

*Missile Defense and the Voice of the American Public*



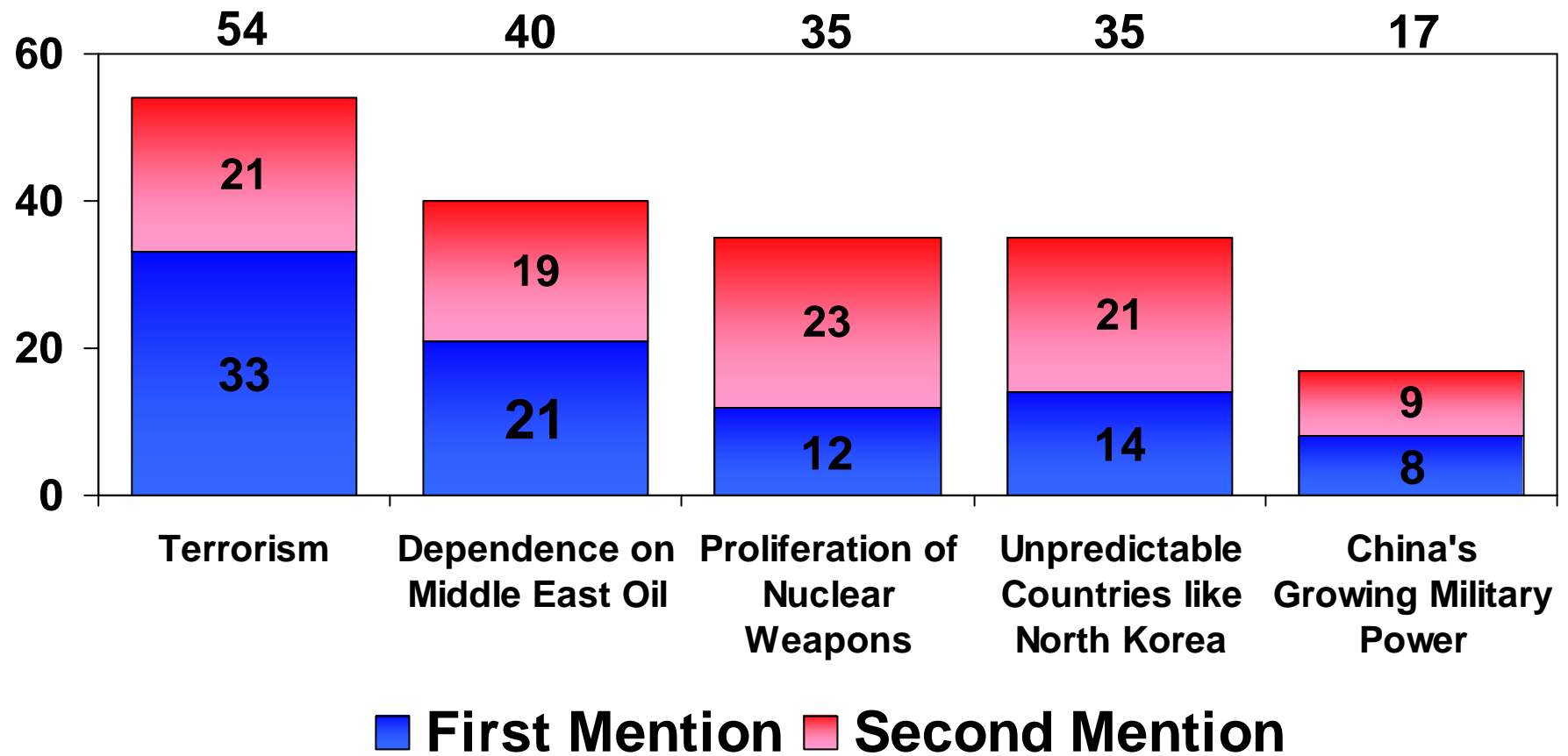
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# MDAA National Poll

- Interview Dates: April 5-7, 2005
- Sample size:  $n = 1,000$  Registered Voters
- Representative of national population with respect to gender, age, income, education and balanced to US Census regions
- Party Identification – Reflecting current proportions: Republicans 36%, Independents 24%, Democrats 32%
- Margin of Error =  $\pm 3.1\%$  at the 95% confidence level
- Poll conducted by **AmericanPublic.us**, a national public opinion research firm

# Identifying Threats to the United States

The following have been cited by various commentators as threats to the United States and our allies. Which do you believe is the most significant threat?

