

# ***TallahasseeVoices***

## **Piper Aircraft Incentives Commissioner DePuy's vote on Summerfield May 29, 2007**

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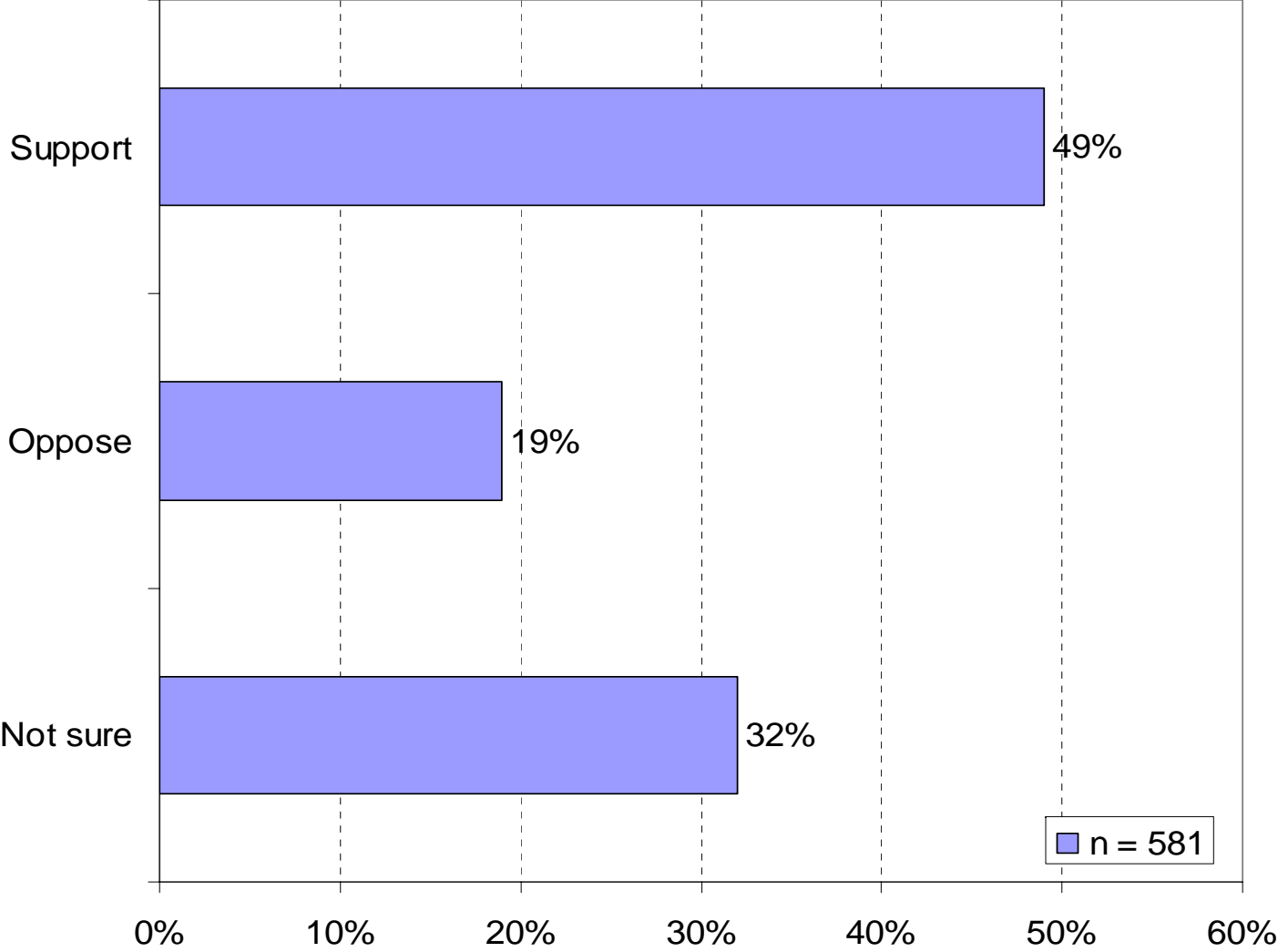
# Government Incentives for Recruiting Businesses

- Half of local citizens (49%) support the concept of offering incentives to businesses to relocate here.
- Nearly half (47%) also support offering \$90 million in government incentives to Piper Aircraft to relocate operations in Tallahassee with the promise of bringing up to 1,500 jobs.
- When the Piper Aircraft incentive is presented as costing \$60,000 in tax dollars per job created, support drops to 33%.
- Half of citizens agree that local businesses should receive the same level of incentives for creating jobs that are offered to attract new businesses to the community.

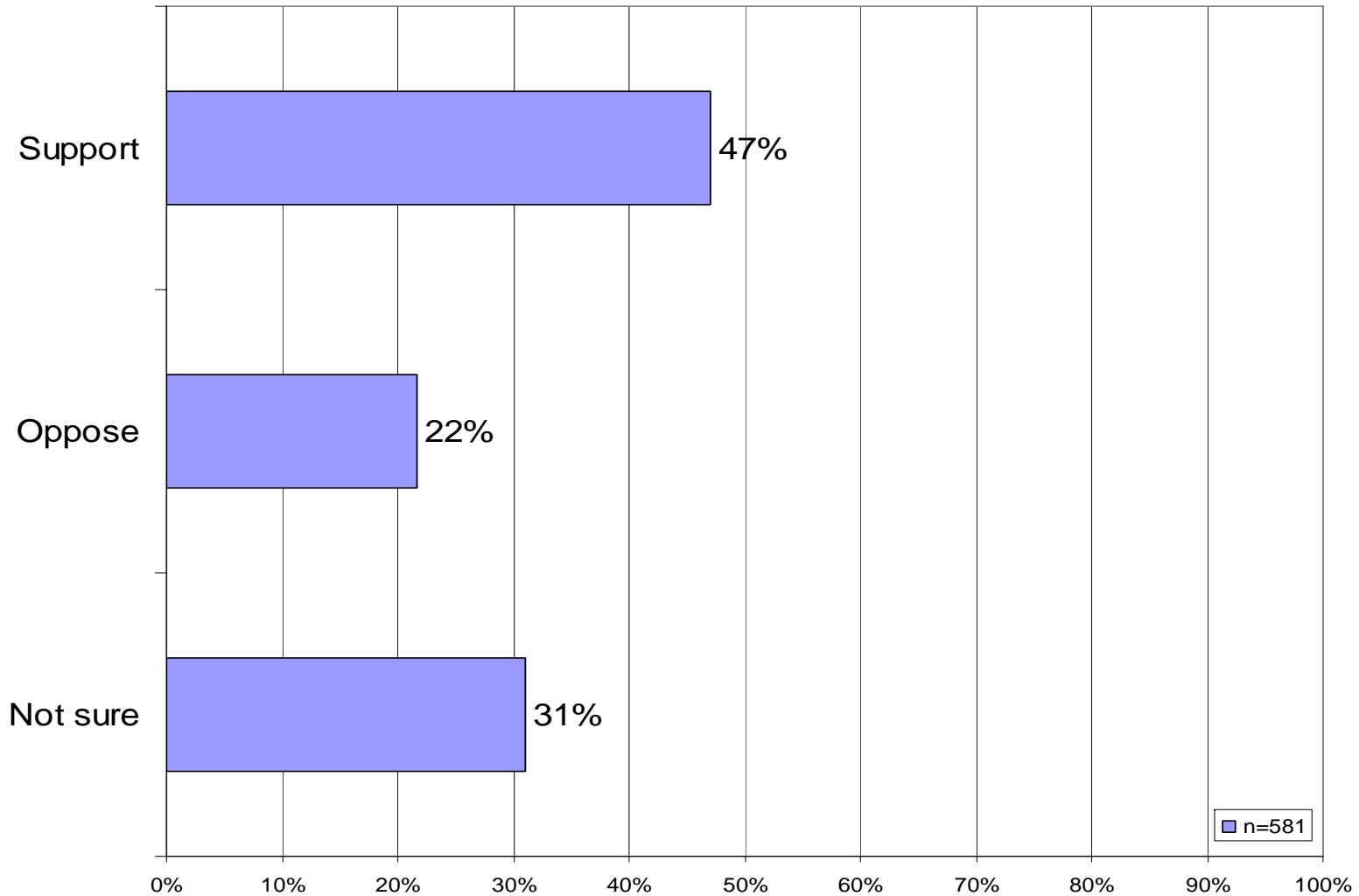
# Government Incentives for Recruiting Businesses

