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The Asian American Vote

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

Texas

**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

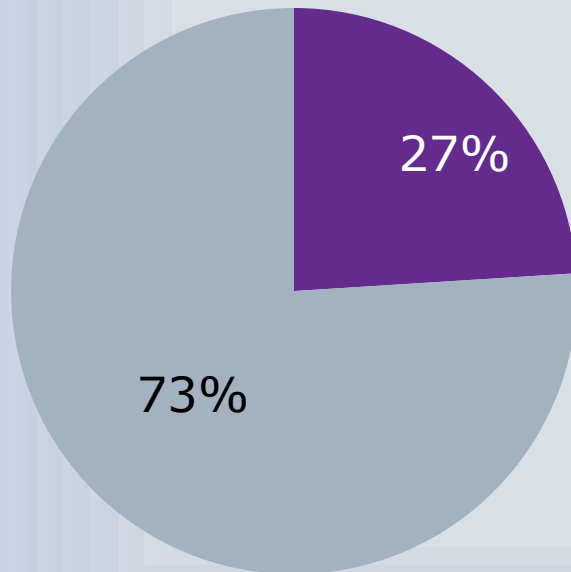
- 2012 – 9,096 Asian American voters in 14 states and DC
- 2010 – 3,721 Asian American voters in 5 states
- 2008 – 16,665 Asian American voters in 11 states and DC
- 2006 – 4,726 Asian American voters in 9 states and DC
- 2004 – 10,789 Asian American voters in 8 states
- 2002 - 3,500 Asian American voters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

Percentage of Voters	Asian American respondents
100%	613 Total Surveyed
31%	Vietnamese
25%	Asian Indian
18%	Chinese
11%	Pakistani
9%	Filipino
6%	Other Asian Ethnicities
14%	Born in the U.S.
86%	Foreign born, naturalized citizen:
11%	...0-2 years ago
9%	...3-5 years ago
22%	...6-10 years ago
44%	...more than 10 years ago
12%	No formal education in US
88%	Educated in the U.S., highest level:
1%	...Elementary school
2%	...Some high school
12%	...High school/trade school degree
43%	...College or university degree
30%	... Advanced degree

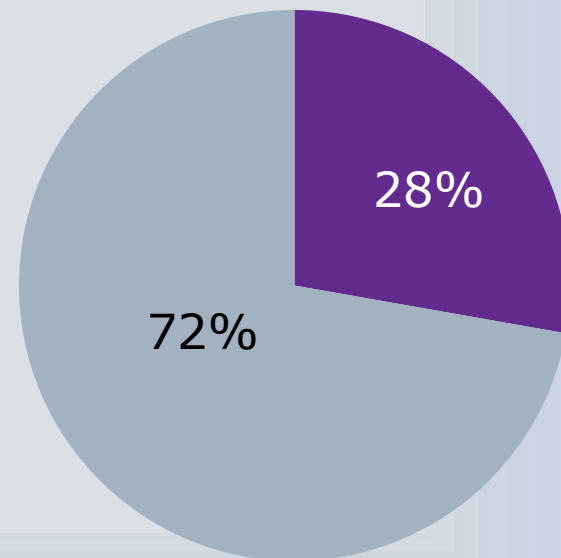
Profile of Asian American Exit Poll Respondents Texas - 2012

Is this your First Time Voting?

