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# CPAC Straw Poll

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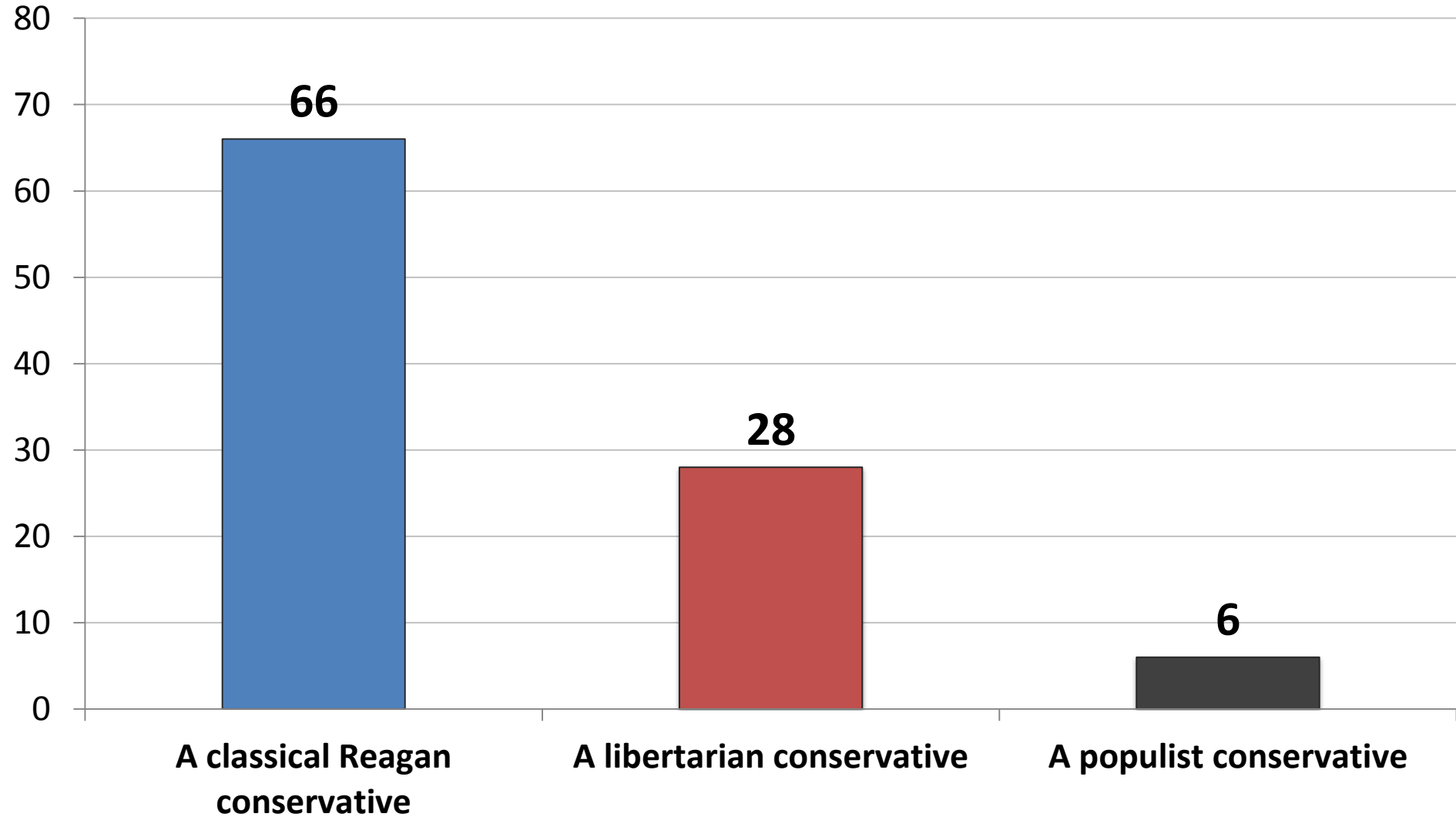
# Methodology

**The annual straw poll was available to CPAC attendees from Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. A total of 2,659 CPAC attendees participated in the straw poll.**

**Participants had the option to complete the straw poll via email or through the official CPAC App on their mobile device. Additionally, respondents had the ability to complete the straw poll in person at one of the seven stations available to participants at the event.**

