

National Survey of Older Americans

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Methodology

On behalf of American Commitment, McLaughlin & Associates conducted a national survey among 800 likely voters who are 55 and older. All interviews were conducted online between August 24-27, 2023.

Online survey invitations were distributed randomly within predetermined geographic units. These units were structured to correlate with the population of voters 55 and older.

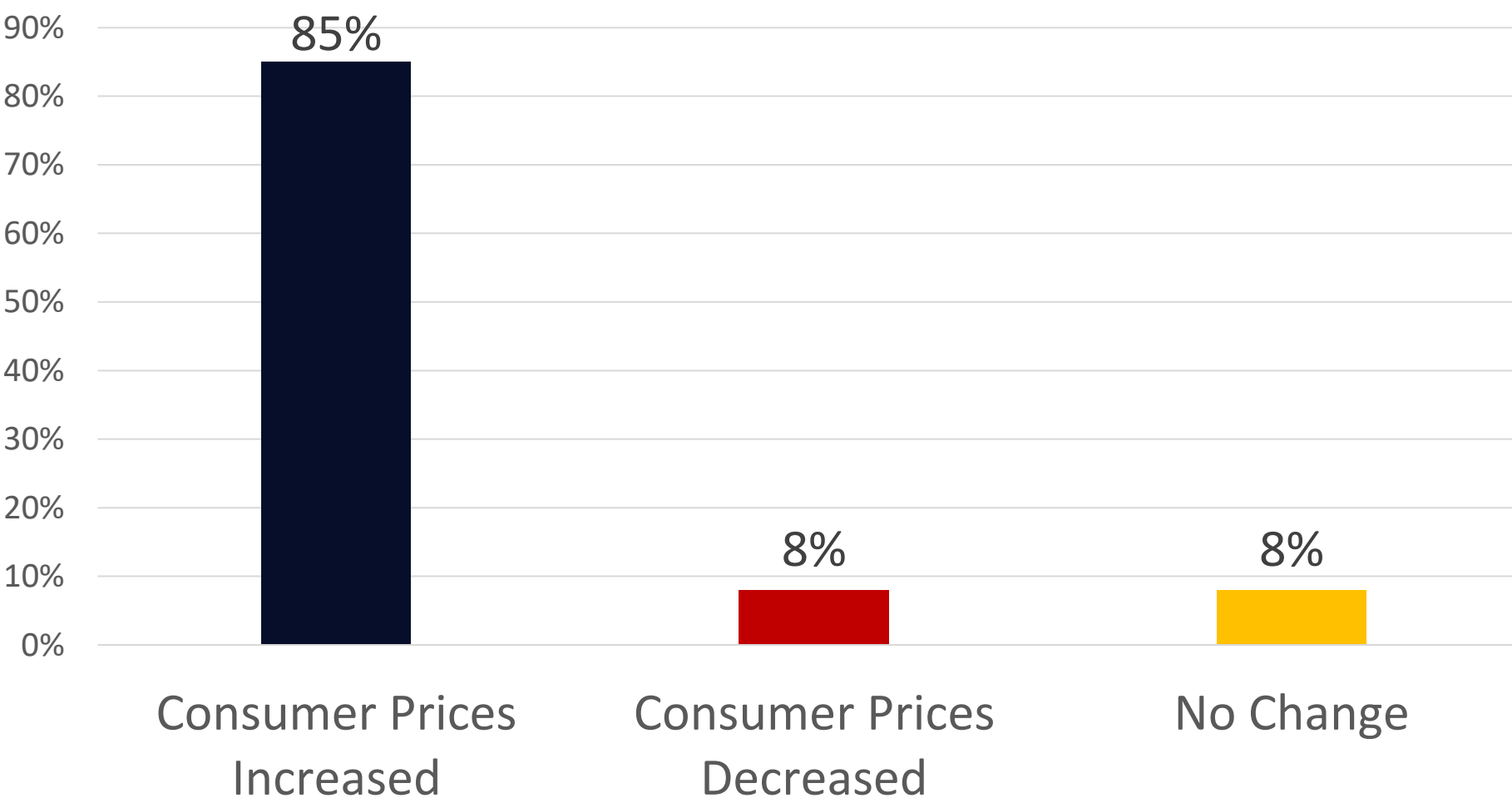
Survey results in this presentation have been rounded and may not equal 100%.

