

# **TEXAS VOTER SURVEY**

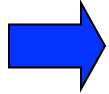
**August 8 - 10, 2010**

**N = 501 respondents**

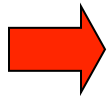
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# MEDICAL MALPRACTICE REFORMS

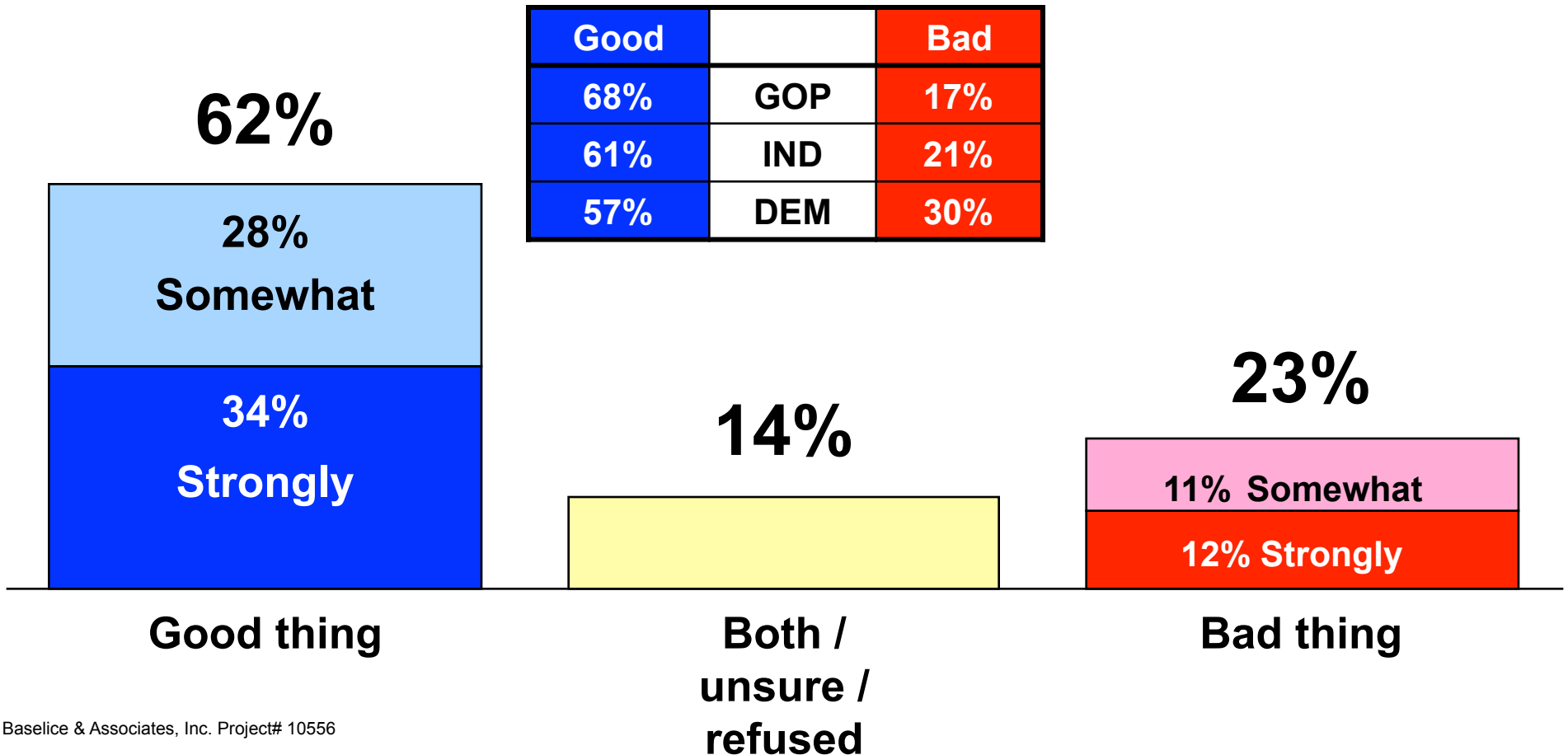
Q1. Thinking now about legal reform in Texas... Please listen to the following two viewpoints.



Some people say recent medical malpractice reforms have been a good thing because they have helped bring thousands of new physician specialists to Texas and allowed hospitals to provide expanded medical care while reducing lawsuits so people with legitimate malpractice claims can have their cases heard.

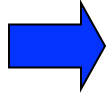


Other people say recent medical malpractice reforms have been a bad thing because it has blocked access to the courthouse for injured Texans and has made it harder for injured parties to find a lawyer who will take their case.

