

***2023 National Nuclear Energy Public Opinion Survey***  
**Public Support for Nuclear Energy Stays at Record Level**  
**For Third Year in a Row**

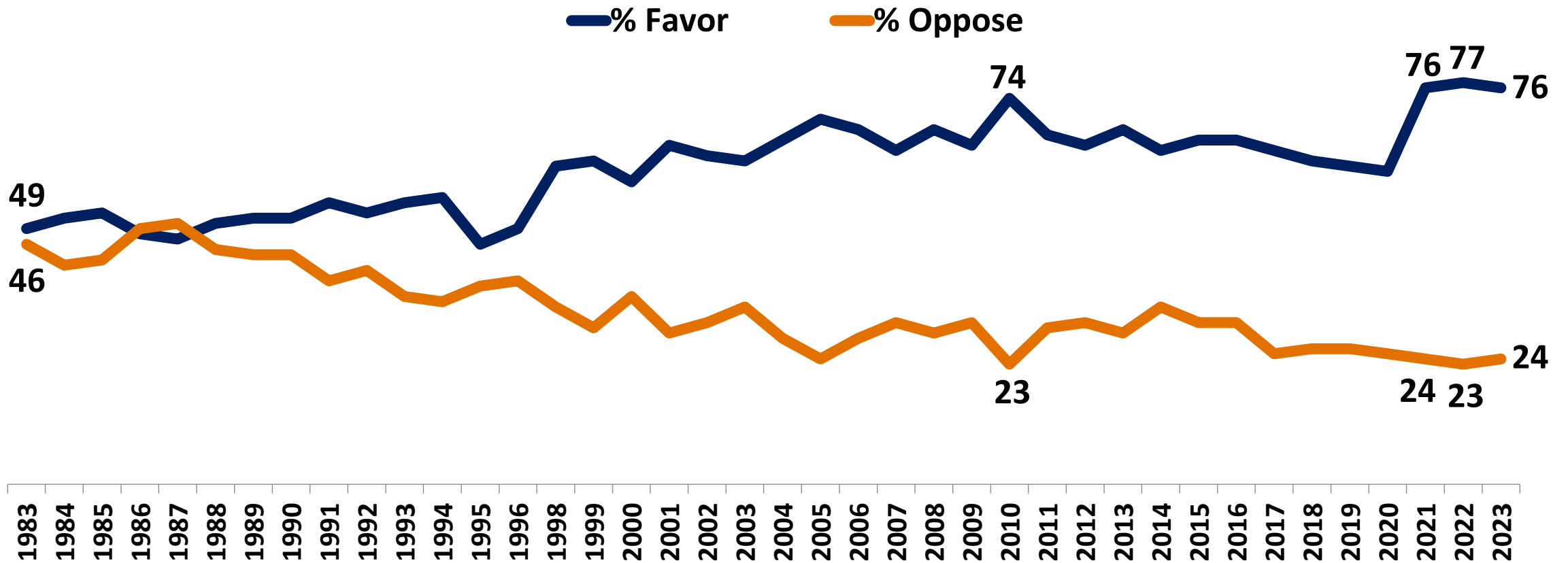
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# **1. Record Support for Nuclear Energy Three Years in a Row**

