



Voter Satisfaction & Preferences in 2020

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KEY FINDINGS

- 1. Eight in ten voters (80%) report they were satisfied with their voting options in 2020 while more than half (55%) report they were very satisfied.**
- 2. When asked to rank most preferred method of voting, a plurality of voters prefer voting in-person on Election day (39%),** followed closely by early voting in-person (37%) as a second choice.
- 3. Voting preferences vary between party lines, race, and region.** Republican voters disproportionately prefer voting in-person on Election Day (51%) than other methods of voting, while Democrats are divided between mail in absentee vote (31%) and in-person voting on Election Day (31%). White voters disproportionately prefer voting in-person on election day (42%).
- 4. Voters say responsibility for creating (45% vs 52%), implementing (49% vs 47%), enforcing (51% vs 47%), and evaluating (49% vs 51%) election policies should be shared between the federal government and state governments,** although Democrats and voters that approve of Biden are more likely to say the federal government should be responsible for tested election policies. All registered voters are less likely to think the local government should be responsible for tested election policies.

Methodology: This poll was conducted between April 15-April 19, 2021 among a sample of 1974 Registered Voters. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Registered Voters based on gender, age, educational attainment, race, marital status, home ownership, race, educational attainment, 2016 presidential vote, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

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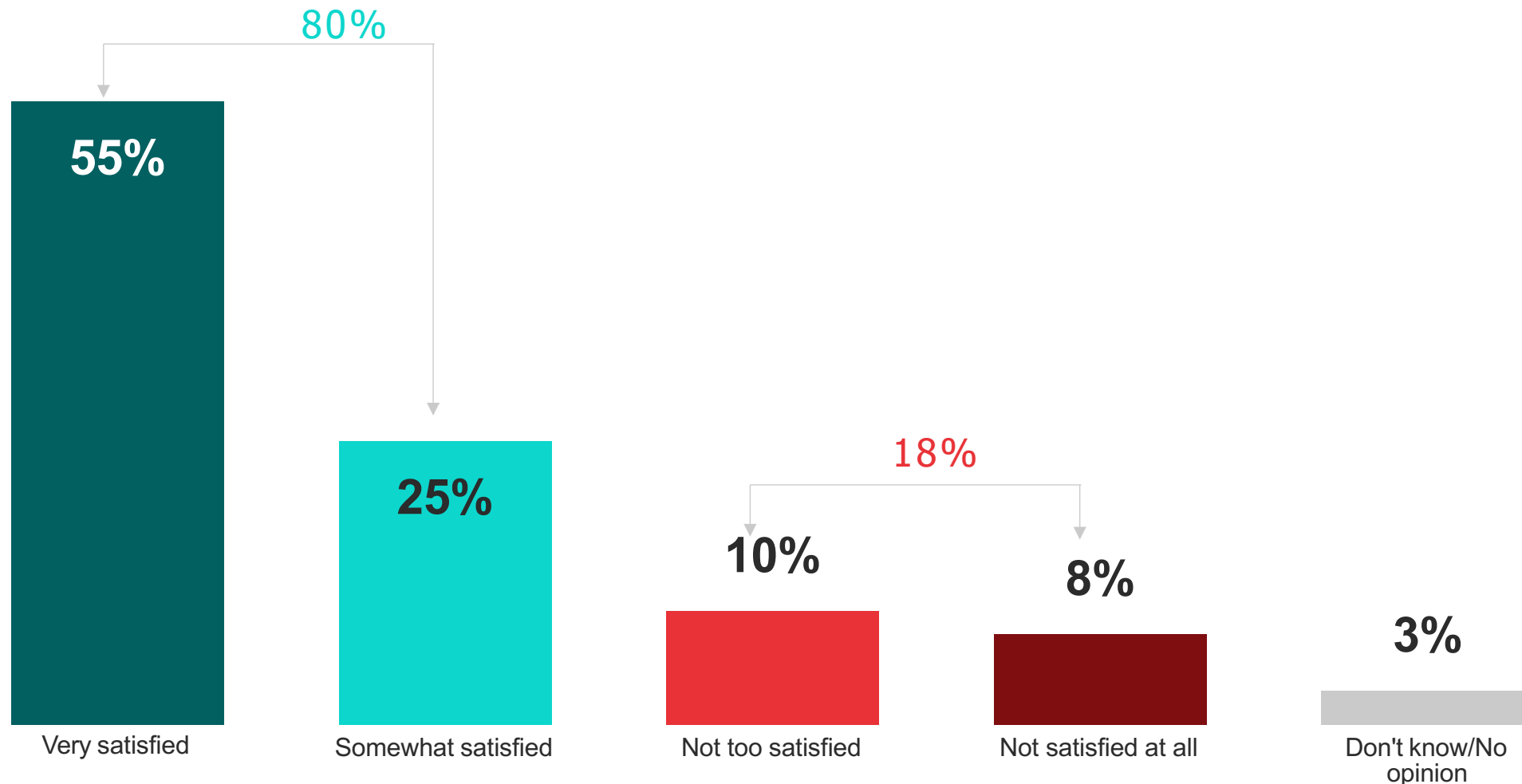
ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY



SATISFACTORY WITH VOTING IN 2020

Eight in ten voters (80%) report they were satisfied with their voting options in 2020 while more than half (55%) report they were *very satisfied*.

