

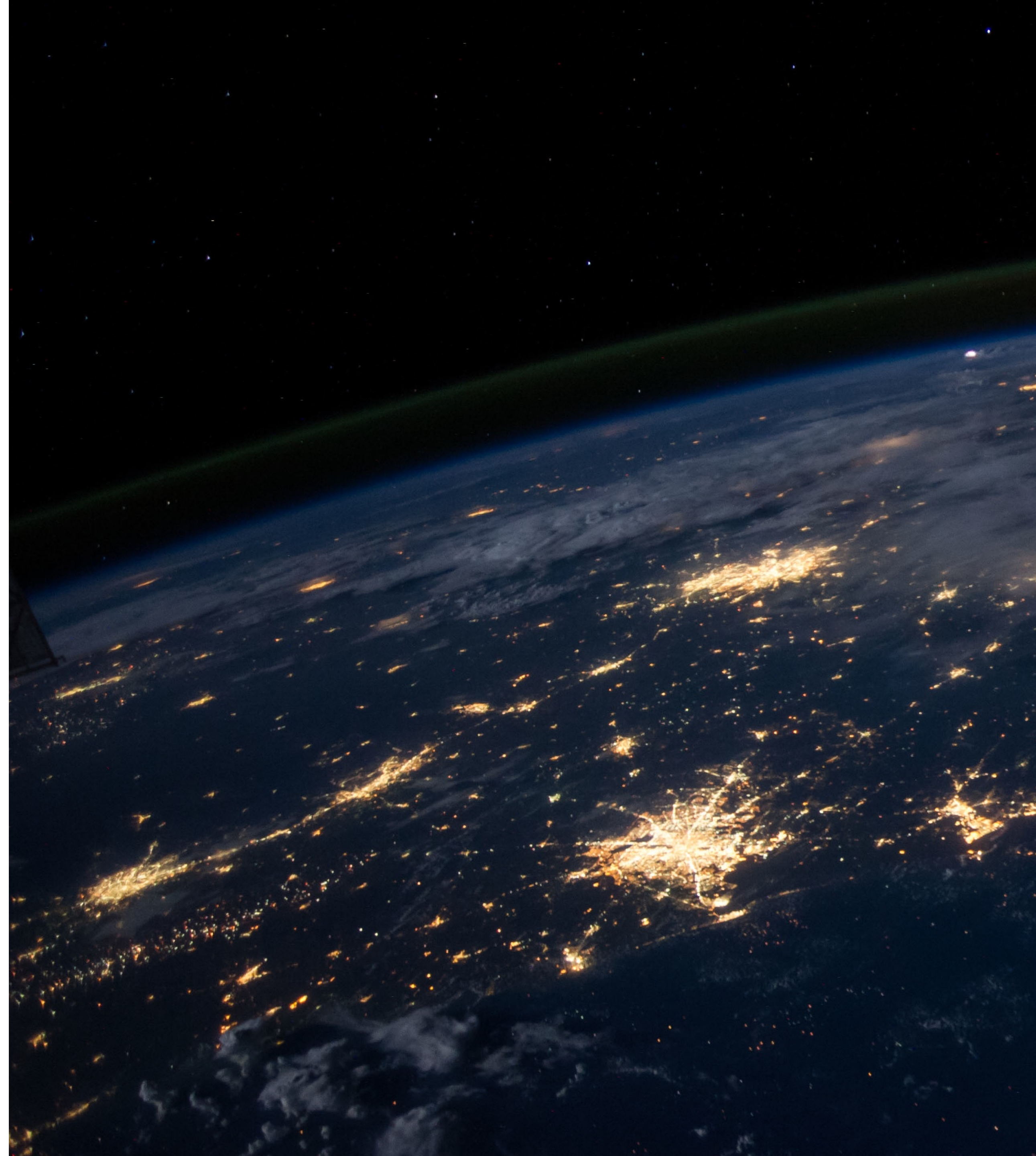


COVID-19: Evolving Views During Lockdown

Verified Voter Omnibus Survey

N=1,000 National Registered Voters

April 18-21, 2020



Key Findings: COVID-19

- **Donald Trump's approval rating on the coronavirus has fallen by 8 points in the last month** even as his overall approval rating has held steady. Voters would trust Joe Biden to handle the public health response to the crisis by 5 points (46-41), but Trump has a one point (45-44) advantage of handling the economic recovery.
- **The vast majority are practicing social distancing**, with more than 9 in 10 taking a series of actions including not eating out, standing at least six feet apart from others, and not leaving home except for essentials. 74% of voters also say they are wearing a mask in public.
- **There is broad consensus that social distancing has saved lives**, with more than 8 in 10 agreeing, and that **it's worth the cost**, with 70% in agreement.
- **The end of June is the over-under on when voters expect the current phase of lockdowns to end.** As many voters believe the lockdowns will end sooner than that as will end after.
- The share who say that the Chinese government is either fully or partially responsible for the global spread of the coronavirus rose from 72% in March to 78% in April.



Key Findings: Reopening America

- **Some public health proposals for keeping COVID-19 under control in a post-lockdown world are likely to elicit broad cooperation, while others are more controversial.**
 - **Specific isolation protocols and behavioral changes are widely supported.** At least three-quarters are willing to self-isolate if they came into contact with someone who tested positive, to wear a mask in public, and to prove they have tested negative if they want to travel by air or rail.
 - **Technological contact tracing is more divisive.** Just 43% are willing to have their location tracked by GPS if they test positive, 50% are willing to install an app that would alert them if they came into contact with someone who tested positive, and 57% are willing to submit to mandatory testing every two weeks until a vaccine is found.
- **A clear majority supports a cautious approach to re-opening over doing so in the next few weeks.** When a second rise in infections is presented as a certainty rather than just as a possibility, support for re-opening in the short term falls even further.

