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The Asian American & Arab American Vote

**A Report on the Multilingual Exit Poll
from the 2012 Presidential Election**

Michigan

A Special Presentation of
The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

AALDEF Mission and Program

AALDEF is a national organization that protects and promotes the legal rights of Asian Americans through litigation, legal advocacy, and community education.

- Immigrants' Rights
- Workers' Rights - sweatshops, restaurants, construction, Katrina
- Language Rights - hospitals and courts
- Educational Equity / Youth Rights
- Human Trafficking
- Voting Rights
- New Jersey Legal Project
- Housing

Asian American Election Protection

National Election Protection Project and 100 local partnerships

Poll Monitoring

- Compliance - Voting Rights Act and Help America Vote Act
- Post Election - voter interviews and complaint letters
- 2012 - attorneys covered 46 poll sites in 6 cities

Multilingual Exit Poll

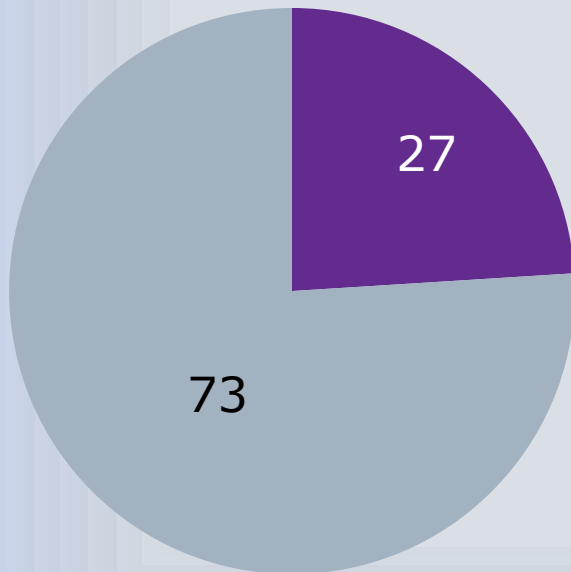
- 2012 – 9,096 Asian American voters in 14 states and DC
- 2010 – 3,721 Asian American voters in 5 states
- 2008 – 16,665 Asian American voters in 11 states and DC
- 2006 – 4,726 Asian American voters in 9 states and DC
- 2004 – 10,789 Asian American voters in 8 states
- 2002 - 3,500 Asian American voters in 4 states

Percentage of Voters	Asian and Arab American respondents
100%	639 Total Surveyed
34%	Bangladeshi
20%	Asian Indian
18%	Chinese
14%	Arab
3%	Korean
3%	Filipino
8%	Other Asian Ethnicities
23%	Born in the U.S.
77%	Foreign born, naturalized citizen:
10%	...0-2 years ago
15%	...3-5 years ago
18%	...6-10 years ago
34%	...more than 10 years ago
17%	No formal education in US
83%	Educated in the U.S., highest level:
1%	...Elementary school
3%	...Some high school
12%	...High school or trade school degree
37%	...College or university degree
30%	... Advanced degree

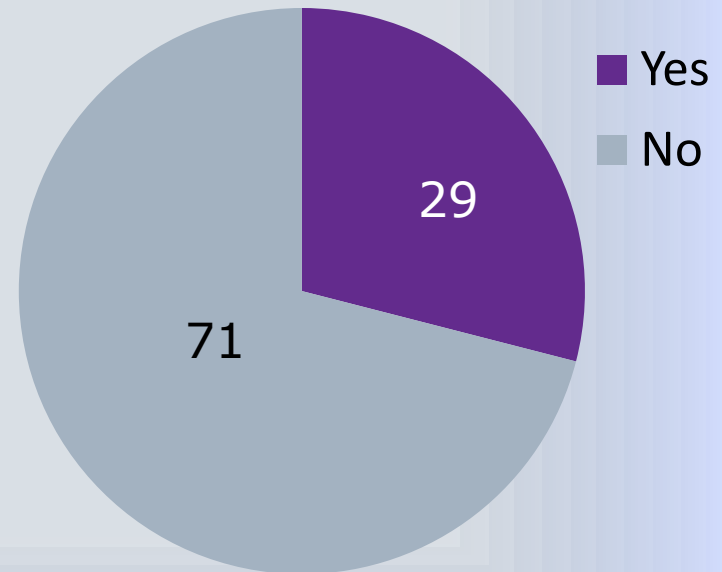
Profile of Asian and Arab American Exit Poll Respondents Michigan - 2012

Is this your First Time Voting?

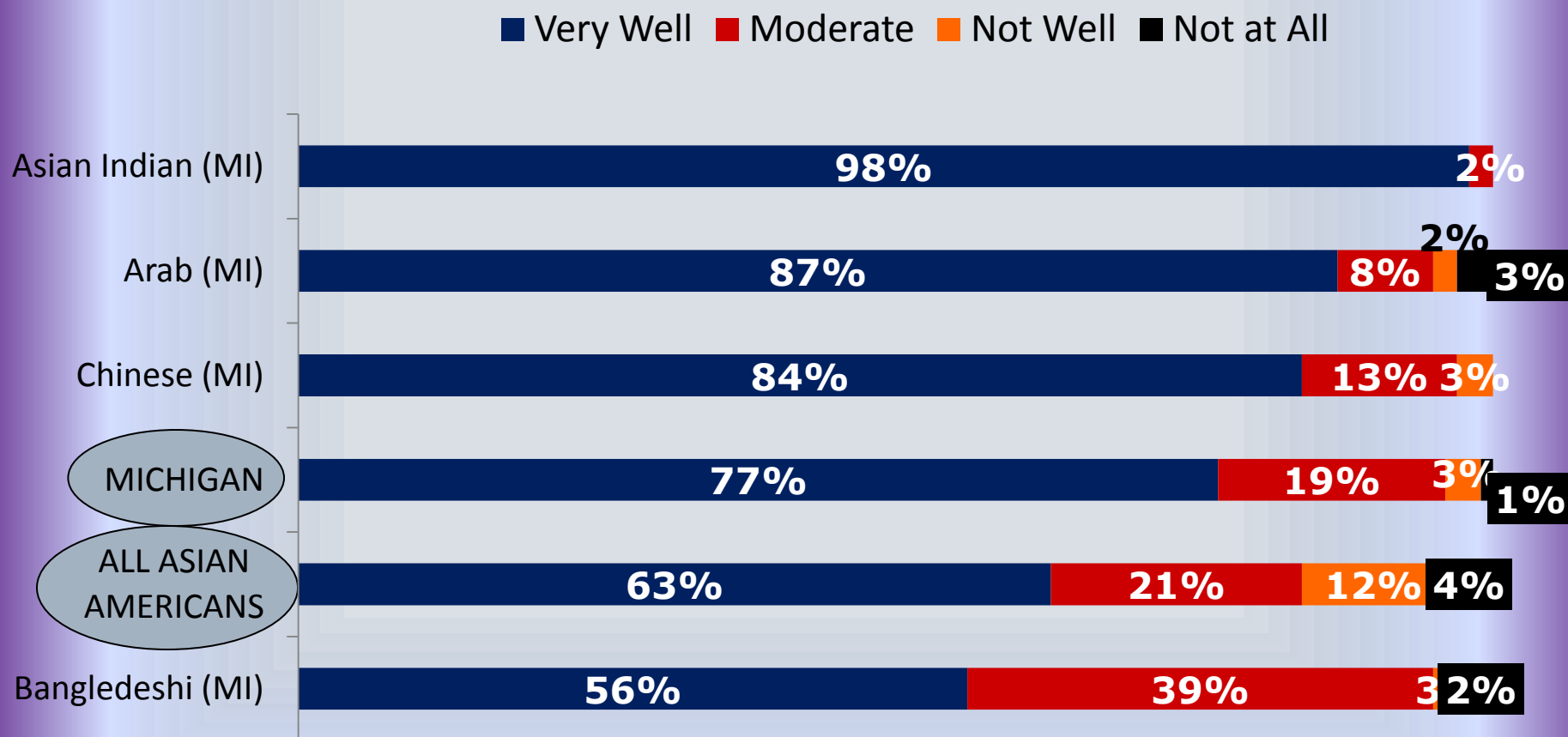
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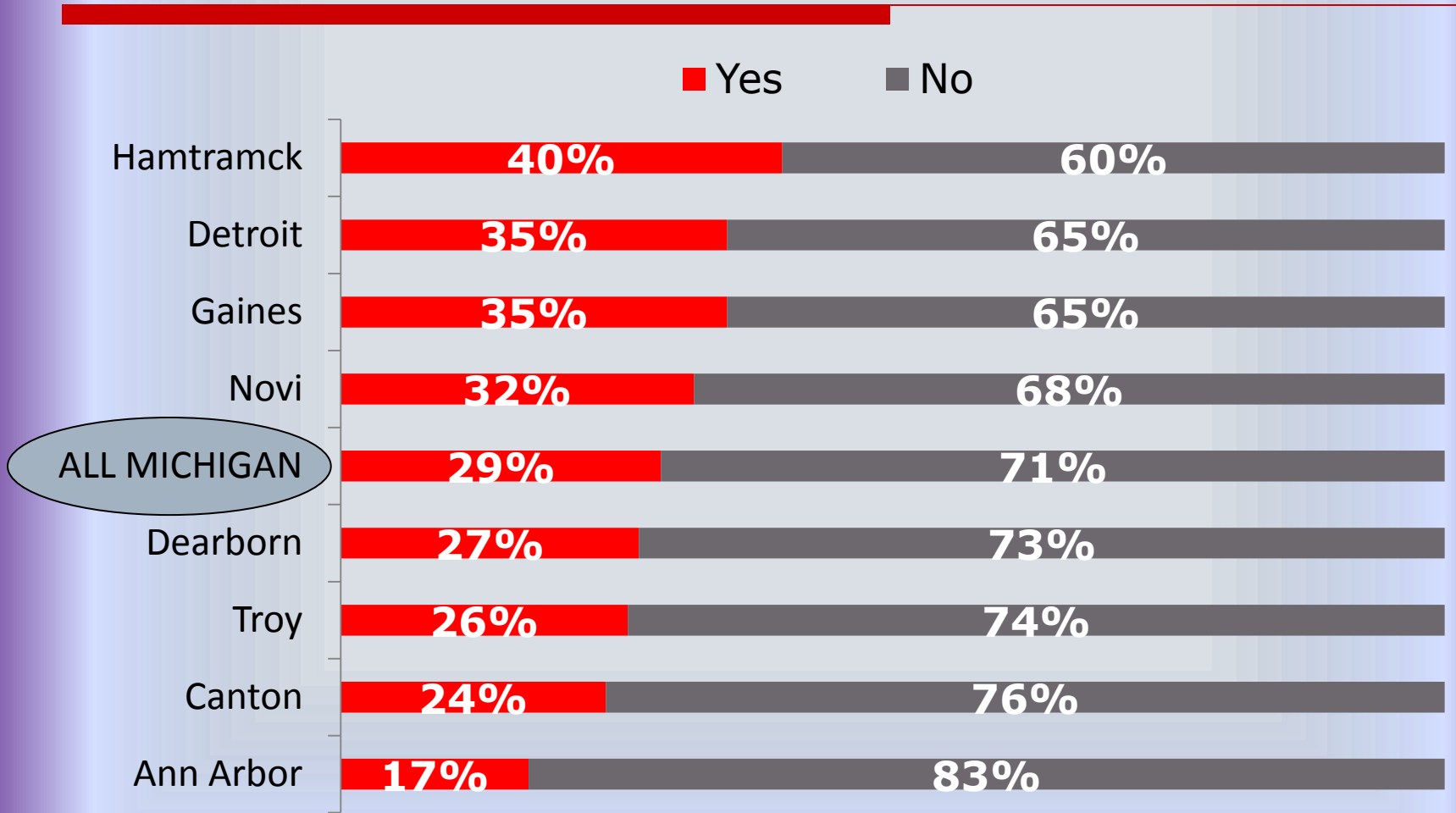
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Limited English Proficiency by Ethnicity

