

CENTERLINE

National Survey

- N = 800 Registered Voters
- Conducted Online
- August 31-September 3, 2026
- moe = +/- 3.5%

KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS

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- **Energy & Permitting**

Voters Want More Energy; Permit Reform Support Depends on Wording

- **Social Isolation**

Approx Two-Thirds Show Isolation Signs; But Most Still Feel They Matter

- **Artificial Intelligence**

AI Worry Hits a New High of 84%

- **Economic Hardship**

Energy Bills Up For 70%; Medical Care Sacrificed First Due to Costs

- **Political Division**

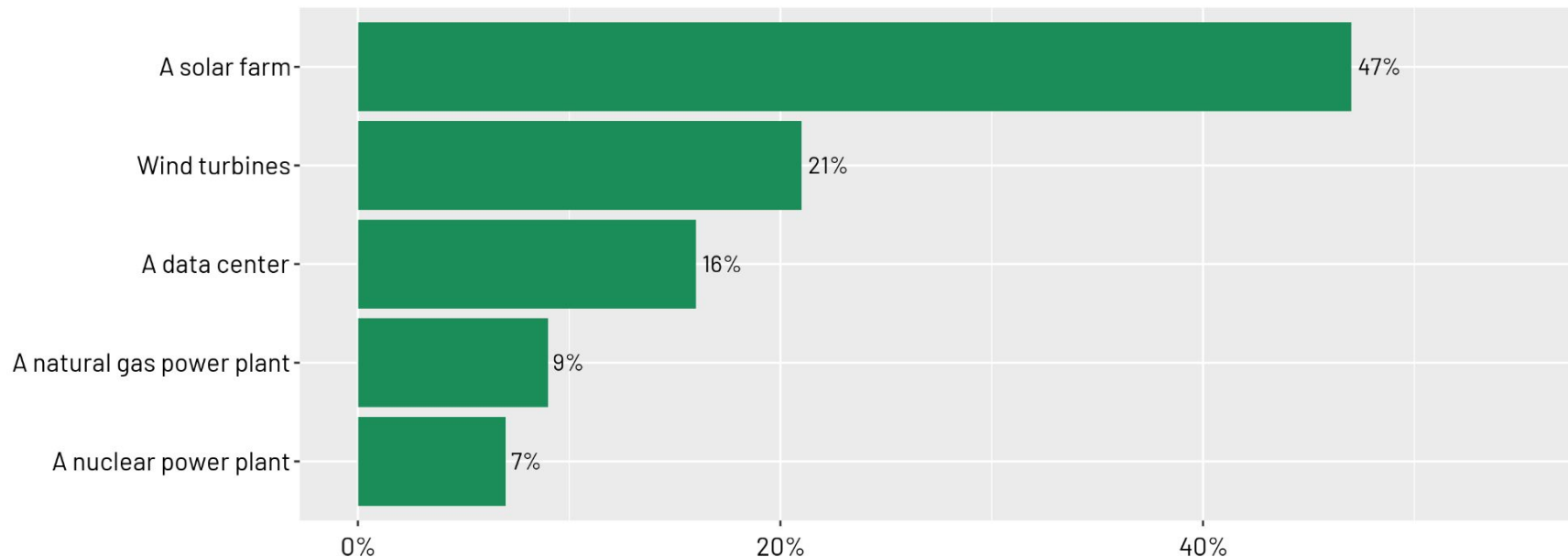
More Voters Bridge the Divide Than Retreat From It

Headlines

ENERGY & PERMITTING

Solar Is the Most Welcome Neighbor; Nuclear and Gas the Least

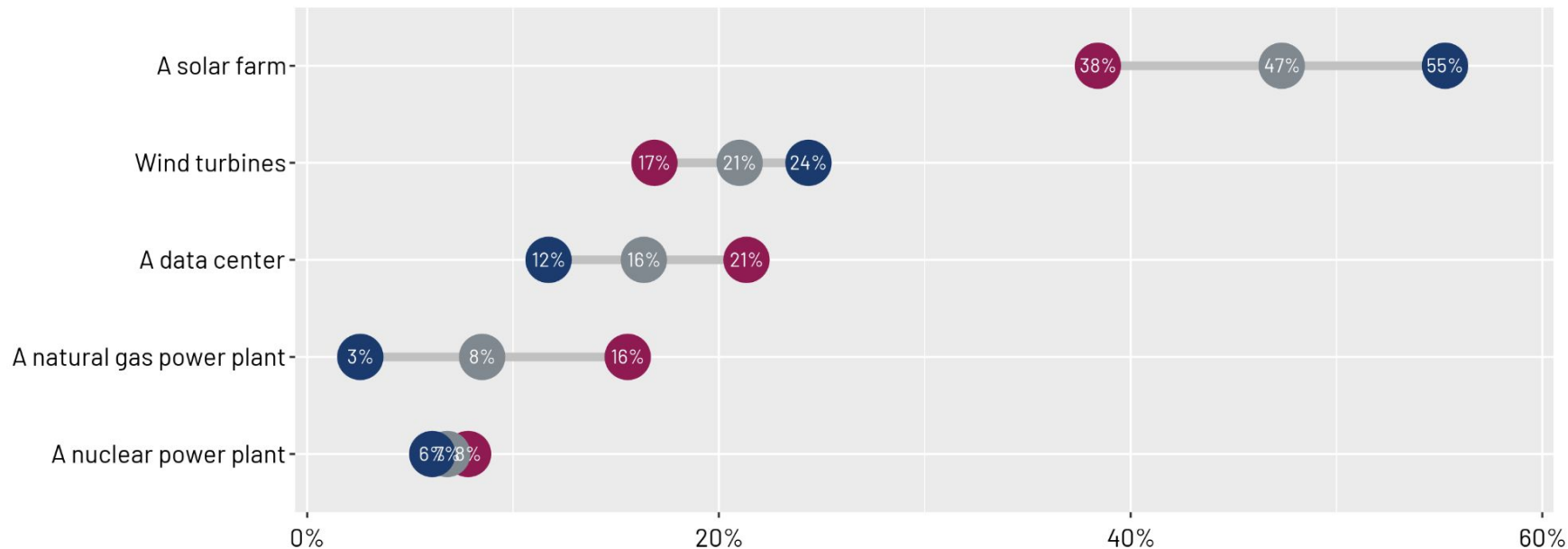
If one were built within a mile of your home, which would you be MOST comfortable with?



QSIG3. Forced single choice, no opt-out – read as a RELATIVE least-objectionable ranking, not absolute acceptance.

Solar Tops Every List; GOP Likeliest to Take Gas or a Data Center

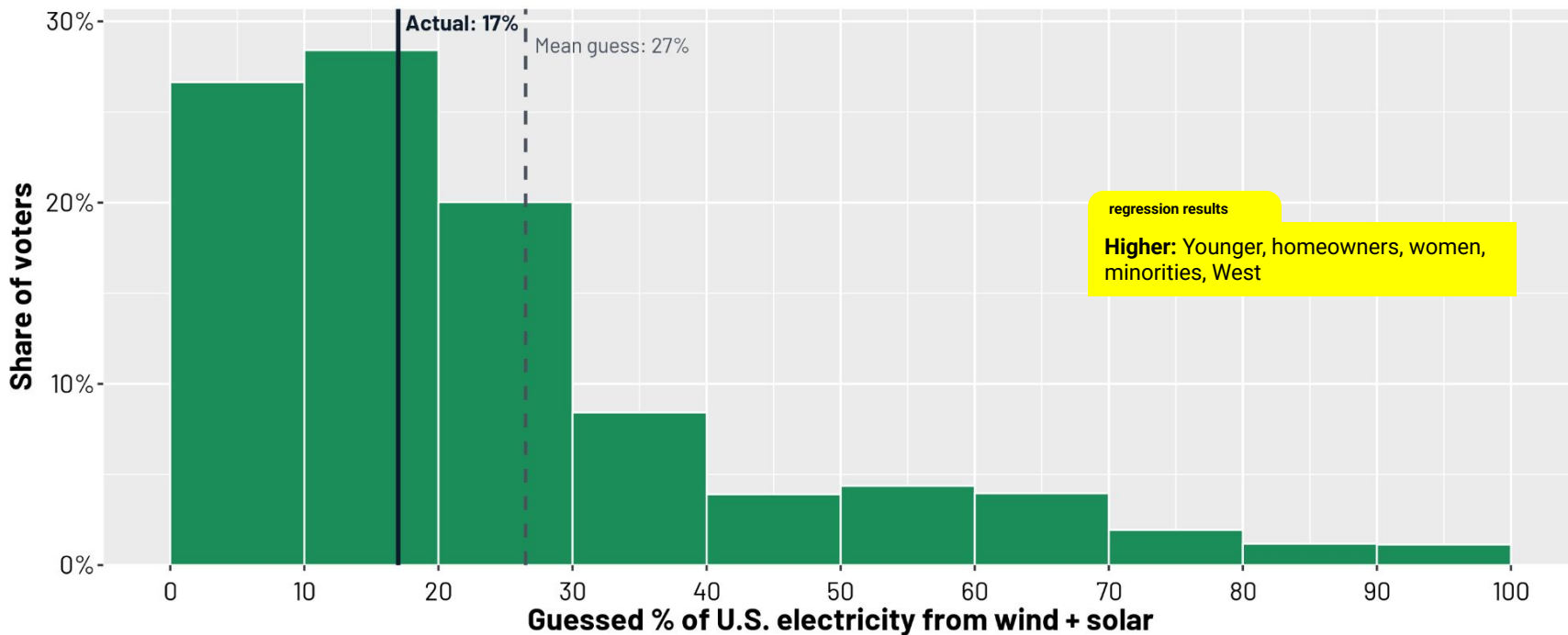
GOP **IND** **DEM** | % of each party choosing each facility first



QSIG3, forced single choice, no opt-out. Within-party shares (each party sums to 100%). Read as a relative ranking.

The Public Thinks Renewables Are Bigger Than They Are

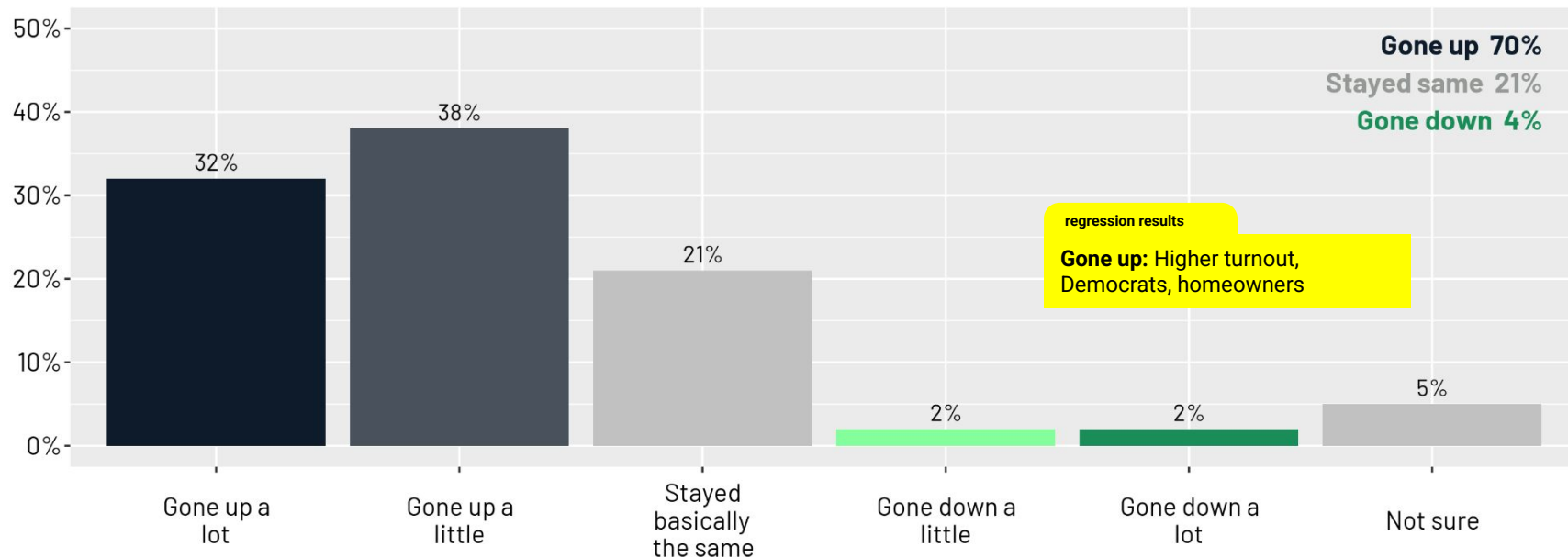
Best guess: what % of U.S. electricity comes from wind and solar?



QSIG3B. Excludes the 34% who answered 'Not sure'. Actual wind+solar share was a record 17% in 2025 (EIA), 19% incl. rooftop.