- Conservatives (50%) and liberals (53%) support the concept of offering government incentives to businesses who relocate in Tallahassee with the promise of bringing jobs.
- When the Piper Aircraft incentive is positioned as costing \$60,000 for each job created, conservatives oppose the deal by a 49% to 33% margin while liberals support it by a 42% to 35% margin.

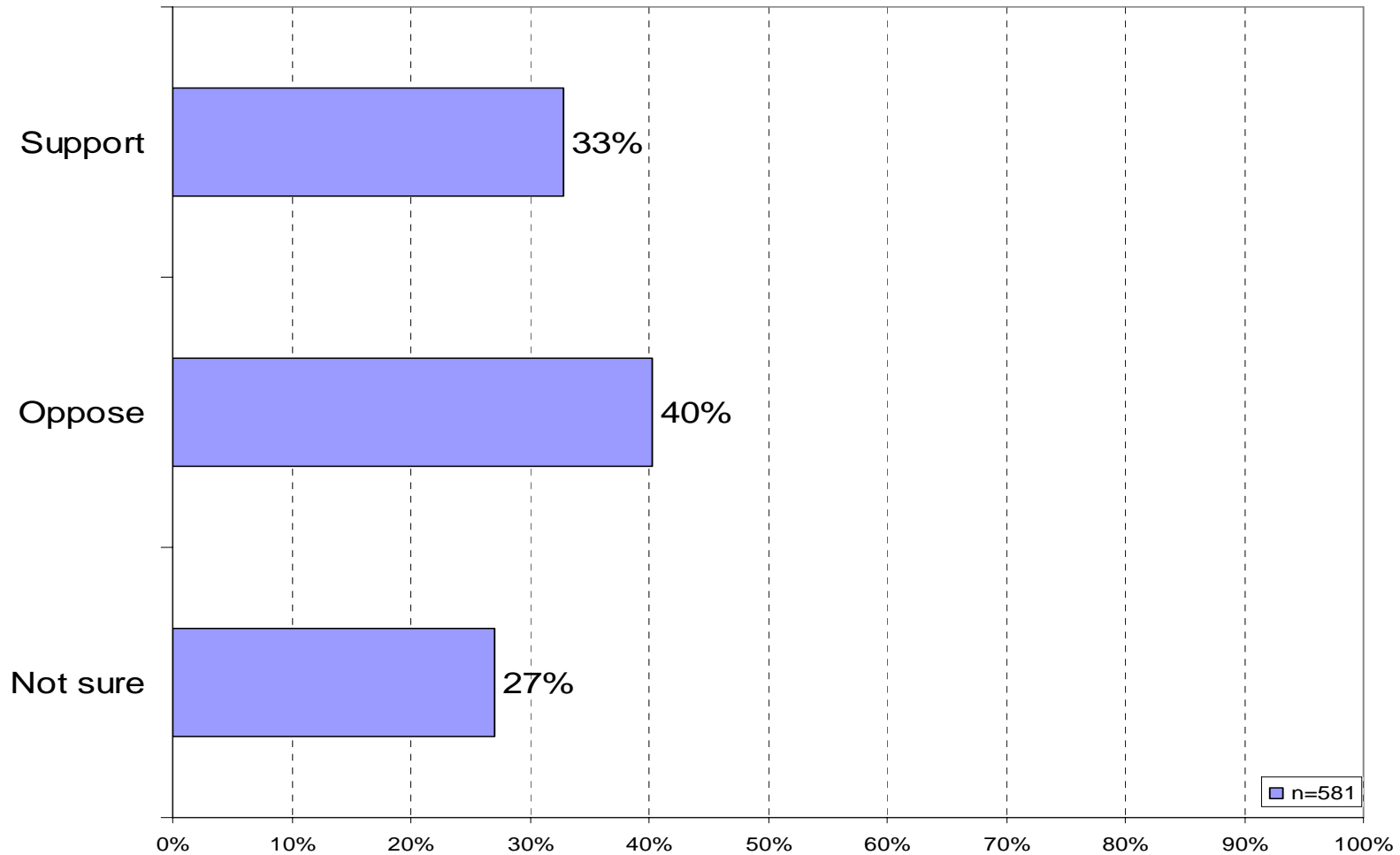
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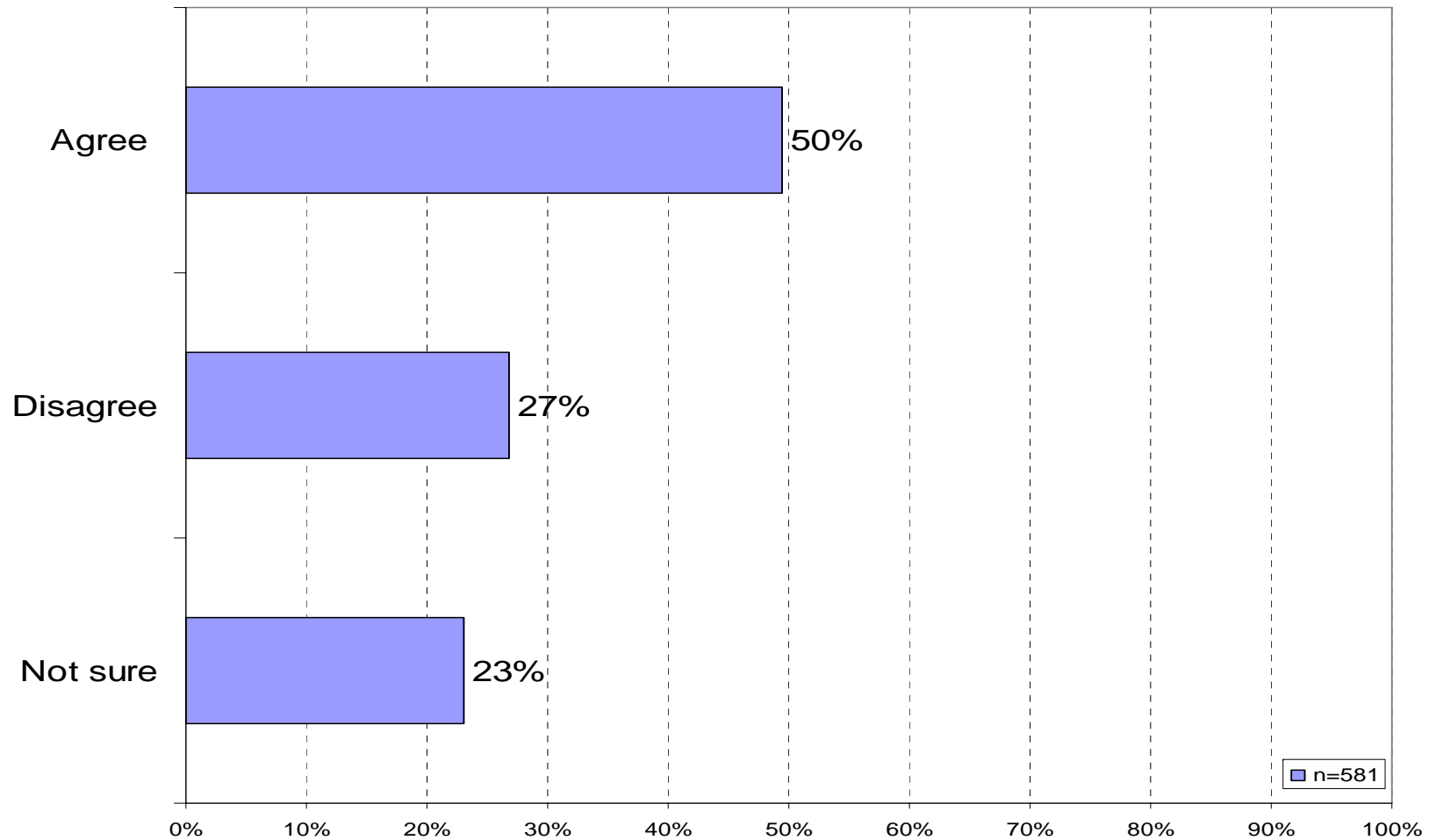
Do you support or oppose the City of Tallahassee's offer worth \$90 million to Piper Aircraft in return for Piper Aircraft relocating its operations in Tallahassee and creating up to 1,500 jobs?



