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National Survey Results

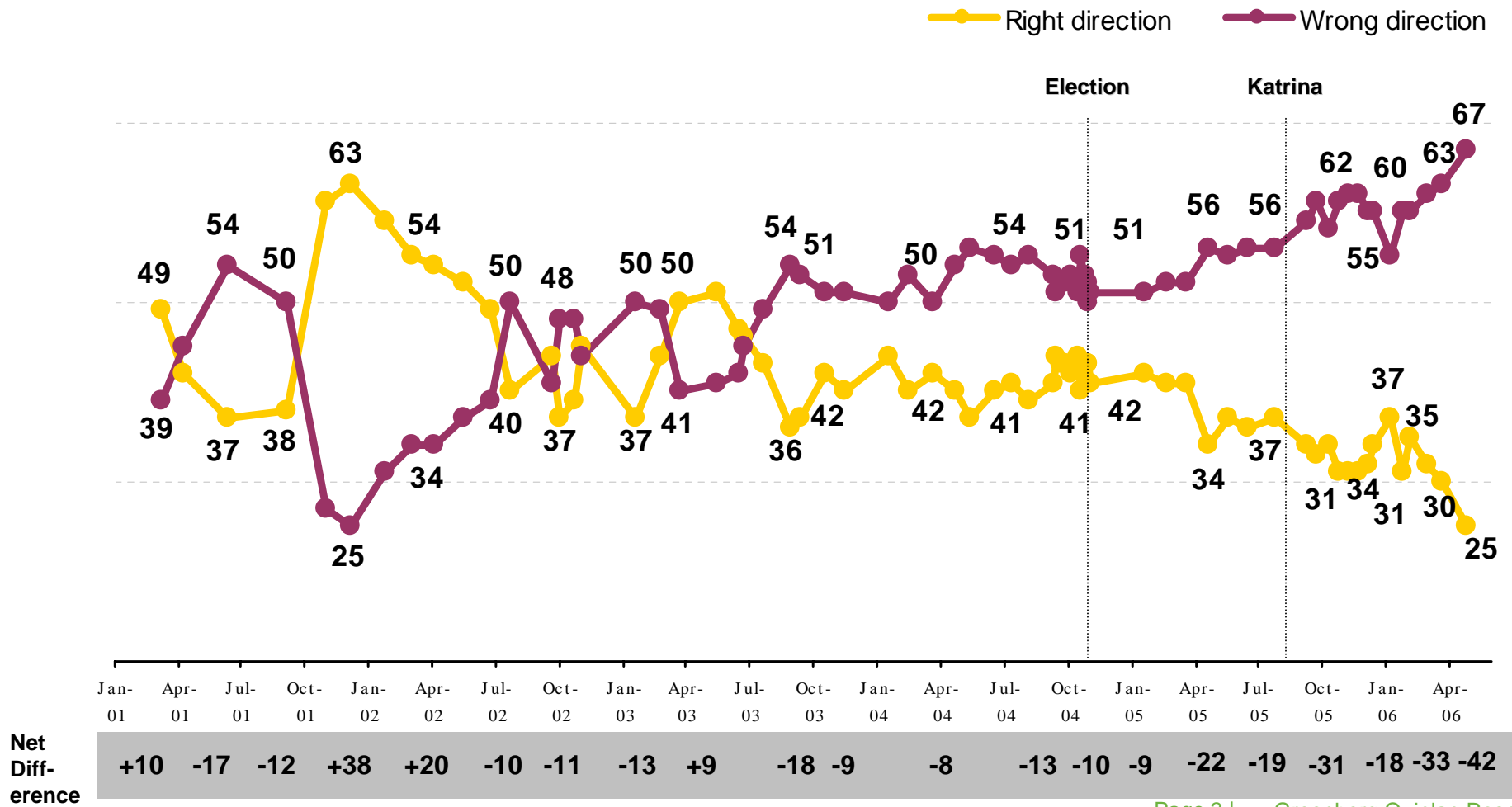


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Direction of the country

Crash in public mood

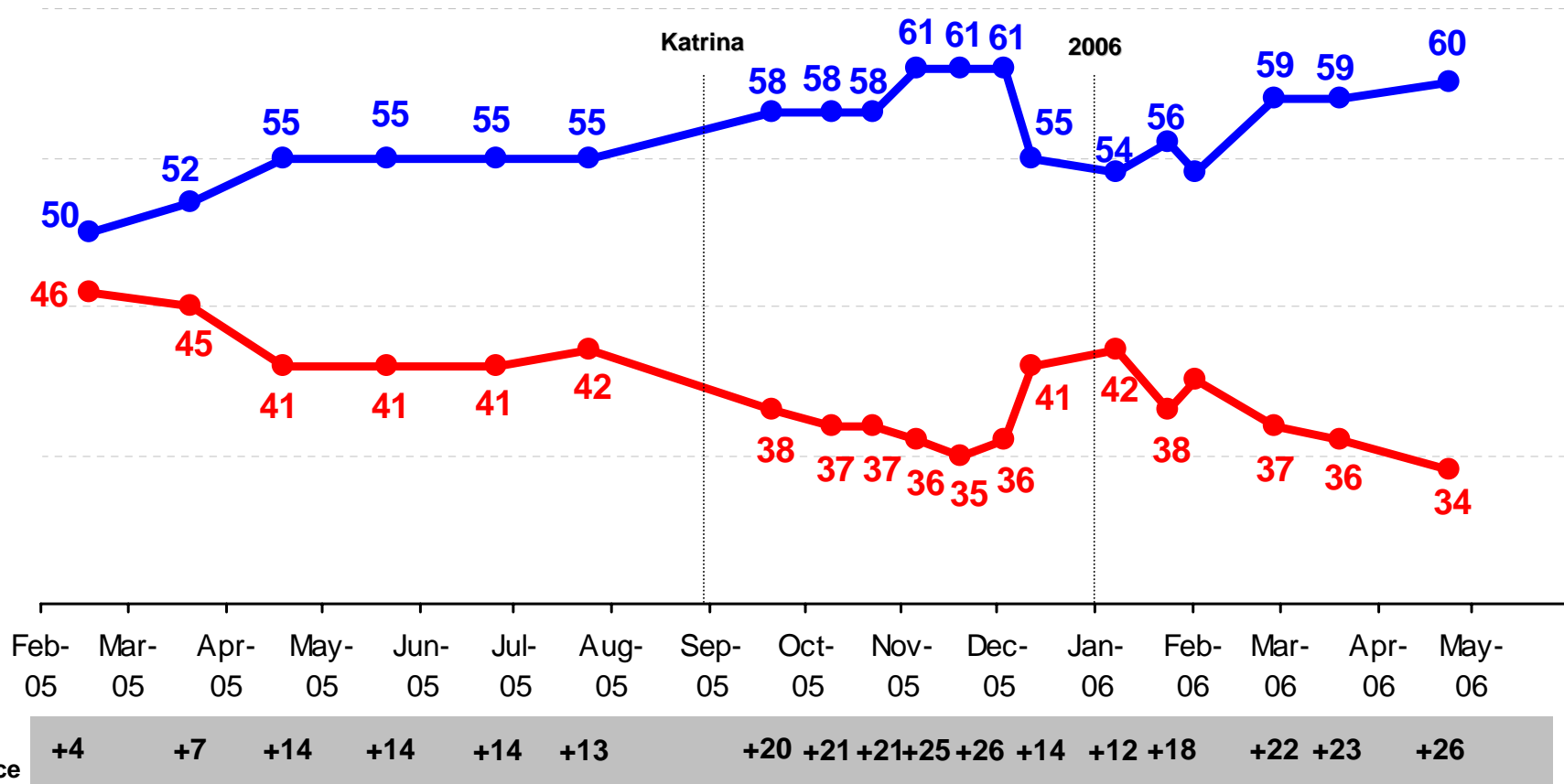
Generally speaking, do you think things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?



