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# **Southwestern Oregon Voters**

October 2008

# Survey Methodology

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## Sample

- 400 interviews among a representative sample of voters (N=100) in each Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath Counties, Oregon

## Method

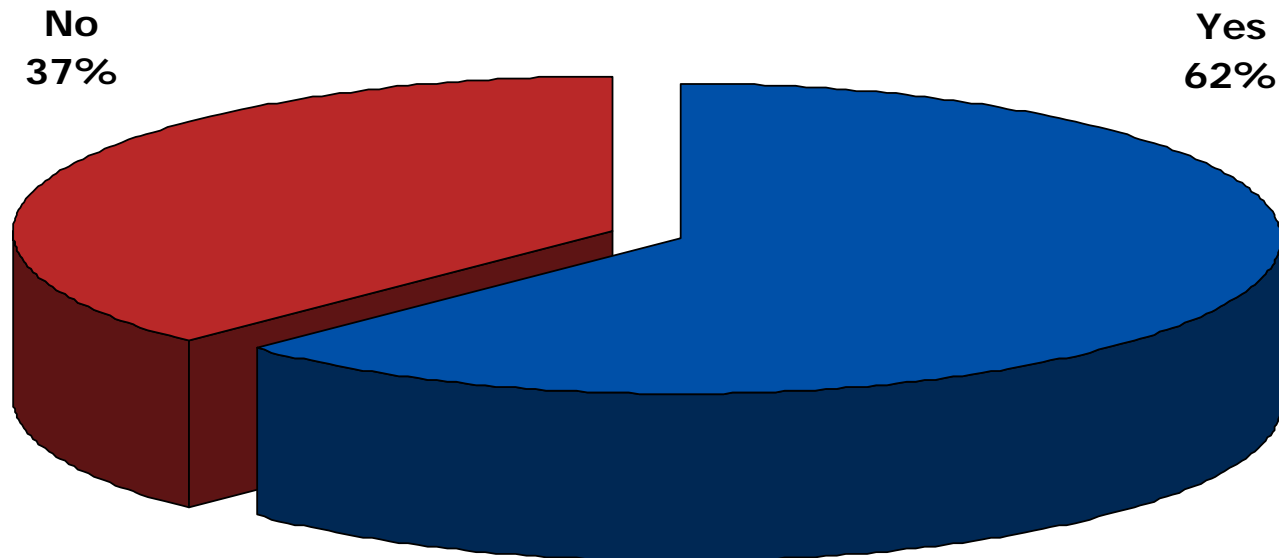
- Telephone interviews conducted  
October 21-22, 2008

## Sampling error

- Plus or minus 5% at the 95% confidence level

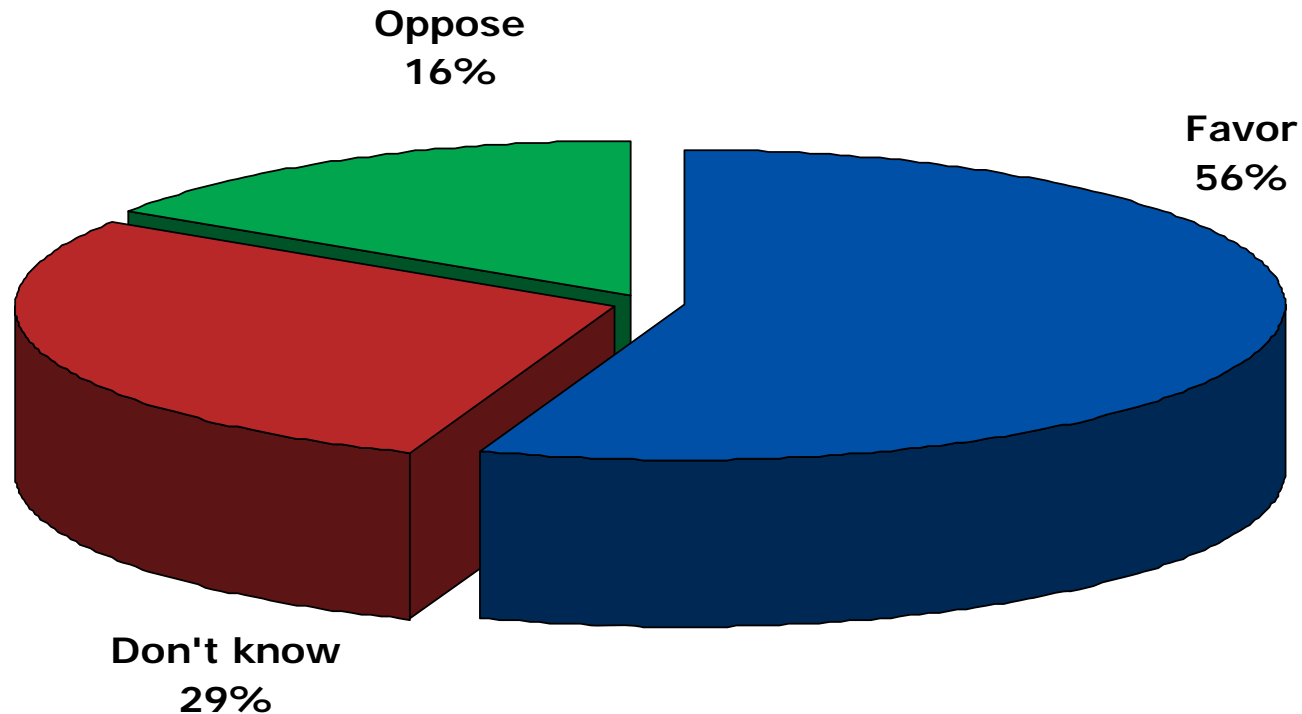
# Awareness of Plans for an LNG Terminal Near Coos Bay

"Over the past few months have you seen, read or heard anything about a proposal to build a Liquefied Natural Gas terminal near Coos Bay?" (Q1)

