

Opinions of Small Employers

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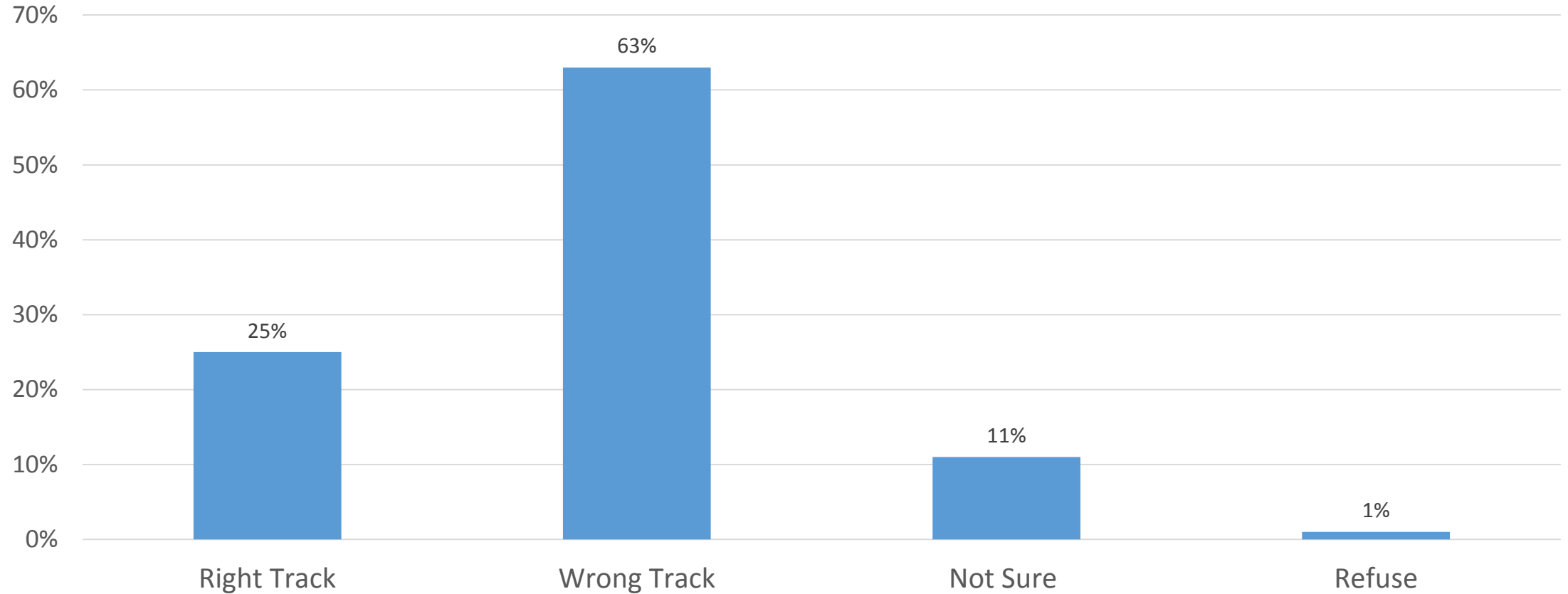
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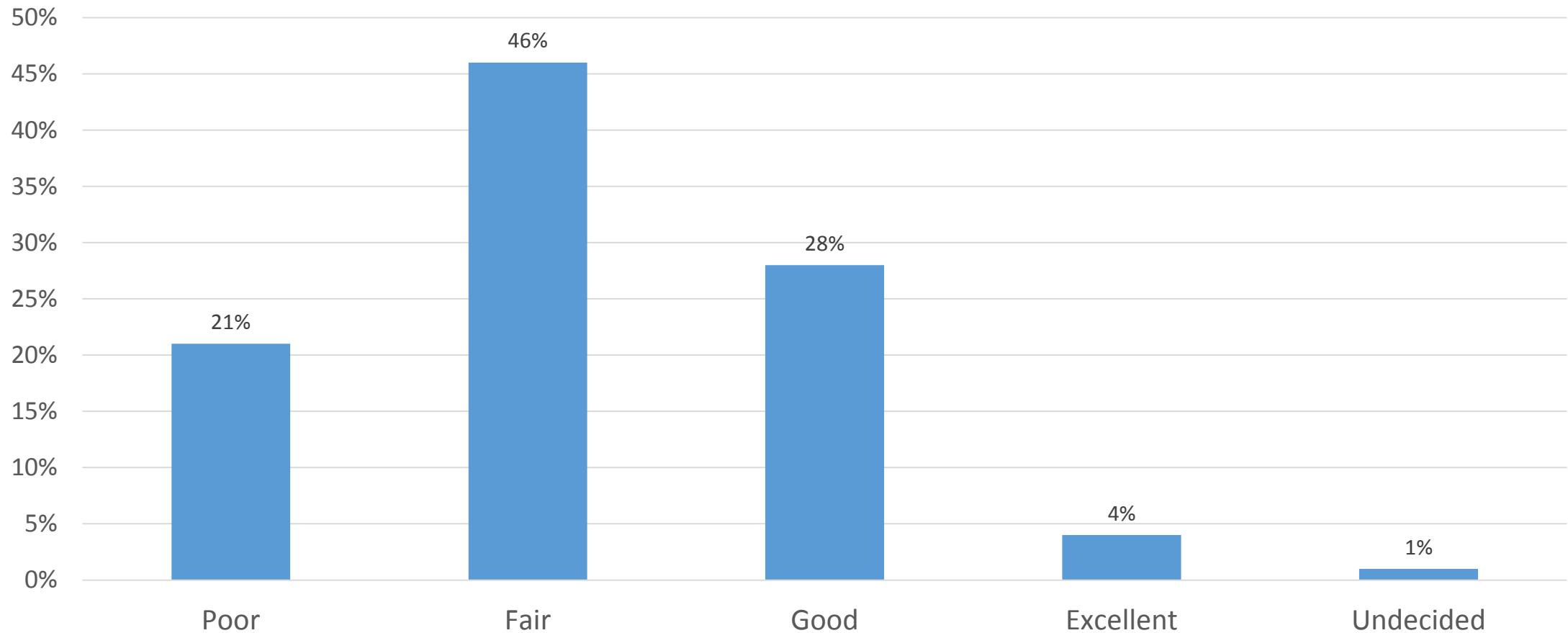
500 small-business owners with 1-250 employees,
random sample from the Dun and Bradstreet files

Telephone survey conducted from April 20-June 16, 2015

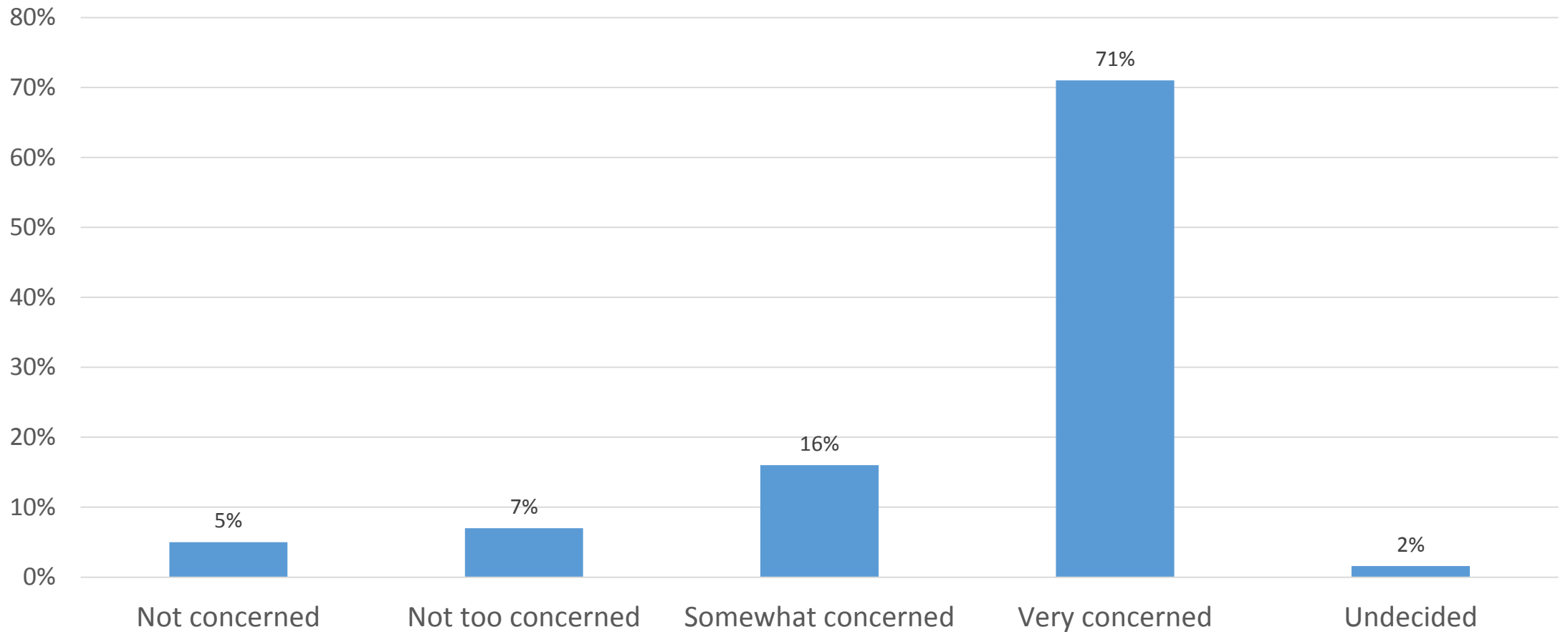
Generally speaking, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



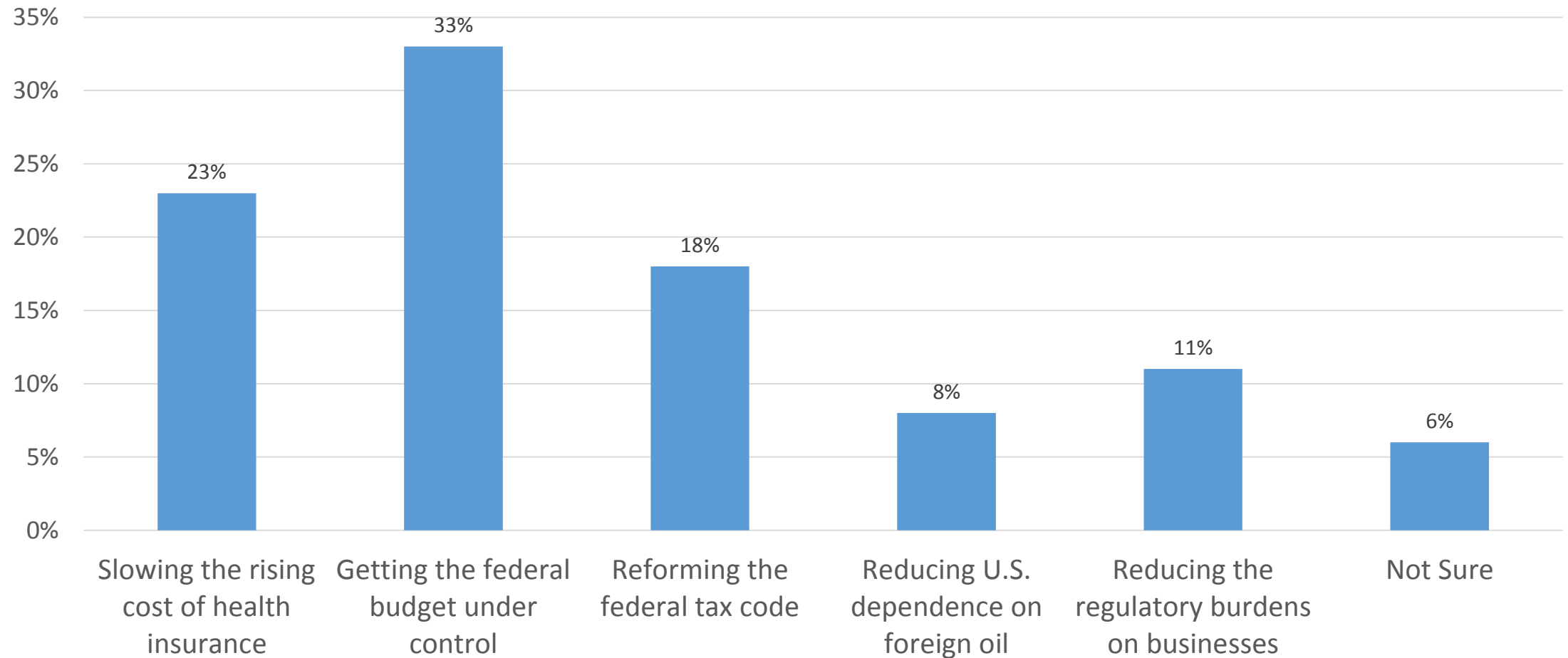
Generally speaking, would you rate the overall business climate in the country today as excellent, good, fair or poor?



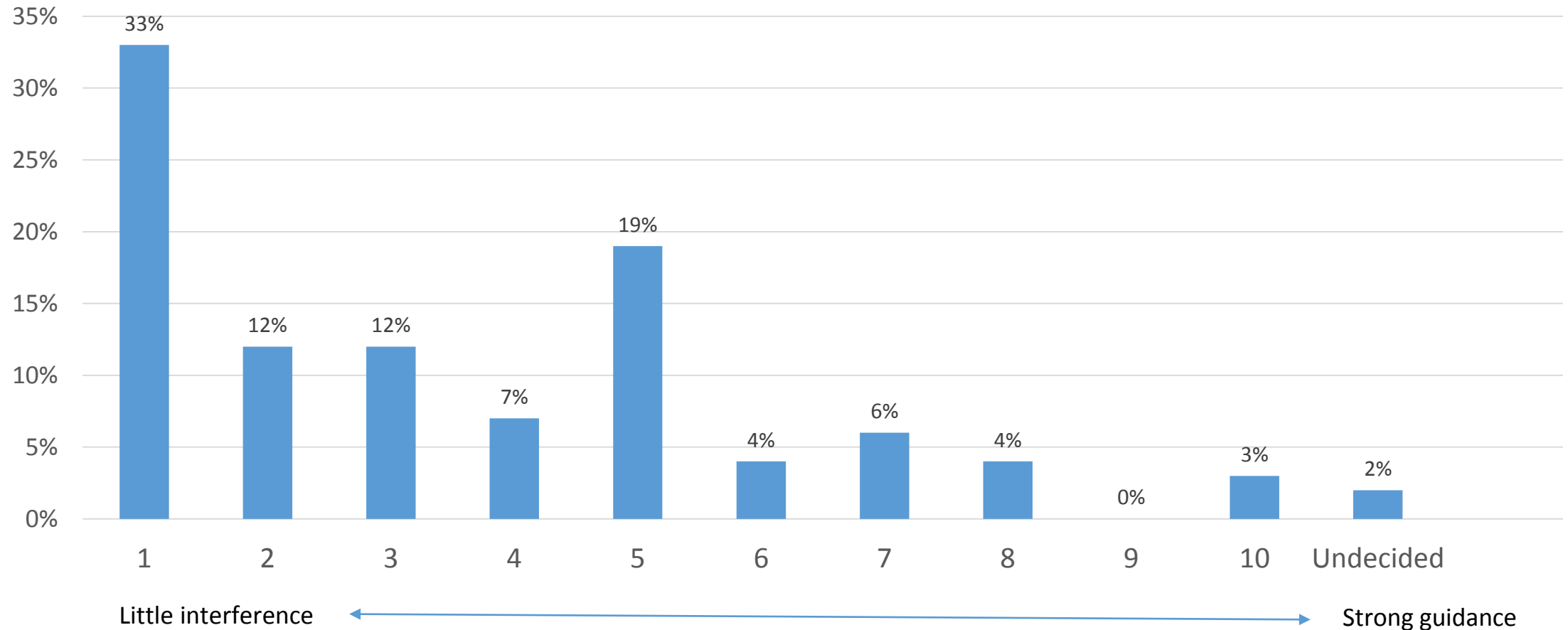
How concerned are you about the size and growth of the federal deficit?