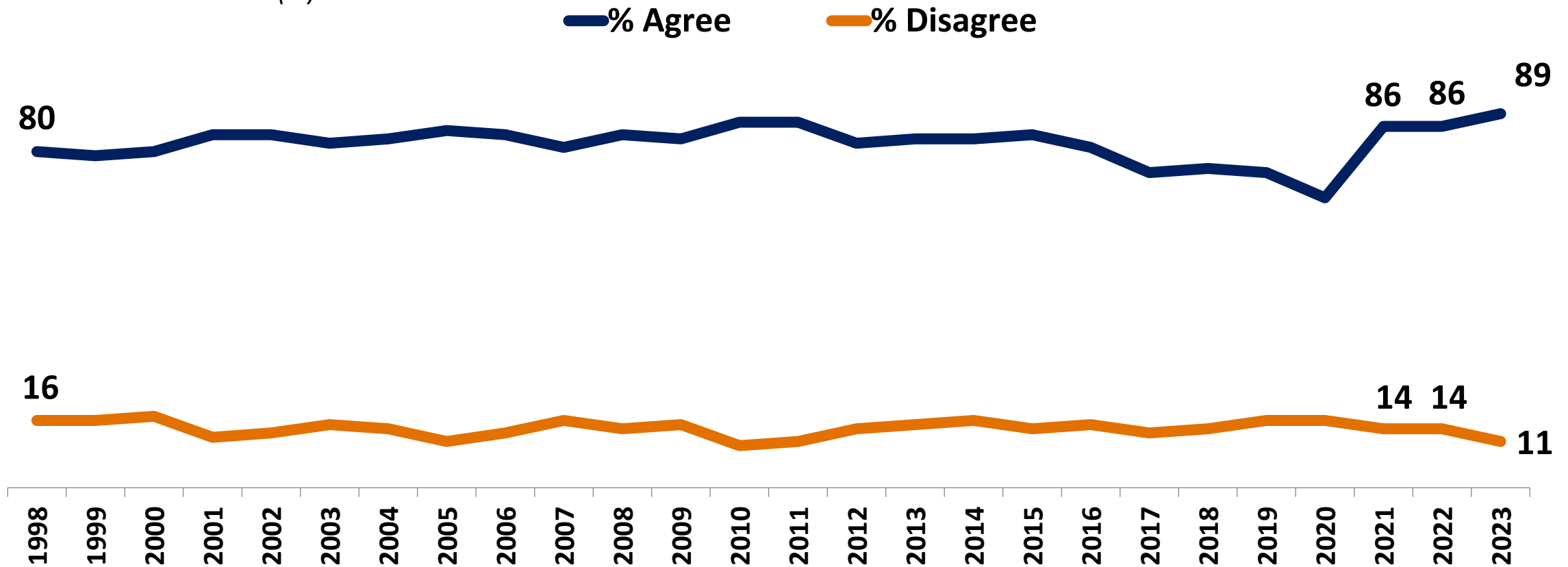
# Favorability to Nuclear Energy 1983-2023

Overall, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity in the United States?



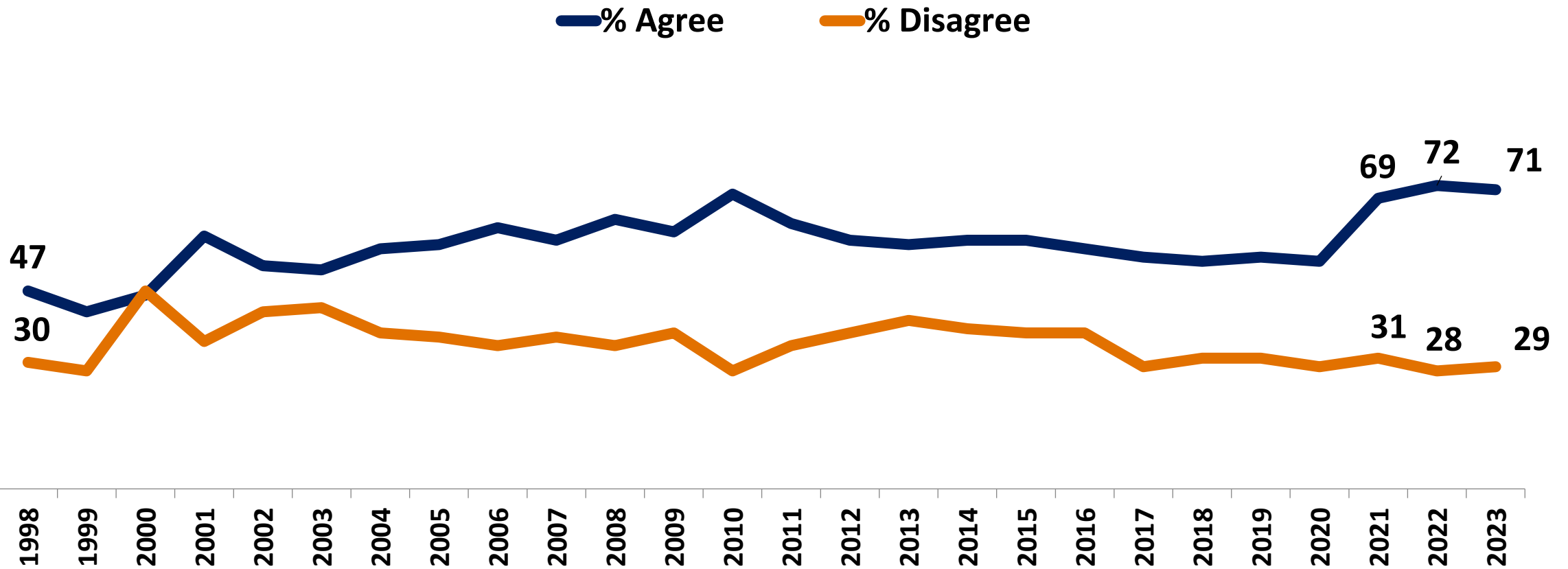
# Support for Renewing the License of Nuclear Power Plants That Continue to Meet Federal Safety Standards 1998-2023

