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# KEY FINDINGS FROM TEXAS VOTER SURVEY

*Survey Conducted in Coordination with the  
Sierra Club – Lone Star Chapter  
April 6-11, 2010*

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## Methodology

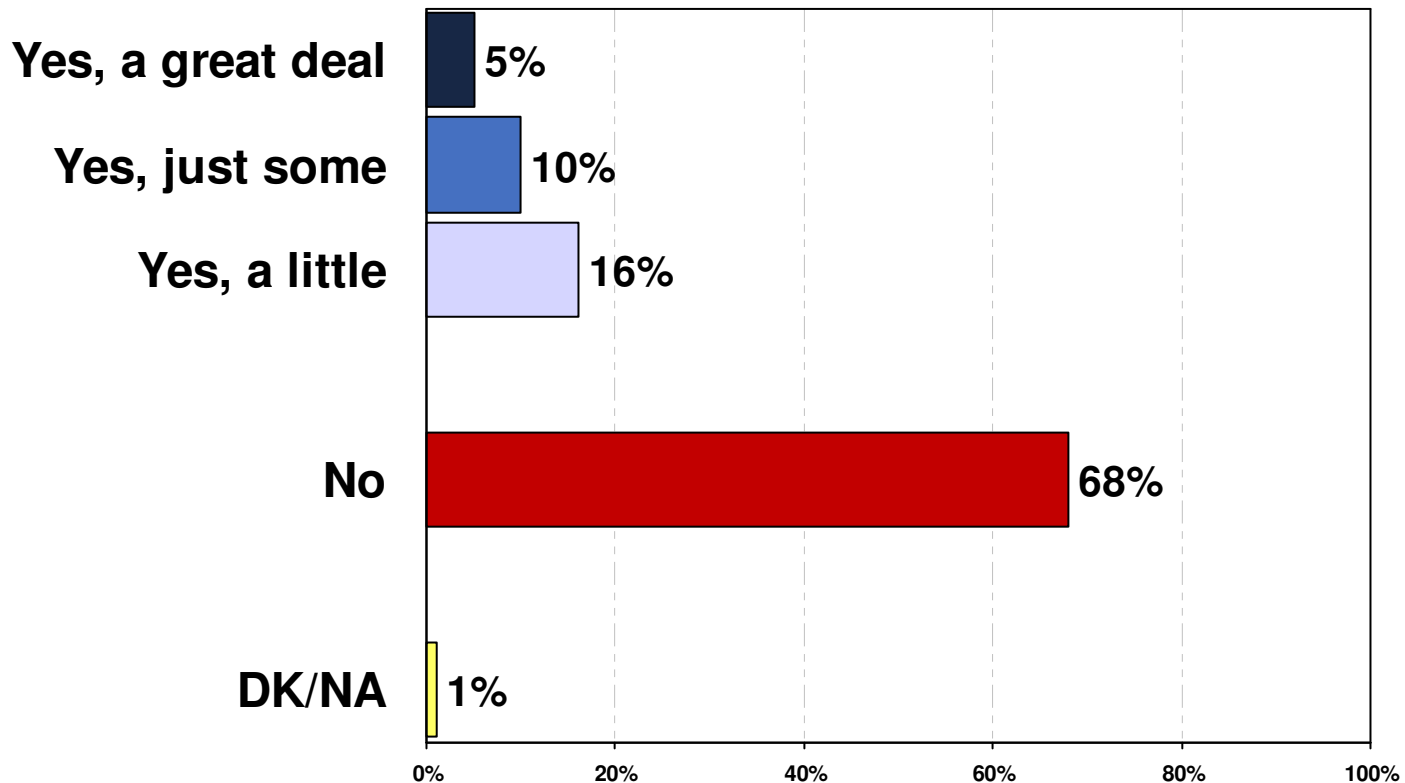
- Telephone interviews with 600 Texas voters likely to vote in the November 2010 general election
- Interviews conducted April 6-11, 2010
- Margin of sampling error of +/-4.0%

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## Awareness of the new license to dispose of radioactive waste at the Andrews County landfill is low.

