

# **What America Is Thinking On Energy Issues: Offshore Drilling – South Carolina**

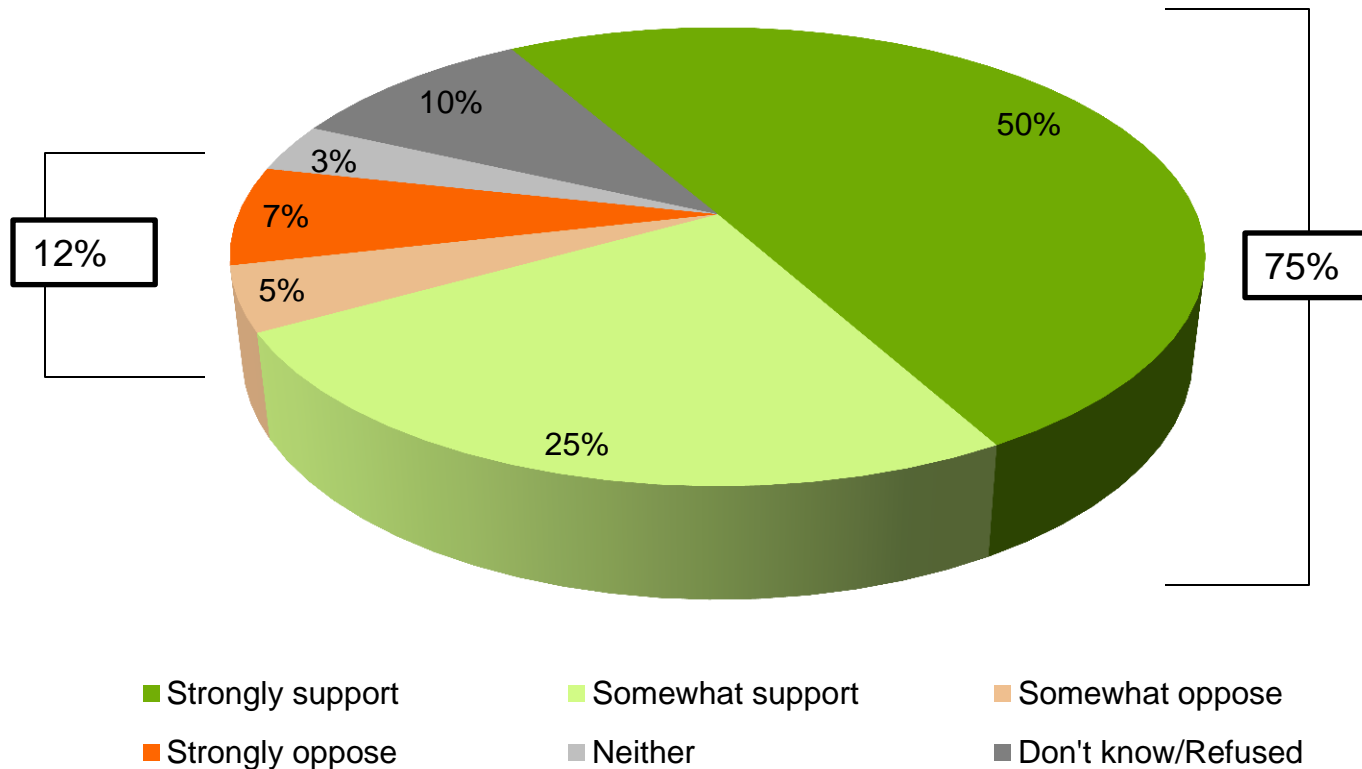
Winter 2015

# Methodology

- **Audience:** 604 Registered Voters in South Carolina
- **Methodology:** Telephone interviews
- **Interview Dates:** January 13 – 15, 2015

# Three in four South Carolina voters support increased production of domestic oil and natural gas.

Do you support or oppose increased production of domestic oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S.?

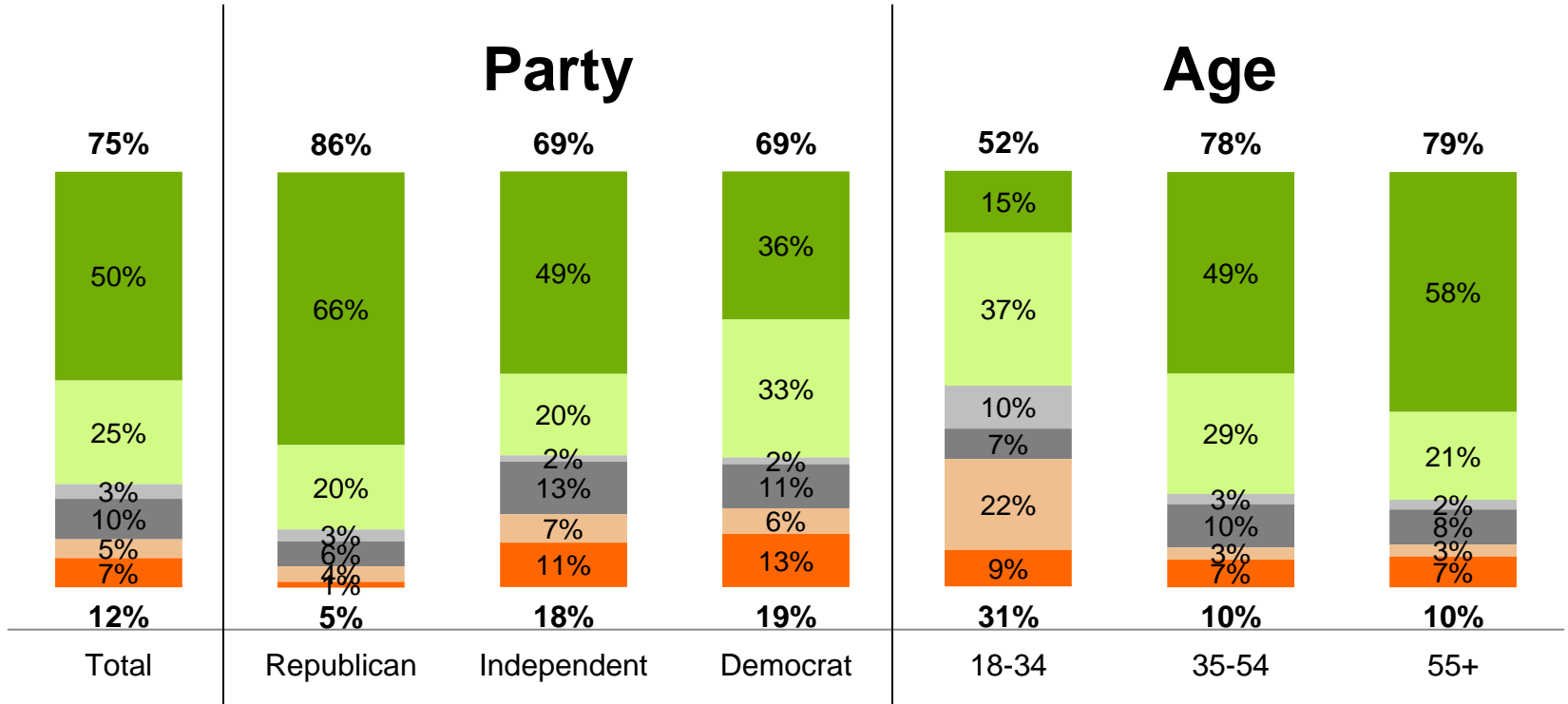


**BASE: All Respondents (n=604)**

**Q1** Do you support or oppose increased production of domestic oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S.?

# By Party and Age

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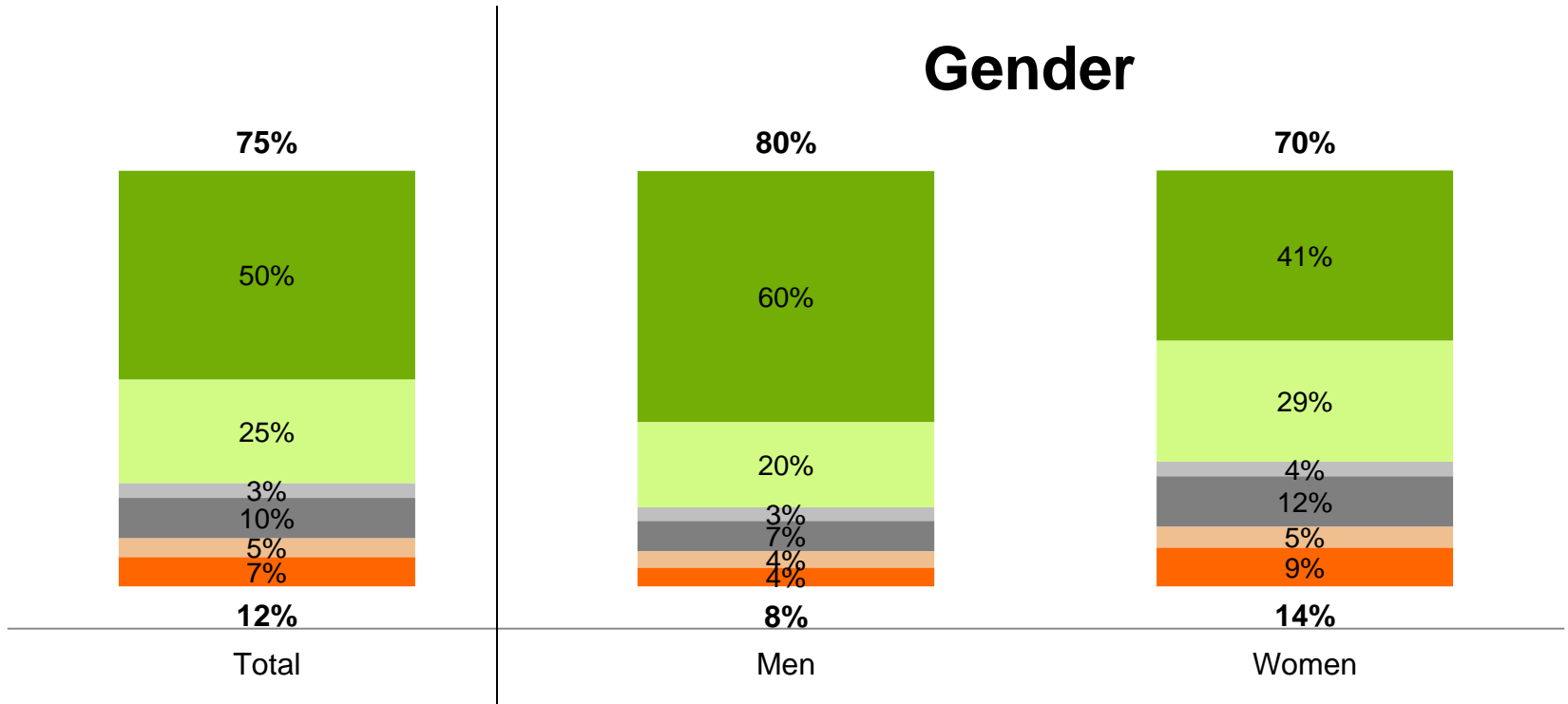
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## By Gender

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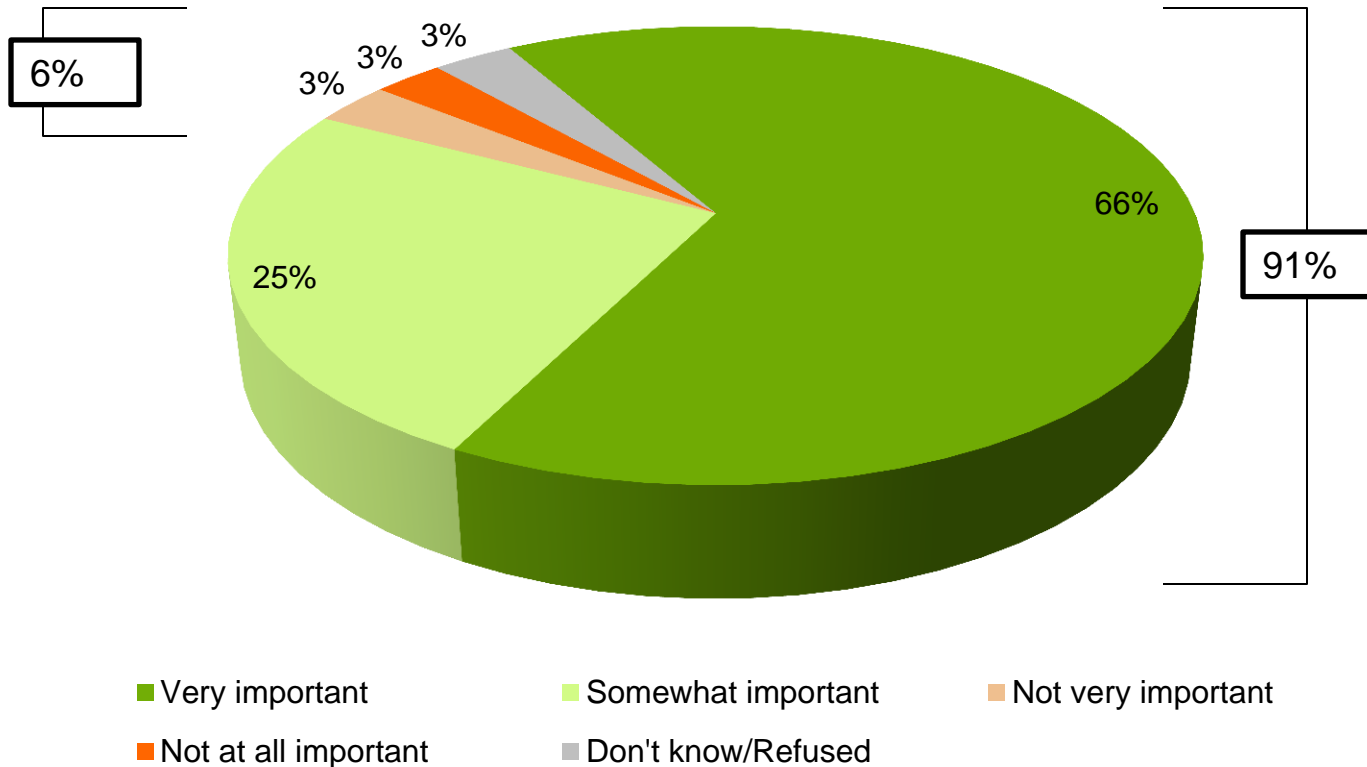
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**Q1** Do you support or oppose increased production of domestic oil and natural gas resources located here in the U.S.?

