



PROTECTING THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES


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METHODOLOGY

- ◆ National (continental U.S.) telephone survey among 1,024 adults conducted April 6-9, 2006 using RDD sample. Error margin is plus or minus 3 percentage points (at 95% confidence level).



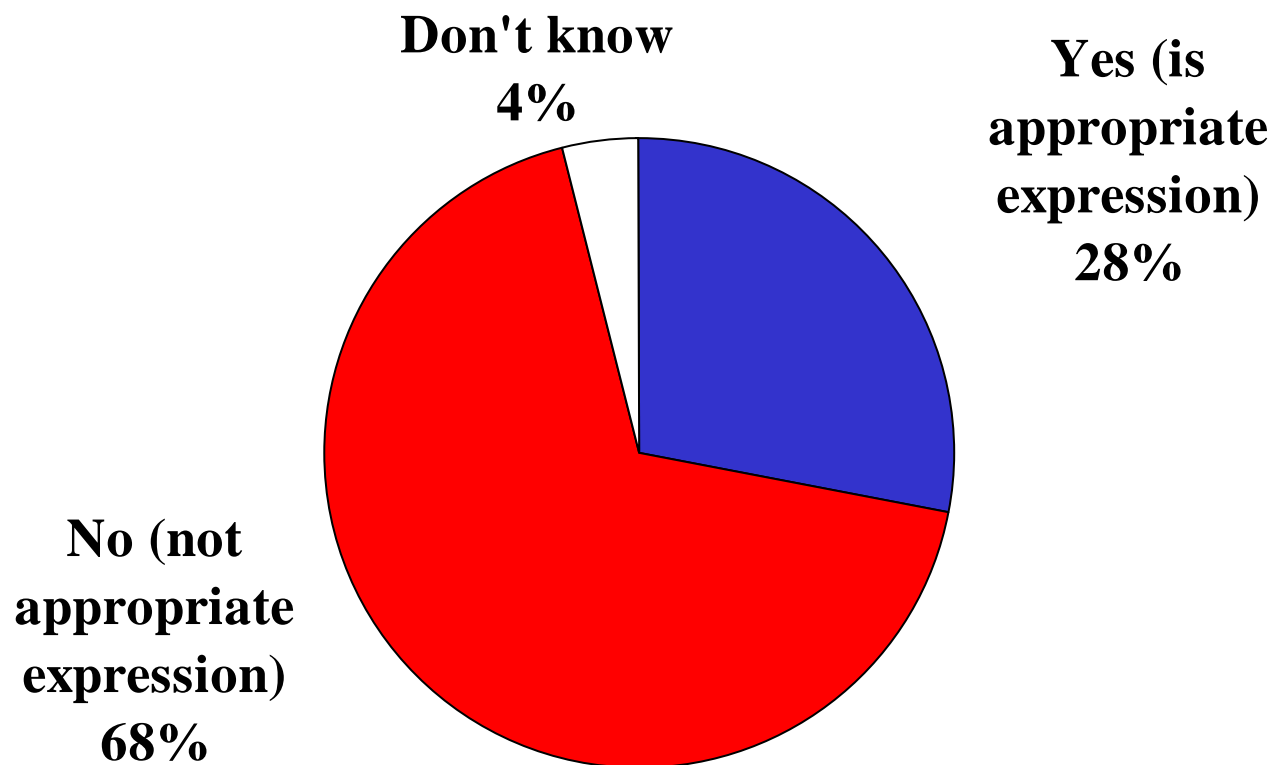
KEY FINDINGS

- ◆ A substantial majority of Americans:
 - Support a flag protection amendment to the U.S. Constitution
