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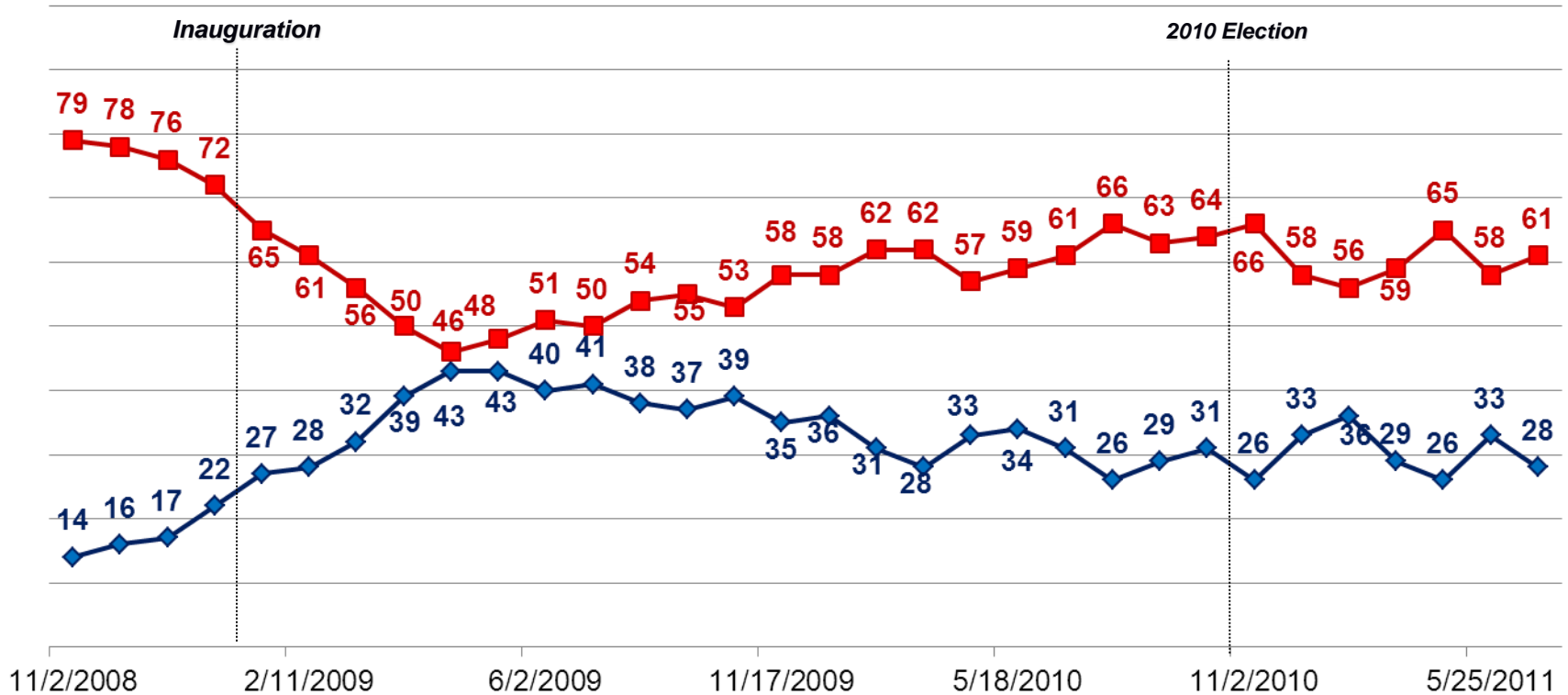
First Focus

Survey Results

High Wrong Track Continues

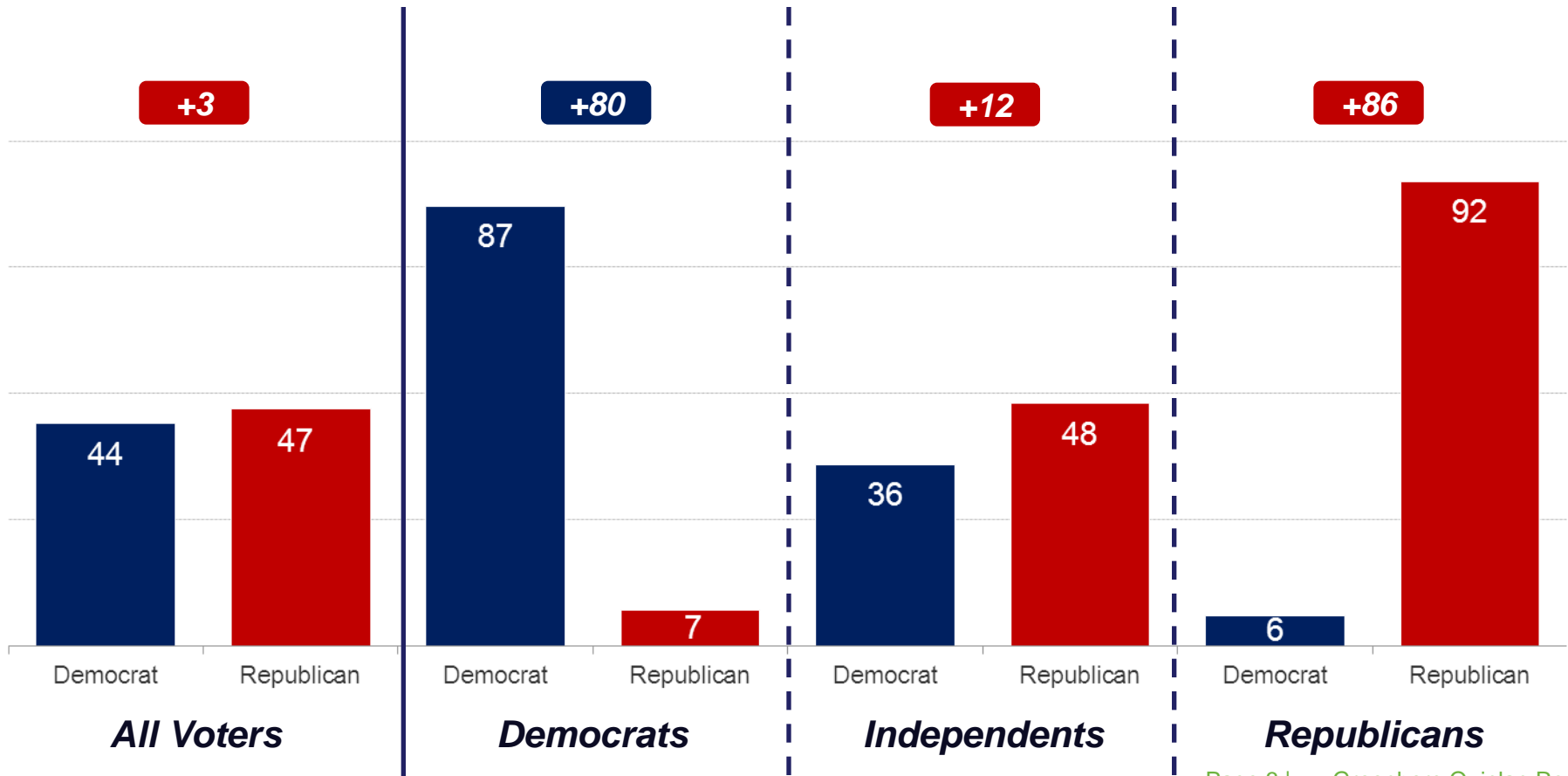
Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

