

# **Sportsmen's Attitudes Toward Global Warming**

**Conducted for the  
National Wildlife Federation**

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# Methodology

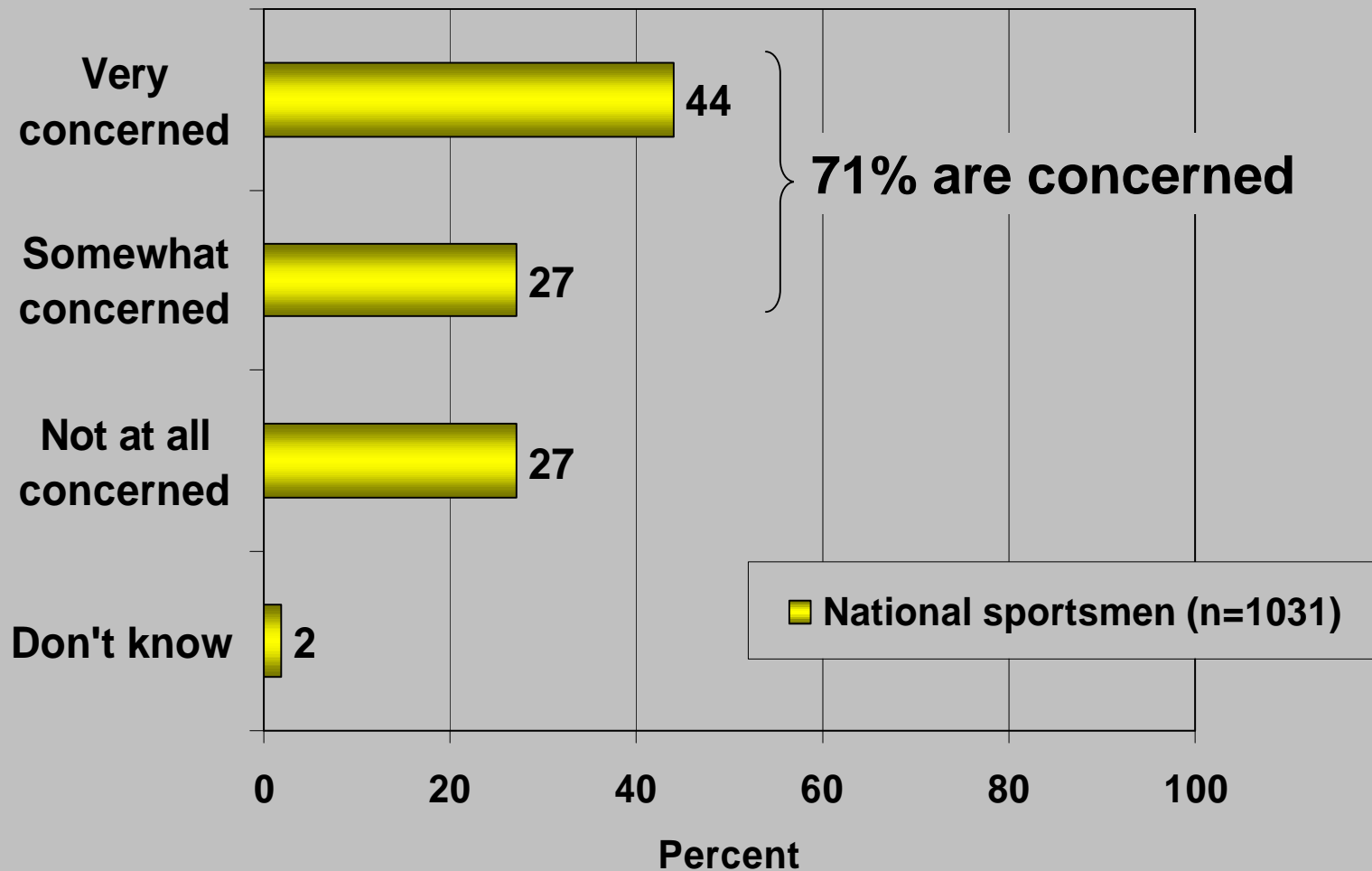
- Telephone survey of sportsmen (hunters and anglers)
- Conducted April 2006
- $n = 1,031$
- Results reported at 95% confidence interval
- Sampling error is at most +/- 3.1 percentage points

# Profile of Sportsmen

- 75% Male
- Average age is 53 years
- 14% Urban residents
- 37% Rural residents
- 53% (of those who voted) voted for George W. Bush in the 2004 Presidential election
- 50% Evangelical Christian

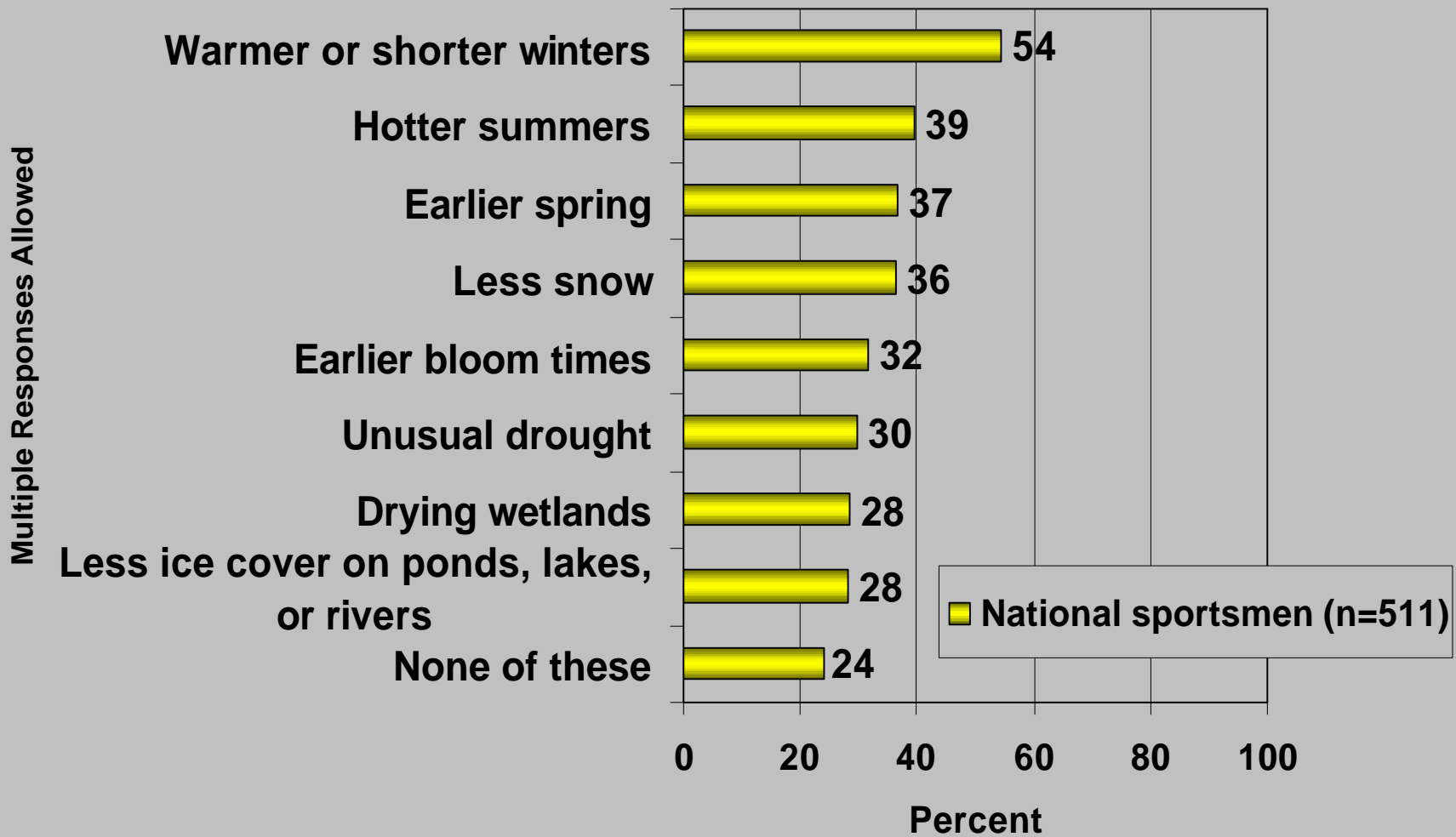
- **Sportsmen expressed a high degree of concern about a decrease or loss of wildlife habitat.**

**How concerned are you that the wildlife or fish populations in the areas where you typically hunt or fish will decrease significantly or disappear in the next 10 years?**

