



# EYE ON ALBERTA

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## Alberta's Public Affairs Monitor

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# RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

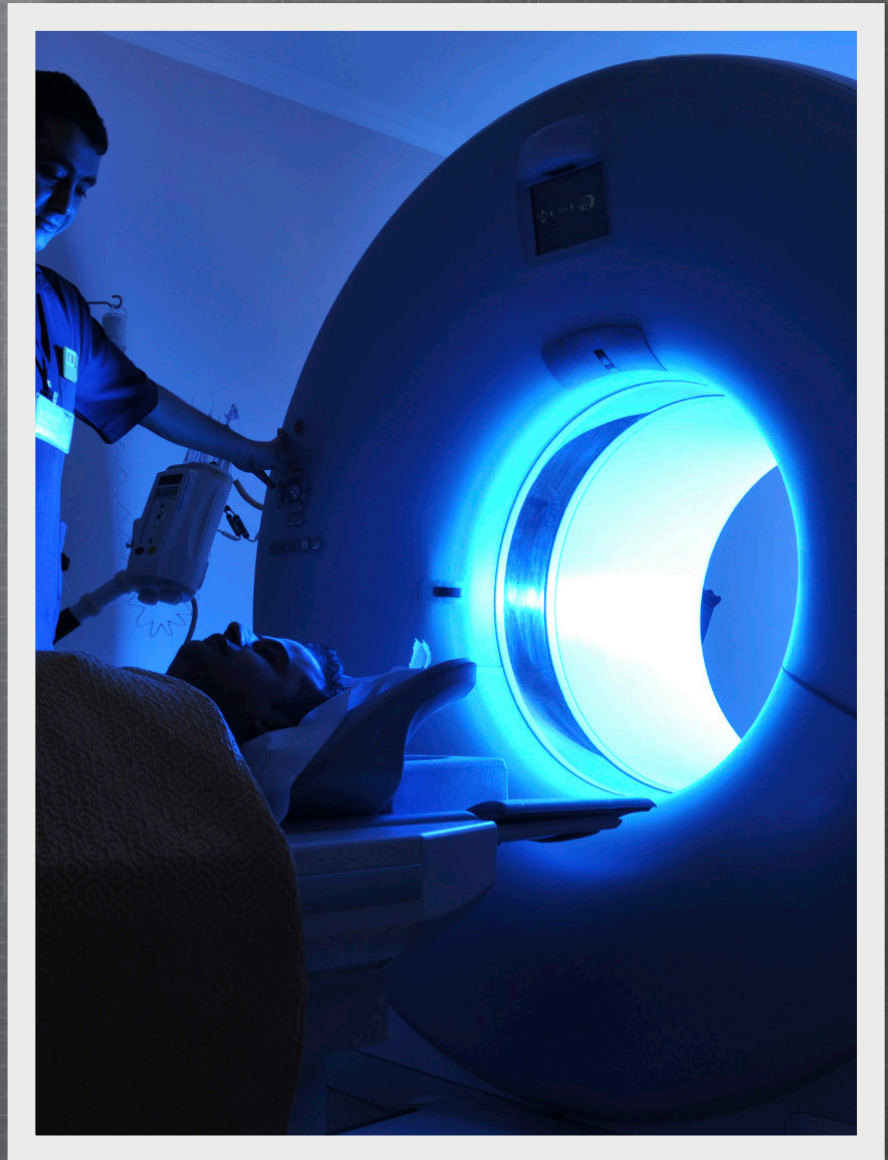
- 👁 Study fielded via online research panel
  - 👁 Field Dates: September 5 - 10, 2013
  - 👁 Panel Source: Voice of Alberta
- 👁 n=1296
- 👁 Weighted to reflect gender, age, region of Alberta population according to Stats Canada
- 👁 Sample of 1296, margin of error, which measures sampling variability, is +/- 2.7%
- 👁 Margin of error larger & varies for subsamples

# REGIONAL SAMPLE SIZES & MARGINS OF ERROR

	Total Interviews (Unweighted) (n)	Total Interviews (Weighted) (n)	Margin of Error
ALBERTA TOTAL	1296	1296	+/- 2.7
Calgary CMA	454	435	+/- 4.7
Edmonton CMA	389	395	+/- 4.9
North	130	168	+/- 7.6
Central	156	156	+/- 7.9
South	167	142	+/- 8.2

