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Voters Strongly Oppose Congressional Action Against Clean Air Standards

Methodology

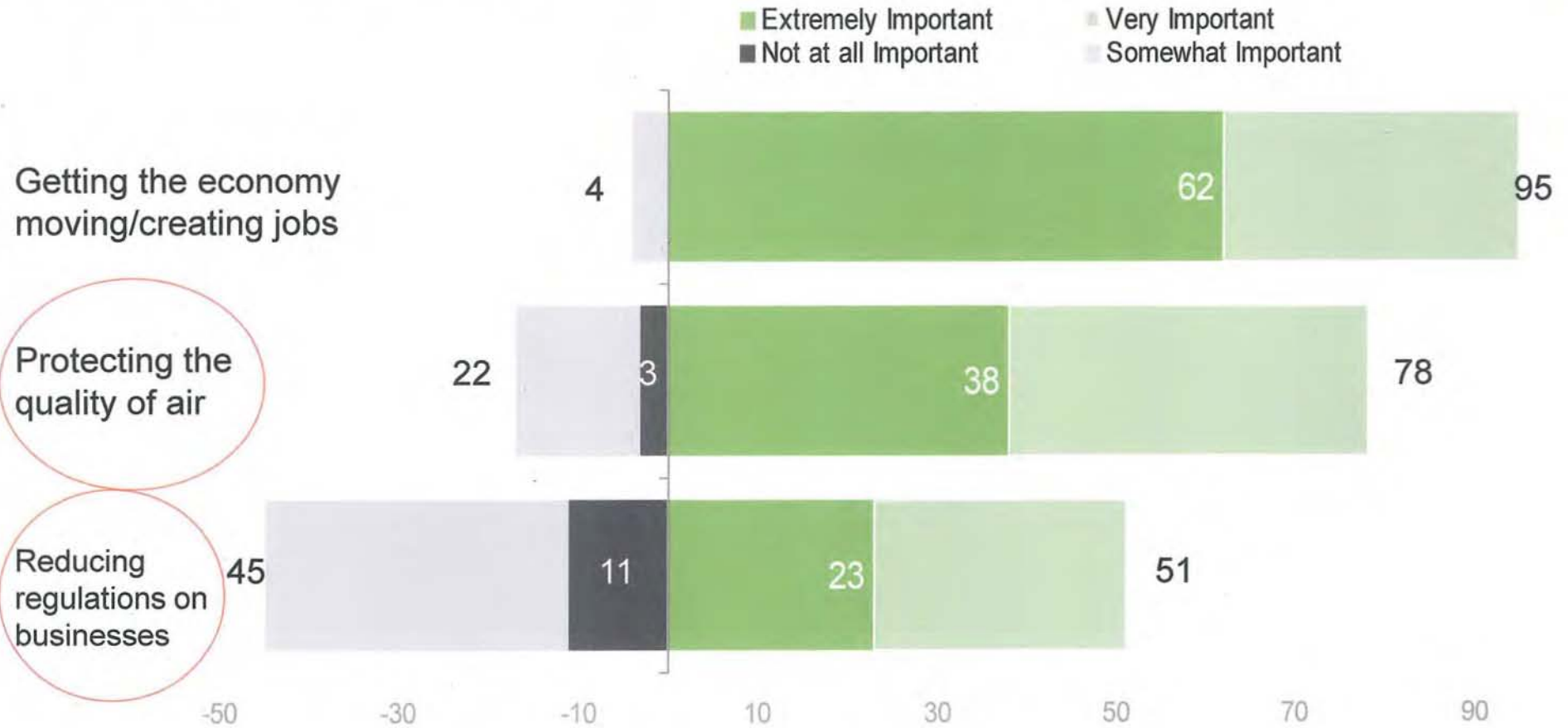
- National Survey of 1021 likely voters reached by both landline and cell phone between February 7 and 14, 2011.
- The margin of error for the full sample is 3.1 percent. Margin of error for half-sample is 4.4 percent.

Key Findings

- **Voters overwhelmingly support the EPA updating Clean Air Act standards.**
- **Voters overwhelmingly oppose Congressional action that impedes EPA from updating clean air standards.**
- **Voters trust EPA more than Congress to set clean air standards.**

Importance of Issues: Jobs Foremost but Protecting Air Quality More Important than Reducing Regulations

