



Multilingual Poll of Legal Immigrants on U.S. Immigration Policy

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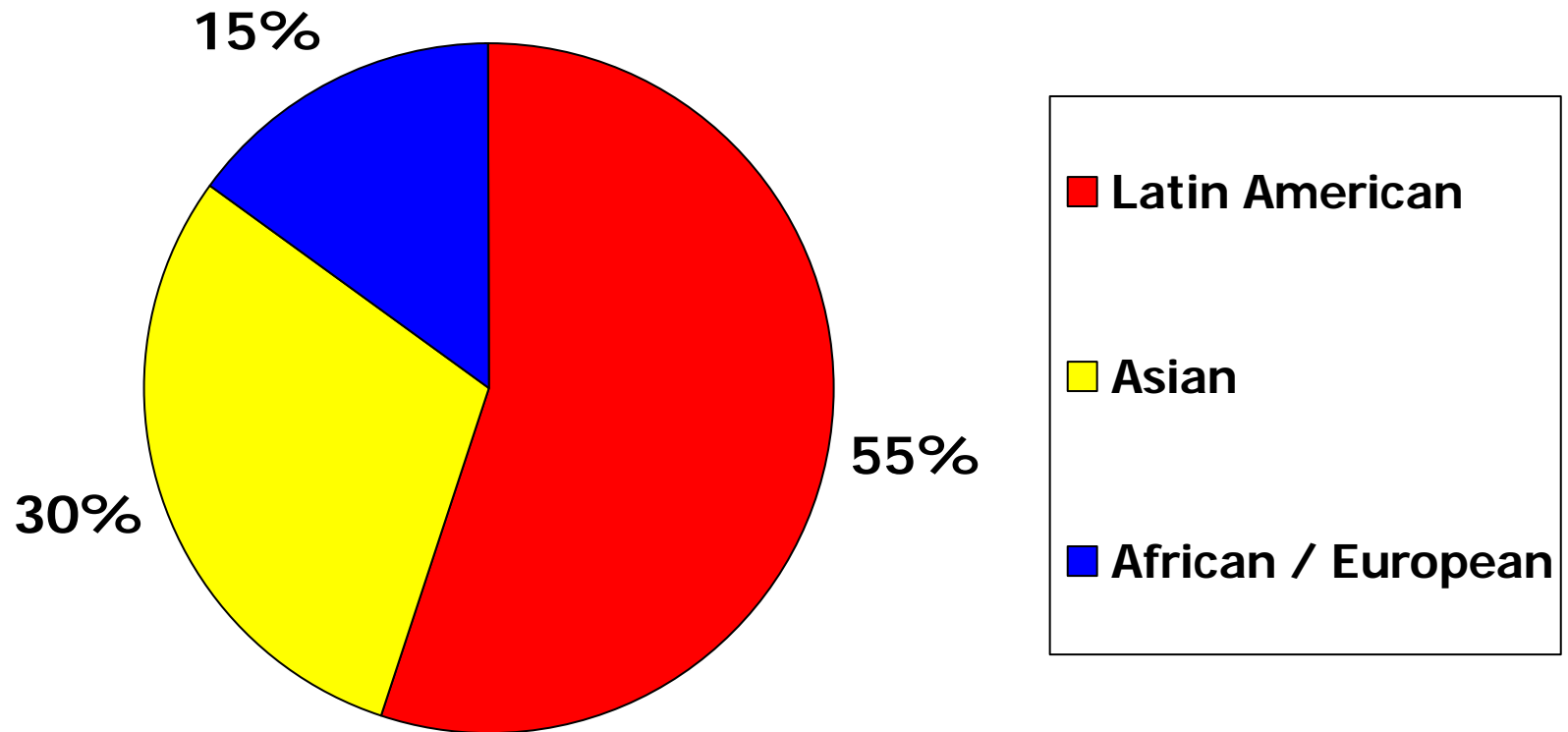


Methodology

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| Sample size | 800 legal immigrants from Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Europe |
| Dates of interviews | February 24 – March 21, 2006 |
| Margin of error | 3.4 percentage points |
| Languages of interviews | English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Hindi, Tagalog |

Sample Distribution

Country of Birth



Latin American Sample



Mexico



Chile



Haiti



Cuba



El Salvador



Honduras



Guatemala



Nicaragua



Costa Rica



Panama



Colombia



Ecuador



Peru



Venezuela



Bolivia



Brazil



Argentina



Uruguay



Paraguay



Dominican Republic



Asian Sample

- China
- India
- South Korea
- Vietnam
- Philippines
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Nepal
- Cambodia
- Taiwan
- Kazakhstan
- Saudi Arabia
- Jordan
- Palestine
- Lebanon
- Afghanistan
- Iran

