

Public Opinion on Single-Payer, National Health Plans, and Expanding Access to Medicare Coverage

Poll findings KFF Health Tracking Polls

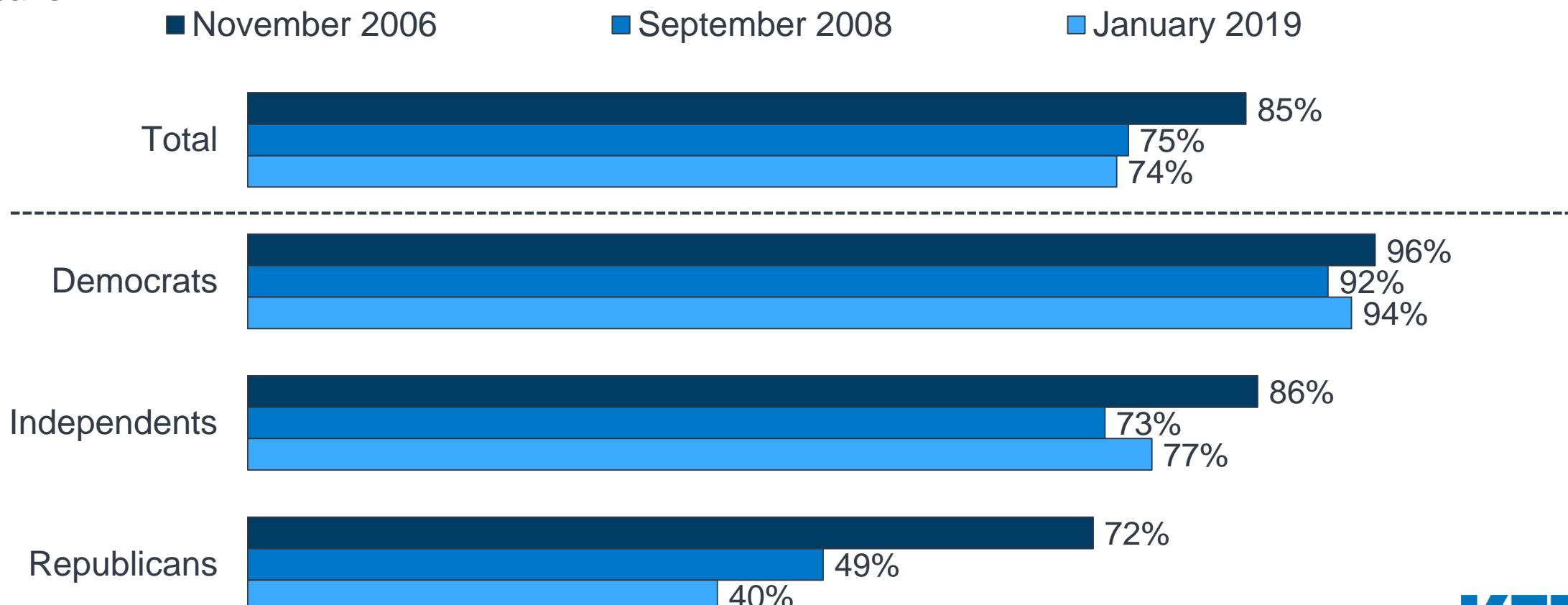


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Figure 1

Most Support Federal Government Doing More To Help Provide Health Insurance, But Republican Support Has Declined Over Time

Percent who say they **favor** the federal government doing more to help provide health insurance for more Americans:

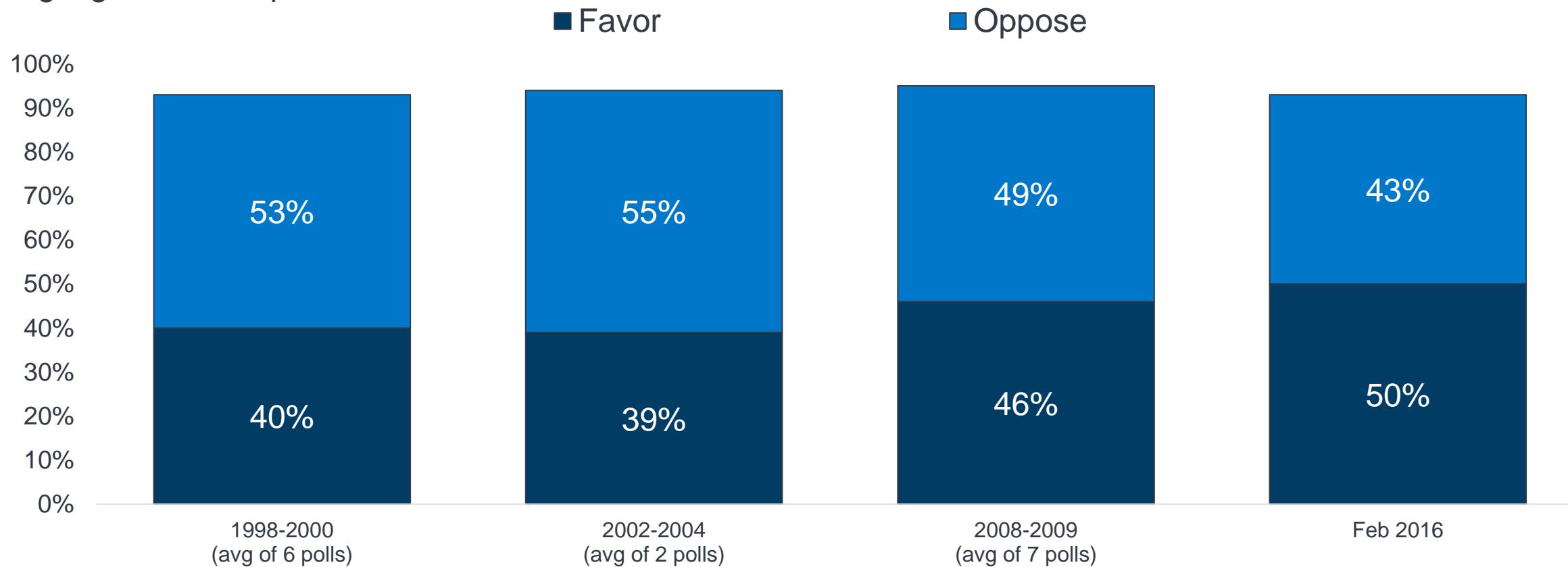


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Figure 2

A National Health Plan Didn't Garner Majority Support Until 2016

Percent who favor or oppose a national health plan in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan:

