

California Speaks on Health Reform

A Review of Recent Field Polls of
California Registered Voters

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About The Surveys

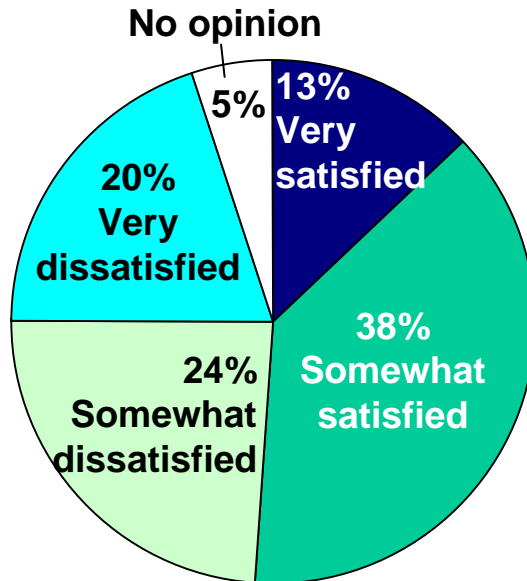
- Surveys conducted by the non-partisan Field Poll between December 2006 and October 2008 for The California Wellness Foundation and the California HealthCare Foundation
- Each survey conducted among random samples of California registered voters by telephone.
- Survey sample sizes range from 1,000 to 1,200 registered voters each.
- Interviews conducted in English and Spanish.
- Sampling error for statewide findings: +/- 3 percentage points.

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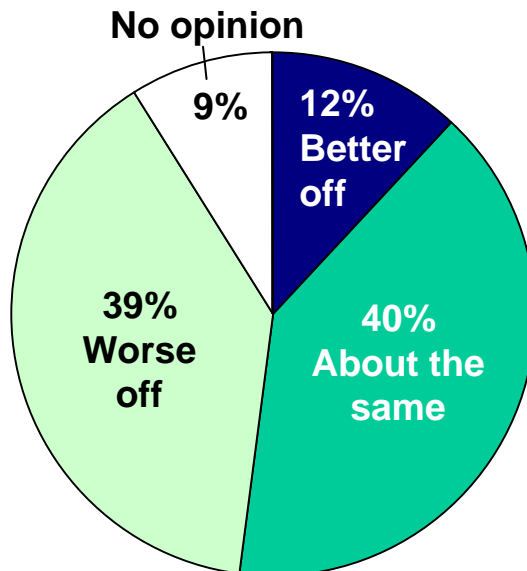
**Polling Measures
Immediately Prior to the
Proposed California
Health Reform Package
(December 2006)**

Table 1

Satisfaction with California's Health Care System and Outlook for the Future



Satisfaction with health care system in California

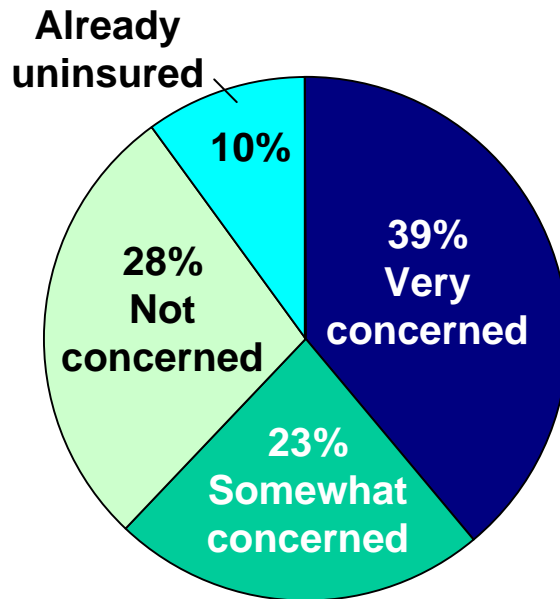


Outlook for health care system five years from now

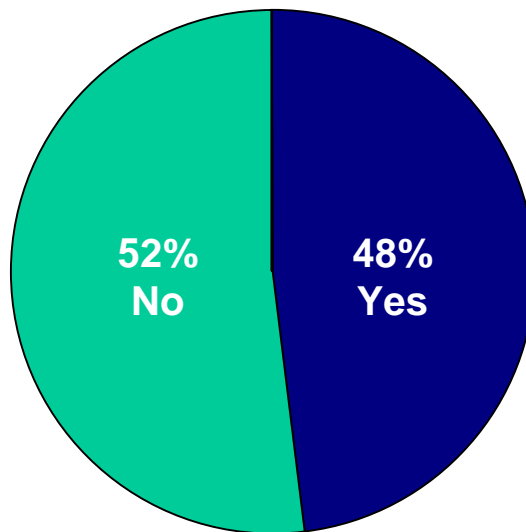
Source: December 2006 Field Health Policy Survey for The California Wellness Foundation.

Table 2

California Voter Insecurities About Going Without Health Insurance



Voter concerns that they or someone close to them will go without insurance in the near future

