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Results from a Statewide Survey of 600 Likely Voters in Pennsylvania

February 26-March 4, 2007

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Survey Methodology

Lake Research Partners designed and administered this survey, which was conducted by phone using professional interviewers. The survey reached 600 likely voters in Pennsylvania.

This poll was conducted from February 26-March 4, 2007. Telephone numbers for the sample were drawn randomly from a statewide voter file. The data were weighted by gender, region, party registration, age, and education. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 4.0%.

Demographics of Survey

- ✓ *Party registration: 44% Republican, 47% Democratic, 9% independent*
- ✓ *Education: 37% college graduates, 26% some college, 36% high school or less*
- ✓ *Gun ownership: 38% gun owners*
- ✓ *Region: 22% urban, 46% suburban, 30% rural*
- ✓ *Race: 83% white, 11% African American, 6% other/refused*



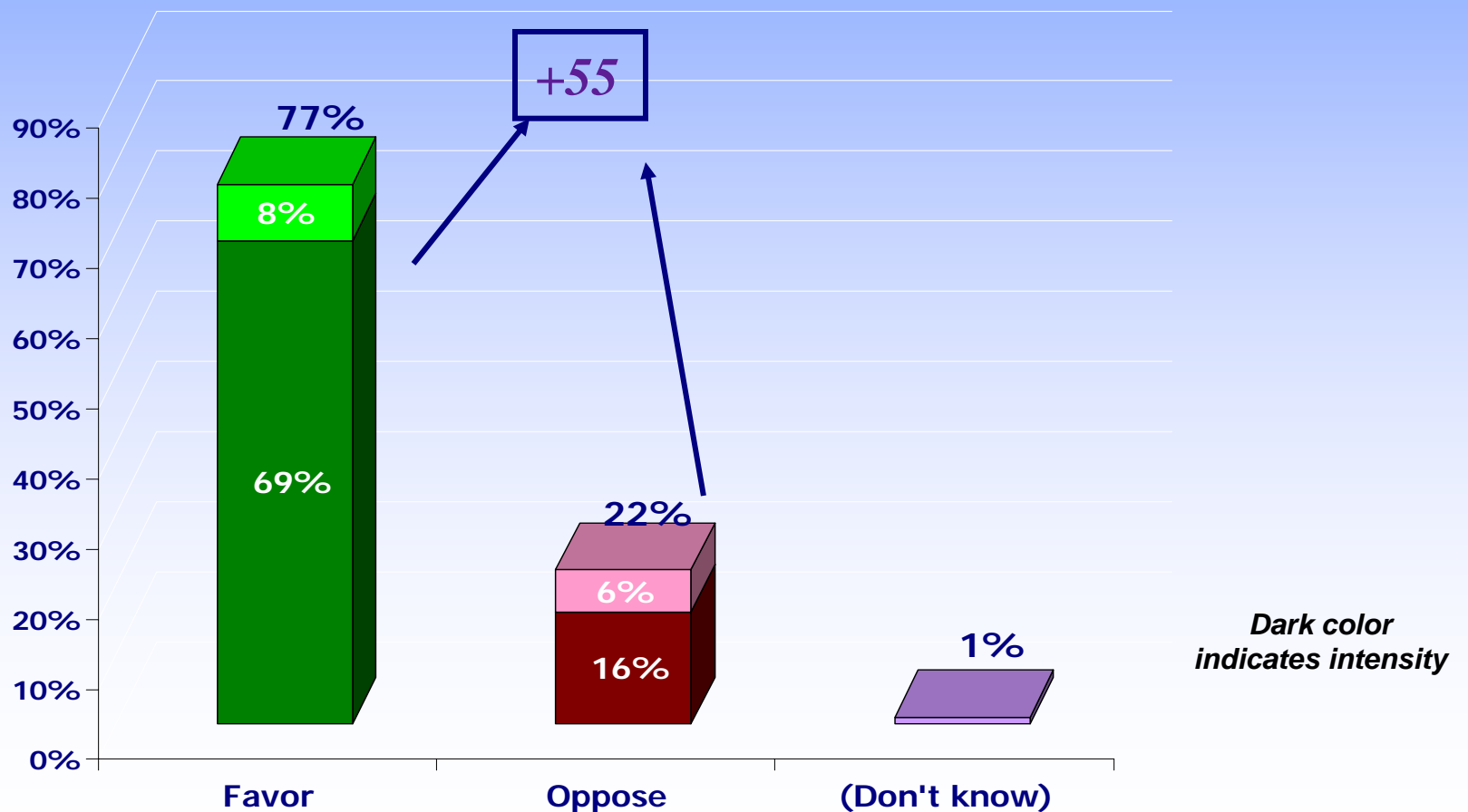
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GUN CONTROL MEASURES

