

Chart 1

AMERICANS WANT TO PRESERVE MEDICARE

Percent who say how important it is that Medicare is preserved as a health care program for all people when they retire...

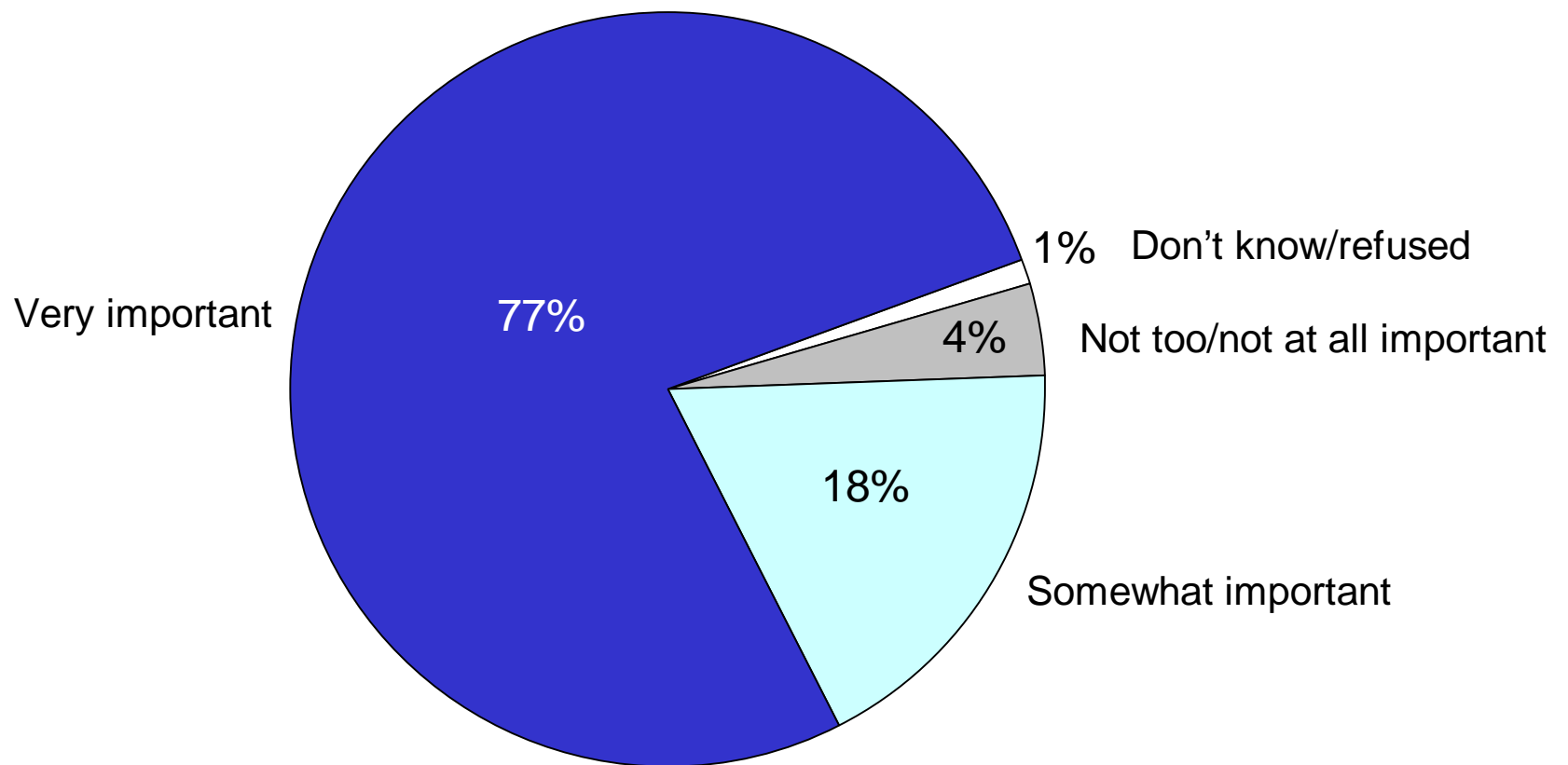
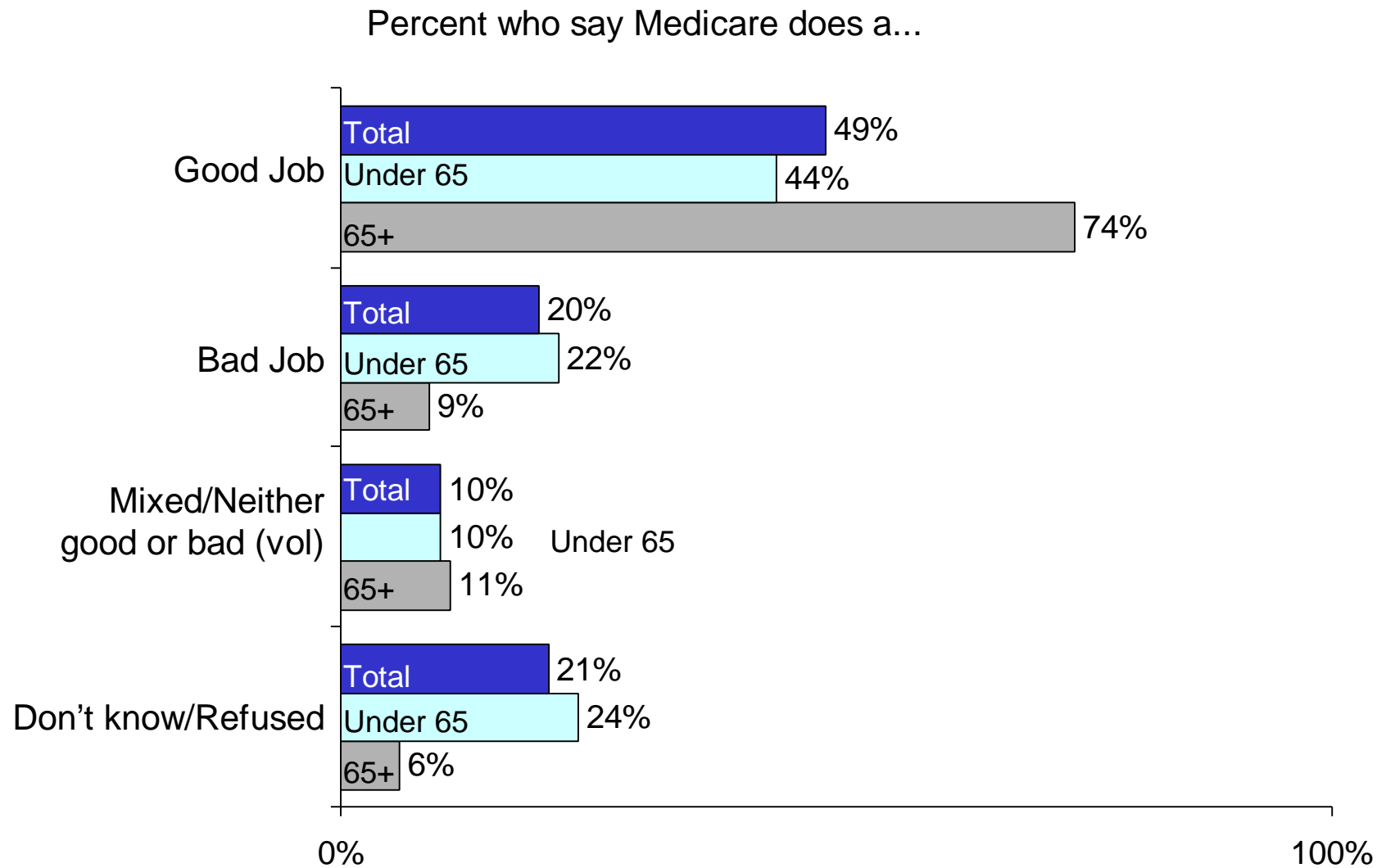


Chart 2

MOST PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER SAY MEDICARE IS DOING A “GOOD JOB”



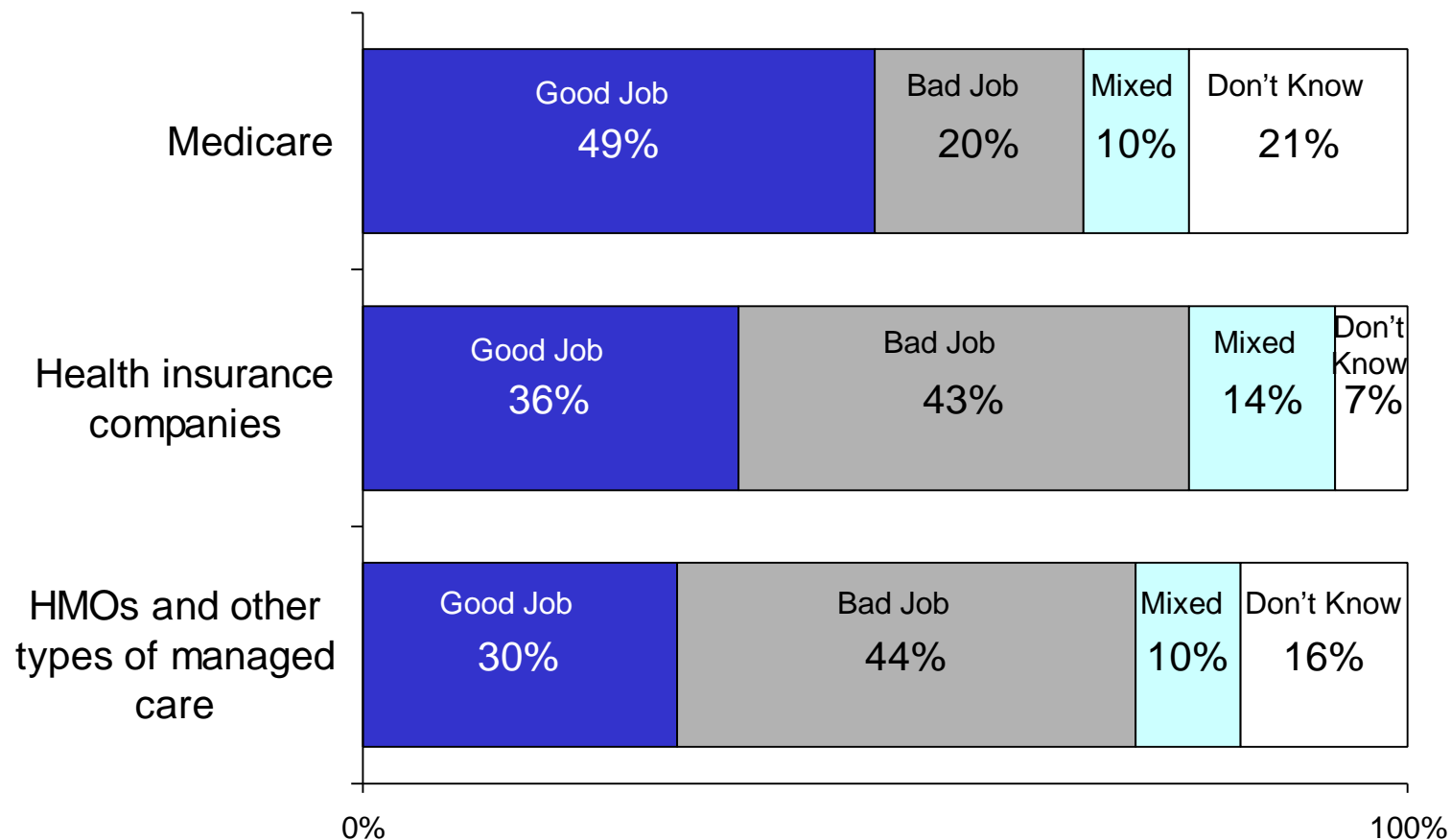
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Chart 3

MEDICARE RATED MORE FAVORABLY THAN OTHER TYPES OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Percent who say what kind of job each does serving health care consumers...