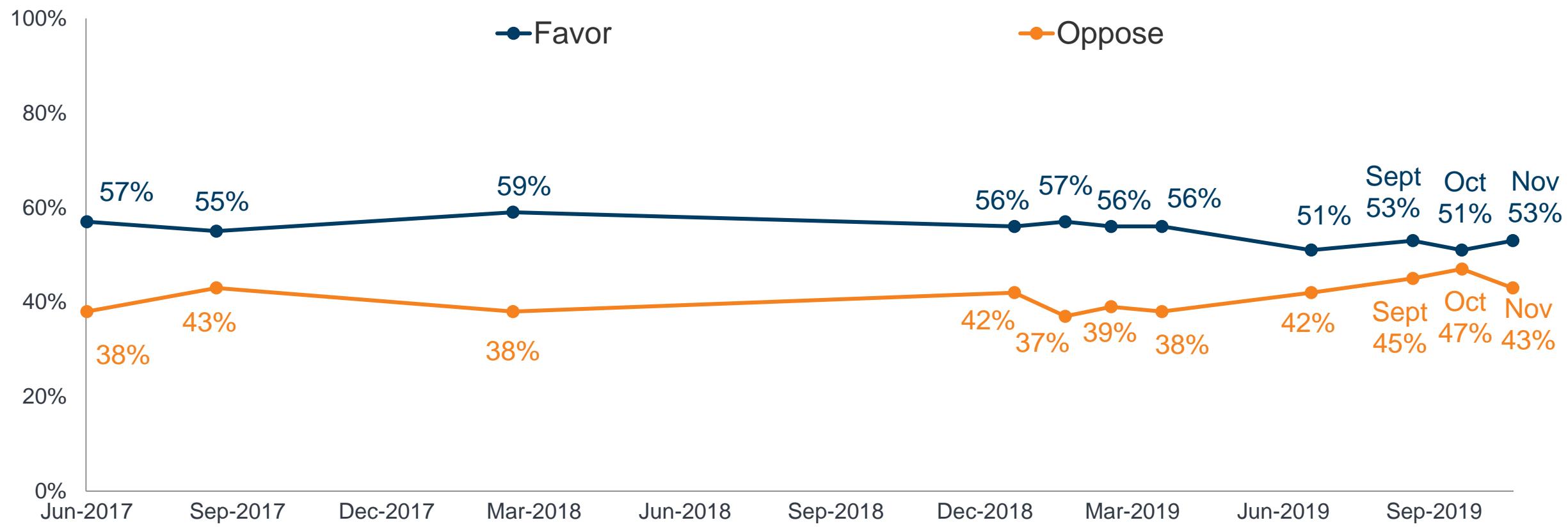


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Figure 3

Slight Majority Support A National Medicare-for-all Plan

Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called **Medicare-for-all**, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?



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Figure 4

Partisans Divided With Seven In Ten Republicans Opposing Medicare-for-all While Three-Fourths Of Democrats Favor It

Do you favor or oppose having a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan?

■ Strongly favor ■ Somewhat favor ■ Somewhat oppose ■ Strongly oppose

Total

31% 22% 10% 33%

Democrats

52% 25% 10% 10%

Independents

26% 26% 12% 33%

Republicans

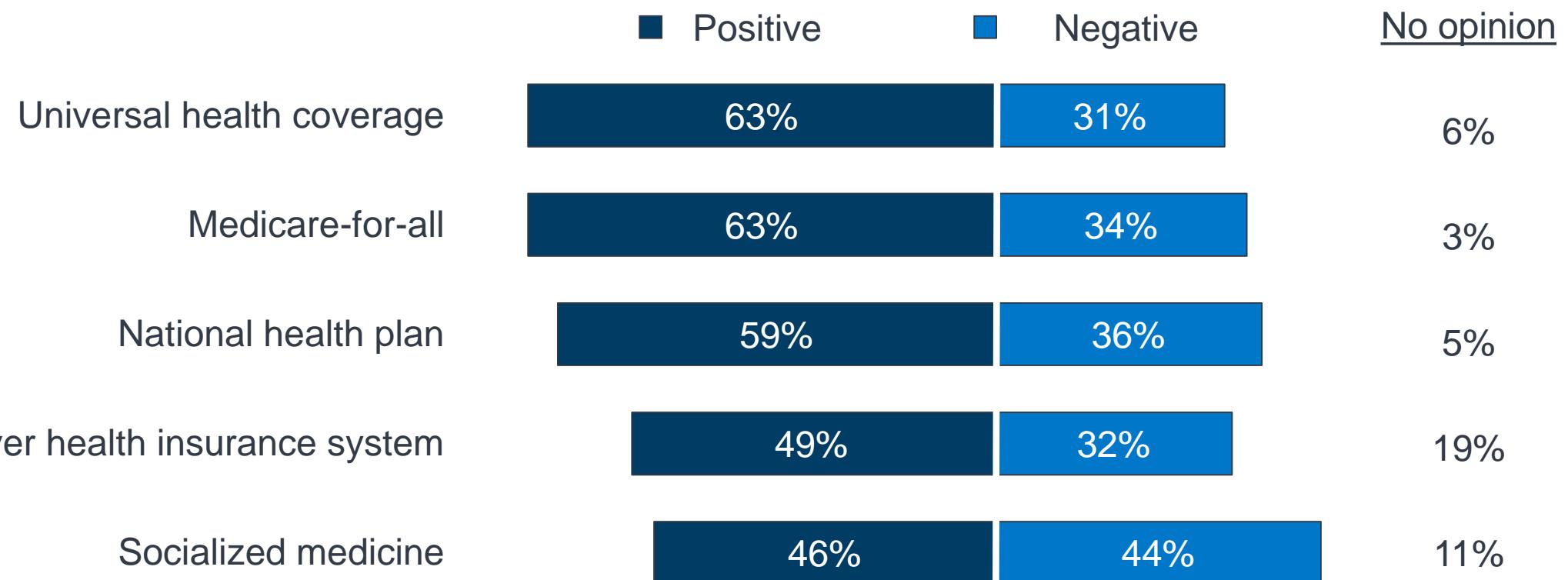
13% 15% 9% 60%

SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (November 7-12, 2019). See topline for full question wording and response options.

Figure 5

Terminology Affects Public Opinion On A National Health Plan

Do you have a positive or negative reaction to each of the following terms?