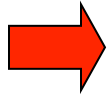


# REFORMS GOOD OR BAD

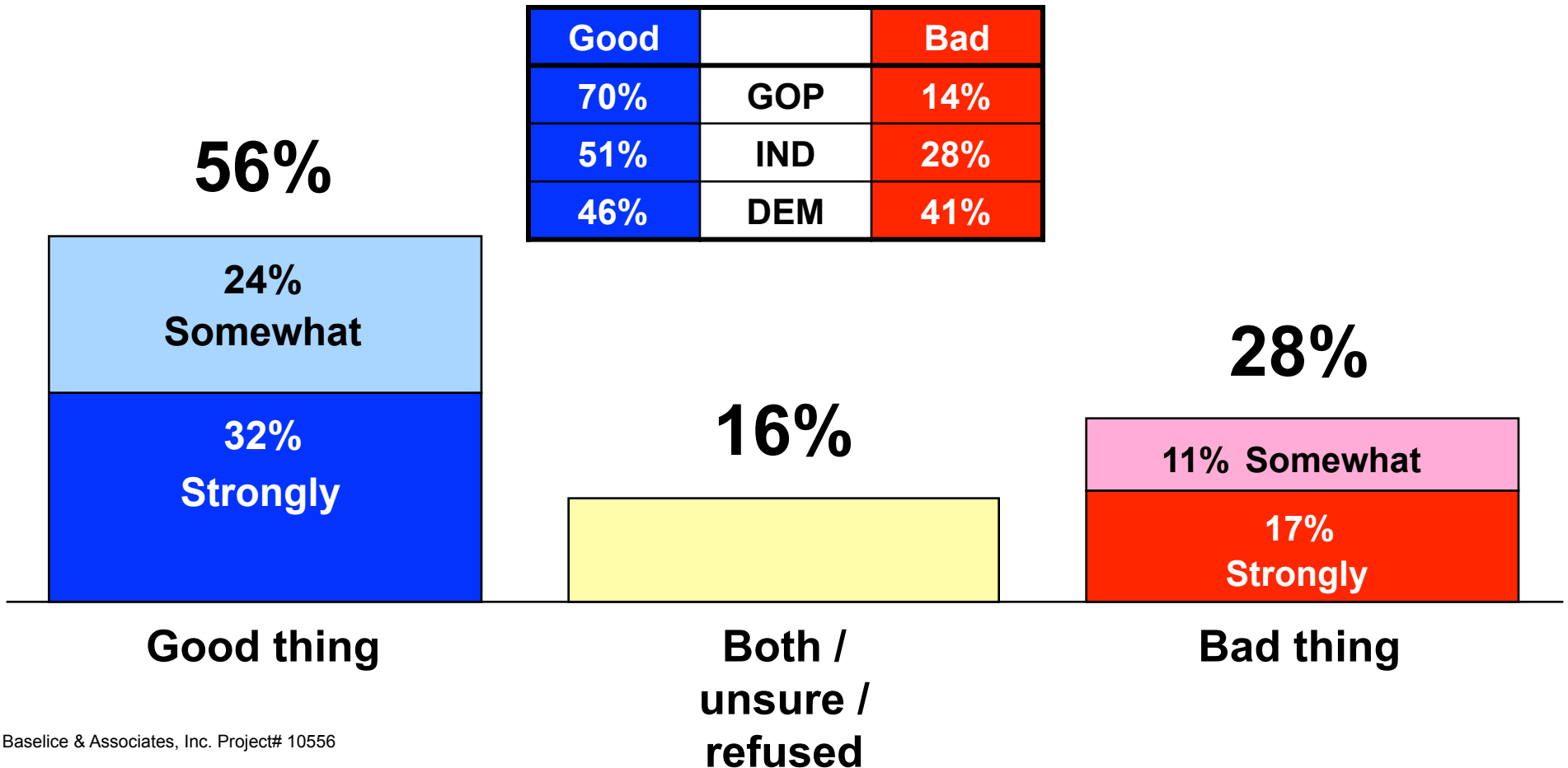
Q2. Please listen to the following two viewpoints.



Some people say recent reforms to our legal system have been a good thing because they have reduced abusive lawsuits, brought more fairness to Texas courts, and helped Texas keep and attract businesses and jobs.

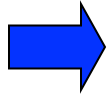


Other people say recent reforms to our legal system have been a bad thing because they have gone too far and have made it too difficult for people who have been injured to have their day in court and be fairly compensated.