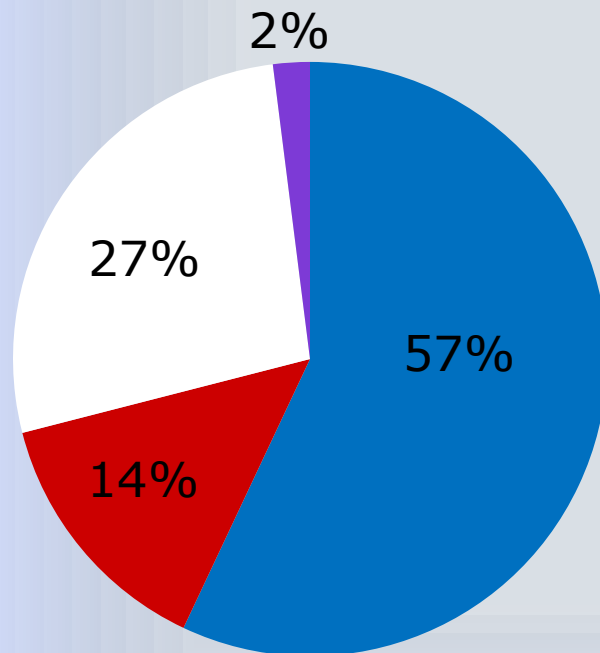


First Time Voting by City

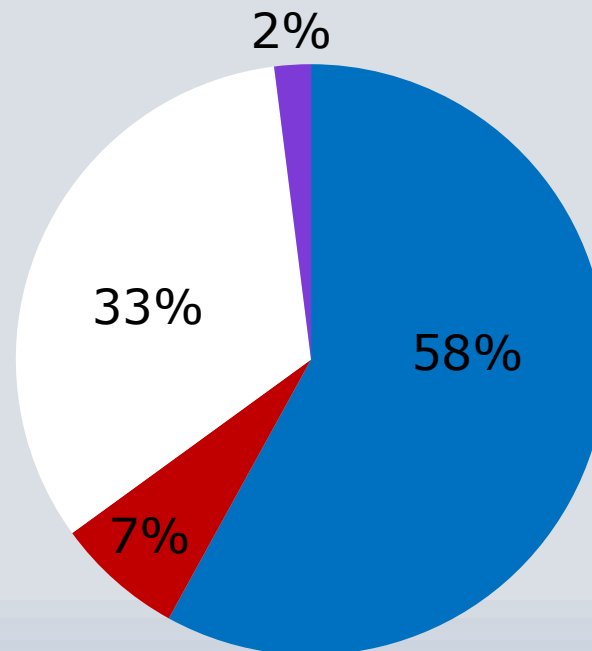


Party Enrollment

All Asian Americans

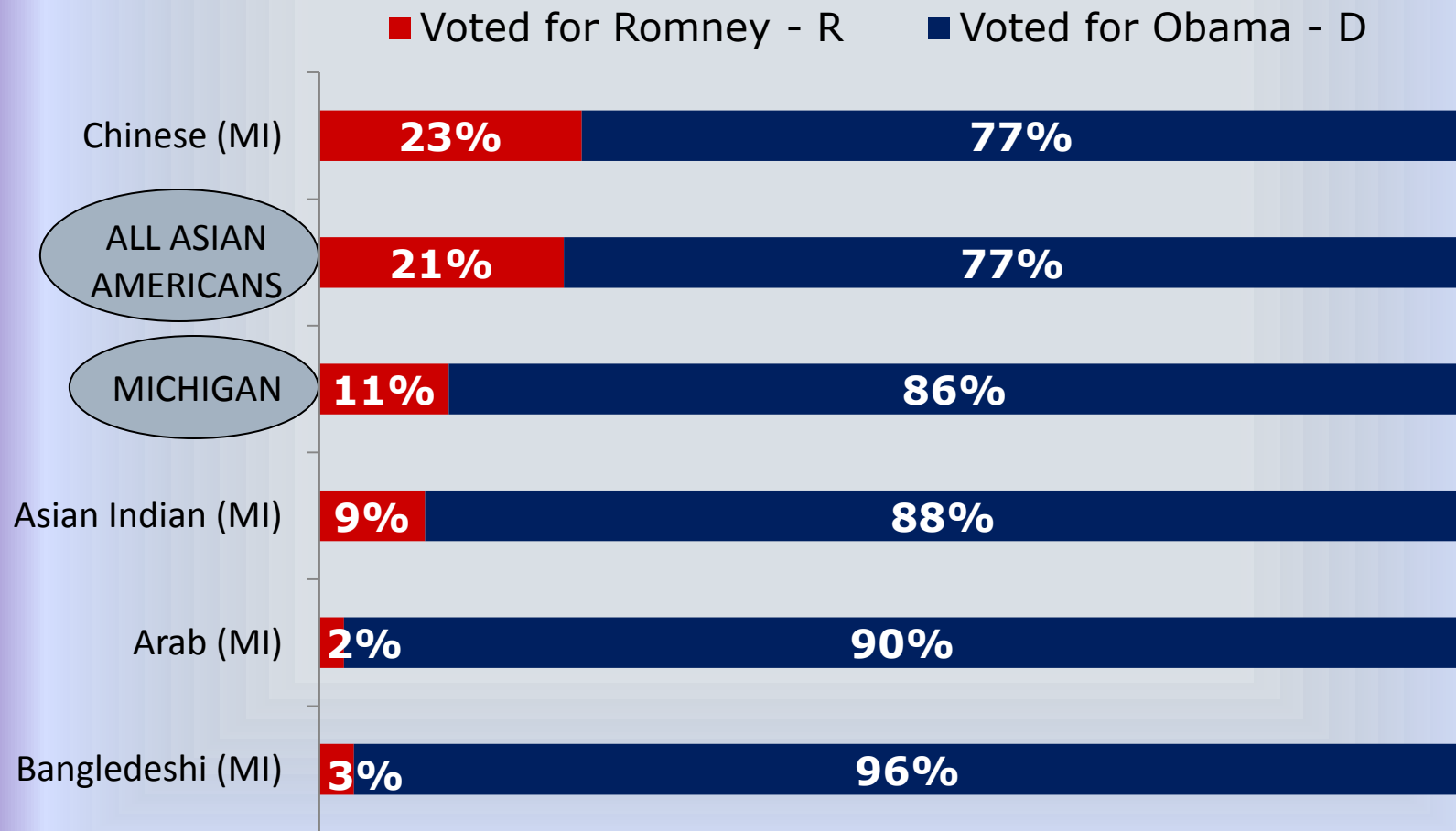


Michigan Respondents





- Democrats
- Republicans
- Not Enrolled
- Other Party

Vote for President by Ethnicity



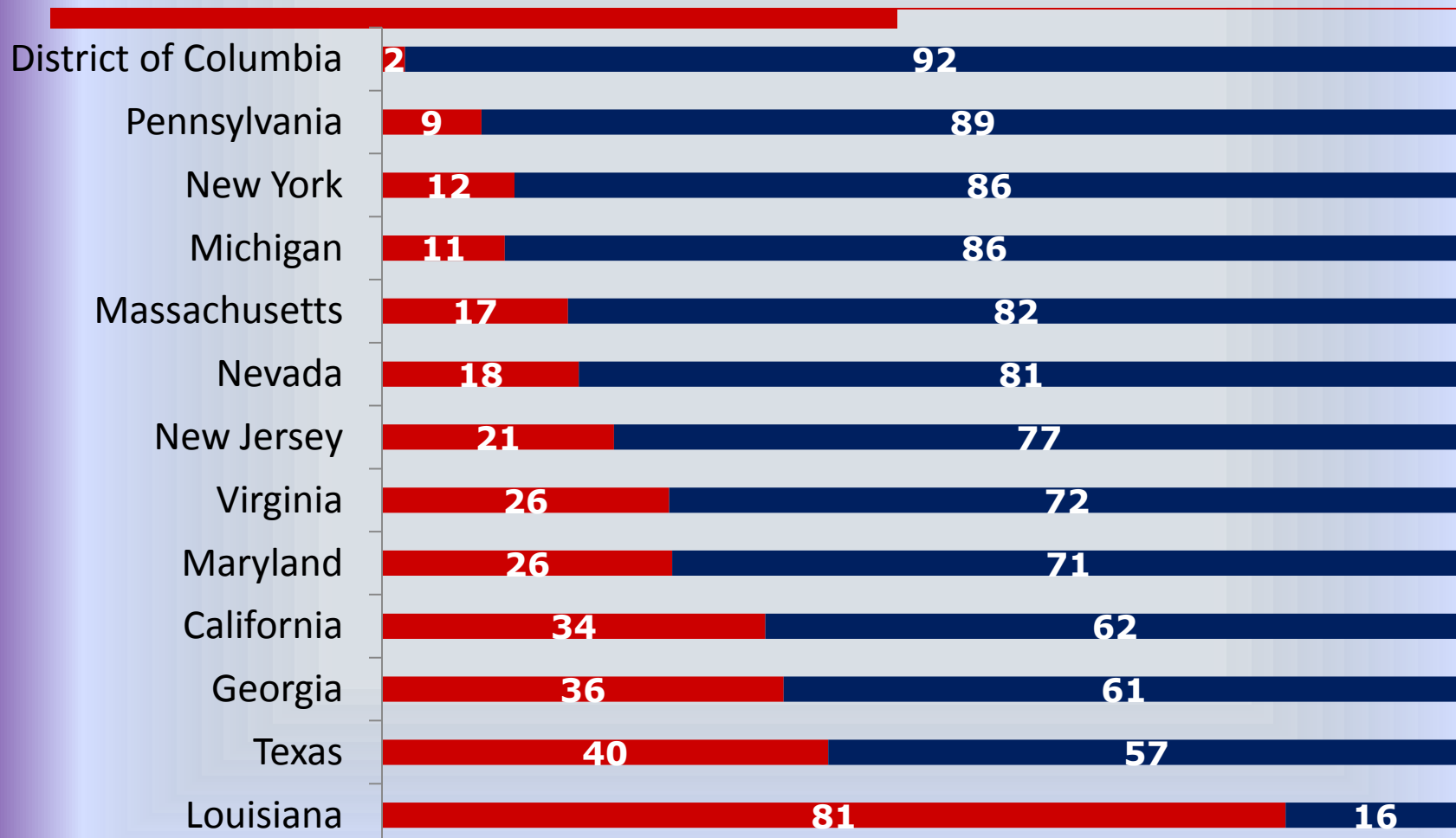
Crossover Voting (Michigan)

Voted for...	Asian American Democrats	Asian American Republicans	Not Enrolled in Any Party
 Barack Obama - D	98%	12%	83%
 Mitt Romney - R	1%	88%	12%