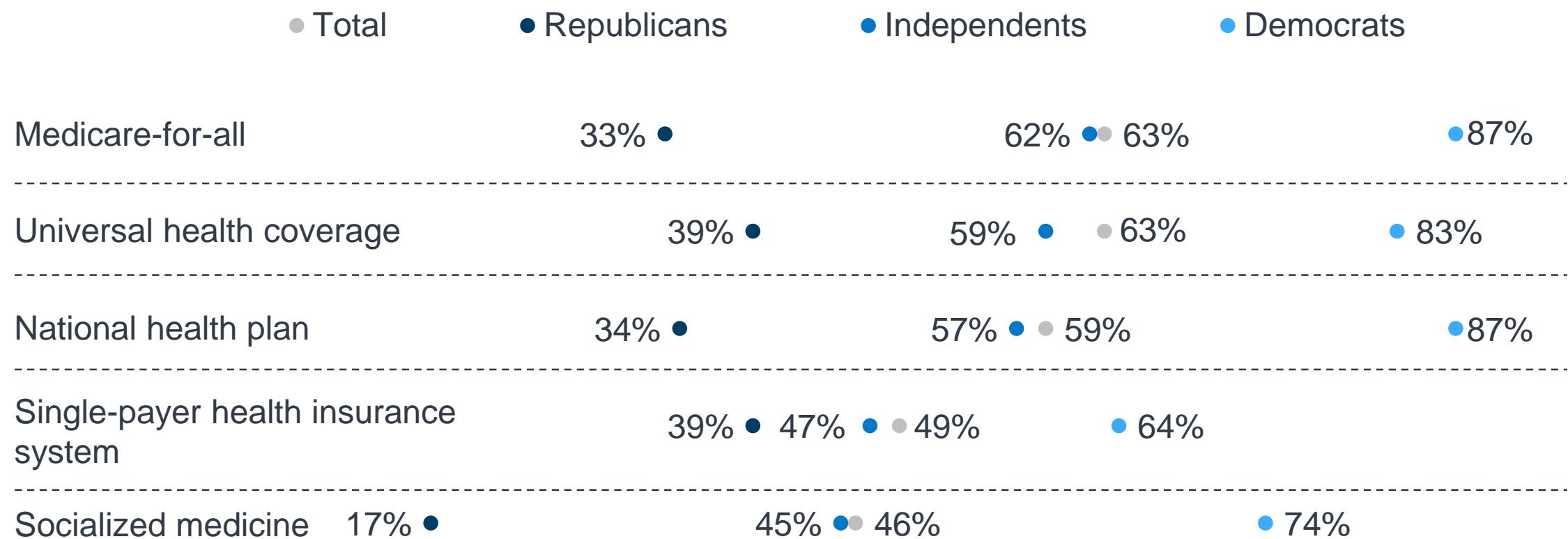


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Figure 6

“Medicare-for-all,” “Universal Coverage,” “National Health Plan” Garner Most Positive Reactions

Percent who say they have a **positive** reaction to each of the following terms:

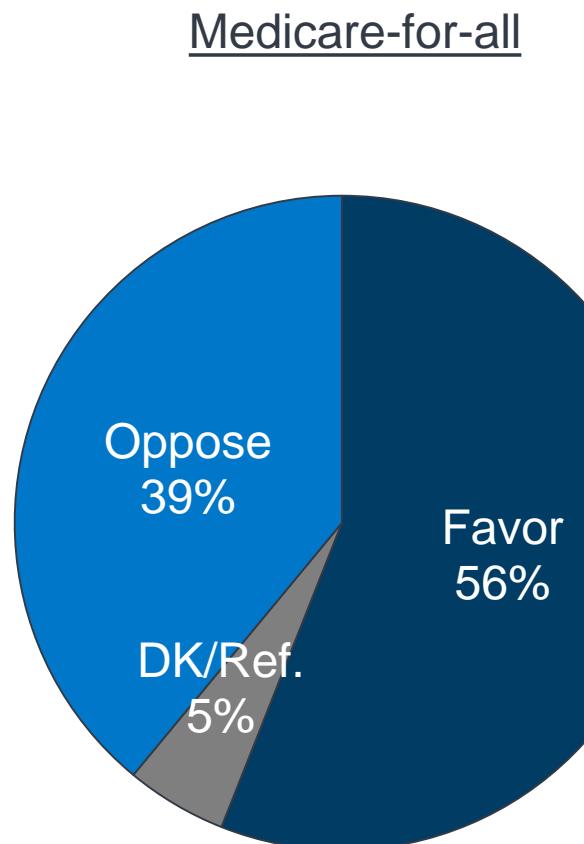
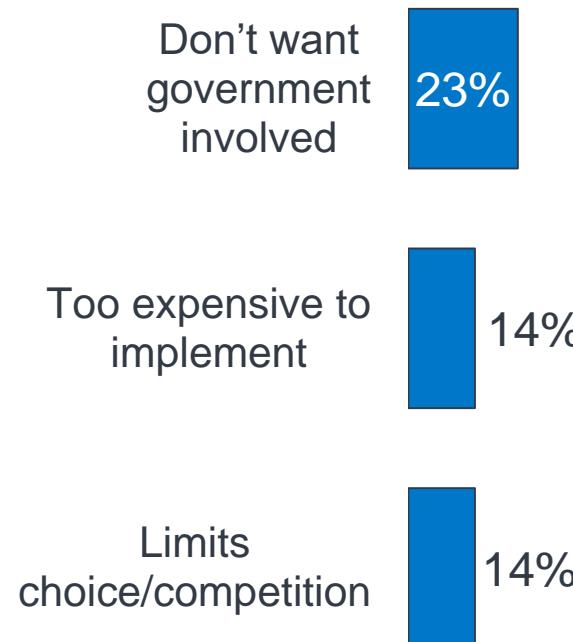