Rising Bills Are Nearly Universal; Almost No One Saw a Drop

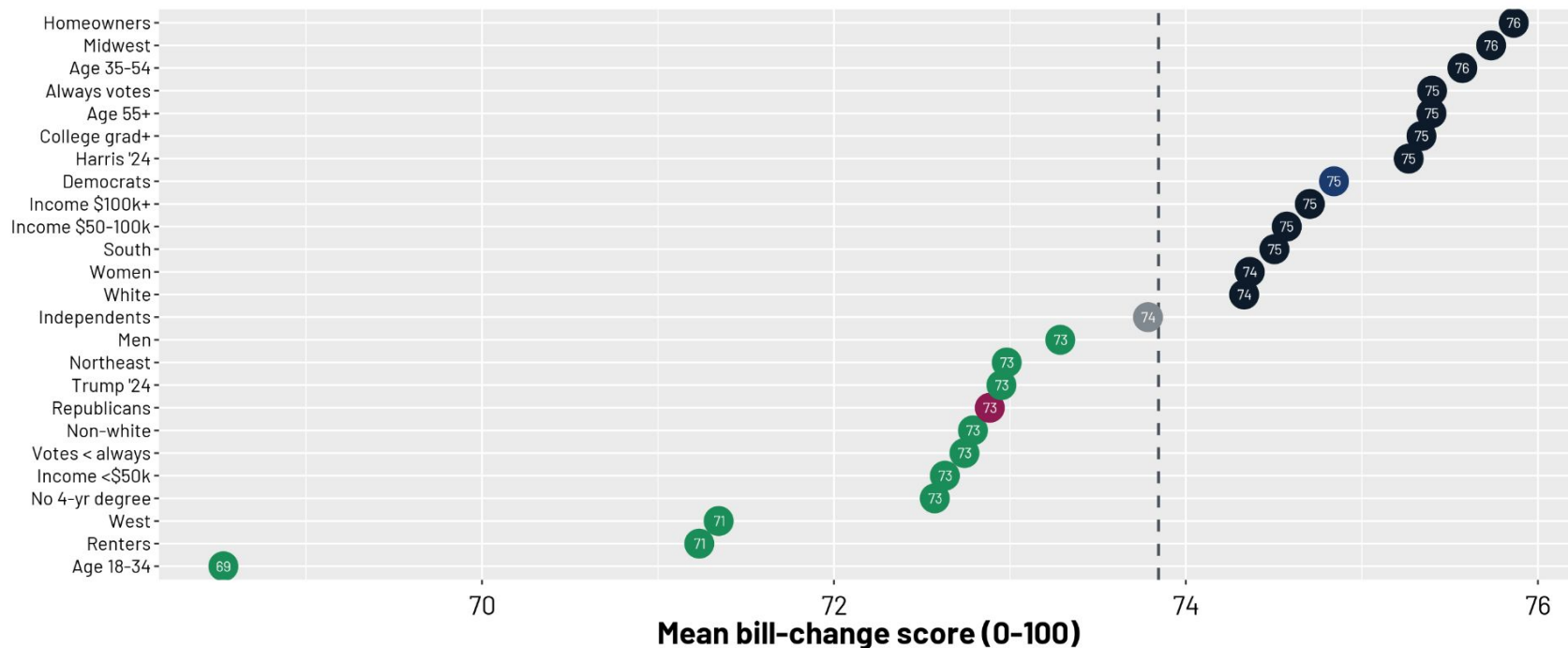
In the past year, would you say your energy bills have...



QEN_BILL. AXPB-benchmarked. 'Gone up' nets codes 1-2; 'Gone down' nets 4-5.

Bill Pain Is Nearly Universal Across Every Demographic

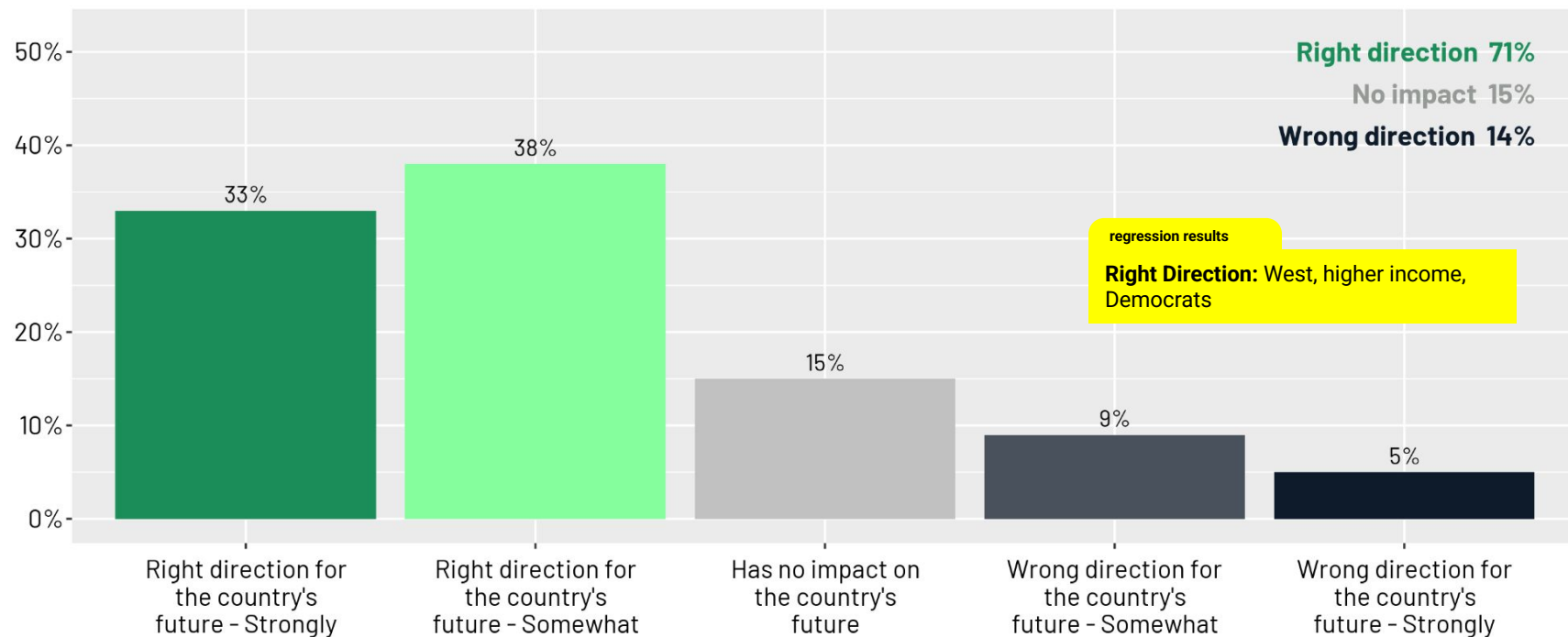
Bill-change scale (100 = up a lot ... 0 = down a lot) | dashed line = all voters (74)



QEN_BILL recoded 0-100; 'Not sure' set to the 50 midpoint.

Support for a Bigger Renewables Role Runs 5 to 1

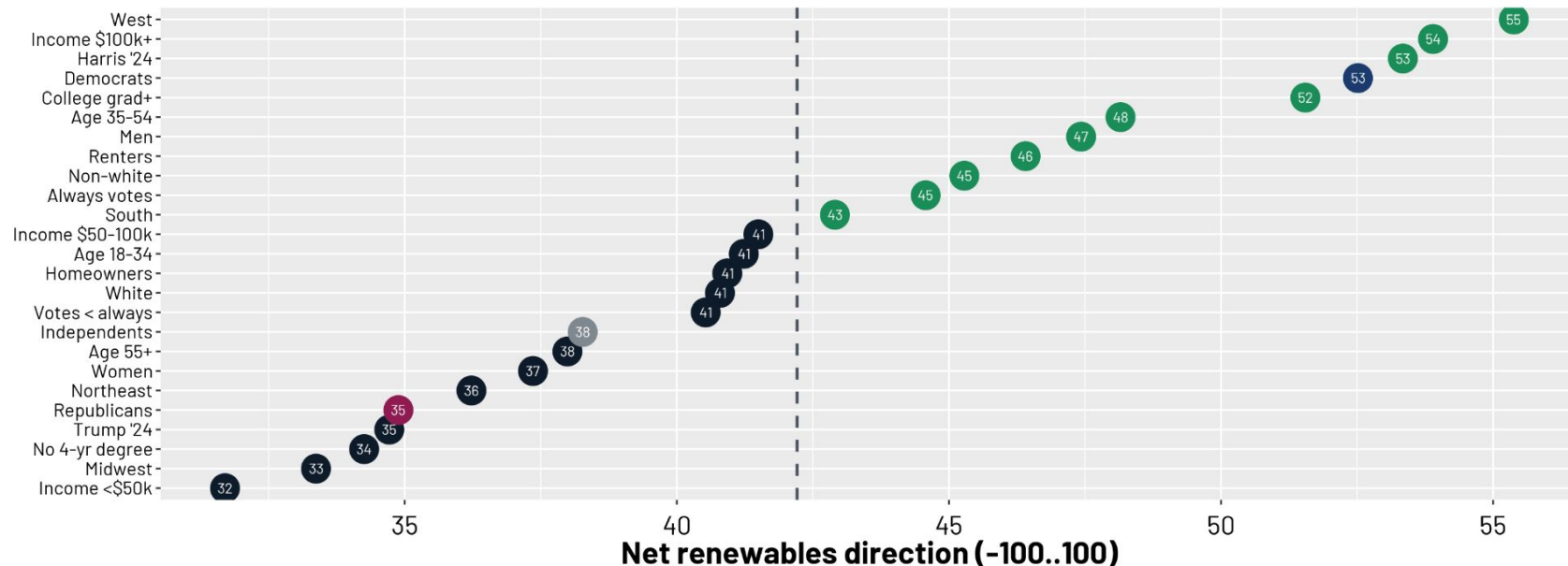
Is making renewable energy a bigger part of the country's energy supply the...



QEN_DIR (CFI-benchmarked). 'Right direction' nets strongly + somewhat; 'Wrong direction' nets both.

Renewables Win Everywhere, but Income & Region Set the Ceiling

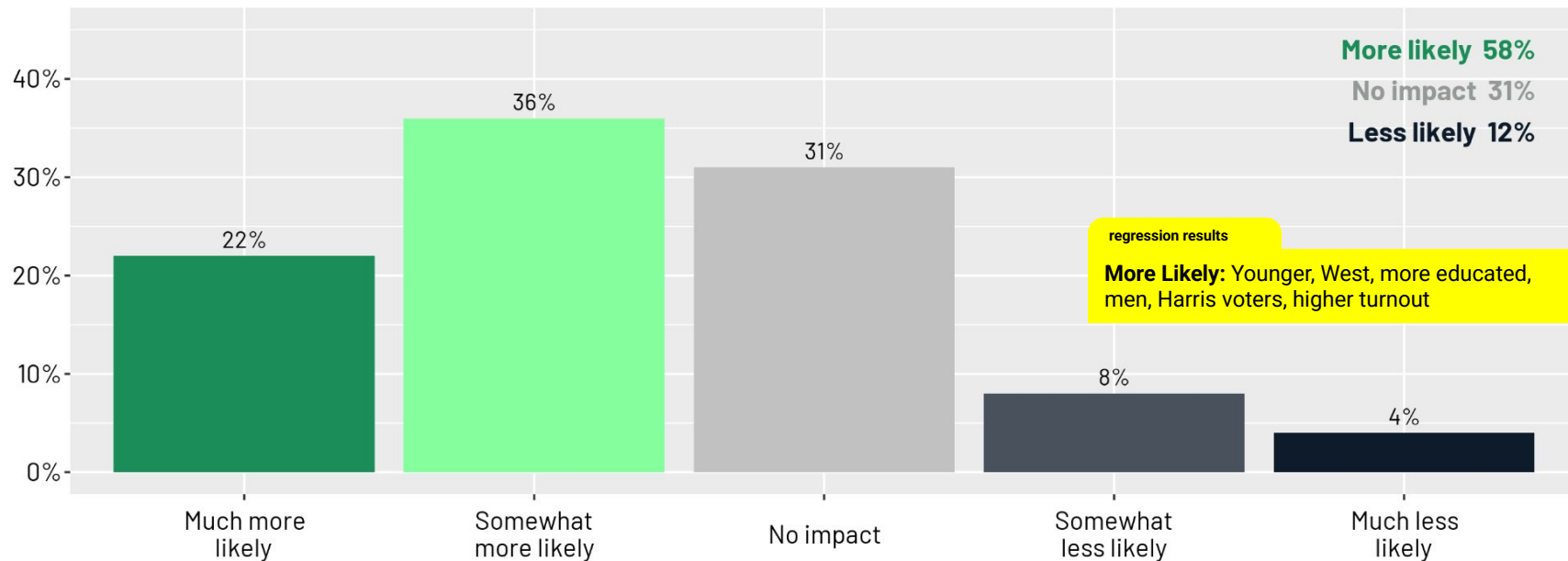
Net renewables direction (right = +100 ... wrong = -100) | dashed line = all voters (42)



QEN_DIR recoded -100..100.