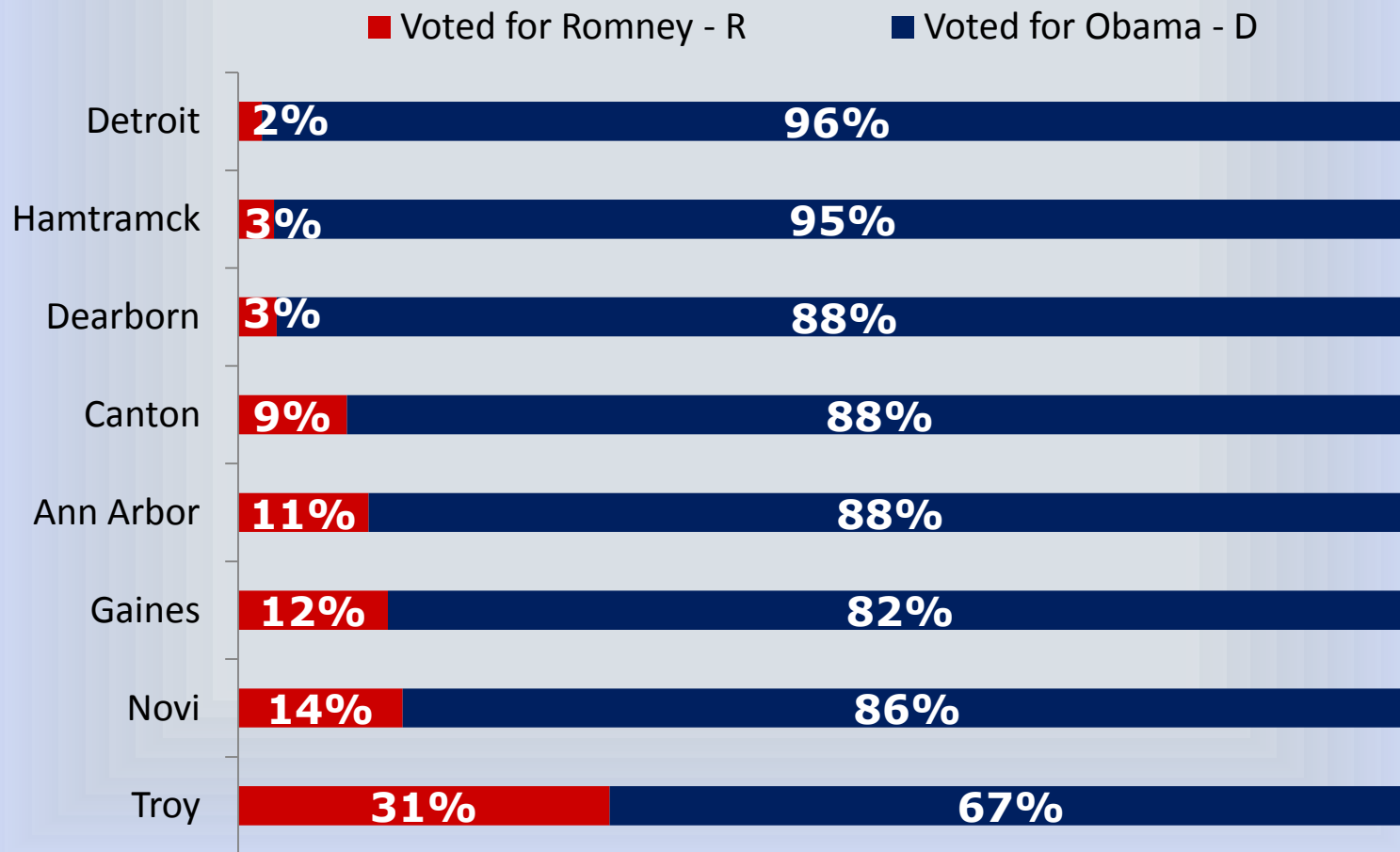
Vote for President by State

■ Voted for Romney - R

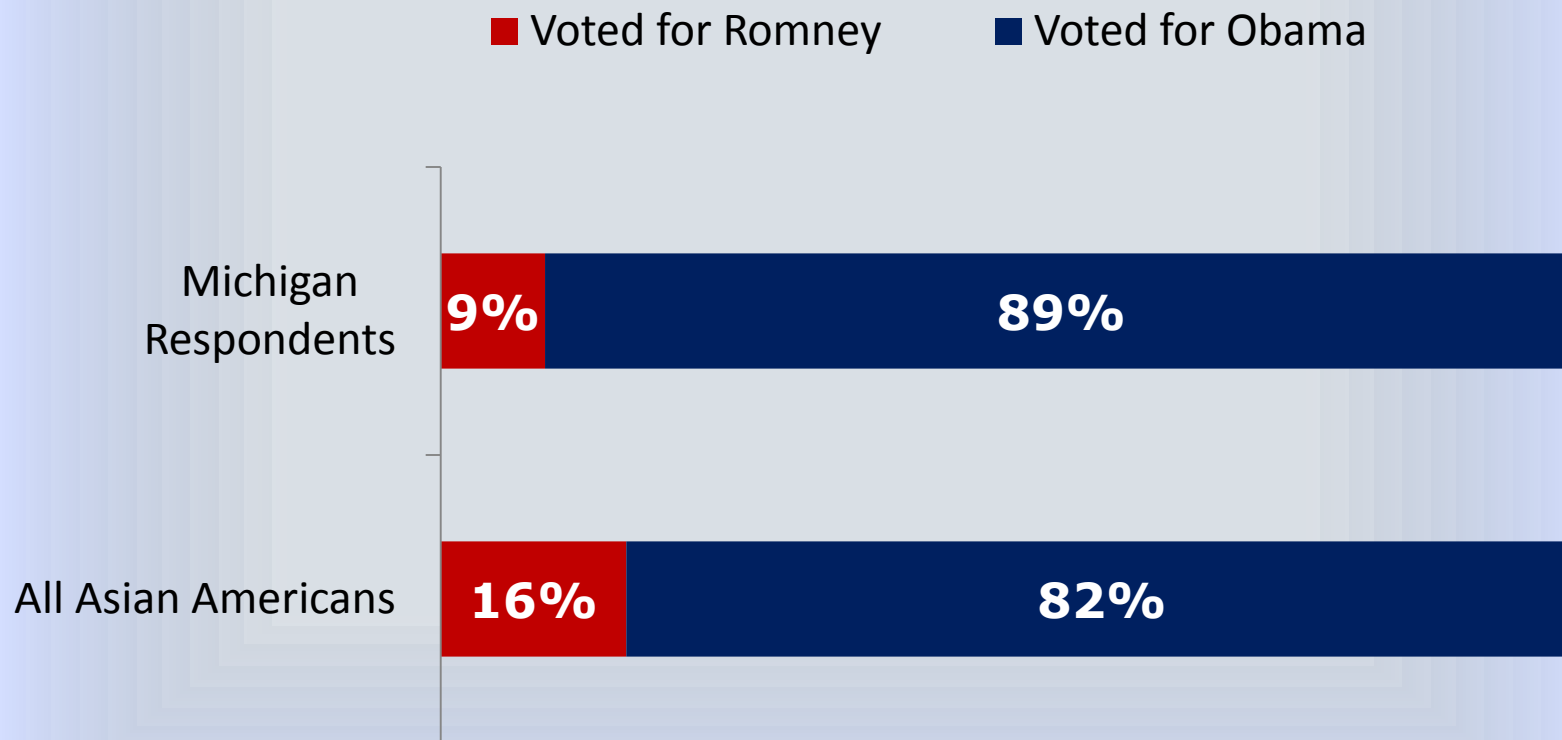
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Vote for President by First-Time Voter

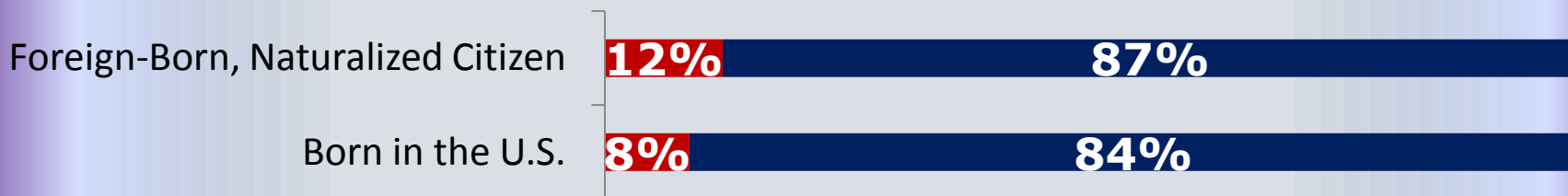


Vote for President by Nativity

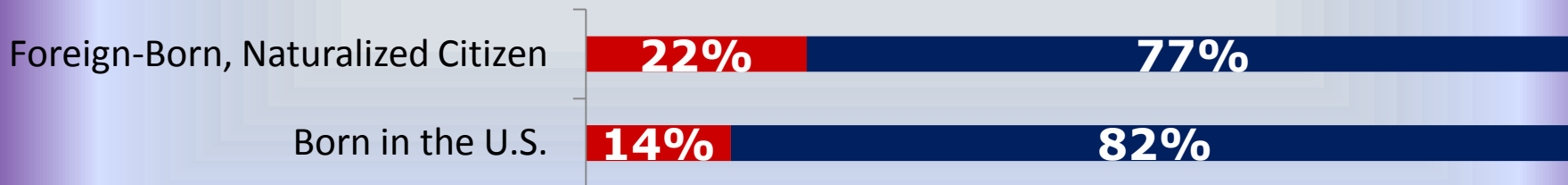
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All Asian Americans



