Handling Illegal Immigration in the United States

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WHY?

- The reason this topic was chosen to be researched is due to the popularity of this current controversial issue. Handling immigration as a whole is not only important on the national level, but also state, local, and personal. Future outcomes in the United States rely heavily on finding a resolution, or middle ground on these immigration issues.

PROJECT ABSTRACT

The research topic we studied was based on the current issue of illegal immigrants continually entering the United States, and how the federal government is handling the issue.
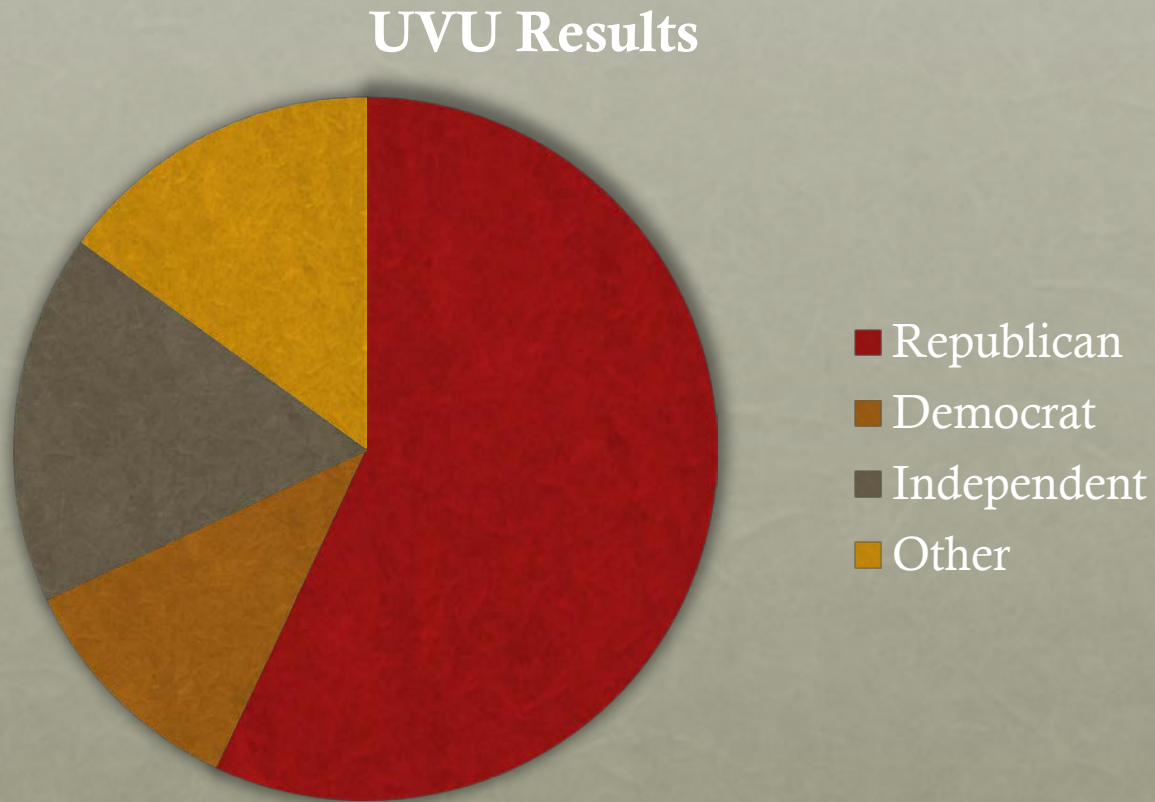
We conducted our research by means of a randomized survey. The survey was emailed out to 500 UVU students, and was also made available via social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) in hopes of a broader audience.