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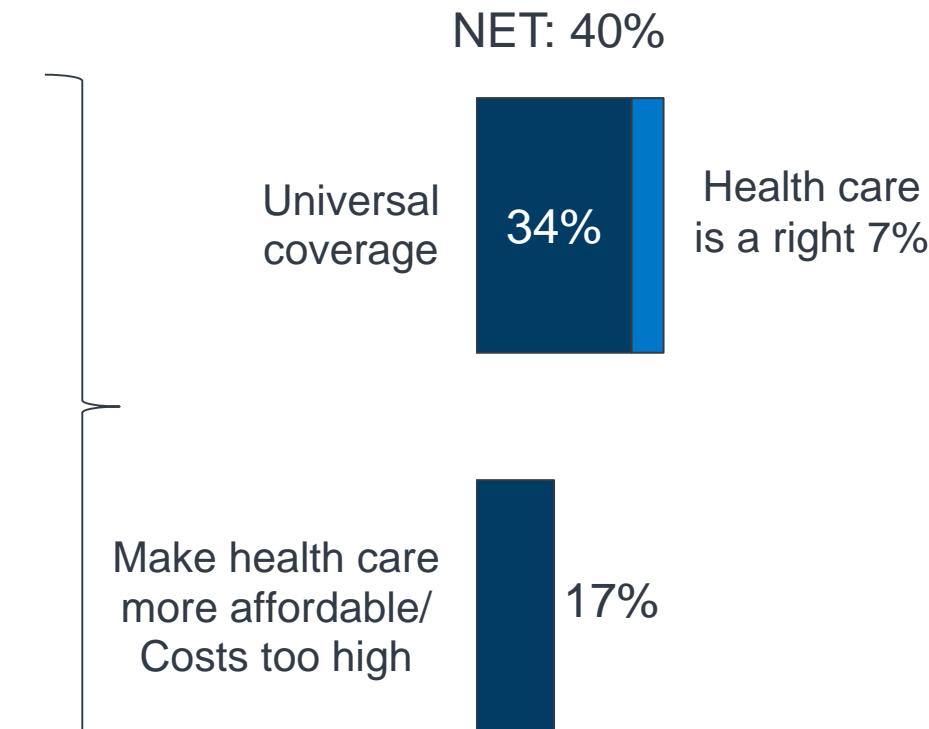
Figure 7

Reasons For Opinions On National Health Plan Echo Partisan Messages

AMONG THE 39% WHO OPPOSE: What is the main reason you **oppose** such a plan?



AMONG THE 56% WHO FAVOR: What is the main reason you **favor** such a plan?

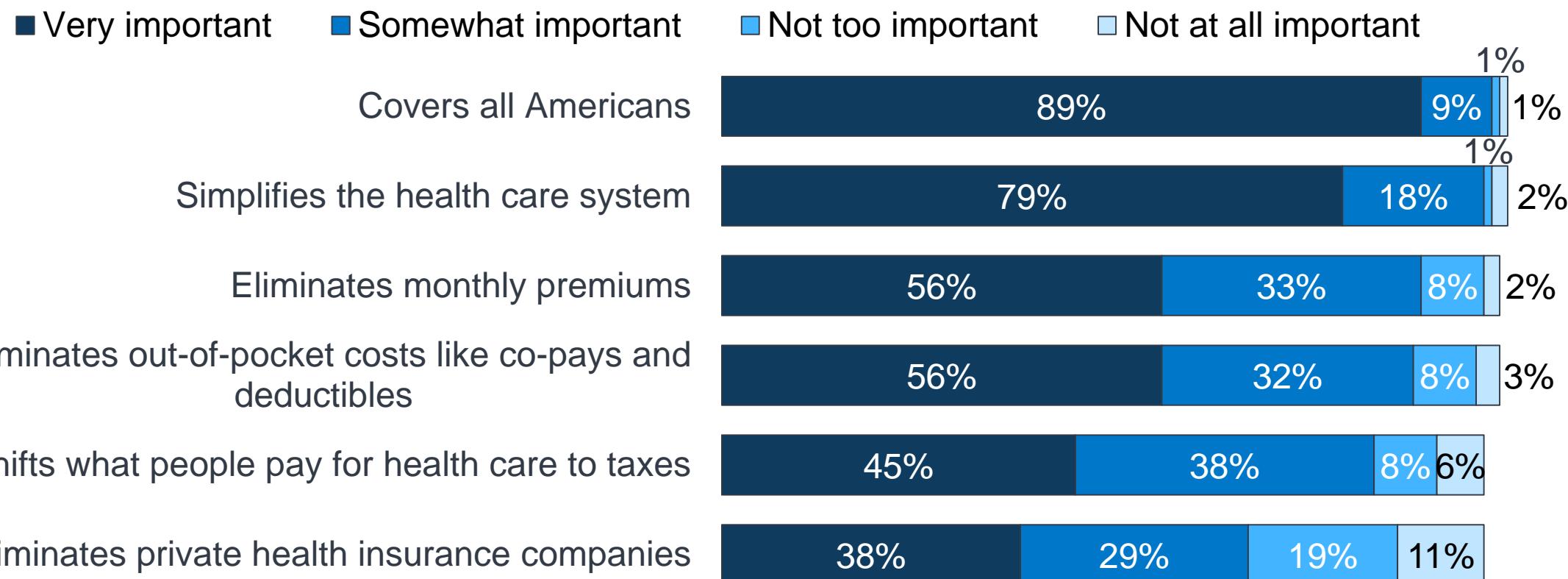


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Figure 8

Universal Coverage Is Most Important Feature Of A National Health Plan Among Supporters

How **important** is it that a national health plan...?



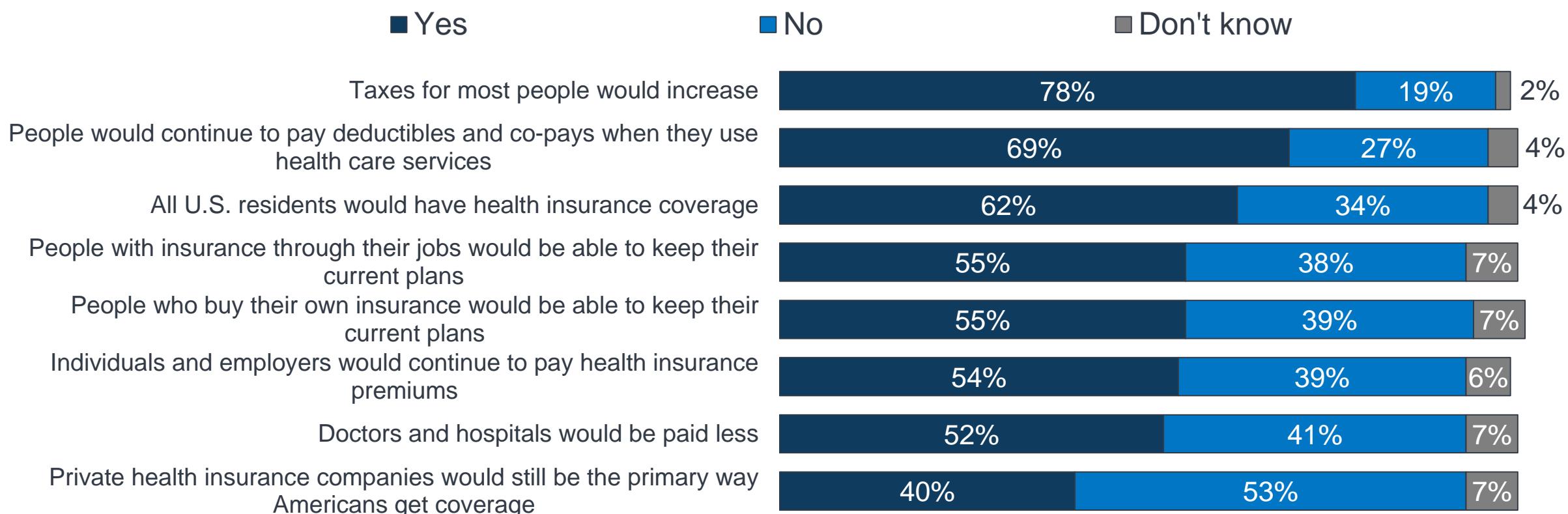
NOTE: Among those who favor a national health plan.

