

FIU LATINO POLL

Results in Swing States



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Executive Summary Swing States

- **Voter Engagement:** 57.1% of Latino voters in swing states are highly motivated, though slightly lower than the national average.
- **Top Concerns:** Economic issues like inflation (24.1%) and jobs (20.9%) dominate, aligning with national trends.
- **National Security:** Primary concerns include domestic terrorism, rising national debt, and illegal immigration, highlighting regional importance.
- **Political Affiliation:** Lean Democratic (48.4%), with a notable 25.8% identifying as independents, showing a shift toward issue-based affiliations.
- **Candidate Support:** Kamala Harris leads with 54.7% support, while Trump shows increased favorability among swing state Republicans and conservatives.

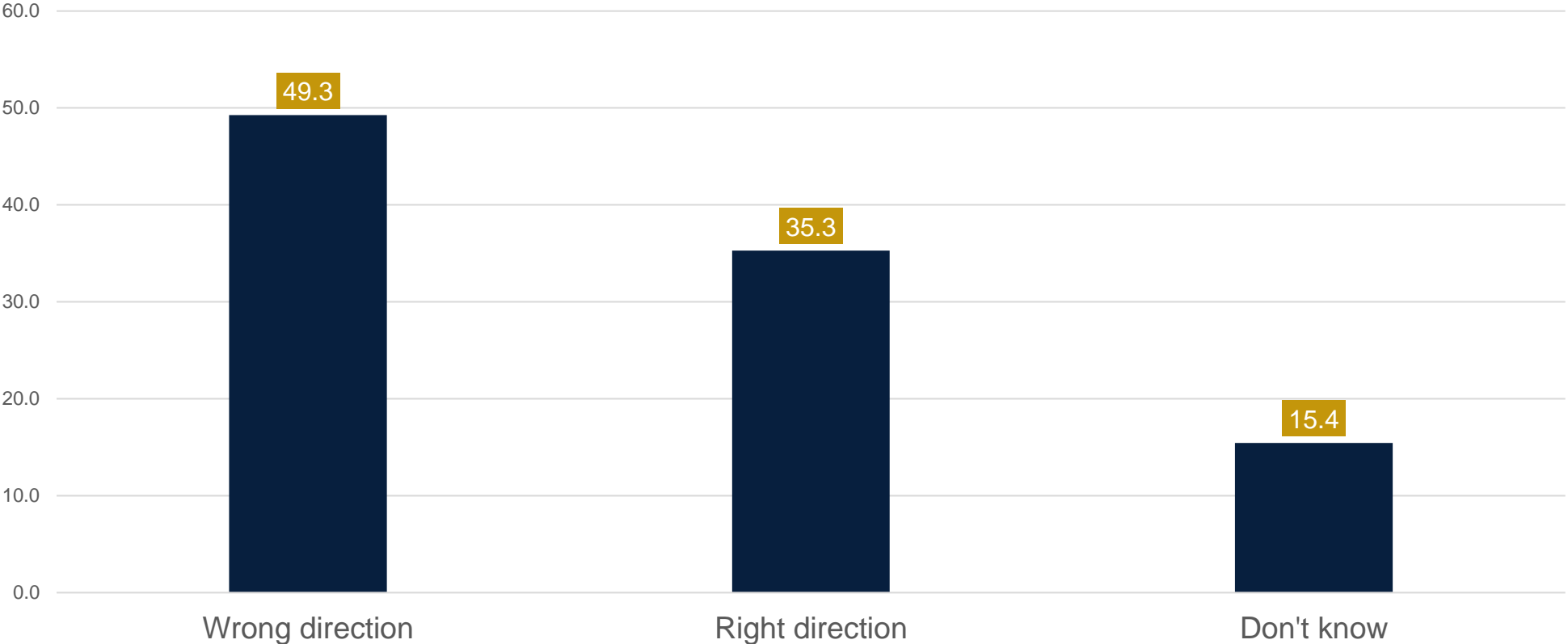
Comparative Analysis

- **Voting Motivation:** Strong intention to vote among Latinos, with slightly lower motivation in swing states (57.1%) compared to national levels (over 66%).
- **Country's Direction:** Around 49% of respondents in both swing states and nationally believe the country is on the wrong track, indicating widespread concern.
- **Top Concerns:** Inflation and the economy rank as top issues across both surveys, highlighting national economic pressures.
- **National Security:** Domestic terrorism is the primary concern, with swing state respondents showing more focus on illegal immigration.
- **Party Affiliation:** Preference leans Democratic (48.4% in swing states, 47.8% nationally), with fewer Republicans in swing states (25.9% compared to nationally (30.3%).

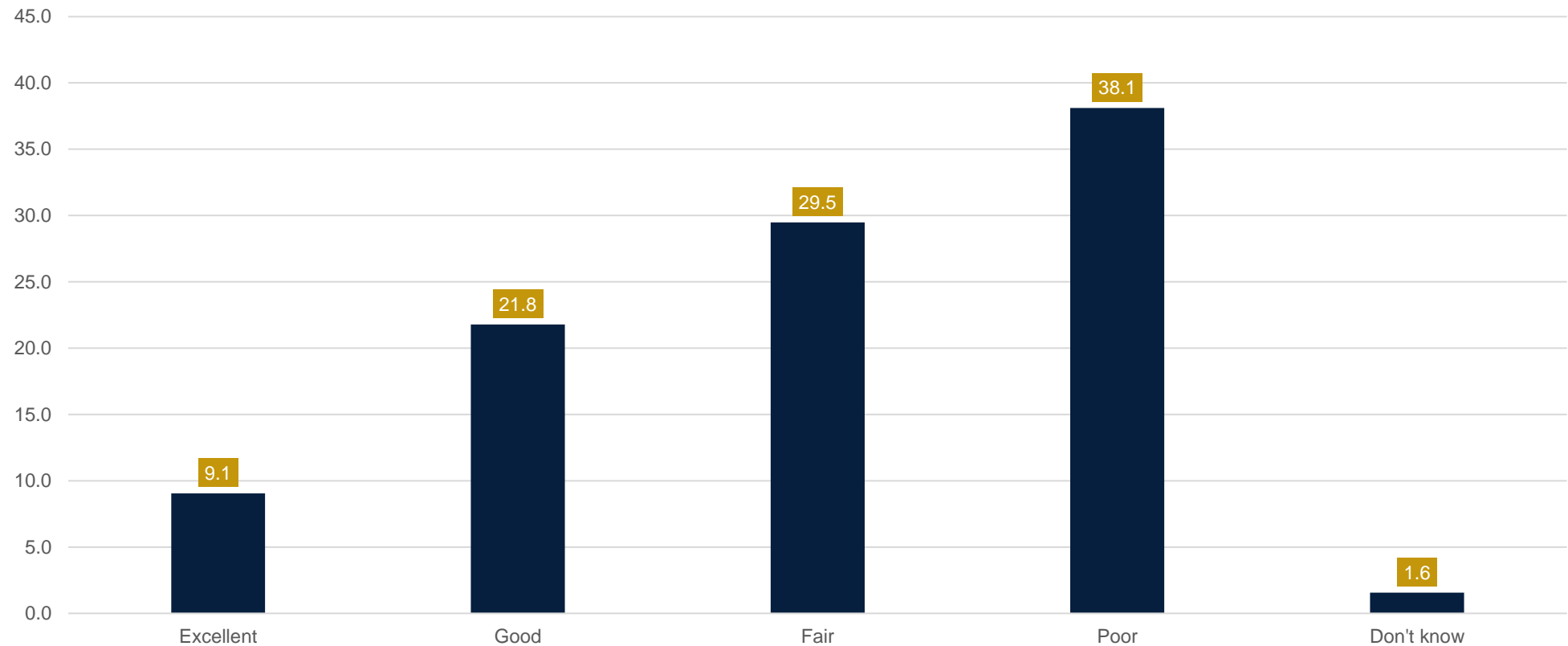
Comparative Analysis

- Consistent with the national survey, a trend toward independence is present, with 25.8% in swing states identifying as independents. However, swing state respondents show less movement from Democrats to Republicans, as only 3.4% changed affiliation from Democrat to Republican, reinforcing the national finding that most party shifts are toward independence rather than direct party switching.
- Both surveys reveal nuanced views on immigration enforcement. In swing states, support for mass deportation policies is less favorable (24.5% strongly disagree), while opinions on building a border wall reflect similar hesitation nationally. This indicates a trend across regions: while many Hispanics favor border security, there is significant opposition to aggressive enforcement measures like mass deportations.
- Hispanic respondents in both surveys generally believe Democrats handle most issues better, especially healthcare, economy, and social security. However, swing state respondents rate Republicans more favorably on crime and national security issues compared to their national counterparts, highlighting regional concerns that may align with conservative positions on specific topics.
- Both surveys show a majority supporting abortion access under certain conditions, with around 49% in both datasets supporting unrestricted access in cases of rape or health risk to the mother. This consistency across regions suggests widespread agreement among Hispanic respondents on protecting abortion rights in specific situations.
- Vice President Kamala Harris maintains strong favorability, particularly among Democrats, in both surveys (54.7% in swing states, 56.9% nationally), with more favorable views from female respondents. Meanwhile, former President Donald Trump's favorability is somewhat higher in swing states (27.7%) compared to the national survey, indicating a regional boost among Republicans and independents in key electoral areas.