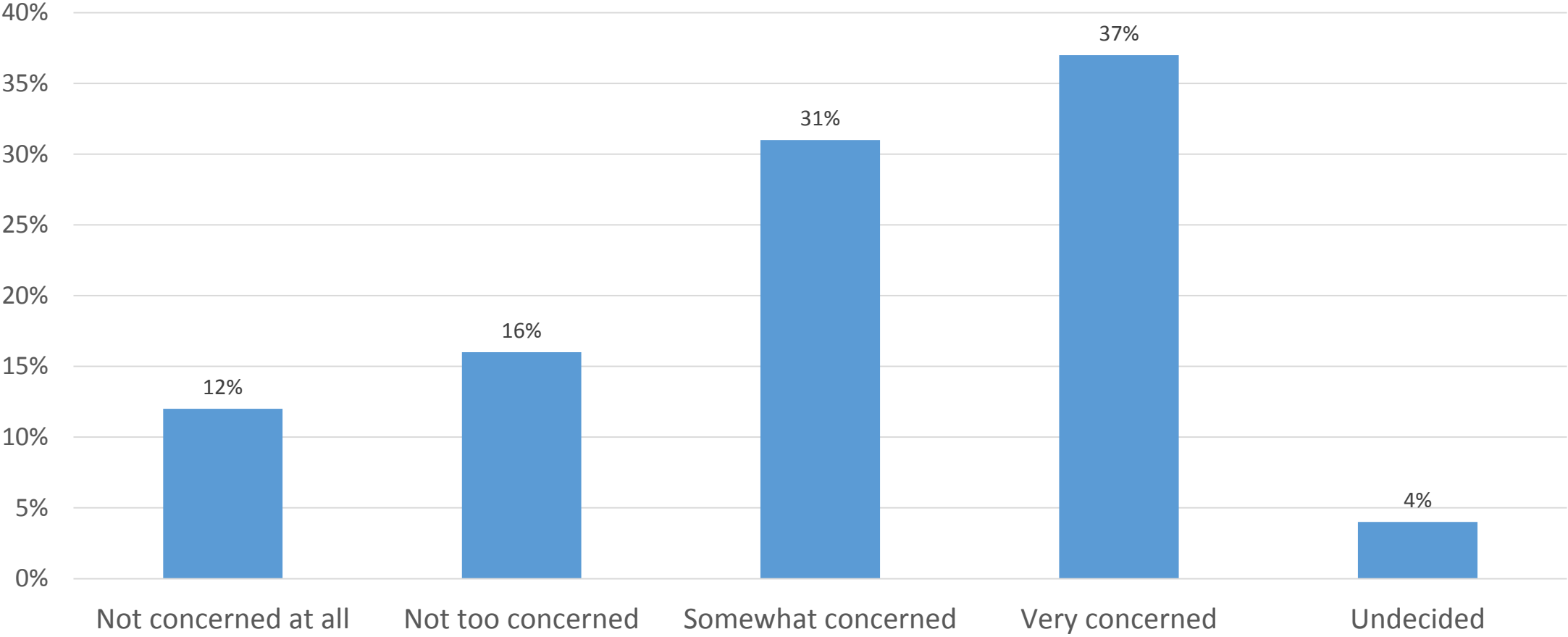
Which of the following economic problems should be Washington's highest priority? Should it be:



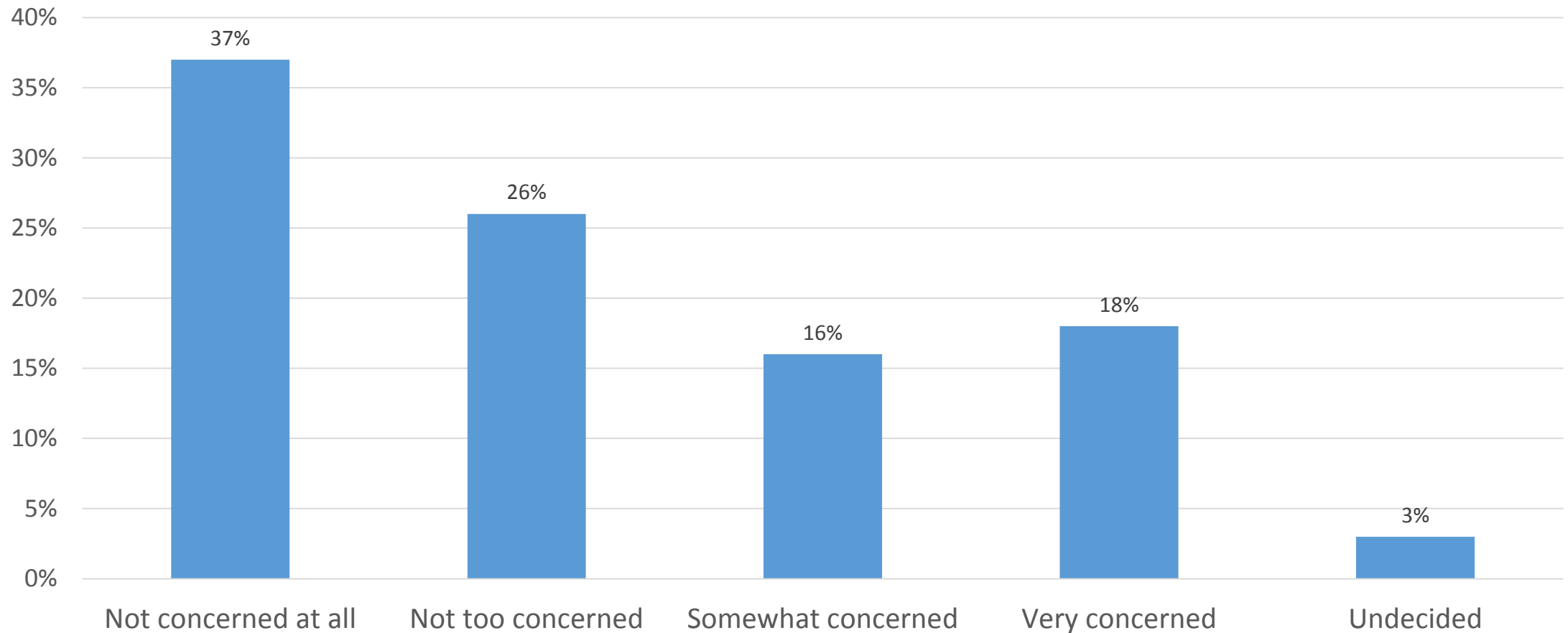
Where would you put yourself on a scale of 1 (one) to 10 (ten), where one means you prefer little if any government interference in markets and private business, and 10 means you prefer strong government guidance of the economy including public ownership of the most important businesses?



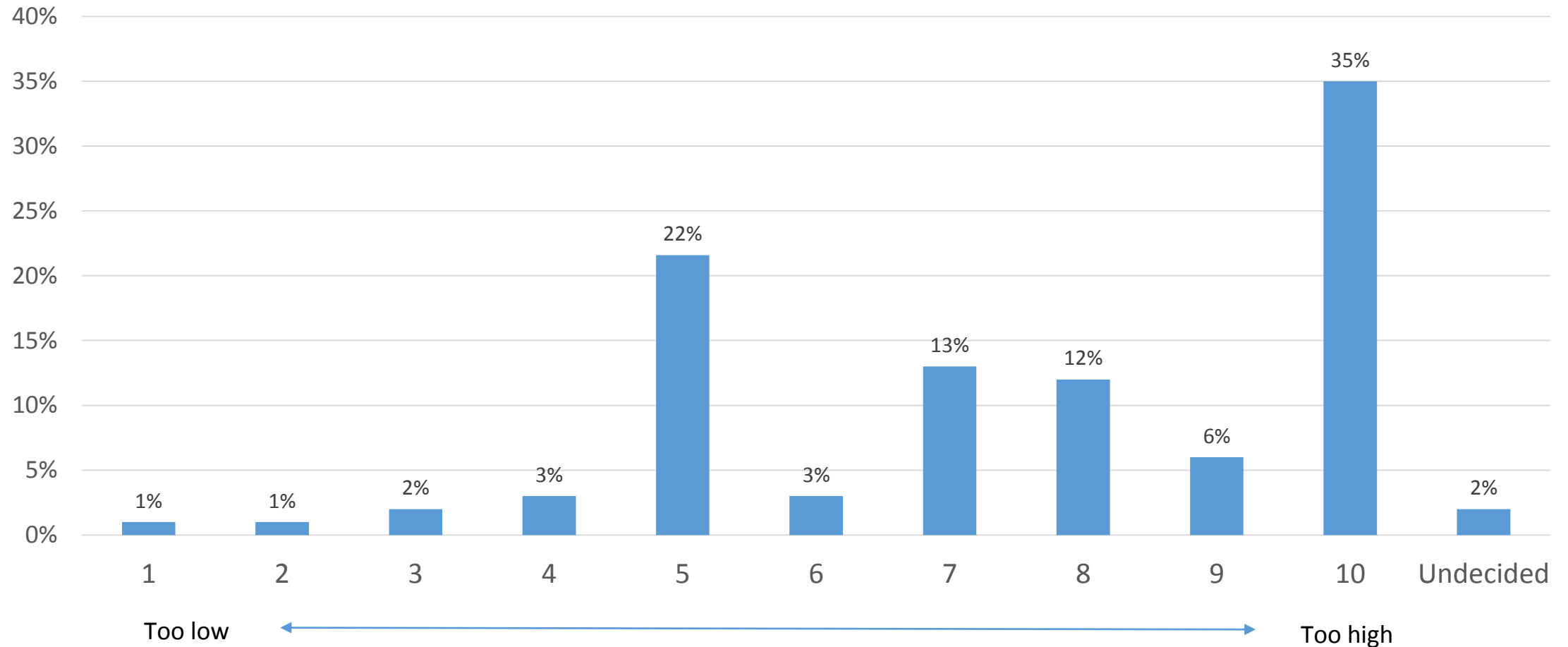
How concerned are you about the Federal Reserve Bank raising interest rates?



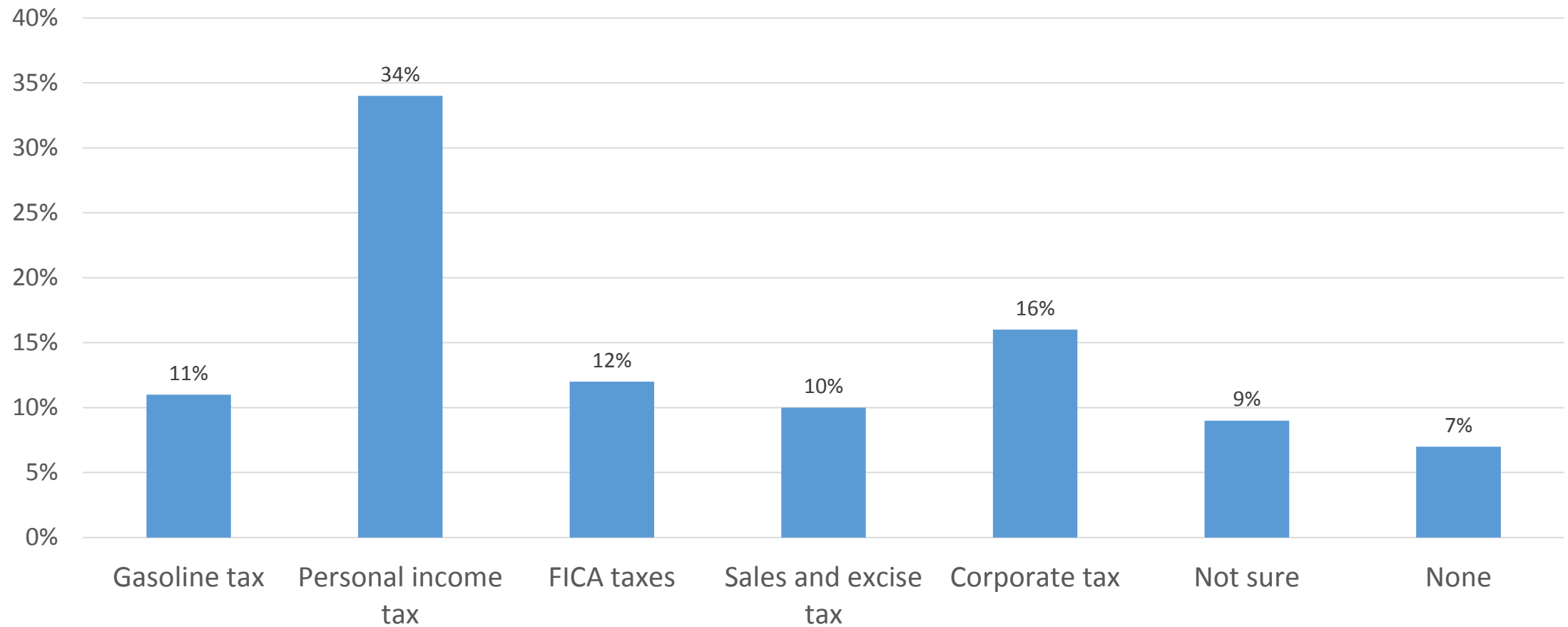
How concerned are you about your ability to access credit for your small business?