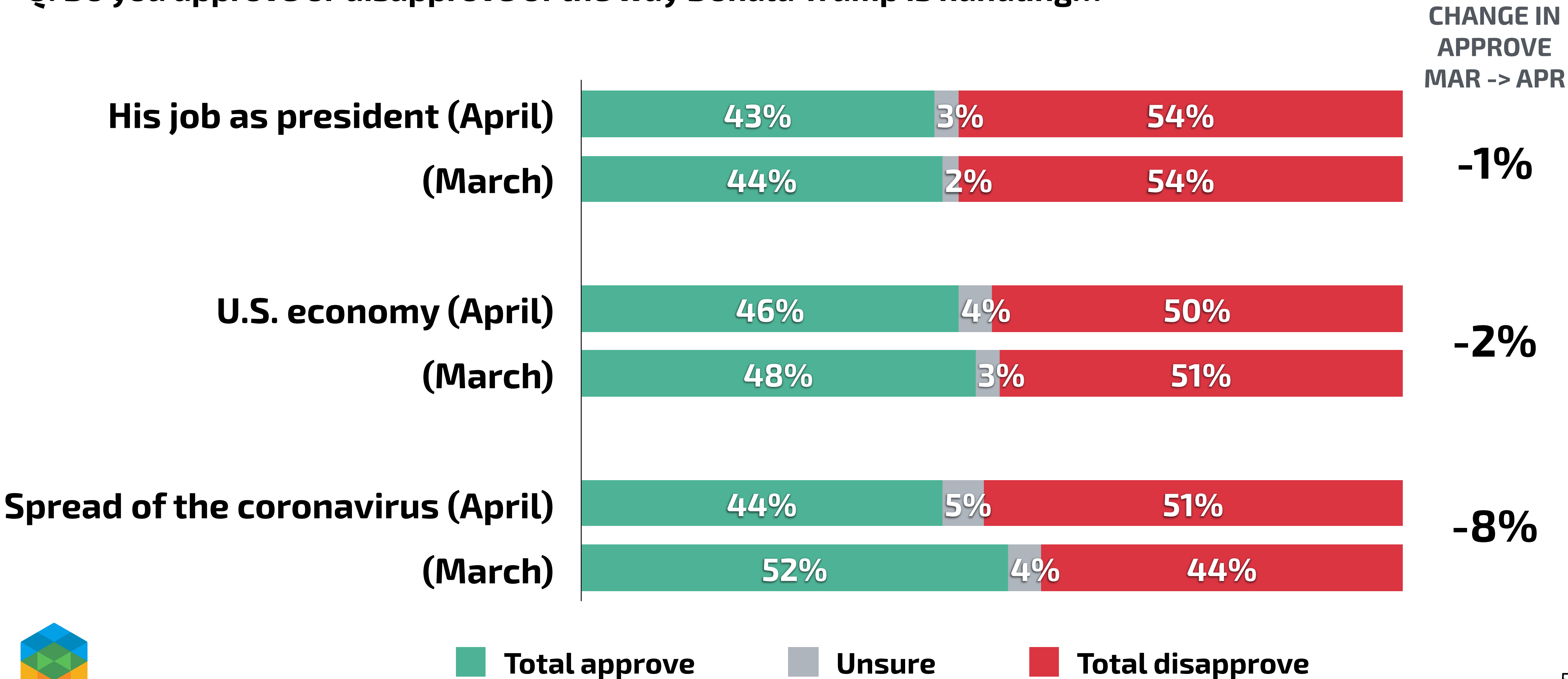


COVID-19 Update



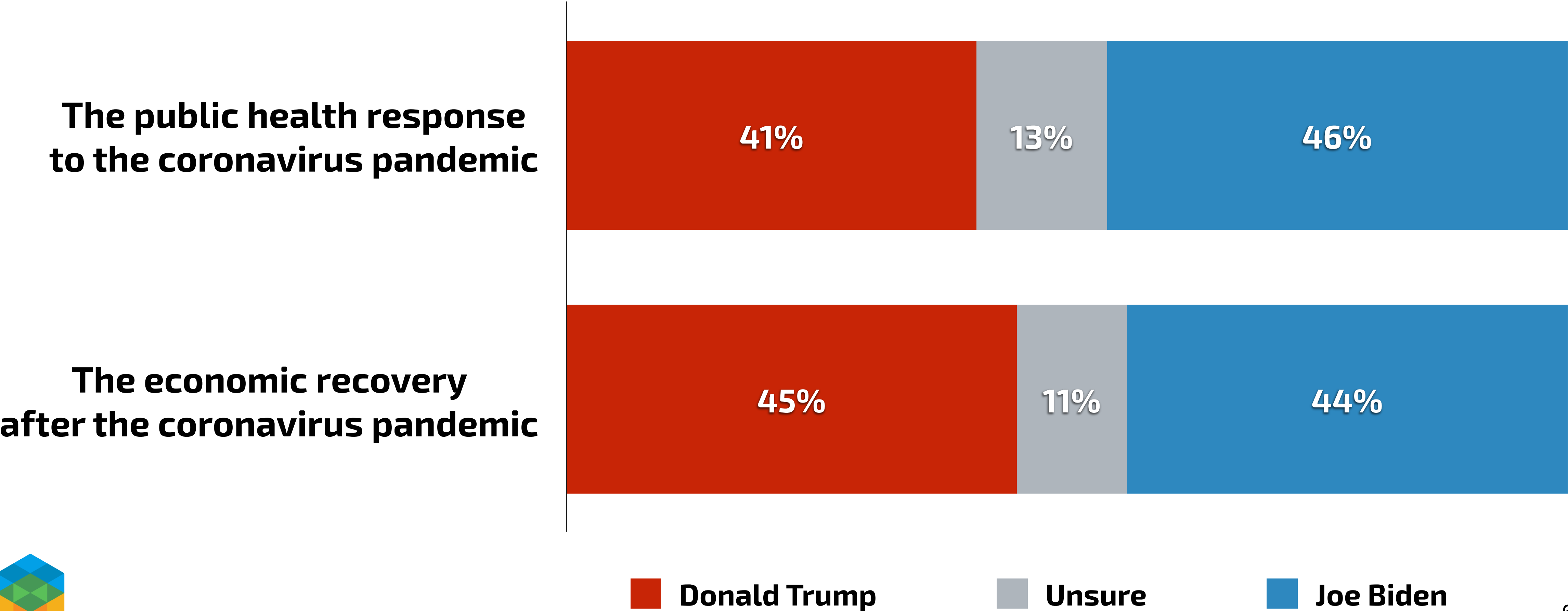
Most Now Disapprove Of Trump Handling of COVID-19

