

California Latino Voter Survey: Drug Policy Issues

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Statewide Survey of Latino Voters

Methodology

- **600 interviews with registered voters likely to cast ballots in November 2004 who identify themselves as Latinos**
- **Interviews conducted June 17-19, 2003**
- **Margin of sampling error of +/- 4.0%**

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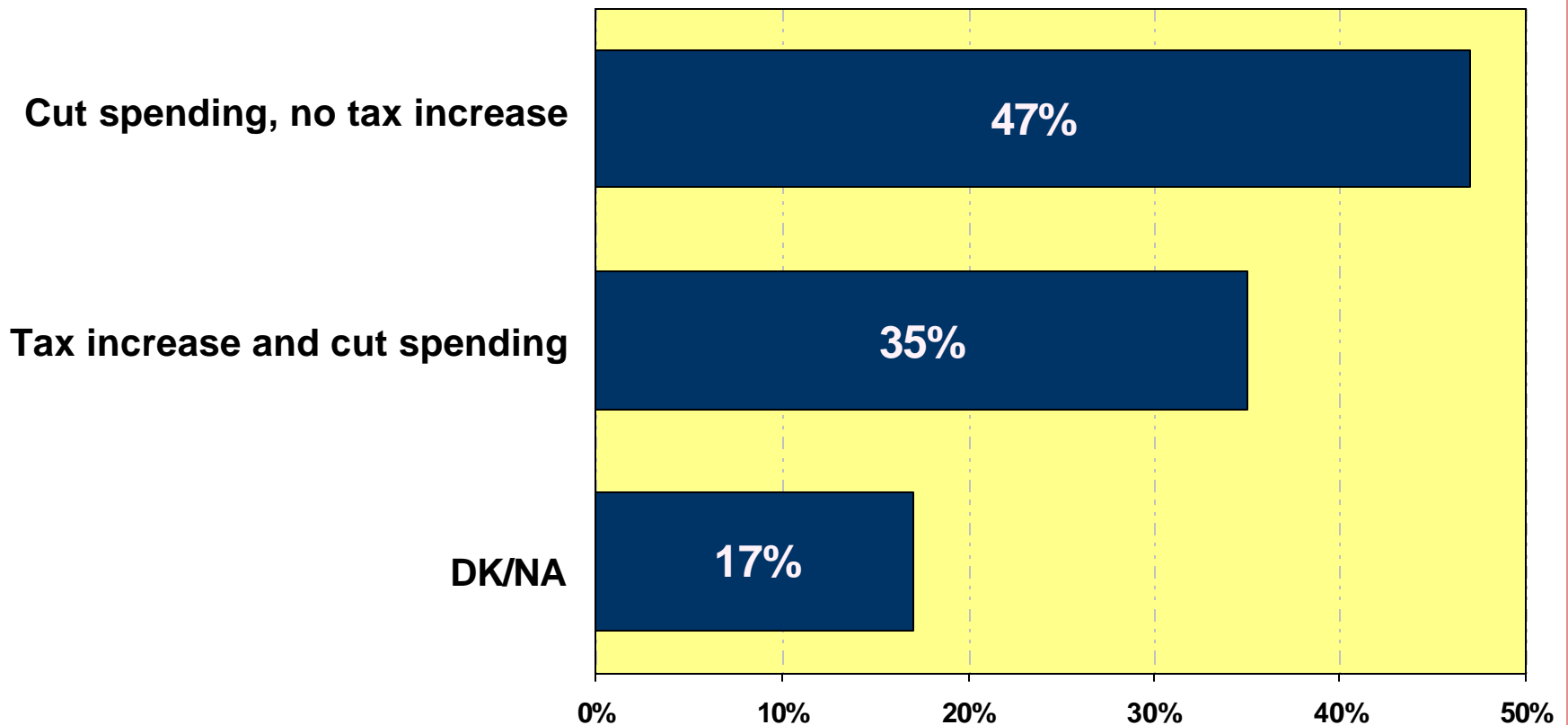
Budget Issues

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A plurality of Latino voters still believe that the budget can be balanced without tax increases, though many are uncertain.

Q. 2

Currently, the state is facing an estimated 38 billion dollar deficit over the next 13 months. Given the size of the deficit, do you think the budget can be balanced by just cutting spending and without raising taxes, or do you think taxes will need to be raised as well as cutting spending in order to balance the budget?

