



National Polling On PBM and Drug Cost Issues

Conducted June 7-9, 2024

This CARAVAN survey was conducted by Big Village among a sample of 1,015 adults 18 years of age and older. The online omnibus study is conducted three times a week among a demographically representative U.S. sample of 1,000 adults 18 years of age and older. This survey was live on June 7-9, 2024.

Executive Summary

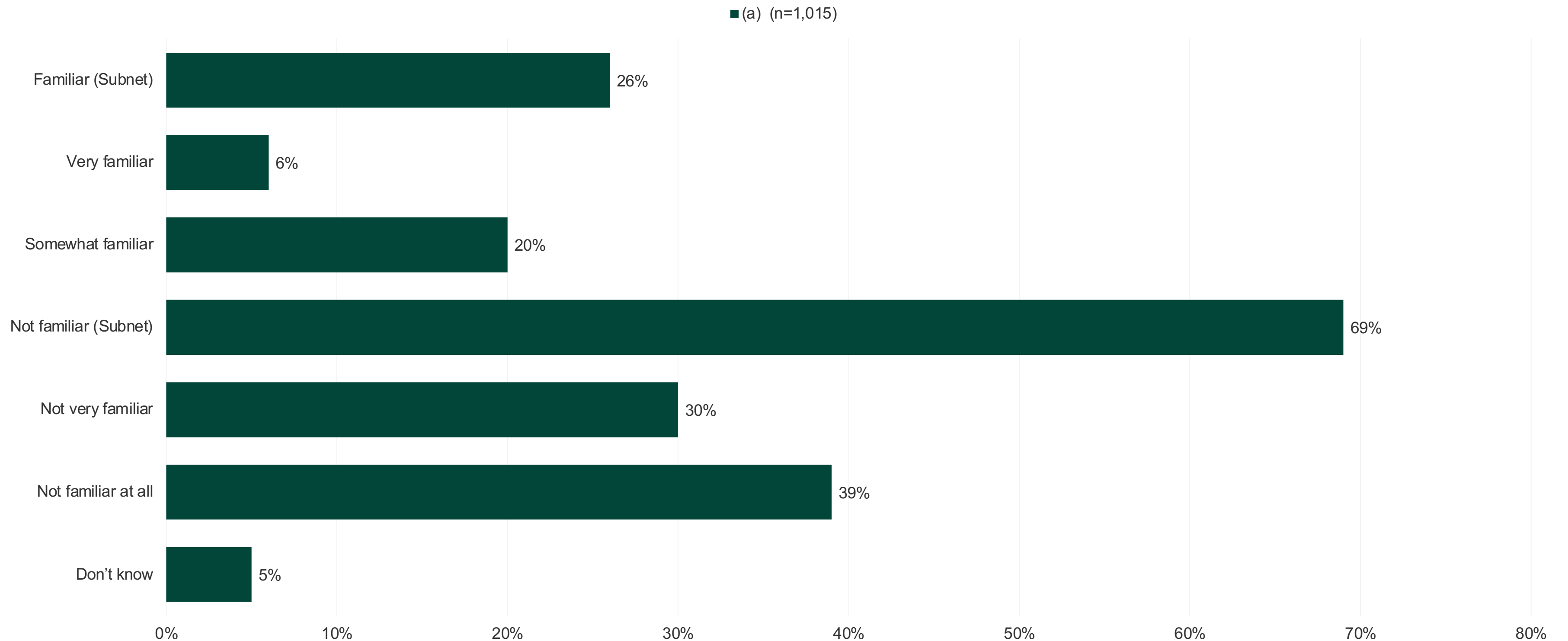
The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) conducted a public poll of 1,000 Americans highlighting significant public concern regarding prescription drug costs and the role of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) in drug pricing. Key findings include:

- **High Prescription Drug Costs:** An overwhelming 84% of respondents agree that prescription drug costs are too high, indicating a widespread consensus on this issue.
- **Concern Over PBMs:** 73% of those surveyed express concern about the impact of PBMs on drug pricing, suggesting that the public perceives PBMs as a significant factor in rising drug costs.
- **Perceived Role of PBMs in Increasing Costs:** 68% agree that PBMs are driving up drug costs, reflecting a strong belief that these intermediaries are contributing to higher prescription prices.
- **Support for Legislative Action:** 60% of respondents would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports legislation aimed at addressing PBM abuses, showing a clear preference for political action to tackle this issue.
- **Call for Oversight:** 62% support congressional oversight of PBM practices to ensure fair pricing and transparency, underscoring a demand for regulatory measures to monitor and potentially reform PBM operations.

These findings suggest a broad and deep concern among the public regarding prescription drug affordability and the role of PBMs, with substantial support for legislative and regulatory interventions to address these issues. The full poll is contained in this report.

NCPA PBM POLLING QUESTIONS - JUNE 2024 (06/07/2024 - 06/09/2024)