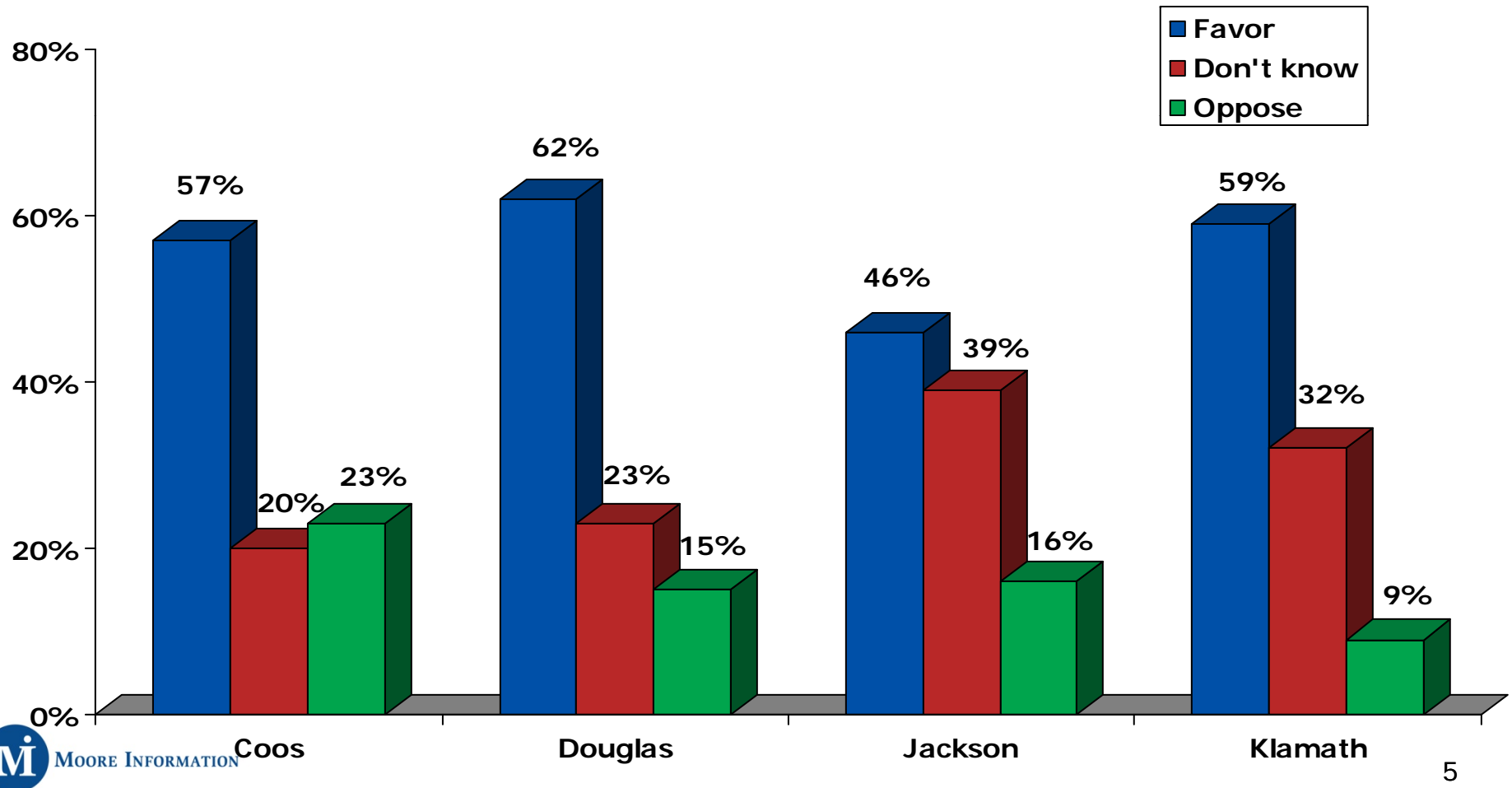


# Reaction to Coos Bay Area LNG Terminal

"Liquefied Natural Gas is often referred to as LNG. The gas is transported on ships and unloaded into an LNG terminal. Would you favor or oppose building an LNG terminal near Coos Bay?" (Q2)