DATA: UVU VS. SOCIAL MEDIA

- UVU Results

- Total Participants: 55

- Female: 57%

- Male: 43%

- Total Participants: 166

- Female: 43%

- Male: 56%

- Other: 1%

- Social Media Results

POLITICAL AFFILIATION

- UVU Results:
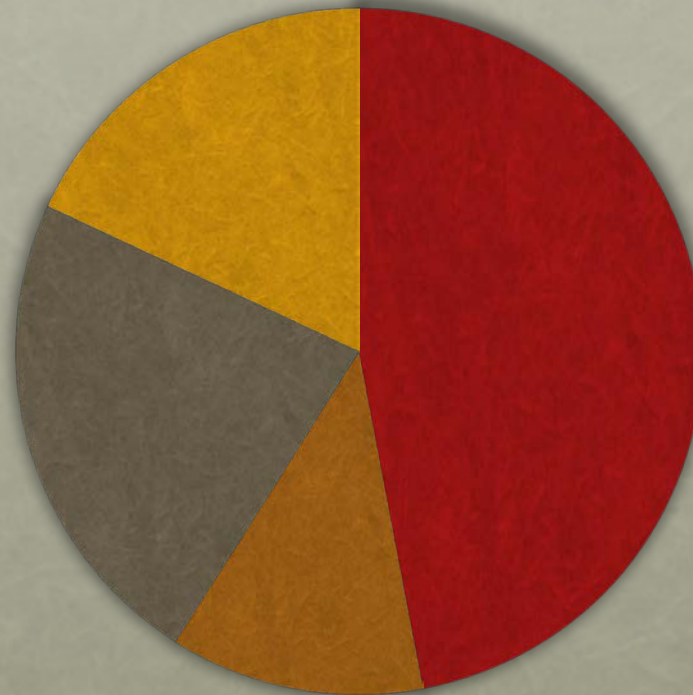
- Republican: 57%

- Democrat: 11%

- Independent: 17%

- Other: 15%

UVU Results

- Republican
- Democrat
- Independent
- Other

- Social Media Results:

- Republican: 47%

- Democrat: 12%

- Independent: 23%

- Other: 18%

Social Media Results

- Republican
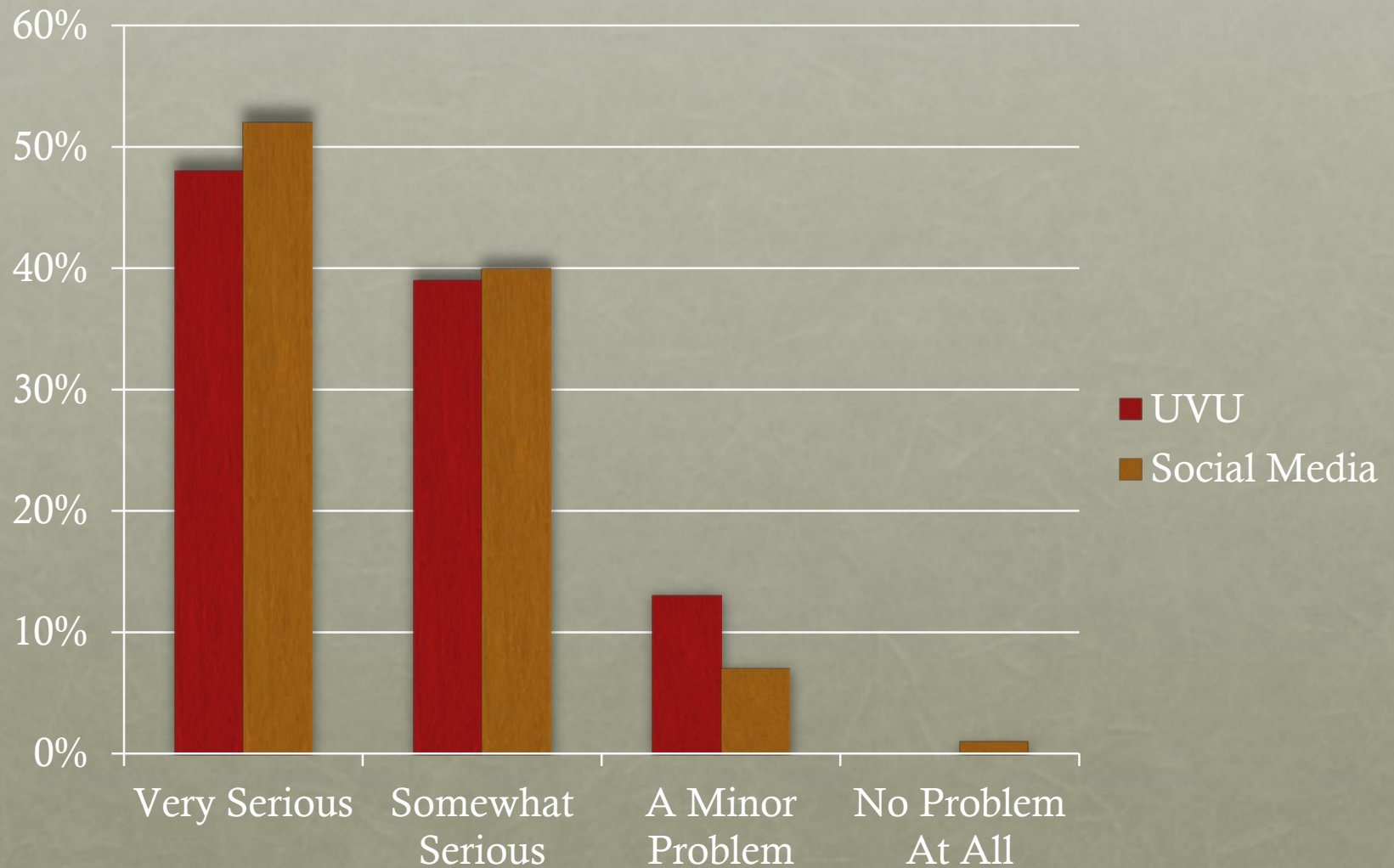- Democrat
- Independent
- Other

ETHNICITY

- UVU Results

- Caucasian: 87%

- Hispanic/Latino: 6%

- African American: 2%

- Native American: 0%

- Asian/Pacific Islander: 4%

- Other: 2%

- Social Media Results:

- Caucasian: 88%

- Hispanic/Latino: 6%

- African American: 1%

- Native American: 1%

- Asian/Pacific Islander: 3%

- Other: 3%

HOW SERIOUS IS THE ISSUE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN THE U.S.?