Five Times More Voters Are Drawn to a Pro-Renewable Candidate Than Repelled

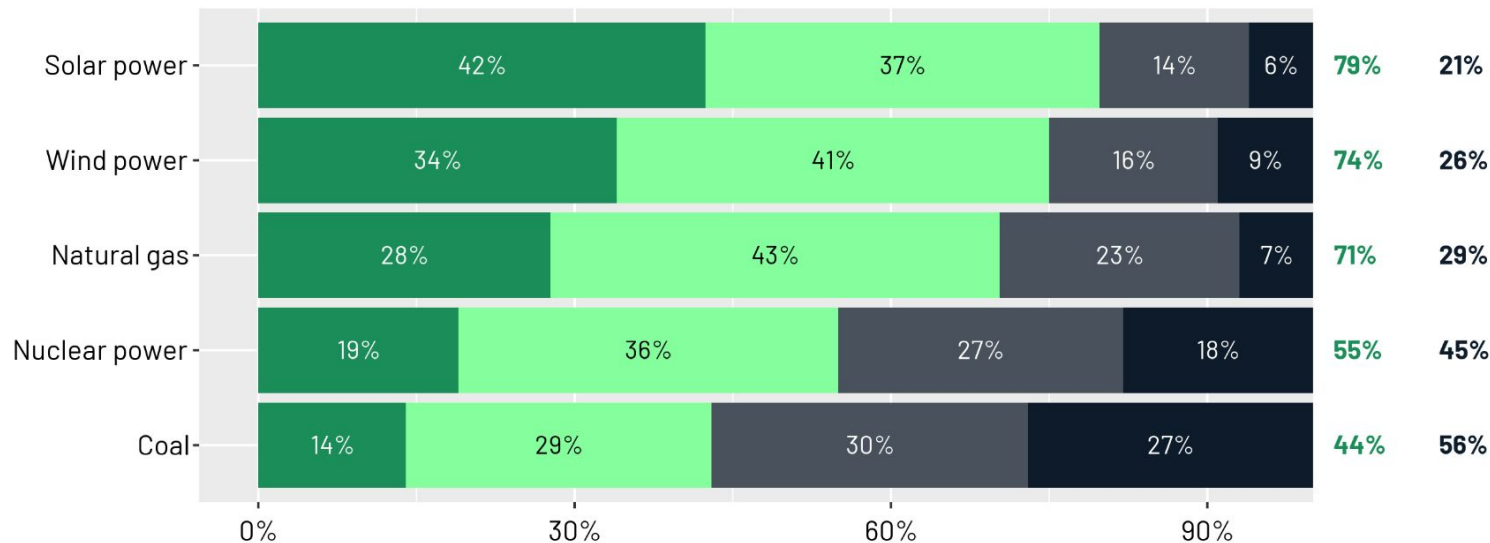
Would a candidate's strong support for renewable energy make you more or less likely to vote for them?



QEN_CAND (CFI-benchmarked). Hypothetical single-issue vote-impact — do not read as a literal electoral prediction.

An All-of-the-Above Electorate: Only Coal Draws Real Opposition

Do you generally favor or oppose each way of producing electricity? (full sample)

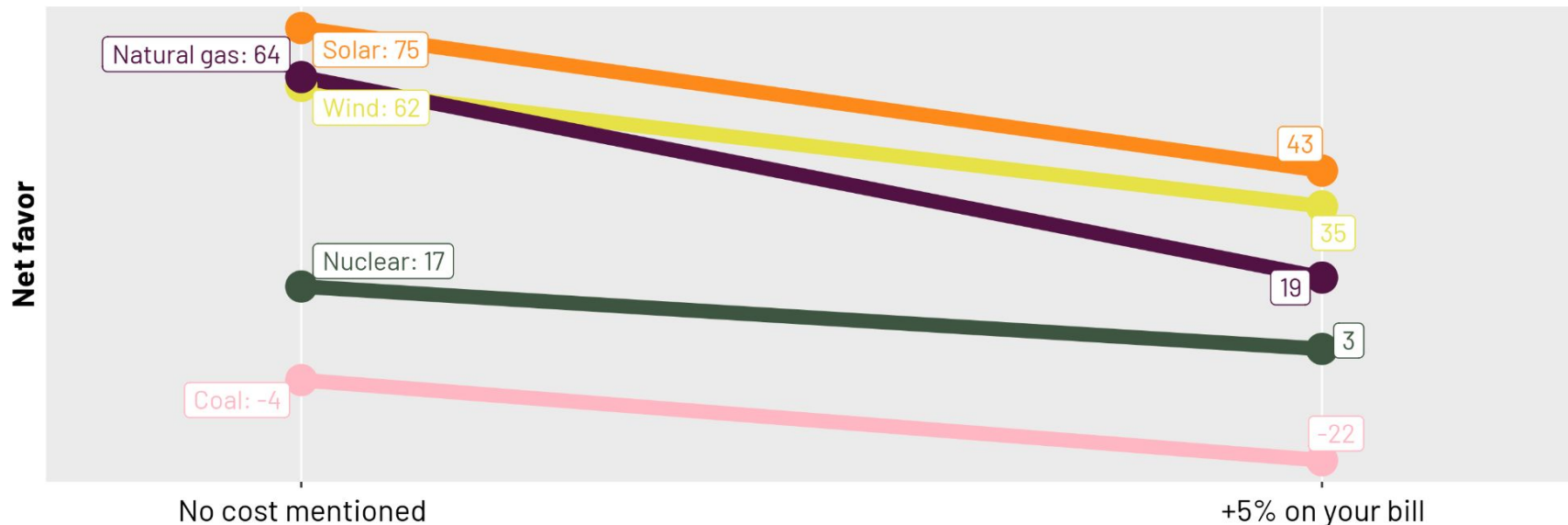


Strongly favor **Somewhat favor** **Somewhat oppose** **Strongly oppose**

QSRC1-5, both cost arms pooled. Right-hand numbers = % favor / % oppose.

Renewables Show the Most Price Resilience; Remain Strongly Net Fav

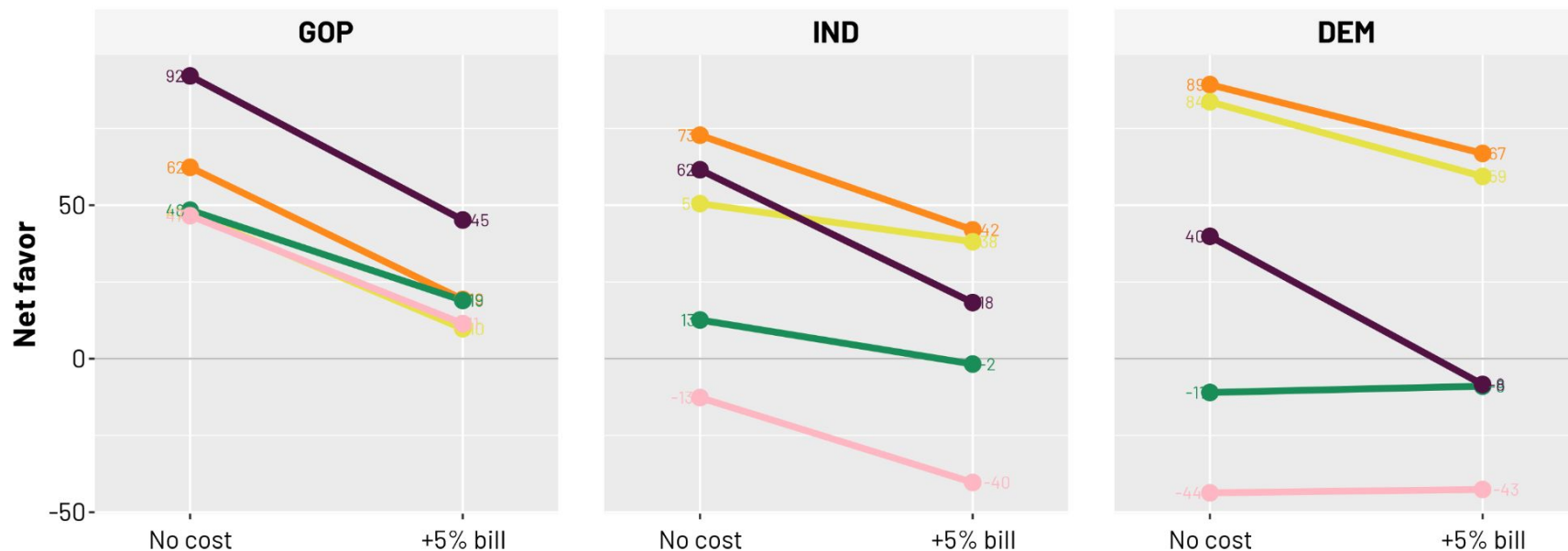
Net favor (% favor - % oppose) per source: no cost mentioned vs. +5% on your bill



QSRC1-5 by half-sample cost arm. The drop from left to right is the support 'give' once a 5% bill increase is attached.

A Cost Makes Republicans Flinch; Democrats Hold on Renewables

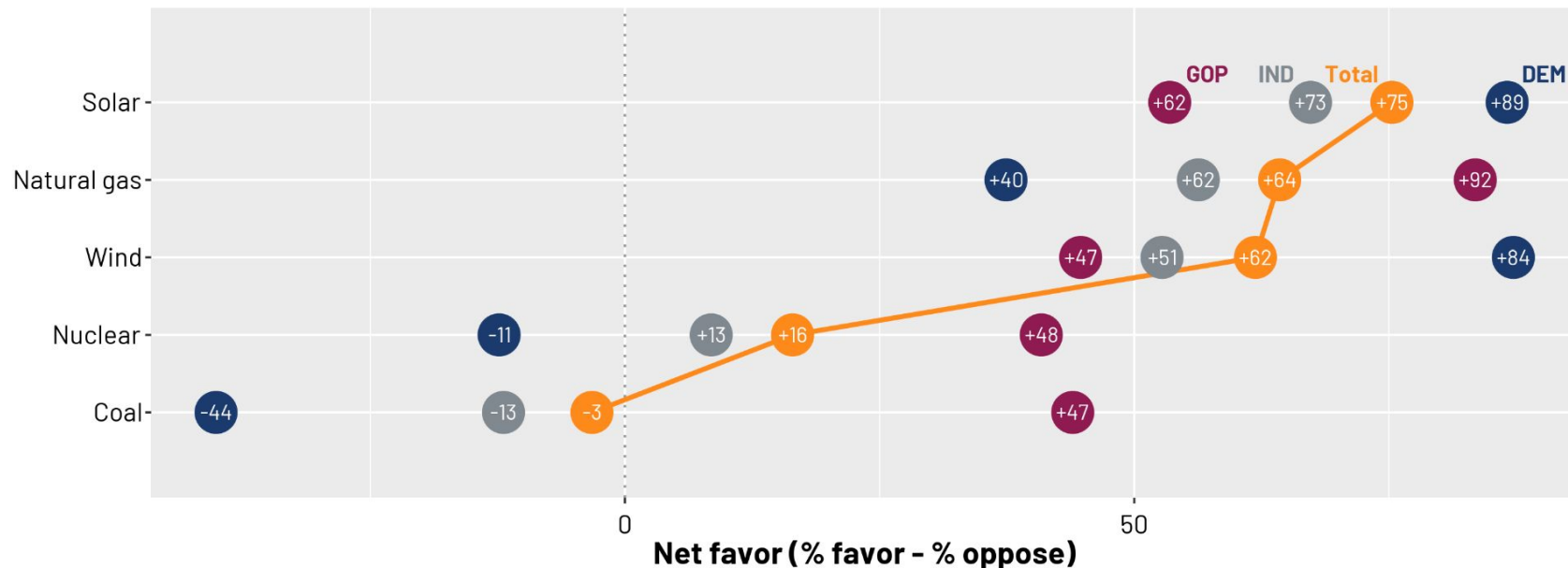
Solar Wind Nuclear Gas Coal | net favor: no cost -> +5% on your bill



QSRC net favor (% favor - % oppose) by half-sample cost arm, within each party. The steeper the drop, the more price-sensitive.

Both Parties Favor Solar, Wind, Gas; Only Coal & Nuclear Divide Them

Net favor (% favor - % oppose) by party | no-cost arm



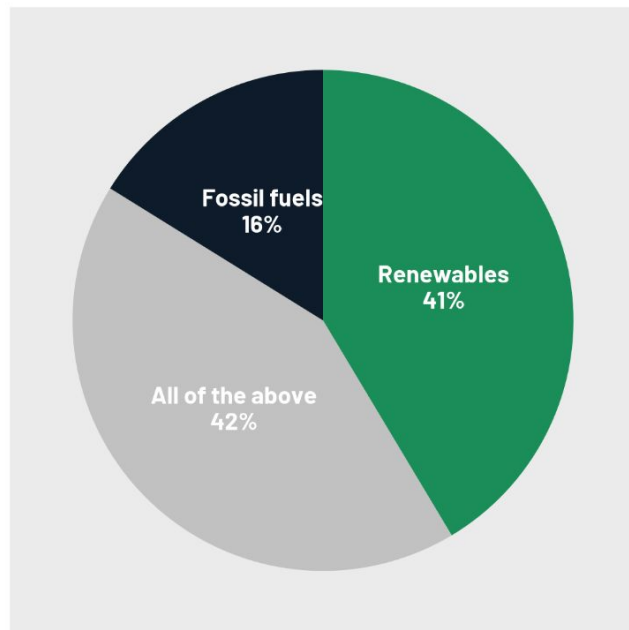
QSRC1-5, half sample A (no cost mentioned) – the AXPC-comparable convergence read. Party = QPARTYID self-ID (leaners kept Independent).

An “All of the Above” Plurality, With Renewables Right Behind

Which comes closest to your view?