African / European Sample



Nigeria



Kenya



Morocco



Egypt



Poland



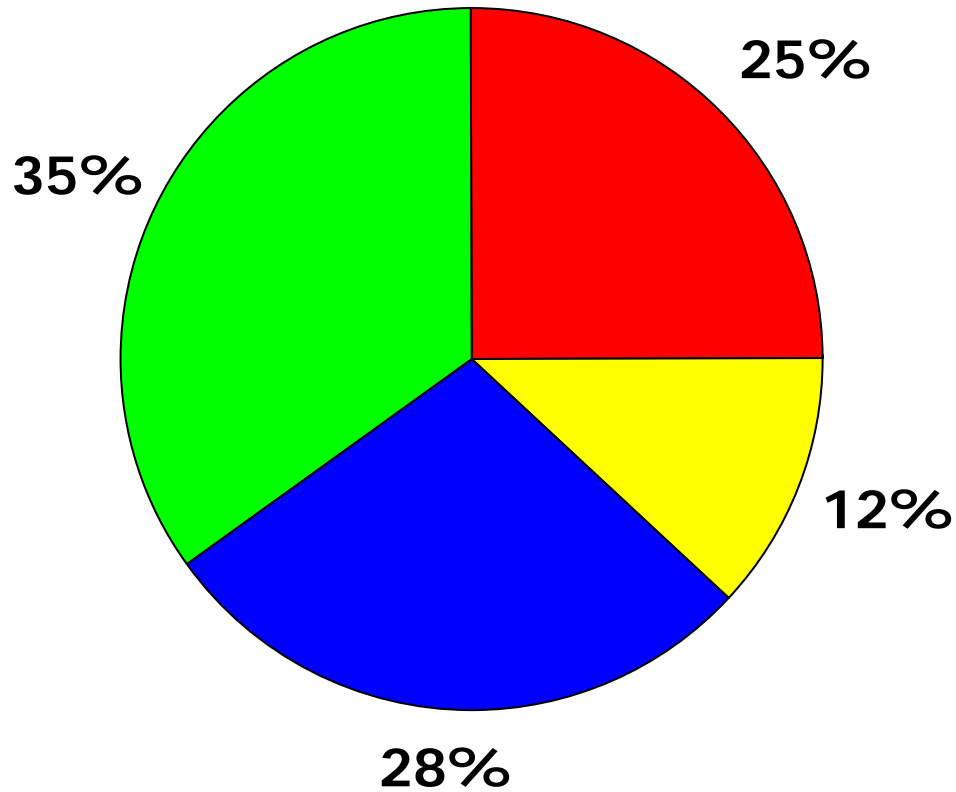
Russia



Germany

Sample Distribution

Region



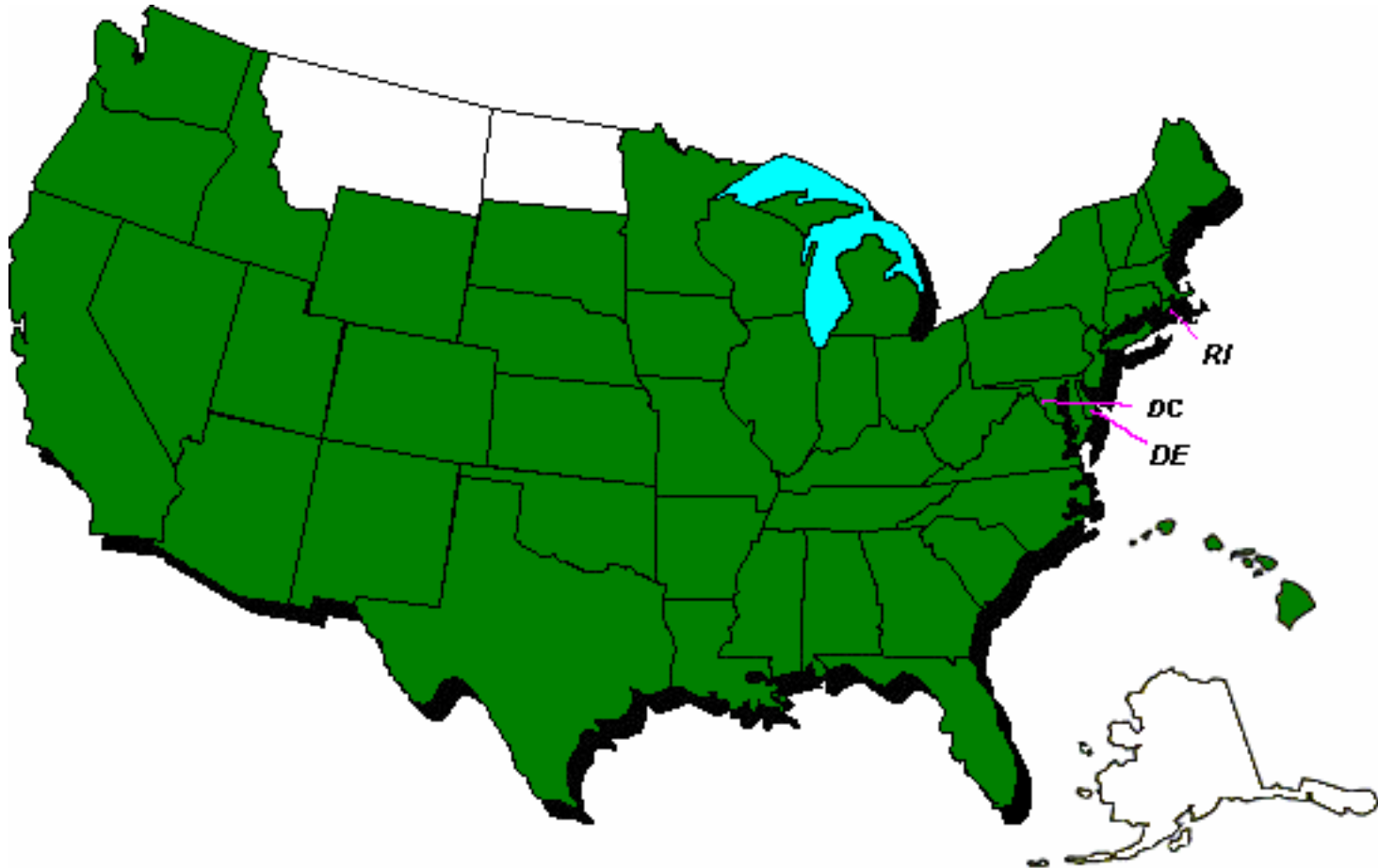
■ Northeast

■ Midwest

■ South

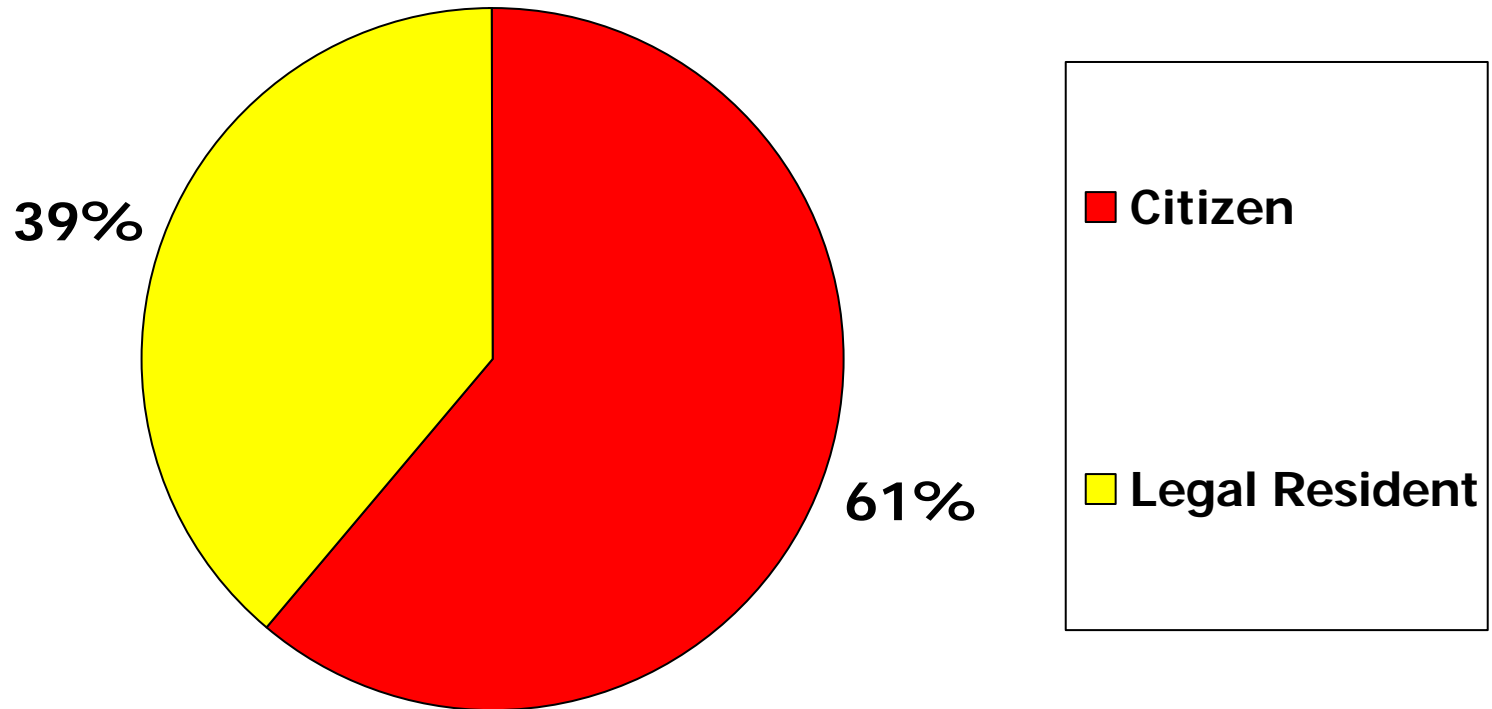
■ West

Interviews were conducted in
47 states



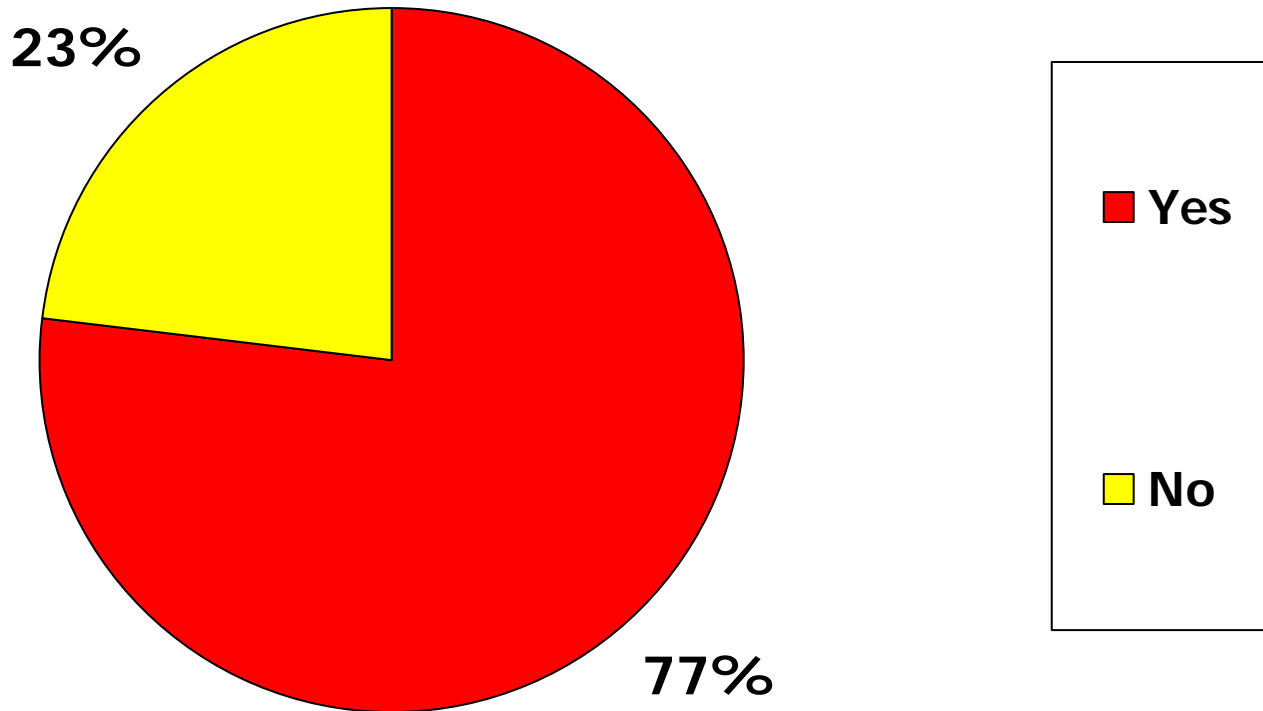
Legal Immigrants

Citizenship Status



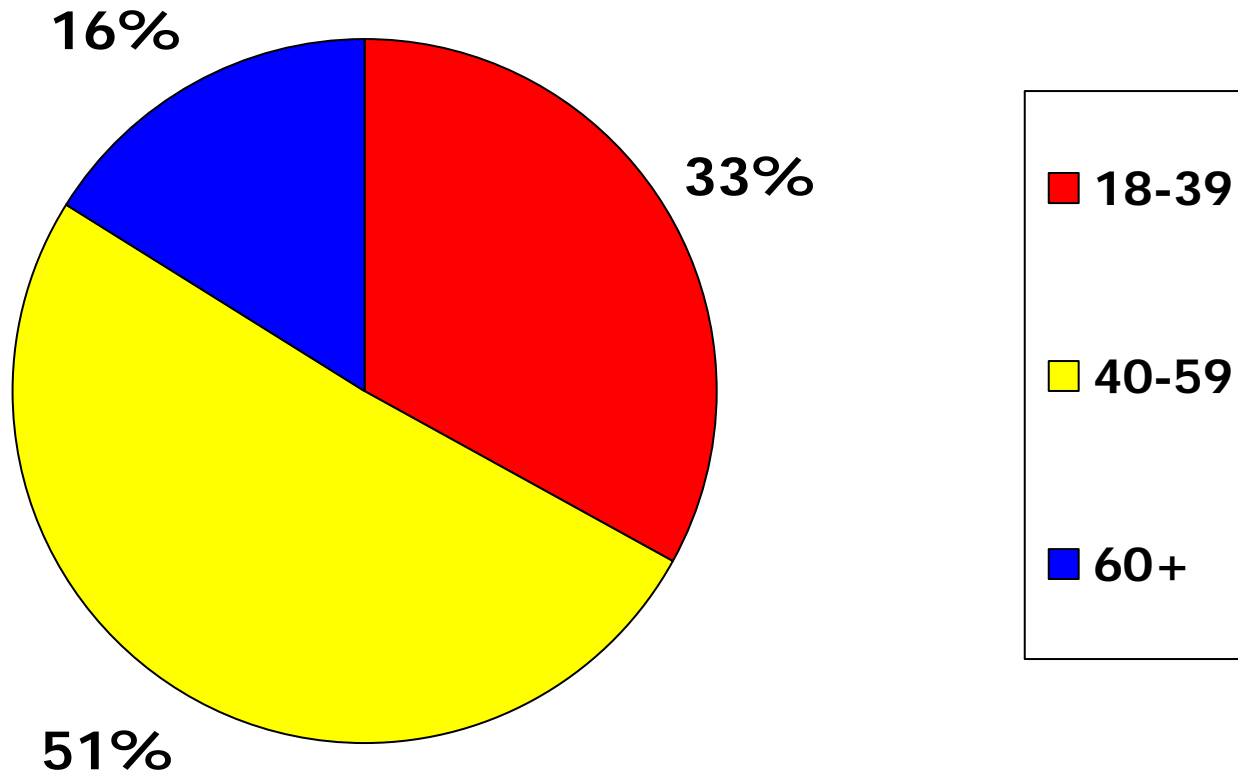
Immigrant Citizens

Registered to Vote





Age



