

TallahasseeVoices Consolidation 2009

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Survey was conducted May 14-18, 2009. 502 of the 3,000 panel members responded. Results were weighted to reflect the demographics of the 90%+ local residents who have access to the internet at home, work, or school

Issues Covered: Consolidating City and County governments

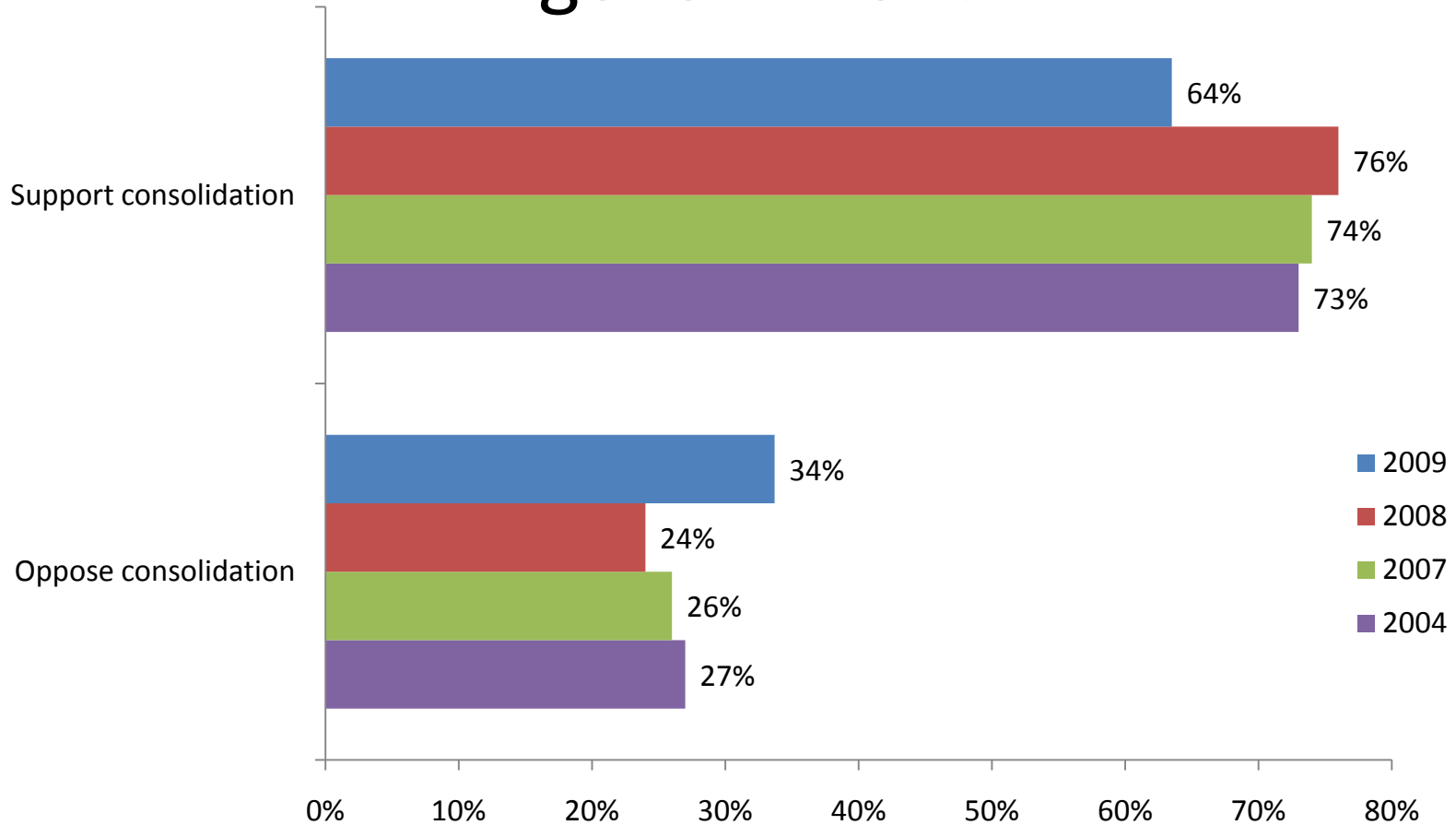


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Highlights

- By a 64% to 34% margin more residents support than oppose consolidating City & County governments.
- Yet, support for consolidation is at a 5-year low.
- 55% of residents agree that consolidation will save money.
- Yet, biggest objection to consolidation is fear that County residents will pay higher taxes.
- More residents want a consolidated government run by City (45%) rather than by County (26%) commissioners (29% undecided).