Universe:	Sample	Margin of Error
Voters 55-Plus	800	+/- 3.4%



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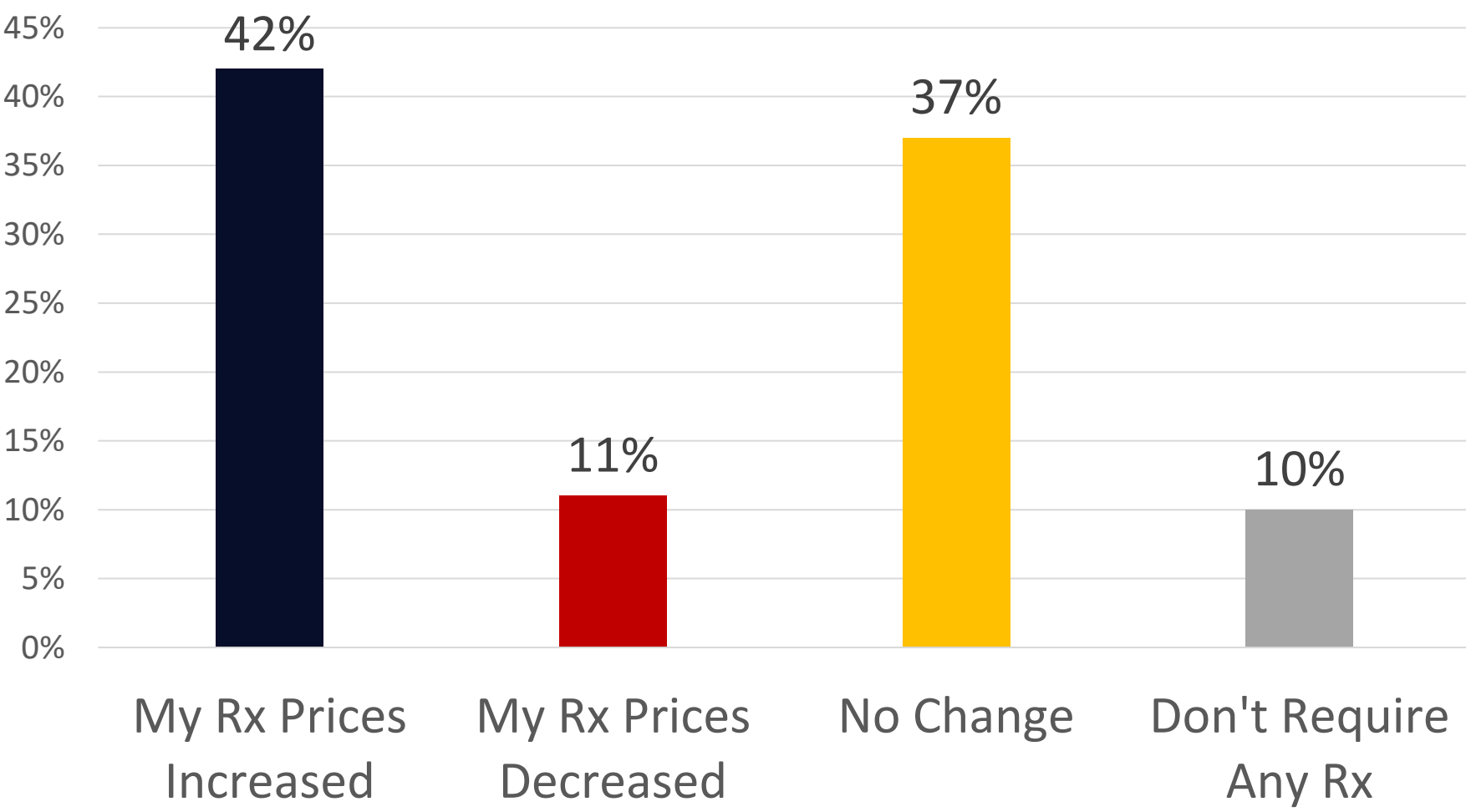
Now a year after its implementation, which of the following comes closest to your personal experience on consumer prices?



