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Republican Primary Voters in Safe GOP
Congressional District Surveys

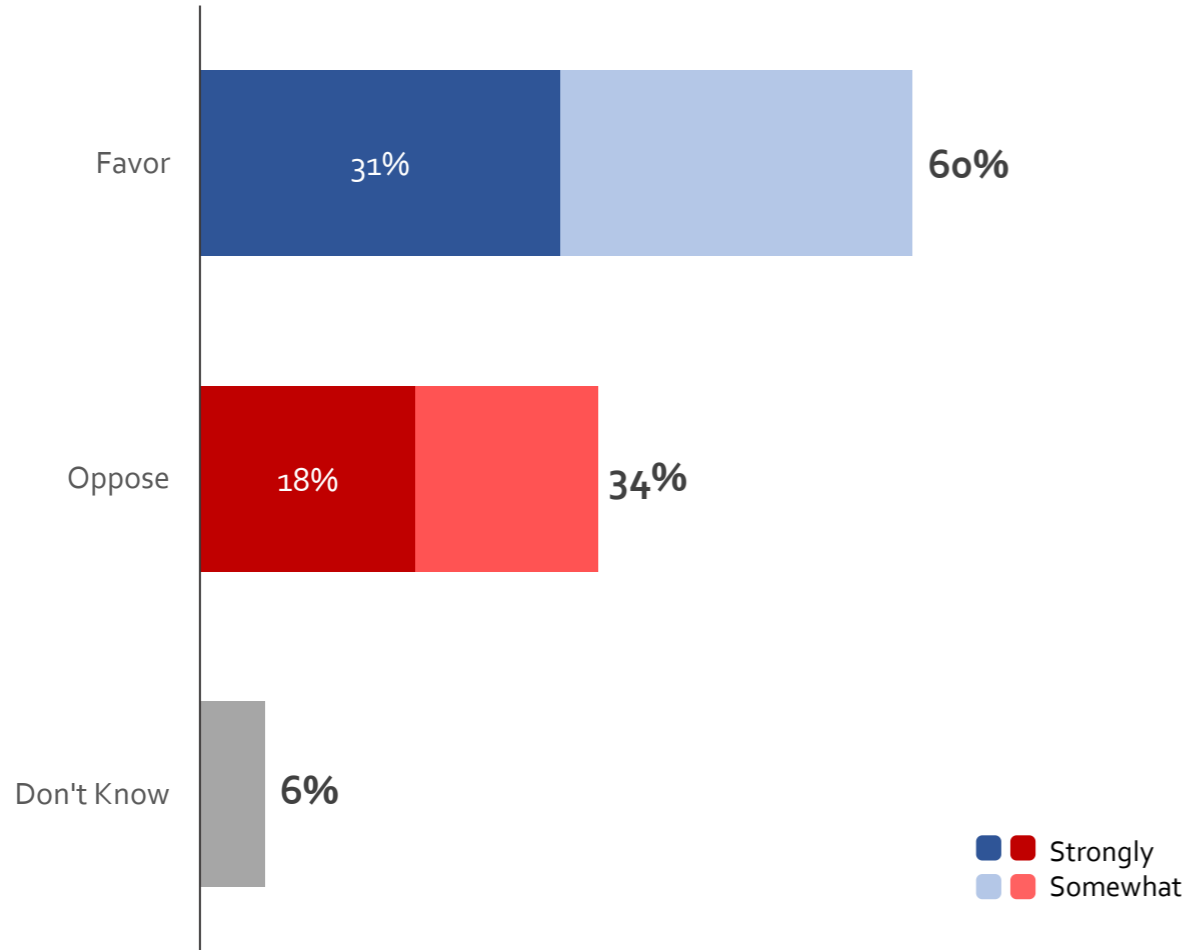
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Methodology

- AAN commissioned American Viewpoint to conduct a survey among likely GOP primary voters in Safe GOP congressional districts to understand attitudes and opinions on Ukraine funding.
- There were three separate studies in, with the first study being conducted February 24th-27th, 2024. The second conducted March 19th-24th, 2024 and the final study conducted March 27th-28th, 2024.
- For both Safe GOP/GOP Primary Voter studies, the margin of error in the 187 CDs (n=500) is +/- 4.4% at the 95% confidence level. The margin of error for the 84 Battleground districts (n=750) is +/- 3.6% at the 95% confidence level. The margin of error among sub-groups is greater.

