

Harvard Class of 1969 45th Reunion Report



1969



Survey Objectives

- **Who are we?**
- **What have we been doing?**
- **What do we think about the world?**
- **What do we care about most?**
- **How do we approach the future?**

Discoveries

- **We have done well (been successful)**
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- **We started on the left, and we haven't really moved**
- **We have solid relationships and good health**
- **We want to keep going, do more, and expand our horizons**

Methodology

Statistics

- 108 Respondents out of a mailing to the entire class
- Results not representative of the class but valid reflections of respondents, many of whom came to Reunion

Reporting

- Predominantly in percentages. Not always sum to 100 because of rounding
- Occasional responses in numbers of respondents
- If answers do not contain % sign, responses are raw numbers

Content

- Some questions for which answers could not be coded are not reported
- This is just a taste; there is a lot more to learn from the questionnaire as responses will be posted on the HR69 web site

- ➔ **Who are we?**
- Careers**
- Politics**
- Friends and Family**
- Health**
- Spirituality**
- The Future**

Who are we?

Predominantly Caucasian

- 2% African American
- 1% multi racial
- 3% -other ethnic groups

Nationality

- 98% have only an American passport

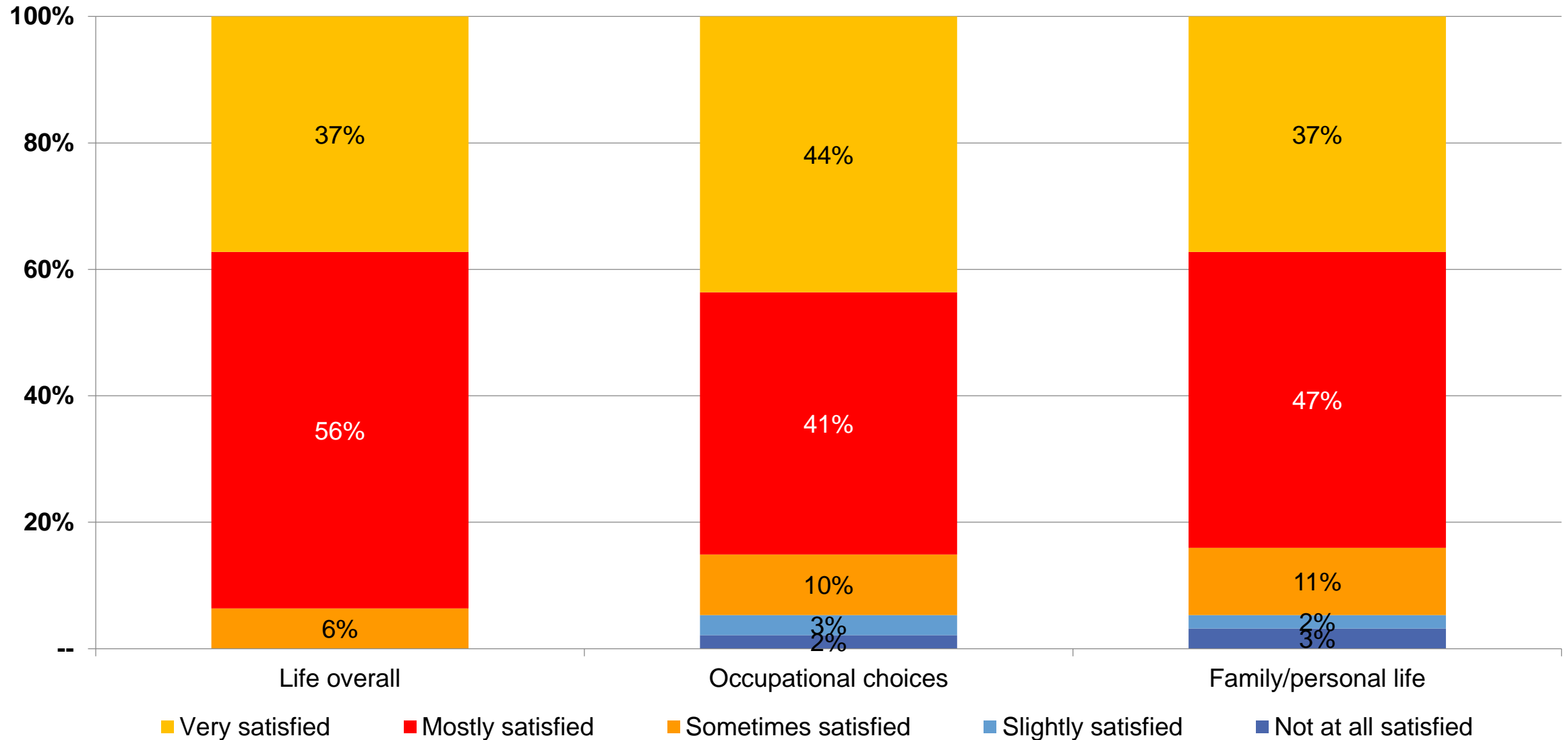
Gender

- Men outnumber women by 3 to 1

Residence

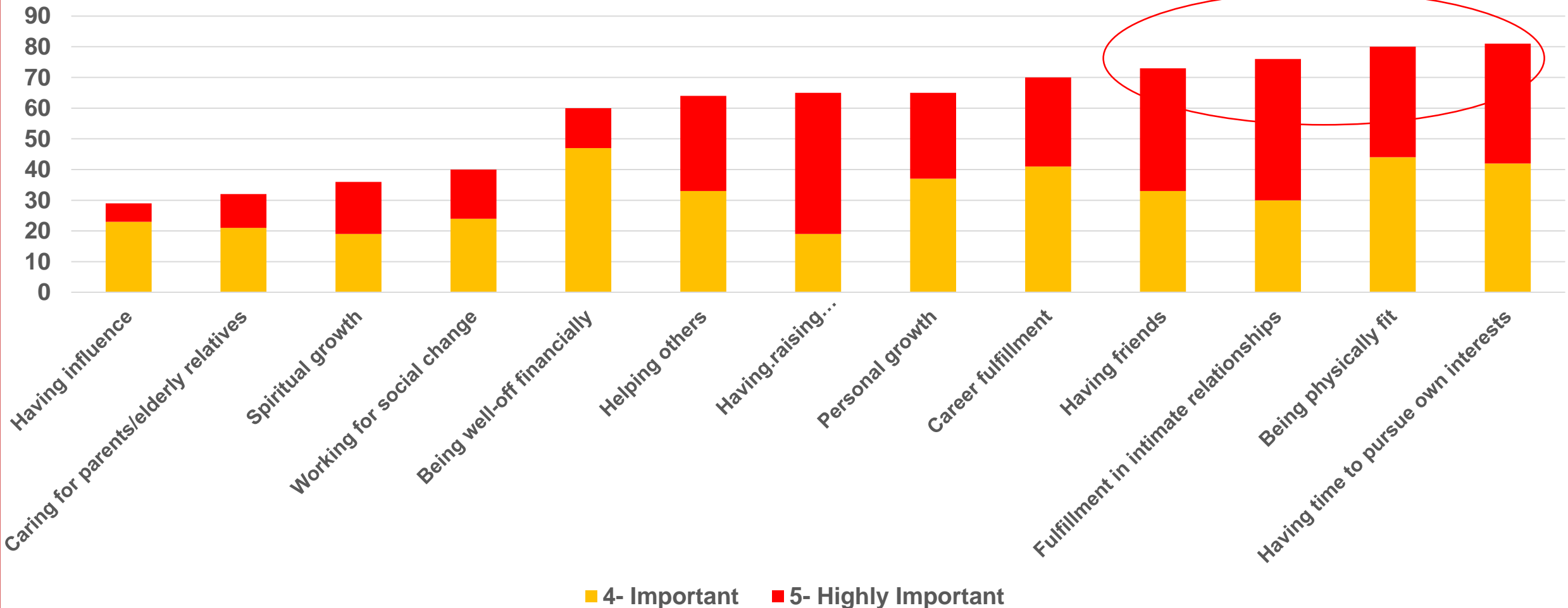
Central	20%
Midwest	12%
New England	30%
South	13%
Southwest	3%
West Coast	19%

We are pretty satisfied with our lives, work and careers



We want to be fit, pursue our own interests, have friends and a fulfilling relationship

Most Important Activities





Who are we?

