



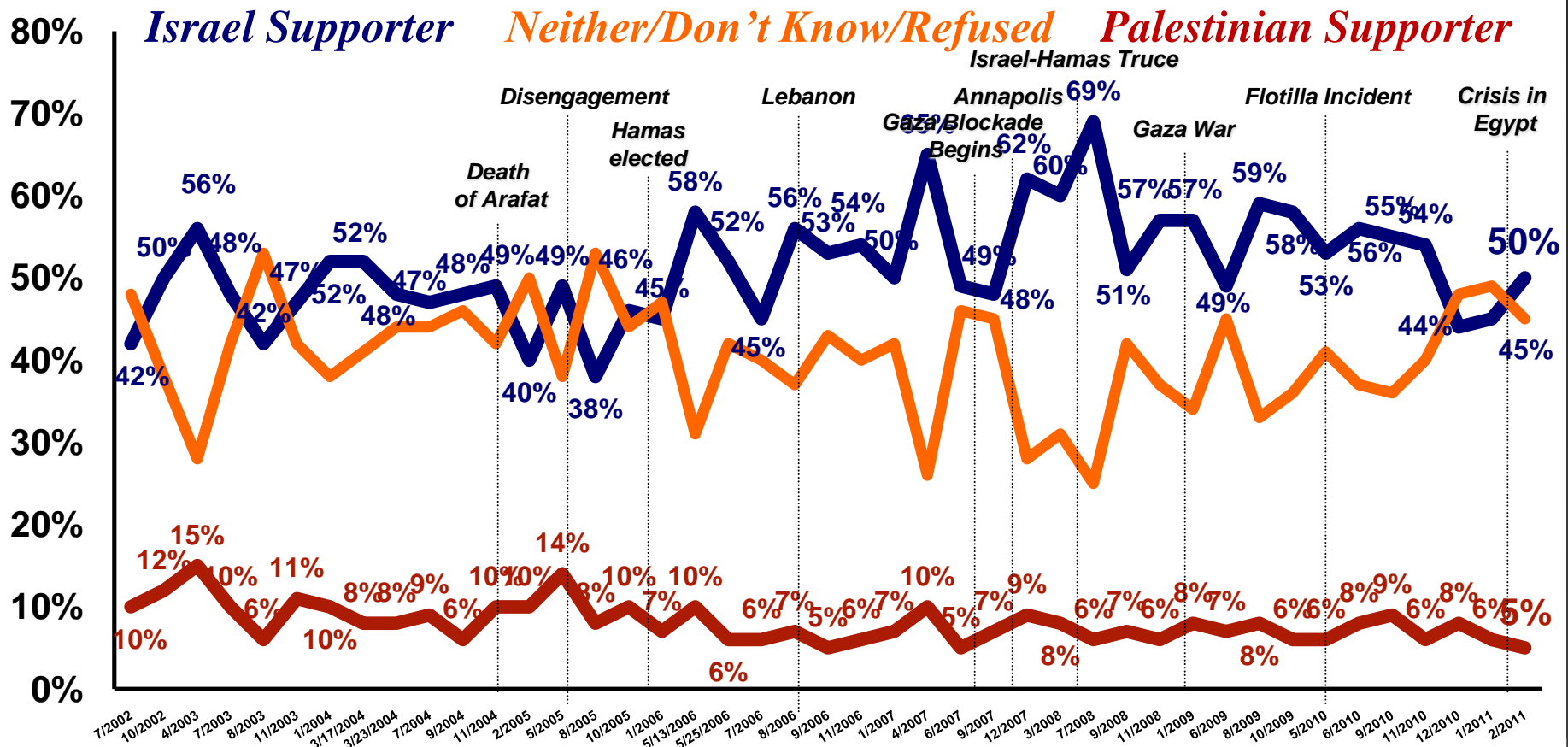
# U.S. Attitudes toward the Middle East

Key findings from a national survey of 1,000 likely voters, conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, February 7-9, 2011.

# Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

# But, personal support for Israel has risen to 50% after briefly dropping below that point.

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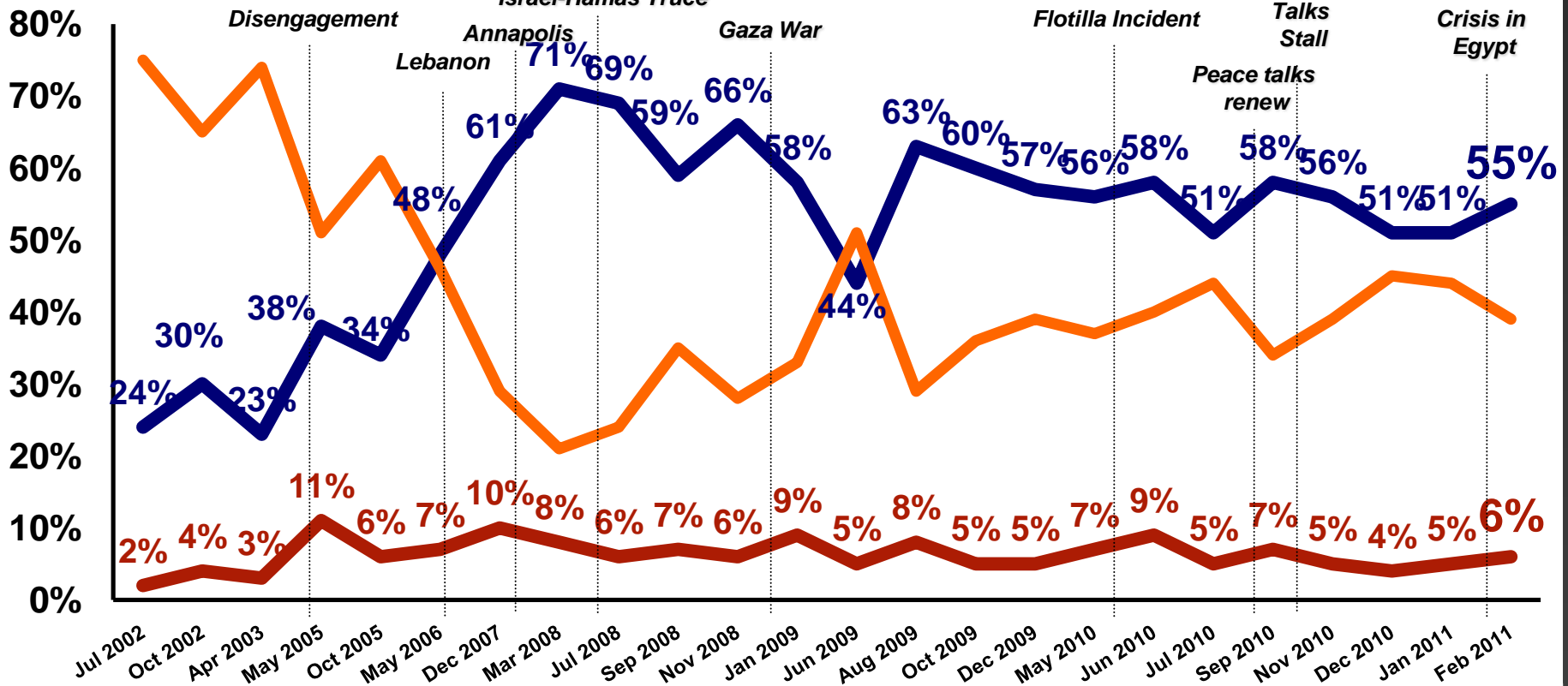


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# And, a clear majority now say the U.S. SHOULD support Israel during period of instability.

Now, thinking about the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians in the Middle East, please tell me whether, in general, you think America should be... A strong supporter of Israel, a supporter of Israel, a supporter of the Palestinians ...or... a strong supporter of the Palestinians?

