

# State of the State Survey

## The Mood of Michigan's People Approaching Election 2008

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# About SOSS Wave 47

## Winter 2008

1012 Michigan Adults

Interviews conducted:  
Jan. 24 - March 20, 2008

# Survey Demographics

50% Male

50% Female

80% White

12.6% African-American

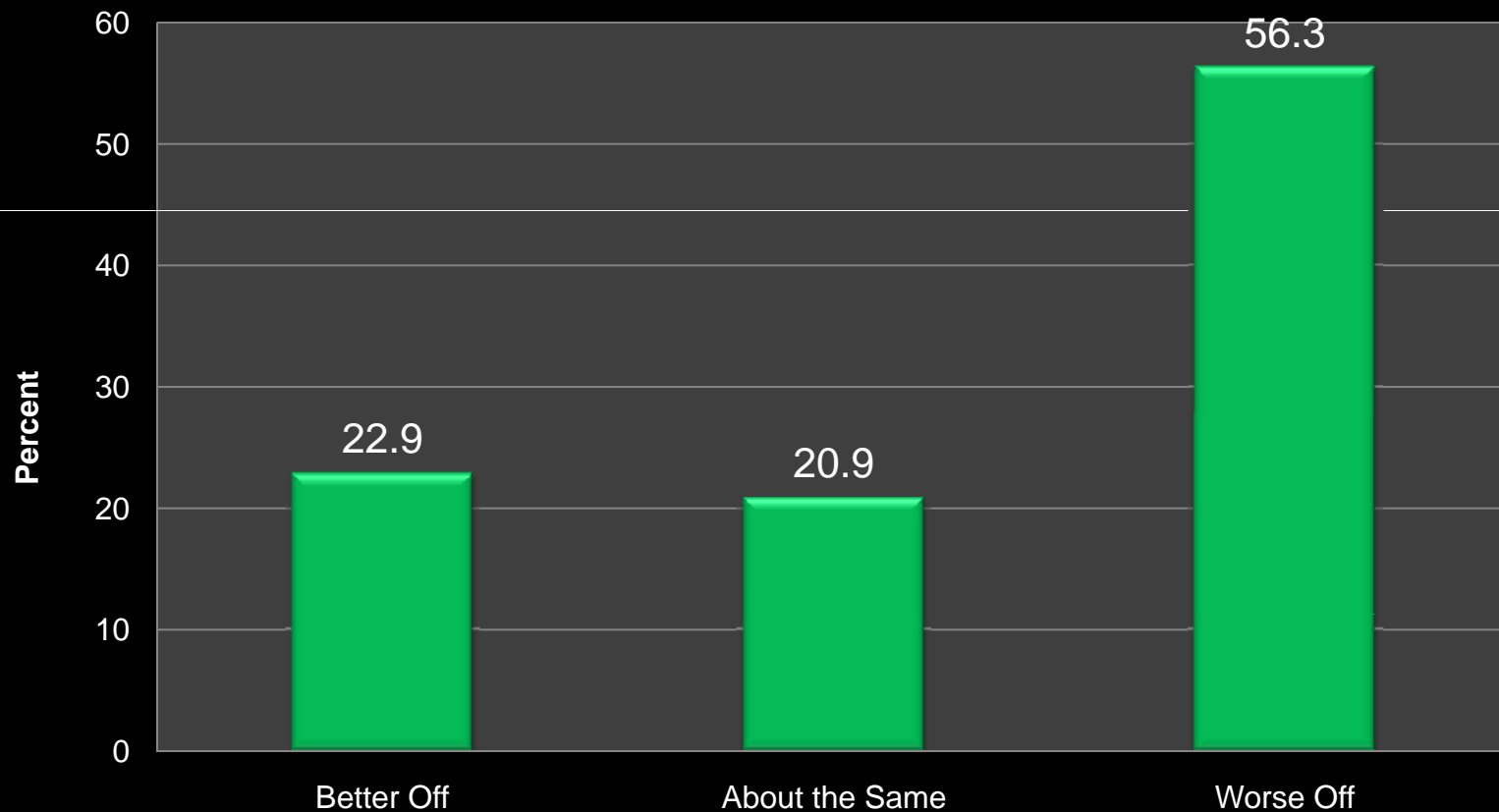
33.1% Self-Reported Democrat

24.4% Self-Reported Republican

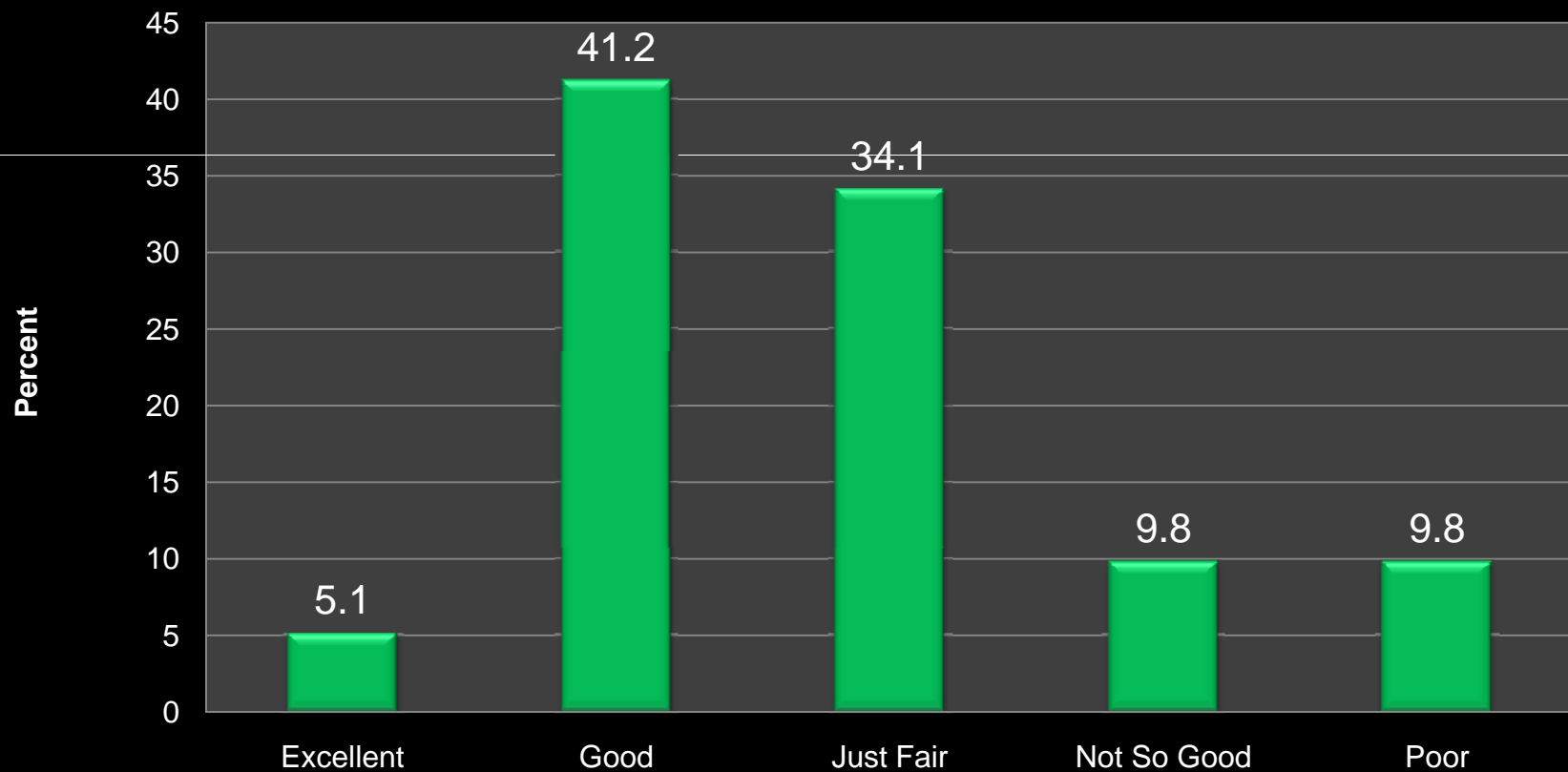


# Financial Confidence

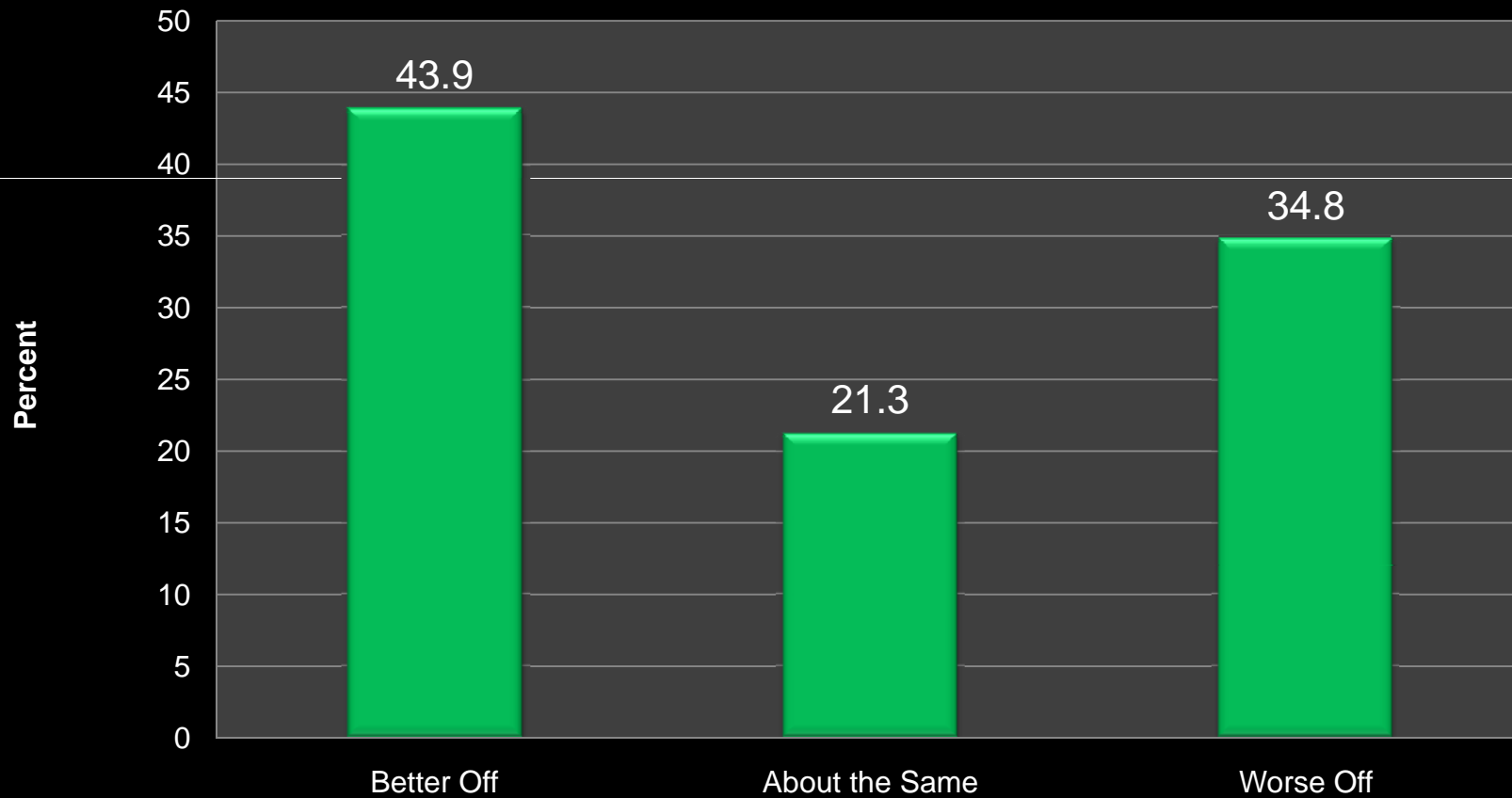
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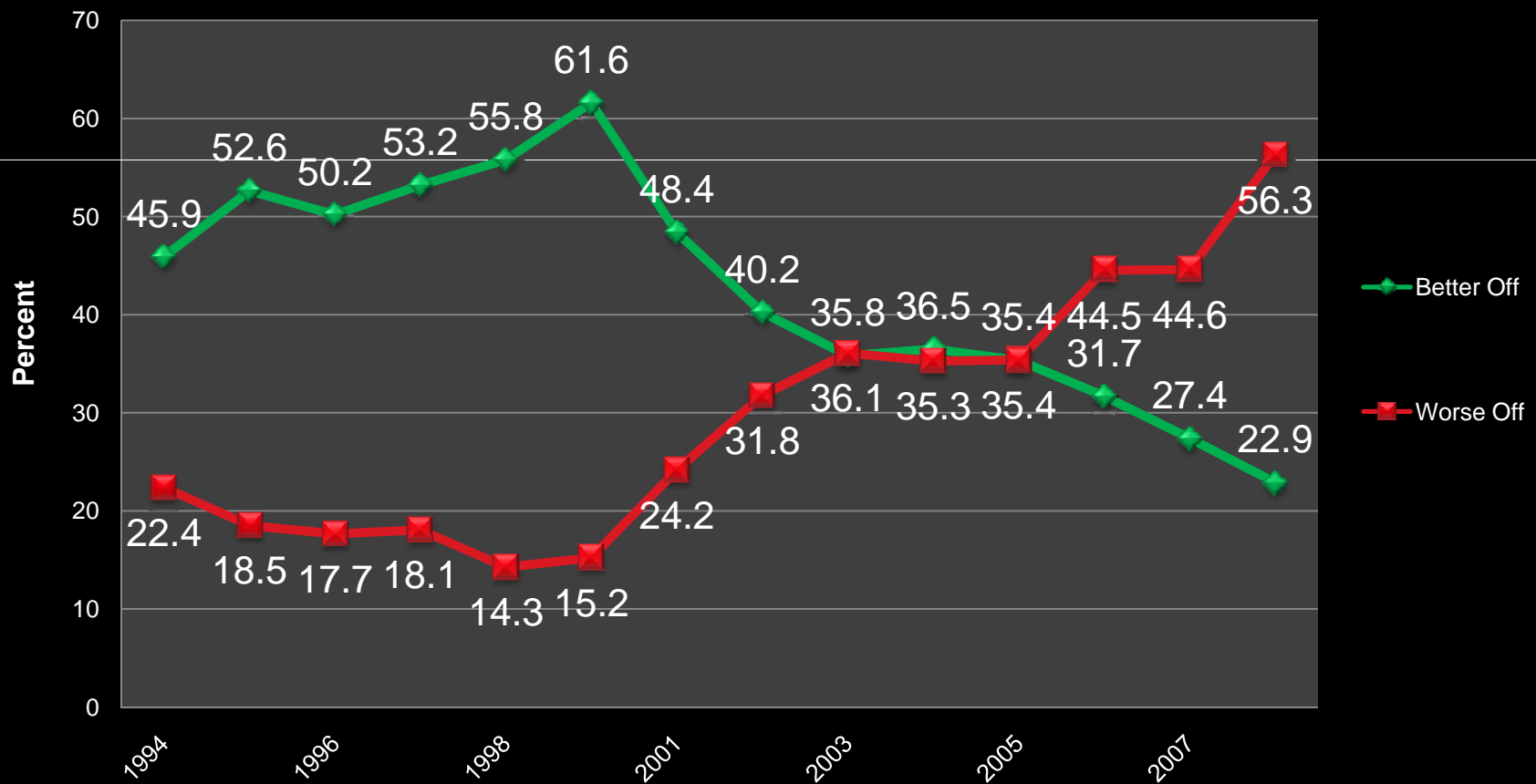