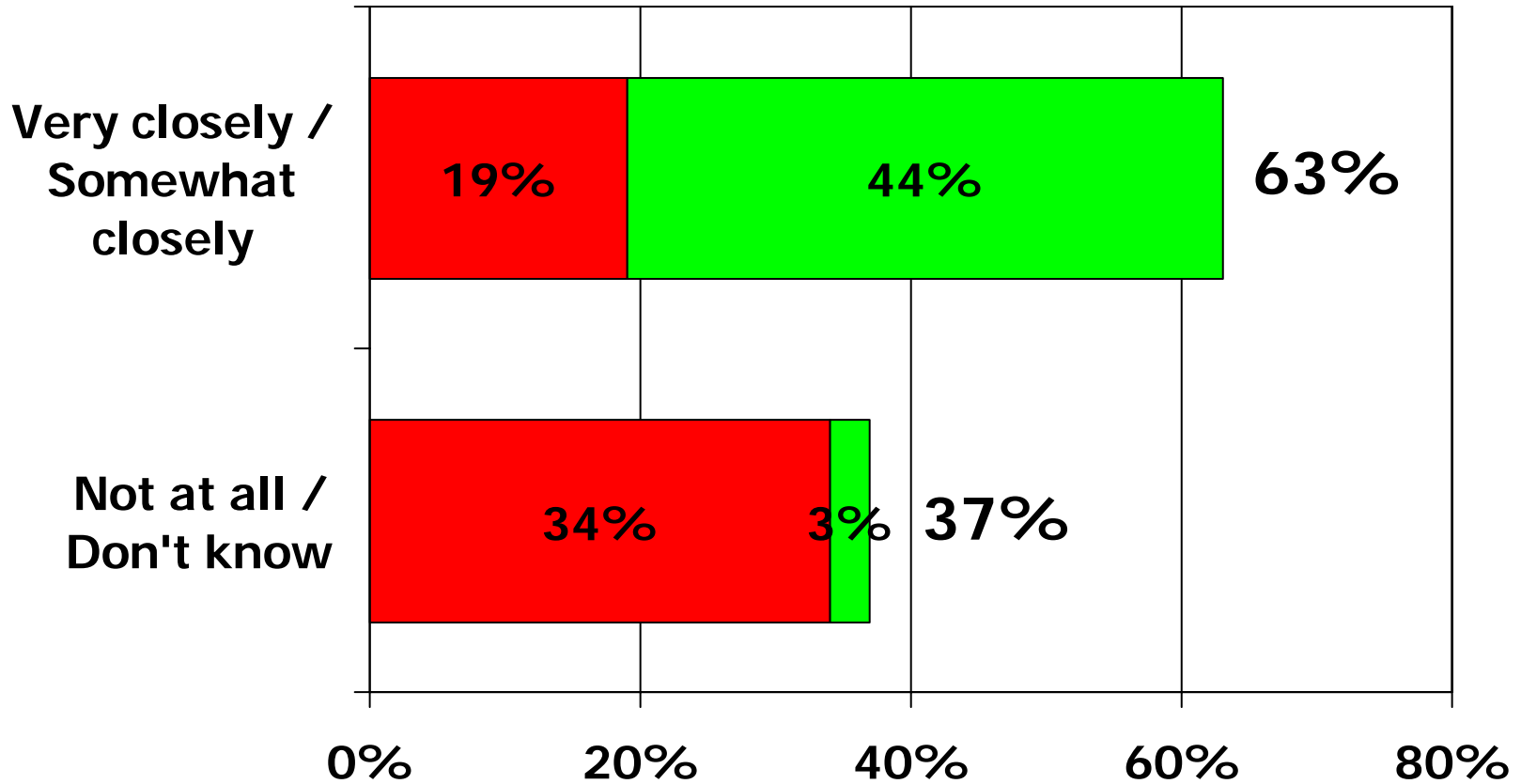


Major Findings

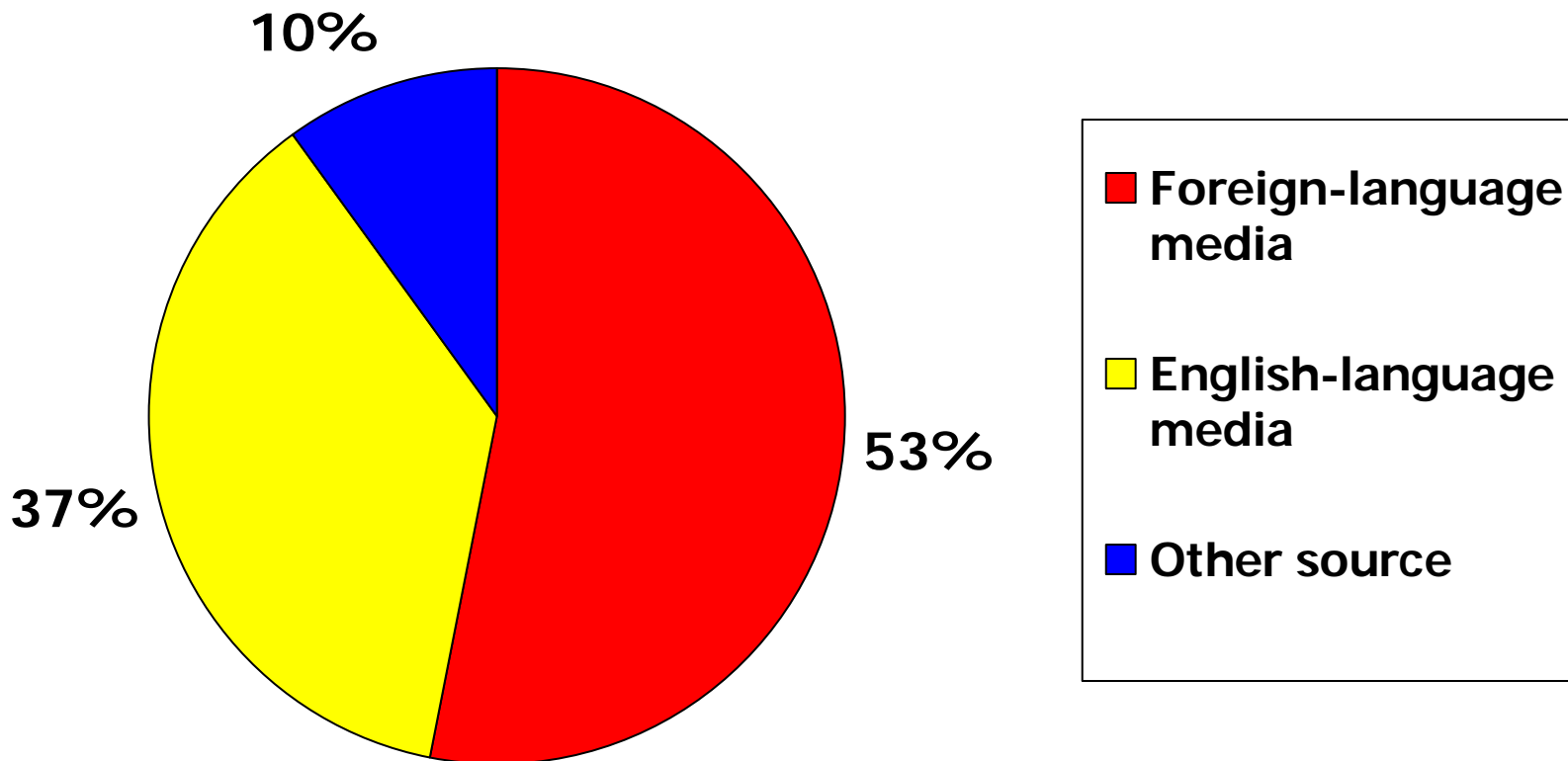


The immigrant community in the United States is alarmed regarding the tone and substance of the current political debate on immigration policy.

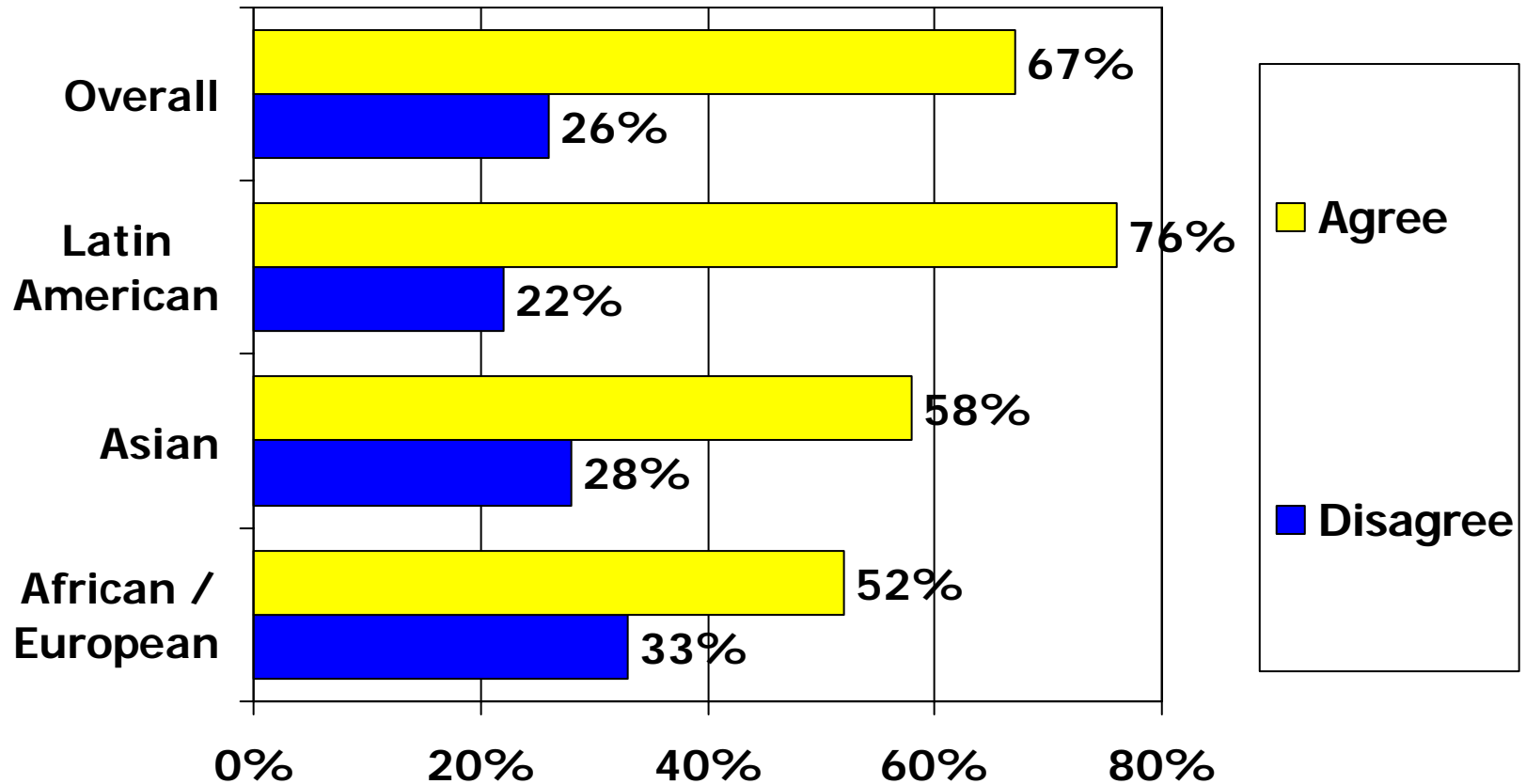
How closely have you been following the political debate about how to reform the immigration policy of the United States?



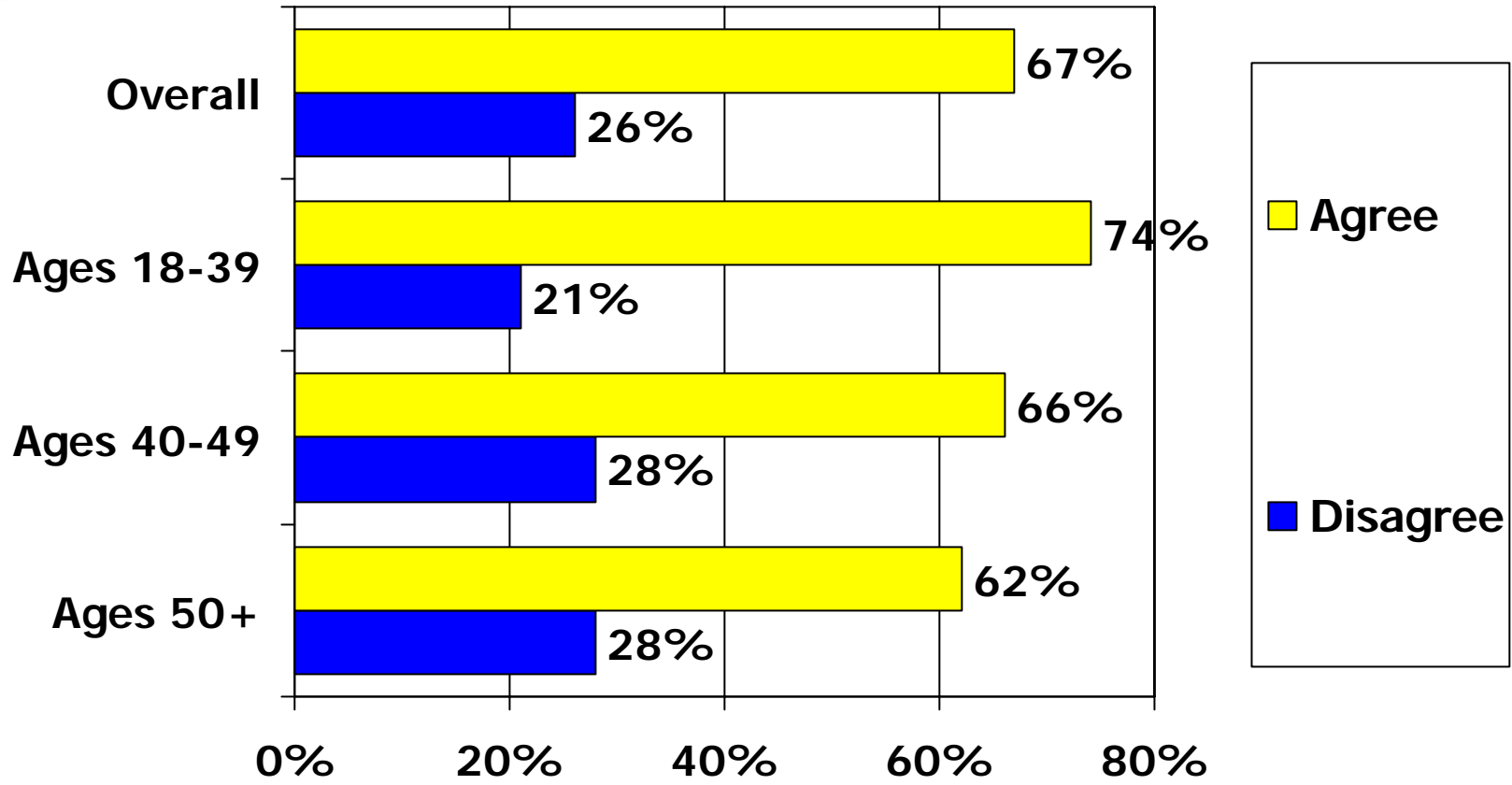
Where are you getting most of your information about the current immigration debate?



