

# **A Survey of Voter Attitudes in the United States**

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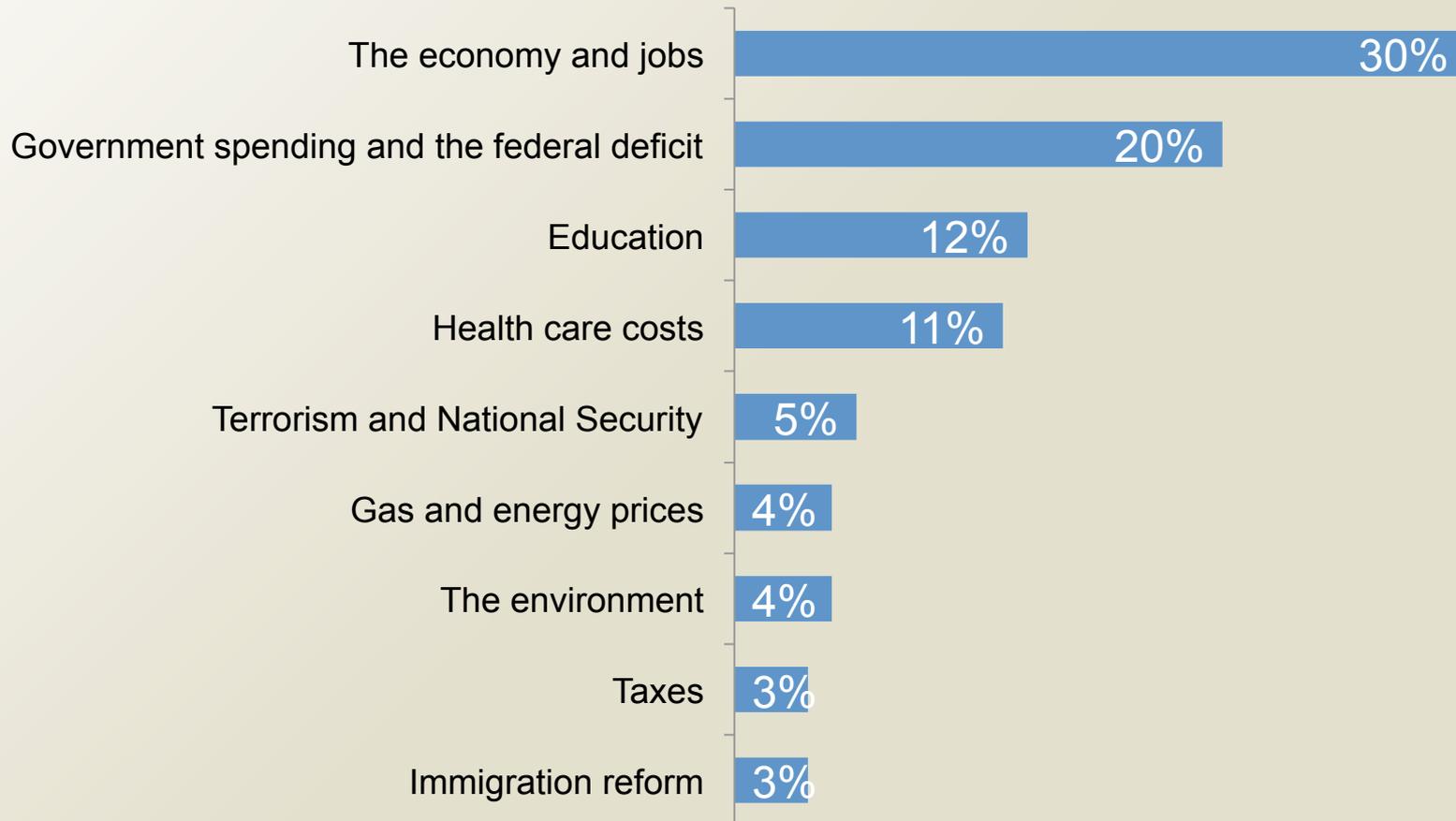
**July 7-11, 2013 \* N=800 Registered Voters Nationwide \*  
MOE +/- 3.5%**

