

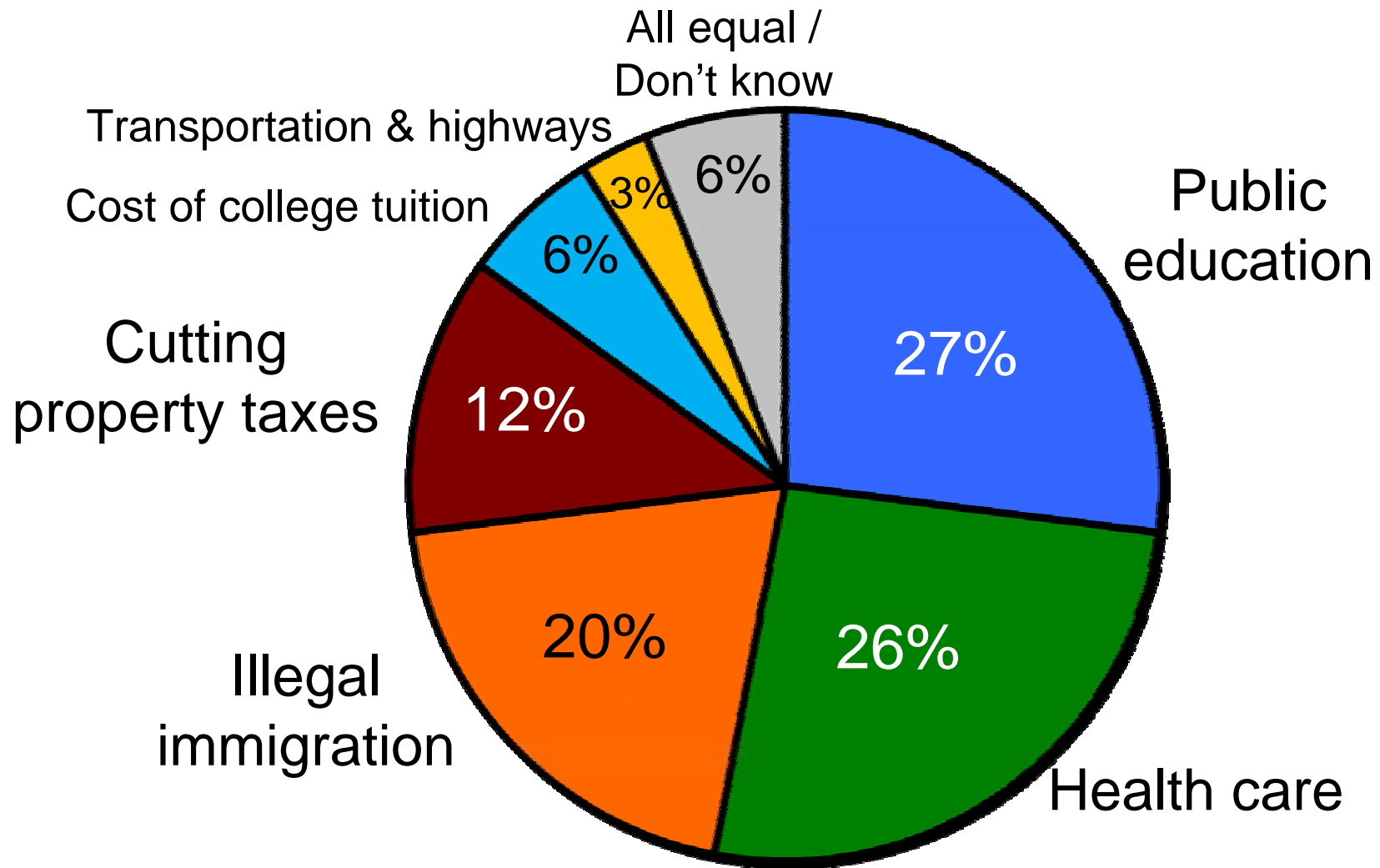
**Texas Statewide
Survey on Education
Among 815 Active Voters**

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Selected Top Priority for State Government



Q1

% "Public Education": Democrats 27%, Independents 29%, Republicans 24%

Feelings Toward Selected Groups

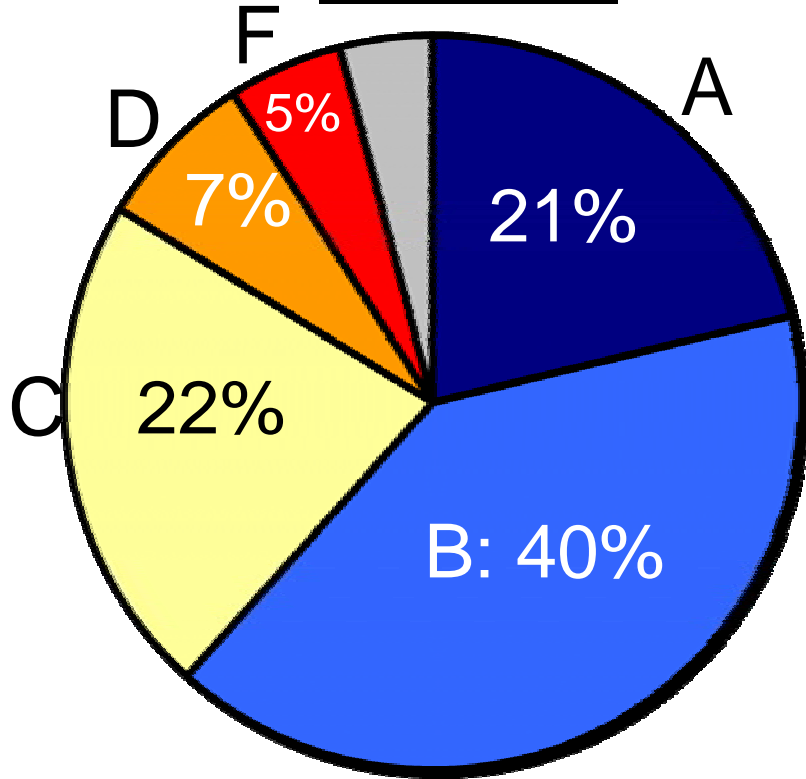
■ Very Positive
 ■ Somewhat Positive
 ■ Negative

		Total Positive					
		2009	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Public school teachers		77%	81%	81%	85%	81%	77%
Principals		68%	69%	68%	72%	71%	65%
Superintendents		49%	49%	52%	54%	51%	50%
School boards		45%	49%	49%	51%	51%	50%

Q2 a,b,c,d

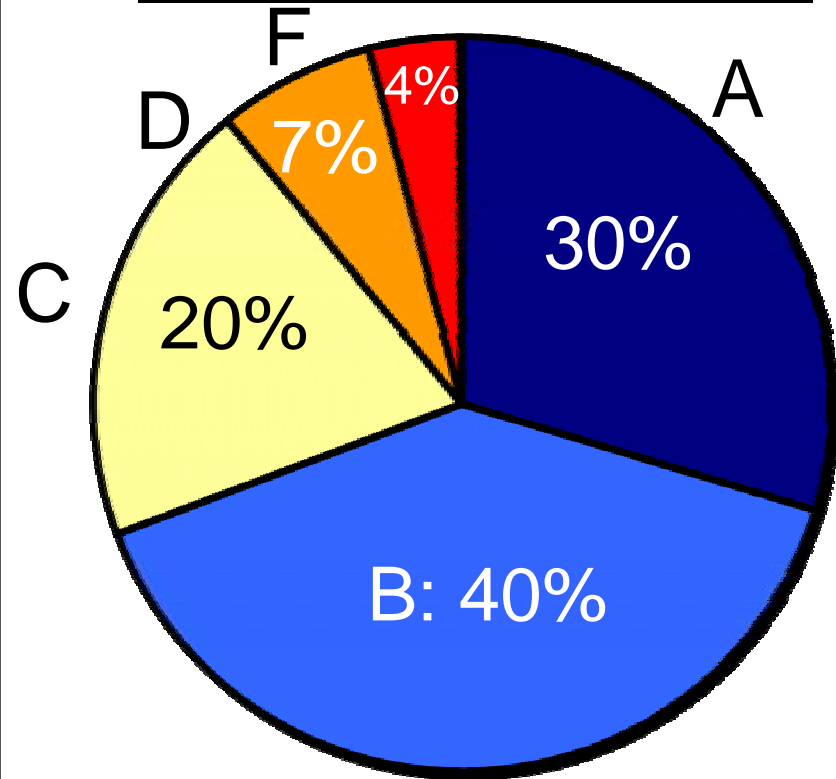
Grade the Public Schools in Your Community