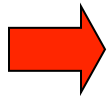


# REFORMS GOOD OR GONE TOO FAR

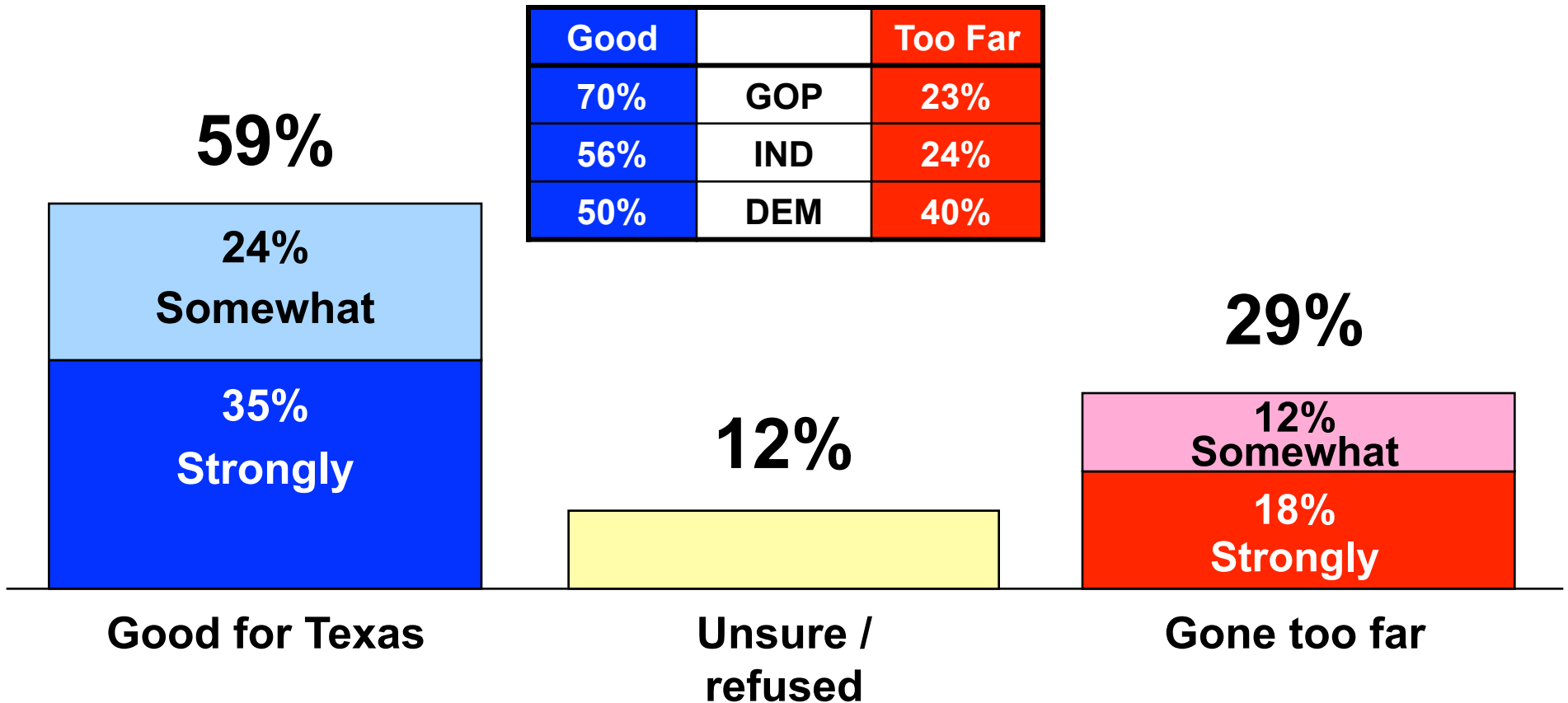
Q3. Please listen to the following two viewpoints.



Some people say reforms to reduce (**Ver X:** abusive / **Ver Y:** frivolous) lawsuits have been good for Texas, improving access to health care and bringing new businesses and jobs to Texas, and should be protected.