	Increase	Decrease	No Ch	Net
Medicare Beneficiary	85	7	8	78
Non-Medicare	85	8	8	77
AARP Household	83	9	8	74
Non-AARP	86	7	7	79
Republican	96	0	4	96
Democratic	71	17	12	54
Independent	84	7	9	77
Independent Men	82	8	11	74
Independent Women	87	6	7	81
Liberal	74	17	10	57
Moderate	80	9	11	71
Conservative	95	1	4	94
Non-College	86	7	7	79
College Graduate/PG	83	8	8	75
White	87	6	7	81
Black	69	18	13	51
Hispanic	86	8	6	78
Under 65	84	8	8	76
65/Older	86	7	7	79
Male	83	8	9	75
Female	87	7	7	80
Urban	77	11	12	66
Suburban	86	7	7	79
Rural	90	4	6	86
Battleground States	85	8	7	77

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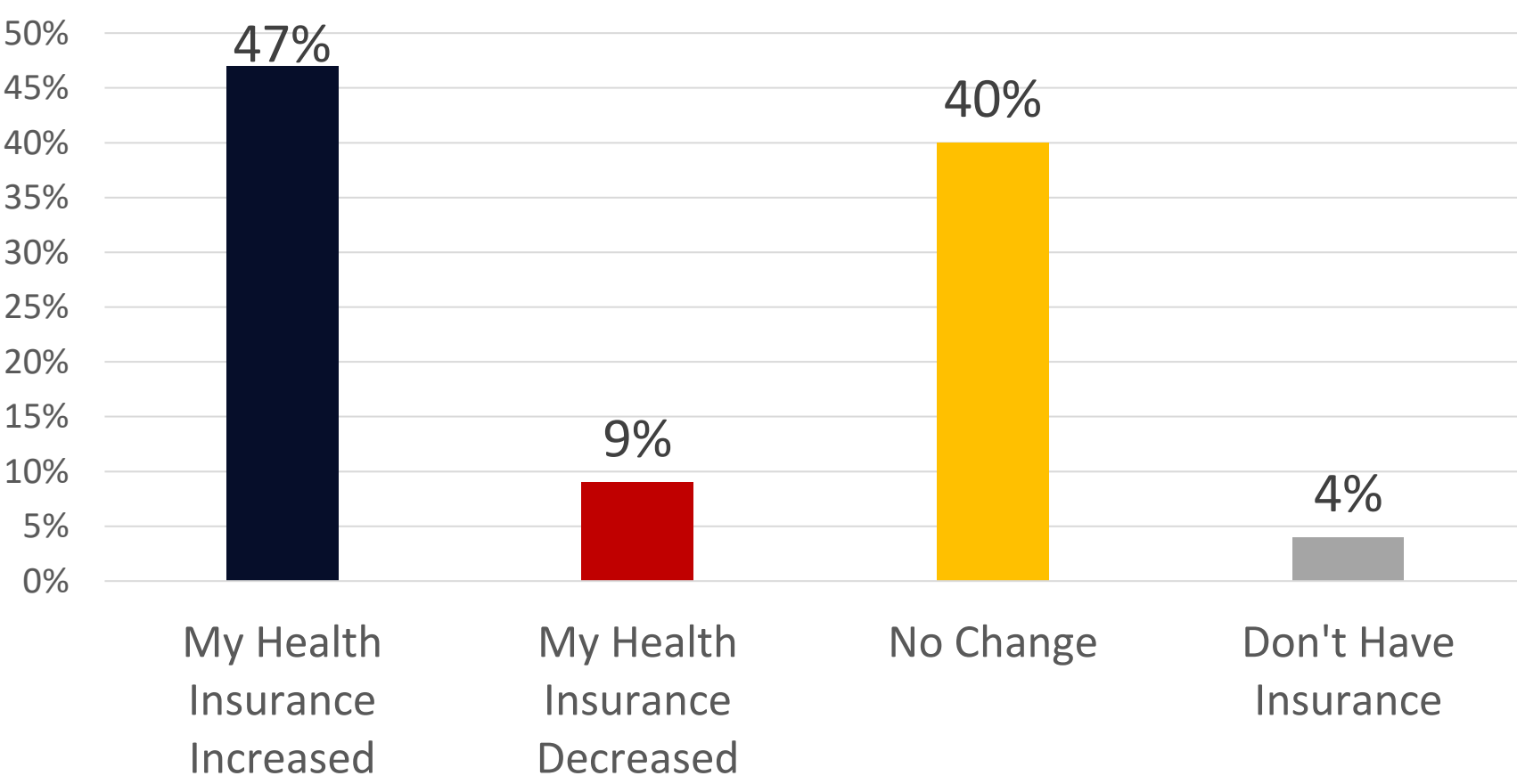
Now a year after its implementation, which of the following comes closest to your personal experience on **prescription drug prices**?