All Voters



<u>A or B</u>	
2004: 64%	2007: 62%
2005: 66%	2009: 61%
2006: 59%	

Public School Parents

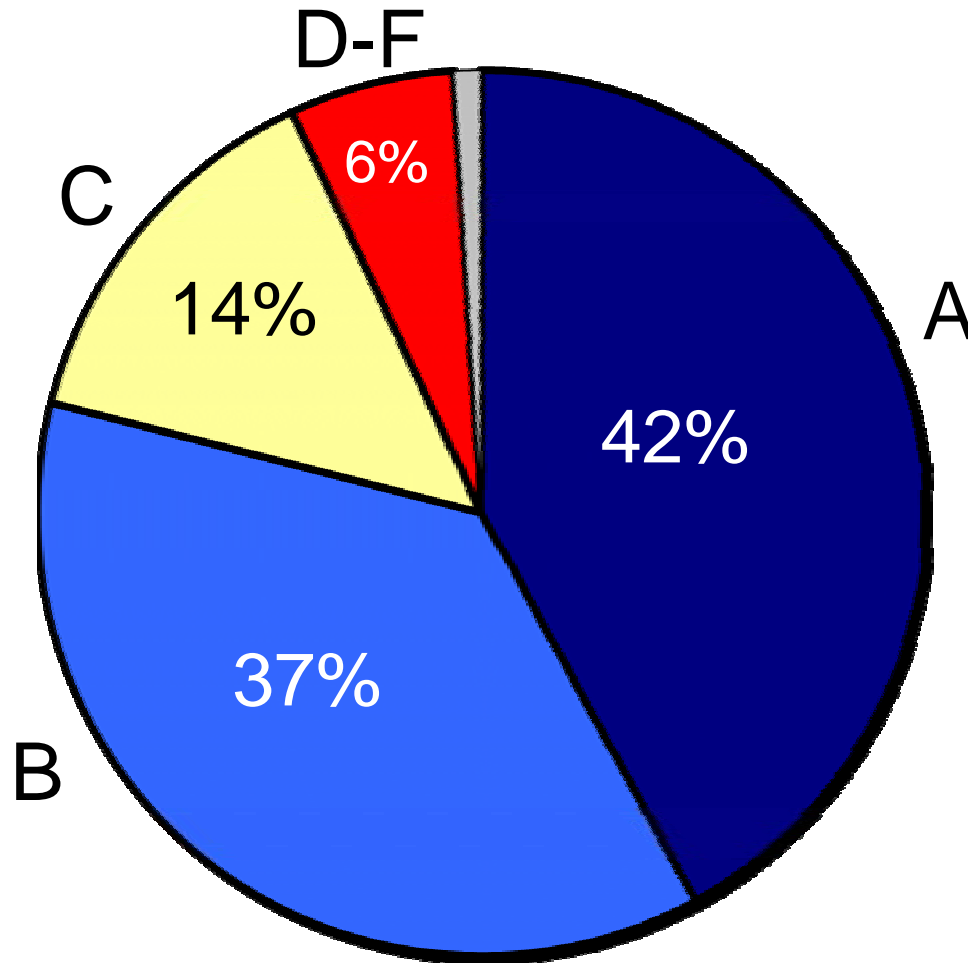


<u>A or B</u>	
2004: 72%	2007: 69%
2005: 77%	2009: 70%
2006: 74%	

Q3

Grade the School Your Child Attends

Asked only of parents of children in school

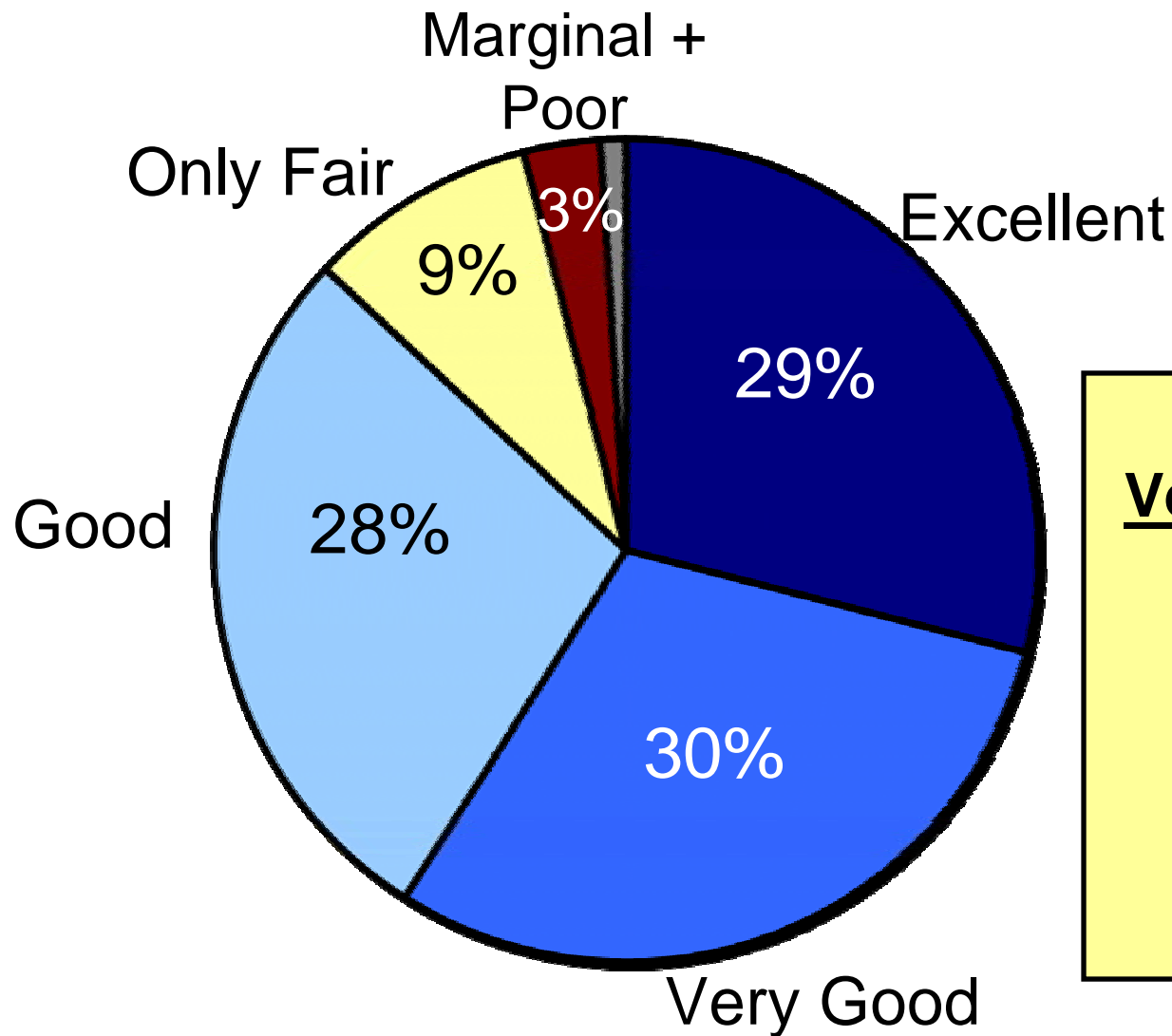


<u>A or B</u>	
2003:	80%
2004:	84%
2005:	86%
2006:	85%
2007:	79%
2009:	79%

Q6c

Rate Your Child's Teachers Overall

Asked only of parents of children in school