**Israel Supporter**      **Neither/Don't Know/Refused**      **Palestinian Supporter**



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# Verbatim Responses

*And, in your own words, why do you think America should be a supporter of Israel?*

It is because Israel does not take crap from anybody.

Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East.

It is because we need Israel to help support us. The United States and Israel are helping each other .

They are our best ally in the Middle East, I believe what the bible says and god says Israel is his people.

It is because of history. I am a Christian and the bible said that anything that went against Israel would be destroyed.

They are more of an ally to the united states than the Palestinians.

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*And, in your own words, why do you think America should be a supporter of **the Palestinians**?*

America should be a strong supporter of the Palestinians because they have lost their original country back in 1944. They should have a state or somewhere where they can go to, they should have their own Palestinian state. Israel is taking too much for granted that the United States is going to help them. Peace will not be fully achieved in the Middle East until the Palestinians are fully recognized and accepted by Israel.

Israel is getting on a high horse, it should be fair for both sides. Also, they each should be entitled to what is theirs and work it out, it should be an equitable solution for both.

They are the underdogs in this situation.

The Palestinians are the most vulnerable people in the world because they don't have their home most of them live in refugee camps

What Israel is doing is not right.

# Verbatim Responses

*And, in your own words, why do you think America should be a supporter of **neither party**?*

This conflict has lasted for centuries, it cannot be resolved, we cannot do anything to stop it.

The United states should work to negotiate peace in the region between both parties. It is a very complex issue about the land for thousands of years, the best rule would be to work with both Israel and Palestinians.

We need to keep our own money instead of giving it to other countries.

We should focus first on the concern of our own people. We should take care first of our own problem and not the other countries.

It is not our job to police the whole world.

# Egypt and the Effects

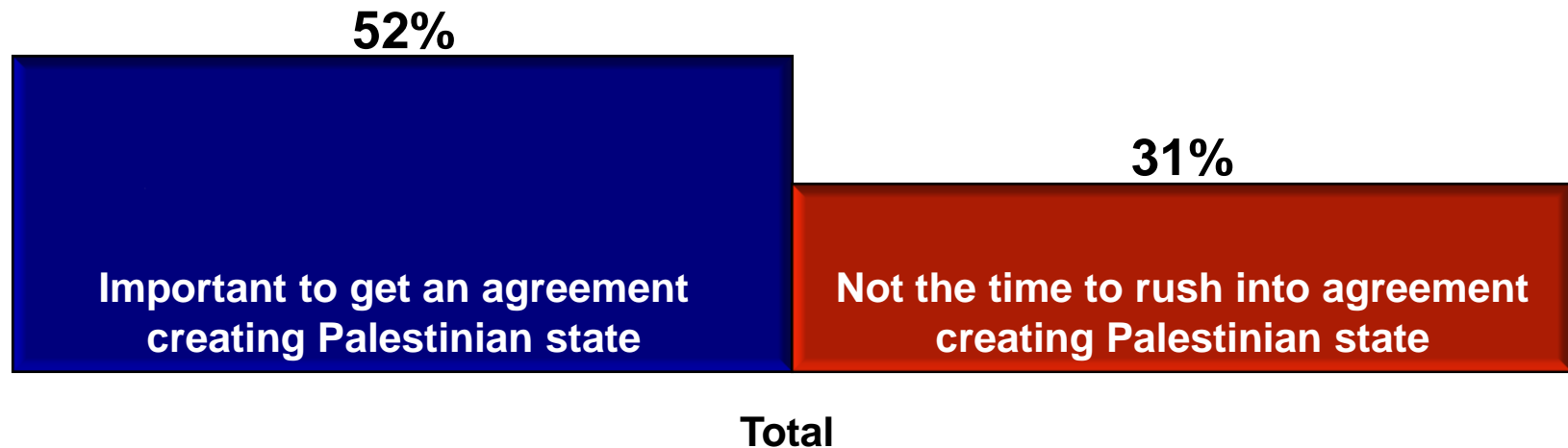
*“Now I'm going to read you some more pairs of statements about the current events in the Middle East. After I read each pair, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right.”*

# A majority think that it is even more important to work toward a peace agreement in light of recent Middle East events.

