

2020 COVID-19 POLL OF AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS

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About the AARC COVID-19 Poll

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- ❖ n=604, national sample, all African American
- ❖ 75% online, 25% live phones (to ensure that people without internet access were interviewed)
- ❖ Field Dates: May 1 to May 7, 2020
- ❖ Margin of Error: +/- 3.9

Experts Who Developed Questions

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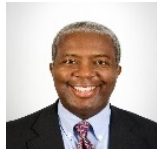
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- ❖ Prevalence/Importance of COVID-19
- ❖ Economic Impacts
- ❖ Perception of Government/Institutions/Politician Response
- ❖ COVID-19, Trust & Race
- ❖ Medical/Wellness
- ❖ Implications for Education
- ❖ Voting/Elections

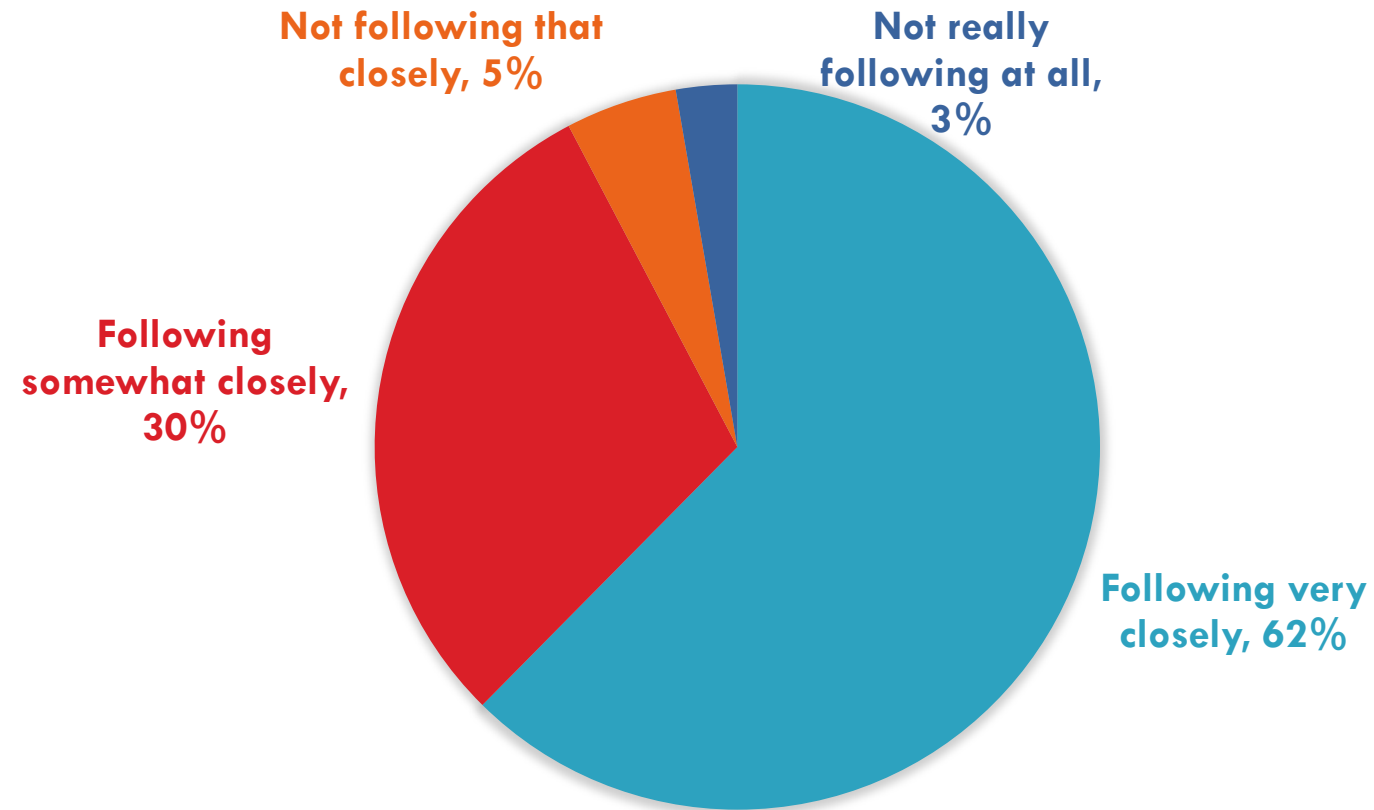
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Prevalence/Importance of COVID-19

Following News about the Pandemic

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How closely have you been following the news about Coronavirus, also called COVID-19, an infectious virus that is affecting the U.S. and other countries around the world?



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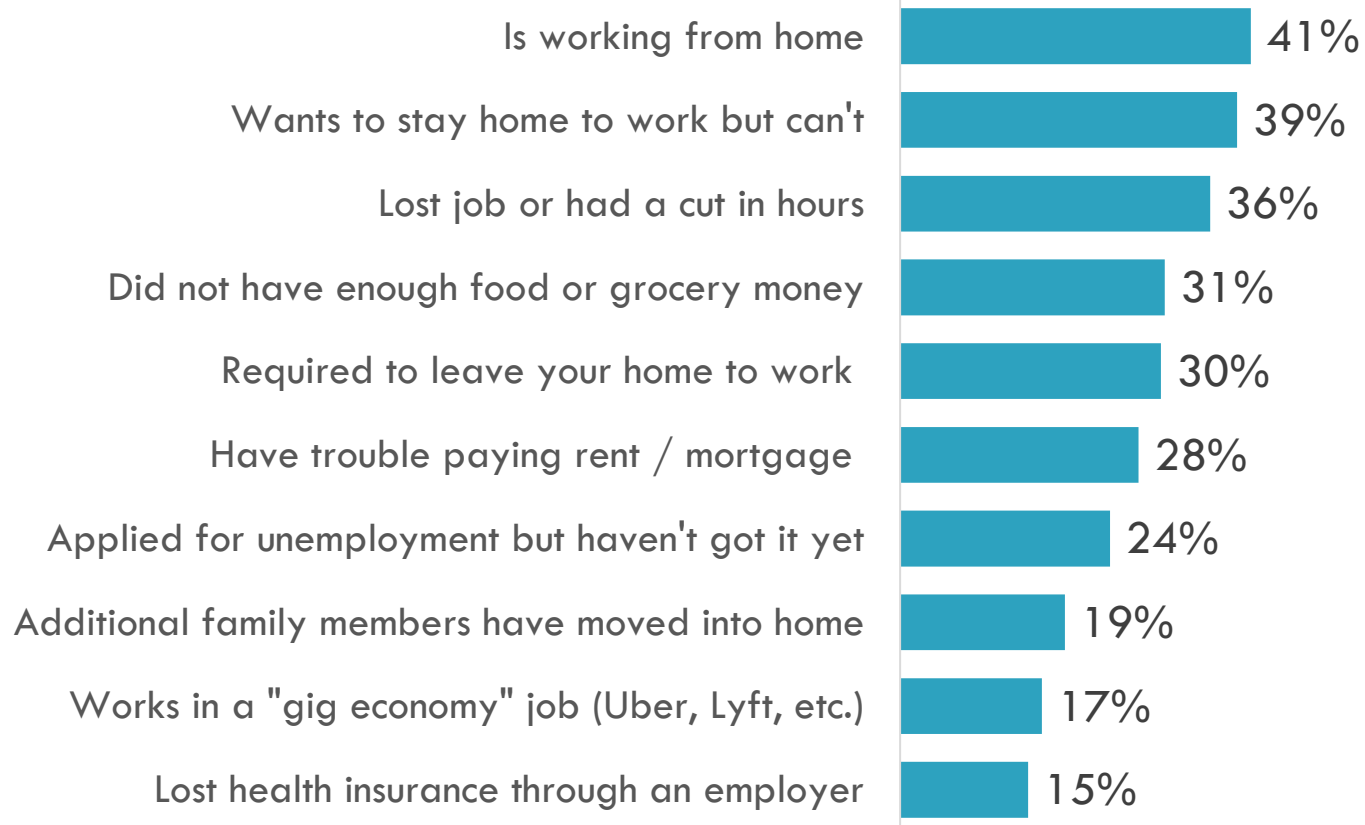
Economic Impacts

COVID-19 Era Economic Circumstances

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For each of the following, please indicate whether any of the circumstances apply to you or someone in your household because of the recent COVID-19 outbreak:

[Bars = % yes]



Flatten the Curve vs. Boost the Economy

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Some people say that, "It is time to end the shutdown and reopen businesses now so people can get back to work," while others say, "We should hold off on reopening businesses until we can assure safety." Which is closer to your opinion?

Hold Off on Ending Shutdown/ Assure Safety

80%

End Shutdown/ Open Businesses Now

20%

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Perceptions of Government/Institutions/Politician Response