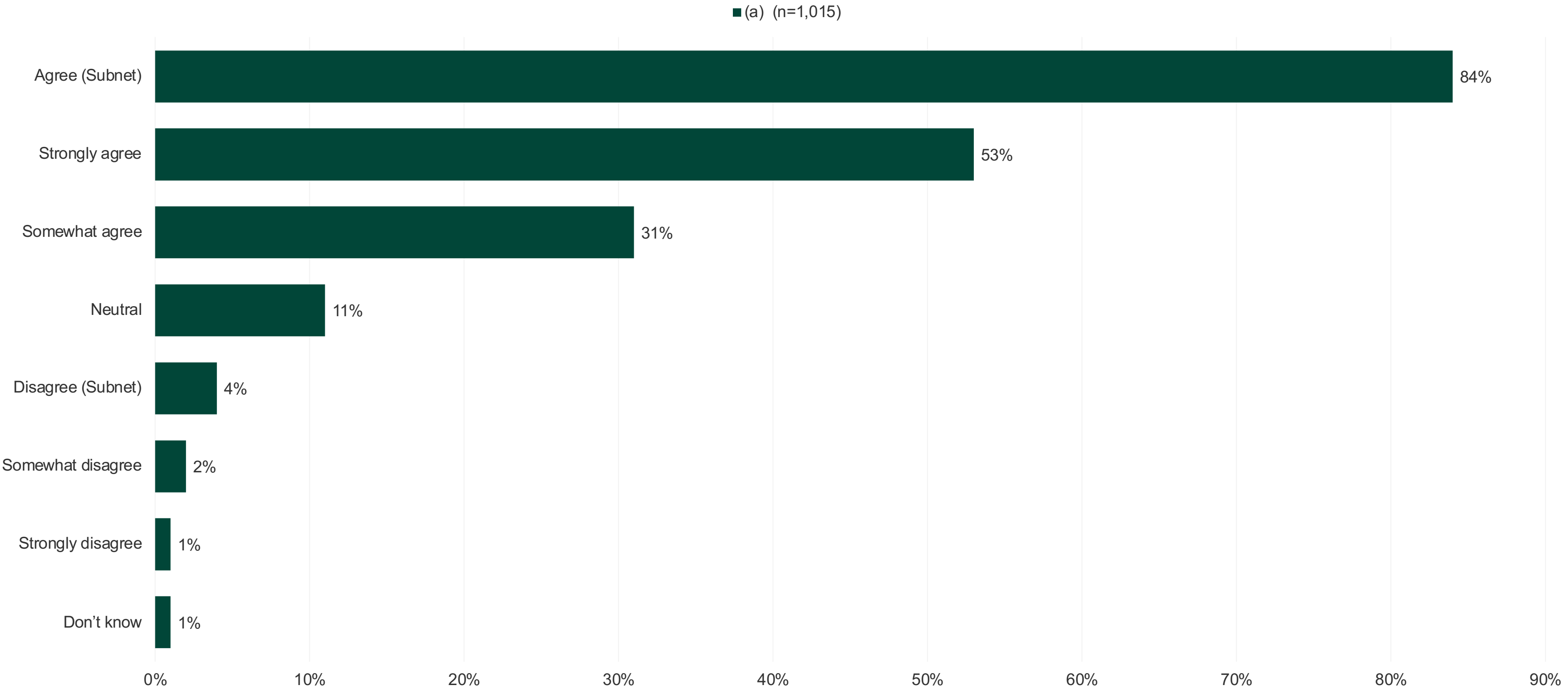
Q1) How familiar are you with the role of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) in the healthcare system?



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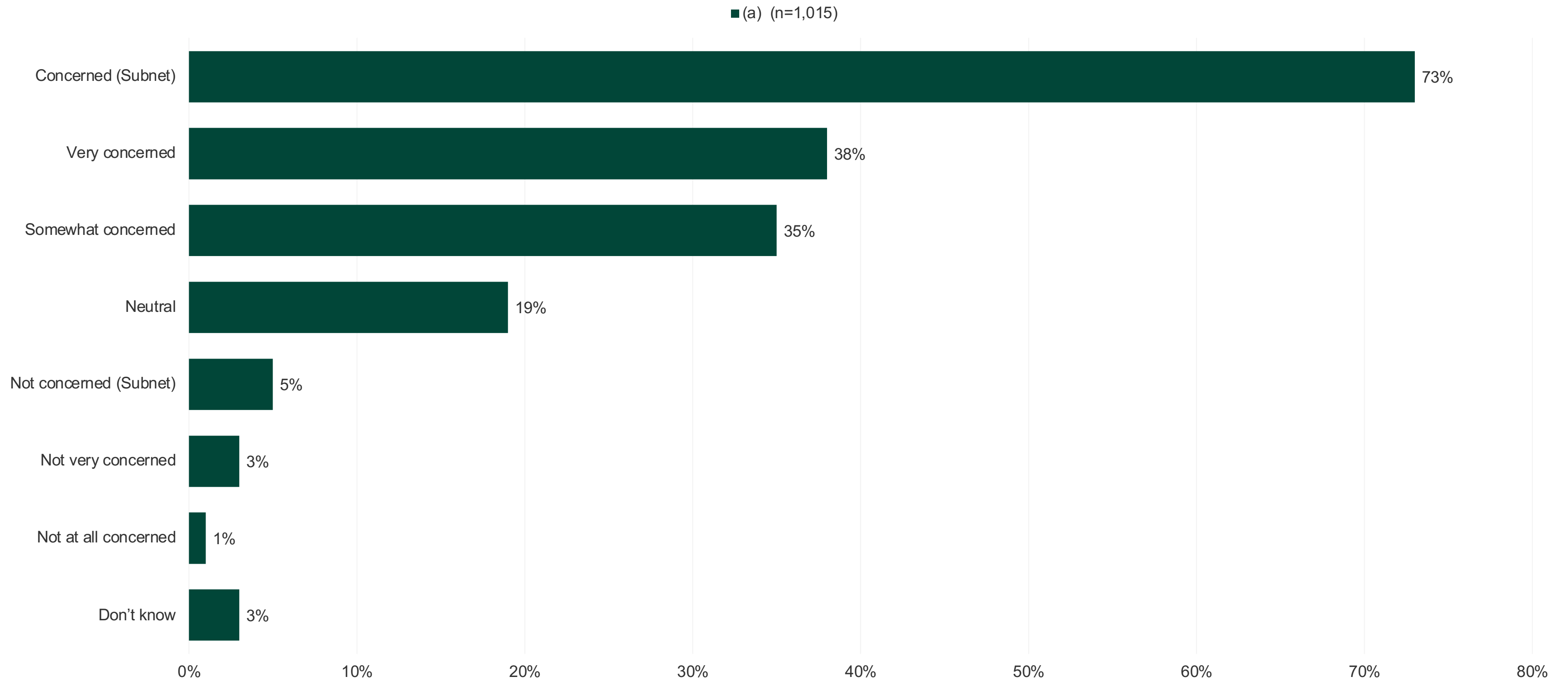
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Q2) Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ARE TOO HIGH.