A large majority of general election voters in battleground districts favor aid for Ukraine. This support is higher with voters 50+ and Independent men.

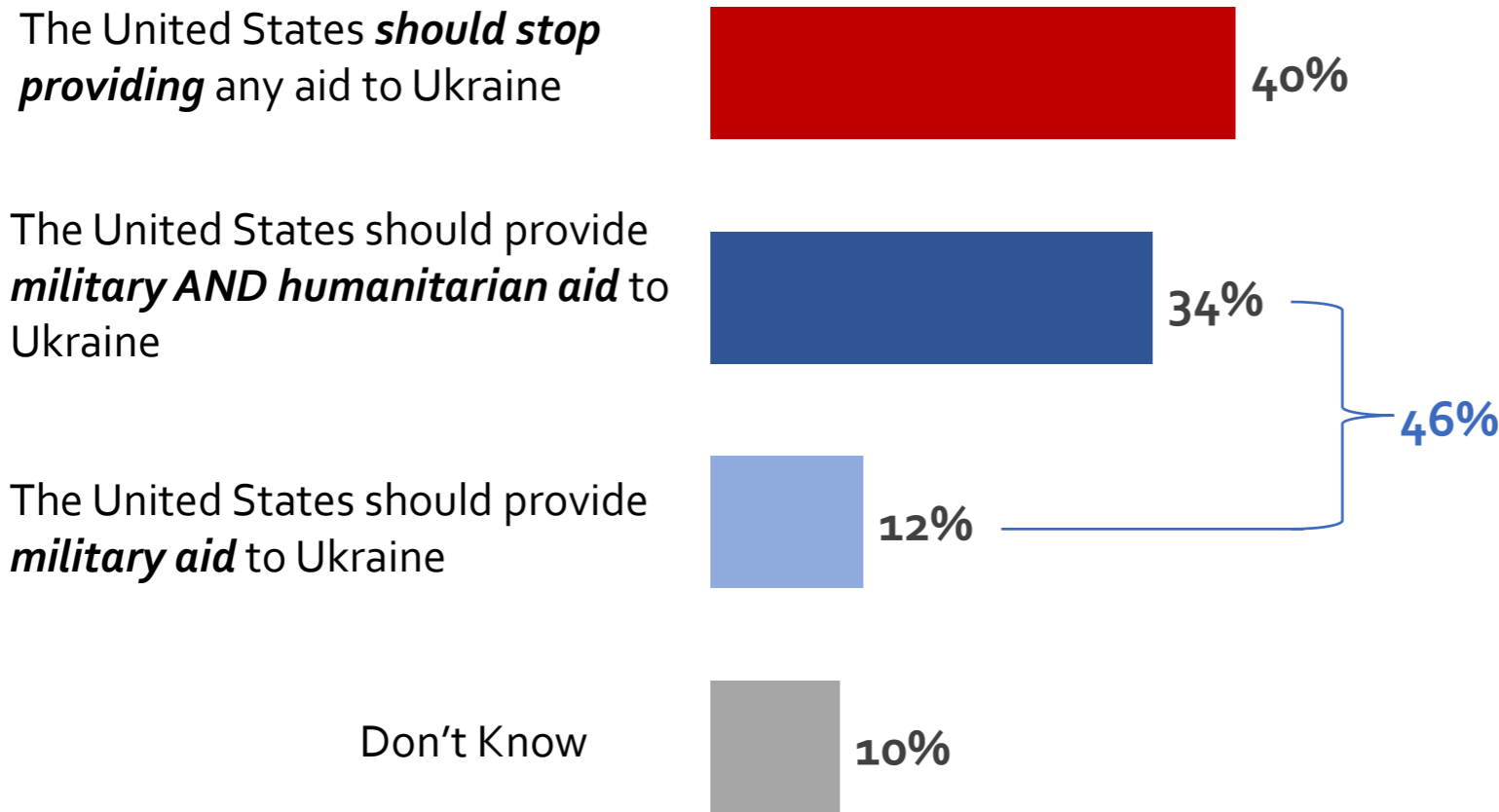


	Favor	Oppose	Don't Know
Total	60%	34%	6%
18-34	52%	37%	10%
35-49	48%	45%	7%
50-64	60%	36%	4%
65 And Over	80%	18%	2%
IND Men	67%	31%	1%
IND Women	49%	39%	12%

*Do you favor or oppose the U.S. providing additional funding for **humanitarian, financial, and military aid** to Ukraine for their war with Russia?*

February 24-27, 2024

A plurality of GOP primary voters in safe seats believe the U.S. should provide aid to Ukraine, be it military and humanitarian, or only military aid.



	Stop Aid	Mil. + Hum. OR Mil. Only
Total	40%	46%
Men	41%	50%
Women	40%	42%
18-49	59%	32%
50-64	42%	39%
65 And Over	27%	59%
Military HH	38%	51%
Lib./Mod.	30%	68%
Somewhat Cons.	34%	48%
Very Cons.	50%	35%
Traditional GOP	28%	58%
Trump Mvmt.	56%	32%

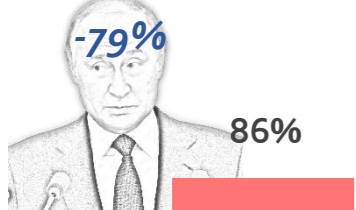
As you may know, the United States has been providing aid to Ukraine in its war with Russia and Congress must soon decide what to do going forward. Which of the following most closely aligns with your views on the issue?



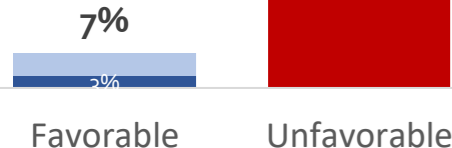
PUTIN IMAGE AND UKRAINE STATEMENTS – SAFE SEAT GOP PRIMARY VOTERS

Putin is seen as an enemy and Russia’s actions in Ukraine are seen as wrong by GOP primary voters in safe seats. While there is a debate over how it should be done, a clear majority of GOP primary voters believe that the U.S. should be doing something to help Ukraine.