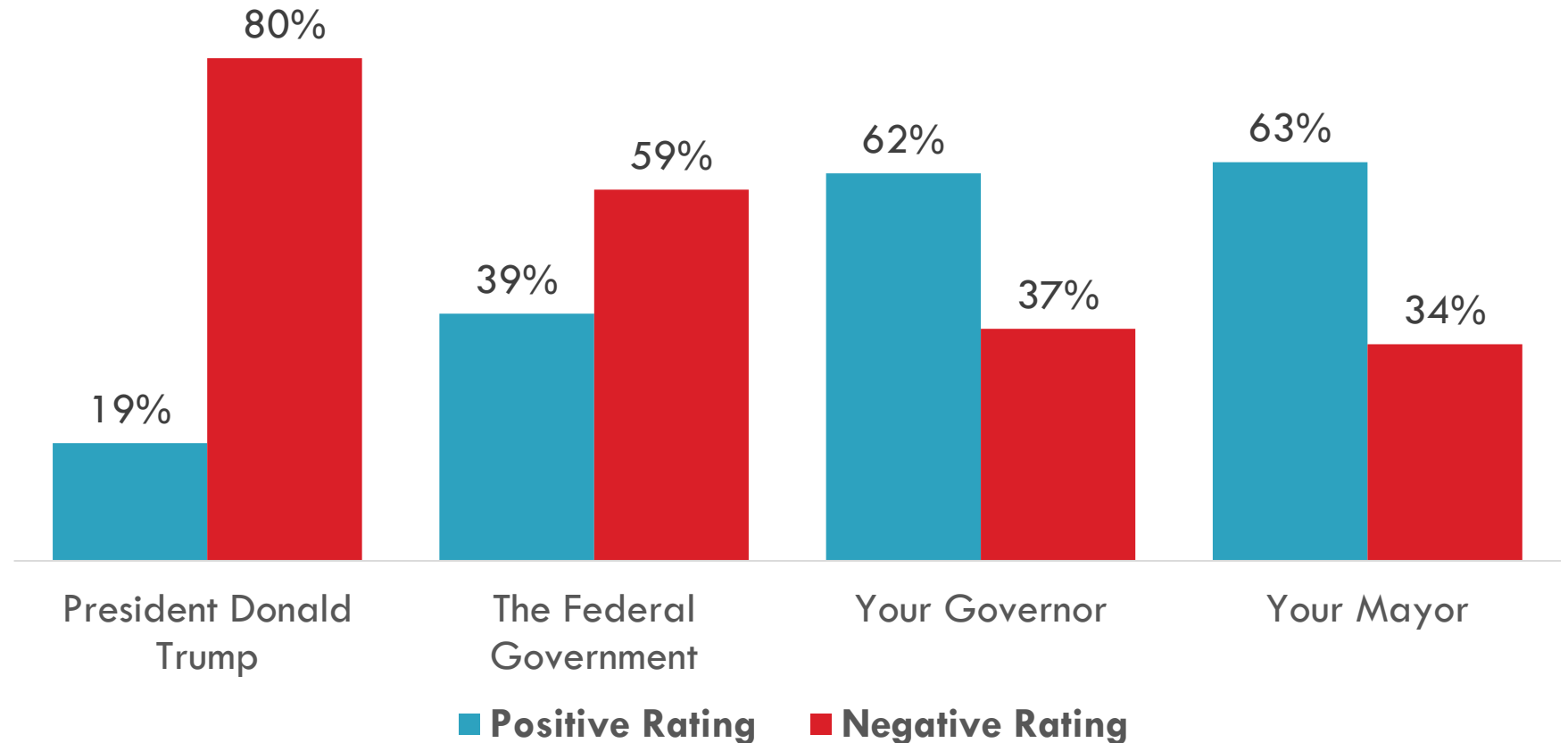
Perceived Responsiveness to the Outbreak

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How would you rate the job that each of the following have done in responding to the Coronavirus/ COVID-19 crisis:

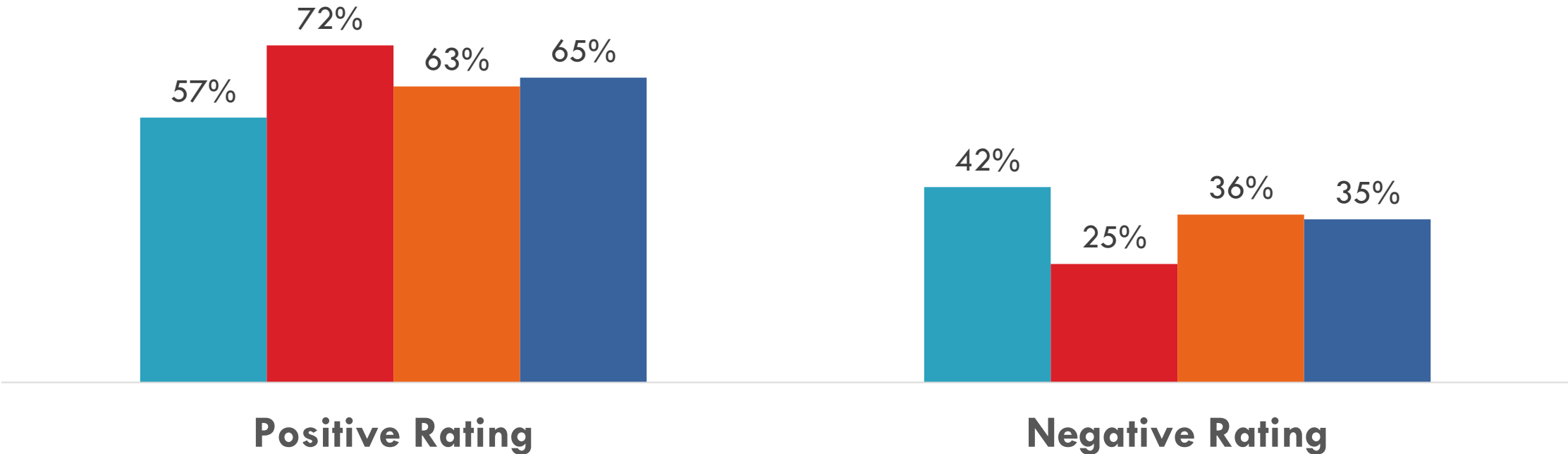
[Positive rating = excellent + good]

[Negative rating = fair + poor]



Perceived Responsiveness to the Outbreak - Governor Ratings

■ South ■ Northeast ■ Midwest ■ West



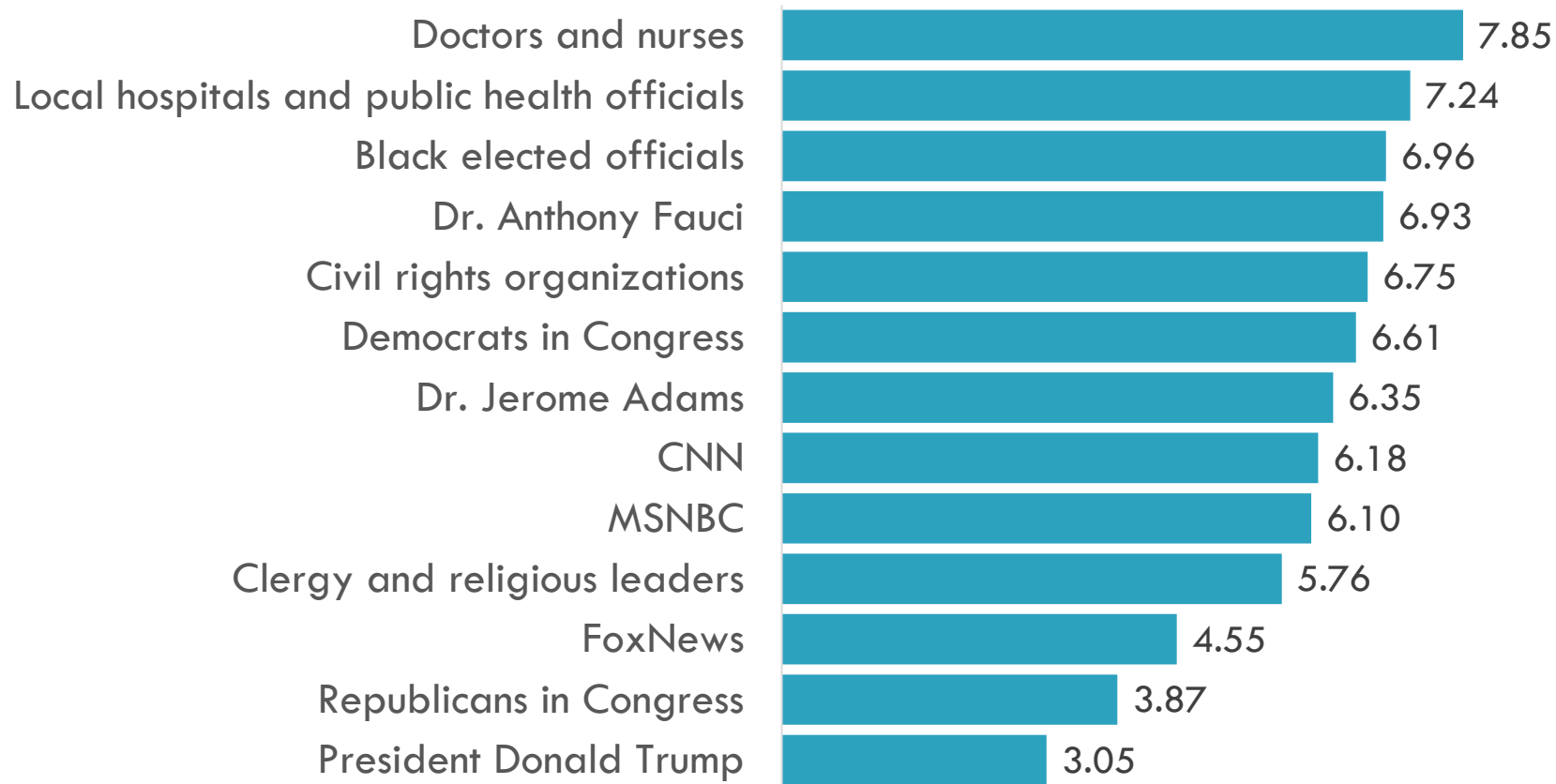
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COVID-19, Trust & Race

Trusted Messengers

[On a 10-point scale], how much do you trust different spokes-people and groups to provide honest and factual information about the COVID-19 pandemic to the African American community?