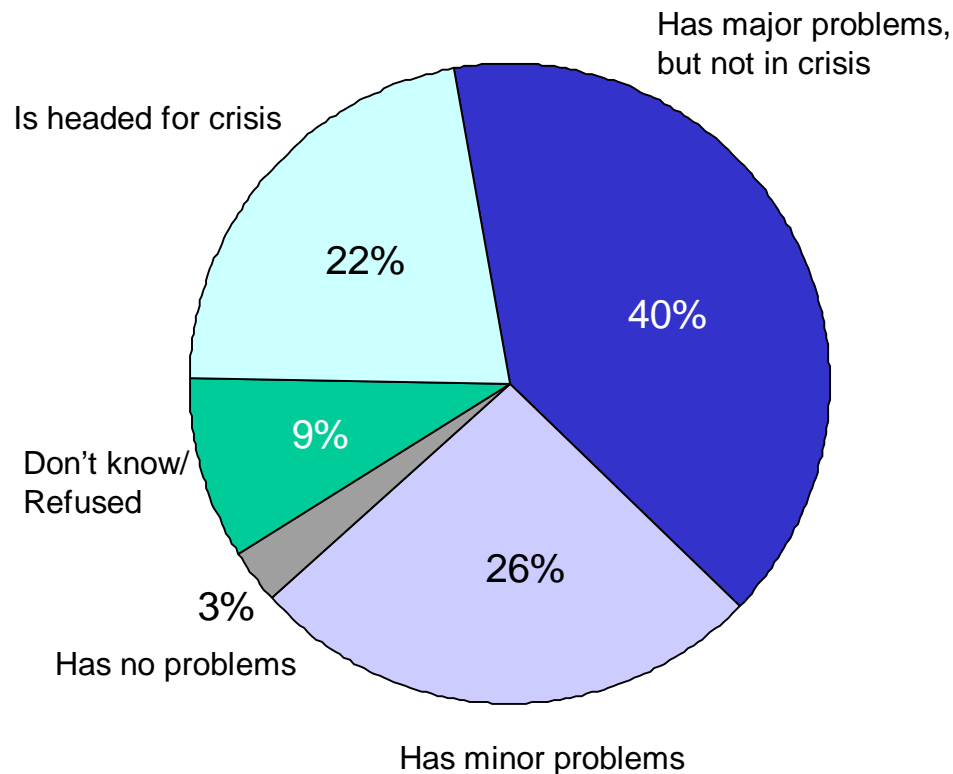
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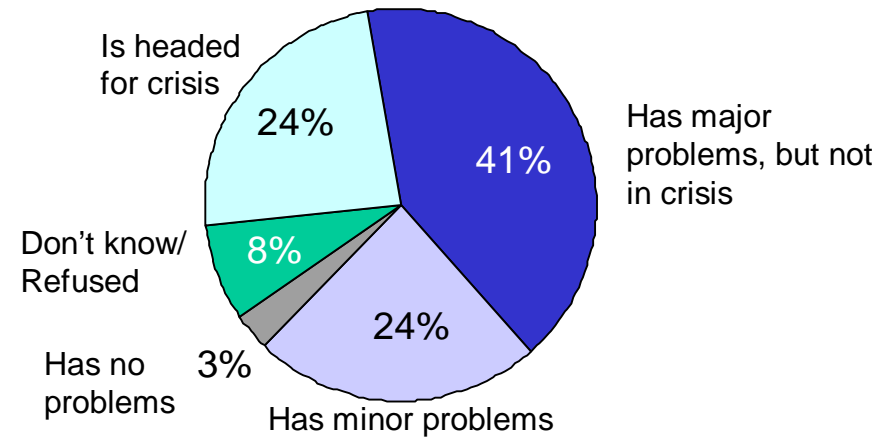
AMERICANS THINK THE MEDICARE PROGRAM FACES PROBLEMS

Percent who say Medicare...

