
- In all polls conducted in 2024, the combined samples were 33% Republican, 31% Democratic and 36% independent.
- Counting independents who lean to a party as partisans, the 2024 samples were 45% Republican, 42% Democratic and 12% independent.

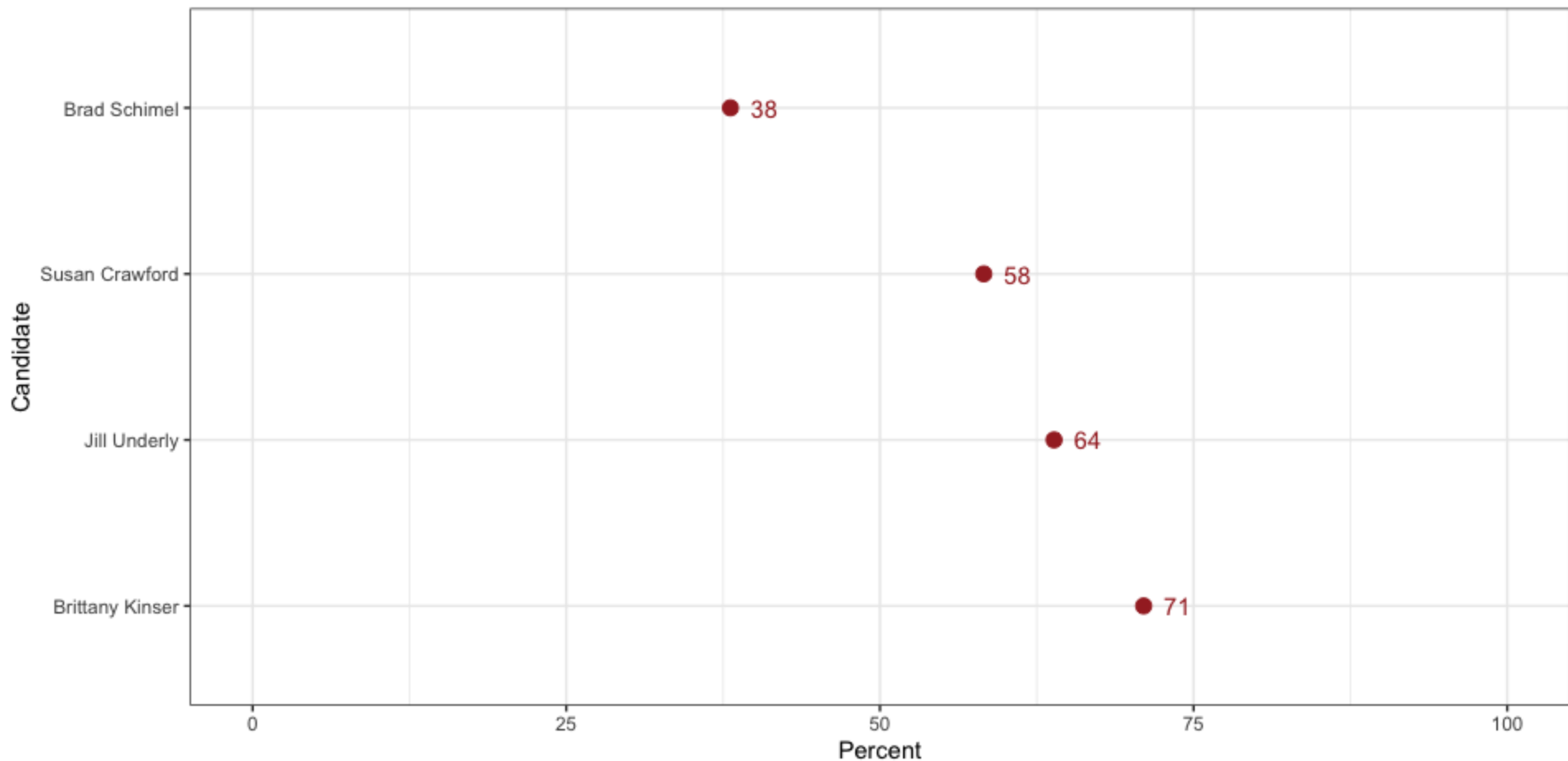
# Party identification trend, Wisconsin

Among Wisconsin registered voters



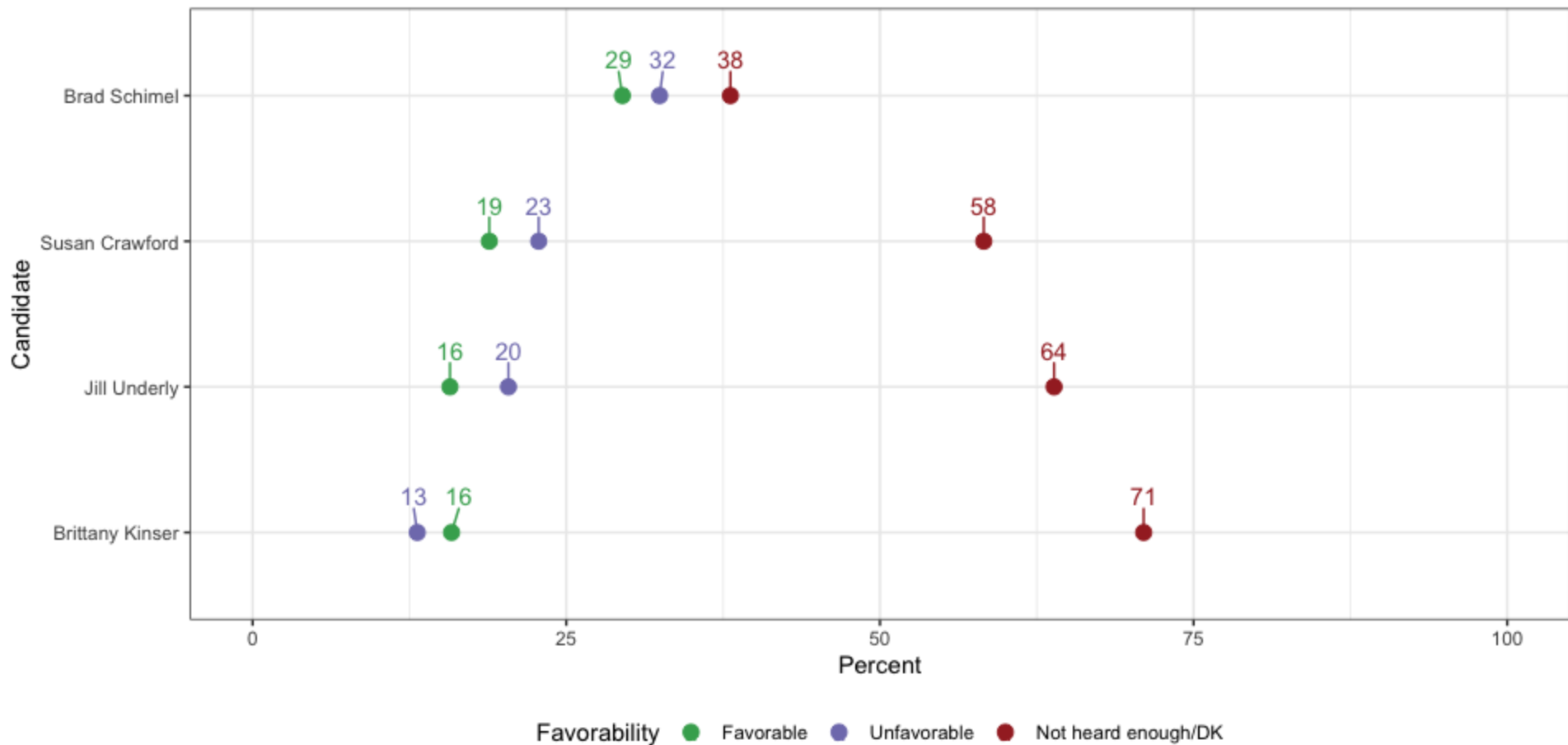
# Percent lacking an opinion of April 1 candidates

