



Common Ground in the Commonwealth 2023-2024 Trends

n800 Registered Pennsylvania Voters

Field Dates:

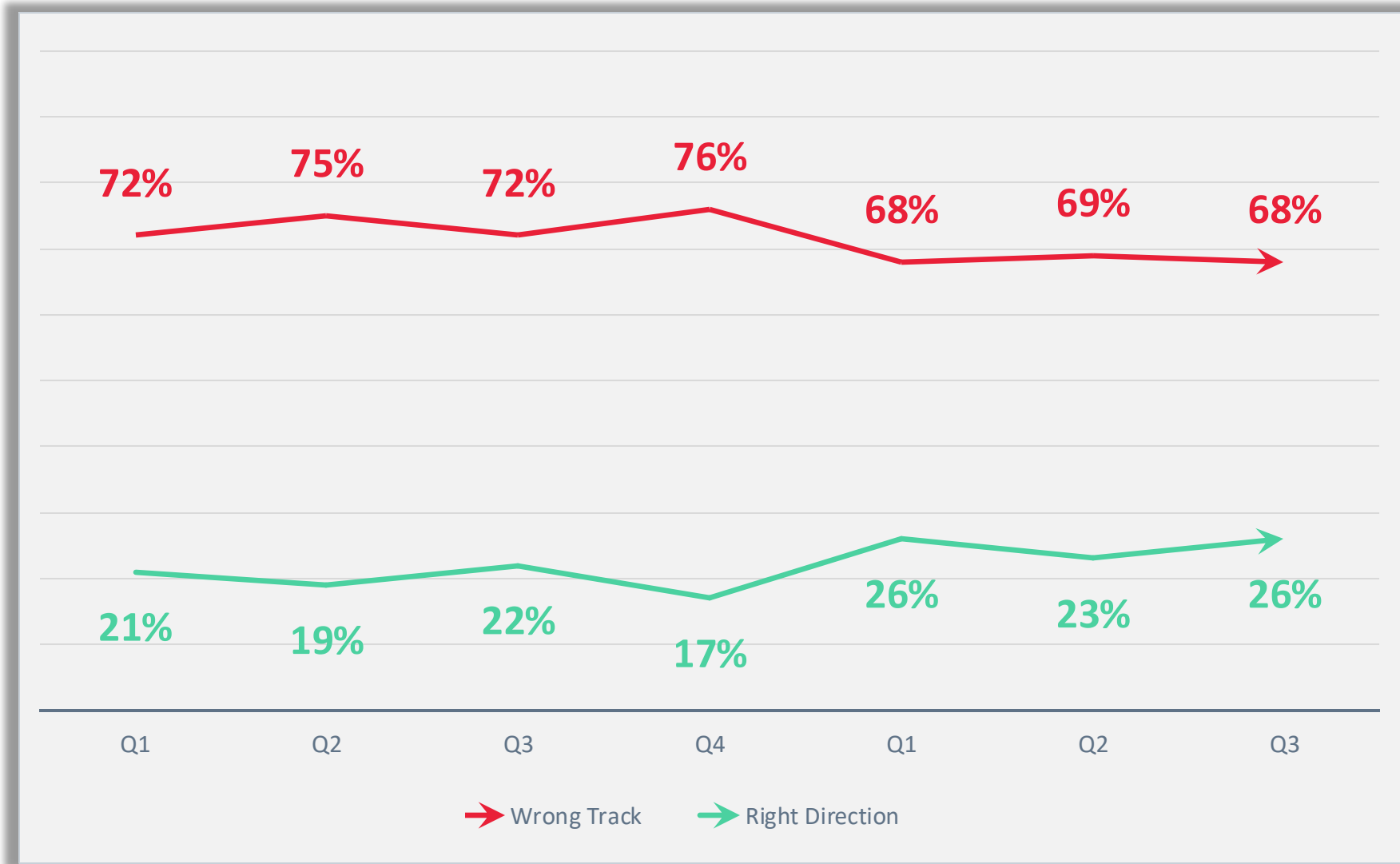
2023: Q1 (March 24 – 29), Q2 (June 16-19), Q3 (September 21-24), Q4 (December 08-12)

2024: Q1 (March 22-26), 2024: Q2 (June 14-19), Q3 (September 26-29)

Commonwealth Sentiment Series

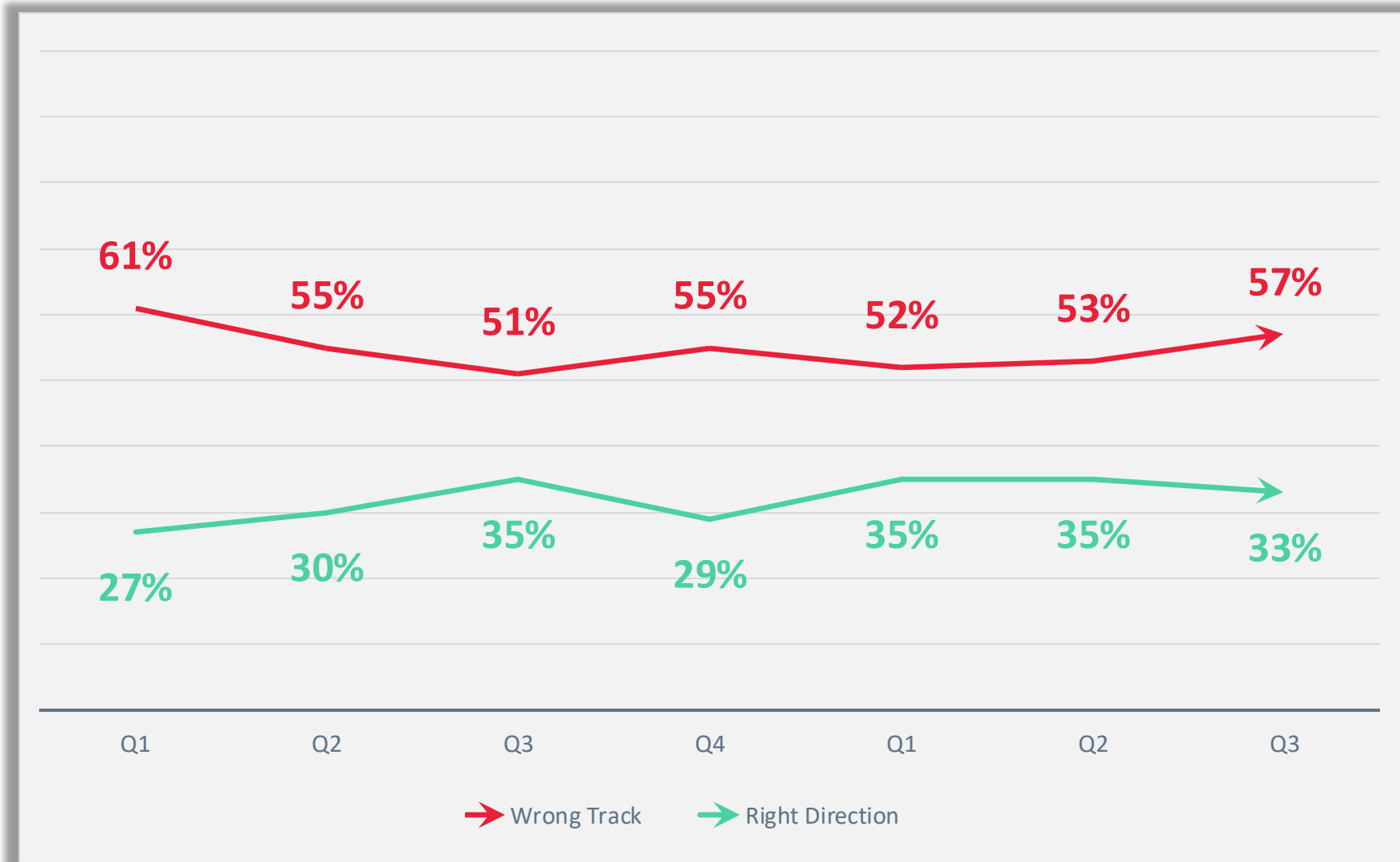


Direction of the Country: Would you say that things in **America** are going in the right direction, or has the country fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track?



The direction of the country has declined a net negative 8 points over the past year, matching the 'high water mark' (-42) seen in Q1 of this year.

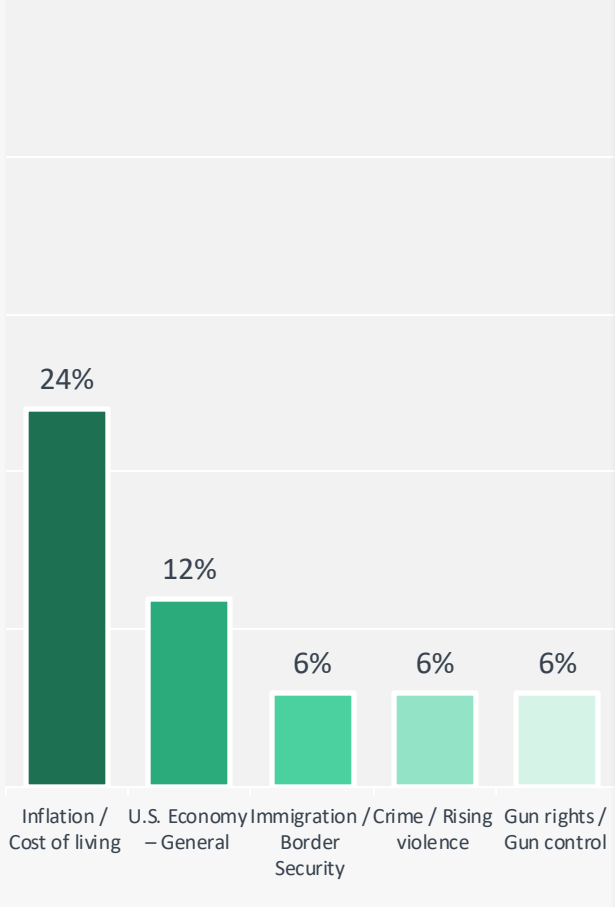
Direction of the State: Would you say that things in **Pennsylvania** are going in the right direction, or has the state fundamentally gotten off on the wrong track?



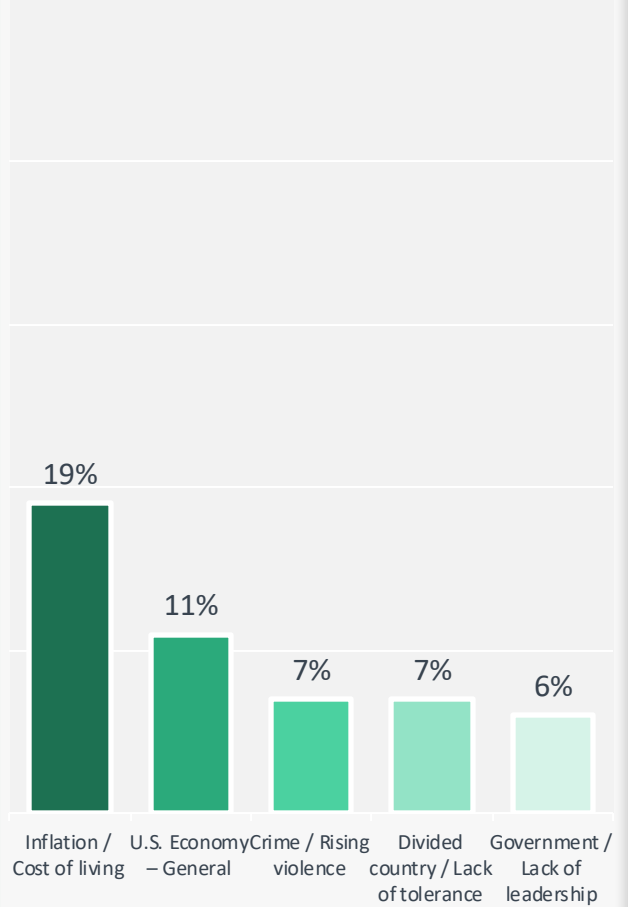
Pennsylvania saw a larger than usual net negative uptick in pessimistic sentiment regarding the direction of the state.

2023 (National) Most Important Problem: Please rank the three most important problems facing the country today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the country.
(Top 5 Rank 1 responses)

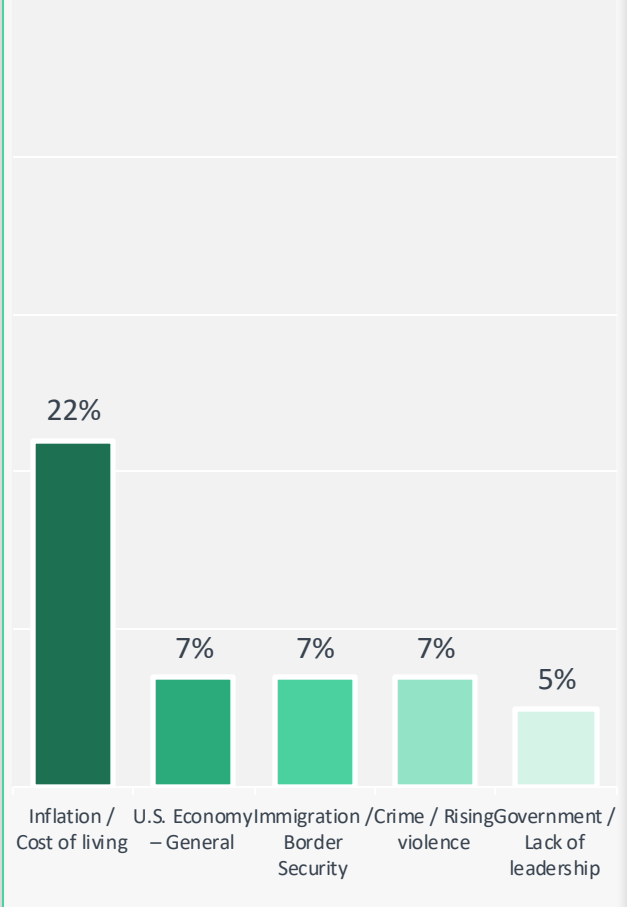
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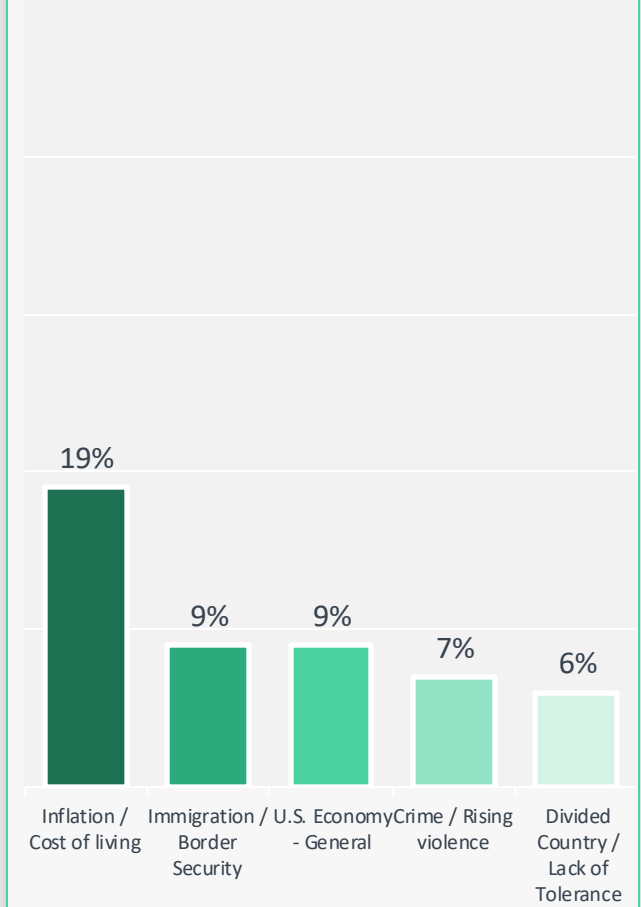
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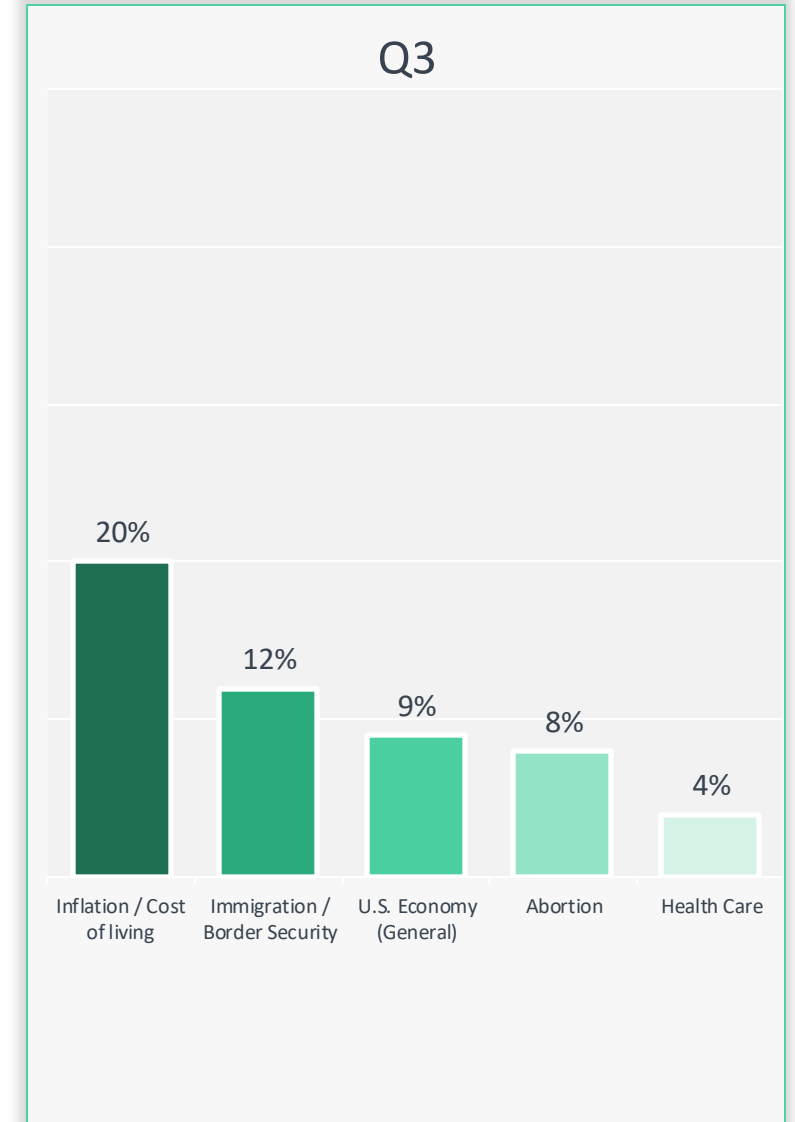
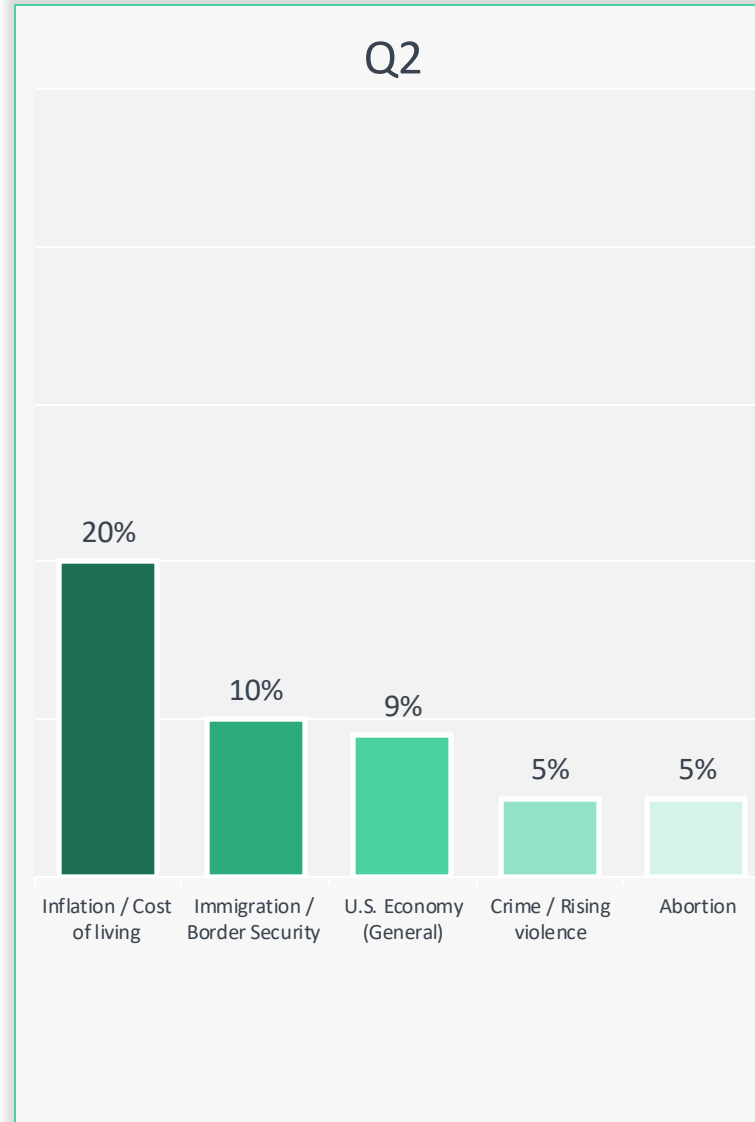
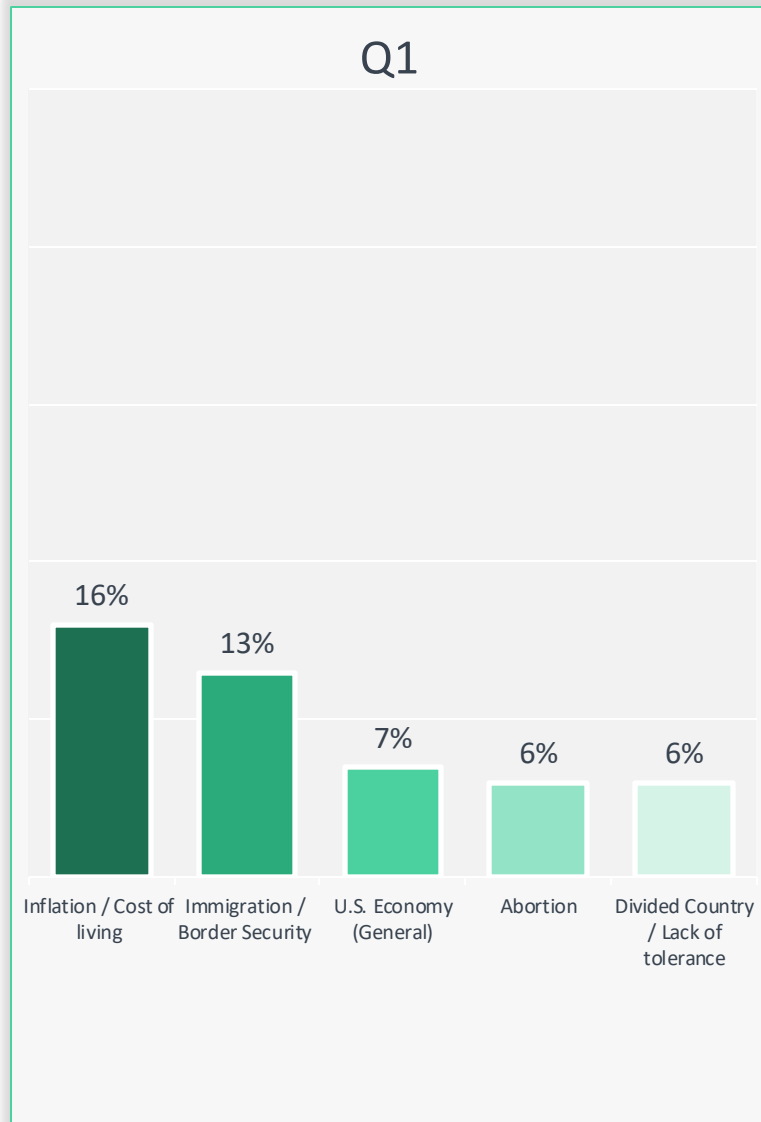
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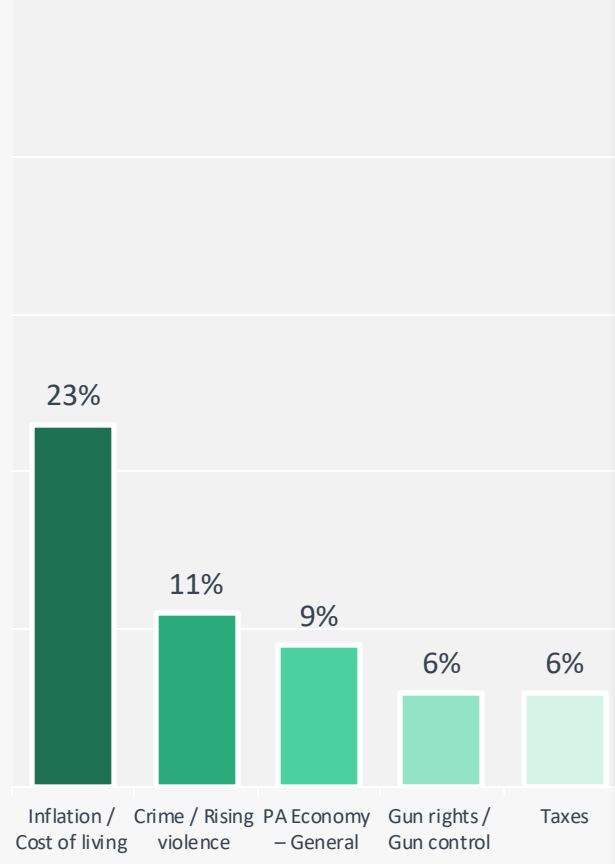