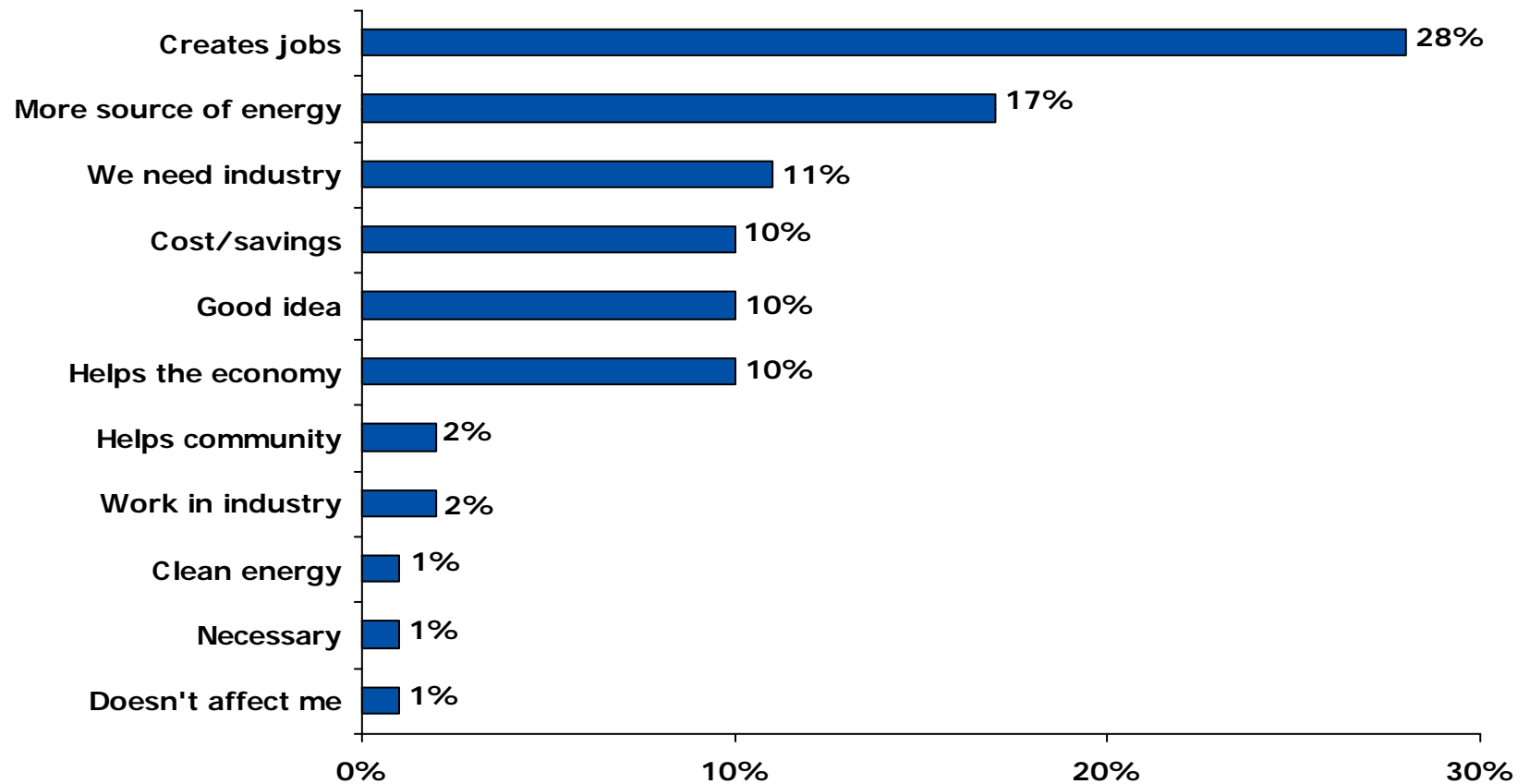


# Reaction to Coos Bay Area LNG Terminal: *County*



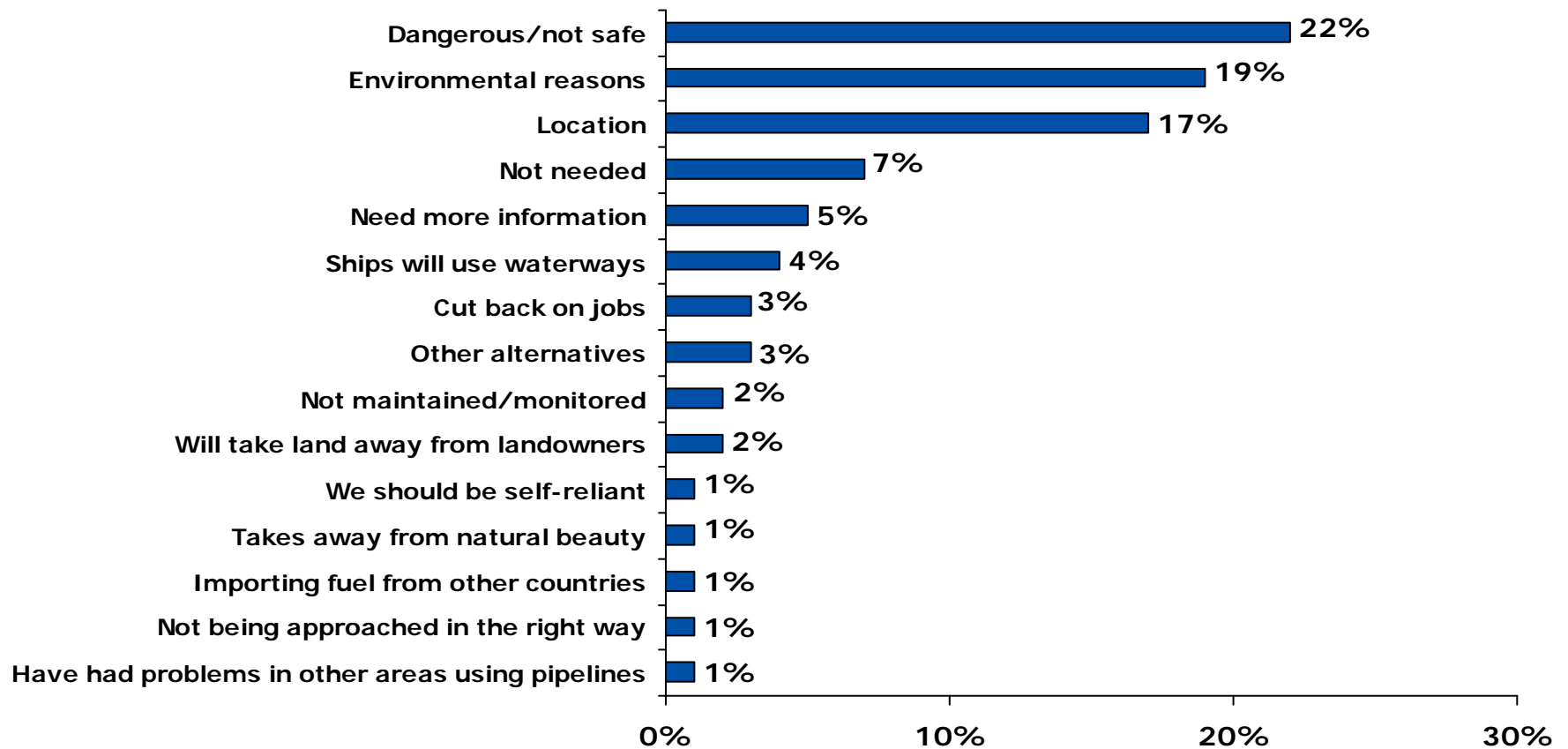
# Reasons for Supporting an LNG Terminal

IF FAVOR IN Q2: "What is the major reason you favor the LNG terminal near Coos Bay?"  
(Q3, N=223)



