

AFRICAN AMERICAN BATTLEGROUND

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Understanding and Communicating Black Political Action

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About the Battleground State Poll

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- ❖ Total sample of N=1,215 African Americans; with roughly 200 from battleground states in...
 - The Rust Belt (Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin)
 - The Southeast (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina)
 - Oversample (50% of respondents) of 18-29 year olds
- ❖ Margin of Error: $\pm 2.8\%$ (full sample); $\pm 6.9\%$ (each battleground state)
- ❖ Respondents randomly selected to complete the survey online
- ❖ Final data were weighted--not only to be representative within each state but also to adjust for each state's population size of African Americans
- ❖ Field Dates: July 1 to July 9, 2020

Overview

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- ❖ The Criminal Justice System
- ❖ Partisanship & Mobilization
- ❖ Optimism, Economy & Methods of Change
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- ❖ The 2020 Presidential Election

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Getting Ahead, Race & Trust in the USA

Why some people don't get ahead

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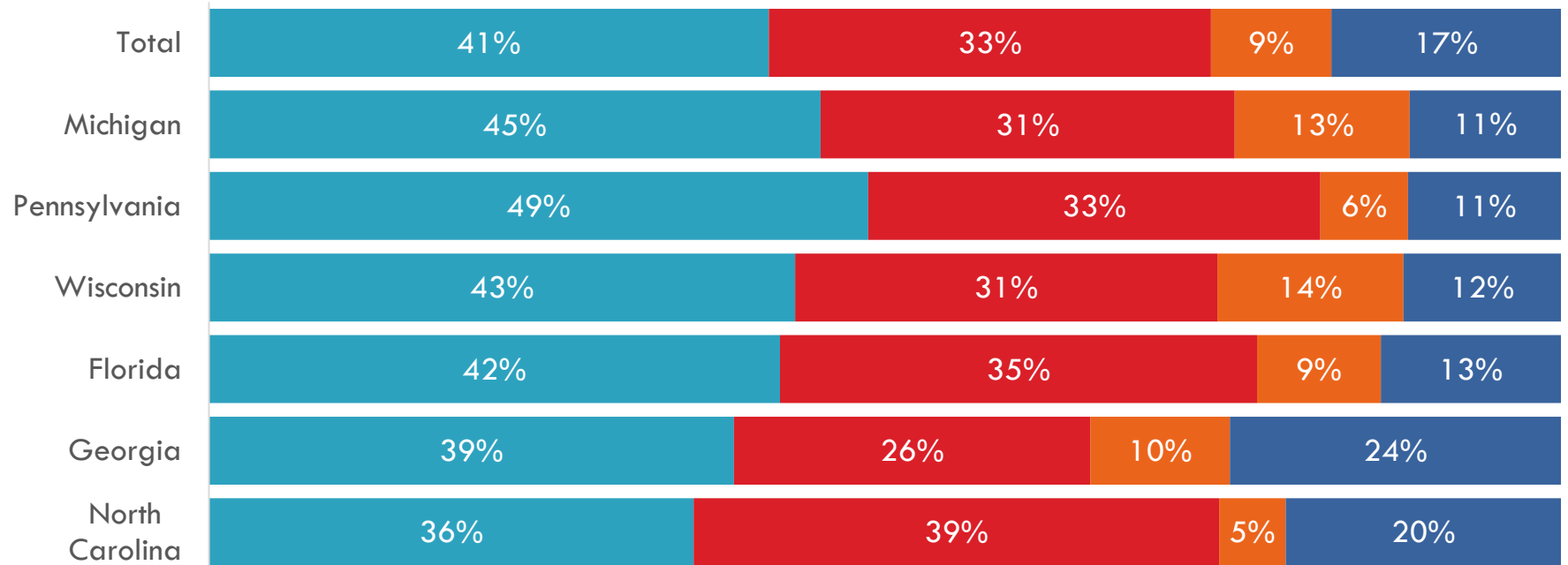
When considering why some people do not get ahead in America, which of the following statements is closest to your view?

	They make bad choices	Discrimination holds them back	They have bad luck	System does not provide enough opportunities
18-29	26%	32%	8%	35%
30-44	25%	26%	6%	43%
45-59	28%	28%	3%	42%
60+	11%	33%	5%	52%

How White people treat Black people

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In your personal experiences, which of the following statements best represents how you have been treated by White people?

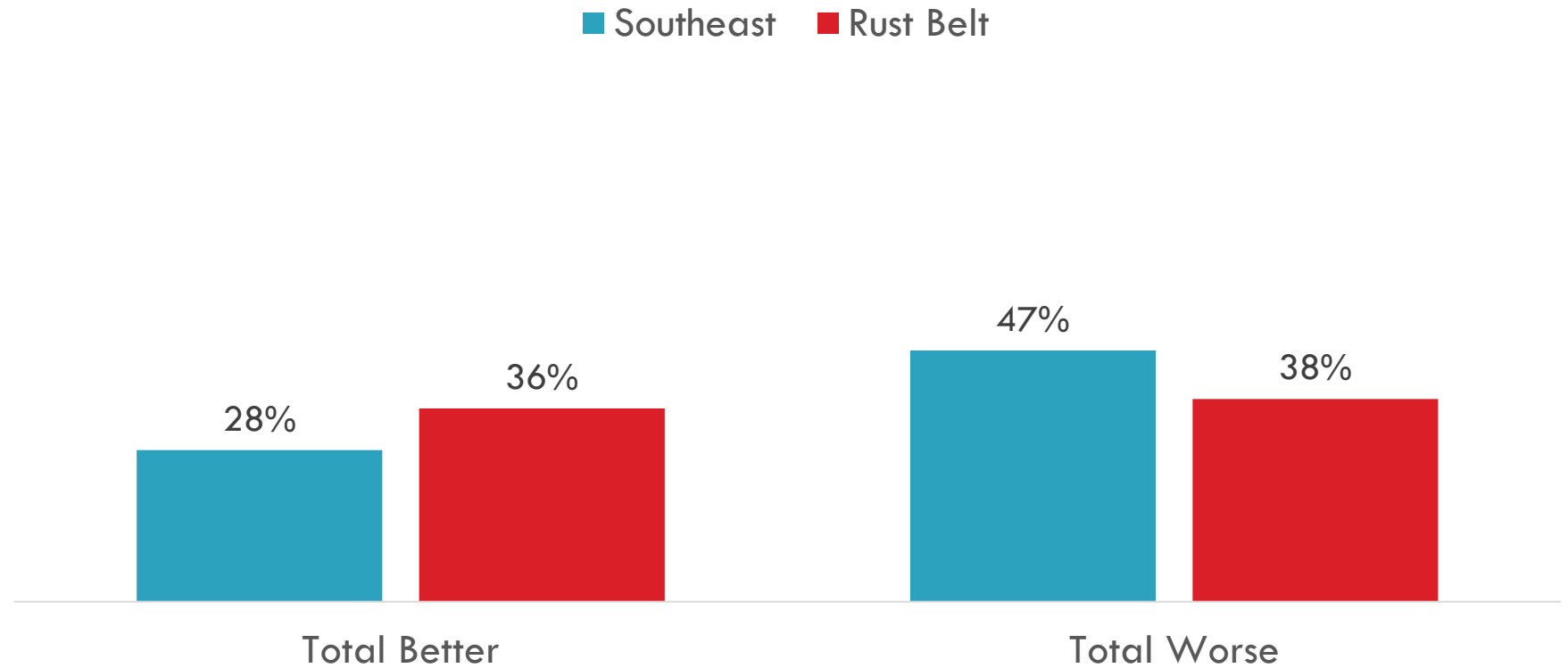


- Most treat me with genuine respect
- Most pretend to treat me with respect to my face but hold negative views about me behind my back
- Most do *not* treat me with respect
- I don't interact with enough White people to have an opinion

Race relations better/worse (by region)

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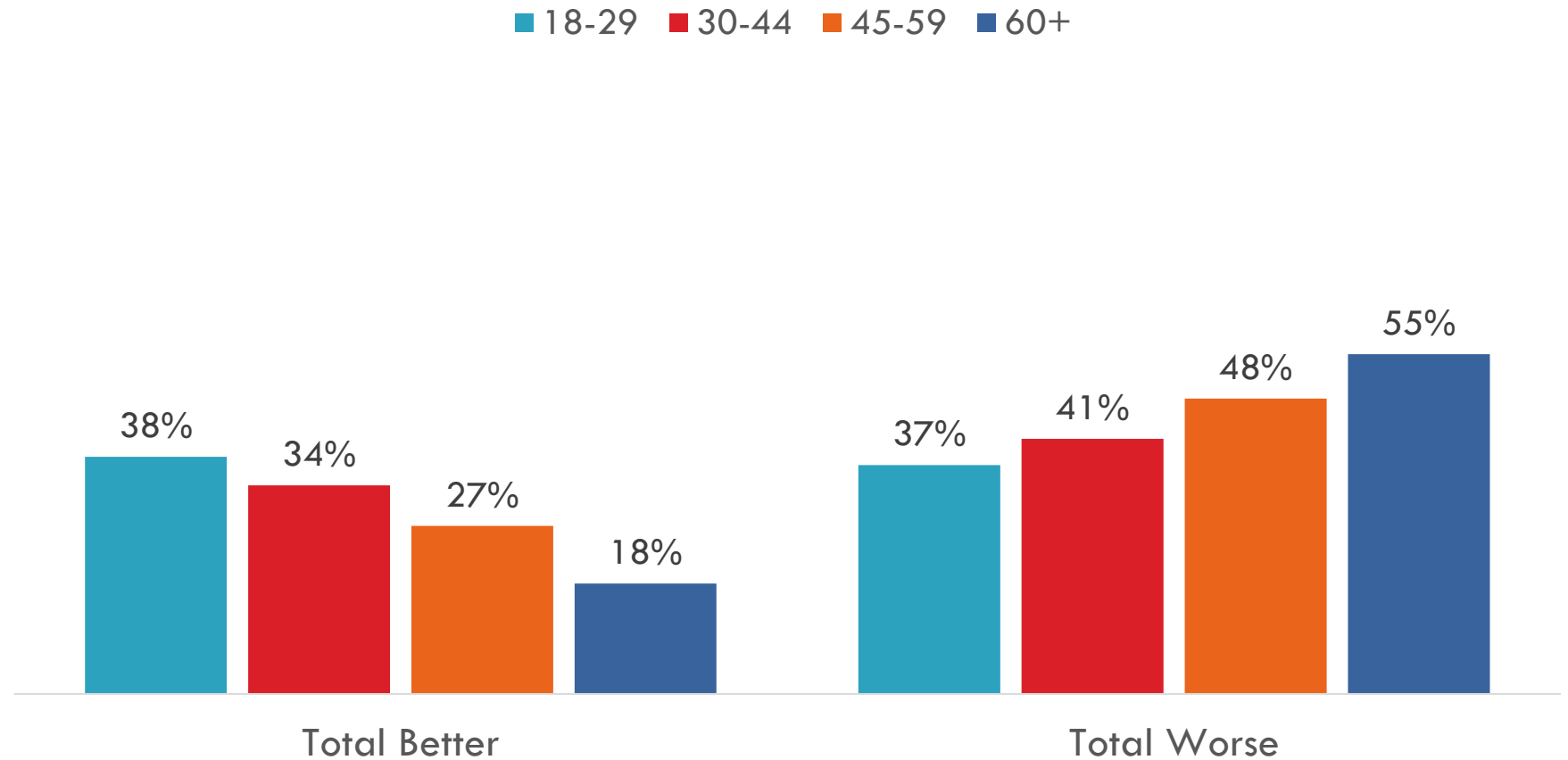
To what extent would you say things have gotten better or worse for African Americans in recent decades?



Race relations better/worse (by age)

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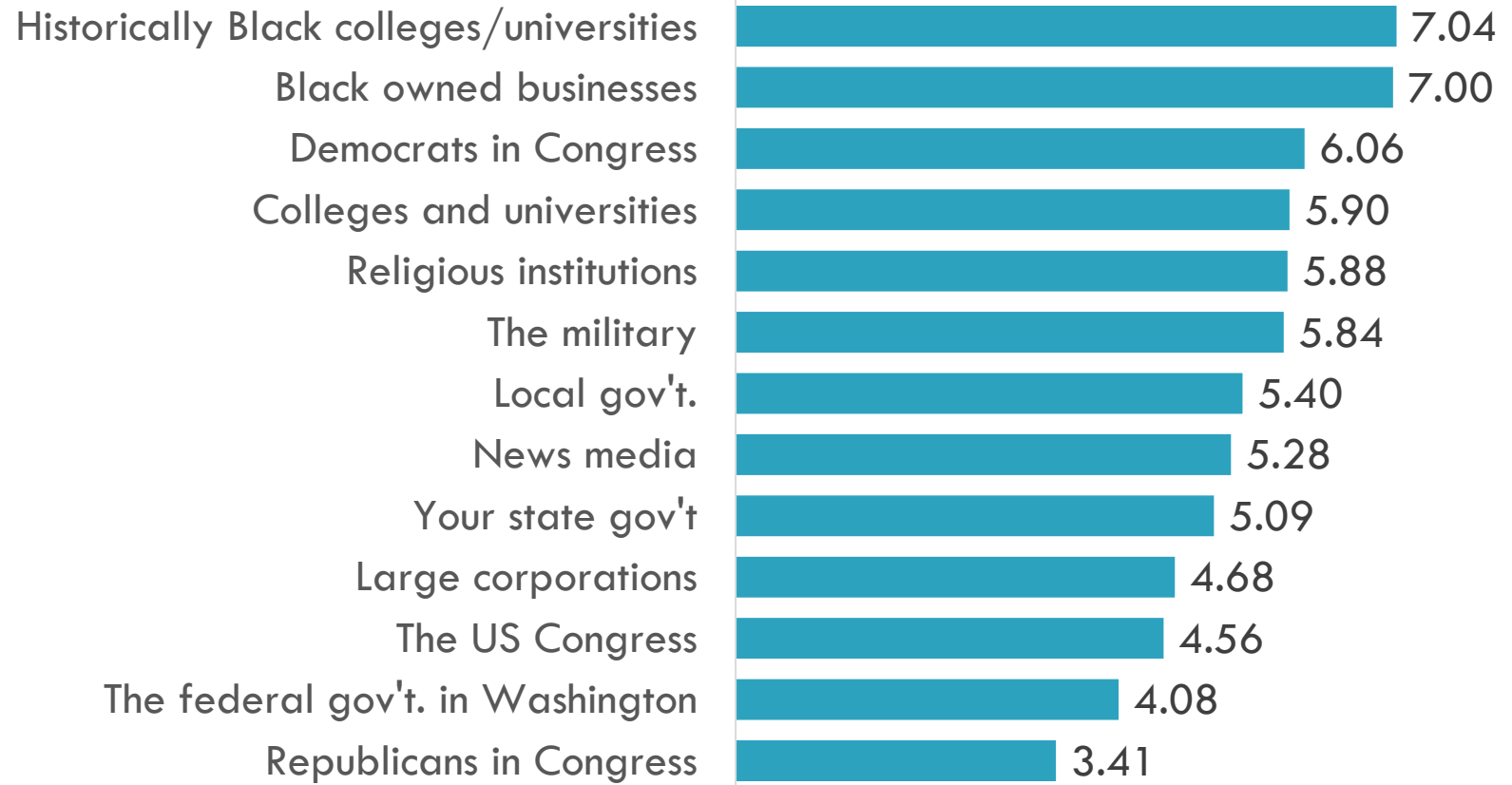


Who do you trust?