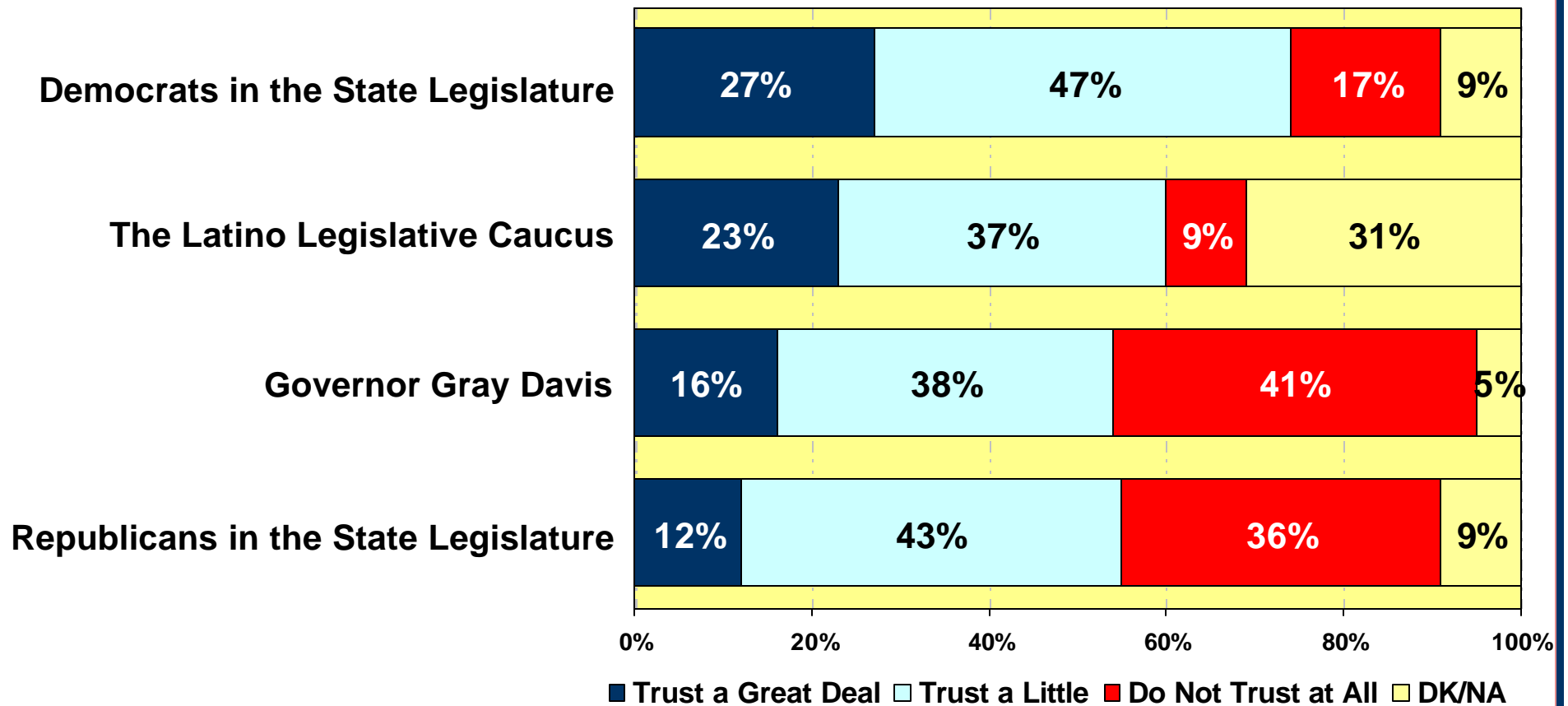


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Latino voters are most likely to trust the Democrats or Latino Caucus on budget issues.

Q. 3

I am going to read you a list of people and organizations who are working to resolve California's budget situation. Please tell me how much you trust those people or organizations in their efforts to resolve California's budget problems: a great deal, a little, or not at all?



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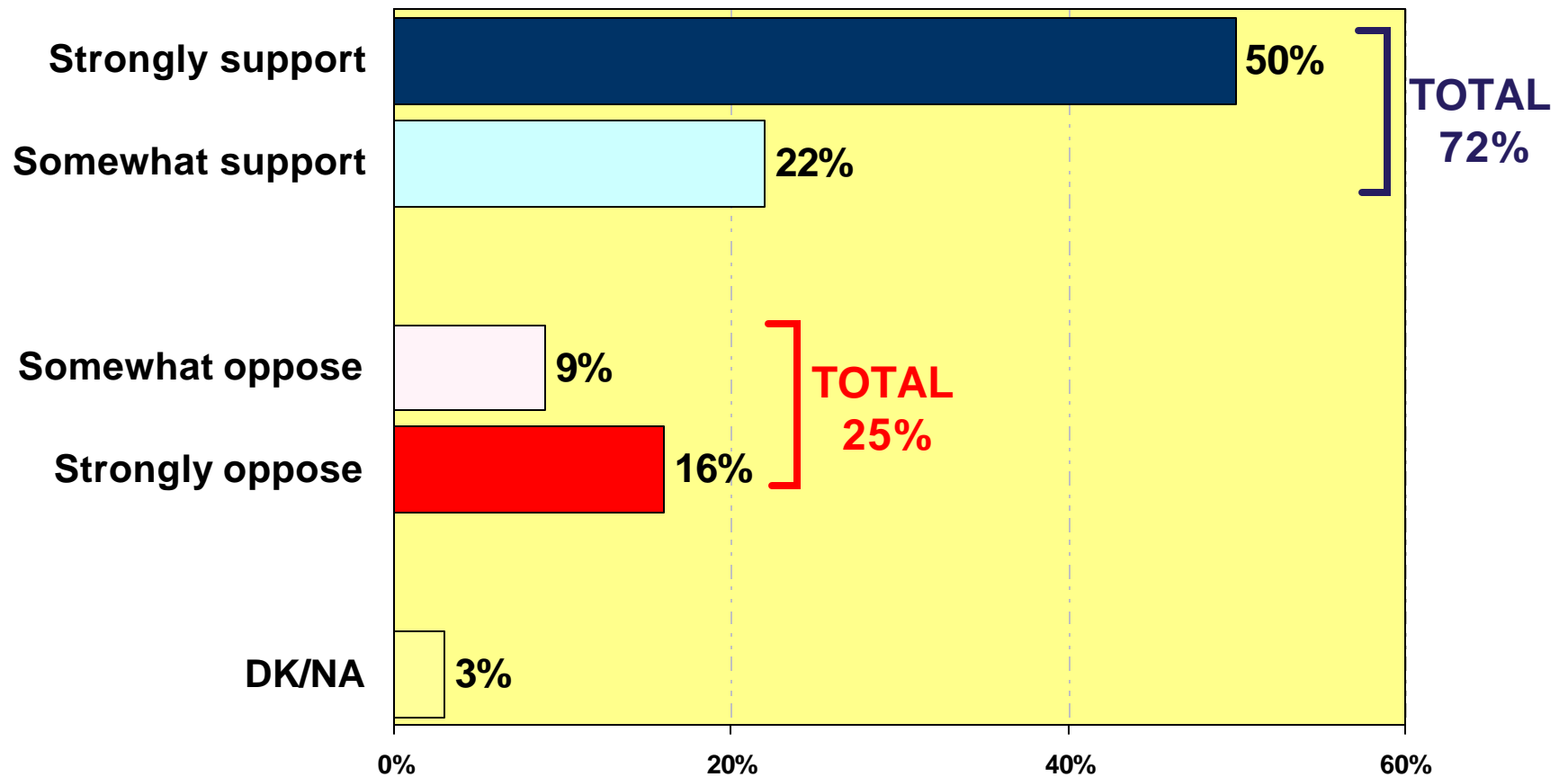
Drug Policy Issues

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Latino voters overwhelmingly support medical marijuana programs.

Q. 4a

SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Allowing terminally ill people to receive medicinal marijuana, to treat the symptoms of diseases like AIDS, cancer and glaucoma.