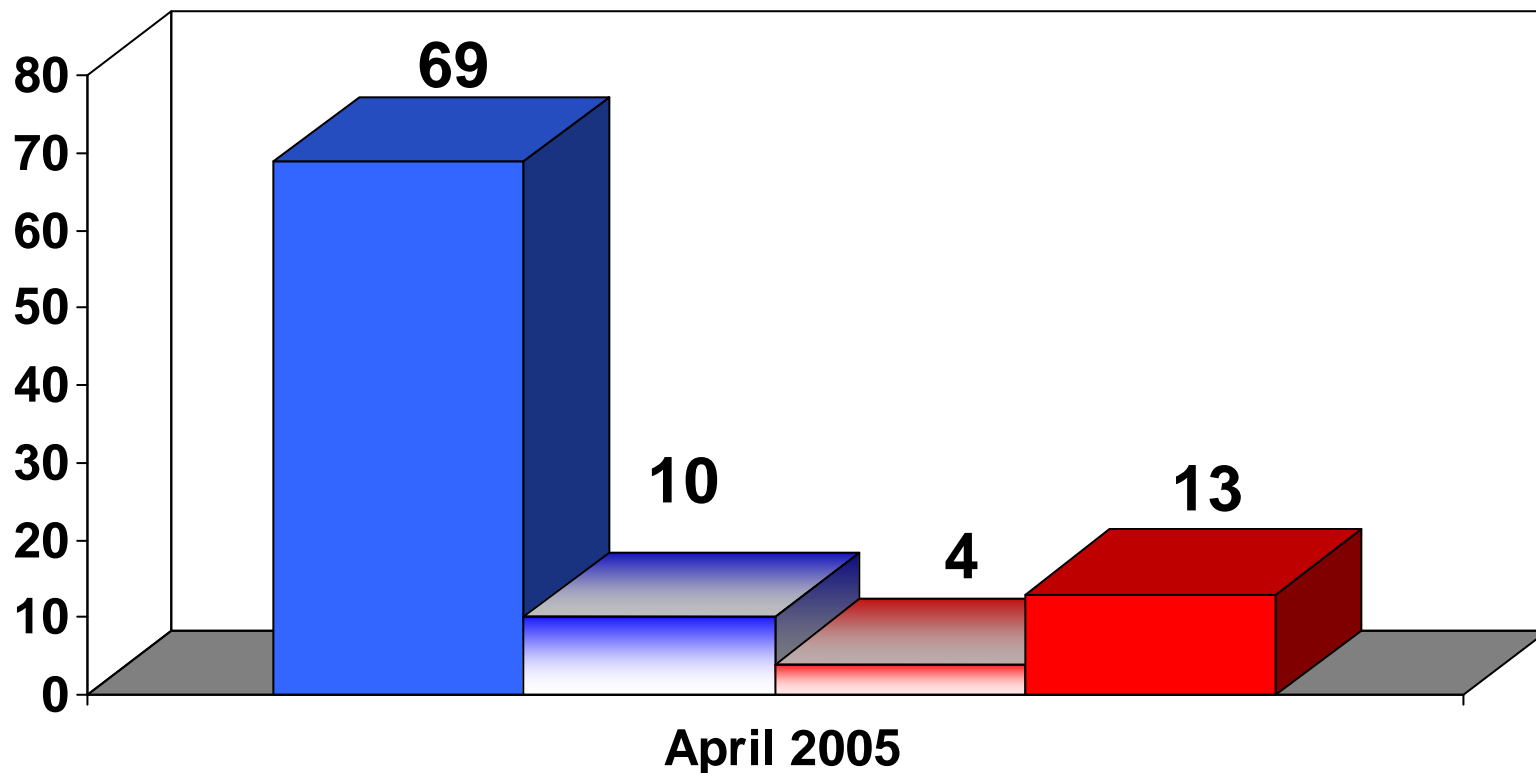


# Overwhelming Support for Missile Defense

Do you think the United States should or should not have a missile defense system with the ability to protect the United States from an attack by missiles that might contain nuclear, chemical or biological weapons?

