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The Korean American Vote

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

**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

NAKASEC Mission and Program

The National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC) was founded in 1994 by local community centers to project a national progressive voice and promote the full participation of Korean Americans as a part of a greater goal of building a national movement for social change. NAKASEC is based D.C., Los Angeles and Georgia. NAKASEC also has affiliates in Chicago (Korean American Resource & Cultural Center) and Los Angeles (Korean Resource Center).

- Civic Engagement and Voter Empowerment
- Immigrant Rights
- Economic Security and Financial Empowerment
- Youth Leadership Development & Organizing
- Civil Rights
- Health care

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	Korean American respondents
100%	998 Total Surveyed
53%	Women
47%	Men
15%	18-29 years old
15%	30-39 years old
12%	40-49 years old
18%	50-59 years old
21%	60-69 years old
19%	70 and over
16%	Born in the U.S.
84%	Foreign born, naturalized citizen:
5%	...0-2 years ago
7%	...3-5 years ago
14%	...6-10 years ago
58%	...more than 10 years ago
37%	No formal education in US
63%	Educated in the U.S., highest level:
2%	...Elementary school
1%	...Some high school
5%	...High school trade school degree
33%	...College or university degree
22%	... Advanced degree

Profile of Korean American Survey Respondents

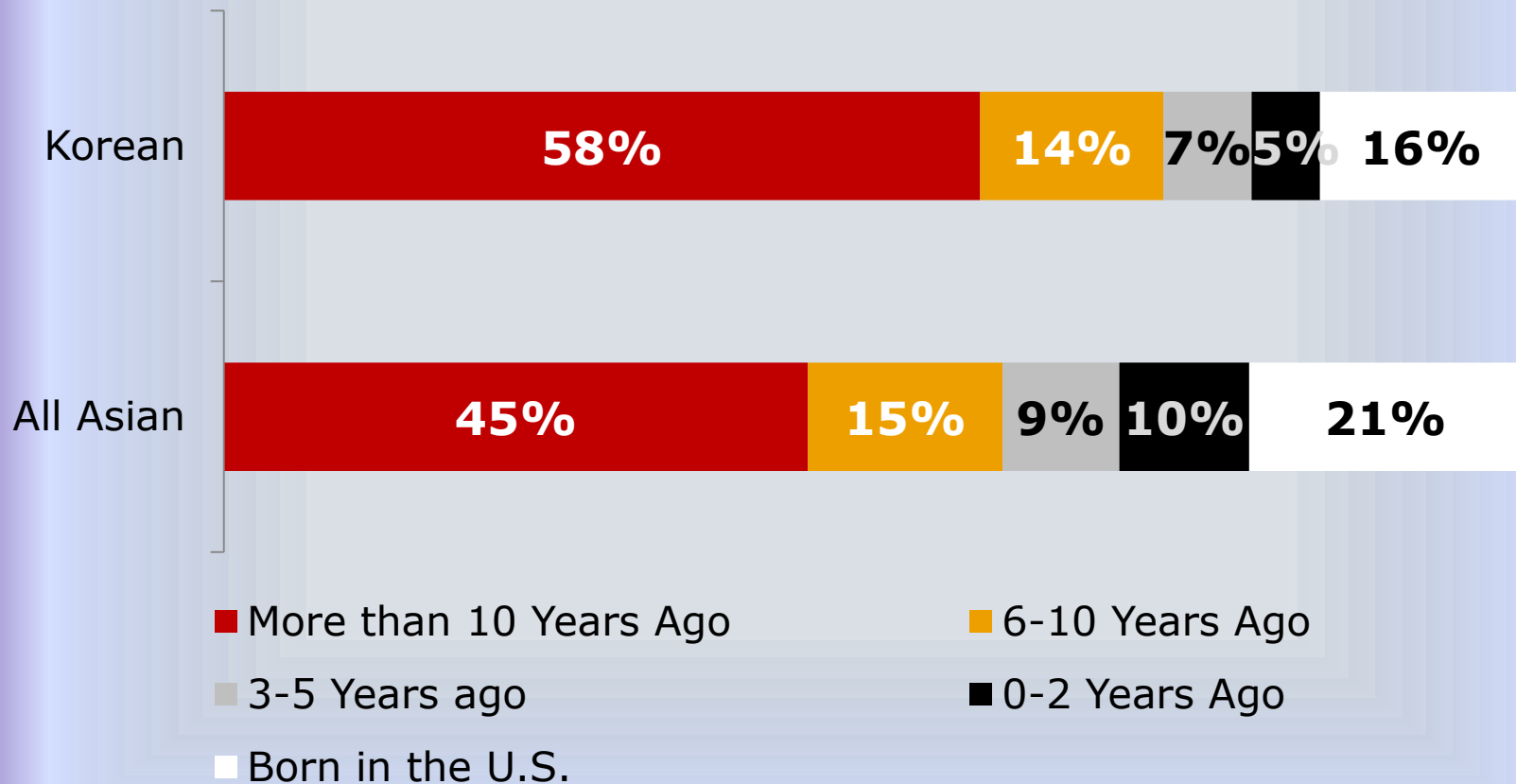
- New York (45%)
- Virginia (19%)
- New Jersey (11%)
- Georgia (8%)
- Maryland (6%)
- Massachusetts (3%)

First Time Voting by State

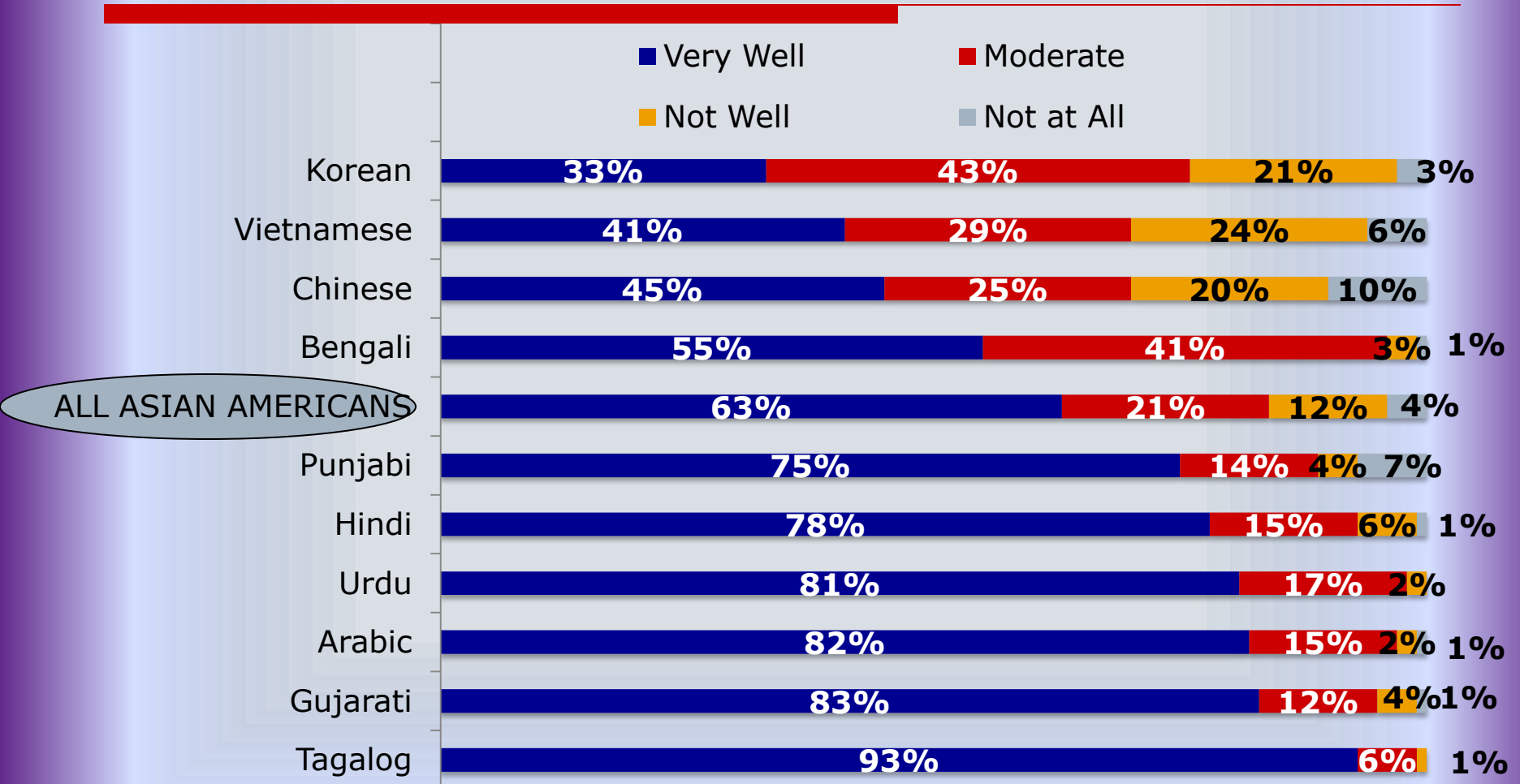
Maryland	31%
Virginia	26%
Georgia	25%
New Jersey	22%
All States	20%
New York	16%
Massachusetts	8%

20% of all Koreans surveyed stated that the **November 2012** elections were the first elections in the United States in which they had voted.