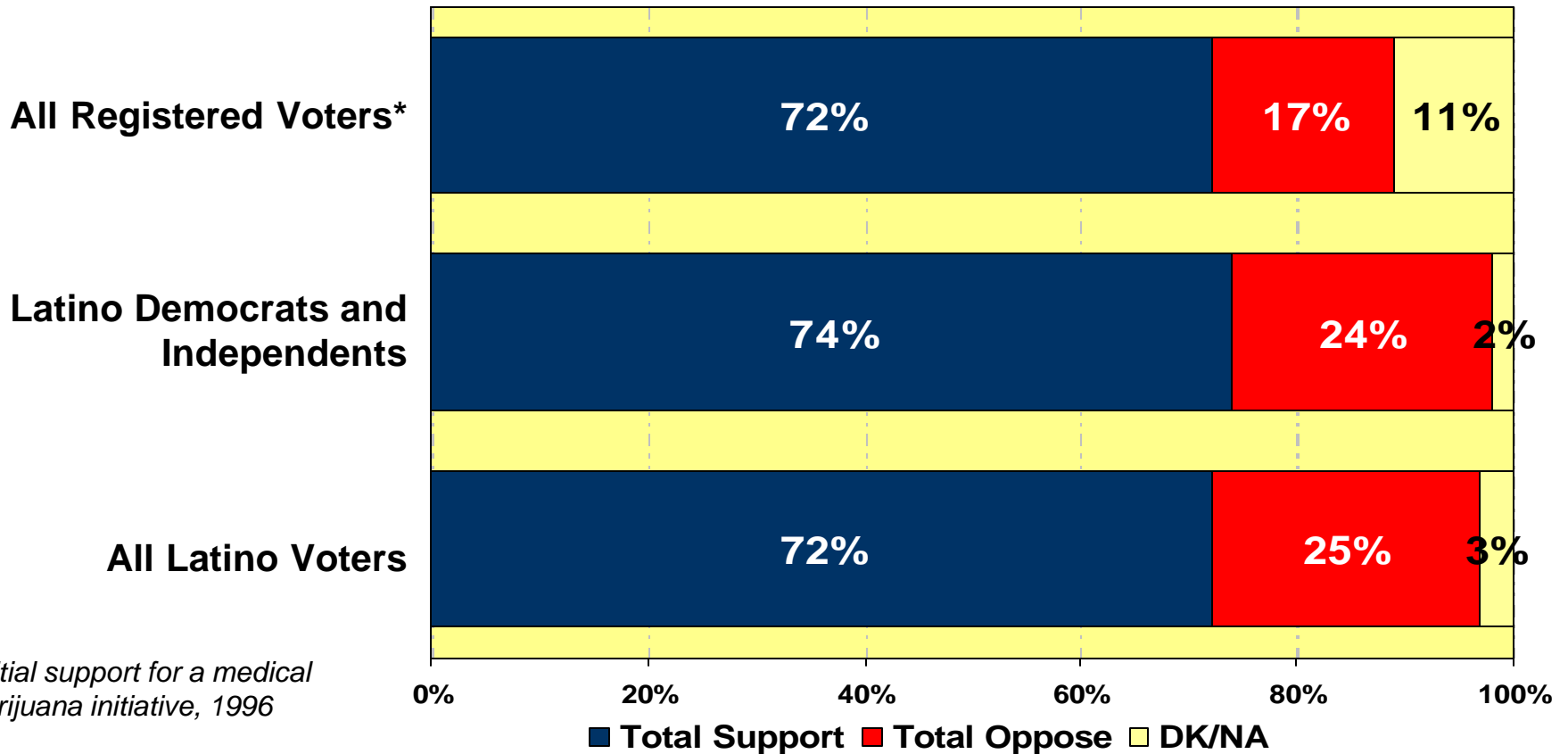


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Latino Democrats and independents are more supportive of medical marijuana.

Q. 4a

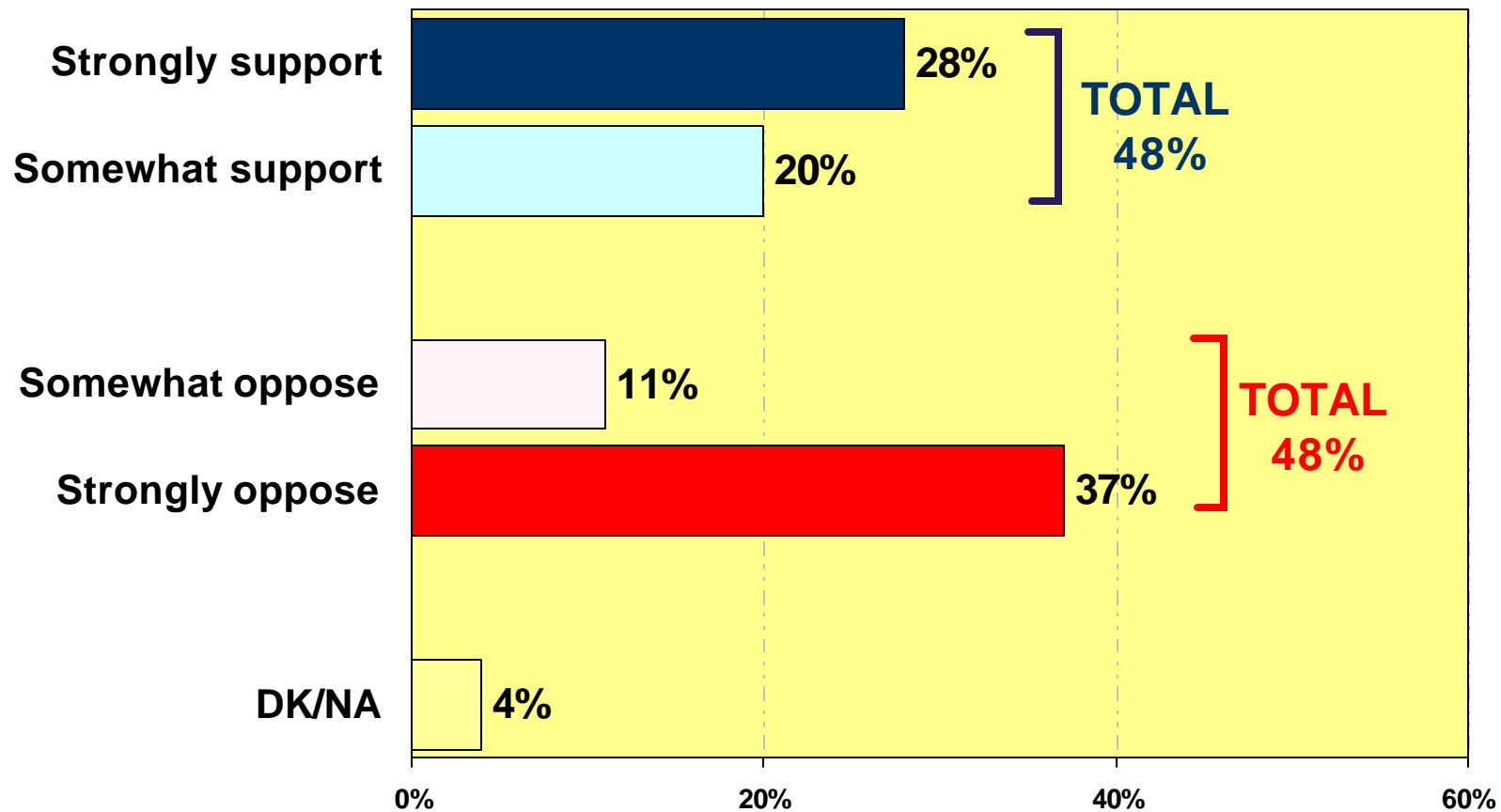
Support for Medical Marijuana, by Demographic Group



