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## WHAT JUST HAPPENED AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR HEALTH CARE?

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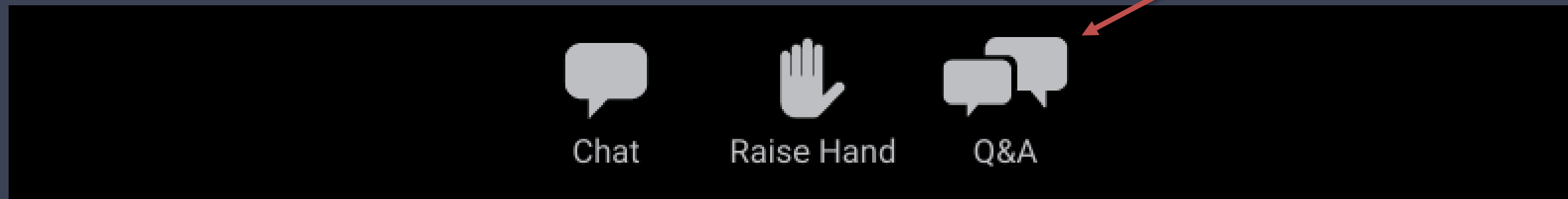
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# Materials

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- Agenda
- Selected Resources List
- Selected Experts List
- Speaker Bios
- Presentation Slides
- Video (posted later)



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# Americans' Views about Health Policy Issues at the time of the 2020 Presidential Election

Health Policy Issues	Total	Republicans	Democrats
	<i>percentage of respondents</i>		
Making sure all Americans have health care coverage is...†			
The responsibility of the federal government	61	39	82
Not the responsibility of the federal government	38	60	18
Health insurance reform options (% in favor)			
Keeping the existing Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, and passing additional legislation to improve how it works§	59	24	89
Implementing a national health plan, sometimes called Medicare for All, in which all Americans would get their insurance from a single government plan¶	57	24	78
Increasing federal funding to state governments to help pay for their Medicaid programs should be a top priority for congressional action§	44	25	63
Level of government that should be mainly responsible for developing and executing policies to limit the spread of coronavirus¶			
State and local	51	68	35
Federal	48	30	64
Have a great deal of confidence in medical scientists to act in the best interests of the public	43	37	53

Source: "Implications of the 2020 Election for U.S. Health Policy." *New England Journal of Medicine*, Oct 28, 2020.

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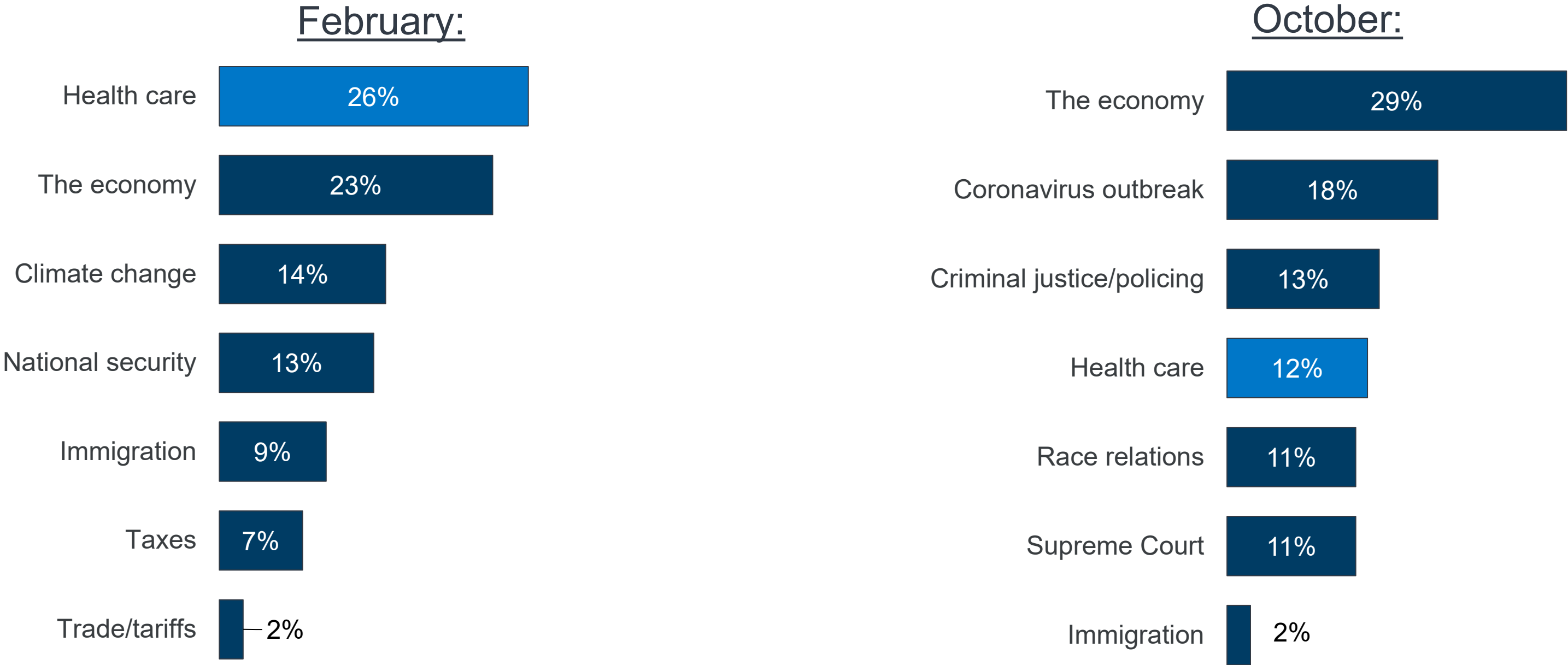
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# Health care, recently a top-tier election issue, has moved into second tier amid competing issues