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How much you trust them to do what is best for the Black/African American community

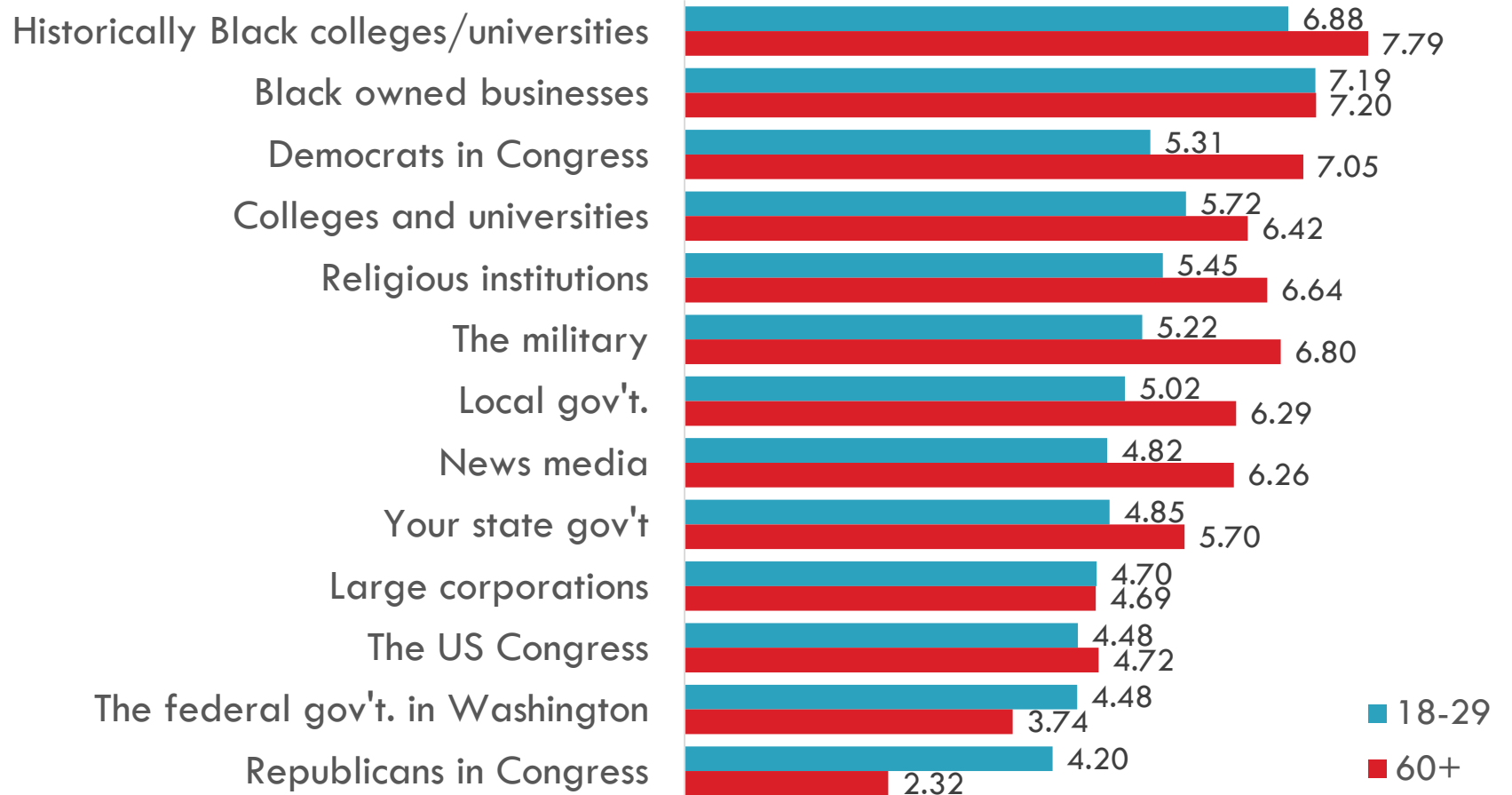
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Who do you trust? (younger vs. older)

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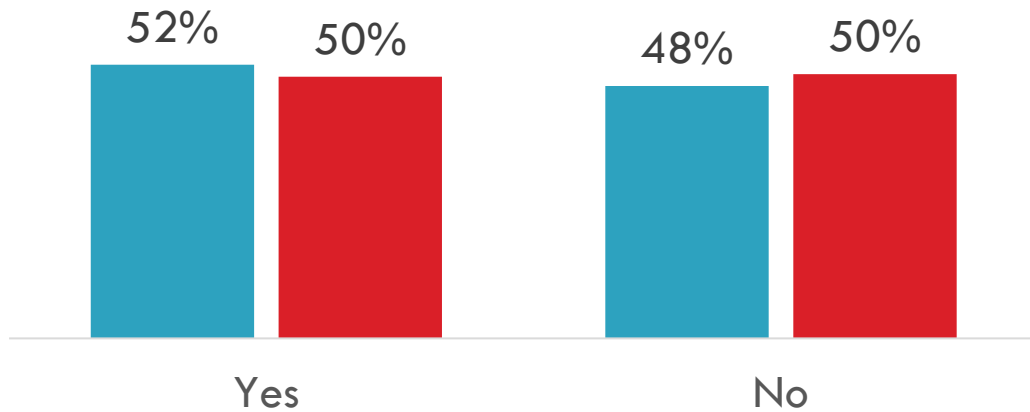
The Criminal Justice System

Experiences with the police

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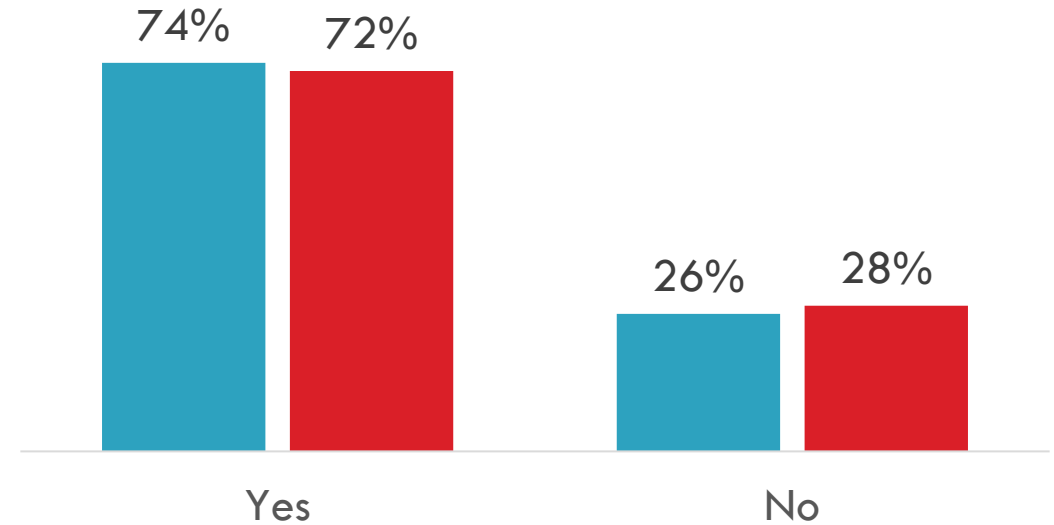
Have you ever been stopped, pulled over or harassed by the police?

■ Southeast ■ Rust Belt



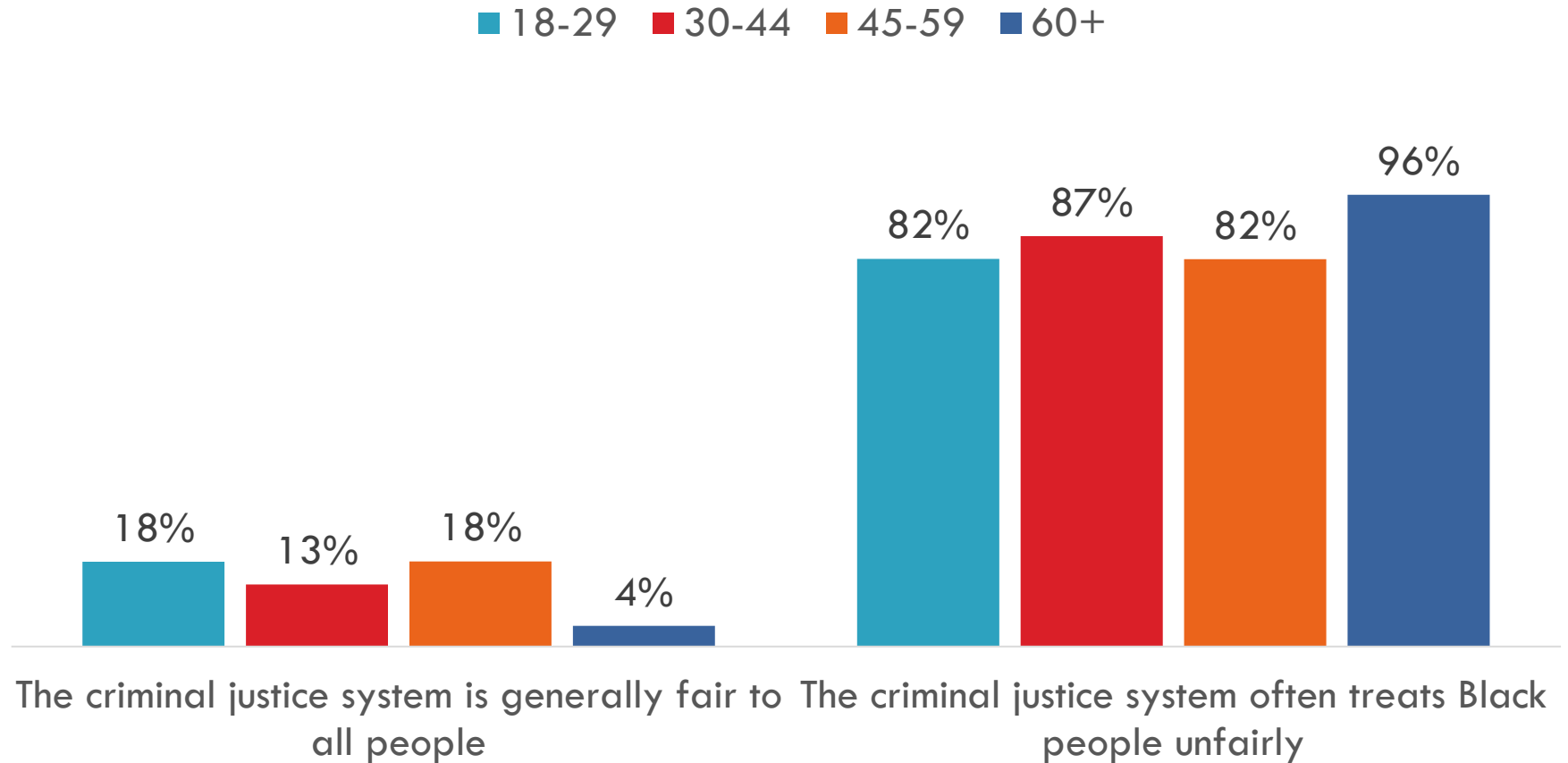
Do you fear that the police may harm you or people that you care about?

■ Southeast ■ Rust Belt



Attitudes about the criminal justice system

Some people say that the criminal justice system is generally fair to all people without regard to race, while others say that there is systemic racism in the criminal justice system such that Black/African American people are often treated unfair...



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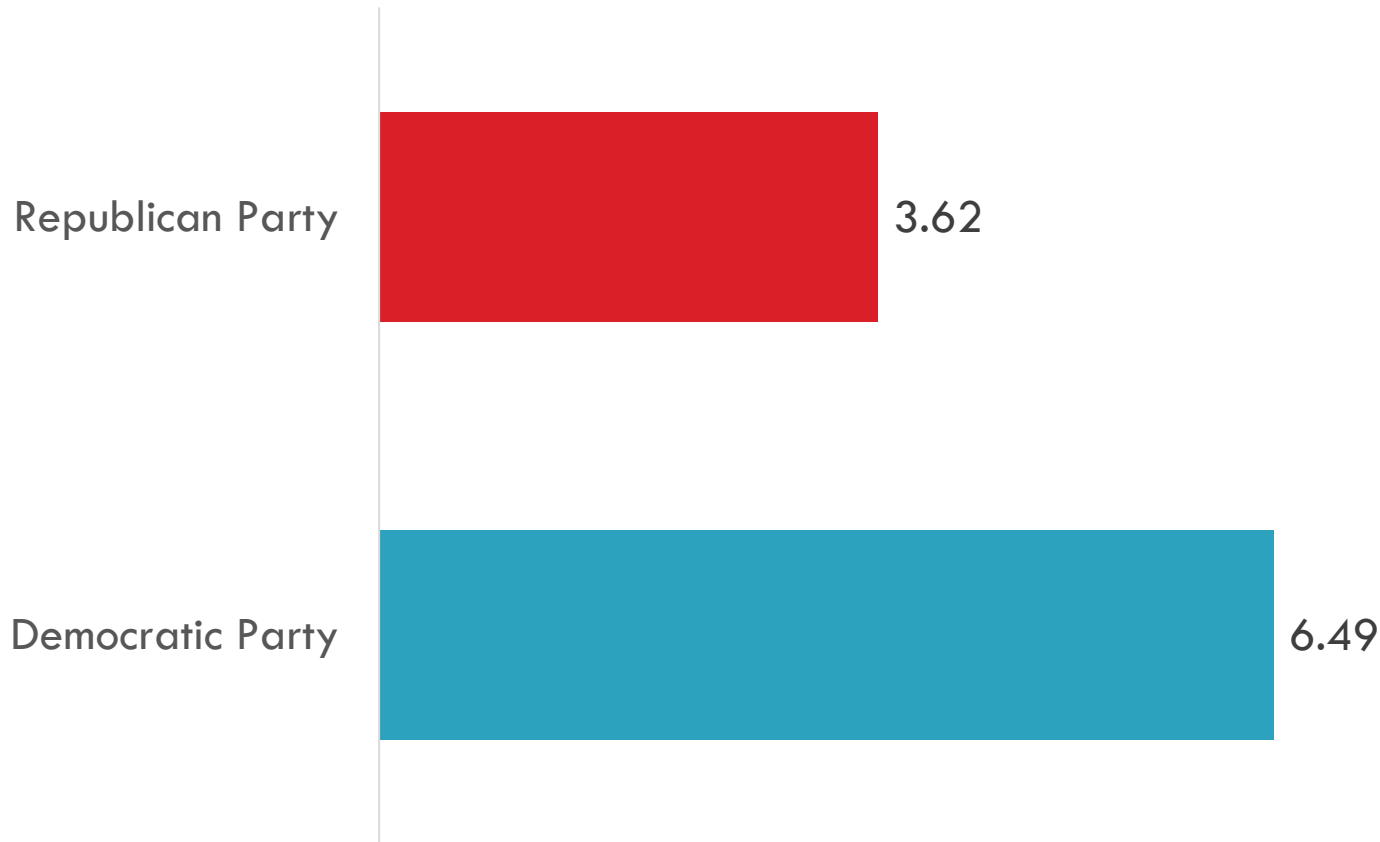
Partisanship & Mobilization

How welcoming are the political parties?

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On a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being not at all welcoming and 10 being very welcoming, how welcoming do you believe the following is to Black/African Americans?

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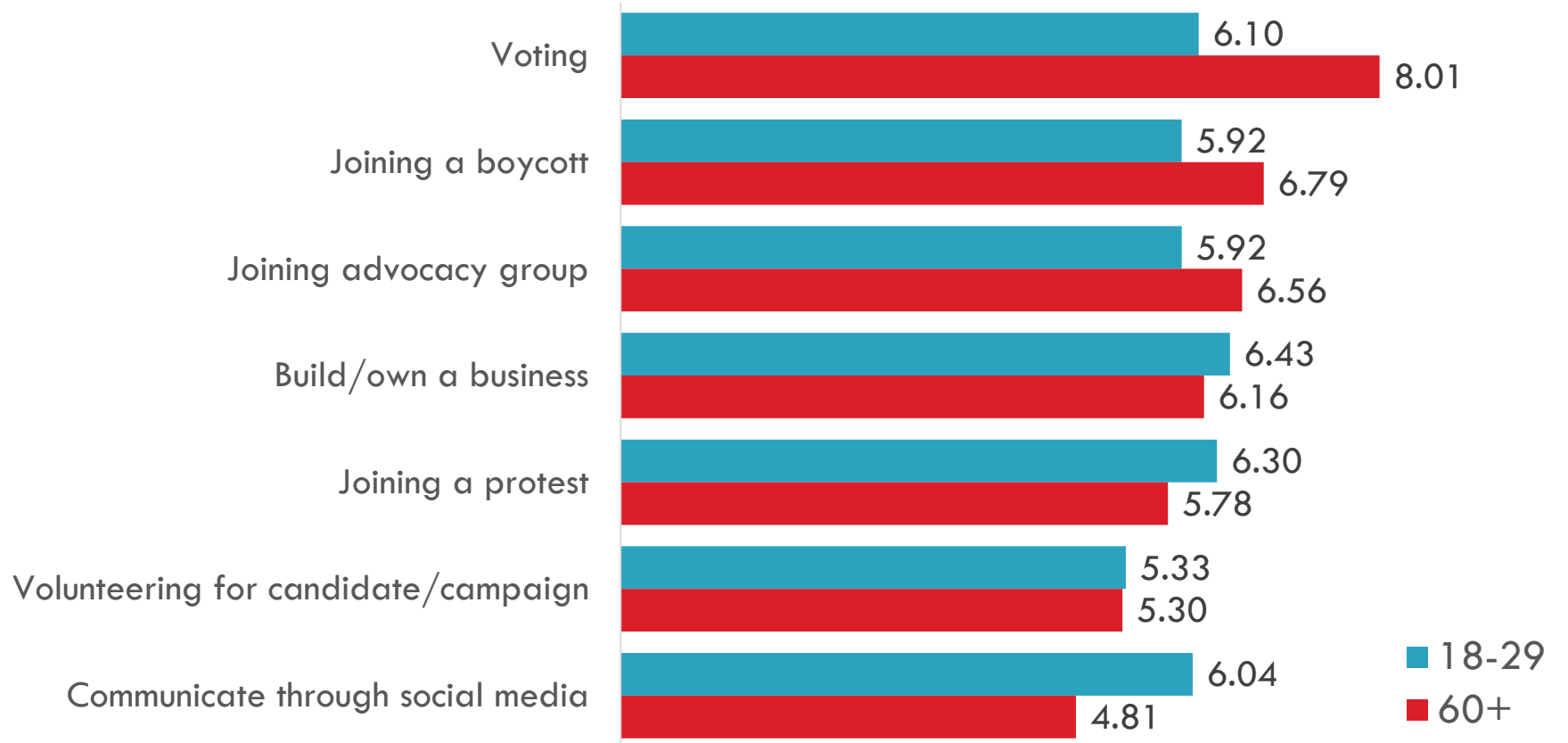


How to Change America

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If you wanted to change something you do not like in America, how effective do you think each of the following activities are?

