Virginia Medicaid Expansion Survey
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Magellan Strategies are pleased to present the results of a 1,463n autodial survey of likely general election voters in 6 counties in the state of Virginia. The interviewing was conducted July 10th - 14th, 2013. This survey has a margin of error of +/-2.56% at the 95 percent confidence interval.

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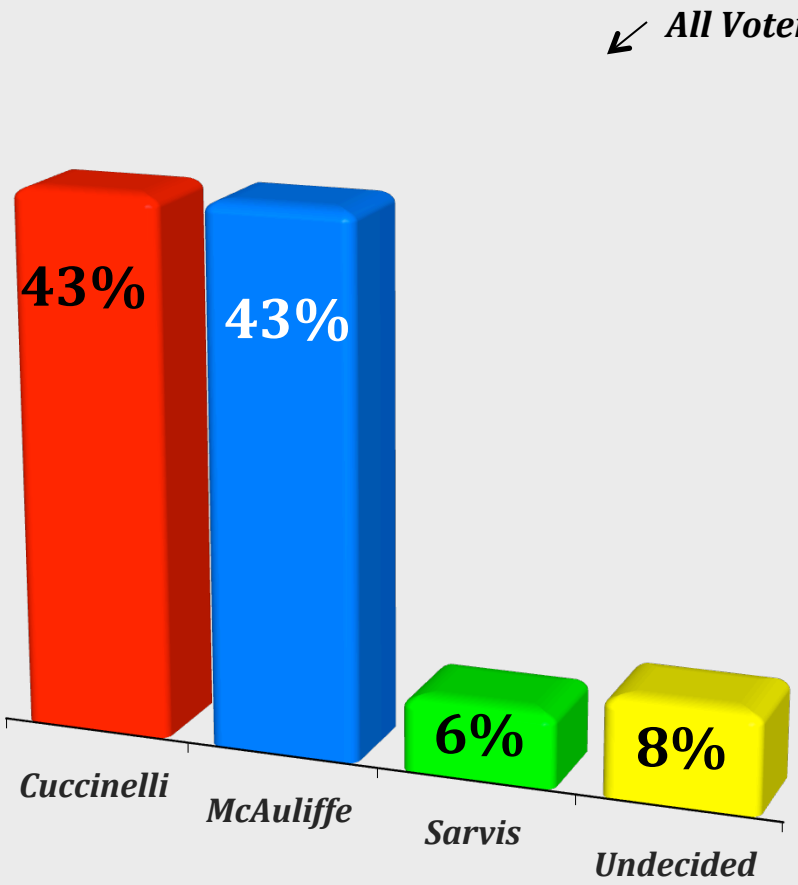

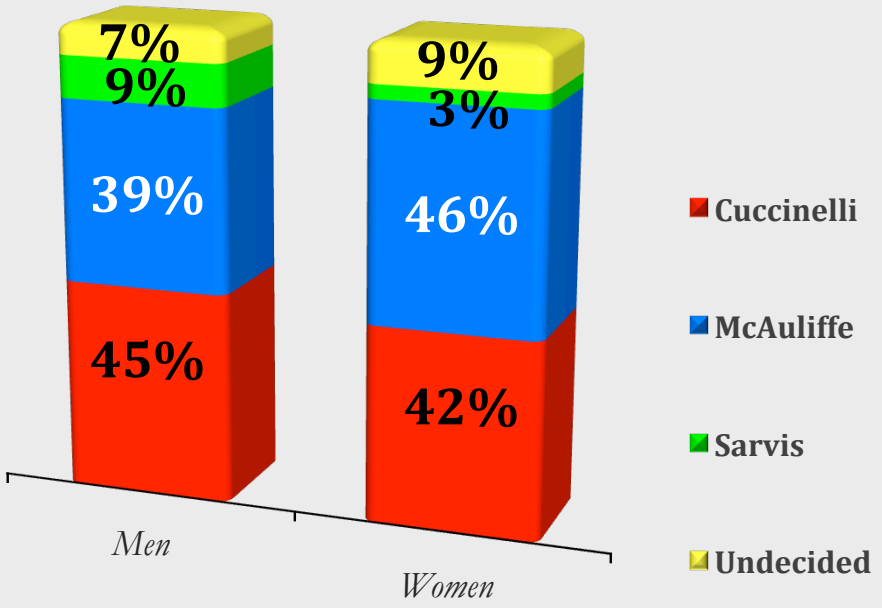

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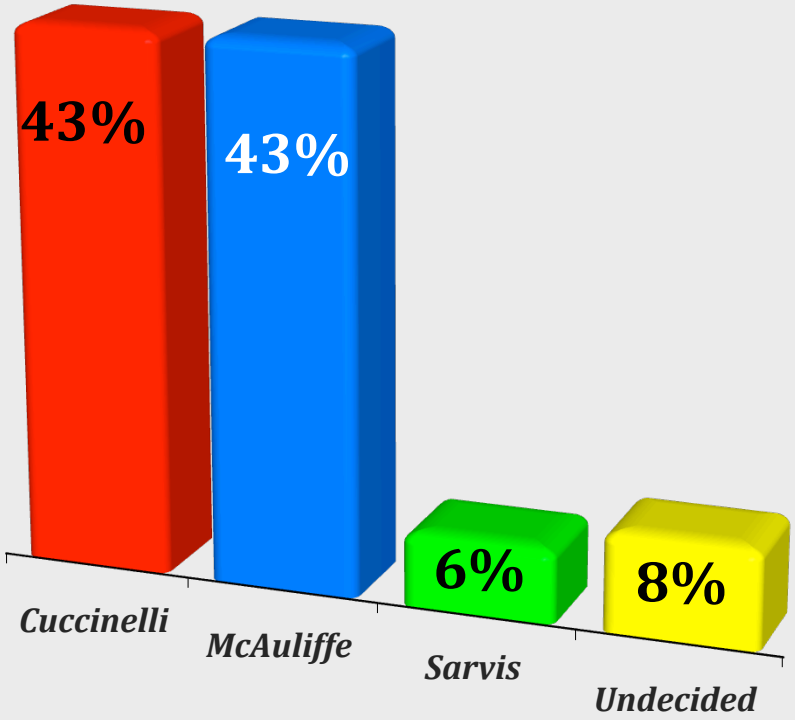

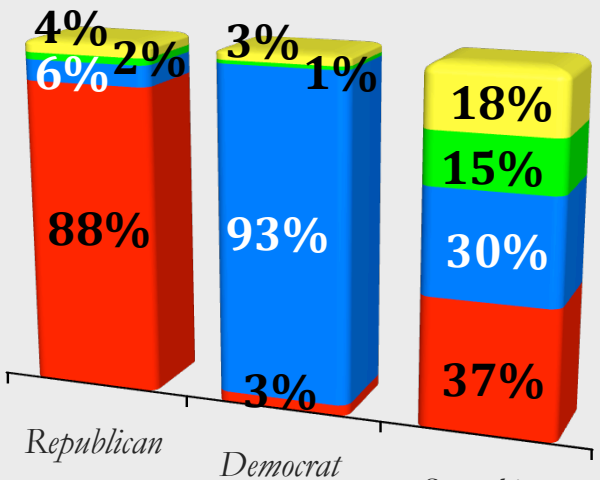

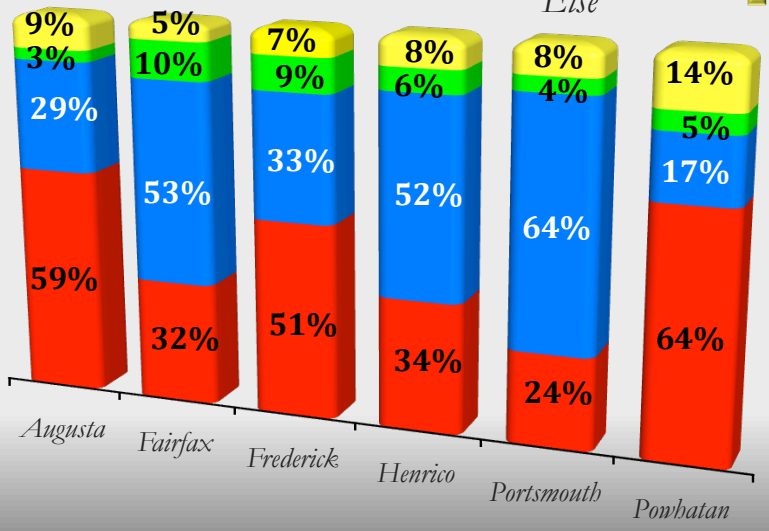

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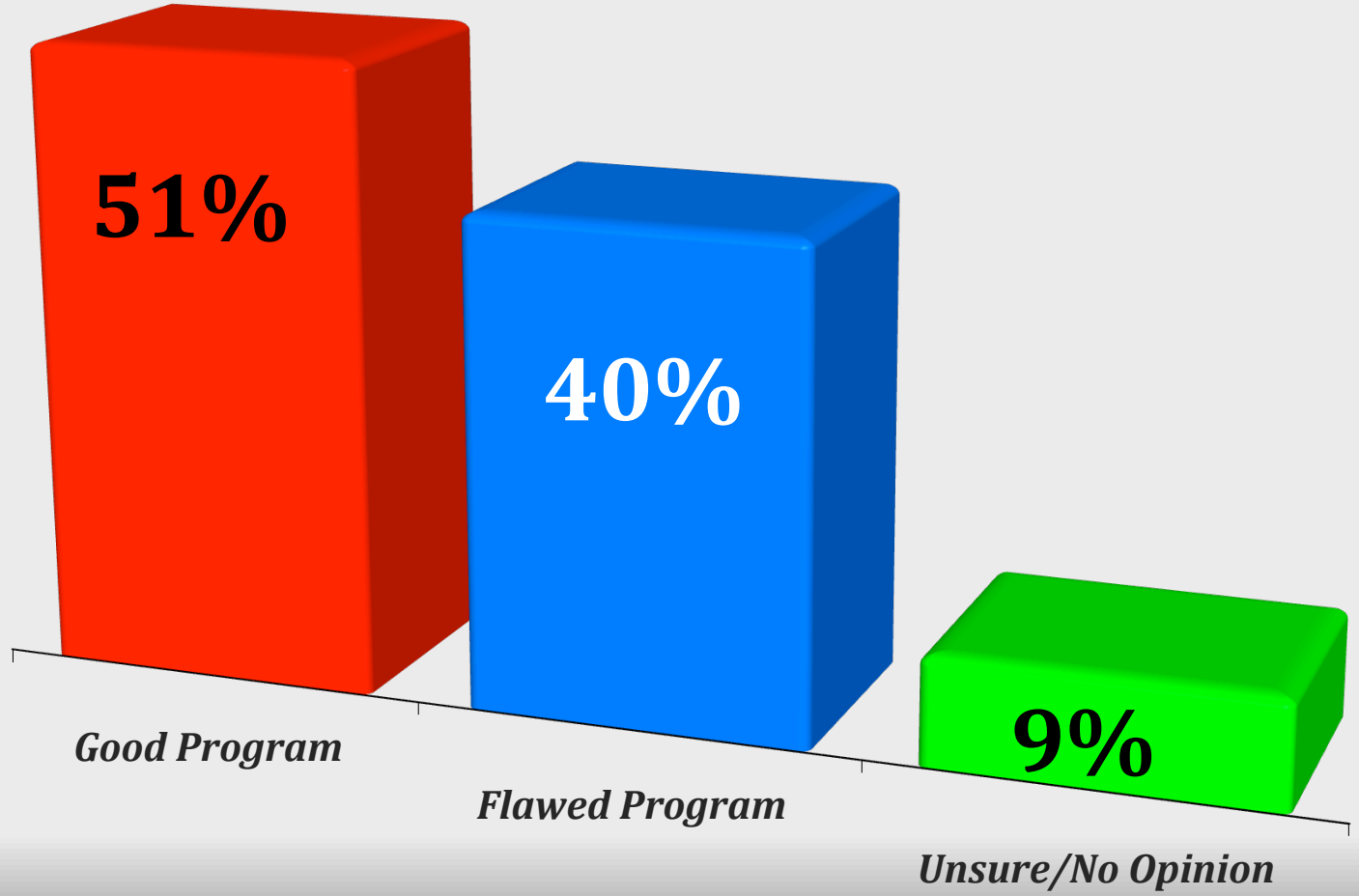

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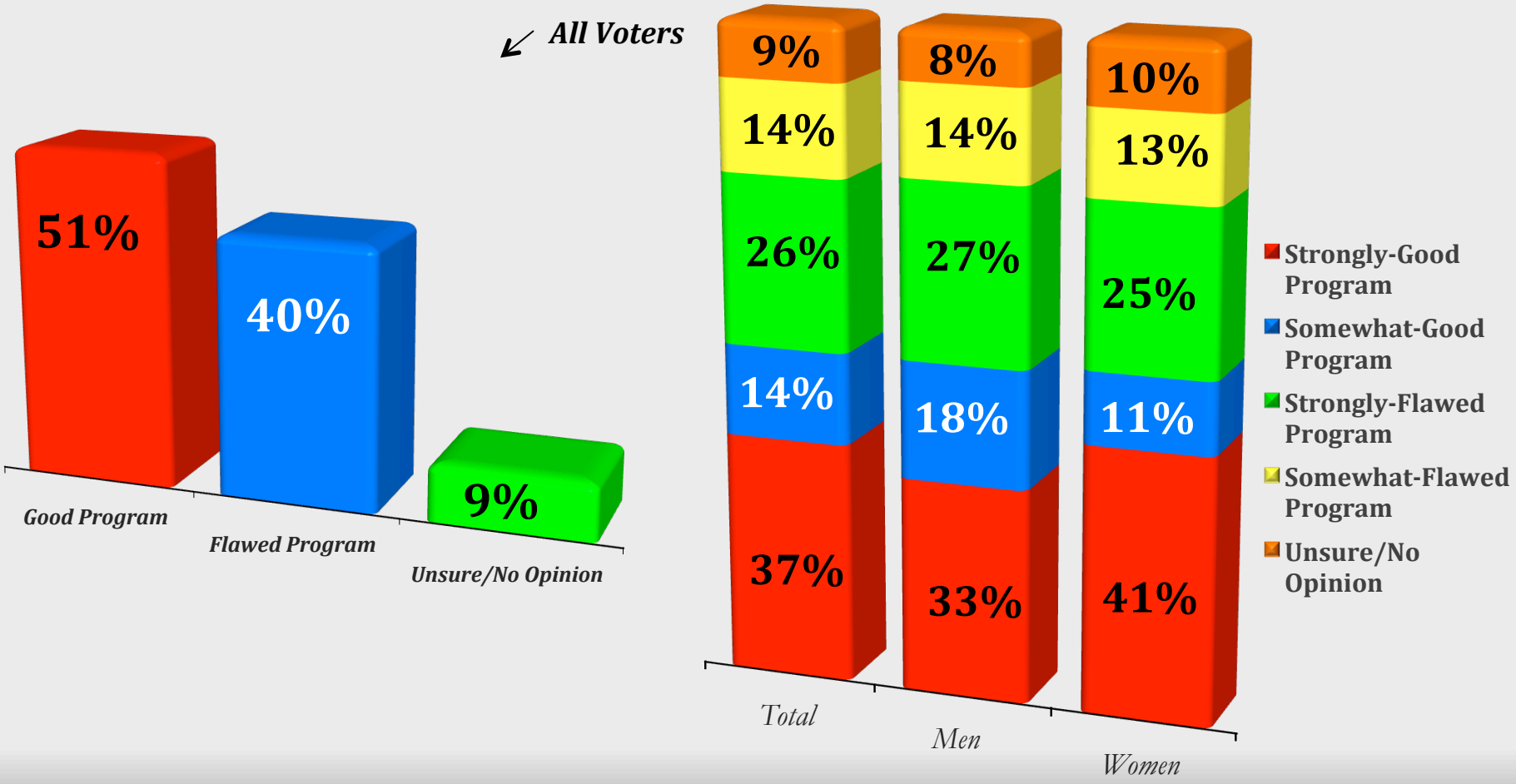

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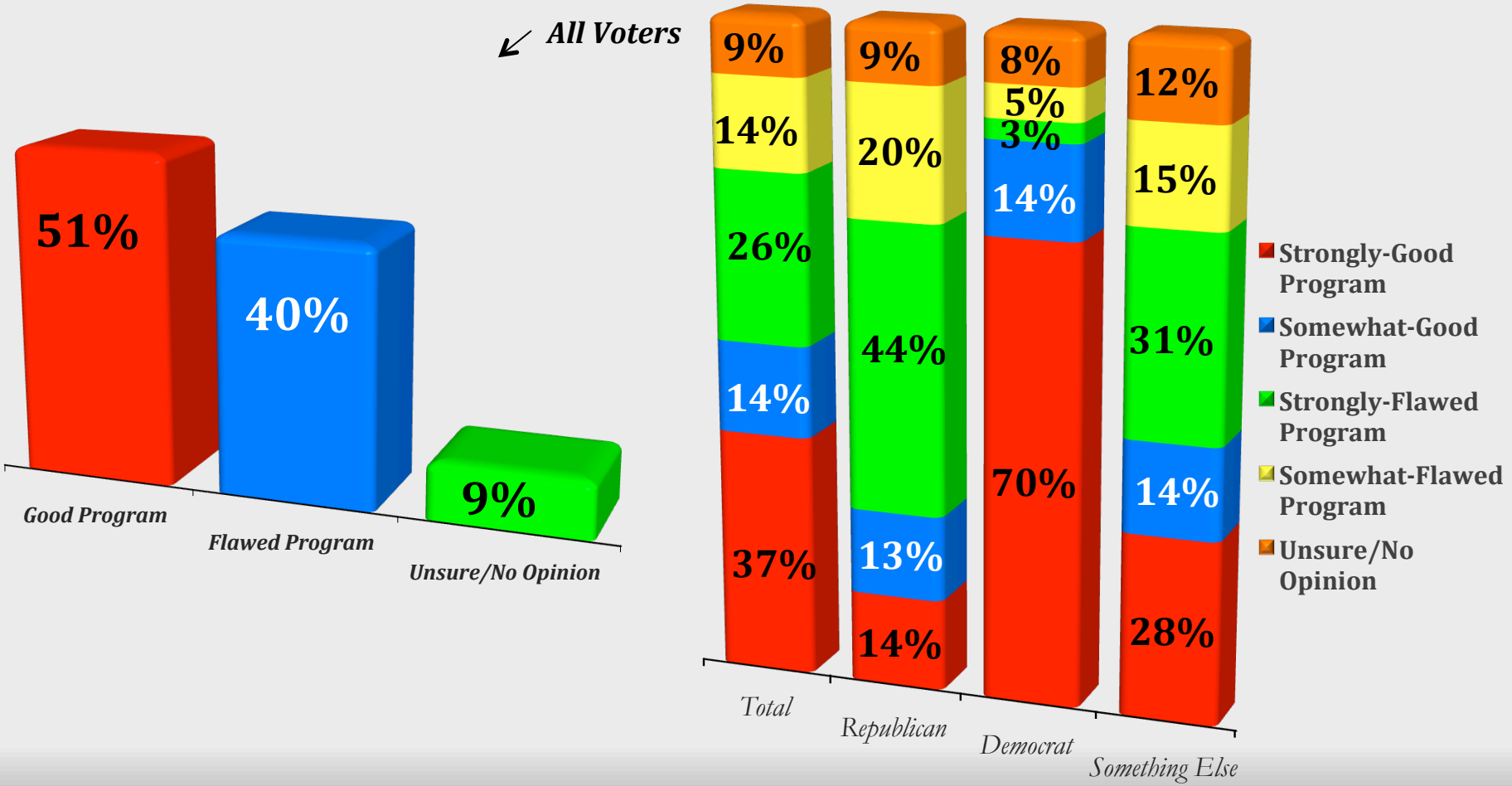

