



Yale Class of 1965 Midterm Election Survey Summary of Results

Annual Class Dinner

Yale Club of NYC

October 28, 2022

Summary of Midterm Election Survey

- Response to survey
- Election outcome preferences, by political affiliation
- Election outcome predictions, by political affiliation
 - House Majority
 - Senate Majority
 - 7 Key Senate Races
 - 3 Key Governor Races
- Election Issues
 - That Matter to You, by political affiliation
 - That Matter to Other Voters
- Key Takeaways

We Had a Great Response to this Survey!

THIS YEAR: 220 Total

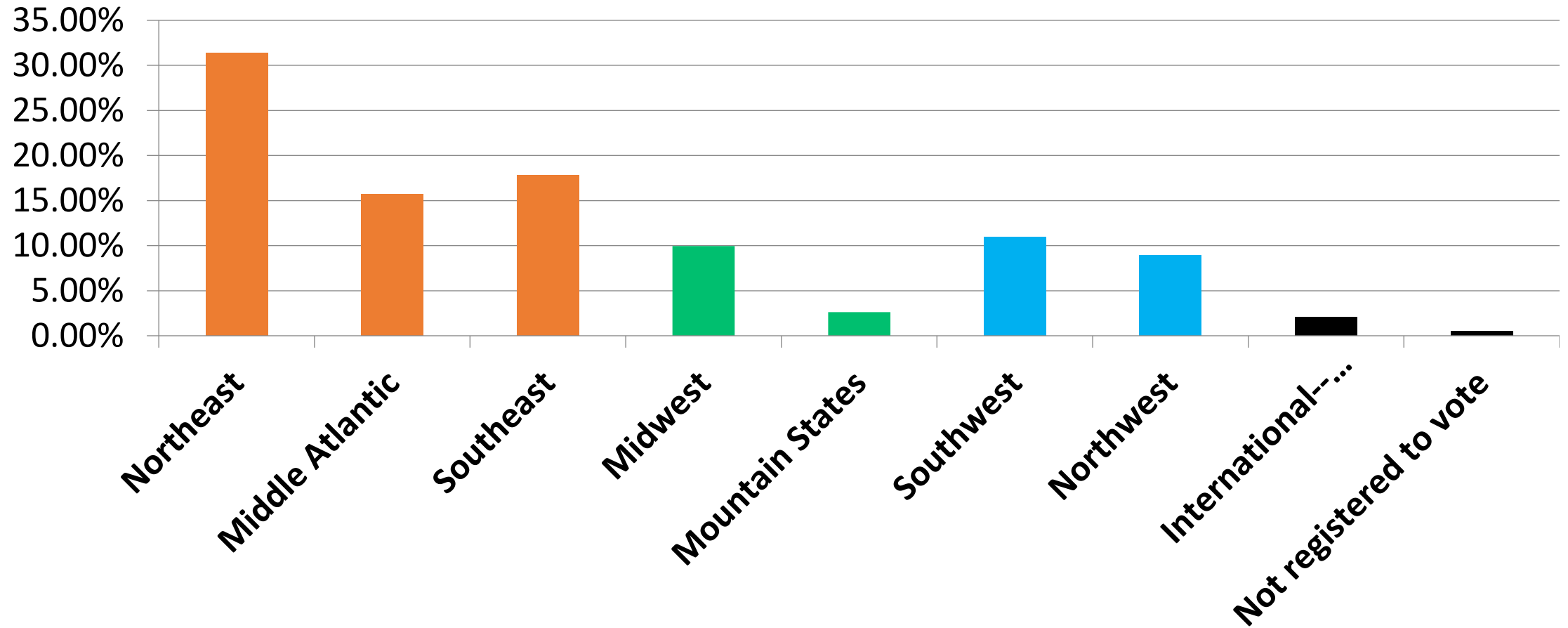
- **199 Classmates**
- **13 Spouses and Partners**
- **8 Widows**