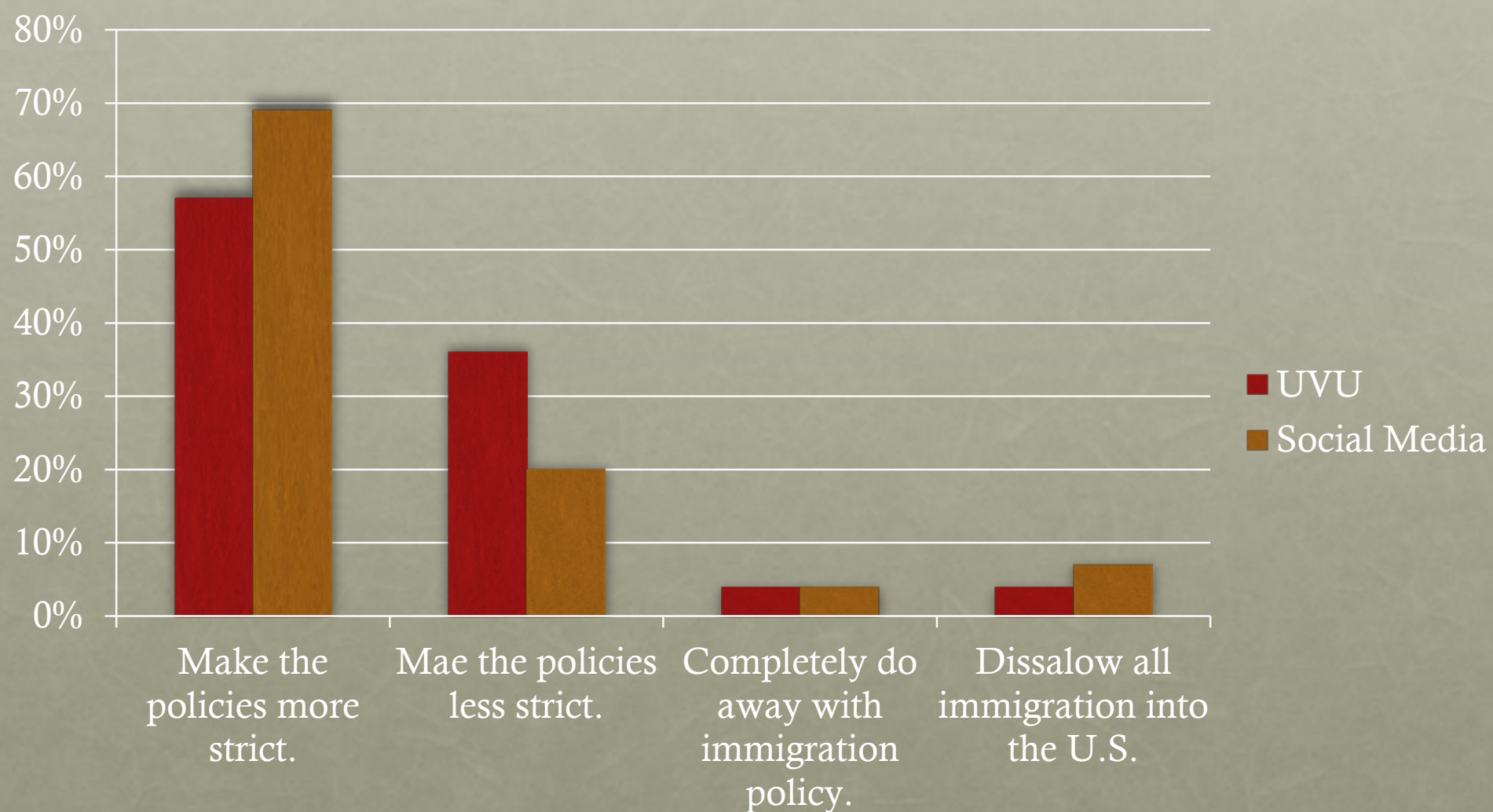# HOW CAN WE DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF CURRENT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS?

UVU

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2. Increase number of Border Patrol.