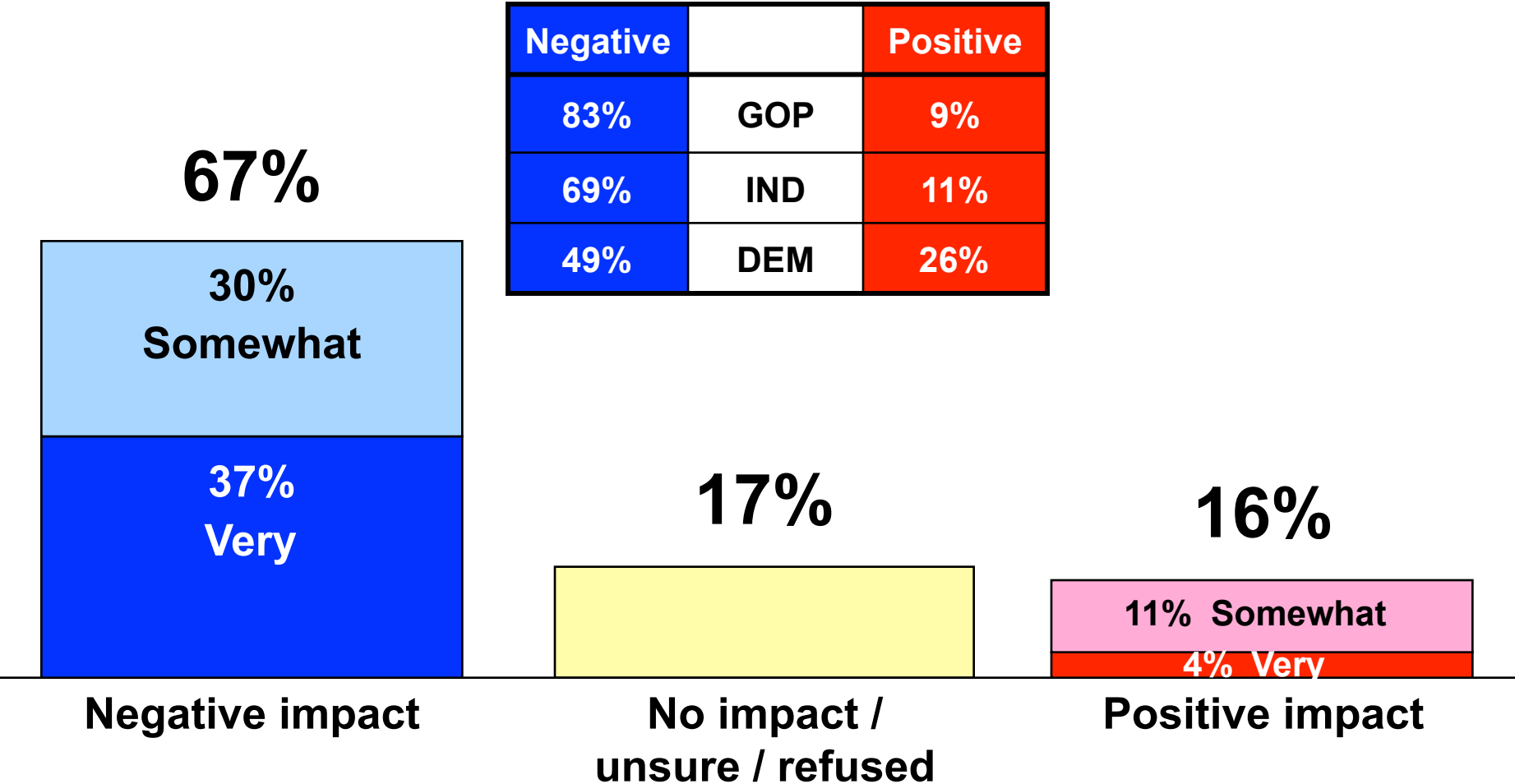


Other people say reforms to reduce (**Ver X:** abusive / **Ver Y:** frivolous) lawsuits have gone too far in Texas, hindering access to the courthouse for people who have been injured and should be overturned.