Careers

Politics

Friends and Family

Health

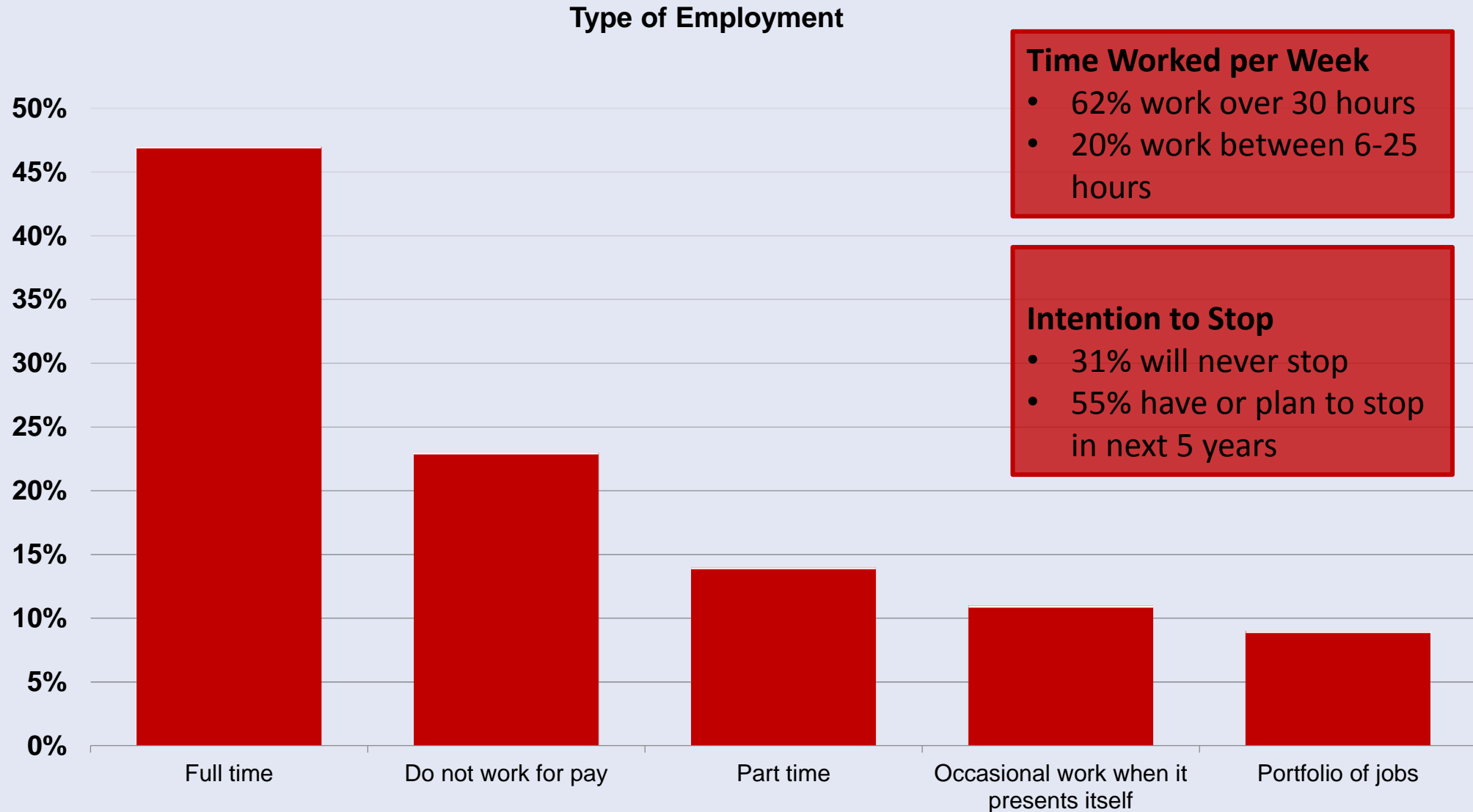
Spirituality

The Future

Of many careers pursued, only four account for over 50% of the class

Occupation	
Architecture / planning	2%
Banking / finance	7%
Business	5%
Computers / IT	3%
Creative arts	1%
Education	15%
Government / public service (including NGO's)	6%
Health / medicine	10%
Law	21%
Library / museum	3%
Psychology / social services	3%
Publishing / journalism / communications	4%
Real estate	1%
Research / development	6%
Teaching	1%
Writing	5%

