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New Mexico Survey of Hunters and Anglers

**New Mexico Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Federation**

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Methodology

- A total of 301 telephone interviews were completed: 161 with respondents randomly selected from a New Mexico list of current fishing license holders and 140 with respondents randomly selected from a national list of current hunting license holders.
- All respondents are self-identified registered voters.
- All said hunting or fishing is an “important” part of their lifestyle.
- Interviewing was conducted June 8th – June 20th, 2004
- Sampling error for all data reported is $\pm 5.7\%$ at a 95% confidence level.

Profile of NM Hunter-Angler voters vs. the 2000 NM electorate

Hunters-Anglers

- 93% Male
- 72% Conservative
- 44% Republican
- 29% Democrat
- 14% Independent
- 71% voted for George W. Bush for President

2000 Voters

- 48% Male
- 31% Conservative
- 32% Republican
- 43% Democrat
- 25% Independent
- 48% voted for George W. Bush for President

Source: VNS Exit Survey

Importance of hunting and fishing

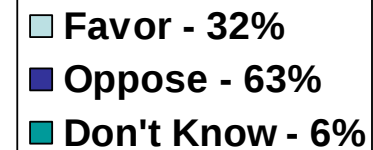
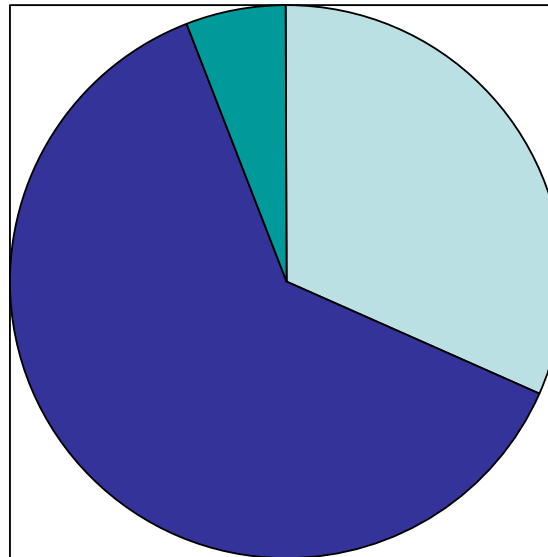
- 73% consider hunting or fishing to be a “very” important part of their lifestyle.
- 86% say wildlife and conservation issues will be very (42%) or somewhat (44%) important in deciding their vote for president.

Importance of conservation to NRA Members

- 39% of NM respondents identify themselves as NRA members
- Of these, 81% say wildlife and conservation issues will be very (44%) or somewhat (37%) important in deciding their vote for president.

Don't Drill the Valle Vidal

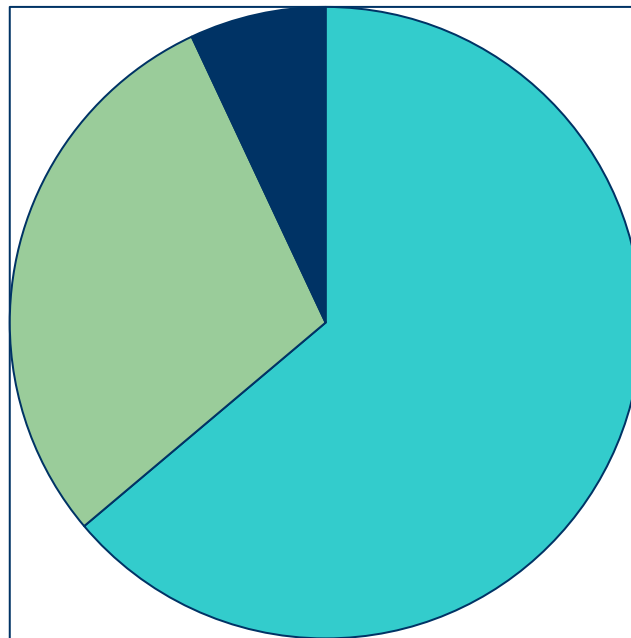
Q: Do you favor or oppose allowing the El Paso Corporation to conduct natural gas drilling in the Valle Vidal?



- 47% say they *strongly* oppose

Support for Richardson Compromise on Otero Mesa

Q: Do you favor or oppose the increased protections at Otero Mesa that have been proposed by the Department of Game and Fish and Governor Richardson?