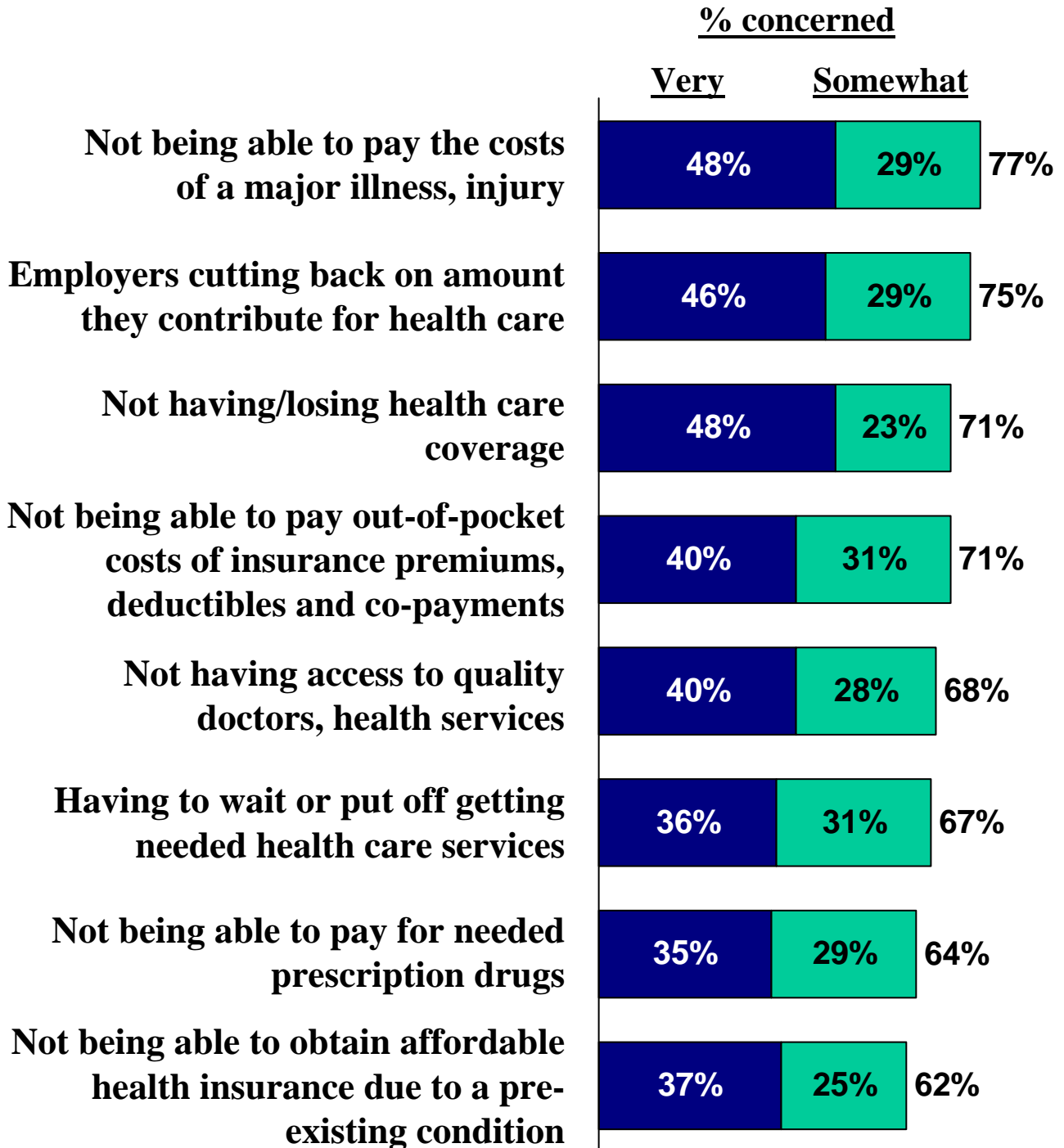


Have you/someone close to you been without insurance at any time in the past 2 years?

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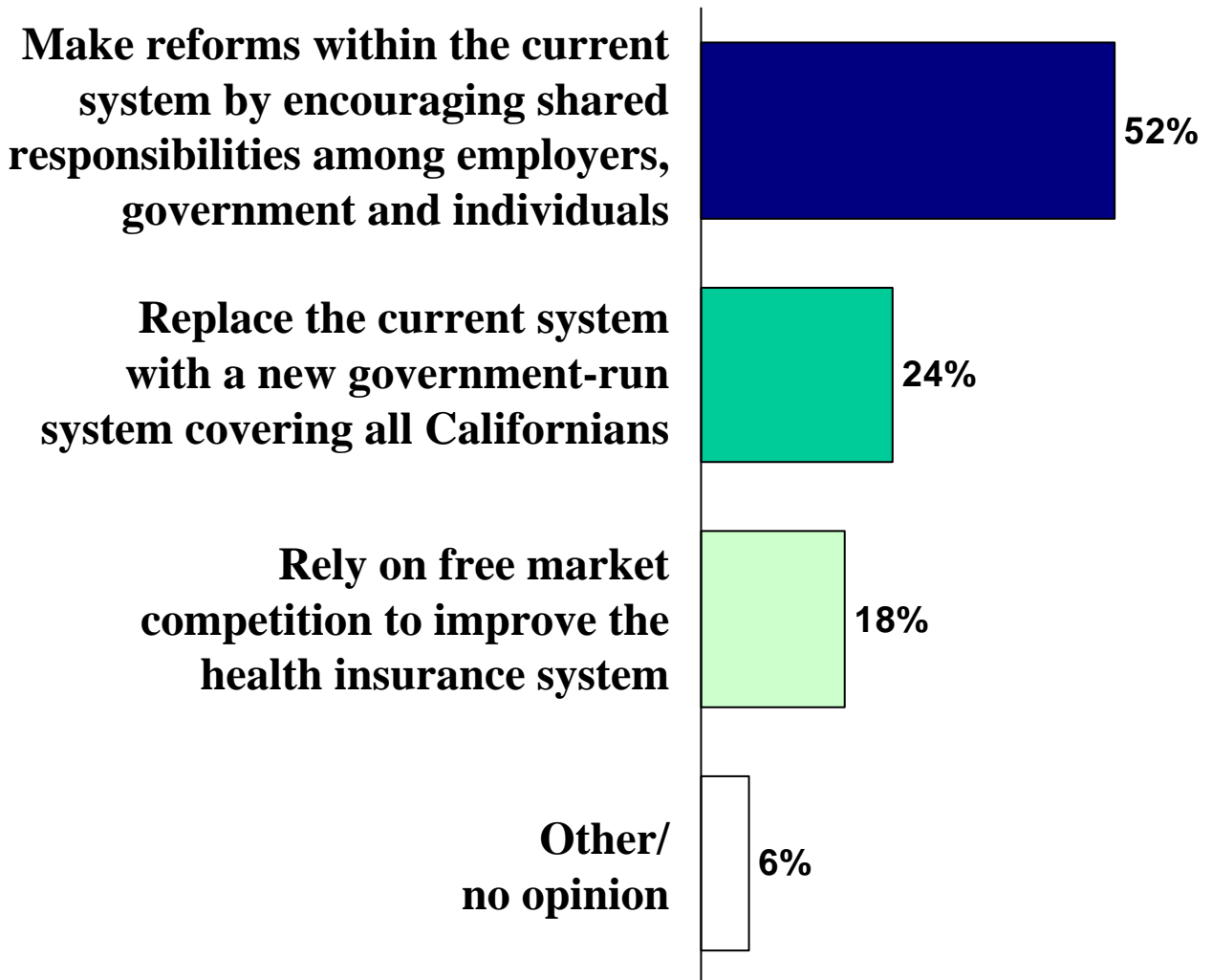
Health Care Worries Facing Voters and their Families



Source: December 2006 Field Health Policy Survey for The California Wellness Foundation.