How satisfied were you with your voting options in 2020?*

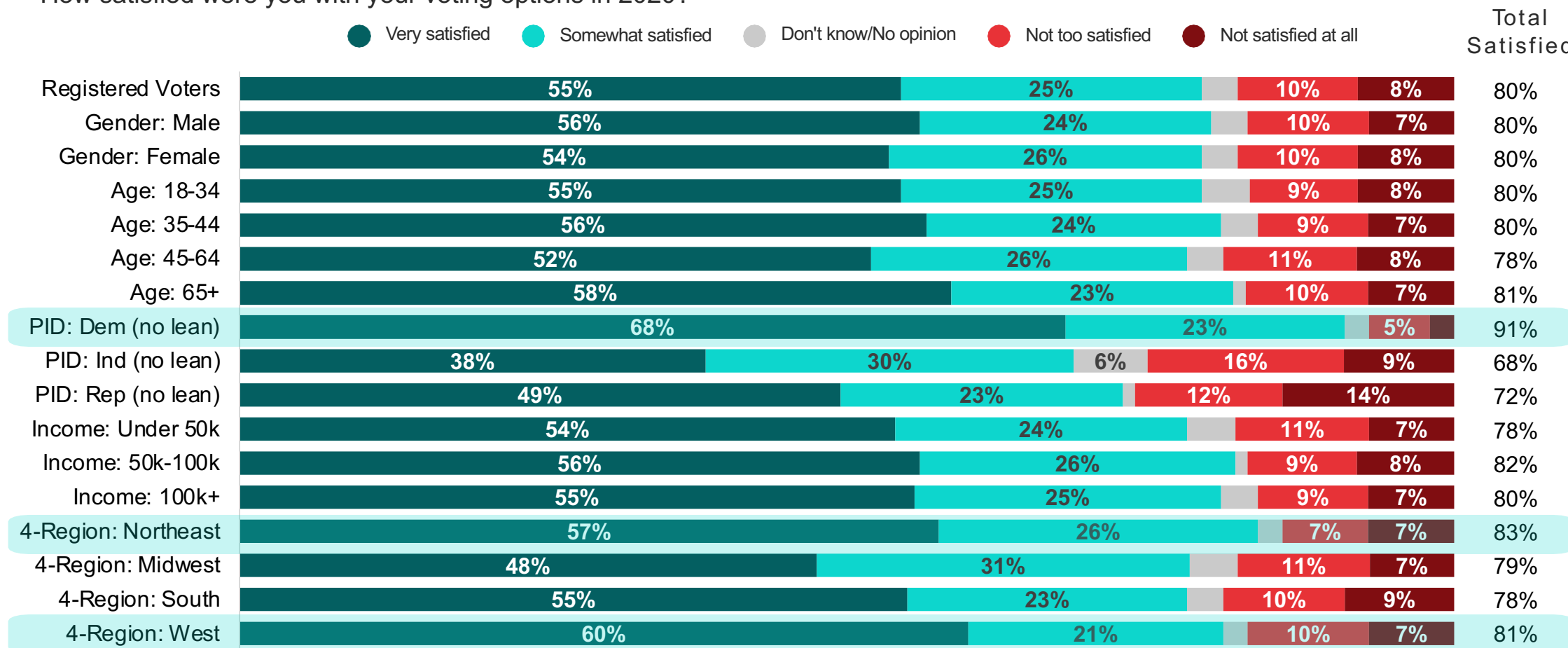


*asked among those who voted in 2020 (n=1874)

SATISFACTORY WITH VOTING IN 2020

A majority of voters across key demographics, specifically Democrats (91%) and those in the West (81%) and the Northeast (83%), were satisfied with their voting options in 2020.

How satisfied were you with your voting options in 2020?



Total Satisfied = Very + Somewhat Satisfied

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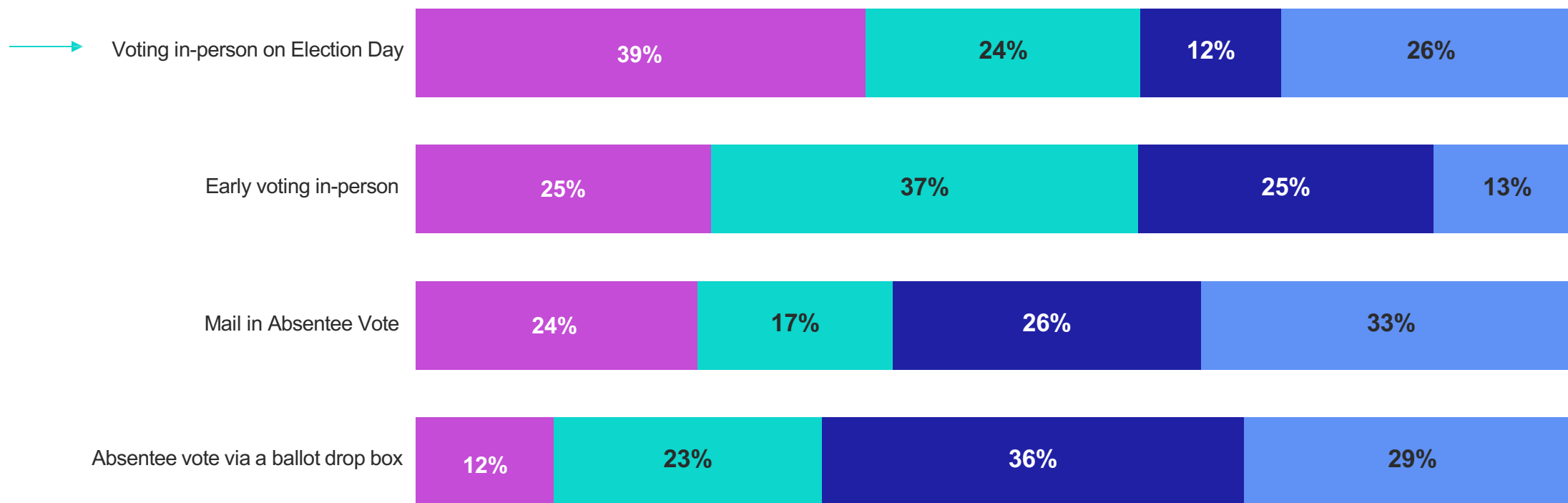