■ Favor - 64%

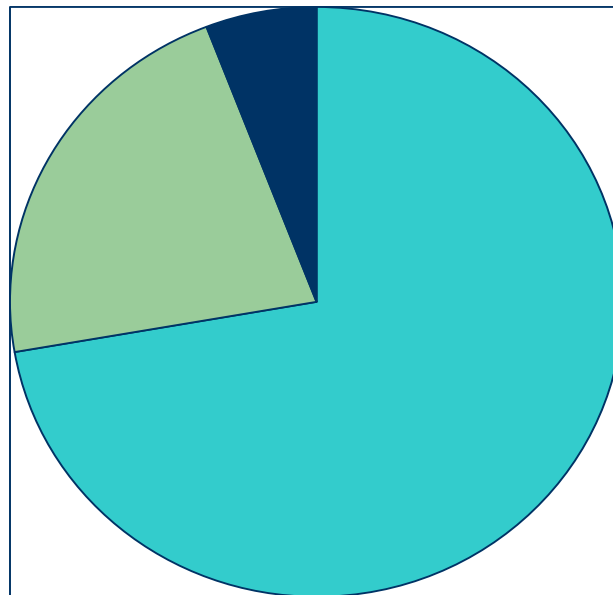
■ Oppose - 29%

■ Don't Know/Refuse
- 7%

42% *strongly* favor

Protect “Isolated Wetlands”

Q: Currently, “isolated wetlands” such as New Mexico’s playa lakes and as many as 3,000 part time streams and small wetlands in the state are not fully protected under the Clean Water Act and could be open to development. Do you favor or oppose protecting these isolated wetlands under the Clean Water Act?