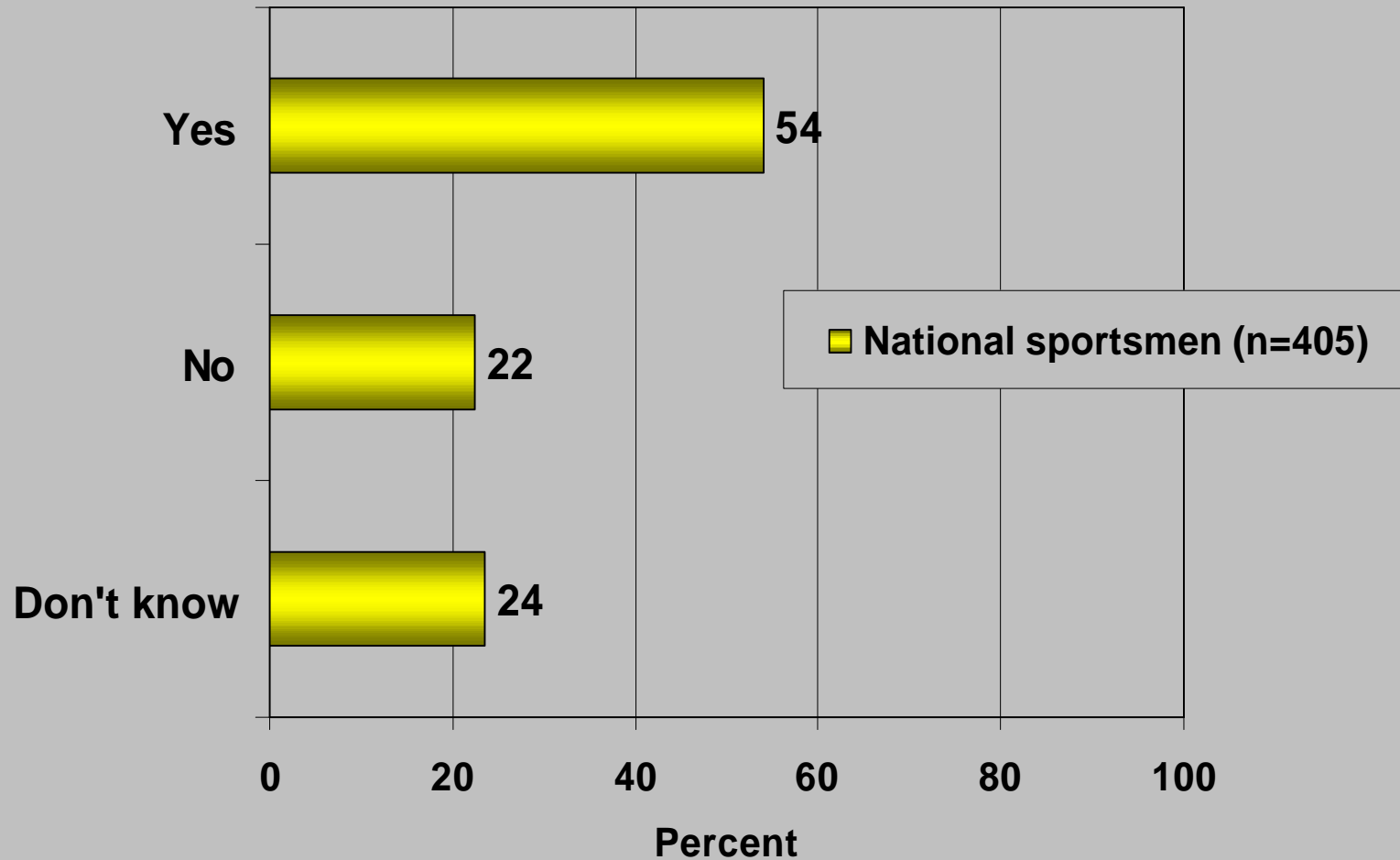


- **A majority of sportsmen indicate they have noticed changing weather conditions, and many believe these conditions are related to global warming.**

Have you observed any of the following conditions where you live?

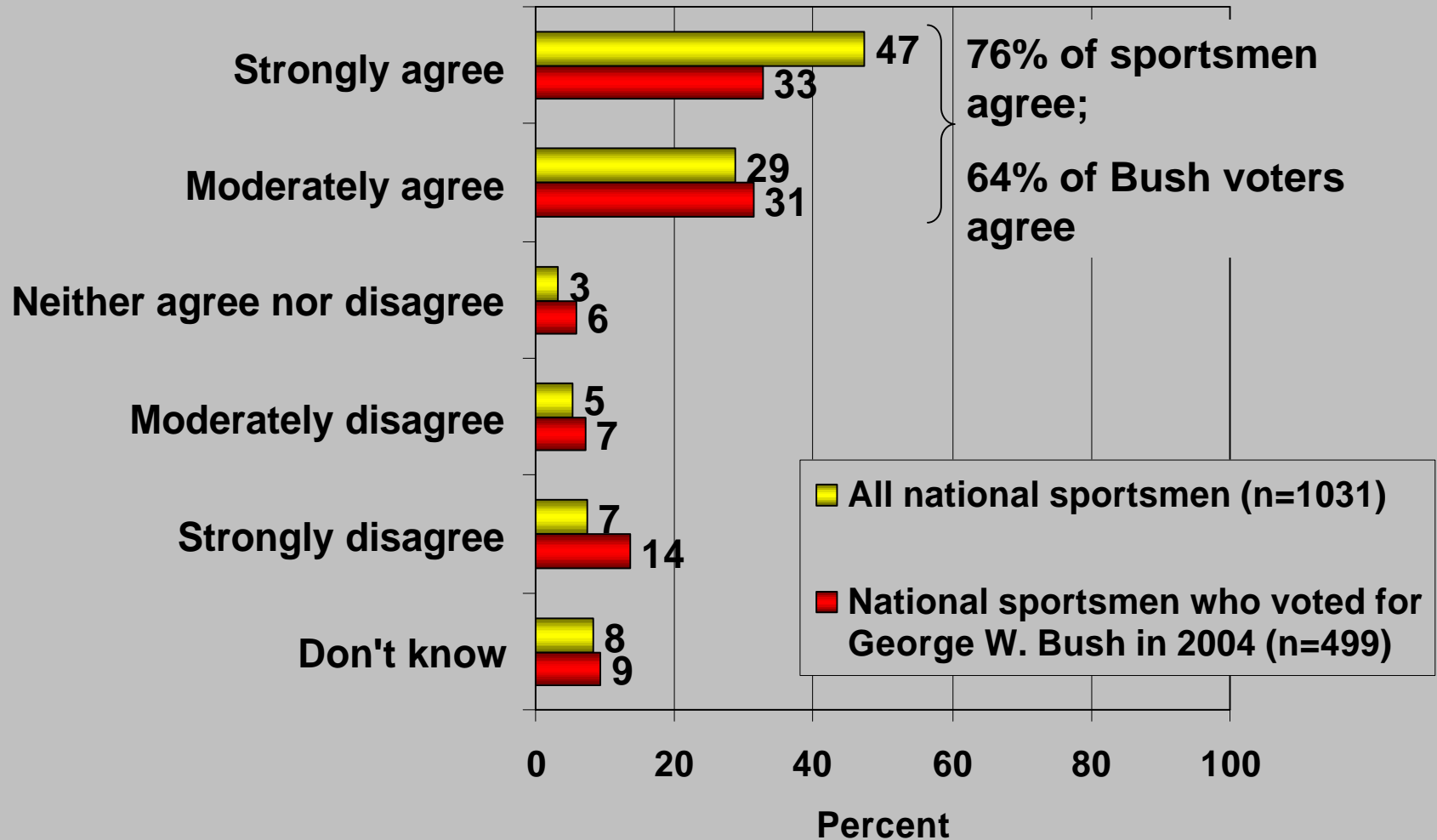


**Do you believe that the condition(s) that you have observed are related to global warming? (Of those who observed at least one of the conditions.)**