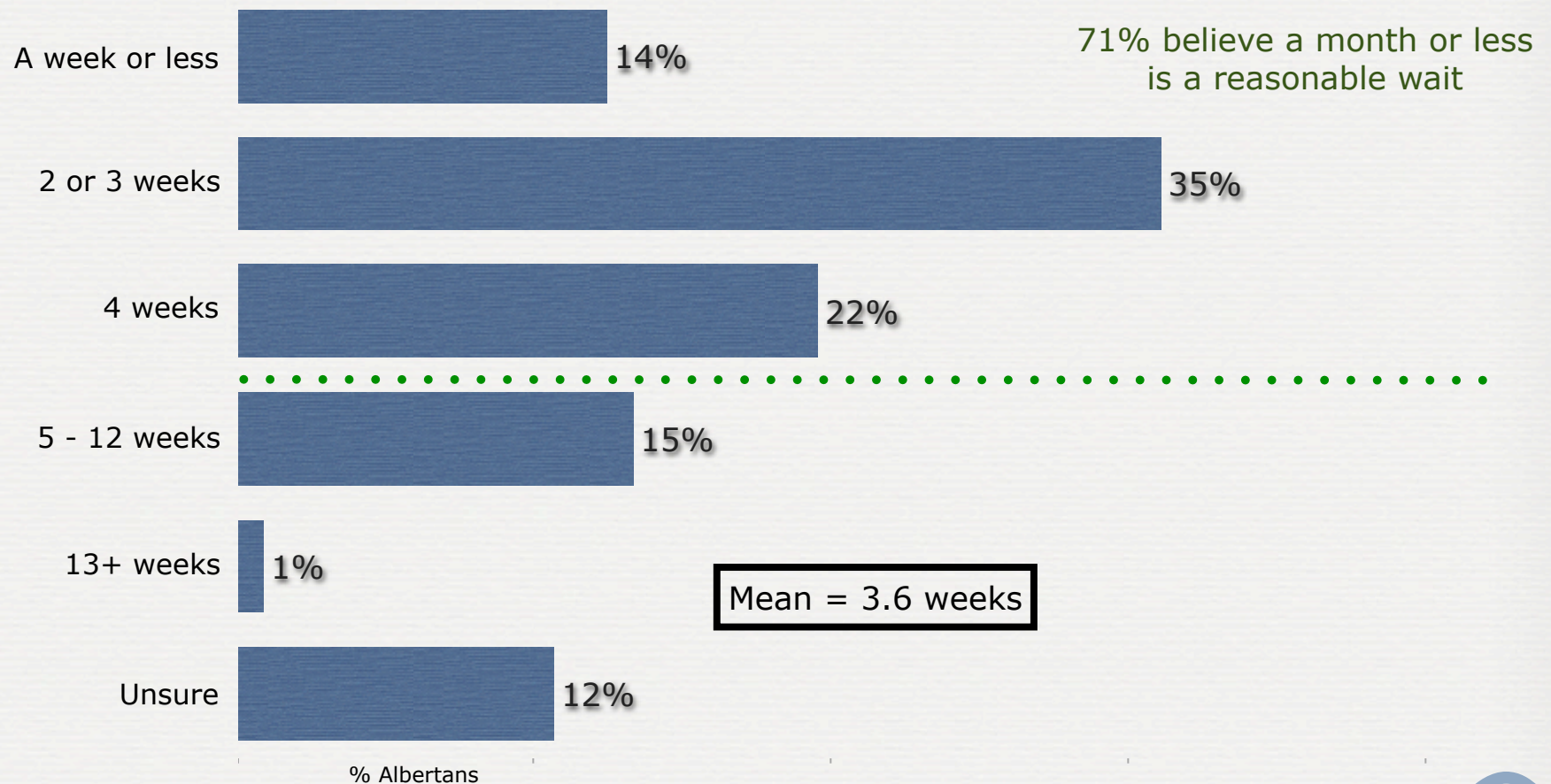
# ISSUE PROBE: PRIVATE MRI CLINICS & “QUEUE-JUMPING”