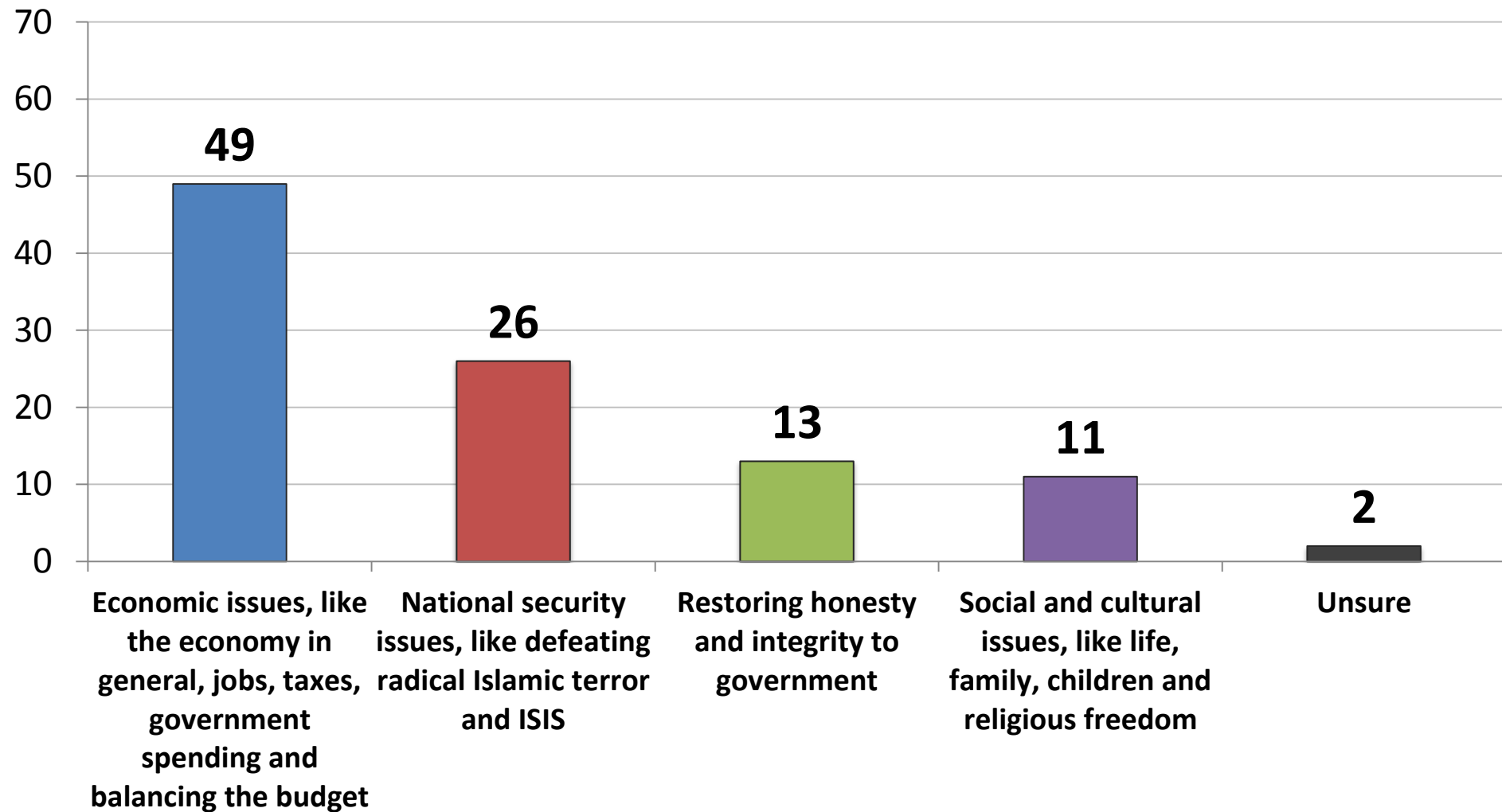
**Each CPAC attendee was assigned a unique, five digit PIN code with their registration materials. Respondents were required to enter their PIN code as well as the email used to register to complete the straw poll, ensuring that only CPAC registrants could participate.**