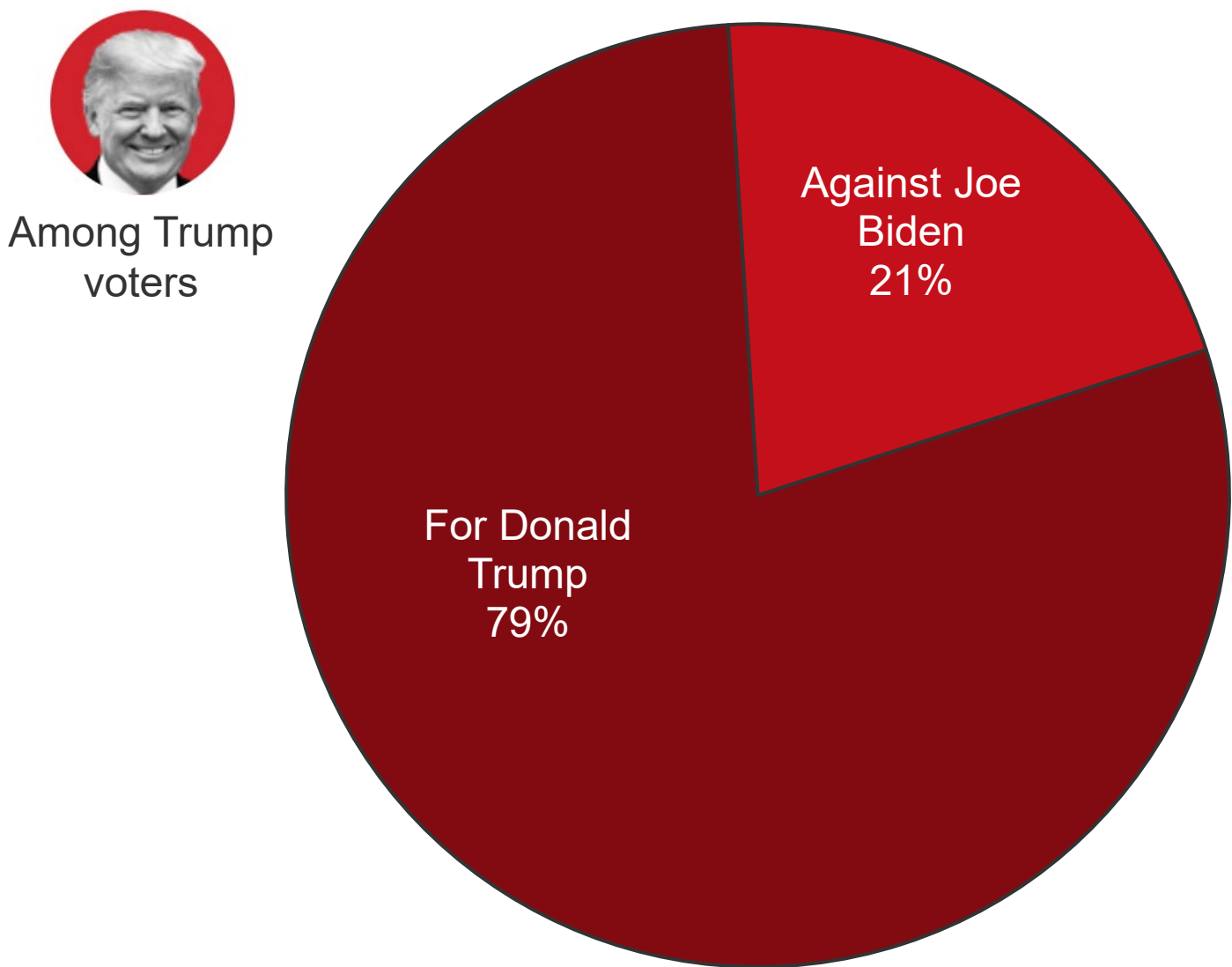
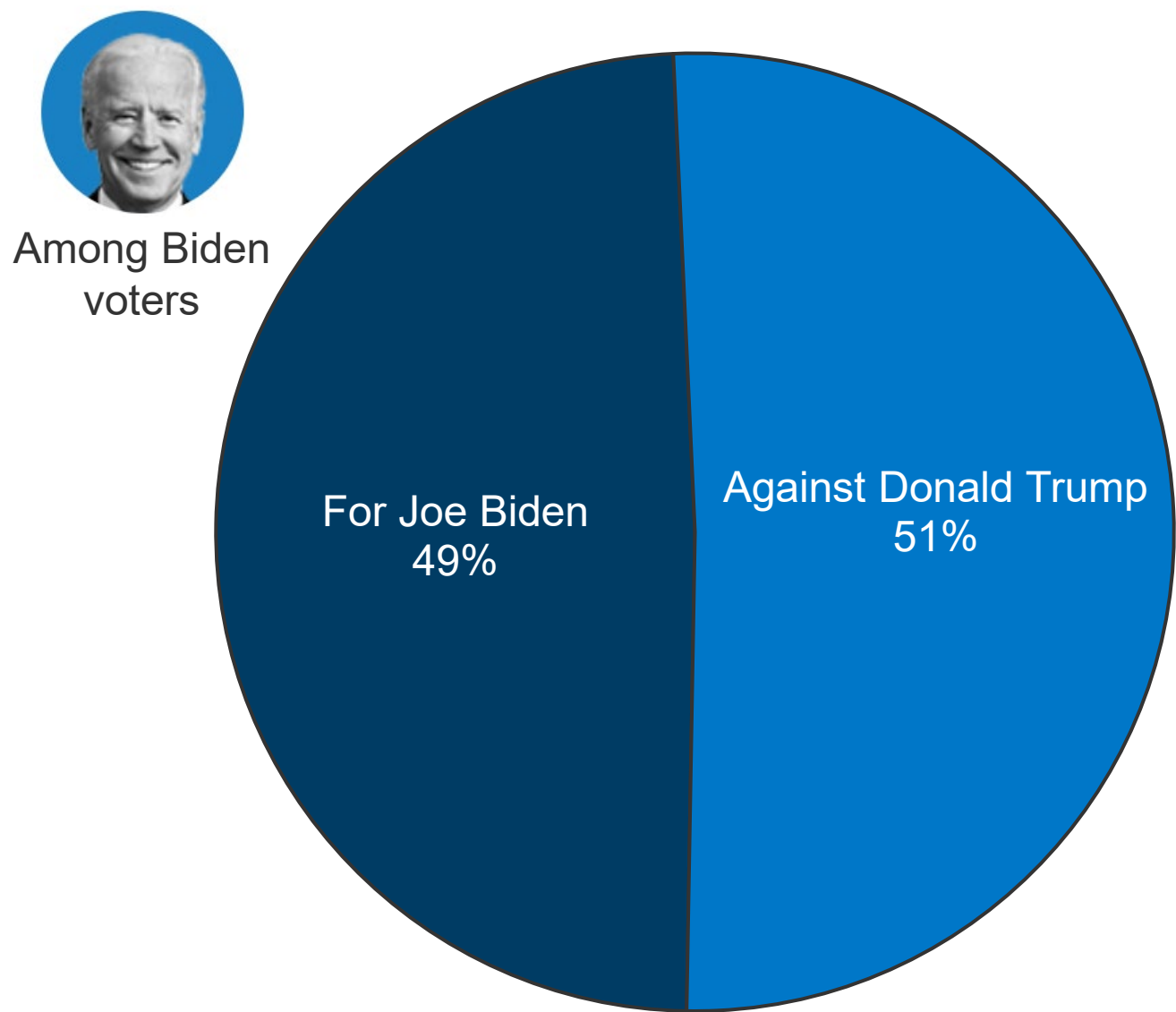
AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: Percent who say each of the following issues will be the **most important** in deciding their vote for president:



SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Polls. See topline for full question wording.

# 2020 election was largely a referendum on Donald Trump

Is your vote mainly a vote ...?



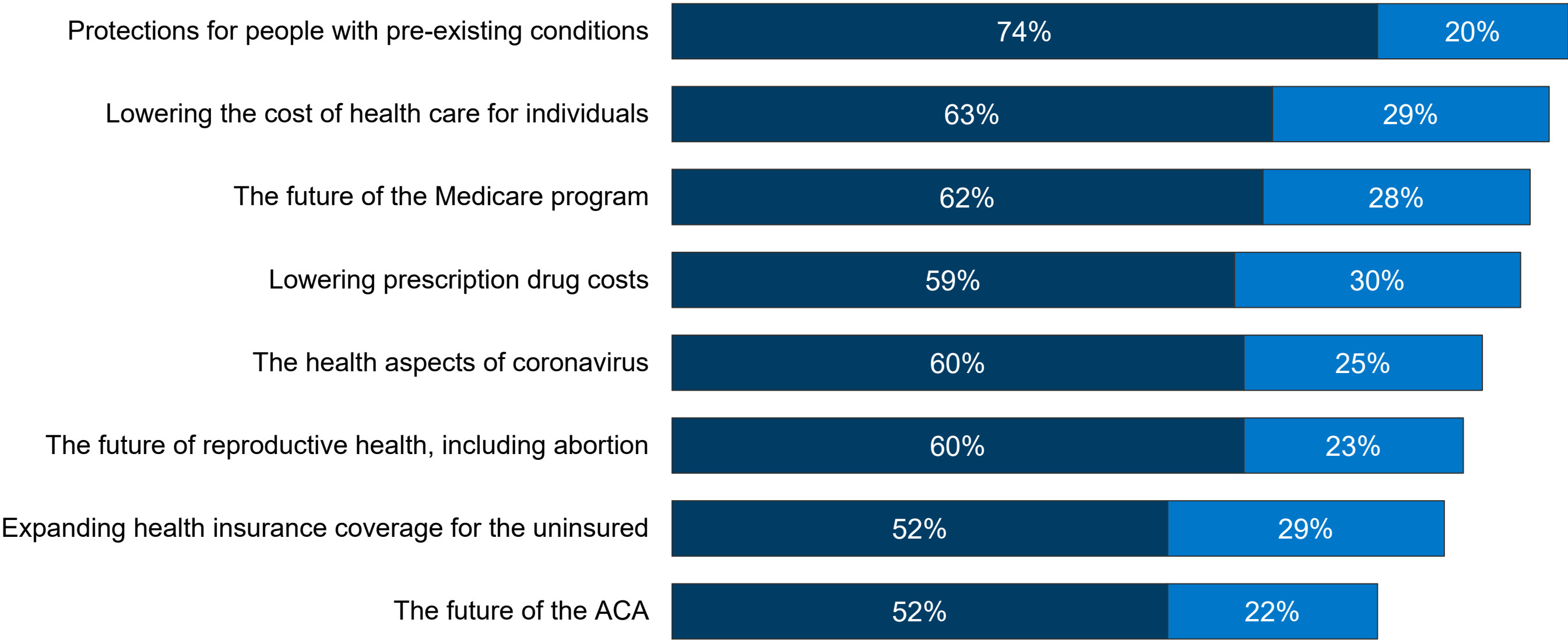
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# Still, many health care issues are important to voters

AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS: Percent who say each of the following **health care issues** will be **very important** or **somewhat important** in making their decision about who to vote for in this year’s presidential election:



SOURCE: KFF Health Tracking Poll (conducted October 7-12, 2020). See topline for full question wording.