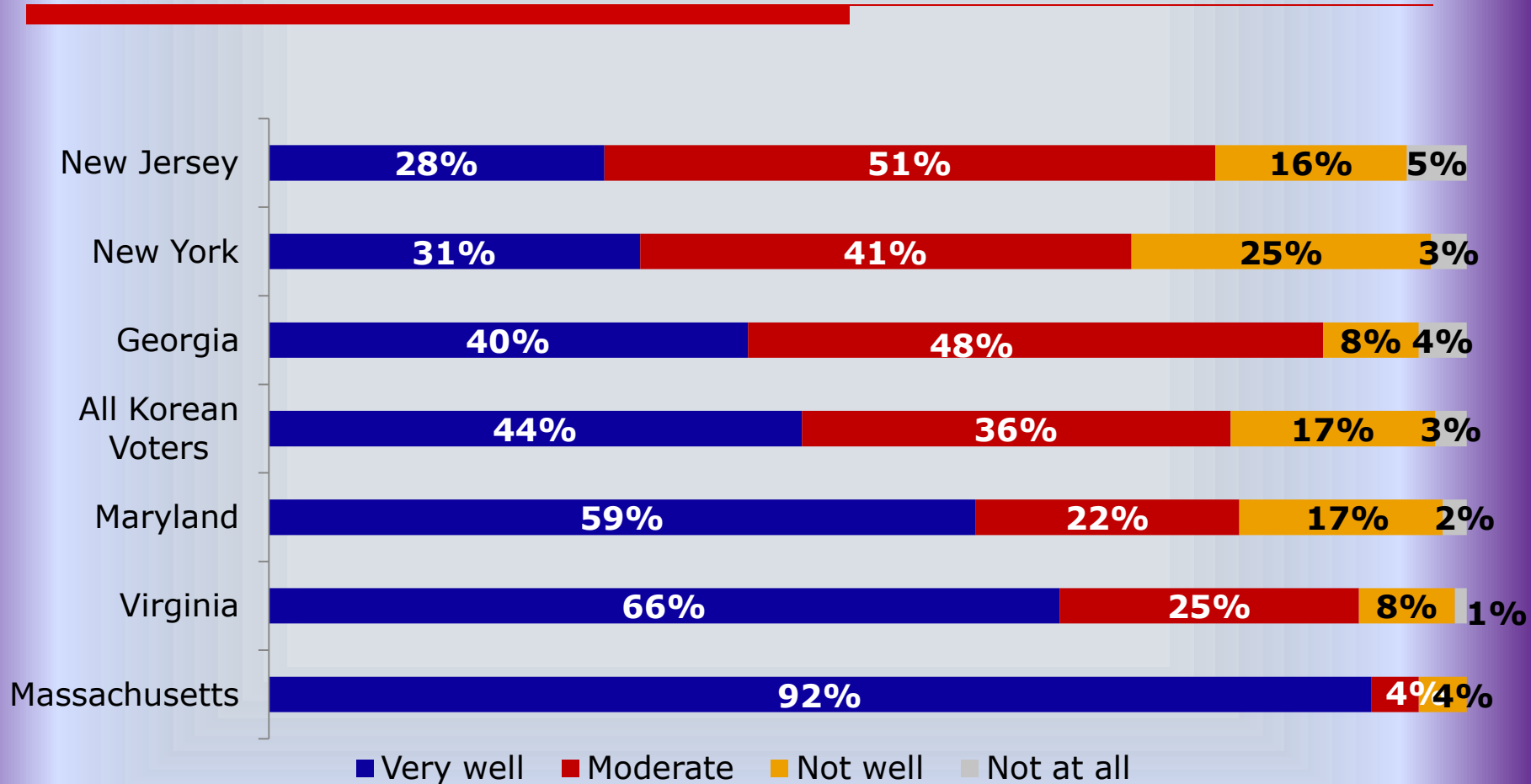
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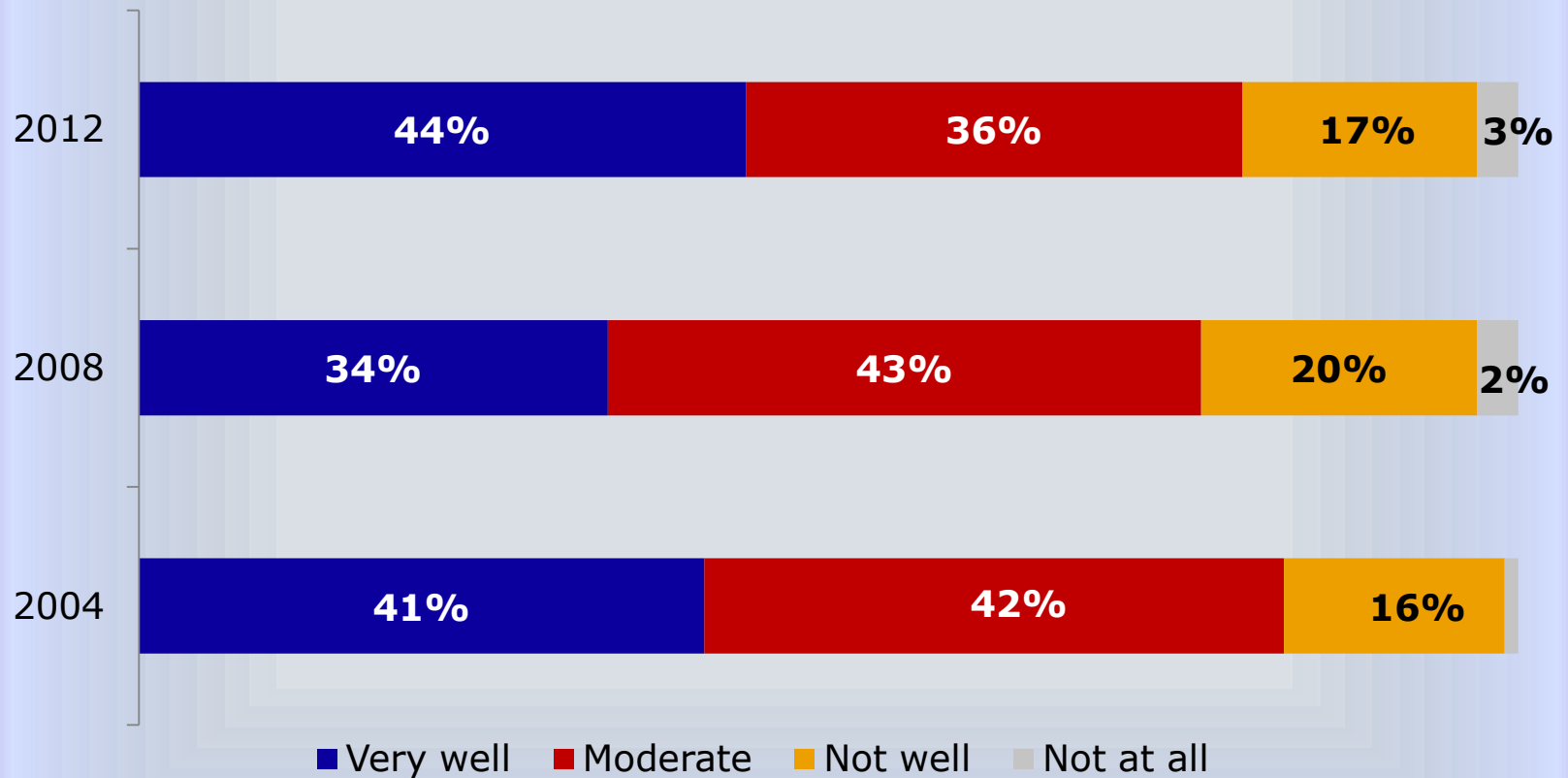
Limited English Proficiency by Ethnicity



Korean Limited English Proficiency



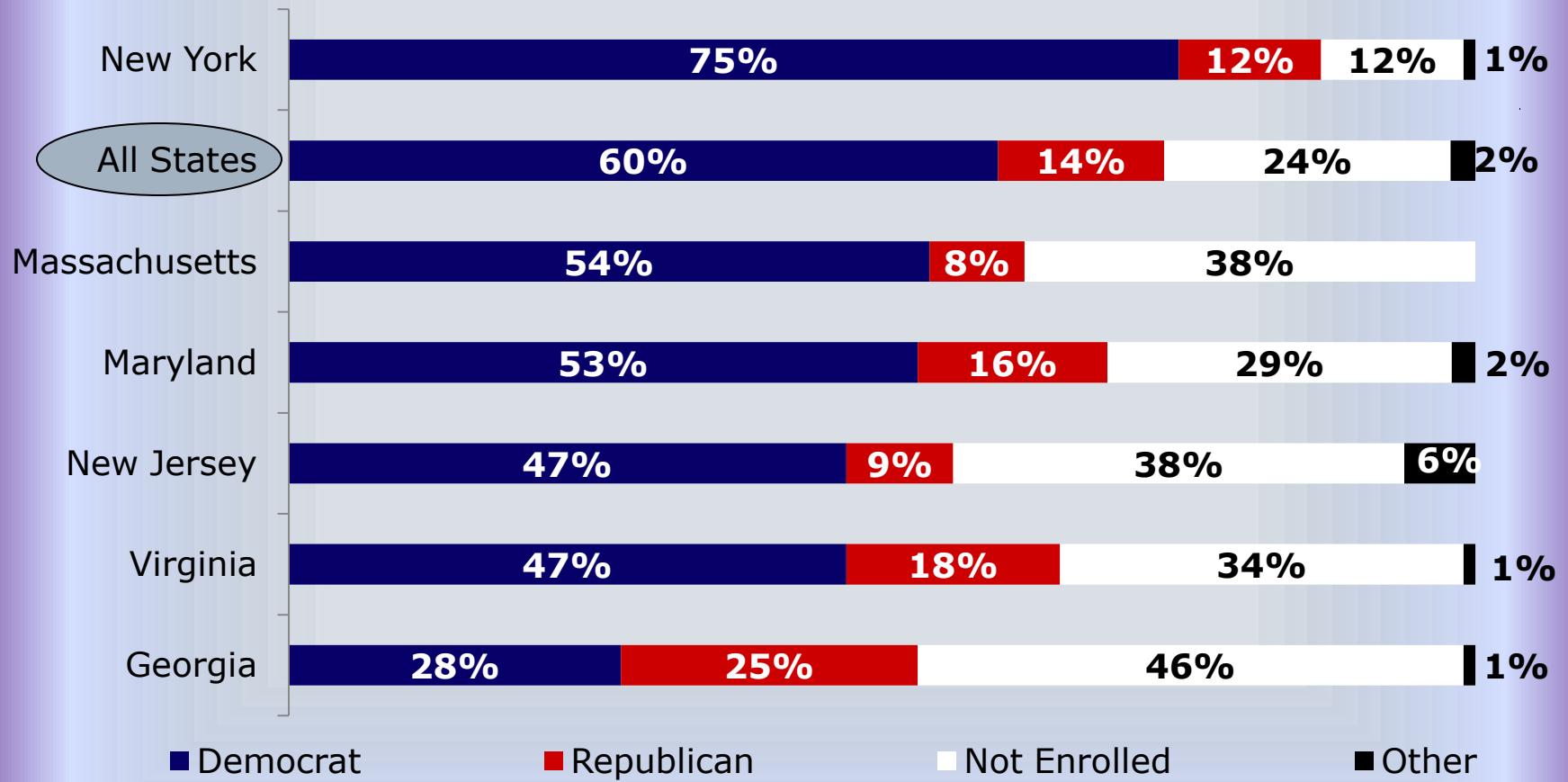
Korean Limited English Proficiency Trends



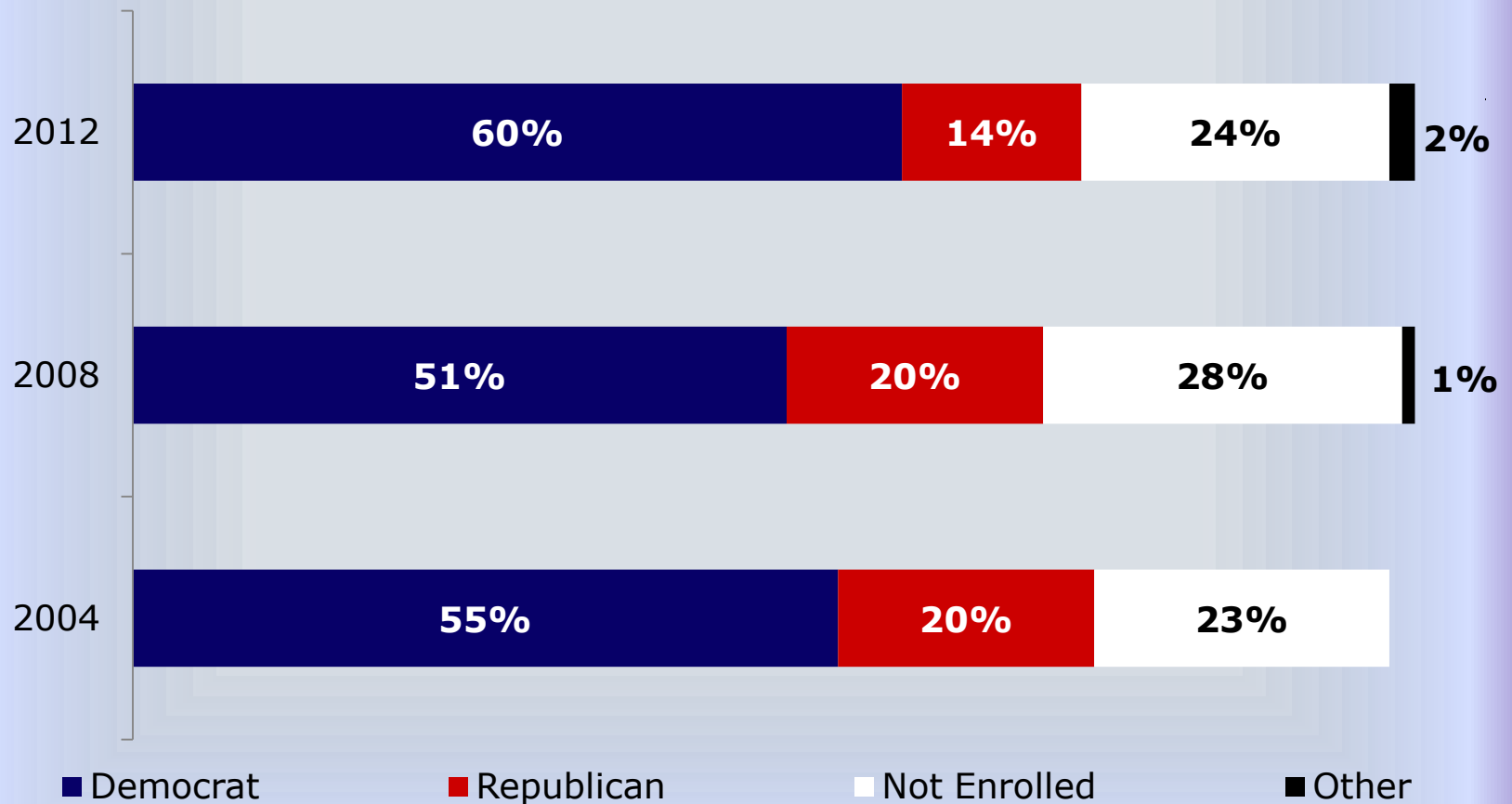
Need for Korean Language Assistance by State

