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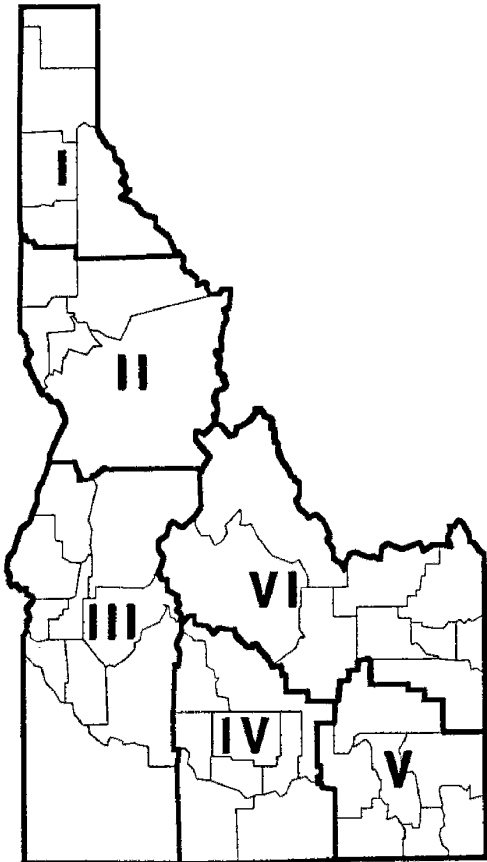
- Annually, the SSRC conducts a large-scale survey of Idahoans to identify public policy concerns. The study is provided to public officials and interested citizens.
- 534 adults in Idaho households representing six geographic regions were surveyed between November 3 & December 4th, 2005. Telephone calls, interviews, data collection and preparation were made by Clearwater Research.
- The survey standard error is +/- 4% at a 95% confidence-level for the total population.



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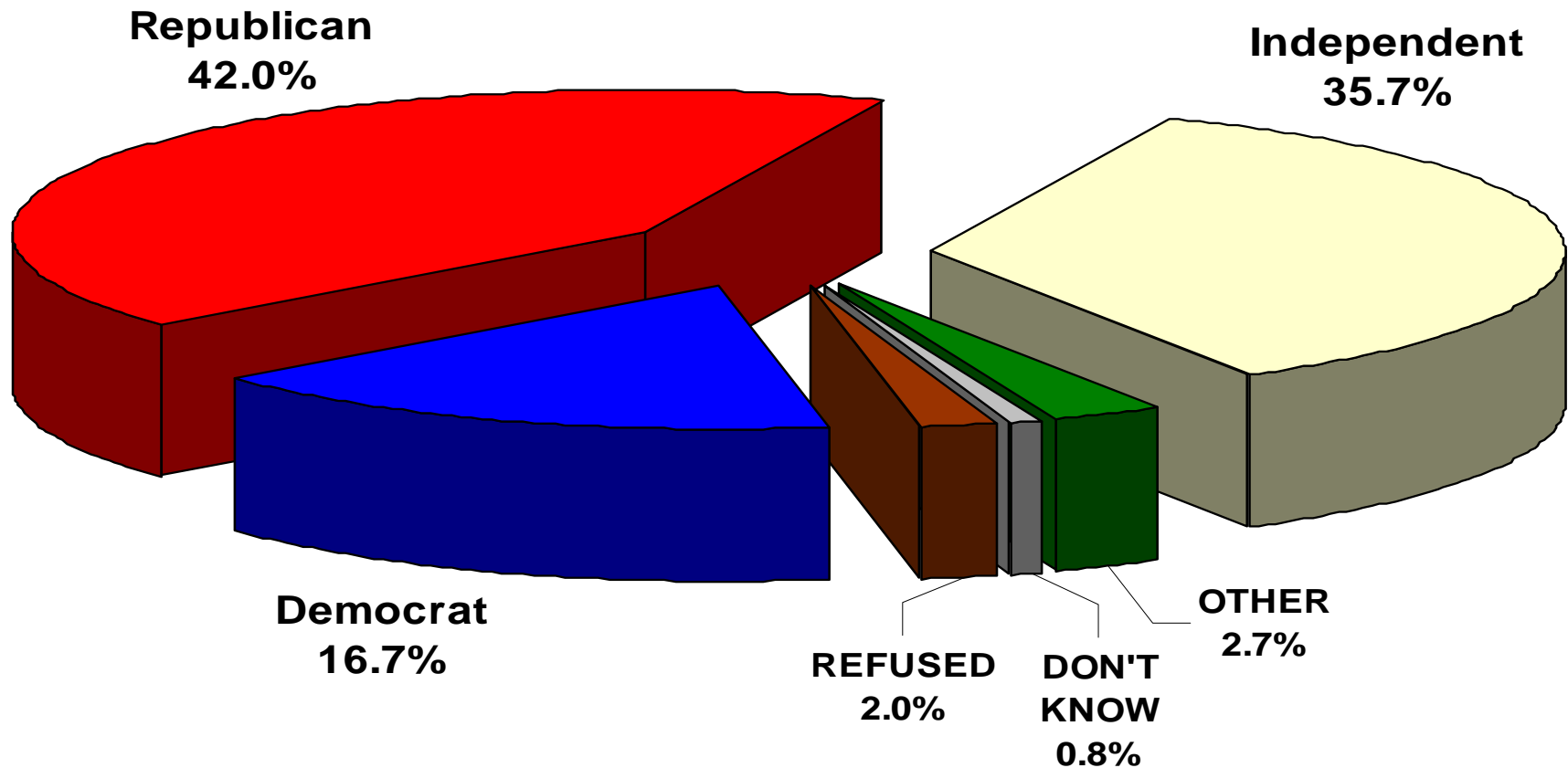
Regions covered in the survey



- I. **Panhandle** - Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, Shoshone
- II. **North Central** - Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho
- III. **Southwest** - Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore, Owyhee
- IV. **South Central** - Camas, Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia
- V. **Southeast** - Bingham, Power, Bannock, Oneida, Franklin, Bear Lake, Caribou
- VI. **East Central** - Lemhi, Custer, Butte, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville

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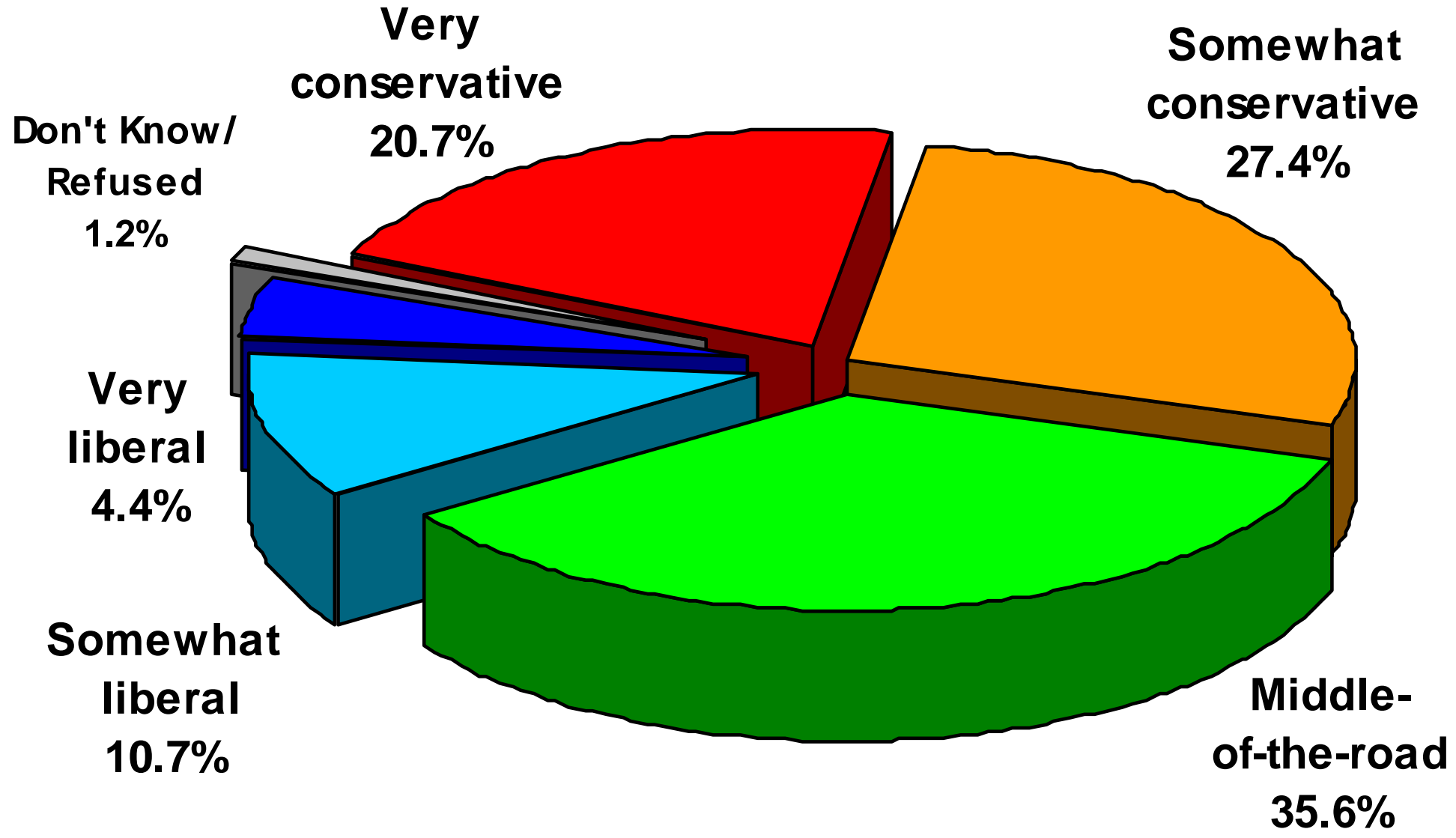
Political Party Affiliation



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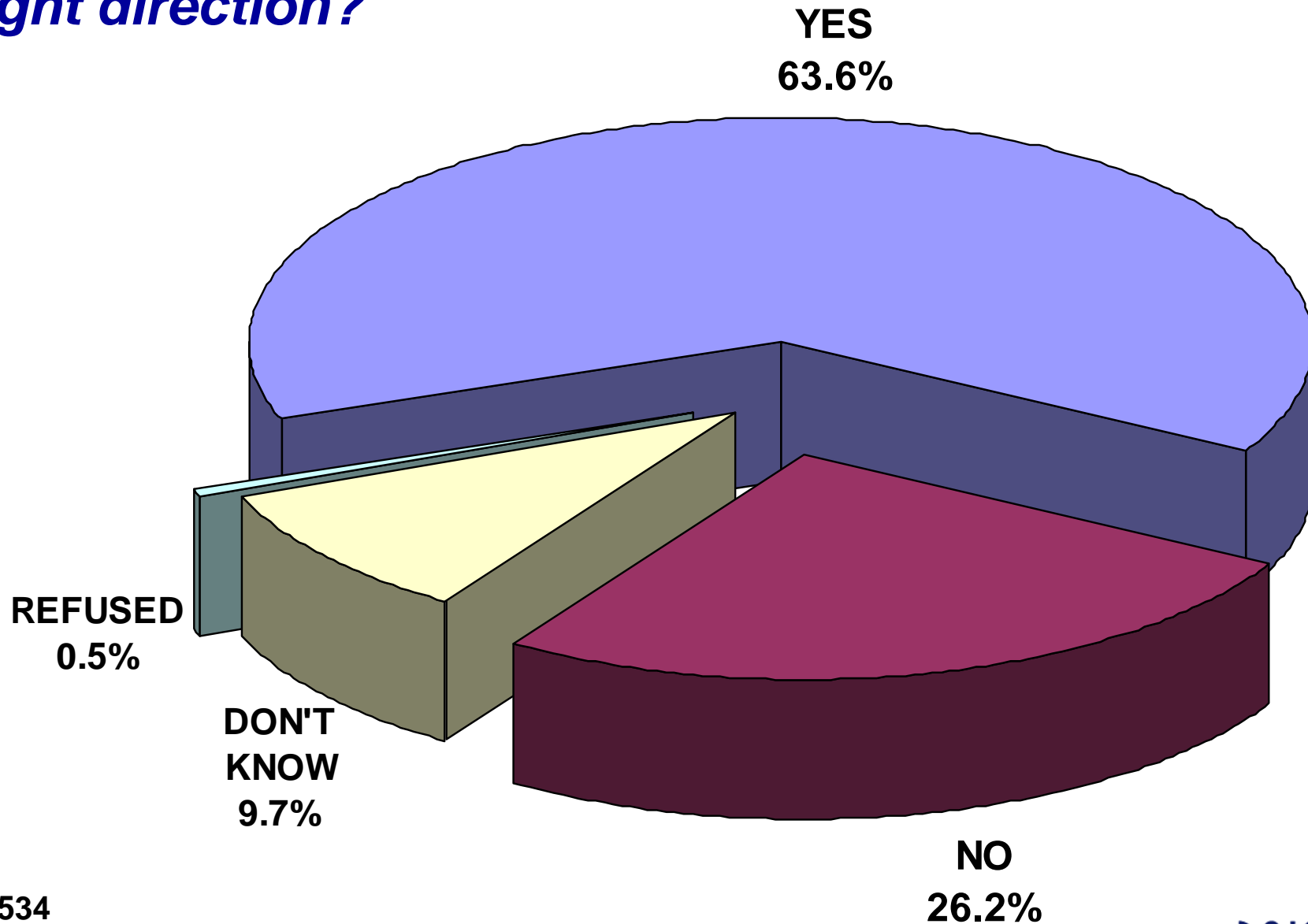
Political Ideology