*How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements: When their current operating license expires, we should renew the license of nuclear power plants that continue to meet federal safety standards. (%)*



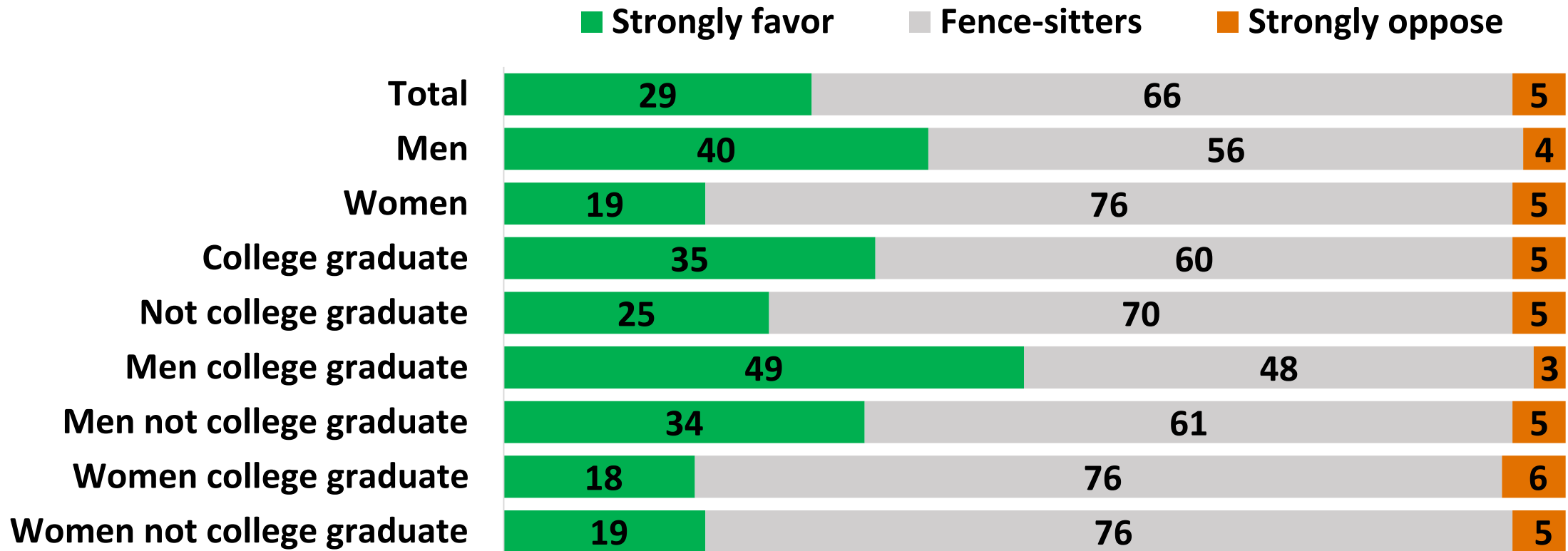
# Support for Definitely Building More Nuclear Power Plants 1998-2023