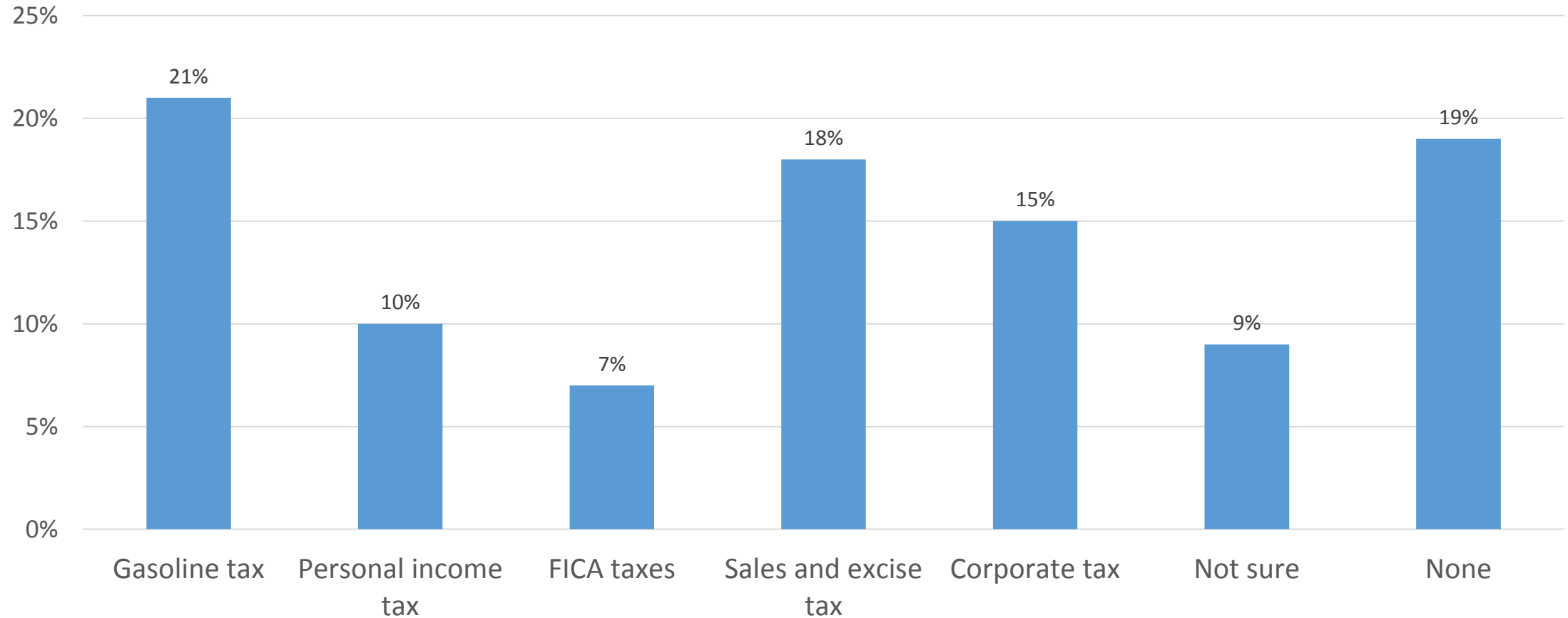
Where would you put yourself on a scale of 1 (one) to 10 (ten) where one means the taxes you currently pay are much too low, and 10 means the taxes you currently pay are much too high?



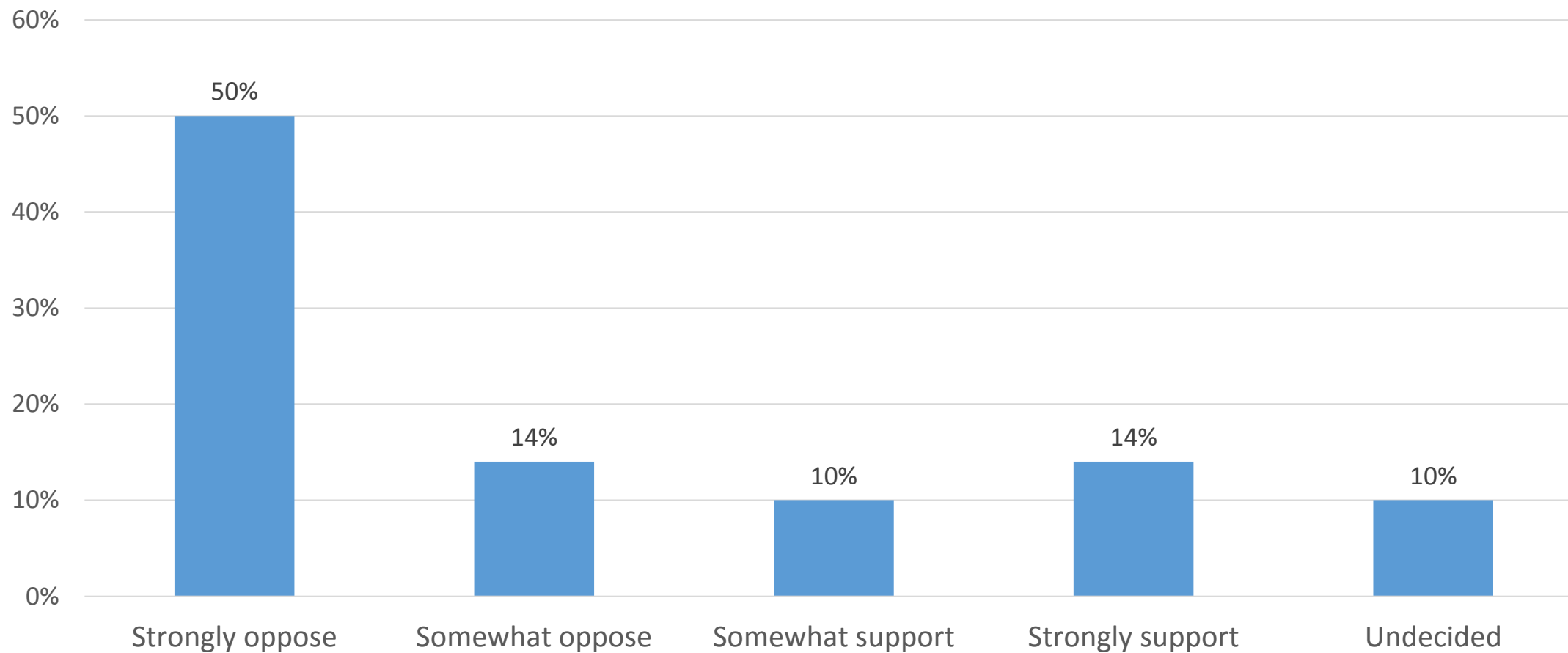
Thinking more about the taxes you pay, which one of the following six taxes most hinder job creation and economic growth for you or your company – gasoline taxes, personal income taxes, FICA taxes, sales and excise taxes or corporate taxes?



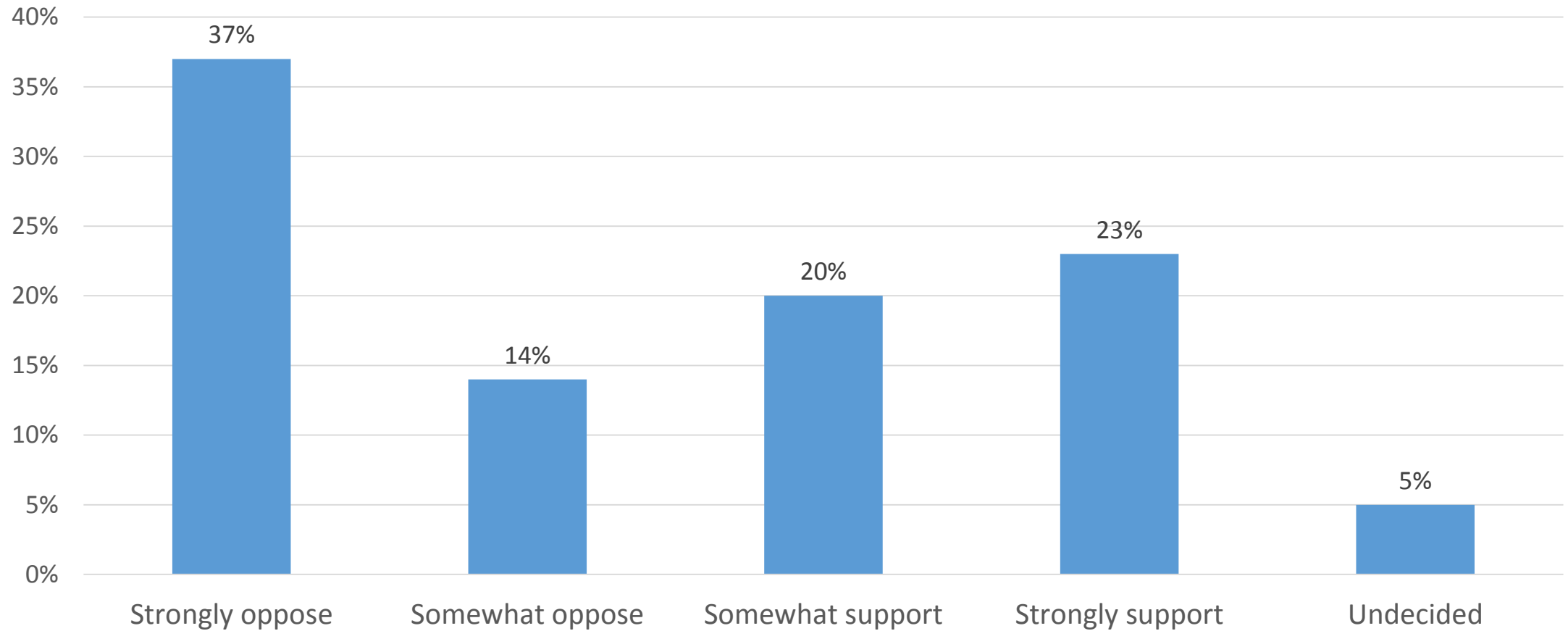
From this same list, which of these taxes would you LEAST OBJECT to being increased?



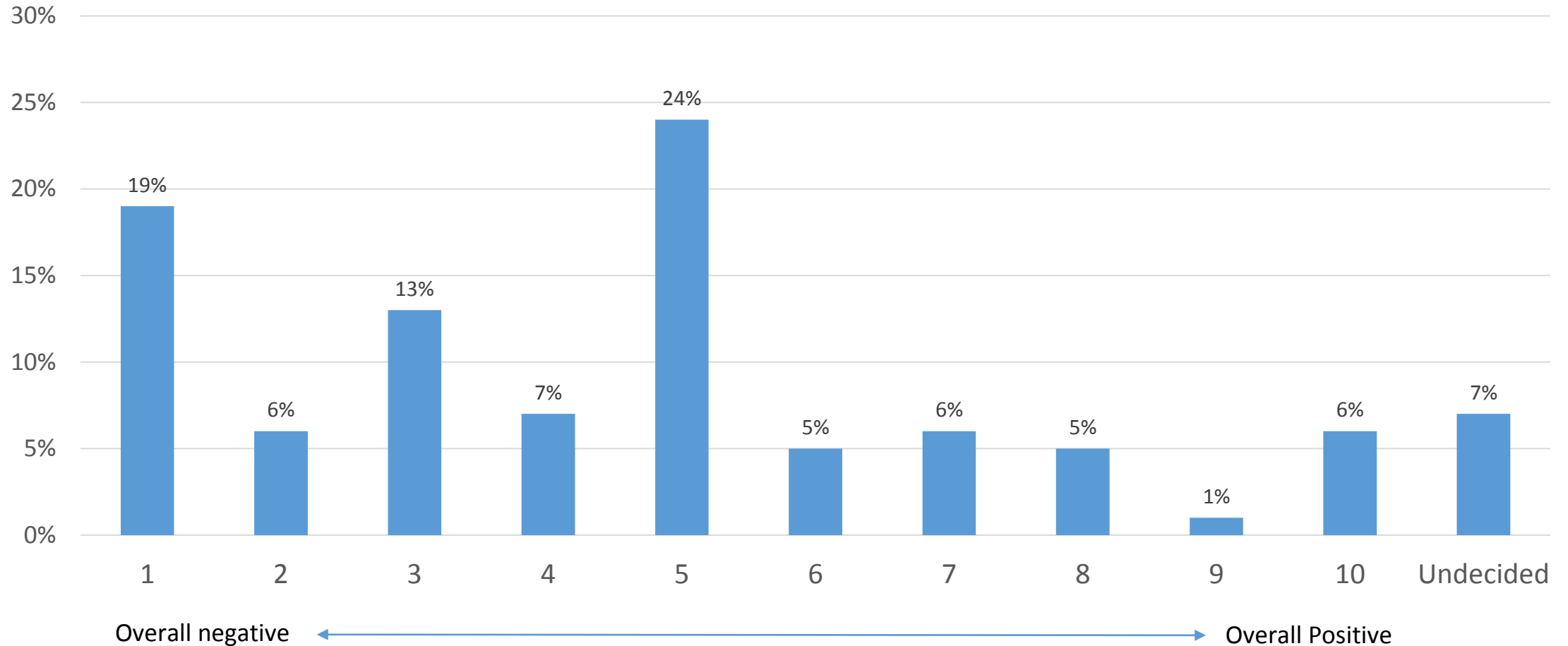
Increase the top tax rate for long-term capital gains from 23.8 to 28 percent.