# Reasons for Opposing an LNG Terminal

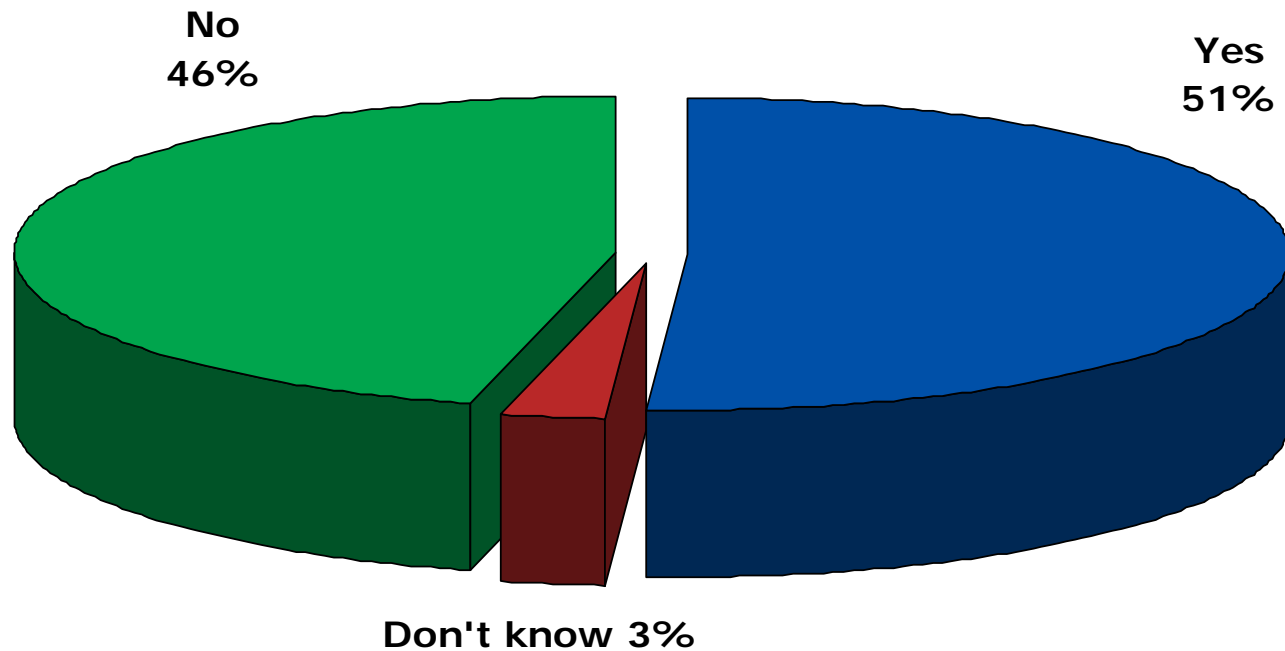
IF OPPOSE IN Q2: "What is the major reason you oppose the LNG terminal near Coos Bay?" (Q4, N=63)



# Awareness of Plans for a Natural Gas Pipeline from Coos Bay to the Klamath Falls Area

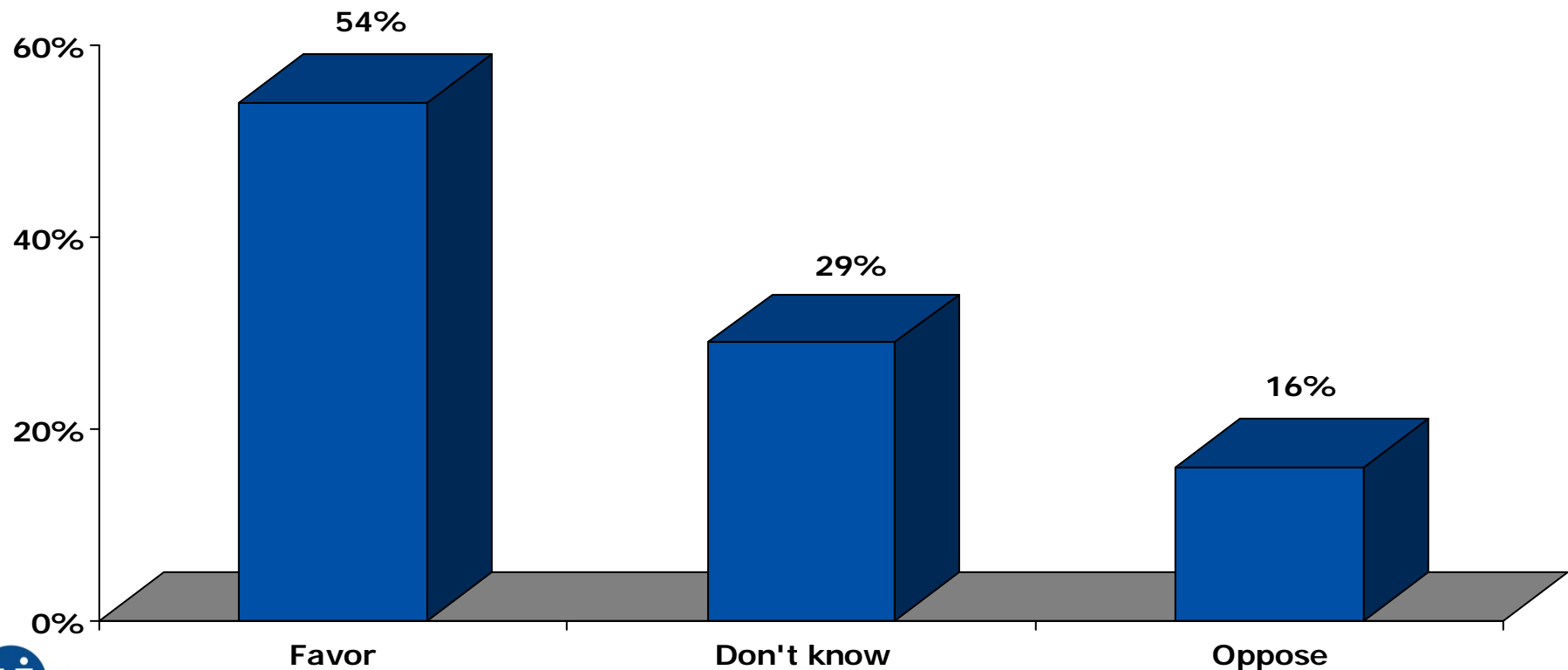
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"Over the past few months have you seen, read or heard anything about a proposal to build a natural gas pipeline from Coos Bay to the Klamath Falls area?" (Q5)