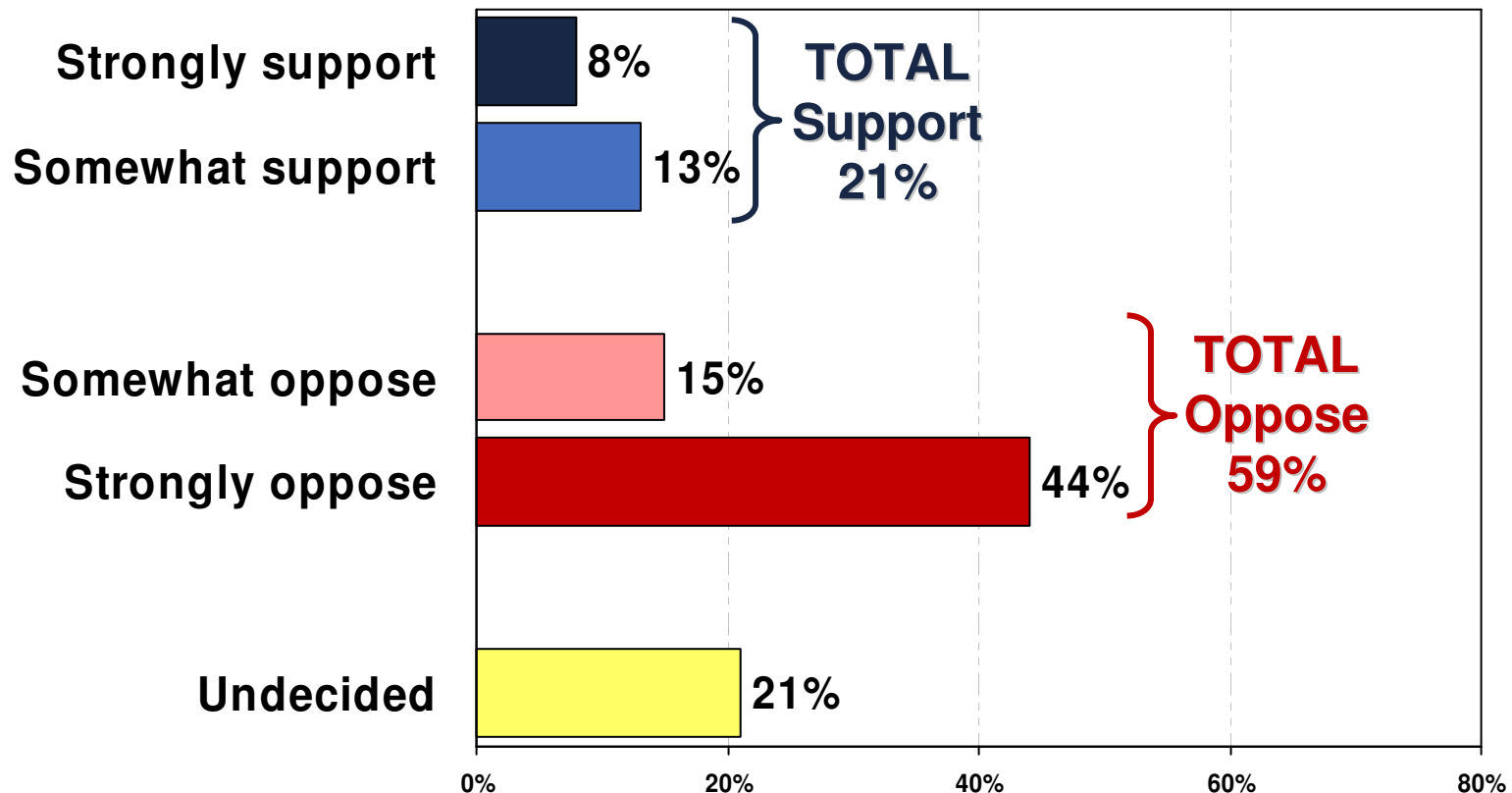
*Have you seen, read or heard anything about a new landfill being licensed to dispose of radioactive waste in Andrews County located in West Texas?*



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## From the onset opposition to the landfill is strong.