We are still working, many full time, and a third expect to never stop

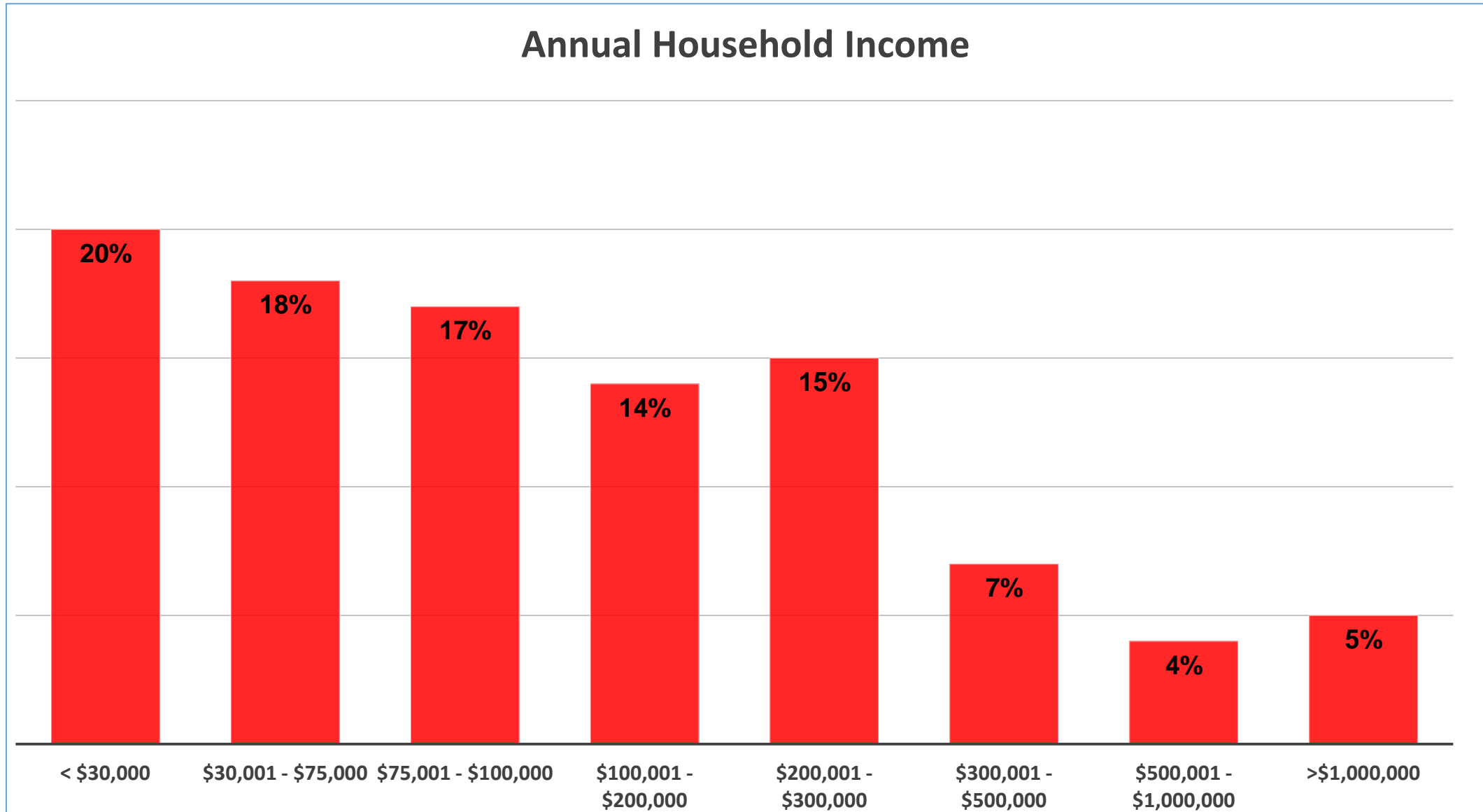


We are engaged with the world

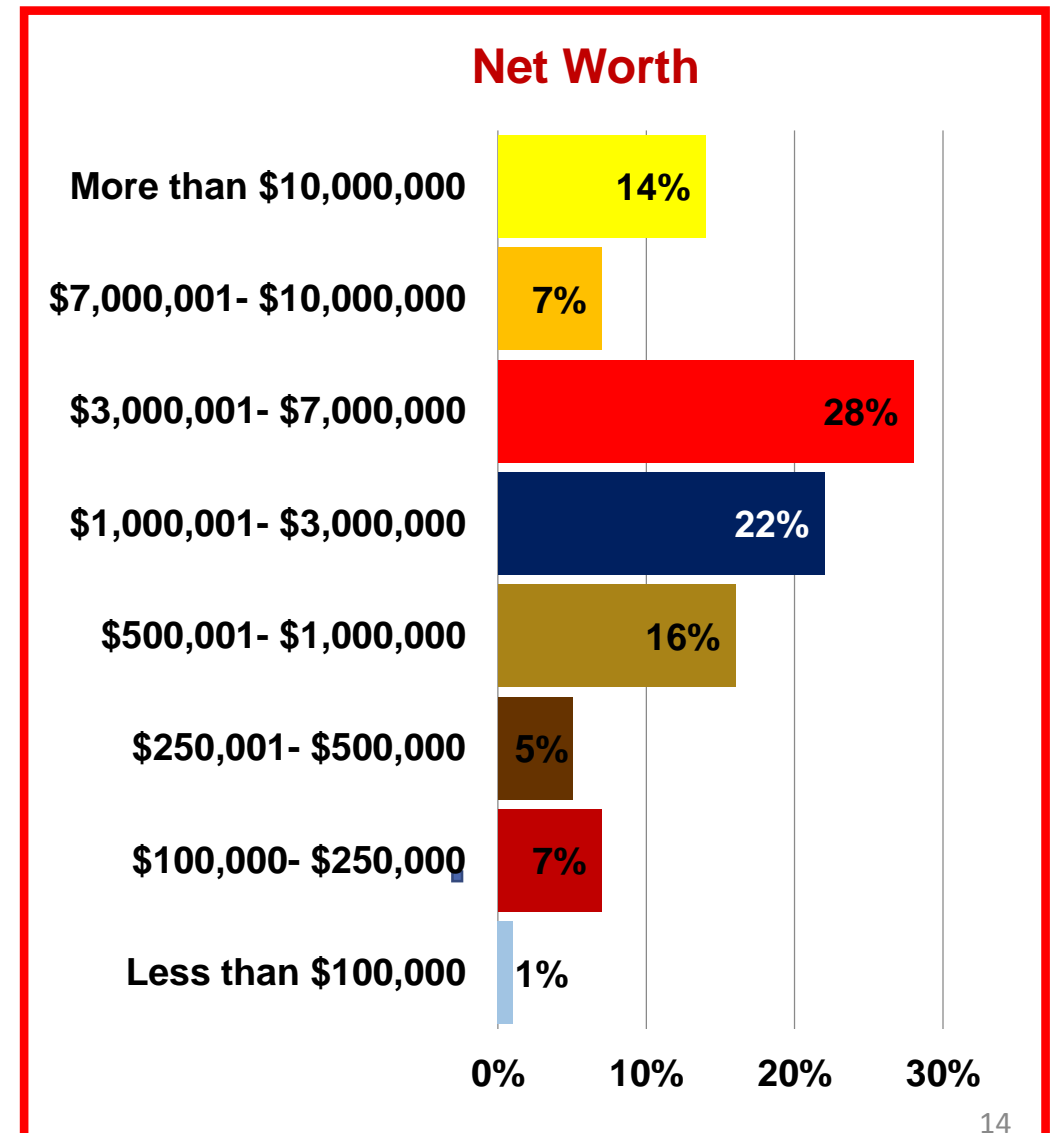
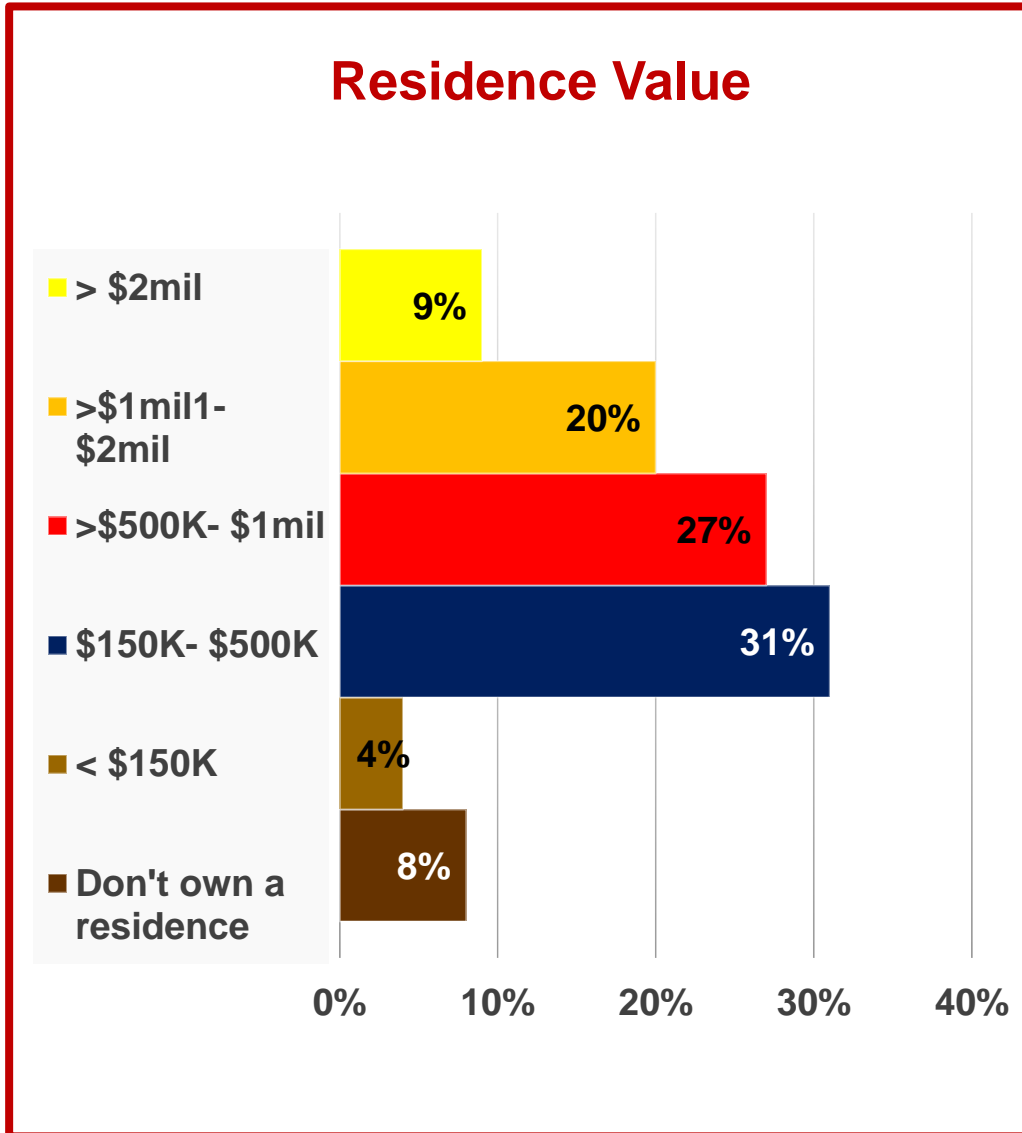
Of the 75% who report doing volunteer work

- 30% volunteer over 6 or more hours each week
- 68% volunteer 1-5 hours/week

Just over half the class has an annual income under \$100,000



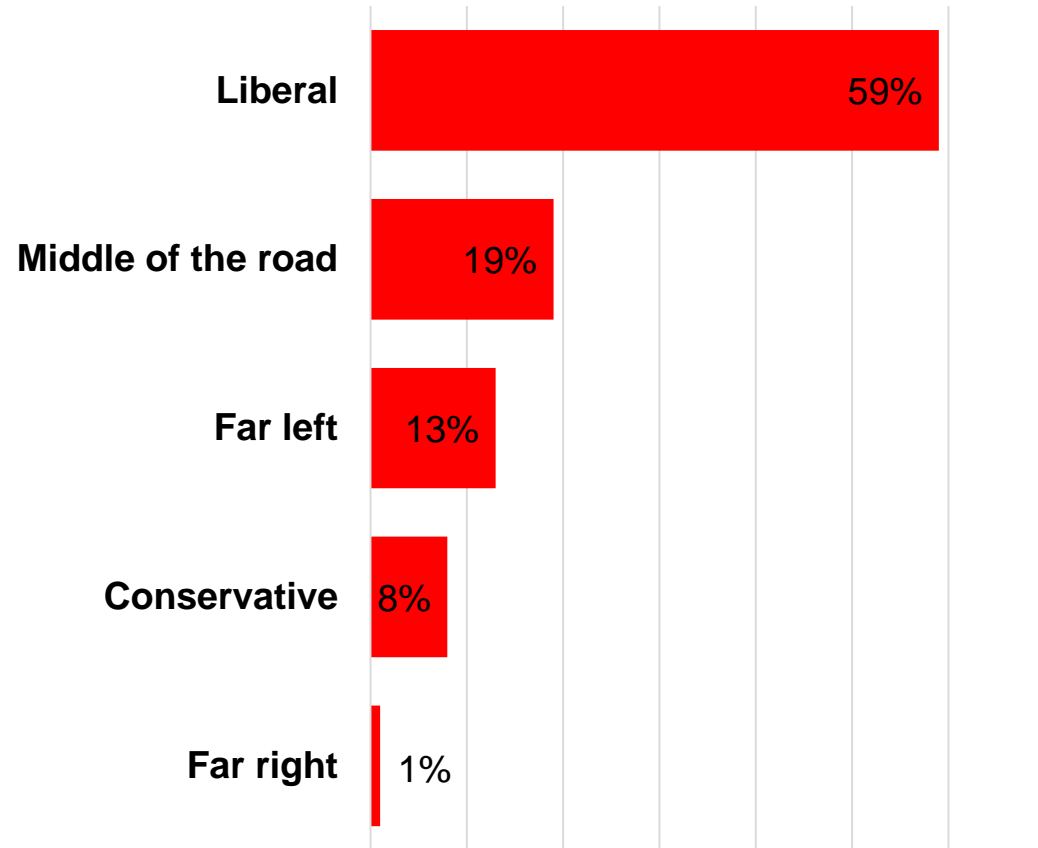
The majority own houses worth over half \$500,000 and three quarters have net worth over \$1 million