3. Create a new American dream.

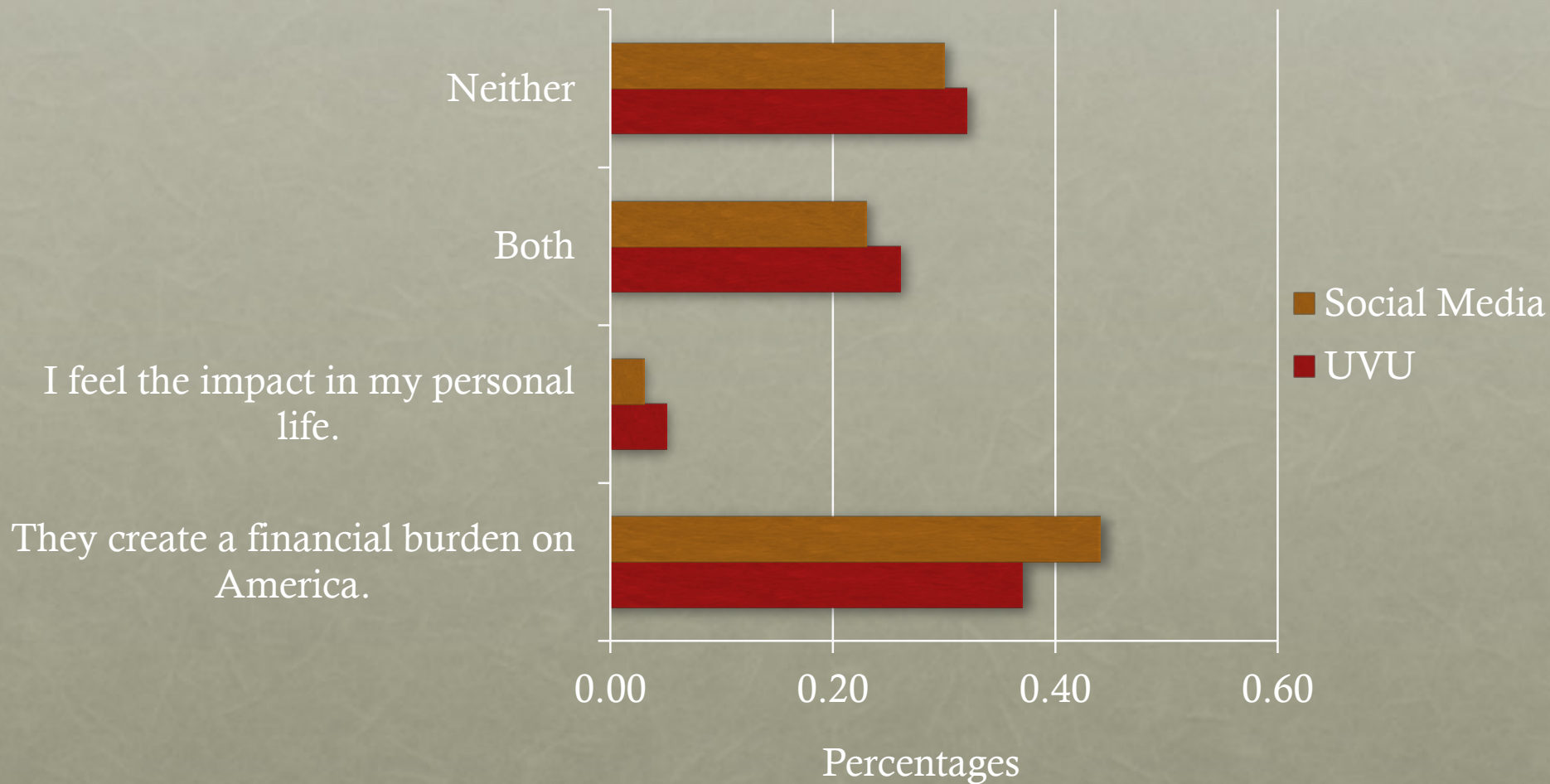4. Make it less appealing to come to the United States.

Social Media

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3. Create a new American dream in other countries.