America should build more oil, natural gas, and coal and use less wind and solar

America should use all sources of energy -- wind, solar, nuclear, natural gas, oil, and coal



America should build more wind and solar and use less oil, natural gas, and coal

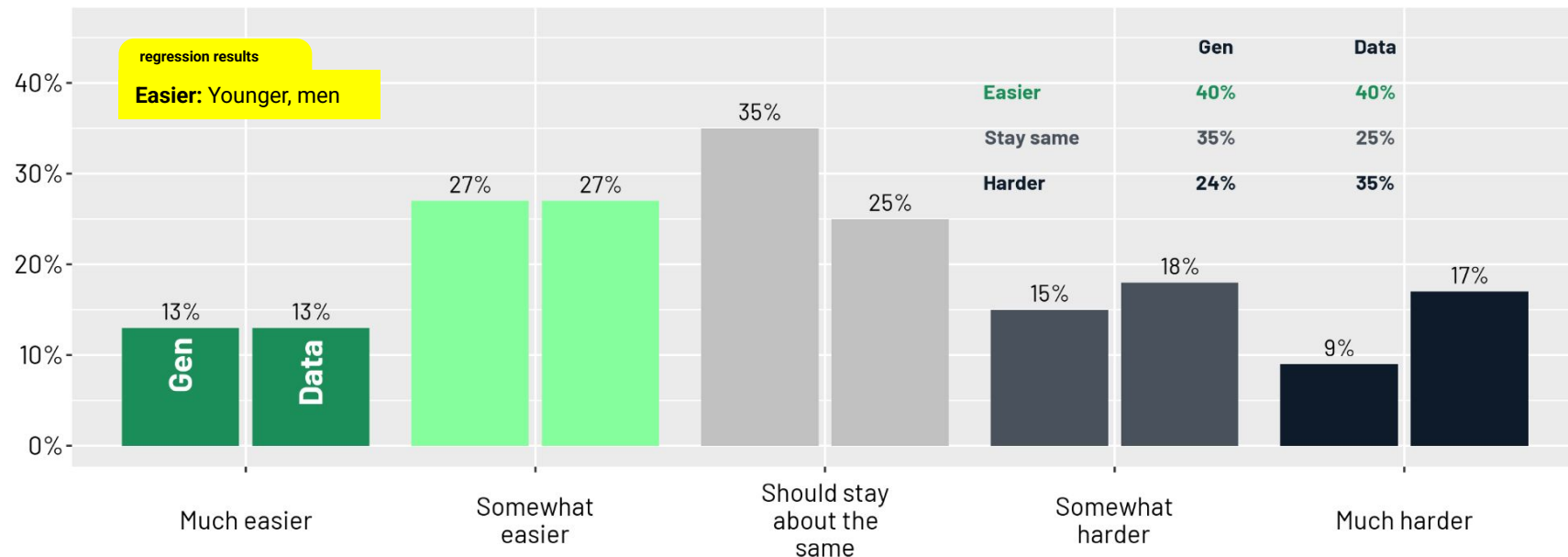
regression results

Renewables: Harris voters, more educated

QAOTA. 'All of the above' is the center; the two wings are the renewables love/hate split.

Support for Faster Permitting, but AI Angle Adds Resistance

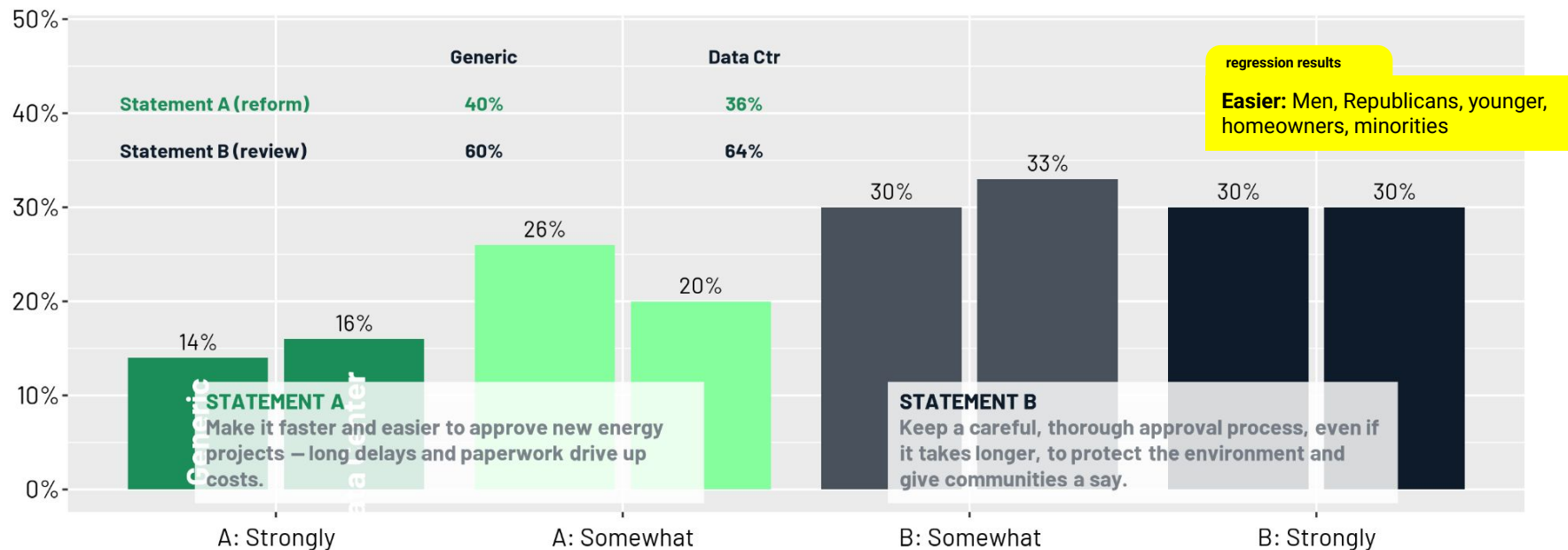
Should it be easier or harder to permit, site, and build energy projects?



QPMT_BLT1. Half sample A = general framing; Half sample B = 'to meet rising data-center demand'.

But Given Arguments, Voters Favor Careful Review Over Faster Approval

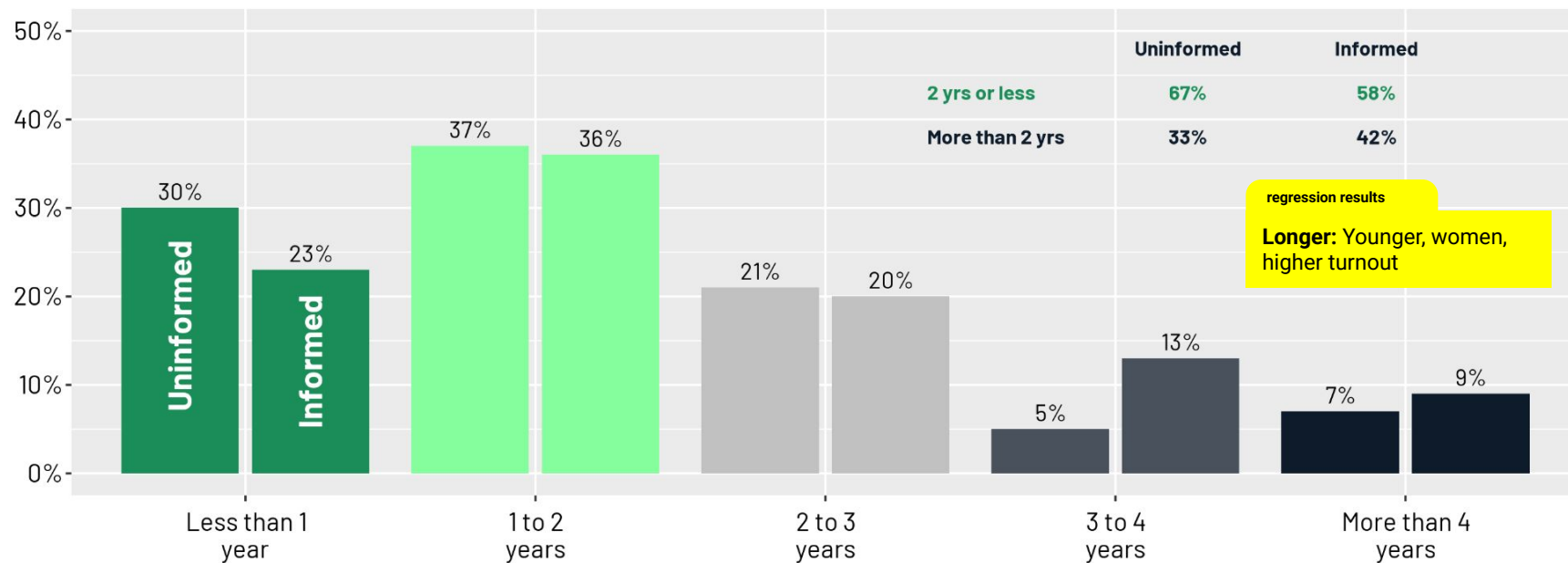
Which comes closer to your view on approving new energy projects?



QPMT_BLT2. Half sample A = general 'demand is rising'; Half sample B = 'driven by new data centers'.

Voters Favor Prompt Reviews, Even When Told Current Timeline

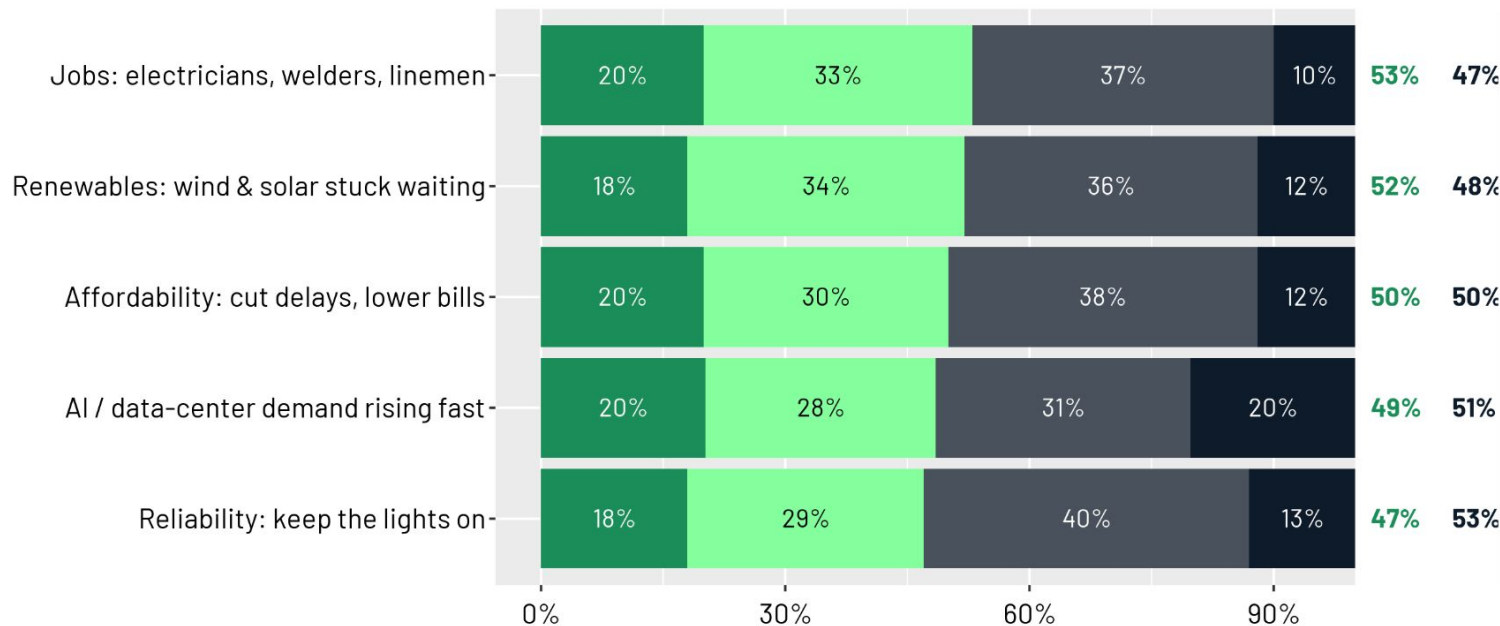
How long SHOULD the government take to review and approve a major energy project?



QPMT_T. Half sample A = uninformed; Half sample B = first told the real federal review takes ~4.5 years.

Jobs Edges Affordability, but Messages Largely Positive

How convincing is each argument FOR faster, easier energy permitting?

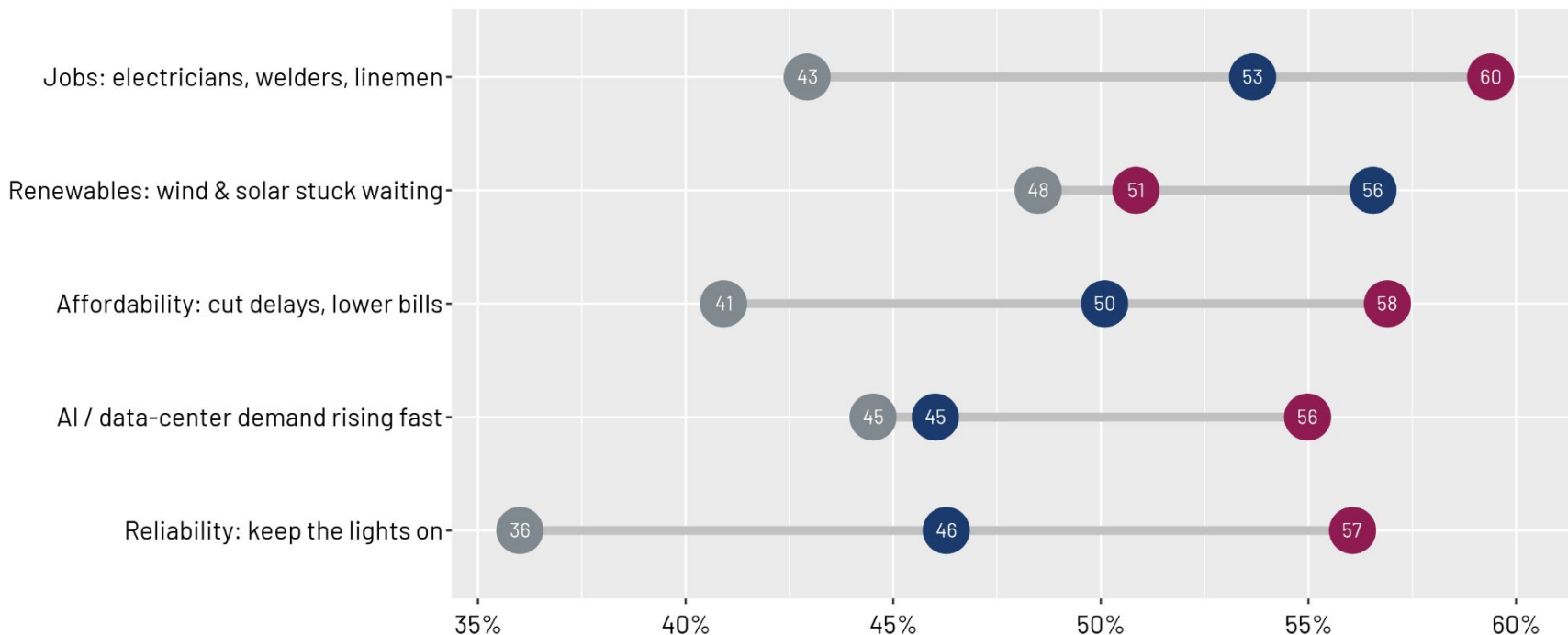


Extremely **Very** **Somewhat** **Not at all**

QP_MSG1-5 — all pro-reform frames. Right numbers = % extremely/very (top-2) vs. % not at all. Report frame-by-frame, not an aggregate.