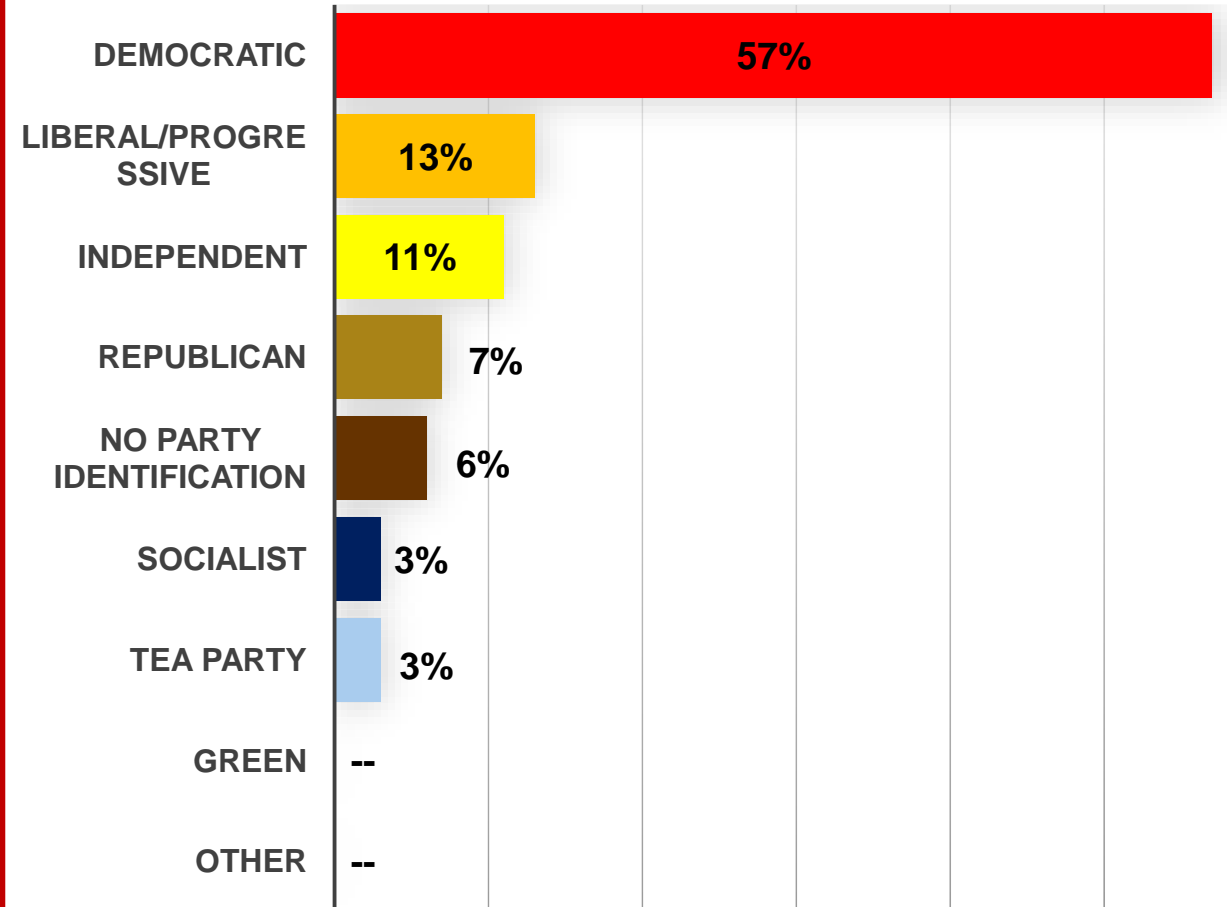
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The class famous for storming University Hall, most of us are still predominantly liberal

Political Leaning

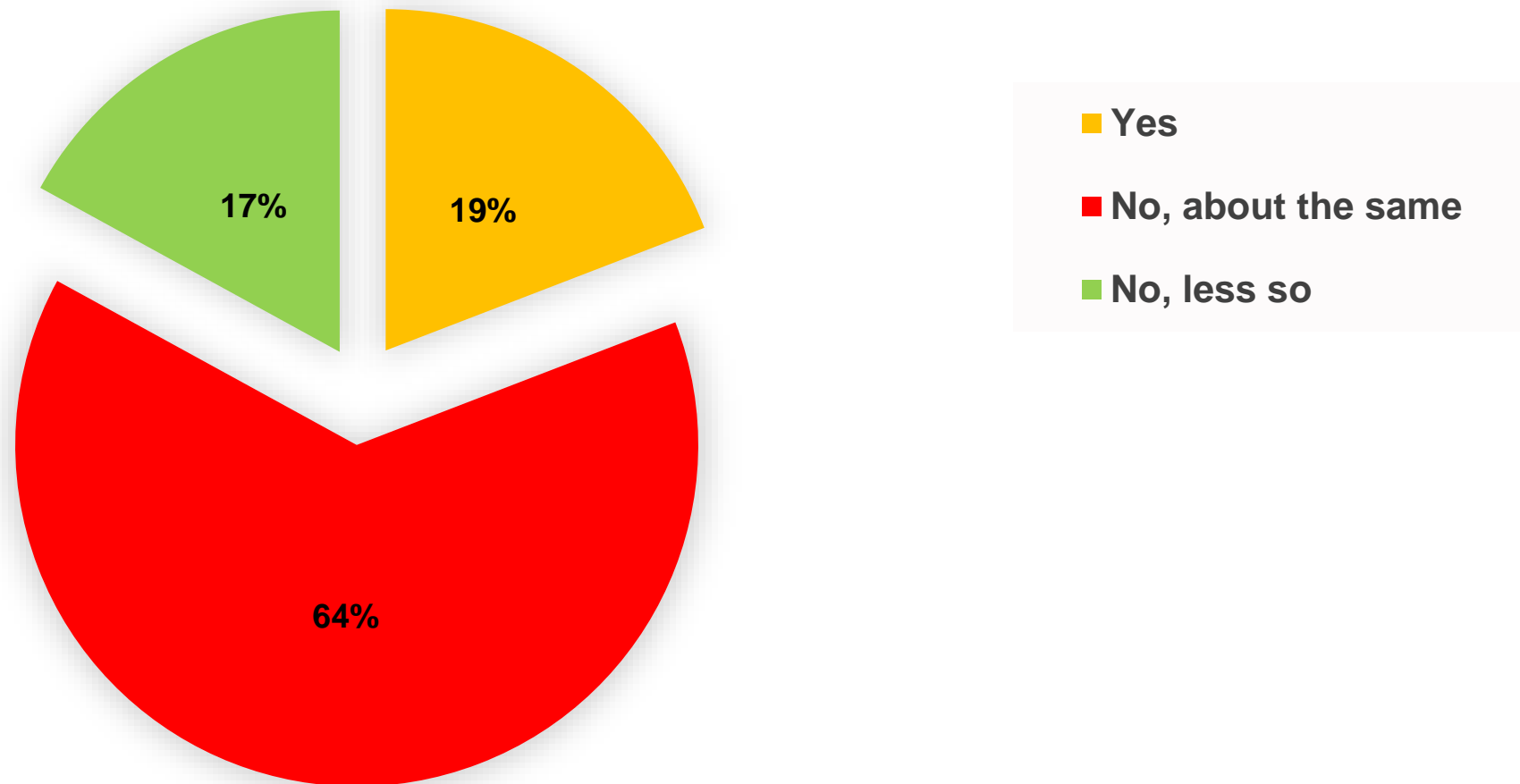


Political Party Affiliation



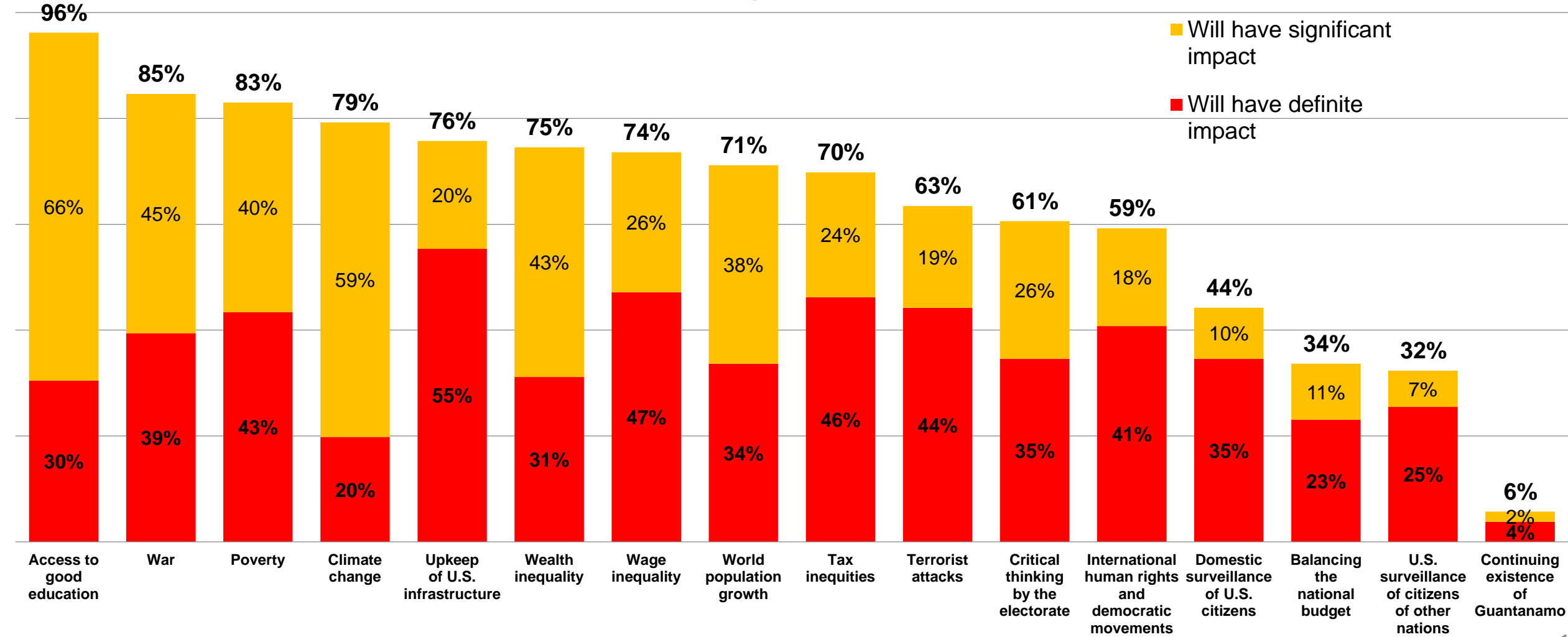
And we are still as politically engaged as we used to be