# Over nine in ten say producing more oil and natural gas here at home is important.

How important to you is producing more oil and natural gas here at home?

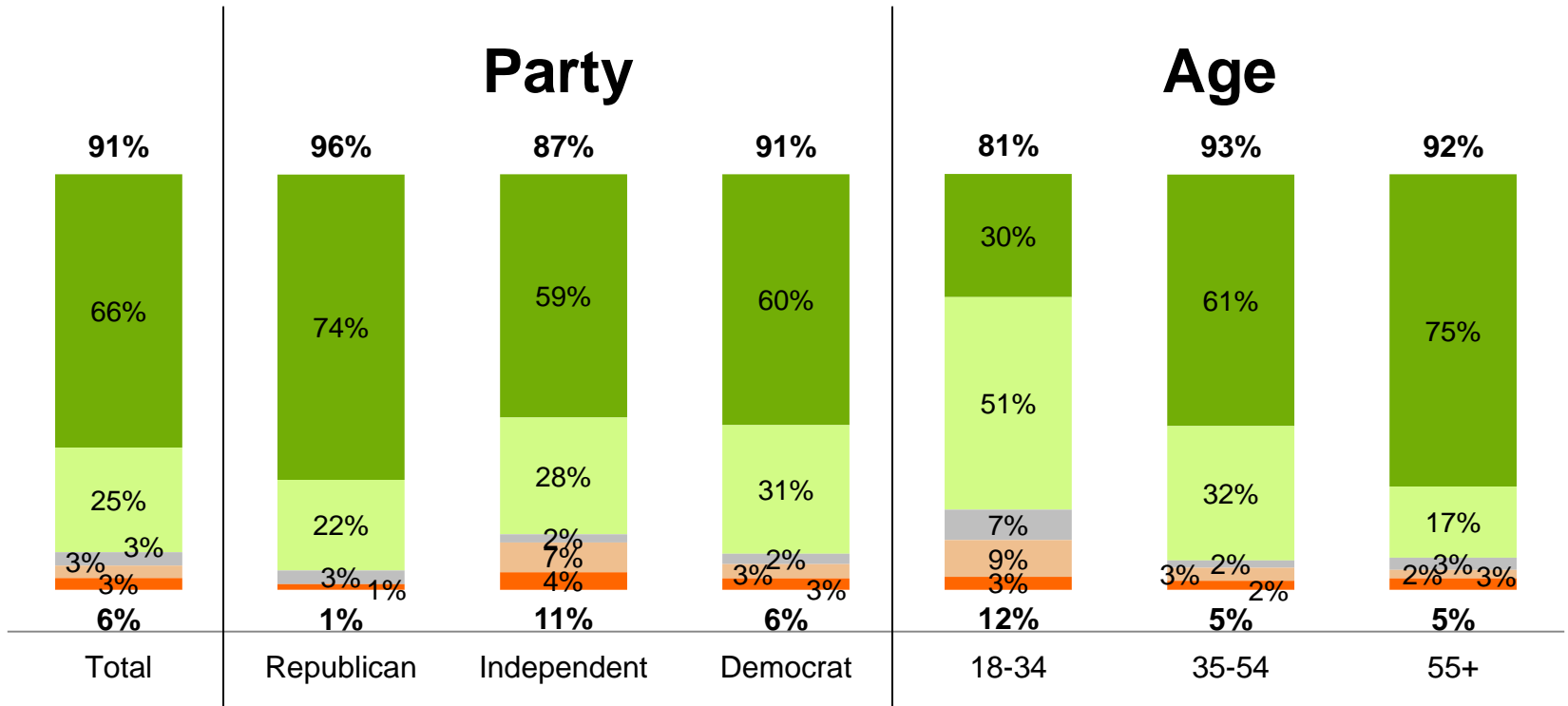


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Q2 How important to you is producing more oil and natural gas here at home?

# By Party and Age

How important to you is producing more oil and natural gas here at home?



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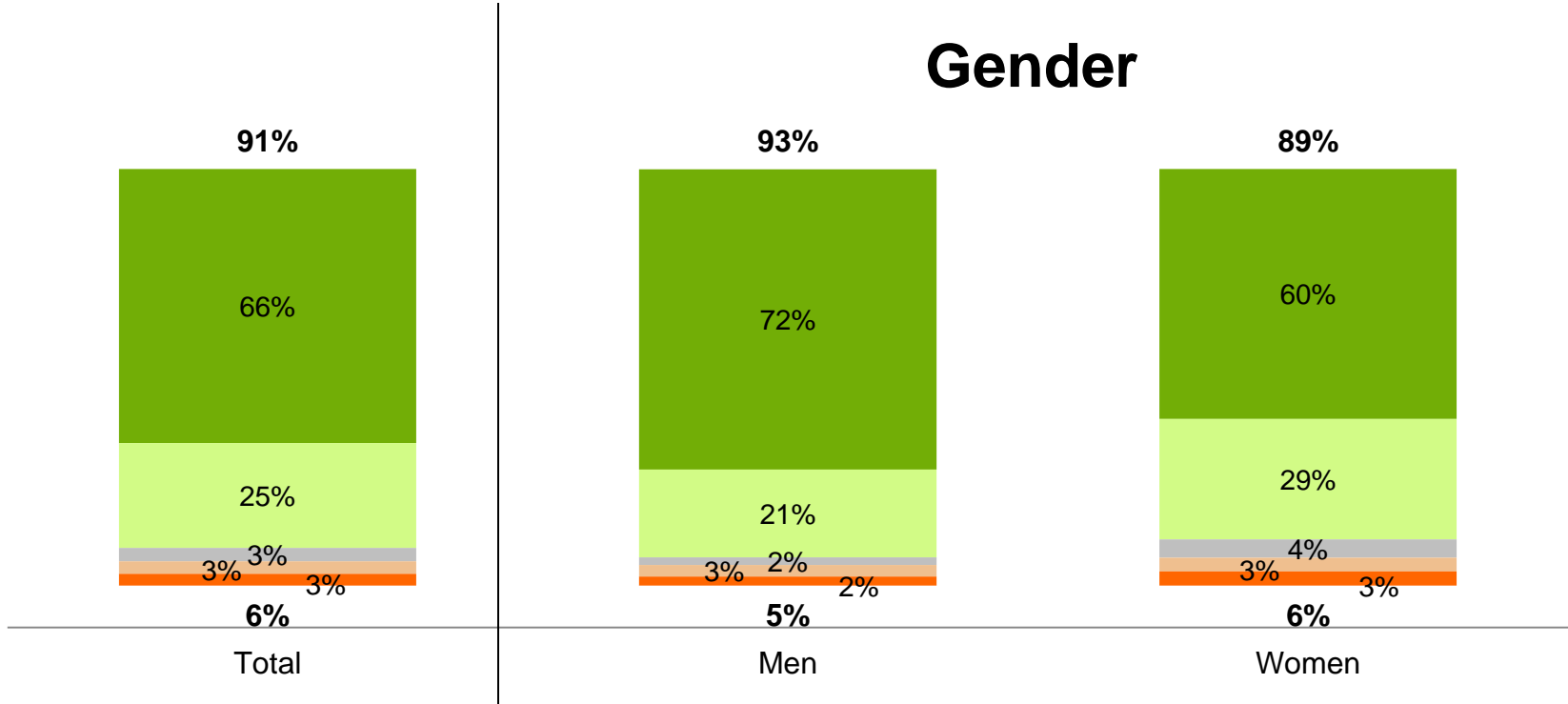
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Q2 How important to you is producing more oil and natural gas here at home?

# By Gender

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## Gender



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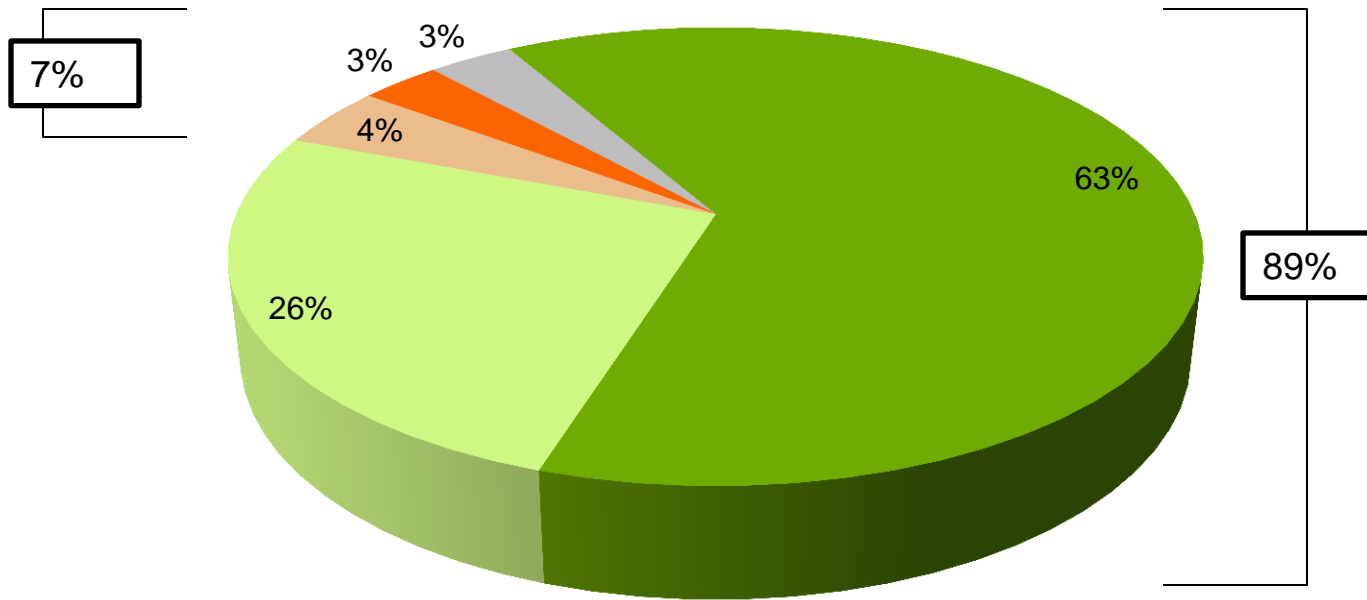
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Q2 How important to you is producing more oil and natural gas here at home?



# Nine in ten say energy is an important issue the federal government should be focused on.

How important is energy when it comes to the issues the federal government should be focusing on?



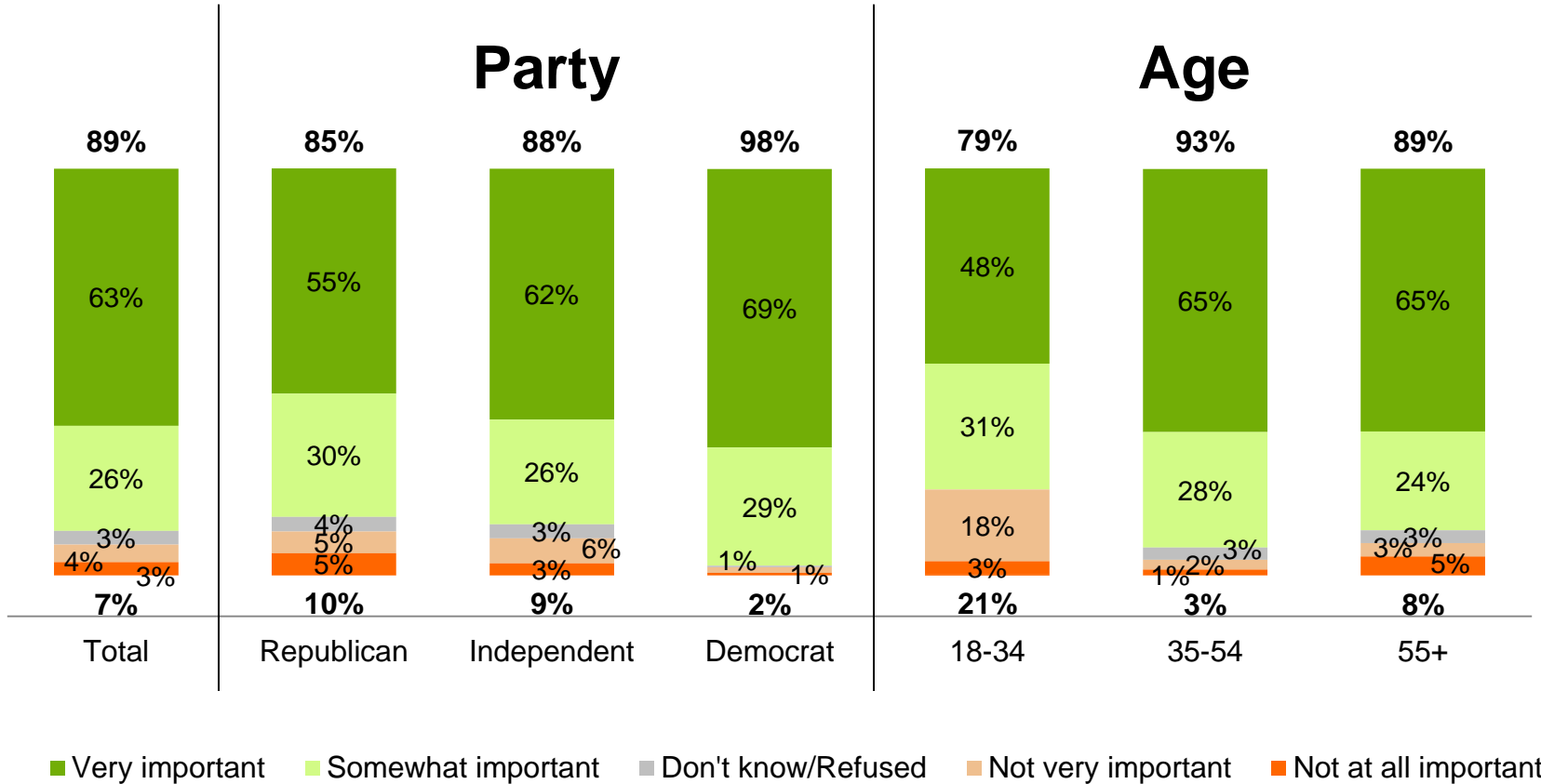
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- Don't know/Refused