Bush direction lowest ever

Now let me ask overall, do you think the country should continue in the direction Bush is headed or go in a significantly different direction?

● Significantly Different Direction
● Bush Direction



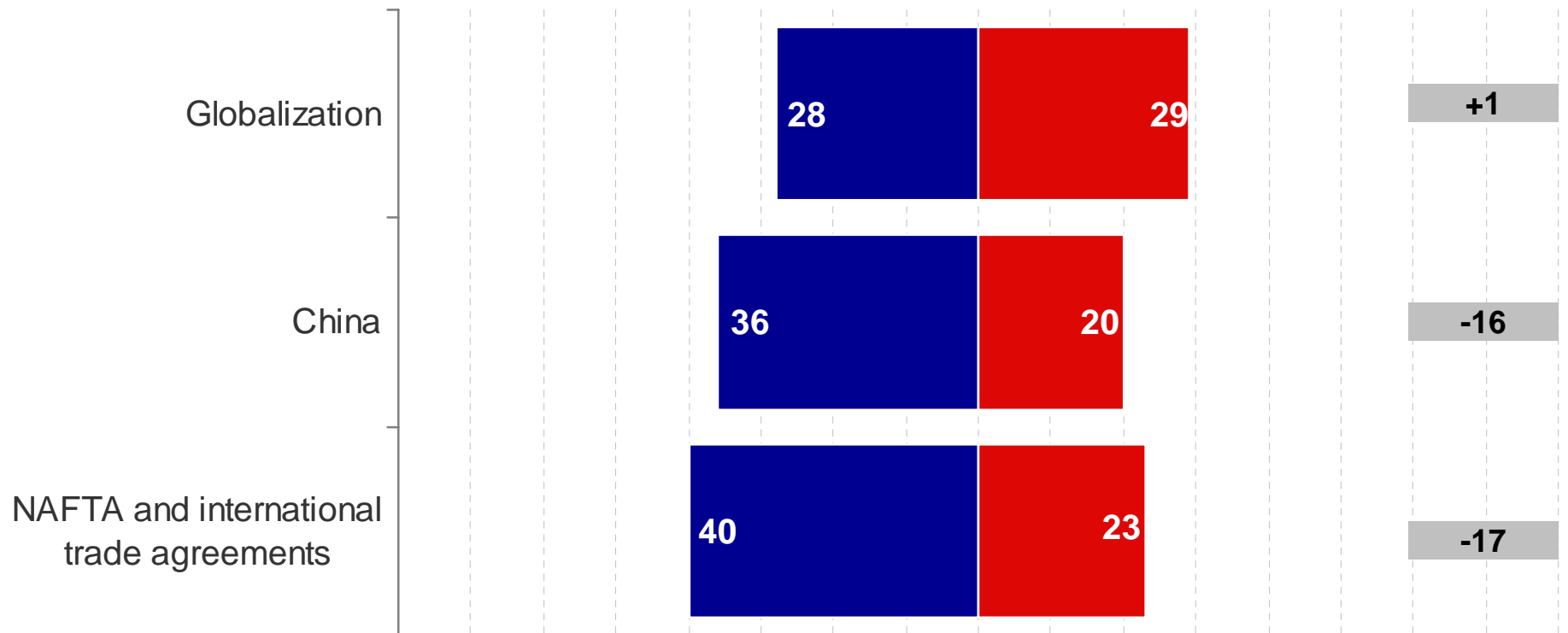
Immigration

General opposition to international trade and globalization

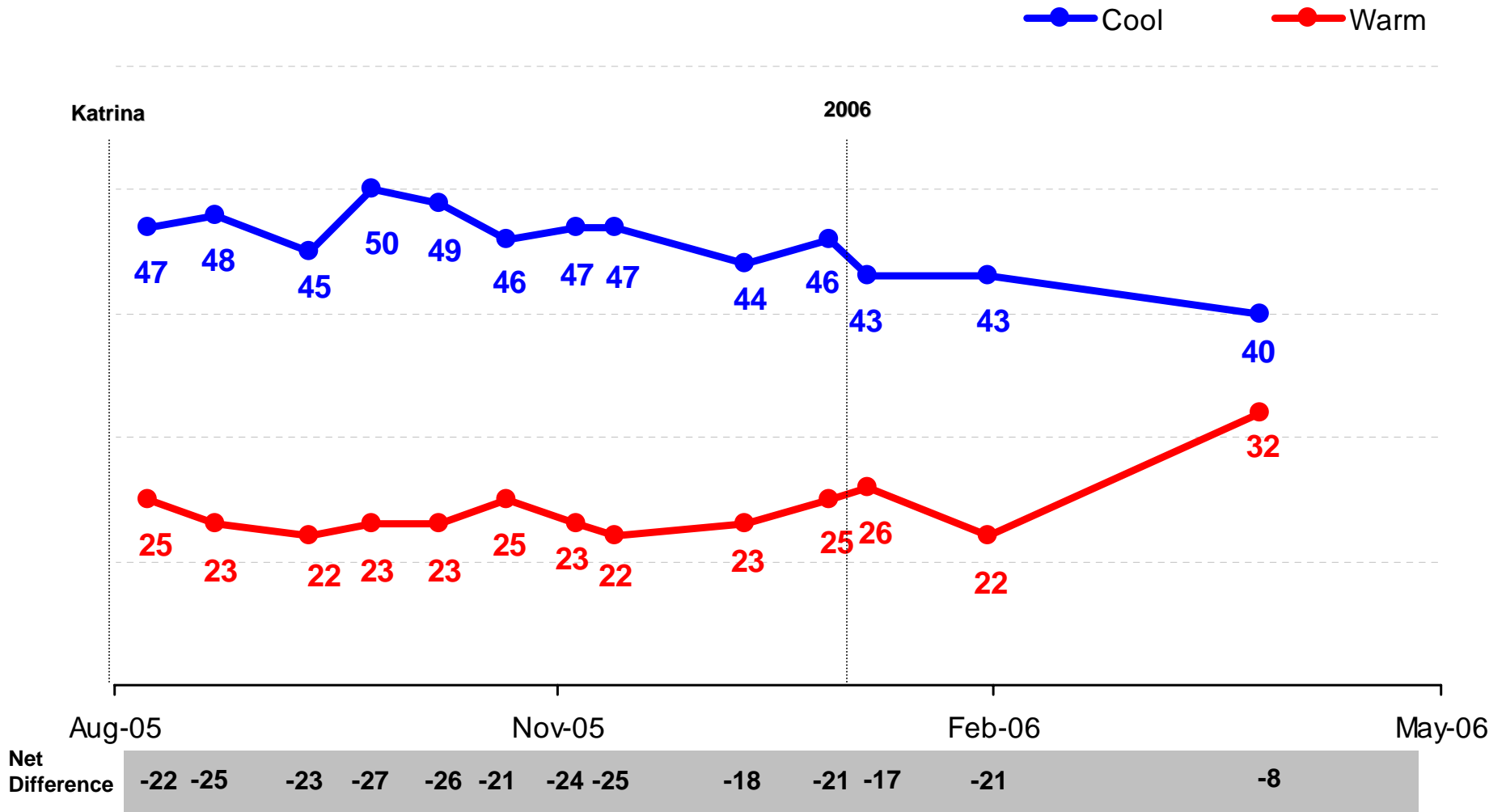
■ Stronger reactions against specific trade competitors - China and NAFTA