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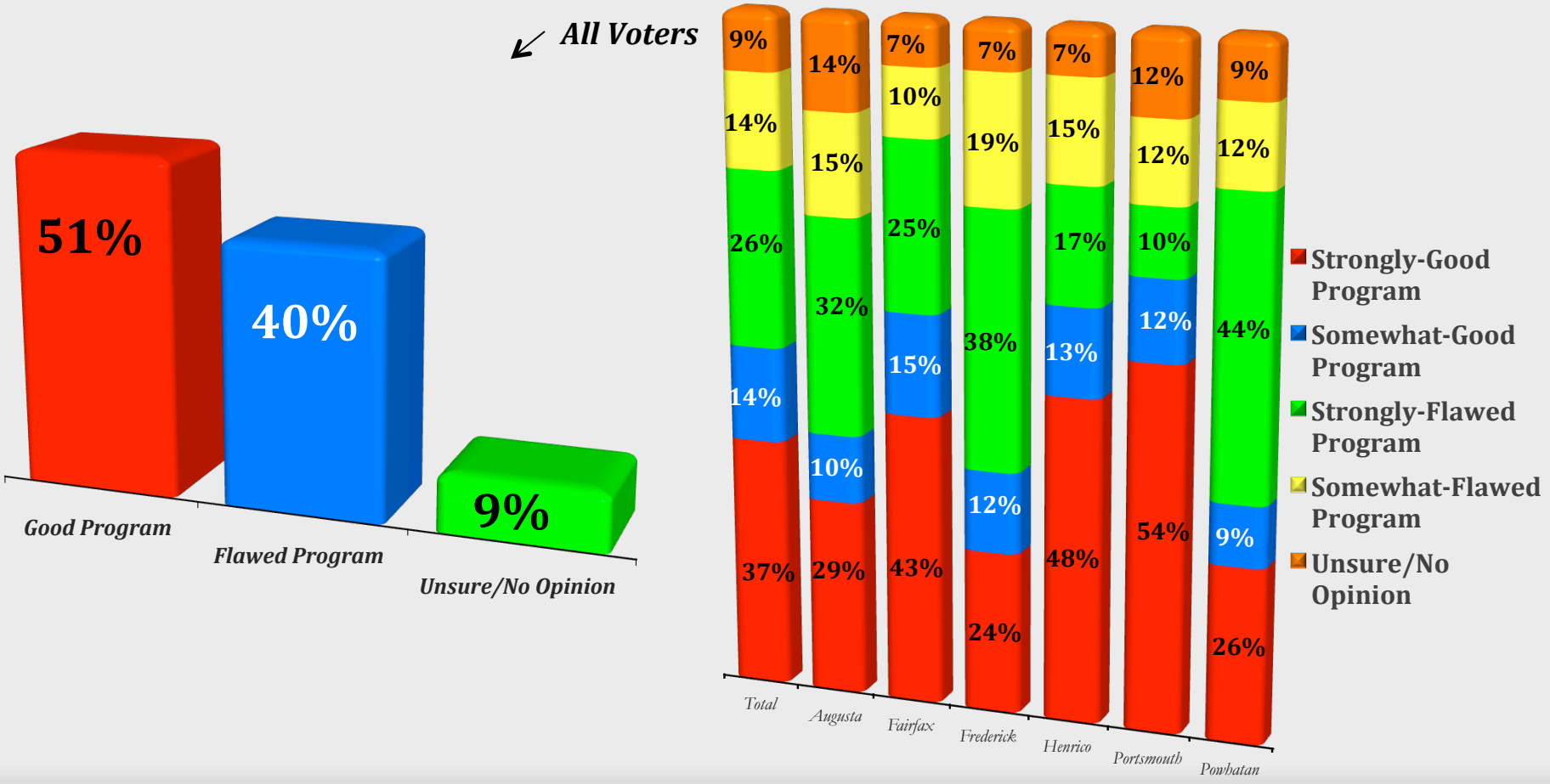

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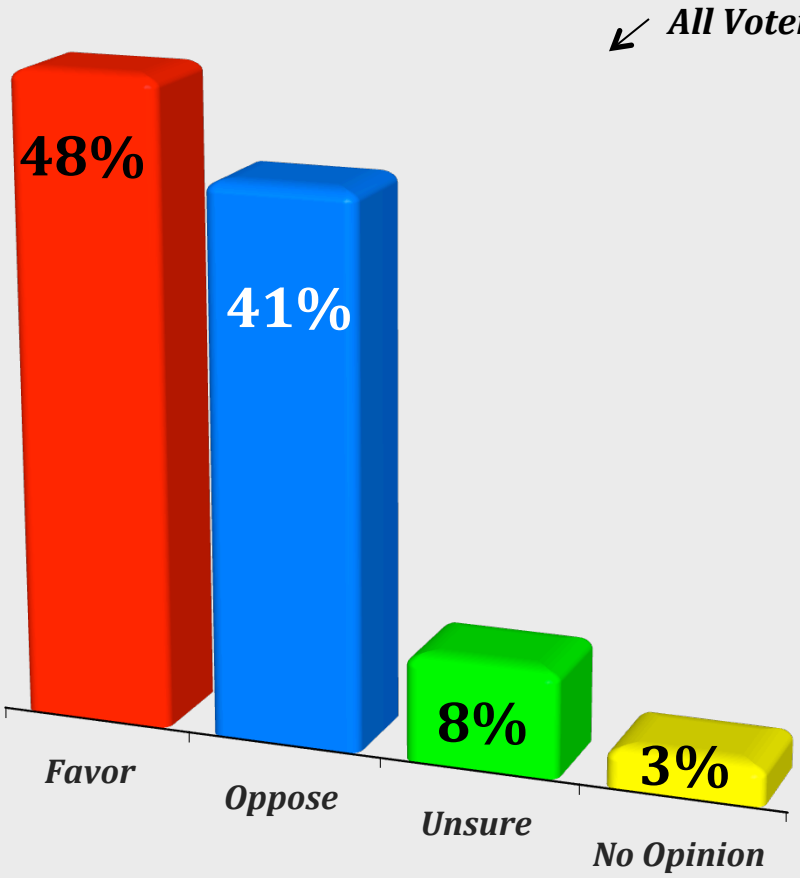

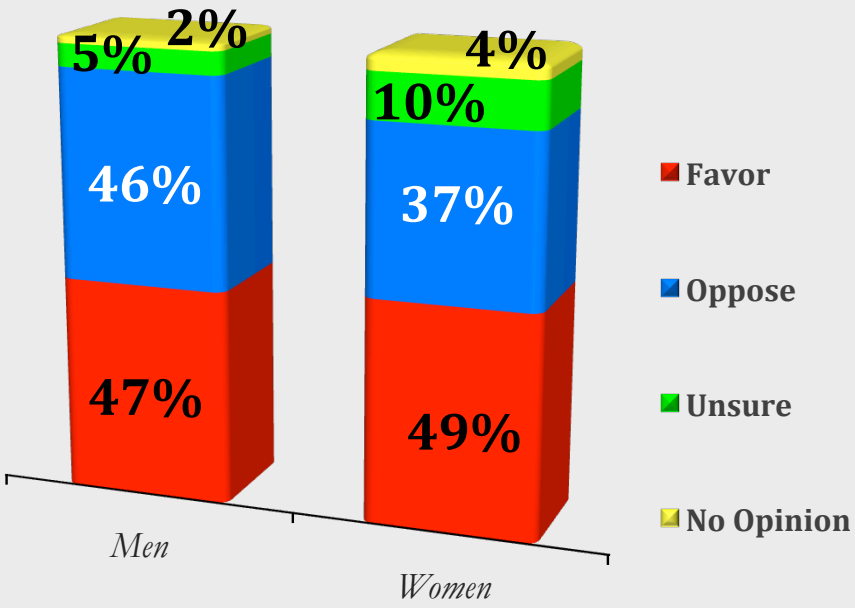

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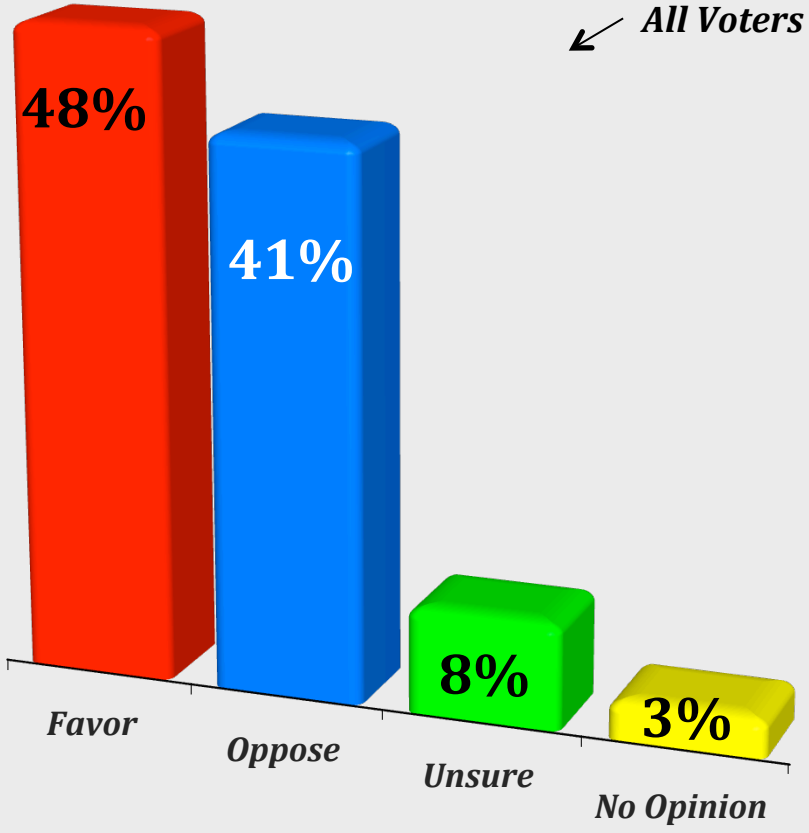

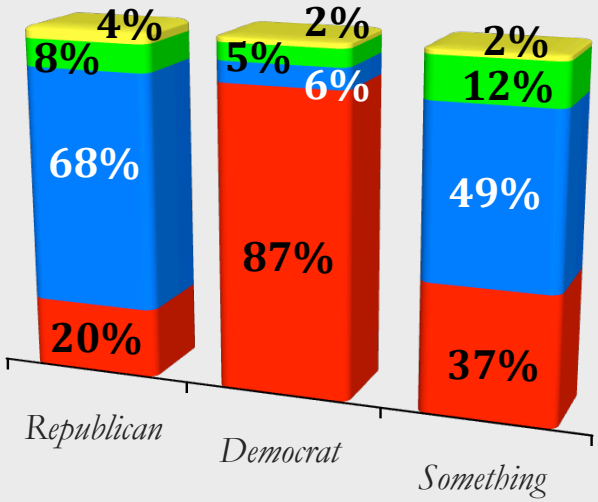

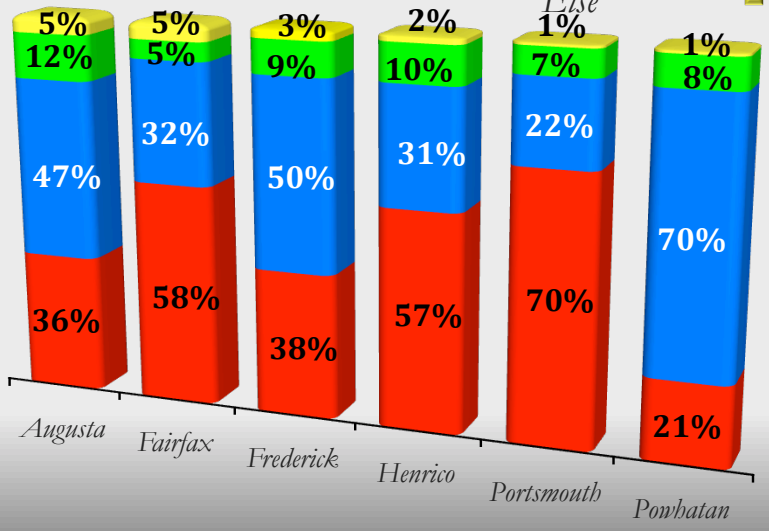

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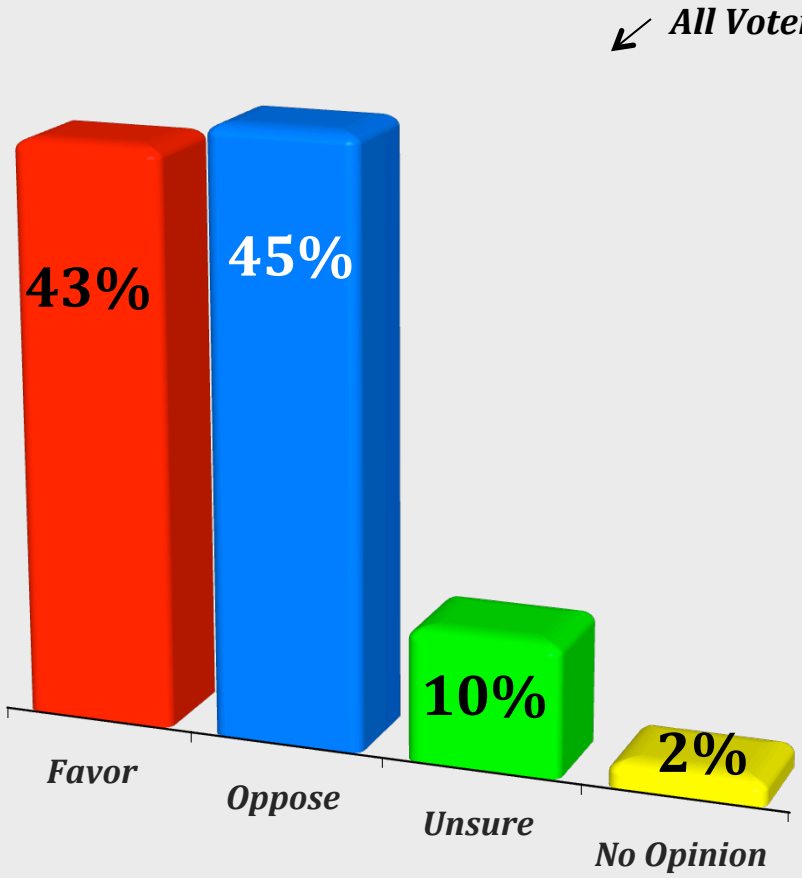

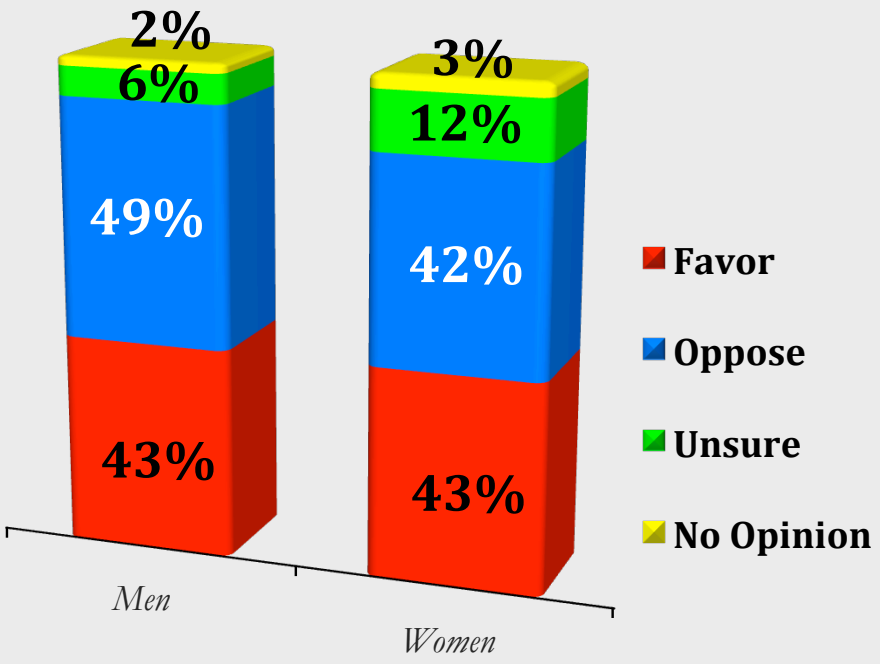

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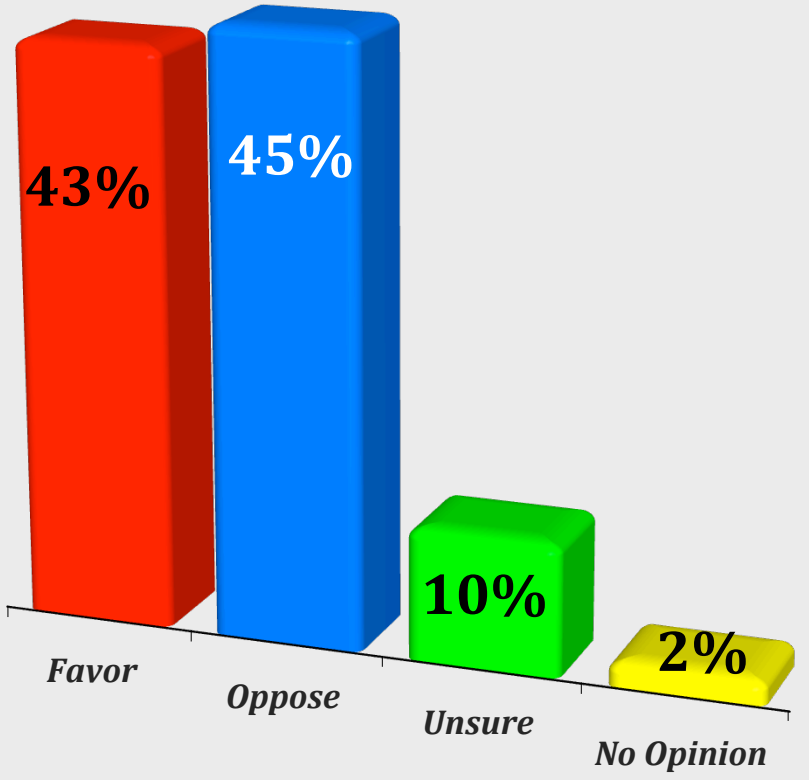

