

Maryland Statewide Survey

Alliance for Tax Fairness

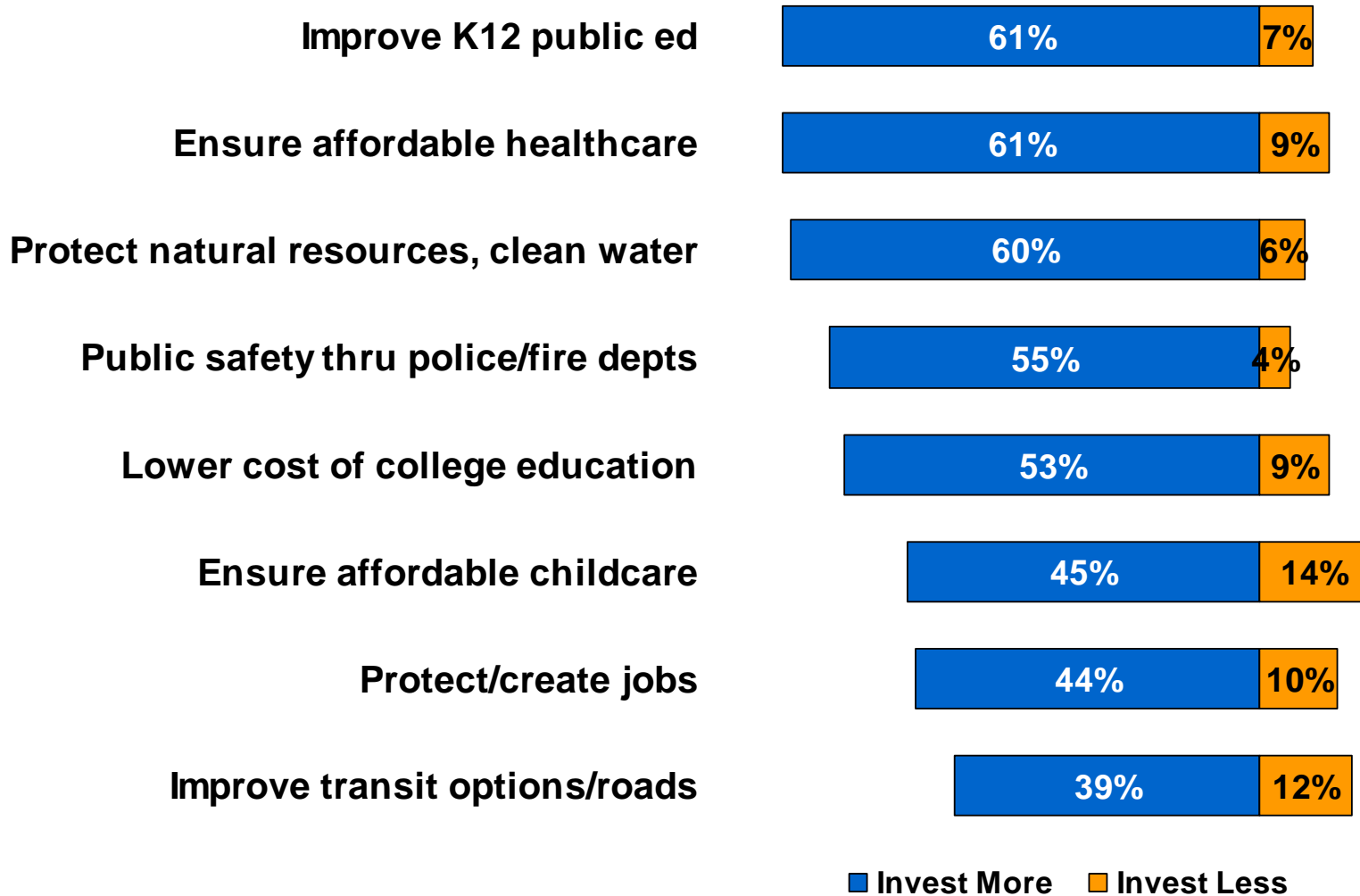
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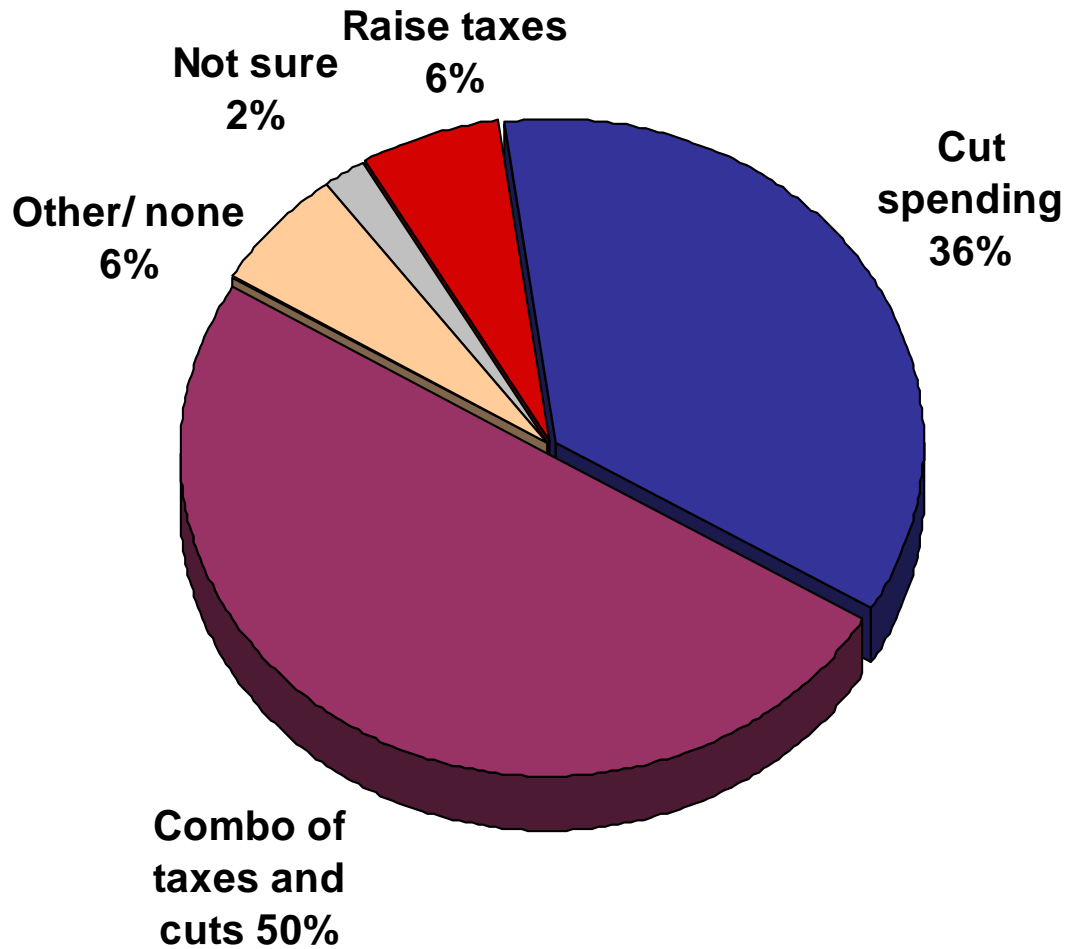
Methodology

