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Data from a statewide survey of 800 registered voters in New York, with an oversample of 200 registered voters in New York City, conducted January 29-31, 2011.



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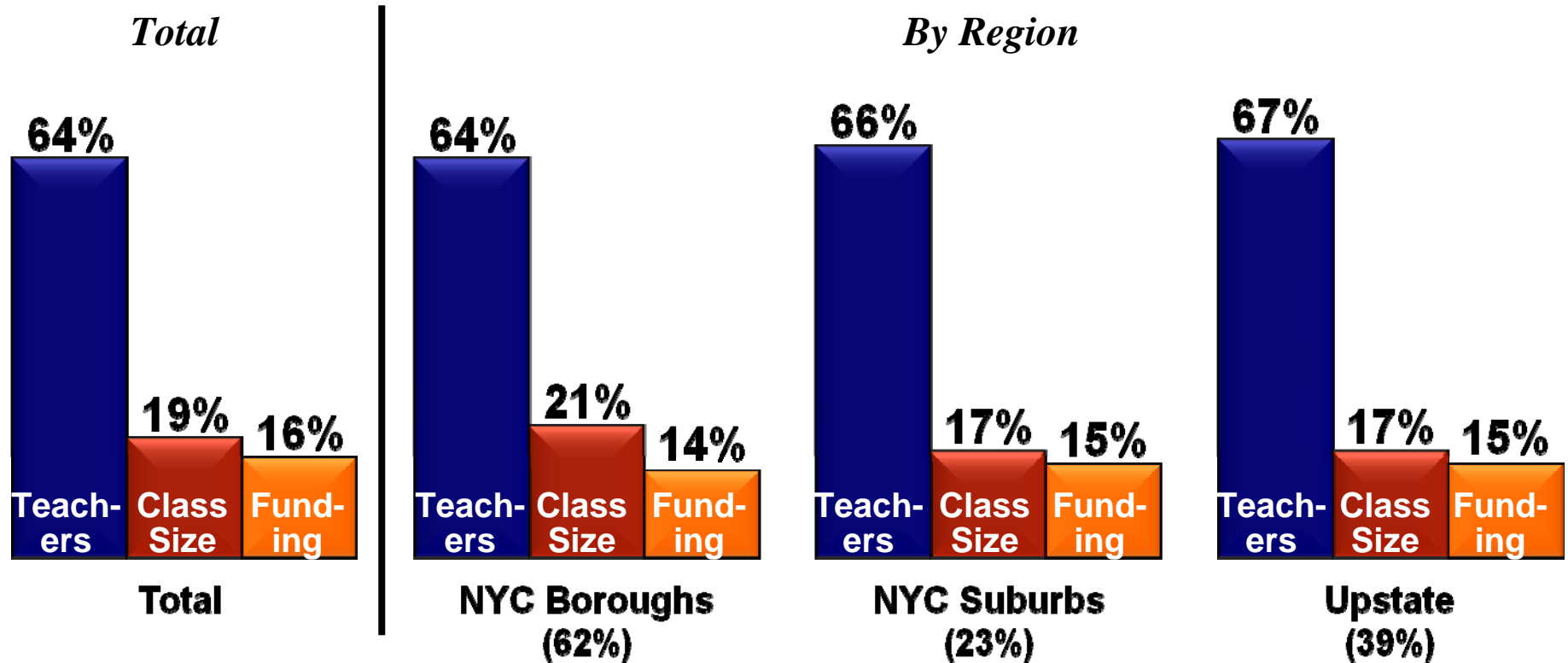
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Key Findings