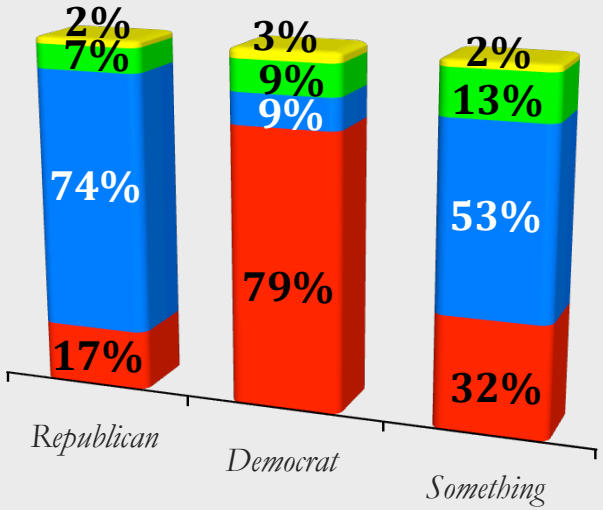

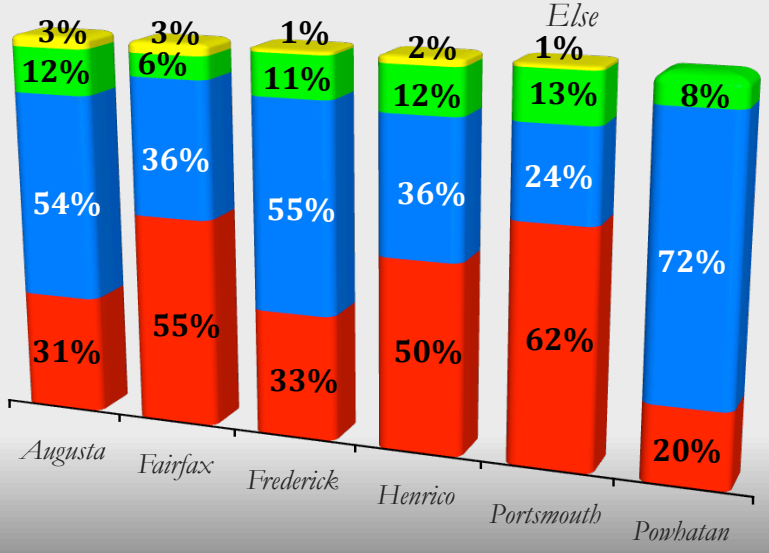

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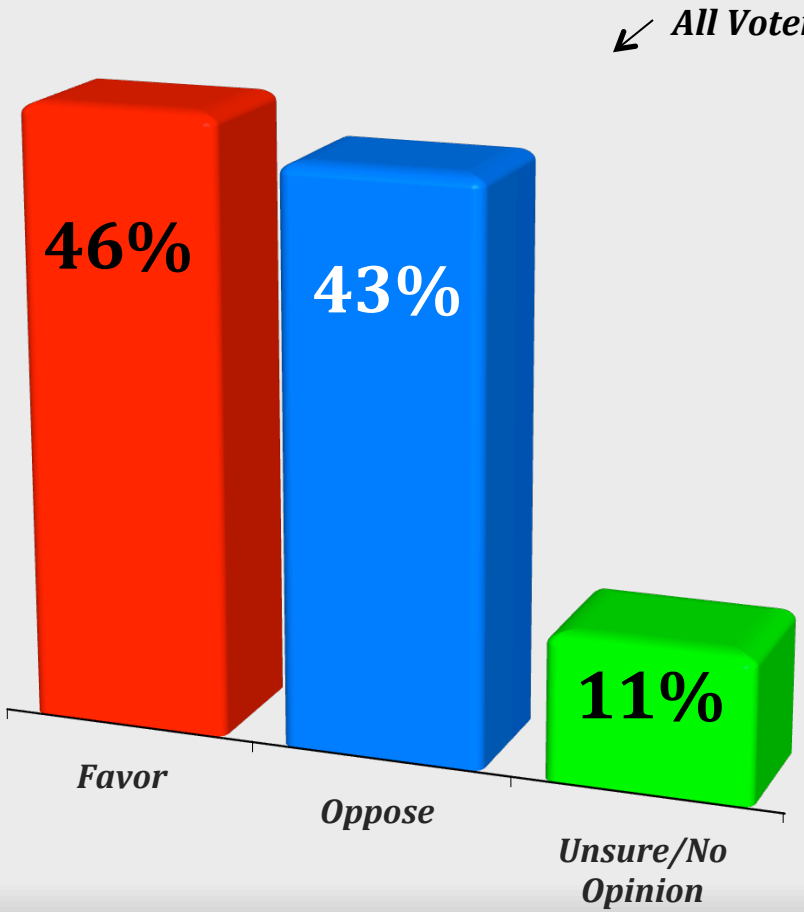

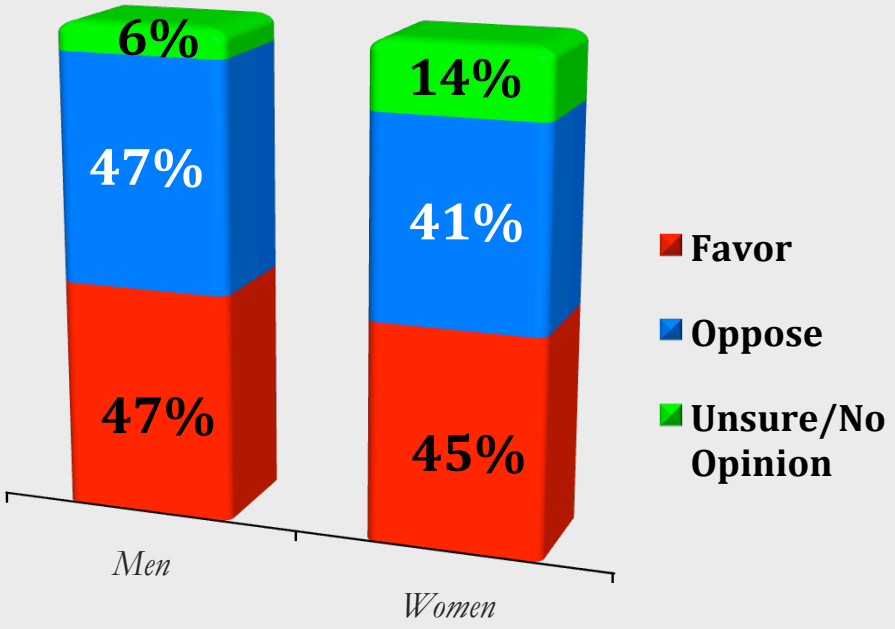

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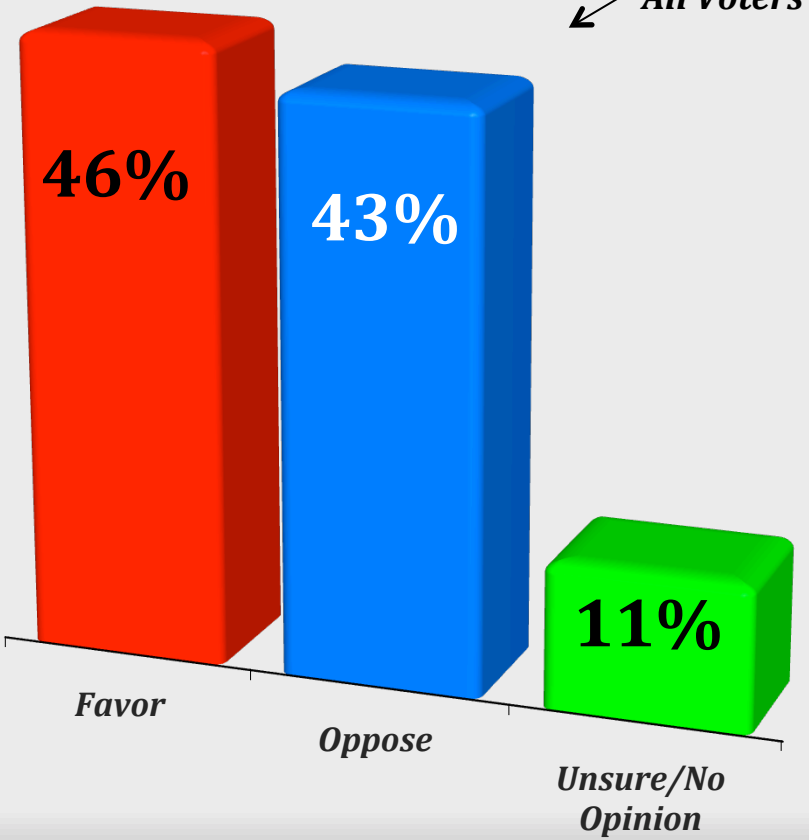

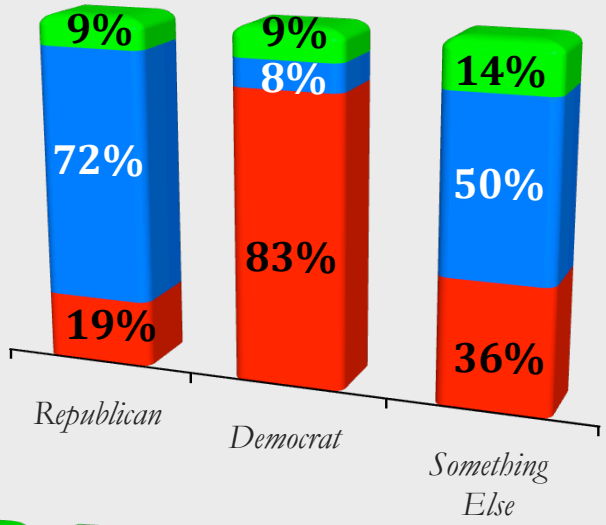

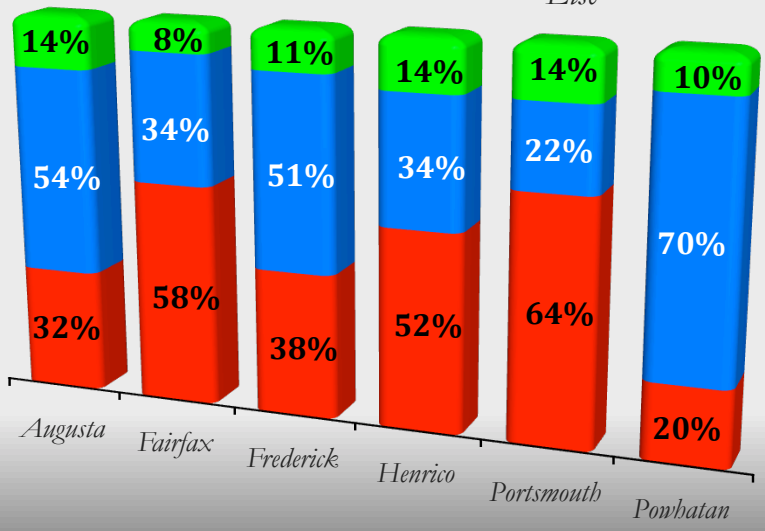

Voter Opinion on Convincing Arguments to Not Expand Medicaid

"As you may know, any expansion of Medicaid will have supporters and opponents. I'm now going to read to you a list of the arguments being made by those opposing expansion of Medicaid. For each argument, please tell me whether the argument is very convincing, somewhat convincing, or not very convincing as a reason to NOT expand Medicaid."

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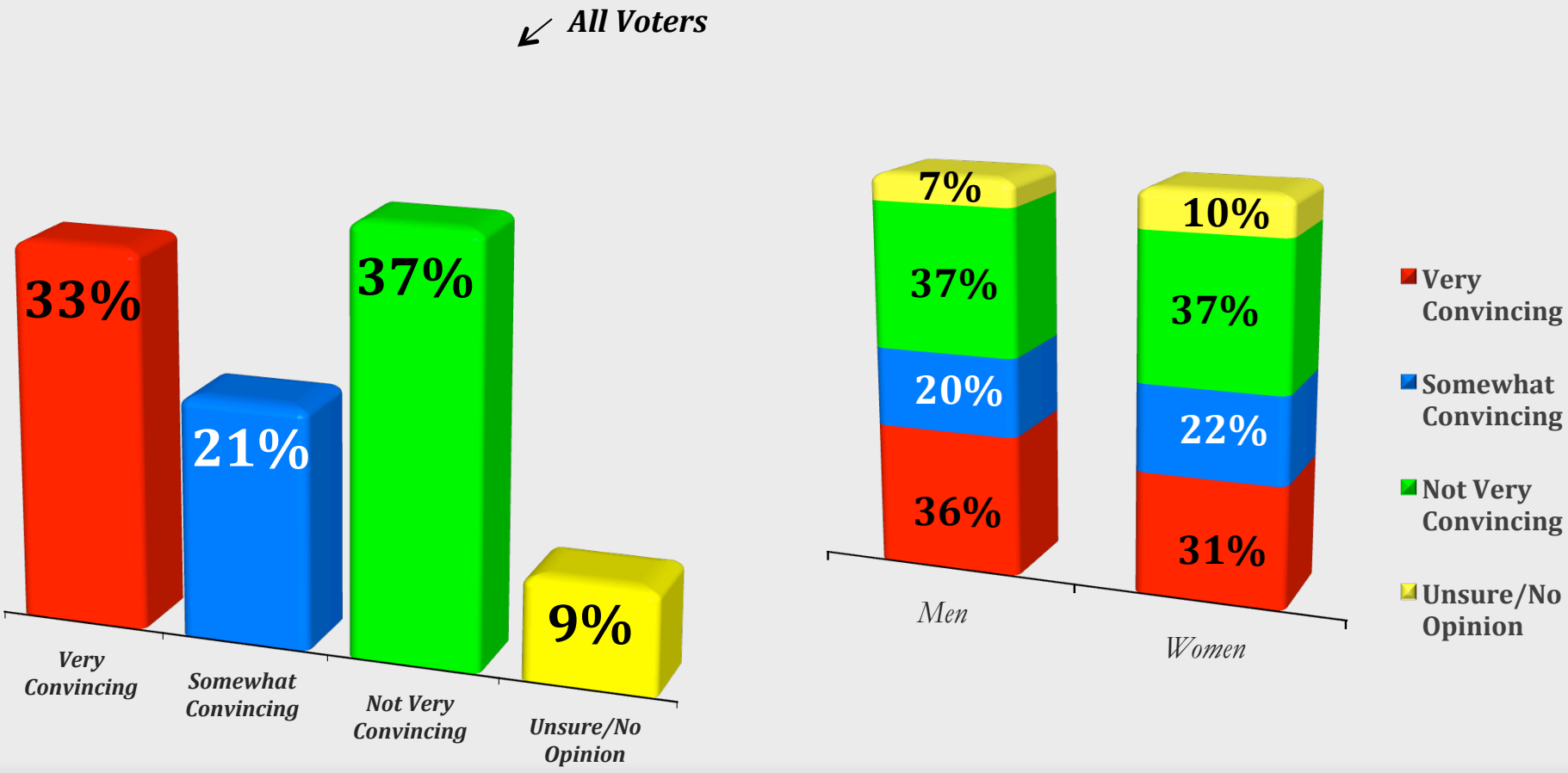

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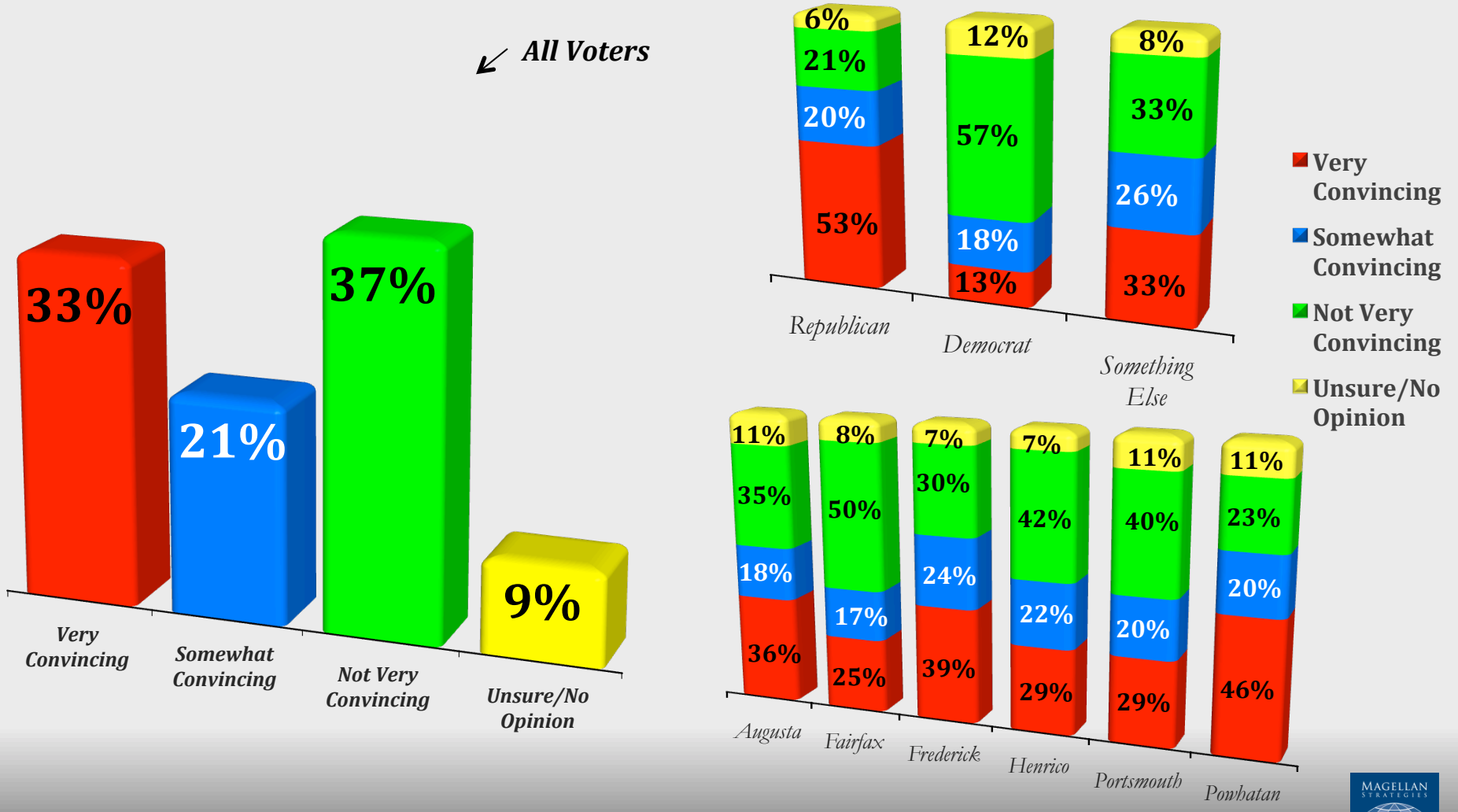