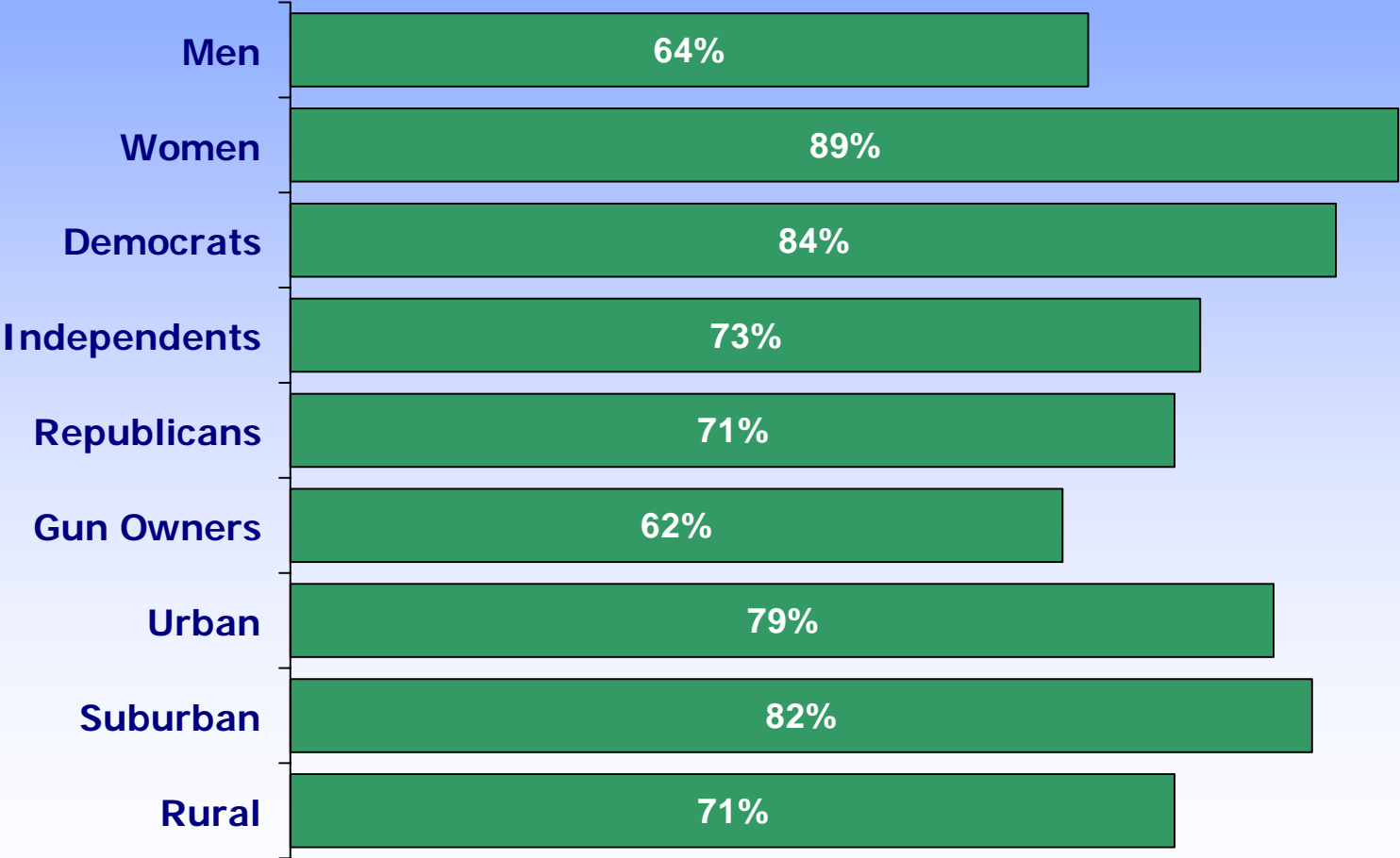
A large majority of Pennsylvania voters support a statewide ban on assault weapons.

Do you favor or oppose banning the future sale or ownership of military style assault weapons like AK-47s in the state of Pennsylvania. Those who already own such weapons would have to pass a background check and register the weapon to keep it.



