

Voter Opinion Survey

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Methodology and Background

- 1000 Interviews were completed among registered voters in Texas, via online survey.
- All interviews were conducted via web-based interviewing platform May 6 – 12, 2021.
- The survey was conducted by GS Strategy Group and sponsored by the American Health Care Association to better understand the attitudes, opinions, and perceptions of the American electorate about nursing homes.
- Some totals may not equal 100 percent as a result of rounding.
- The sequence of questions was designed to eliminate or reduce instrument bias. The questions and sequence can be found in the accompanying questionnaire.

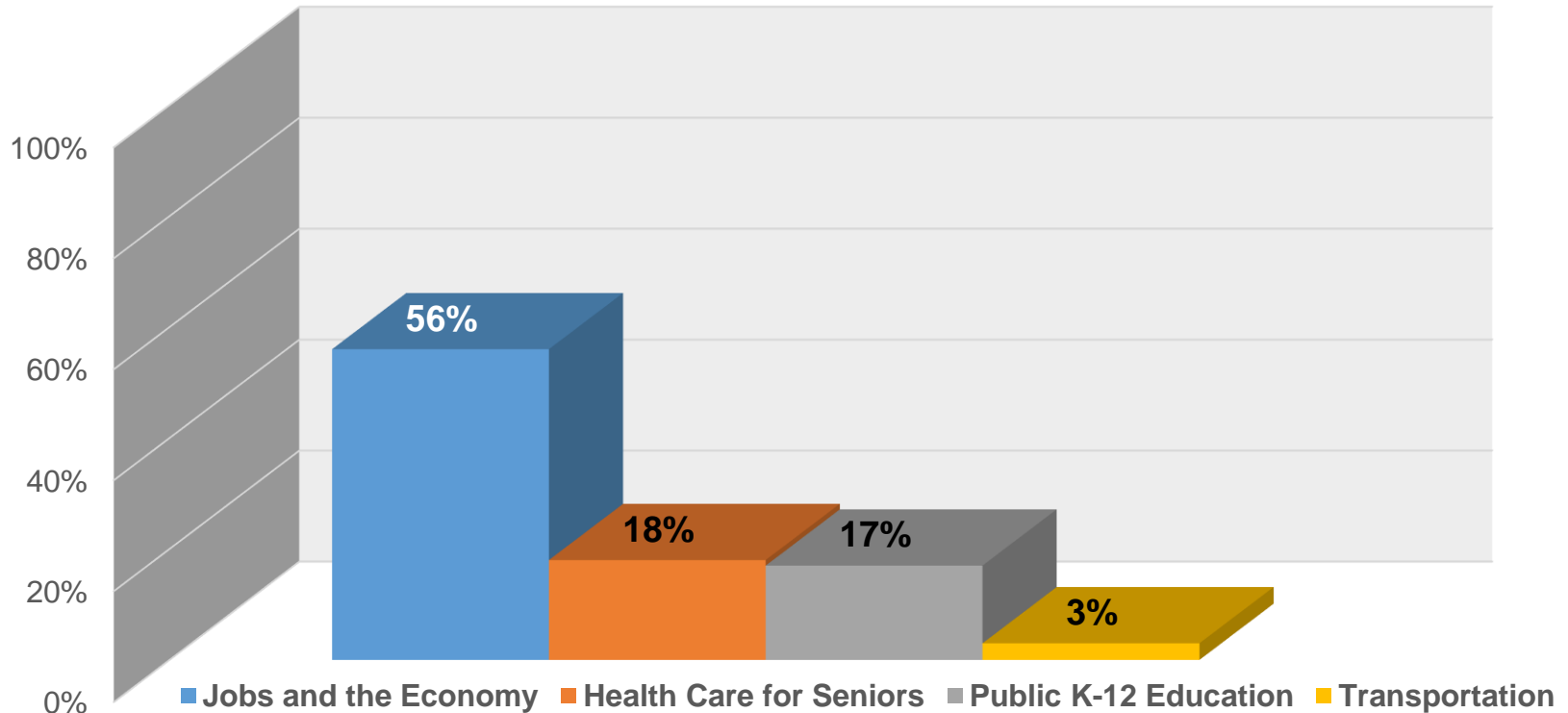


Key Findings



State Budget Priority

Which of the following do you believe should be the highest priority of your state's budget?