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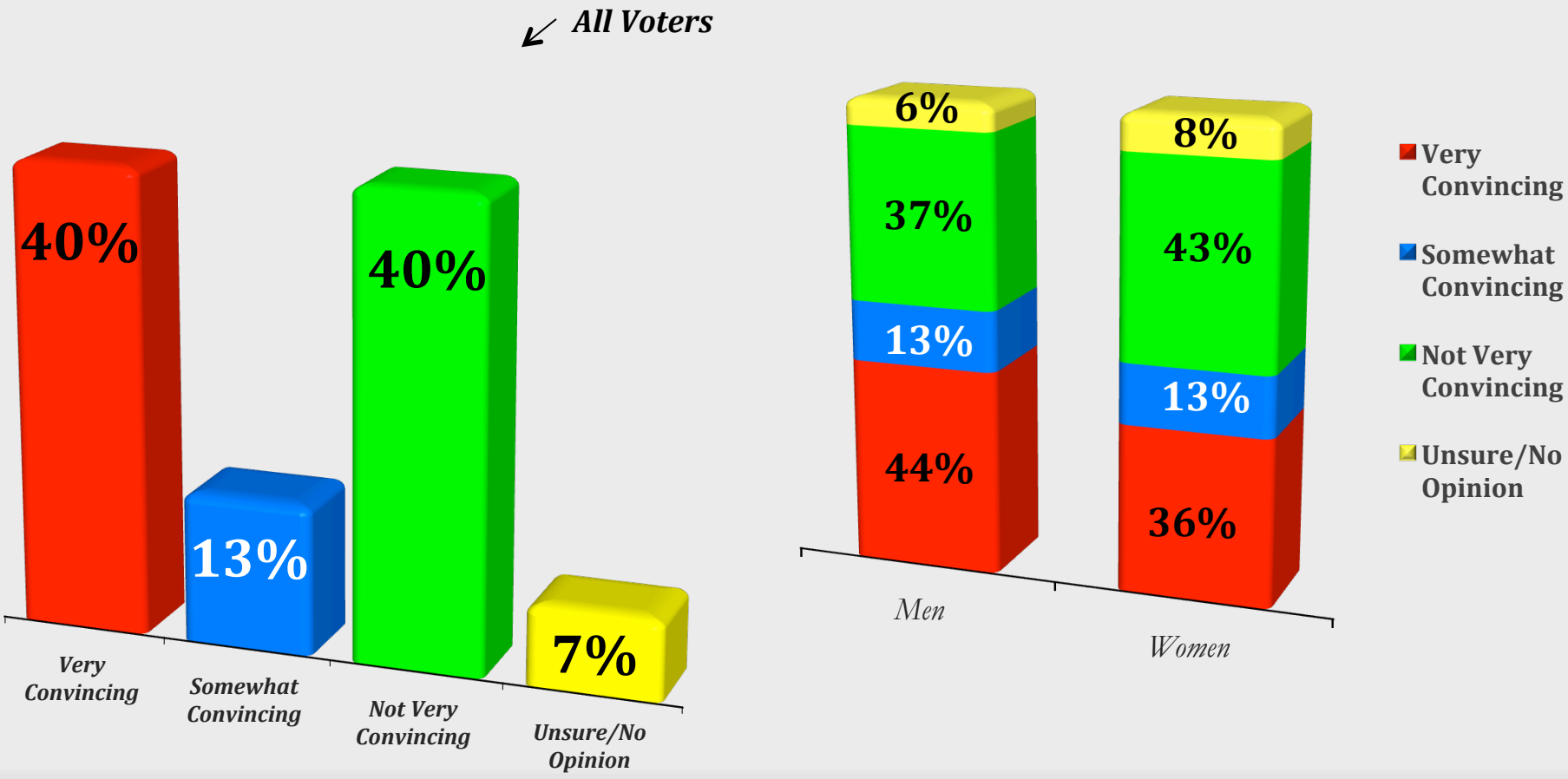

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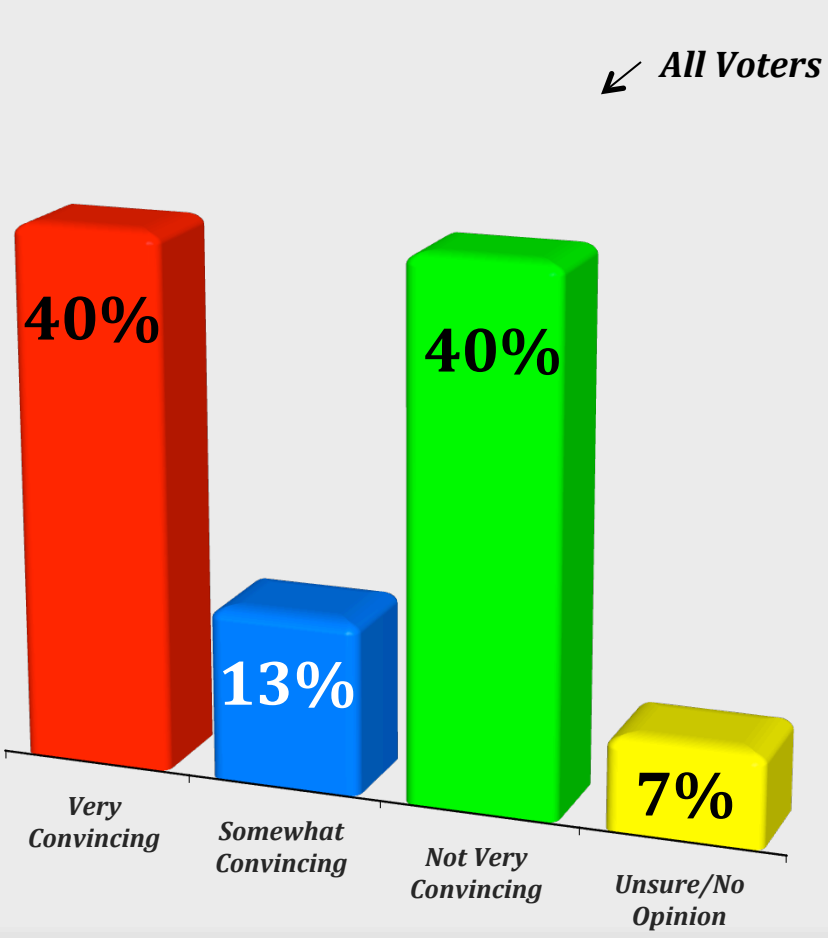

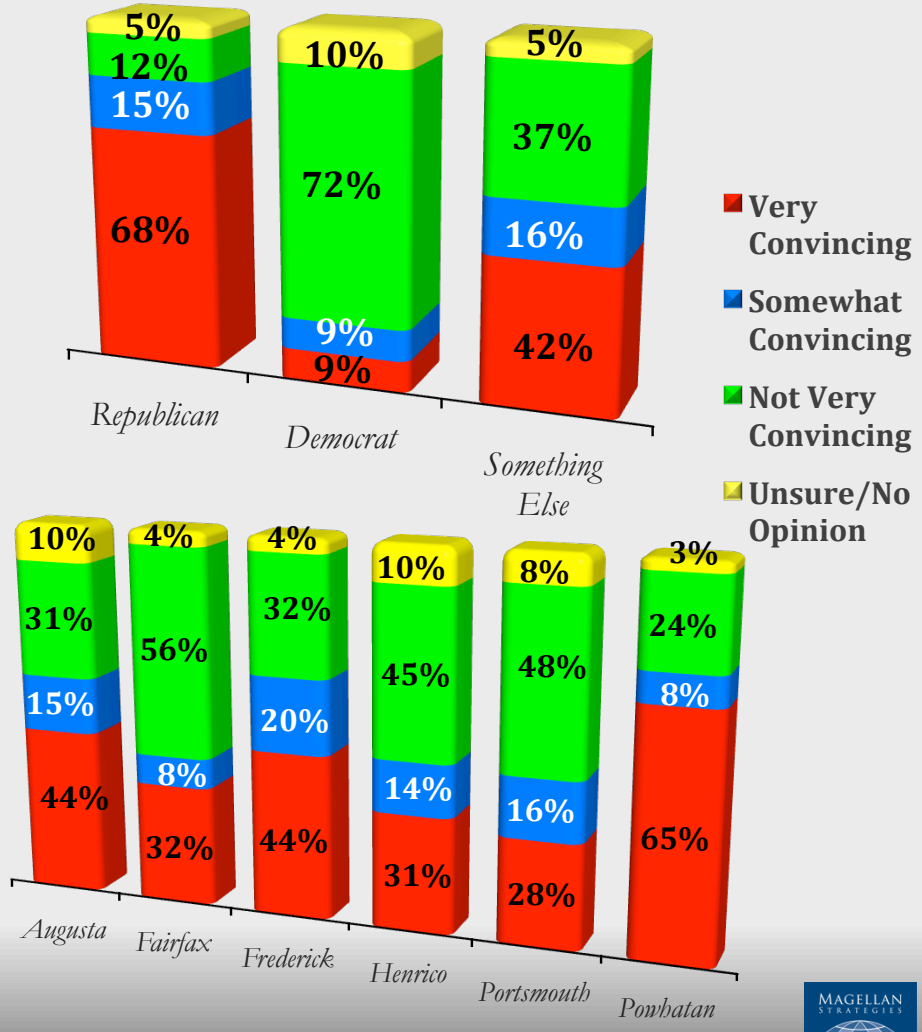

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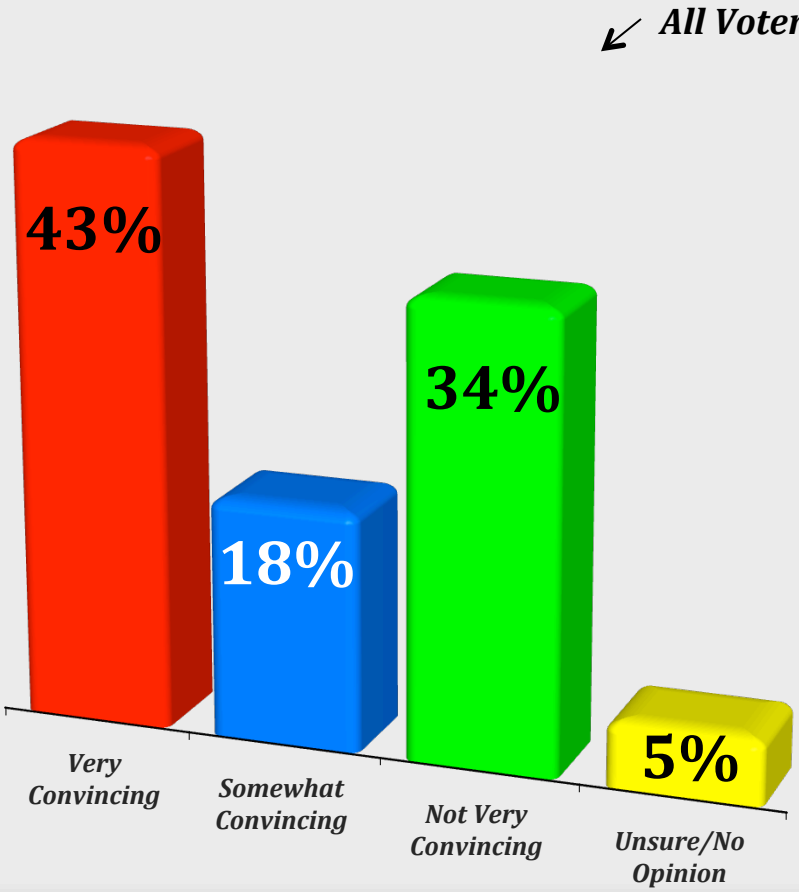

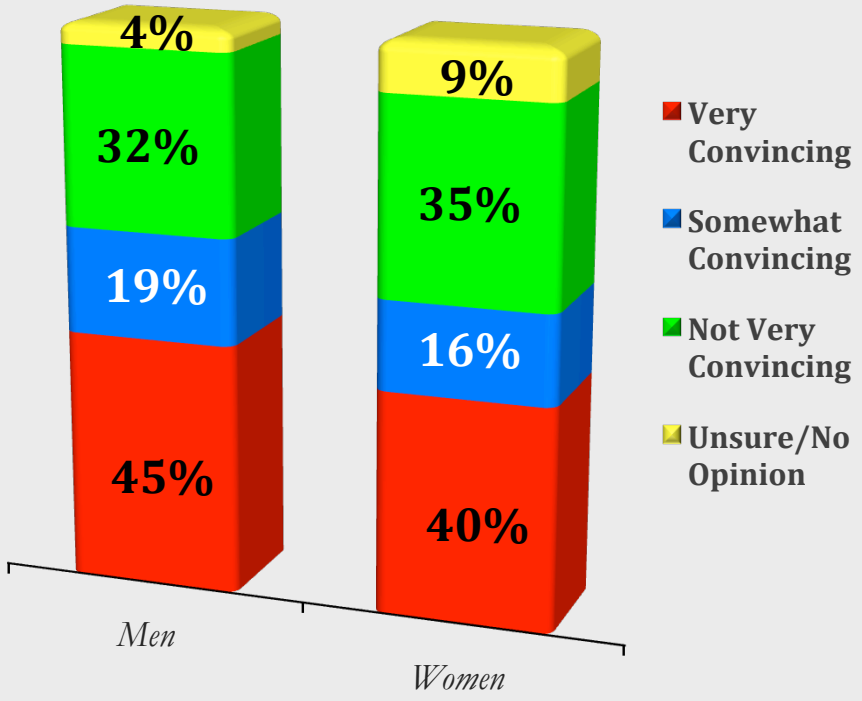

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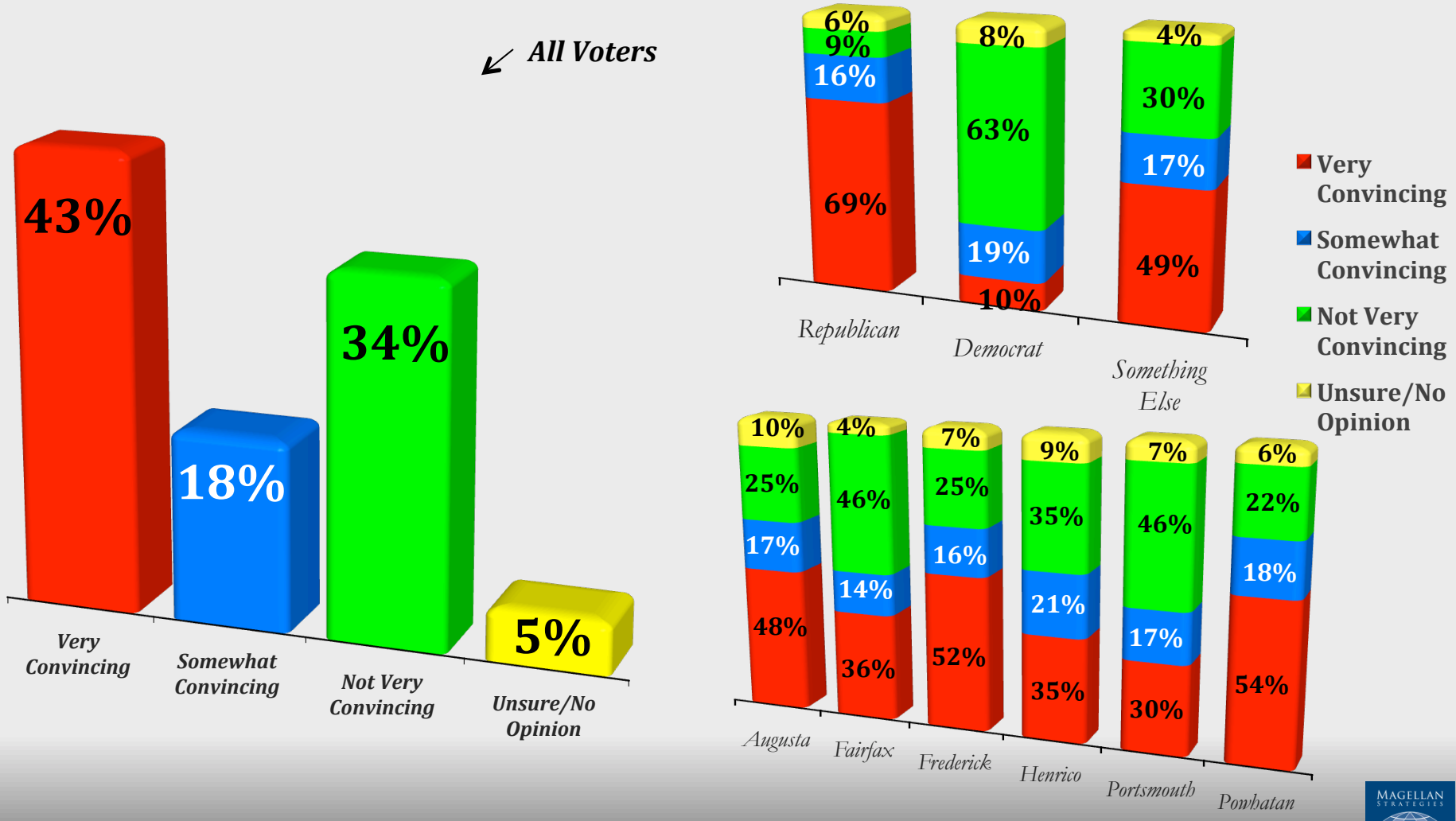