Vladimir Putin

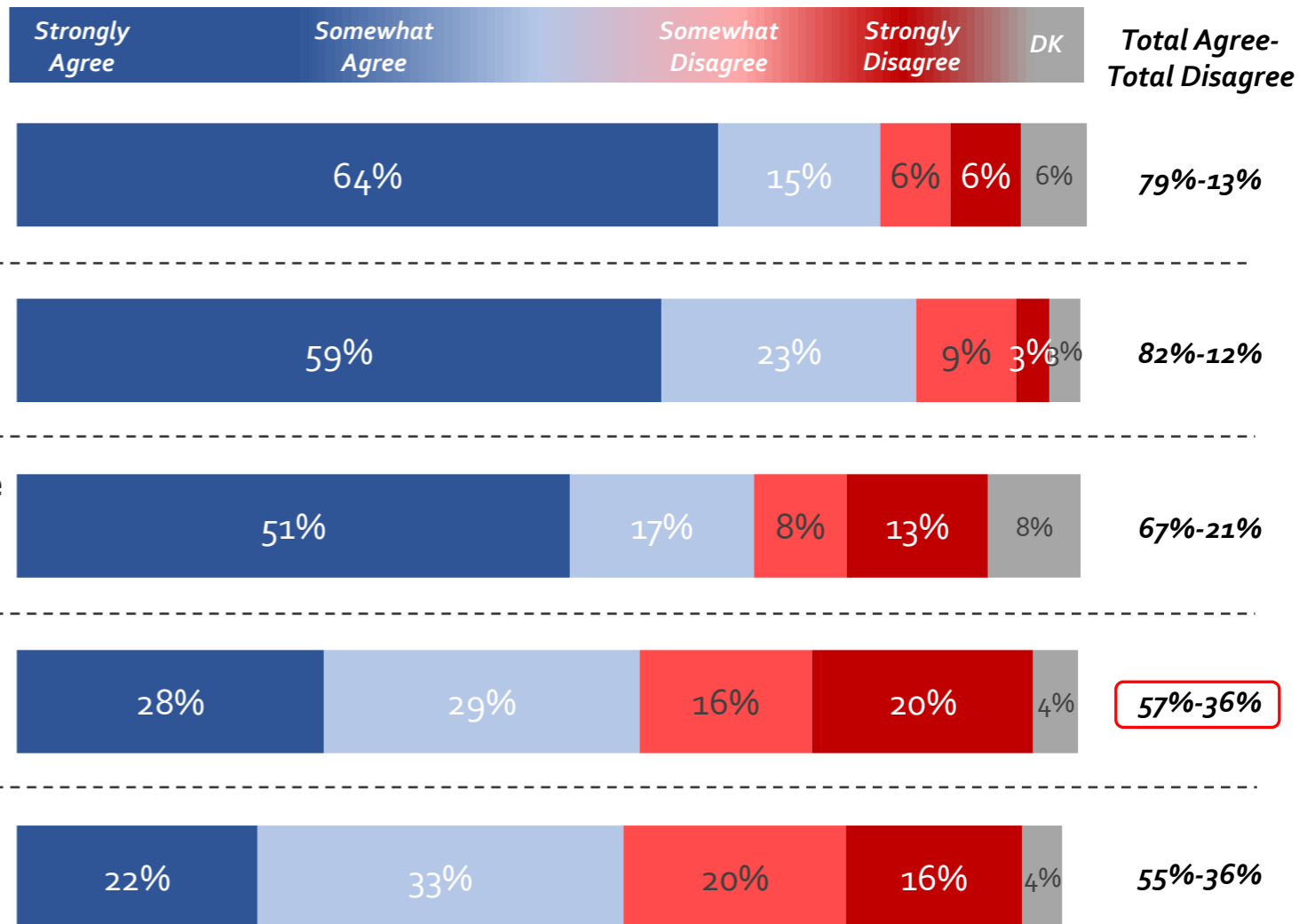


Very Favorable
Somewhat Favorable



	Fav:Unfav
Total	7:86
Lib./Mod.	3:94
Somewhat Cons.	6:87
Very Cons.	9:83

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

