

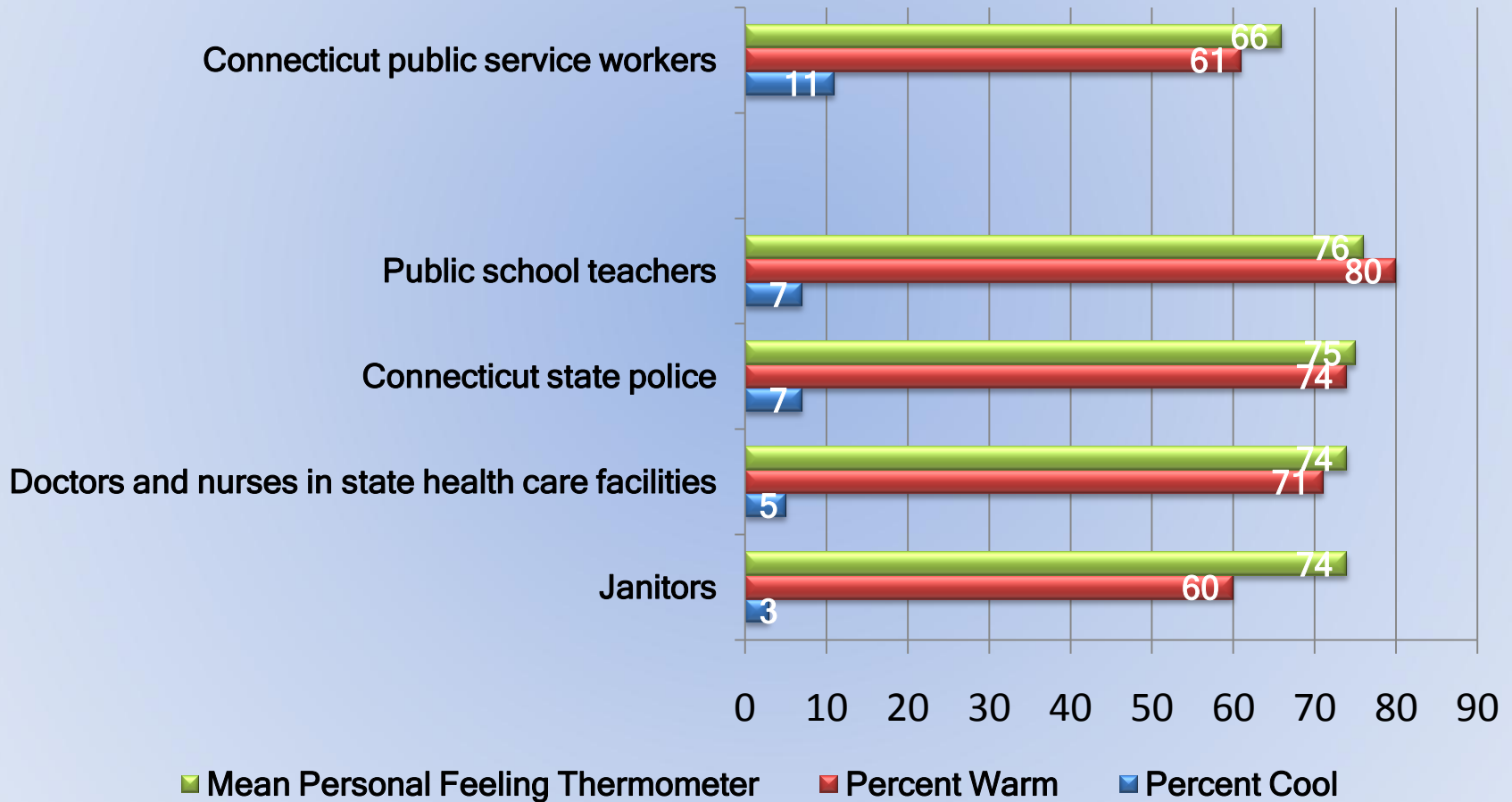
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Connecticut Statewide Research

Myers Research | Strategic Services, LLC designed and administered this telephone survey conducted by professional interviewers. The survey reached 600 adults, 18 years or older, who indicated they are almost certain or probably will vote in the 2010 election. The survey was conducted January 21-23, 2009. The margin of error associated with these data at a 95 percent confidence level is +/- 4.0 percent. The margin of error for subgroups is higher and varies.

