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## Americans' Views on Child Abuse and Neglect: Political Party

June 2018

National public opinion survey commissioned  
by Research!America

# Survey Methodology

This nationwide online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in June 2018 among 1,010 adults in the U.S. This survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.

Due to rounding, the total may not add to 100% on some charts.

# Plurality say Child Abuse/Neglect Among Top Public Health Concerns

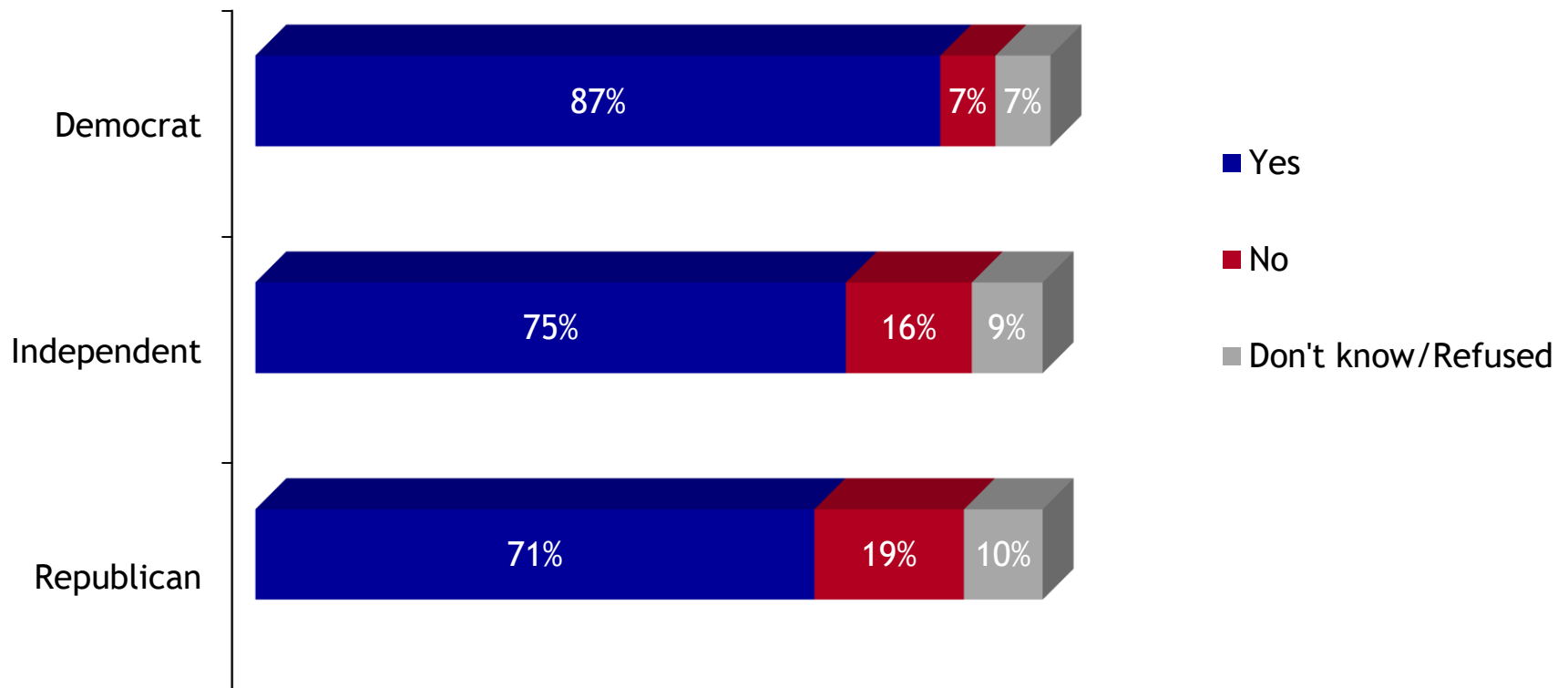
Which of the following would you say are the top public health concerns facing the nation? (Choose all that apply)

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Drug addiction	66%	73%	63%
Cancer	52%	57%	56%
Nutrition, physical activity and obesity	48%	45%	46%
<b>Child abuse/neglect</b>	40%	41%	45%
Heart disease and stroke	40%	39%	39%
Alzheimer's disease	30%	38%	33%
Alcohol abuse	32%	29%	36%
Tobacco use	27%	27%	28%
Food safety	26%	32%	26%
Healthcare-associated infections	17%	21%	20%
Teen pregnancy	17%	20%	19%
HIV	18%	10%	22%
Motor vehicle injury	15%	13%	18%
None of these	6%	5%	11%
Other (Specify)	7%	5%	4%

Source: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in June 2018.

# Strong Majority View Child Abuse as Public Health Problem in U.S.

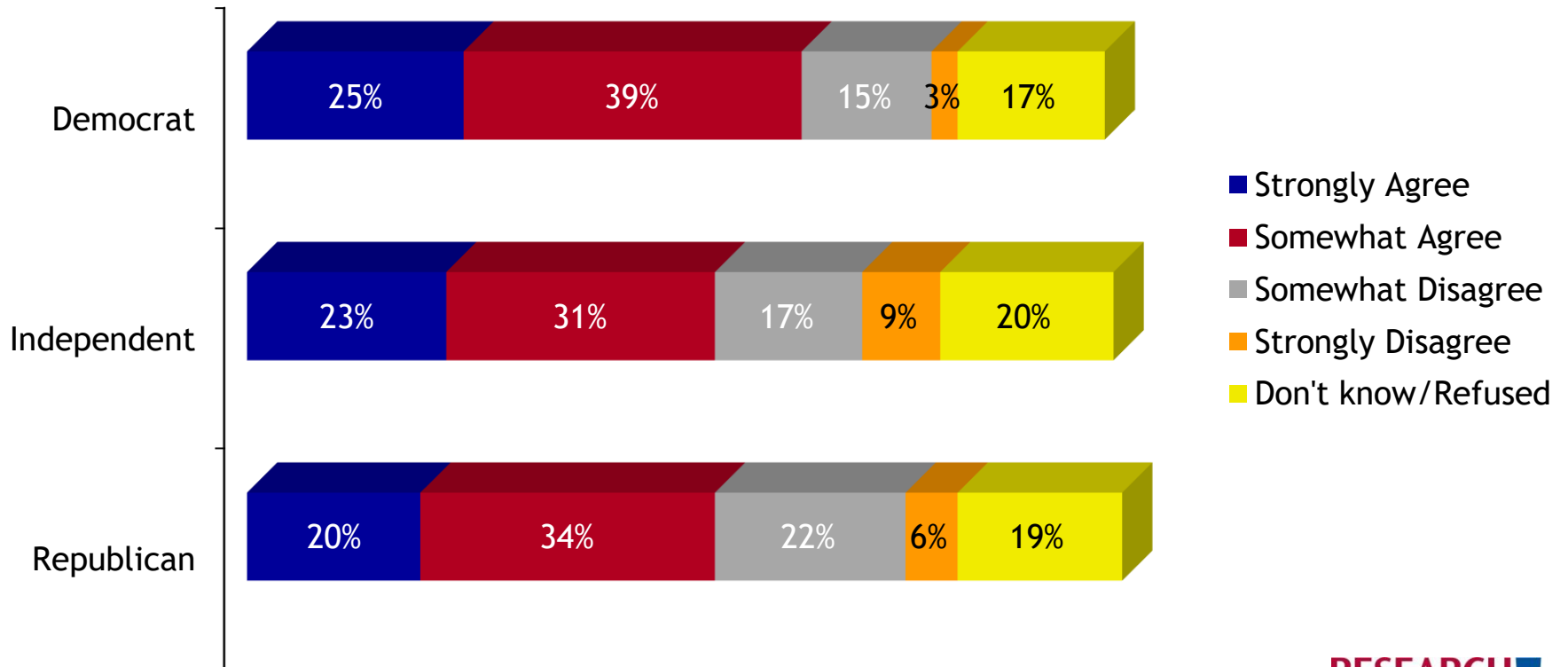
Do you view child abuse and neglect as a public health problem in the United States?