PRIOR YEARS

- **2020 Presidential Election: 272 Total**
- **2016 Election: 140 Total**

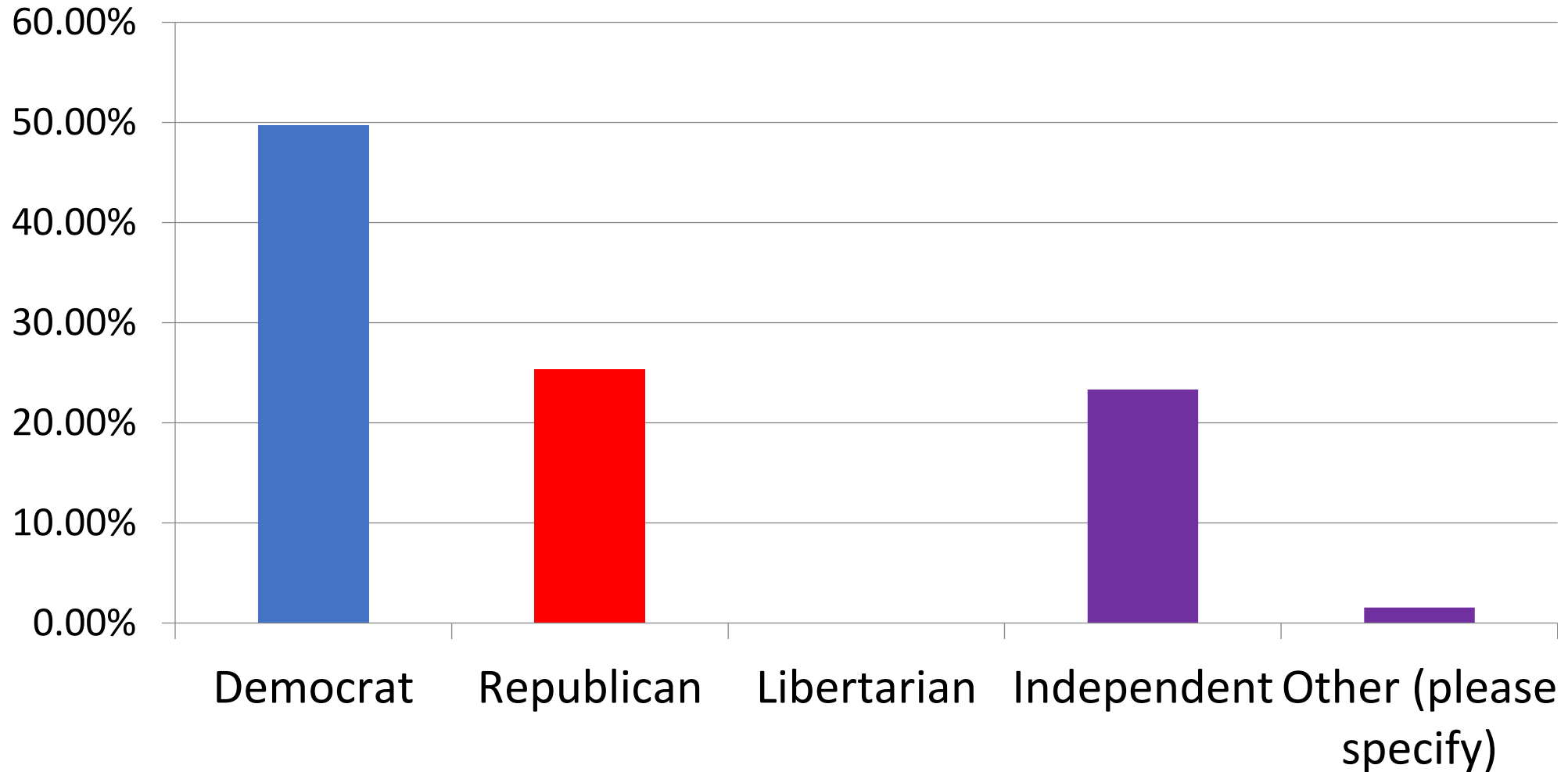
Where Respondents Vote:

East 62%, Central 13%, West 21%, Intl 3%

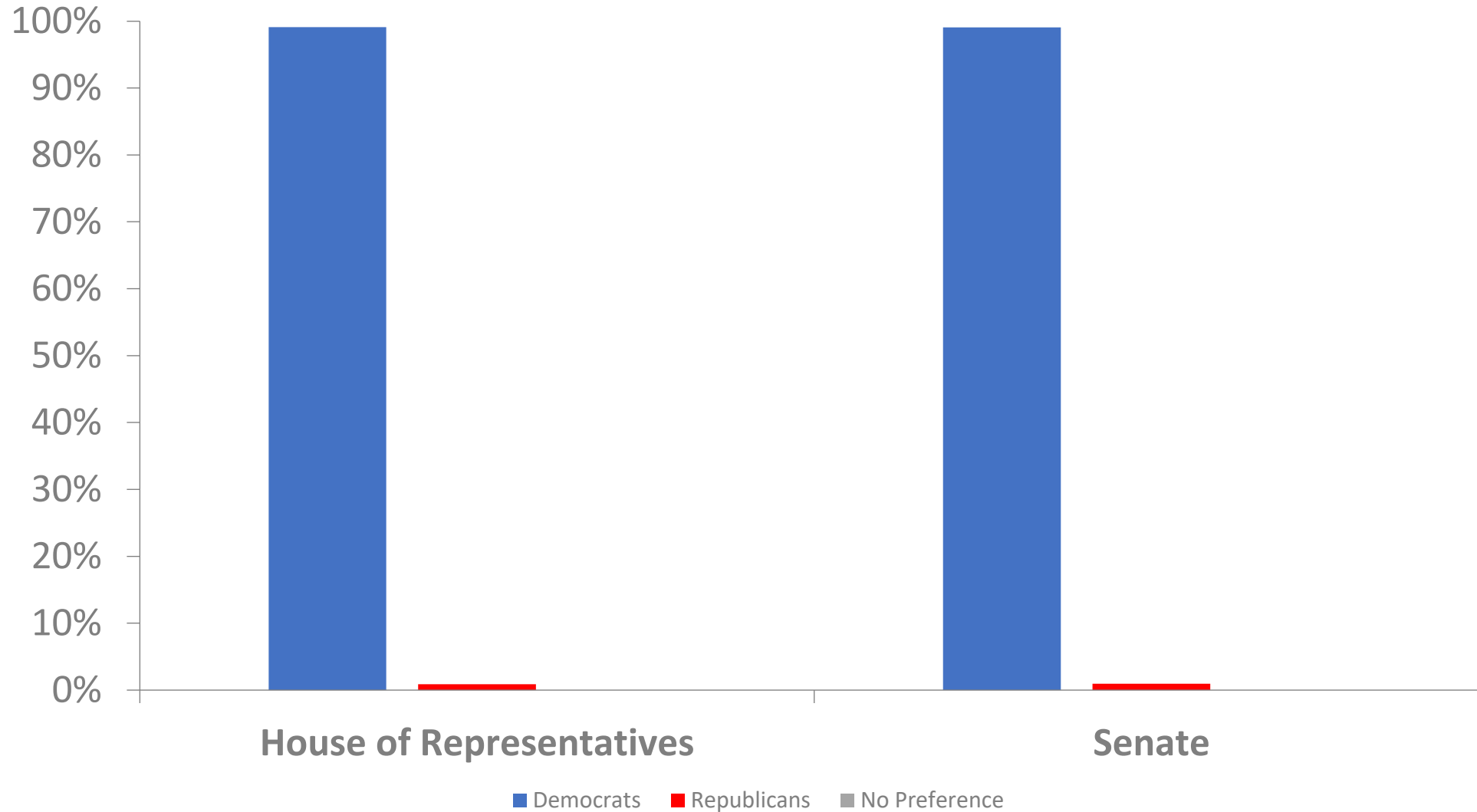


How Respondents Self-Identify Politically:

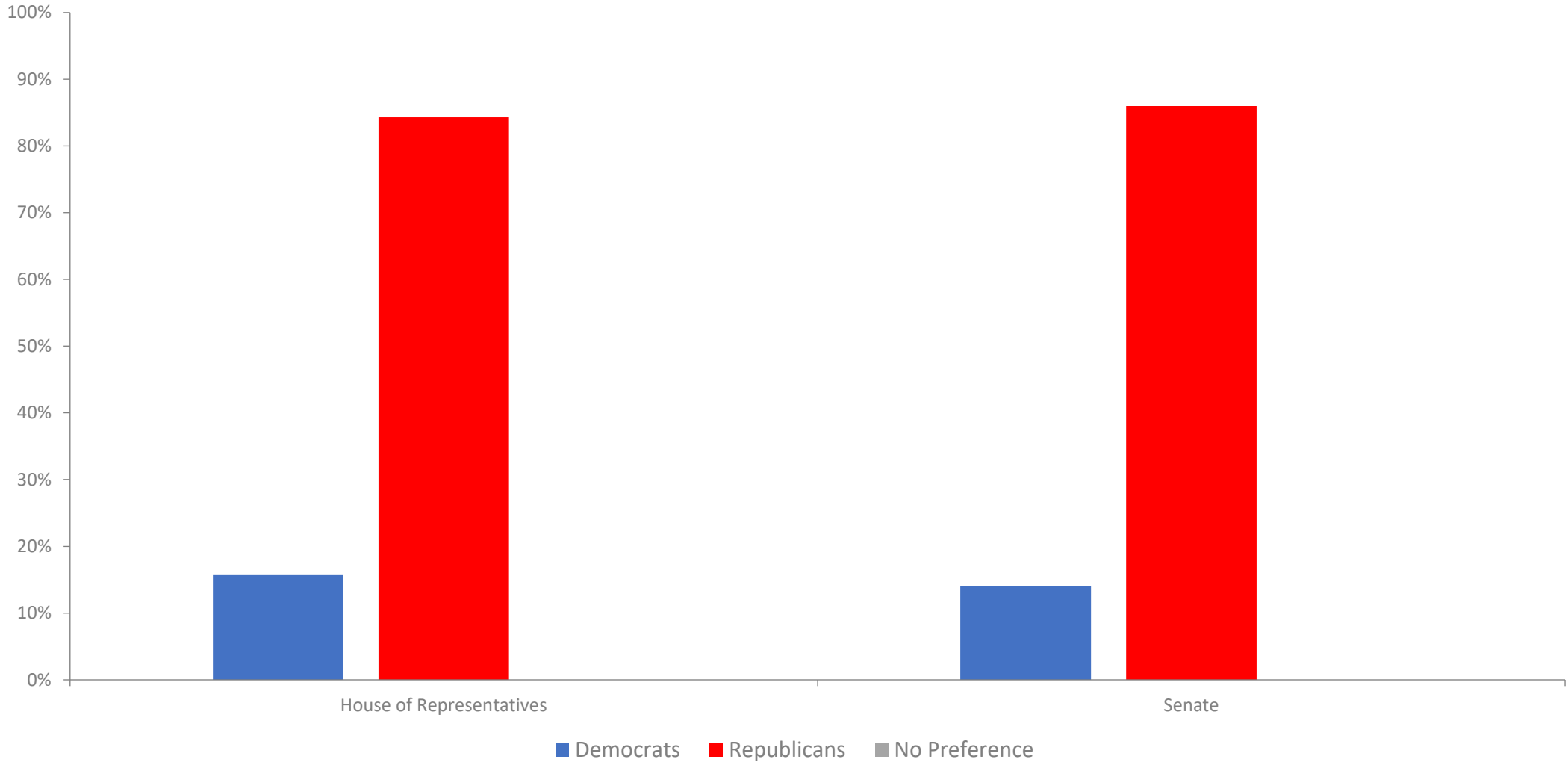
50% Democrats, 25% Republicans, 24% Independents