Vote for President by English Proficiency

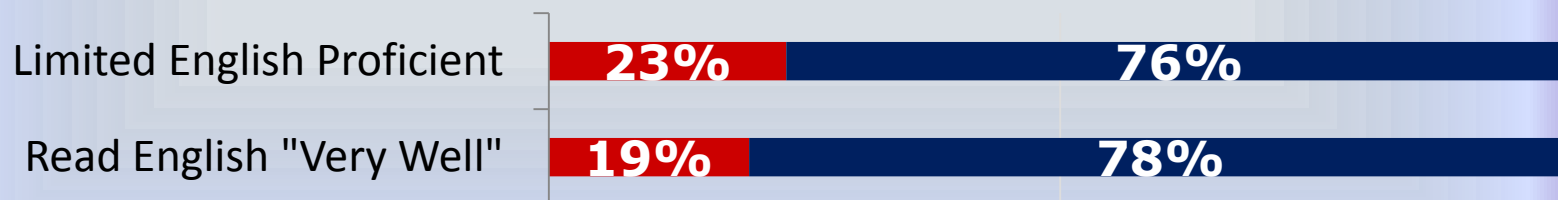
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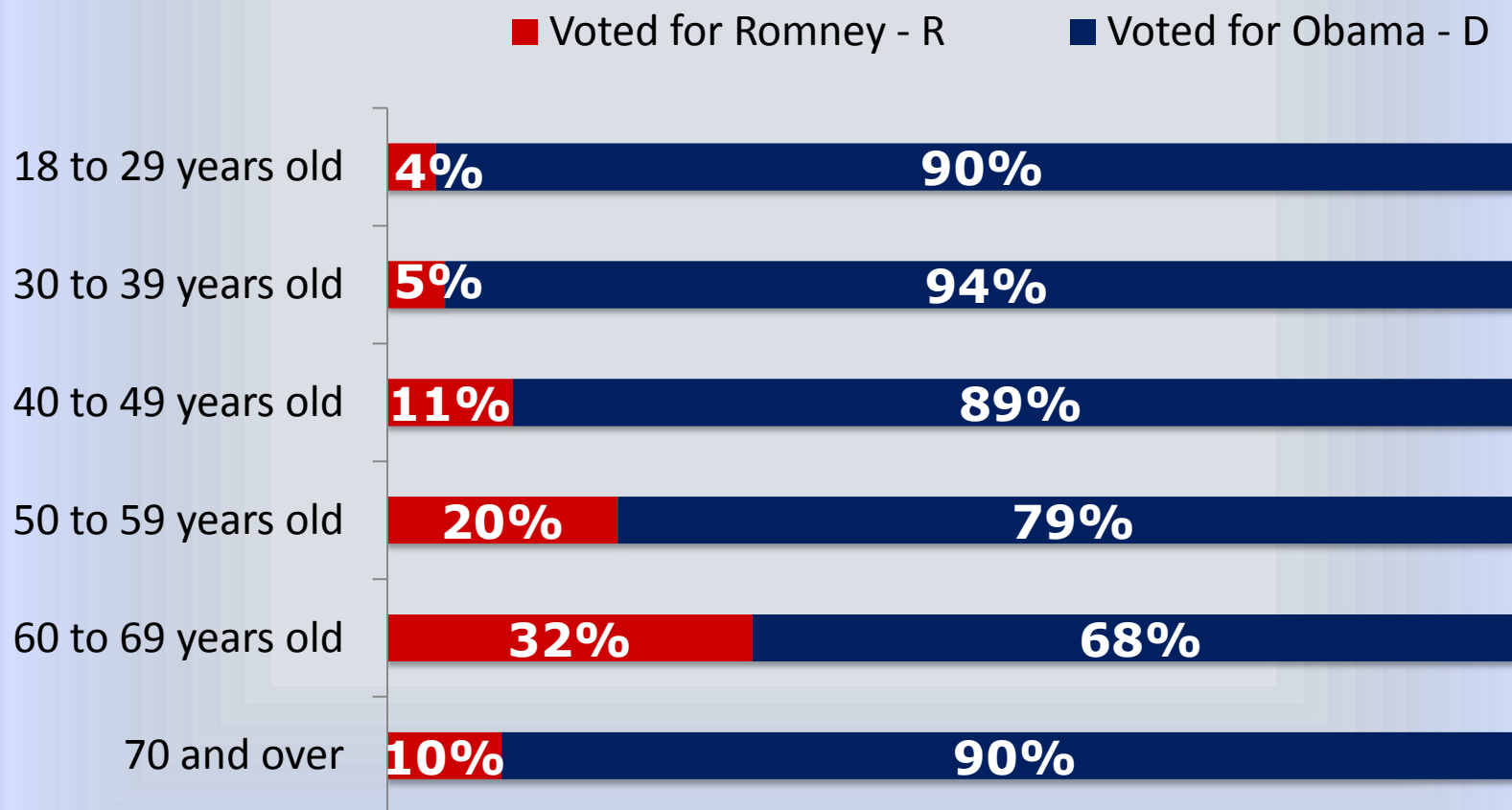
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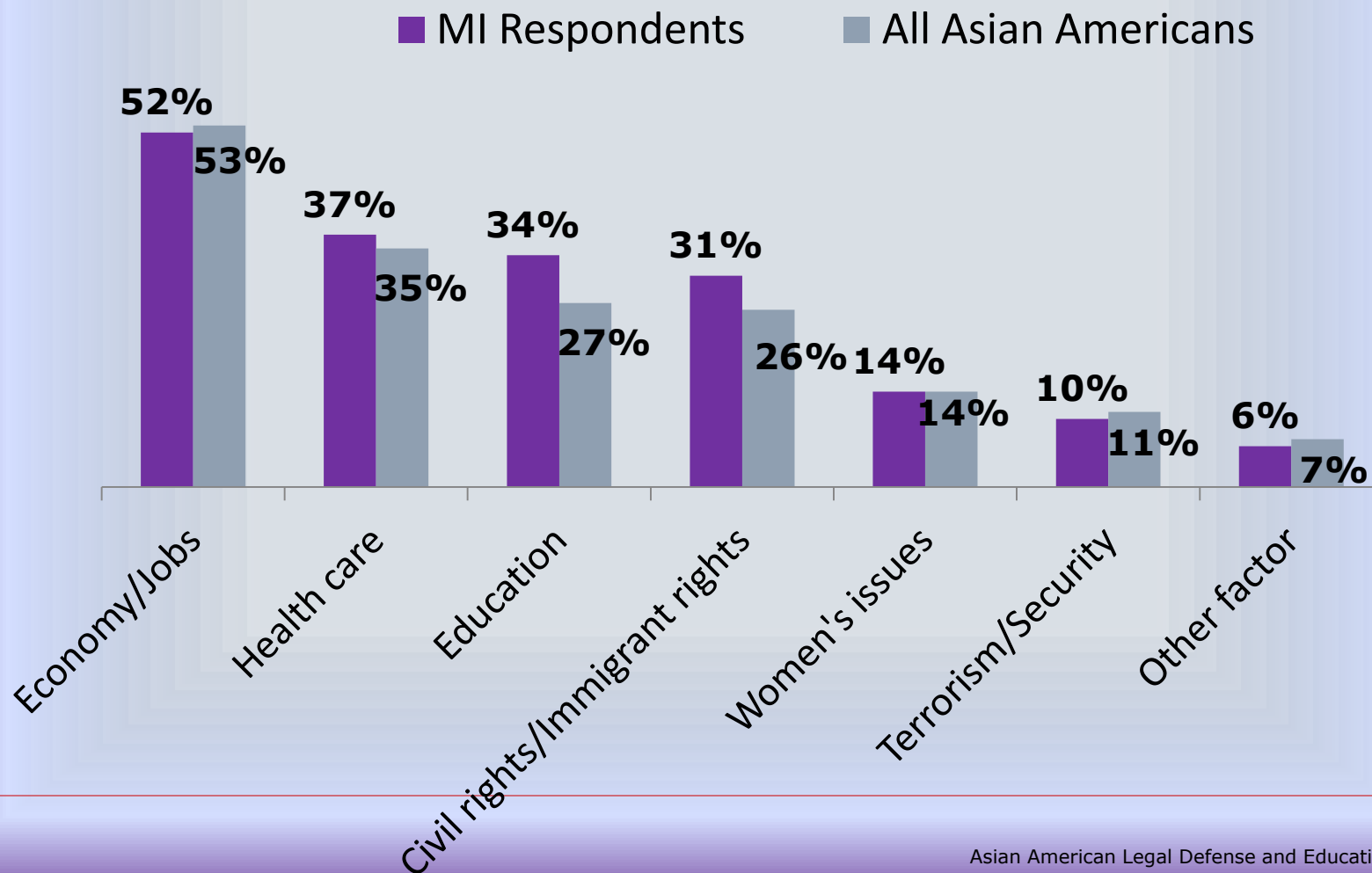
All Asian Americans