If Piper Aircraft creates 1,500 jobs, the City of Tallahassee's offer of \$90 million equates to spending \$60,000 for each new job created. Do you support or oppose spending \$60,000 in tax dollars to generate one job?

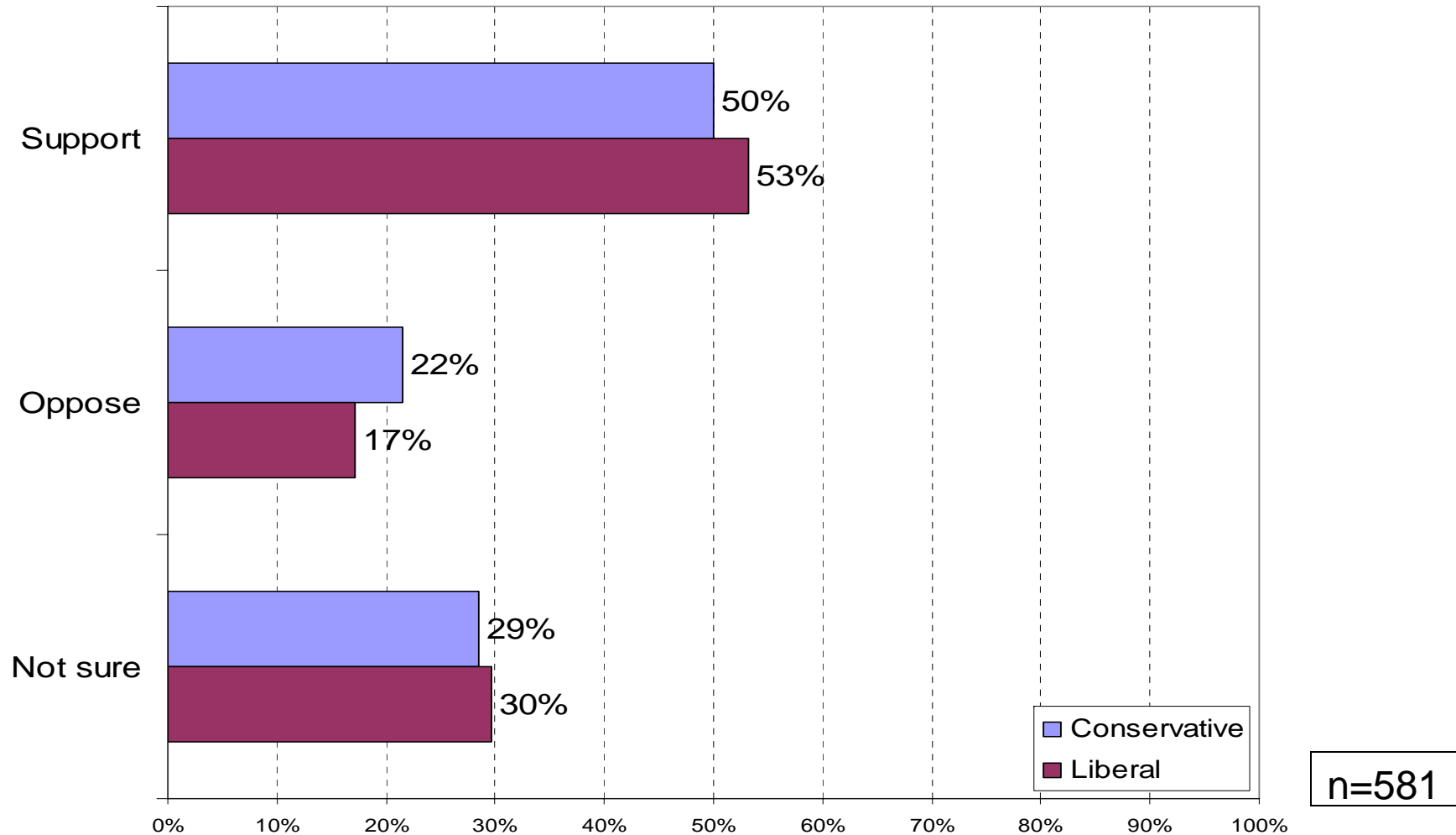


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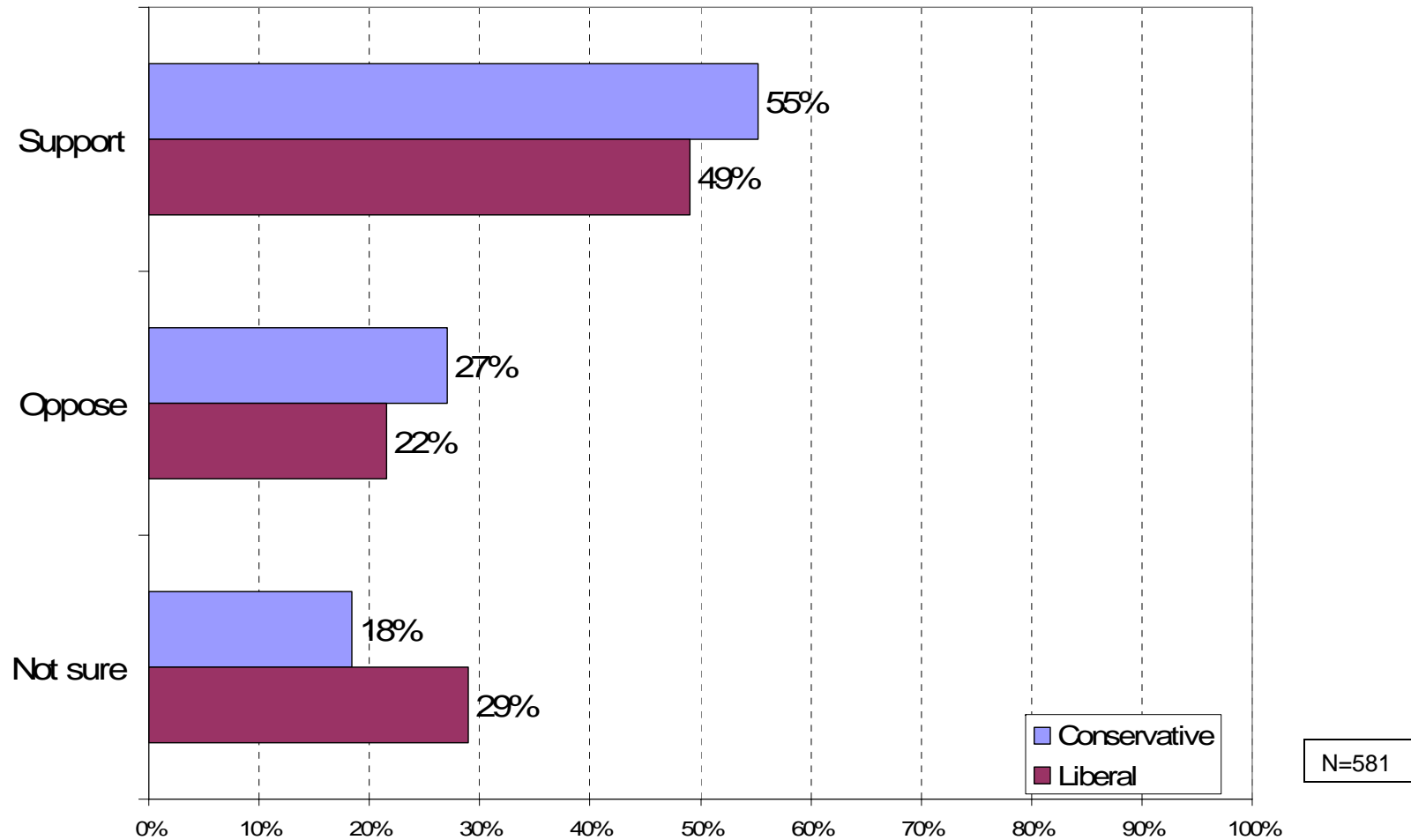