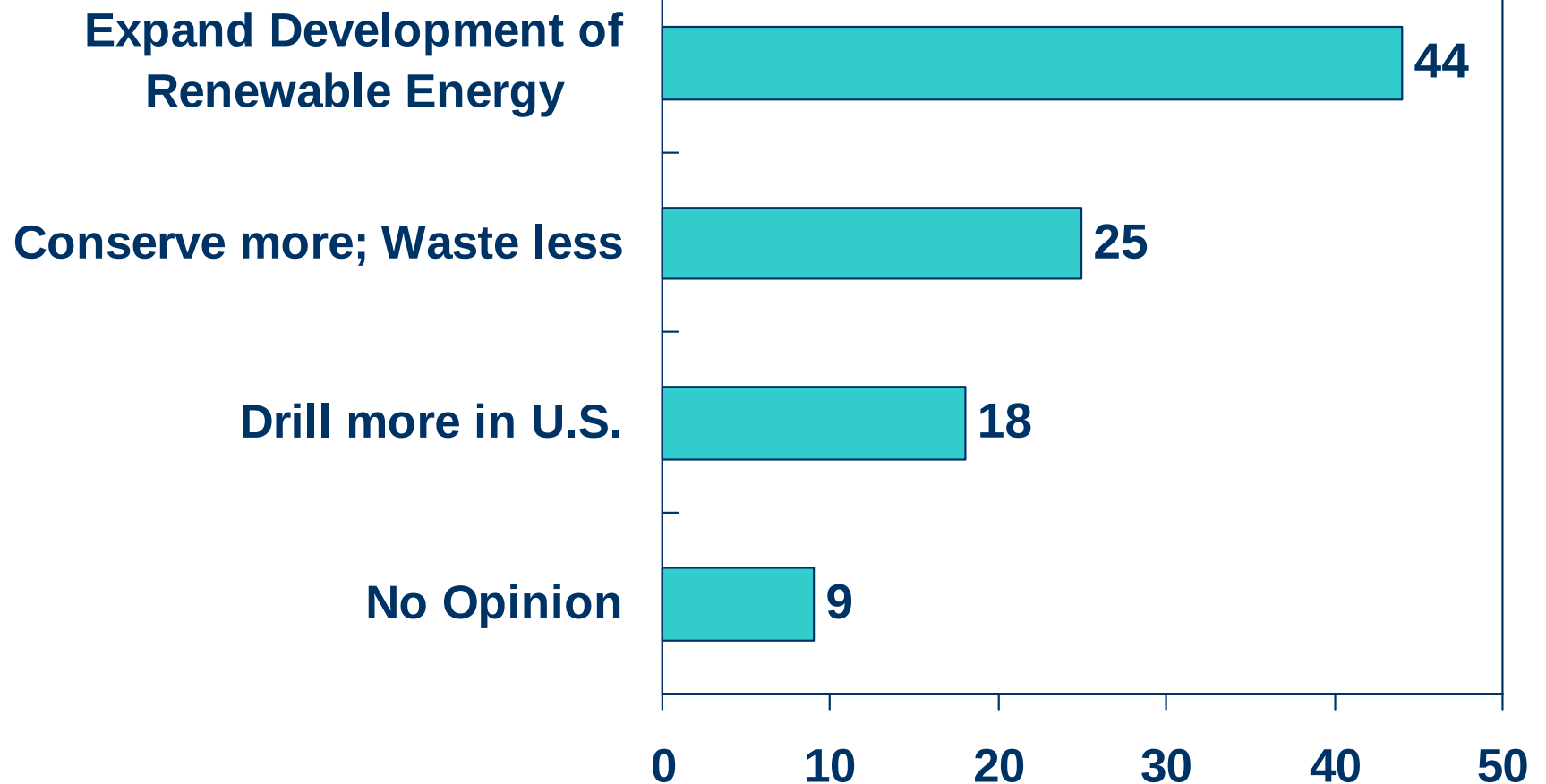
■ Favor - 73%

■ Oppose - 22%

■ Don't Know/Refuse
- 6%

49% *strongly* favor

Best way to address America's energy needs

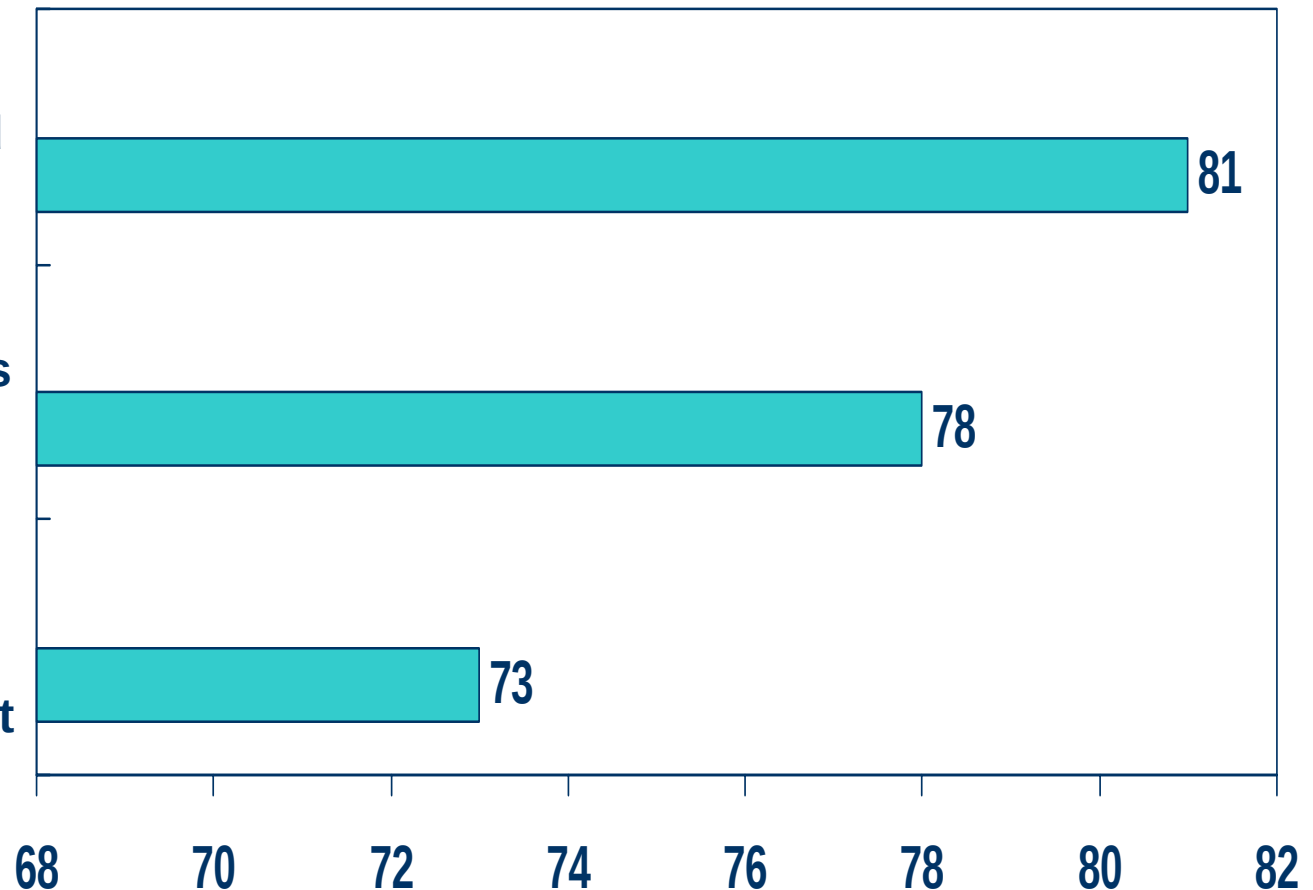