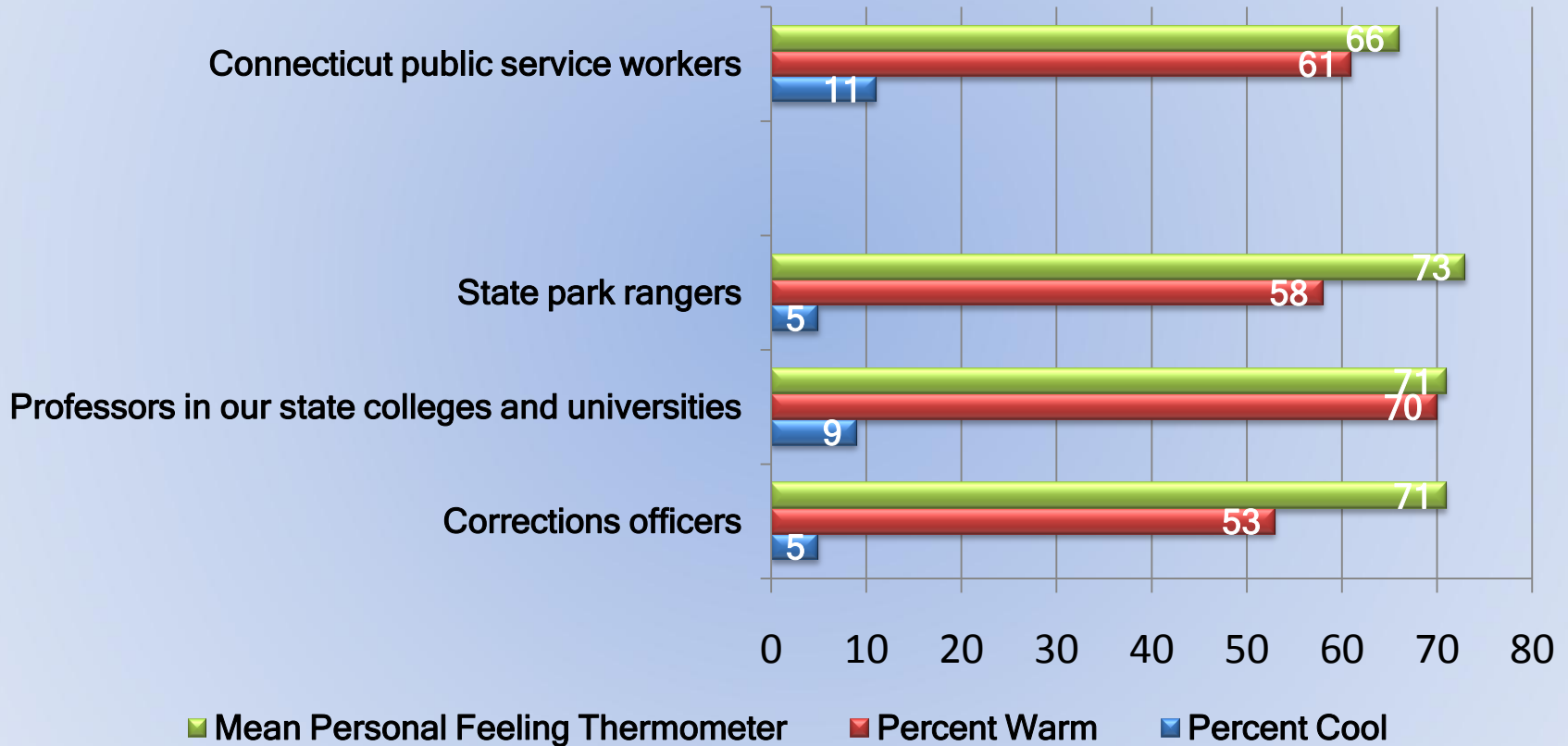
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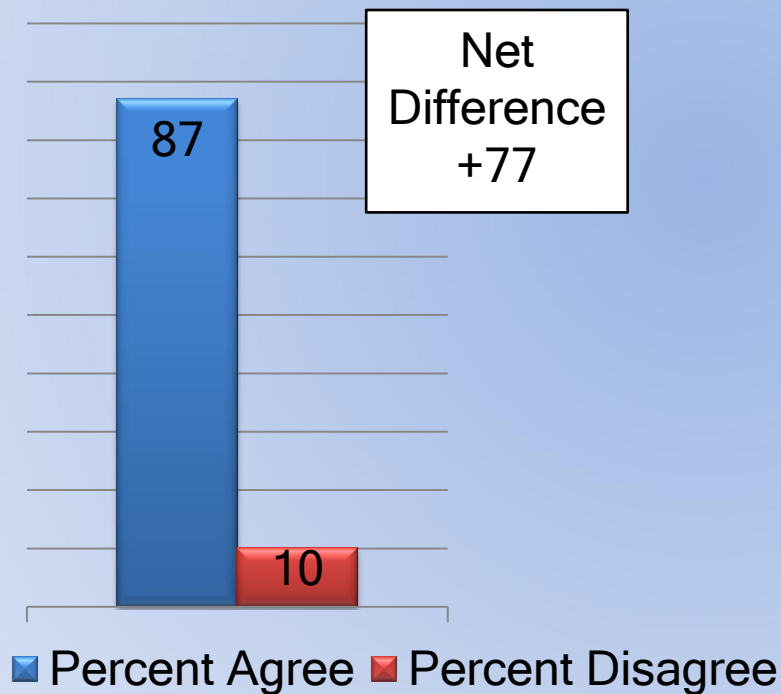
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State Employees Perceived to Fill Vital Role

Q33 State employees perform vital and needed services that benefit us all



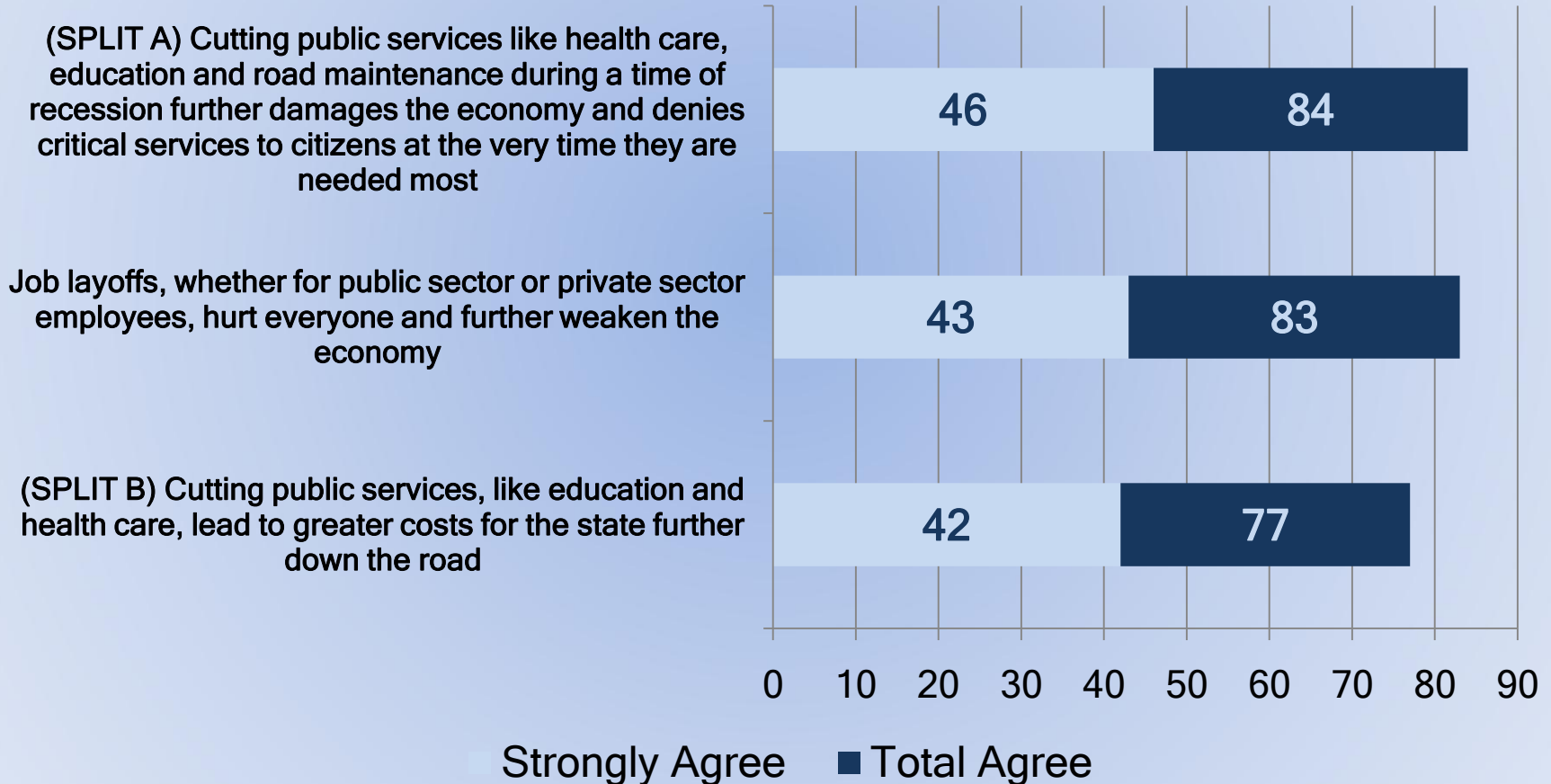
“They are working for the people of Connecticut”

