



MAINE PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

May 4-6, 2017 ■ N=646

Methodology

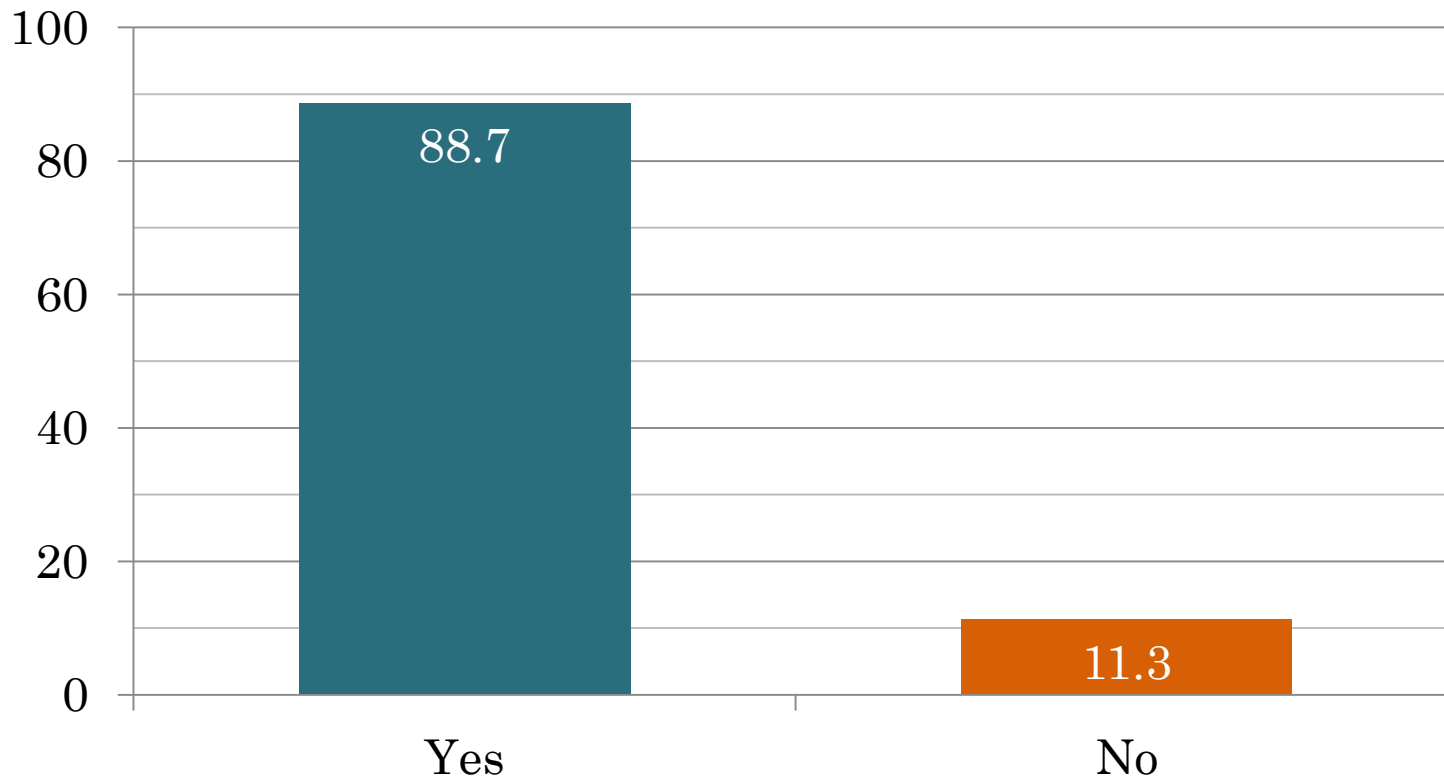
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- A survey of 646 registered Maine voters who cast ballots in the November, 2016 election was conducted by phone and online from May 4th through 6th, 2017.
- Survey results were mathematically weighted by gender, age and geographic area to ensure an accurate representation of the population being surveyed.
- The sample margin of error of this survey is 3.9%, 95 times out of 100. Sub-samples may have a larger margin of error.
- Frequencies and percentages may not always add up to the total number of responses or to 100%, due to weighting and rounding.