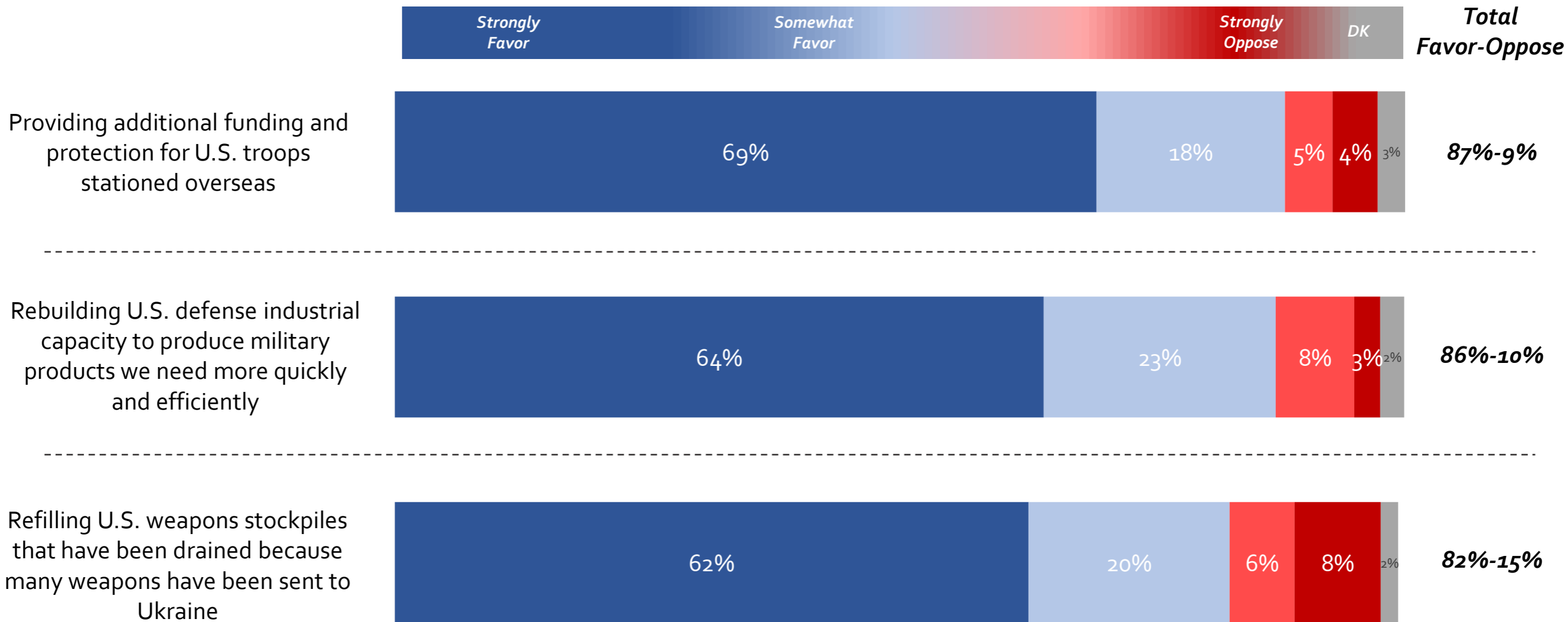


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AID PACKAGE ELEMENTS – SAFE SEAT GOP PRIMARY VOTERS – RANKED BY STRONGLY FAVOR

The elements most popular in a package are focused more on protecting Americans and