Support for Bush Administration Conservation Policies

**More than doubled
funding for Forest
Legacy Program.**

**Expanded Partners
for Fish & Wildlife
Program.**

**Full funding for FL
Everglades
Restoration-largest
conservation
effort in history.**

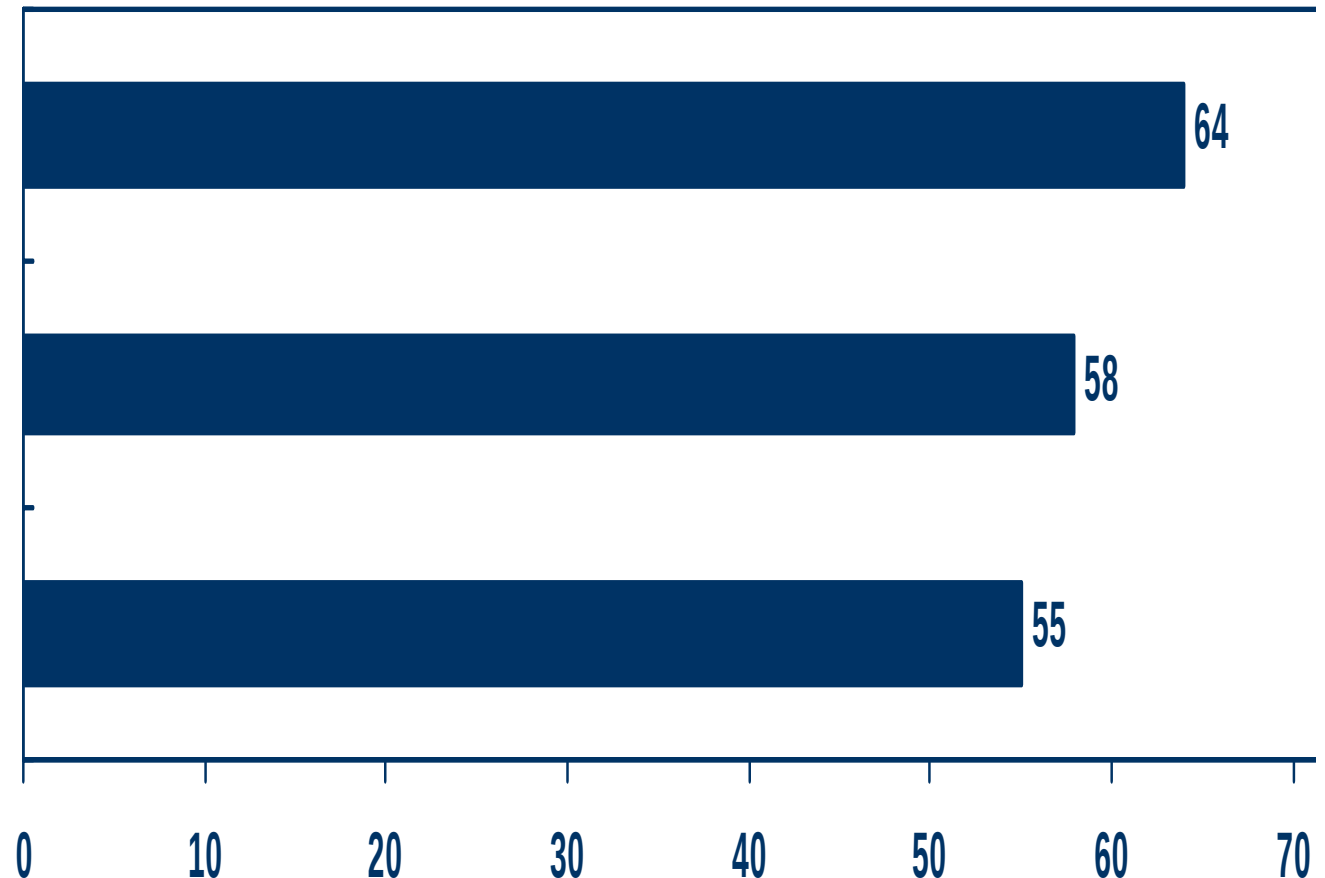


Opposition to Key Bush Administration Policies

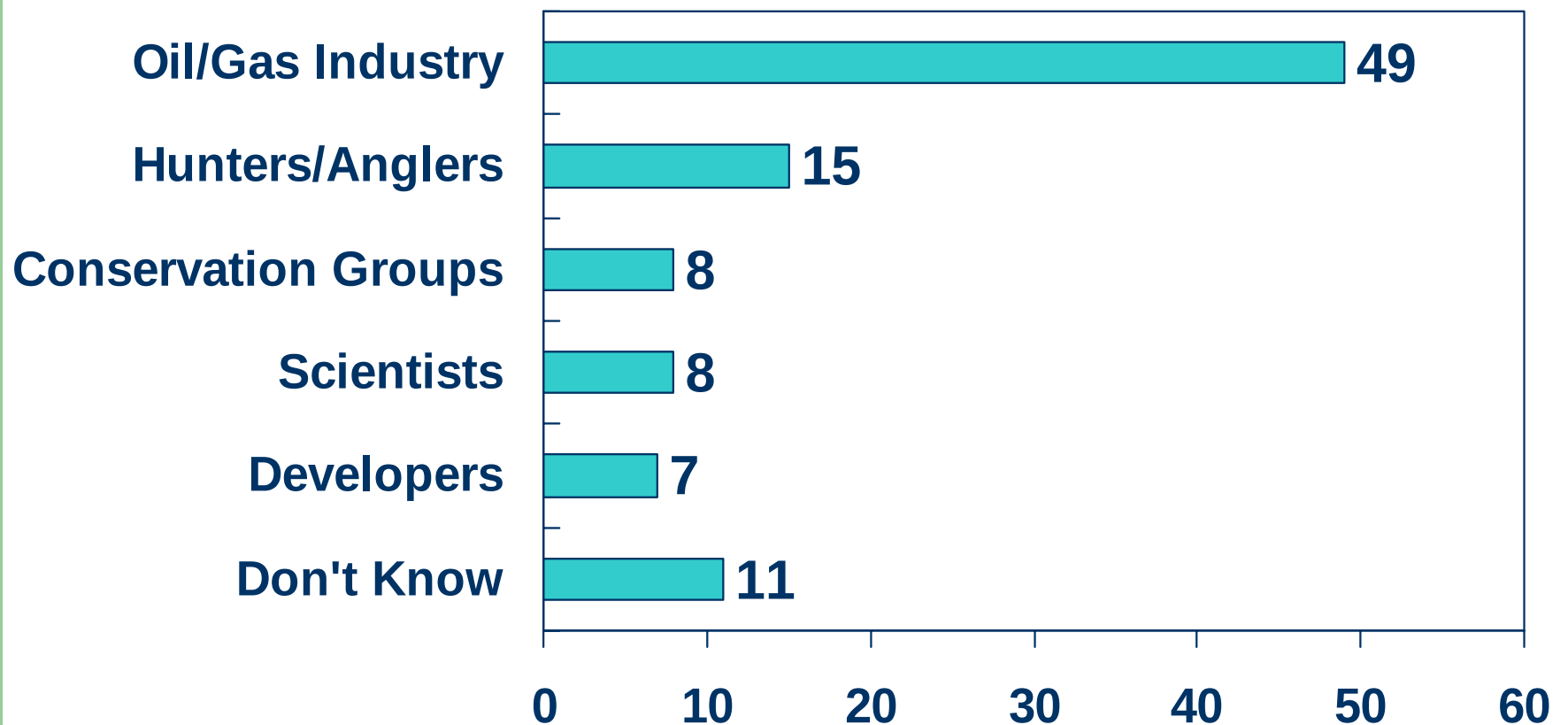
Flexibility for coal-fired power plants to reduce mercury.