“They keep everything working”

“...we need them”

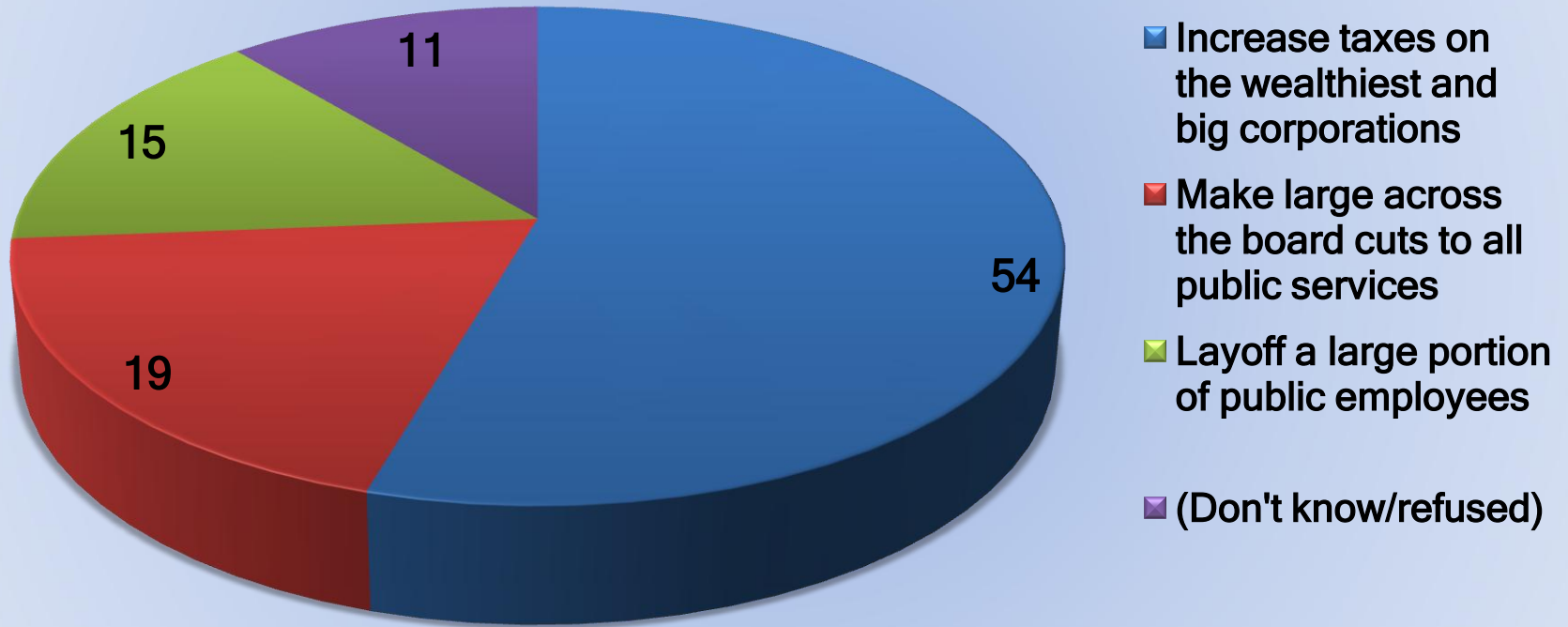
Public Has No Appetite for State Employee Layoffs or Deep Budget Cuts - High Premium on Maintaining Services

Q.32 Now, I am going to read you several statements and I want you to tell me whether you agree or disagree with each statement.



Voters See New Revenue Creation as Solution to Budget Deficit

Q42 I am going to read you several approaches they might be able to take in order to balance the state budget ,and after I read the approaches ,please tell me which approach would be your top choice for balancing the state's budget.