**Should: 79%**

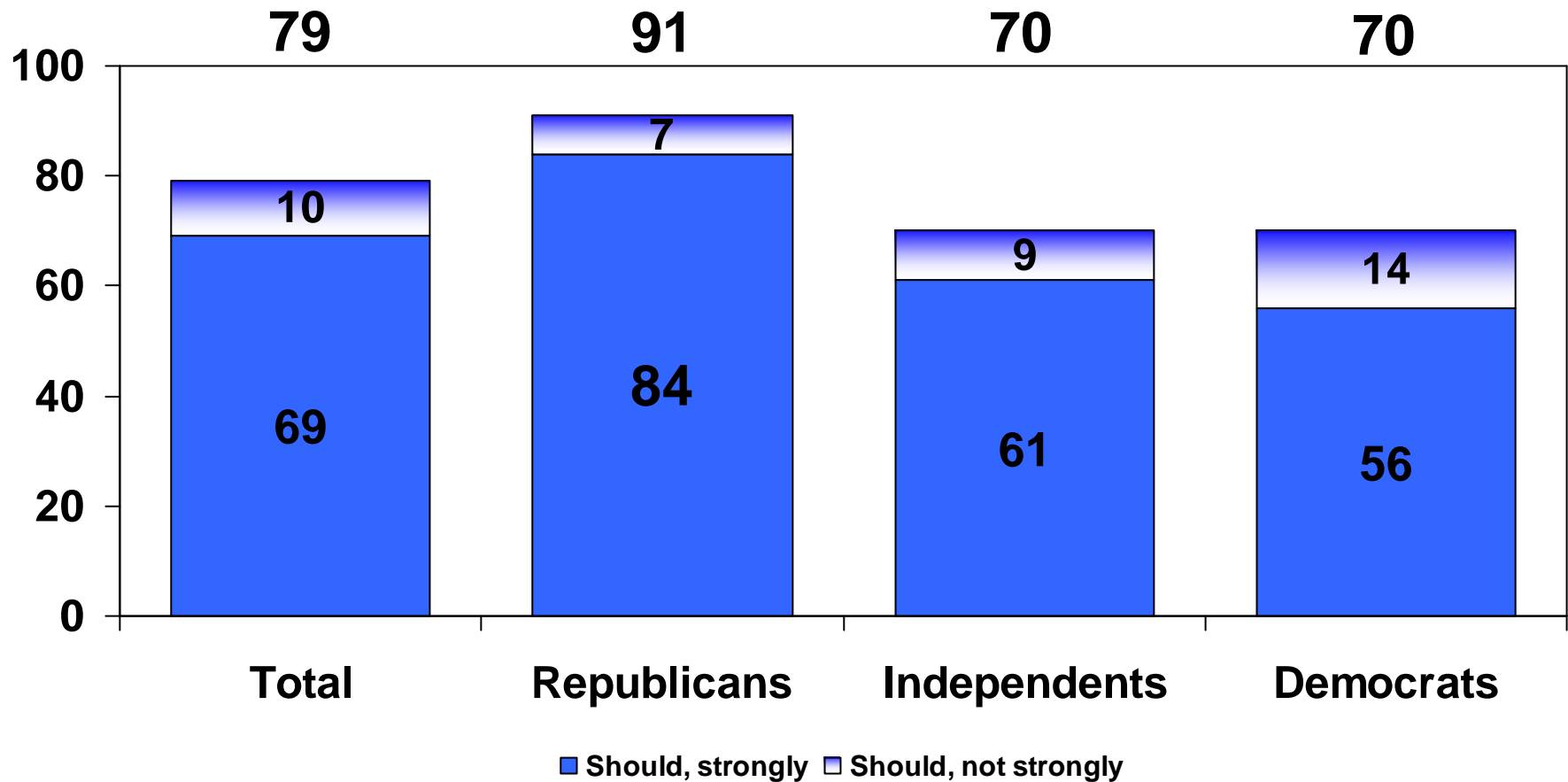
**Should Not: 17%**



■ Should, strongly ■ Should, not strongly ■ Should not, not strongly ■ Should not, strongly