New Clean Water Act Guidelines-eliminate Wetlands protections.

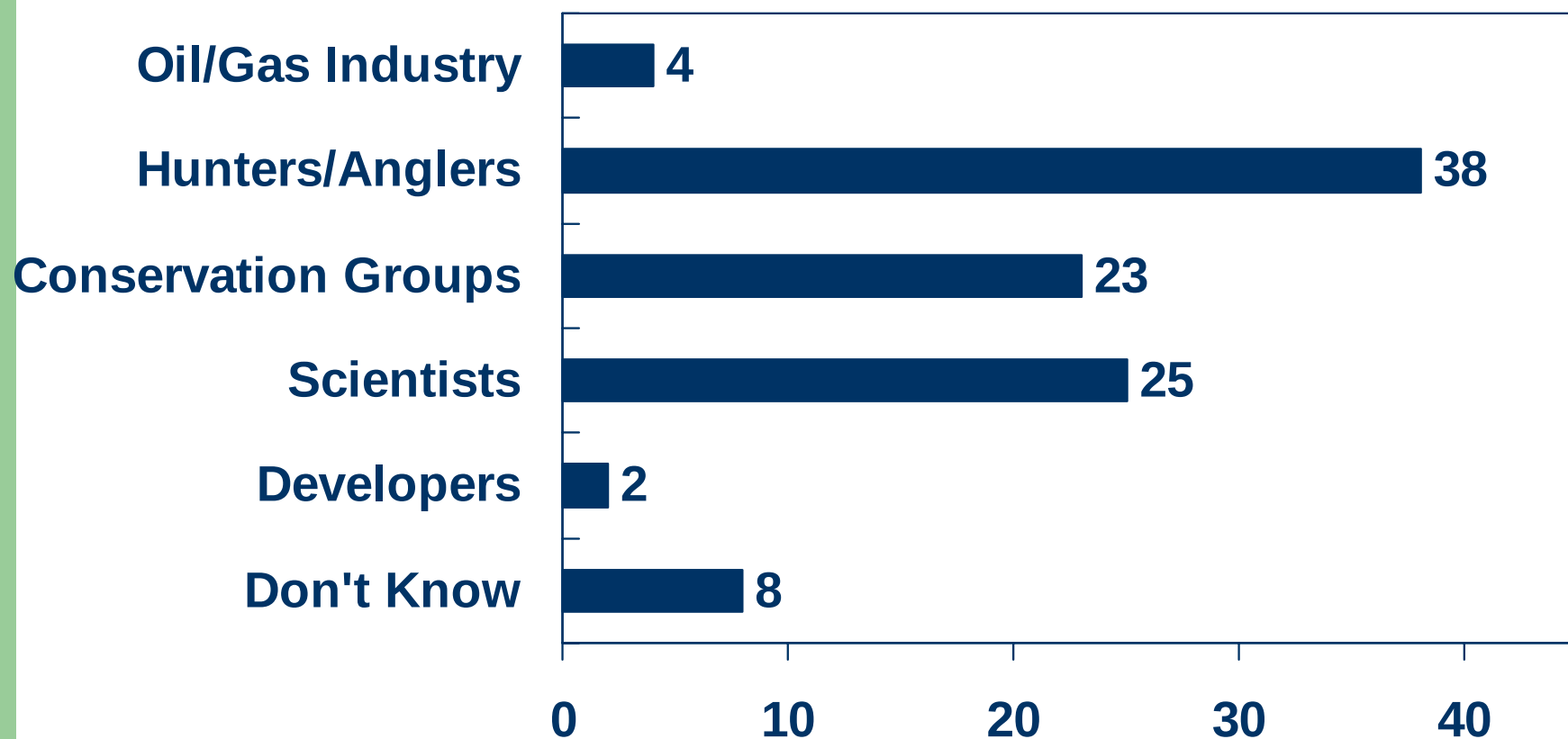
Clean Water Act exemptions to expedite oil/gas development.