RANKING VOTE METHOD

When asked to rank most preferred method of voting, a plurality of voters (39%) prefer voting in-person on Election day.

Please rank the following voting methods based on your voting preference where '1' represents the method you most prefer, and '4' represents the method you least prefer:

Rank: 1 Rank: 2 Rank: 3 Rank: 4

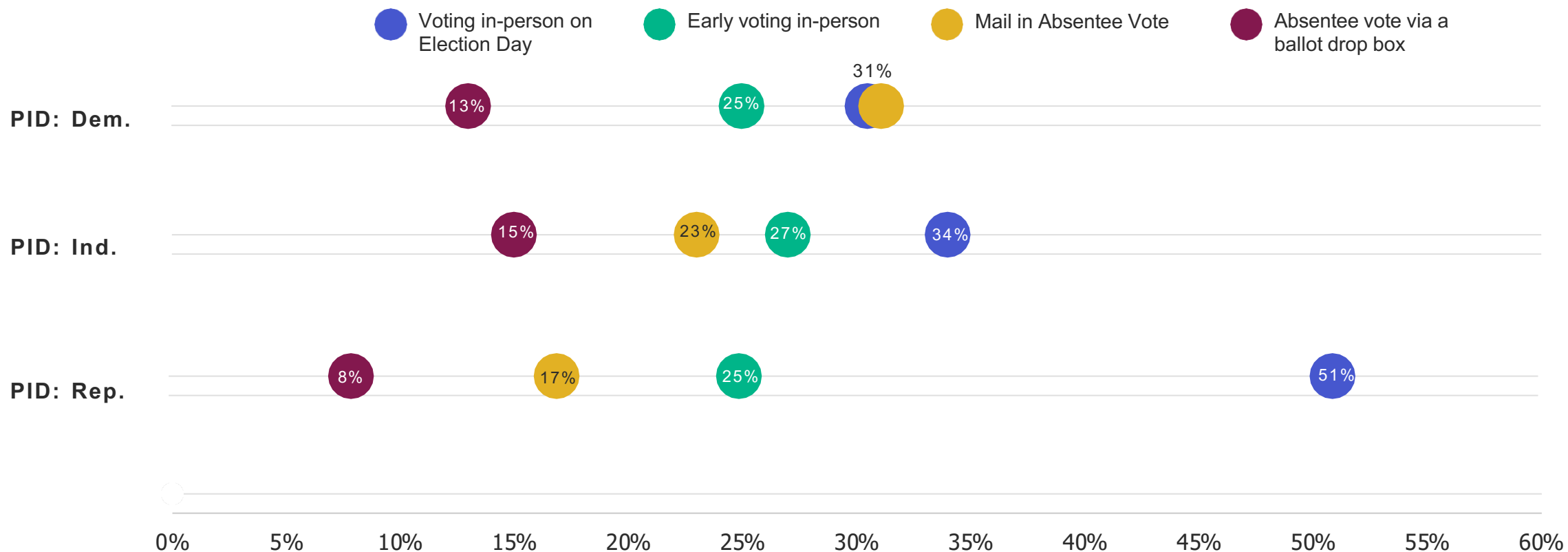


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Republican voters disproportionately prefer voting in-person on Election day (51%) than other methods of voting, while Democrats are divided between mail in absentee vote (31%) and in-person voting (31%).