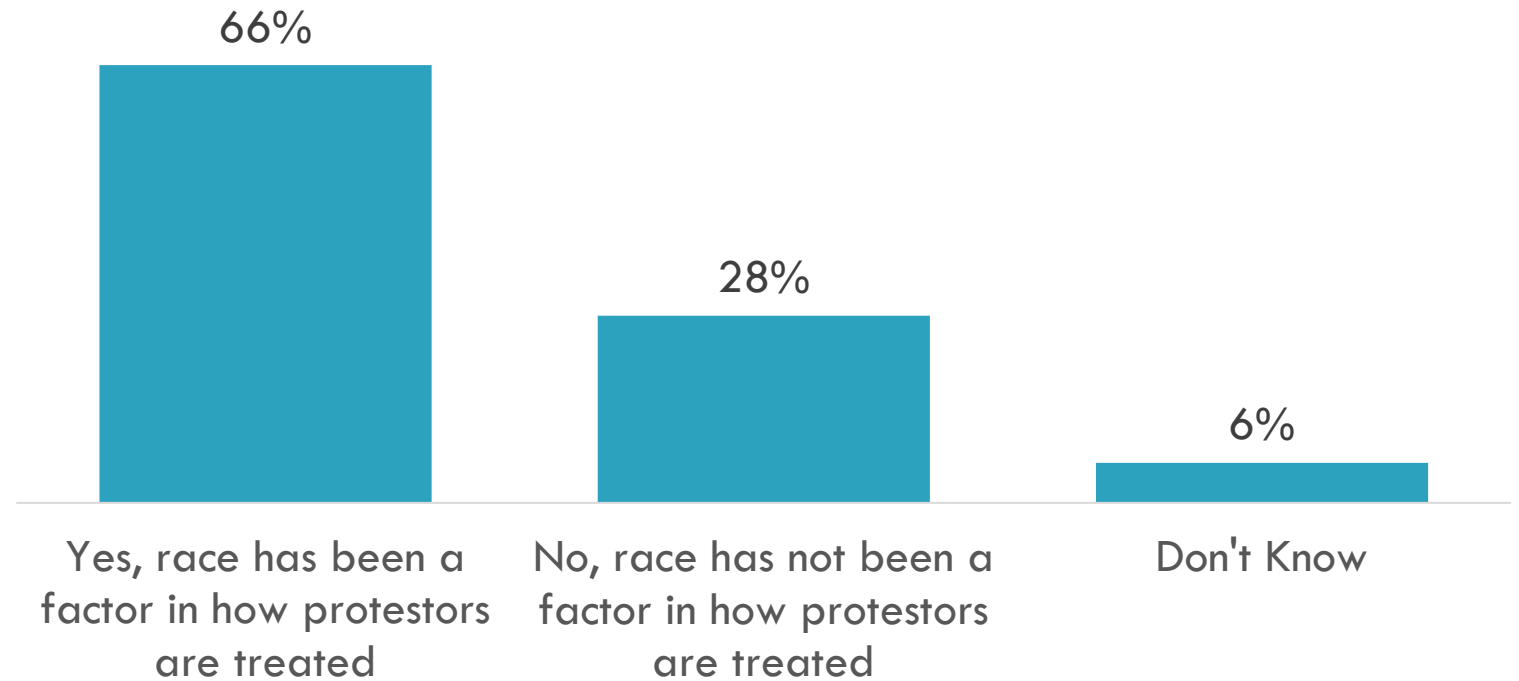
[Bars = average trust ratings]



Police Treatment of Re-Open Protesters

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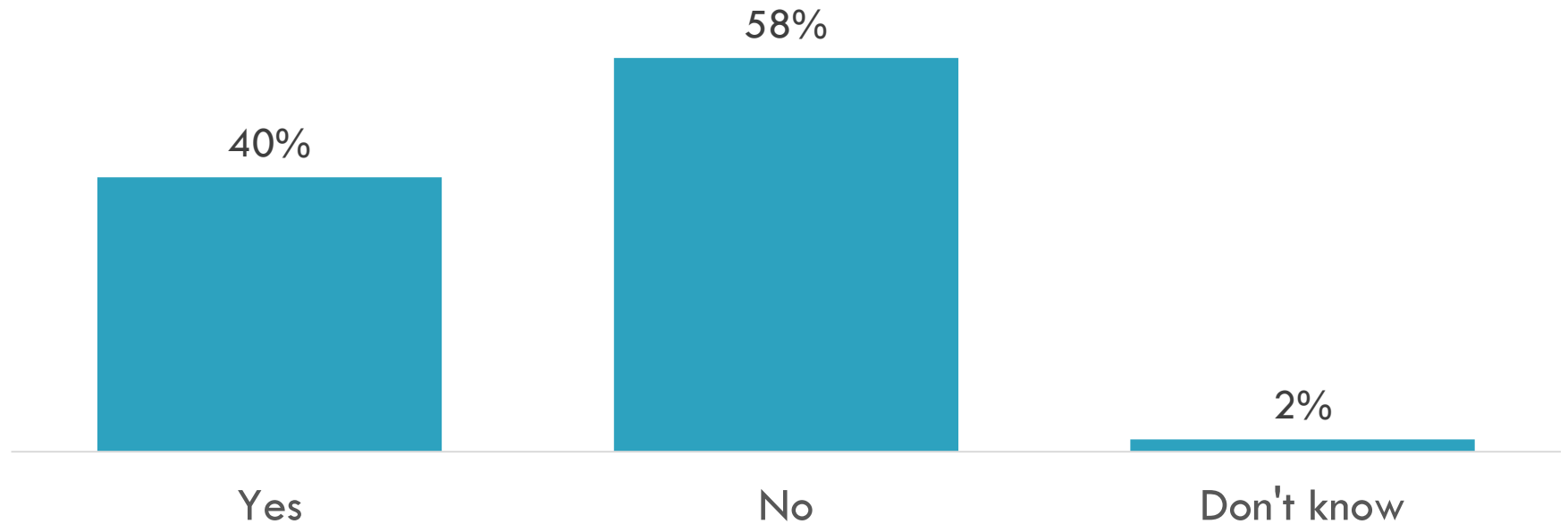
There have been protest(s) ...calling for governors to reopen businesses immediately. The people at these rallies have often not stayed 6 feet apart from each other and have not worn masks.... Despite this, they have not been arrested. Do you believe these protesters have been allowed to break the rules because most of the protesters are White people? Or, is race not a factor in how protestors are treated by law enforcement.



Race and The Policing of Social Distance

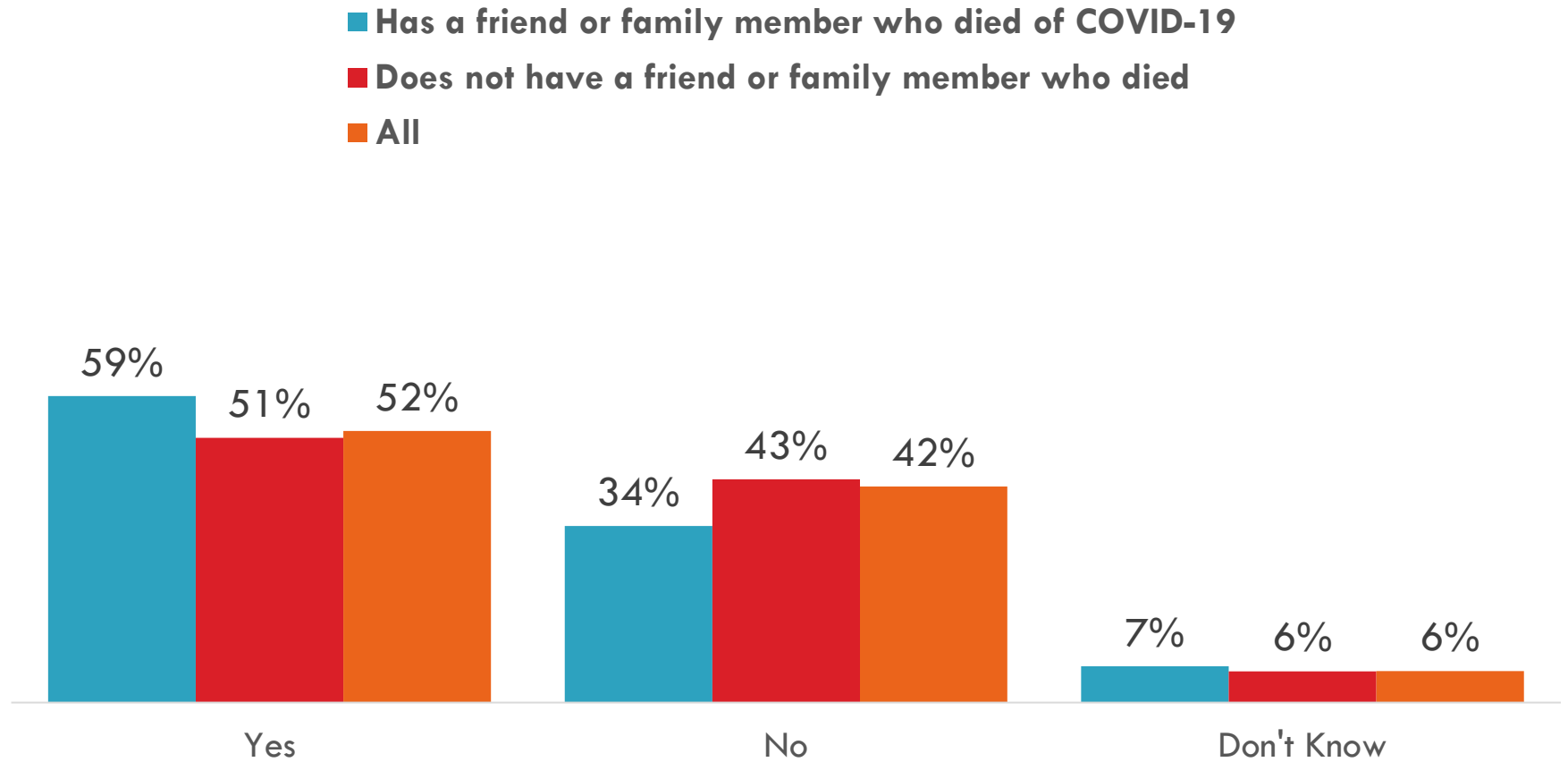
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Do you trust police to fairly and equally enforce rules about social distancing and wearing masks?



Trump and Racial Disparities in COVID-19

Do you believe that Donald Trump pushed for reopening businesses once he learned that Black people were dying at a higher rate than White people?



