

WPRI Survey of Wisconsin Residents

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Survey Sample

Race

- White: 90%
- Non-white: 9.3%

Education

- High school graduate or less: 34.3%
- Some college or 2-year degree: 33%
- Bachelors and beyond: 32%

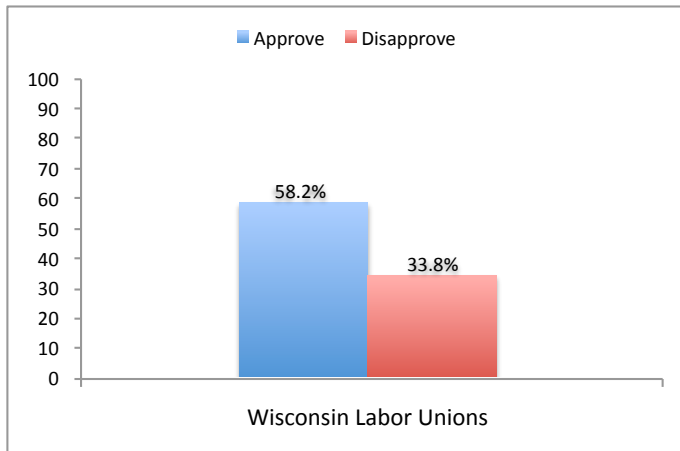
Political Identification

- Republican: 26.8%
- Democrat: 28.3%
- Independent: 26.9%

Main Findings

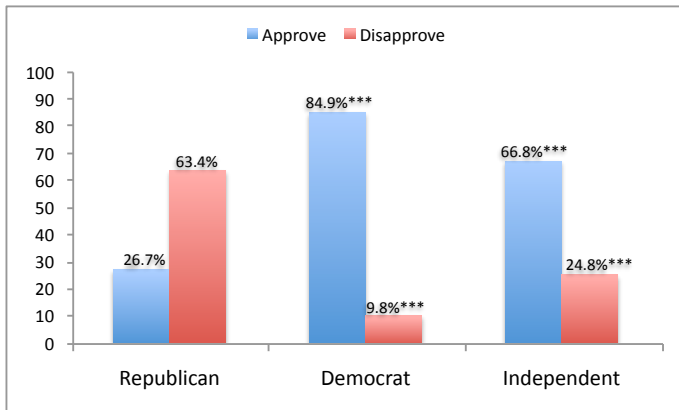
- Wisconsin residents express a strong affinity towards labor unions. But in right to work legislation, they also express a willingness to endorse public policies that would give individuals discretion over whether they want to join unions or not.
- When it comes to unions and right to work legislation, important differences emerge between Republicans and Democrats (and, to a less extent, Independents). Moreover, Democrats appear conflicted on these issues in ways that Republicans are not.
- Solid majorities of Wisconsin residents:
 - ▶ Claim to know about right to work legislation.
 - ▶ Profess a willingness to vote for them.
 - ▶ Believe that they should apply to all unions.
- Prevailing wage laws are different. Most residents have not heard of them, and their support for such legislation is much more tempered.
- Pluralities of Wisconsin residents support increased spending on transportation, with road tolls coming out as the most popular option for raising the necessary funds.
- Wisconsin residents continue to support the Common Core. Walker's opposition to the Common Core, however, has roughly the same impact on public opinion as does Obama's support.
- The Milwaukee Bucks do not loom nearly as large in the state conscience as do the Green Bay Packers. The relevance of this fact for state support for professional sports teams, though, is less clear.

Labor Unions, 1



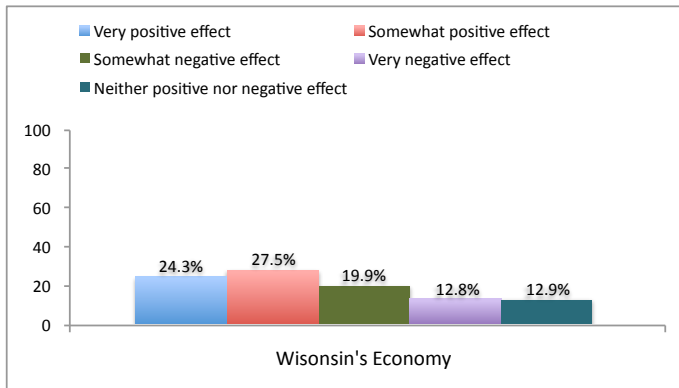
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Labor Unions, 2