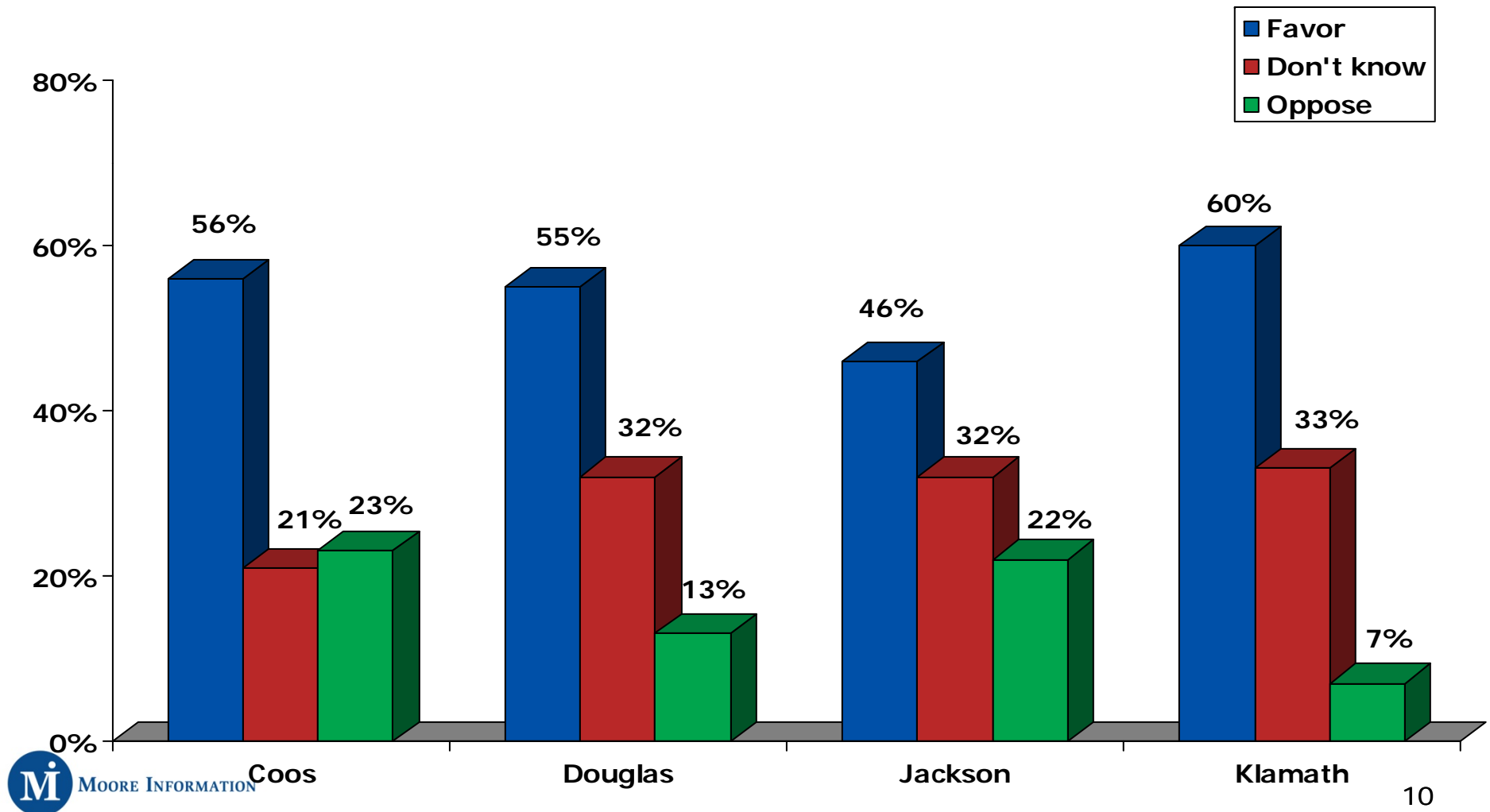


# Reaction to Coos Bay/Klamath Falls Pipeline

"Would you favor or oppose such a pipeline?" (Q6)