Which Permitting Argument Lands With Whom

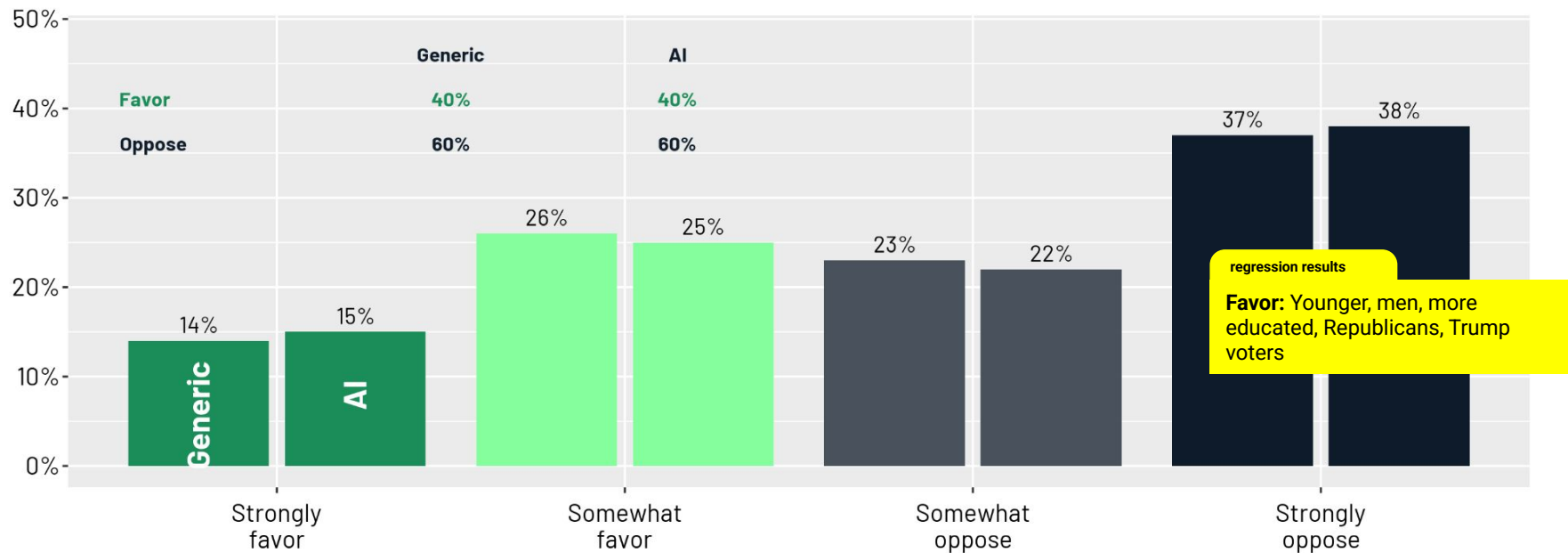
GOP **IND** **DEM** | % who find each frame extremely or very convincing



QP_MSG1-5, top-2-box, by party self-ID.

Local Data Centers Draw Opposition; AI Label Barely Moves It

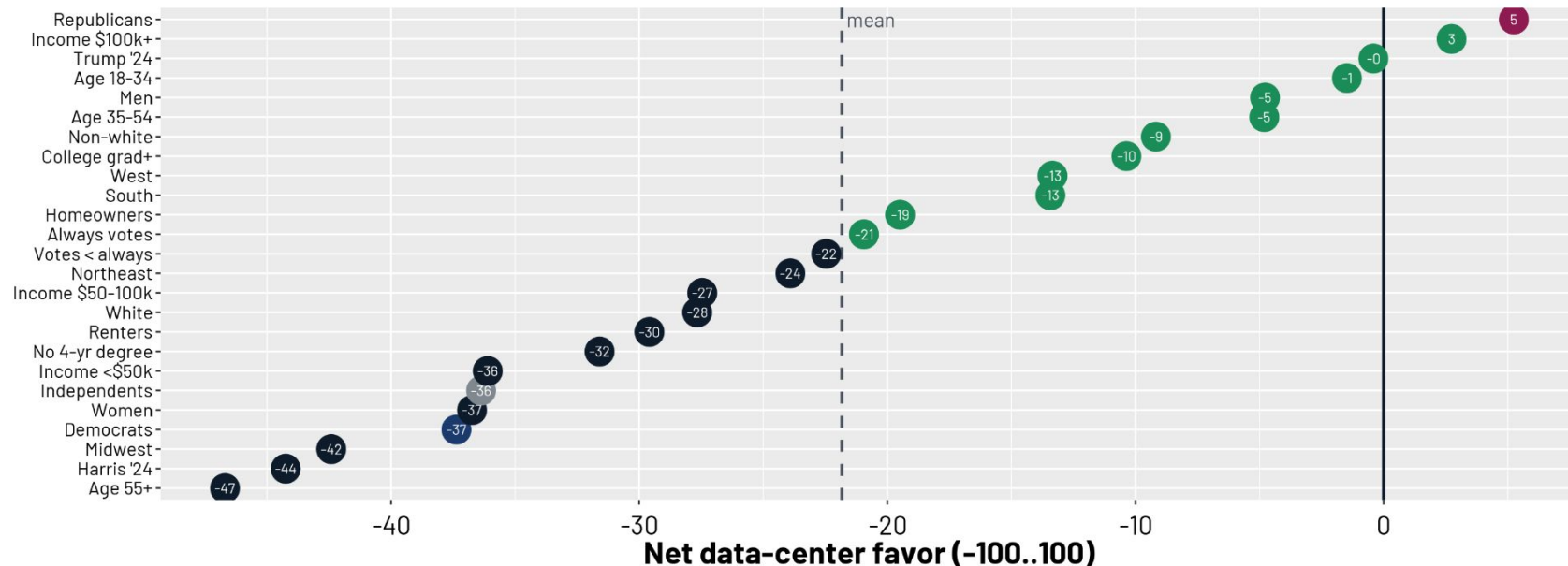
Would you favor or oppose the construction of a large data center in your local area?



QDC_BLT. Half sample A = 'data center'; Half sample B = 'data center for artificial intelligence'.

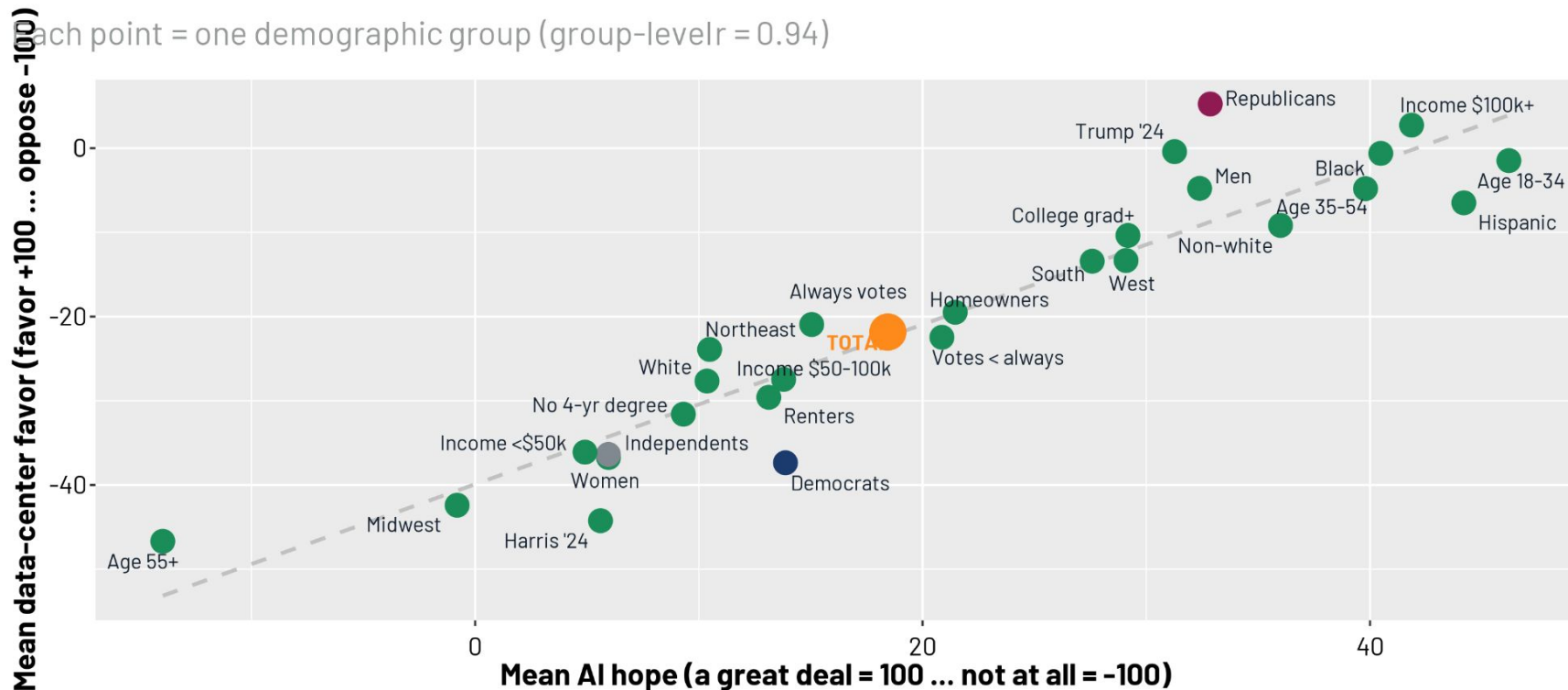
GOP & Upper Income Only Groups That Warm to a Local Data Center

Net favor for a local data center (favor +100 ... oppose -100) | dashed line = all voters (-22)



QDC_BLT recoded -100..100, both framings pooled.

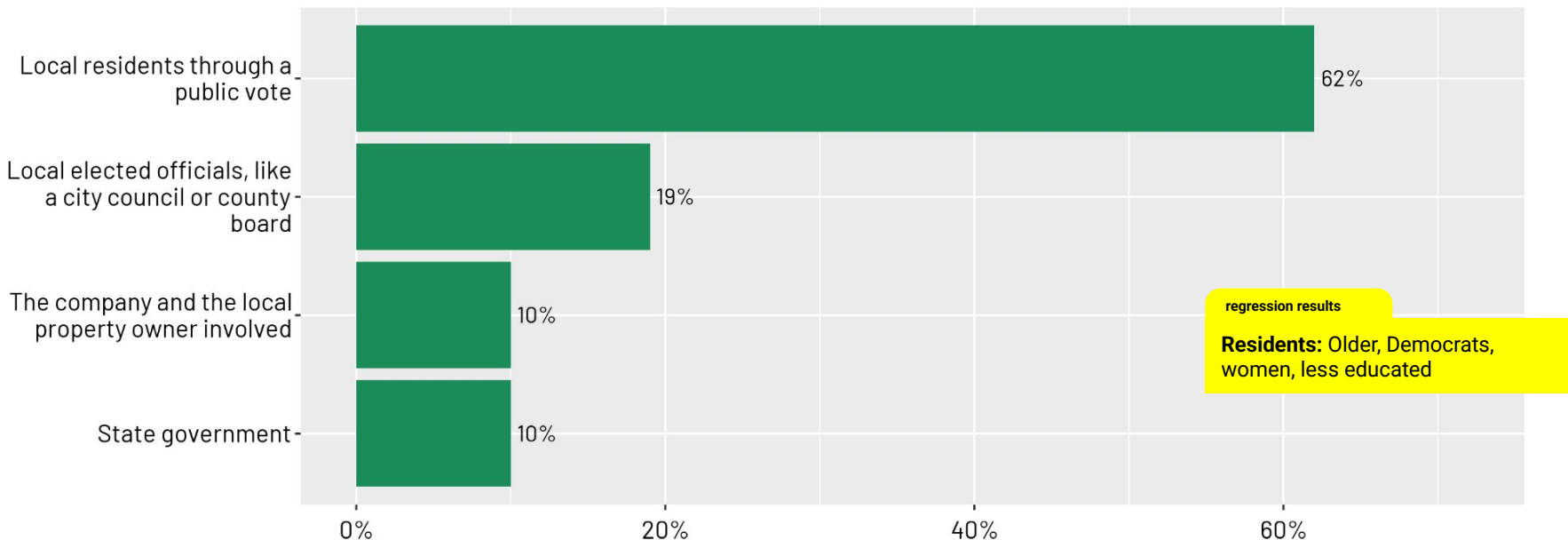
AI Optimists Favor Hosting a Data Center



QAI_IND (hopeful about AI) vs QDC_BLT (favor a LOCAL data center). Across individual voters $r = .50$ – the strongest attitude link in the wave.