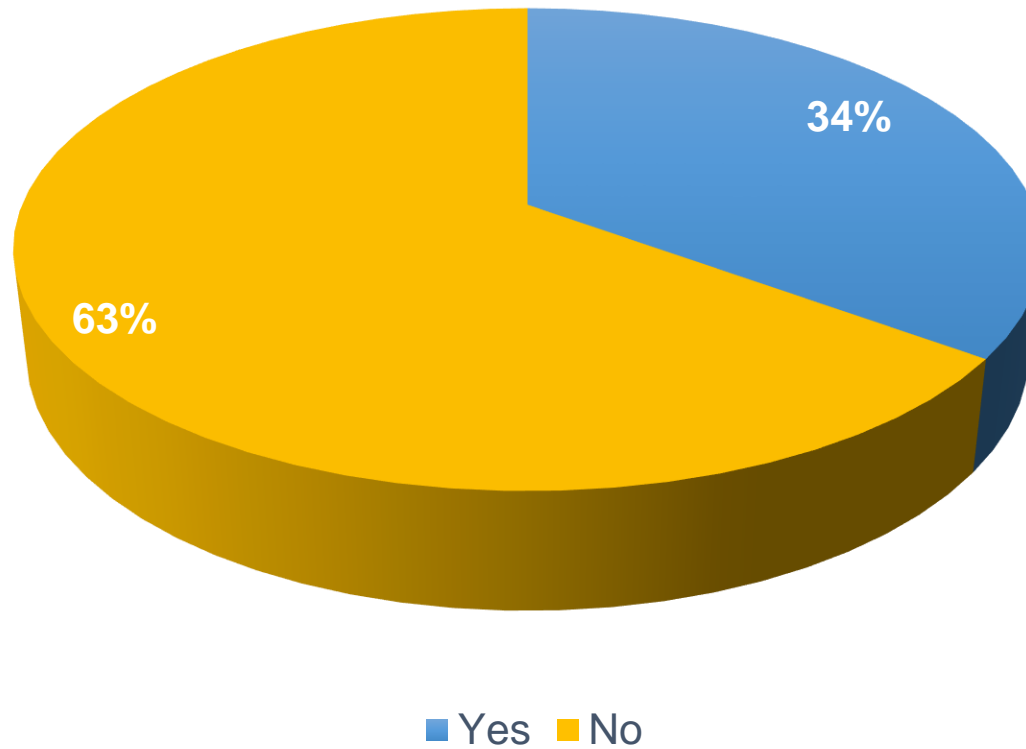


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Know Someone in a Nursing Home?

Do you personally know anyone who is currently living in a nursing home or assisted living community?