All Asian Americans

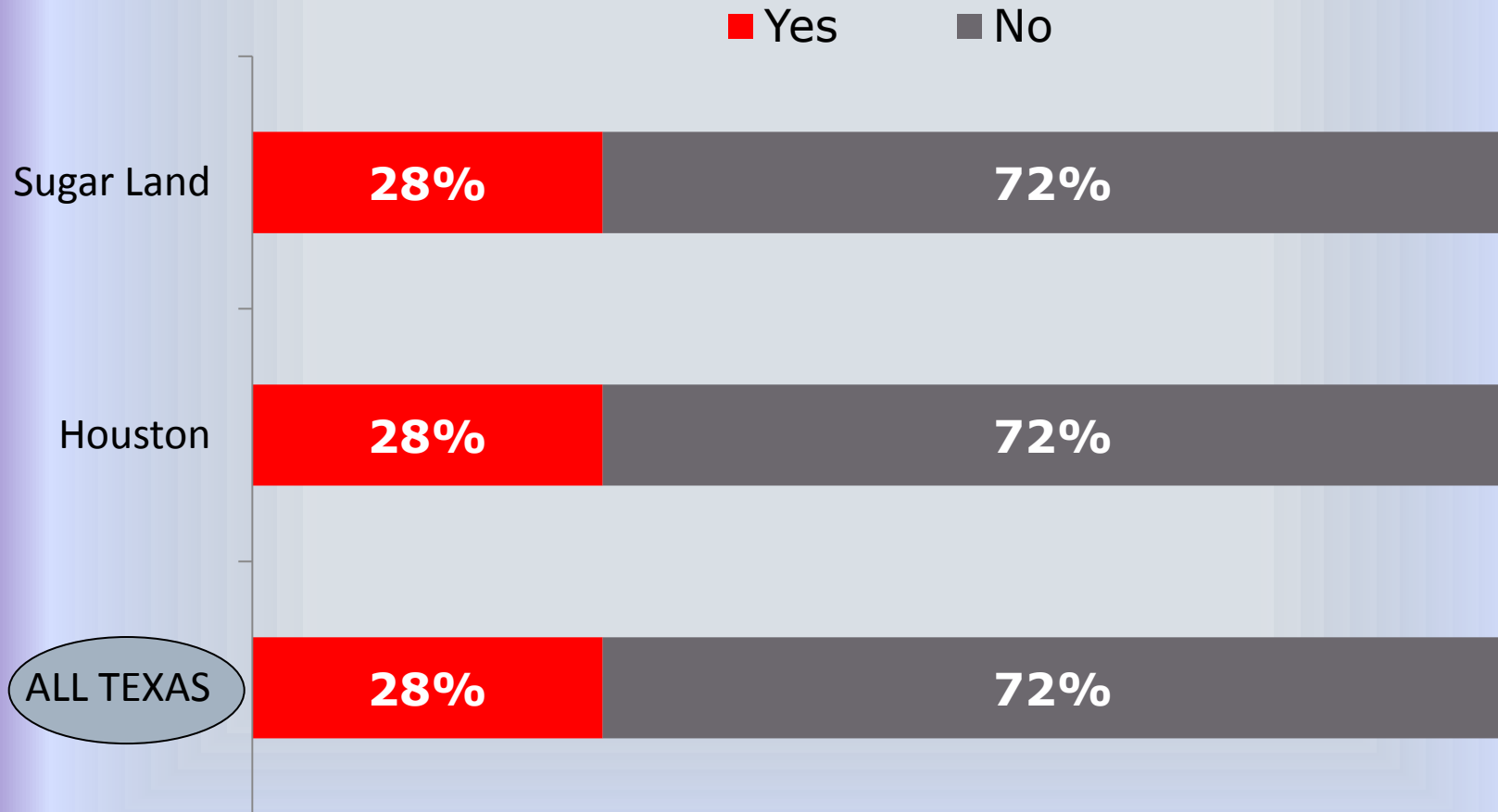


**Texas
(613 surveyed)**



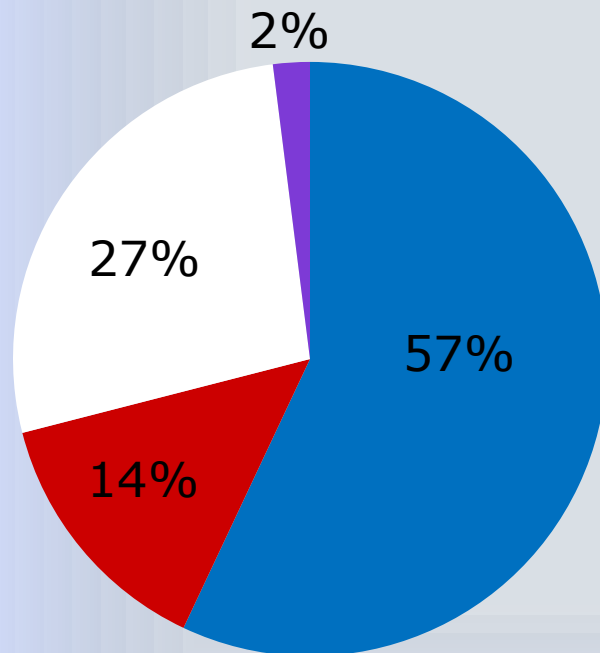
■ Yes
■ No

First Time Voting by City

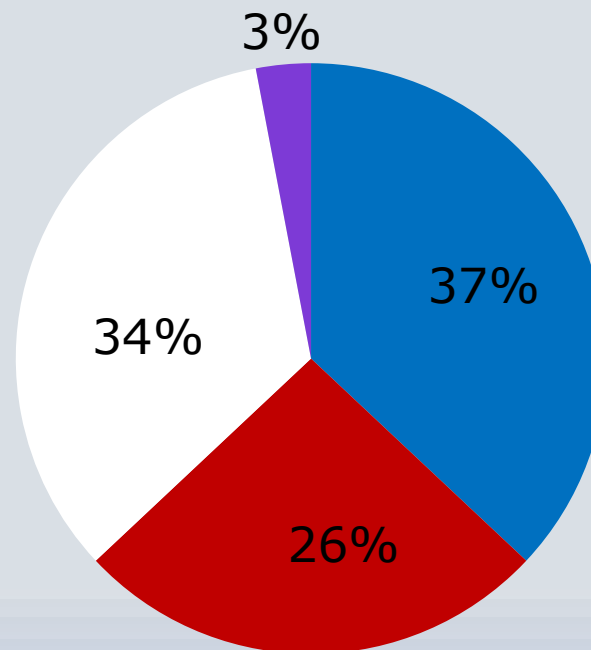


Party Enrollment