**BASE: All Respondents (n=604)**

**Q3** How important is energy when it comes to the issues the federal government should be focusing on?

# By Party and Age

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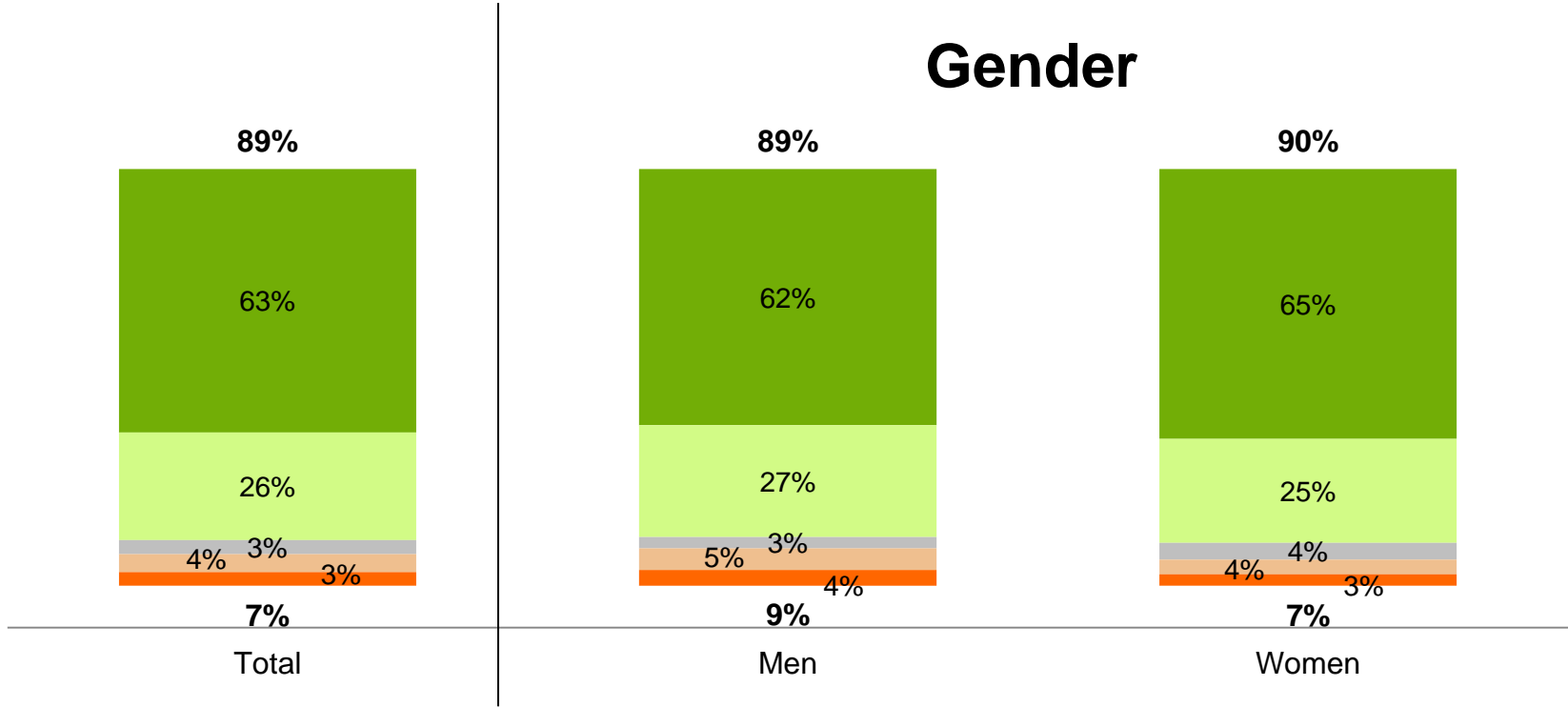
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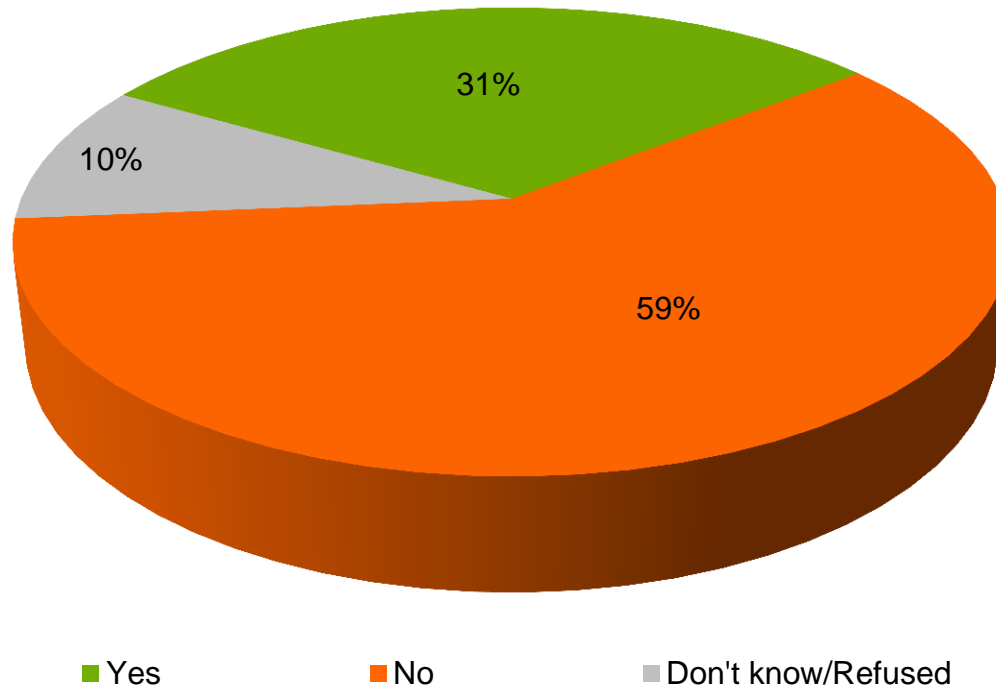
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**Q3** How important is energy when it comes to the issues the federal government should be focusing on?

# Majority of voters do not feel the federal government is doing enough to encourage domestic development.

Do you think the federal government does enough to encourage the development of oil and natural gas resources right here in the U.S.?

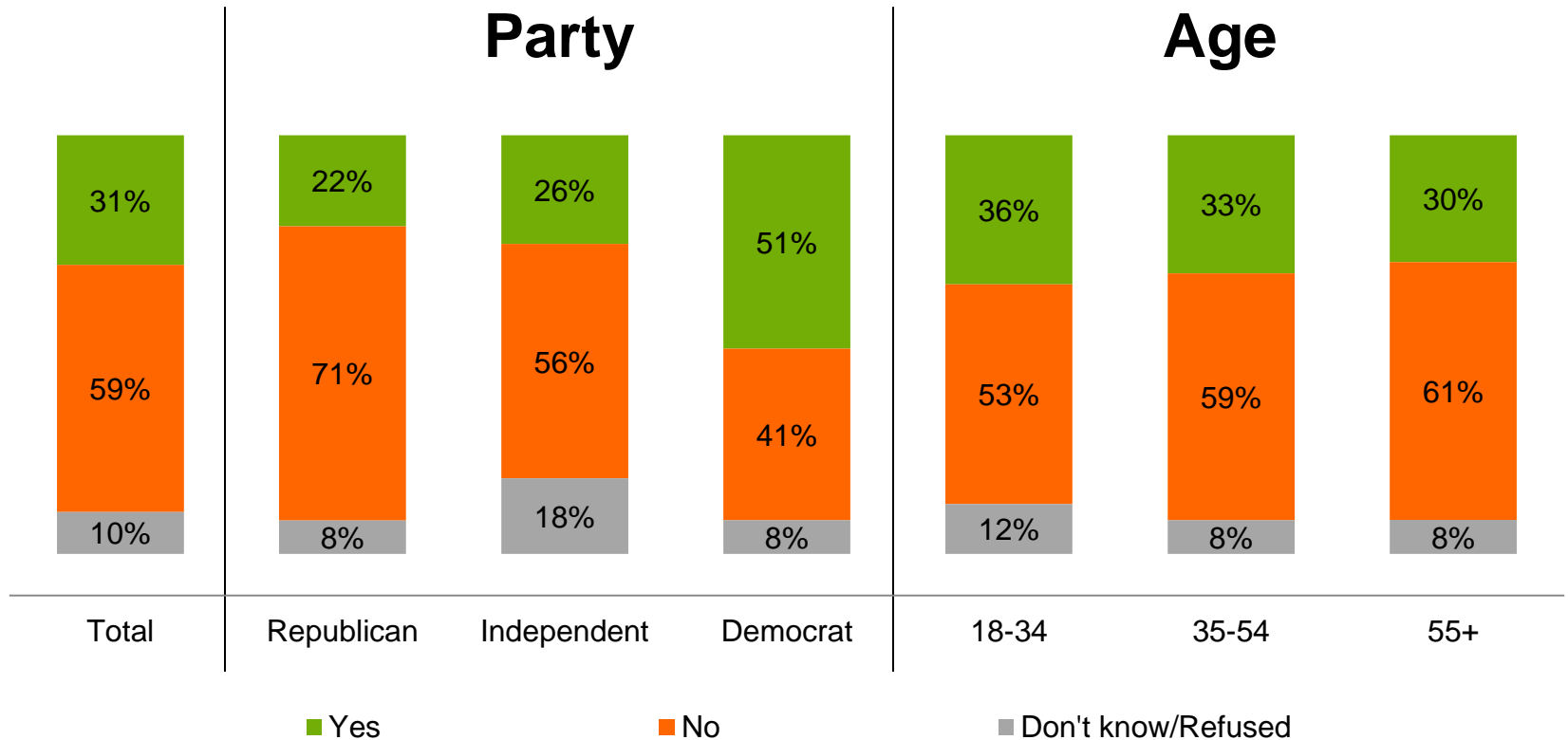


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**Q4** Do you think the federal government does enough to encourage the development of oil and natural gas resources right here in the U.S.?

## By Party & Age

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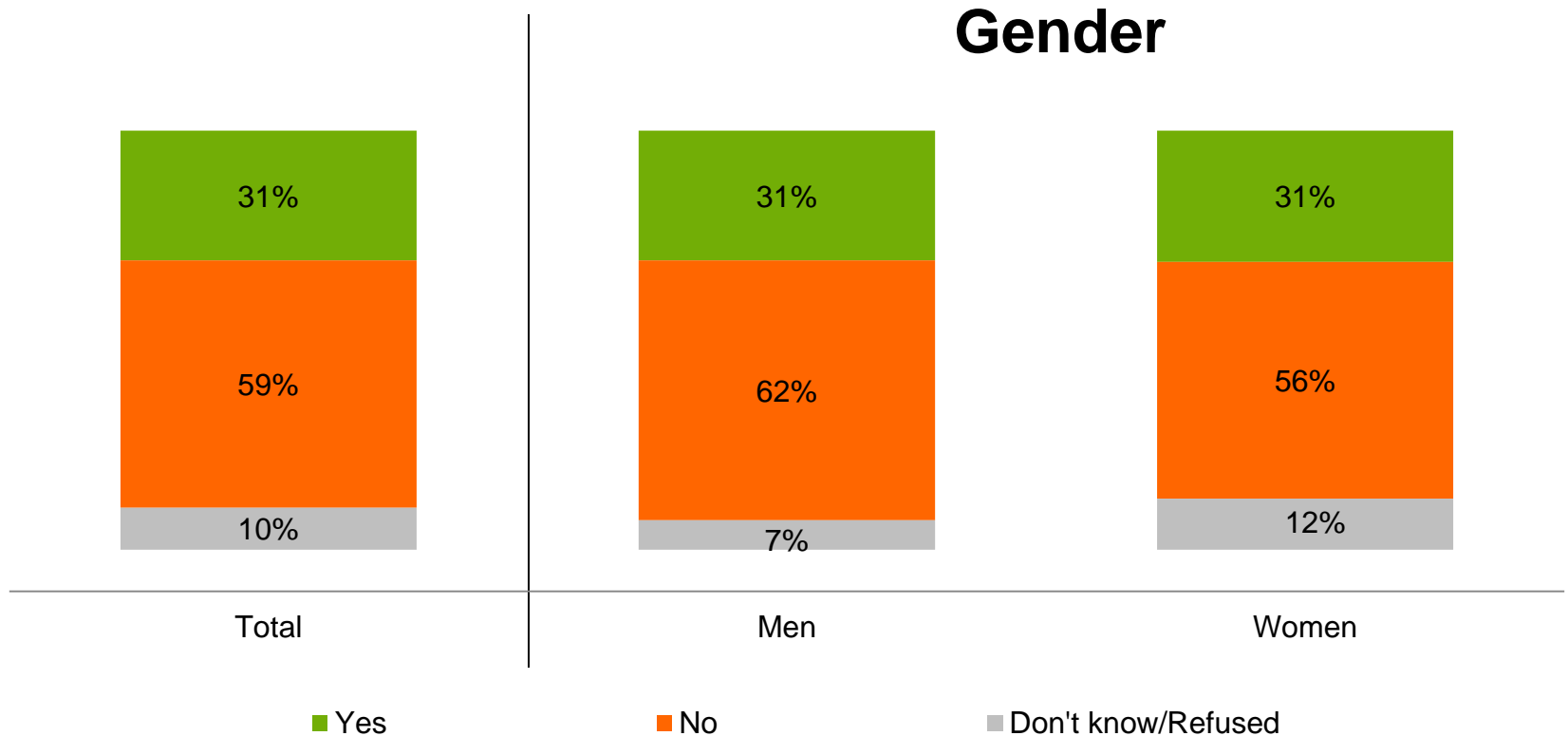


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**Q4** Do you think the federal government does enough to encourage the development of oil and natural gas resources right here in the U.S.?