State	Limited English Proficient	Prefers Voting with Assistance	Used an Interpreter	Used Translated Written Materials
All States	56%	26%	22% (yes) 5% (no, needed)	23% (yes) 8% (no, needed)
New Jersey	72%	28%	12% (yes) 6% (no, needed)	22% (yes) 6% (no, needed)
New York	69%	37%	39% (yes) 4% (no, needed)	36% (yes) 8% (no, needed)
Georgia	60%	21%	10% (yes) 6% (no, needed)	6% (yes) 13% (no, needed)
Maryland	41%	19%	8% (yes) 8% (no, needed)	6% (yes) 13% (needed)
Virginia	34%	12%	7% (yes) 5% (no, needed)	12% (yes) 4% (no, needed)
Massachusetts	8%	-	-	4% (yes) 4% (no, needed)

Korean Party Enrollment by State



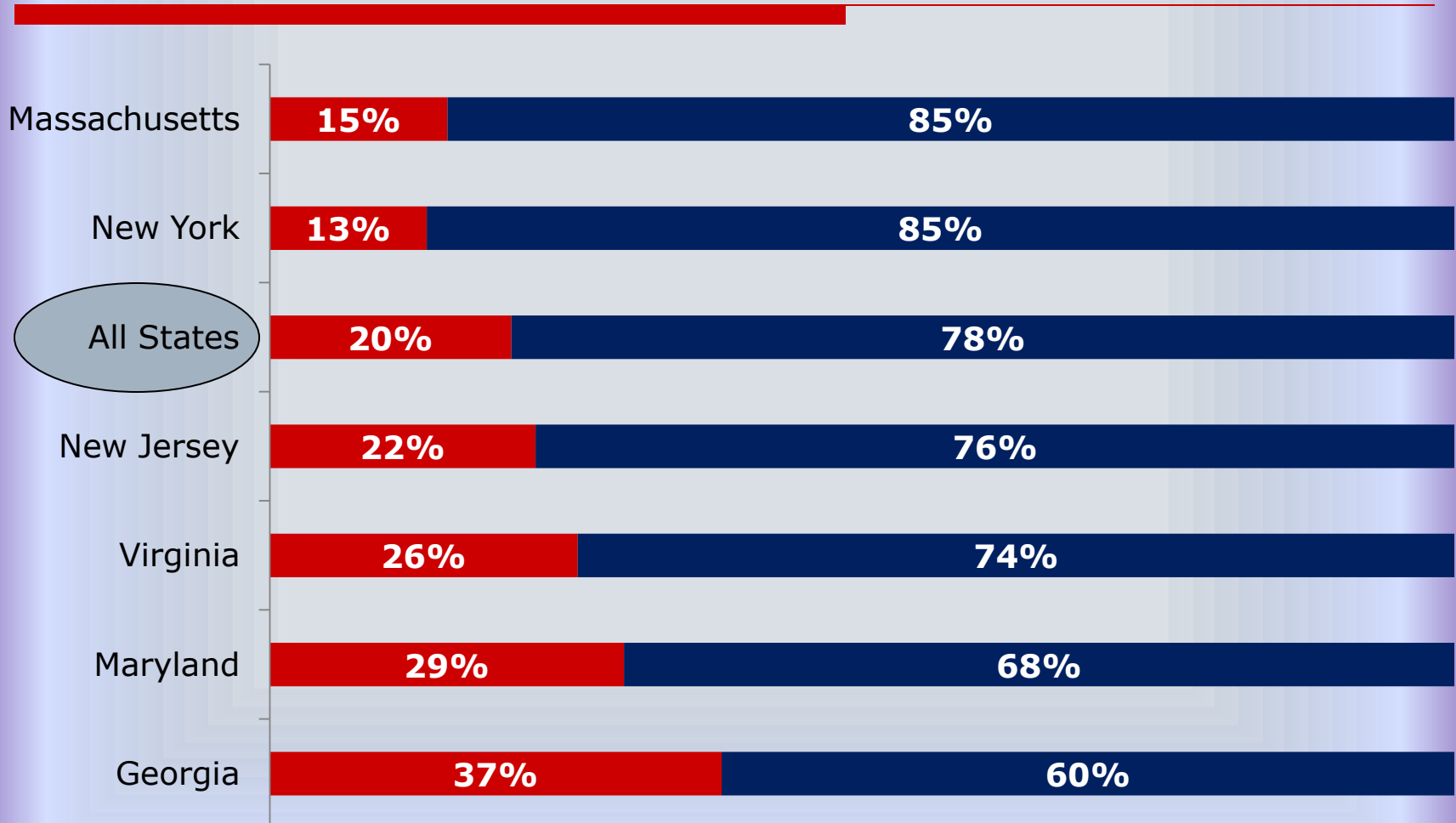
Korean Party Enrollment Trends



Korean American Vote for President by State

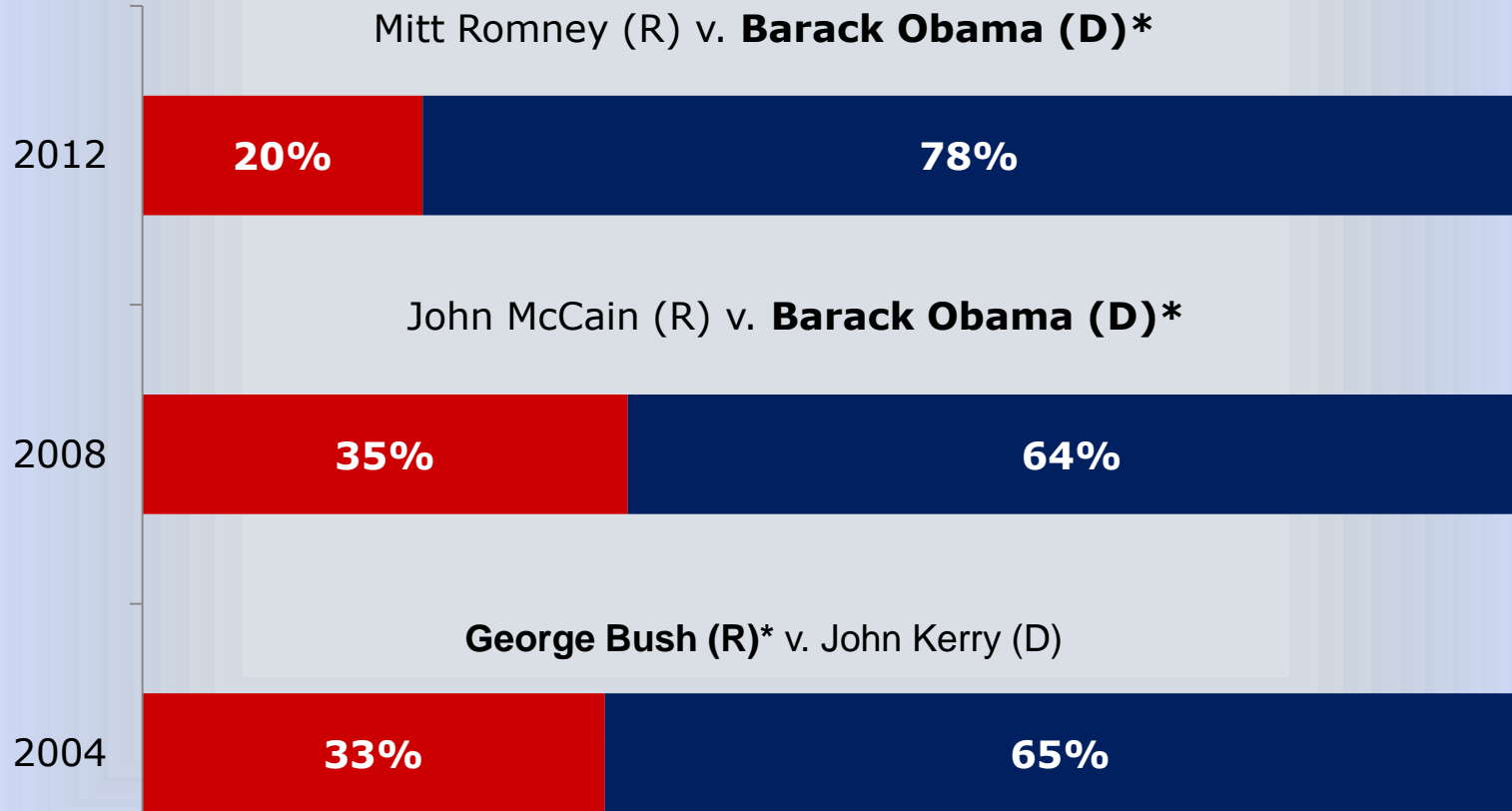
■ Voted for Romney - R

■ Voted for Obama - D



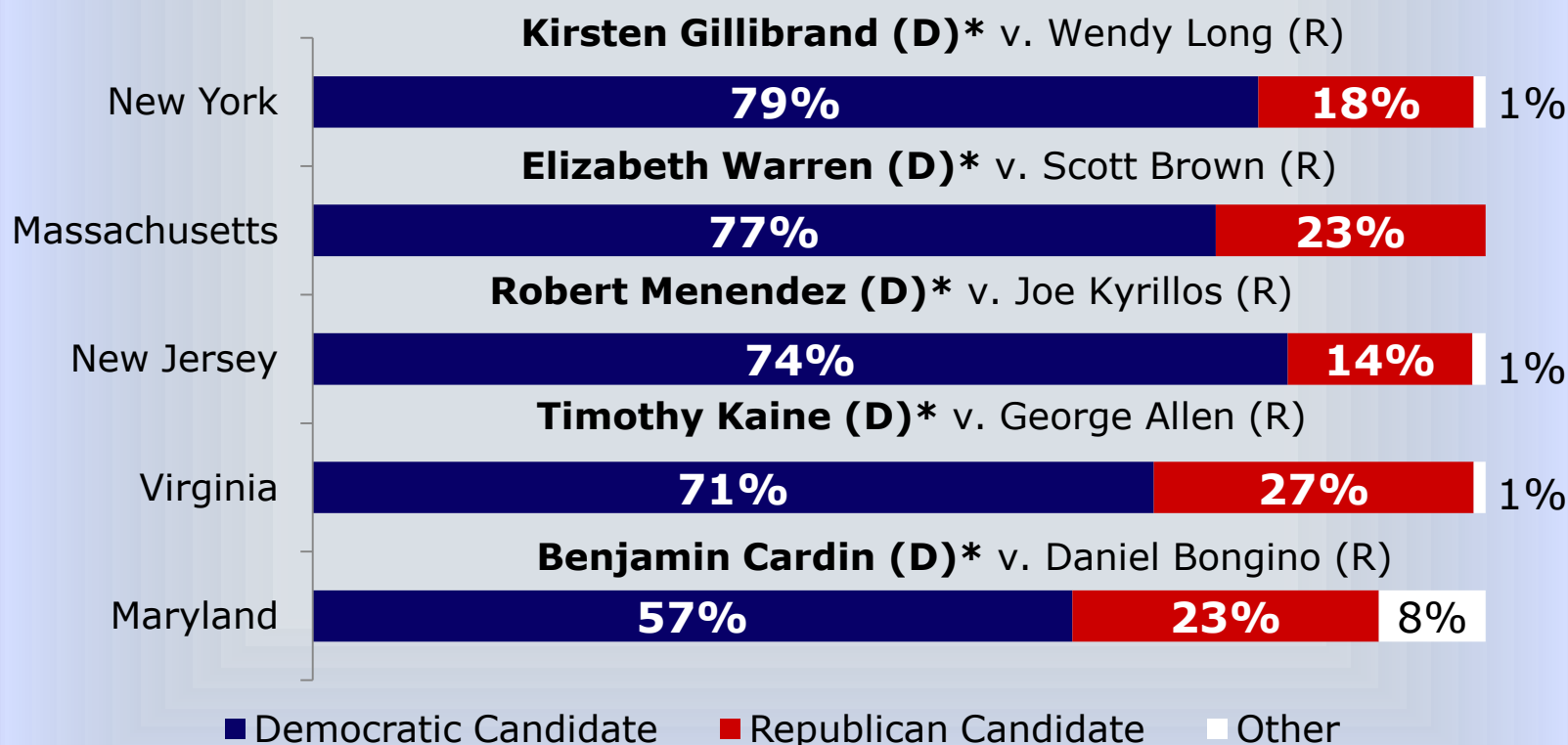
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■ Voted for Republican Candidate
■ Voted for Democratic Candidate