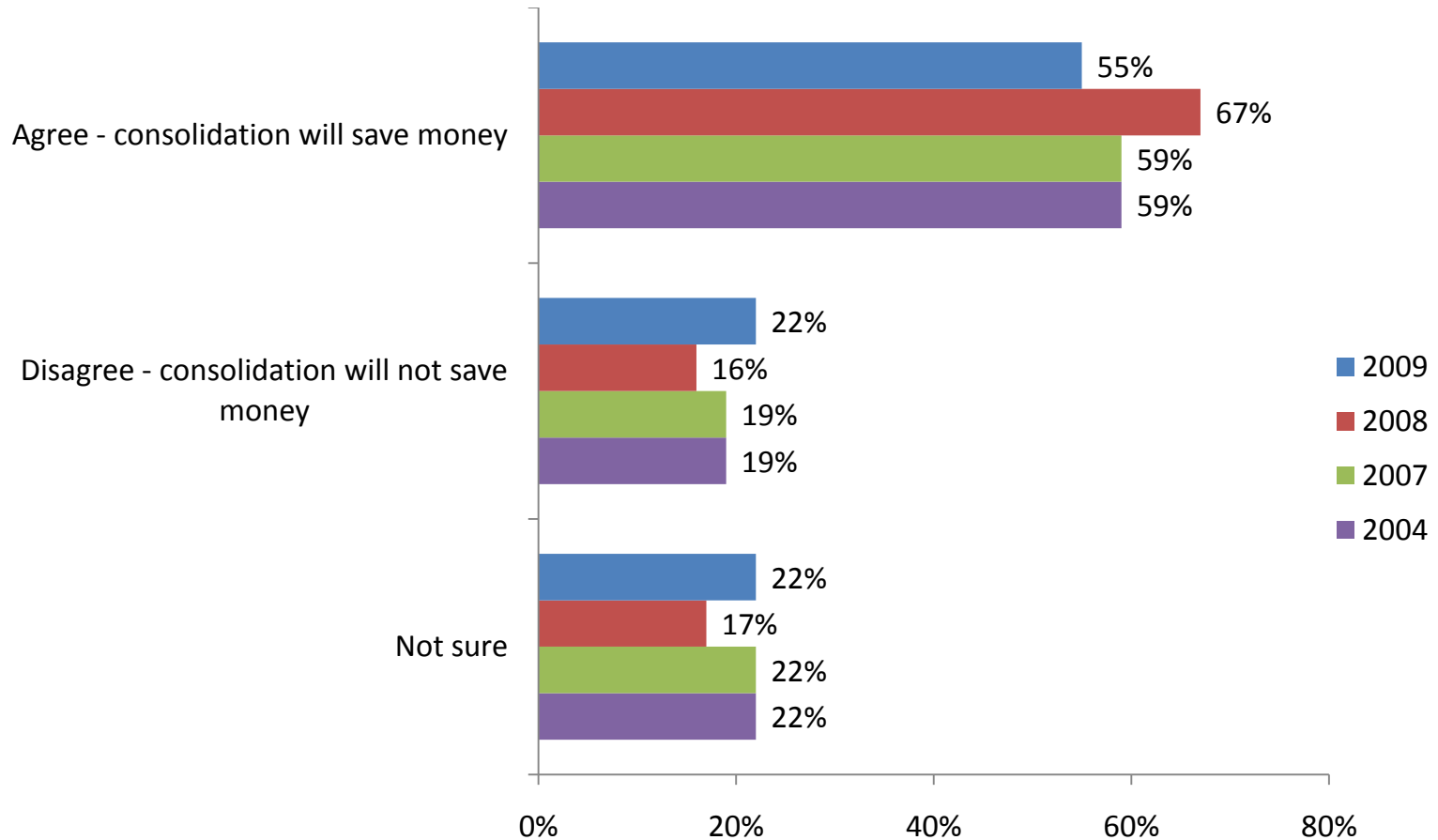
Support or oppose consolidating Leon County government and City of Tallahassee government*



*Actual question read: If there were a vote today to support or oppose consolidating the Leon County government and the City of Tallahassee government into one countywide government, how would you vote?