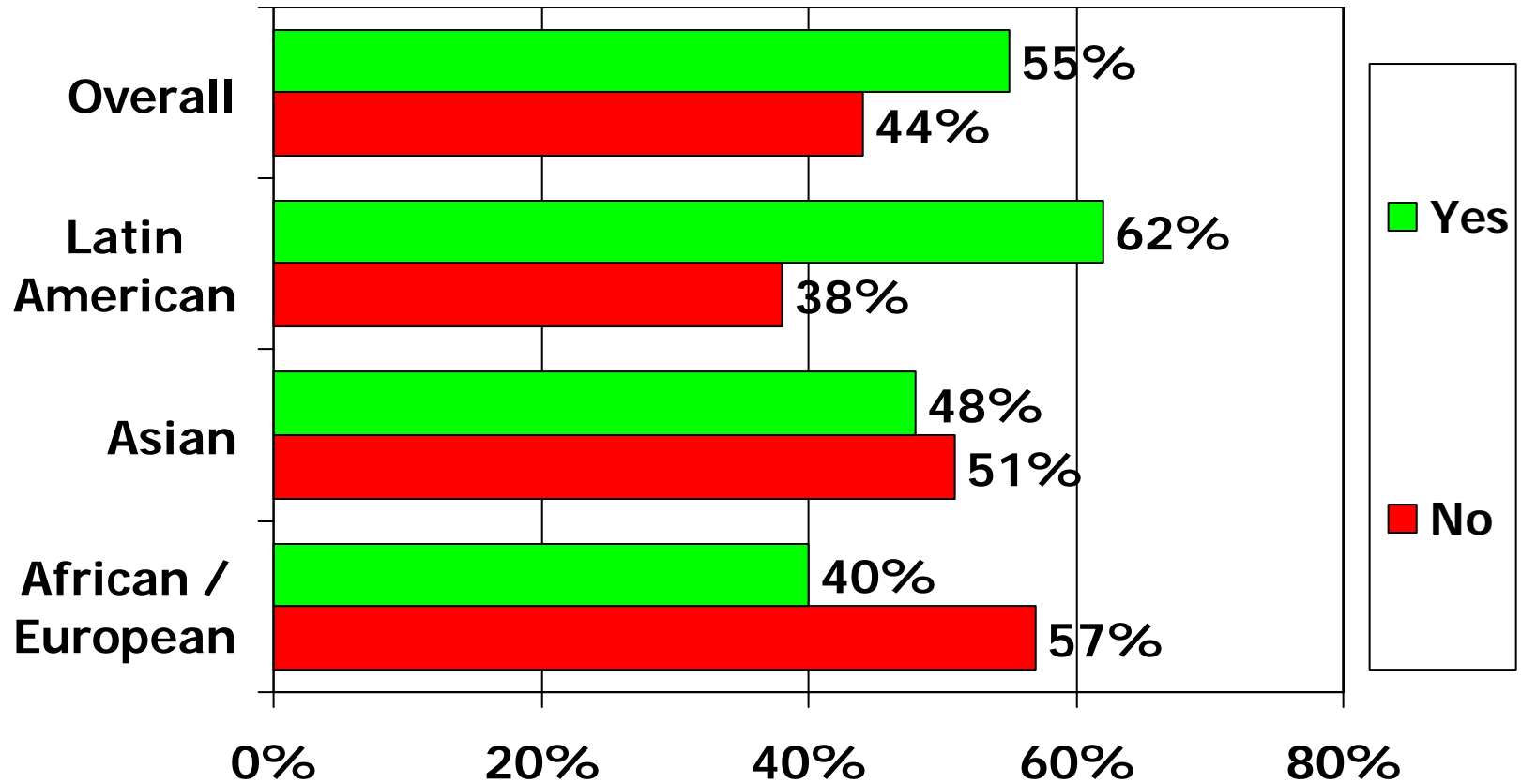
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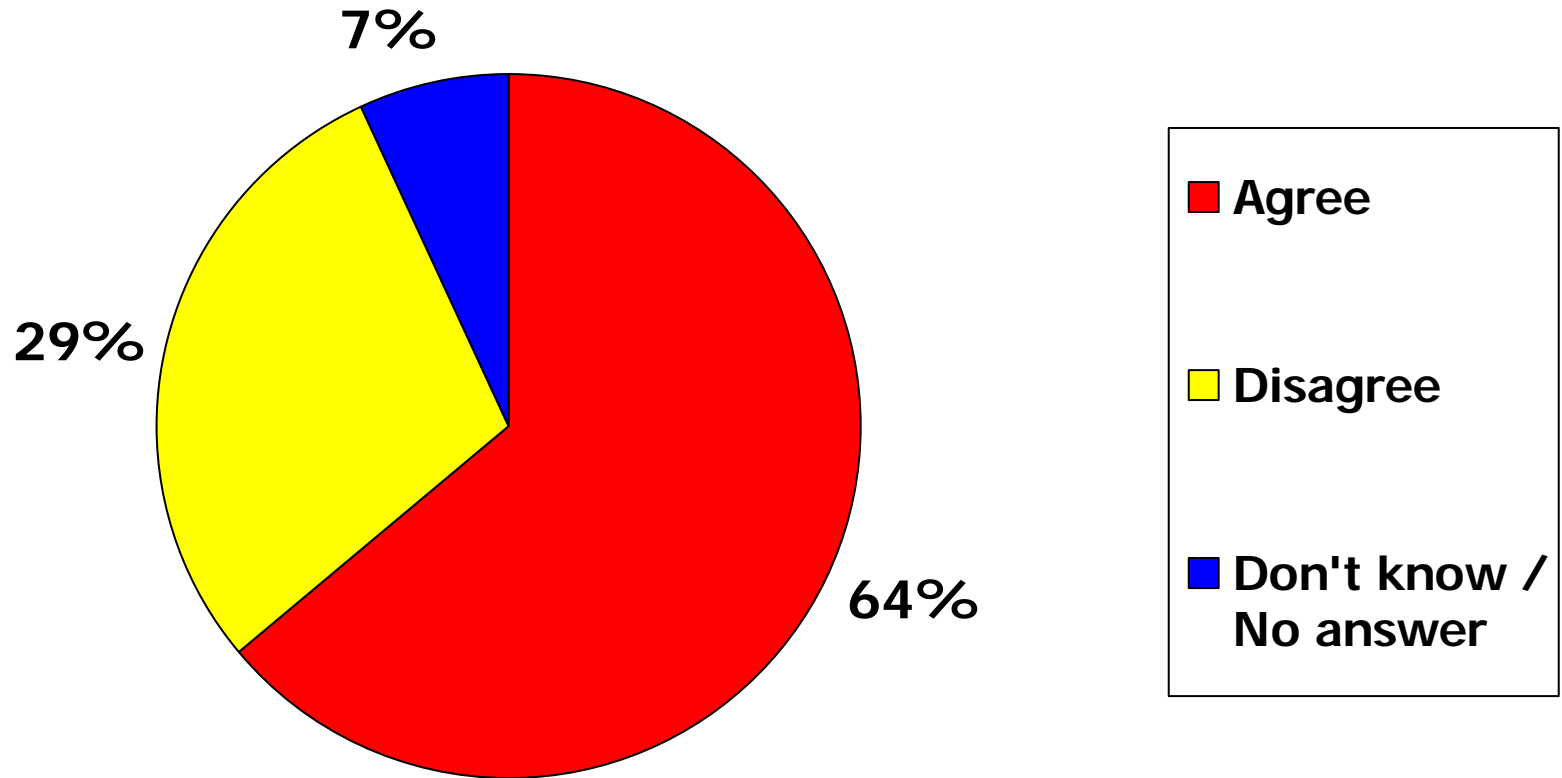
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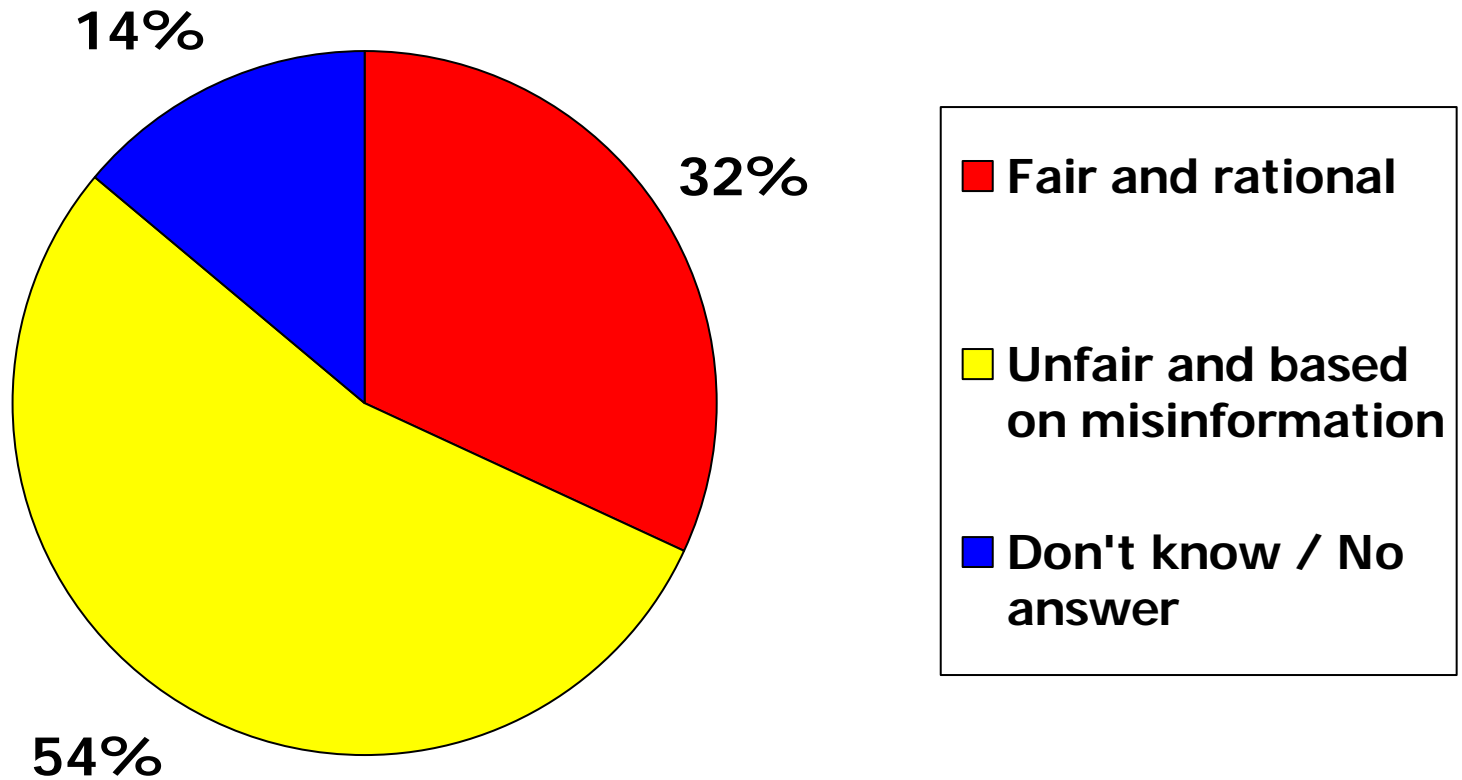
Has the anti-immigrant sentiment in the country affected you and your family?