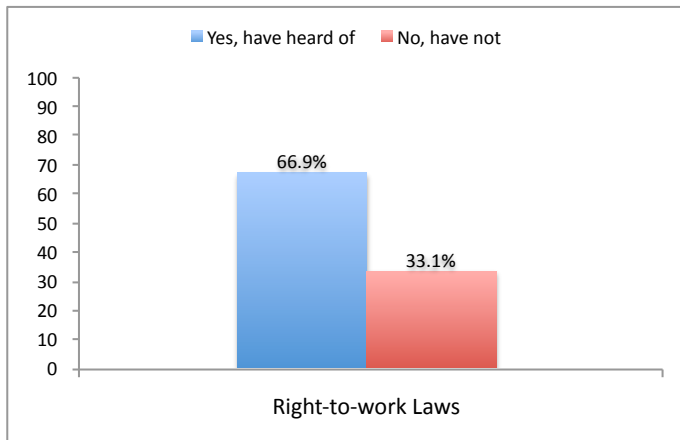
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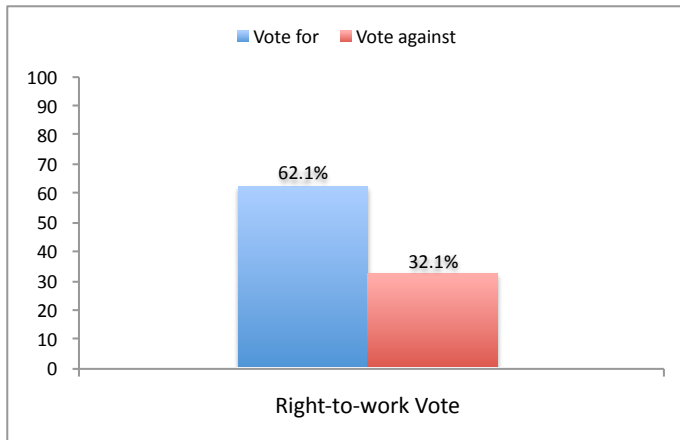
Some people say that unions are a stumbling block to economic reform. Others say that unions fight for workers' rights and a strong Wisconsin. What effect do you think unions have?

Right-to-work, 1



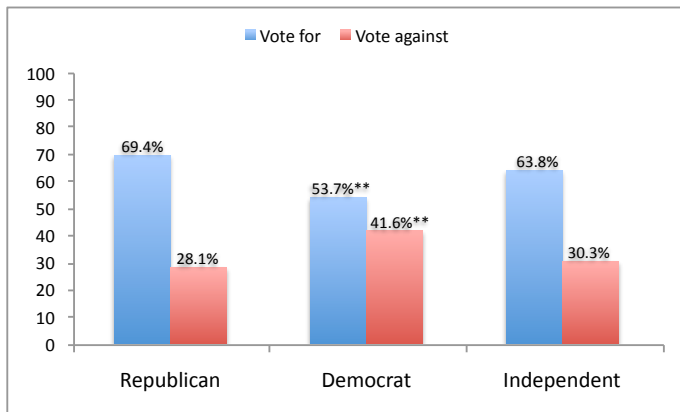
Have you heard of state laws called “right-to-work” or “open shop” laws?

