

National Issues

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TallahasseeVoices rates President Obama

- In the **last** of a four-part survey, TallahasseeVoices panelists (citizens of Leon County) rate President Obama on helping disadvantaged persons, social security, and race relations.
- 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 helping disadvantaged persons, social security, and race relations.
- “Ill-advised” and “premature” are the two most frequently used descriptors of President Obama’s comments on the recent altercation between Henry Louis Gates Jr., the nation's pre-eminent black scholar, and the Cambridge police.

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

- 57% - helping disadvantaged persons
- 39% - social security
- 54% - race relations

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 helping disadvantaged persons than believe he has **exceeded** expectations
- 31% of Leon County residents feel President Obama has **not met** expectations on helping disadvantaged persons; 14% believe he has **exceeded** expectations on helping disadvantaged persons
- Obama has **not met** expectations on helping disadvantaged persons by party affiliation
 - 18% of Democrats
 - 64% of Republicans
 - 22% of Independents

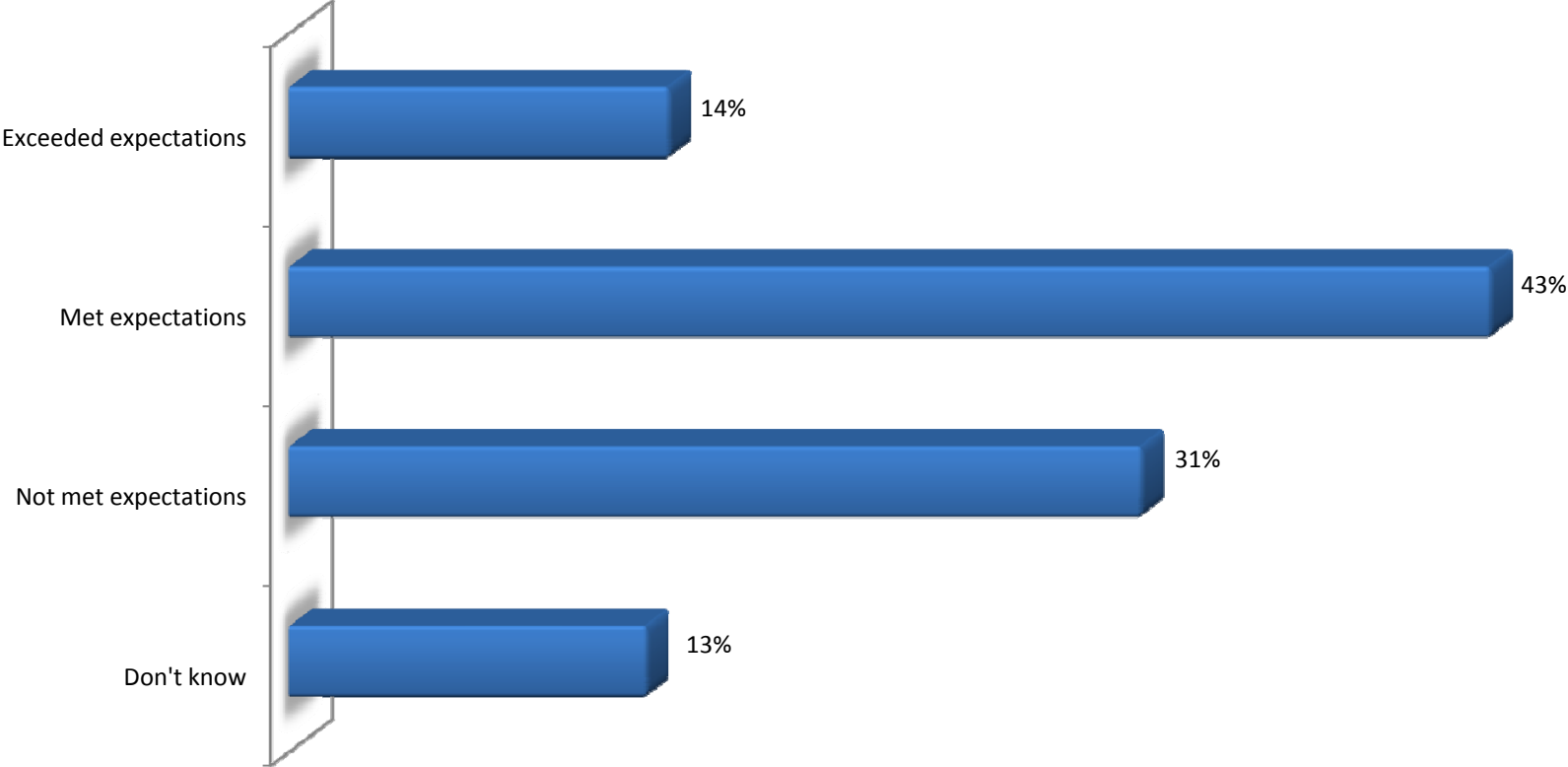
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- 7 times as many Leon County residents believe Obama has **not met** expectations on social security than believe he has **exceeded** expectations
- 42% of Leon County residents feel President Obama has **not met** expectations on social security; 6% believe he has **exceeded** expectations on social security
- Obama has **not met** expectations on social security by party affiliation
 - 29% of Democrats
 - 77% of Republicans
 - 34% of Independents