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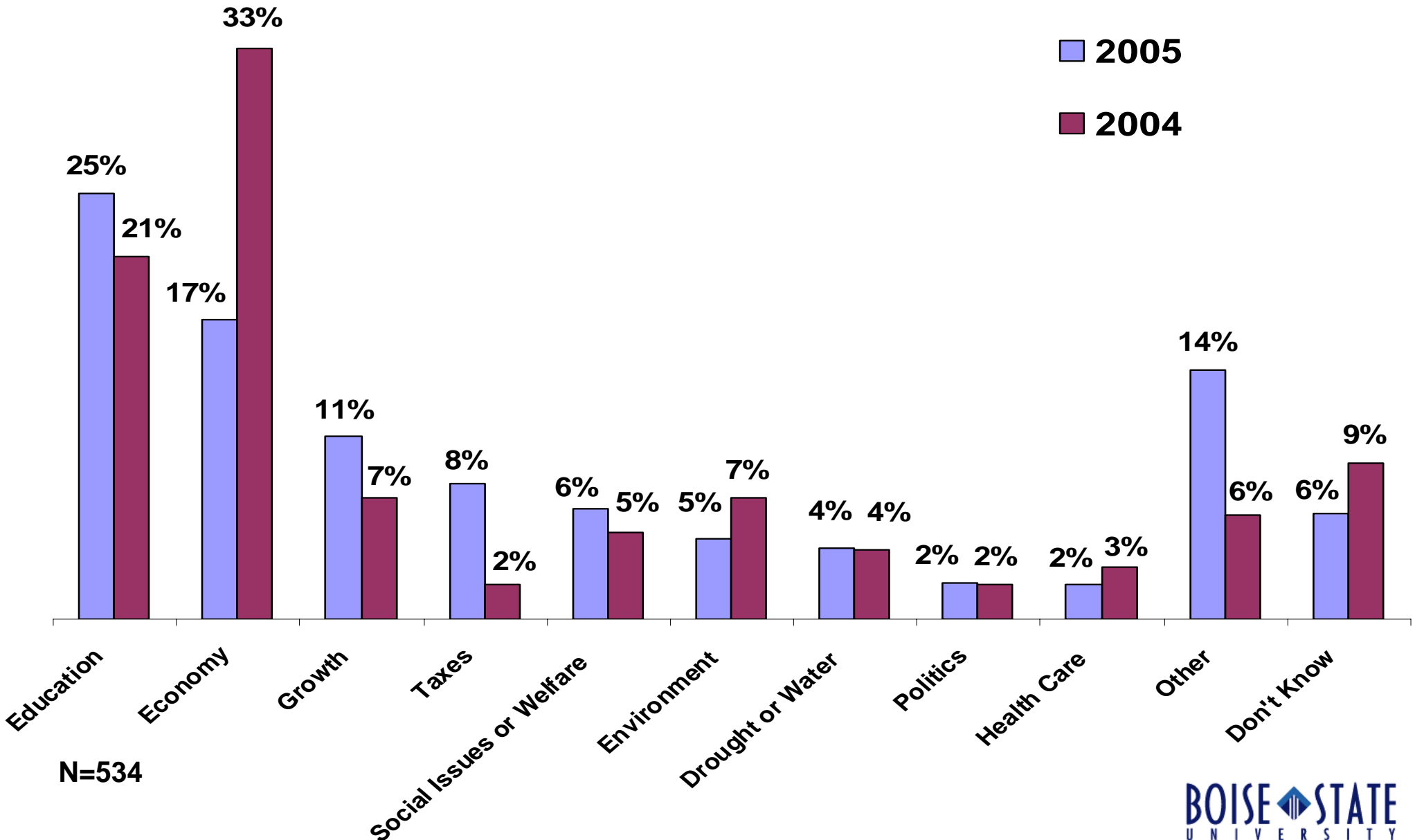
In general terms, do you think the state is headed in the right direction?



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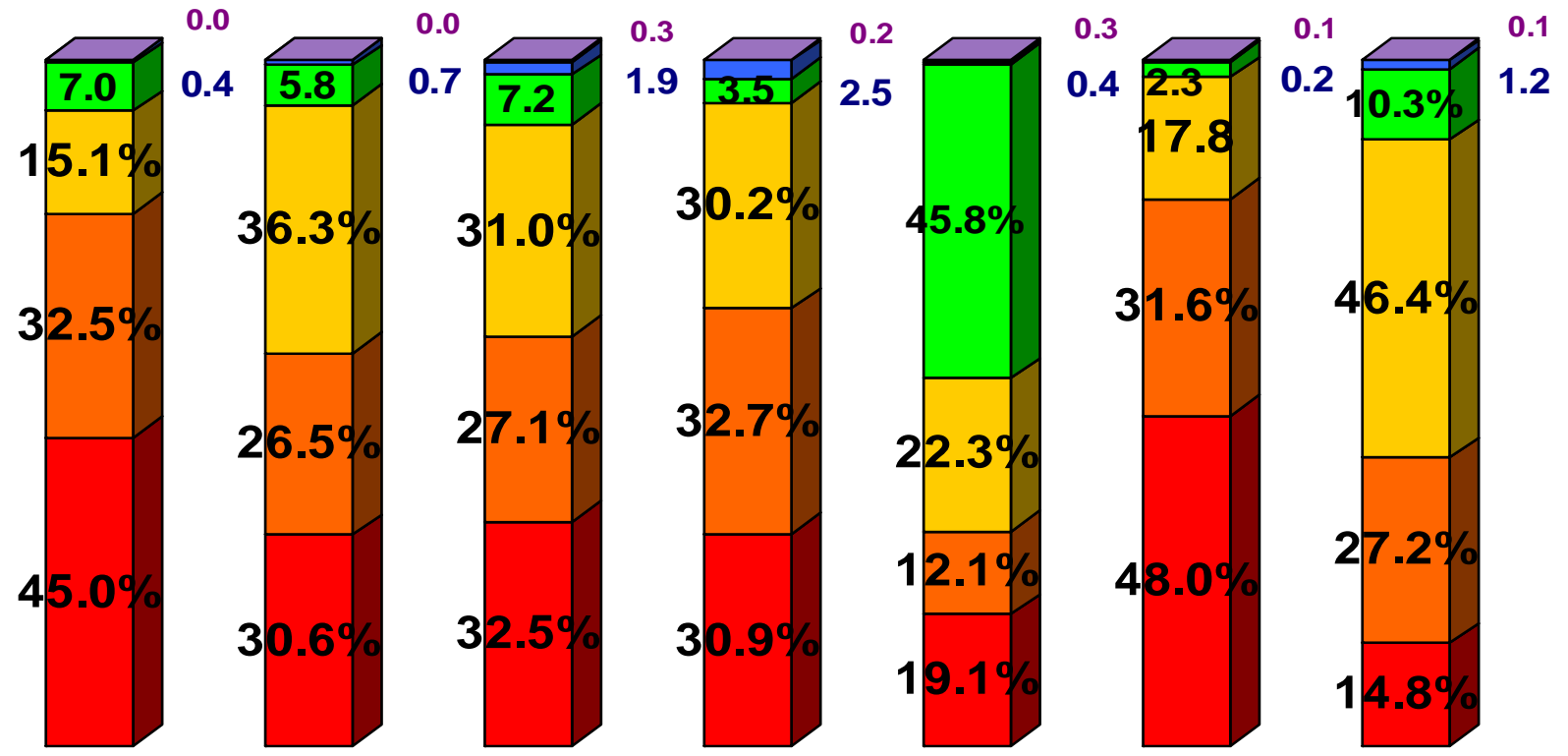
In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing Idaho today?



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How important is it to you that the Governor and the Legislature deal with each of the following in the next year?



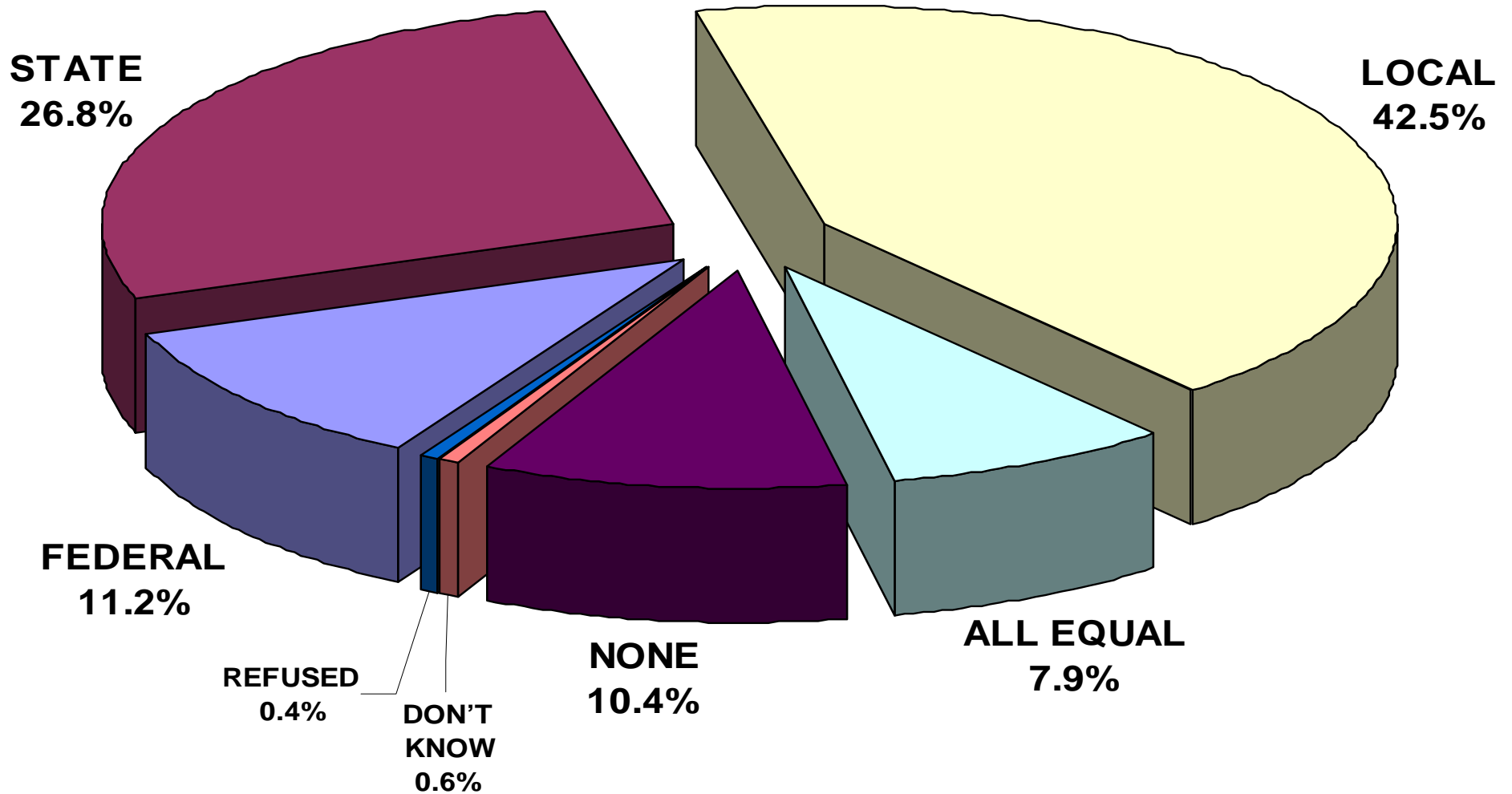
Public school funding Higher education funding Property tax reform Energy policies Same-sex marriages or civil unions Health care costs Prison overcrowding

■ EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ■ VERY IMPORTANT ■ MODERATELY IMPORTANT
■ NOT THAT IMPORTANT ■ DON'T KNOW ■ REFUSED