*Given everything that's going on in the Middle East, it is even more important for Israel and the Palestinians to get to an agreement that creates a Palestinian state.*

**OR**

*Given everything that is going on in the Middle East, it is not the time for Israel and the Palestinians to rush into an agreement that creates a Palestinian state.*

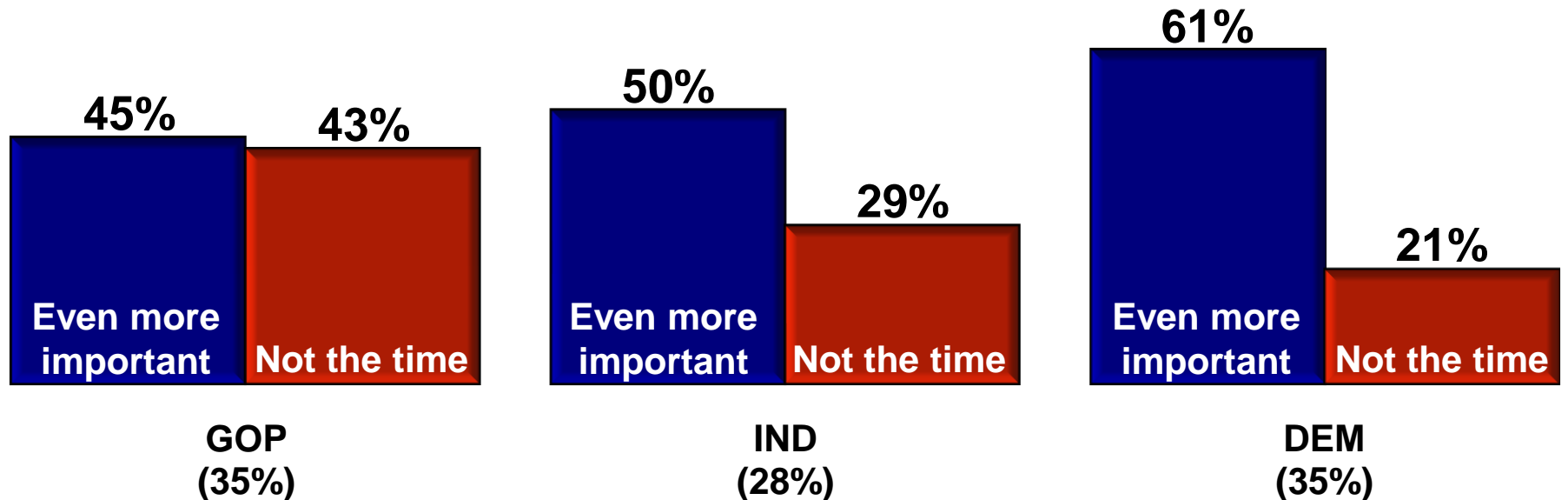


# This desire driven by Democrats and Independents – but even a slim plurality of Republicans agree for ‘now’.