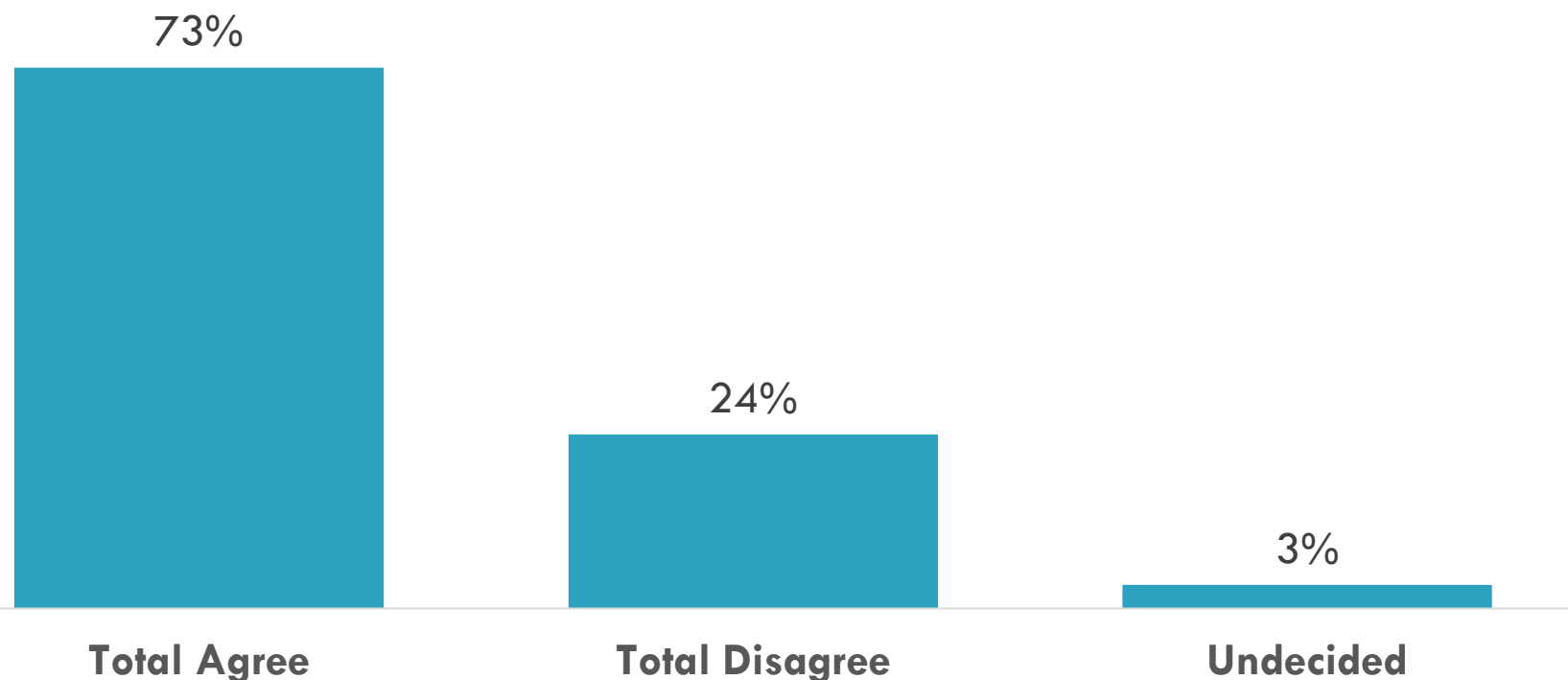
Trump Perceived as “Most Dangerous”

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Because of his failure to protect the country from Coronavirus/COVID-19 and his lack of concern with how the virus is affecting African American people, Donald Trump is the single most dangerous threat to African American people.

[Total Agree = strongly + mostly agree]

[Total Disagree = strongly + mostly disagree]



When thinking about President Donald Trump's handling of Coronavirus/COVID-19, what one or two words come to mind?



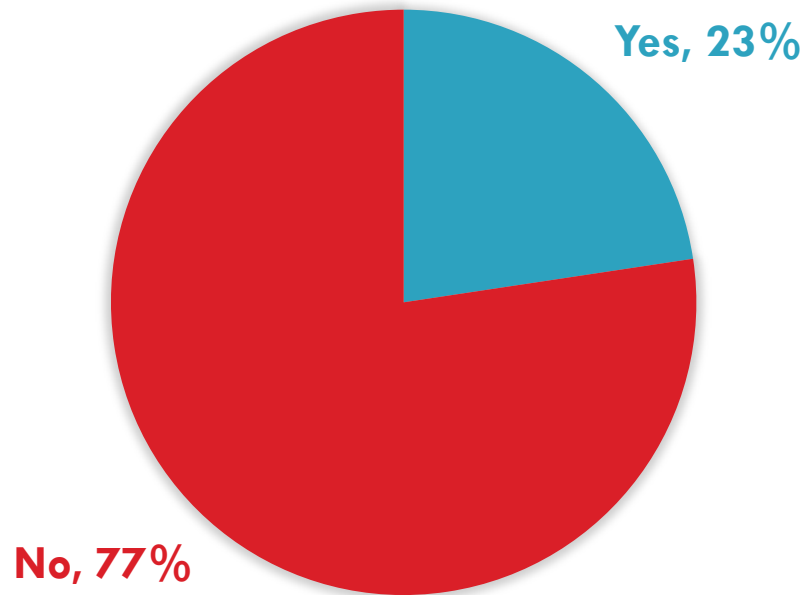
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Medical/Wellness

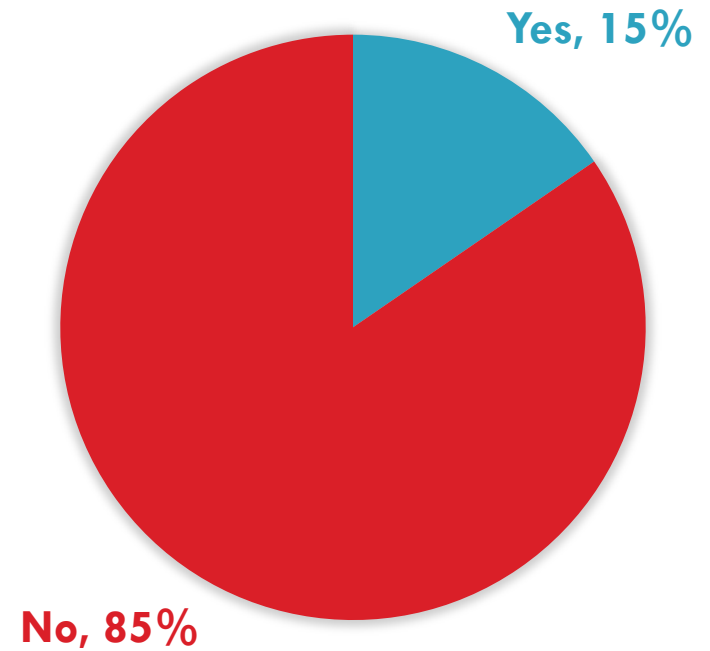
Experiences with COVID-19

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Do you have friends or family members who have:
Gotten sick with Coronavirus/COVID-19?

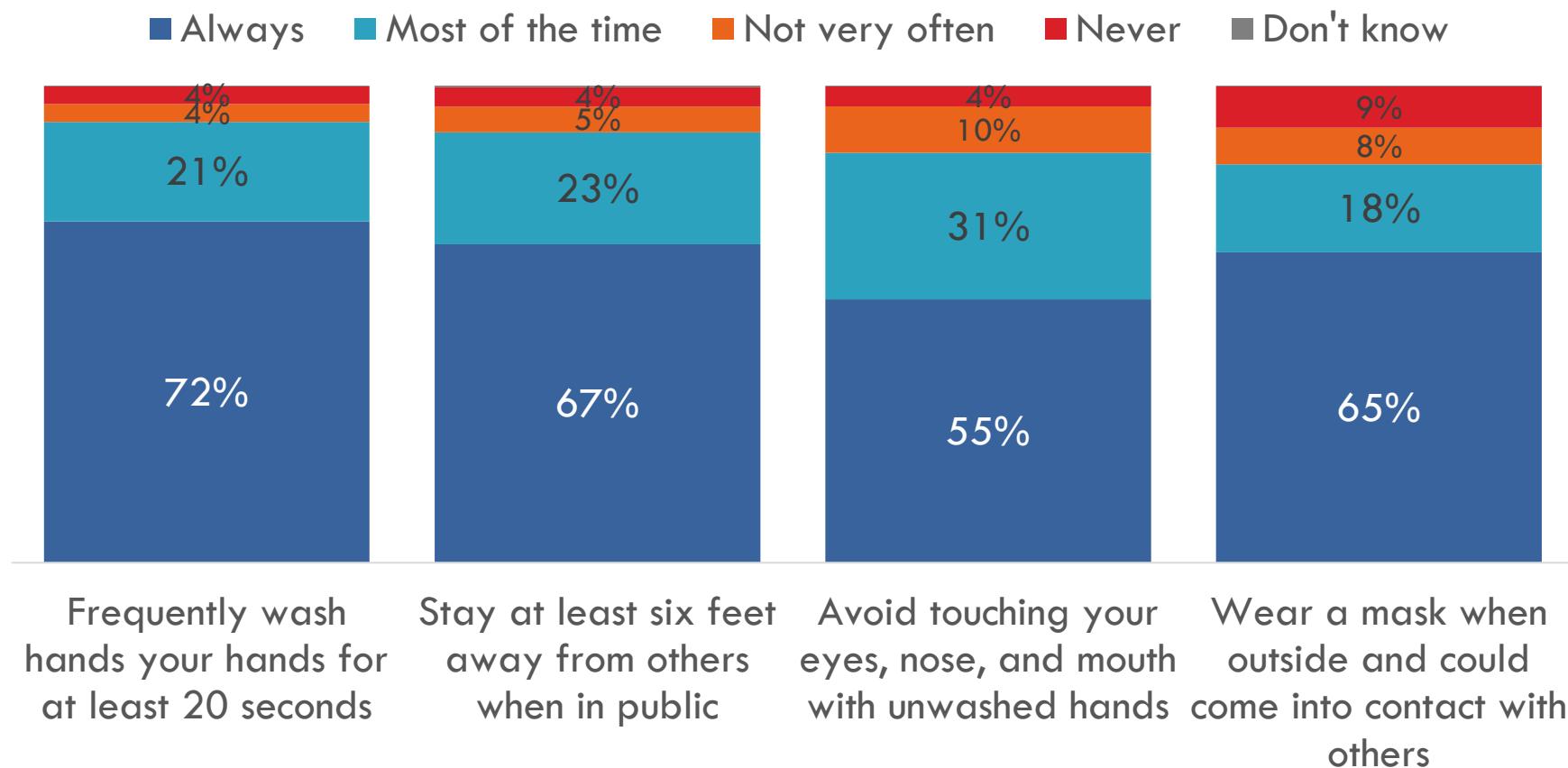


Do you have friends or family members who have:
Died because of Coronavirus/COVID-19?