- 500 interviews conducted between June 4th and June 11th, approx. 15 minutes each
- Registered, likely voters for 2008
- 4.5% margin of error

Attitudes on State Spending



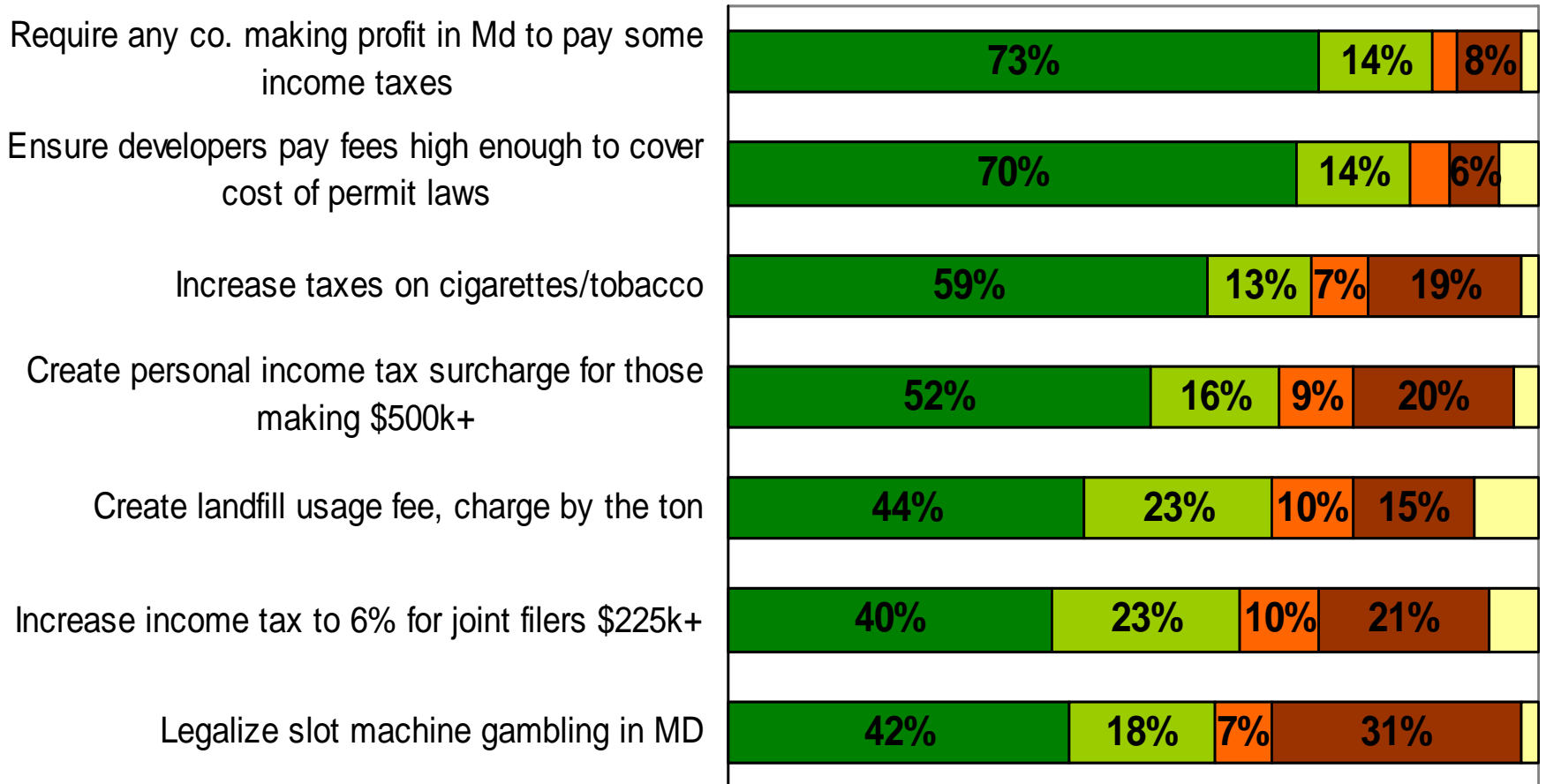
Budget Deficit Solution



Who is Taxed Too Much?