Vote for President by Age



Important Factors Influencing the Vote for President



Vote for U.S. Senate

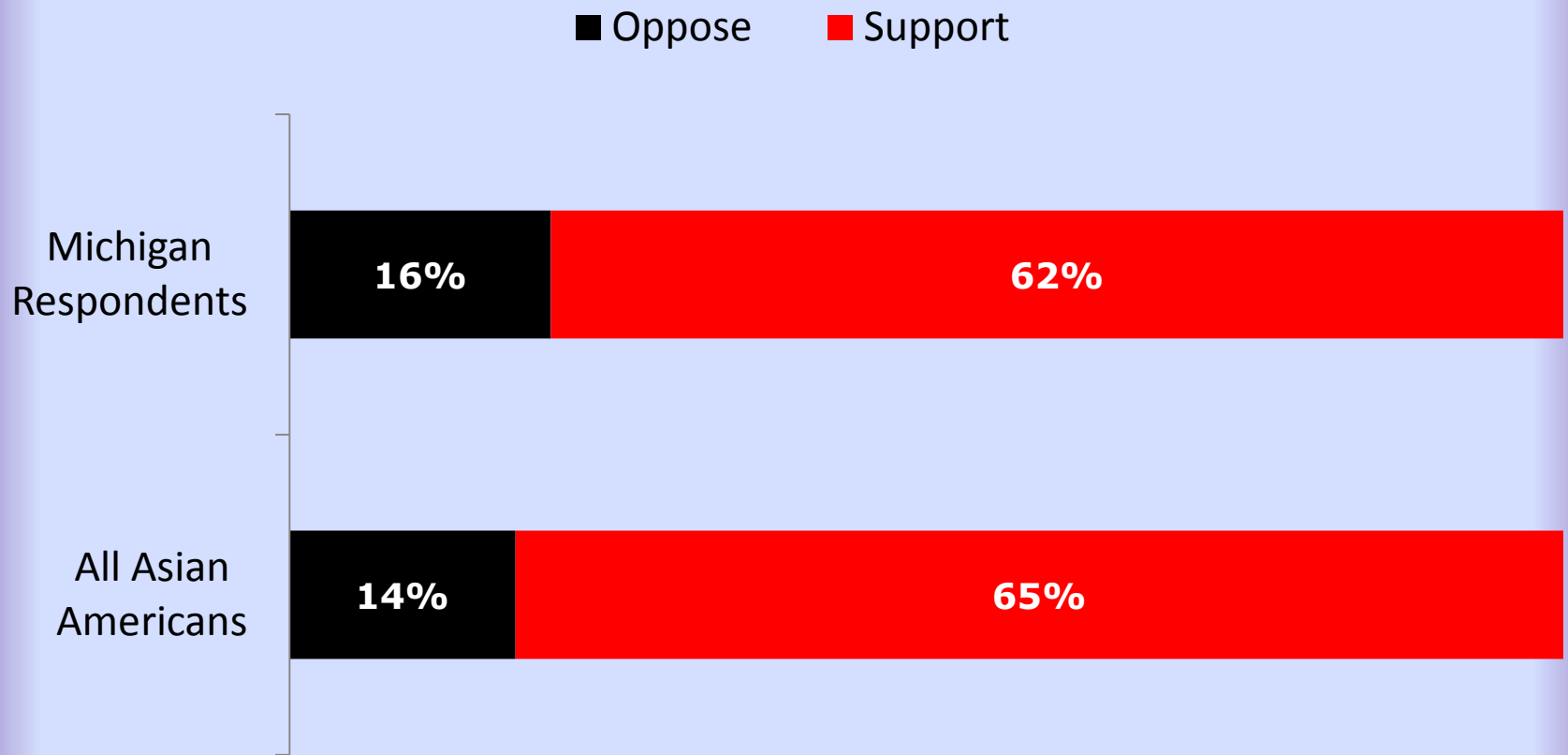
State	Democratic Candidate	Asian American Vote	Overall Vote %	Republican Candidate	Asian American Vote	Overall Vote %
MI	Debbie Ann Stabenow*	81%	59%	Pete Hoekstra	12%	38%