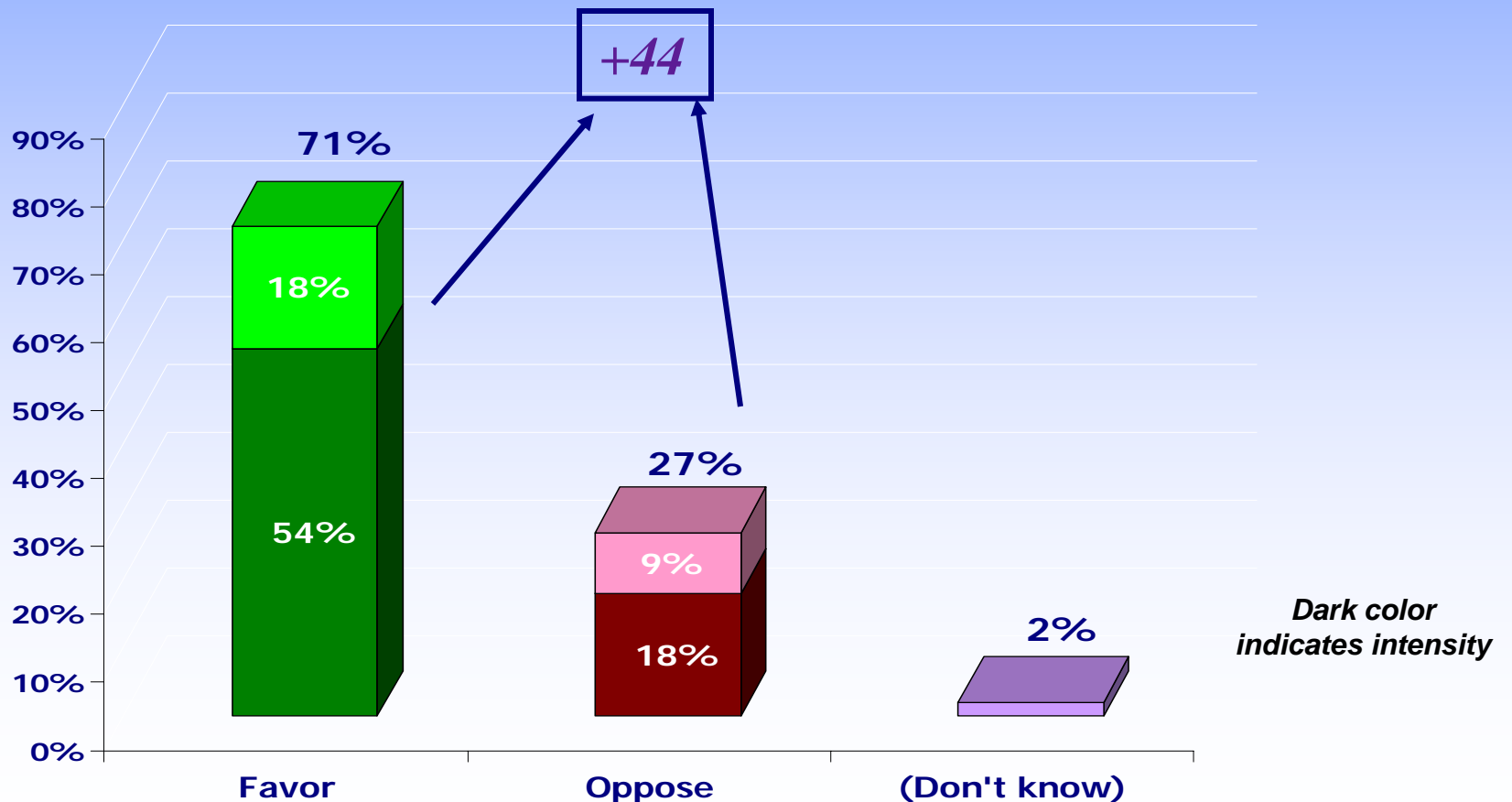
Most groups are supportive by wide margins, but traditionally pro-gun groups like men and gun owners are also now in favor.

DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN: (% FAVOR)



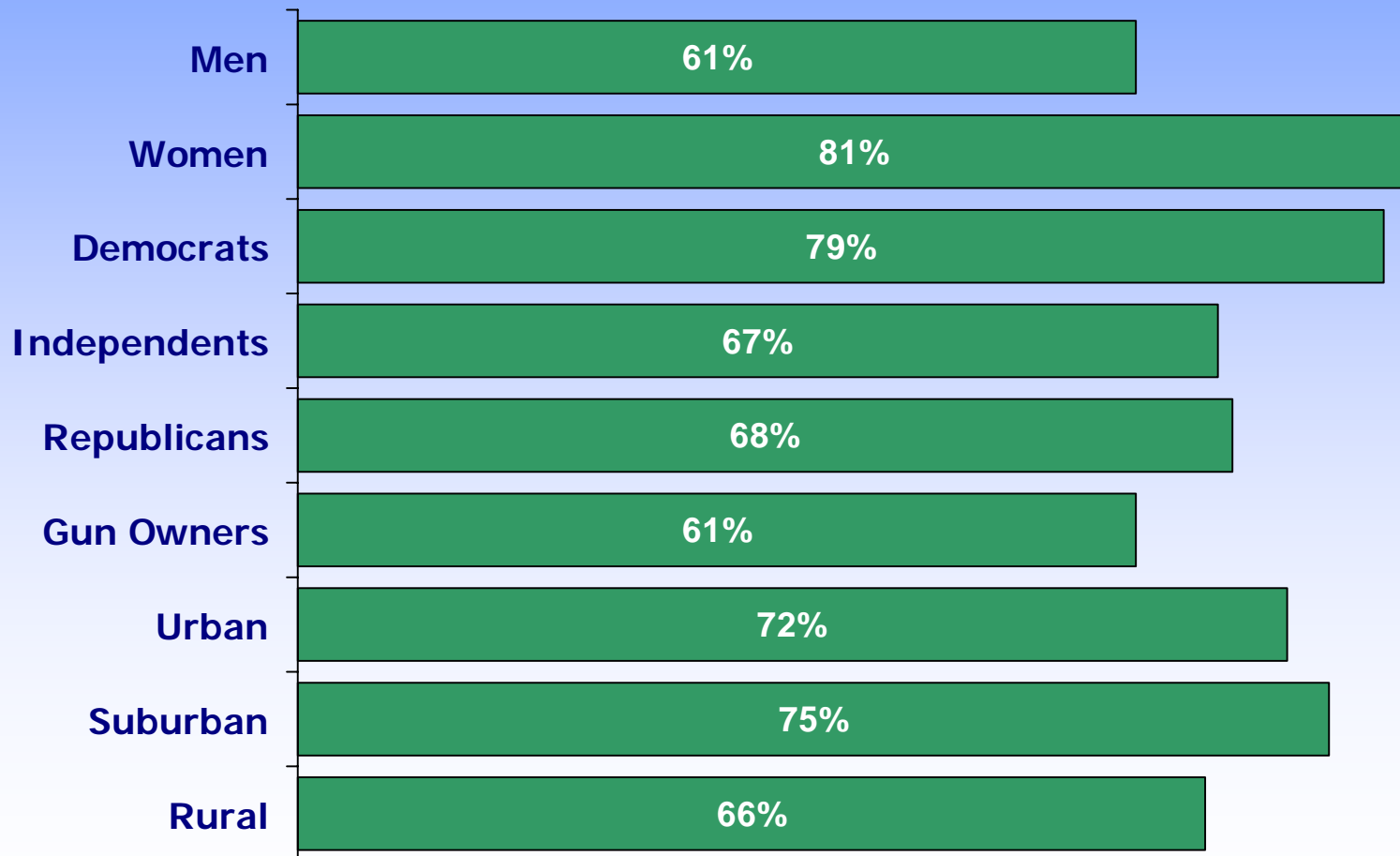
More than two-thirds support a statewide limit of one handgun per month.

