

National Issues

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TallahasseeVoices rates President Obama

- In the **third** of a four-part survey, TallahasseeVoices panelists (citizens of Leon County) rate President Obama on national security, terrorism, and dealing with North Korea and Iran.
They also voice their opinions on issues in the Middle East and around the world.
- Democrats represent 58% of the panel, Republicans represent 25%, and independents represent 17%.
- More citizens believe President Obama has **not met** expectations than believe he has **exceeded** expectations on national security, terrorism, and dealing with North Korea and Iran.
- 60% believe the US spends too much money and exerts too many resources in attempts to control geopolitical events around the world

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Percentages of TallahasseeVoices panelists who believe President Obama has **met or exceeded** expectations are as follows:

- 54% - national security
- 54% - terrorism
- 55% - dealing with North Korea
- 56% - dealing with Iran

Percentages vary widely by party affiliation with independents' ratings more similar to Democrats' ratings than to Republicans' ratings.

Executive summary

- 2 times as many Leon County residents believe Obama has **not met** expectations on national security than believe he has **exceeded** expectations
- 34% of Leon County residents feel President Obama has **not met** expectations on national security; 16% believe he has **exceeded** expectations on national security
- Obama has **not met** expectations on national security by party affiliation
 - 20% of Democrats
 - 71% of Republicans
 - 30% of Independents

Executive summary

- By a 3 to 2 margin, more Leon County residents believe Obama has **not met** expectations on terrorism than believe he has **exceeded** expectations
- 32% of Leon County residents feel President Obama has **not met** expectations on terrorism; 20% believe he has **exceeded** expectations on terrorism
- Obama has **not met** expectations on terrorism by party affiliation
 - 17% of Democrats
 - 66% of Republicans
 - 29% of Independents

Executive summary

- Leon County residents are more likely to believe Obama has **not met** expectations on dealing with North Korea than believe he has **exceeded** expectations
- 31% of Leon County residents feel President Obama has **not met** expectations on dealing with North Korea; 22% believe he has **exceeded** expectations on dealing with North Korea
- Obama has **not met** expectations on dealing with North Korea by party affiliation
 - 17% of Democrats
 - 66% of Republicans
 - 26% of Independents

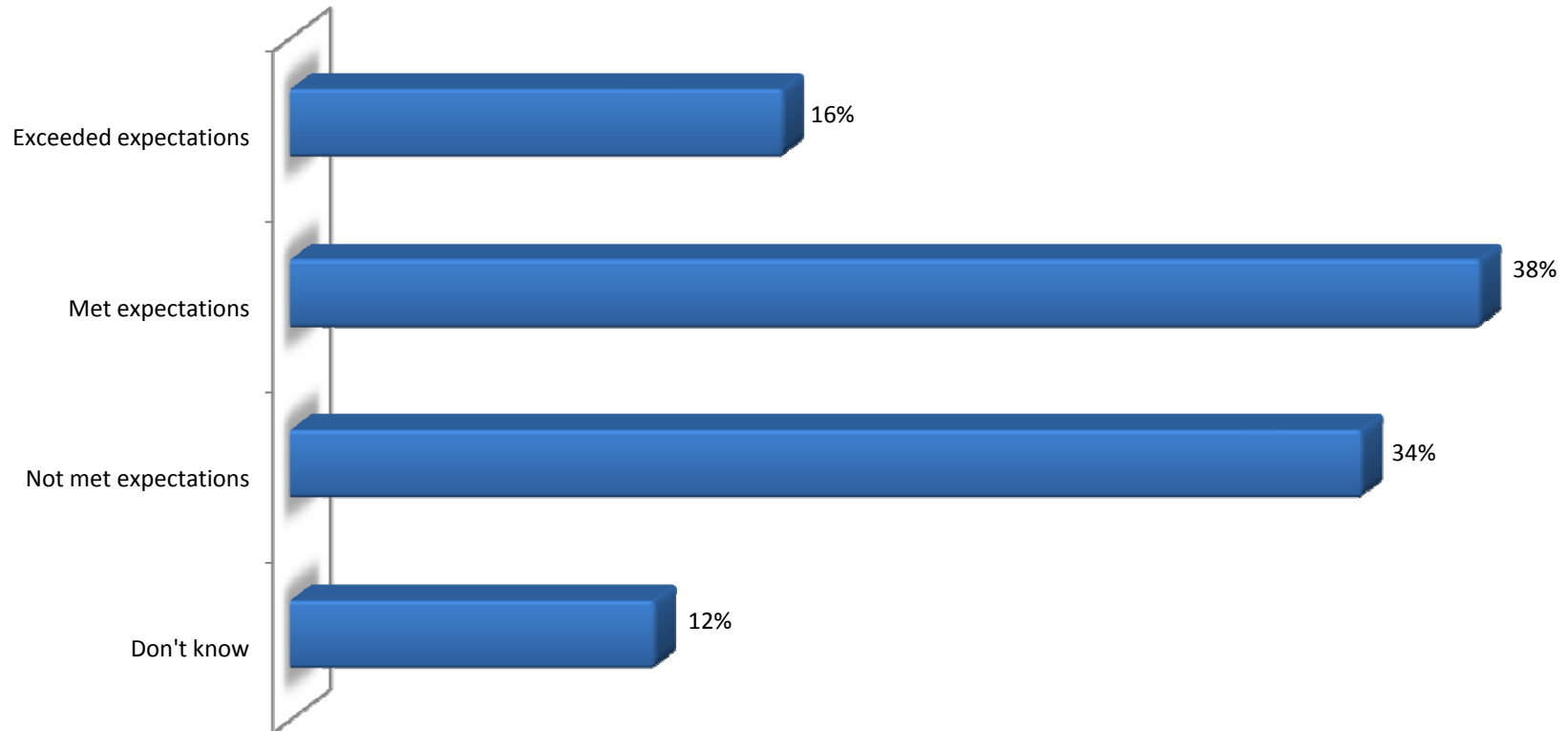
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- 2 times as many Leon County residents believe Obama has **not met** expectations on dealing with Iran than believe he has **exceeded** expectations
- 32% of Leon County residents feel President Obama has **not met** expectations on dealing with Iran; 16% believe he has **exceeded** expectations on dealing with Iran
- Obama has **not met** expectations on dealing with Iran by party affiliation
 - 16% of Democrats
 - 66% of Republicans
 - 36% of Independents

Executive summary

- 65% of Leon County resident support pursuing military efforts in Afghanistan
- Leon County residents are split on whether or not to invest US money and troops in the Middle East as a long-term strategic option
- 60% believe the US spends too much money and exerts too much effort in attempts to control geopolitical events around the world