■ Cool ■ Warm

Net difference



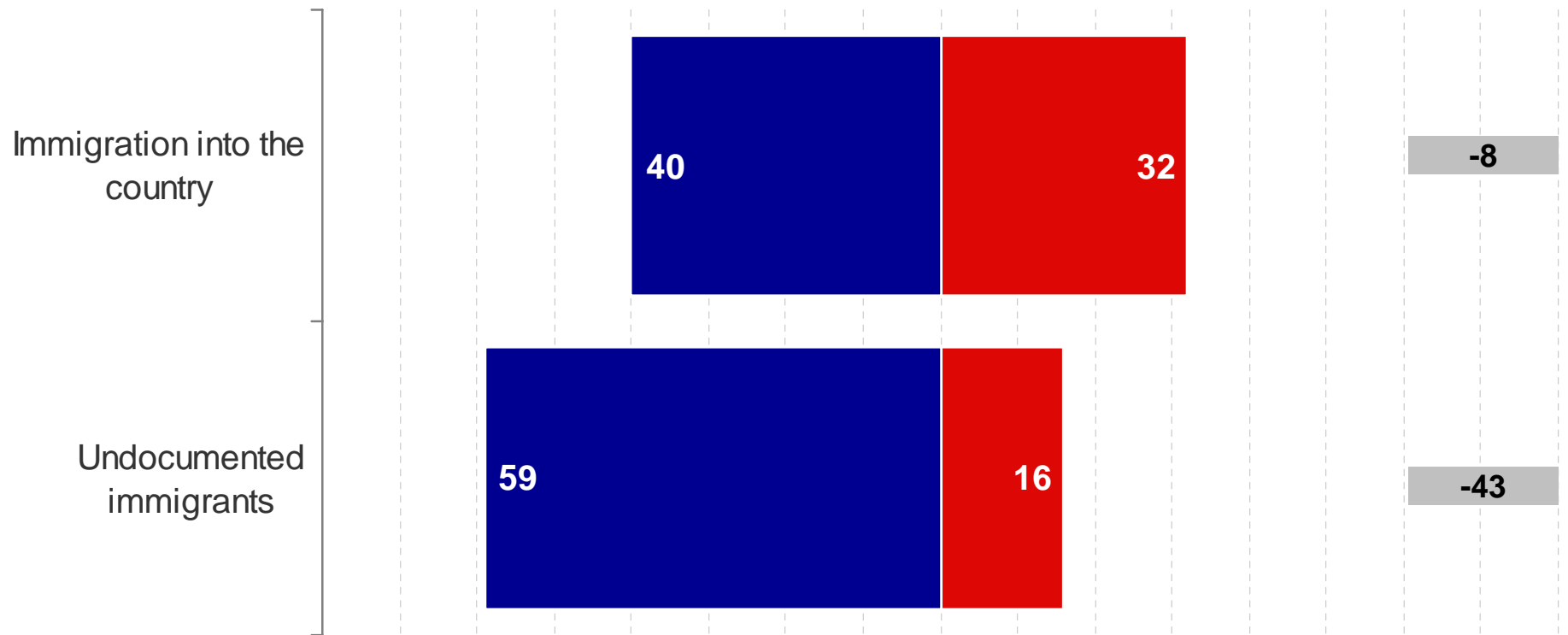
Significant increase on immigration favorability



Still, just over one third feel positively about immigration

■ A majority views undocumented immigrants negatively

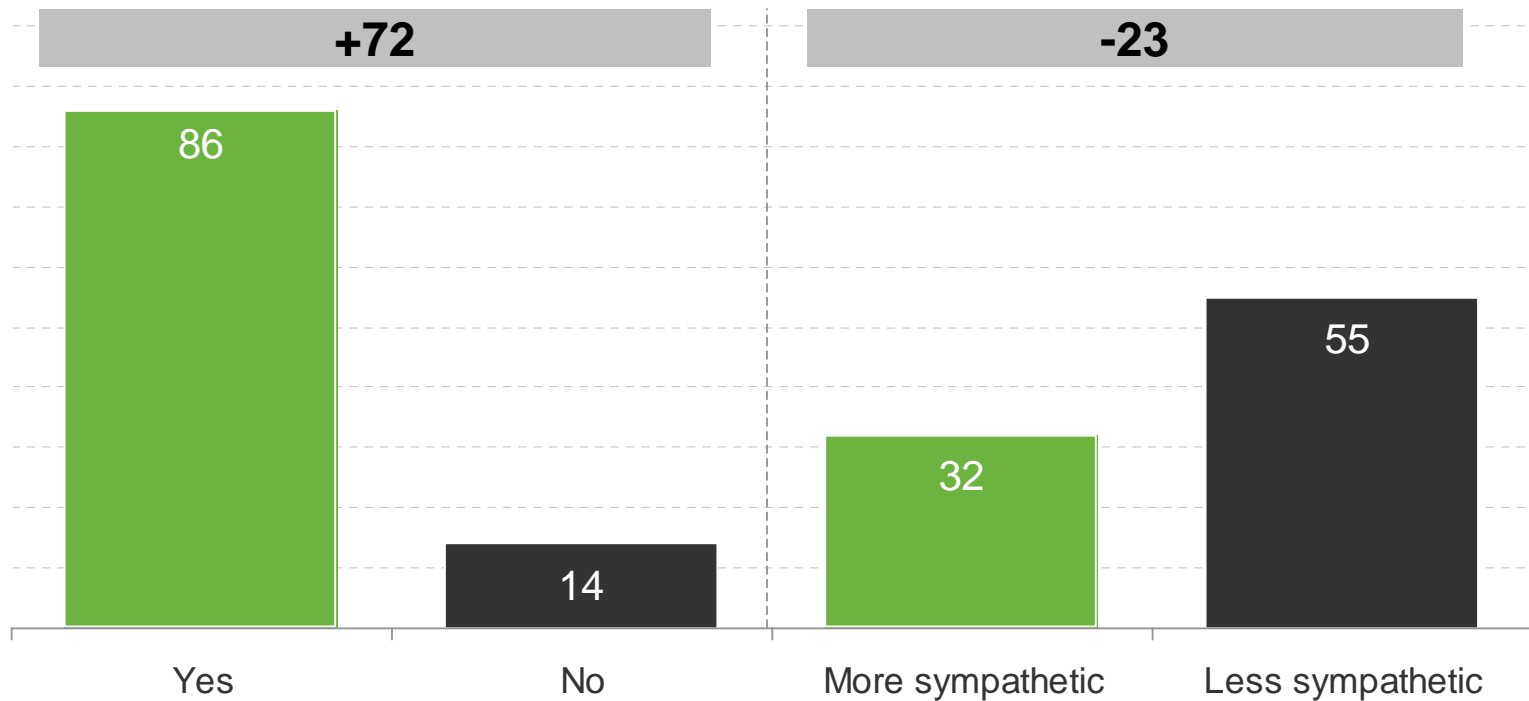
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Demonstrations: High visibility and less sympathetic