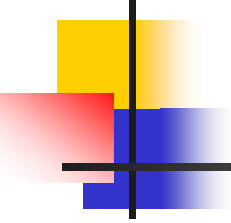


The anti-immigrant sentiment in the United States is fueled by racism against immigrants from Latin America and Asia.



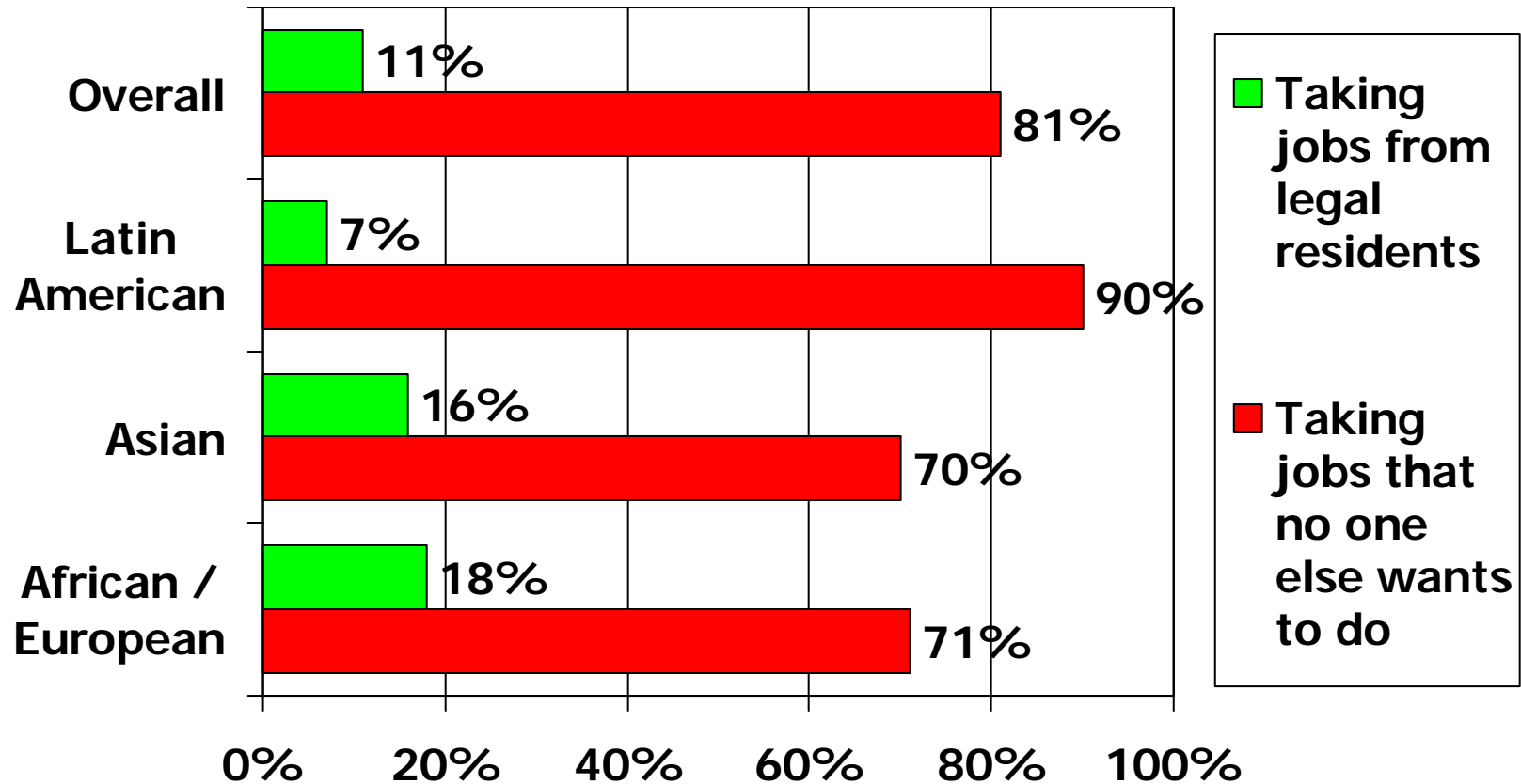
Would you say that the debate about immigration policy has been fair and rational or unfair and based on misinformation?



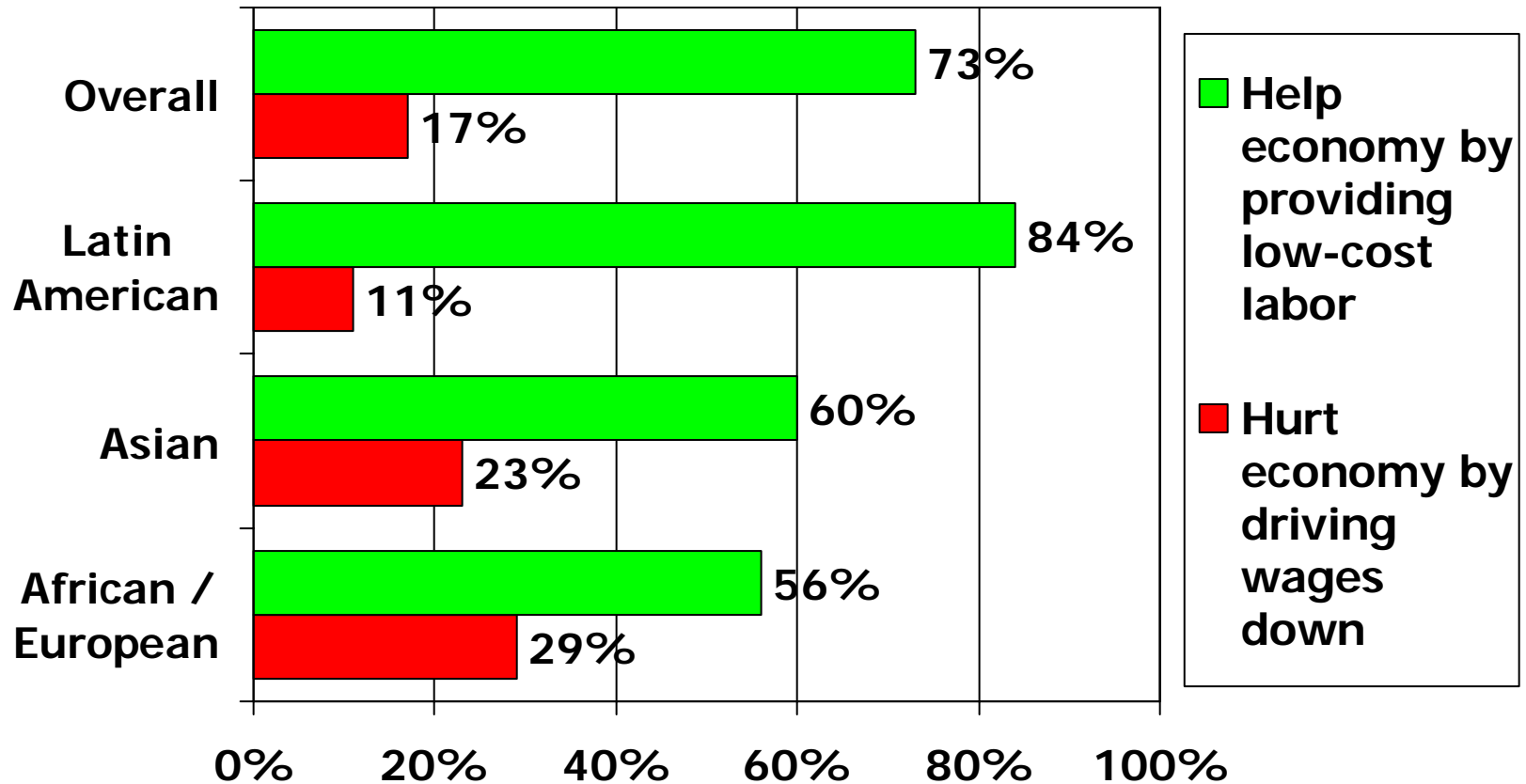


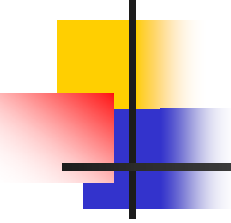
**Undocumented immigrants
have a positive image** among
legal immigrants from throughout
the world.

Do you think that illegal immigrants are taking jobs from legal residents and citizens or taking jobs that legal residents and citizens do not want to do?



Some people say that illegal immigrants help the economy by providing low-cost labor. Others say they hurt the economy by driving wages down. Which is closer to your view?