Executive summary

- Nearly 2 times as many Leon County residents believe Obama has **not met** expectations on race relations than believe he has **exceeded** expectations
- 41% of Leon County residents feel President Obama has **not met** expectations on race relations; 23% believe he has **exceeded** expectations on race relations
- Obama has **not met** expectations on race relations by party affiliation
 - 28% of Democrats
 - 75% of Republicans
 - 35% of Independents

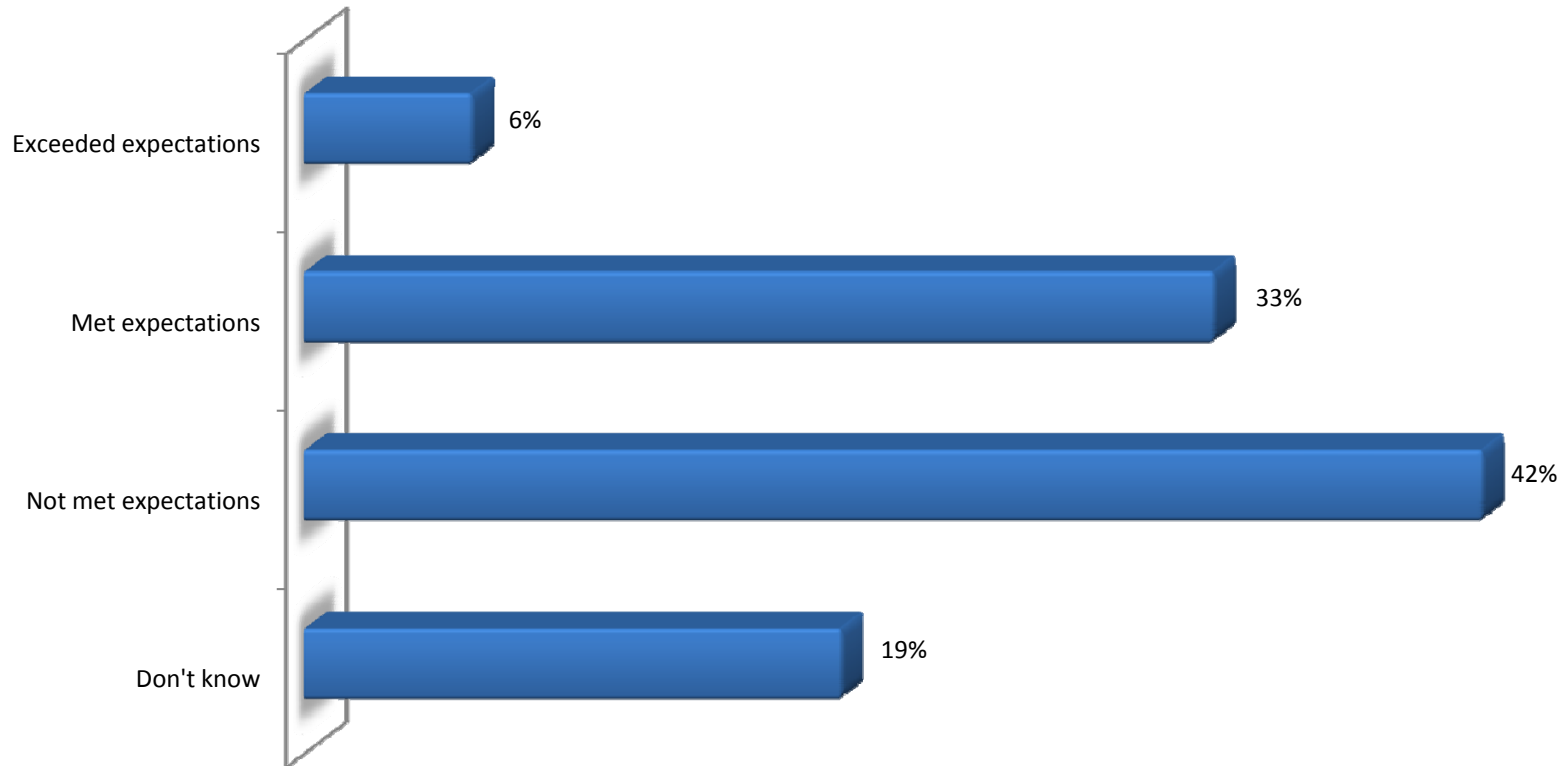
Obama's performance on helping disadvantaged