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Figure 9

Majorities Think Many Aspects Of Health Care System Would Be Unchanged Under Medicare-for-all

Do you think each of the following would happen under a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare-for-all?

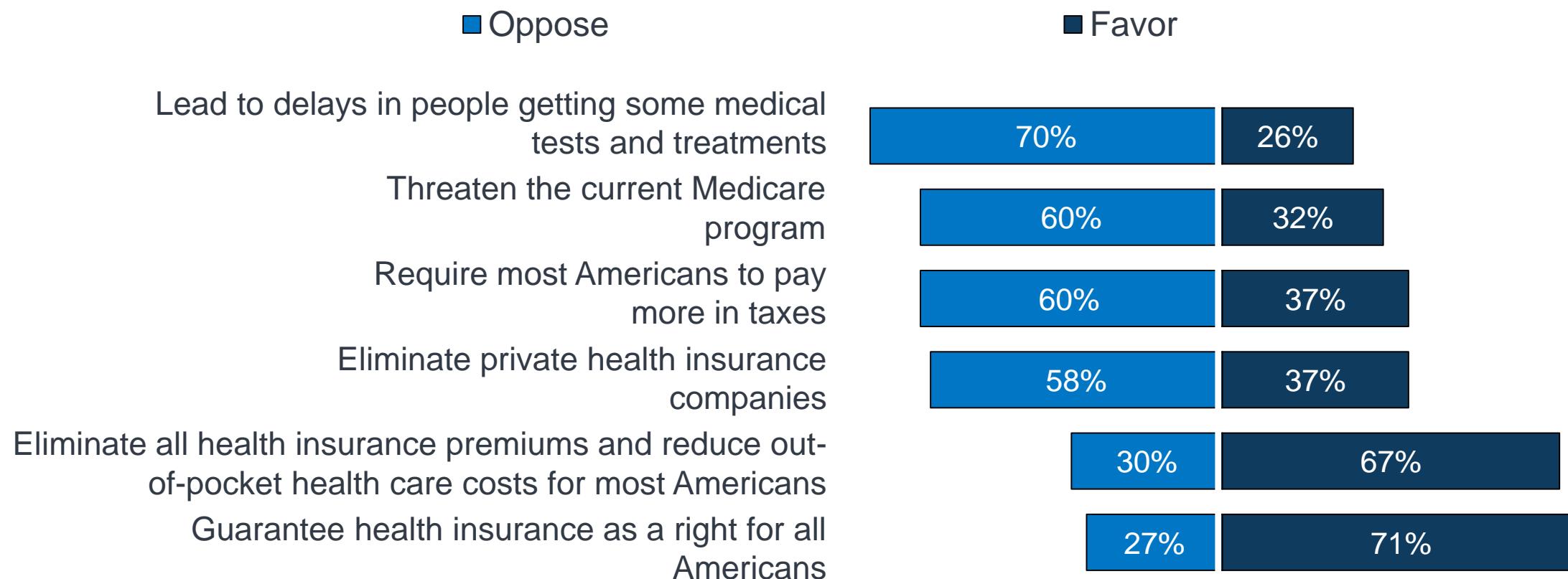


SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (May 30-June 4, 2019). See topline for full question wording and response options.

Figure 10

Attitudes Shift After Hearing Messages About How Medicare-for-all Would Impact Current System

Would you **favor** or **oppose** a national Medicare-for-all plan if you heard that it would do each of the following?

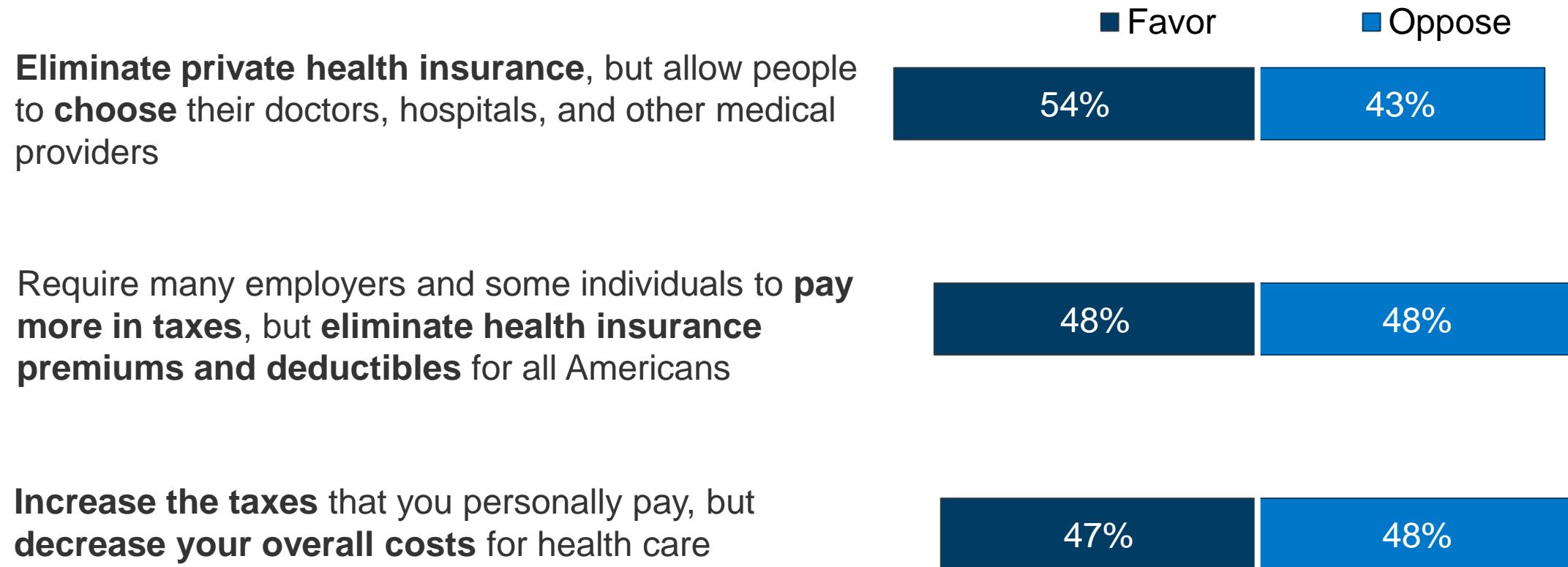


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Figure 11

Some Moderate Shifts In Support For Medicare-for-all Depending On Description Of Plan

Would you favor or oppose a national Medicare-for-all plan if you heard it would...