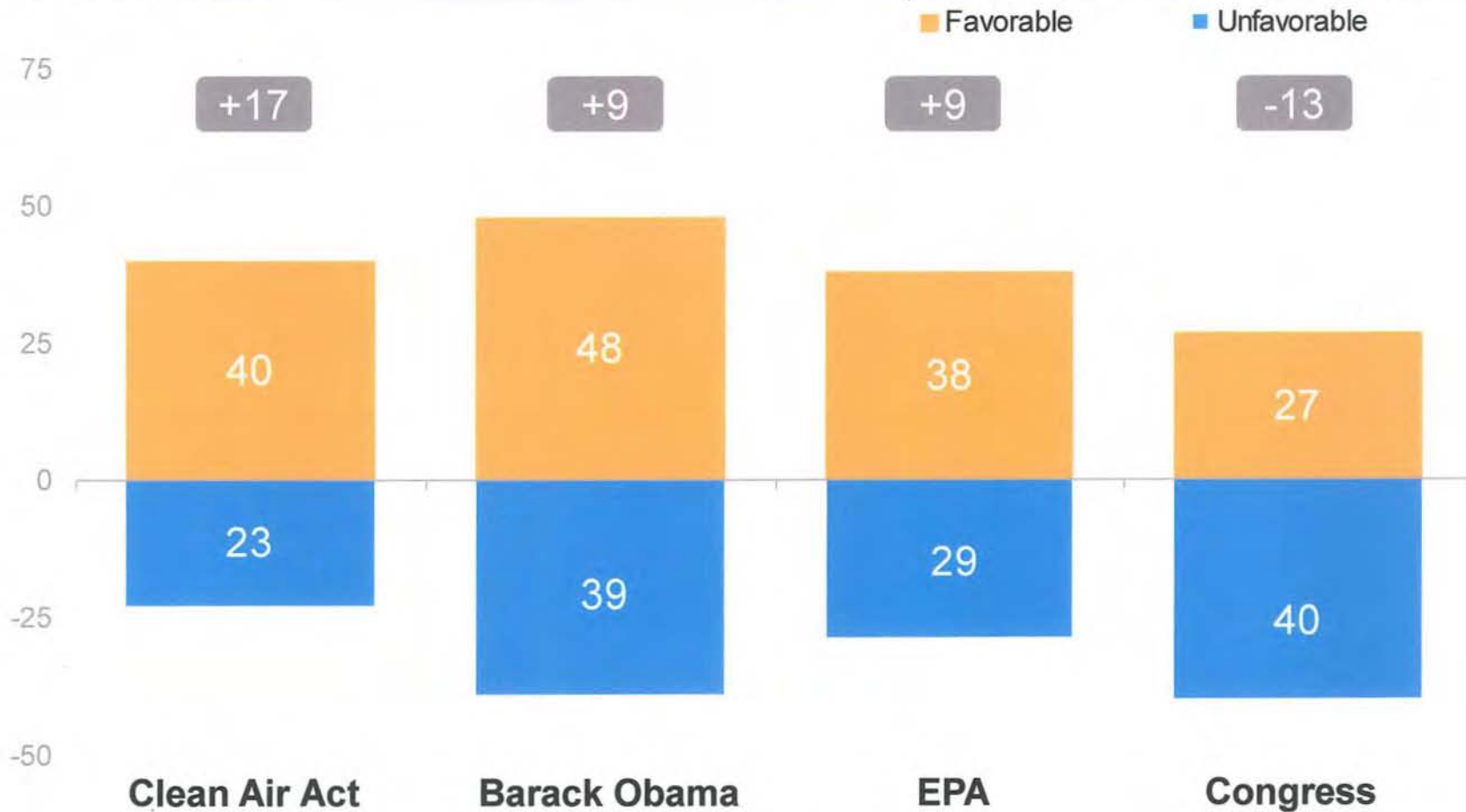
Now I'm going to read you a list of issues facing the country. For each one, please tell me how important you find that issue to be. Is it EXTREMELY important, VERY important, just SOMEWHAT important, or NOT AT ALL important?



(See frequency questionnaire for full wording of each issue)

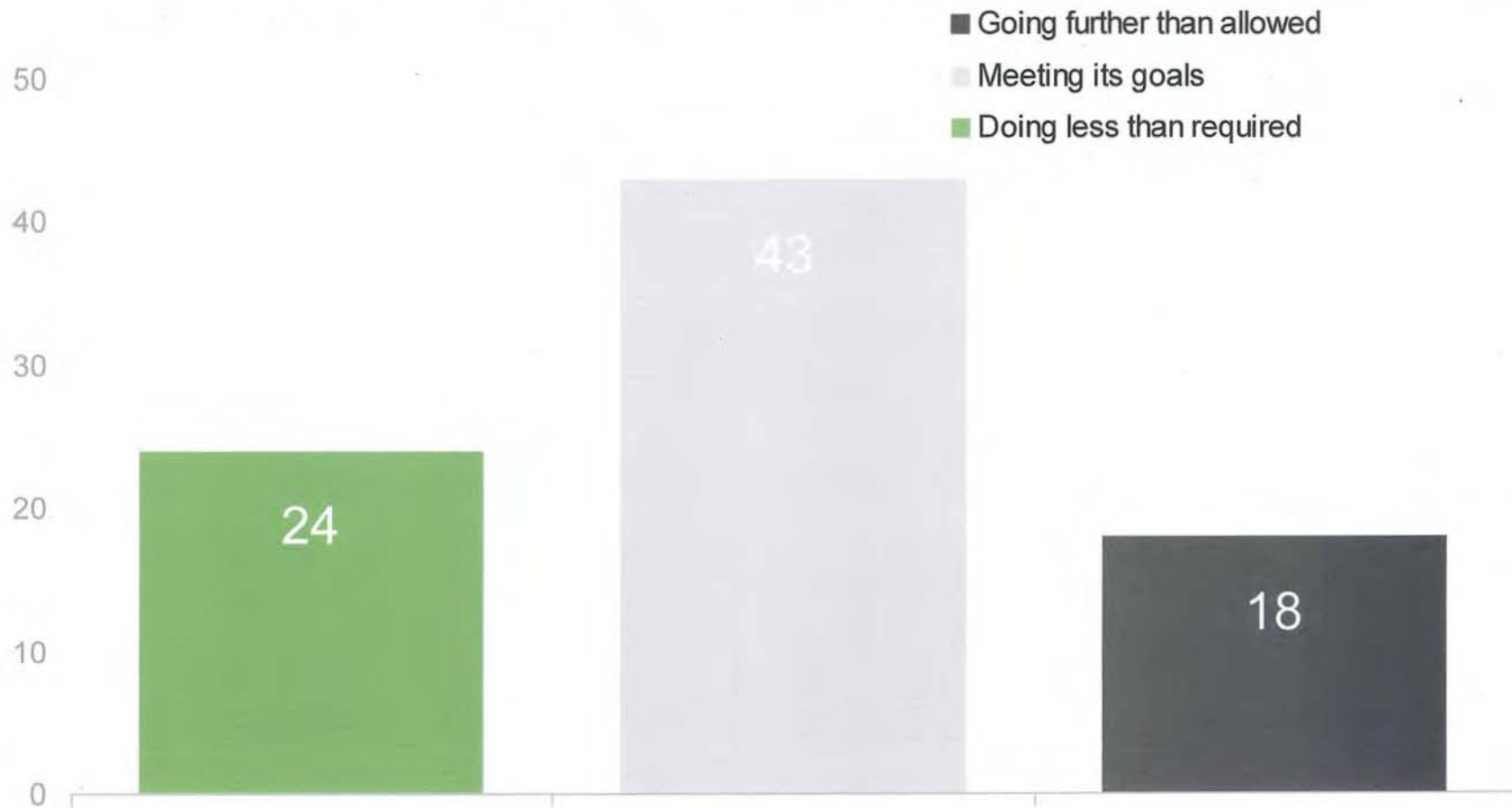
Congress Significantly Less Popular than EPA, Clean Air Act