# IMPACT OF MORE LAWSUITS

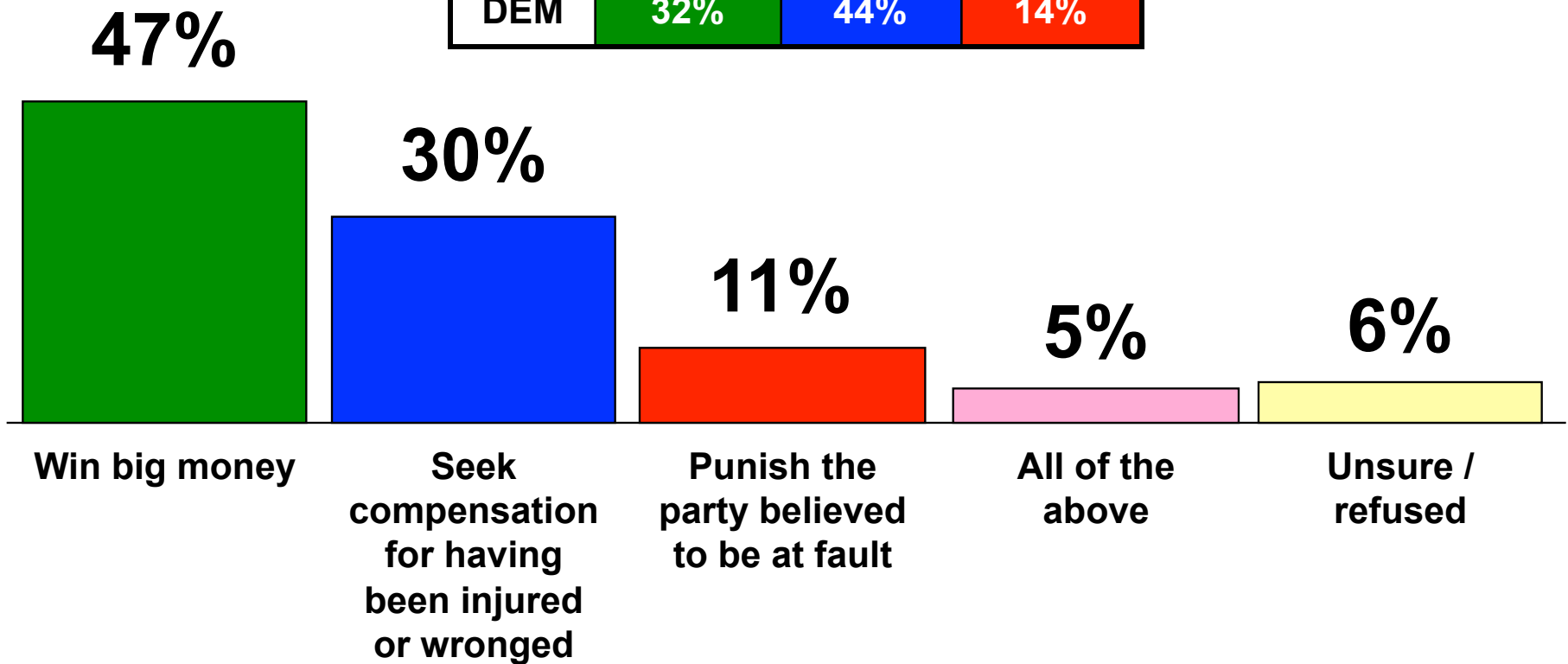
Q4. Personal injury trial lawyers are attempting to pass laws to create more types of lawsuits and make it easier to file lawsuits. Which of the following best describes the impact you believe more lawsuits against Texas businesses would have on the economy and jobs?



# REASONS PEOPLE SUE

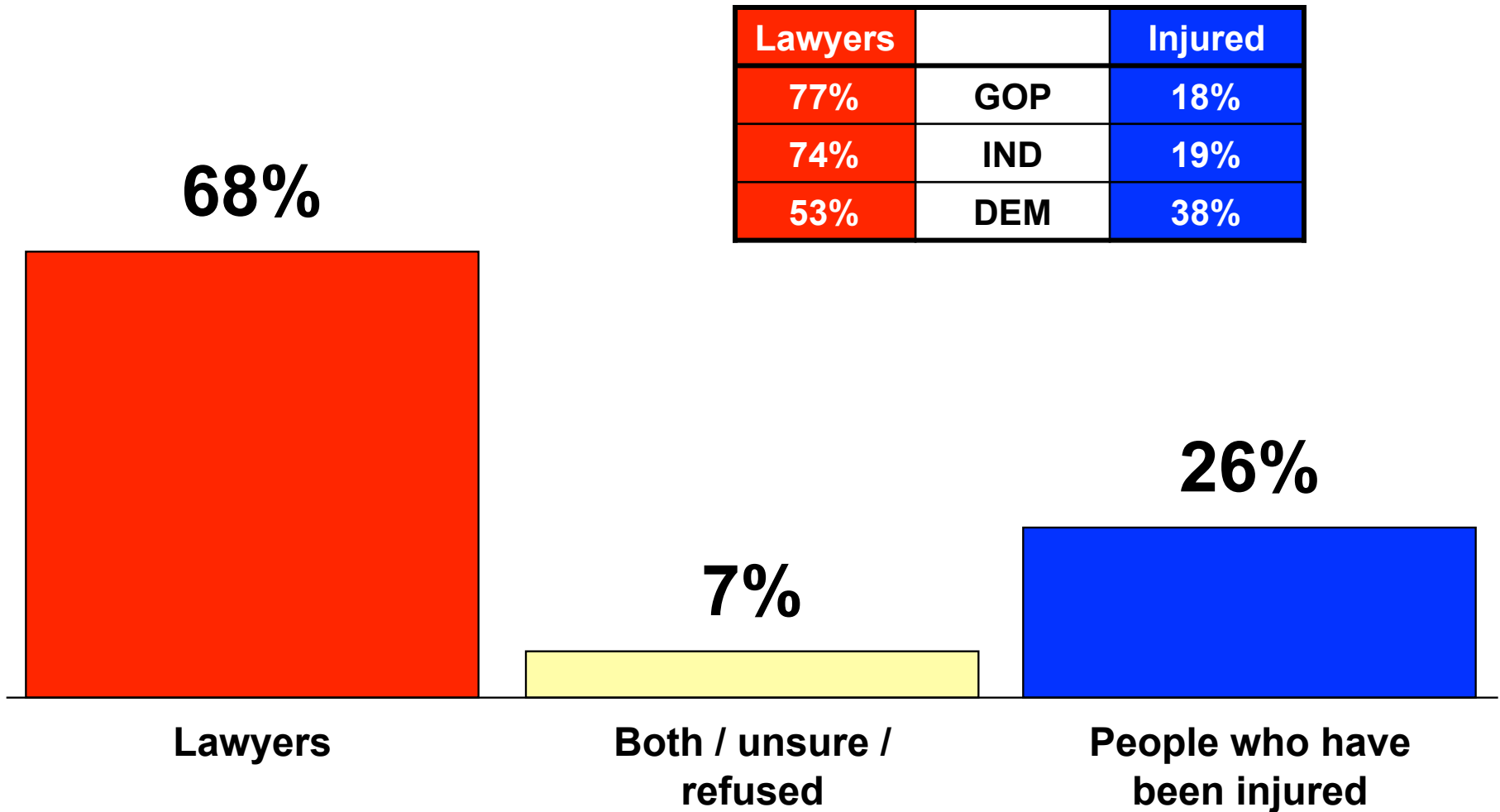
Q5. Would you say that most people file lawsuits to...