*How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements: We should definitely build more nuclear power plants in the future. (%)*



## 2. Strong Opinions Are 6 to 1 Favorable

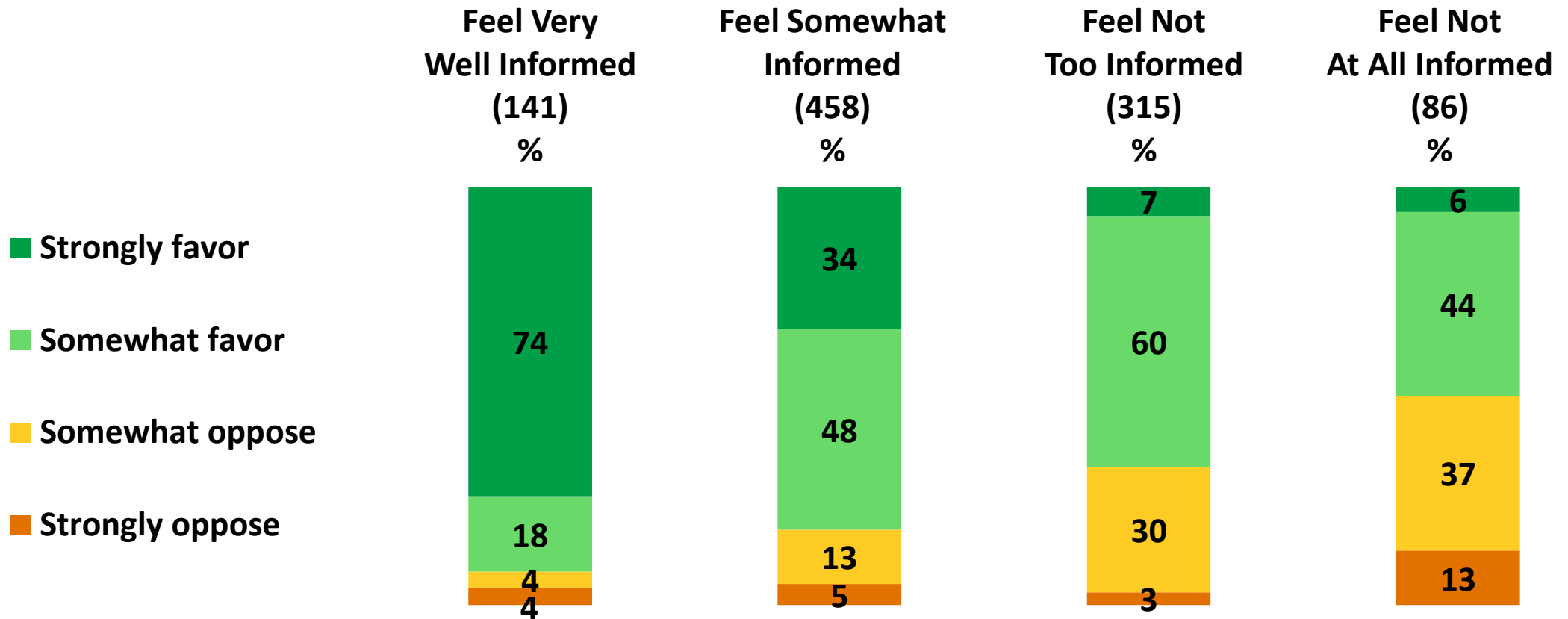
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# 3. The More Informed People Feel, The More Favorable

*How well informed do you feel about nuclear energy used to produce electricity?*

*Overall, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity in the United States?*



# 4. A 20-Point Perception Gap Persists

*Overall, do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity in the United States? %*

*Do you think the majority of people in your community favor or oppose the use of nuclear energy? %*