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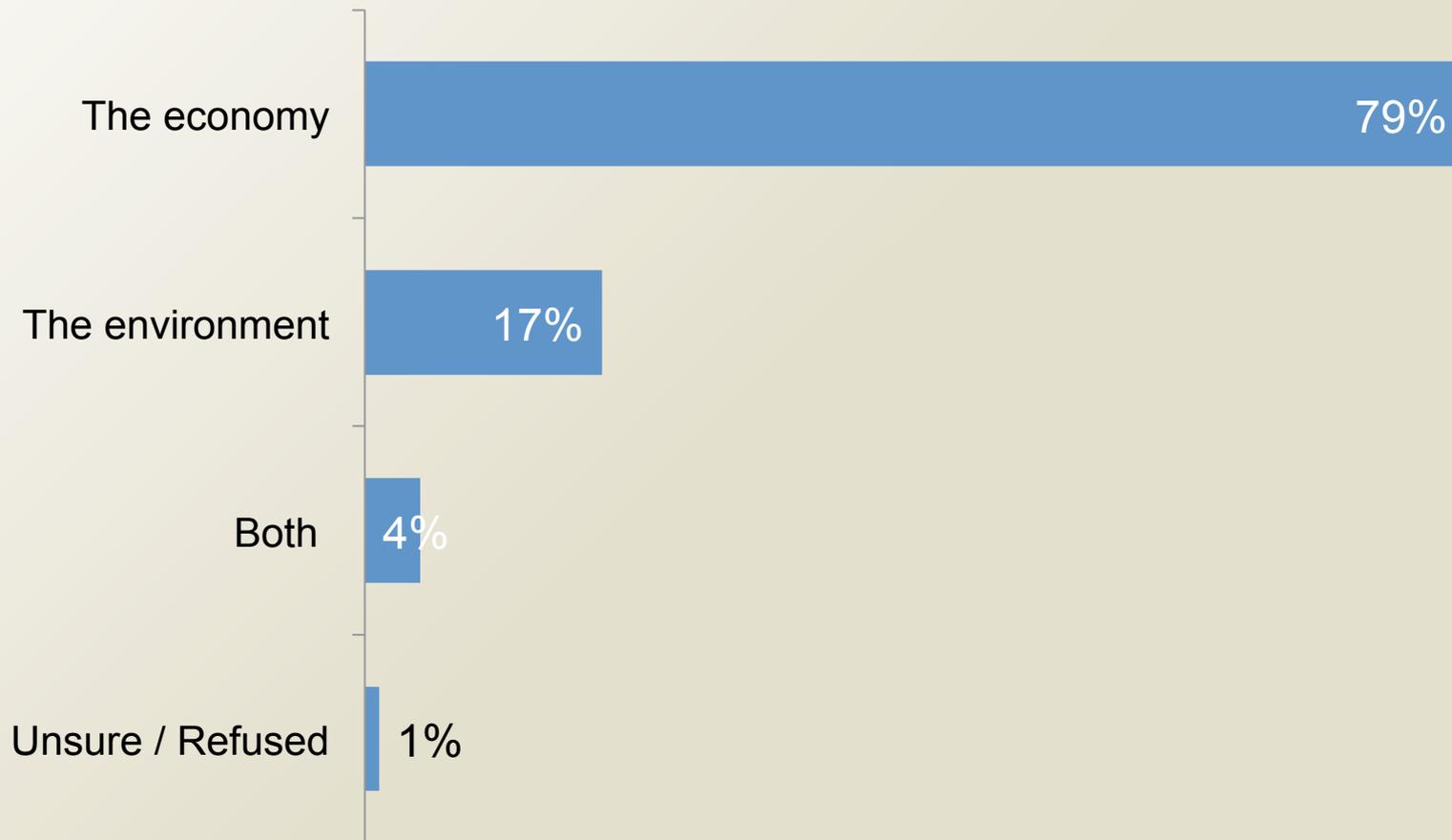
**THE TARRANCE GROUP**

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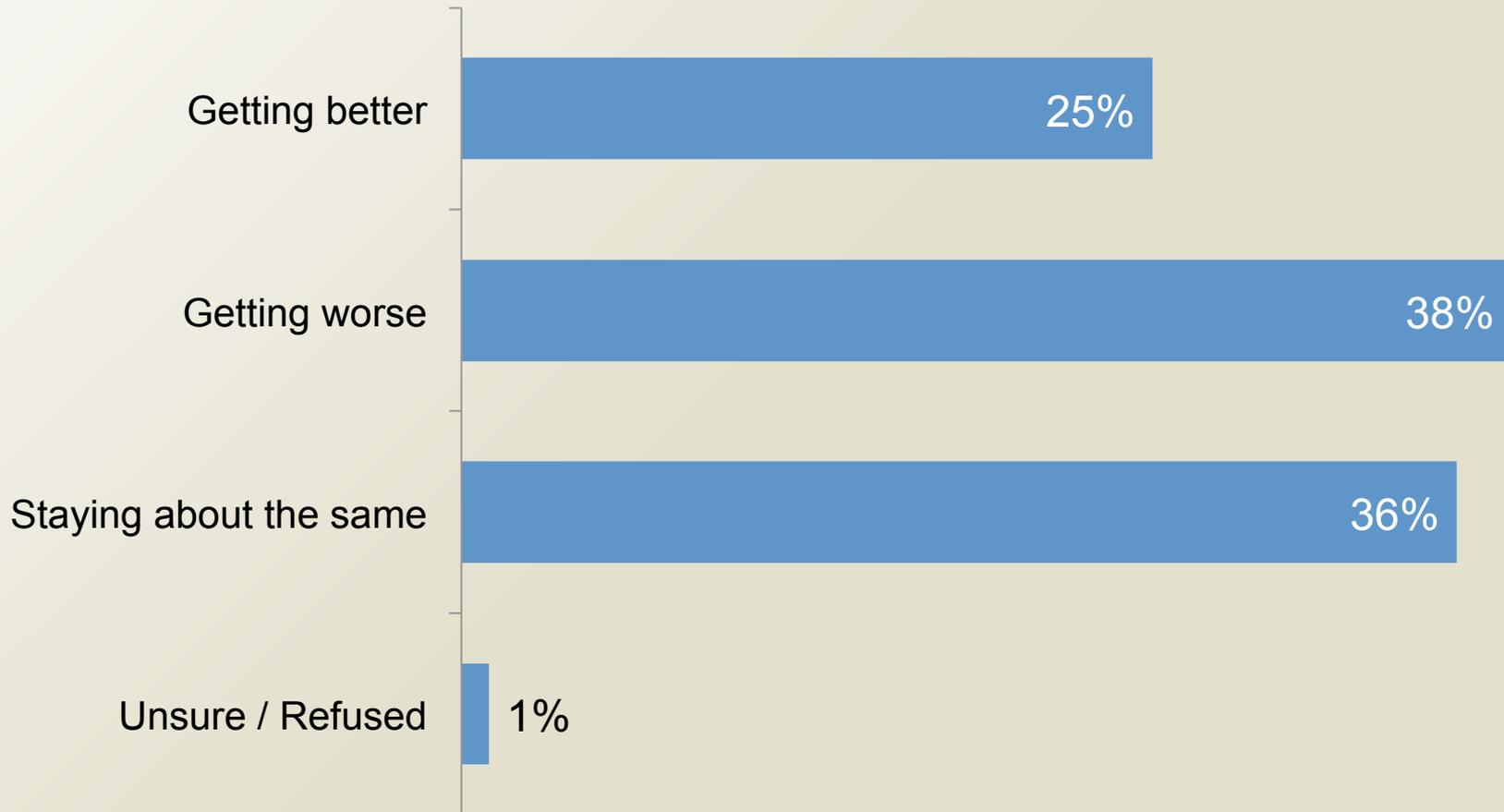
Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people from this part of the country have said are important for Congress to focus on. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which one issue you think is most important.