MPRC is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to giving Maine people, especially those who are under-represented in civic life, skills and information to participate in the decision-making processes that affect them.

Knowledge of Referendums

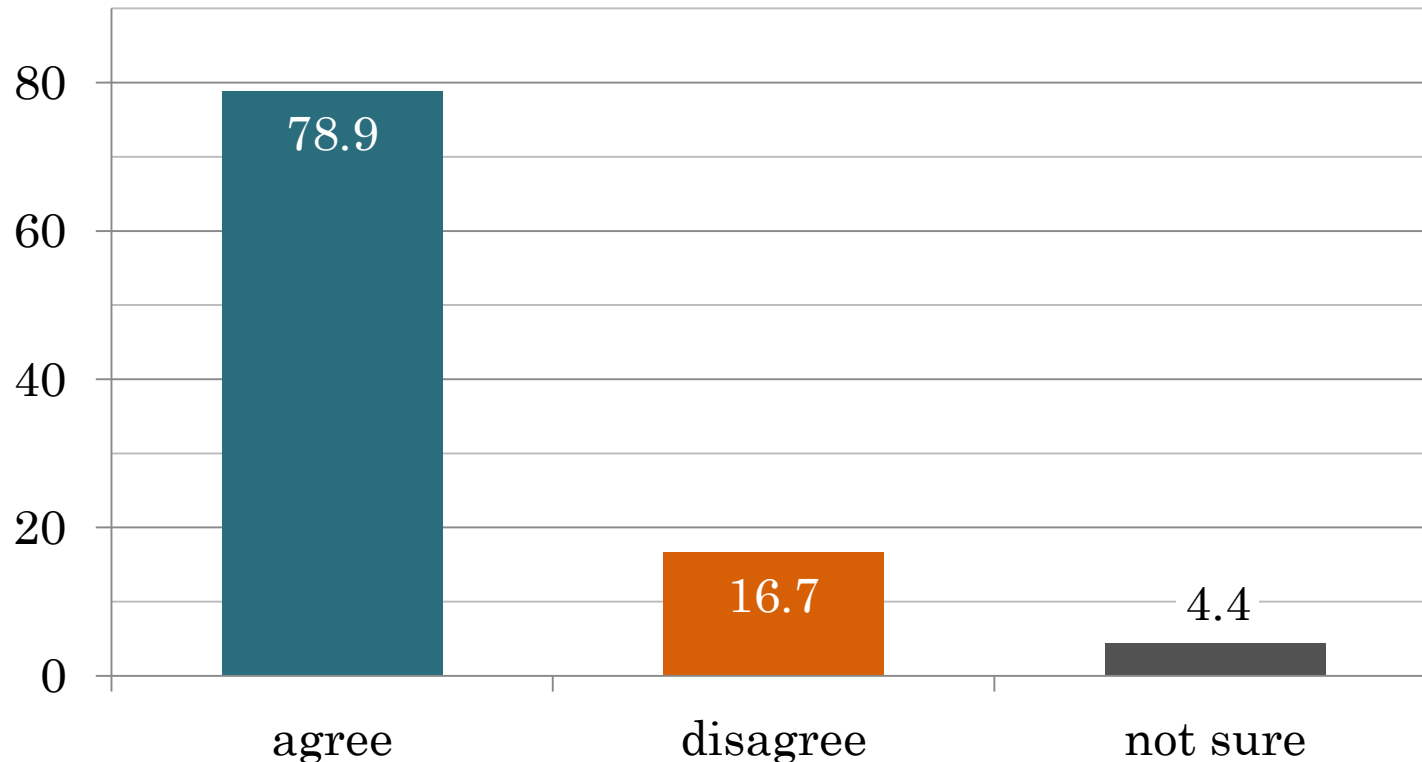
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Do you feel you had a good understanding of the referendum questions that were on the November ballot?