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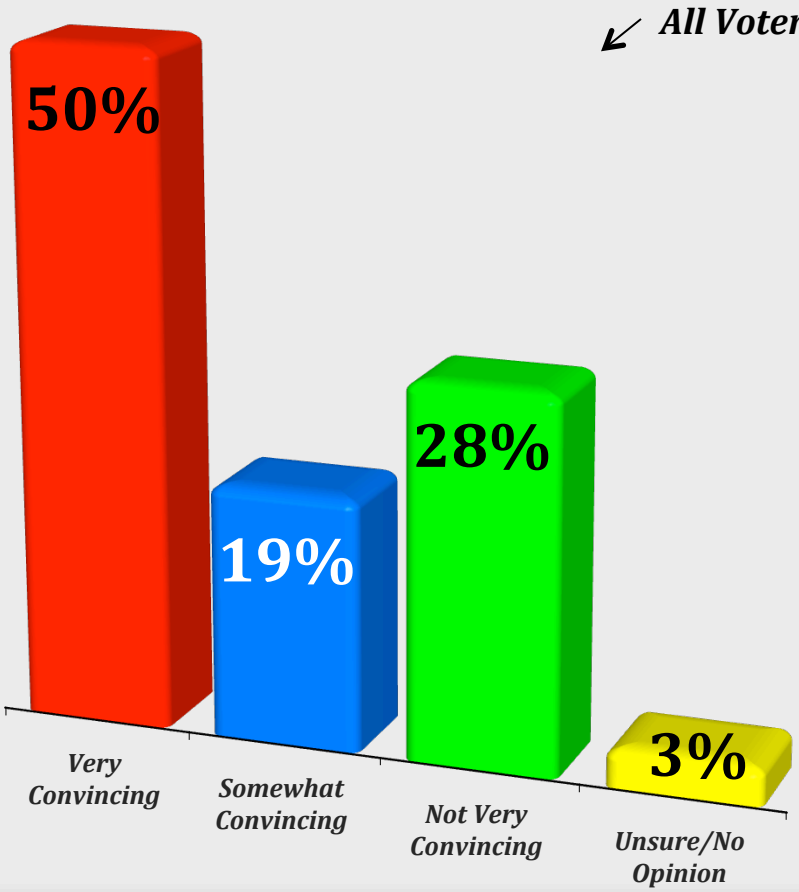

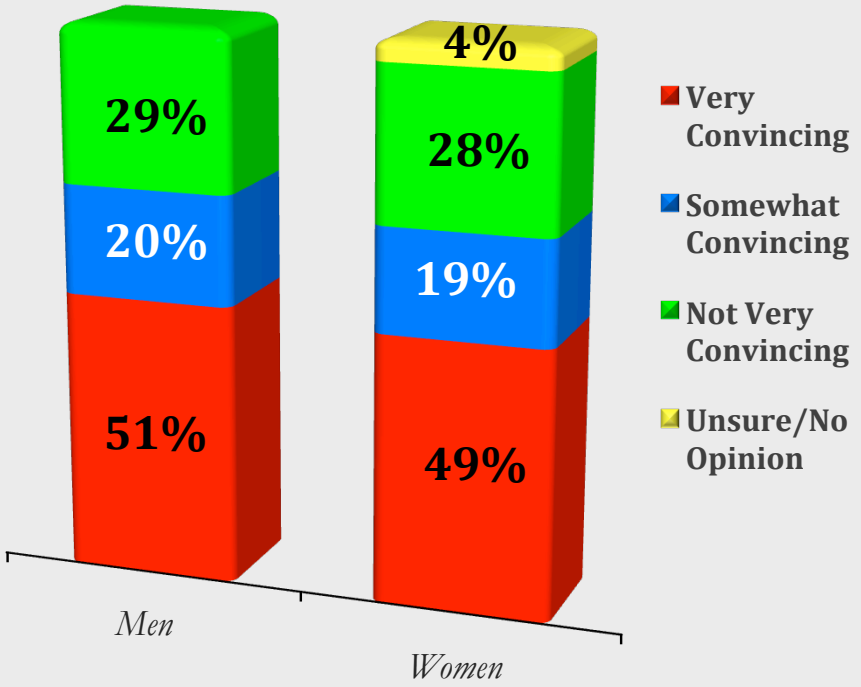

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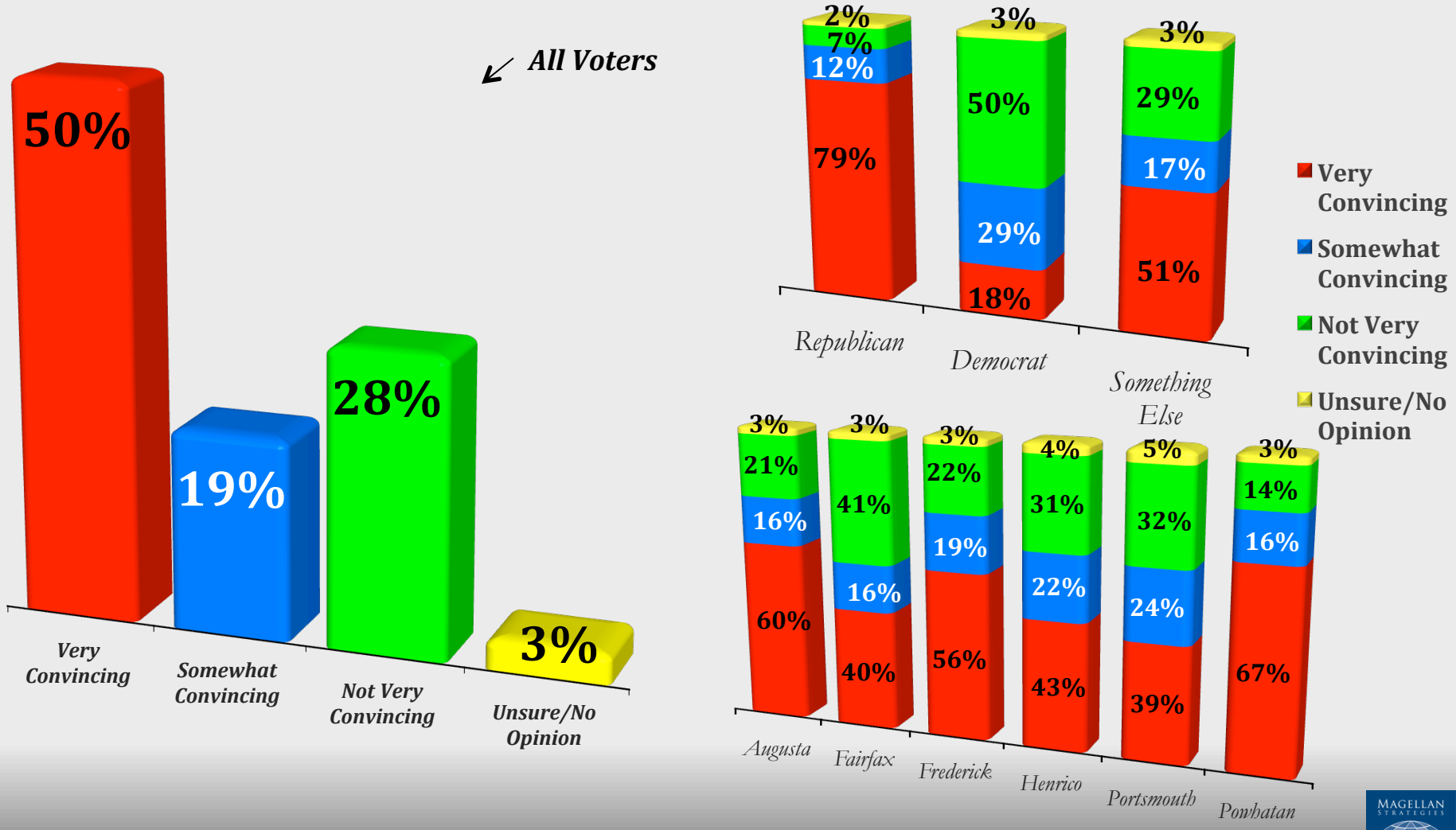

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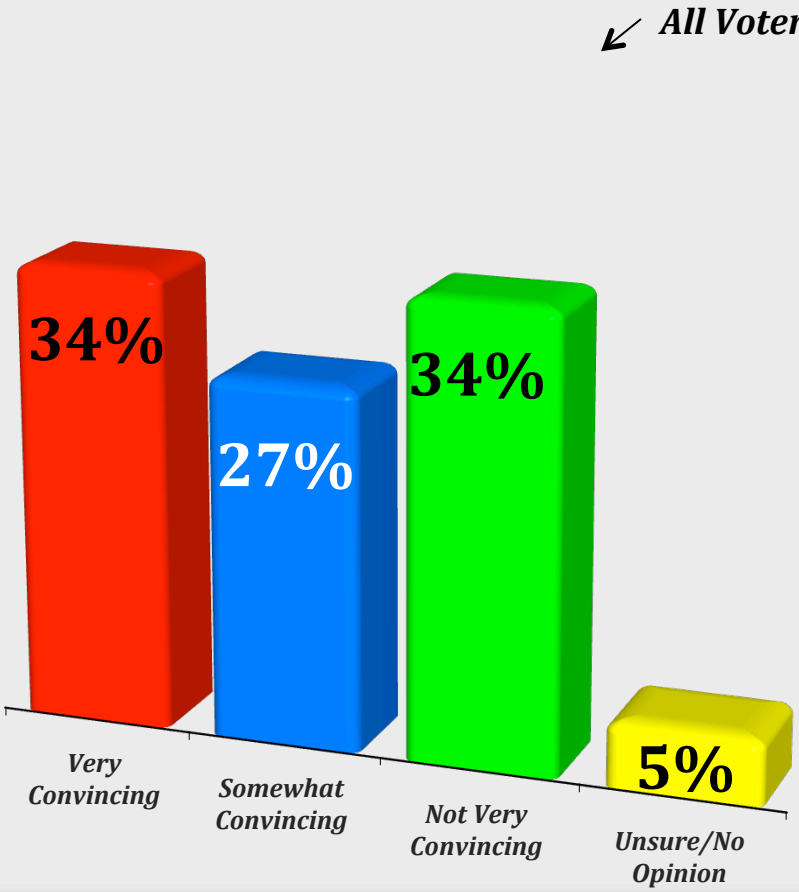

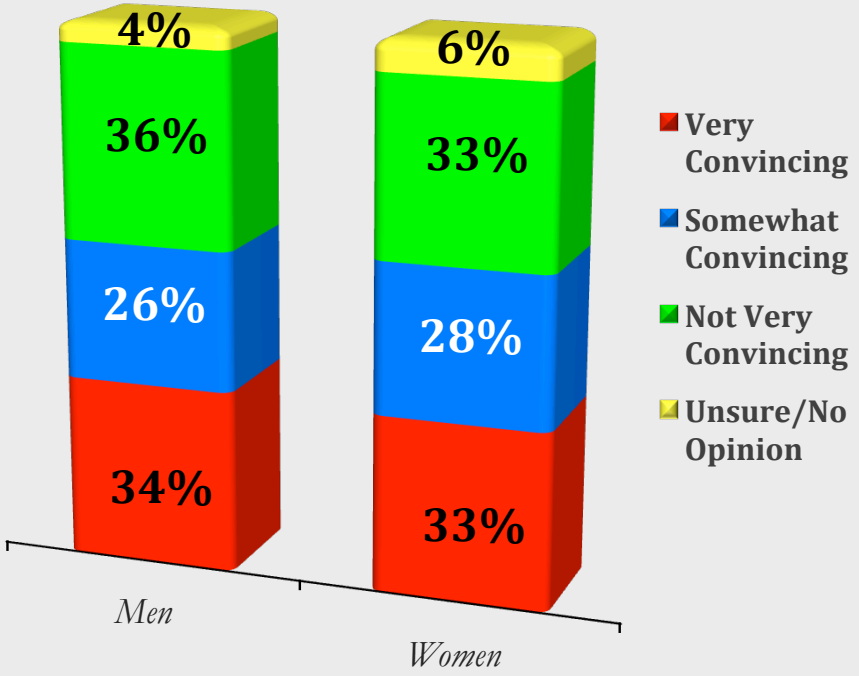

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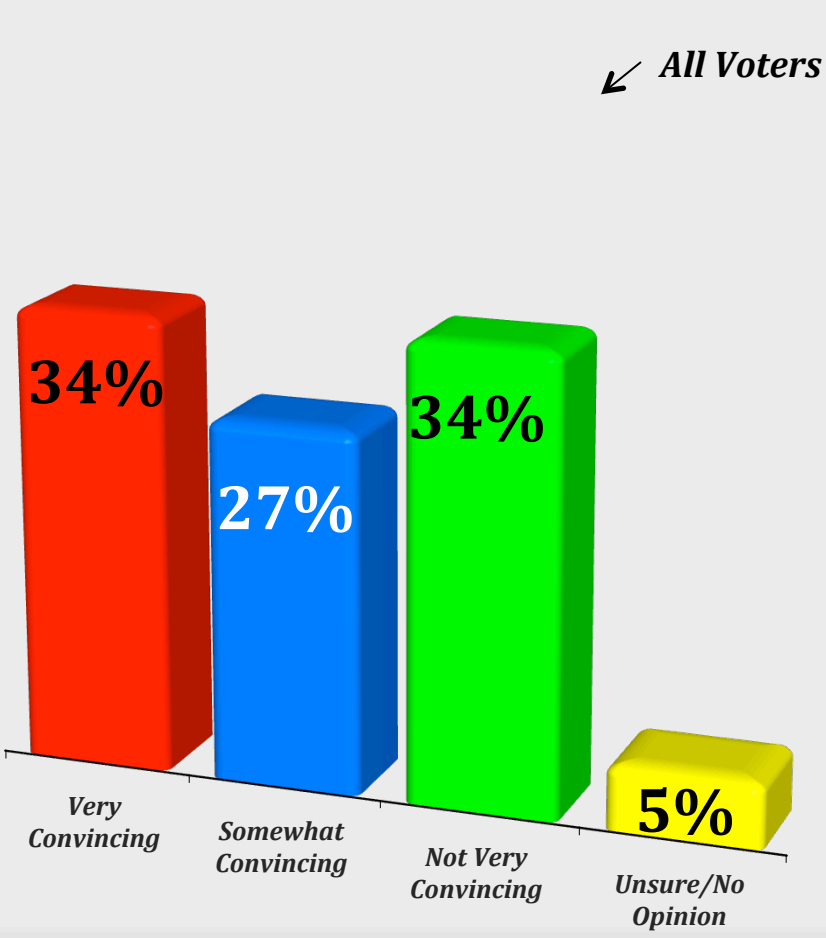

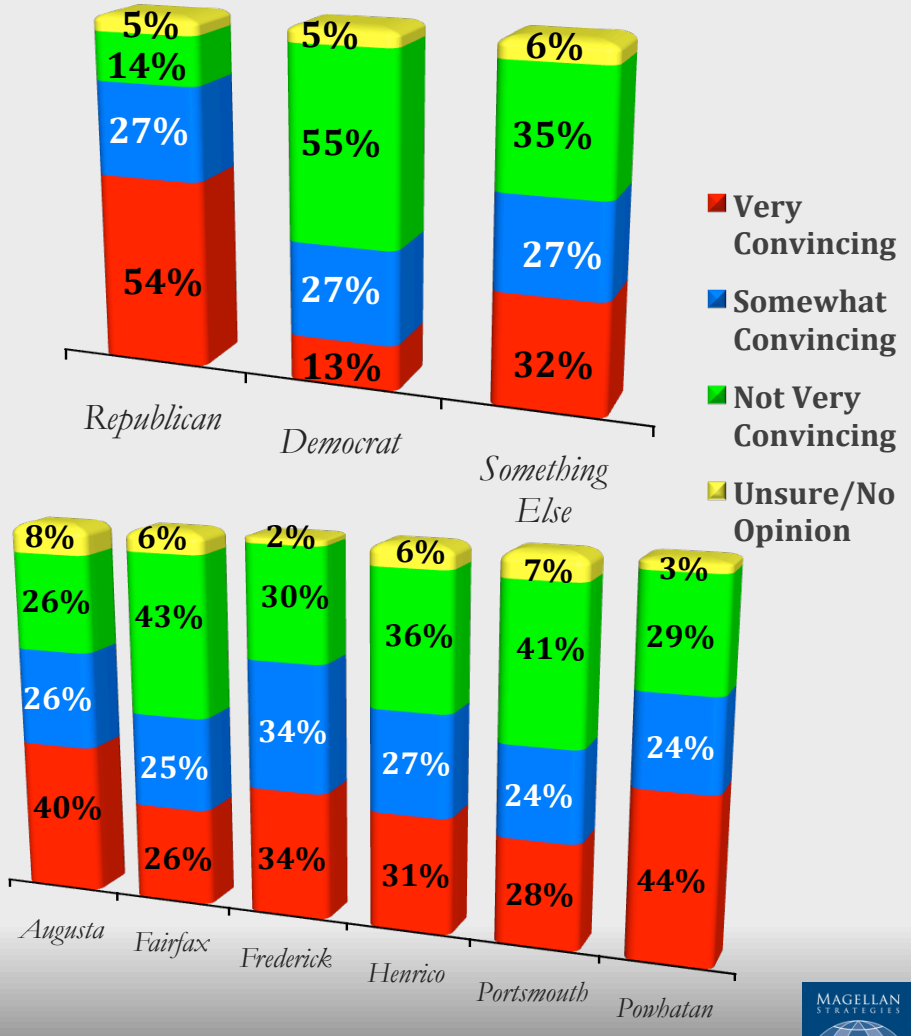

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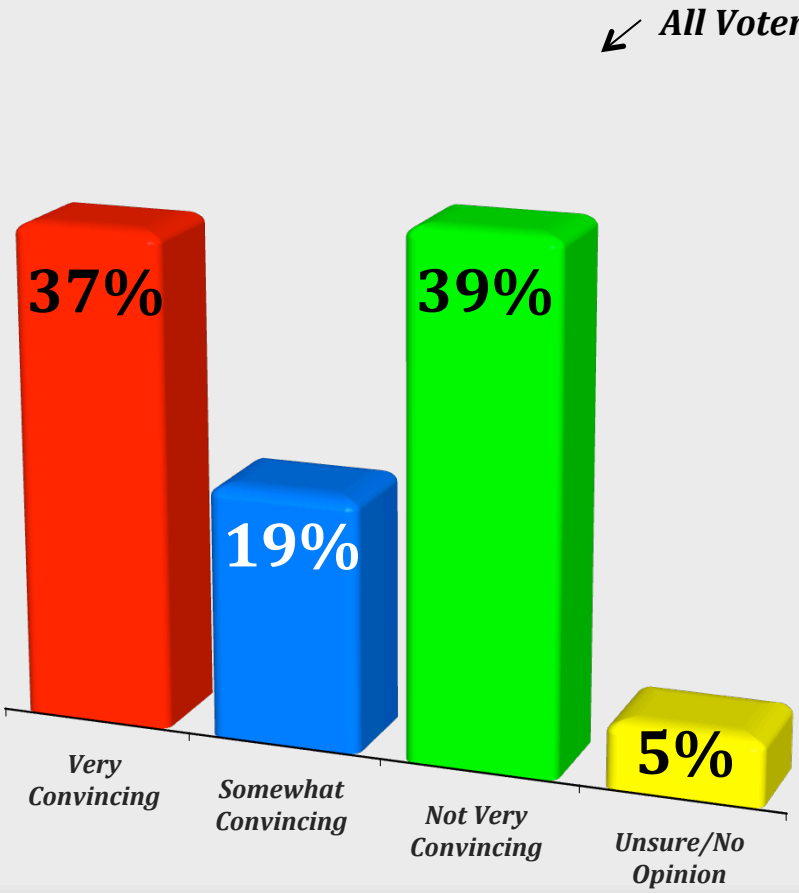