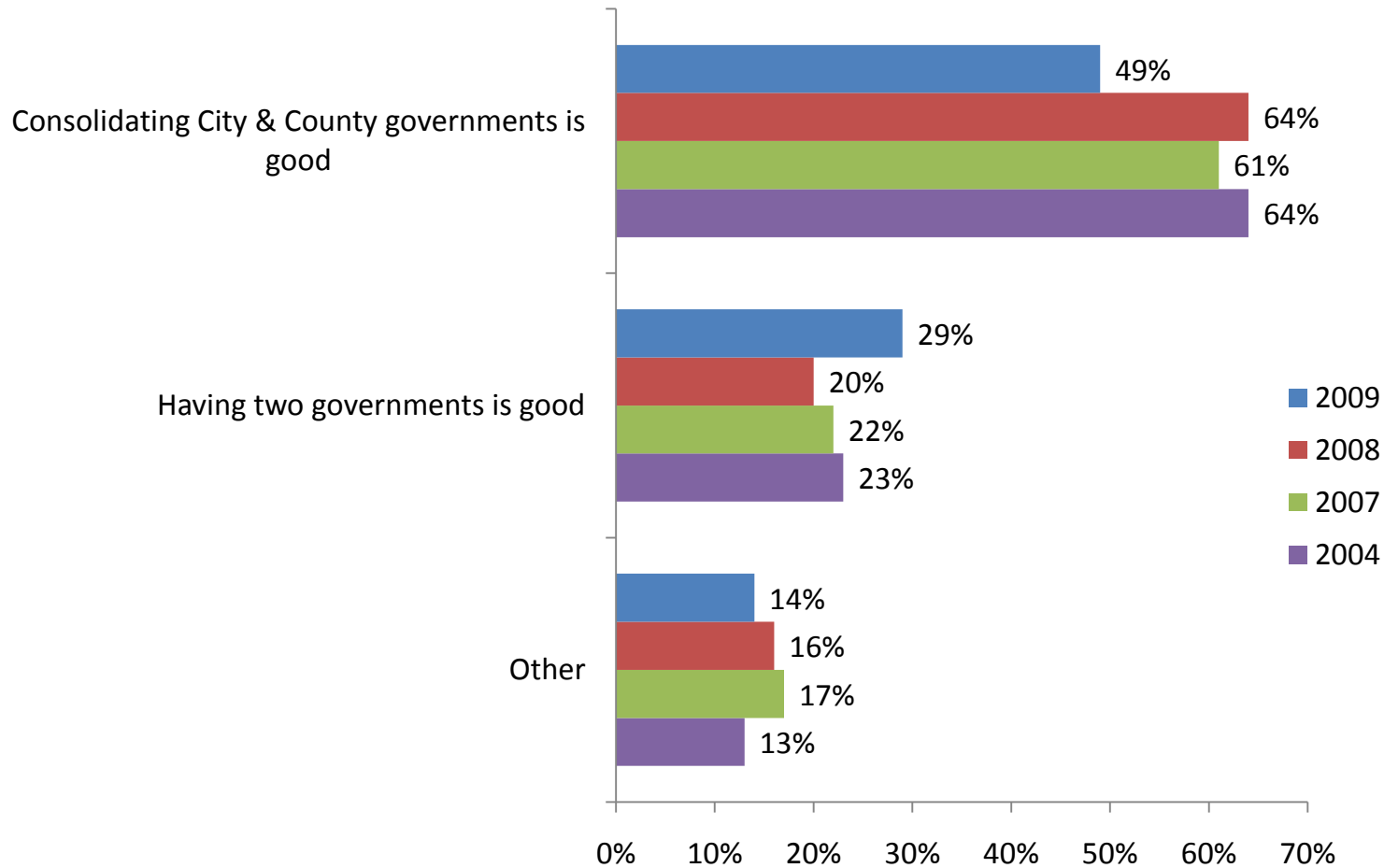
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Agree or disagree that consolidation will save taxpayers money*



*Actual question read: Some people say that consolidating the two local governments will help save money. For example, local tax revenue increased 61% from 1998 to 2007, while population has increased only 24%. Do you agree or disagree that consolidating the two local governments will save taxpayers money?