Increased Political Involvement Since '69



Our top concerns are the impact of access to education, climate change, and wealth inequality

Major Concerns for Impact on Future of World
Percent Agreement



We are liberal about some big social issues

Oppose firearms in public

- 97% support background checks on ownership
- 93% against firearms in public places
- 80% against teachers carrying firearms
- Carrying firearms should only be possible after 21 years of age

Against unrestricted access to weapons

- 79 % against rifles and shotguns
- 88% against handguns
- 95% against assault weapons

We accept taxes and changes to our social insurance system

Accept our tax rate

- 66% are fine with amount they pay

Generally approve health insurance changes

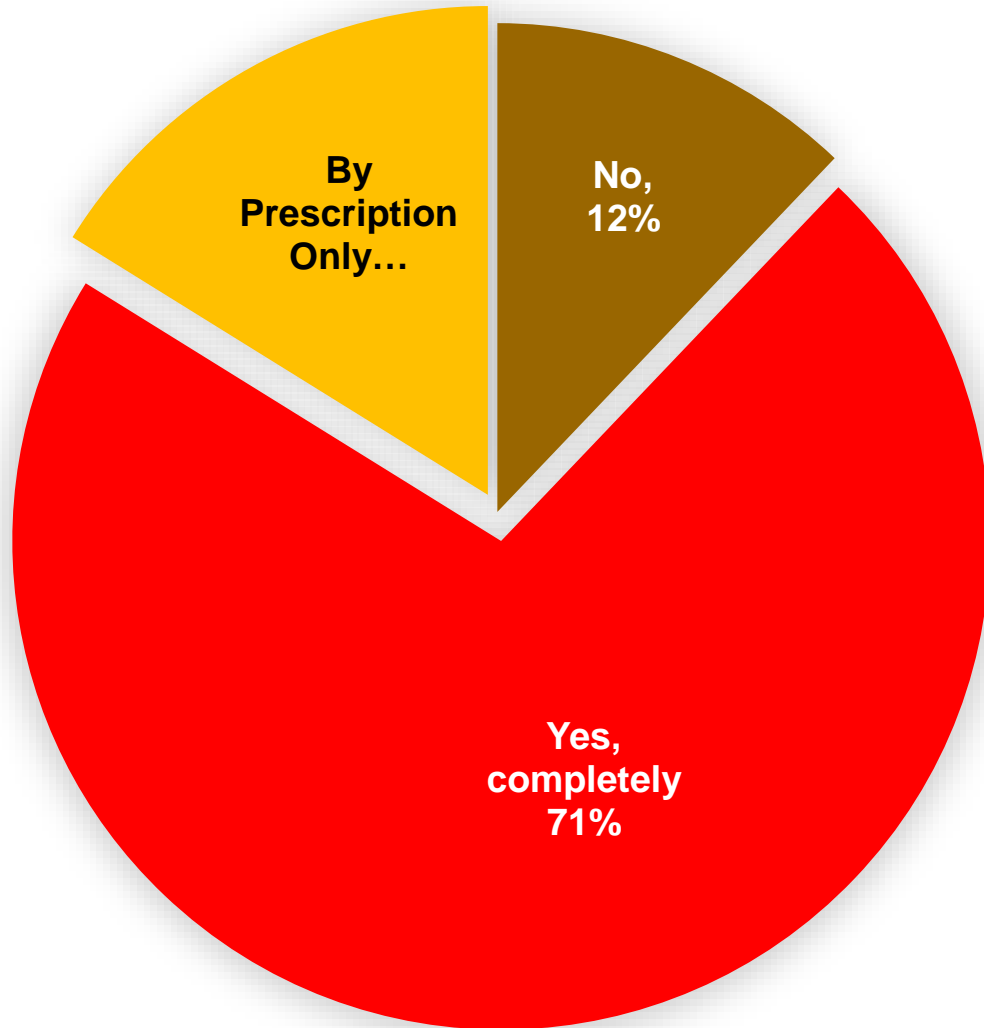
- 71% favours a single payer health insurer
- 61% support Obamacare extension

Have liberal opinions on unborn children

- 66% think a child should have its own legal entity as of the 3rd trimester or at birth

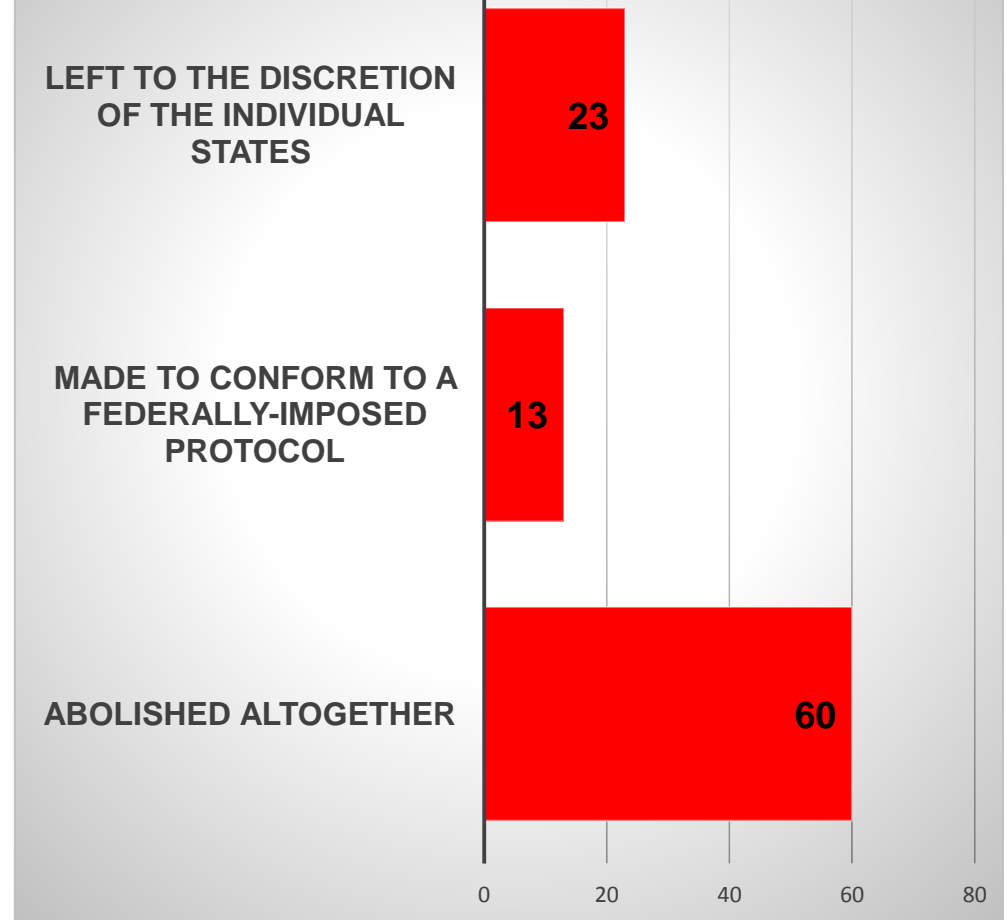
We have strong opinions on some issues that are much debated