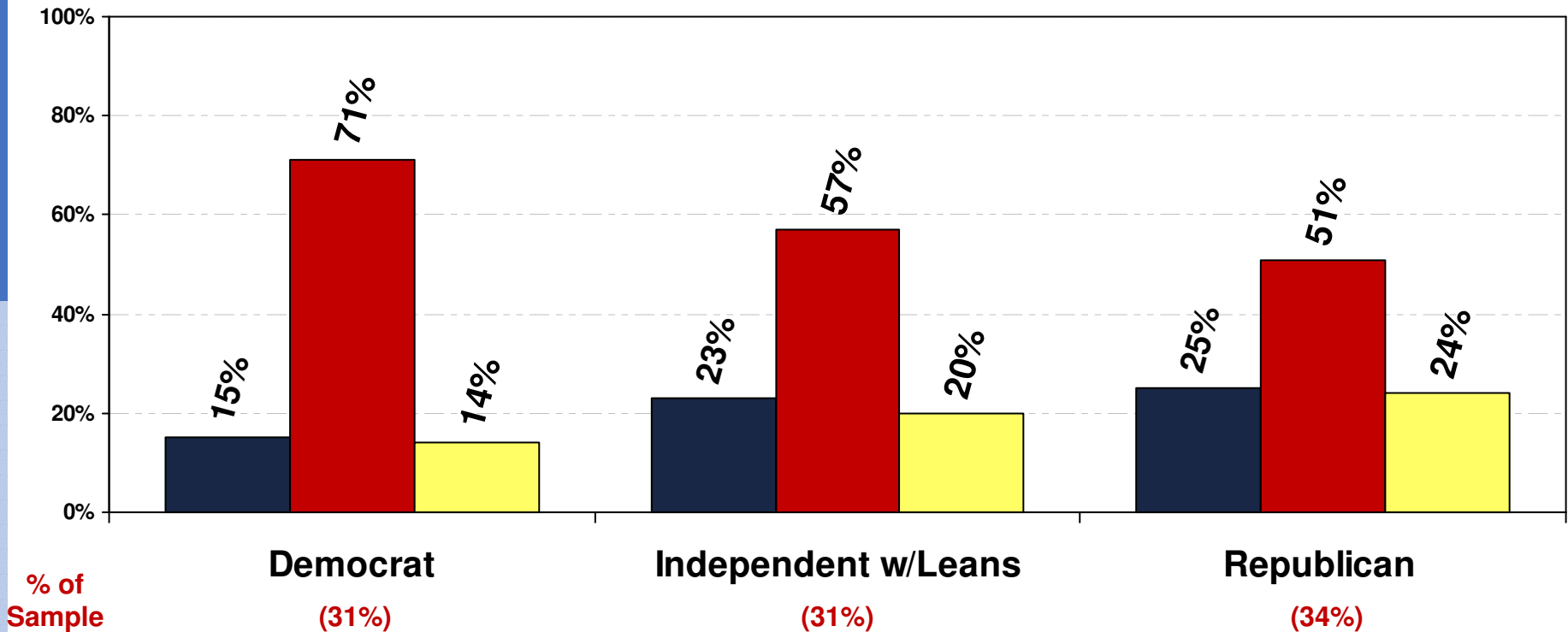
10. Based on your understanding of the issues, does disposing of radioactive waste in a new landfill in Andrews County sound like something you would support or oppose?

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## Party Identification: A majority of voters across party lines are in opposition.

