

# Who Should Regulate?

## A Comparison of Michigan Local Leaders and Michigan Citizens

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# Opinions on Federalism

- Matching the scale of the problem
- Partisan divide
- Shared responsibility
- Are local officials different than the general public?

# The Surveys

## Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

- 1,353 local officials (73% of state)
- Partisanship
  - 57% republican
  - 19% independent
  - 24% democrat
- More rural

## Great Lakes Public Policy Survey (GLPPS)

- 267 Michigan residents
- Partisanship
  - 40% republican
  - 29% independent
  - 31% democrat

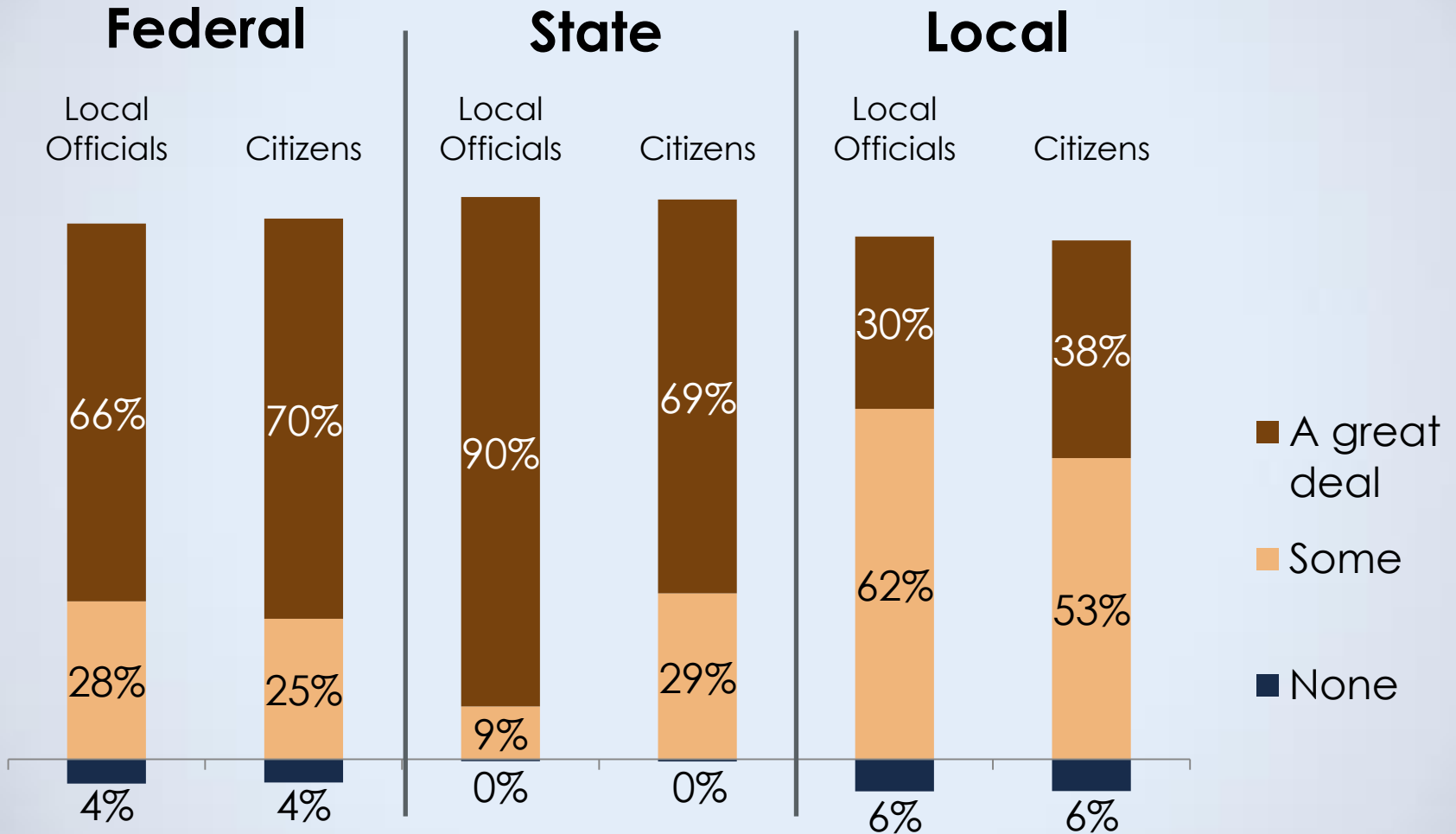
# Environmental Policies

How much responsibility/authority should each level of government have for...