Respect for Referendum Outcomes

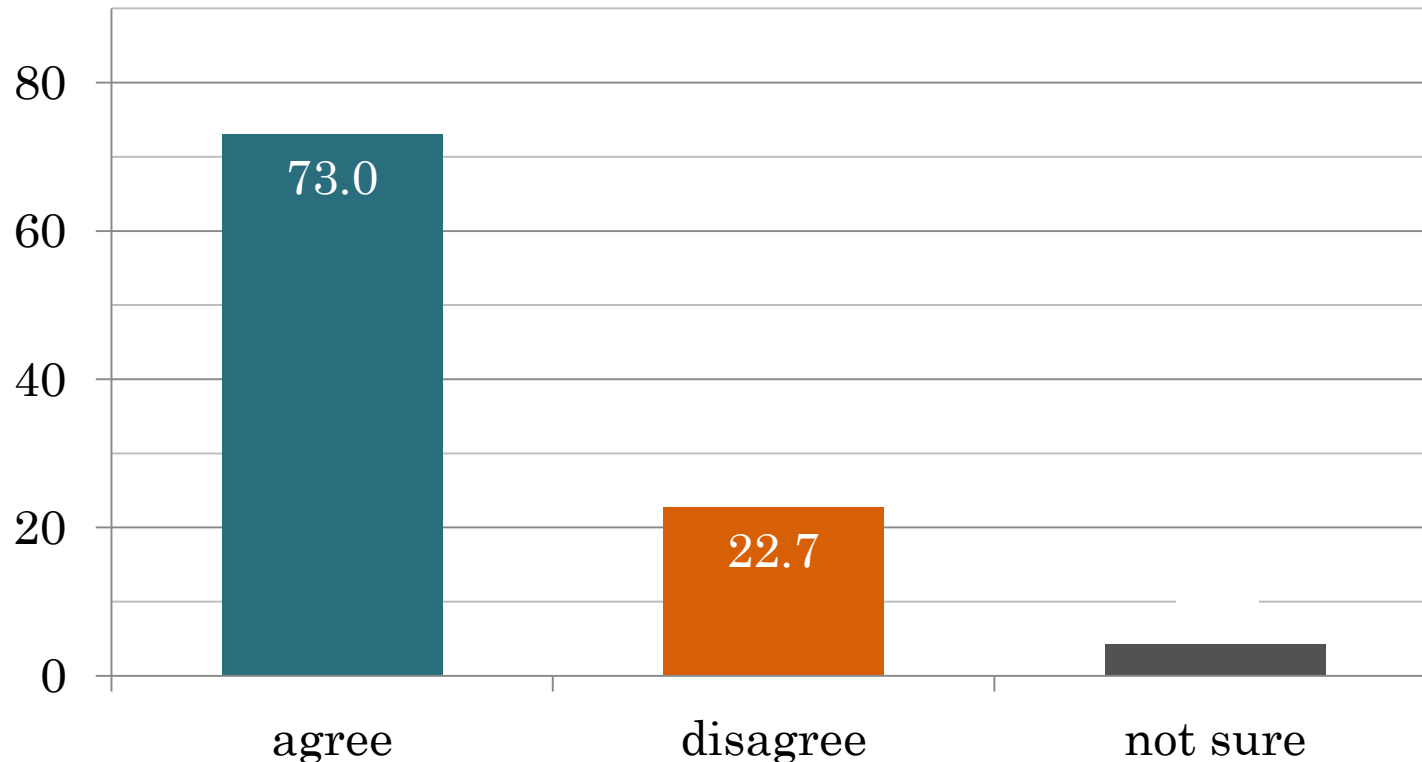
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Do you agree or disagree that the Maine legislature should respect the outcome of referendums and should wait at least one year before making major changes to laws passed by voters?