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Please rate the performance of the Obama administration on helping disadvantaged

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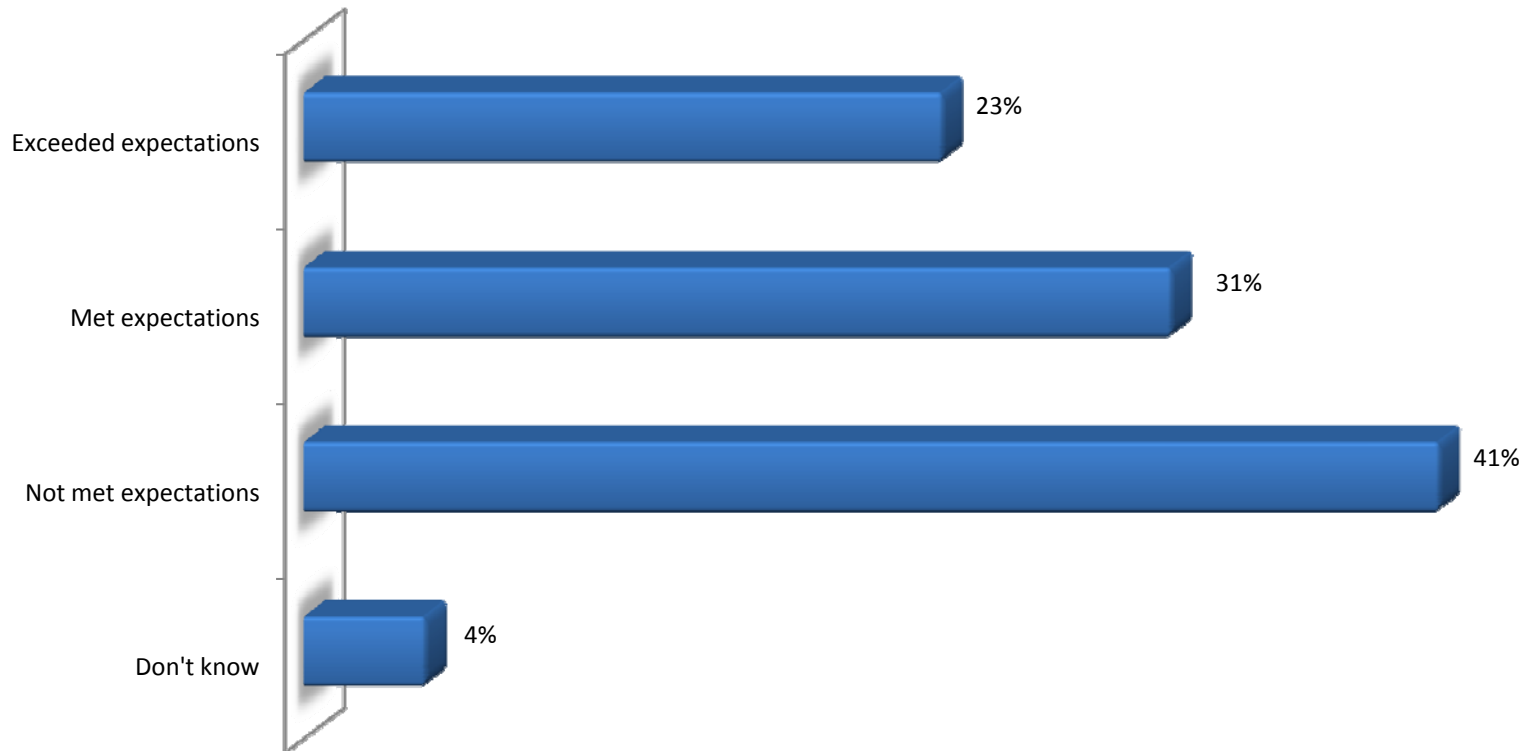
Obama's performance on dealing with social security