## By Gender

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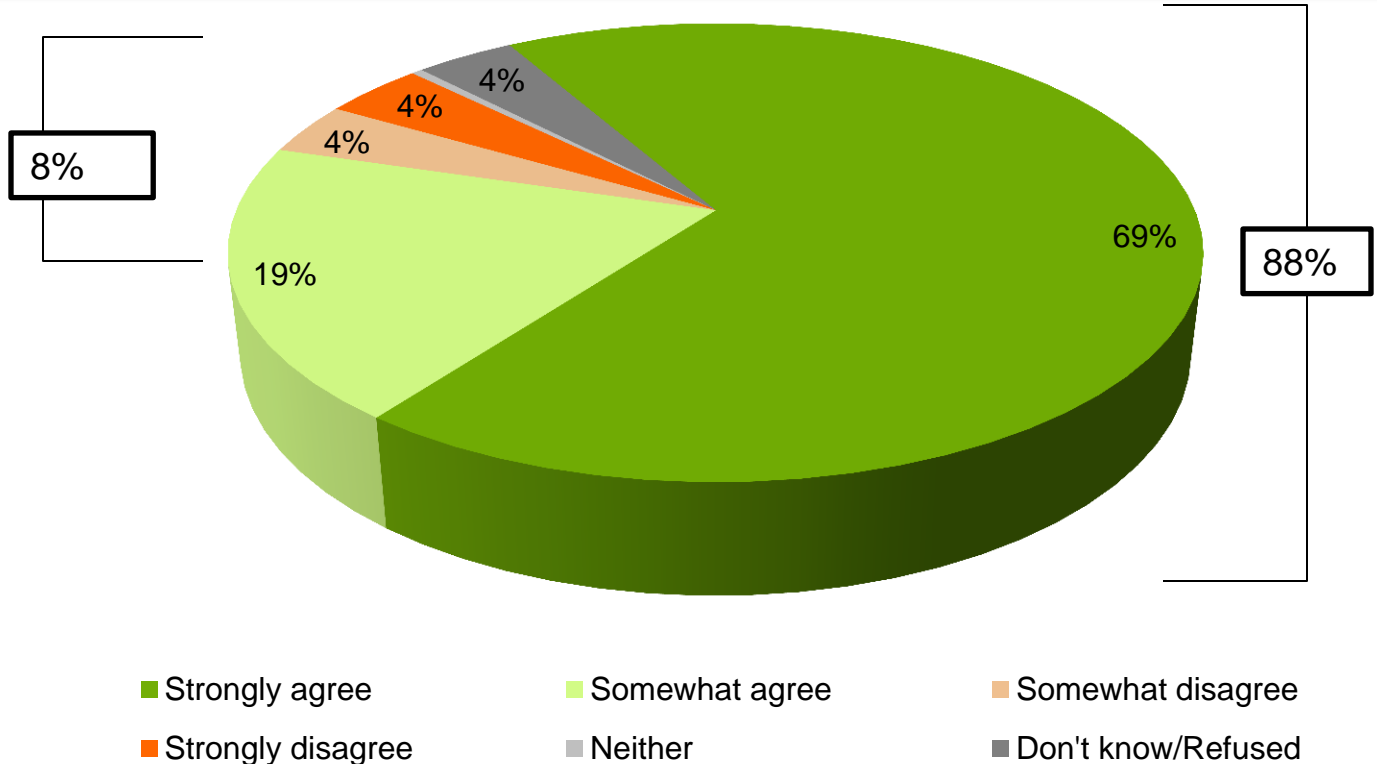


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**Q4** Do you think the federal government does enough to encourage the development of oil and natural gas resources right here in the U.S.?

# Most agree increased production could strengthen America's energy security.

Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's energy security.

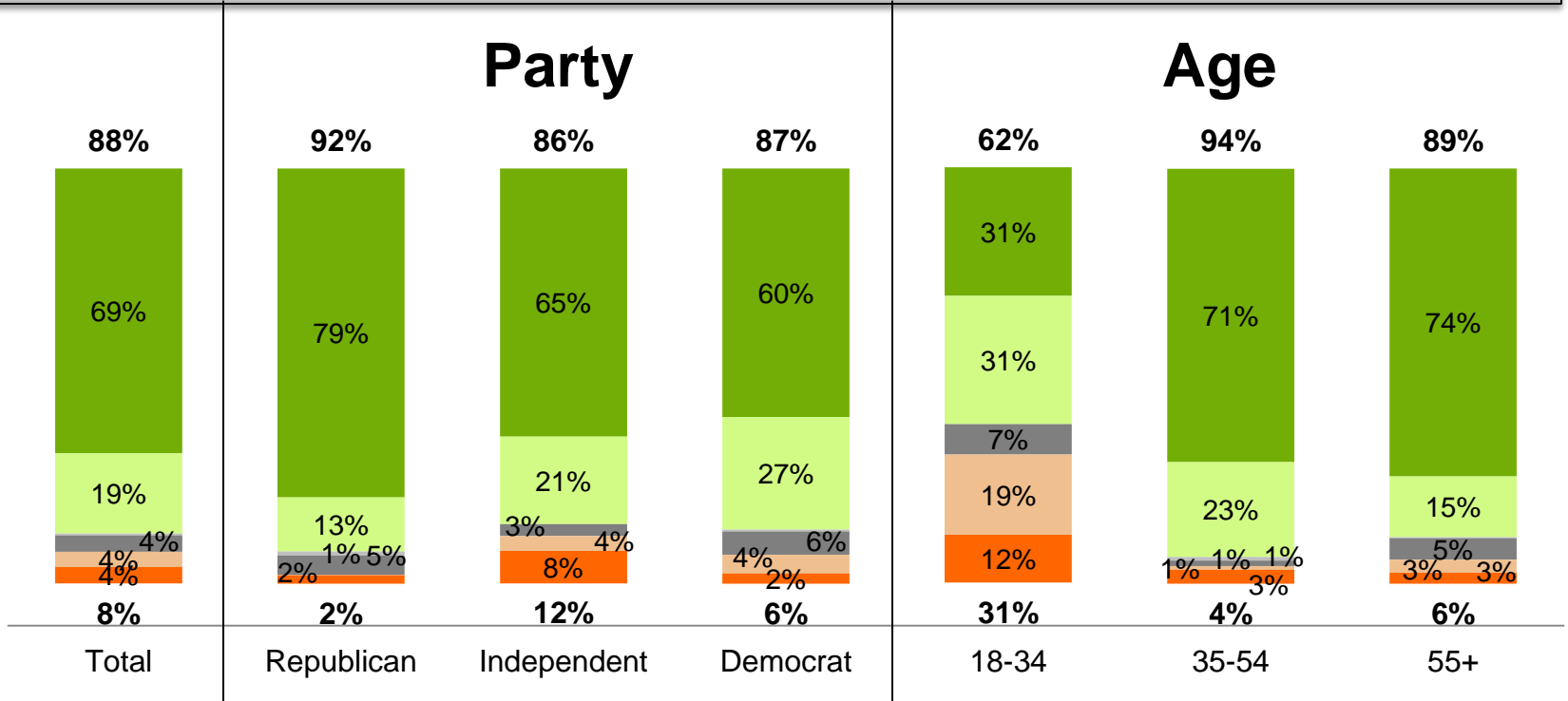


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**Q5** Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's energy security.

# By Party and Age

Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's energy security.



■ Strongly agree 
 ■ Somewhat agree 
 ■ Neither 
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**BASE: All Respondents (n=604)**

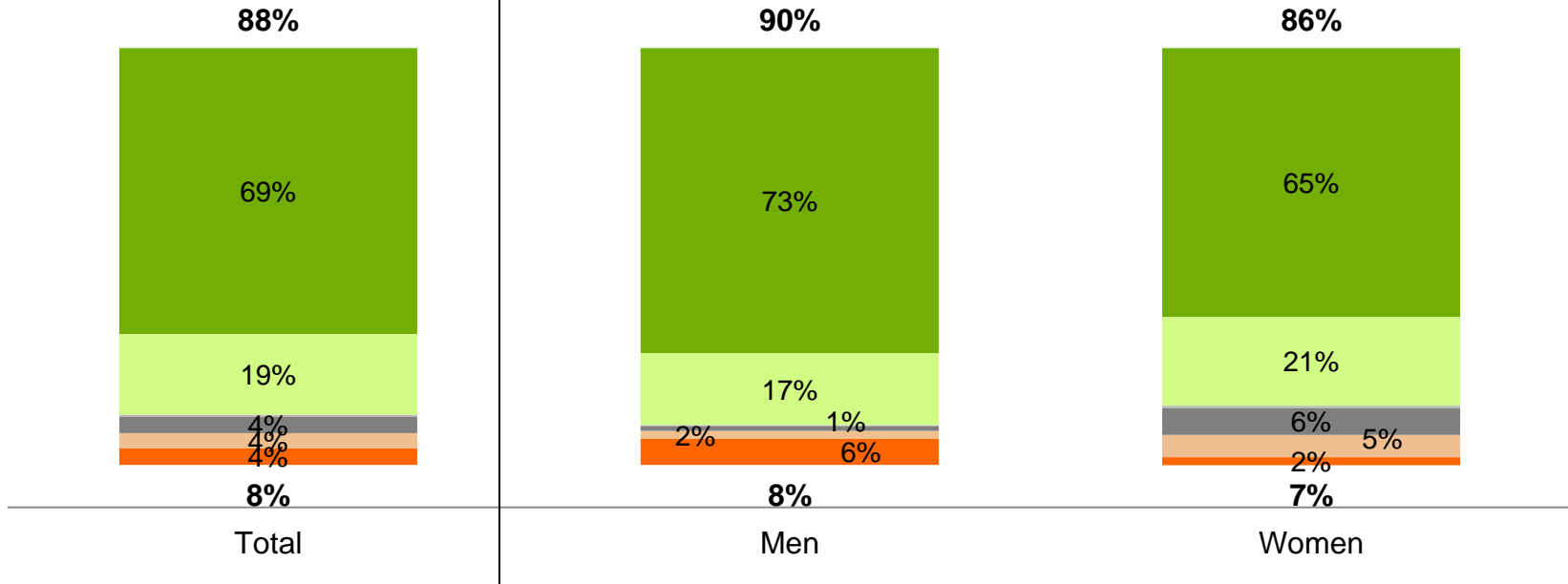
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# By Gender

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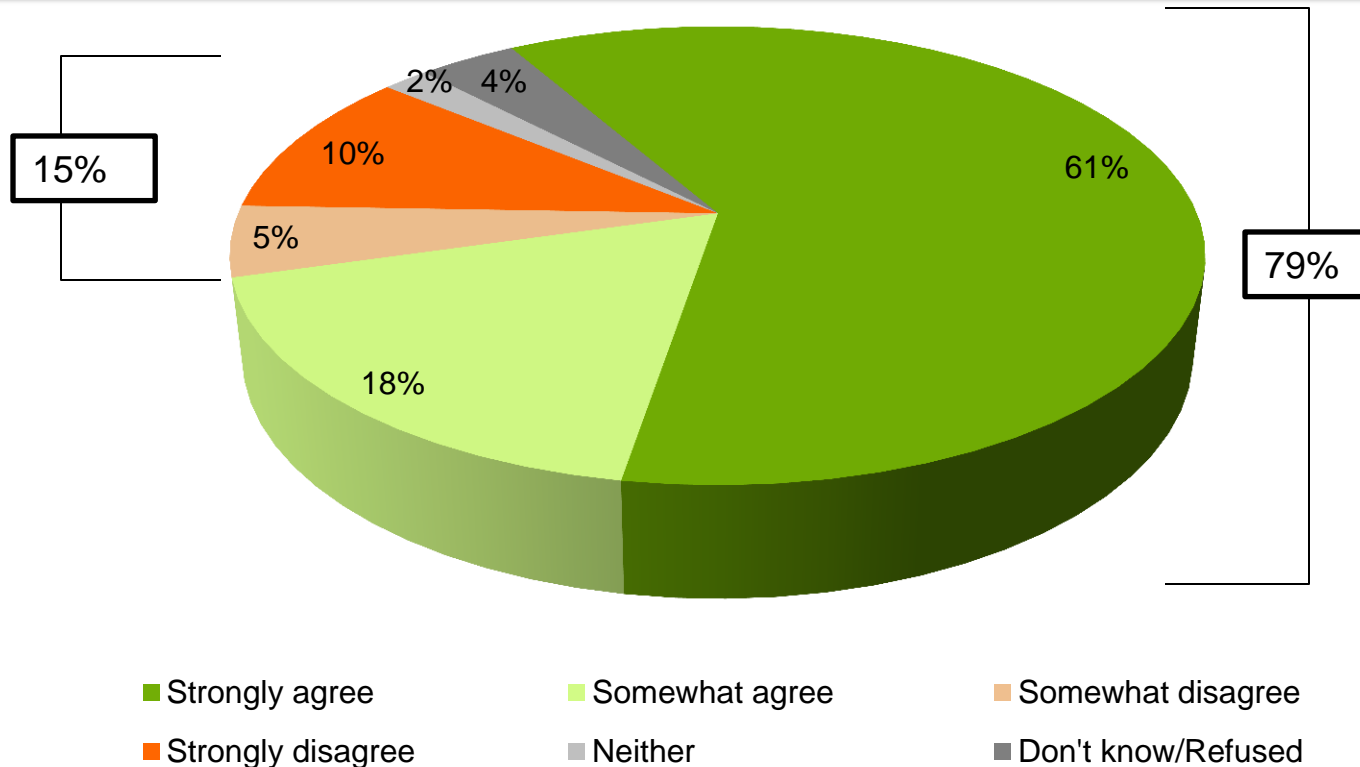


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 Q5 Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's energy security.

# Most agree increased production can lessen negative impacts of instability in other parts of the world.

Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's national security by lessening the negative impacts of political instability occurring in other parts of the world.