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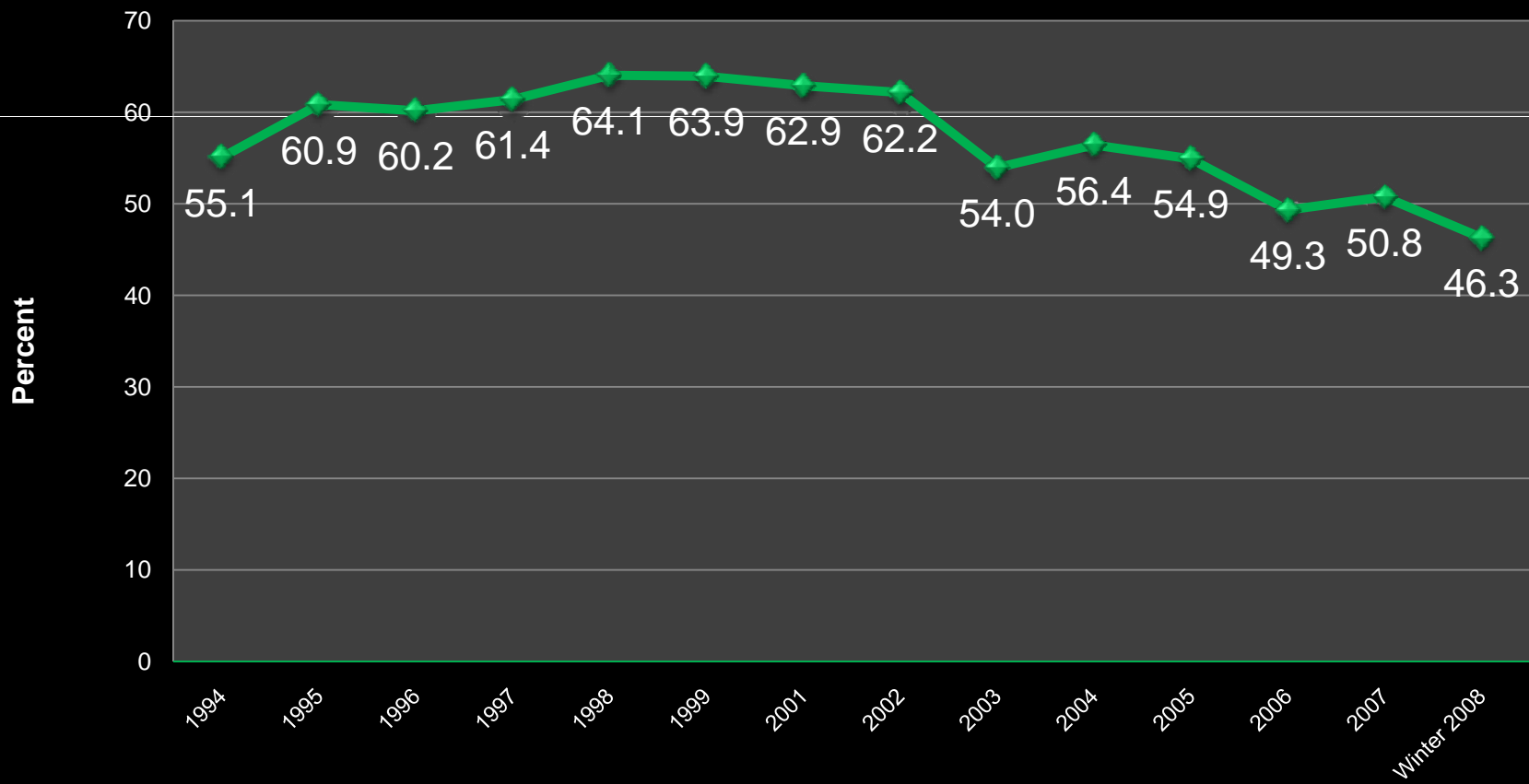
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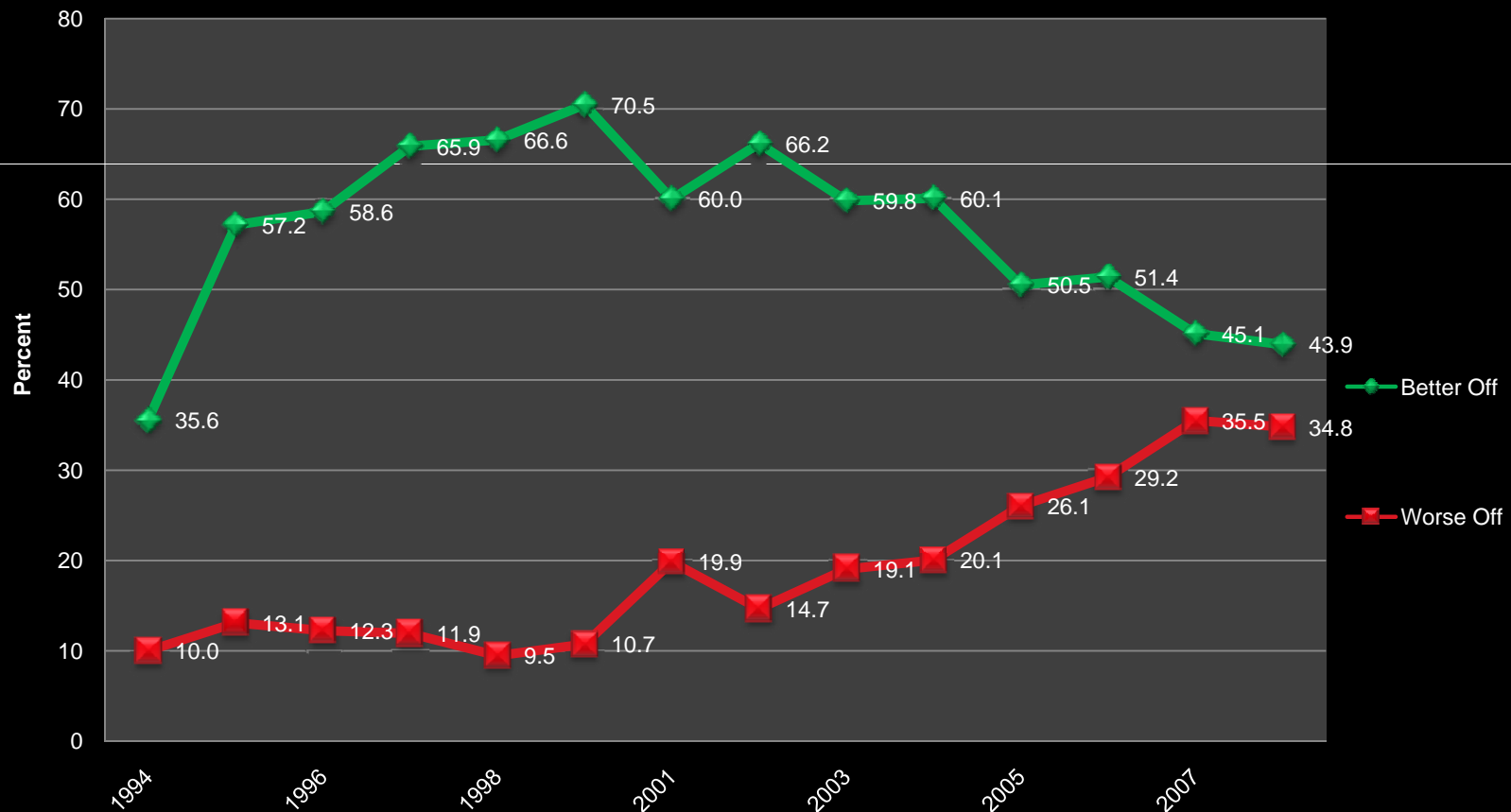
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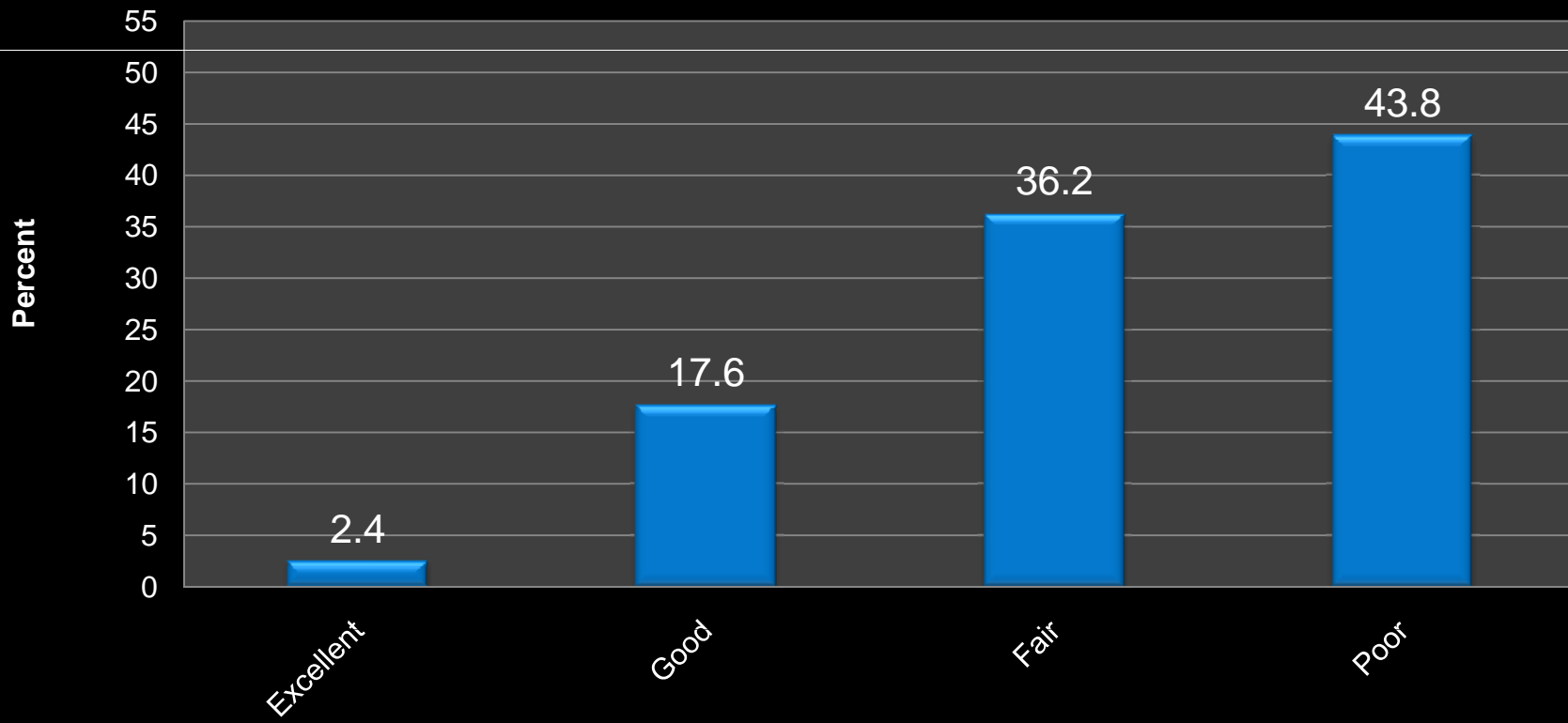
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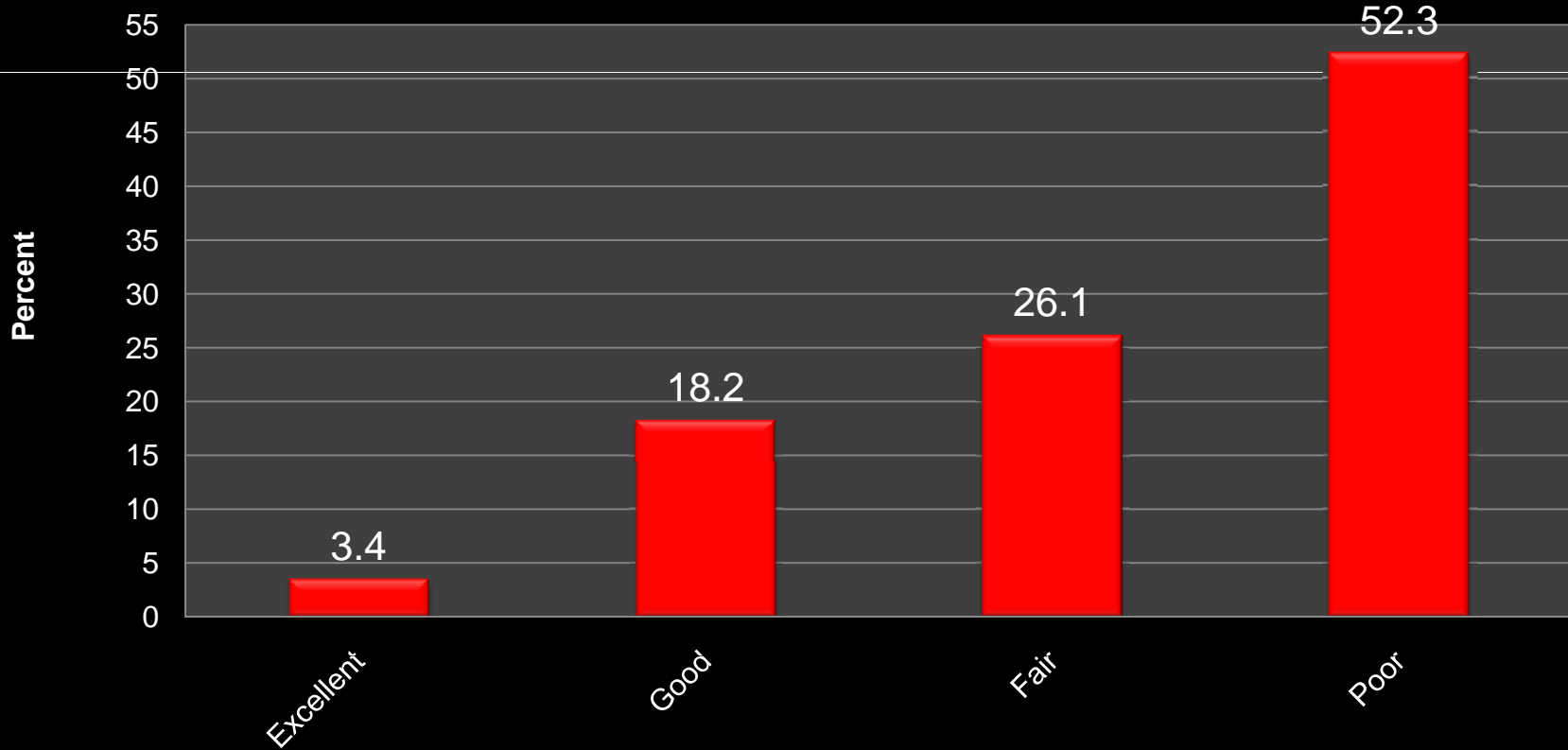