# Would You Consider Yourself...?



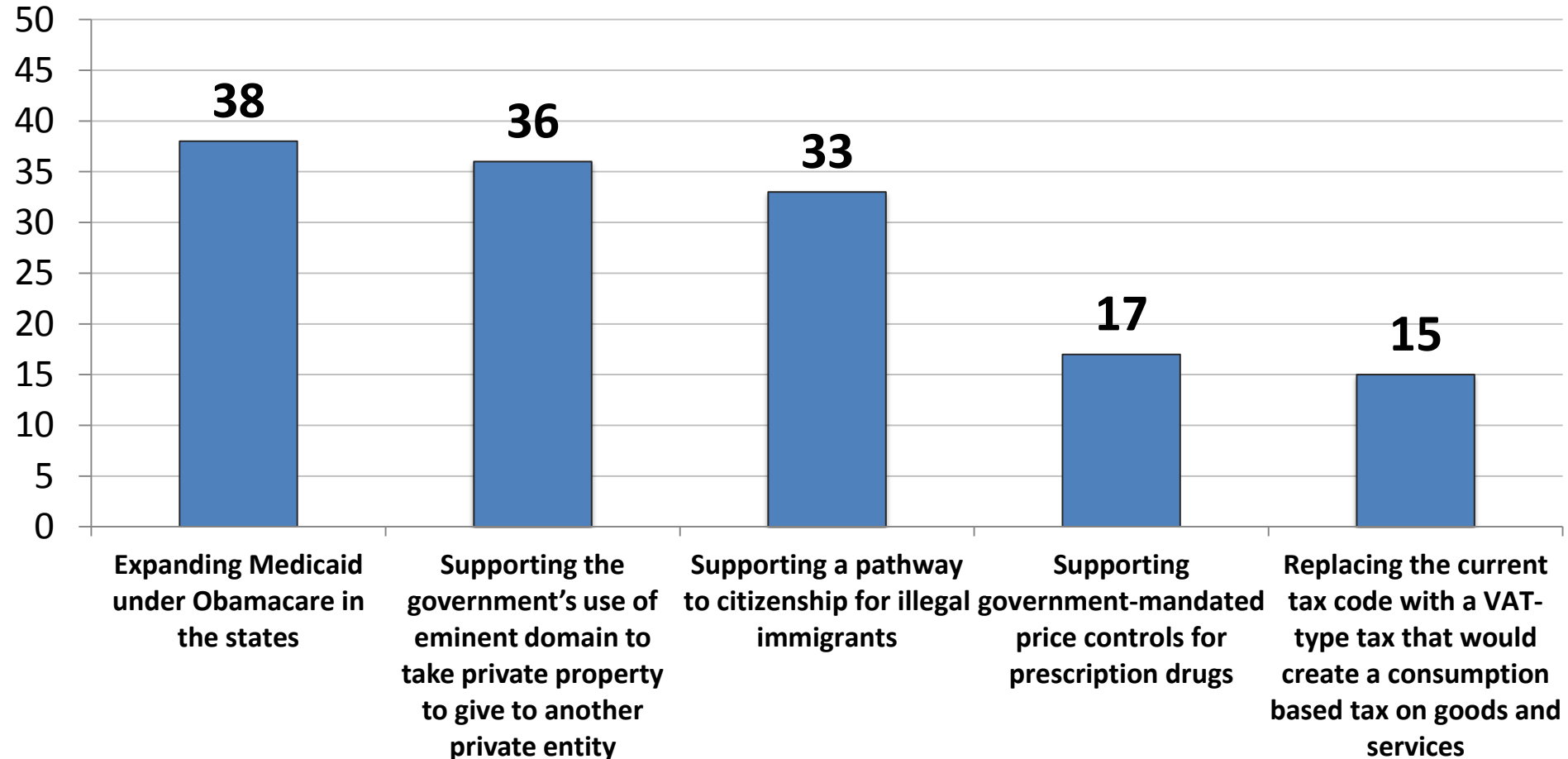
# Most Important Issue For President

*(Choices Rotated)*



Thinking about the candidates for President, which of the following stances do you consider a deal-breaker, meaning that you would not vote for a candidate who holds that position?

*(Choices Rotated, Multiple Responses Accepted)*

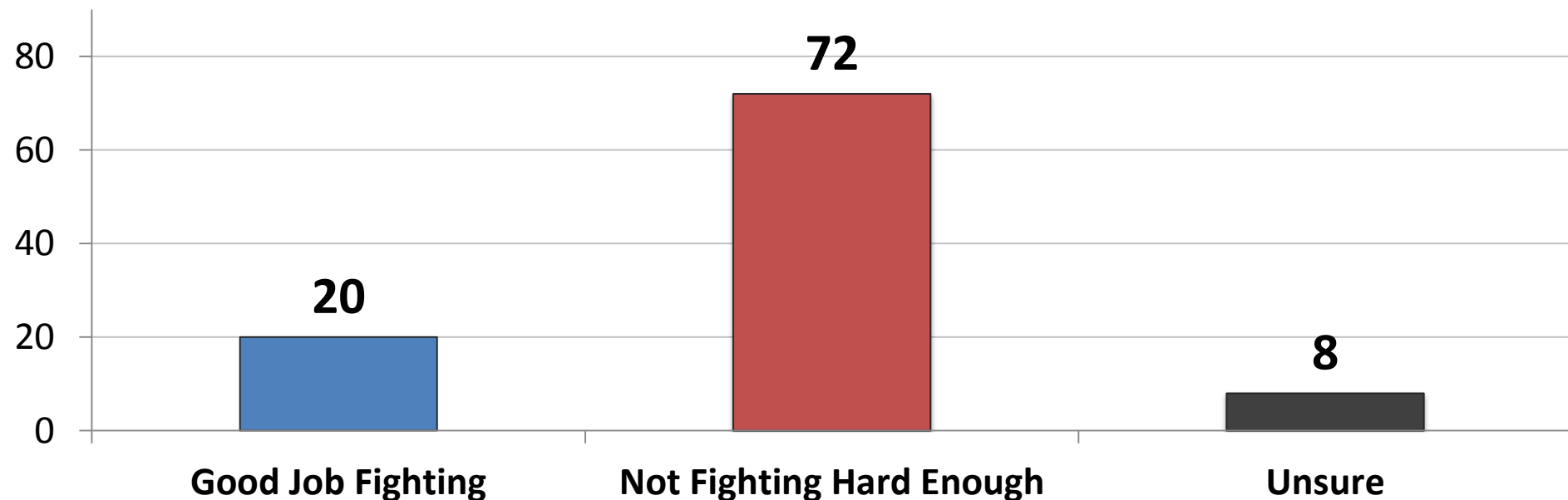


Which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion about most  
Republicans in Washington?  
*(Choices Rotated)*

They are doing a good job fighting for conservative principles and standing up to  
President Obama

**OR**

They are not fighting hard enough for conservative principles and are too willing to  
compromise with President Obama