Right-to-work, 2



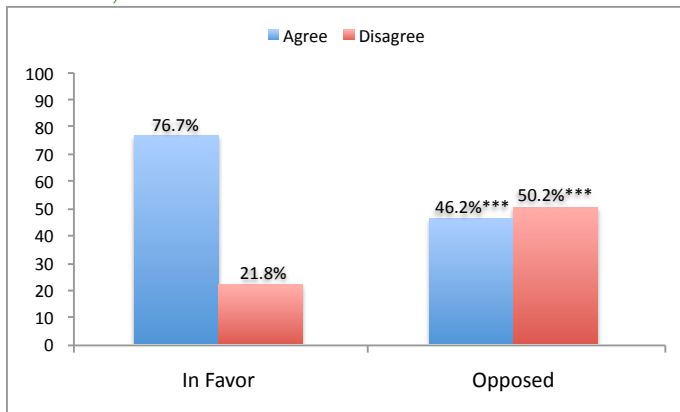
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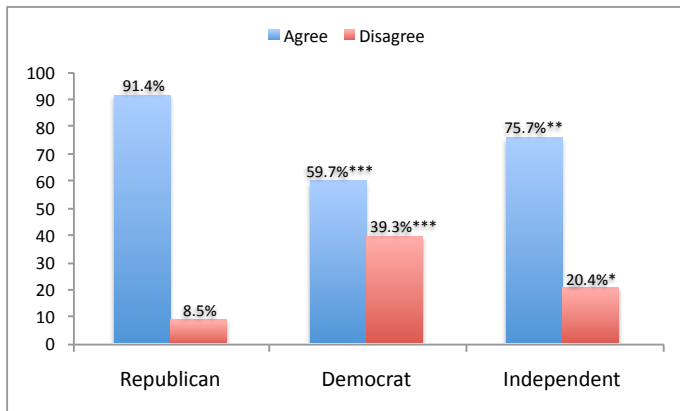


Those **in favor** of right-to-work or open shop laws say that no Americans should be required to join any private organization, like a labor union, against their will. Do you agree or disagree with this?

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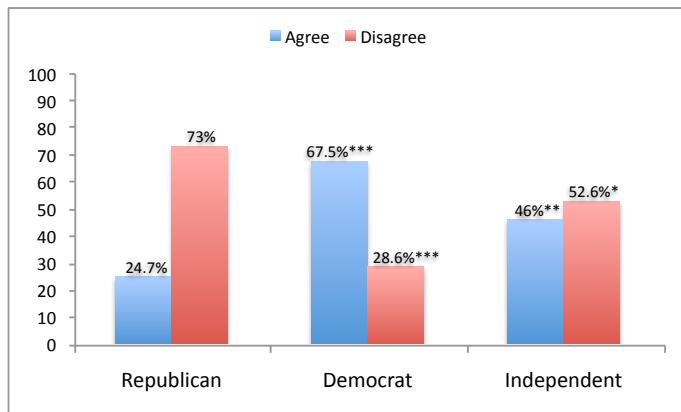
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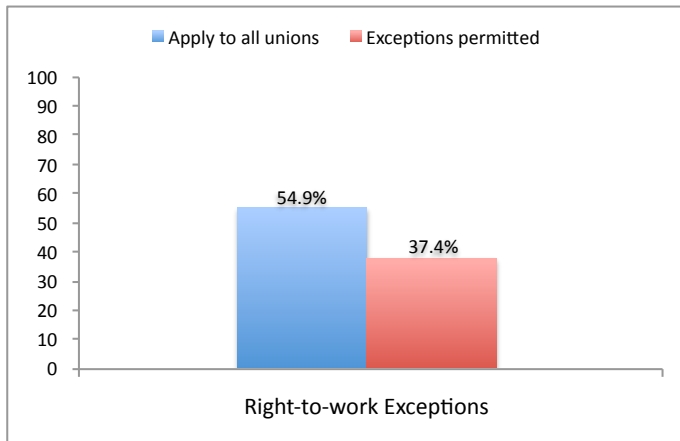
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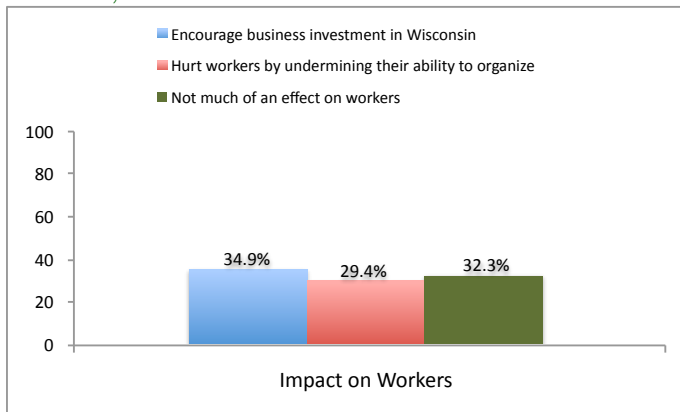
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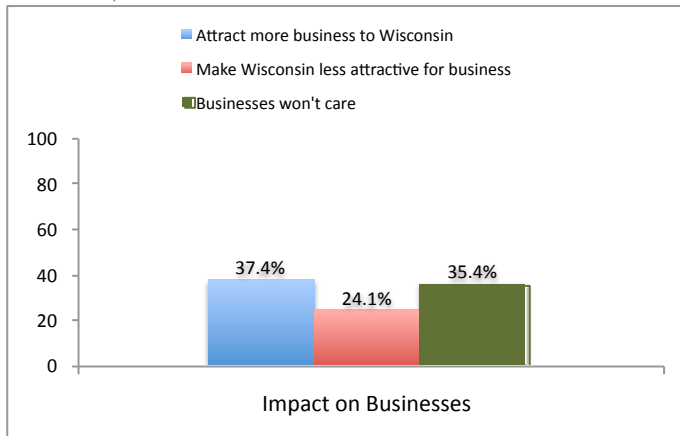
If these right-to-work or open-shop laws are enacted in Wisconsin, do you think that they should apply to all unions and all employers? Or do you think the state government should be allowed to grant exceptions?