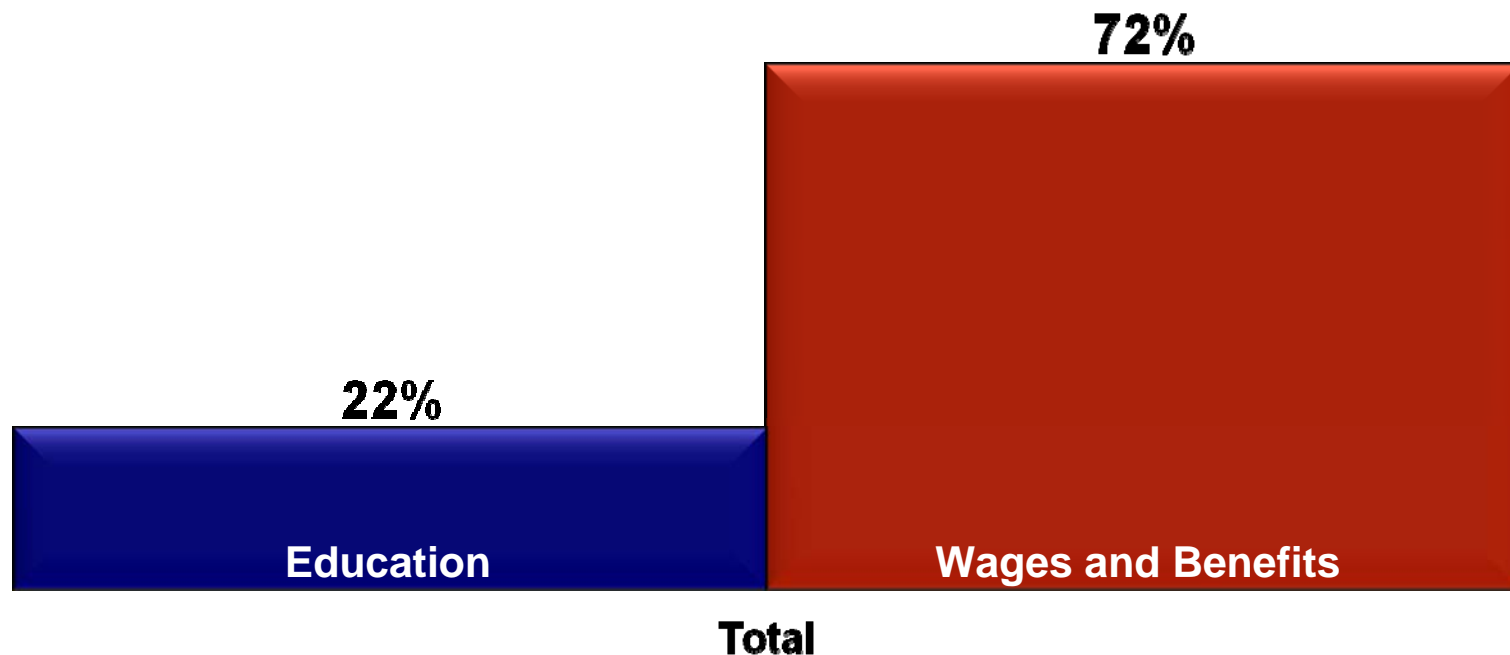
New York voters believe “good quality teachers” is the most important factor in making sure kids get a good education.

Now, thinking specifically about public school education in the state... which one of the following do you believe is the most important factor in making sure kids get a good education... Hiring and keeping good quality teachers, Keeping class sizes low ...or... Providing funding for school programs?



New York voters believe that teachers' unions are more interested in protecting wages and benefits for teachers than they are in improving education for students.

And, do you believe that these teachers' unions are... More interested in improving education for students in the state's public school system ...or are they... More interested in protecting wages and benefits for teachers in the state's public school system?





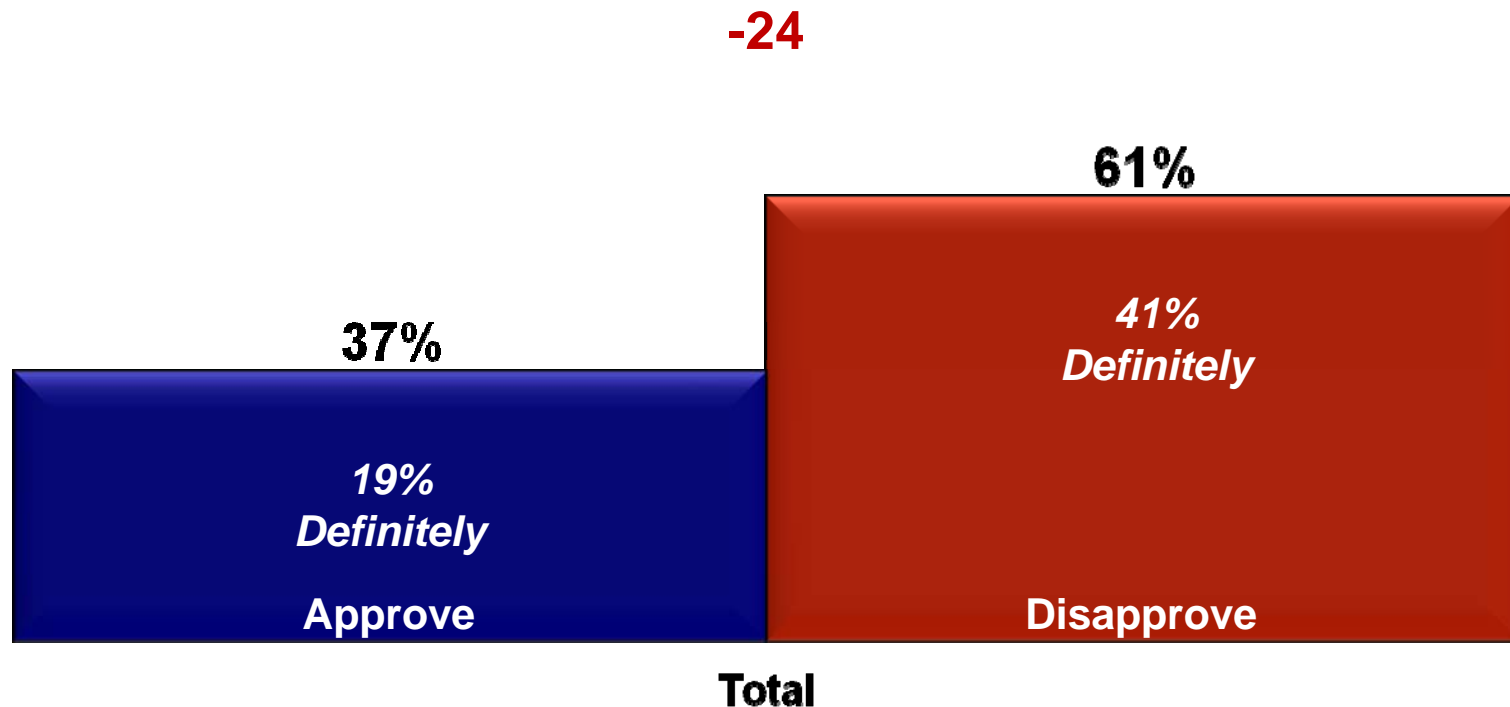
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Attitudes Toward “Last-In/First-Out.”