Respect for Question 2 Outcome

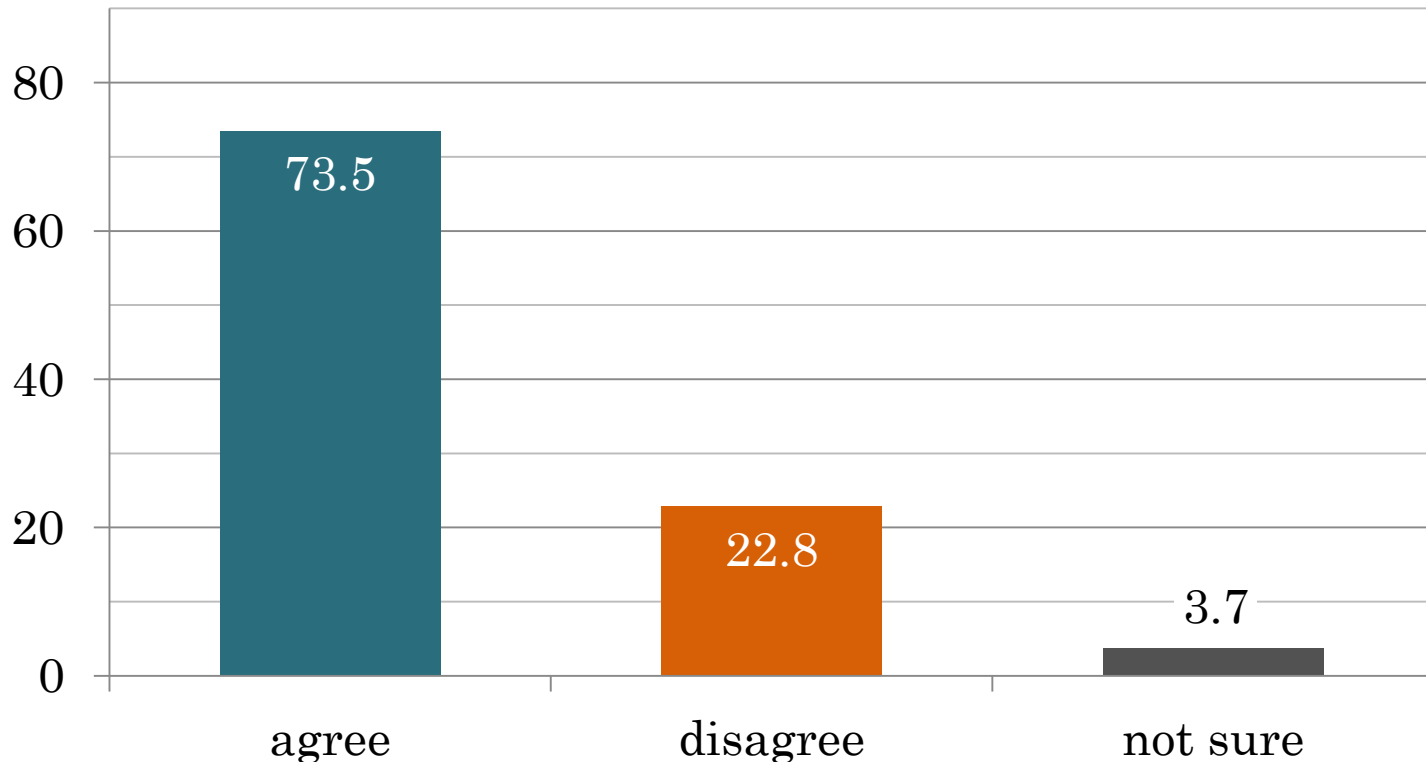
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Do you agree or disagree that the Maine legislature should respect the outcome of the school funding and taxation referendum, specifically, and should wait at least one year before making major changes to the law passed by voters?