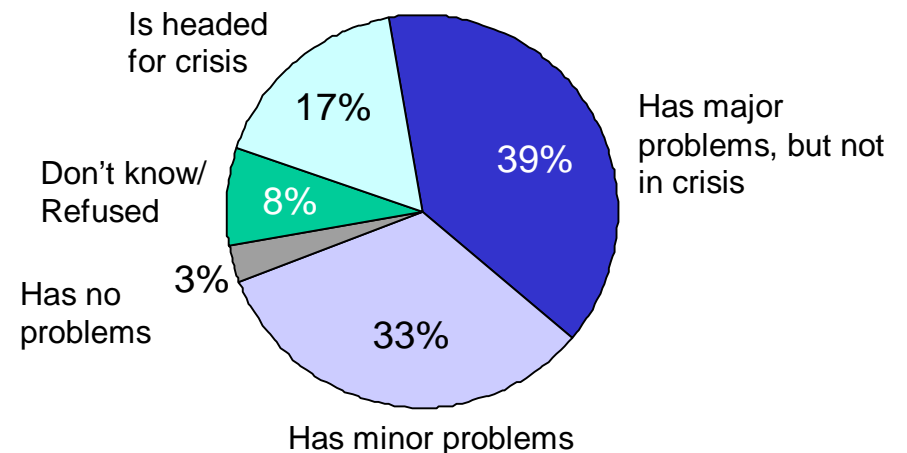
TOTAL



UNDER 65



65+

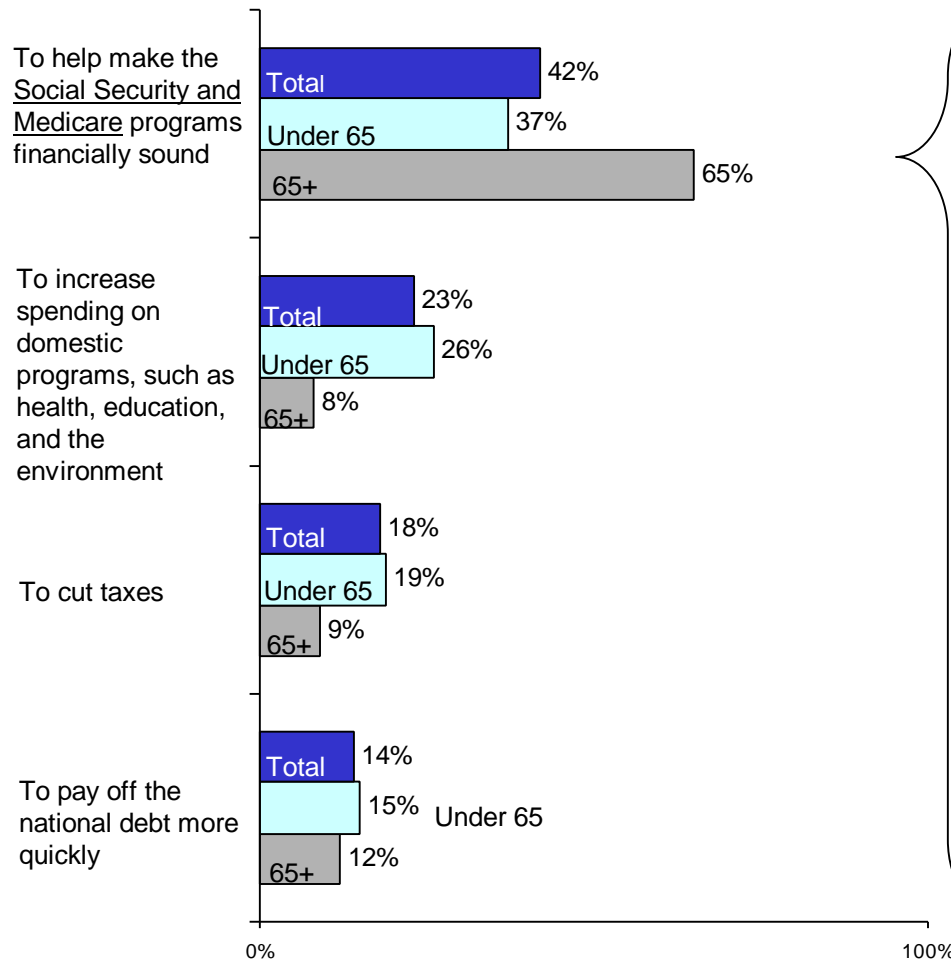


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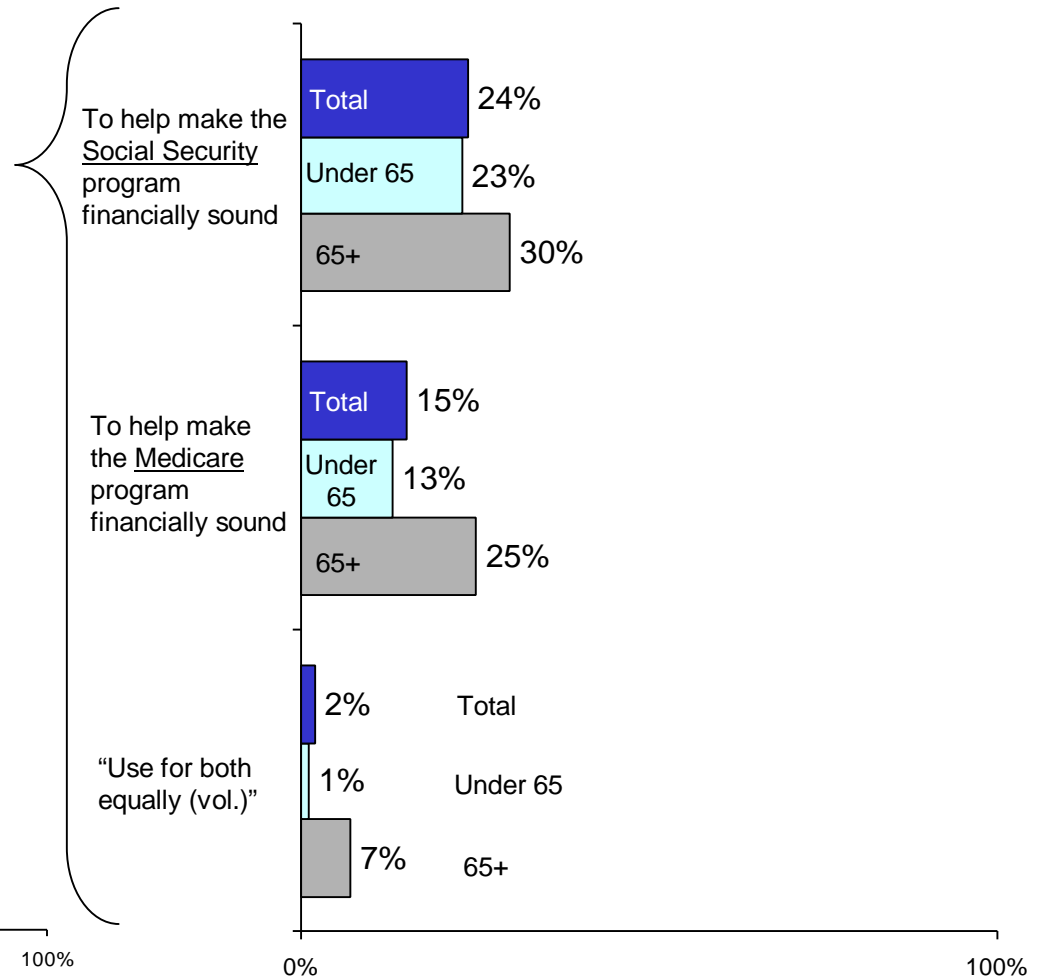
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MANY AMERICANS SAY GOVERNMENT BUDGET SURPLUS SHOULD BE USED TO BOOST SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Percent who say surplus should be used...



When forced to choose between Social Security and Medicare, percent who say surplus should be used...



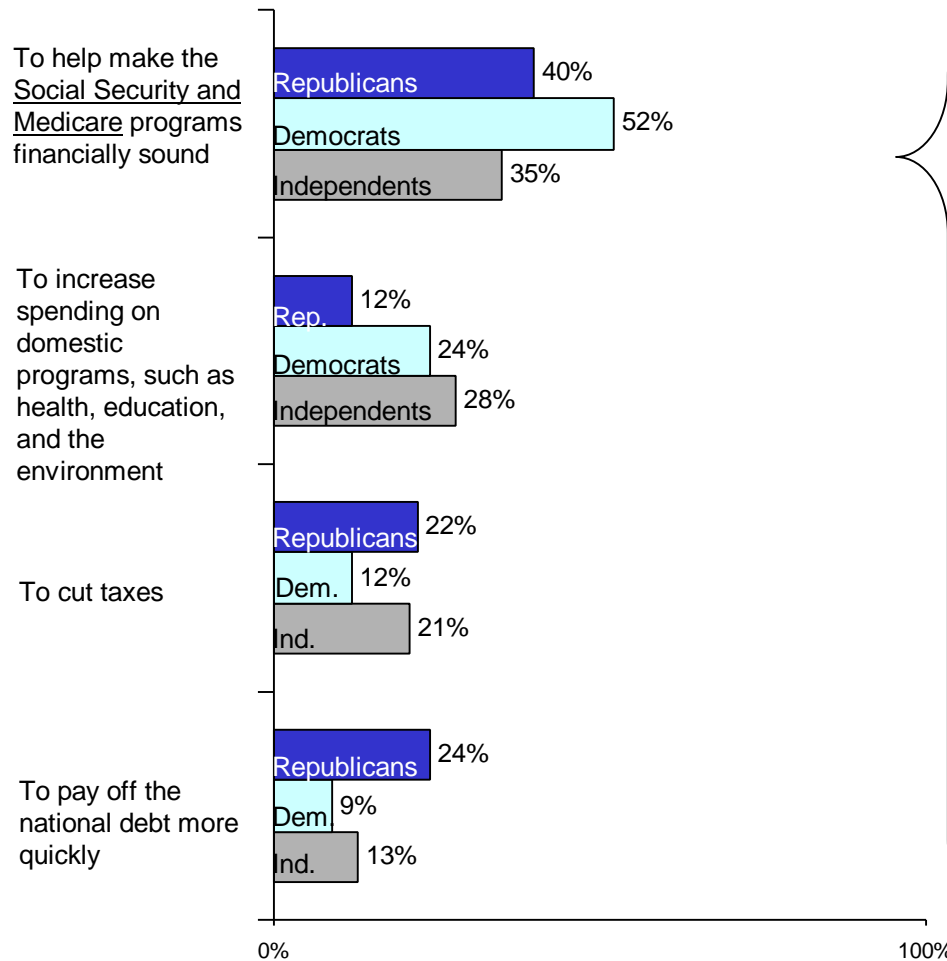
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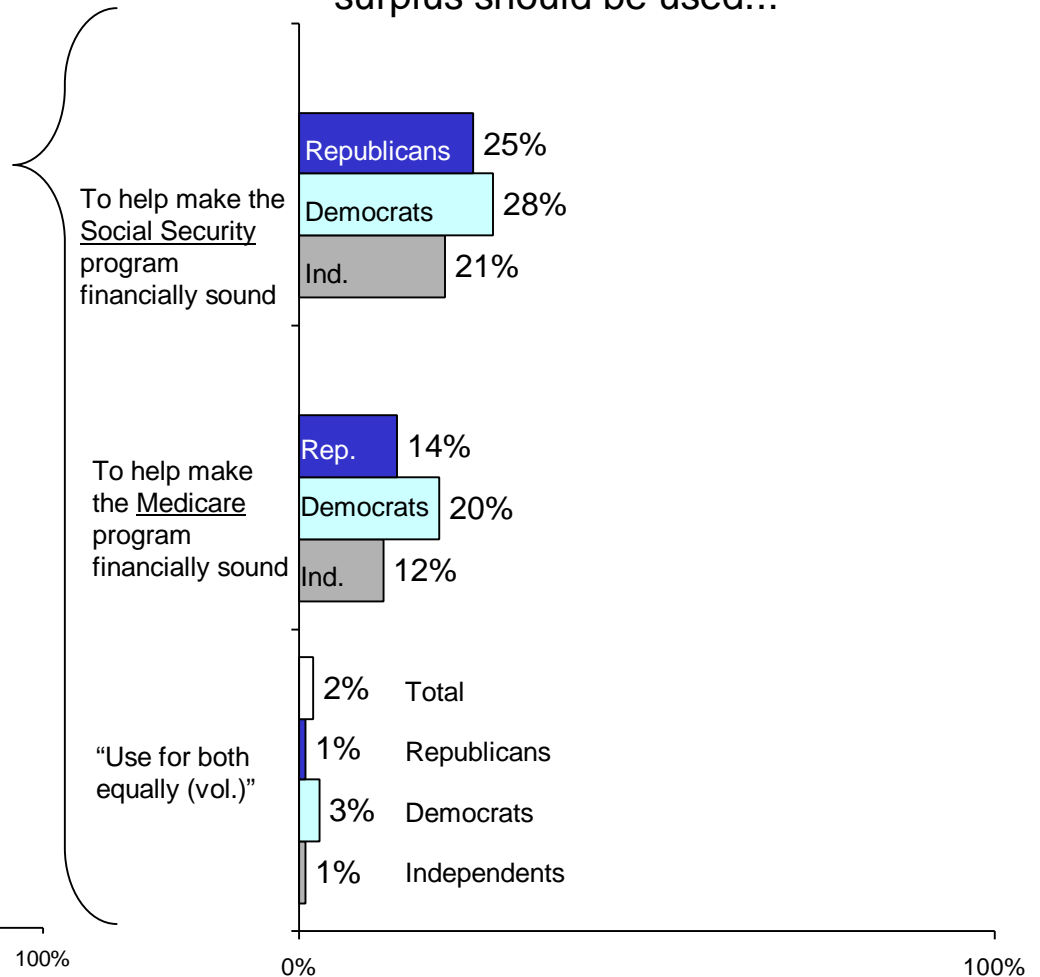
Chart 6

DEMOCRATS MORE LIKELY THAN REPUBLICANS TO WANT TO USE SURPLUS TO BOOST SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Percent by political party who say surplus should be used...



When forced to choose between Social Security and Medicare, percent by political party who say surplus should be used...