	Incr.	Decr.	No Ch	No Rx	Net
Medicare Beneficiary	39	13	41	8	26
Non-Medicare	46	8	32	14	38
AARP Household	43	16	35	7	27
Non-AARP	41	6	39	14	35
Republican	55	5	31	9	50
Democratic	28	17	43	13	11
Independent	40	11	38	11	29
Independent Men	37	12	41	10	25
Independent Women	42	11	36	11	31
Liberal	33	18	39	10	15
Moderate	35	10	42	13	25
Conservative	53	7	31	9	46
Non-College	43	11	37	10	32
College Graduate/PG	40	11	38	12	29
White	44	9	38	8	35
Black	23	23	29	25	0
Hispanic	41	14	37	8	27
Under 65	45	10	33	13	35
65/Older	40	11	41	9	29
Male	42	11	36	11	31
Female	42	10	37	10	32
Urban	38	15	32	15	23
Suburban	41	8	41	9	33
Rural	48	11	33	8	37
Battleground States	42	11	37	10	31

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Now a year after its implementation, which of the following comes closest to your personal experience on **health insurance costs**?

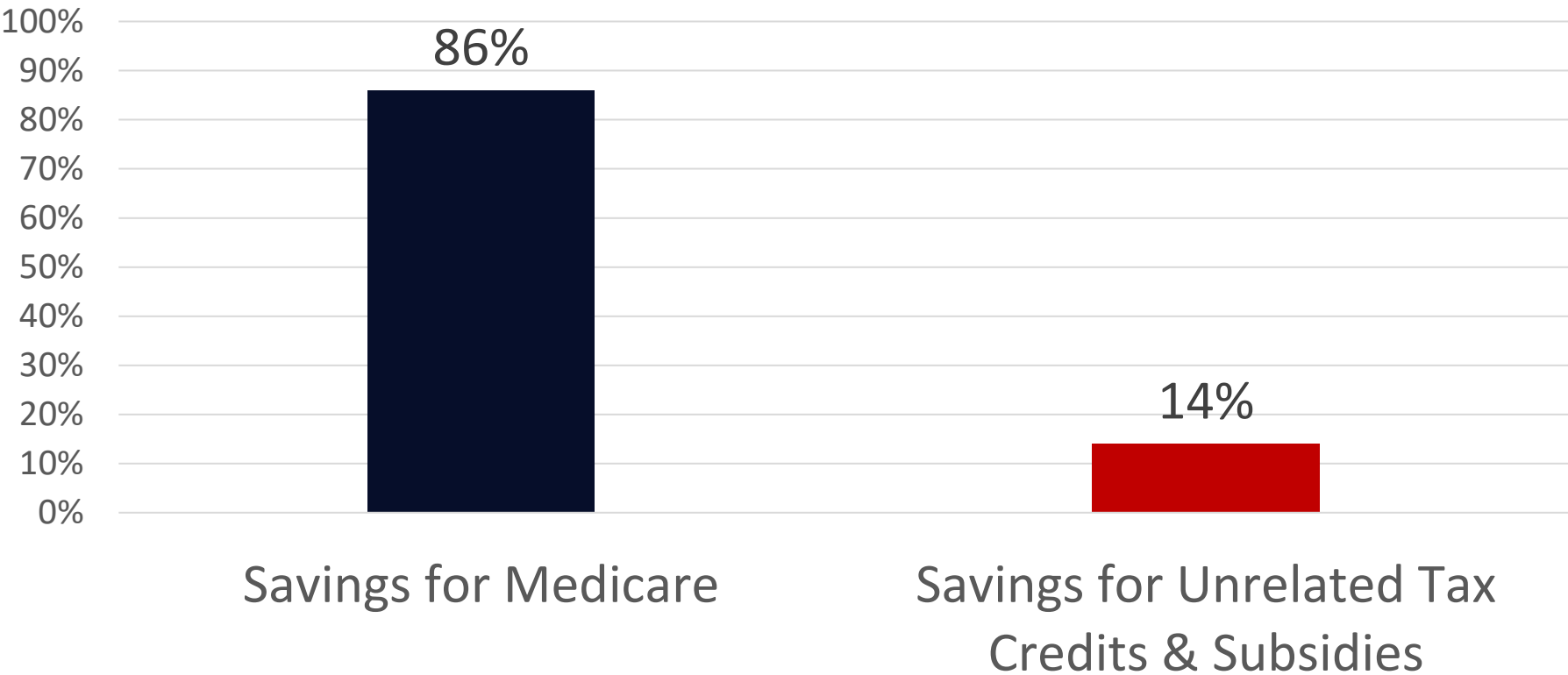


*Health Insurance includes premiums and out-of-pocket deductibles, co-pays, etc.