- Increase taxes on the wealthiest and big corporations
- Make large across the board cuts to all public services
- Layoff a large portion of public employees
- (Don't know/refused)

Three Competing Approaches to Balancing the Budget

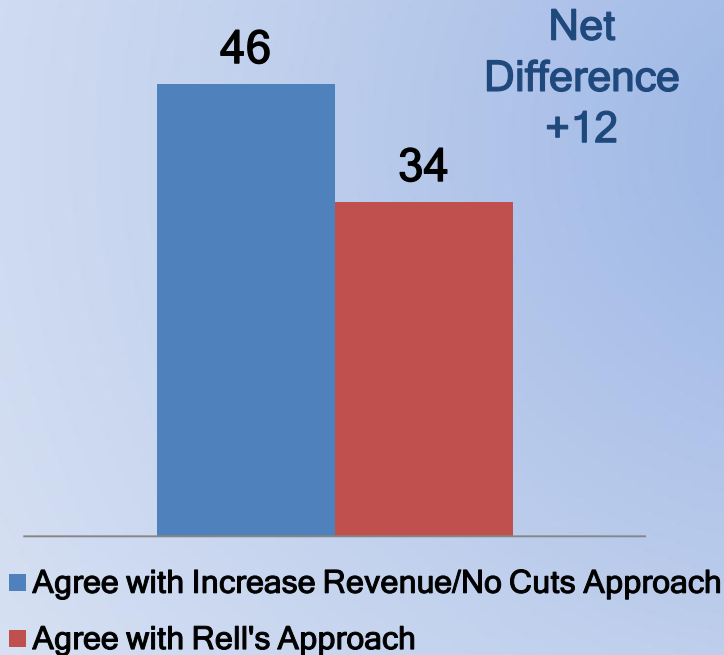
Rell's Approach: Some leaders, including Governor Rell, say Connecticut must not raise taxes in this economic climate, and instead we must make deep cuts to state spending and focus government on the core services it should provide in order to balance the budget and address this shortfall. They say Connecticut is facing the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression and raising taxes now would hurt businesses and cost us needed jobs, making our economy even worse. They say we have to solve this budget crisis with spending cuts alone.

(SPLIT B) Increase Revenue/No Cuts Approach: Other leaders in the state legislature, relying on Nobel Prize winning economists, say our economy has fallen into recession, and now is not the time to make drastic cuts to jobs and services which will only damage our economy further and put us deeper into recession. Rather, they say this is the time to bring about real structural change and reform to state government, while working to protect and improve public services like education, worker training and health care so we can create jobs and strengthen our economy. They propose balancing the budget by eliminating corporate tax loopholes that allow big corporations to pay less in taxes than middle-class families do, and increasing taxes on the wealthiest.

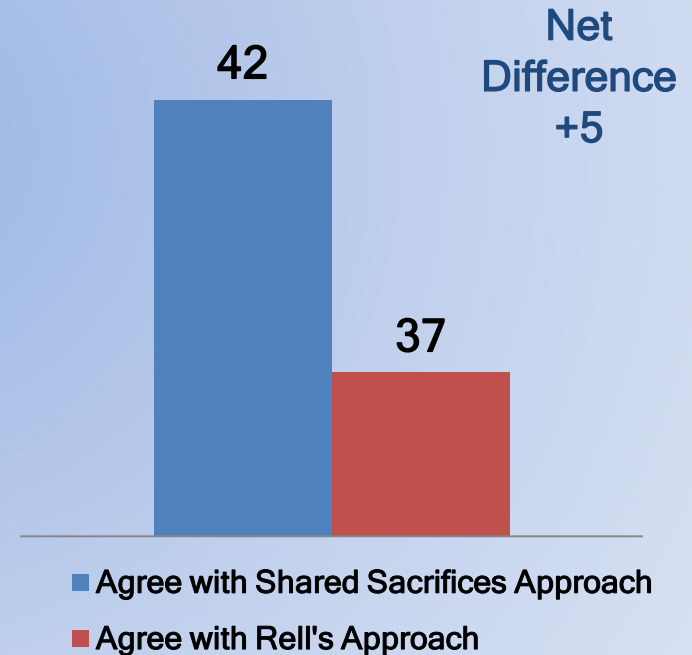
(SPLIT A) Shared Sacrifices Approach: Other legislative leaders say that we cannot balance the budget with spending cuts alone as they will damage the economy further, and we have to consider a combination of spending cuts and some increases in state taxes. They say there needs to be shared sacrifices by everyone, and the state should make cuts to a variety of public services, increase income tax rates for the wealthiest, as well as close corporate tax loopholes so we can protect those state services that are most vital.

Larger Plurality Prefer Increasing Revenue, with No Cuts to Services, to Governor's Spending Cuts