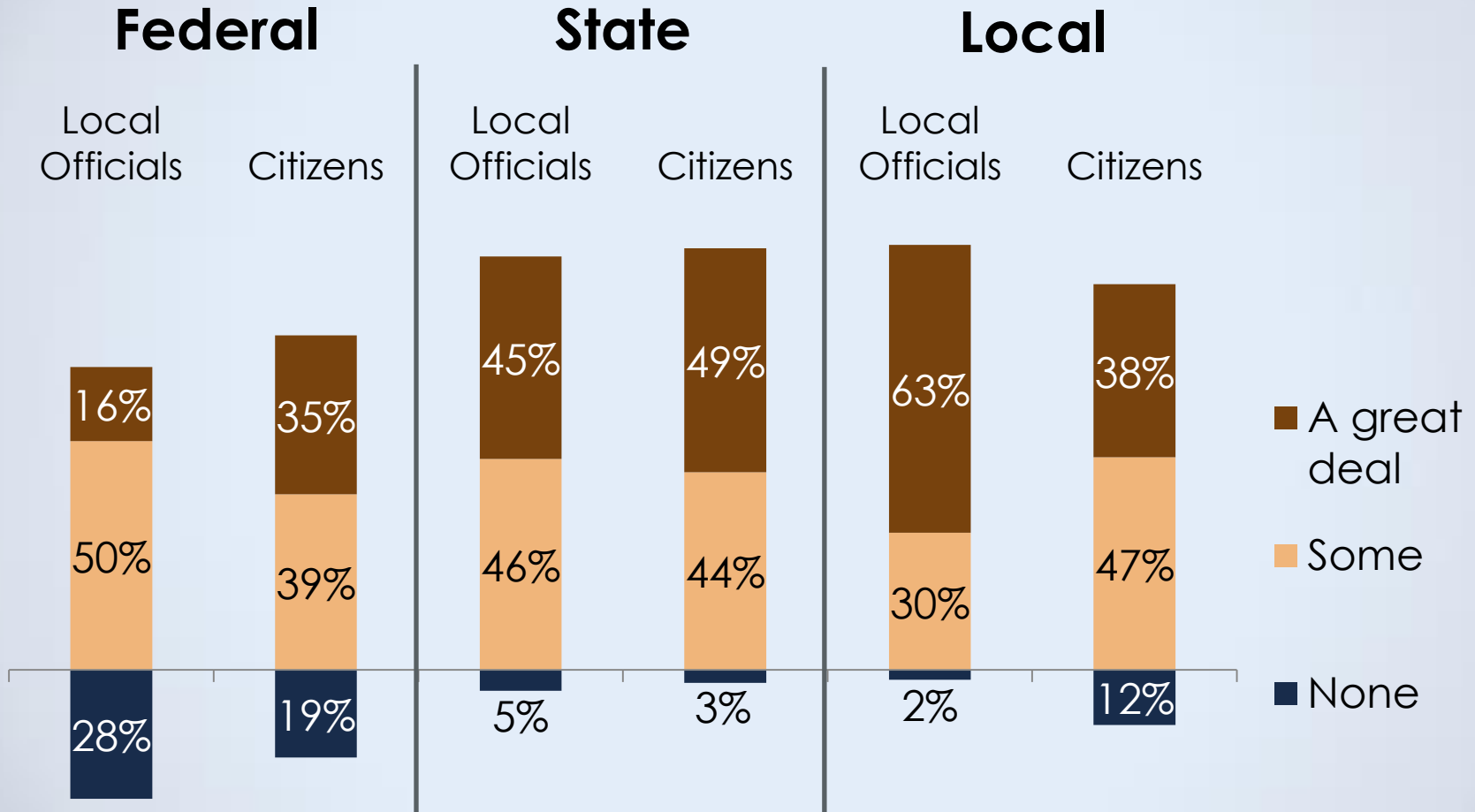
- Protection of the Great Lakes
- Hydraulic Fracturing (“fracking”)
- Wind energy

