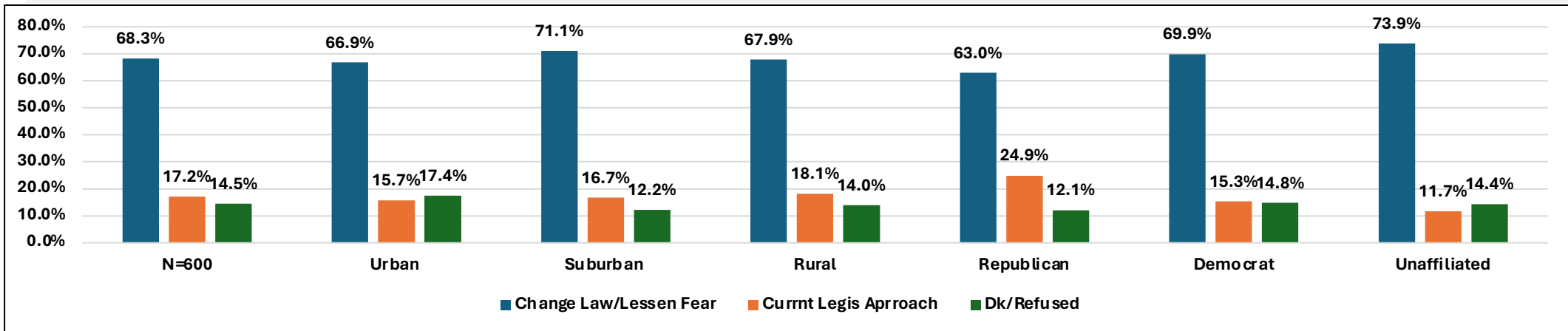




Research has shown Good Samaritan laws that provide more protection make people more willing to call for help during an overdose, which can save lives. North Carolina lawmakers have taken a different approach by toughening criminal laws, which deter people from calling for assistance because of fear of prosecution.

Do you favor changing North Carolina’s Good Samaritan Law to lessen people’s fear of criminalization when assisting an overdose victim, or do you agree with the current legislative approach of potentially prosecuting everyone present when an overdose happens?



Over two-thirds of all voters think North Carolina’s law should be changed to lessen fear of criminal charges for those who assist a victim of a drug overdose. Only 24.9% of Republican voters agree with the current legislative approach of toughening criminal laws. Support for changing the law was strongest with Unaffiliated voters.

	N=	Change Law/Lessen Fear	Current Legislative Approach	Dk/Refused
<40	110	72.7%	19.1%	8.2%
>40	482	68.3%	16.4%	15.4%
White	413	71.7%	16.5%	11.9%
Non-White	157	66.2%	16.6%	17.2%
Black	125	64.8%	15.2%	20.0%
H.S. Degree	87	66.7%	14.9%	18.4%
Some College	144	66.0%	20.8%	13.2%
College Grad	334	71.9%	15.0%	13.2%
Male	282	70.6%	16.0%	13.5%
Female	318	66.4%	18.2%	15.4%