Excellent / Very Good / Good

2003: 84%

2004: 88%

2005: 89%

2006: 88%

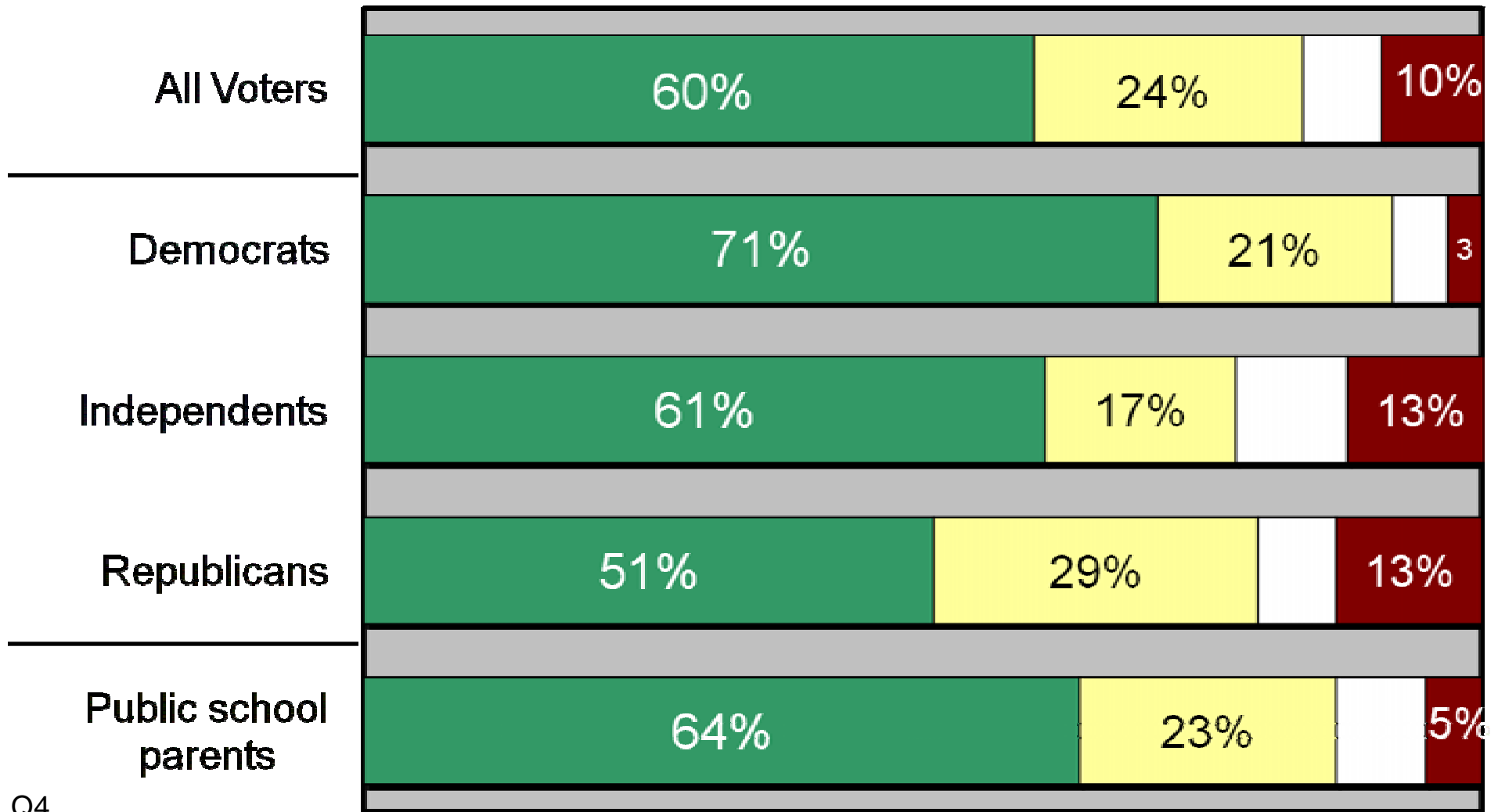
2007: 89%

2009: 87%

Q6d

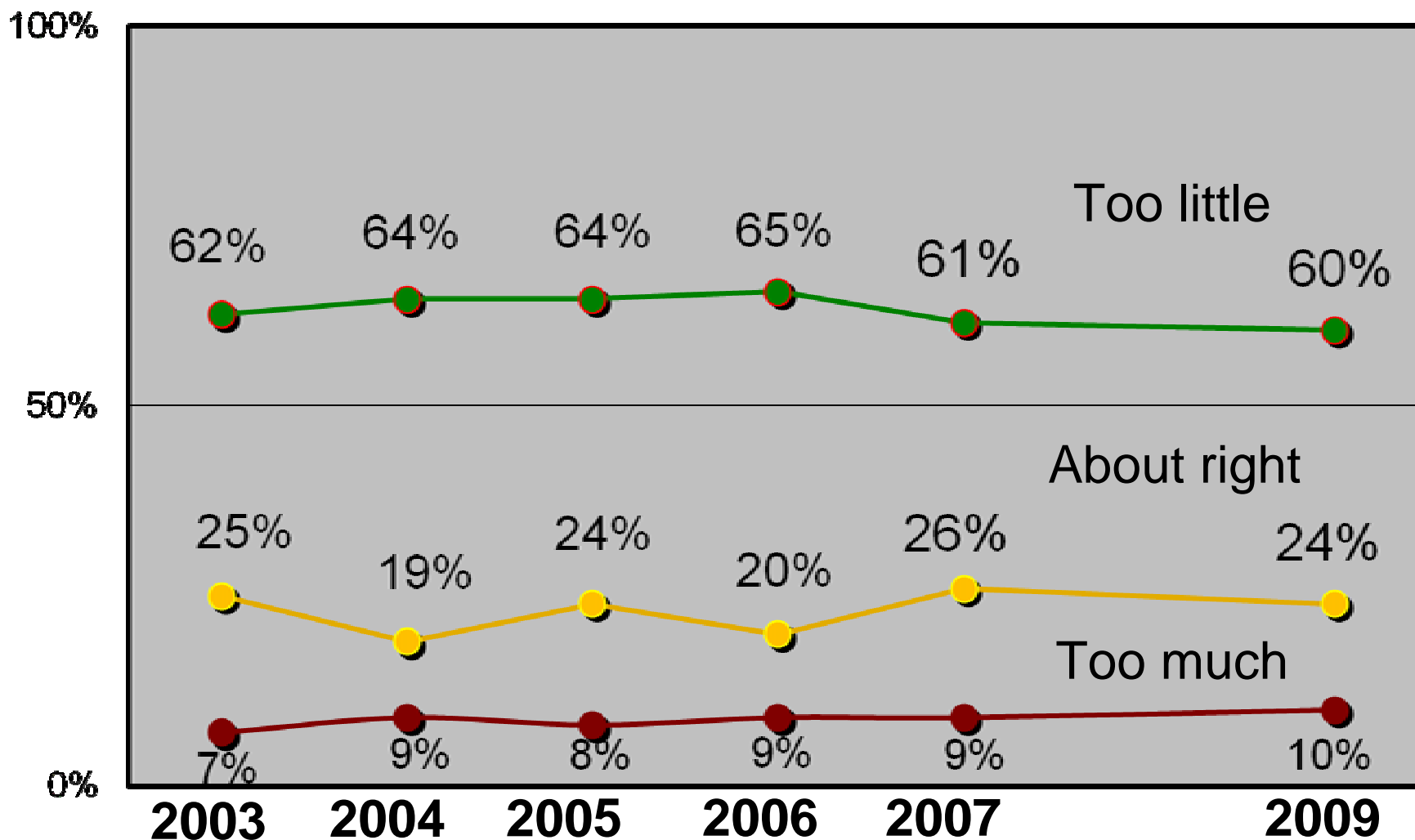
Is state government spending too much, too little, or about the right amount on education?

■ Too little
 ■ About the right amount
 ■ Too much



Q4

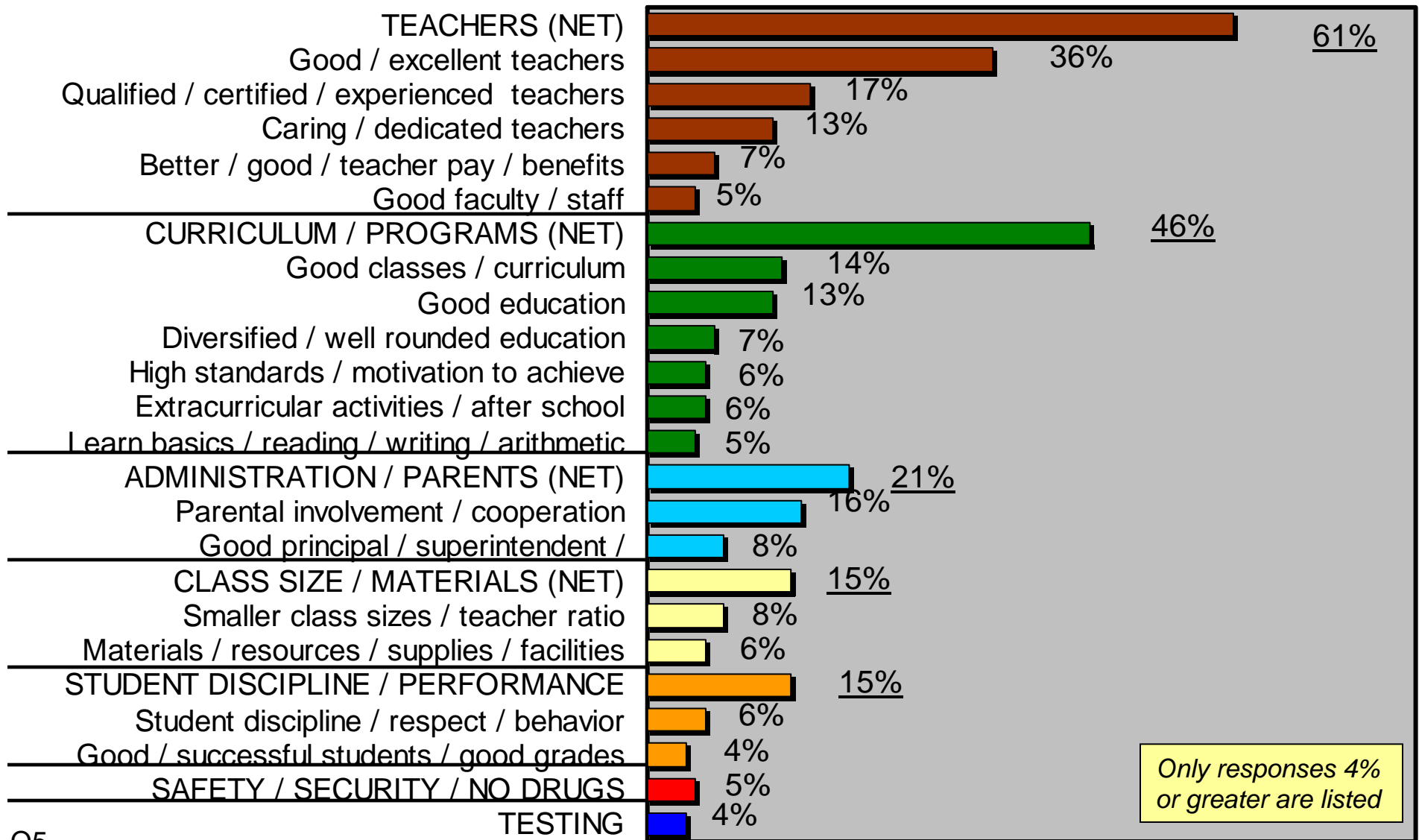
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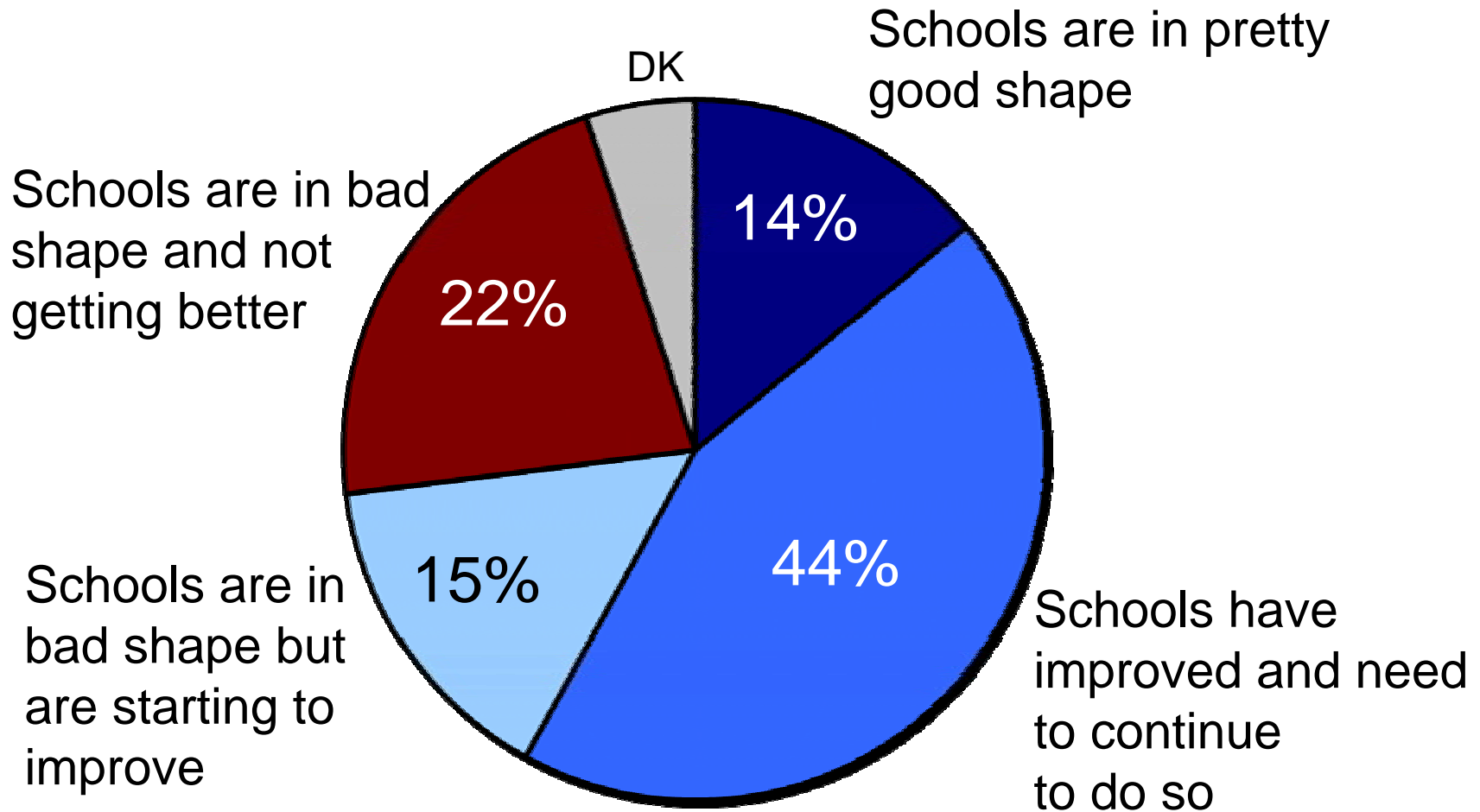
2009 Republicans: Too little 51%, About right 29%, Too much 13%