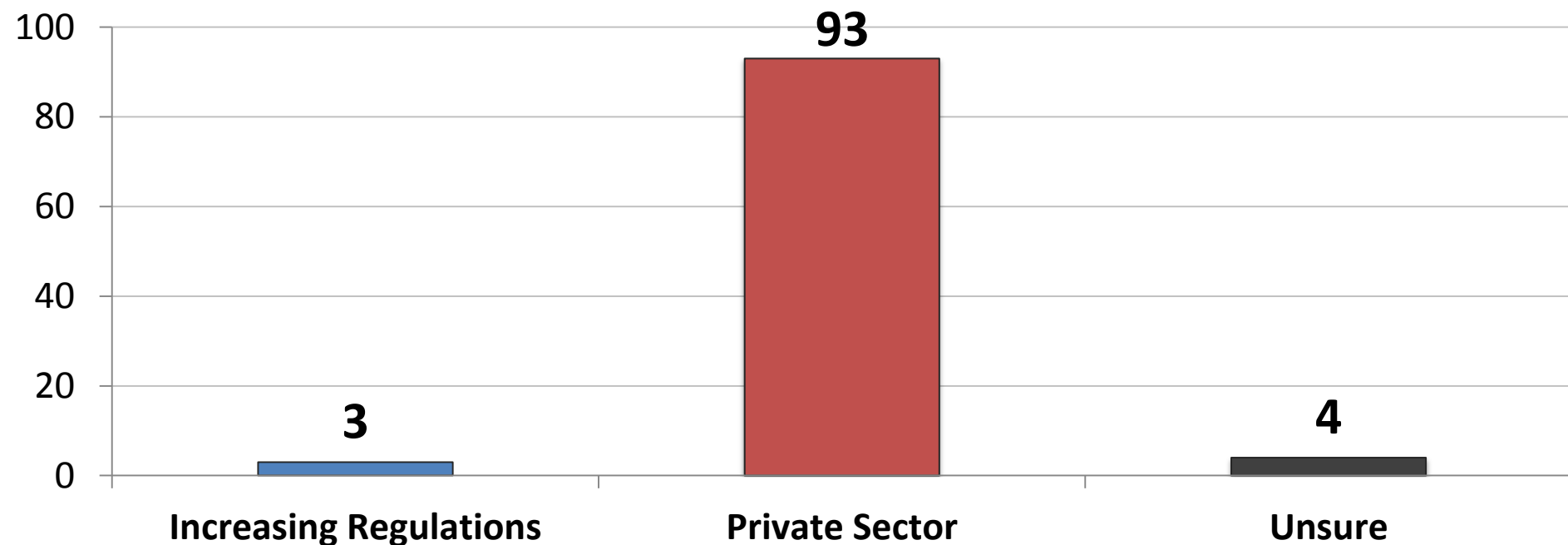


# What do you think is a better way to reduce healthcare costs? *(Choices Rotated)*

The government increasing regulations on hospitals, insurance and pharmaceutical companies by putting price controls on drugs and medical care

**OR**

Giving the private sector and free markets more of an ability to determine the costs of care, which will increase competition and lower costs



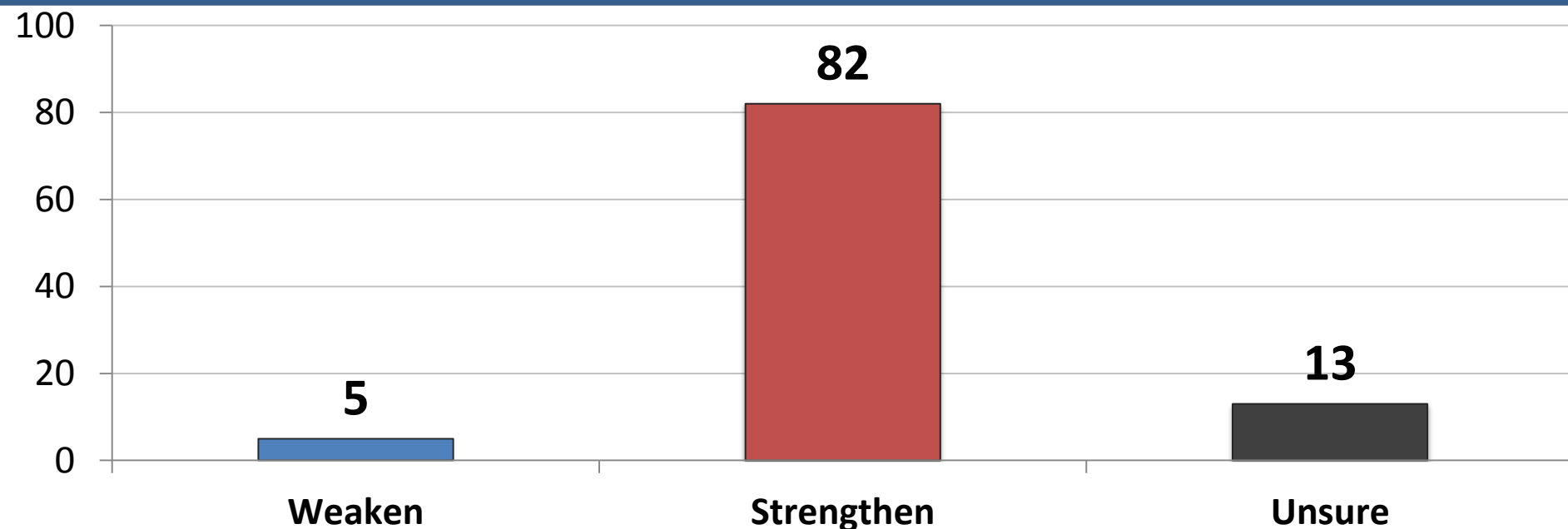
The U.S. Constitution grants authors and inventors “the exclusive right” to their creations, like the books they write and the technology they invent. These creations are known as intellectual property. Do you think that ...?