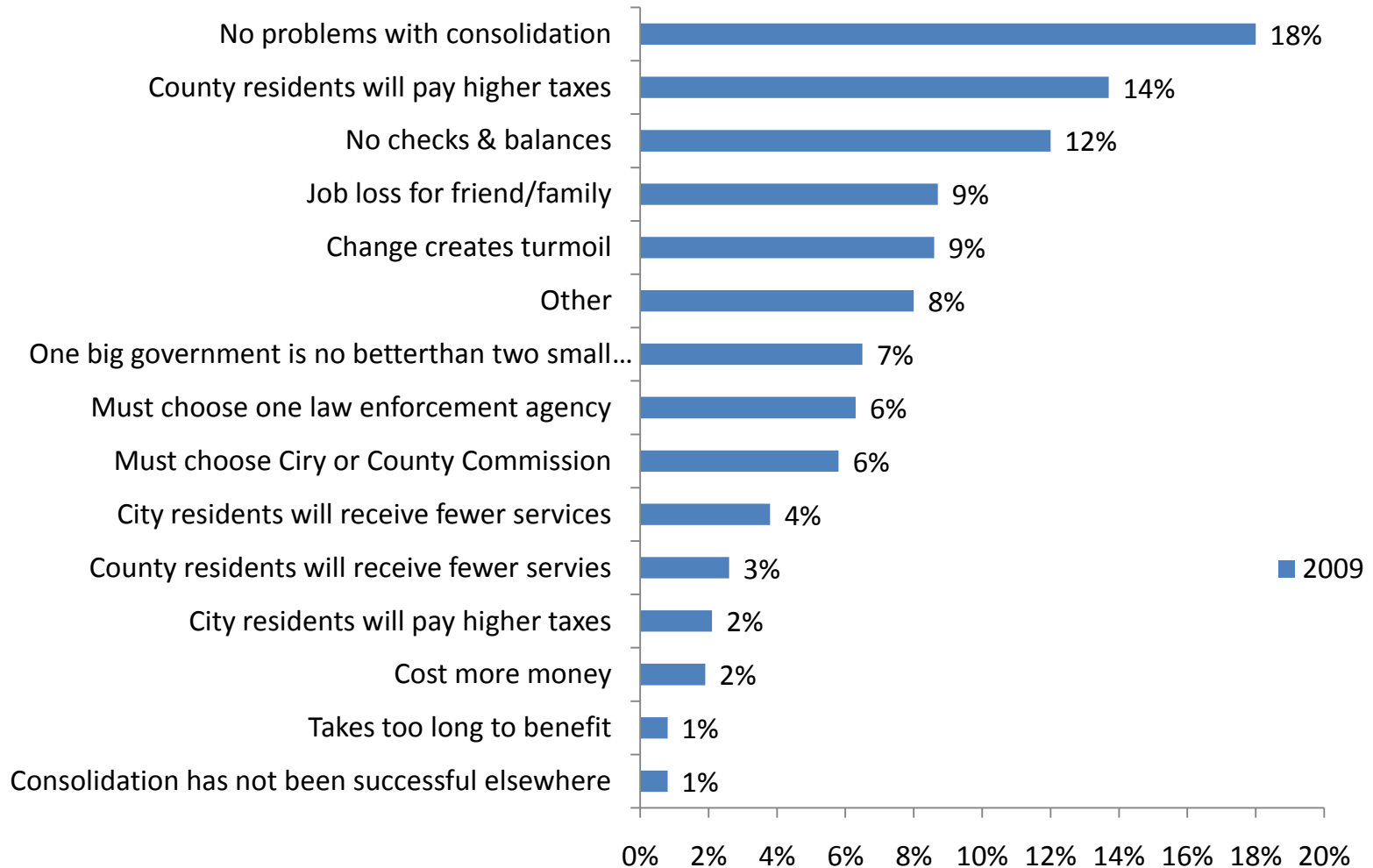
Which position do you agree?*



*Actual question read: Some people say having two local governments (City and County) is good because they provide checks and balances and because County residents don't want City services, law enforcement, etc. Other people say consolidating County and City governments into one government will reduce costs and eliminate fights between the two governments. Which position do you agree?