Q. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...



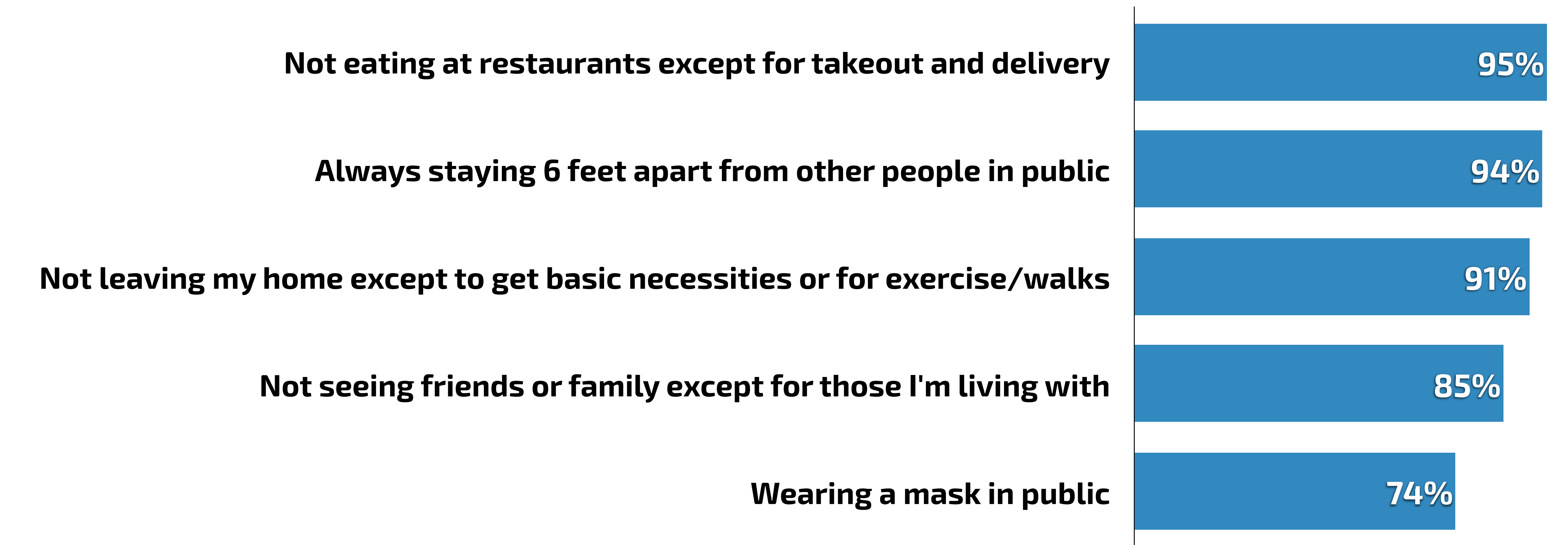
Public Prefers Biden on Public Health Response but Trump Slightly More on Economic Recovery