	Money	Injured	Punish
GOP	65%	17%	9%
IND	45%	29%	10%
DEM	32%	44%	14%



# BENEFIT FROM CHANGES / MORE SUITS

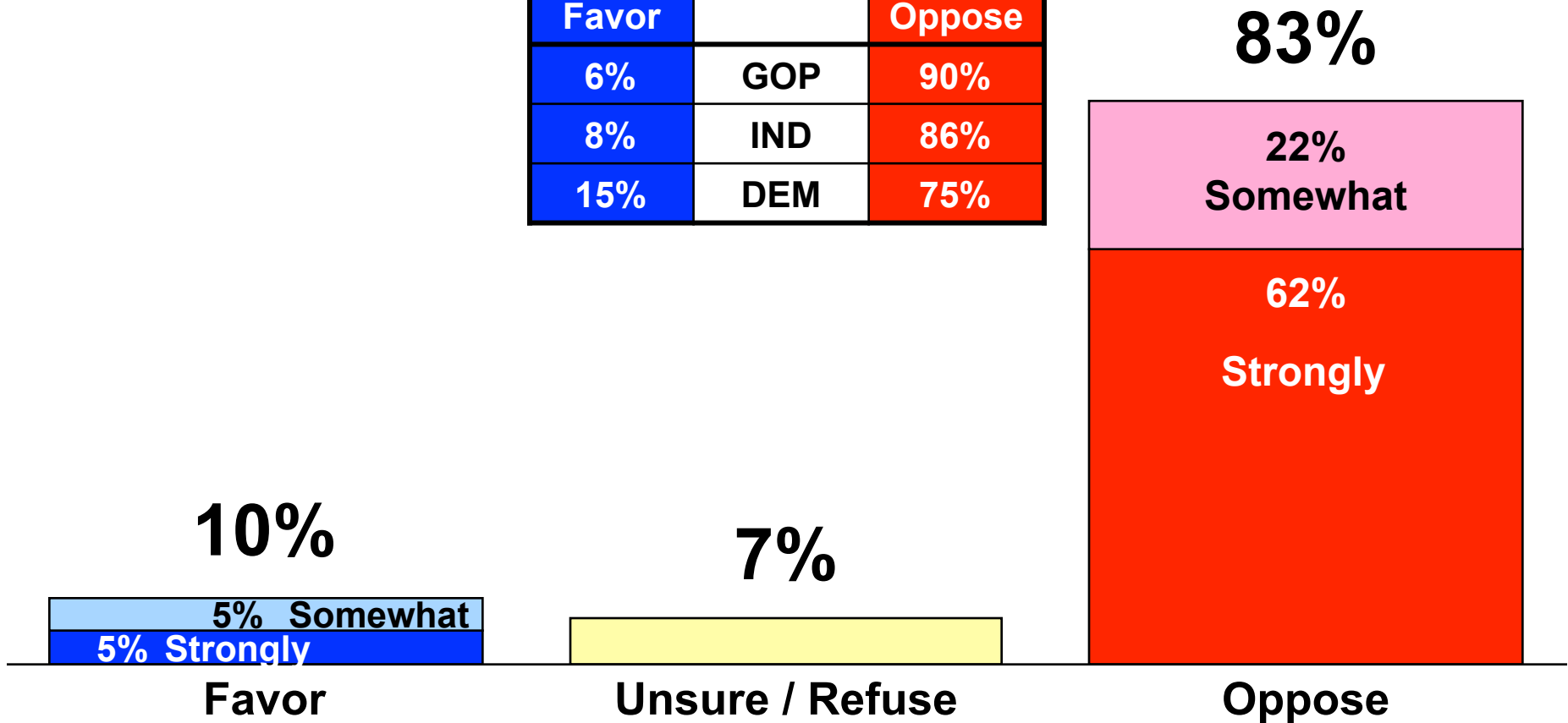
Q6. Who would benefit most from changes that would make it easier to file lawsuits...