Respect for Question 4 Outcome

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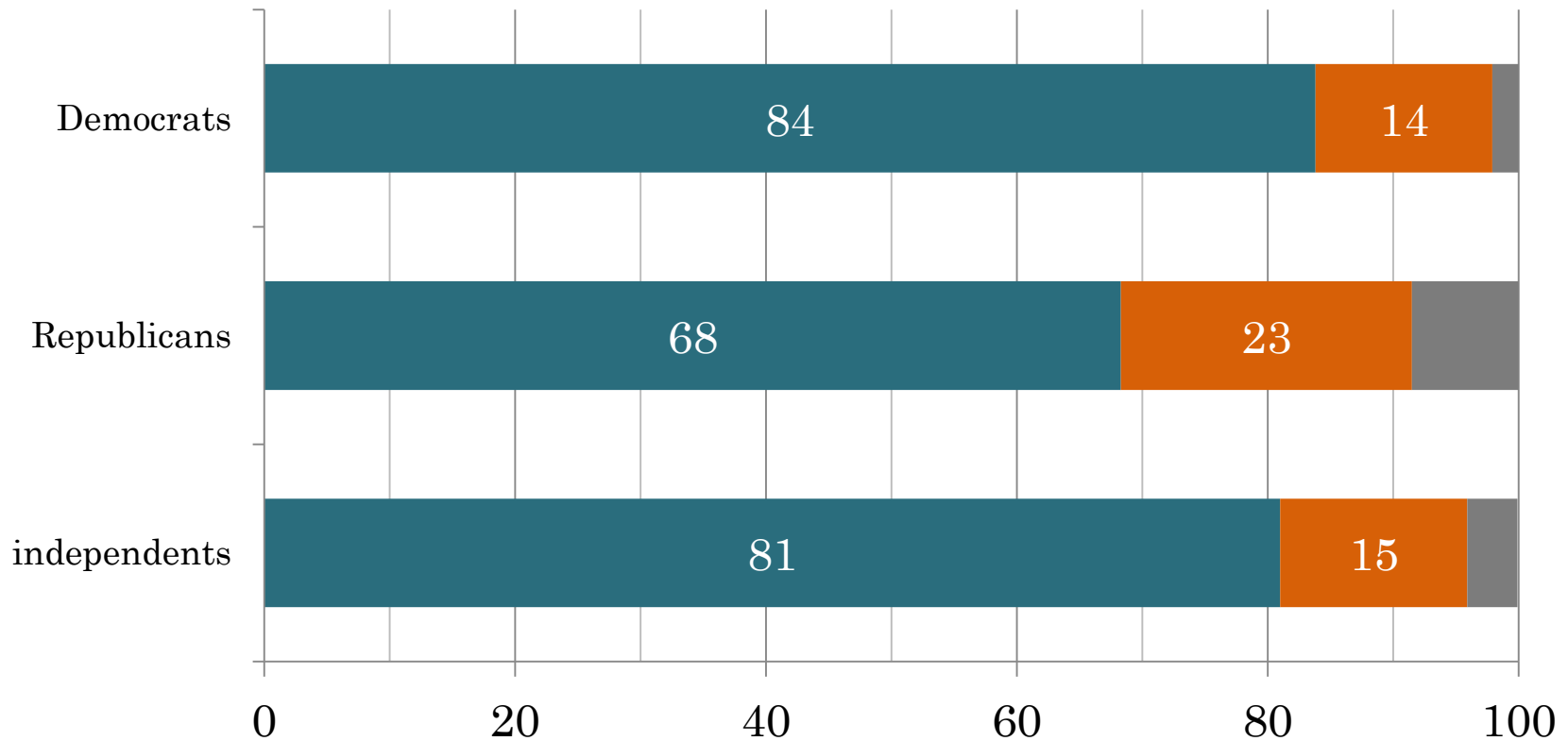


Do you agree or disagree that the Maine legislature should respect the outcome of the minimum wage referendum, specifically, and should wait at least one year before making major changes to the law passed by voters?