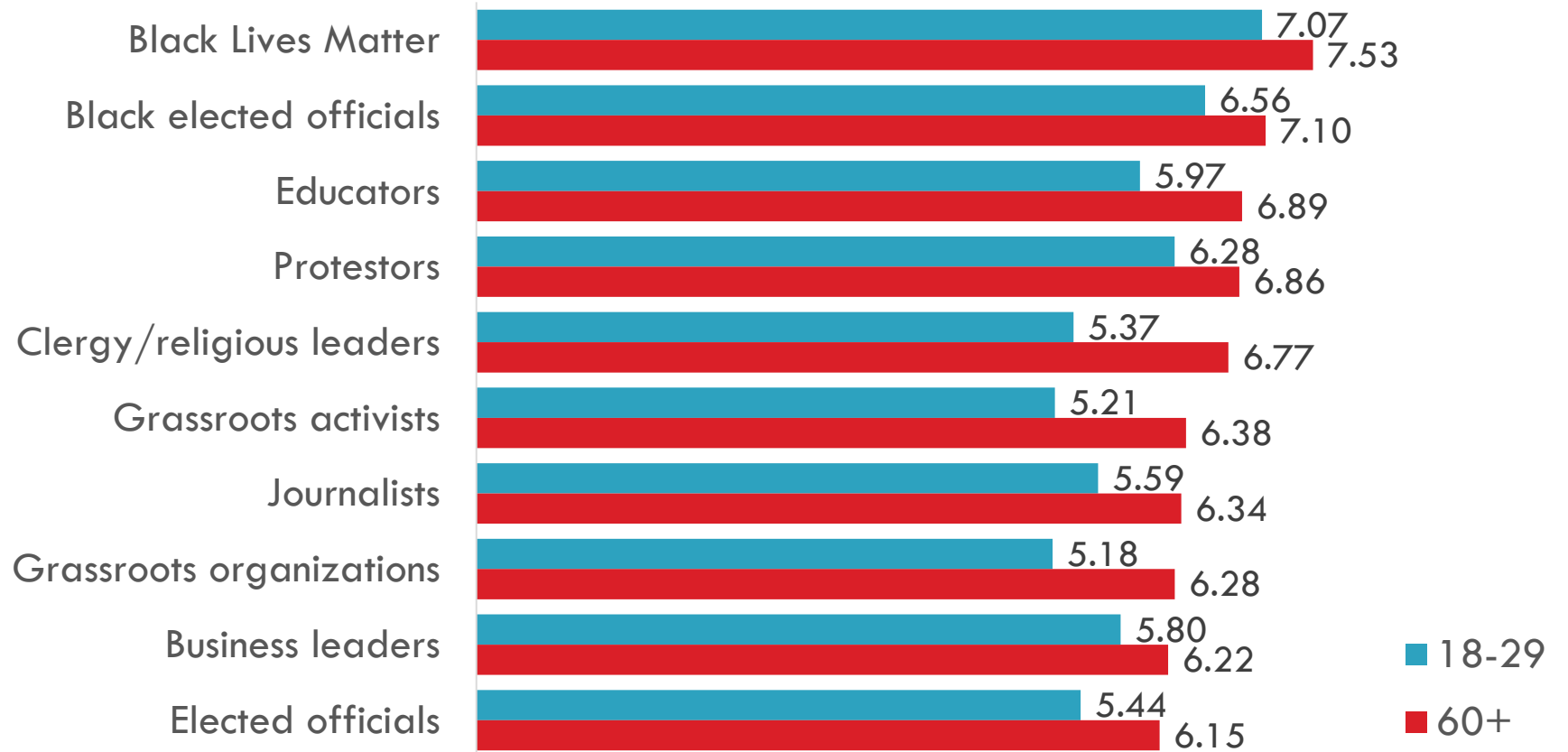
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The effectiveness of local activism

Let's say you wanted to change something in your city or local community, such as addressing police brutality or police practices that concern you. How effective do you think the following are in making sure that change takes place?

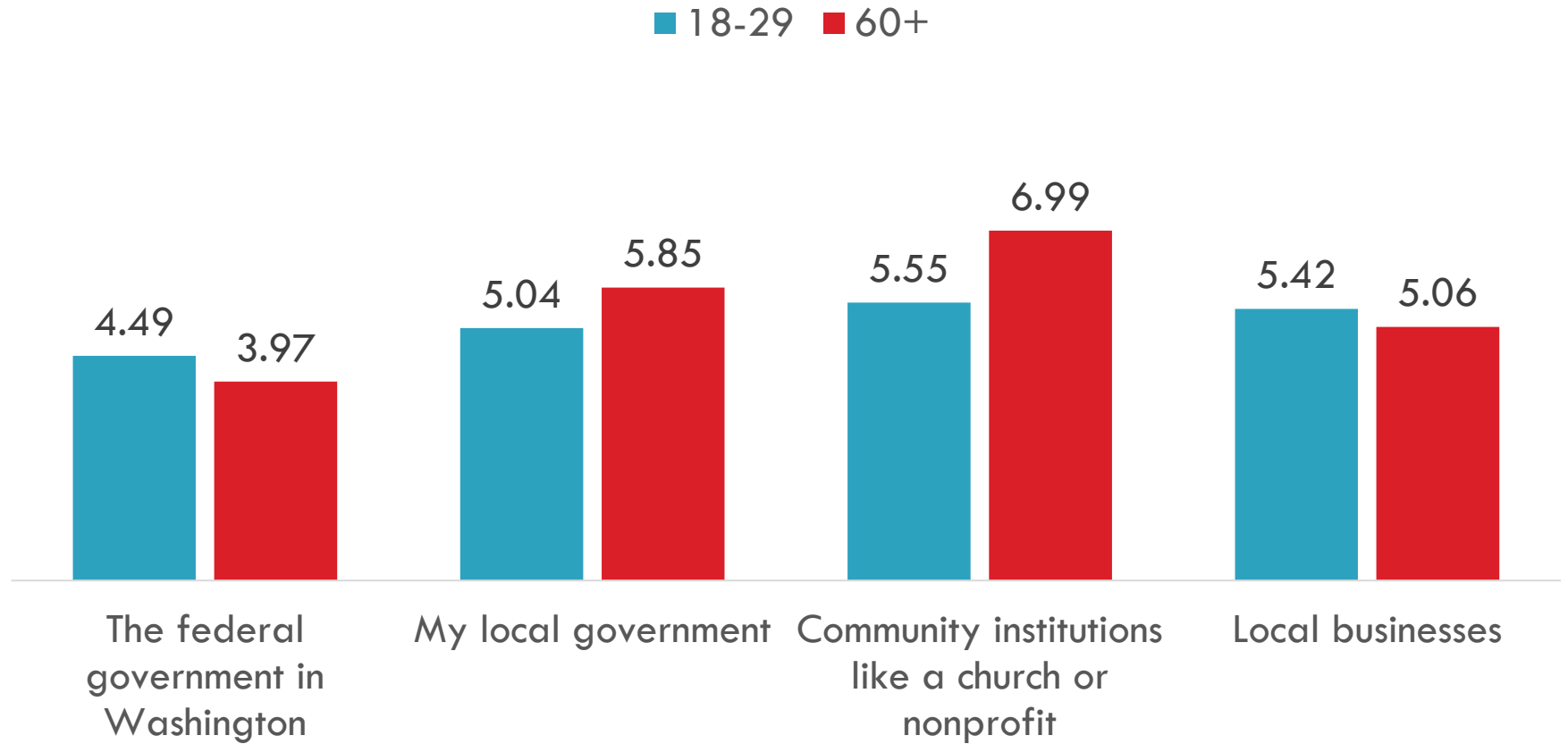
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Who will look out for you in uncertain times?

How much do you believe each of the following will look out for you in uncertain or difficult economic times?

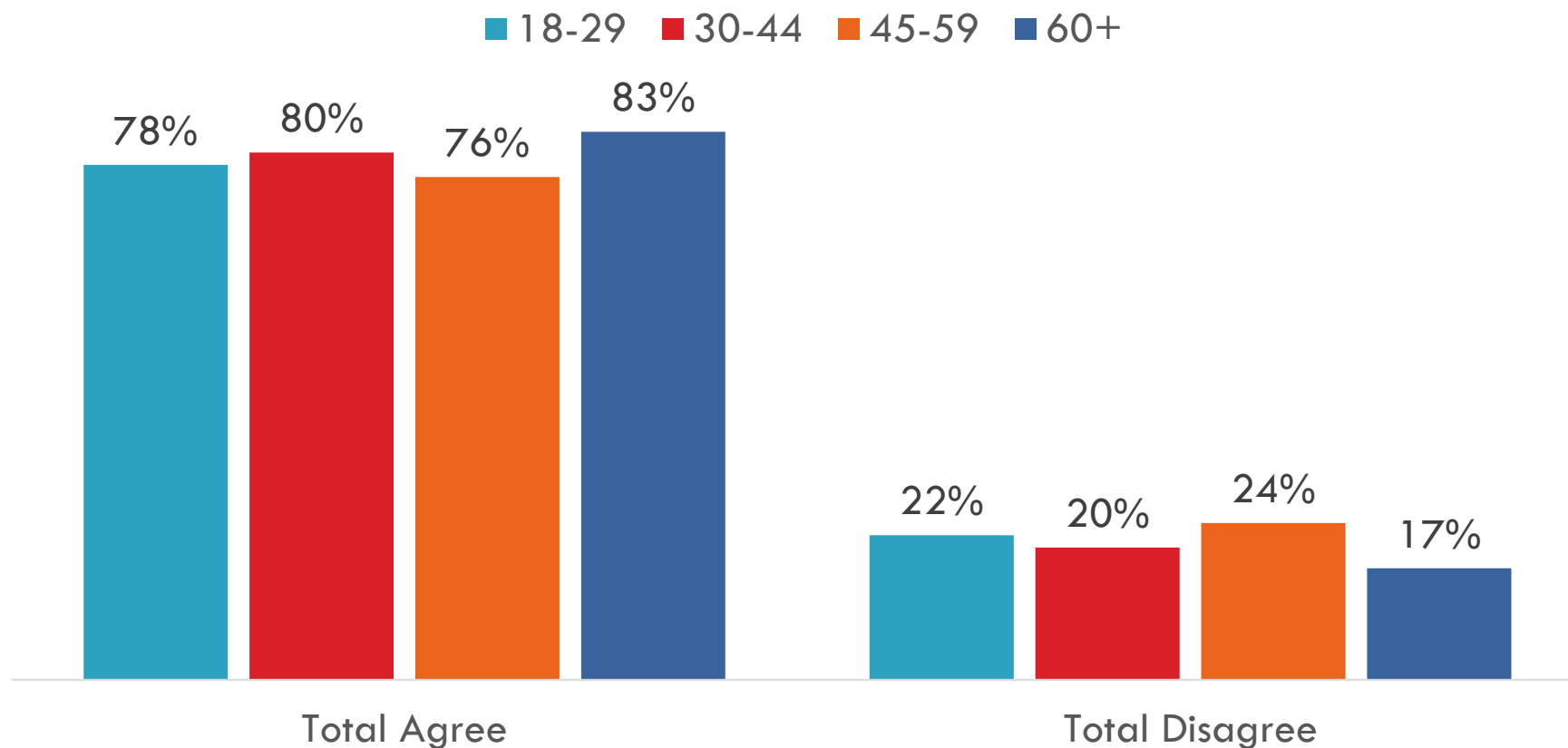
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The importance of elections

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Please indicate whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly with the following statement: The outcomes of elections have a meaningful impact on my life

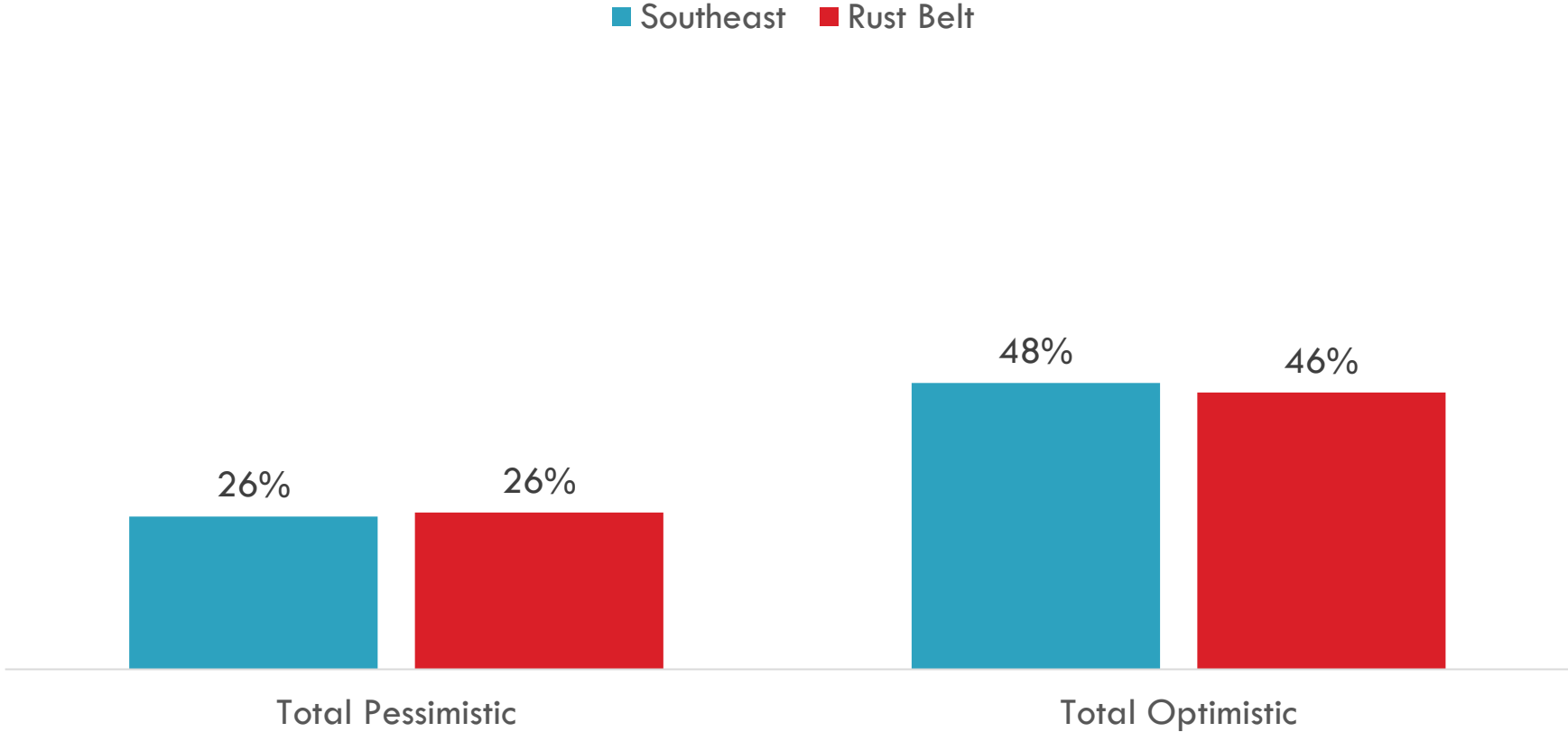


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Optimism, Economy & Methods of Change

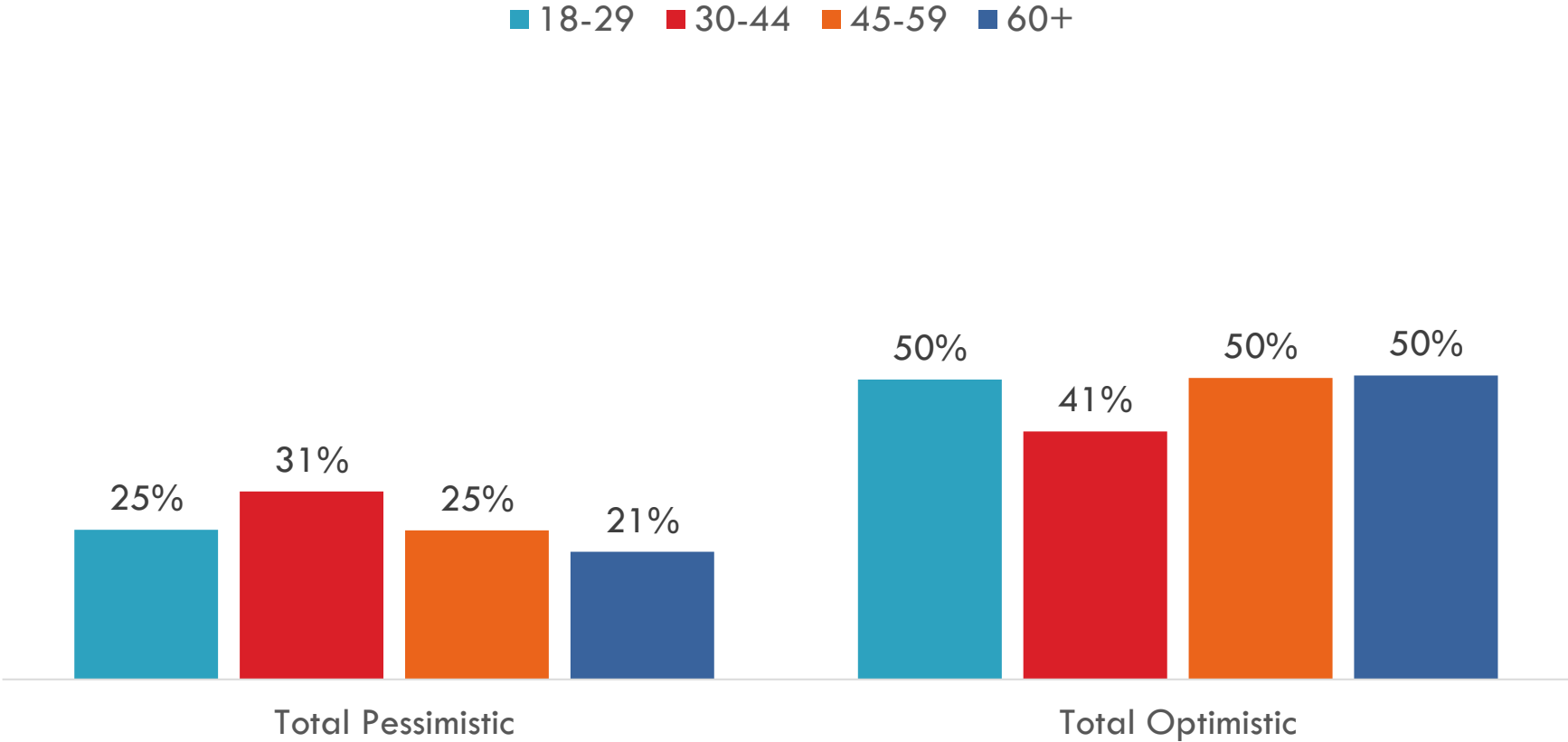
Optimistic/Pessimistic about the economy