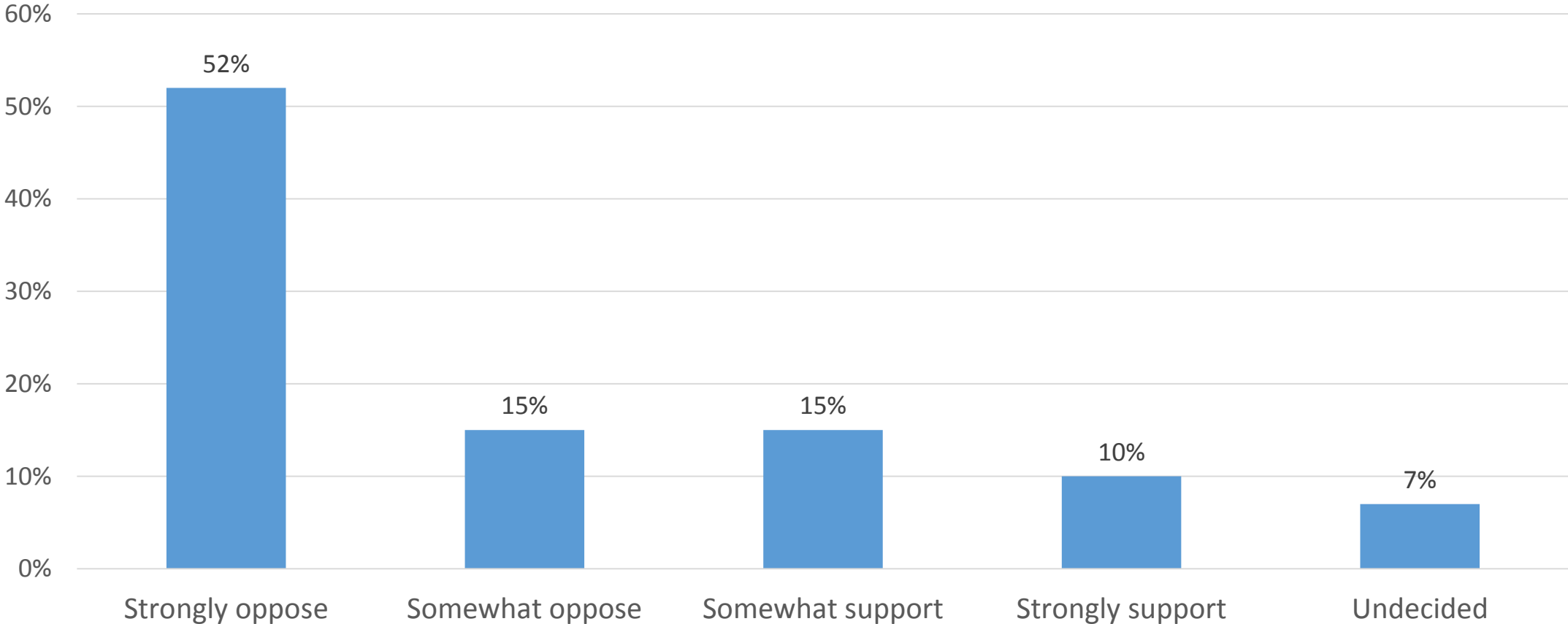
Internet purchases should be subject to state and local sales taxes.



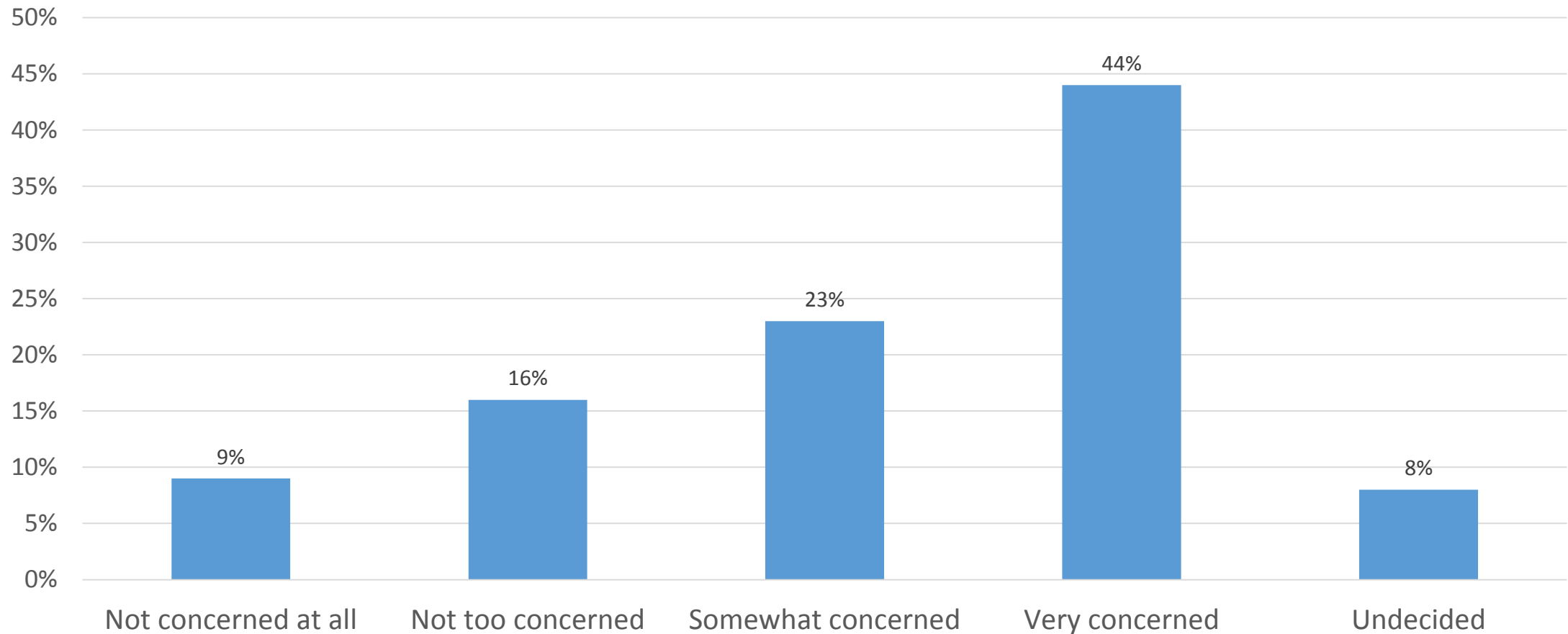
On a scale of 1 (one) to 10 (ten), do labor unions make an overall positive or negative contribution to the economy overall, where the lowest possible score of “1” means they make an overall negative contribution while “10” means they make a positive contribution.



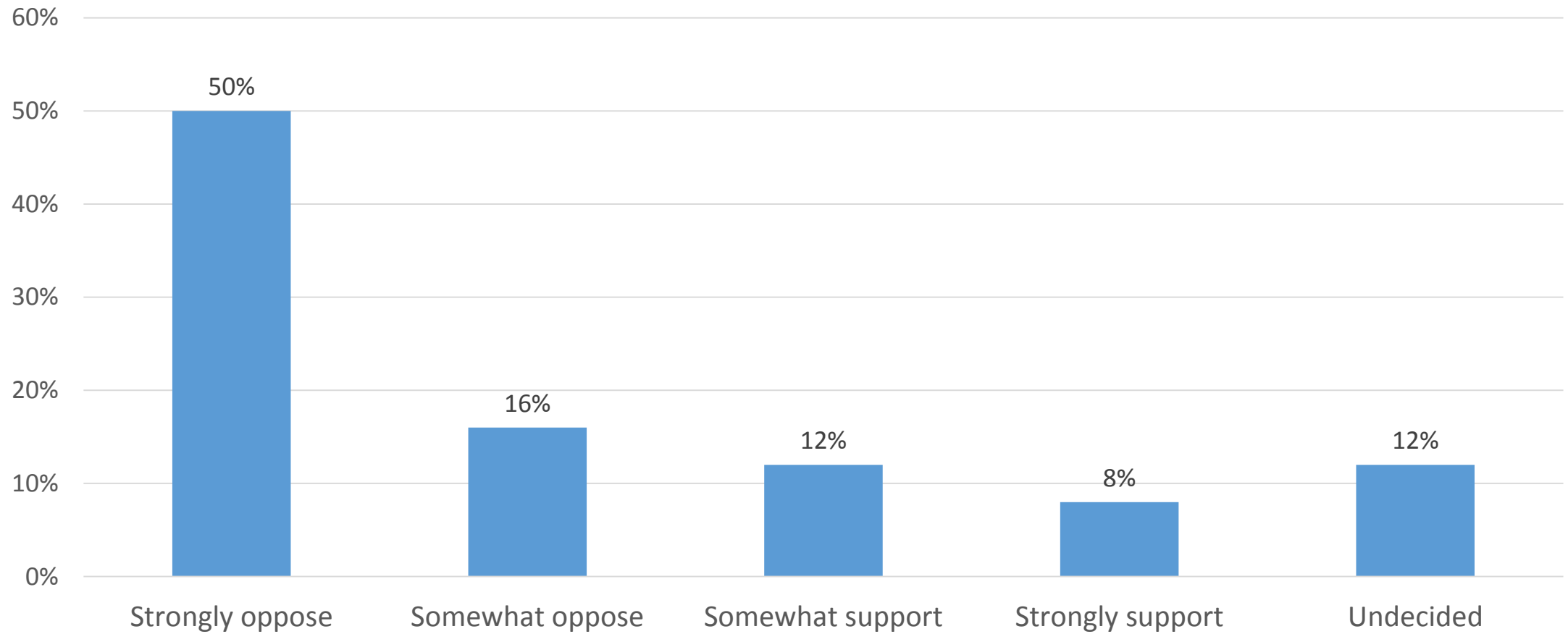
Employees should have the right to use their work email account for union organizing activities.



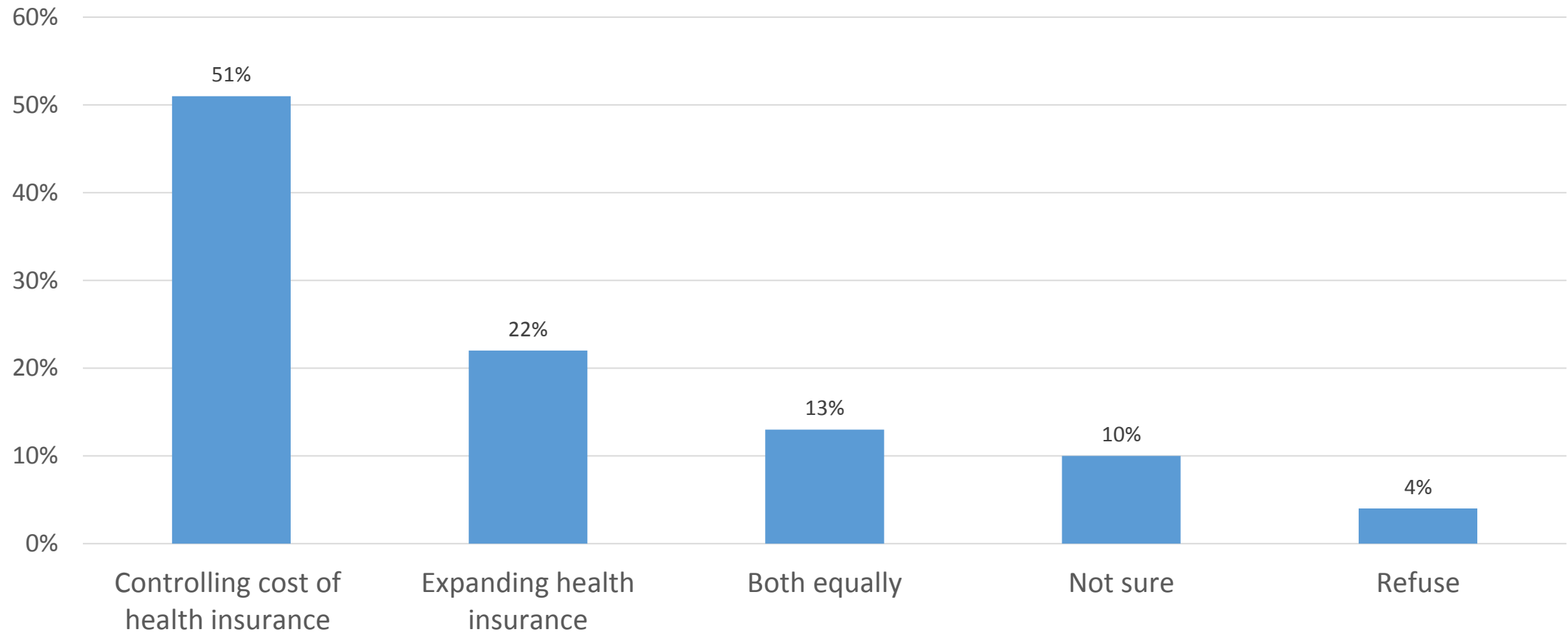
How concerned are you about government abuse in the taking of private property for public purposes, the so-called eminent domain issue?



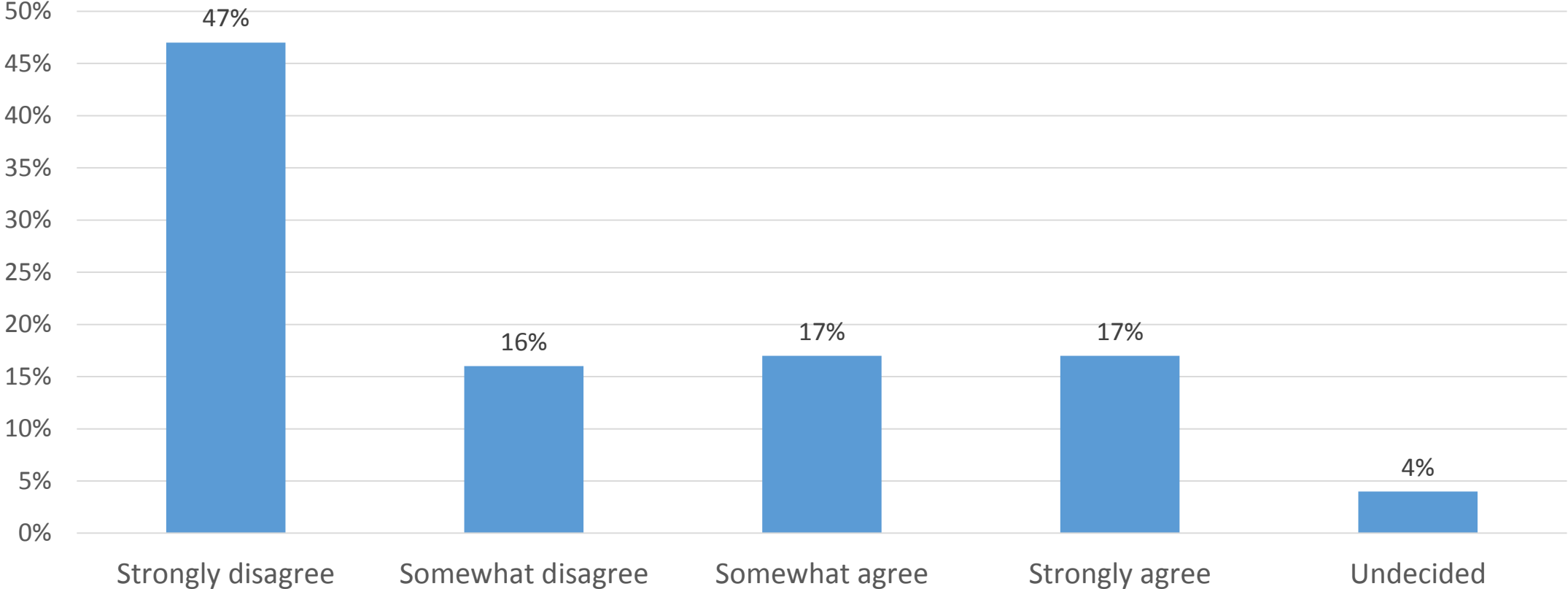
Government should further restrict the ability of workers to be classified as independent contractors.