◆ Right Direction ■ Wrong Track



Congressional Vote

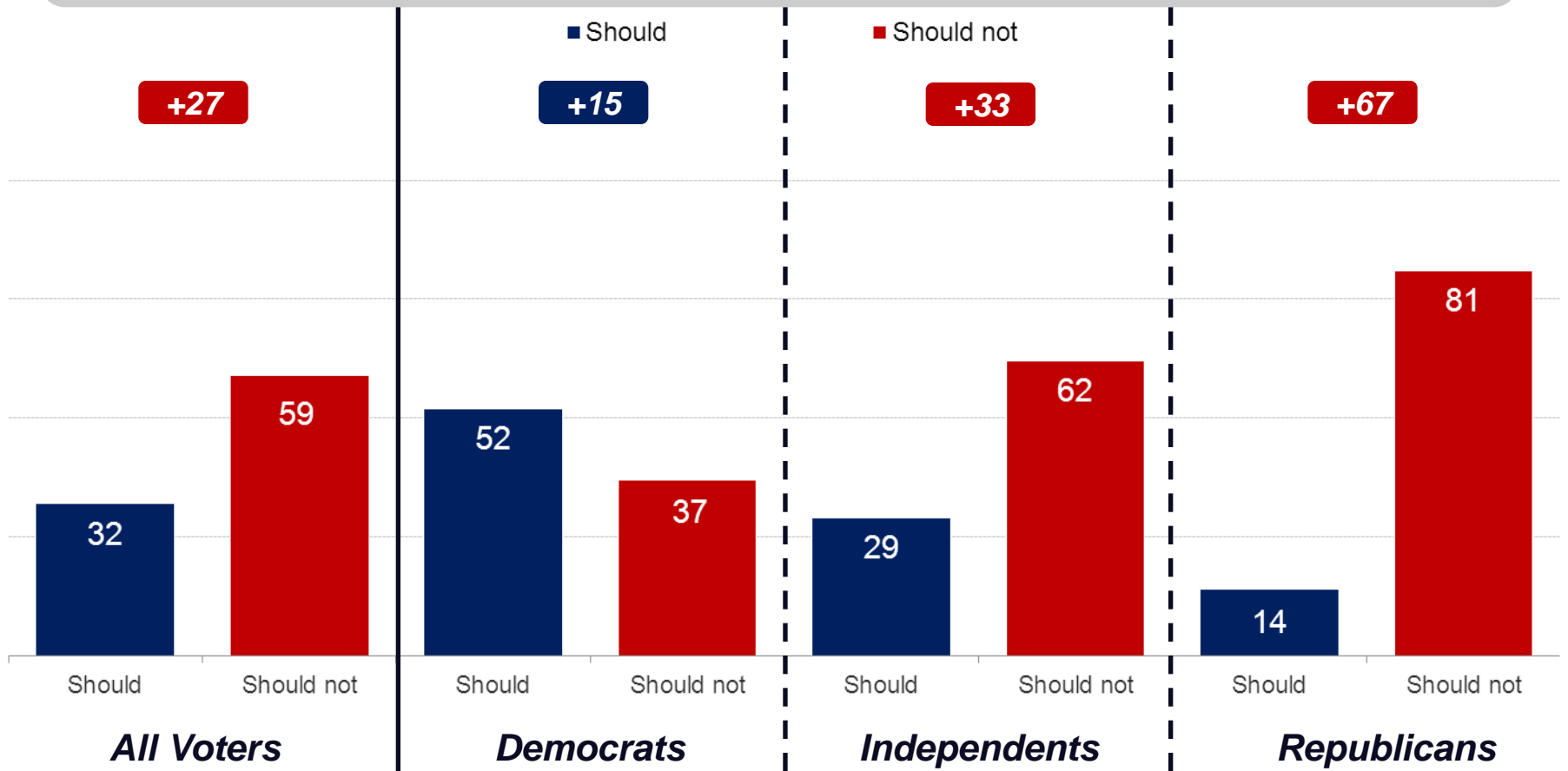
*I know it's a long way off, but thinking about the elections for Congress in 2012, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you be voting for **DEMOCRATIC HOUSE CANDIDATE** or **REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATE**?**



** In the landline sample, the incumbent names were inserted preceded by party identification. Generic "the Democratic candidate" or "the Republican candidate" were inserted for the opposition. For the cell phone sample and open seat districts, both candidates were given as generic.*