Q45 Split B: Rell's Approach v Increase Revenue/No Cuts Approach

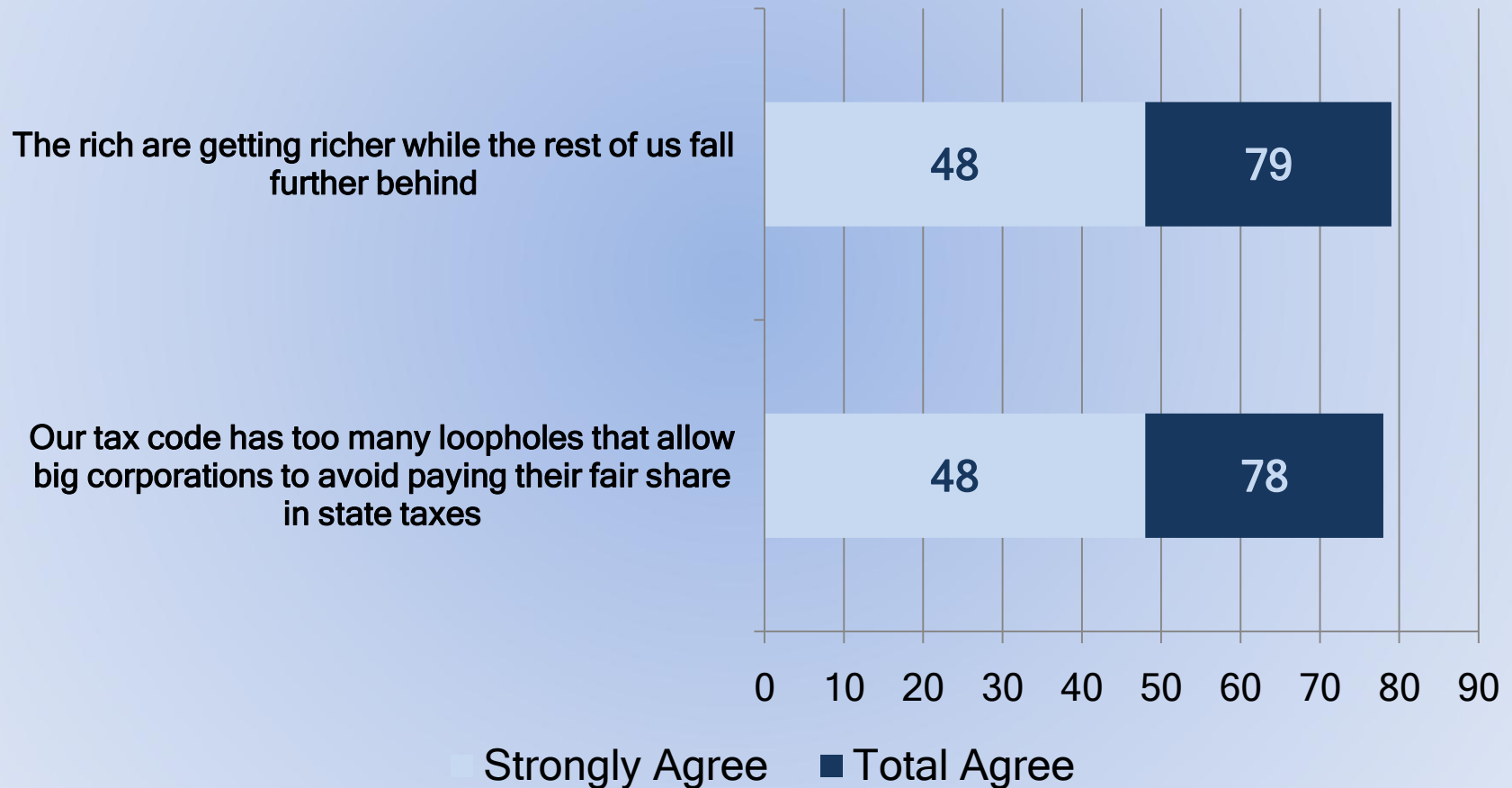


Q44 Split A: Rell's Approach v Shared Sacrifices Approach



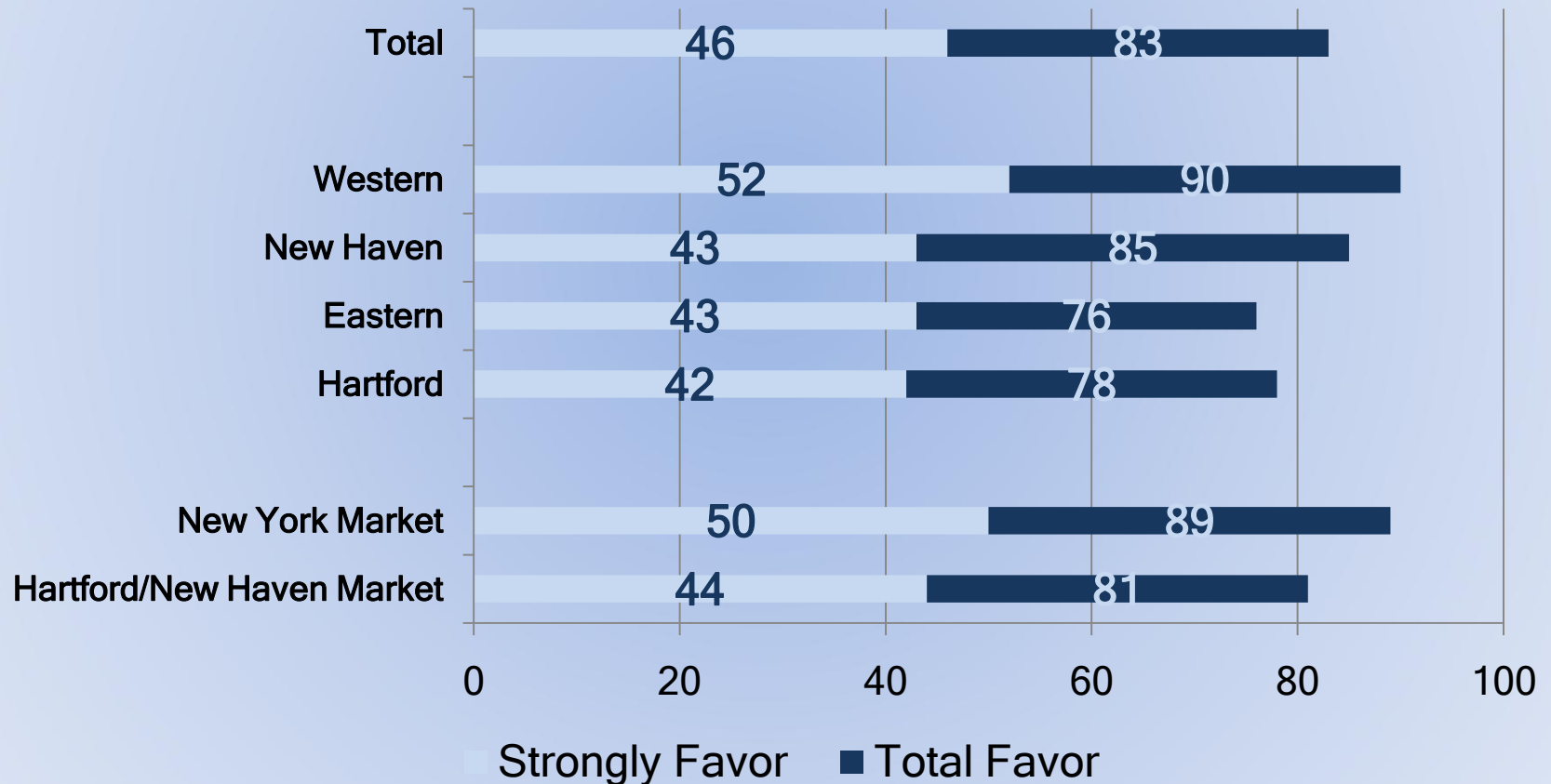