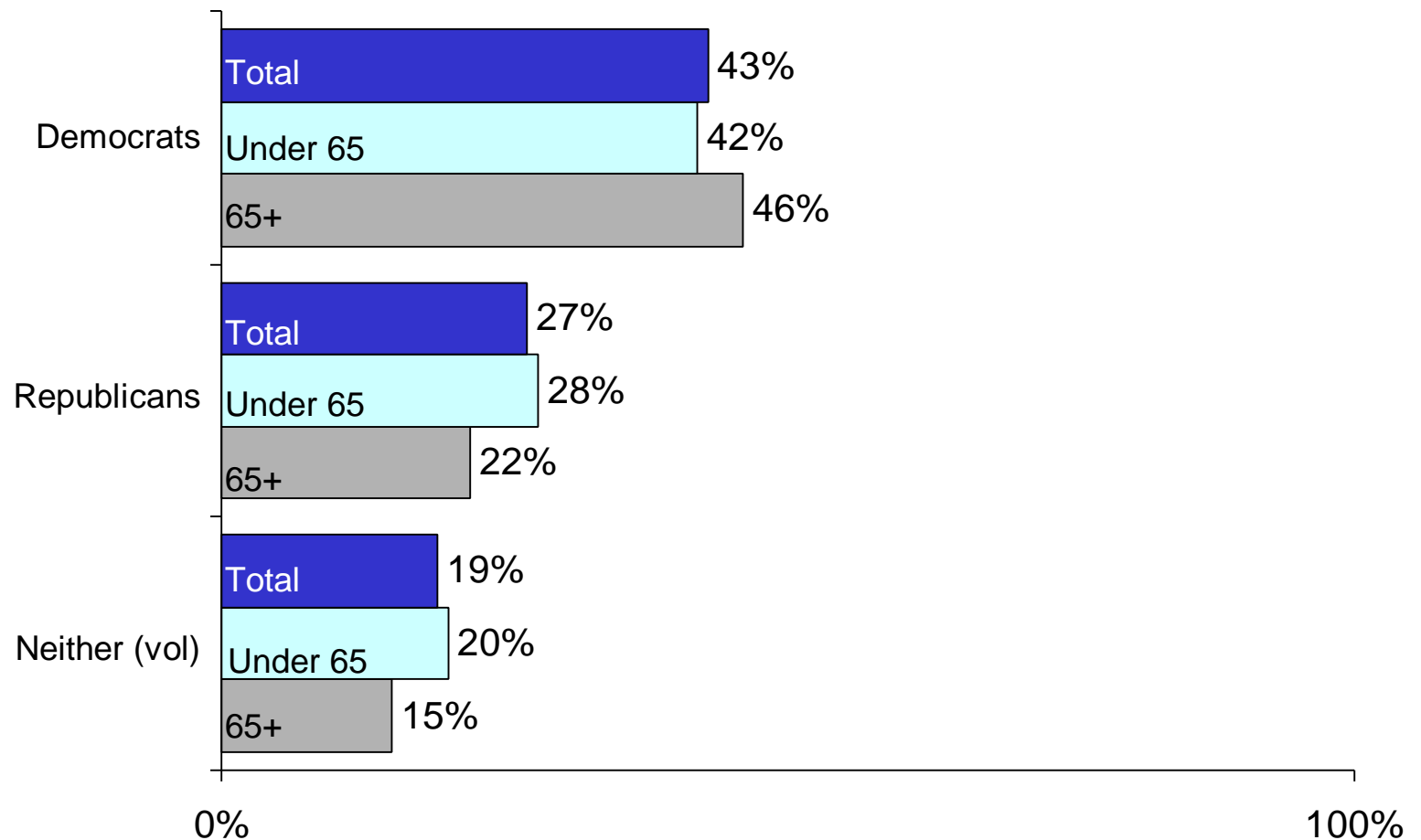
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MORE AMERICANS TRUST DEMOCRATS THAN REPUBLICANS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS FACING MEDICARE

Percent who say they trust Democrats or Republicans more to deal with problems facing Medicare...



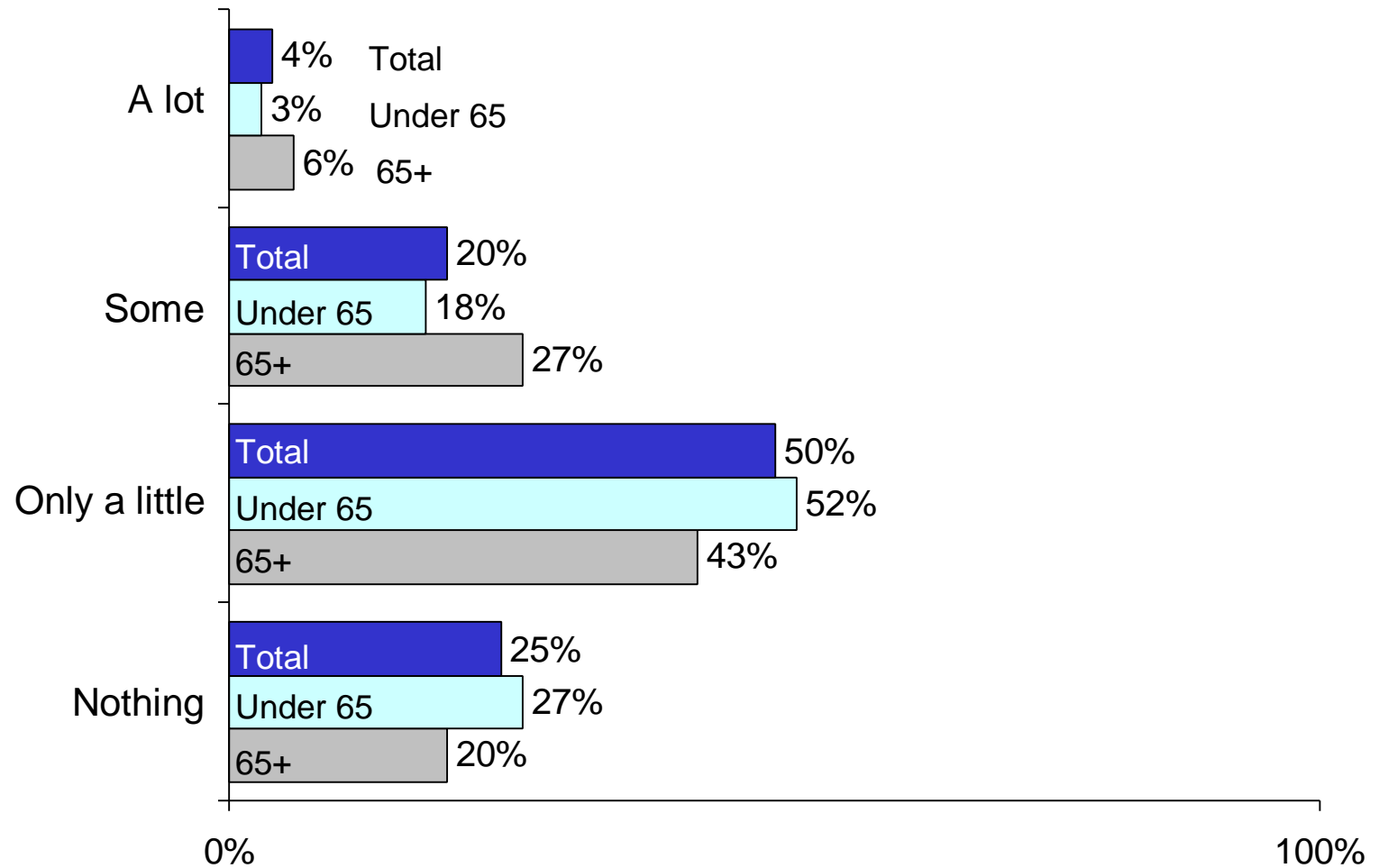
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MOST AMERICANS SAY THEY ARE NOT WELL INFORMED ABOUT OPTIONS TO REFORM MEDICARE

Percent who say how much they know about the Medicare program and options for change...



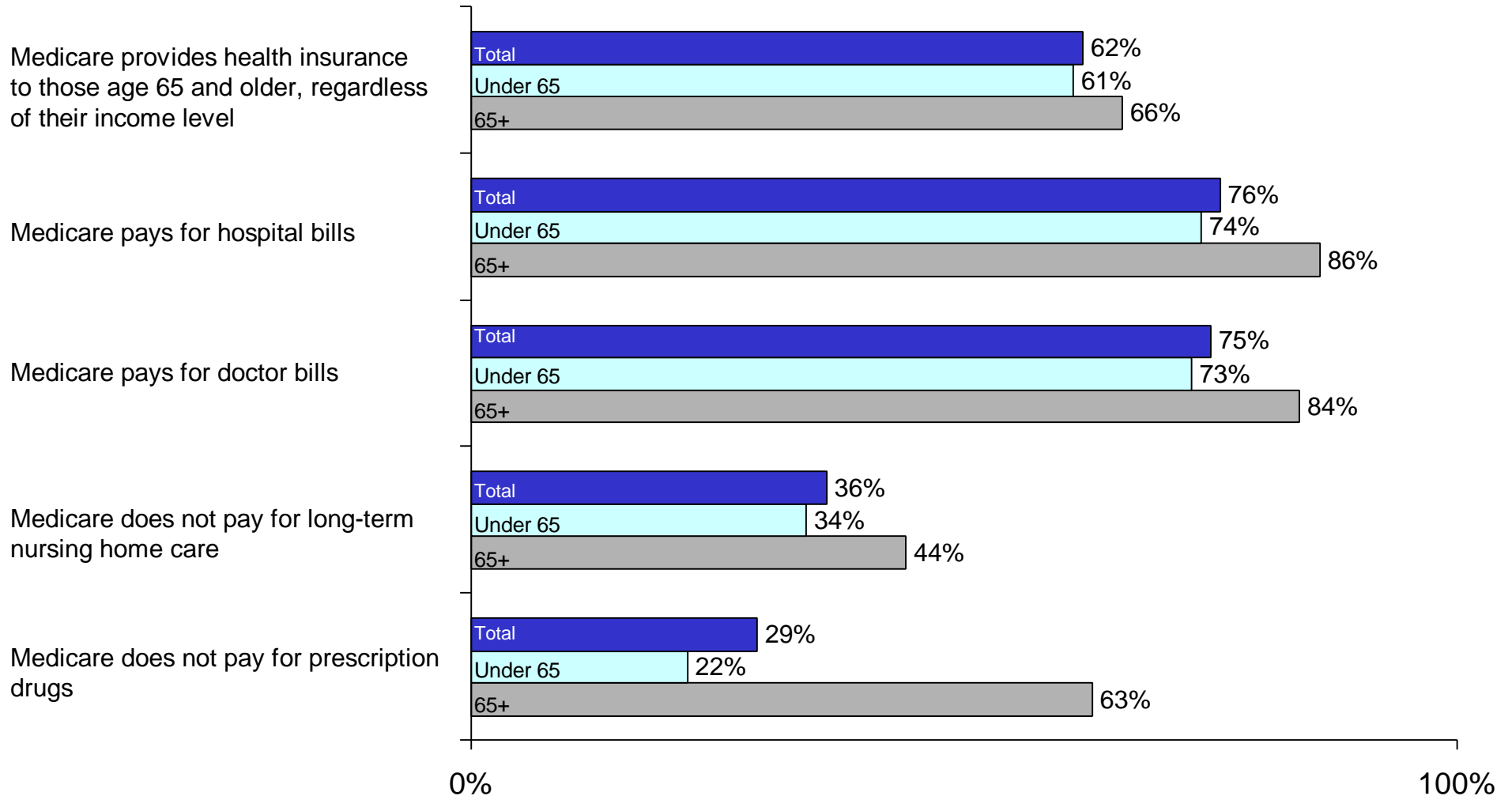
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KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICARE COVERAGE

Percent who know...