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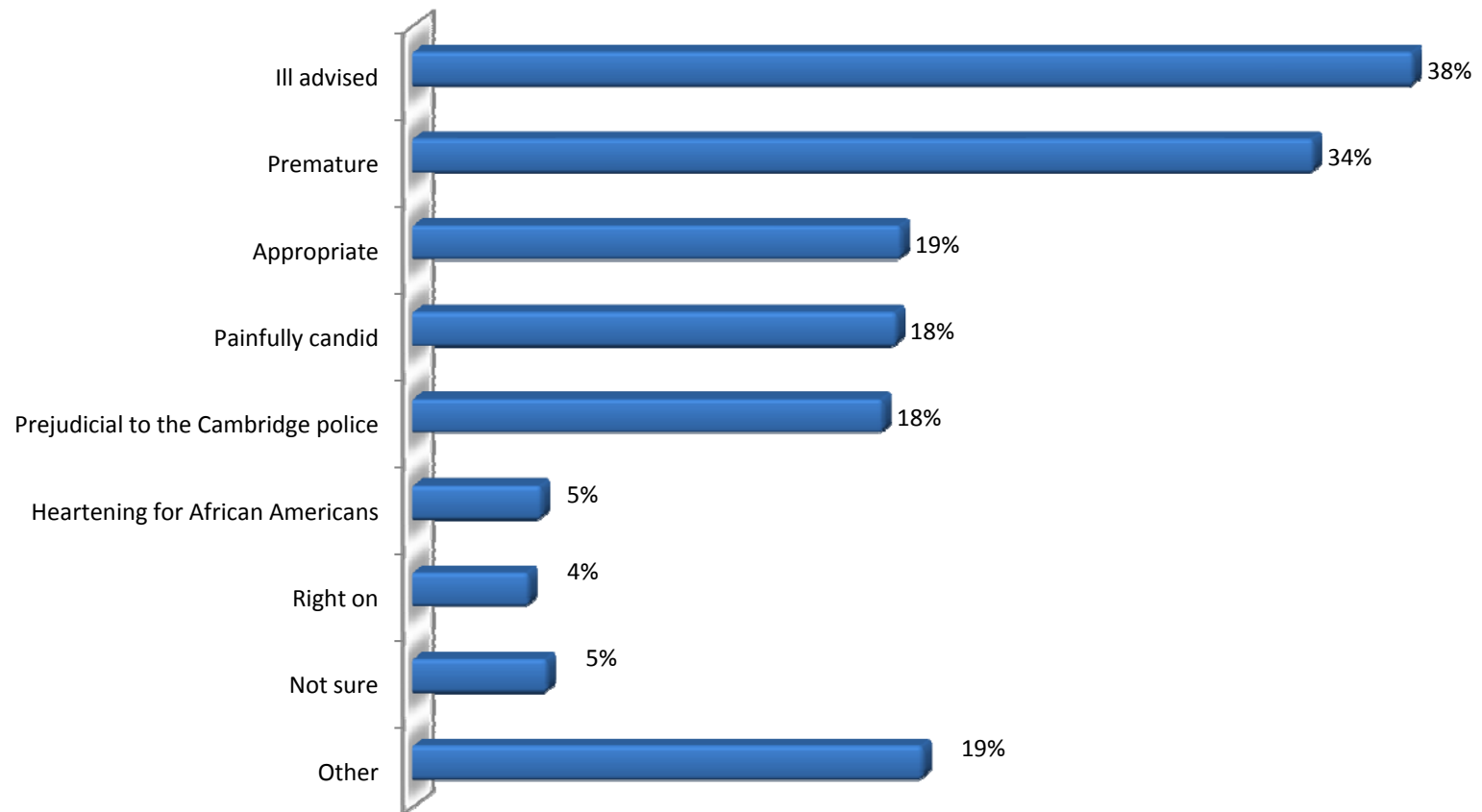
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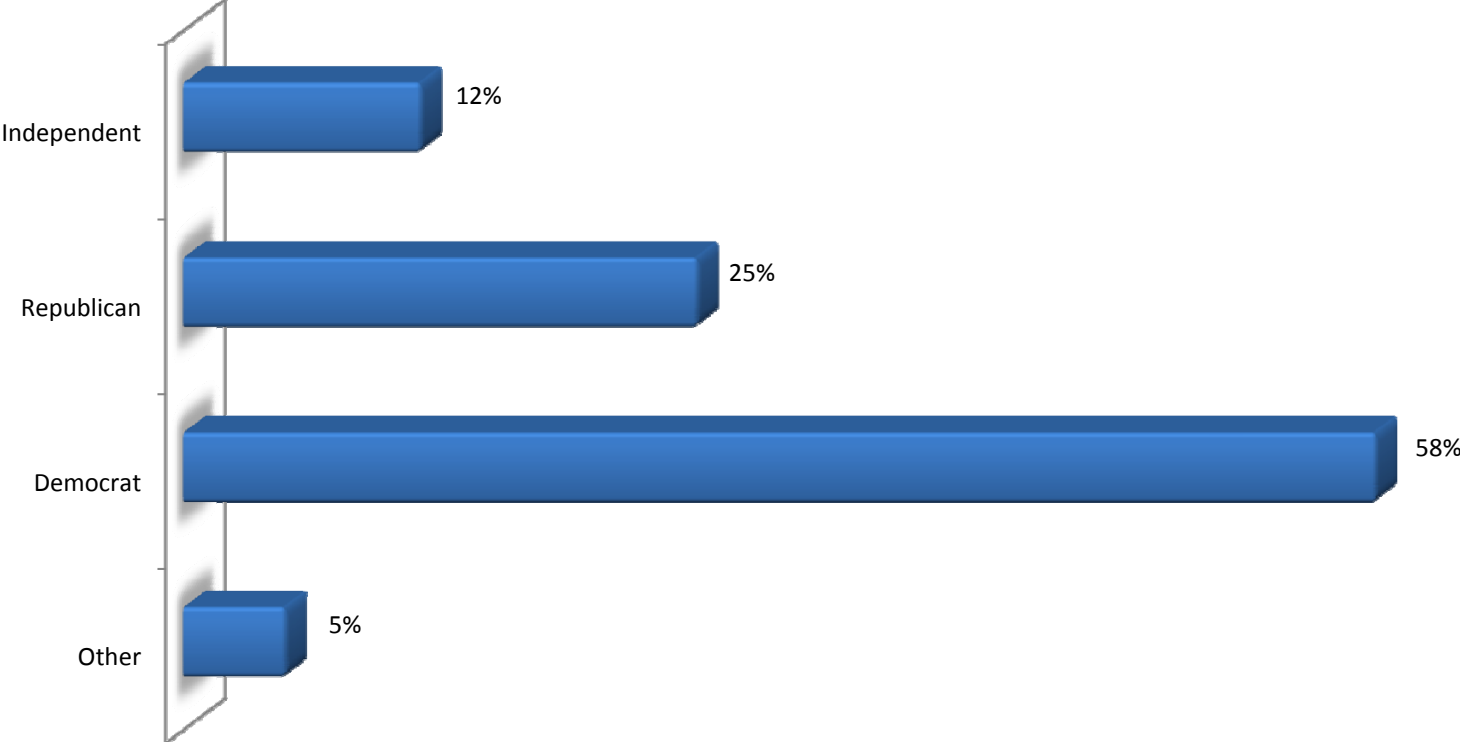
Rating of Obama's comments to Gates/Cambridge Police altercation



