

LONGEST SHUTDOWN OVER

**A Close Look
at the Online
Conversation
Inside the
Beltway**

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Shutdown Effects Ripple Across the Country, Lawmakers Finally React.

Insight of the Week:

The real-world impact of the shutdown — missed paychecks, lost food assistance, cancelled flights, and higher health care costs — drove the conversation and pushed lawmakers to reach a deal to end the shutdown.

What to Watch:

Will lawmakers vote to extend the health care subsidies that lower Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium costs for Americans? Will the government go into partial shutdown at the end of January when some appropriations in this week's deal expire again?



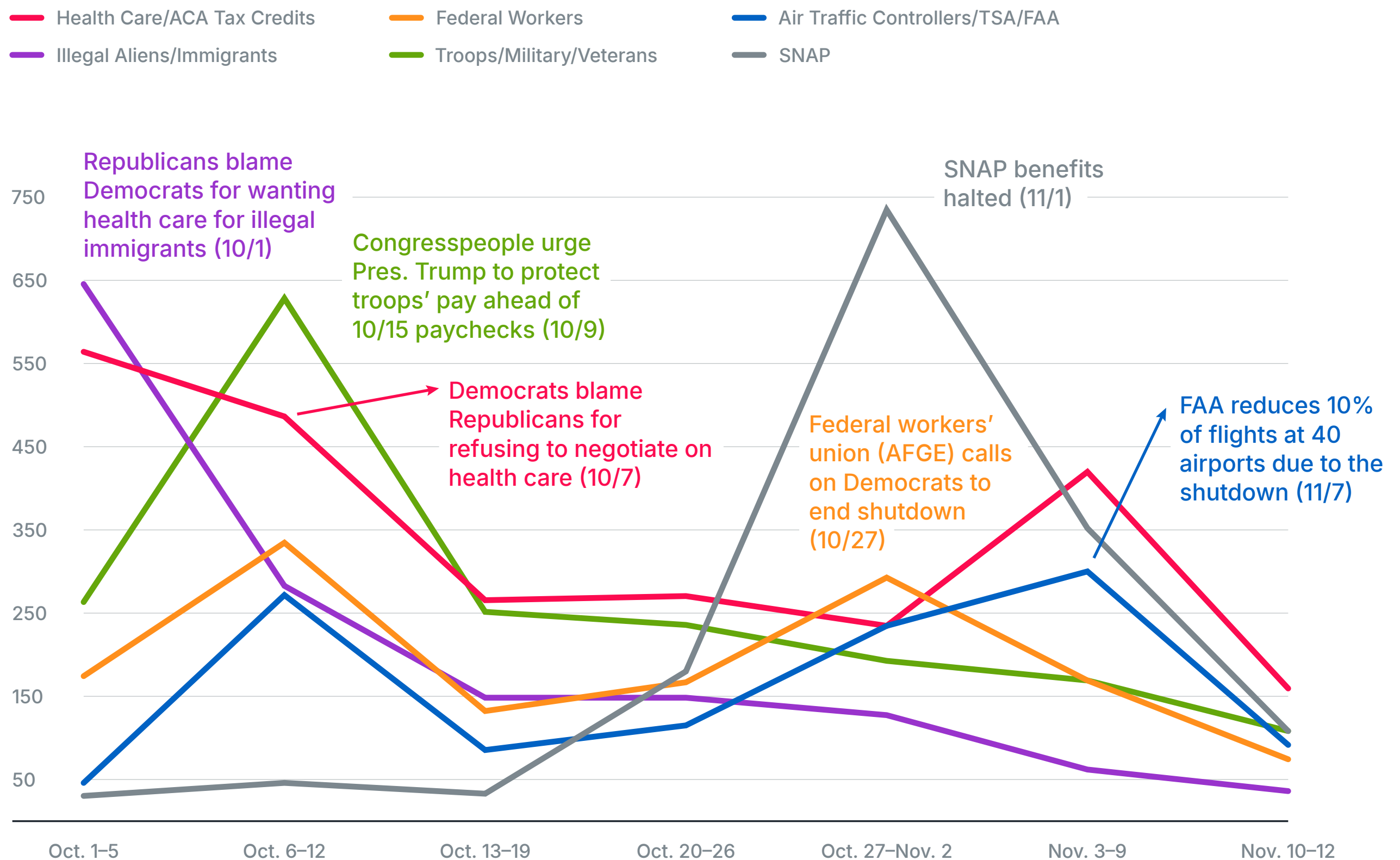
Health Care Dominates, SNAP and Air Traffic Controller Mentions Surge in Shutdown Finale

Health care costs remained at the core of Democratic messaging on the shutdown since week one, especially the threat of losing expanded ACA tax credits. Republicans shifted from missed military paychecks and concerns about illegal immigrants to flight disruptions, while Democrats raised alarm over missed food assistance for families. This shift signals a move from ideological clashes to the real-world impacts of the shutdown on Americans' daily lives.



