



Perceptions of Safety With the Presence of ICE Among NH & VT Residents

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Purpose

In light of recent high-profile ICE incidents which have made national headlines

- To gain a detailed understanding of how ICE is perceived by NH & VT residents

This to help guide policy makers decisions in relevant legislation through a comprehensive understanding of their citizen's beliefs

Methodology

Survey Completion Frame: March 12- March 16

Survey Mode: Two Probability Based Web-Panels
 Green Mountain State: $n = 788$, MoE +/- 3.5%, RR 39%
 Granite State: $n = 1,309$, MoE +/- 2.7%, RR 35%
 Total $n = 2,097$

Both studies weighted according to ACS targets

Two Sections:

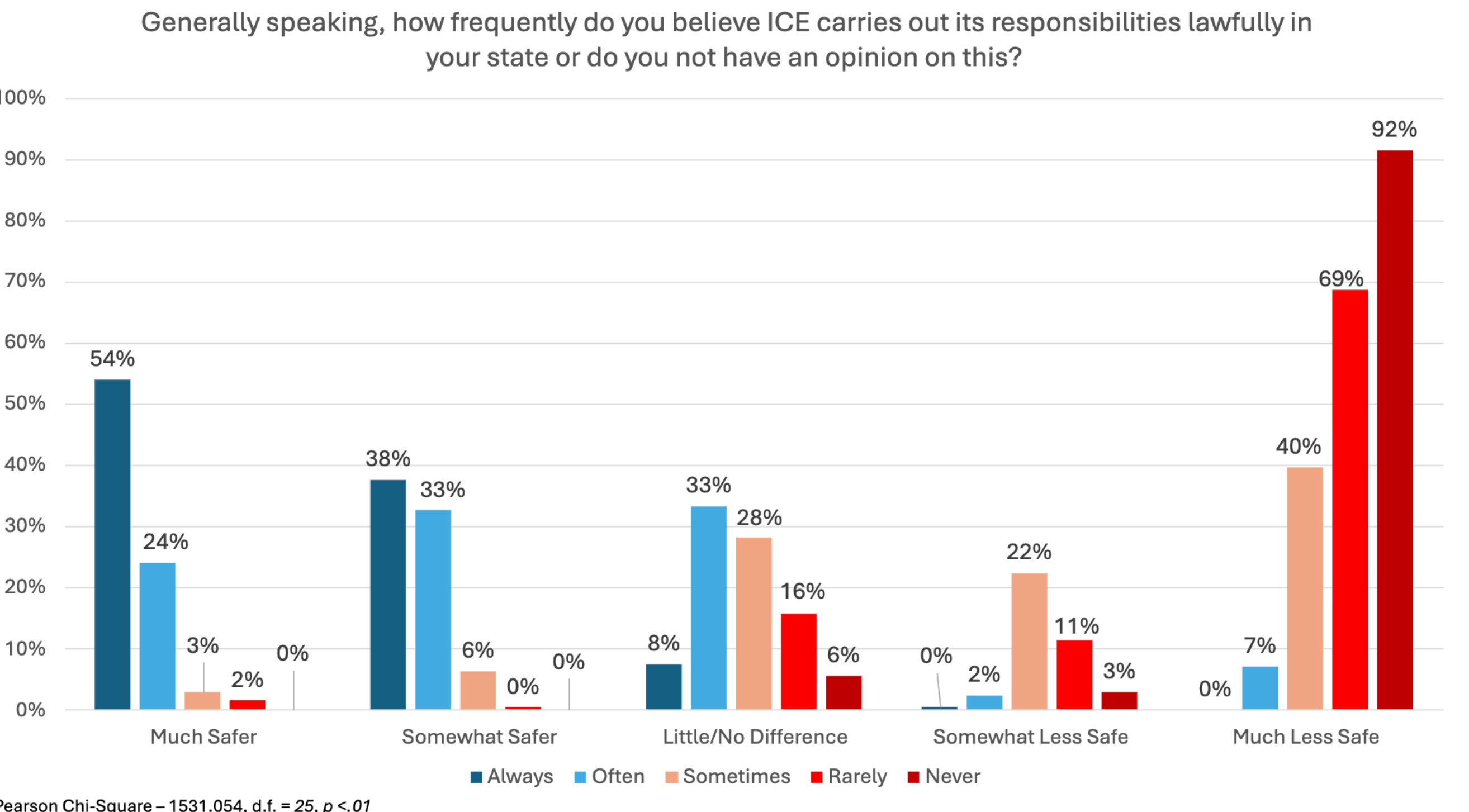
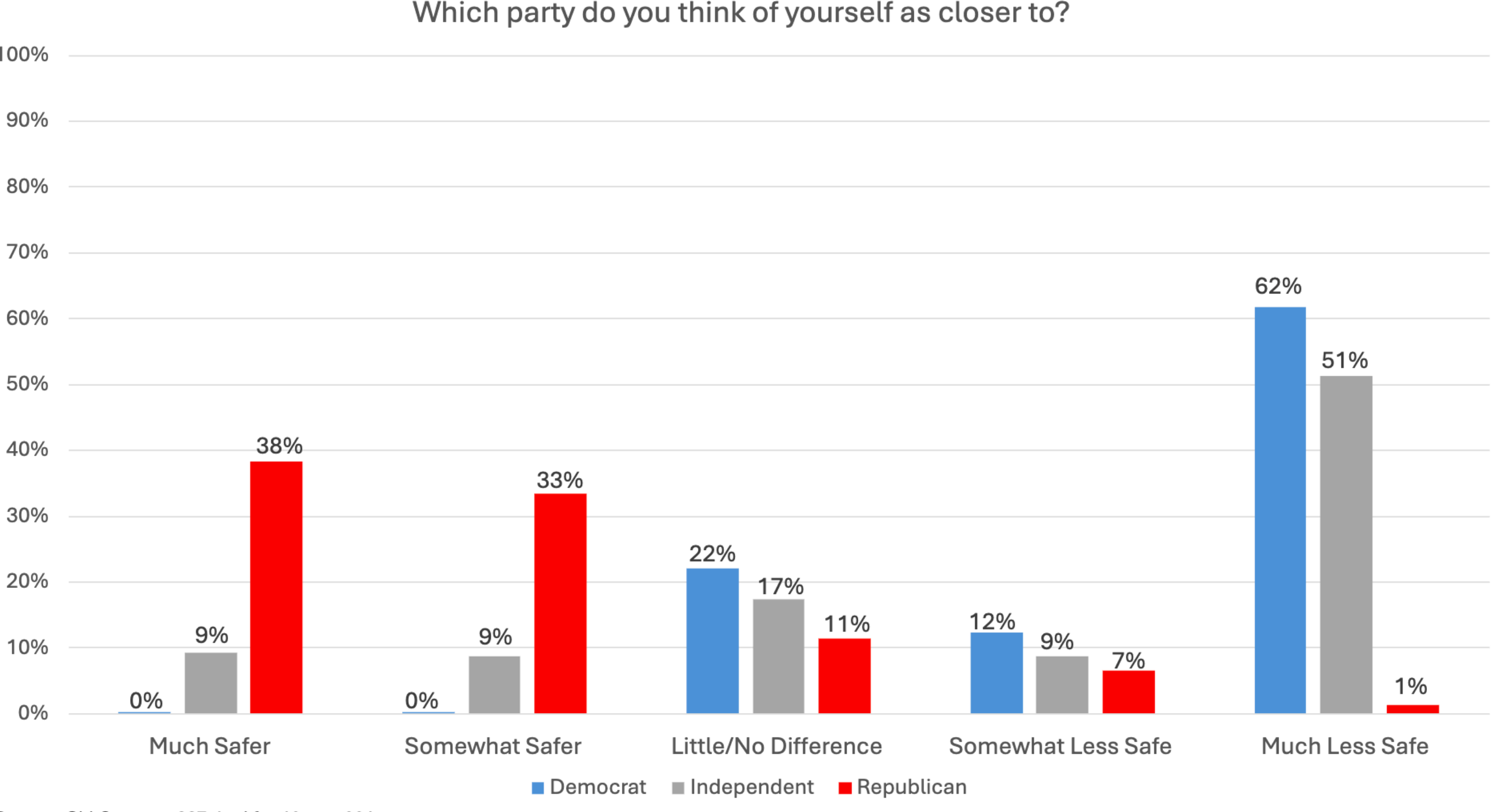
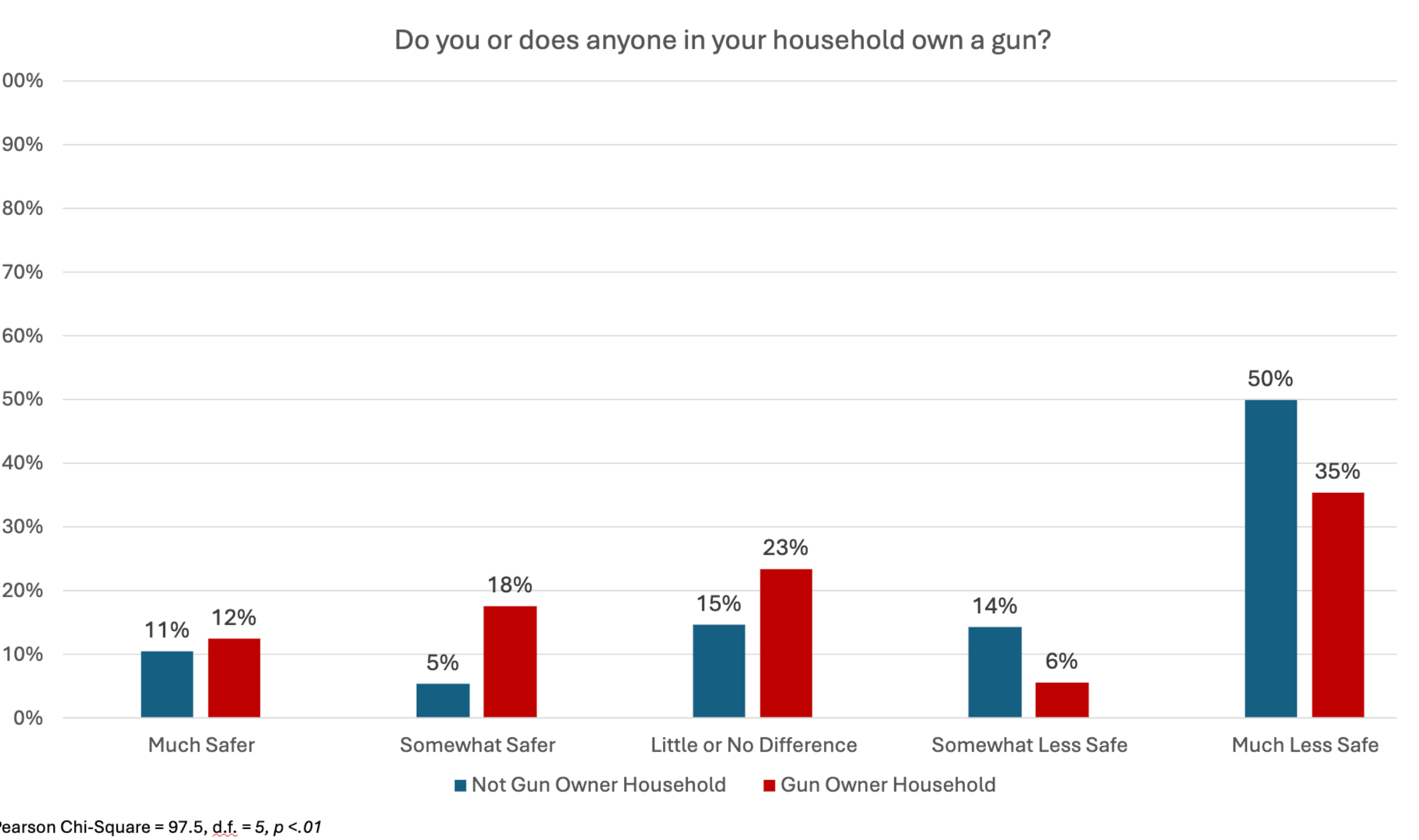
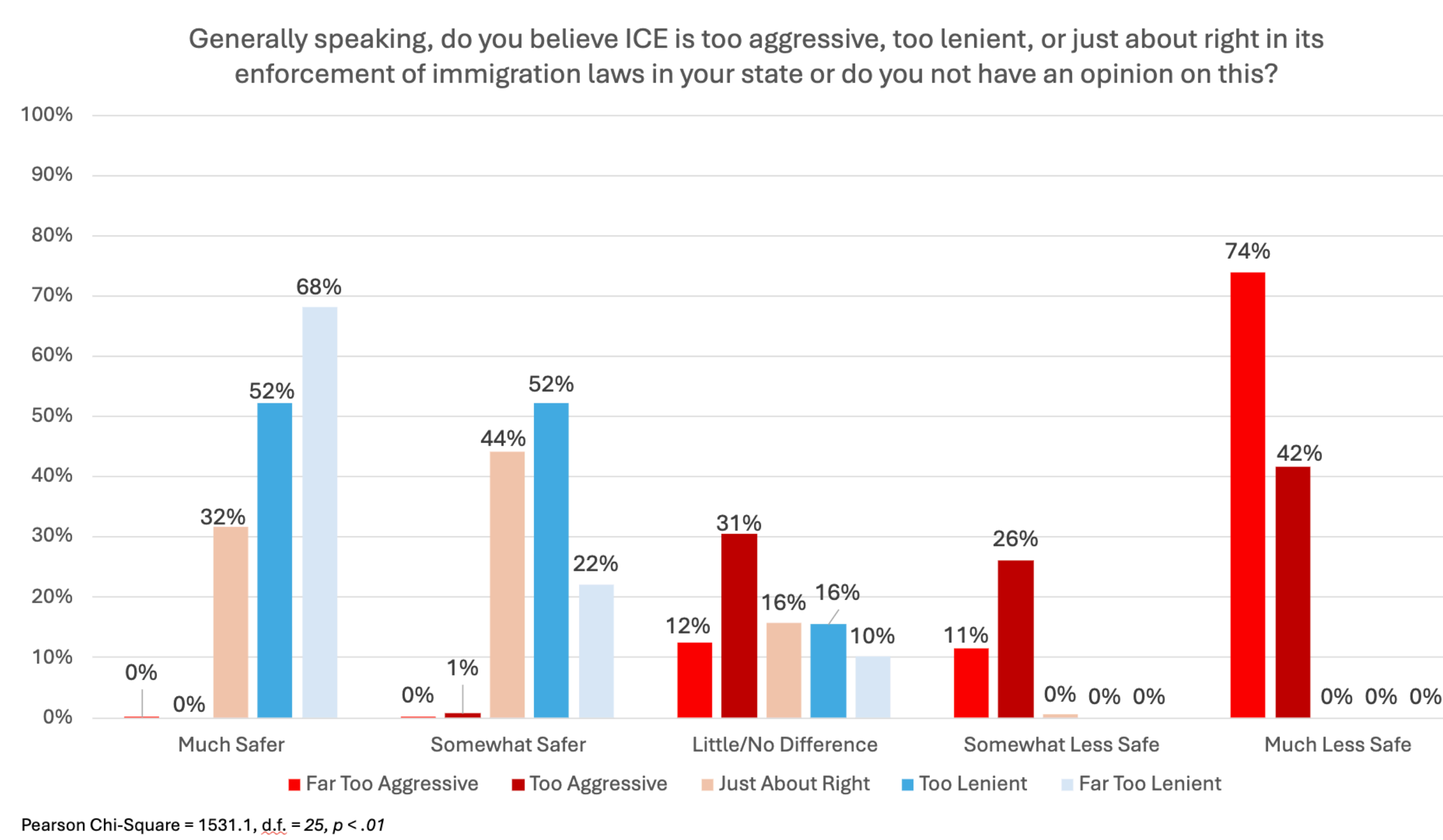
- Multiple choice response to study demographic data
- Long-response option to gain detailed personal insight

Run SPSS statistical tests to identify quantitative trends in cross-dimensional characteristics

Coding with IRR to ensure representative qualitative data

Results

Generally speaking, do you think ICE operations in your state have made residents in your state safer, less safe, or made little or no difference, or do you not have an opinion on this?



Conclusions & Implications

- All four hypotheses are statistically significant- we reject the null in all cases
- Individuals' perception of safety in their state is subject to change if ICE is present

Coding analysis showed stark differences in perspectives of ICE

- Most common reasons why ICE makes their state safer
1. Deporting illegal immigrants who (broke law once and could again: are an economic burden: should leave and come back legally)
 2. Reducing crime & arresting criminals (safer community)
 3. They are enforcing the law and/or constitution

- Most common reasons why ICE makes their state less safe
1. They operate with unchecked authority & do not follow law
 2. Their tactics (excessive force: poor/no training: masked/hidden)
 3. They suppress citizen's rights (target randomly/ innocents)

- Re-evaluate training protocol to ensure ICE only targets criminals and apprehends them with due assertiveness
- Implement 'Fair and Impartial Policing Policy' to guarantee ICE does not discriminate when targetting
- Create a no-mask mandate to foster a sense of humanity, enhance trust, and reduce fear