Among registered voters



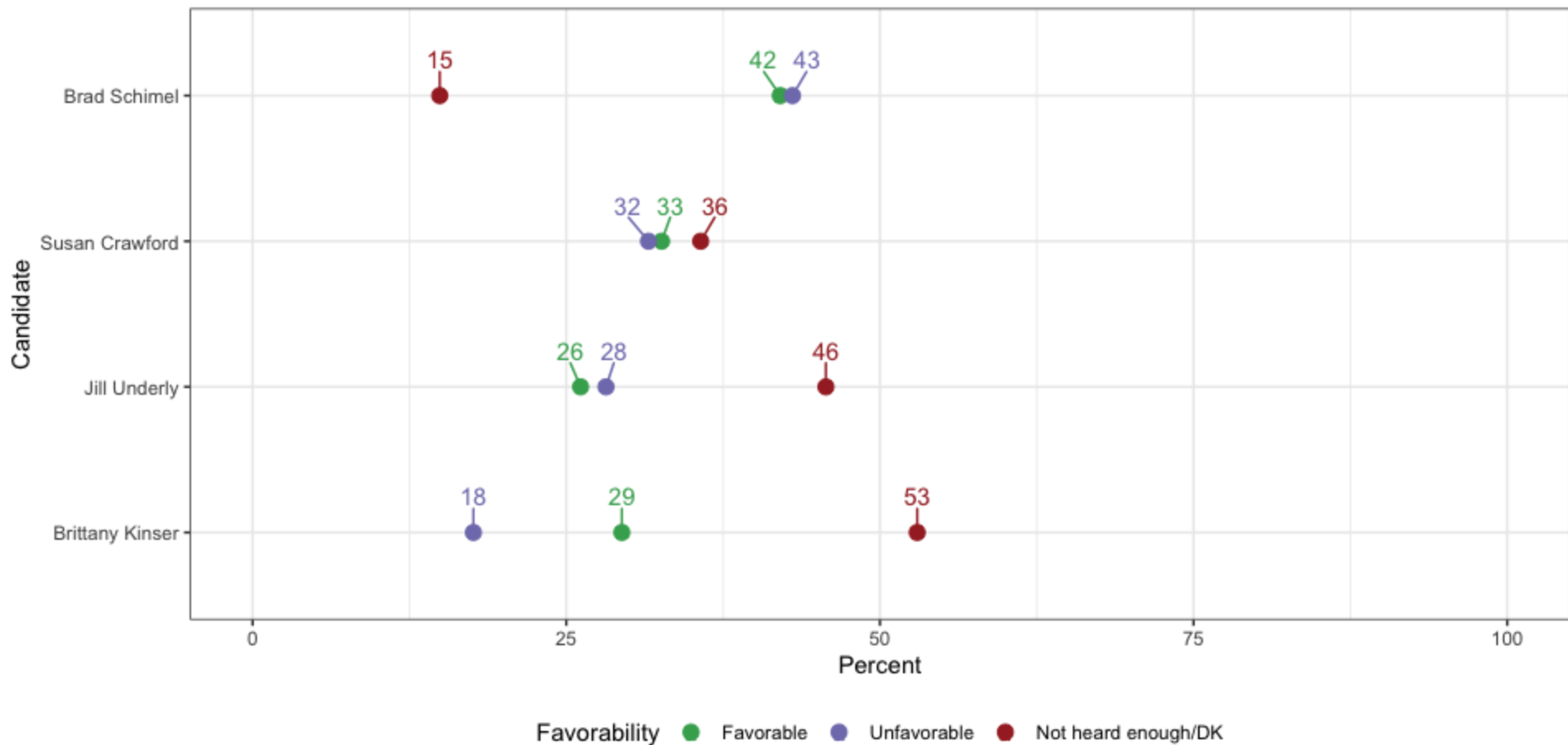
# Favorability of April 1 candidates

Among registered voters



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Among registered voters





# Favorability to Brad Schimel by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

Among all registered voters

Republican

Independent

Democrat

0

25

50

75

100

Percent

Favorability



Favorable



Unfavorable



Not heard enough/DK

29

32

38

6

39

56

23

38

39

3

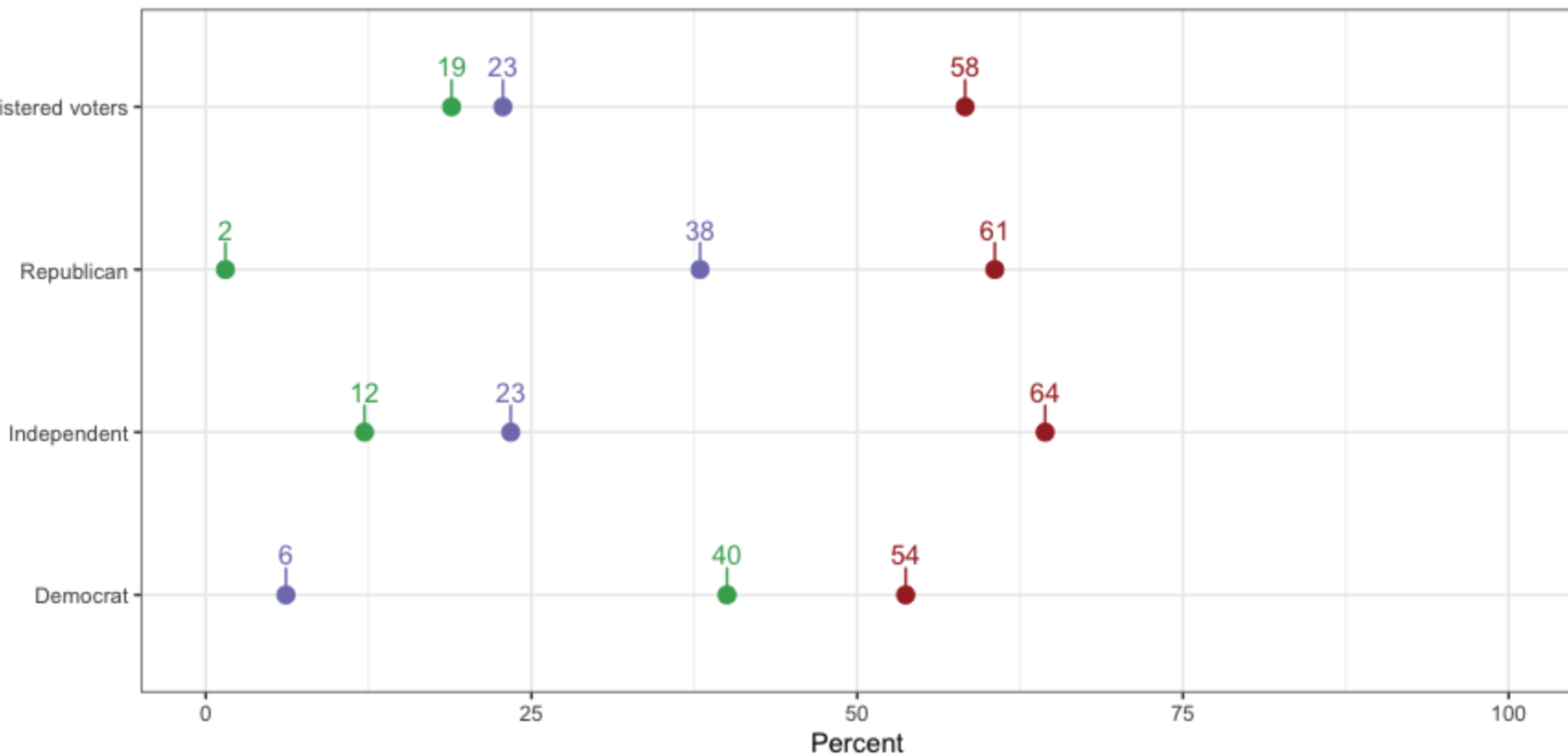
37

60

# Favorability to Susan Crawford by party identification

Among registered voters

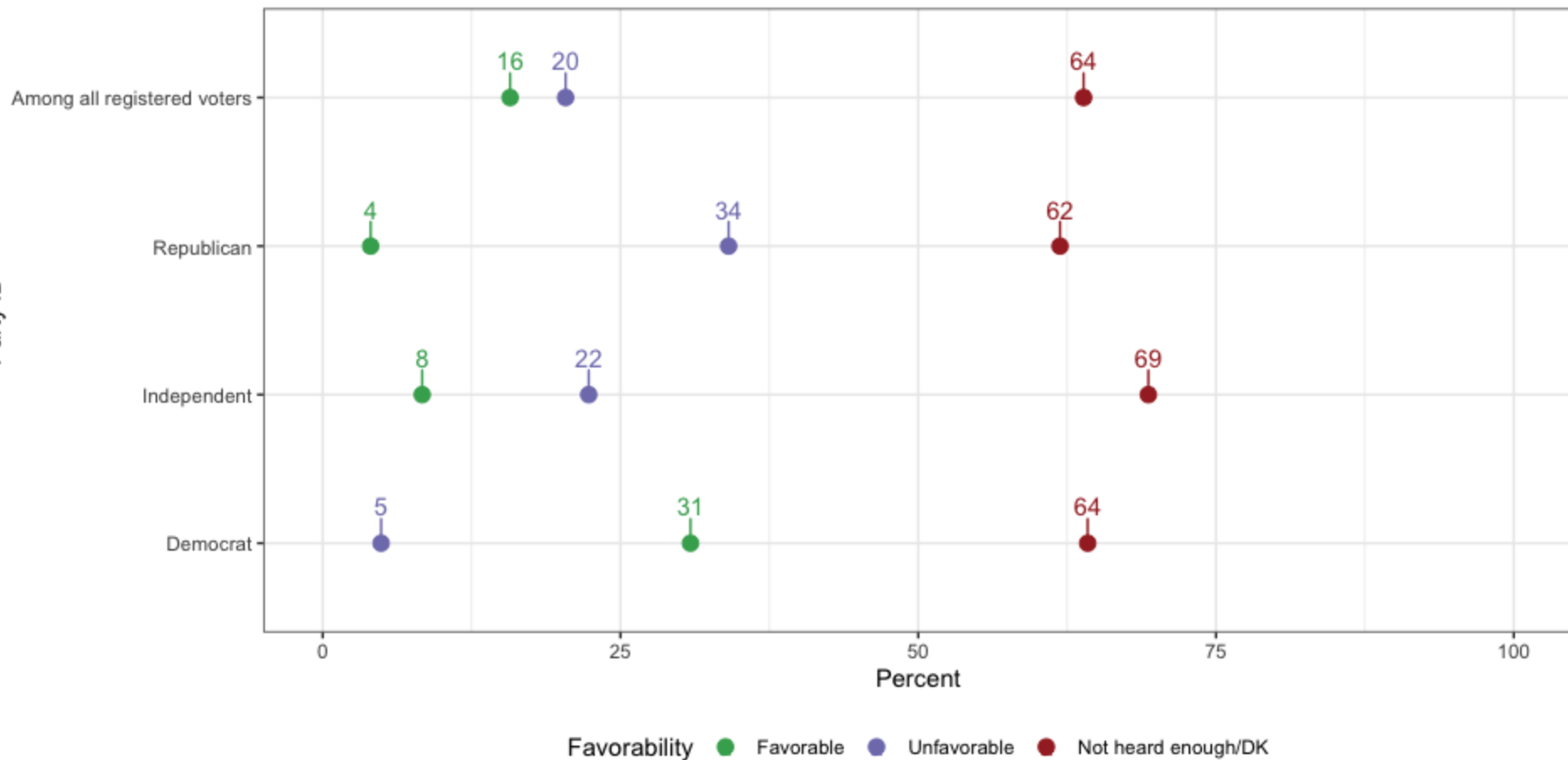
Party ID



Favorability ● Favorable ● Unfavorable ● Not heard enough/DK

# Favorability to Jill Underly by party identification

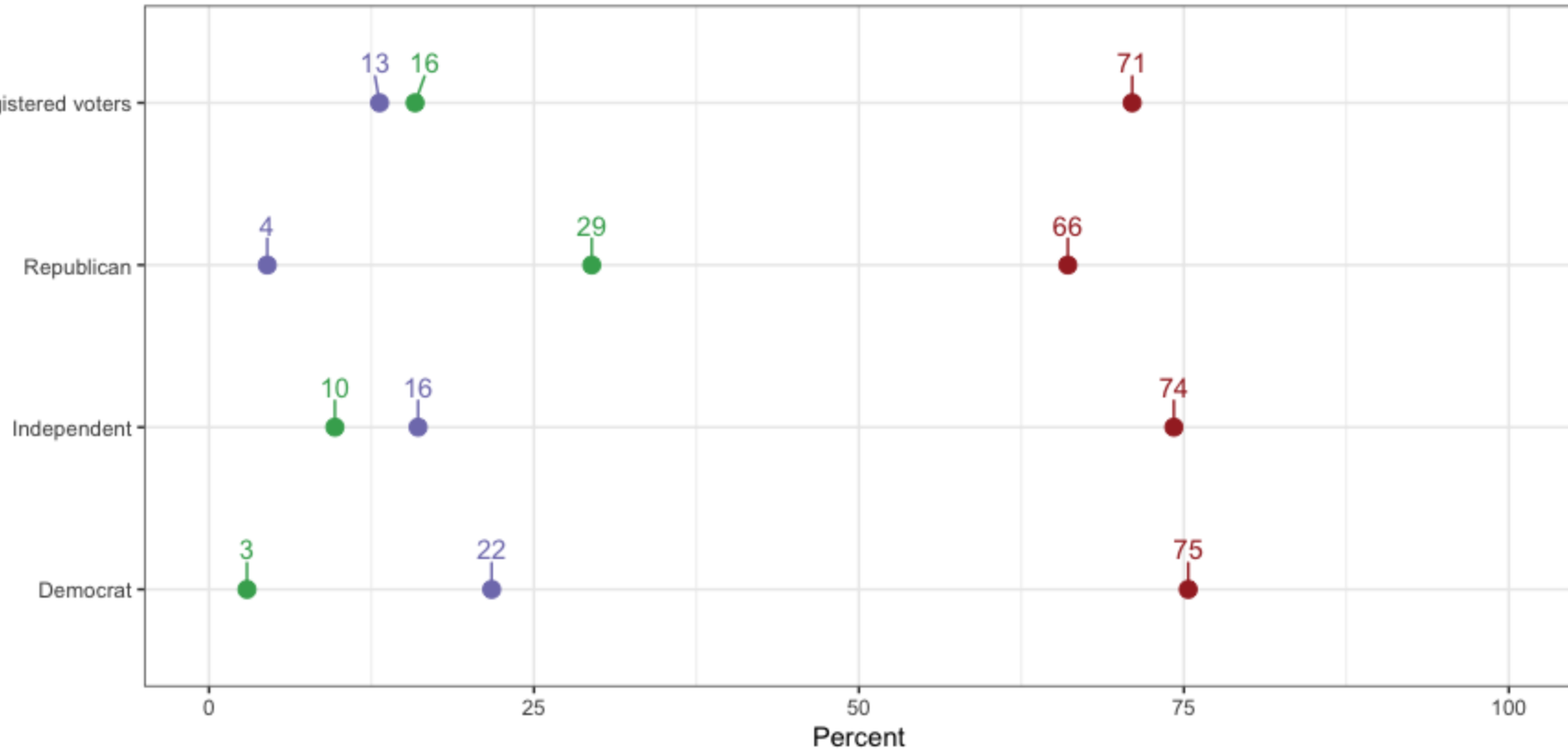
Among registered voters



# Favorability to Brittany Kinser by party identification

Among registered voters

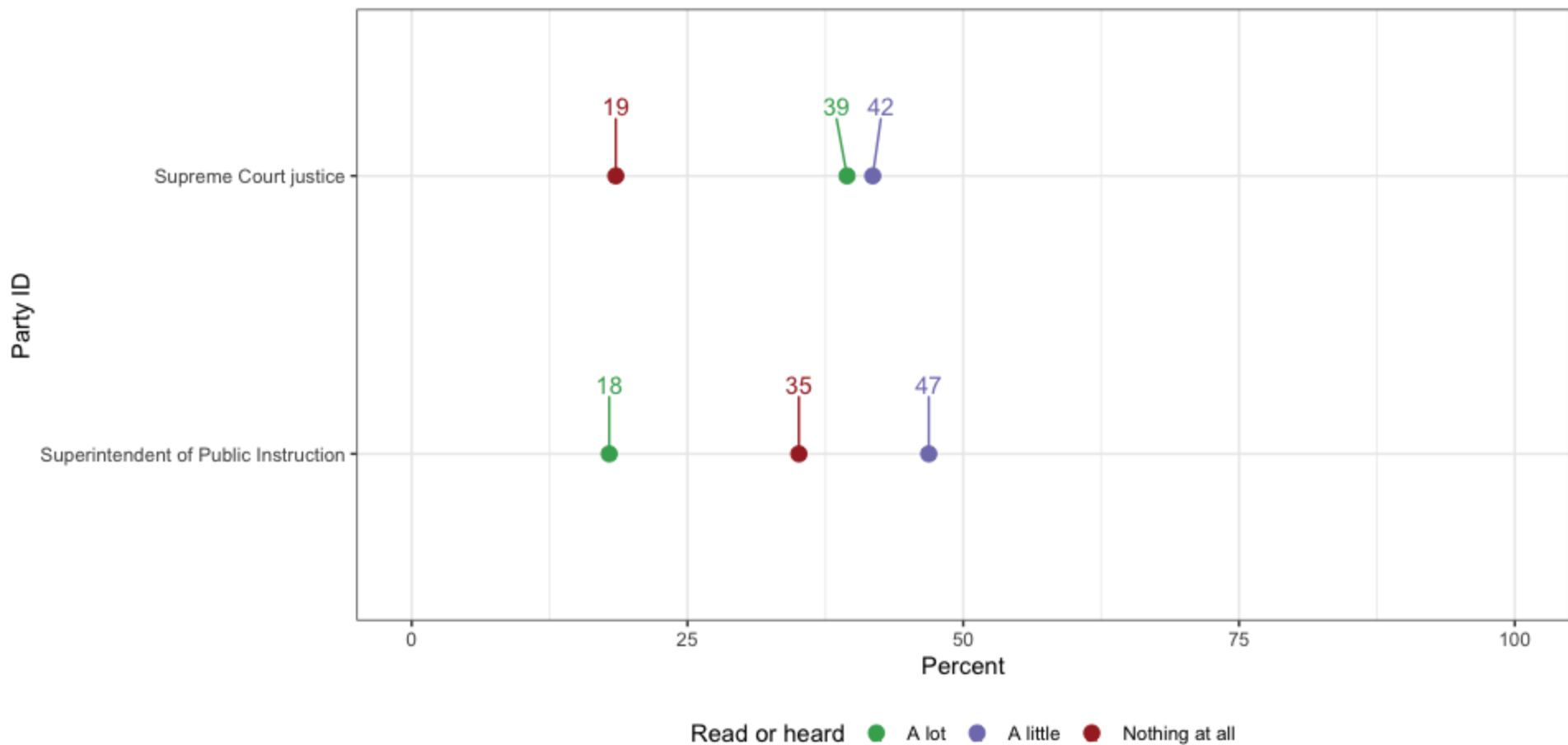
Party ID



Favorability ● Favorable ● Unfavorable ● Not heard enough/DK

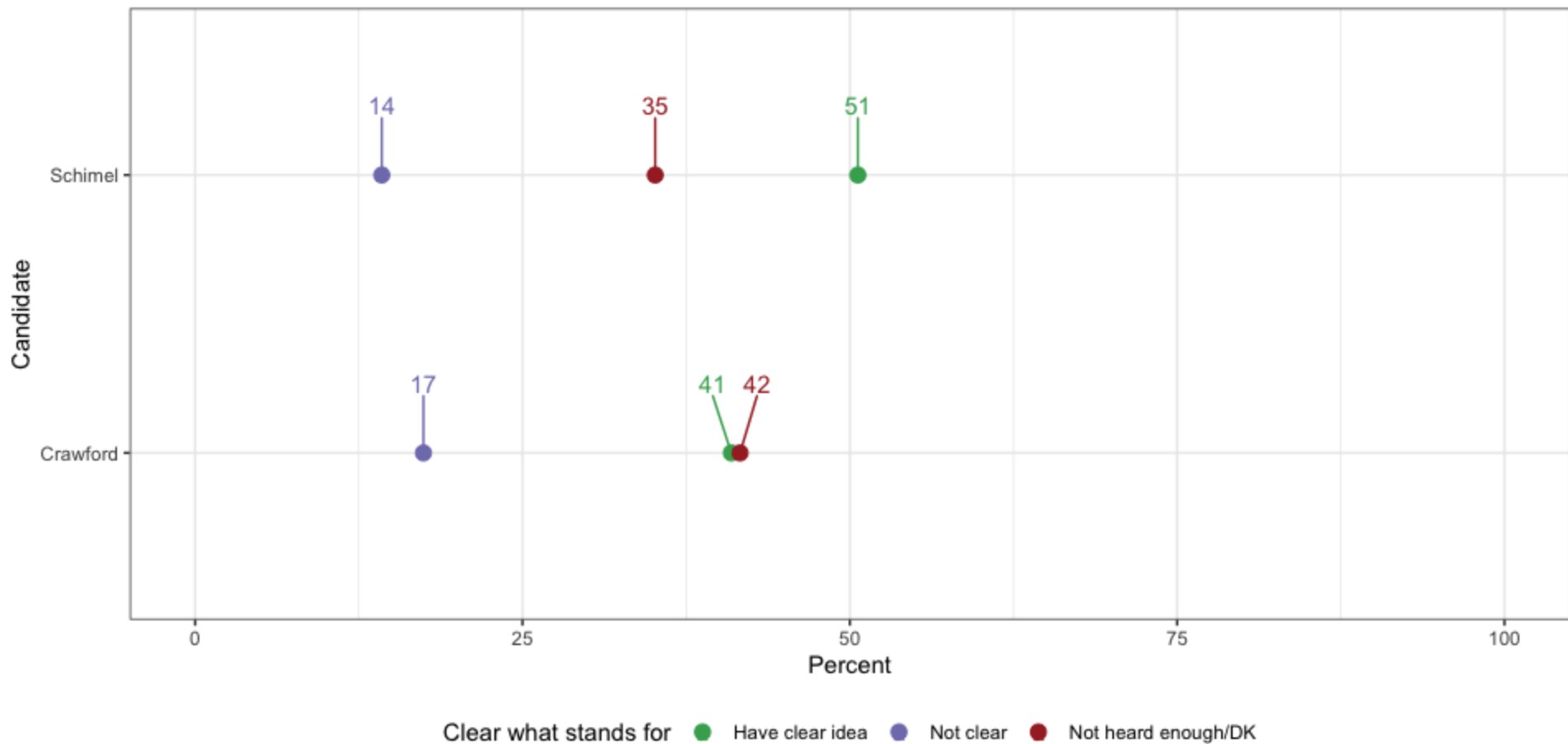
# Amount read or heard about court and superintendent races

Among registered voters



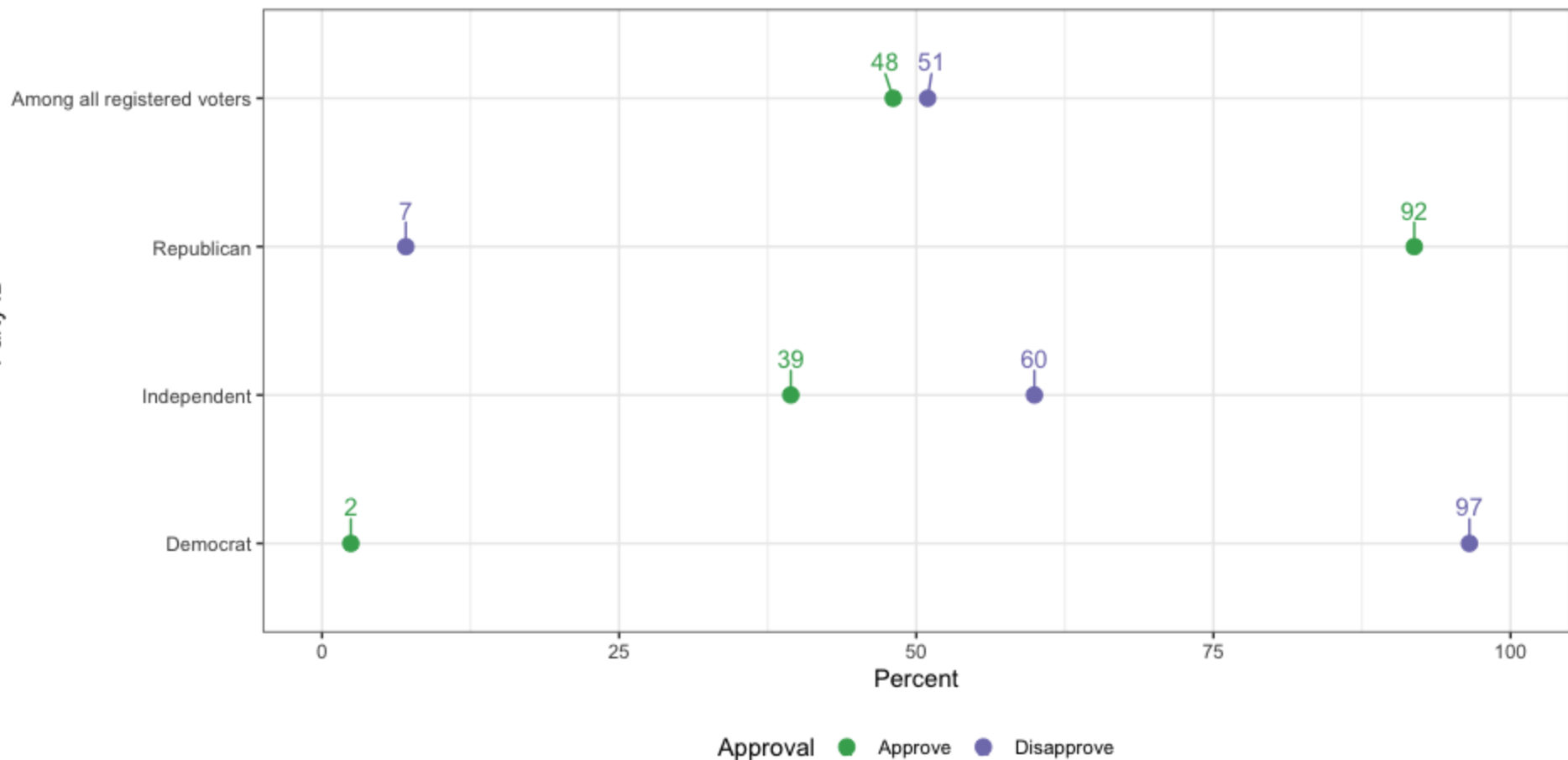
# Clear about what candidate stands for

Among registered voters



# Trump approval by party identification

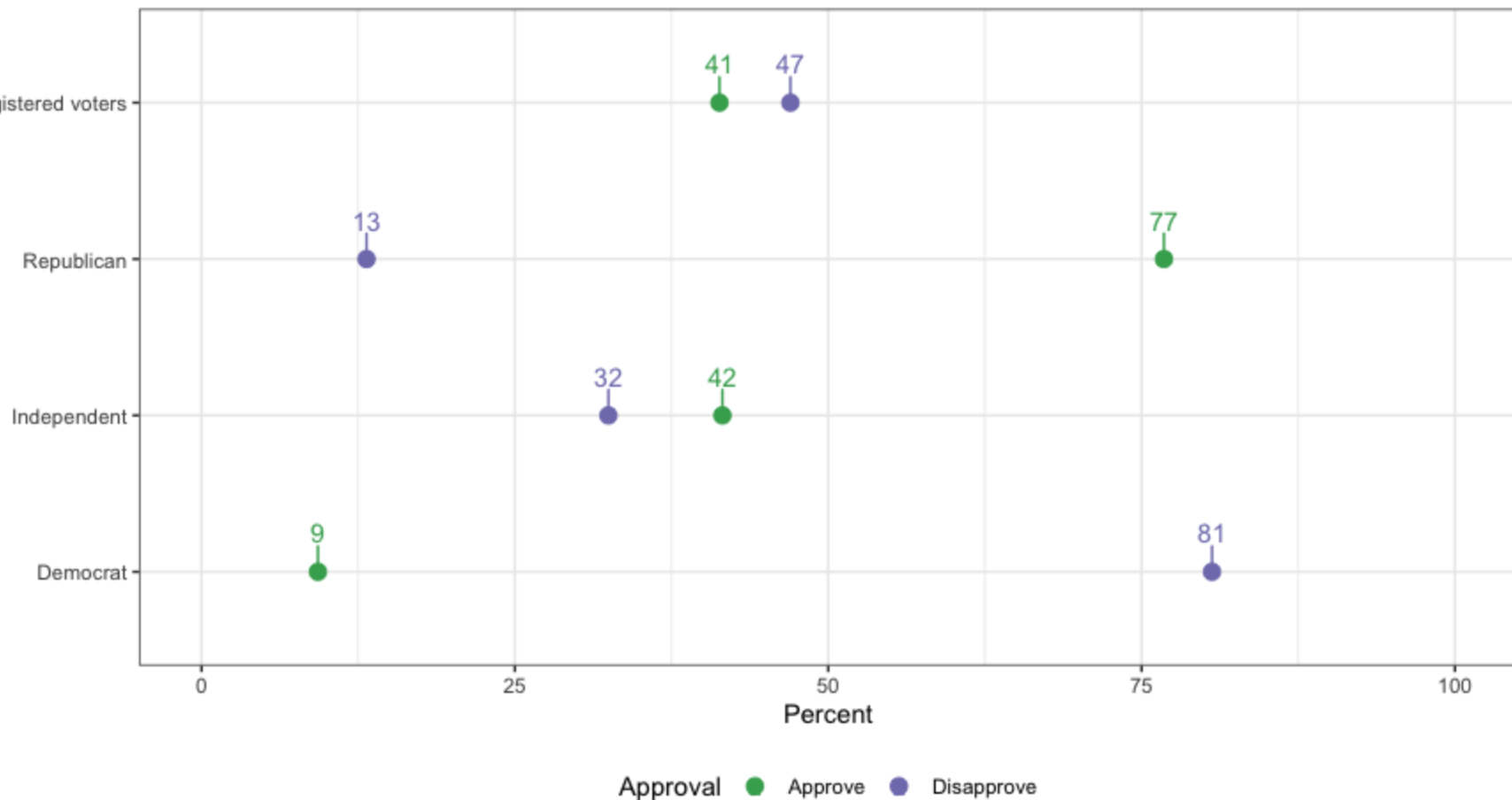
Among registered voters



# Trump approval by party identification, March 2017

Among registered voters

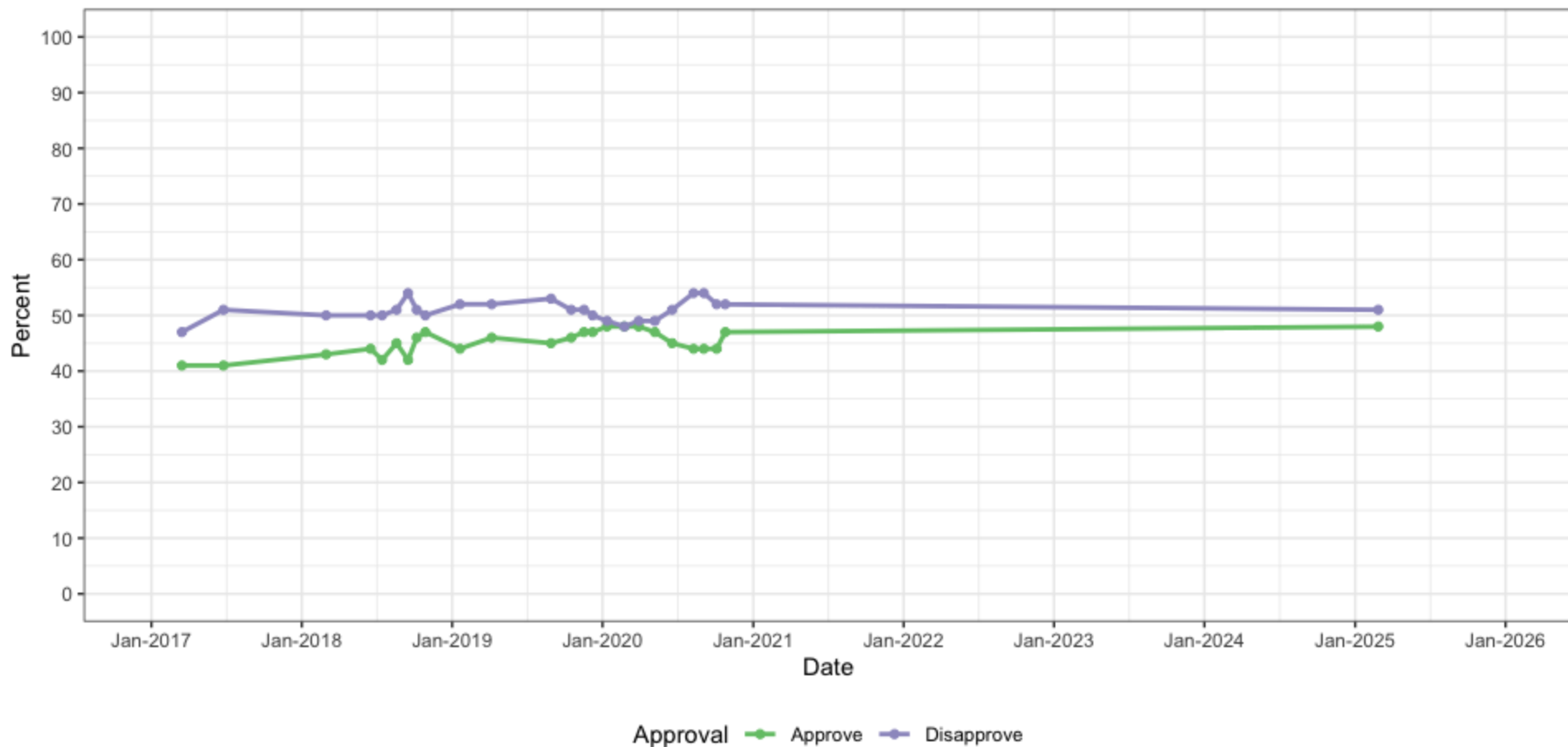
Party ID





# Trump job approval trend

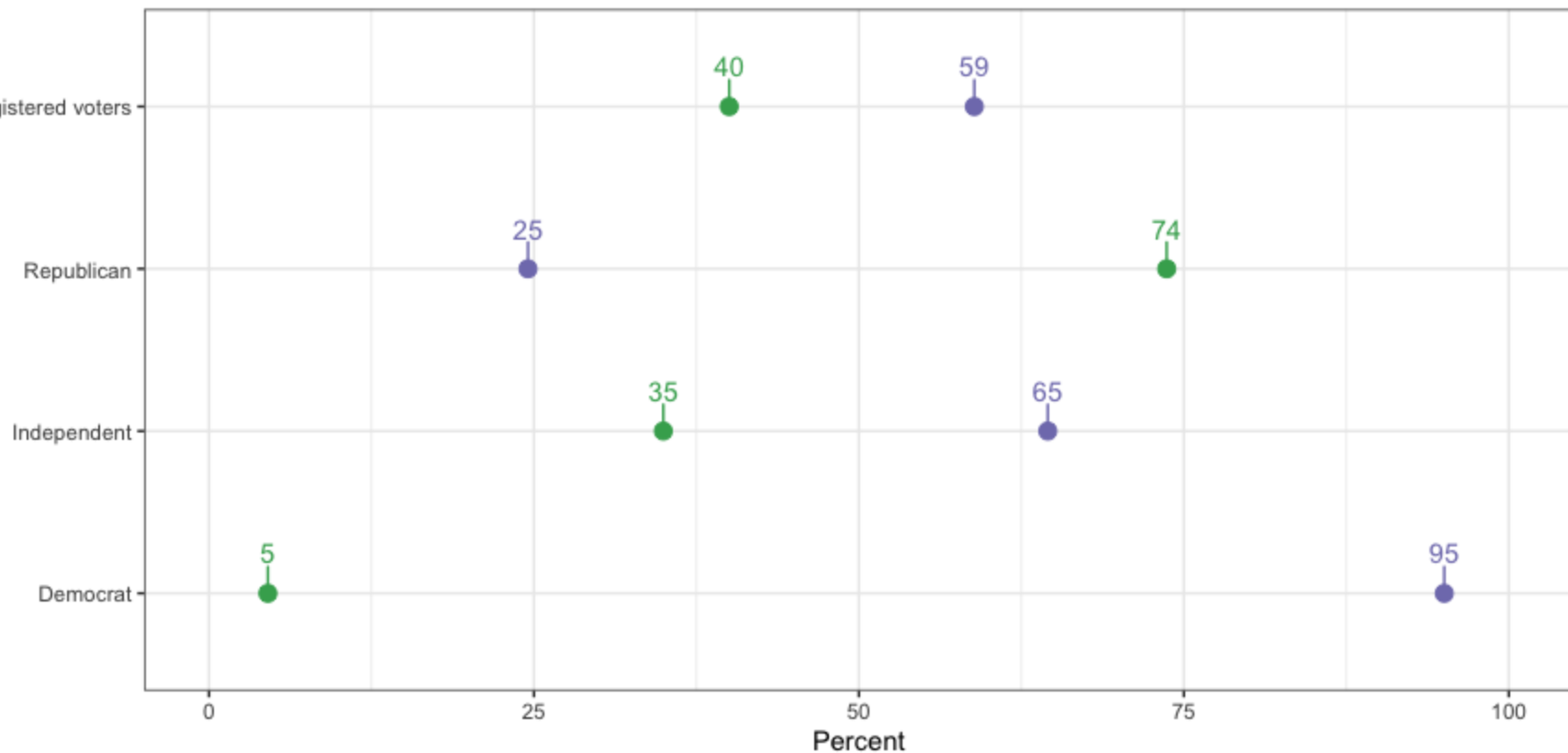
Among Wisconsin registered voters



# Presidential authority to close agencies by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

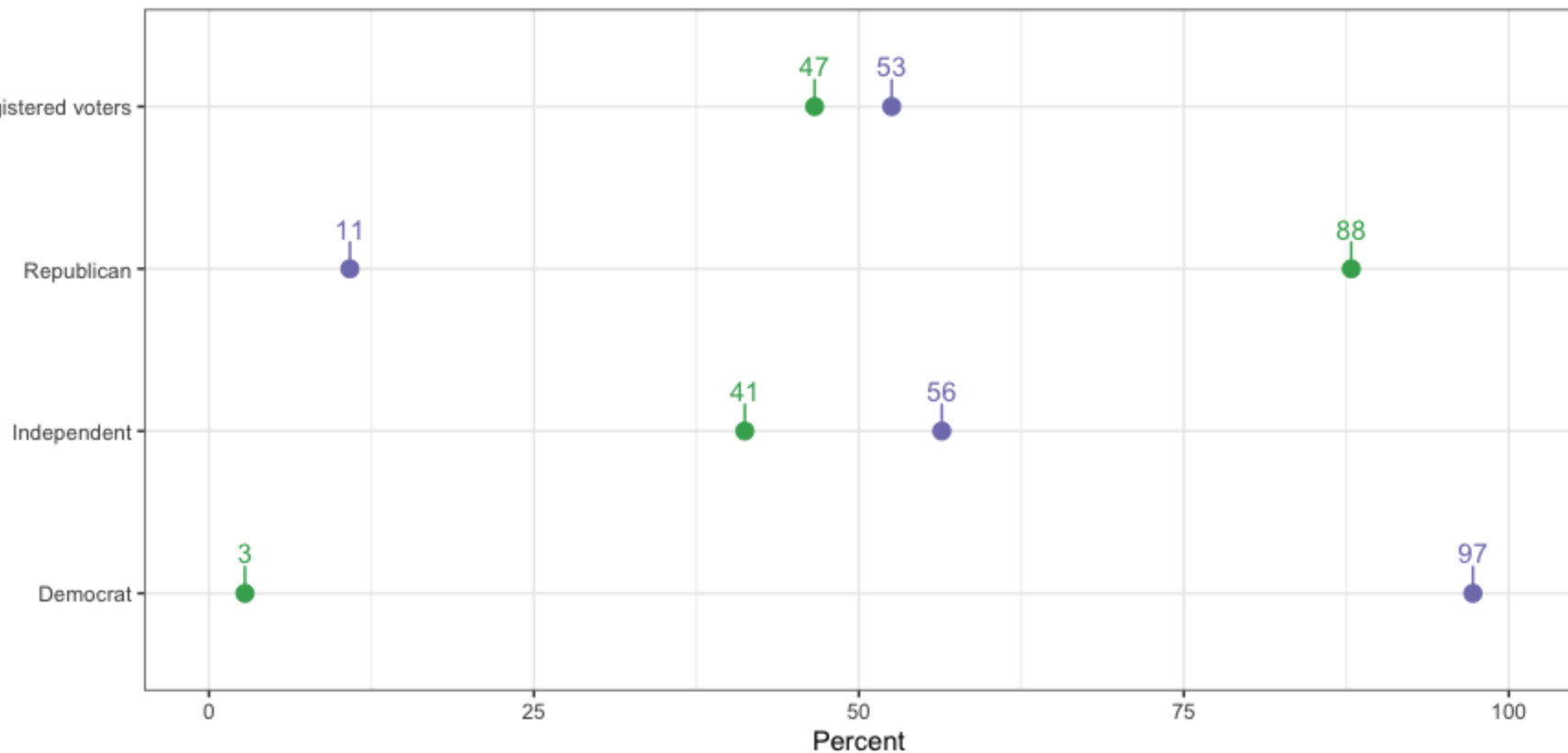


Authority ● Has the authority without congressional approval ● Beyond the president's authority