Now, I'd like you to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold.



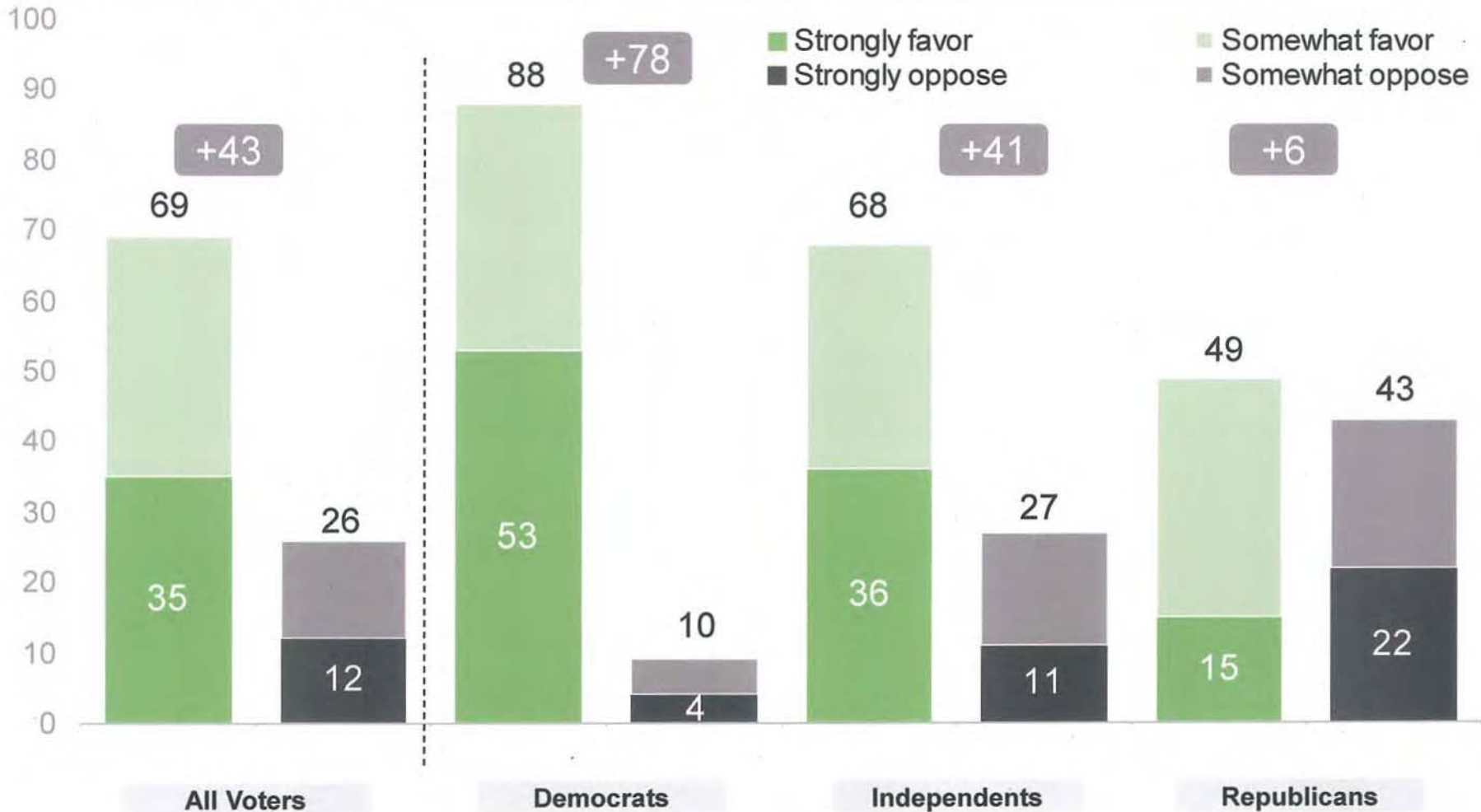
Few Think EPA Overstepping Legal Mandate

And do you think the EPA is doing less to ensure air quality than is required of it by law, going further to ensure air quality than is allowed by law, or is generally meeting its goals for air quality as required by law?