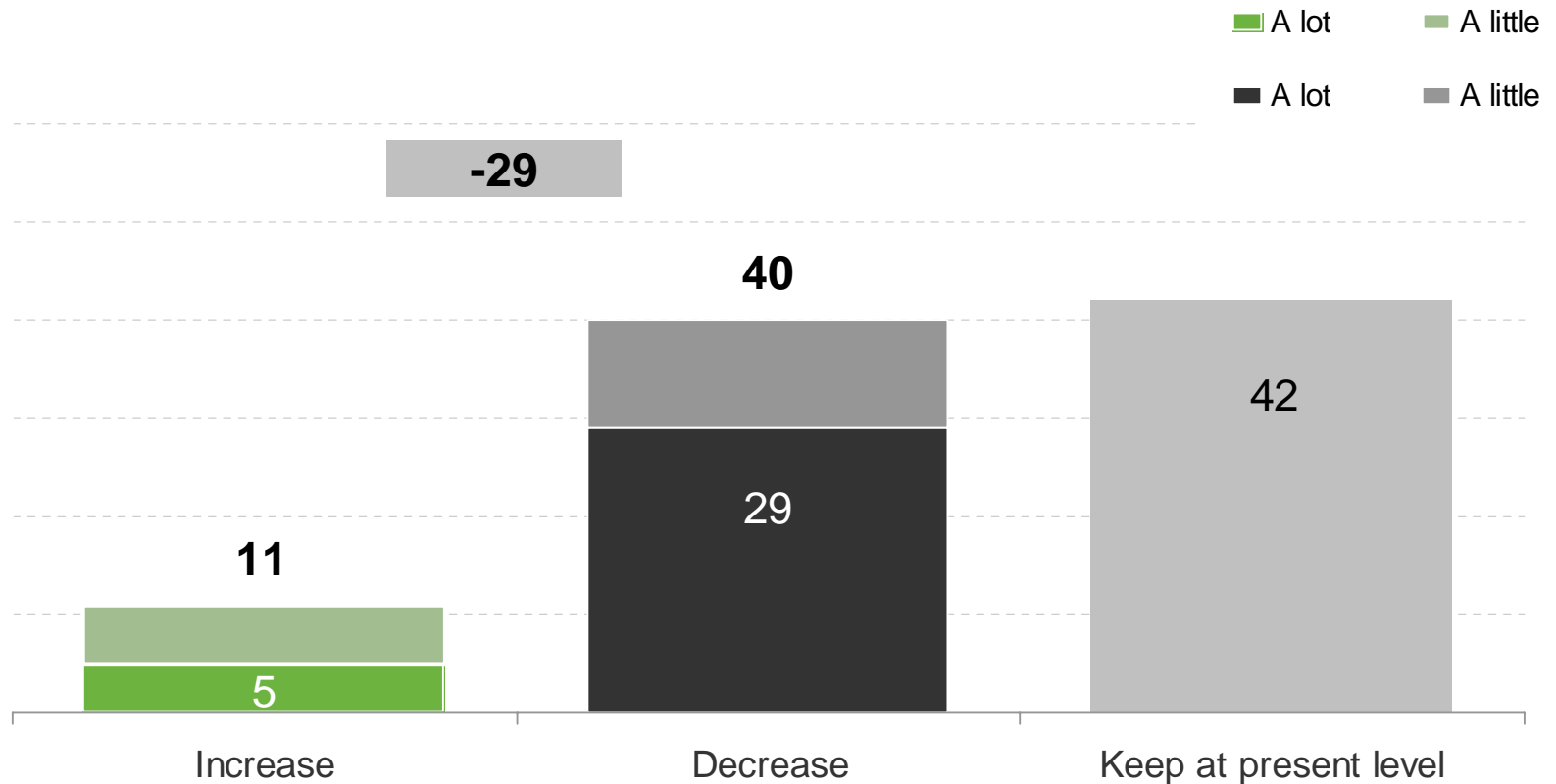
Recently there have been large demonstrations in many cities on the immigration issue. Have you seen or heard anything about these demonstrations?

(If YES) After seeing the protests, do you find yourself more sympathetic or less sympathetic to the position of the immigrants in the United States?



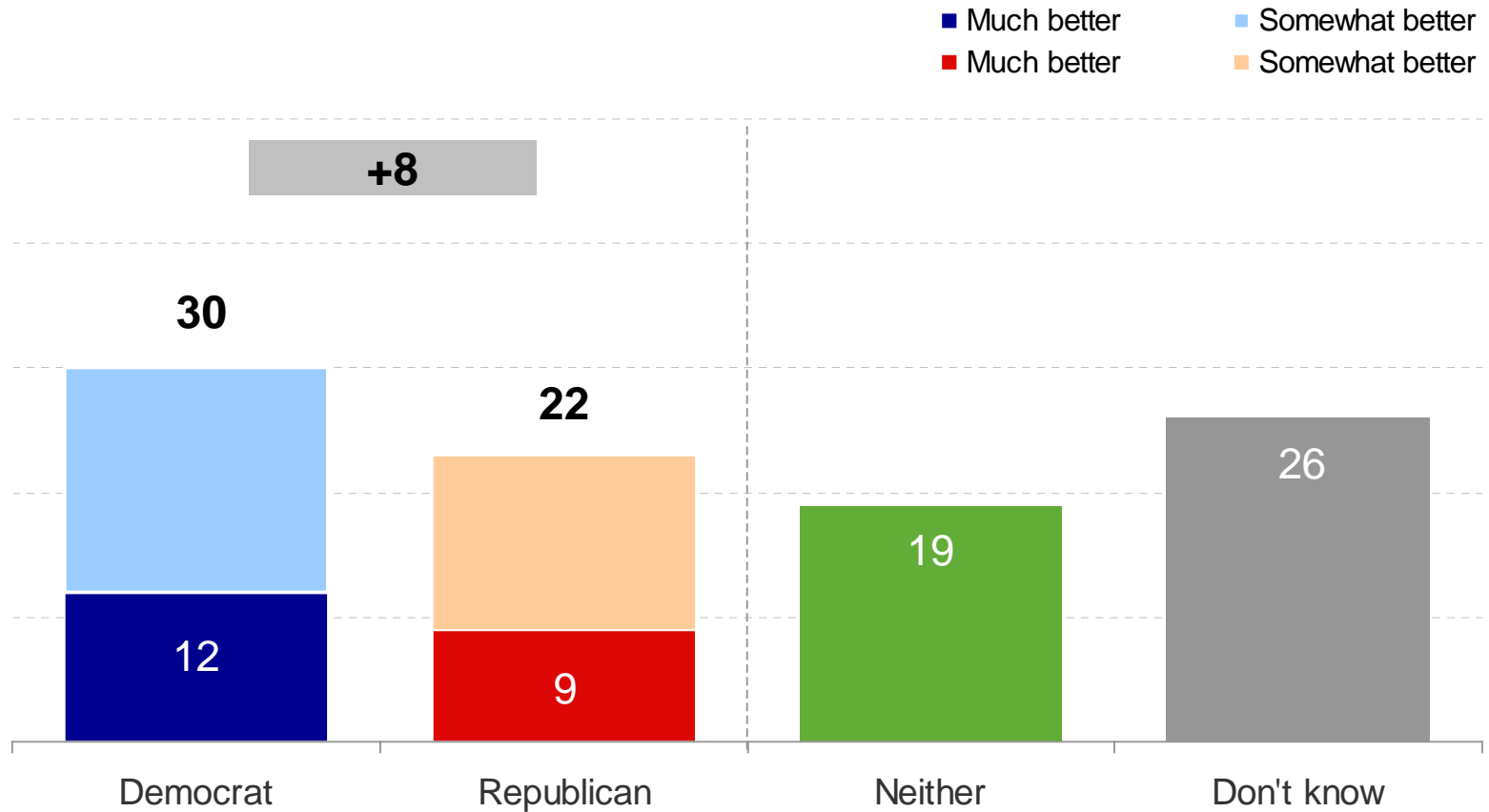
Four in ten advocate for maintaining the status quo on immigration

In your view, should immigration be increased, decreased or kept at its present level?