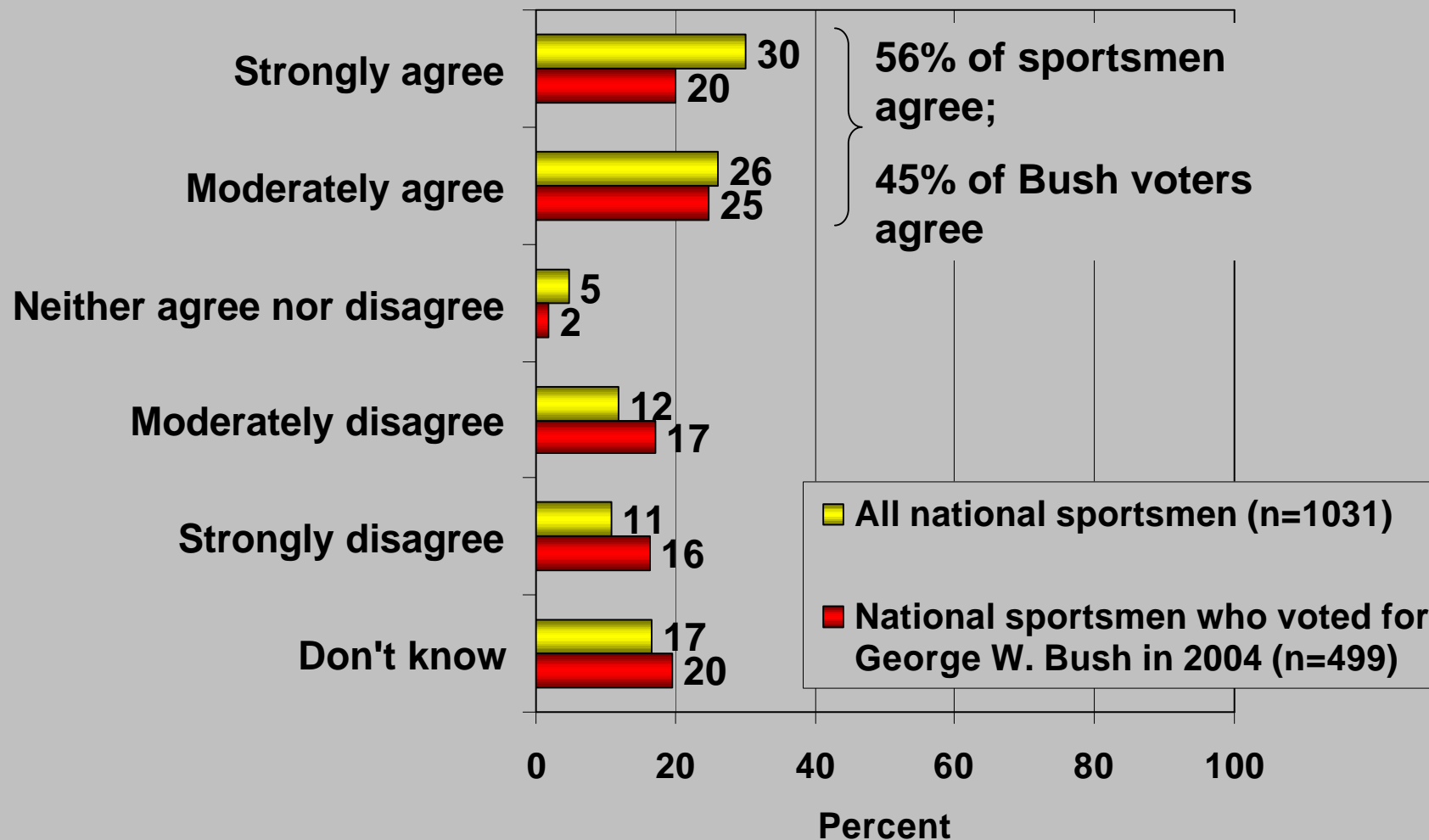


- **A majority of sportsmen believe that global warming is occurring and, although the numbers are somewhat lower, a majority also believe global warming is caused by burning fossil fuels.**

Global warming is defined as the rise in temperature of the Earth's atmosphere. Do you agree or disagree that global warming is currently occurring?

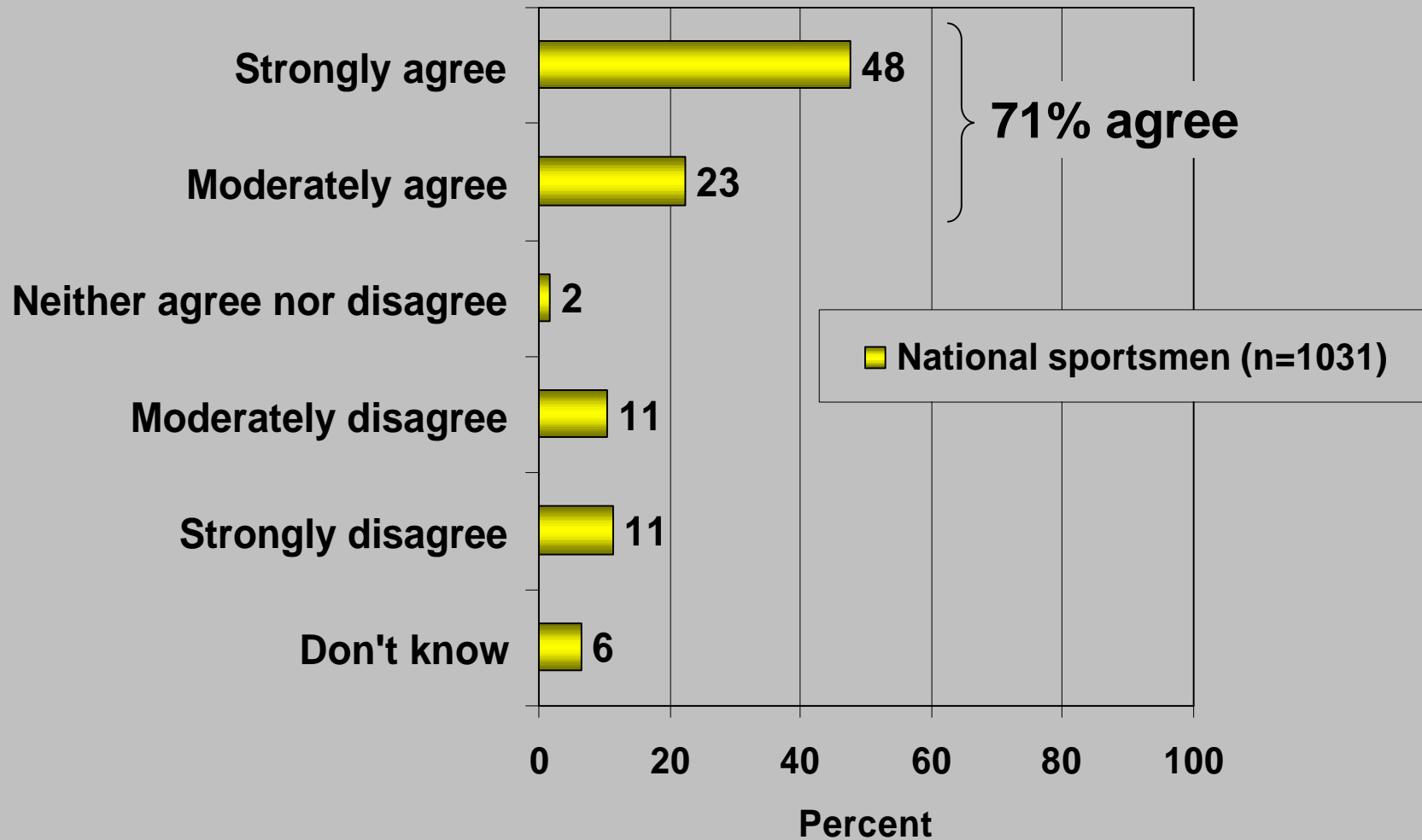


**Do you agree or disagree that global warming is primarily caused by pollution from burning fossil fuels?**

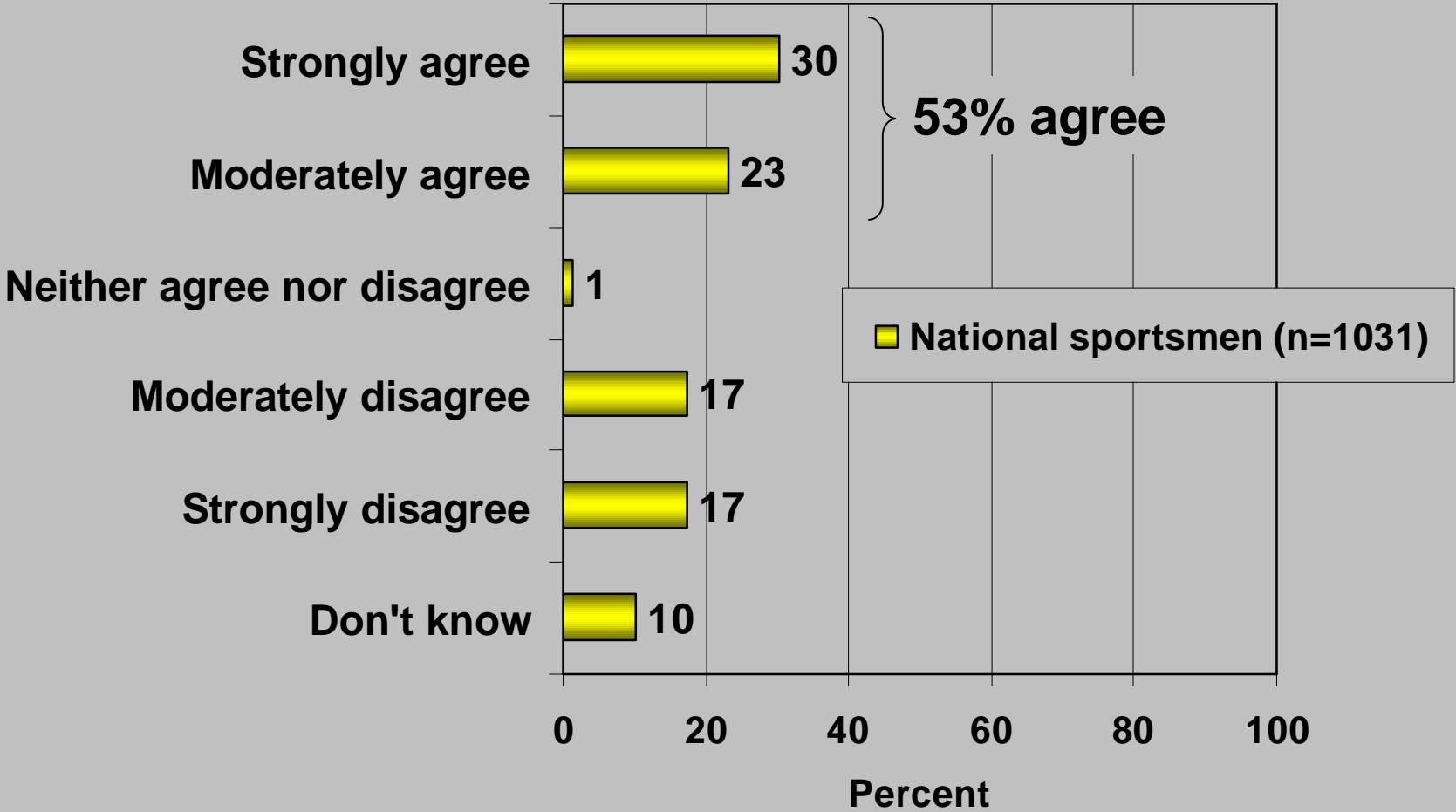


- **Majorities of sportsmen agree that global warming is a serious threat to wildlife and that it threatens the economy and jobs across the nation.**