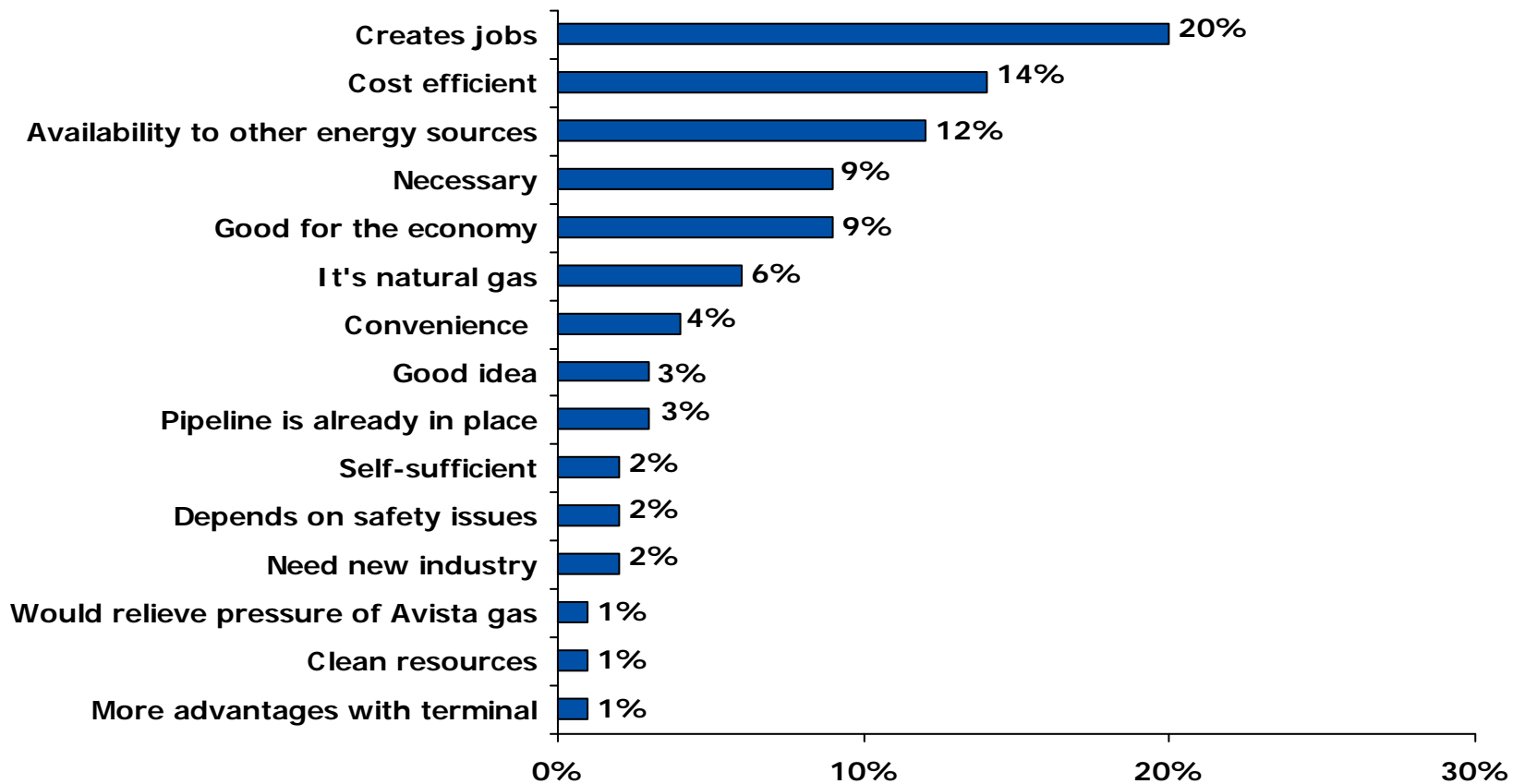


# Reaction to Coos Bay/Klamath Falls Pipeline: *County*



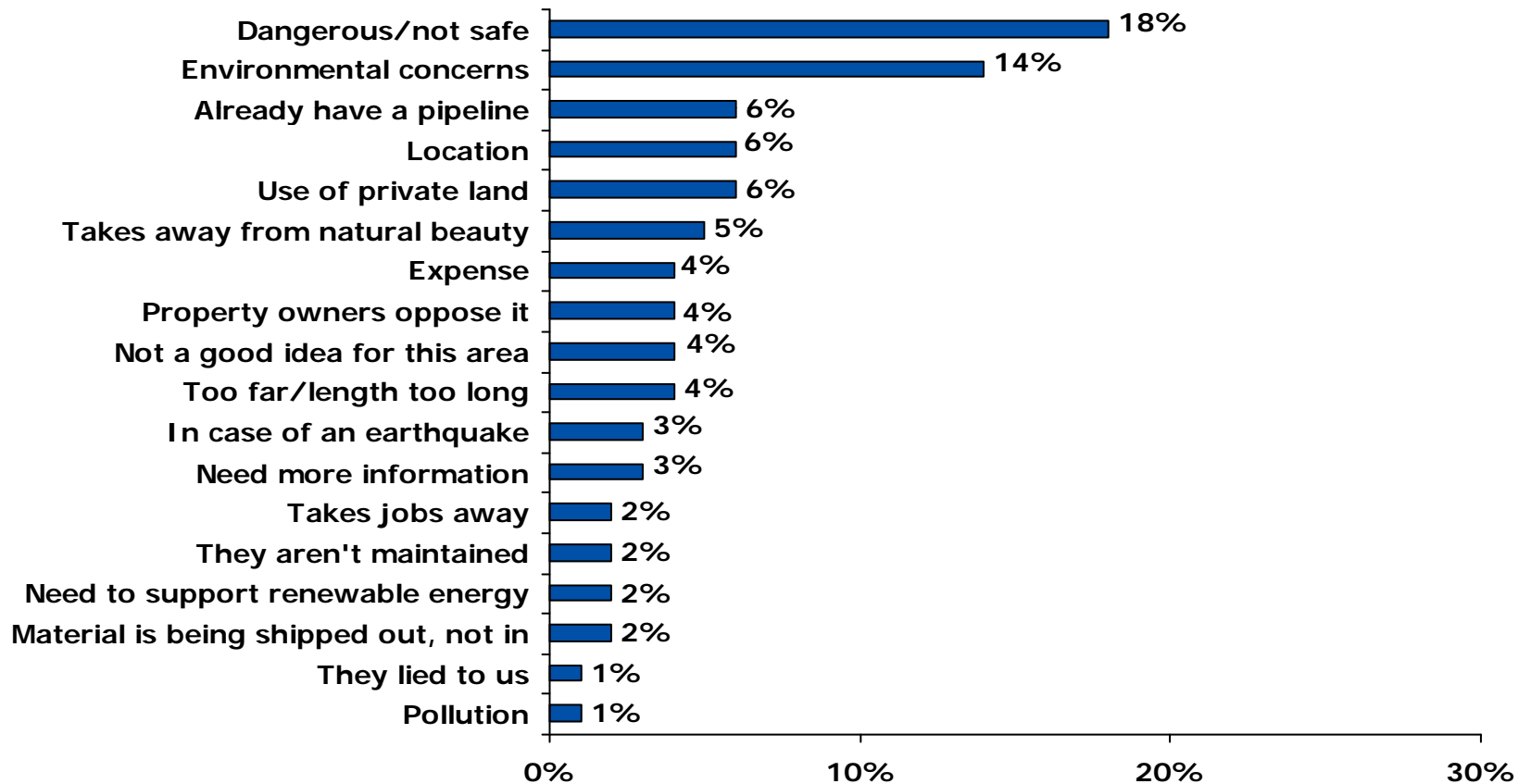
# Reasons for Supporting a Pipeline

IF FAVOR IN Q6: "What is the major reason you favor the natural gas pipeline?"  
(Q7, N=217)