A great deal | Some | None

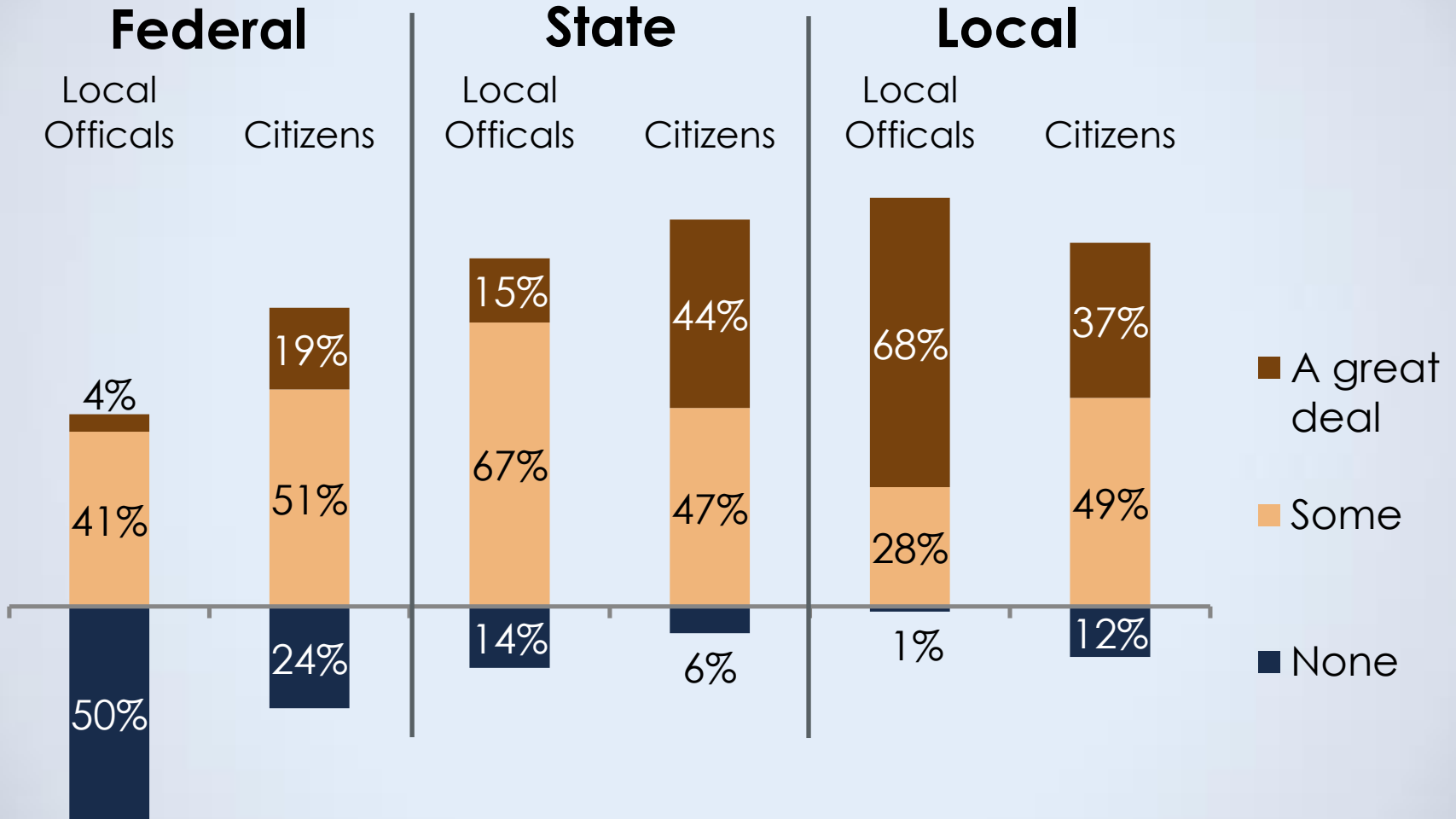
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