Biggest Concerns with Consolidation*

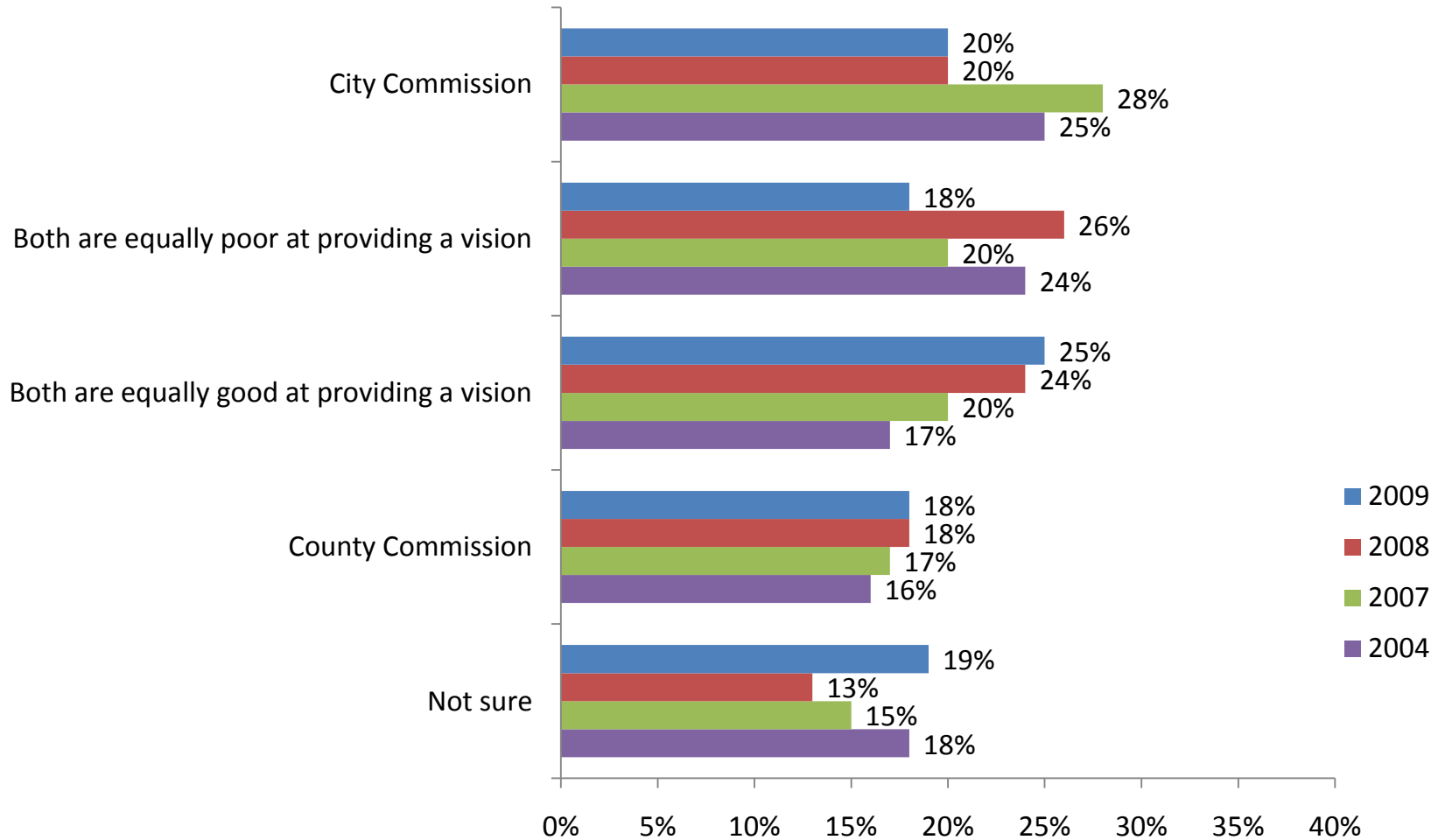
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