# Is DOGE properly carrying out Trump's agenda by party identification

Among registered voters

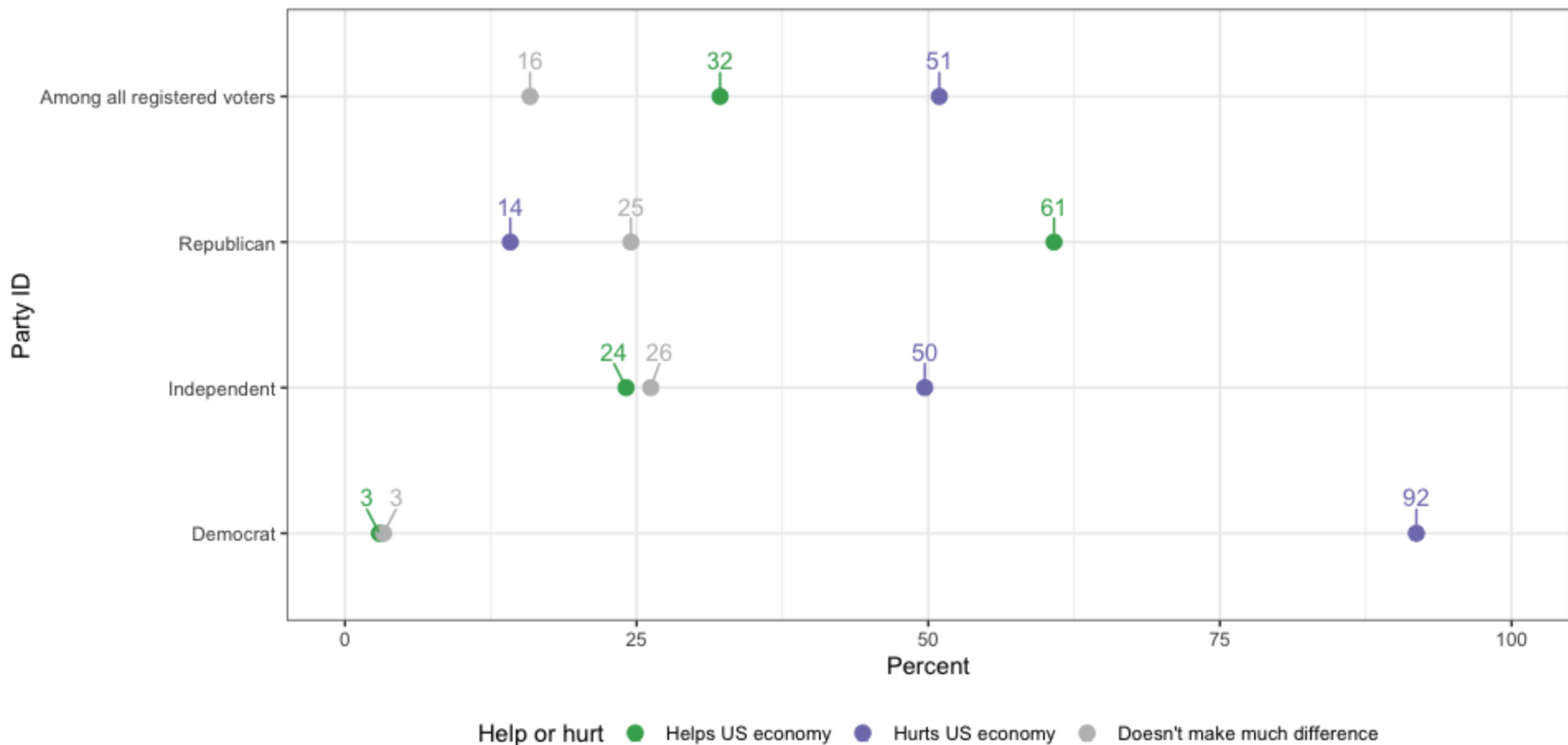
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Proper or disrupting ● Properly carrying out Trump's agenda ● Disrupting programs required by law