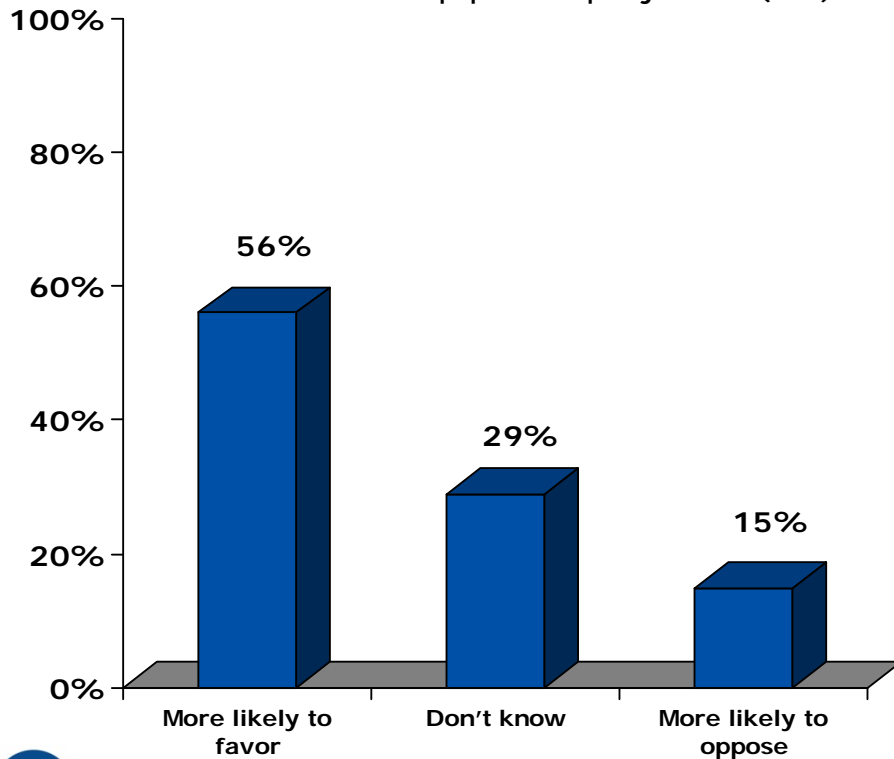
# Reasons for Opposing a Pipeline

IF OPPOSE IN Q6: "What is the major reason you oppose the natural gas pipeline?"  
(Q8, N=66)

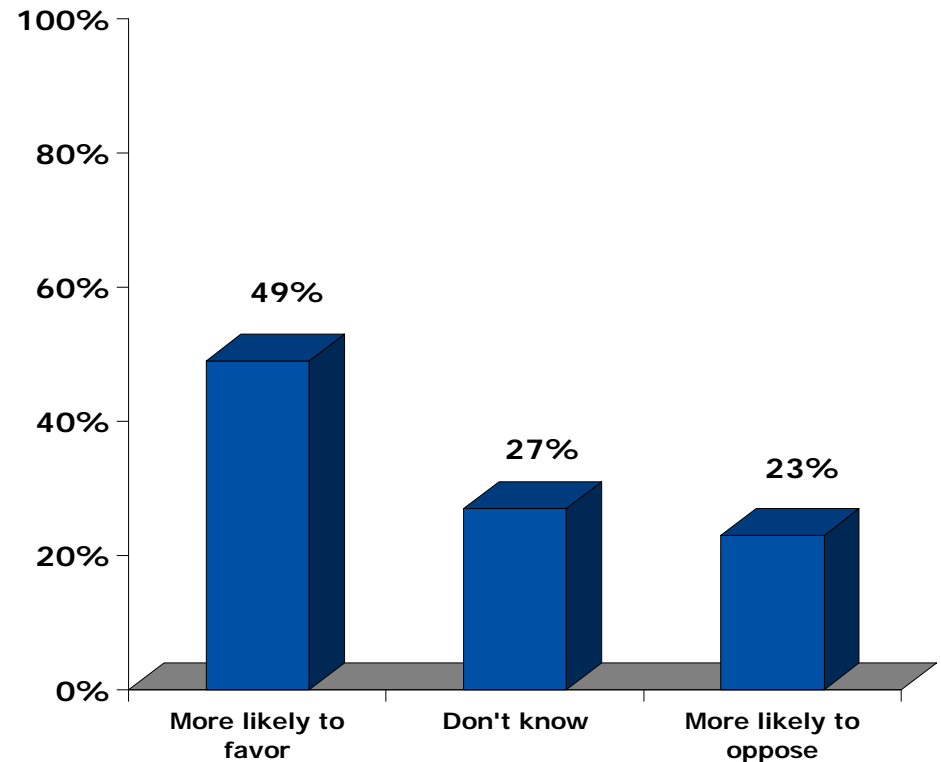


# LNG Terminal and Pipeline Issues

"If additional sources of natural gas would decrease Oregon's use of coal, how would that affect your feelings about an LNG terminal or pipeline project?" (Q9)

