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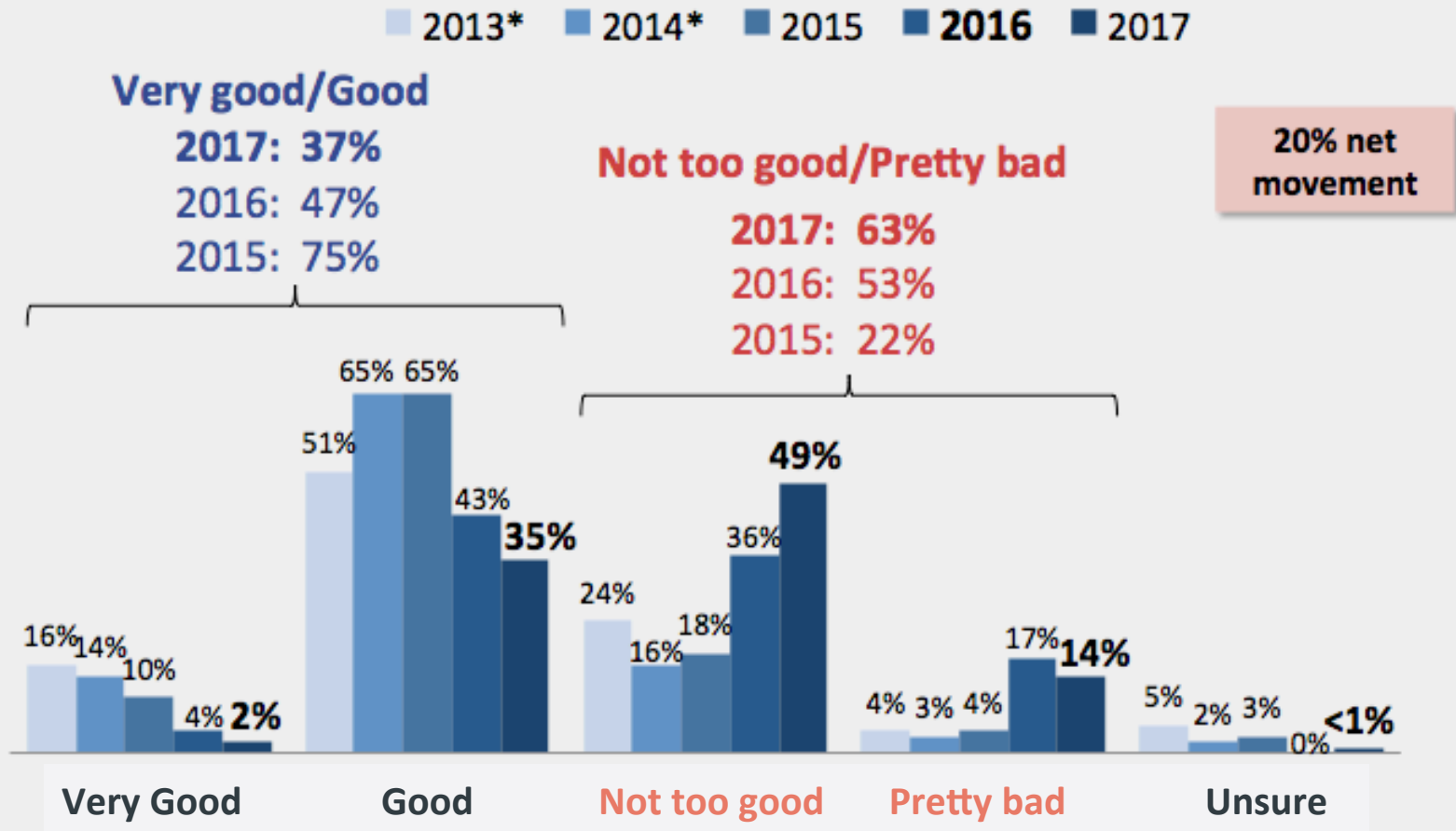
Alaska Public Opinion Survey Highlights