# Do tariffs help or hurt the economy by party identification

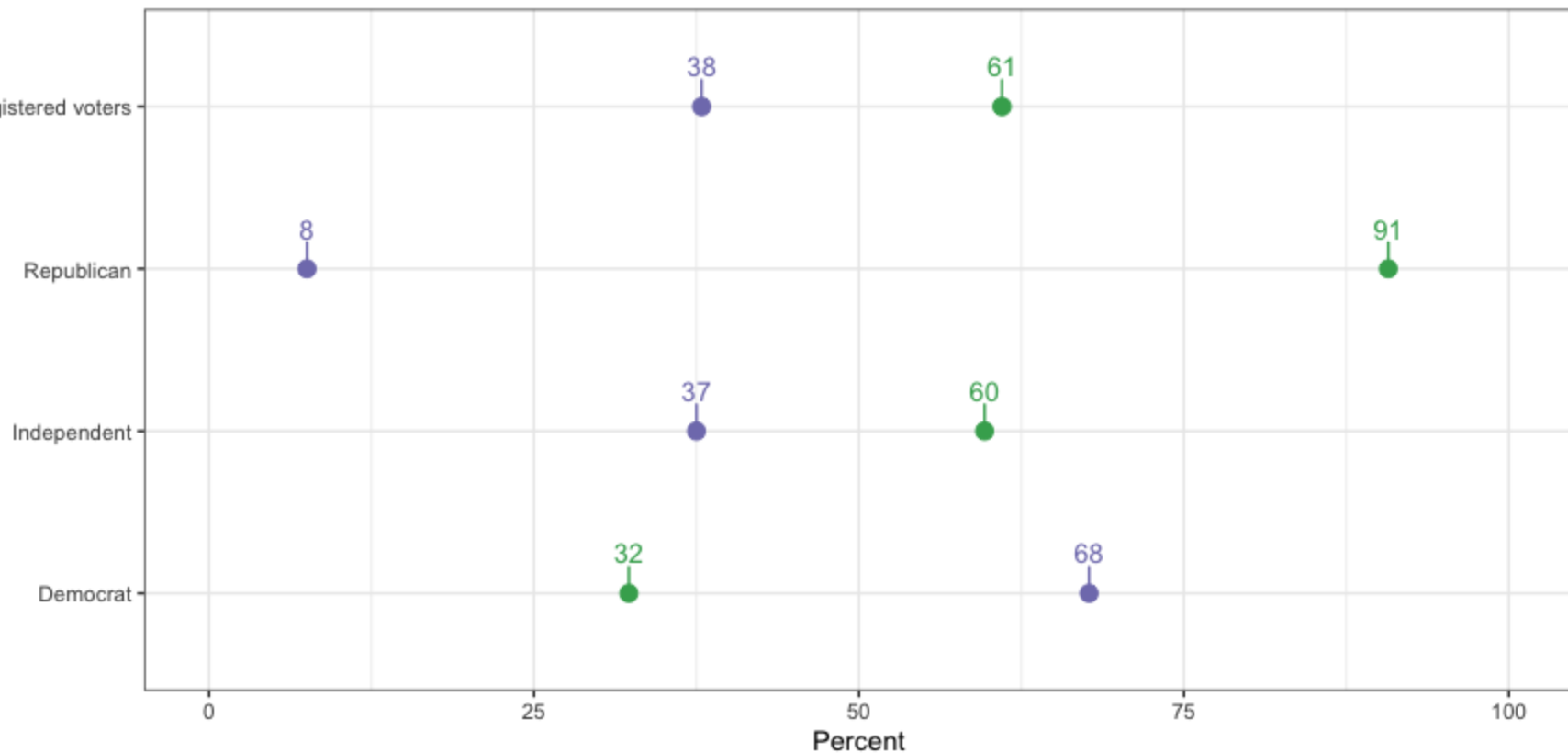
Among registered voters



# Deport immigrants in U.S. illegally by party identification

Among registered voters

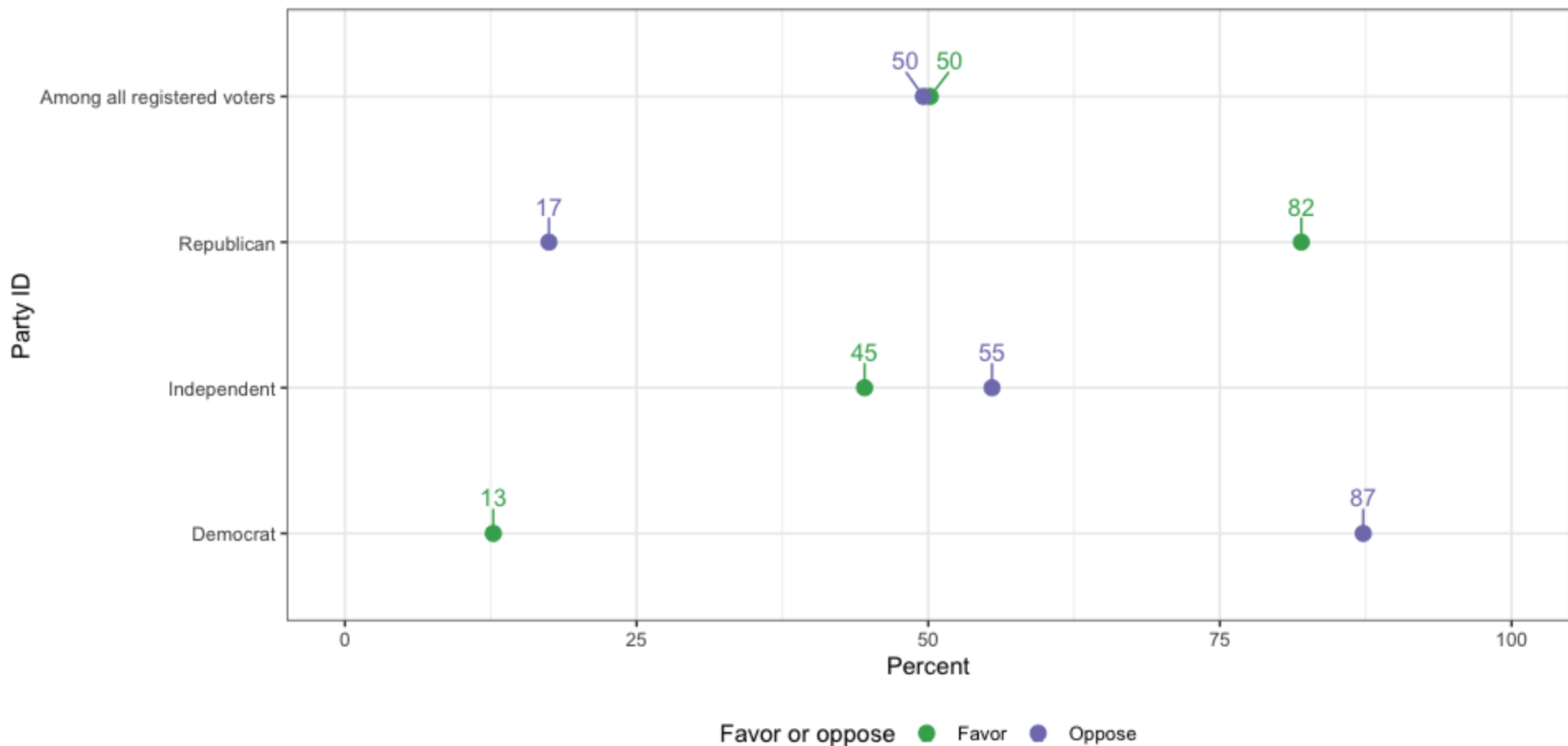
Party ID



Favor or oppose ● Favor ● Oppose

# Deport including long term and no criminal record by party identification

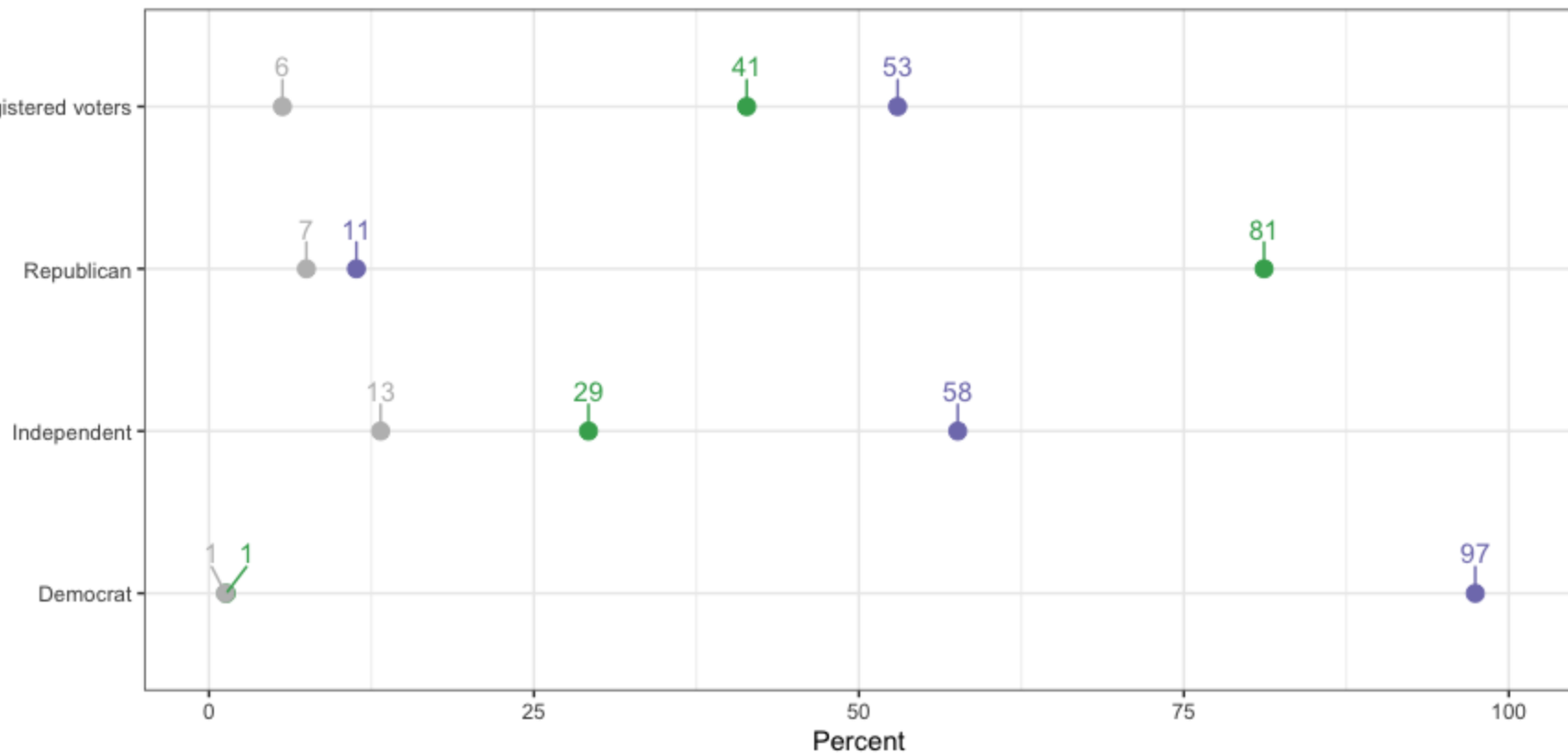
Among registered voters



# Elon Musk favorability by party identification

Among registered voters

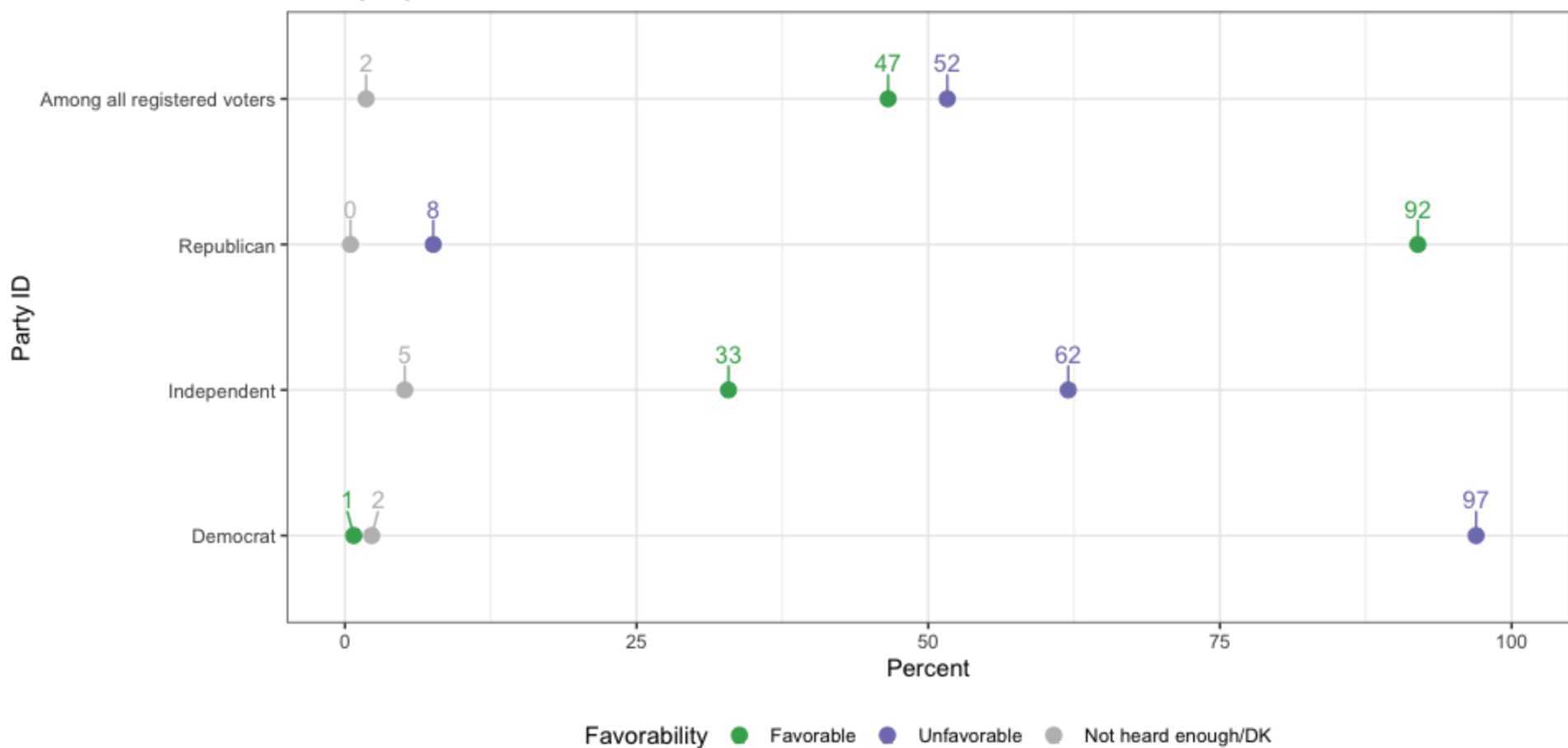
Party ID



Favorability ● Favorable ● Unfavorable ● Not heard/DK/Ref

# Republican party favorability by party identification

Among registered voters

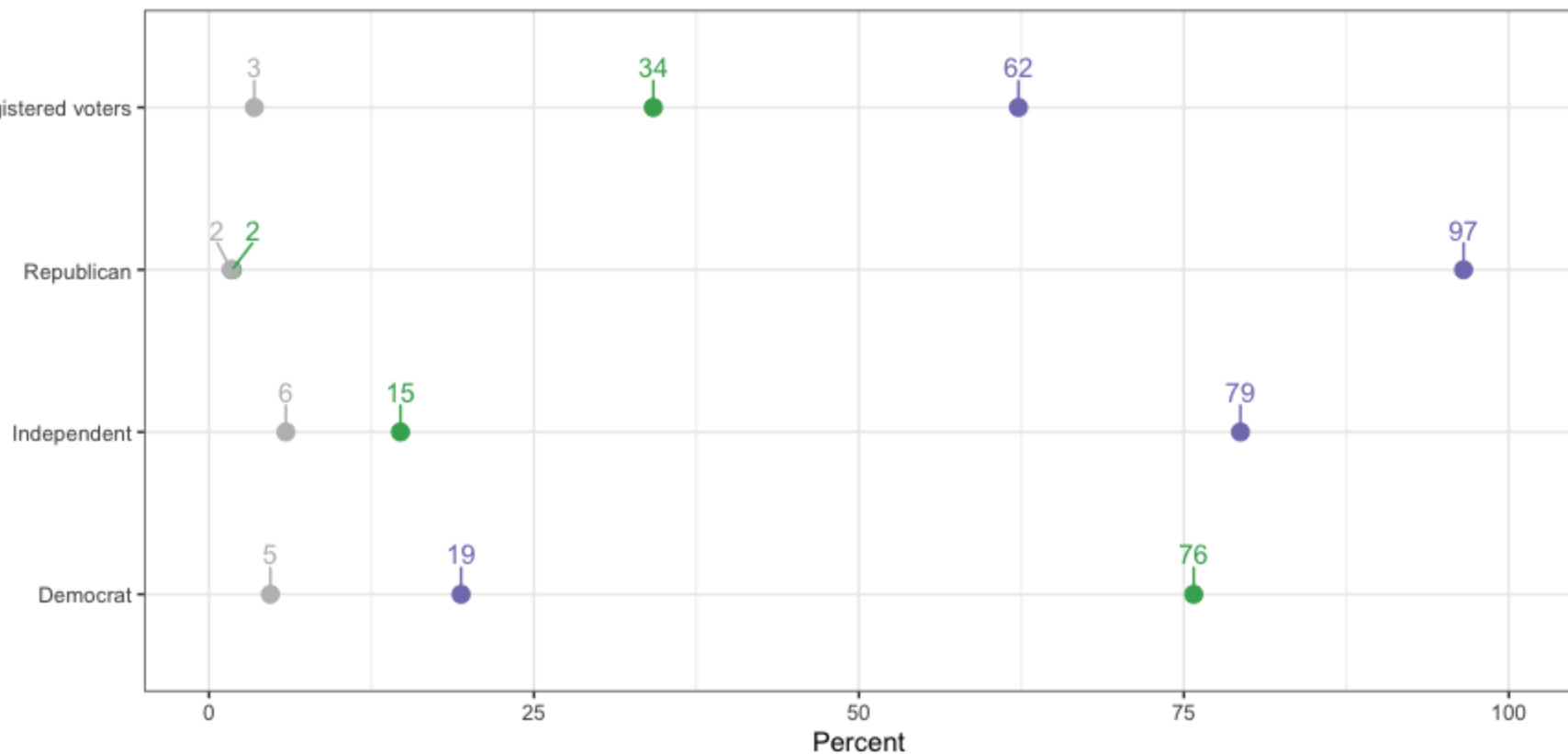




# Democratic party favorability by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

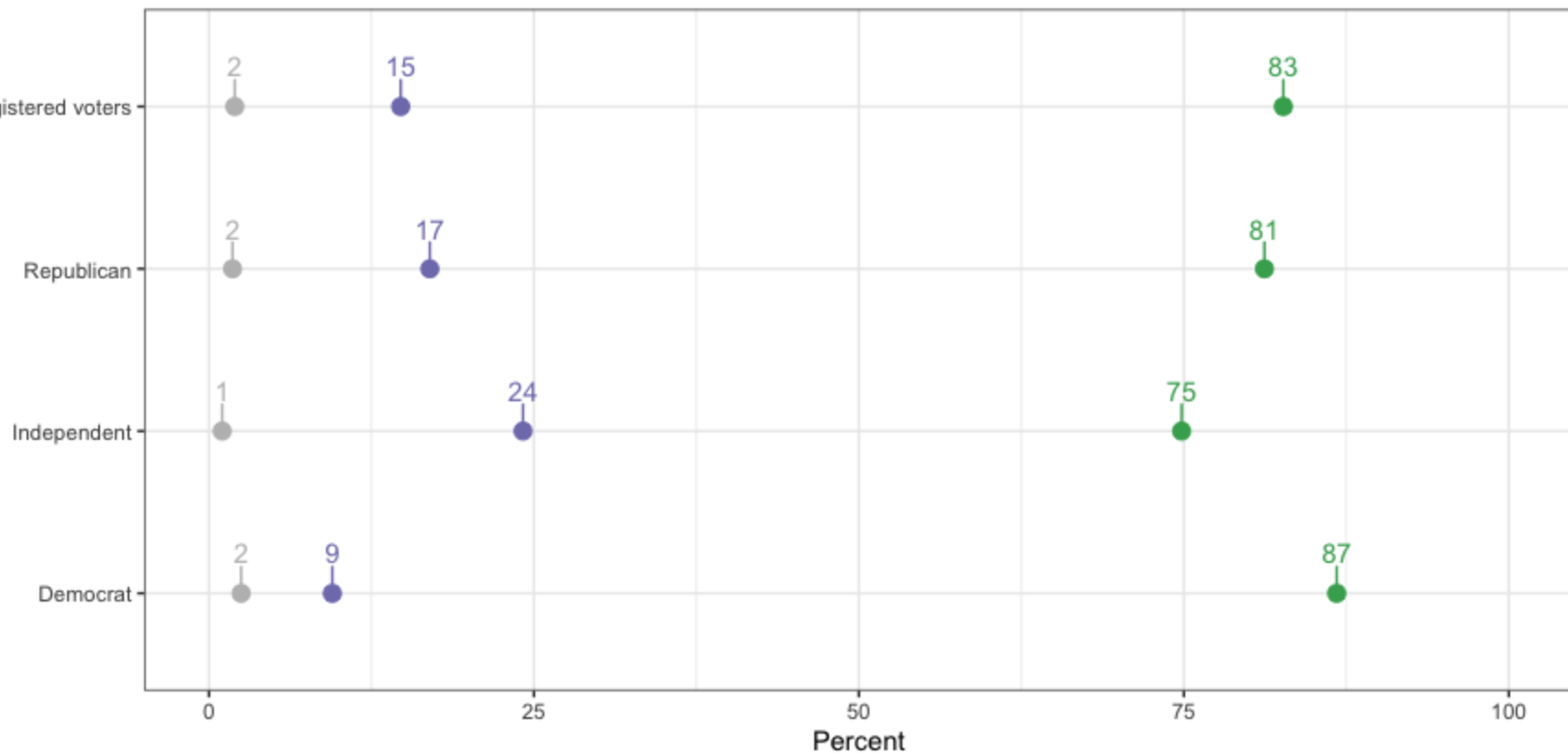


Favorability ● Favorable ● Unfavorable ● Not heard enough/DK

# Can election tip balance on court by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

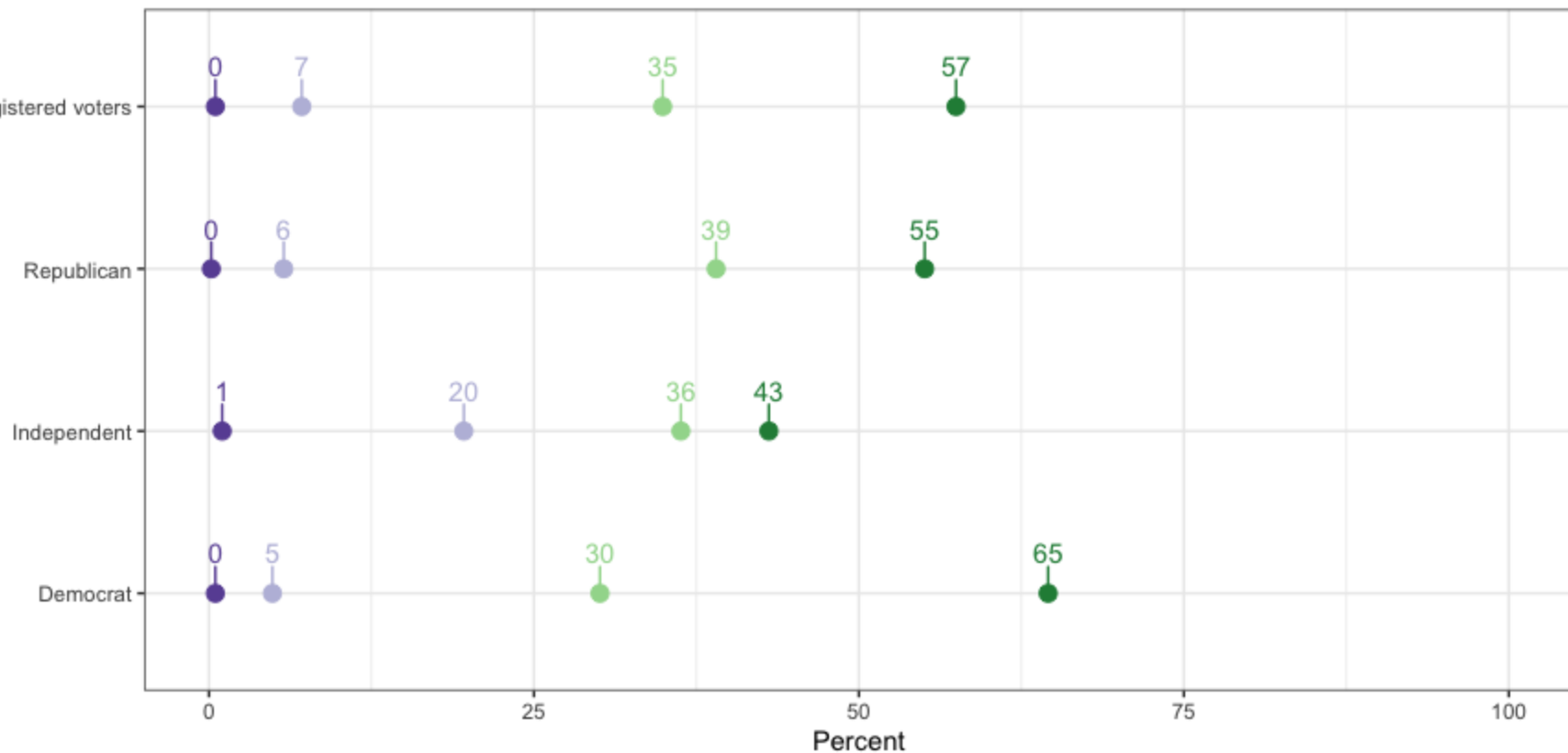


Tip balance ● Yes, can tip the balance ● No, will not affect the balance ● Don't know

# Is outcome of court election important by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

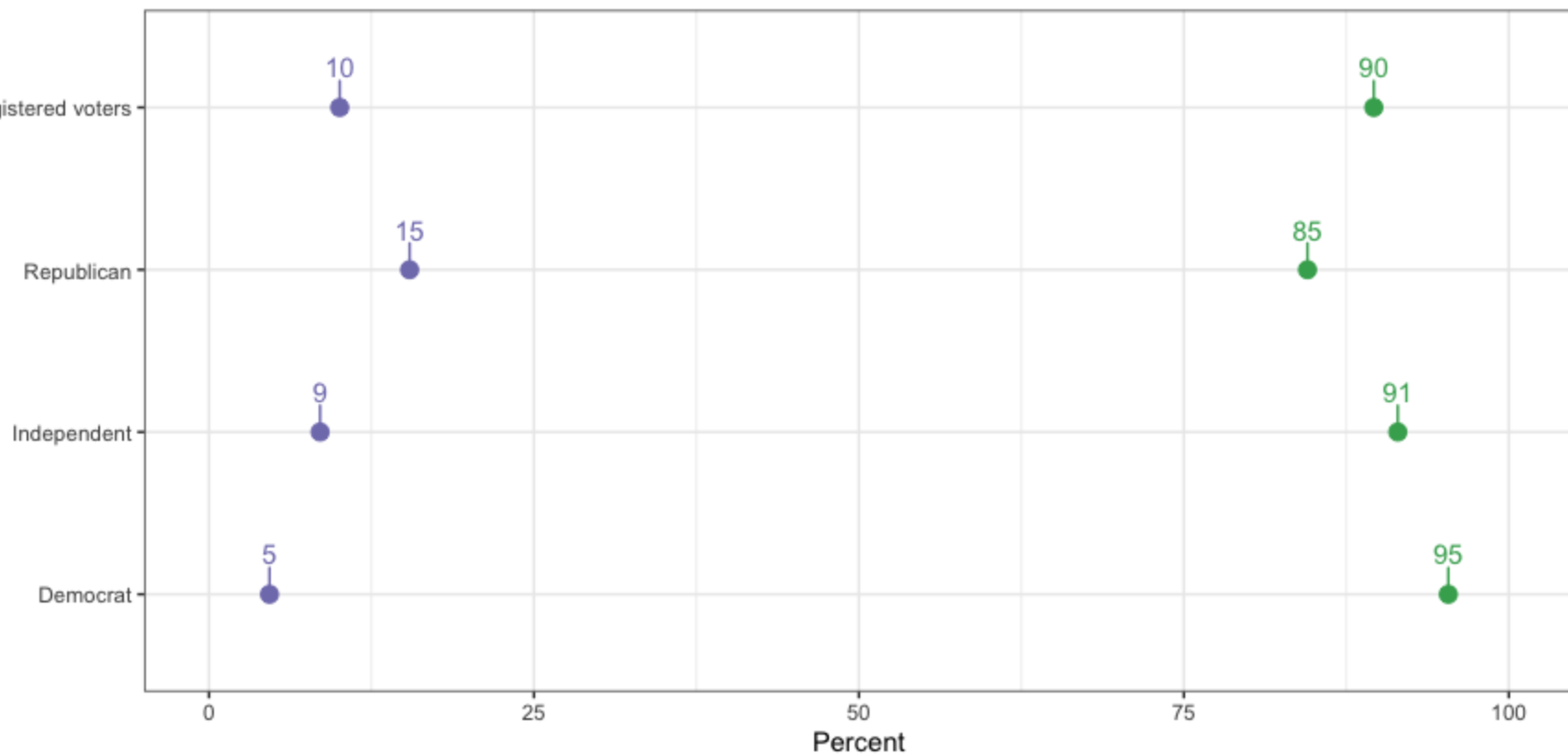


Importance of court election ● Very important ● Somewhat important ● Not too important ● Not at all important

# Elect or appoint judges by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

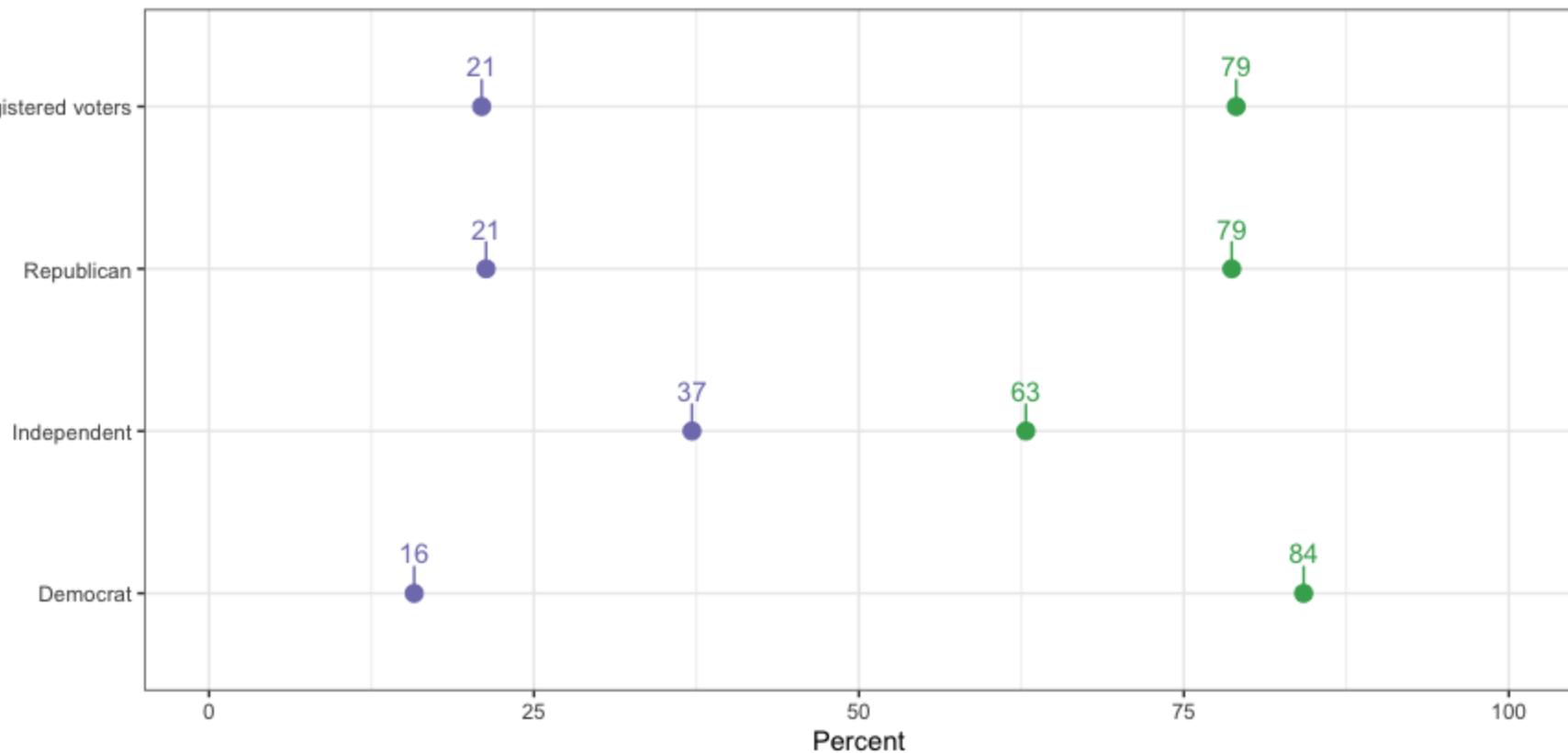


Elect or appoint ● Better to have justices be elected ● Better to have justices be appointed