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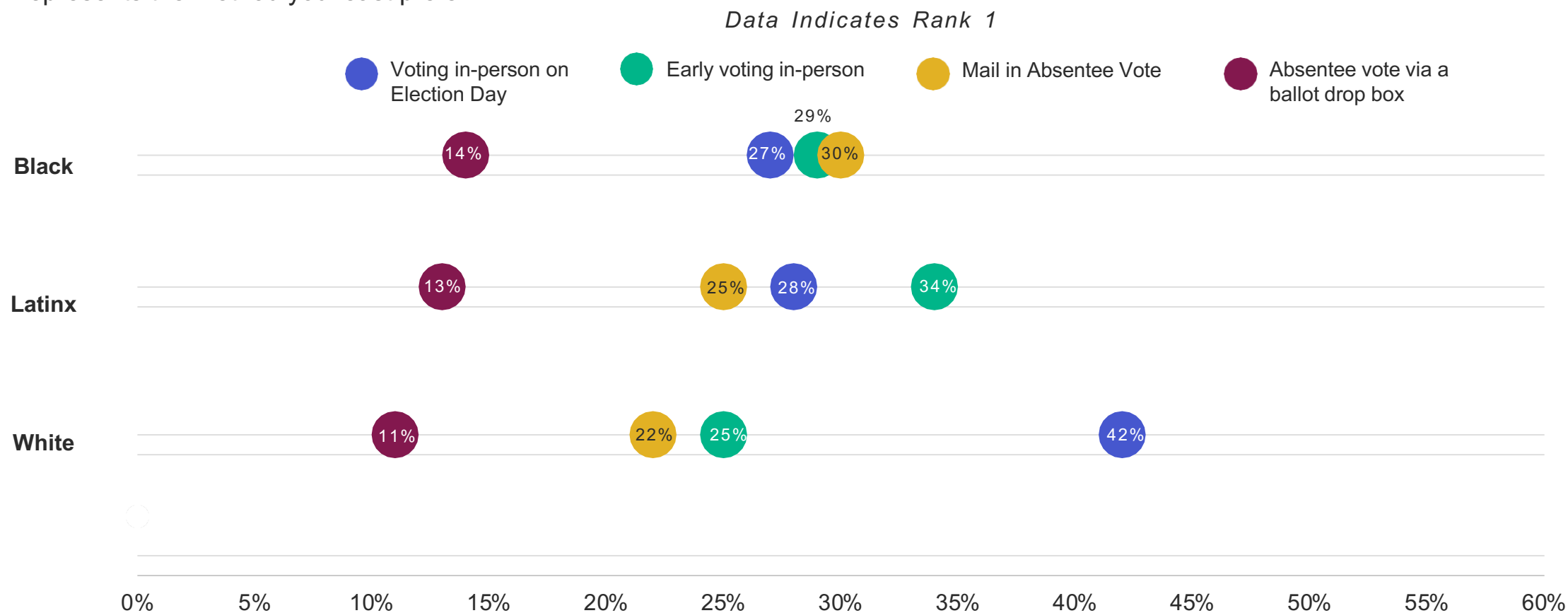
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RANKING VOTE METHOD

White voters disproportionately prefer voting in-person on Election Day (42%), while Black voters are divided between early voting (29%) and mail in absentee voting (30%). Latinx voters are more likely to prefer early voting.

Please rank the following voting methods based on your voting preference where '1' represents the method you most prefer, and '4' represents the method you least prefer:

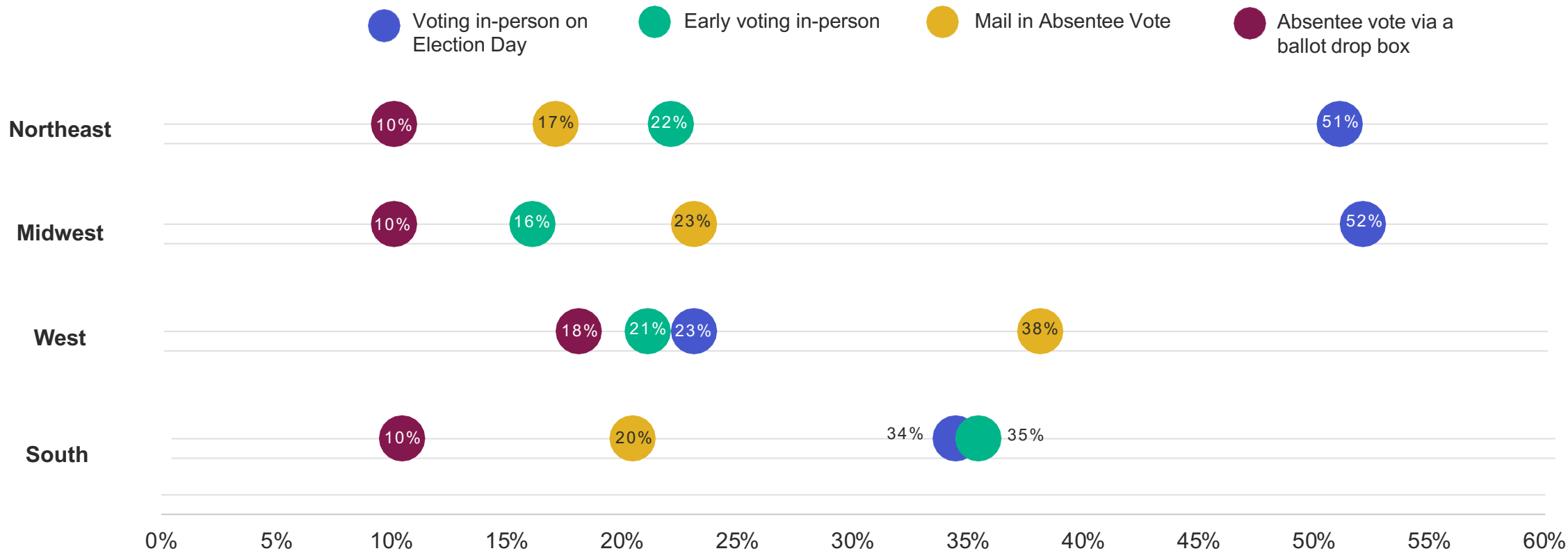


RANKING VOTE METHOD

Highest preference for voting method differs greatly by voting region. Northeast (51%) and Midwest (52%) voters most strongly prefer in-person voting on Election Day while the voters in the West (38%) most strongly prefer mail in absentee voting and the voters in the South are divided between early-voting (34%) and voting in-person on Election Day (35%).