	Incr.	Decr.	No Ch	No HC	Net
Medicare Beneficiary	44	11	44	1	33
Non-Medicare	50	7	35	9	43
AARP Household	46	12	39	3	34
Non-AARP	47	7	41	5	40
Republican	58	6	32	5	52
Democratic	29	14	53	4	15
Independent	52	9	36	3	43
Independent Men	51	8	38	4	43
Independent Women	54	9	34	3	45
Liberal	28	18	50	4	10
Moderate	47	9	40	4	38
Conservative	56	5	34	5	51
Non-College	49	9	36	6	40
College Graduate/PG	43	9	47	1	34
White	49	9	38	4	40
Black	28	17	53	3	11
Hispanic	43	10	35	12	33
Under 65	48	7	36	8	41
65/Older	45	11	43	1	34
Male	45	9	42	4	36
Female	48	10	38	4	38
Urban	39	14	44	3	25
Suburban	47	7	41	4	40
Rural	53	9	33	5	44
Battleground States	47	8	41	5	39

As part of the IRA spending bill’s drug pricing provisions, Congress projected Medicare would save billions to use for the IRA’s implementation. Much of those funds, however, are being used to help pay for other unrelated spending priorities like tax credits for electric vehicles and solar panels and subsidies to pay for non-Medicare insurance premiums. While those unrelated tax credits and subsidies were made immediately available, most of the drug pricing provisions aimed at helping older Americans in Medicare won’t kick in for one to three years. Which comes closest to your own view?

1. Funds from any Medicare savings should be applied to lower Medicare beneficiaries’ prescription drug costs before being made available for unrelated tax credits and subsidies.
2. Funds from any Medicare savings should be made available for unrelated tax credits and subsidies even before being applied to lower Medicare beneficiaries’ prescription drug costs.