This is Reinforced By Populist Theme

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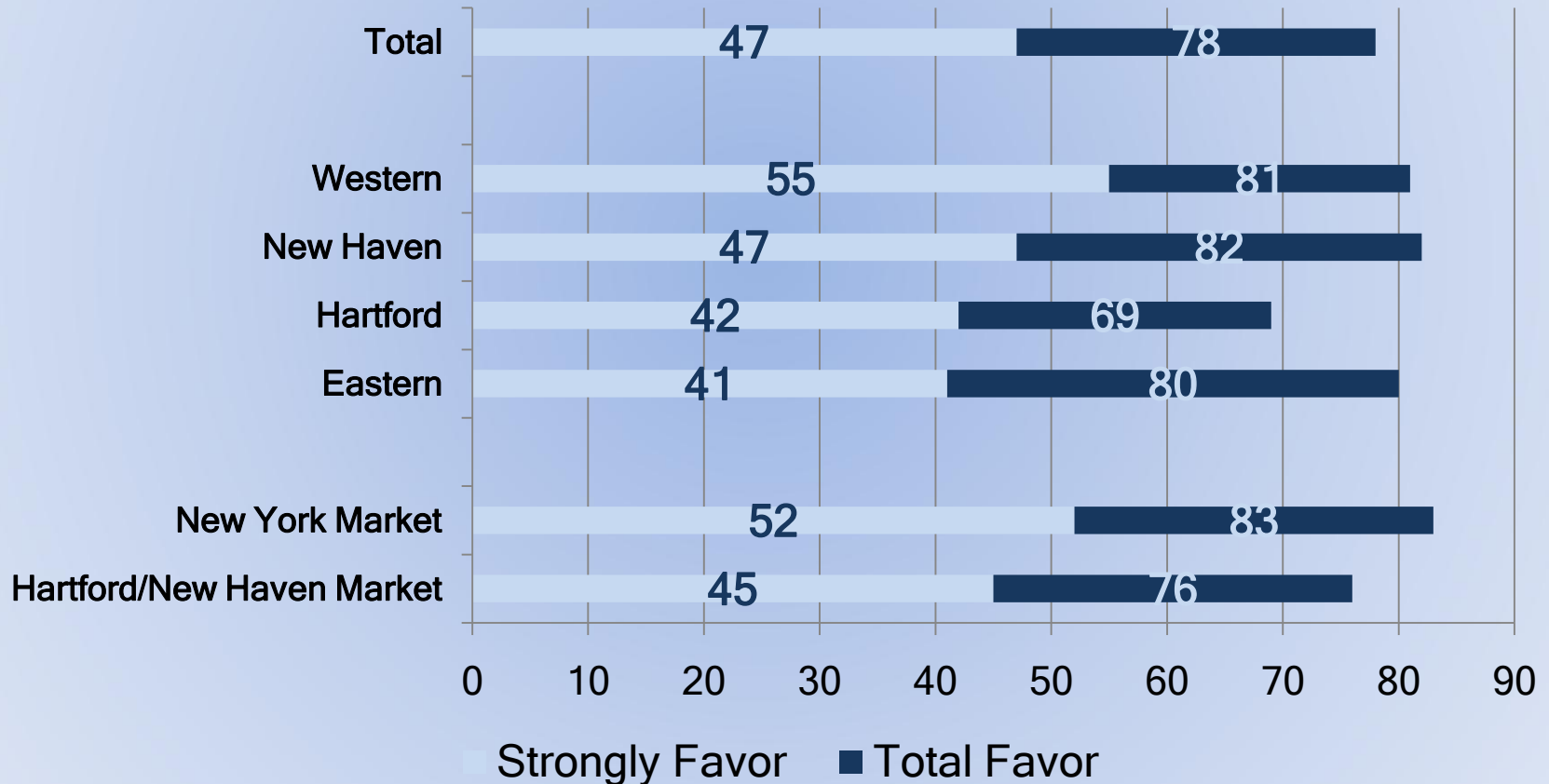
Near Majority Strongly Favor Raising Taxes on Wealthiest in Connecticut, Starting at \$150,000