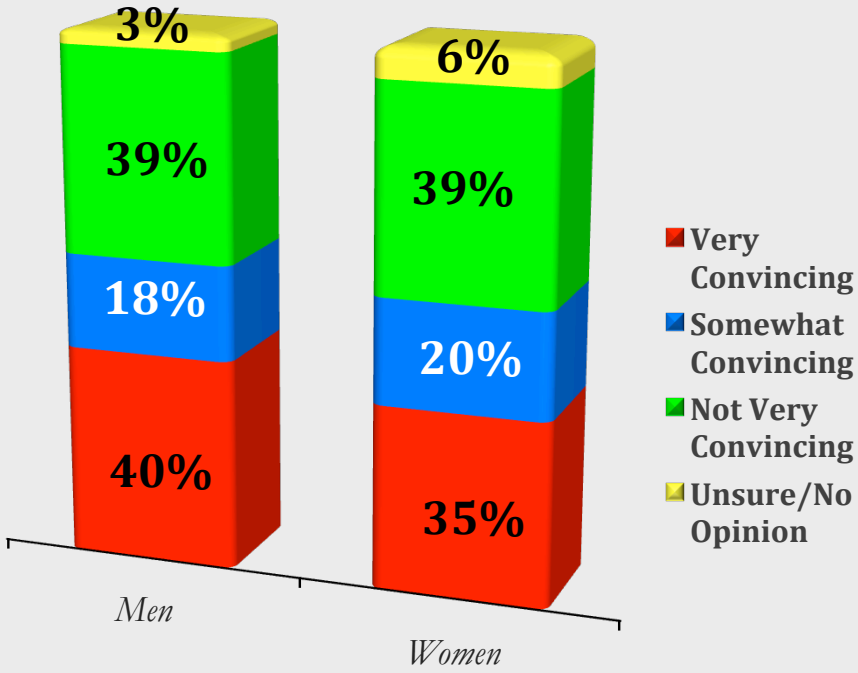

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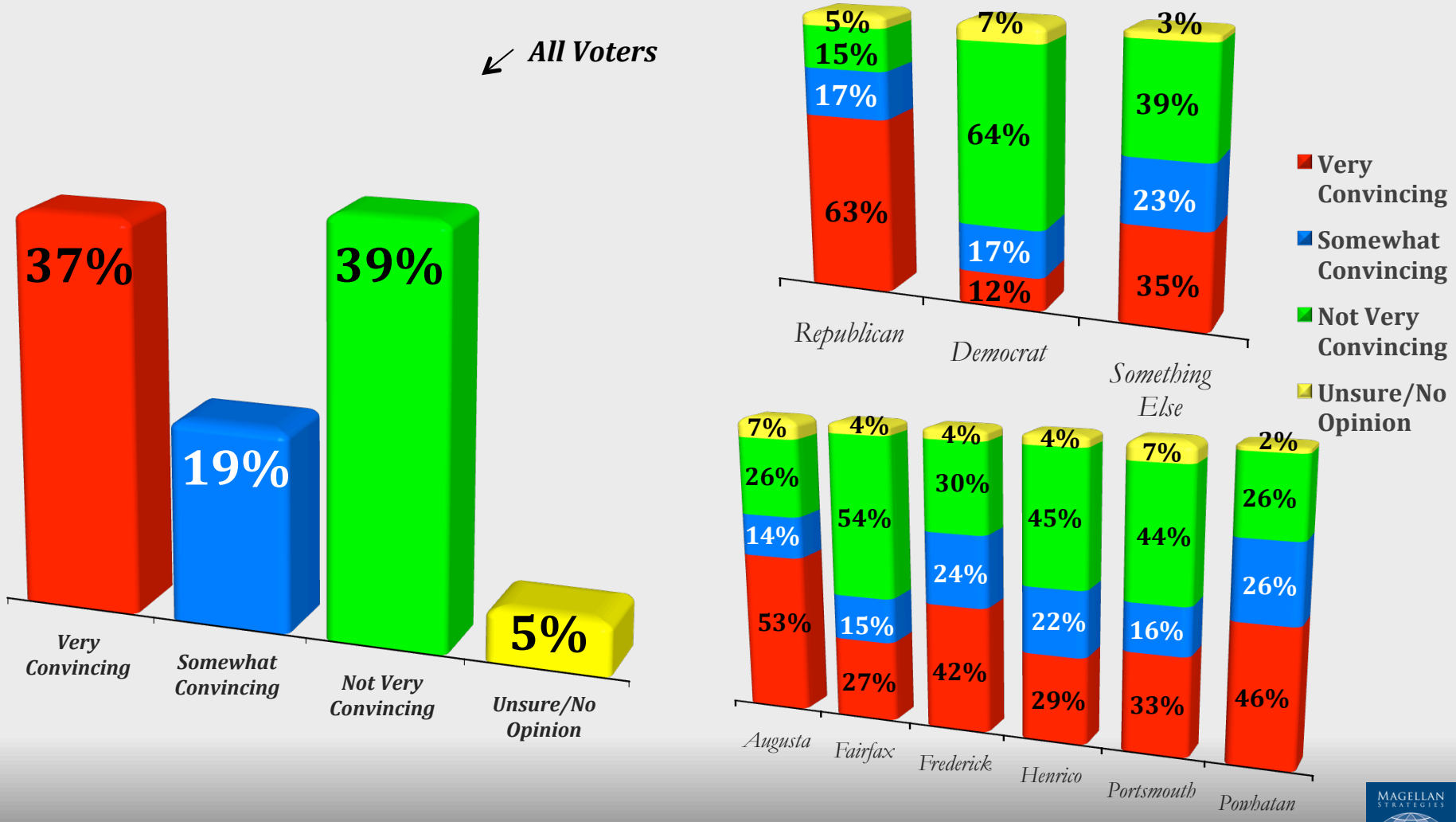

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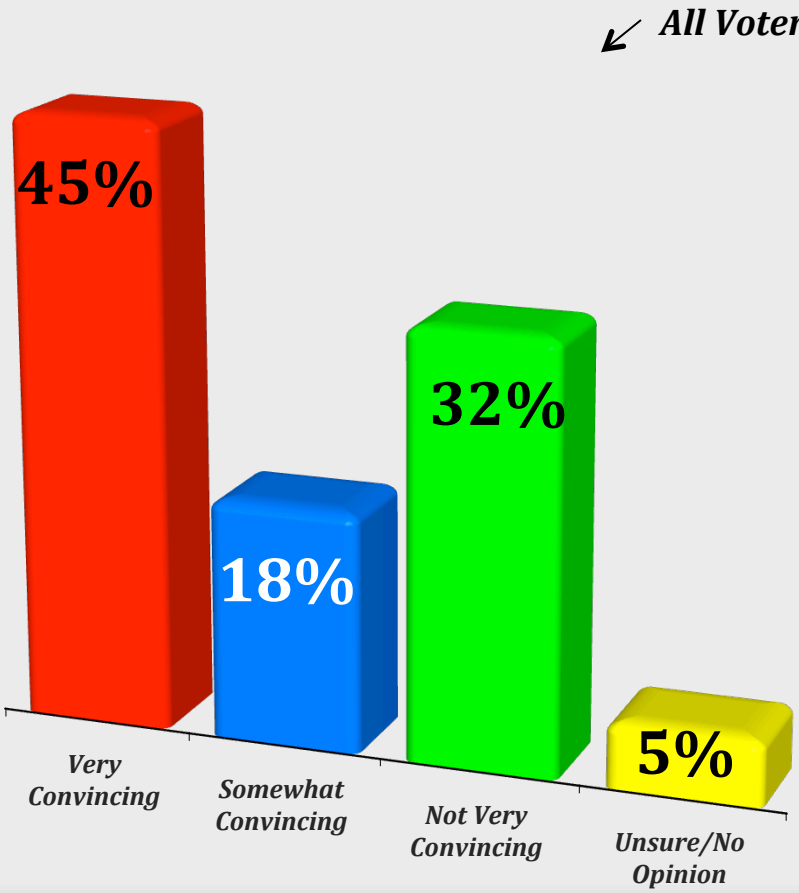

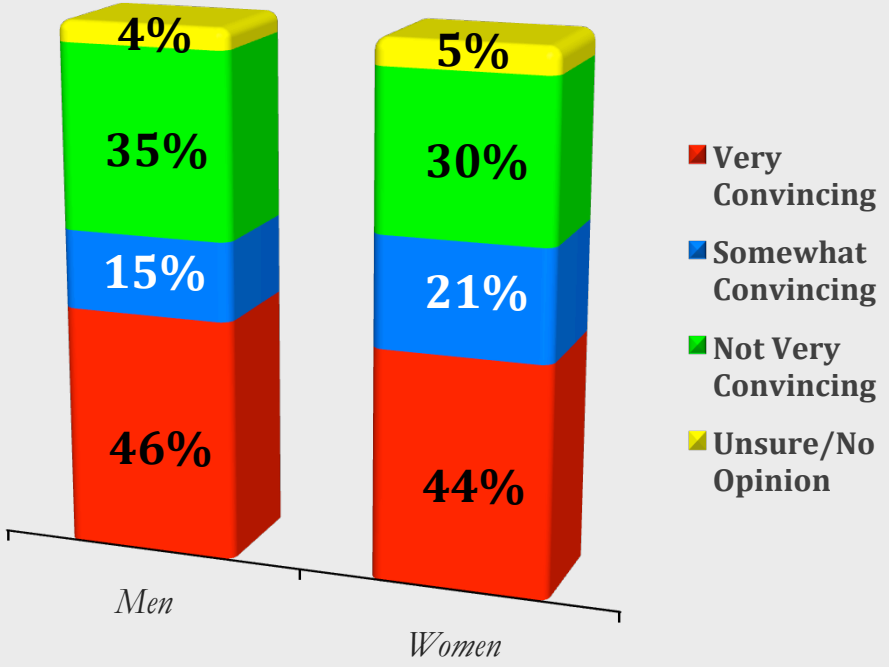

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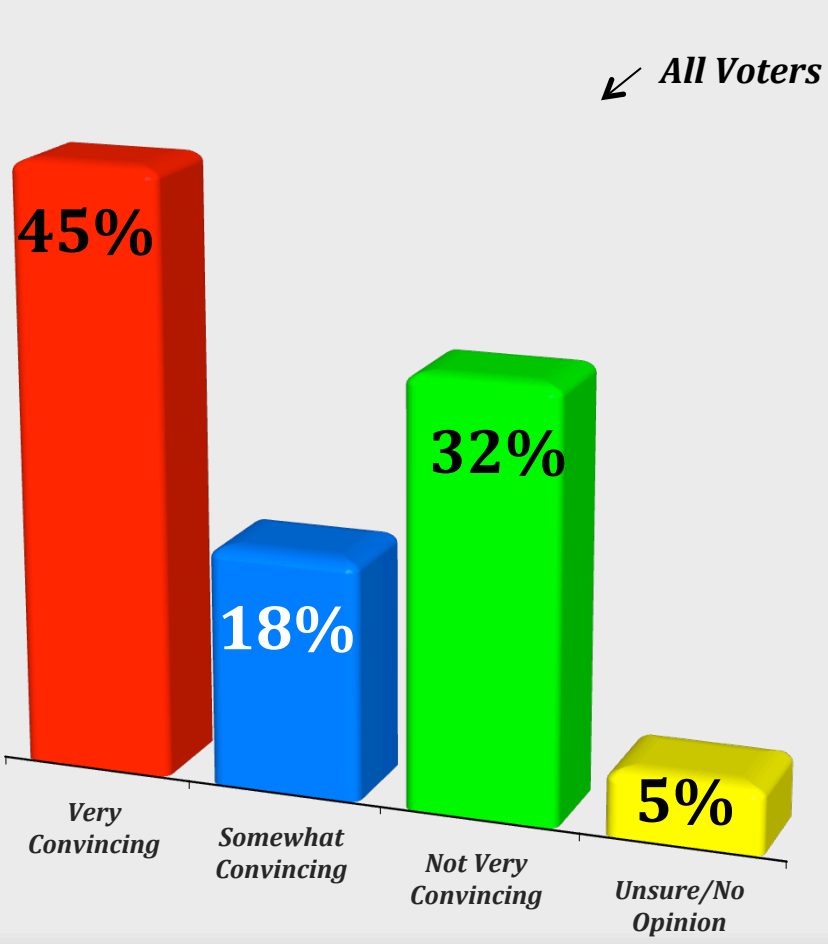

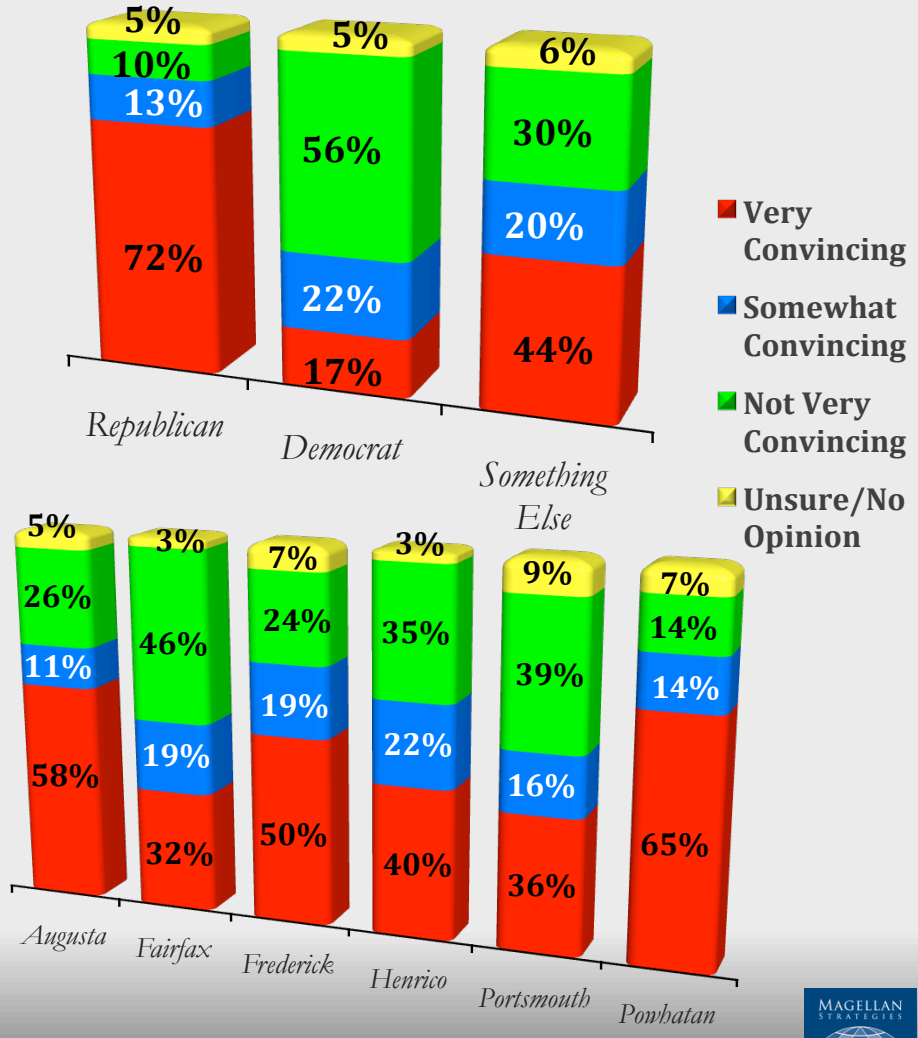

Personal Healthcare Expenses

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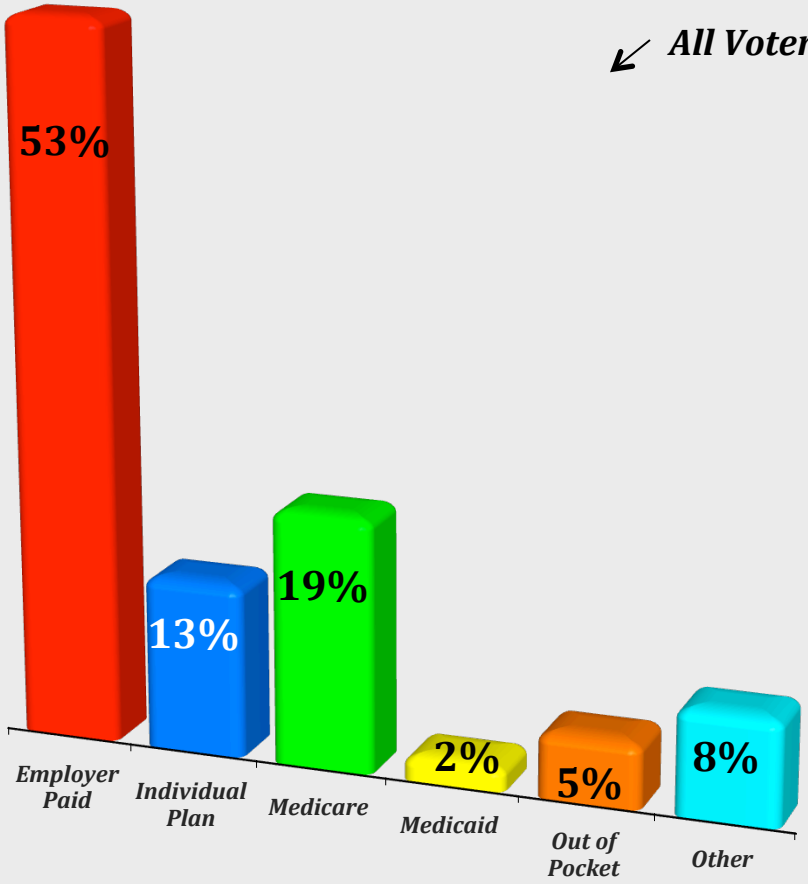