Volunteered Qualities or Factors that Make a Good Public School



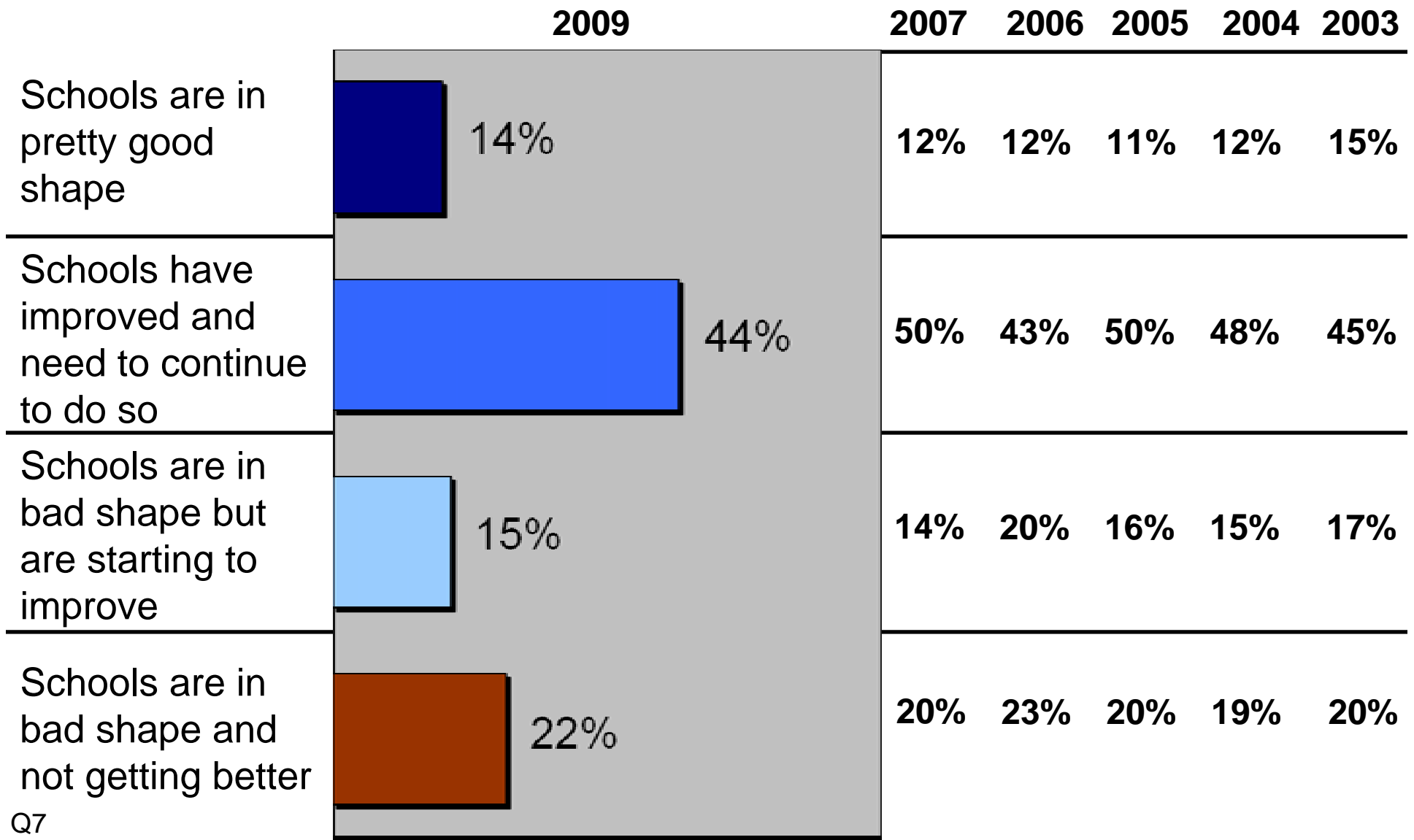
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Perceived Status and Current Trend of Public Schools in Texas



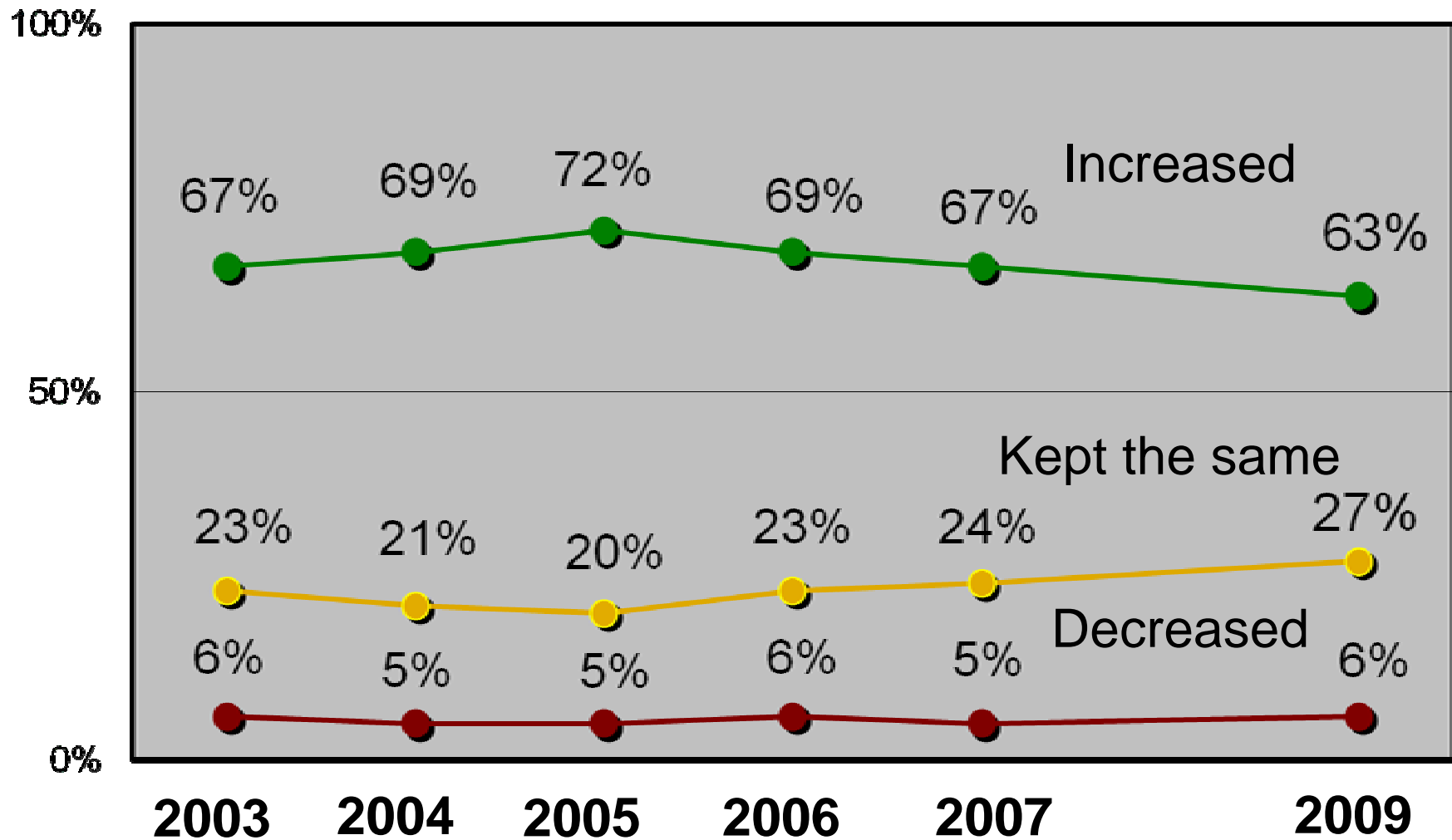
Q7

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Q7

Should state funding for public schools be increased, kept the same, or decreased?