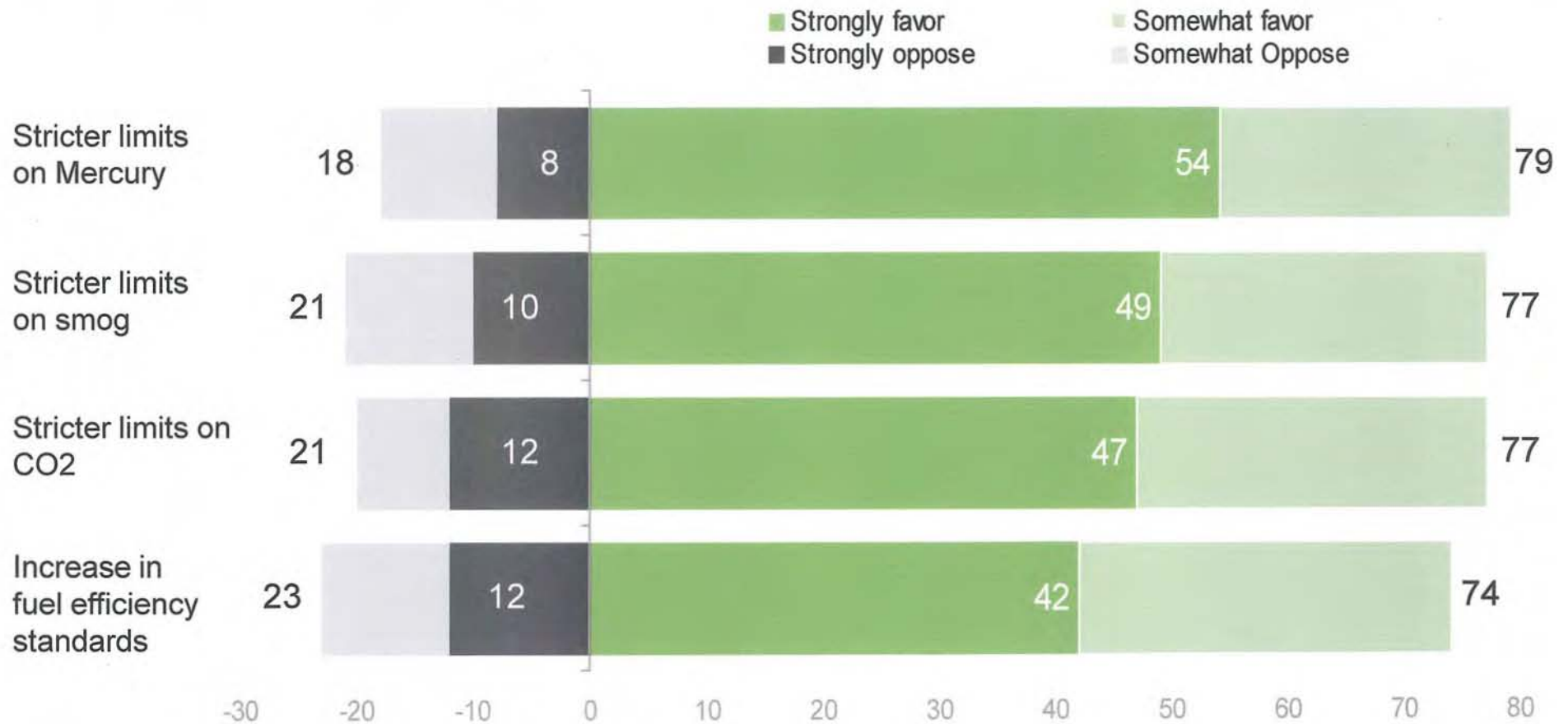
Strong Support for Stricter Limits on Air Pollution

Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, updating standards with stricter limits on air pollution?