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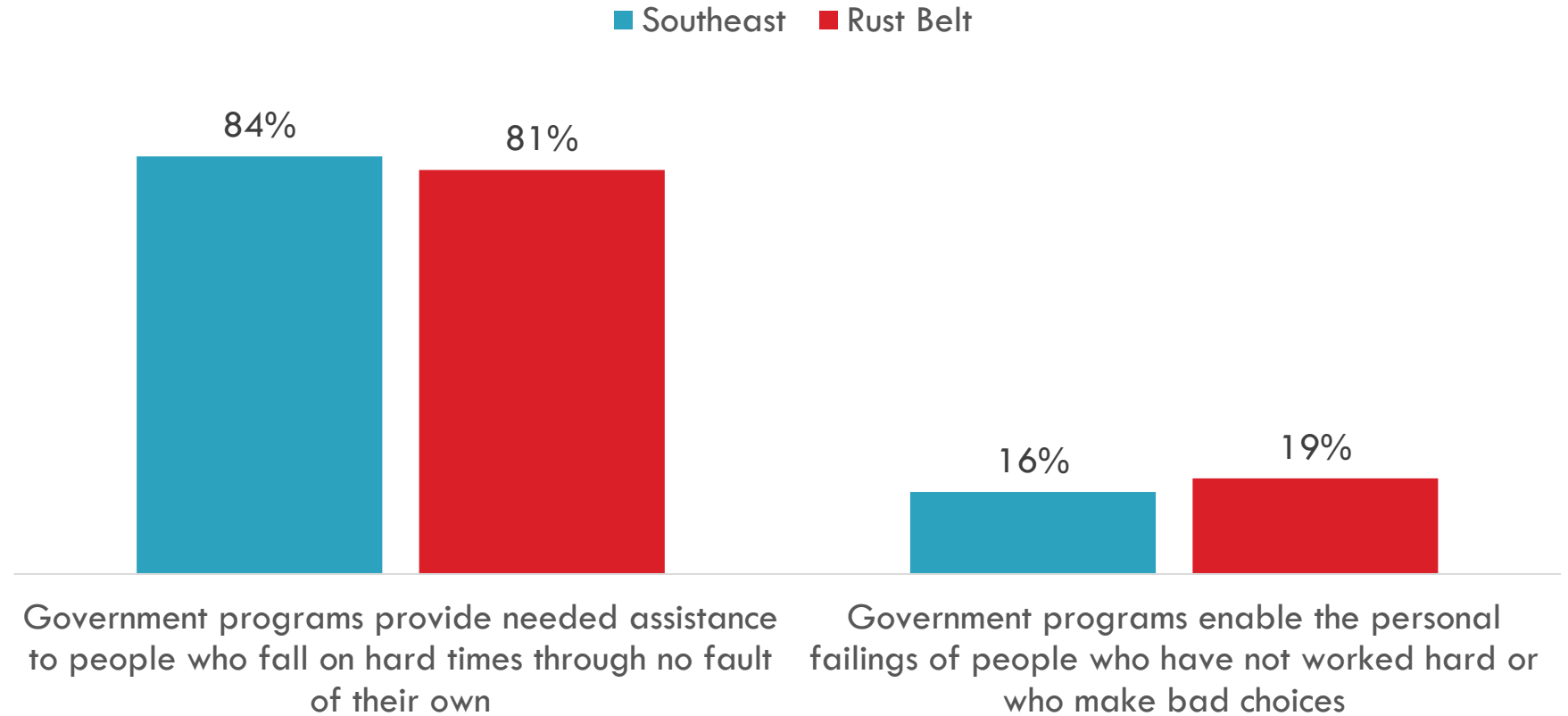
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Attitudes about government programs

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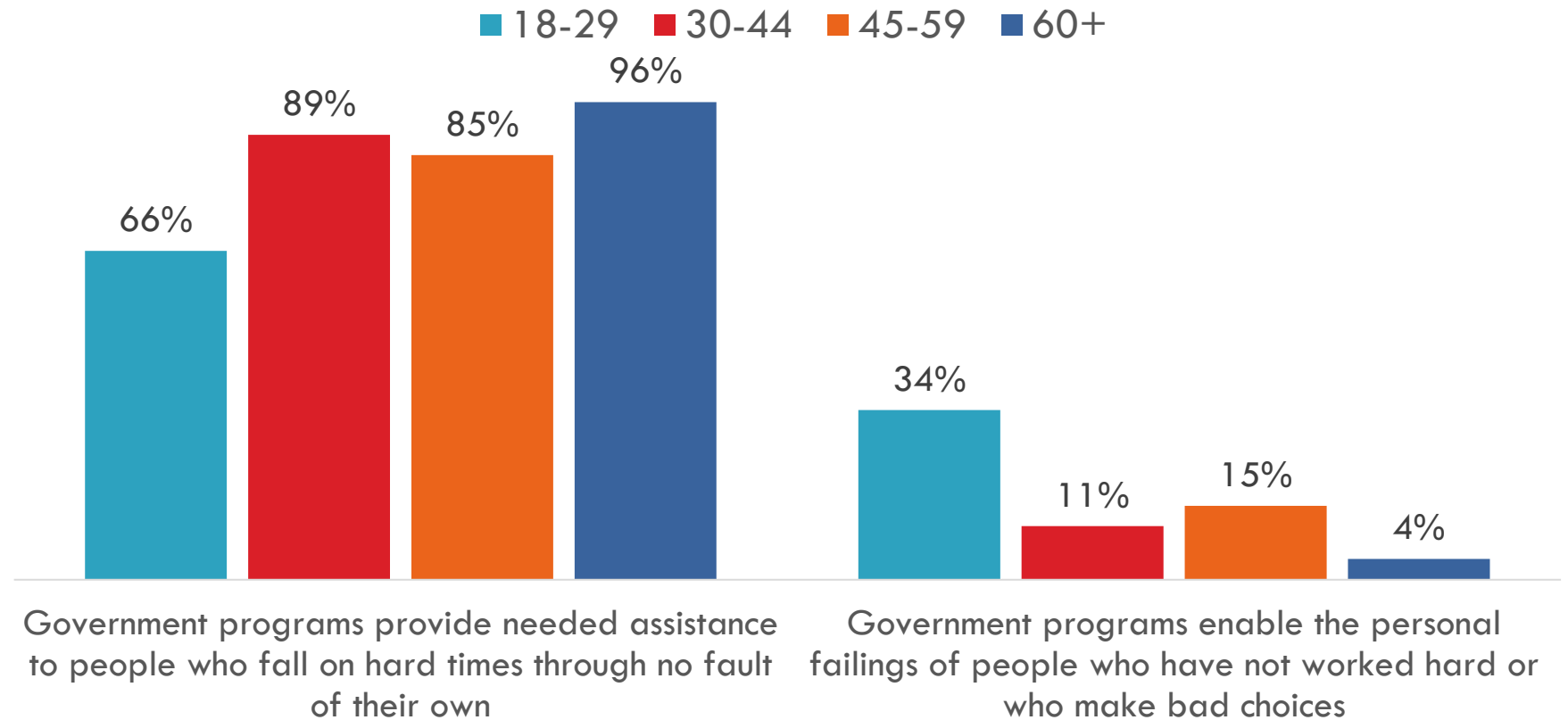
Which of the two statements below do you agree with more?



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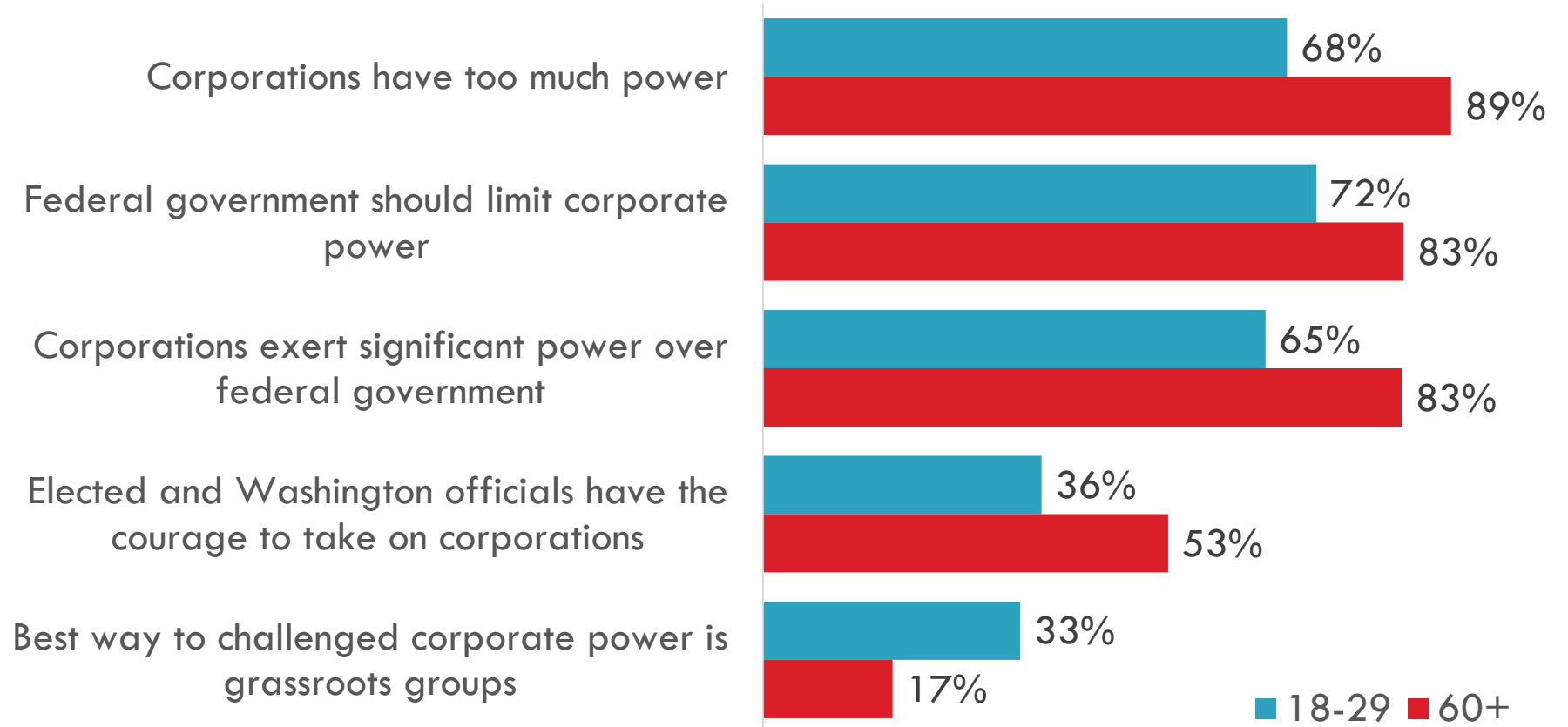


The influence of big business

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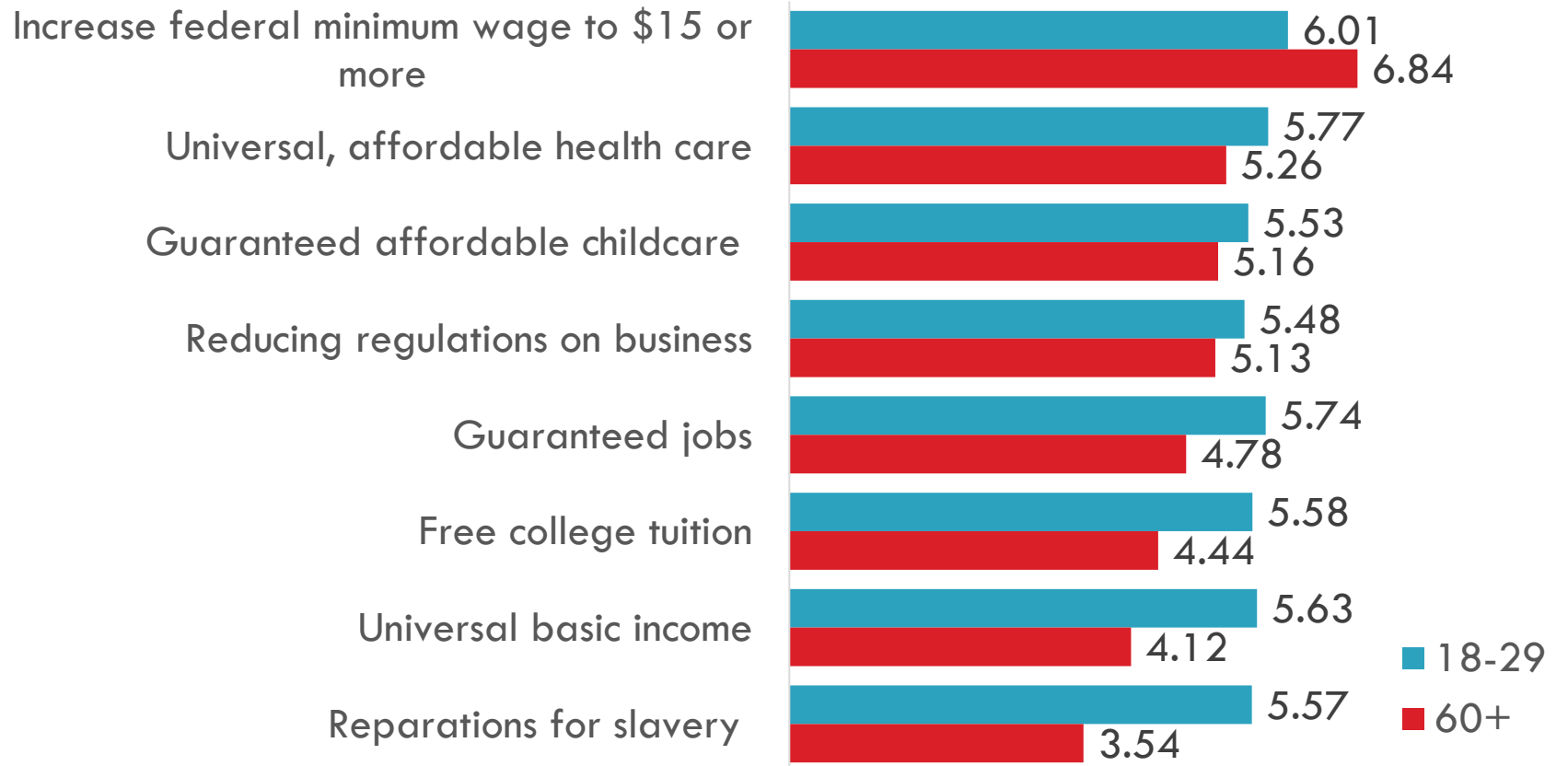
To what extent do you agree with the following statements

[% Agree]