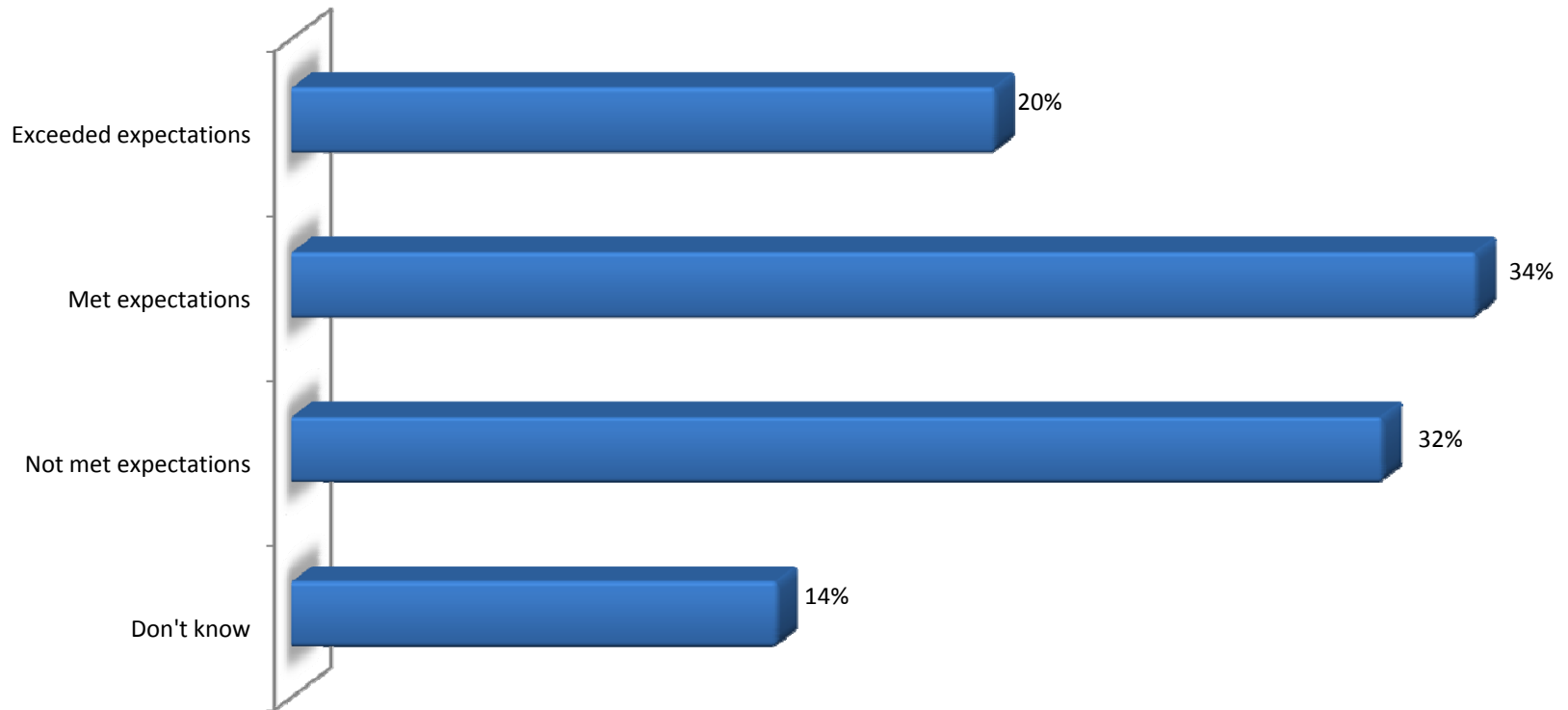
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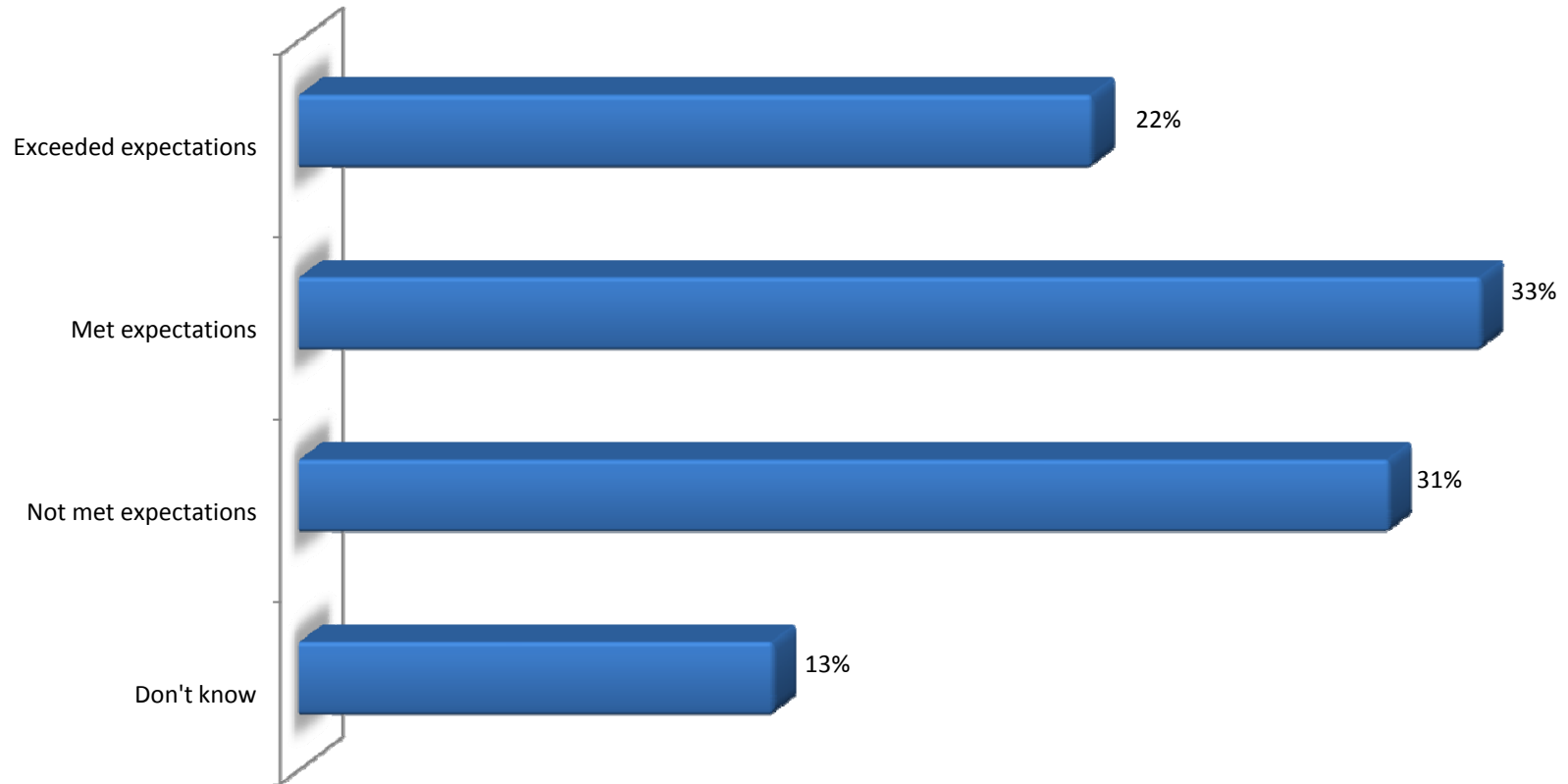
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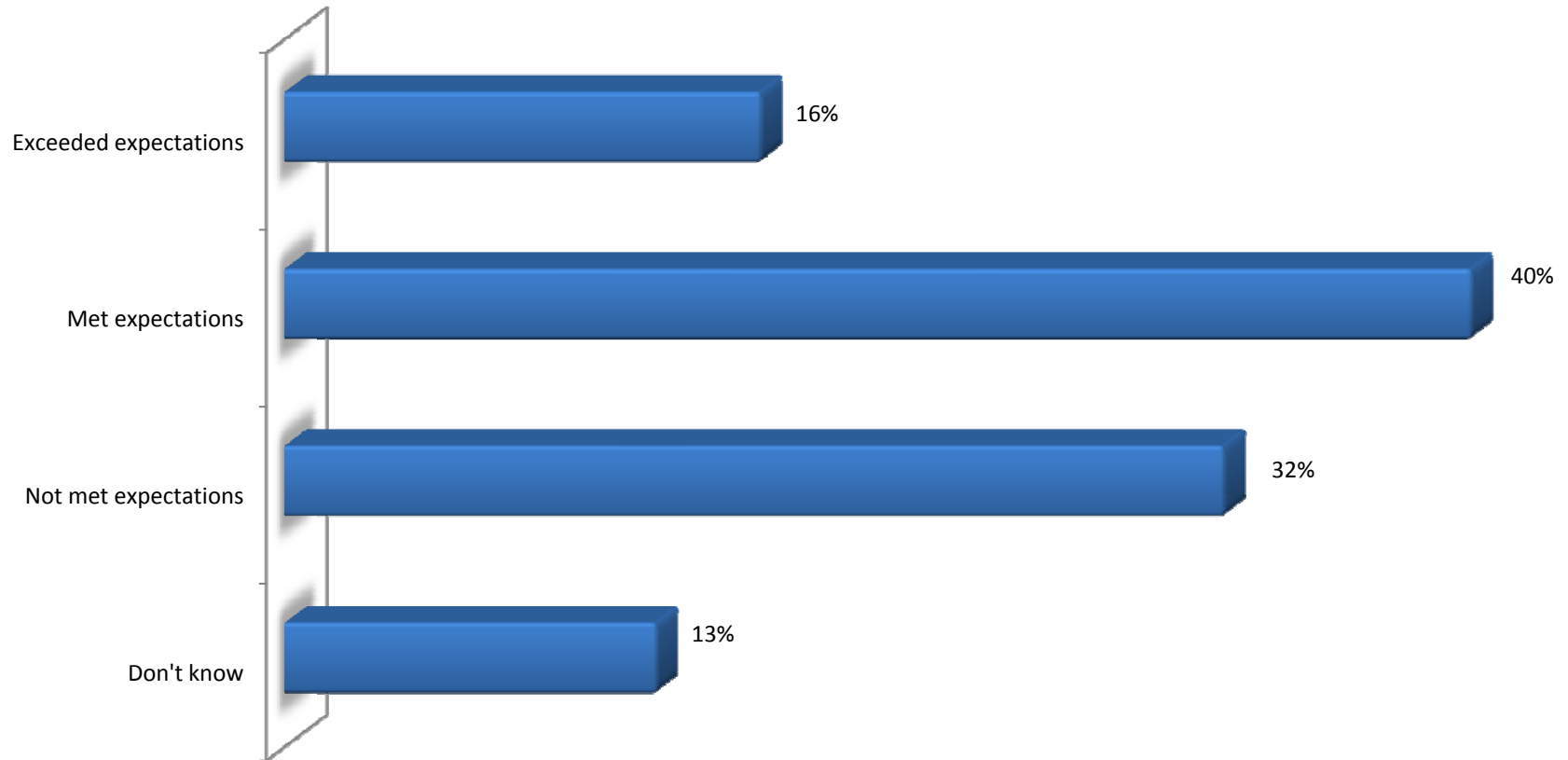