*(Choices Rotated)*

Congress should pass legislation to **WEAKEN** these Constitutional rights because patents and copyrights are outdated concepts.

**OR**

Congress should pass legislation to **STRENGTHEN** these Constitutional rights because inventors and authors should be rewarded for their efforts.



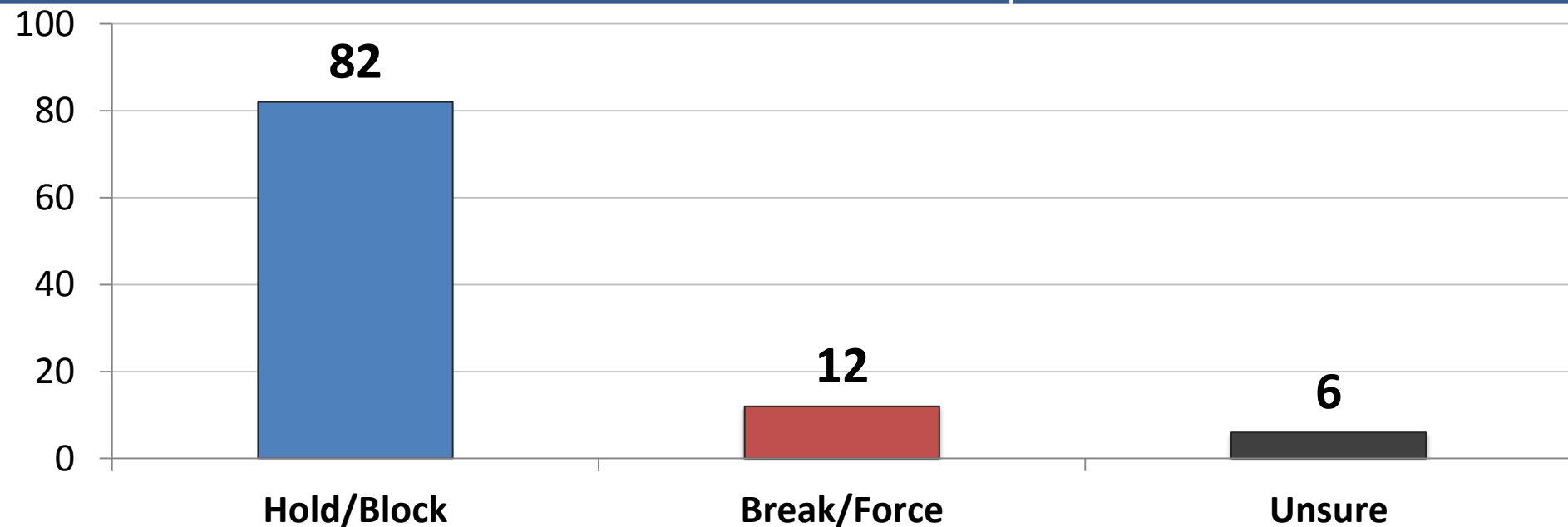


As you may know, there is now a vacancy on the Supreme Court since the passing of Justice Antonin Scalia. Republican Leaders in the Senate have committed to block anyone President Obama nominates. Do you think ...?  
*(Choices Rotated)*

Republican Senators should **HOLD** with the Senate Leadership and **BLOCK** President Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court.