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Latino voters are divided on programs to allow drug users to purchase clean needles.

Q. 4b **SUPPORT/OPPOSE:** *Allowing intravenous drug users and others to purchase syringes from licensed pharmacies without a prescription, in order to prevent the spread of diseases like AIDS and hepatitis*

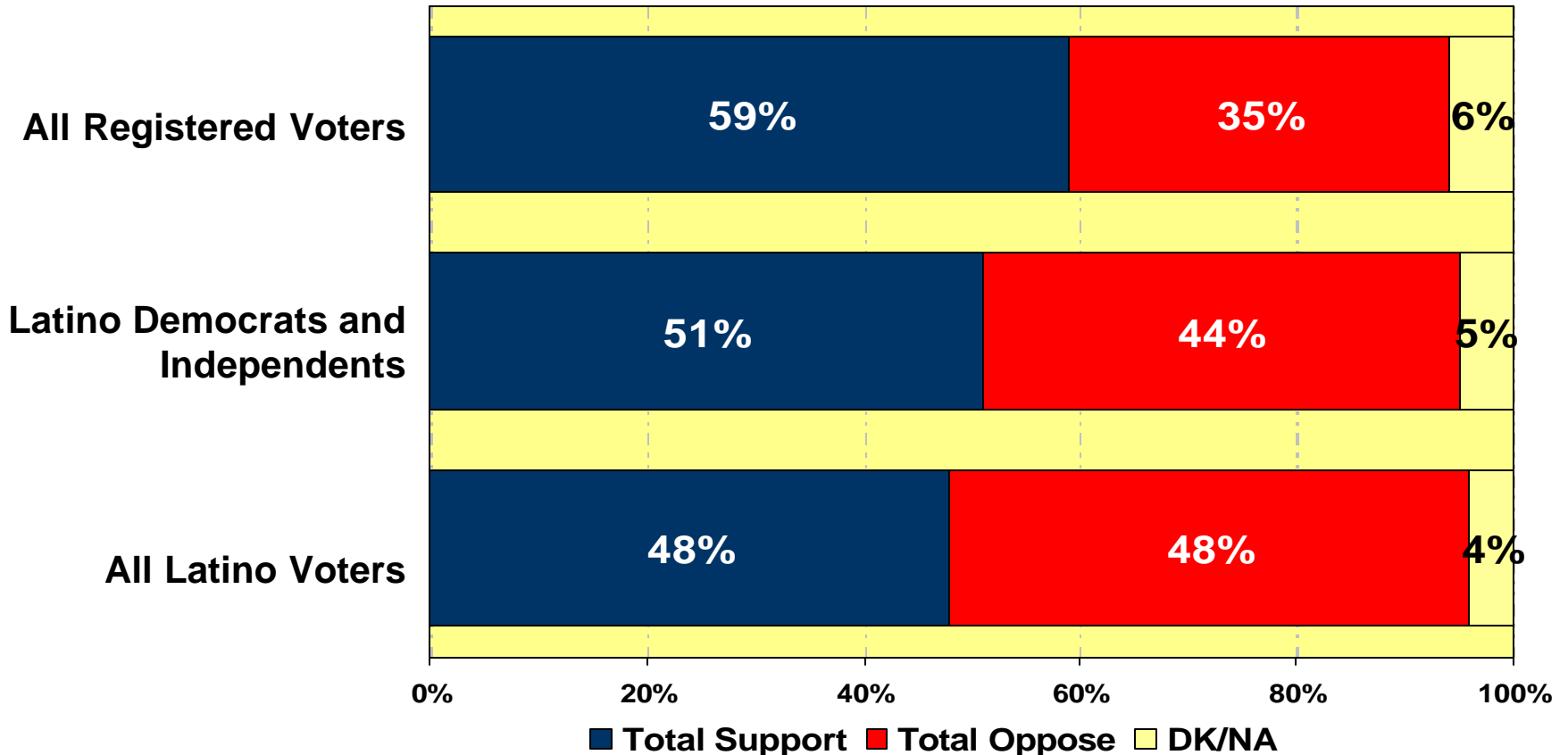


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Latino Democrats and independents are more supportive of clean needle programs.