Right-to-work, 8



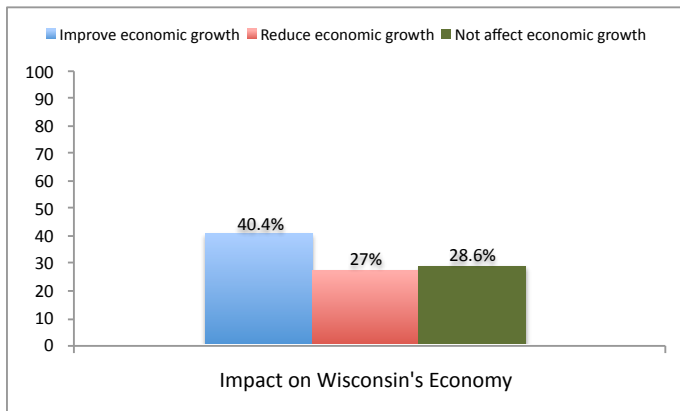
We are wondering what impact you think these laws will have in Wisconsin. Let's start with workers. Generally speaking, do you think these laws will encourage businesses to invest in Wisconsin, which is good for workers around the state? Do you think these laws will hurt workers by undermining their ability to organize? Or do you think these laws won't have much of an impact on workers?

Right-to-work, 9



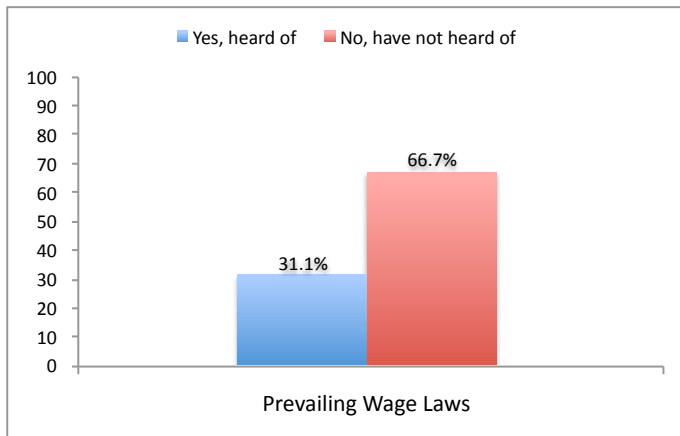
What impact do you think these laws will have on businesses in Wisconsin? Will these laws attract more businesses to Wisconsin? By undermining unions, will they make Wisconsin a less attractive place for businesses to locate? Or do you think businesses won't much care whether these laws are enacted?