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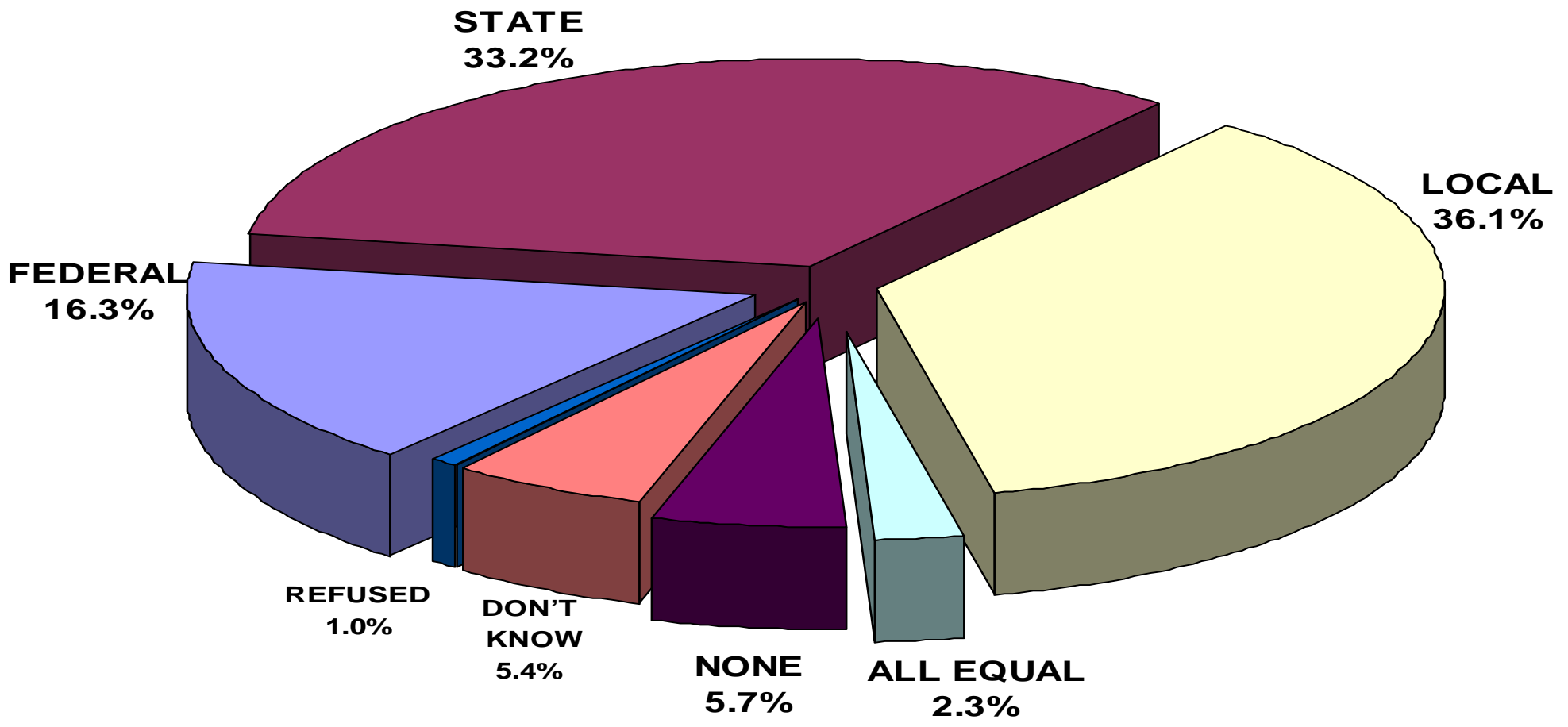
In general, do you have more trust in federal, state, or local government?



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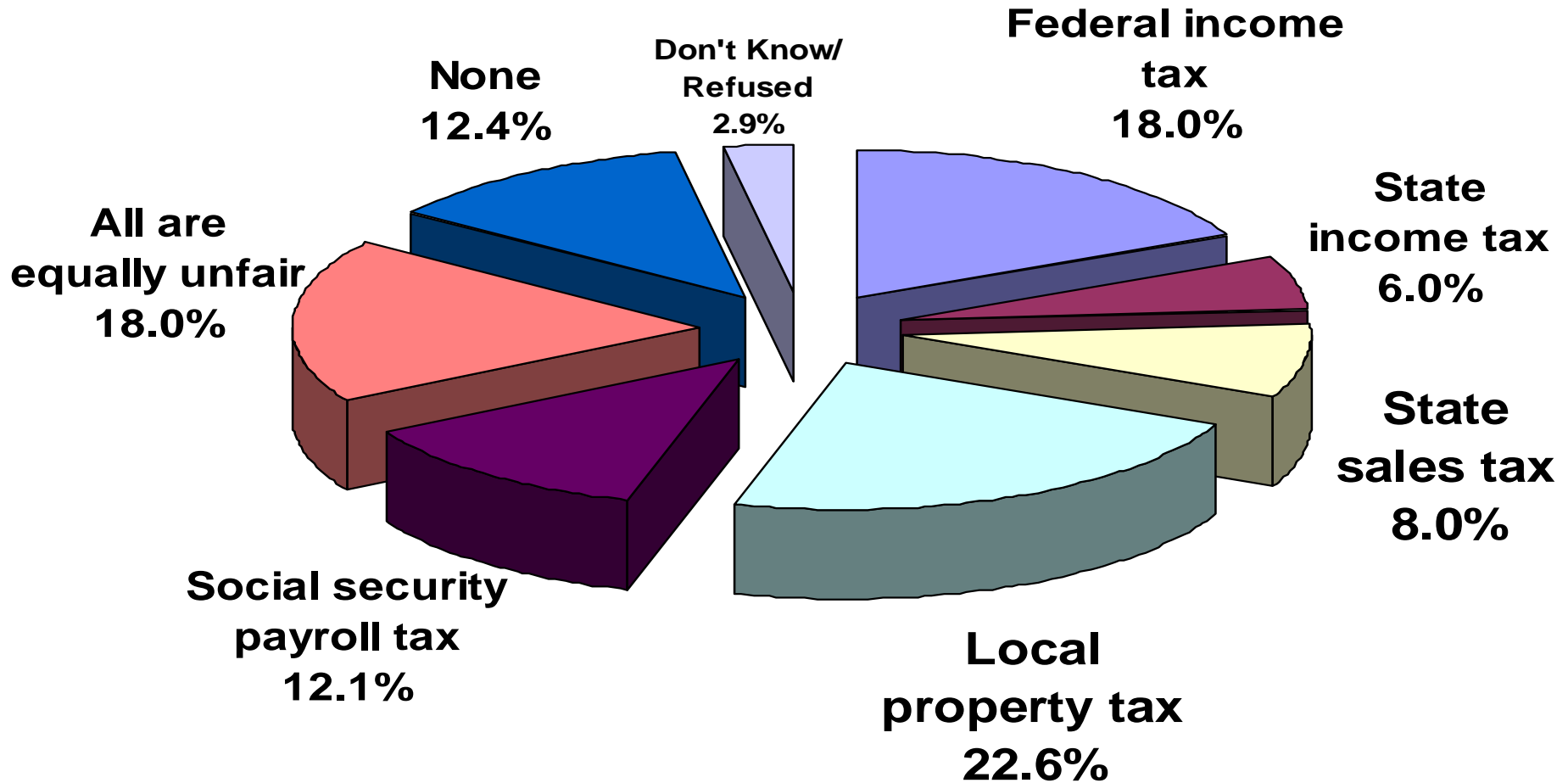
From which level of government do you think you get the most from your tax money?



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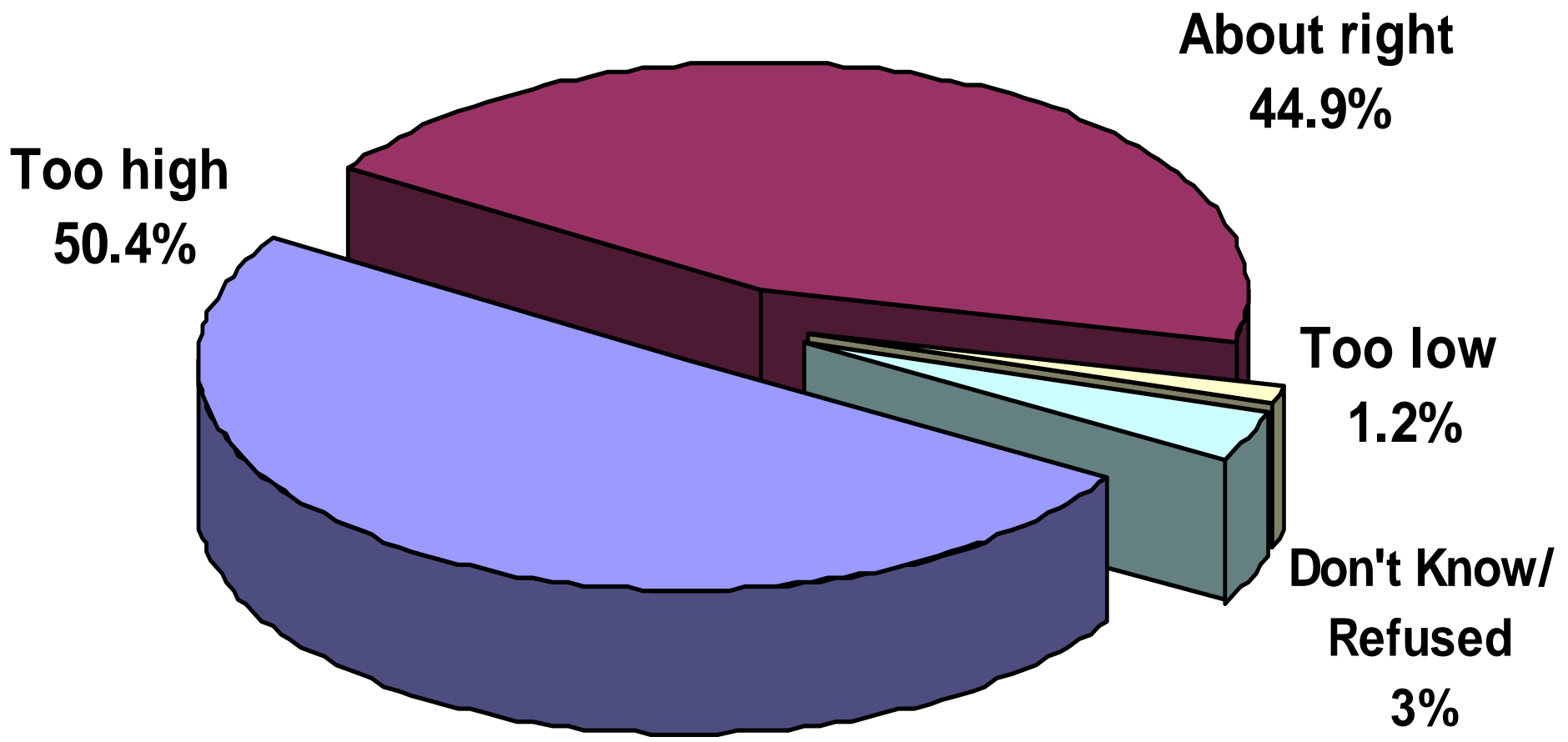
Which of the following taxes do you think is the least fair?



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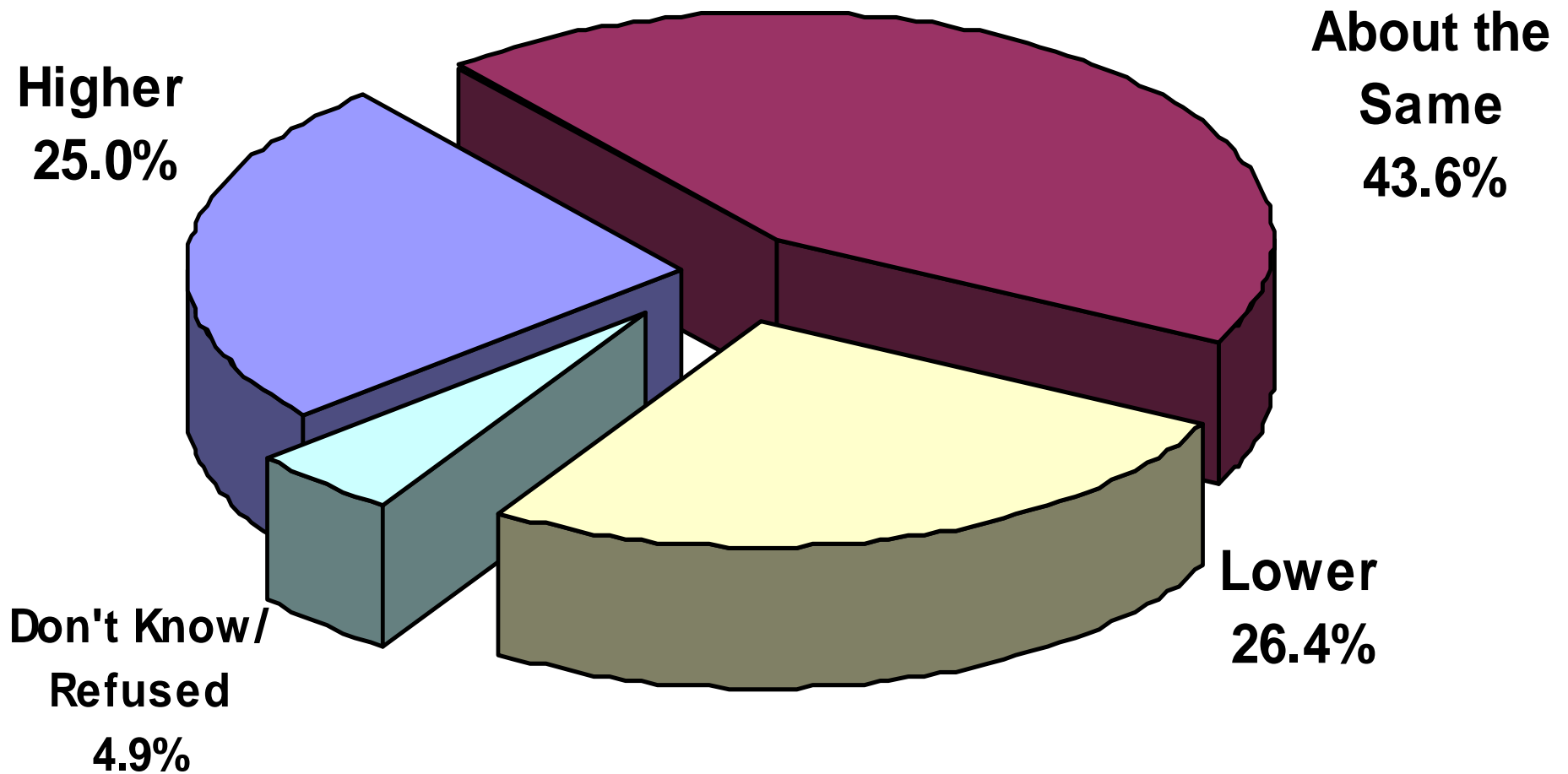
Do you think the amount of local property tax you have to pay is too high, about right, or too low?



