Public Opinion on Lab-Grown Meat by Political Affiliation

Lab-Grown Meat Regulations Are Popular Across the Political Spectrum

As we barrel towards an election in November, it seems Americans are more divided than ever. However, recent polling conducted by the Center for the Environment and Welfare reveals a rare spot of bipartisan unity on the issue of lab-grown meat.

The poll reveals that a majority of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents are unwilling to include lab-grown meat in their diets. There is a similar bipartisan majority opinion that lab-grown meat should not be included in school lunch programs. A commanding supermajority of Americans across the political spectrum agree that lab-grown meat should be accurately labeled in stores and restaurants, rather than being conflated with farm-raised meat.

More broadly, absolute majorities of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents support state and federal legislation restricting the novel new food.

Legislation regulating lab-grown meat has been spreading. Florida and Alabama have already passed laws banning the sale and manufacture of the product. And Iowa recently passed legislation mandating proper labeling as well as prohibiting the product from school lunch programs. And in January, Senators Mike Rounds (R-SD) and Jon Tester (D-MT) introduced federal legislation to ban lab-grown meat from school cafeterias.

58%
of respondants support legislation to restrict the sale of lab grown meat

62% Republican/Leaning
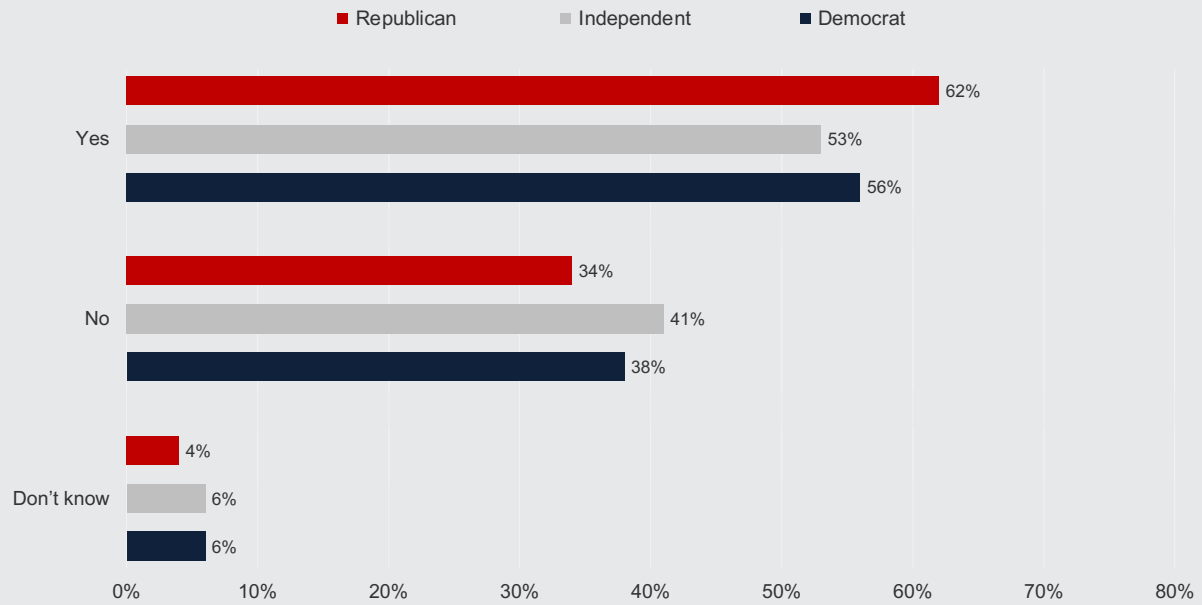**55%** Independent
56% Democrat/Leaning

63%
of respondants oppose lab-grown meat in school lunch programs
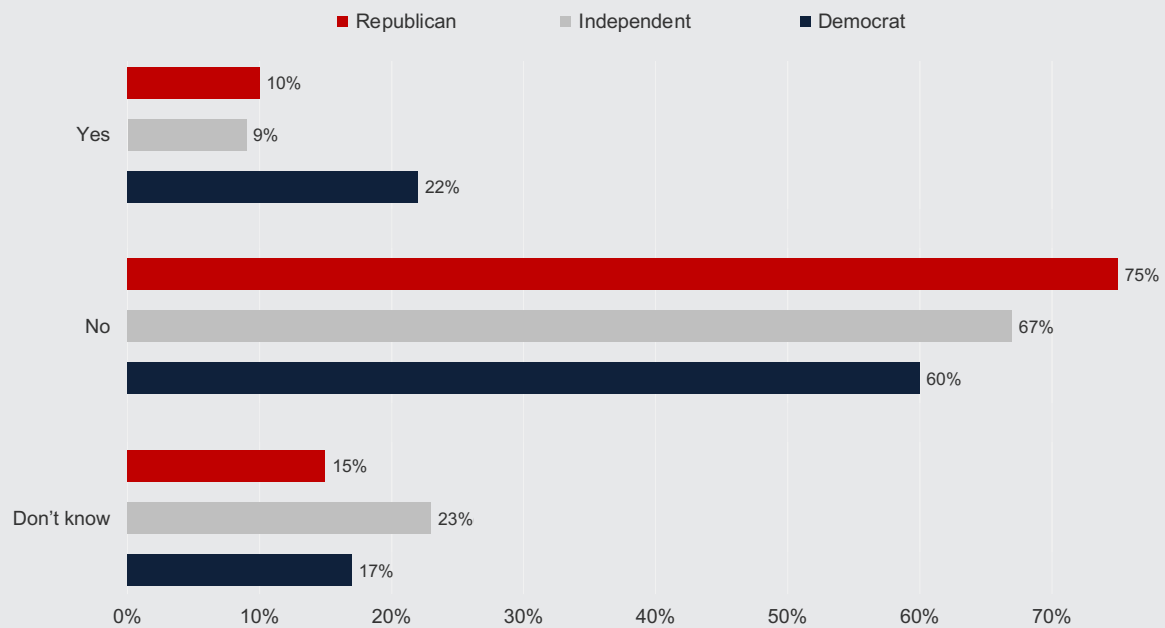
70% Republican/Leaning
61% Independent
59% Democrat/Leaning