Table 4

Voters' Most Favored Approach for Reforming the State's Health Care System



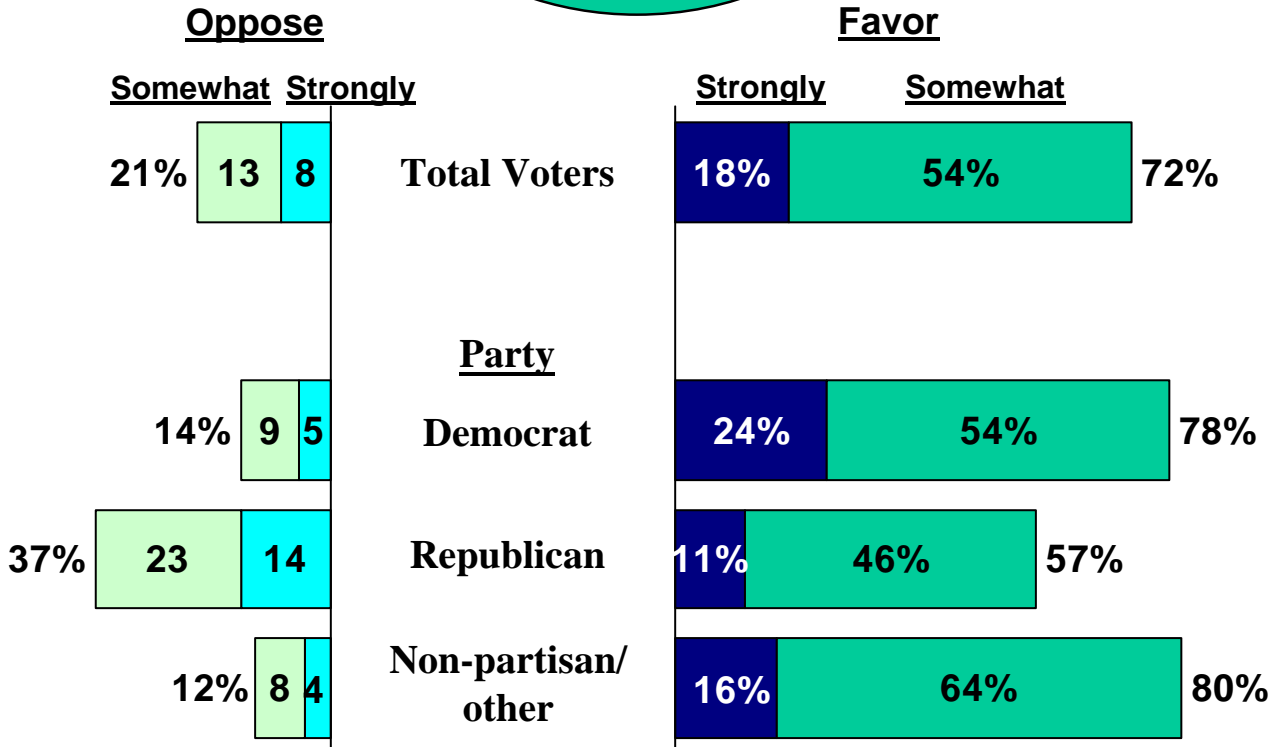
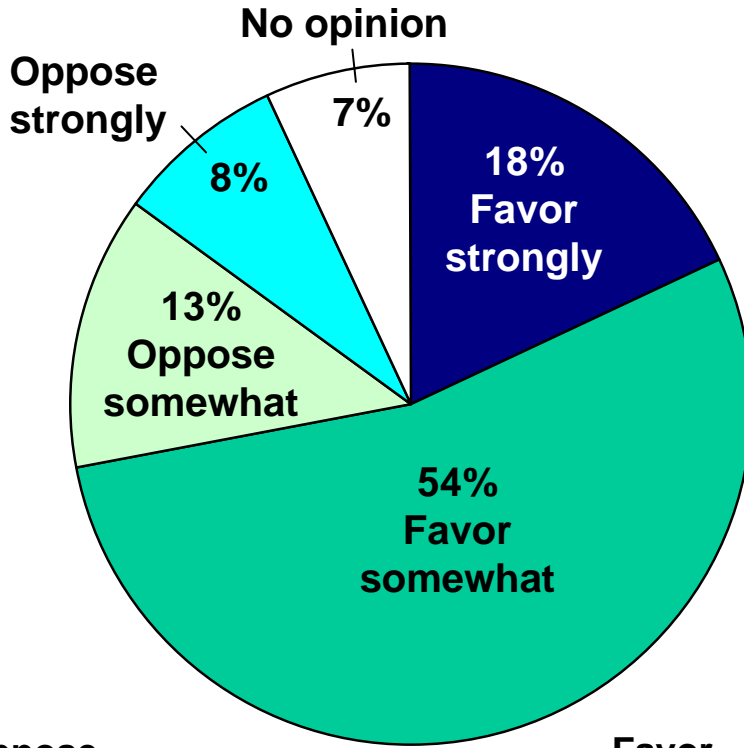
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**Polling Measures After the
California Health Reform
Package Debate
(March 2008)**

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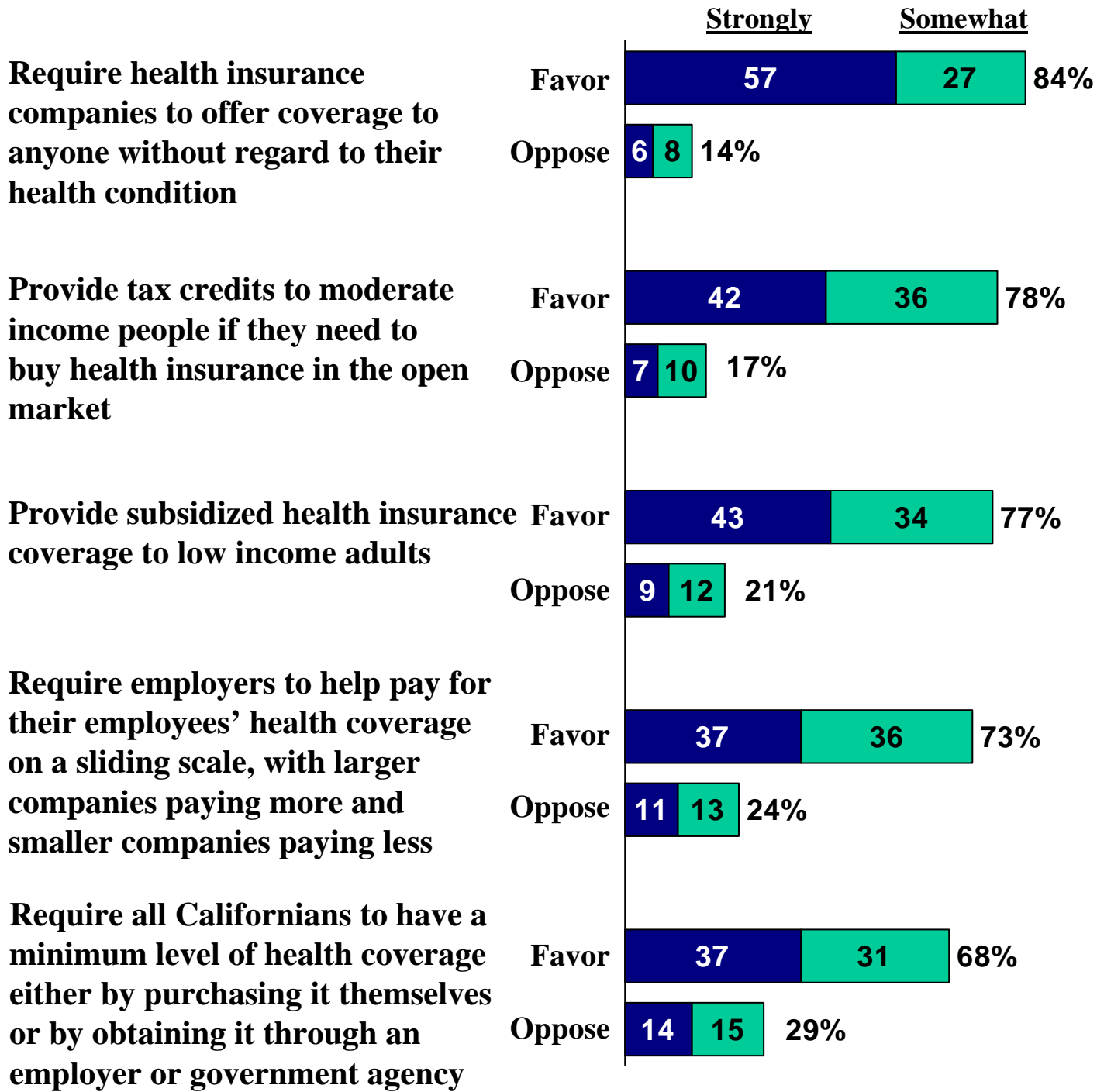
Overall Voter Reaction to the California Health Reform Package Agreed to by the Governor and State Assembly



Source: March 2008 Field Health Policy Survey for The California Wellness Foundation.