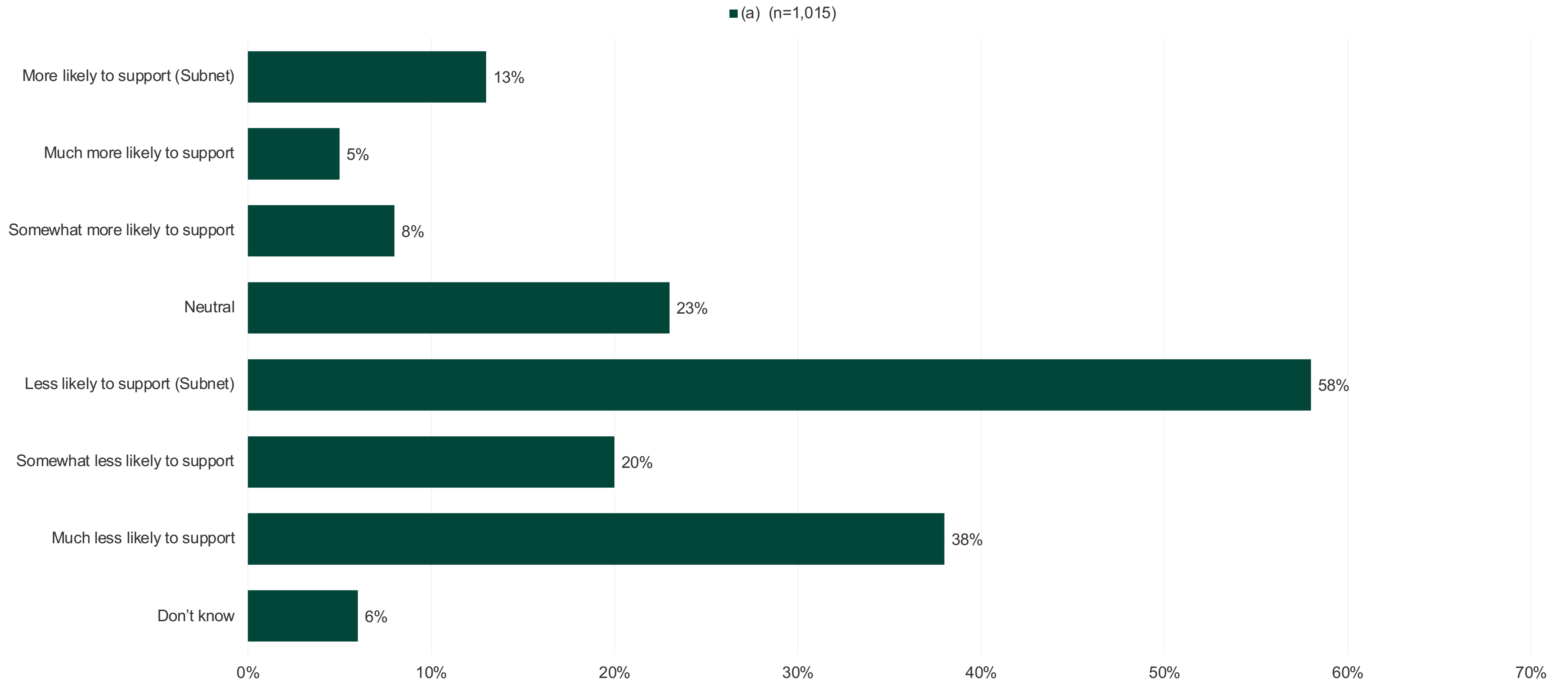


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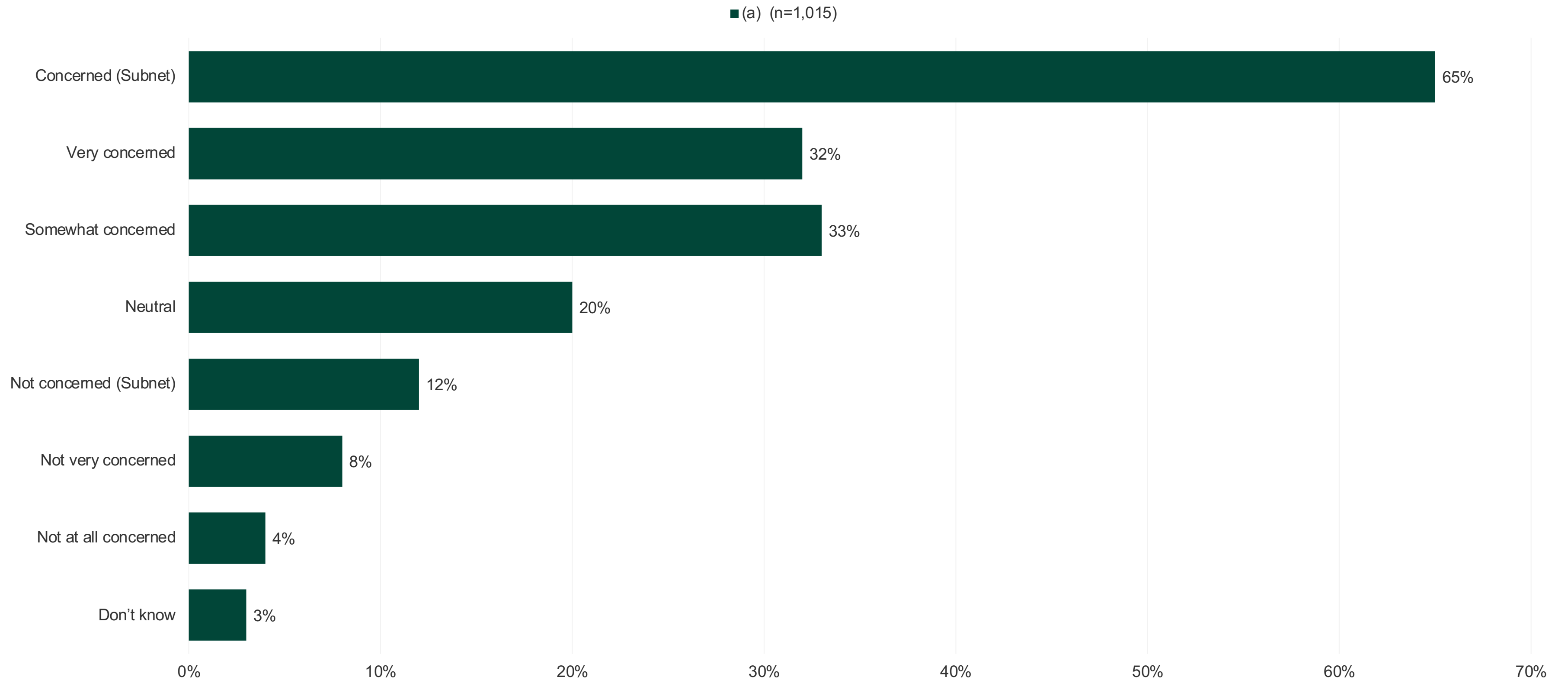
Q3) Pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) act as a kind of middlemen, working between drugmakers and insurance companies to dictate prescription prices and inflate the price of medicine for patients. How concerned are you about the impact of these middlemen on prescription drug prices and access to medications?