Referendum Respect by Party

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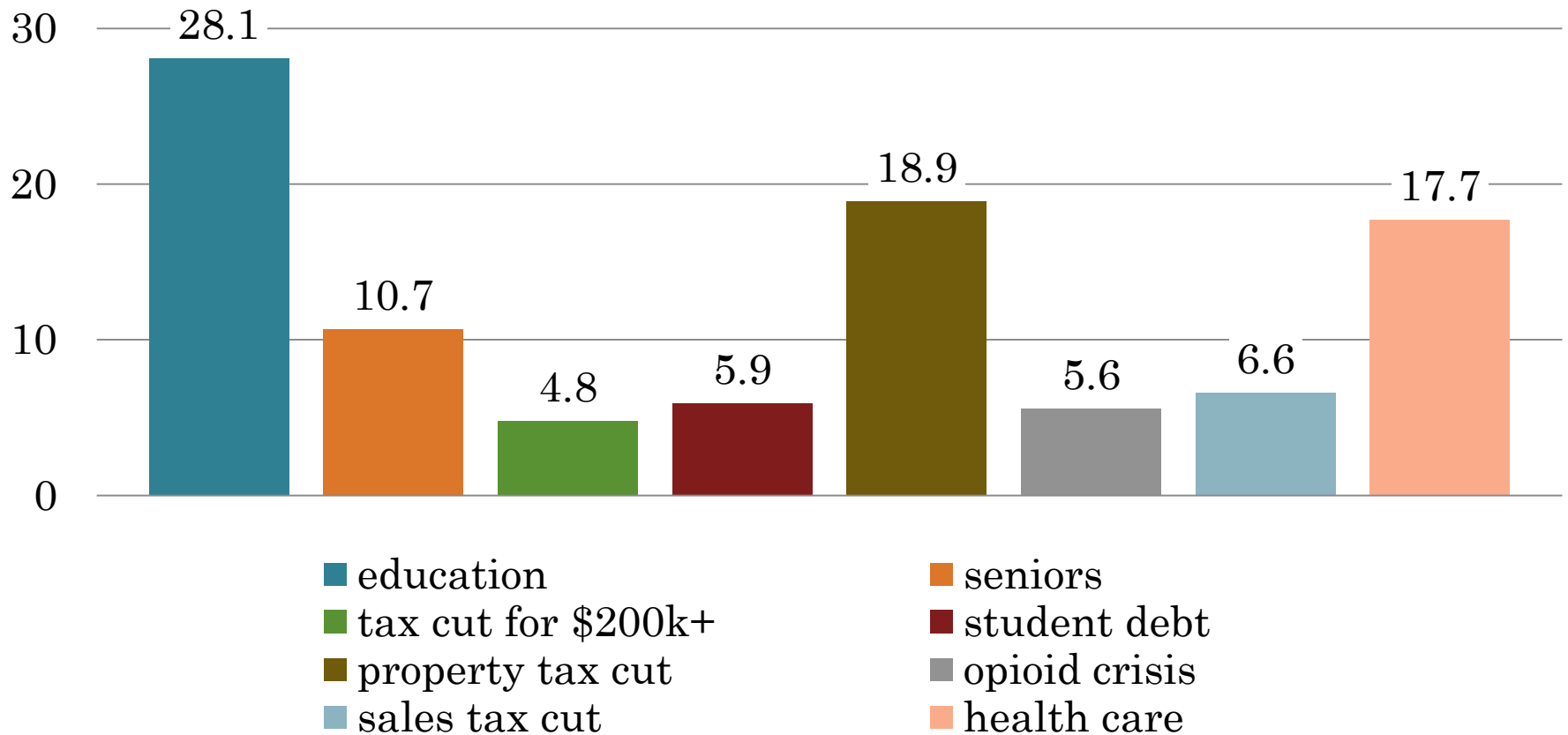
■ agree ■ disagree ■ not sure