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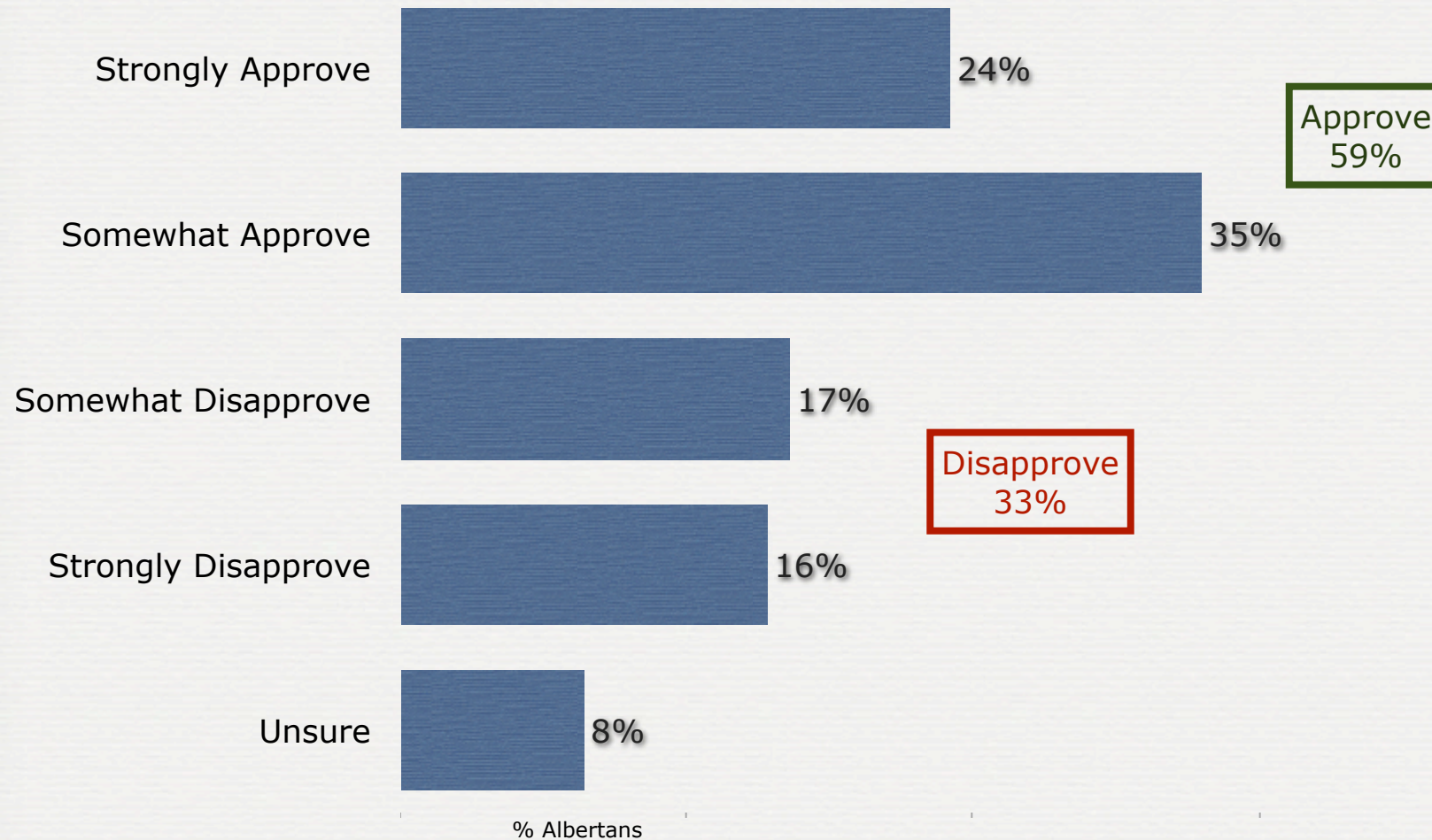
# PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS FOR MRI WAIT TIMES

“Currently in the province, Alberta Health Services operates a number of publicly funded MRI diagnostic facilities. People who need emergency or critical care get access to these right away, while people with less serious health conditions or preventative care needs are put on a waiting list for these scans. **When it comes to these non-critical but necessary types of scans, how long a wait - in weeks - would you personally consider reasonable?**”