Marijuana Legalization



Capital Punishment Opinions

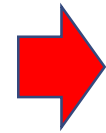
Percentage Agreement



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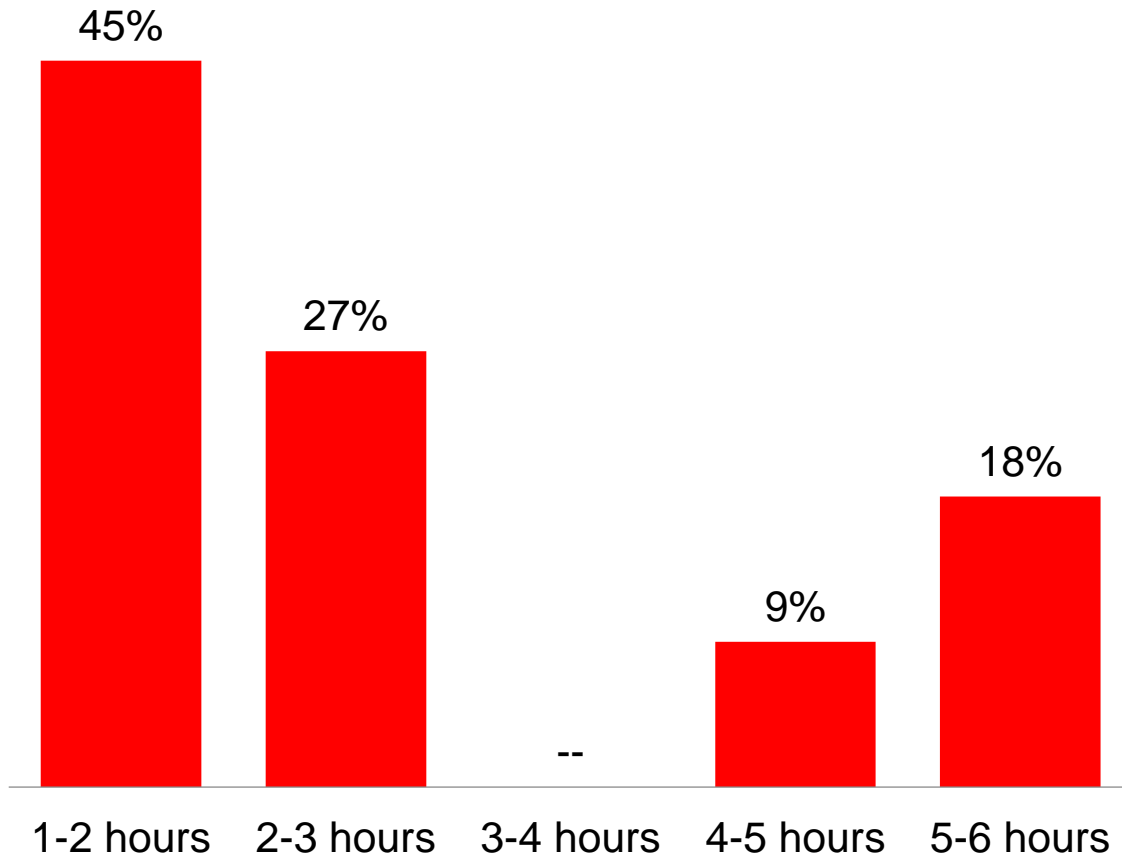
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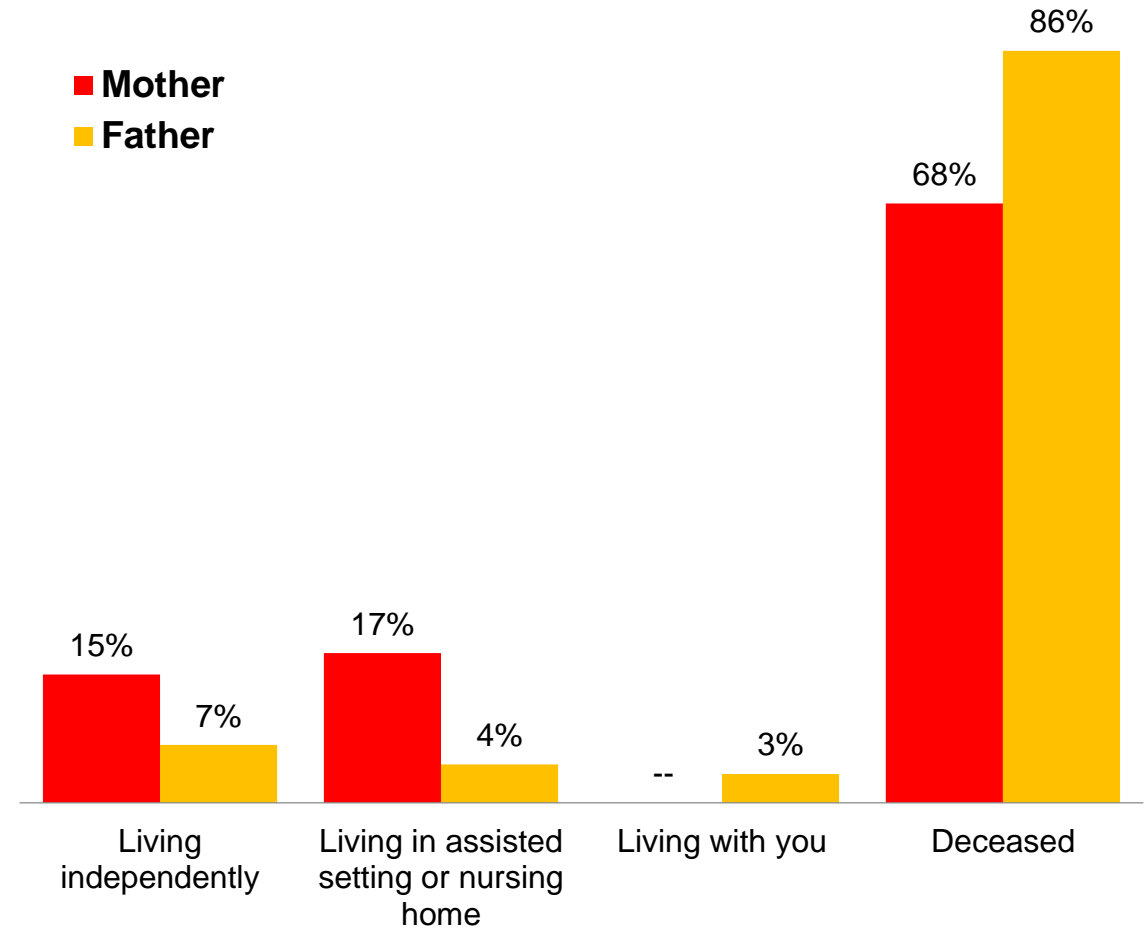
The Future