Now, I am going to read you some proposals being considered by the Pennsylvania State Legislature to address crime and safety issues. Please tell me whether you would favor or oppose each one. Create a statewide limit on the purchasing of handguns to no more than one handgun in any thirty day period. Licensed gun dealers, antique collectors, and law enforcement would be exempt. This limit would not apply to hunting weapons.



Again, this proposal is very popular, and also supported by groups like men, Republicans, and gun owners.

DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN ON ONE HANDGUN PER MONTH: (% FAVOR)





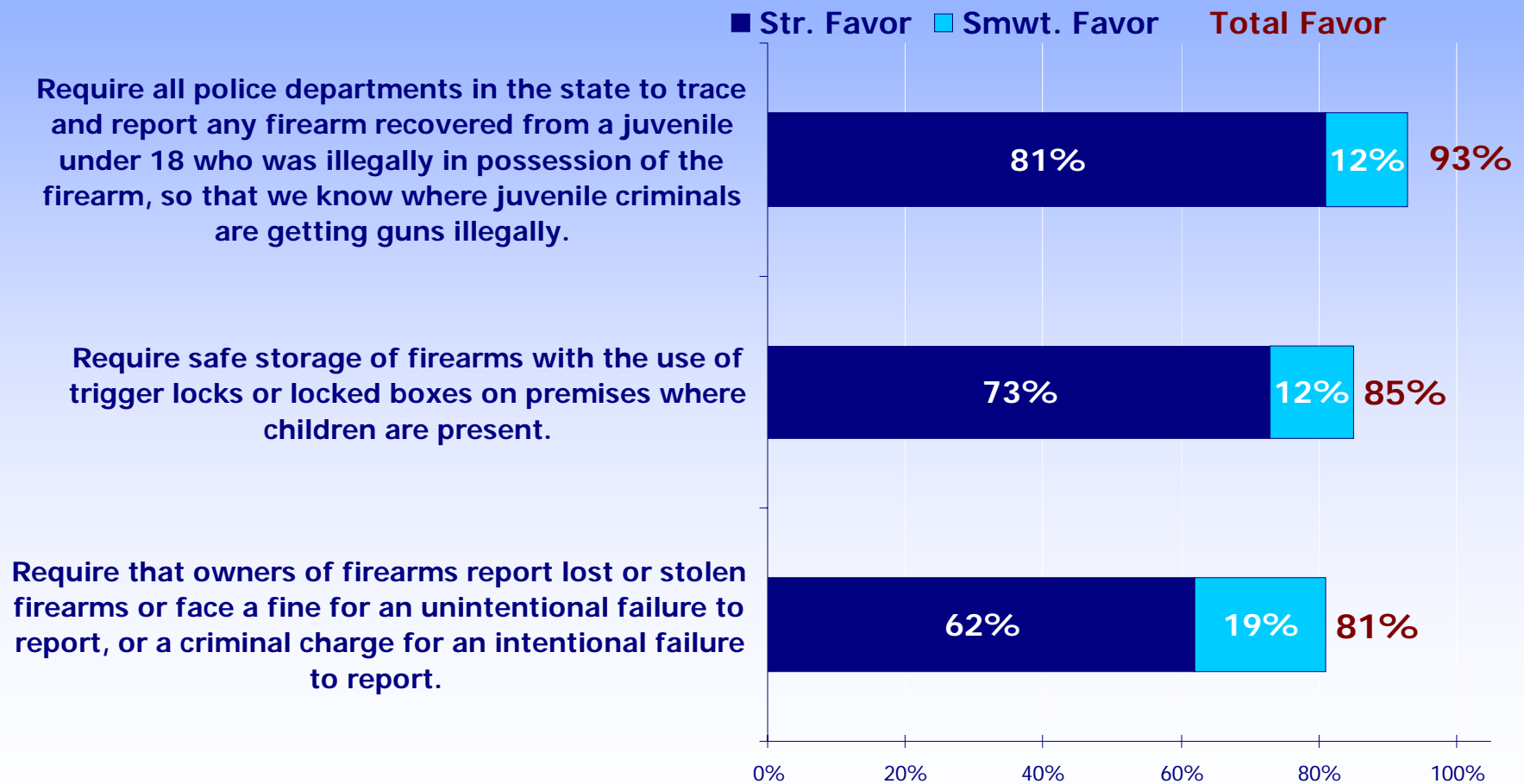
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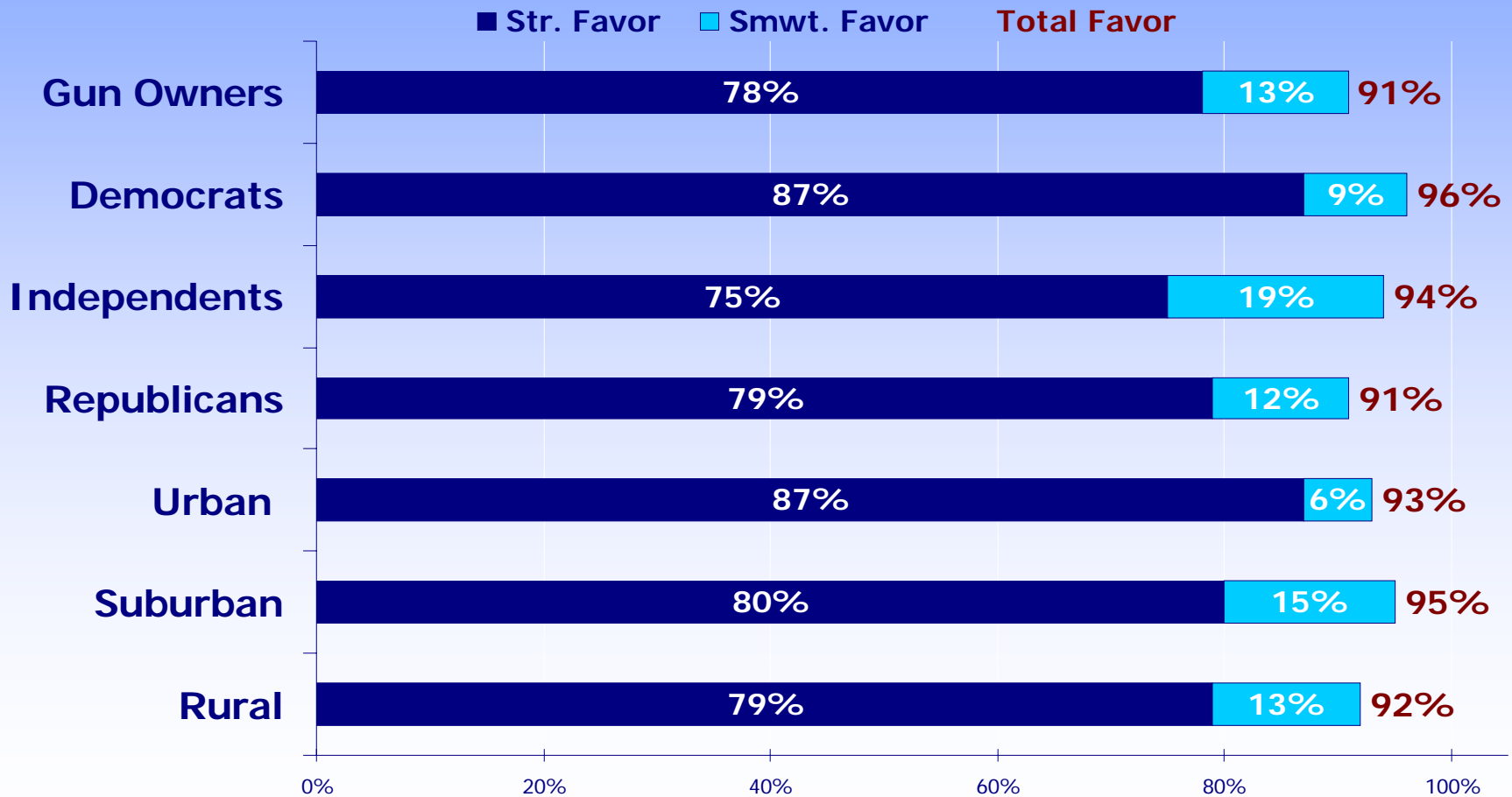
Voters strongly favor gun safety measures such as tracing guns from juvenile crimes, requiring trigger locks, and the reporting of lost or stolen weapons.