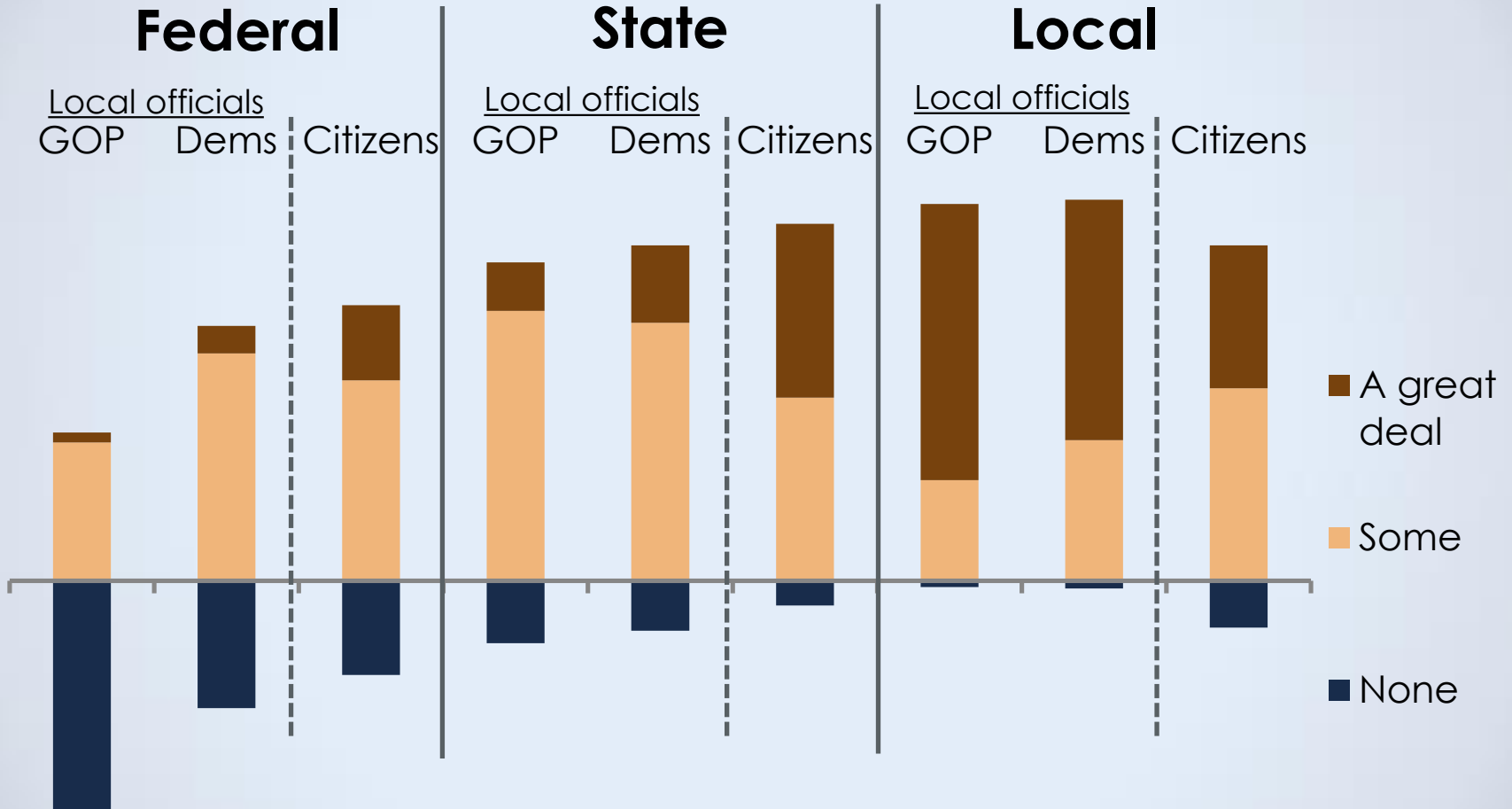
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# Wind Turbine Siting