N=509 About 4.5% of population did not own property

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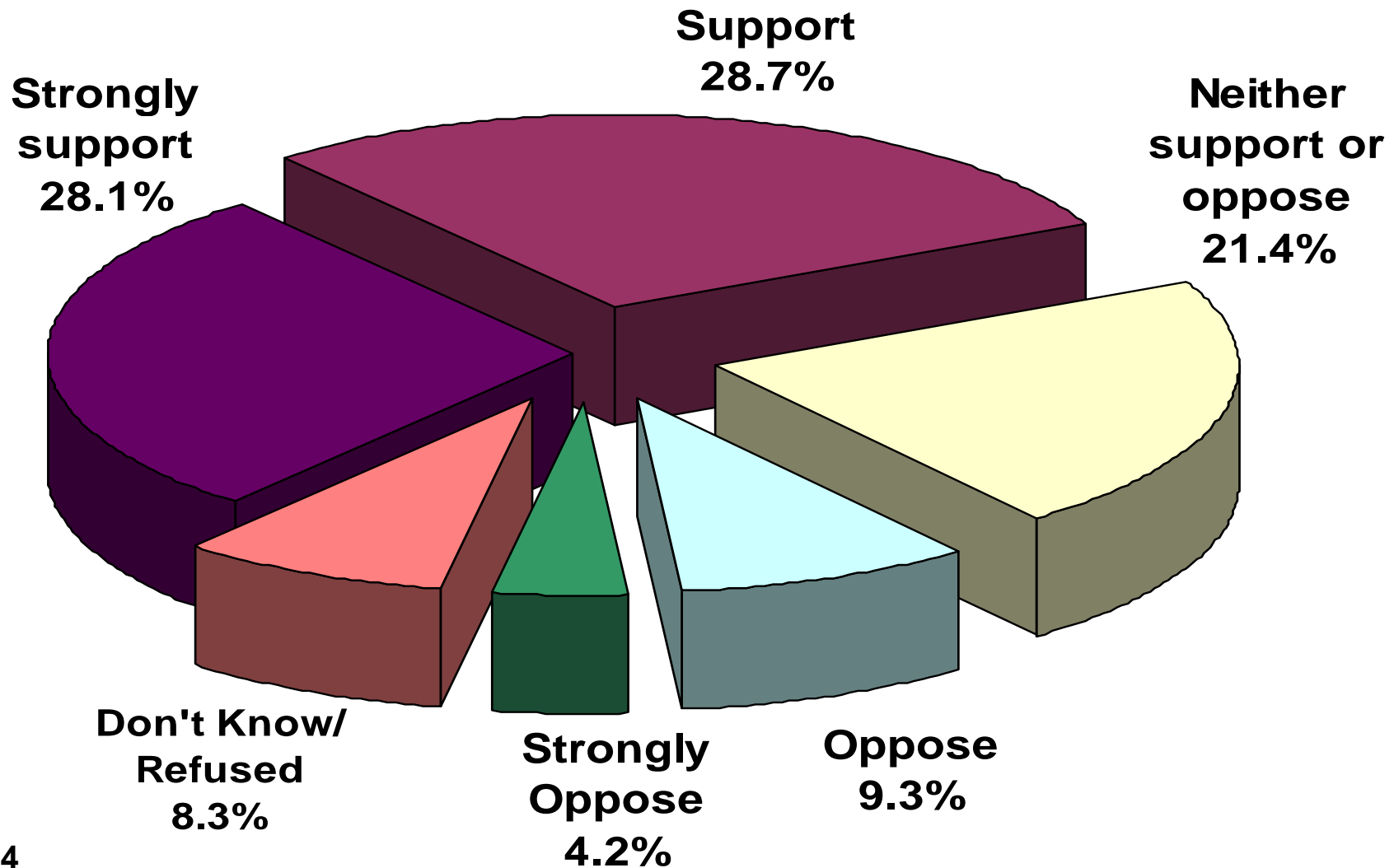
How does the assessed value of your property compare to what you think would be a fair selling price?



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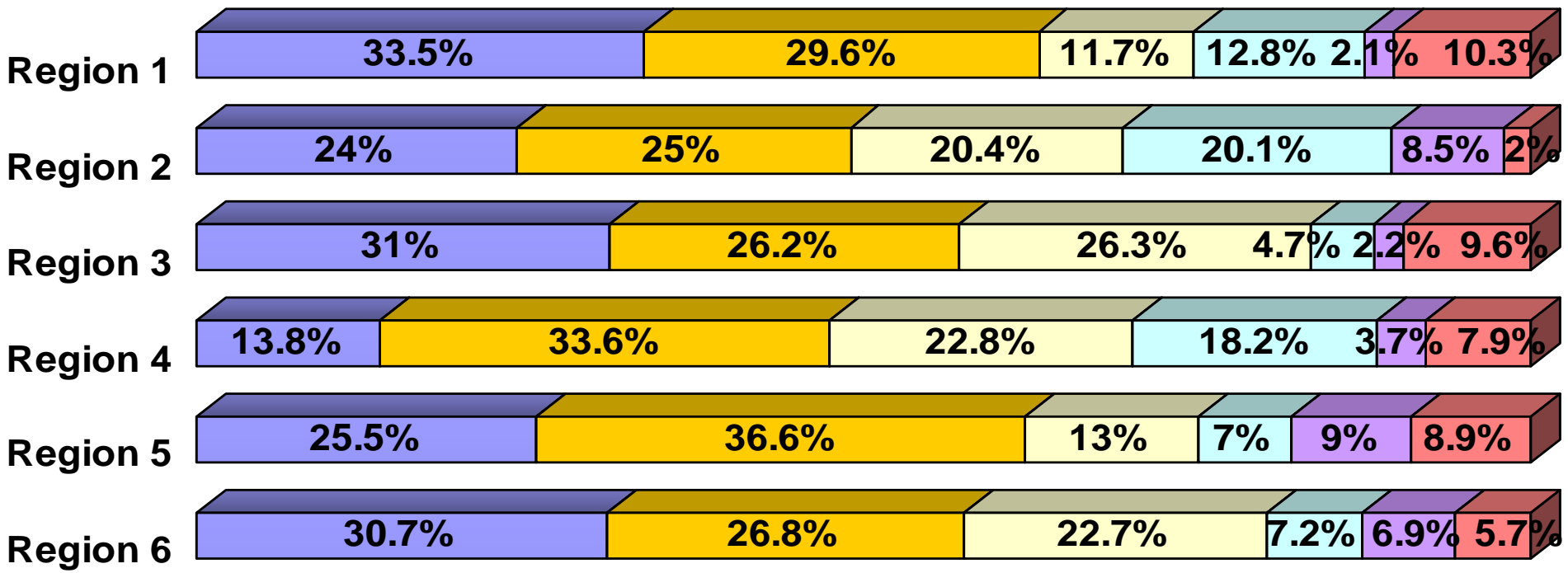
How strongly would you support a ballot initiative to limit your property taxes to 1% of the assessed value?



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Regional Response: ...support for 1% ballot initiative