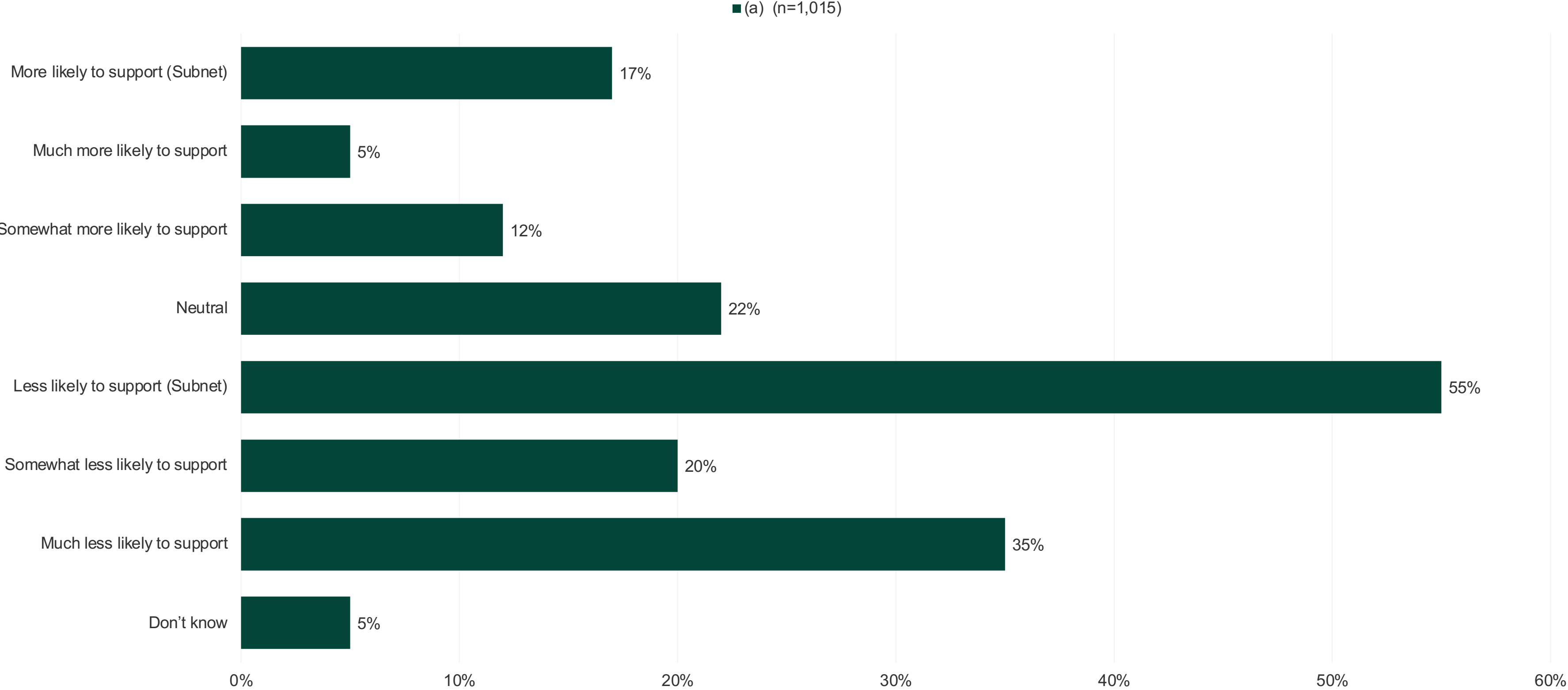
Q4) 80 percent of the drug market is controlled by three pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). Does that make you more or less likely to support pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs)?



Q5) Some local independent community pharmacies are having to close due to the practices of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). How concerned are you about having access to a local independent community pharmacy?

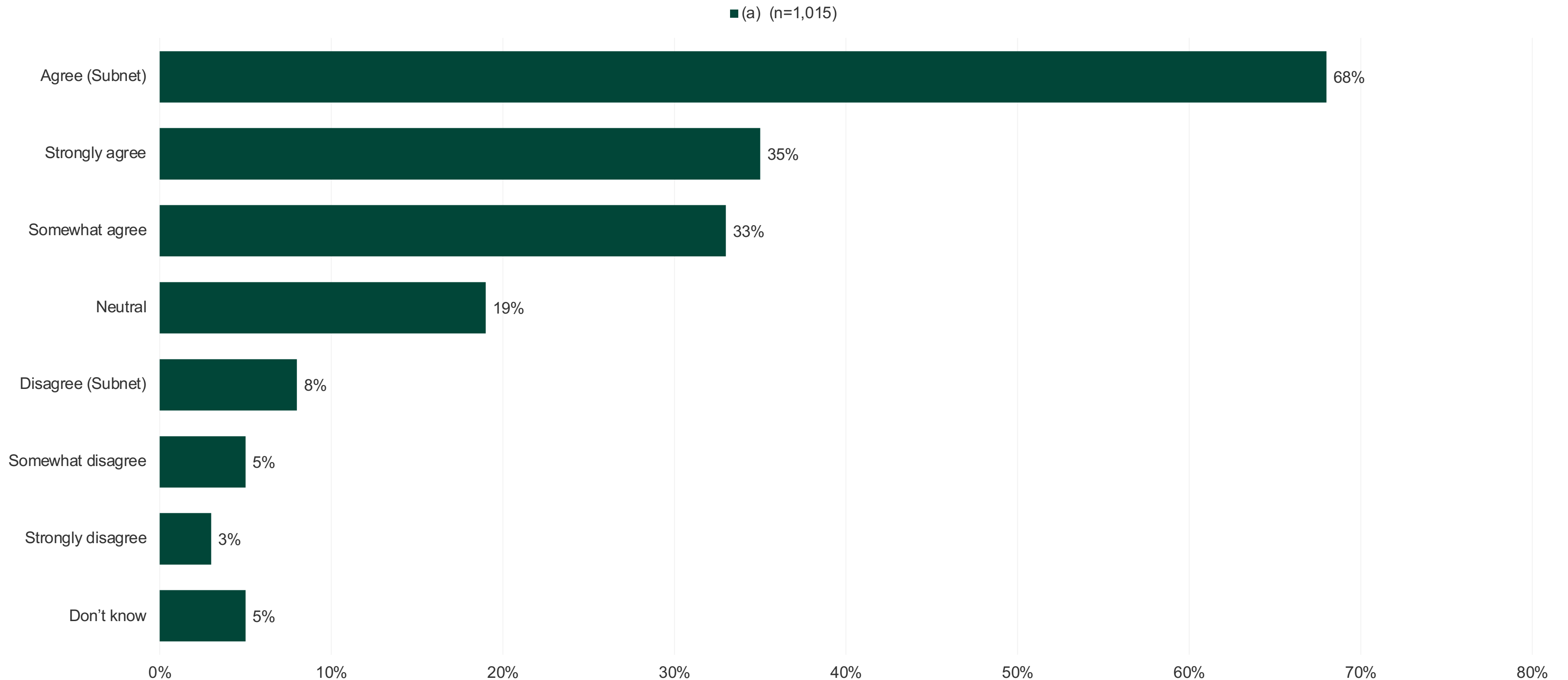


Q6) The biggest three pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) are owned by health insurance companies. Does knowing that health insurance companies are running the pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) make you more or less likely to support pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs)?