# Leadership Performance

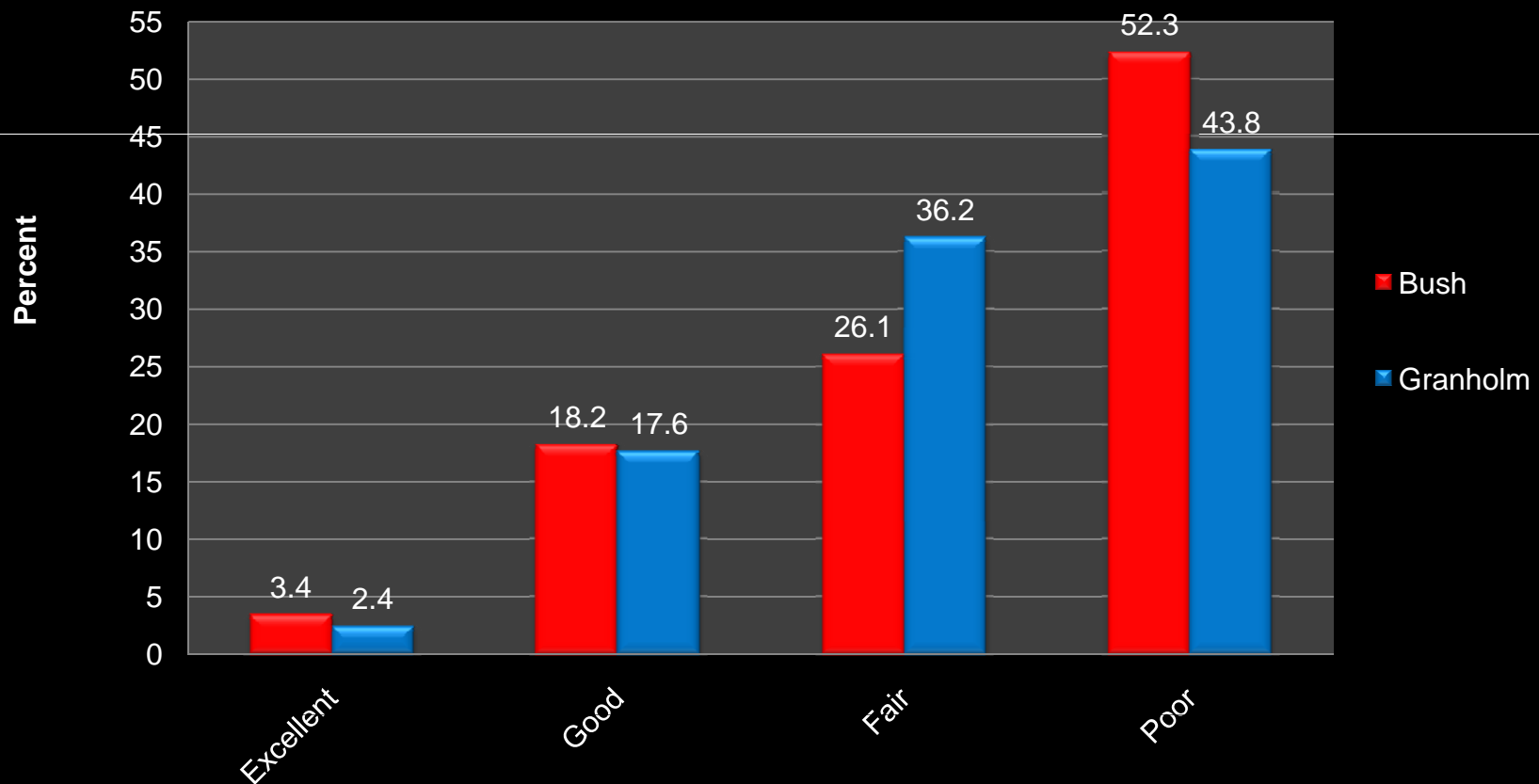
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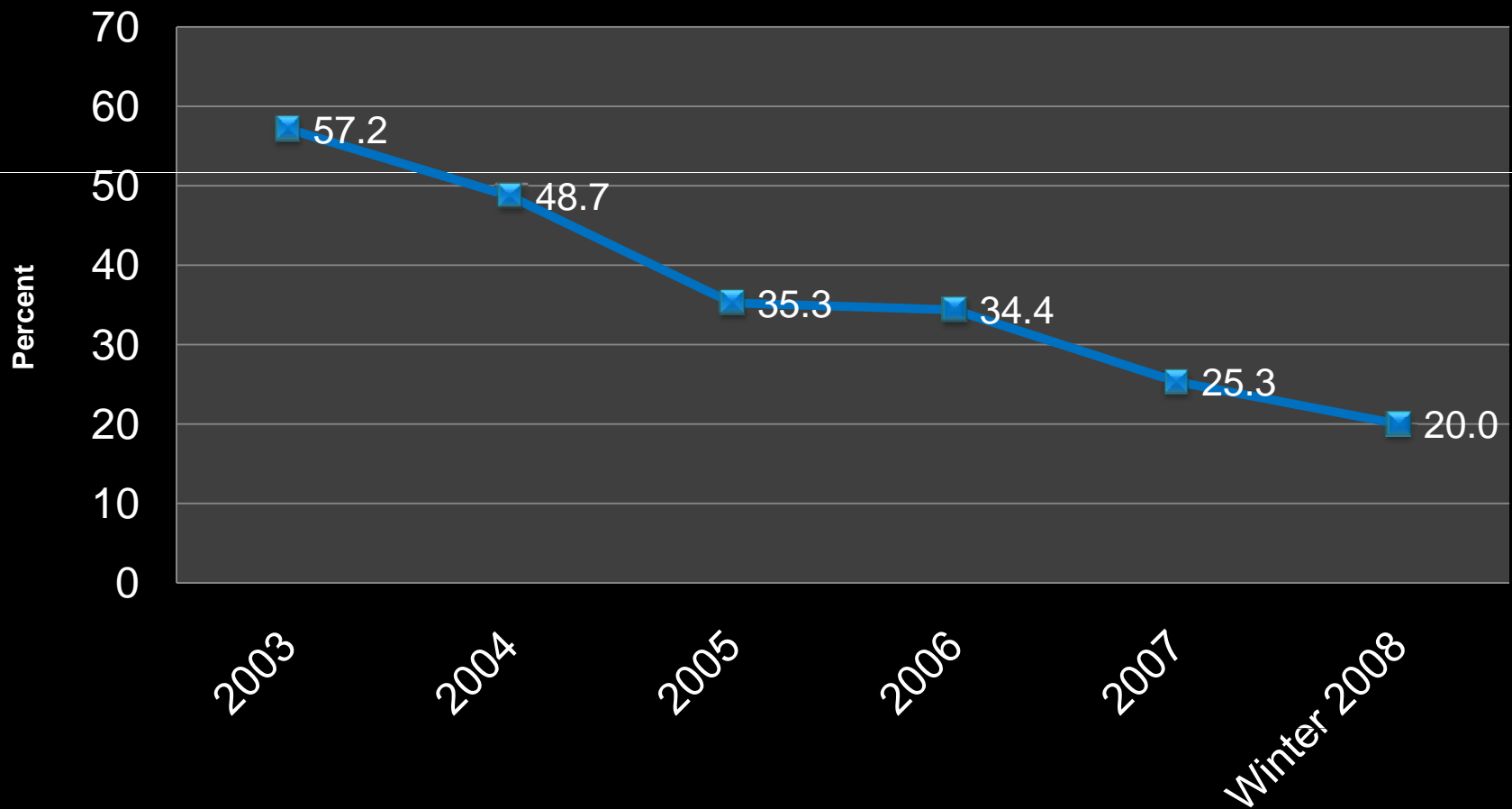
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