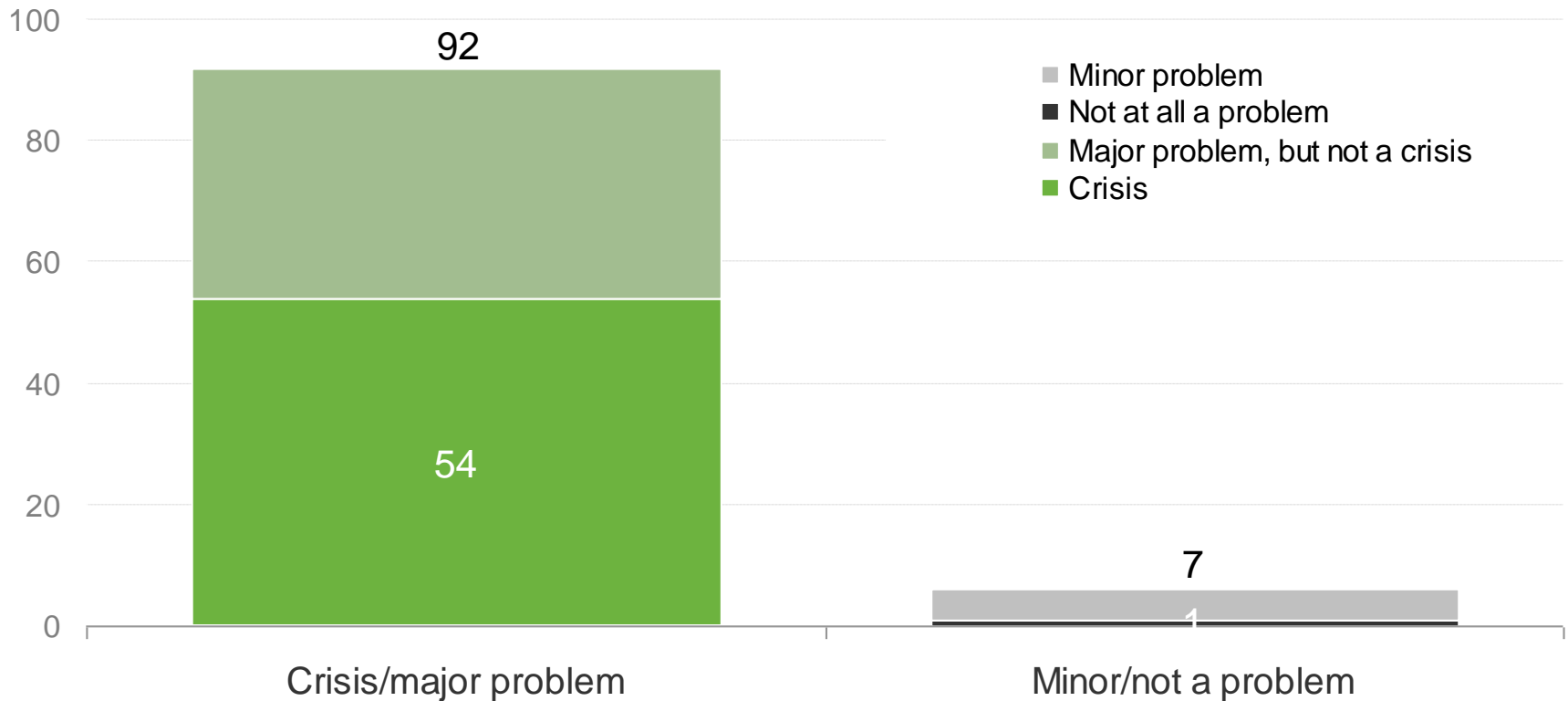
Voters Oppose Raising Debt Ceiling

As you may have heard, in August the federal government will reach its debt limit. Unless Congress raises the amount of money the government can borrow, the government will not be able to borrow more to fund its operations and pay its debts. Currently, Congress is considering whether to raise the debt ceiling. Do you think Congress should or should not raise the debt ceiling?



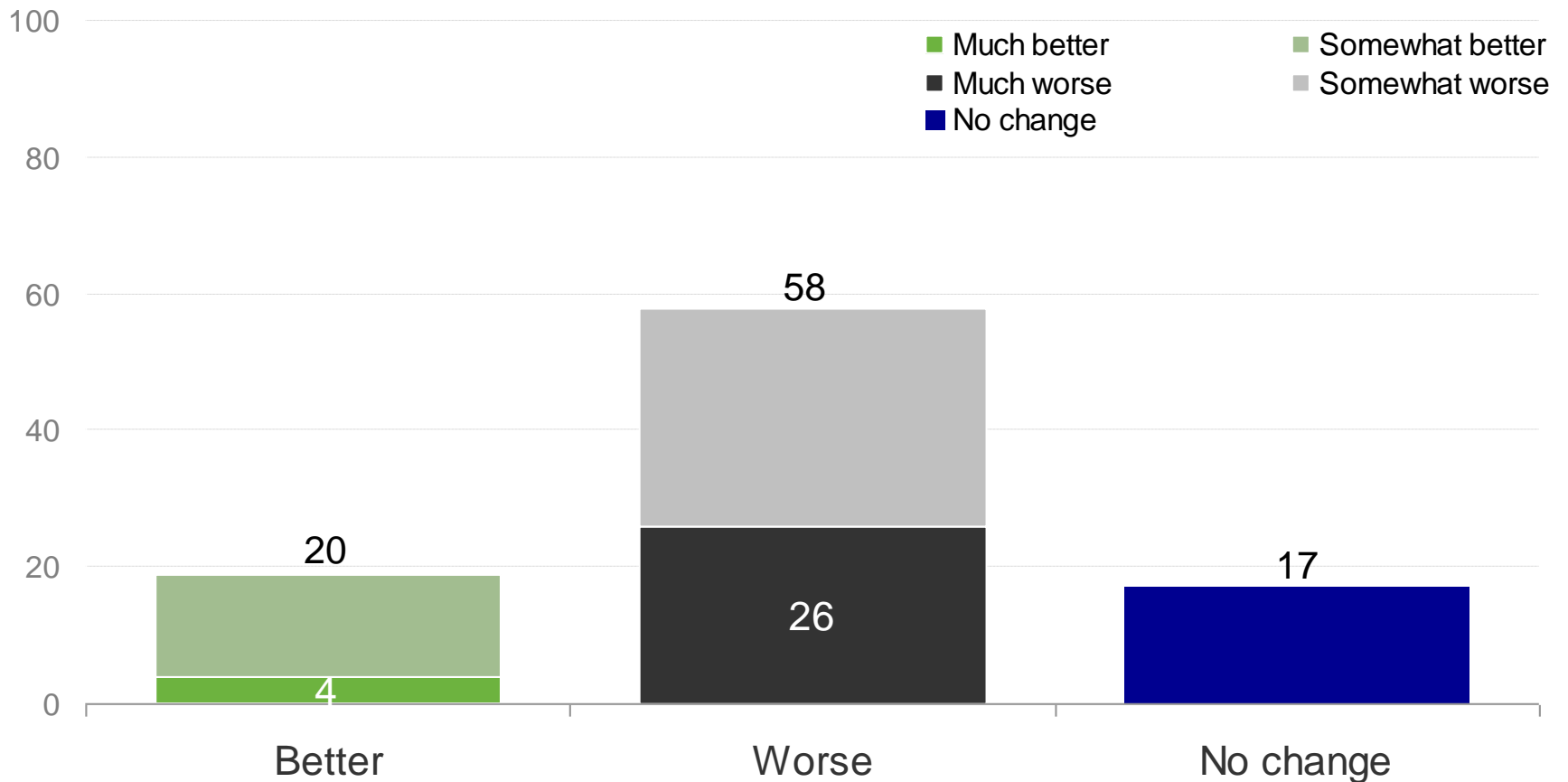
Most See Budget as Problem as a Crisis

From what you have heard or seen, would you say the federal government's budget deficit is a crisis, a major problem but not a crisis, is a minor problem or is not a problem at all?



