

ACHIEVING BIPARTISAN POLICY SOLUTIONS

AUGUST 2021

KEY FINDINGS

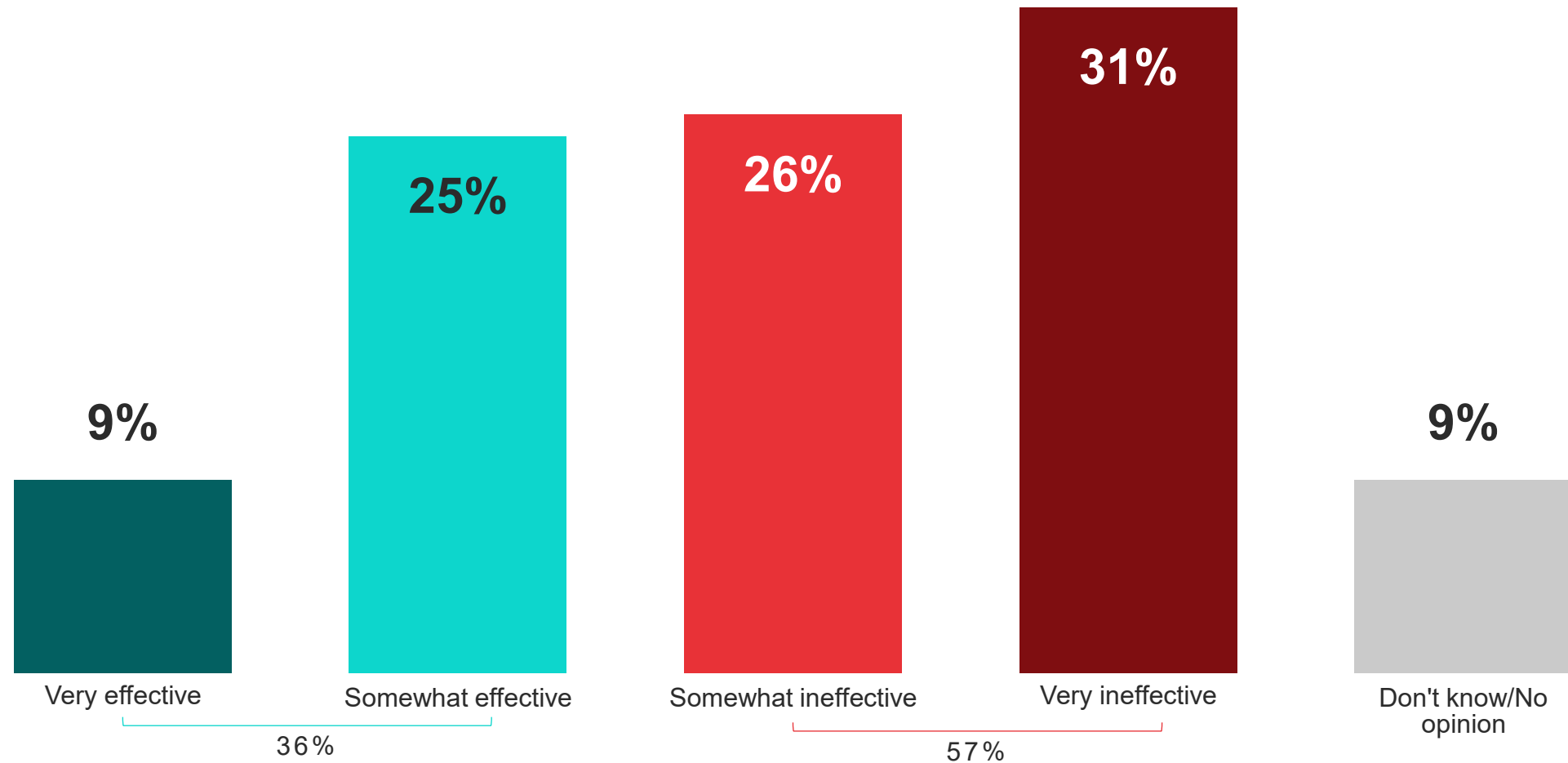
- 1. A bipartisan majority of voters prefer their member of Congress work collaboratively to achieve solutions and pass legislation.** Two thirds of voters (67%) prefer their member of Congress works collaboratively to achieve solutions and pass legislation, while 22% prefer their member stick to their principles on legislation, even if it means not getting as much accomplished. This preference for collaboration spans party lines (77% Dems, 55% Reps).
- 2. The passage of the infrastructure bill makes voters more favorable and confident in Congress.** A third of voters (34%) say the bipartisan infrastructure bill makes them *more favorable* of Congress and more confident (31%) in Congress' ability to pass bipartisan legislation in the future.
- 3. More knowledge about the infrastructure bill makes voters more favorable and confident in Congress' ability to pass bipartisan legislation in the future.** Among voters who have heard a lot about the Senate passing an infrastructure bill (29% of voters), 51% say the passage of the bill makes them more favorable of Congress, and 42% say it makes them more confident Congress can work across party lines on future policy.