Vote for U.S. House of Representatives

State	Congressional District	Democratic Candidate	Asian American Vote	Overall Vote	Republican Candidate	Asian American Vote	Overall Vote
MI	11	Syed Taj	68%	44%	Kerry Bentivolio*	29%	51%
	12	John Dingell*	90%	68%	Cynthia Kallgren	8%	29%
	14	Gary Peters*	97%	82%	John Hauler	2%	16%

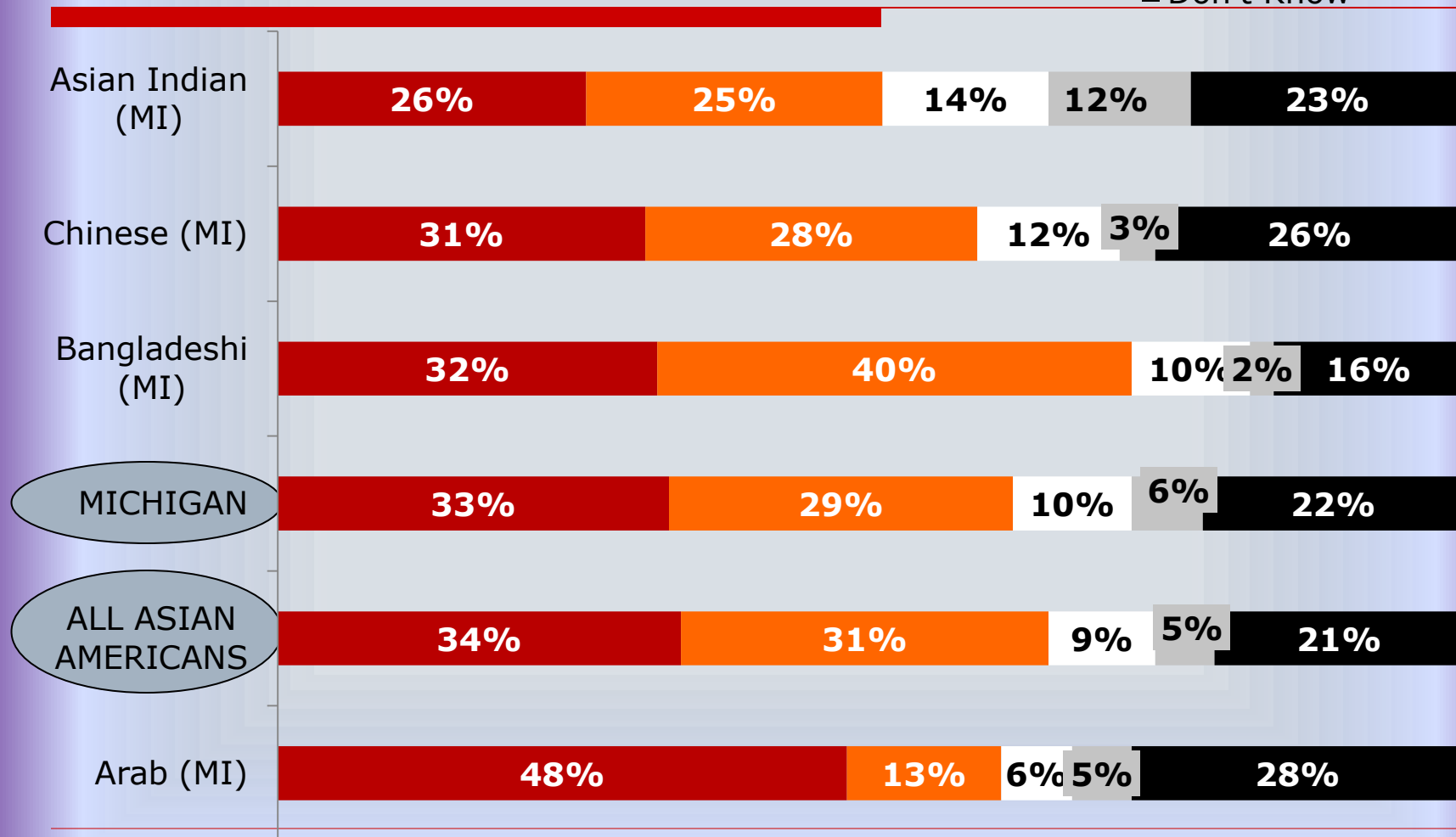
* Winning Candidate

Comprehensive immigration reform, including a path to citizenship for undocumented people