# Should judicial candidates discuss issues by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

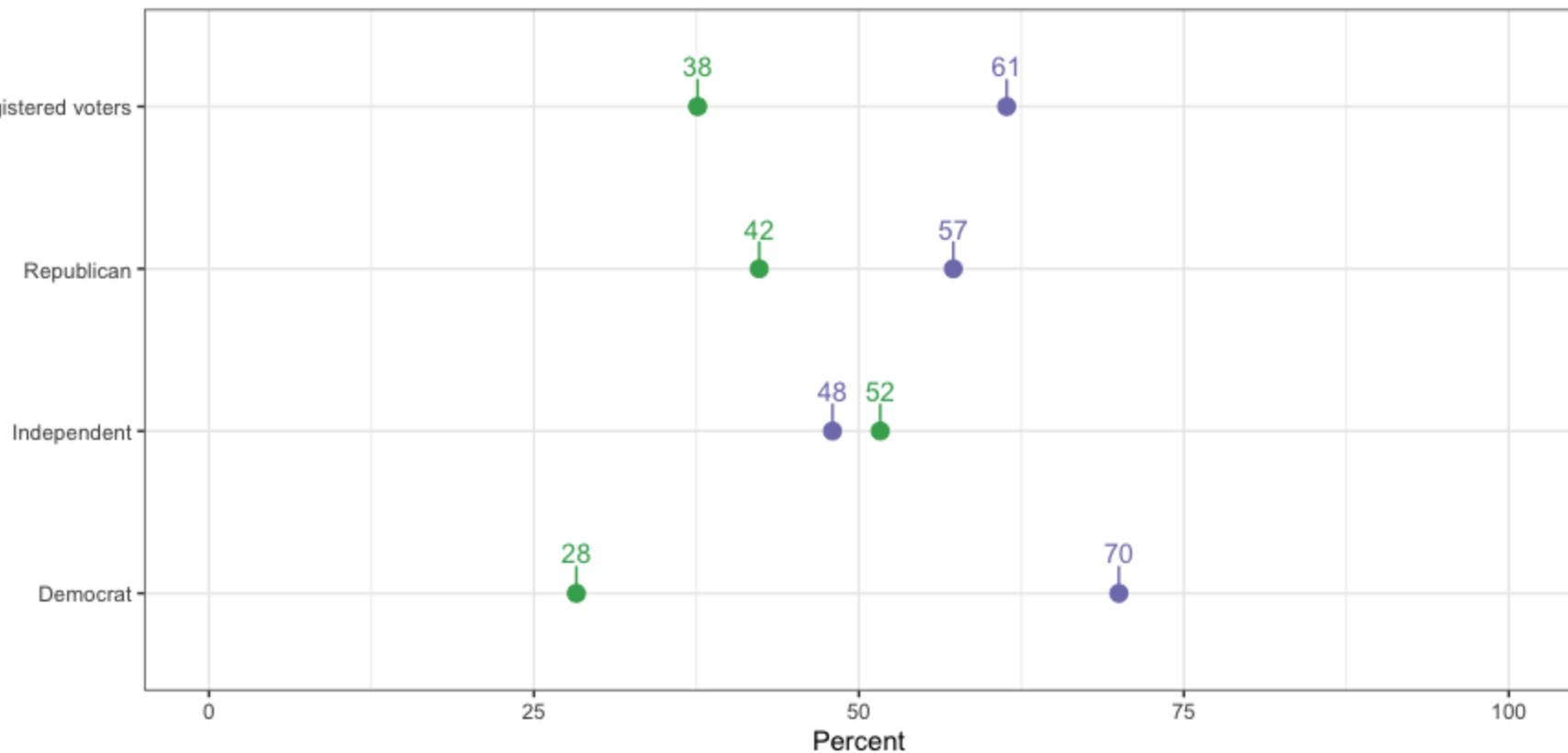


Discuss or avoid    ● Discuss issues    ● Avoid discussing issues

# Party contributions to judicial candidates by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID



Effect of contributions



Gives voters better idea of what candidates stand for

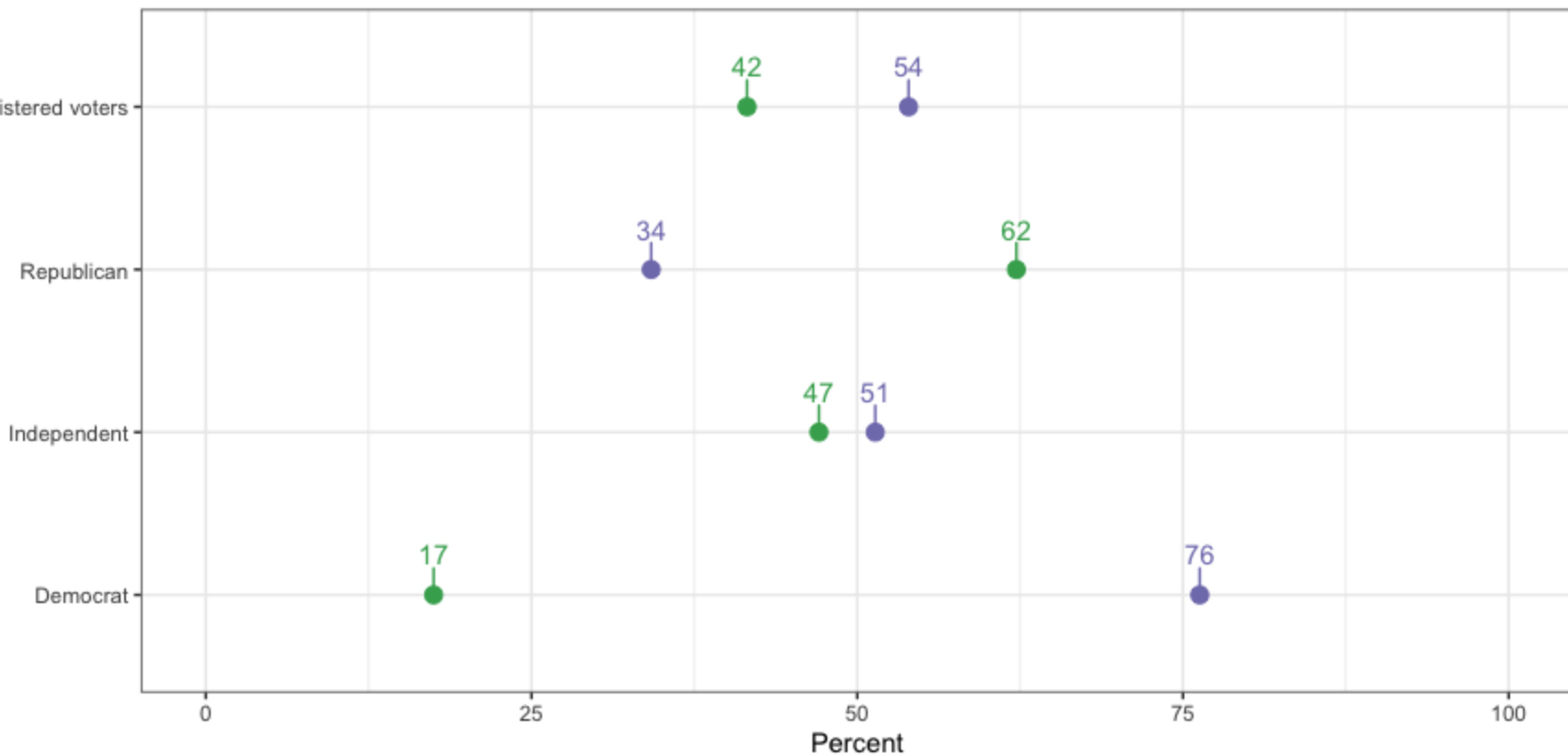


Reduces independence from political influence

# Act 10 ruling by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

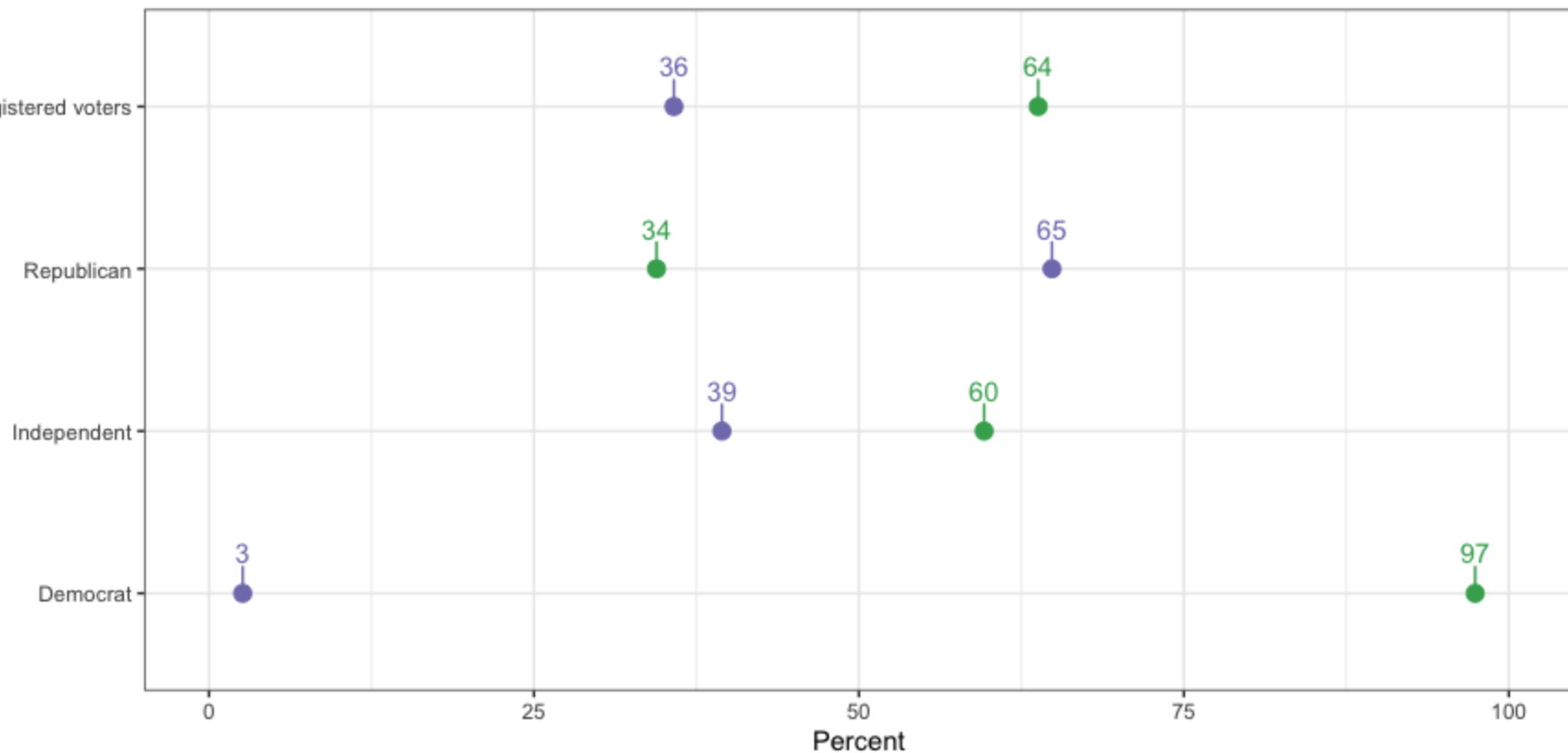


Preference for Act 10 ruling ● Uphold Act 10 ● Strike down the law

# Abortion policy by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID



Abortion policy    ● Legal in all or most cases    ● Illegal in all or most cases



# Photo ID law by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

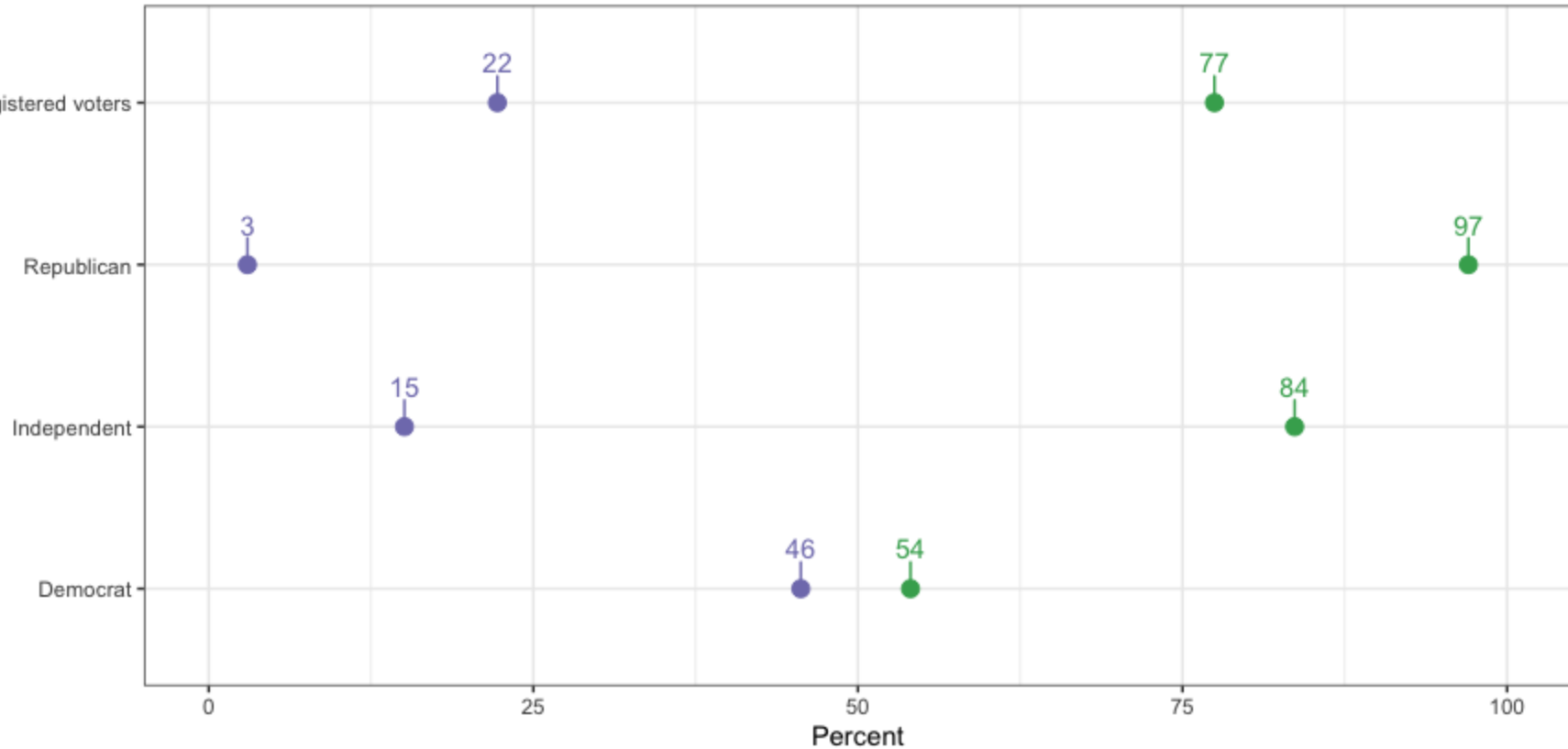


Photo ID law ● Favor ● Oppose

# Photo ID amendment by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

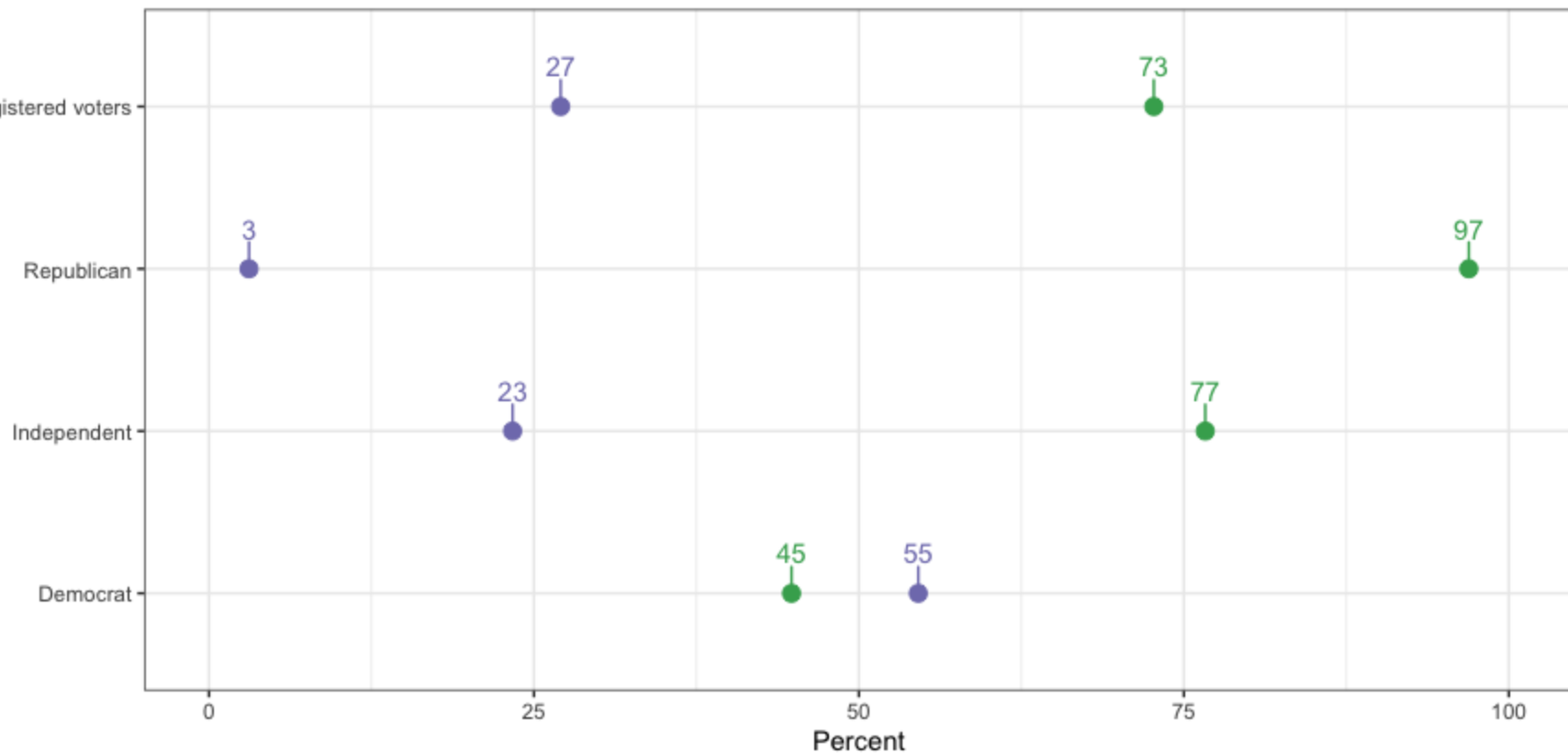
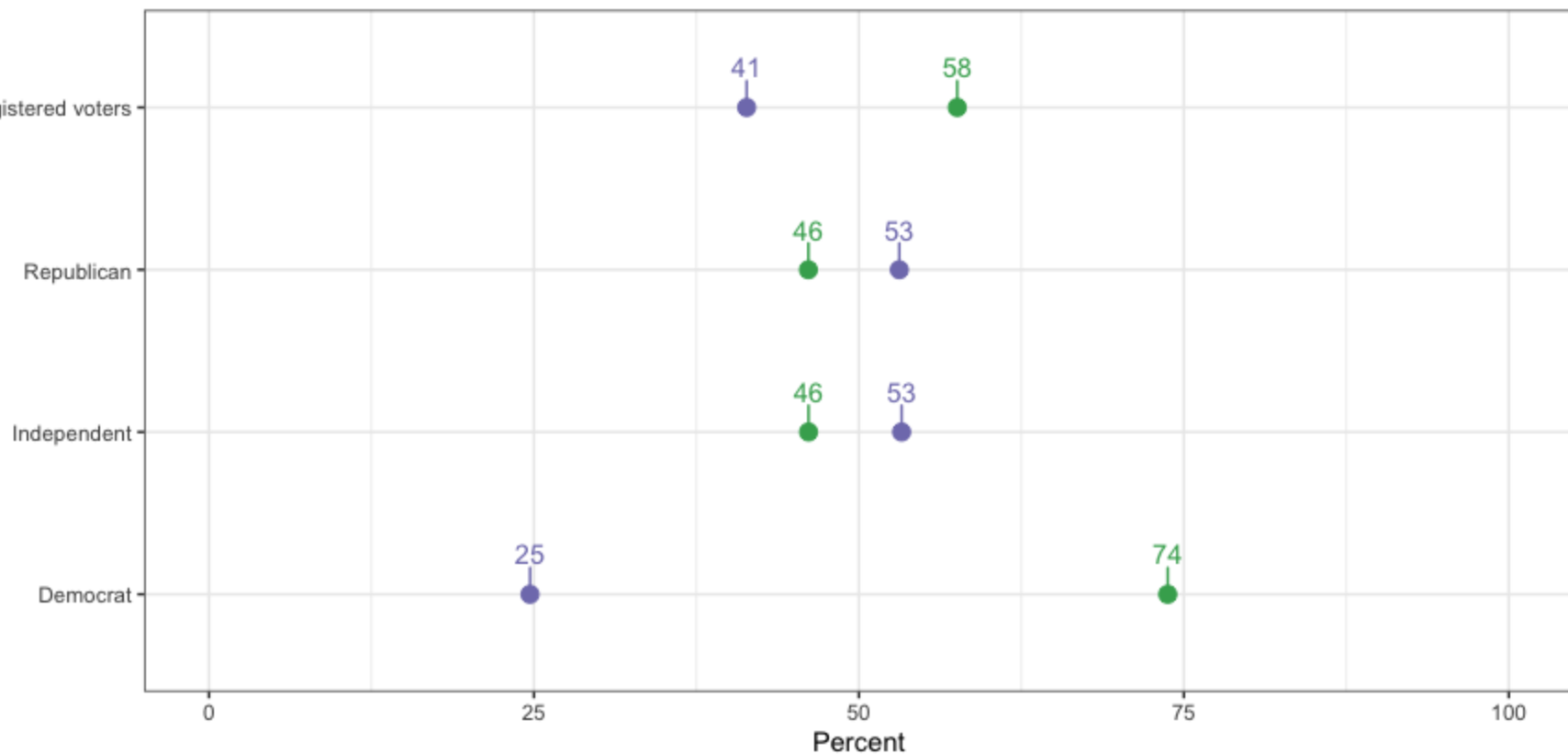


Photo ID amendment ● Favor ● Oppose

# Satisfaction with public schools by party identification

Among registered voters

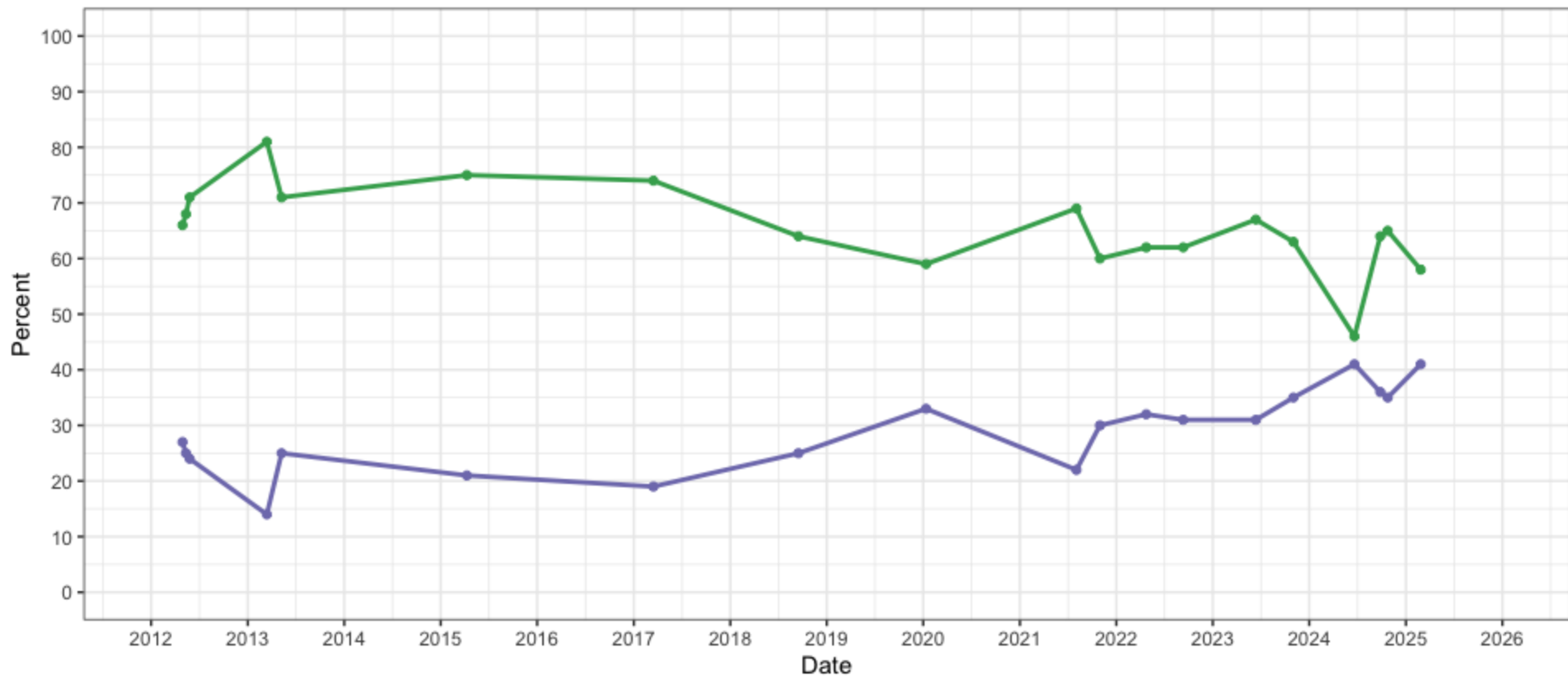
Party ID



Satisfaction ● Very satisfied/satisfied ● Very dissatisfied/dissatisfied

# Satisfaction with schools trend

Among Wisconsin registered voters

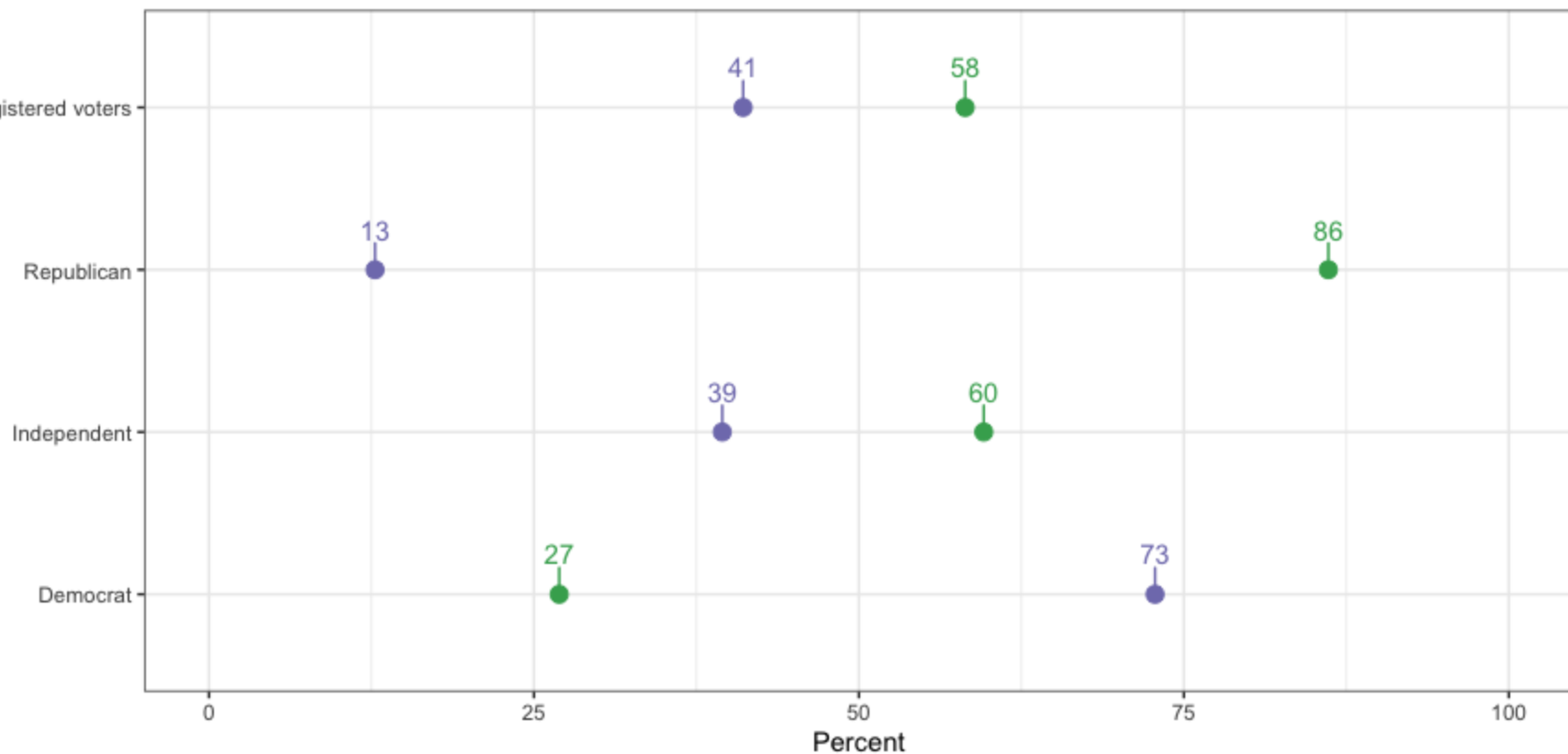


Satisfaction — Very satisfied/satisfied — Very dissatisfied/dissatisfied

# Property tax or school funding by party identification

Among registered voters

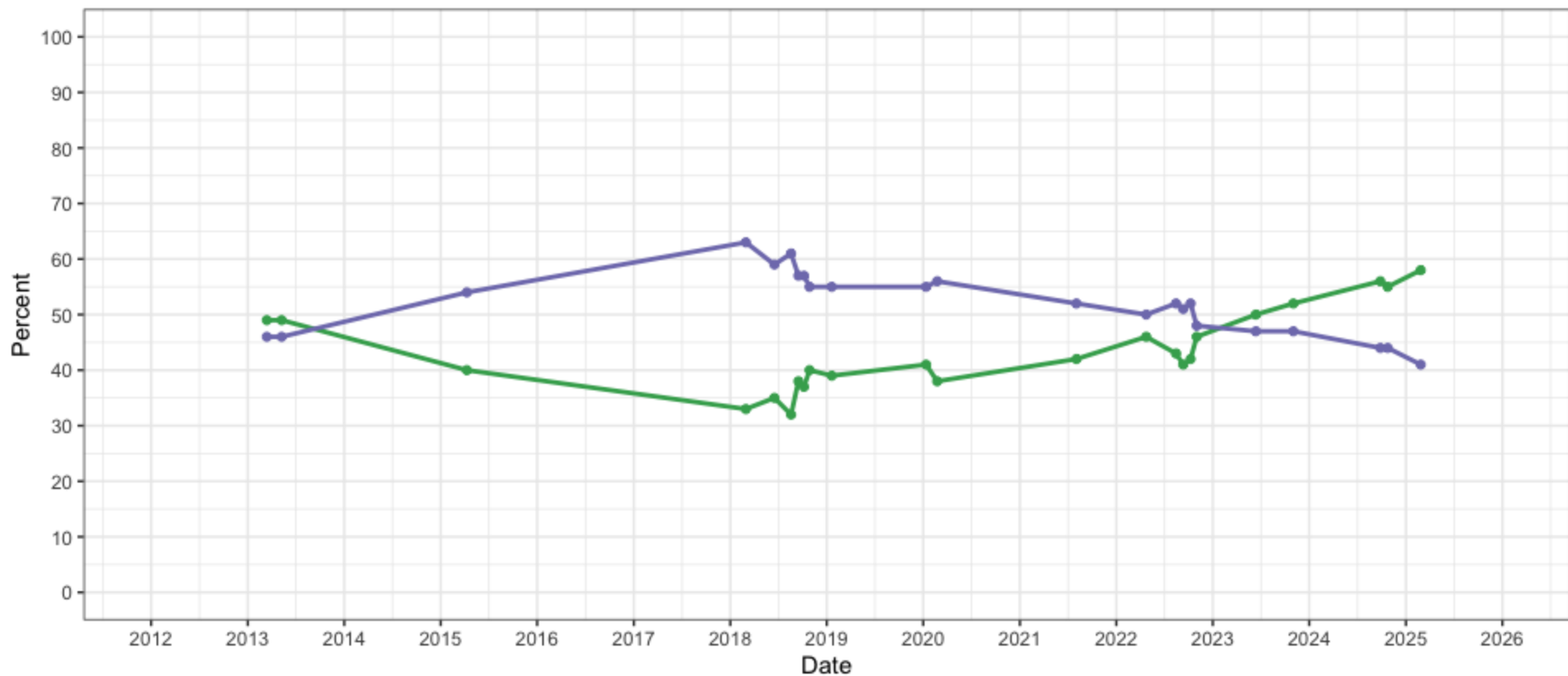
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Which more important ● Reducing property taxes ● Increasing spending on public schools