 - Believe it important that such protection be enacted
 - Would prohibit flag desecration in all circumstances

- ◆ With some exceptions, results are similar across gender, age, education and party affiliation.

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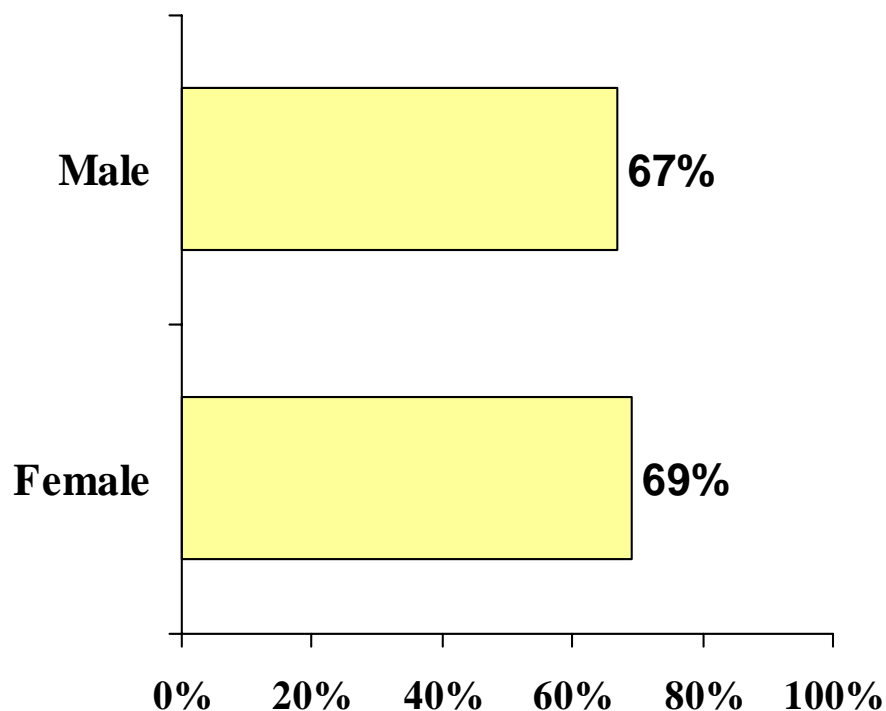
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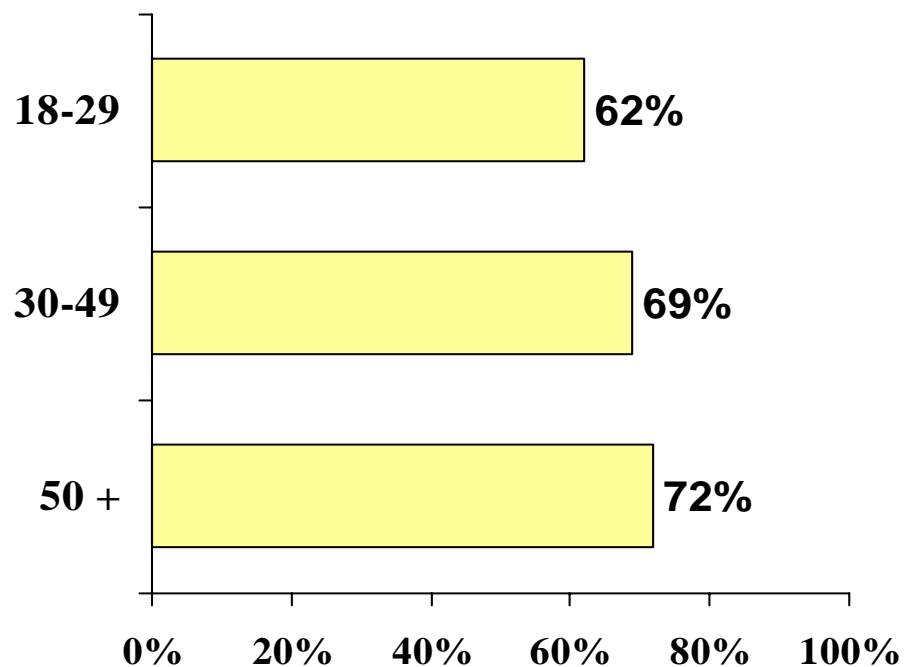