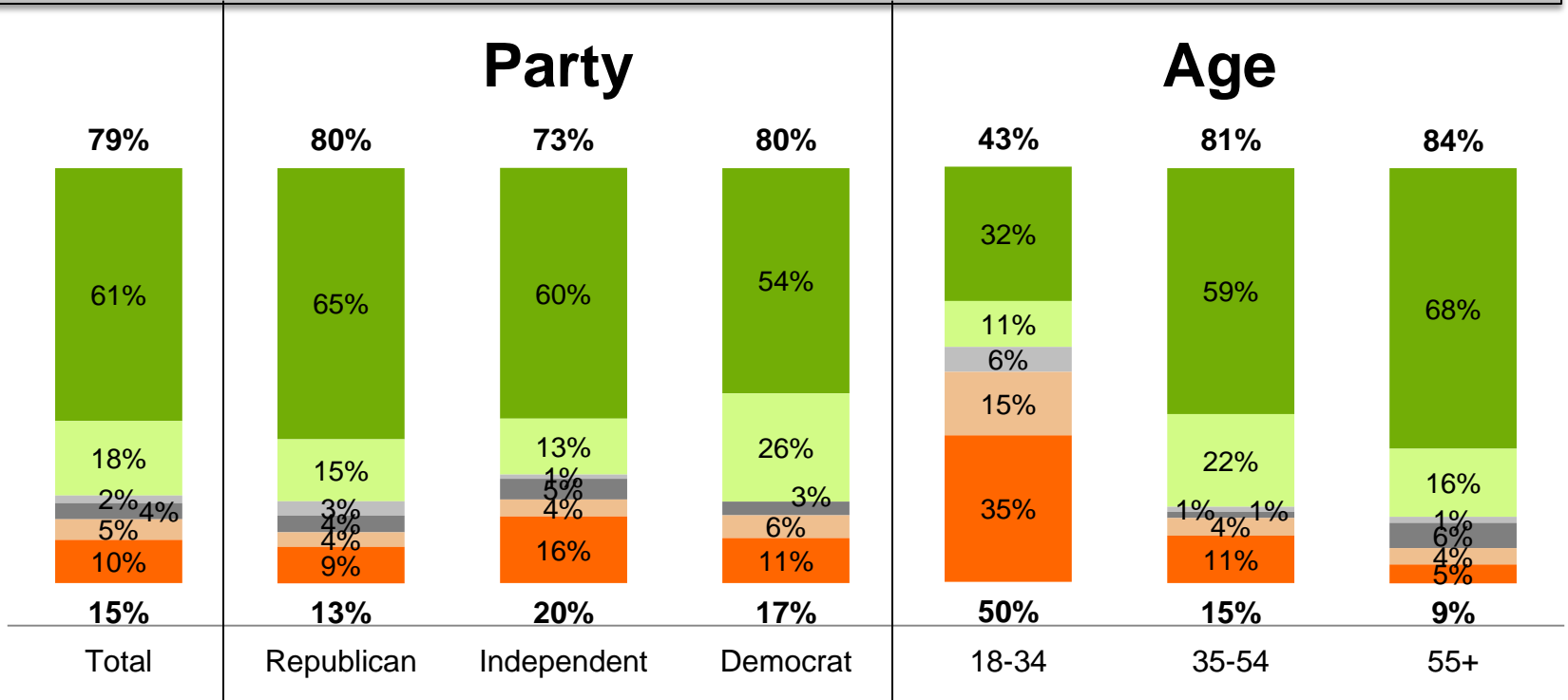


**BASE: All Respondents (n=604)**

**Q6** Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's national security by lessening the negative impacts of political instability occurring in other parts of the world.

# By Party and Age

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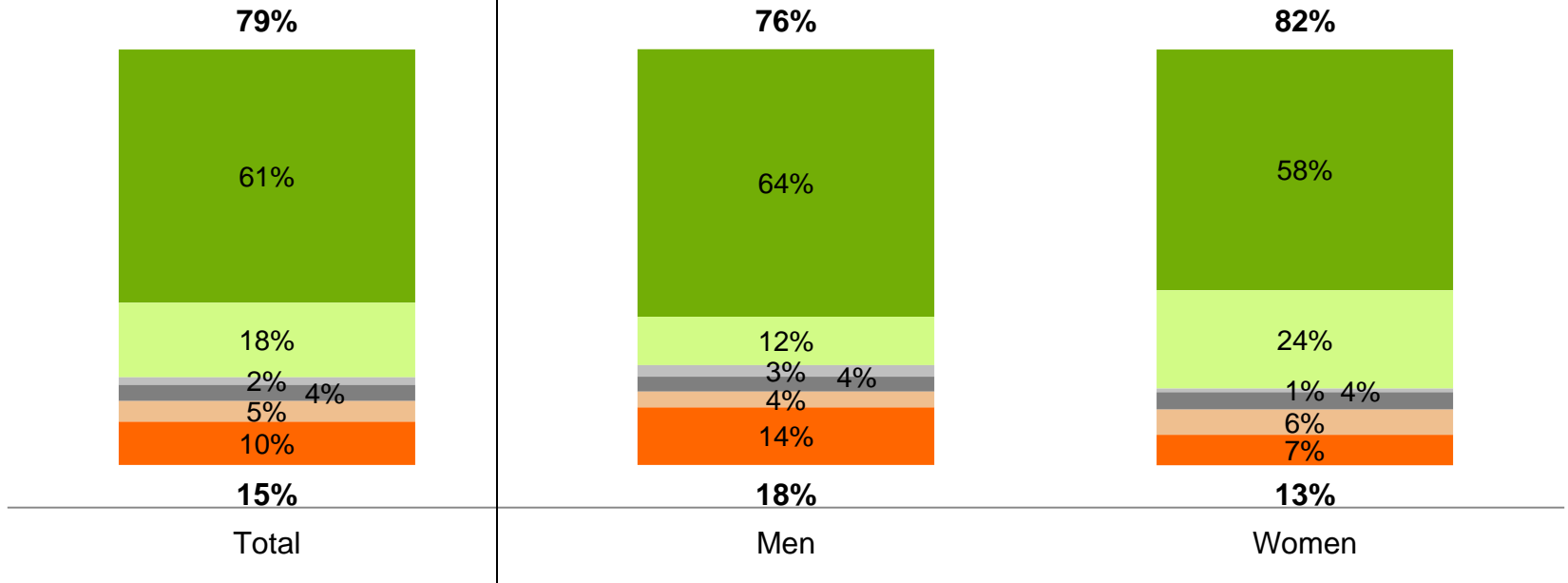
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**Q6** Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's national security by lessening the negative impacts of political instability occurring in other parts of the world.

## By Gender

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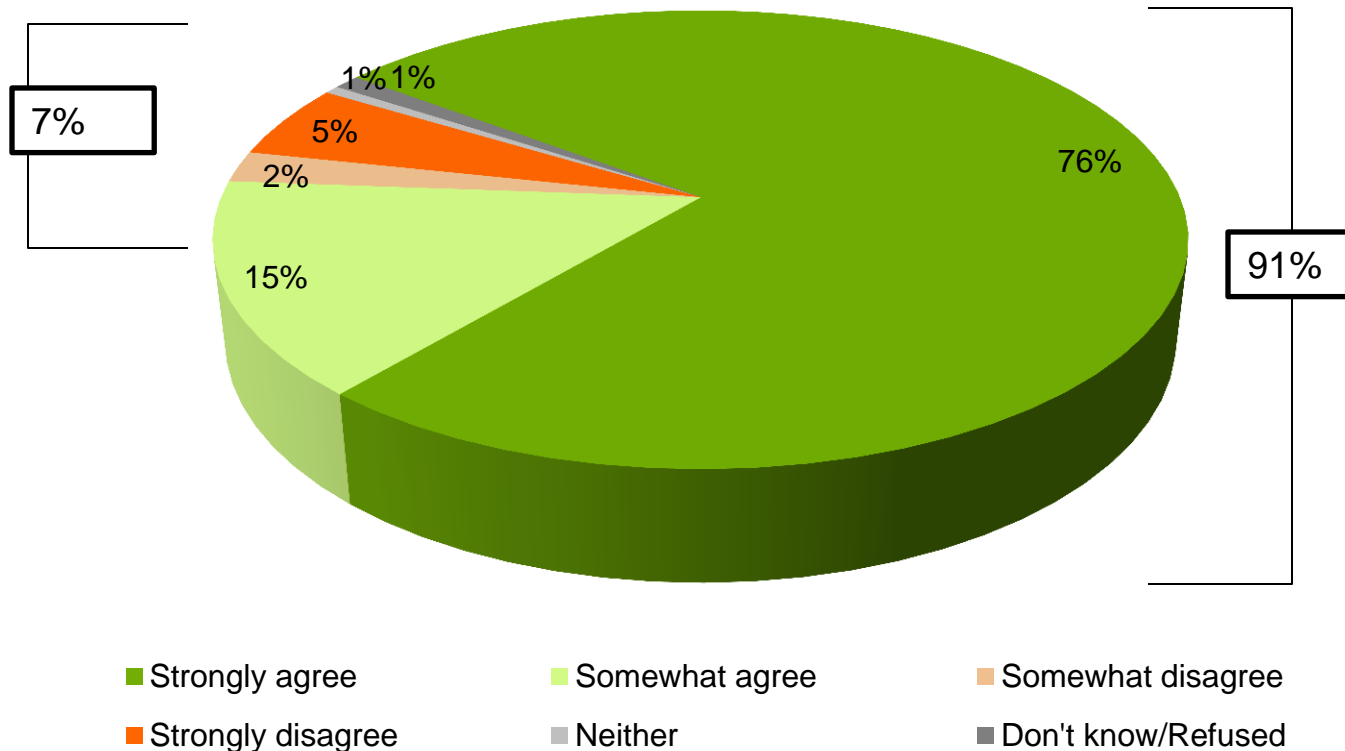
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**Q6** Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help strengthen America's national security by lessening the negative impacts of political instability occurring in other parts of the world.

# South Carolina voters say increased production could lead to more US jobs.

Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could lead to more jobs in the U.S.

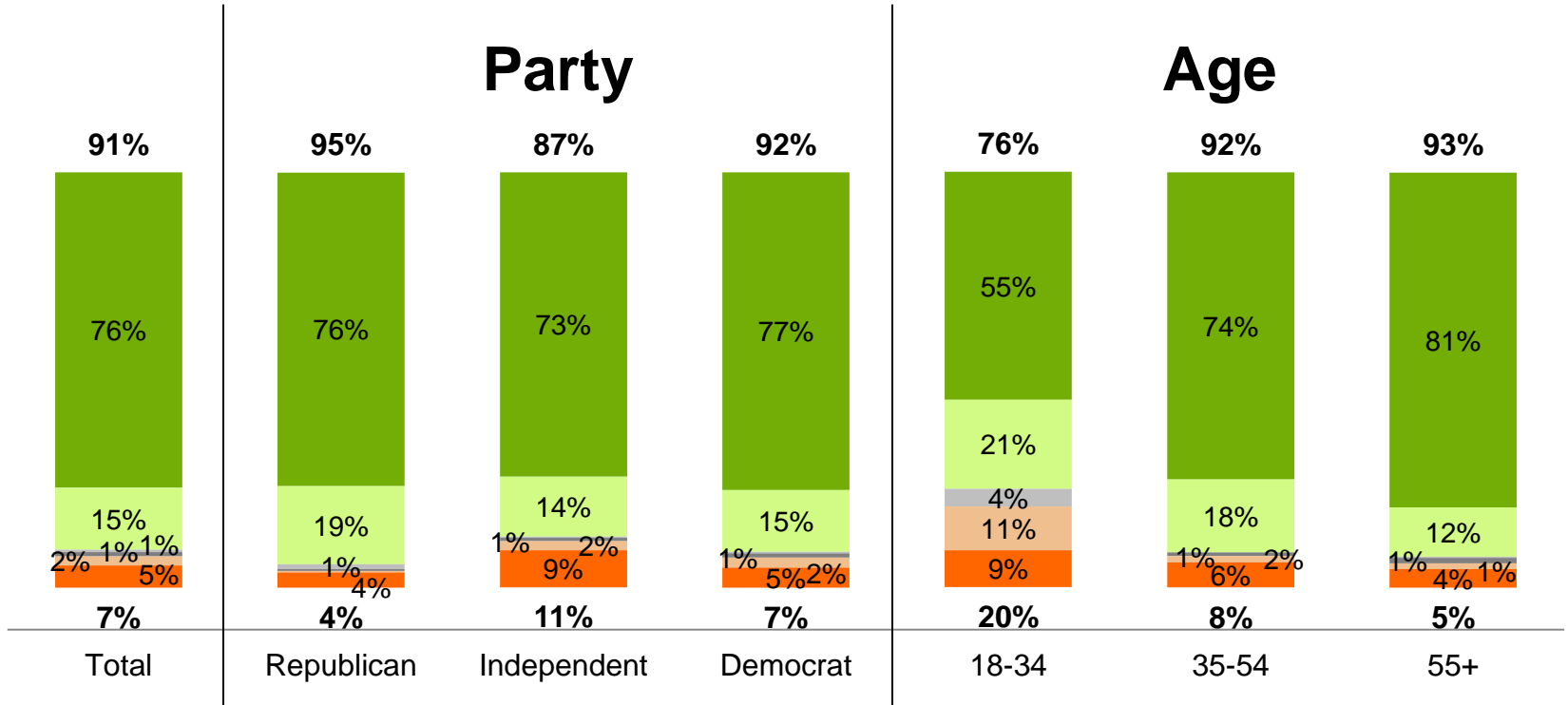


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**Q7** Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could lead to more jobs in the U.S.

## By Party and Age

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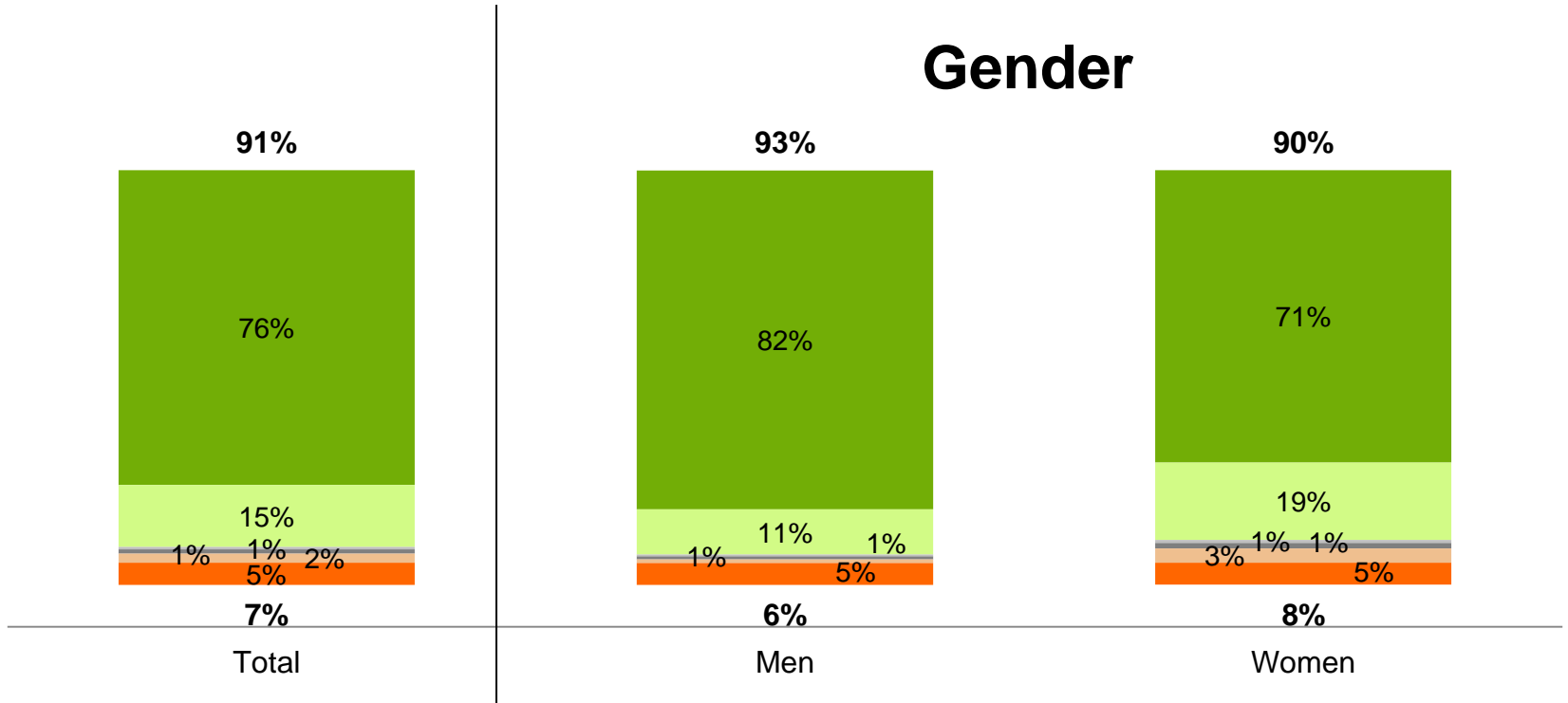
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# By Gender