Budget Priorities

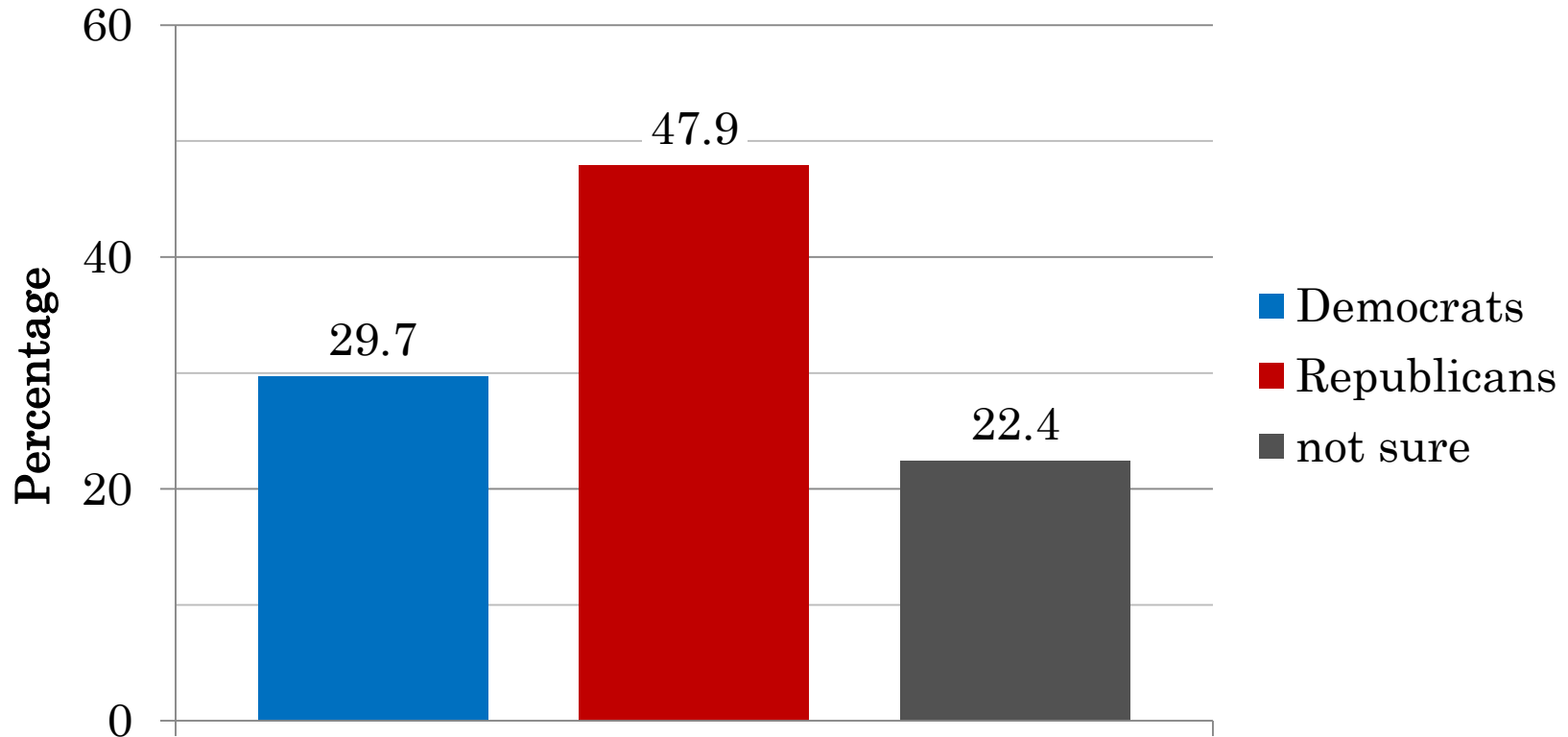
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□ What would you say is your top priority for the state budget?