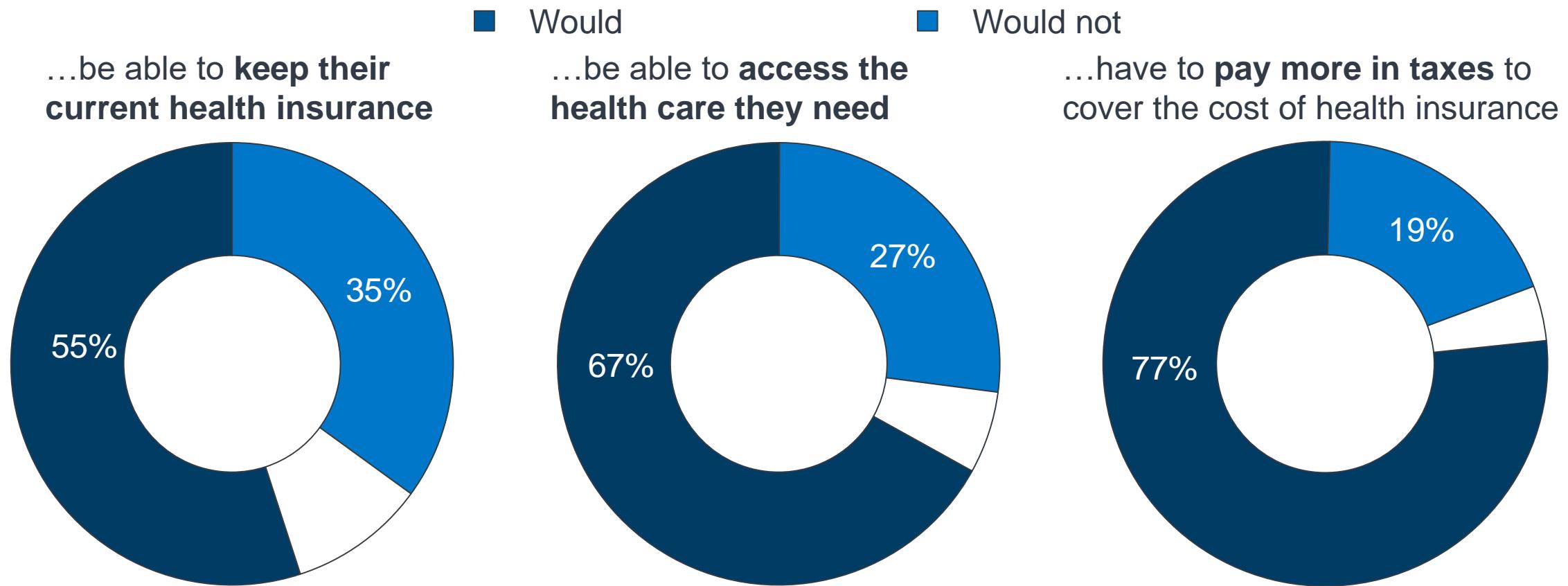


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Figure 12

Uncertainties Persist About National Health Plan Provisions

Percent who think that, if a national Medicare-for-all plan was put into place, they and their family would...

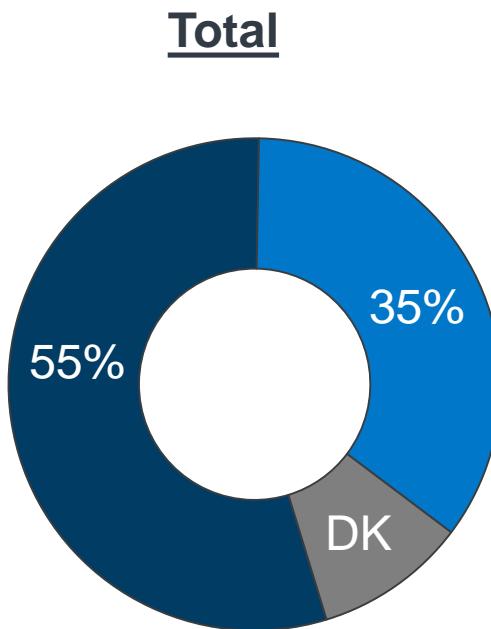


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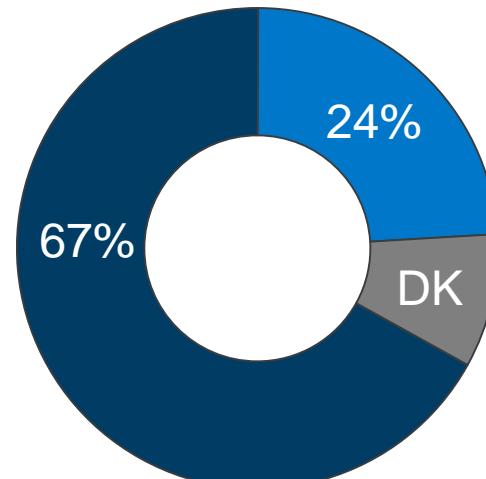
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Most Medicare-for-all Supporters Think They Would Be Able To Keep Their Health Insurance

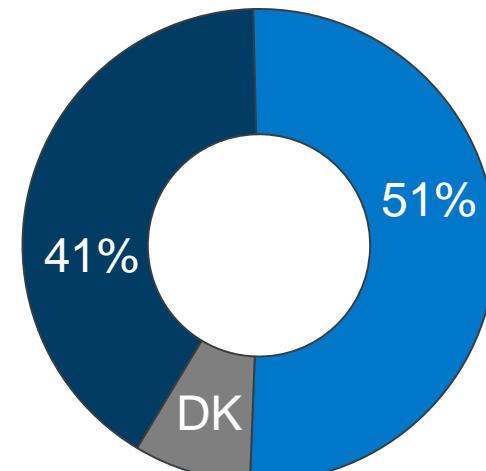
- Yes, think they and their family would **be able to keep their current health insurance**
- No, think they and their family would **not be able to keep their current health insurance**