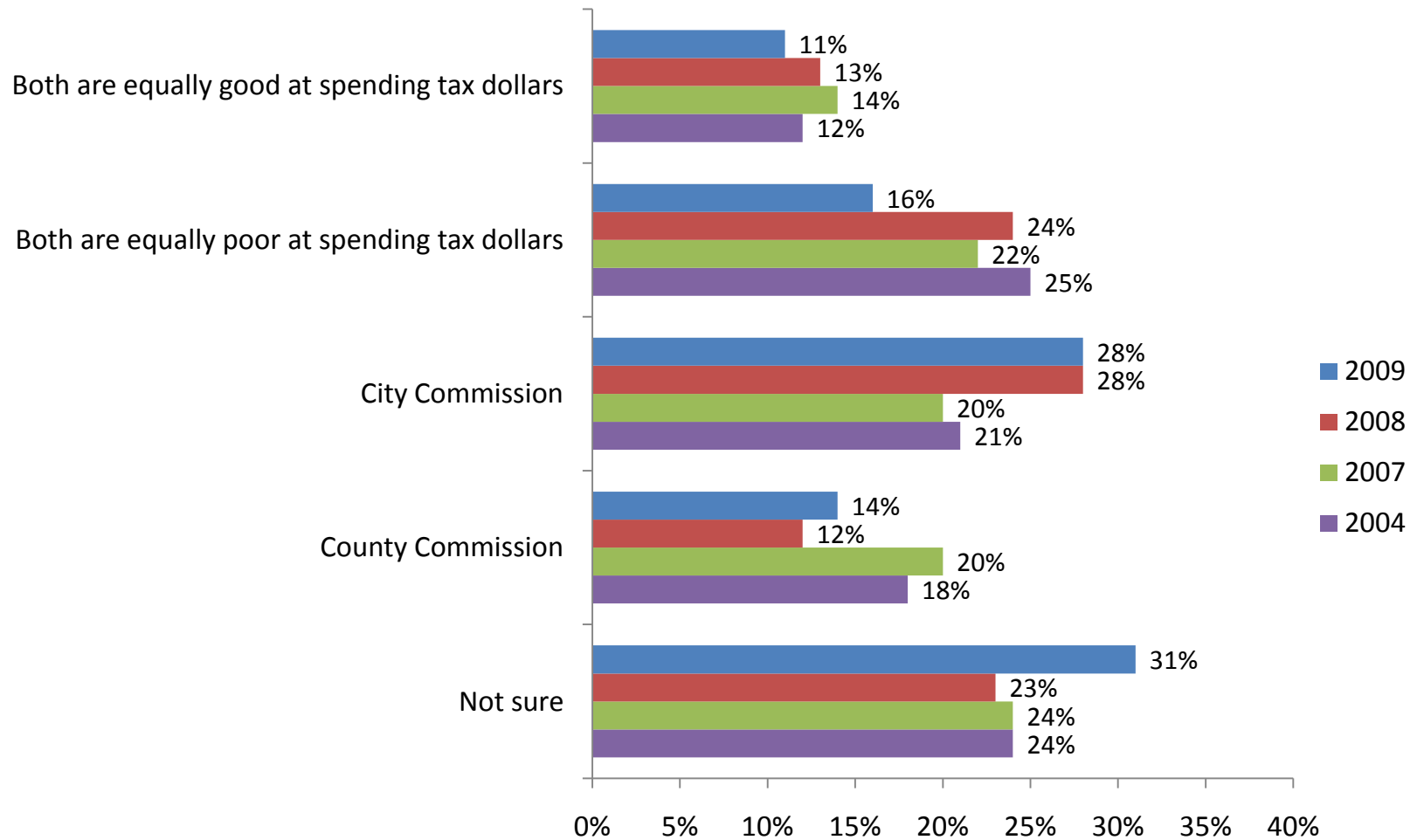
*Actual question read: If County and City Governments were consolidated, what would be the biggest loss or problem?