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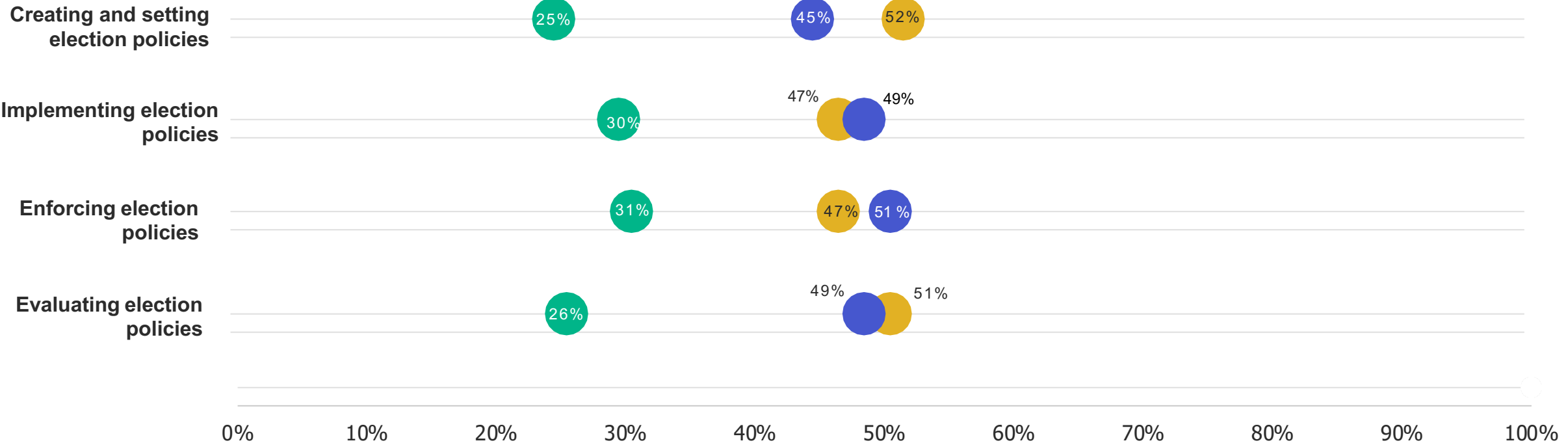
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Voters say the responsibility for creating, implementing, enforcing, and evaluating election policies should be shared between the federal government and state governments. Voters are less likely say local governments are responsible.

In your opinion, which entities should be responsible for the following? Please select all that apply



REGISTERED VOTERS:



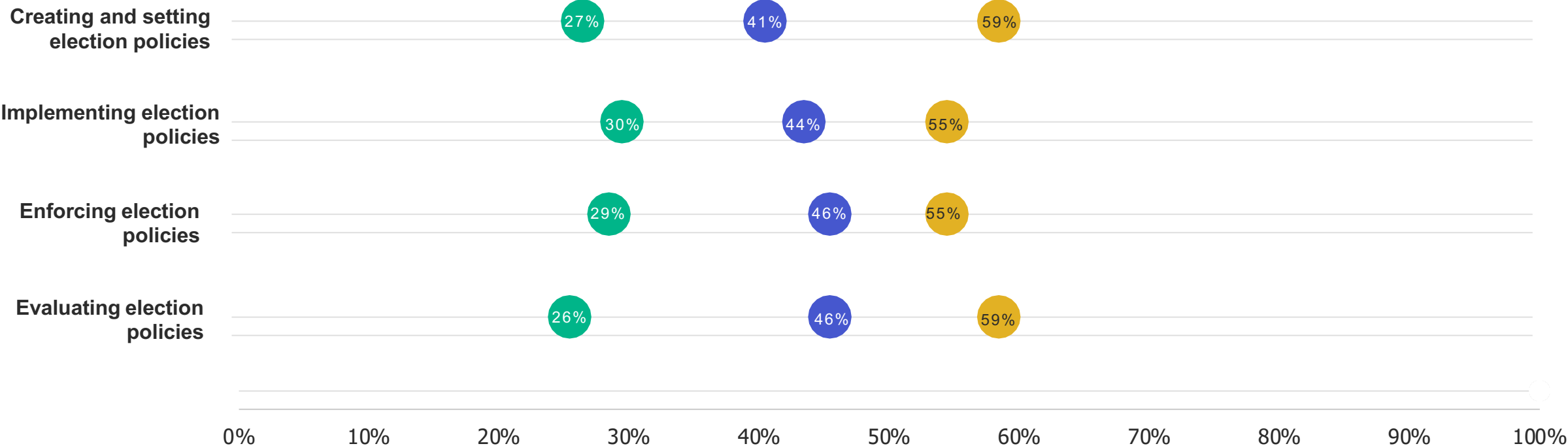
ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY

Democrats disproportionately say the federal government should be responsible for creating (59%), implementing (55%), enforcing (55%), and evaluating (59%) election policies compared to state and local governments.