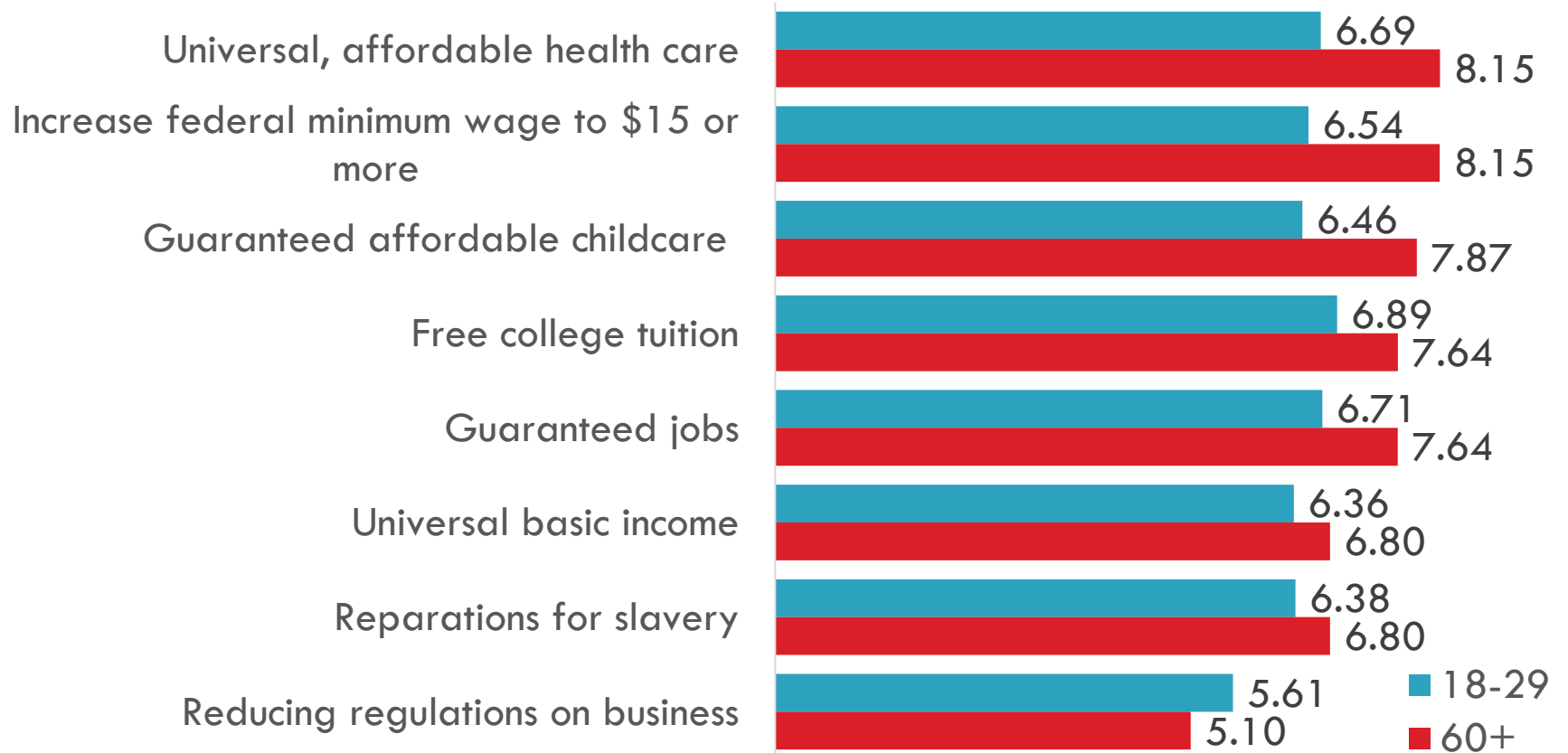
The likelihood of policies passing

How likely do you think it is that each of the following proposals will be enacted in the next 10 years?



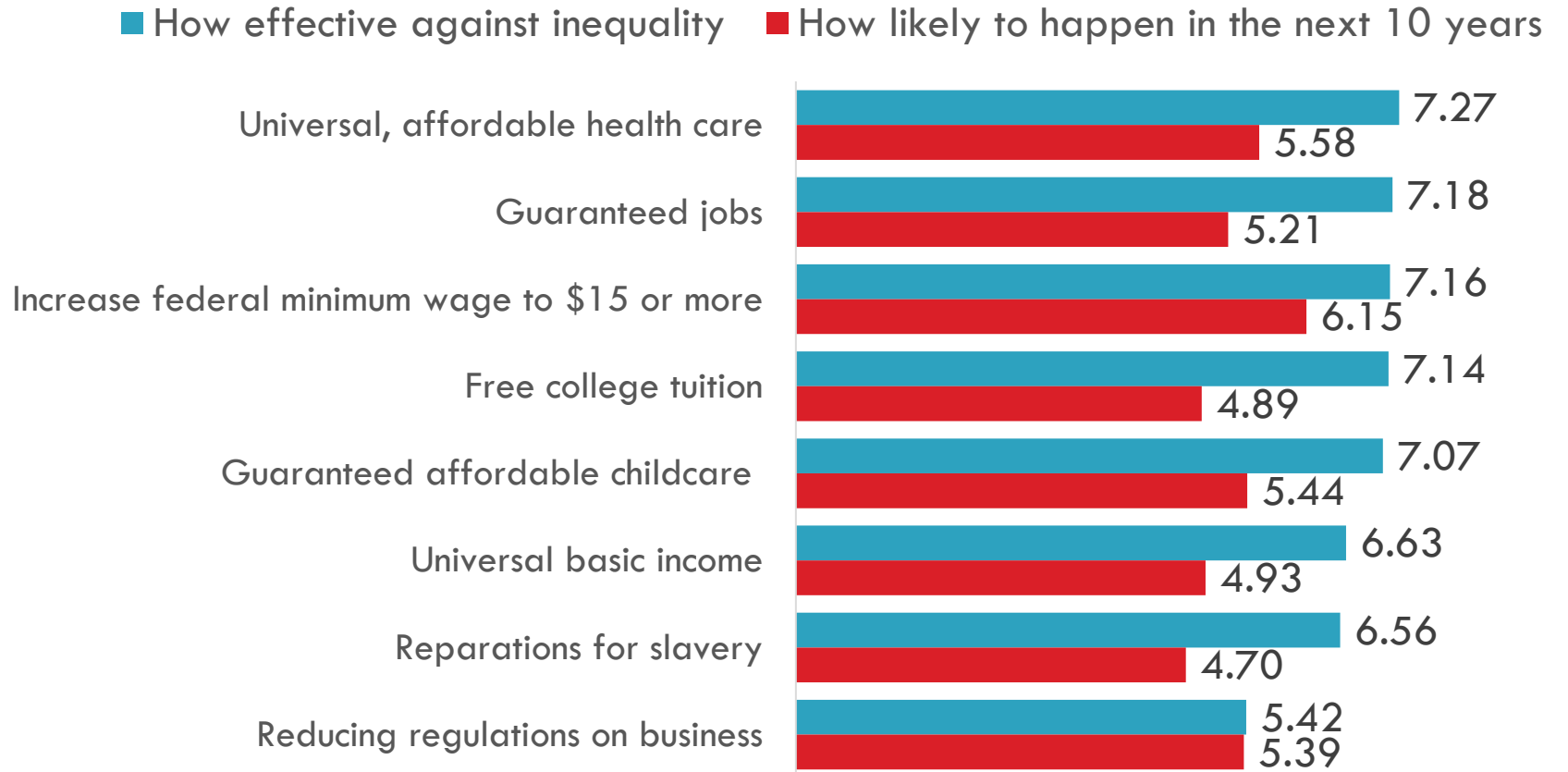
The effectiveness of policies

How effective do you think each of the following would be in reducing inequality in America?



Effectiveness & Likelihood combined

How effective/
likely to be
enacted are
each of the
following in
reducing
inequality in
America?



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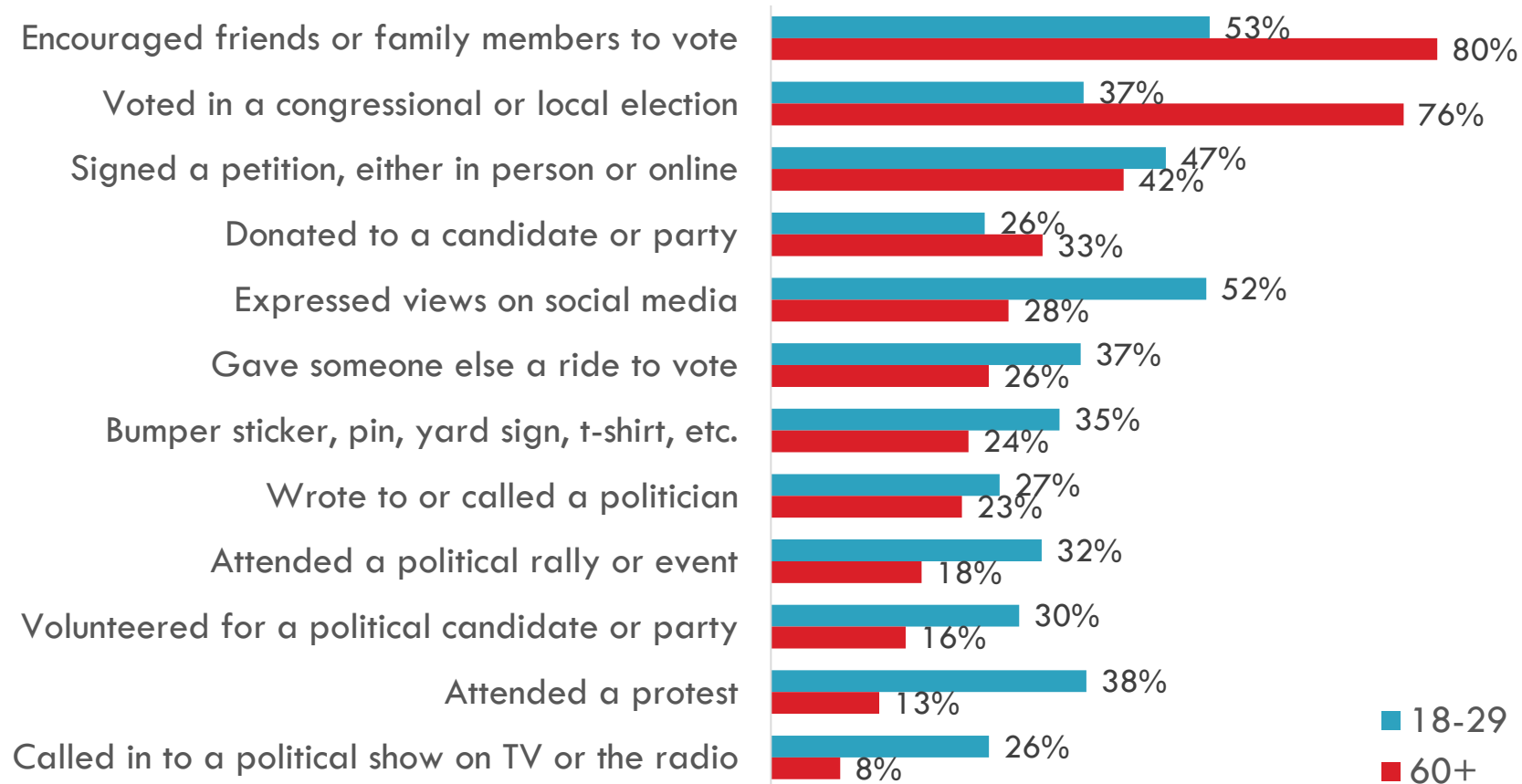
What An Engaged Black Electorate Looks Like

Types of political involvement

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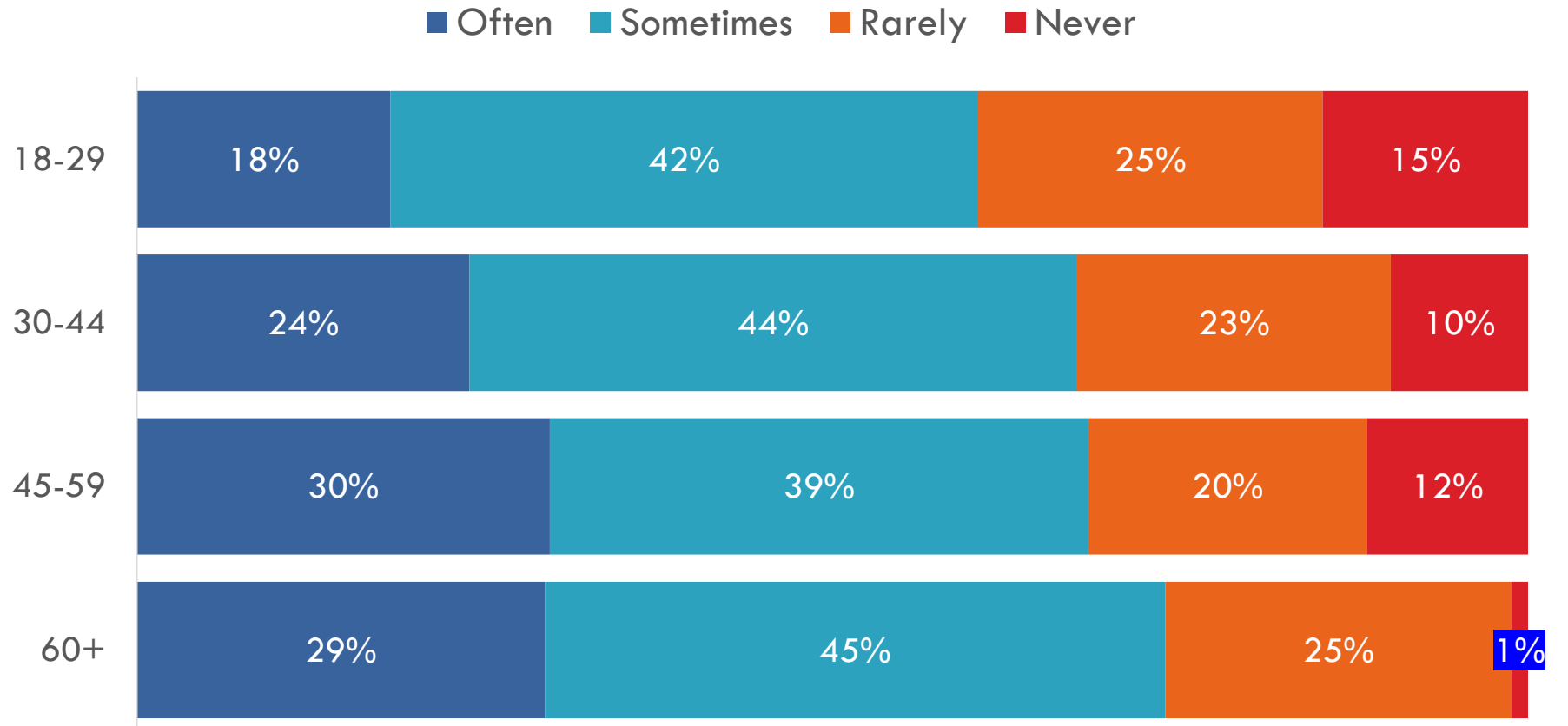
In the last four years, in which of the following activities have you participated?

[% Yes]



Talking politics

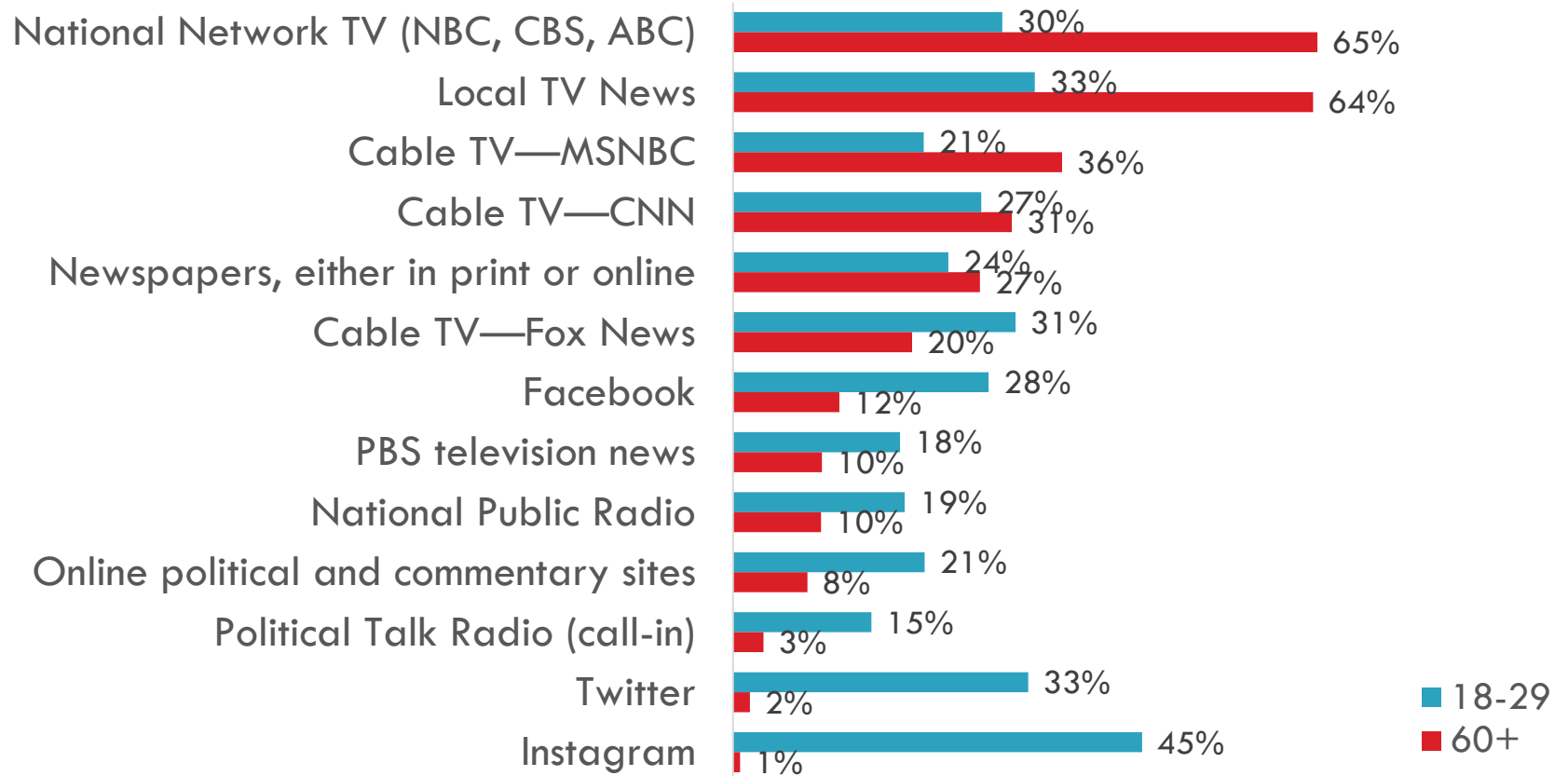
How often do you talk about politics?