stopping Russia as a whole than those about Ukraine specifically.

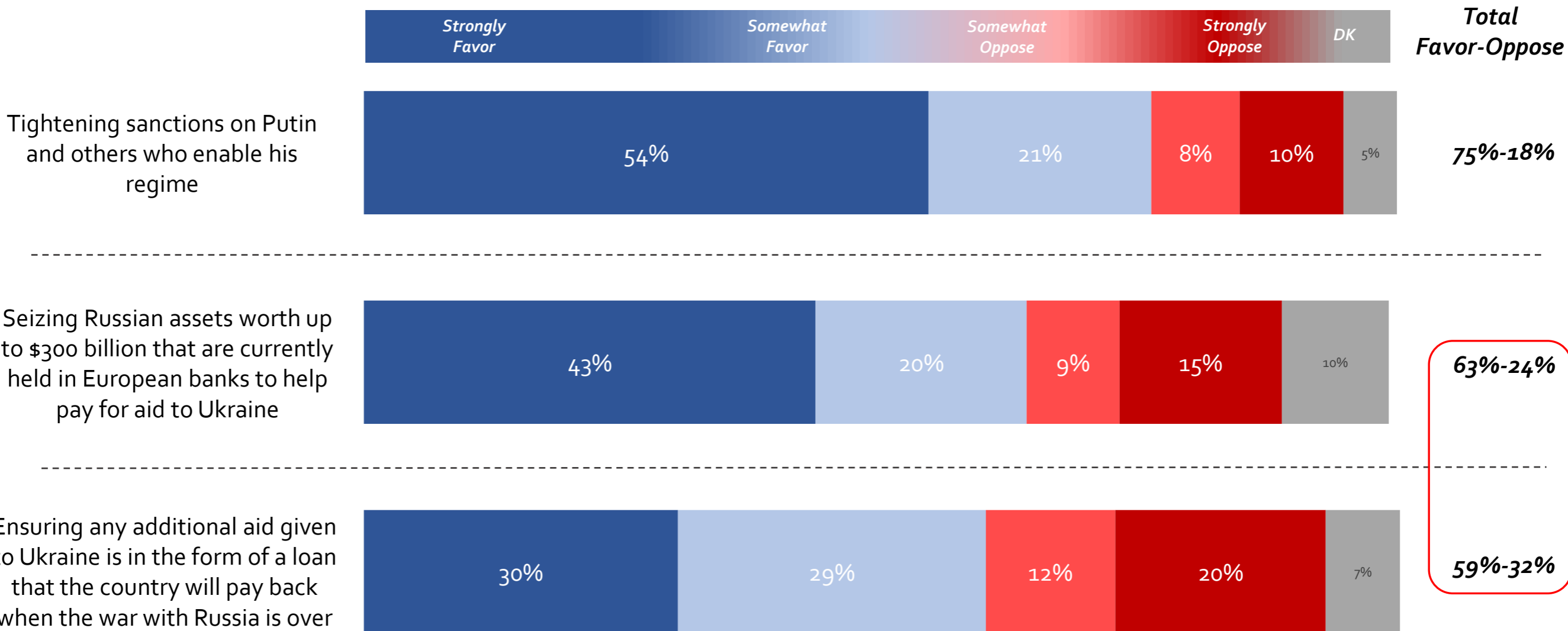
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AID PACKAGE ELEMENTS – SAFE SEAT GOP PRIMARY VOTERS – RANKED BY STRONGLY FAVOR