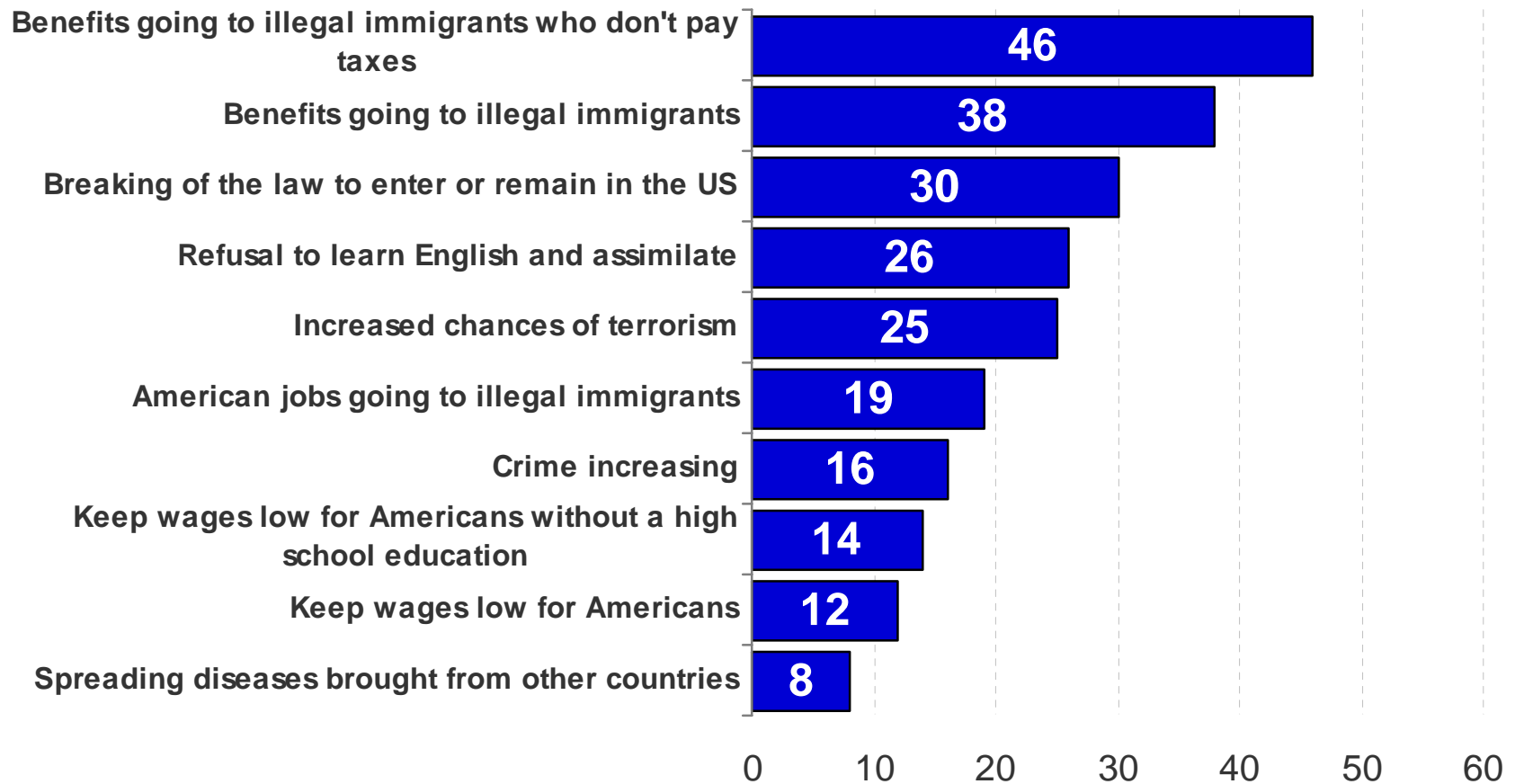
Democrats ahead at initial vote

Now I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans do a better job with handling the immigration issue?



Use of benefits and law breaking are biggest concerns. Assimilation important for over a quarter

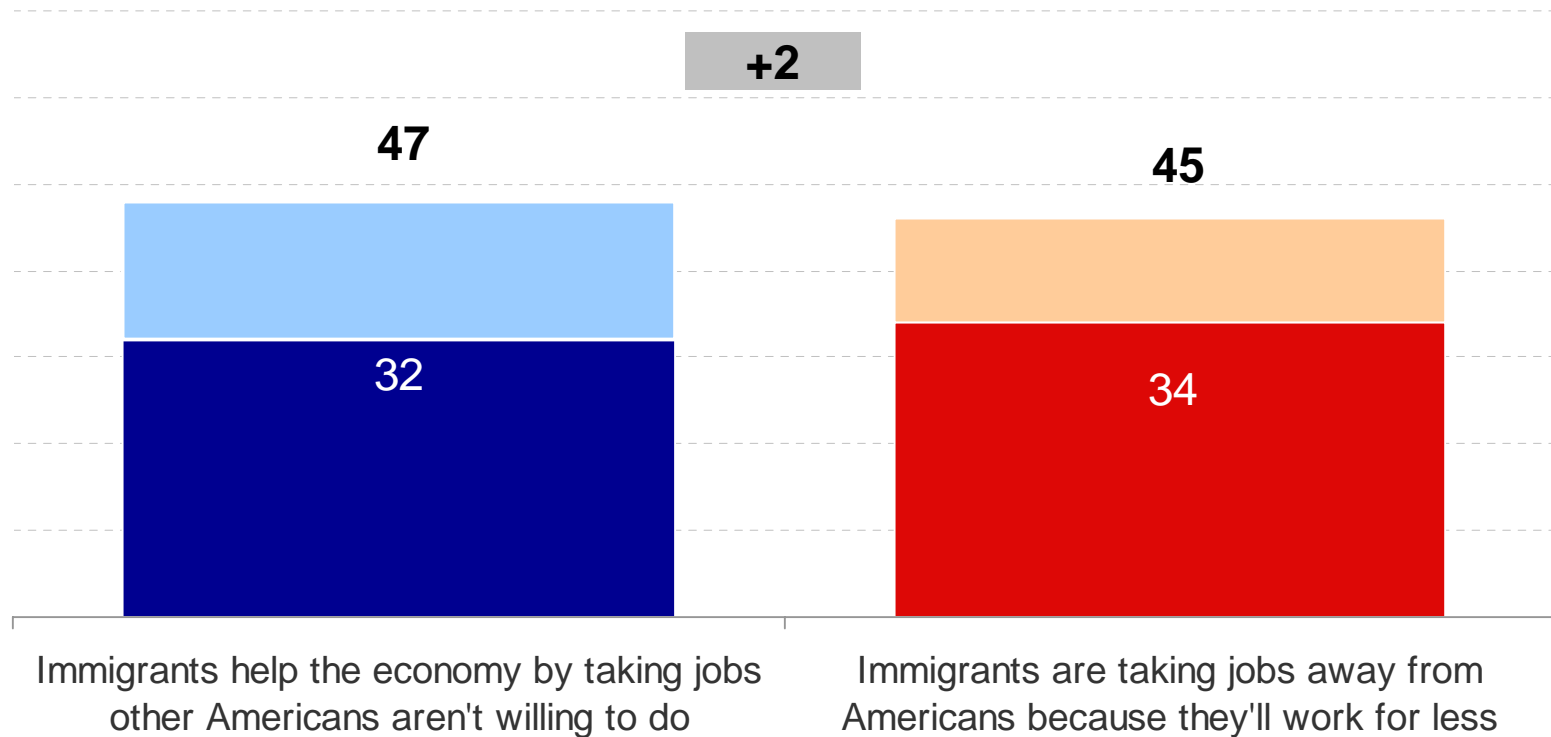
Thinking about illegal immigration, which TWO of the following are your biggest concerns about illegal immigration?