The online shutdown debate over the past 43 days evolved to focus on pocketbook pain.

MAJOR THEMES WITHIN SHUTDOWN CONVERSATION (October 1-November 12)

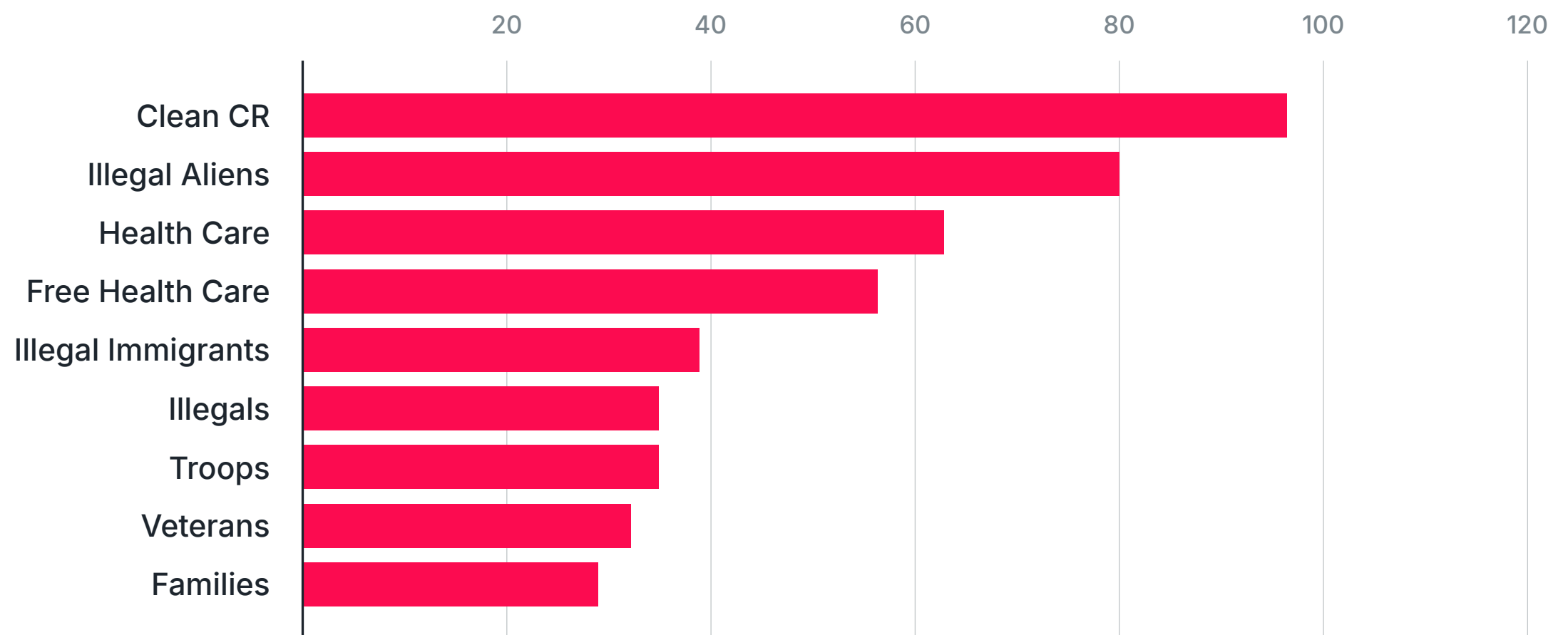


These real-world impacts entered the conversation and ultimately pushed lawmakers to reach a bipartisan deal to end the shutdown.