# EASIER TO SUE WITHOUT PROOF

Q7. Do you favor or oppose a law that makes it easier to sue without having clear proof that a particular defendant caused the plaintiff's injury?

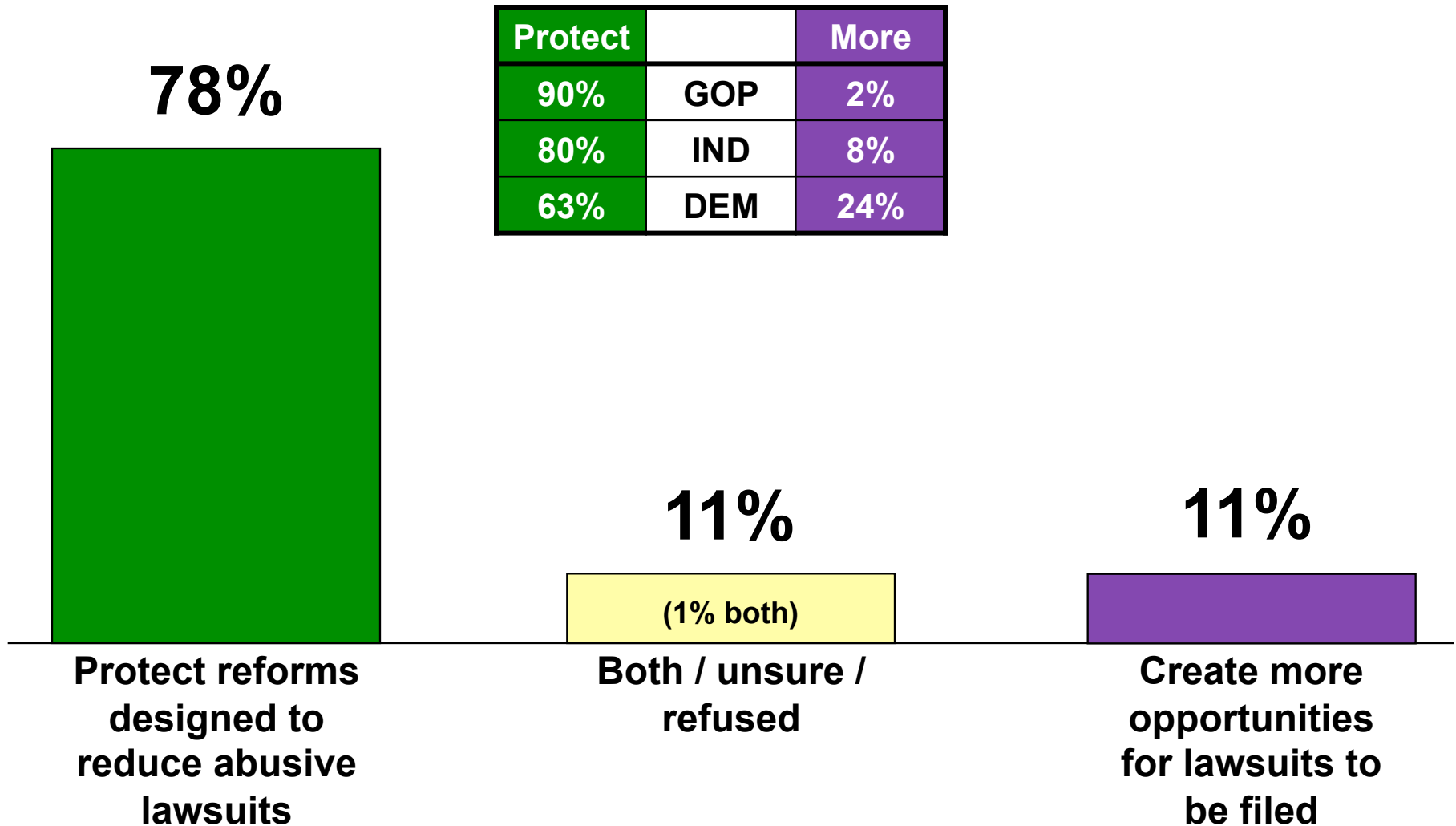
Favor		Oppose
6%	<b>GOP</b>	90%
8%	<b>IND</b>	86%
15%	<b>DEM</b>	75%