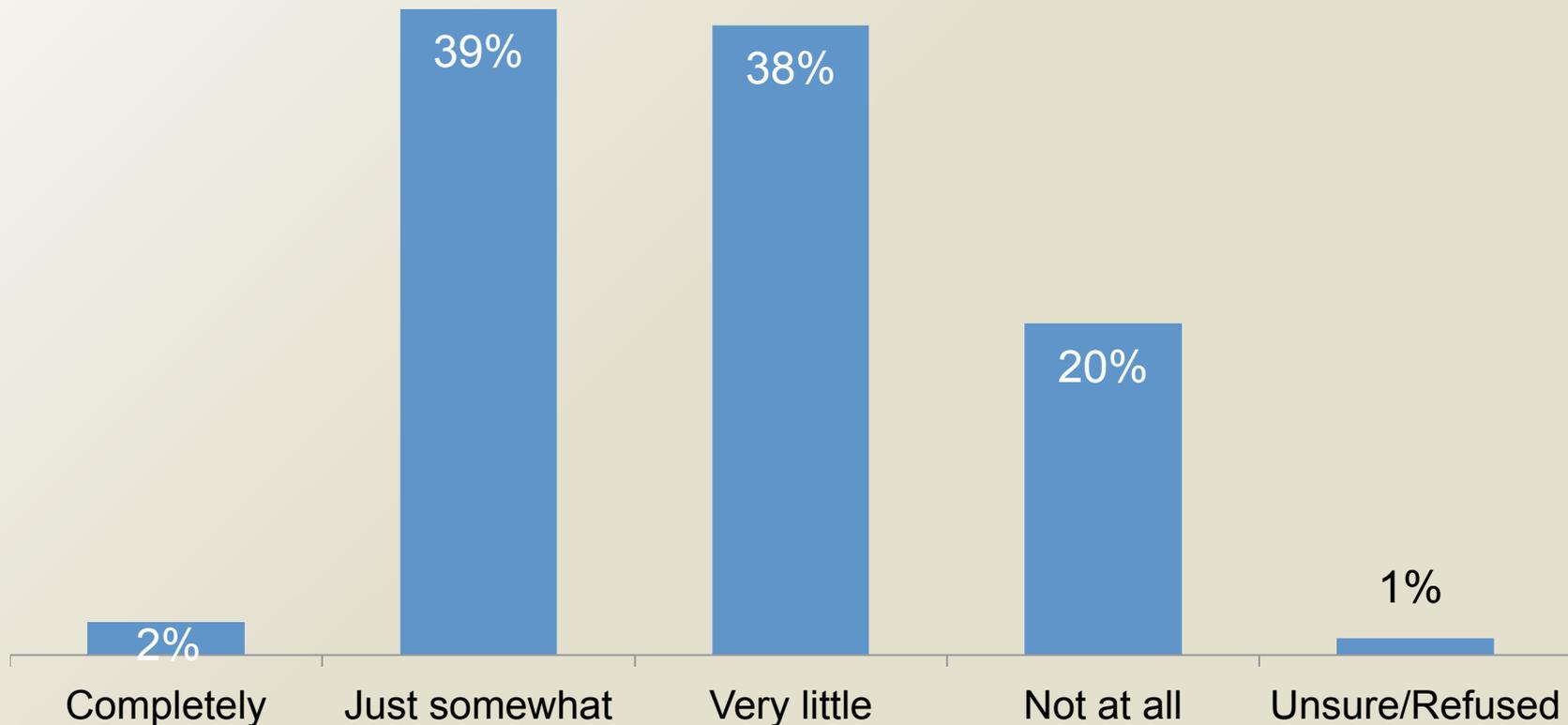
If you had to choose, where should lawmakers in Washington focus the most attention- the economy, OR the environment?