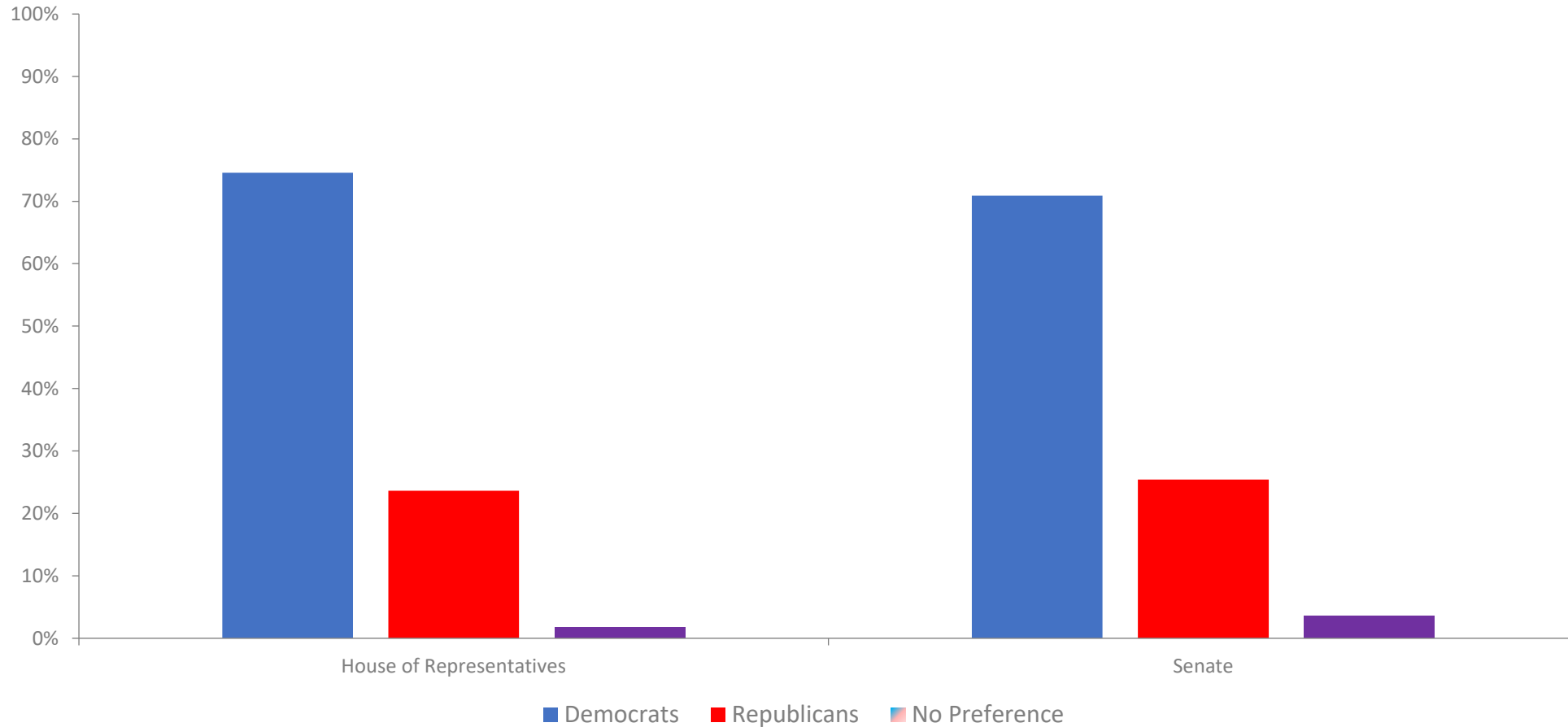
PREFERENCE: 99% of Democrats Want Their Party to Control Congress



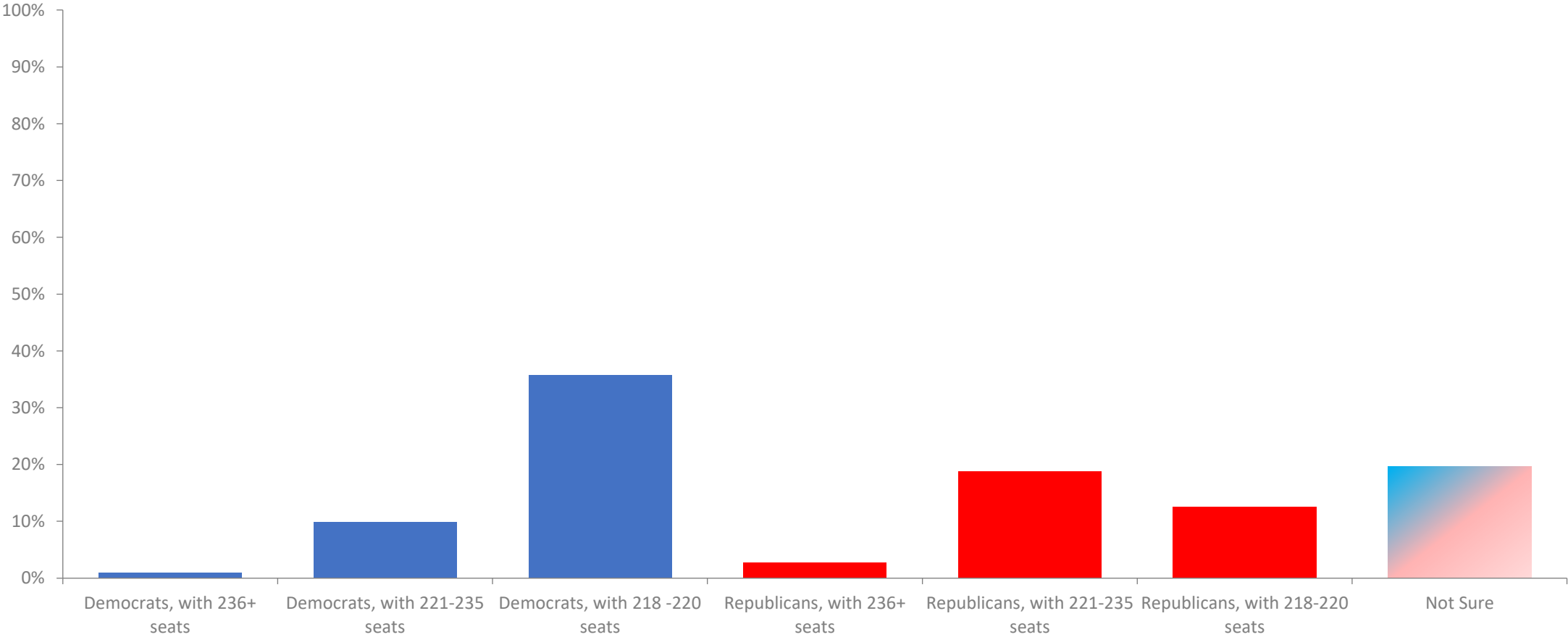
PREFERENCE: 80+% of **Republicans** Want Their Party to Control Congress