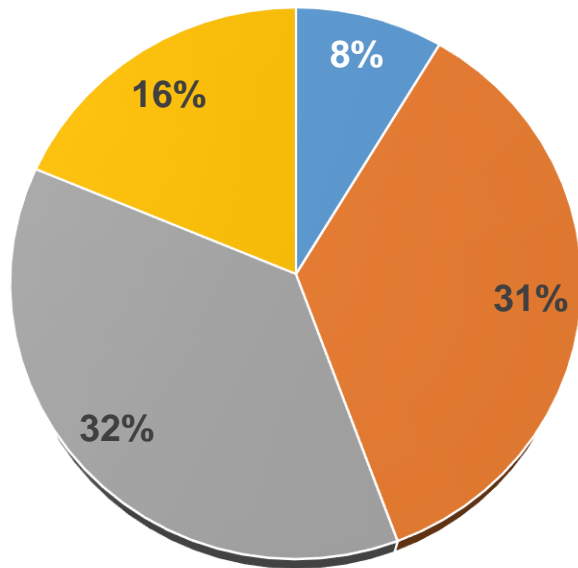




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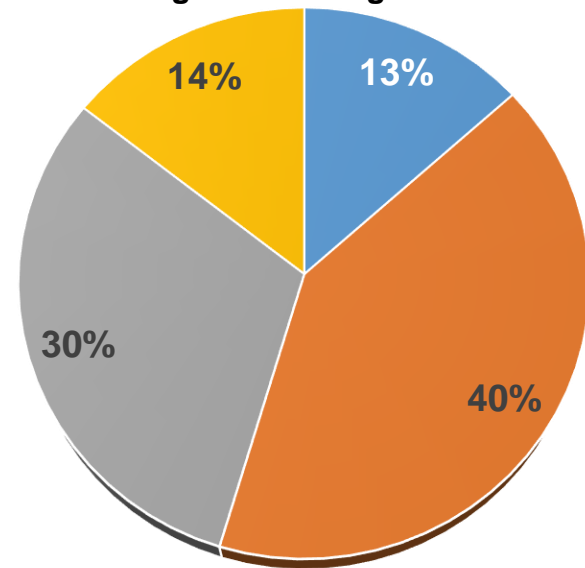
How would you rate the level of care being provided to residents of nursing homes and assisted living communities during the coronavirus?

All Respondents



■ Excellent ■ Good ■ Fair ■ Poor

Respondents Who Know Someone Living in a Nursing Home



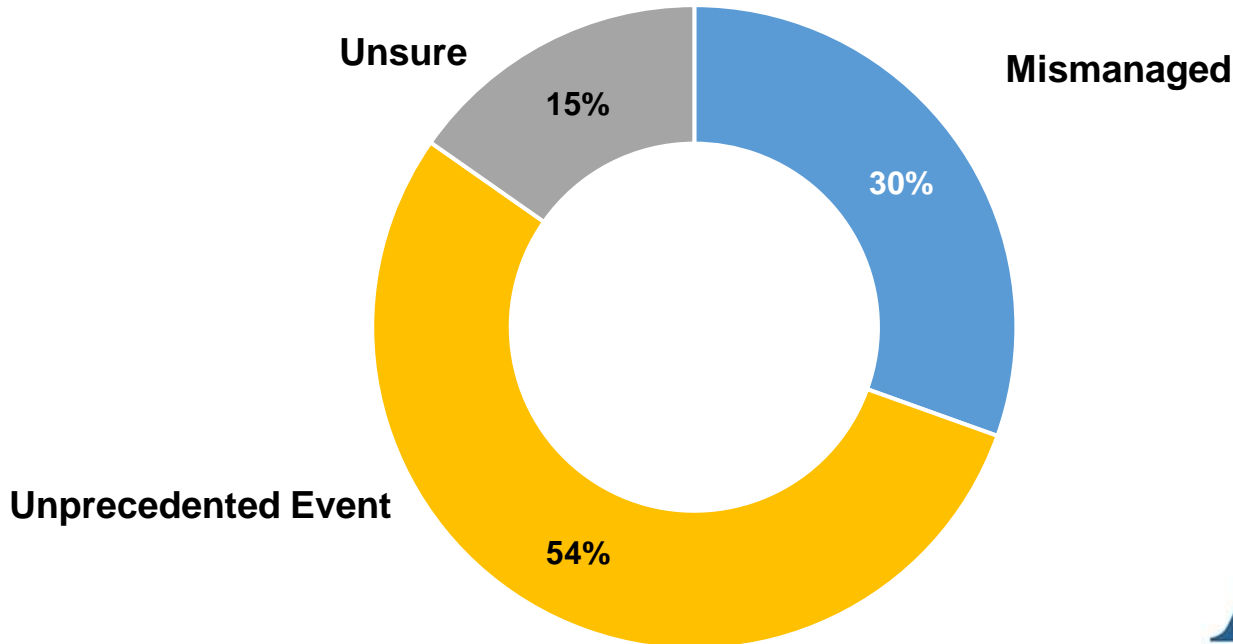
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Nursing Home Response to Coronavirus

Which comes closer to your opinion?