Have you heard of lab-grown meat?

Legend: ■ Republican ■ Independent ■ Democrat

Yes
- Republican: 62%
- Independent: 53%
- Democrat: 56%

No
- Republican: 34%
- Independent: 41%
- Democrat: 38%

Don't know
- Republican: 4%
- Independent: 6%
- Democrat: 6%

(X-axis: 0% to 80%)

Is lab-grown meat something you would be willing to include in your diet?

Legend: ■ Republican ■ Independent ■ Democrat

Yes
- Republican: 10%
- Independent: 9%
- Democrat: 22%

No
- Republican: 75%
- Independent: 67%
- Democrat: 60%

Don't know
- Republican: 15%
- Independent: 23%
- Democrat: 17%

(X-axis: 0% to 70%)

Regardless of what you are personally willing to eat, do you support the introduction of lab-grown meat into school lunch programs for children?

■ Republican   ■ Independent   ■ Democrat

Yes
- Republican: 15%
- Independent: 11%
- Democrat: 22%
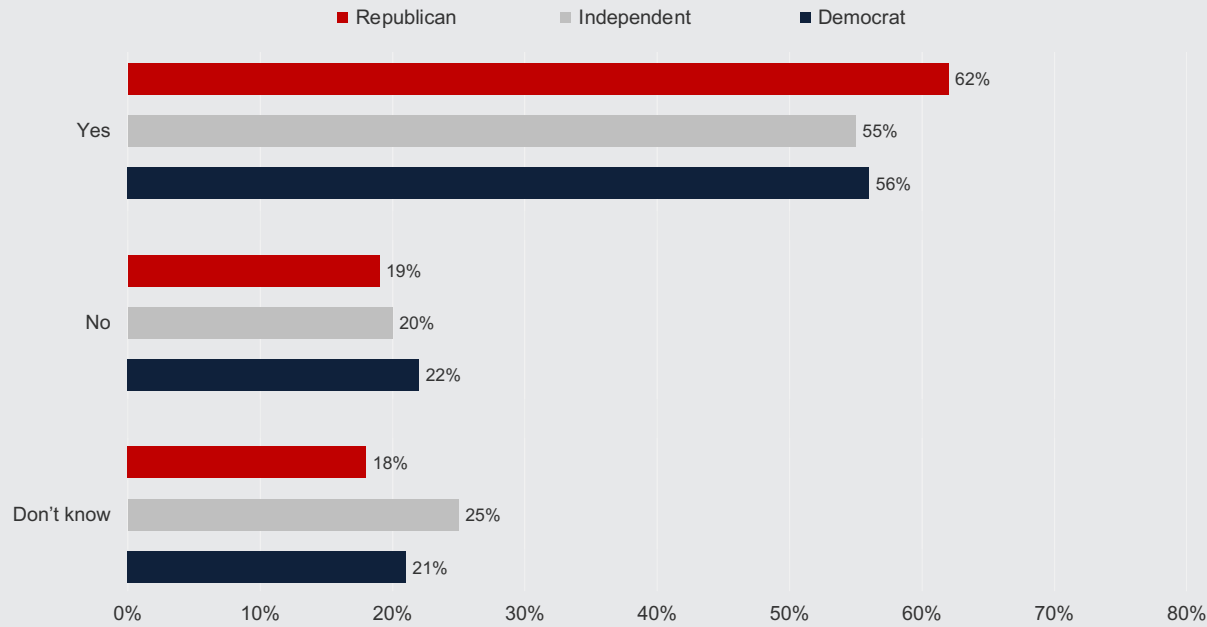
No
- Republican: 70%
- Independent: 61%
- Democrat: 59%