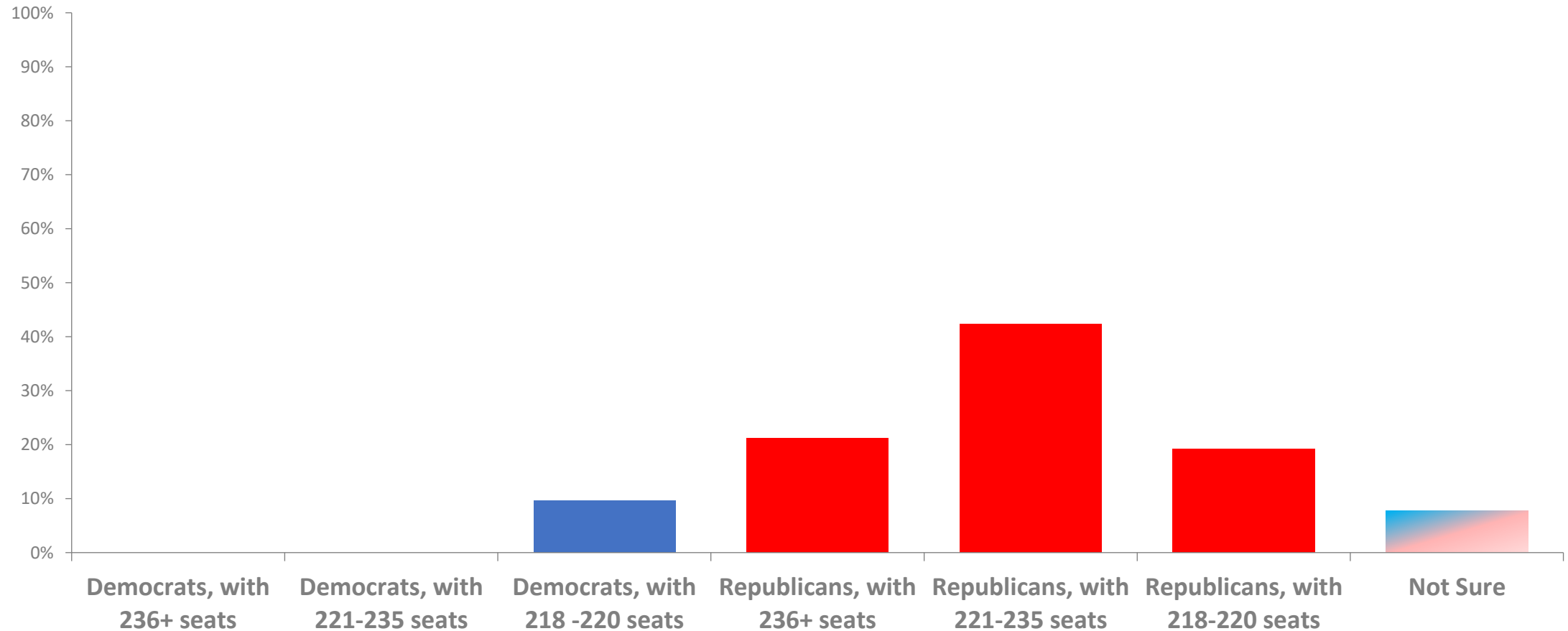
PREFERENCE: 70+% of Independents Want the Democrats to Control Congress



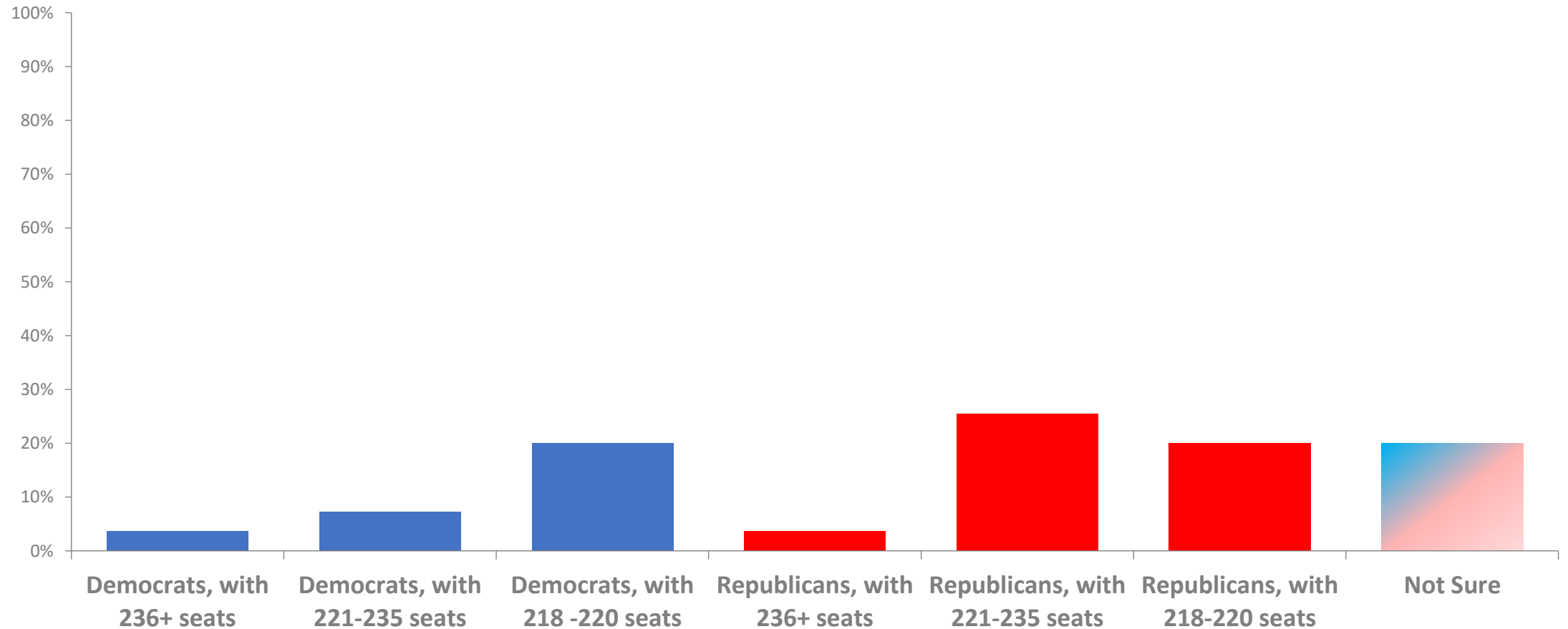
House---Democrats PREDICT Their Party Will Keep the Majority: **Dems 47%**, Reps 33%, Unsure 20%