Take bad jobs vs. cost of labor

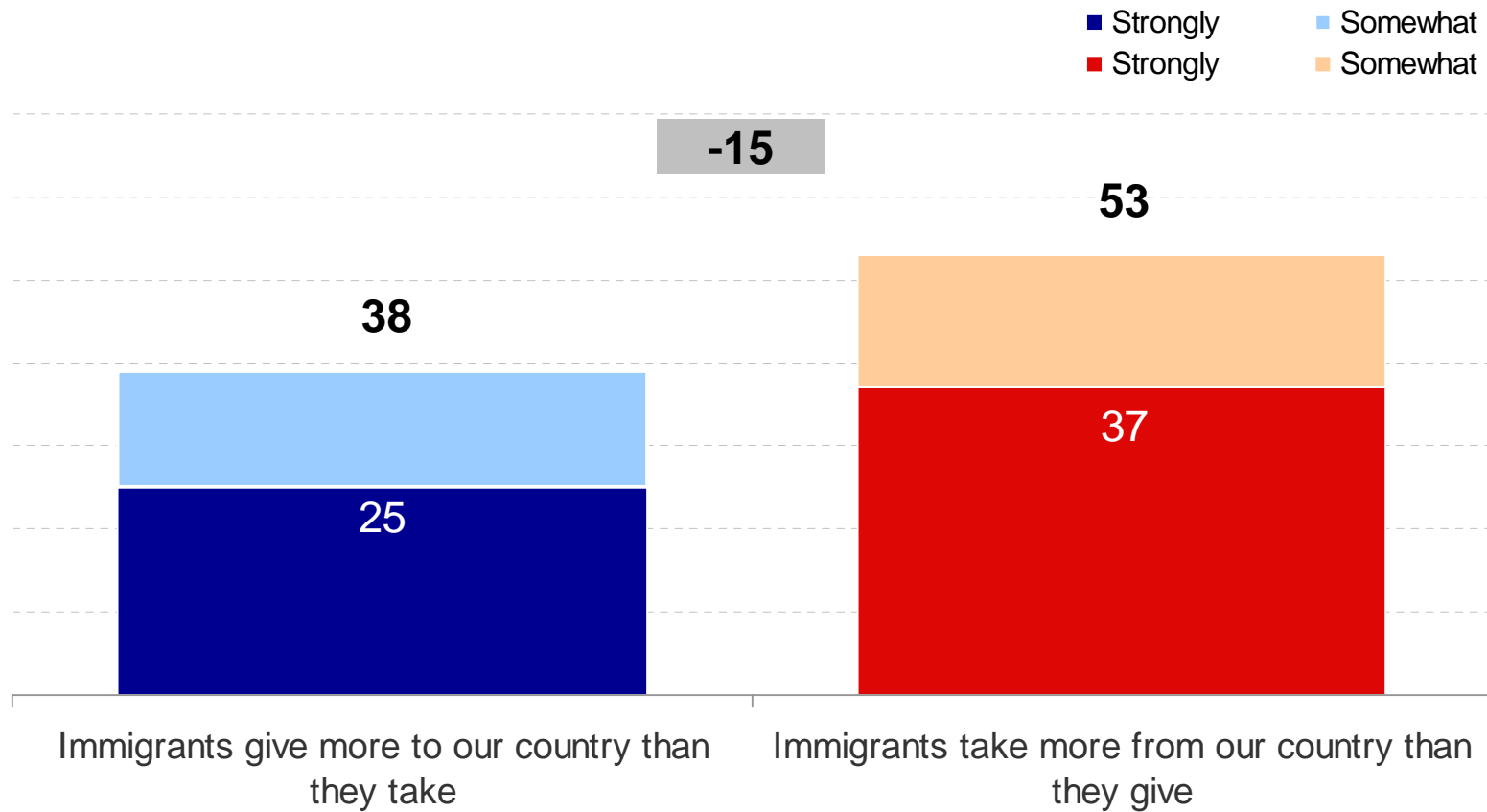
Now I'm going to read you some pairs of statements. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the **FIRST** statement or the **SECOND** statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right.