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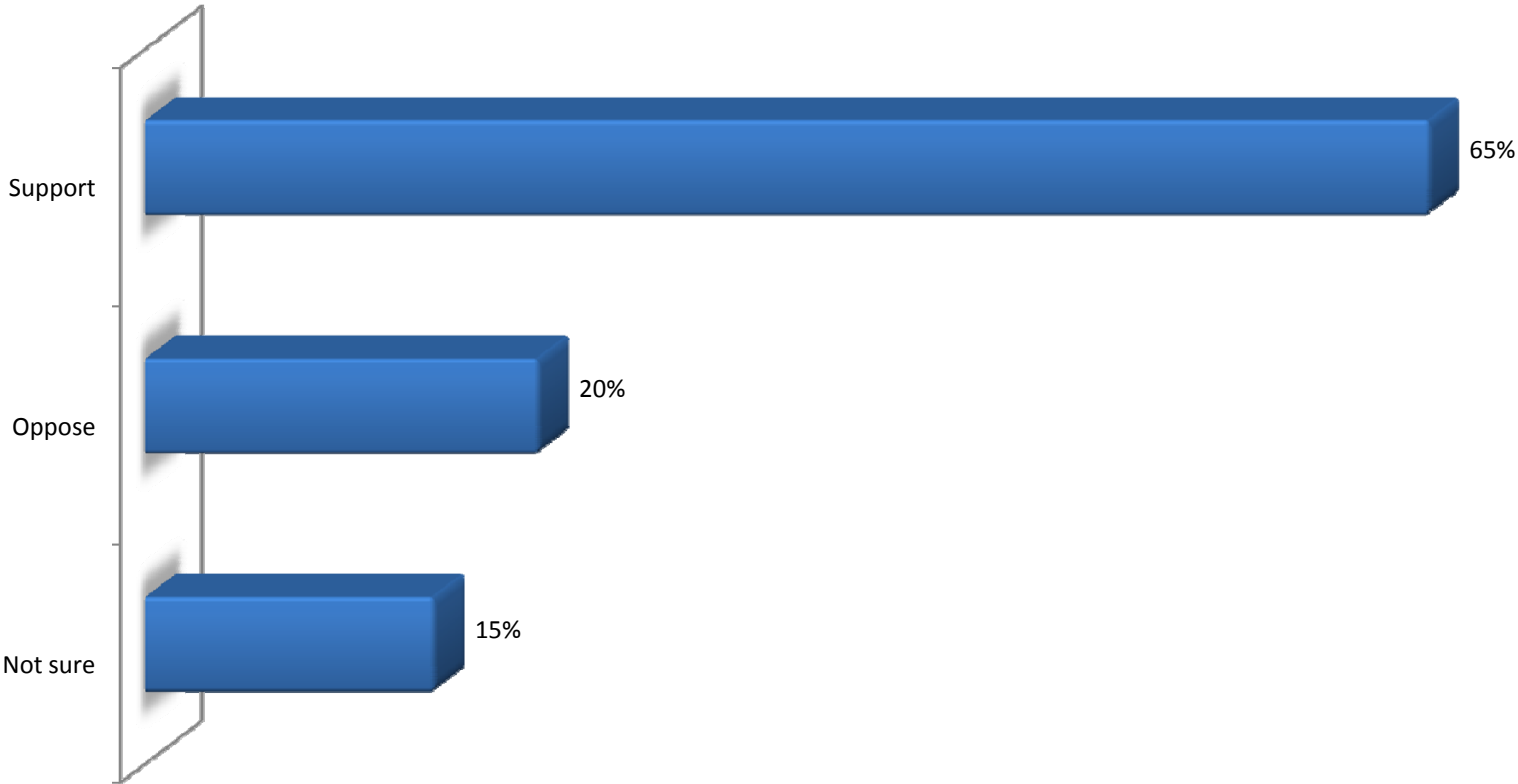
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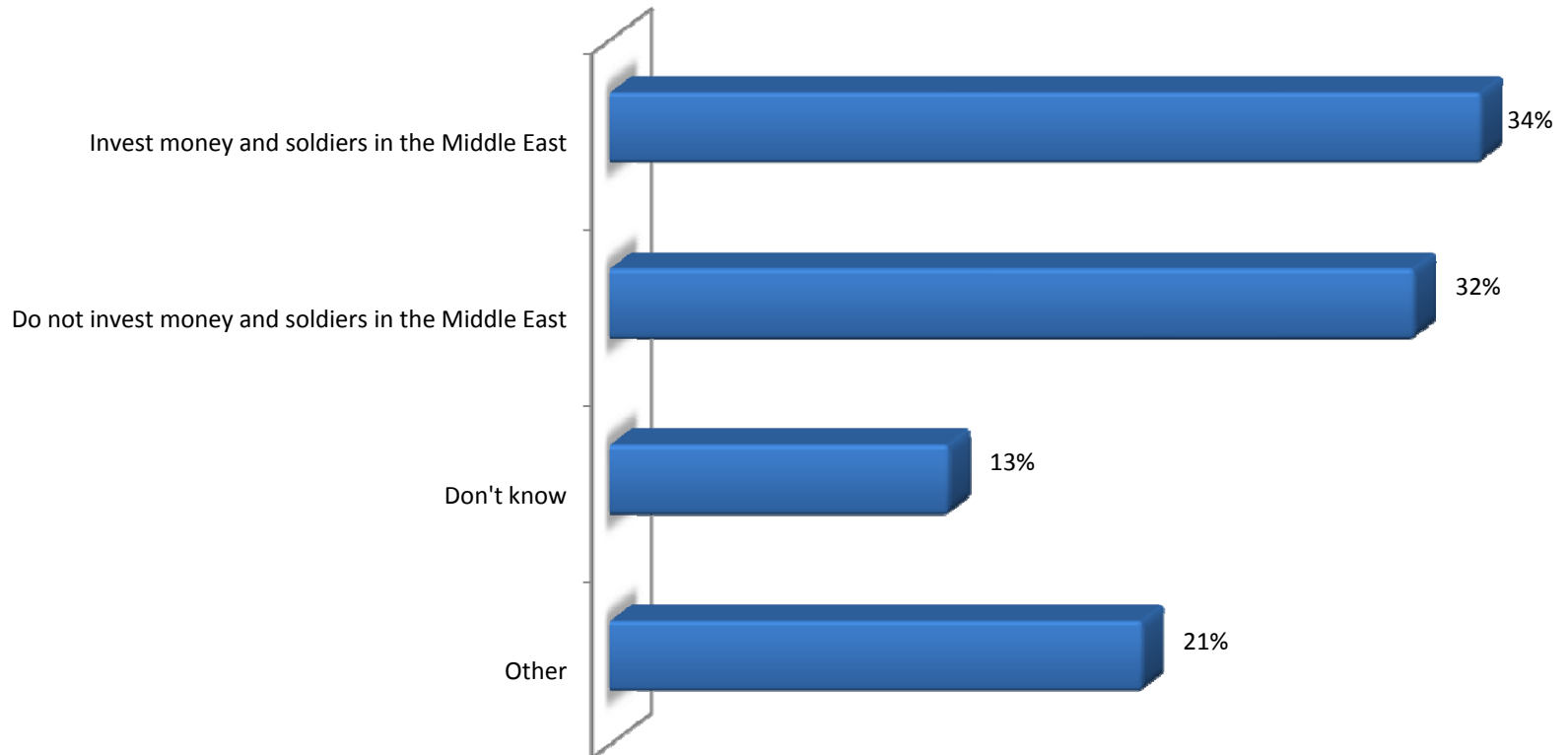
Stance on military efforts in Afghanistan