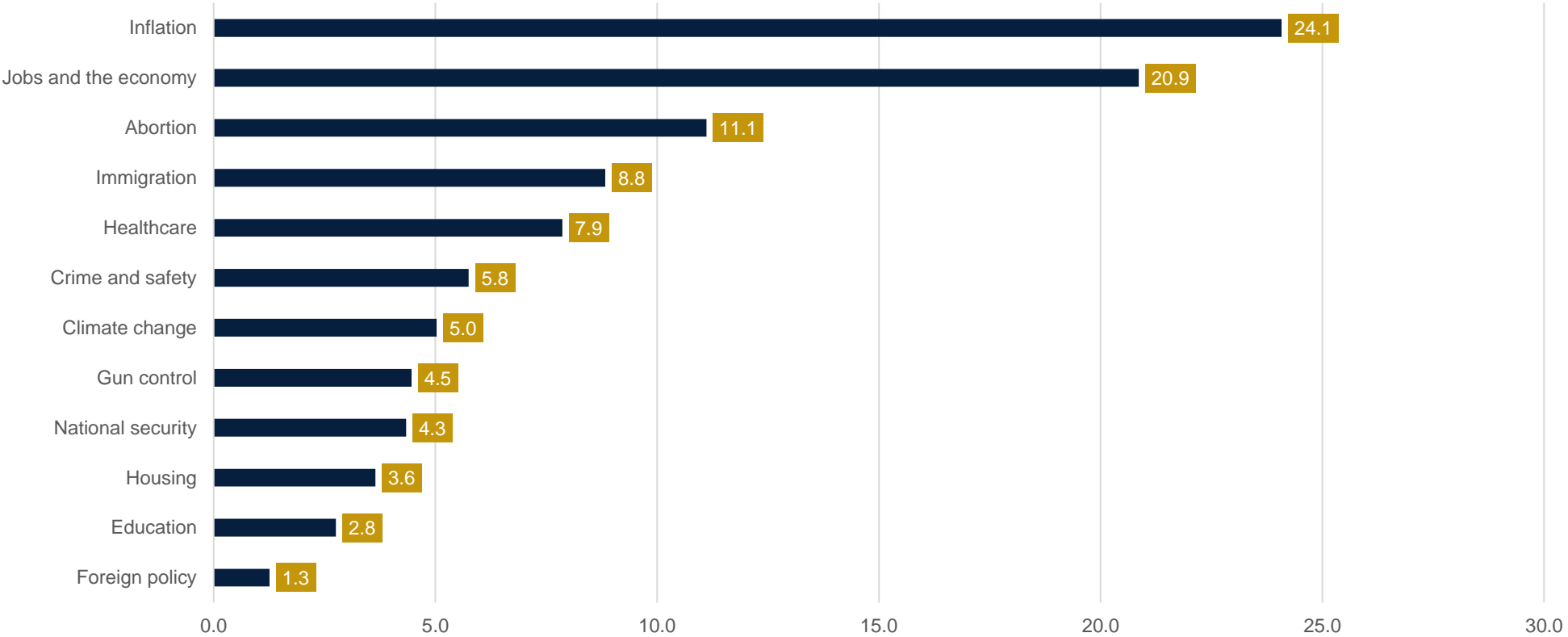
In general, do you think the United States is currently heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?



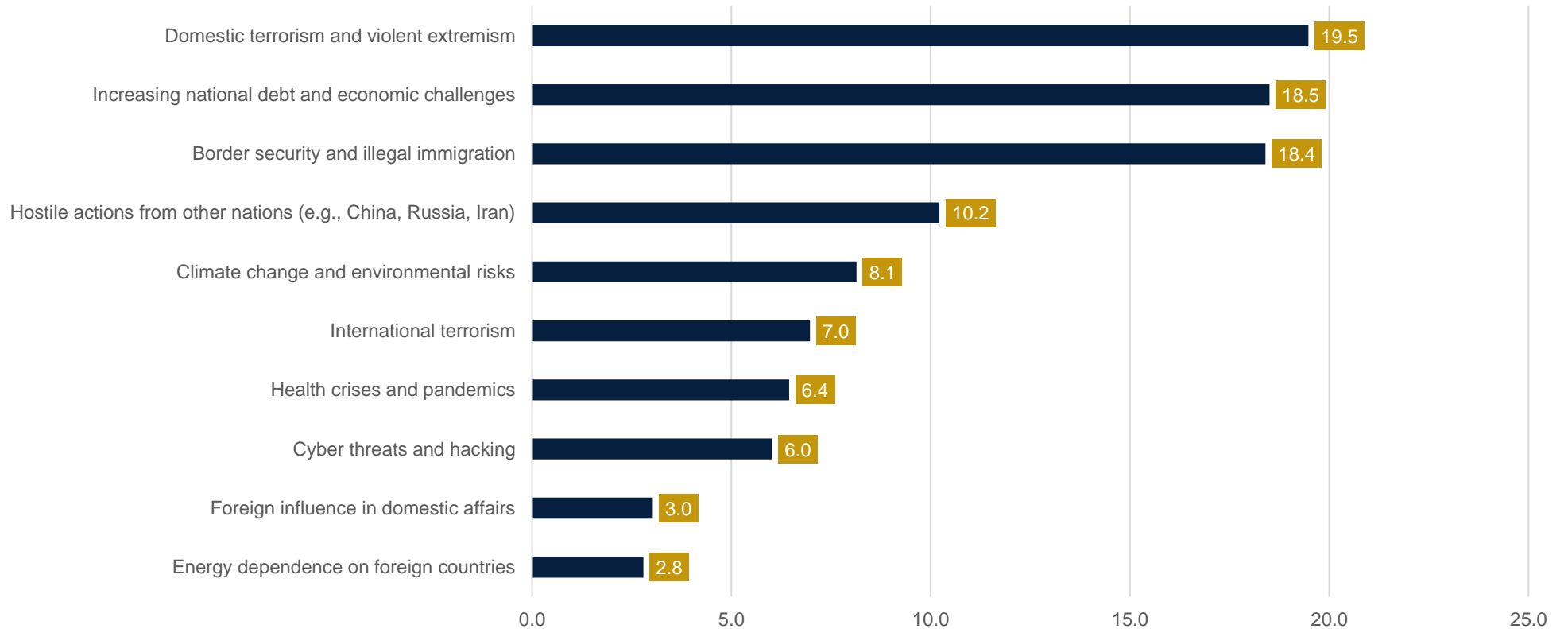
How would you describe the current state of the U.S. economy?



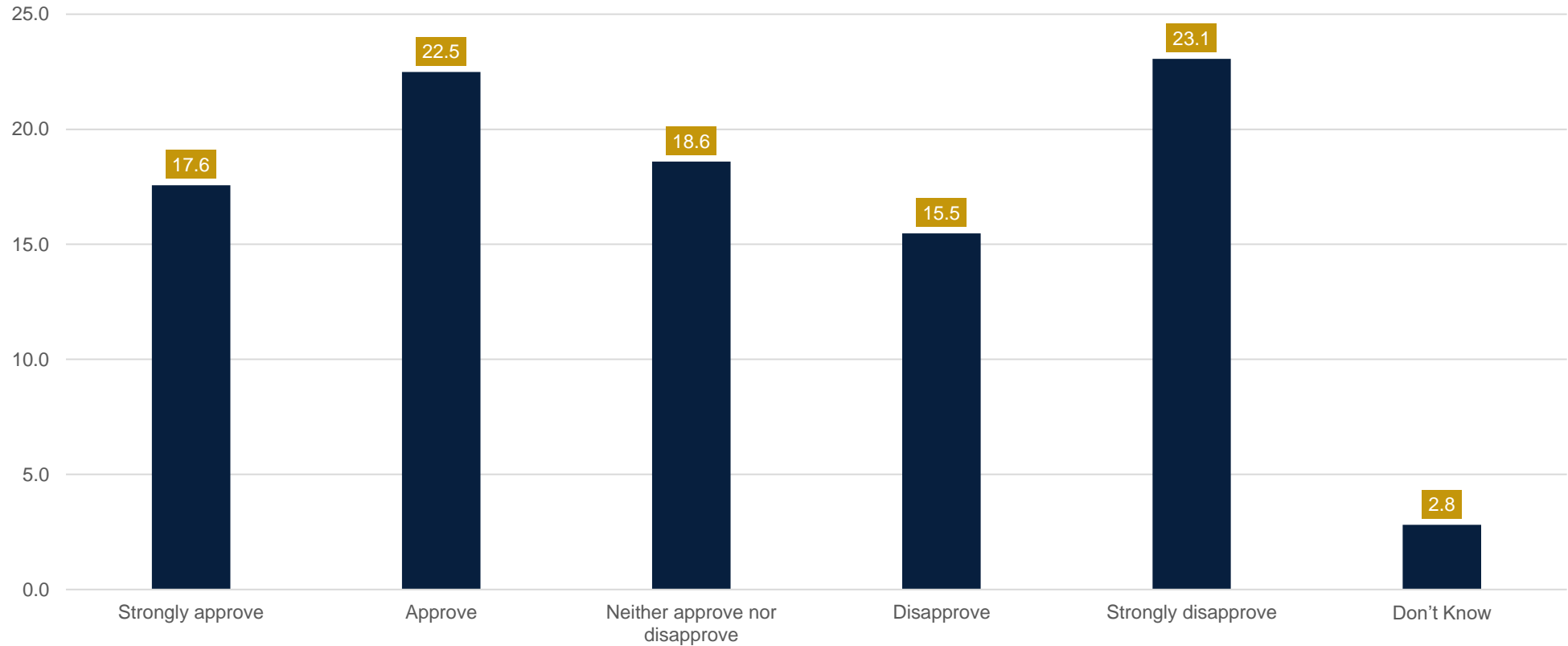
Which of the following issues do you consider the most important for you right now?