Q. Who would you trust more to handle...



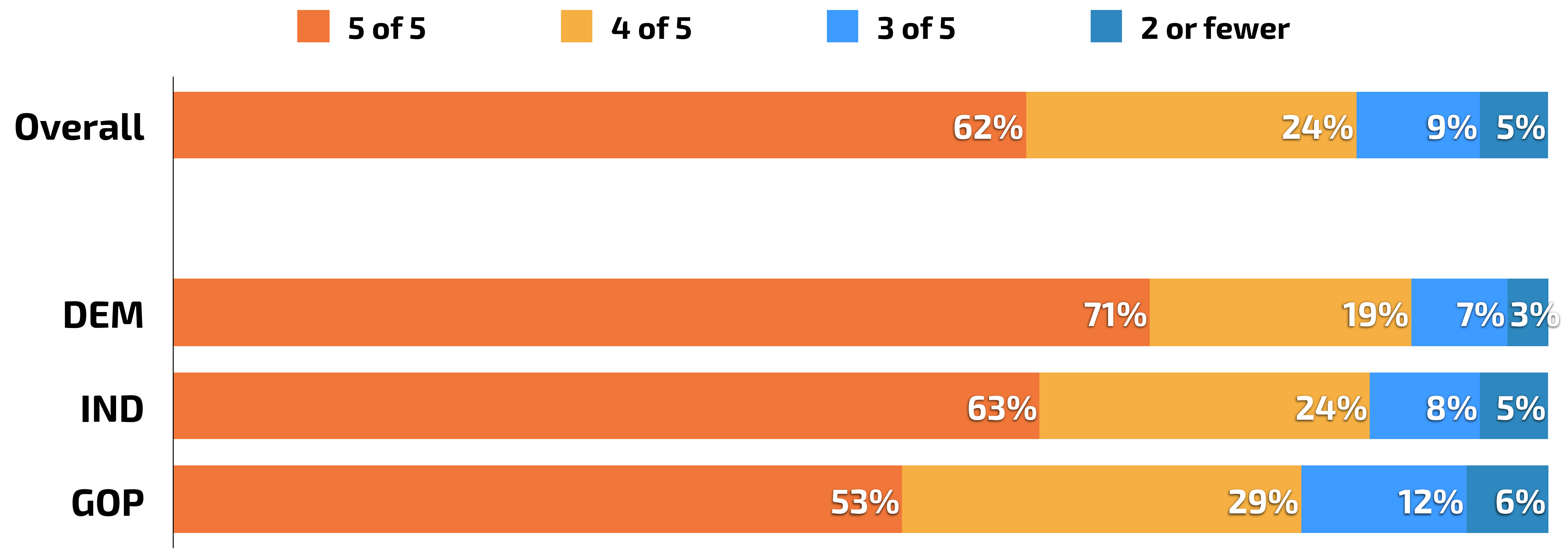
Vast Majority Report Practicing Social Distancing

Q. Please indicate whether or not you are taking each of the following actions during the current period of social distancing. (% Answering Yes)



More Than 8 in 10 Across the Political Spectrum Are Taking At Least 4 of 5 Social Distancing Actions

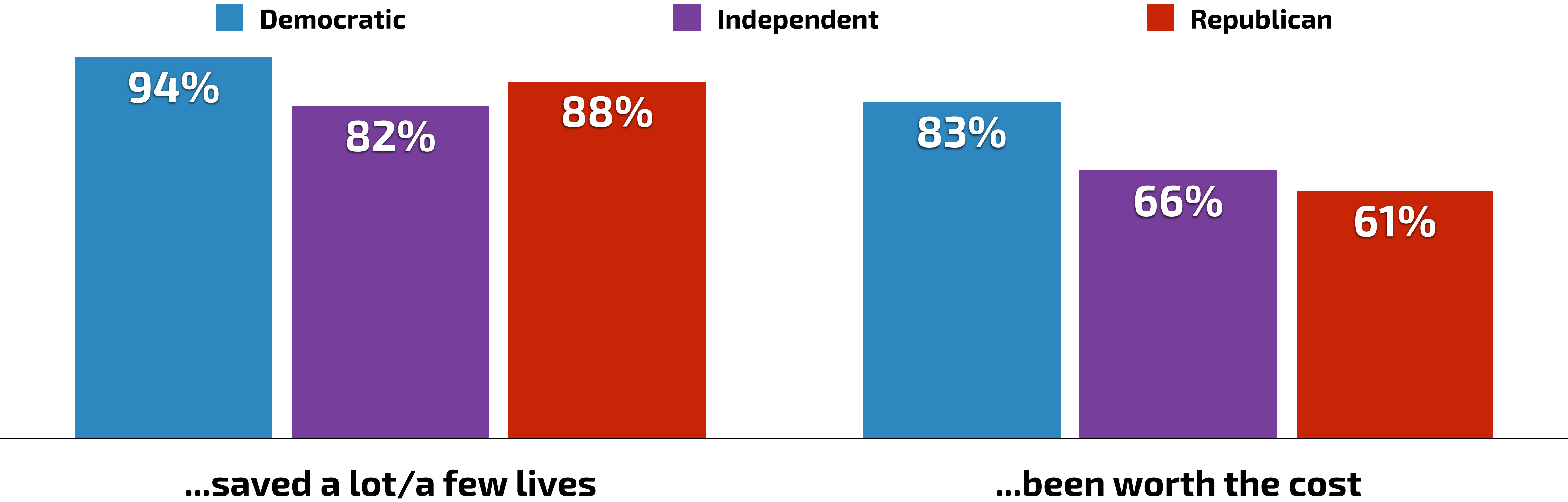
% Taking _ of 5 Actions



Actions Tested: Not eating in restaurants, staying 6 feet apart, not leaving home except for essentials, not seeing friends/family I don't live with, wearing a mask