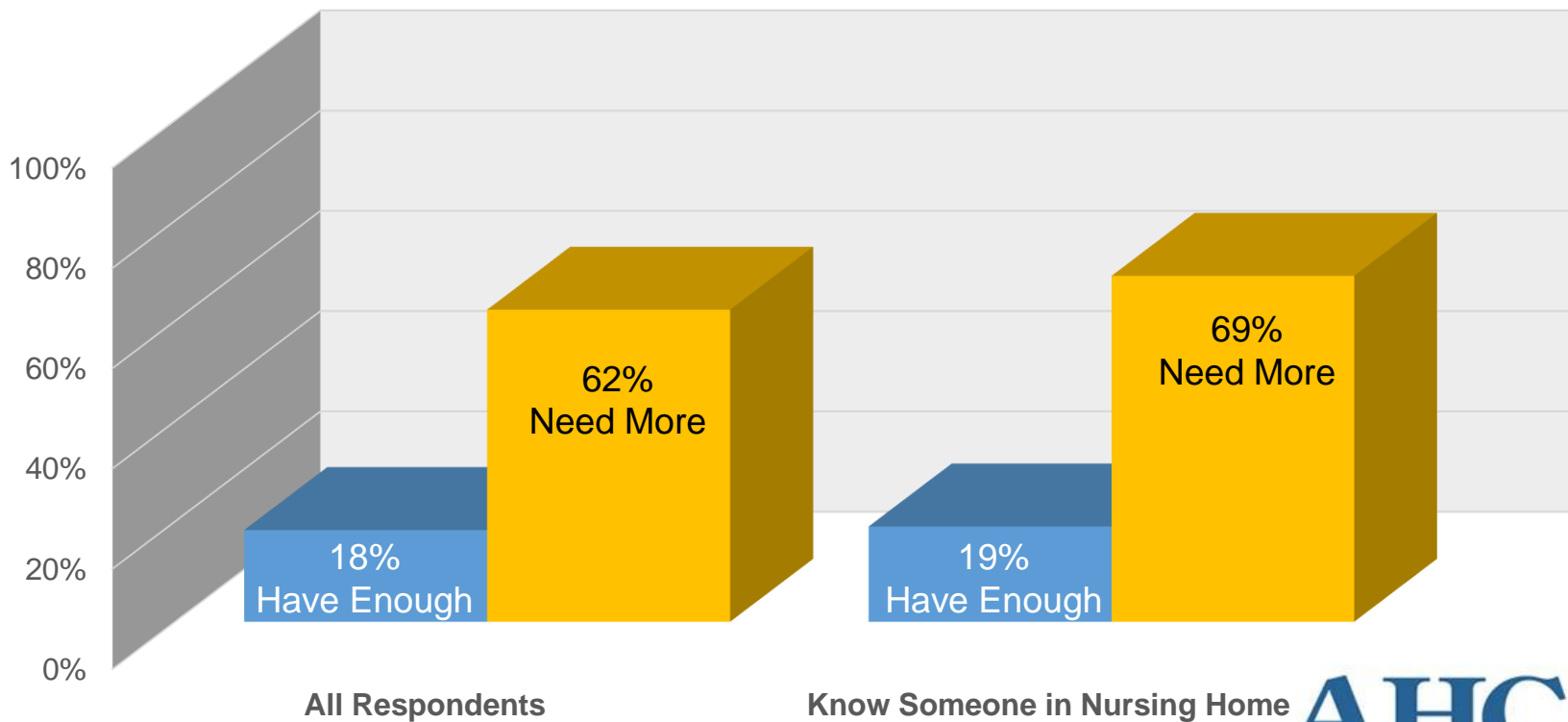
- Nursing homes and assisted living communities have mismanaged coronavirus cases leading to more infections and deaths at their facilities.
- The coronavirus is an unprecedented event and threat to seniors in nursing homes and assisted care centers that no one could have prepared for.