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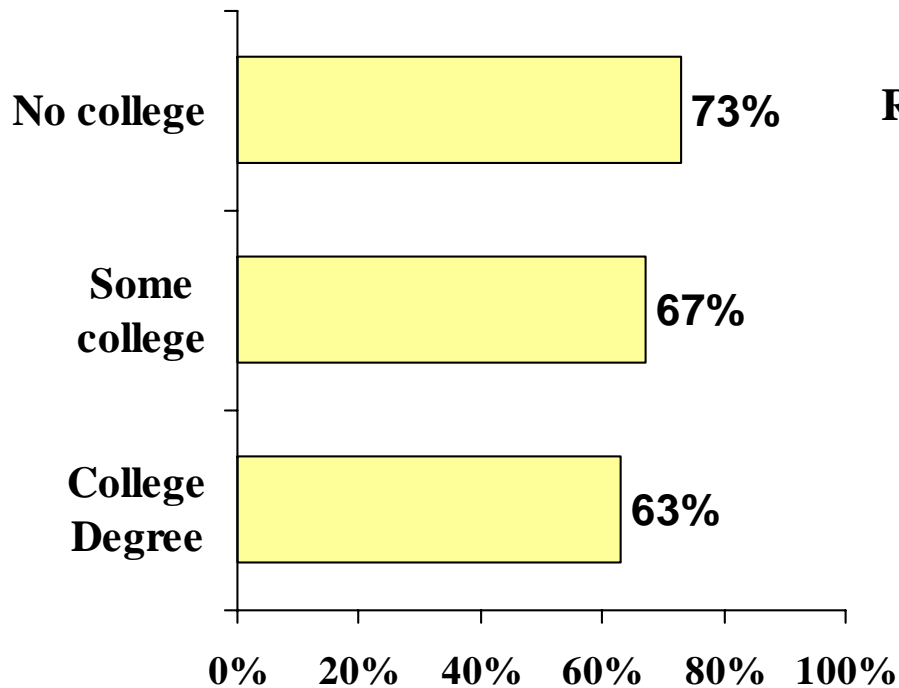
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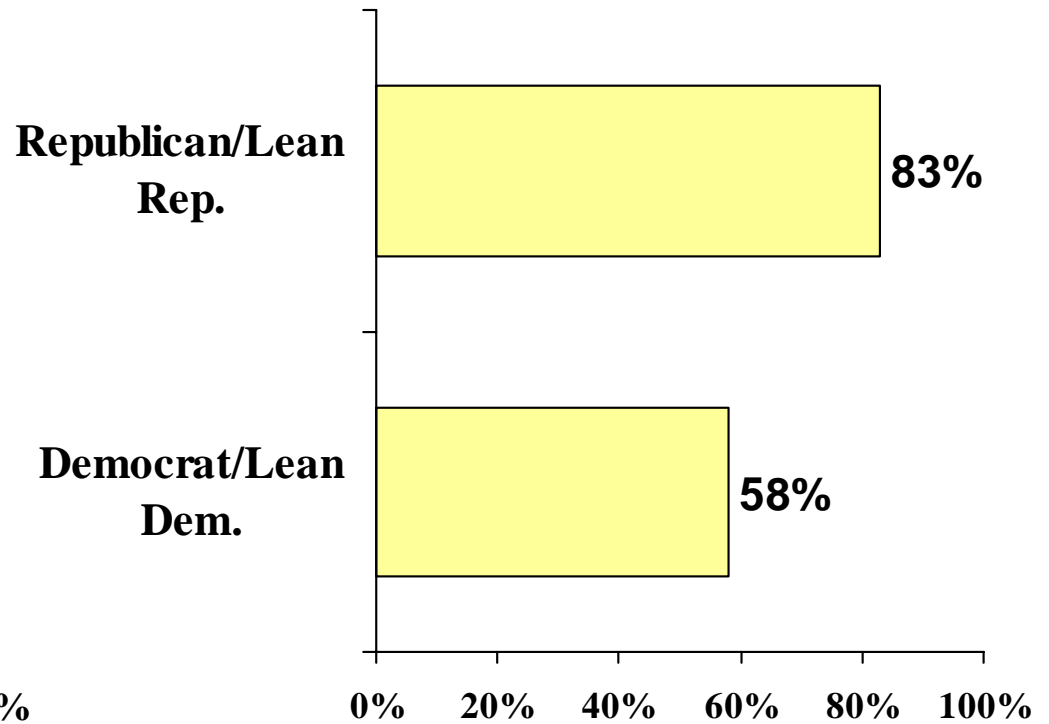
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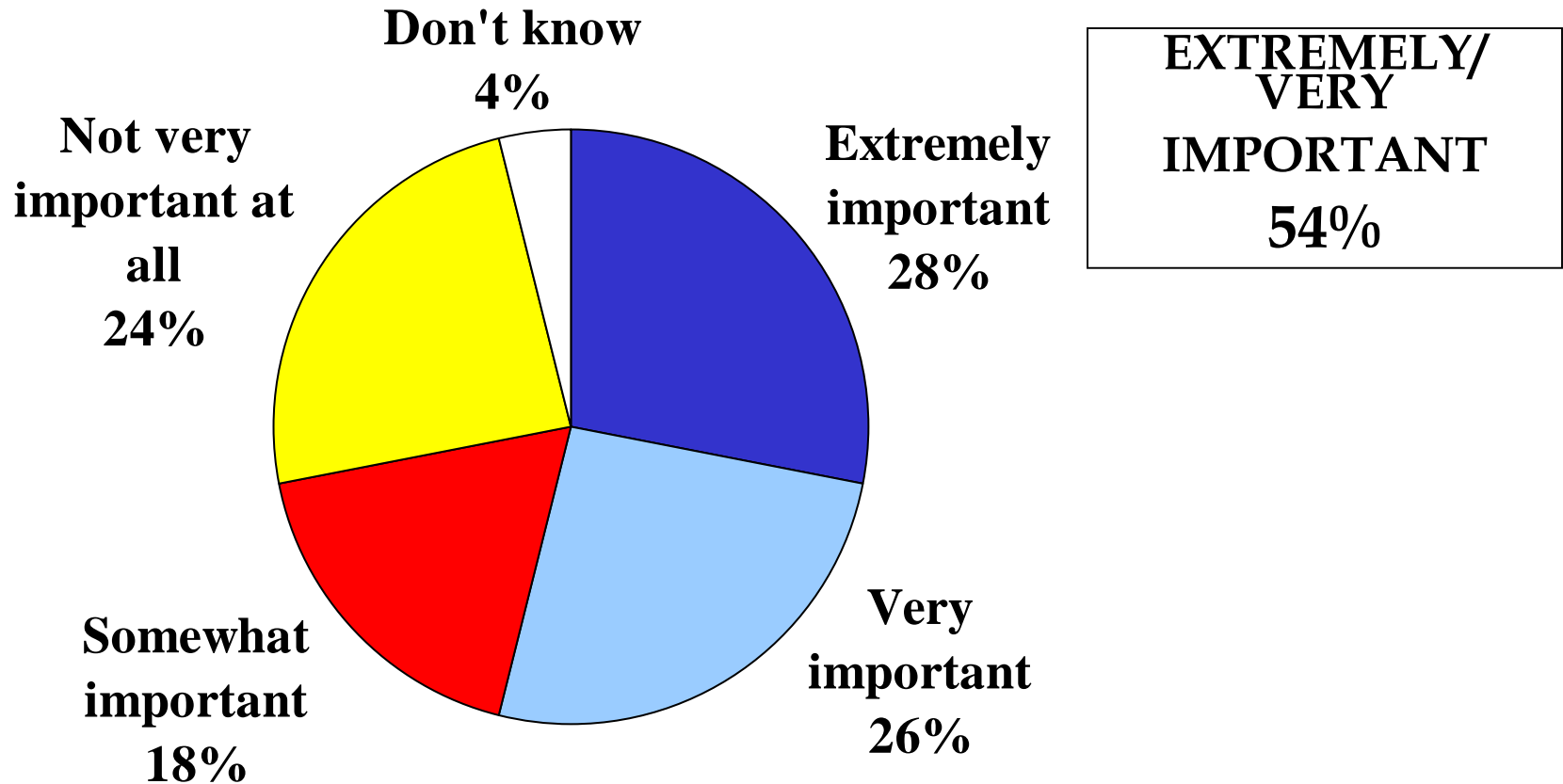
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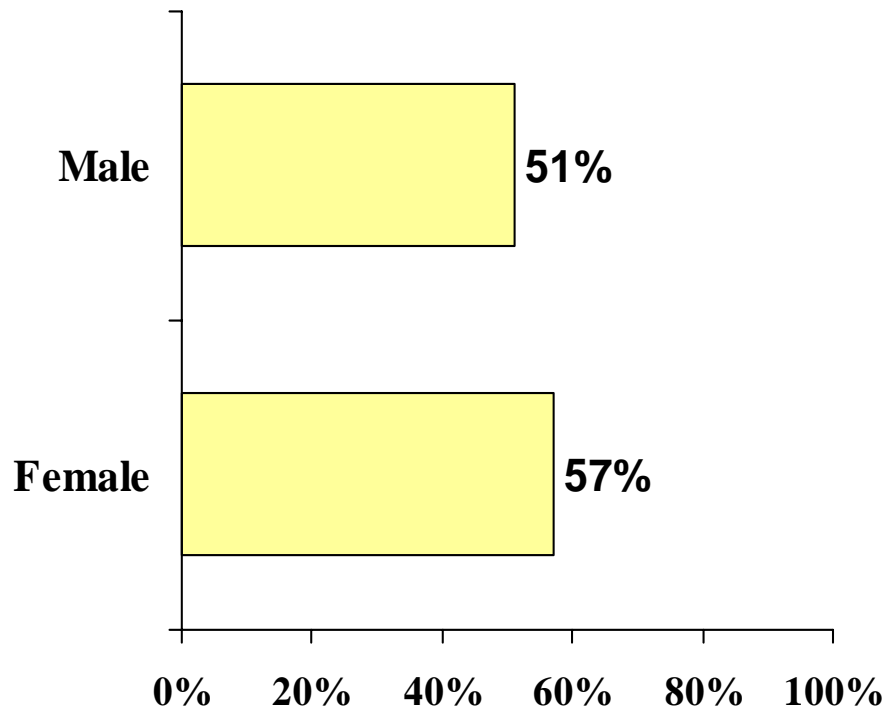
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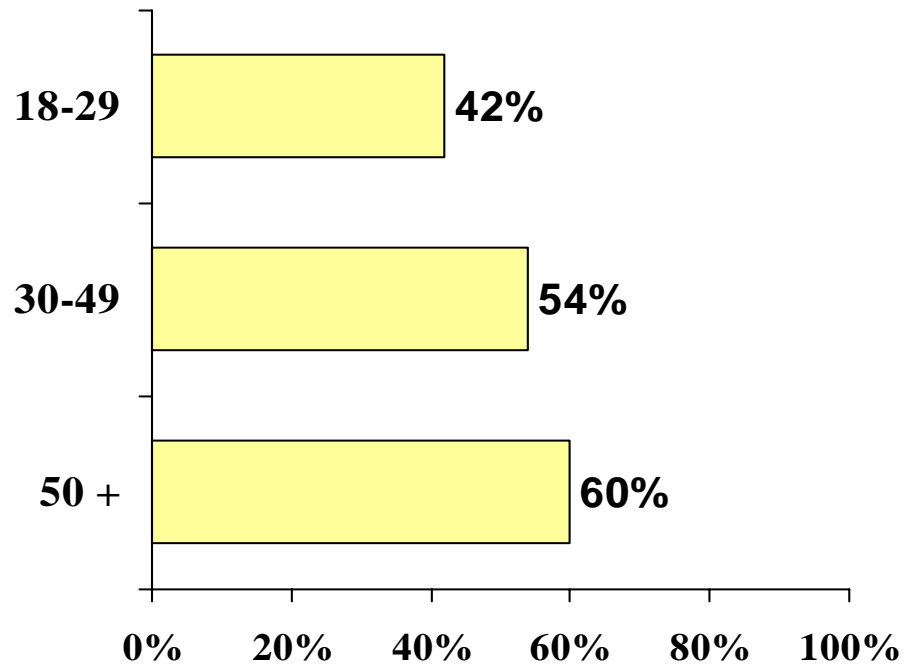