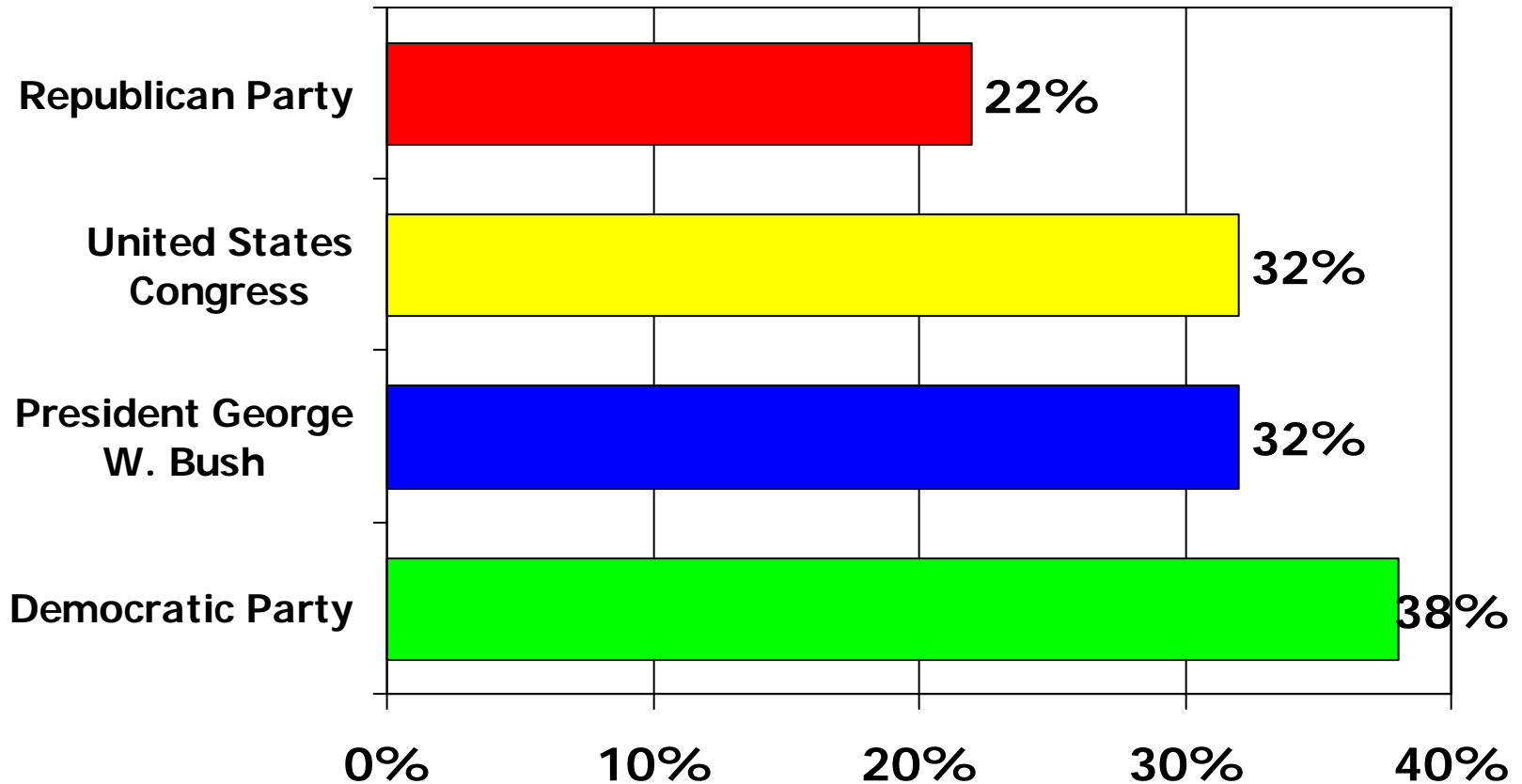




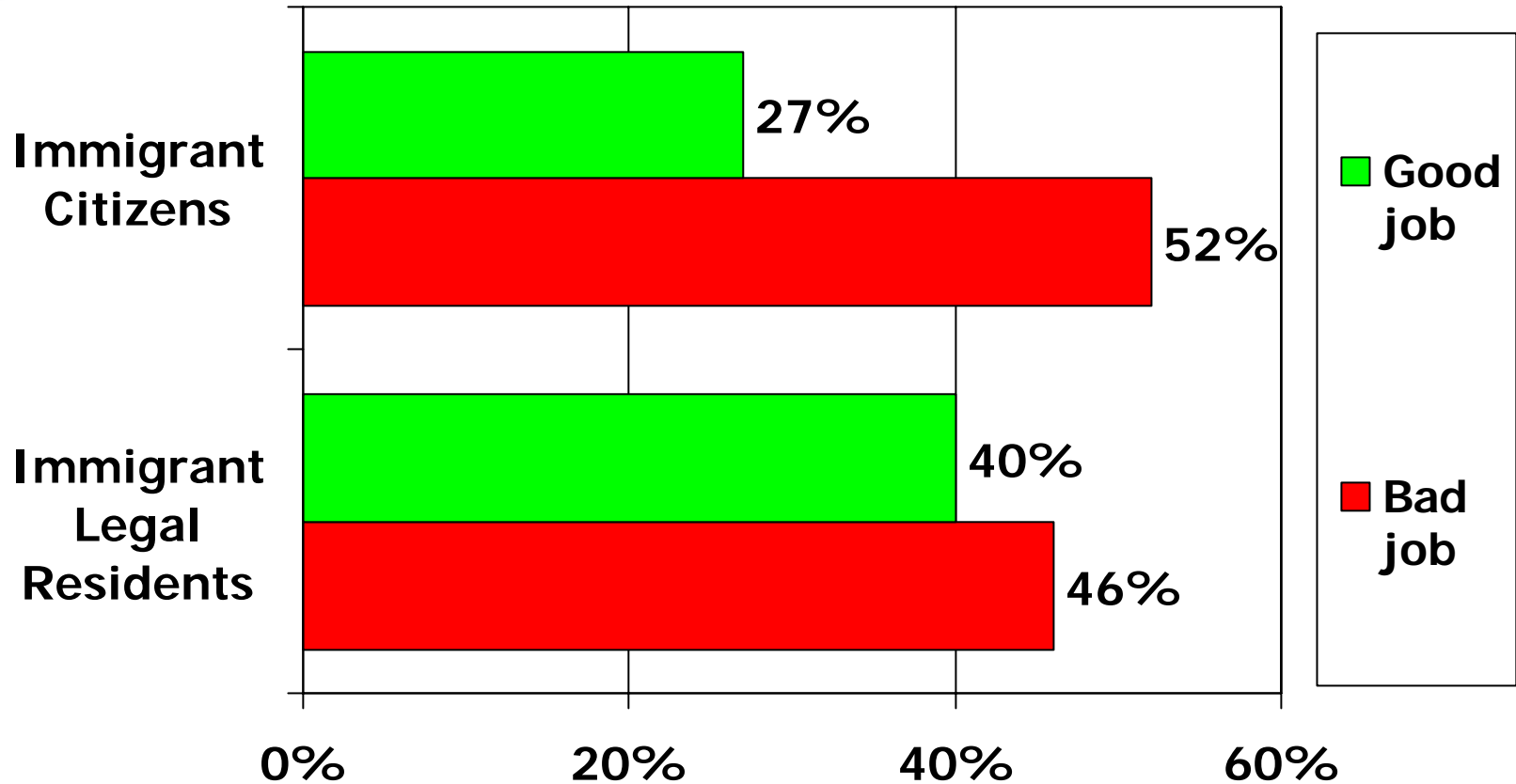
The major political “actors” in the immigration debate in Washington, D.C. receive fairly low ratings from legal immigrants on the job they have done *so far* on the immigration issue.

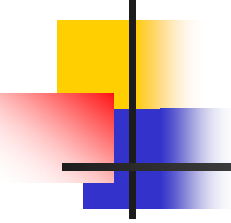
Job Rating on Immigration Issues

"Good job" answers only



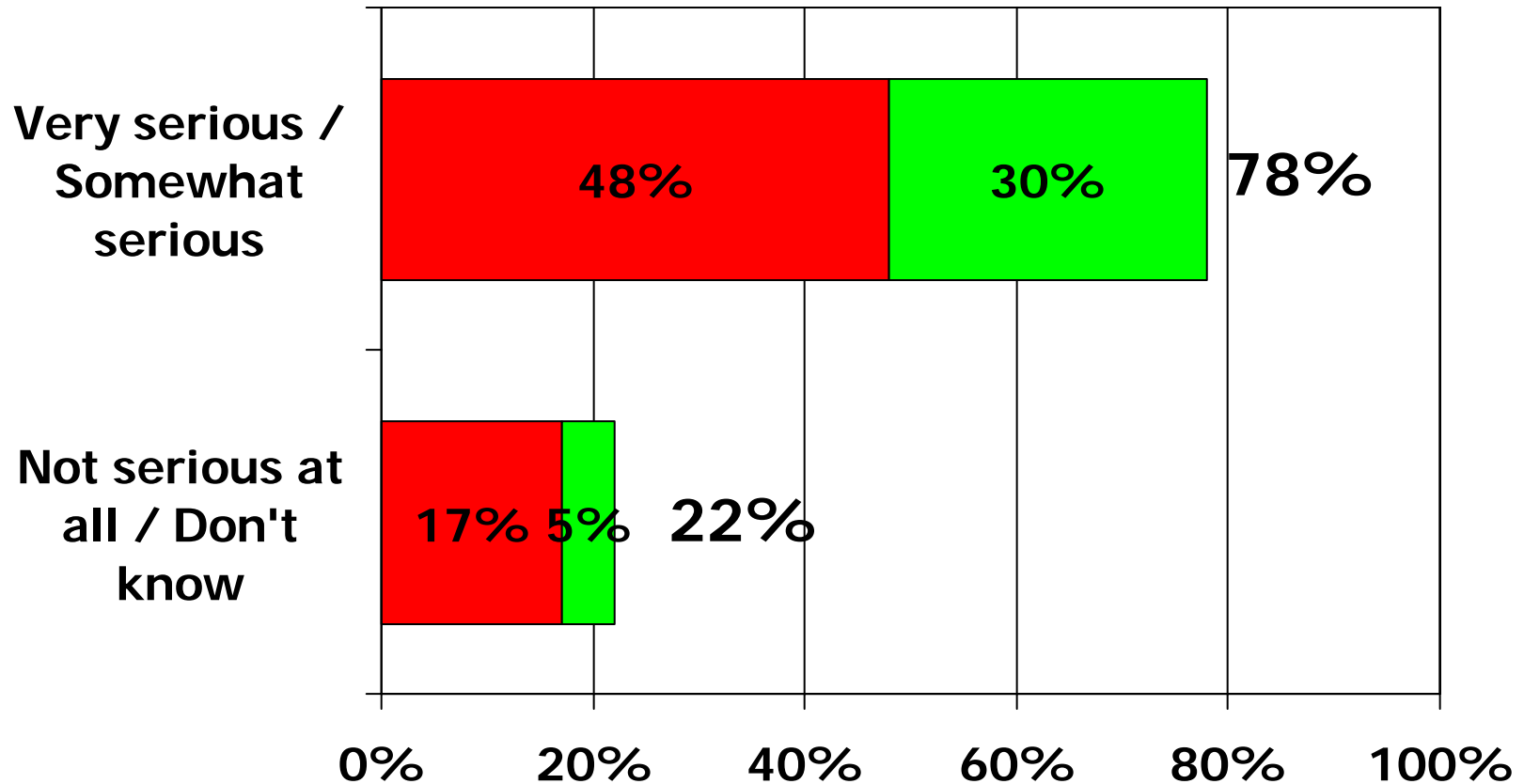
Job Rating on Immigration Issues President George W. Bush



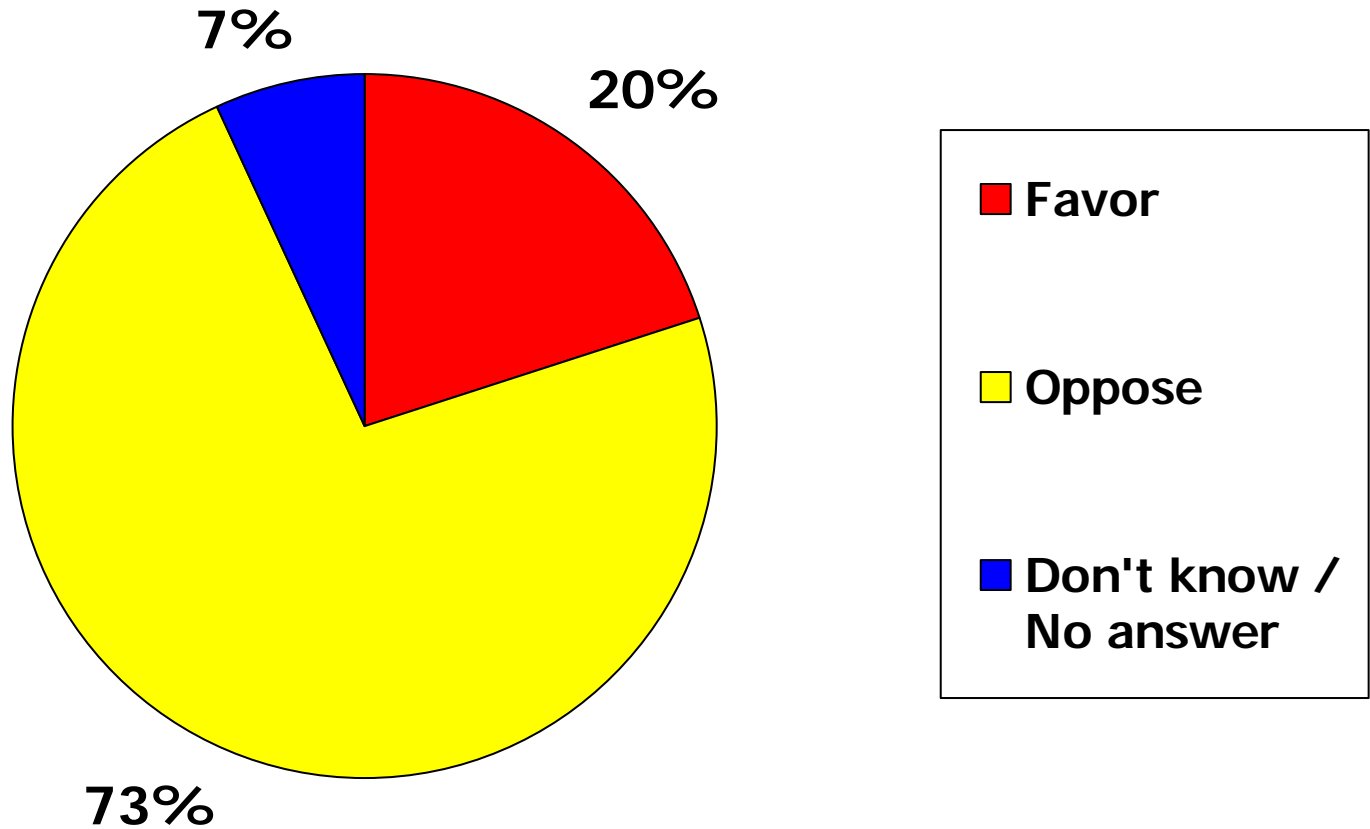


Legal immigrants strongly oppose the most important elements of the immigration **bill approved by the House** of Representatives last December.