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# Opinions Mixed on if Child Abuse is Problem in Local Community

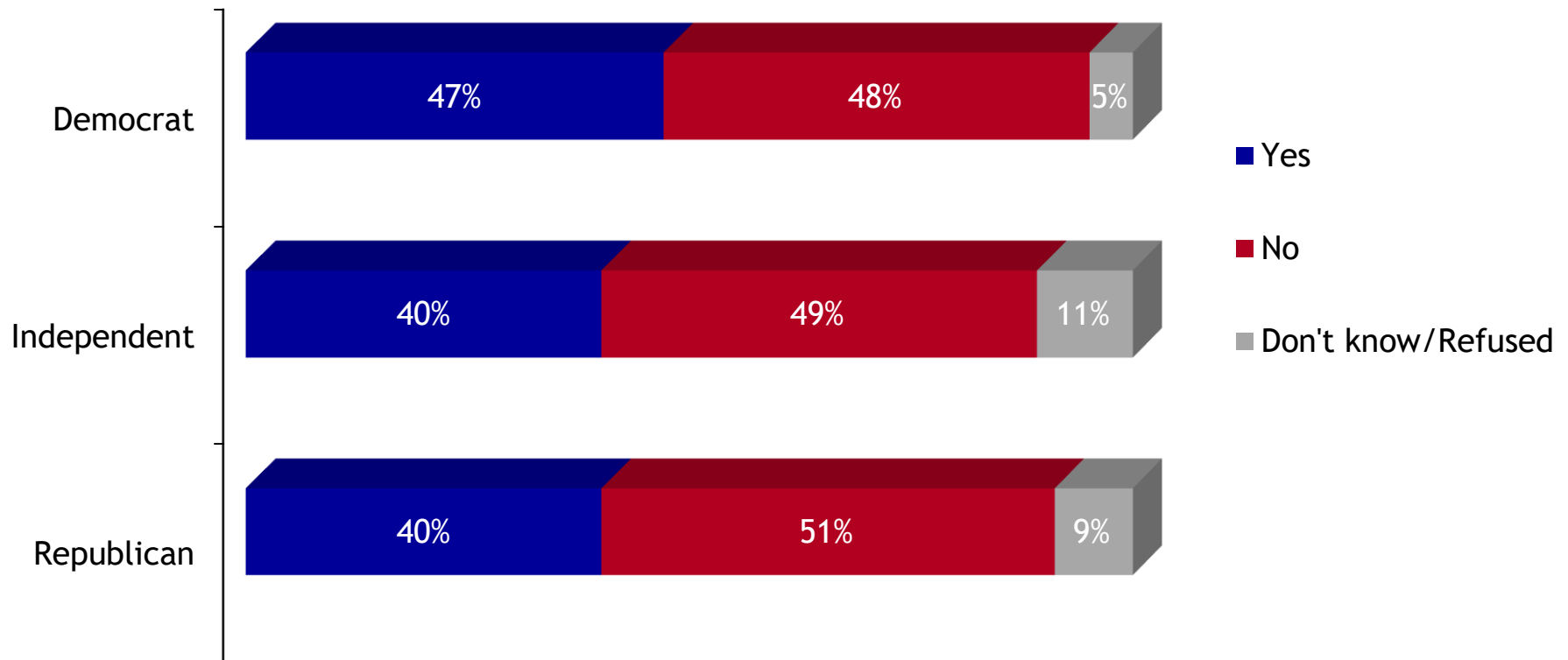
Do you agree or disagree that child abuse and neglect is a problem in your local community?



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# Many Know Someone Who Has Experienced Child Abuse

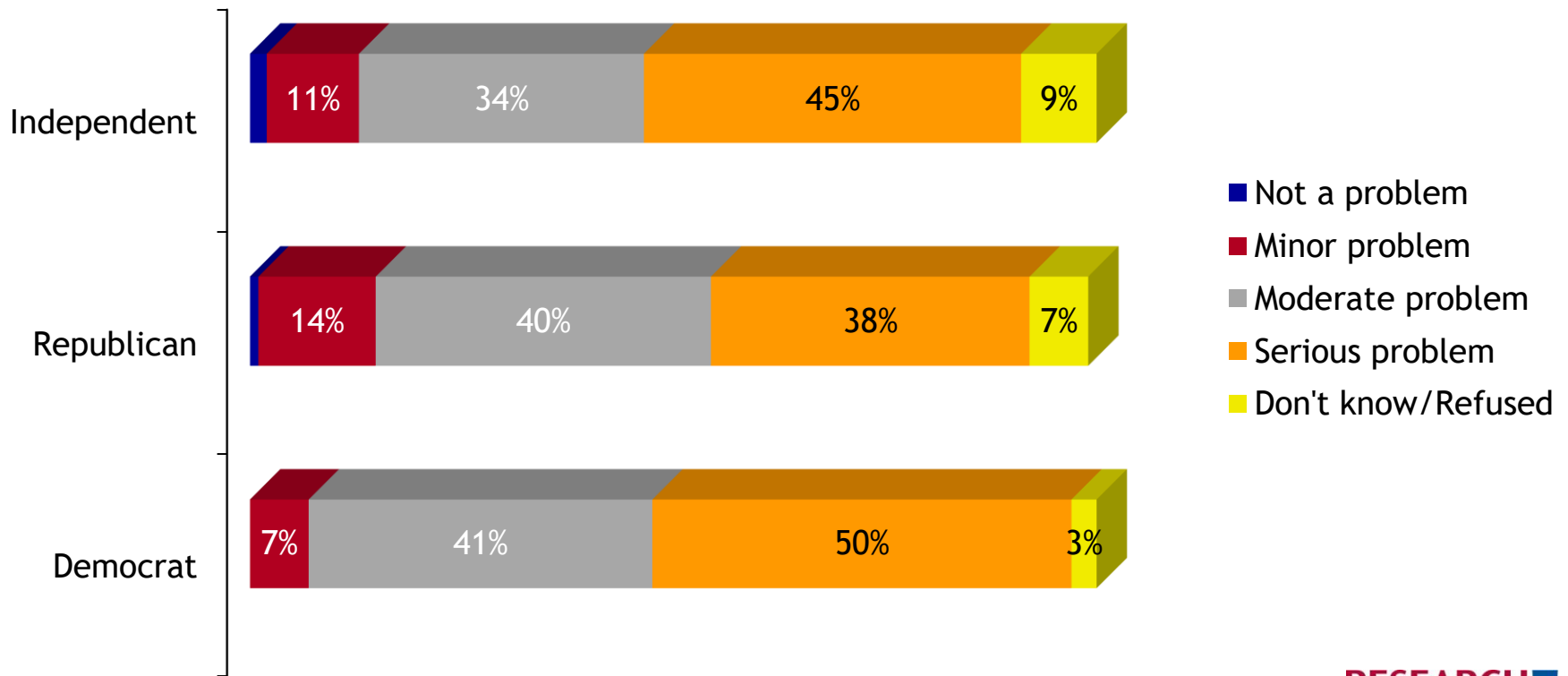
Do you know of someone (friend or family) who has experienced child abuse and/or neglect?



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# Strong Majority Consider Child Abuse a Serious Problem in U.S.

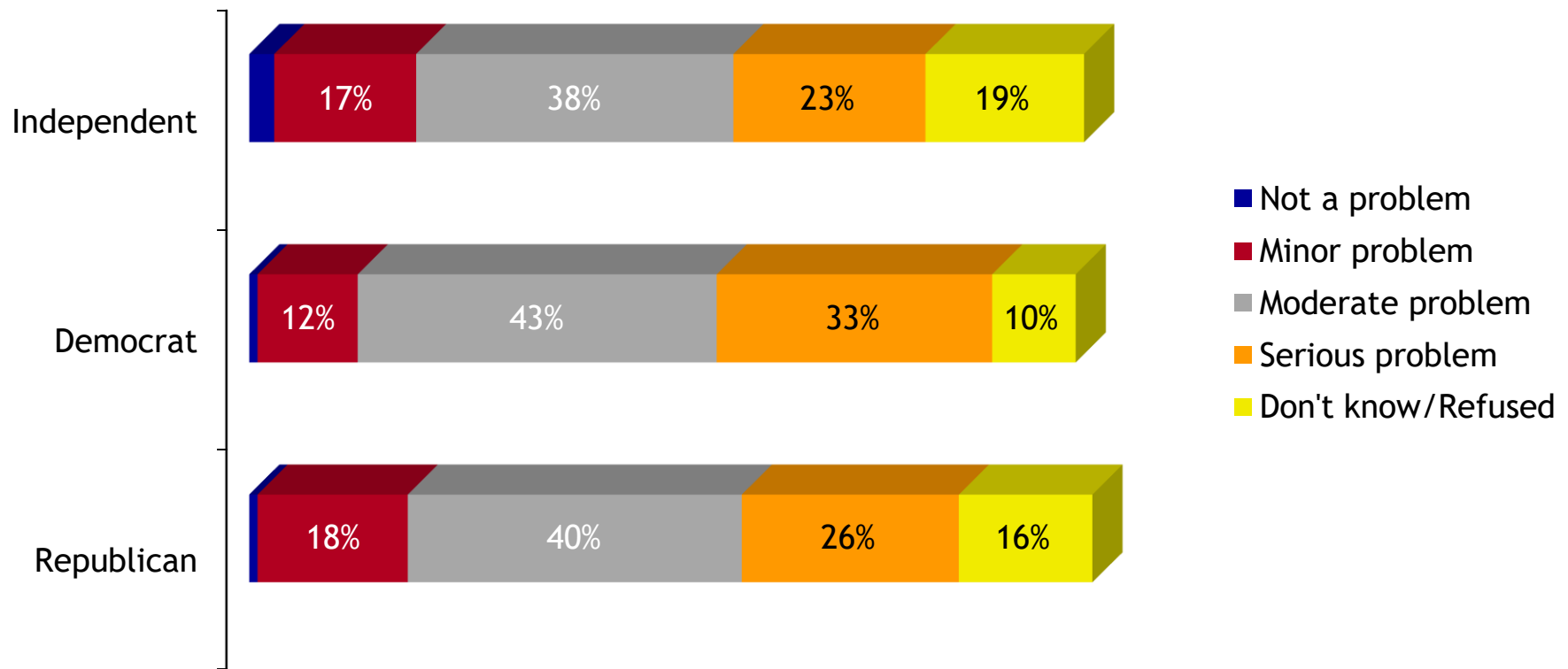
In your view, how much of a problem is child abuse and neglect in terms of severity in the United States?