Political information sources

Thinking back over the last week, how often did you get some news about politics or public affairs from each of the following sources:

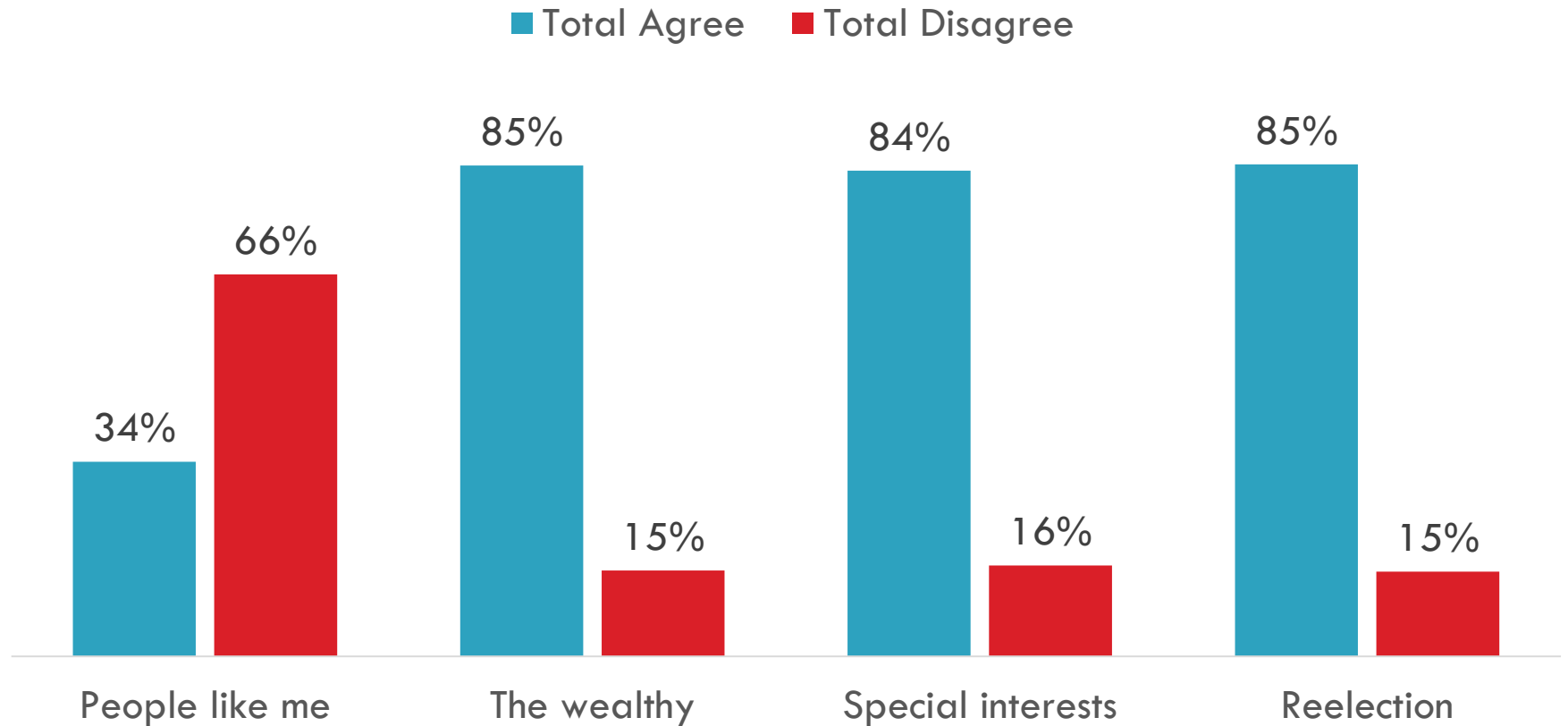
[% “Often”]



Who do elected leaders look out for?

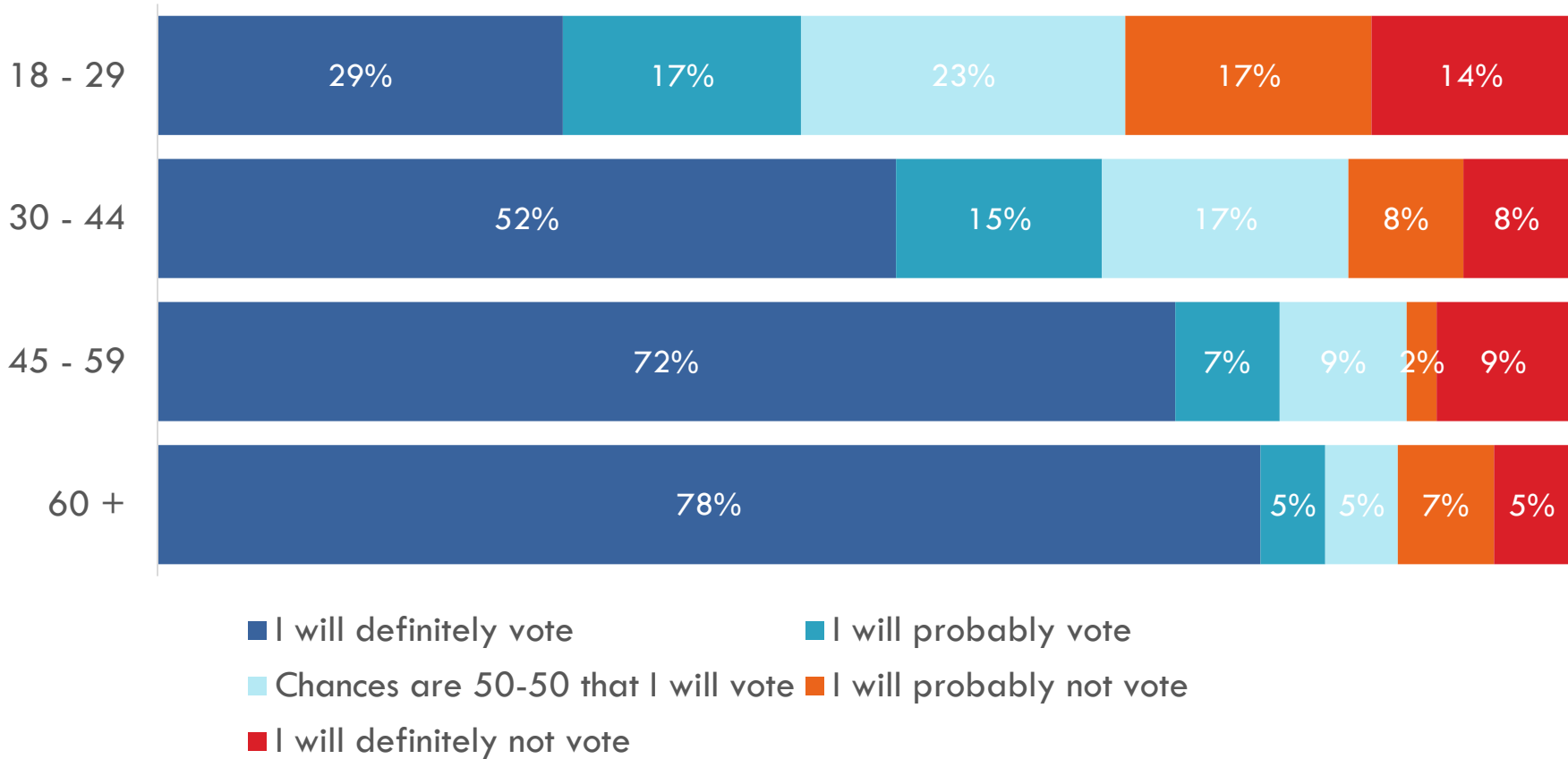
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Indicate whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly: Elected leaders in Washington look out for/care about...



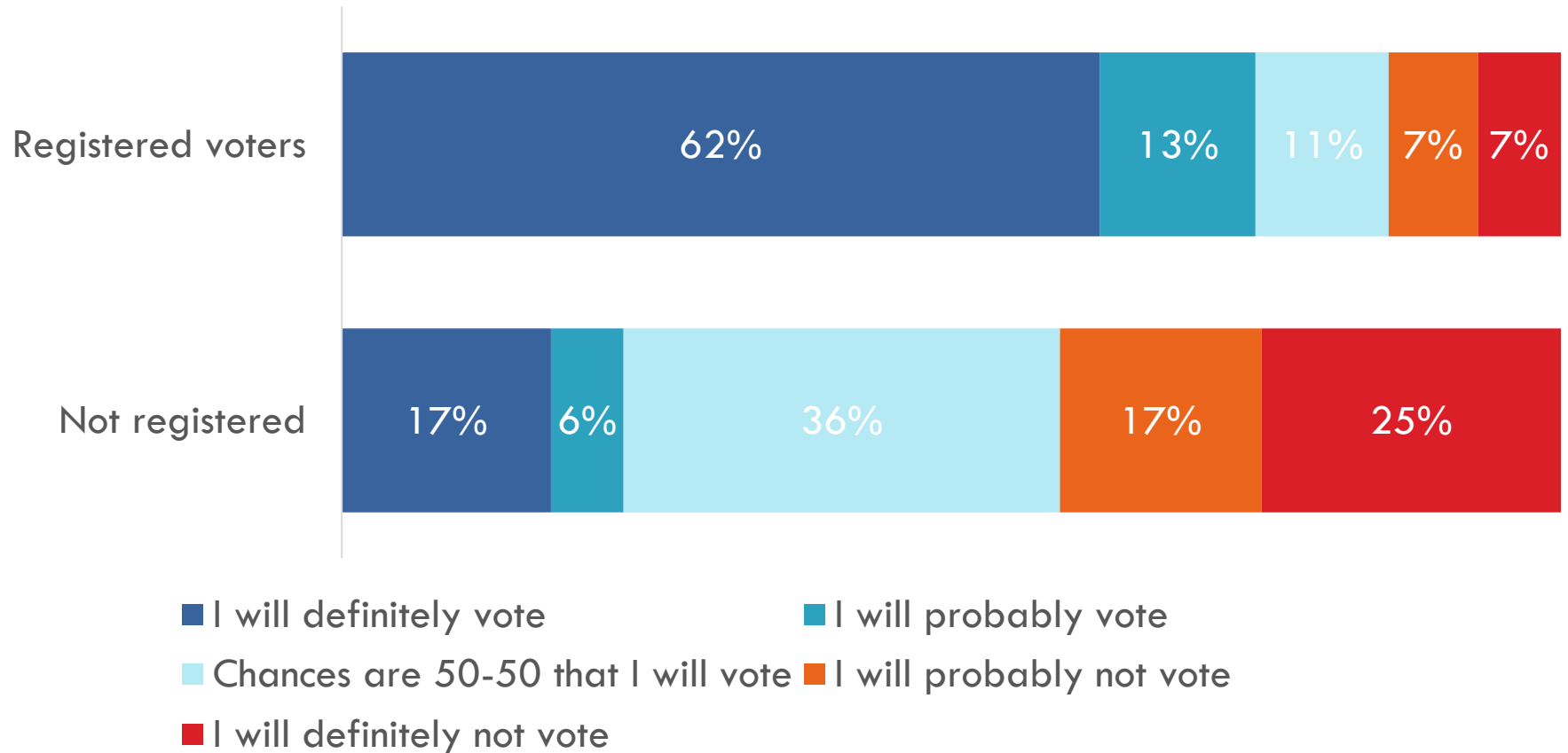
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Thinking ahead to the November election, how motivated are you to vote?



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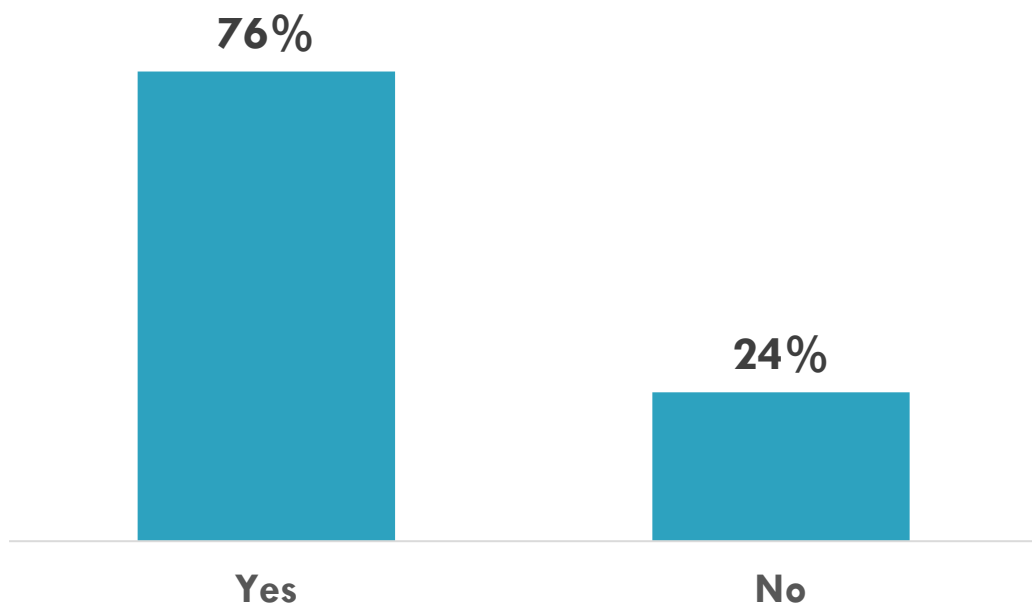
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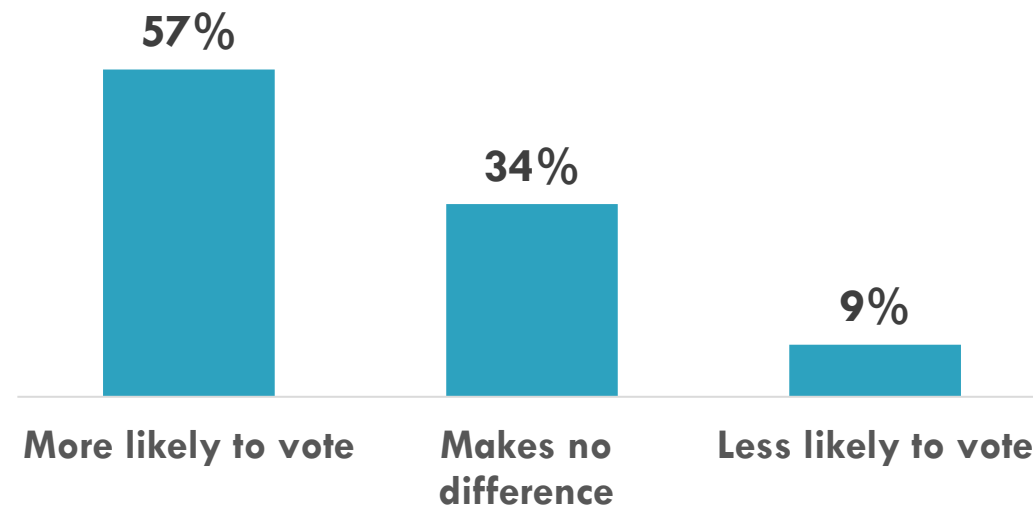
Voter suppression

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Do you believe there is an active effort to suppress or stop the vote of Black people and young people?



Are you more or less likely to vote if you believe someone is trying to suppress or stop Black people from voting?