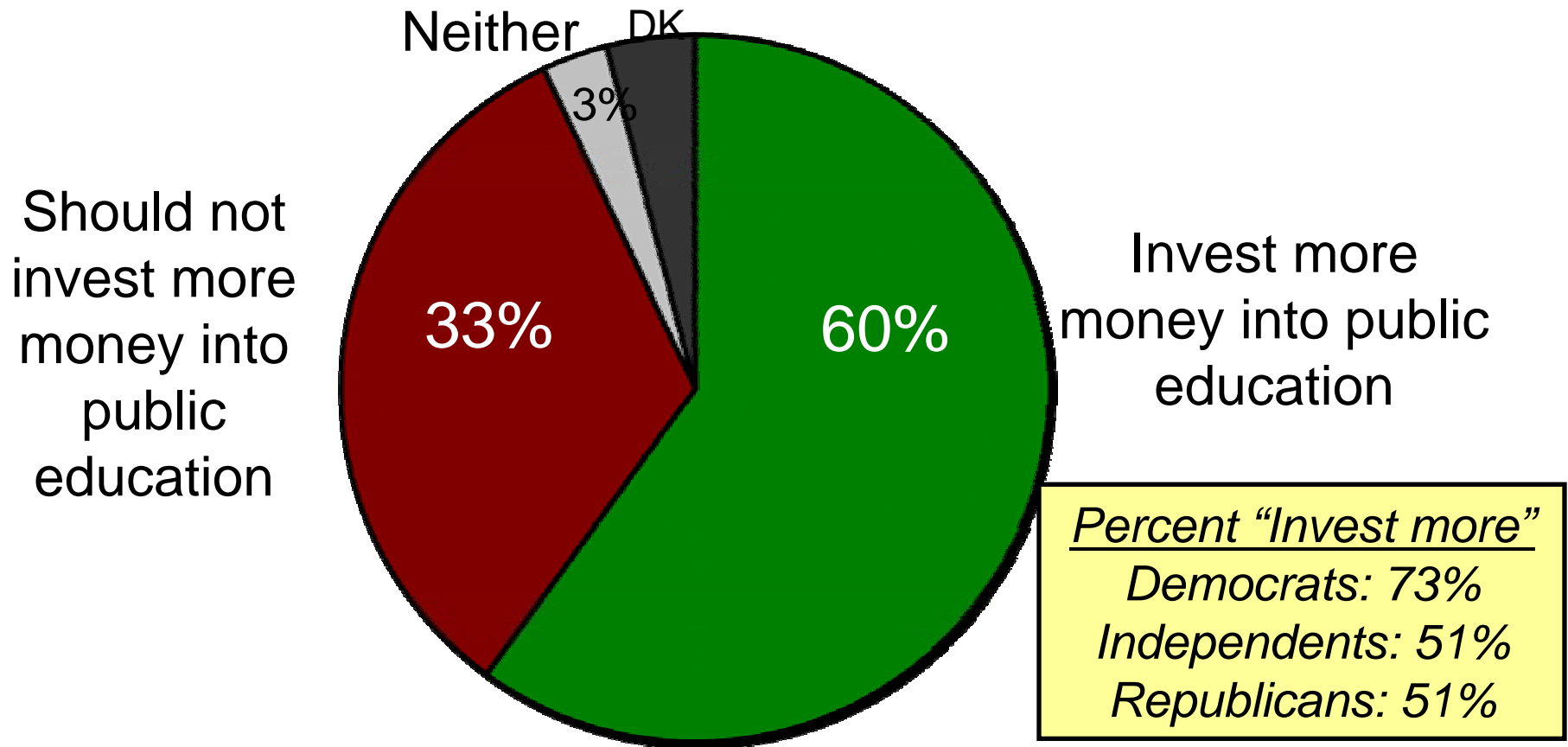
Q8

2009 % "Increased": Democrats 76%, Independents 62%, Republicans 54%

Which statement comes closer to your own viewpoint about public education:

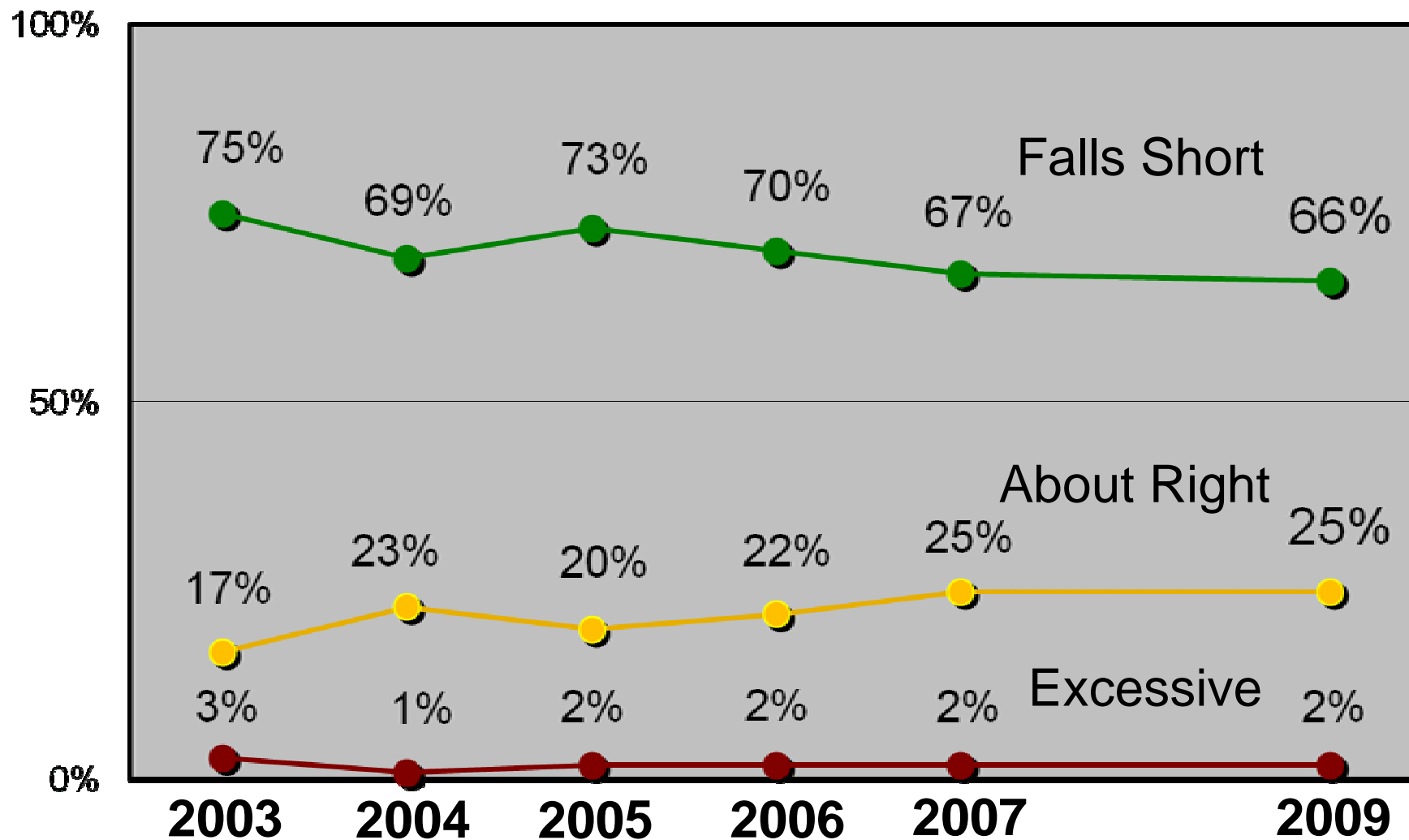
Some people say we can provide our children with a good, adequate education by **using our current education dollars**, so we **should not invest more money** into public education.

Other people say our children deserve better, and we can give them an excellent education by **fully funding the proven reforms** already in place, and **investing more money** into public education.



Q9

Do you think Texas public school teacher pay is excessive, is about right, or falls short of what it ought to be?