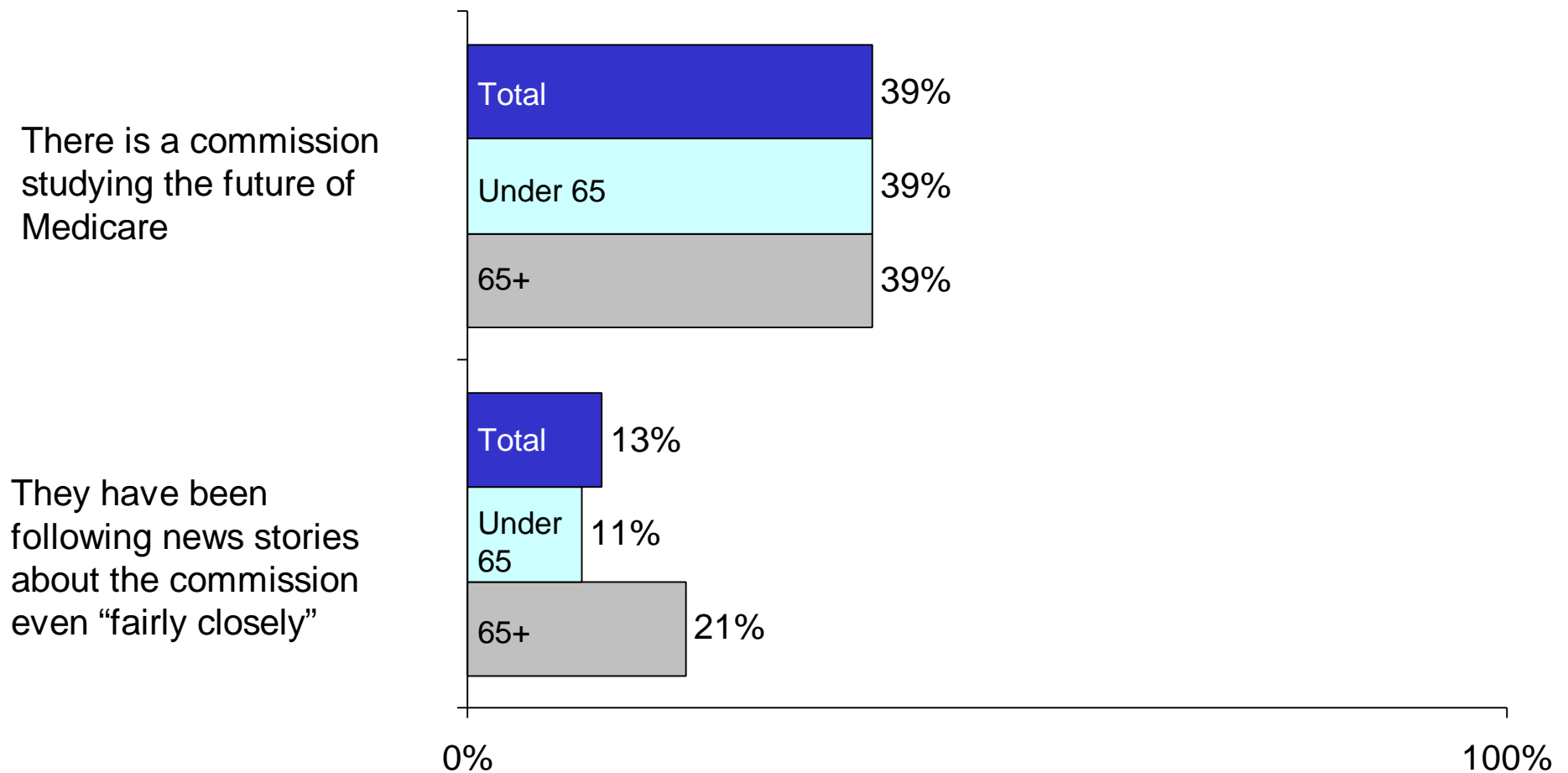


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Chart 10

TWO IN FIVE AMERICANS KNOW MEDICARE COMMISSION EXISTS, FEWER FOLLOWING CLOSELY

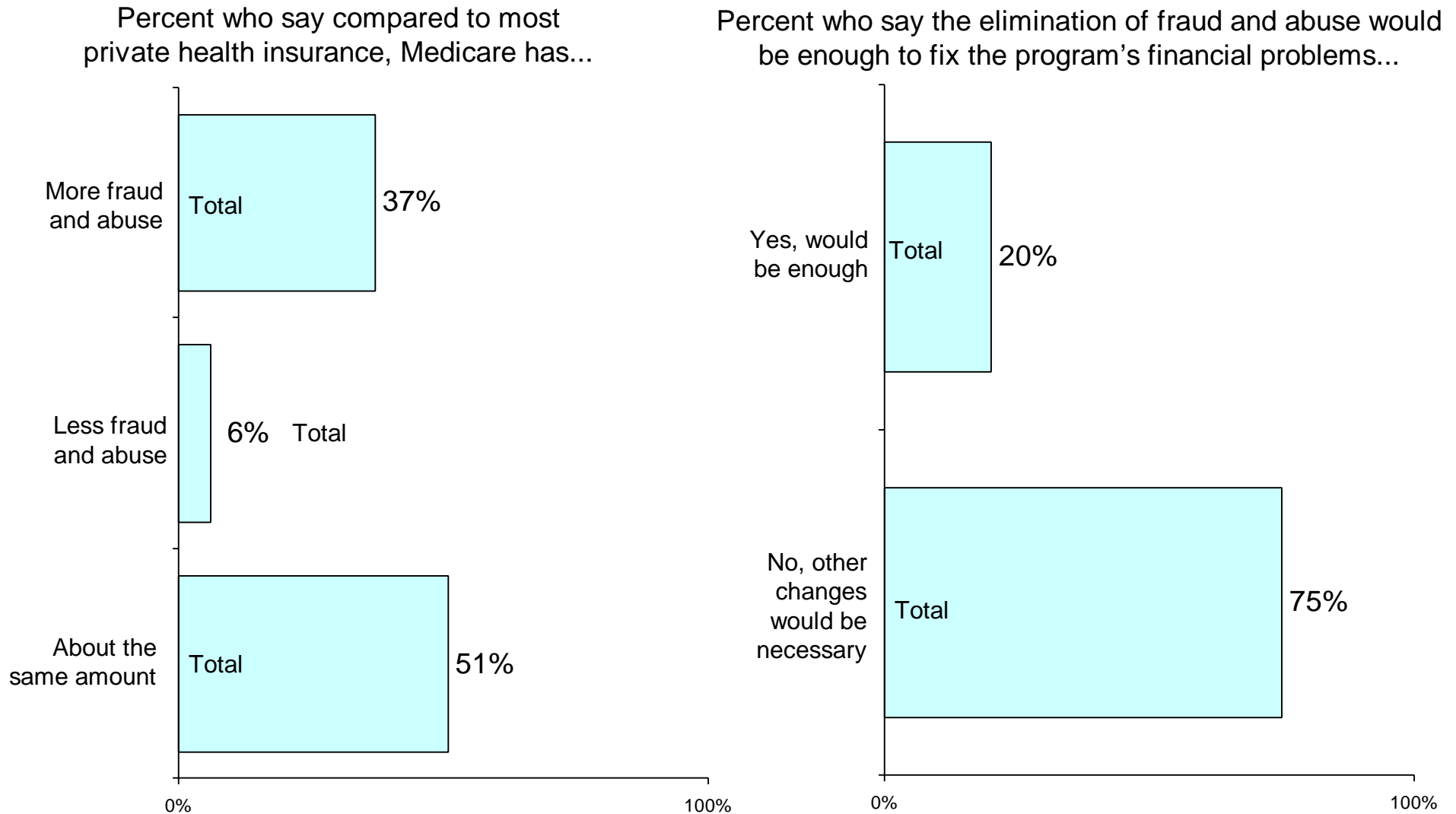
Percent who say...



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Chart 11

AMERICANS REALIZE ELIMINATING FRAUD AND ABUSE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO FIX MEDICARE



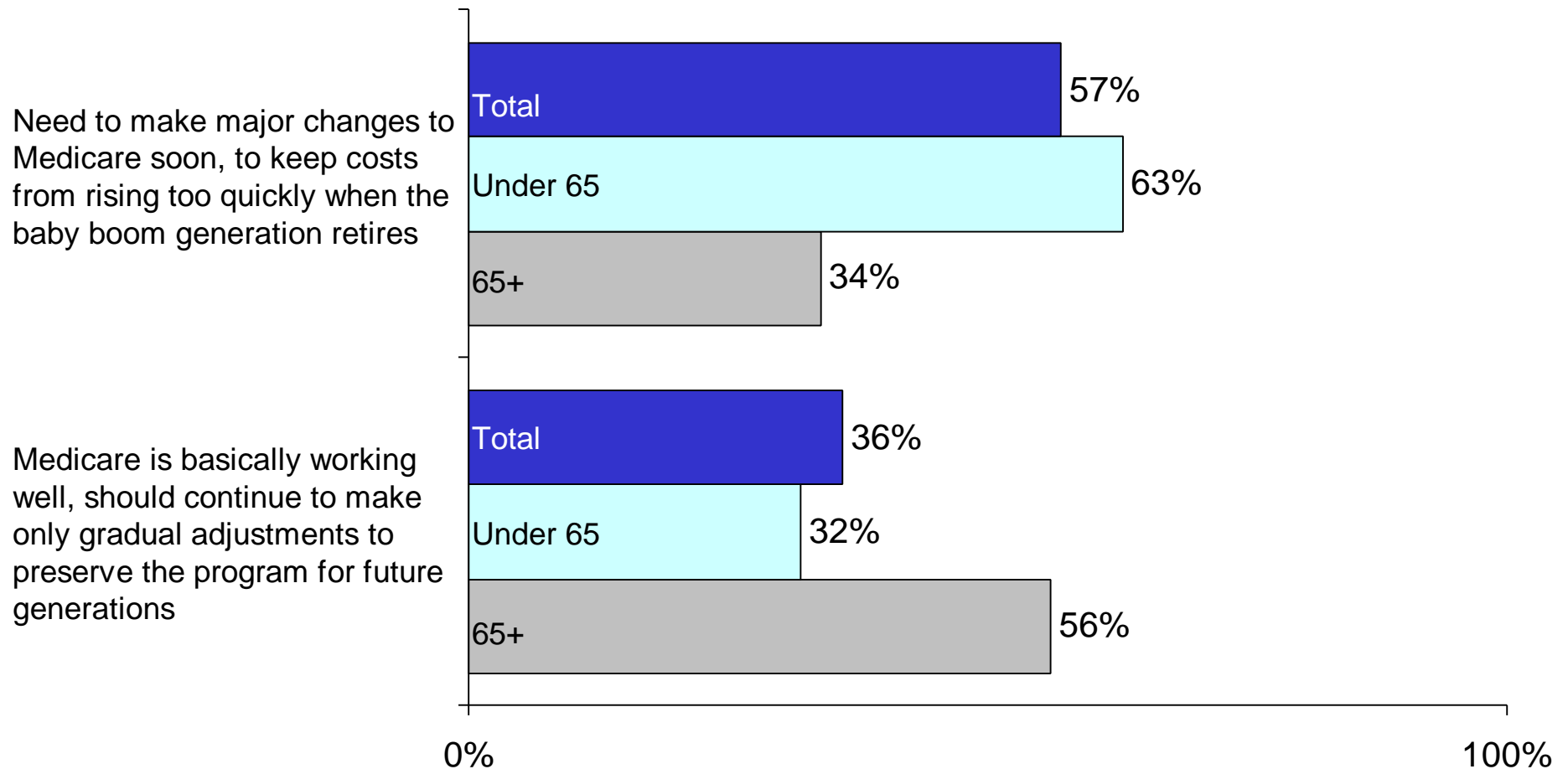
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Chart 12

SUPPORT FOR CHANGES IN THE ABSTRACT...