Do you believe the economy in the United States is getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

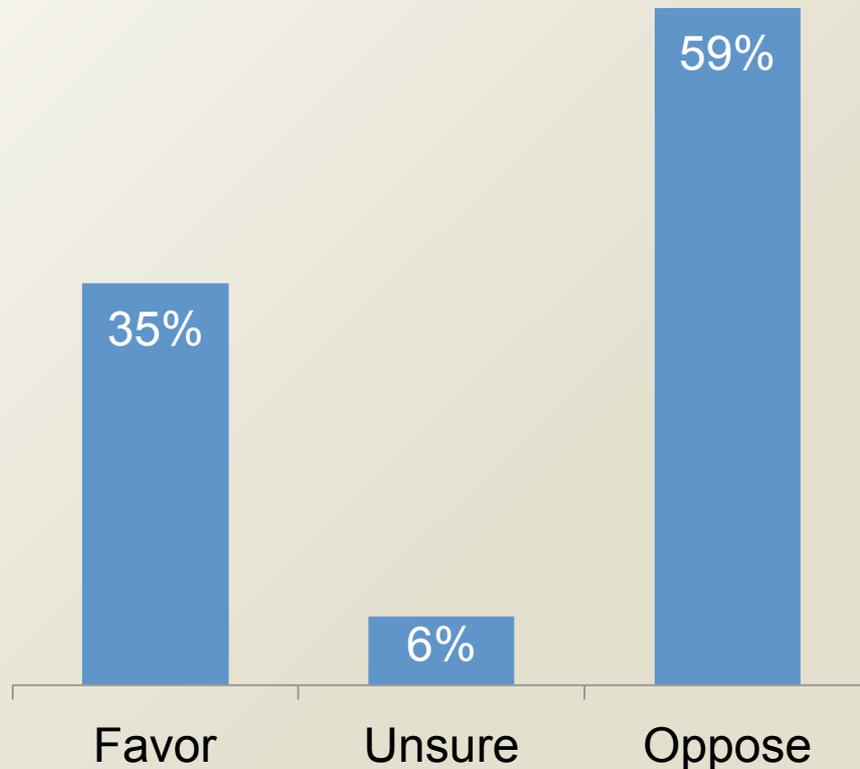


How much trust do you have in Members of Congress to make the best decisions when it comes to the nation's current energy situation?



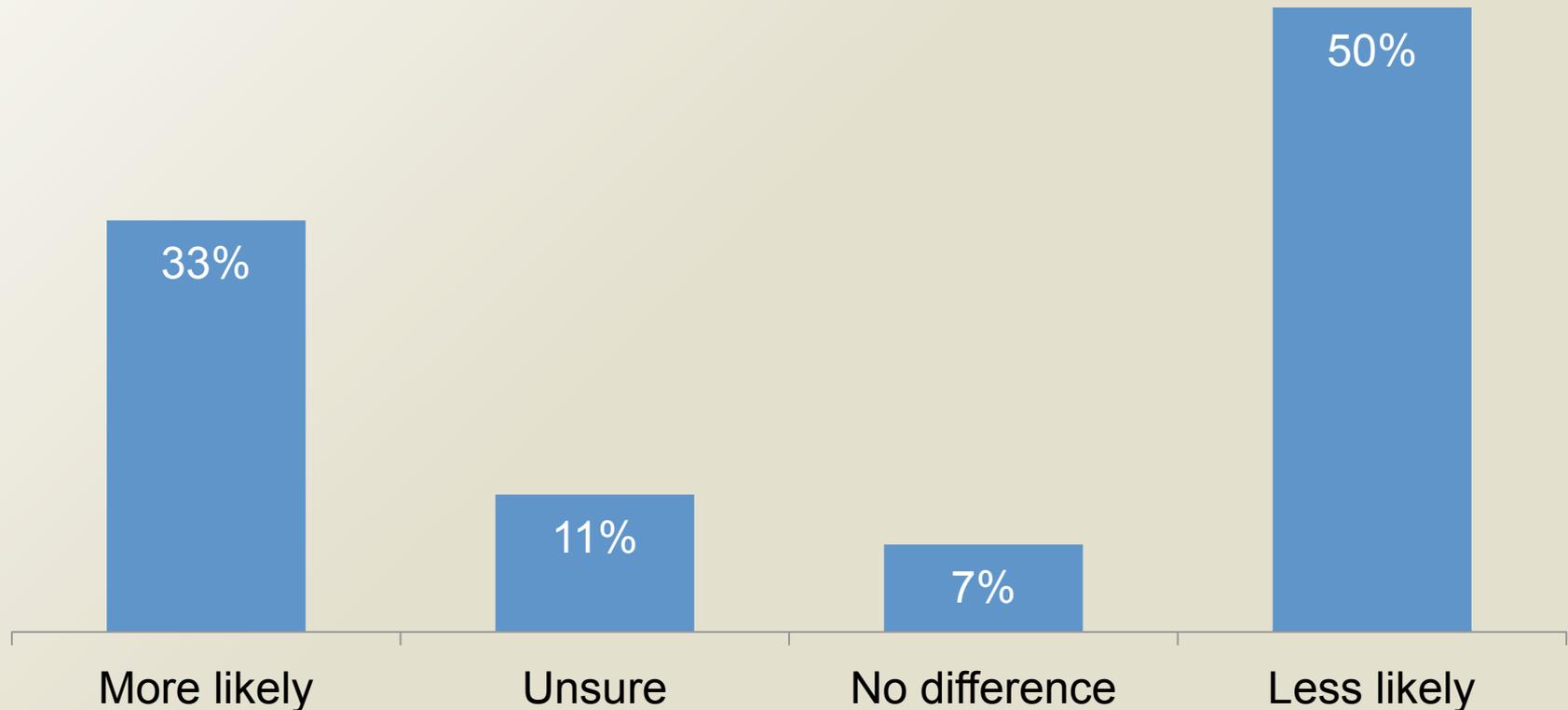
As you may know, carbon dioxide emissions occur when fuels like gasoline, natural gas, and coal are used. Some people in Washington are considering a tax on these carbon dioxide emissions that would be paid by businesses of all sizes. Some people refer to this as a carbon tax. In thinking about this –