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Party registration of TallahasseeVoices panel

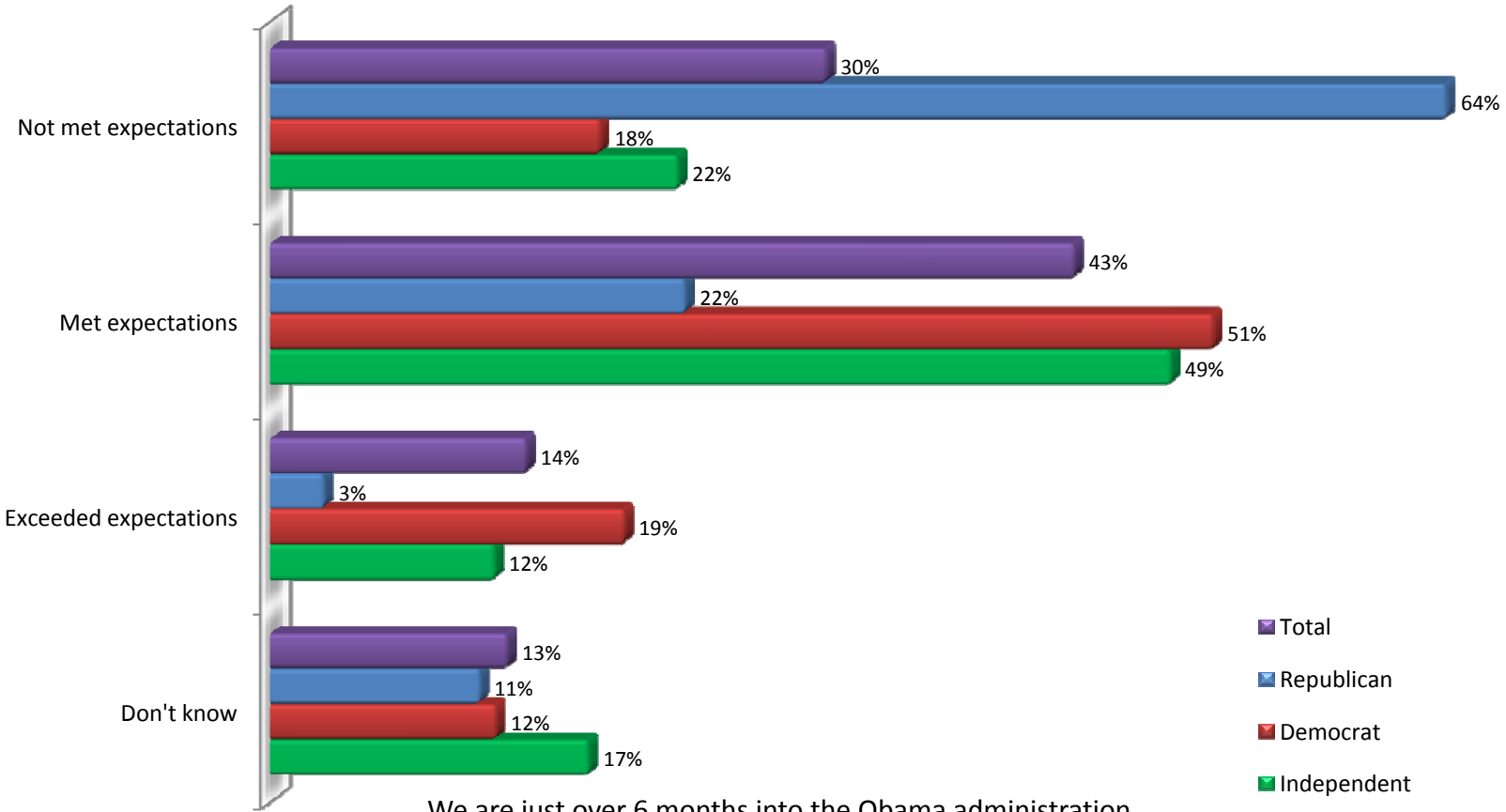


Are you registered