Methodology: This poll was conducted between August 11-13, 2021 among a sample of 1996 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 by educational attainment, 2020 presidential vote, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

EFFECTIVENESS OF CONGRESS

Overall, a third (36%) of voters say Congress is currently working *effectively*, compared to 57% of voters who say Congress is working *ineffectively*.

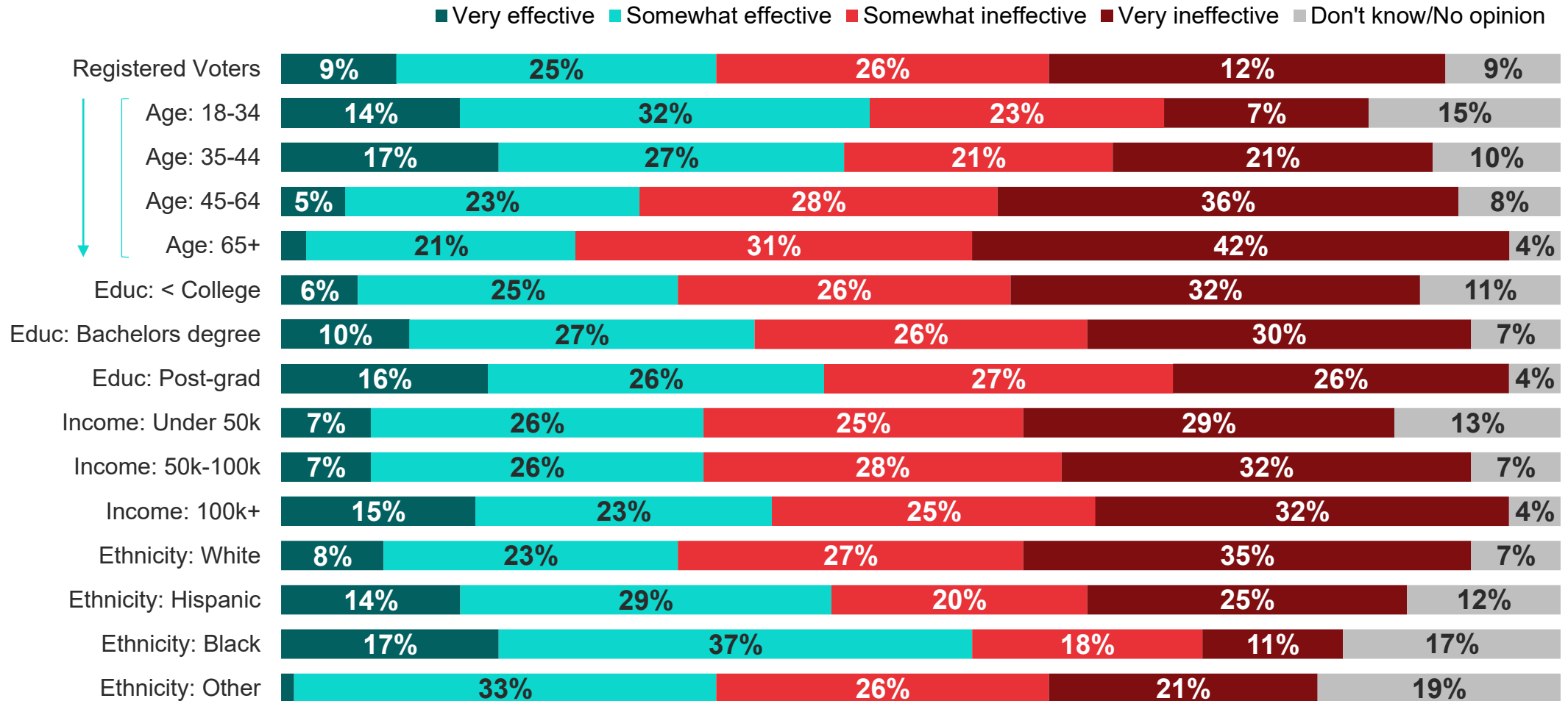
In your opinion, how effective or ineffective is Congress currently working?



EFFECTIVENESS OF CONGRESS

Younger voters are more likely than older voters to think Congress is working effectively.