## Would you favor or oppose a carbon tax?



	Favor	Oppose
GOP	16	80
DEM	54	39
IND	29	62
Male	33	64
Female	37	54

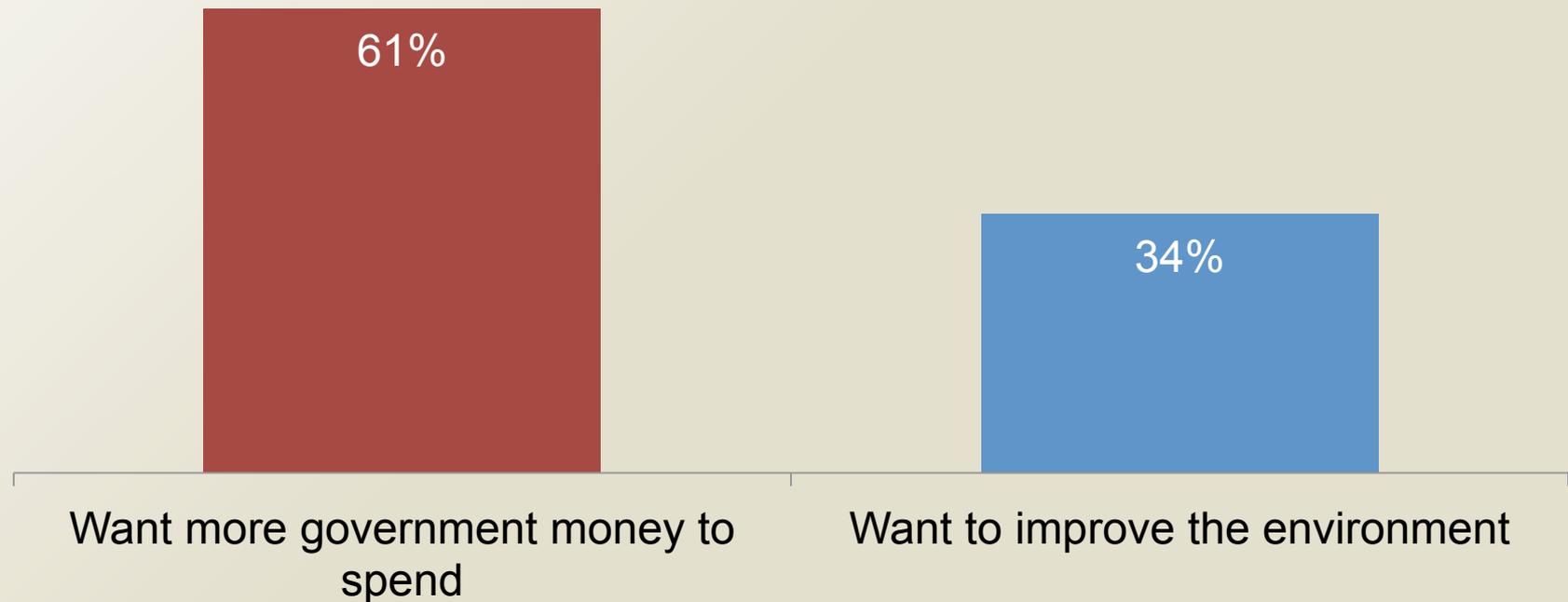
Would you be more likely or less likely to vote to re-elect your member of Congress if he or she votes in favor of a carbon tax?



Now I'd like to read you two viewpoints. Please tell me which one comes closest to your own.