Percent who agree...



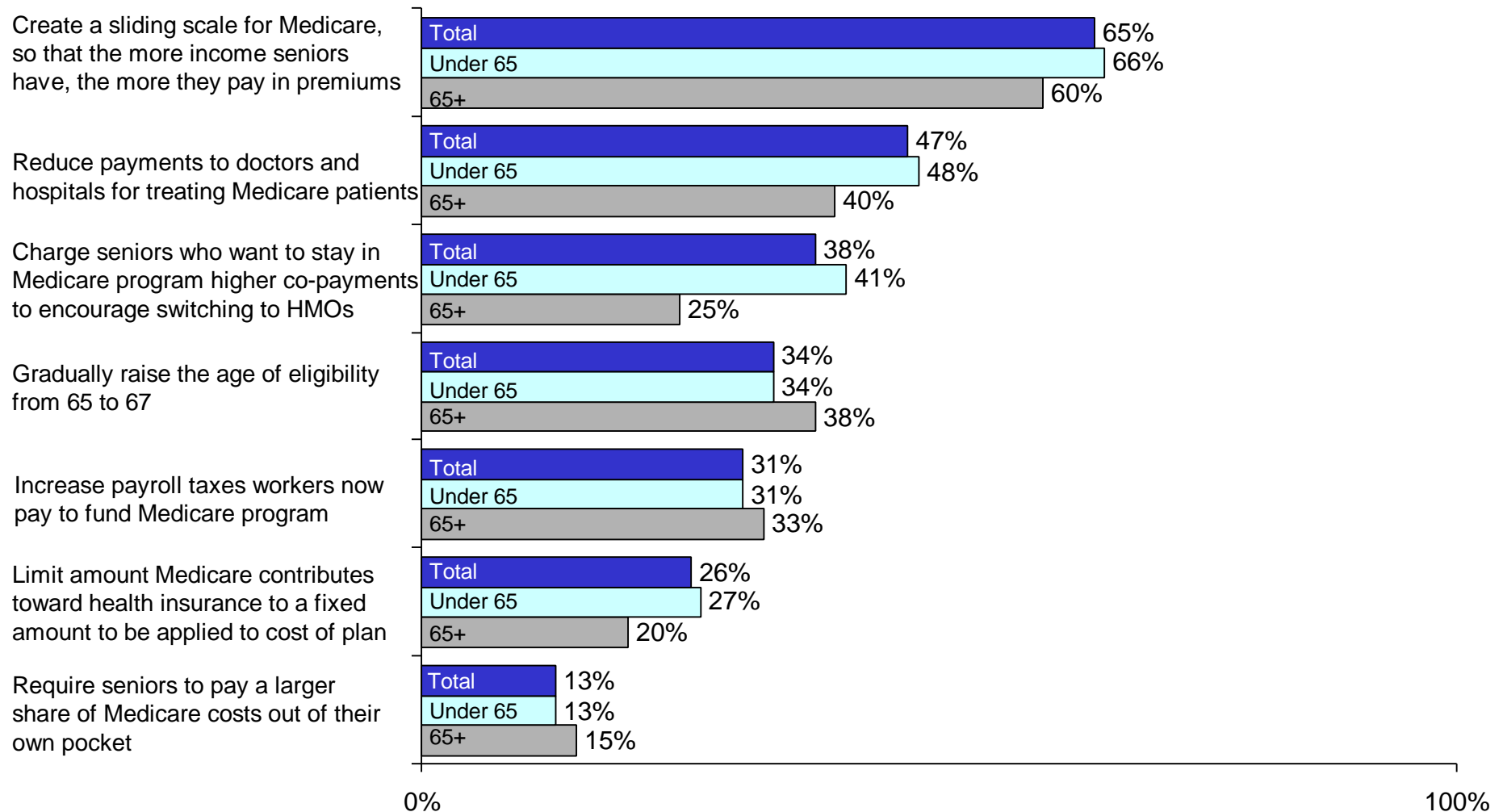
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...BUT AMERICANS NOT READY TO MAKE HARD CHOICES TO ADDRESS MEDICARE'S FISCAL PROBLEMS...

Percent who favor each proposal when arguments for and against are presented...

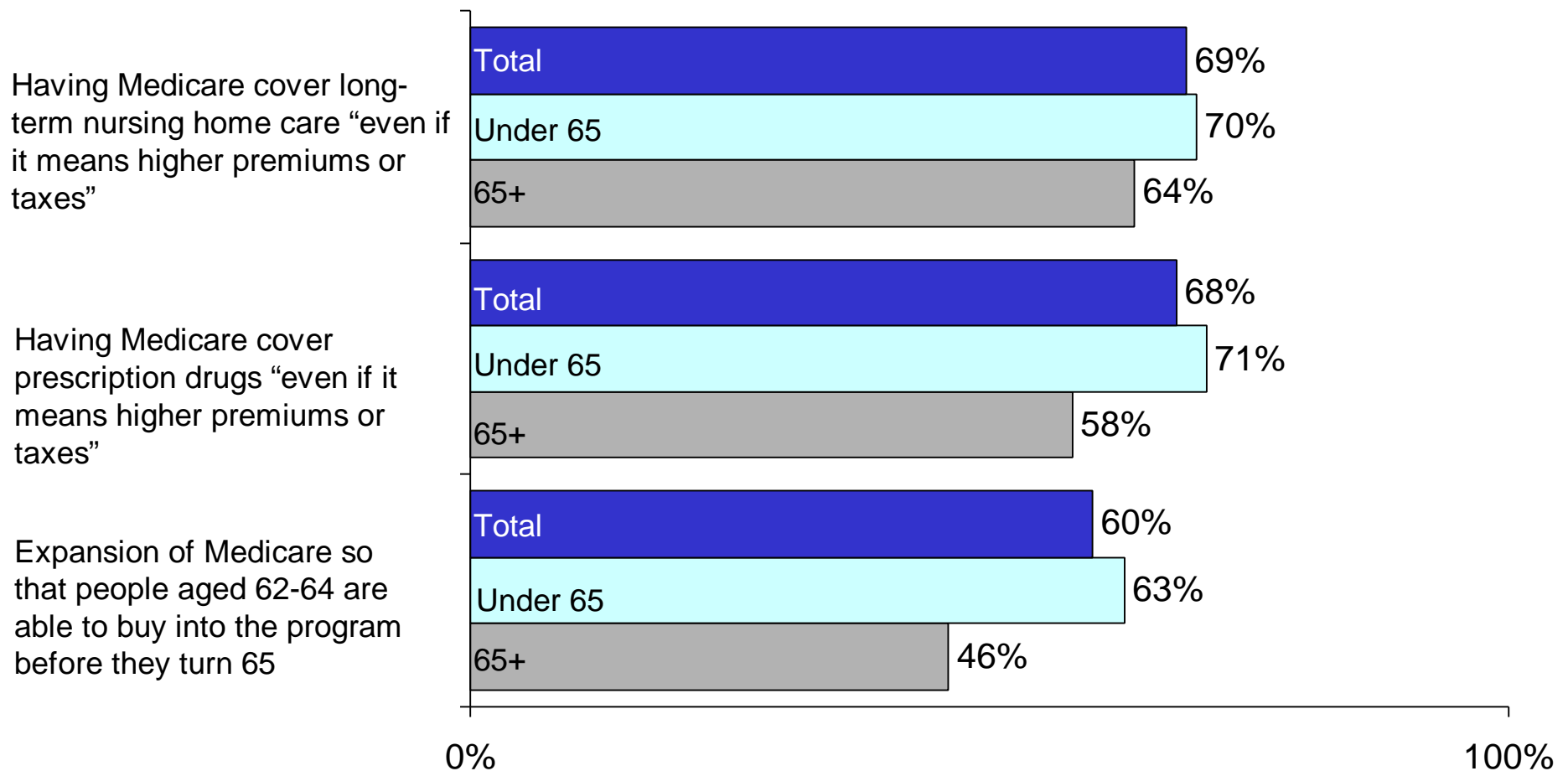


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...IN FACT, MOST SUPPORT EXPANSIONS OF MEDICARE PROGRAM RATHER THAN REDUCTIONS

Percent who favor each proposal when arguments for and against are presented...