as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

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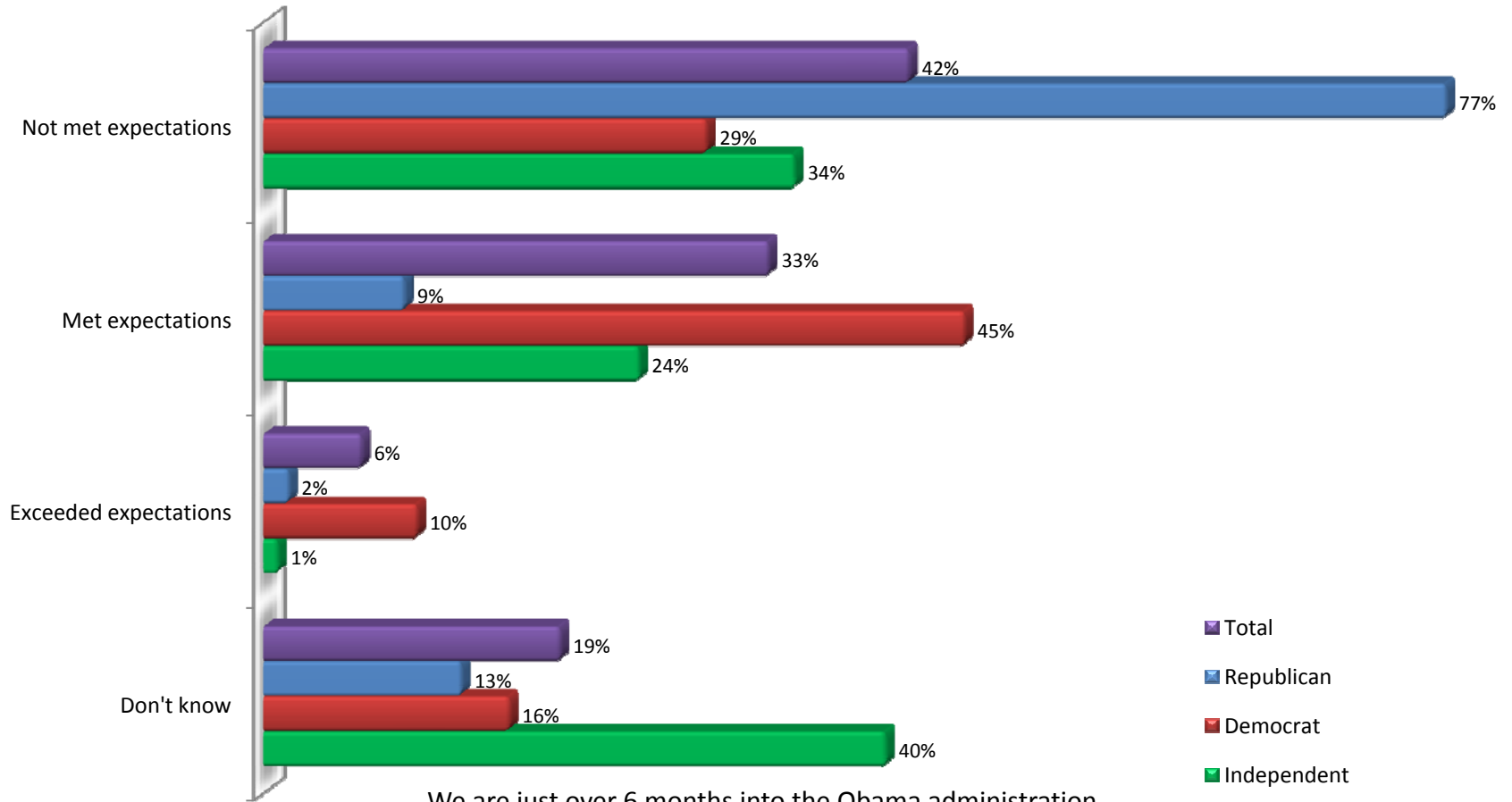
Answers by party affiliation