In your opinion, which entities should be responsible for the following? Please select all that apply

Federal Government State Government Local Government

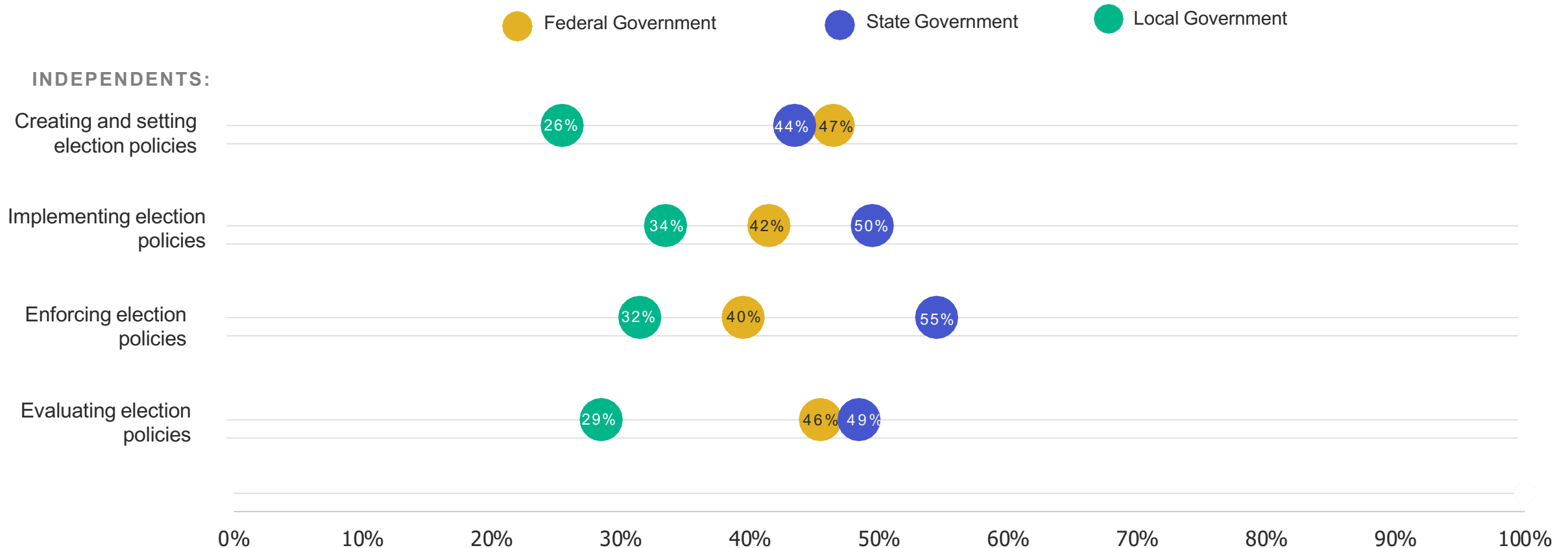
DEMOCRATS:



ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY

A plurality or majority of independents think that state governments are most responsible for implementing (50%), enforcing (55%), and evaluating (49%) election policies. However, a plurality (47%) of independents think the federal government should be responsible for creating and setting election.

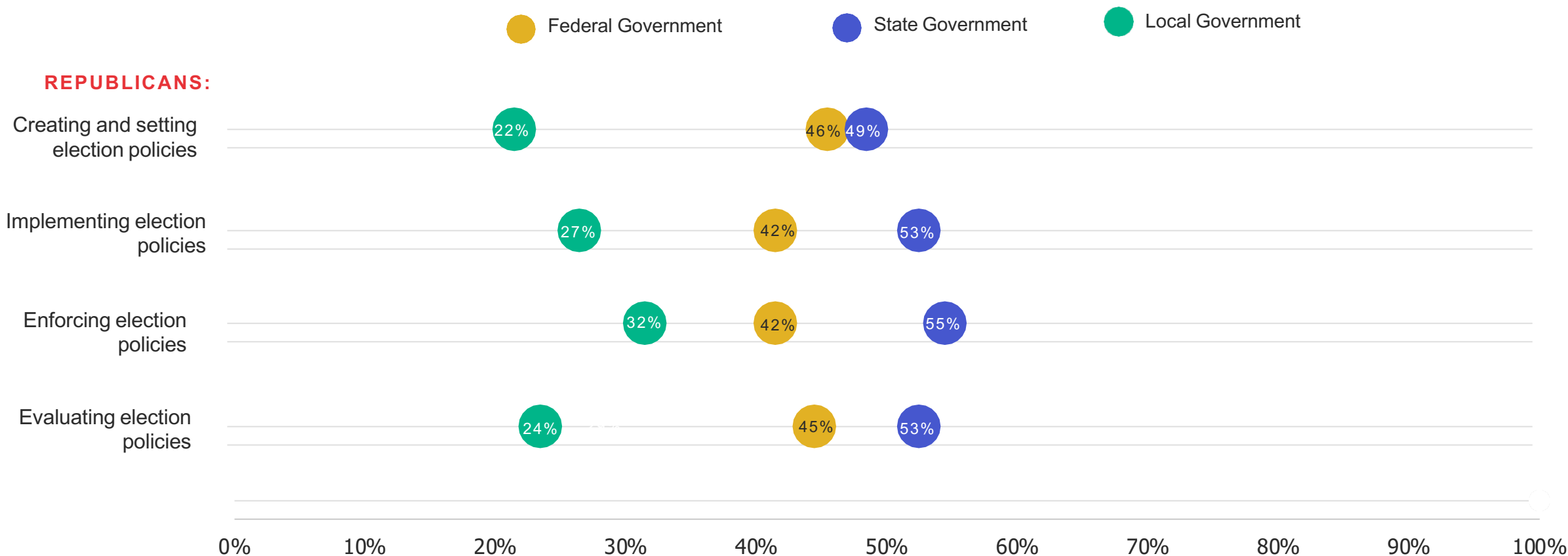
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ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY

A majority of Republicans say state governments should be responsible for creating (49%), implementing (53%), enforcing (55%), and evaluating (53%) election policies.