Strongly support

Support

Neither support or oppose

Oppose

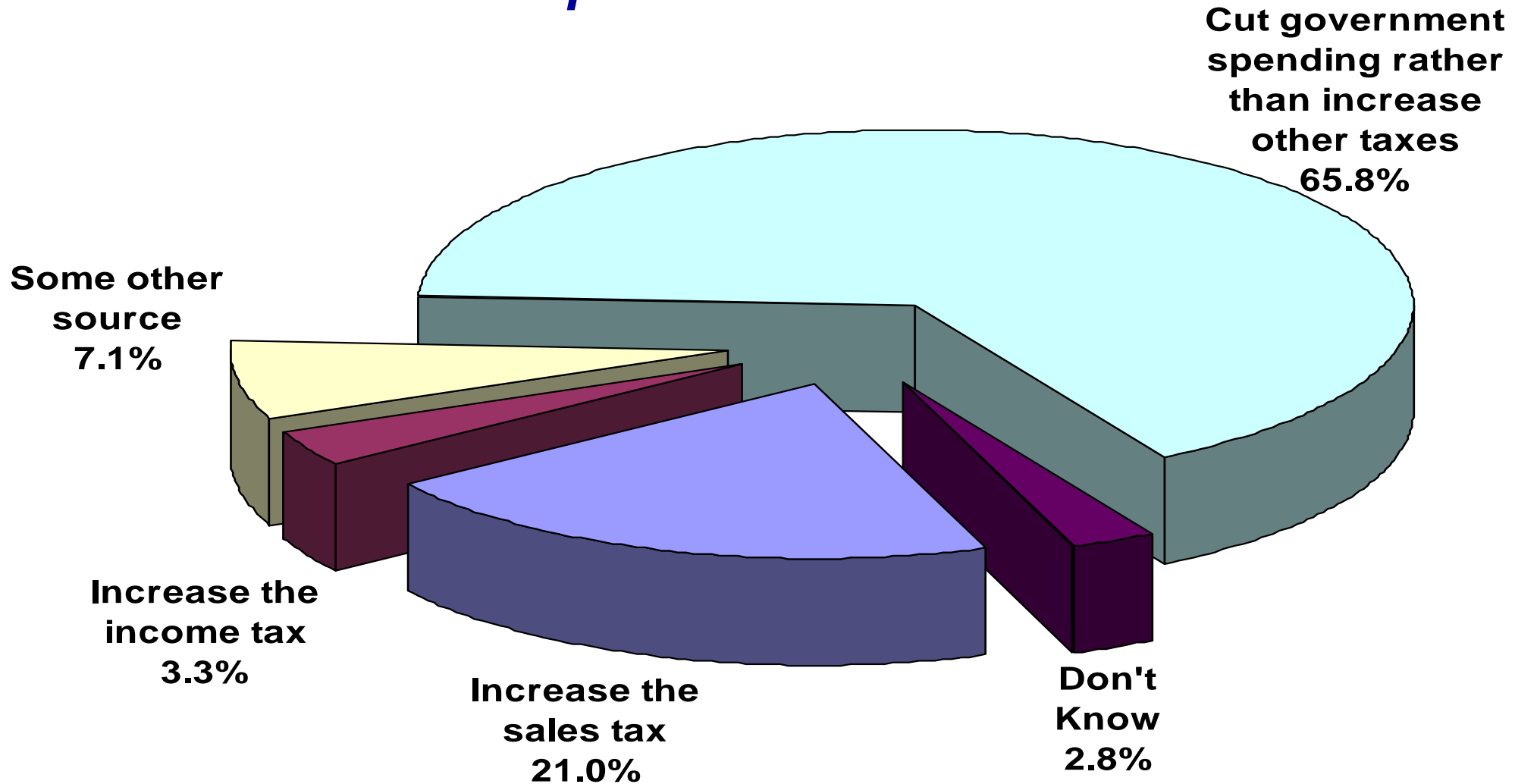
Strongly Oppose

Don't Know/Refused

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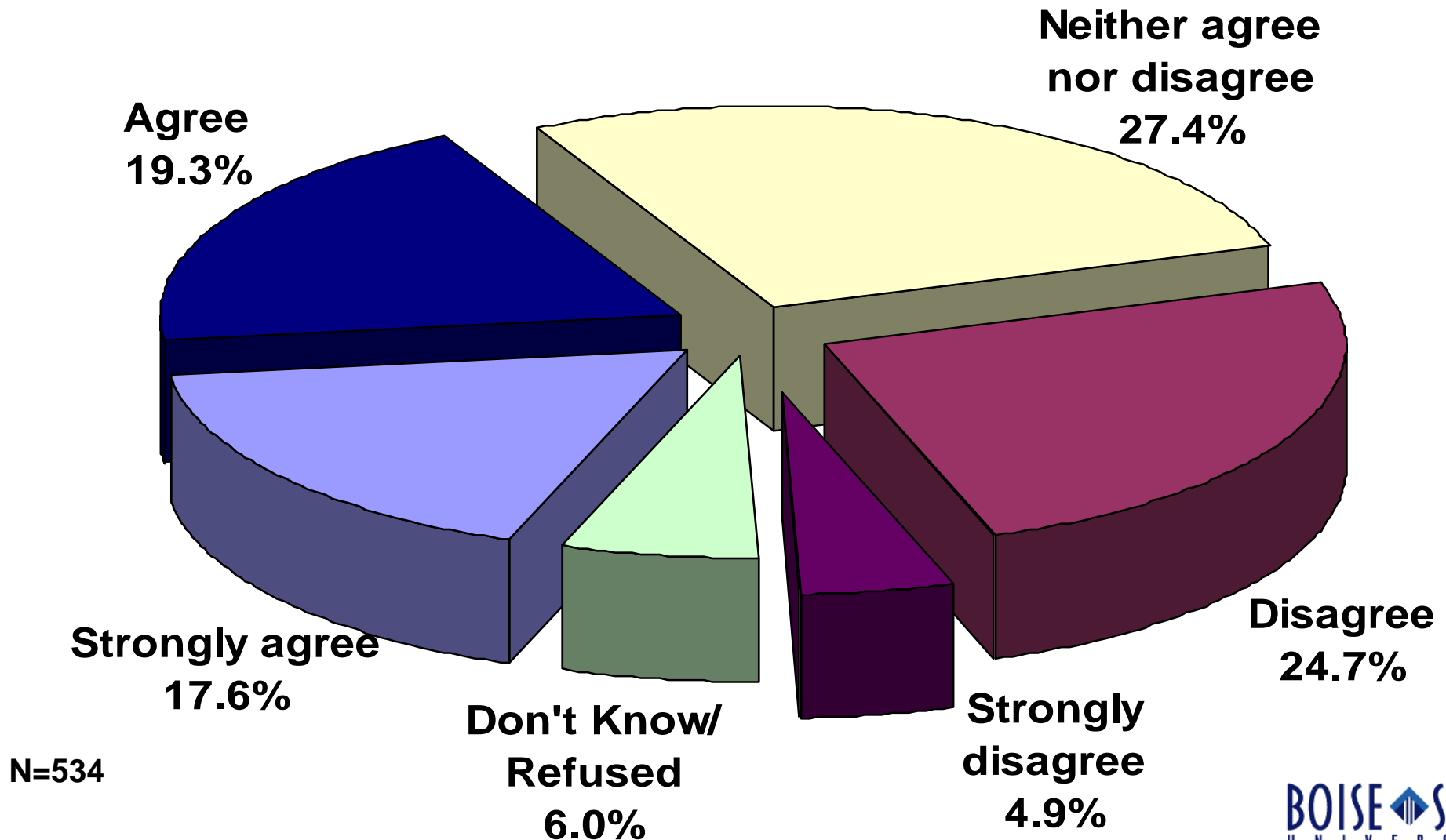
If the 1% property tax initiative were adopted, how do you think the state should replace the lost revenue?



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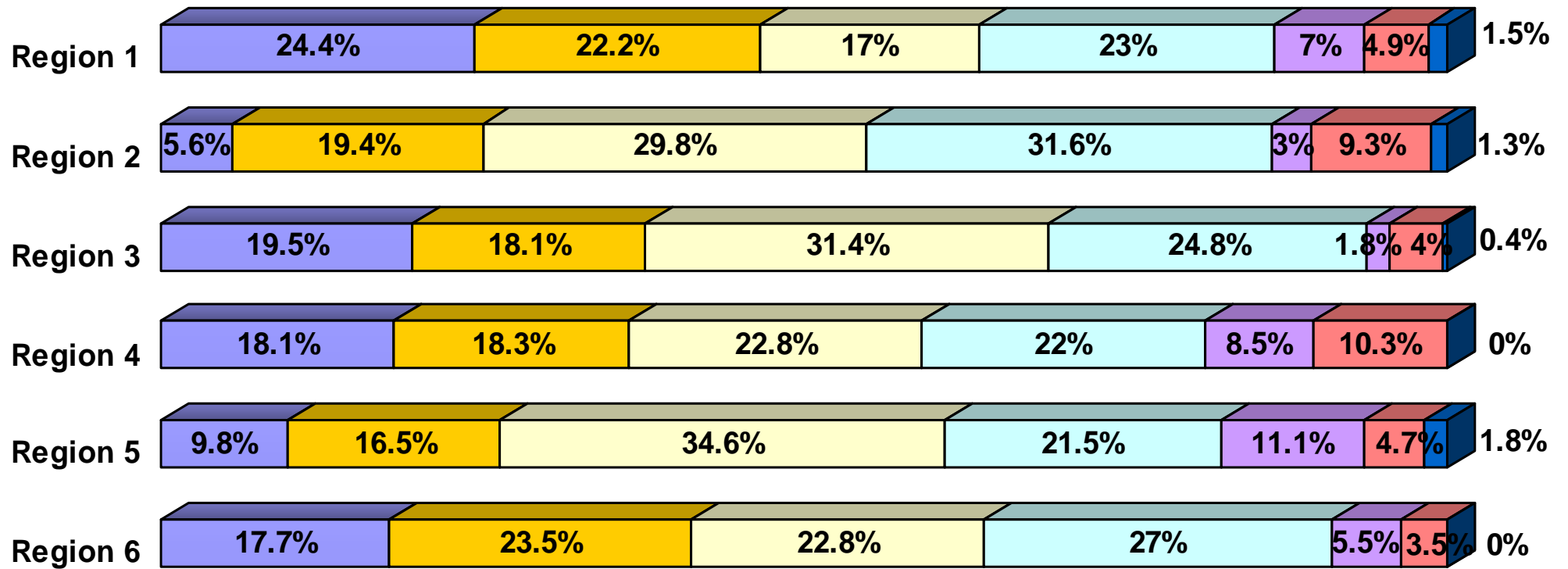
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How strongly do you agree that the 50/50 homeowners' exemption should be expanded even though this expansion will mean a shift in tax burden to other properties like commercial, industrial, or agriculture?



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Regional Responses: 50/50 homeowners' exemption

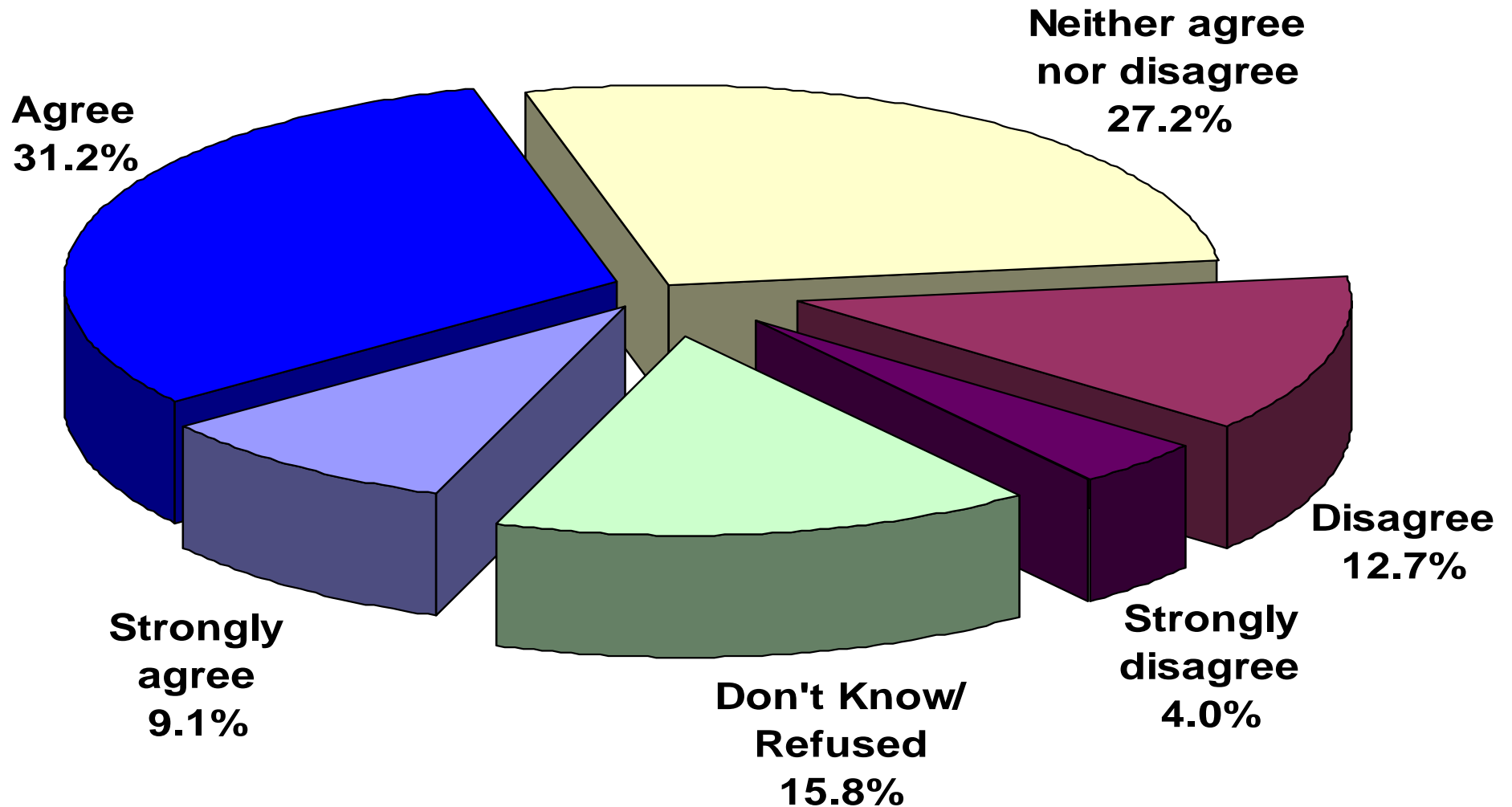


■ Strongly agree
 ■ Agree
 ■ Neither agree nor disagree
■ Disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ DON'T KNOW

■ REFUSED

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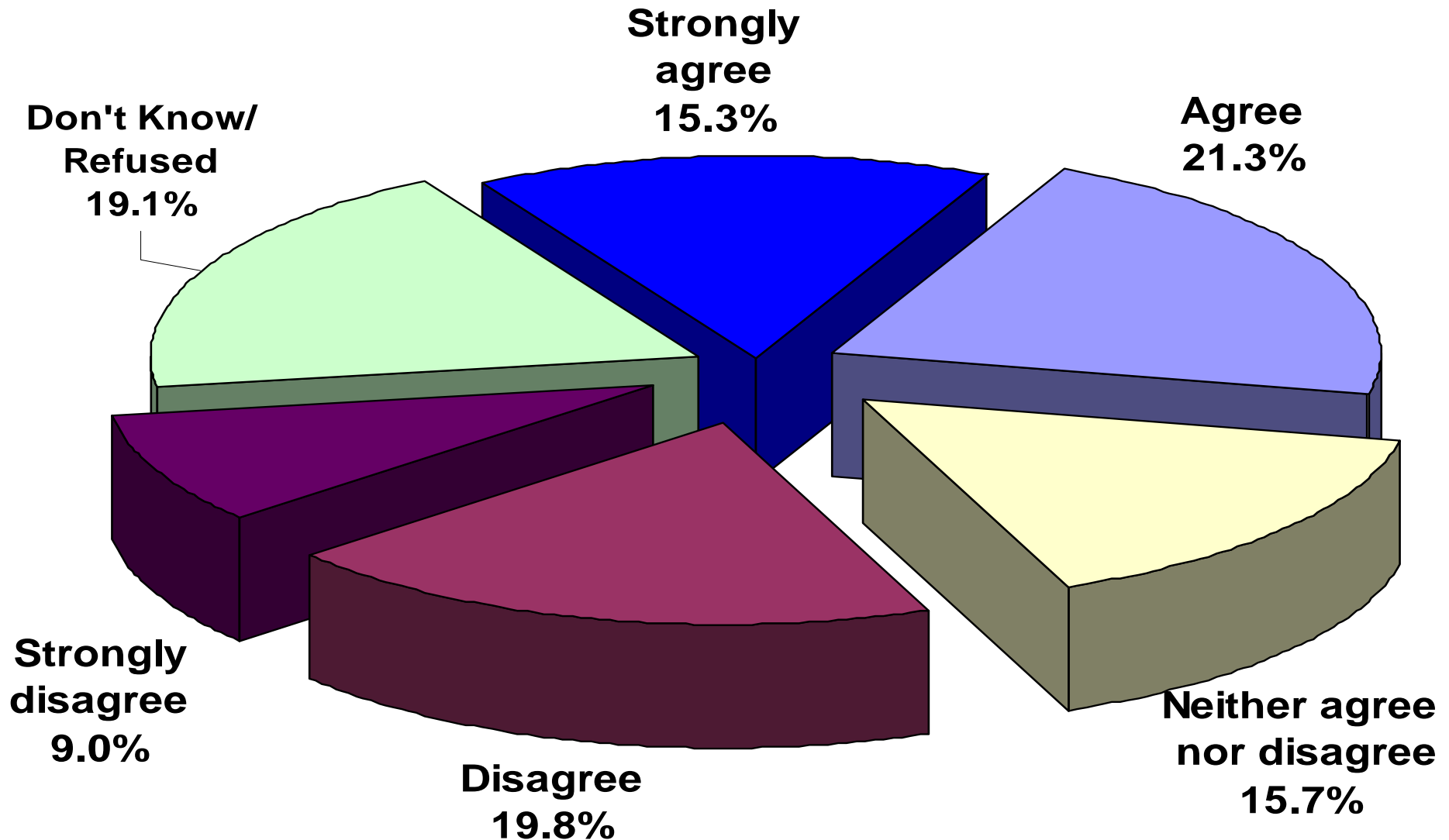
How strongly do you agree that the initiative process is an appropriate means for making complex tax policy decisions?