Right-to-work, 10



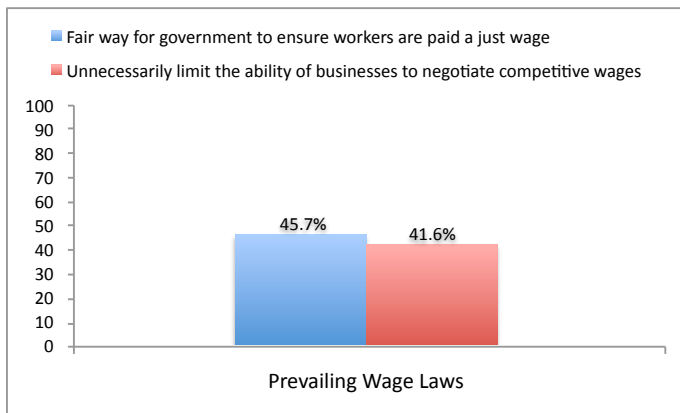
What impact will these laws will have on the overall economy in Wisconsin?

Prevailing Wage Laws, 1



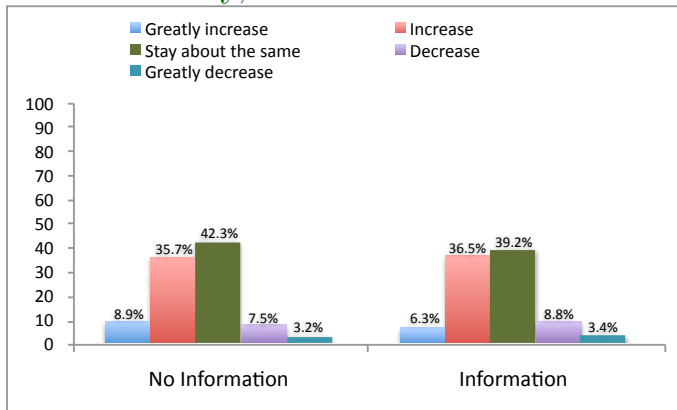
We're also interested in what you know about so-called "prevailing wage" laws. Have you heard of these laws?

Prevailing Wage Laws, 2



As you may know, prevailing wage laws set wages for government contractors. They do so on the basis of surveys that evaluate the average wages paid to workers in different industries. We are wondering what you think about these laws.

Transportation Policy, 1

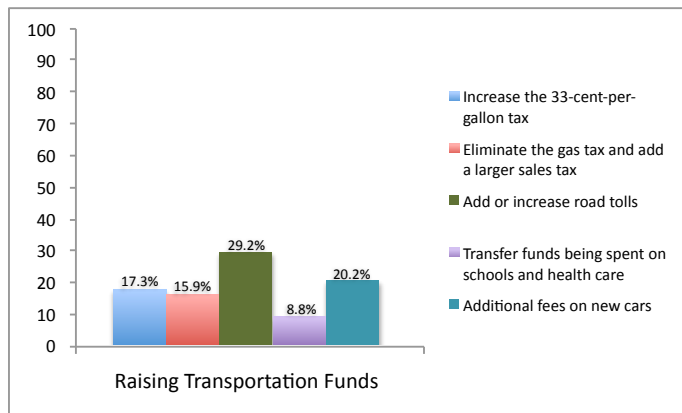


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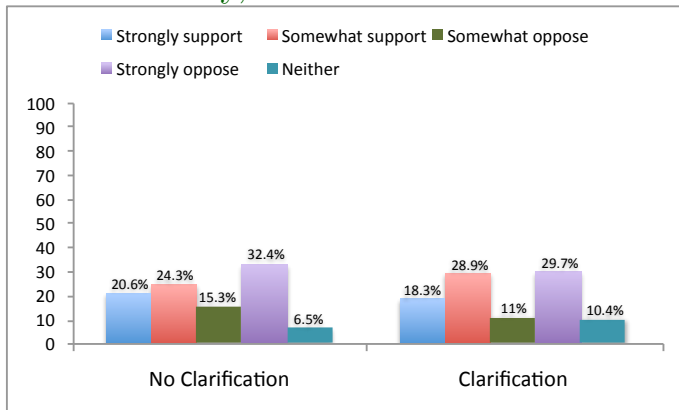
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Transportation Policy, 2



New transportation funds can be raised in a variety of different ways. We're interested in your thoughts on the matter. Which of the following proposals do you think is the best way to raise funds for transportation in Wisconsin?