But Also See State of Children as a Crisis

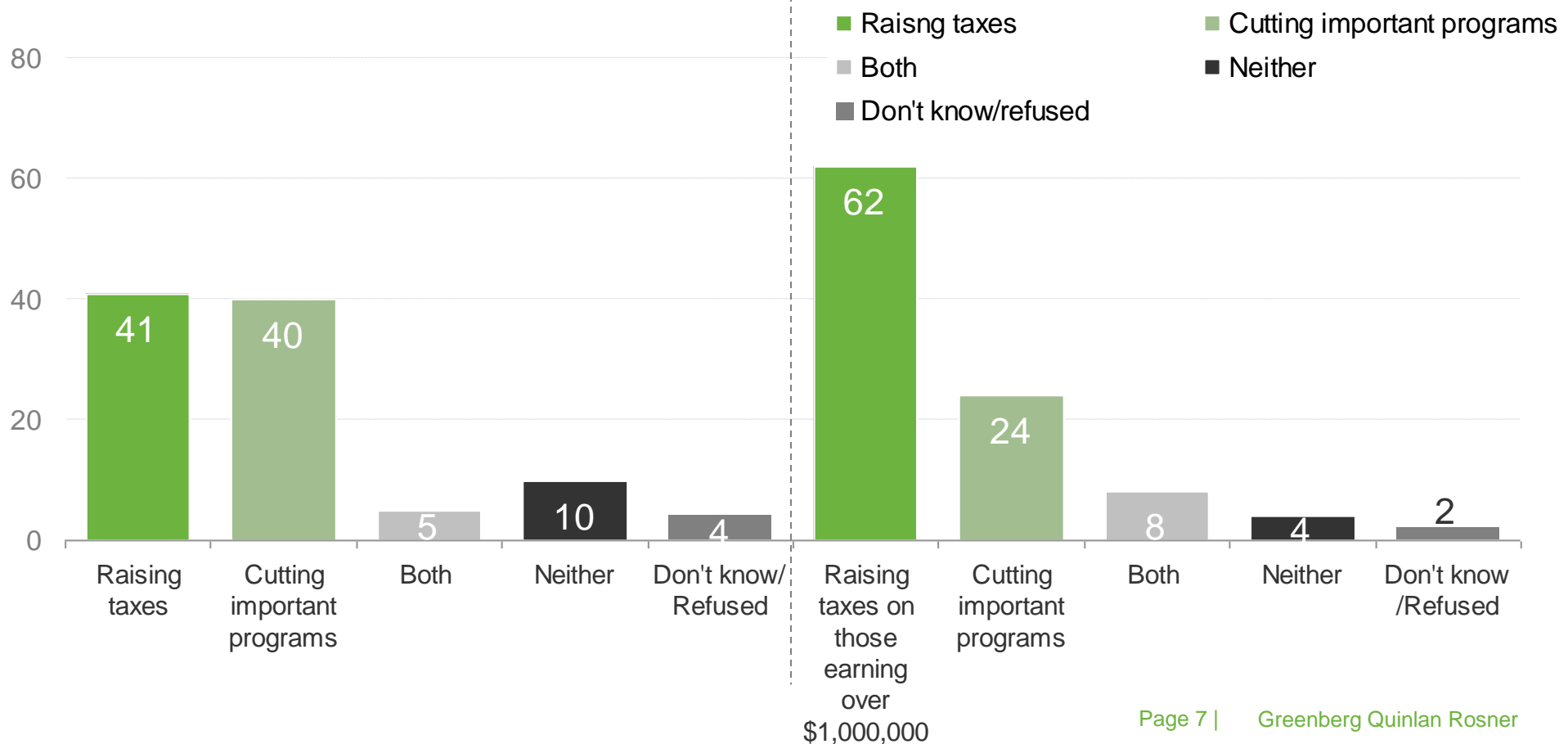
Thinking about the last ten years, would you say that the lives of children in America have gotten better, gotten worse or no change?



Open to Revenue

When it comes to dealing with the federal government deficit, which approach would you prefer: raising taxes or cutting important programs?*

When it comes to dealing with the federal government deficit, which approach would you prefer: raising taxes on those earning over one million dollars a year or cutting important programs?*

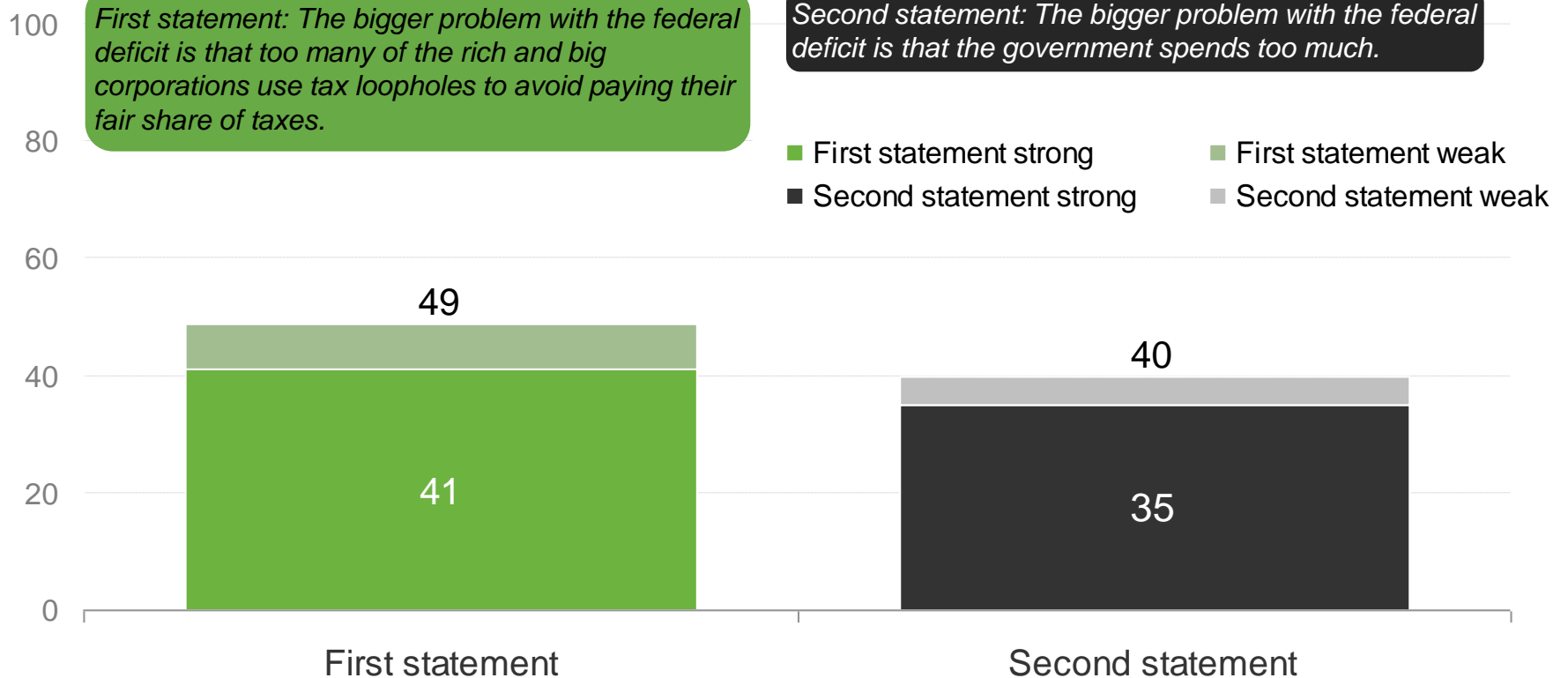


Voters Mostly Split Between Corporate Responsibility and Government Responsibility for Deficit

Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. Please tell me whether the **FIRST** statement or the **SECOND** statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.