**Personally favor nuclear energy**



**76**

**Think majority of public favors nuclear energy**



**56**



**5. Knowing that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) monitors each plant every day significantly increases the belief that the plants are safe.**

# Belief: How Often the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Monitored Nuclear Power Plants

|                              | %  |
|------------------------------|----|
| <b>Every day</b>             | 22 |
| <b>Once a week</b>           | 17 |
| <b>Once a month</b>          | 28 |
| <b>Once every six months</b> | 18 |
| <b>Once a year</b>           | 12 |
| <b>Other, don't know</b>     | 3  |

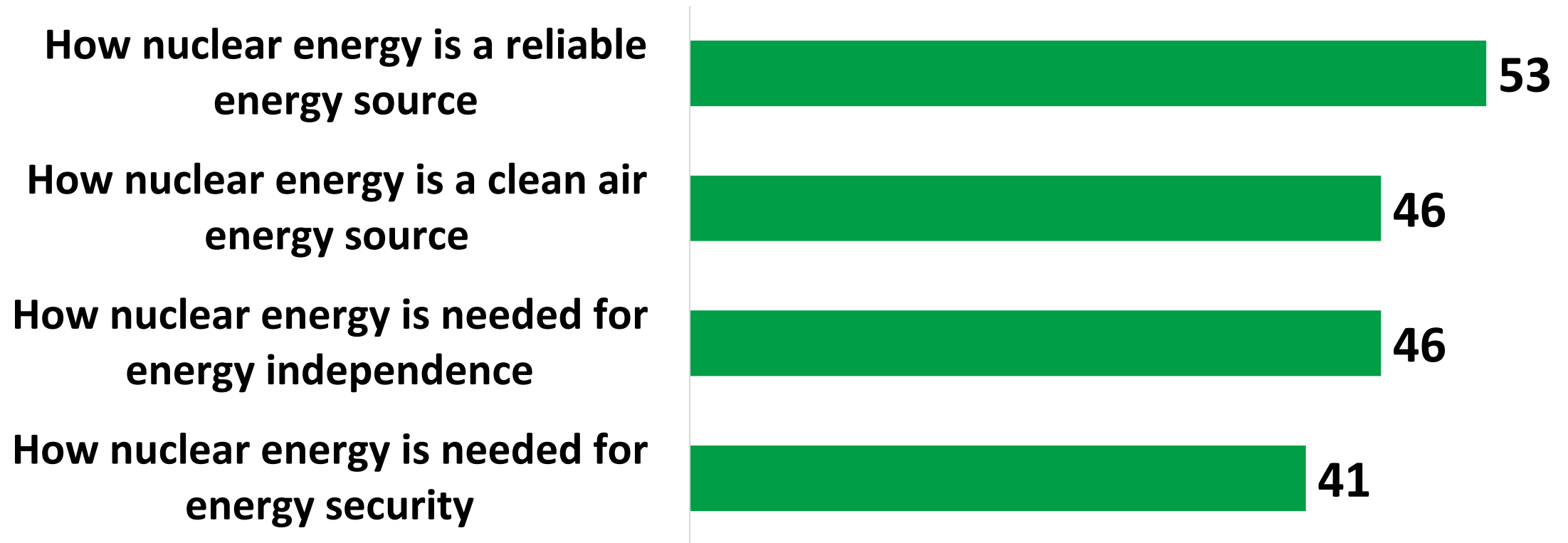
# Percent Rating Nuclear Power Plants Safe, Before and After Information About NRC Monitoring

**Information:** *“In fact, the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) monitors each U.S. nuclear power plant every day to make sure the plant meets federal safety requirements.”*

|                                     | <b>Total</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Women</b> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|                                     | <b>%</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>%</b>     |
| <b>Before information about NRC</b> | 57           | 72         | 44           |
| <b>After information about NRC</b>  | 74           | 81         | 68           |

## 6. Nuclear in the Public Discourse is Linked With Reliability, Clean Air, Energy Independence, and Energy Security

**% Recall Having Heard Anything about 4 Nuclear Energy Topics In the Past Year**



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