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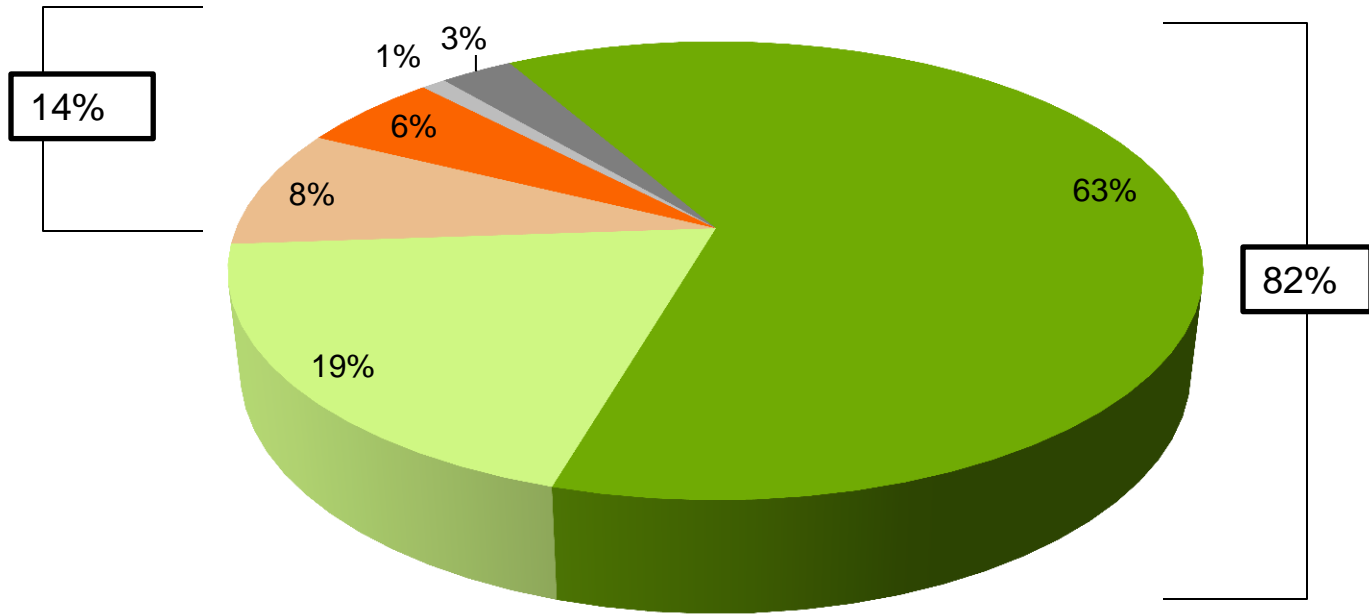
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Q7 Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could lead to more jobs in the U.S.

# South Carolina voters believe increased production could help lower energy costs for consumers.

Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help lower energy costs for consumers.



- Strongly agree
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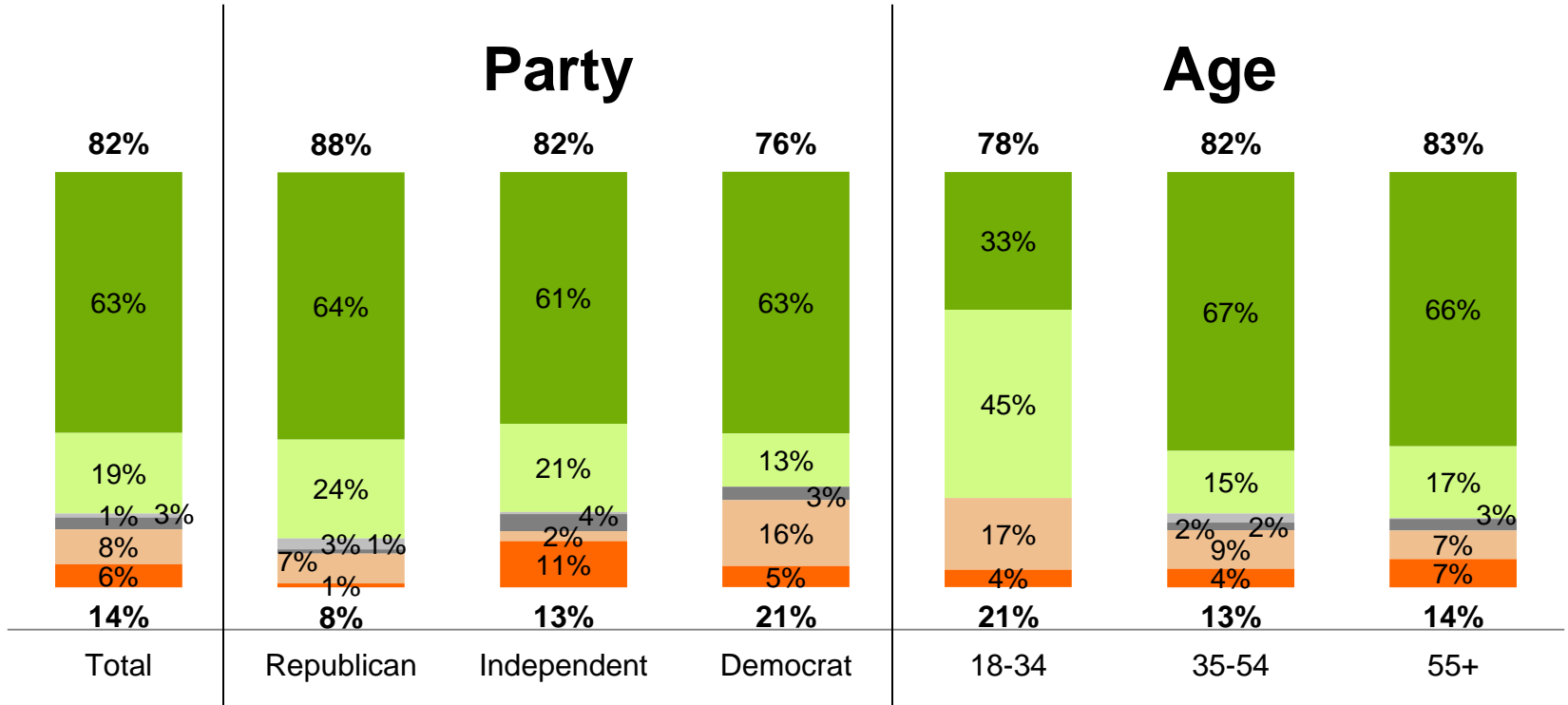
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**Q8** Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help lower energy costs for consumers.



# By Party and Age

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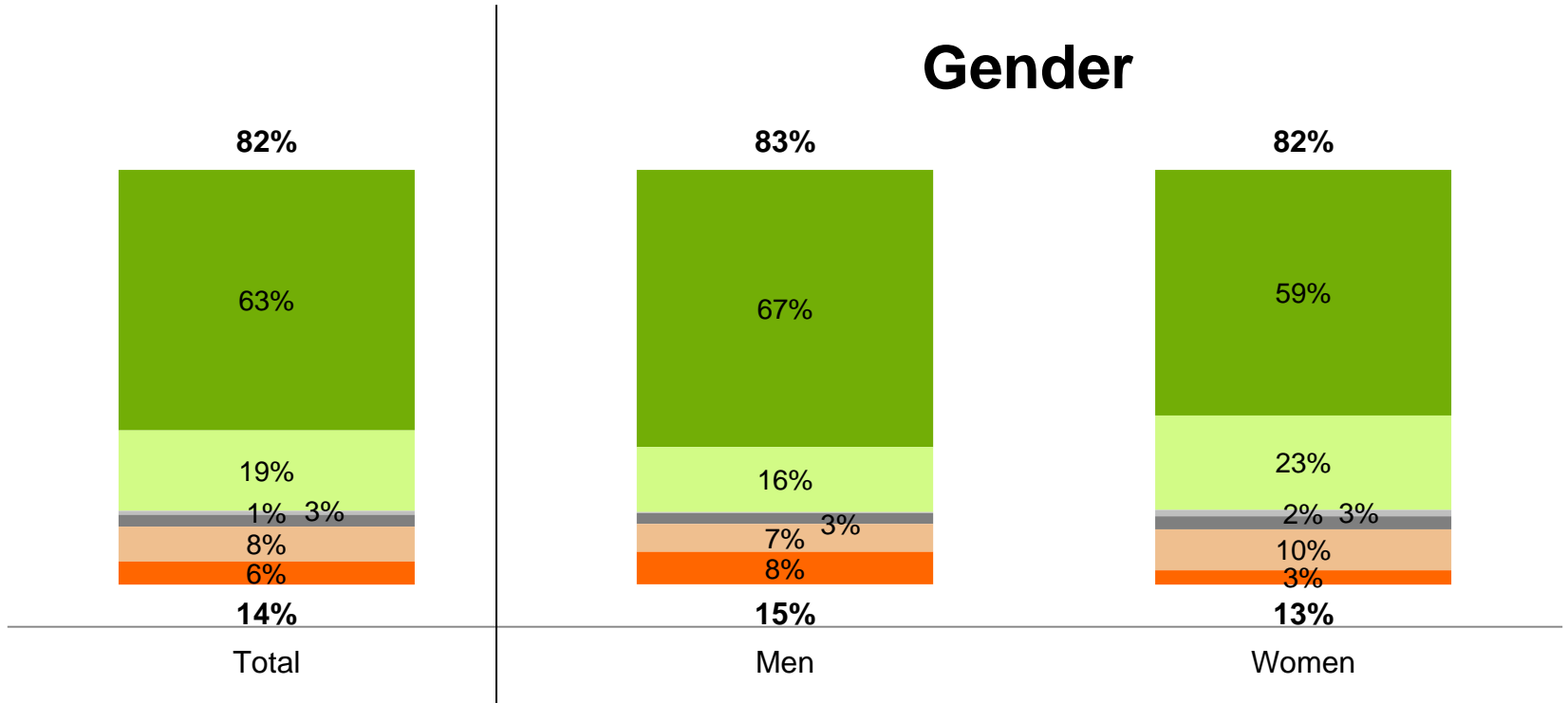
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## By Gender

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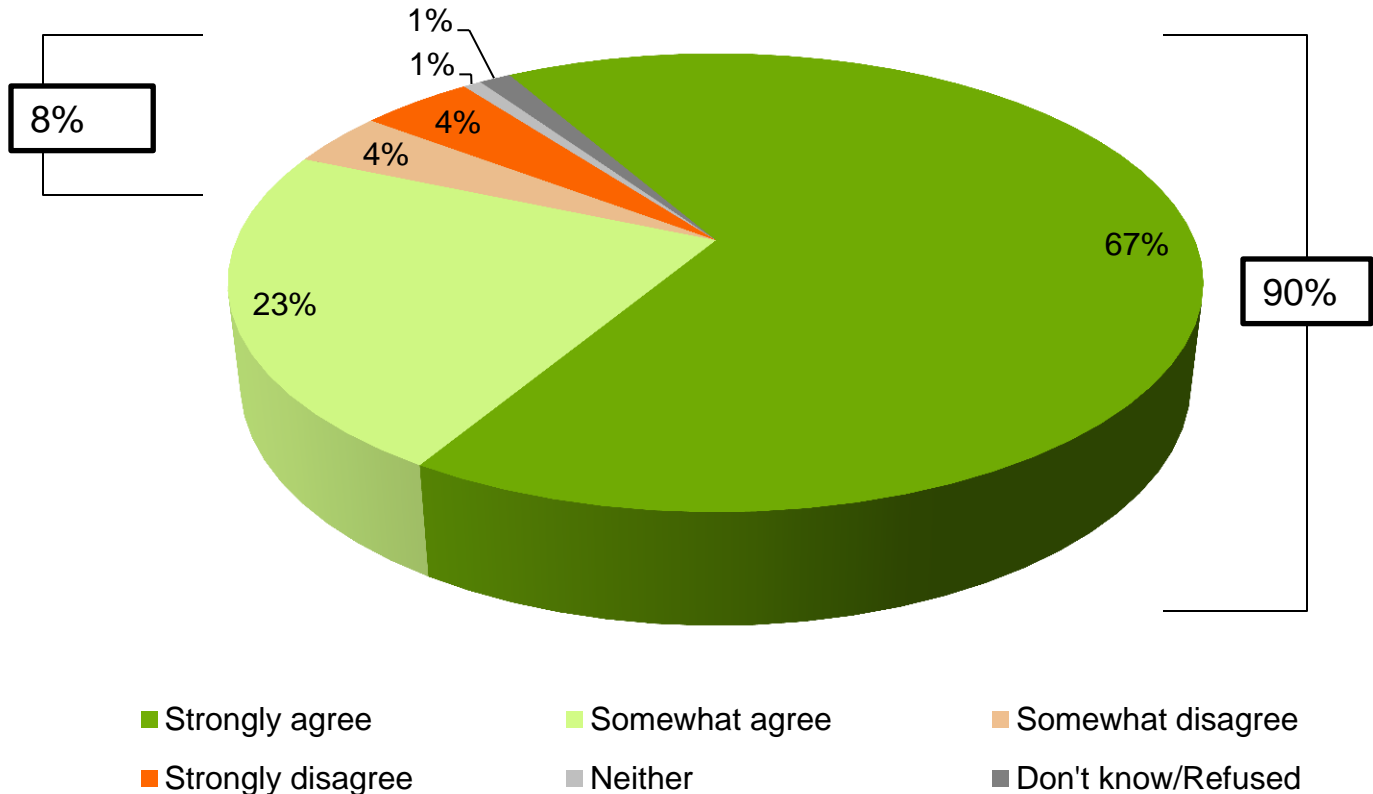
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**Q8** Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could help lower energy costs for consumers.