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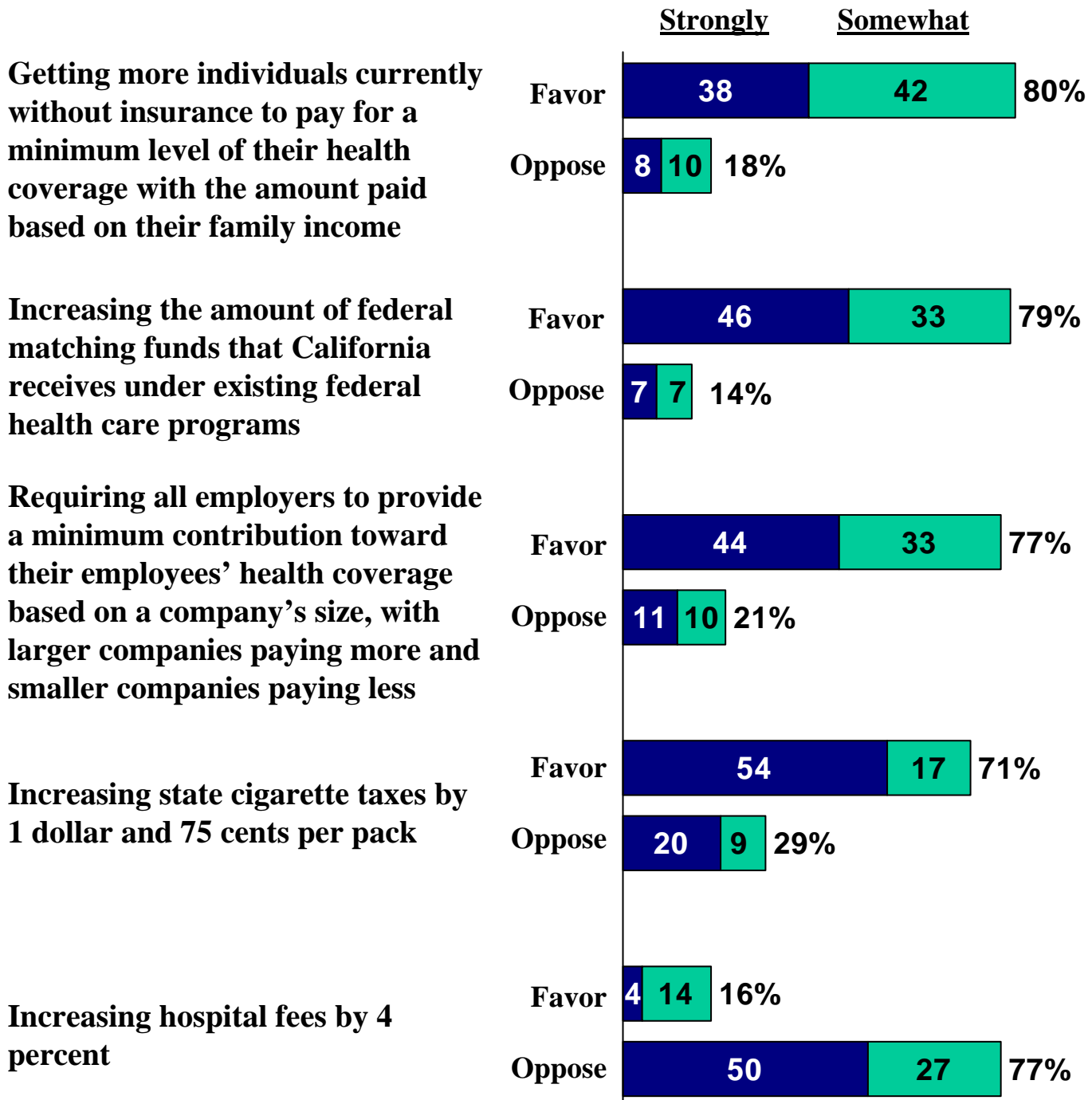
Voter Reactions to Specific Elements of the California Health Reform Package



Source: March 2008 Field Health Policy Survey for The California Wellness Foundation.

Table 7

Opinions of the Proposed Funding Sources Under the California Health Reform Package

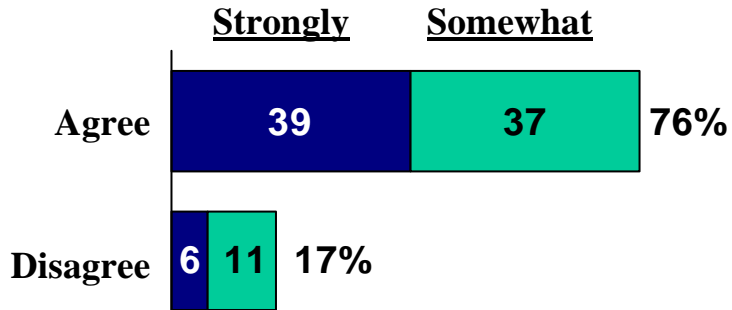


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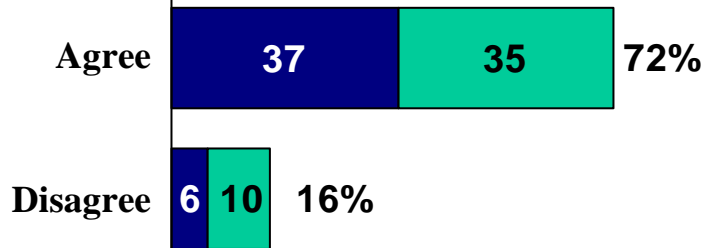
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Reactions to Arguments in FAVOR of the California Health Reform Package

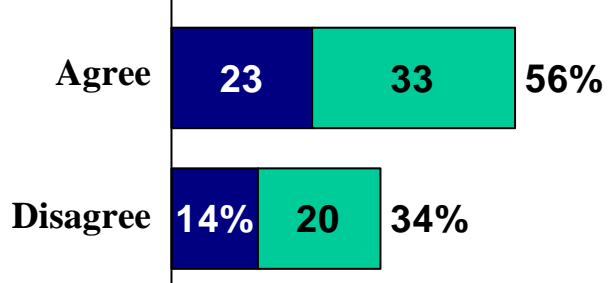
The proposed health reform plan would have provided more people with access to preventative care services which would improve health and ultimately reduce health care costs



The proposed health reform plan would have provided insured Californians with greater protections against losing their insurance if they lost their job or had a serious illness or accident



The proposed health reform plan would have saved money by reducing the number of uninsured people who can only get their care at more expensive hospital emergency rooms

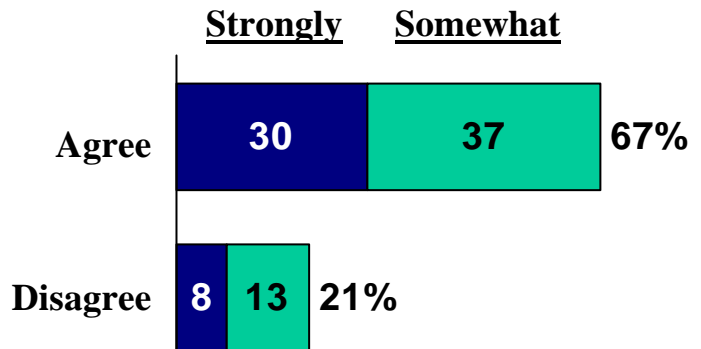


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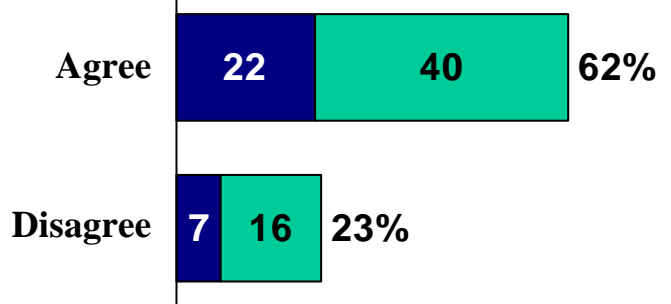
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Reactions to Arguments **OPPOSED** to the California Health Reform Package

The proposed new tax revenues designed to help the state pay for the costs of providing more people with health coverage would not be enough to keep up with rising health care costs