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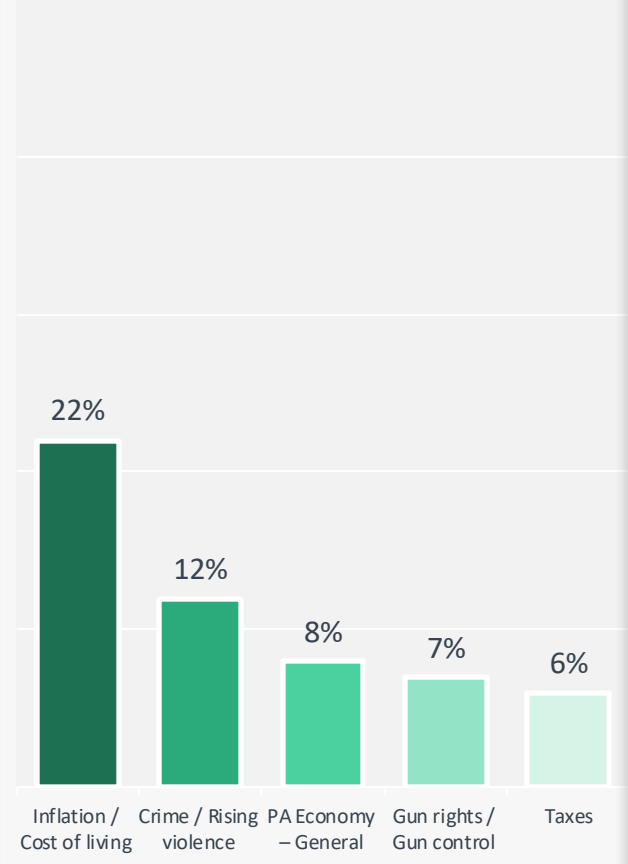


2023 (PA) Most Important Problem: Please rank the three most important problems facing Pennsylvania today, with 1 being the most important problem facing the country.
 (Top 5 Rank 1 responses)

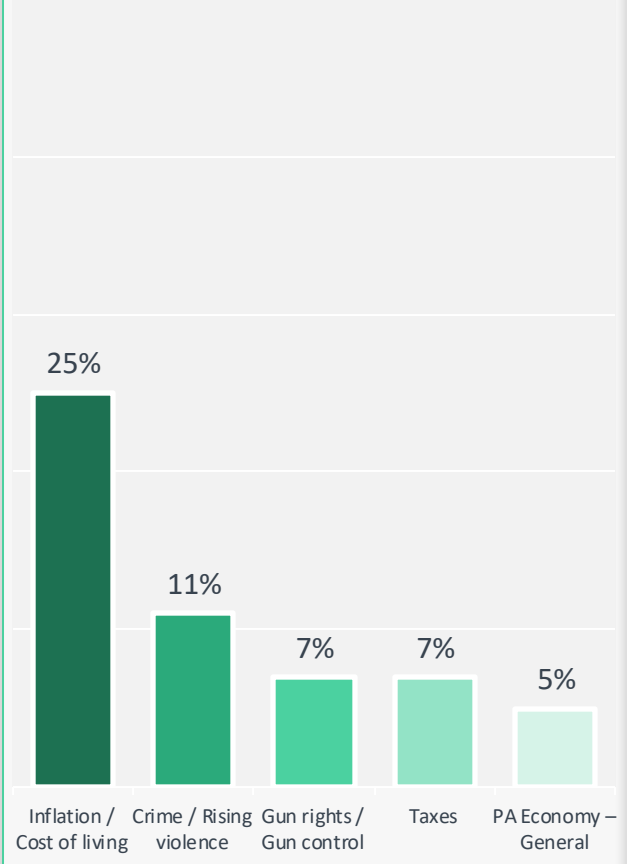
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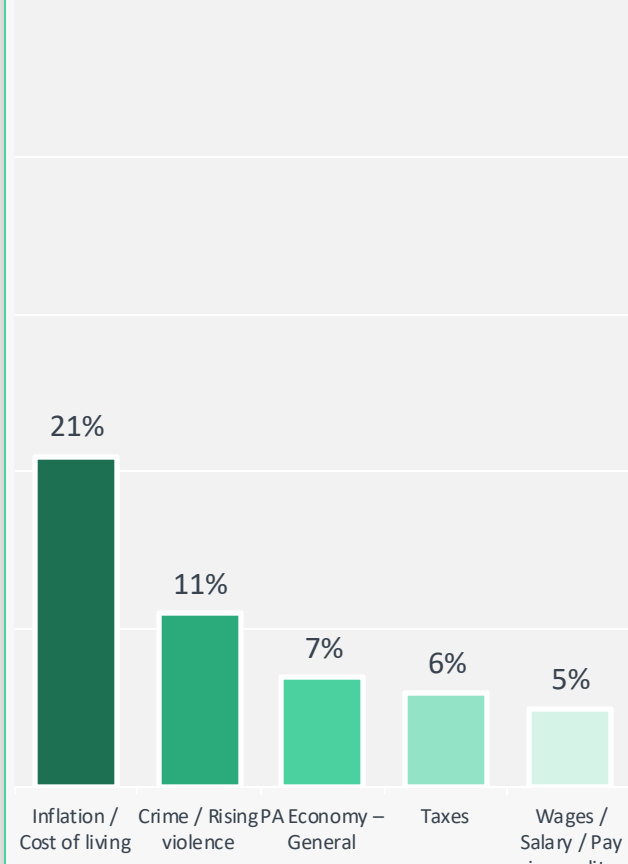
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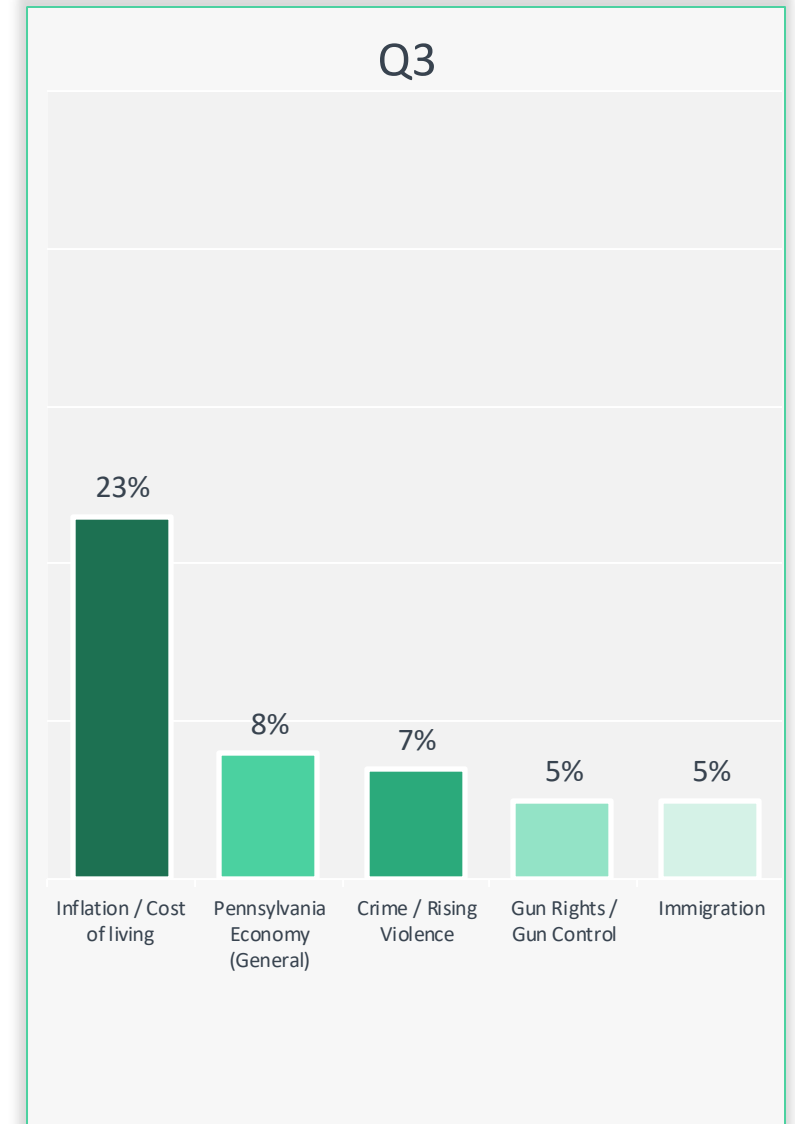
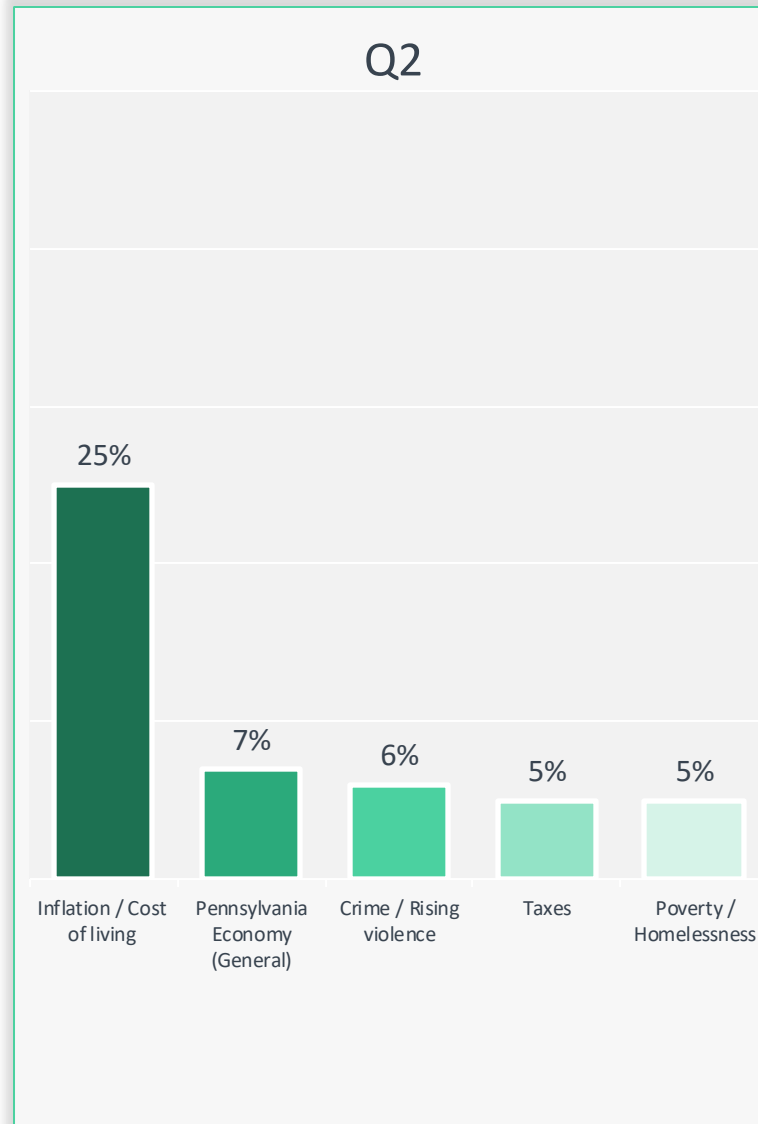
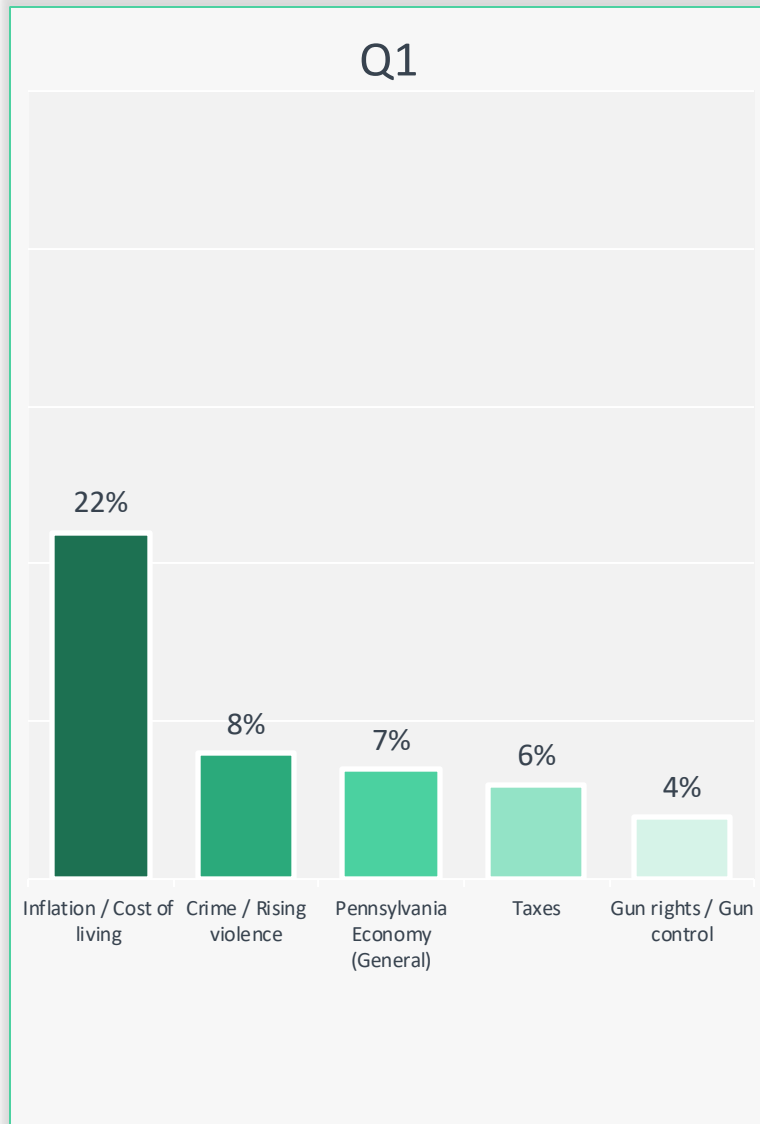
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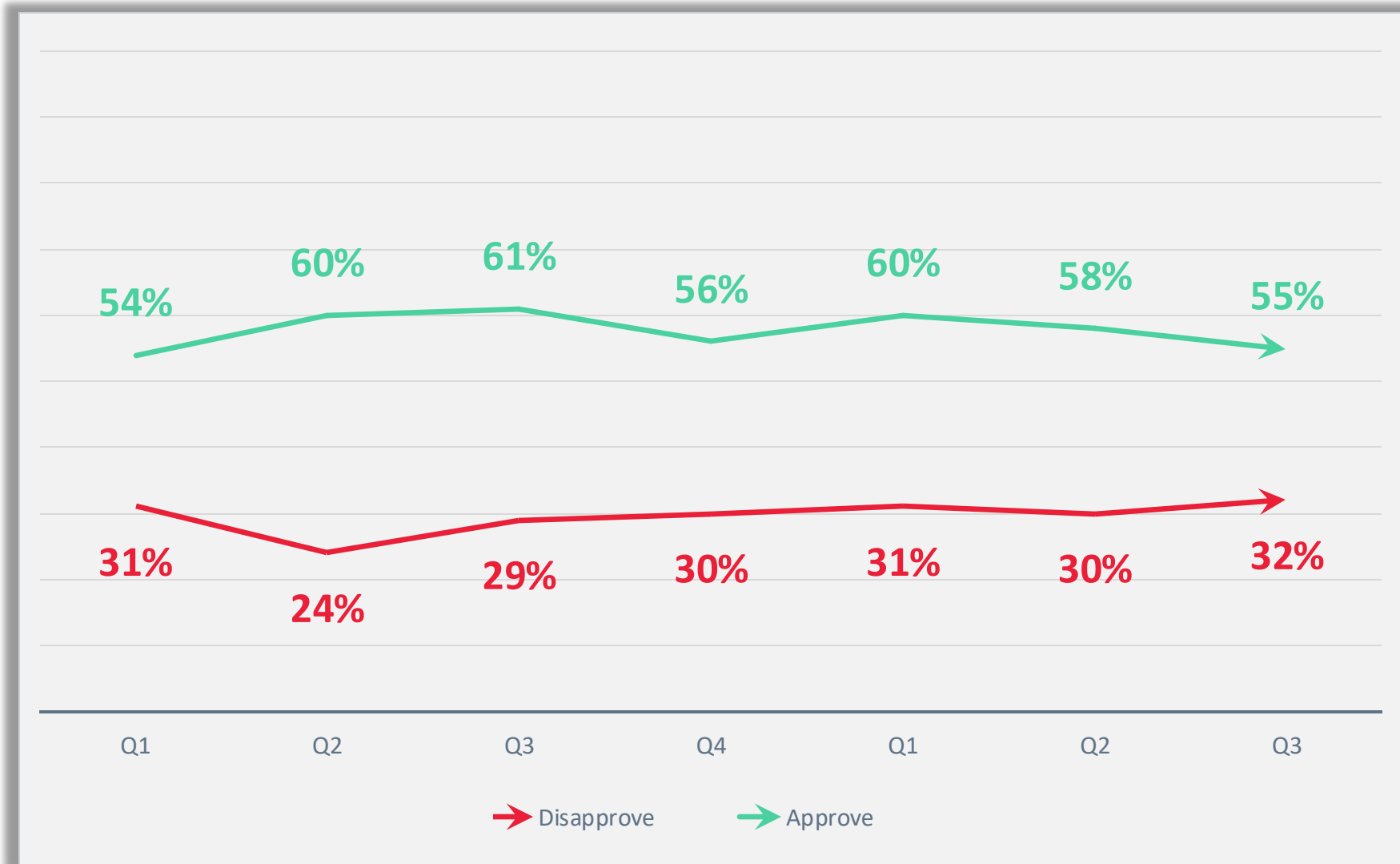
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Pennsylvania Officials Job Approval and Favorability Series