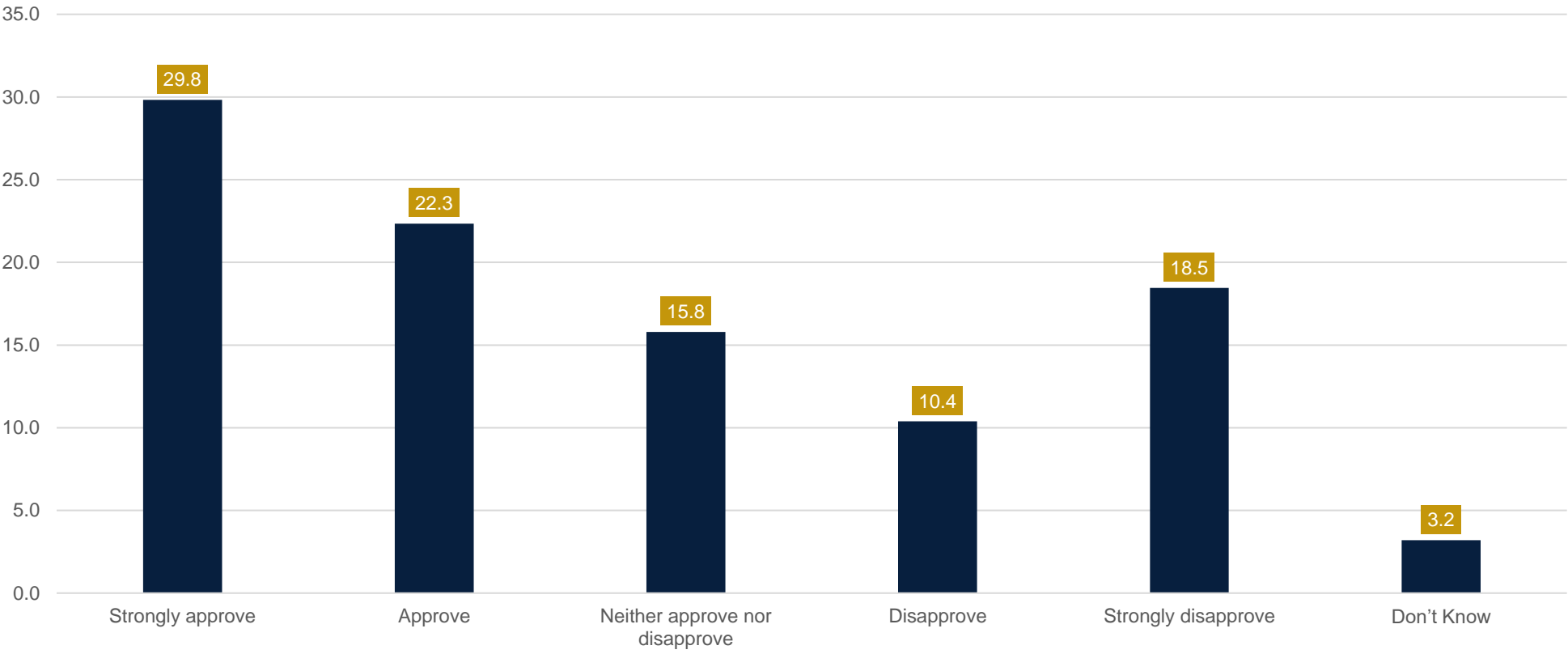
In your opinion, what is the main threat to the national security of the United States?



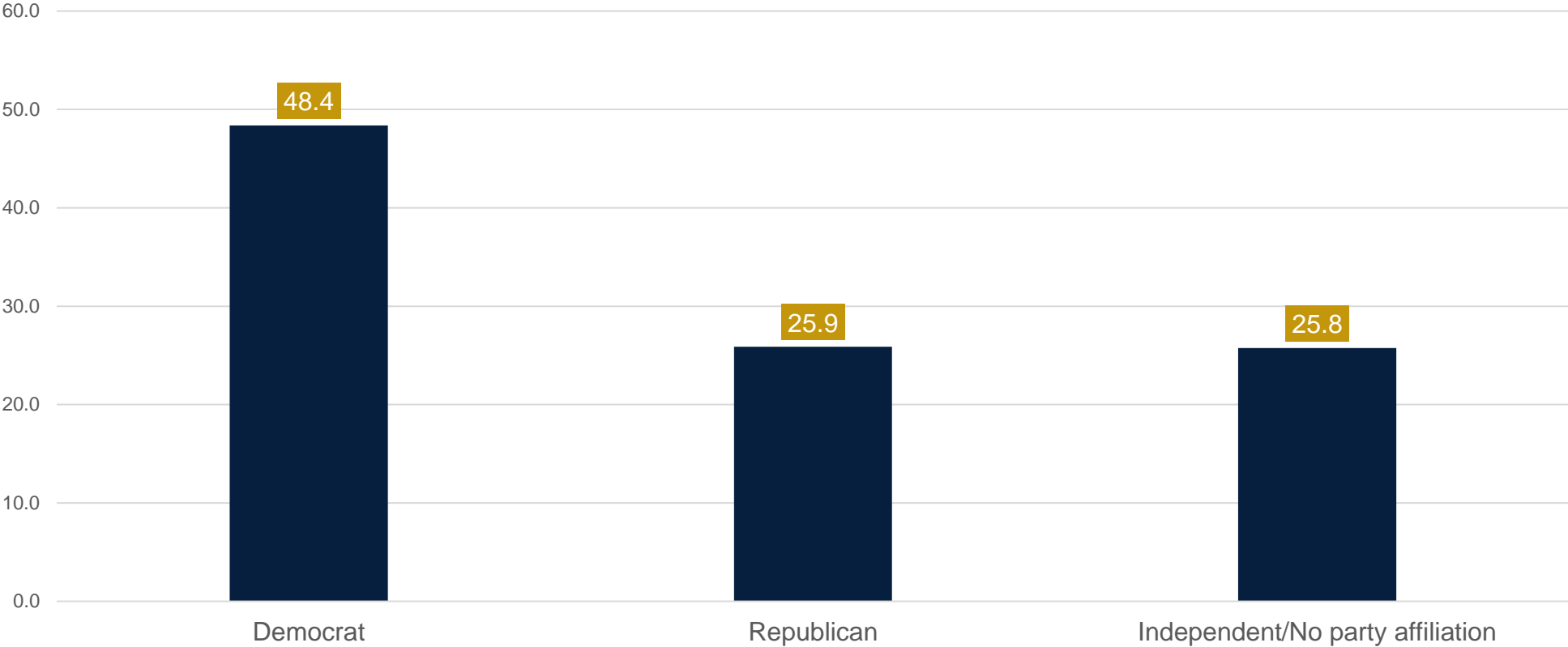
Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is doing his job?



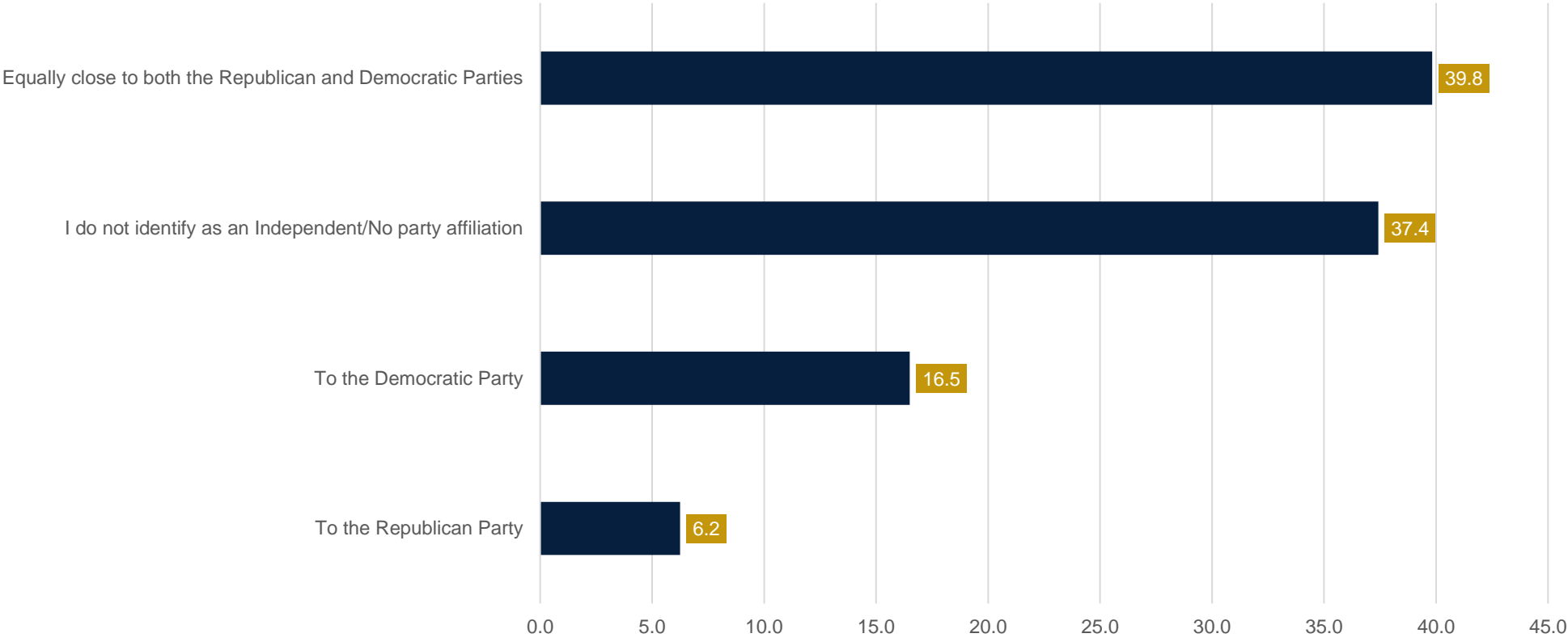
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Vice President Kamala Harris is doing her job?