About Three Quarters Support Various Updated Standards

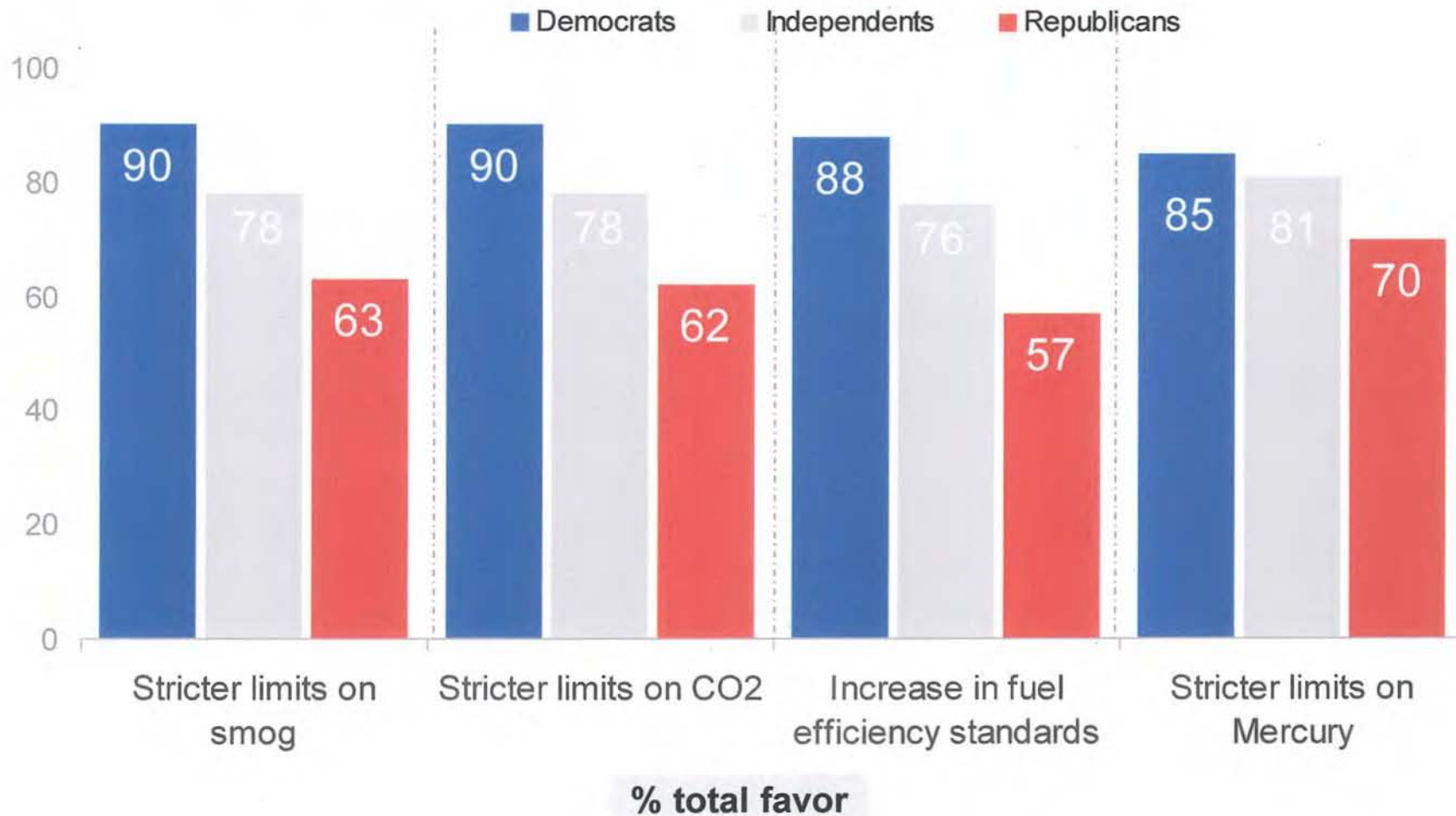
Now let me read you some specific air pollution standards the EPA is proposing. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose the EPA updating these standards.



(See frequency questionnaire for full wording of each proposed standard)

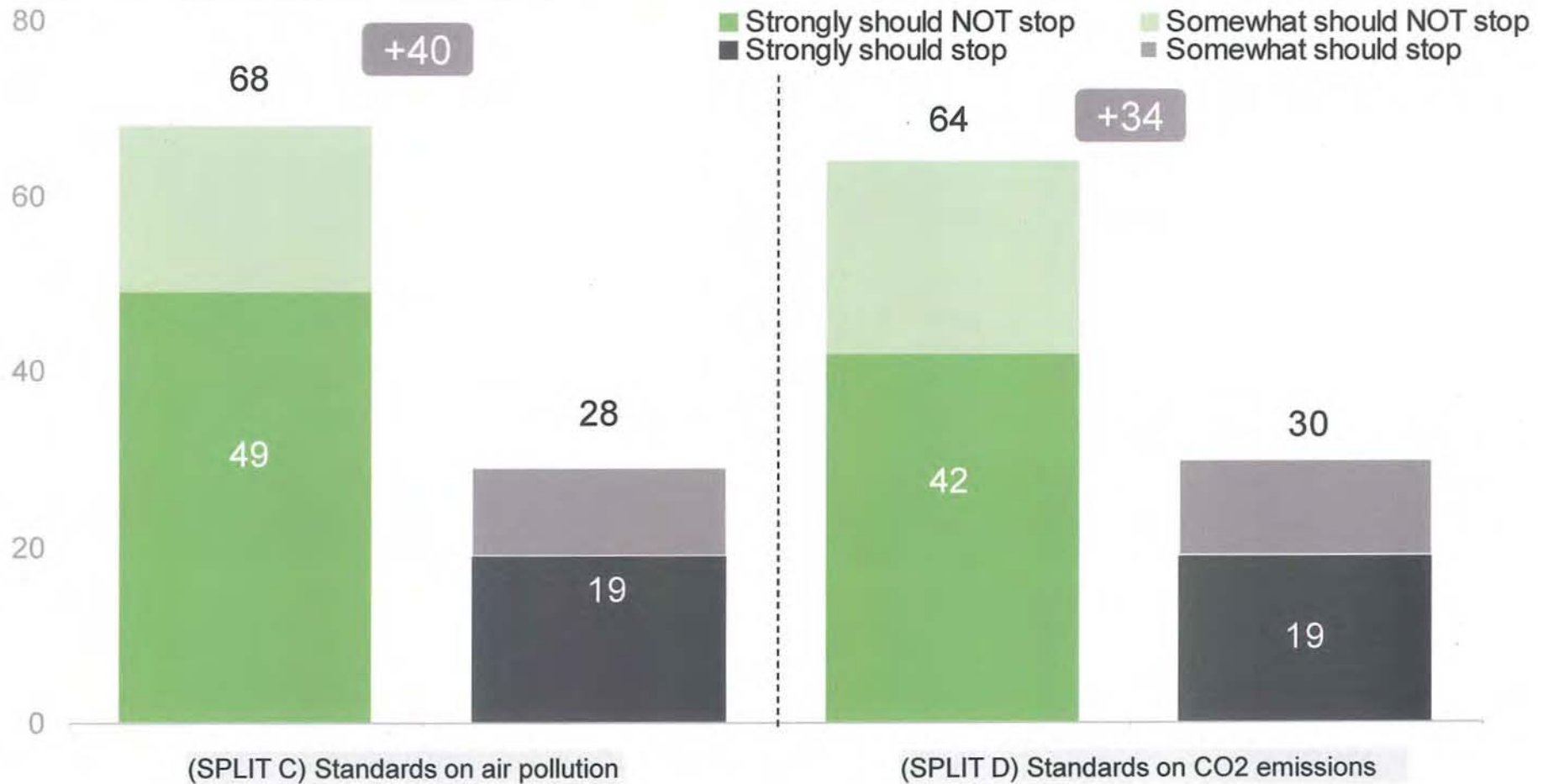
Voters Across Political Spectrum Support All Four Standards