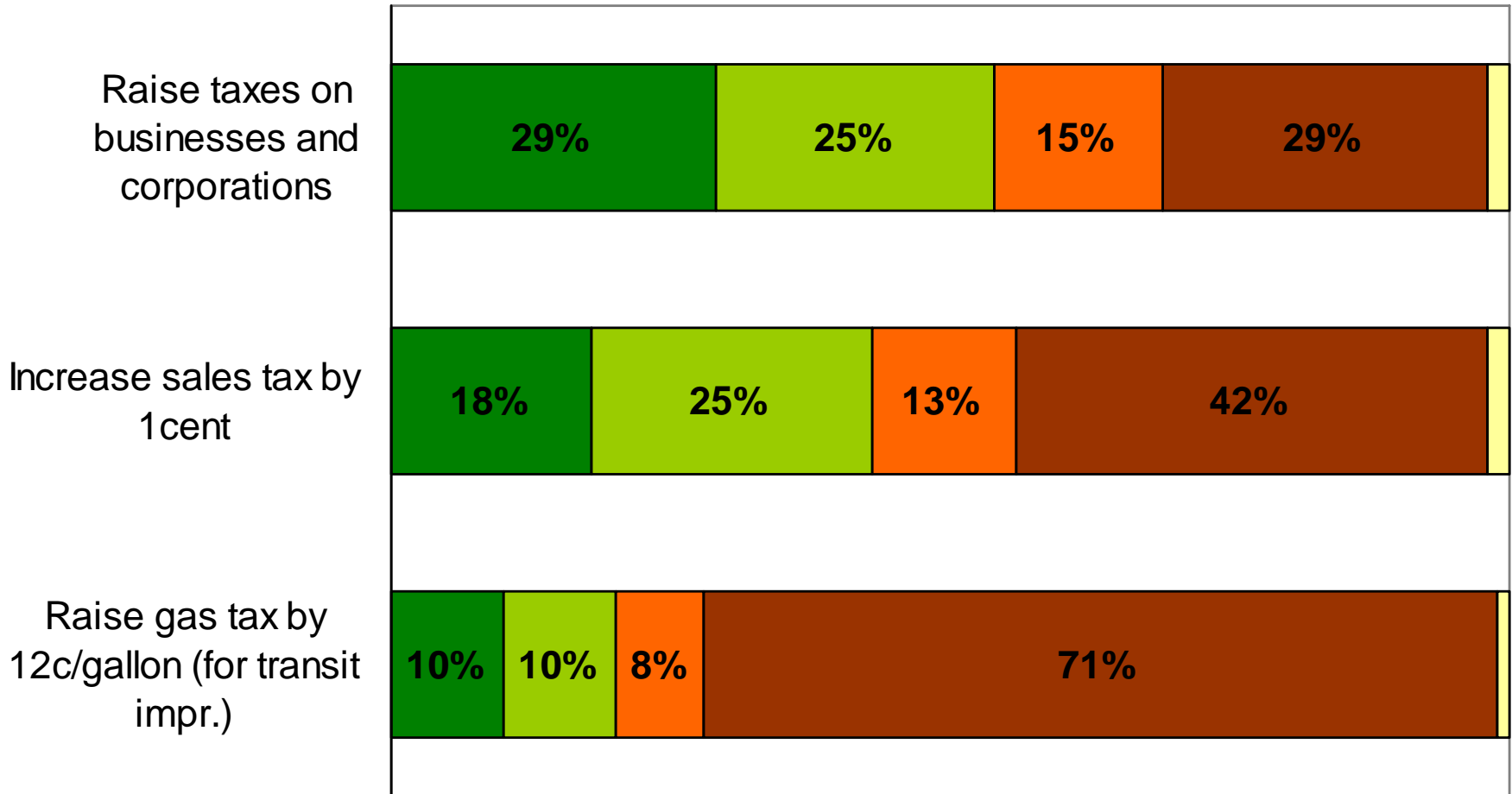
	Large corps	Small business	Wealthy people	Middle class	Low income
ALL VOTERS	6%	27%	10%	75%	30%
White	6	26	13	71	22
African American	7	32	0	84	52
Under \$50,000	5	32	7	64	31
\$50,000-\$100,000	6	25	6	80	27
Over \$100,000	8	24	16	76	36

Popular Ways to Increase Funds



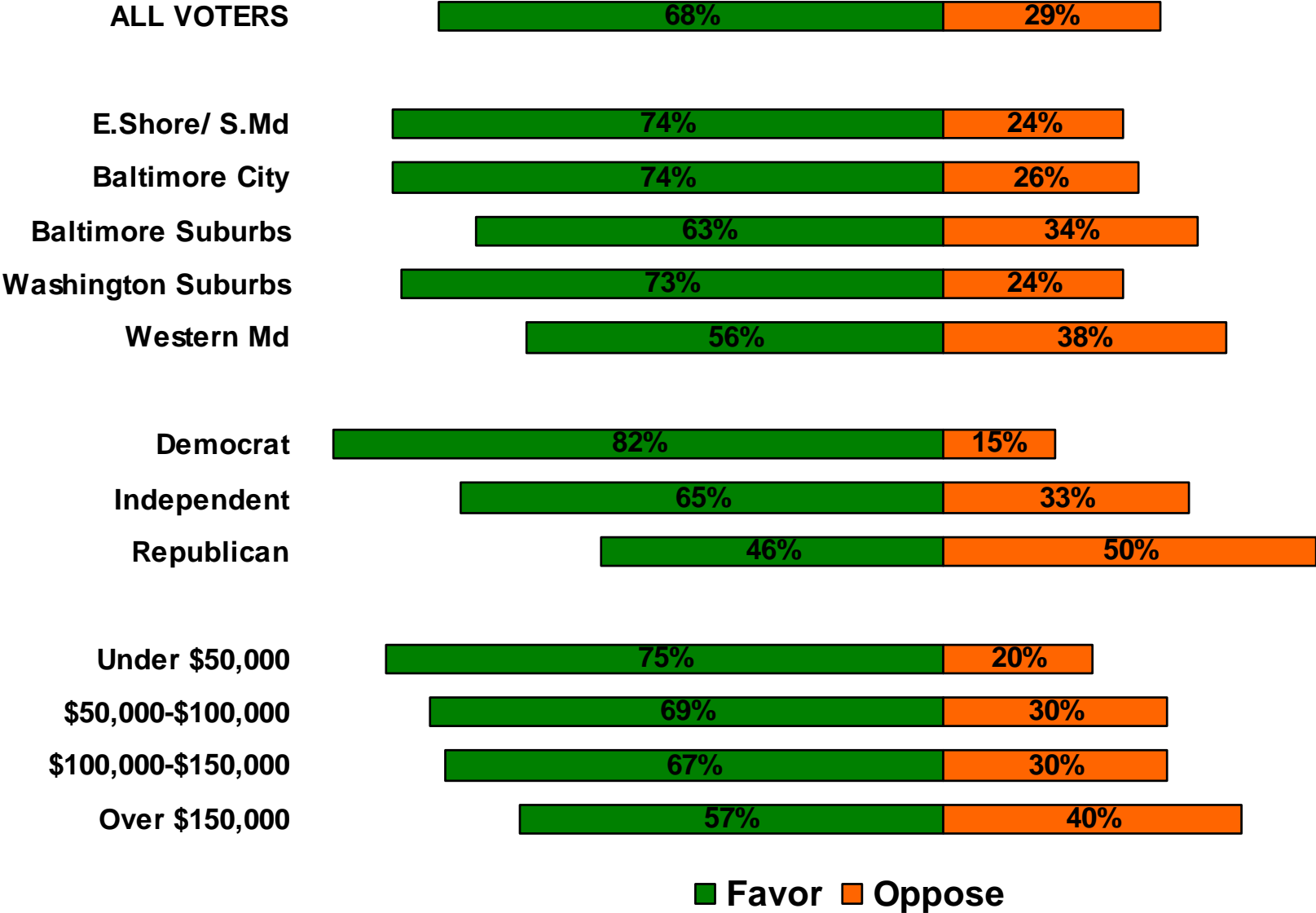
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 ■ Partly oppose
 ■ Strongly oppose
 ■ Not sure