■ Strongly ■ Somewhat
■ Strongly ■ Somewhat



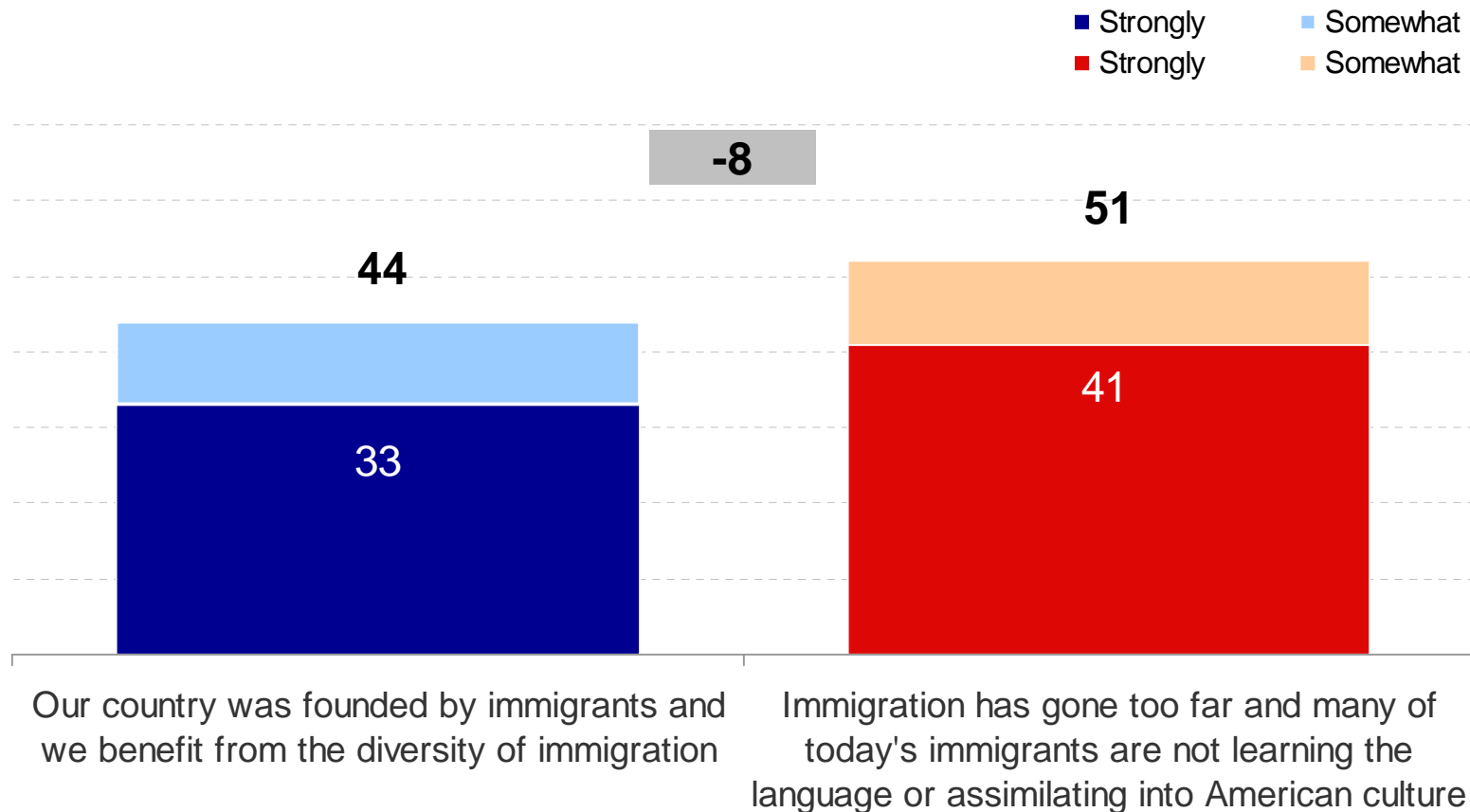
Give more vs. take more

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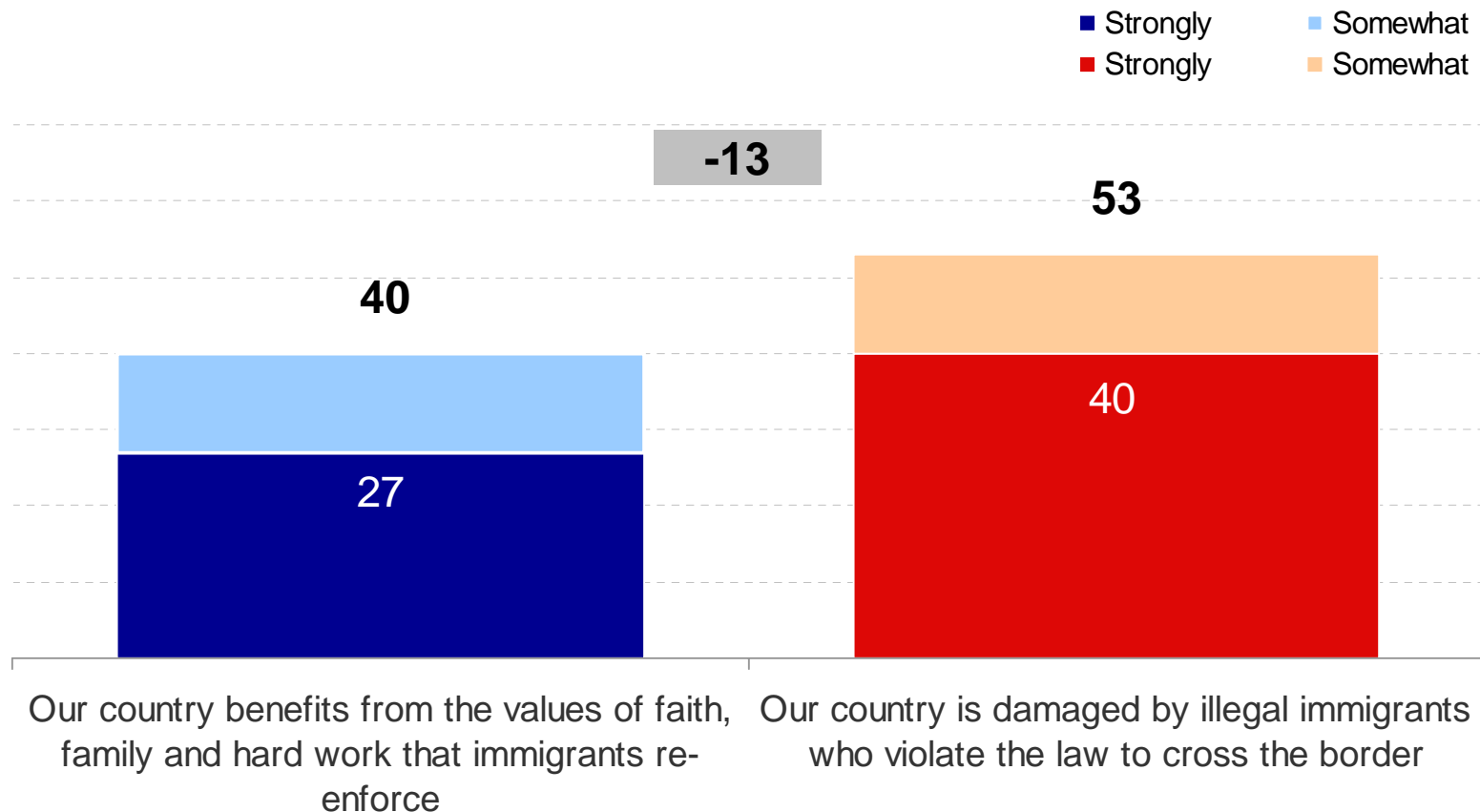
Benefit of diversity vs. no assimilation