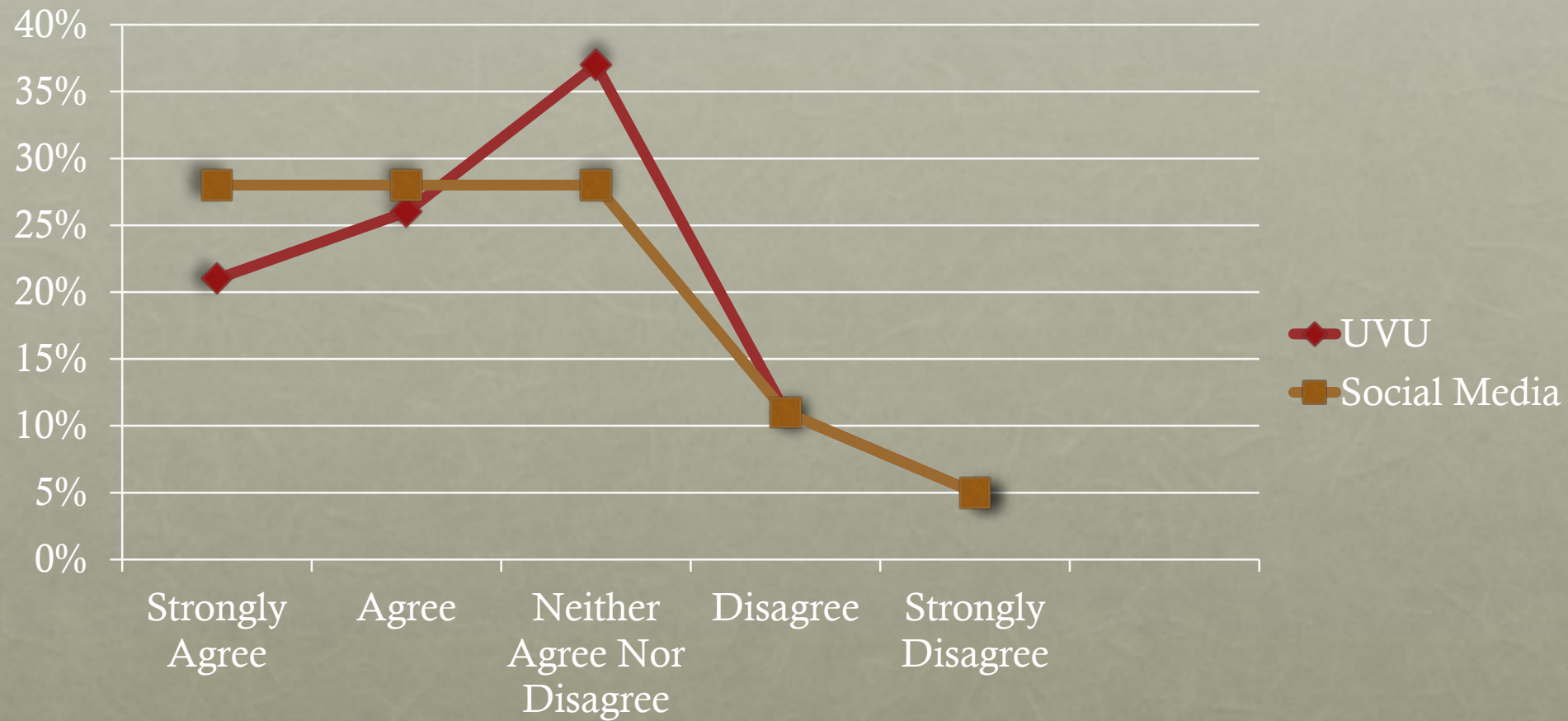4. Make it less appealing to come to the United States.

OVERALL, OF THE CURRENT IMMIGRATION POLICIES THAT ARE IN PLACE, DO WE NEED TO…

Legend: UVU, Social Media

DO YOU FEEL LIKE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CREATE A FINANCIAL BURDEN ON AMERICA? OR DO YOU FEEL IT PERSONALLY IN YOUR LIFE?

DOES ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTRIBUTE TO HIGHER CRIME RATES?

HOW THIS RELATES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT:

- Population Based Staffing

- Crime Rate Reporting Per Capita

- Jails? Prisons? Releasing?

- Border Patrol

- Leads To Dangerous Situations For Police

RESEARCH ISSUES:

- Primarily Biased Surveys Due To Population

- Biased On Social Media (Friends, Family, Religious Views.

- Polarized/Slanted Views

- Non-Completion

- Skip Logic

CONCLUSION

- Overall the data shows most people (that were surveyed) were leaning more towards the conservative side.

- Biased or not, the data represents that the majority of people believe there is a problem.

- By means of someone's political party association, the data cross-tabulates with their belief on whether or not there is an issue, and how serious the issue is to them.

- According to the data, there's no neutral ground established between political parties.