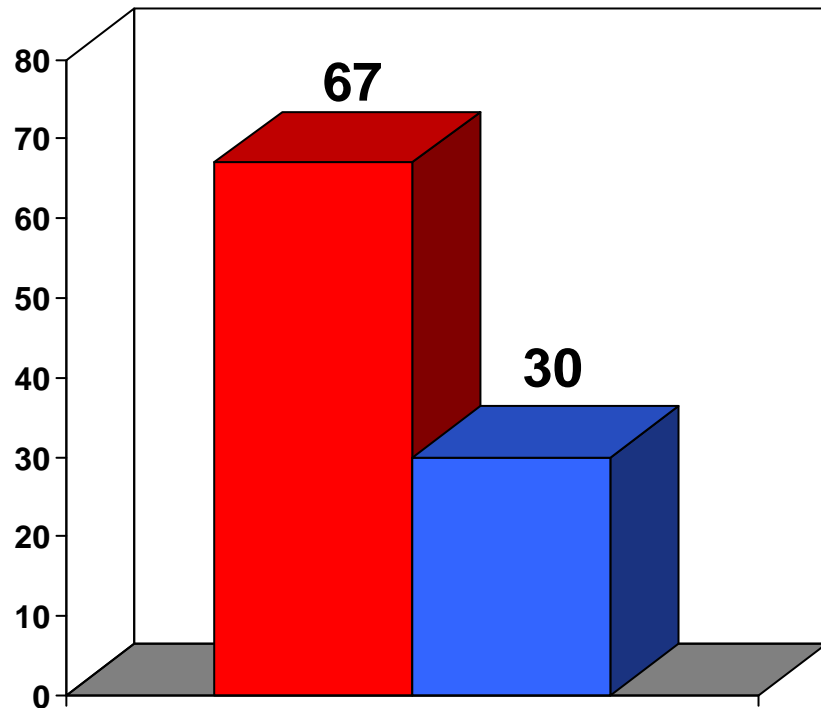
# Strong Support – Cuts Across Party Lines

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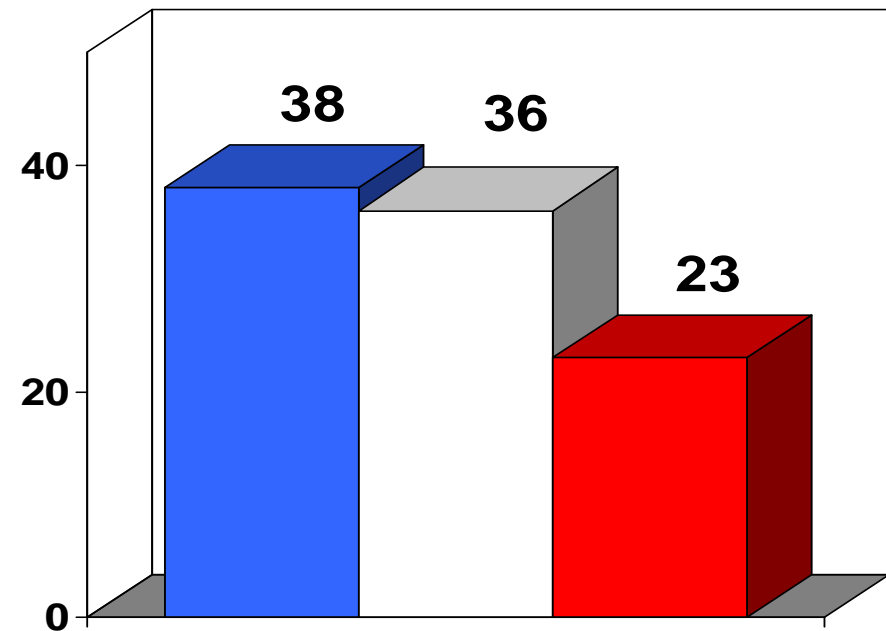
# Current Awareness – Missile Defense Recall

Have you read, seen or heard anything in the last 12 months about a proposed missile defense system?