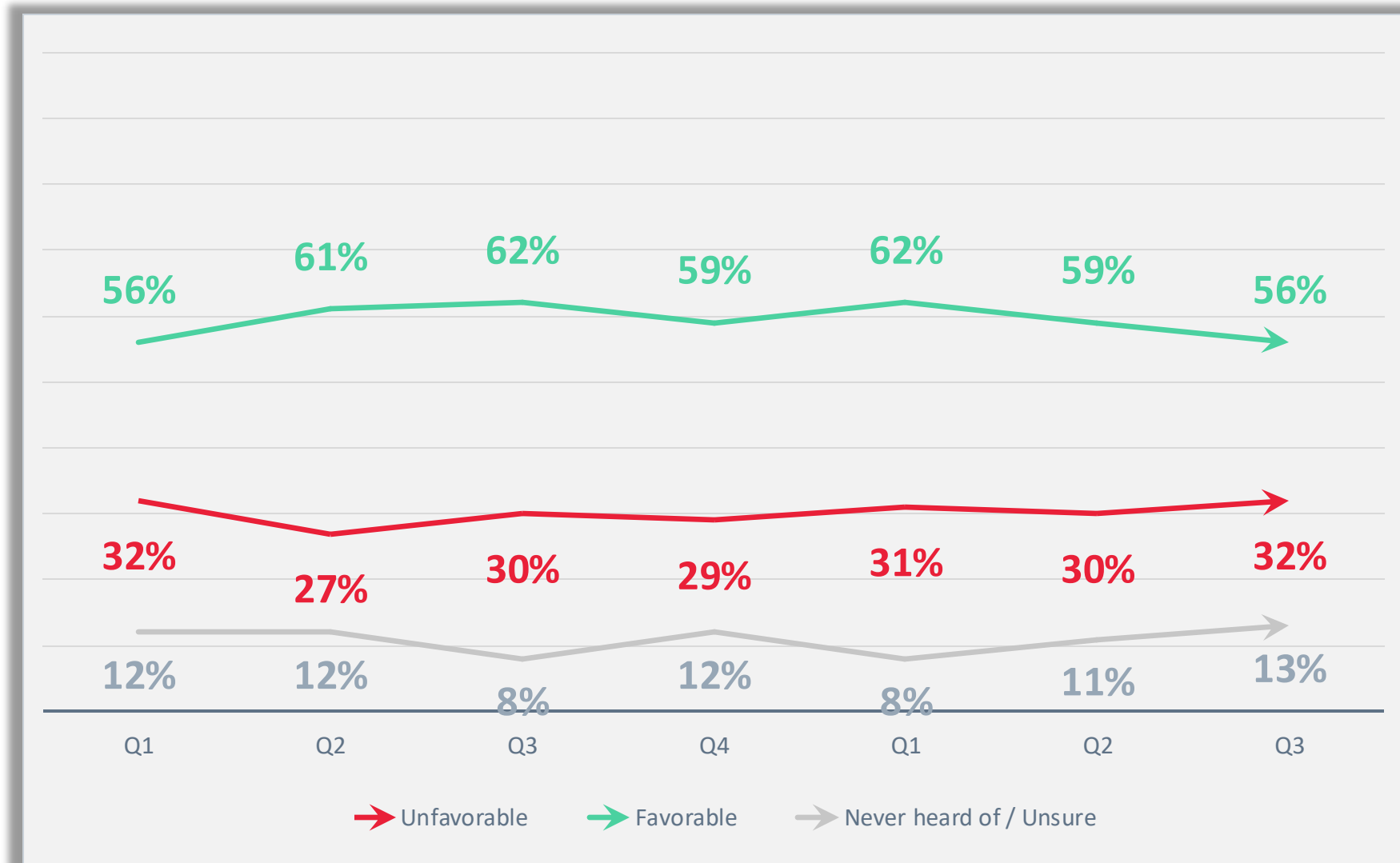


Shapiro Job Approval: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Josh Shapiro is doing?

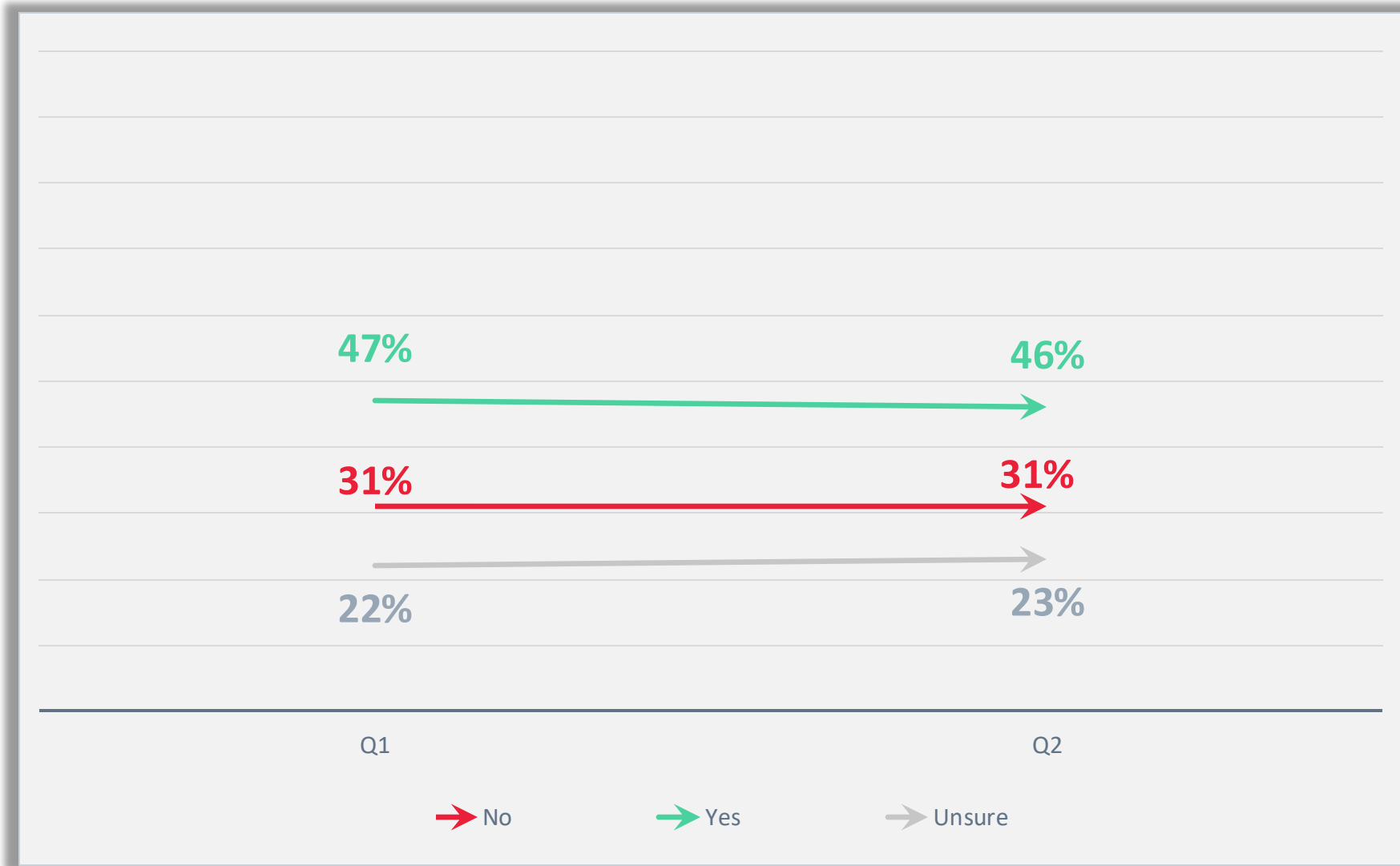


Governor Shapiro saw a net negative 5-point decline in sentiment among registered voters in the state since last quarter; now matching his lowest approval rating since his first quarter in office.

Governor Josh Shapiro Favorability



Governor Josh Shapiro Accomplishments: Do you feel Governor Shapiro delivered major accomplishments during his first year in office?

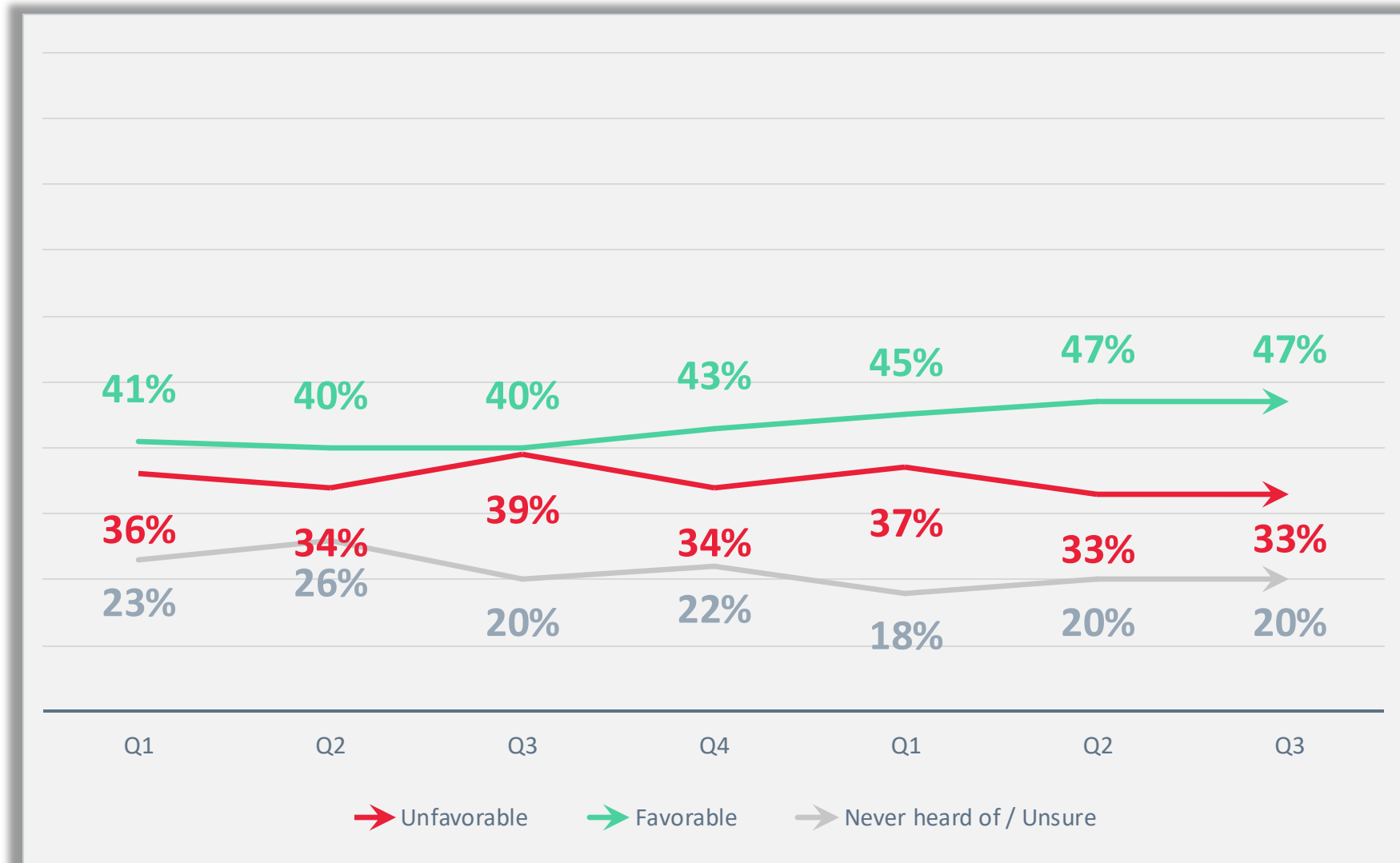


Not asked in Q3 of 2024.

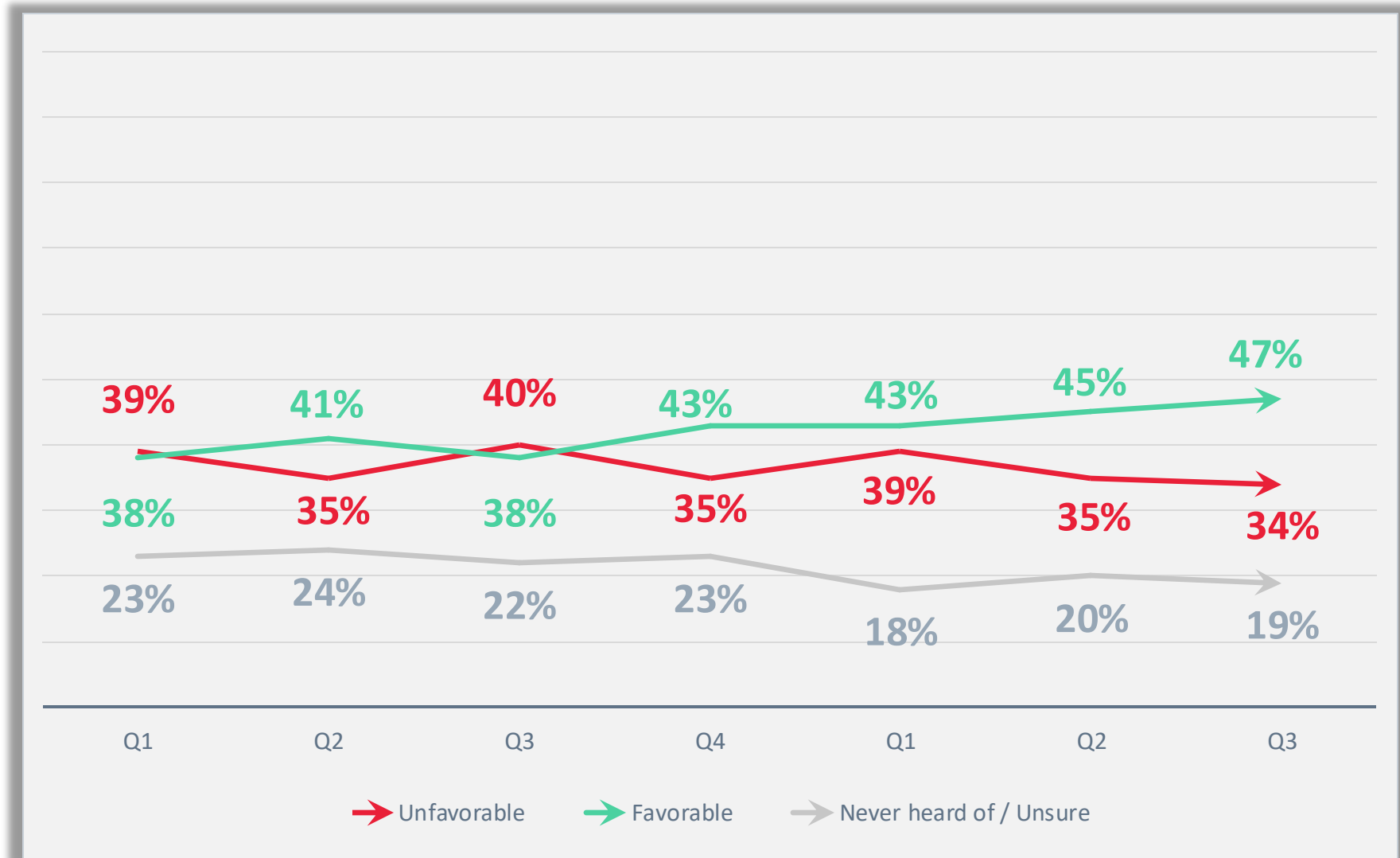
Pennsylvania Entities Favorability Series