Transportation Policy, 3

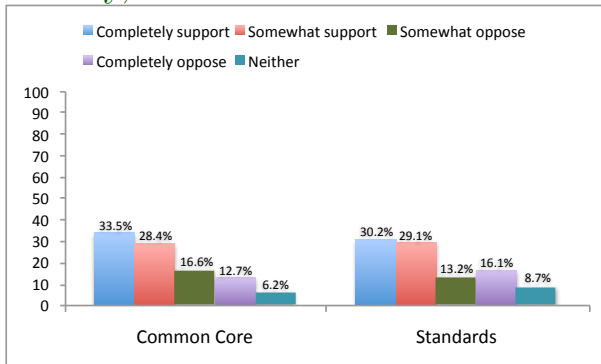


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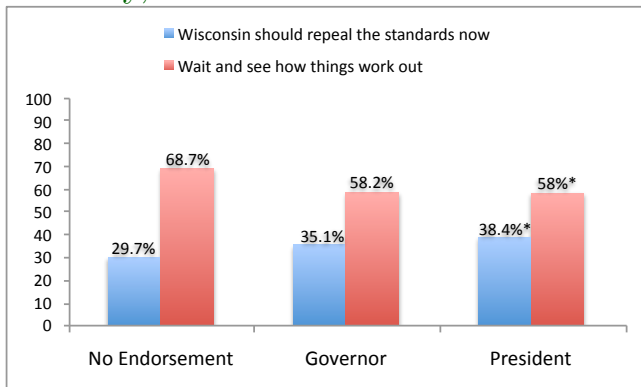
Education Policy, 1



Now we have some questions about education policy. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the **Common Core**, which are education standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. Wisconsin adopted these standards in 2010, and starting this academic year these standards will be used to hold all public schools accountable for their performance. Do you completely support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, completely oppose, or neither support nor oppose the use of Common Core standards in Wisconsin?

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Education Policy, 2



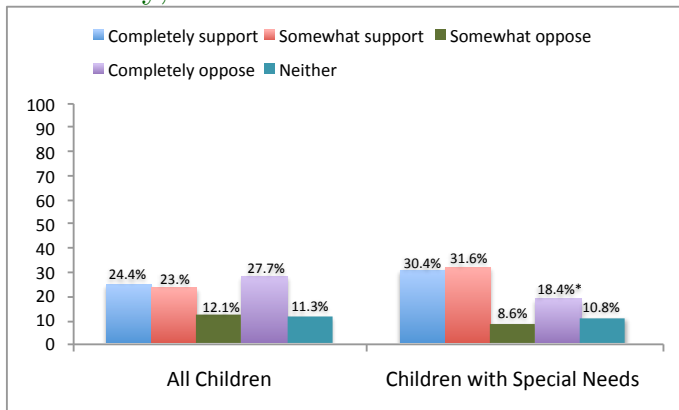
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Education Policy, 3

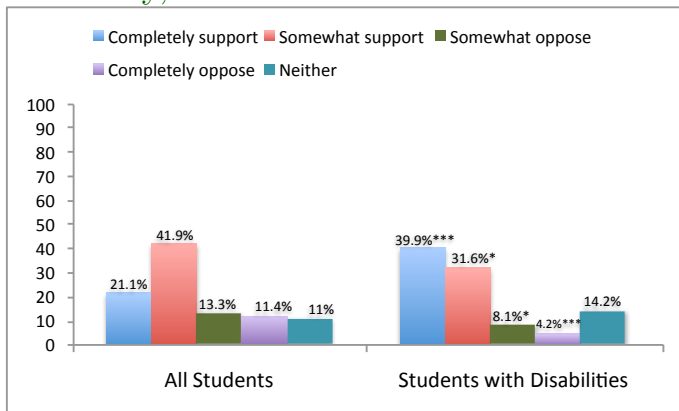


A proposal has been made that would give families **with children** in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you completely support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, completely oppose, or neither support nor oppose this proposal?

A proposal has been made that would give families of **children with special needs** in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you completely support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, completely oppose, or neither support nor oppose this proposal?