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# Strong Majority Think Others View Child Abuse as a Problem

How do you think others view child abuse and neglect as a problem in terms of severity?

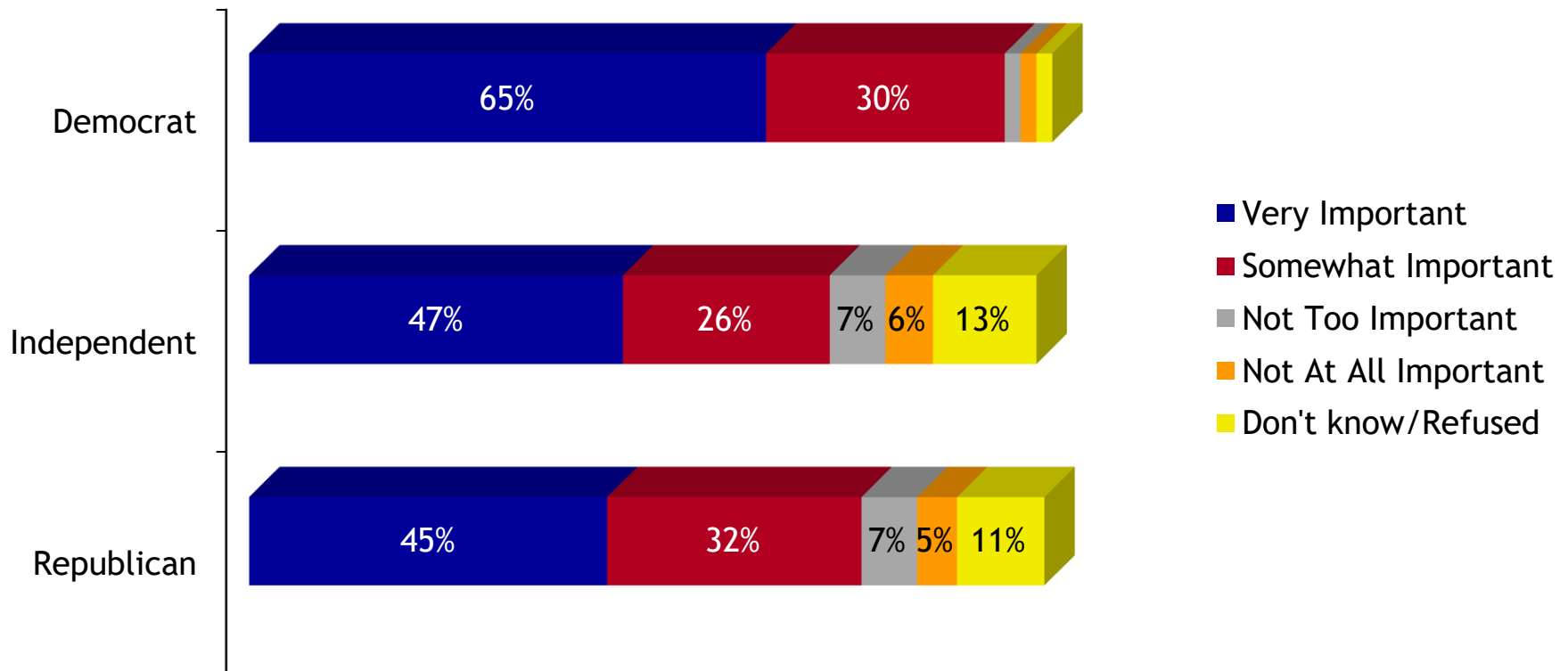


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# Important to Increase Federal Funding For Research on Child Abuse

How important is it to increase federal funding for research on child abuse and neglect?



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# Prevention and Treatment Should be Prioritized in Research

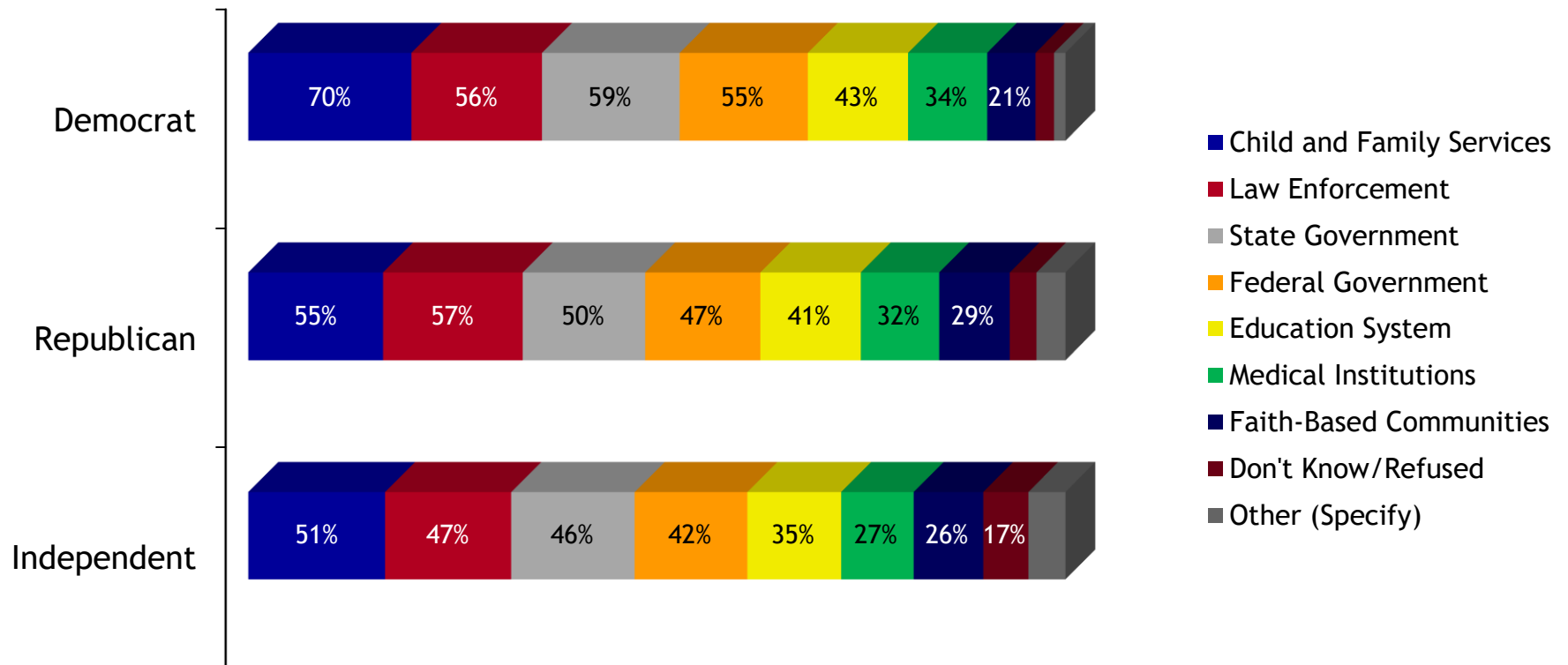
Which of the following areas should be prioritized in research to address child abuse and neglect? (Choose all that apply)

	Democrat	Republican	Independent
How best to prevent each form of child abuse and neglect	67%	65%	58%
Best treatments for victims of abuse and neglect	65%	64%	56%
Causes of abusive behavior and treatment to stop it	64%	61%	57%
Measure the quality of services provided to the children and families who are in the child protective services system	51%	51%	48%
Measure the outcomes (e.g. what happens over time) to children and families served by the child protection system	50%	45%	46%
Don't know/refused	6%	6%	14%
Other (Specify)	2%	2%	3%

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# Child and Family Services, Law Enforcement Should Bear Responsibility to End Child Abuse