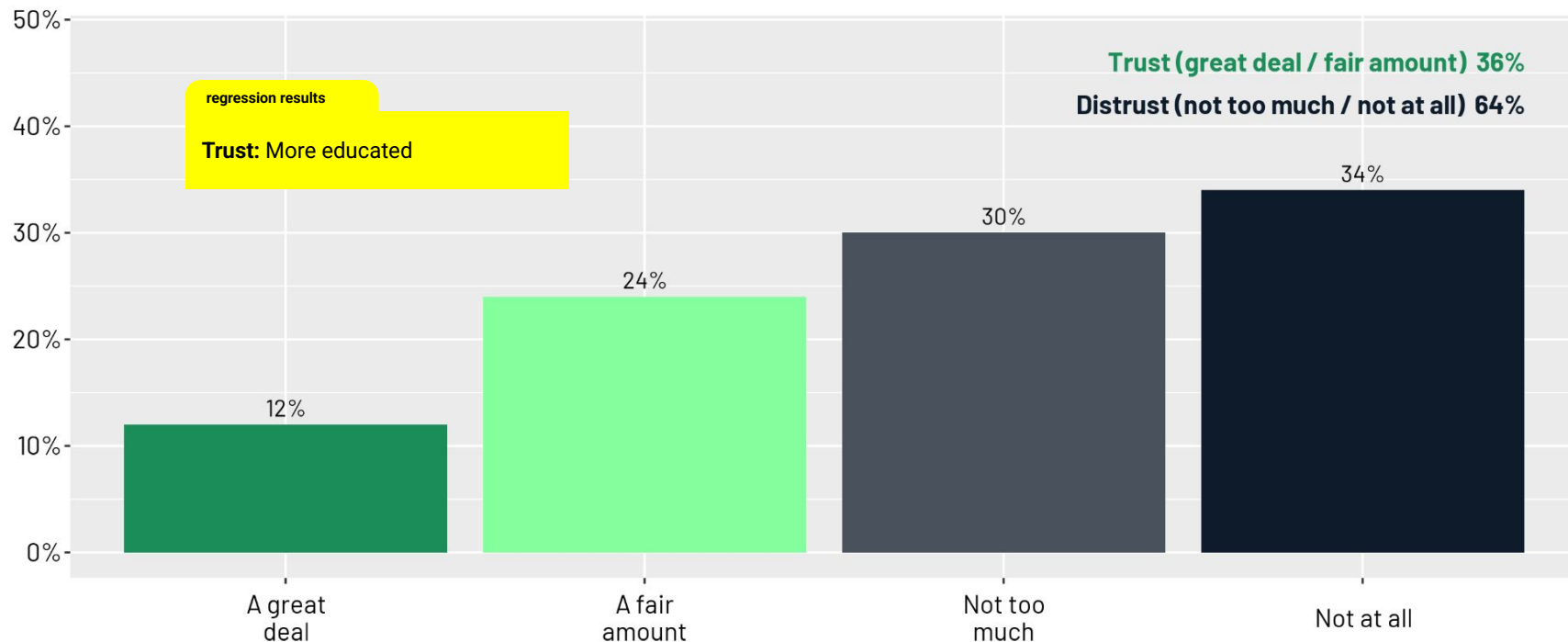
A Public Vote, Not City Hall or the Company, Should Site Data Centers

Who should have the most say in whether a local data center gets built?



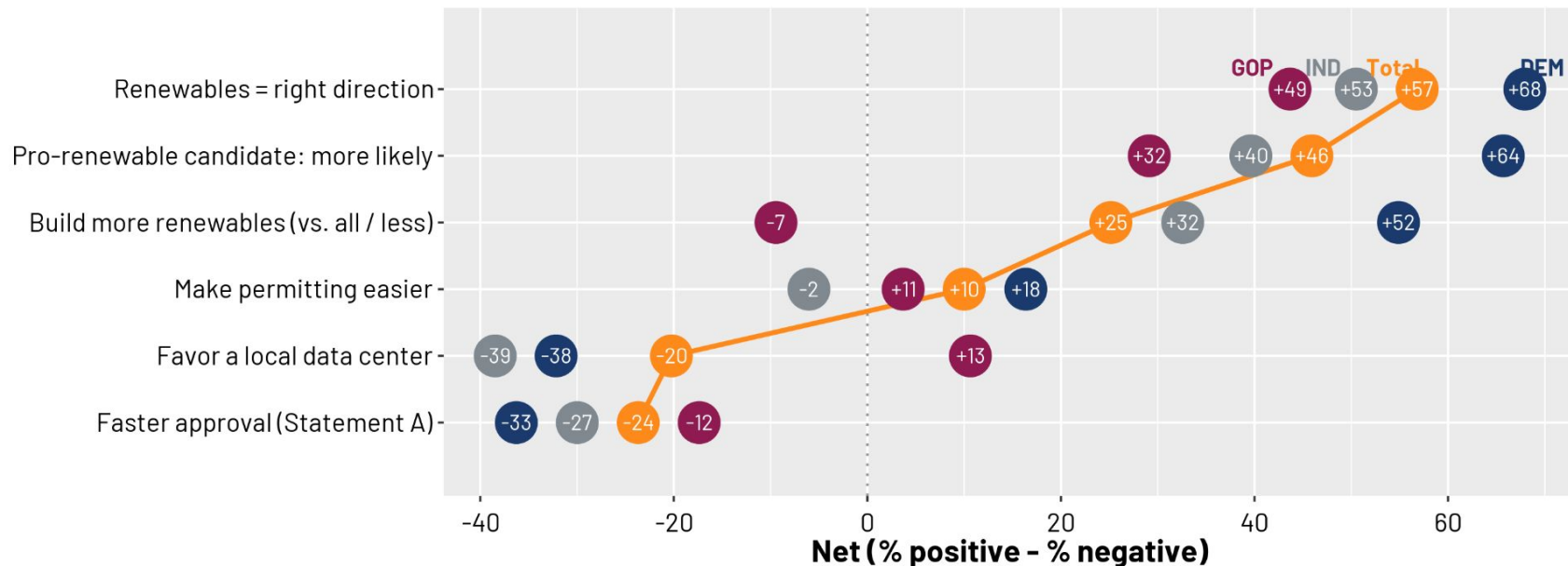
The “No Bill Hike” Promise Lands With Deep Skepticism

How much do you trust tech companies to keep their pledge that data centers won't raise your bills?



GOP Lead on Data Centers, DEM on Renewables, Both on Permitting

Net support (% positive - % negative) by party

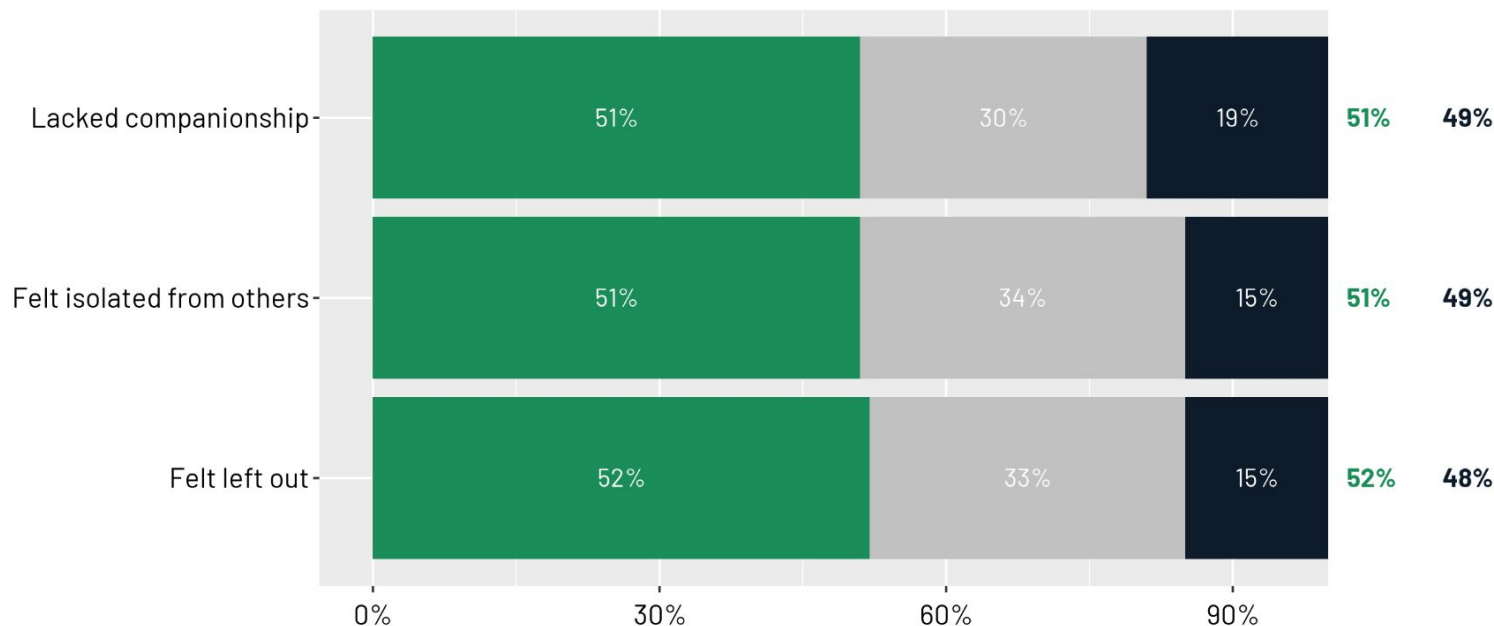


QEN_DIR, QEN_CAND, QAOTA, QPMT_BLT1, QPMT_BLT2, QDC_BLT (signed -100..100). Party = QPARTYID self-ID (leaners kept Independent).

SOCIAL ISOLATION

Half the Electorate Felt Isolated in Some Way This Week

How often have you felt this way in the past week?

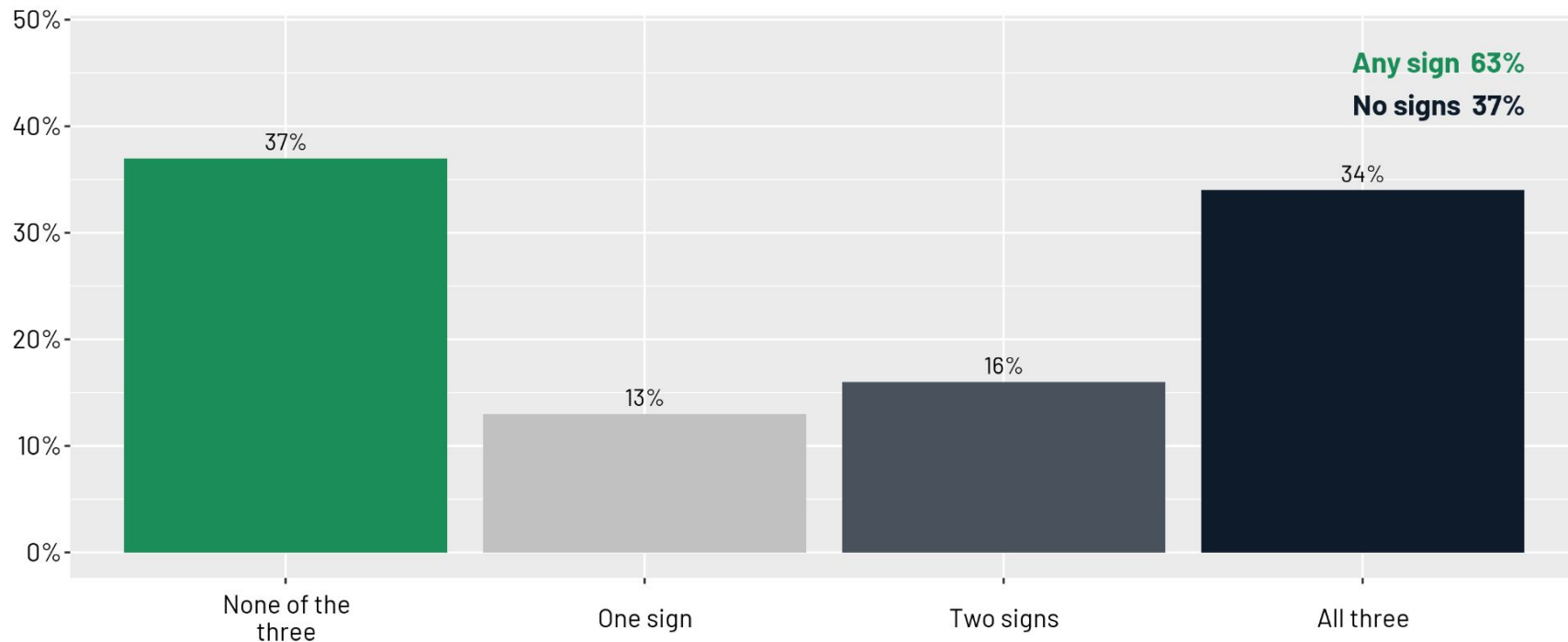


Hardly ever **Some of the time** **Felt this way often**

QCONNECT1-3, the UCLA 3-item loneliness scale.