All Asian Americans

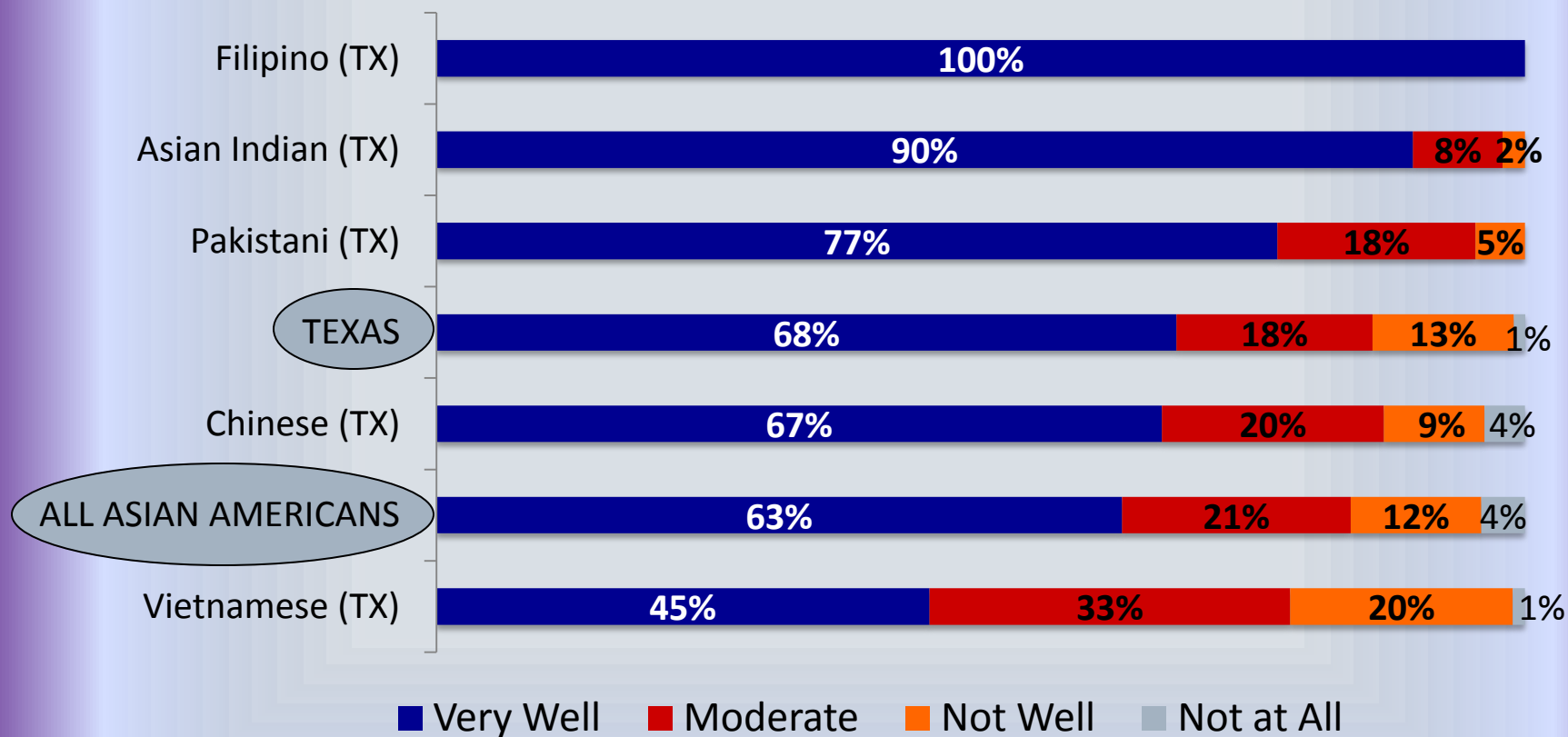


Texas Respondents



- Democrats
- Republicans
- Not Enrolled
- Other Party

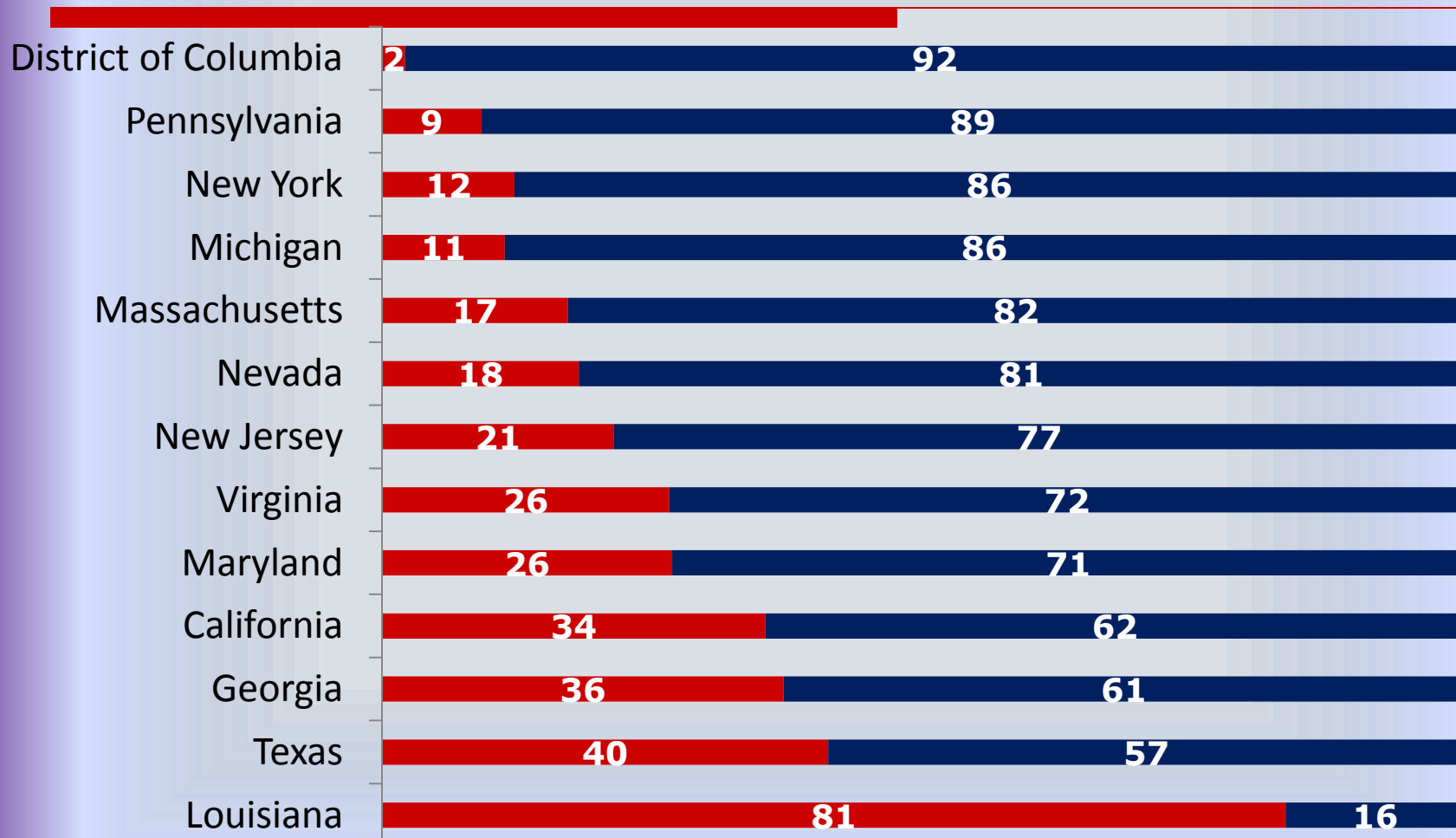
Limited English Proficiency by Ethnicity