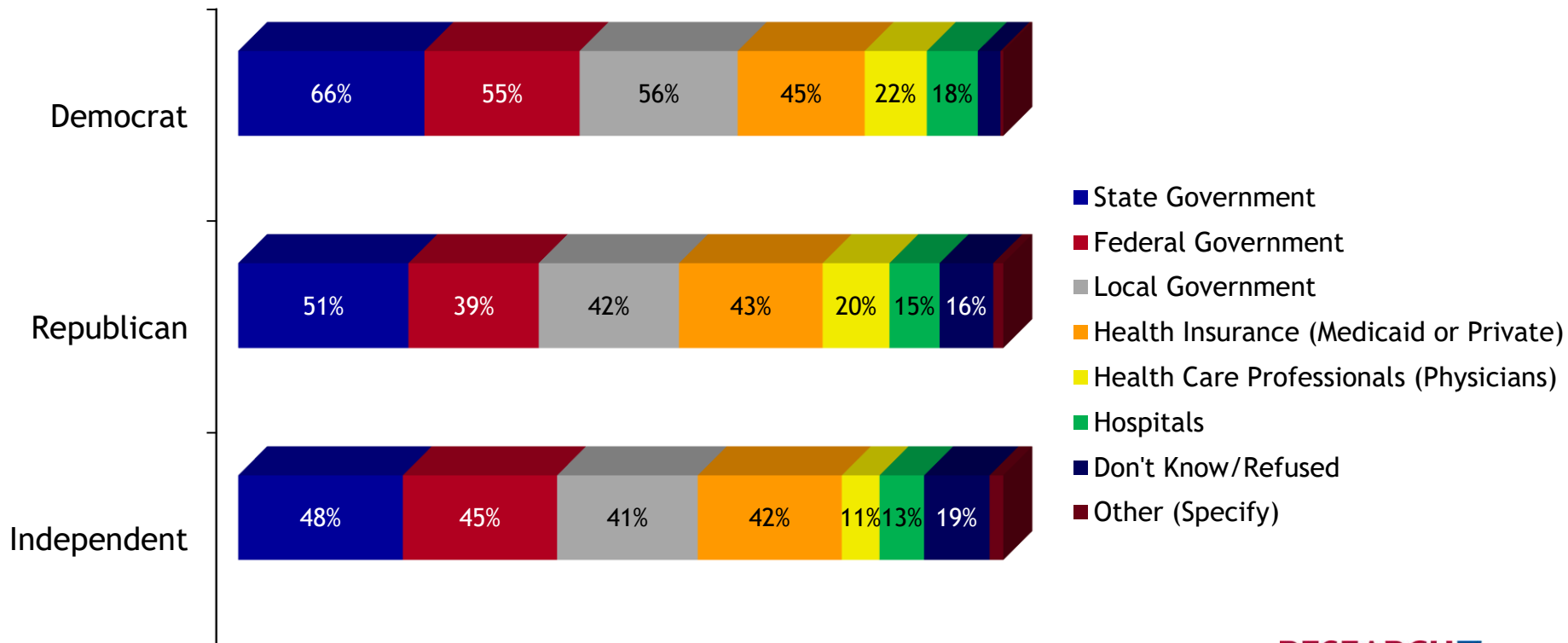
Who bears the responsibility to end child abuse and neglect? (Choose all that apply)



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# State and Federal Government Should Fund Early Infant Home Visiting Services

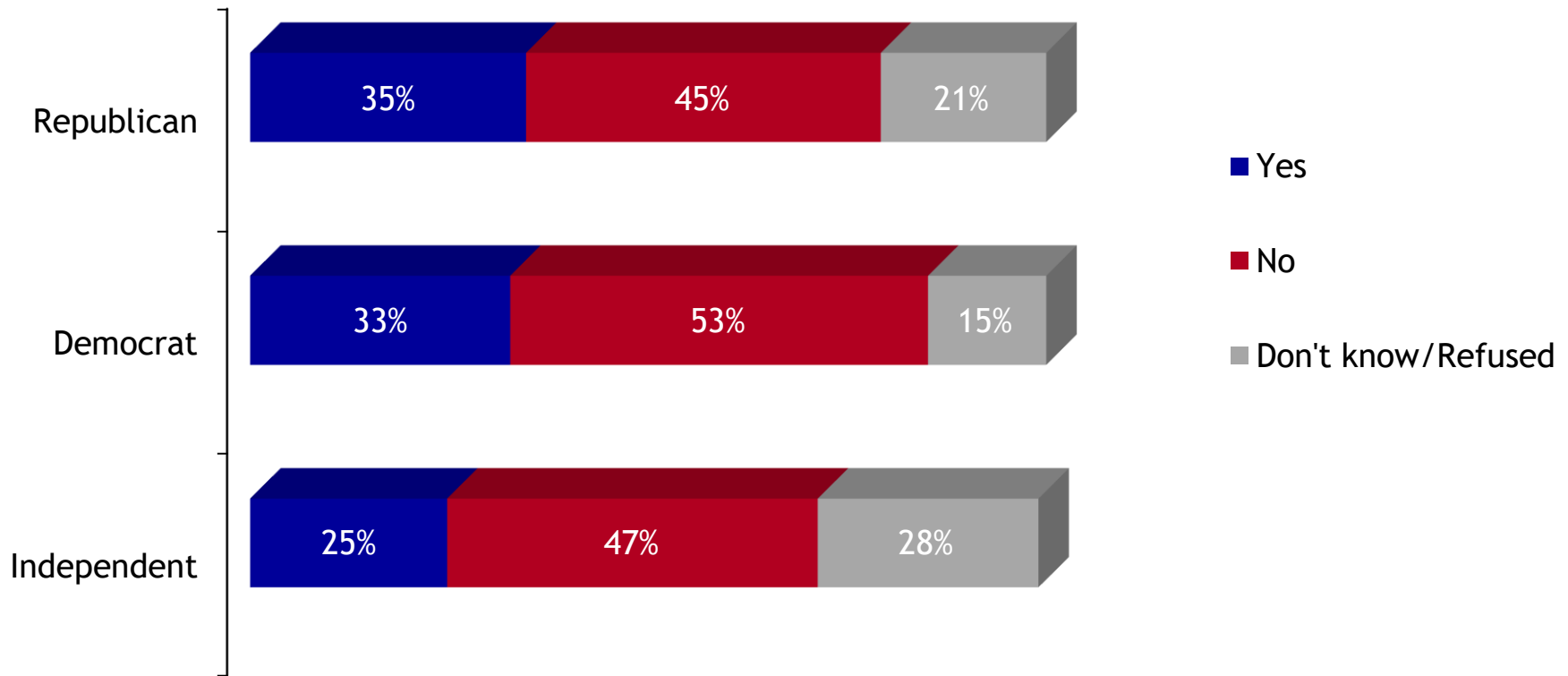
Who should fund early infant home visiting services to support families and prevent child abuse and neglect? (Choose all that apply)



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# Many Say Health Professionals Not Effective at Appropriately Treating Victims

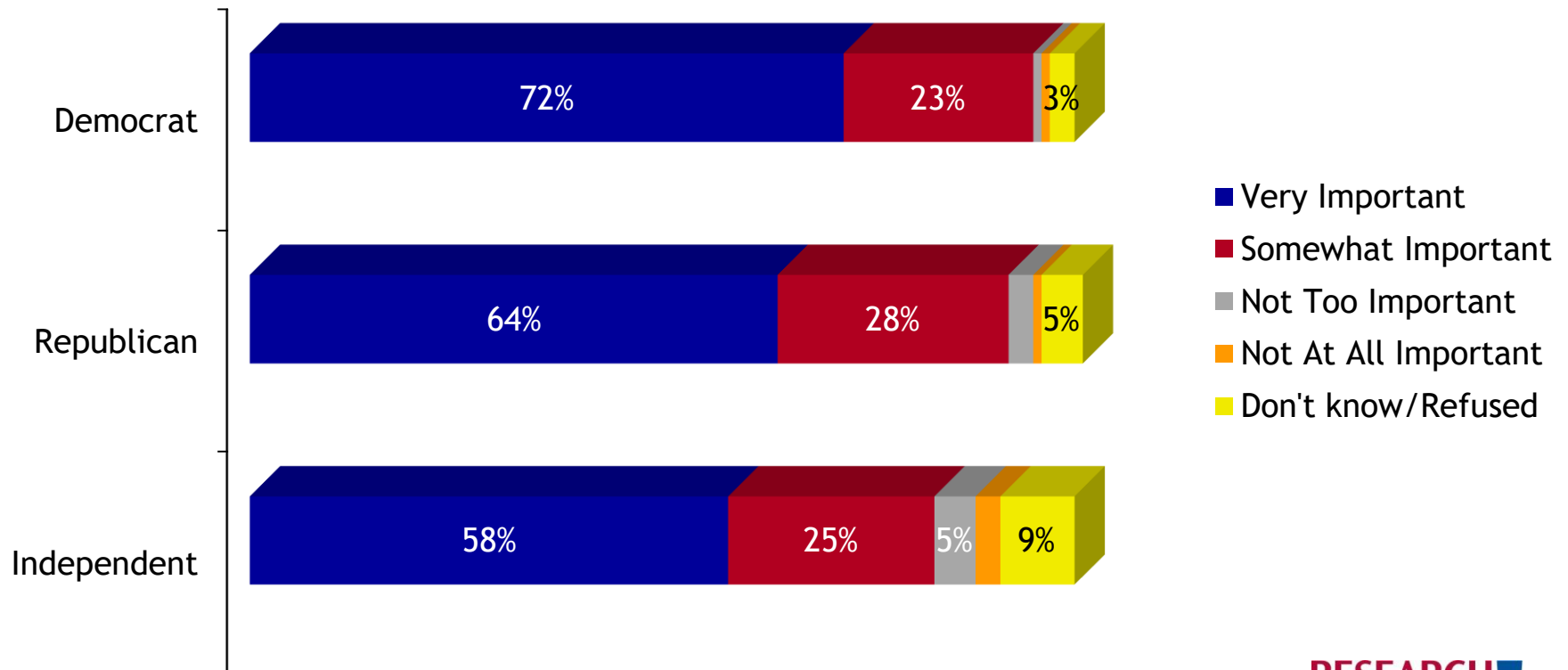
Do you think health professionals are effective in intervening, preventing, or stopping abuse and appropriately treating victims?