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President and CEO

Alaska's Current Economy

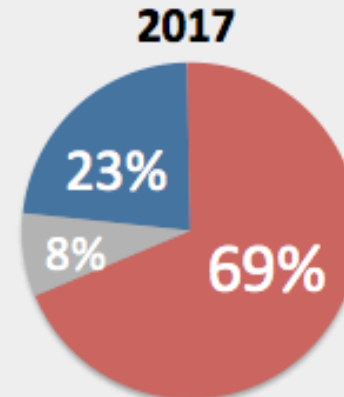
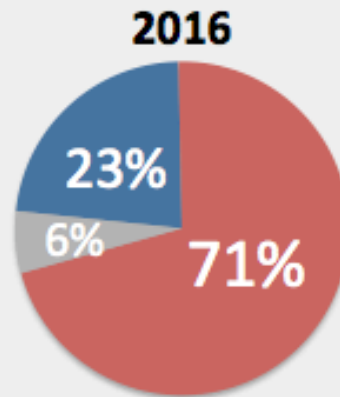
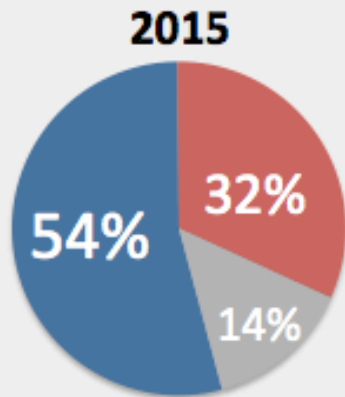
Generally speaking, how would you rate Alaska's current economy?



Direction of State

Thinking about Alaska right now, do you think things are headed in the right direction, or do you think things have gotten off on the wrong track?