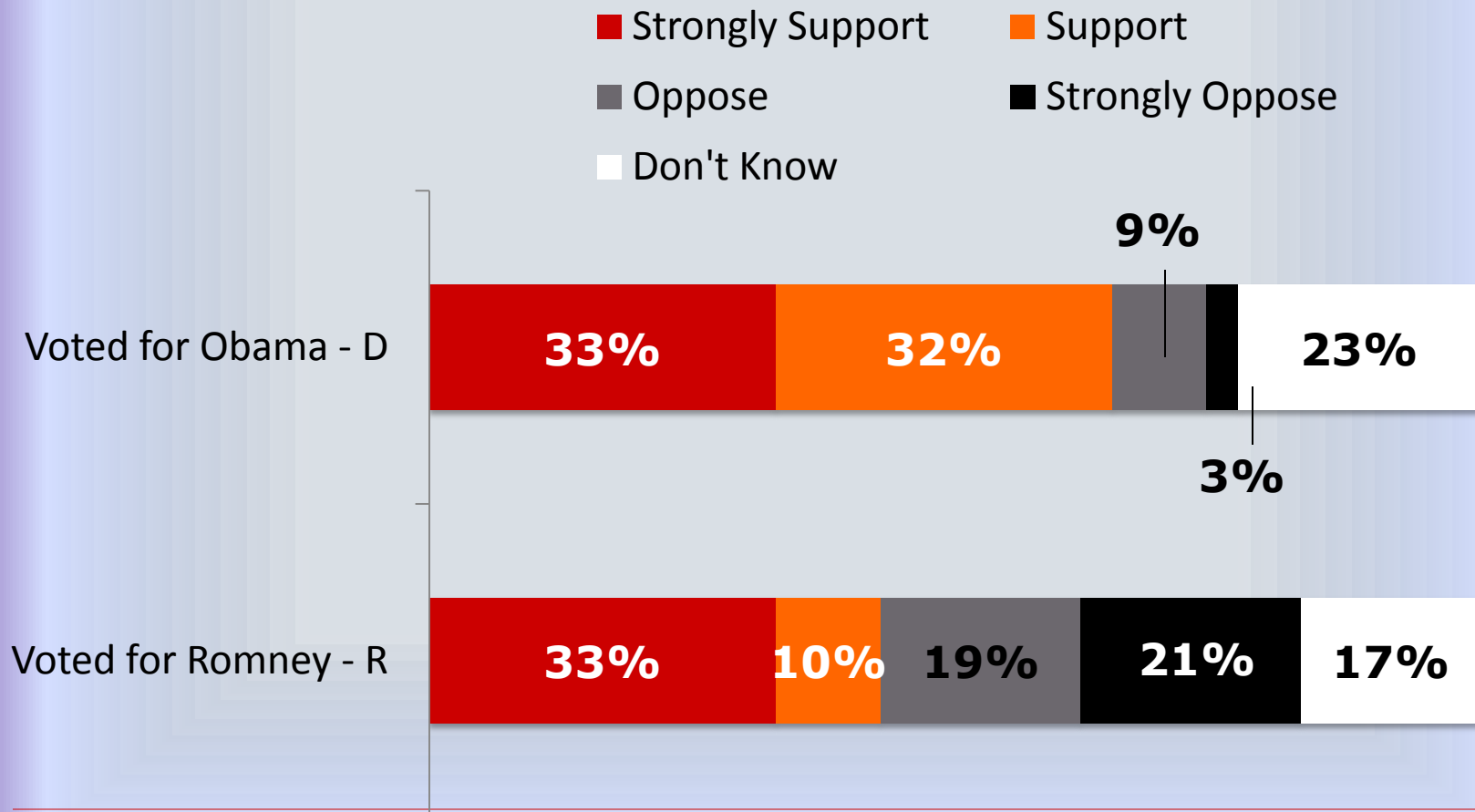


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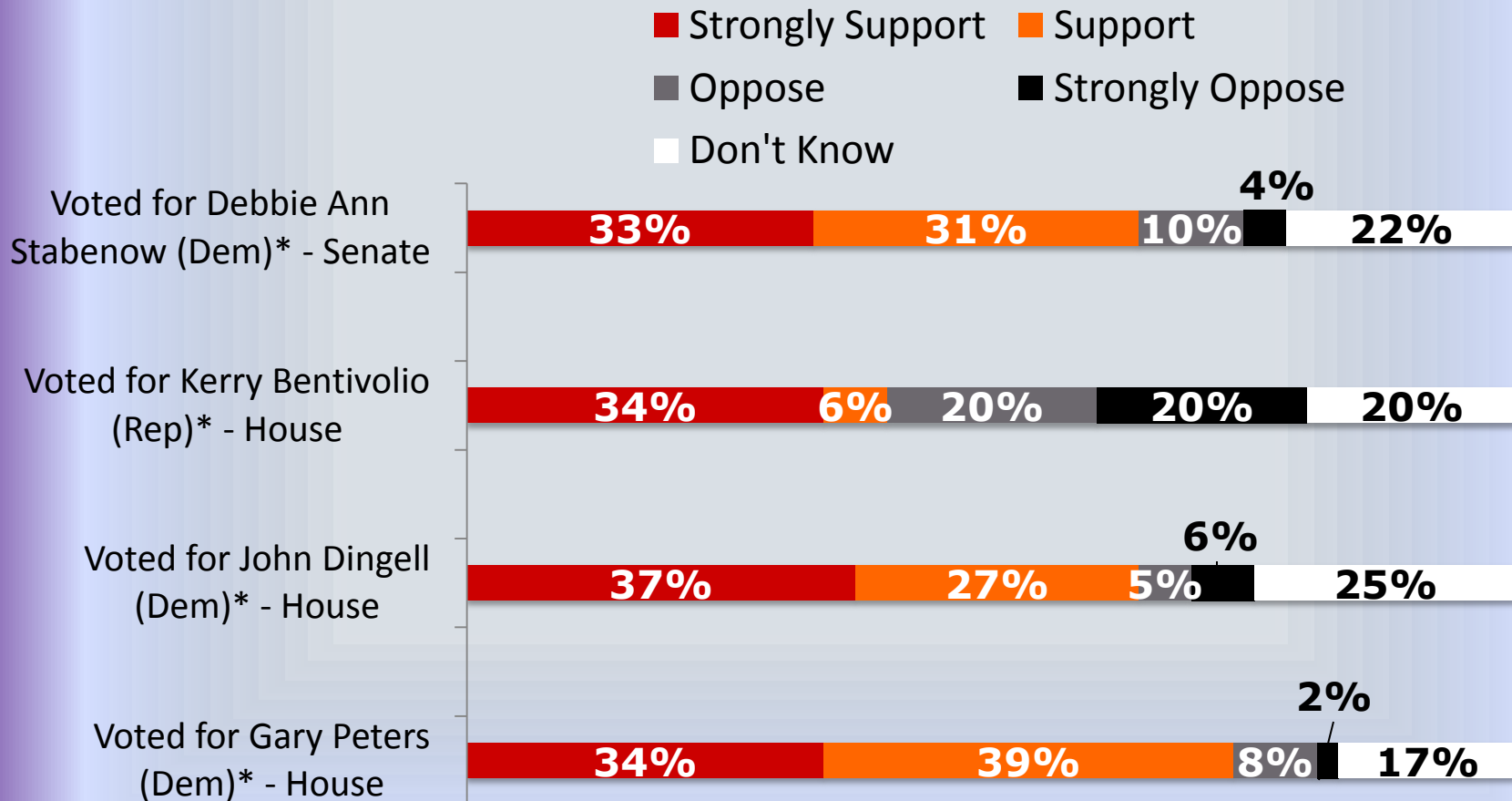
- Strongly Support
- Support
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't Know