Q. 4b

Support for Clean Needle Programs, by Demographic Group

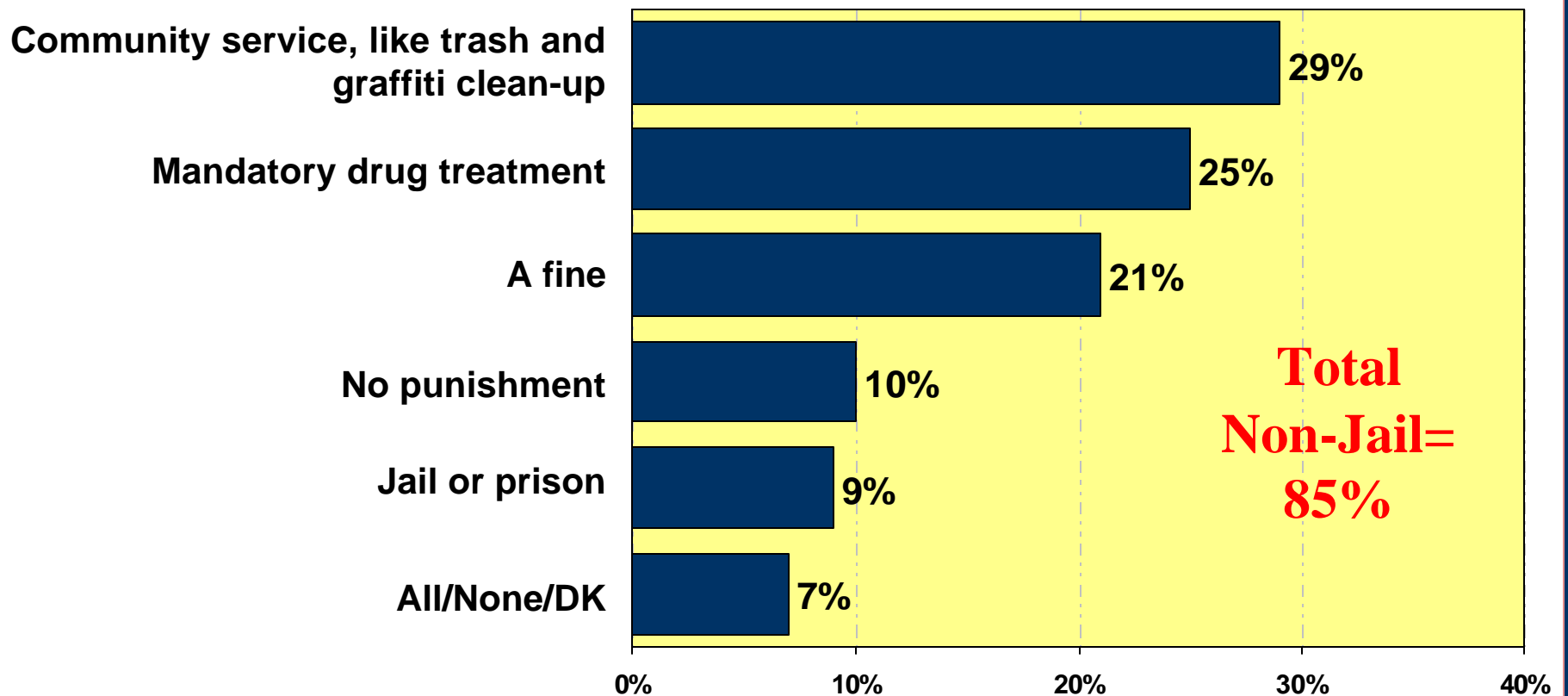


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Latino voters prefer community service, fines, or drug treatment as punishment for marijuana possession.

Q. 5

What do you think is the right punishment or response if an adult is caught smoking or possessing a small amount of marijuana:



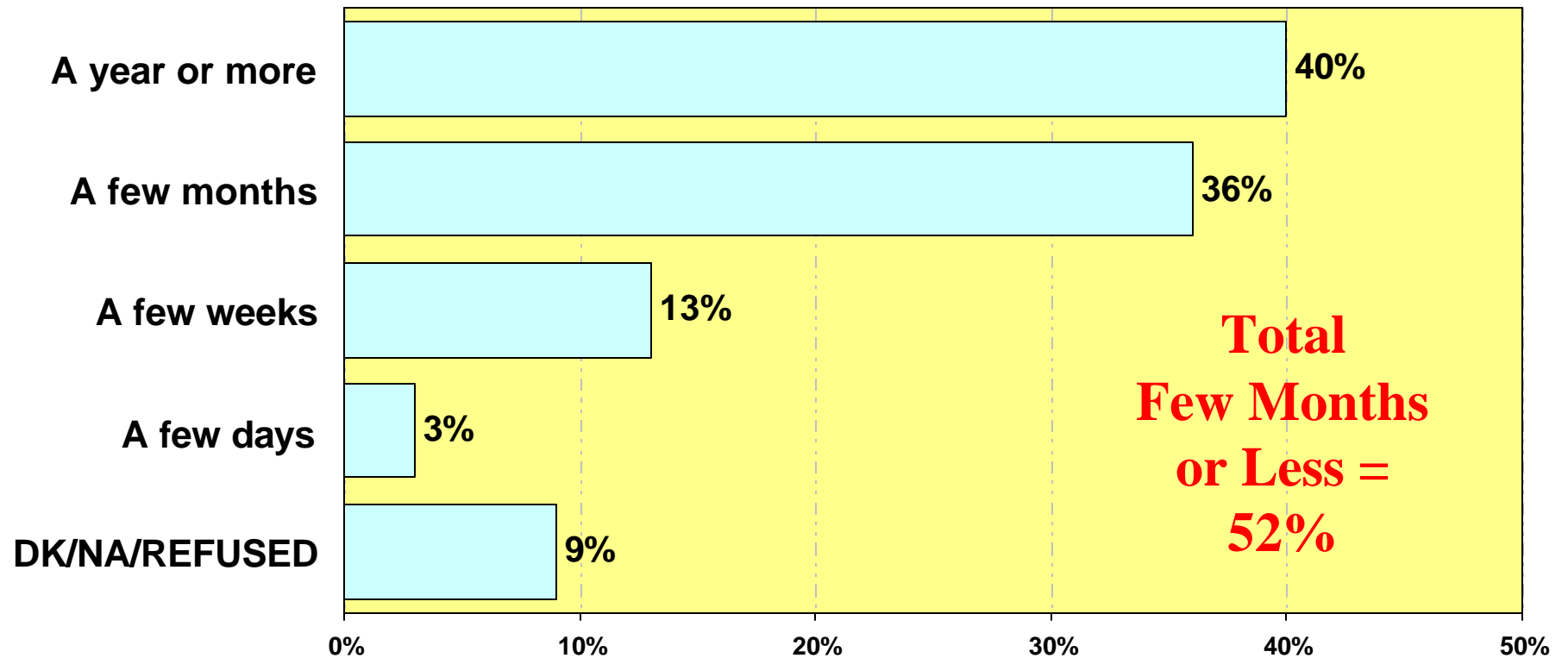
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Even among voters who prefer jail as punishment, most call for a few months or less.