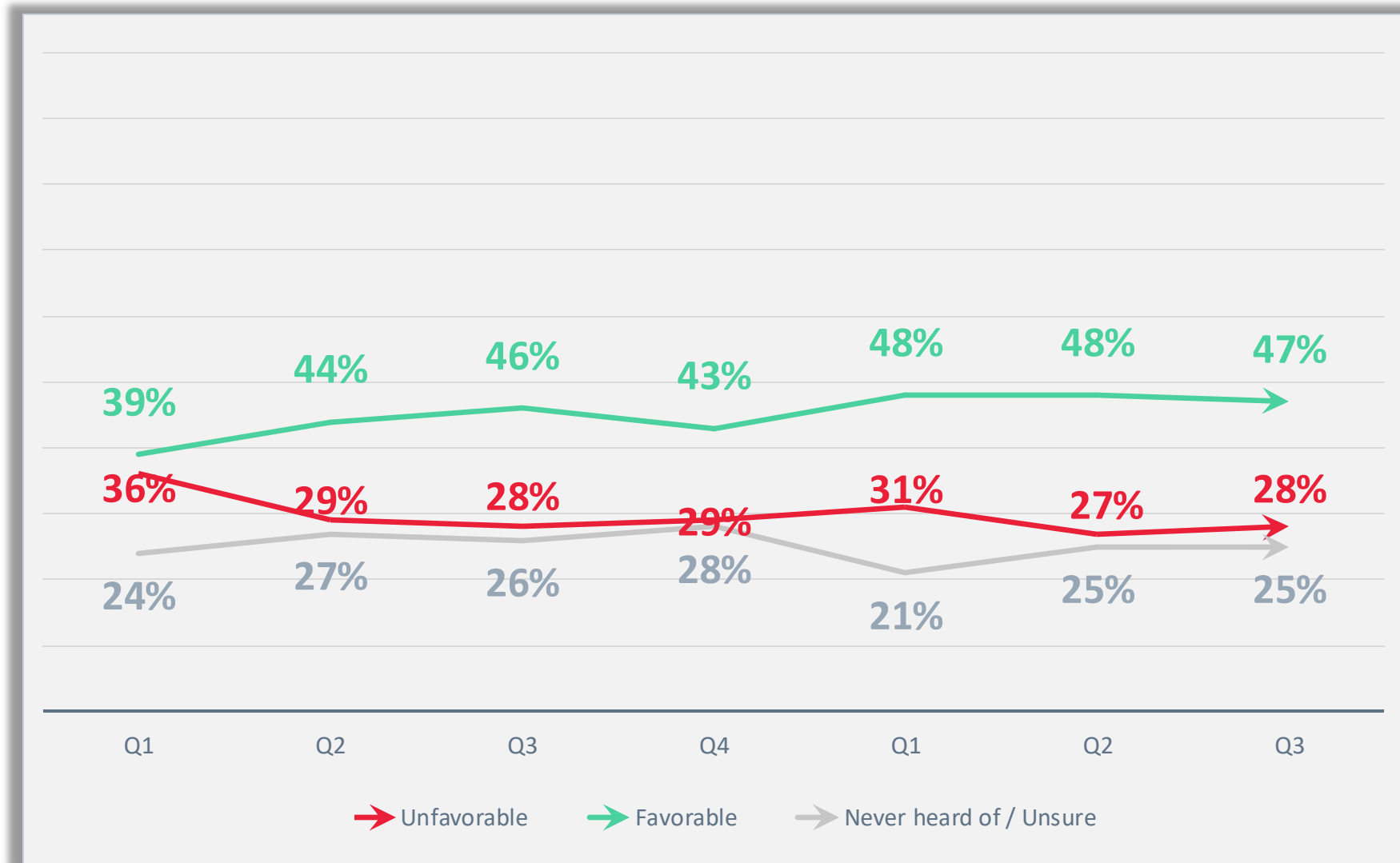
PA House of Representatives Favorability



PA State Senate Favorability



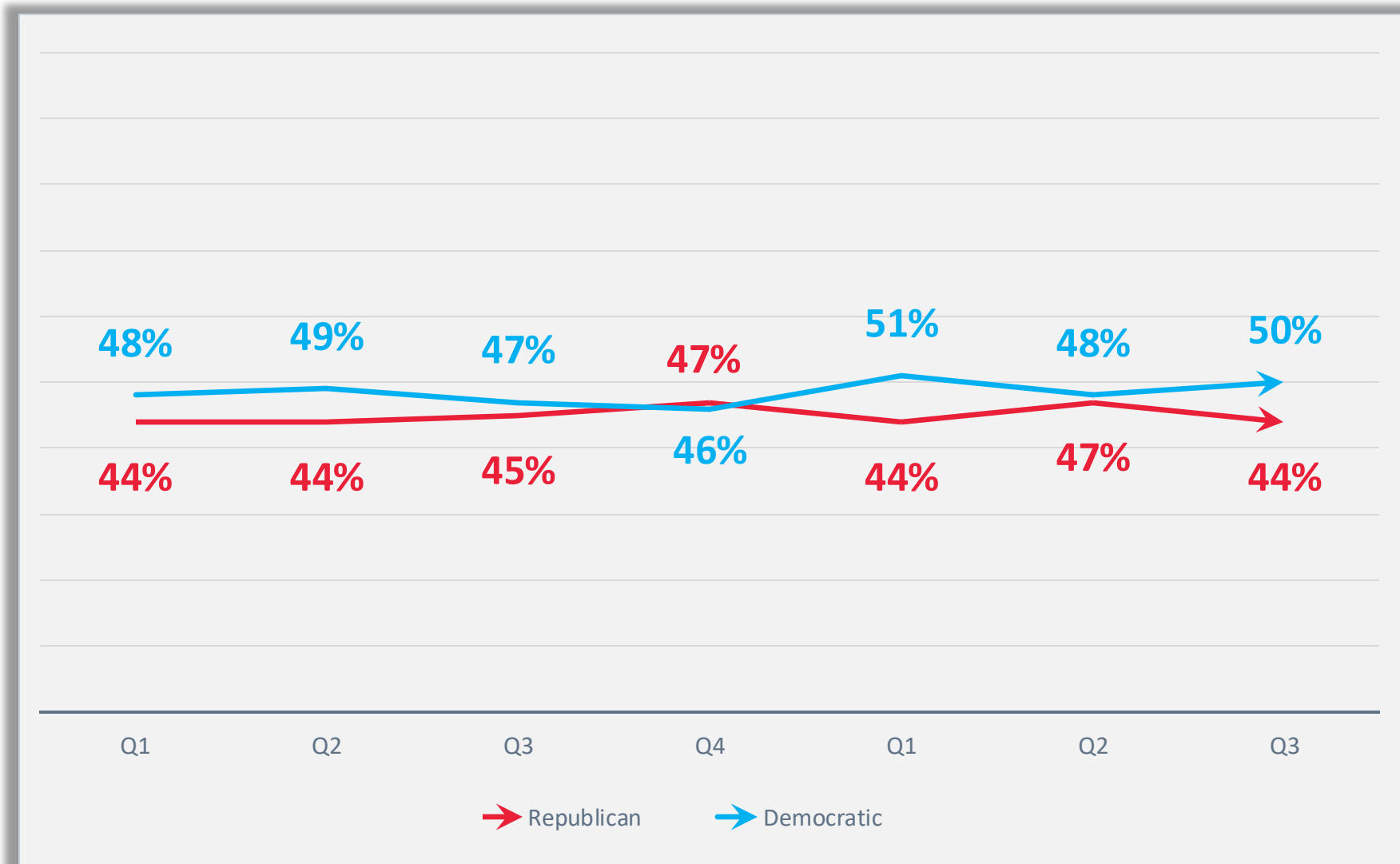
PA Supreme Court Favorability



Federal Electoral Series

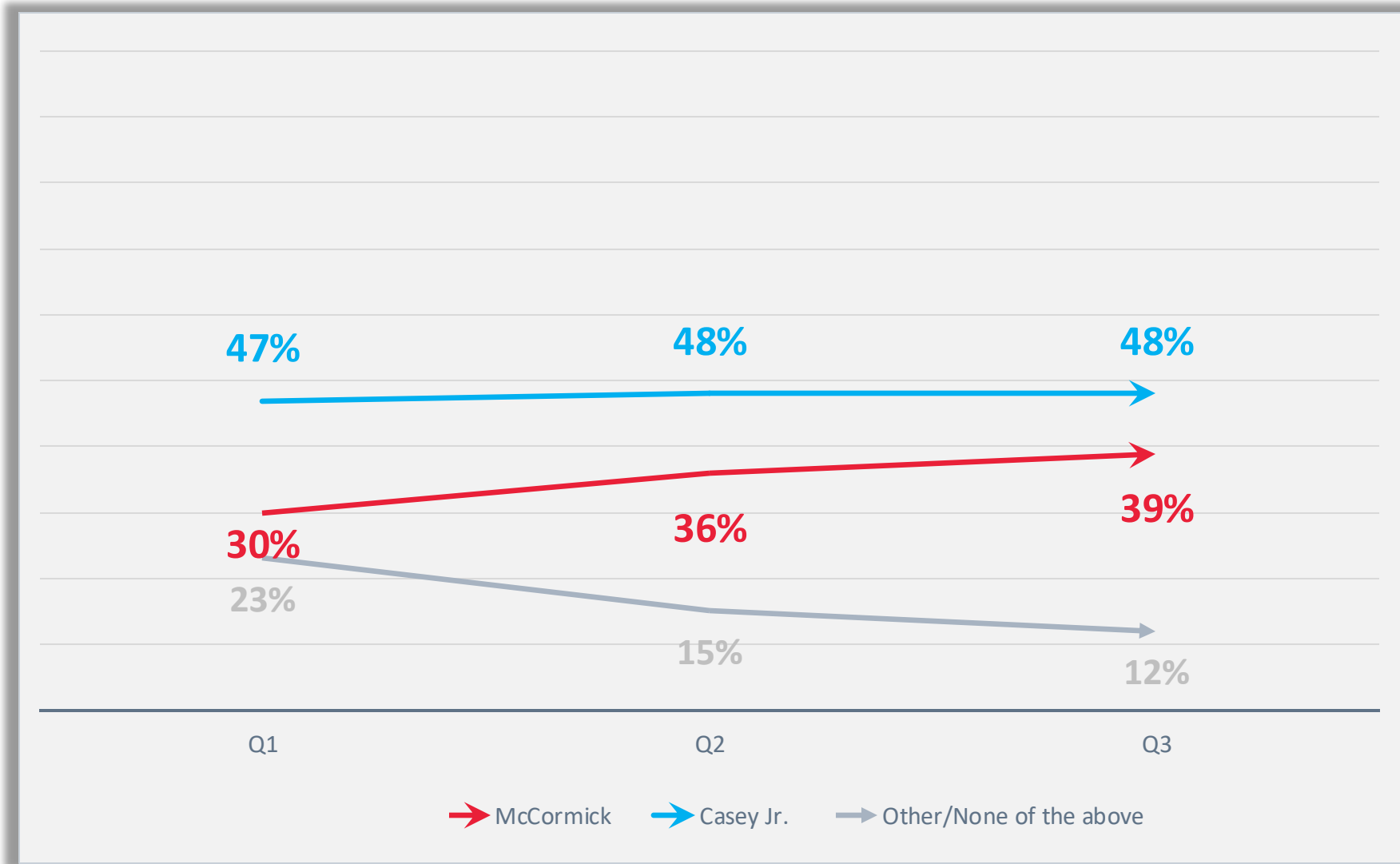


Generic Presidential Ballot: If the 2024 presidential elections were held today, how would you vote if your options were between a Republican or Democratic candidate?



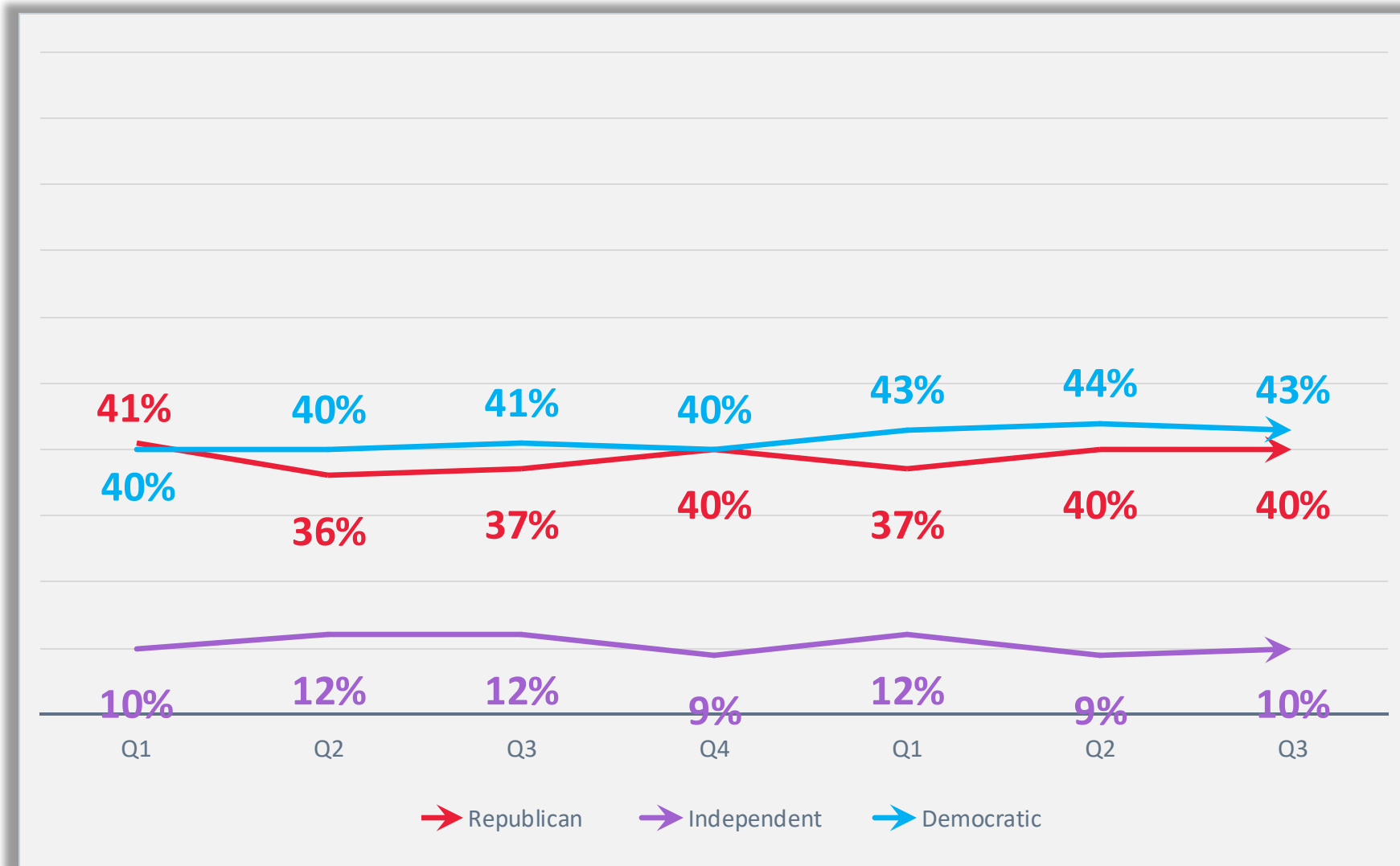
Q3 saw a bump for the Democrat in the generic presidential ballot, increasing the Democratic margins to near Q1 highs.

Pennsylvania U.S. Senate Ballot: If the 2024 U.S. Senate election was held today, which of the following individuals would you vote for?



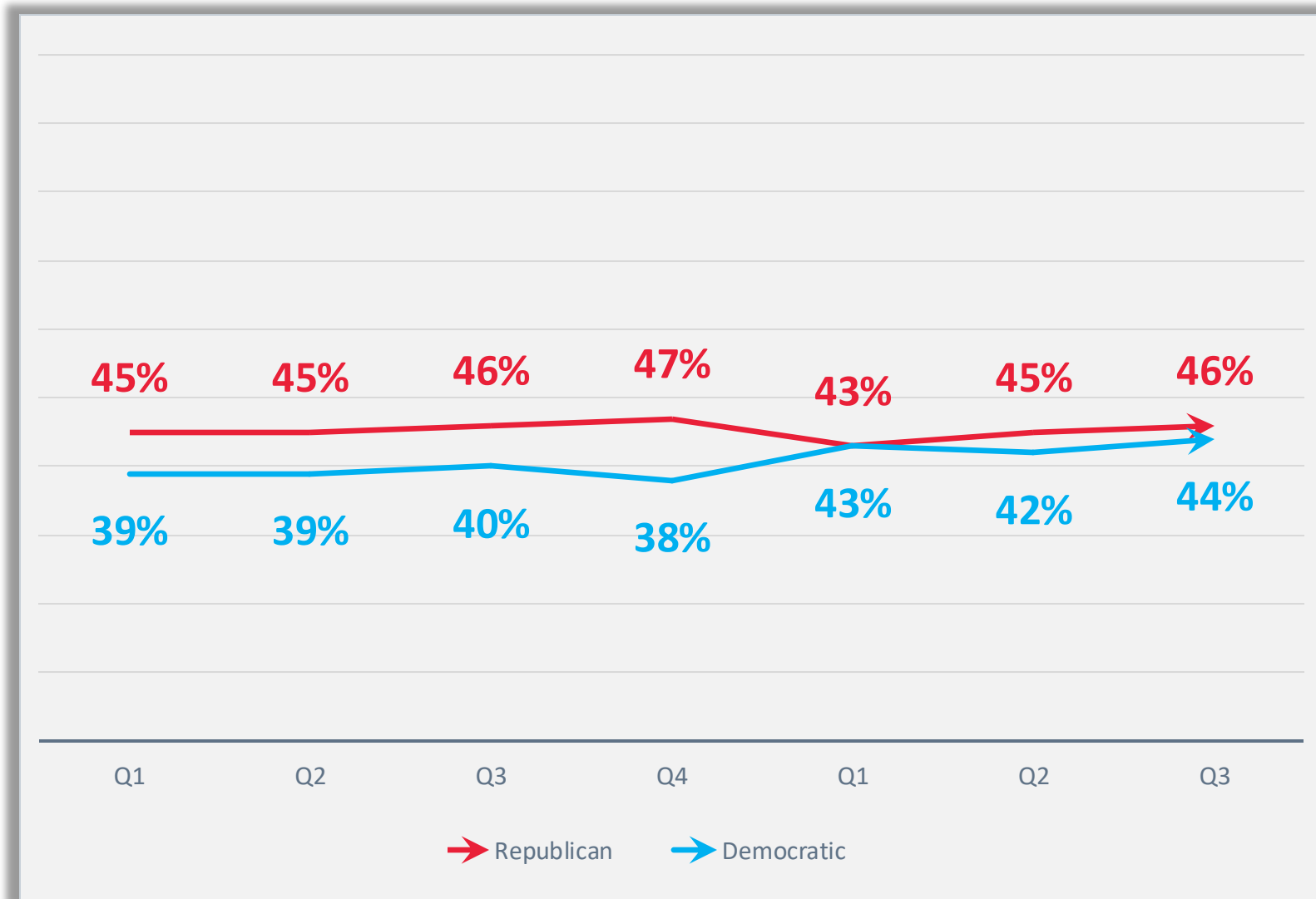
McCormick continues to gain ground on Senator Casey, who's support remained static from Q2 to Q3.

Best Candidate: Which of the following do you think would be the best candidate to represent you and your neighbors in Congress?



The generic Democratic congressional candidate and generic Republican margins narrow, in this, the last Common Ground State of the State poll released prior to November 5th.

Economic Policies: Which political party's policies do you think are better for the economy?

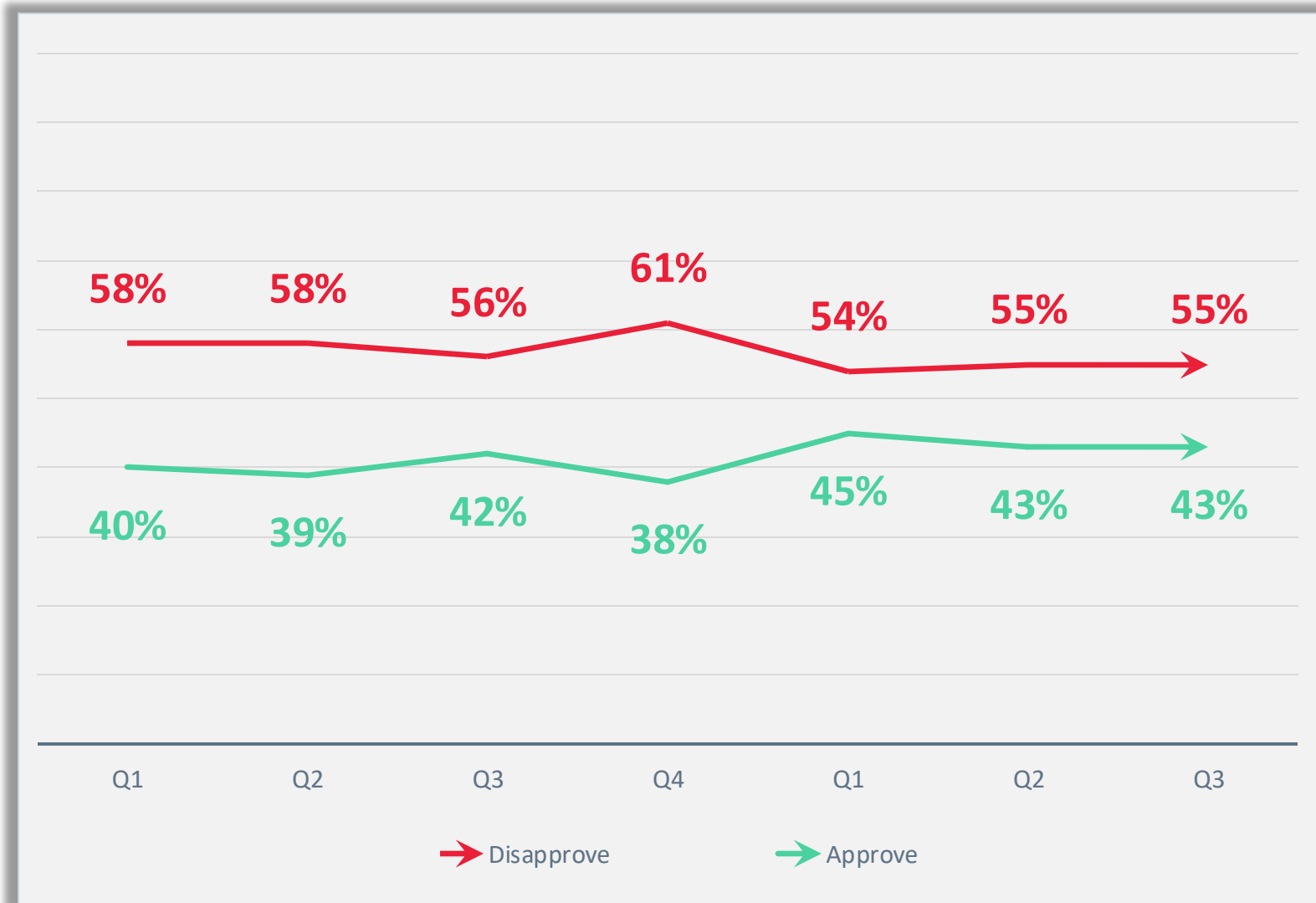


While sentiment on the Republican party's economic policies improved over the last few months, so too has sentiment regarding Democratic economic policies, bringing this issue within the margins of error.