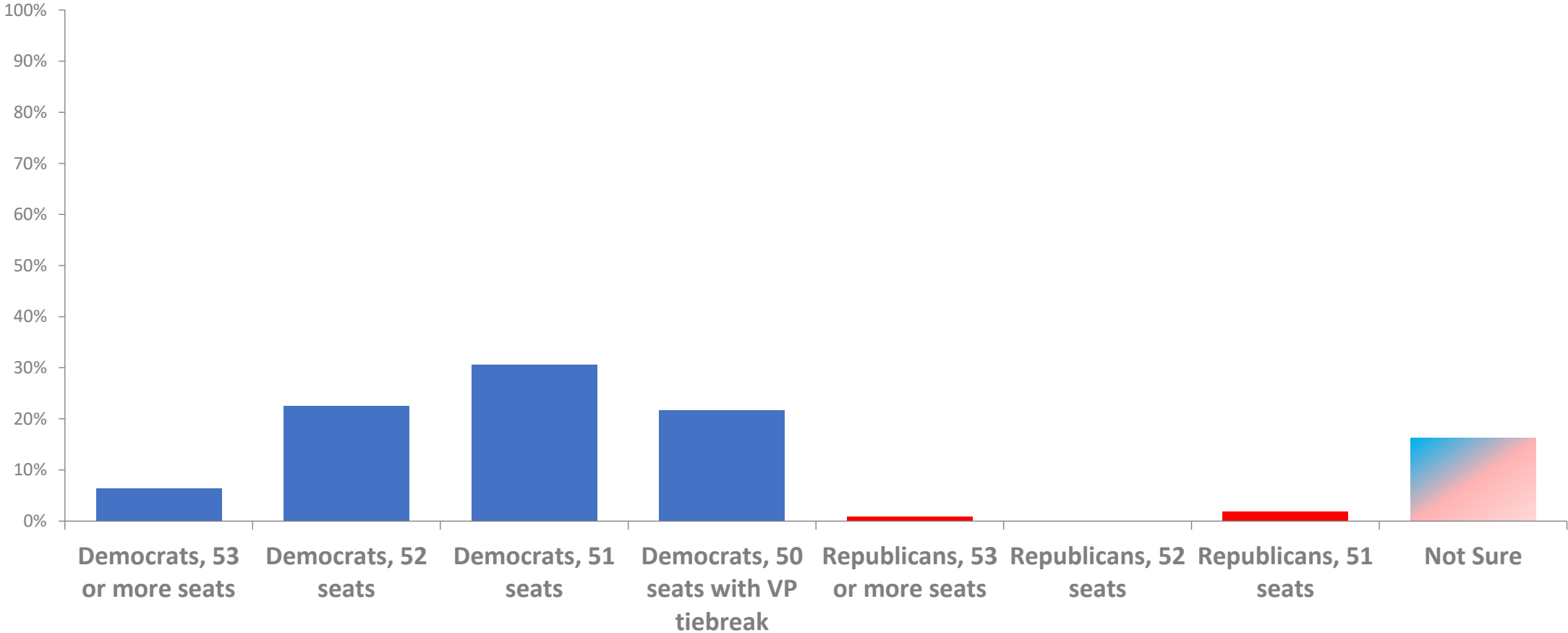
House---**Republicans** Predict Their Party Will Take the Majority: Dems 8%, **Reps 86%**, Unsure 6%