Nursing Home Funding

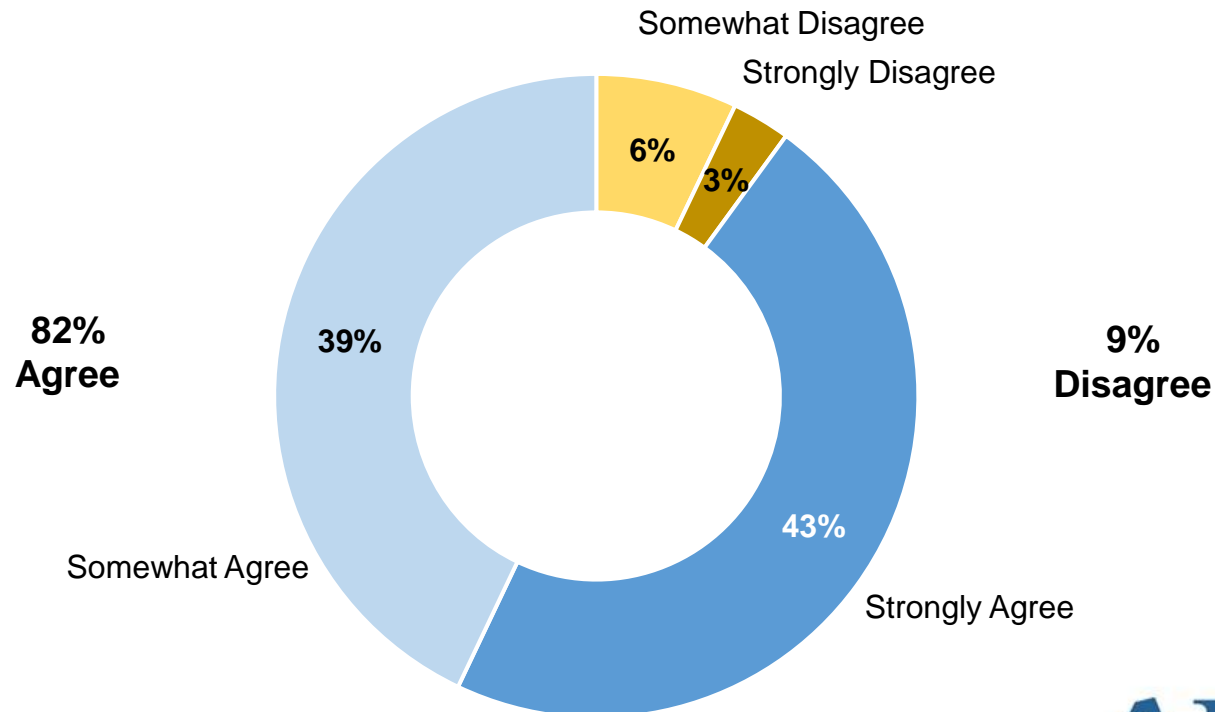
Have state and local governments have provided nursing homes and assisted living communities with enough resources to respond to the coronavirus or do they need more?





Expanding Medicaid Services

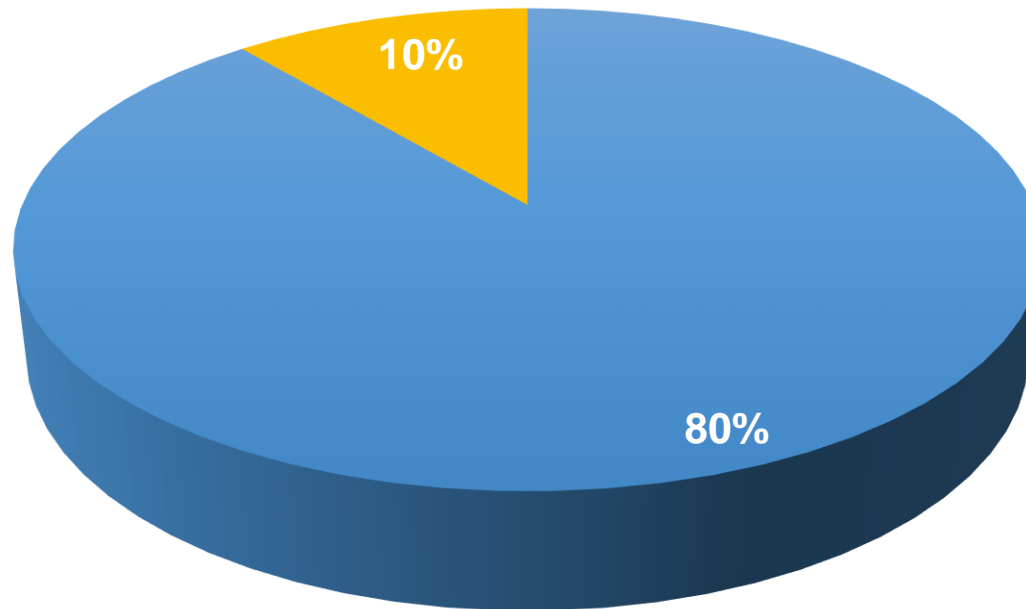
Do you agree or disagree that Medicaid services should be expanded to allow more middle and lower-income older adults access to assisted living care and services?