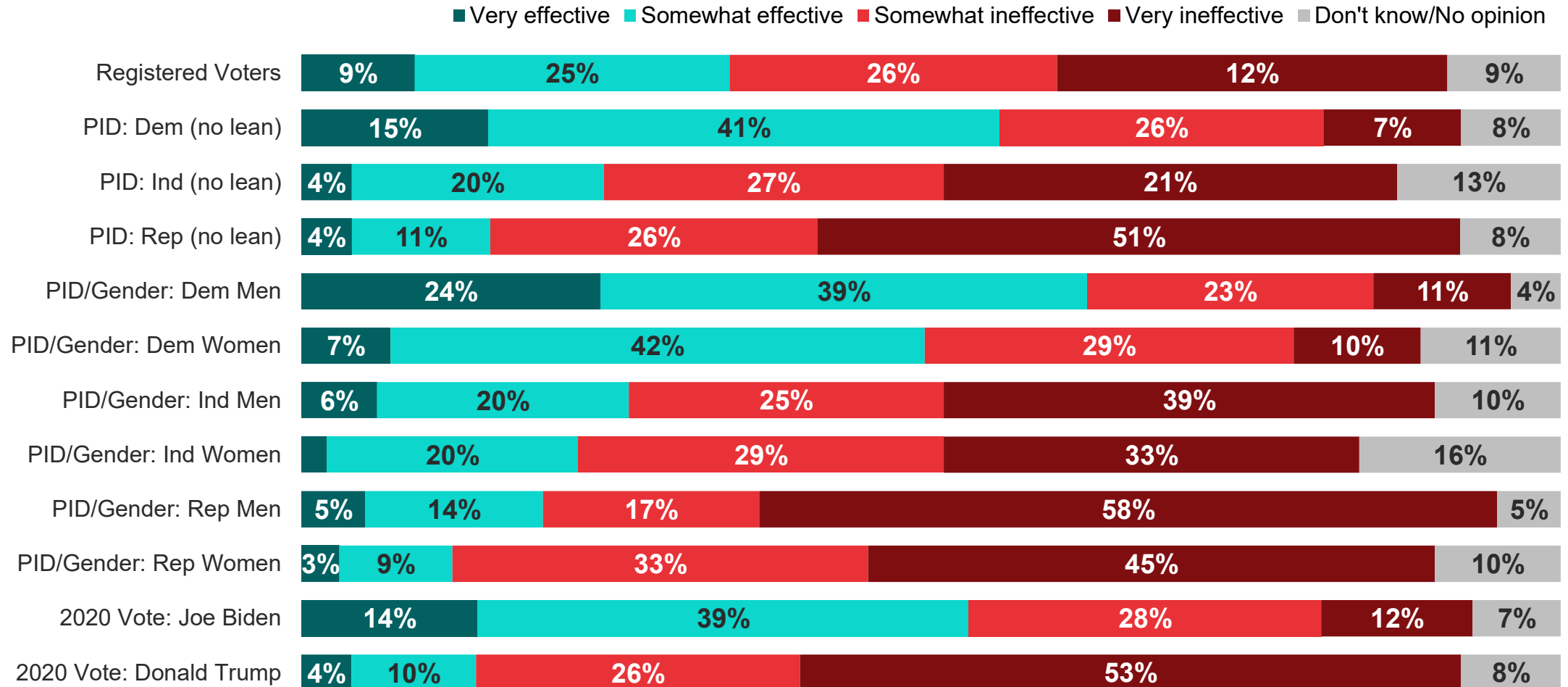
In your opinion, how effective or ineffective is Congress currently working?



EFFECTIVENESS OF CONGRESS

There is a strong partisan divide on the current effectiveness of Congress.

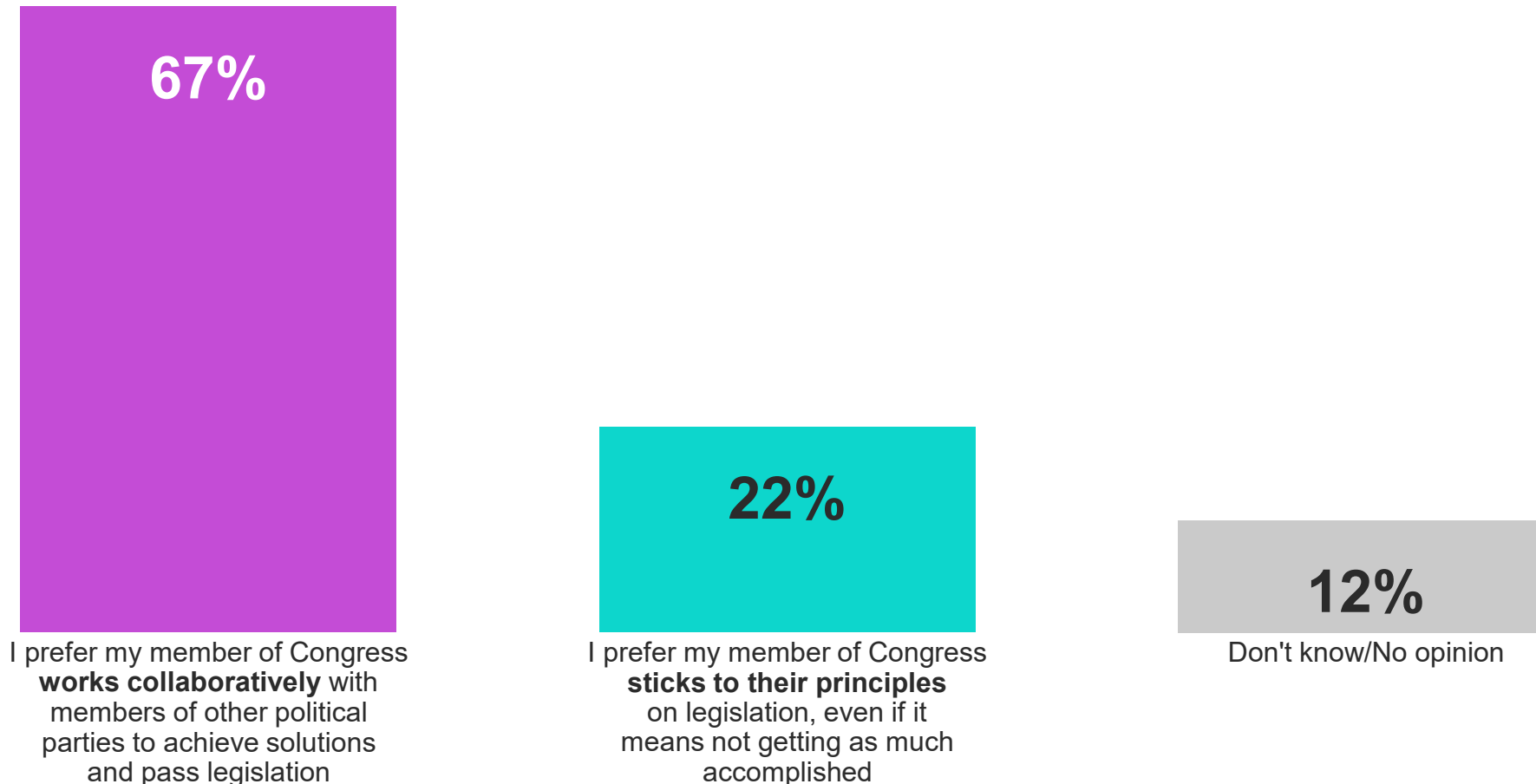
In your opinion, how effective or ineffective is Congress currently working?



BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION

Two in three voters (67%) prefer their member of Congress works *collaboratively* to achieve solutions and pass legislation, while 22% prefer their member *stick to their principles* on legislation, even if it means not getting as much accomplished

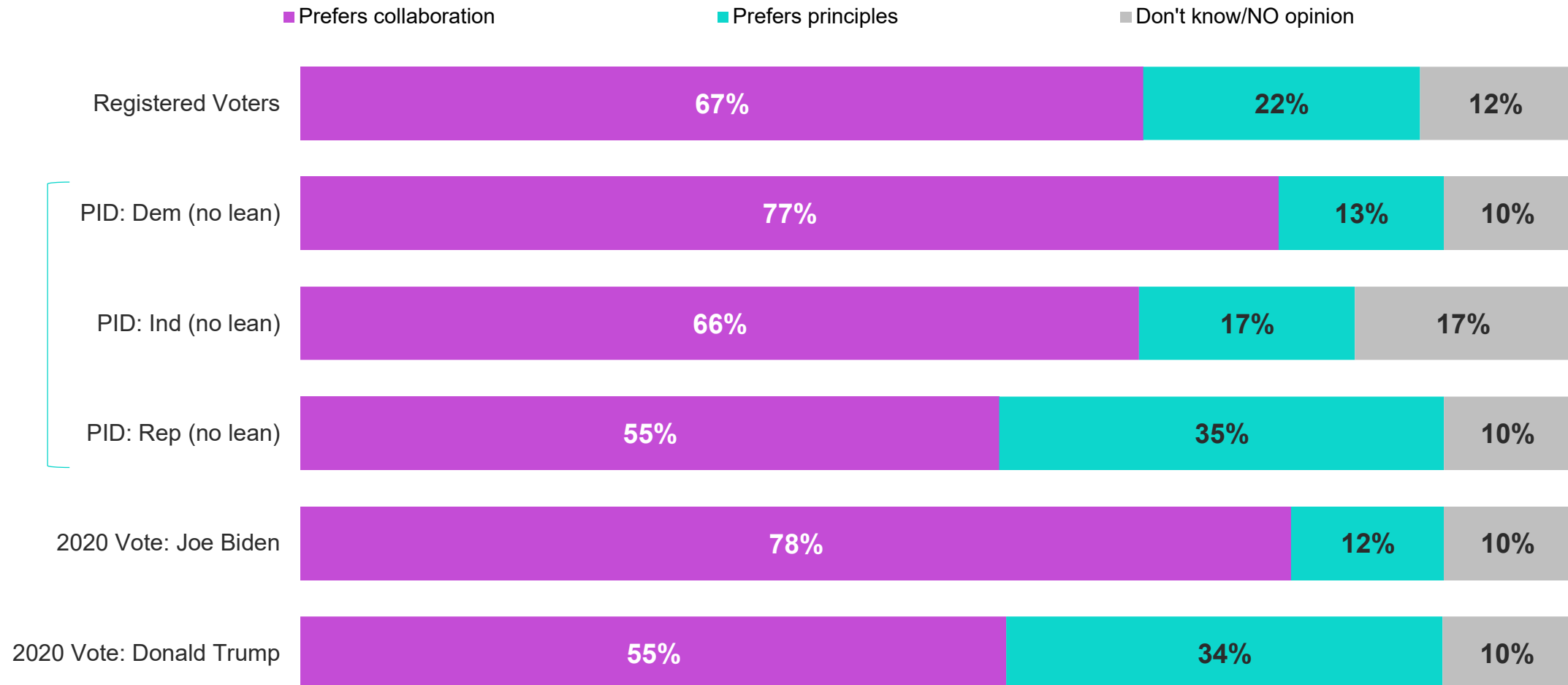
Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly correct?



BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION

Preference for legislators working collaboratively spans party lines and is shared by a majority of 2020 Biden (78%) and Trump (55%) voters.

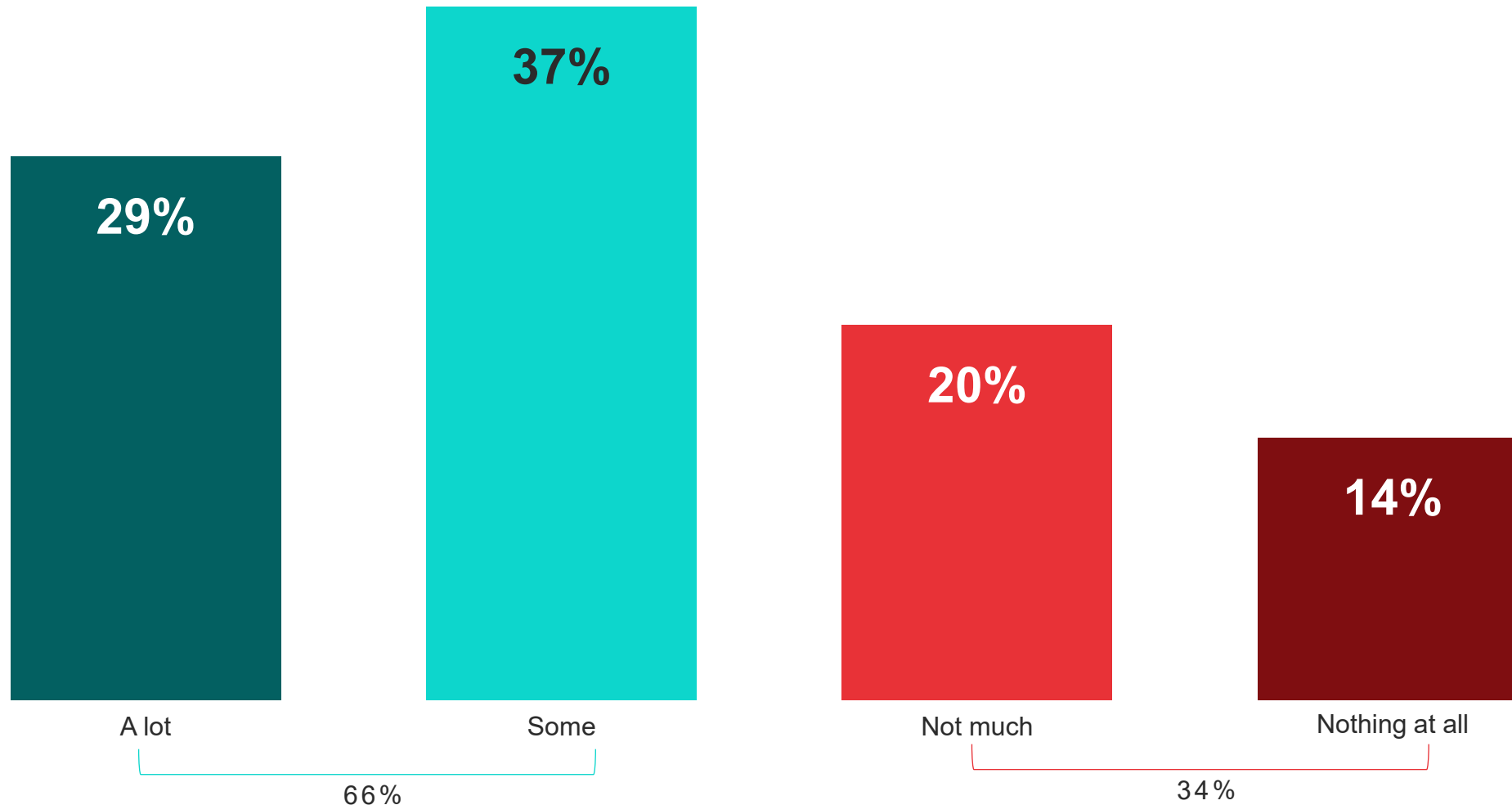
Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly correct?



AWARENESS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

Two in three voters (66%) have seen, read, or heard *a lot* or *some* about the Senate passing a bipartisan infrastructure bill.