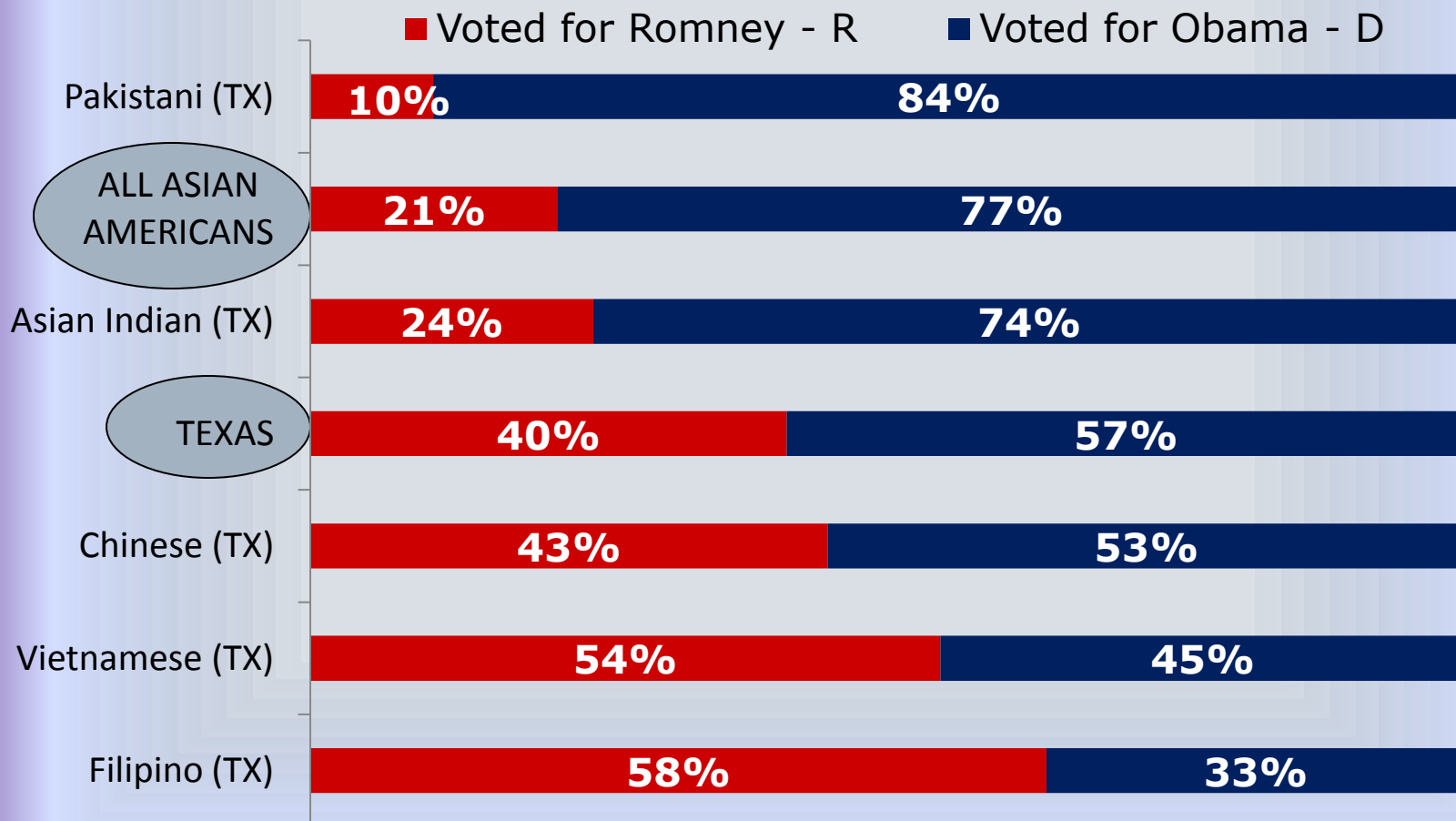
Vote for President by State

■ Voted for Romney - R



■ Voted for Obama - D



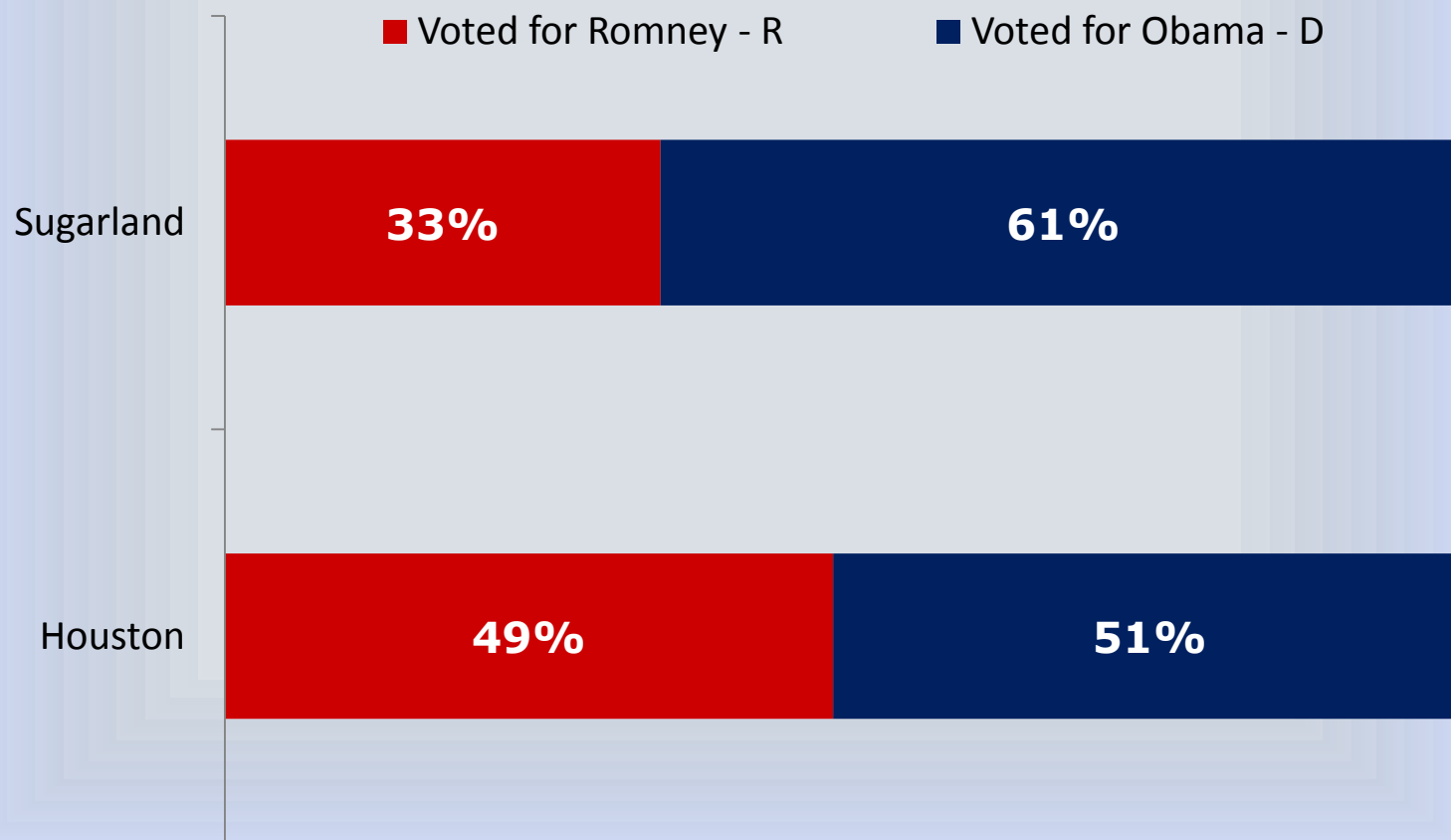
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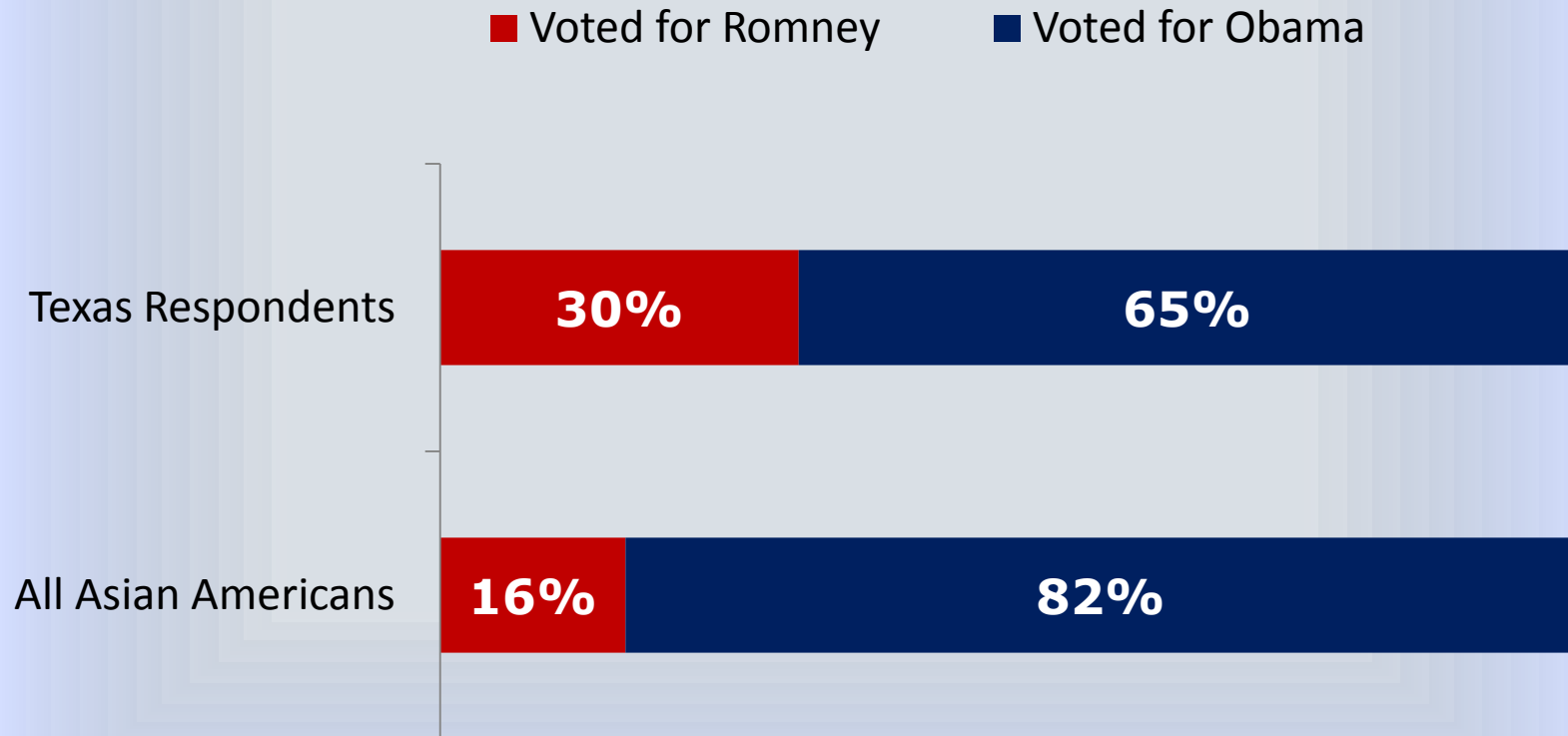
Crossover Voting (Texas)

Voted for...	Asian American Democrats	Asian American Republicans	Not Enrolled in Any Party
 Barack Obama - D	96%	8%	60%
 Mitt Romney - R	3%	89%	36%