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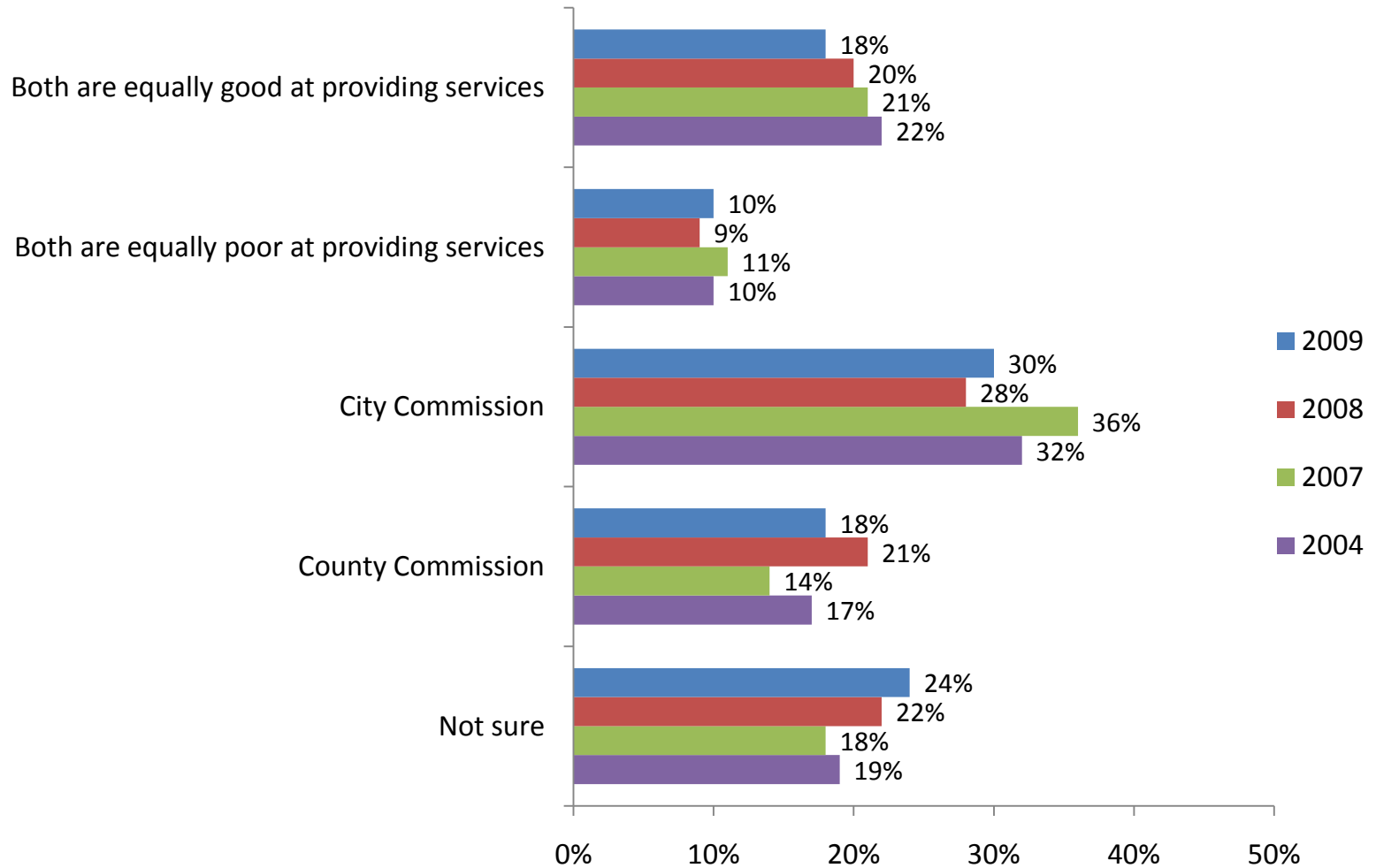
Commission that does the best job at providing a vision for the future for our community