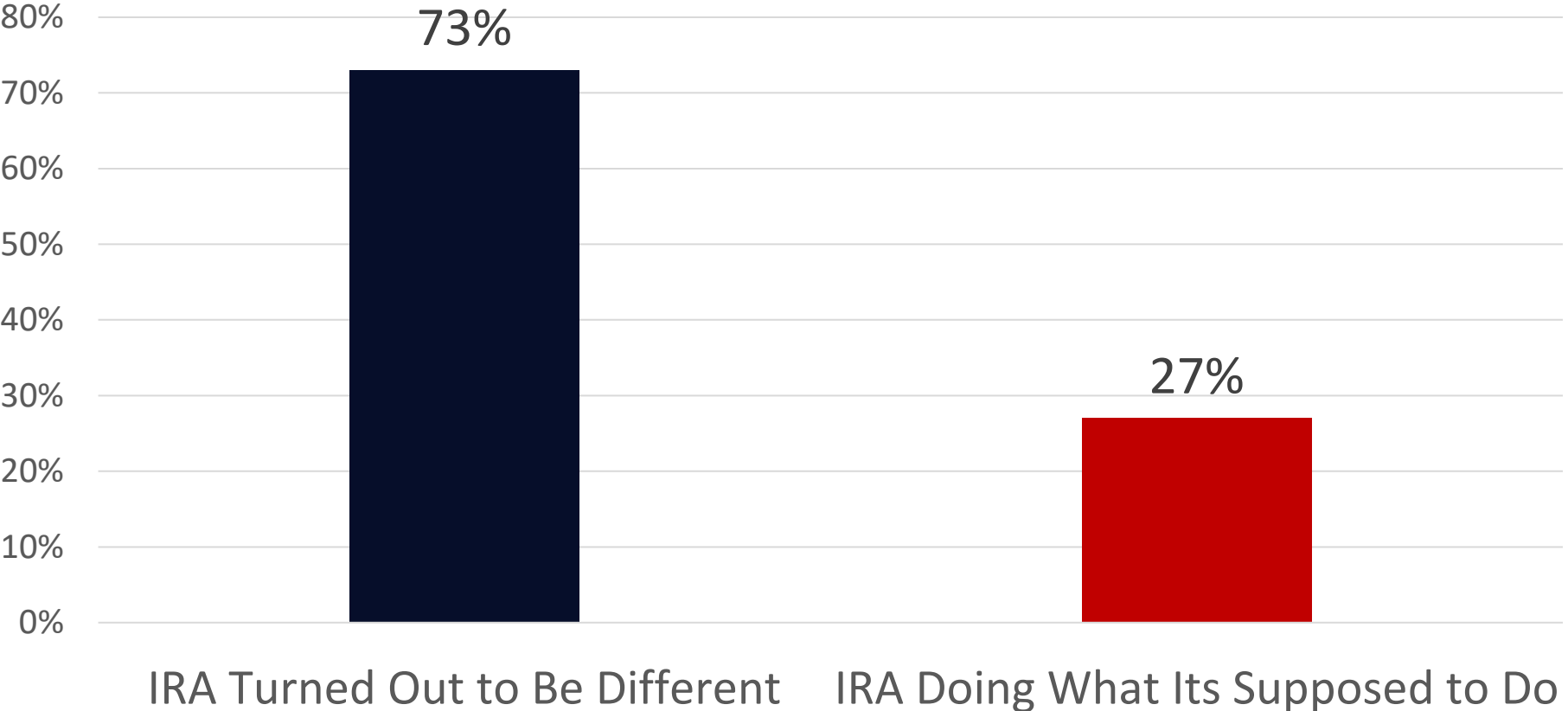


	Medicare	Credits/Subs	Net
Medicare Beneficiary	87	13	74
Non-Medicare	85	15	70
AARP Household	87	13	74
Non-AARP	86	14	72
Republican	88	12	76
Democratic	83	17	66
Independent	87	12	75
Independent Men	86	14	72
Independent Women	89	11	78
Liberal	85	15	70
Moderate	88	12	76
Conservative	86	14	72
Non-College	85	15	70
College Graduate/PG	88	12	76
White	88	12	76
Black	82	18	64
Hispanic	83	17	66
Under 65	85	15	70
65/Older	87	13	74
Male	85	15	70
Female	87	13	74
Urban	86	14	72
Suburban	87	13	74
Rural	84	16	68
Battleground States	84	16	68

Which comes closest to your view about the Inflation Reduction Act?