Federal Officials Job Approval and Favorability

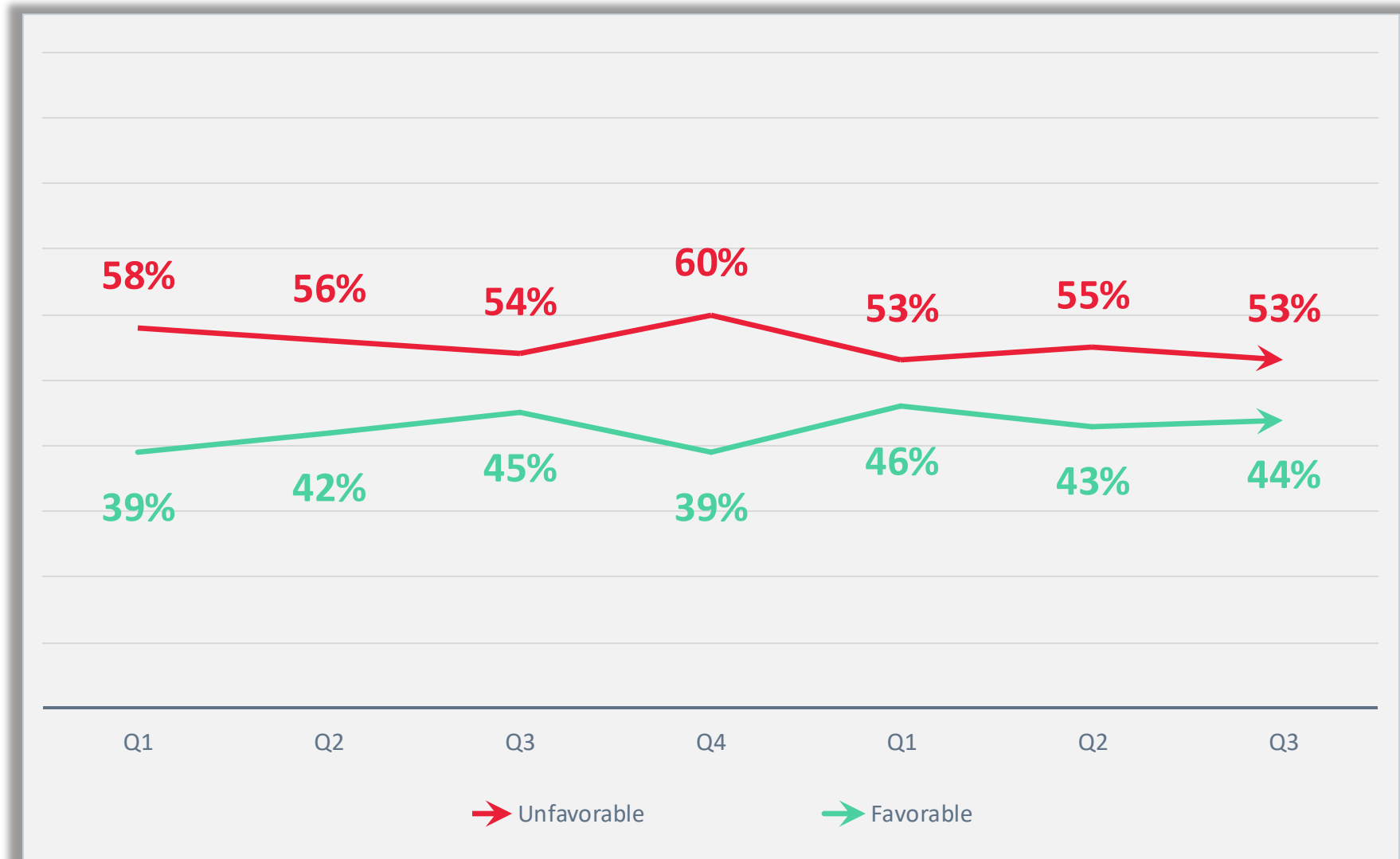


President Joe Biden Job Approval

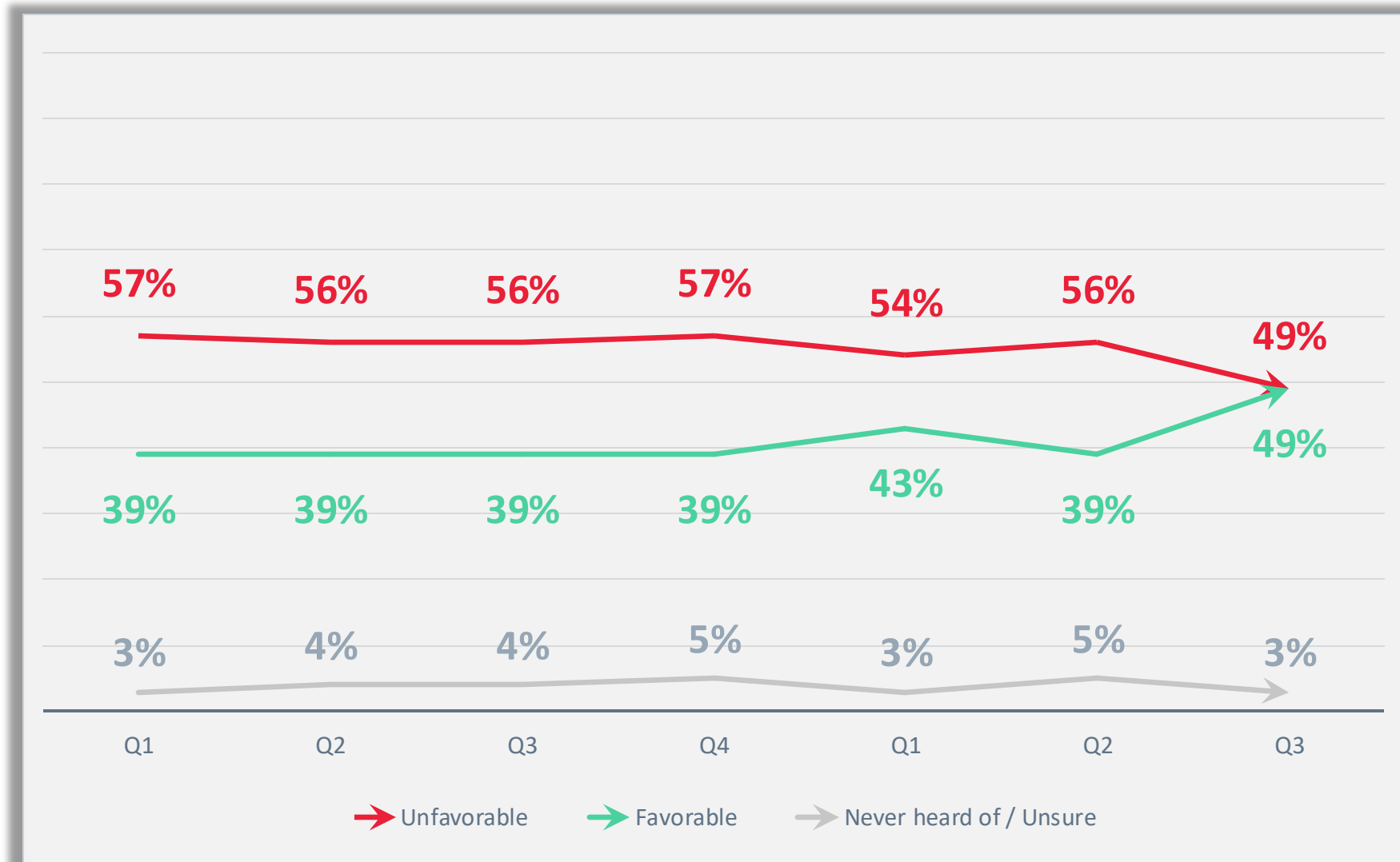


President Biden's job approval remained static over the past quarter, with still over half of registered voters in the state disapproving of the job he is doing as President.

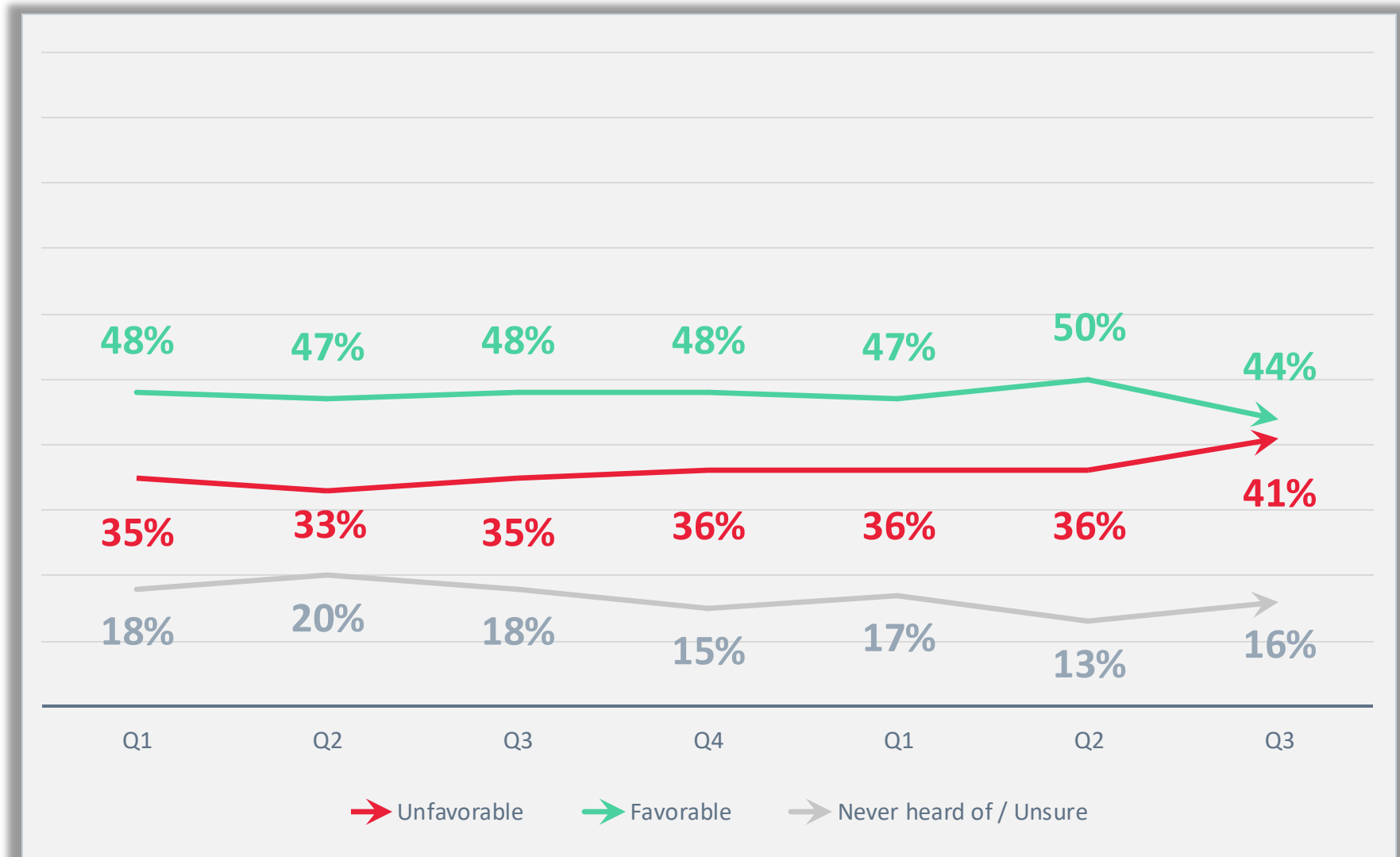
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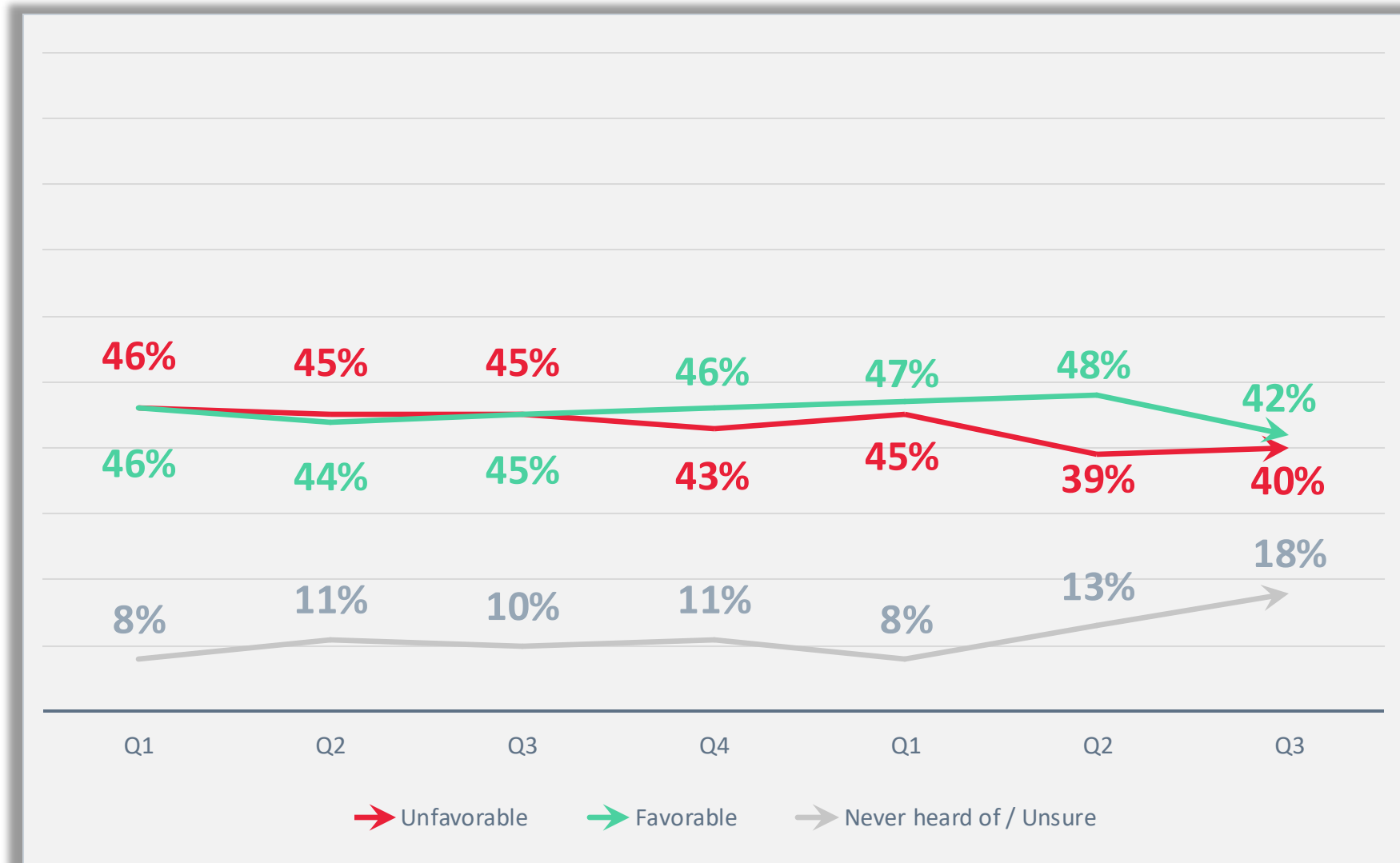
Vice President Kamala Harris Favorability



U.S. Senator Bob Casey Favorability



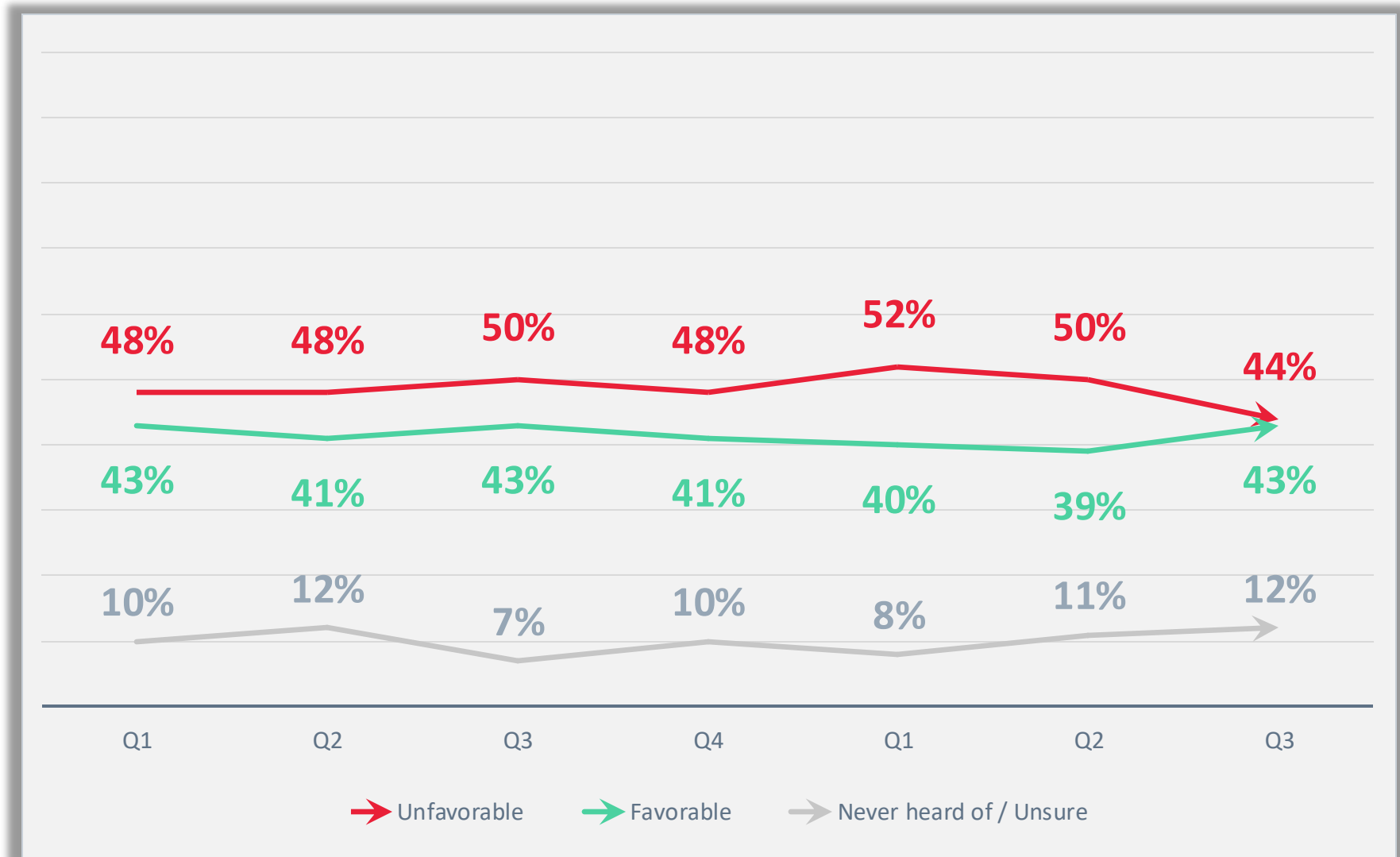
U.S. Senator John Fetterman Favorability