**Global warming is a serious threat to fish and wildlife. (Do you agree or disagree with this statement?)**

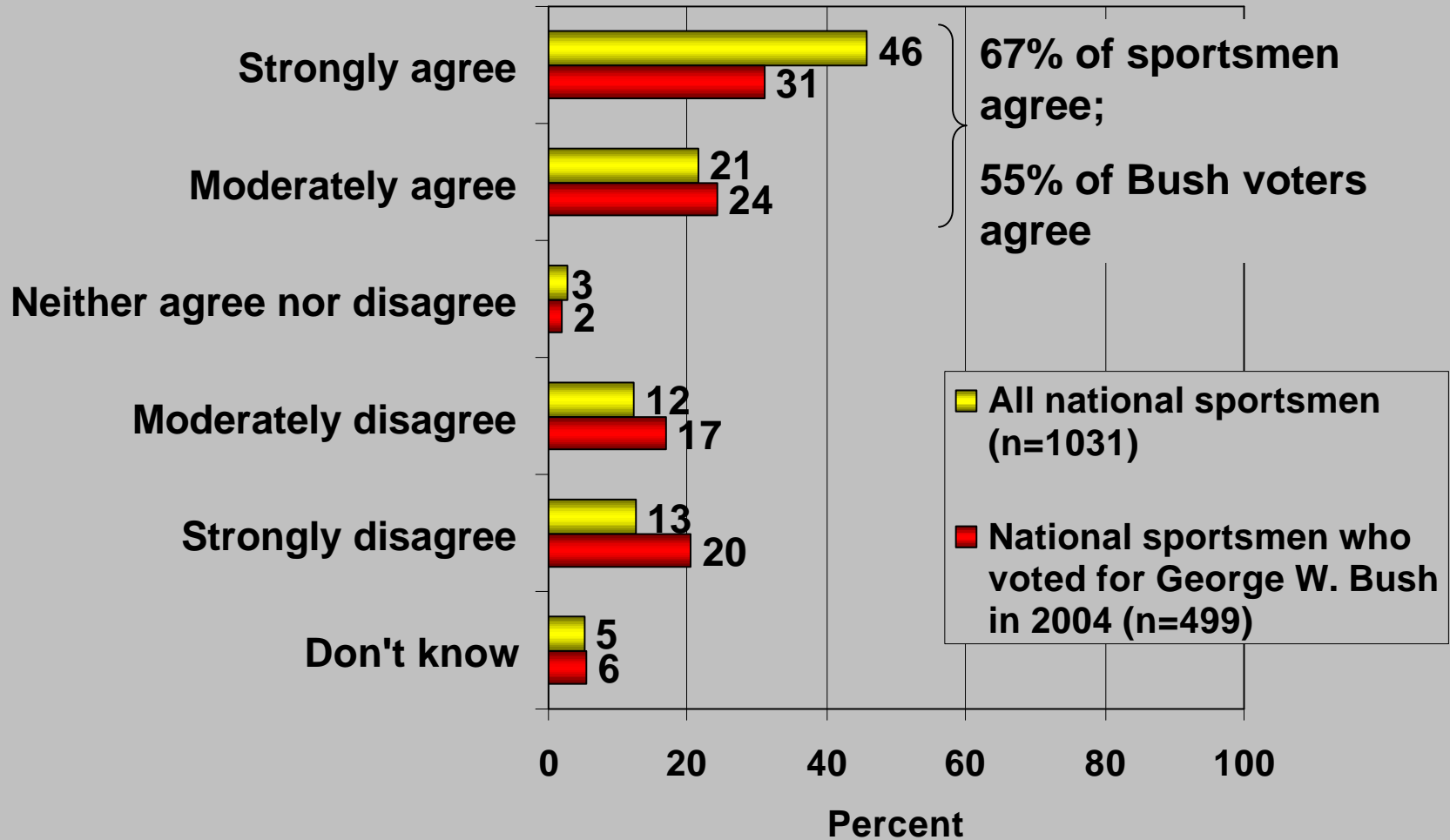


**Global warming threatens the economy and jobs across the nation. (Do you agree or disagree with this statement?)**



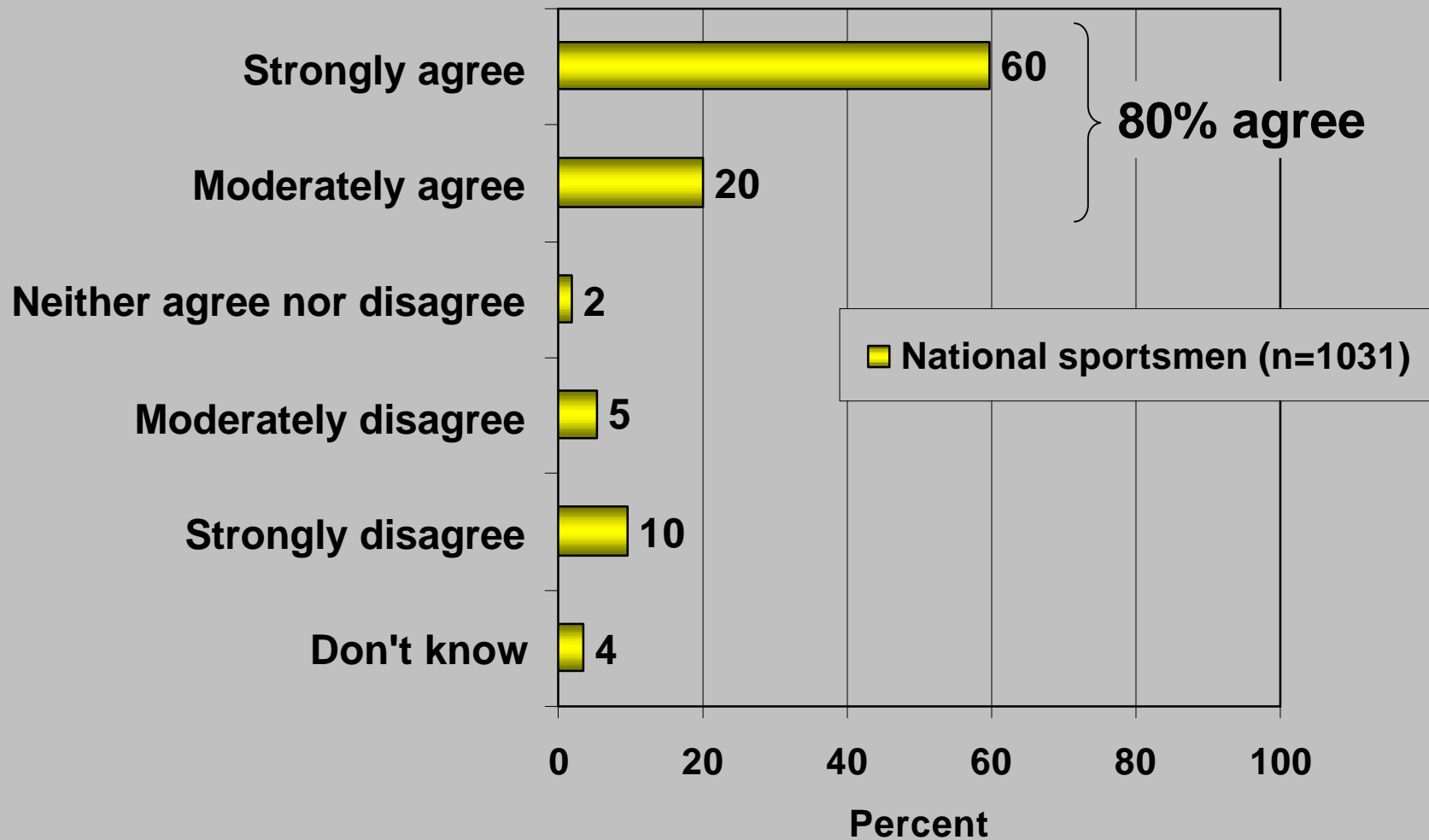
- **A majority of sportsmen agree that global warming is an urgent problem that needs immediate action.**
- **Concern about global warming among sportsmen cuts across political and partisan lines.**