Responsibility for Shutdown

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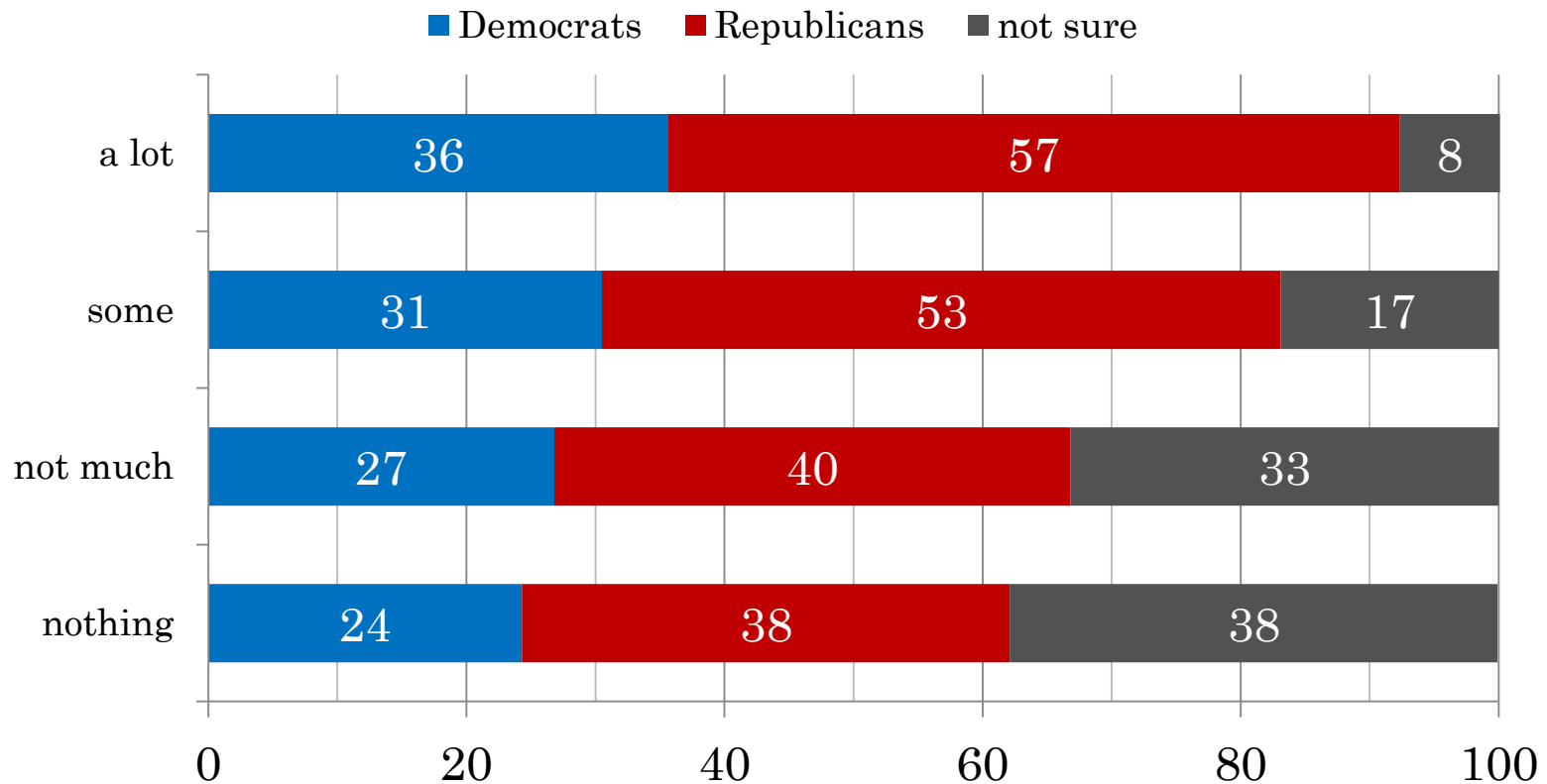
If an agreement on the budget were not reached and Maine state government shut down, who do you think would be most responsible?

Shutdown Blame by Attention Paid

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How much have you heard about debate in Augusta over the state budget?

If an agreement on the budget were not reached and Maine state government shut down, who do you think would be most responsible?



Frequencies

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| Age | % |
|-------|------|
| 18-34 | 17.2 |
| 35-49 | 21.7 |
| 50-64 | 32.4 |
| 65+ | 28.7 |

| CD | % |
|----|------|
| 1 | 52.6 |
| 2 | 47.4 |

| Gender | % |
|--------|------|
| Female | 53.2 |
| Male | 46.8 |

| Ideology | % |
|-----------------------|------|
| Very liberal | 14.1 |
| Somewhat liberal | 20.8 |
| Moderate | 34.5 |
| Somewhat conservative | 16.7 |
| Very conservative | 11.2 |

| Party | % |
|-------------------|------|
| Democratic | 36.2 |
| Republican | 25.4 |
| Independent/other | 38.4 |

A Record of Accuracy

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“Uncannily close... Considering the final results, the center receives kudos for its work.” –**Portland Press Herald**

“MPRC is bringing transparency and accountability to a challenging area of public debate... MPRC is elevating the discourse around what Maine people actually think and want.” –**Portland Phoenix**

“While there are conflicting numbers from two pollsters, I tend to believe the Maine People's Resource Center, or MPRC, has the more accurate findings. Over the last two years they have polled eight contests and, without fail, their findings among the published public polls have been closest to the actual results.” –**Dan Demeritt, Former Communications and Policy Director, Office of the Governor**