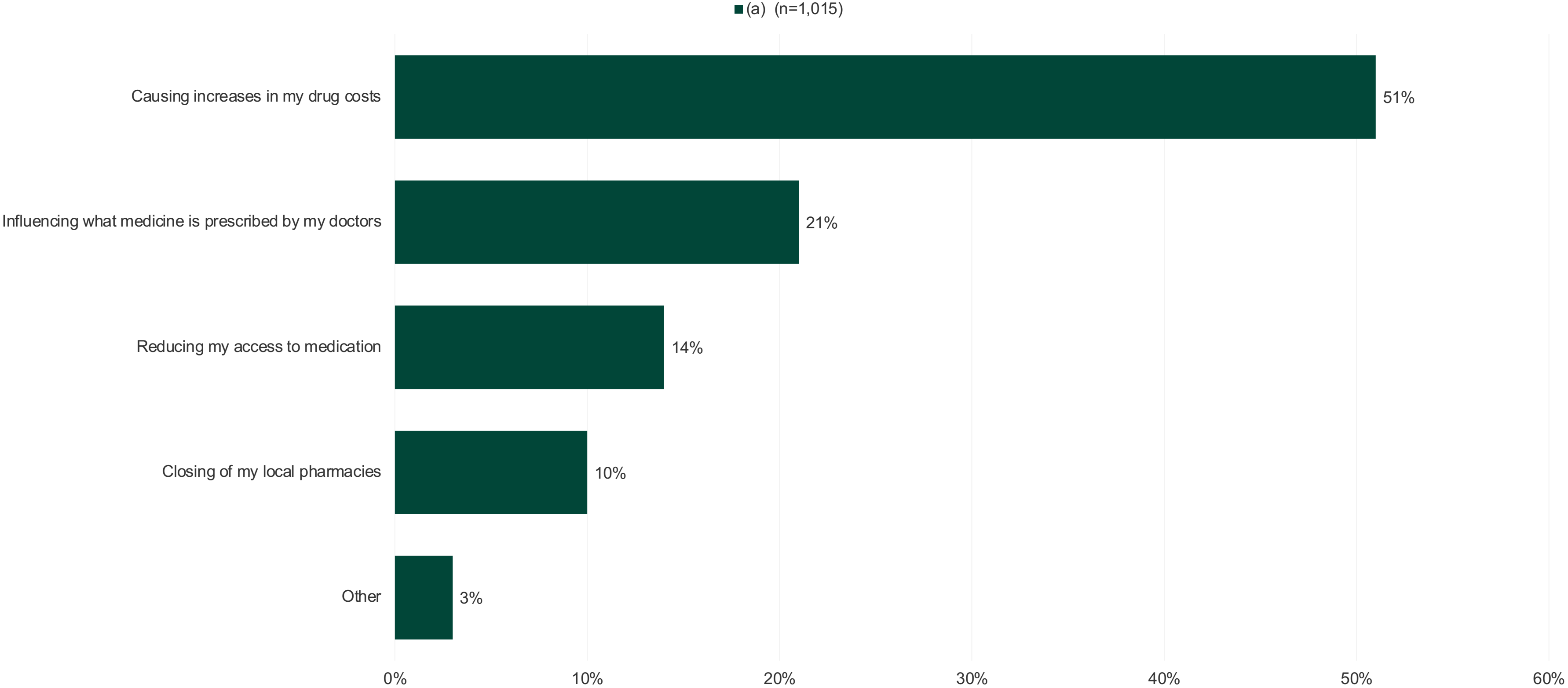


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Q7) In 2022, the three biggest pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) collected more than \$400 billion in revenue. Some critics of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) claim that big profits mean the drug middlemen are driving up the cost of prescription drugs. Do you agree or disagree with these critics?



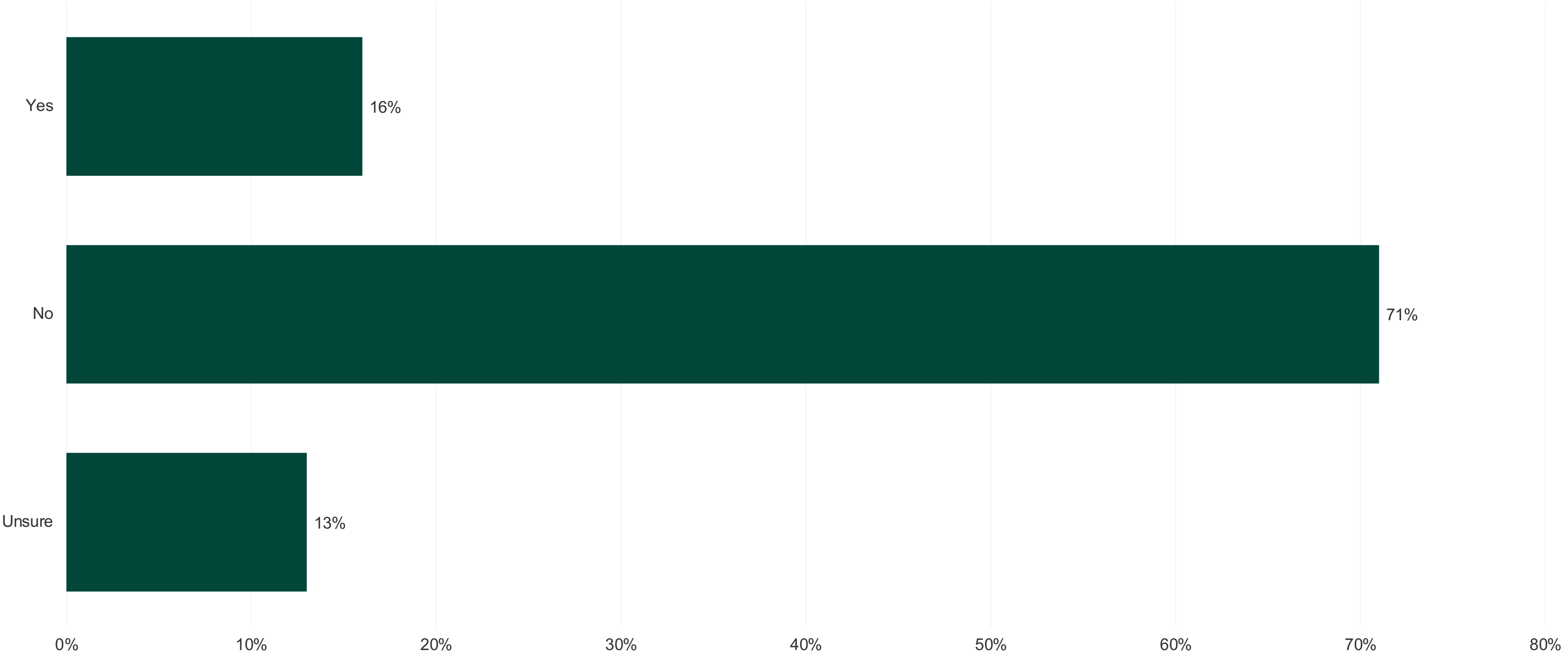
Q8) Which aspect of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) concerns you the most?