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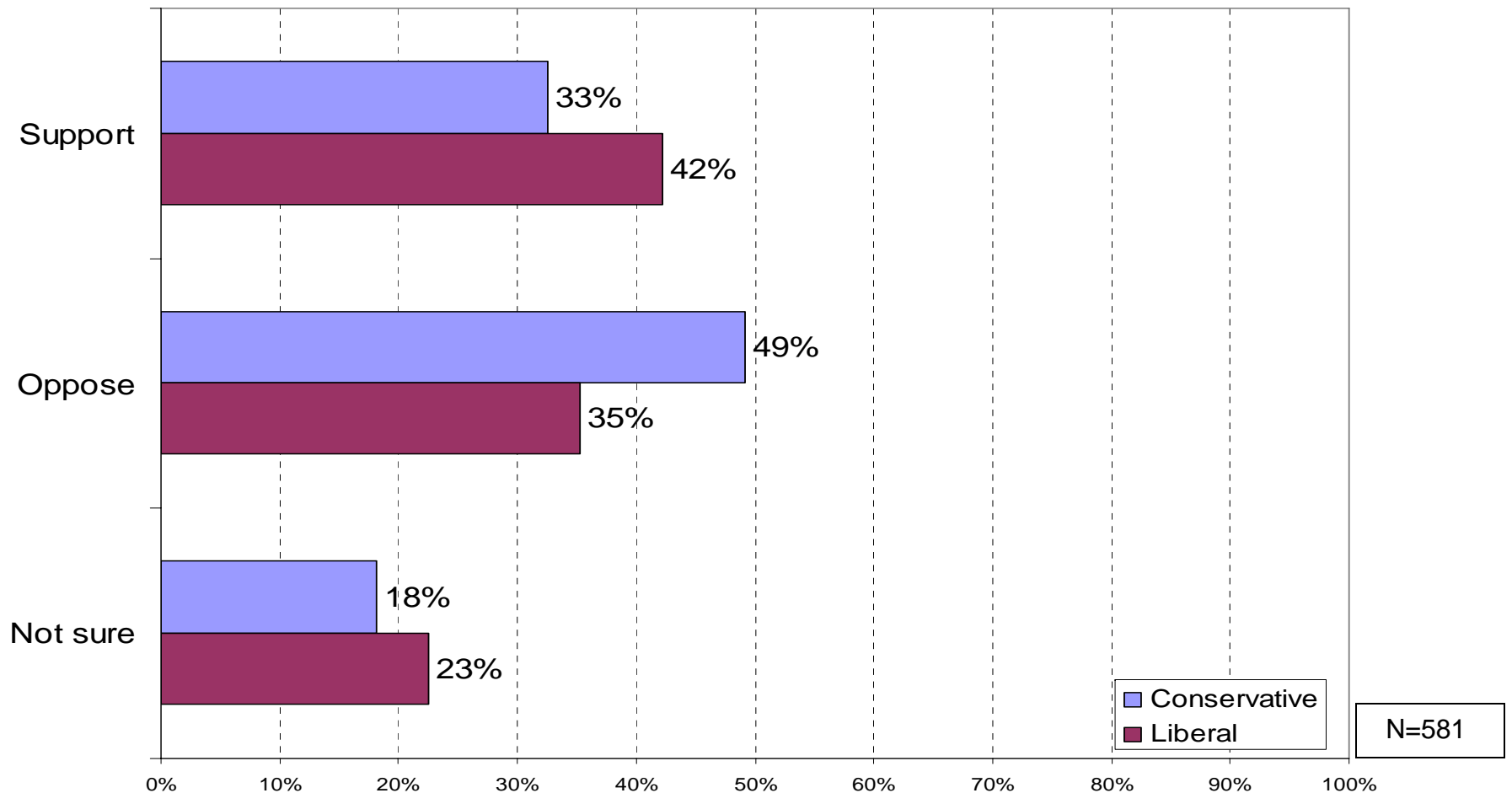
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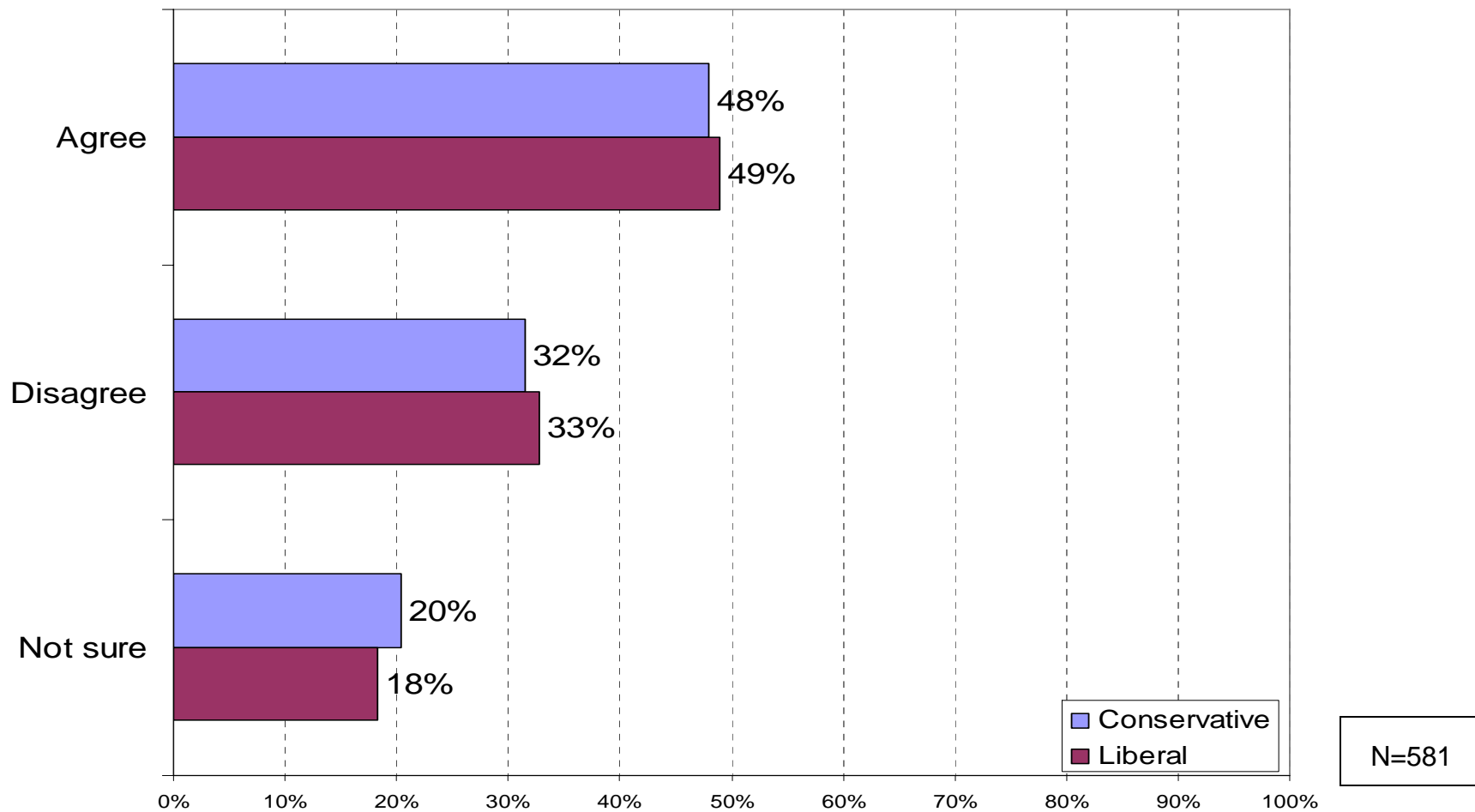
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**Conservatives vs. Liberals**