Is Adequate Funding Important?

As the Texas state legislature considers the next budget, do you think that ensuring adequate Medicaid funding to care for low income seniors in nursing homes is just as important as other top priorities like transportation, water, and education?

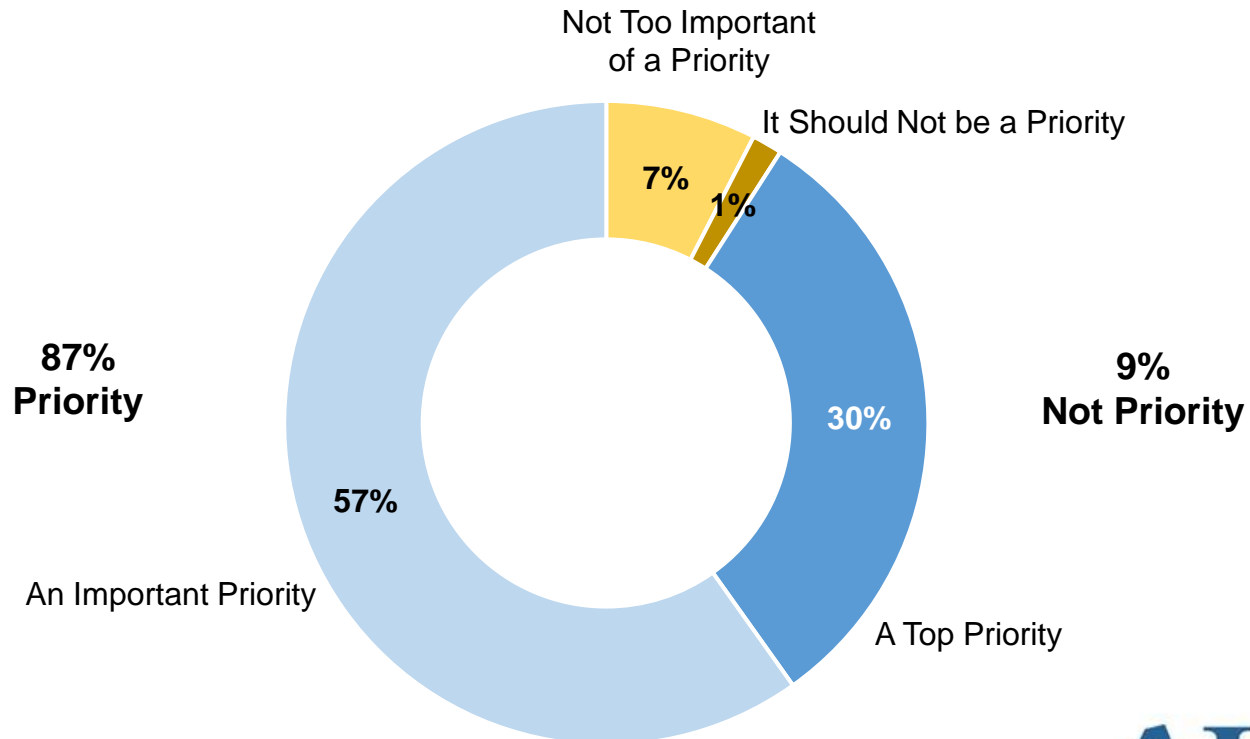


■ Yes ■ No



Funding Long Term Care

Generally speaking, how important of a priority do you think funding long term care for our seniors in Texas should be?

