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Indiana Statewide

**600 Registered Voters
December 16-20, 2021**

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TURNING QUESTIONS INTO ANSWERS



Methodology

As you know, Public Opinion Strategies recently completed a survey of 600 voters in Indiana on behalf of the National Audubon Society. The survey was completed December 16-20, 2021 via landline (40%) and text to web (60%) and has a margin of error of +/- 4% in 95 out of 100 cases.

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Key Findings



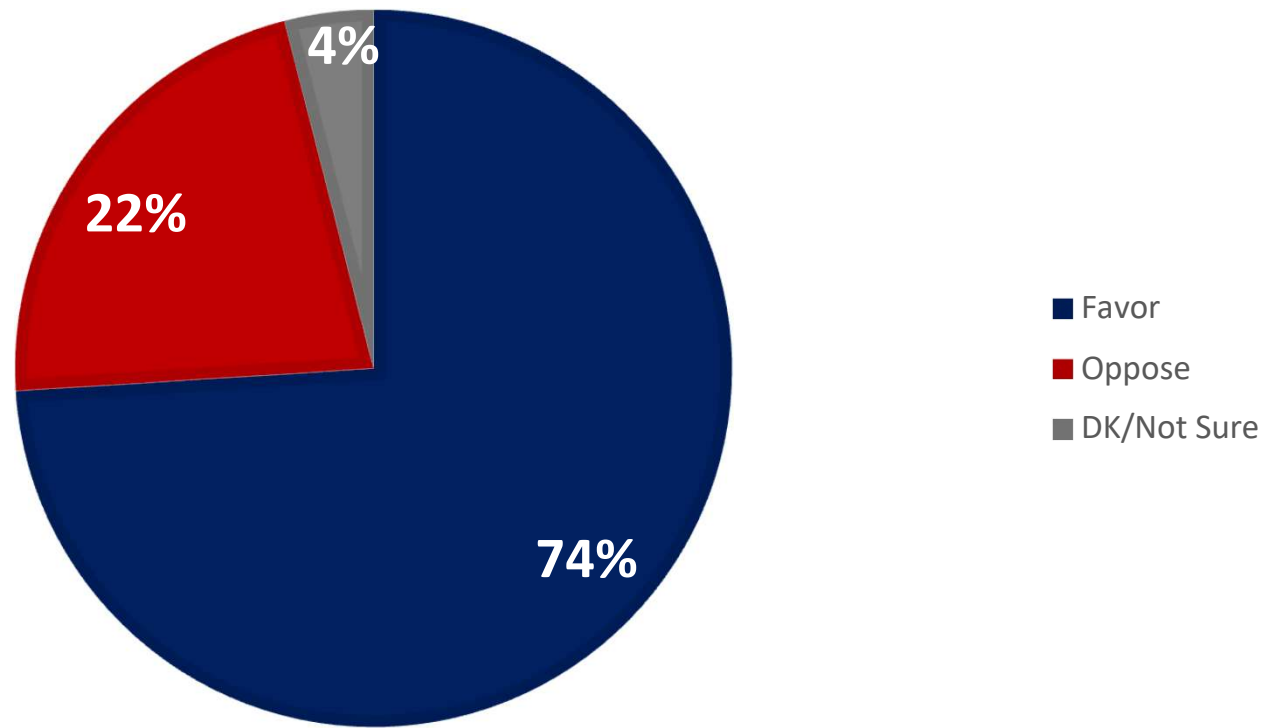
Key Findings



- 1. Hoosiers endorse expanding renewable energy.** Nearly three-quarters (74%) of voters – including 63% of Republicans and 95% of Democrats – favor expanding the use of renewable energy sources after learning the fact that “less than 10% of Indiana’s energy is generated by renewable sources.”
- 2. Net Metering is very popular.** Seventy-five (75%) of Hoosiers favor net metering policies after hearing a brief description of the program. Net Metering is supported by an overwhelming majority of Republicans (74% favor - 10% oppose), Independents (71%-14%) and Democrats (84%-6%).
- 3. Hoosiers prefer extending and expanding Net Metering to ending it.** By a 65% -10% margin, Hoosiers prefer extending and expanding Net Metering to ending it. Republicans (57%-13%), Independents (62%-13%) and Democrats (82%-4%) would rather extend and expand Net Metering than end the popular program.