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Do you support or oppose pursuing military efforts in Afghanistan?

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Stance on Middle East involvement

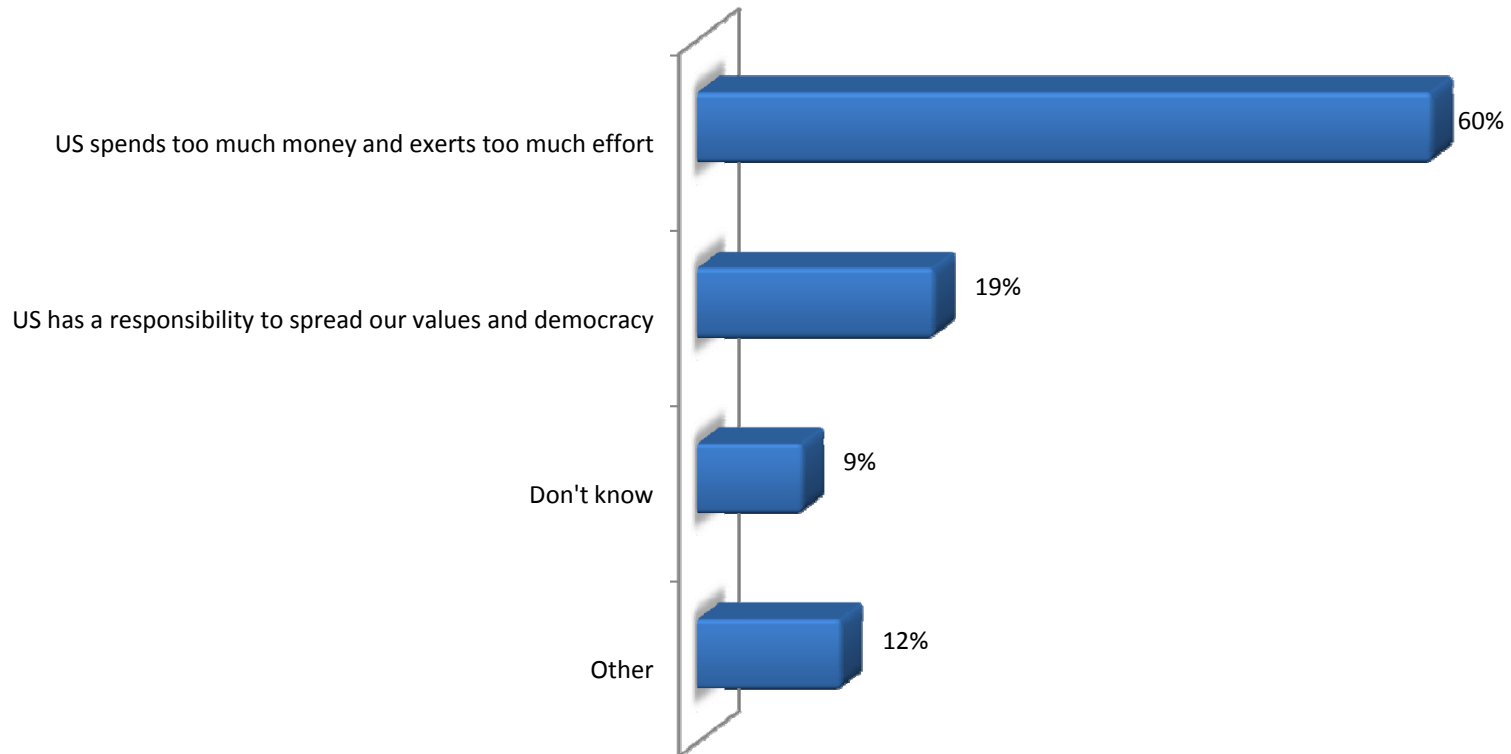


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With which group do you agree?