**Global warming is an urgent problem requiring immediate action. (Do you agree or disagree with this statement?)**



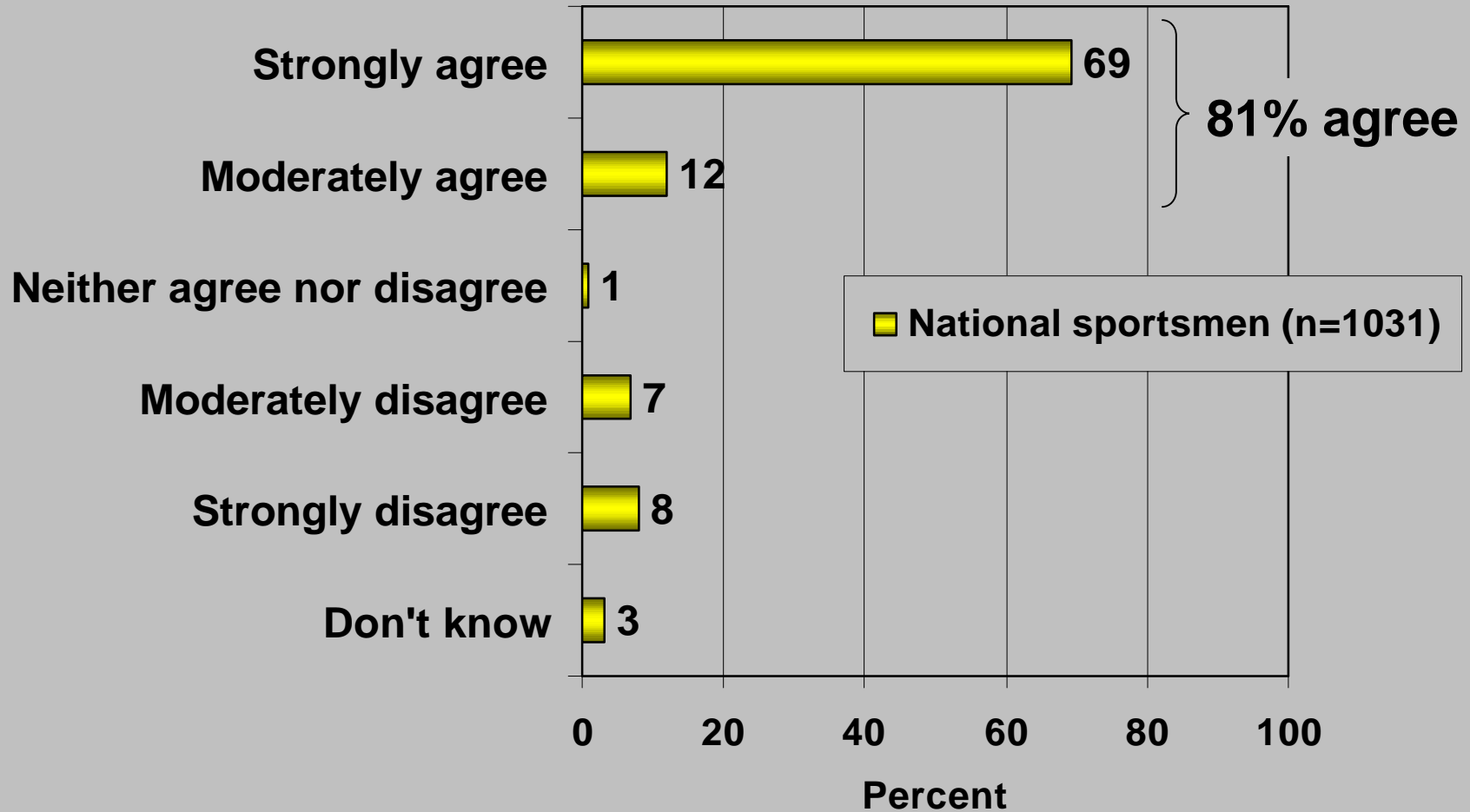
- **A majority of sportsmen agree that the U.S. should be a world leader in addressing global warming.**

The U.S. should be a world leader in addressing global warming. (Do you agree or disagree with this statement?)

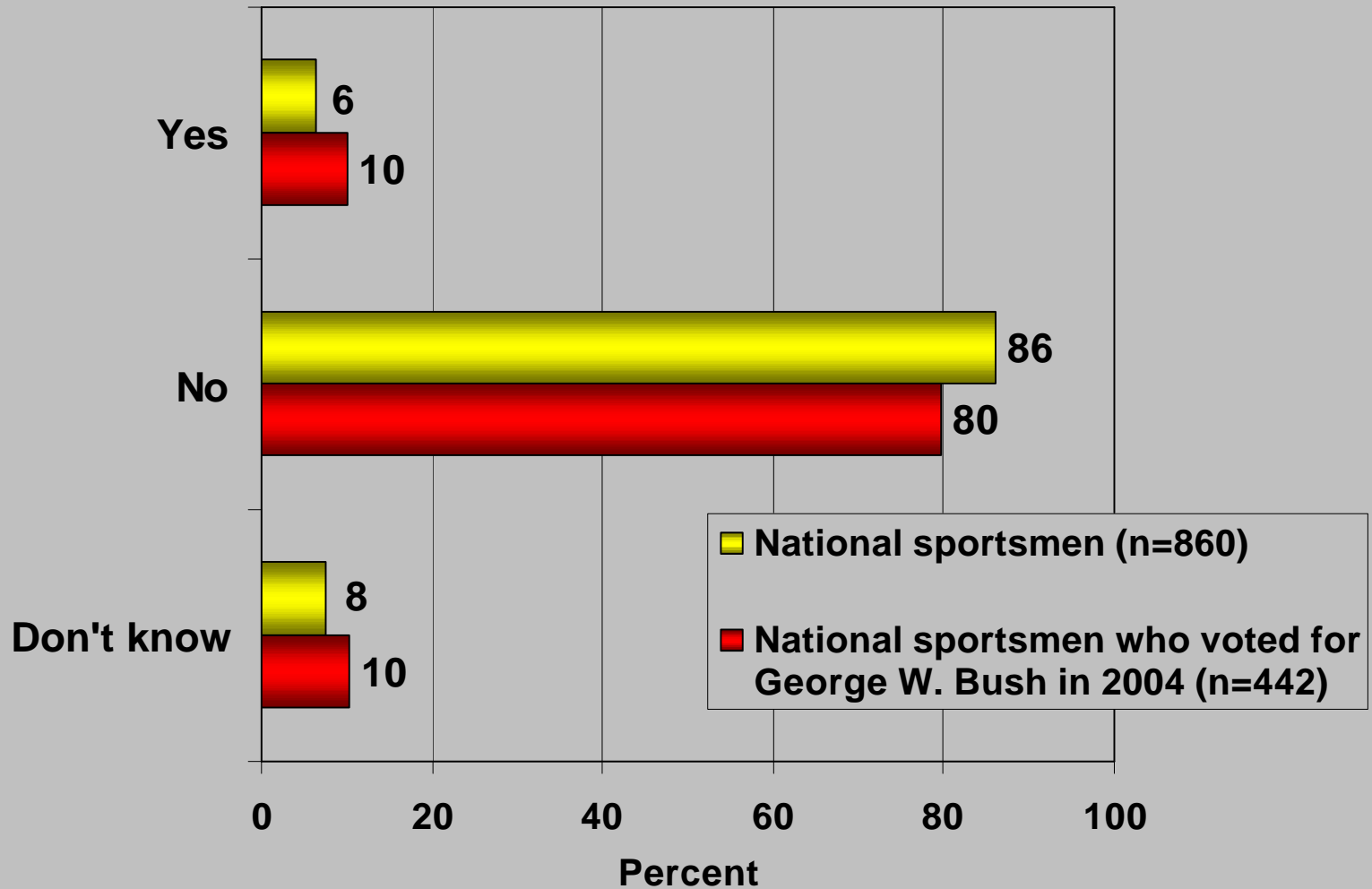


- **A large majority of sportsmen agree (most *strongly* agree) with President Bush that “America is addicted to oil;” however, a large majority of those who agree do not believe that the Administration and Congress are doing enough to address the addiction to oil.**

President Bush said in his State of the Union address that "America is addicted to oil". Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