■ Right direction
■ Wrong track
■ Unsure



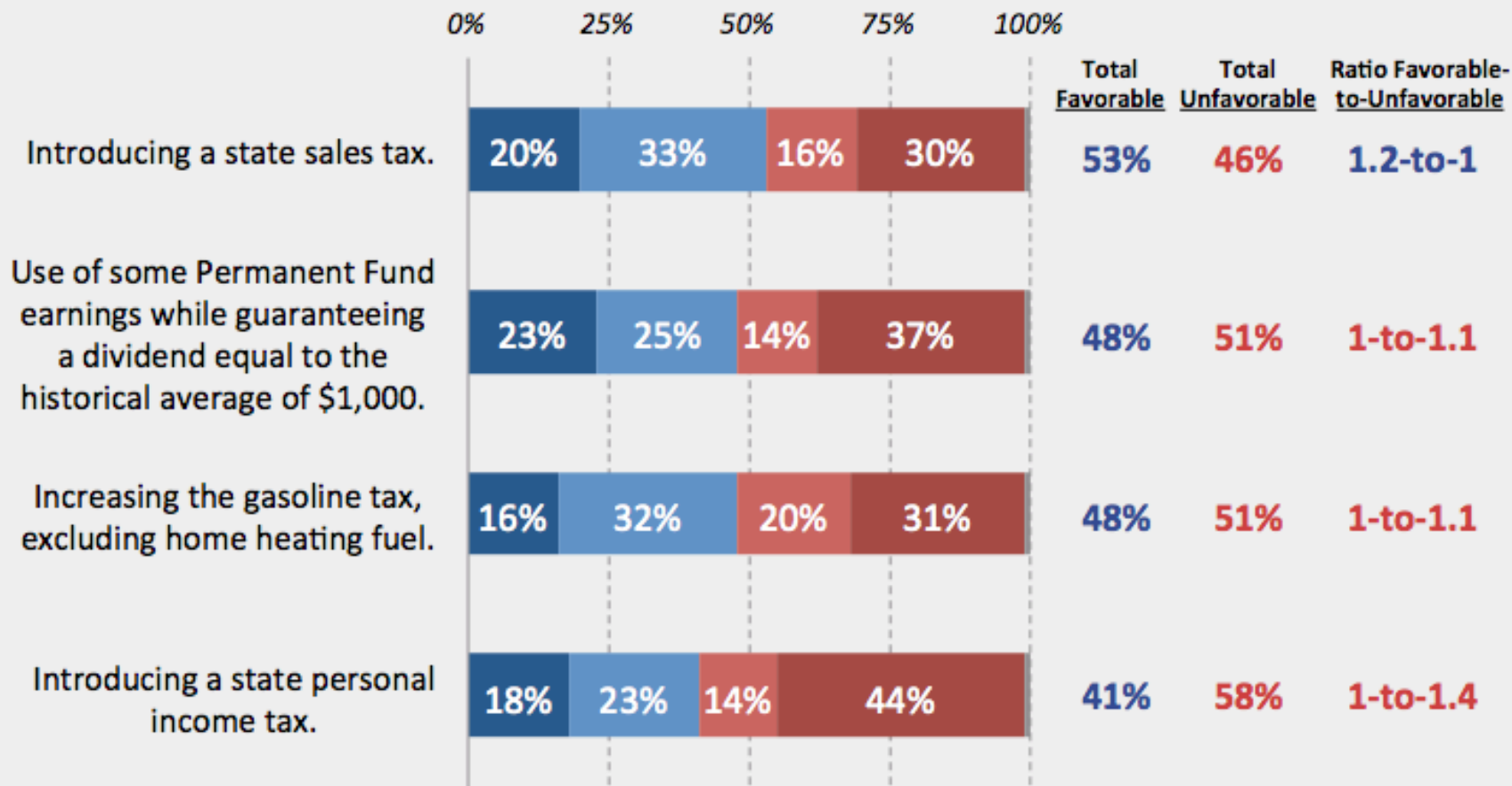
Location	Right direction	Wrong track
Anchorage	18%	76%
Southcentral	23%	67%
Interior	29%	59%
Southeast	30%	60%
Rural	27%	67%

	Right direction	Wrong track
Gender		
Male	21%	70%
Female	24%	68%
Party		
Democrat	25%	67%
Republican	21%	73%
Non-Partisan	27%	64%
Undeclared	22%	68%

Support to address budget deficit...?

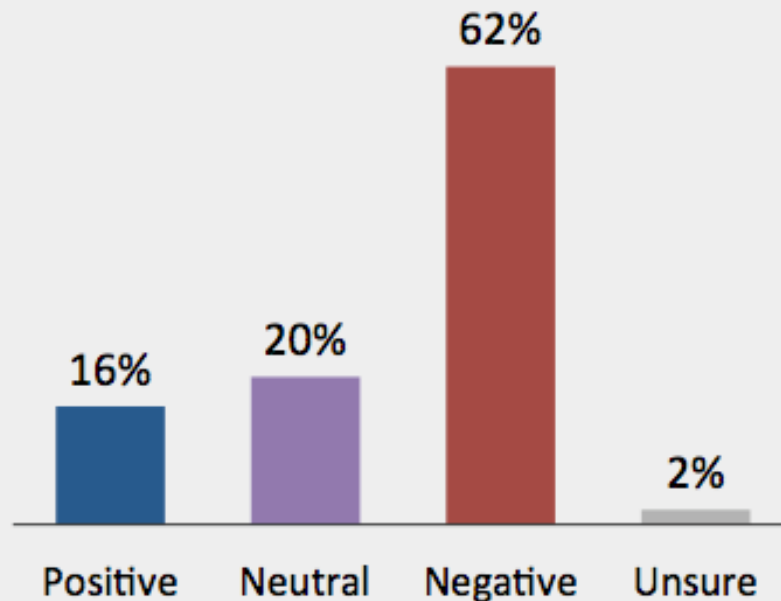
Please tell me whether you support or oppose each of the following items as part of a larger package to address the state budget deficit and raise new revenue to pay for government services.