A large majority of GOP primary voters favor aid in the form of a loan and nearly two-thirds favor helping to pay for it by seizing Russian assets.

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Key messaging focuses on helping the American military --rebuilding the industrial capacity and refilling stockpiles, as well as stopping Russia in order to keep them from invading other former Soviet countries and to not embolden bad actors.

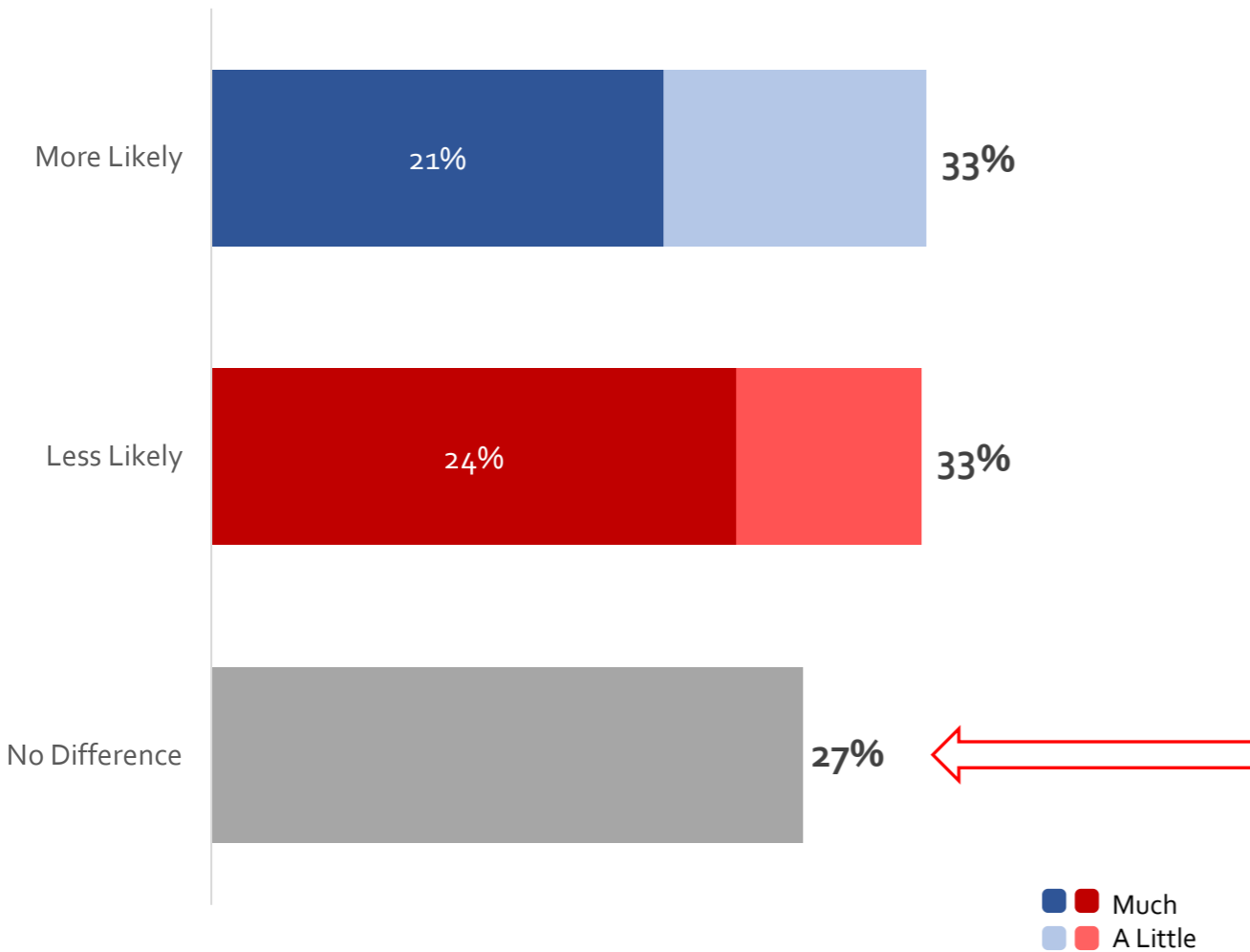
The following are several arguments some have made in support of providing additional aid to Ukraine and have you indicate whether each is very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing or not at all convincing as a reason to support providing additional aid to Ukraine.