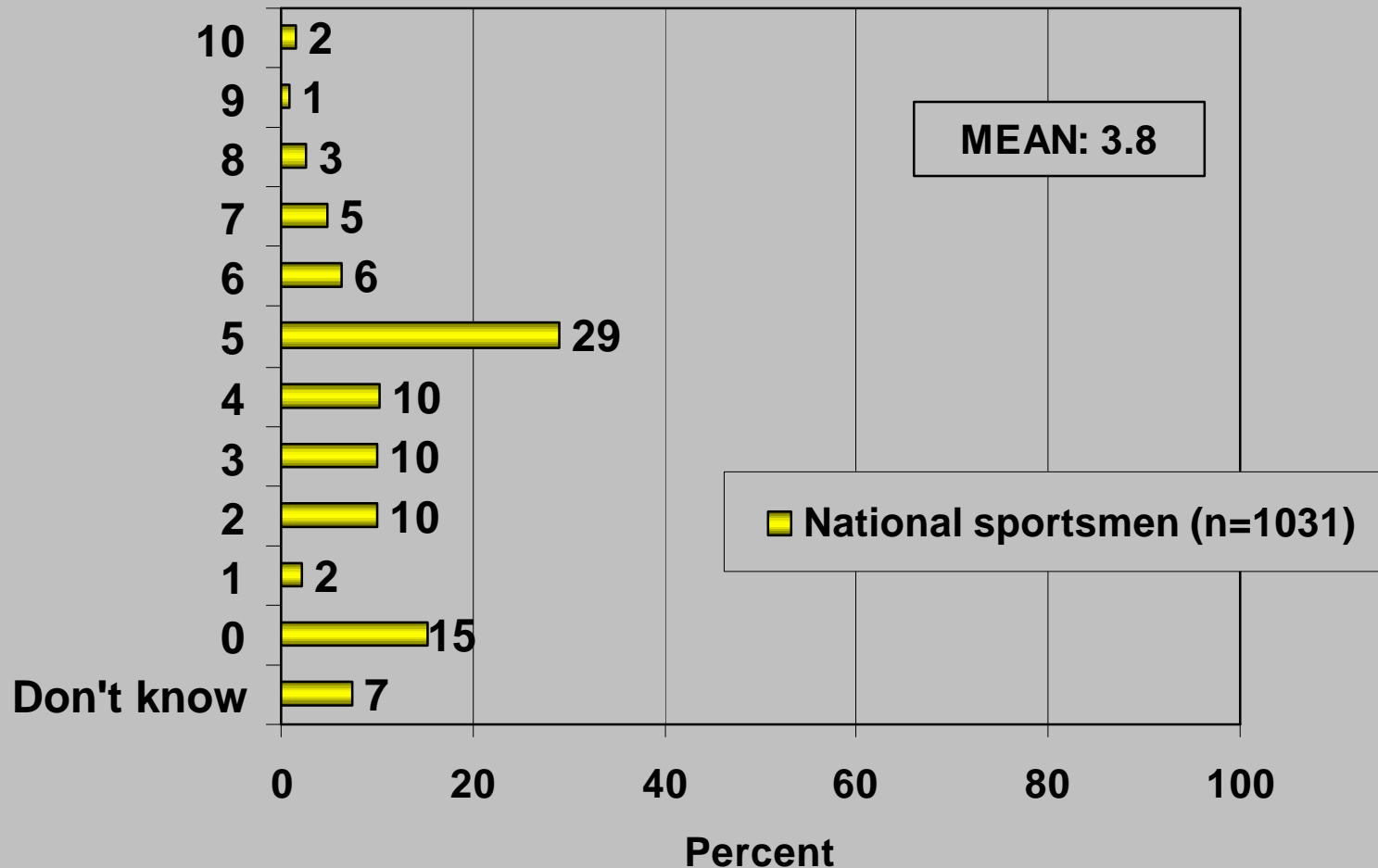


**Are the Administration and Congress doing enough to break America's addiction to oil? (Asked of those who agreed that America is addicted to oil.)**



- **The majority of sportsmen did not rate the federal government's performance in addressing global warming very high.**

Please rate the performance of the federal government on addressing global warming on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is poor and 10 is excellent.



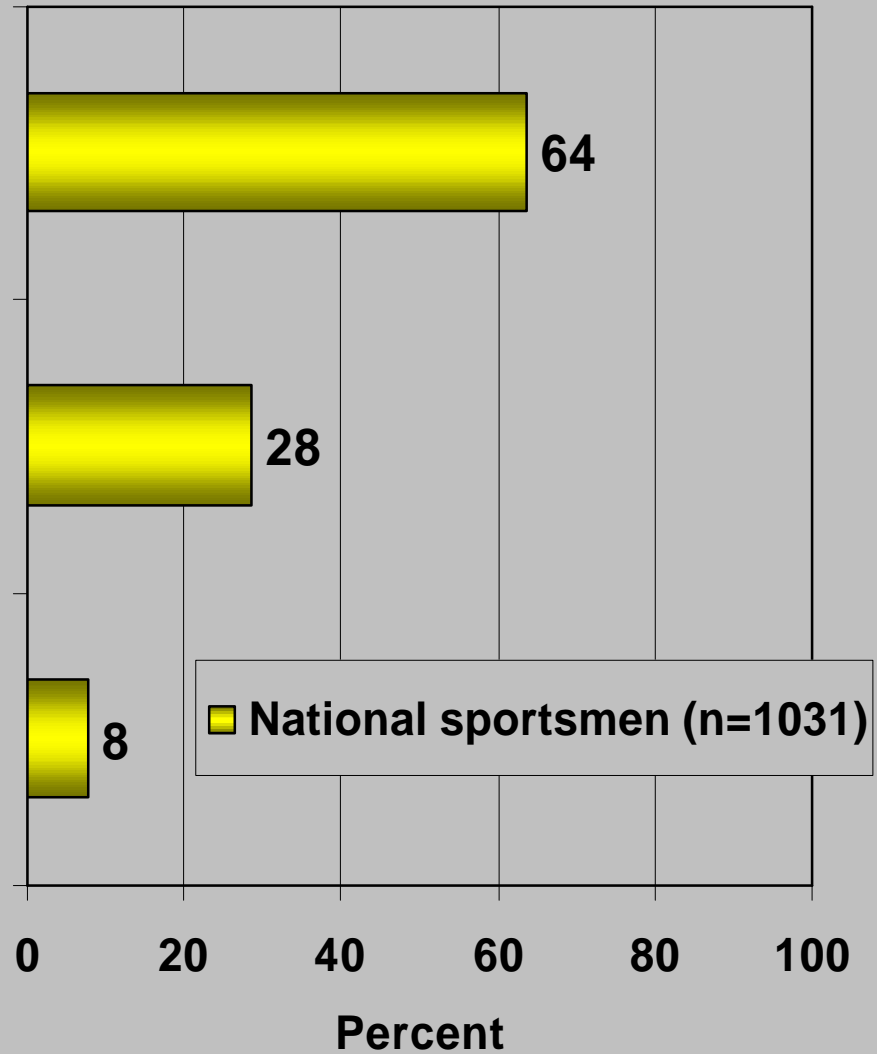
- **Sportsmen say they are more likely to vote for a political candidate who supports taking action and enacting strong laws to reduce pollution that contributes to global warming.**

## Which candidate do you prefer?

**Candidate who believes we must take action now to reduce pollution contributing to global warming and supports strong laws**

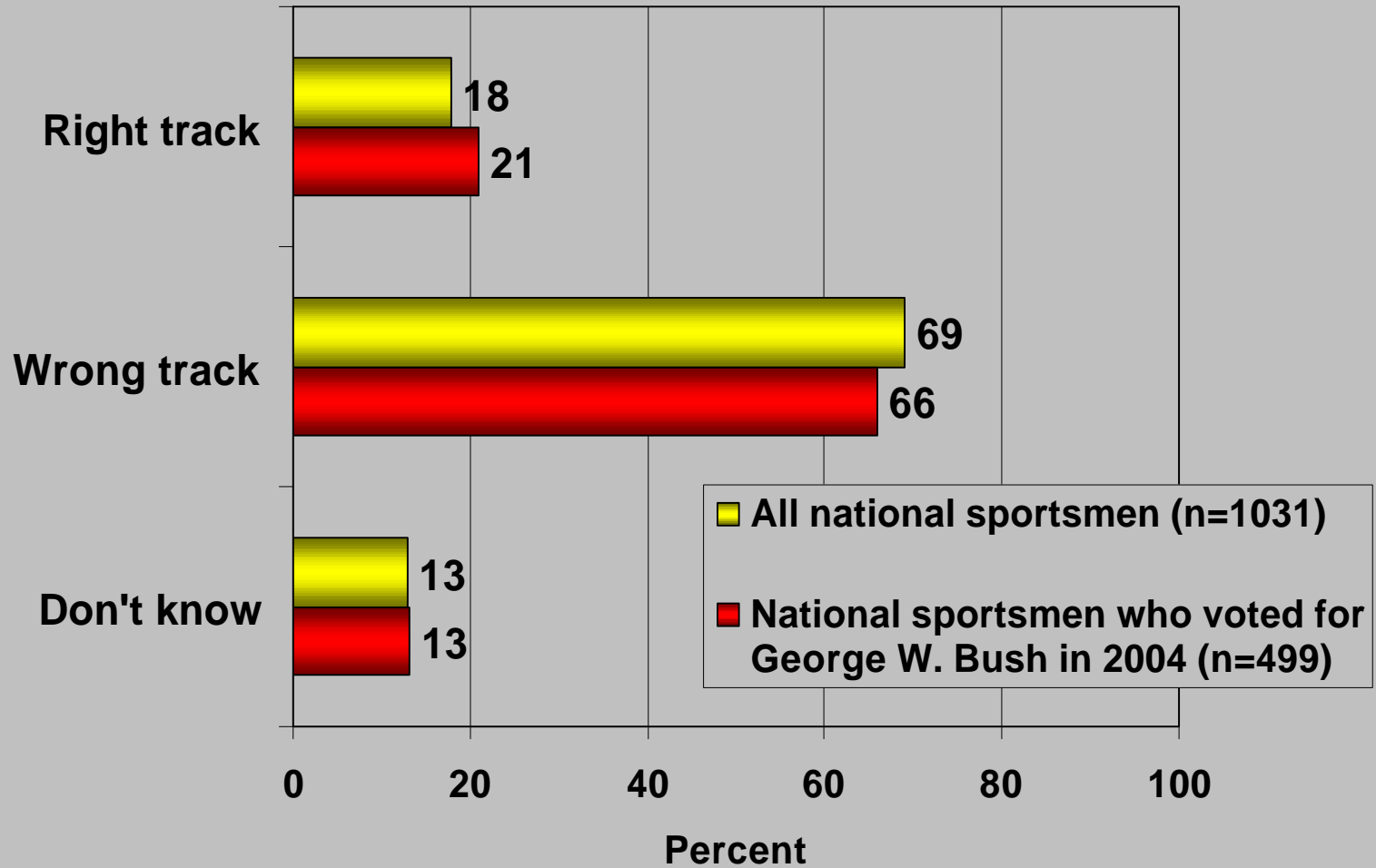
**Candidate who believes more study is needed on global warming and believes there should be only voluntary responses rather than government regulation**