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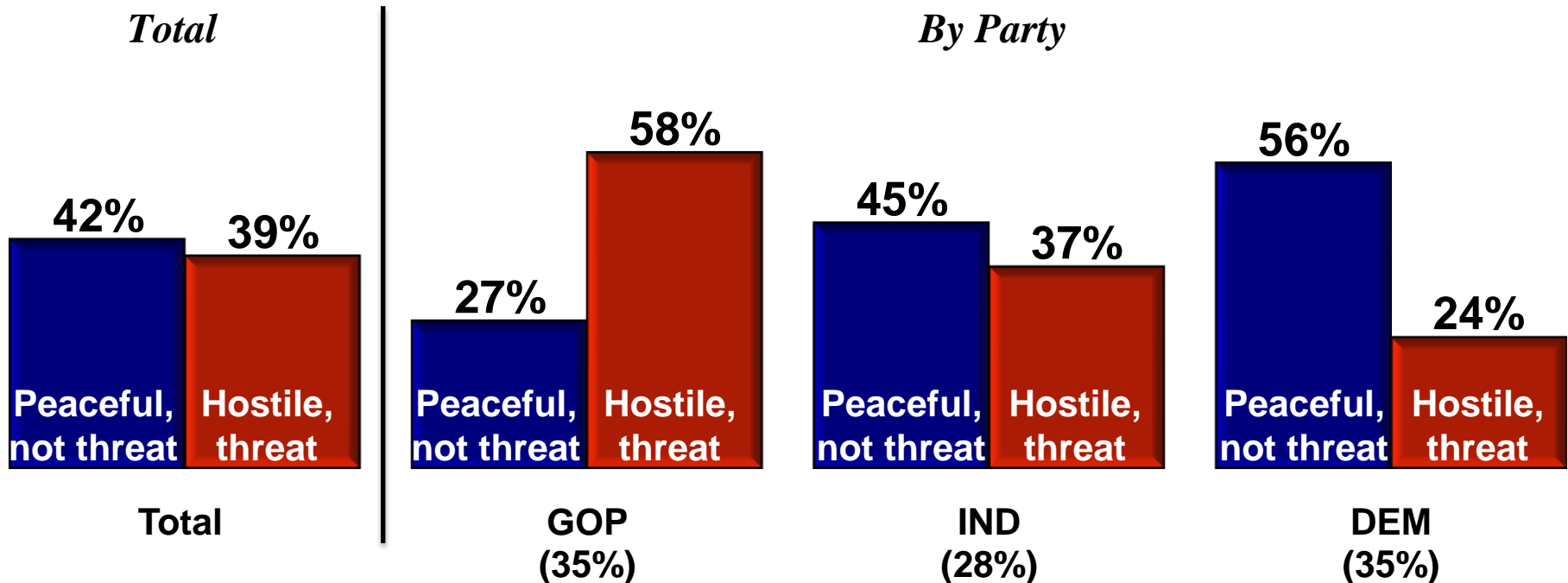


# With vast partisan differences, voters overall are divided as to whether a Palestinian state would be peaceful or hostile toward Israel.

*Given all the changes taking place in Middle East countries, it seems a Palestinian state could end up more democratic and peaceful and not threaten Israel.*

**OR**

*If a Palestinian state was created now it would likely be hostile and a danger to Israel.*