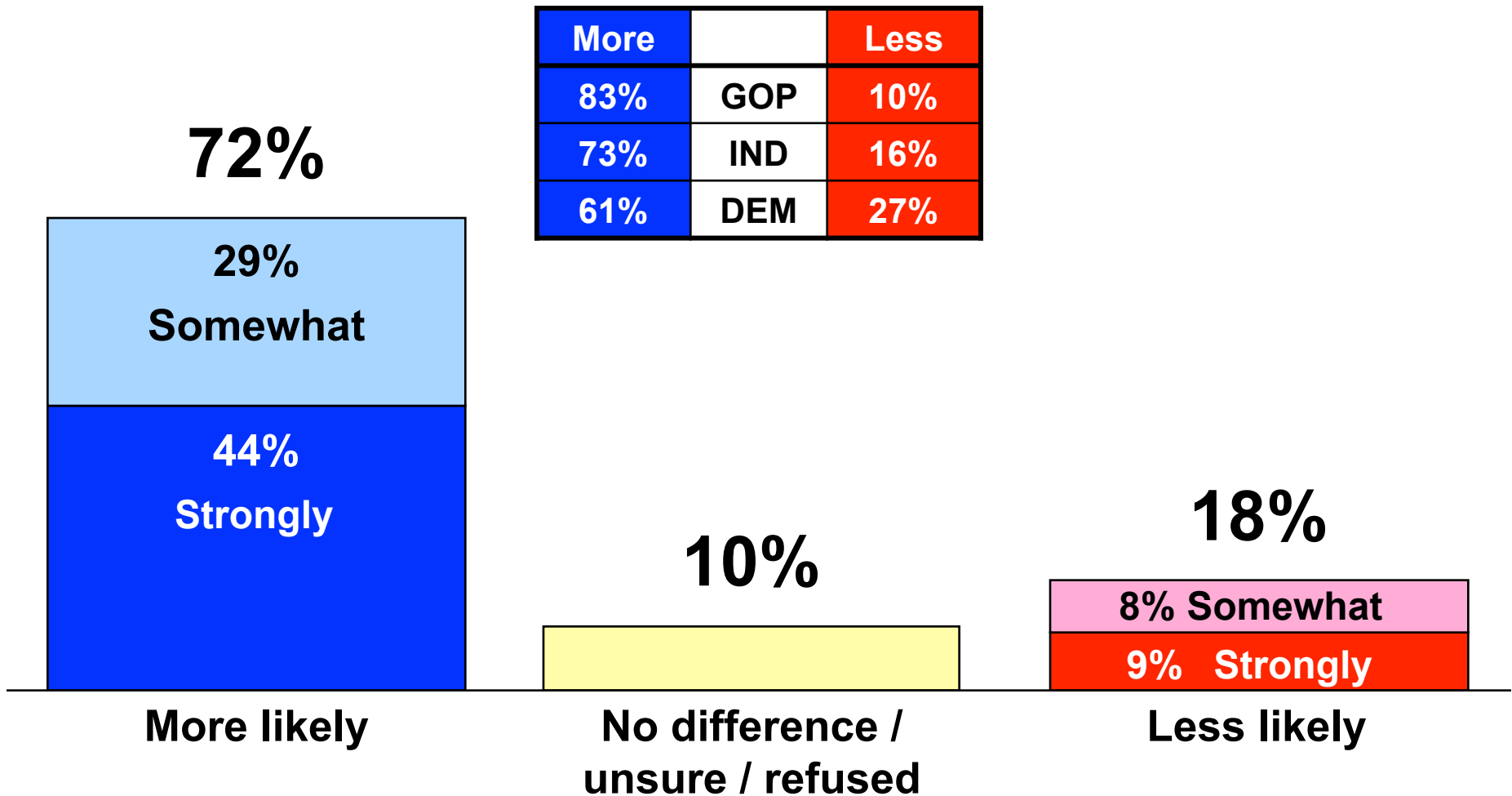
# LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Q8. Should the legislature...



# SUPPORT CANDIDATE / VOTE FOR REFORMS

Q9. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who pledges to support reforms designed to help prevent abusive lawsuits that threaten health care and the economy?



# VOTE CANDIDATE / ACCEPTED TRIAL LAWYERS \$

Q10. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who accepted campaign contributions from personal injury trial lawyers?

More		Less
5%	GOP	78%
8%	IND	79%
12%	DEM	62%