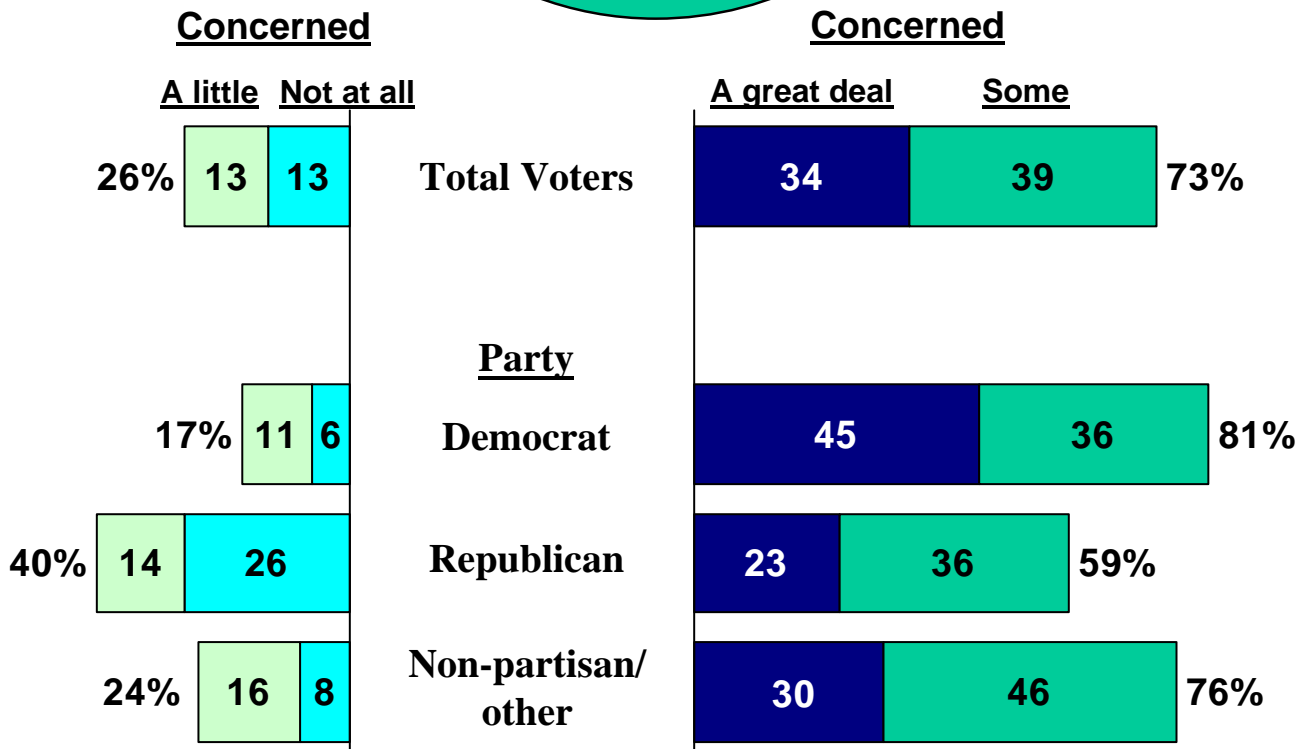
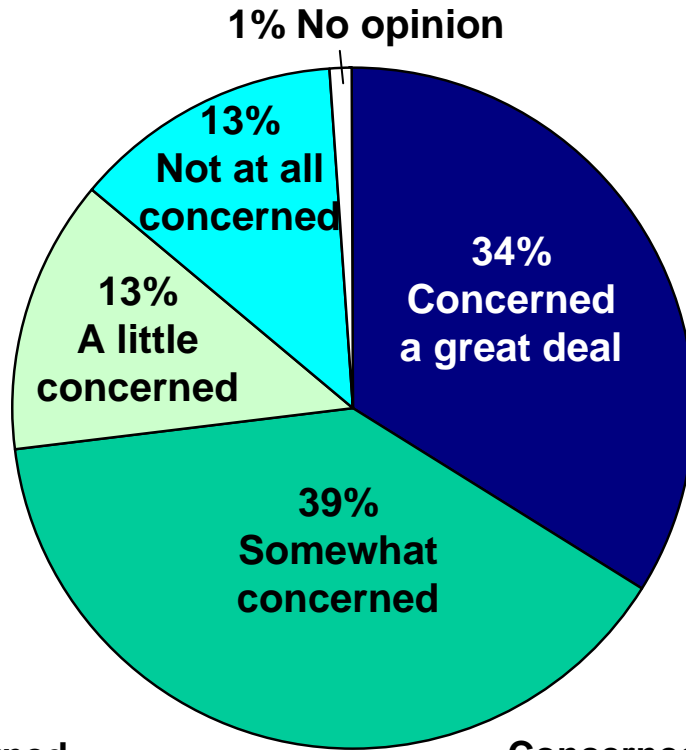
There were no real guarantees that the insurance policies that uninsured, moderate income people would be required to buy under the proposed health reform plan would be affordable



Source: March 2008 Field Health Policy Survey for The California Wellness Foundation.

Table 10

Degree of Voter Concern About the Failure to Approve the California Health Reform Package

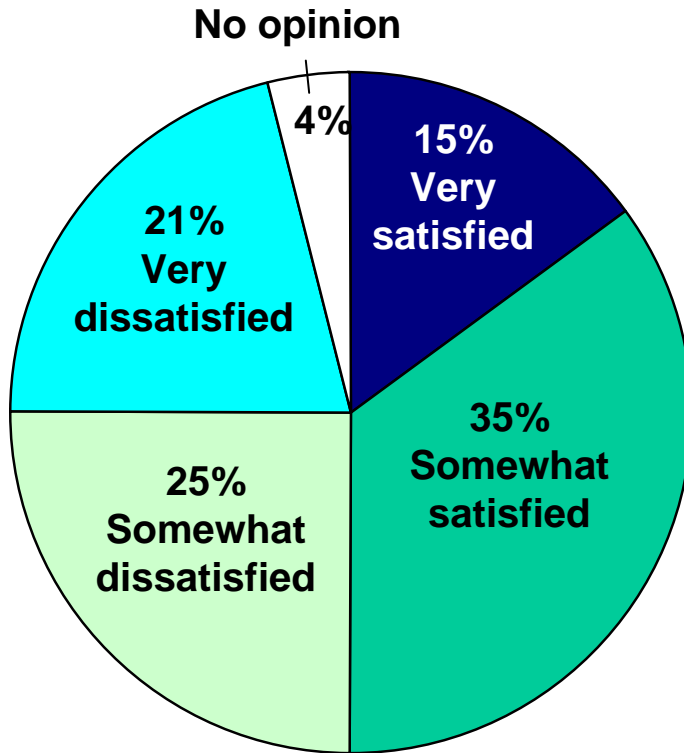


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**Relevant Measures from
Other Recent Field Polls
About Health Reform**