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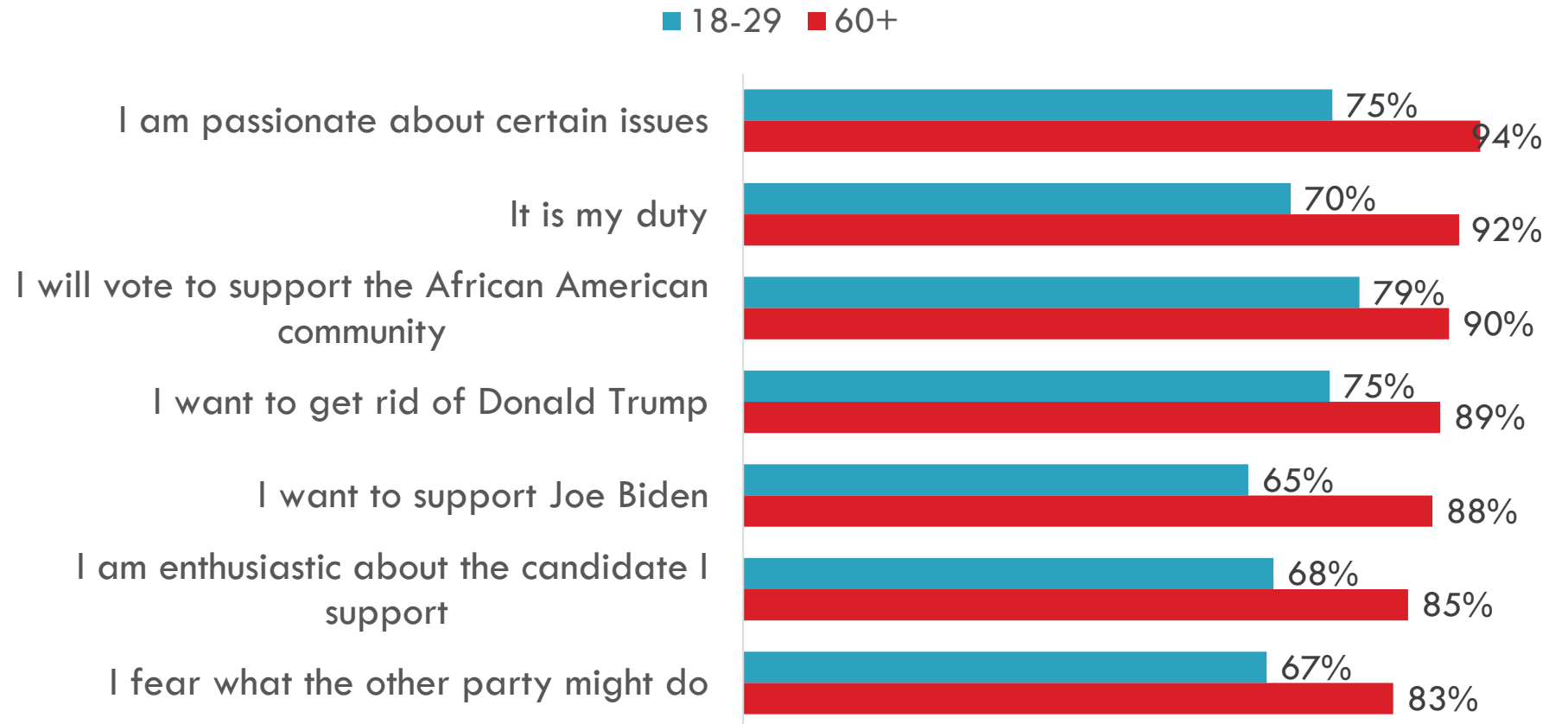
The 2020 Presidential Election

Reasons for voting (full sample)

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about voting? I will vote [to or because] ...

[% Total Agree]

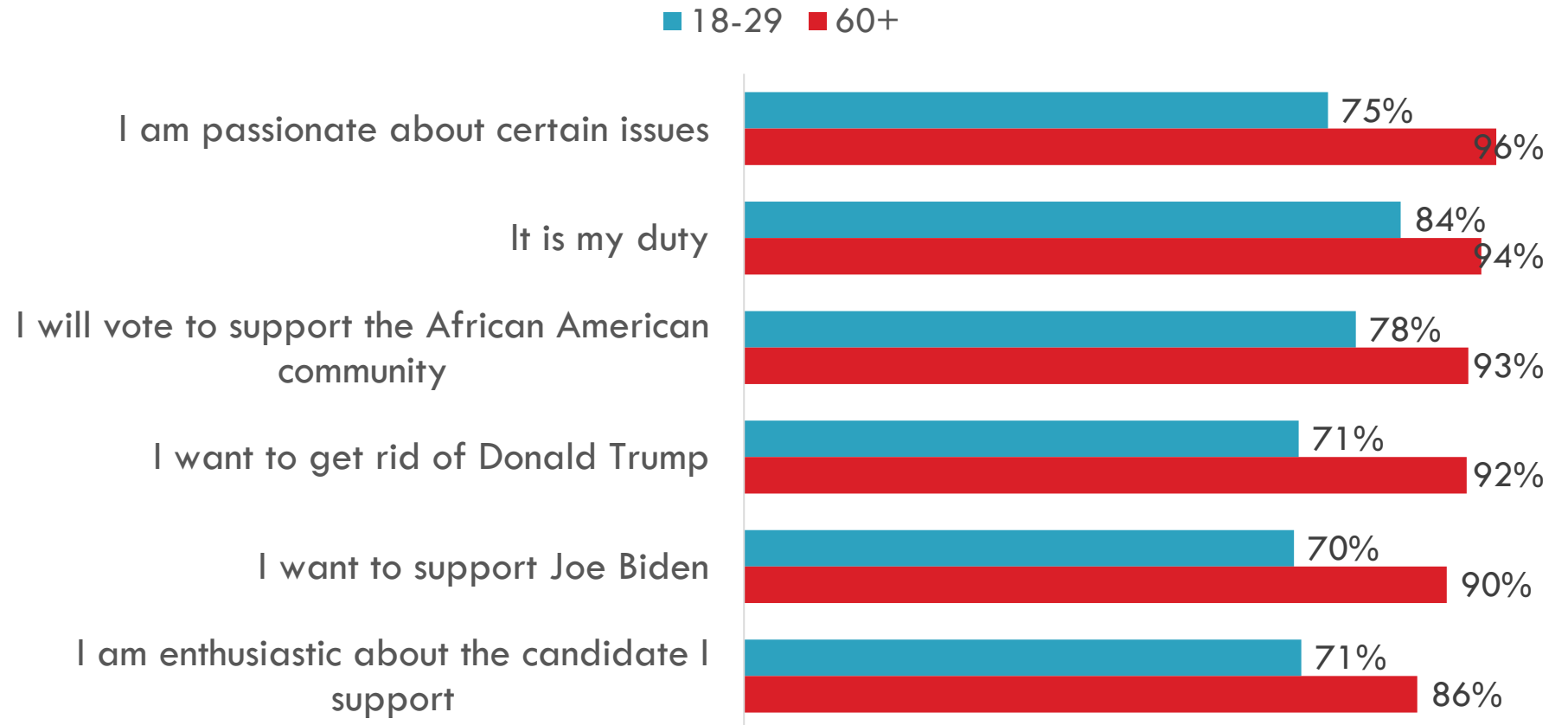


Reasons for voting (registered voters)

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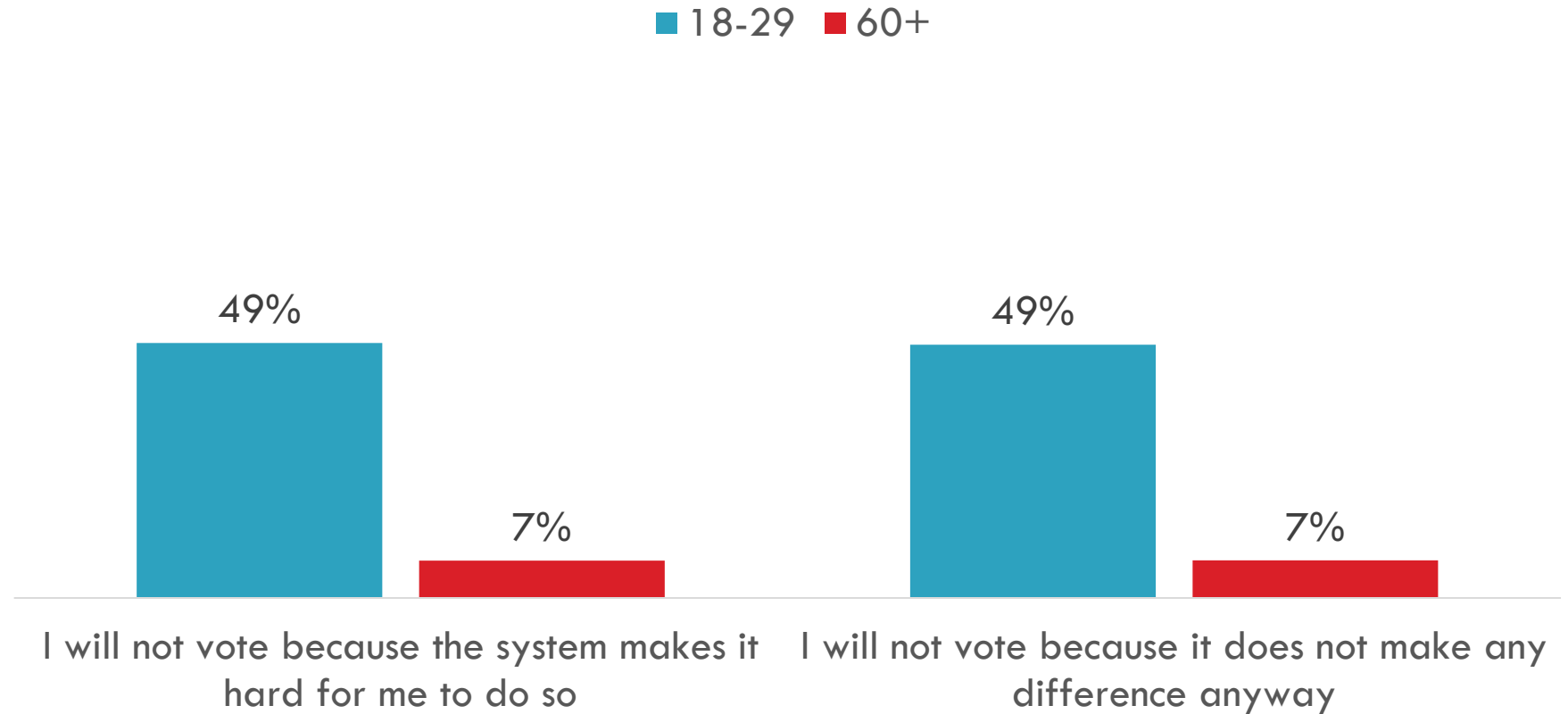


Reasons for possibly not voting

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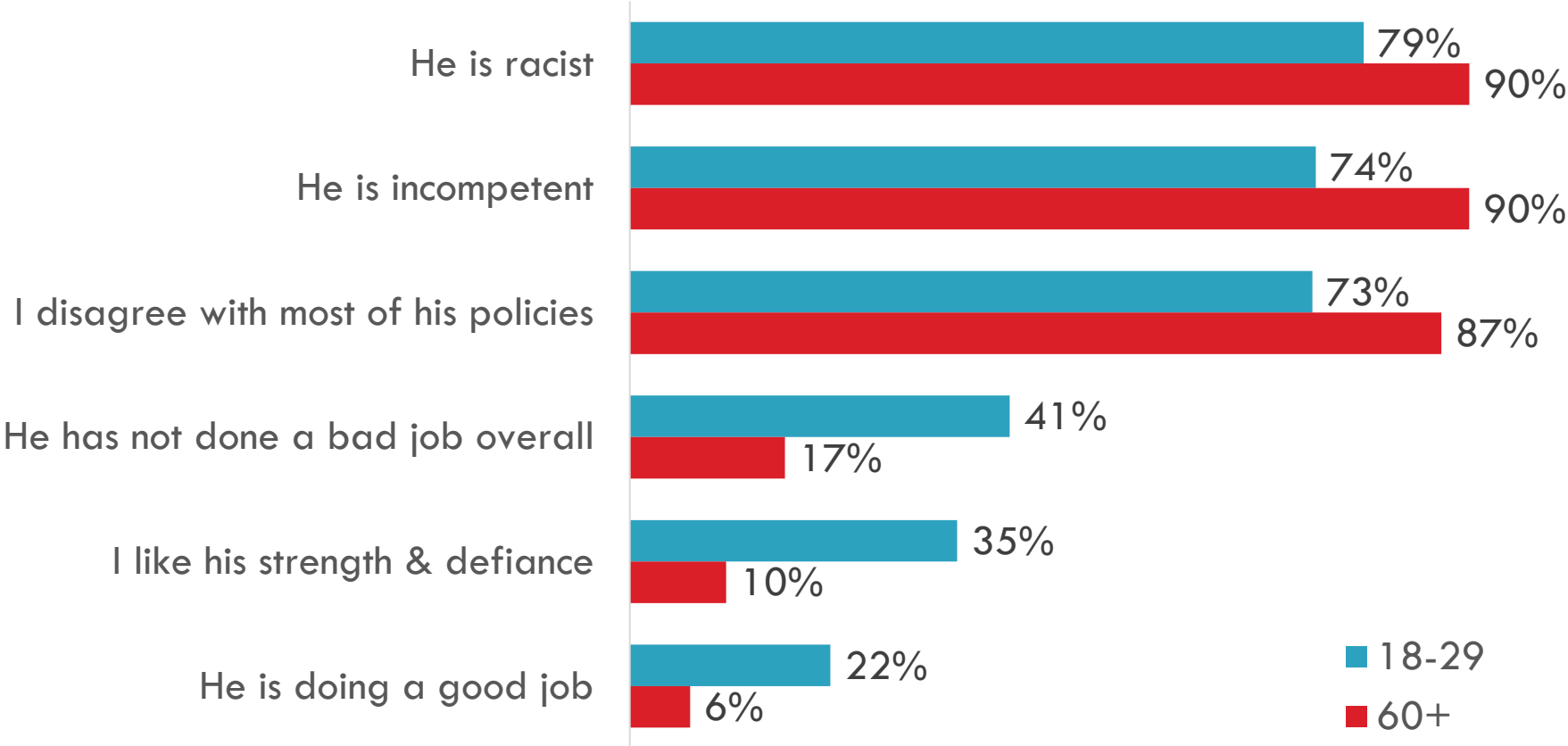
[% Total Agree]



Trump evaluations

When it comes to your view of President Donald Trump, please indicate whether you believe the following statements are true or false

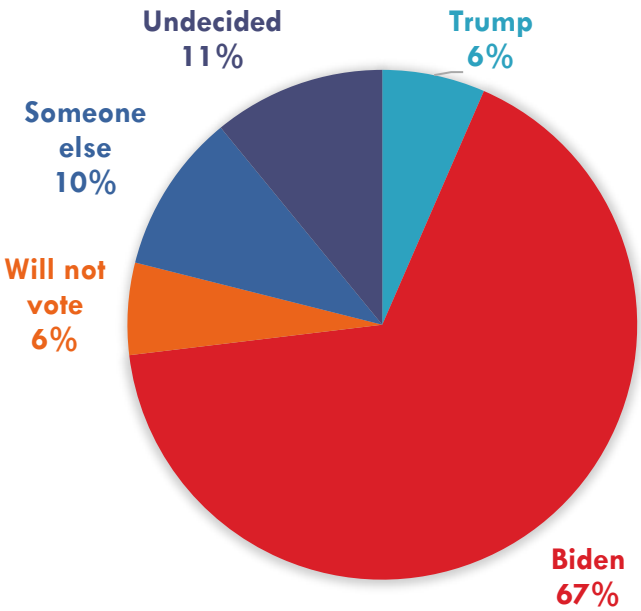
[% True]



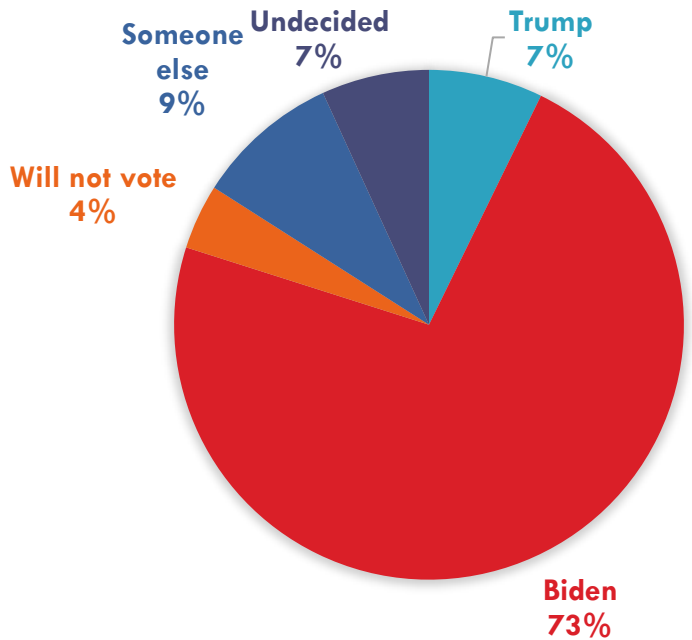
Candidate preference

When choosing between the candidates, do you prefer President Trump or former Vice-President Joe Biden?