# Commissioner DePuy's Vote on Summerfield

- Half of local citizens (51%) believe Commissioner DePuy violated ethical standards by voting on a Comprehensive Plan amendment that could allow Summerfield development to be built.
- 65% of Rackleff\* supporters, while only 31% of DePuy's supporters, agree DePuy violated ethical standards.

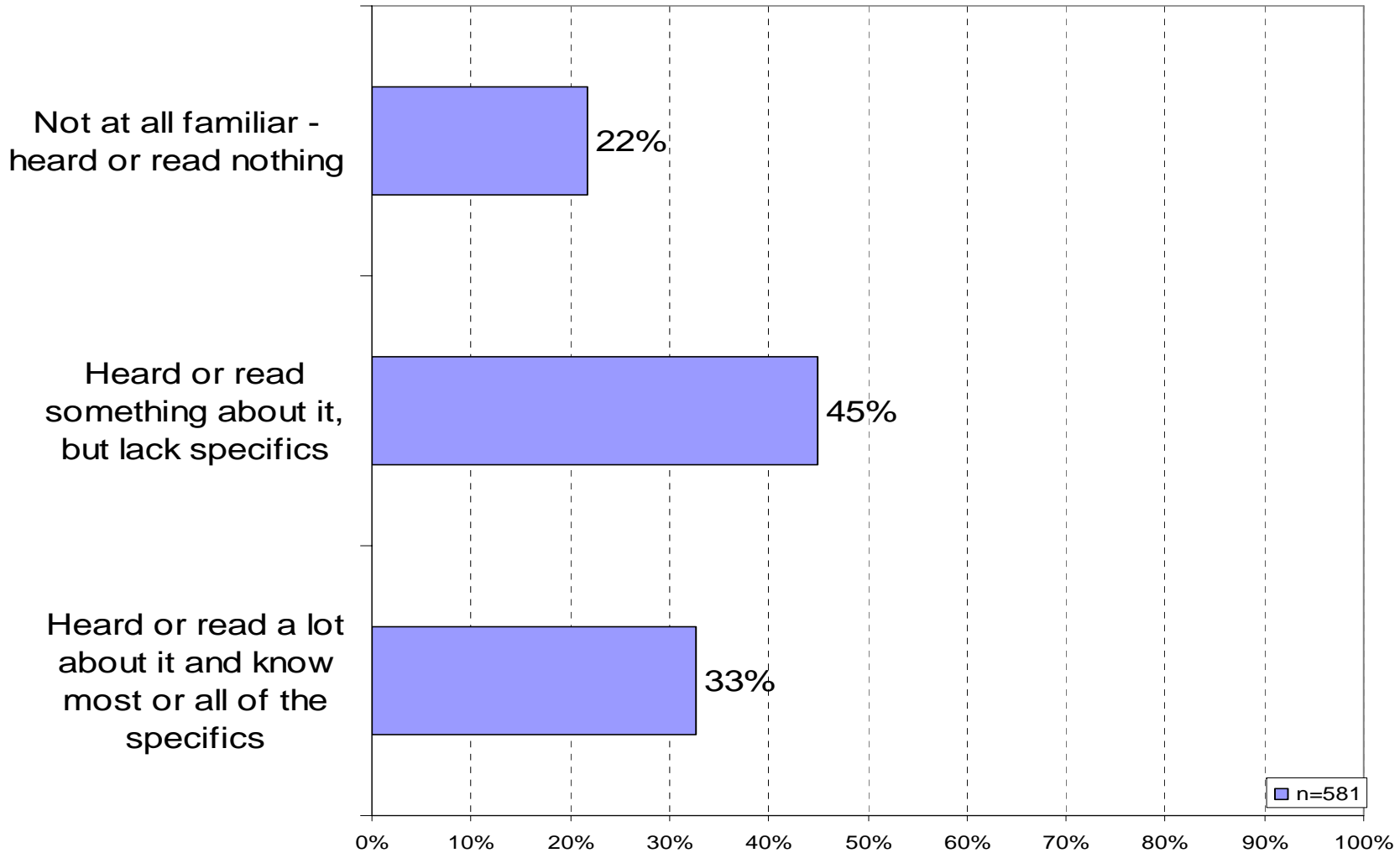
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# Commissioner DePuy's Vote on Summerfield

- 2 in 10 citizens believe Commissioner DePuy broke the law by voting on a Comprehensive Plan amendment that could allow Summerfield development to be built.
- 29% of Rackleff\* supporters while only 6% of DePuy's supporters agree DePuy broke the law.