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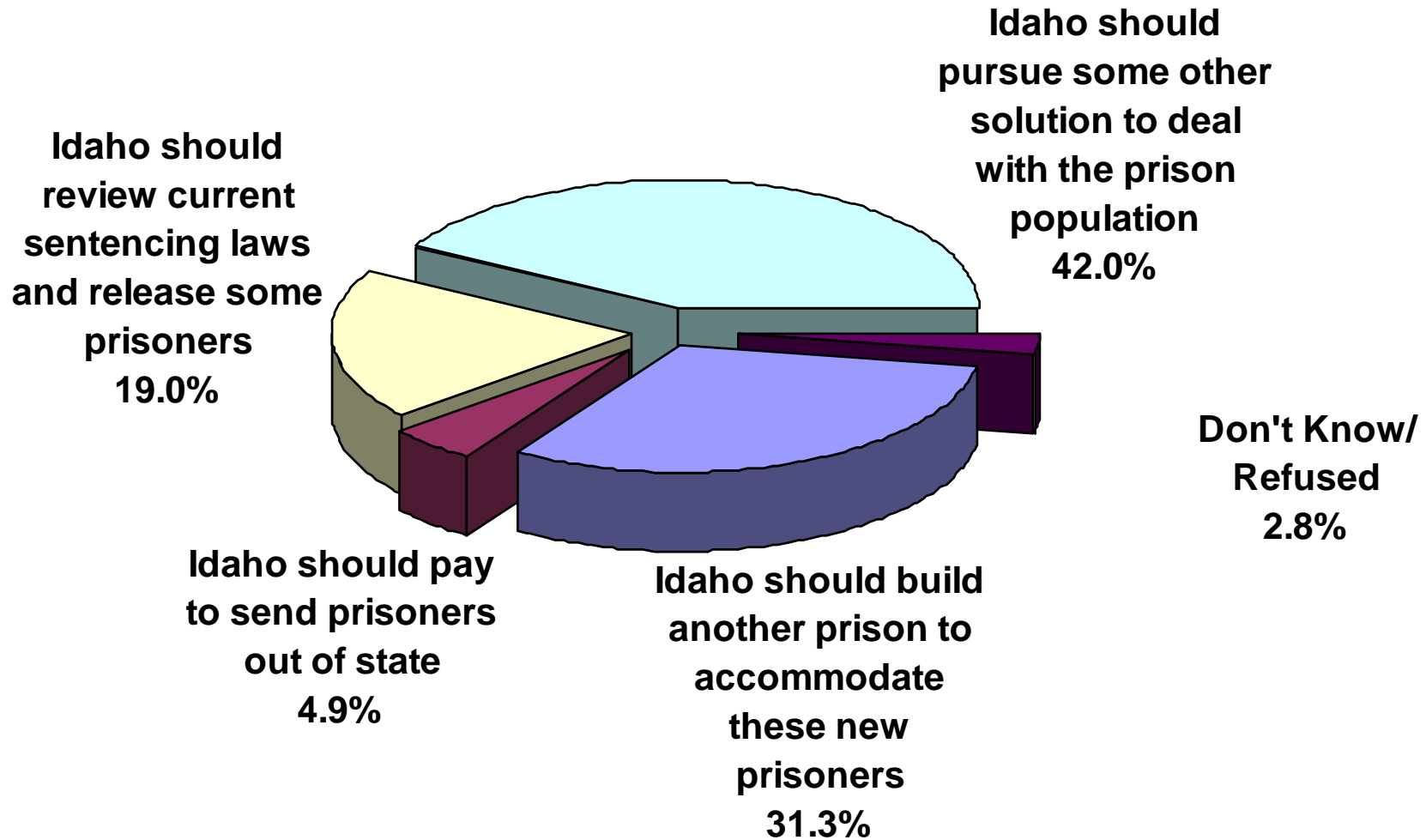
How strongly do you agree or disagree that schools should be allowed to impose development impact fees?



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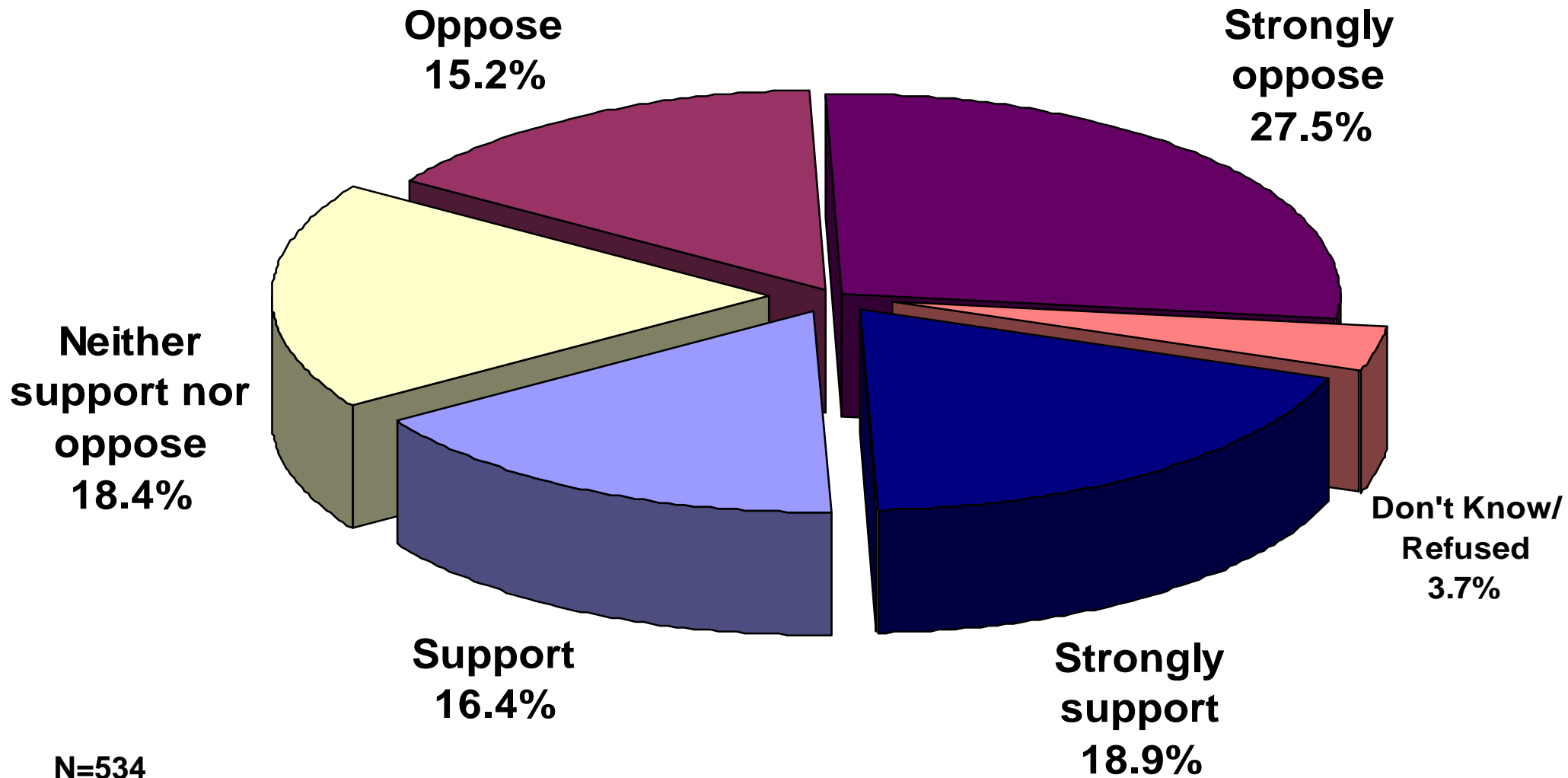
***The Idaho prison population is at an all-time high.
Do you believe that...***



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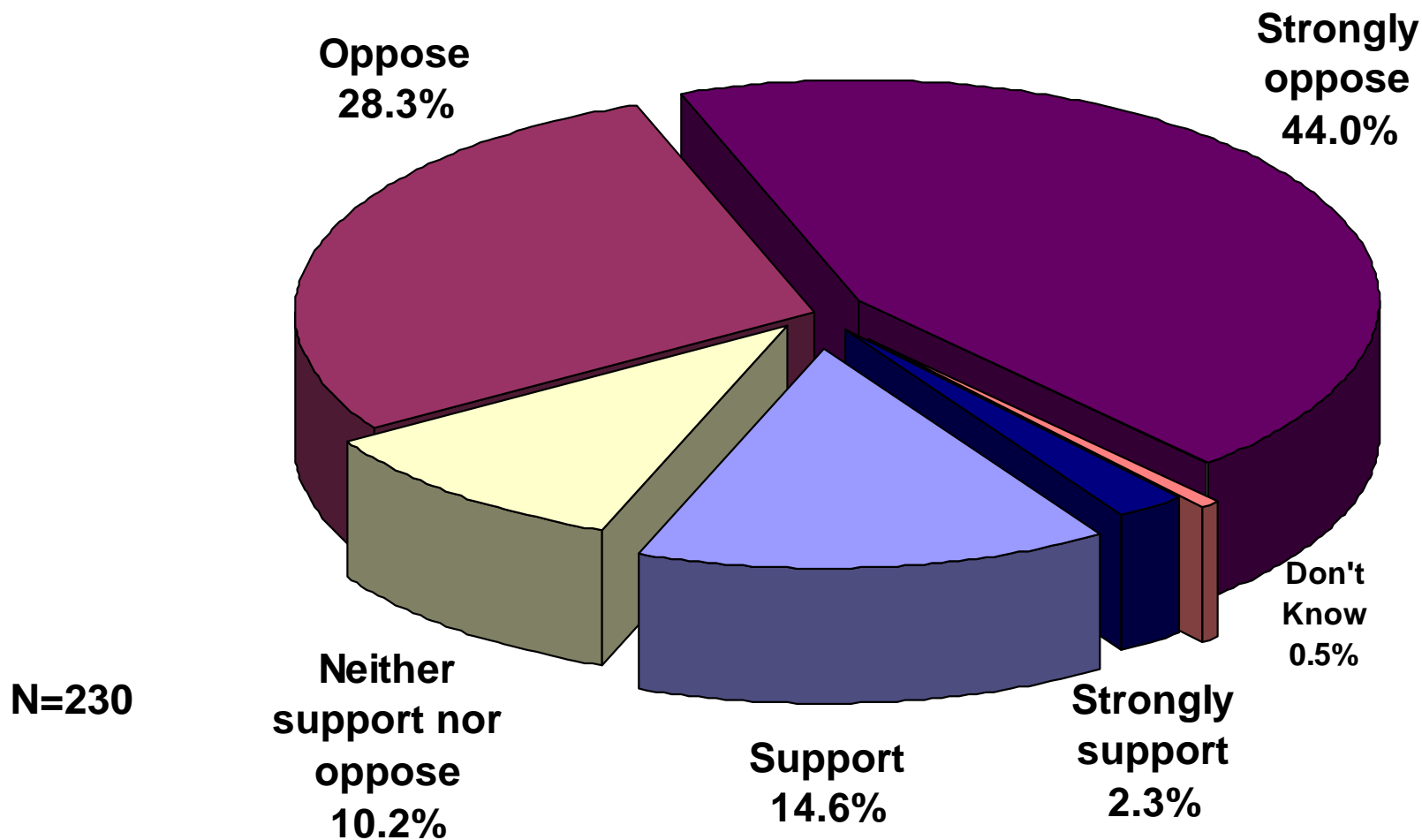
How strongly do you support breaching the lower four Snake River dams to restore salmon runs in Idaho?