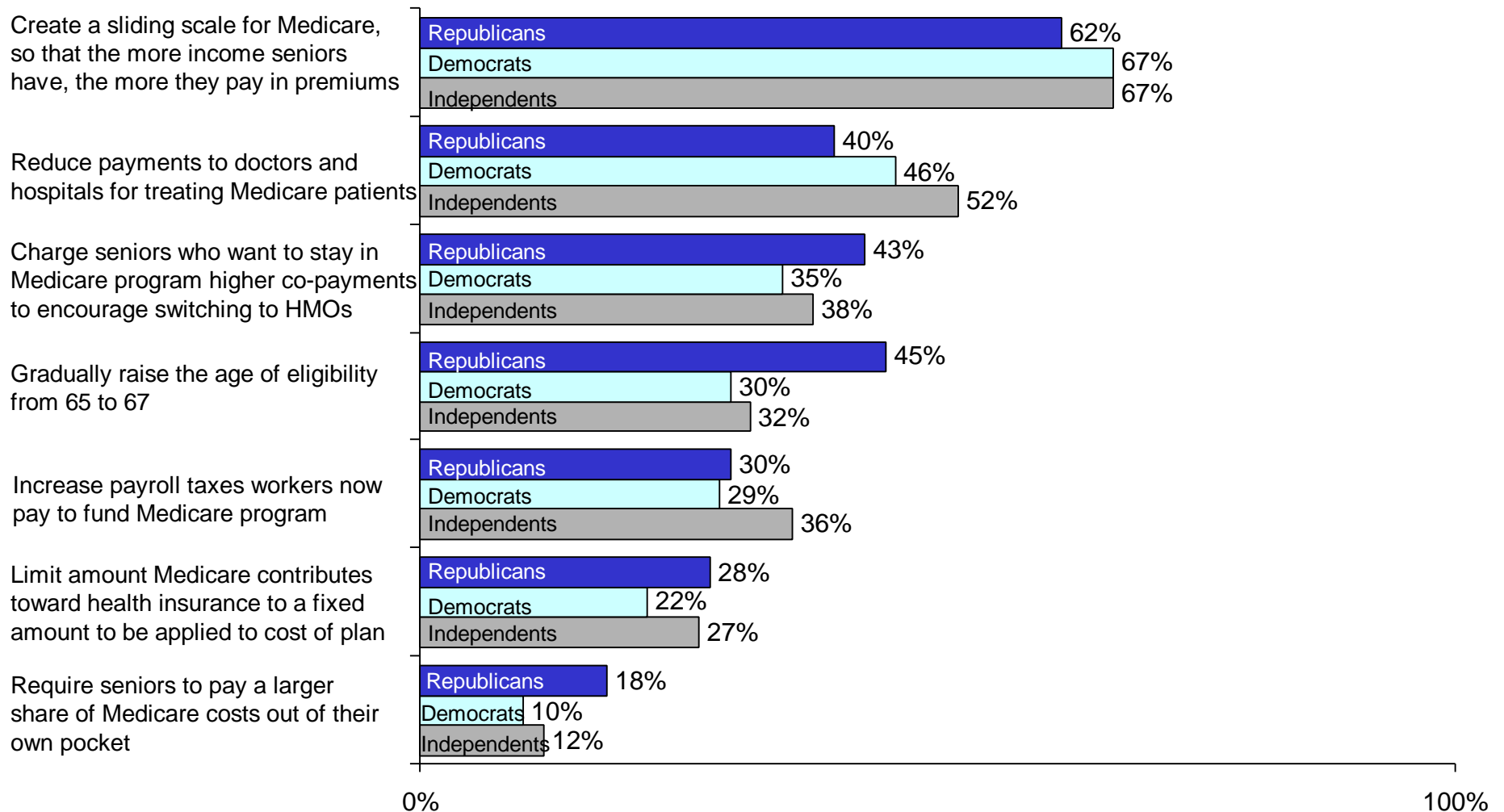


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SMALL DIFFERENCES ACROSS POLITICAL PARTIES ON POLICY OPTIONS

Percent by political party who favor each proposal when arguments for and against are presented...

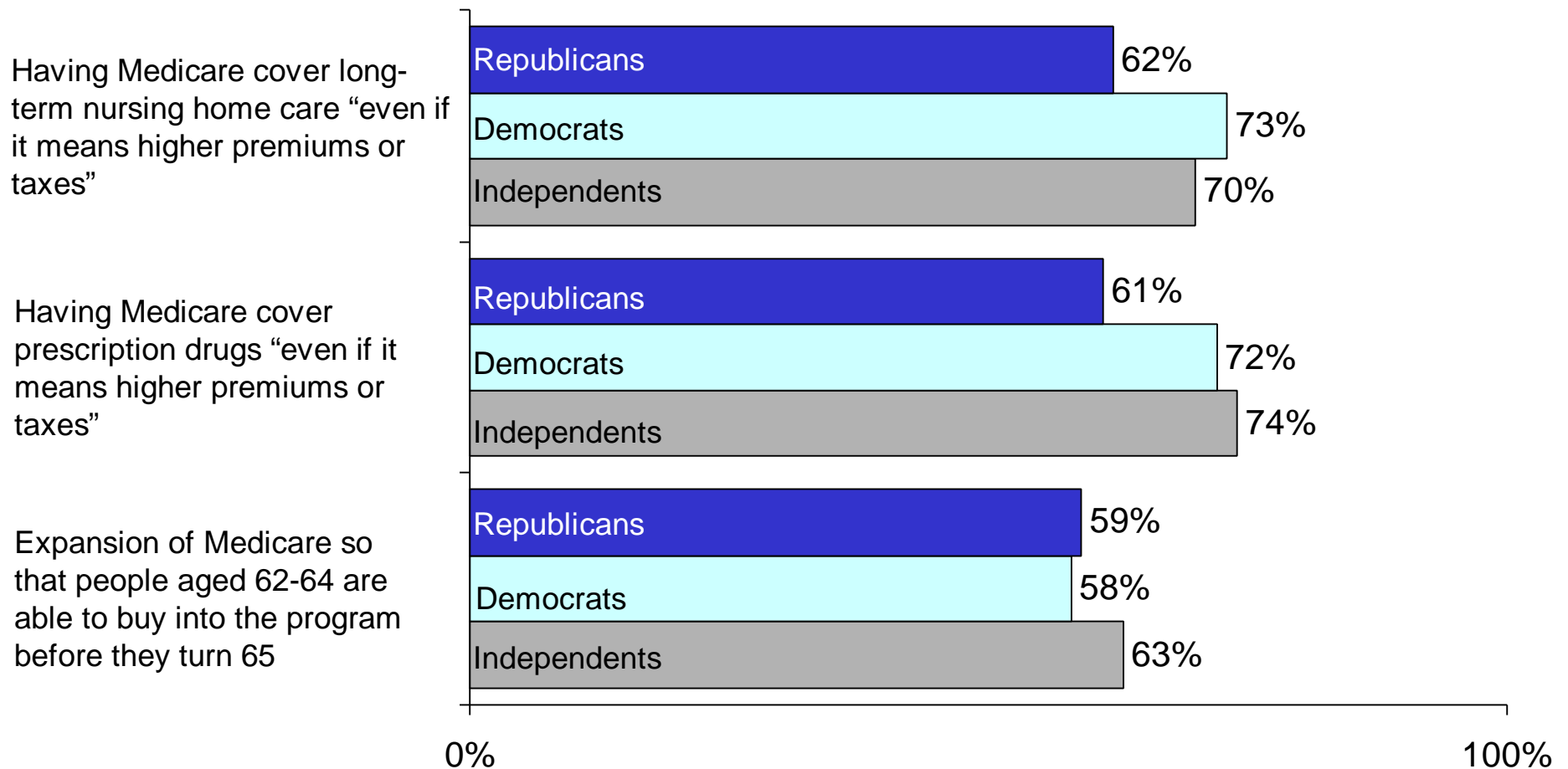


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Chart 16

...AND SUPPORT ACROSS POLITICAL PARTIES TO EXPAND MEDICARE BENEFITS

Percent who favor each proposal when arguments for and against are presented...

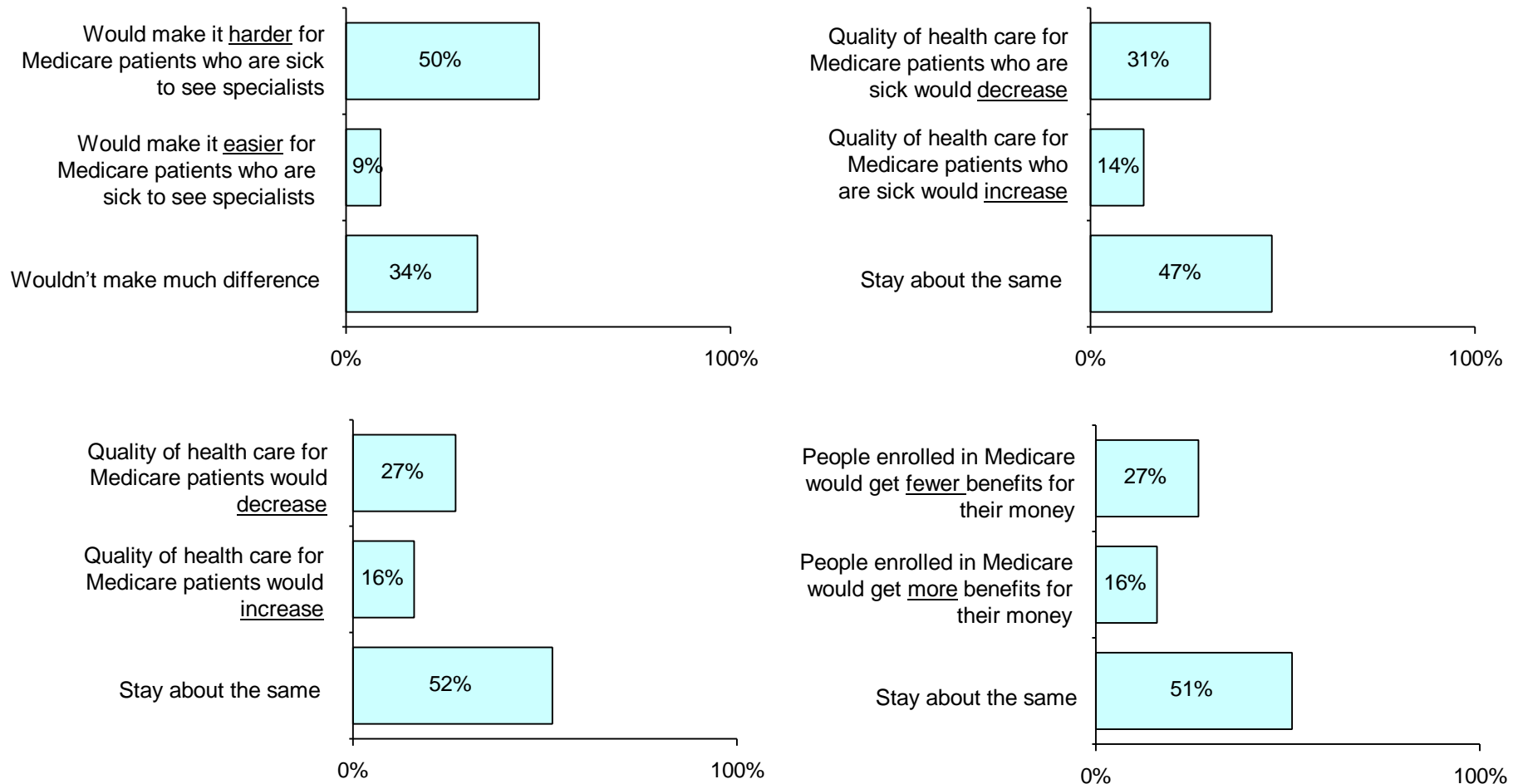


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Chart 17

VIEWS ON THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF MANAGED CARE FOR MEDICARE

Percent who say if seniors in Medicare are covered through managed care...