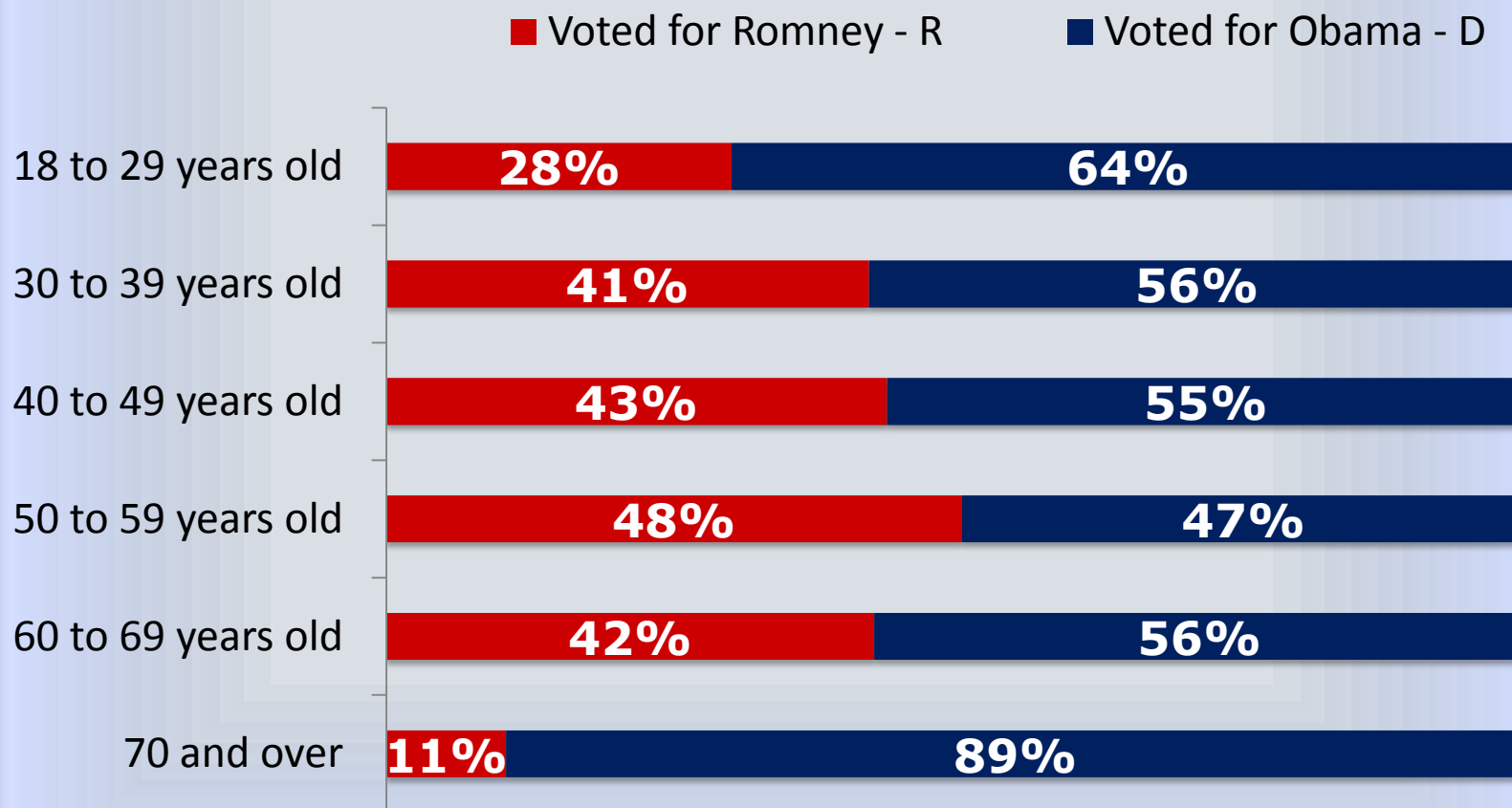
Vote for President by City



Vote for President by First-Time Voter



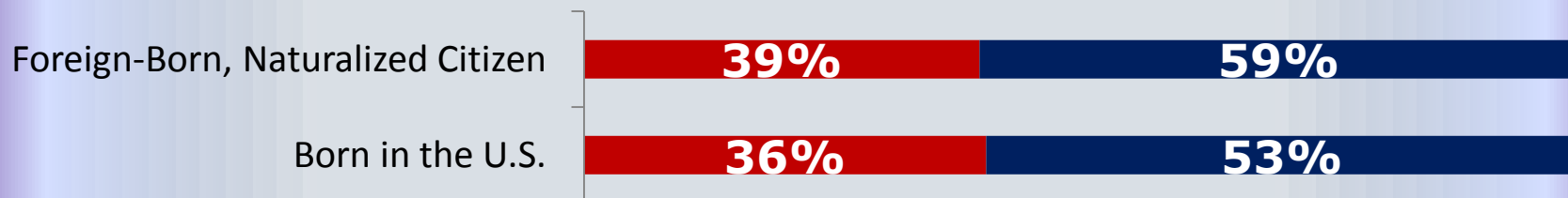
Vote for President by Age



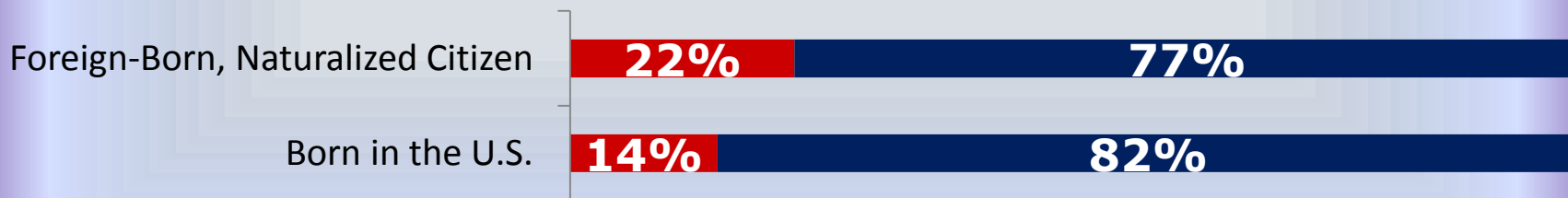
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Texas Respondents



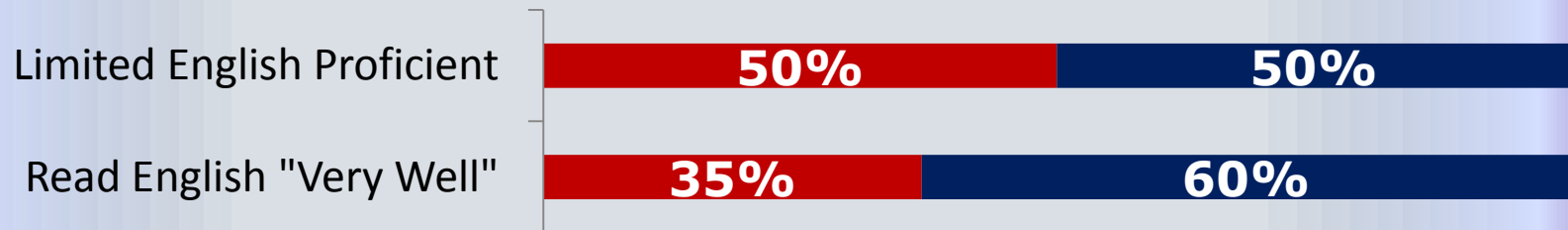
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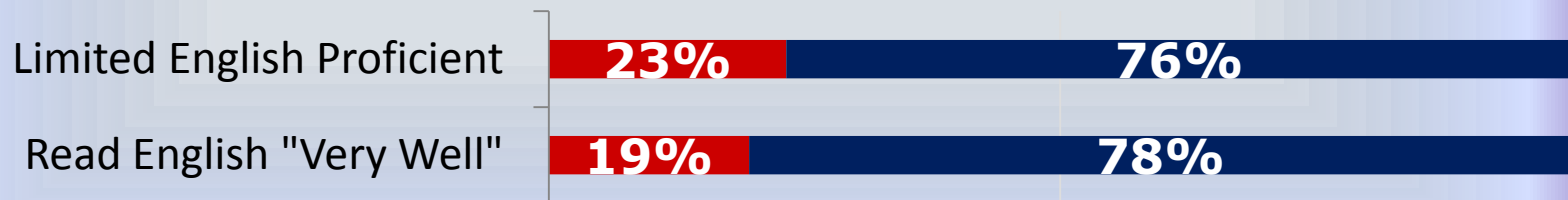
Vote for President by English Proficiency

■ Voted for Romney - R
■ Voted for Obama - D

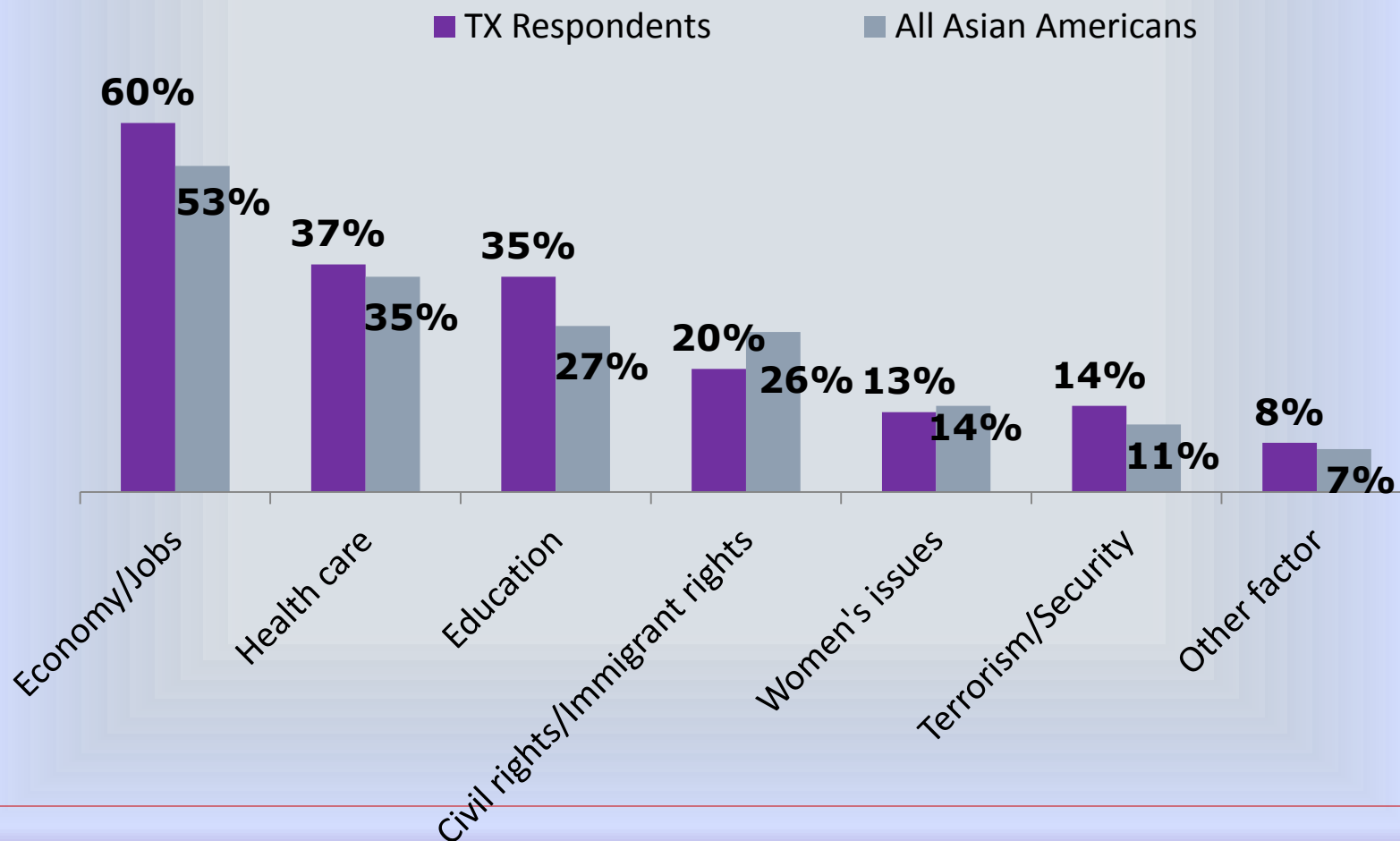
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All Asian Americans