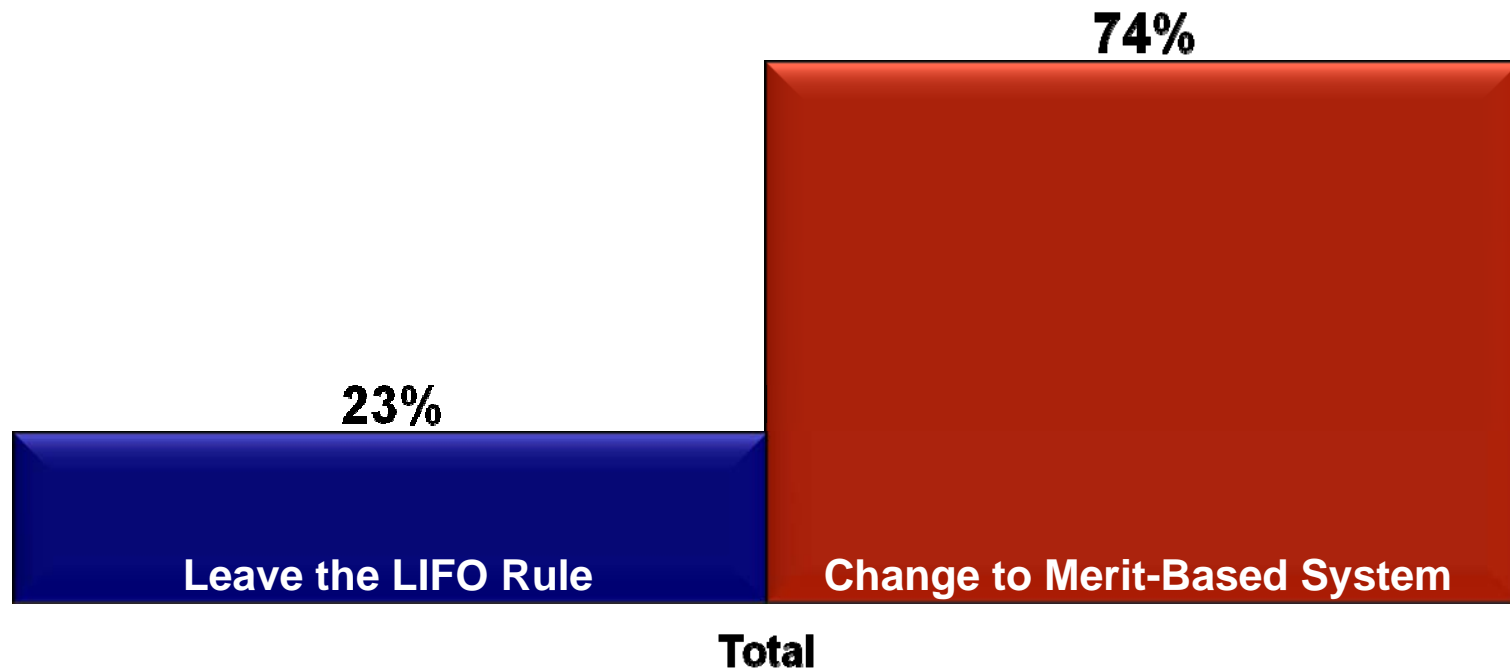
New York voters disapprove of the “Last-in/First-Out” practice.