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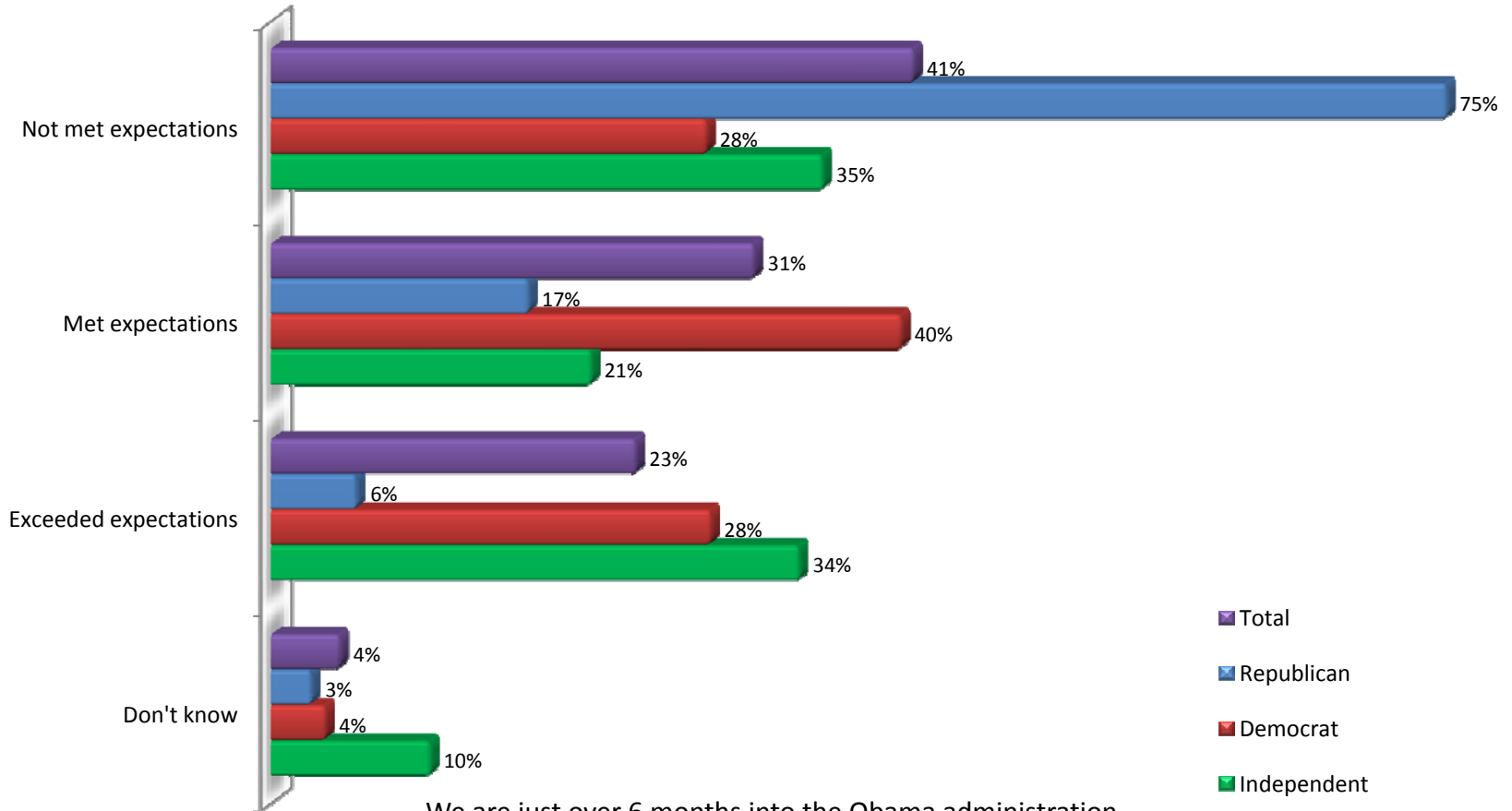