Important Factors Influencing the Vote for President



Vote for U.S. Senate

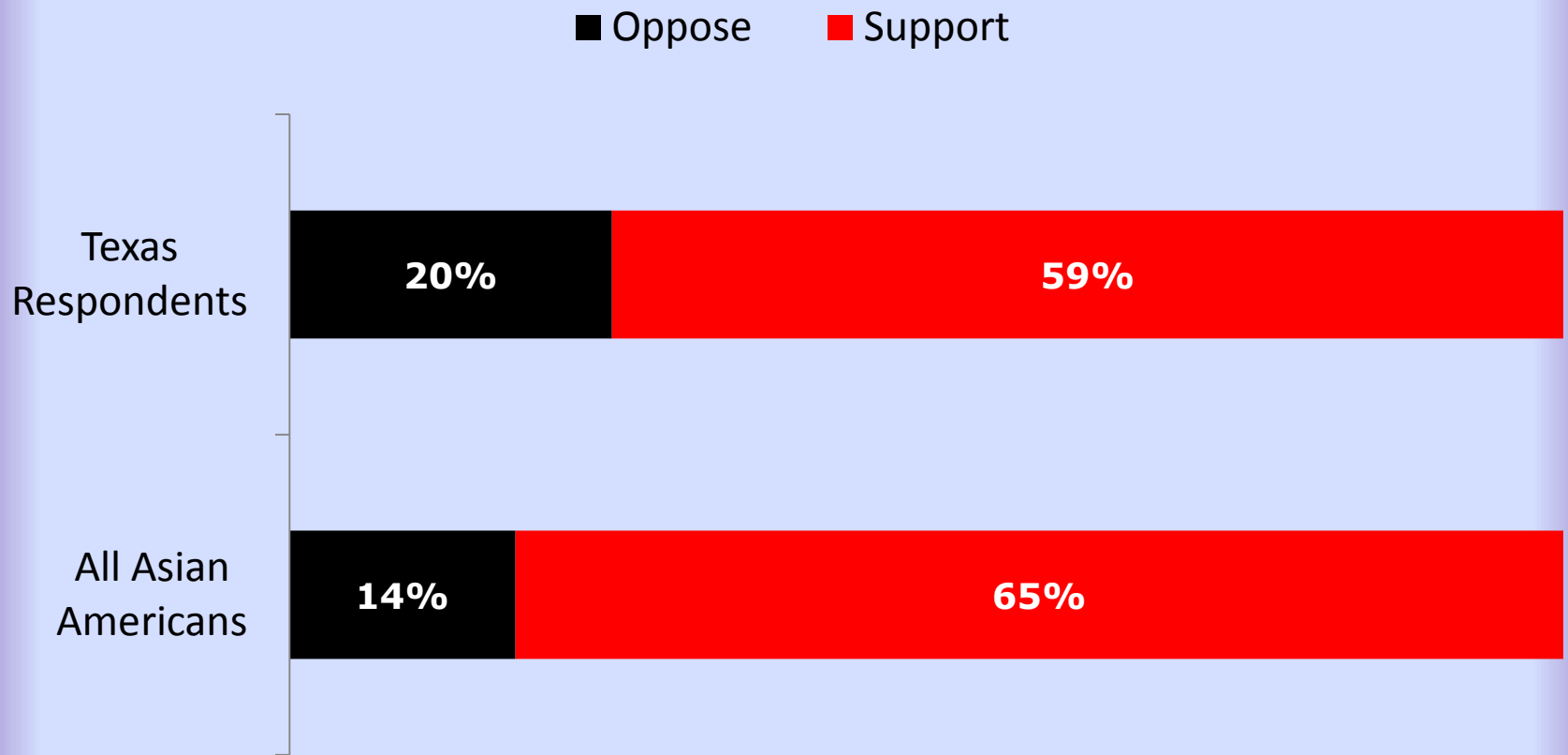
State	Democratic Candidate	Asian American Vote	Overall Vote %	Republican Candidate	Asian American Vote	Overall Vote %
TX	Paul Sadler	51%	41%	Ted Cruz*	39%	56%

Vote for U.S. House of Representatives

State	Congressional District	Democratic Candidate	Asian American Vote	Overall Vote	Republican Candidate	Asian American Vote	Overall Vote
TX	9	Al Green*	49%	79%	Steve Mueller	44%	20%
	22	Kesha Rogers	62%	32%	Pete Olson*	34%	64%