Many of us have lost parents and a few are caring for their parents

Time Caring for Parents
Base of 11

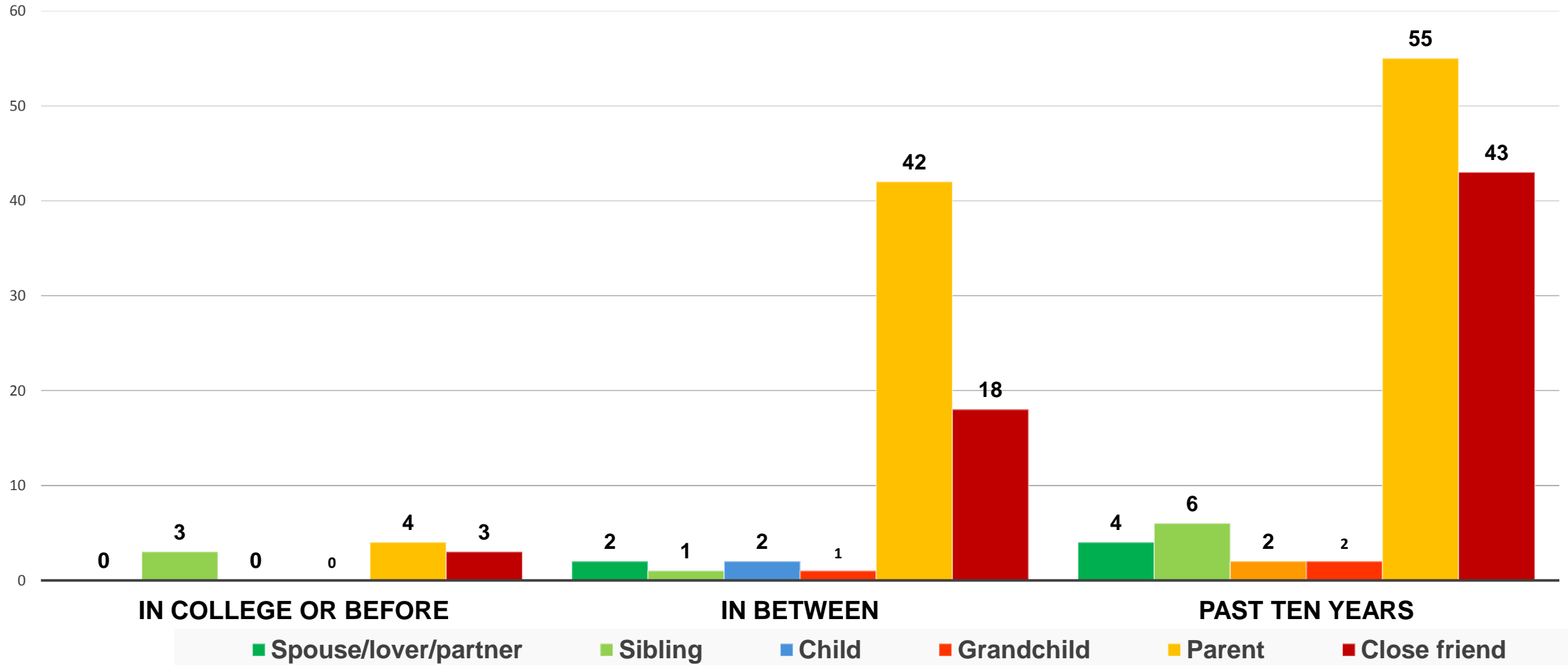


Where are Parents Living?
Base of 108

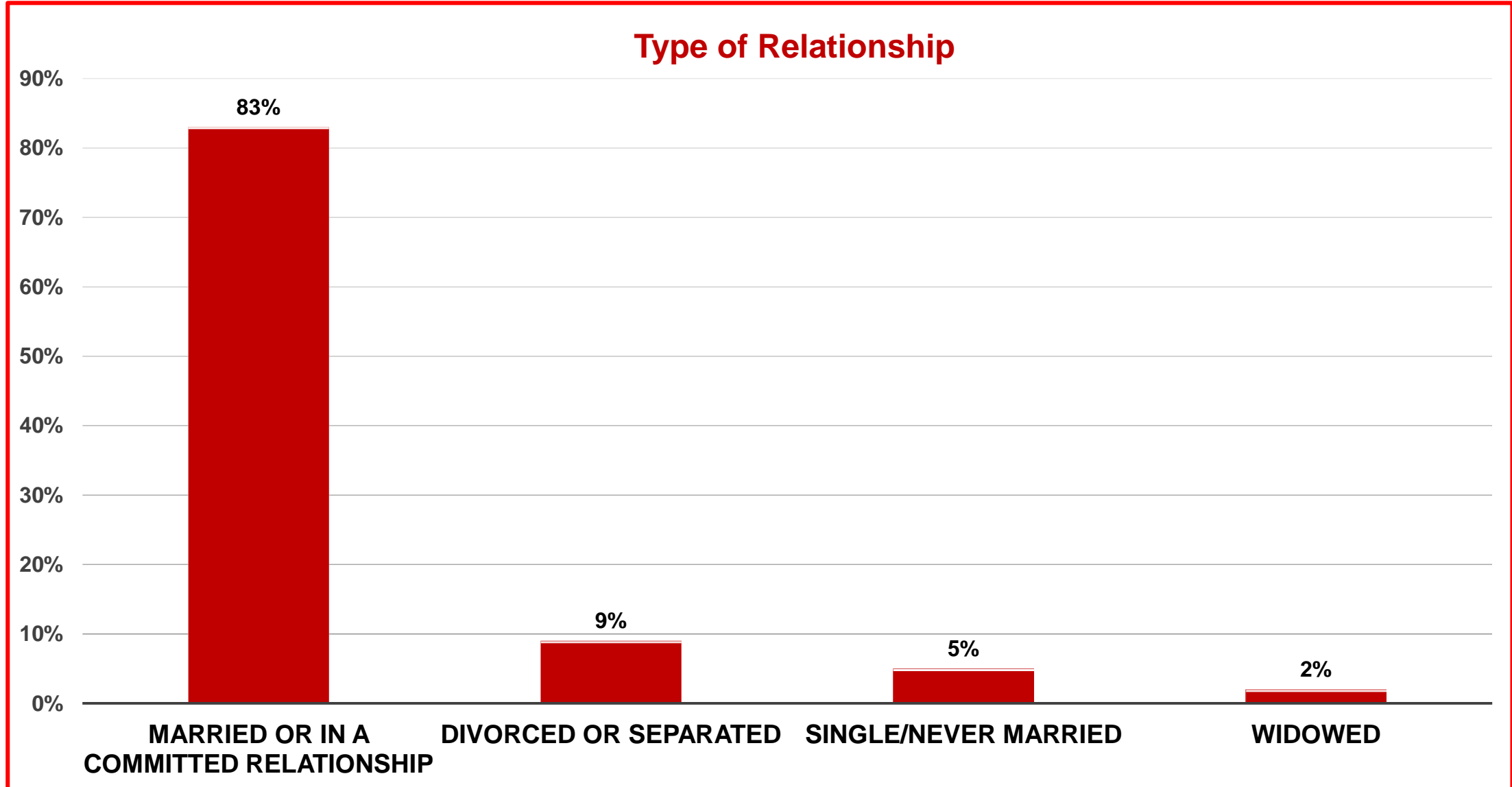


We have lost others as well

Experienced the Death of Loved Ones
Raw Numbers

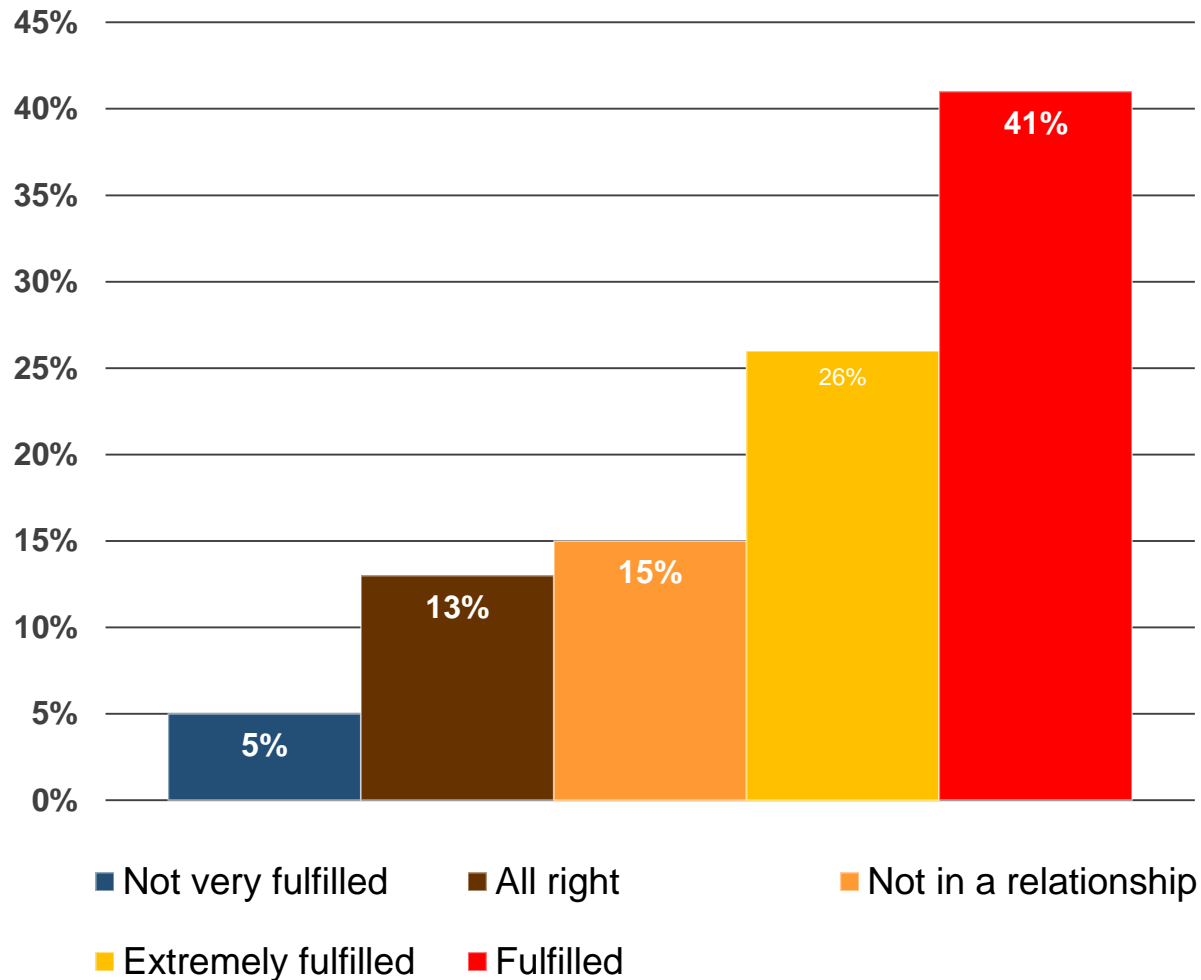


Most of us are in a relationship



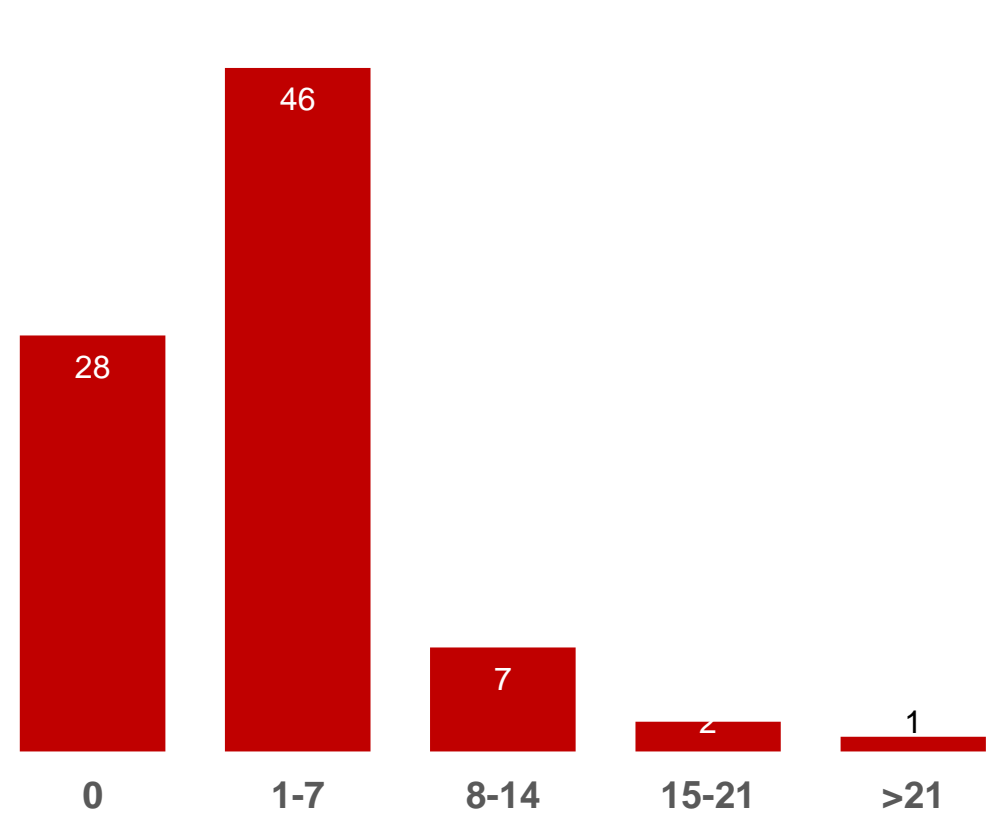
..which varies in fulfilment

Quality of Relationship



Monthly Sexual Relations

Raw numbers



Should it be relevant, most are up for a new relationship

Starting over

- 81% would like to a new relationship if chance presented itself

Faithfulness

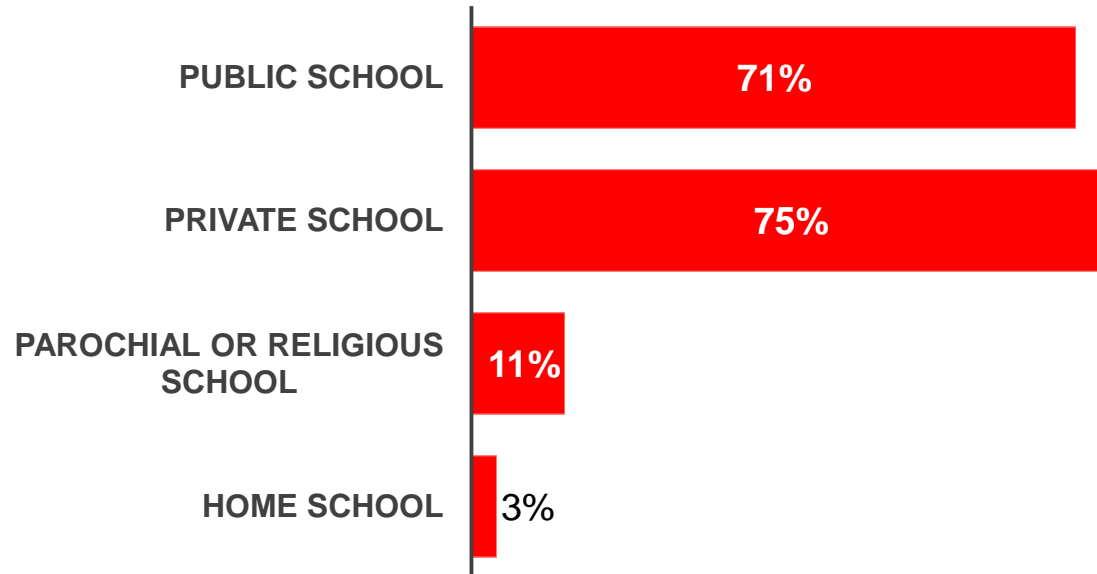
- 17% report having been unfaithful

Trying to meet people

- 18% ever joined internet dating site
- 3% have participated in a single/dating group