Less Popular Ways to Increase Funds

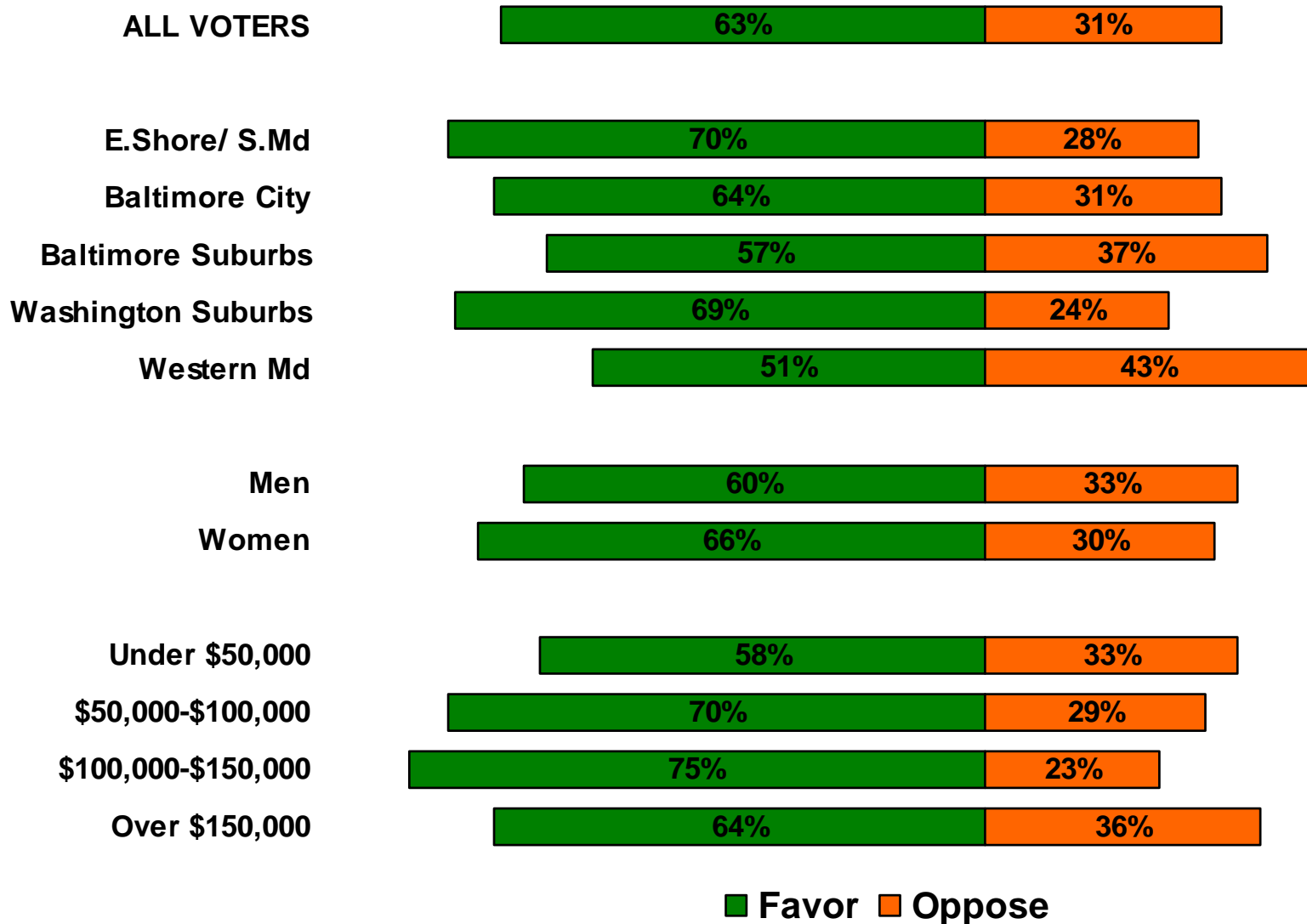


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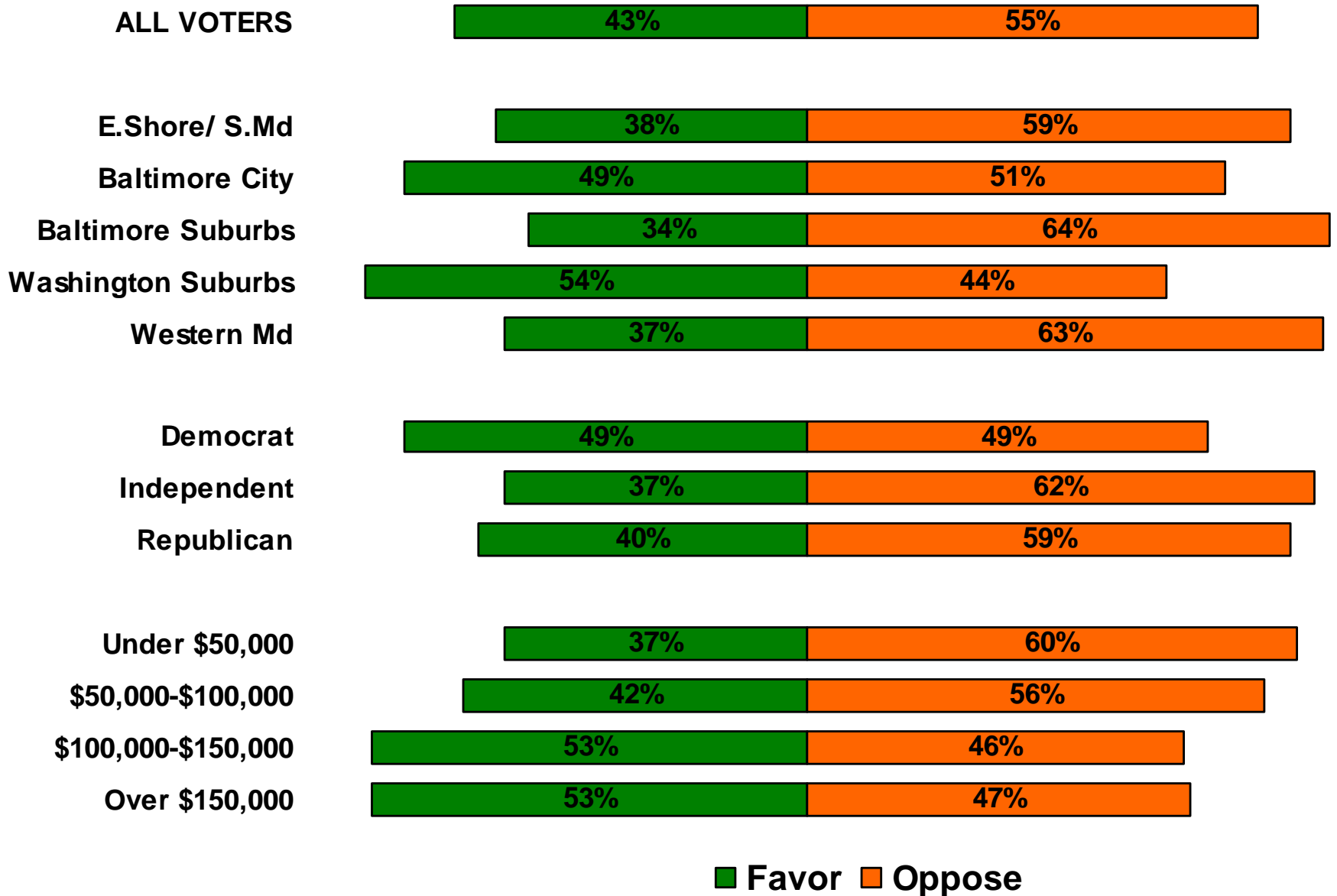
Millionaire's Surcharge