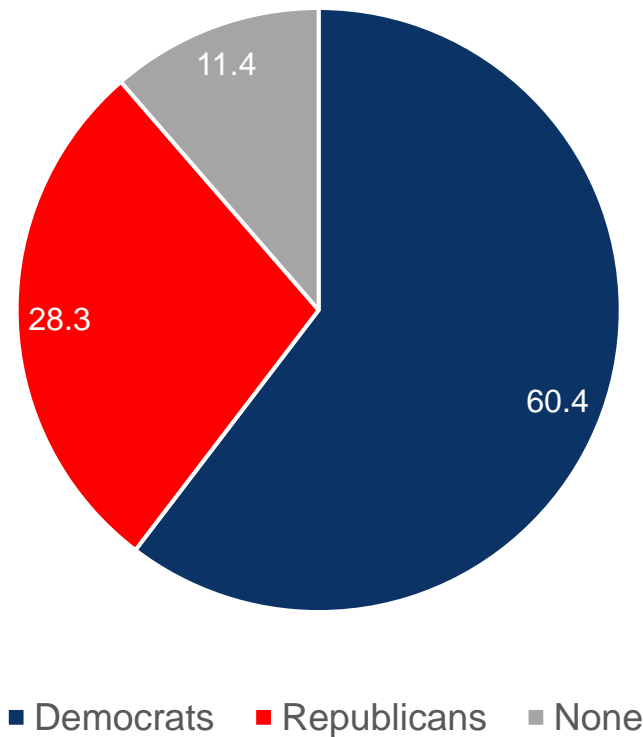
In general, do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?



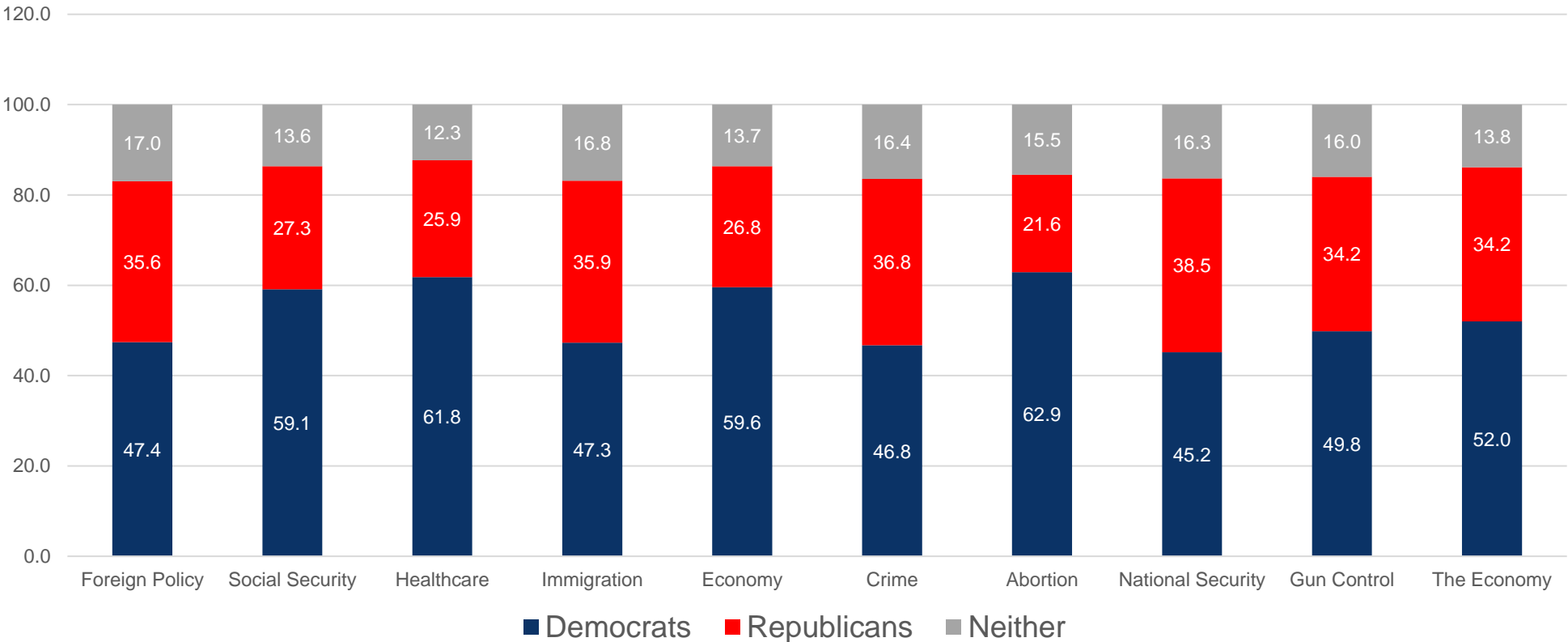
As an independent, do you feel closer to the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, or equally close to both?



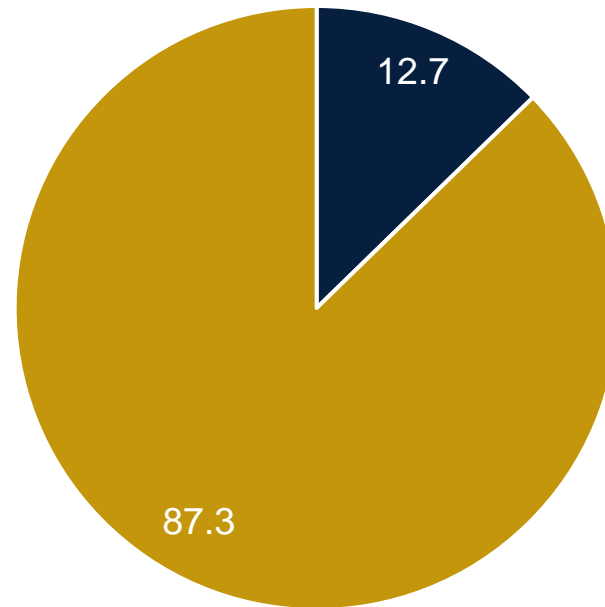
As a Hispanic/Latino, which political party do you believe best represents your values?



Which political party (Democrat, Republican, None) do you think handles the following issues better?

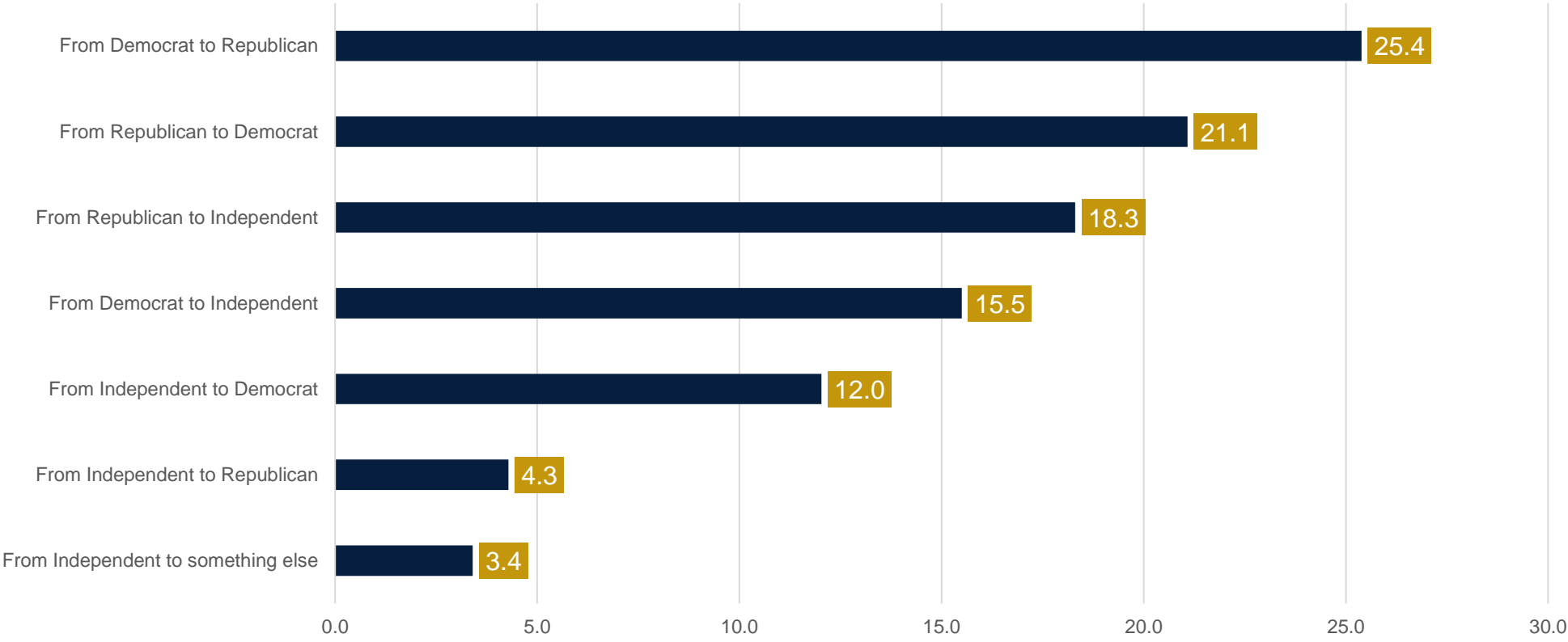


Have you changed political parties in the last year?