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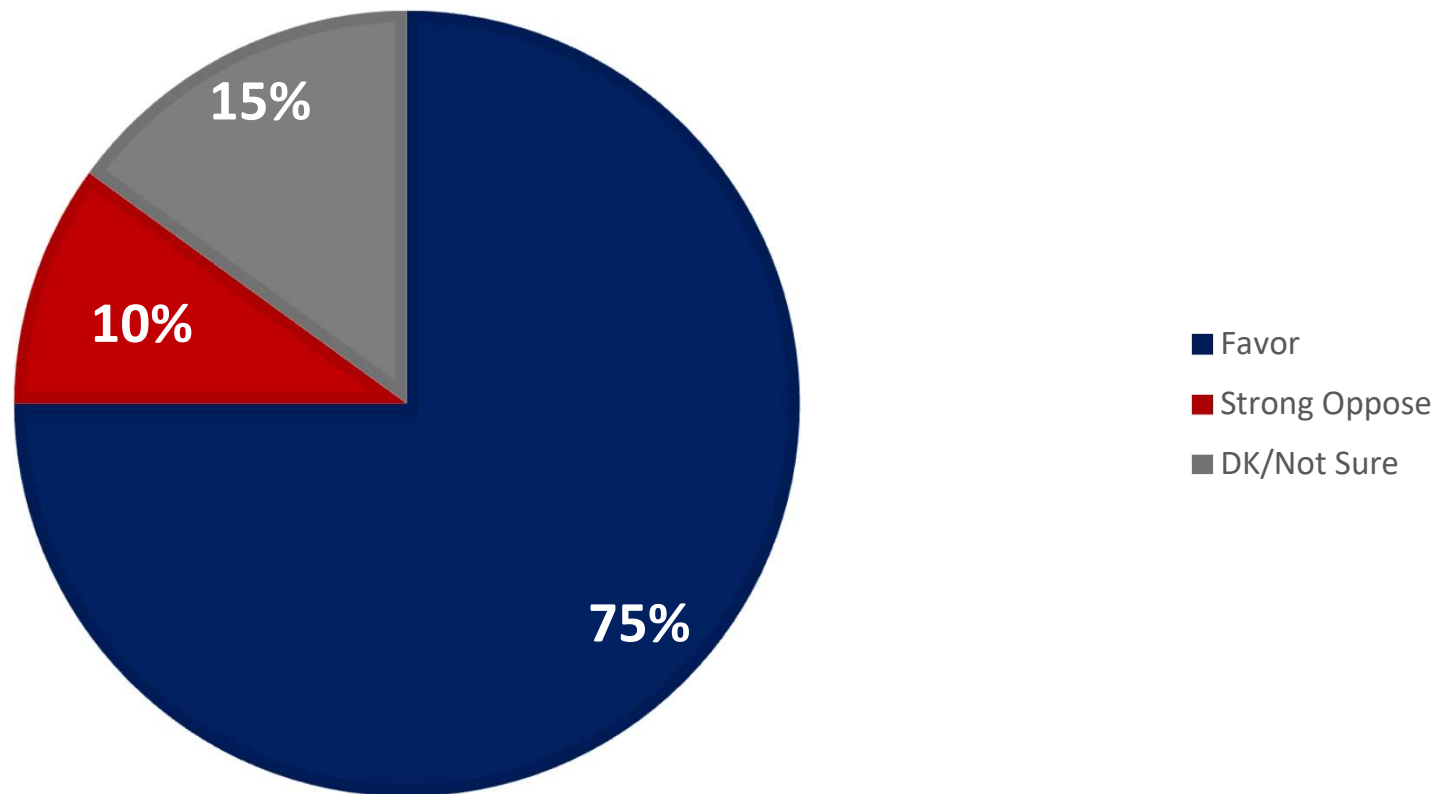
Next, currently less than 10% of Indiana's energy is generated by renewable sources. Do you favor or oppose expanding the use of renewable energy in Indiana?