1. People who say that the IRA spending bill turned out to be something different than what supporters said it was, what it would do, and who would benefit. They believe it has prioritized climate spending programs and green energy tax breaks while ignoring measures to lower consumer prices and delaying provisions to lower healthcare costs for older Americans.

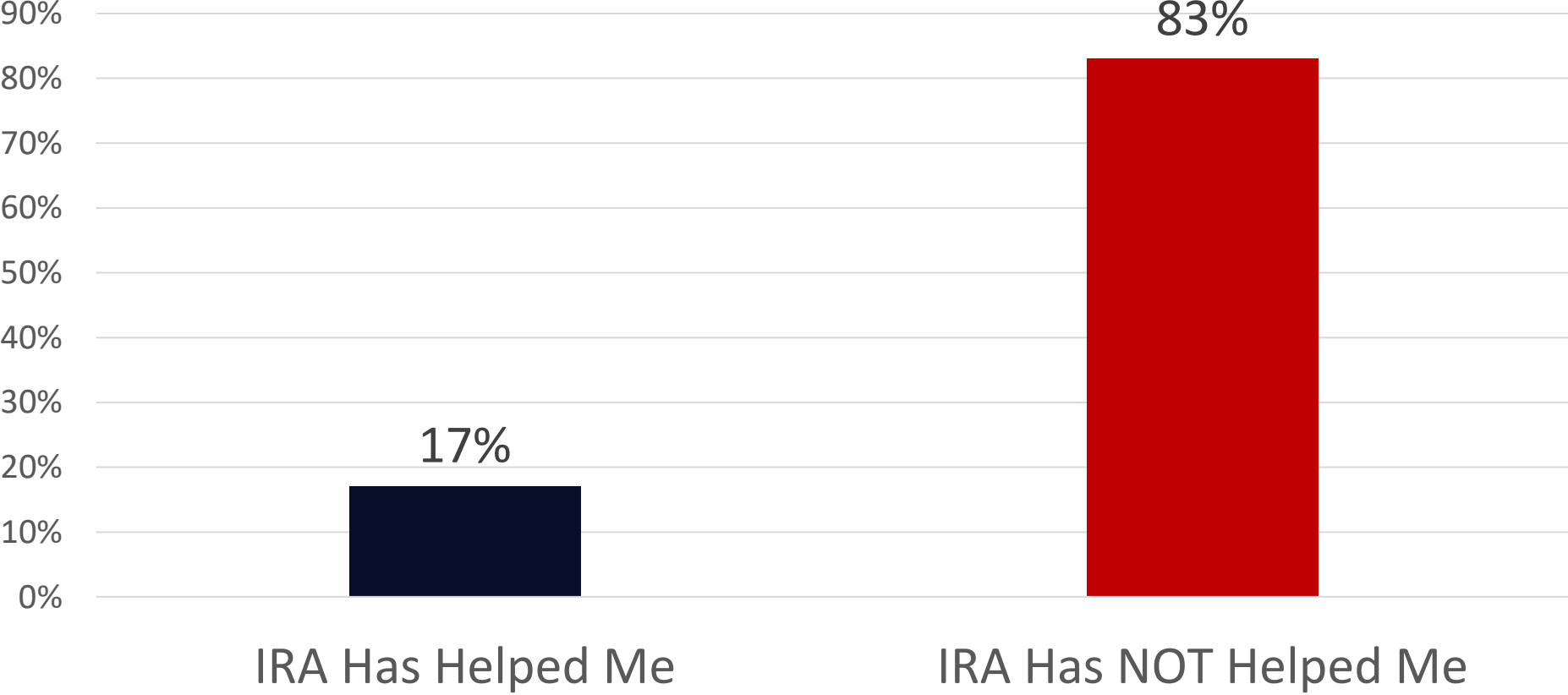
2. People who say that the IRA spending bill is doing exactly what supporters said it would, how it would do it, and who would benefit. They believe climate spending programs and green energy tax breaks should be prioritized even if it takes a little longer to implement measures to lower consumer prices and prescription drug prices for older Americans.