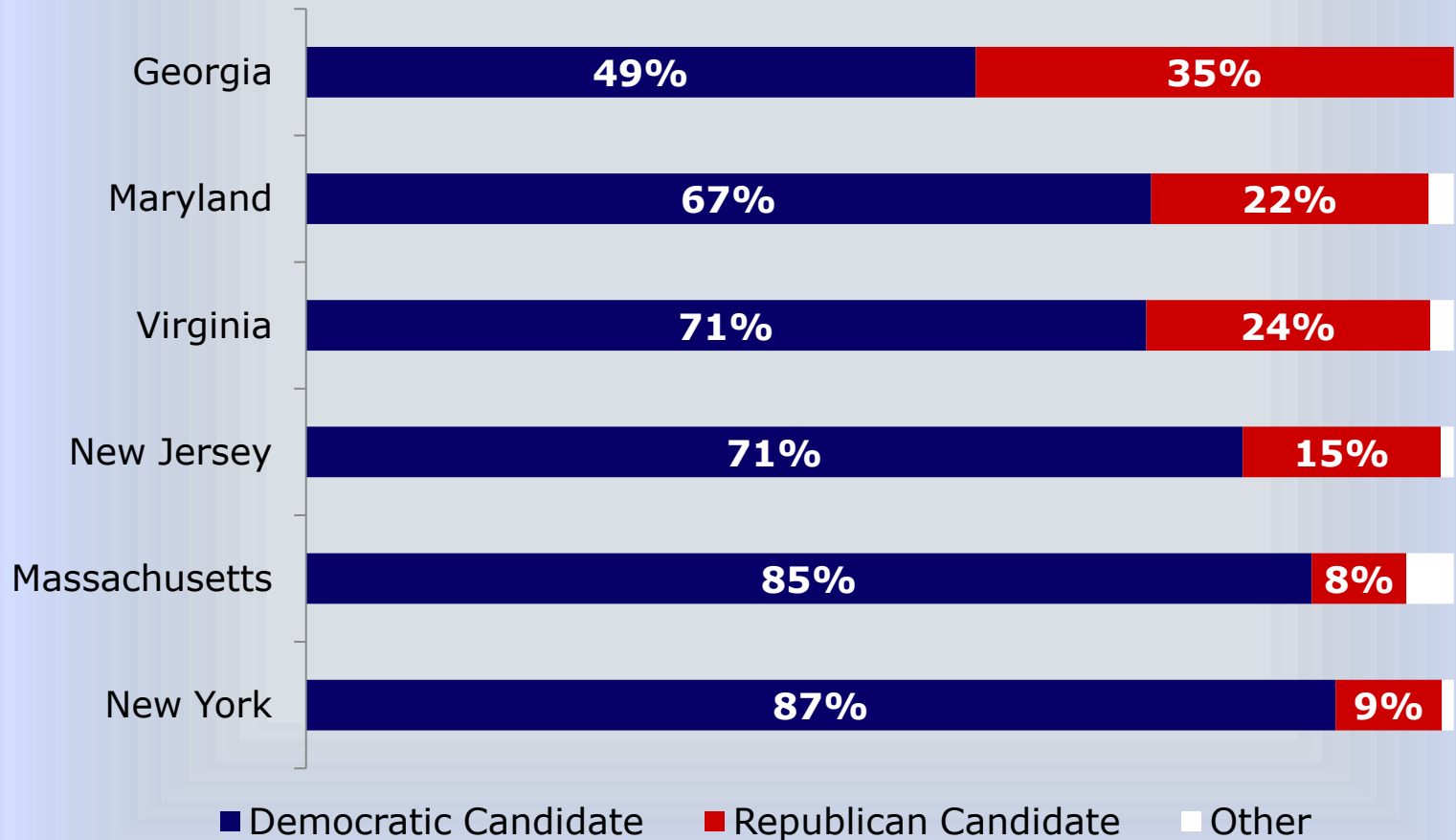
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Korean American Vote for U.S. Senate