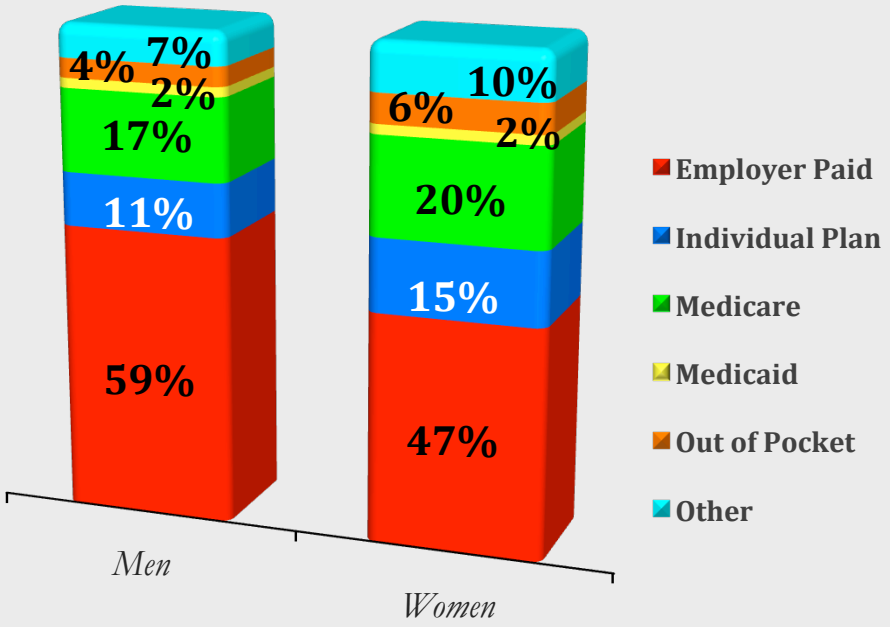

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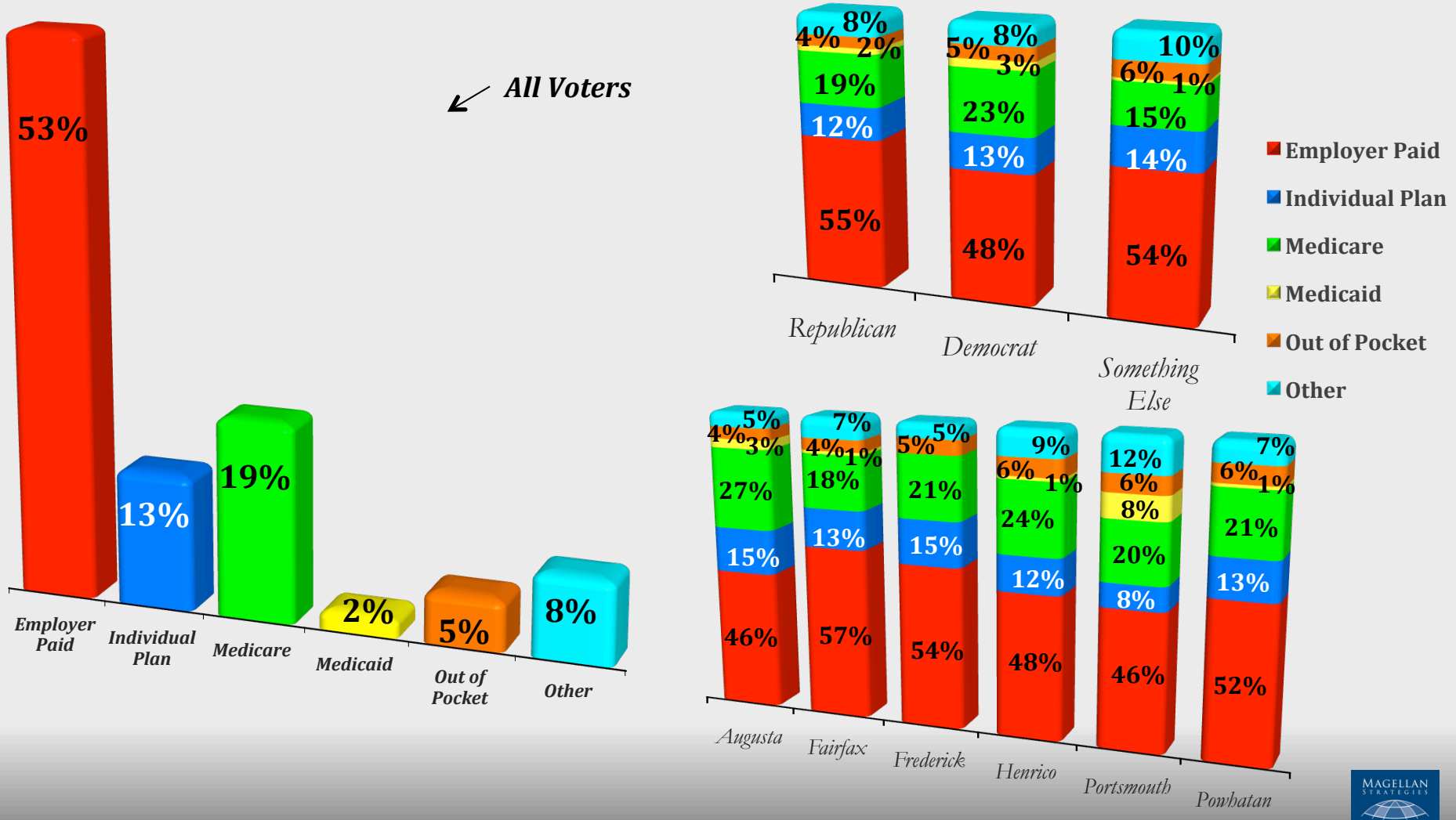

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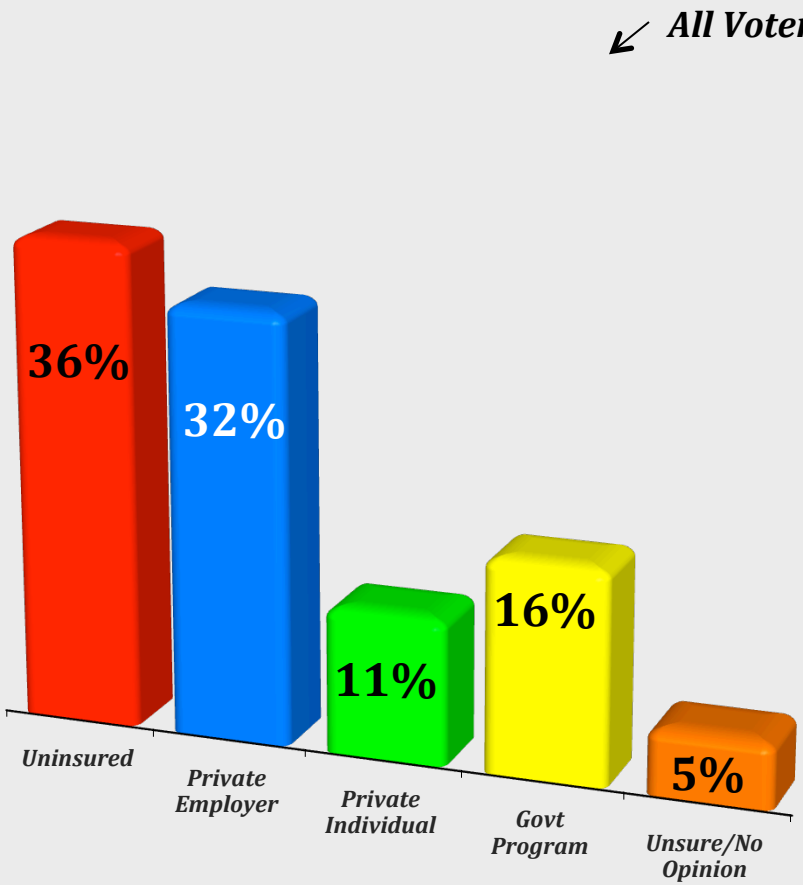

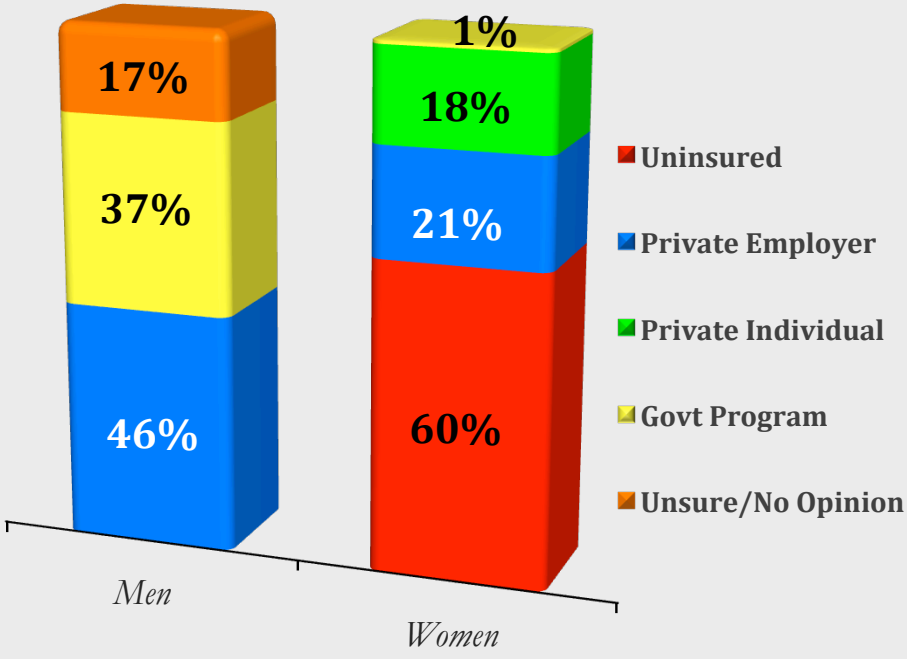

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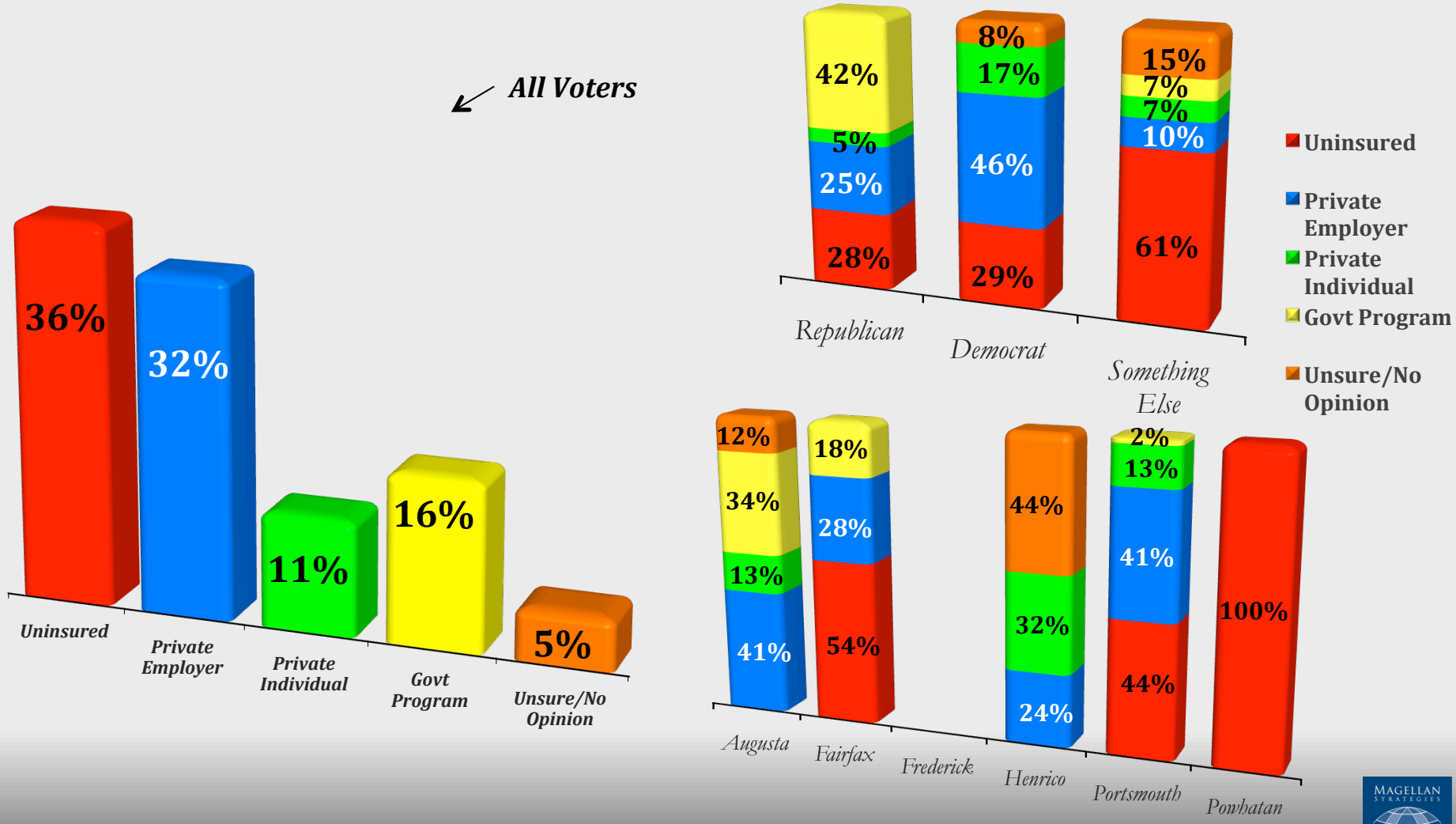
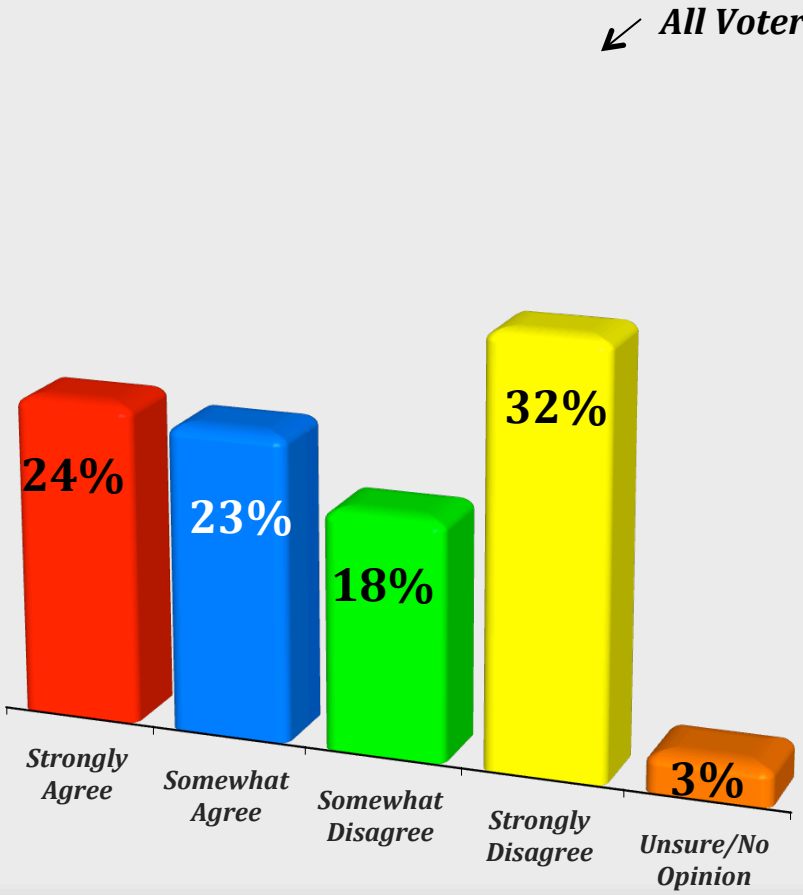
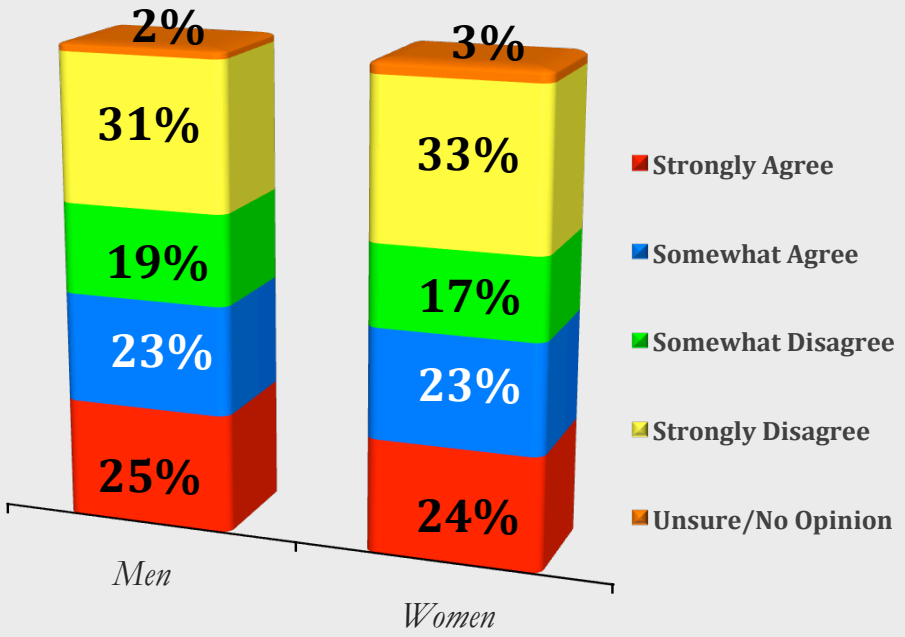


Voter Opinion on Free Health Care to Citizens

Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement, "Government should provide free health care to all citizens."