Among those who **favor** having a national health insurance plan or Medicare-for-all



Among those who **oppose** having a national health insurance plan or Medicare-for-all

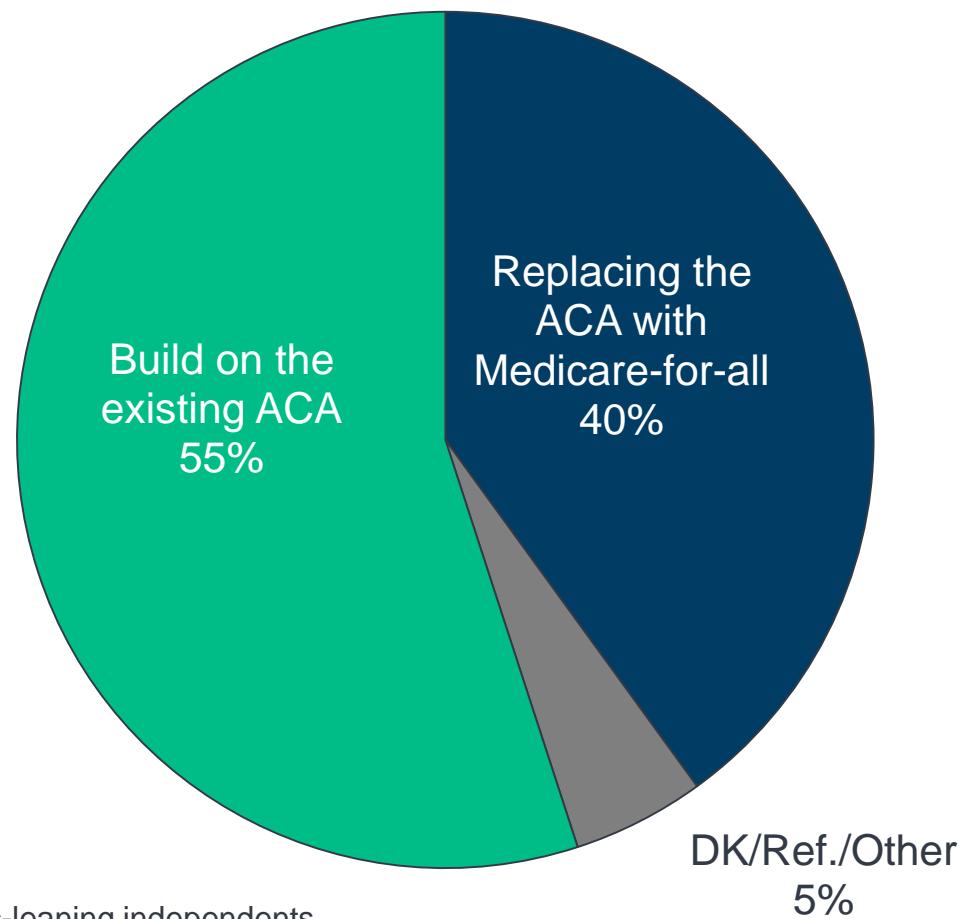


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Figure 14

More Democrats Prefer Candidate Who Would Build On The ACA

Thinking about the Democratic candidates' approach to health care. Would you prefer to vote for a candidate who wants to...?



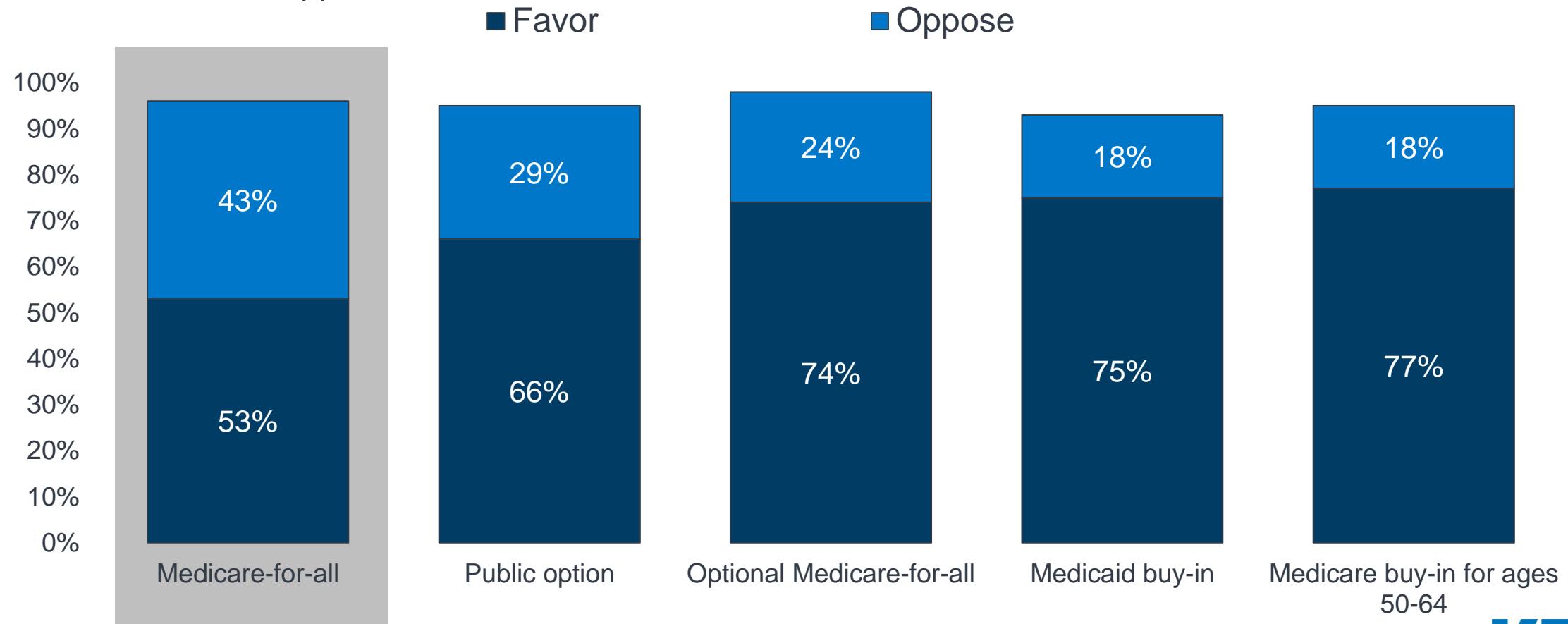
NOTE: Among Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents.