# PUBLIC SUPPORT CURRENT HYBRID MRI SYSTEM

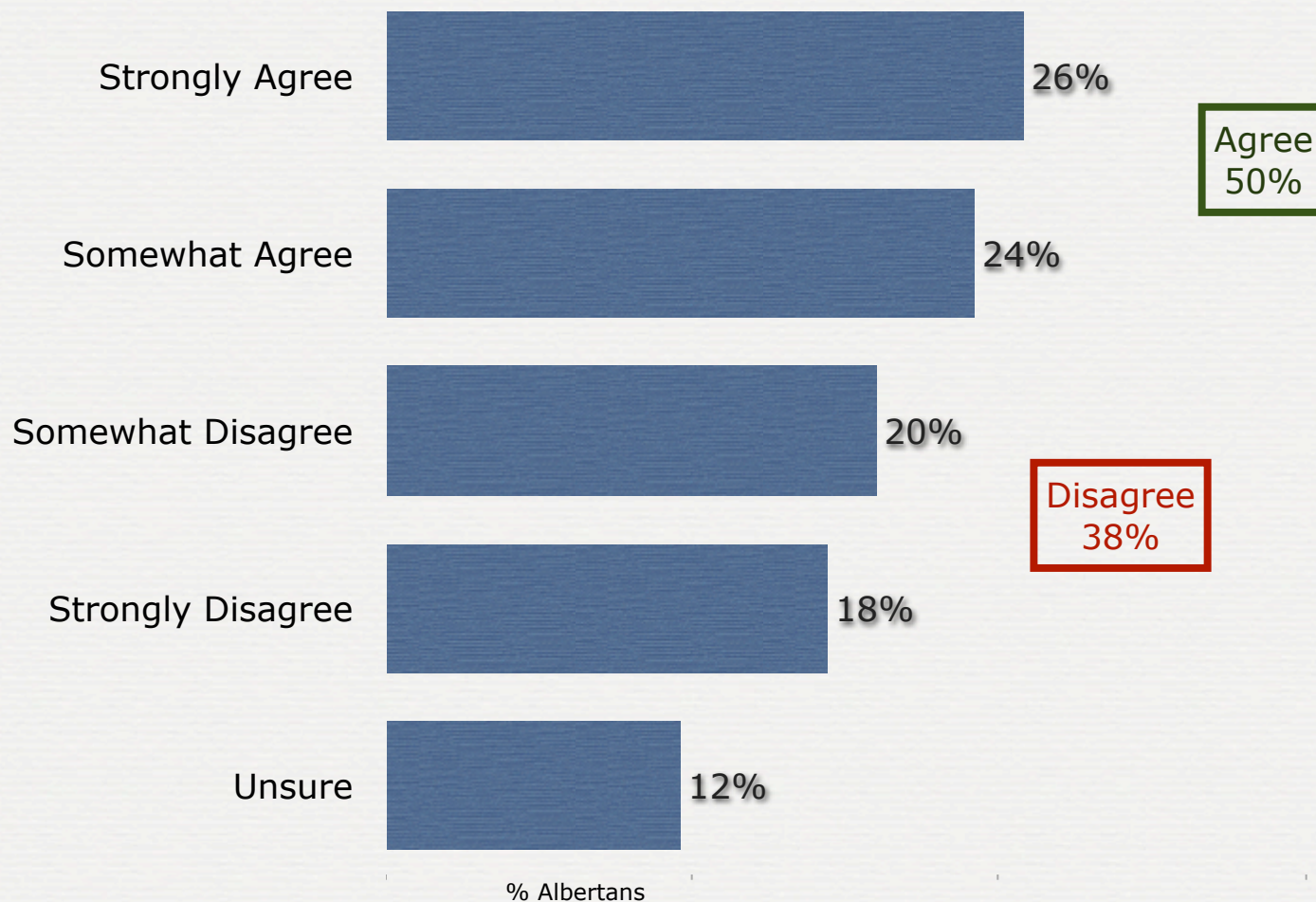
"Currently, many provinces in Canada including Alberta allow for privately funded diagnostic procedures like MRIs. While emergency and critical MRI needs are quickly addressed through the public system, other patients can choose to pay for their own MRI if they do not wish to wait for the scan through Alberta Health Services. What do you think? Overall, would you say you personally approve or disapprove of the current system that allows patients to pay for their MRI scans if they choose to?"