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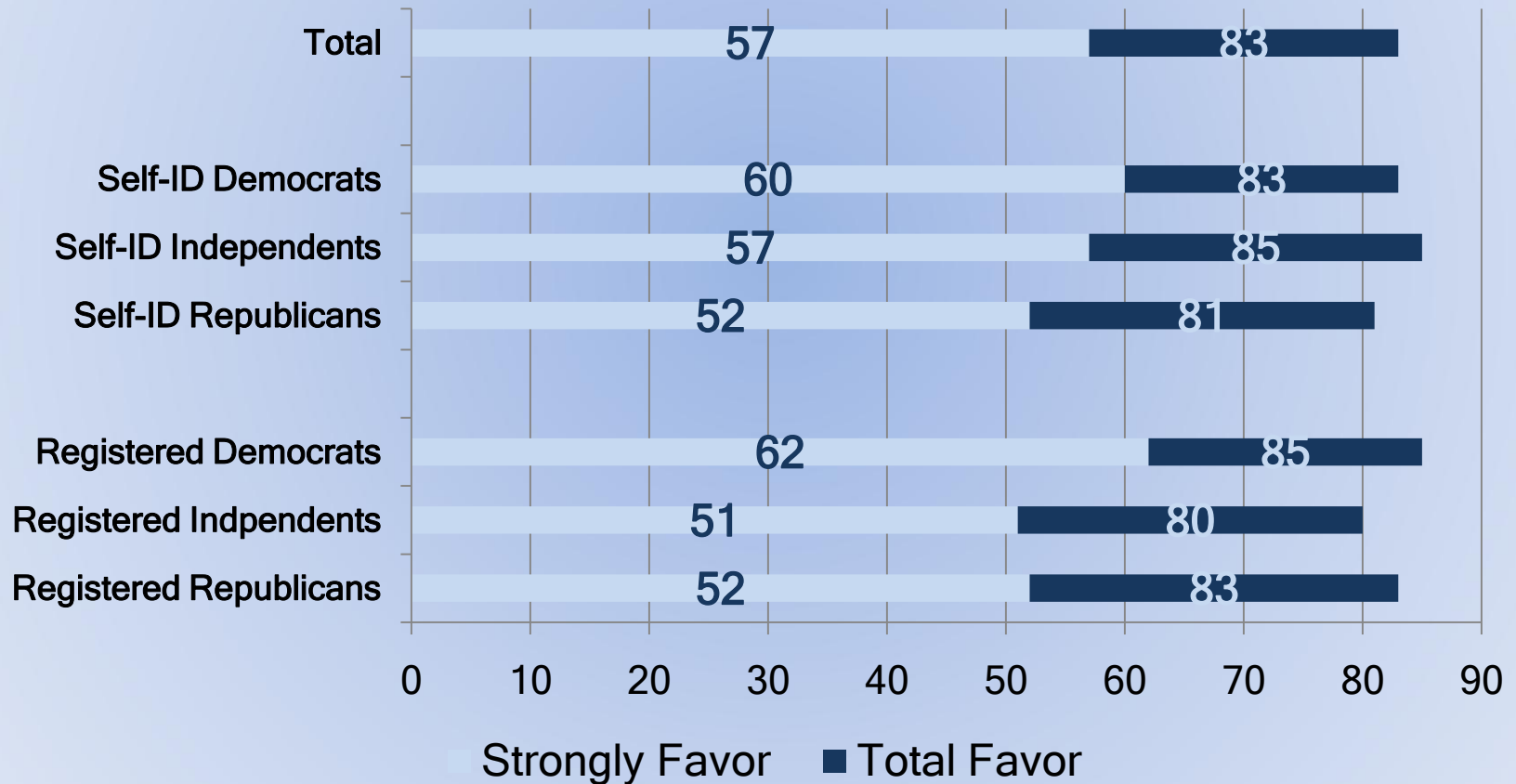
Similar Results for Incrementally Raising Taxes on Wealthiest in Connecticut, Starting at \$200,000

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Broad Majority Strongly Favor Eliminating Corporate Tax Loopholes

Q52 Eliminate corporate tax loopholes, such as the loophole that allows out-of-state corporations to underreport their Connecticut earnings, and thus pay less in state taxes to Connecticut than they actually owe.



Strongest Messages to Support Raising Taxes on Wealthiest and Big Corporations

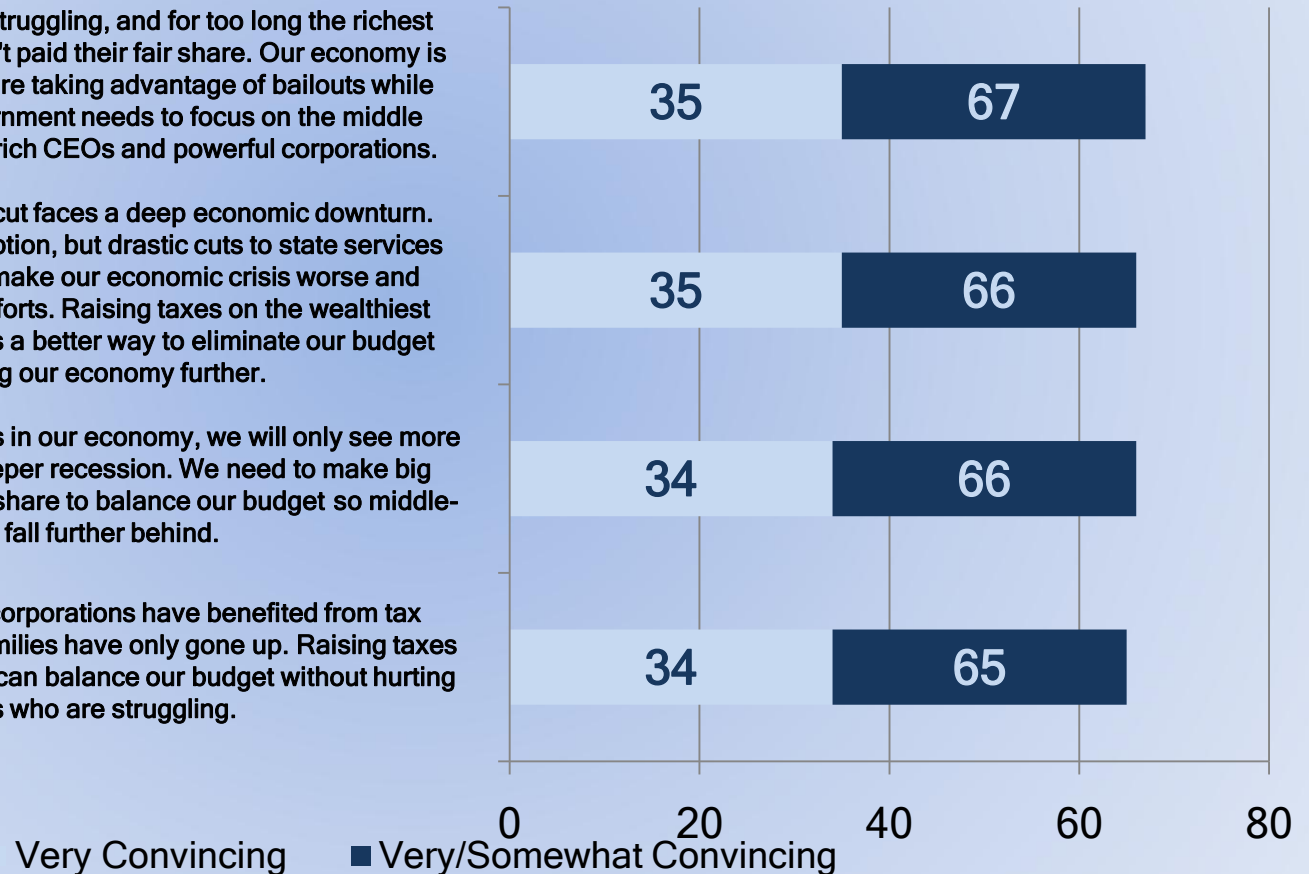
Q.67 Now, let me read you a series of reasons people have given to support closing the state budget deficit mostly with tax increases on wealthy individuals and businesses. For each, please tell me whether this is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, a little convincing or not at all convincing.