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Q9) Very often health insurance plans and their pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) decide which pharmacies their patients must use. Should insurance plans tell patients which pharmacies to use, or not?

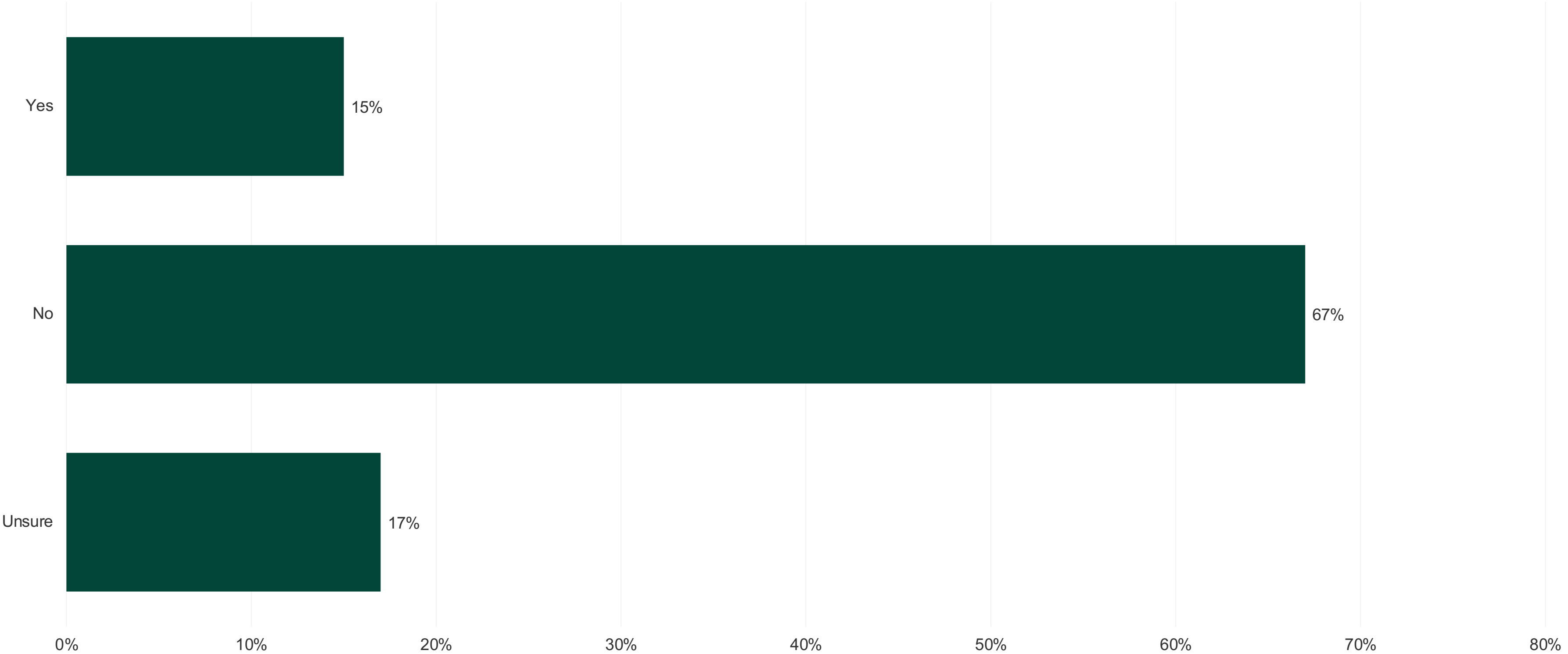
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Q10) Very often health insurance plans and their pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) require patients to use a pharmacy that is owned by the insurance plan or the pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). Should insurance plans and PBMs require patients to use pharmacies owned by insurance plans and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), or not?