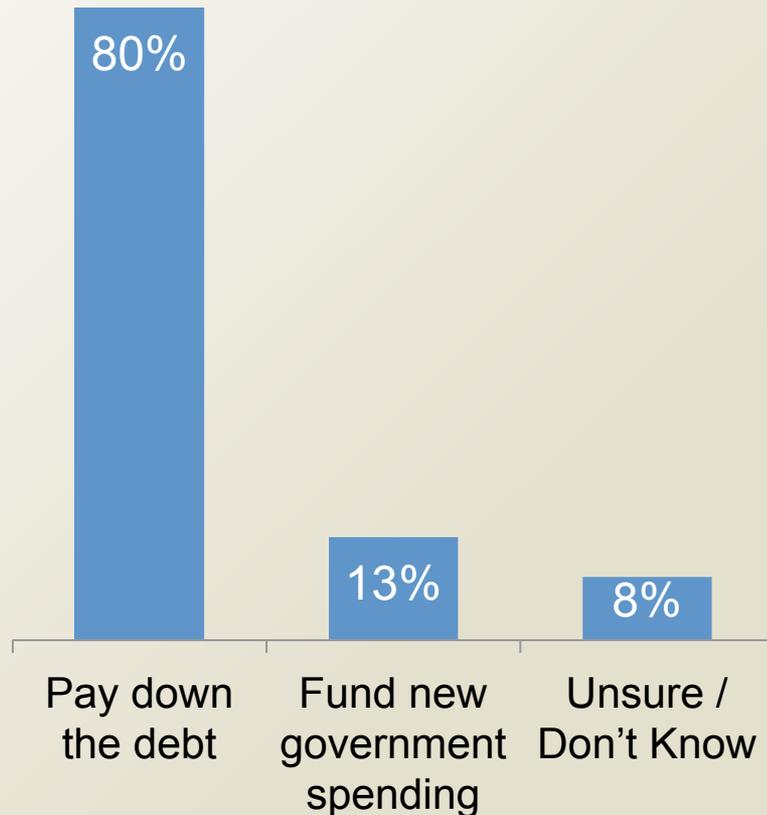
Some people say that Members of Congress who support a carbon tax just want more government money to spend.

Other say people that Members of Congress who support a carbon tax just want to improve the environment.