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Education Policy, 4

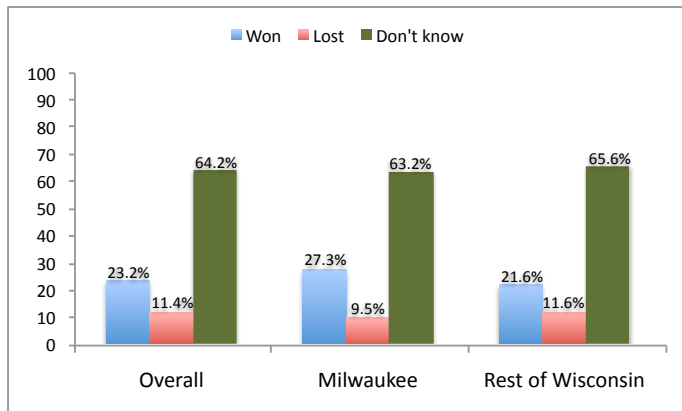


Another proposal has been made to allow **students** to receive credit for approved courses taken over the internet. Would you completely support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, completely oppose, or neither support nor oppose this proposal?

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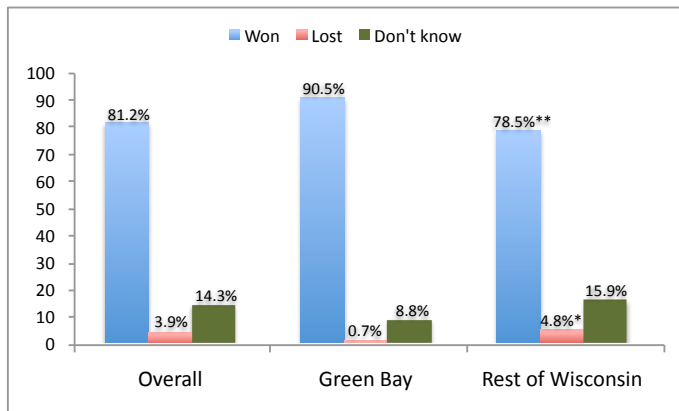
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Sports, Bucks vs. Cavaliers



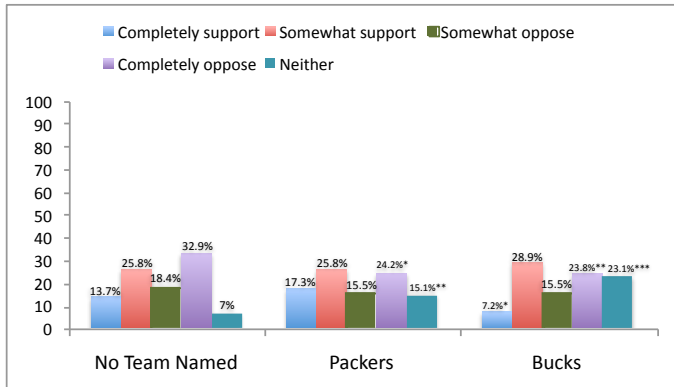
On Wednesday of this week, the Milwaukee Bucks played the Cleveland Cavaliers. As best as you recall, did the Bucs win or lose that game?

Sports, Packers vs. Lions



In the last game of the regular season, the Green Bay Packers played the Detroit Lions. As best you recall, did the Packers win or lose that game?

Sports, 3



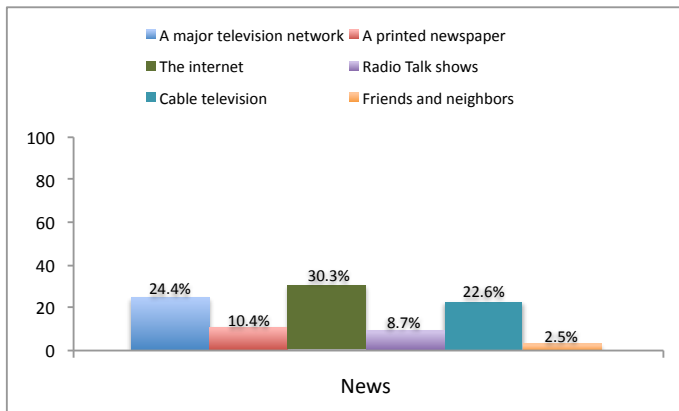
As you may know, the government does a number of things to financially support **professional sports teams in Wisconsin**. Do you completely support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, completely oppose, or neither support nor oppose public funding for professional sports teams?

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News



Thinking about a typical weekday, do you get most of your news from?

Thank You!

Questions?