■ Total Support ■ Total Oppose ■ Undecided



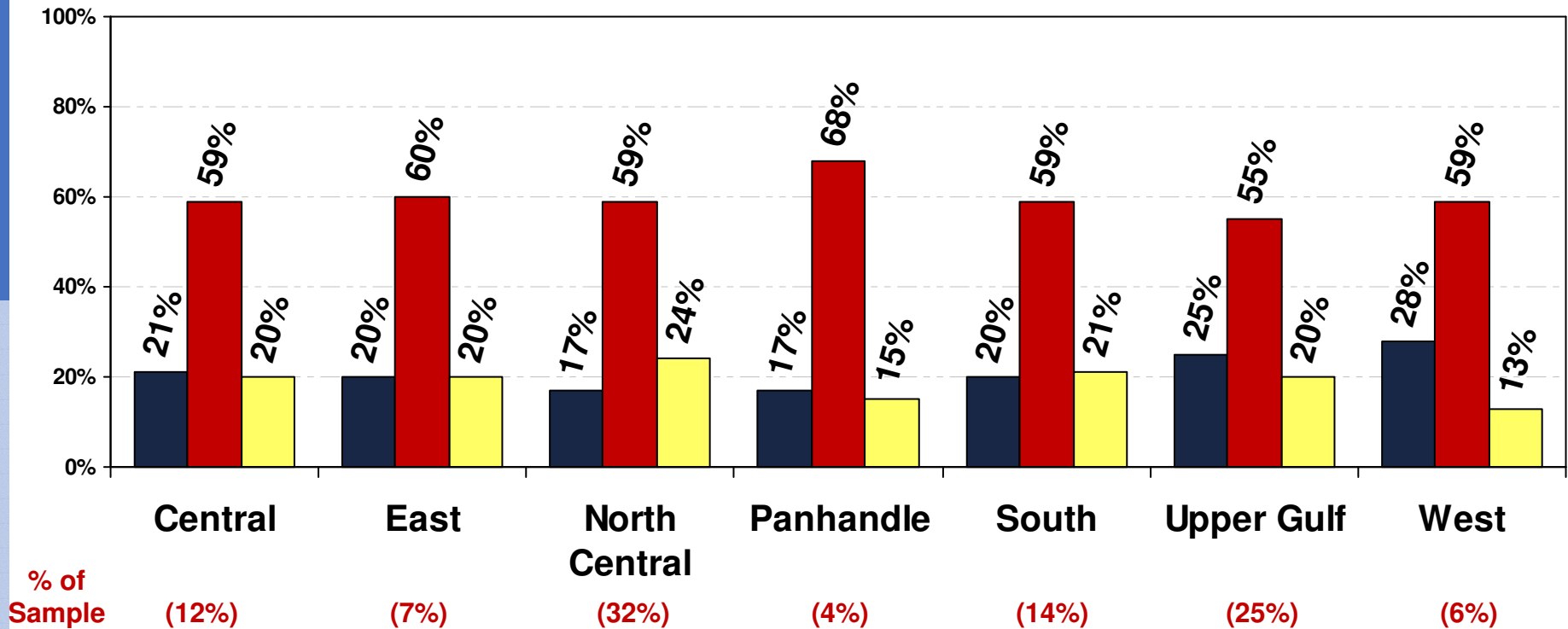
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## **Additional Information**