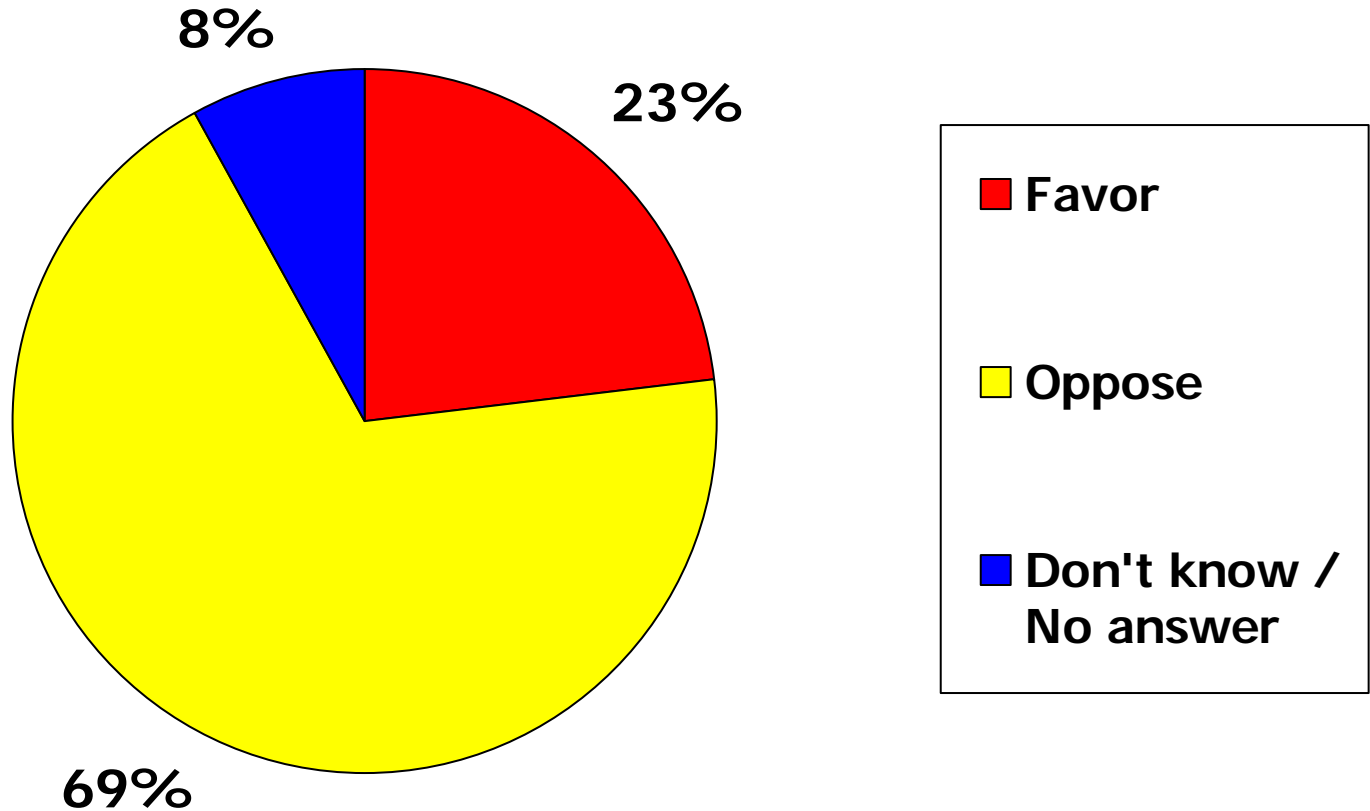
How serious would you say the problem of illegal immigration is in the United States?



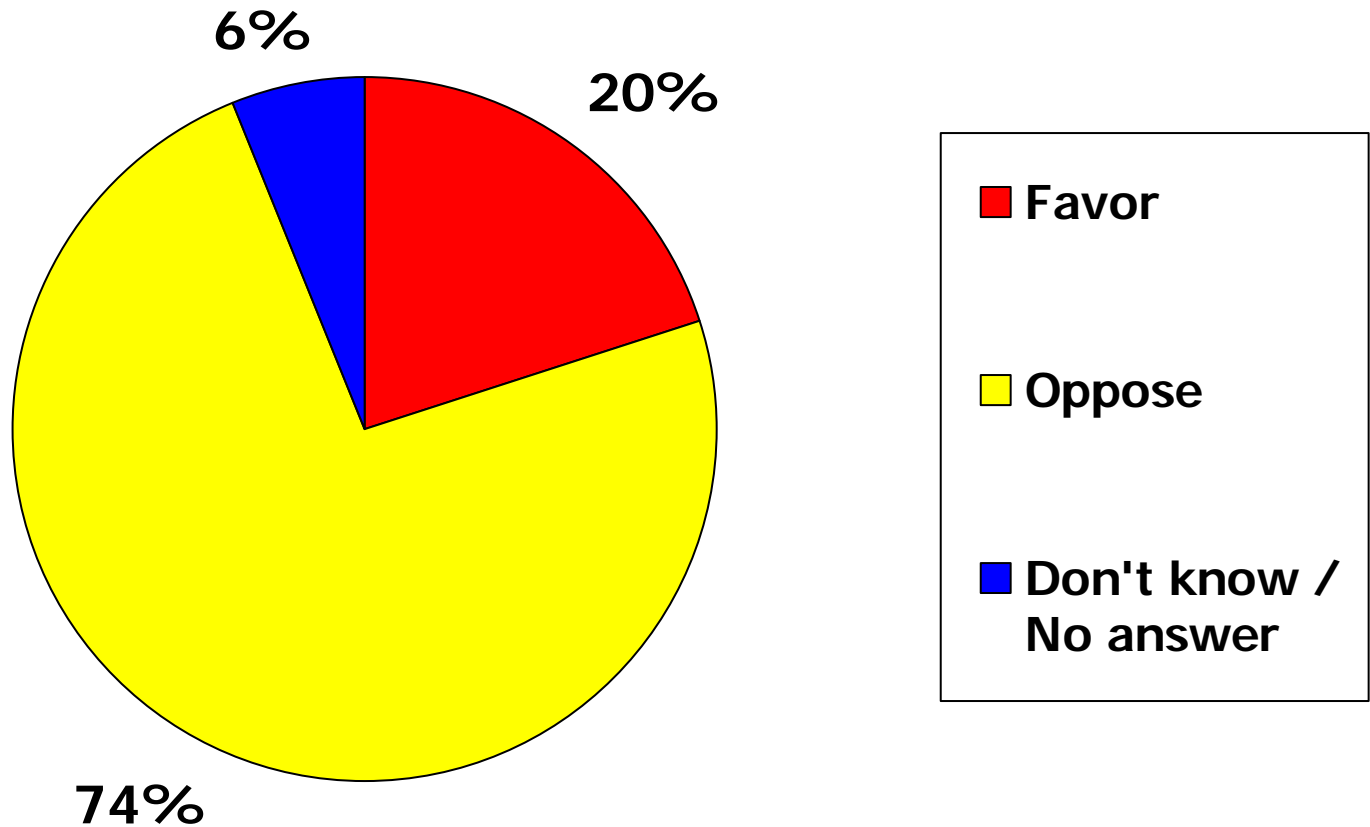
Arresting illegal immigrants in the United States and charging them with the felony of unlawful presence.



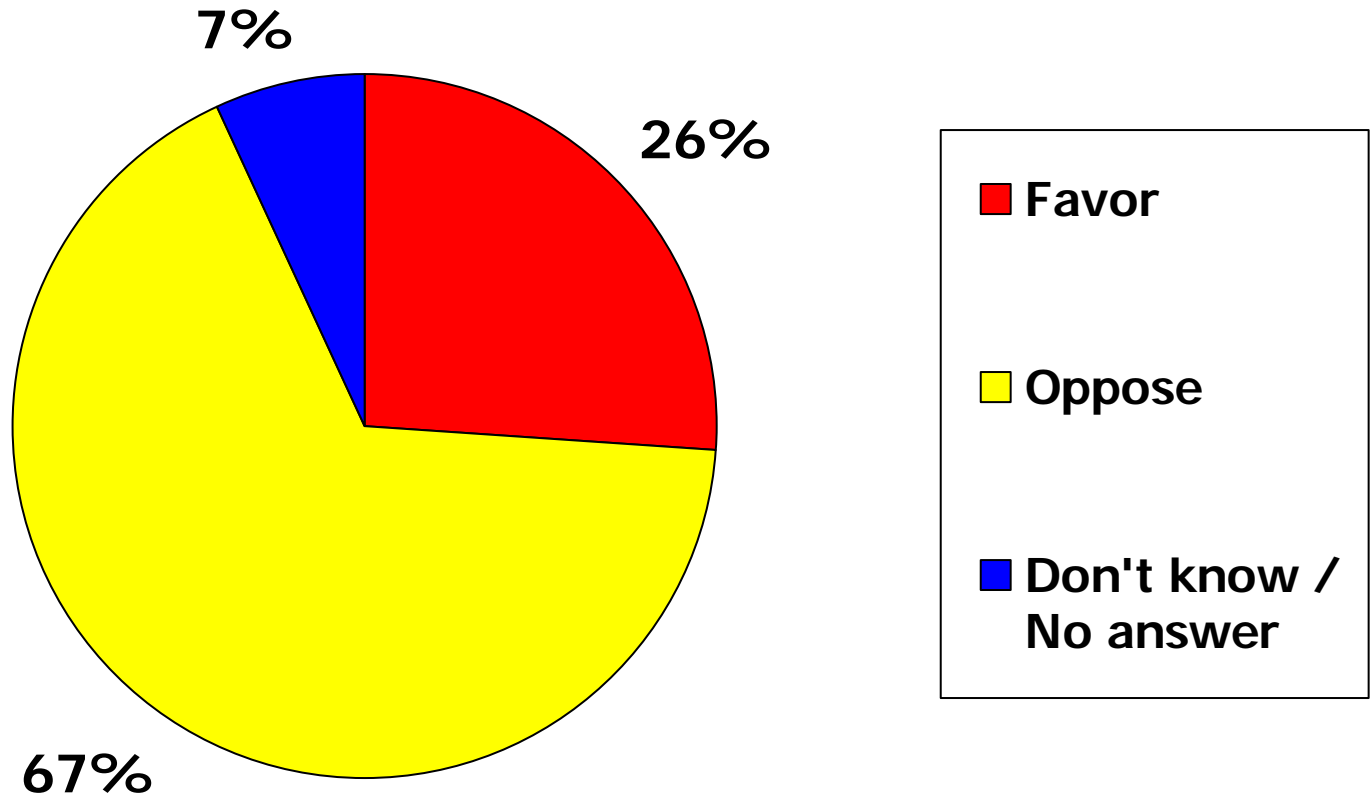
Deporting all illegal immigrants and sending them back to their country of origin.