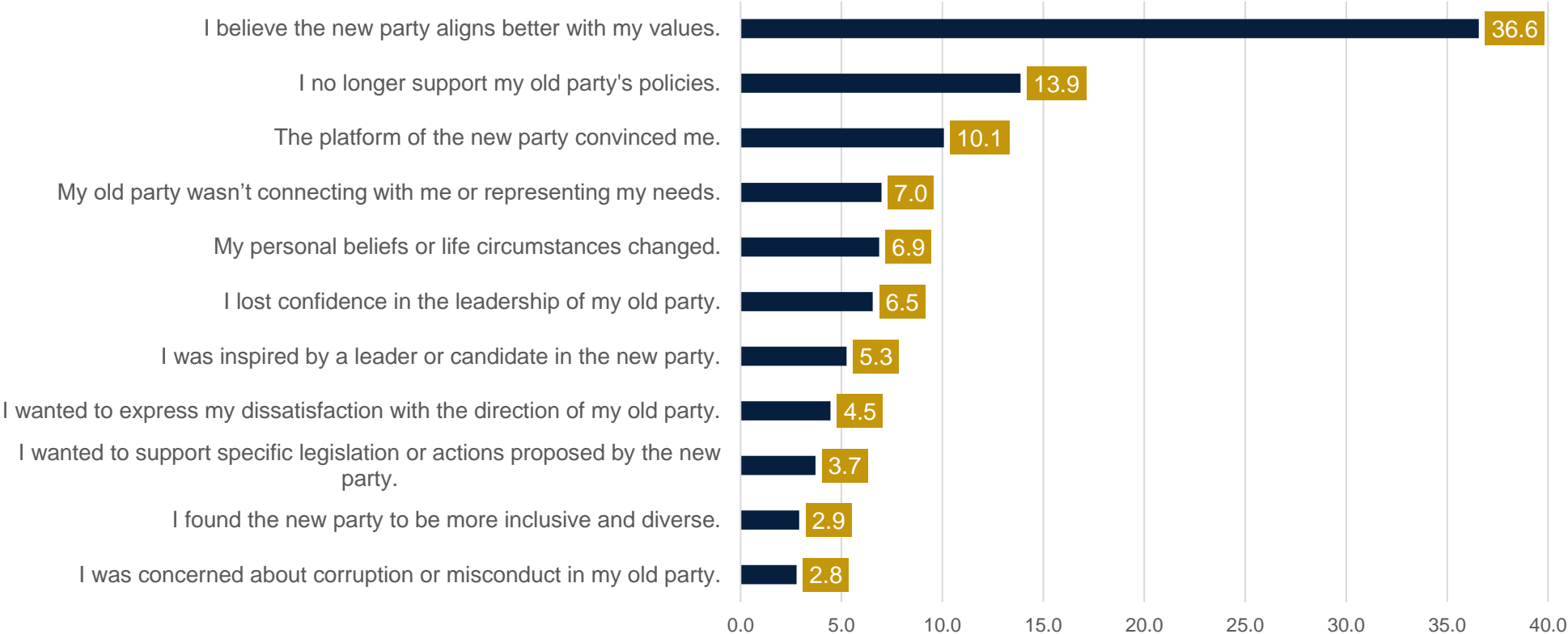


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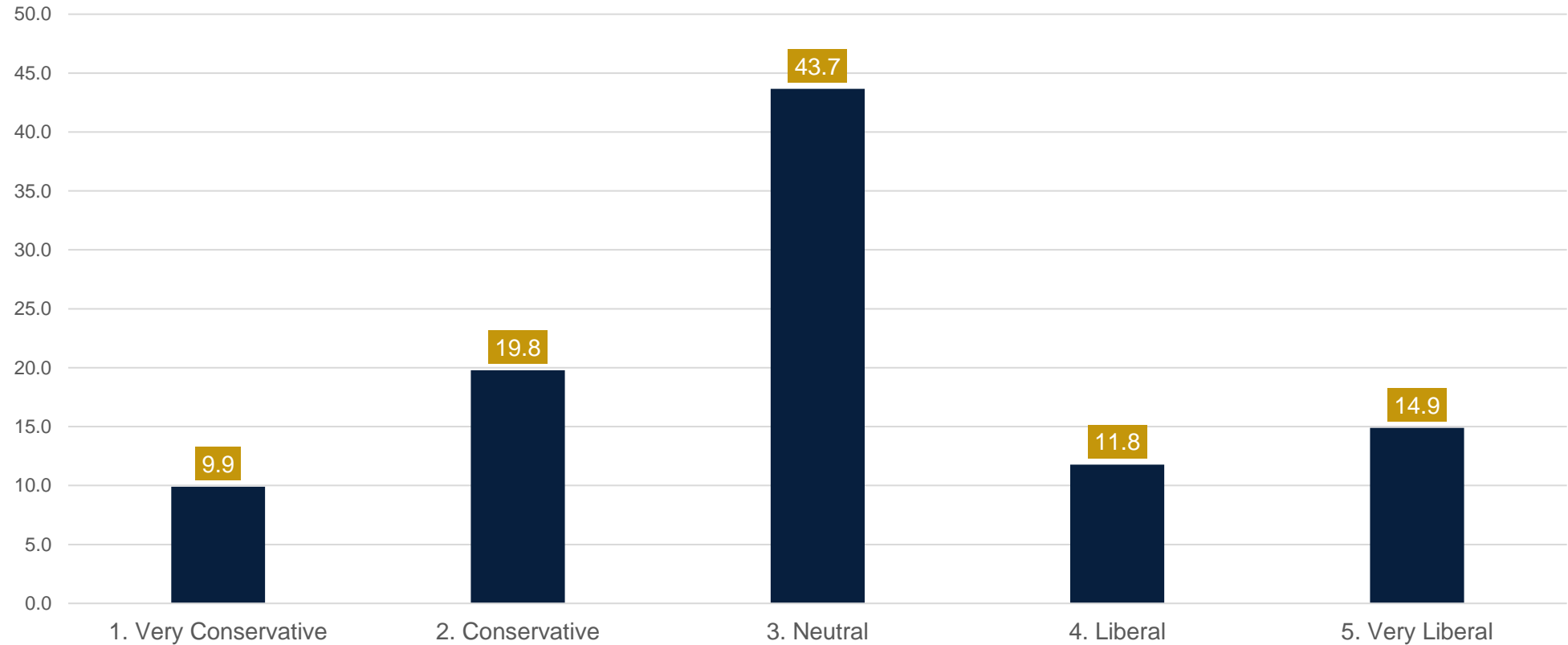
If so, which of the following best describes how your party affiliation changed?



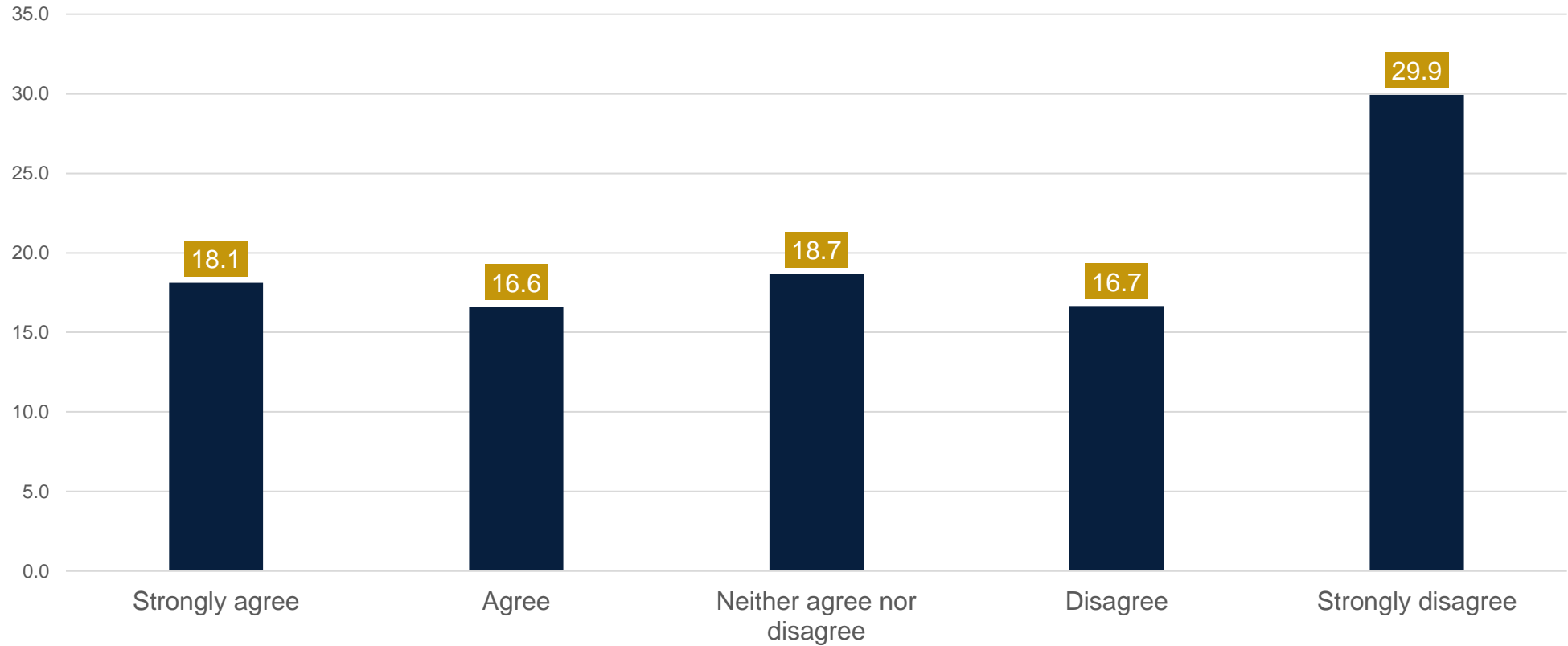
Which of the following statements best describes why you changed parties?