# Property tax or school funding trend

Among Wisconsin registered voters

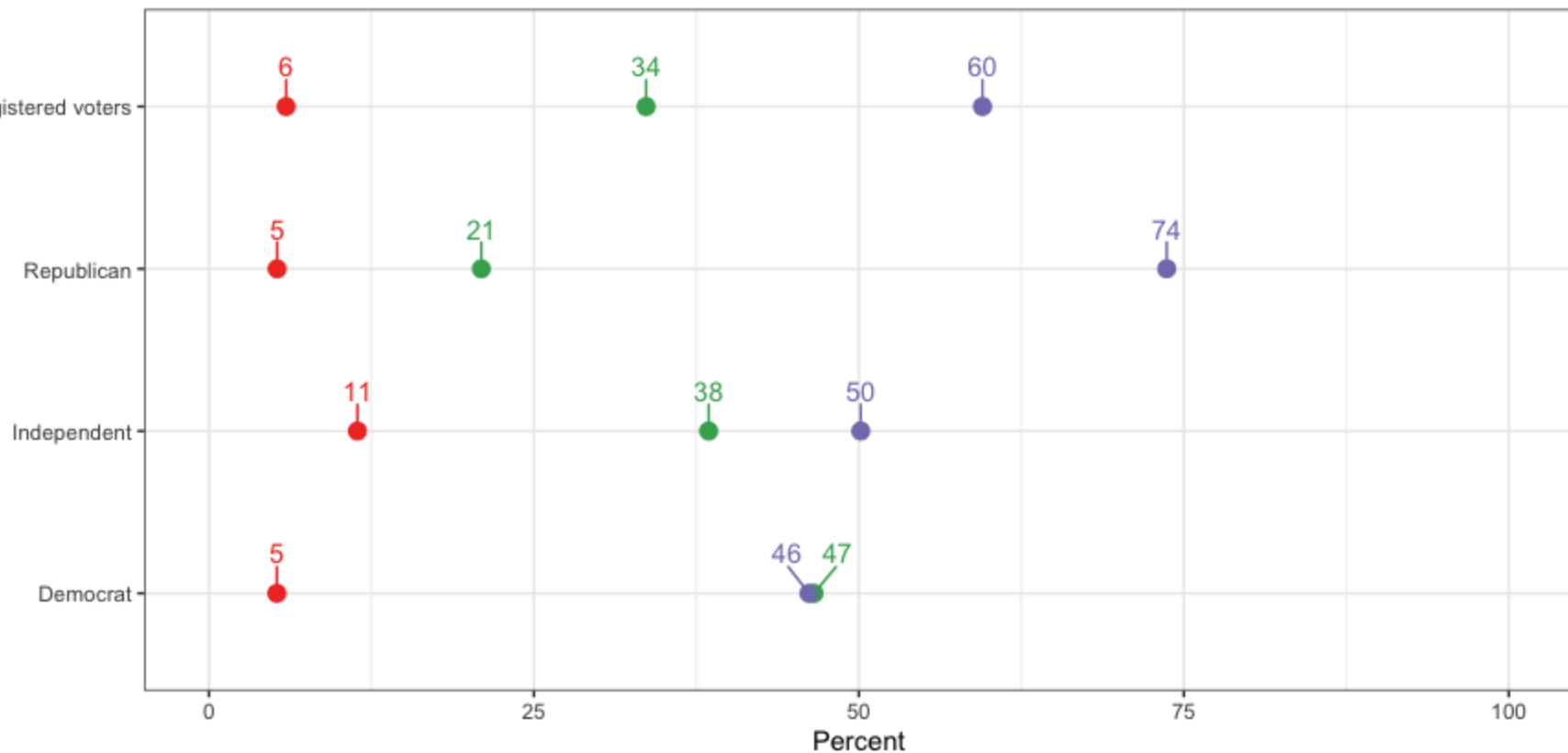


Which more important — Reducing property taxes — Increasing spending on public schools

# Education standards by party identification

Among registered voters

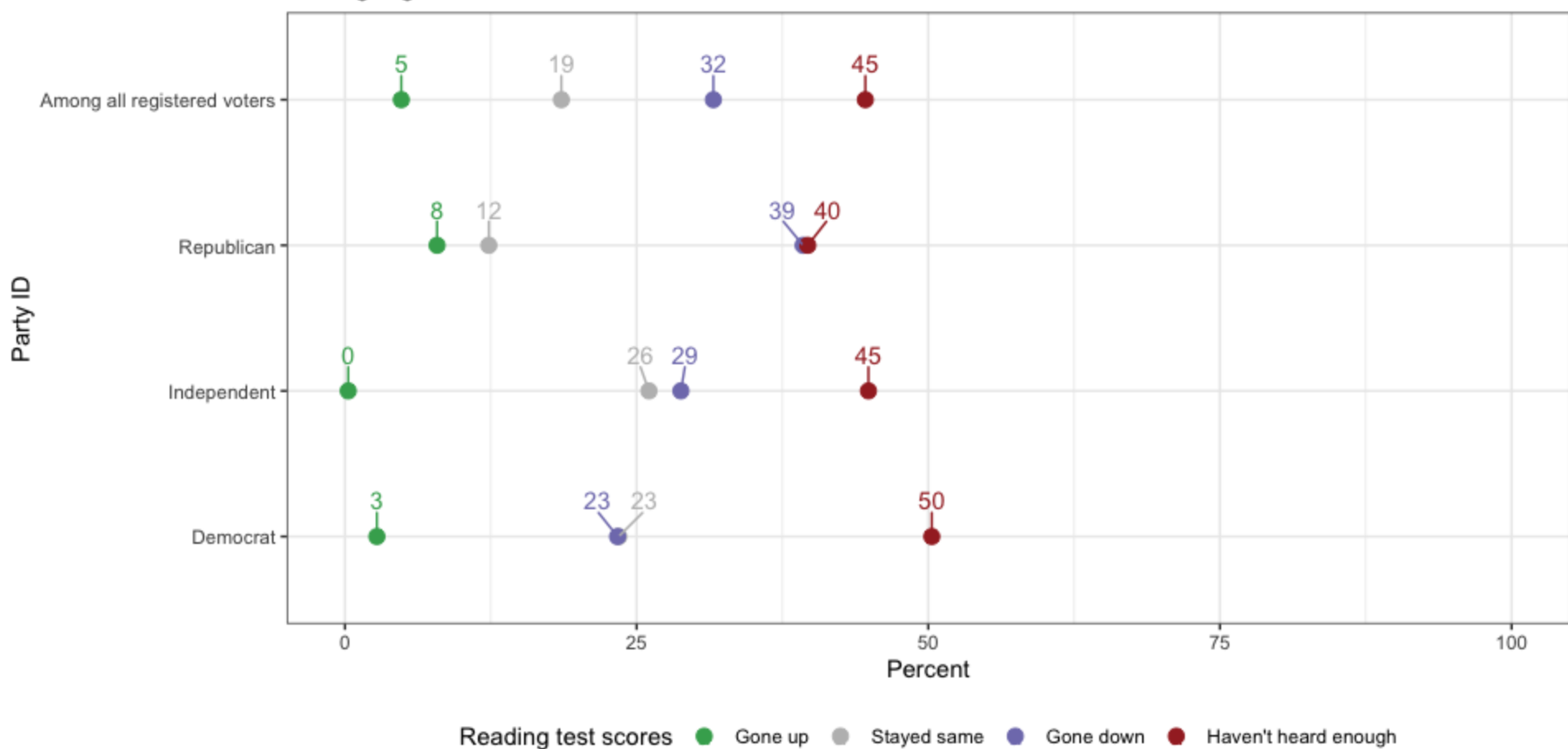
Party ID



Education standards ● About where they should be ● Higher than they should be ● Lower than they should be

