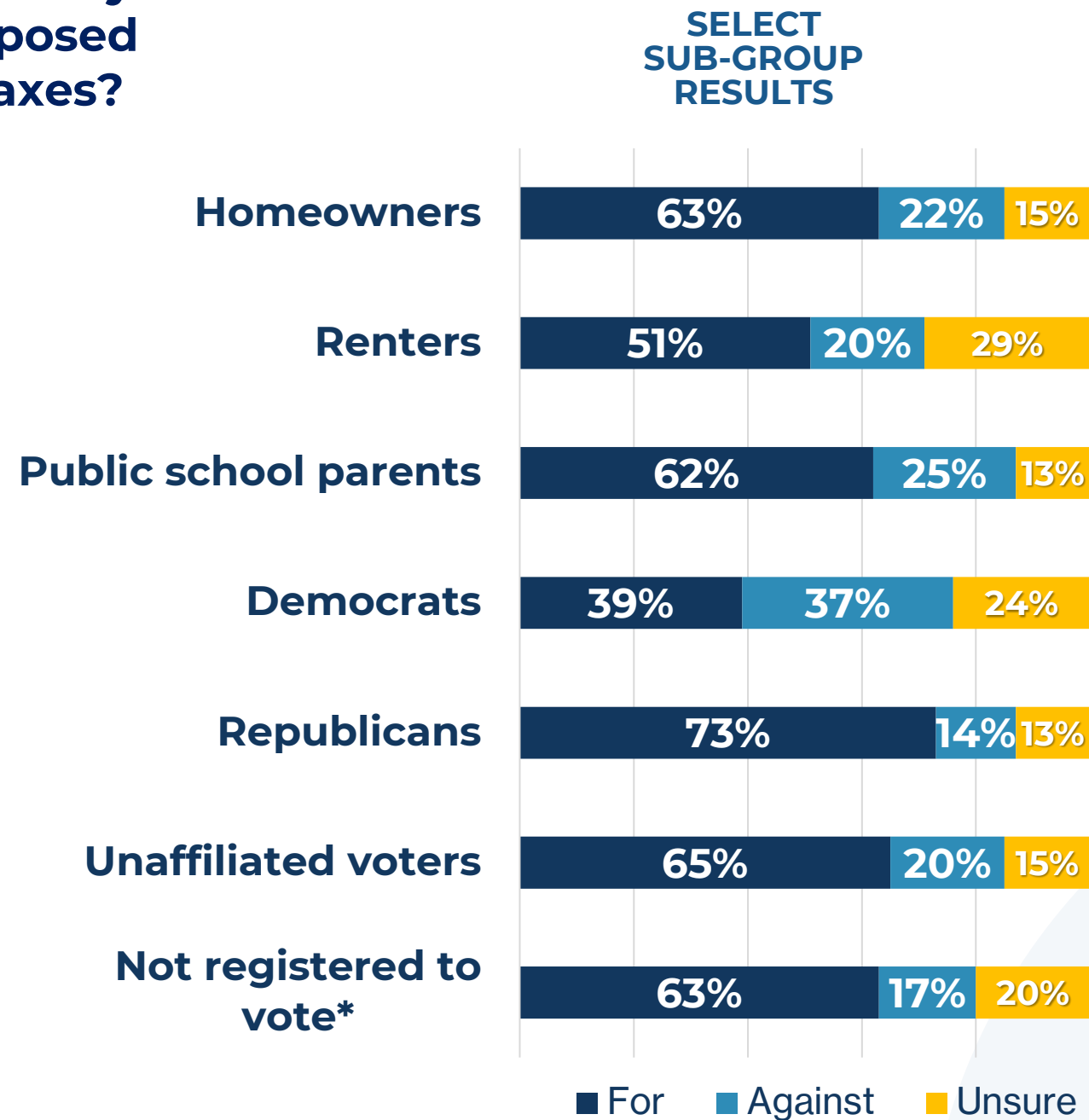
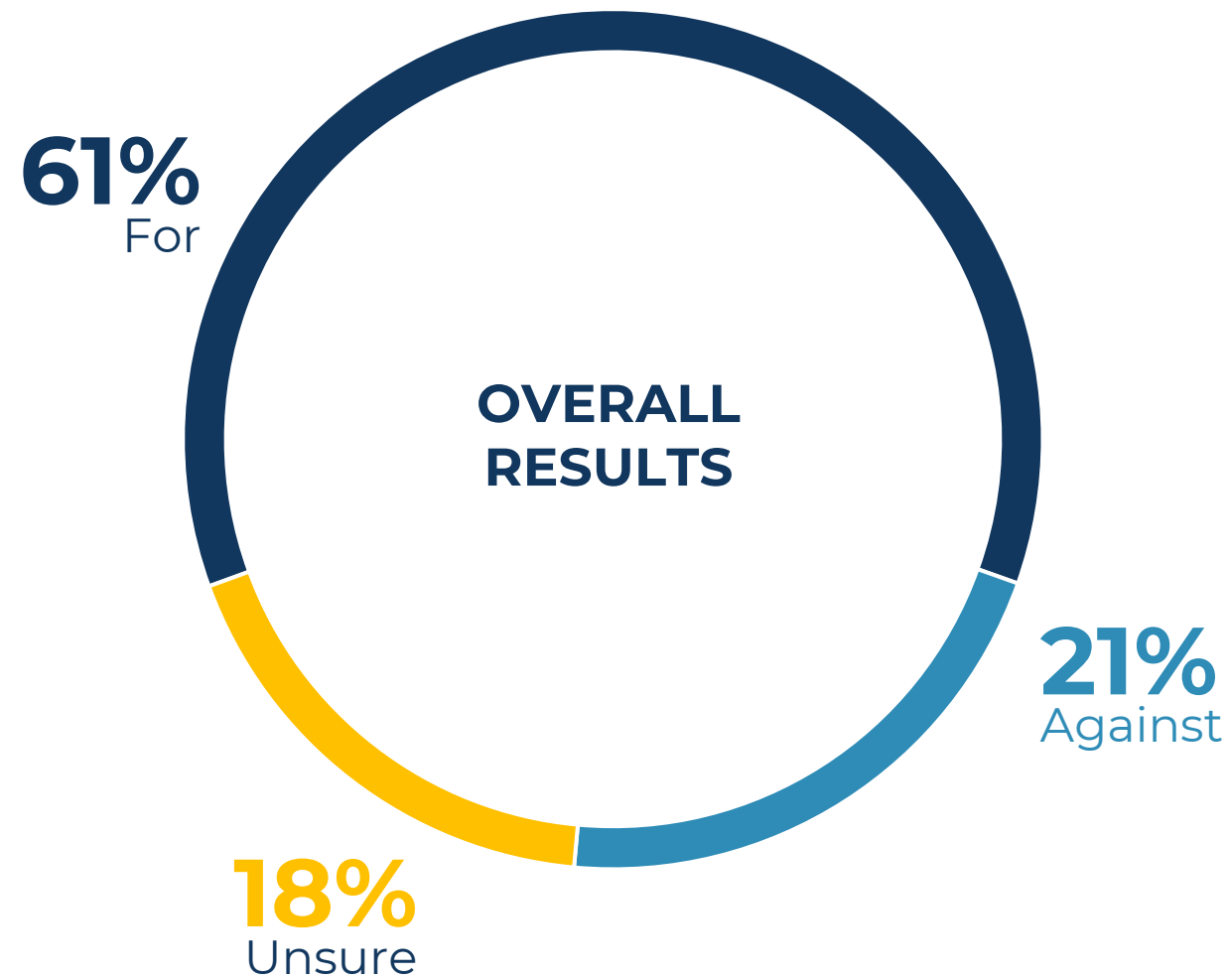