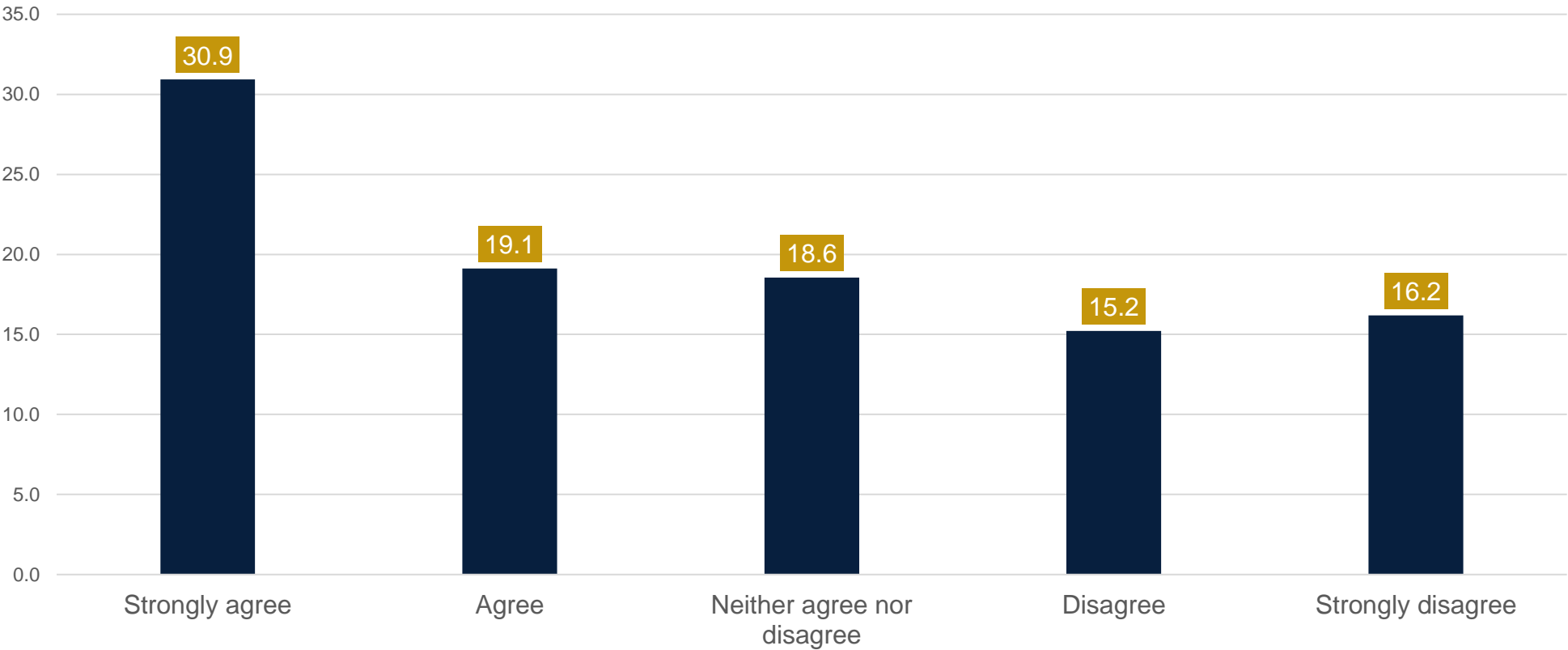
On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is very conservative and 5 is very liberal, where would you place yourself?



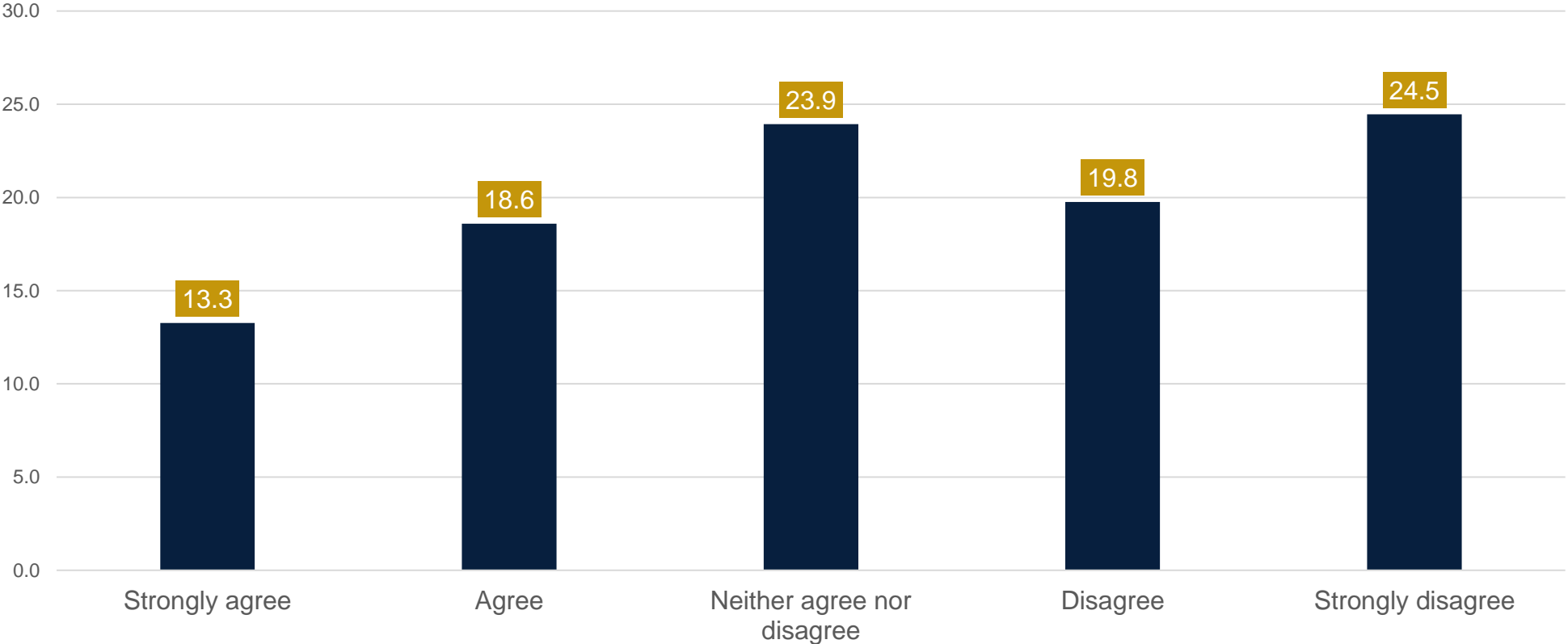
If Kamala Harris wins the November elections, the United States will become a communist country.



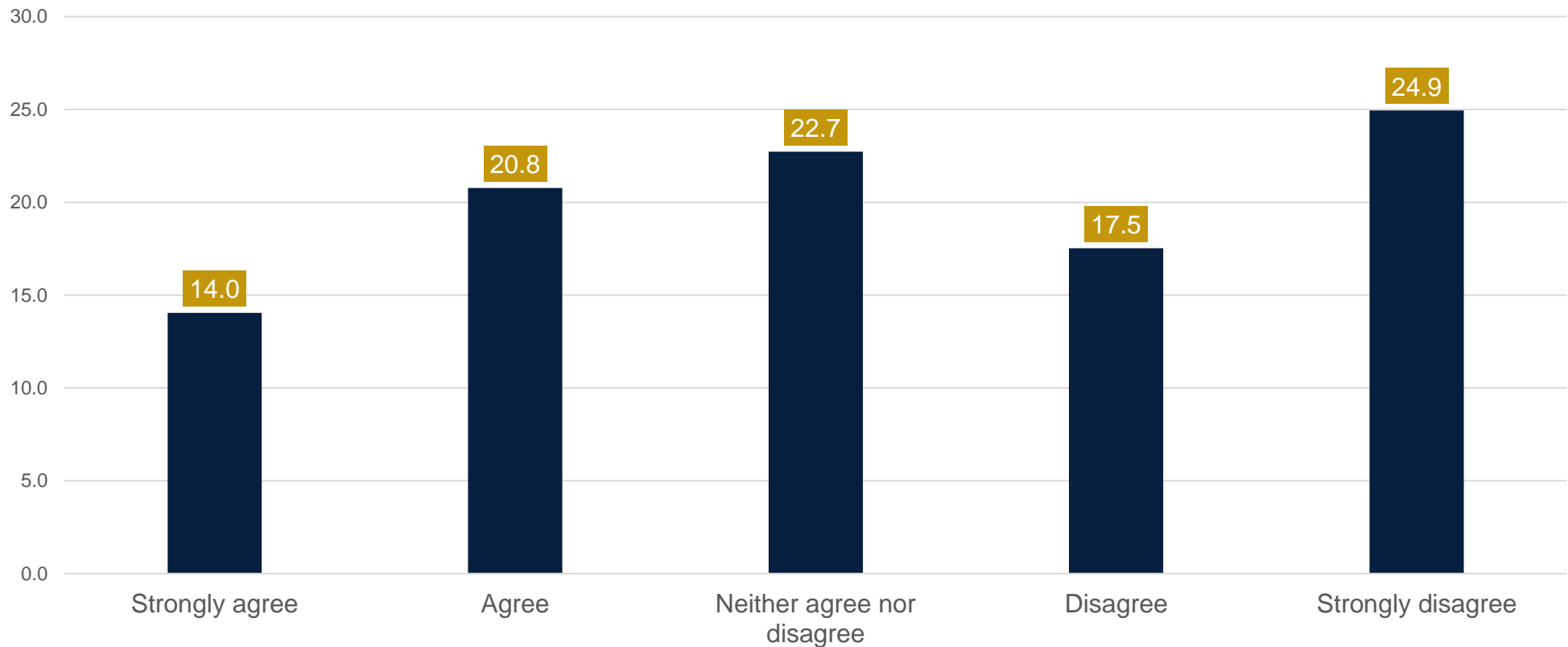
If Donald Trump is re-elected, he will implement a fascist dictatorship in the United States.