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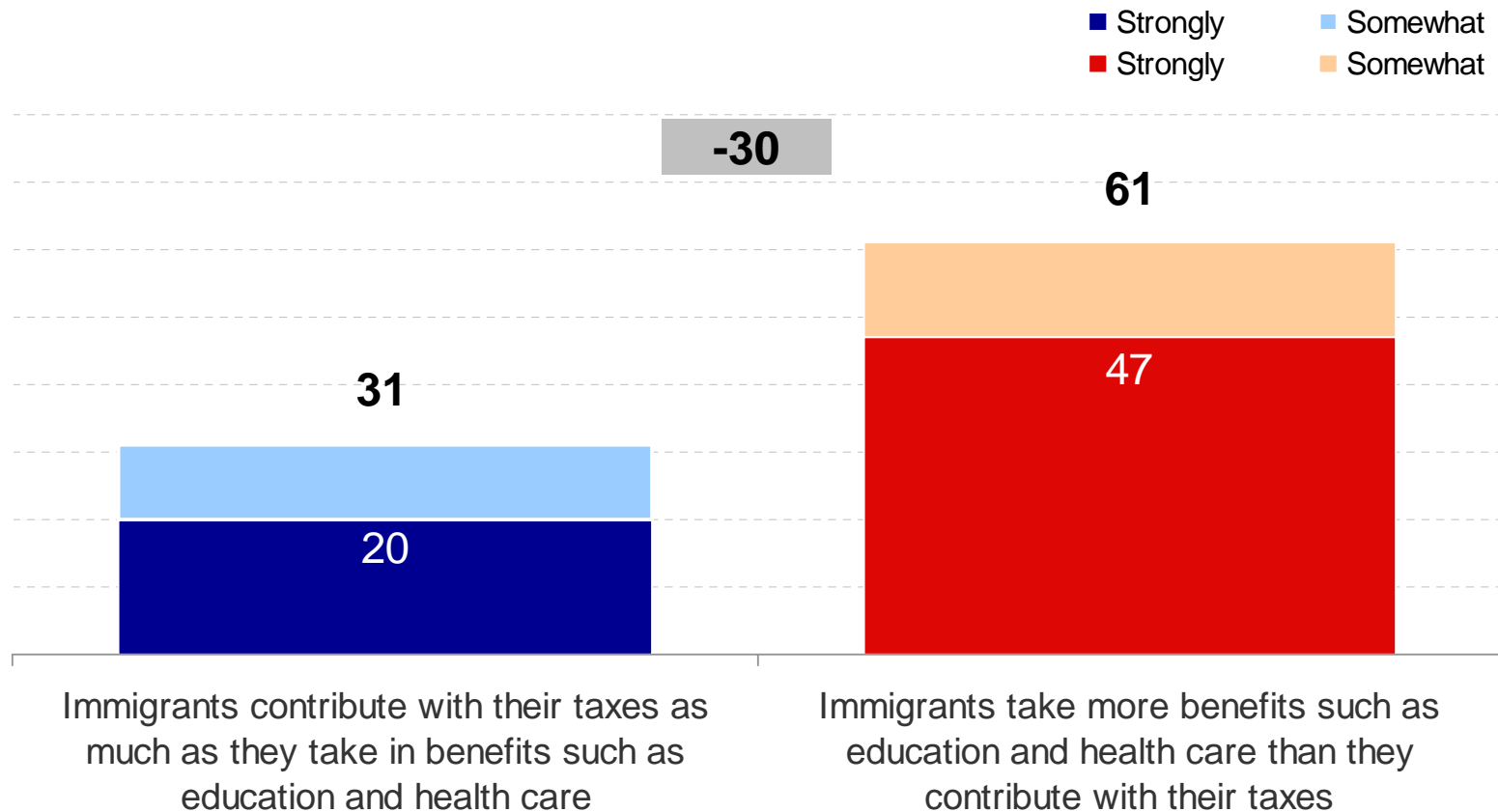
Moral values vs. damage to our country

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Take as much as contribute vs. take more

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



Immigration proposals

■ Top Tier

Now I'd like to read you some proposals for how to fix the immigration problem that our nation is currently facing. After I read each one please tell whether you favor or oppose that proposal.

	Strongly favor	Total favor
Require immigrants to learn English and basics about American culture and government before becoming citizens	73	91
Mandate employers of immigrants to participate in an improved electronic system to verify that employees are legal workers	60	82
Enforce more strictly the laws that penalize employers who hire illegal immigrants	61	80
Put 10,000 new border patrol agents on our borders, install electronic border surveillance and provide more funding for state and local immigration enforcement	48	76
A guest worker program that allows immigrants to work in the United States and offers them an opportunity to apply for citizenship if they pay fines and back taxes	40	75

Immigration proposals

■ 2nd Tier

Now I'd like to read you some proposals for how to fix the immigration problem that our nation is currently facing. After I read each one please tell whether you favor or oppose that proposal.

	Strongly favor	Total favor
A guest worker program that allows immigrants to work in the United States for a set period of time and then requires them to return to their home country	31	66
Deport all illegal immigrants and let them apply to return as guest workers	35	56
Deport all illegal immigrants	33	51
Build a fence along the Mexican border to keep immigrants from entering the country	25	43

Democratic immigration themes

■ Top Tier

Now let me read you some statements from a Democratic candidate for Congress. After each statement please tell me whether it would make you more likely or less likely to support this Democratic candidate.

	Much more likely	Total more likely
<p>Sending all 12 million illegal immigrants back to their countries is unrealistic and will result in millions of people hiding in the shadows. We should deport those immigrants with criminal records immediately, no questions asked. But most immigrants are law abiding, hard working people and we should provide them with a path to citizenship while holding them responsible to pay taxes and share in the responsibilities of our society</p>	40	74
<p>Illegal immigrants break the law to enter our country. The Bush administration is failing in its responsibility to enforce immigration laws. It is simply too easy to get into the U.S., and we need to enforce immigration laws before we do anything else</p>	38	68
<p>Illegal immigration and the lack of border security puts our country at risk and we need to take action now to secure our borders. The Bush administration is failing in its responsibility to control our borders and potential terrorists can now cross our border at will. It is simply too easy to get into the U.S. and we need to secure our borders before we do anything else</p>	37	67

Support for Democratic immigration proposals

■ 2nd Tier

Now let me read you some statements from a Democratic candidate for Congress. After each statement please tell me whether it would make you more likely or less likely to support this Democratic candidate.

	Much more likely	Total more likely
<p>Illegal immigration is out of control and undermines the wages and living standards of Americans. The Bush administration has failed on the borders but it also has stopped enforcing our employment laws. It stopped penalizing employers who employ illegal immigrants – which creates low wage industries in areas of the country. We need enforcement that helps raise living standards for Americans</p>	30	60
<p>We must slow down the flow of immigrants into our country, but we must realize that immigrants are important in our economy. Immigrants often take jobs that Americans don't want, they perform services that are important in our society, and their hard work helps our economy grow. Our economy is stronger with immigrants as part of our society</p>	28	65
<p>Immigrants are the lifeblood of America and their values made our country great. They work hard, attend church, and seek a better life for their families. Republicans simply want to treat illegal immigrants as felons, ignoring the fact that we need immigrant labor to make our economy work. America should always be a home for people who will work to create a better life for themselves and their families</p>	25	52

Support for Republican immigration proposals

Now let me read you some statements from a Republican candidate for Congress. After each statement please tell me whether it would make you more likely or less likely to support this Republican candidate.

	Much more likely	Total more likely
Pressure from employers of illegal immigrants, foreign governments and interest groups should not violate the desires of law abiding Americans who want an immigration policy that secures our borders and does not reward those who break the law. We need to secure our borders, enforce America’s laws and stand up to lawbreakers	40	77
We need to stop supporting illegal immigrants with taxpayer dollars. Illegal immigrants don’t pay taxes, but they get taxpayer benefits like health care, college scholarships and drivers licenses. We need to tighten the borders so illegal immigrants cannot enter our country and deport those who are already here	36	64
The 11 to 12 million illegal immigrants in our country prove that we need a comprehensive immigration reform. We must prevent more illegal immigrants from entering the country by securing our borders and dealing with those who are already here by providing a path to citizenship that does not reward those who have broken the law	33	73
Some of the jobs being generated in America’s growing economy are jobs Americans don’t want. It is essential that we secure our borders but we also need to create a guest workers program that will provide foreigners with temporary visas to fill these jobs and help our economy grow	19	59

Immigration: Democratic vs. Republican House approach

Which statement do you agree with more, the statement from the Democratic candidate or the statement from the Republican candidate?

	Agree strongly	Total agree
<p>The Democrat says we need a tough immigration reform that gets this problem under control. We need to greatly strengthen border security and to penalize companies that employ illegal immigrants. We need for law abiding immigrants to come out of the shadows and a low wage economy and get on a path to citizenship. To get this under control, we need greater respect for law</p>	45	58
OR		
<p>The Republican says we need reforms the make border security and law enforcement a priority. We need to build a fence along the US-Mexico border, increase our border patrols, enforce strict penalties for companies that hire illegal immigrants, and declare illegal immigrants and those who help them to be felons</p>	22	34

Immigration handling – revote: An opportunity for Democrats

Now I'd like to ask you again whether, overall, you think the Democrats or the Republicans do a better job with handling the immigration issue?