63% Show a Sign of Isolation; a Third Feel All Three

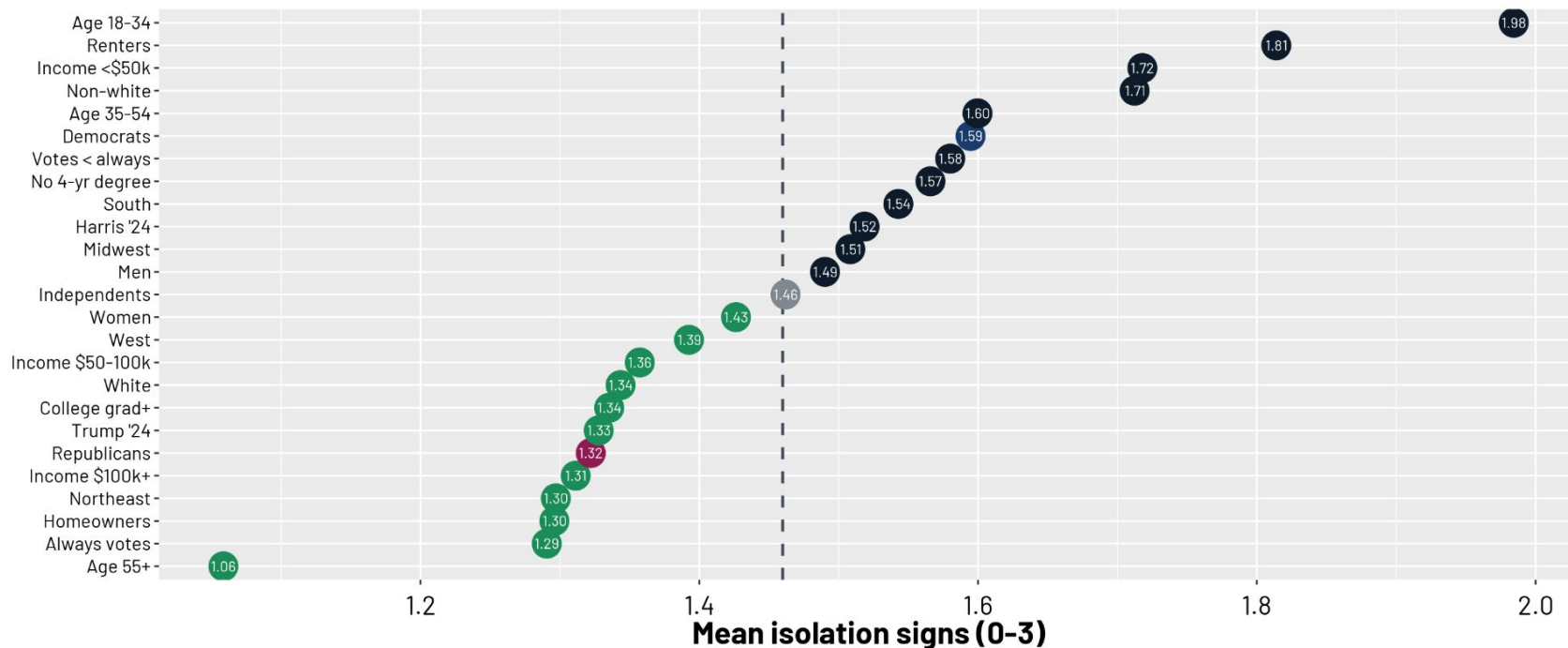
Number of isolation signs felt in the past week (0-3)



Built from QCONNECT1-3: lacked companionship, felt left out, felt isolated — counted if felt often OR some of the time.

Youth and Renters Carry the Heaviest Isolation Burden

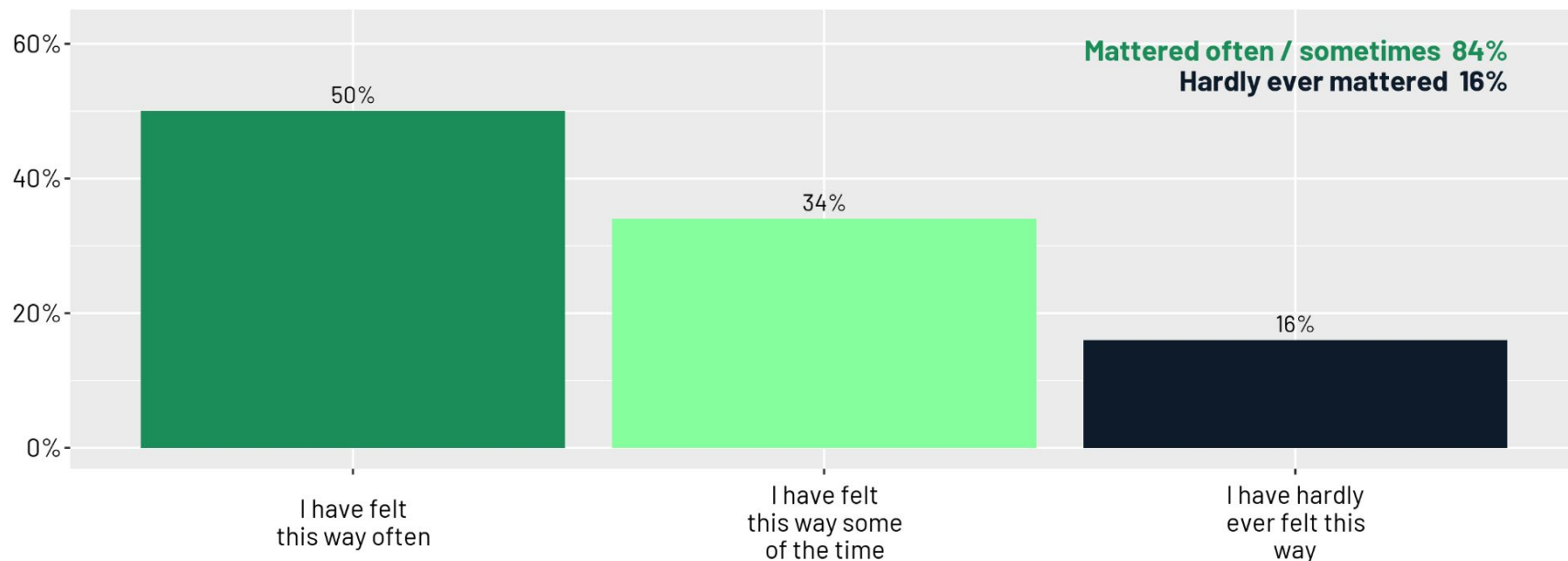
Mean number of isolation signs (0-3) | dashed line = all voters (1.46)



Built from QCONNECT1-3, past week.

Disconnected but Not Discarded: 84% Feel They Matter to Someone

How often in the past week did you feel that you mattered to the people in your life?

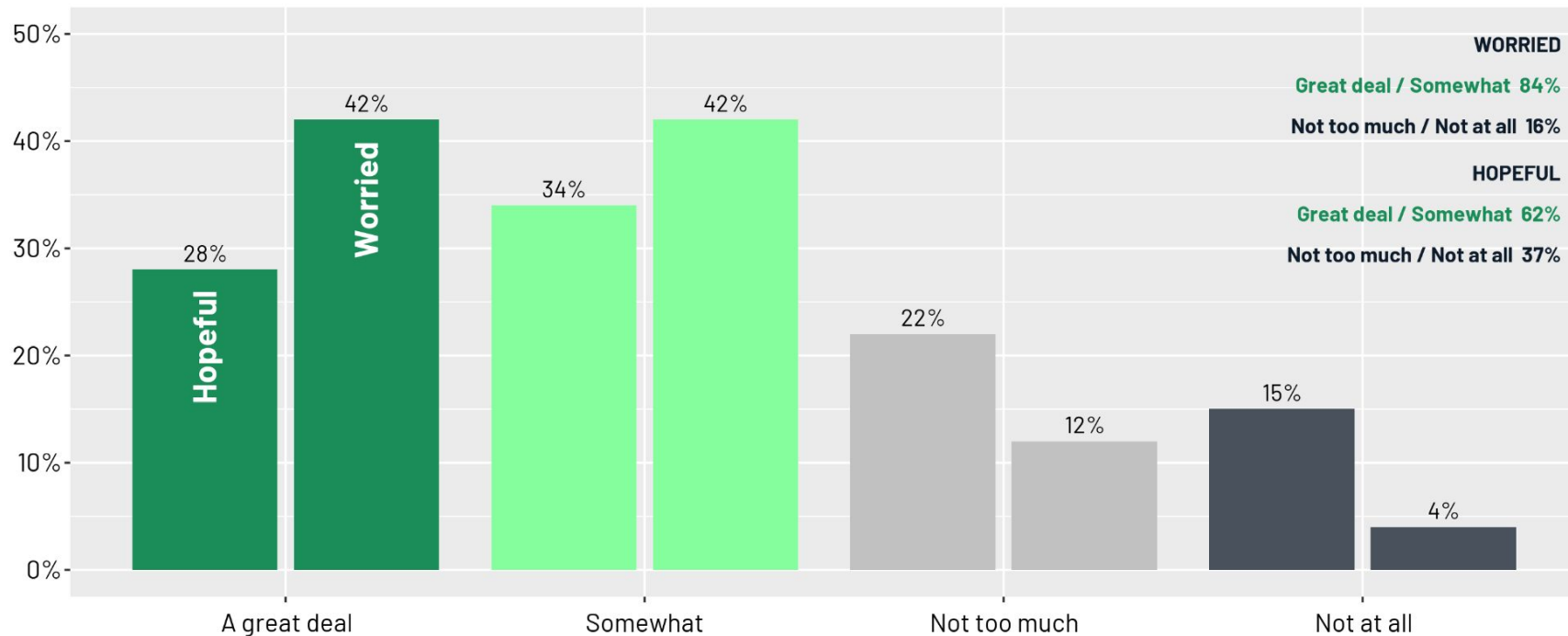


QCONNECT4 (reverse-worded relative to QCONNECT1-3).

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Worry Outweighs Hope on AI, 84% to 62%

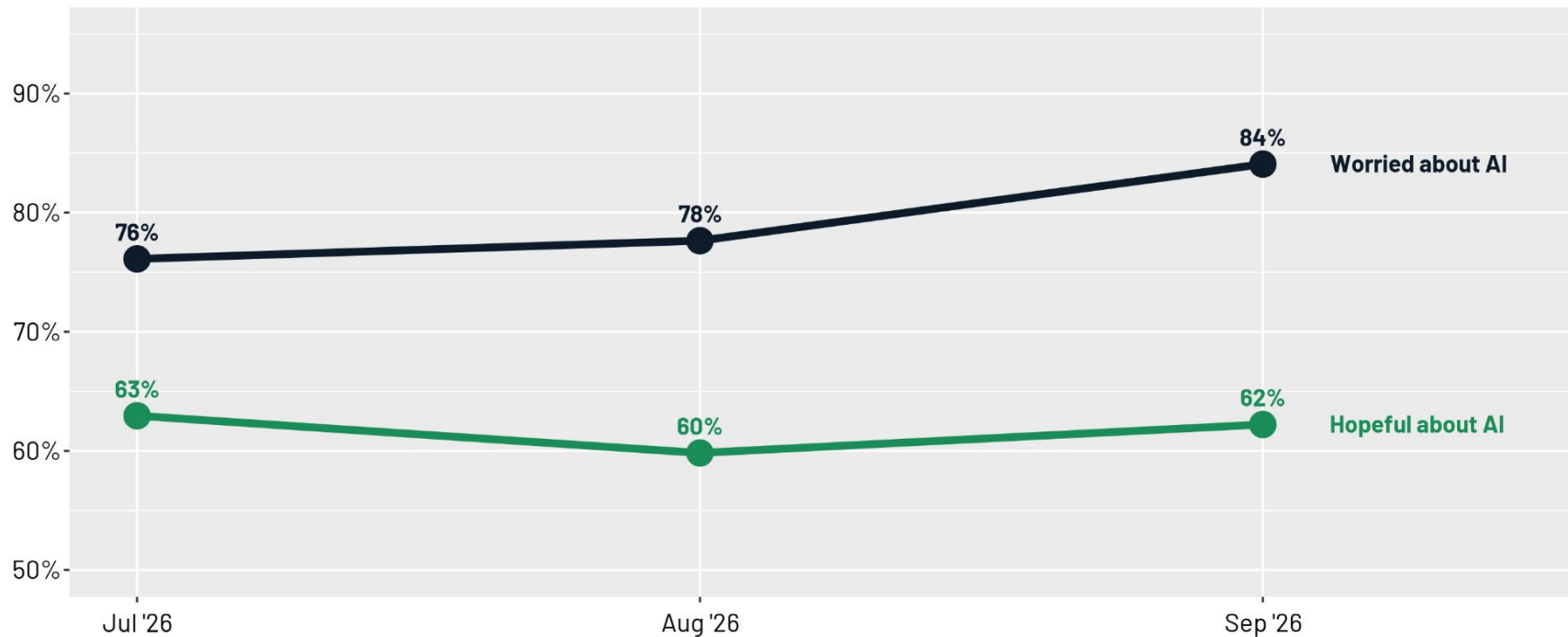
HOPEFUL: AI could improve your daily life . WORRIED: AI could be misused or cause harm



Thinking about the increased use of AI in daily life, how does this describe how you feel?