	Different	As Supposed	Net
Medicare Beneficiary	73	27	46
Non-Medicare	72	27	45
AARP Household	68	31	37
Non-AARP	77	23	54
Republican	88	12	76
Democratic	52	48	4
Independent	77	23	54
Independent Men	72	28	44
Independent Women	81	18	63
Liberal	45	54	-9
Moderate	70	30	40
Conservative	91	9	82
Non-College	77	23	54
College Graduate/PG	66	34	32
White	76	24	52
Black	55	45	10
Hispanic	65	34	31
Under 65	71	29	42
65/Older	74	25	49
Male	72	28	44
Female	74	26	48
Urban	65	35	30
Suburban	72	27	45
Rural	82	18	64
Battleground States	74	26	48

Now a year after passage of the IRA spending bill and based on your own experience, which of the following comes closest to your view?

- 1. I personally feel The Inflation Reduction Act has directly helped me or my family in terms of lowering the impact of inflation, consumer costs, and prescription drug prices.
- 2. I personally feel The Inflation Reduction Act has NOT directly helped me or my family in terms of lowering the impact of inflation, consumer costs, and prescription drug prices.

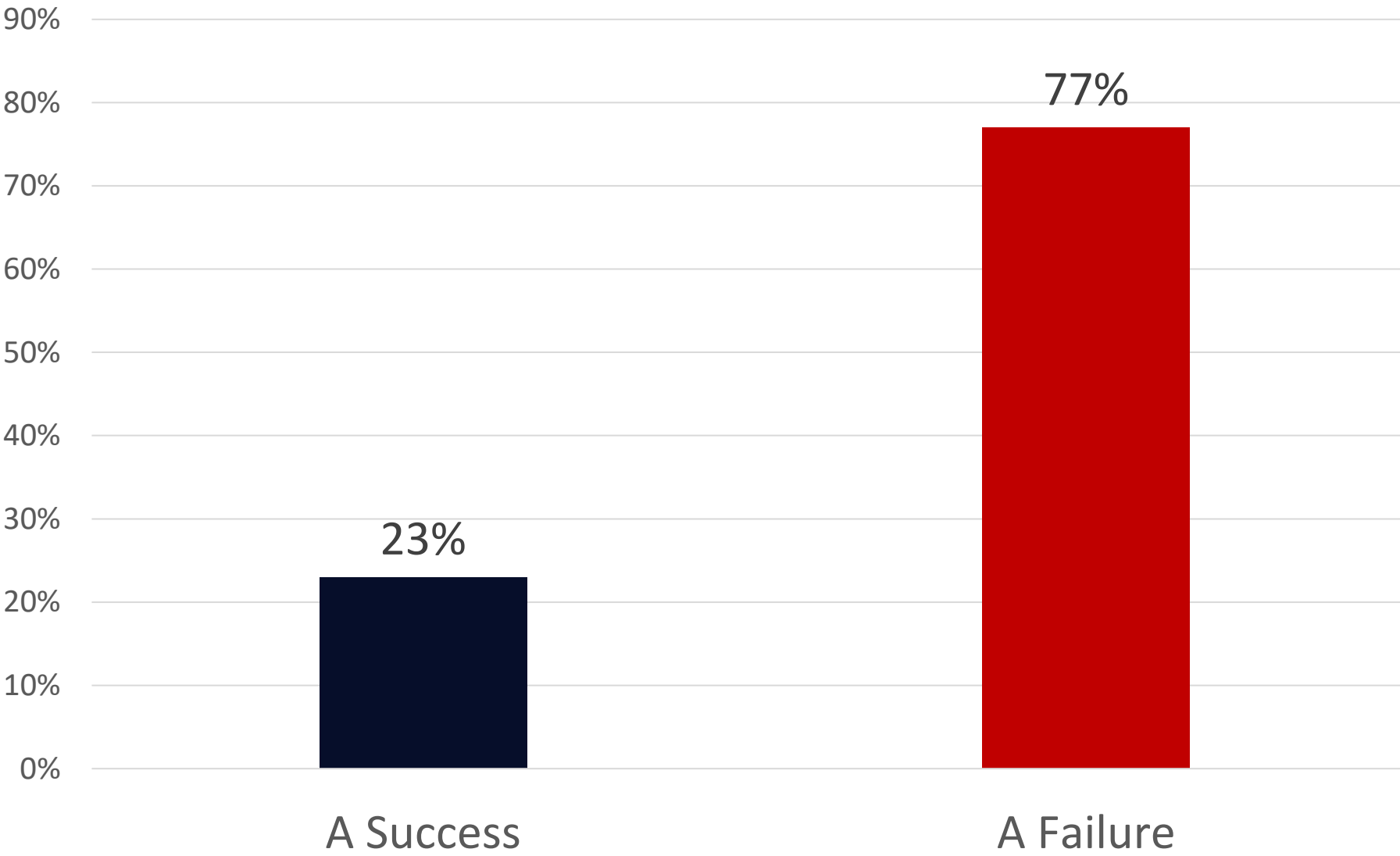


	Helped	Not Helped	Net
Medicare Beneficiary	18	82	-64
Non-Medicare	17	84	-67
AARP Household	21	79	-58
Non-AARP	14	86	-72
Republican	5	95	-90
Democratic	33	67	-34
Independent	16	84	-68
Independent Men	23	77	-54
Independent Women	9	92	-83
Liberal	40	60	-20
Moderate	18	82	-64
Conservative	4	96	-92
Non-College	15	85	-70
College Graduate/PG	21	79	-58
White	14	86	-72
Black	40	60	-20
Hispanic	19	81	-62
Under 65	17	83	-66
65/Older	17	83	-66
Male	18	82	-64
Female	16	84	-68
Urban	24	76	-52
Suburban	16	84	-68
Rural	13	87	-74
Battleground States	17	83	-66

Who do you believe benefited the most from the IRA spending bill in terms of the legislation's tax provisions, regulations, or new spending?

	Total	Medicare Beneficiary	Non Medicare	AARP HH	Non AARP	GOP	DEM	IND	White	Black	Hisp.	Under 65	65+	Male	Female
Politicians	42	41	44	41	43	48	34	43	44	36	37	44	40	39	45
New Climate Programs	22	24	19	20	23	30	12	21	24	8	23	19	24	24	20
Electric Vehicle Makers	11	13	9	10	11	10	11	11	11	9	11	7	14	9	12
Insurance Companies	10	9	11	10	9	7	10	14	9	17	12	12	8	10	9
Older Americans/Medicare	6	6	7	6	6	3	10	6	5	9	5	8	5	7	6
Families	5	5	6	7	4	1	12	4	3	13	11	7	4	7	4
Consumers	4	5	4	6	4	1	10	2	4	9	3	4	5	5	4

Now a year after passage of the IRA spending bill and based on your own experience, do you consider IRA spending bill to be a success or failure?



	Success	Failure	Net
Medicare Beneficiary	23	76	-53
Non-Medicare	22	77	-55
AARP Household	27	72	-45
Non-AARP	19	81	-62
Republican	6	94	-88
Democratic	45	55	-10
Independent	21	79	-58
Independent Men	27	73	-46
Independent Women	14	84	-70
Liberal	51	49	2
Moderate	26	74	-48
Conservative	5	94	-89
Non-College	19	81	-62
College Graduate/PG	30	69	-39
White	19	80	-61
Black	43	56	-13
Hispanic	27	73	-46
Under 65	24	76	-52
65/Older	22	77	-55
Male	25	75	-50
Female	21	78	-57
Urban	34	66	-32
Suburban	21	78	-57
Rural	16	84	-68
Battleground States	20	79	-59