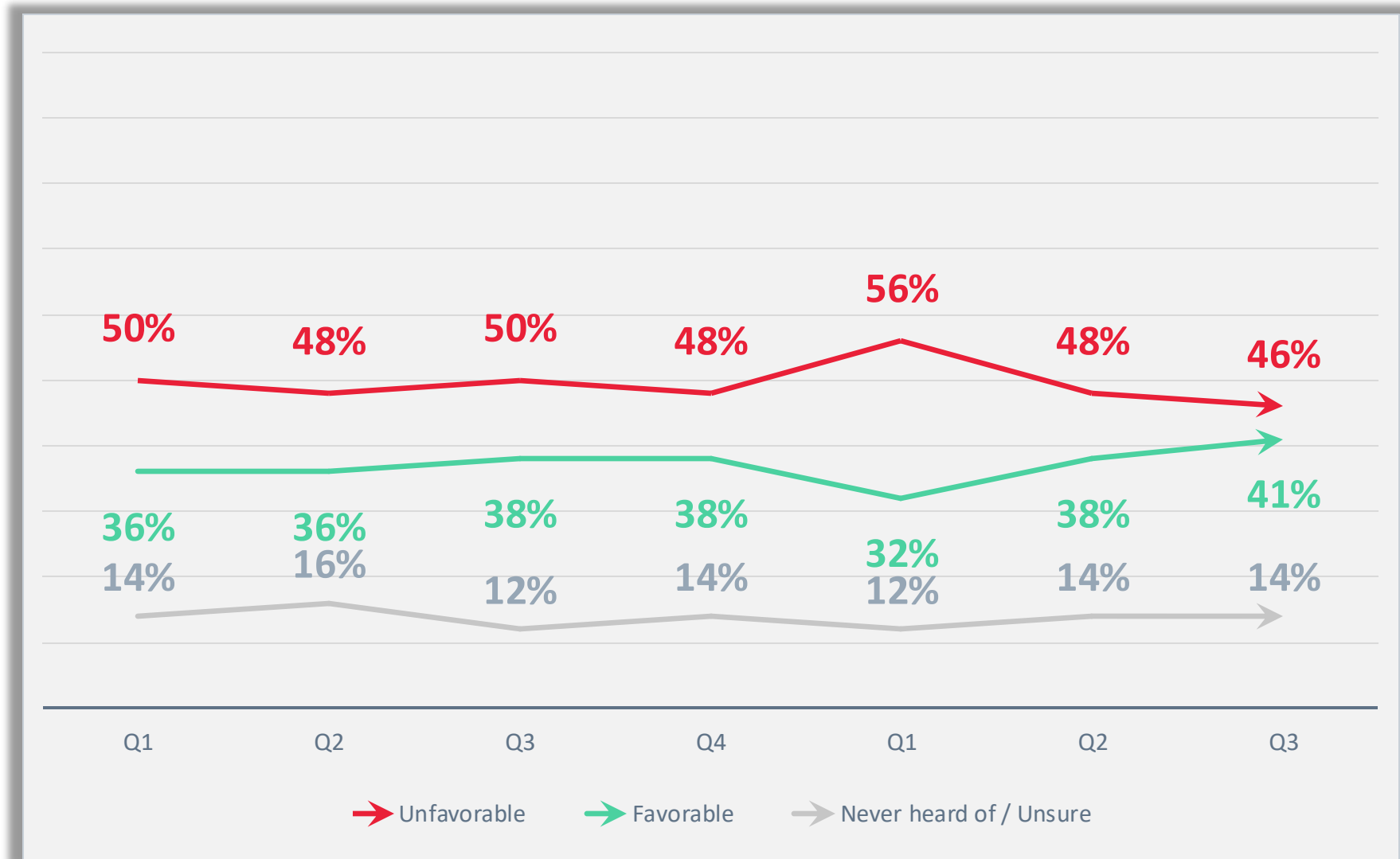
Federal Entity Favorability



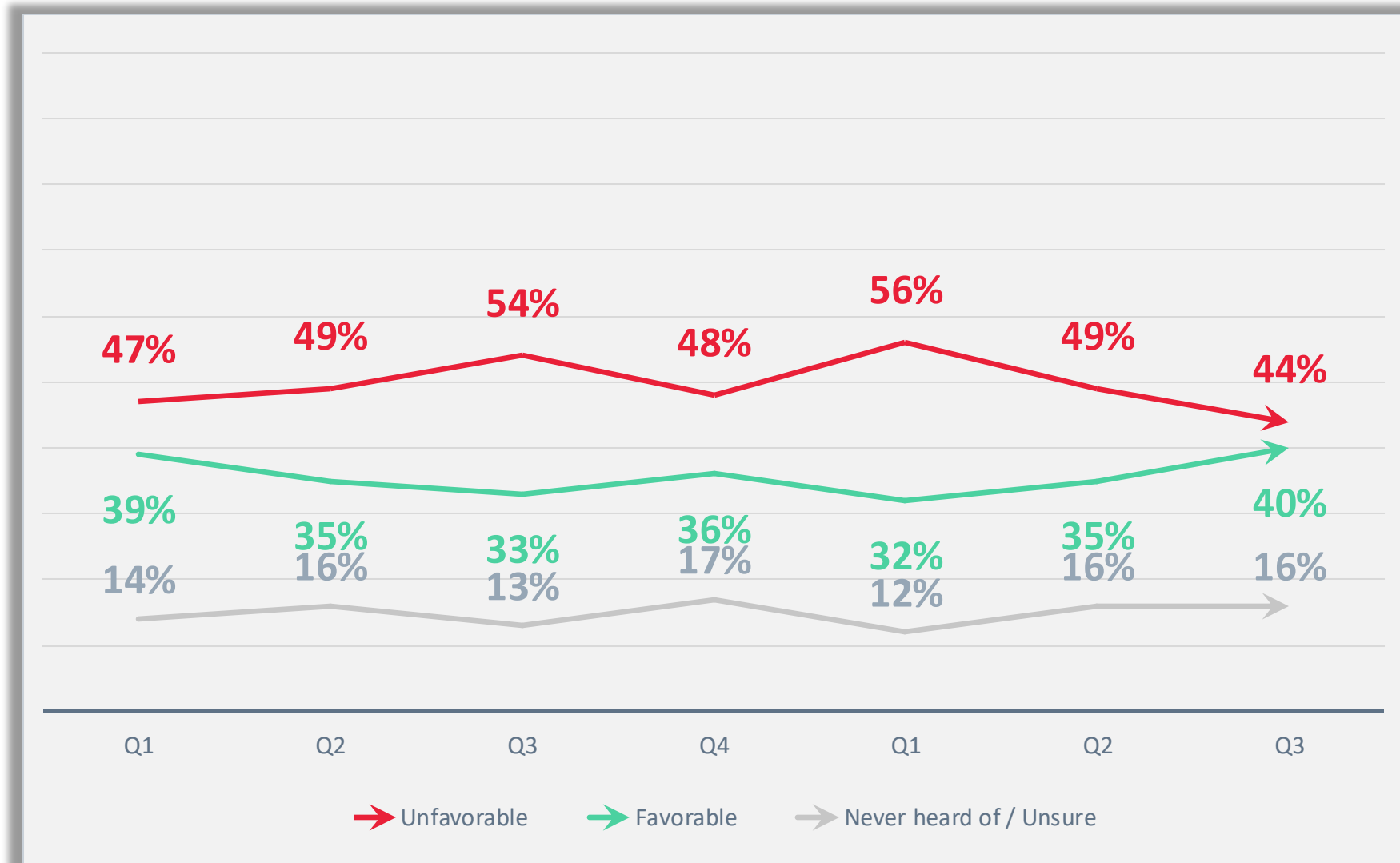
U.S. Supreme Court Favorability



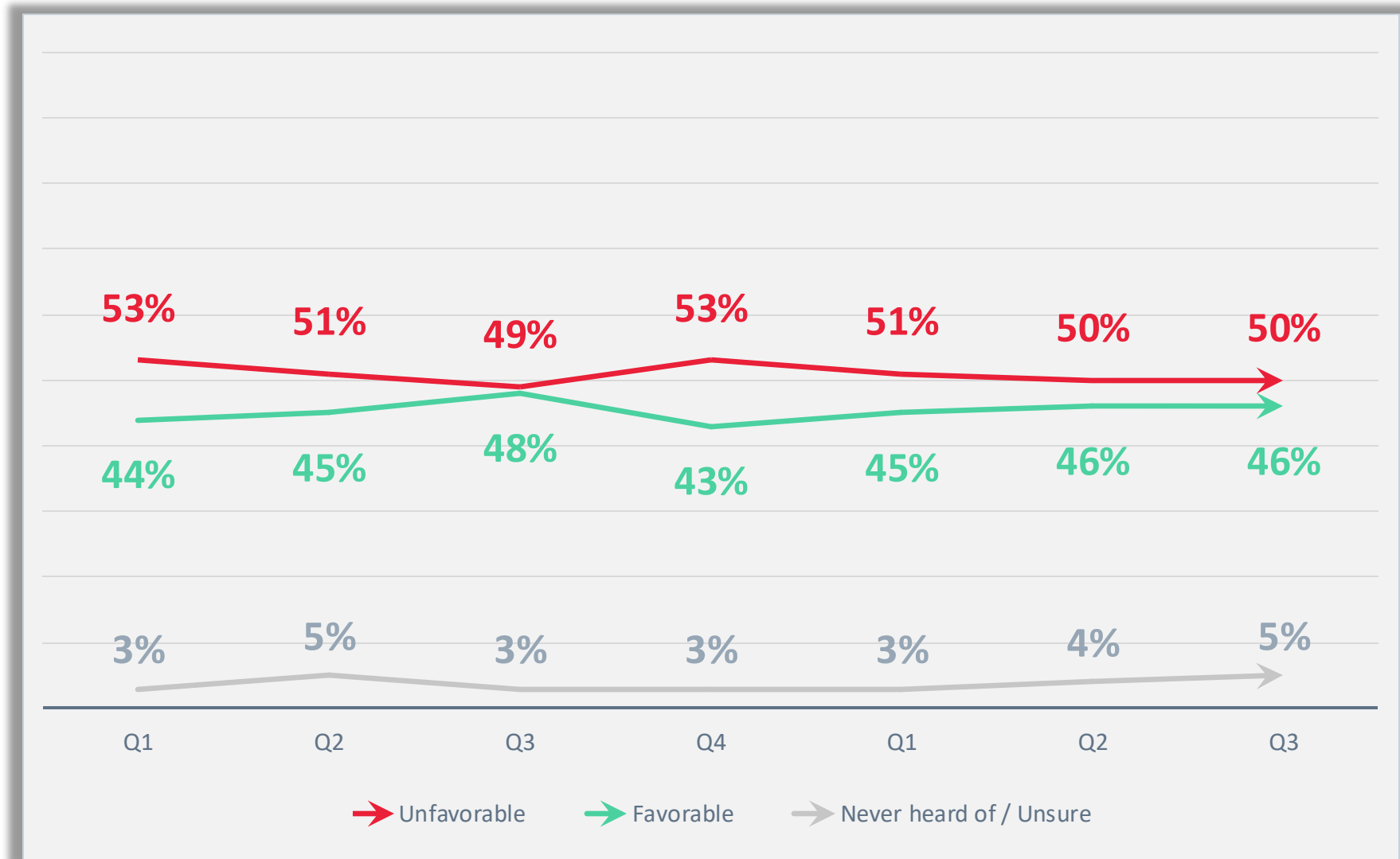
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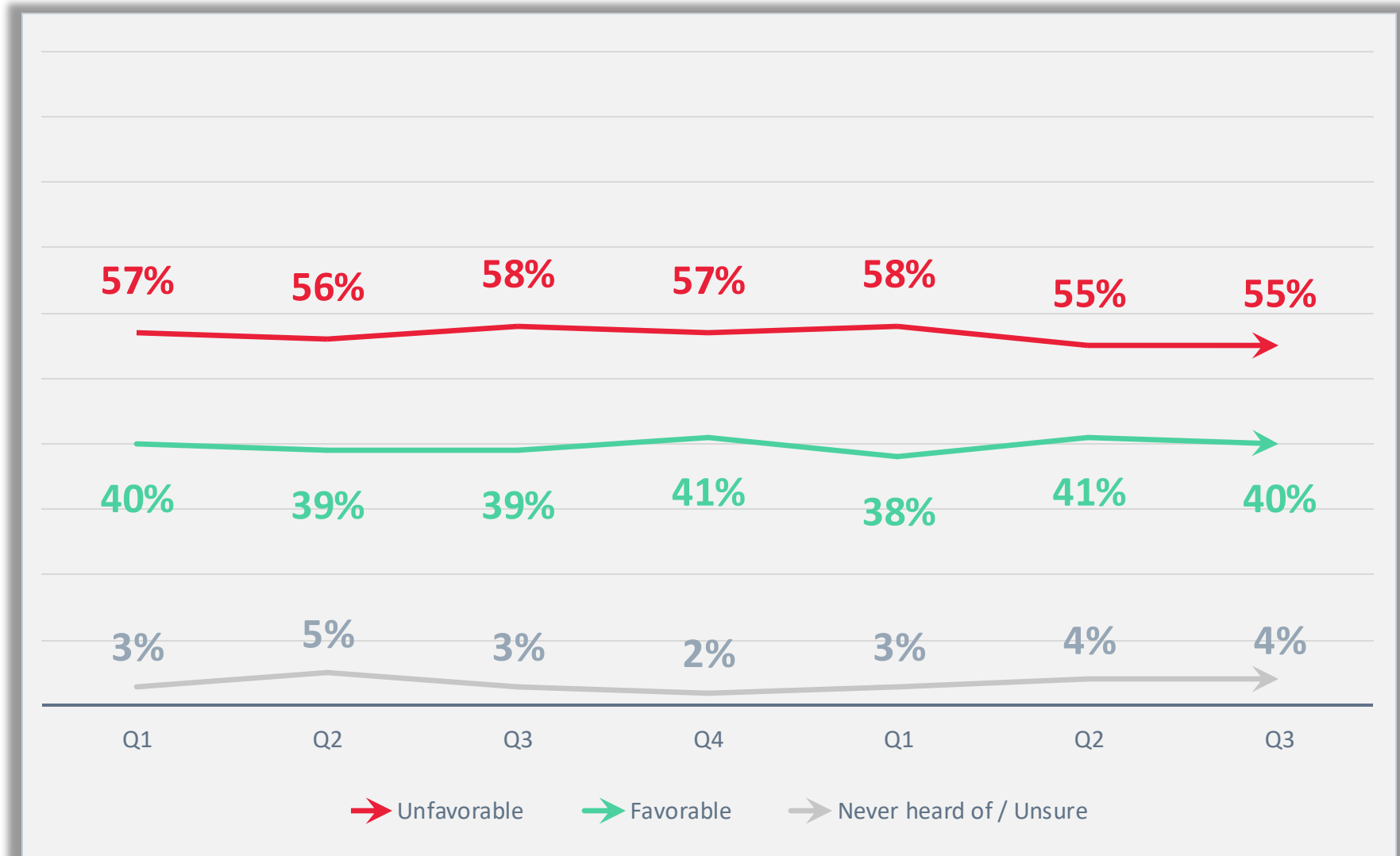
U.S. House of Representatives Favorability