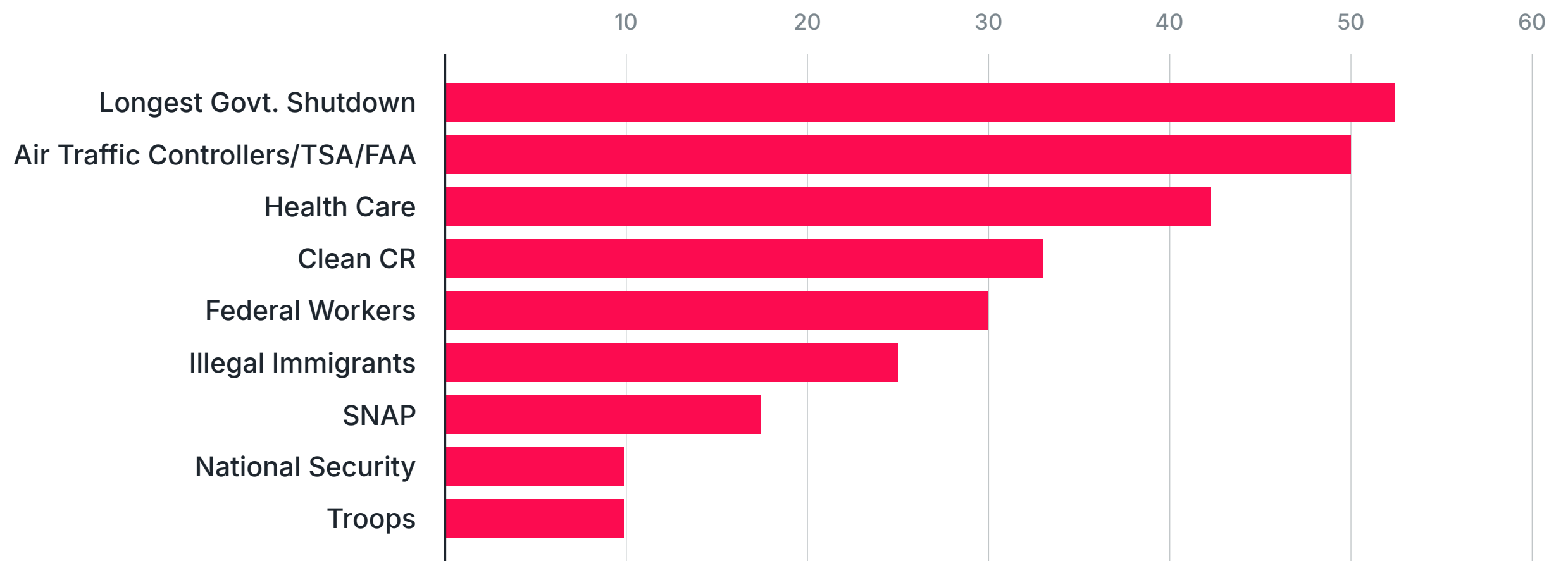


Top Republican Key Words

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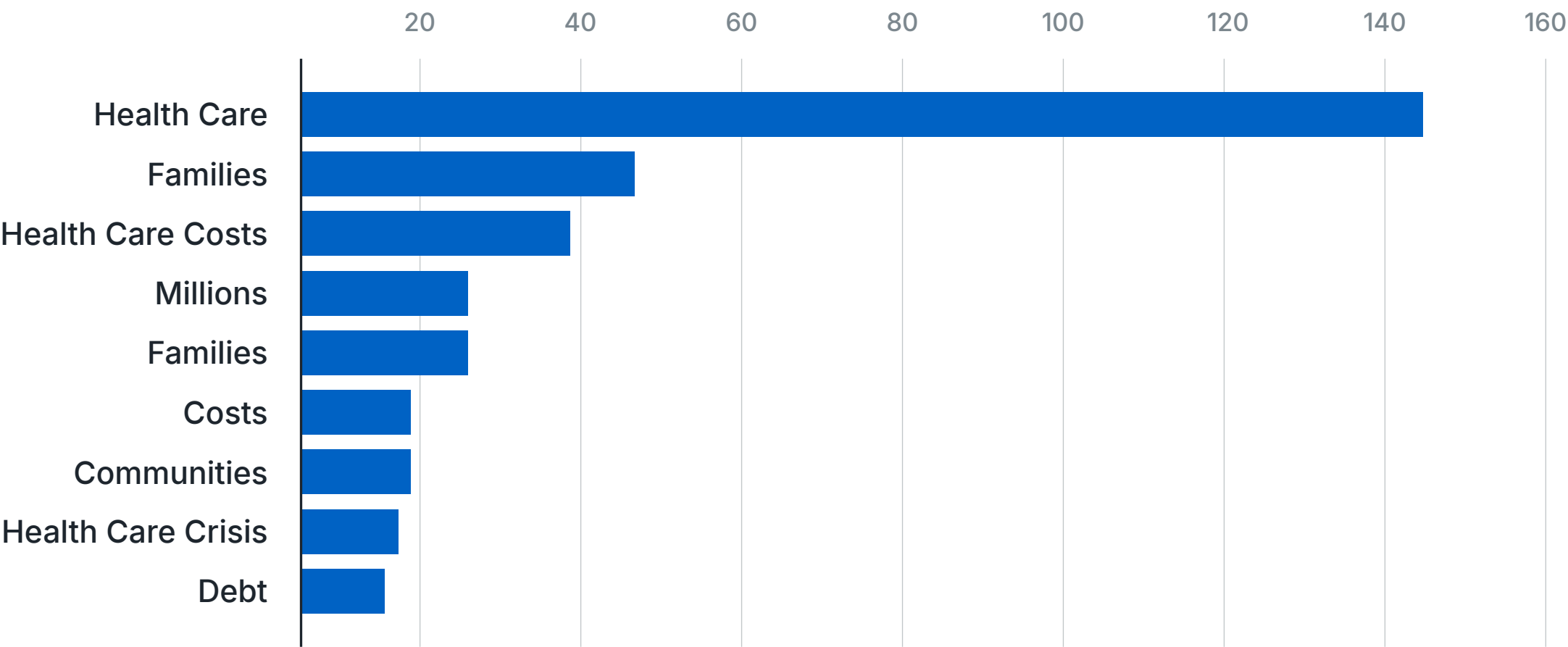