# Nine in ten voters say increased production could help stimulate the economy.

Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help stimulate the economy.

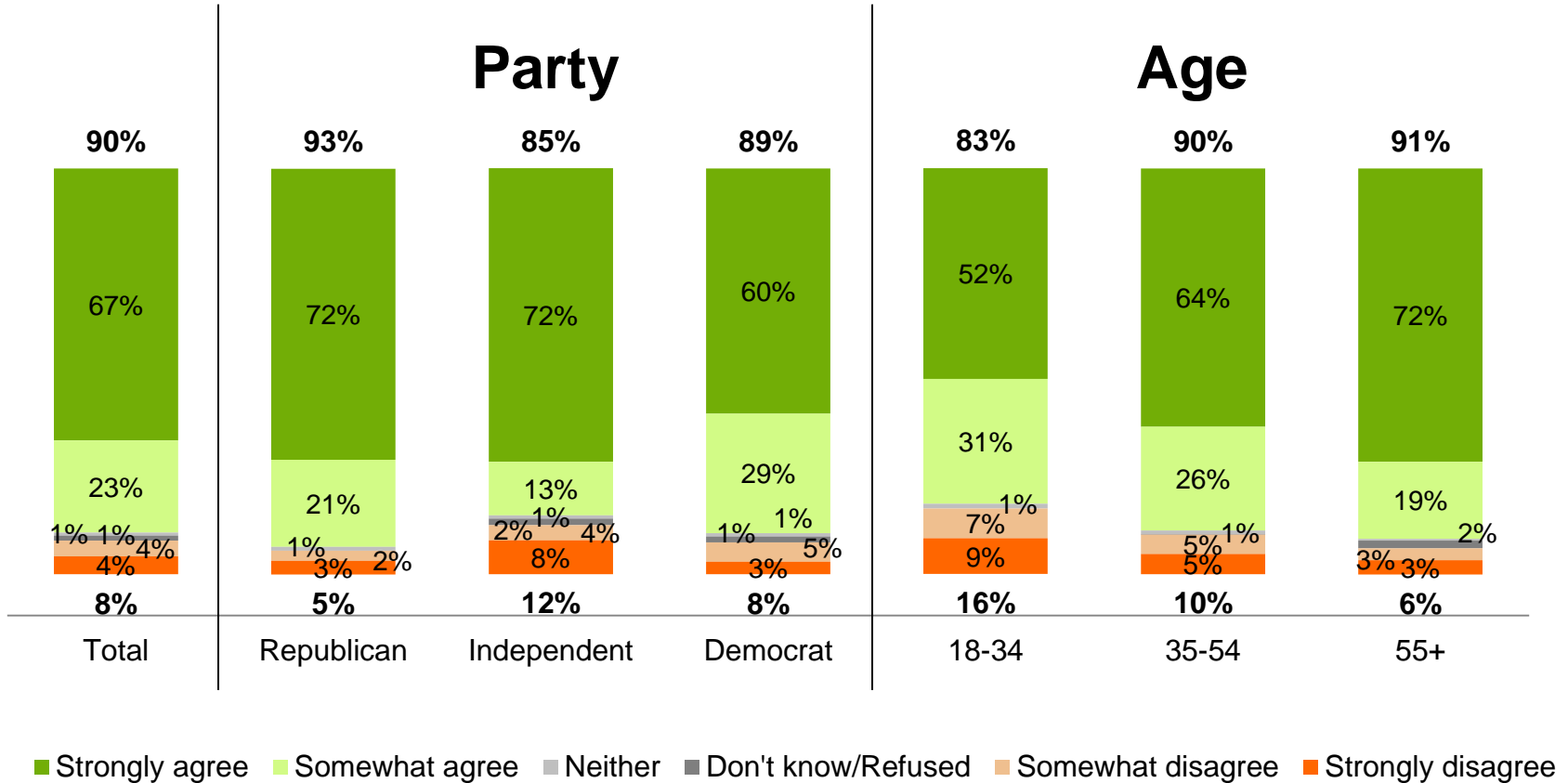


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**Q9** Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help stimulate the economy.

## By Party and Age

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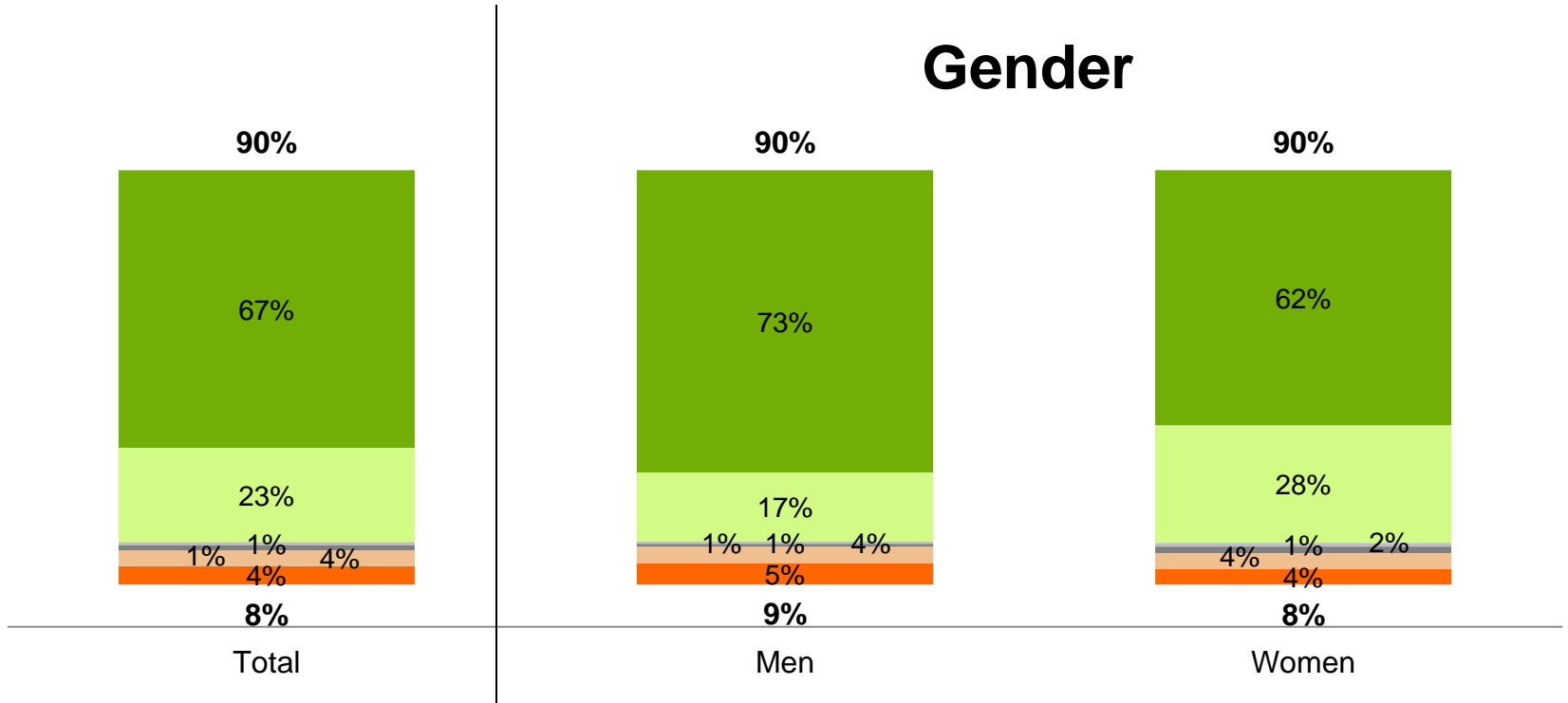


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**Q9** Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help stimulate the economy.

# By Gender

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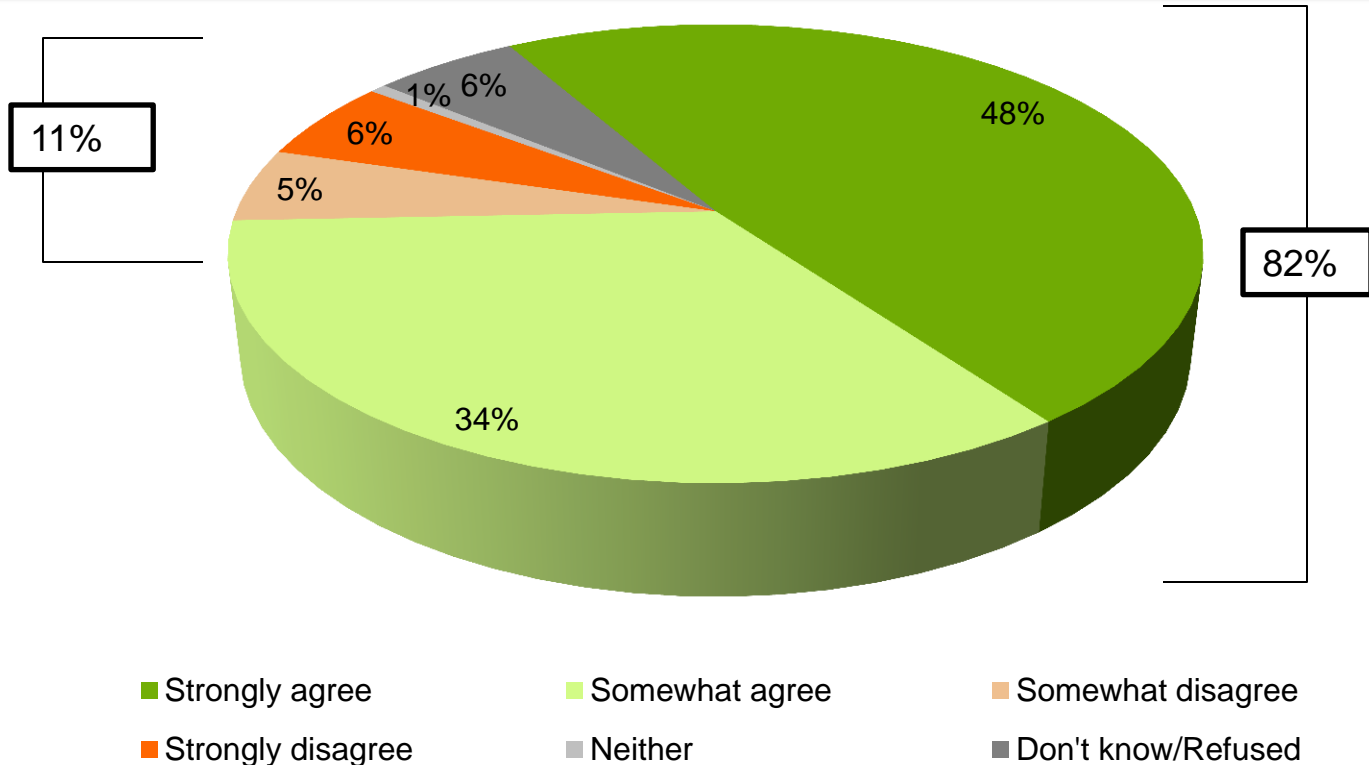
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Q9 Agree/Disagree: Increased production of domestic oil and natural gas could help stimulate the economy.

# Most voters agree that increased production could benefit government budgets.

Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could benefit federal and state budgets through lease payments, royalty fees and other sources of revenue.

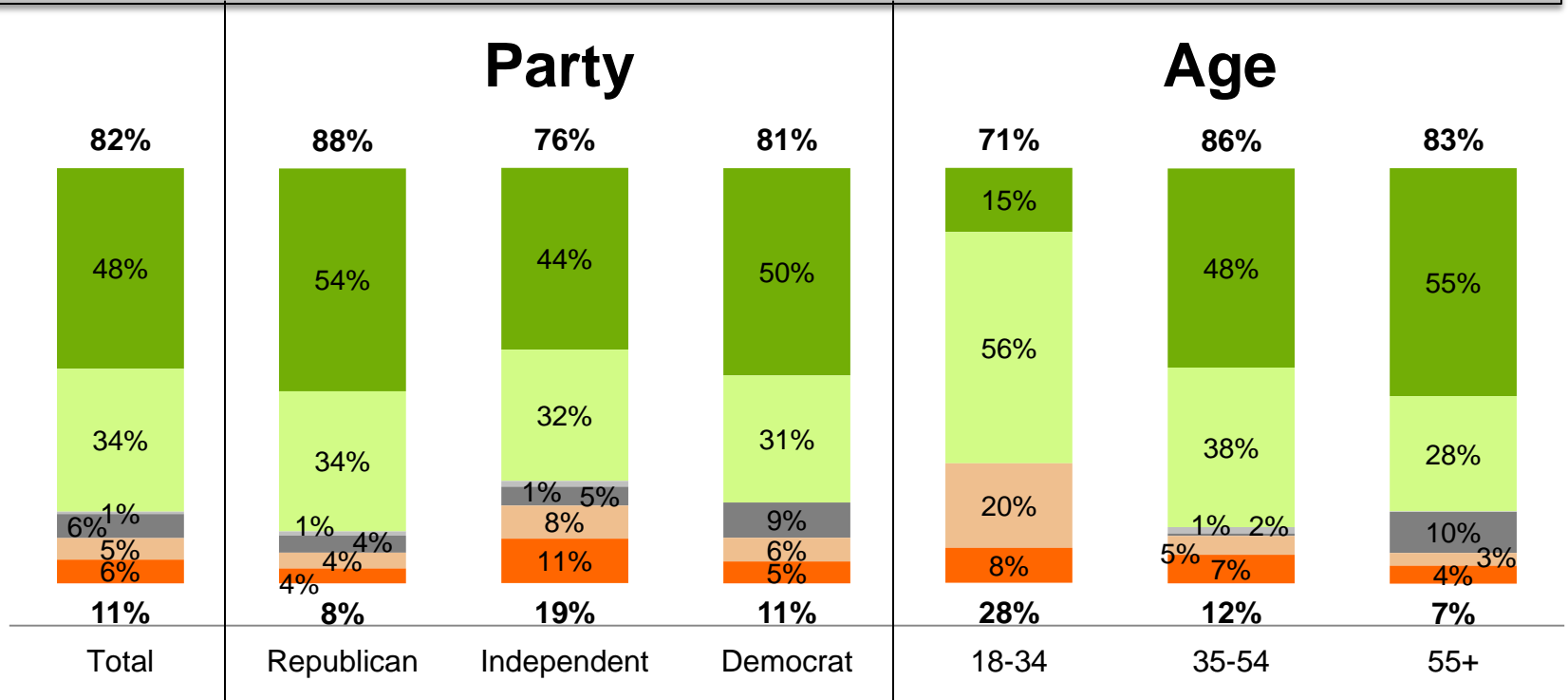


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**Q10** Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could benefit federal and state budgets through lease payments, royalty fees and other sources of revenue.