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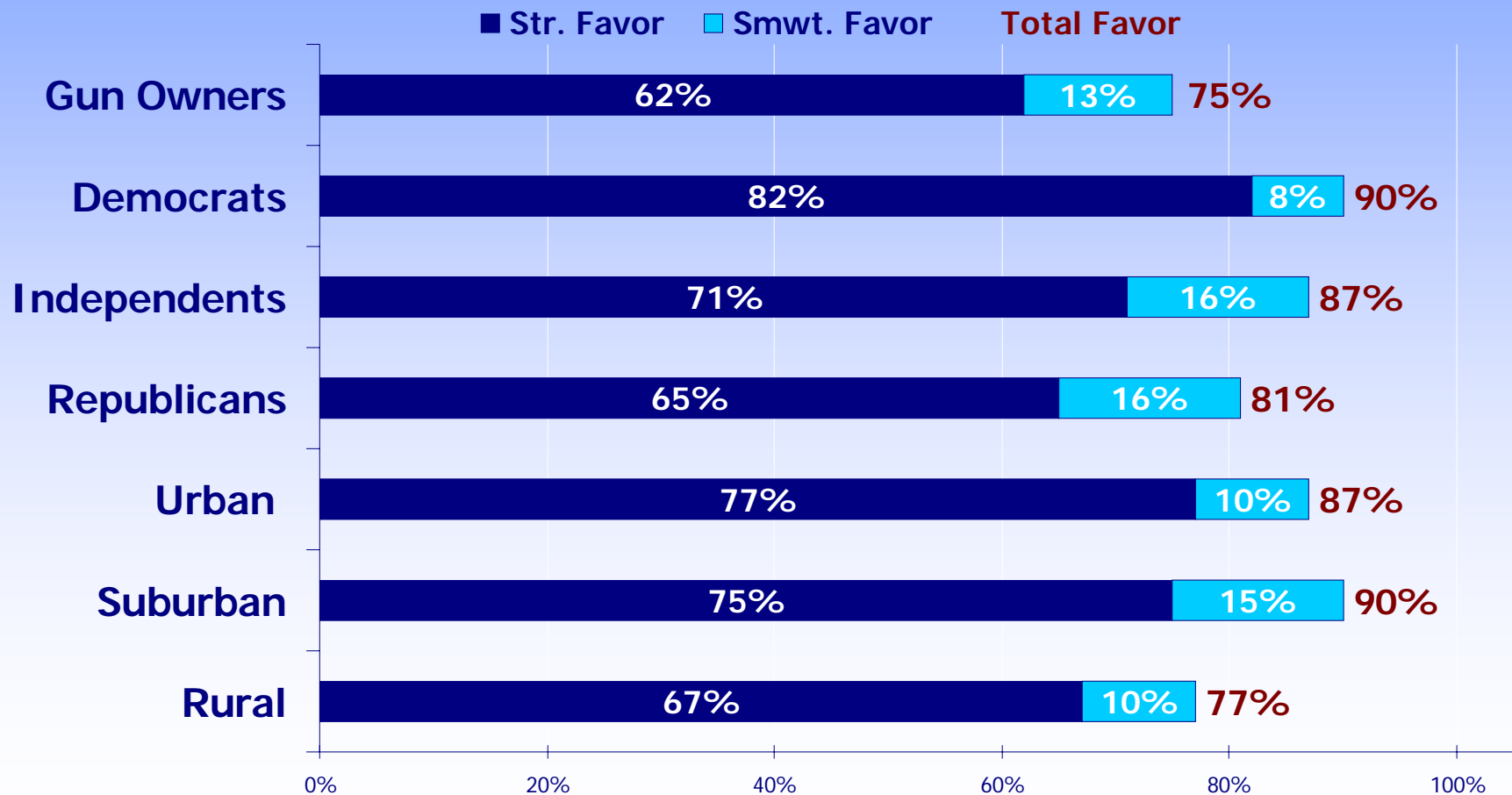
With near unanimity, voters across demographic groups favor tracing guns used in juvenile crimes.

Require all police departments in the state to trace and report any firearm recovered from a juvenile under 18 who was illegally in possession of the firearm, so that we know where juvenile criminals are getting guns illegally.



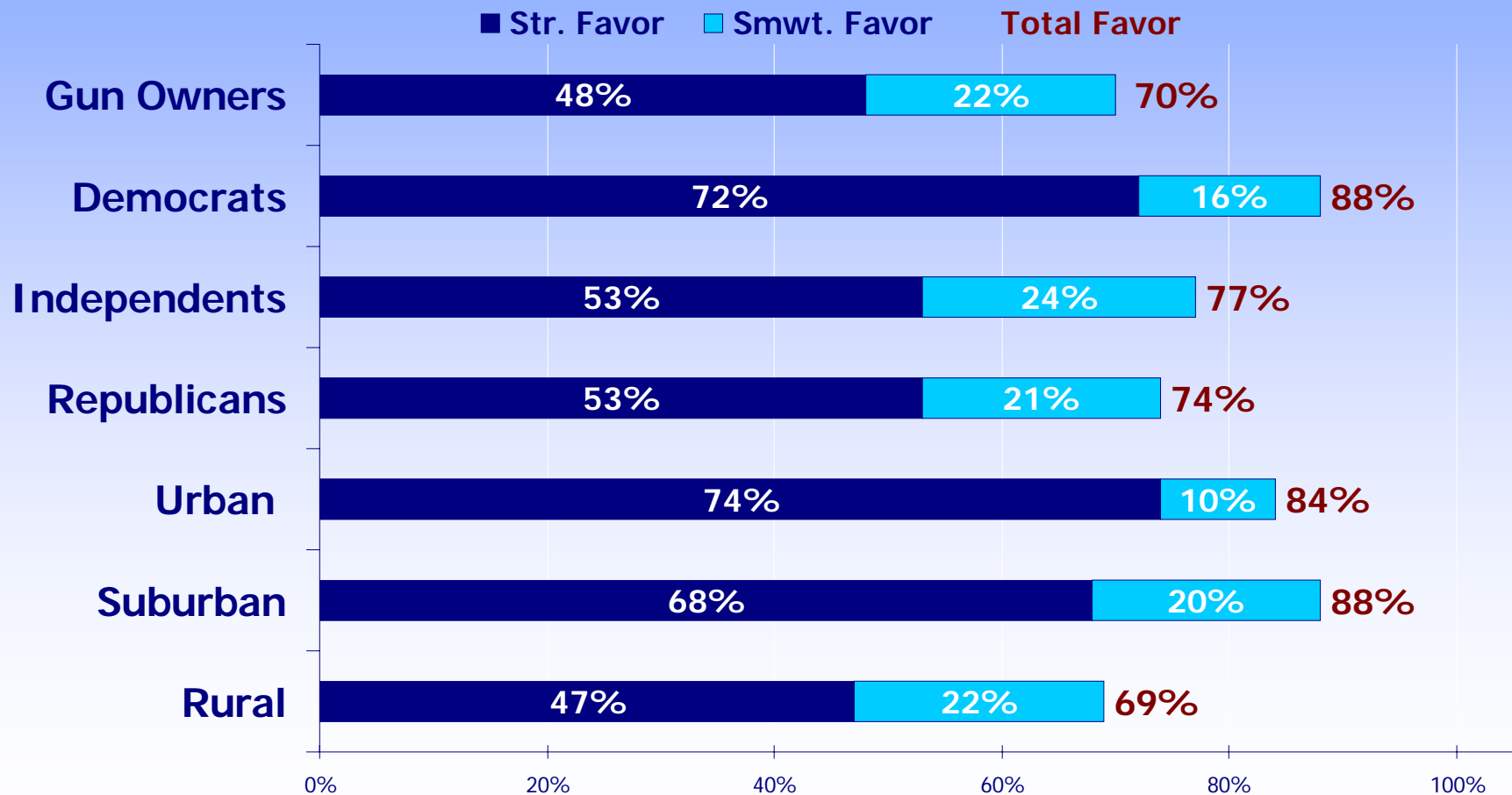
Most groups favor requiring trigger locks or lock boxes where children are present by nearly 90%. Even groups such as gun owners, Republicans, and rural voters support this by over three-fourths.