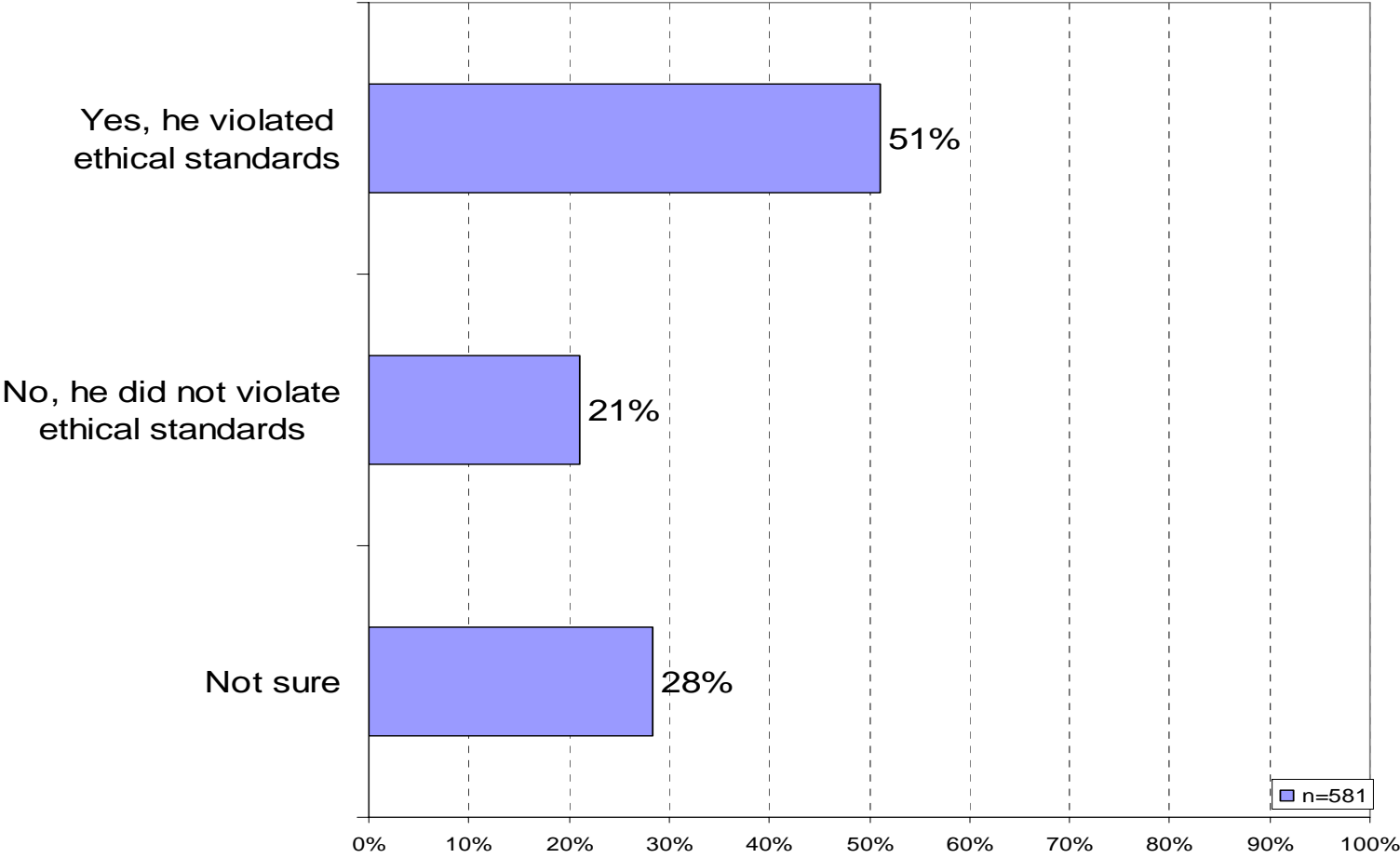
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# How familiar are you with conditions surrounding Commissioner Ed DePuy's vote on the Summerfield development?\*