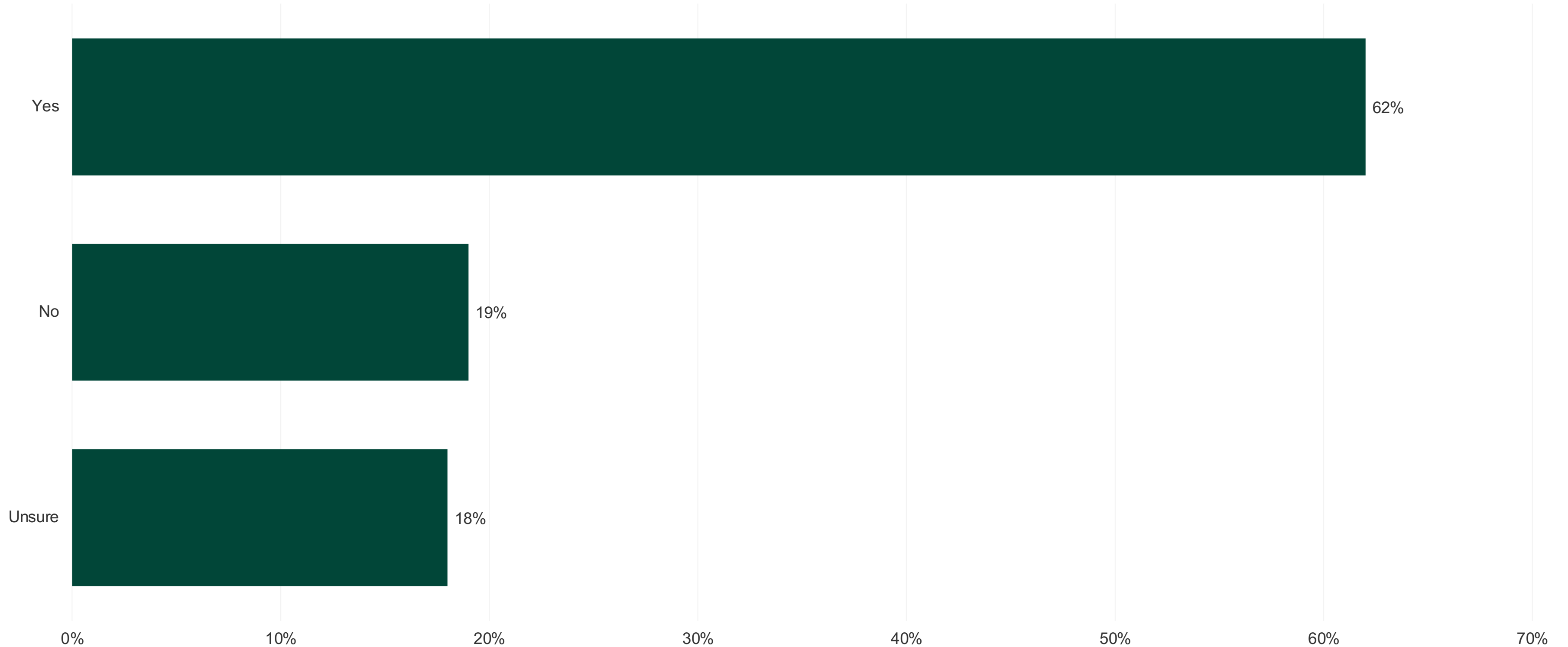
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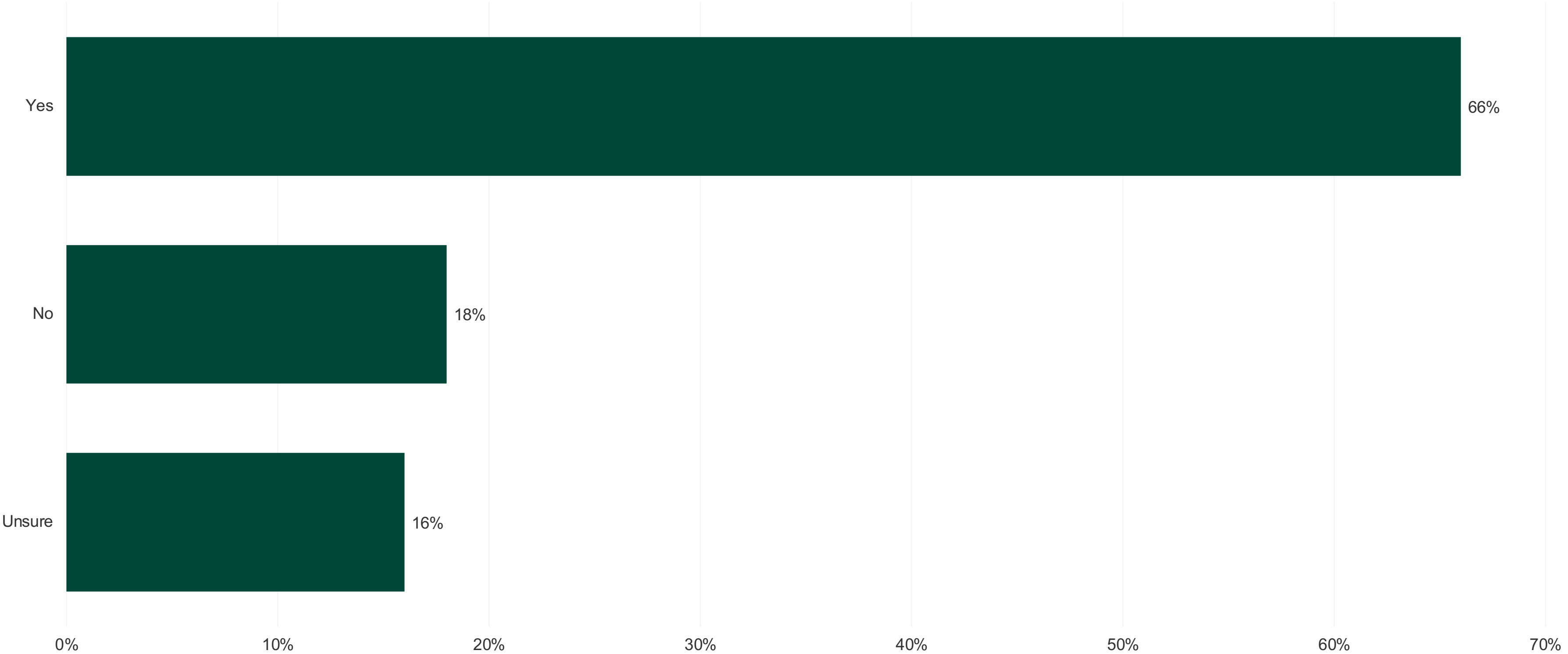
Q11) Do you support Congress having some oversight into the practices of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to ensure fair pricing and transparency in the pharmaceutical industry?

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Q12) Do you support Congress having some oversight into the practices of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) in taxpayer funded programs like Medicare and Medicaid to ensure fair pricing and transparency in the pharmaceutical industry?