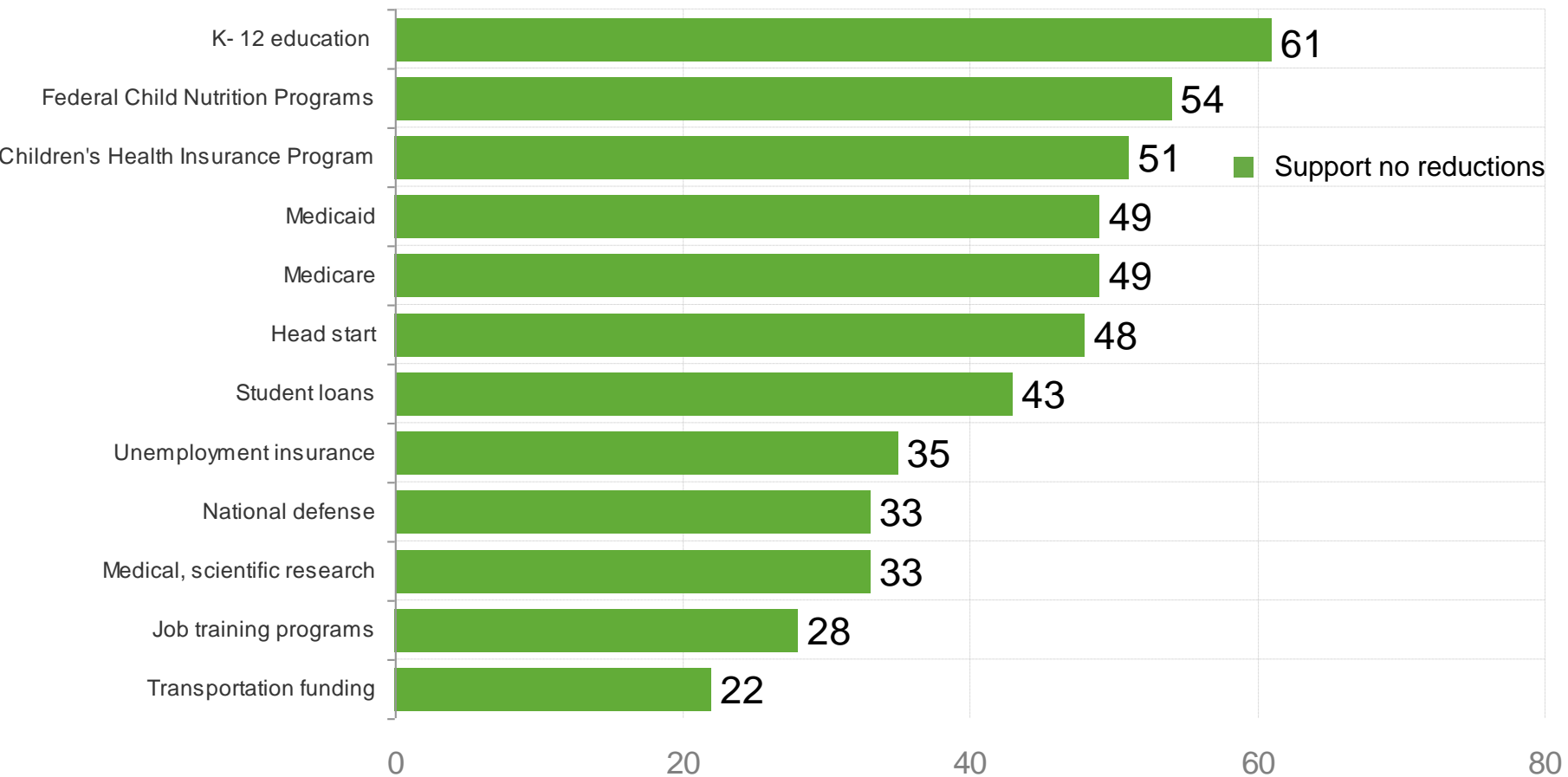
First statement: The bigger problem with the federal deficit is that too many of the rich and big corporations use tax loopholes to avoid paying their fair share of taxes.

Second statement: The bigger problem with the federal deficit is that the government spends too much.



Children's Issues Hold Up Well Relative to Other Potential Cuts

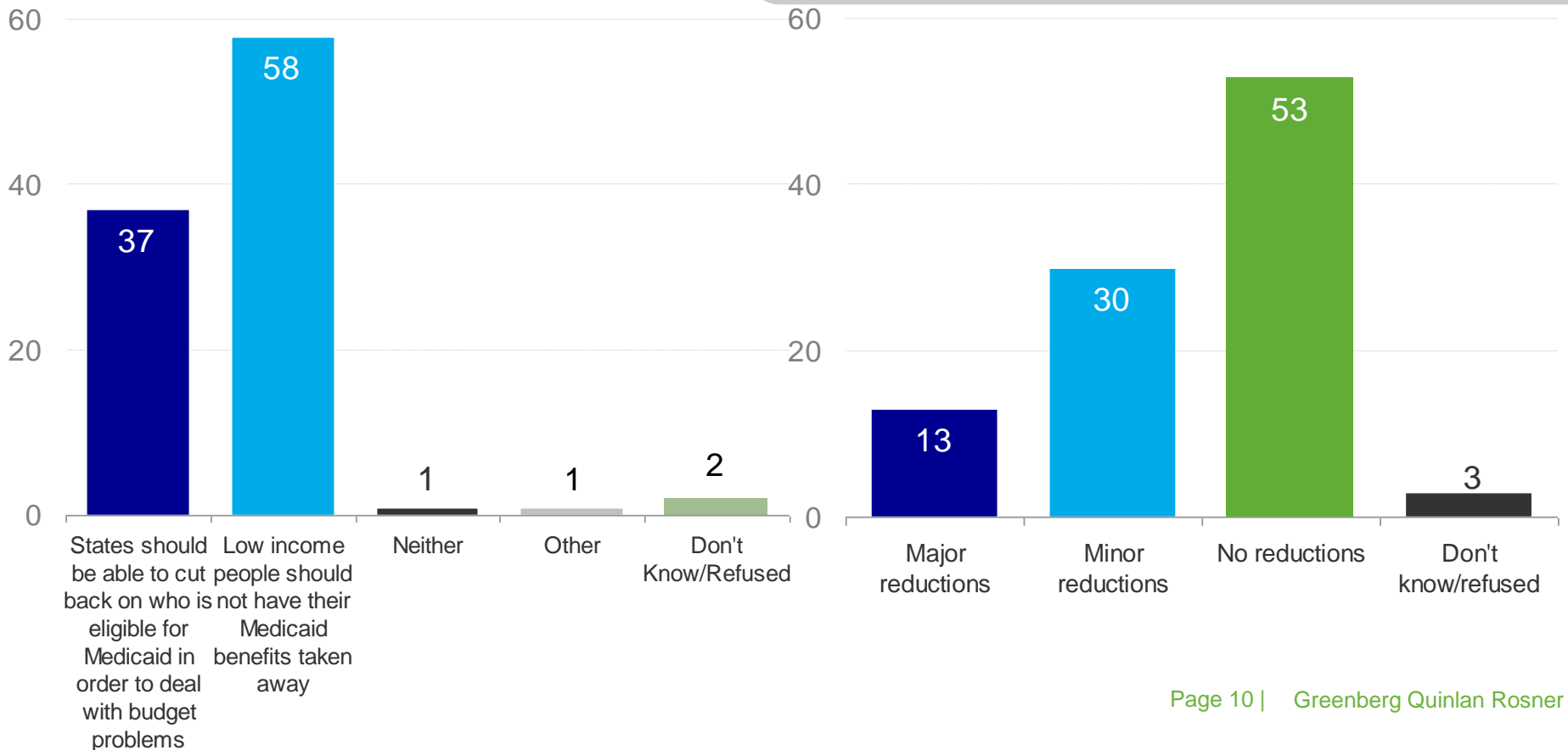
I am going to read you a list of different programs that might be affected by efforts to reduce the federal budget deficit. After each one I read, please tell me whether you would support no reductions in this program, whether you would support minor reductions in the program or support major reductions in the program