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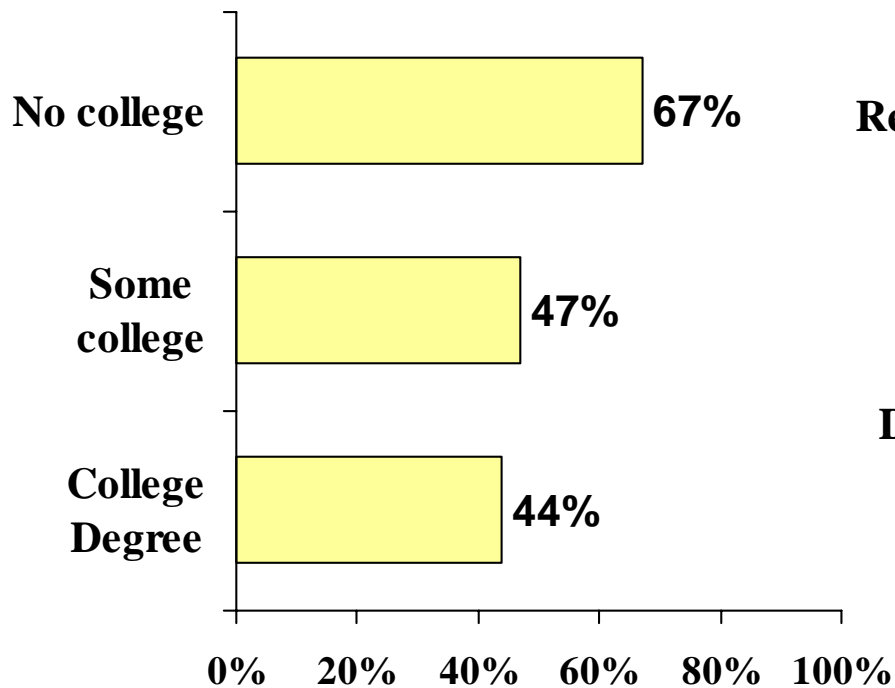
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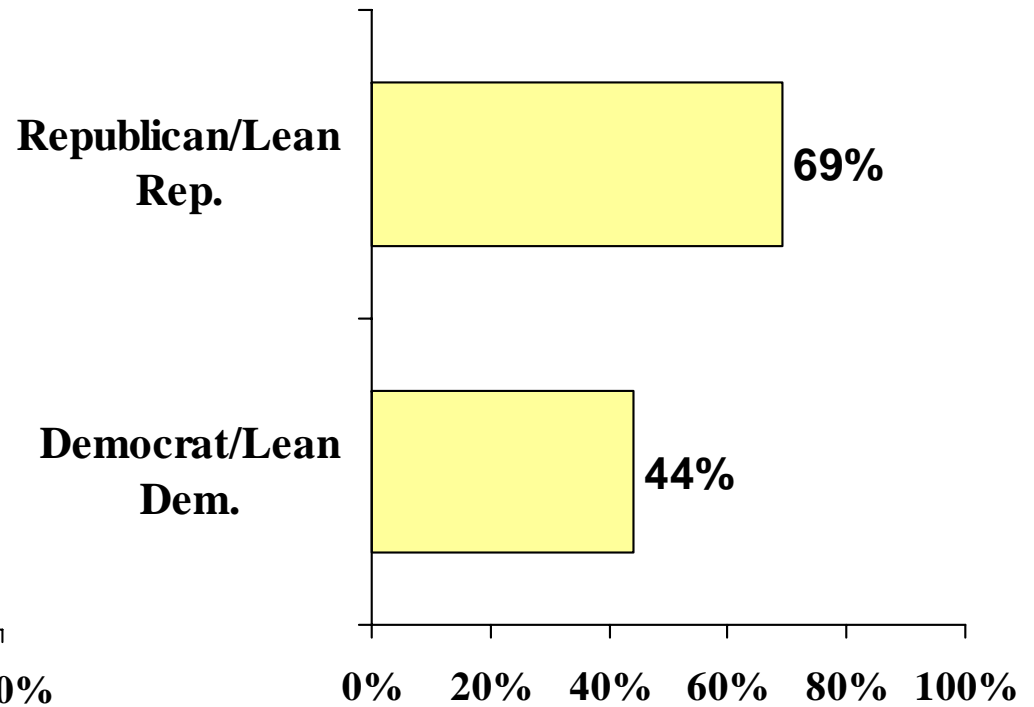
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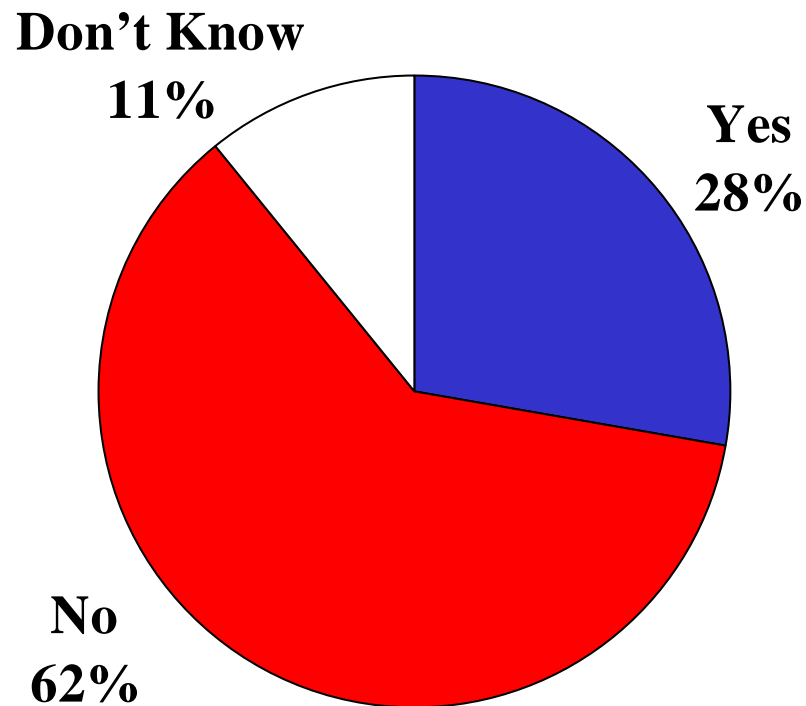
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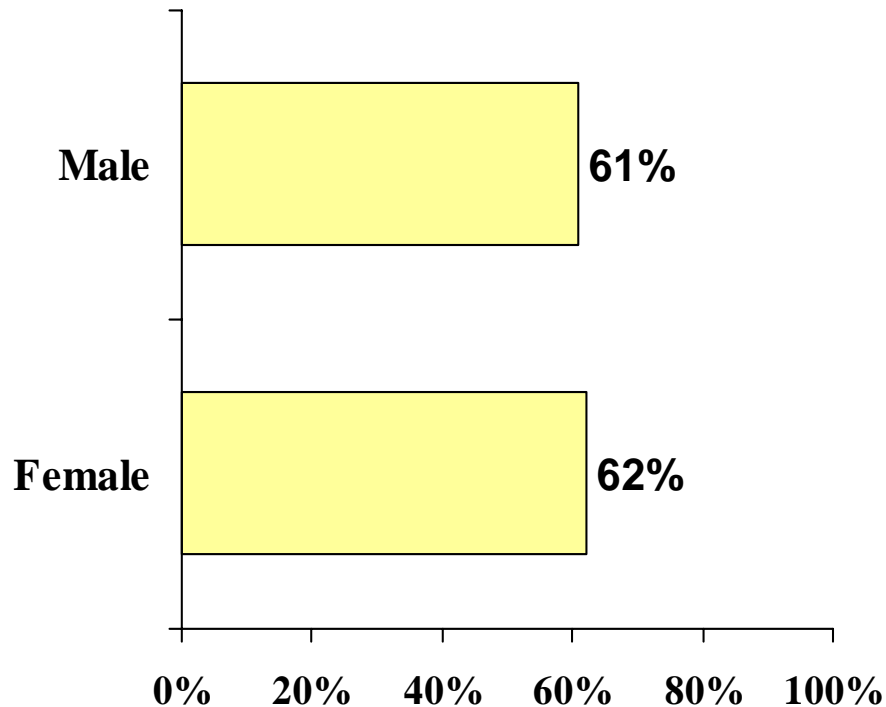
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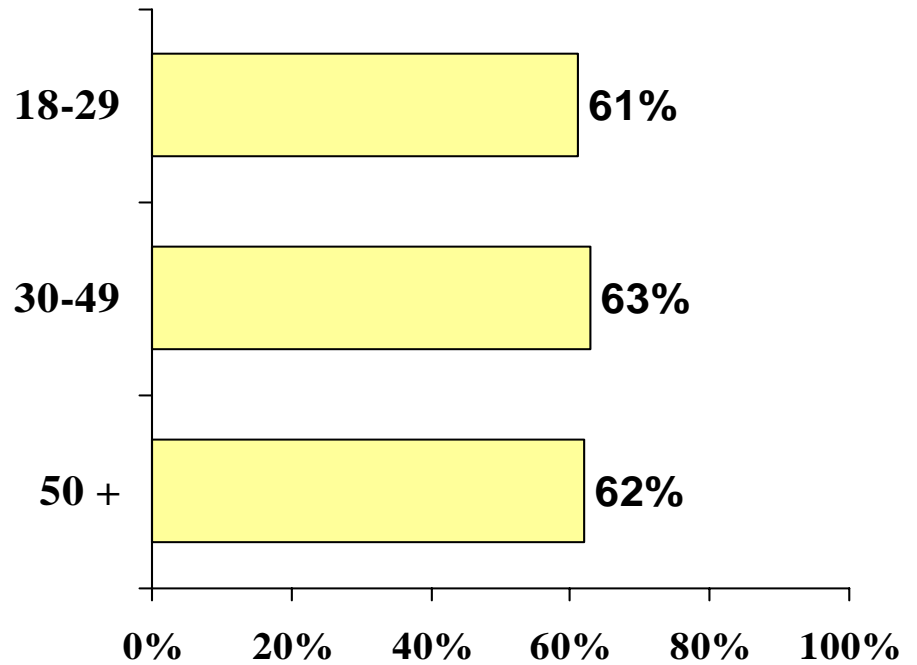