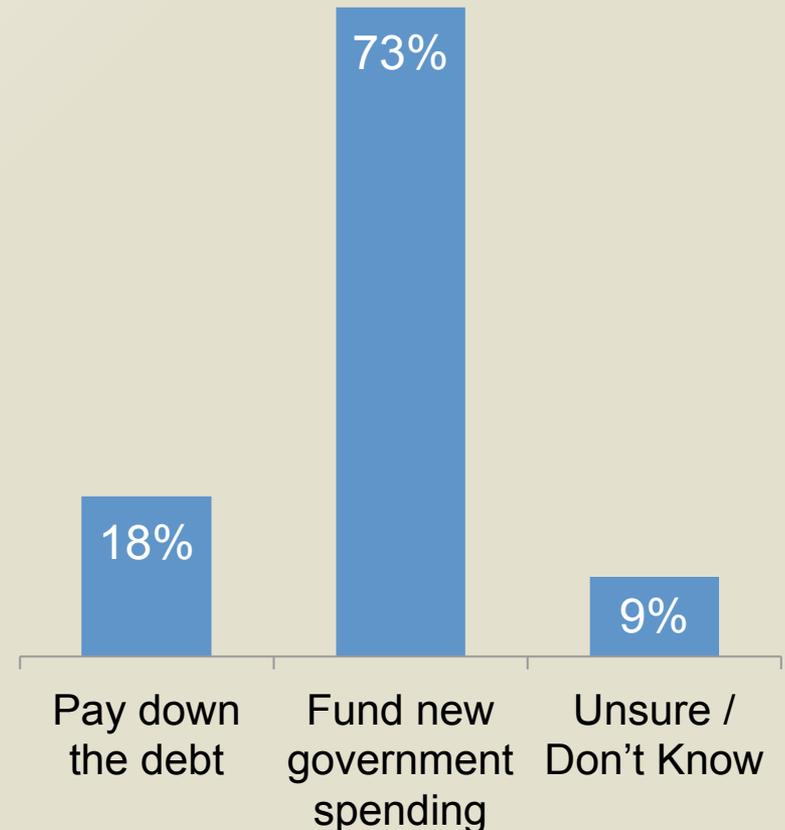


## Still thinking about a possible carbon tax...

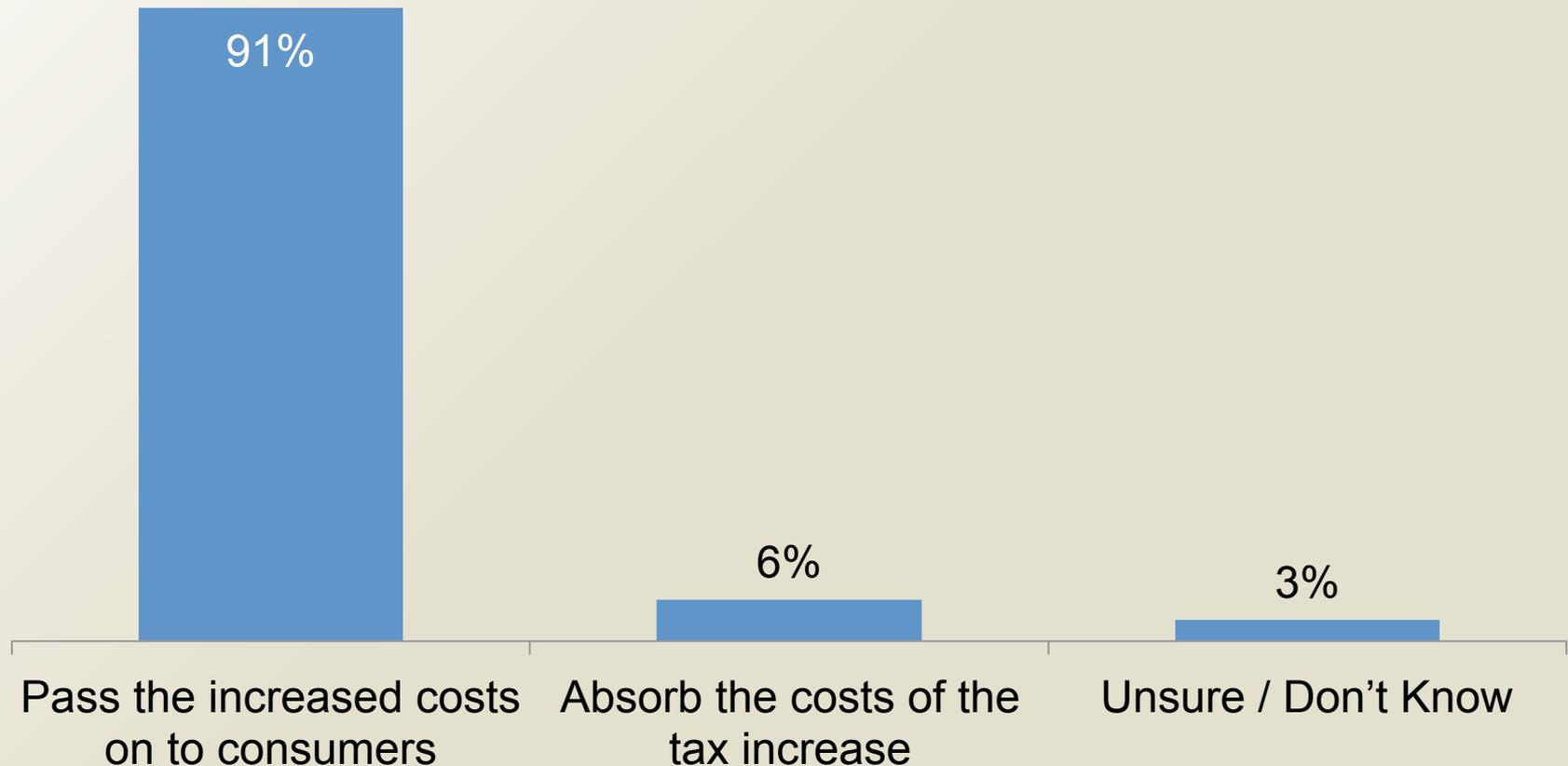
Do you believe the money from this tax increase should be used to pay down the federal debt, OR fund new government spending?