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# Important for Health Care Providers to Identify Families at Risk

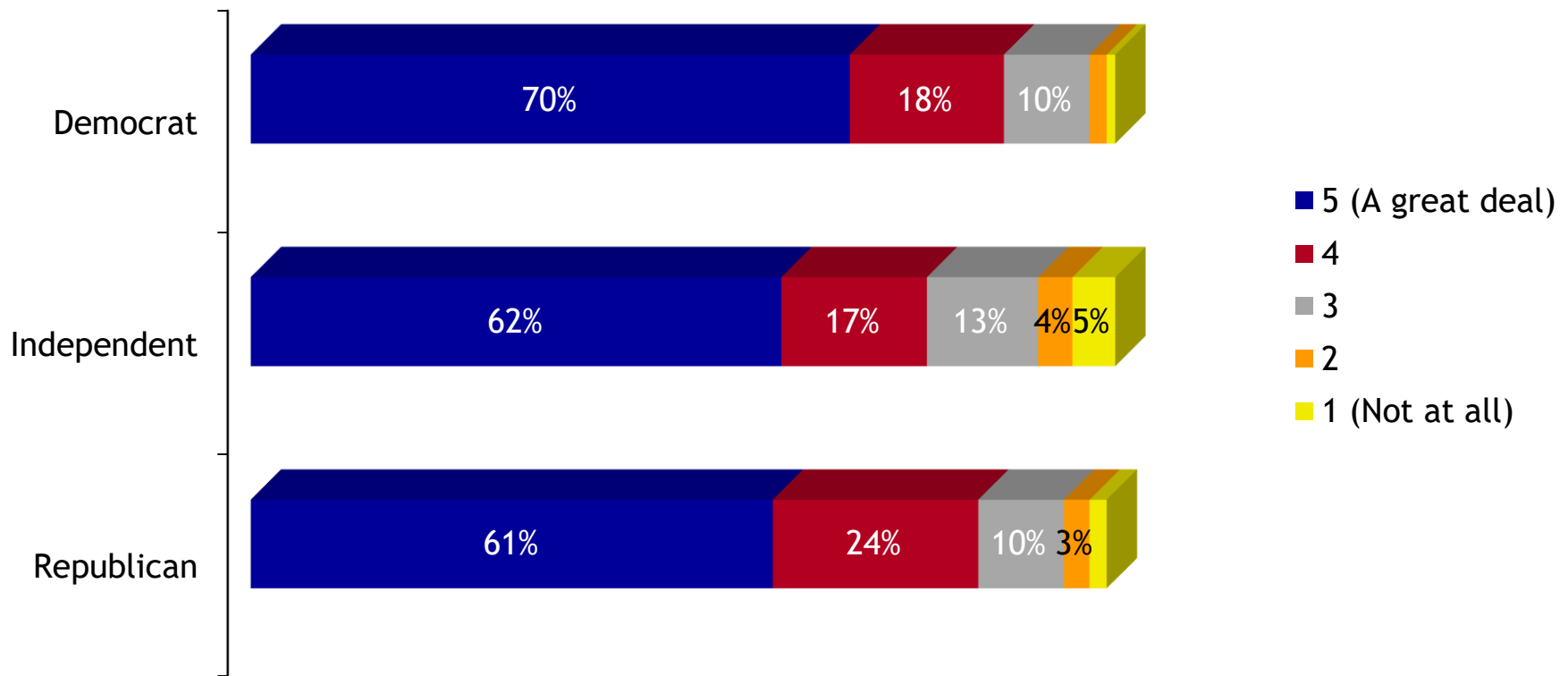
How important is it for health care providers to identify families at elevated risk of child abuse and neglect?



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# Majority Agree Child Abuse and Neglect Contributes to Depression

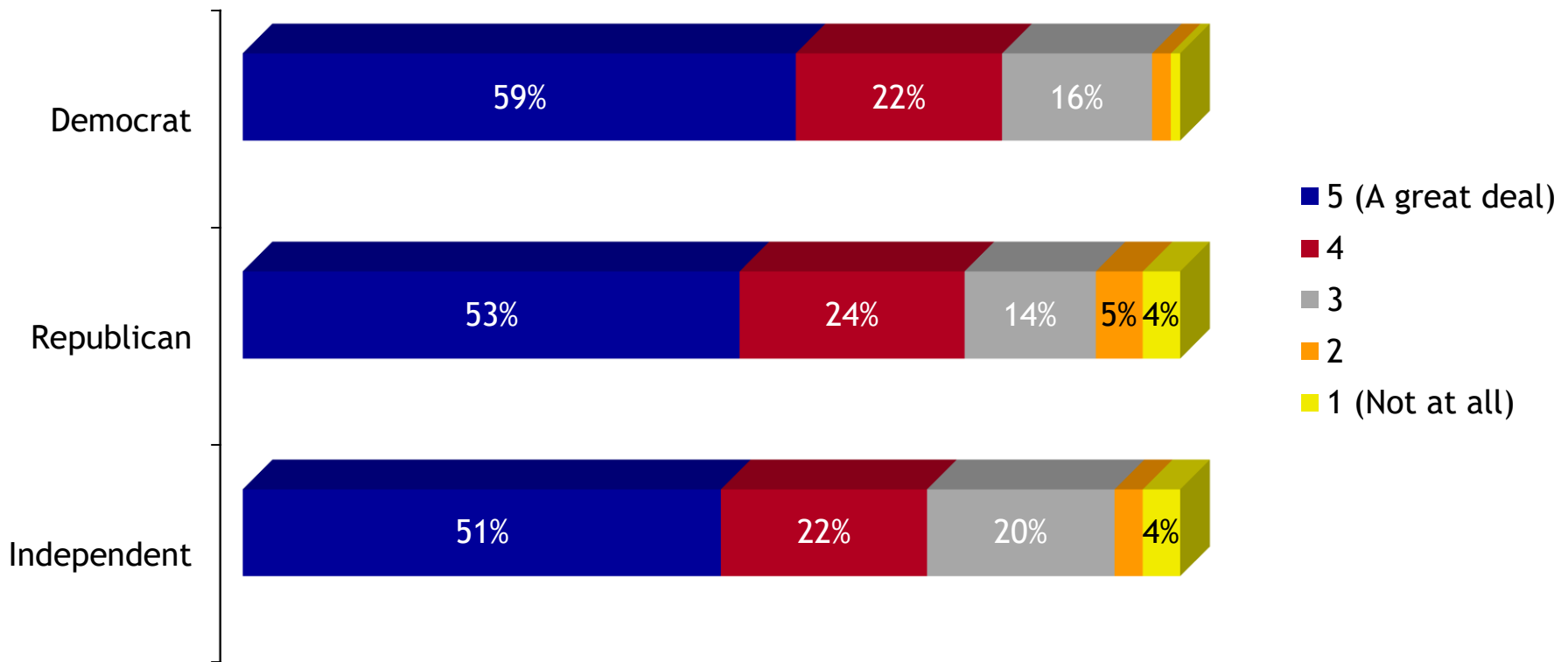
How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Depression



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# Majority Agree Child Abuse and Neglect Contributes to Violence