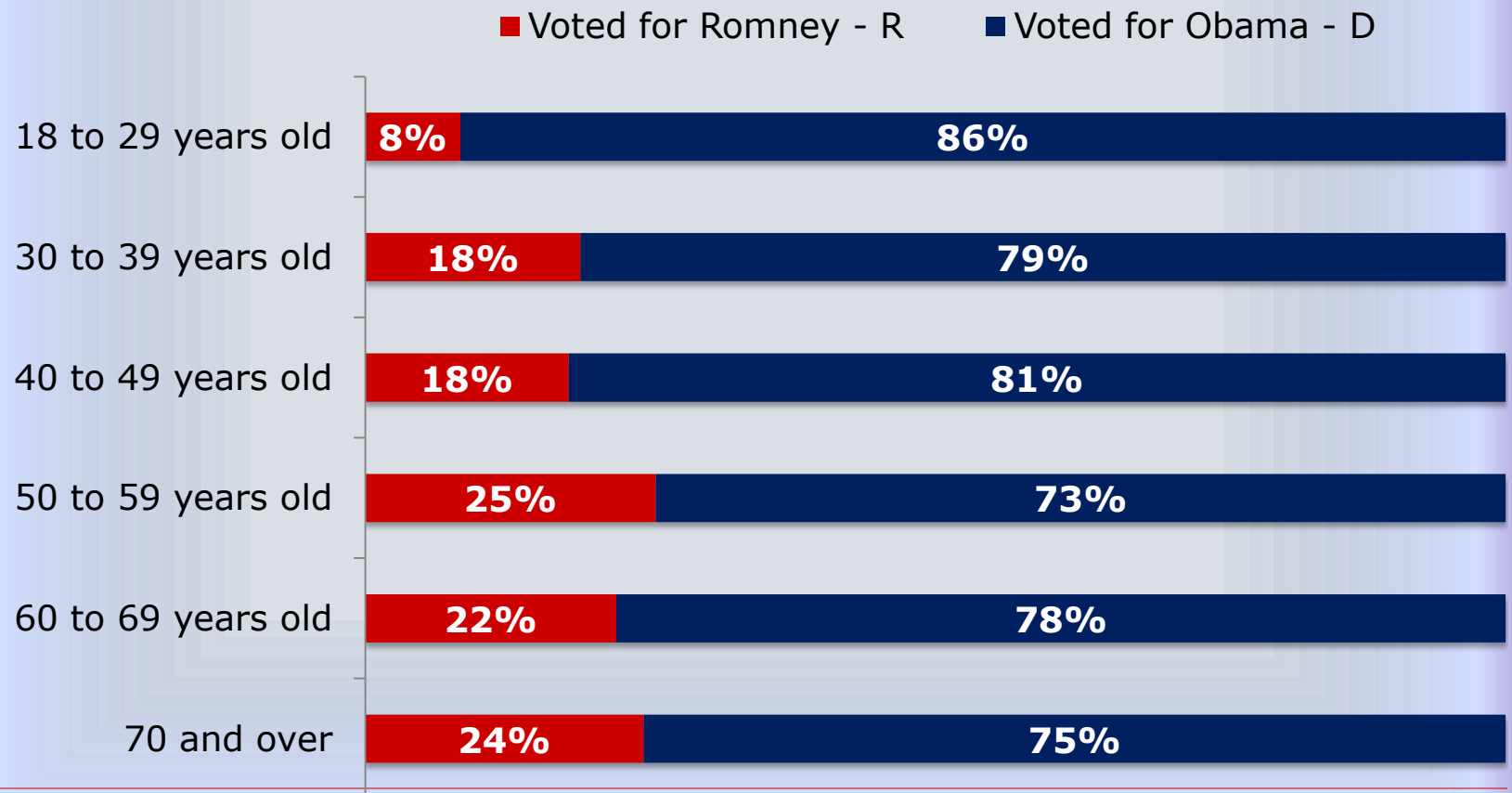


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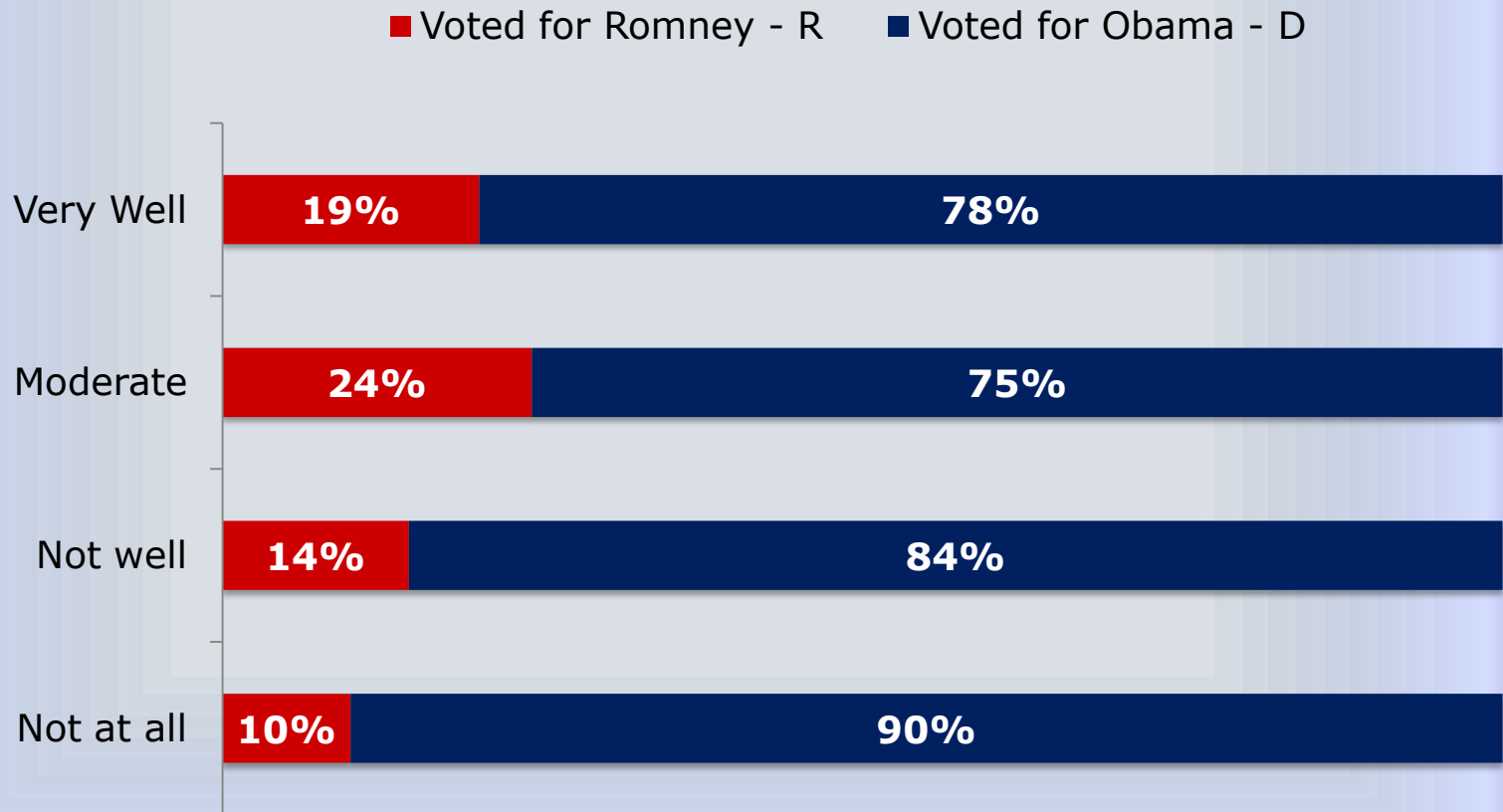
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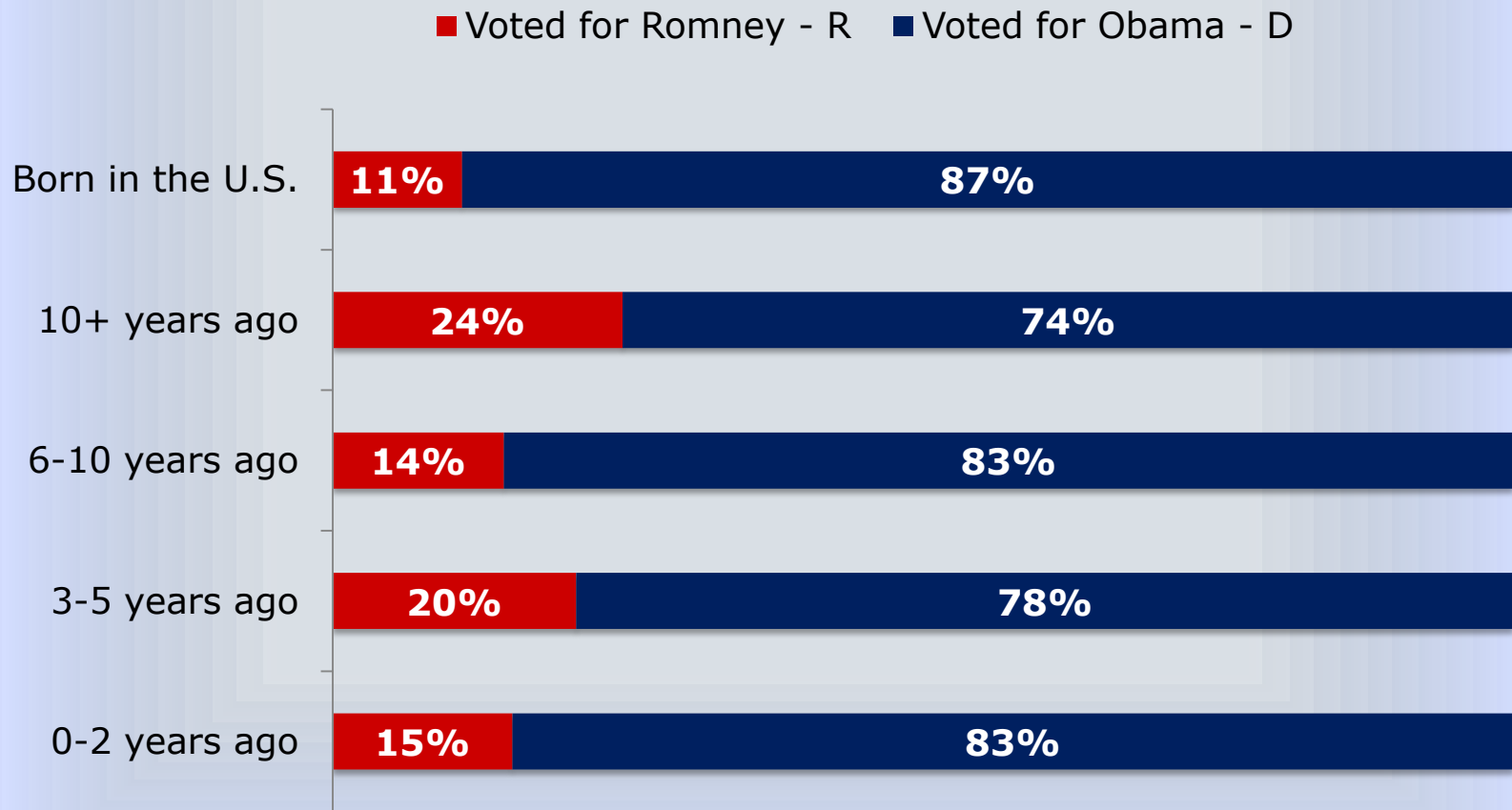
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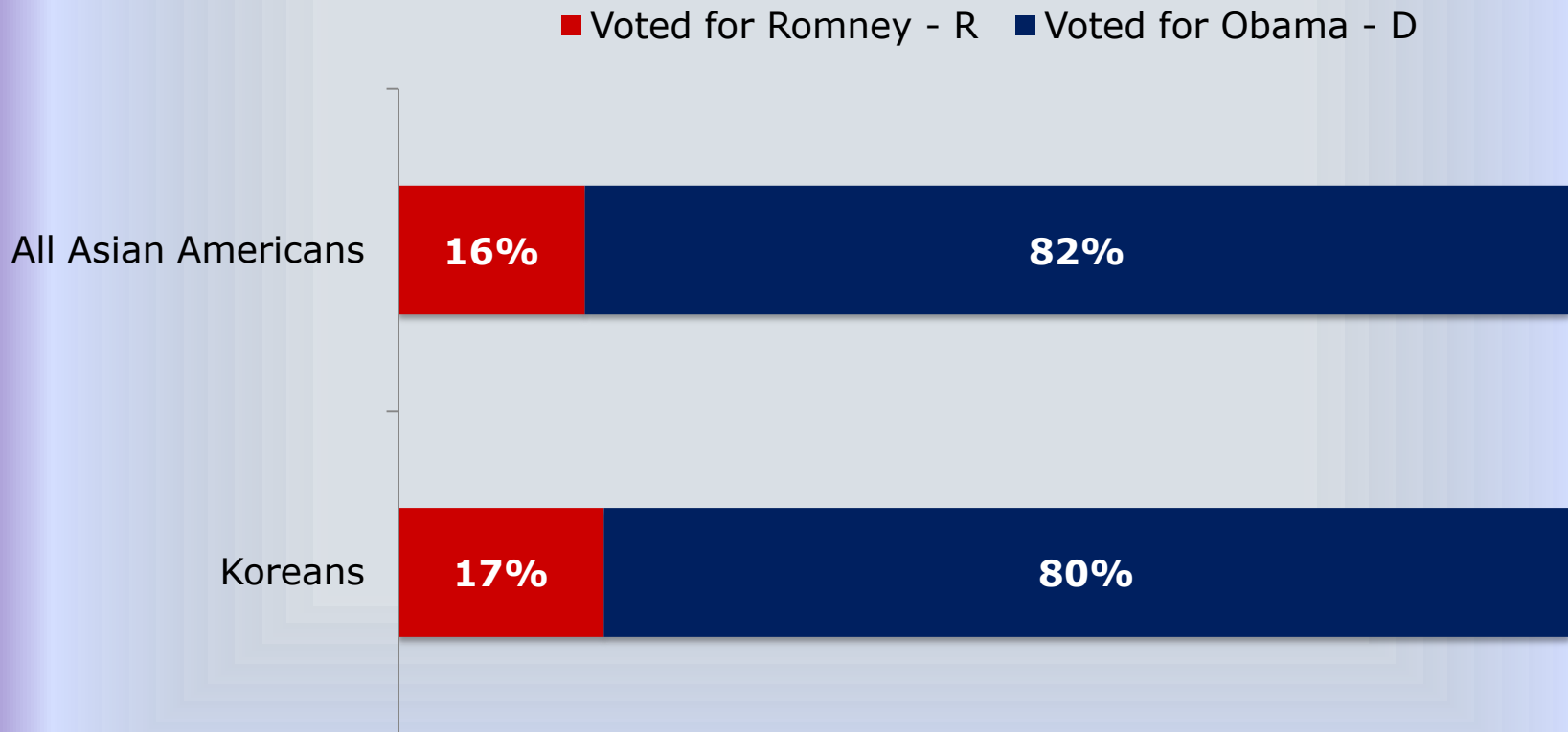
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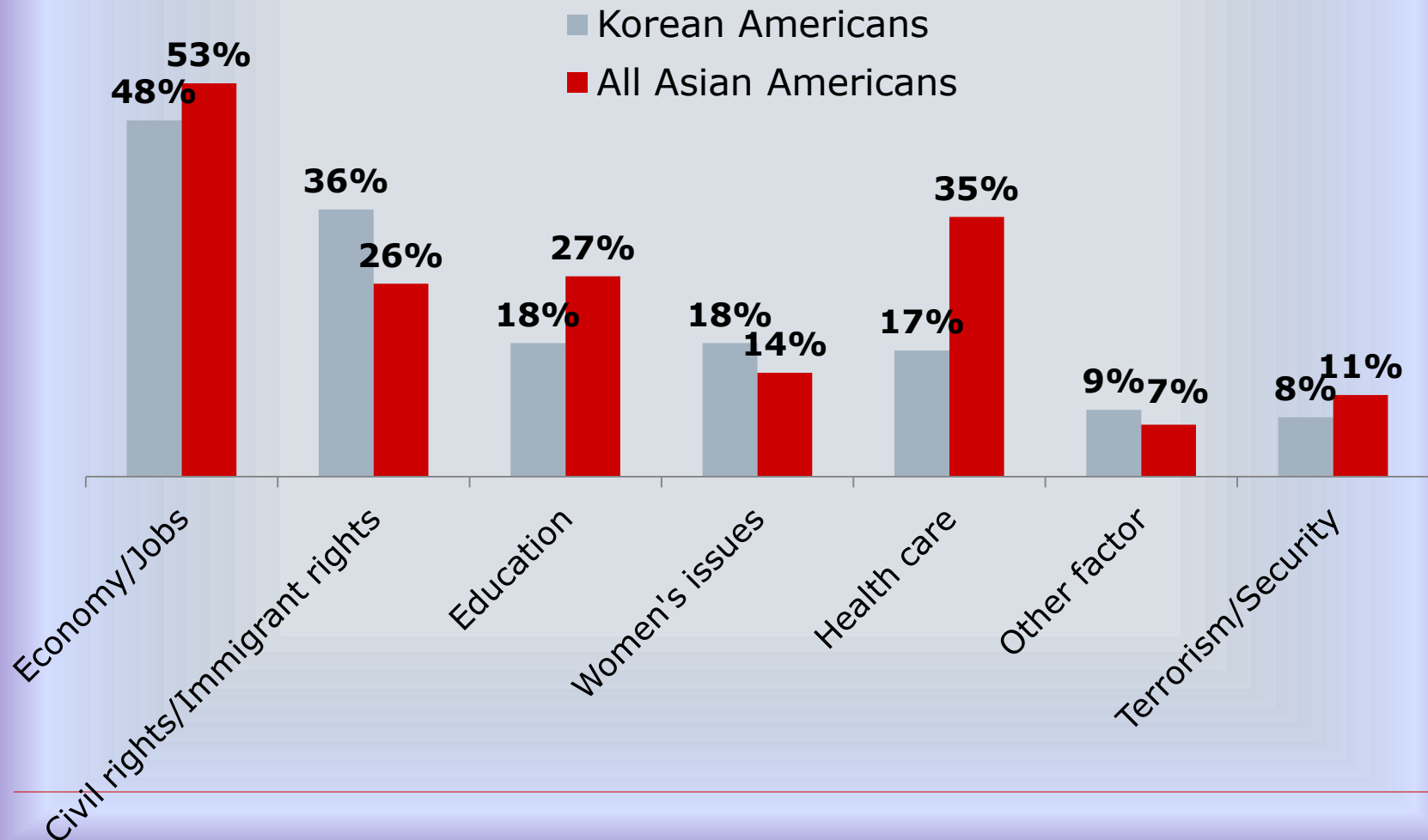
Korean American Vote for President by Nativity