Three Waves In, Hope Is Stuck and Worry Is Rising

% who feel this 'a great deal' or 'somewhat' about AI, by wave

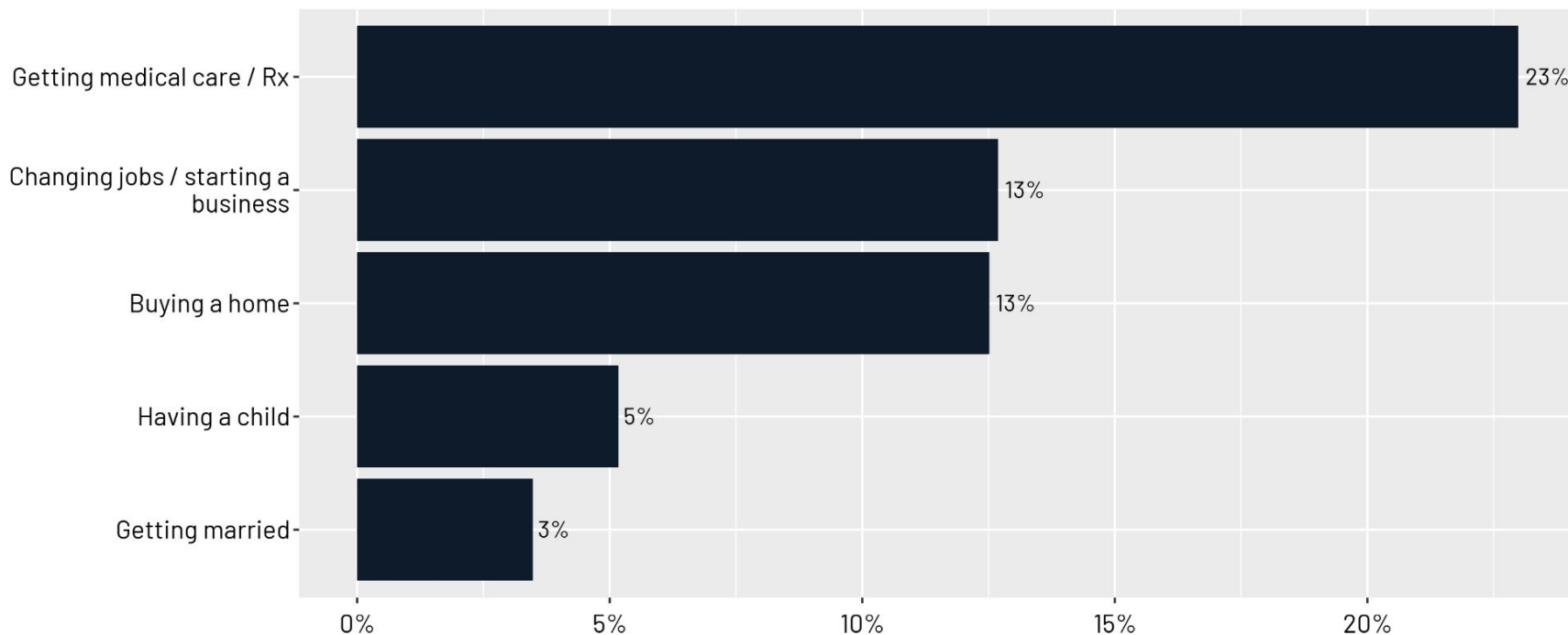


QAI_IND (hopeful) and QAI_SOC (worried), great deal + somewhat combined. W1 n=400, W2 n=400, W3 n=800.

ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

Nearly a Quarter Delayed Medical Care Over Money

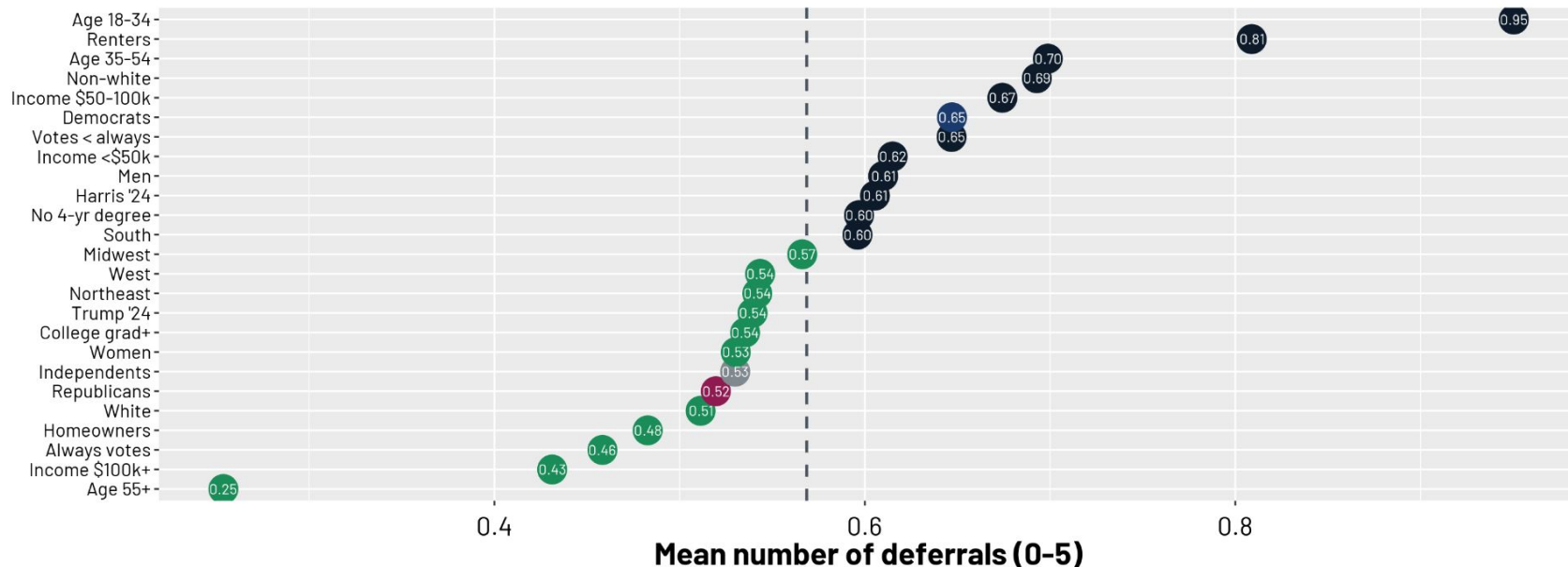
% who delayed or went without, due to finances, in the past year



In the past year, have you or anyone in your household delayed, postponed, or gone without any of the following because of financial concerns?

The Young and Renters Give Up the Most for Financial Reasons

Mean number of life events delayed or forgone for money (0-5) | dashed line = all voters (0.57)

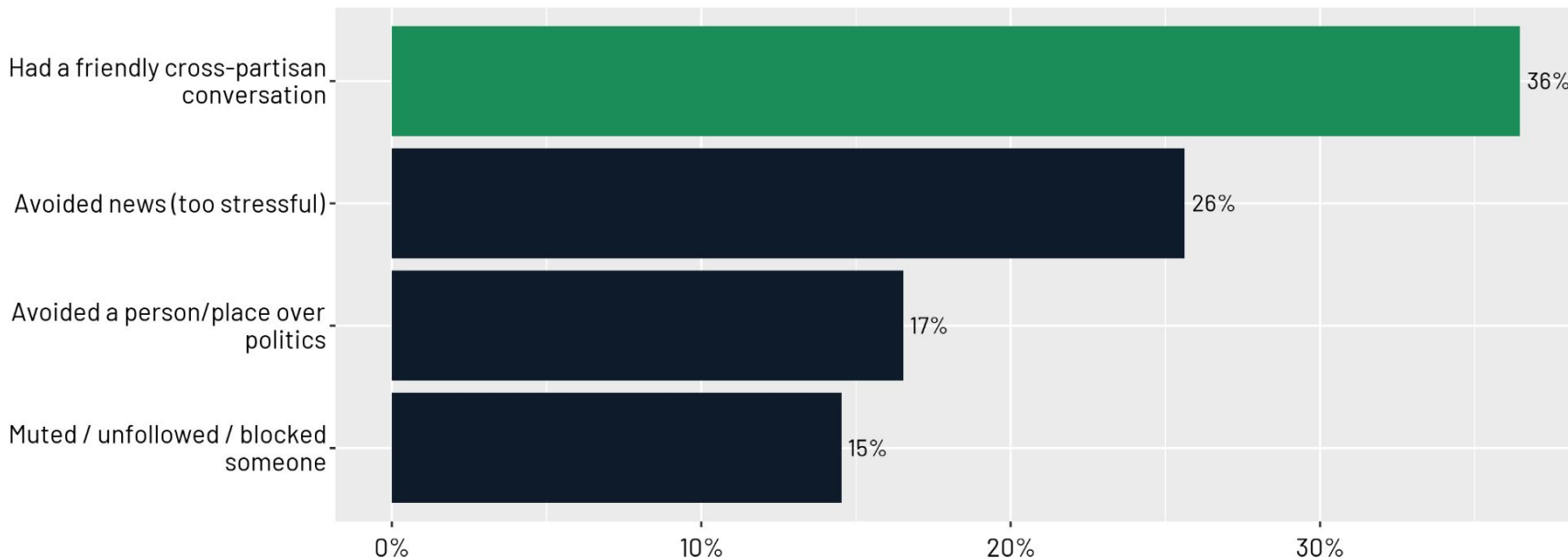


Built from the QDEFER select-all items (child, marriage, home, job, medical care).

POLITICAL DIVISION

Even Amid Political Stress, 36% Had a Friendly Cross-Partisan Talk

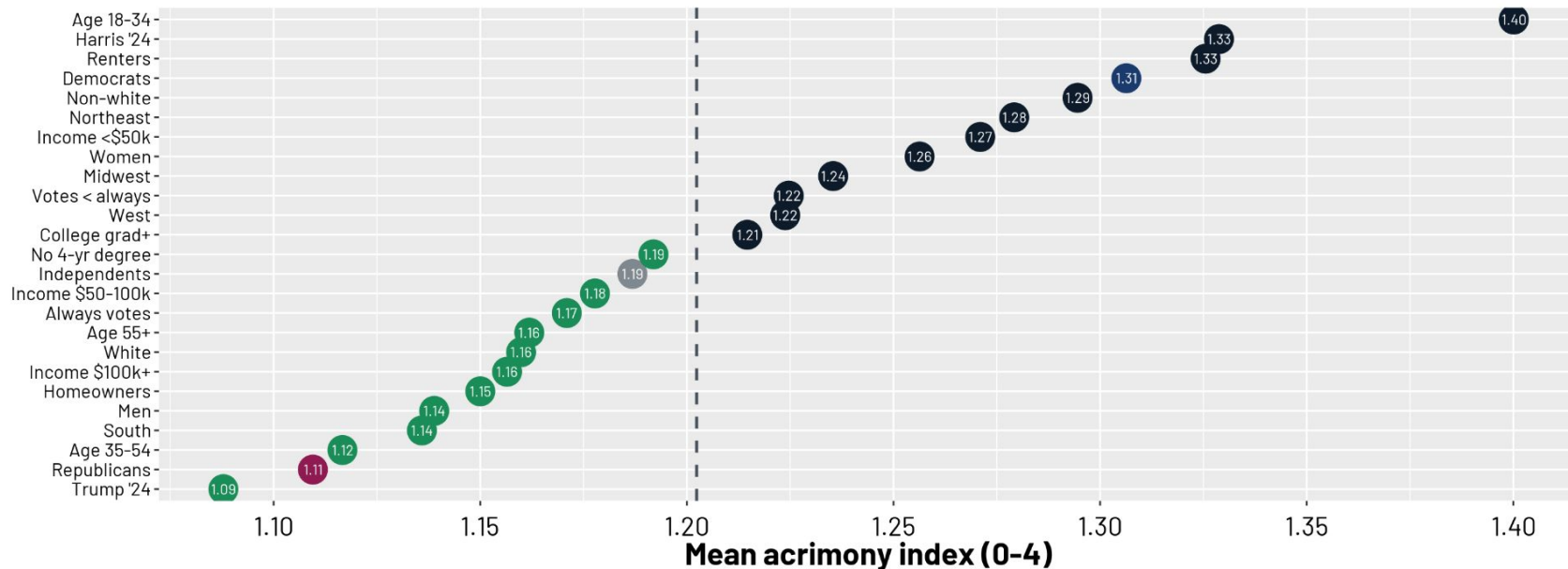
% who did each in the past week



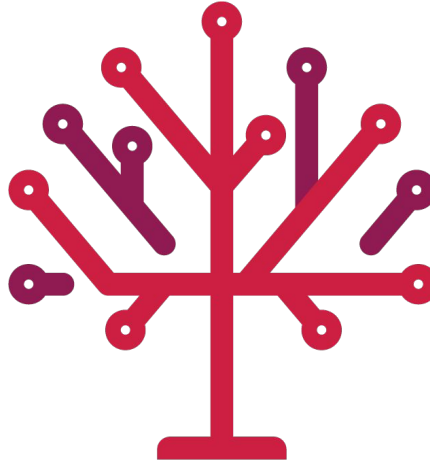
In the past week, did you do any of the following?

Democrats and the Young Show the Most Political Acrimony

Mean partisan-acrimony index (0-4) | dashed line = all voters (1.20)



Built from QWEEK: avoided news, avoided a person/place, or muted/blocked someone - plus NOT having a friendly cross-partisan conversation.



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