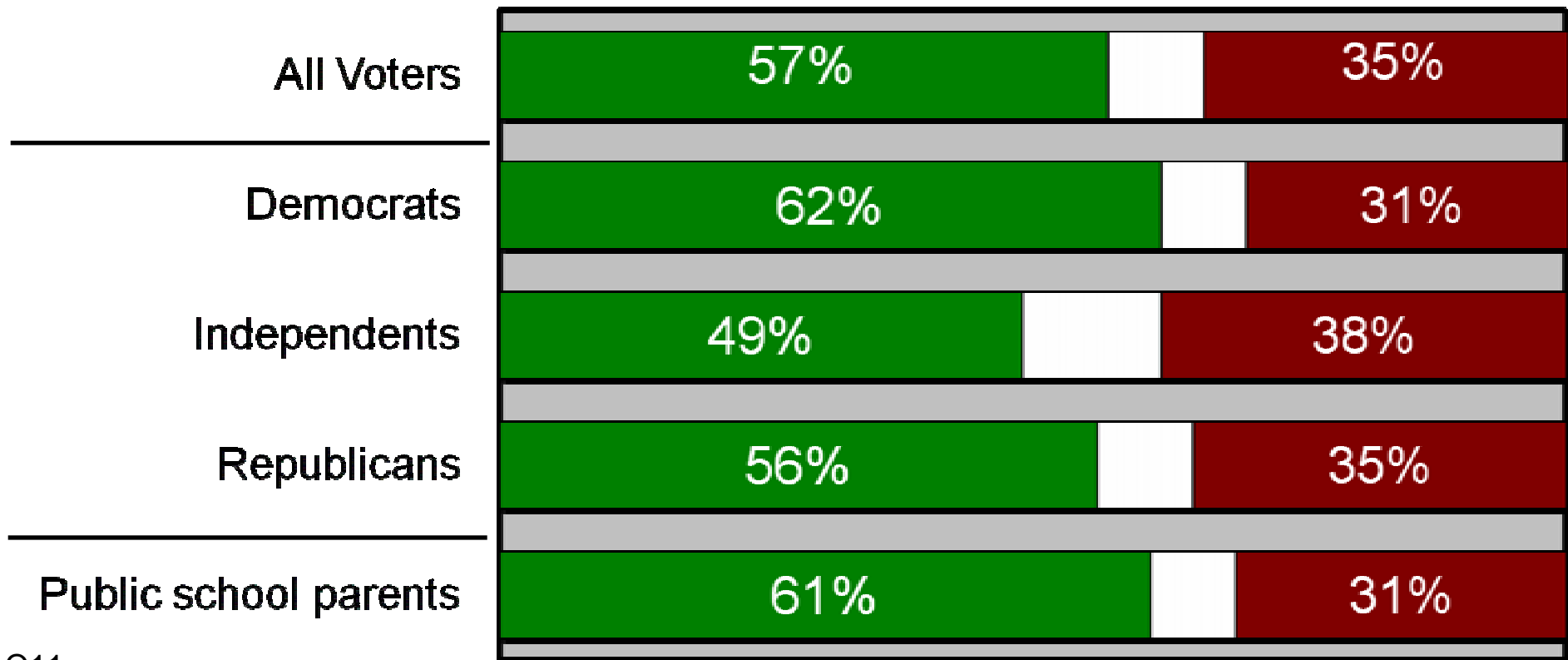


Q10

2009 % "Falls short": Democrats 74%, Independents 65%, Republicans 62%

If additional state money is allocated for teacher pay raises, should the pay raise be given to all teachers to raise the overall standard of teacher pay, and to attract and retain better teachers, OR should the pay raise be targeted to those teachers whose students show improvement on state standardized test scores?

- Give all teachers a pay raise
- Target teachers whose students show improvement

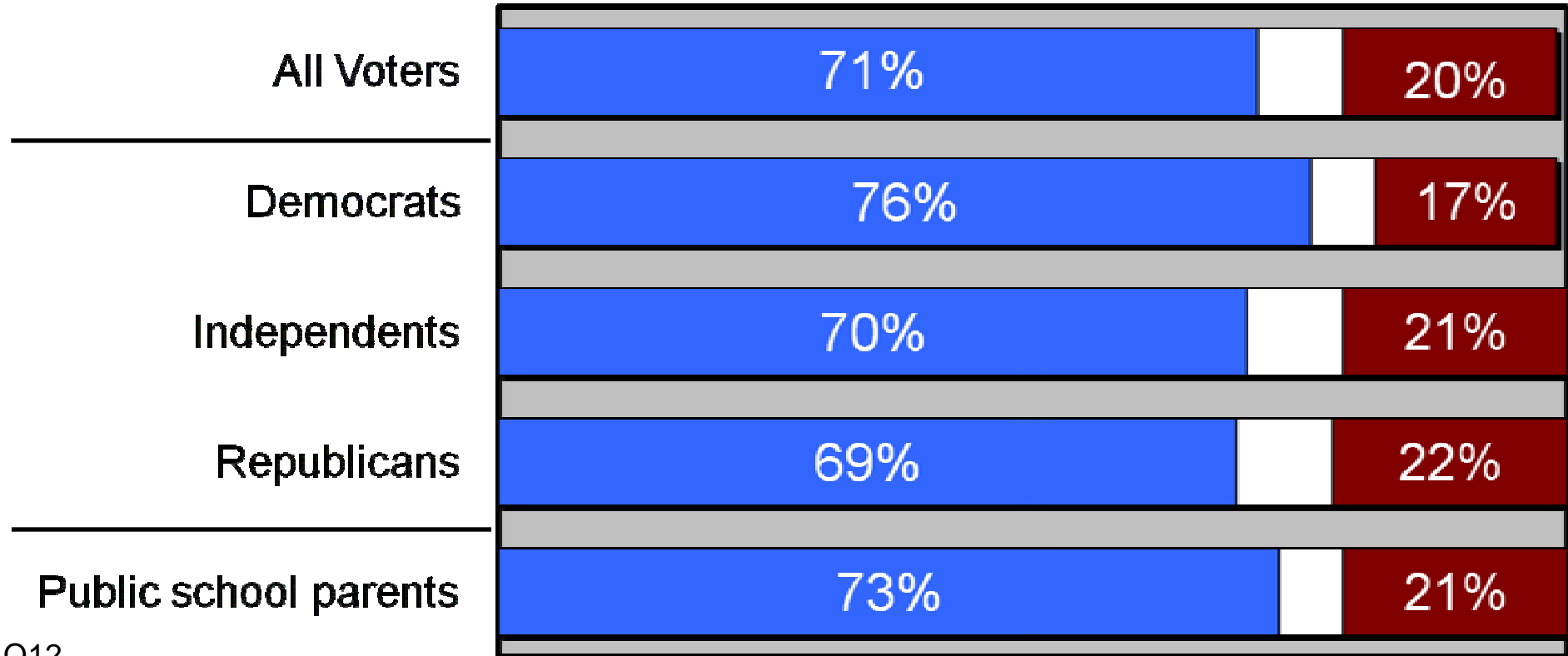


Q11

Based on what you know about public school funding, do you think the state legislature has sufficiently addressed the issue of public school funding, or do you think the state legislature has more work to do to properly fund public schools?

The state legislature has...

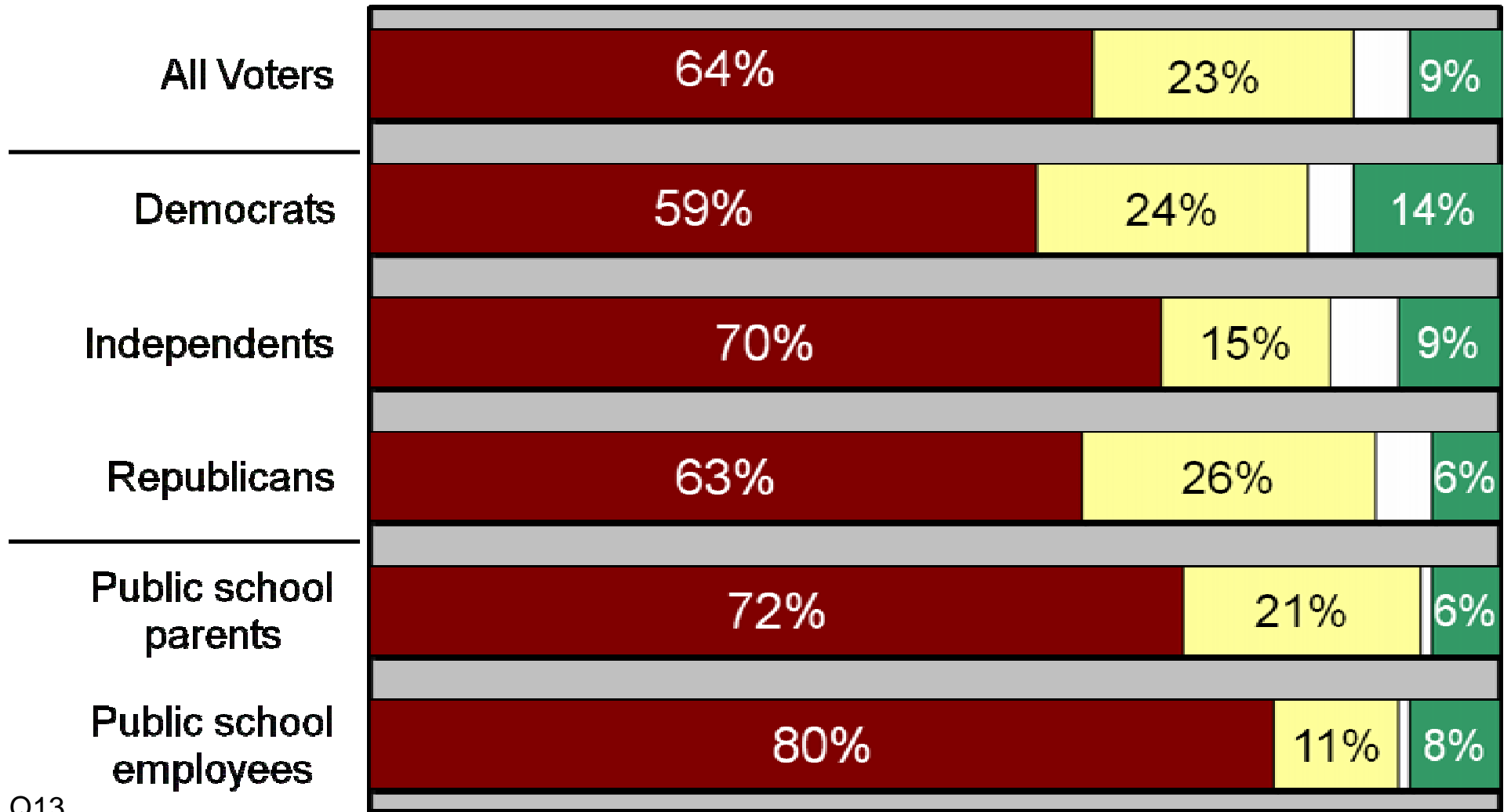
■ more work to do to properly fund public schools
■ sufficiently addressed the issue of public school funding