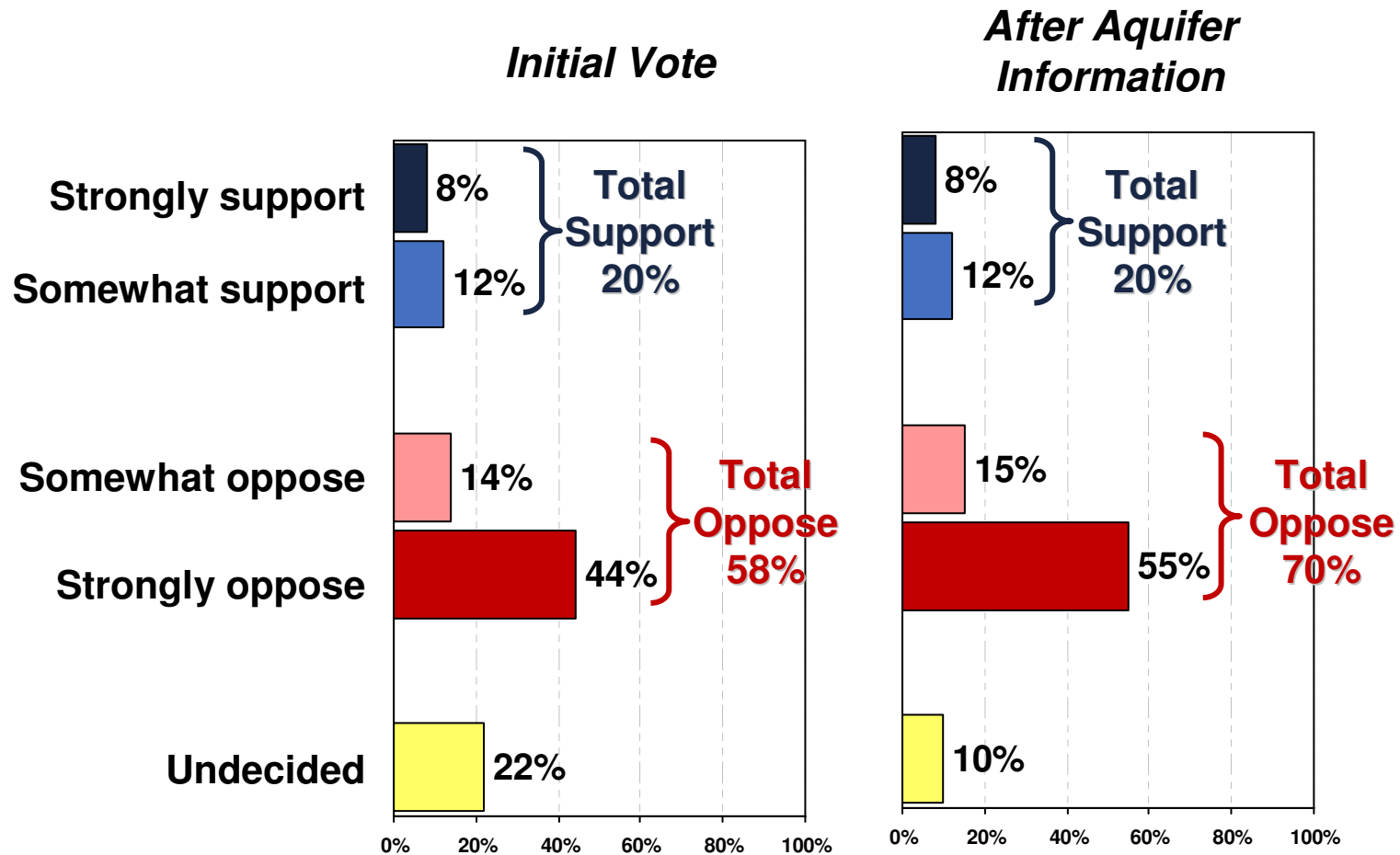
**I would like to give you a little more information about this issue. Last year, a state environmental agency, the members of which were all appointed by Governor Rick Perry, issued a license to allow a new radioactive waste landfill in Andrews County, Texas to permanently dispose of radioactive waste from nuclear power plants and other sources by burying it in the ground. The site will serve as a central location for most of the radioactive waste in Texas and is only one of a few landfills of its kind in the country.**

**The site for the landfill is located in close proximity to the Ogallala Aquifer. An aquifer is an underground basin of water from which groundwater can be extracted for drinking or agricultural use. The Ogallala Aquifer is one of the main sources of drinking water for parts of Texas and people in eight other states.**

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## Opposition hardens once voters learn about the proximity of the landfill to the Aquifer.



10/11. Having heard this description and based on your understanding of the issues, do you support or oppose disposing of radioactive waste in the new landfill in Andrews County?