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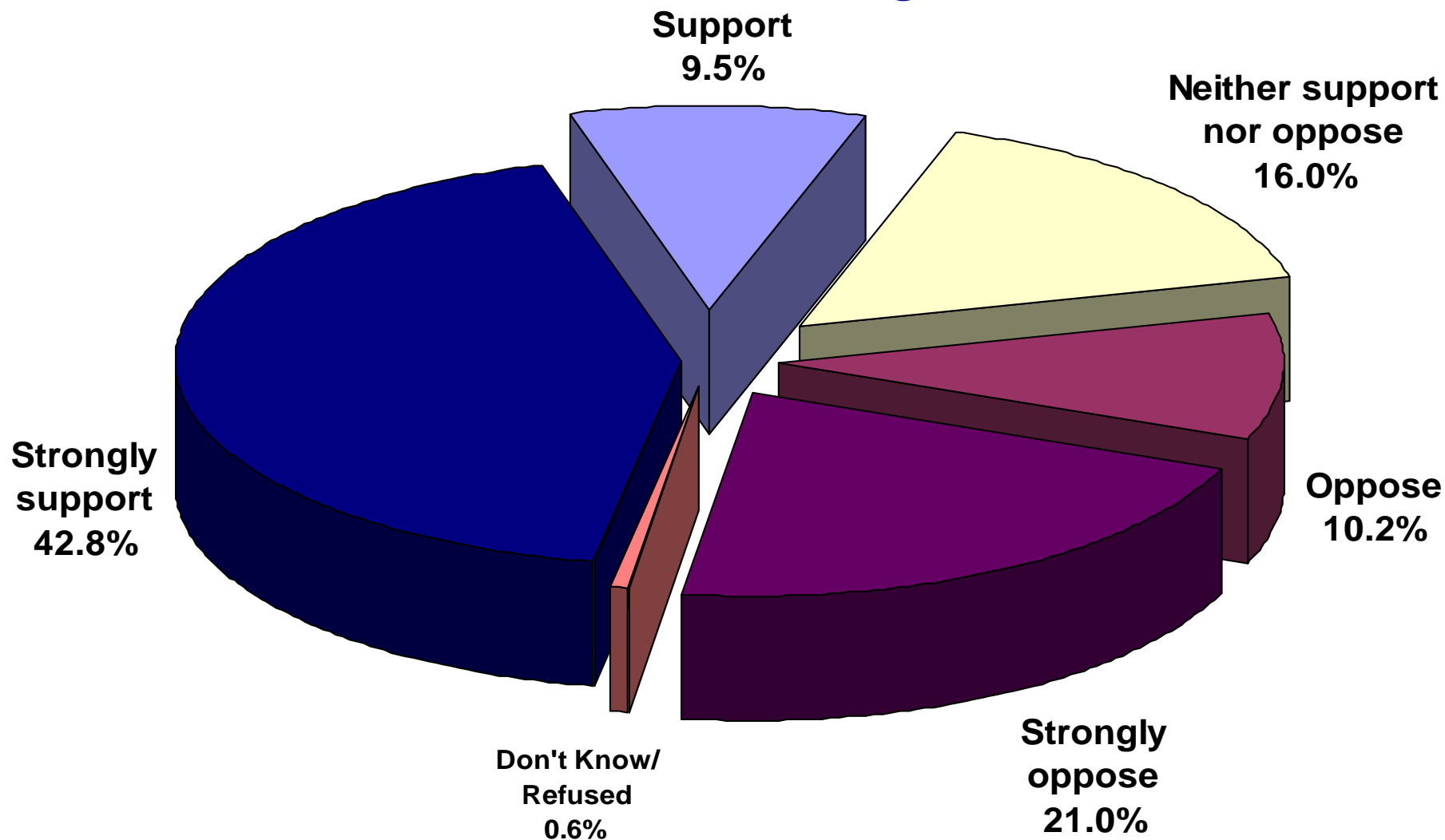
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If key concerns over breaching such as lost barging and hydro-electricity were replaced with alternatives at a similar price to the public, how strongly would you support breaching the four lower Snake River dams to restore Idaho salmon runs?



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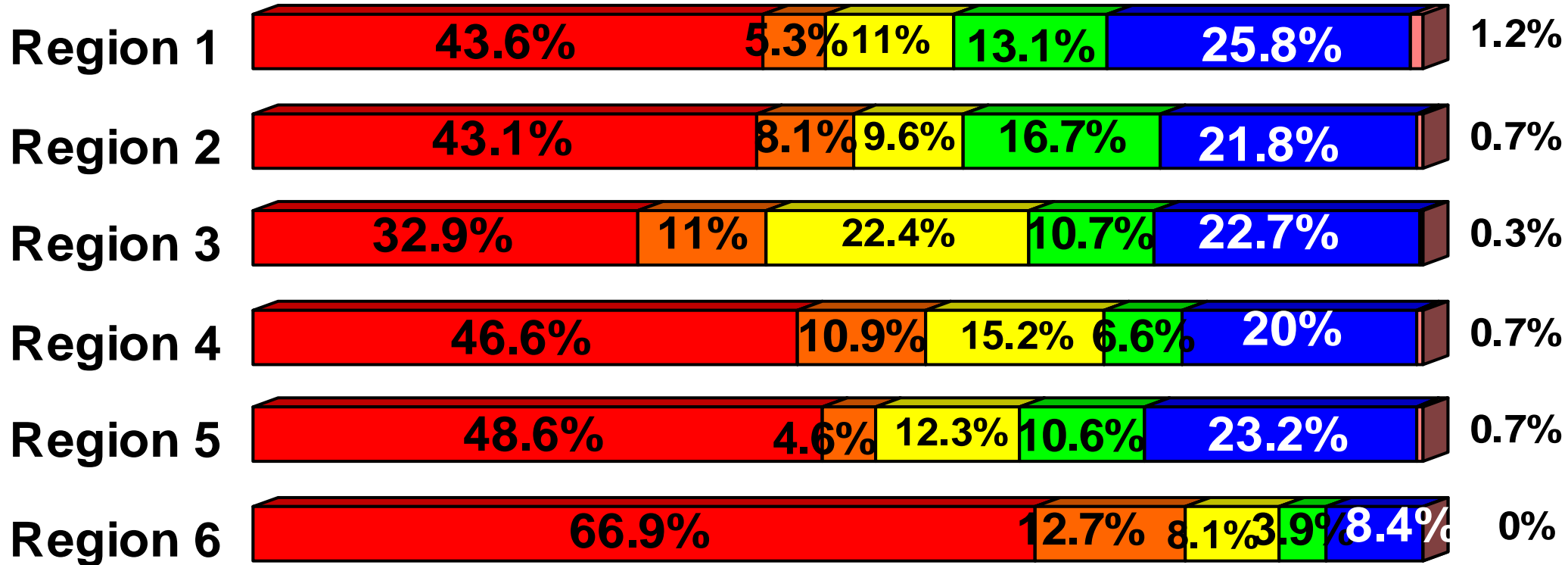
How strongly do you support an amendment to the Idaho Constitution to ban same-sex marriages?



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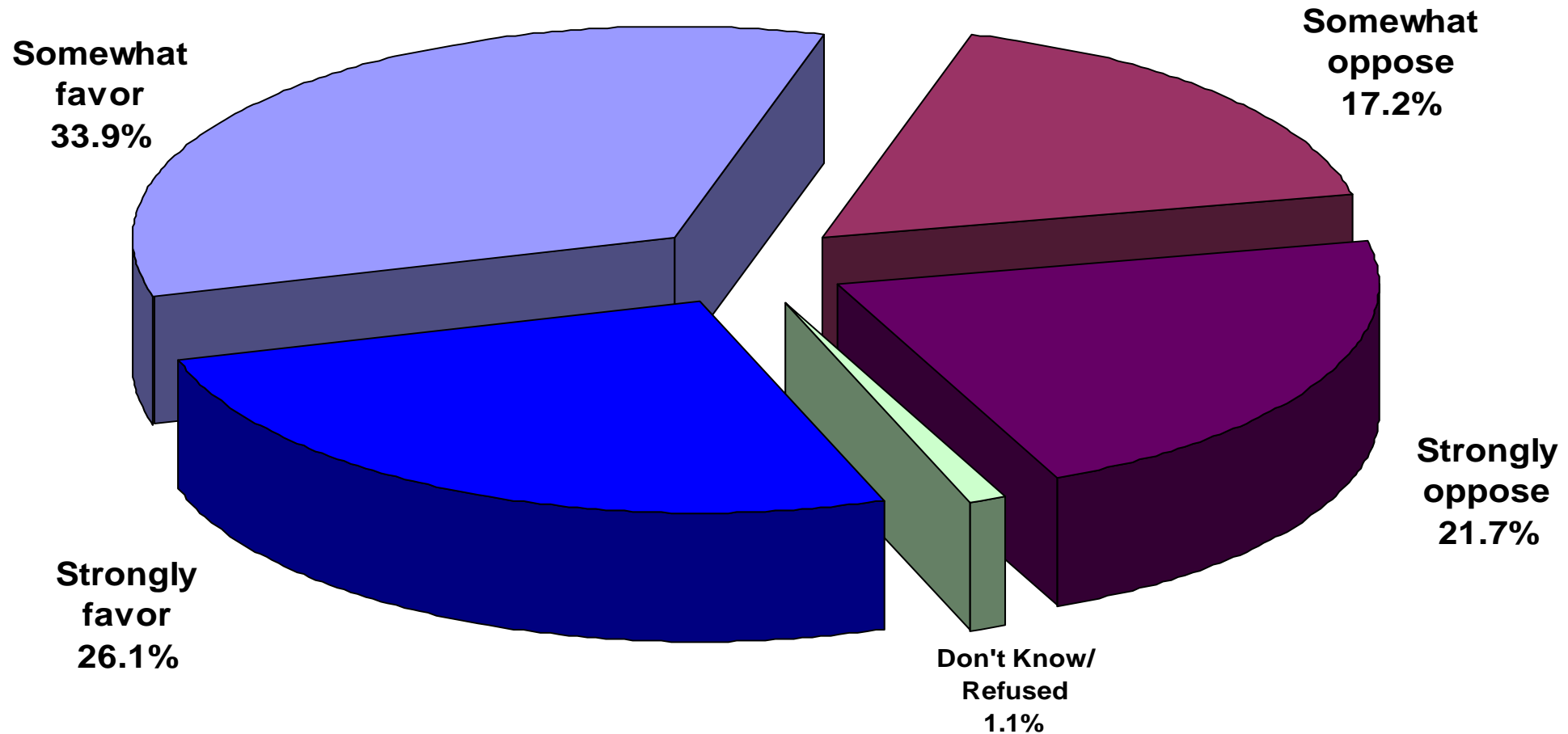
Regional Response: ...support for same-sex marriage amendment



- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support or oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly Oppose
- Don't Know/Refused

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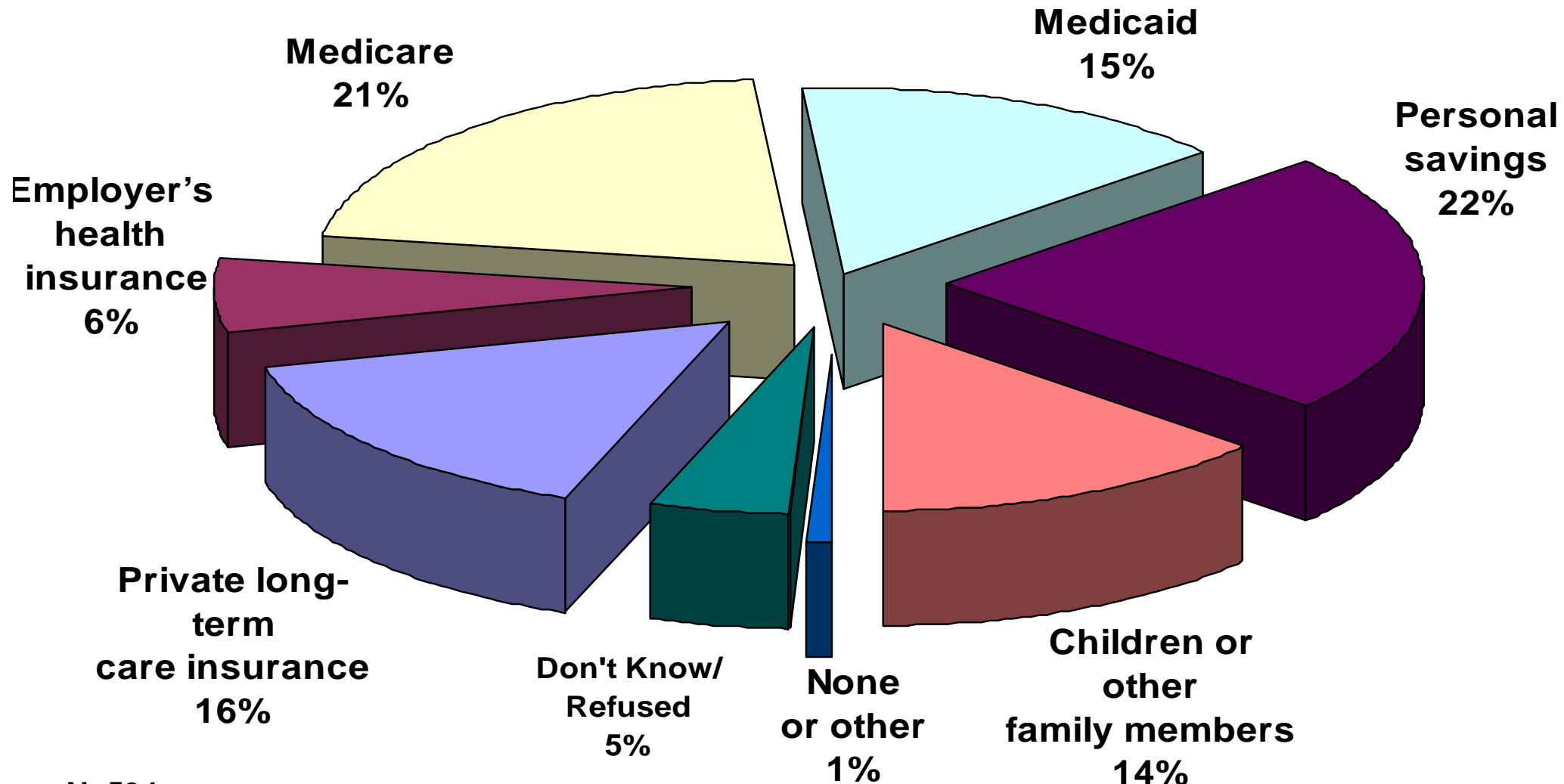
How do you feel about citizen armies like the Idaho National Guard being used to fight an overseas war like the war in Iraq?