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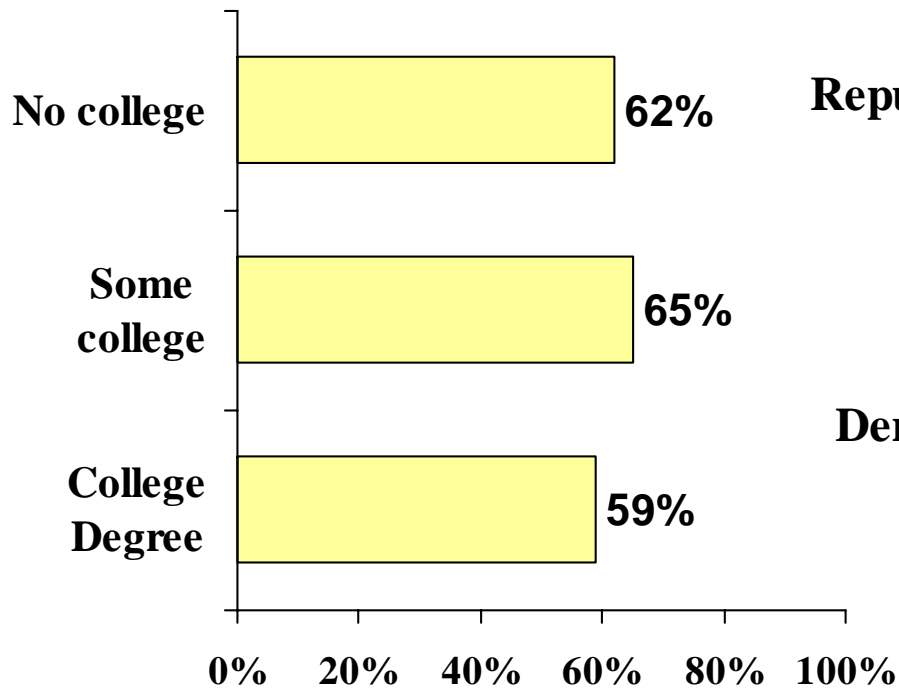
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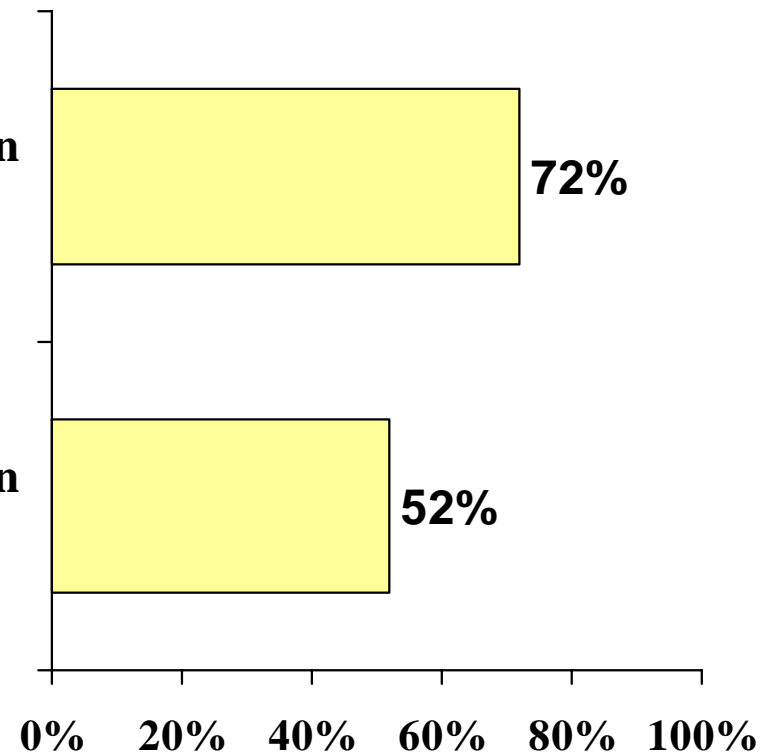


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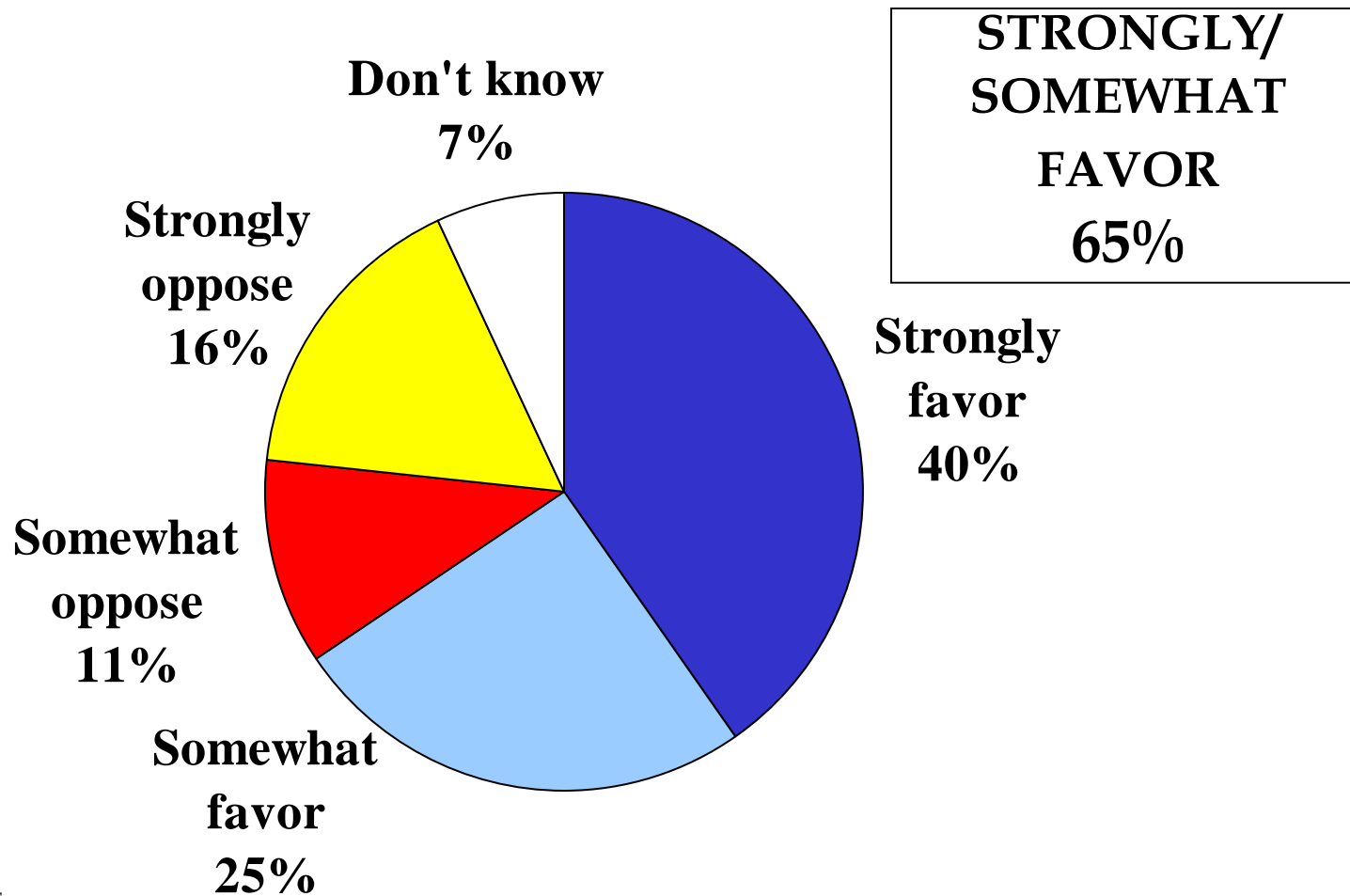
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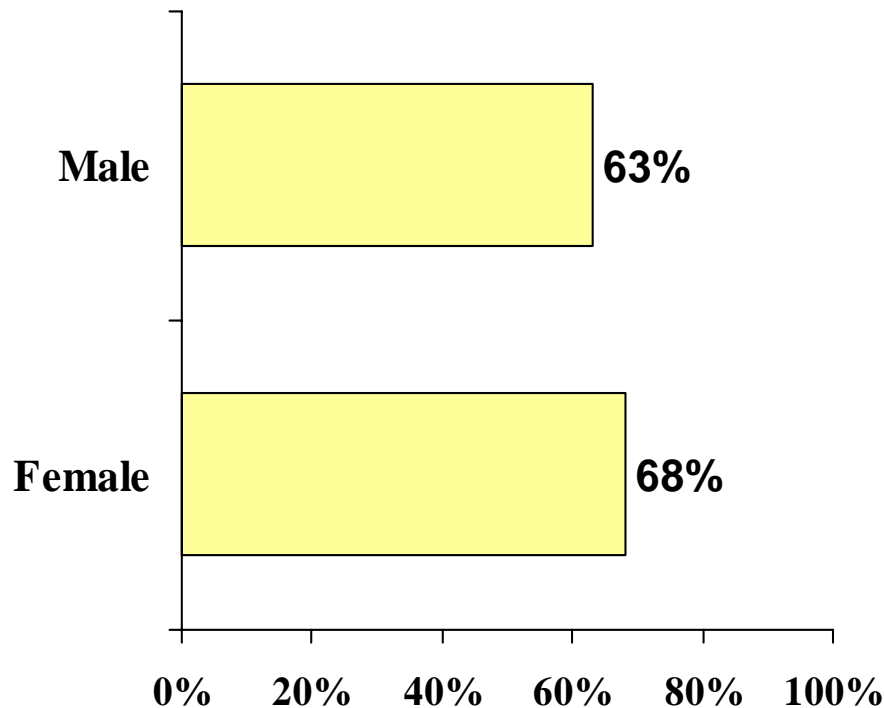
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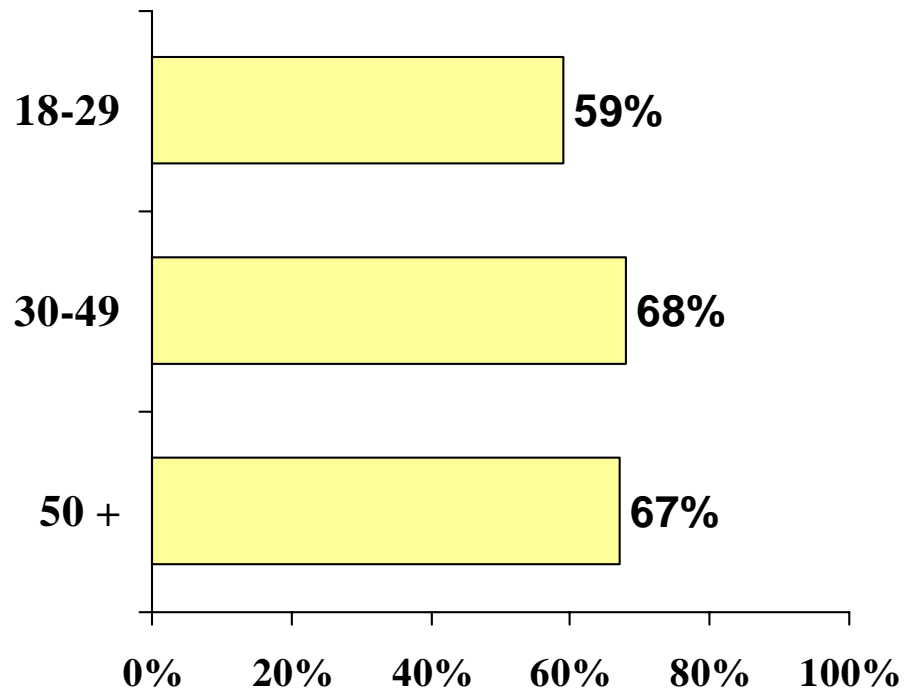