Too many middle-class families are struggling, and for too long the richest and most powerful corporations haven't paid their fair share. Our economy is in recession and these corporations are taking advantage of bailouts while the middle class gets no help. Government needs to focus on the middle class and rescuing us, not protecting rich CEOs and powerful corporations.

Like the rest of the country, Connecticut faces a deep economic downturn. Raising taxes is never an appealing option, but drastic cuts to state services and large-scale layoffs will actually make our economic crisis worse and undermine any economic stimulus efforts. Raising taxes on the wealthiest and closing corporate tax loopholes is a better way to eliminate our budget deficit without damaging our economy further.

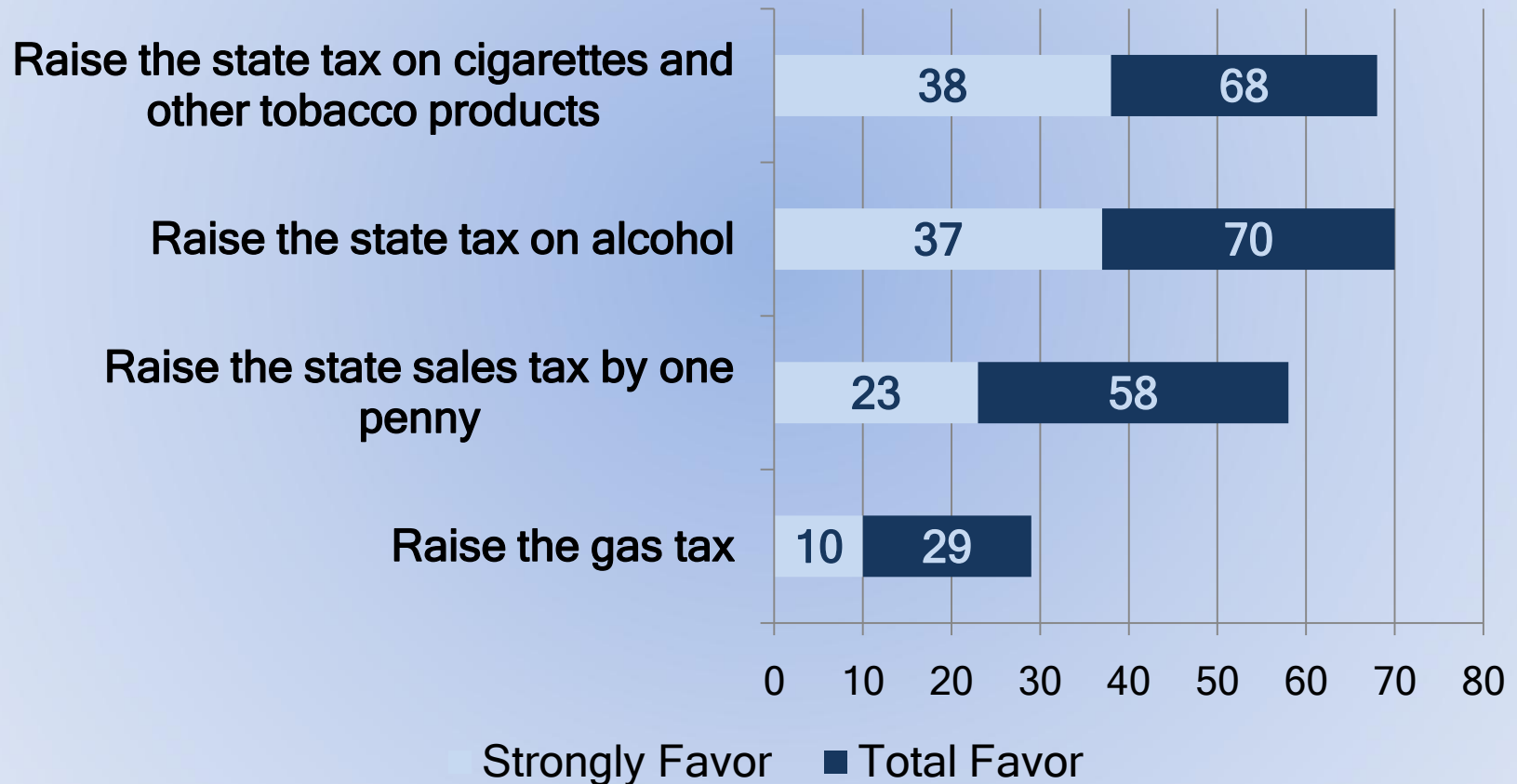
If we cut services and state investments in our economy, we will only see more jobs lost, businesses close and a deeper recession. We need to make big corporations and the rich pay their fair share to balance our budget so middle-class families don't fall further behind.

For too long the wealthiest and big corporations have benefited from tax breaks, while taxes for middle-class families have only gone up. Raising taxes on big corporations and the wealthiest can balance our budget without hurting middle class families who are struggling.



Creating New Revenue with Tobacco and Alcohol Taxes Also an Option, As Is Sales Tax

Q46 And still thinking about the six billion dollar state budget deficit, I am going to read you a number of options that state legislators and the governor could use to address the budget shortfall, and for each please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal.



K-12 Education, Health Care for Special Populations and Child Protection all Sacrosanct Budget Items

Q58 Now, I am going to read you several areas of state spending and for each one please tell me whether to close the state budget shortfall, legislators and the Governor should reduce funding for that service a lot, a little or not at all.

Budget Area	Total Reduce	Total Not At All	Difference: Reduce - Not Reduce
Health care services for chronically ill and elderly	19	75	-56
Nursing home care for the elderly	22	71	-49
K through 12 education	23	72	-49
Child protection and enforcement	26	69	-43
Health care services for the poor and disadvantaged	27	68	-41
Community colleges, and 4-year public colleges and universities	36	58	-22
Public safety, including prisons and state police	45	51	-6