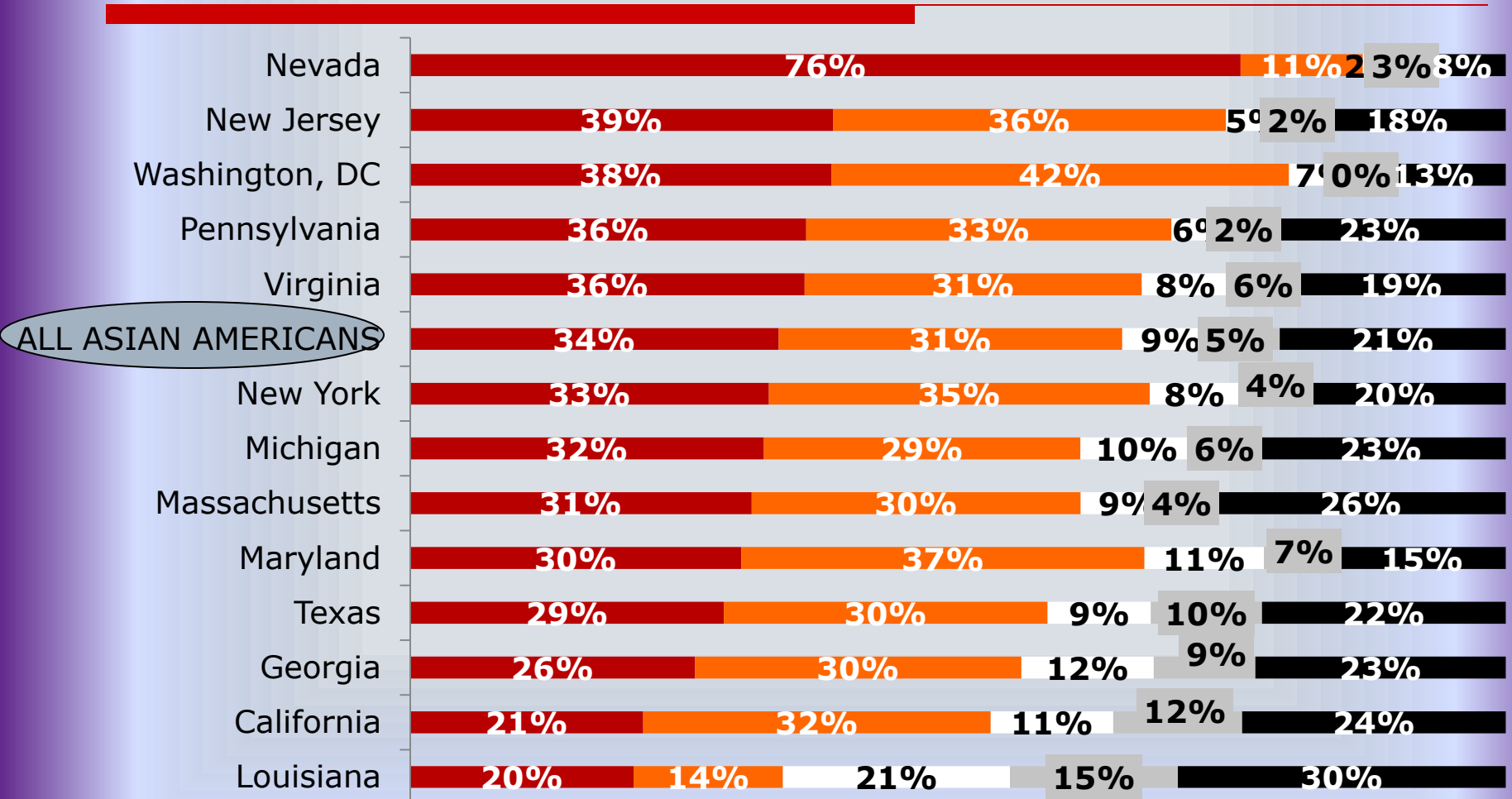
* Winning candidate

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

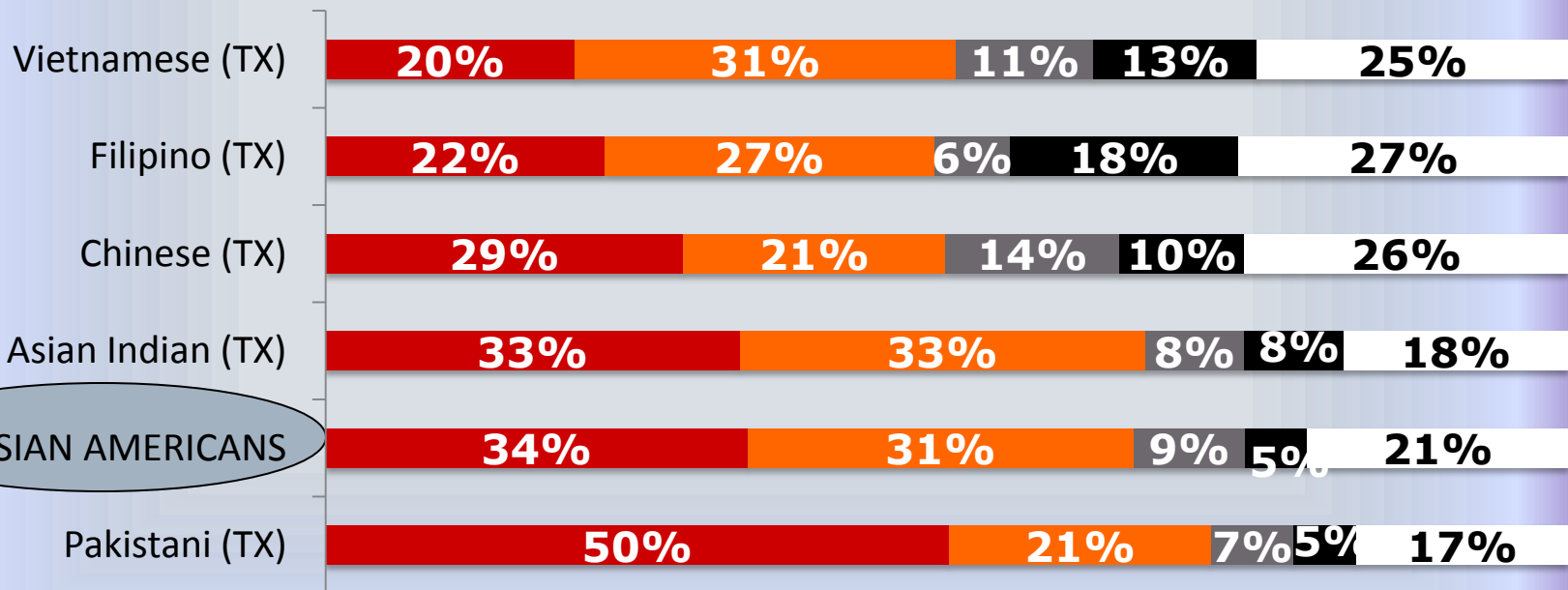
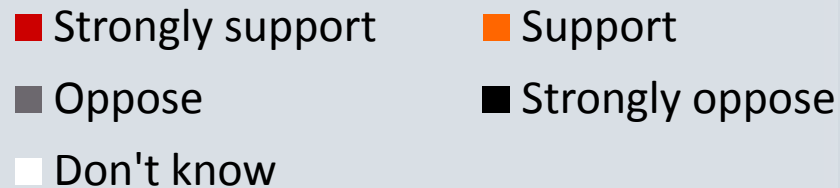


Comprehensive Immigration Reform by State

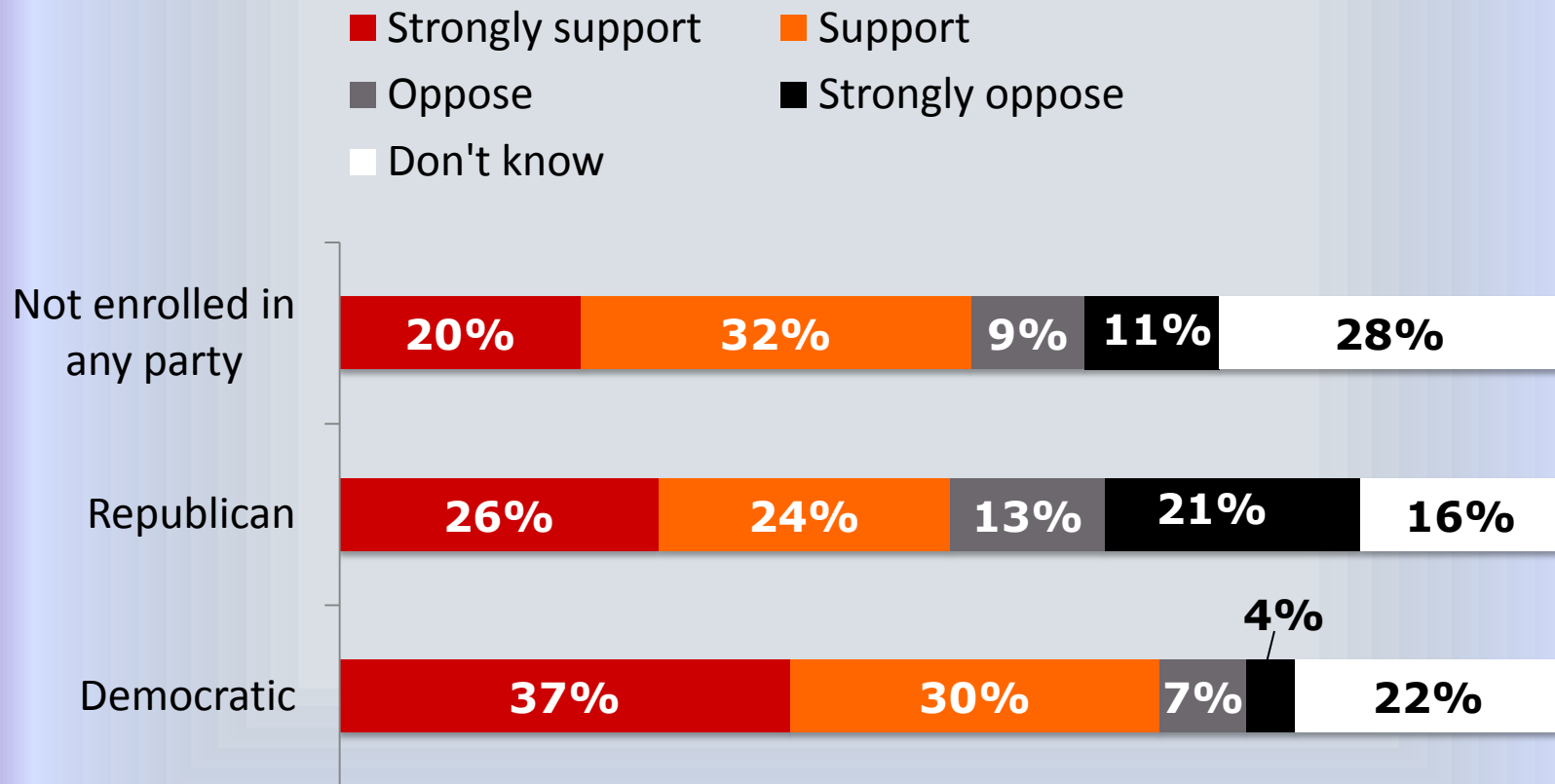
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- Support
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't Know