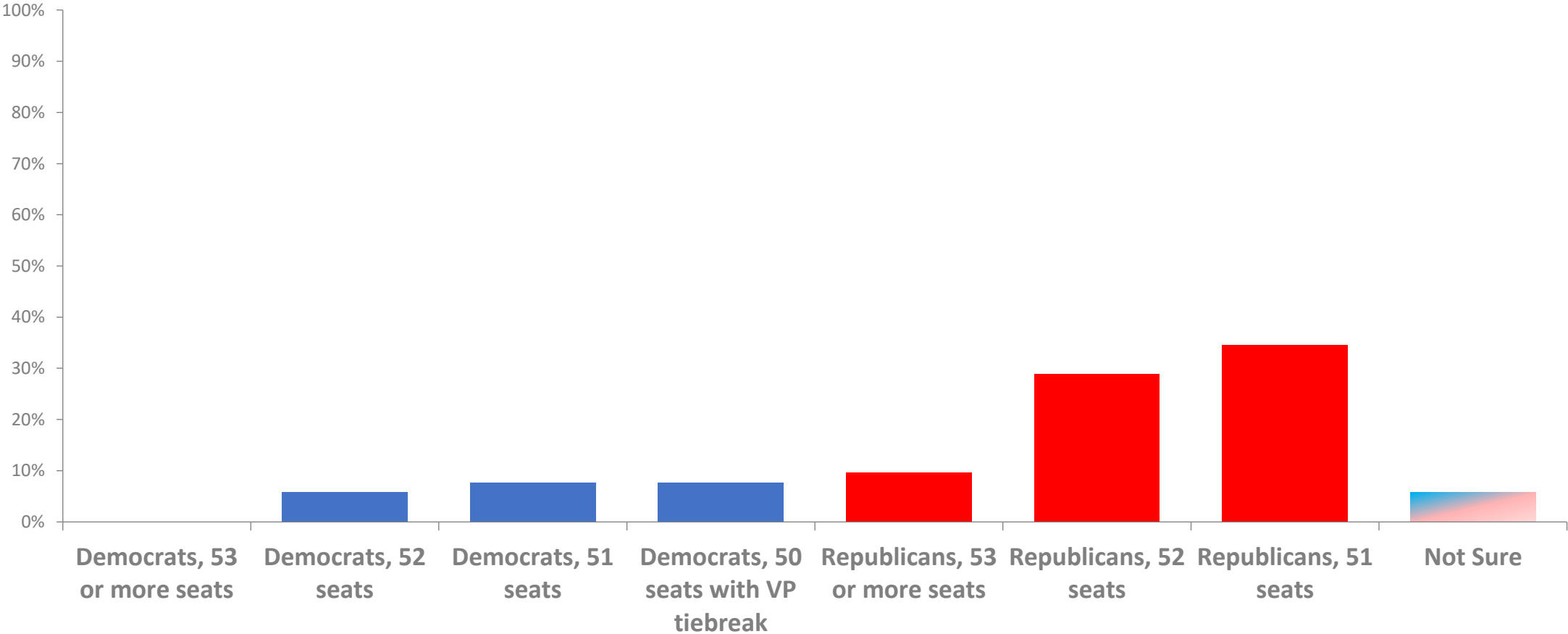
House---Independents Predict Republicans Will Take the Majority: Dems 31%, Reps 49%, Unsure 20%



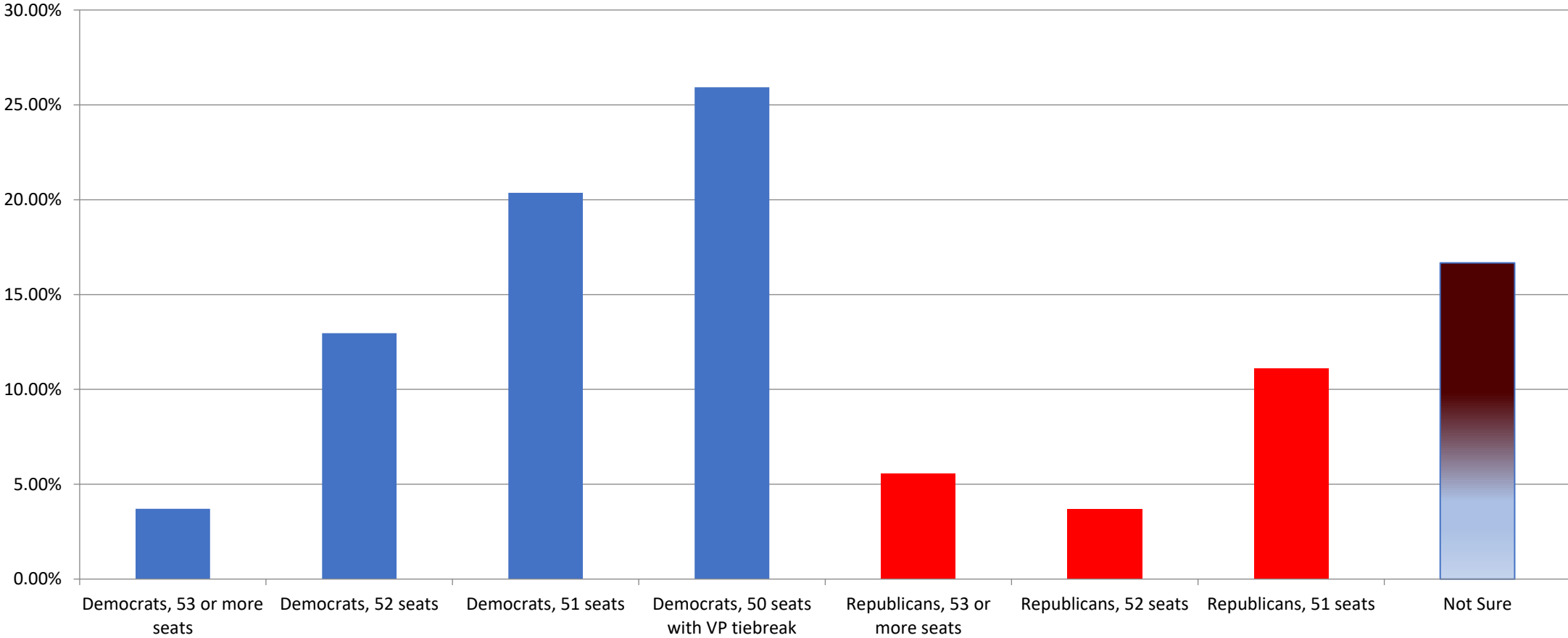
Senate---Democrats Predict Their Party Will Keep the Majority: Dems 80%, Reps 2 %, Unsure 18%