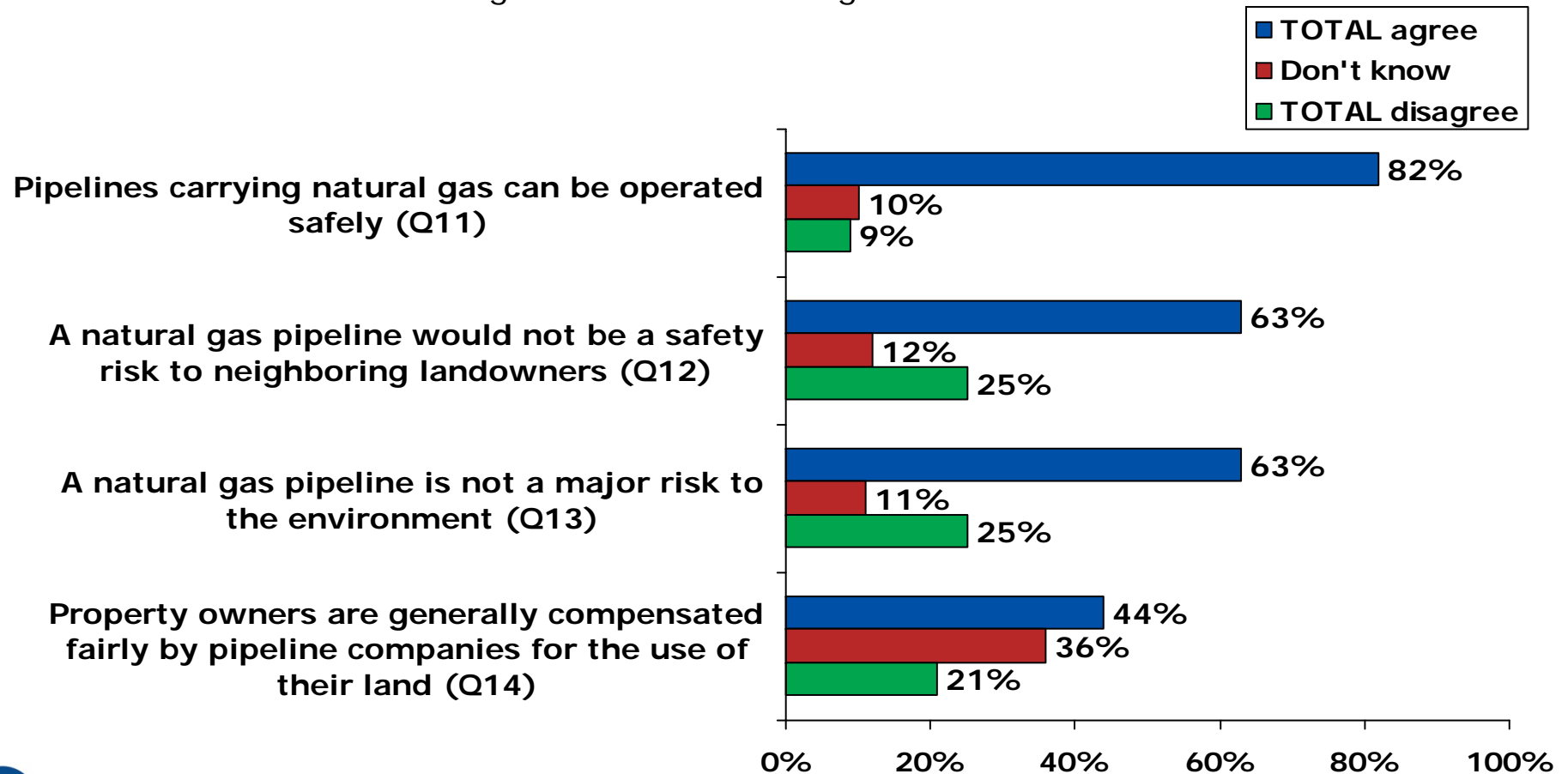


"If some of the natural gas shipped into Oregon were transferred to other states, how would that affect your feelings about an LNG terminal or pipeline project?" (Q10)



# Natural Gas Pipeline Issues

"Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements."



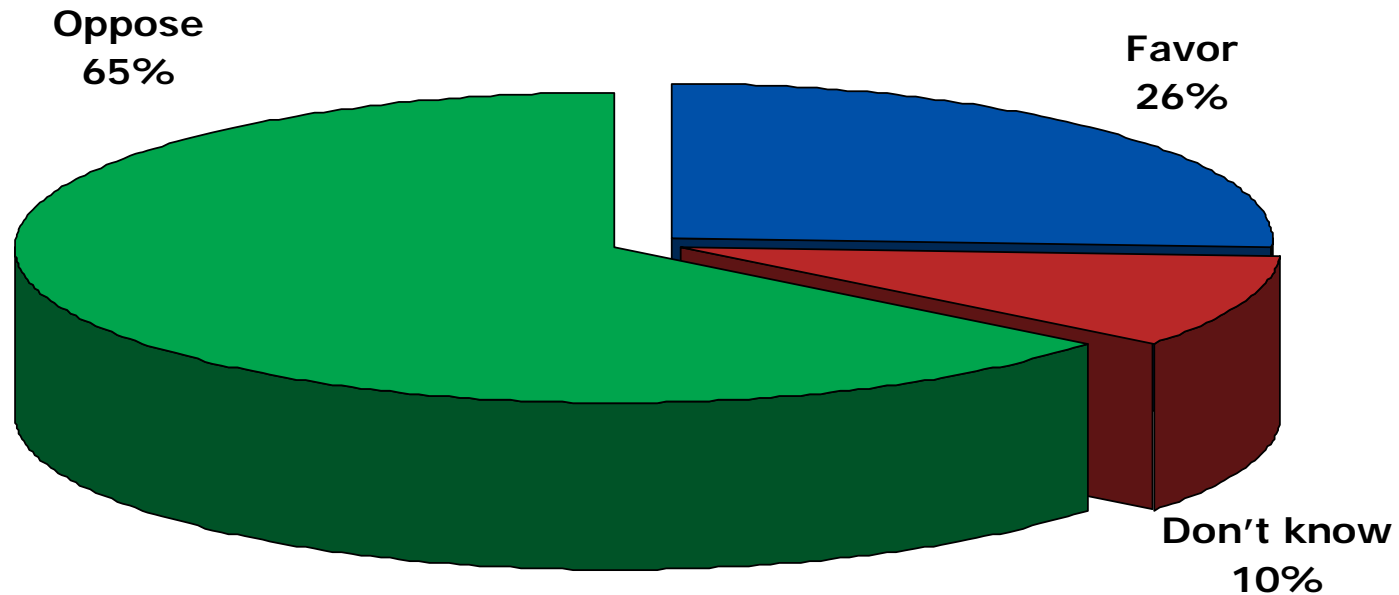
# Natural Gas Pipeline Issues: *County (% Agree)*

	<u>All</u>	<u>Coos</u>	<u>Douglas</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>Klamath</u>
Pipelines carrying natural gas can be operated safely (Q11)	82%	78%	84%	80%	86%
A natural gas pipeline would not be a safety risk to neighboring landowners (Q12)	63%	61%	62%	55%	73%
A natural gas pipeline is not a major risk to the environment (Q13)	63%	58%	63%	58%	74%
Property owners are generally compensated fairly by pipeline companies for the use of their land (Q14)	44%	37%	48%	37%	52%

# Eminent Domain Authority for Pipeline Companies?

“Eminent domain authority gives government and some utilities the ability to take property for public projects from unwilling sellers, with compensation determined by a court. This would help ensure costs paid by the consumer are kept as low as possible.

Do you favor or oppose pipeline companies having eminent domain authority to use when they cannot negotiate an agreed upon price with landowners?” (Q15)



# Summary and Highlights -1

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Proposals to build an LNG terminal near Coos Bay and a natural gas pipeline from Coos Bay to the Klamath Falls area are favored by wide margins in Coos County and Southern Oregon

- An LNG terminal is favored by 56%, and opposed by 16%. The remaining 29% have no opinion
- The natural gas pipeline is favored by 54%, opposed by 16% and 29% have no opinion
- Support is driven by voters who believe the projects will bring more jobs to the region
- Opposition comes chiefly from voters who are concerned about safety and potential harm to the environment

# Summary and Highlights -2

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Voters in the region generally have positive views about natural gas pipelines

- 82% believe pipelines carrying natural gas can be operated safely
- 63% believe a natural gas pipeline would not be a safety risk to neighboring landowners
- 63% believe a natural gas pipeline is not a major risk to the environment
- There is no consensus on the issue of whether property owners are fairly compensated for use of their land for rights of way (44% believe they are fairly compensated, 21% disagree and 36% have no opinion)

# Summary and Highlights -3

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Voters in Southern Oregon do not favor use of eminent domain by pipeline companies to acquire rights of way:

- 65% oppose pipeline companies having eminent domain authority when they cannot negotiate an agreed upon price with landowners