Taking Safety Precautions

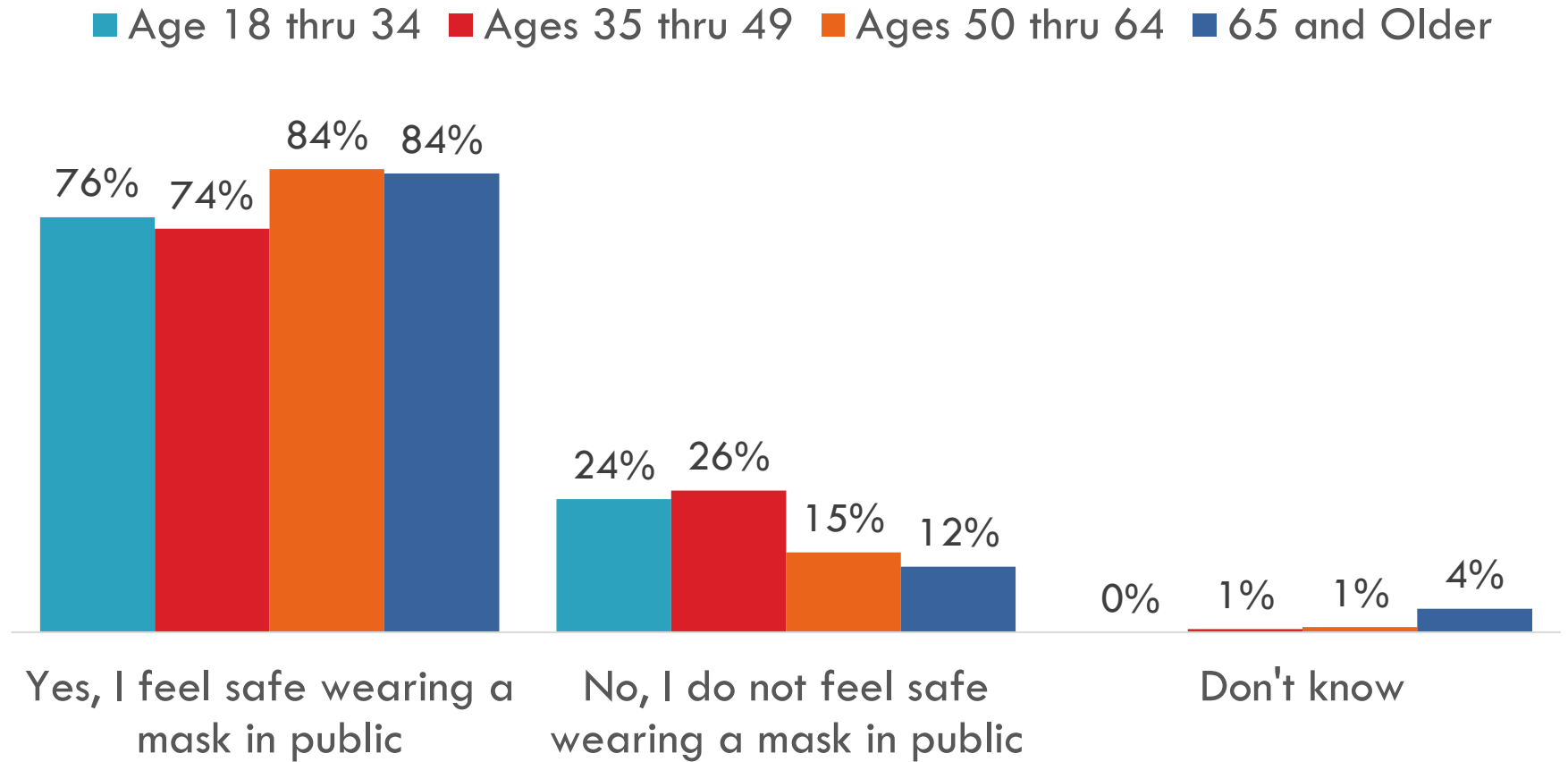
How often do you follow these recommendations regarding protecting yourself and others from COVID-19:



Wearing Masks

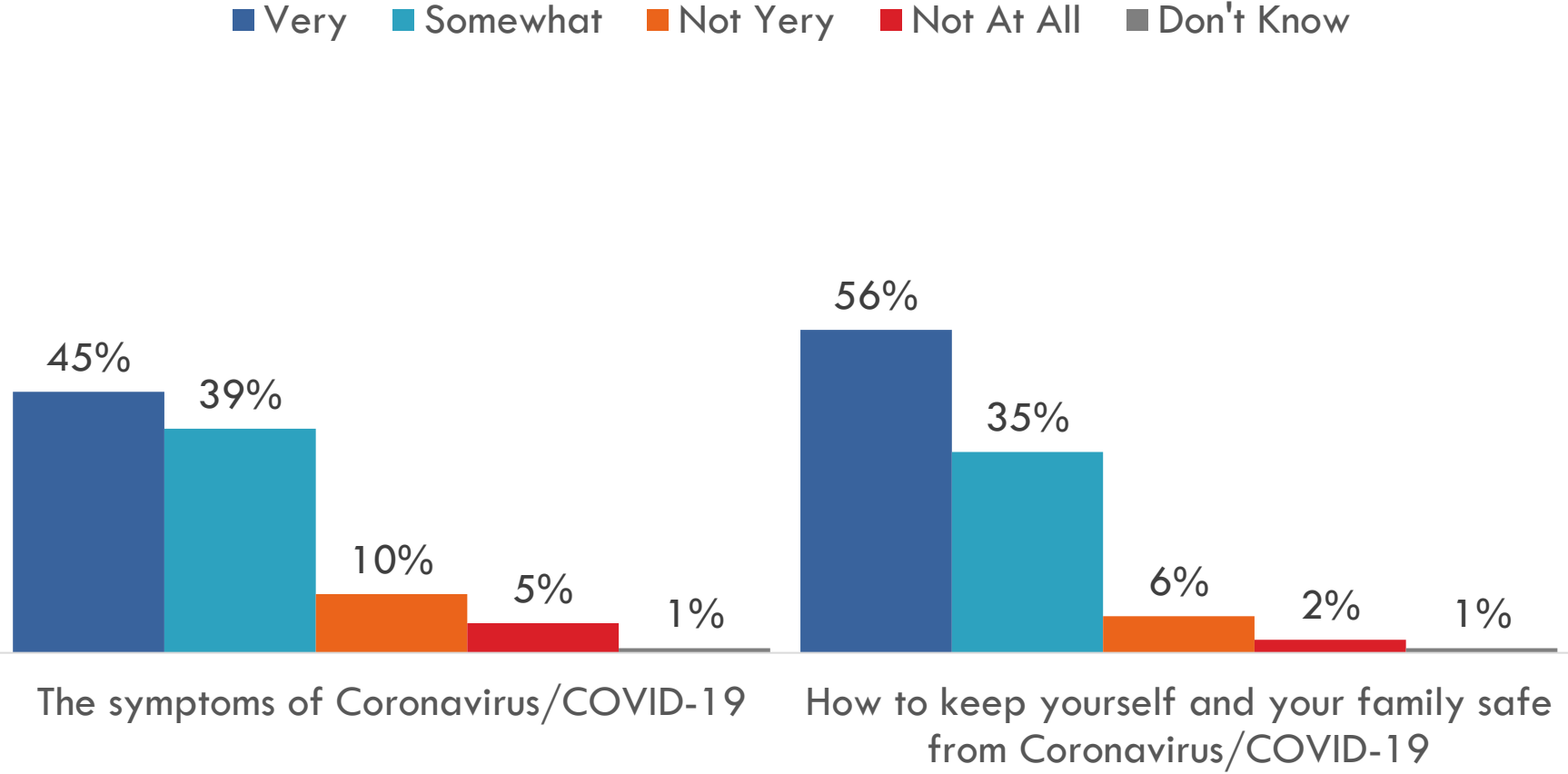
Do you feel safe wearing a mask in public for instance in a store, or are you concerned that Black people wearing masks may be misinterpreted as a threat, putting you at risk?

[Bars sorted by age group]



Confidence in Managing COVID-19

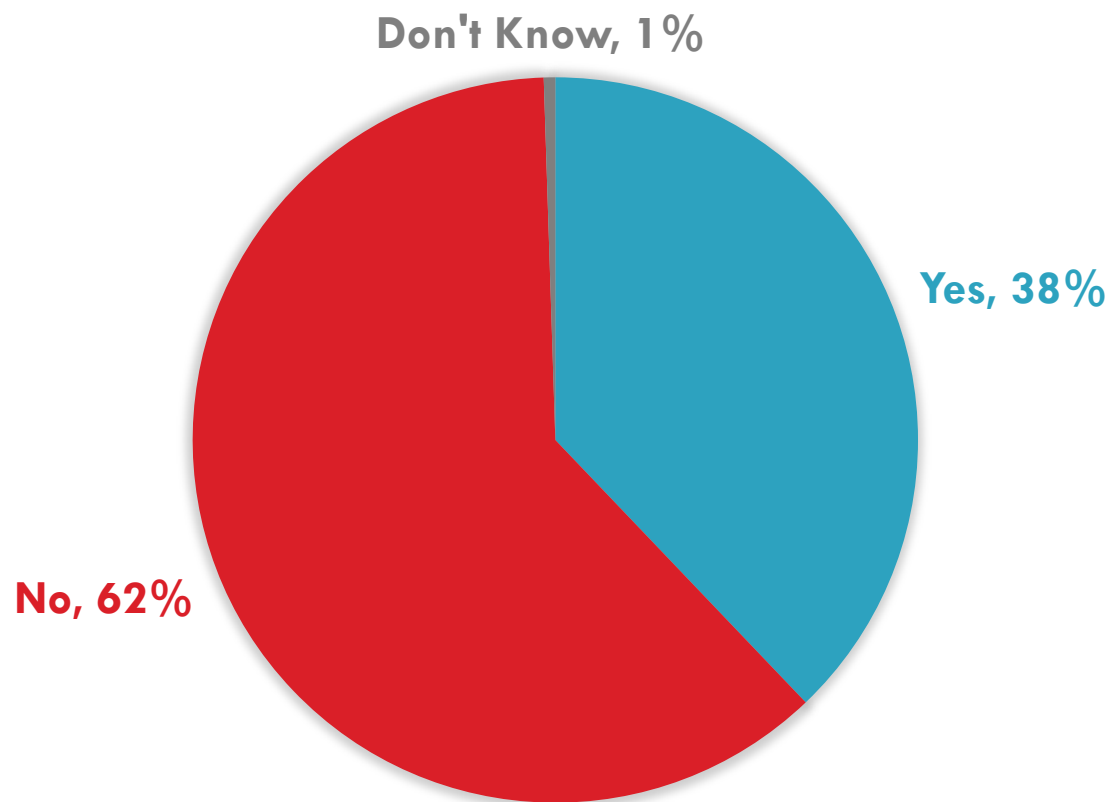
For each of the following, are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident or not at all confident that you know...