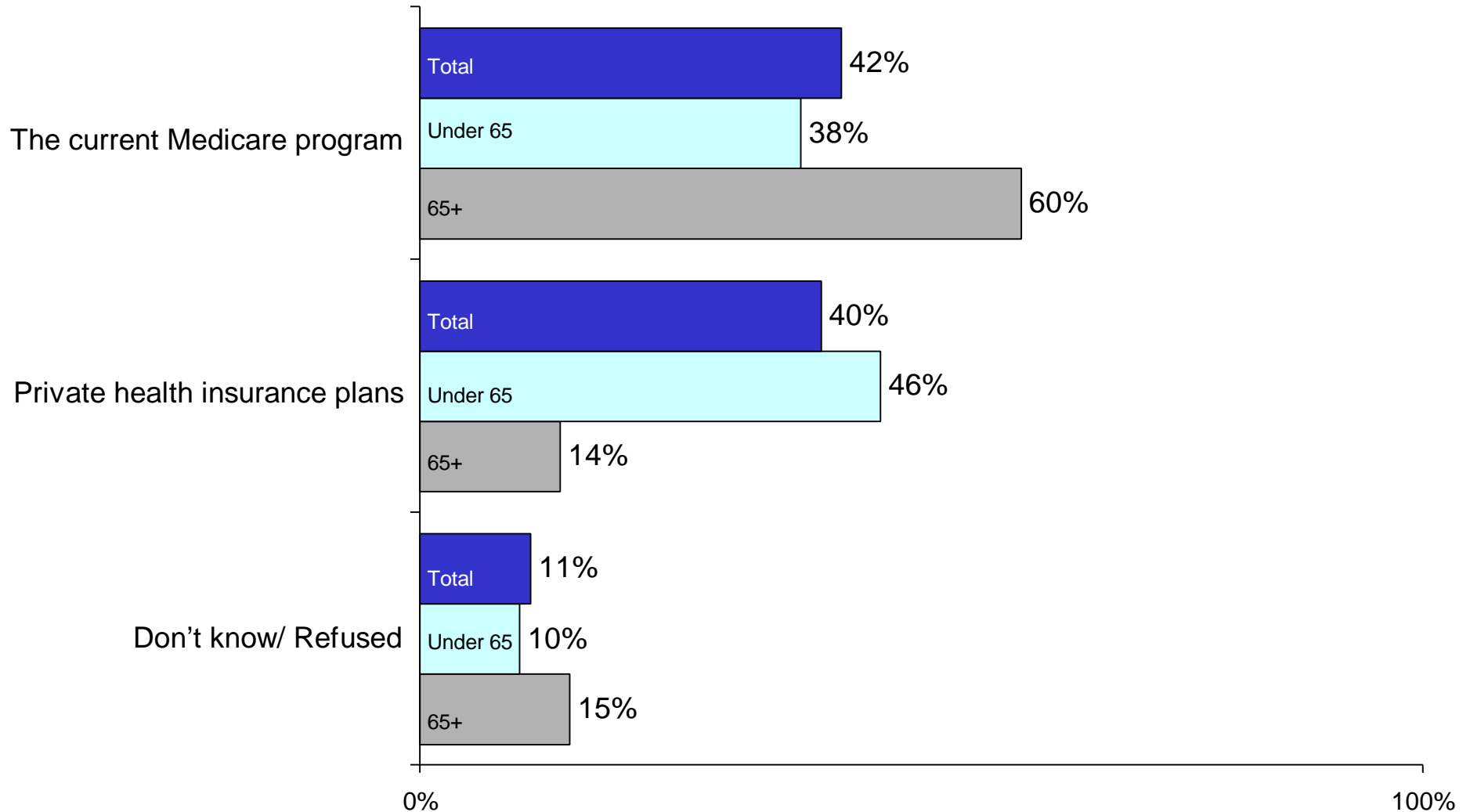
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Chart 18

GENERATIONAL DIFFERENCES IN WHO AMERICANS TRUST MORE TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO SENIORS

Percent who say they trust to provide health insurance to seniors...

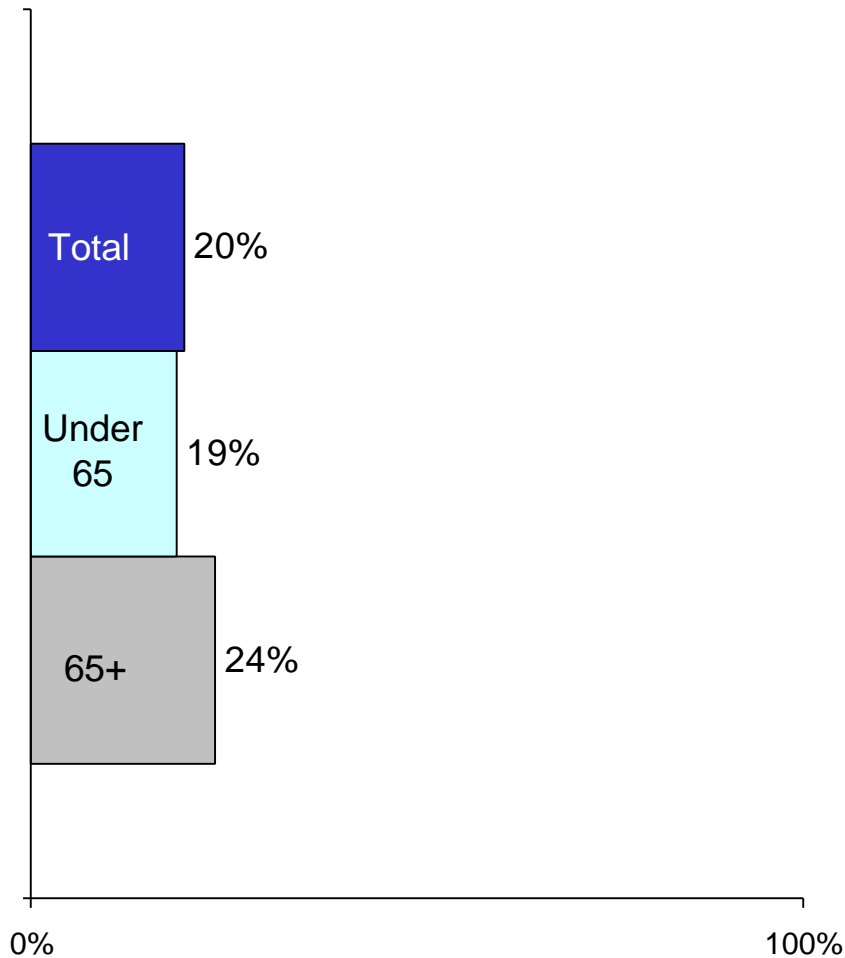


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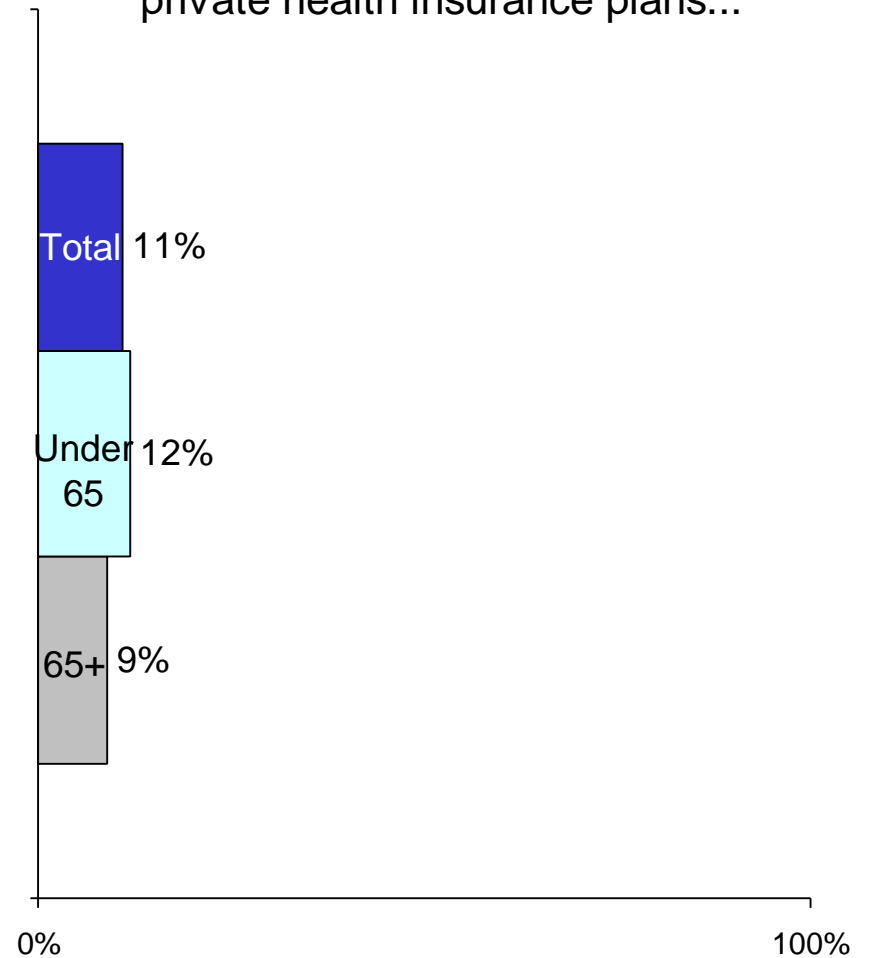
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FEW KNOW ABOUT MEDICARE + CHOICE

Percent who have seen, read, or heard anything about Medicare + Choice...



Percent who know that Medicare + Choice gives beneficiaries a variety of choices of private health insurance plans...



Note: Don't know/refused and those not aware not shown.

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