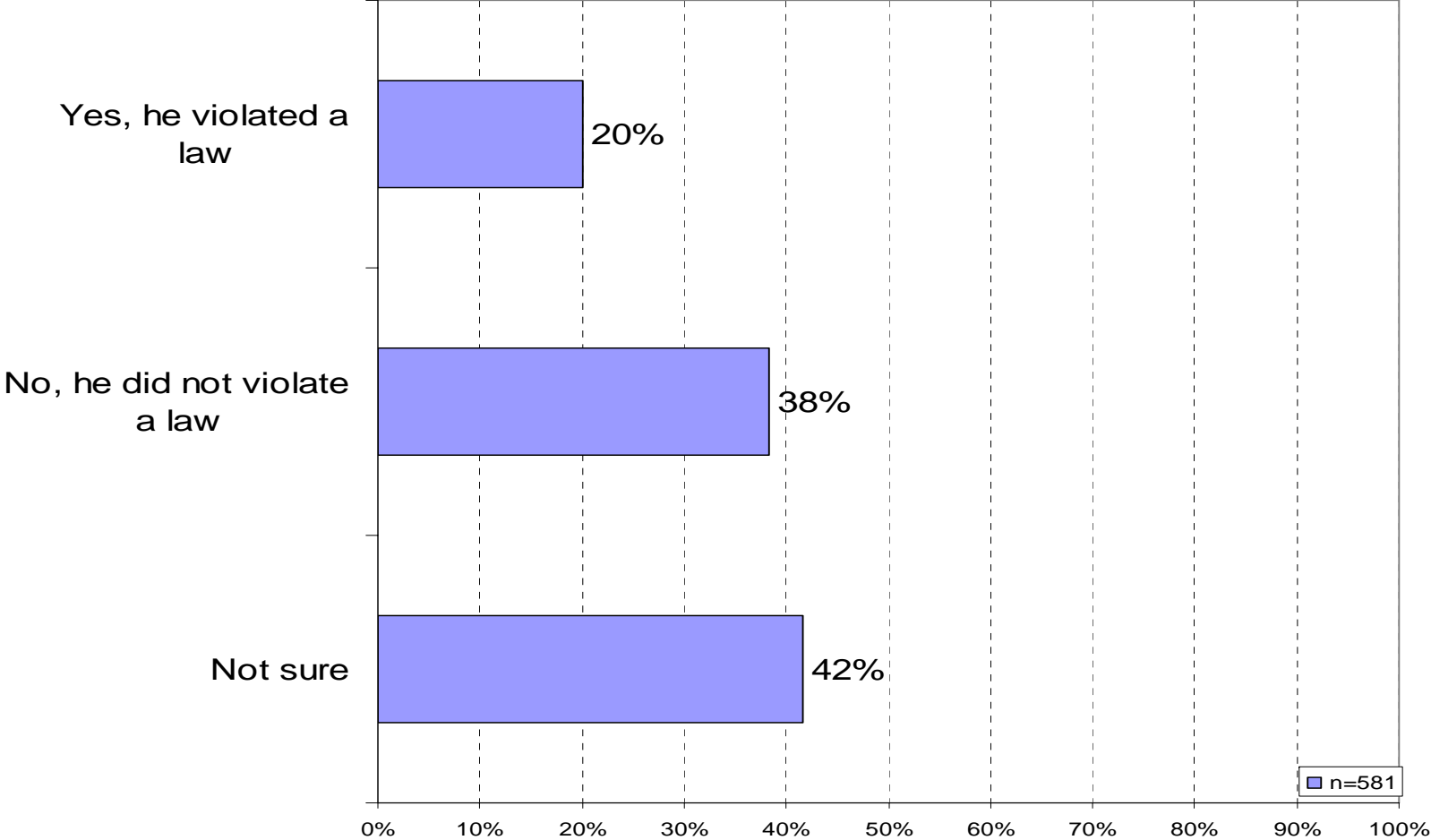


\*Respondents were given information reported in the Tallahassee Democrat about Commissioner DePuy's vote on Summerfield development – see last slide.

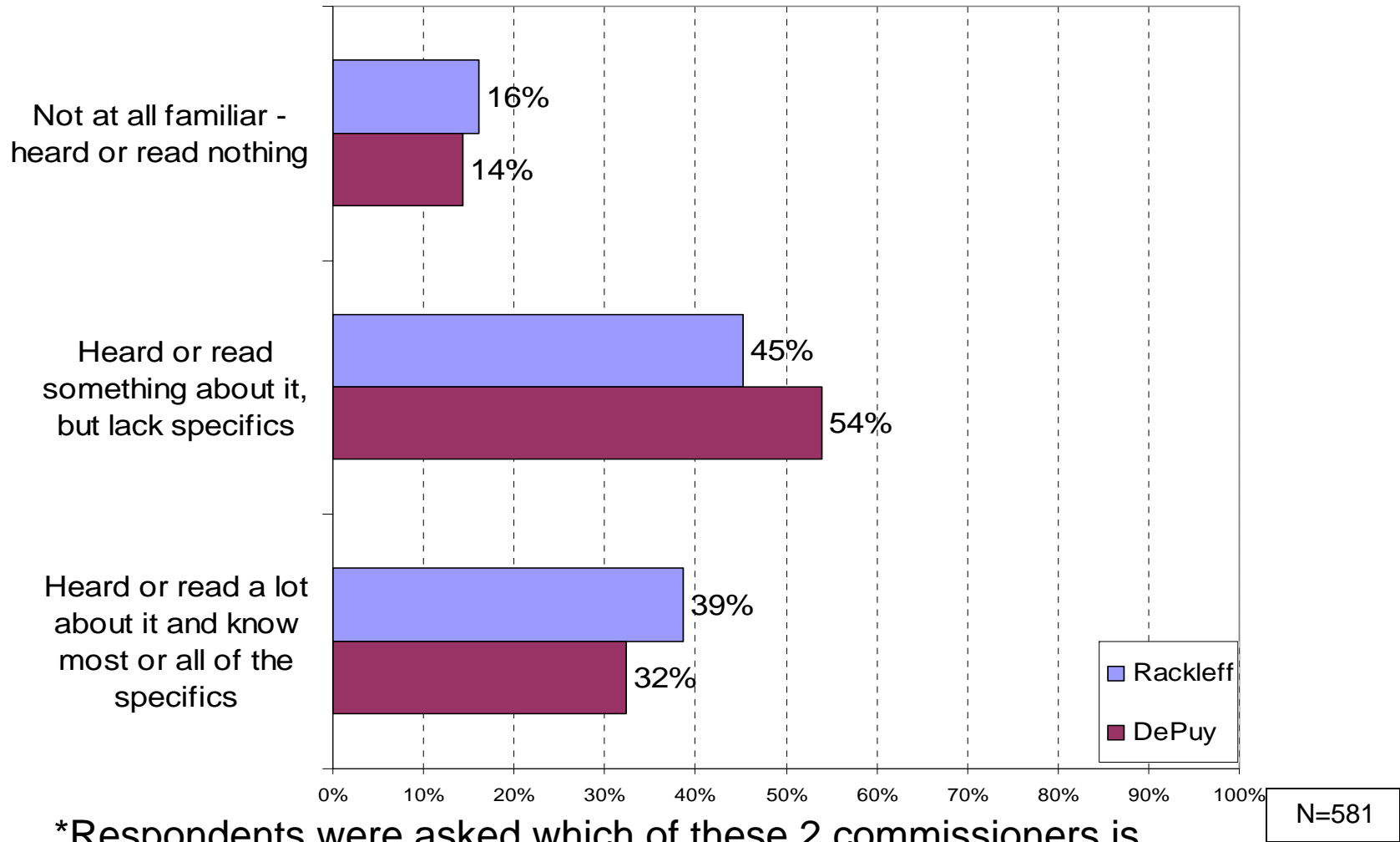
In your opinion did Commissioner DePuy violate any ethical standards by voting on a Comprehensive Plan amendment that could allow Summerfield development to be built?



In your opinion, did Commissioner DePuy violate any laws by voting on a Comprehensive Plan amendment that could allow Summerfield development to be built?