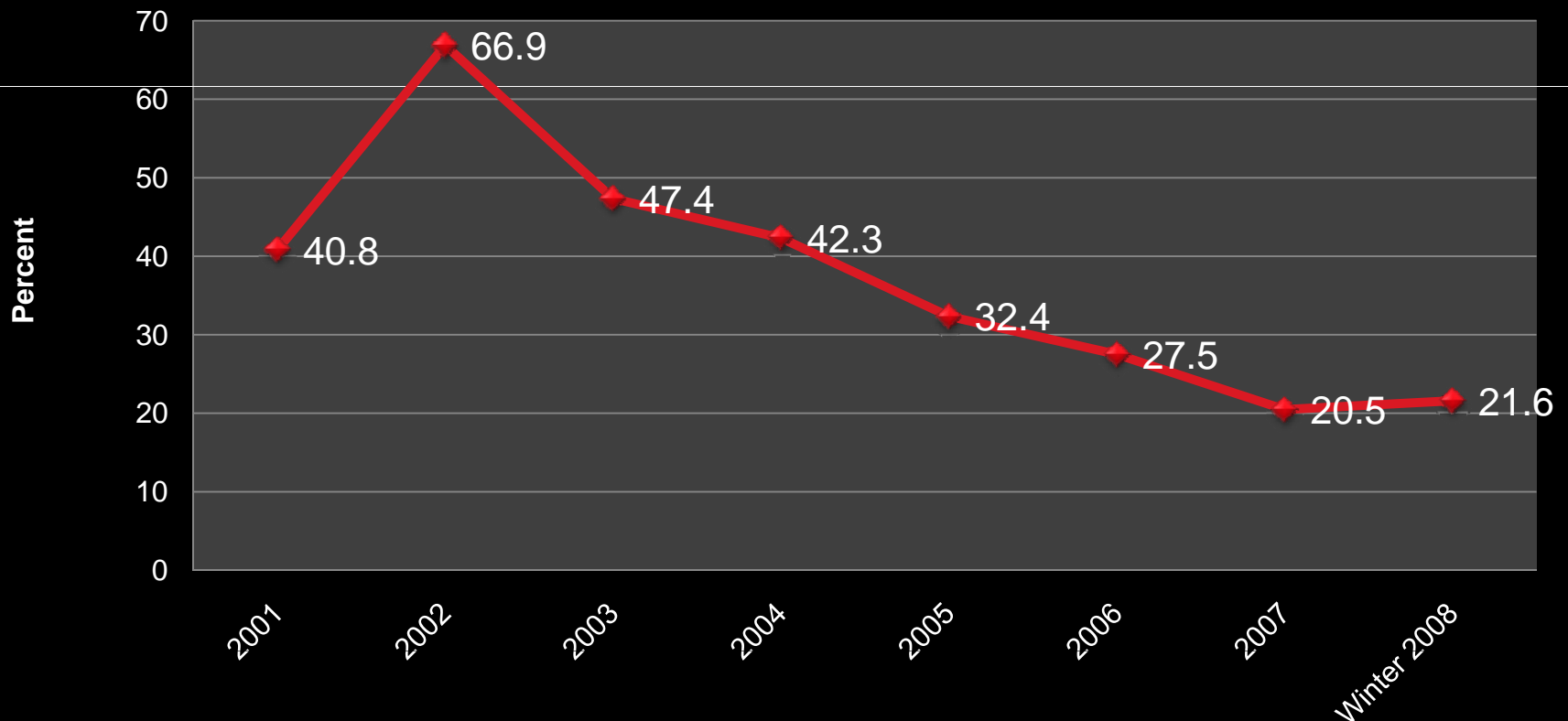
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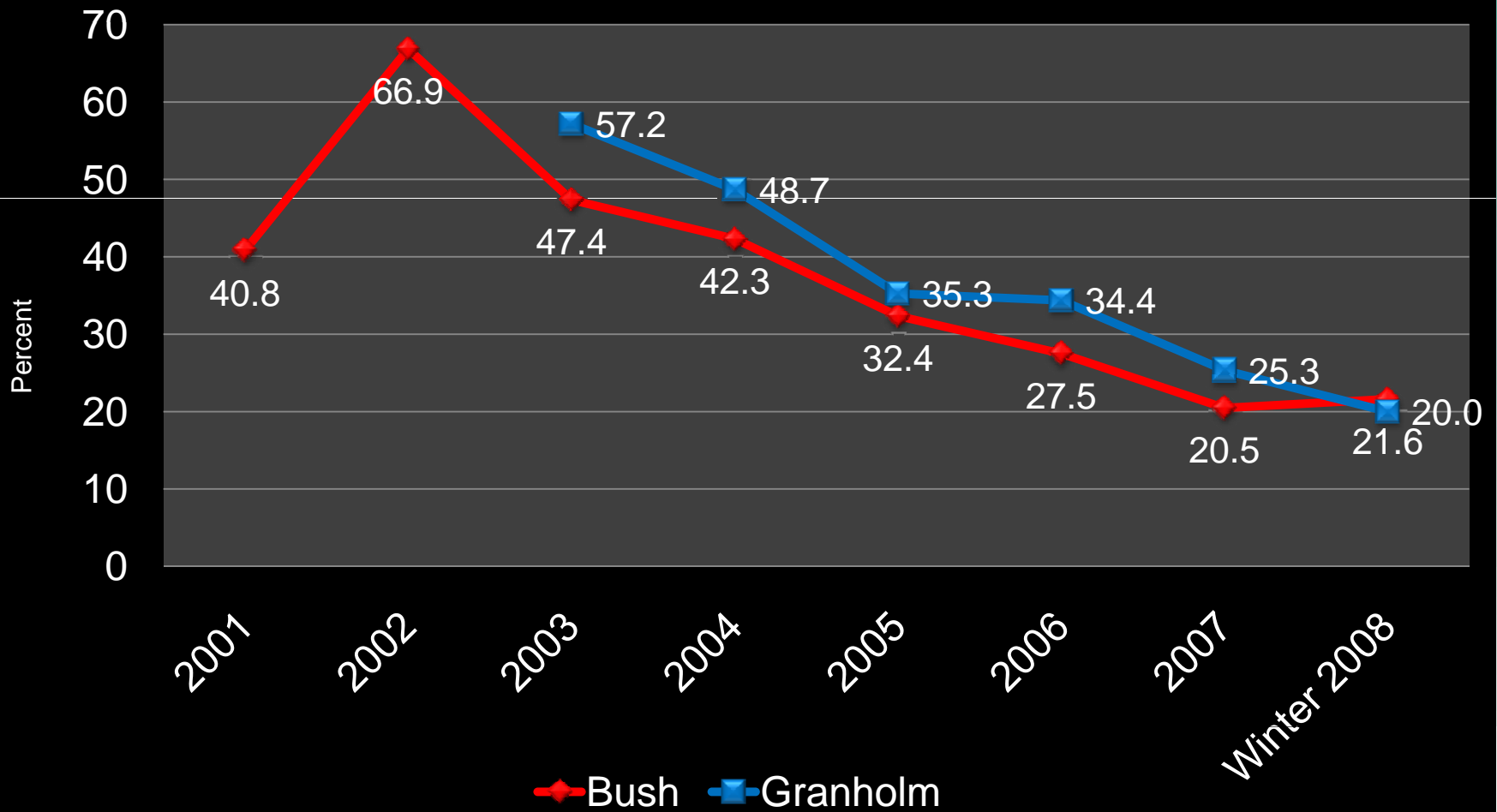
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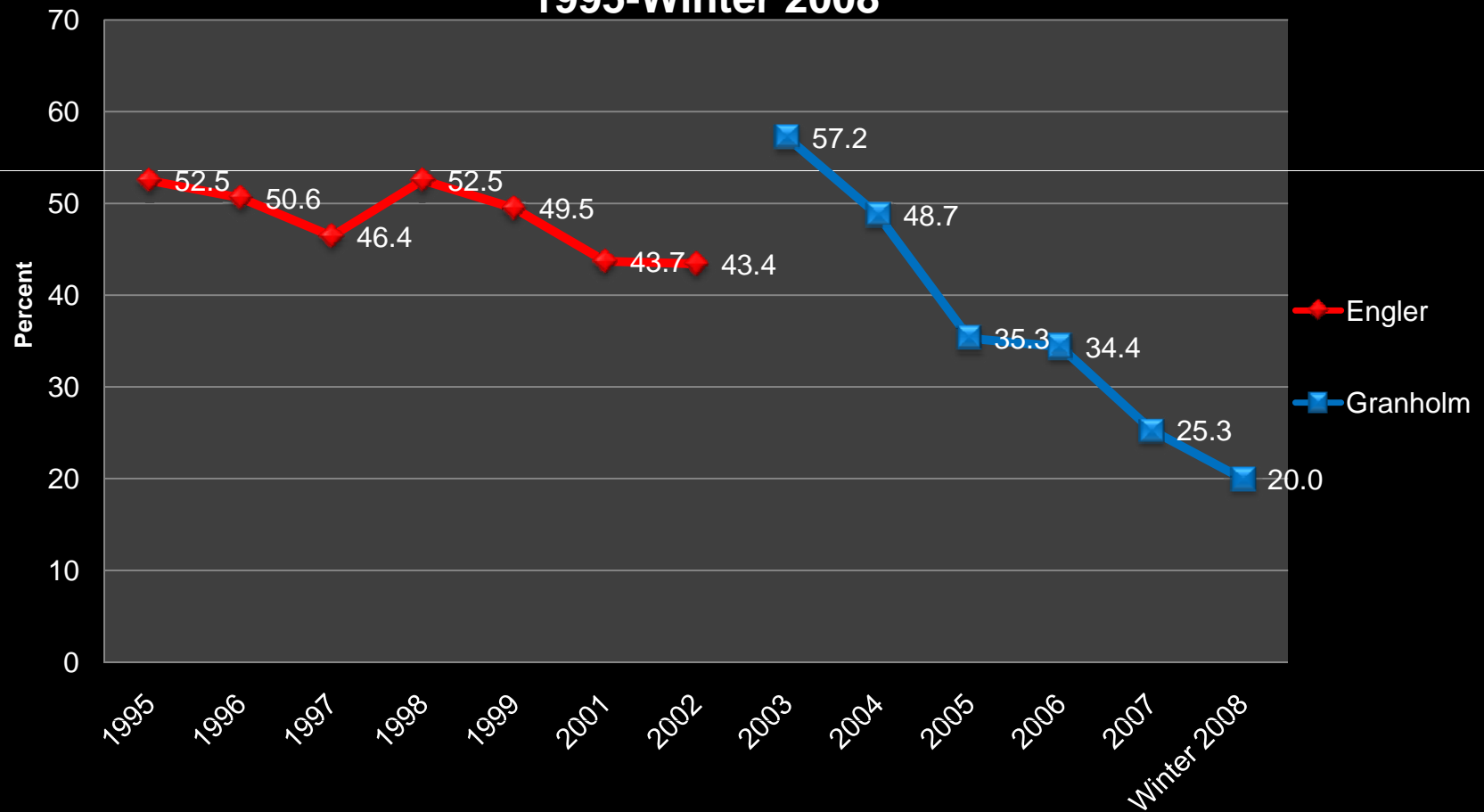