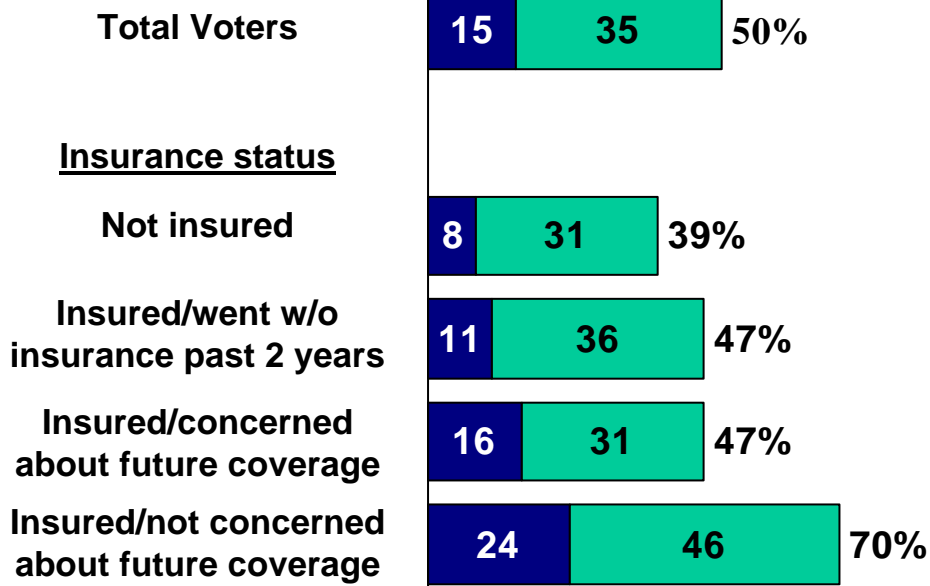
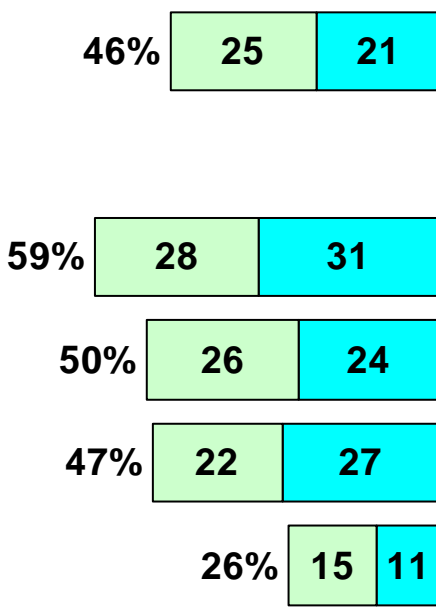
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Overall Satisfaction with California's Health Care System in 2008



Somewhat Very

Very Somewhat



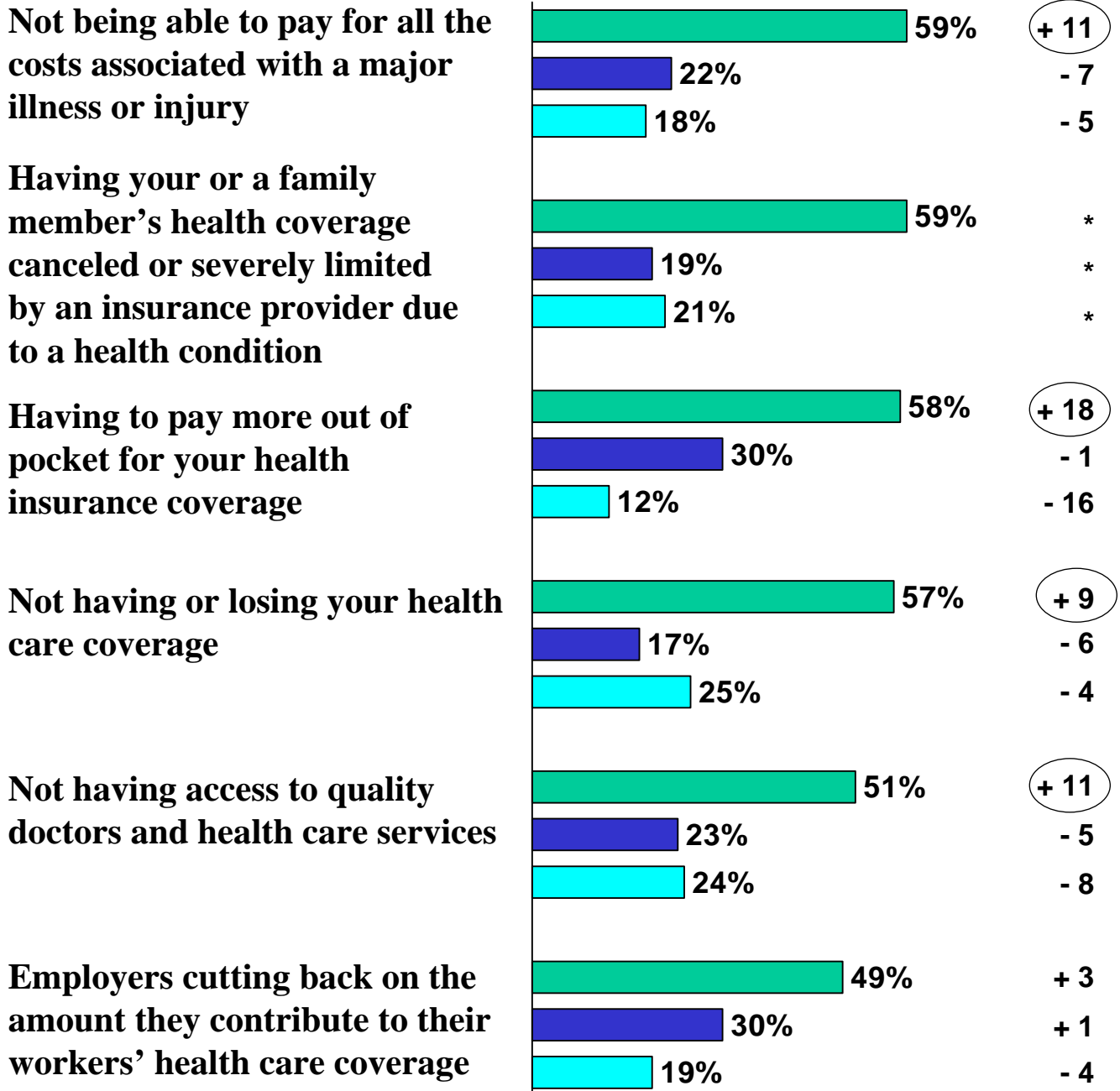
Source: March 2008 Field Health Policy Survey for The California Wellness Foundation.

Table 12

California Voter Concerns About the Health Care System in 2008 and Changes from 2006