The Democratic Party Favorability



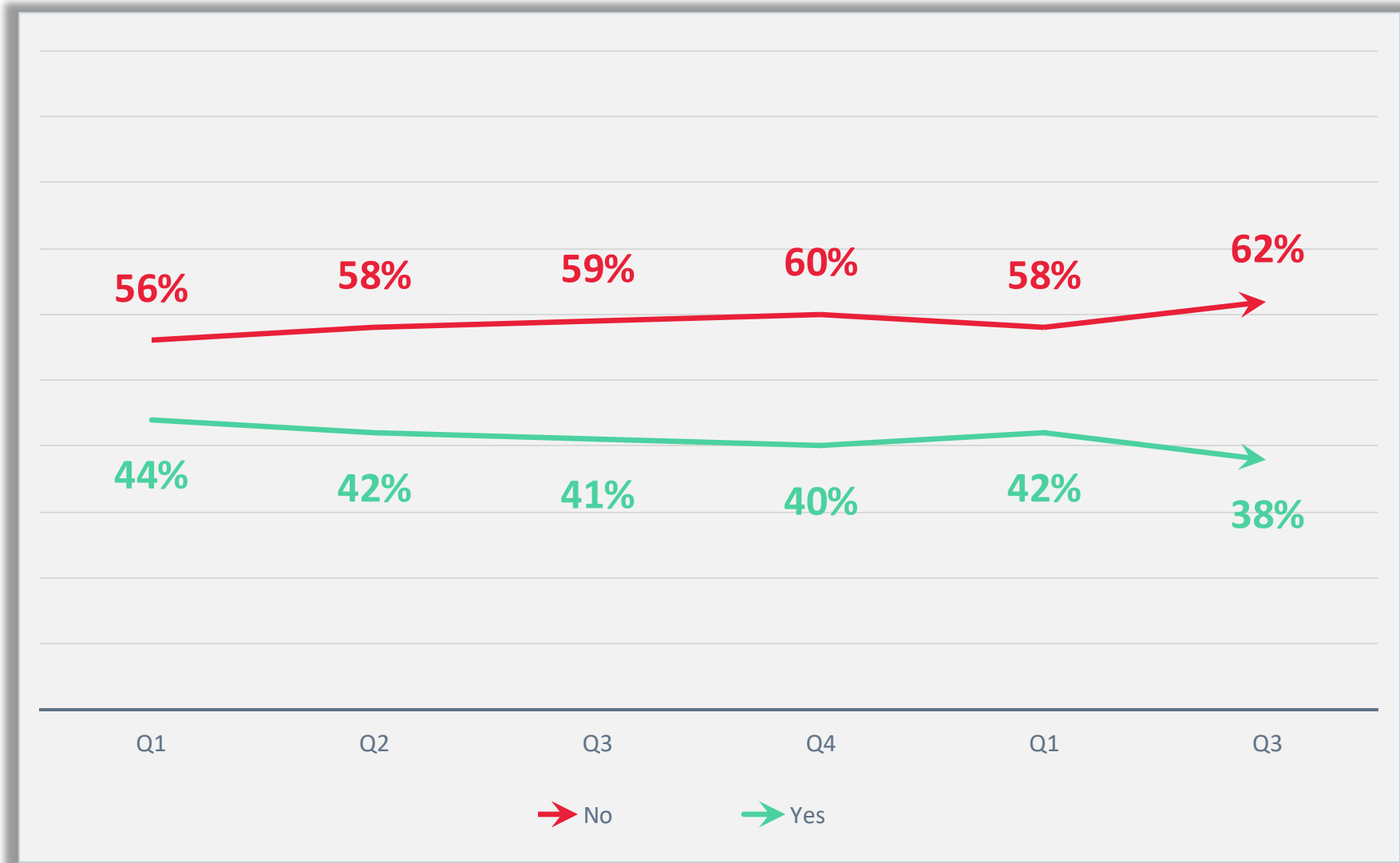
The Republican Party Favorability



Economic Series



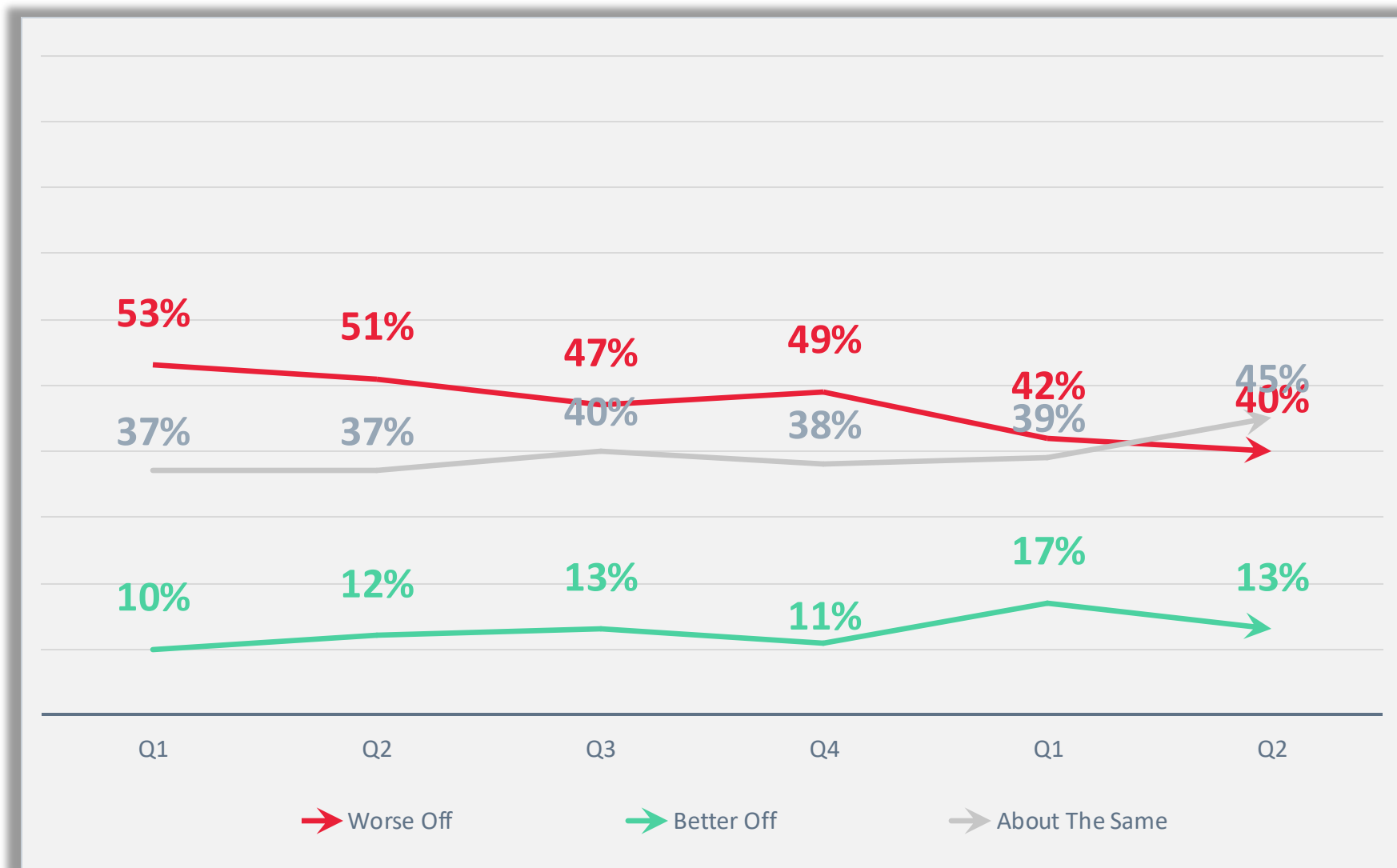
Thought About Leaving PA: Have you or someone you know thought about leaving Pennsylvania for a different state due to Pennsylvania's policies?



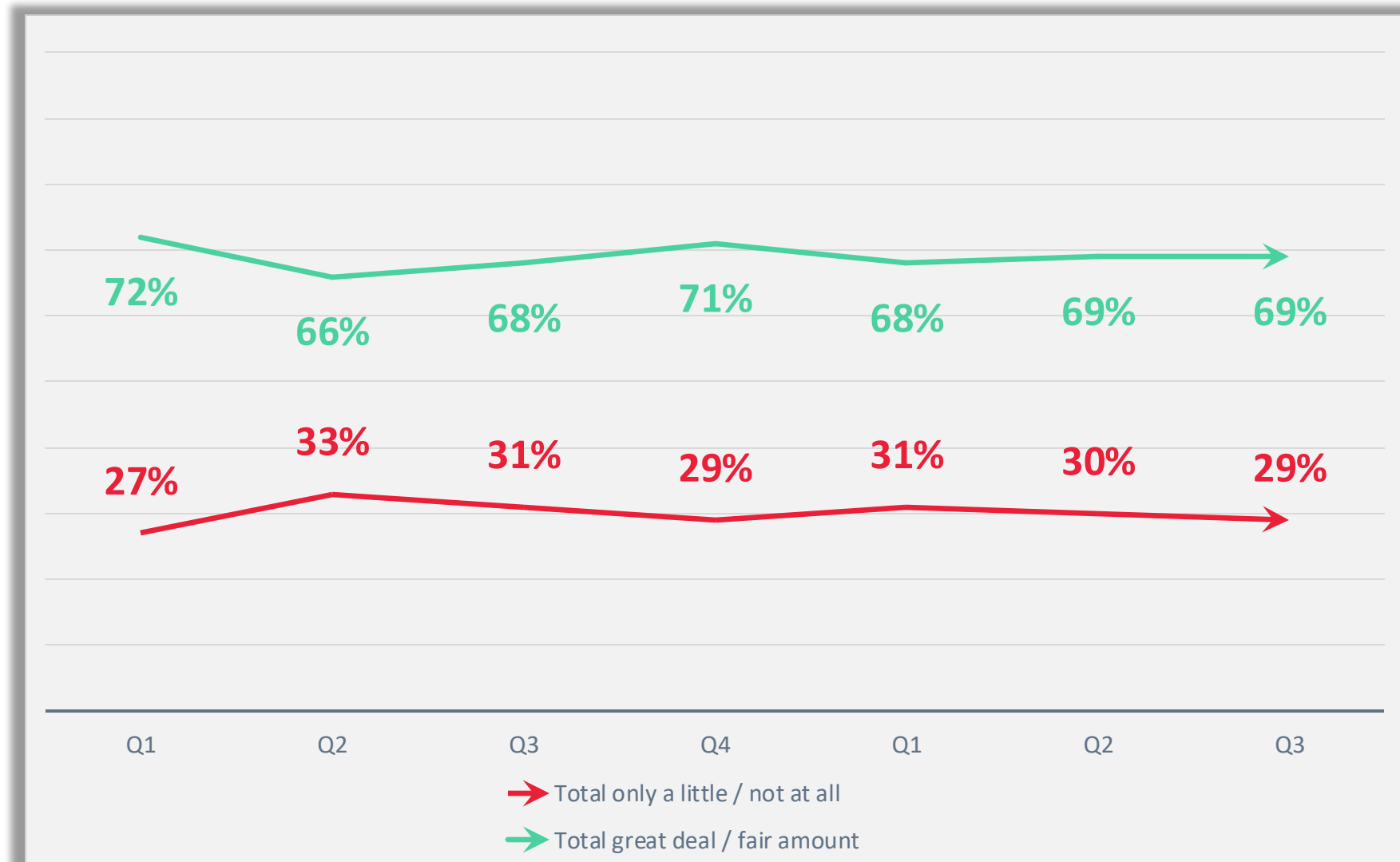
Not asked in Q2 of 2024.

Personally Better Off: Would you say that you and your family are financially (ROTATE) better off, about the same, worse off (END ROTATE) as you were two years ago?

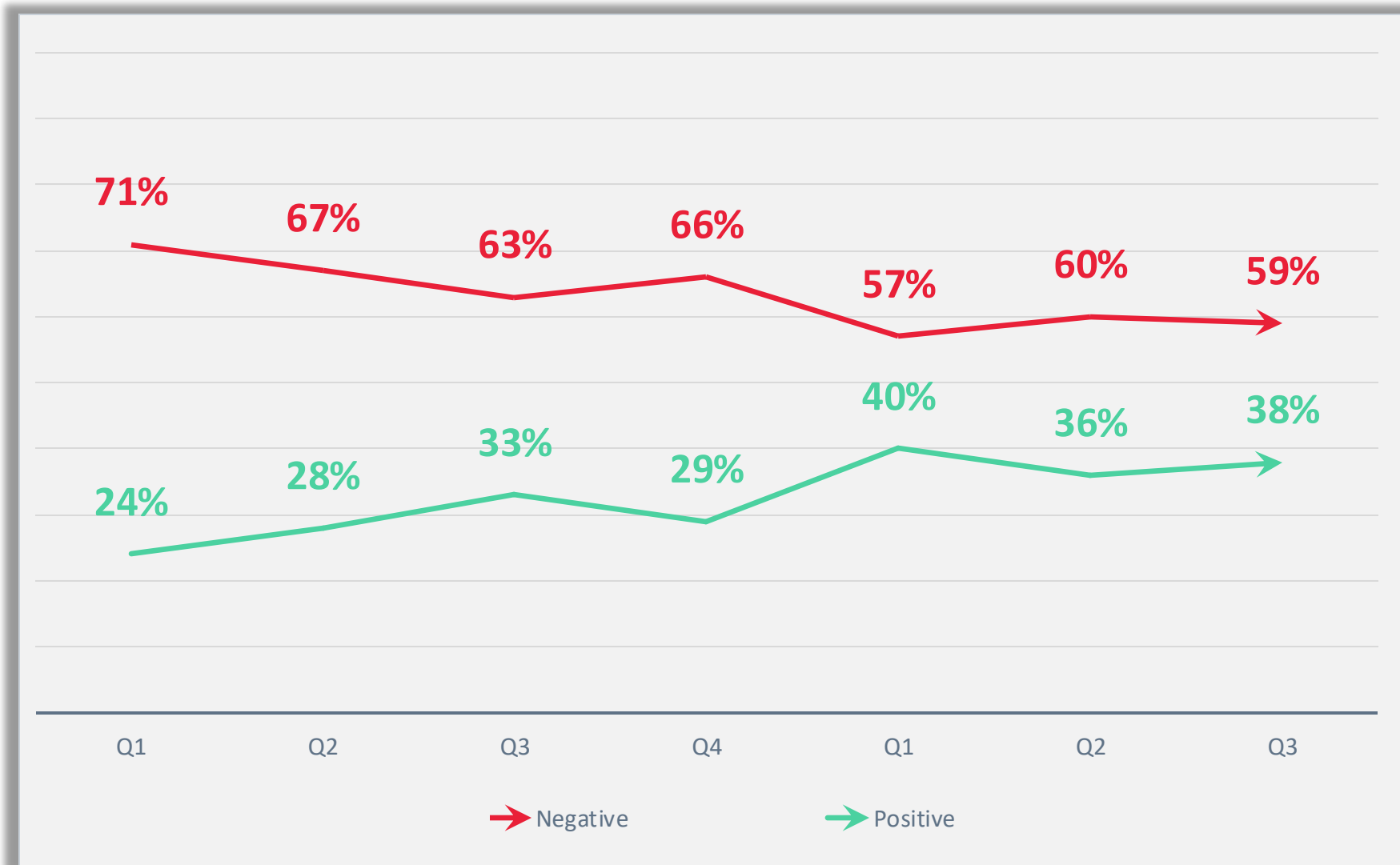
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Inflation Impact: How much has inflation and recent price increases impacted you or your household's ability to maintain your standard of living?

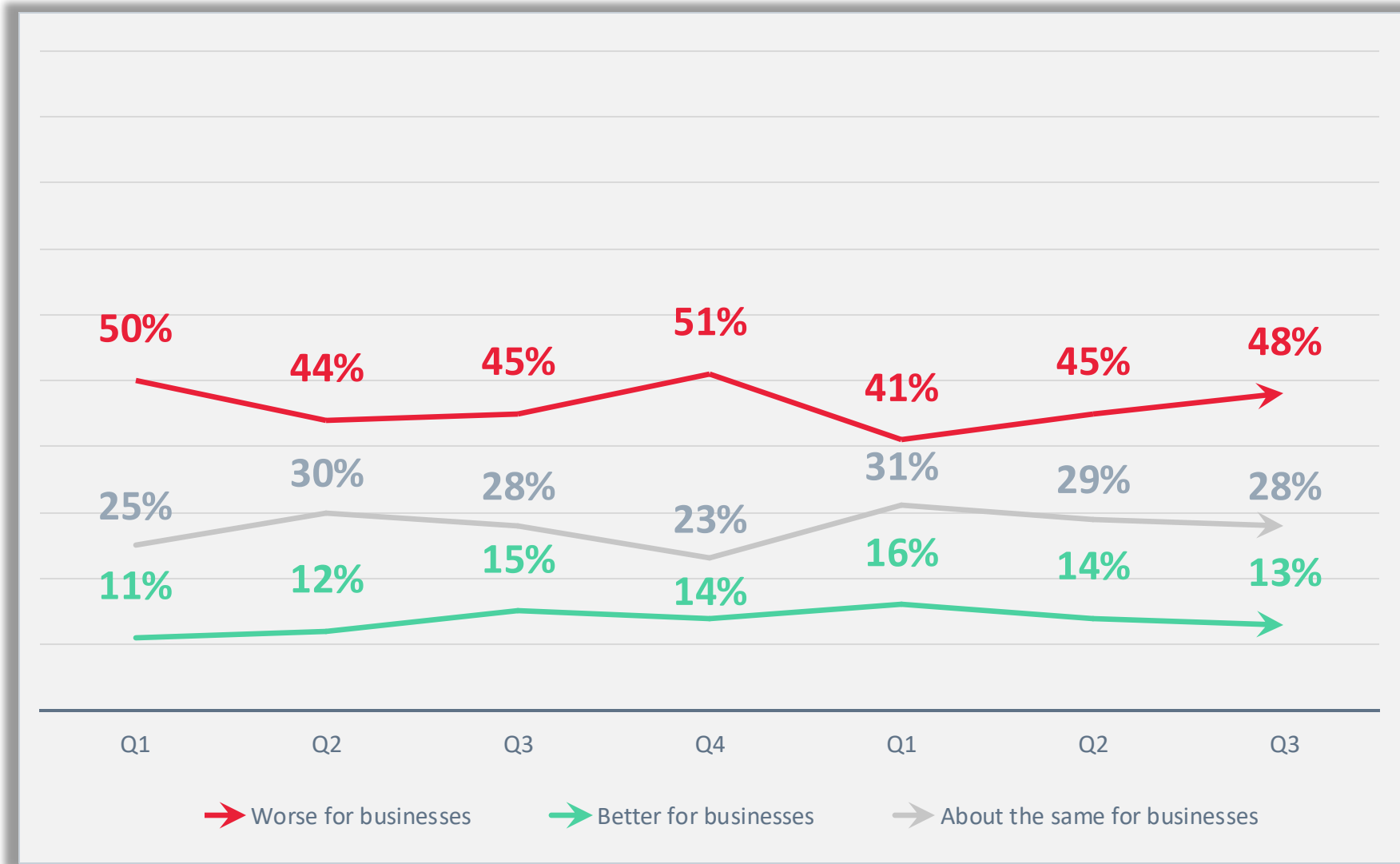


PA Economy: How would you rate the economic conditions in Pennsylvania today?



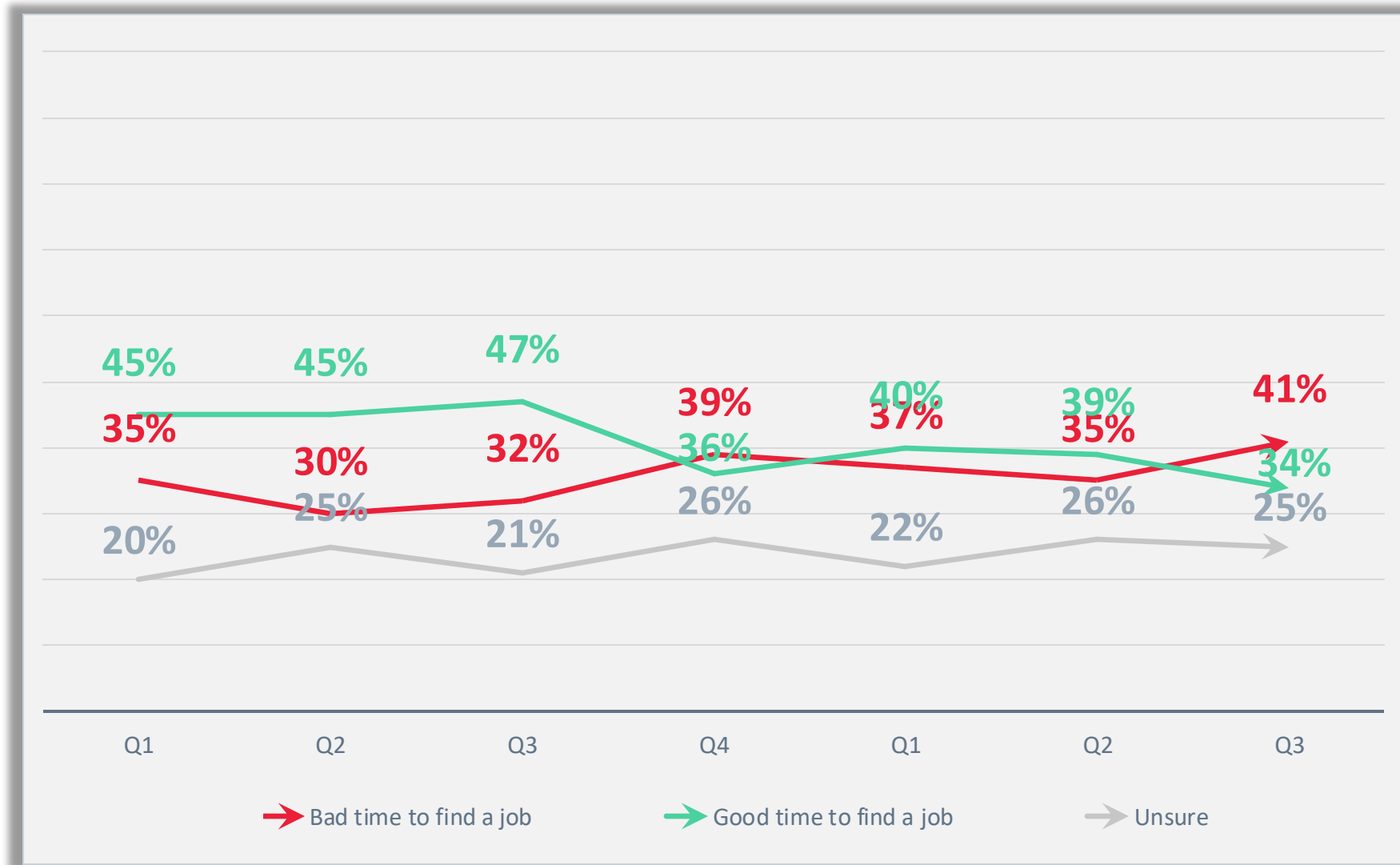
Pennsylvania's economic sentiment improves ever so slightly from Q2 (net positive 1-point), yet still underwater by 21 points.

PA State of Business: Do you think the state of Pennsylvania is worse for businesses than it was 10 years ago, about the same for businesses than it was 10 years ago, better for businesses than it was 10 years ago?