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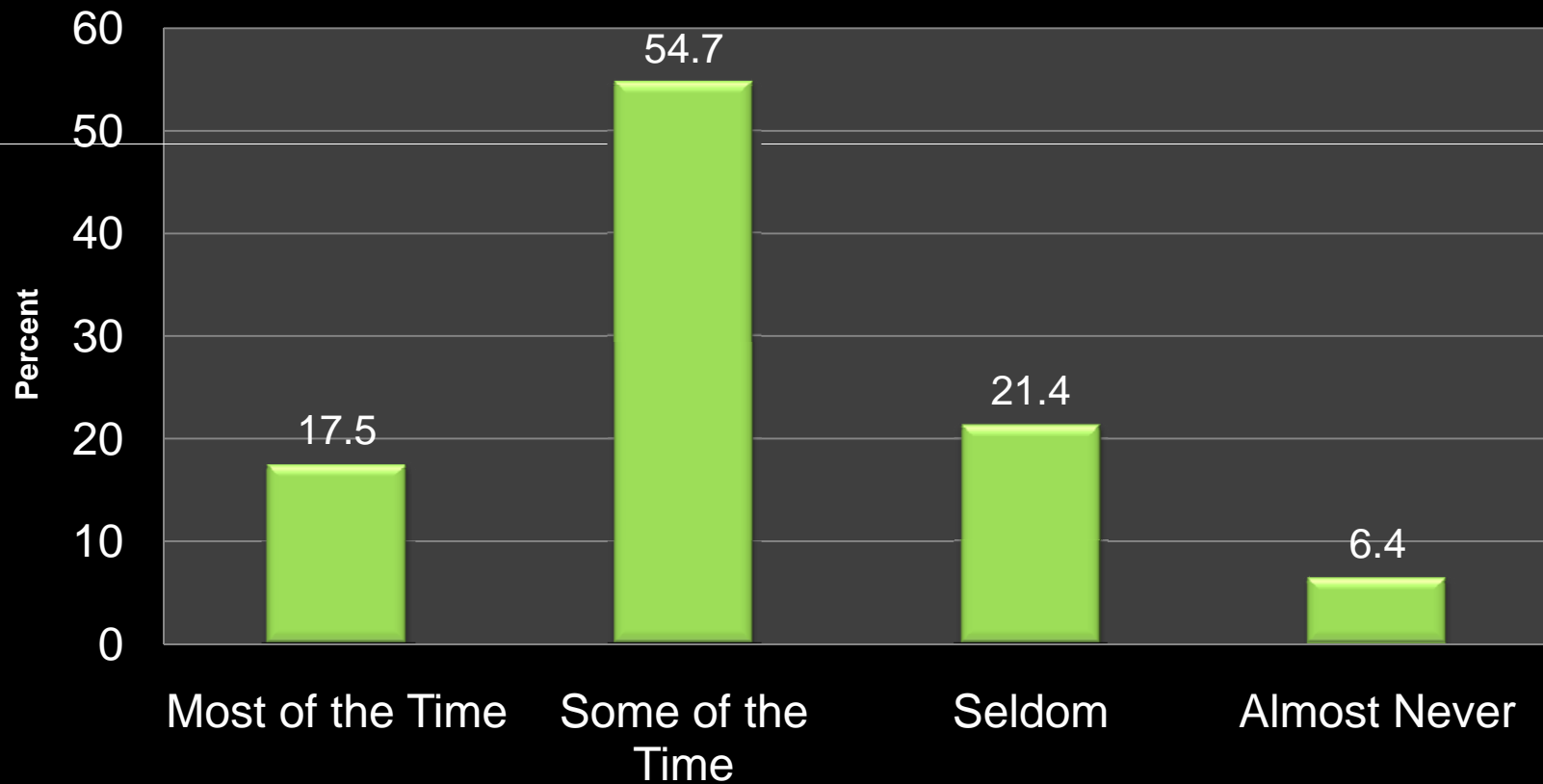
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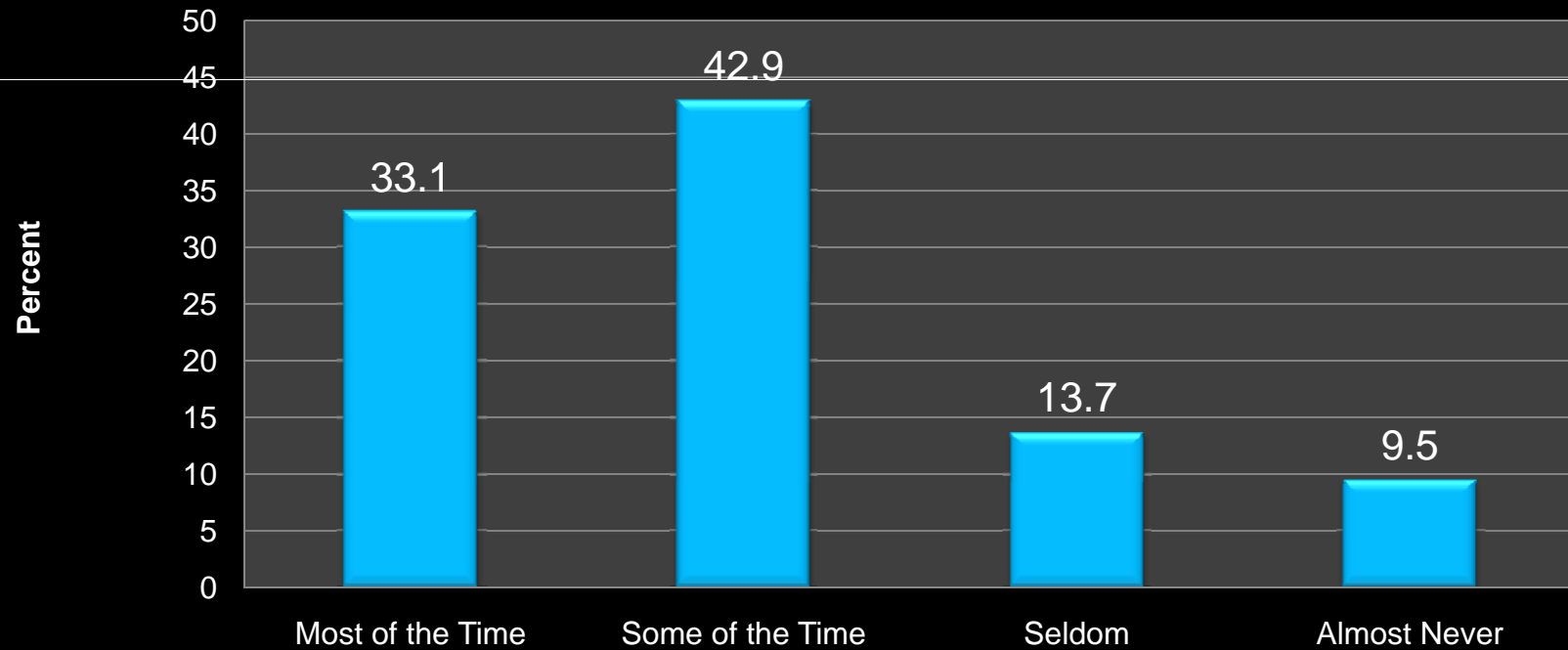