■ Very concerned
 ■ Somewhat concerned
 ■ Not too/Not at all concerned

△ since 2006

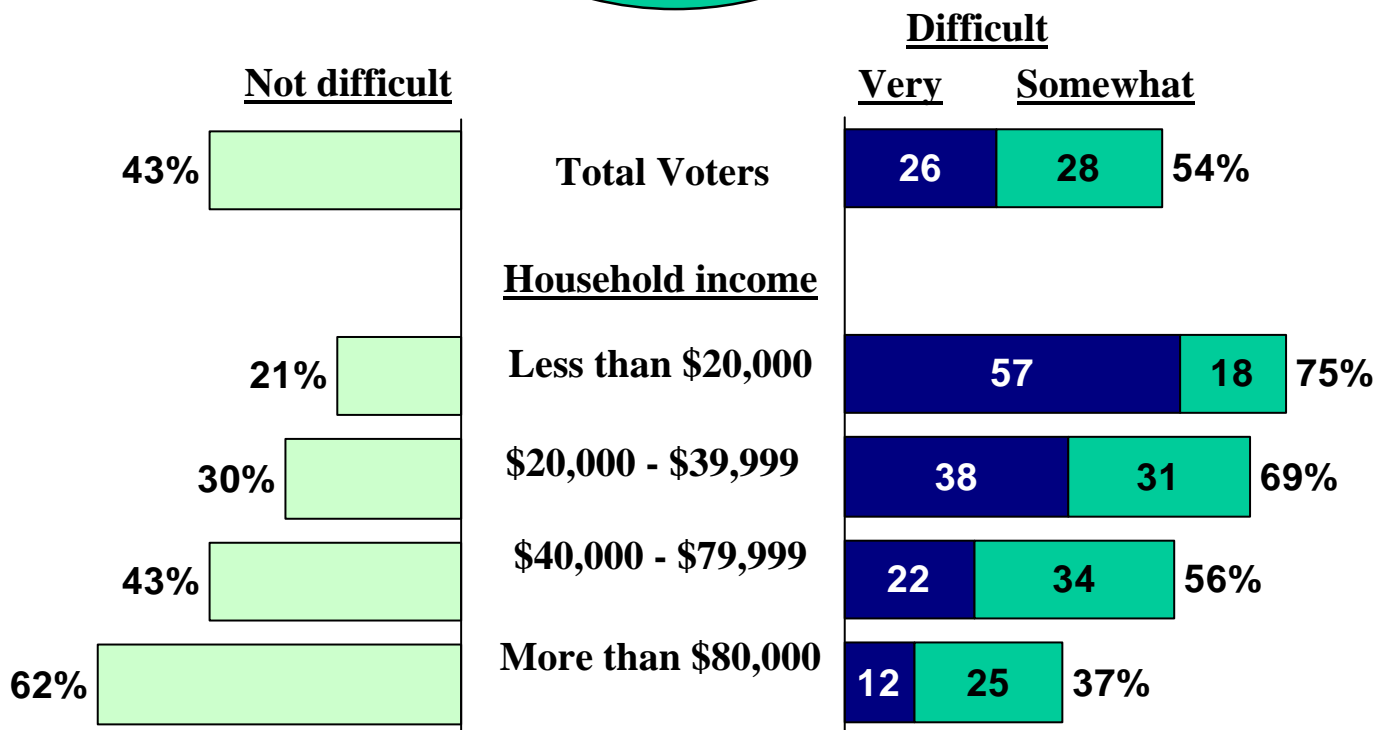
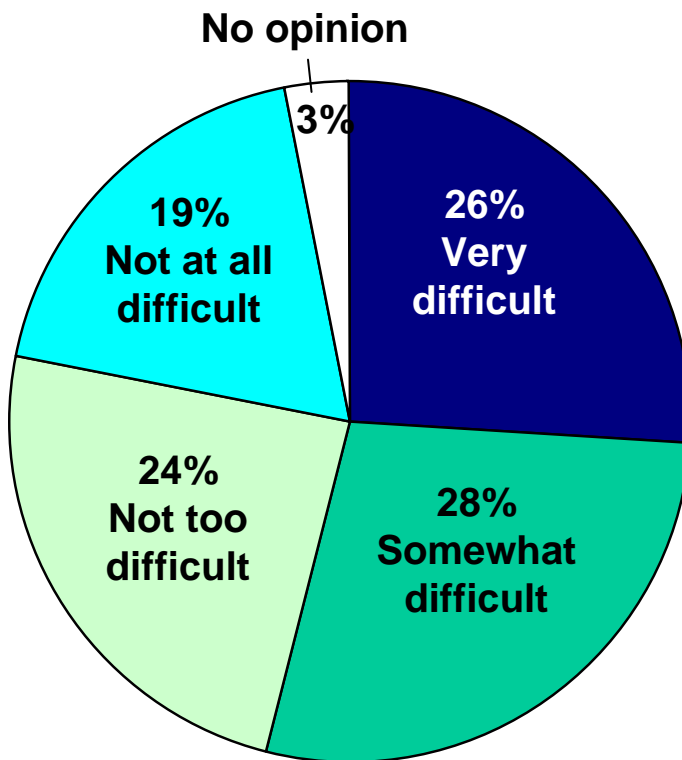


*Note: Not asked in 2006 survey.

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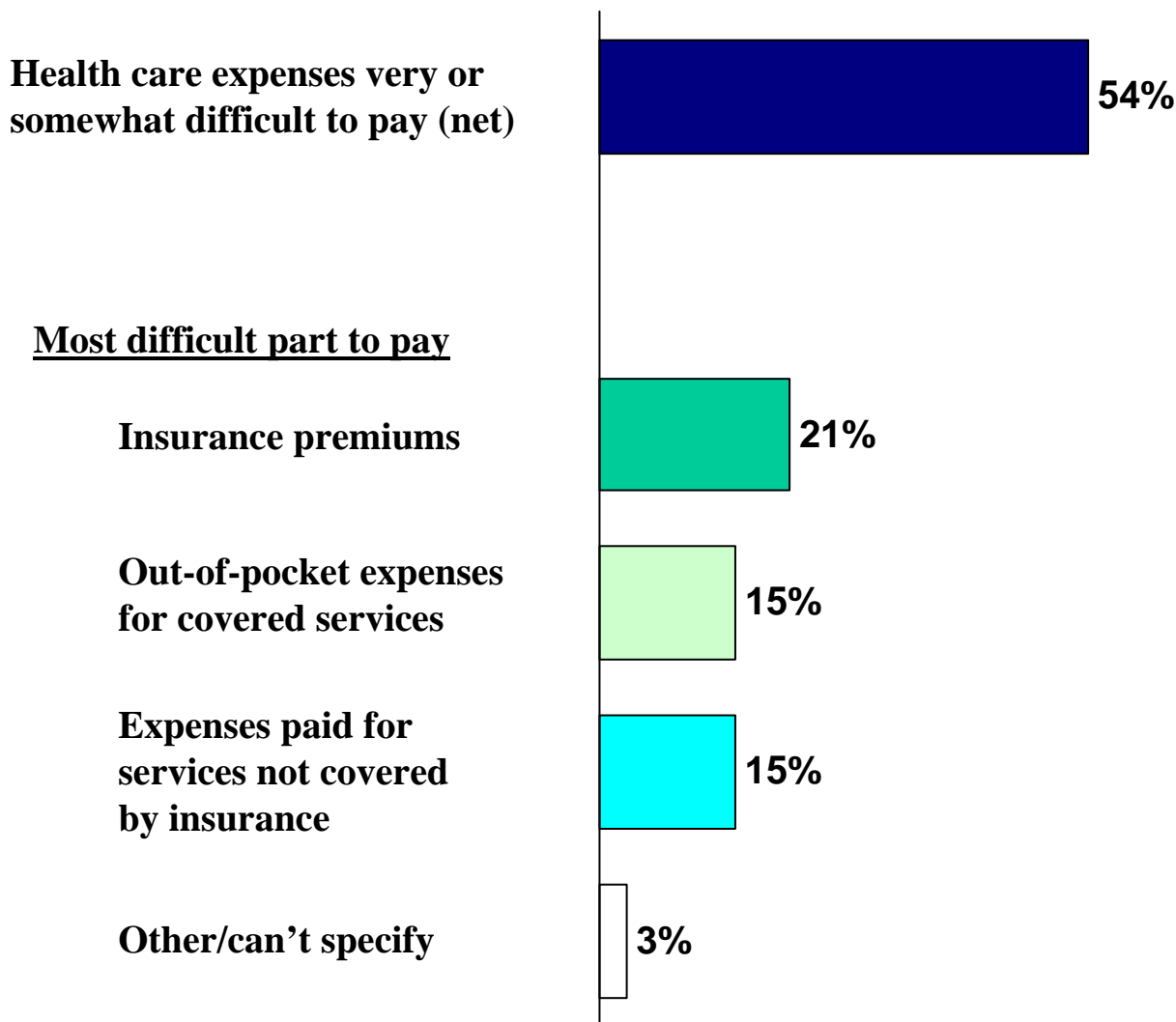
How Difficult is it for You to Pay All of the Out-of-Pocket Costs for You and Your Family's Health Care (August 2007)



Source: August 2007 Field Poll for the California HealthCare Foundation.