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Stance on US involvement in distant geographical locations

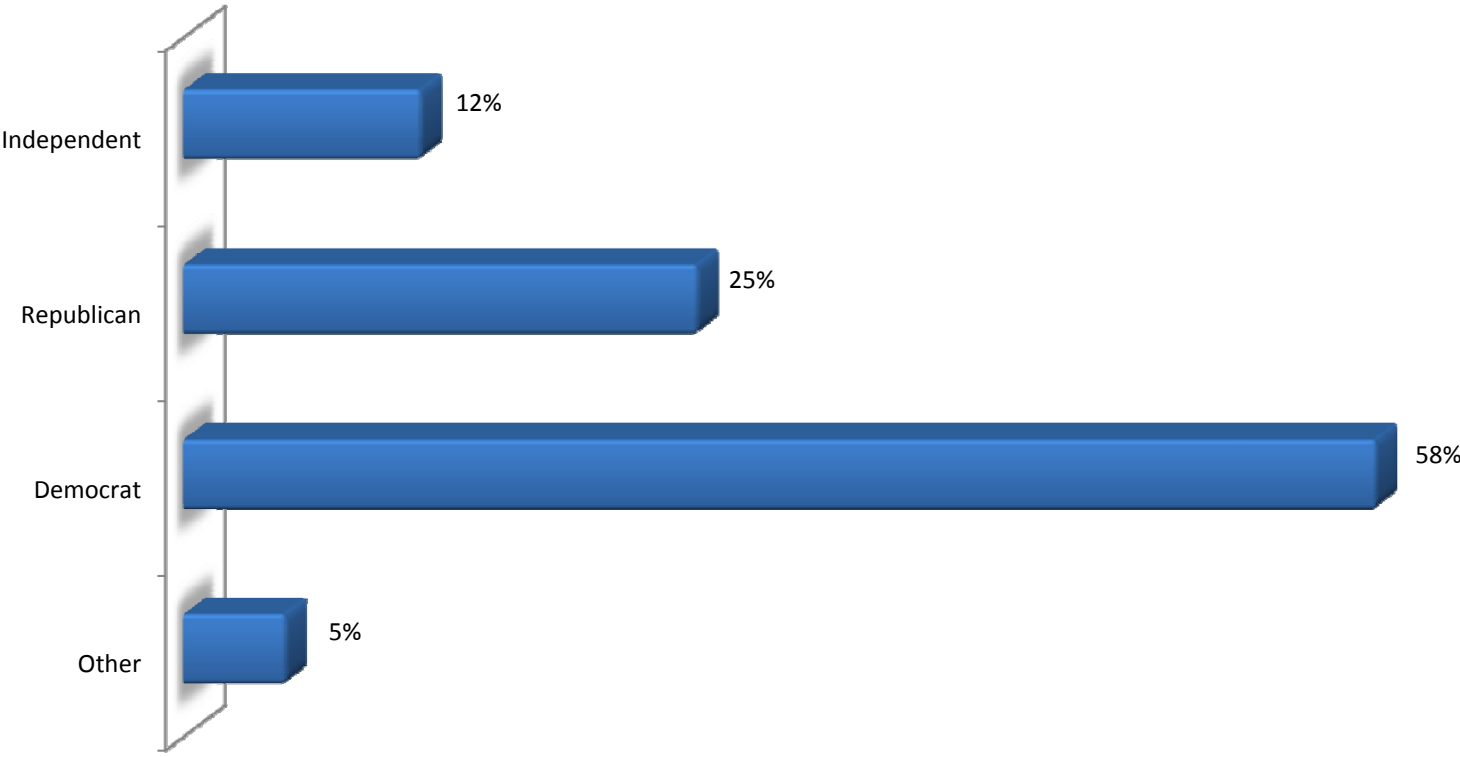


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Party registration of TallahasseeVoices panel

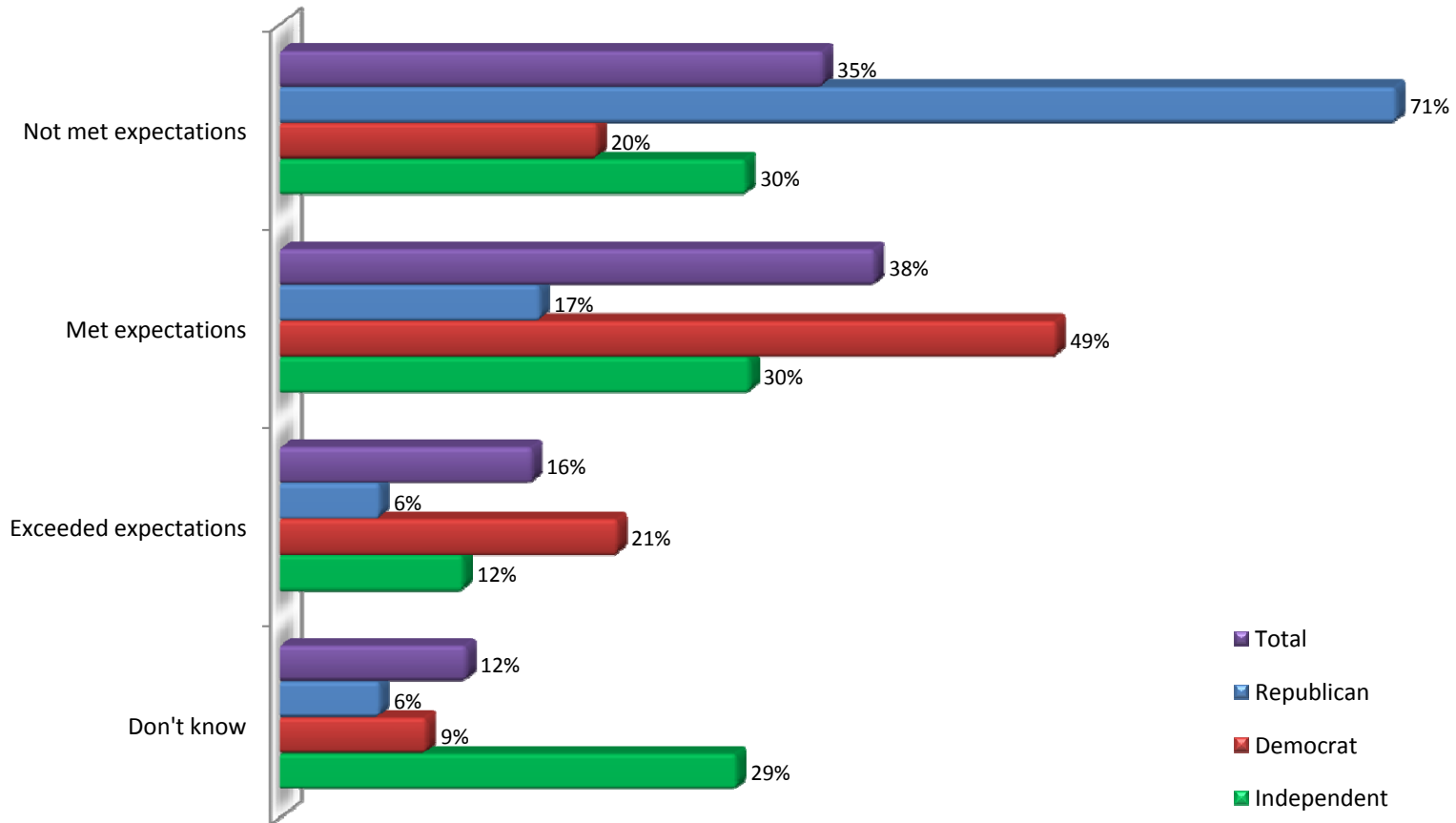


Are you registered as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

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Answers by party affiliation