National Poll: Who has “most say” with Bush administration on conservation or hunting/fishing issues



National Poll: Who *should* have “most say” with Bush administration on conservation or hunting/fishing issues

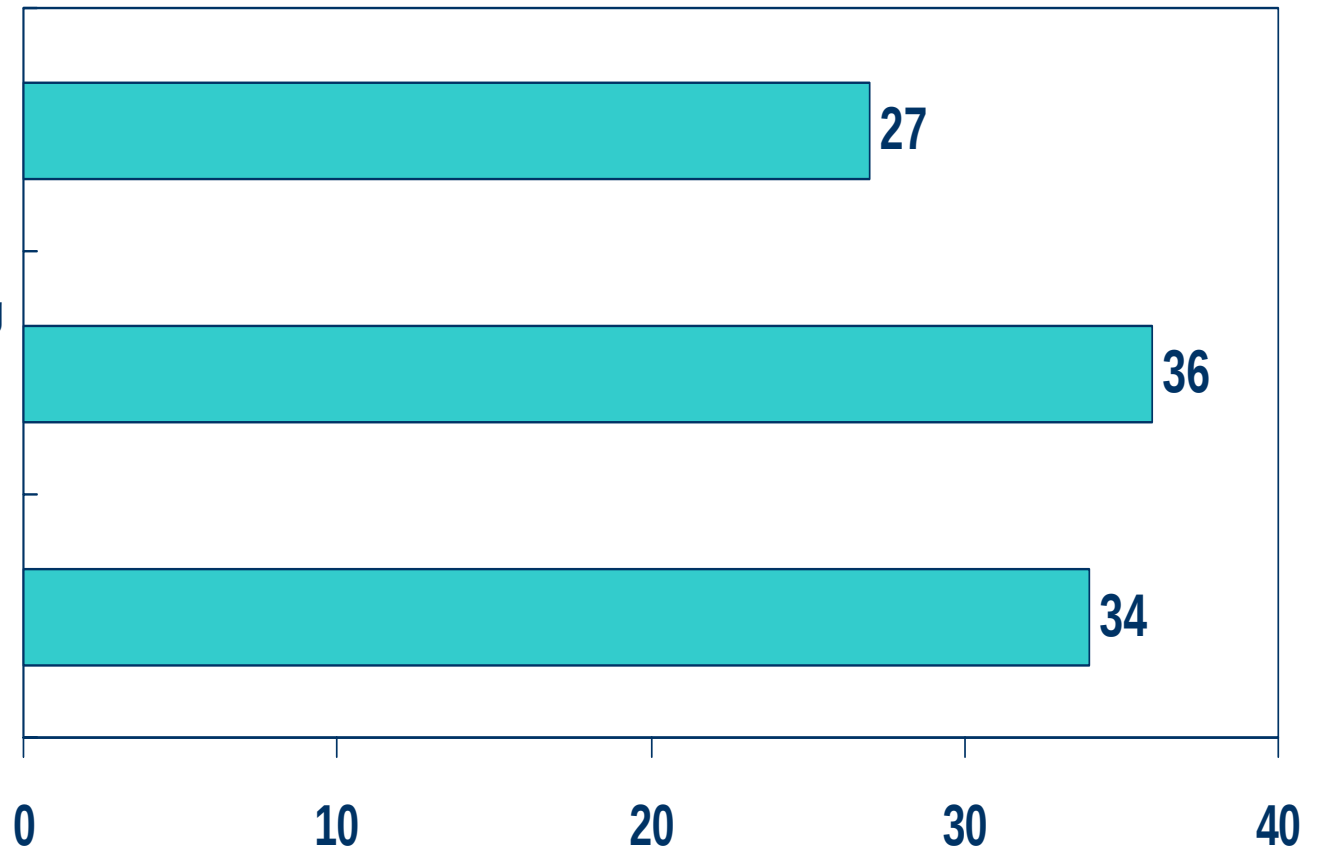


National Poll: Global warming's impact on hunting and fishing conditions

Global warming is already beginning to impact hunting and fishing conditions.

Global warming will impact hunting/fishing conditions in future generations.

Global warming will have little or no impact on hunting and fishing conditions and concern about it is overblown.



National Poll: Reduce Emissions

“The U.S. should reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide that contribute to global warming and threaten fish and wildlife habitat.”

75%
Agree



21%
Disagree

4% Don't Know

National Poll: Support for Renewable Energy

“Addressing global warming is a high priority. We can improve our environment & strengthen the economy by investing in clean, renewable energy technologies that create jobs while reducing greenhouse gas pollution.”

74%
Agree



23%
Disagree

3% Don't Know