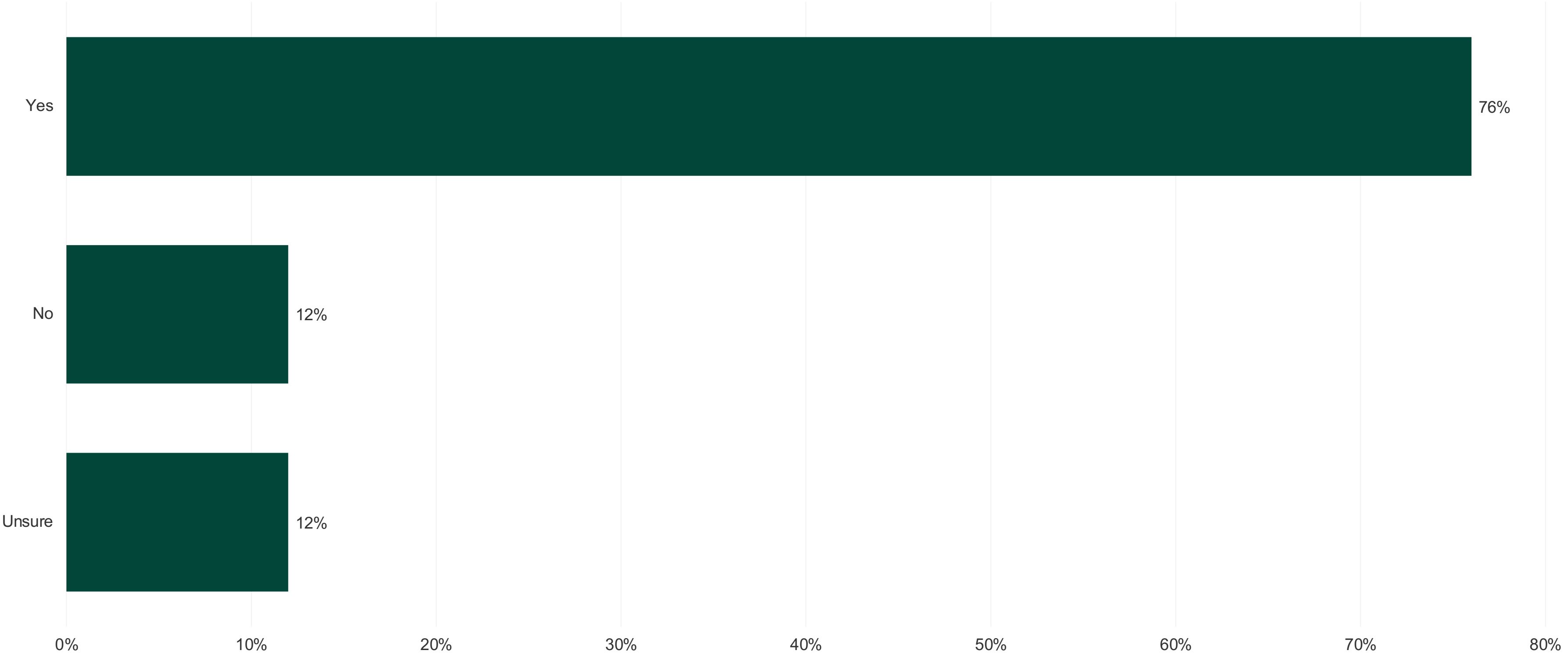
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Q13) Do you believe that pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) should be required to publicly disclose their profits per drug and drug pricing models?

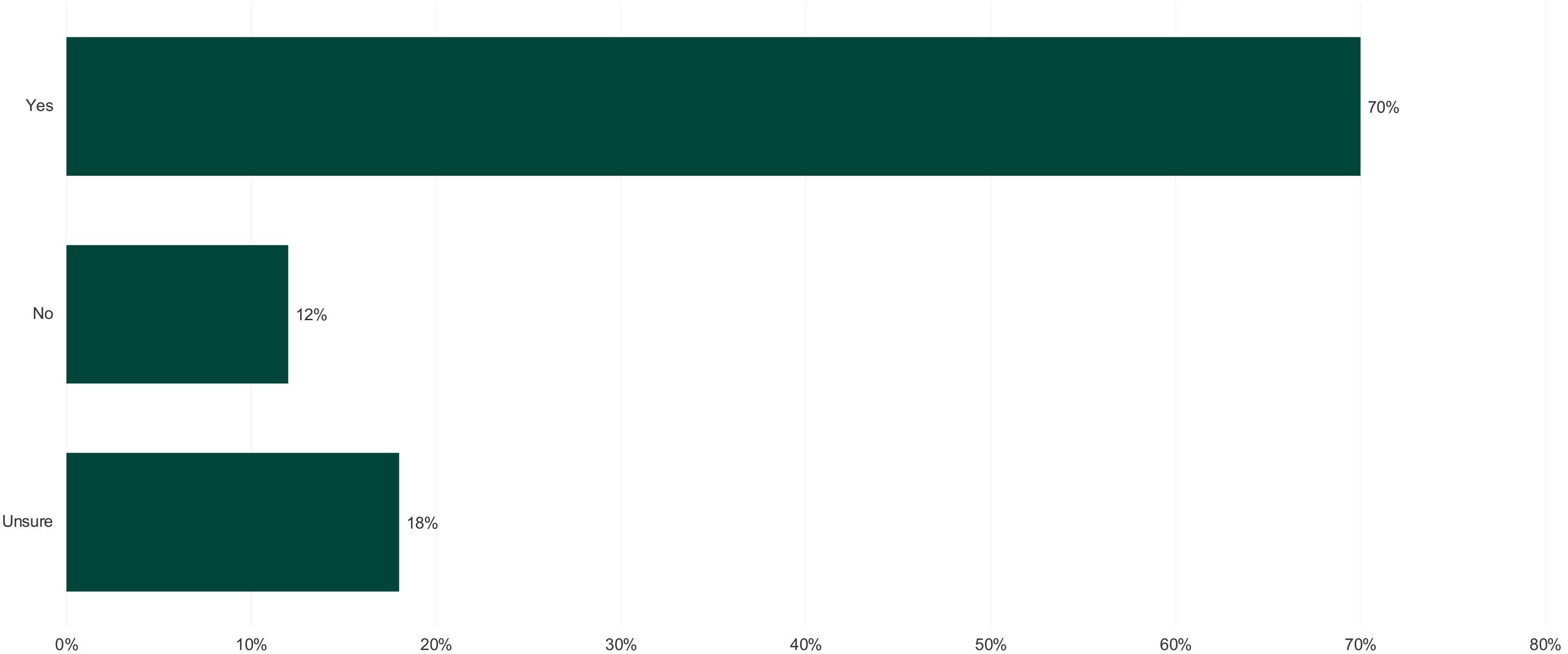
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Q14) Would you be more likely to support a bill limiting the ability of pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) to interfere with drug prices if it were framed as a measure to improve patient access to affordable medications?

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Q15) There are currently several pieces of bipartisan legislation in Congress that would address pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) abuses. If a Congressional candidate supported this legislation would you be more or less likely to vote for that candidate?