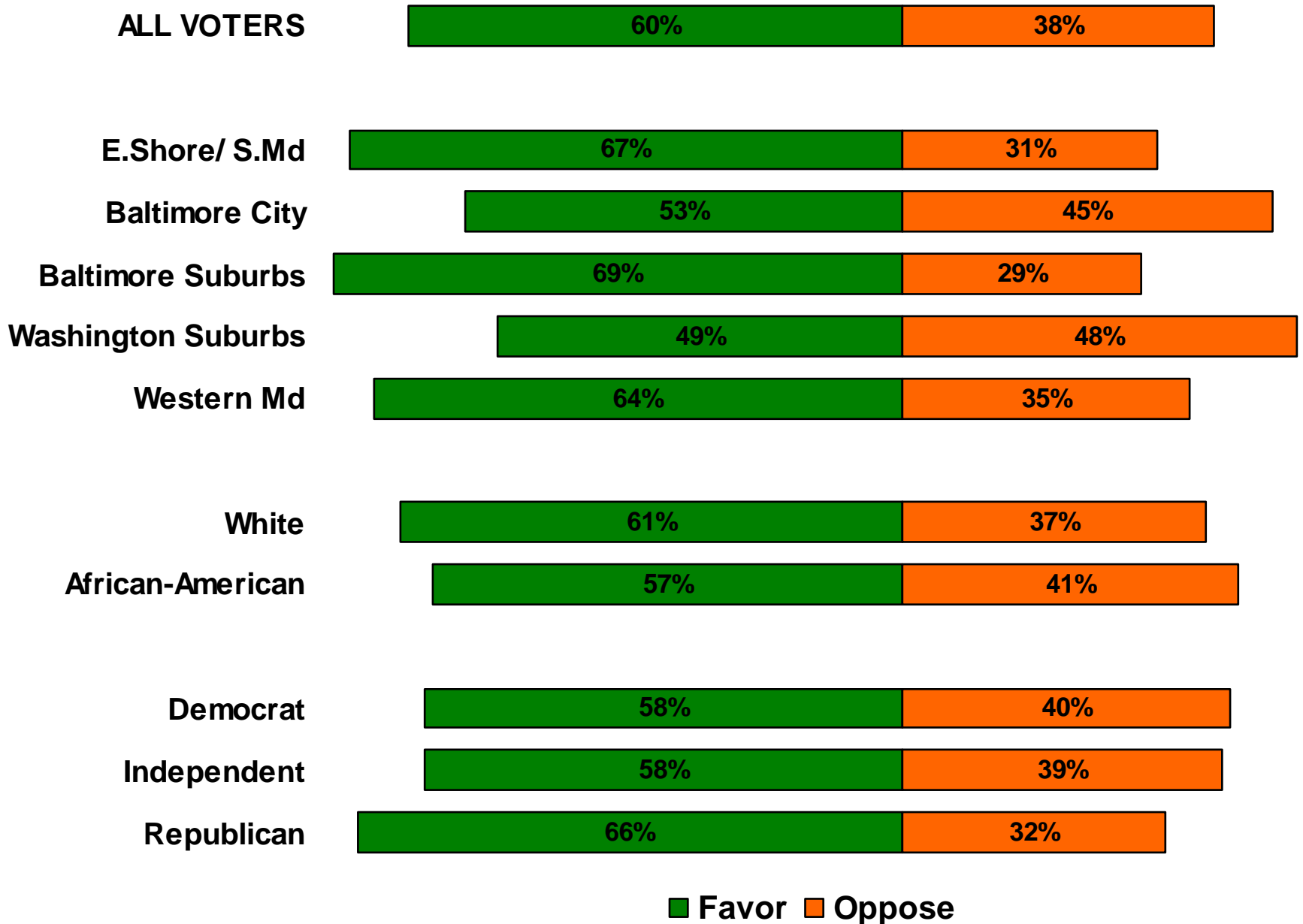
Income Tax to 6%, >\$225k



Increase Sales Tax by 1cent



Legalize Slot Machine Gambling



Cut Spending

Cut fire, police, EMS funding



Cut local govt funds for libraries, parks, etc.