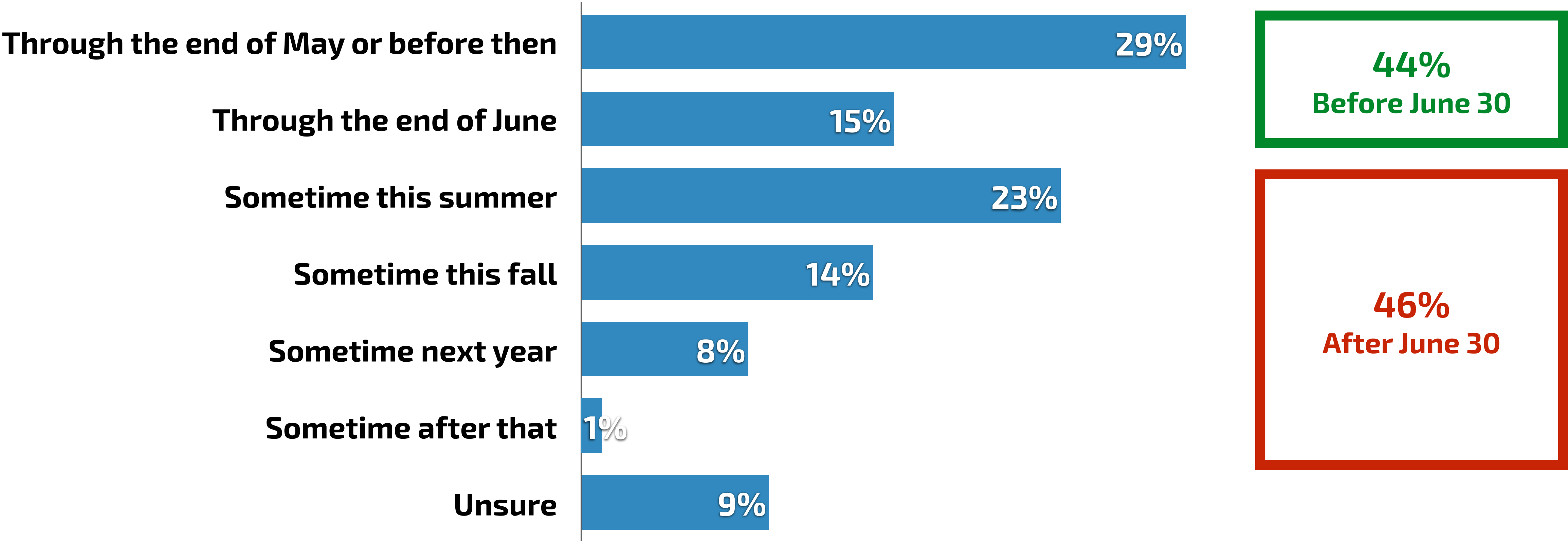
Majorities Say Lockdown Worth It, Saved Either A Lot Or At Least A Few Lives

Q. Do you believe the current social distancing guidelines and lockdown orders have...



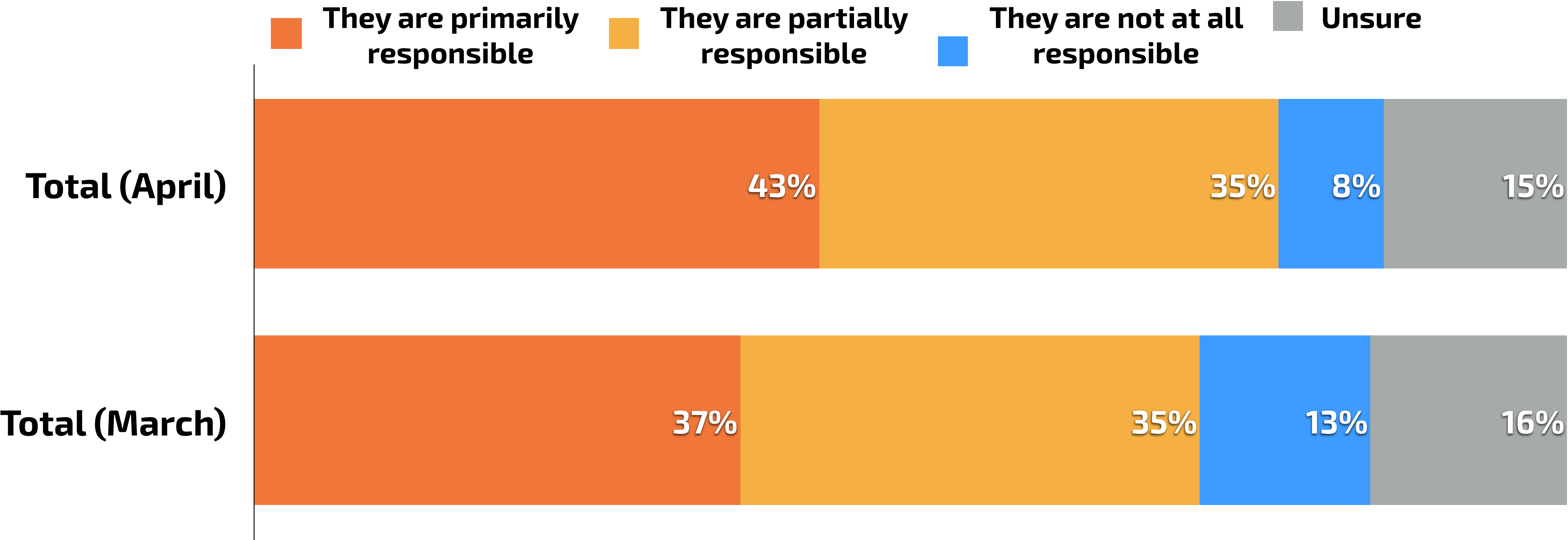
End of June is the Over/Under for Ending Lockdowns