# Confidence in Government

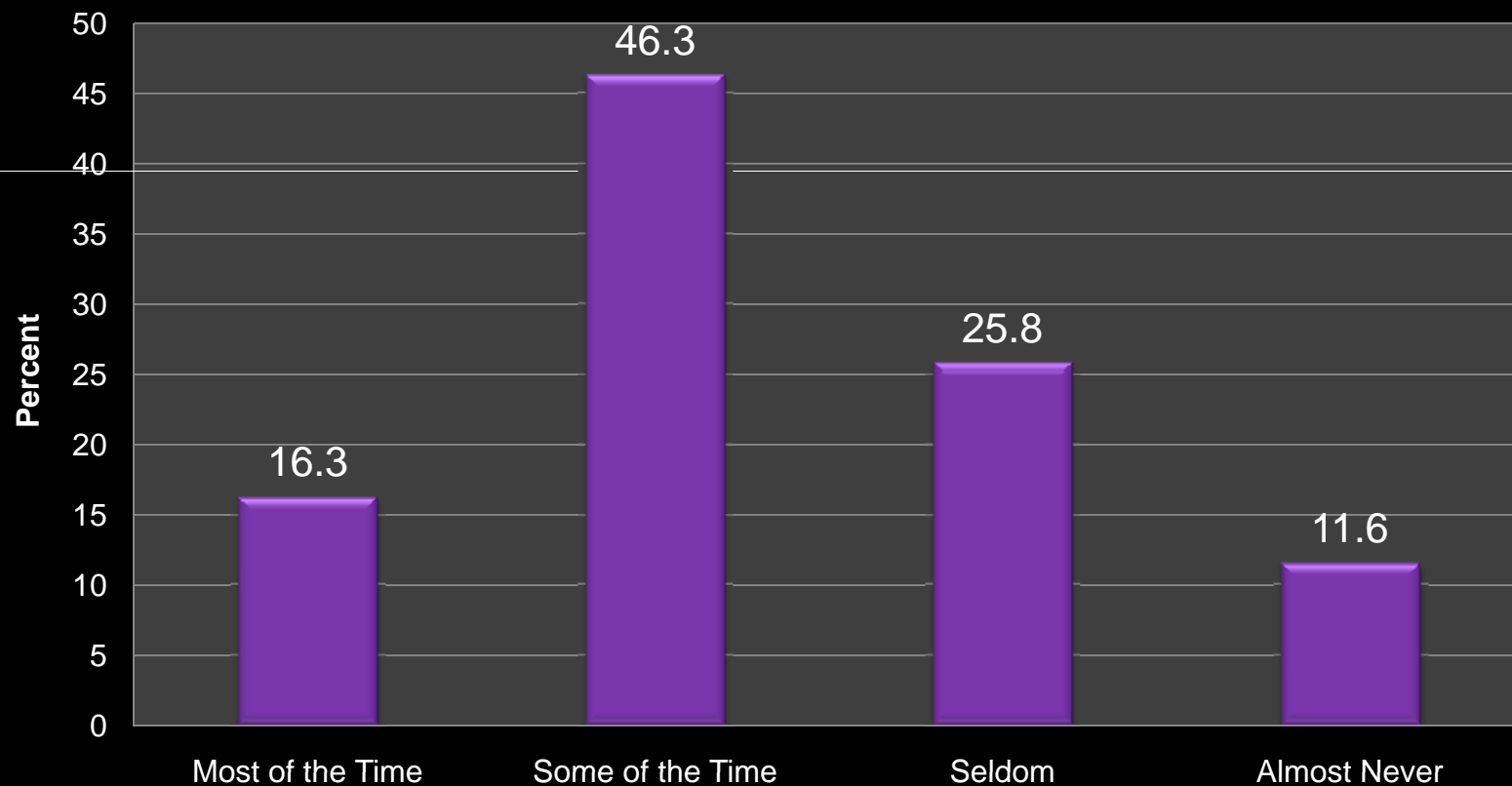
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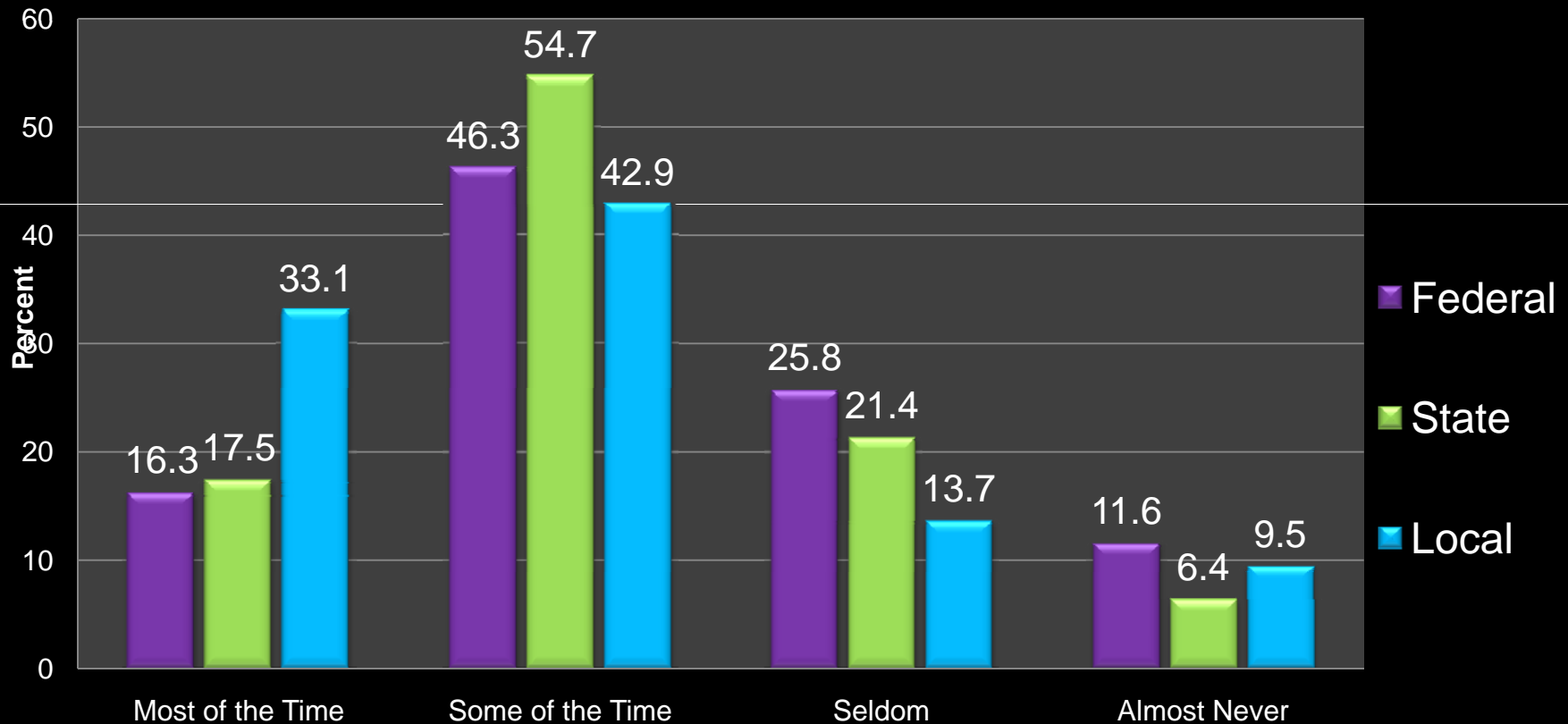
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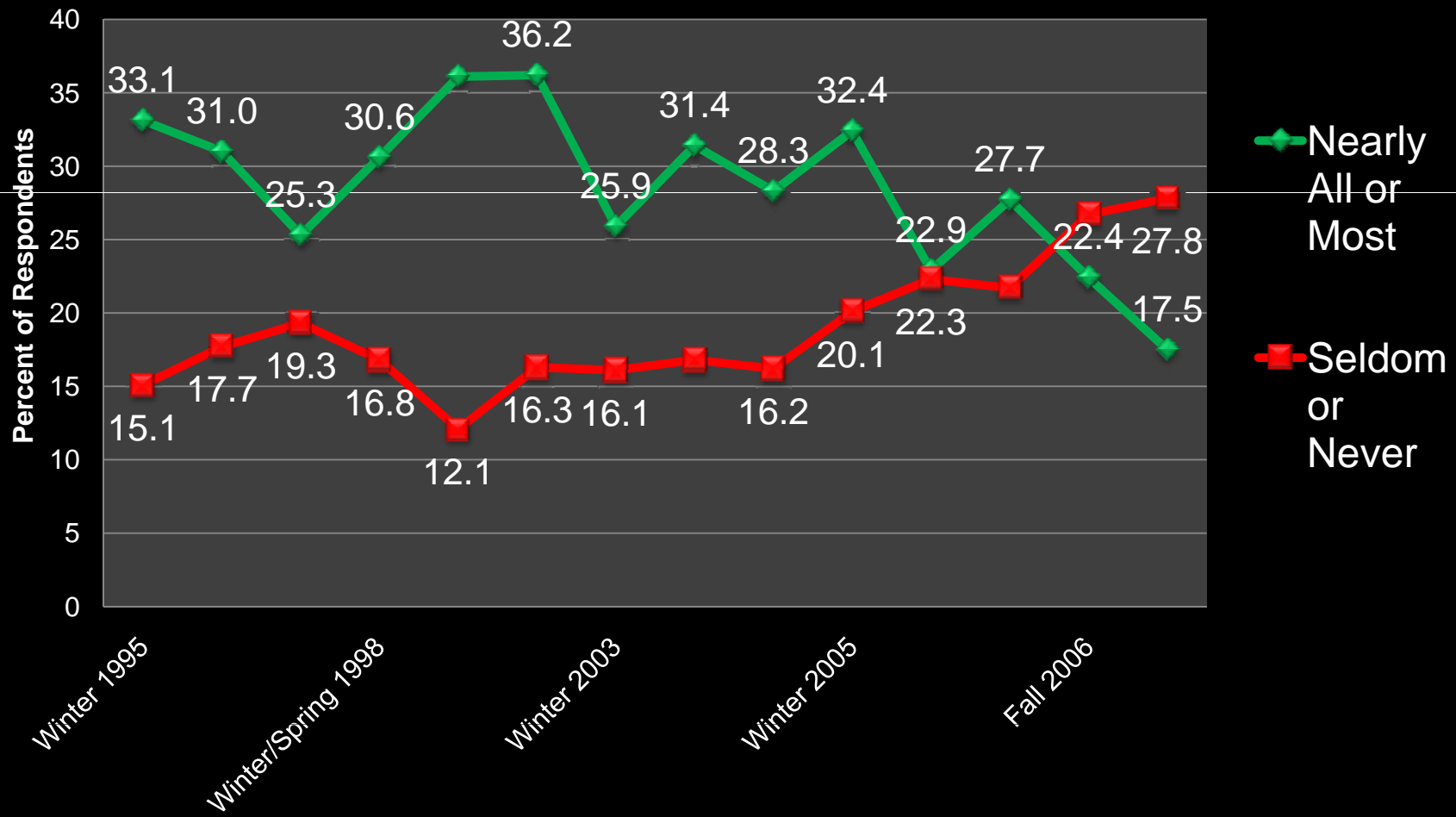
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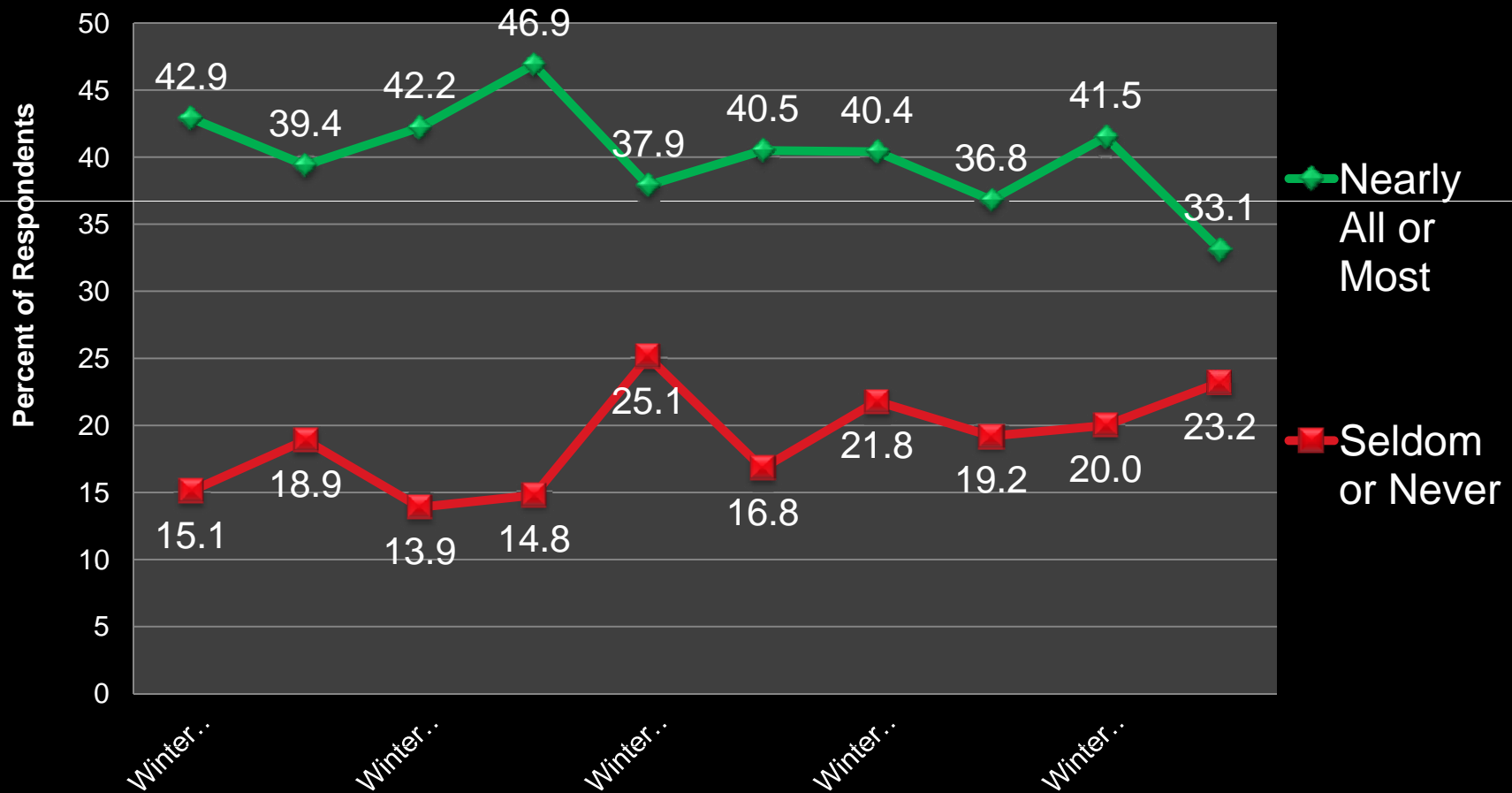
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### Michigan Residents' Opinions about How Often They Can Trust the State Government



### Michigan Residents' Opinions of How Often They Can Trust Local Government Winter 1995-Winter 2006





## **The Public's Message: The Most Important Issues Facing Governor and Legislature**

Jobs/Unemployment/Work/Wages	41.1%
Economy/Business/Encourage Growth	23.5%
Taxes/Reduce Taxes	7.3%
Budget Issues	6.4%
Health Care	5.8%
Education Quality	3.6%
Reduce Size of Government	3.4%
School Funding	2.4%
Property Values/Foreclosures	1.7%
Repair	1.0%
Poverty/Homelessness/Social Programs	1.0%
Foreign Policy	0.7%
Environment	0.5%
Moral Issues/Abortion/Family Values	0.5%
Job Training/Retraining	0.3%
Diversity/Race Relations	0.2%
Regulation/Deregulation	0.1%
Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors	0.1%



Thank you.