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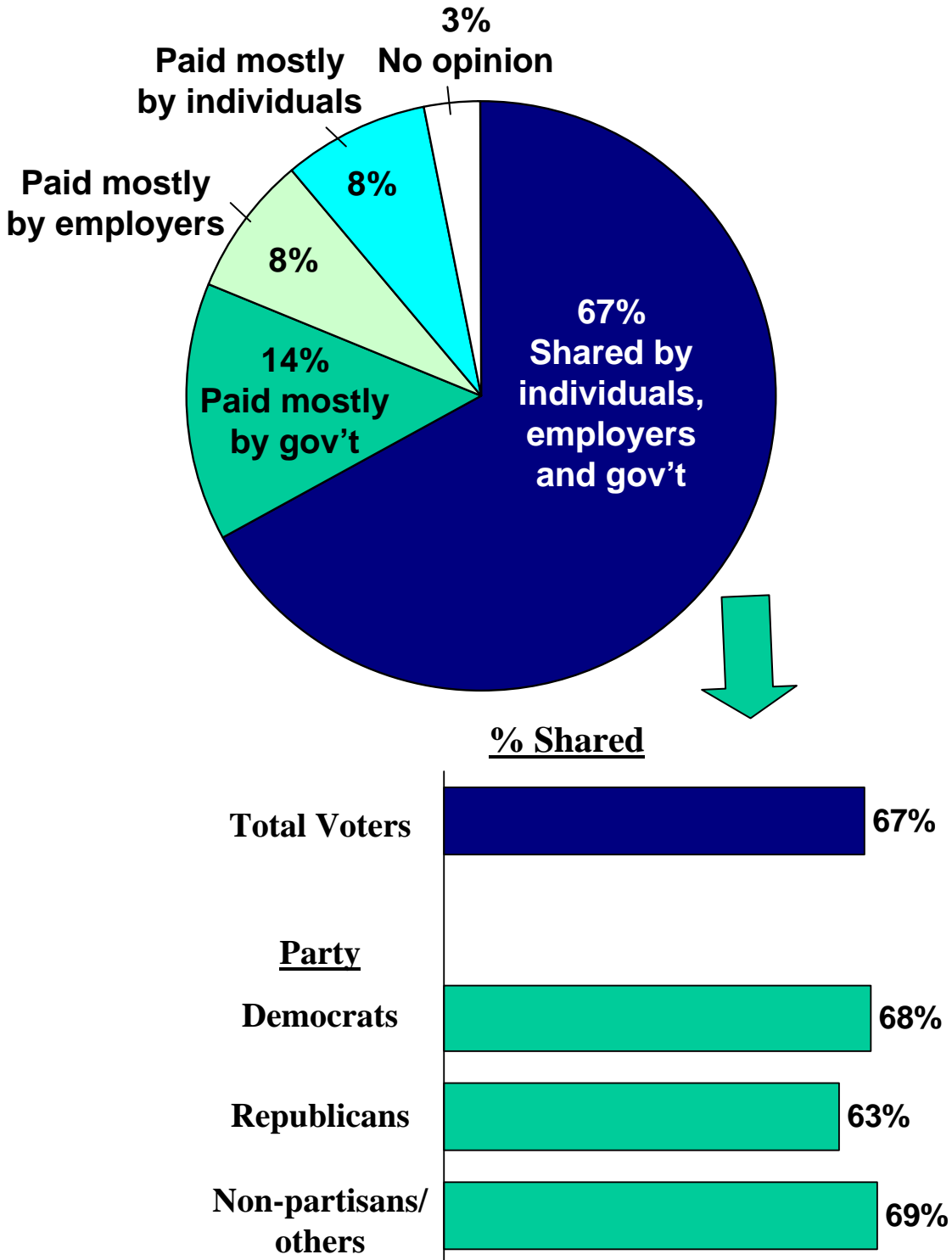
What Are the Most Difficult Parts of Your Health Care Expenses to Pay For (August 2007)



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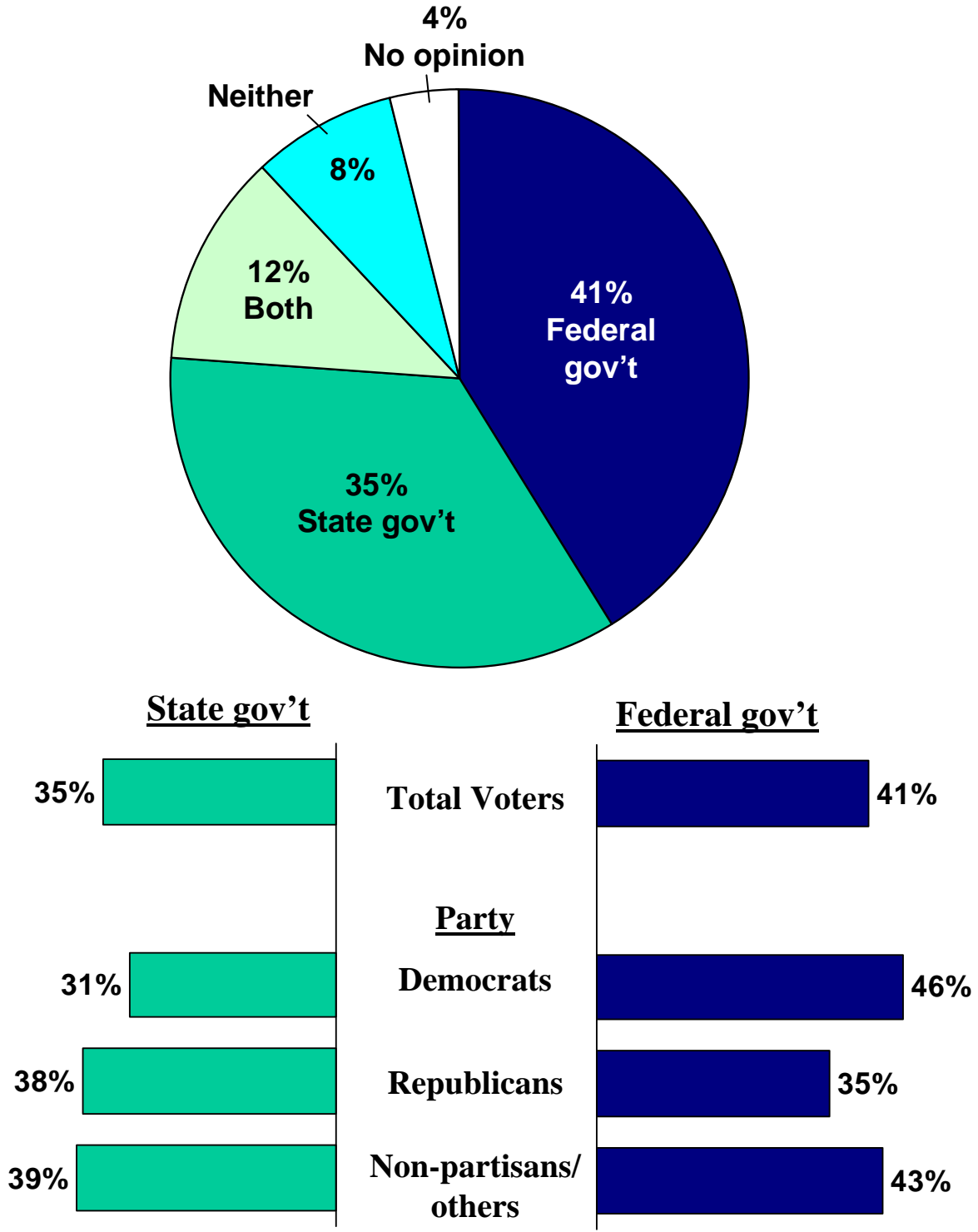
How Californians Feel Health Insurance Costs Should be Paid



Source: March 2008 Field Health Policy Survey for The California Wellness Foundation.

Table 16

Which Level of Government is Better Suited to Enact the Changes Needed in the Health Care System



Source: March 2008 Field Health Policy Survey for The California Wellness Foundation.