Q. 6

And how long a jail term do you think is appropriate for possession of marijuana:

(Asked only of the 9% preferring jail as punishment)

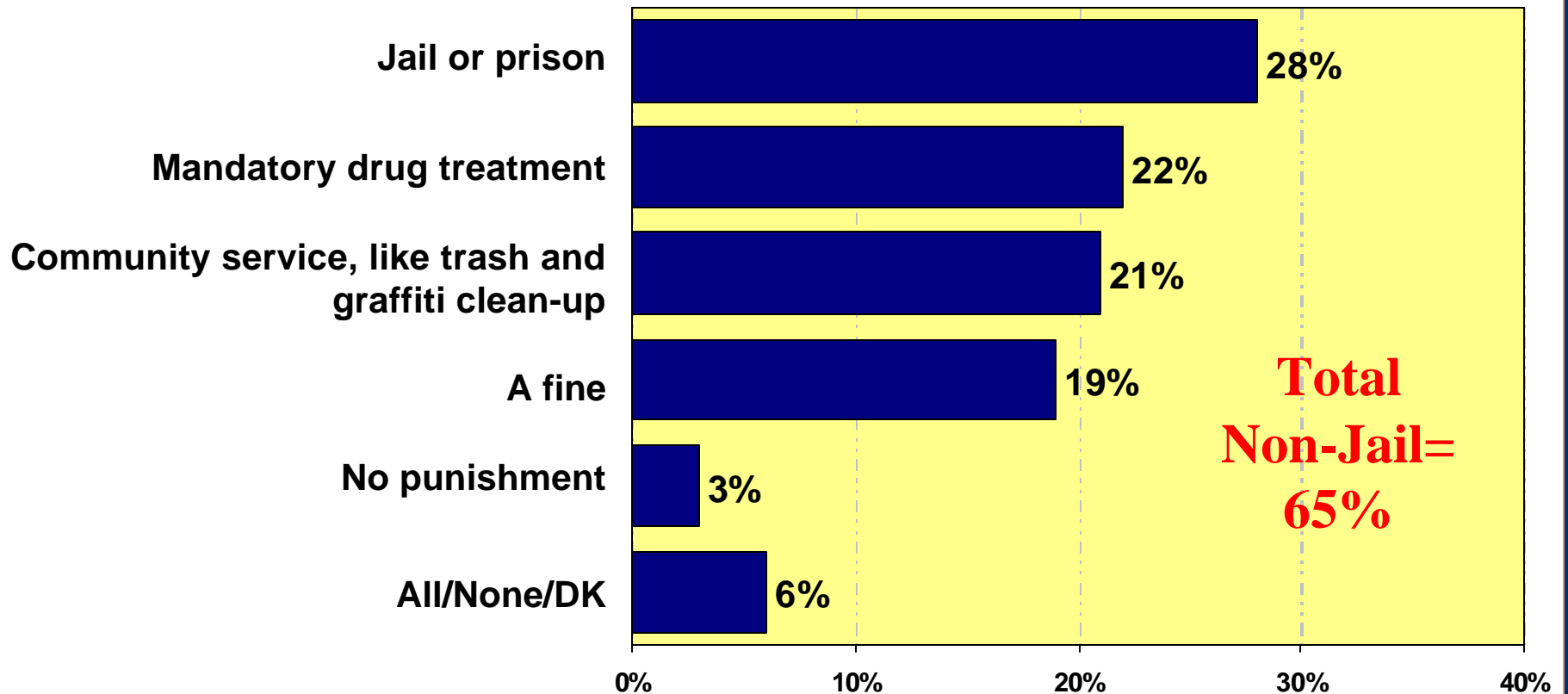


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Most Latino voters prefer non-jail options even for young people who sell marijuana.

Q. 7

What do you think is the right punishment or response if a young person under age 25 is convicted for the first time of selling a small amount of marijuana to an adult:



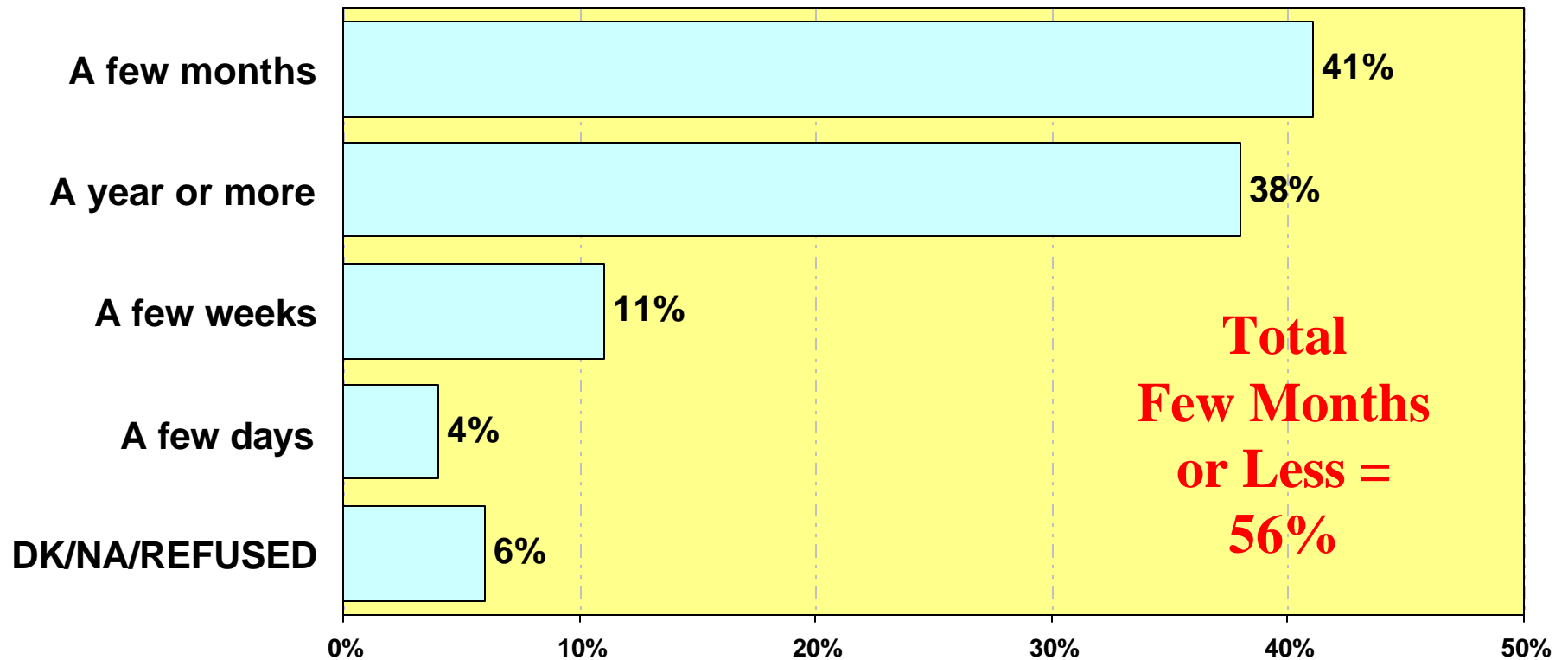
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Again, even among voters who prefer jail as punishment, most call for a few months or less.