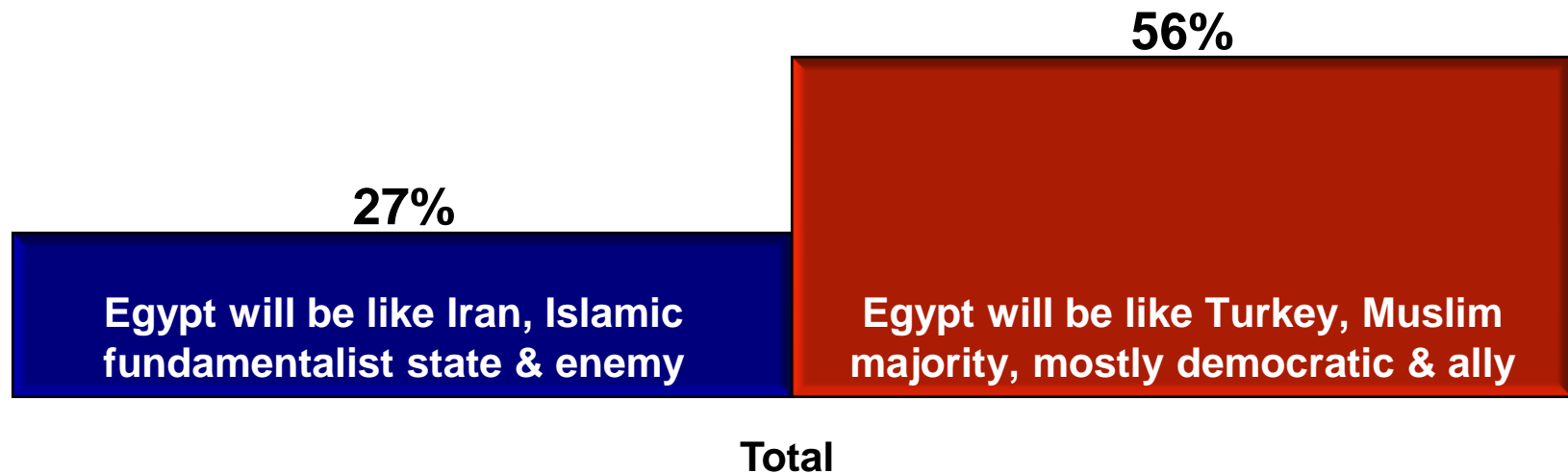


# A majority of voters think that Egypt will become like Turkey, with a Muslim majority, a democratic government, and continuing as a U.S. ally

*Egypt is more likely to end up like Iran, with an Islamic fundamentalist state and an enemy of the US.*

**OR**

*Egypt is more likely to end up like Turkey, with a Muslim majority and mostly democratic state that will continue to be a US ally.*

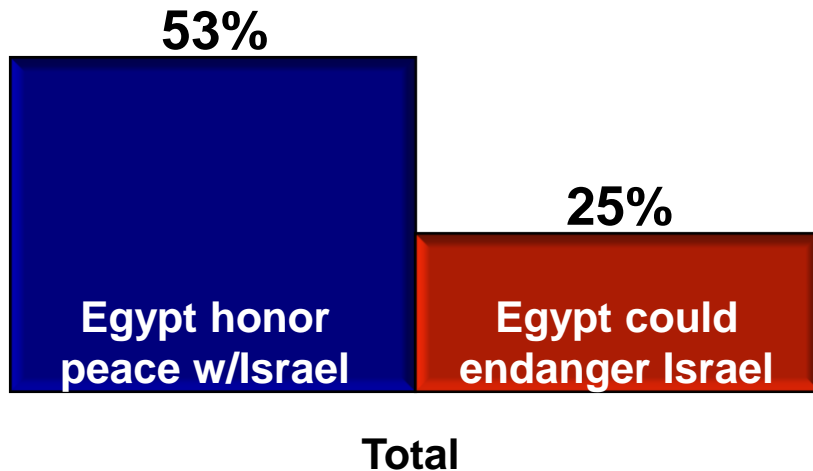


# And, while a majority think Egypt will honor it's peace with Israel, voters are unsure as to Egyptian efforts to close the Gaza border.

*A future government in Egypt will continue to maintain diplomatic relations with Israel and honor it's peace agreement with Israel.*

**OR**

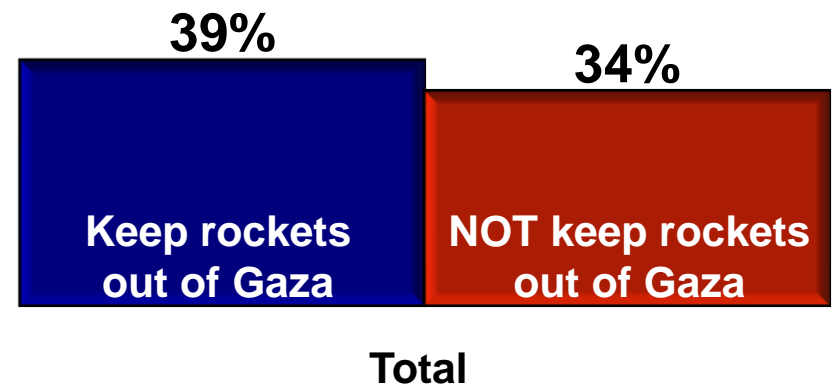
*A future government in Egypt will break diplomatic relations with Israel and could endanger Israel*