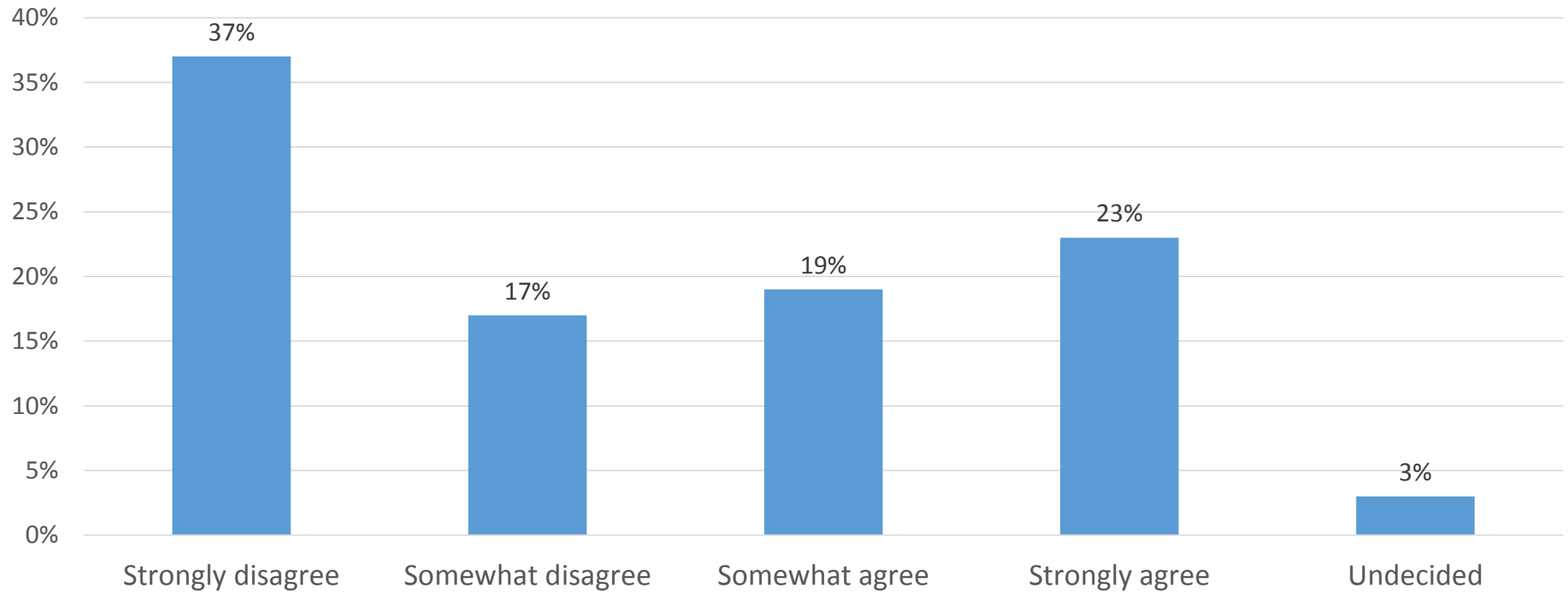
In addressing the country's health insurance problem, is it more important for federal lawmakers to control the cost of health insurance, or to expand coverage to those uninsured?



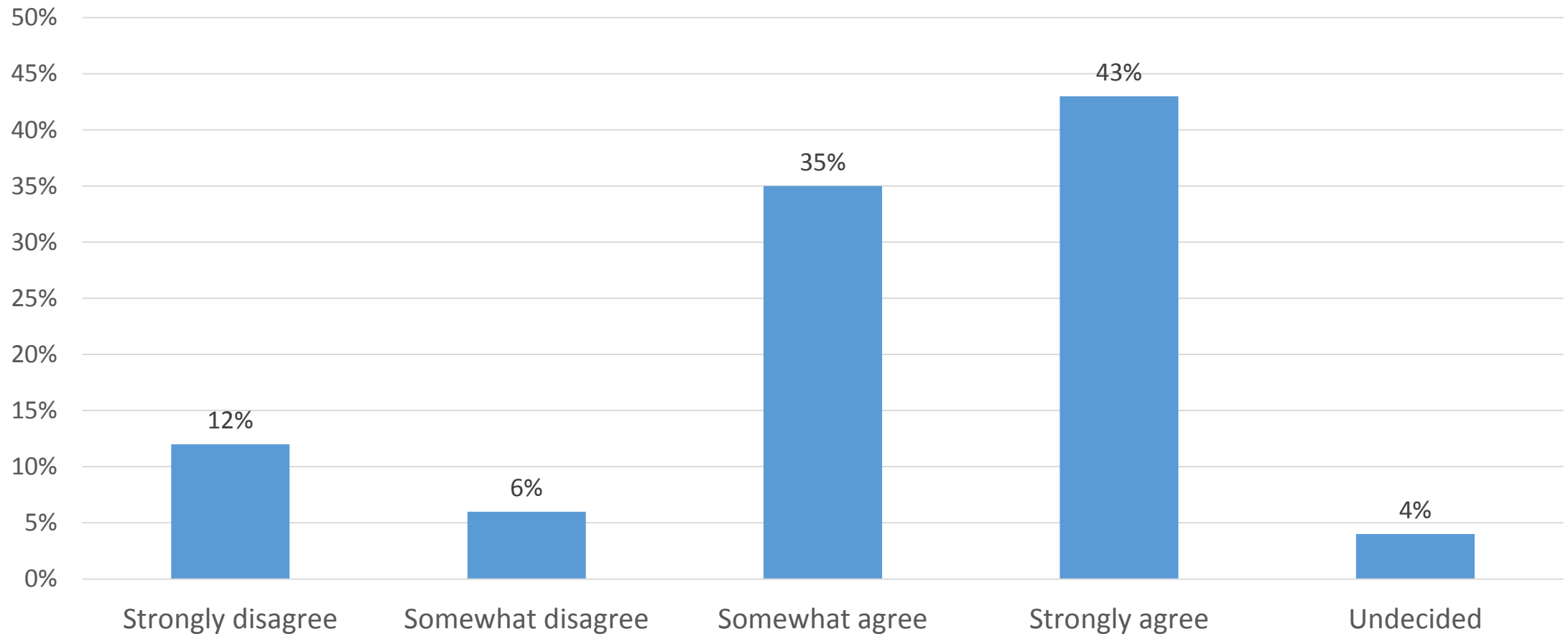
All employers should be required to offer health insurance to all their full-time employees and pay 60 percent of the premium.



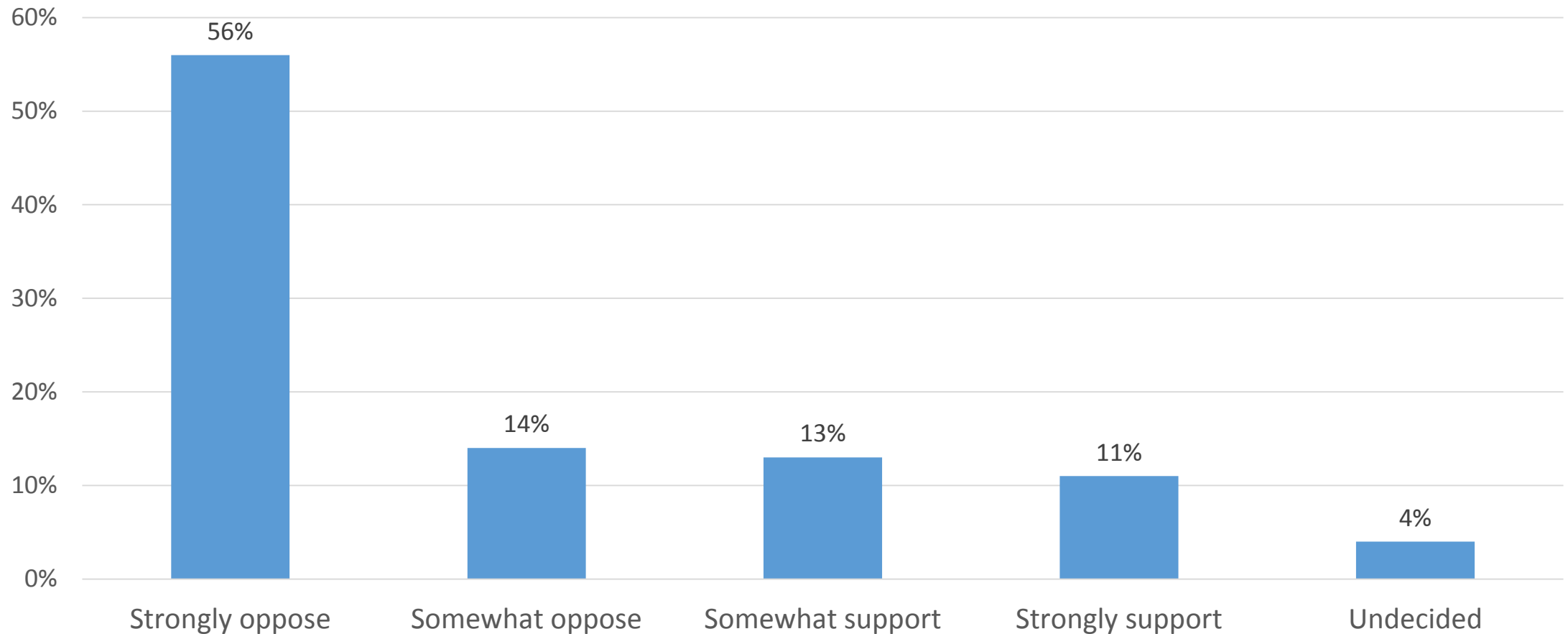
All Americans should be required to have health insurance, whether it is employer provided or individually purchased.



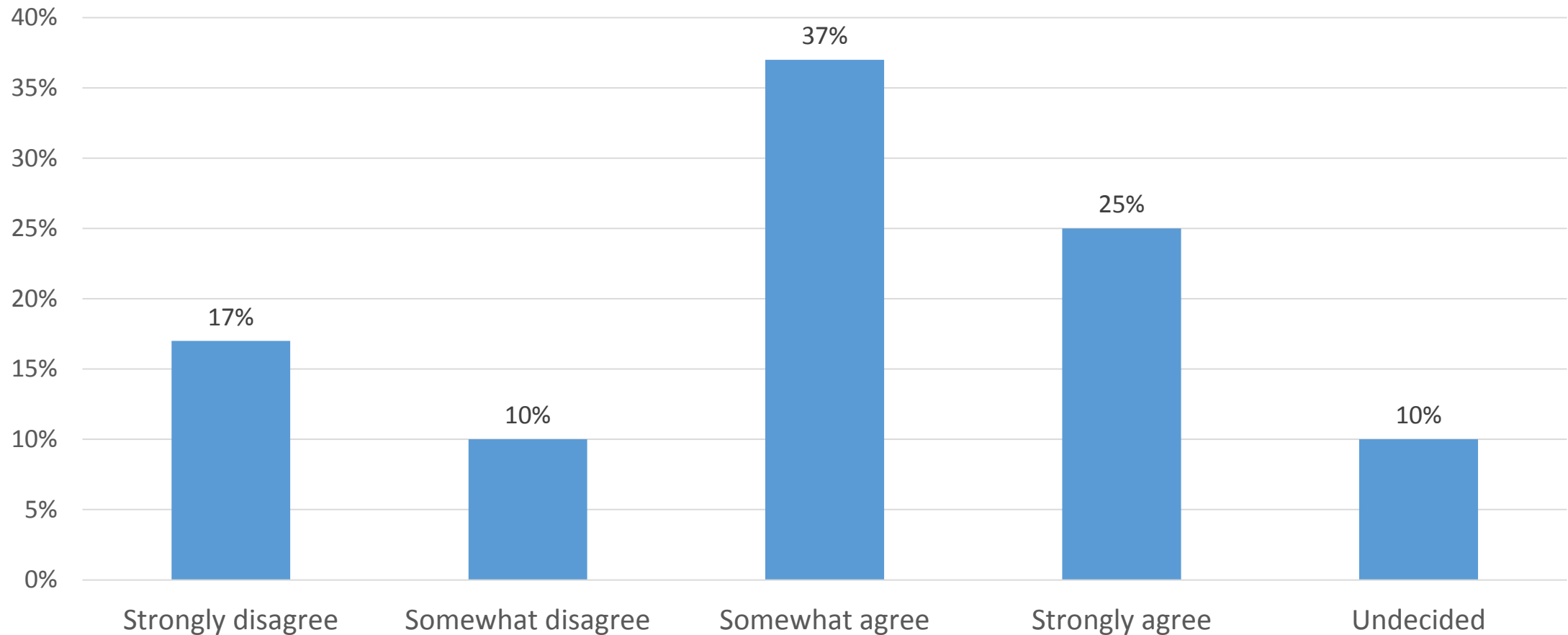
Employers should be allowed to offer tax-deductible reimbursement or financial support to help employees pay for health insurance plans that the employee purchases on their own.



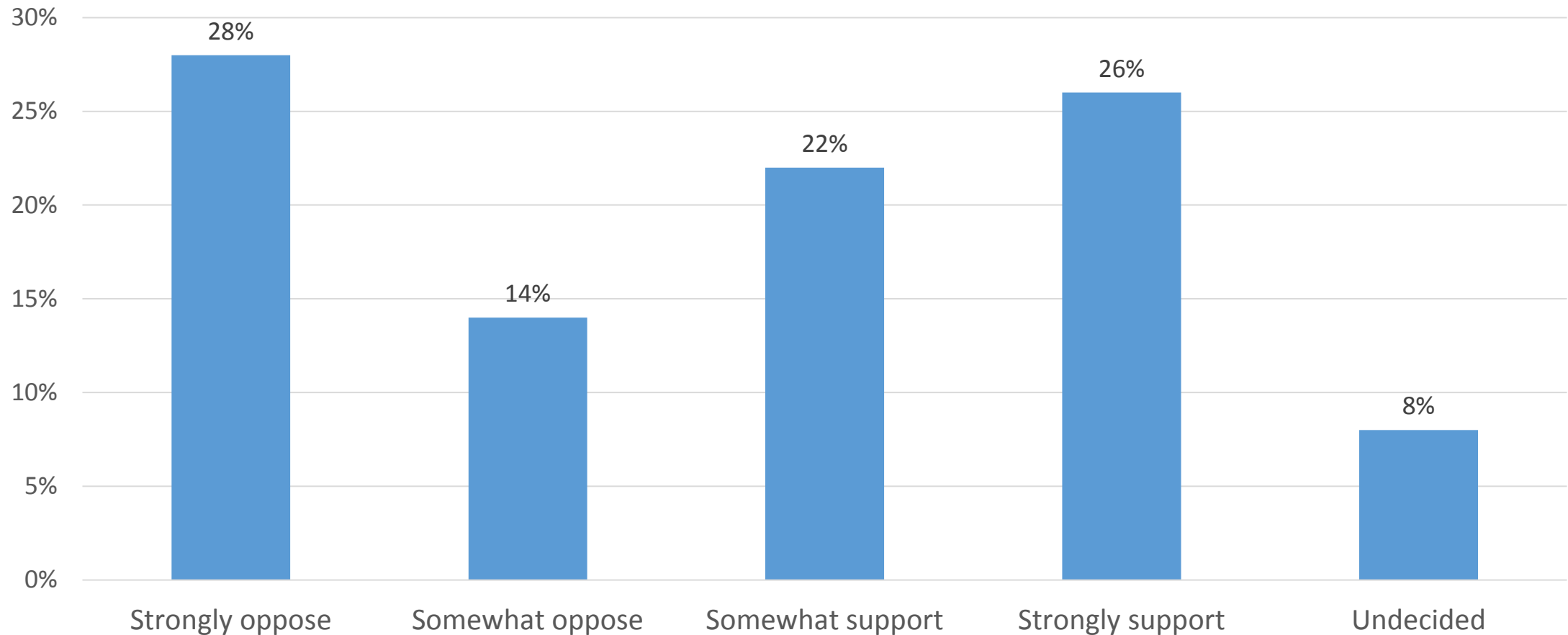
Congress should increase federal personal income taxes to subsidize the purchase of health insurance for those who cannot afford it.