# Reading tests by party identification

Among registered voters

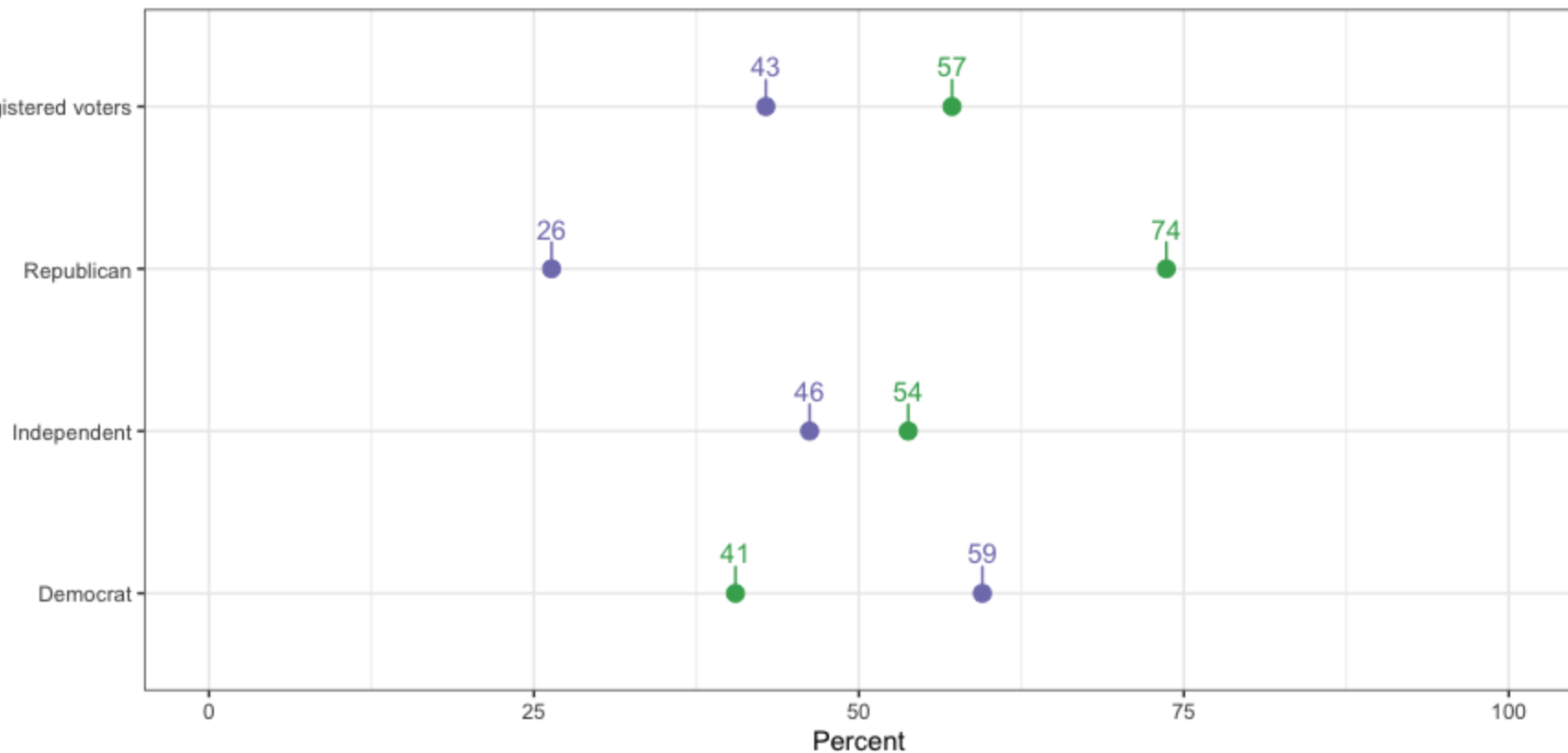




# Vouchers for all students by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

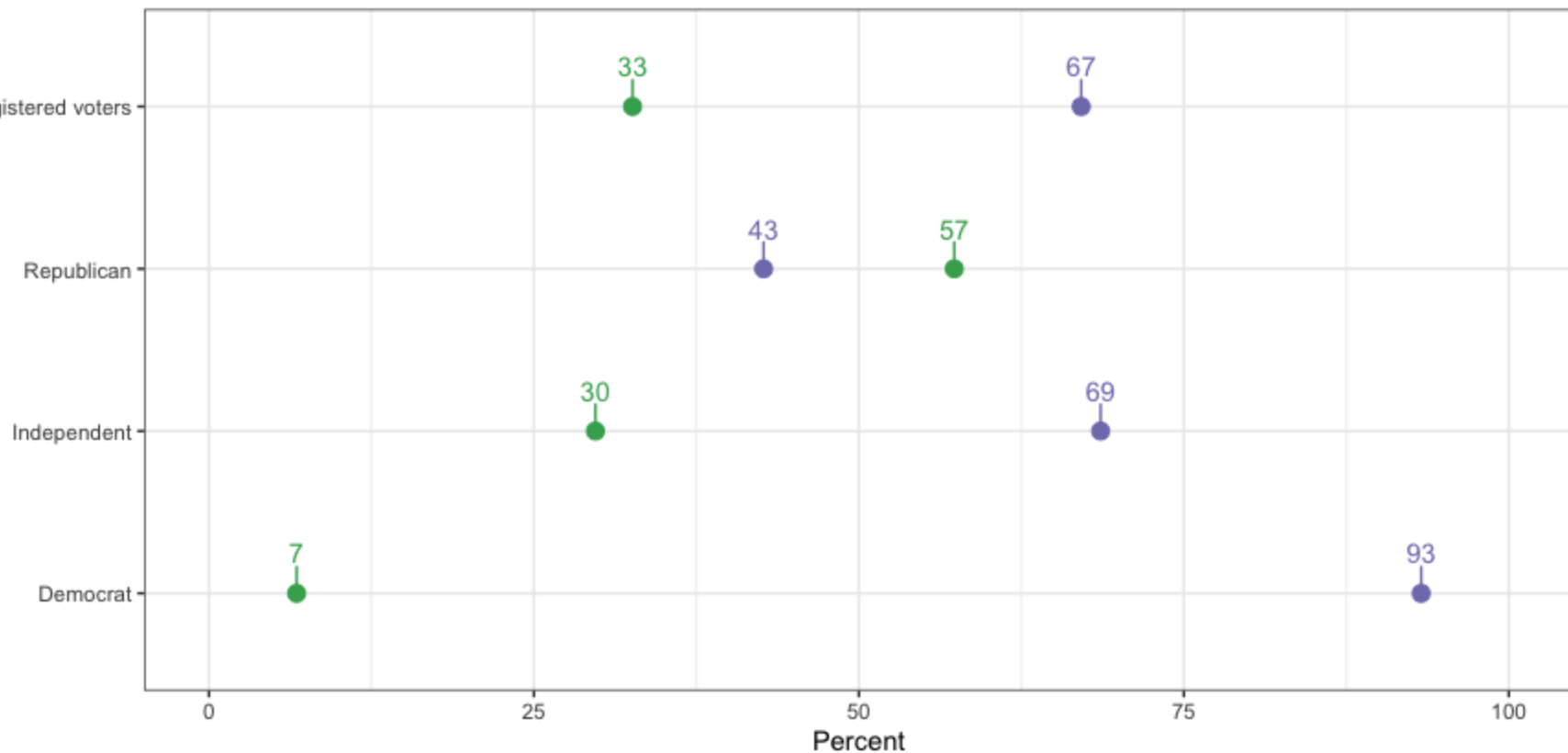


Vouchers for all ● Favor ● Oppose

# Increase support for private or public schools by party identification

Among registered voters

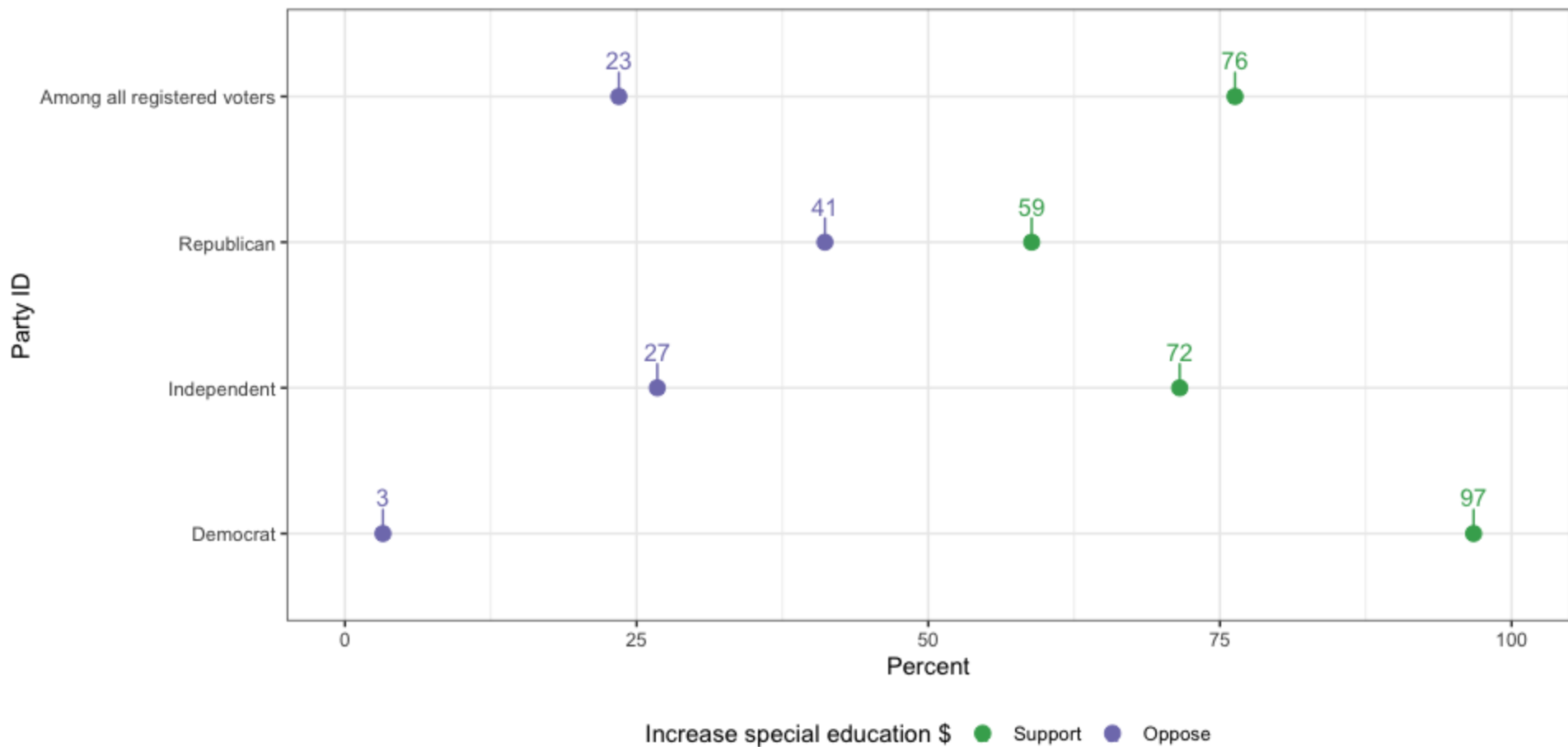
Party ID



Private or public ● Private schools ● Public schools

# Major increase for special education by party identification

Among registered voters



# Mental health services in schools by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

Among all registered voters

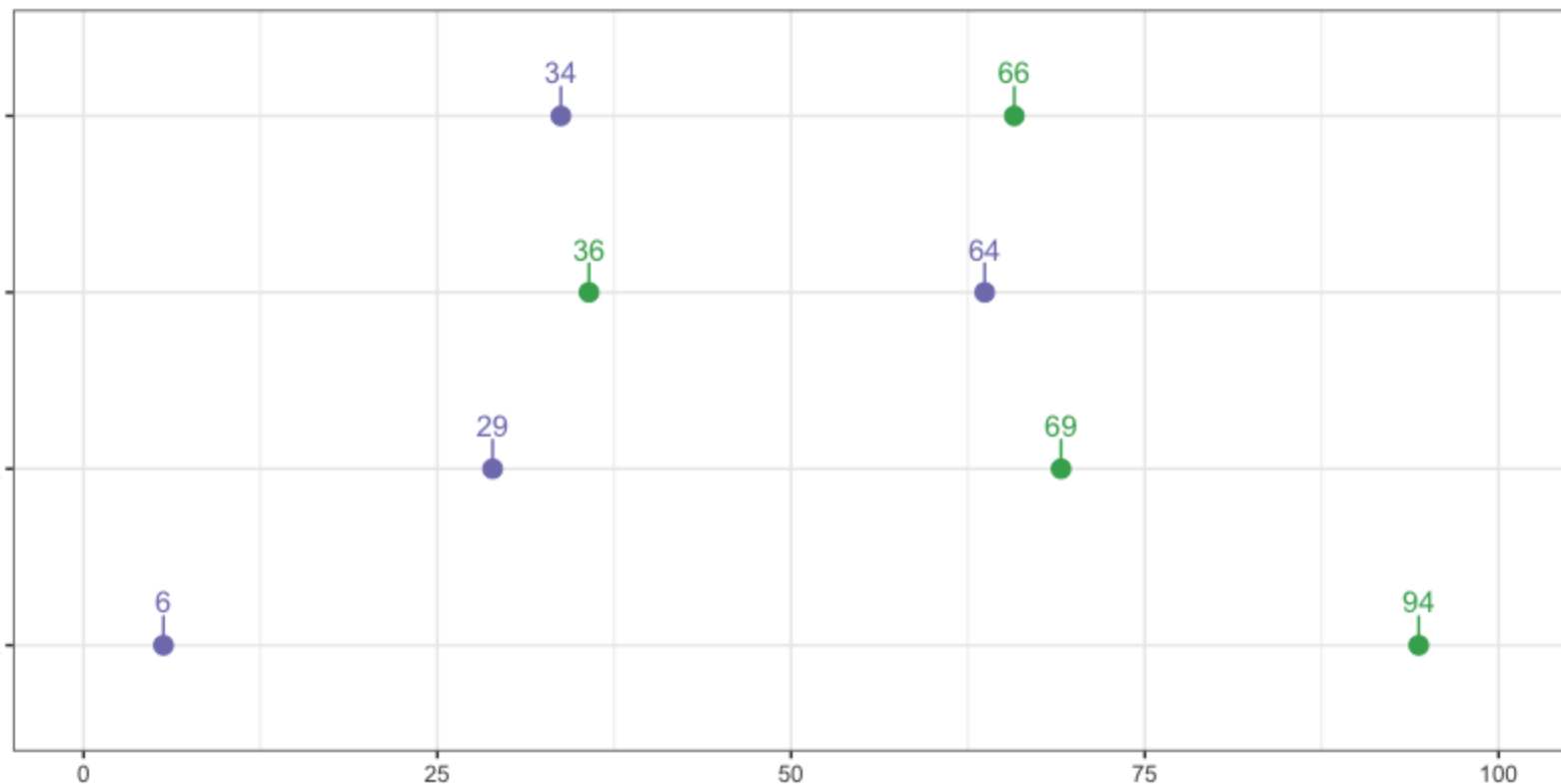
Republican

Independent

Democrat

Percent

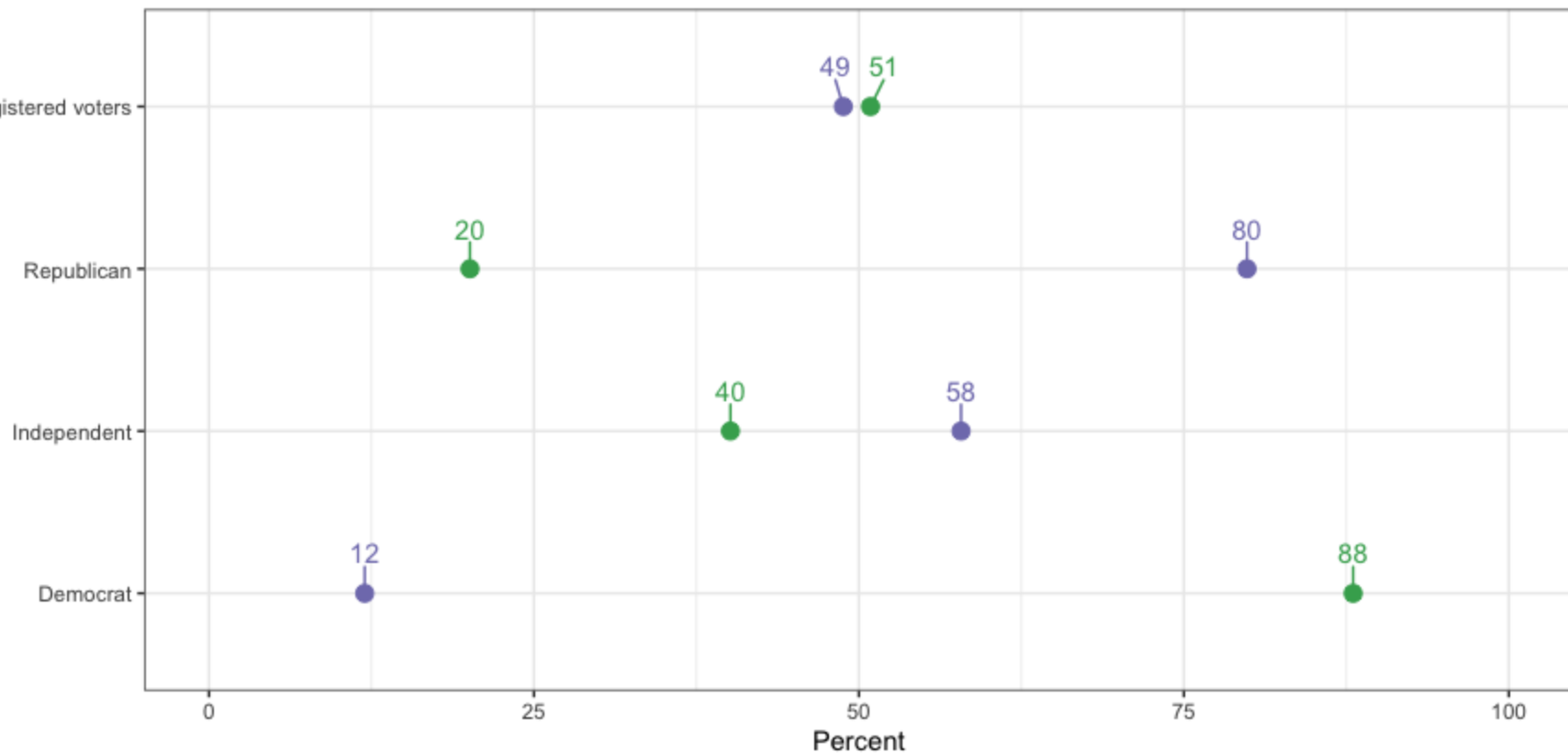
Mental health services ● Favor ● Oppose



# Covid shutdown by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

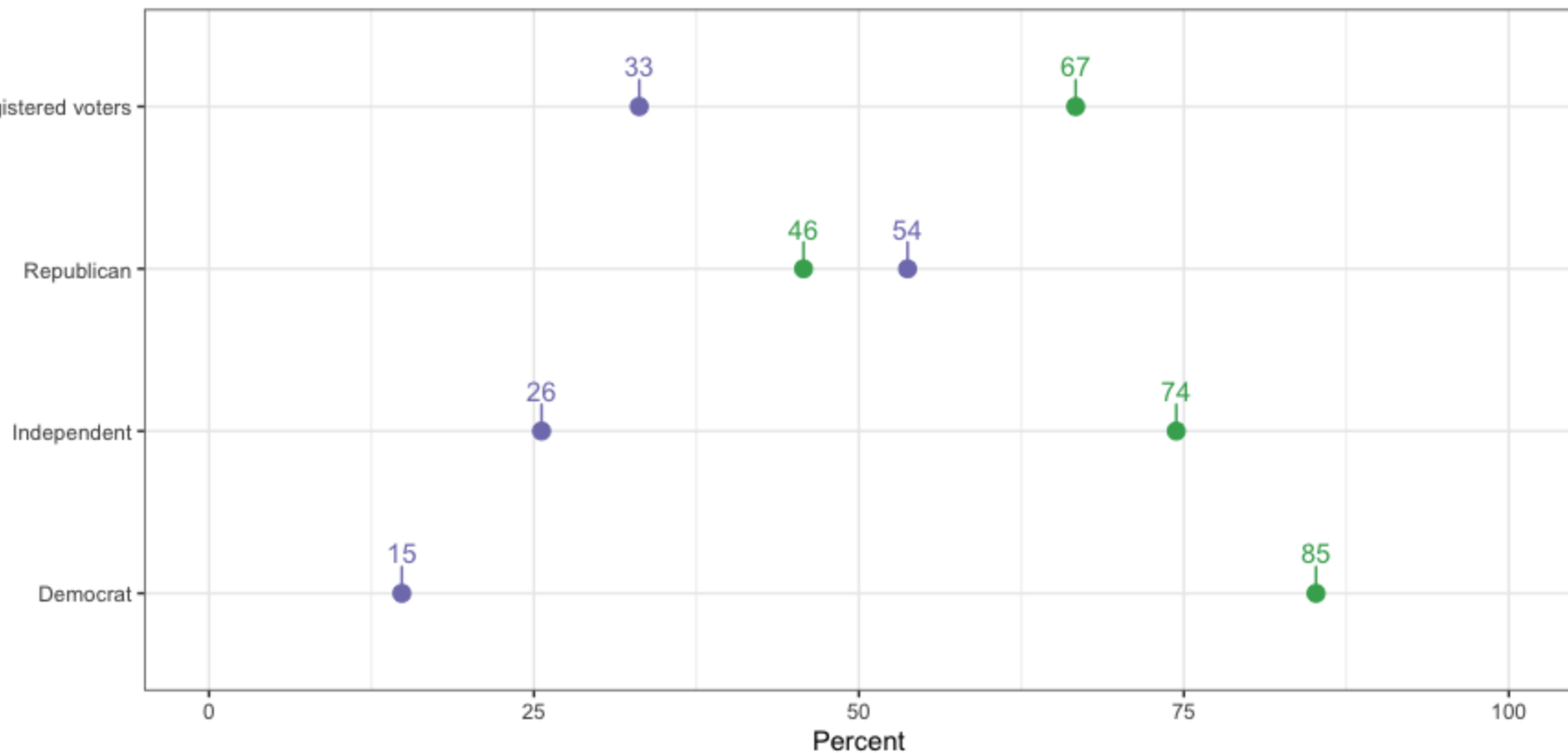


Covid shutdown ● Appropriate response ● Overreaction

# Extend post-partum coverage to 12 months by party identification

Among registered voters

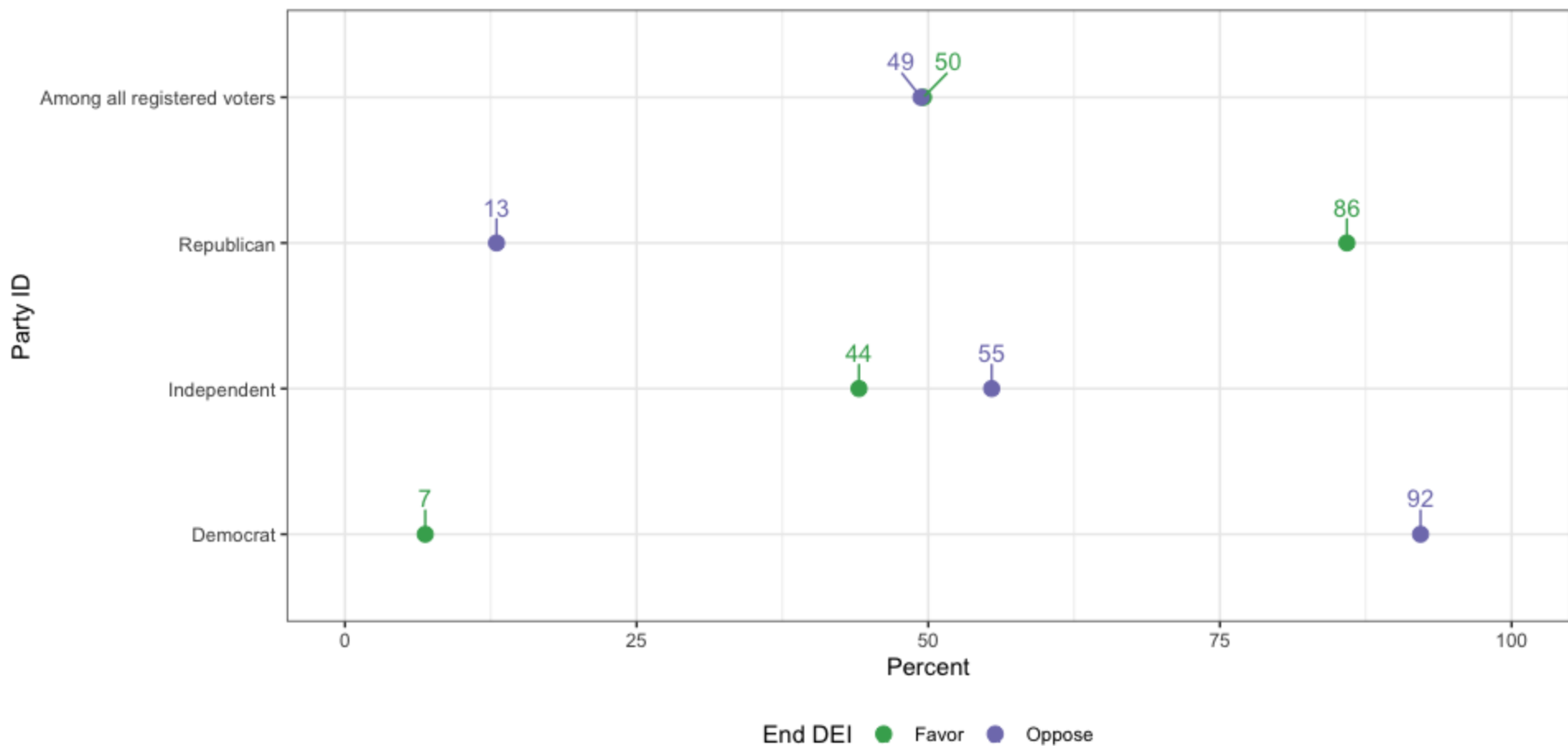
Party ID



Extend coverage    ● Favor    ● Oppose

# End DEI in universities, schools & government by party identification

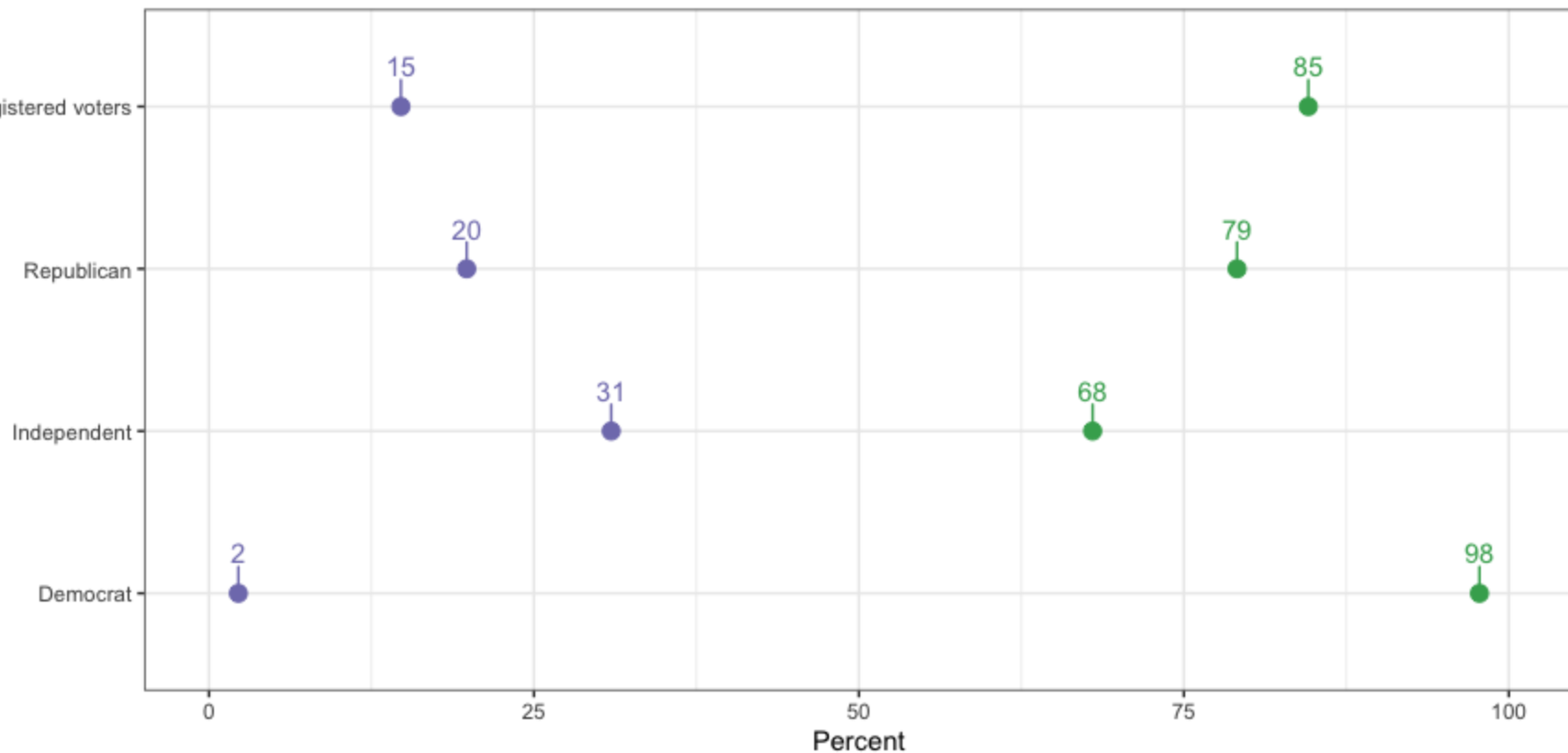
Among registered voters



# Red-flag laws by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID



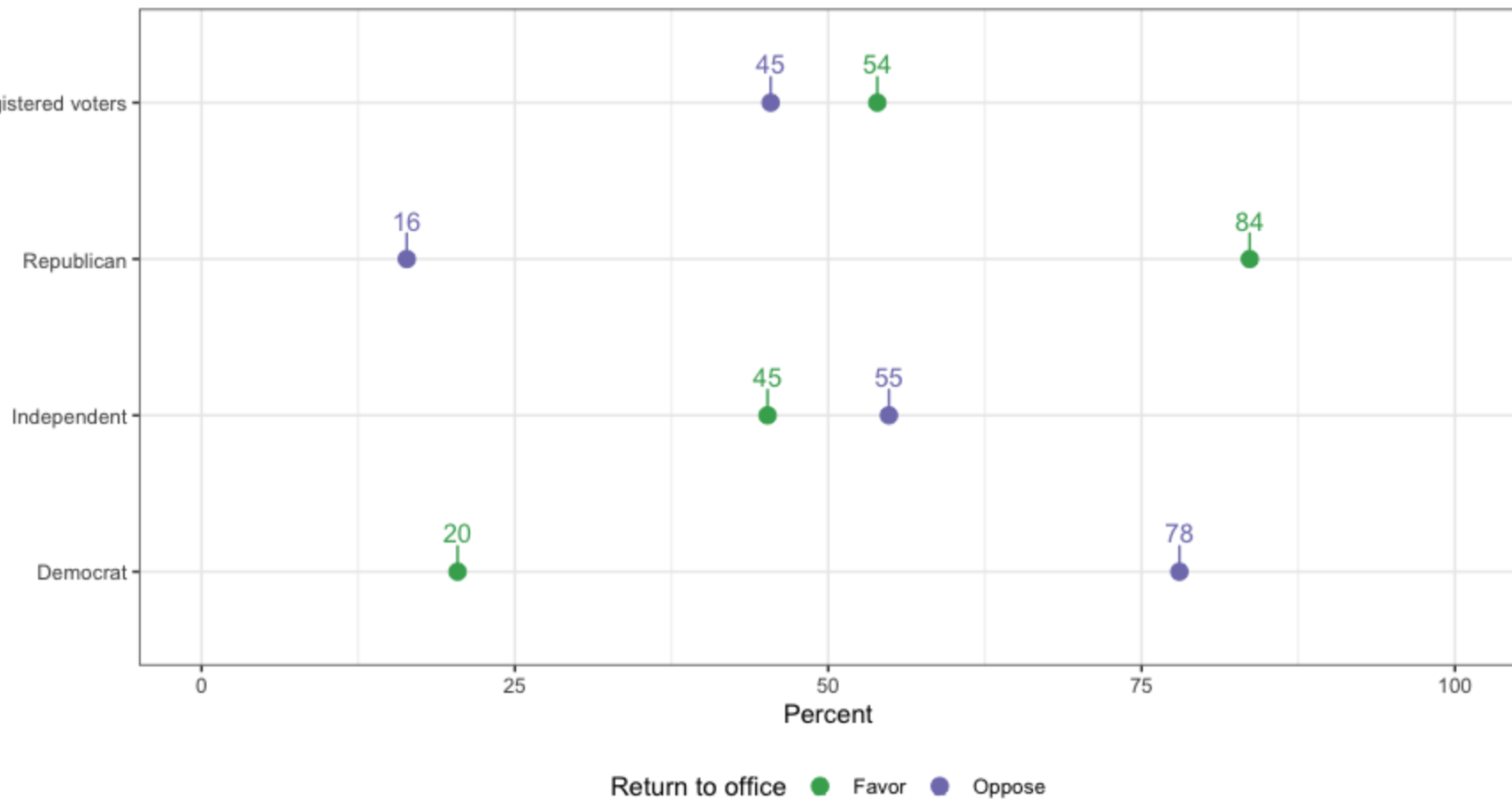
Red-flag law ● Favor ● Oppose



# State employees return to office by party identification

Among registered voters

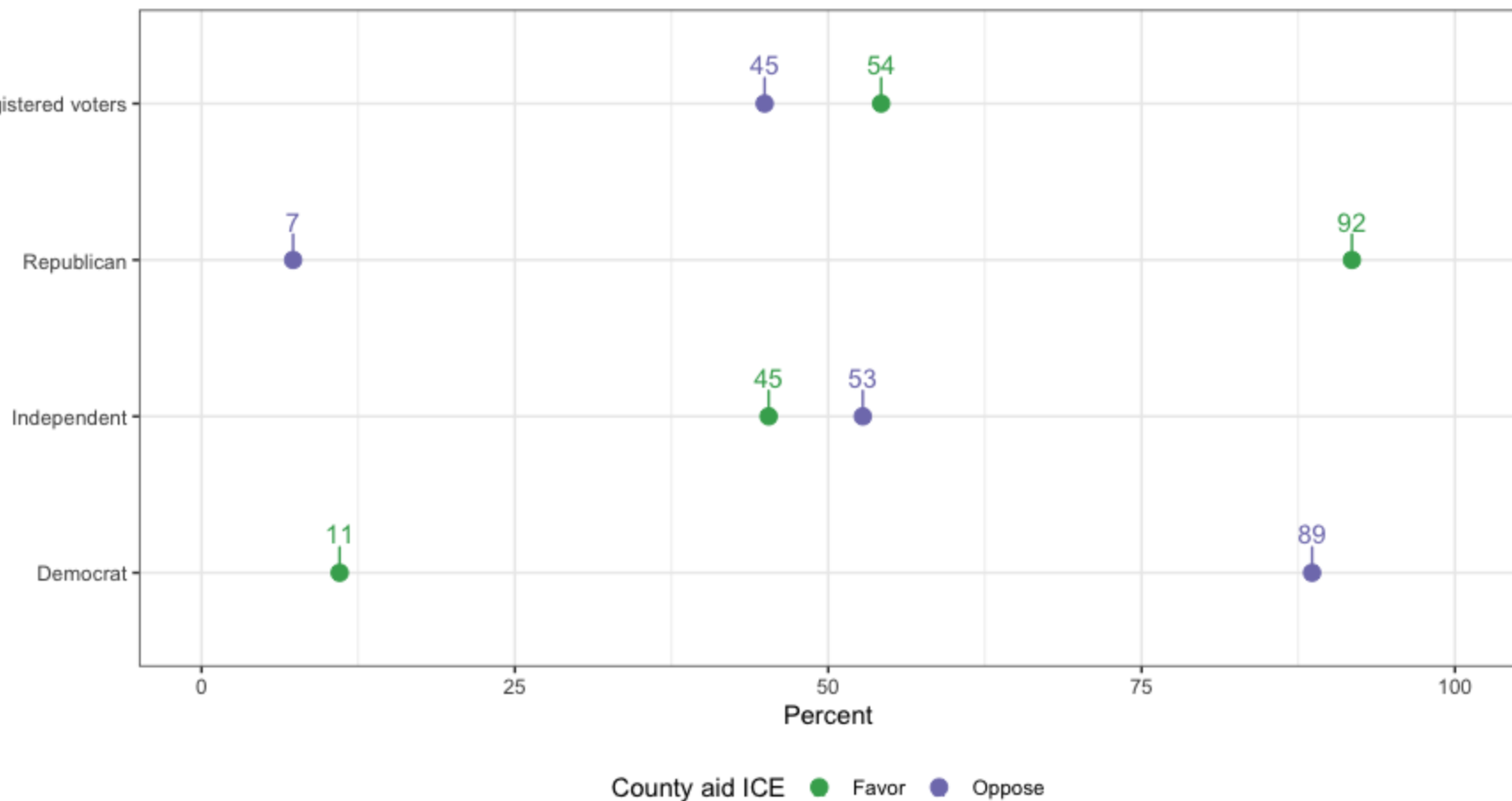
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# Require county law enforcement aid ICE by party identification