Cut funding for early childhood, all-day K, small class size



Raise tuition/cut university funding



Deny COLA/freeze pay for govt employees

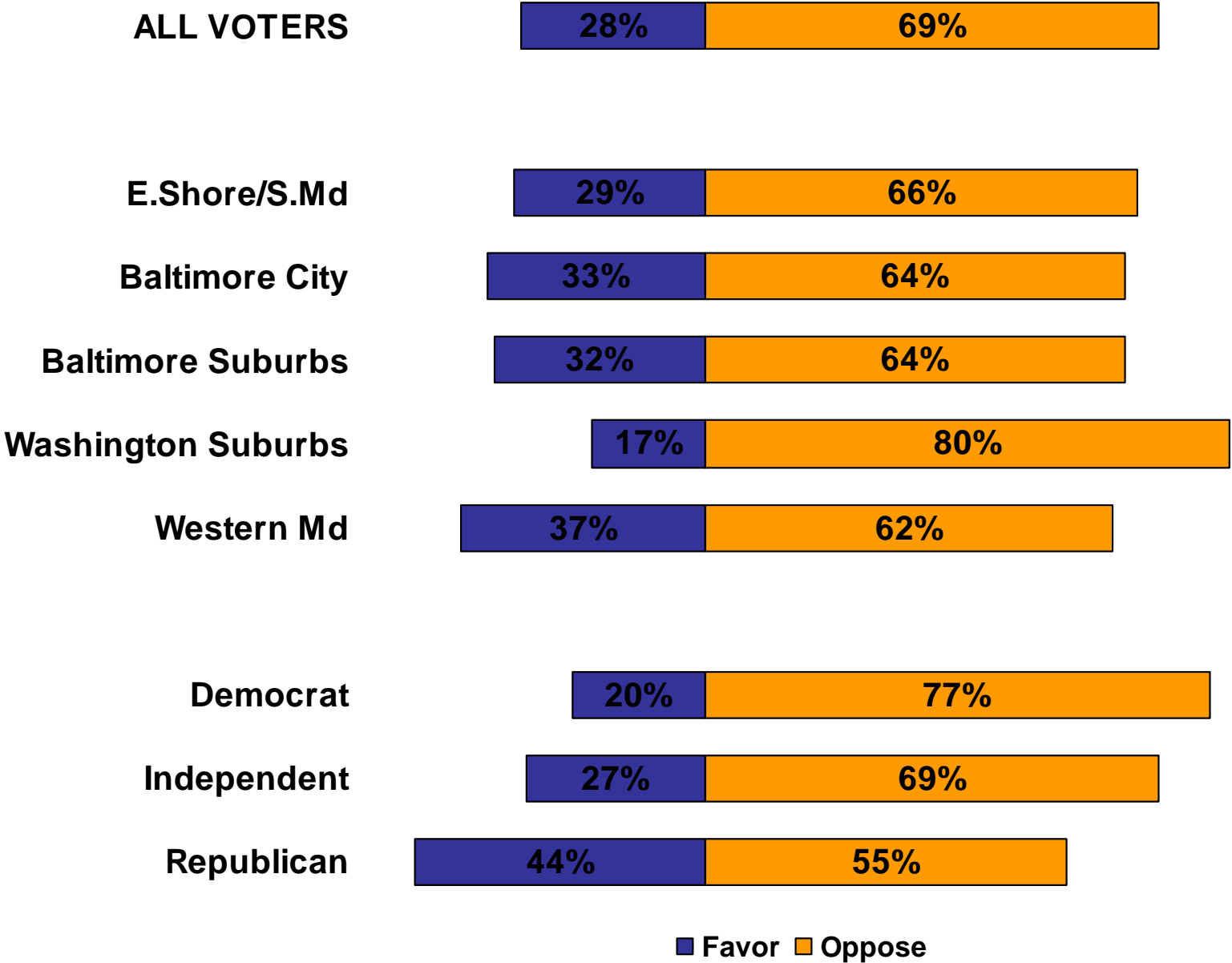


Across the board 5% cuts



■ Favor ■ Oppose

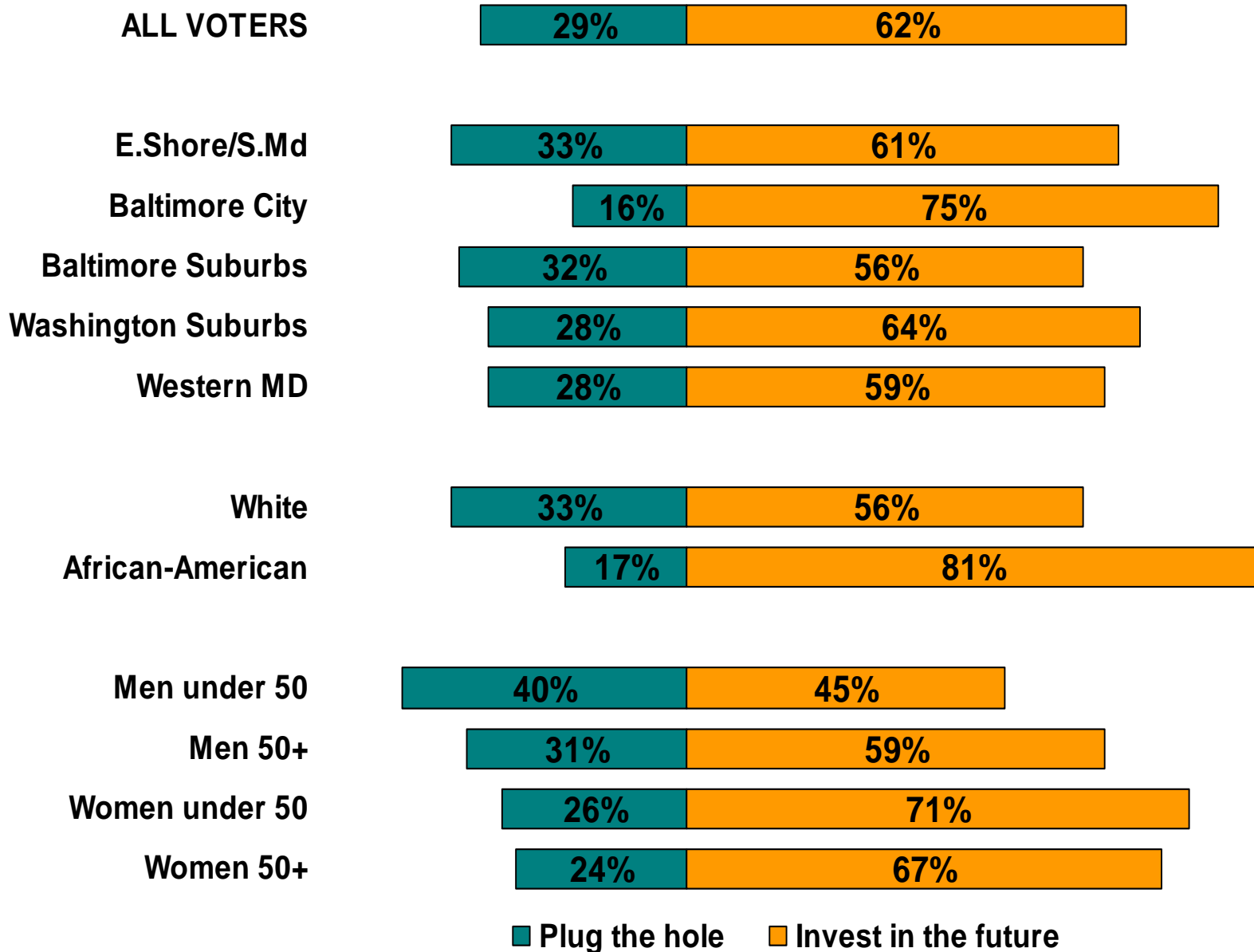
Deny COLA and Freeze Pay



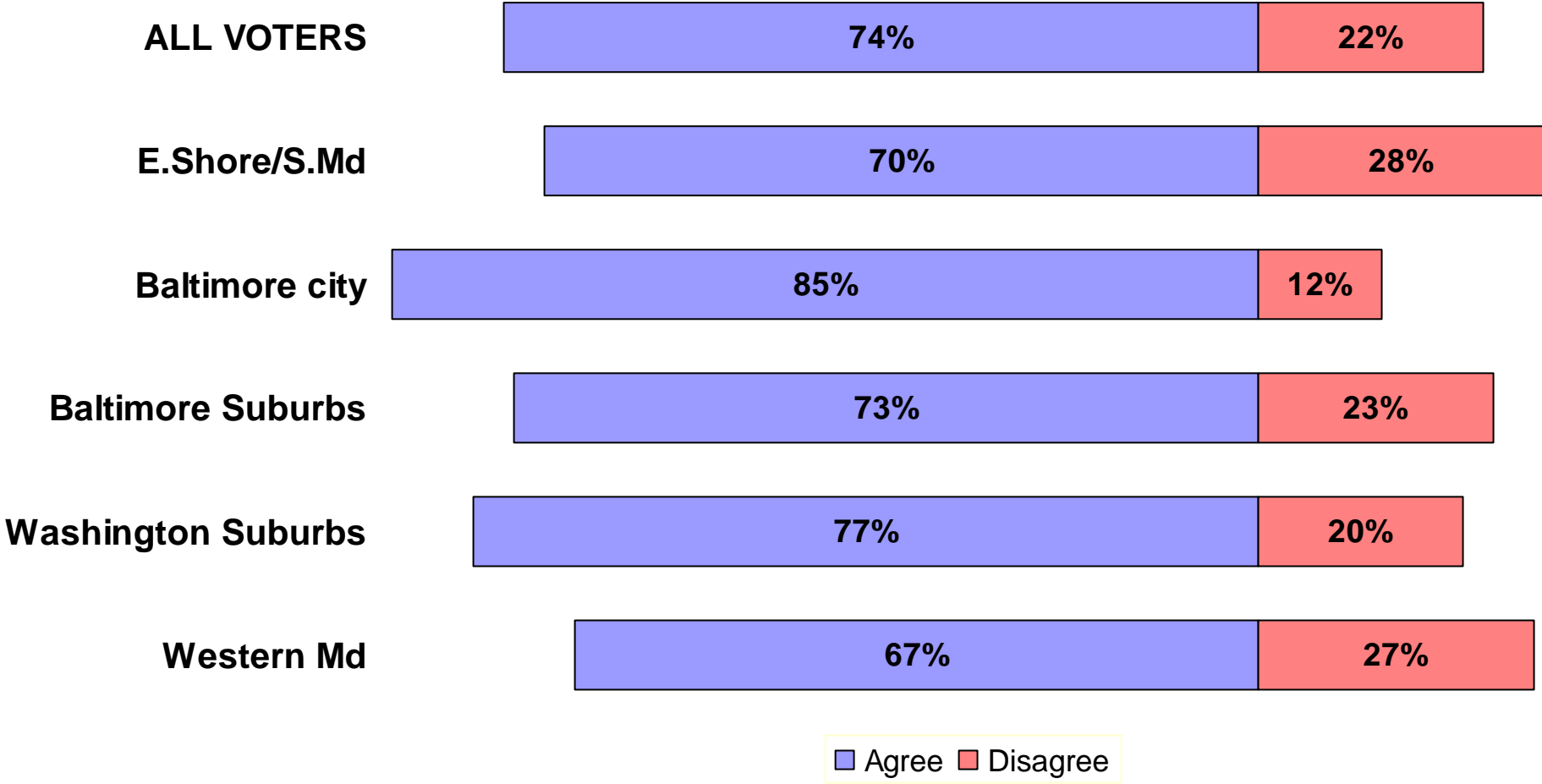
Budget Statements

- Since Maryland is facing a large deficit next year, lawmakers should focus on solving that problem with a combination of budget cuts and just the amount of tax increases necessary to balance the budget