Full Sample



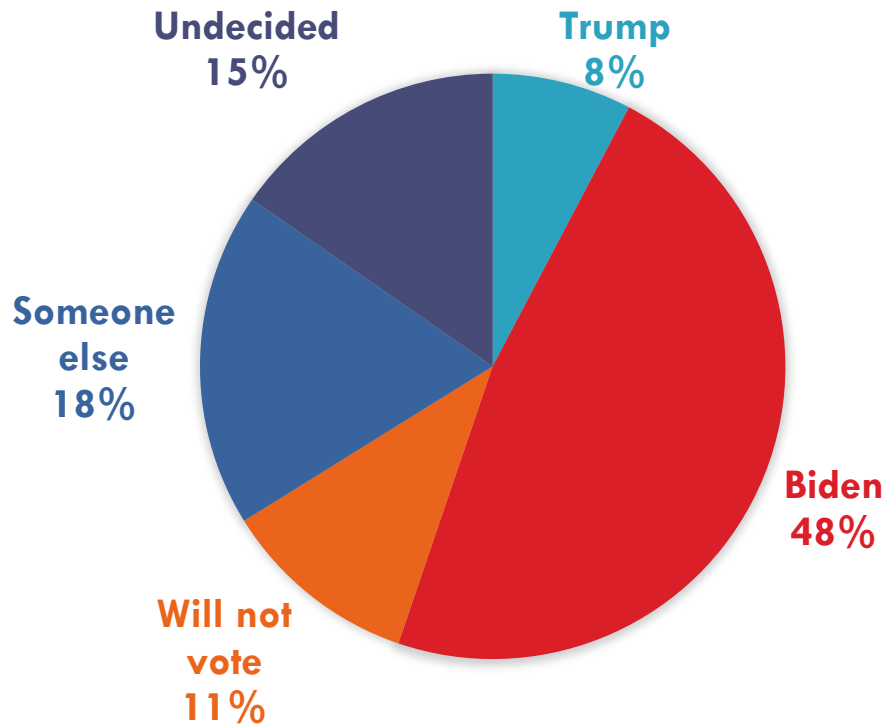
Registered Voters



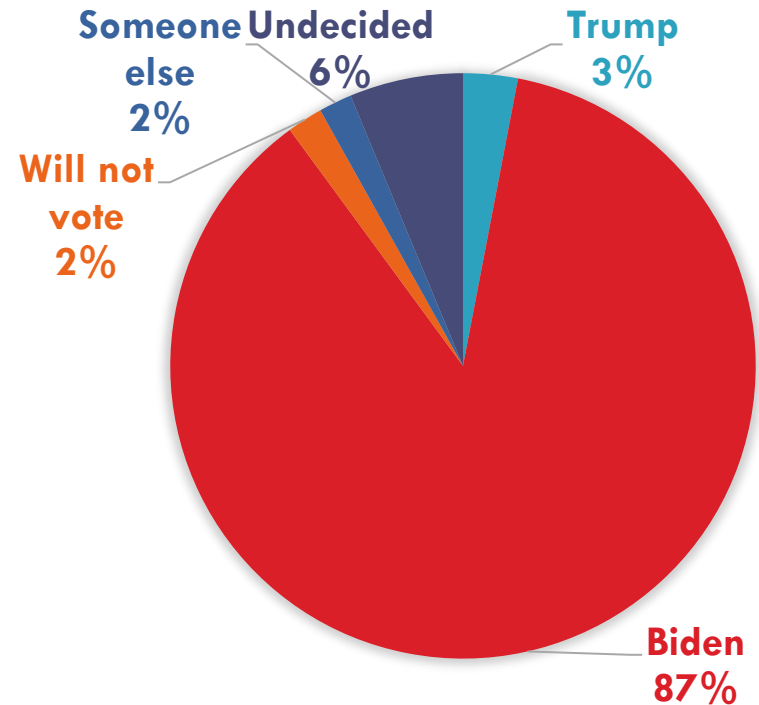
Candidate preference (full sample)

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Among the youngest (18-29)

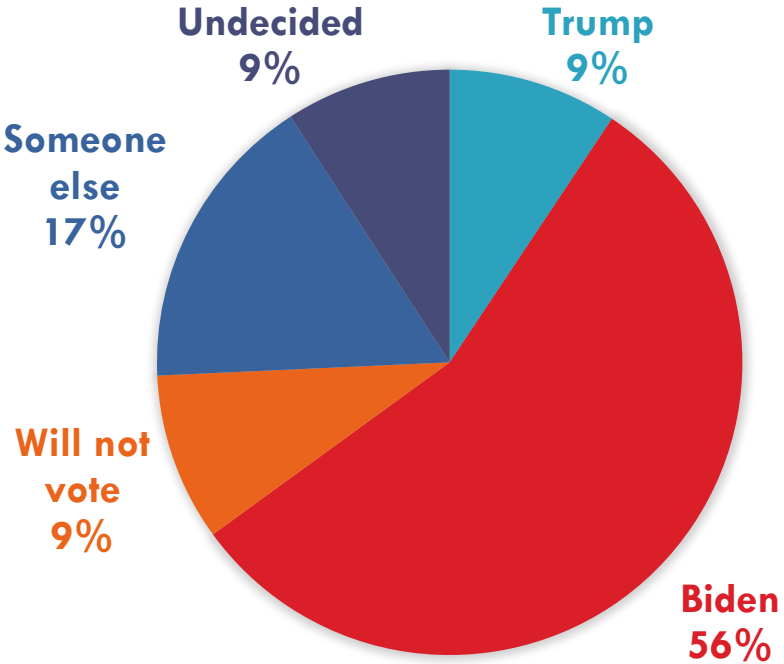


Among the oldest (65+)

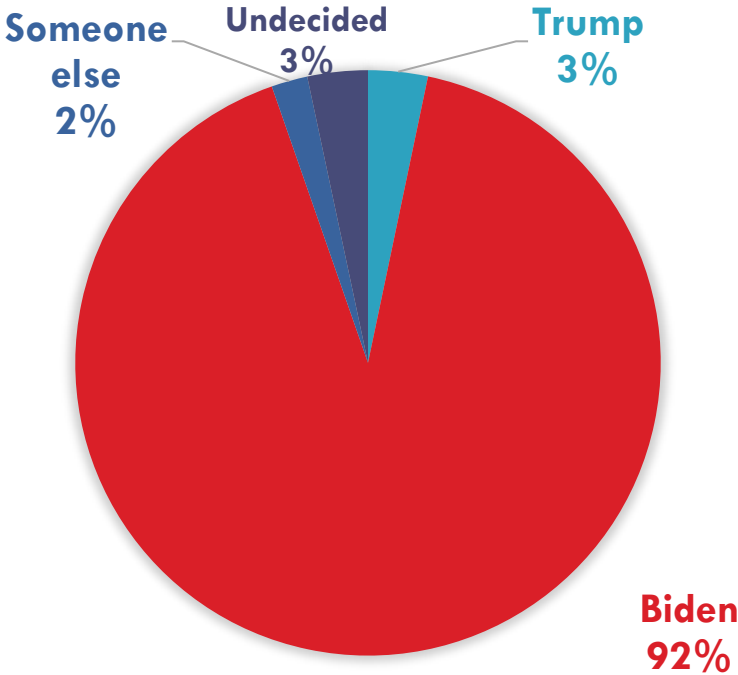


Candidate preference (registered voters)

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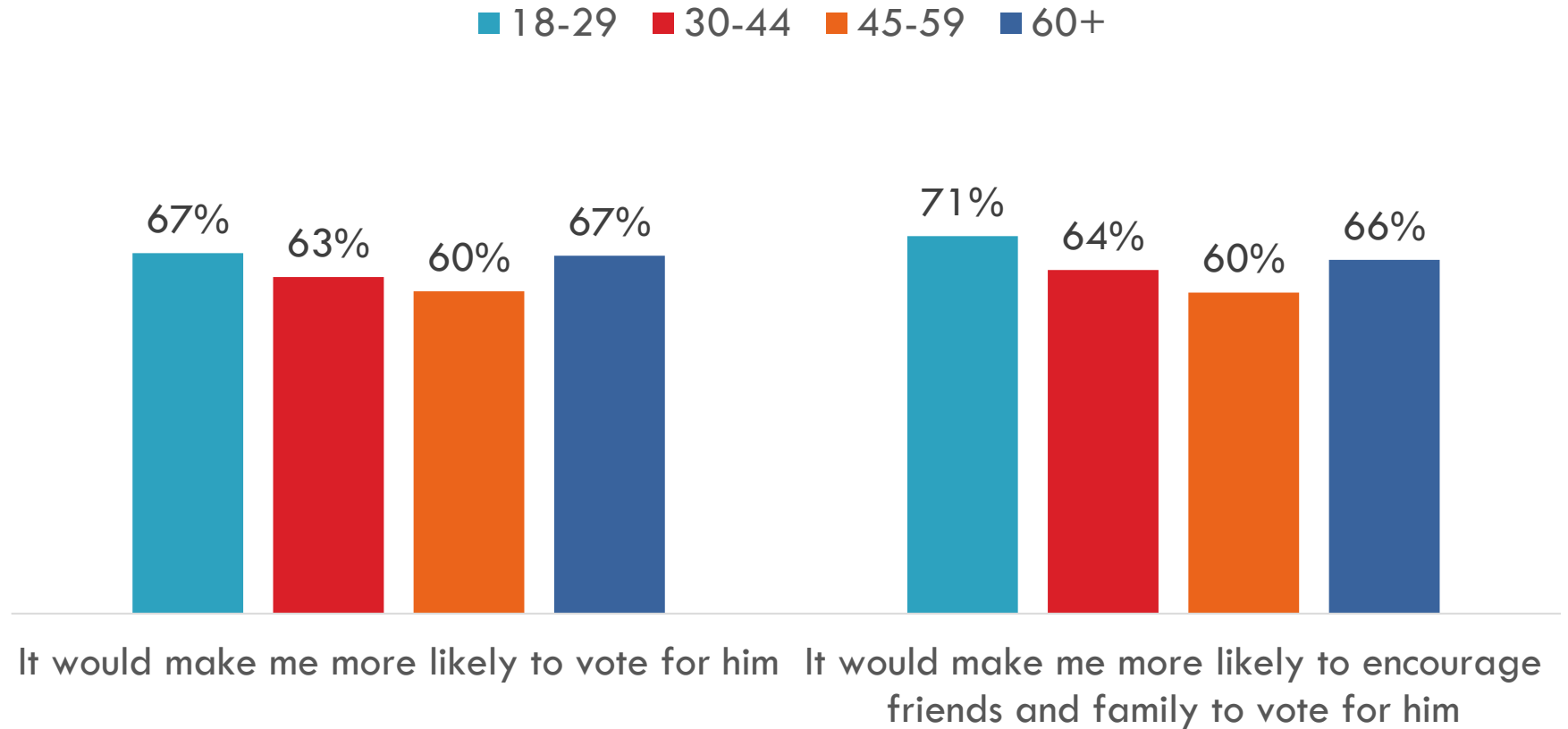
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Biden's VP pick (registered voters)

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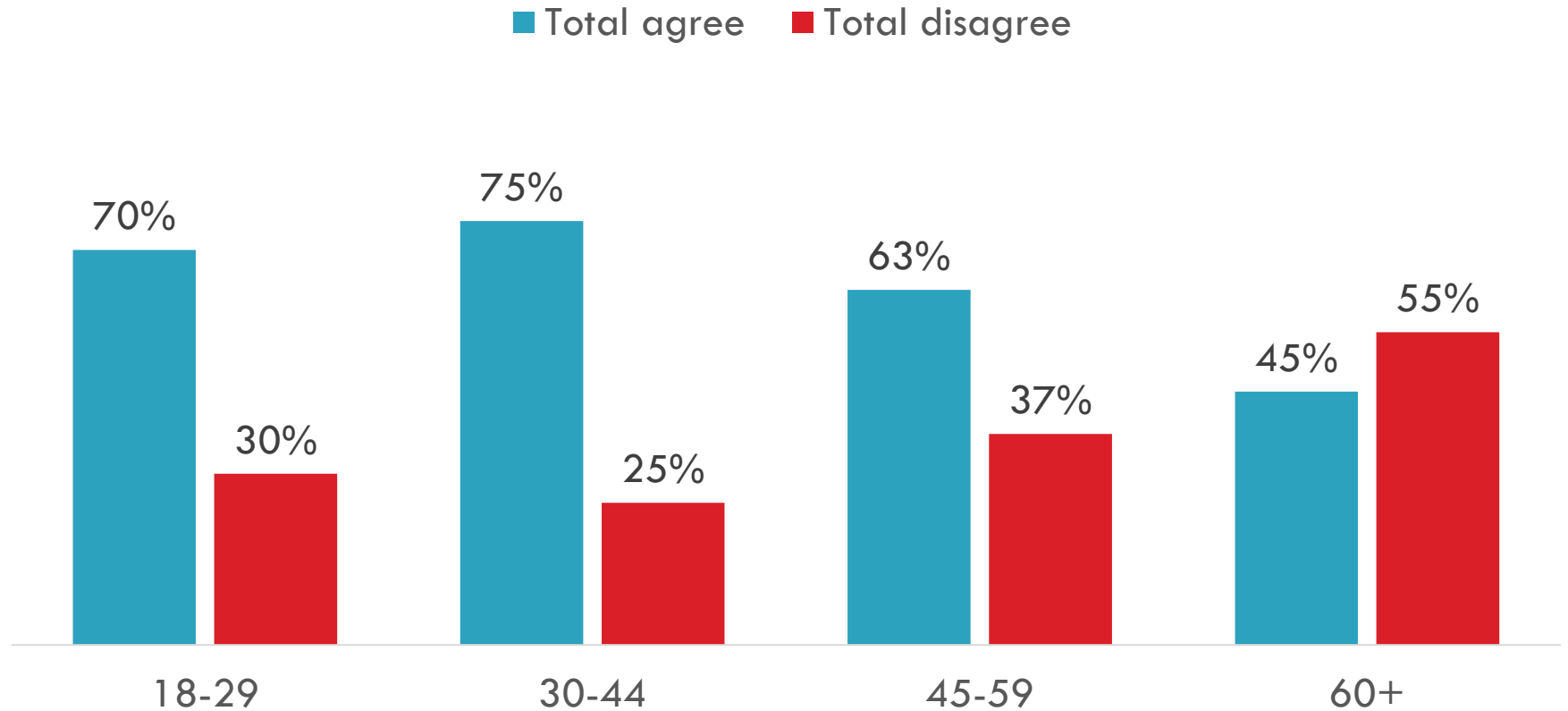
If Joe Biden picks a Black/African American woman for his running mate...



Mail-in ballots (part 1)

I want to vote in person at the polling place, even if vote by mail is available in my state

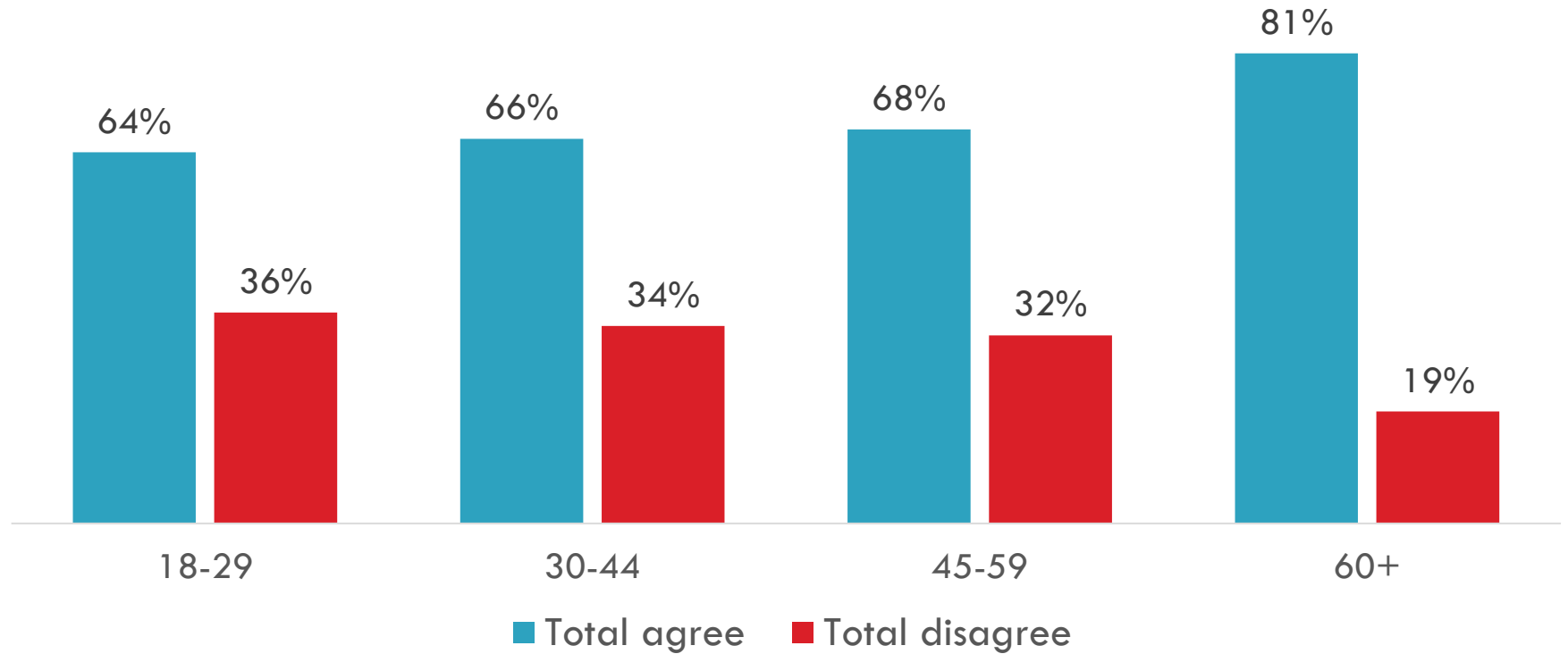
[% Total agree versus total disagree]



Mail-in ballots (part 2)

I trust the state to honestly report who I voted for if I use vote by mail

[% Total agree versus total disagree]



Q & A

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