Q12

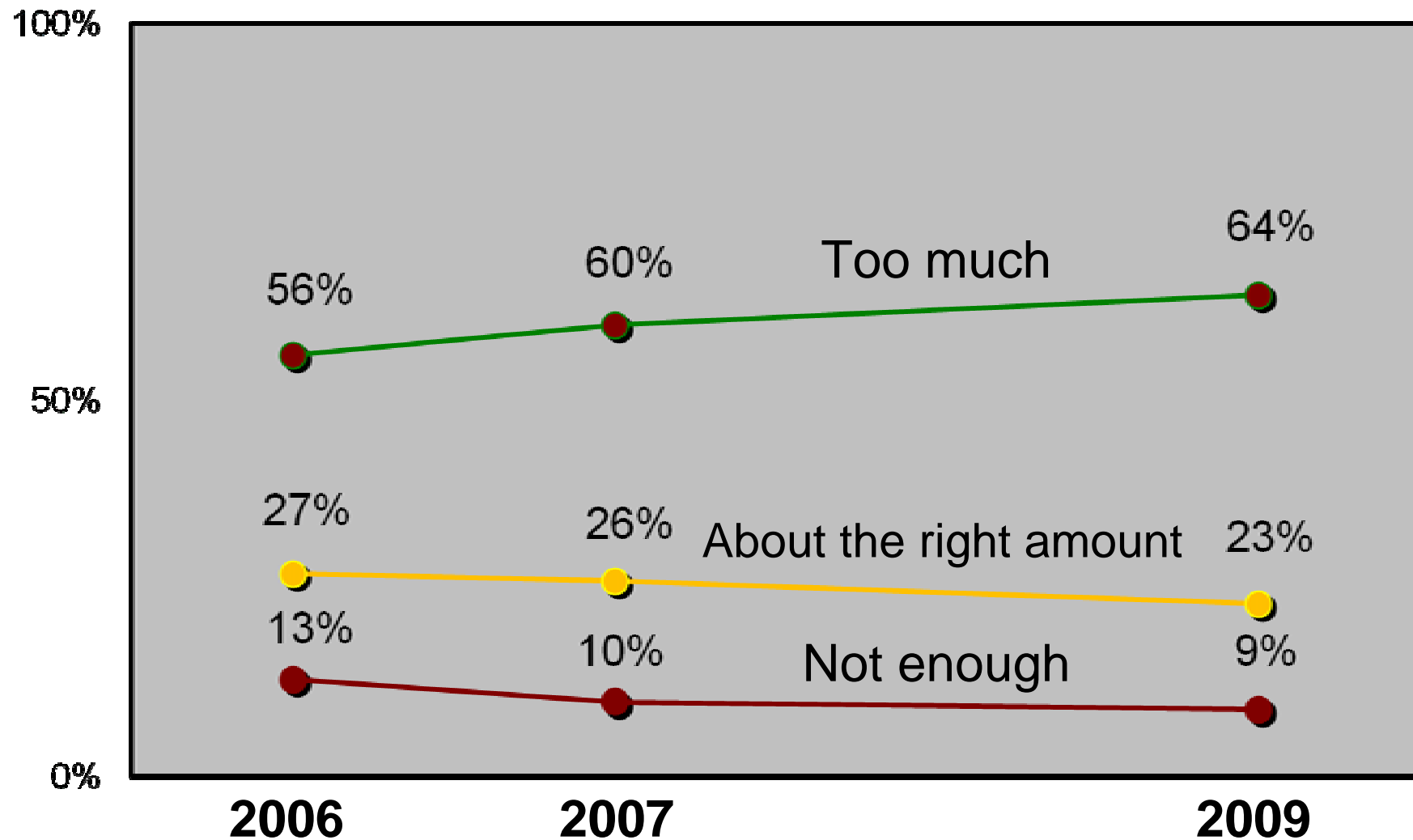
Do you think there is too much emphasis, not enough emphasis, or about the right amount of emphasis on state testing in your community?

■ **Too much** □ **About the right amount** ■ **Not enough**



Q13

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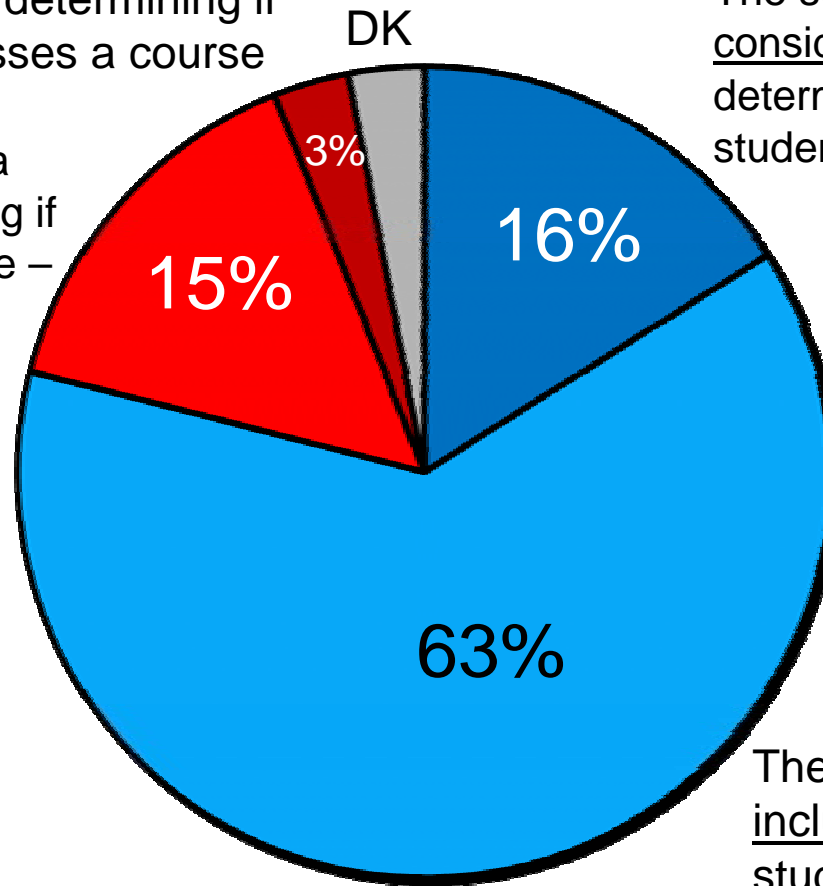
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Role Standardized Tests Should Play in the School Accountability System

The state test should be the only factor in determining if a student passes a course

The state test should not be considered at all in determining whether or not a student passes a course

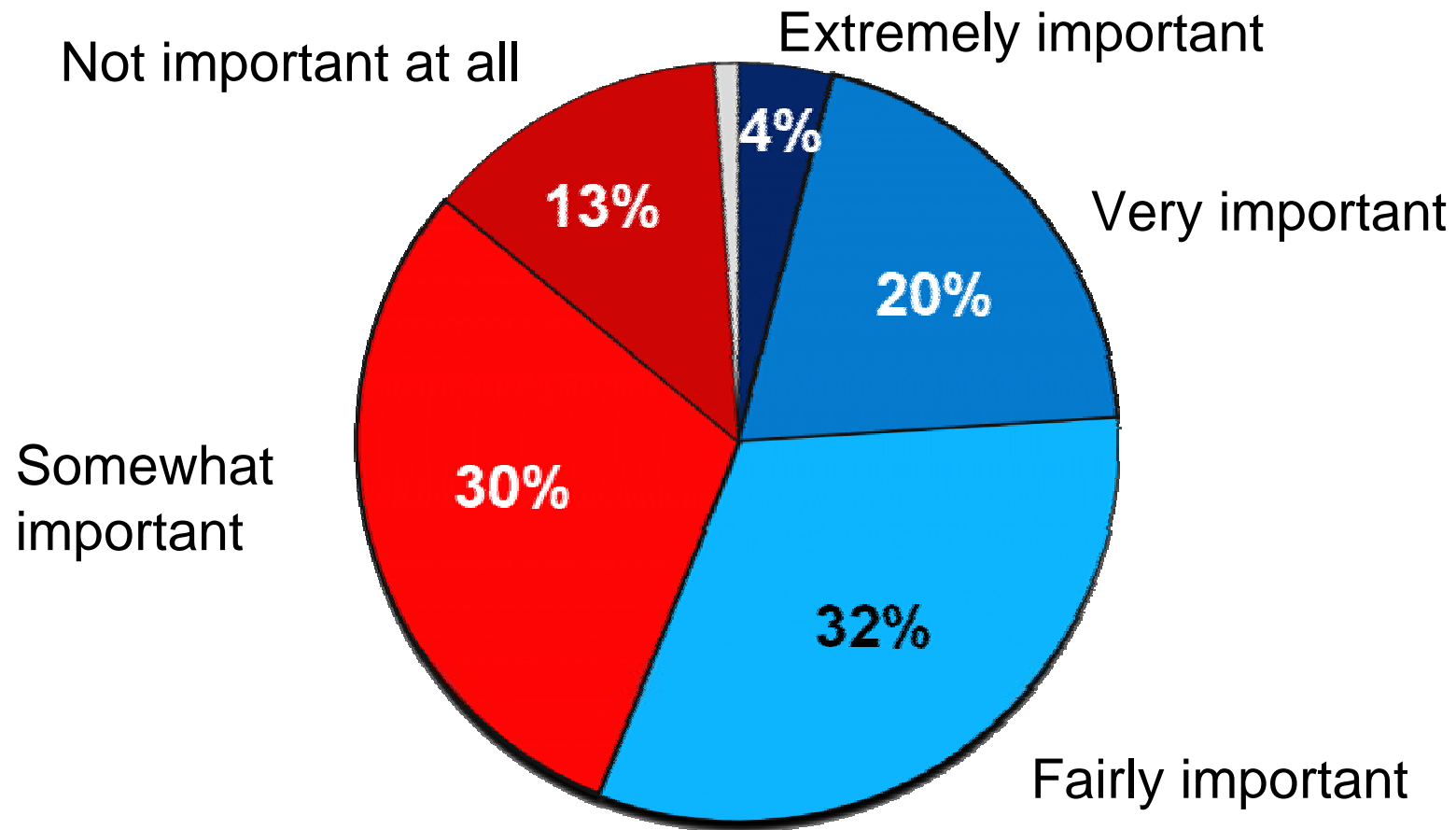
The state test should be a major factor in determining if a student passes a course – but not the only factor