Korean American Vote for President by First Time Voter

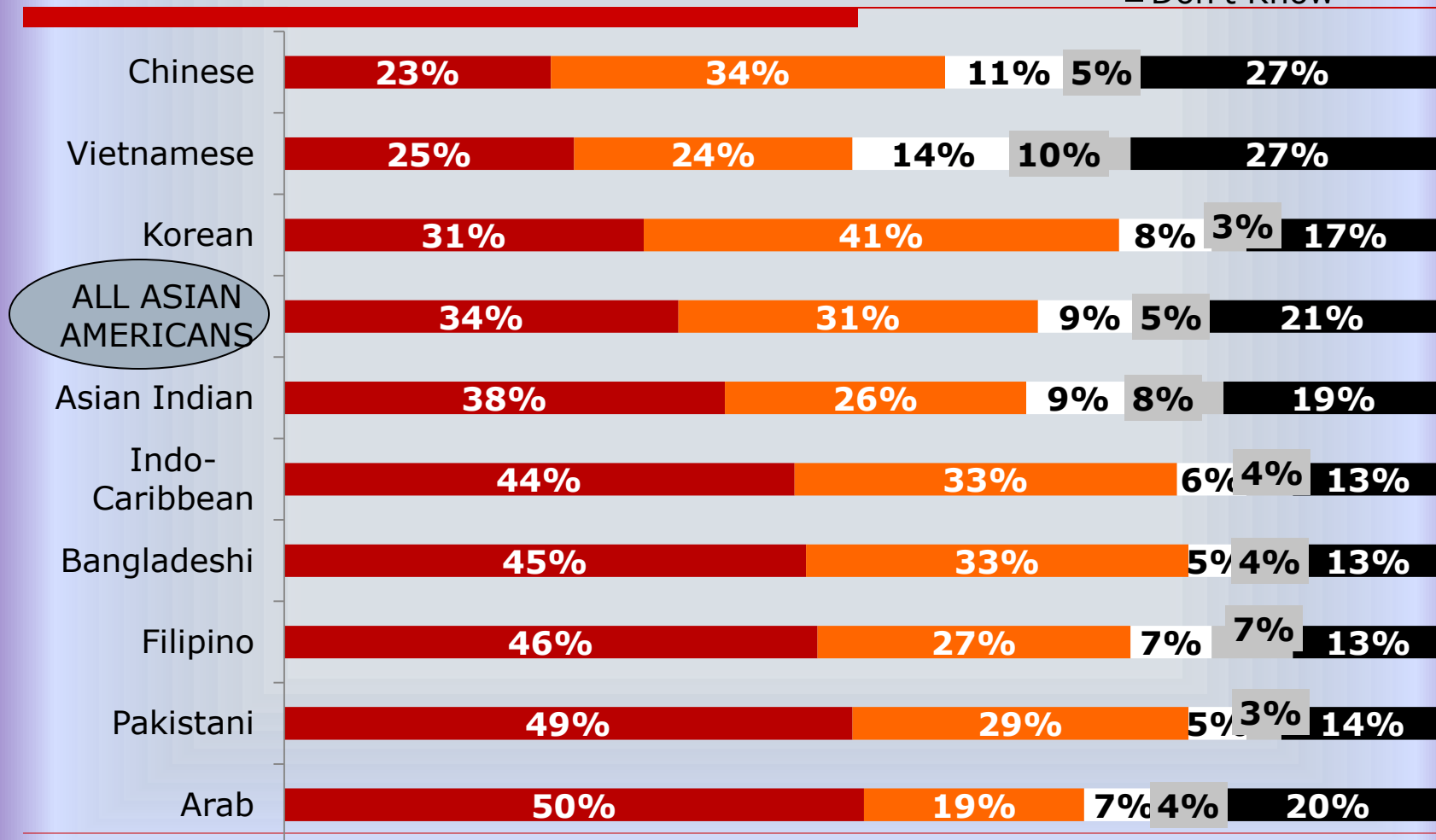


Important Factors Influencing the Vote for President



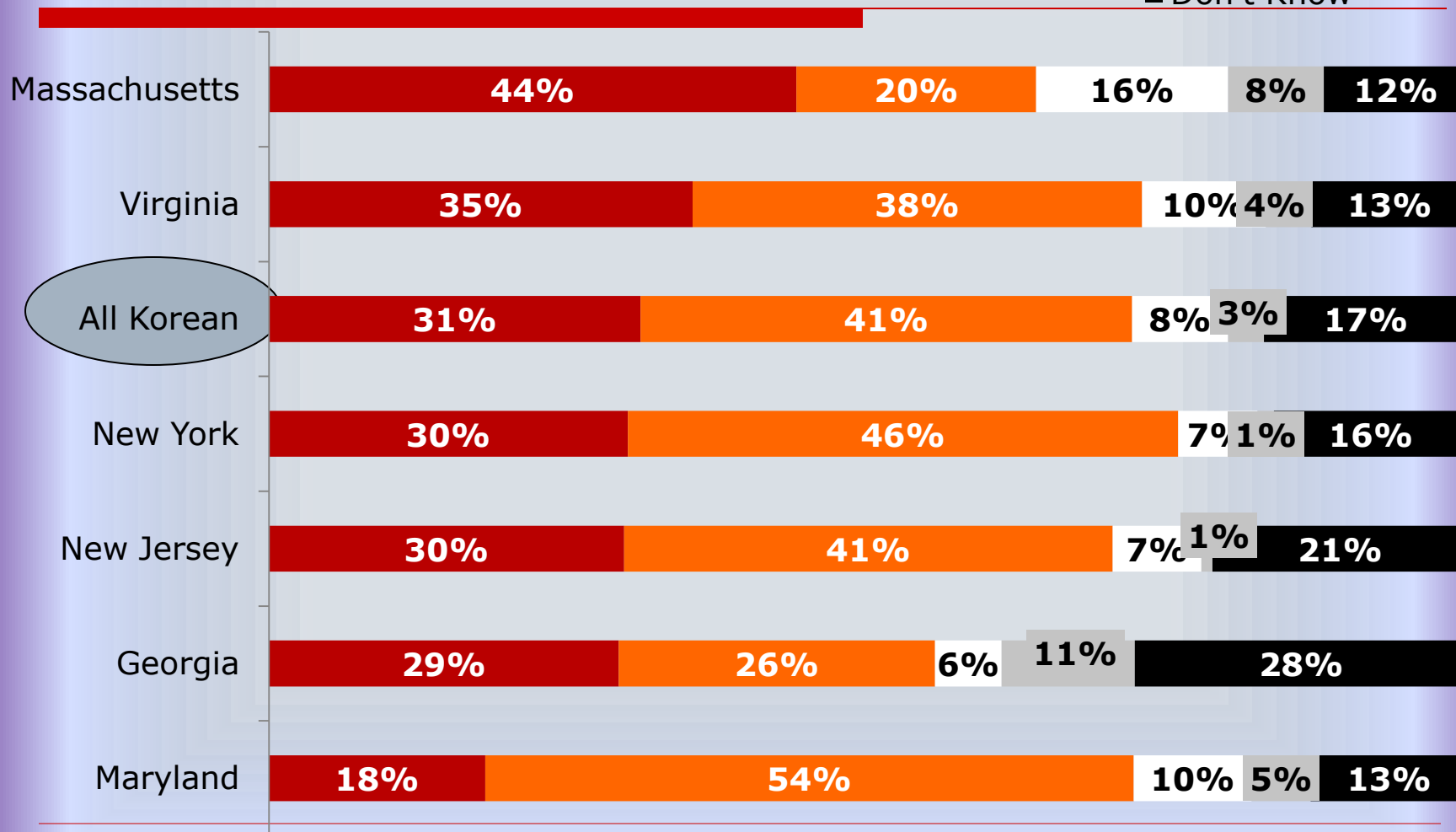
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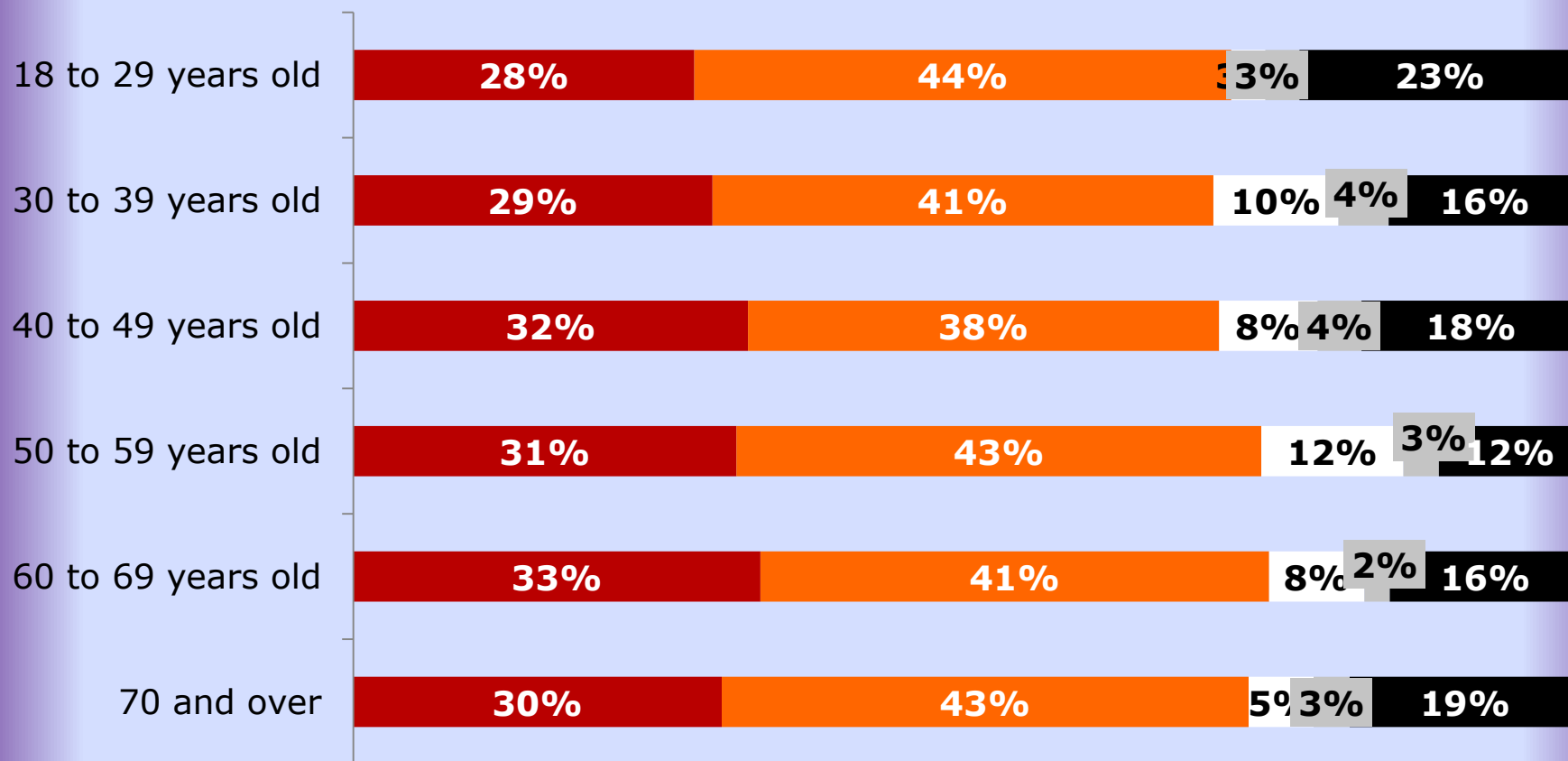
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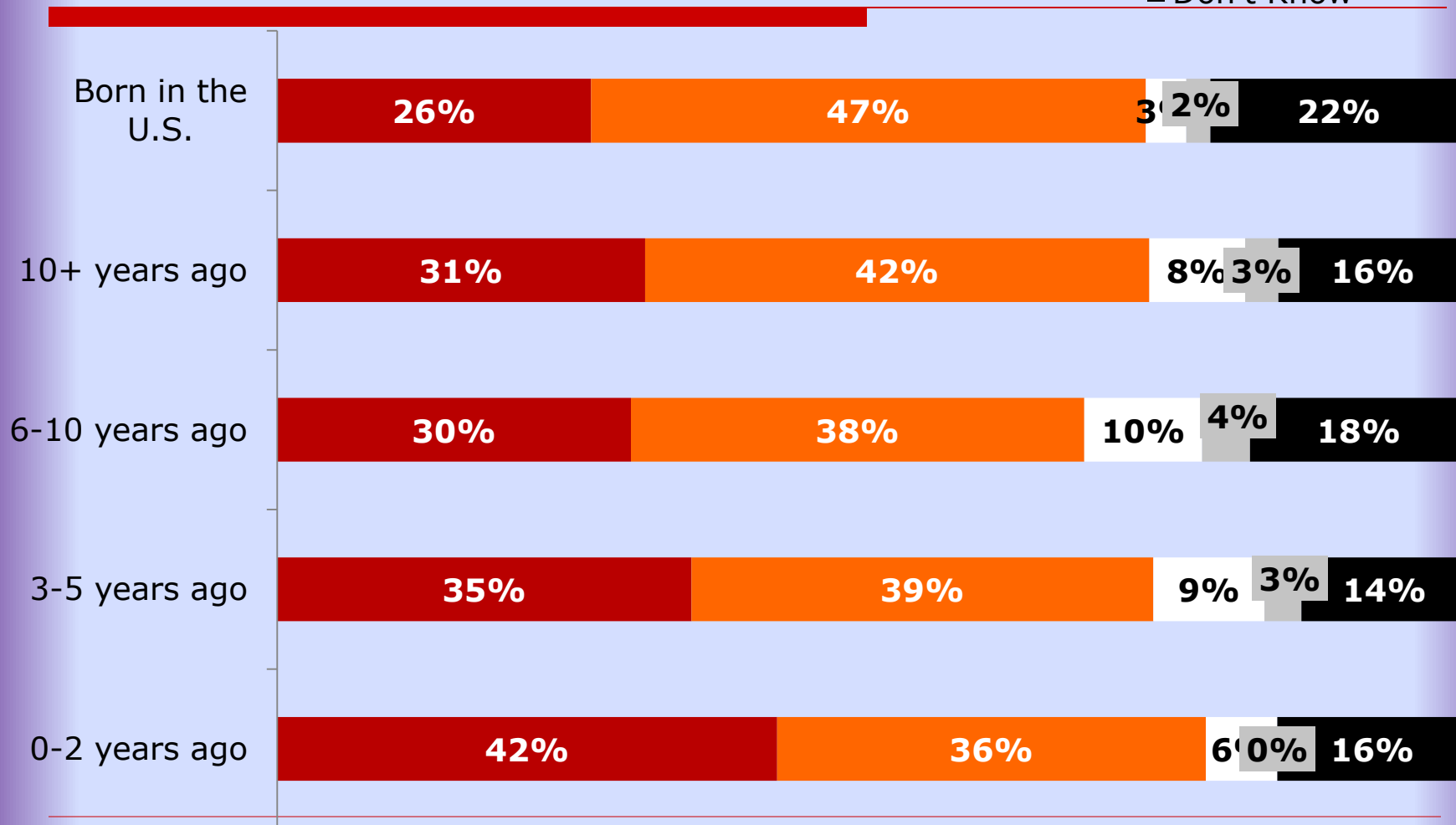
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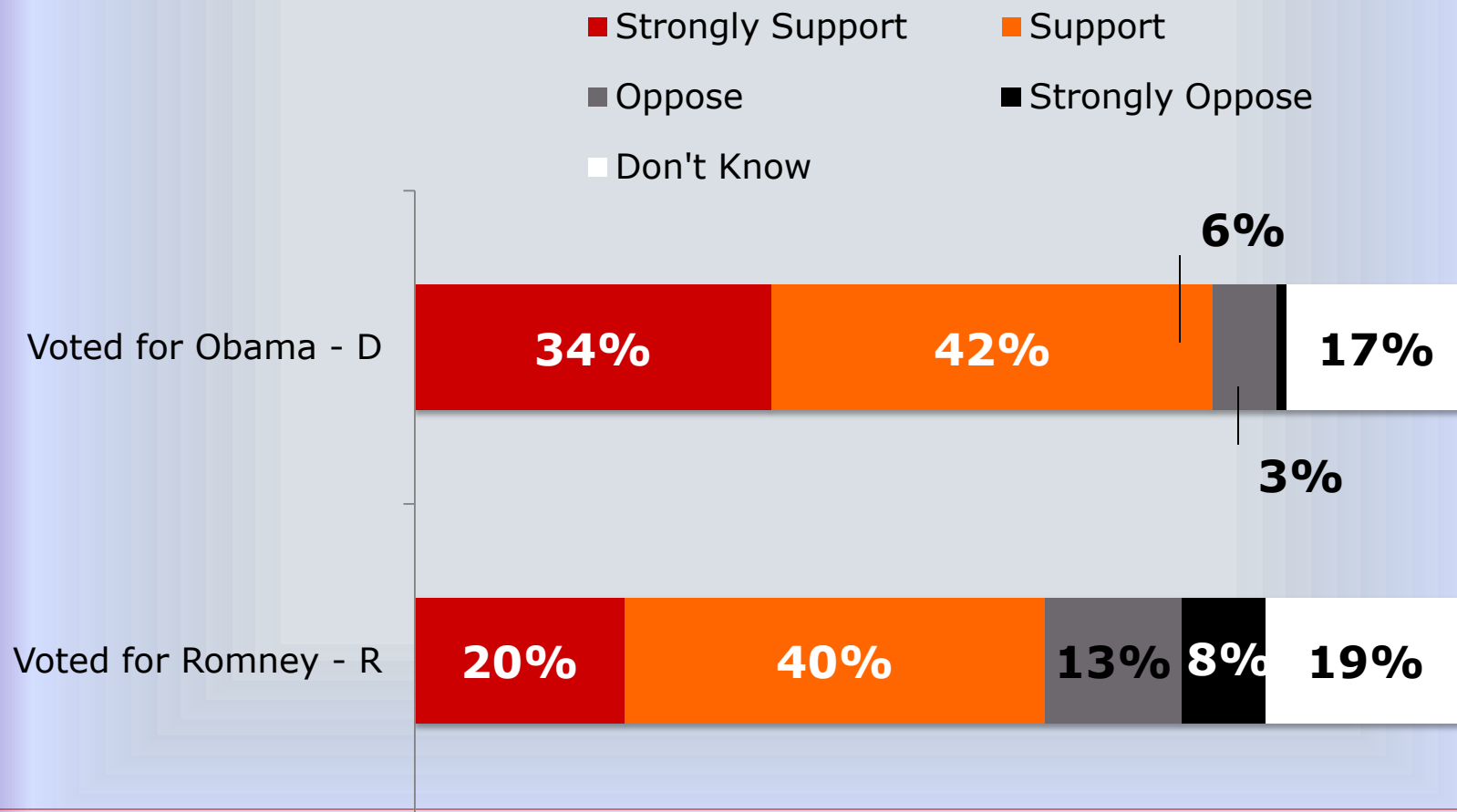