## By Party and Age

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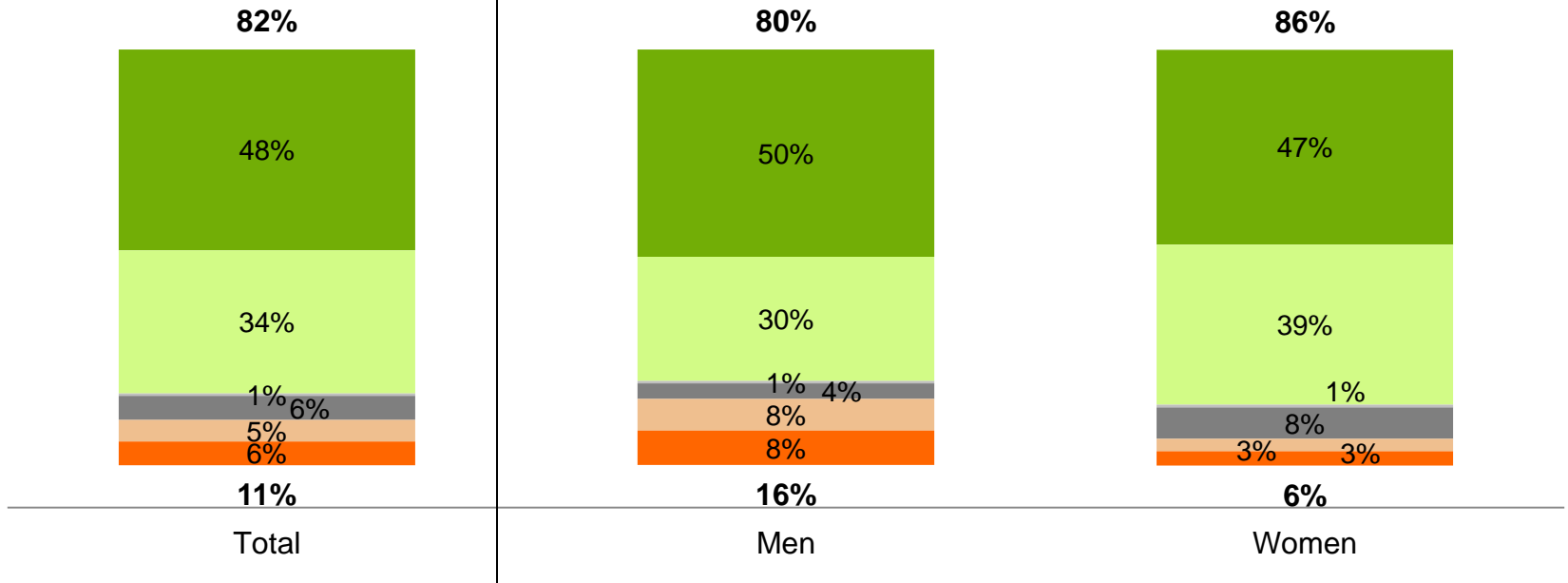
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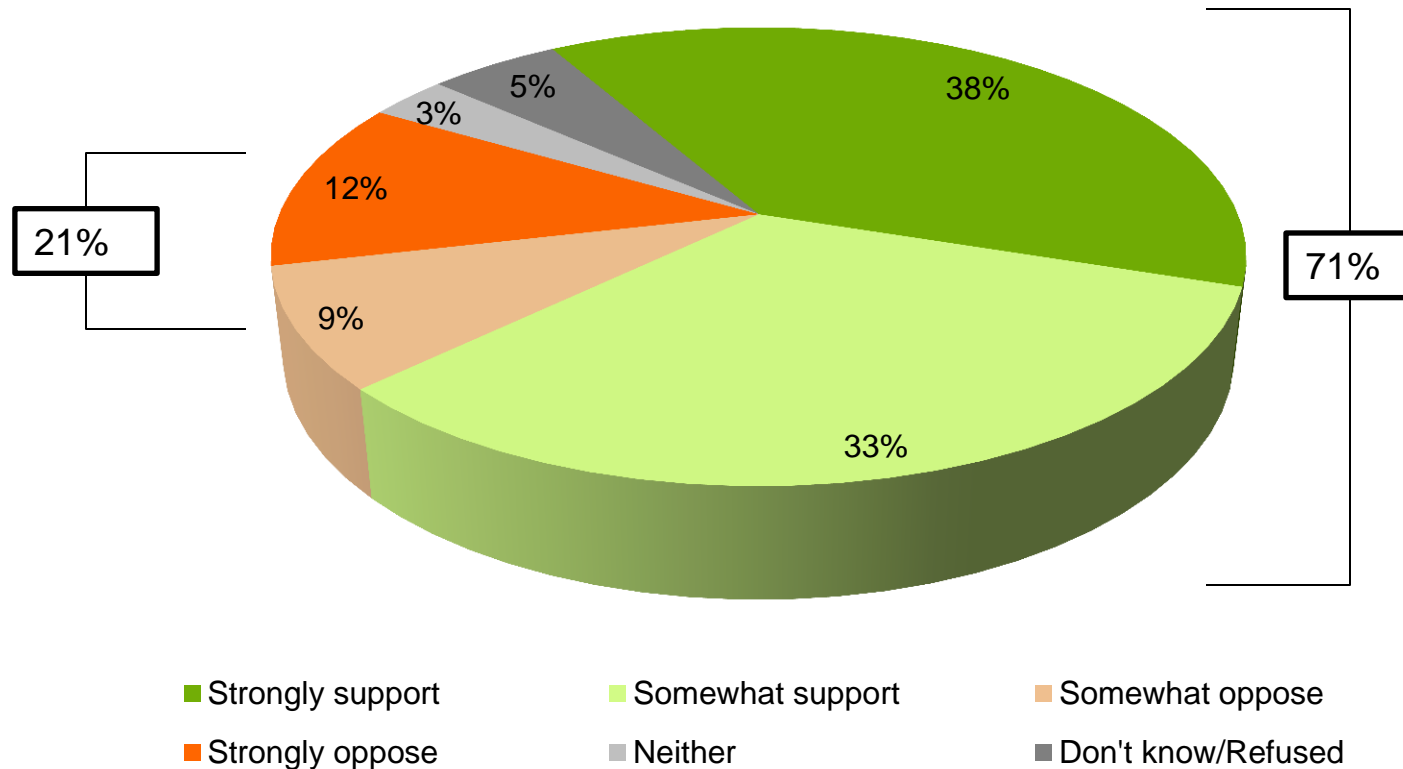
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**Q10** Agree/Disagree: Producing more domestic oil and natural gas could benefit federal and state budgets through lease payments, royalty fees and other sources of revenue.



# Over seven in ten South Carolina voters support offshore drilling for oil and natural gas.

Do you support or oppose offshore drilling for domestic oil and natural gas resources?

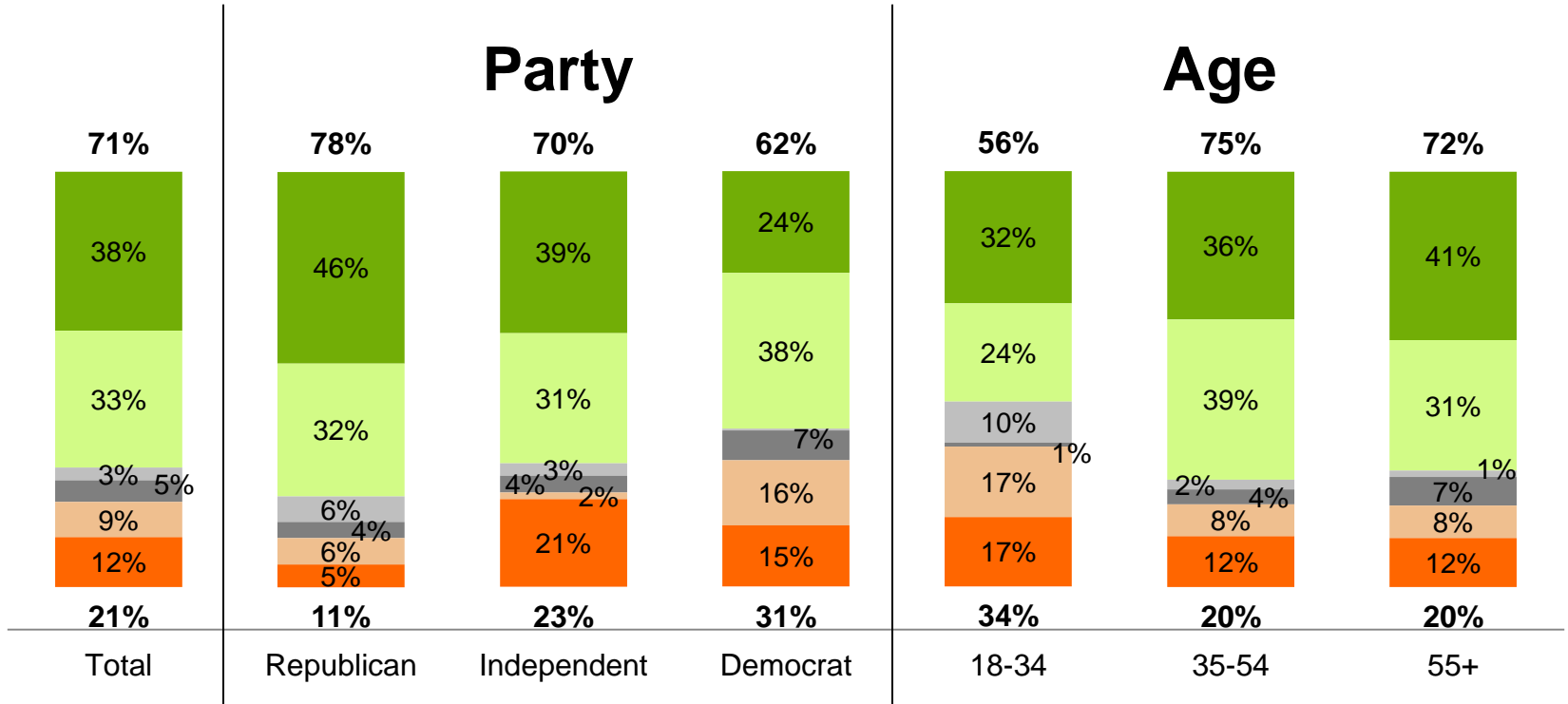


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**Q11** Do you support or oppose offshore drilling for domestic oil and natural gas resources?

# By Party and Age

Do you support or oppose offshore drilling for domestic oil and natural gas resources?



■ Strongly support ■ Somewhat support ■ Neither ■ Don't know/Refused ■ Somewhat oppose ■ Strongly oppose

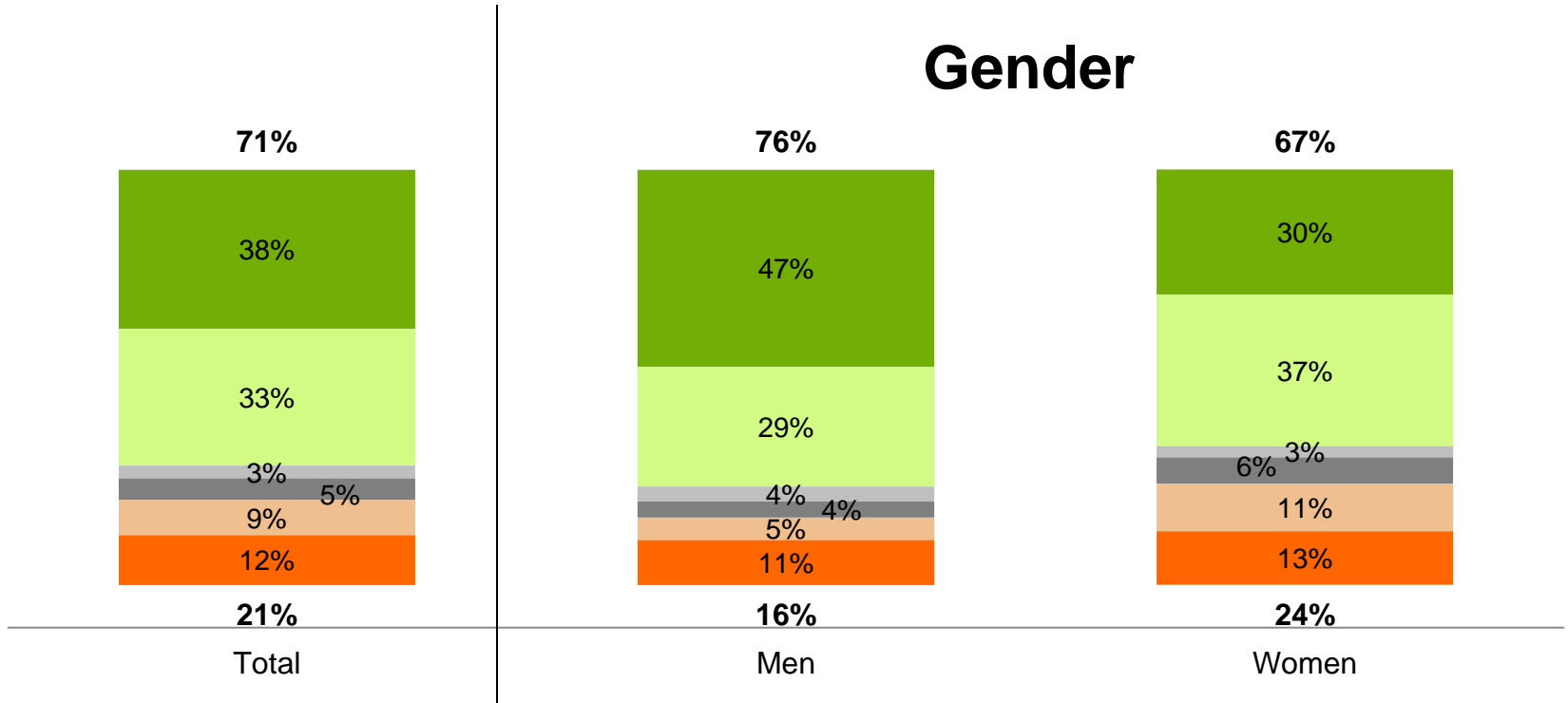
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# By Gender

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