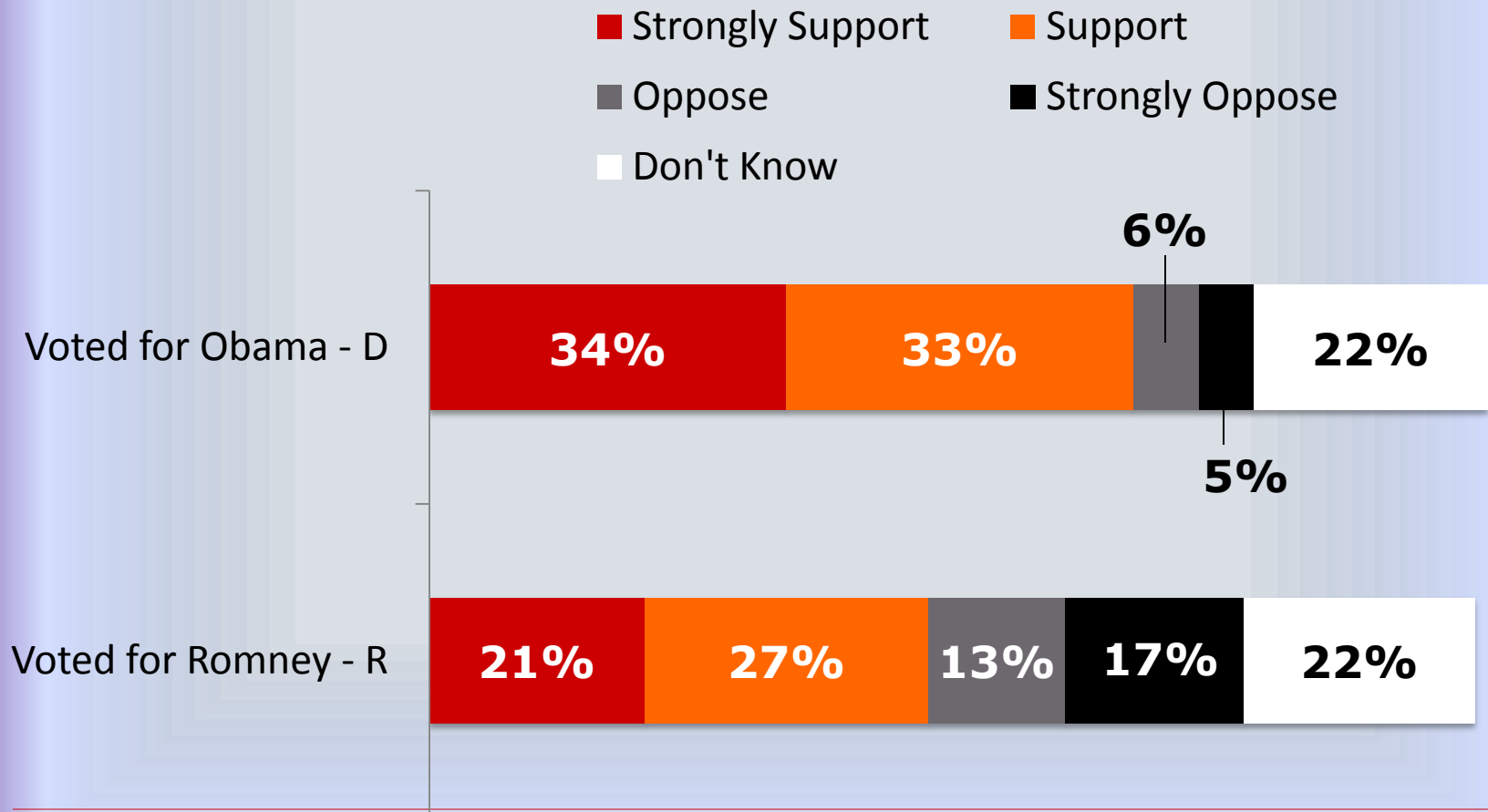
Immigration Reform and Ethnicity



Immigration Reform and Party



Immigration Reform and Vote for President



Immigration Reform and Vote for Senate

■ Strongly Support ■ Support
■ Oppose ■ Strongly Oppose
■ Don't Know

Voted for Ted Cruz (Rep)

20% 30% 12% 15% 23%

Immigration Reform and Vote for House of Representatives

DISTRICT 9

Voted for Al Green (Dem)

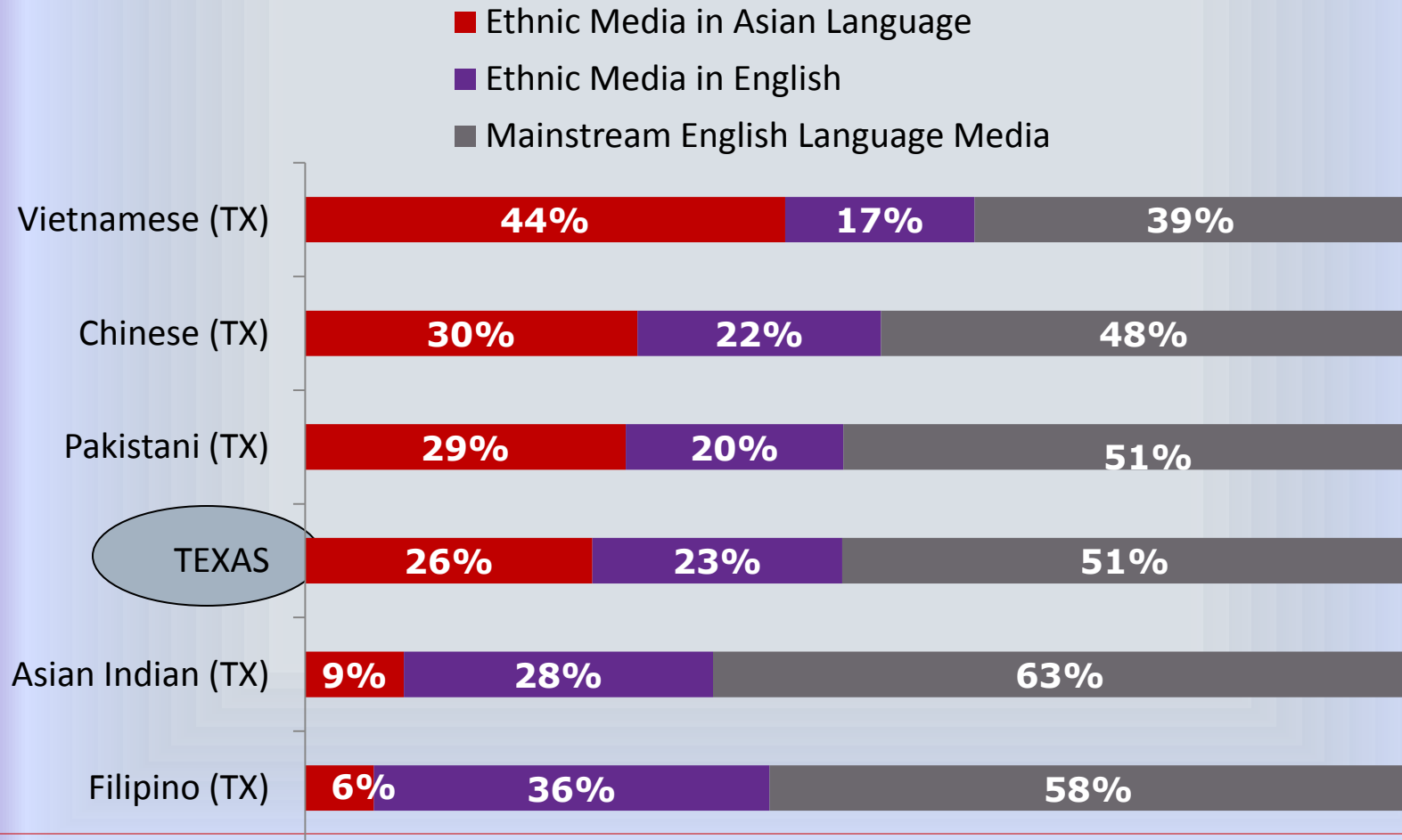
33% 34% 8% 6% 19%

DISTRICT 22

Voted for Pete Olson
(Rep)

25% 31% 10% 12% 22%

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



Voting Problems in Texas

- **22** were required to prove their U.S. citizenship
- **13** complained that their names were missing or had errors in the list of voters at poll sites
- **10** had to vote by provisional ballot
- **15** voters complained that poll workers did not know what to do
- **9** voters complained that poll workers were rude or hostile
- **15** voters complained that no interpreters or translations were available when they needed the help
- **9** 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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