Now let me read you some specific air pollution standards the EPA is proposing. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose the EPA updating these standards.



Strong Opposition to Congressional Action Against EPA – Including Specifically on CO2

As you may know, some in Congress want to stop the EPA from updating (these/the) standards on (air pollution/carbon dioxide emissions). How about you, do you believe Congress should stop the EPA from updating these standards or not?



The Debate – All Four Standards

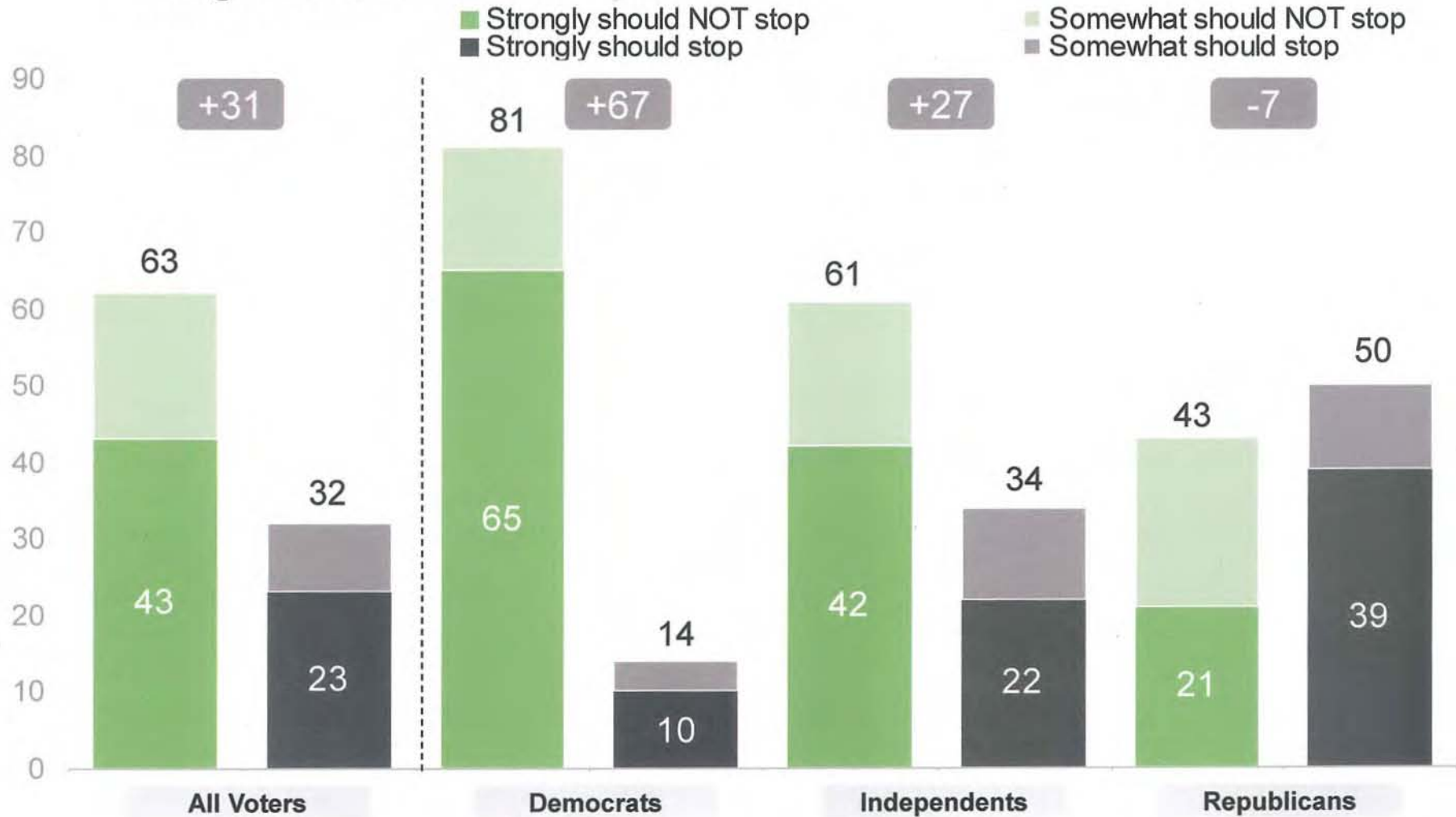
(SPLIT C) Now let me read you two arguments some people on both sides of the issue make.