Most Oppose Medicaid Cuts

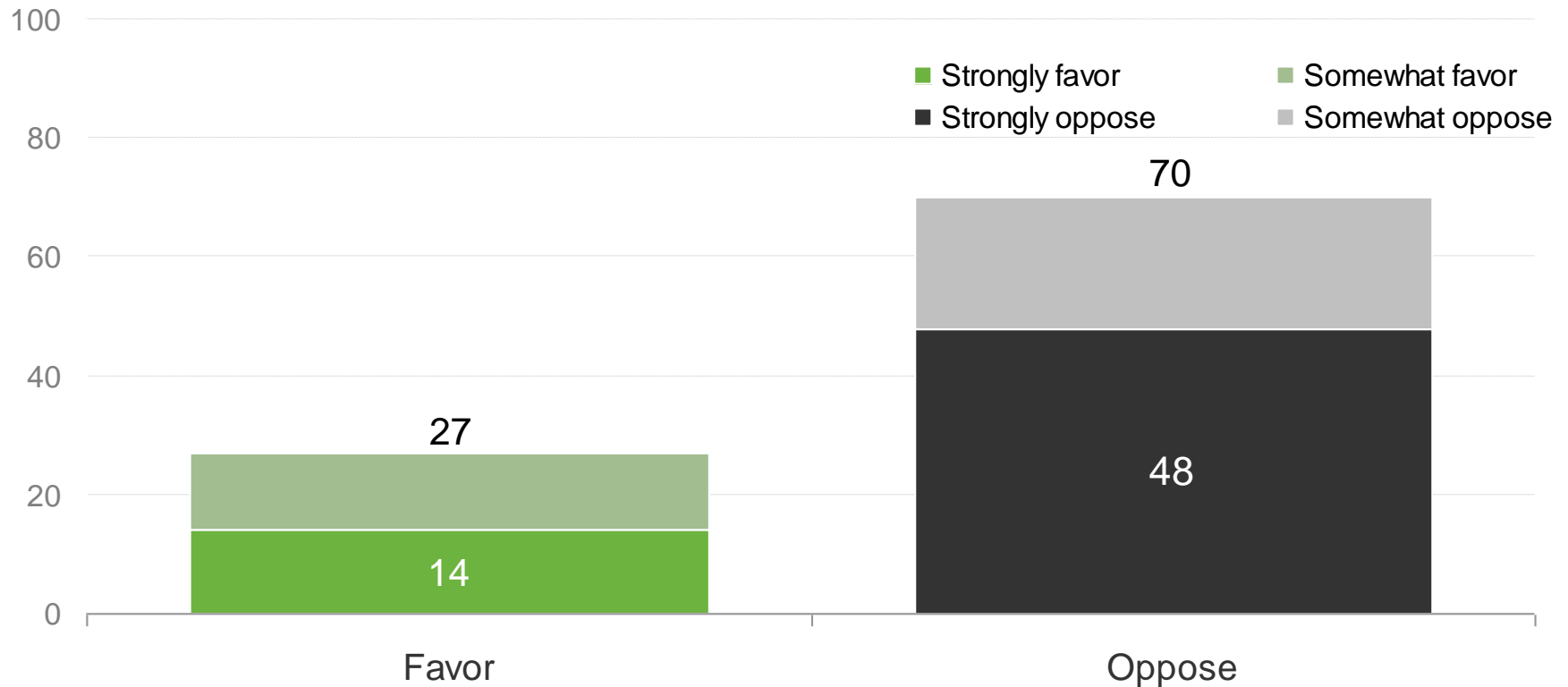
And one question about a current debate over the MEDICAID program for low income people. Which comes closer to your view?

In order to reduce the federal budget deficit, Congress may decide to reduce federal spending in certain areas. For each area I name, please tell me if you would support major spending reductions, minor spending reductions or no reductions at all as a way to reduce the federal deficit. (**Medicaid**)