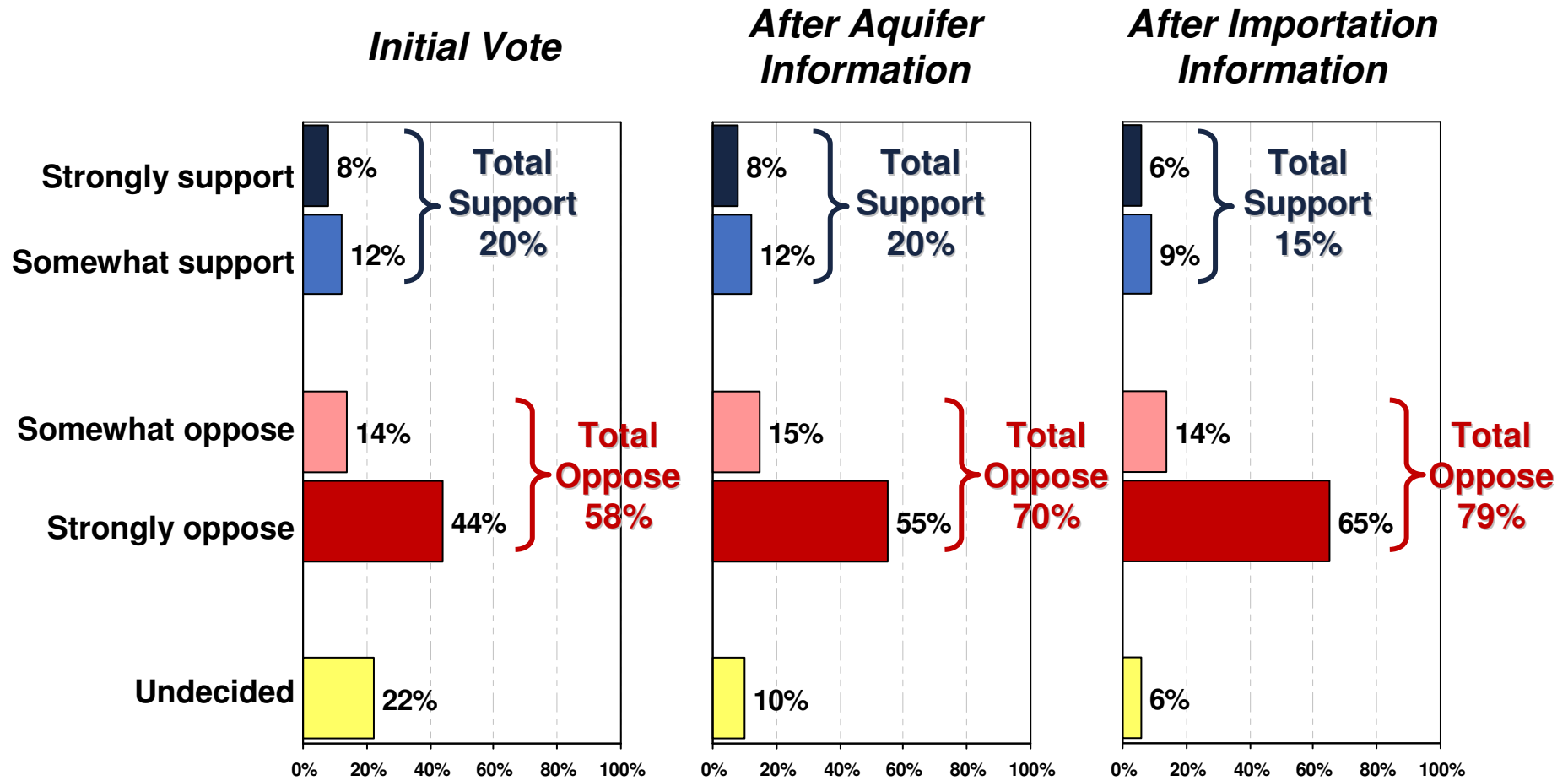
## **Waste Importation Question**

**What if you knew that the new landfill would accept radioactive waste, not just from Texas, but from all over the country? For example, if new proposed rules would allow unlimited imports of waste from other states and even potentially from foreign countries, would you support or oppose disposing of radioactive waste in the new landfill in Andrews County?**

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**Strong opposition increases to nearly 2/3rds when voters hear about the potential importation of waste.**