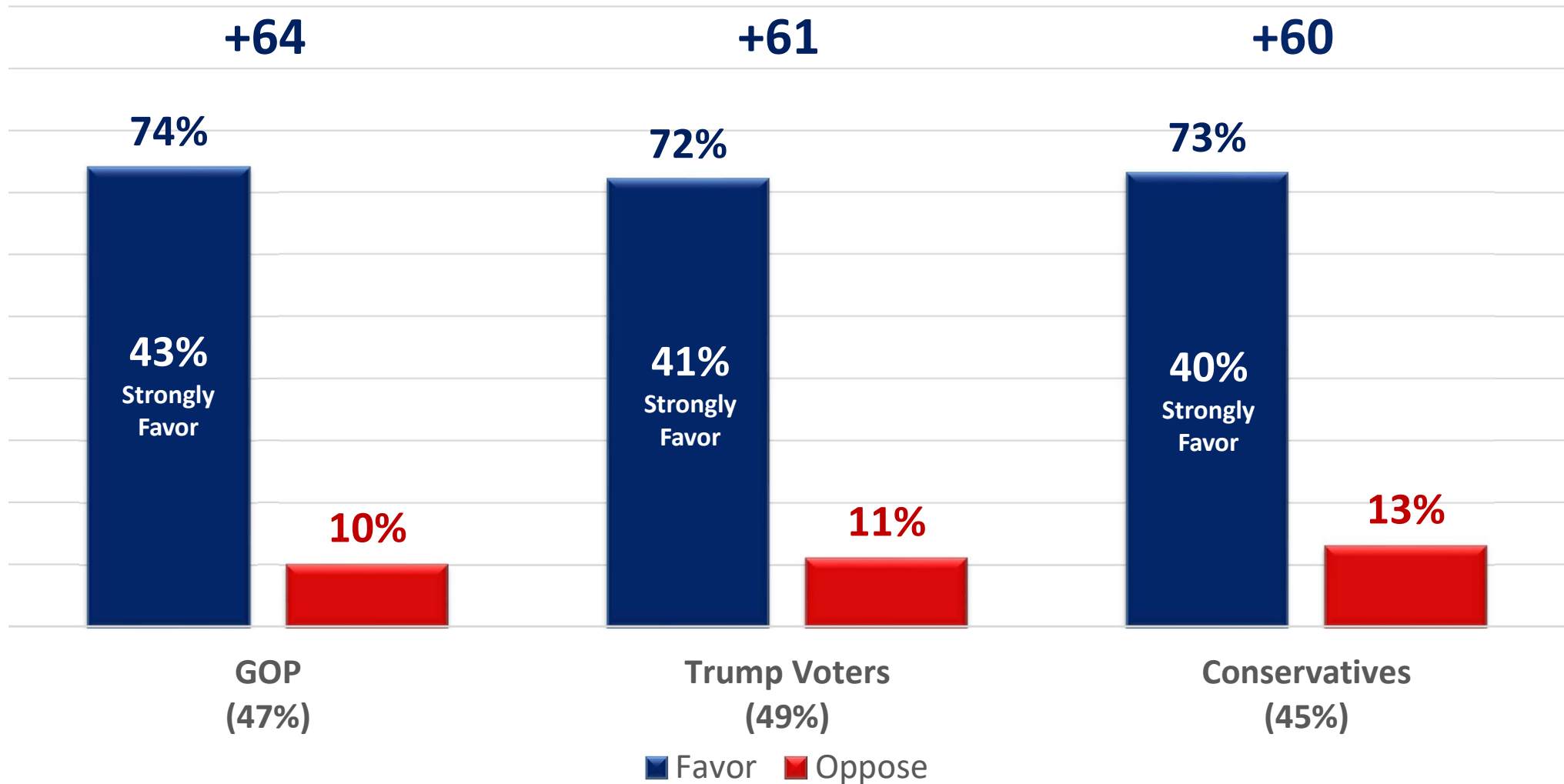
By Party (% of sample)	Favor - Oppose
Republican (47%)	63%-34%
Independent (20%)	73%-20%
Democrat (30%)	95%-4%

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Next, as you may know, Net Metering is a policy that allows homes, schools, churches and businesses with renewable energy systems, like solar panels, to sell any extra power they generate back to an electric utility company for the same price that the utility charges to buy the electricity. This policy is called net metering since these customers' electric meters run both forward and backward and they are billed monthly for their "net" energy use. Do you favor or oppose this net metering policy?