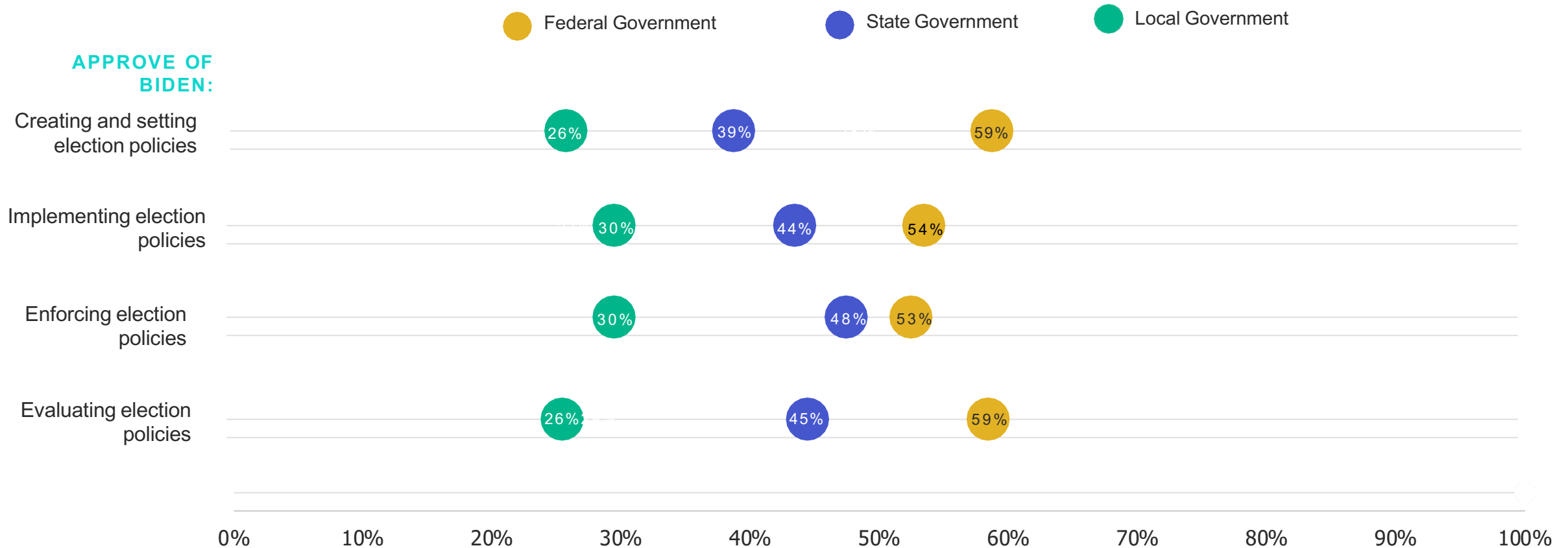
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ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY

Over half of voters that approve of Biden think the federal government should be responsible for creating (59%), implementing (54%), enforcing (53%), and evaluating (59%) election policies.

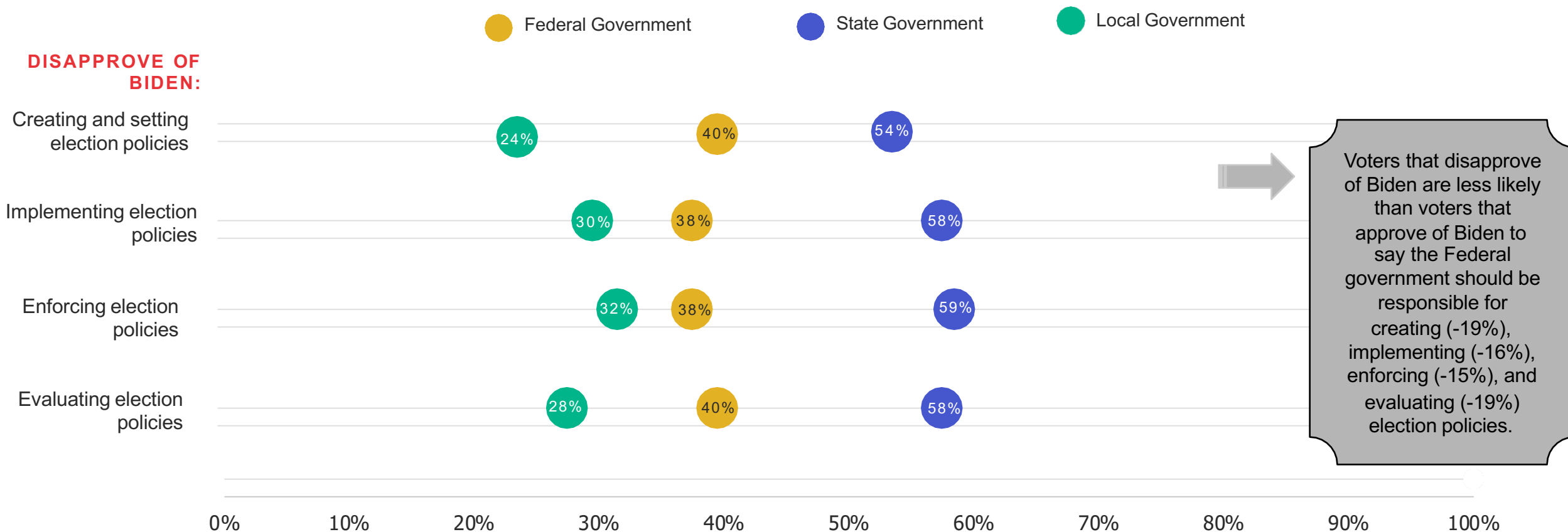
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ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY

A majority of voters that disapprove of Biden think the state government should be responsible for creating (54%), implementing (58%), enforcing (59%), and evaluating (58%) election policies.

In your opinion, which entities should be responsible for the following? Please select all that apply



ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY

Voters that live in the South are less likely than those that live in the Northeast, Midwest, or West regions to say that the federal government should be responsible for creating, implementing, enforcing, and evaluating election policies.

In your opinion, which entities should be responsible for the following? Please select all that apply

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (SELECTED)		<i>Creating and setting election policies</i>	<i>Implementing election policies</i>	<i>Enforcing election policies</i>	<i>Evaluating election policies</i>
	Registered Voters	52%	47%	47%	51%
Gender	Male	52%	45%	47%	51%
	Female	51%	49%	47%	51%
Age	18-34	52%	48%	48%	55%
	35-44	58%	55%	57%	55%
	45-64	50%	47%	47%	50%
	65+	49%	42%	40%	45%
Race	Black	46%	51%	49%	53%
	Latinx	48%	48%	57%	56%
	White	52%	47%	47%	51%
Political Party	Democrat	59%	55%	55%	59%
	Independent	47%	42%	40%	46%
	Republican	46%	42%	42%	45%
Income	Under 50k	48%	46%	45%	47%
	50-100k	52%	46%	46%	51%
	100k+	59%	52%	52%	57%
Region	Northeast	56%	47%	49%	52%
	Midwest	52%	48%	47%	51%
	West	57%	53%	54%	57%
	South	46%	43%	42%	47%

ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY

White voters are more likely than Black & Latinx voters to say the state government should be responsible for creating, implementing, enforcing, and evaluating election policies.

In your opinion, which entities should be responsible for the following? Please select all that apply

STATE GOVERNMENT (SELECTED)		<i>Creating and setting election policies</i>	<i>Implementing election policies</i>	<i>Enforcing election policies</i>	<i>Evaluating election policies</i>
	Registered Voters	45%	49%	51%	49%
Gender	Male	48%	53%	55%	52%
	Female	41%	44%	48%	47%
Age	18-34	40%	40%	46%	44%
	35-44	48%	52%	51%	53%
	45-64	42%	46%	50%	47%
	65+	51%	59%	58%	54%
Race	Black	35%	37%	37%	37%
	Latinx	38%	34%	42%	42%
	White	47%	53%	55%	52%
Political Party	Democrat	41%	44%	46%	46%
	Independent	44%	50%	55%	49%
	Republican	49%	53%	55%	53%
Income	Under 50k	38%	42%	47%	44%
	50-100k	48%	52%	53%	51%
	100k+	53%	57%	57%	55%
Region	Northeast	43%	50%	53%	51%
	Midwest	44%	47%	54%	48%
	West	46%	48%	50%	49%
	South	45%	49%	50%	49%

ELECTION RESPONSIBILITY

Overall, voters are less likely to think the local government should be responsible for creating, implementing, enforcing, or evaluating election policies than compared to the state and federal government.

In your opinion, which entities should be responsible for the following? Please select all that apply

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SELECTED)		Creating and setting election policies	Implementing election policies	Enforcing election policies	Evaluating election policies
	Registered Voters	25%	30%	31%	26%
Gender	Male	26%	30%	31%	25%
	Female	24%	30%	31%	27%
Age	18-34	27%	32%	31%	26%
	35-44	37%	42%	40%	35%
	45-64	22%	27%	28%	24%
	65+	19%	24%	29%	23%
Race	Black	32%	33%	27%	27%
	Latinx	27%	31%	19%	28%
	White	24%	30%	32%	26%
Political Party	Democrat	27%	30%	29%	26%
	Independent	26%	34%	32%	29%
	Republican	22%	27%	32%	24%
Income	Under 50k	24%	28%	26%	25%
	50-100k	26%	31%	35%	27%
	100k+	26%	31%	34%	27%
Region	Northeast	29%	33%	38%	28%
	Midwest	26%	32%	32%	28%
	West	22%	30%	33%	27%
	South	24%	26%	26%	23%



Voters age 35-44 are particularly likely to say the local government should be responsible for implementing (42%) and enforcing (40%) election policies.



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