**Don't know**



- **A majority of sportsmen say the nation is on the wrong track in meeting national energy needs.**

**Is the country on the right track or the wrong track in meeting our national energy needs?**



- **A majority of sportsmen prefer solutions relying on less gas and oil to meet national energy needs, including solutions to develop new and alternative sources of fuel and that emphasize conservation.**

## Which of the following do you think is the best way to address America's energy needs?

Drilling for more oil and gas in the U.S., including areas within wildlife refuges and other public lands, to increase our domestic energy supply

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Conserve more, waste less, and develop more fuel-efficient vehicles so we use less oil and gas

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Rely less on oil and gas and expand development of renewable forms of energy like wind, solar, and ethanol

51

Don't know

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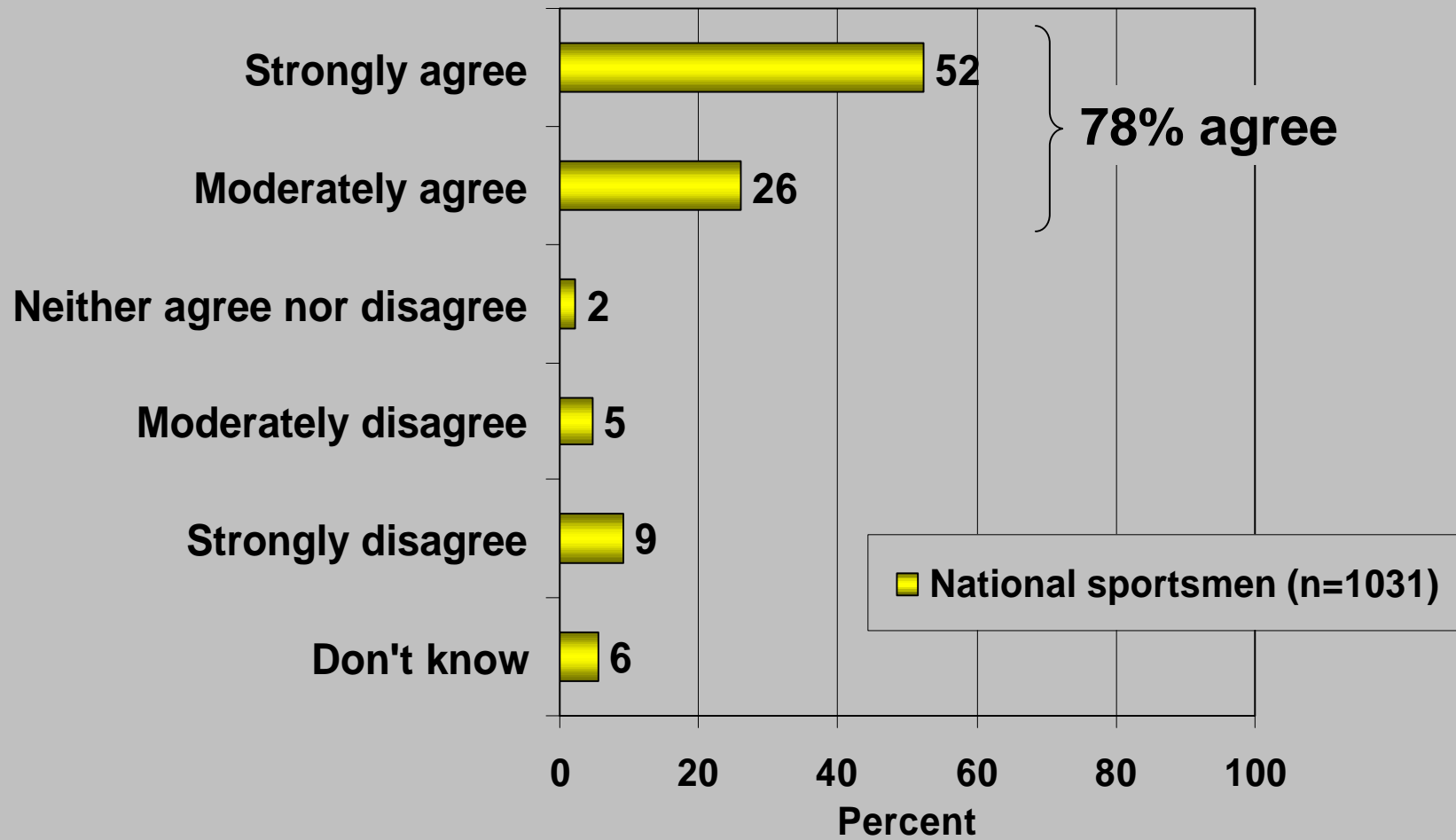
78% gave a response indicating the use of less oil and gas

■ National sportsmen (n=1031)

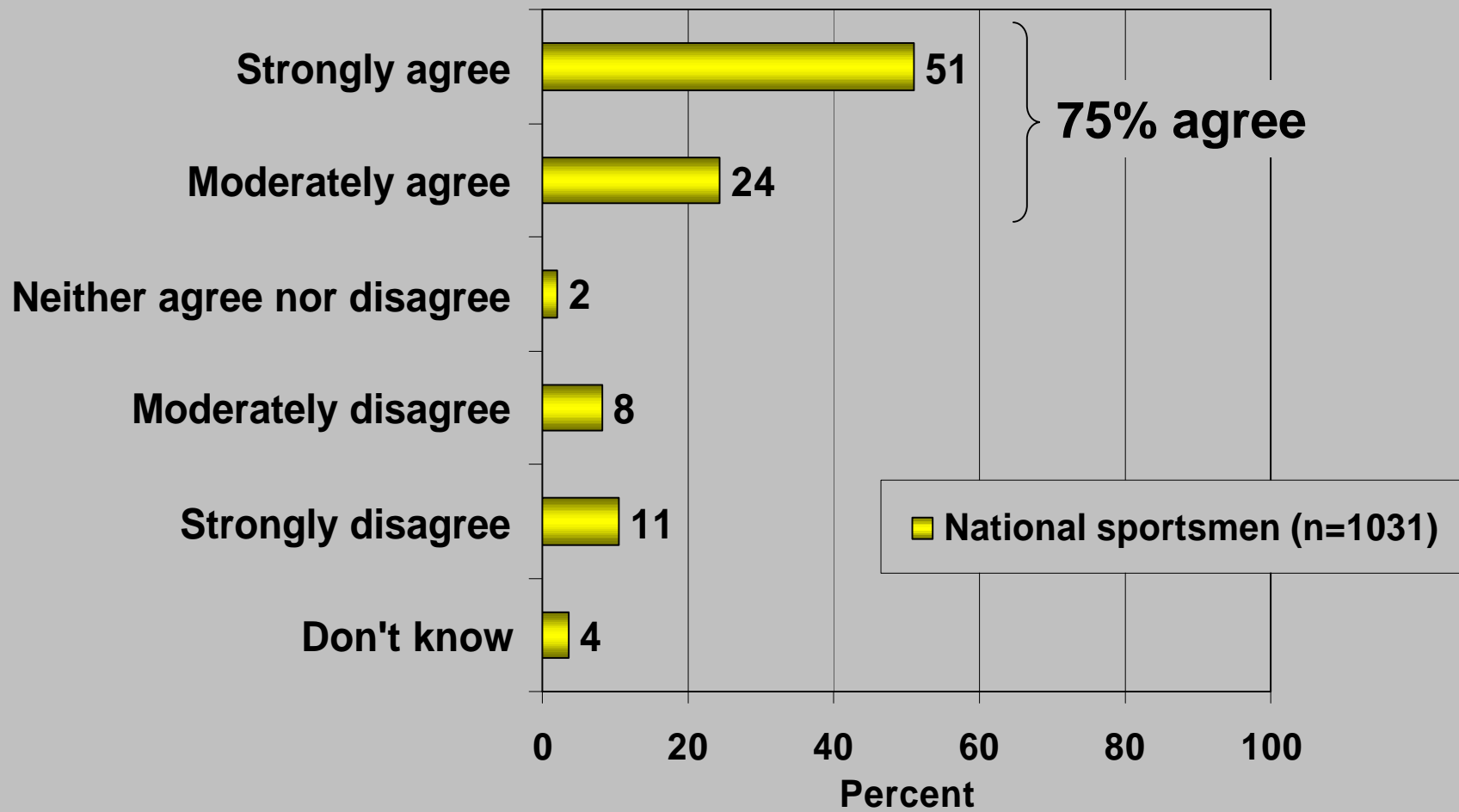
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Percent

- **A majority of sportsmen agree that the U.S. should reduce the emission of greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming and that Congress should pass legislation with mandatory timelines for doing so.**

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: The U.S. should reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide that contribute to global warming and threaten fish and wildlife habitat.