	Convincing - Not Convincing	Very Convincing	
		Total	Initial Oppose
(REFILLING STOCKPILES/INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY) Much of this proposal focuses on helping the American military by refilling U.S. weapons stockpiles and rebuilding the defense industrial capacity to produce military products more quickly and efficiently.	65% - 30%	34%	24%
(BAD ACTORS EMBOLDENED) If the United States does not provide aid to Ukraine in its war against Russia and Putin’s invasion is successful, other bad actors such as China, Iran, and North Korea will be emboldened to take aggressive actions of their own, endangering hundreds of millions of lives around the world.	61% - 36%	30%	12%
(SOVIET UNION) If the United States does not provide aid to Ukraine in its war against Russia and Putin’s invasion is successful, he will move next to invade other countries in the former Soviet Union, including NATO allies like Poland.	54% - 42%	30%	12%



CONGRESSIONAL UKRAINE AID SUPPORT EFFECT – SAFE SEAT GOP PRIMARY VOTERS

GOP primary voters split on whether they would be more or less likely to vote for a Member who supports providing additional aid to Ukraine. There is a large portion of voters who say it won't make a difference underscoring that this is not likely a top issue Members need to worry about in a primary.



	More Likely	Less Likely	No Diff.
Total	33%	33%	27%
Men	38%	32%	25%
Women	29%	34%	30%
18-49	21%	44%	28%
50-64	30%	34%	28%
65 And Over	43%	25%	27%
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Would you be more or less likely to vote for a Member of Congress who supports providing additional aid to Ukraine, or does it not make a difference?

March 27-28, 2024

Conclusions & Recommendations

1. In battleground congressional districts, a large majority of voters favor aid to Ukraine.
2. While Republican primary voters are relatively split on Ukraine aid, a plurality of primary voters in safe conservative seats support some type of aid to Ukraine. Moreover, a clear majority of these primary voters think, in general, that the U.S. should be helping Ukraine, as they see Putin as an enemy and Russia in the wrong for their invasion of Ukraine.
3. As a whole, the persuadable vote on this issue is small, and this is not likely a driving factor in a primary. GOP primary voters are split on whether they would be more or less likely to vote for a Member who supports providing additional aid to Ukraine.
4. The most popular focus of any package is protecting the United States. This includes funding our troops, refilling military stockpiles, ensuring Putin doesn't become even more ambitious in his invasions, and stopping our enemies such as North Korea, China, and Iran from becoming emboldened. Similarly, the most persuasive messages focus on Russia, not Ukraine.