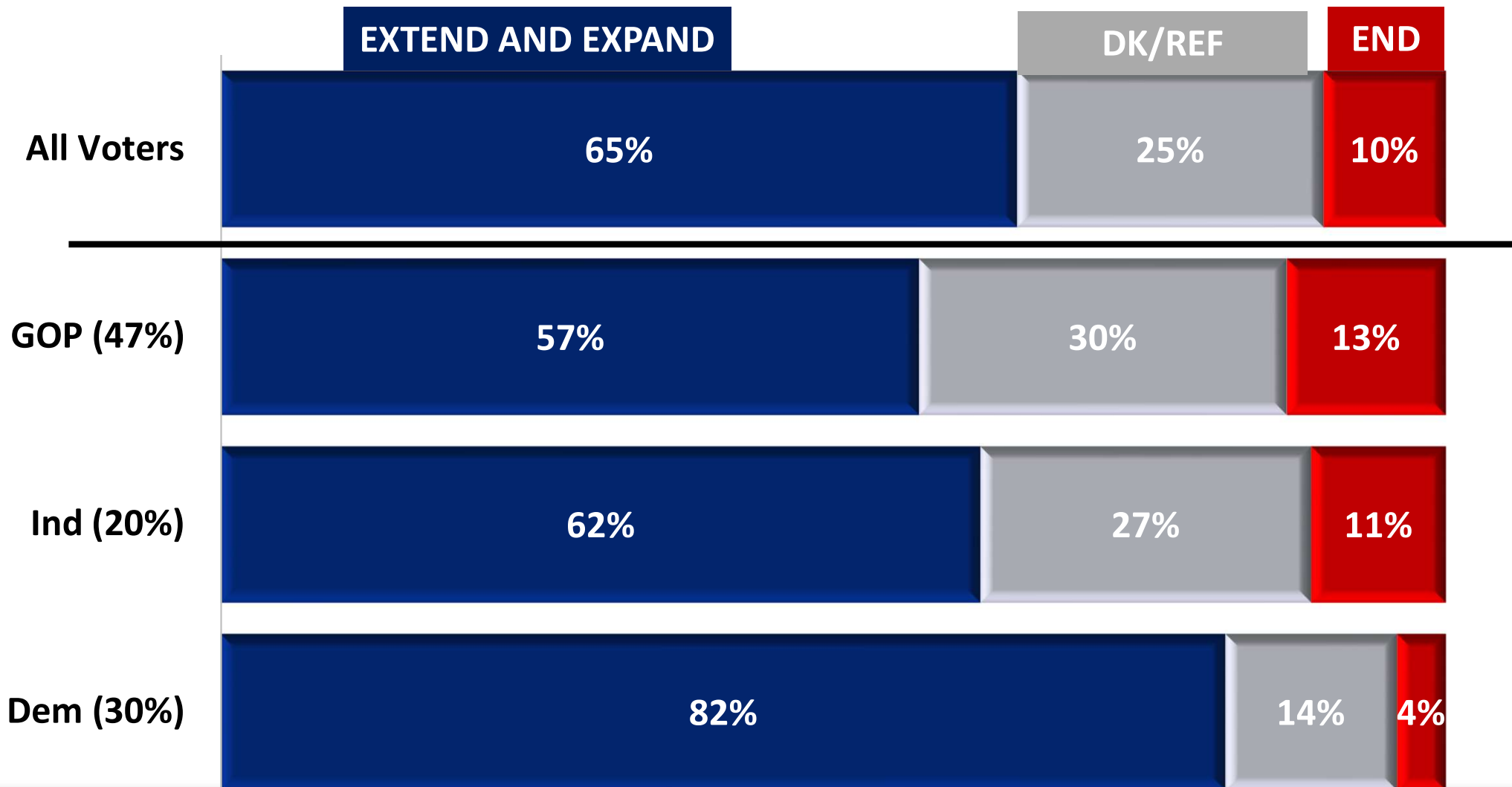


Republicans overwhelmingly support Net Metering.