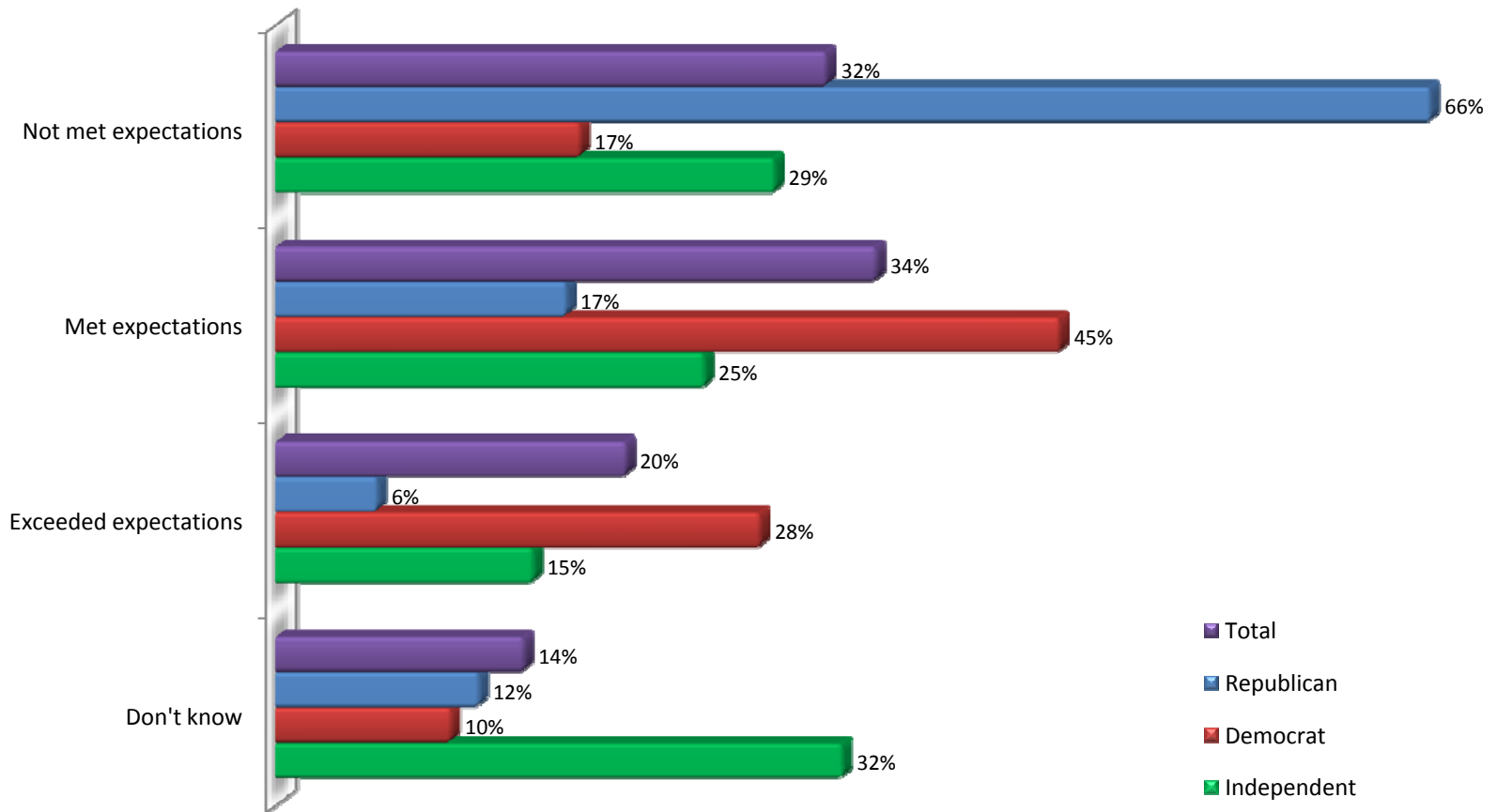
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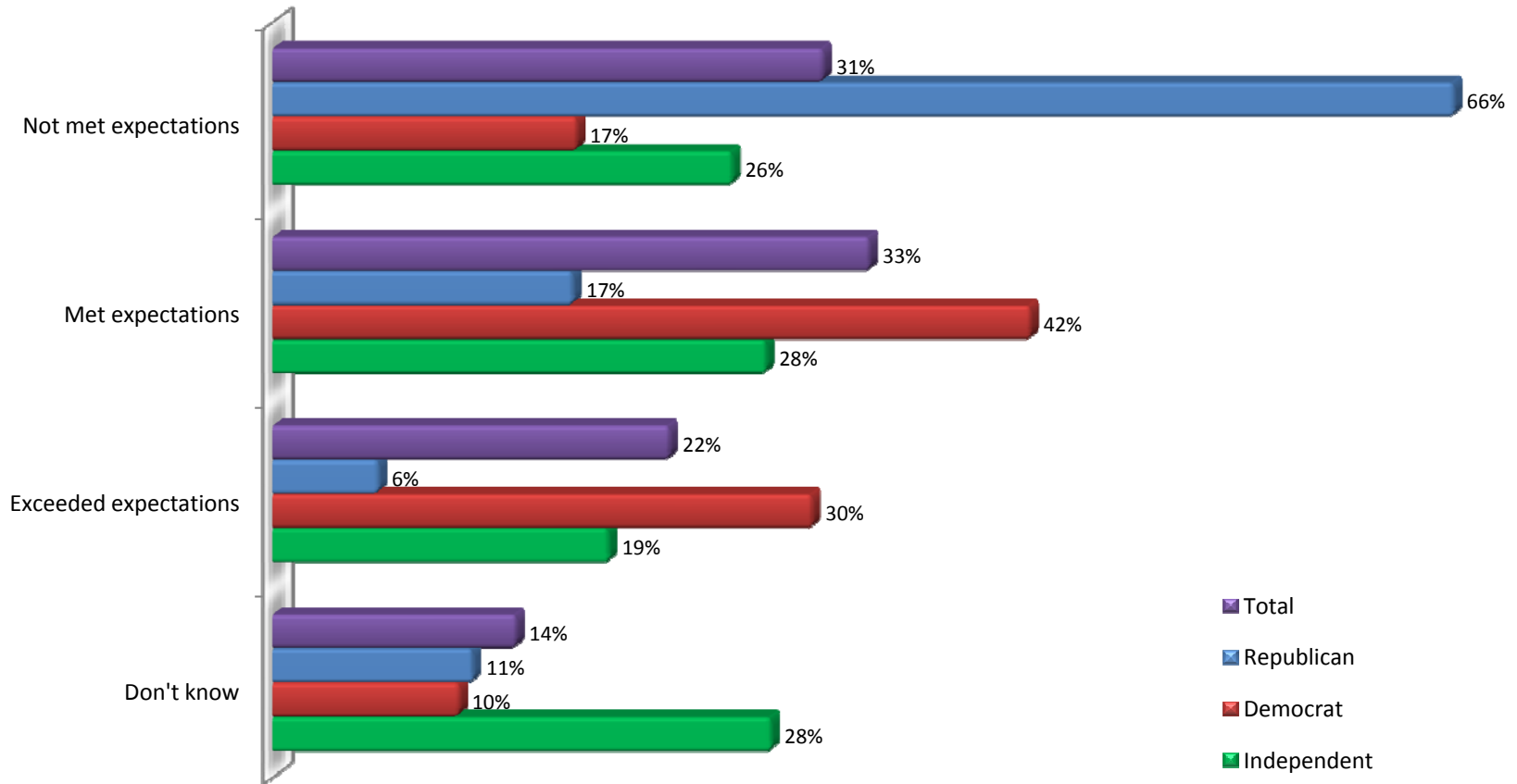
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