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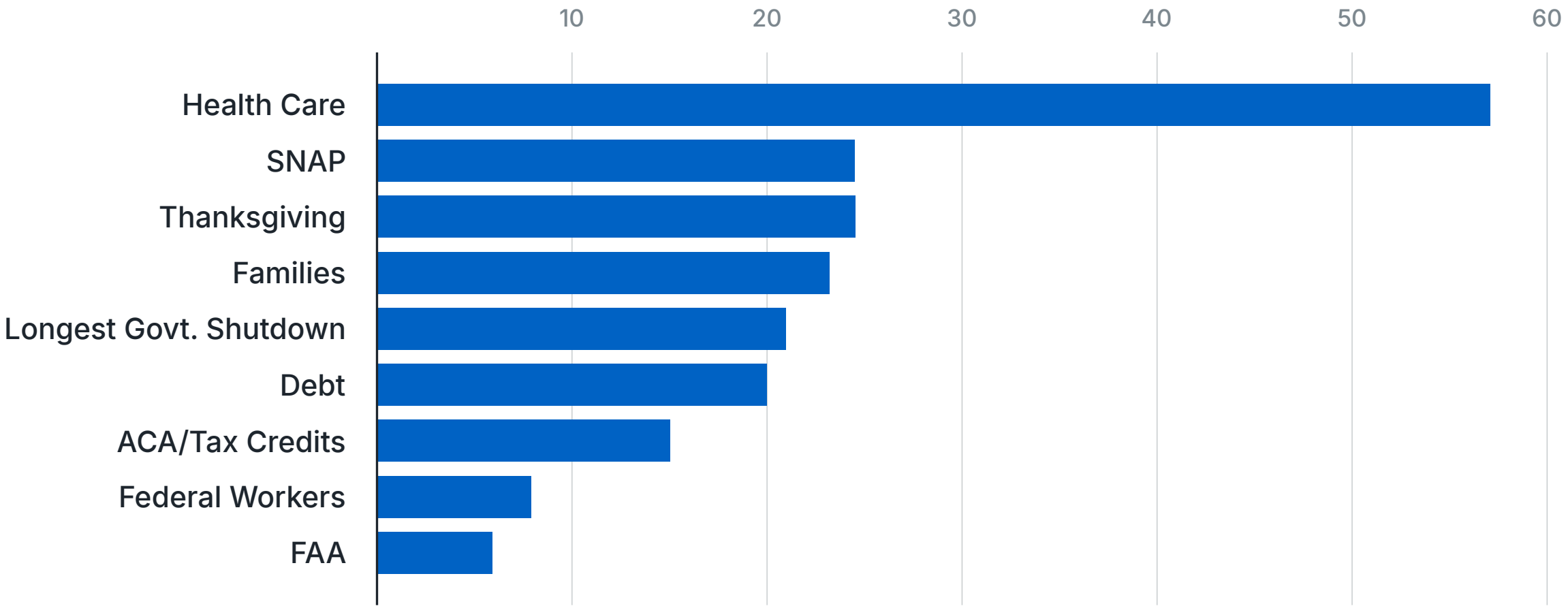


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Will Democrats Fracture in Aftermath of Shutdown Vote; Will Republicans Face Pressure from Voters to Lower Health Care Costs

Health care is likely to stay in focus with a promised December Senate vote on expiring ACA tax credits. We're watching to see how each party positions itself ahead of the December vote and into next year's midterm elections.



Health Care in the Spotlight

NEWS ARTICLES

403

**“DEMOCRATS
CAVED”**

325

**“GOP EXTEND ACA
SUBSIDIES”**

Since the Senate reached a deal, there have been 403 news articles highlighting how Democrats “caved” between November 10-13, 2025. On the other hand, there were 325 news articles pressuring Republicans to extend ACA subsidies over the entirety of the shutdown (October 1-November 12, 2025).



‘It’s Complete BS:’ Dems Go Ballistic Over Senate Shutdown Deal

[Axios](#) | November 10, 2025

Ground Game: Republicans face voter anger over health care premiums

[AP News](#) | October 27, 2025





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