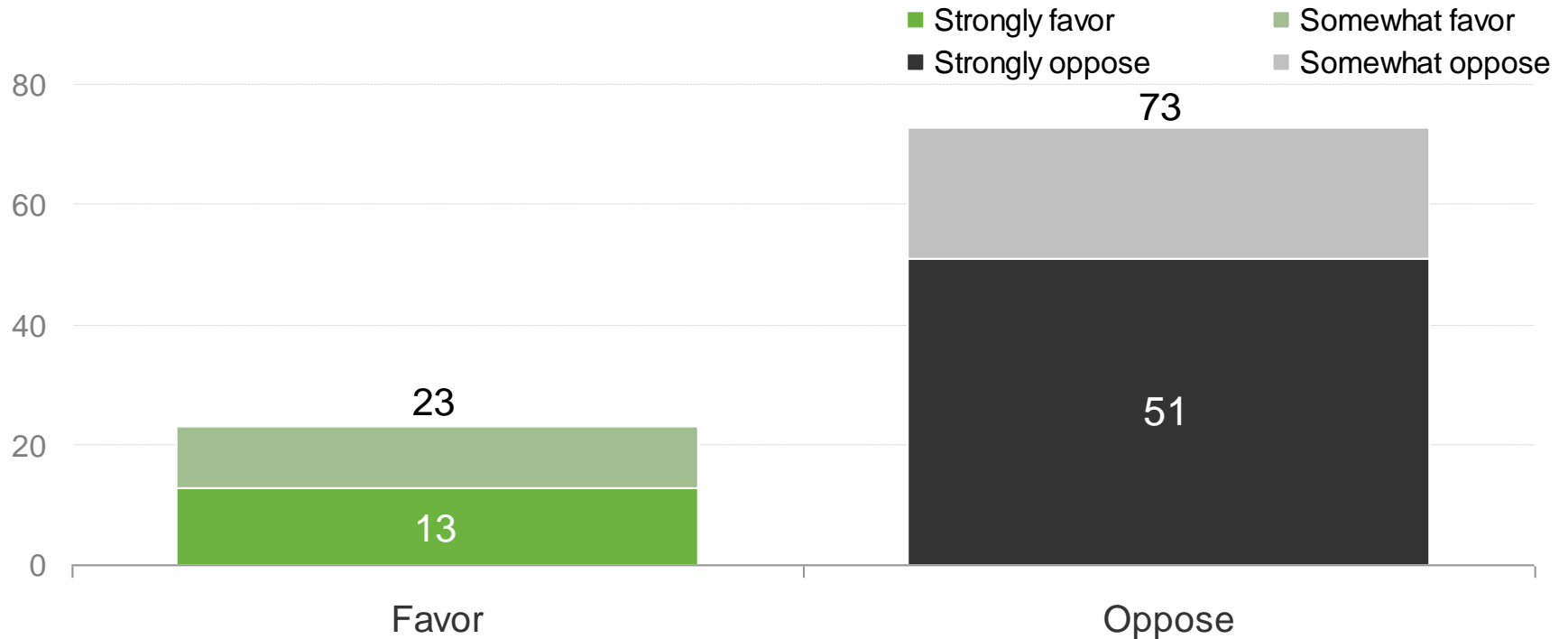
Voters Strongly Oppose Cutting Medicaid

The House budget proposal cuts over \$750 billion from funding for Medicaid, a federal health program that provides care to low-income children, the elderly and the disabled. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose this cut in Medicaid.



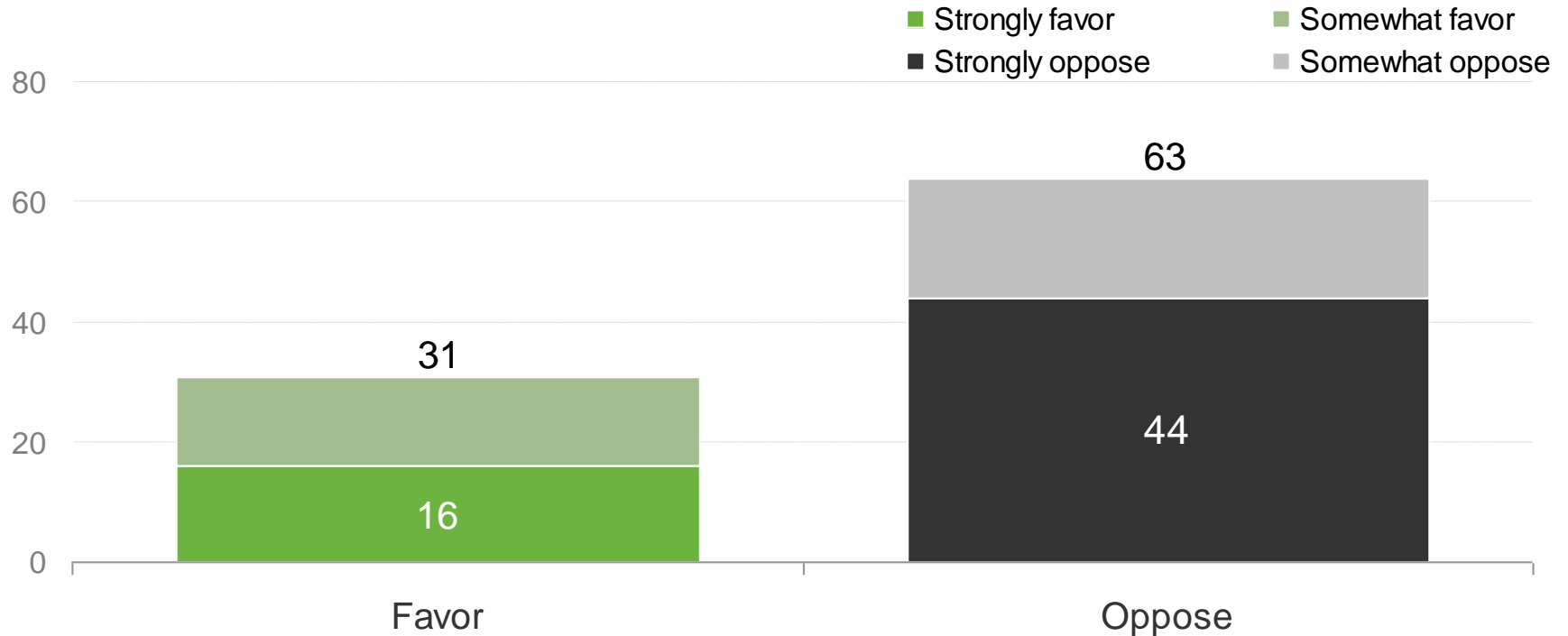
Voters Strongly Oppose the Proposed \$150 Billion Cut to SCHIP

The House budget proposal cuts spending for the Children’s Health Insurance Program, a federal health program for low-income children whose families do not qualify for Medicaid. The budget proposal creates a \$150 billion shortfall and could threaten the health care coverage for more than 7 million children. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose this cut in the Children’s Health Insurance Program?