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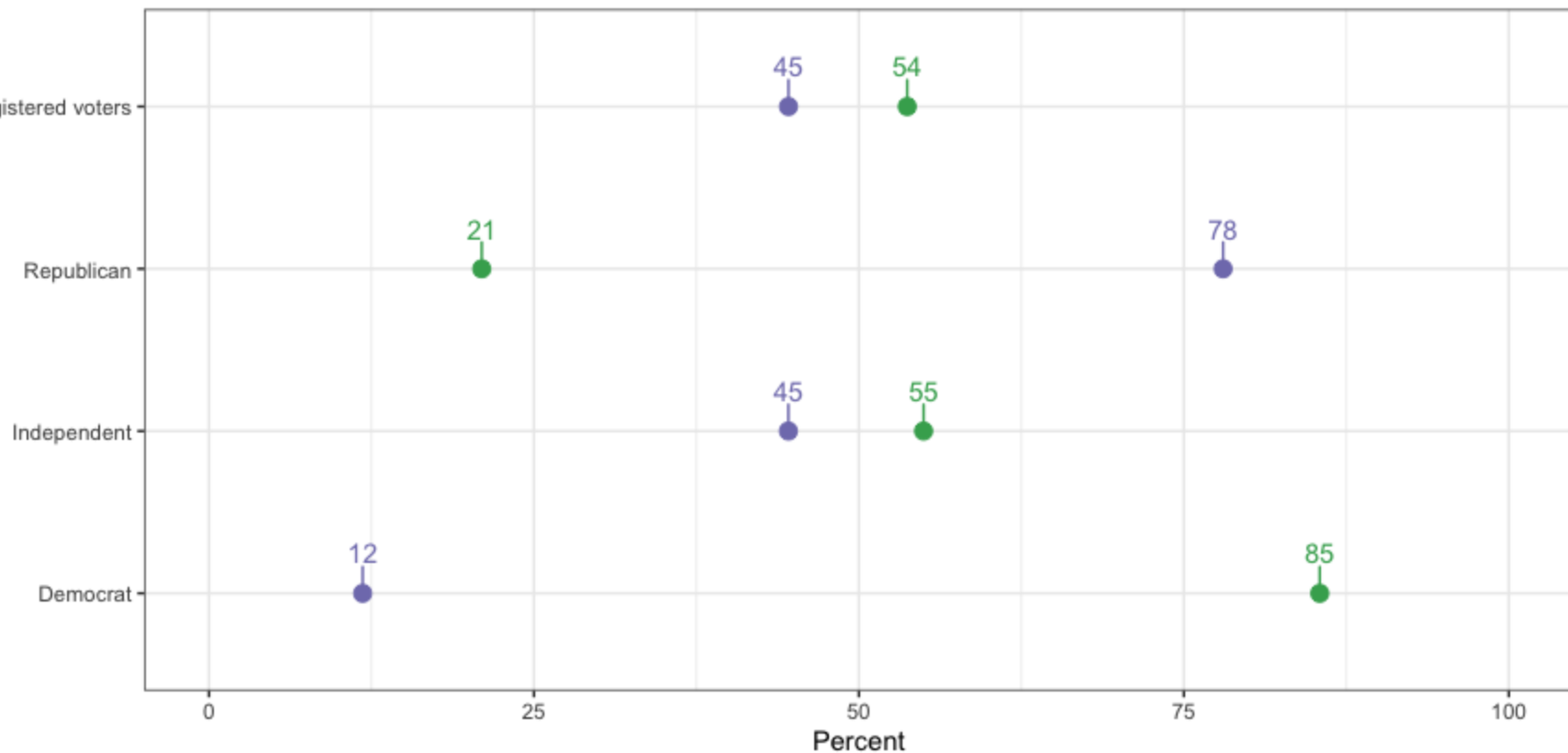
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# Make child-care subsidy permanent by party identification

Among registered voters

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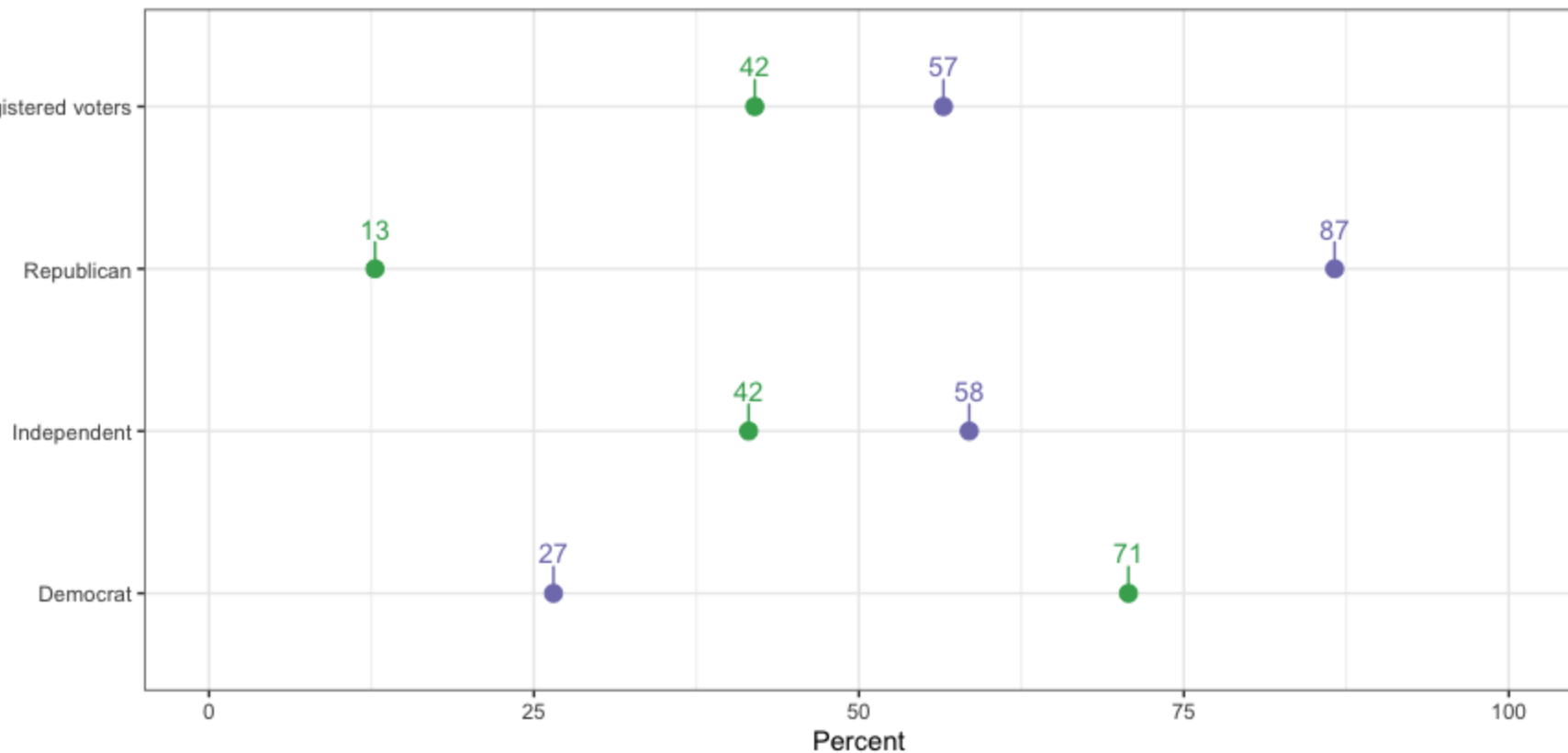


Child-care subsidy ● Favor ● Oppose

# Increase funding for UW by \$800M by party identification

Among registered voters

Party ID

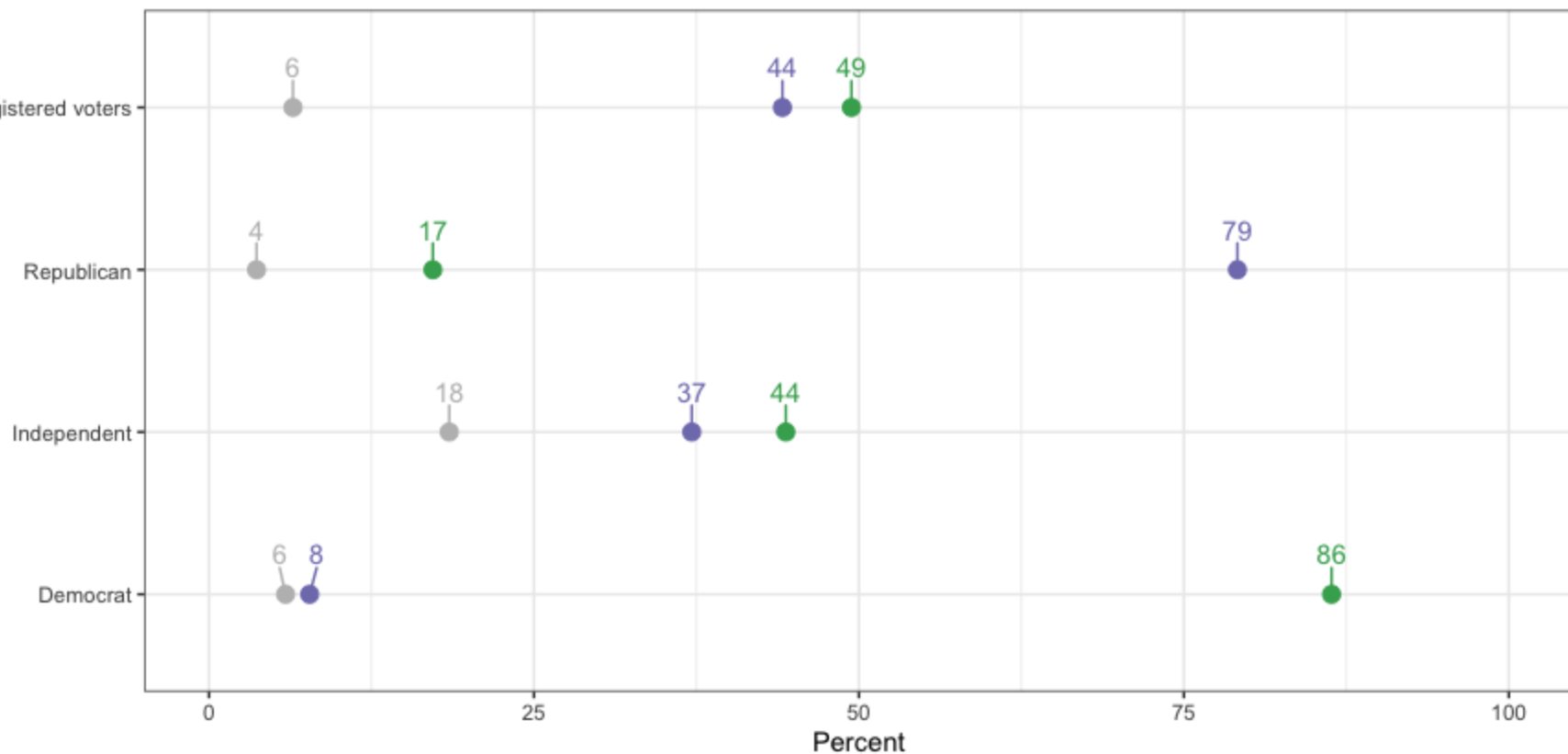


Increase UW funding by \$800M ● Favor ● Oppose

# Evers approval by party identification

Among registered voters

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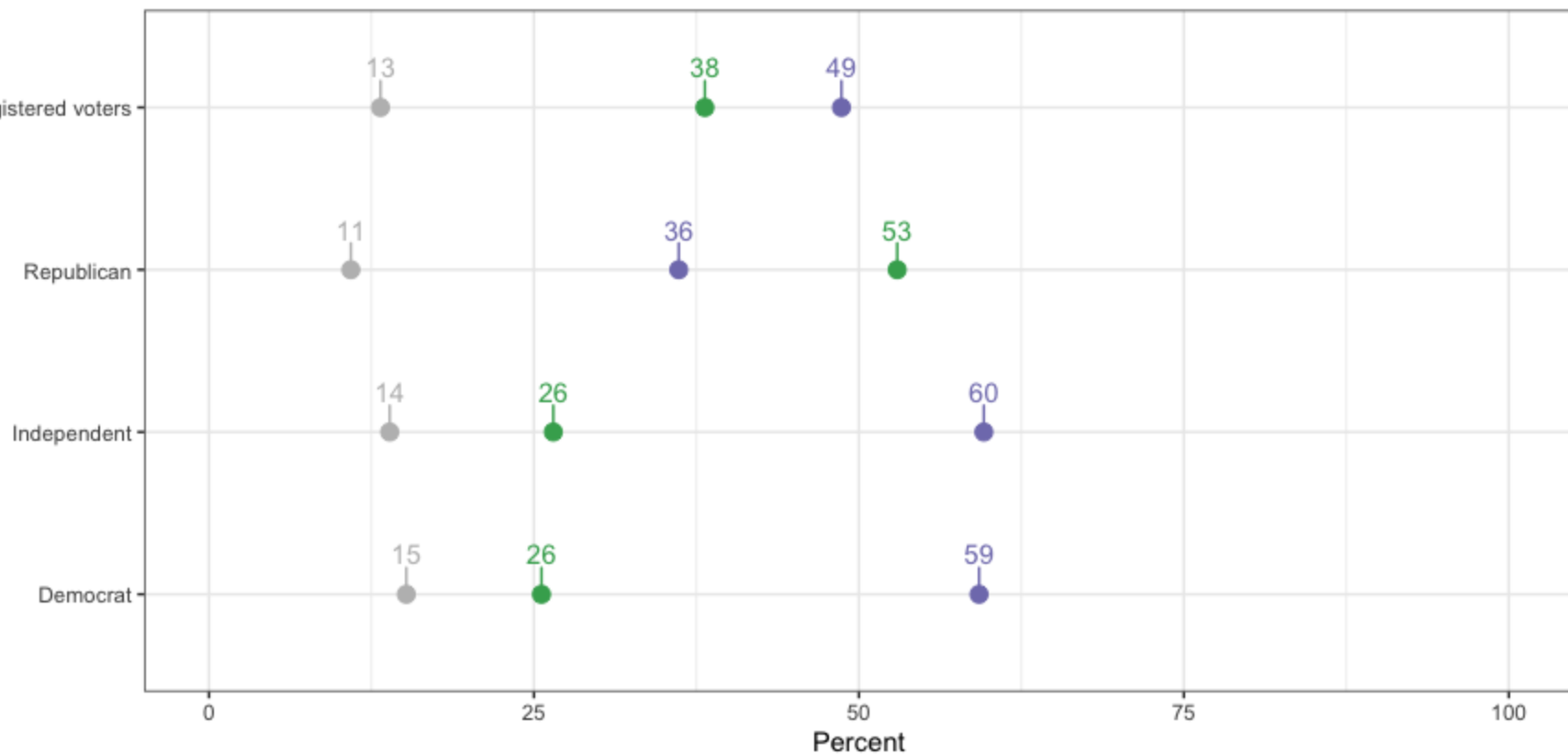


Evers approval ● Approve ● Disapprove ● Don't know

# Legislature approval by party identification

Among registered voters

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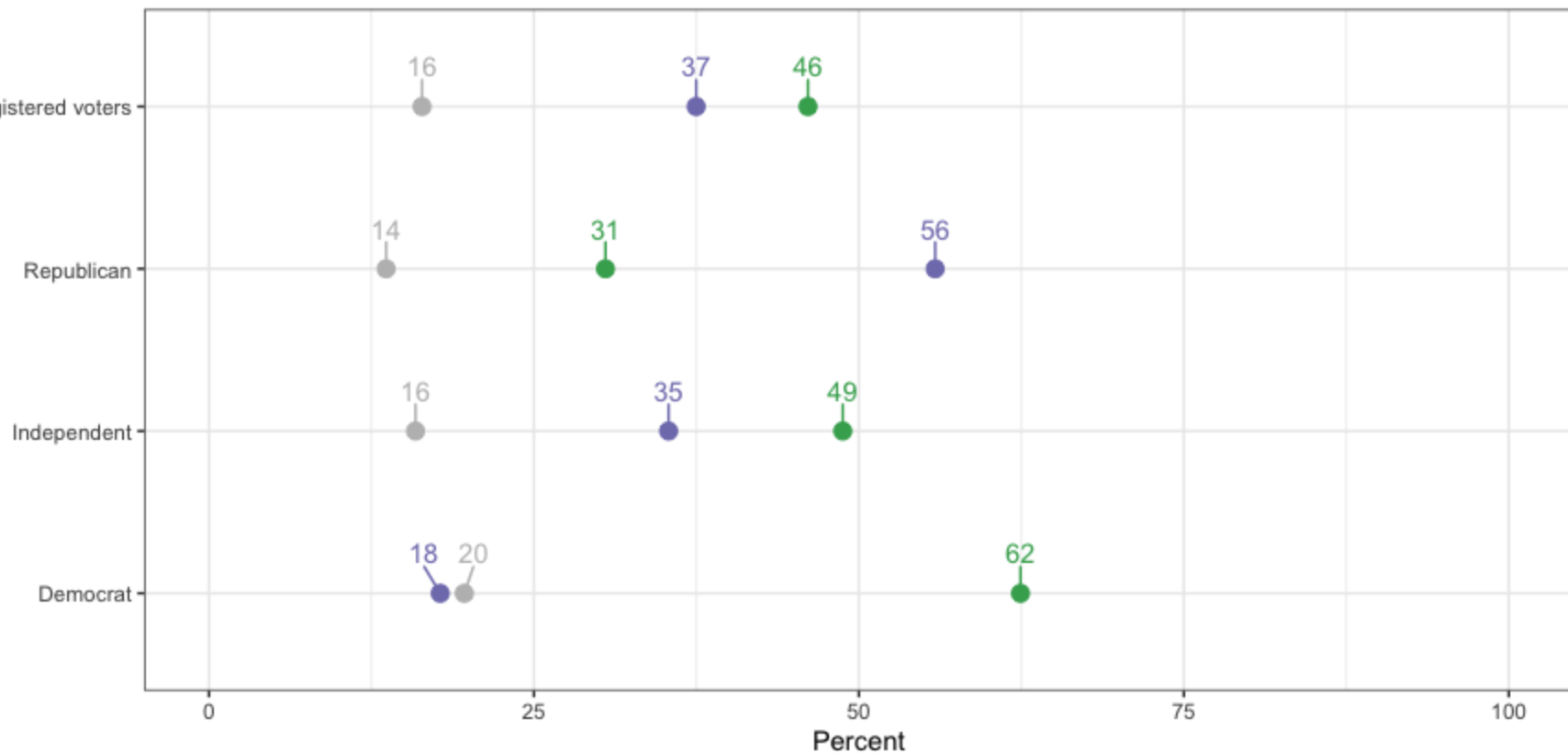


Legislature approval ● Approve ● Disapprove ● Don't know

# Wisconsin Supreme Court approval by party identification

Among registered voters

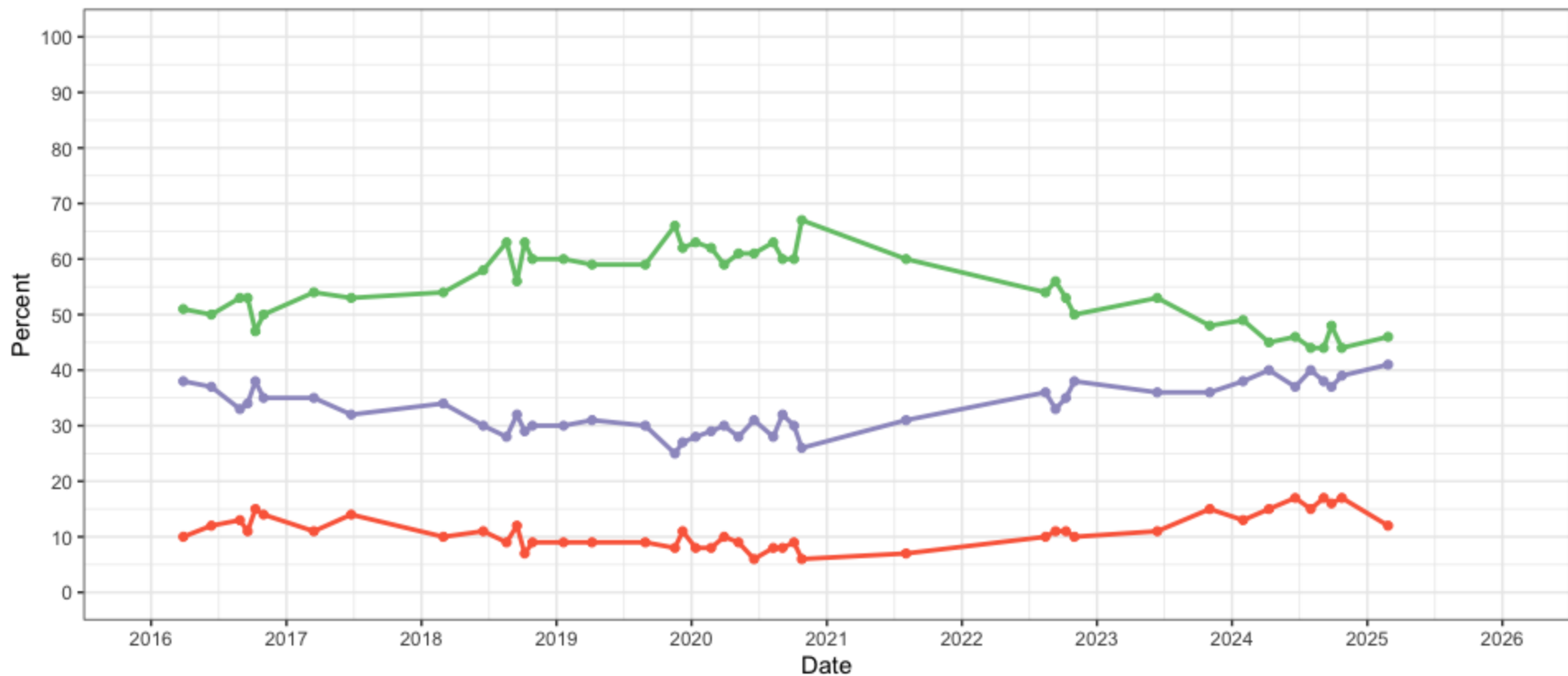
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Wisc. Supreme Court approval    ● Approve    ● Disapprove    ● Don't know

# Family financial situation trend

Among Wisconsin registered voters



Financial situation — Living comfortably — Just getting by — Struggling



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