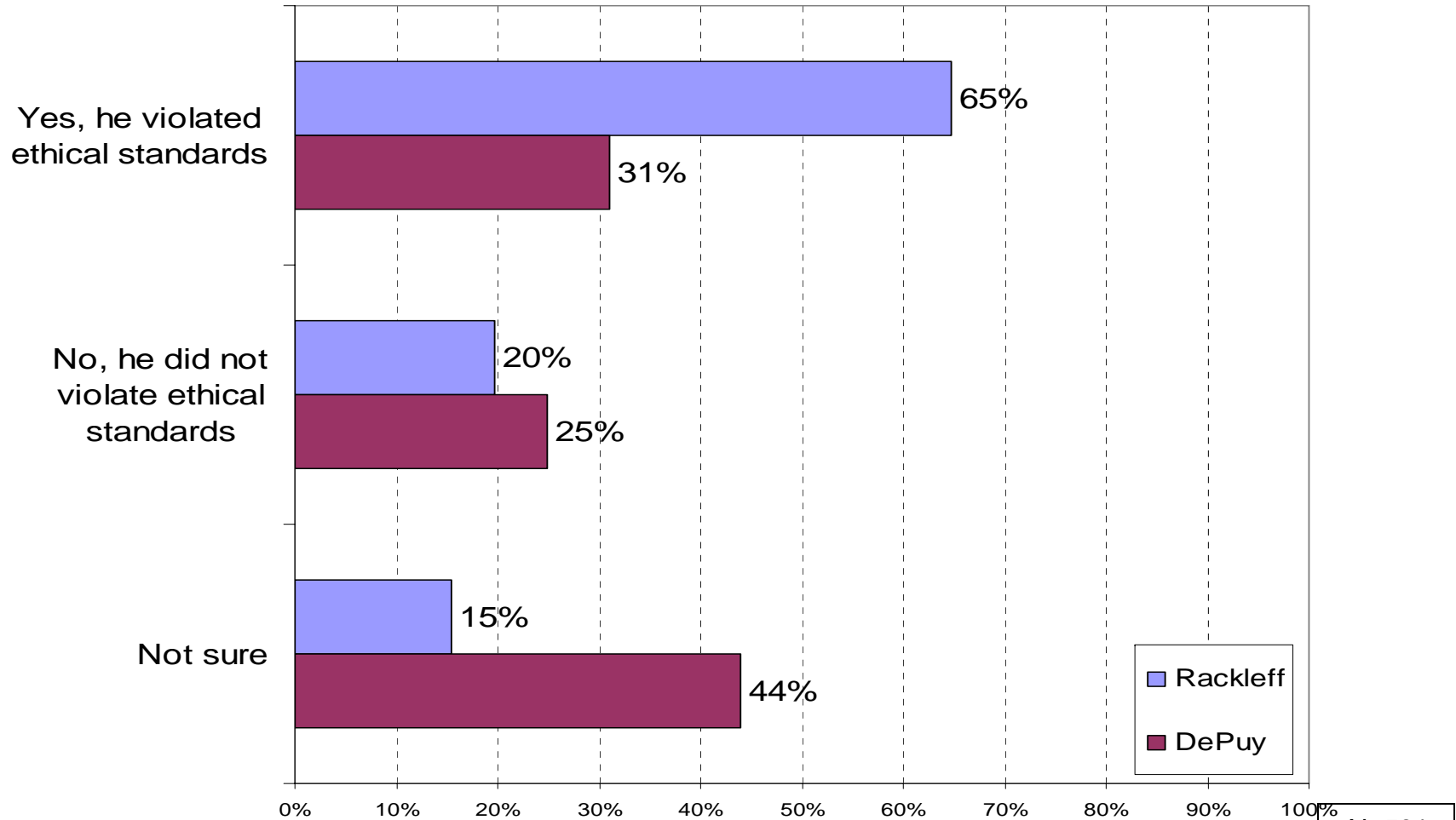


# How familiar are you with conditions surrounding Commissioner Ed DePuy's vote on the Summerfield development? Rackleff vs DePuy supporters\*



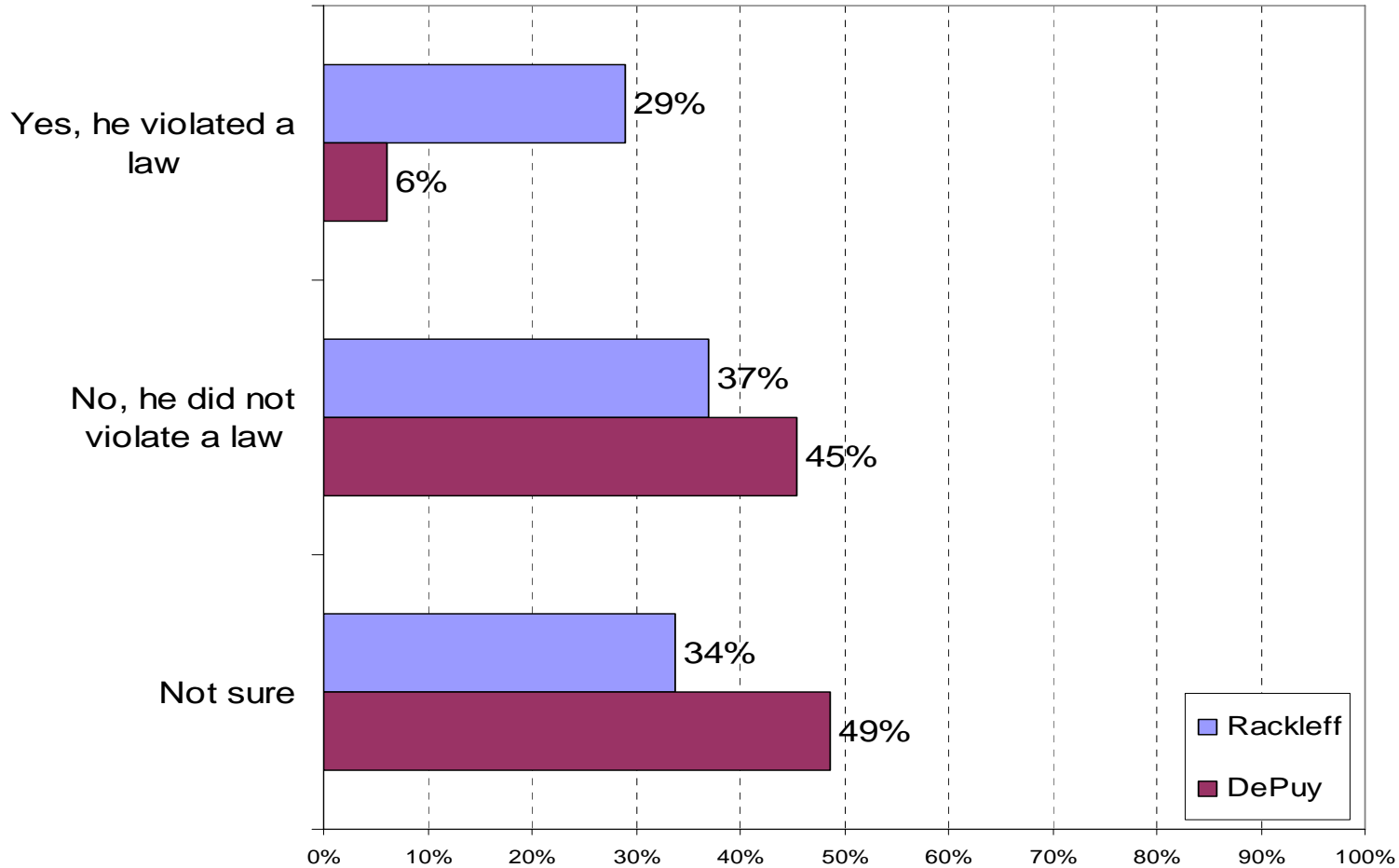
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# Information presented to TallahasseeVoices panel with regard to Commissioner DePuy's questions

The situation as reported in the Tallahassee Democrat:

- February 28, 2007 – SCG Governmental Affairs, a lobbying firm, ended its representation of Arbor Properties, a firm that is developing Summerfield, a development near Lake Jackson
- March 1, 2007 – Leon County Commissioner Ed DePuy is hired by SCG Governmental Affairs
- May 8, 2007 – Leon County Commission votes on a Comprehensive Plan amendment that could allow Summerfield development to be built
- May, 2007 – Someone anonymously requests that the Tallahassee Democrat investigate Commissioner DePuy's ties to SCG Governmental Affairs
- May 22, 2007 – Commissioner DePuy reports that he joined SCG Governmental Affairs after it stopped representing Arbor Properties and that it was ethically and legally proper for him to vote on a Comprehensive Plan amendment that could allow Summerfield development to be built
- May 22, 2007 – Some people state that DePuy violated the state Code of Ethics by voting on the Comprehensive Plan amendment and that he should have abstained from voting on this issue
- May 22, 2007 – The County Attorney wrote a memo to Commissioner DePuy saying there does not appear to be a conflict of interest in his vote on a Comprehensive Plan amendment that could allow Summerfield development to be built.