*The new Egypt is likely to honor peace with Israel and WILL continue to keep rockets and other weapons used to attack Israel from being smuggled into Gaza.*

**OR**

*The new Egypt will be less friendly toward Israel, and is NOT likely to continue its efforts to keep rockets and other weapons used to attack Israel from being smuggled into Gaza*

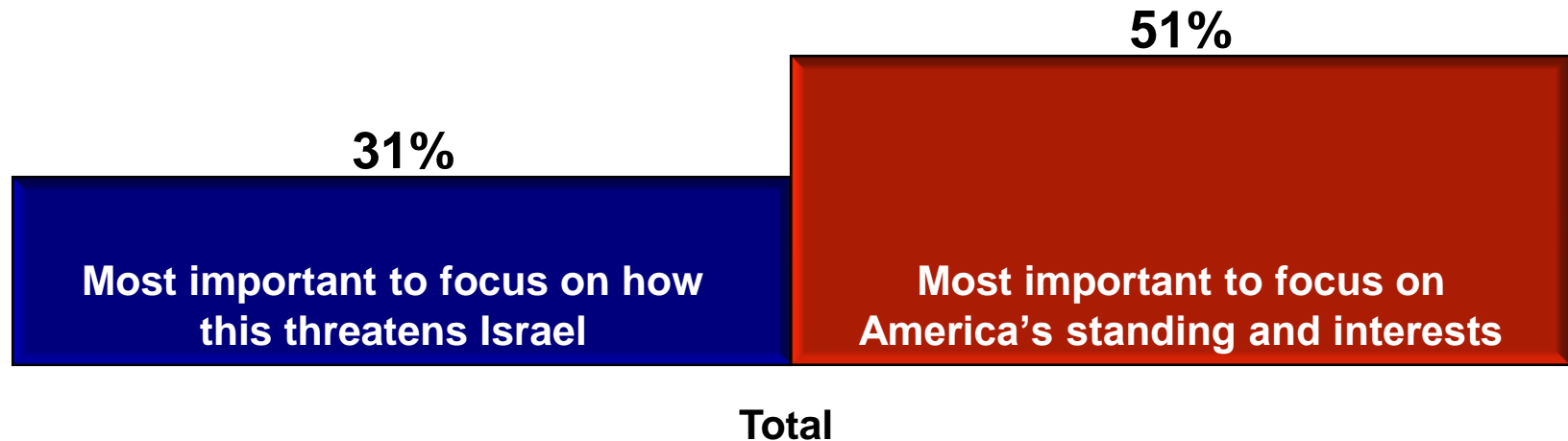


# Keep in mind, voters are concerned about the ramifications for the U.S. before they consider Israel.

*Watching developments in Egypt, it is most important to focus on how this threatens Israel, our most important and dependable ally in the Middle East.*

OR

*Watching the developments in Egypt, it is most important to focus on America's standing with the future Egyptian leaders, support for democracy and our interests in the region.*



# In thinking about the situation in Egypt, voters are most concerned about having to get involved and it distracting from domestic problems.