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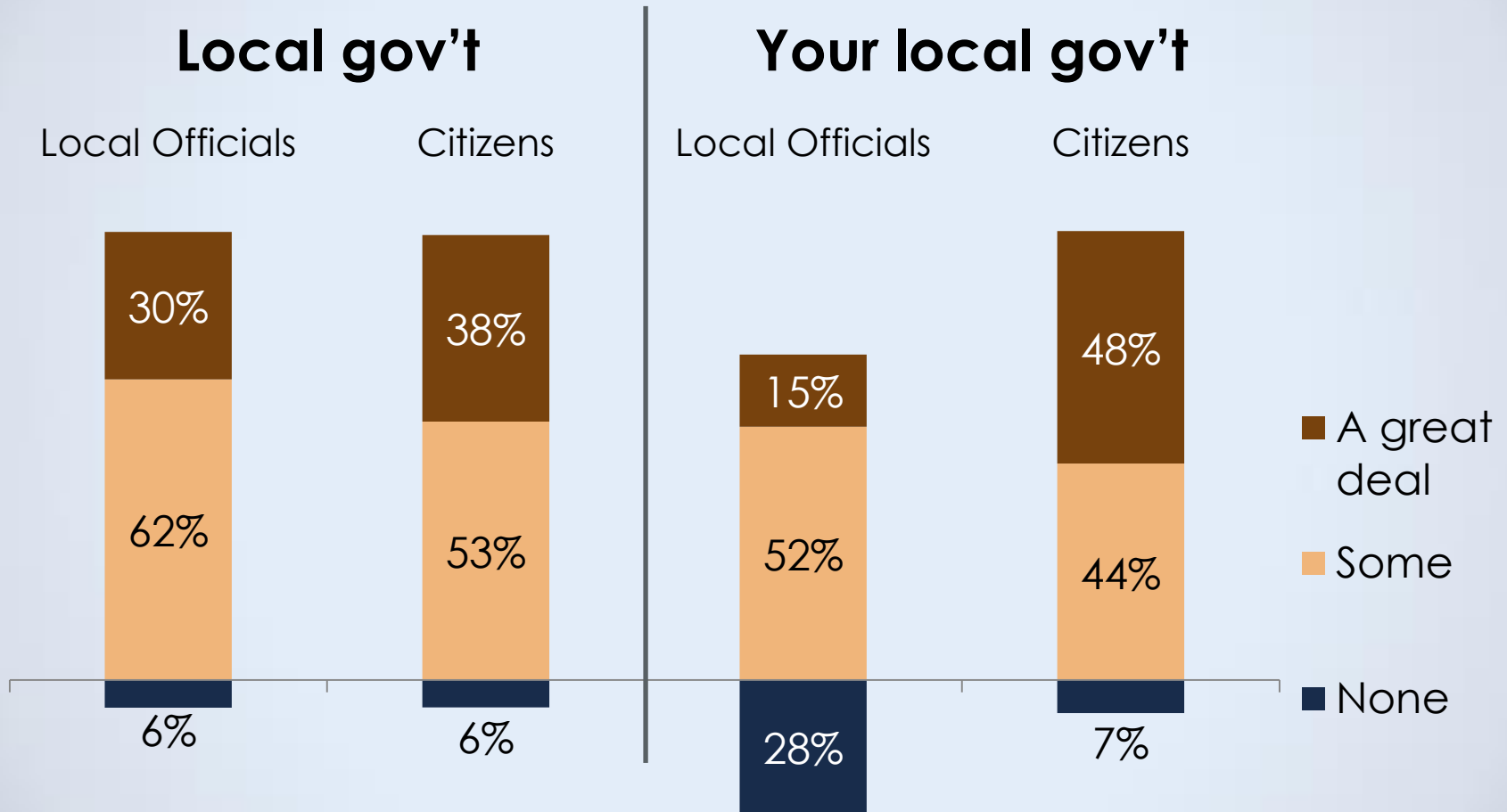
# Findings

- There are substantial differences
  - Fracking: Fed vs. Local
  - Wind: differences in fed, state, and local
  - Shared responsibility/authority
  
- But why?