The state test should be included in determining if a student passes a course – but should not be more important than the work done during the school year

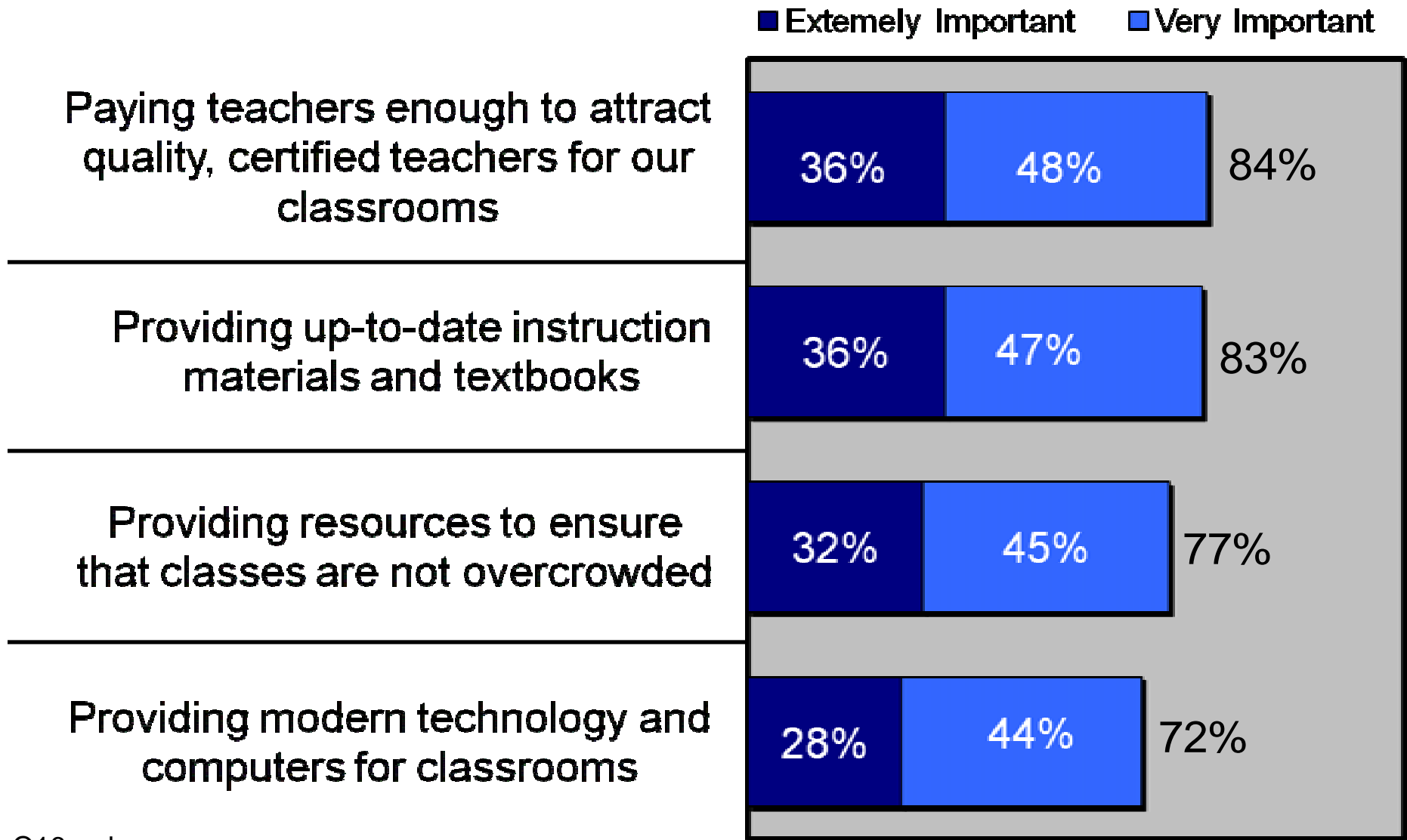
Q14

Importance of State Standardized Tests in Determining the Consequences For Students, Teachers and Schools



Q15

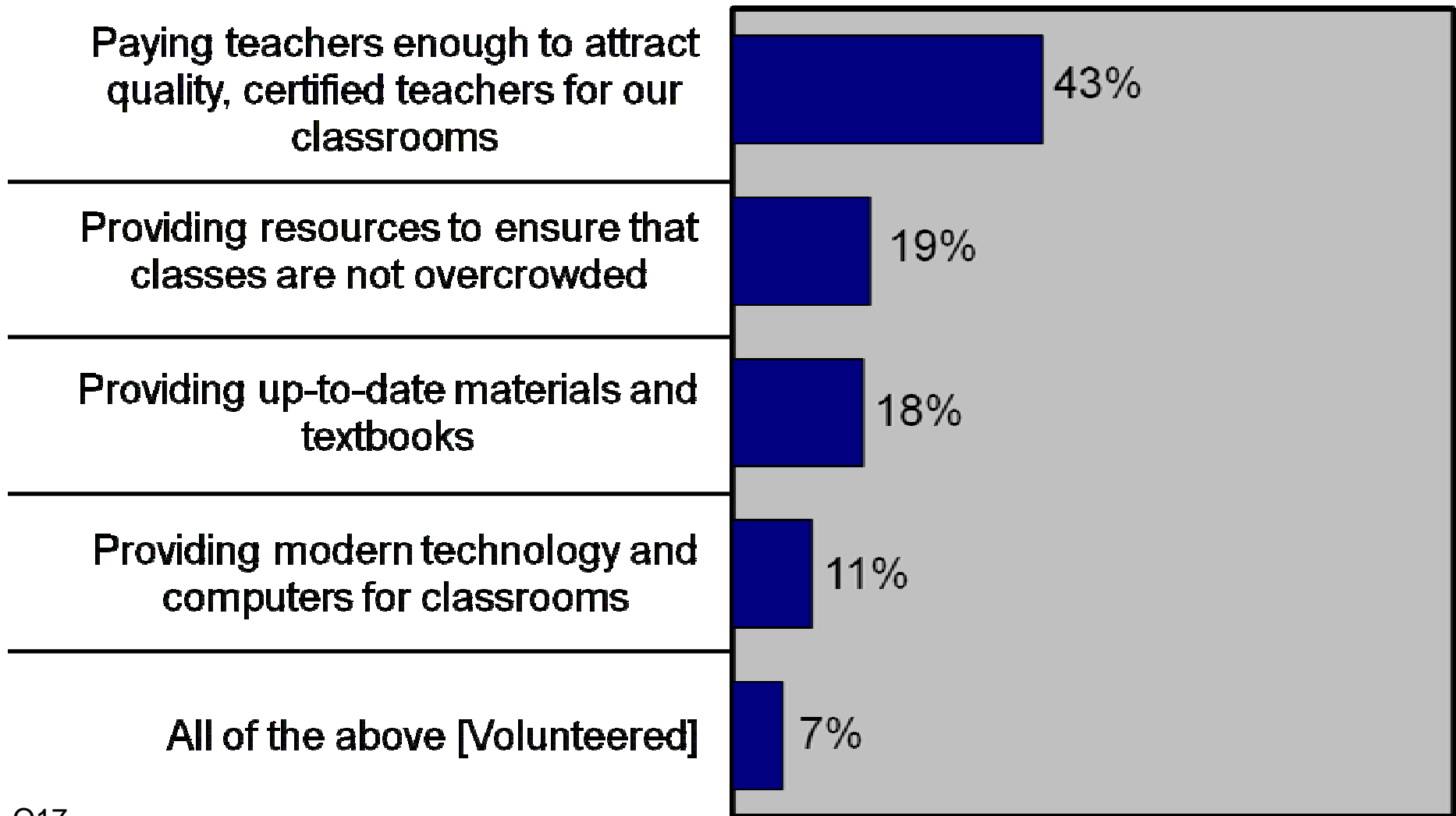
Importance of Various Factors That May Contribute to Quality Education and Improved Student Learning



Q16 a-d

Most Important Factor to Invest Money and Resources

Percent saying the factor is the most important



Q17