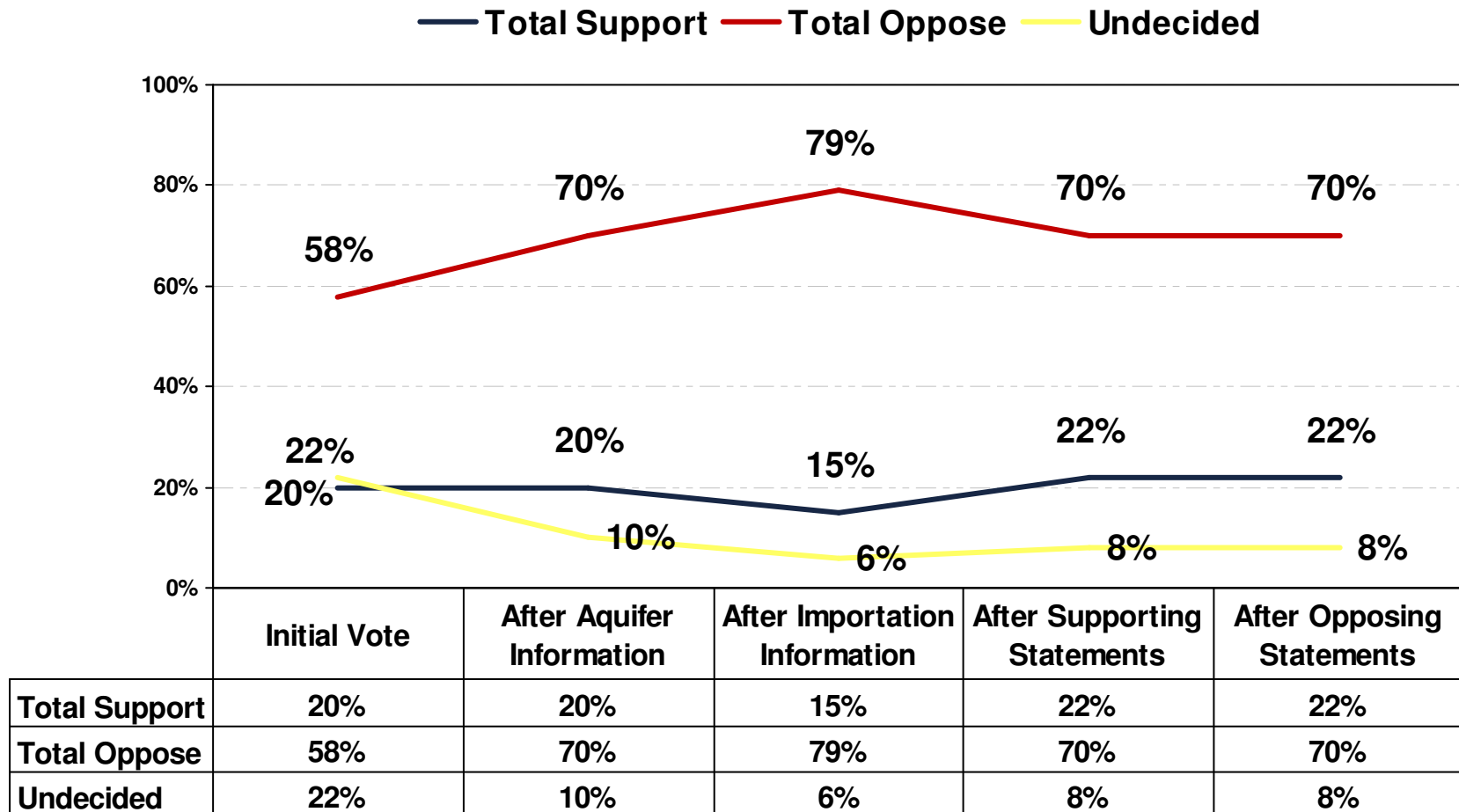


10/11/12. Having heard this description and based on your understanding of the issues, do you support or oppose disposing of radioactive waste in the new landfill in Andrews County?

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## Voters consistently oppose the nuclear waste landfill.



10/11/12/15total/17total. Having heard this description and based on your understanding of the issues, do you support or oppose disposing of radioactive waste in the new landfill in Andrews County?

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