Mental Health Concerns

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Do you believe that you are experiencing anxiety, depression or have any other mental health concerns as a result of fear of catching COVID-19 or from changes in your life due to COVID-19?



Perceived Health/Medical Disparities

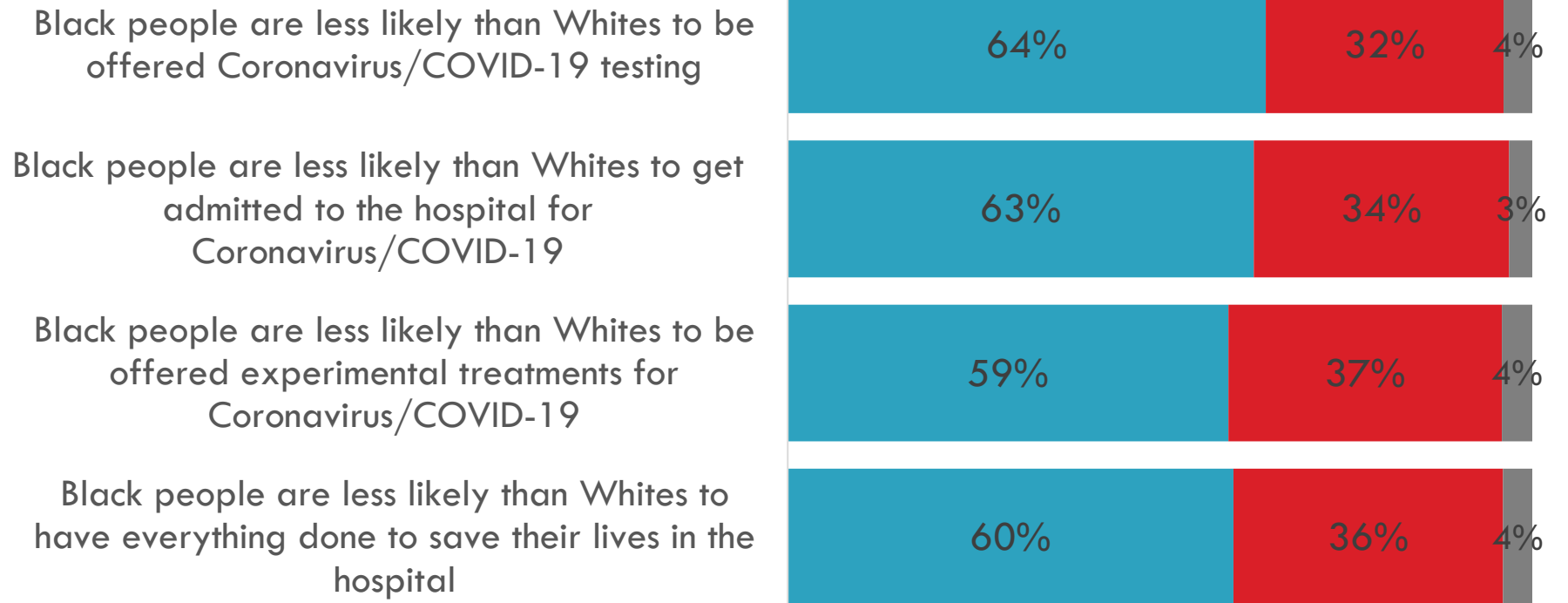
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For each of the following statements, indicate whether you [agree]...

[Total agree = somewhat + strongly agree]

[Total disagree = somewhat + strongly disagree]

■ Total Agree ■ Total Disagree ■ Undecided



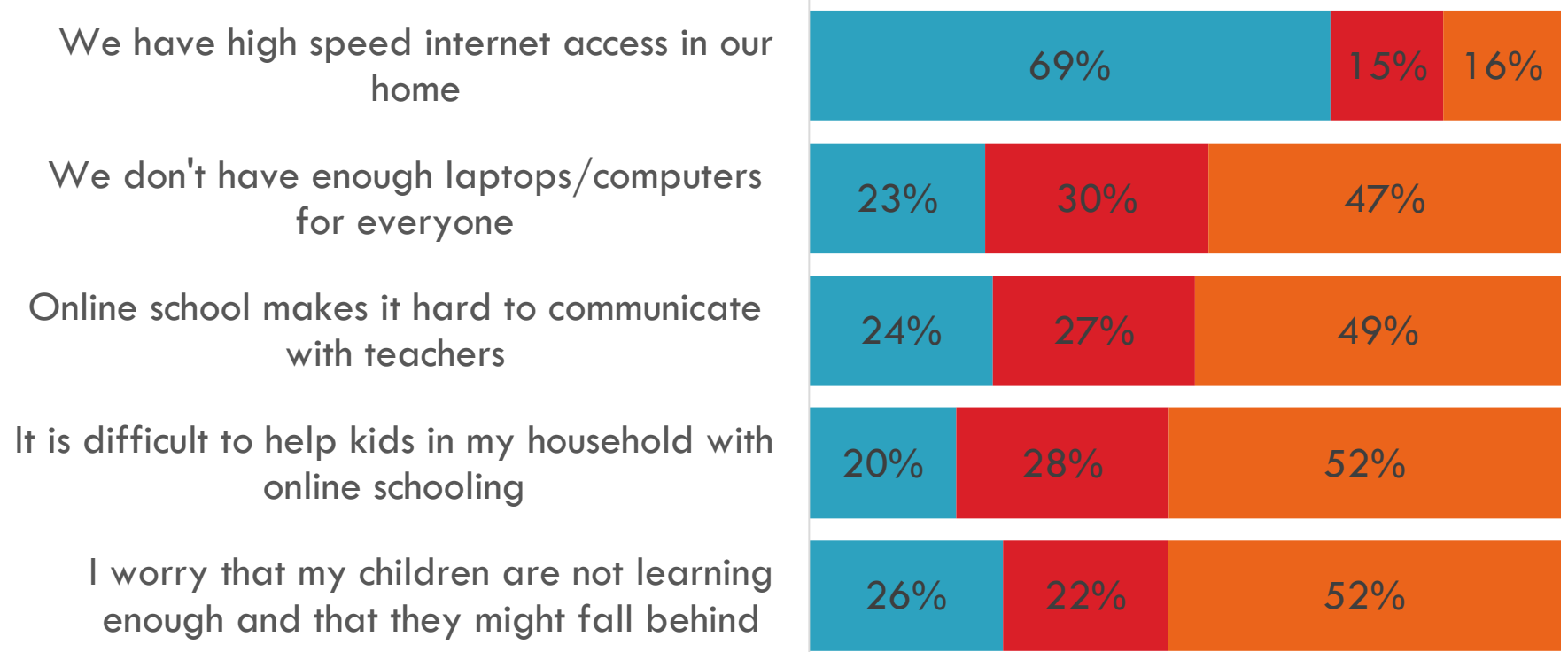
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Implications for Education

The Many Challenges of Our New Realities

When it comes to dealing with working from home and/or kids schooling from home, which of the following are true for you and/or the people in your household:

■ Yes ■ No ■ Does Not Apply



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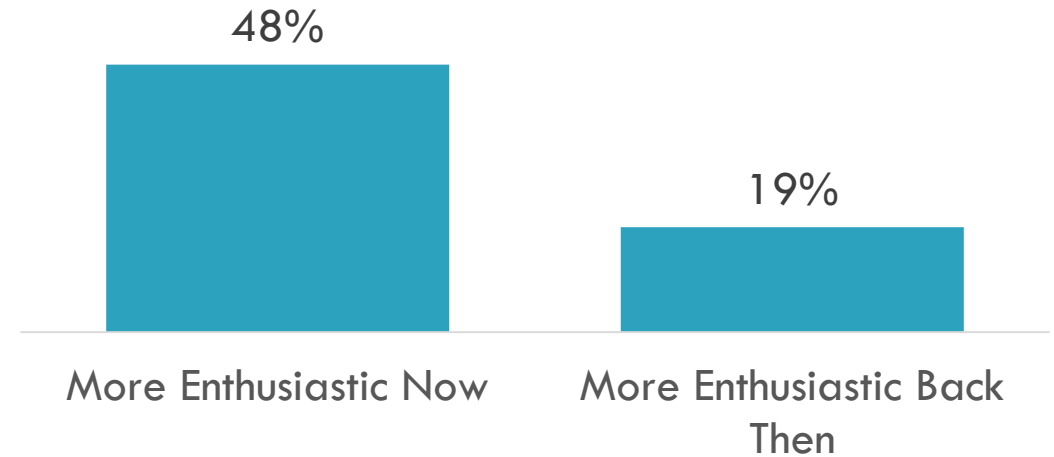
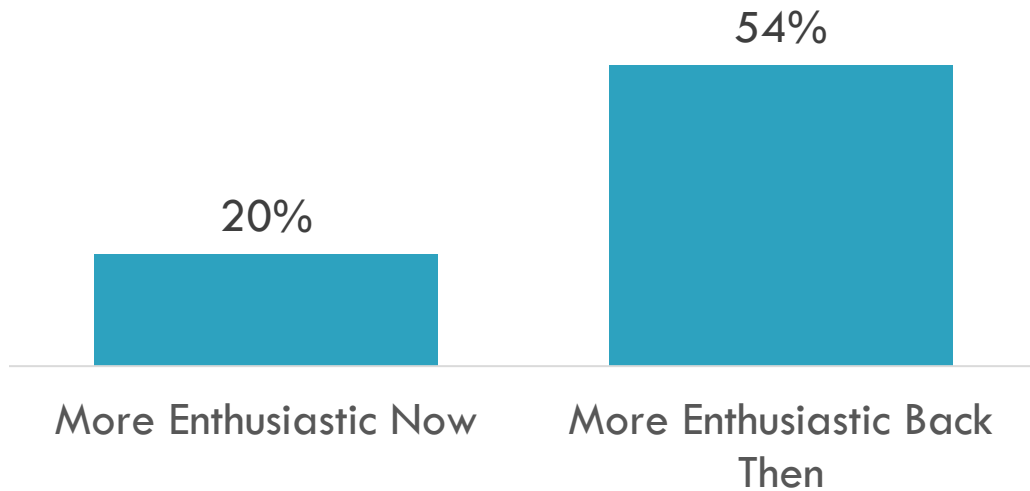
Voting/Elections