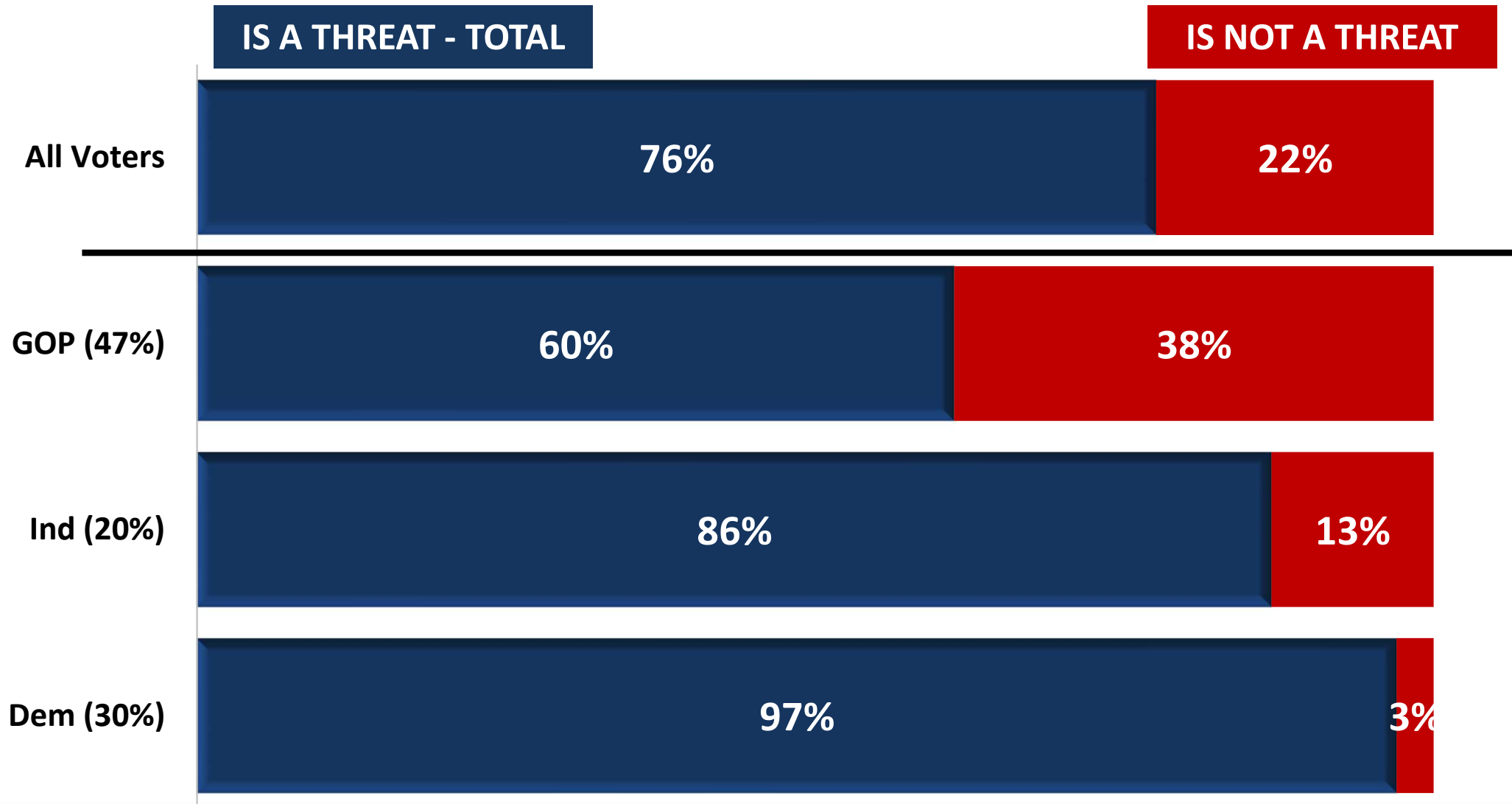
Hoosiers prefer extending and expanding Net Metering.

*Next, Indiana's net metering policy is set to end in 2022. Do you think state leaders should: **Extend and expand net metering because it will encourage the use of renewable energy and allow more homeowners, churches, schools and businesses to participate** or **End net metering because utility companies say the cost of solar customers' using the electricity grid is passed onto to other customers***



Voters see Climate Change as a threat

On a different topic, which ONE of the following statements is closest to your own opinion about the impact of climate change on society? Is it...Climate change is a major threat, Climate change is a moderate threat, Climate change is a minor threat ...or... Climate change is not a threat?





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