Require safe storage of firearms with the use of trigger locks or locked boxes on premises where children are present.



Penalizing those who fail to report lost or stolen guns receives widespread and bipartisan support.

Require that owners of firearms report lost or stolen firearms or face a fine for an unintentional failure to report, or a criminal charge for an intentional failure to report.





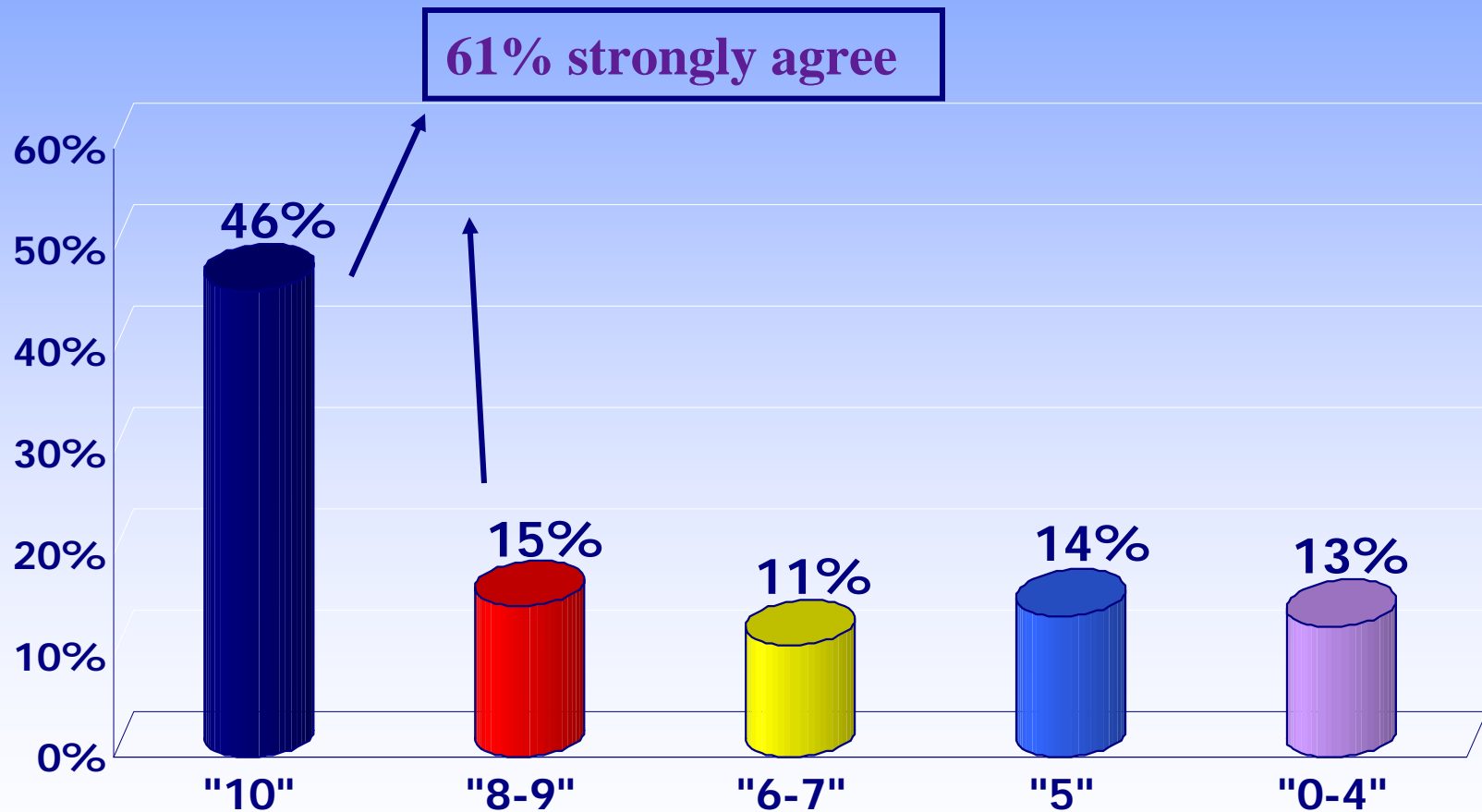
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VIEWS ON GUNS AND CRIME

Voters want statewide action to reduce crime and gun violence in the state's large cities.