Now, as you may know, New York State law requires that when teachers are laid off, the layoffs must occur in order of reverse seniority, with the most recently hired teachers being the first to be laid off. First of all, do you approve or disapprove of this practice?



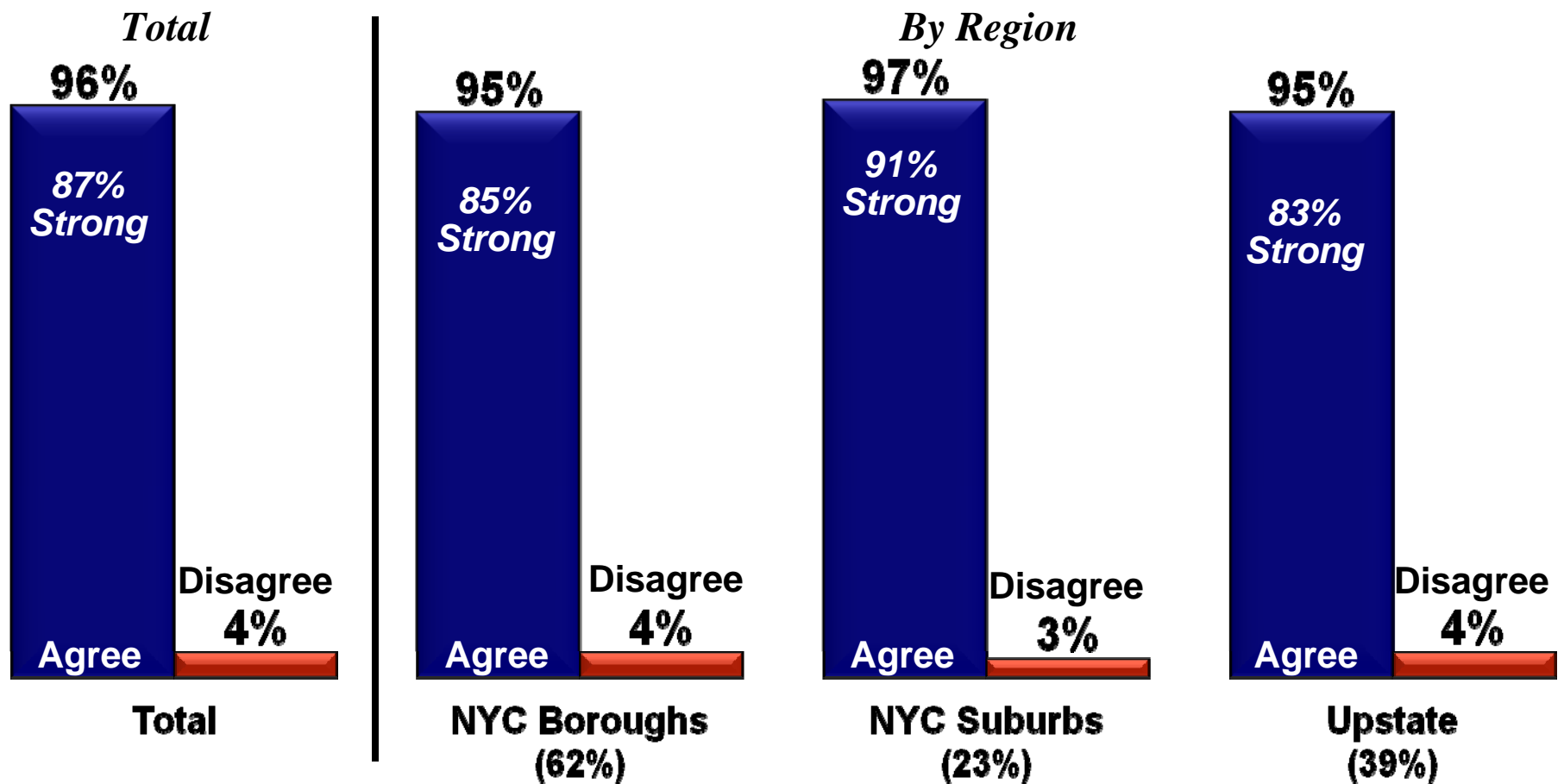
Voters believe that changing the LIFO to a merit-based system would be better for the state's public school students.