■ No ■ Yes

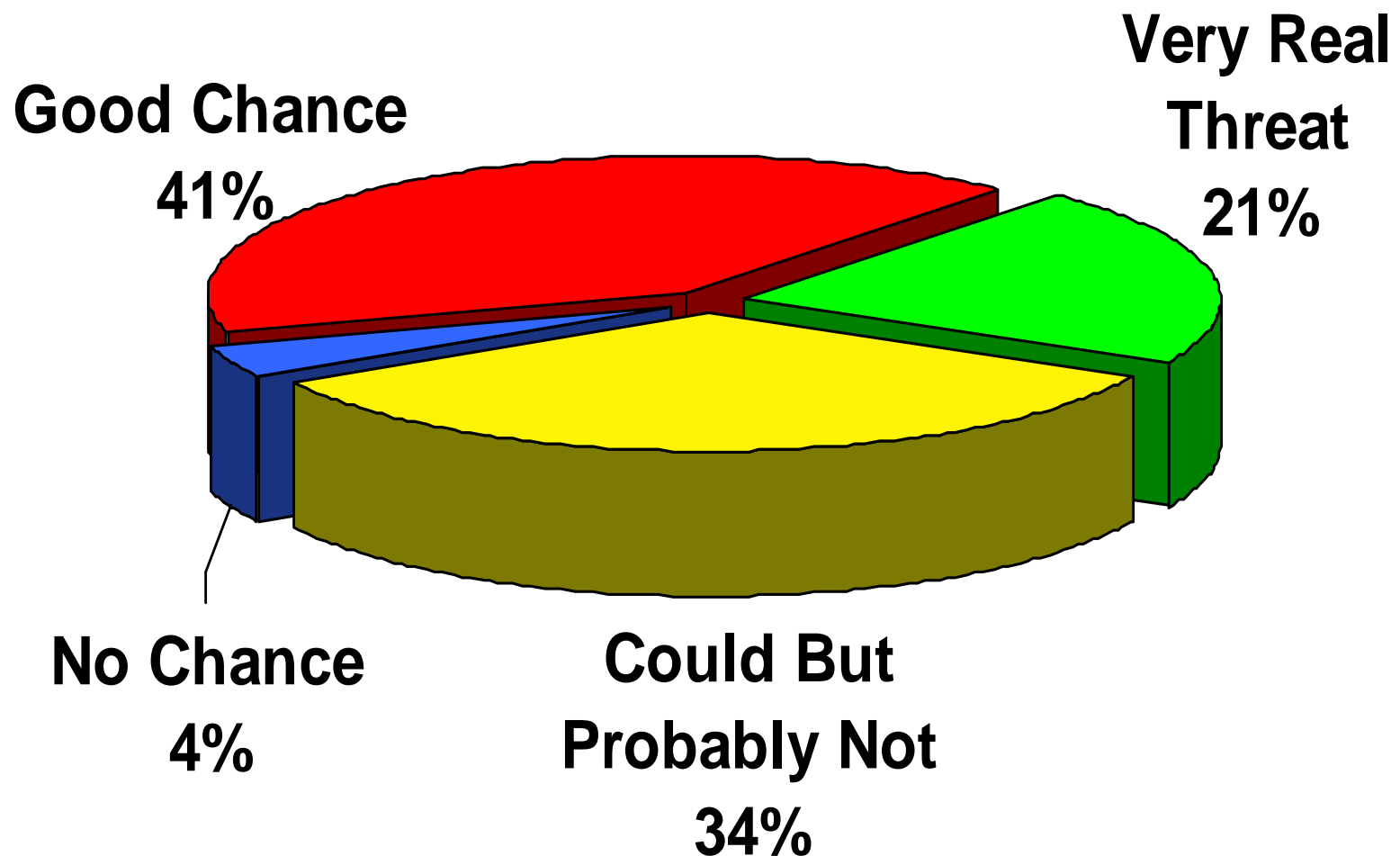
Has what you've heard made you more likely to support the system, less likely to support the system or has it had no impact on your support for or opposition to the system?