Enthusiasm about Voting

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Are you **MORE** enthusiastic about voting in 2016, or were you more enthusiastic about voting in 2012? (From our October 25 to November 2, 2016 poll) - Registered Voters

Are you **MORE** enthusiastic about voting in 2020, or were you more enthusiastic about voting in 2016? - Registered Voters

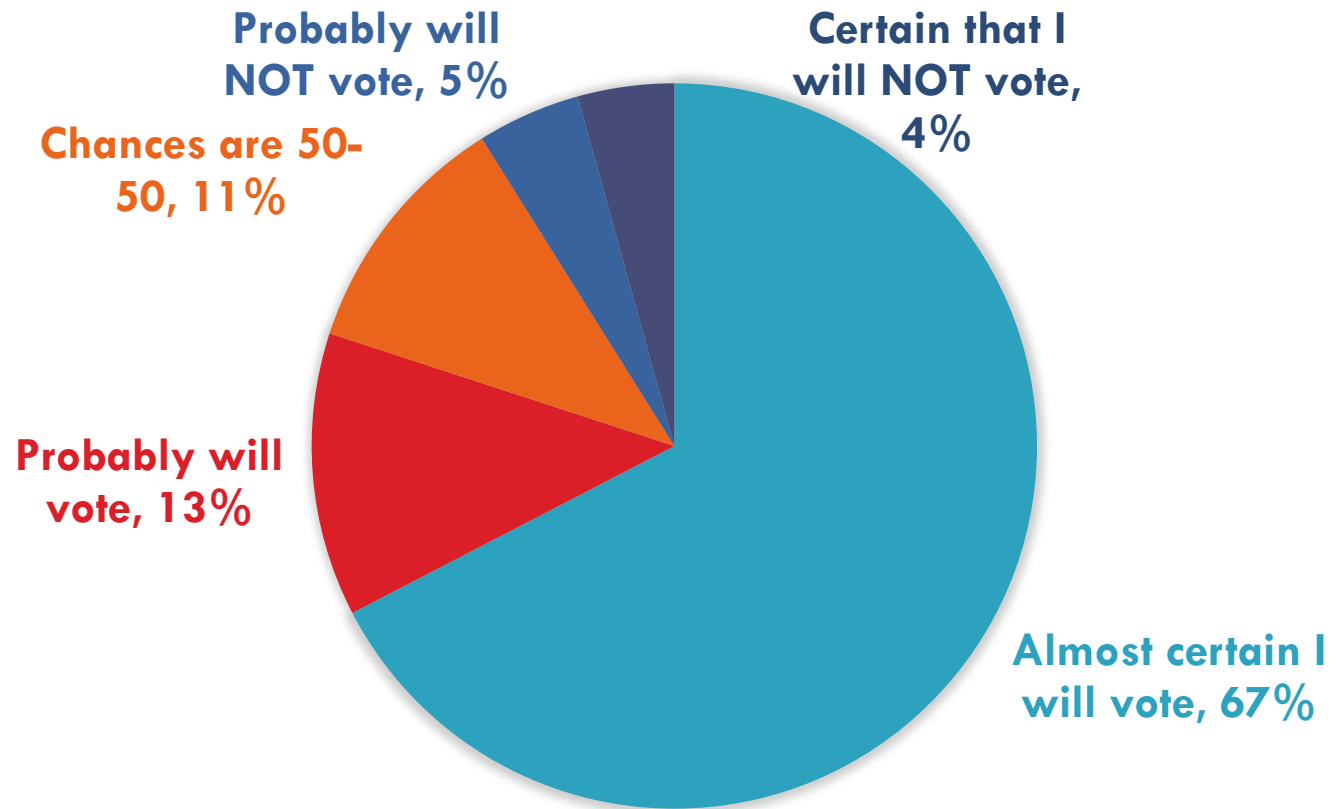


Certainty of Voting

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Thinking ahead to the November 2020 Presidential election, what would you say the chances are that you will vote in the presidential election and for Congress?

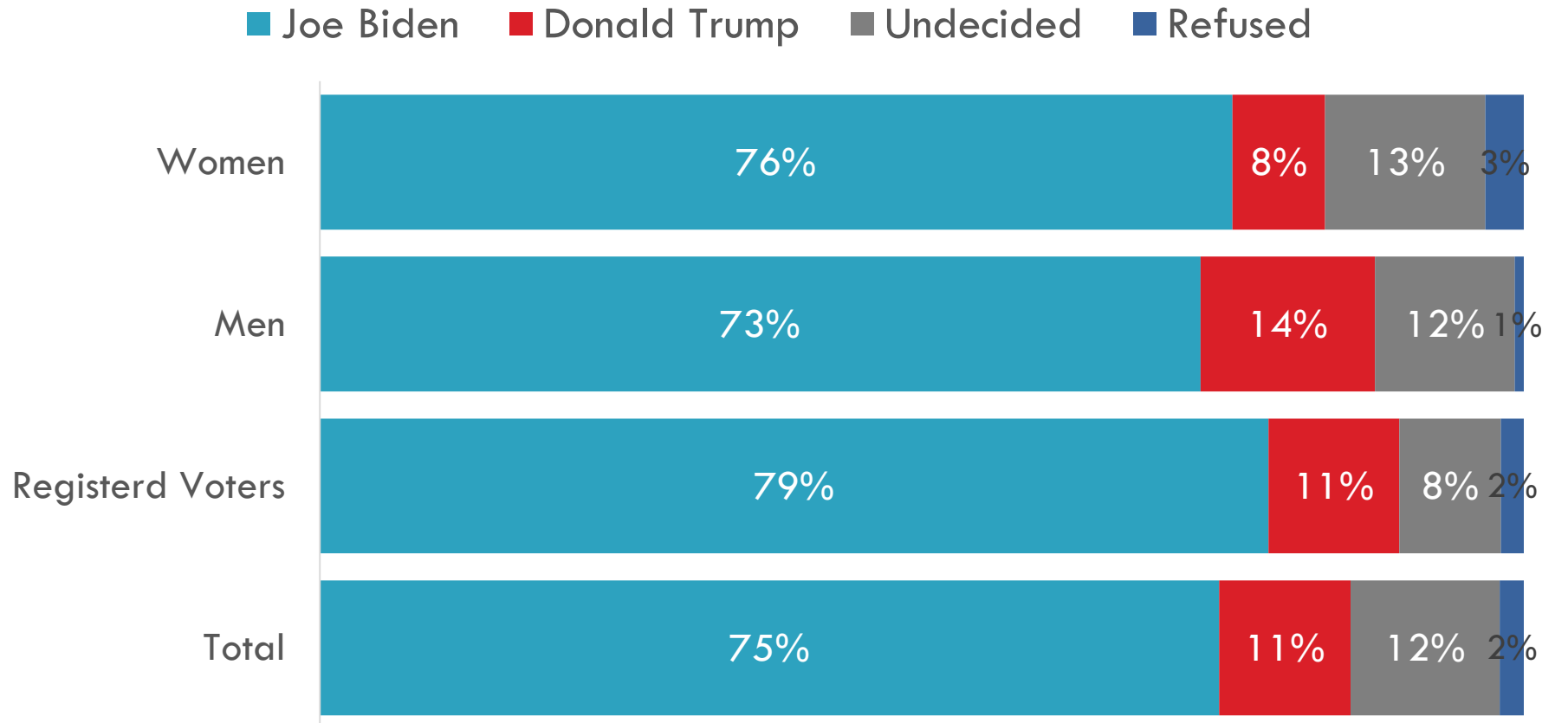
[Results for registered voters only]



Candidate Preference

If the 2020 presidential election were held today, would you vote for...