The most effective way to combat illegal immigration is to conduct a large-scale raid on undocumented immigrants and implement the largest mass deportation in U.S. history.



New waves of undocumented immigrants from Latin America are primarily criminals who threaten U.S. public safety and harm our country; therefore, it is urgent to build a wall along the border with Mexico.



Please indicate your level of support for each of the following statements.

	I support a total ban on abortion, with no exceptions.	I support banning abortion after six weeks of pregnancy, no exceptions	I support banning abortion after 26 weeks of pregnancy, except in cases of rape, incest, or to protect the health of the mother.	I support allowing abortion at any time during the pregnancy if the mother's life or health is at risk.	I support allowing abortion in cases of rape or incest, regardless of the stage of pregnancy.
Strongly support	14.3	19.3	37.7	49.5	49.7
Somewhat support	14.1	20.2	29.5	27.5	26.4
Somewhat oppose	18.5	25.7	12.8	10.8	13.1
Strongly oppose	53.1	34.7	20.0	12.1	10.7

How good or bad do you consider the following systems for governing the United States?

	Experts, not elected officials, make decisions they believe are best for the country.	The military governs the country	A system where a strong leader can make decisions without interference from parliament or the courts.	A system where elected representatives decide the laws.
Very good	16.7	14.8	19.8	28.8
Somewhat good	38.5	23.2	31.5	41.3
Somewhat bad	27.4	25.0	24.4	20.3
Very bad	17.4	37.0	24.2	9.6

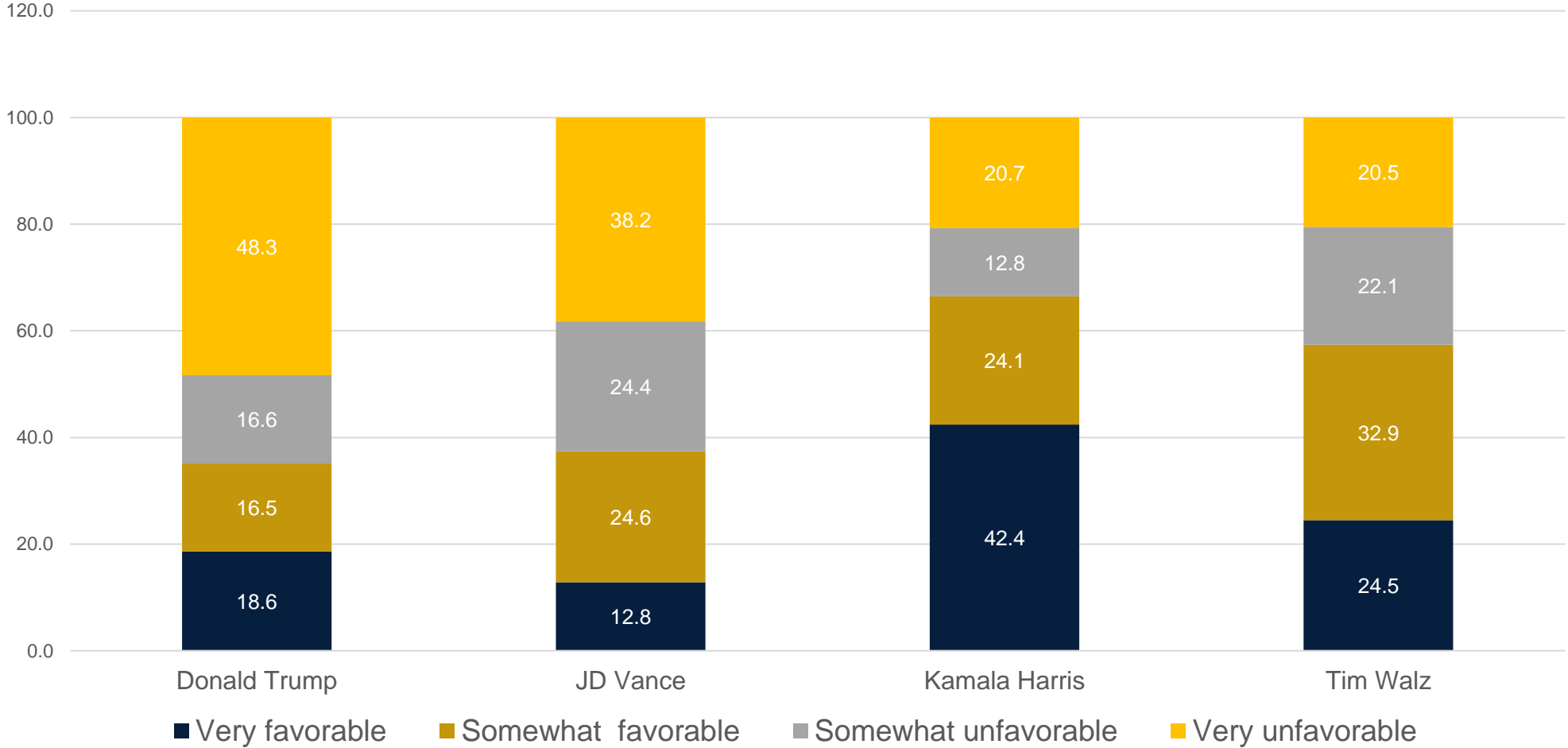
In your opinion, how often do the following situations occur in U.S. elections?

	Votes are counted fairly.	Every citizen who wants to vote can do so.	Non-citizens cast votes in elections.
All of the time	29.0	47.5	13.4
Most of the time	35.1	30.9	15.1
About half the time	21.0	9.6	14.4
Sometimes	10.3	5.8	25.2
Never	4.6	6.2	32.0

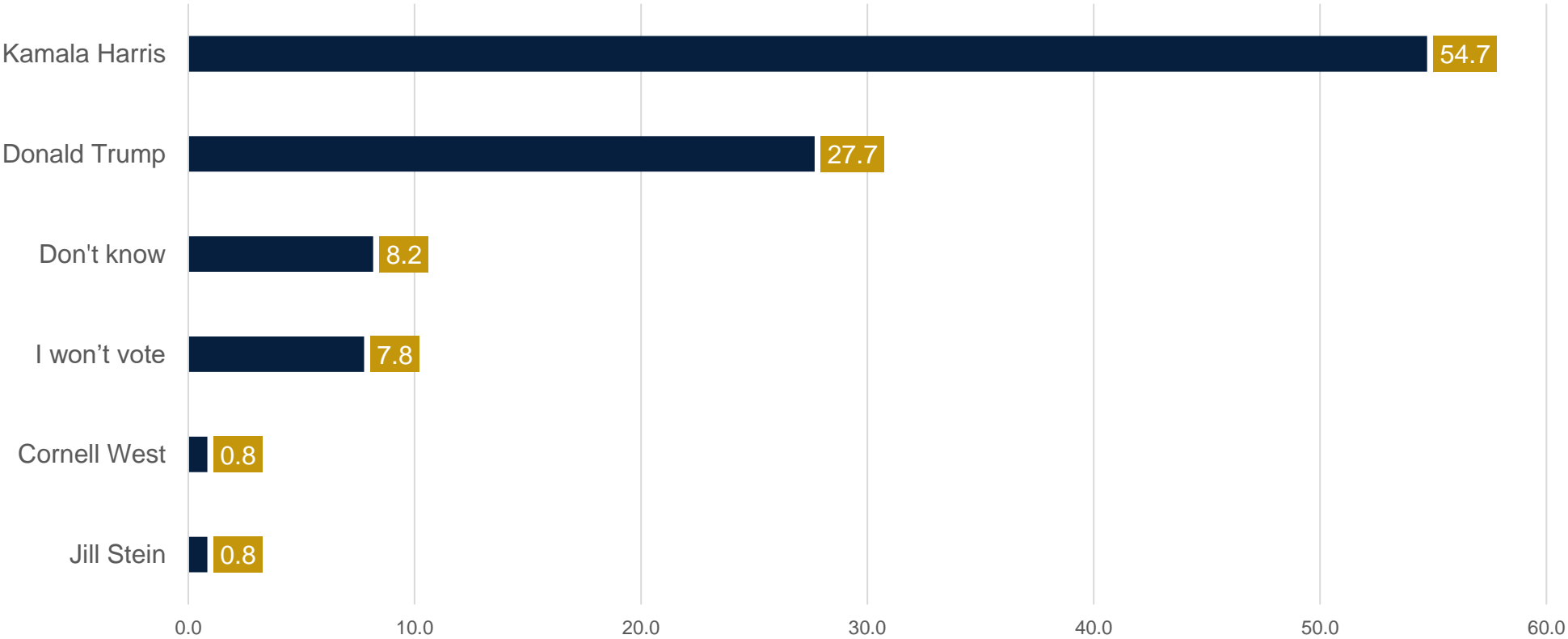
Using your best judgment, do you believe the following statements are true or false? (1=True, 2=False, 3=Unsure/Don't know)