*And, which do you believe would be better for the state's public school students?
To leave the last-in/first-out rule the way it is, or to change it to a merit-based system?*



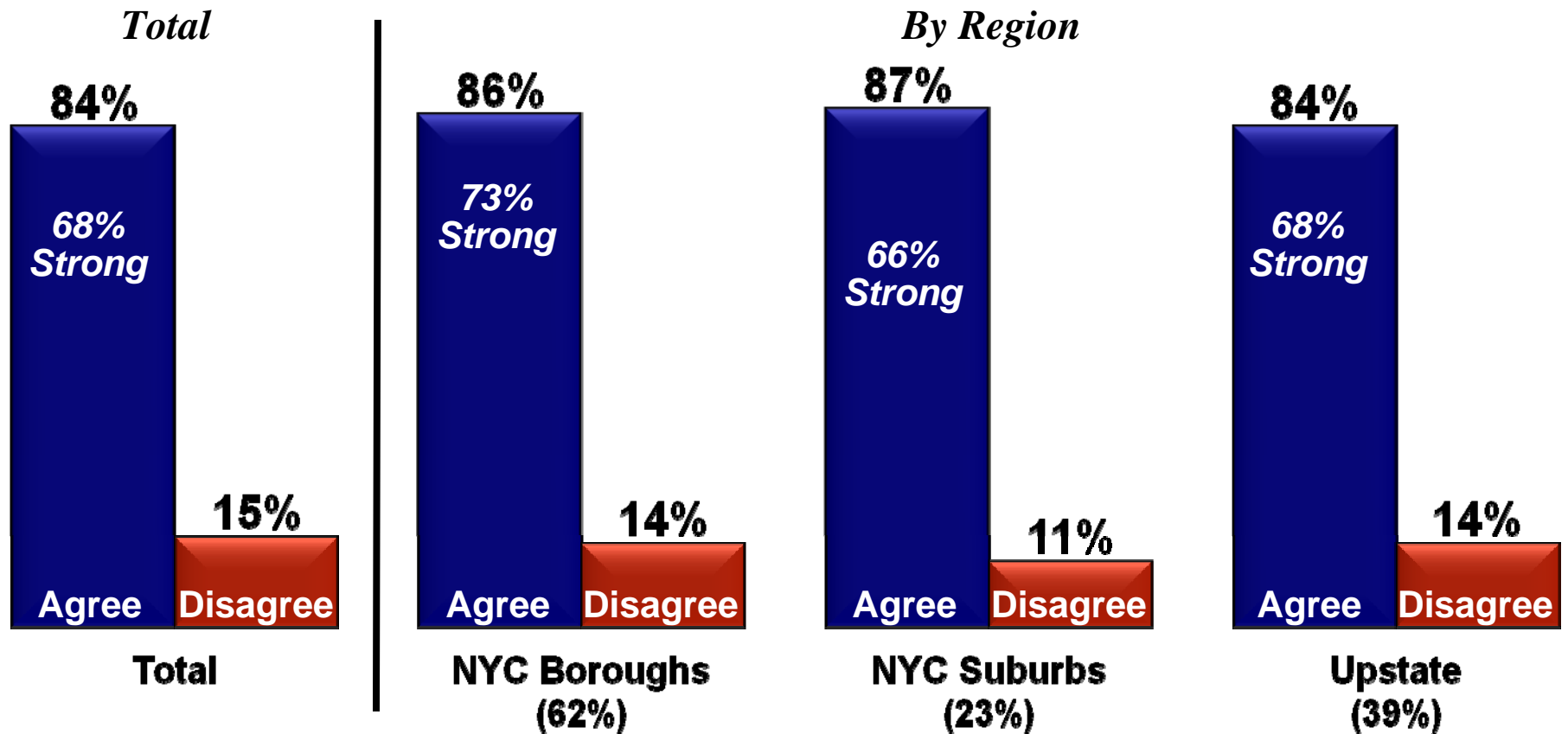
It's almost unanimous that voters believe New York's kids deserve the best teachers, whether they are long-time veterans or rookies.

Now, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding this issue... New York's kids deserve the best teachers, whether they are long-time veterans or rookies.



More than 80% of New Yorkers believe the determining factor for whether a teacher should be laid off is the teacher's effectiveness.

Now, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding this issue... The determining factor for whether a teacher should be laid off shouldn't be based on how long they've been teaching, but rather how effective the teacher is.



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