■ Strongly support
 ■ Somewhat support
 ■ Somewhat oppose
 ■ Strongly oppose
 ■ Unsure



Impact to economy from taxes

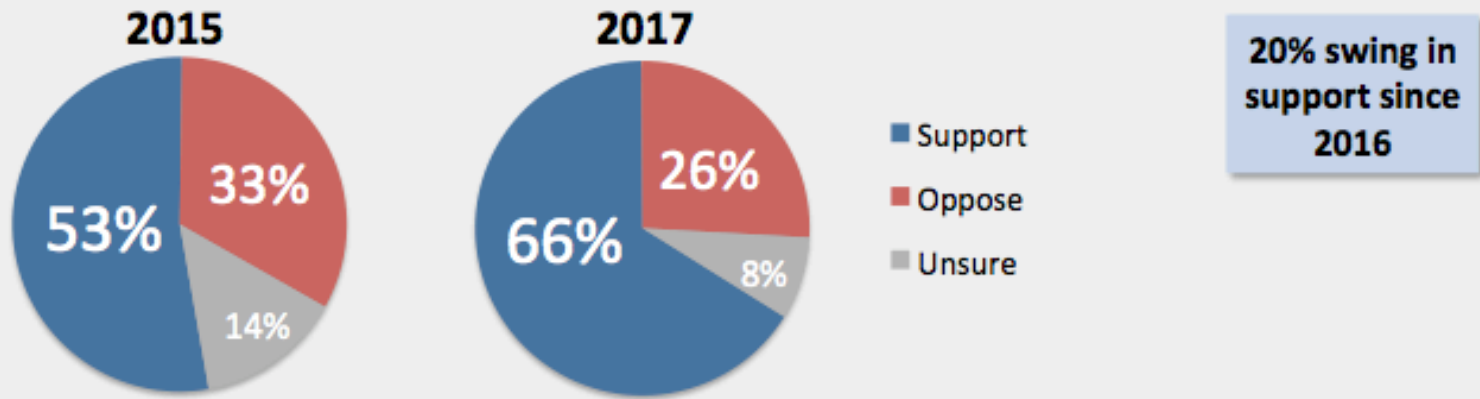
Alaska is currently in a recession. In response, Alaska's private sector is investing less and laying off workers, and Alaska has the highest unemployment rate in the country. At the same time, there are proposals in the legislature to close the state's budget deficit through five hundred million to one billion dollars in new taxes on businesses and individuals. Do you think adding new taxes on the private sector will have a positive, negative, or neutral impact on Alaska's economy?



Location	% Negative
Anchorage	60%
Southcentral	69%
Interior	60%
Southeast	61%
Rural	49%
Gender	% Negative
Male	64%
Female	60%
Party	% Negative
Democrat	42%
Republican	78%
Non-Partisan	57%
Undeclared	59%
Follow local news...	% Negative
Very closely	61%
Somewhat closely	64%
Not closely	57%
Union	% Negative
Public employee	48%
Other union	62%
Non-union	64%

Spending Cap

There is currently a proposal to get an initiative on the ballot before voters. The initiative would put in place a spending cap for state spending. The spending cap level would be tied to the consumer price index. If passed, state spending each year could not exceed the spending cap. Is this an initiative that you would most likely support or oppose?



Location	Support	Oppose
Anchorage	66%	28%
Southcentral	73%	19%
Interior	62%	29%
Southeast	58%	29%
Rural	63%	32%

Party	Support	Oppose
Democrat	45%	40%
Republican	83%	12%
Non-Partisan	51%	37%
Undeclared	68%	28%

Union	Support	Oppose
Public employee	52%	40%
Other union	70%	21%
Non-union	68%	25%

Education	Support	Oppose
High school or less	75%	21%
Some college	75%	19%
Graduated college	62%	27%
Graduate school	50%	41%