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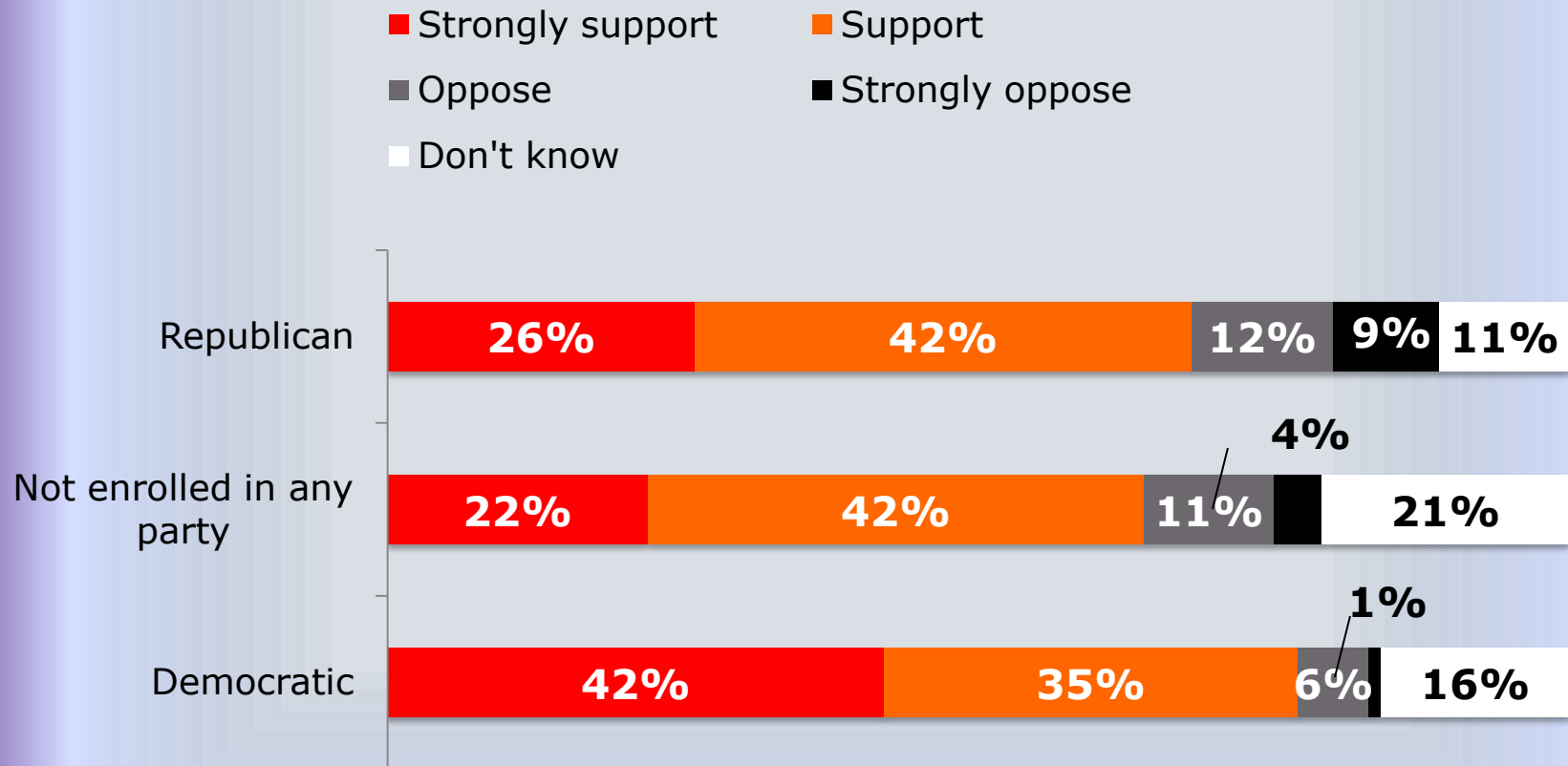
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Immigration Reform and Vote for President



Immigration Reform and Party



Proposition 30 in California

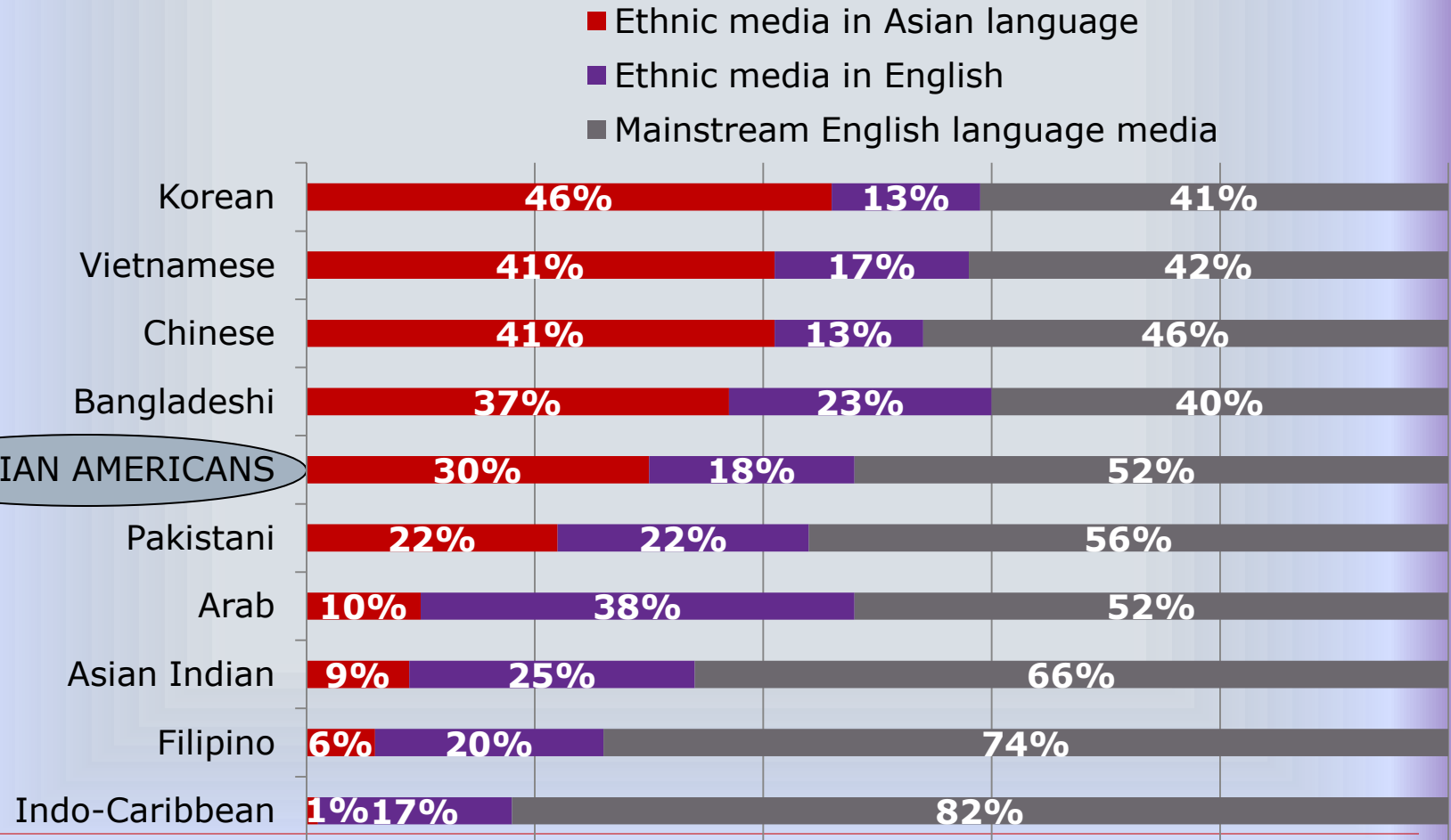
With the announcement of Deferred Action, our staff, interns, and volunteers worked tremendously on direct service and civic engagement.