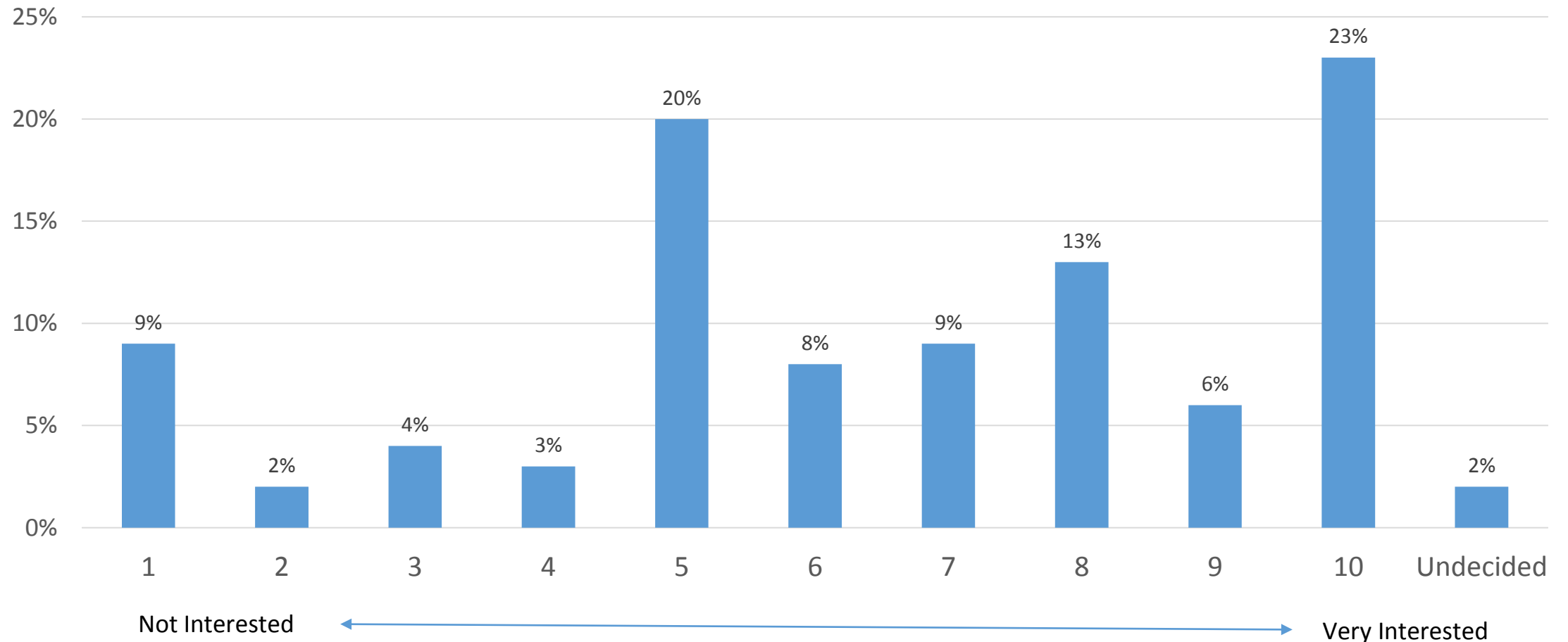
In general, the United States benefits from free trade agreements with other countries.



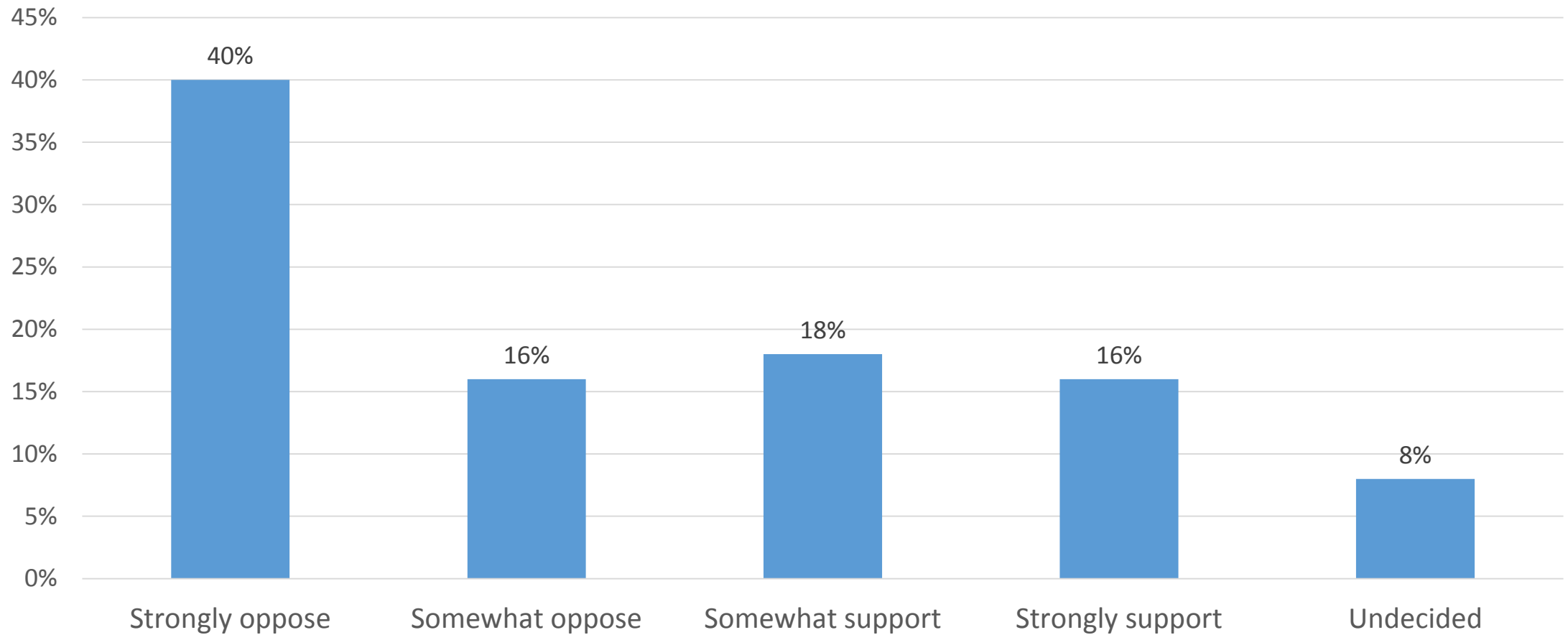
Break up businesses into smaller companies if those businesses are determined to be too big to fail, that is, a firm is so big or so important to the economy that the government cannot let it go bankrupt.



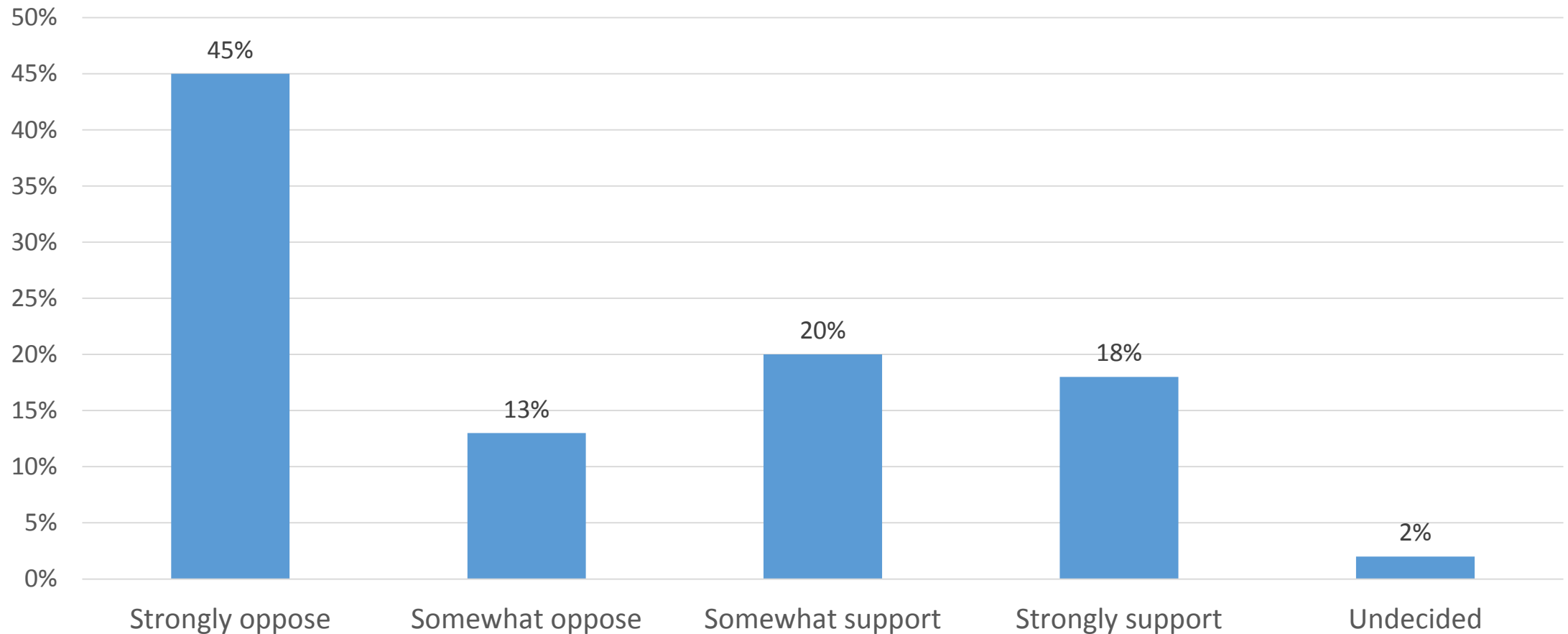
Where would you put yourself on a scale of 1 (one) to 10 (ten) where one means you are not interested in introducing the latest technology into your business, and 10 means you are intensely interested in introducing the latest technology into your business?



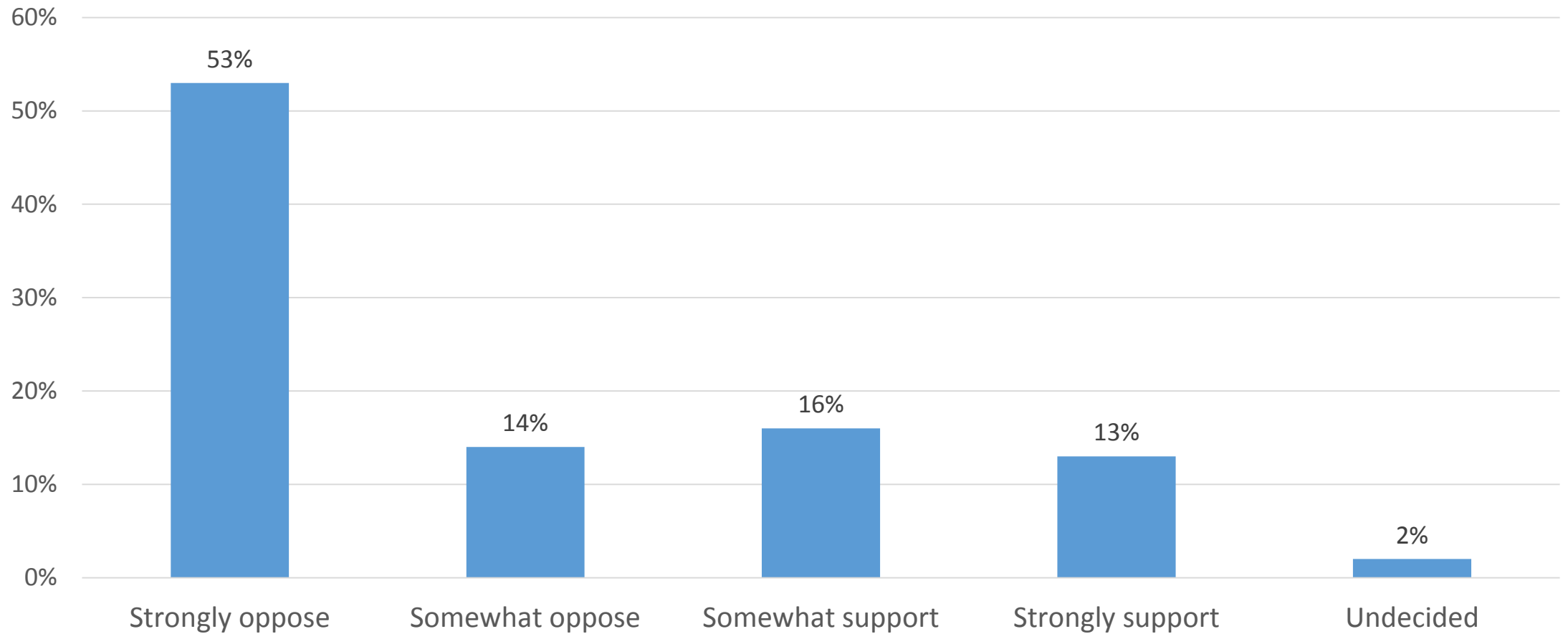
Implement measures to curb global warming even when there is a significant adverse economic effect.