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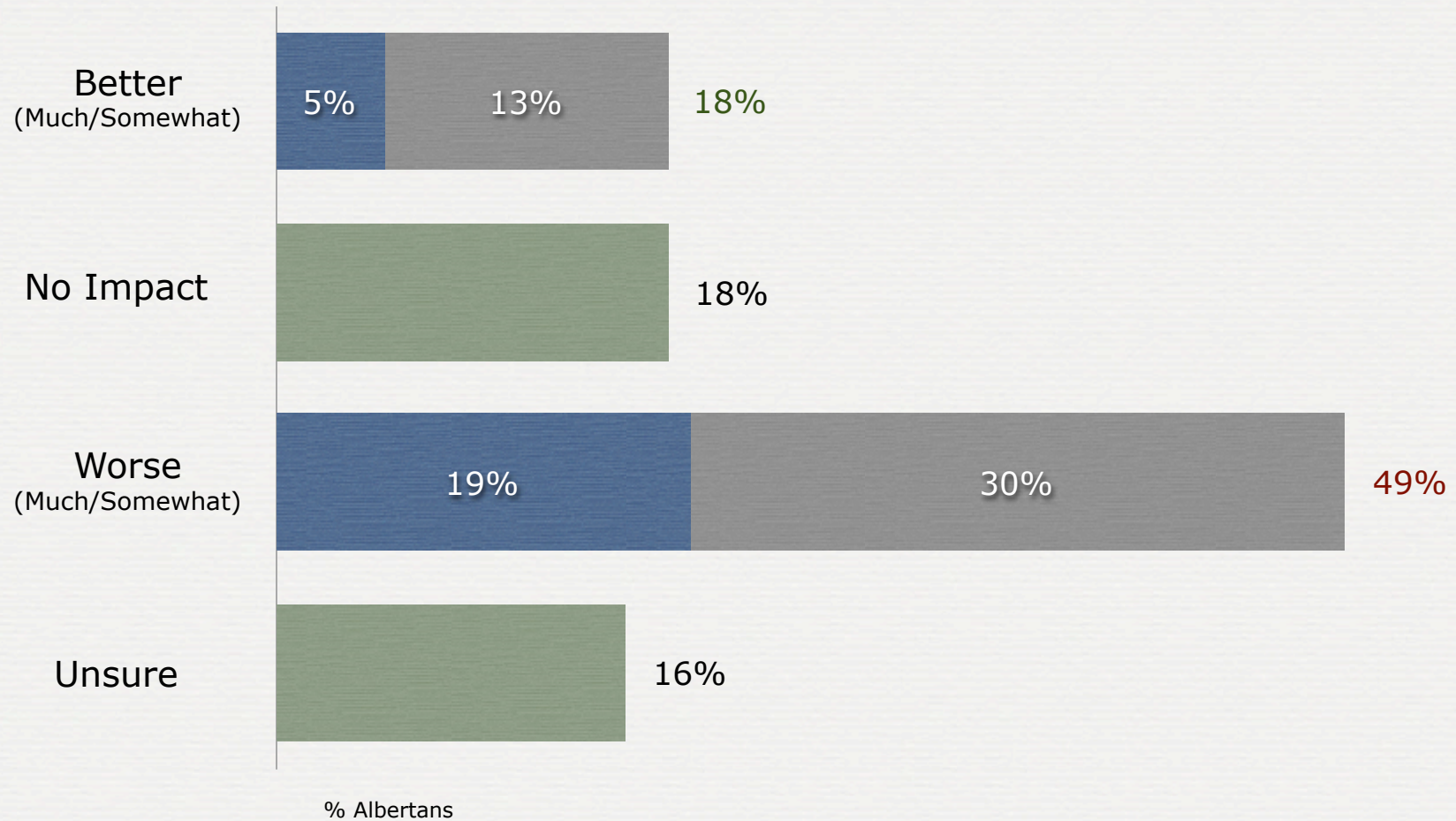
# PUBLIC SUPPORT CP&S MRI POSITION

"Recently, the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons, the organization that registers and regulates Alberta's doctors, has asked the provincial government to reconsider private MRI clinics. They believe that diagnostics should be totally publicly funded because those who pay for a private MRI may receive faster treatment as a result of faster diagnosis. Therefore, they are proposing that the province ban private MRIs to prevent any preferential access to health treatment. Overall would you say you personally **agree** or **disagree** with this position of the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons?"