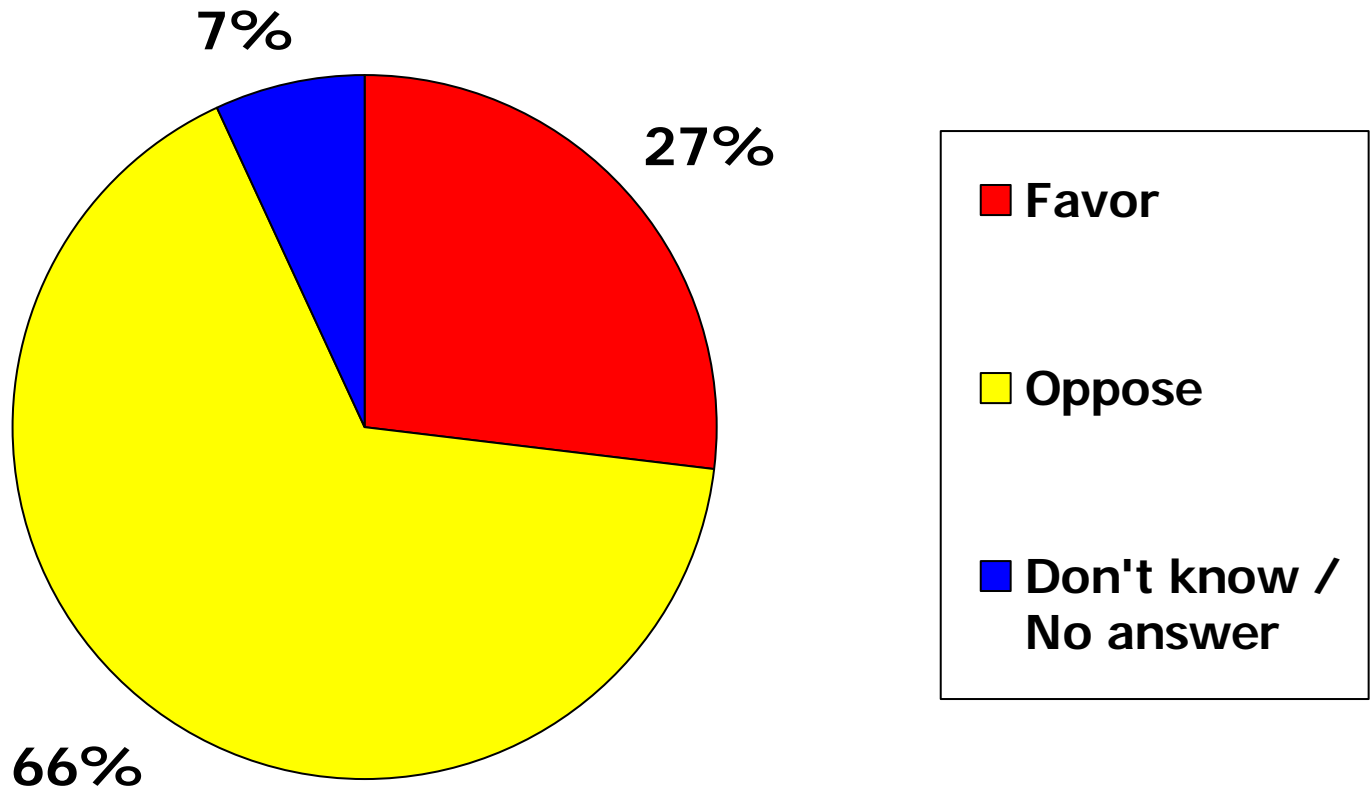
Denying U.S. citizenship to the children of illegal immigrants born in the United States.



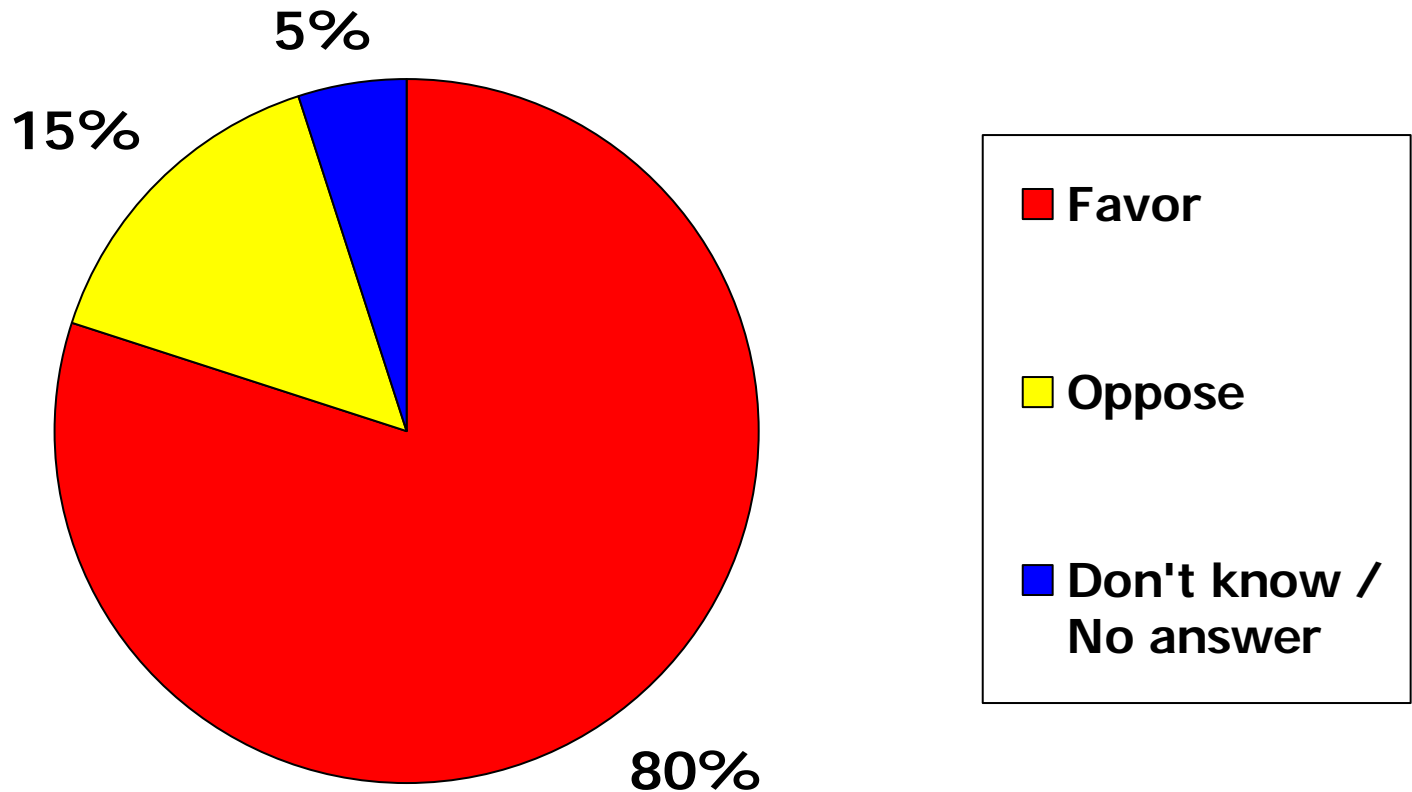
Imposing stiff penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants and prosecuting religious and advocacy groups that help illegal immigrants.



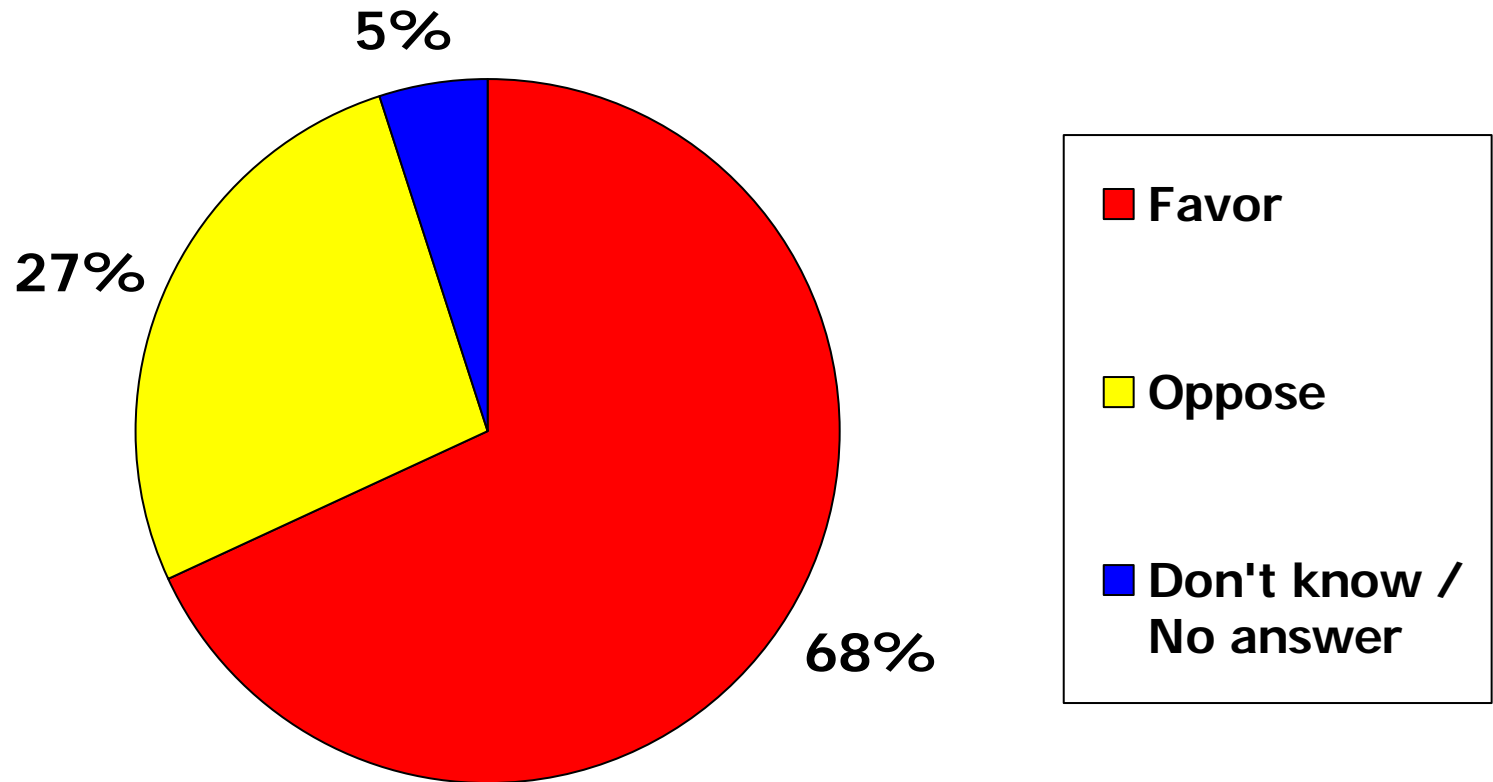
Building a wall along major sections of the border between the U.S. and Mexico to stop illegal immigrants from entering the U.S.

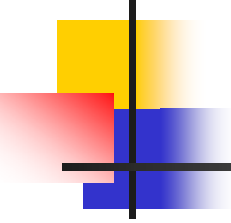


Granting illegal immigrants temporary work permits and allowing them to earn legal status after six years by paying a \$2,000 fine, learning English, and proving that they have no criminal record.



Issuing temporary work visas to illegal immigrants who qualify so that they can work in the United States for a few years. These illegal immigrants would then have to return to their home countries.





The McCain / Kennedy
immigration bill has majority
support among legal immigrants
in the United States.

Immigration Proposals