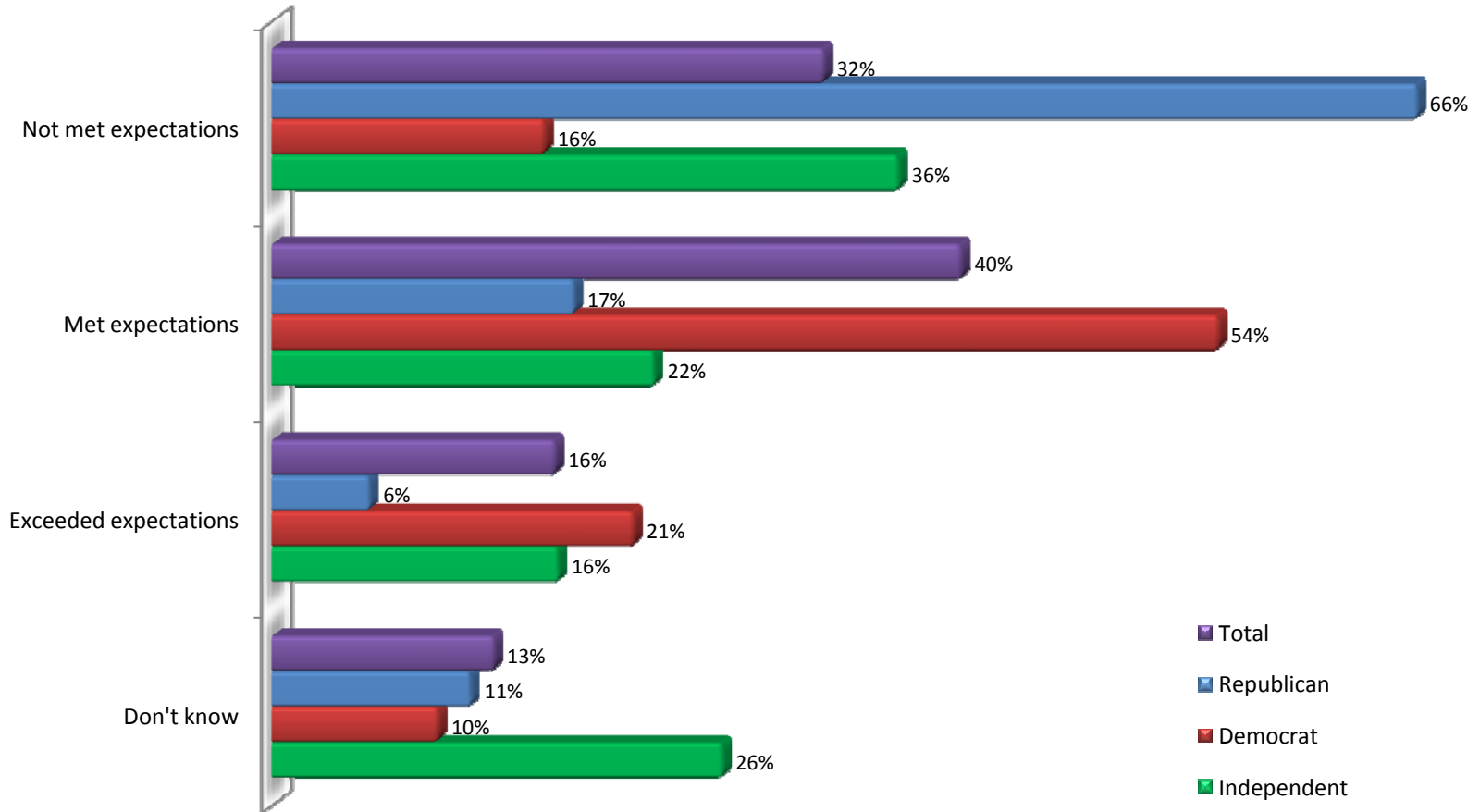
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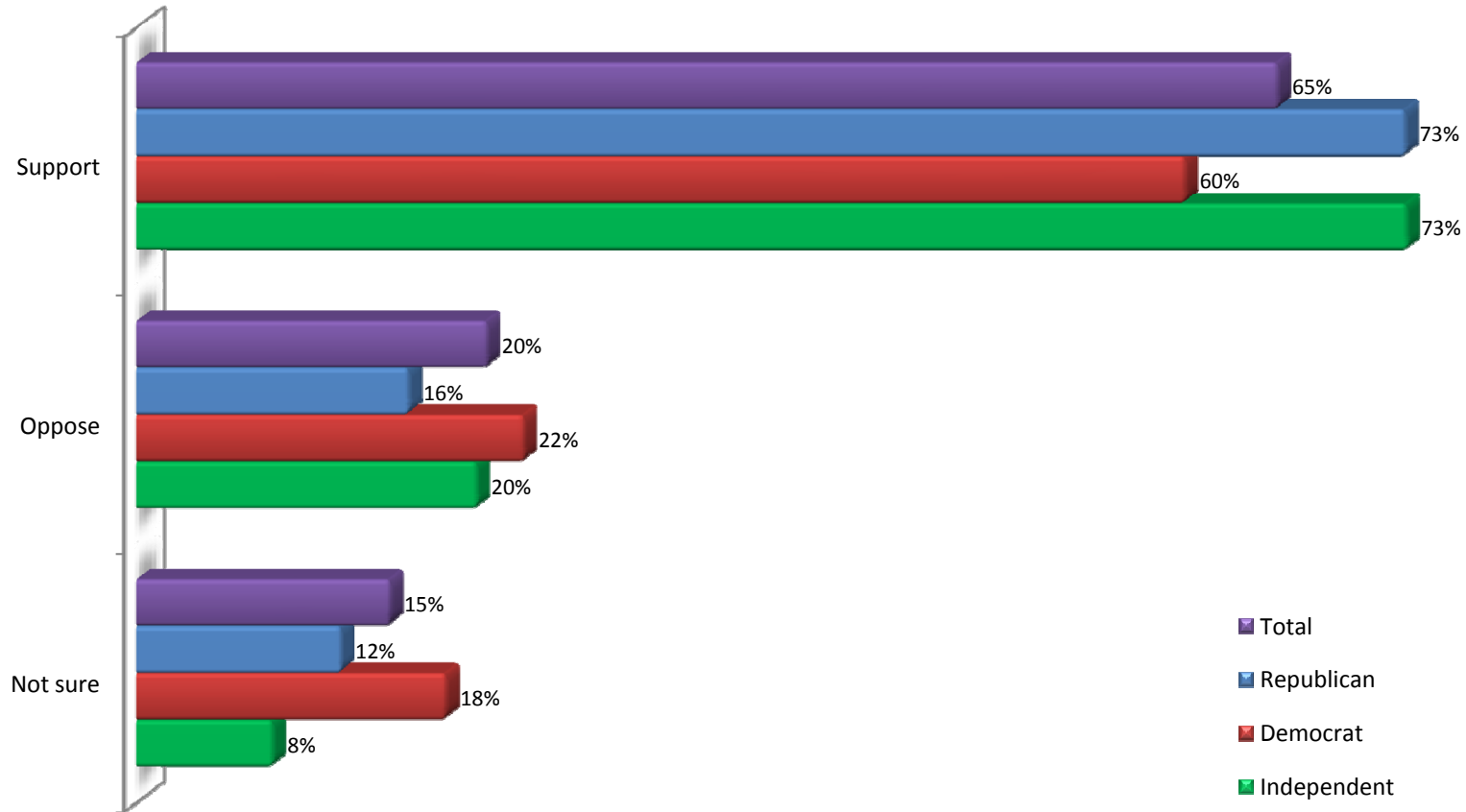
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