# Biden’s immediate challenge: balancing economic recovery with controlling the pandemic

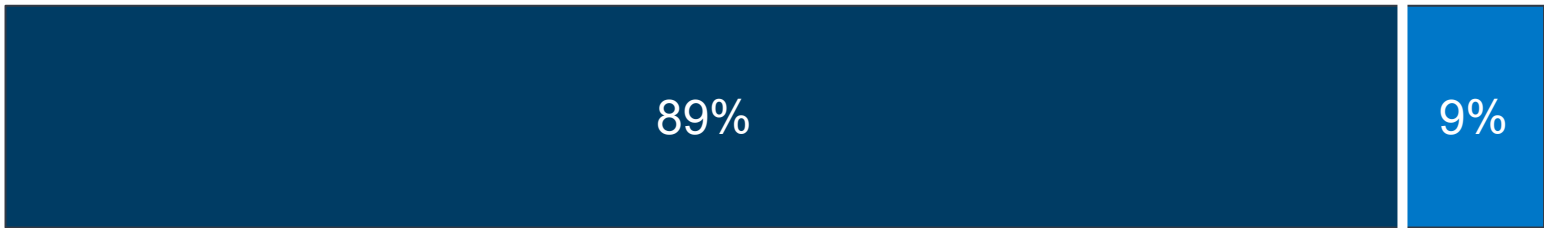
What should be the federal government’s higher priority?

- Limiting the spread of the coronavirus, even if it damages the economy
- Limiting additional damage to the economy, even if it increases spread of the coronavirus

Total voters



Biden



Trump

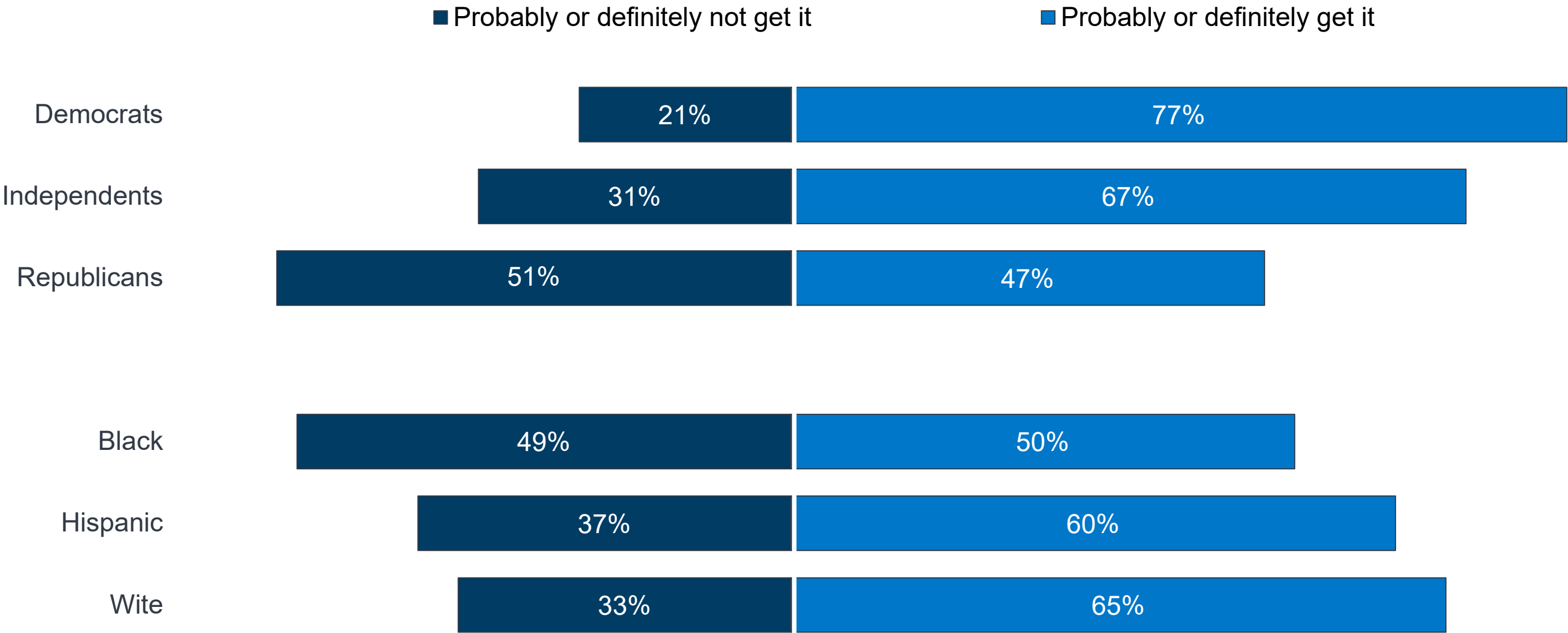


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# Partisan and racial divide in willingness to get vaccinated

If a coronavirus vaccine was **determined to be safe by scientists and available for free to everyone** who wanted it, would you...?



SOURCE: KFF/The Undeclared Survey on Race and Health (conducted Aug. 20-Sept. 14, 2020). See topline for full question wording.

# Q&A Discussion



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