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Figure 15

There Is Broader Support For Expanding “Optional” Public Health Insurance Programs Than Medicare-for-all

Percent who favor or oppose:

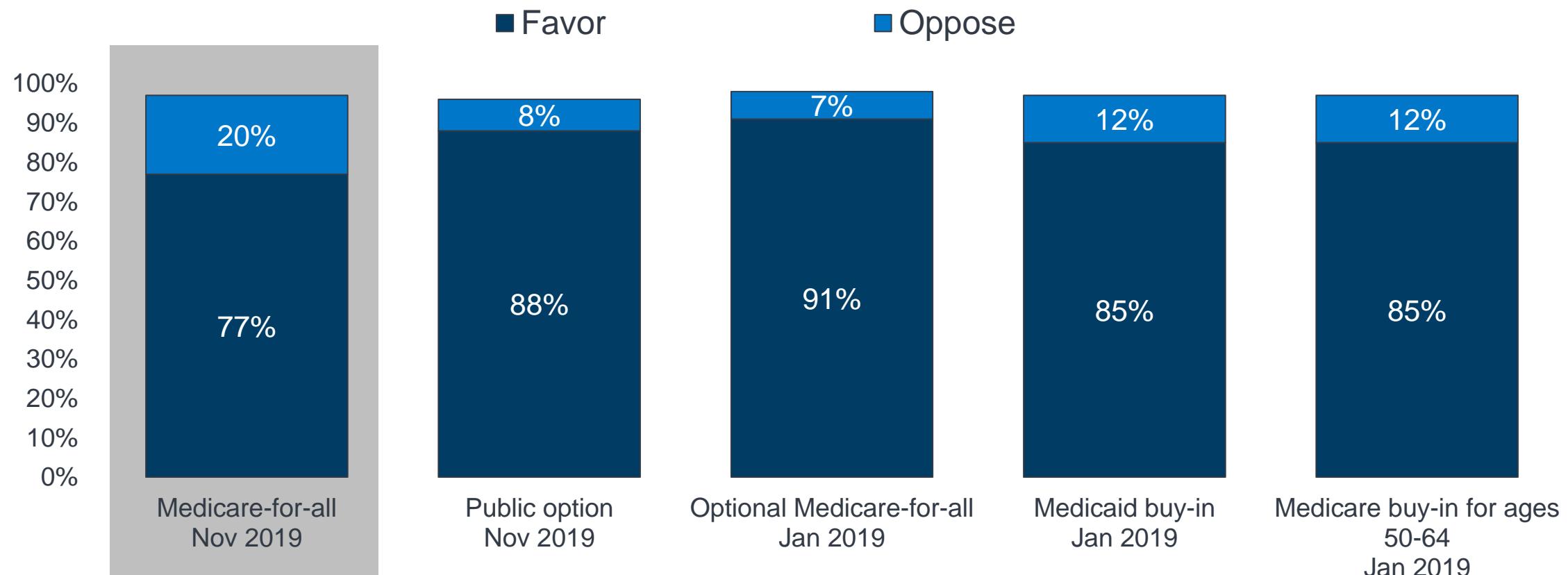


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Figure 16

Majorities Of Democrats Favor Incremental Changes To Health Care System As Well As National Medicare-for-all Plan

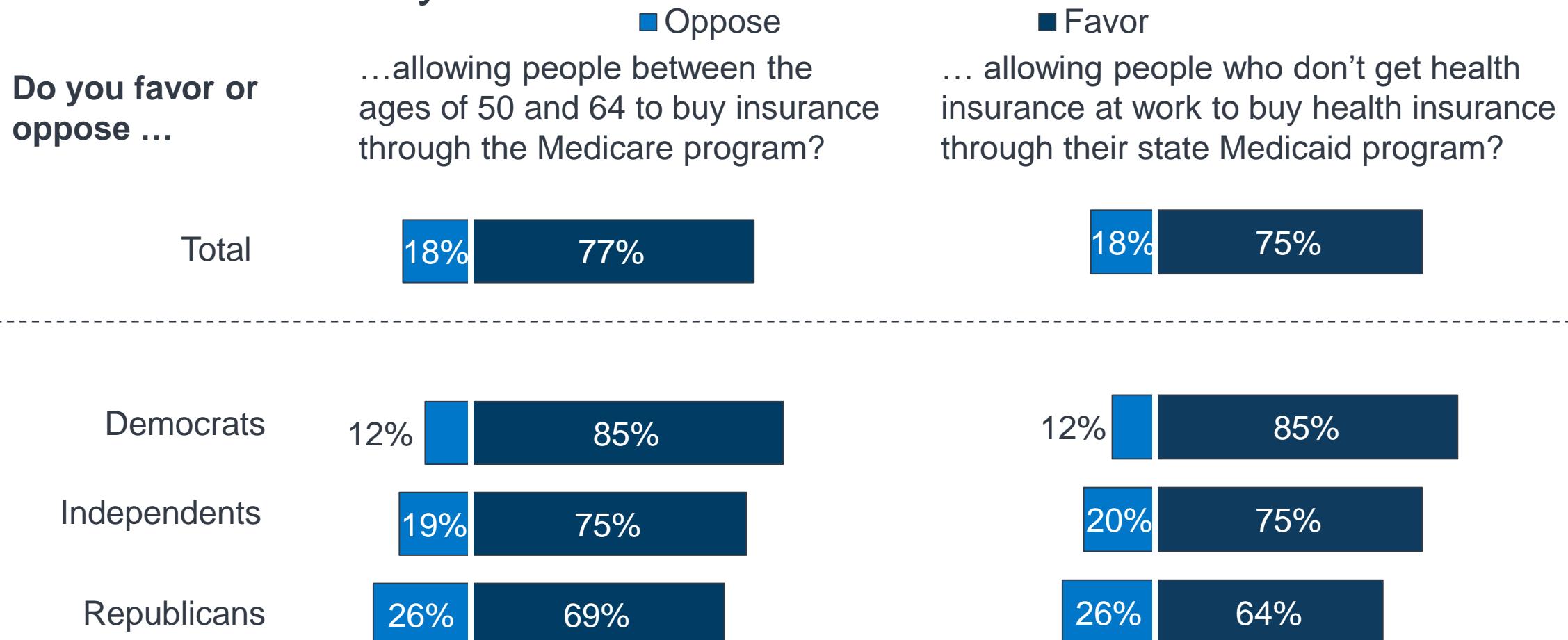
AMONG DEMOCRATS: Percent who favor or oppose:



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Figure 17

More Incremental Approach To Universal Coverage: Medicare Buy-In And Medicaid Buy-In



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