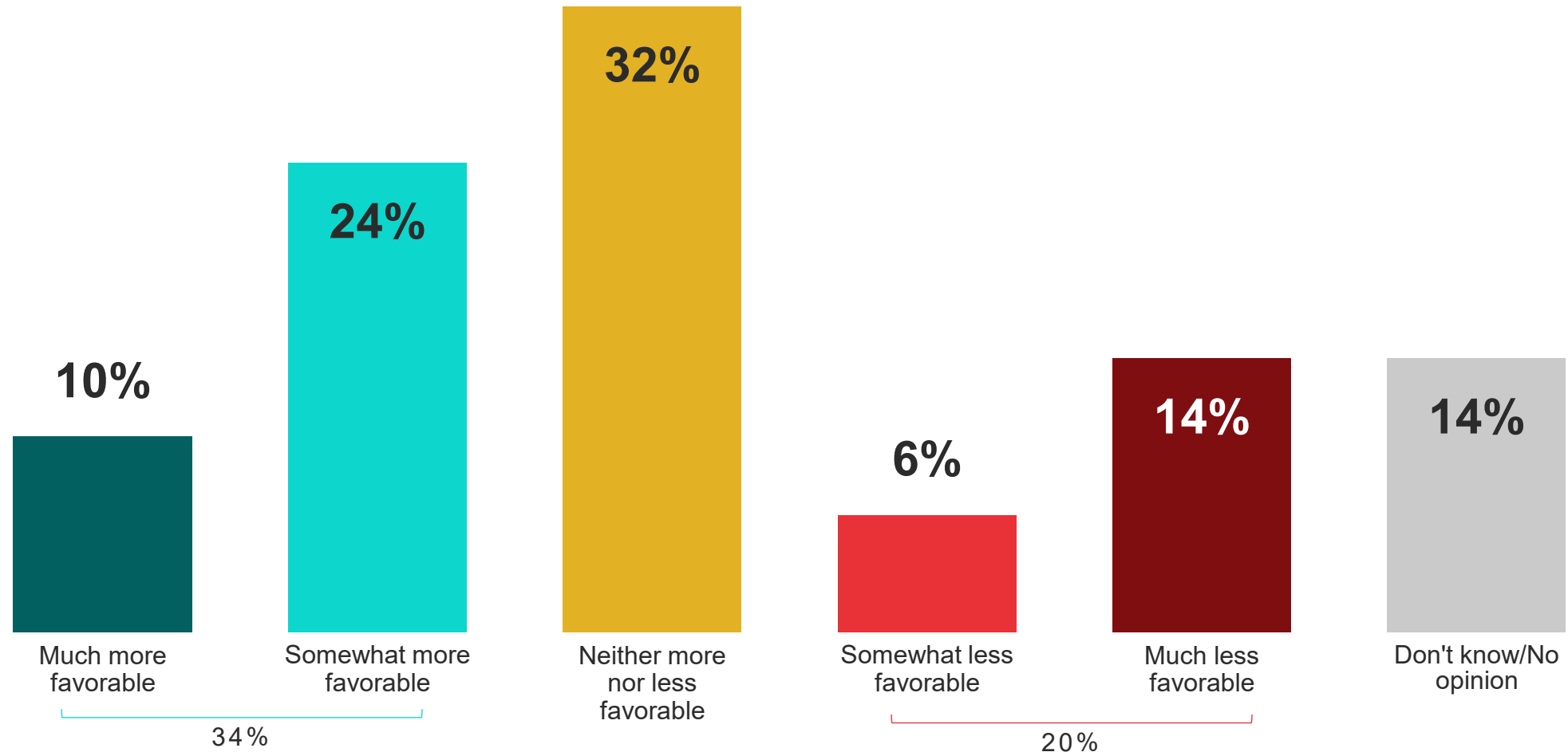
In the past week, how much have you seen, read, or heard about the U.S. Senate passing a bipartisan infrastructure bill?



IMPACT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

A third of voters (34%) say the bipartisan infrastructure bill makes them *more favorable* of Congress, while 32% say it doesn't impact their opinion either way.

As you may know, this week the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan infrastructure bill. Does the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure bill give you a more or less favorable opinion of Congress, or does it not impact your opinion either way?