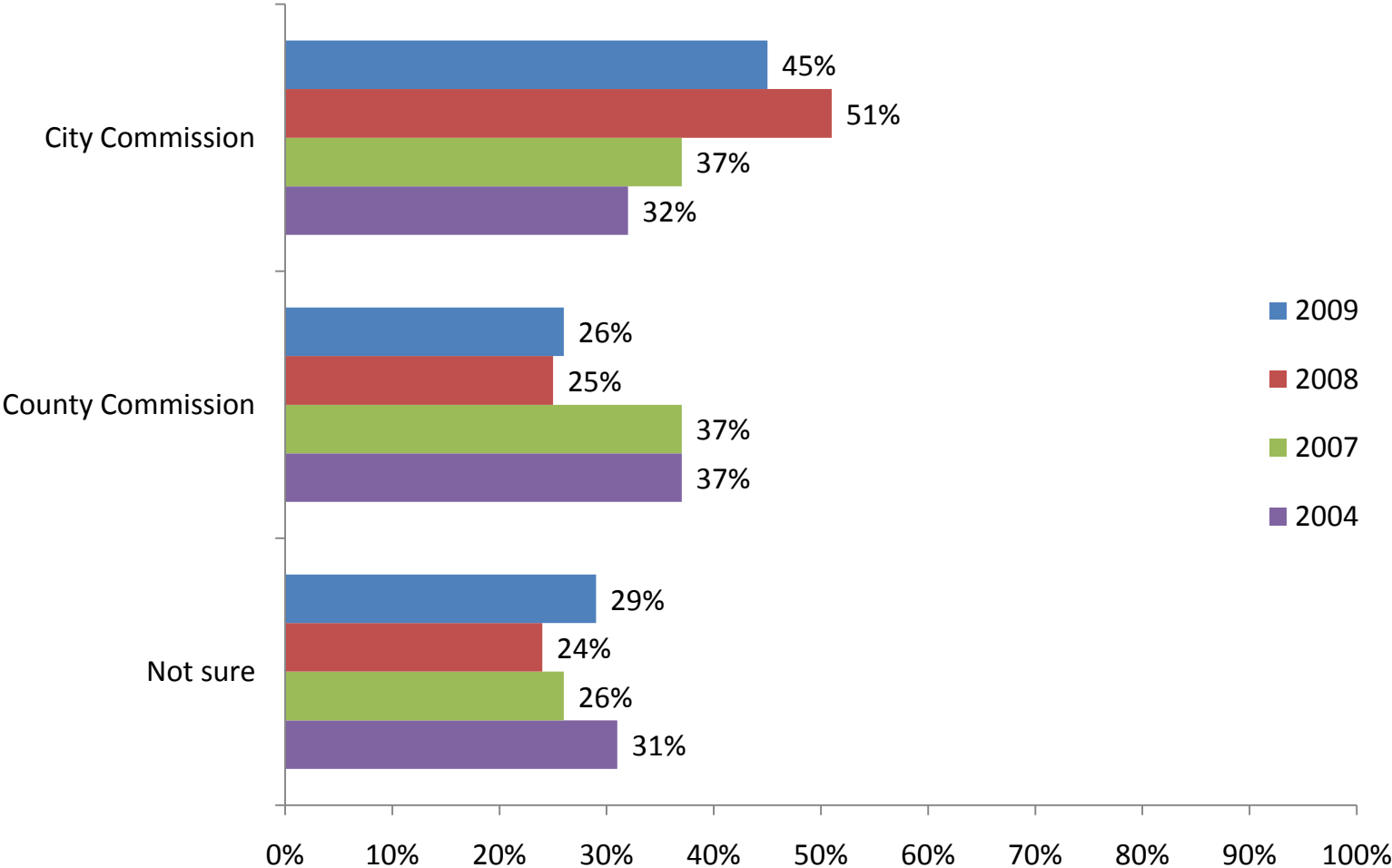
Commission that spends local tax dollars more efficiently



Commission that is better in providing government services to the community



Commission that you would want to serve the entire county*



*Actual question read: If there could only be 1 commission for the entire county, which one would you want to serve all residents?