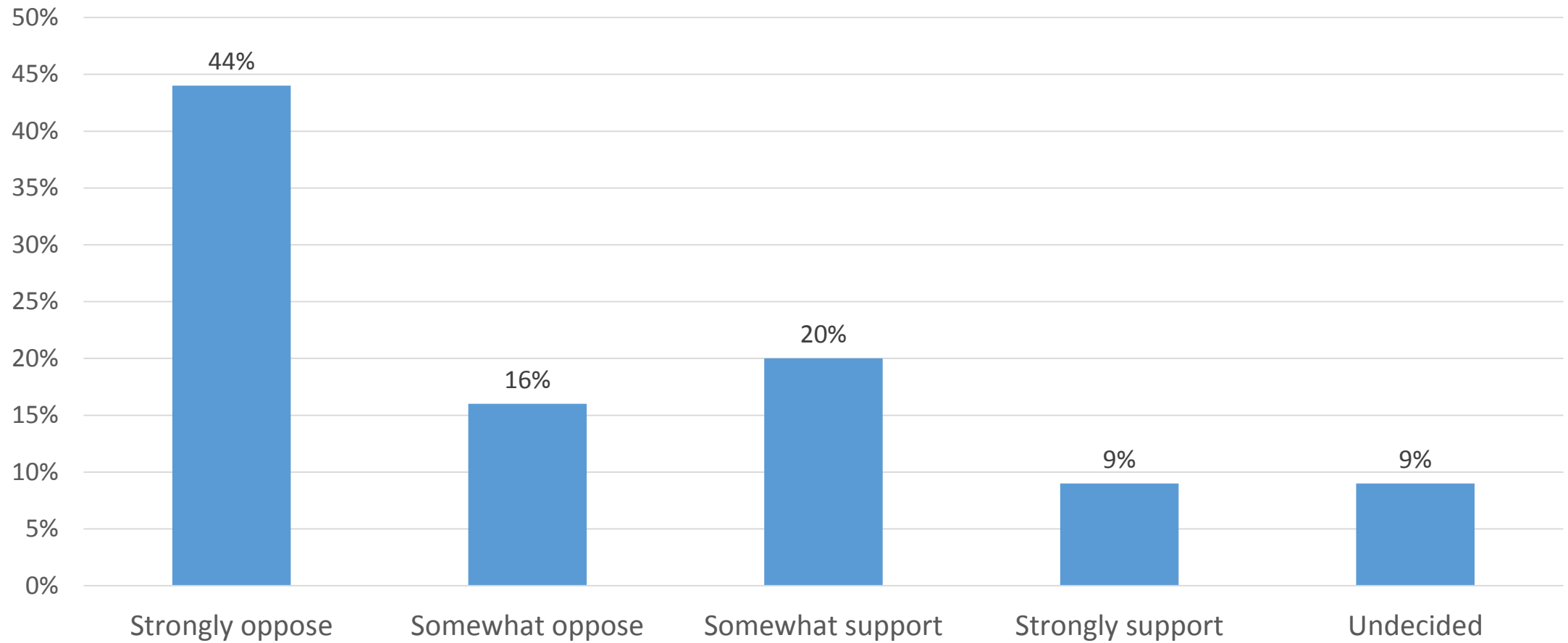
Increase taxes on gasoline, diesel and other vehicle fuels to finance the development of non-polluting sources of energy like solar or wind power.



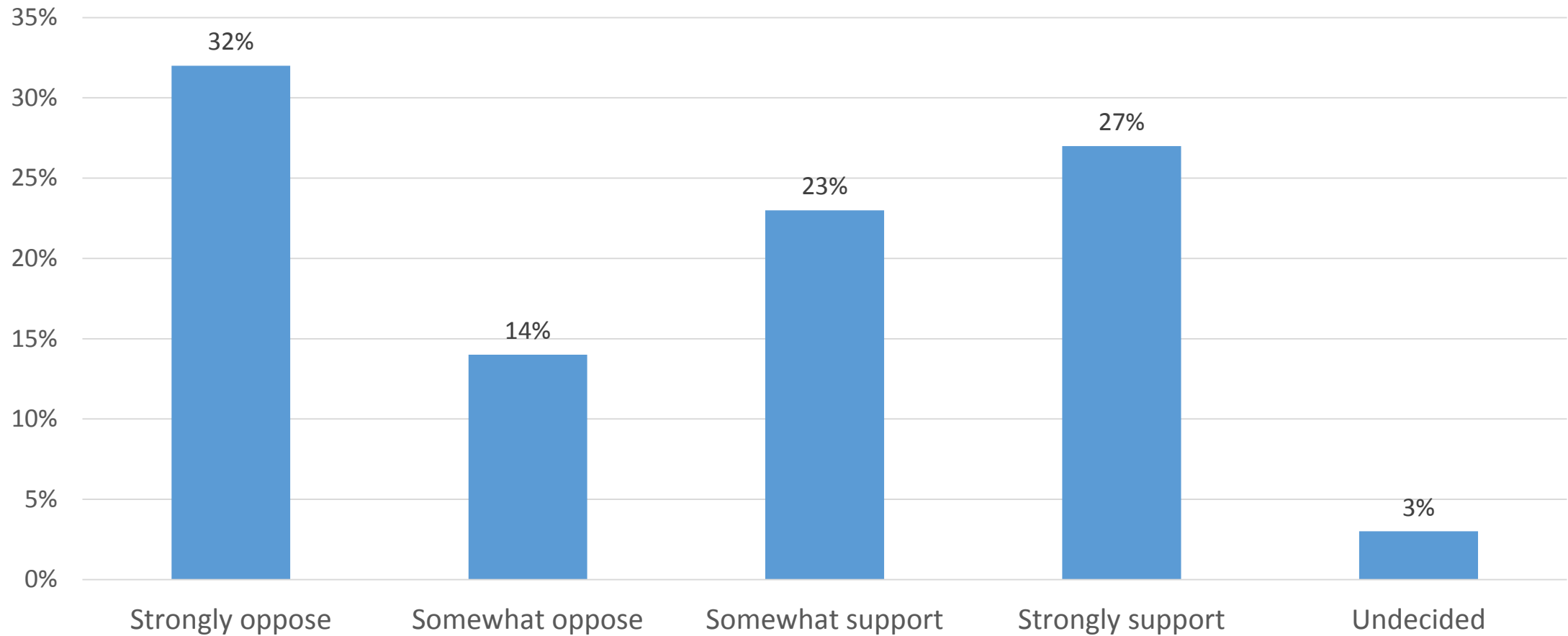
Increase the age to collect Social Security retirement benefits.



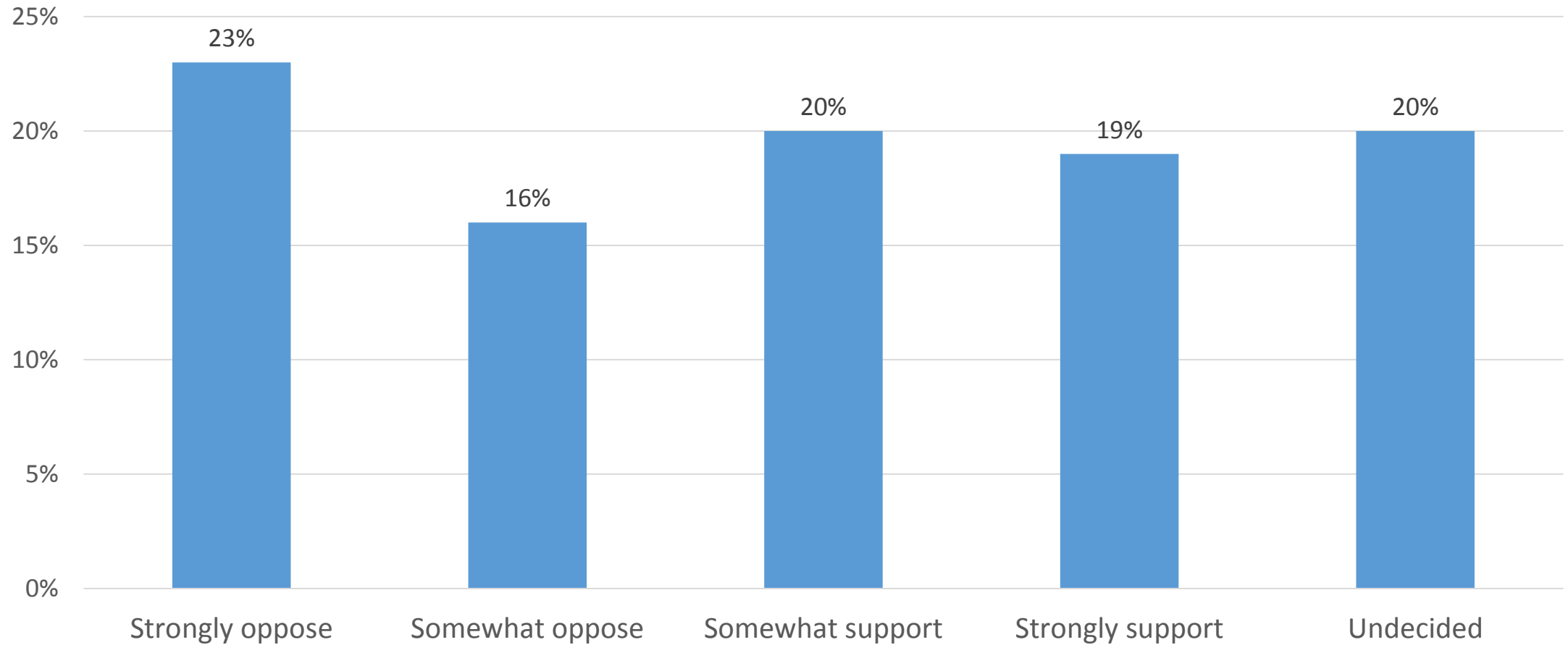
Increase FICA taxes to pay for Social Security and disability benefits.



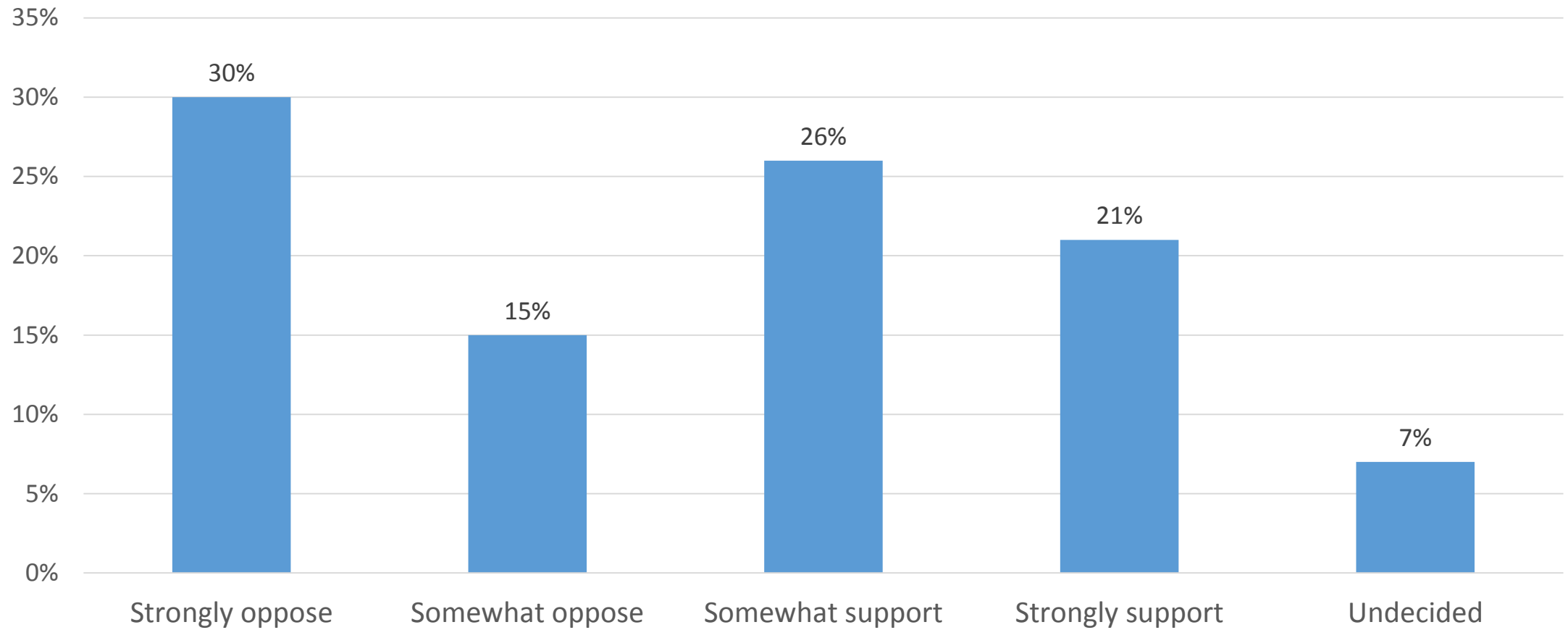
Reduce future Social Security benefits for relatively wealthy retirees.



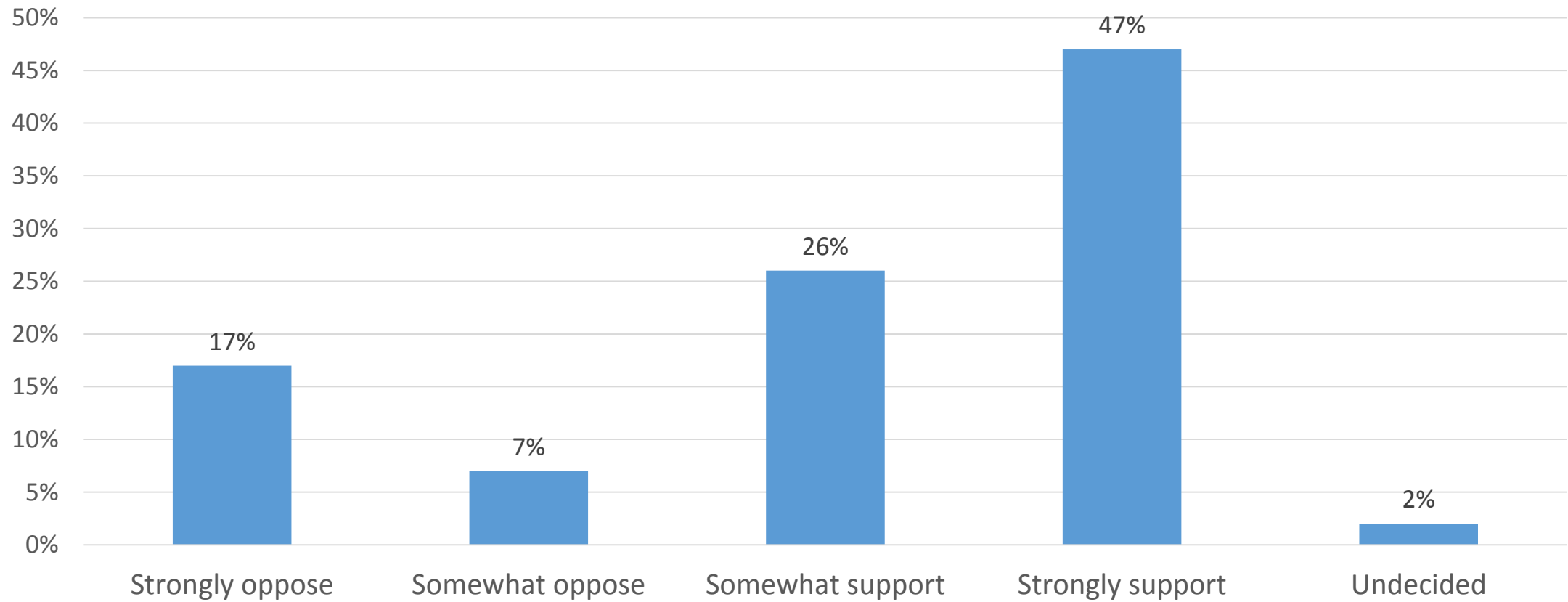
Remove the so-called wage base and pay FICA taxes on all earned income.