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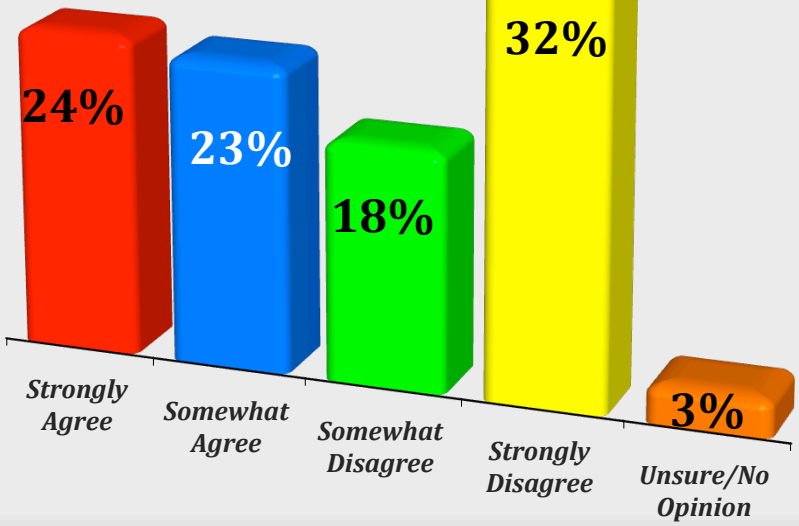
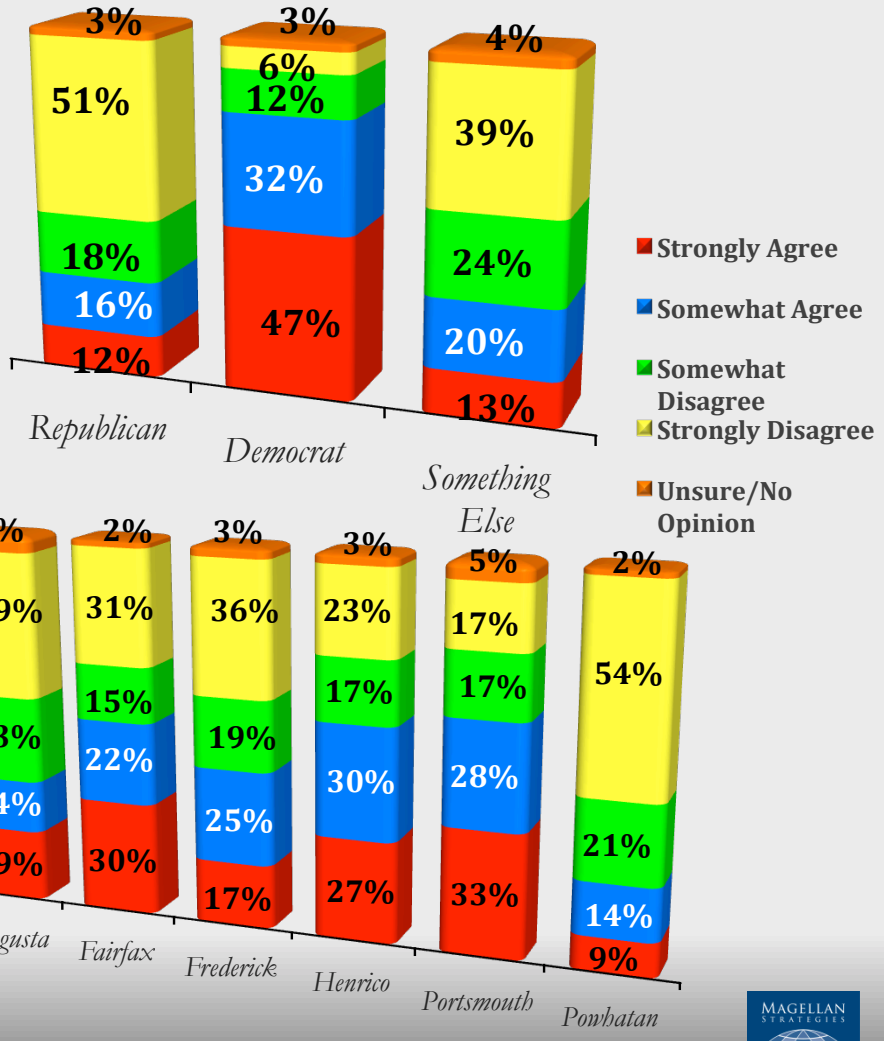
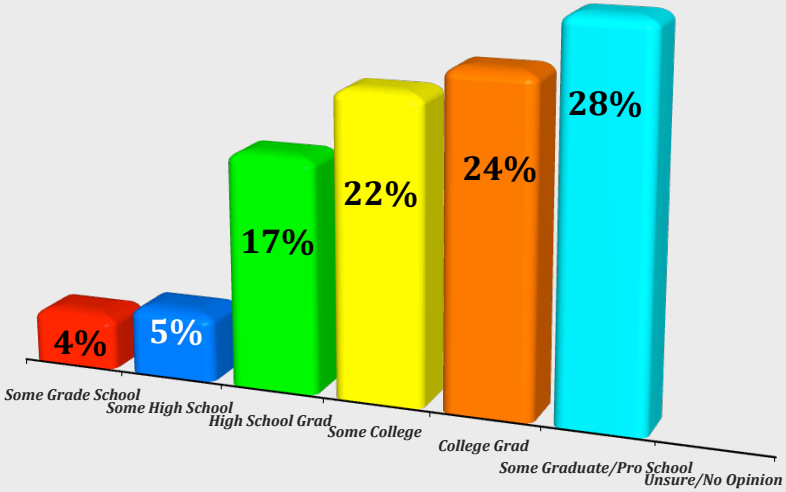




Survey Demographics

What is the highest level of education that you have completed?



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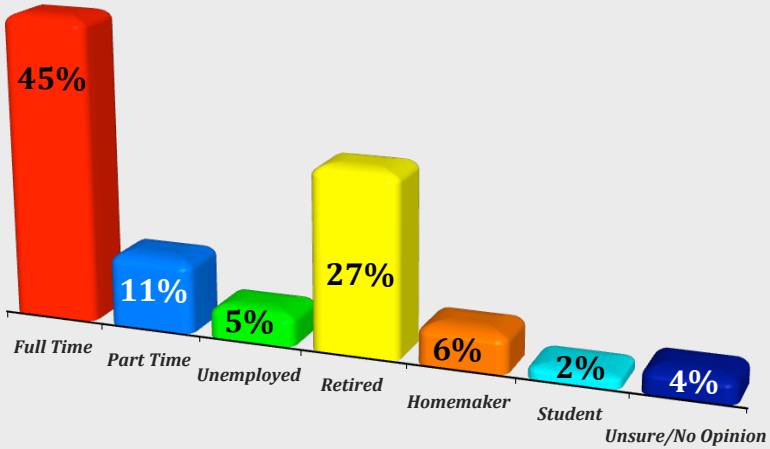
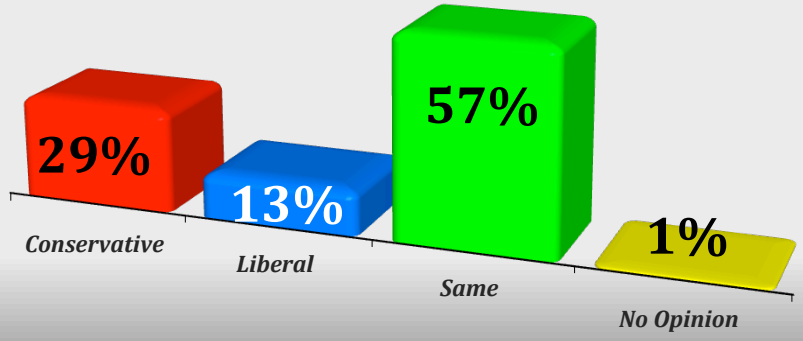
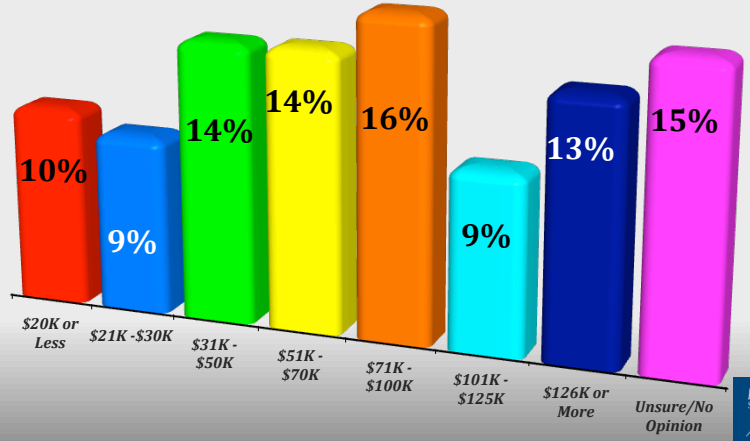


Concerning your own political views, would you say that you are generally more conservative today than you were two years ago, OR are you generally more liberal today than you were two years ago, OR are you about the same as you were two years ago?



For statistical purposes only, what was the total income of everyone in your household last year before taxes?



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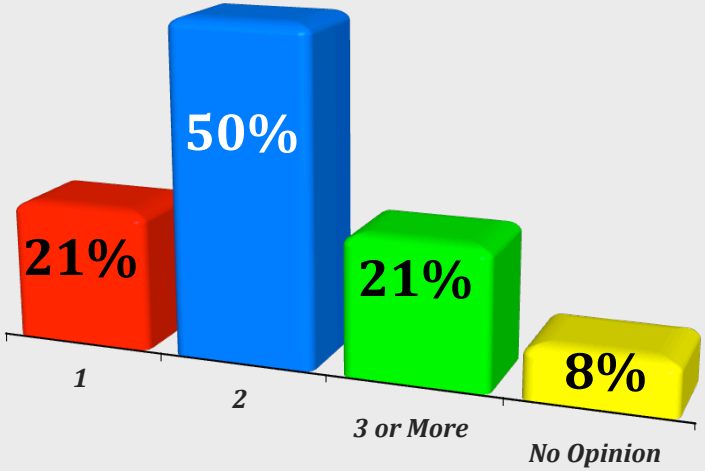
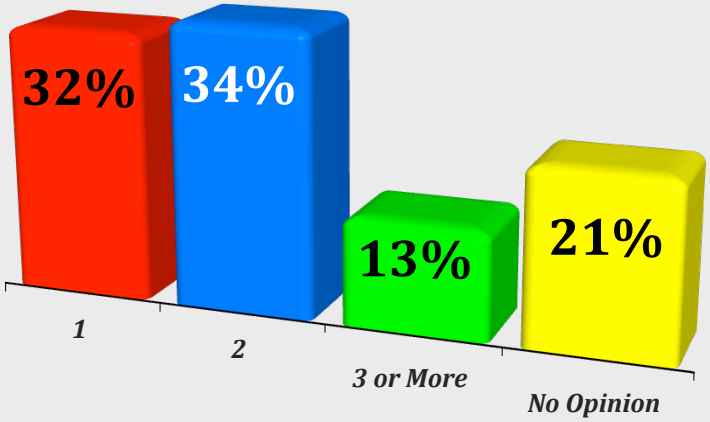
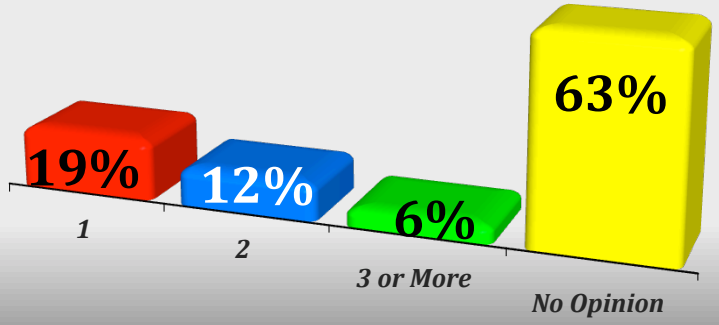
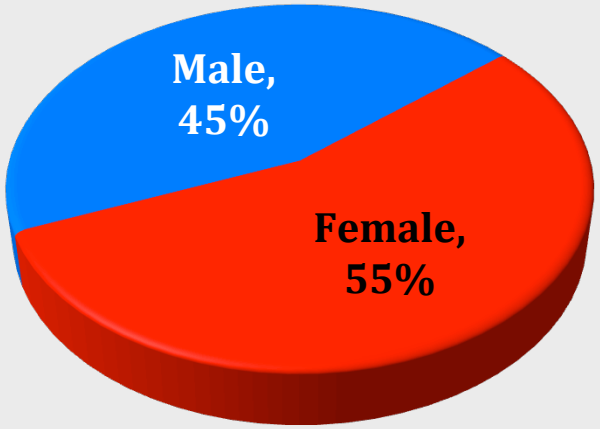
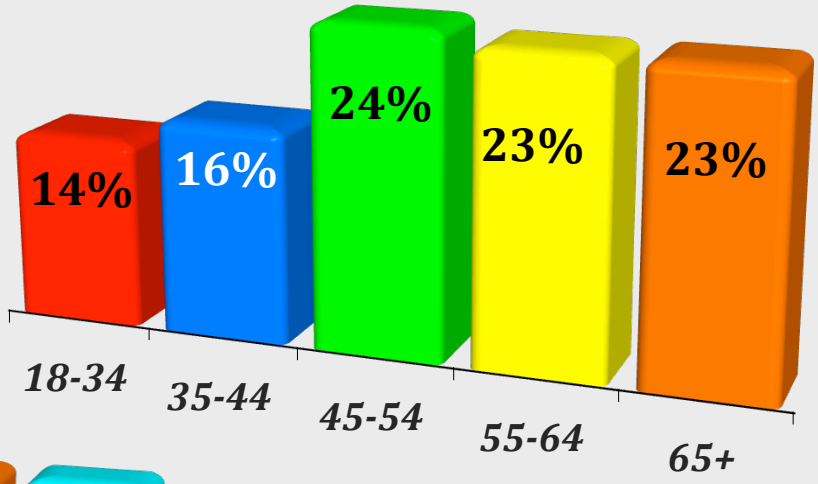
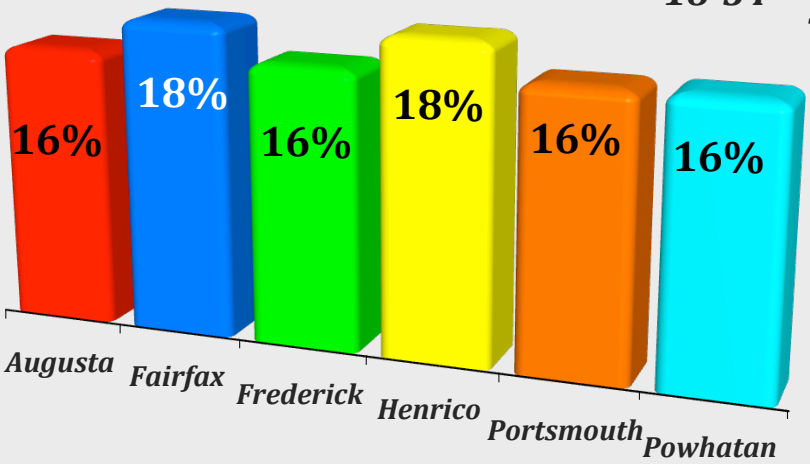
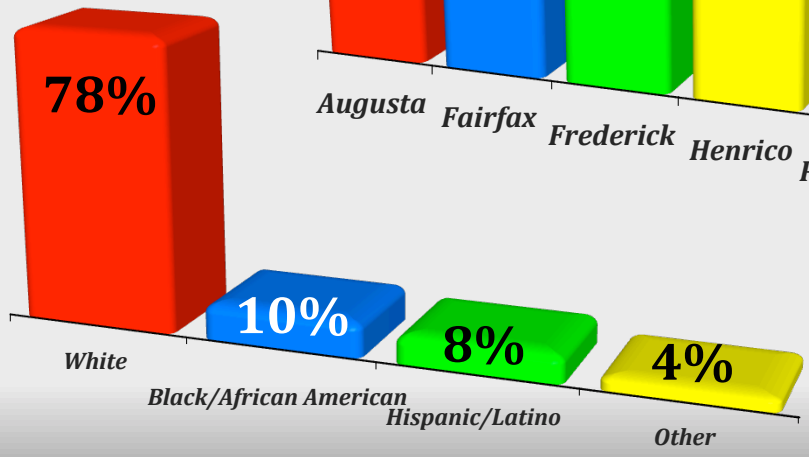
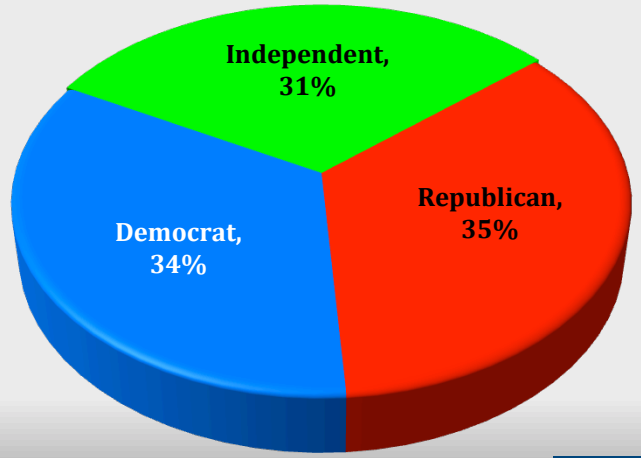
Including yourself, how many adults, age 18 or older, live in your household?



How many adults in your household work outside of the household?



How many infants and children, under 18 years of age, live in your household today?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