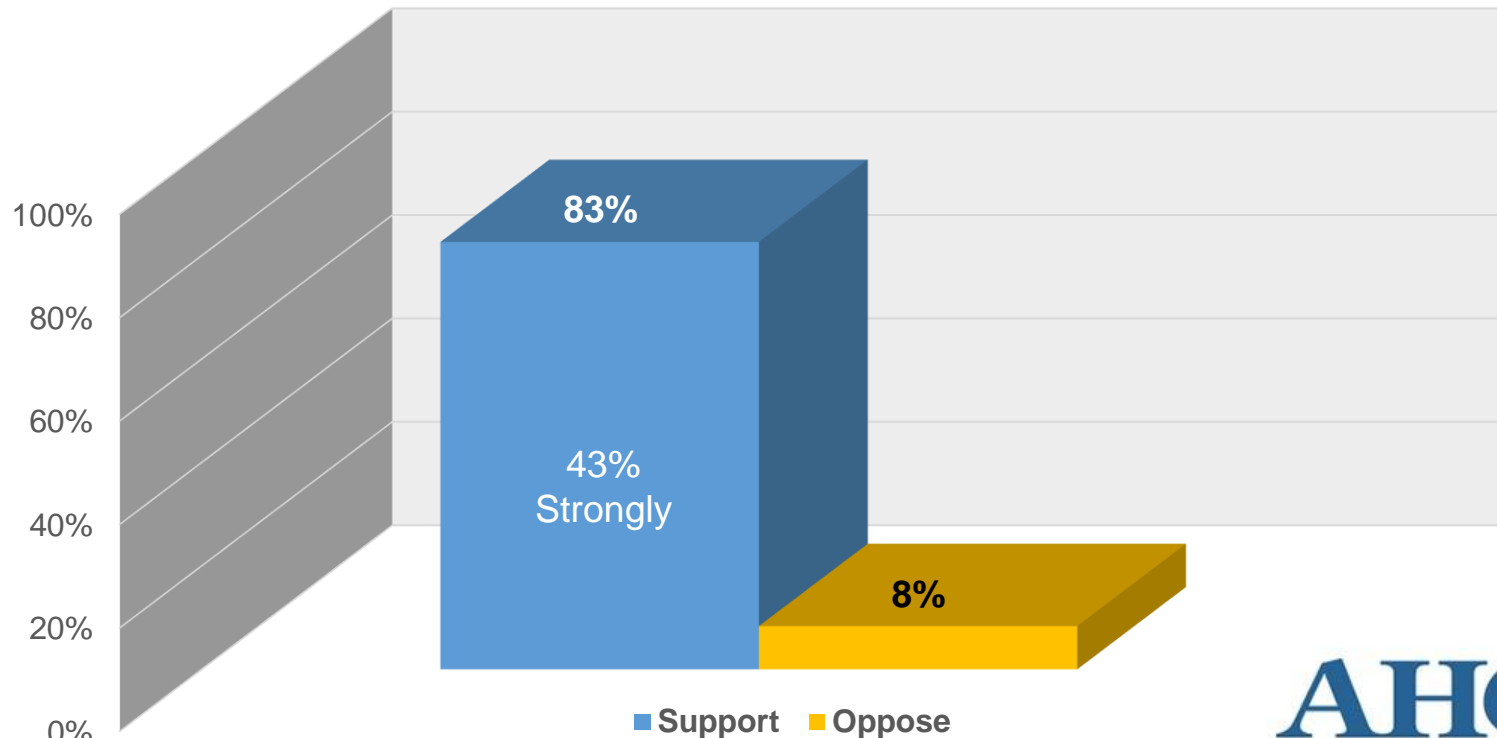




Additional Medicaid Funding

According to Texas state government's own accounting, Medicaid for nursing homes is currently underfunded by \$1.4 billion. Nearly two-thirds of nursing home residents in Texas receive care paid for under Medicaid.

Knowing this, do you favor or oppose the legislature fully funding Medicaid for low income seniors in nursing homes at the levels the state itself says is needed to meet the cost of providing this care?



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