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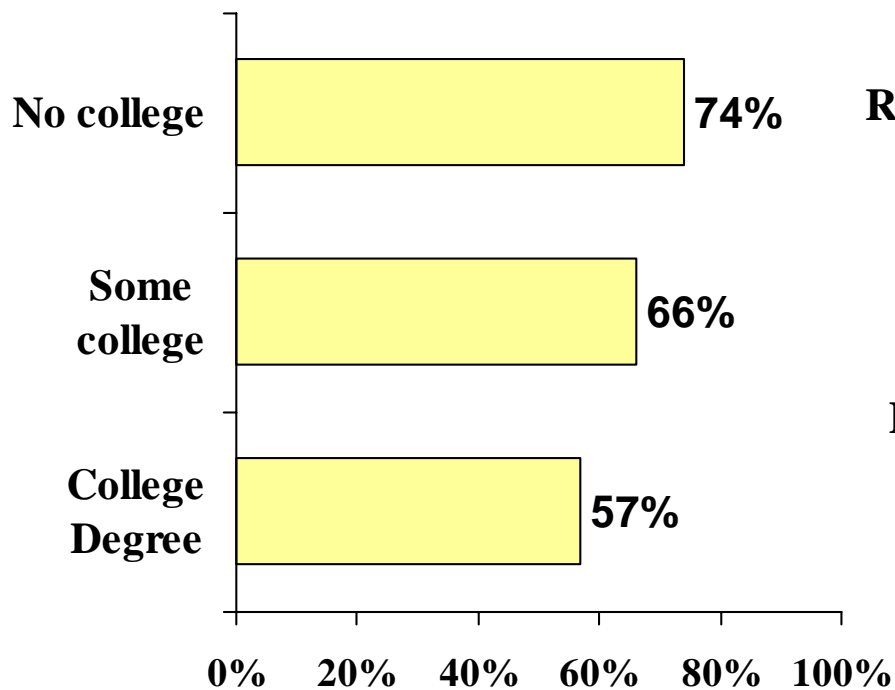
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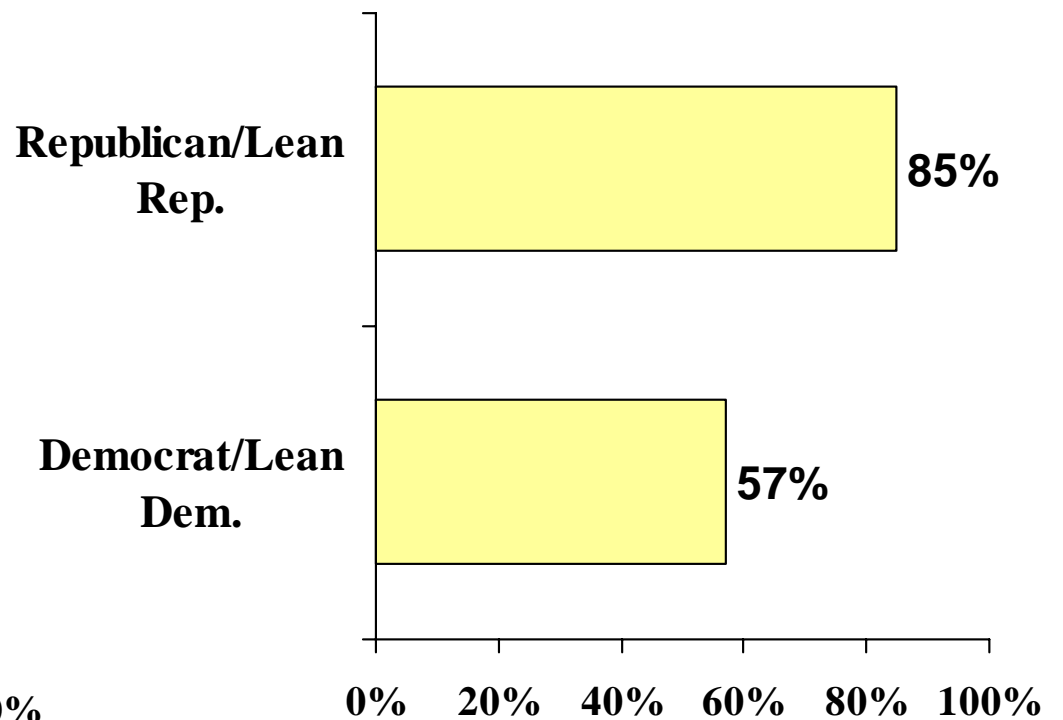
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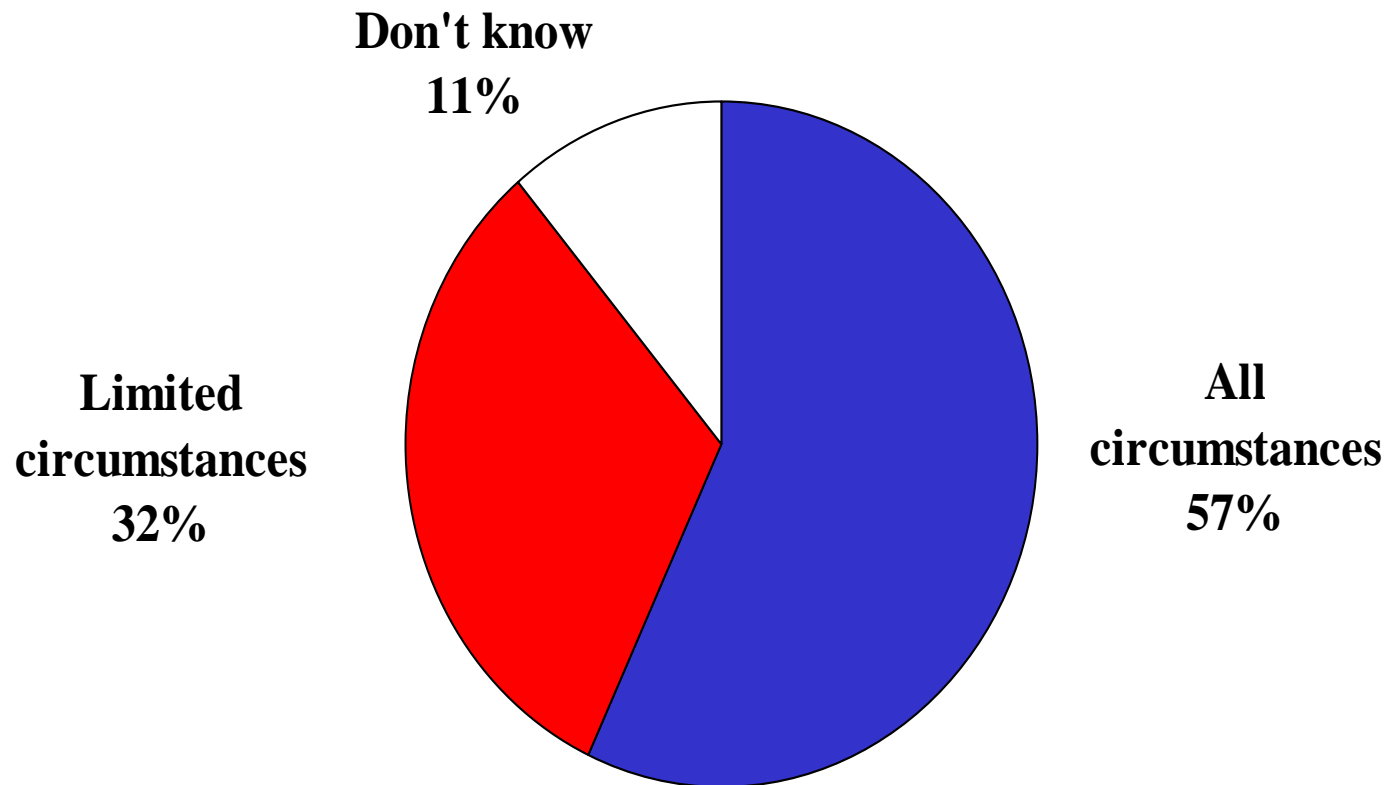
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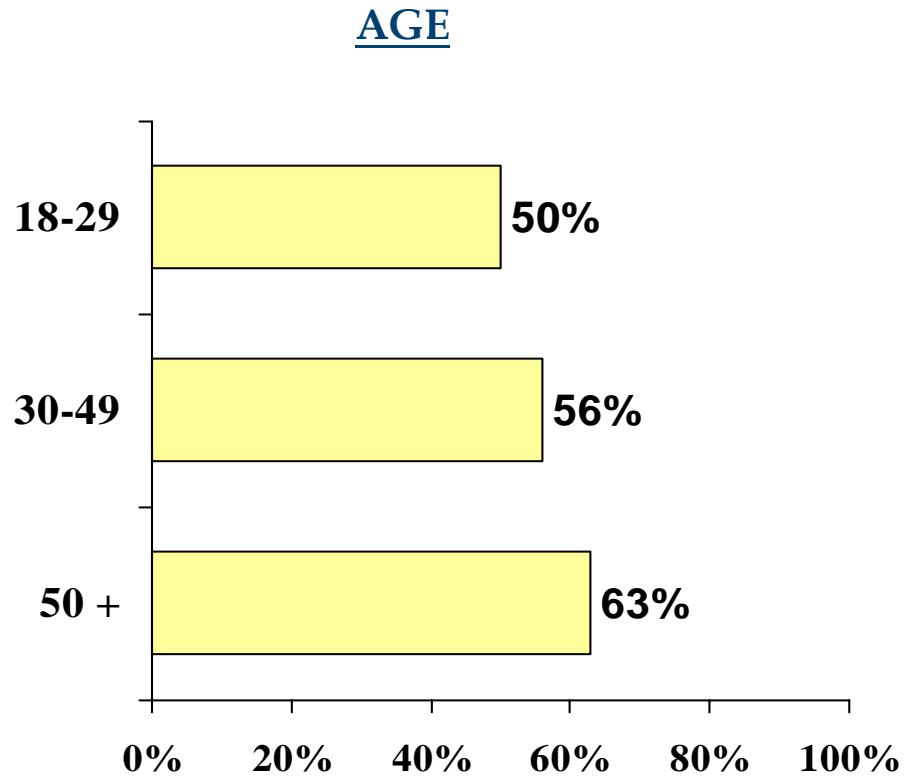
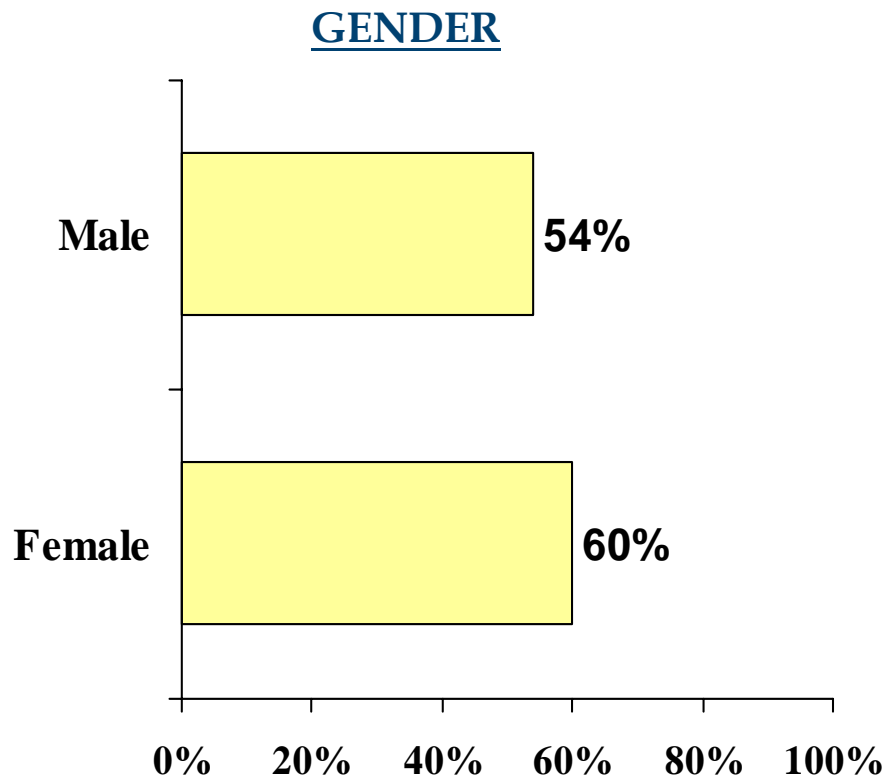


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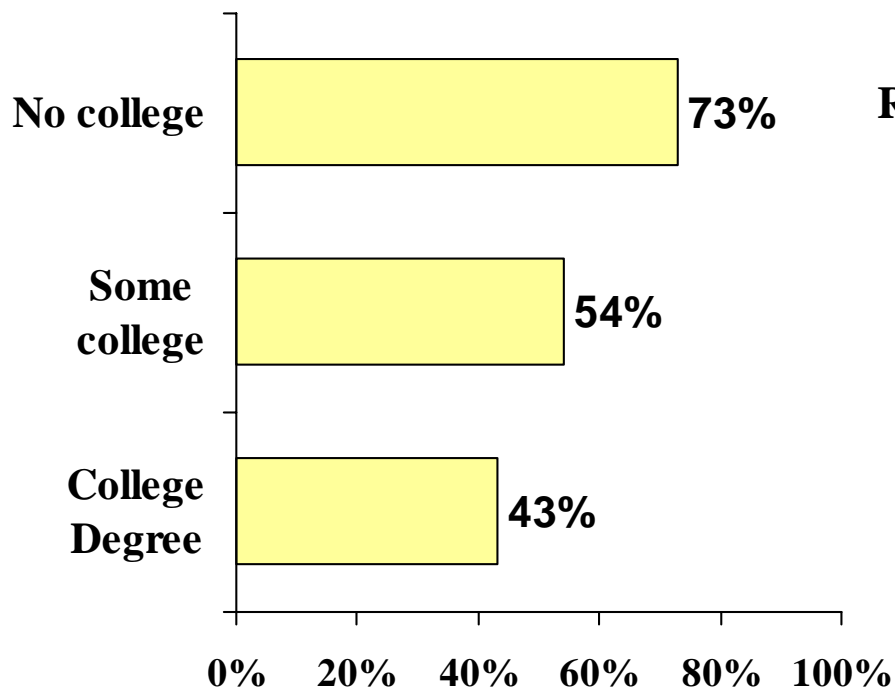