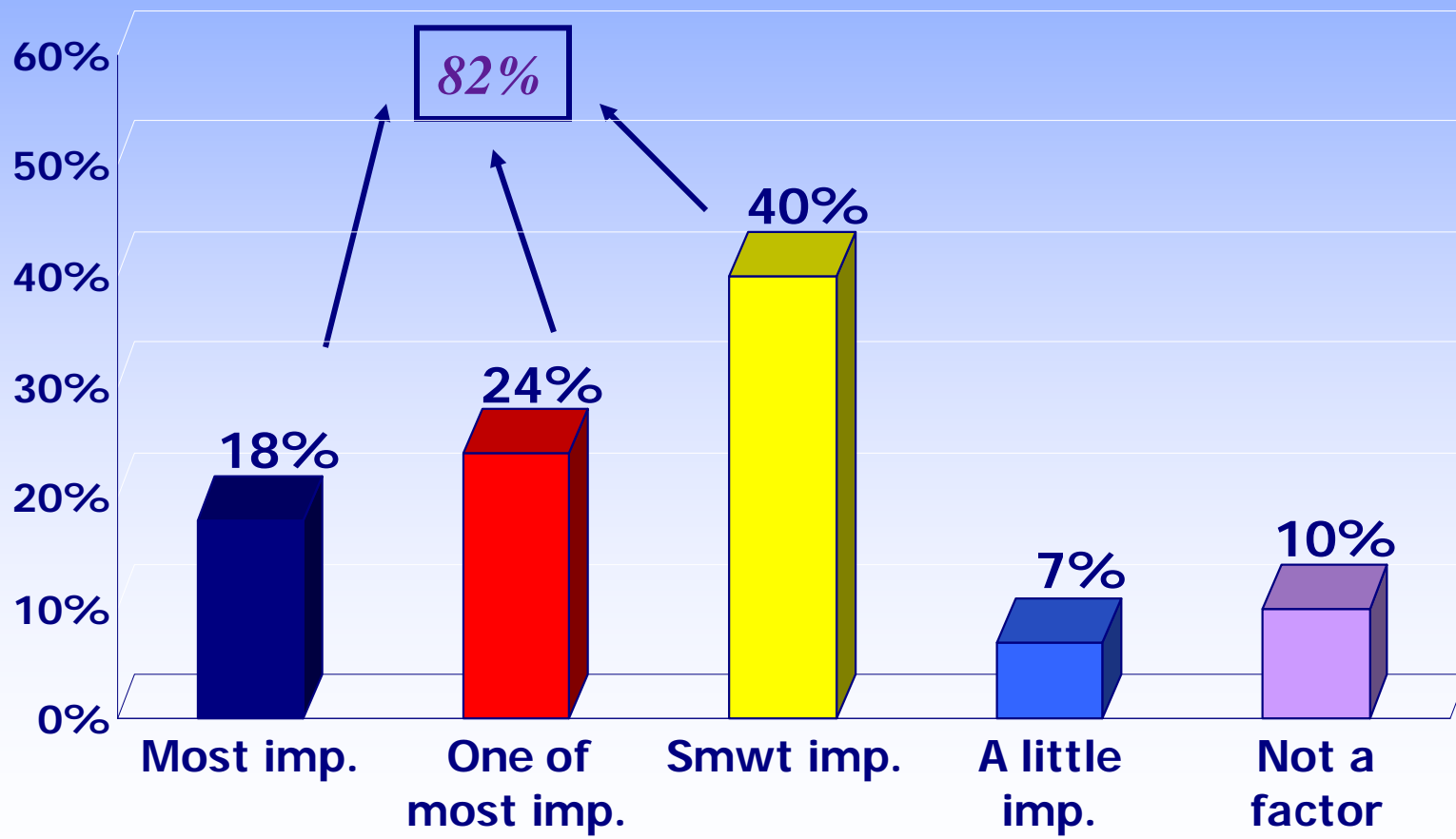
“If we really want to reduce crime and gun violence in Pennsylvania’s large cities, the whole state has to work together.”



0-10 Scale (10= “totally agree” 0=“totally disagree”

Crime is not perceived as an isolated issue, but as an important piece of the state's health and welfare.

Thinking about ways to improve the overall health and well-being of Pennsylvania, how important do you think it is to address the problems of crime and gun violence -- the most important factor, one of the most important factors, somewhat important, a little important, or not really a factor?



The argument that gun control is just a scheme to take away the rights of gun owners does not work in Pennsylvania.

Thinking about the issues we have been discussing, which comes closest to your view

STATEMENT A: Cracking down on illegal guns, gun runners, and violent criminals who use stolen guns in their crimes is good for everyone in the state, including law-abiding gun owners.

STATEMENT B: Any time a politician talks about cracking down on guns, their end goal is to take away the rights of gun owners.