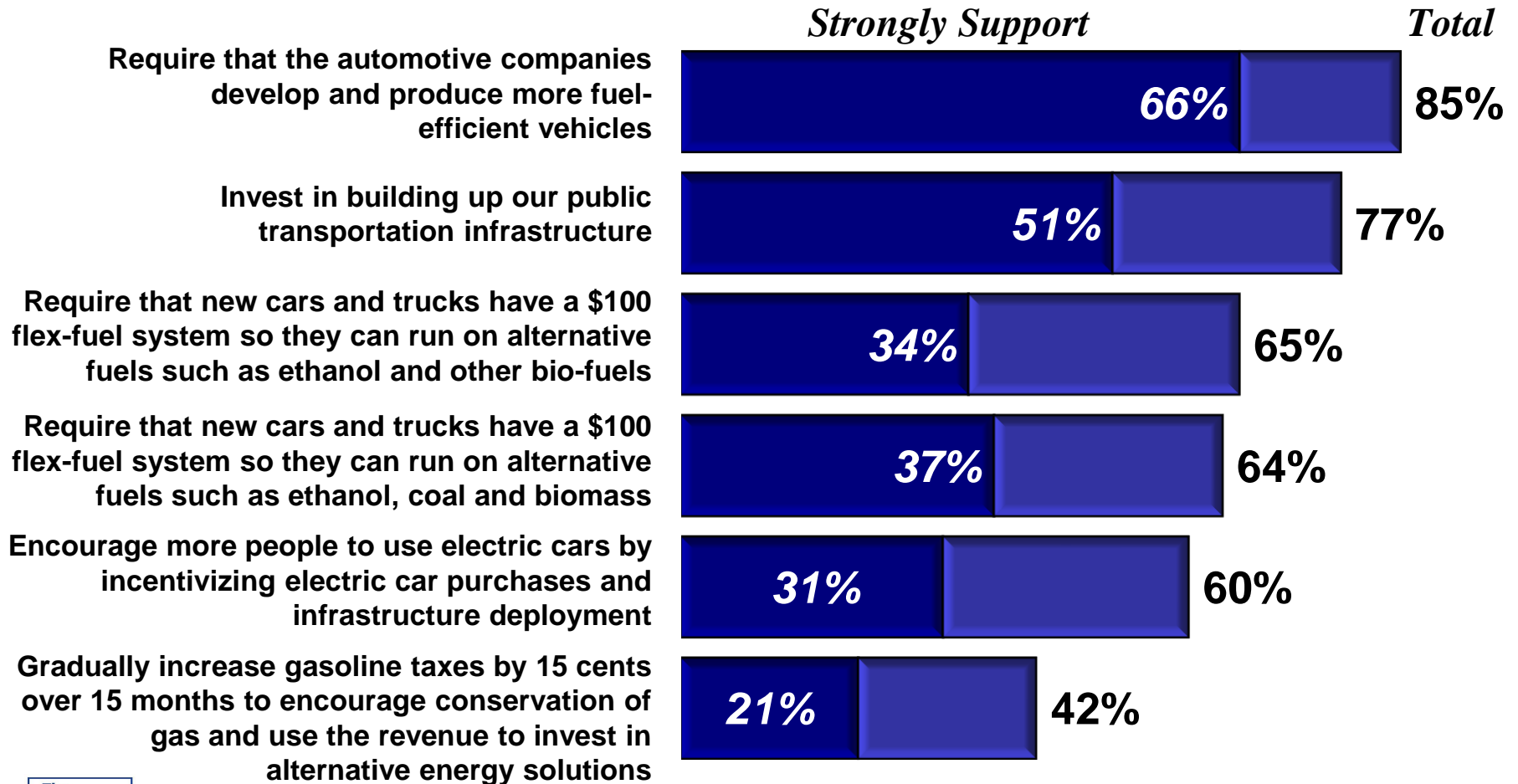
*Thinking about the current instability crisis in the Middle East, which ONE of the following is your greatest concern?*



# Reducing Dependence on Foreign Oil

# Requiring more fuel-efficient vehicles leads the list of ways to reduce dependence on foreign oil.

*Now I am going to read you a list of actions that some people propose the United States takes in order to reduce its dependence on foreign oil. After I read each one, please tell me whether you support or oppose that action.*



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