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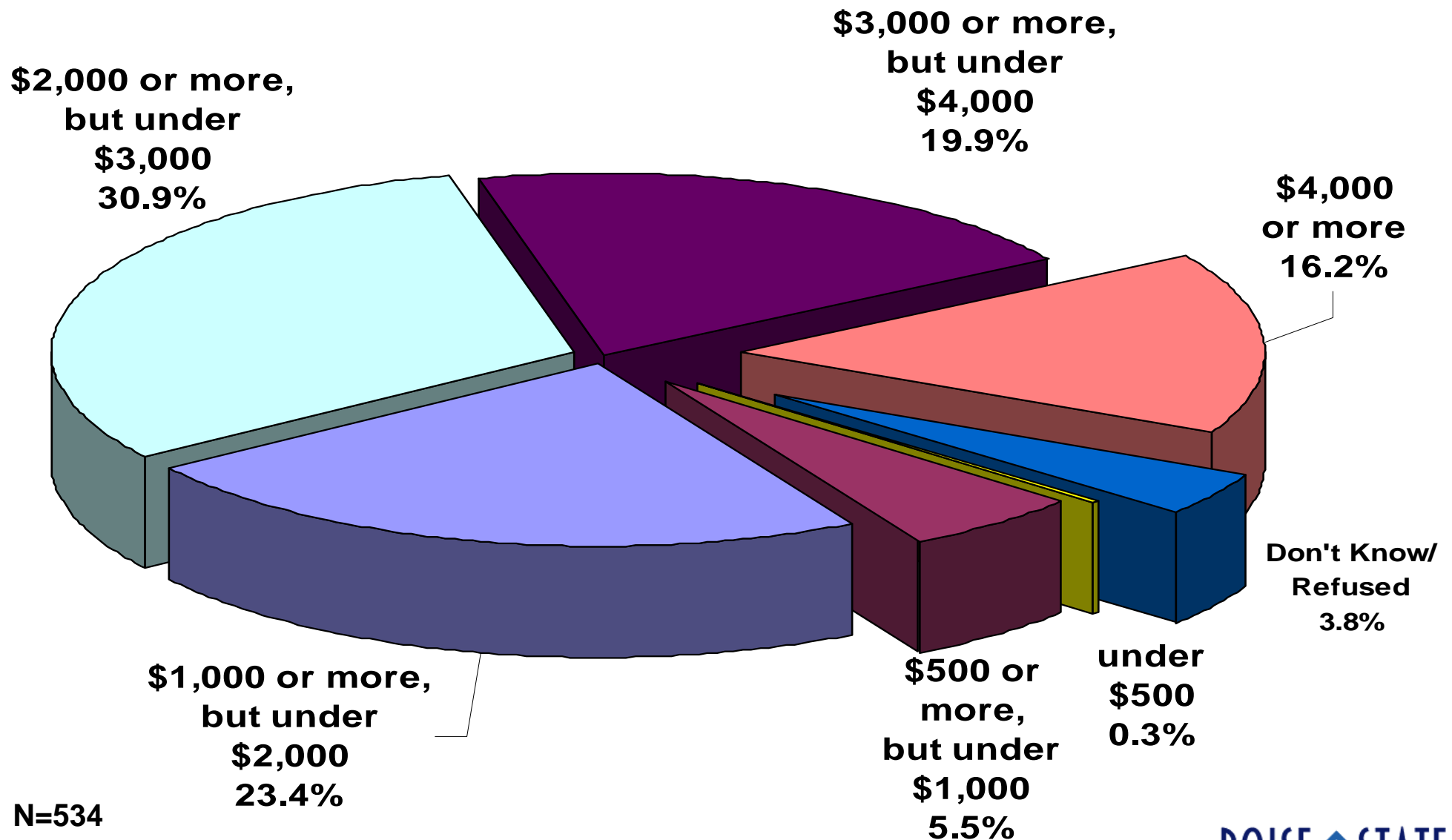
If you or a family member need long-term care, such as a nursing home, assisted living or extensive home care, at some point in the future, which of the following do you think will pay for most of the cost?



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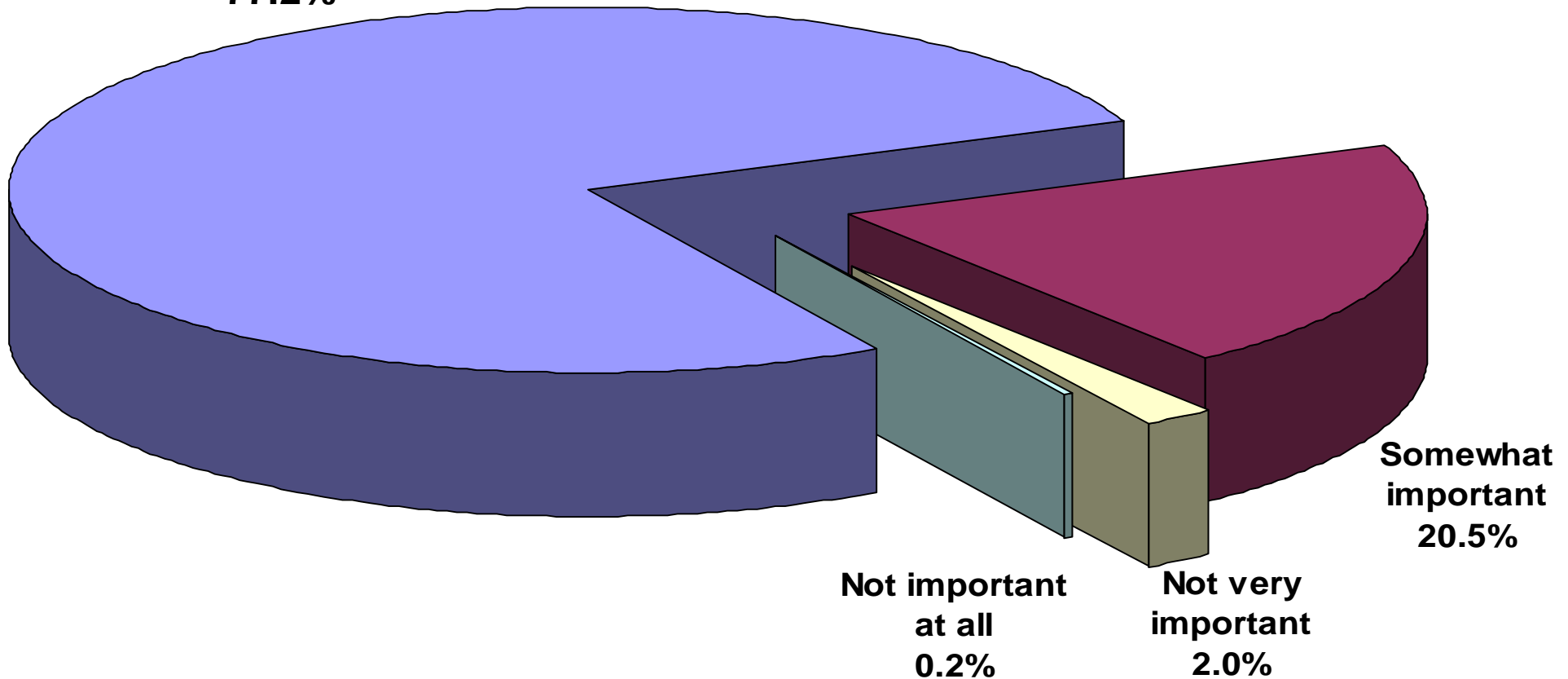
How much do you estimate a nursing home costs for one month?



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Overall, how important are libraries in our state?

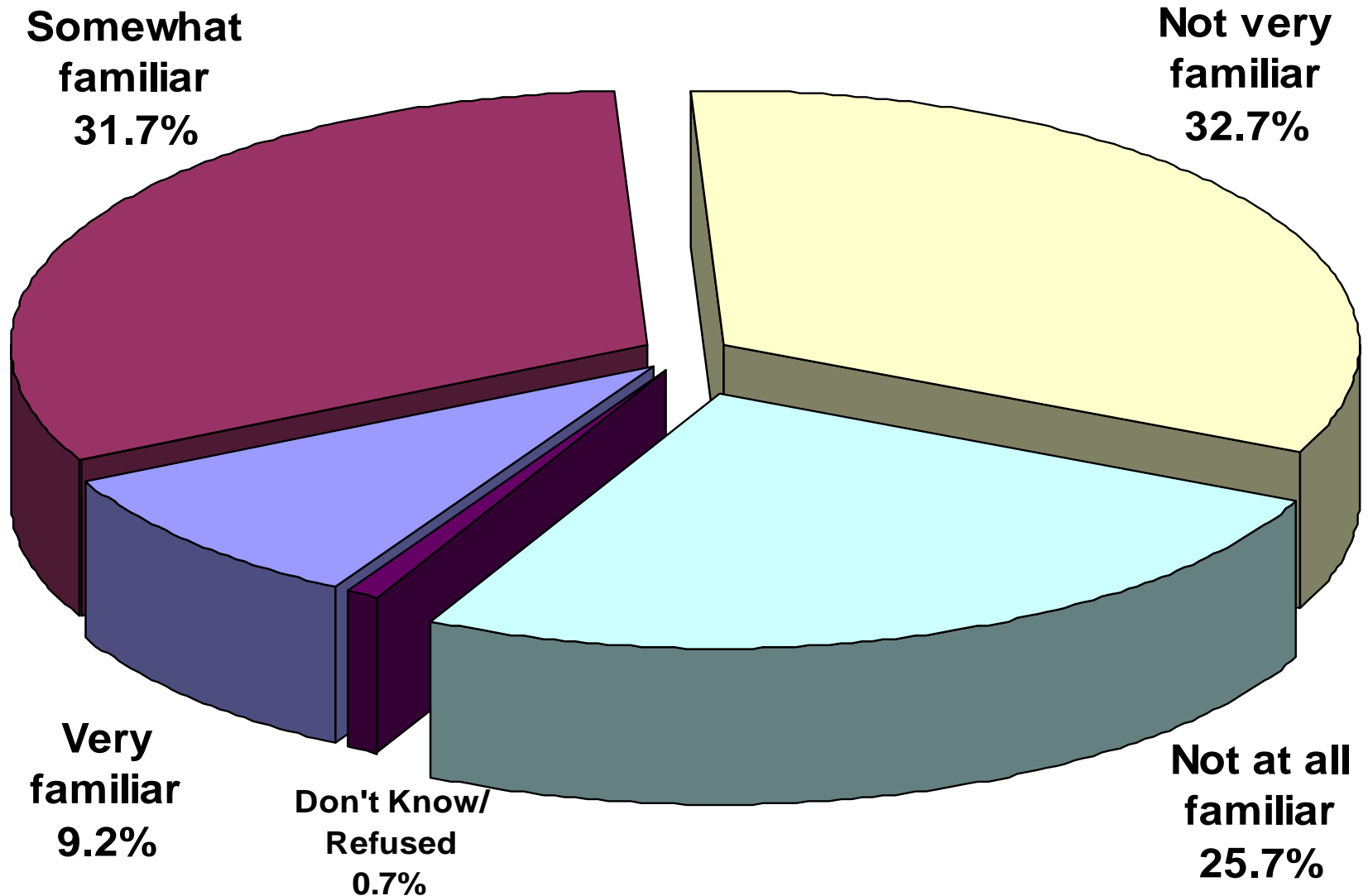
Very important
77.2%



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How familiar are you with the Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI) databases?



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