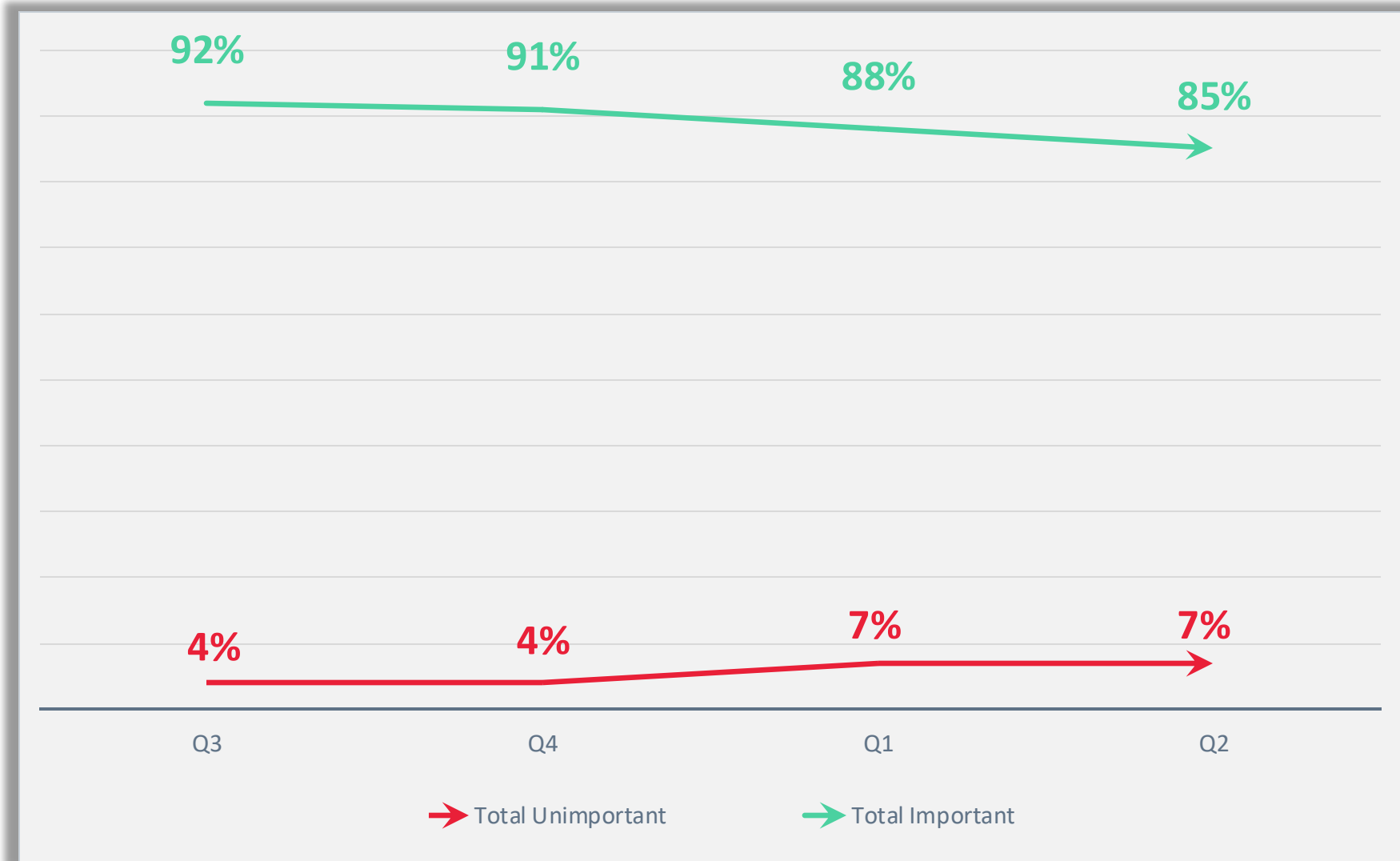


For the third quarter in a row, Pennsylvanians sour on Pennsylvania's handling on businesses, with now 48% thinking the state is worse for business than it was 10 years ago, to only 13% who think it is better.

PA Job Situation: Thinking about the job situation in Pennsylvania today, would you say that it is now a good time or bad time to find a quality job?

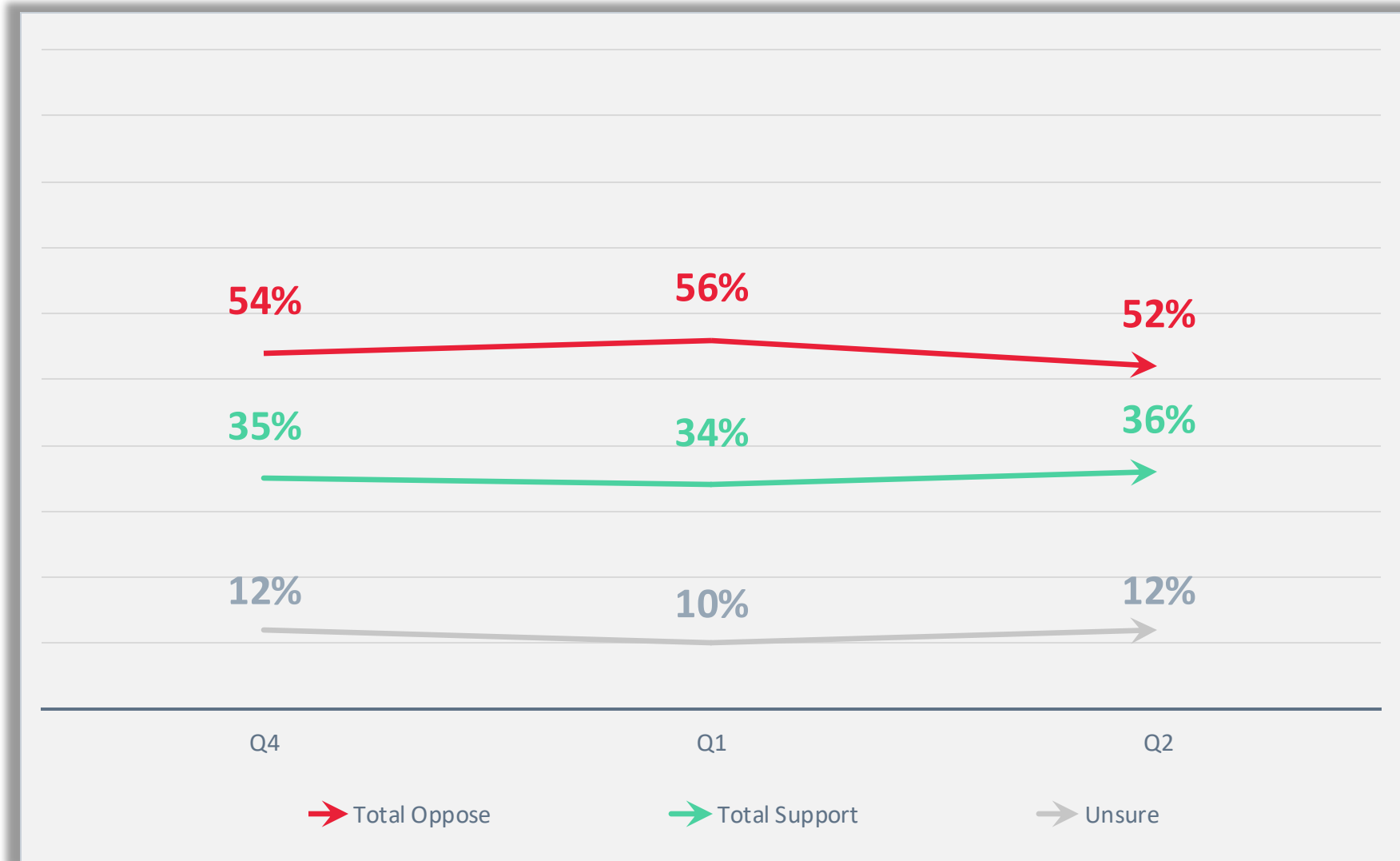


Budget Agreement: How important is it to you personally that leaders in Pennsylvania of all political parties come together and pass a budget agreement that is bi-partisan?



Not asked in Q3 of 2024.

Transit Bailout: Do you support or oppose politicians in Harrisburg using \$300 million in state sales tax dollars to bail out mass transit systems in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh?

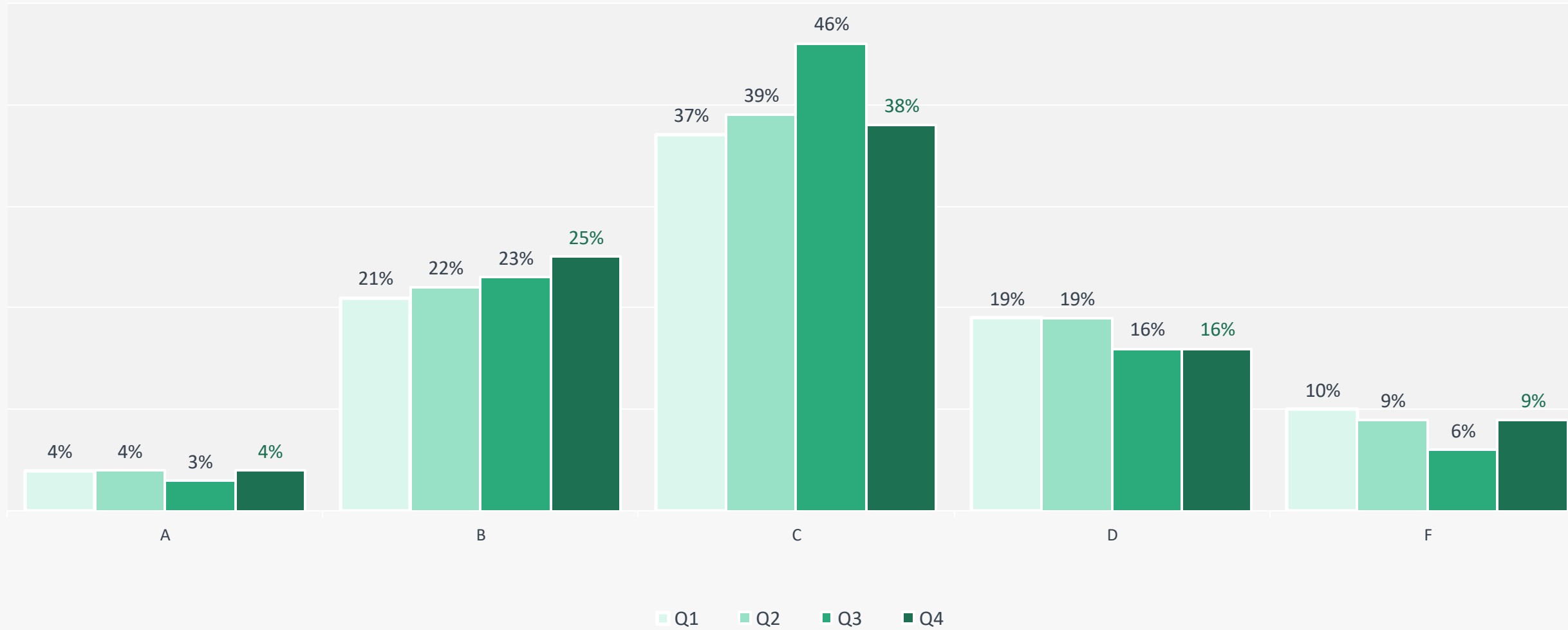


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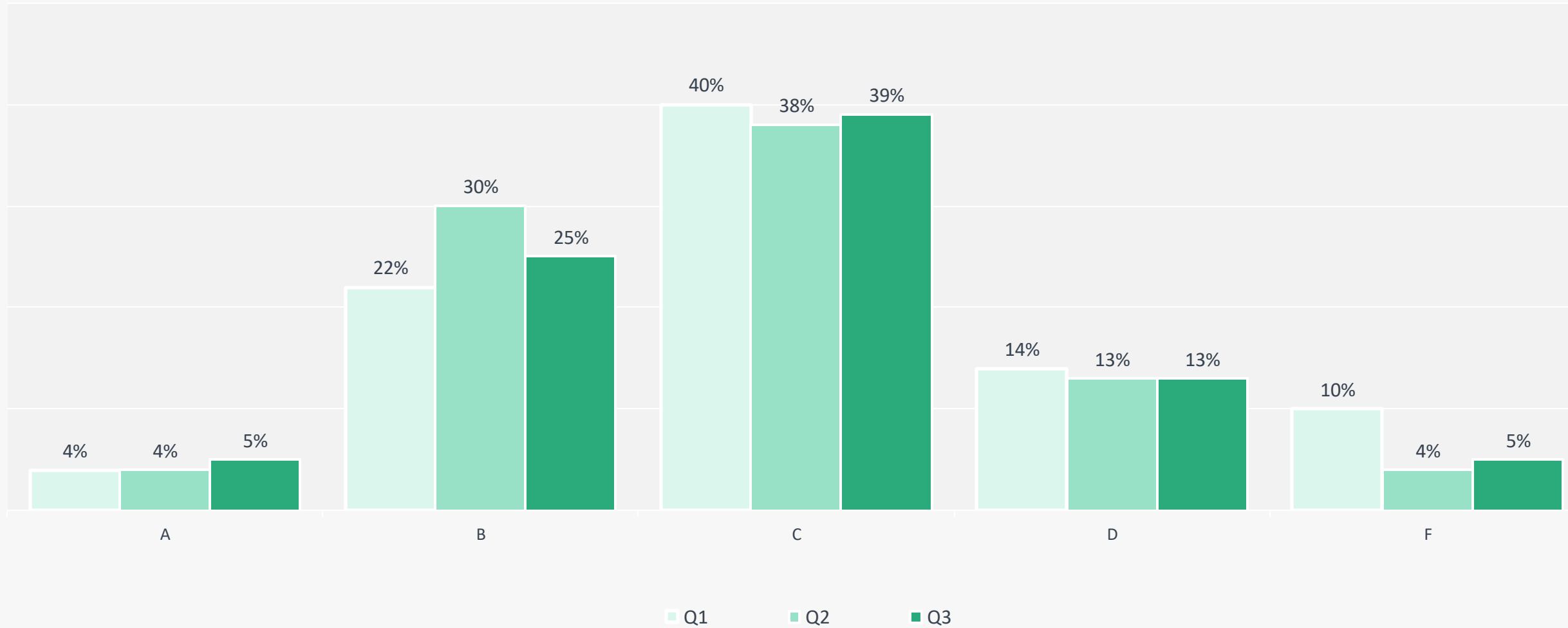
Education Series



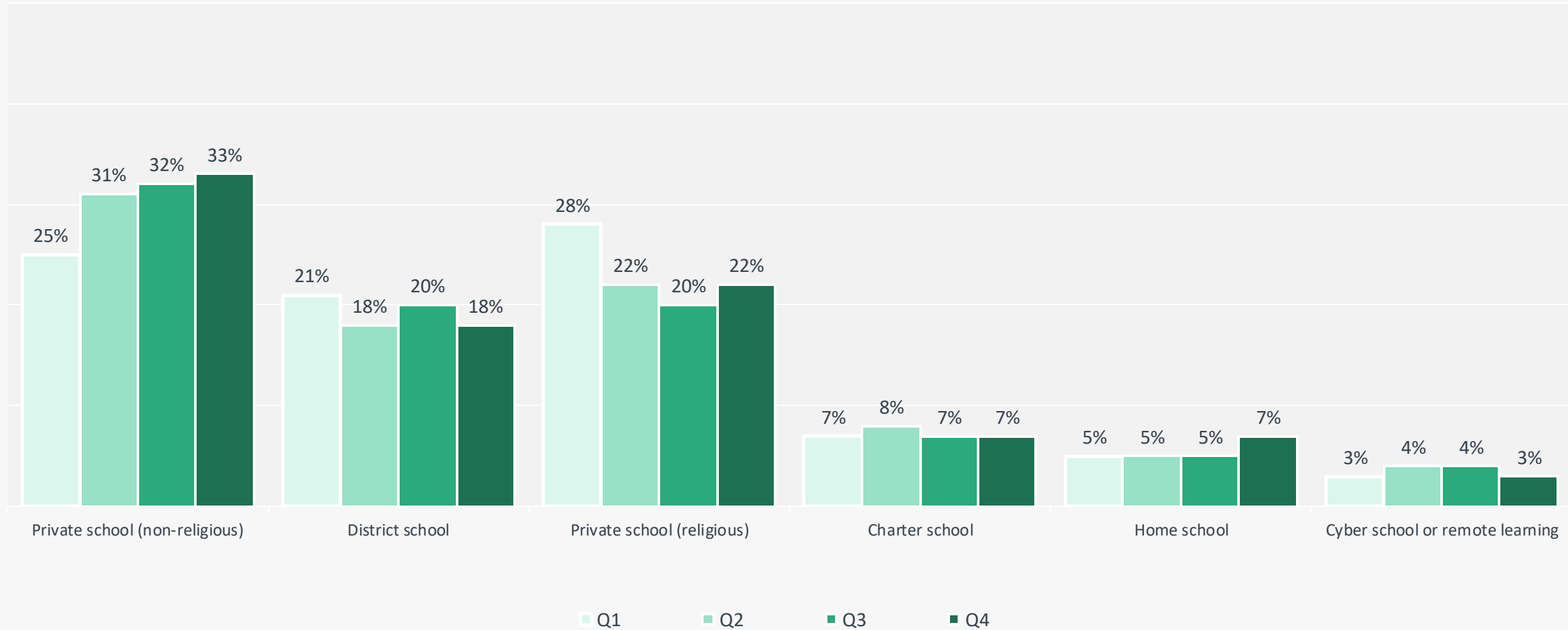
2023 School Ranking: How would you grade the quality of Pennsylvania's K-12 school system?



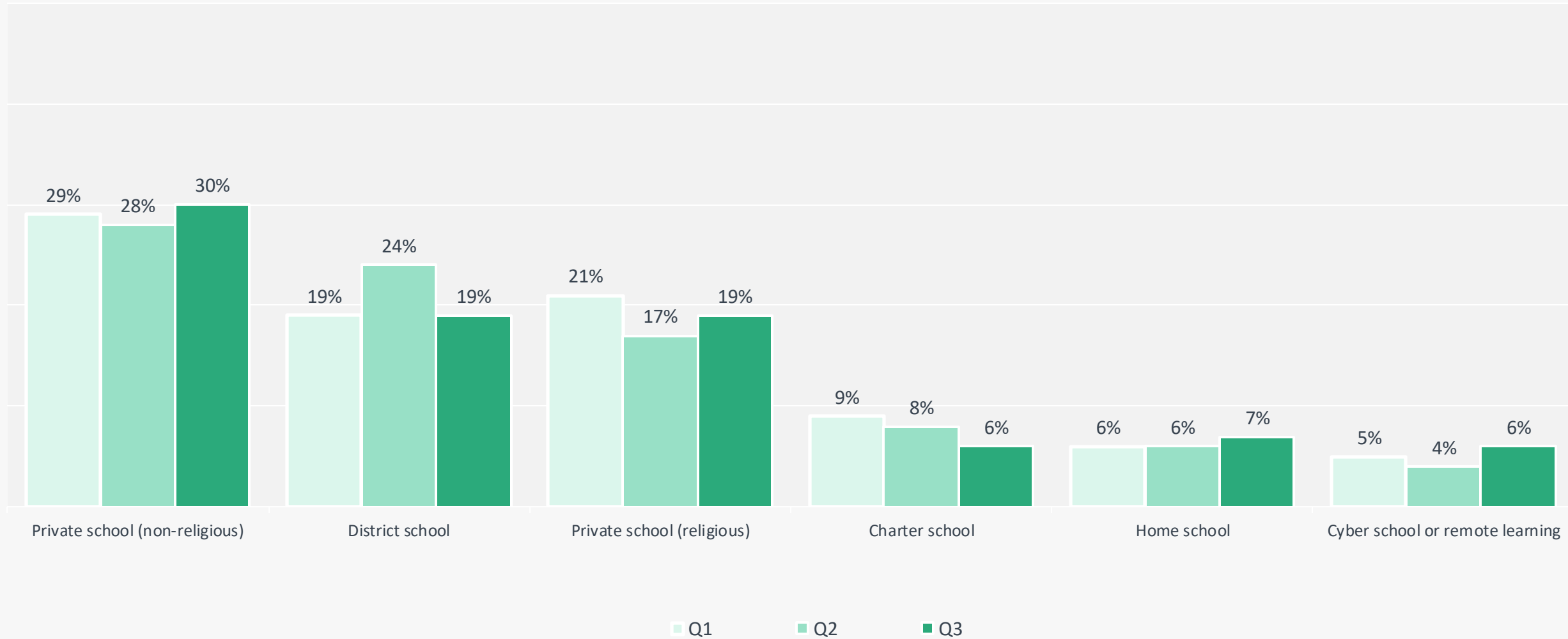
2024 School Ranking: How would you grade the quality of Pennsylvania's K-12 school system?



2023 School Ranking: If financial costs were of no concern, what type of school would you select to obtain the best education for your child?



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Methodology

- Online survey conducted among (2023 Q1: n600, 2023 Q2 and later: n800) registered Pennsylvania voters statewide. Respondents were selected randomly from opt-in panel participants.
- Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of respondents were interviewed from such demographic groups as partisanship, age, gender, race, and geographic region.
- Statewide survey of registered voters has a $\pm 3.46\%$ overall margin of error at the 95% confidence interval.
- Past polling can be found at <http://commongroundpoll.com/>