	The president can cancel the presidential election at will.	Election officials have mechanisms to verify signatures on mail-in ballots and detect attempts at fraud.	The Venezuelan gang "Tren de Aragua" took control of an apartment building in Aurora, Colorado.	Springfield, Ohio police have NOT received reports of pets being stolen and eaten by Haitian immigrants.
True	14.3	48.0	34.5	34.5
False	64.6	20.4	23.0	23.0
Not sure/Don't know	21.1	31.6	42.5	42.5

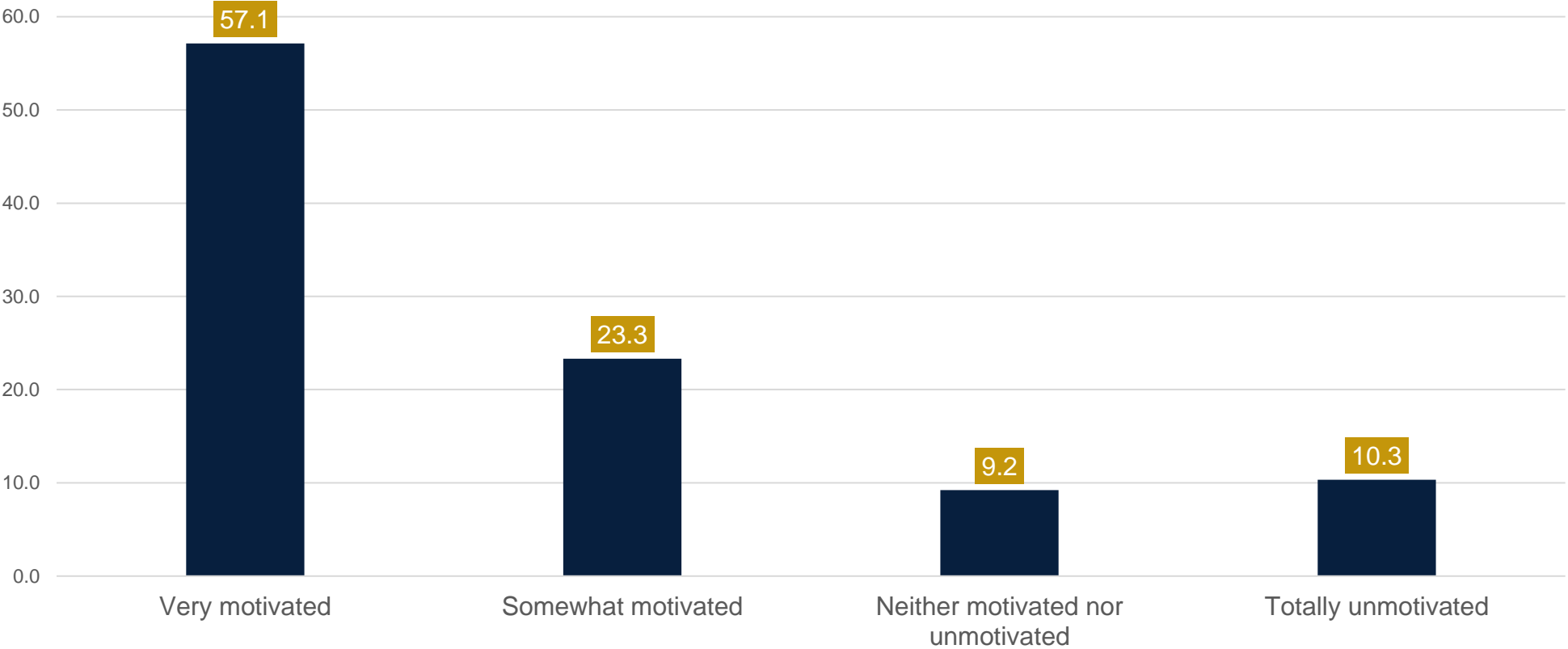
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of



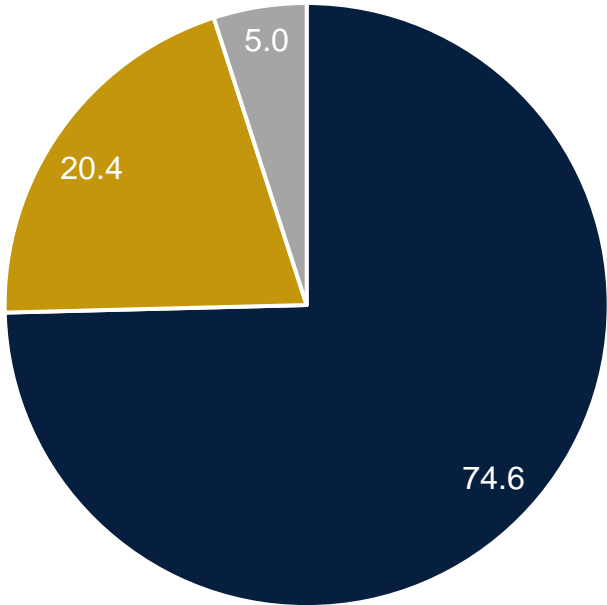
In November 2024, who will you vote for in the presidential election?



How motivated are you to vote in this year's presidential elections?

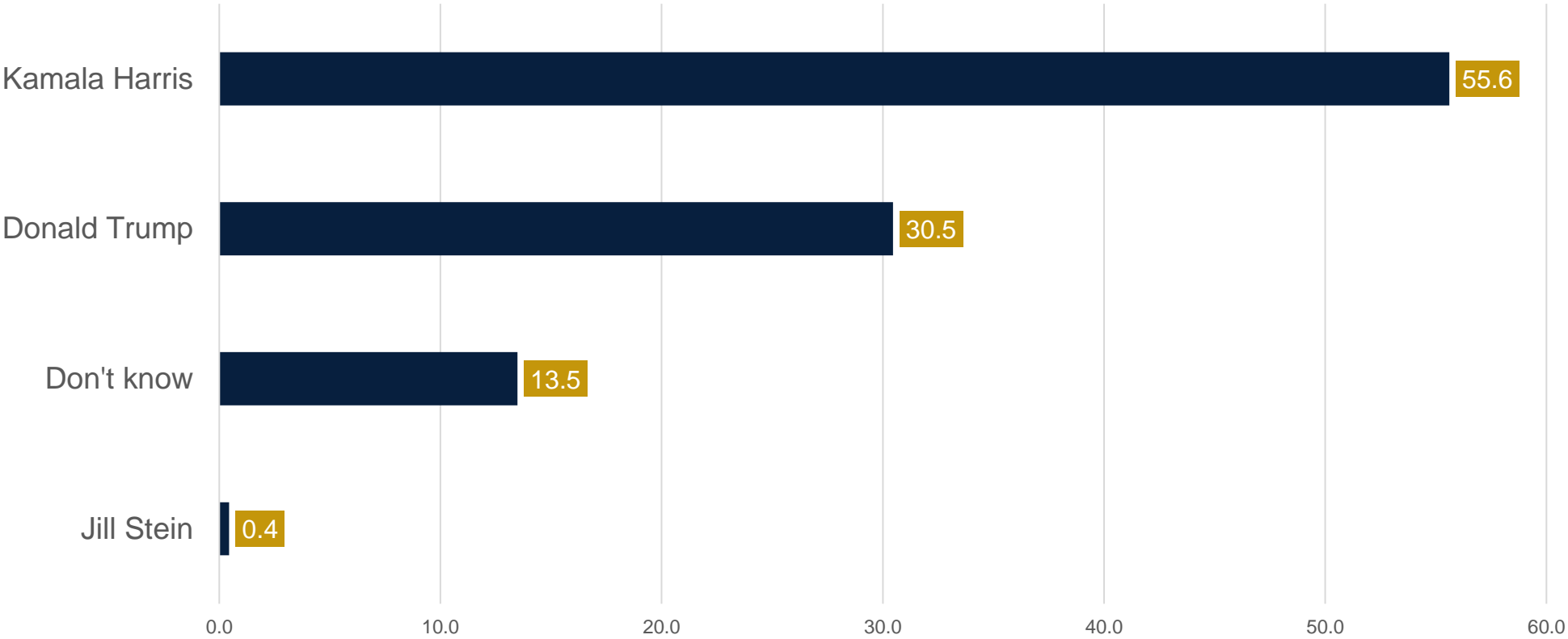


How will you vote?



■ In person ■ By mail ■ Absentee ballot

Regardless of who you vote for, who do you think will win the presidential election in November?



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