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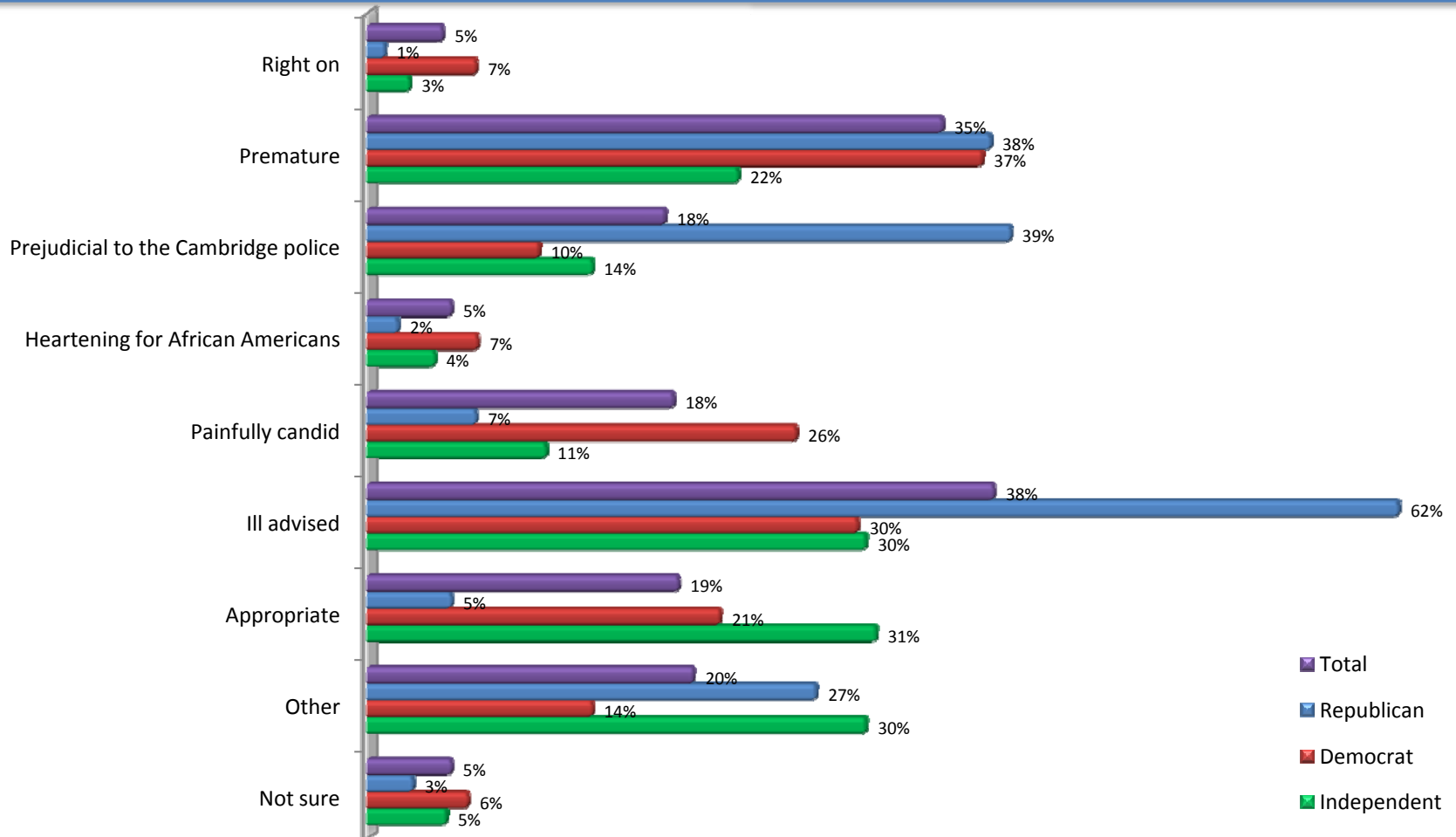
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