Q. 8

And how long a jail term do you think is appropriate for a young person under age 25 convicted for the first time of selling a small amount of marijuana to an adult:

(Asked only of the 28% preferring jail as punishment)

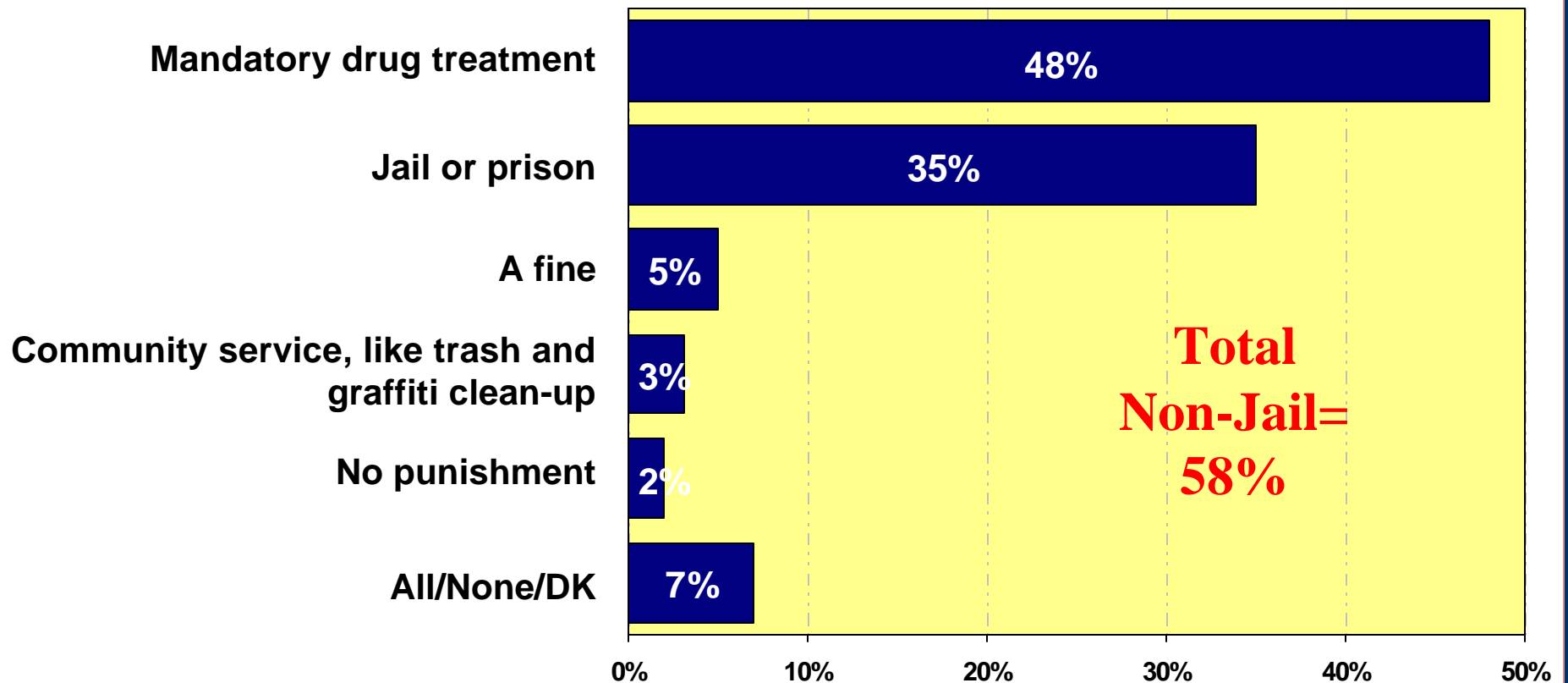


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**A plurality of Latino voters
prefer drug treatment as the
response for use of harder drugs.**

Q. 9

What do you think is the right punishment or response if an adult is found using heroin, cocaine, or methamphetamine :