Q. How long do you expect the current social distancing guidelines and lockdown orders to last?



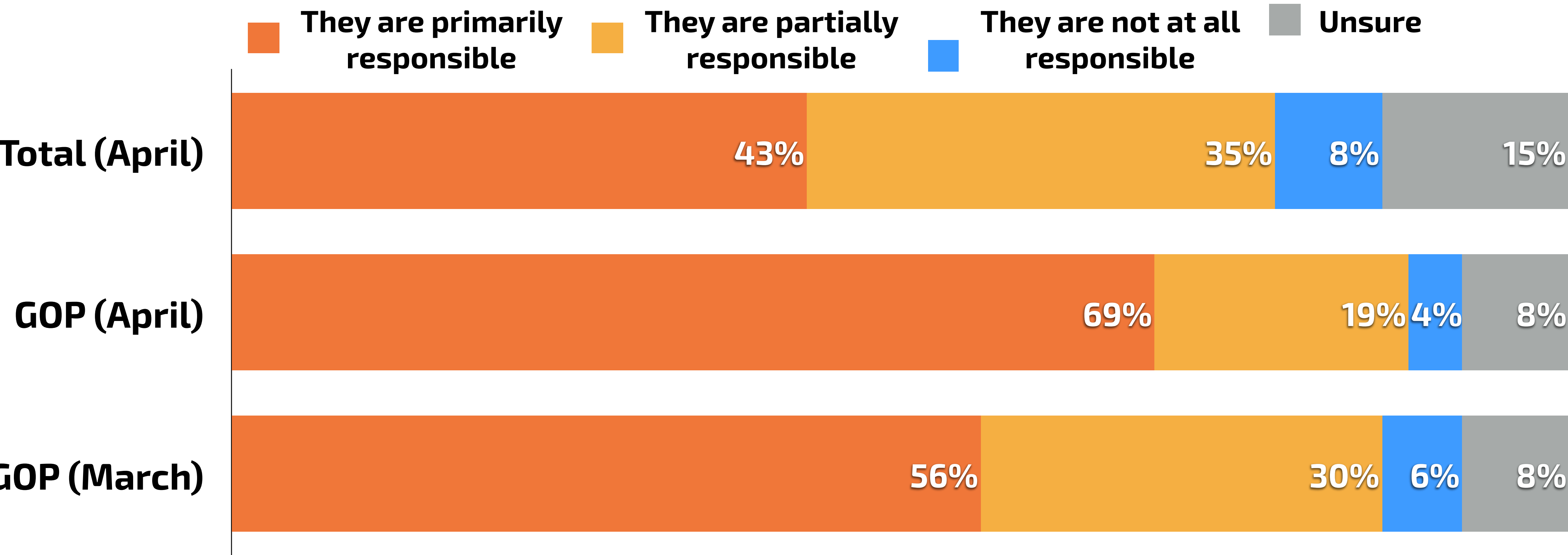
More Voters Now Believe China Is Primarily Responsible For Global Spread of Coronavirus

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Republicans Much More Likely To Now Say China Is Primarily Responsible

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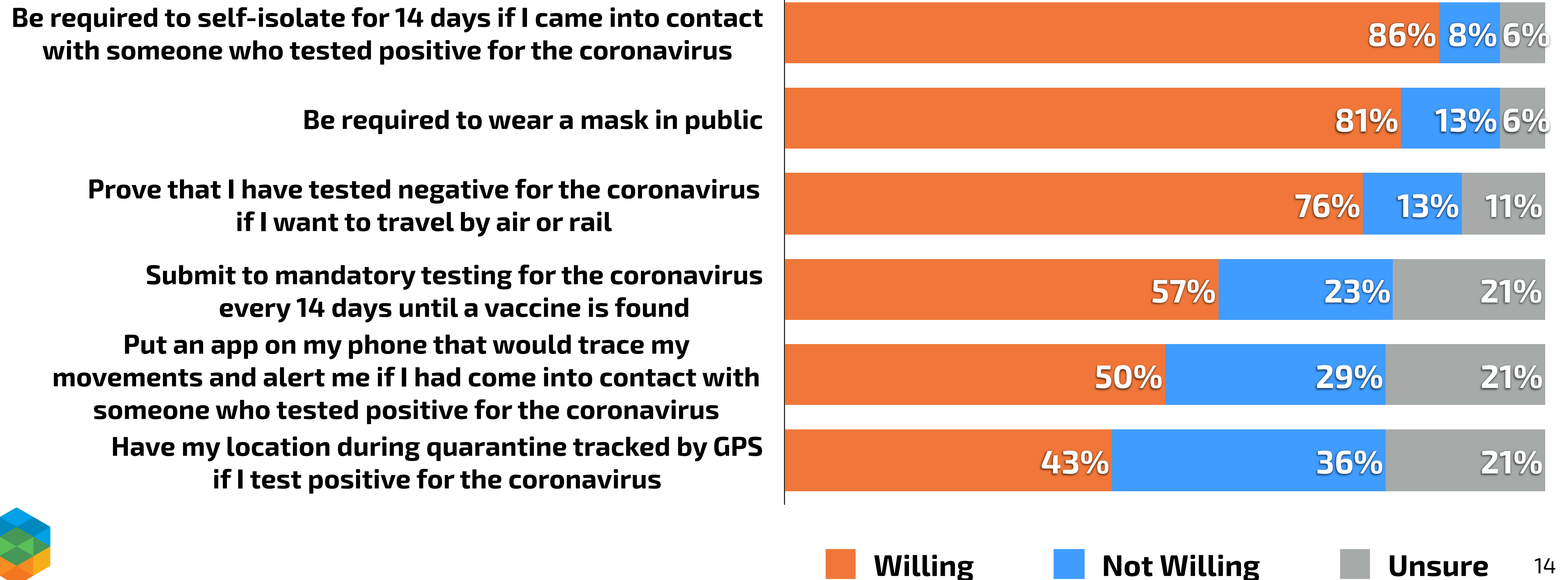