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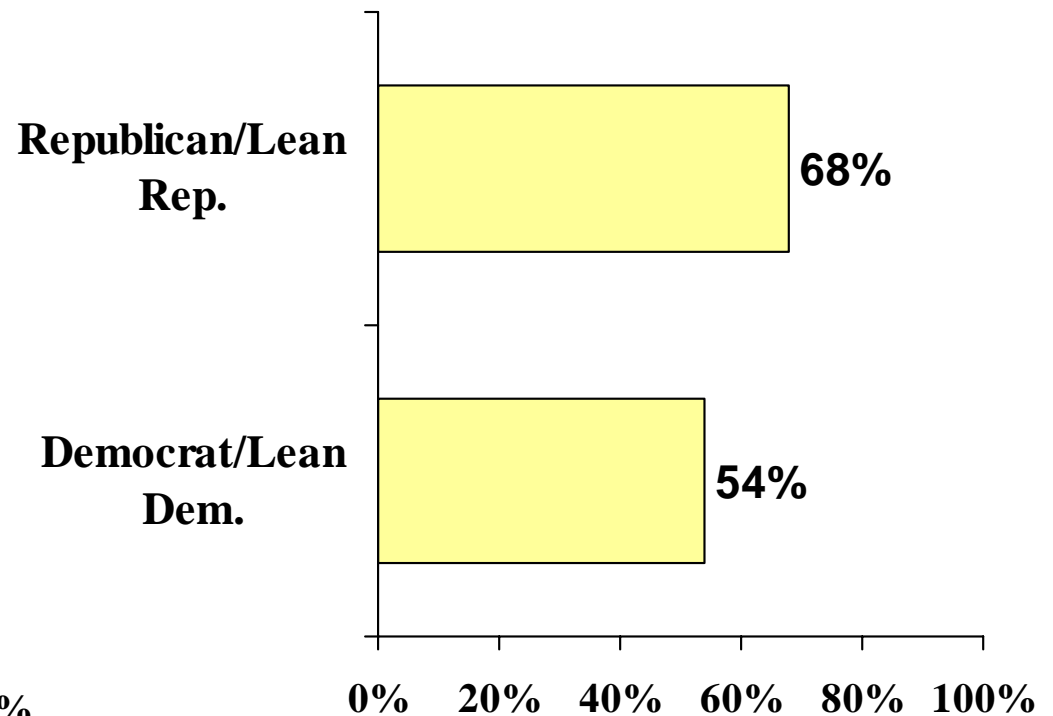
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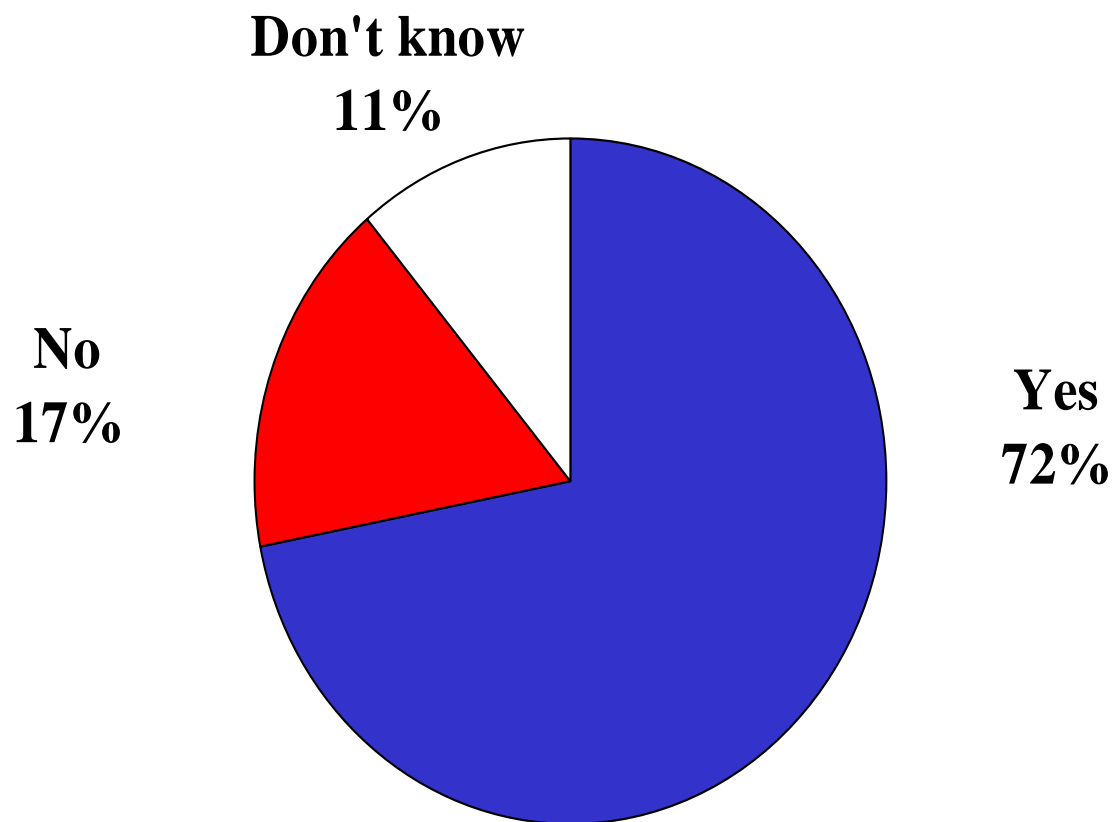
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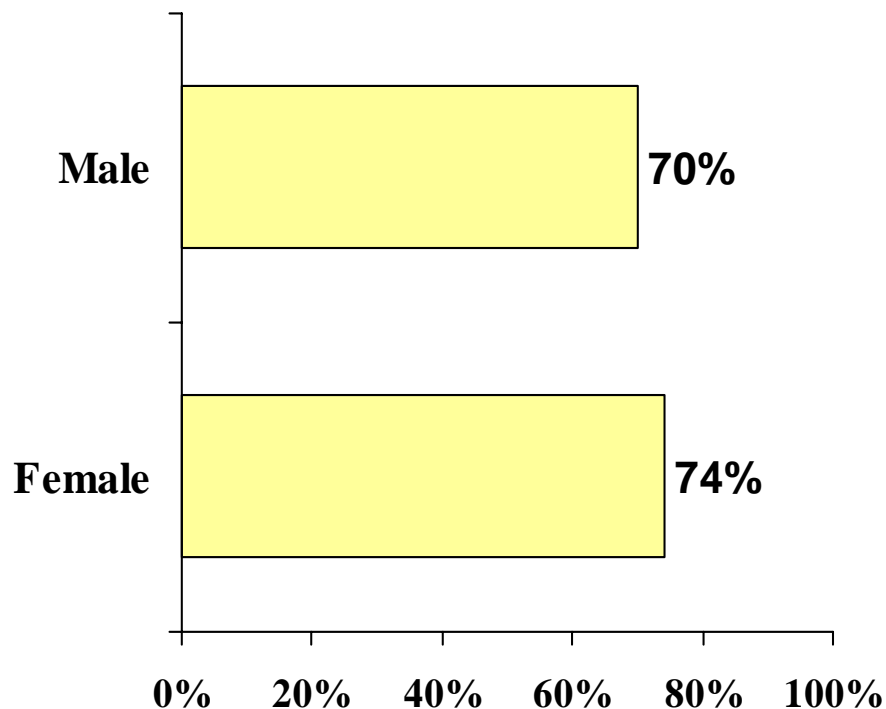
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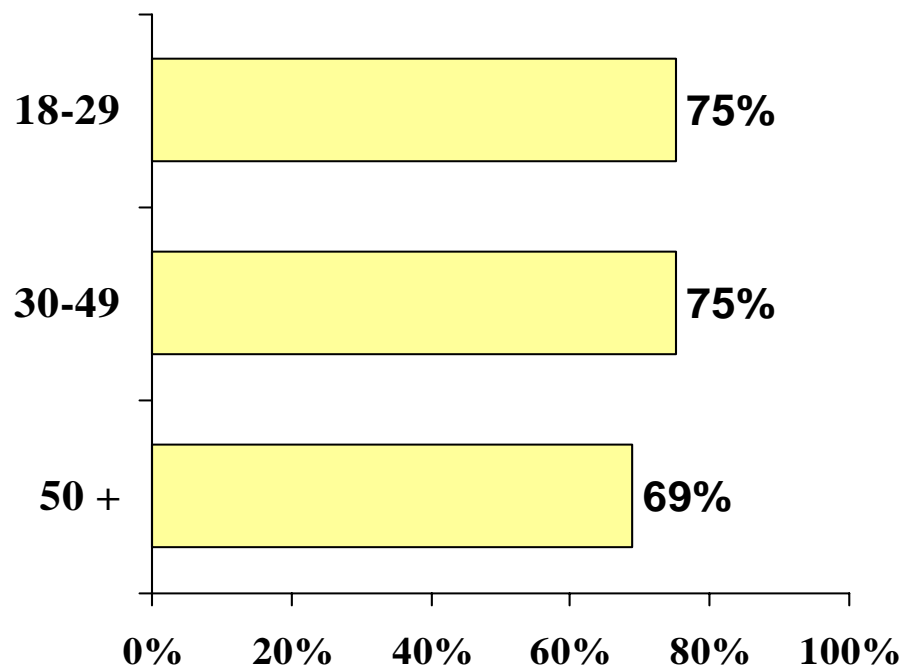
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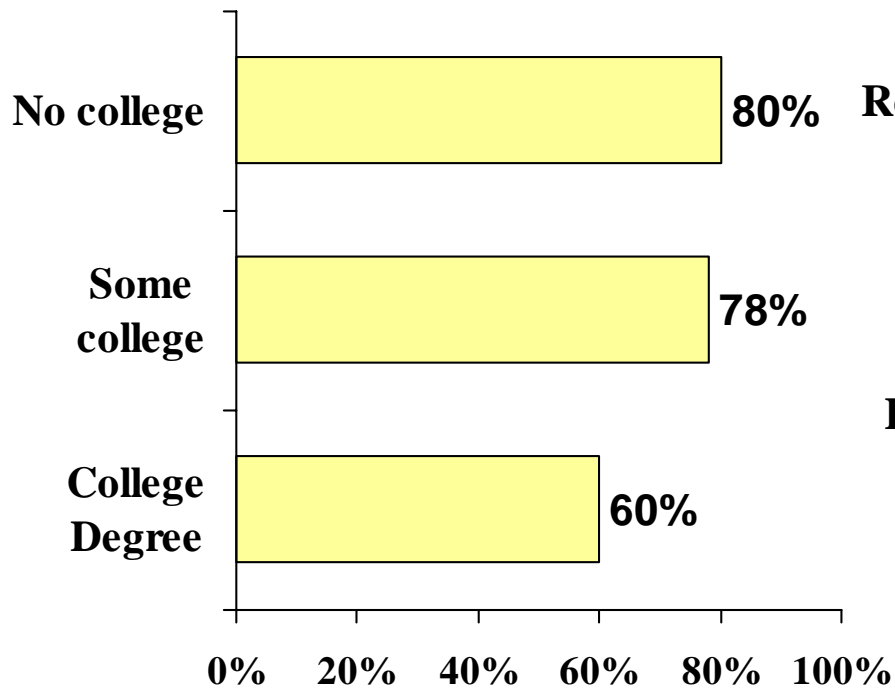