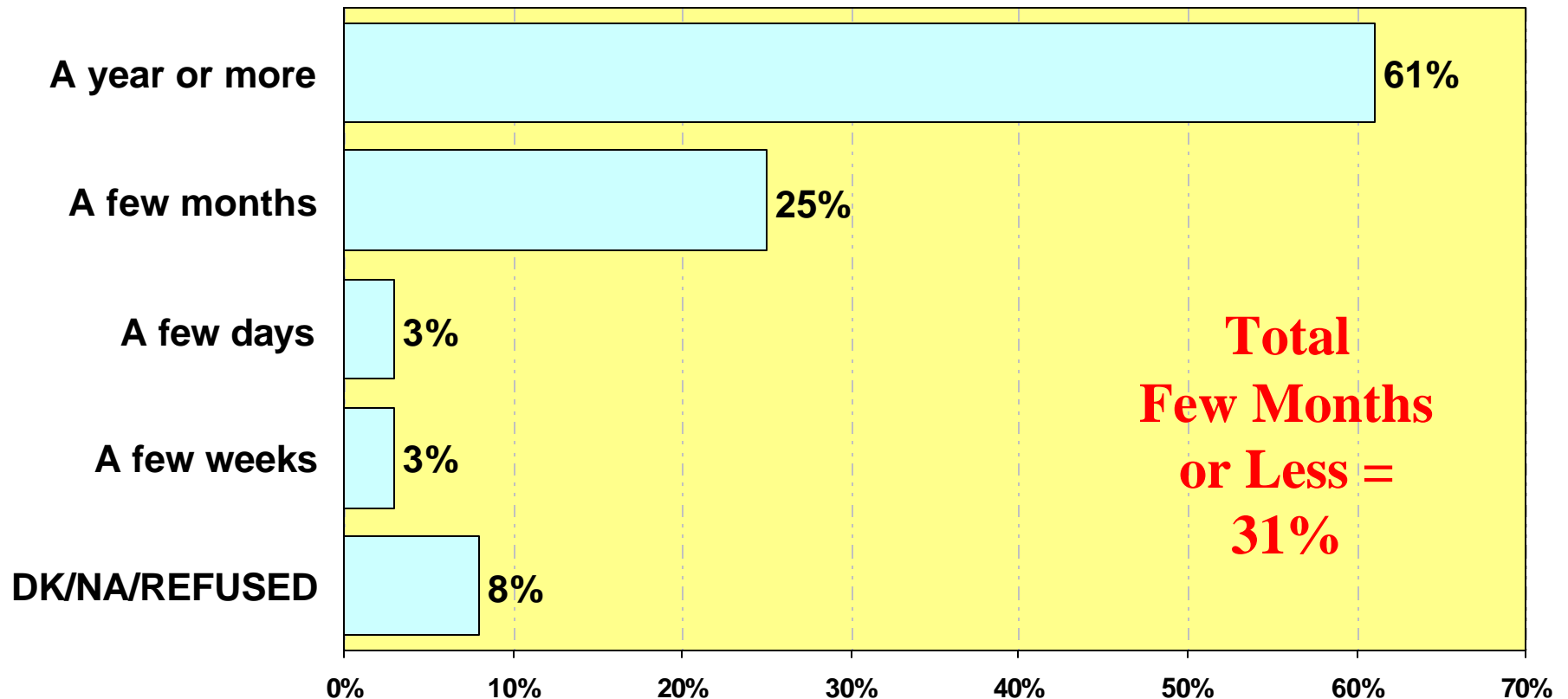
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**Those who prefer jail for use of harder drugs
tend to call for longer sentences.**

Q. 10

Those who prefer jail for use of harder drugs tend to call for longer sentences.

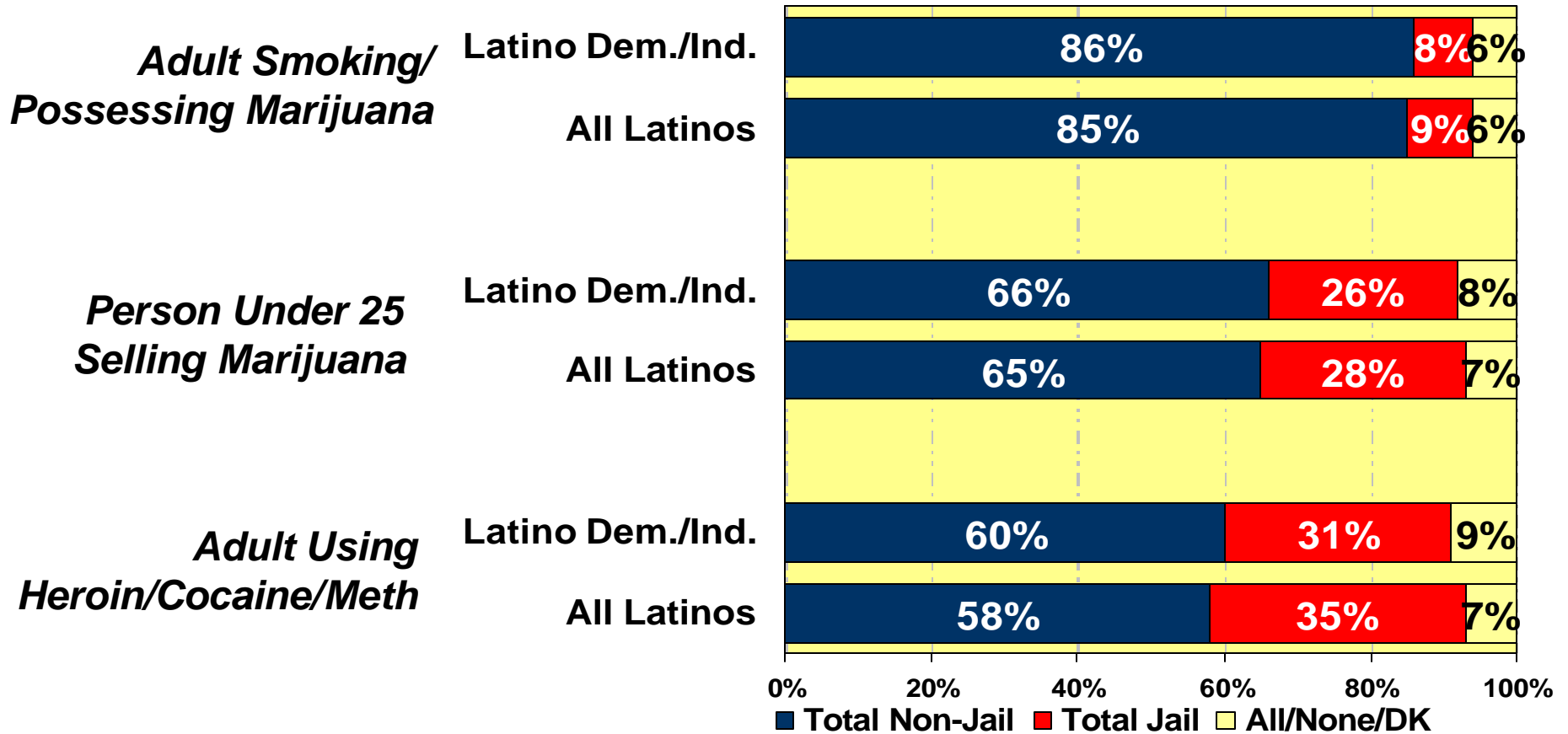
(Asked only of the 35% preferring jail as punishment)



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Latino Democrats and independents are equally or more supportive of non-jail options in each case.

Q. 5/7/9



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