■ More Likely ■ No Change ■ Less Likely

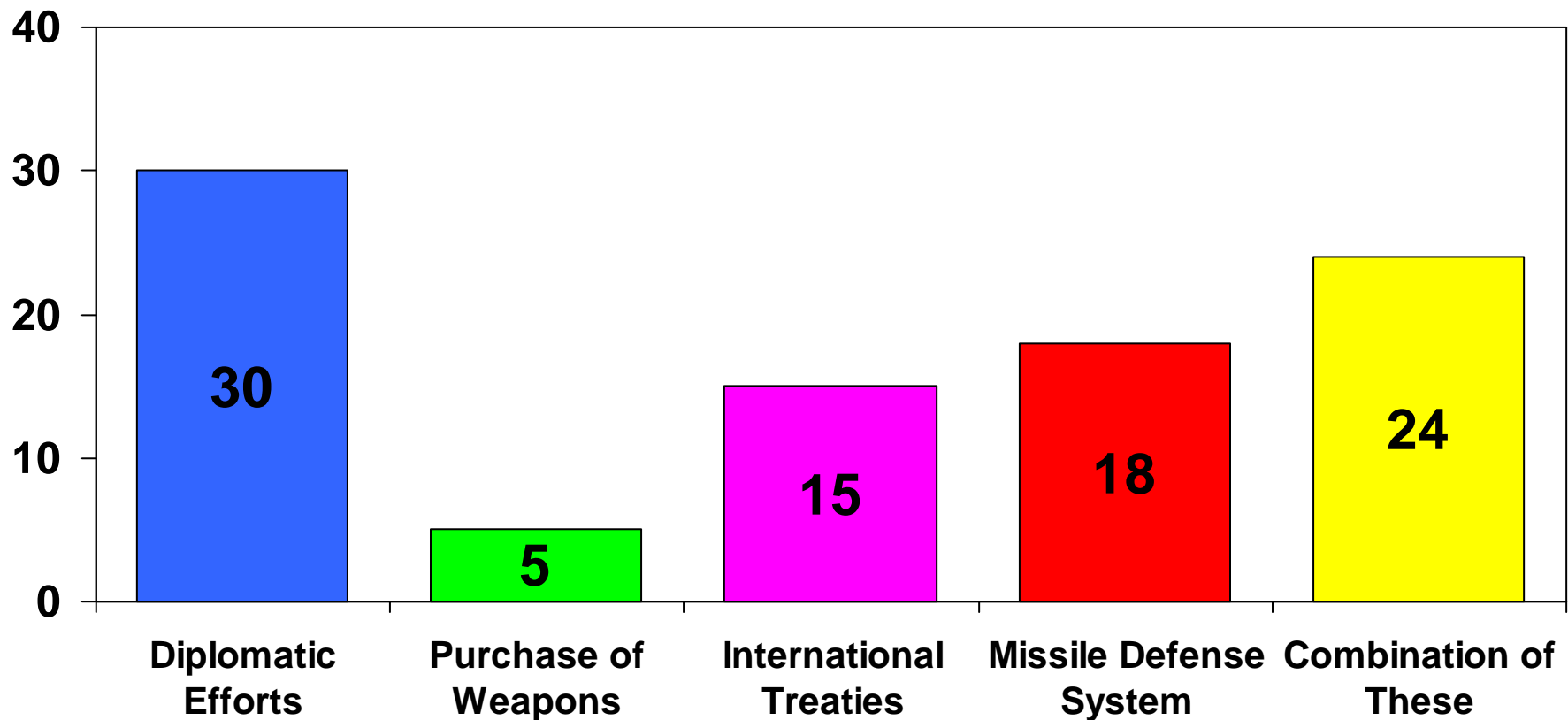
# Assessing the Threat Likelihood

How real do you think the threat is of a foreign country or terrorist organization launching a missile containing nuclear, chemical or biological weapons against the United States?



# Most Effective Response to Proliferation

Which of the following options do you think would be most effective for the United States to pursue in response to the problem of the spreading of ballistic missiles and weapons of mass destruction?



# System Affordability

Here are two statements people have made about the cost of a missile defense system. Tell me which one comes closer to your own point of view.