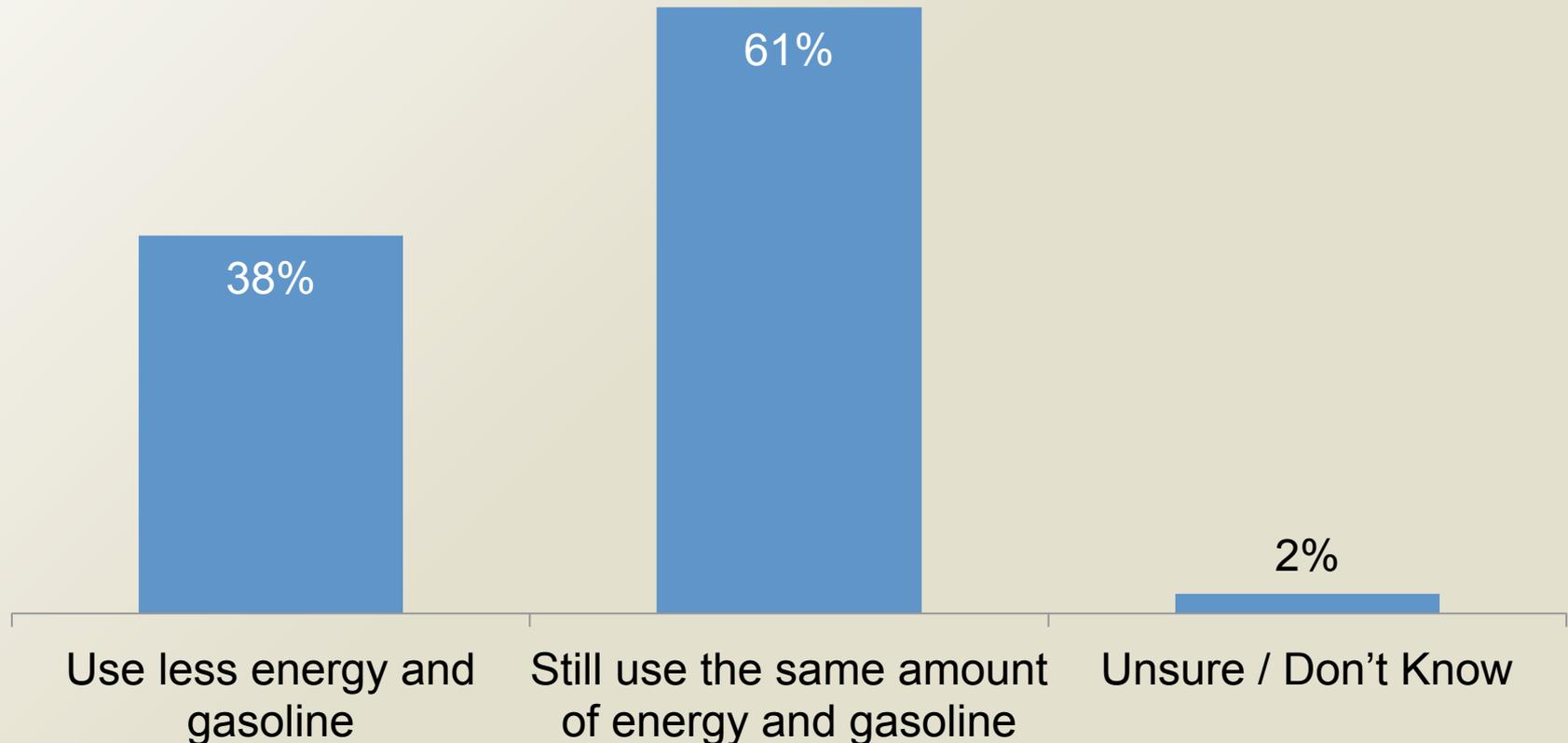
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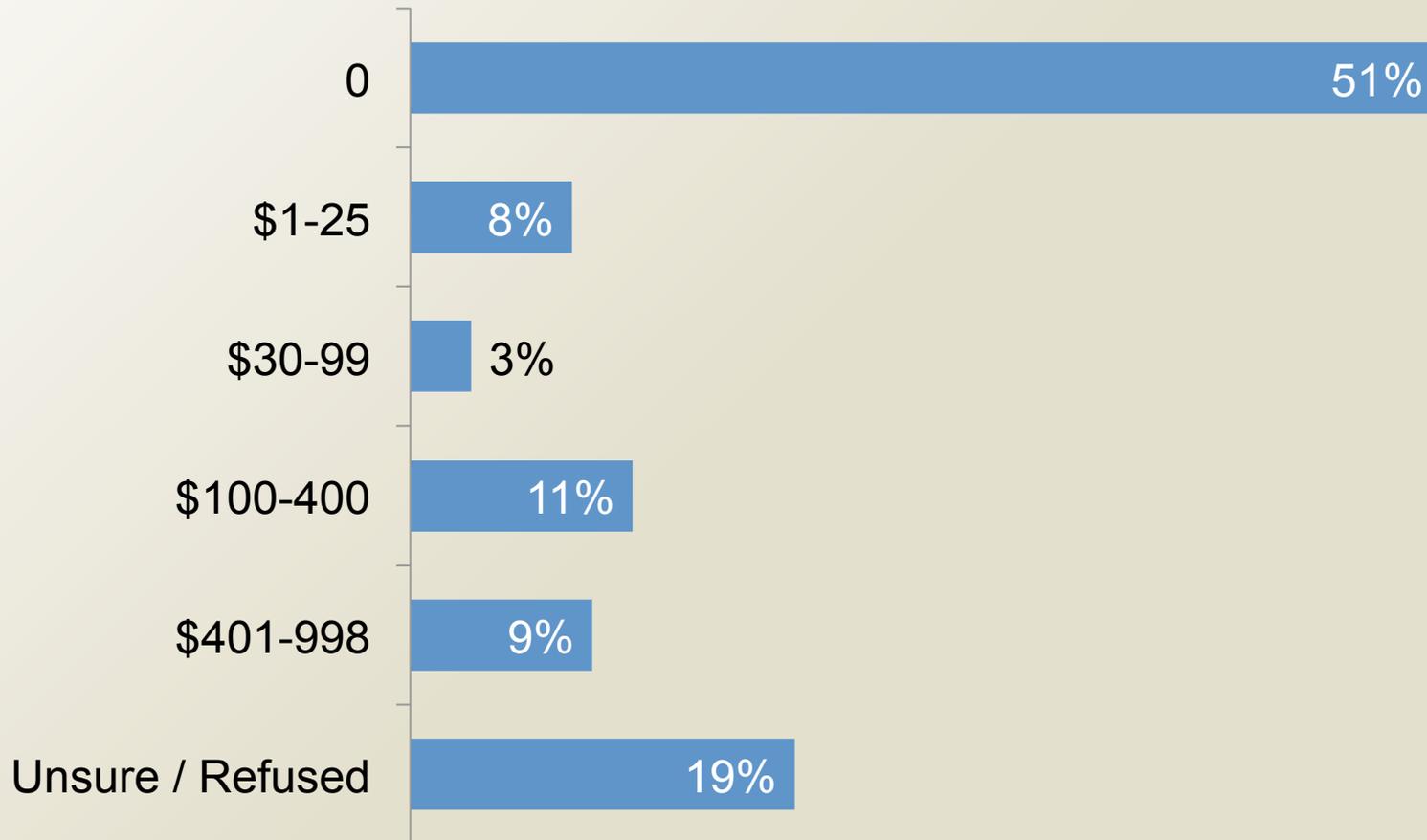
If the federal government requires companies to pay this carbon tax, do you believe the companies are more likely to pass the increased costs on to consumers, OR absorb the costs of the tax increase?



In general, if the price of energy and gasoline were to go up, do you believe people would use less energy and gasoline OR would they still use the same amount of energy and gasoline?



How much more, if any, would you be willing to pay each year for a carbon tax?



Compared to other goods and services you pay for, would you say that your energy costs, including home electricity, gas, and gasoline for your vehicle, are too high, too low, OR about right compared with other goods and services.