NAKASEC distributed 46,000 Voter Registration Guidebooks nationwide. Led by KRCC, Korean American early voting day in Chicago brought out 800 Korean Americans. KRC engaged with Korean American community members who had low voter turnout, to support Prop 30, taxing the top to support education.

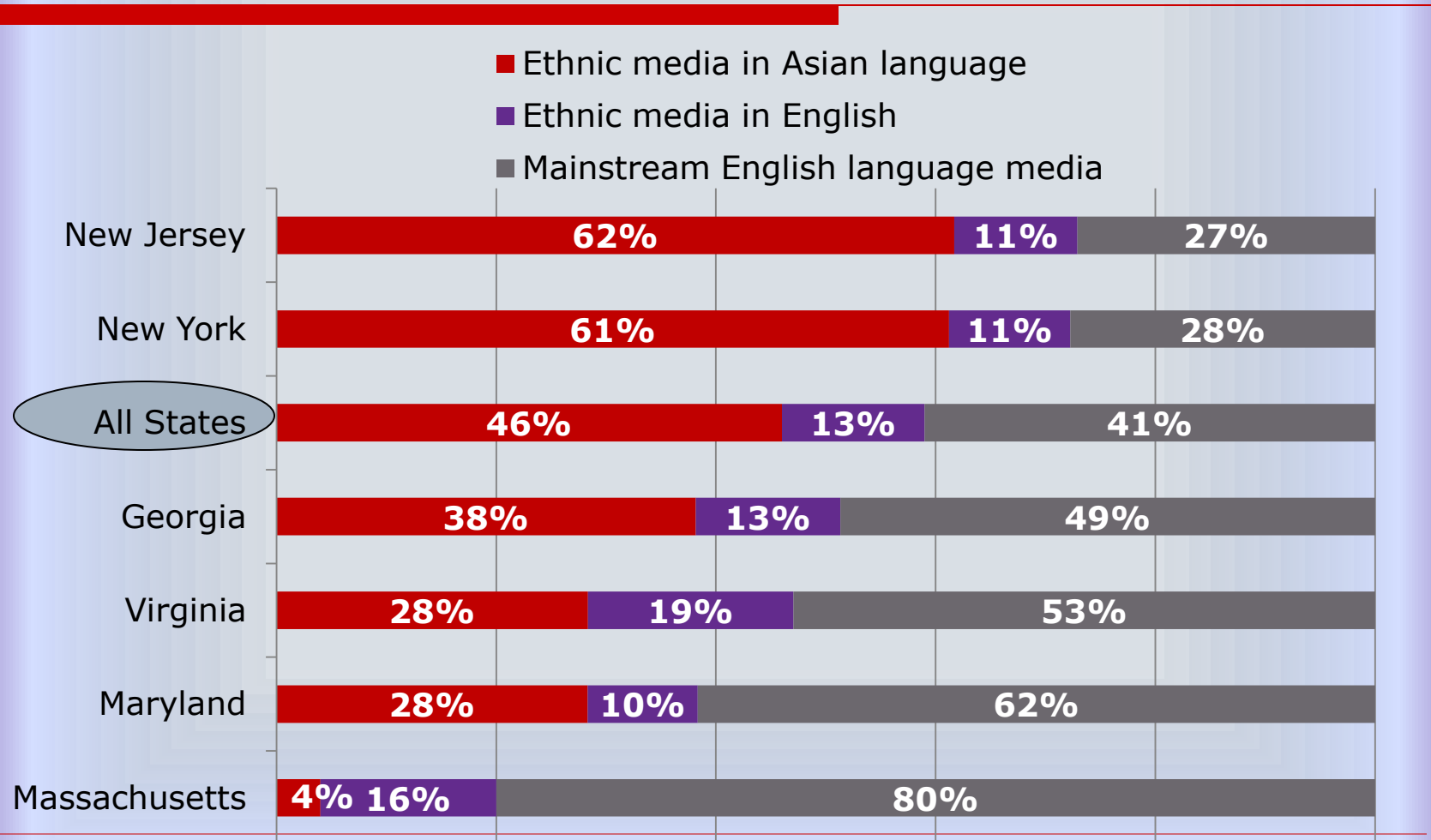
Prop 30:

- Over 50,500 Korean American voters were reached. Support was 82.5% for first time calls.**
- A well-funded anti-Prop 30 organization placed numerous ADS in the Korean media on a daily basis with misleading information. KRC responded with correct information to support Prop 30 through the Korean media.**
- Prop 30 passed with high support from the Korean American community.**

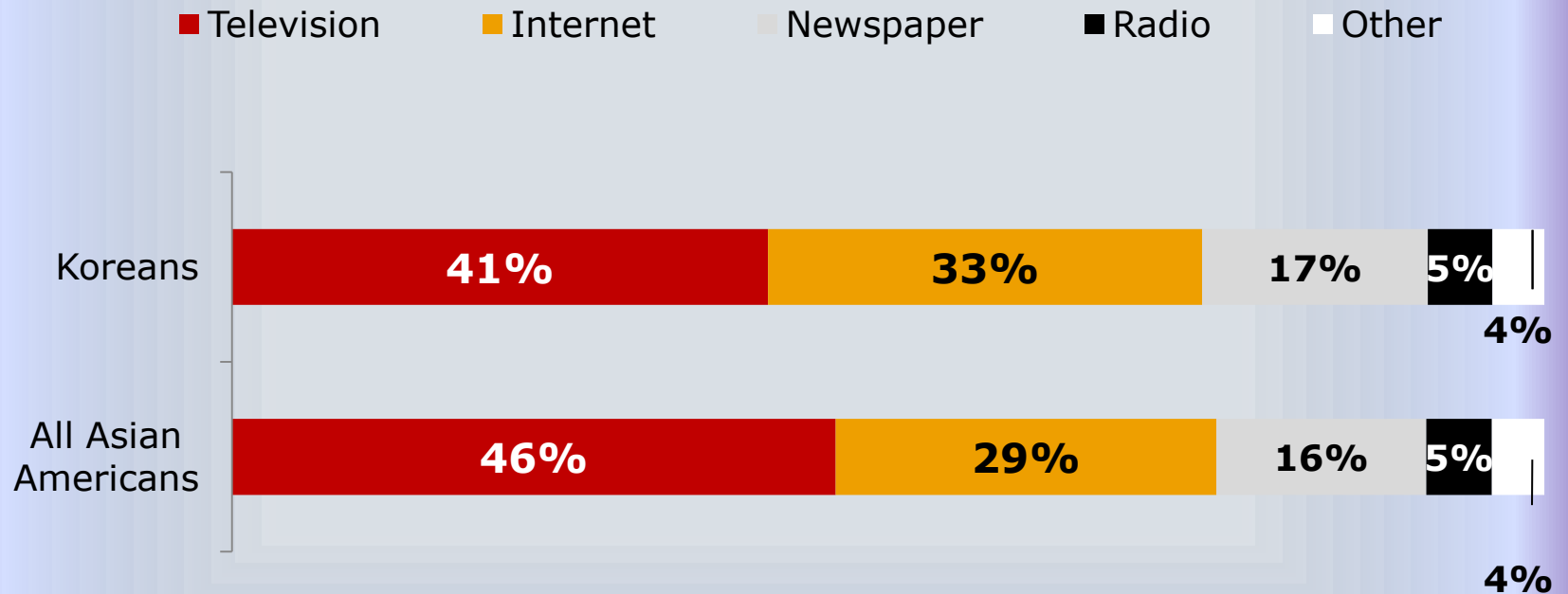
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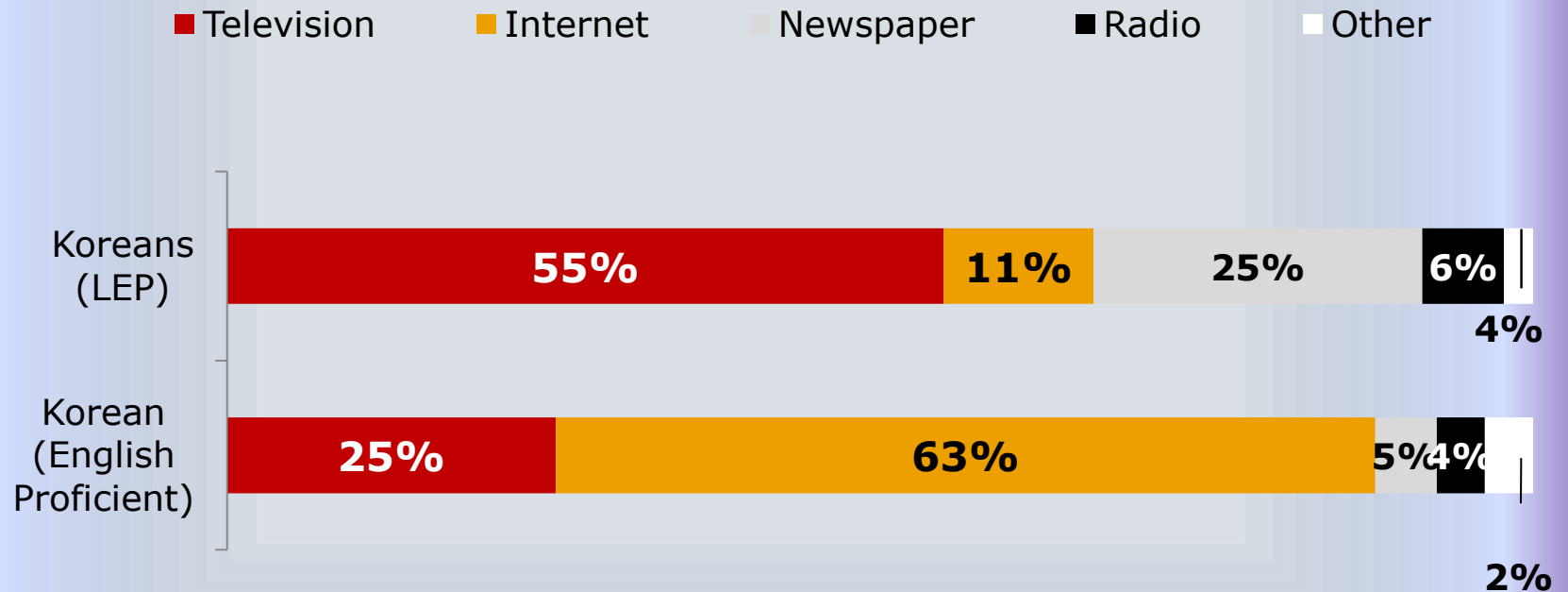
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Voting Problems

- **272 had to show ID but were not required by law**
- **22 were required to prove their U.S. citizenship**
- **23 complained that their names were missing or had errors in the list of voters at poll sites**
- **13 had to vote by provisional ballot**
- **30 voters complained that poll workers did not know what to do**
- **22 voters complained that poll workers were rude or hostile**
- **43 voters complained that no interpreters or translations were available when they needed the help**
- **8 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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