How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Violence

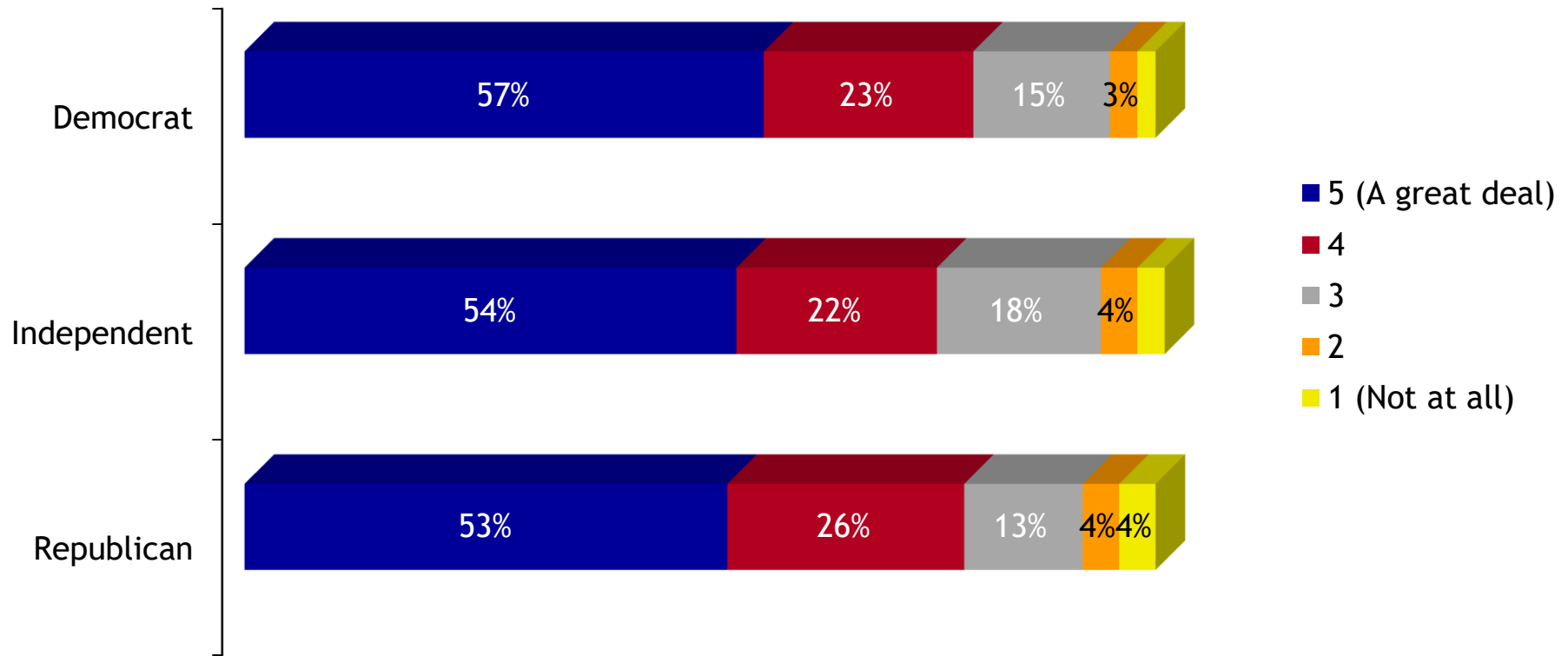


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# Majority Agree Child Abuse and Neglect Contributes to Substance Abuse

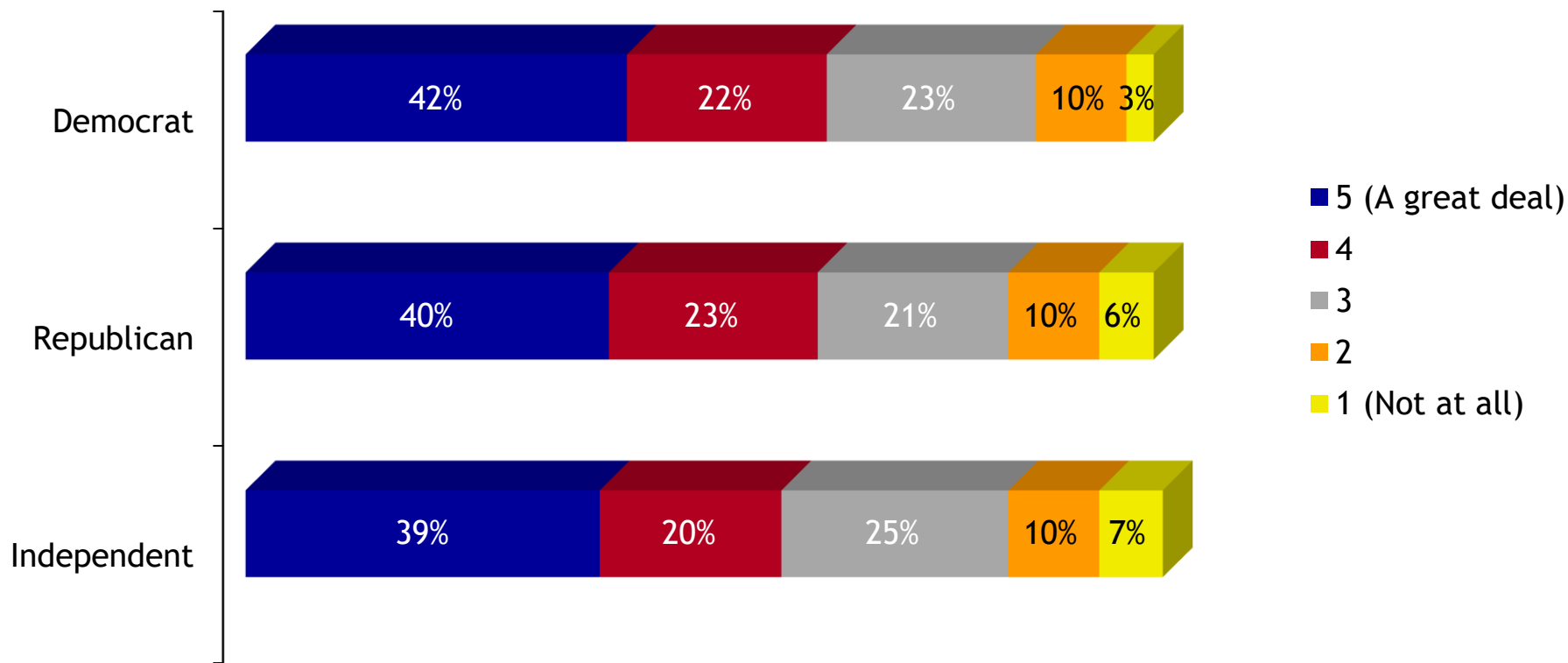
How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Substance Abuse



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# Many Agree Child Abuse and Neglect Contributes to Obesity/Eating Disorders

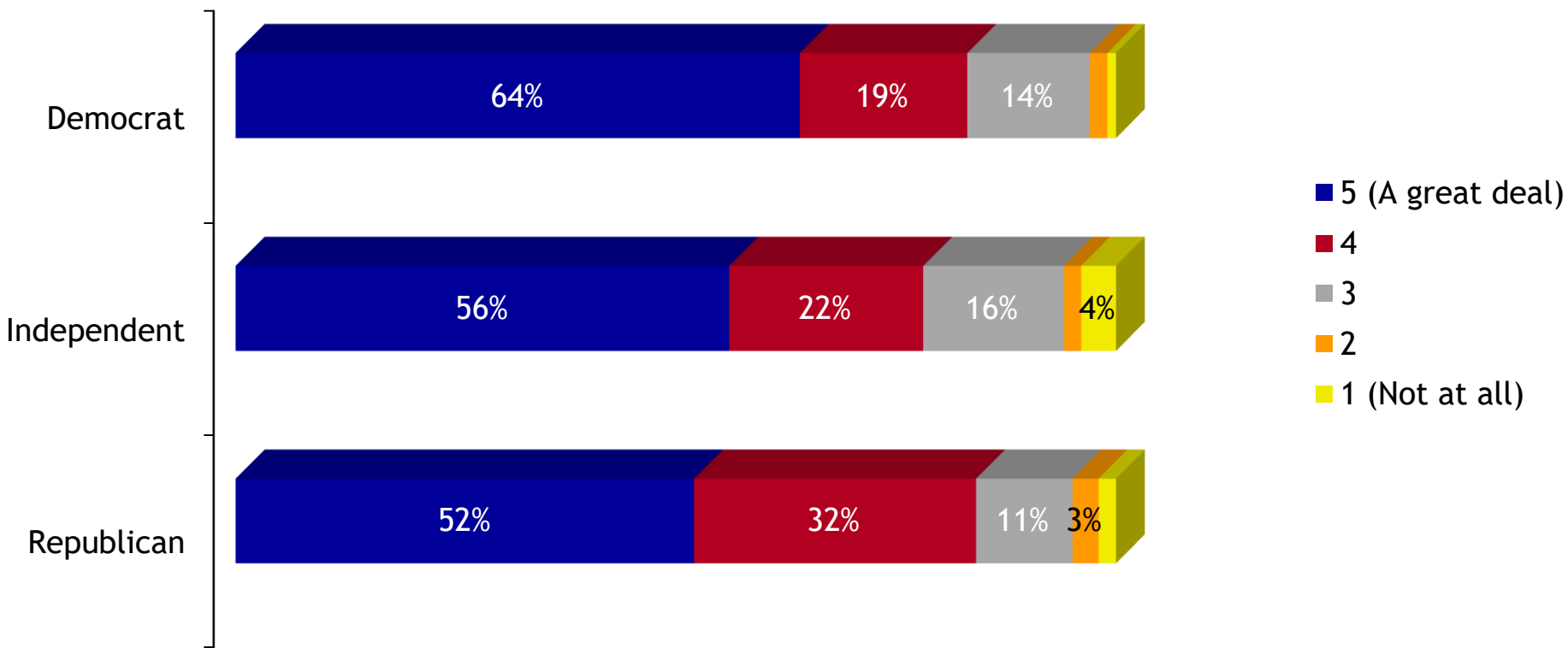
How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Obesity/Eating Disorders