Some people say: Scientists at the EPA are the most qualified people to decide how to protect the public from pollution, not politicians in Congress. These updated safeguards will prevent tens of thousands of deaths every year, significantly reduce sickness like asthma attacks or cancer, and encourage companies to invest in technologies that will make our air cleaner. Congress should hold all polluters accountable for their actions and let the EPA do its job, not let some polluters off the hook.

Other people say: Given the weak economy and lack of jobs, now is the worst time for the EPA to enact costly regulations that hurt jobs. This new red tape will cost American businesses hundreds of billion dollars, lead to higher gas and electricity prices for consumers and cause businesses to ship tens of thousands of American jobs to India and China. Congress should stop the EPA because we need to make government smaller, not create new government bureaucracy and regulation.

Now that you've heard more about this issue let me ask you again, do you believe Congress should stop the EPA from updating these standards or not?

The Debate – All Four Standards: Independents Strongly Oppose Congressional Action



The Debate – Carbon Dioxide

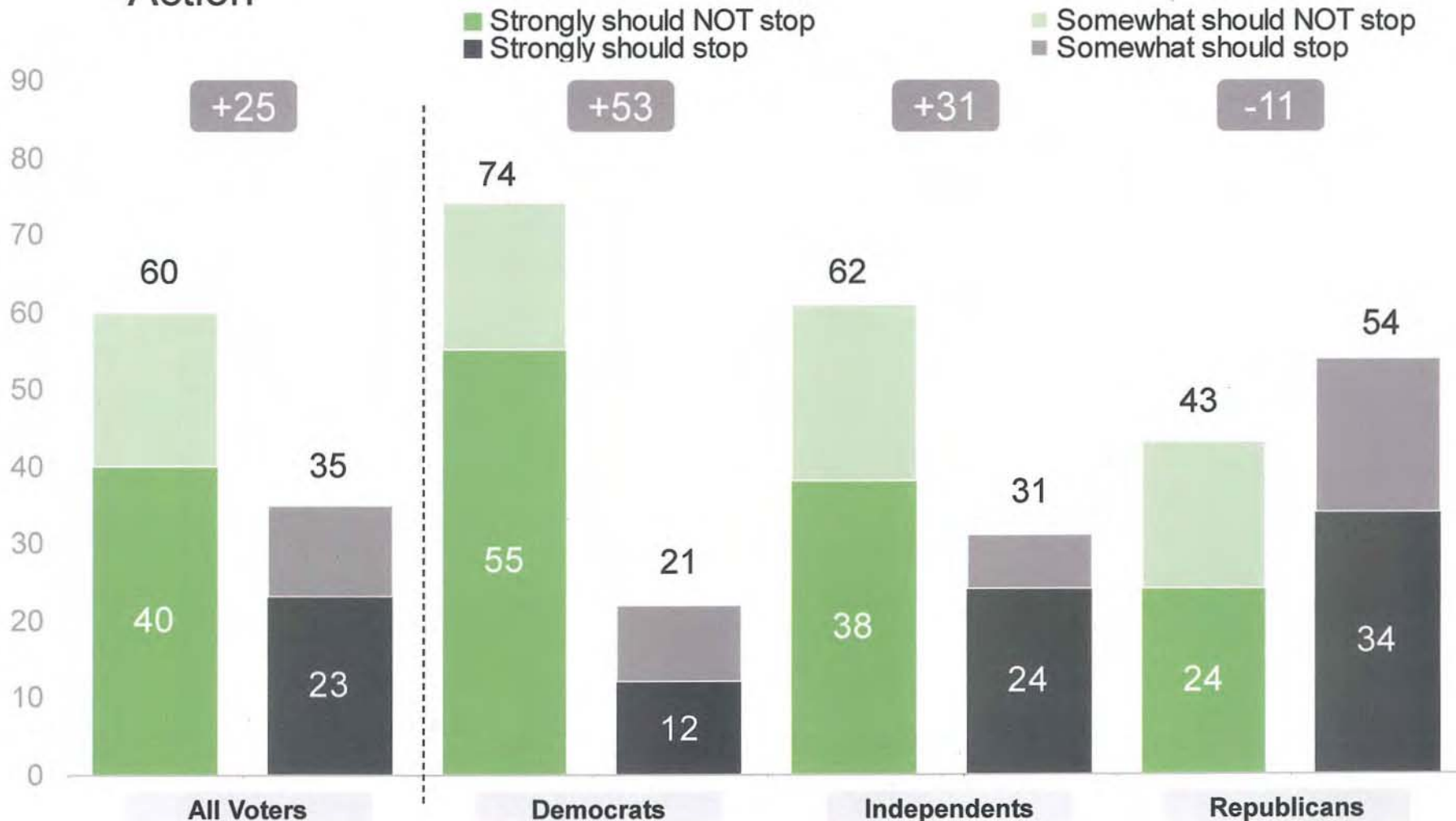
(SPLIT D) Now let me read you two arguments some people on both sides of the issue make.