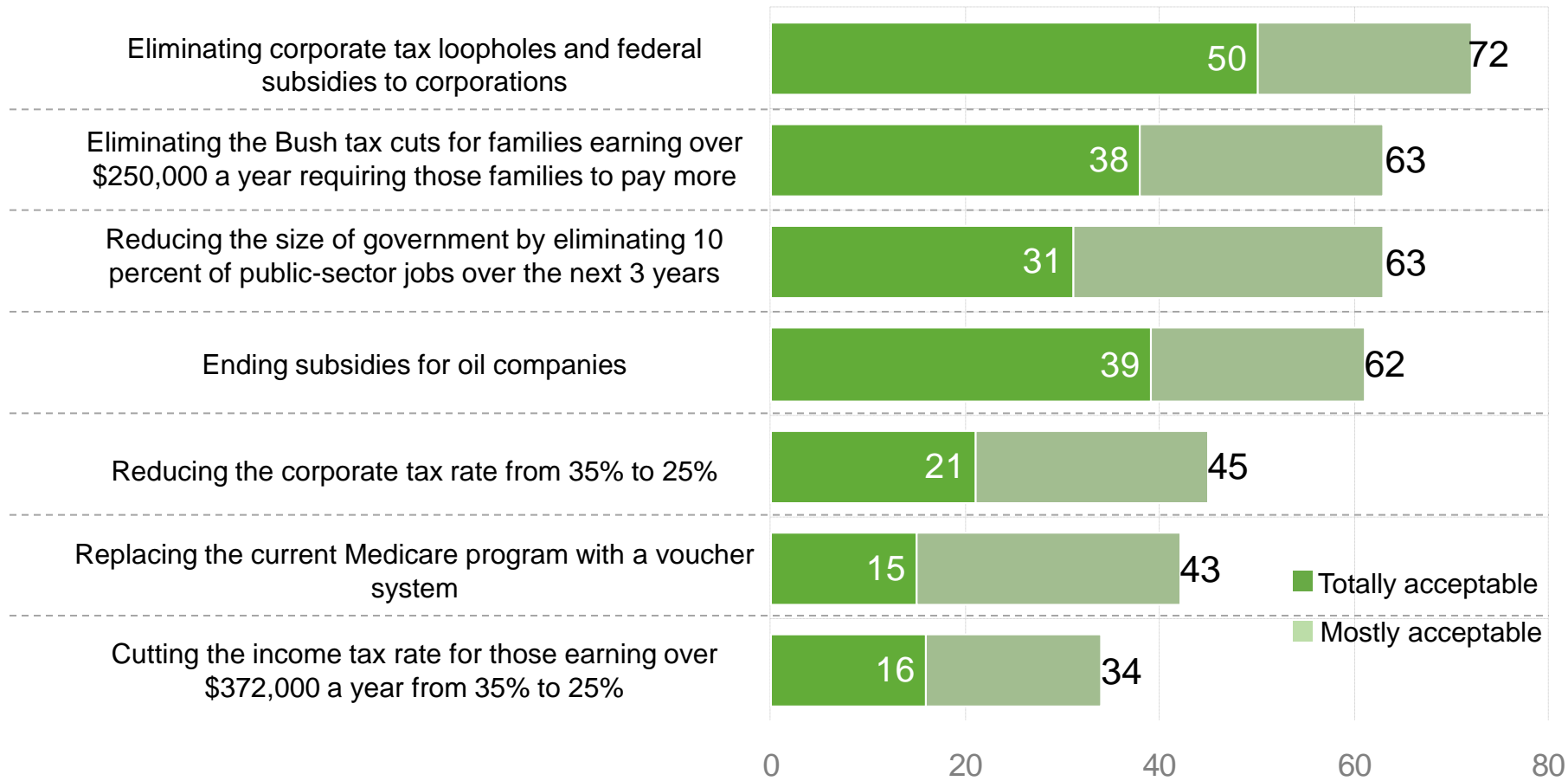
Voters Strongly Oppose Eliminating Insurance Coverage for Children

Most states are facing fiscal challenges and a number of governors have called for the need to have more flexibility to decide how Medicaid dollars are spent in the states. Medicaid is a federal health program that provides care to low-income children, the elderly and the disabled. Would you favor or oppose allowing governors this flexibility if it meant eliminating insurance coverage for some children?



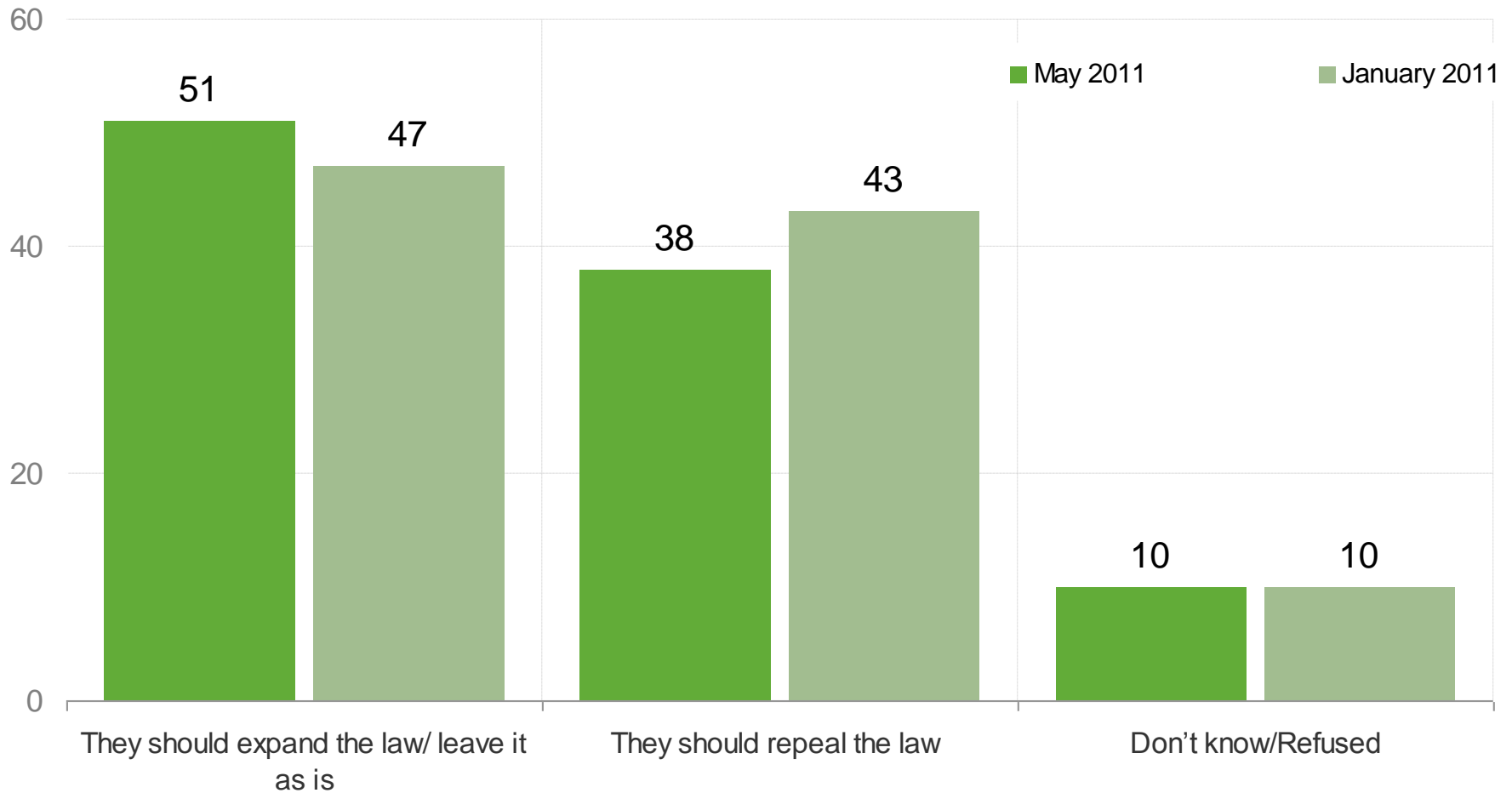
Would Rather Reduce the Deficit Other Ways

I am going to read you a list of additional proposals that some people have made that will impact the federal budget deficit. After each one I read, please tell me if you find this proposal totally acceptable, mostly acceptable, mostly unacceptable or totally unacceptable.



Americans Do Not Want to Repeal the Healthcare Legislation

What would you like to see Congress do when it comes to the health care law?



Voters Oppose Repealing Health Care Law

The House budget proposal repeals the health care reform law that was passed last year. This law improved access to health insurance for millions of low-income children and ensures that no child can be denied health care coverage based on a pre-existing condition. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose repealing the health care reform law as part of the effort to reduce the budget deficit.