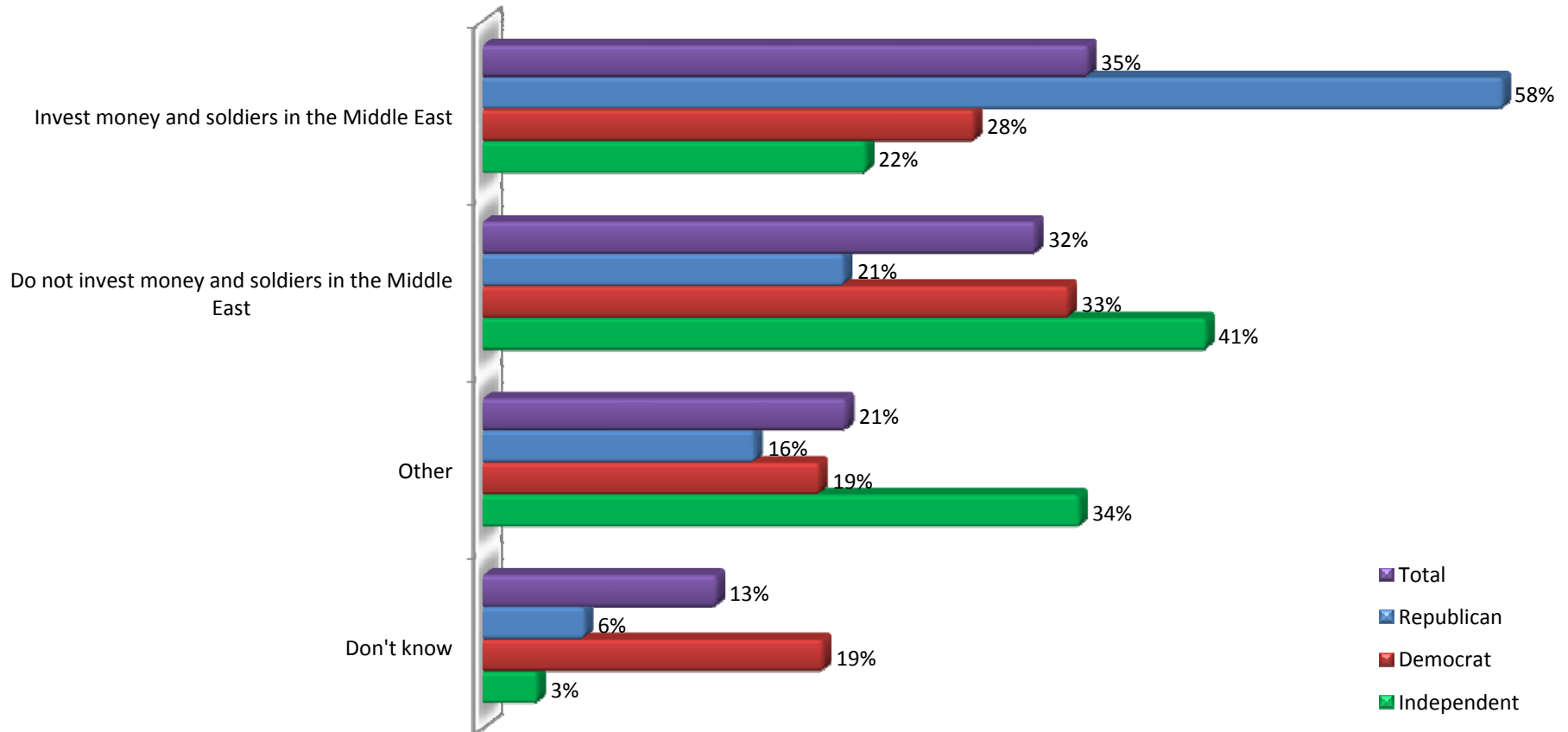
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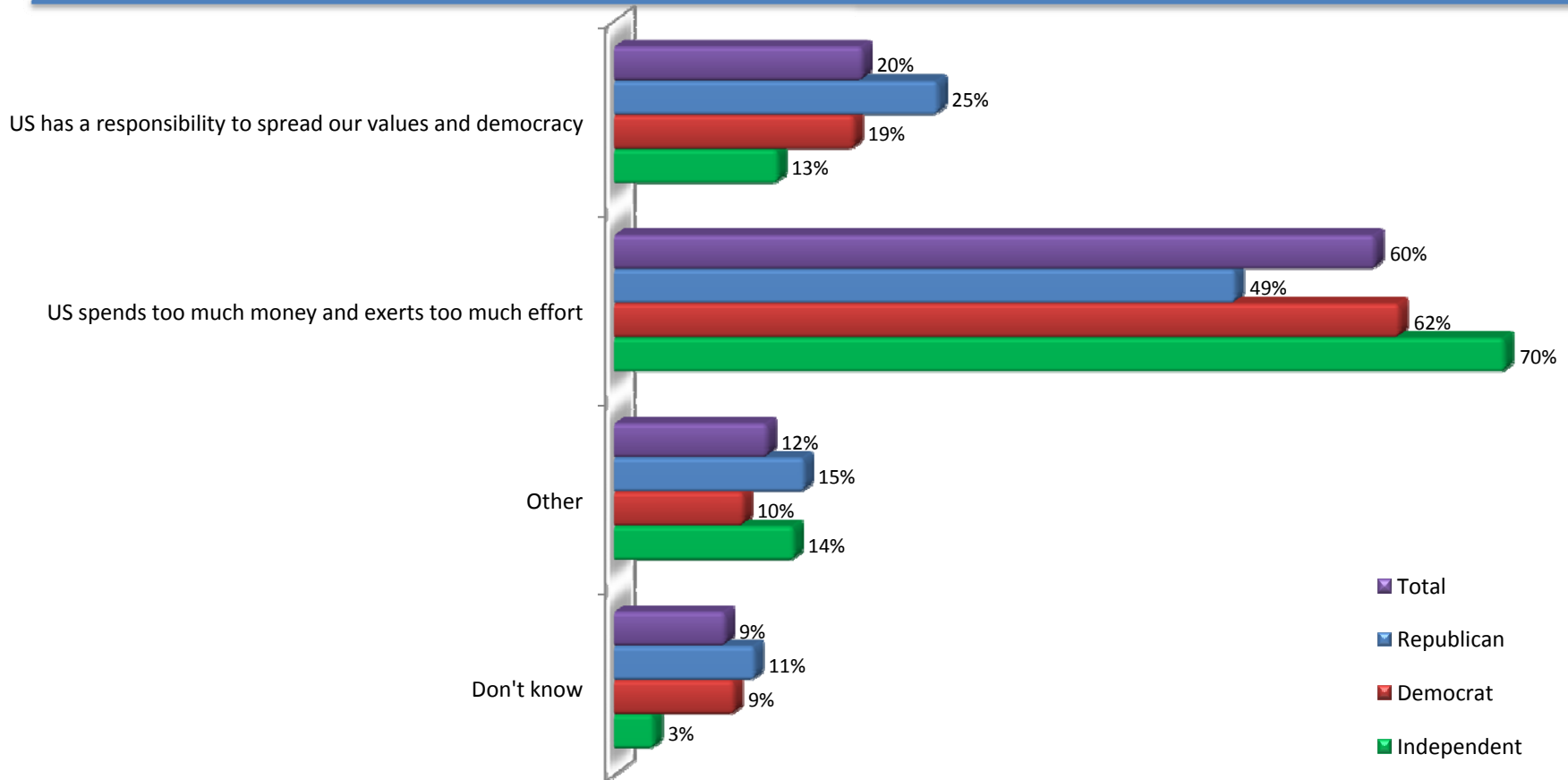


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