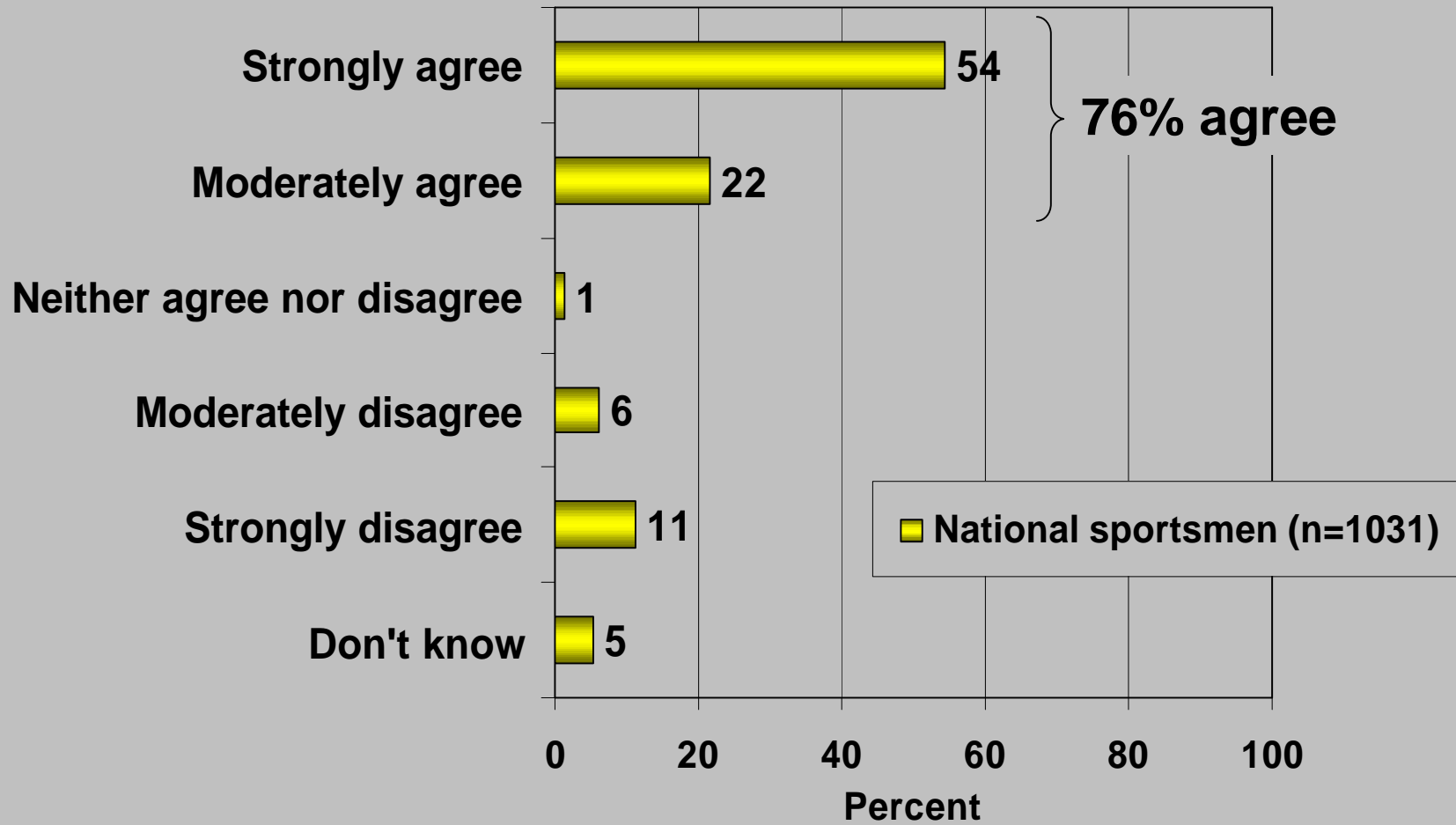


**Congress should pass legislation that sets a clear national goal for reducing global warming pollution with mandatory timelines because industry has already had enough time to clean up voluntarily. (Do you agree or disagree with this statement?)**



- **Majorities of sportsmen agree that legislation should include funding to protect wildlife from the impacts of global warming, as well as that the federal government should provide various incentives for energy conservation and new energy development.**

Legislation to address global warming should include funding to protect fish, wildlife, and their habitat from the impacts of global warming. (Do you agree or disagree with this statement?)

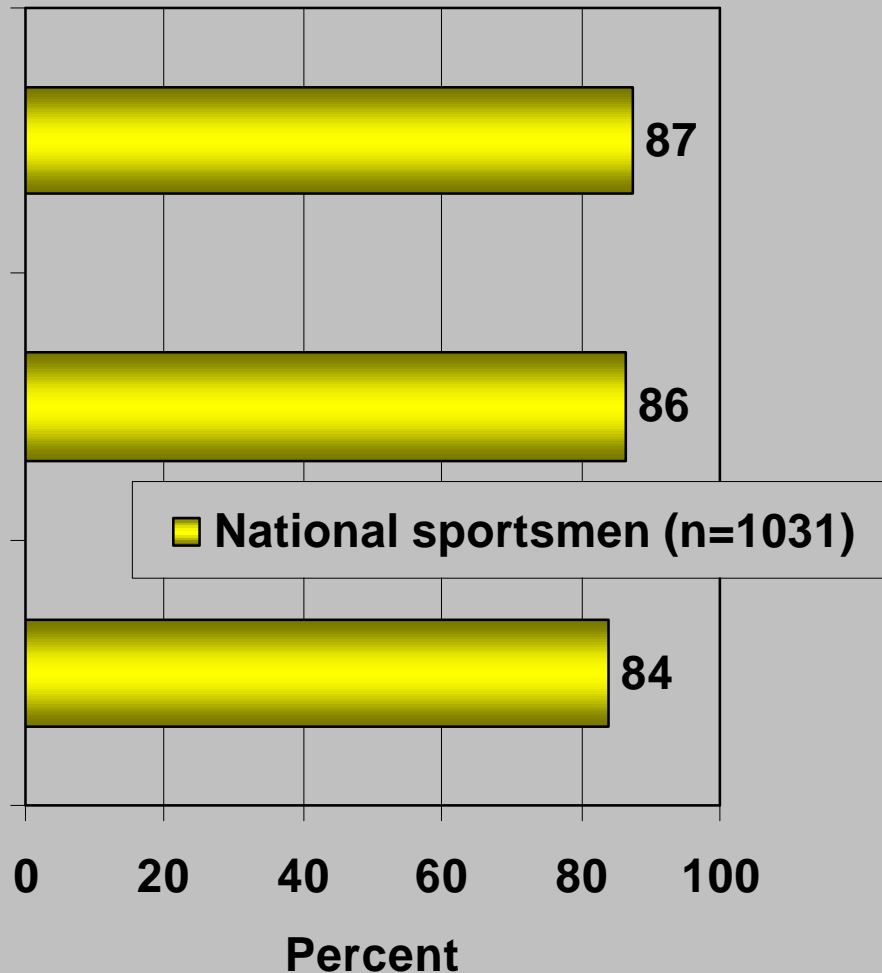


**Percent who strongly or moderately agree that the federal government should provide incentives, such as tax breaks and subsidies, for the following.**

**To make energy conservation technologies more affordable for citizens**

**To industries to replace some energy from oil, gas, and coal with renewable energy sources, such as wind and solar power**

**To companies that develop new energy efficient technologies that reduce global warming**



# Conclusions

- Sportsmen see the impacts of global warming where they live.
- Sportsmen agree that global warming is an urgent issue and that action is needed.
- Sportsmen agree that Congress and the federal government need to take action to address global warming.
- Sportsmen think the nation is on the wrong track regarding energy needs; they want solutions that emphasize conservation and alternative energy sources.
- Global warming is an issue confronting America; the issue is not a partisan divide.