## Proposed Ballot Issue to Abolish Property Taxes (page 1 of 2)

Looking at a proposed ballot issue that would eliminate property taxes in Ohio, if the election were held today and you were voting, would you vote for or against a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish property taxes?



### What It Means

Although still at a nascent stage in which it is yet to qualify for the ballot, in the absence of counter-advocacy – which most assuredly will be waged by a robust coalition of public safety forces, school leaders and public employees – the proposed ballot issue to abolish property taxes in Ohio begins with strong support, in concept. It garners majorities from nearly all key voting sub-groups, except Democrats. Although it may not ultimately be successful at the ballot, it signals that something transformative may be warranted to placate the high degree of frustration voters seem to have with property taxes.

*\*Those not registered to vote were asked the question out of intellectual curiosity, but when they were removed from the data set, the percentage voting For the measure decreases by one percentage point.*

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## Proposed Ballot Issue to Abolish Property Taxes (page 2 of 2)

Supposing for a moment that property taxes are abolished in Ohio, which of the following should be done to fund public school systems, fire departments, libraries, police departments and other public agencies that rely on collection of property taxes to fund their operations?\*

FORCED CHOICE  
BATTERY QUESTION

Increase and expand income taxes **21%**

Increase and expand sales taxes **34%**

Have schools, libraries, safety services and other agencies cut spending to adapt their finances **18%**

Unsure **27%**

SELECT SUB-GROUP RESULTS  
**29% Public school parents**  
**25% Renters**  
**36% Democrats**

SELECT SUB-GROUP RESULTS  
**41% Voting For abolishing property taxes**  
**41% Republicans**

SELECT SUB-GROUP RESULTS  
**27% Voting For abolishing property taxes**

SELECT SUB-GROUP RESULTS  
**29% Non-parents**  
**38% Renters**

### What It Means

The notion about “what next?” for a theoretical scenario in which property taxes are abolished seems to be the proverbial *other shoe to drop*. There is no clear consensus about what to do in the wake of such a radical transformation of Ohio’s system of funding vital services and agencies. If there is a silver lining to be found, it is that a majority of Ohioans (a combined total of 55 percent) want something to be done. That is, less than one-fifth (18 percent) of Ohioans want to cut taxes, while many prefer to change the way in which taxes to fund these various vital functions are levied.

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