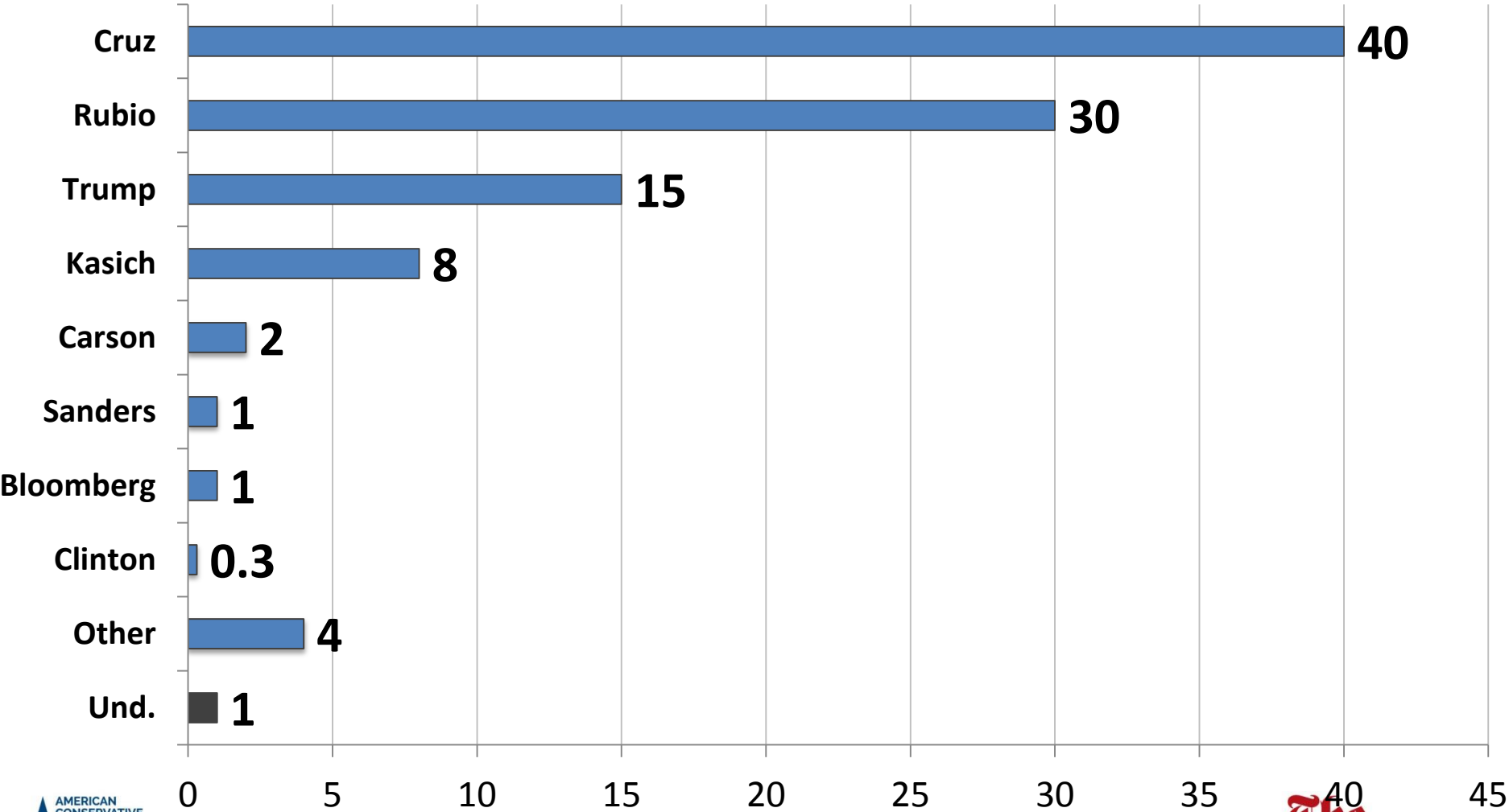
**OR**

Republican Senators should **BREAK** with the Senate Leadership and **FORCE** a vote on President Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court