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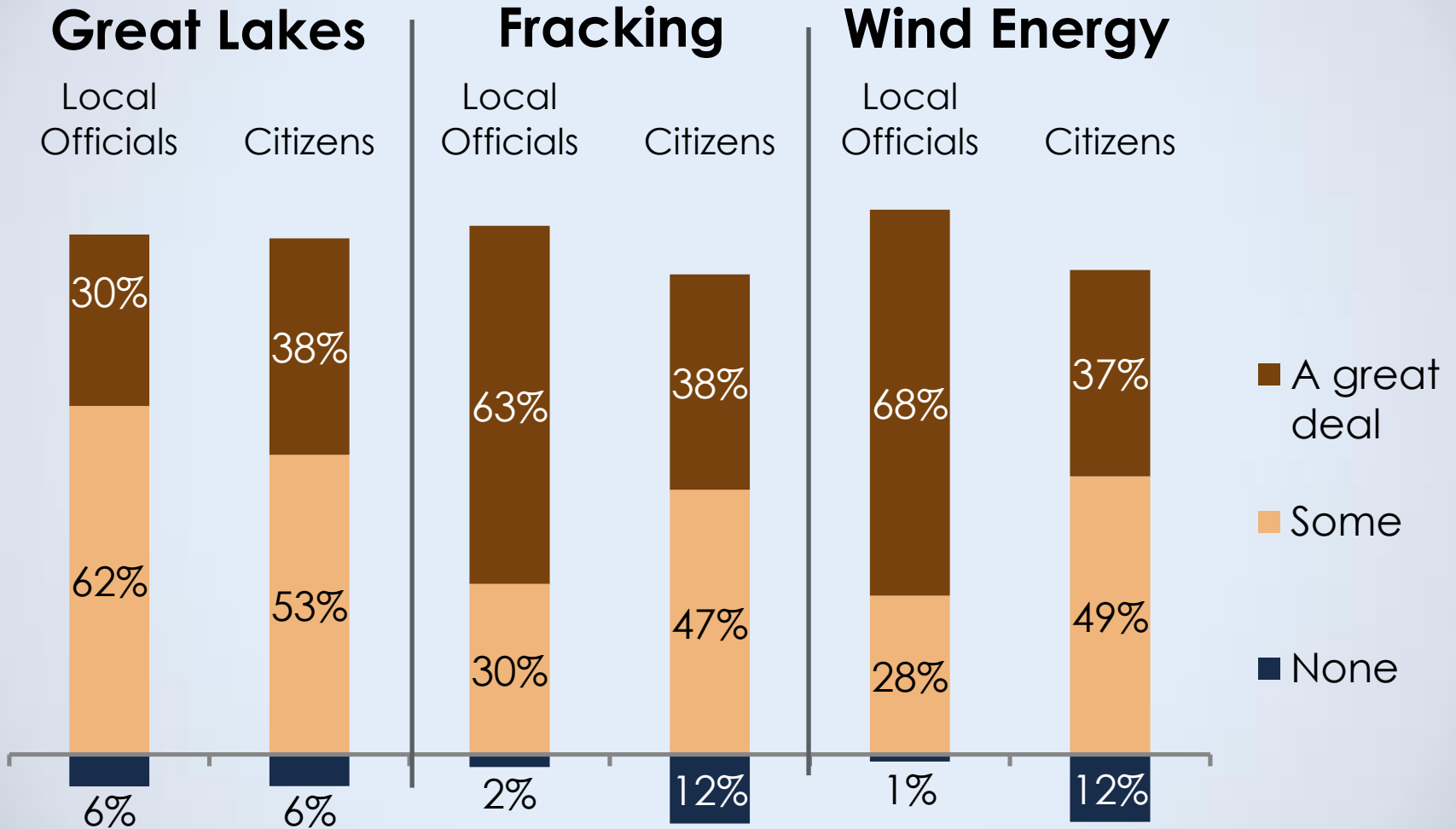
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- Other ideas?

Thank You!

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# Role of Federal Government