- Maryland taxes corporate income and income of wealthy individuals at some of the lowest levels in the country, yet we have many unmet needs in funding education, healthcare, and Chesapeake Bay cleanup. Lawmakers should go beyond plugging the hole in the budget and create a fairer tax system that asks the wealthiest corporations and individuals to invest in Maryland's future.

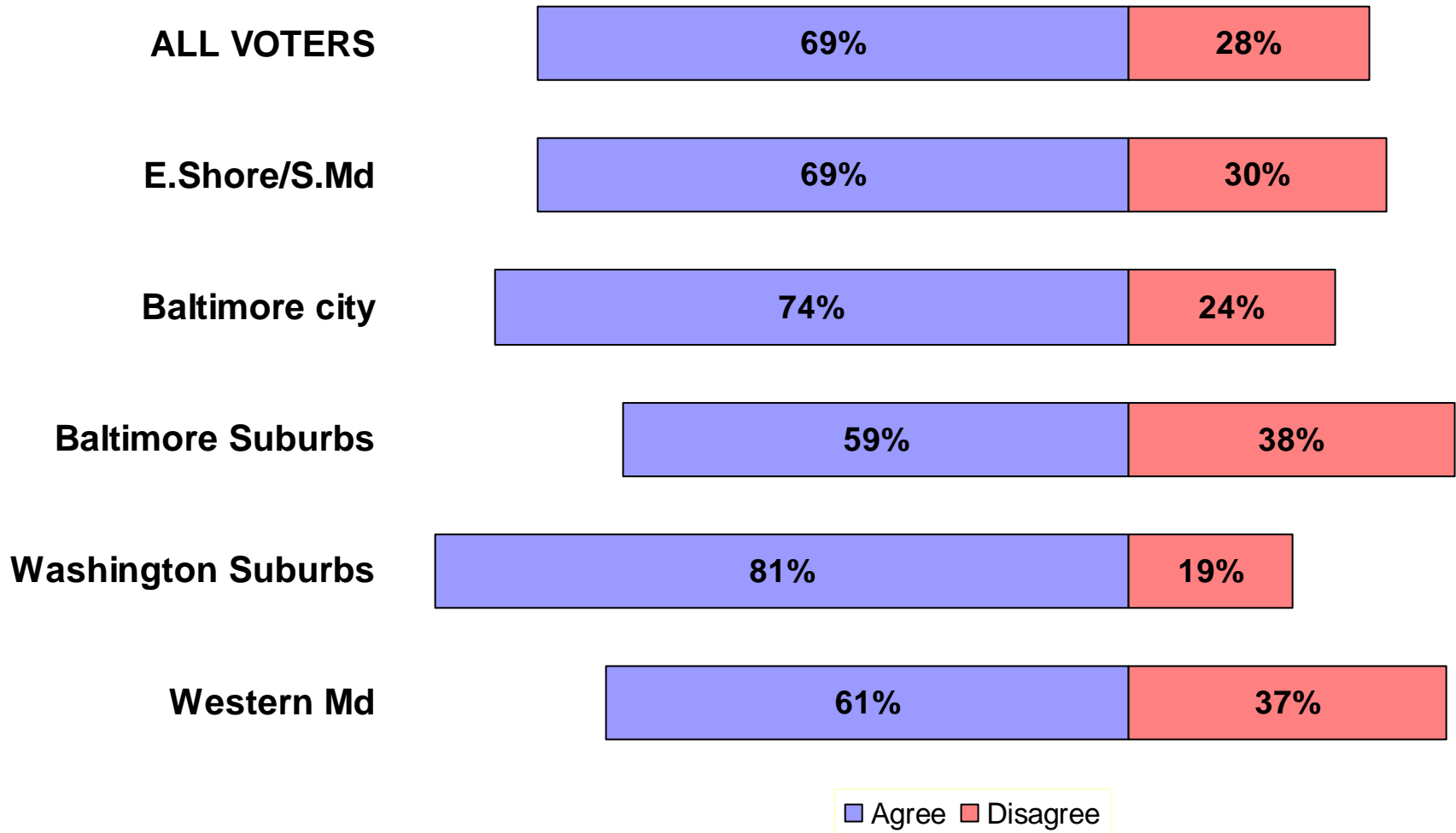
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“Maryland lawmakers should propose a budget alternative that includes more than the tax increases needed to close the deficit so that they can protect education funding, seniors, and the most vulnerable members of society.”



“We have to make hard choices in order to invest in Maryland’s future, but I am basically willing to see the state spend more money on education, health care and job creation even if taxes are increased to pay for it.”



“To close the budget deficit, we need a balanced, moderate approach that does not rely too much on any single method. That means making some budget cuts, legalizing slots, increasing the gas tax, and adding a penny on the sales tax.”