# Vote: President

*(First Choice)*

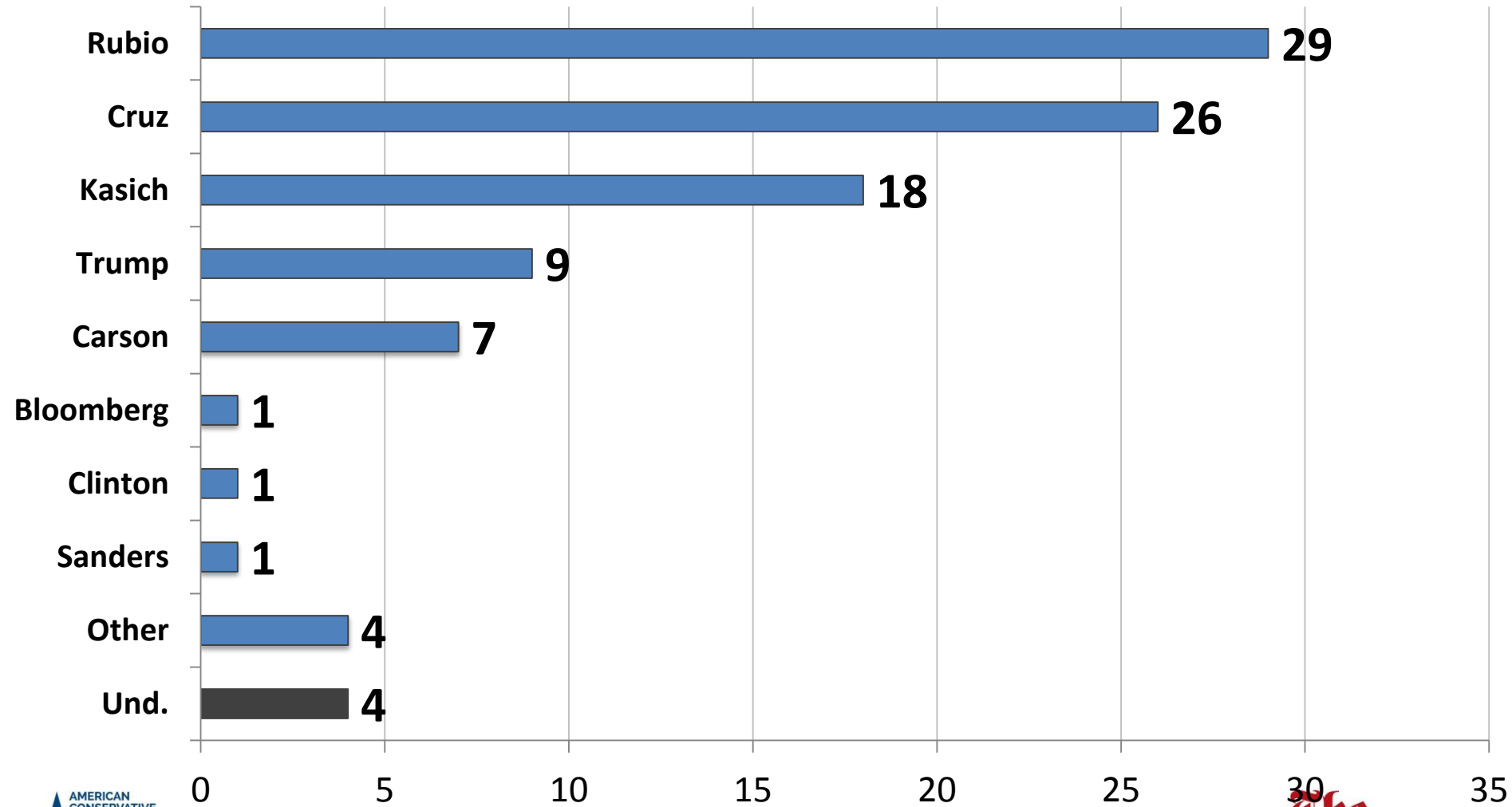


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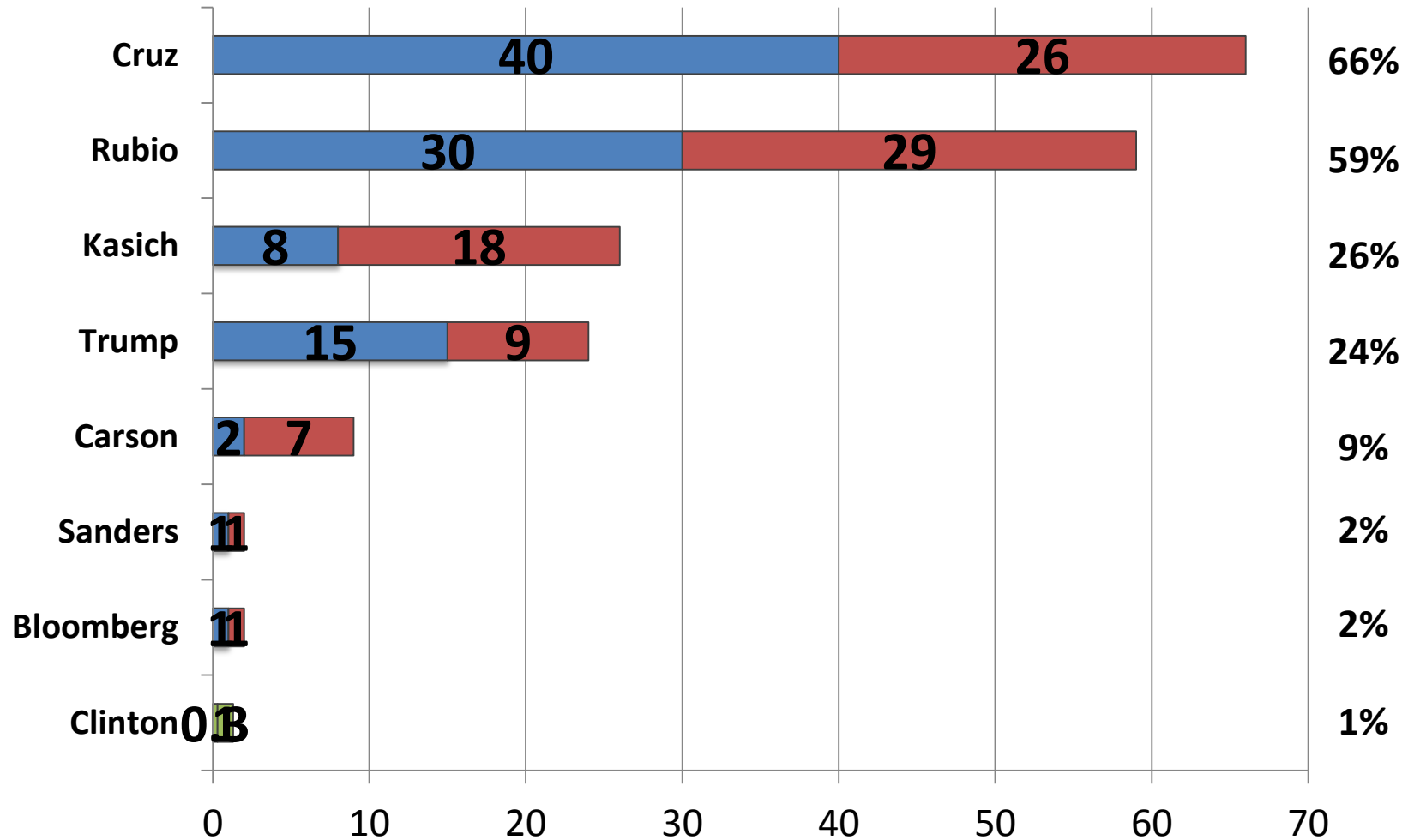
# Vote: President