Reopening America



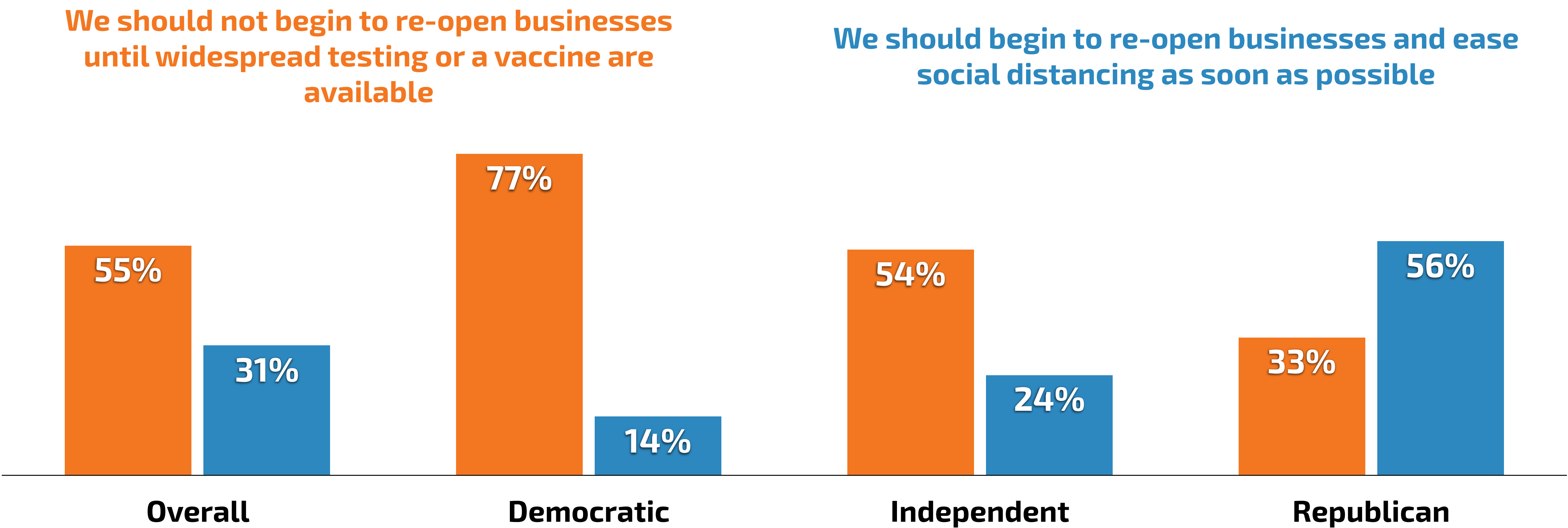
Post-Lockdown: What the Public Will Accept

Q. Rate whether you would be willing or not willing to do each of the following if it meant we could loosen social distancing guidelines and end lockdown orders.



Waiting to Hit Benchmarks Beats Reopening Quickly

Q. Which of the following statements do you prefer? (Asked of n=523)

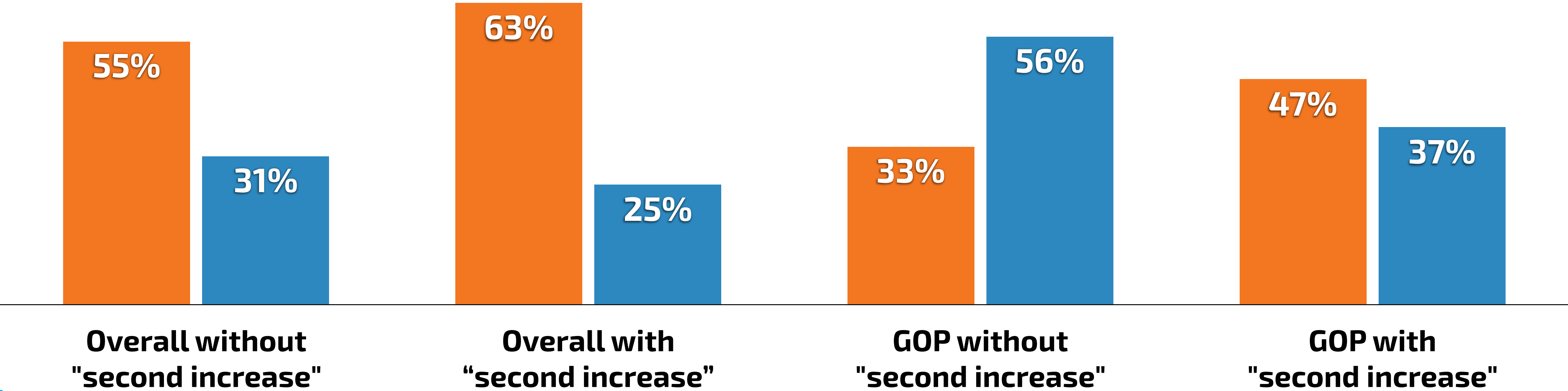


Highlighting a Second Wave Moves Republicans

Q. Which of the following statements do you prefer?

We should not begin to re-open businesses until widespread testing or a vaccine are available

We should begin to re-open businesses and ease social distancing as soon as possible (VER B: even if it results in a second increase in infections)