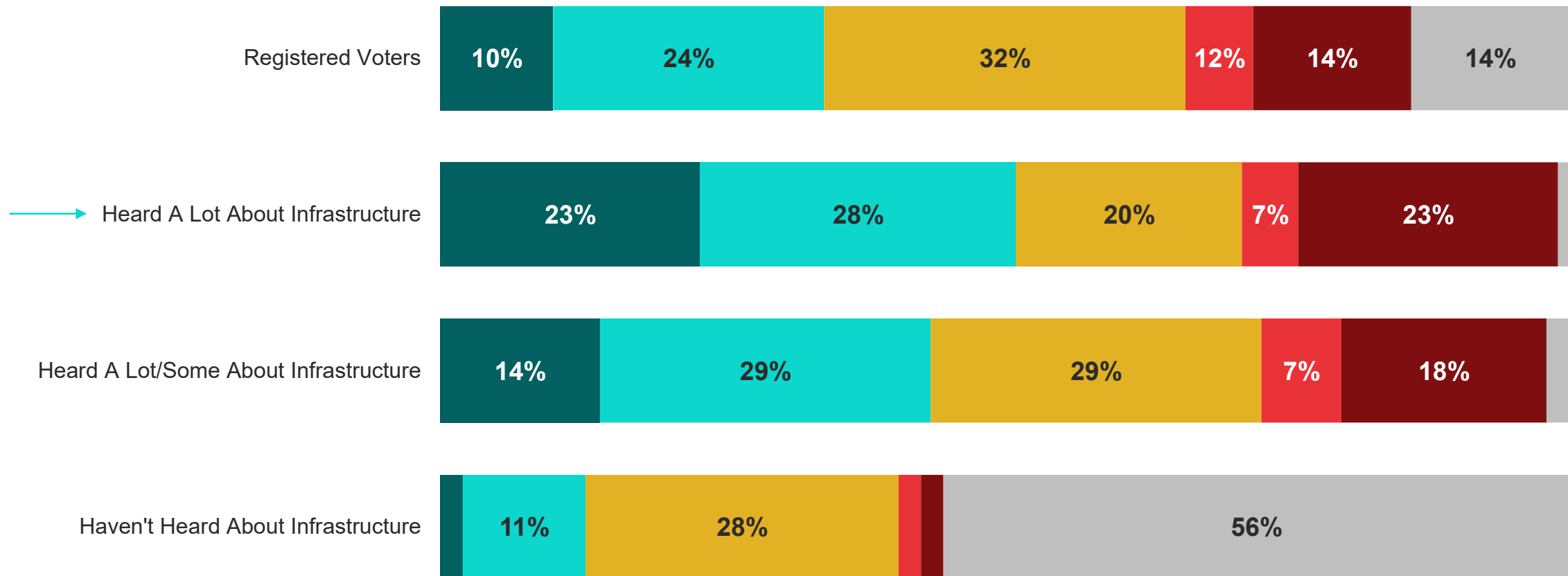


IMPACT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

Among voters who have heard a lot about the Senate passing an infrastructure bill, 51% say the passage of the bill makes them more favorable of Congress

As you may know, this week the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan infrastructure bill. Does the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure bill give you a more or less favorable opinion of Congress, or does it not impact your opinion either way?

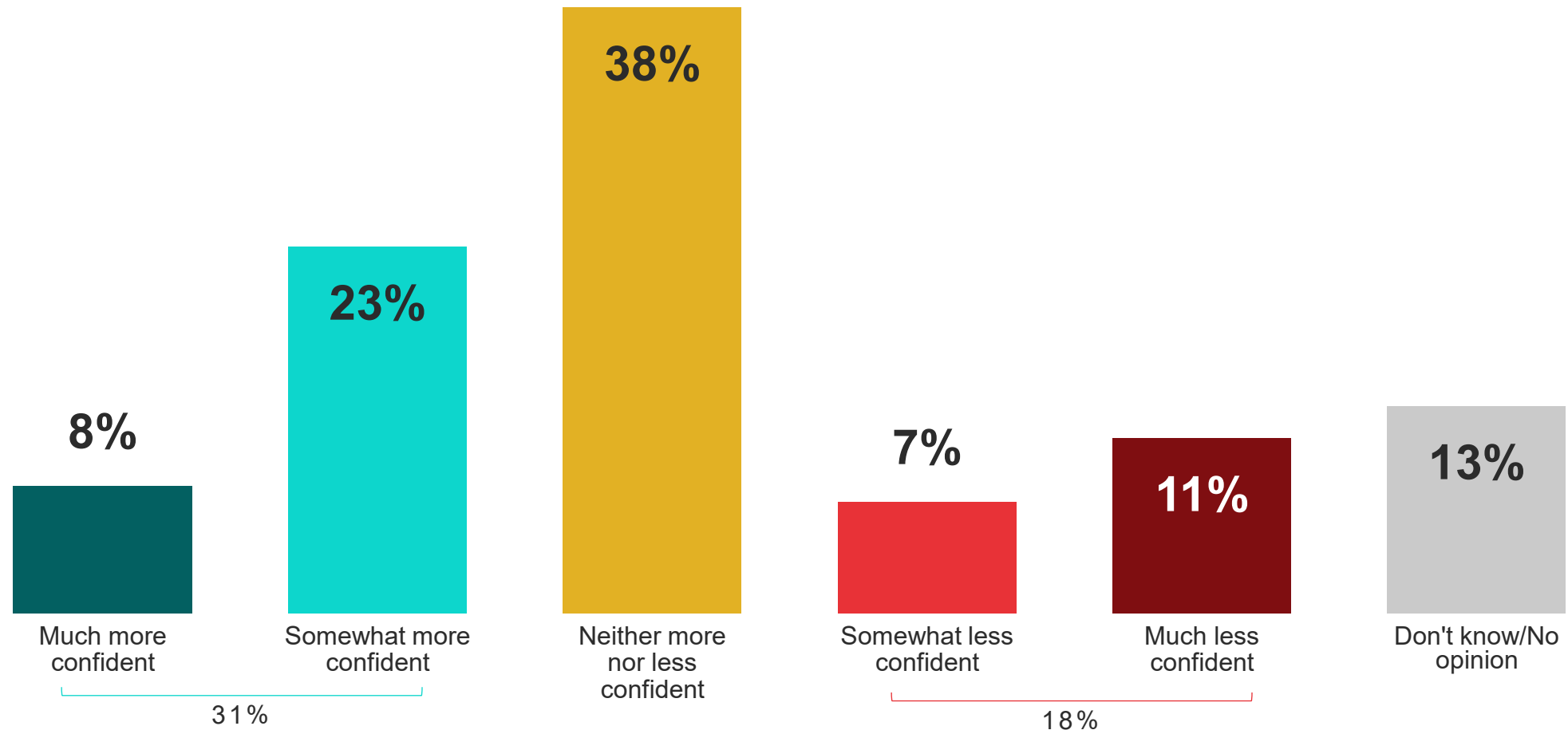
- Much more favorable
- Somewhat more favorable
- Neither more nor less favorable
- Somewhat less favorable
- Much less favorable
- Don't know/No opinion