# PERCEIVED IMPACT OF BANNING PRIVATE MRI ON HEALTHCARE

"If the Provincial Government did ban private MRI scans, do you personally think that would make the delivery of health care in Alberta **better** or **worse** than it is today?"



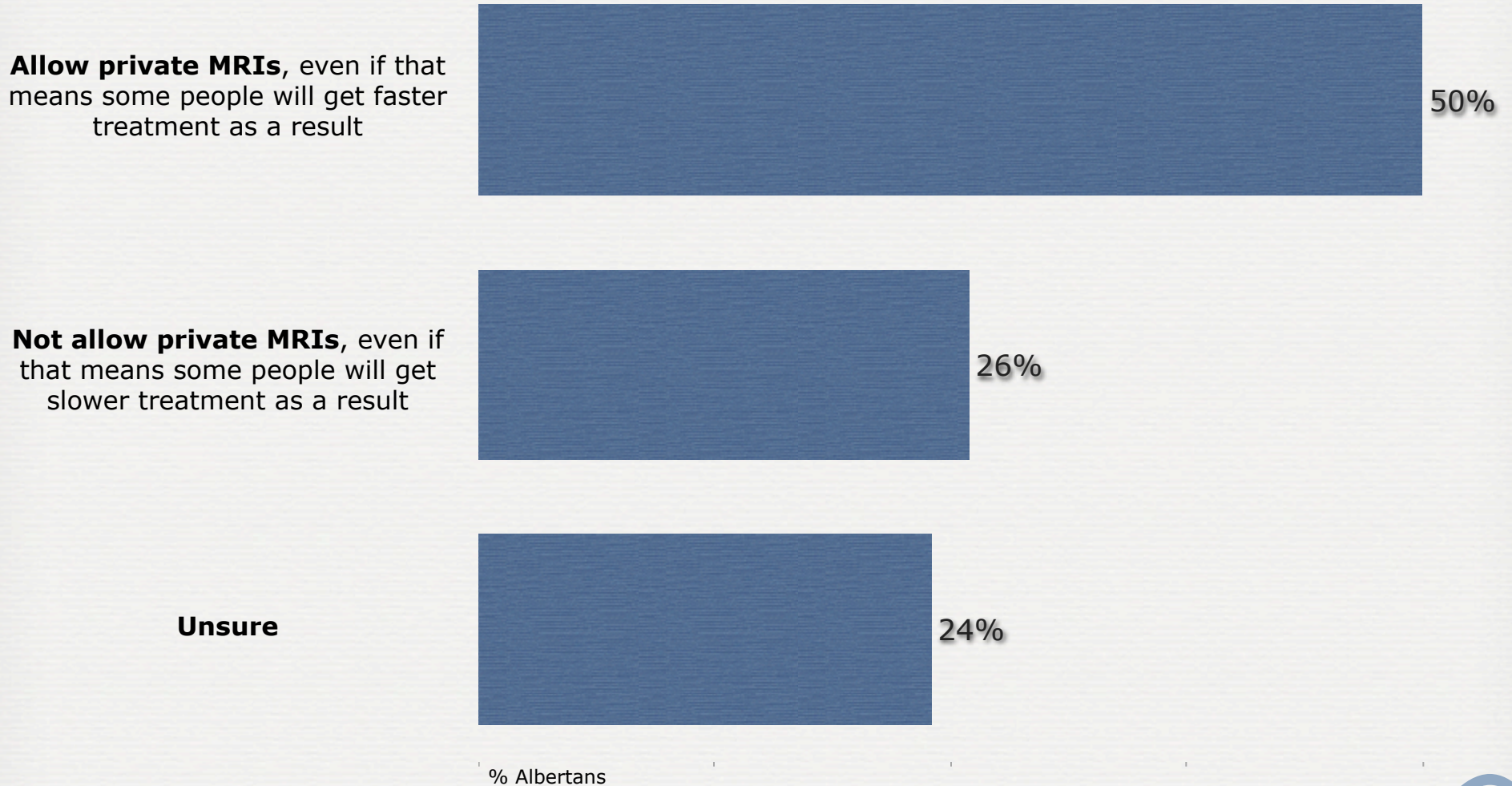
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# MRI PAIRED TRADE-OFF

"When it comes to private vs public MRI diagnostics in Alberta, different people have different views. Which one of the following two broad points of view on this issue best represents your own? We should...?"



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