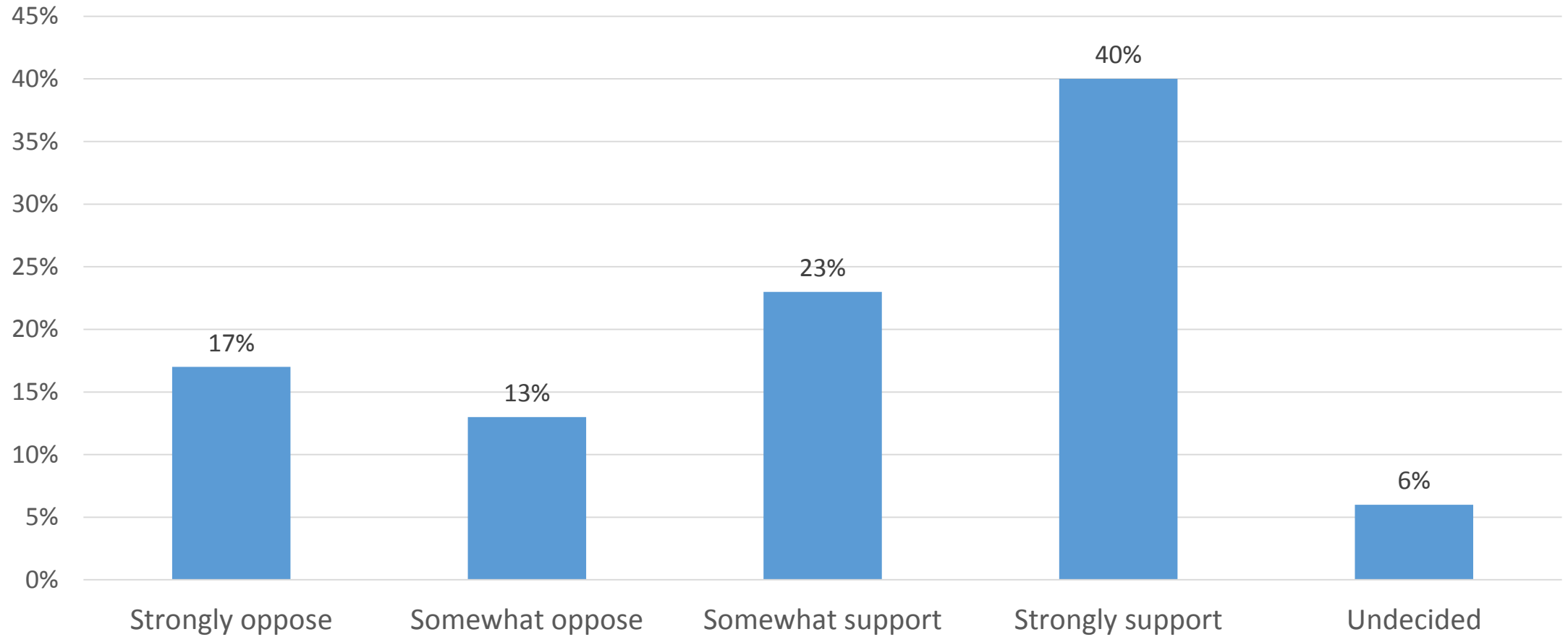
Let current illegal immigrants remain and eventually become citizens.



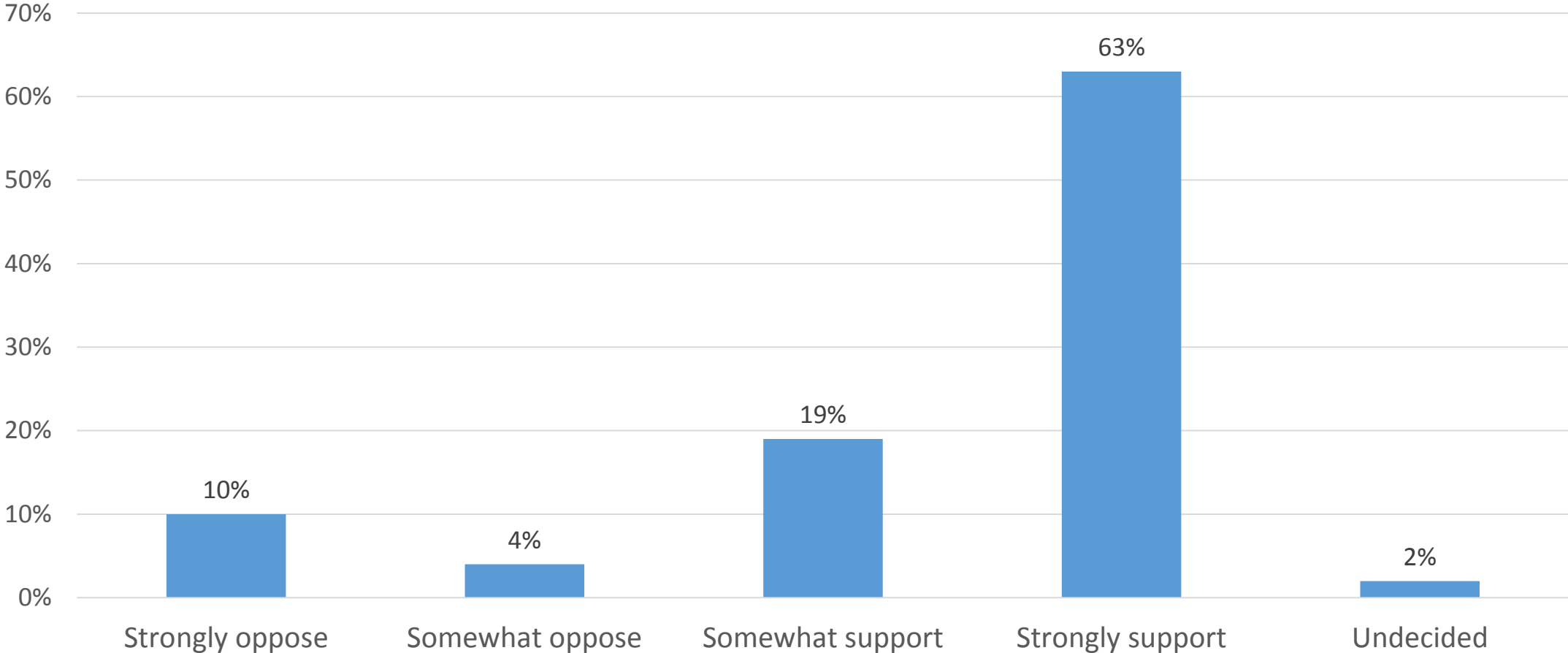
Let current illegal immigrants remain, but they must learn English, work, pay a fine, and wait their turns to become citizens.



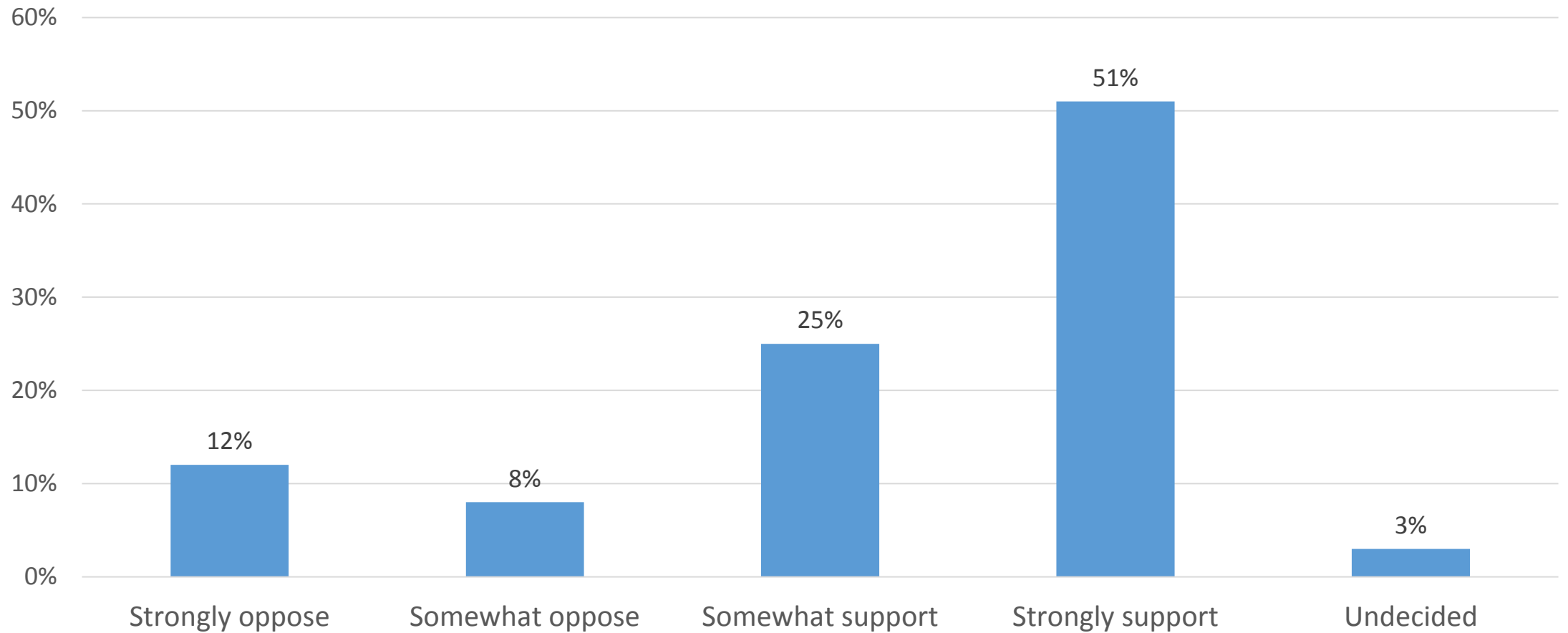
Deport current illegal immigrants when identified.



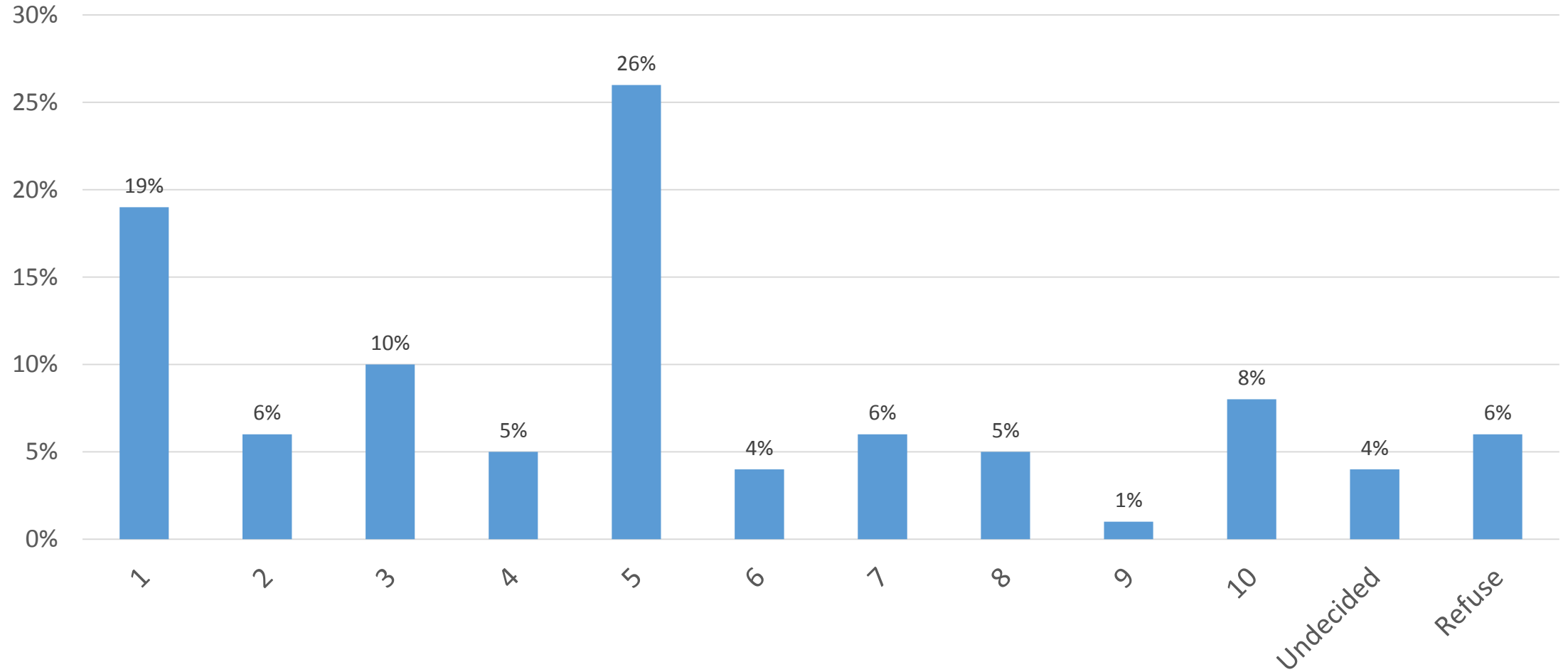
Allow states to enforce federal immigration laws.



Prosecute employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.



Where would you put yourself on a scale of 1 (one) to 10 (ten) where one means you identify strongly as a conservative and 10 means you identify strongly as a liberal.



Where would you put yourself on a scale of 1 (one) to 10 (ten) where one means completely uninterested in government, politics and public policy and 10 means completely absorbed in government, politics and public policy.