IMPACT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

A third of voters (31%) say the bipartisan infrastructure bill makes them *more confident* in Congress to work across party lines on future policy, while 38% say it doesn't impact their confidence either way.

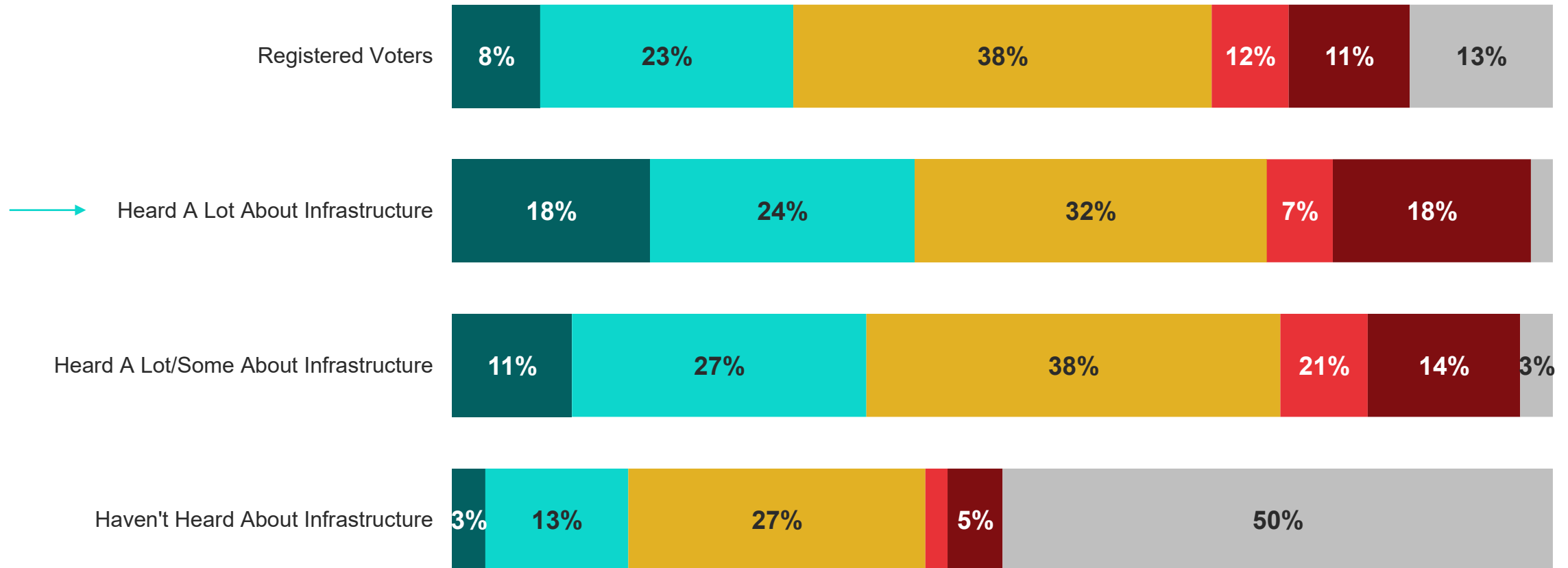
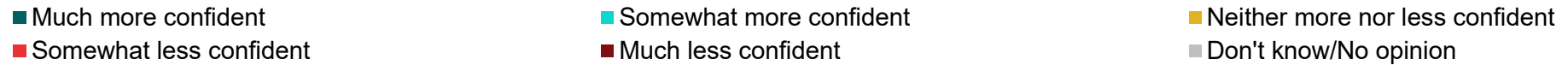
Does the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure bill make you more or less confident that Congress can work across party lines on future policy, or does it not impact your confidence either way?



IMPACT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

Two in five voters (42%) who are very aware of the infrastructure bill say they are *more confident* Congress can work across party lines on future policy.

Does the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure bill make you more or less confident that Congress can work across party lines on future policy, or does it not impact your confidence either way?





MORNING CONSULT[®]