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# Many Agree Child Abuse and Neglect Contributes to Problems at School

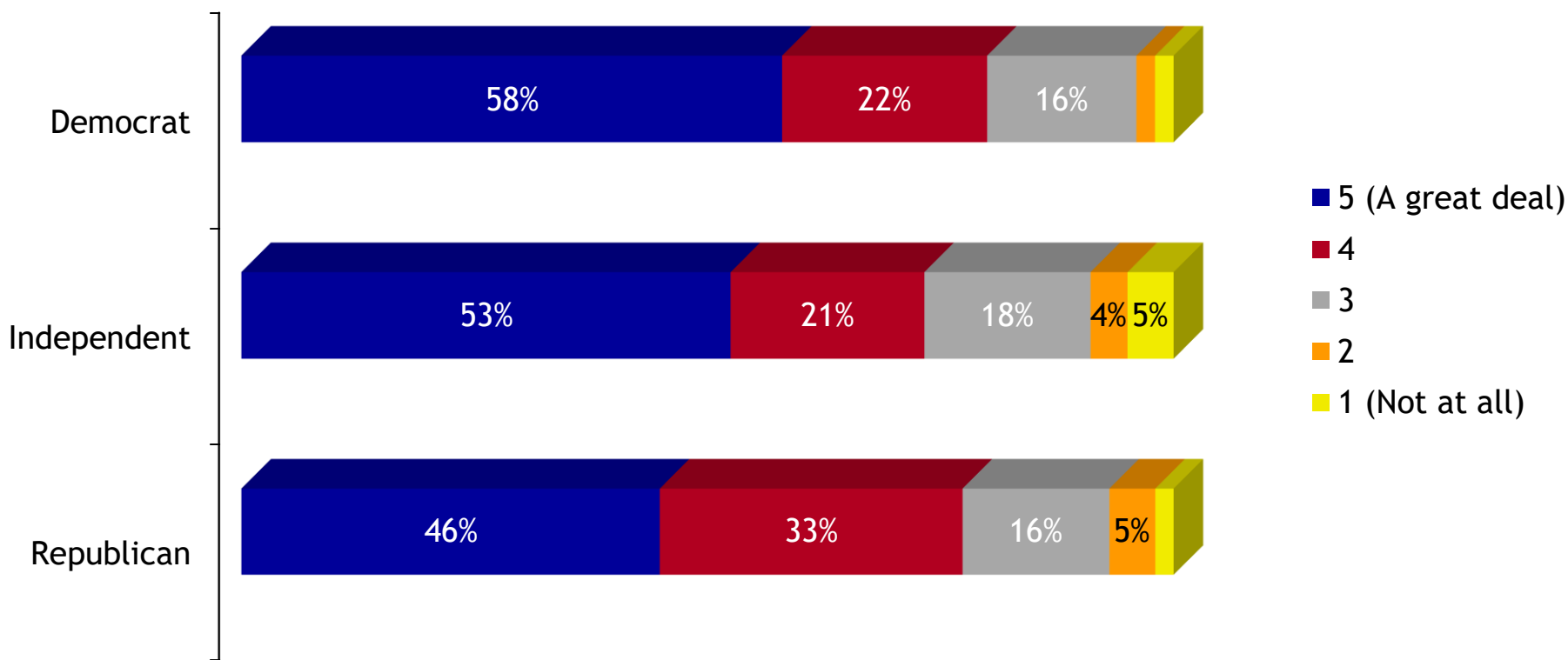
How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Problems at school



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# Many Agree Child Abuse and Neglect Contributes to Suicide

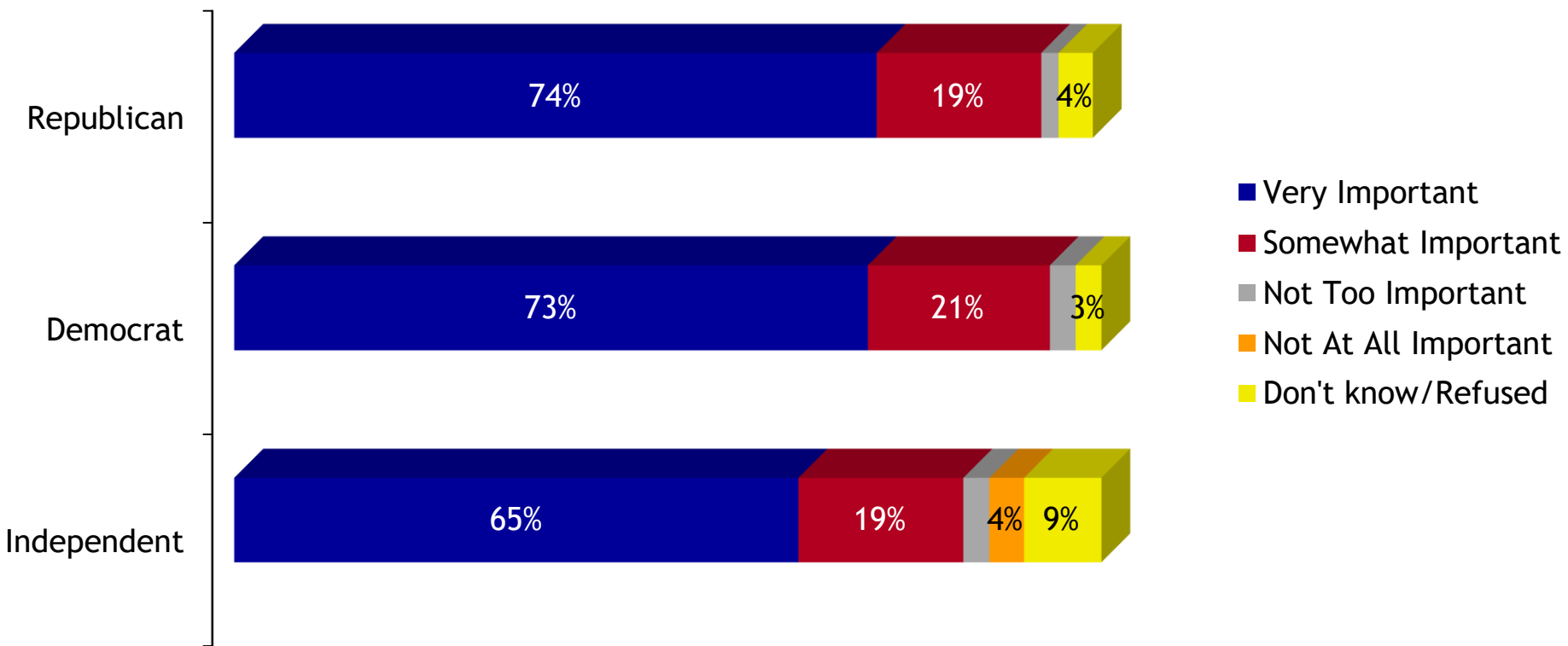
How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Suicide/Suicidality



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# Important for Systems to Share Data on Child Abuse

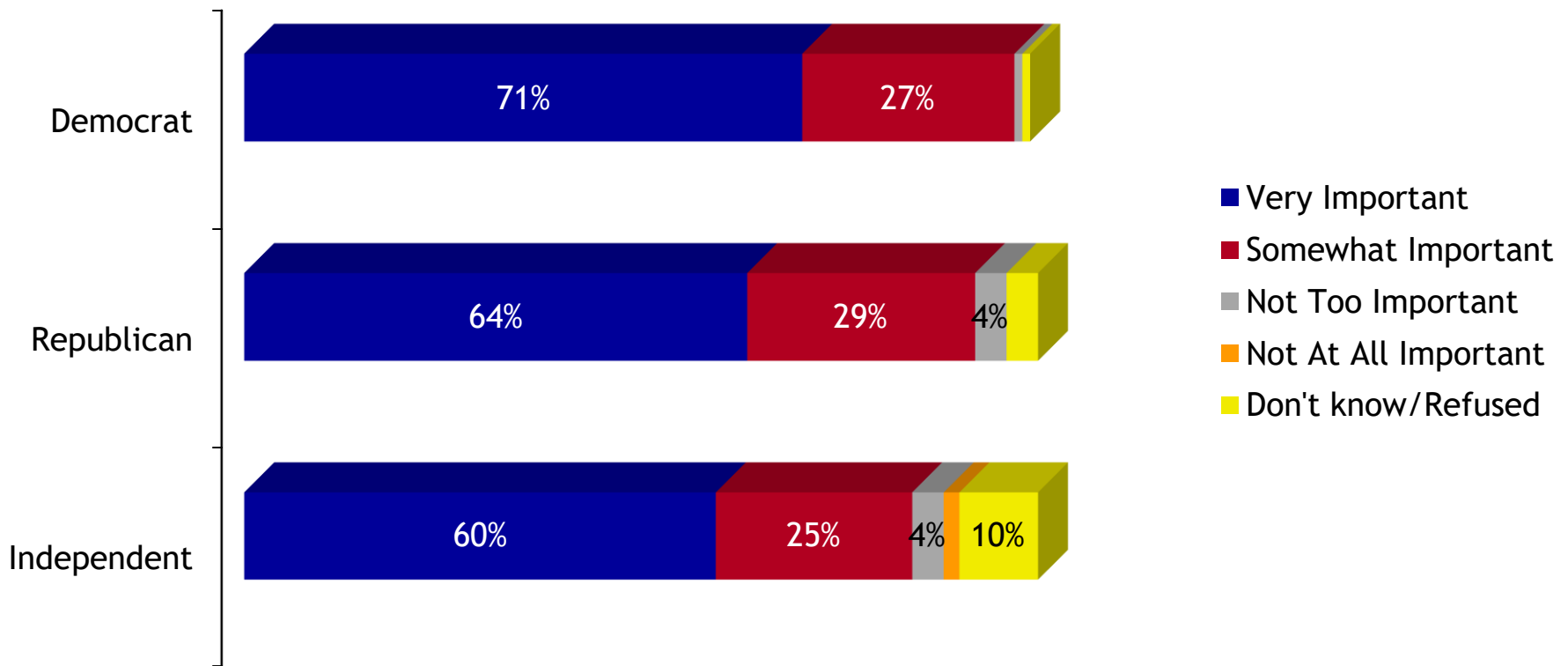
How important is it for national and local systems to share data such as reports of child abuse and neglect?