Don't know
- Republican: 14%
- Independent: 28%
- Democrat: 19%

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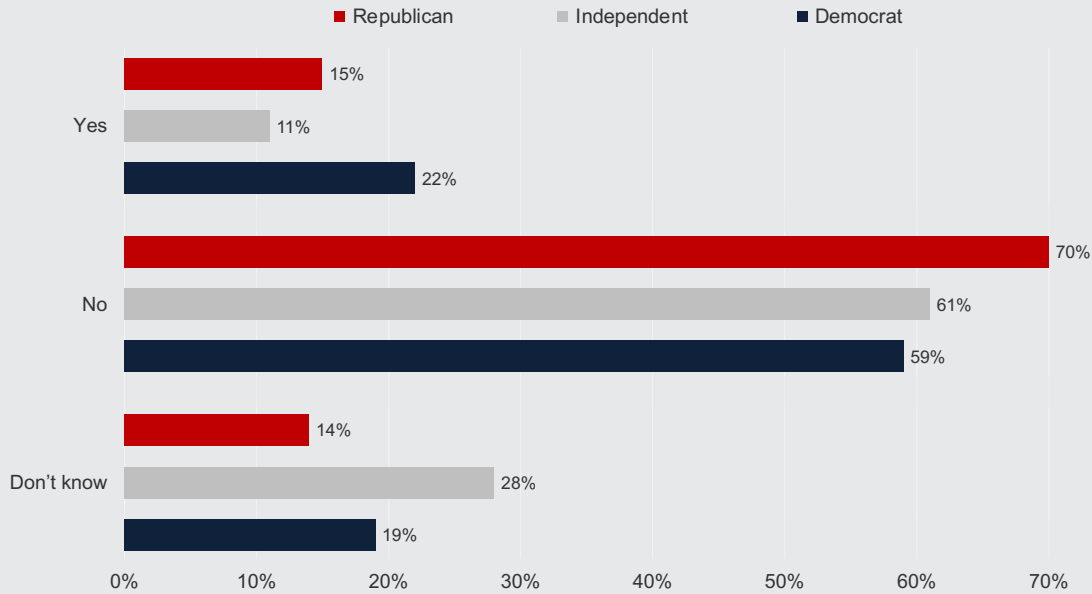
Do you think the government should be responsible to make sure lab-grown meat is labeled accurately in grocery stores and restaurants?

■ Republican   ■ Independent   ■ Democrat

Yes
- Republican: 86%
- Independent: 78%
- Democrat: 87%

No
- Republican: 11%
- Independent: 13%
- Democrat: 11%

Don't know
- Republican: 3%
- Independent: 9%
- Democrat: 2%

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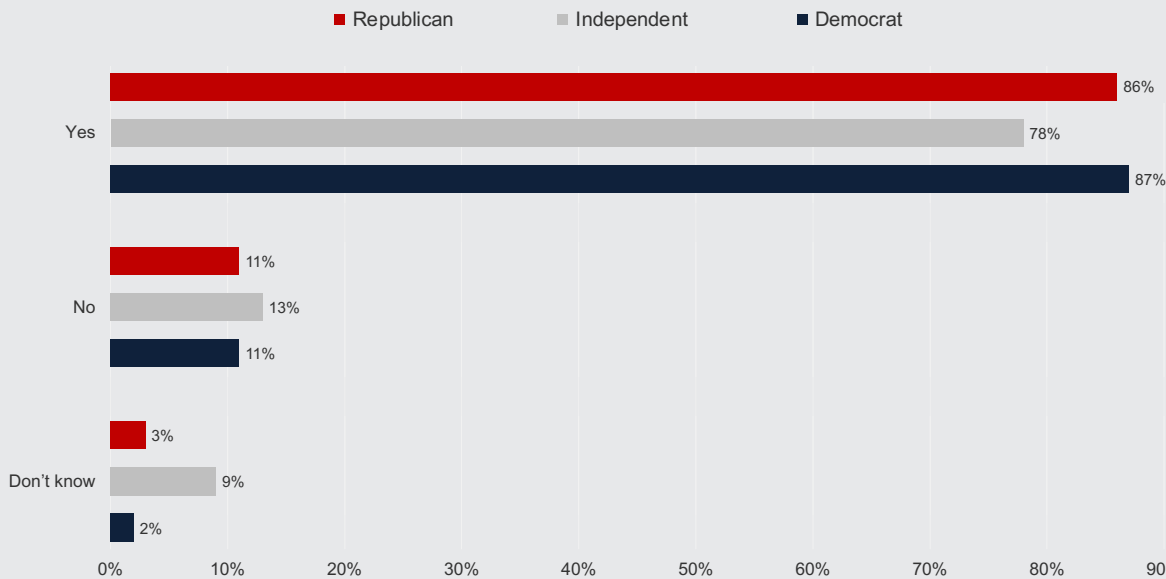
Do you support the state or federal government passing laws to restrict the sale of lab-grown meat to consumers?

Legend: ■ Republican ■ Independent ■ Democrat

Yes
- Republican: 62%
- Independent: 55%
- Democrat: 56%

No
- Republican: 19%
- Independent: 20%
- Democrat: 22%

Don't know
- Republican: 18%
- Independent: 25%
- Democrat: 21%

(x-axis: 0% to 80%)

Statistical significance testing in comparisons performed at 95% confidence level; minimum base of 30
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