Senate: **Republicans** Predict Their Party Will Take the Majority: **Dems 22%, Reps 72 %, Unsure 6%**



Senate: Independents Predict Democrats Will Keep the Majority: Dems 62%, Reps 21%, Unsure 17%



Key Senate Races--GEORGIA:

Raphael Warnock vs. Herschel Walker

Respondents	Warnock	Walker	Unsure
All	71%	20%	9%
Democrats	90%	5%	5%
Republicans	29%	58%	13%
Independents	70%	15%	15%

Key Senate Races--PENNSYLVANIA:

John Fetterman vs. Mehmet Oz

Respondents	Fetterman	Oz	Unsure
All	67%	20%	12%
Democrats	93%	3%	4%
Republicans	21%	63%	15%
Independents	58%	16%	26%

Key Senate Races--ARIZONA: Mark Kelly vs. Blake Masters

Respondents	Kelly	Masters	Unsure
All	65%	18%	17%
Democrats	81%	5%	14%
Republicans	27%	52%	11%
Independents	68%	13%	19%

Key Senate Races—NEW HAMPSHIRE: Maggie Hassan vs. Don Bolduc

Respondents	Hassan	Bolduc	Unsure
All	64%	17%	19%
Democrats	43%	36%	21%
Republicans	29%	42%	15%
Independents	67%	15%	19%

Key Senate Races--OHIO:

Tim Ryan vs. J. D. Vance

Respondents	Ryan	Vance	Unsure
All	50%	31%	19%
Democrats	67%	13%	20%
Republicans	14%	71%	15%
Independents	53%	29%	18%

Key Senate Races--WISCONSIN: Mandela Barnes vs. Ron Johnson

Respondents	Barnes	Johnson	Unsure
All	26%	52%	22%
Democrats	43%	36%	21%
Republicans	2%	85%	13%
Independents	15%	54%	31%

Key Senate Races--FLORIDA: Val Demings vs. Marco Rubio

Respondents	Demings	Rubio	Unsure
All	18%	72%	10%
Democrats	25%	61%	14%
Republicans	0%	98%	2%
Independents	20%	73%	7%

Key Governor Races--GEORGIA: Stacey Abrams vs. Brian Kemp

Respondents	Abrams	Kemp	Unsure
All	26%	62%	12%
Democrats	36%	49%	15%
Republicans	8%	92%	0%
Independents	25%	58%	19%

Key Governor Races--TEXAS:

Beto O'Rourke vs. Greg Abbott

Respondents	O'Rourke	Abbott	Unsure
All	15%	73%	12%
Democrats	19%	66%	15%
Republicans	8%	88%	4%
Independents	15%	72%	13%

Key Governor Races—NEW YORK: Kathy Hochul vs. Lee Zeldin

Respondents	Hochul	Zeldin	Unsure
All	86%	7%	7%
Democrats	97%	0%	3%
Republicans	67%	21%	12%
Independents	82%	7%	11%

Election Issues: Democrats and Republicans Have Polar Opposite Top Priorities

Importance: 1 – Low, 5 = High

Election Issue	Democrats	Republicans	Spread
Abortion	4.5	2.5	2.0
Climate Change	4.5	2.5	2.0
Gun Control	4.3	2.3	2.0
Voting Rights/Integrity	4.7	3.3	1.4
Referendum on Trump	3.6	2.5	1.1
Supreme Court Nominees	4.5	3.6	0.9
Education	4.0	3.8	0.3
Foreign Policy	4.3	4.1	0.2
Student Debt Cancellation	2.3	2.2	0.1
Referendum on Biden	2.4	3.6	-1.1
Recession Risk	2.6	3.9	-1.3
Border Security/Immigration	2.8	4.4	-1.6
Crime	2.7	4.3	-1.7
Inflation	2.6	4.4	-1.7

Election Issues: Other Voters Tend to Favor Republican Priorities

Issues That Matter to Other Boters	Importance
Inflation	4.1
Abortion	4.0
Crime	3.8
Border Security/Immigration	3.7
Recession Risk	3.6
Referendum on Trump's Prospects	3.3
Referendum on Biden's Performance	3.3
Supreme Court Nominees	3.3
Voting Rights/Integrity	3.2
Gun Control	3.1
Education	3.0
Climate Change	3.0
Foreign Policy	2.7
Student Debt Cancellation	2.6

Response
across all
Respondents

Importance:
1= Low, 5 = Hi

What Does This Data Tell Us?

- **Our Class Reflects the Deep Political Divisions in the USA**
 - Democrats and Republicans have polar opposite priorities
 - Most Independents prefer Democrat Priorities
- **Confirmation Bias Reigns Supreme...across all party lines**
 - Our desires heavily influence our predictions
- **Thus, our Predictions Are All Over the Map**
 - House : Republicans think they will win, Independents Agree
 - Senate: Democrats think they will win, Independents Agree
 - 7 Key Senate Races: bipartisan agreement on only one outcome
 - 3 Key Governor Races: unanimous that all incumbents win
- **On Nov 8, Some Will Be Pleased, Others will be Surprised and Disappointed**

THANK YOU !!

- **Presentation will be available on Yale1965.org website in a few days**
- **Complete data dump available for anyone who wants to dig deeper**