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# Early Education and Family Support Services Important to Reduce Child Abuse

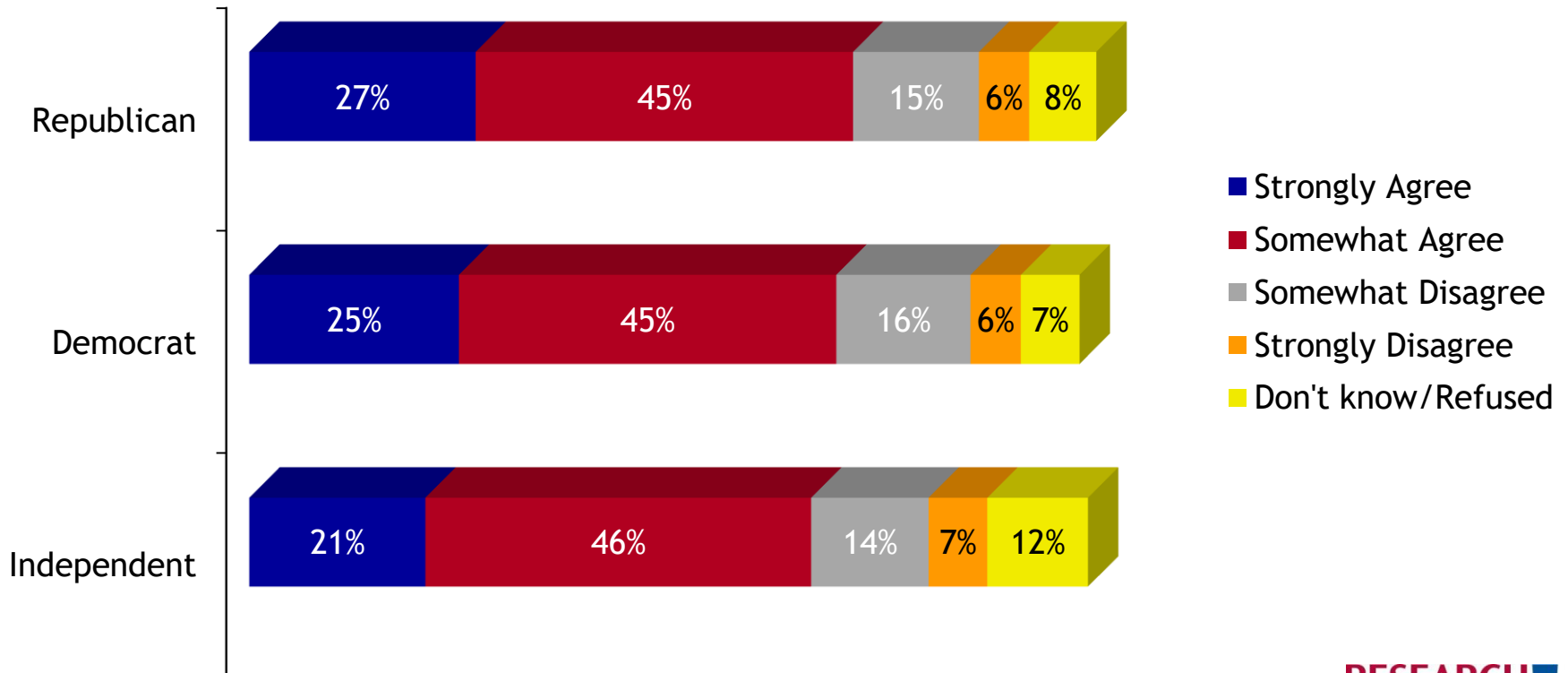
How important is early education and family support services to decrease the likelihood of child abuse and neglect?



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# Majority Agree People Who are Abused Likely to Abuse their Children

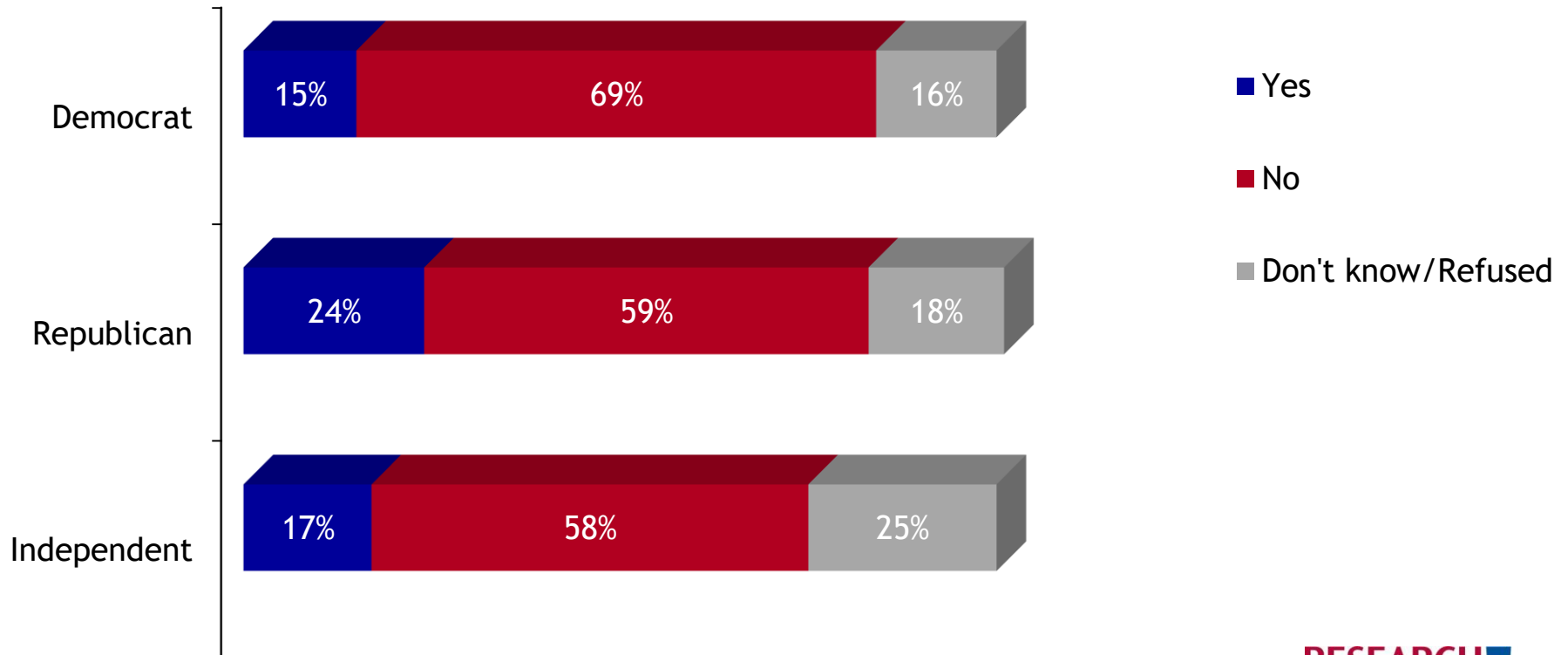
Do you agree or disagree that people who are abused or neglected are likely to abuse or neglect their own children?



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# Majority Do Not Believe Physical Punishment Needed to Raise Children

Do you believe that in order to bring up, raise, or educate a child properly, the child needs to be physically punished?



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