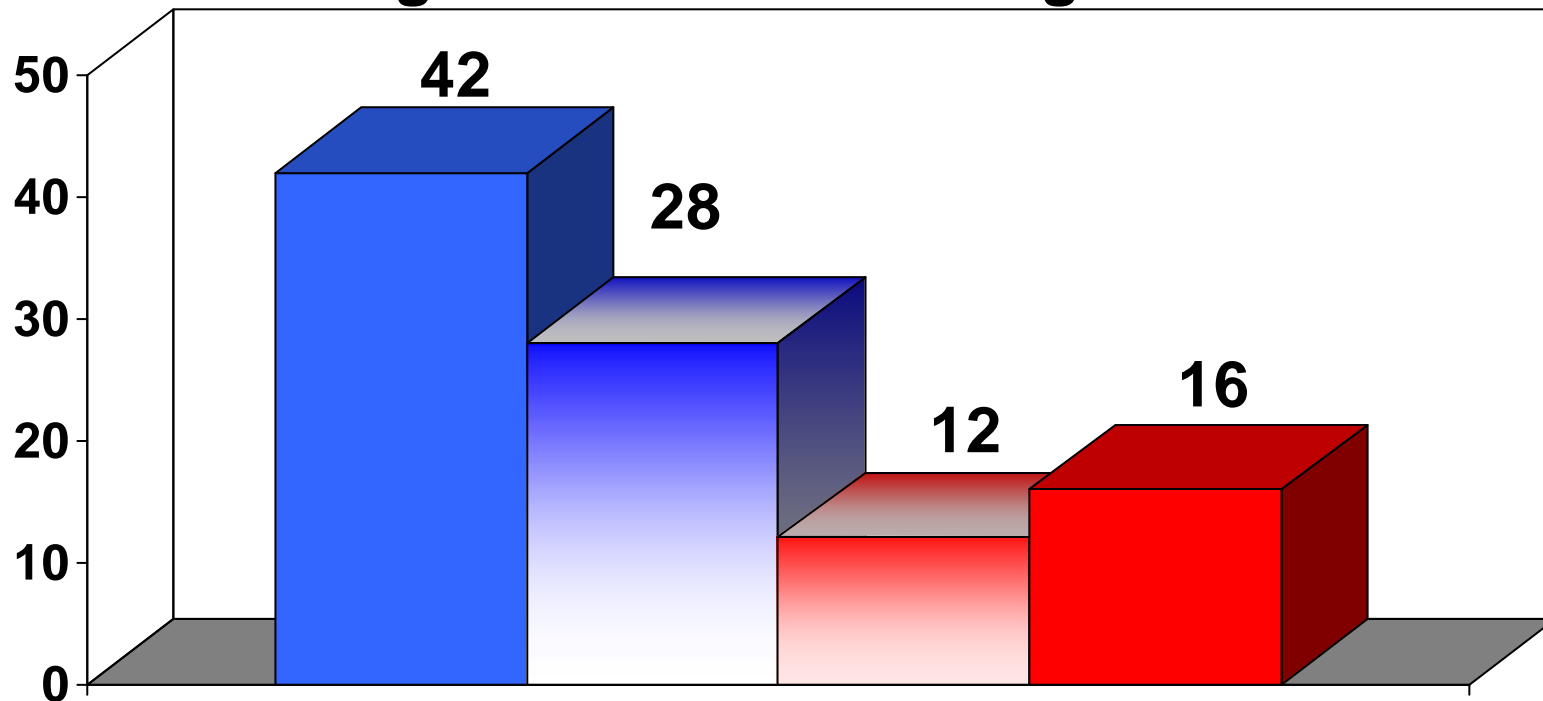
<b>A missile defense system is affordable. It takes only two and half percent of the Pentagon's budget.</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>A missile defense system is not affordable. We need to spend more on domestic priorities.</b>	<b>38</b>

# Missile Defense as Part of Homeland Security

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
**A missile defense system is an important part of our new focus on homeland security and public safety**