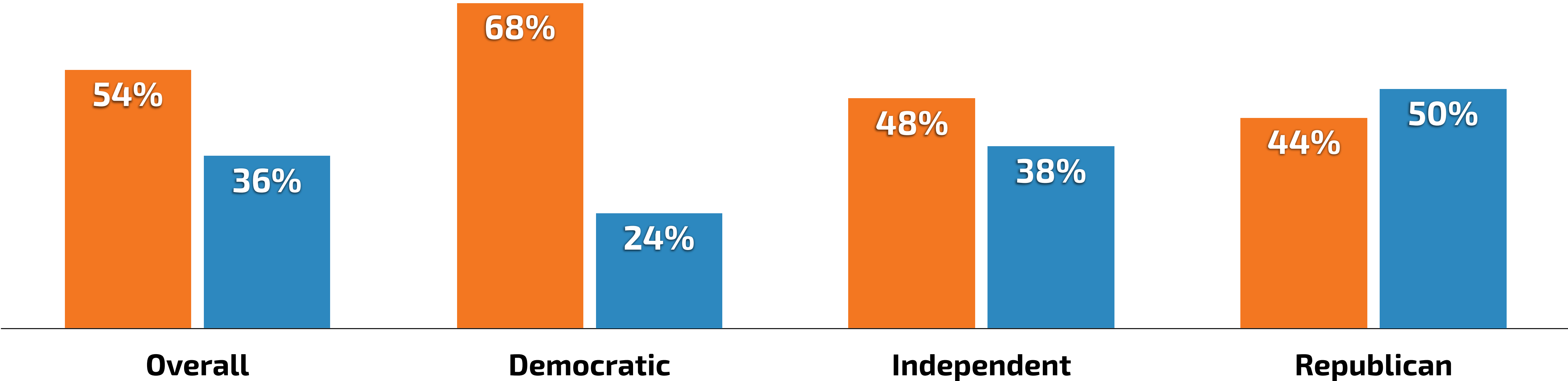


By a Smaller Margin, Voters Prefer More Restrictive Guidelines Until Summer to On-Again, Off-Again Lockdowns

Q. Which of the following approaches to reopening the country do you prefer?

Keep our current social distancing measures in place through the summer, in order to curb the coronavirus as much as possible

Begin to ease social distancing measures in a few weeks, but reinstitute them if infections begin to rise again

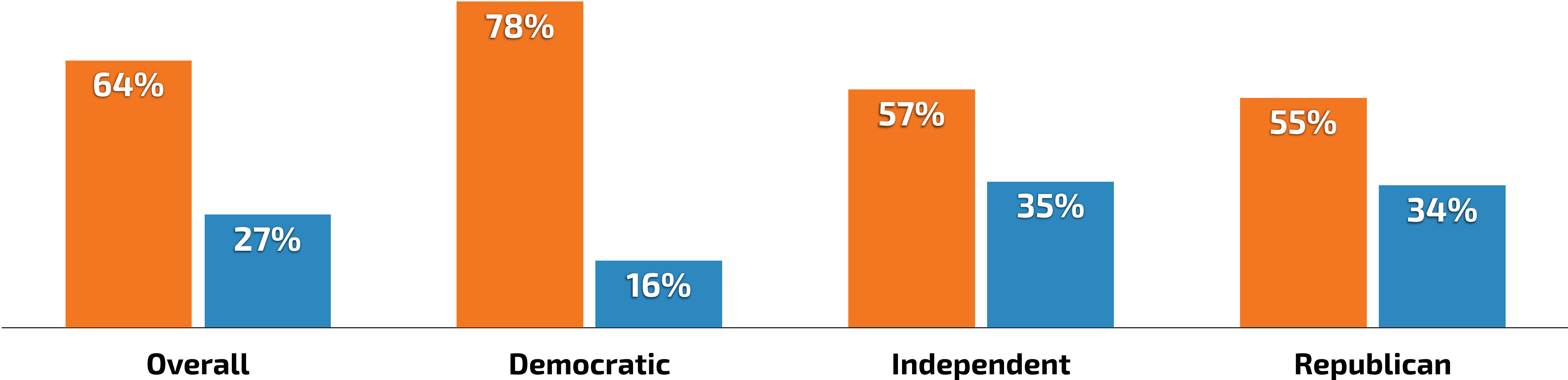


Majorities in Both Parties Reject “Herd Immunity”

Q. Which of the following approaches to handling the spread of the coronavirus do you prefer?

Be cautious about reopening the country to keep the total number of infections and deaths to an absolute minimum

Gradually reopen the country and let the virus spread in a controlled fashion so that most people get the virus and develop immunity, eventually letting the virus peter out



Voters Consistently Prefer a Cautious Approach

We should not begin to re-open businesses until widespread testing or a vaccine are available	63%	25%	We should begin to re-open businesses and ease social distancing as soon as possible (VER B: even if it results in a second increase in infections)
Be cautious about reopening the country to keep the total number of infections and deaths to an absolute minimum	64%	27%	Gradually reopen the country and let the virus spread in a controlled fashion so that most people get the virus and develop immunity, eventually letting the virus peter out
We should not begin to re-open businesses until widespread testing or a vaccine are available	55%	31%	We should begin to re-open businesses and ease social distancing as soon as possible
Keep our current social distancing measures in place through the summer, in order to curb the coronavirus as much as possible	54%	36%	Begin to ease social distancing measures in a few weeks, but reinstitute them if infections begin to rise again





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