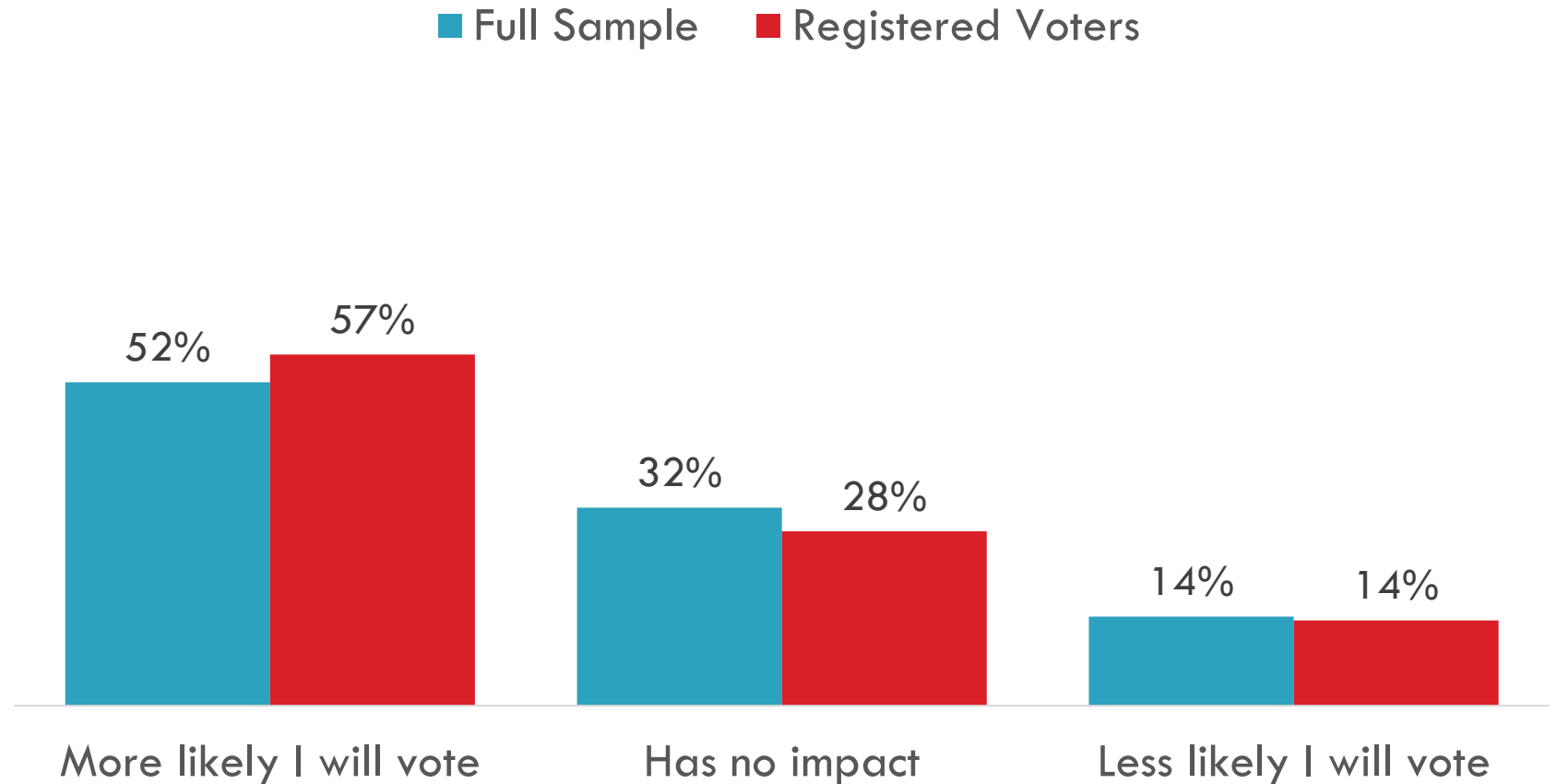
[Results also include “leaning” vote choices]



Potential Influence of COVID-19 on Turnout

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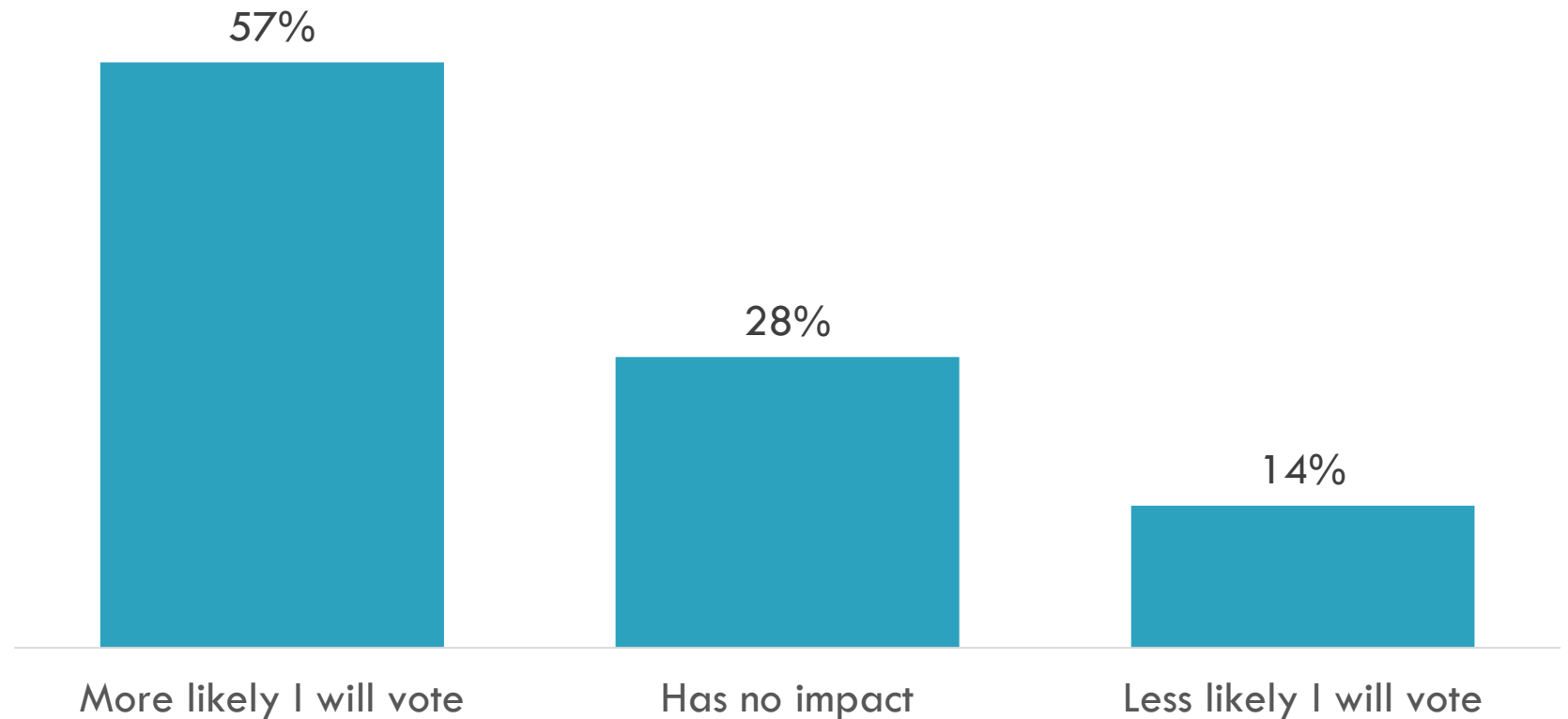


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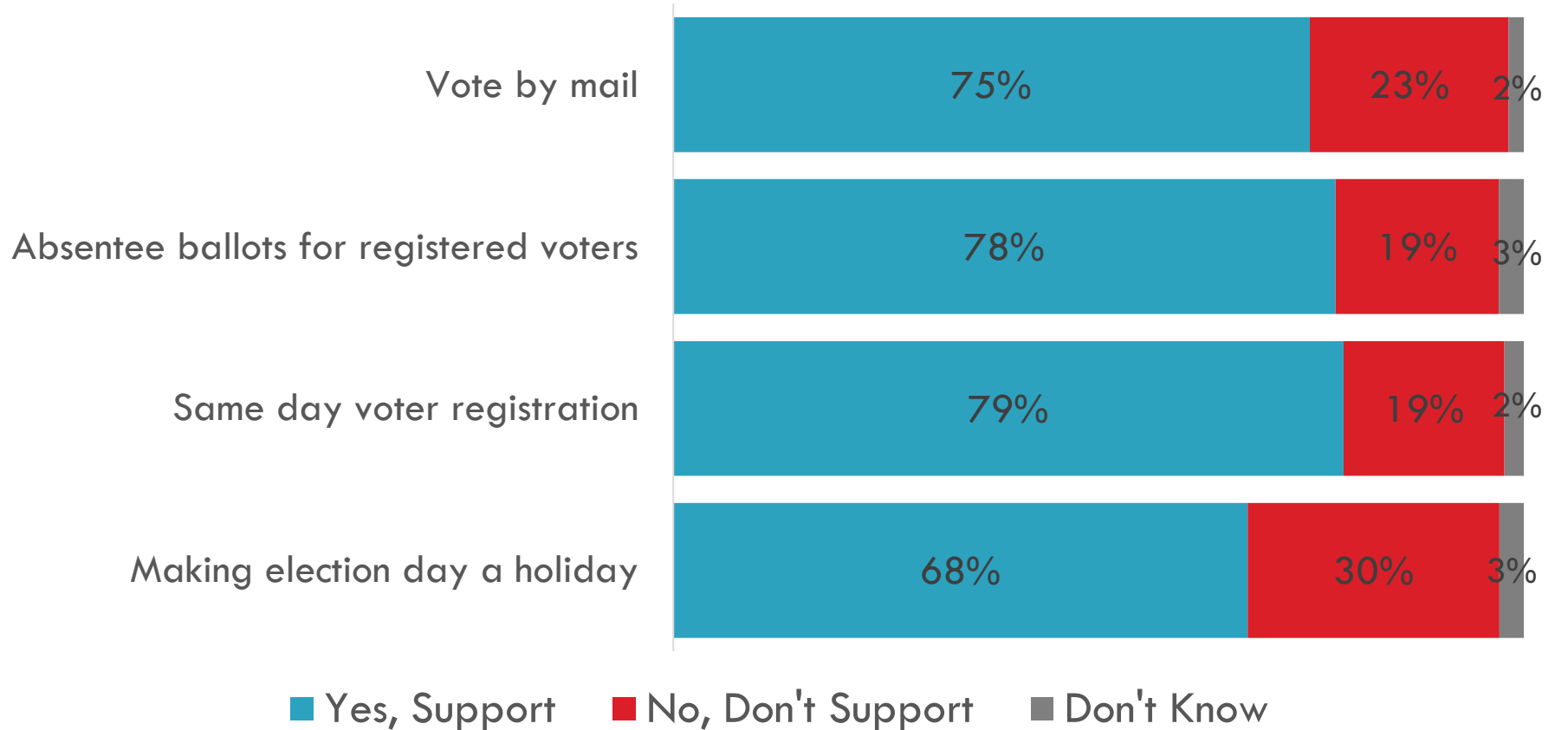
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[Note: Vertical Axis runs from 0% to 70%]



COVID-19 and Voting Policies

When considering the impact of COVID-19 on people's ability to vote, which of the following government policies would you support:



Presenters

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Q & A

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