Some people say: Scientists at the EPA are the most qualified people to decide how to protect the public from carbon pollution, not politicians in Congress. The EPA is taking a common sense approach, requiring polluters to do what is affordable to reduce emissions, something they've been doing for other forms of pollution for decades. Updating these standards will save lives and reduce asthma attacks. Congress should hold polluters accountable for their actions and let the EPA do its job, not let some polluters off the hook.

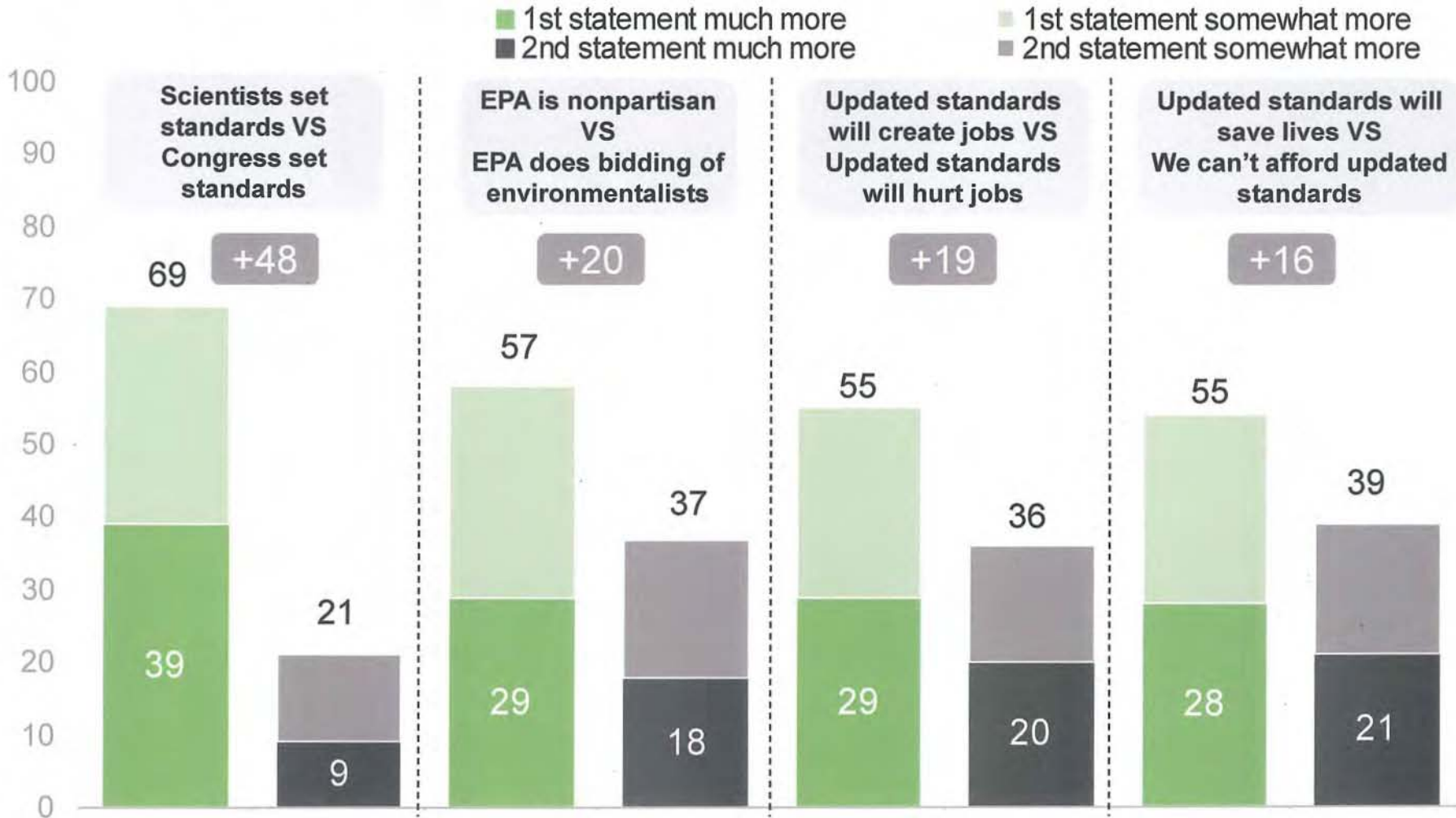
Other people say: The Obama administration is trying to impose a backdoor cap-and-trade energy tax through the EPA. Their plan would impose more burdensome regulations that will cost American businesses hundreds of billion dollars, lead to higher gas and electricity prices for consumers and cause businesses to ship tens of thousands of American jobs to India and China. Congress should stop the EPA because we need to make government smaller, not create new government bureaucracy and regulation.

Now that you've heard more about this issue let me ask you again, do you believe Congress should stop the EPA from updating these standards on carbon dioxide or not?

The Debate – CO2: Independents Strongly Oppose Congressional Action



Voters Support EPA on All Elements of Debate



(See frequency questionnaire for full wording of each statement)

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