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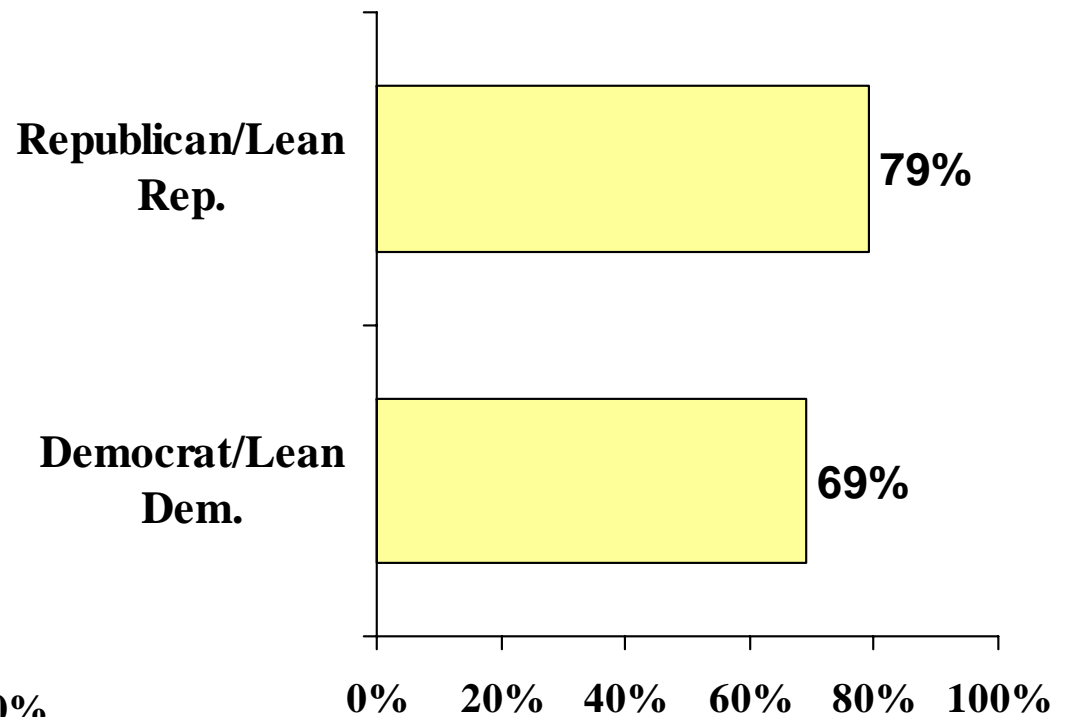
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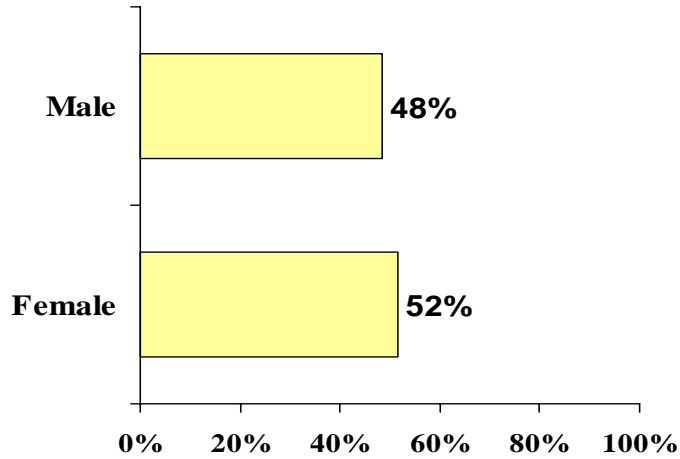
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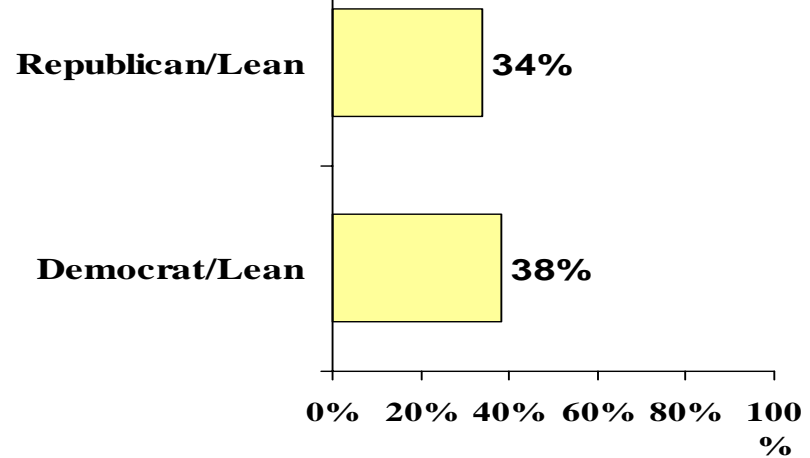
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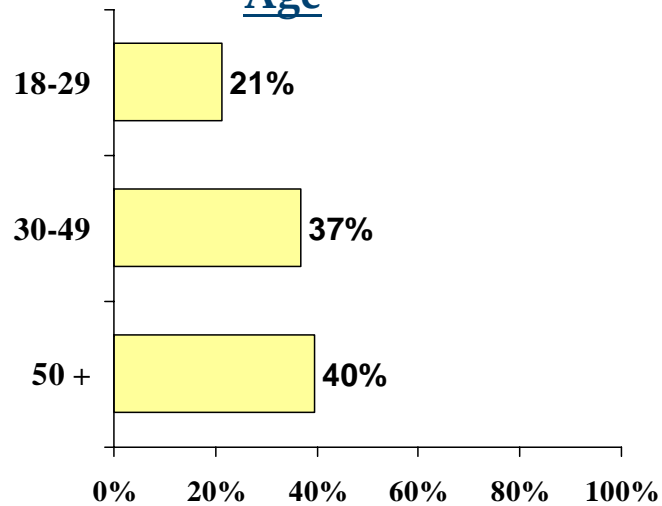
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