Immigration Reform and Vote for President

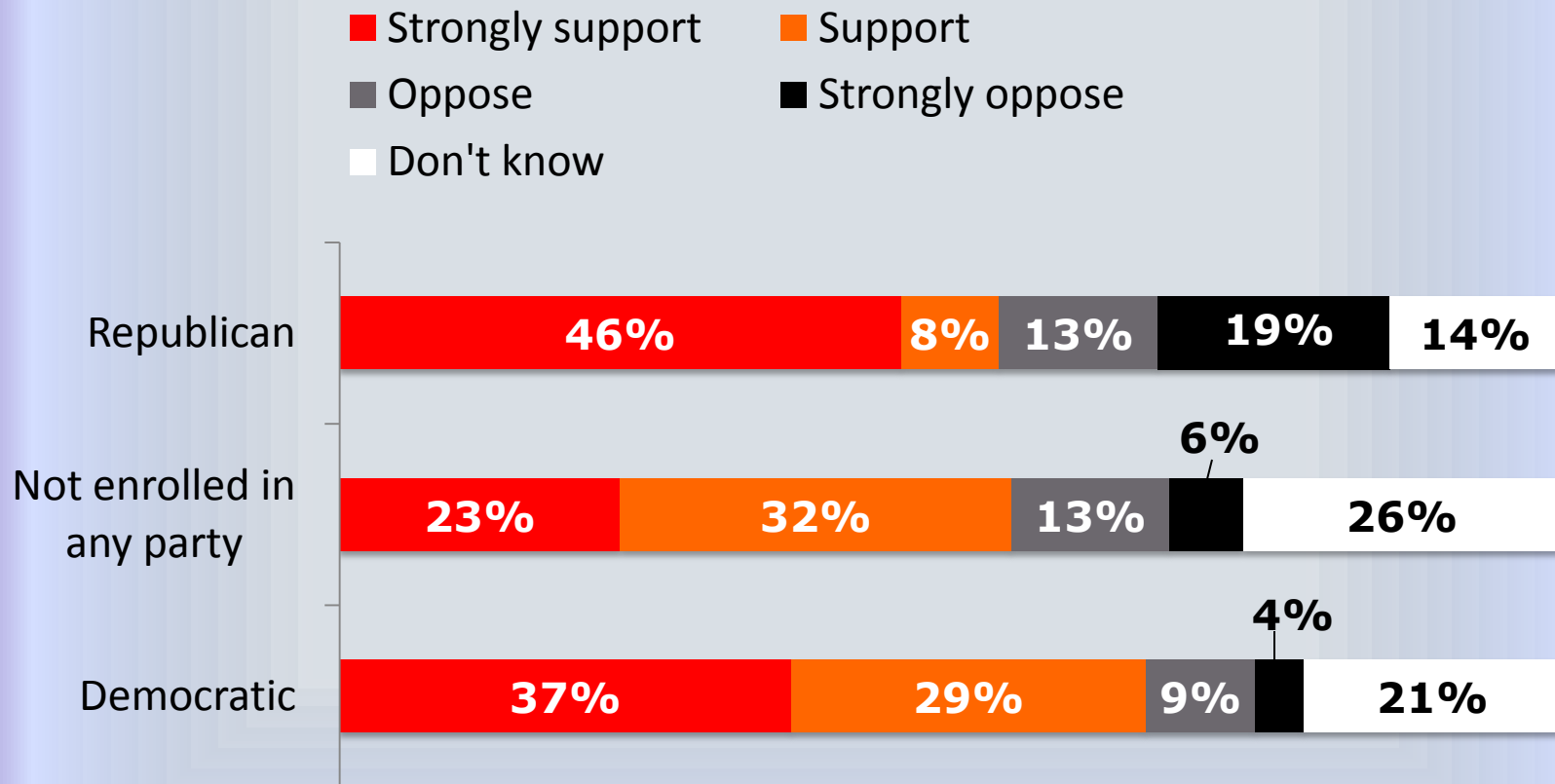


Immigration Reform and Vote for Congress

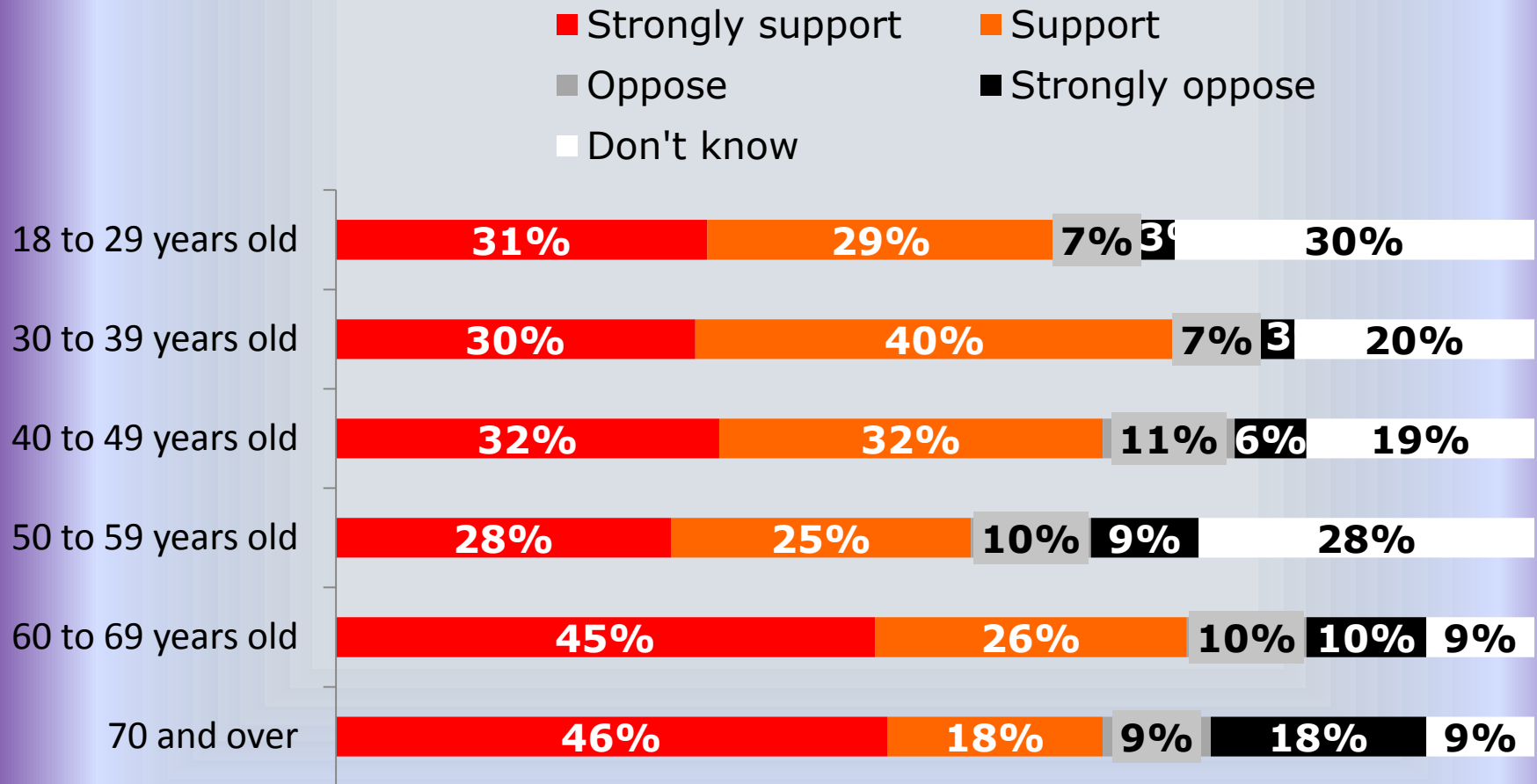


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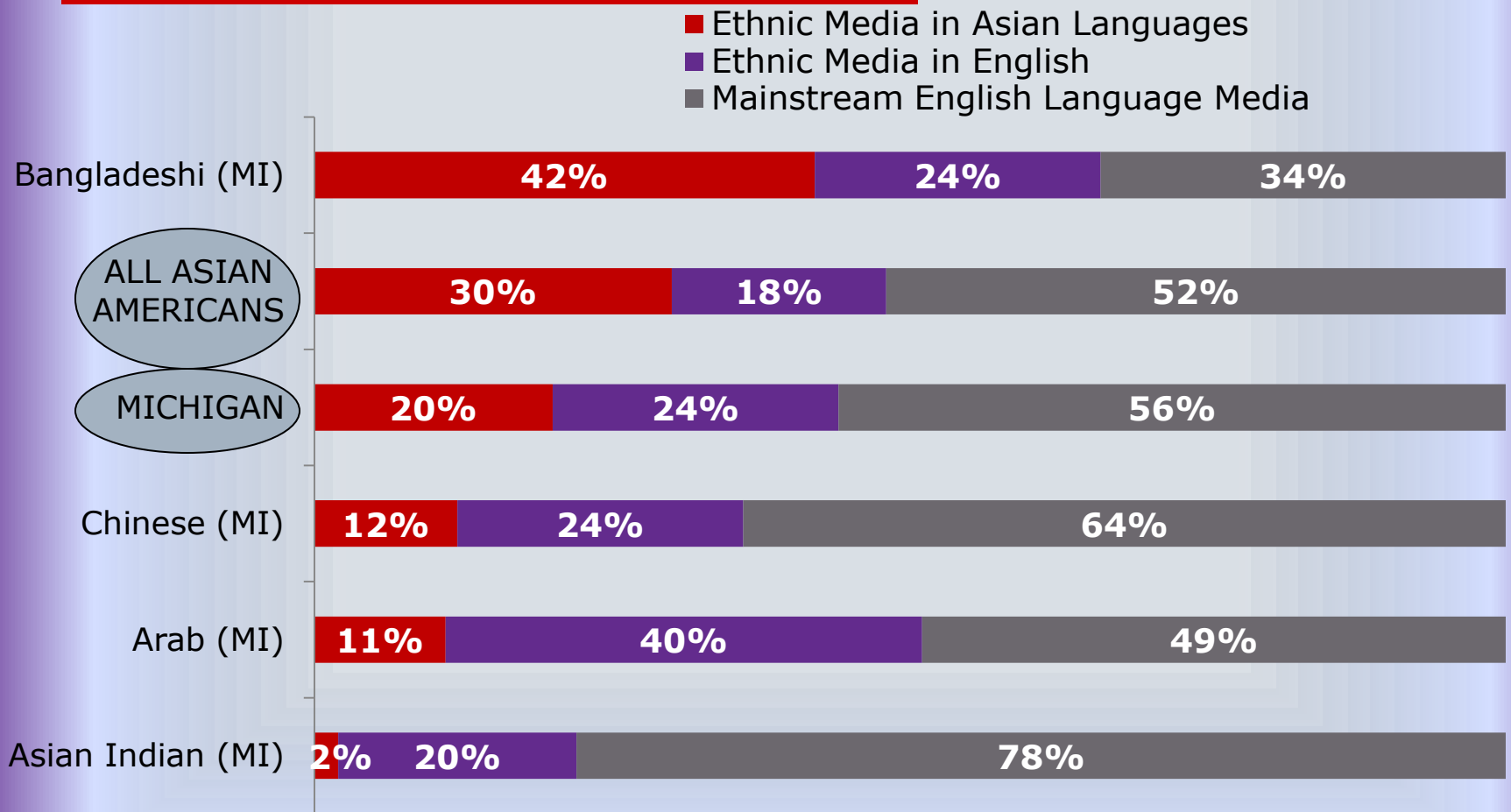
Immigration Reform and Party



Immigration Reform and Age



Main source of news about politics and community issues ...



Voting Problems in Michigan

- **26** were required to prove their U.S. citizenship
- **12** complained that their names were missing or had errors in the list of voters at poll sites
- **10** had to vote by provisional ballot
- **11** voters complained that poll workers did not know what to do
- **8** voters complained that poll workers were rude or hostile
- **11** voters complained that no interpreters or translations were available when they needed the help
- **5** were directed to the wrong poll site or voting machine/table within a site



Next Steps

- **U.S. Supreme Court - Challenge to Enforcement Provisions (Section 5) of Voting Rights Act** (*Shelby v. Holder*)
- **U.S. Supreme Court - Challenge to Proof of Citizenship Requirements** (*Gonzalez v. Arizona*)
- **Enforcement of Language Assistance Provisions (Section 203/208) of Voting Rights Act for:**
 - New York assistance in Bengali
 - Michigan assistance in Bengali
 - New Jersey assistance in Korean
 - Louisiana assistance in Vietnamese
- **Enforcement of State Election Law and Voting Rights Act for:**
 - Pennsylvania voter photo Identification (*Applewhite v. Pennsylvania*)
 - Virginia voter discrimination against Korean American voters

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