**Agree: 70%**

**Disagree: 28%**

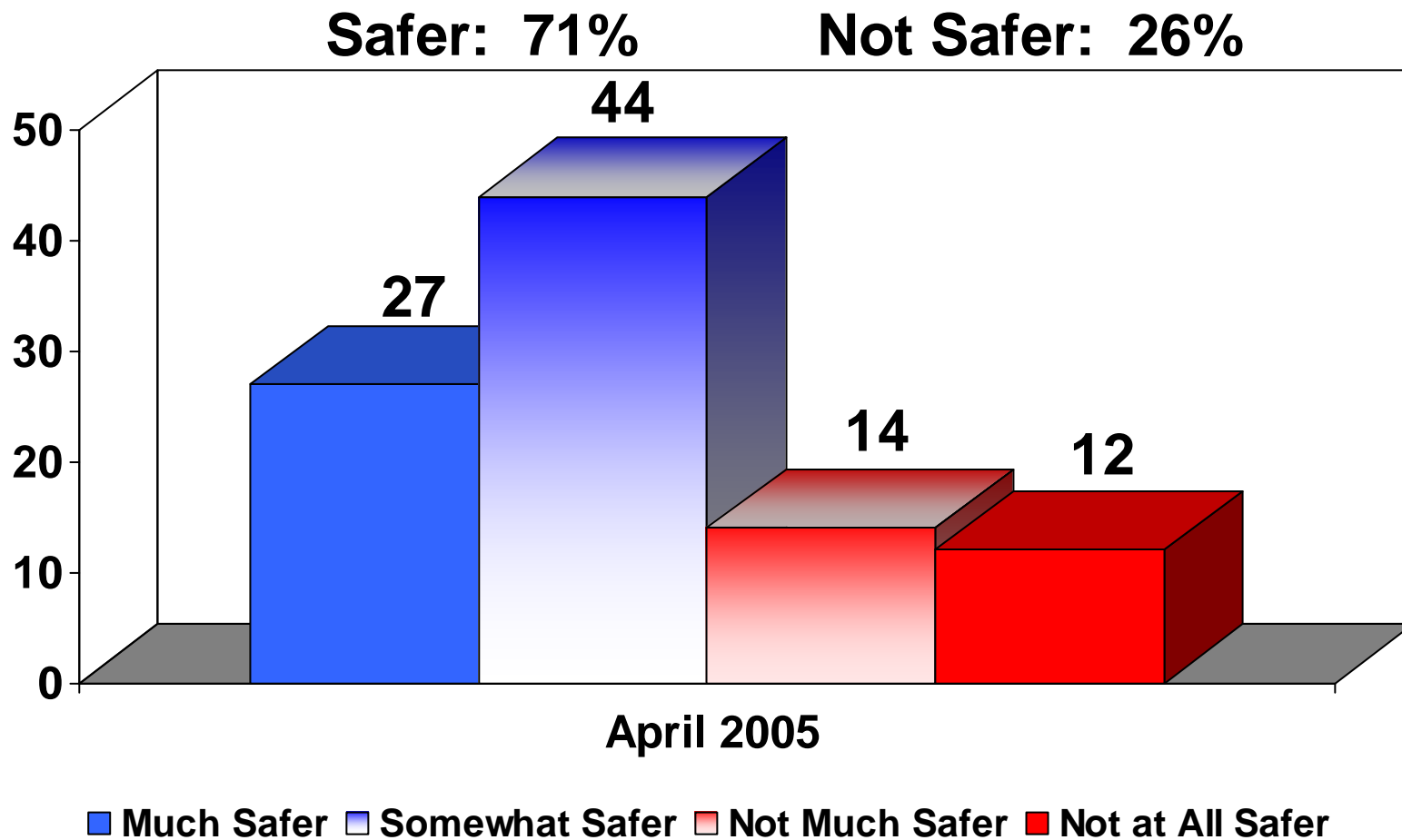


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■ Strongly Agree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Somewhat Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

# Feeling Safer with Missile Defense

How much safer would you feel if the United States had a missile defense system in place?



# The Use of Space for Missile Defense

The use of space to help protect our nation has been debated for a number of years. Which of the following points of view about the use of space comes closest to your own?

<b>Weapons should be used in space if it makes us and our allies more secure.</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>We should only use space for communications and sensor networks as part of a missile defense system, but not for placing weapons into space.</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Weapons should be kept out of space under all circumstances.</b>	<b>28</b>

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