*(Second Choice)*

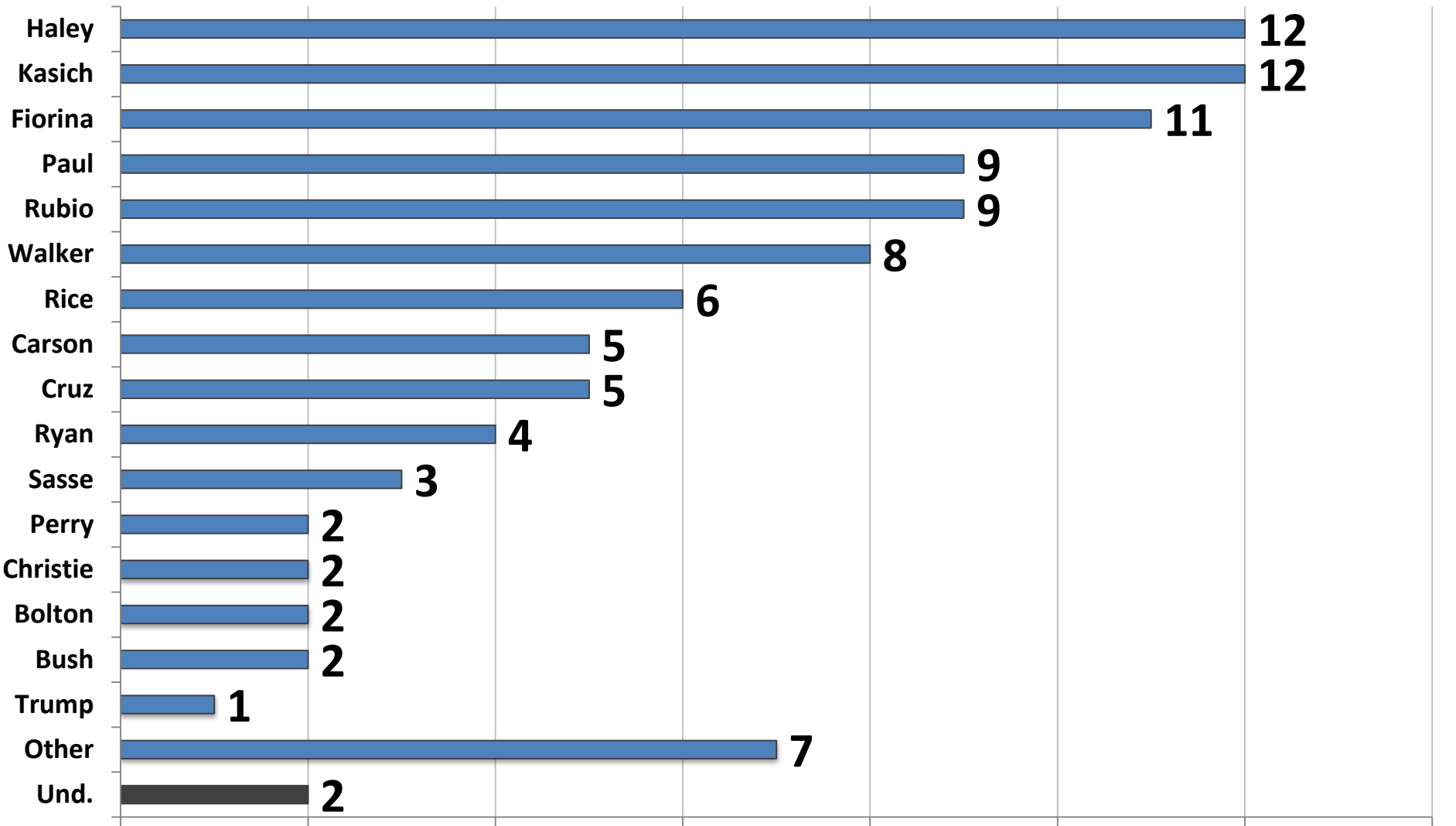


# Vote: President

*(Combo Ballot)*



# Vote: GOP Vice President



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## *(By Vote for President)*

	Tot.	Cruz	Rubio	Trump	Kasich
Haley	12%	3%	29%	2%	14%
Kasich	12%	7%	15%	15%	18%
Fiorina	11%	15%	9%	8%	8%
Paul	9%	11%	4%	7%	8%
Rubio	9%	14%	6%	5%	12%
Walker	8%	11%	7%	8%	2%
Rice	6%	4%	7%	6%	11%
Carson	5%	5%	2%	8%	3%
Cruz	5%	5%	3%	13%	1%
Ryan	4%	2%	7%	1%	6%
Sasse	3%	5%	2%	1%	1%
Perry	2%	3%	1%	0.3%	1%