Children are important

Type of School Children Attended



Contact with Children

- 56 % think they see their children in the right amount

Ages of oldest and youngest child and number of grandchildren to be found on HR69 website

Number of Children and Stepchildren

#	Children	Step
1	25%	41%
2	51%	24%
3	21%	12%
4	1%	12%
5	2%	12%

Harvard Attendance

- 38 boys, 5 girls went to Harvard
- 22 boys and 1 girl applied, but did not get into Harvard
- 52 boys and 11 girls chose not to apply to Harvard
- 5 boys were discouraged from applying

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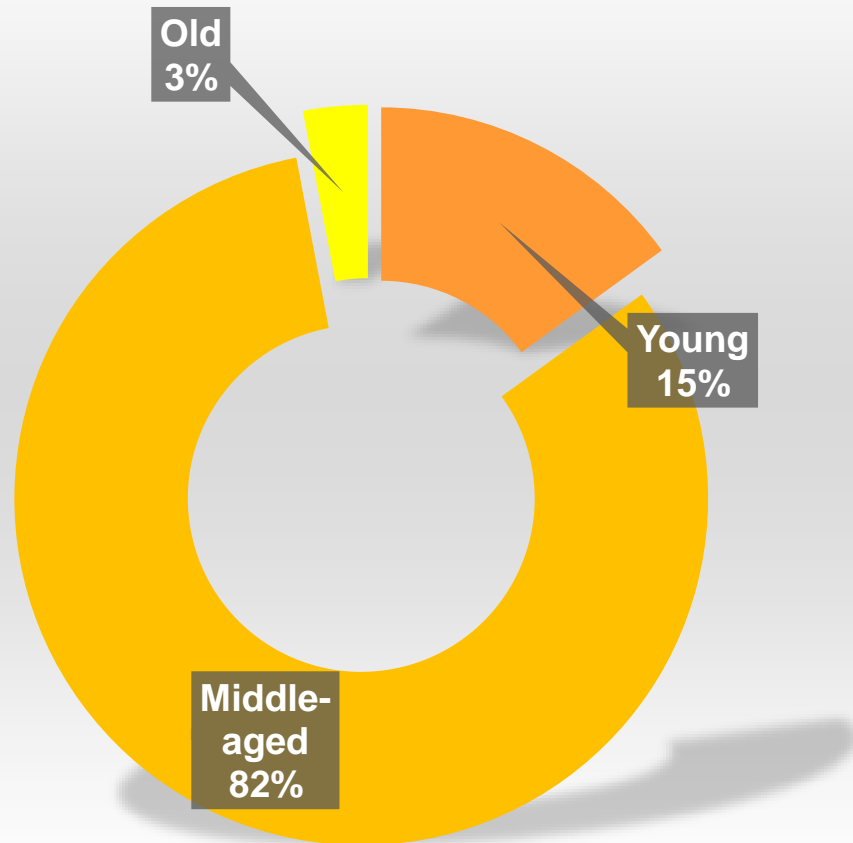
 **Health**

Spirituality

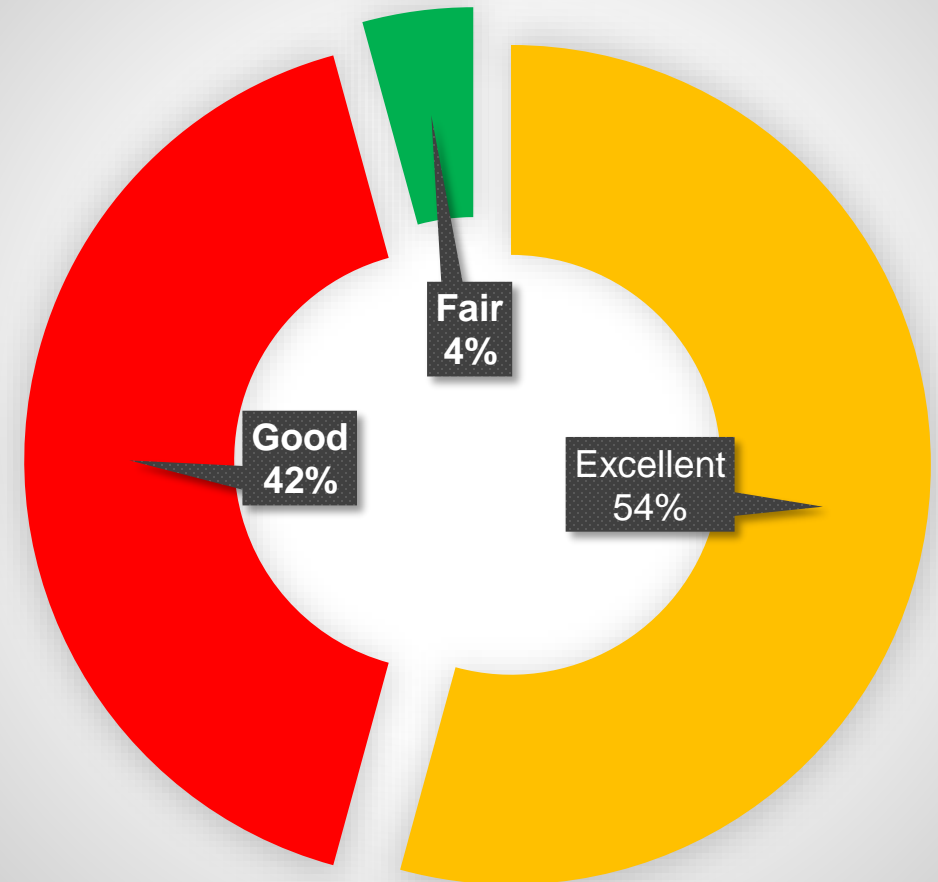
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We have good health and don't feel that we are declining

Feeling about Self Today

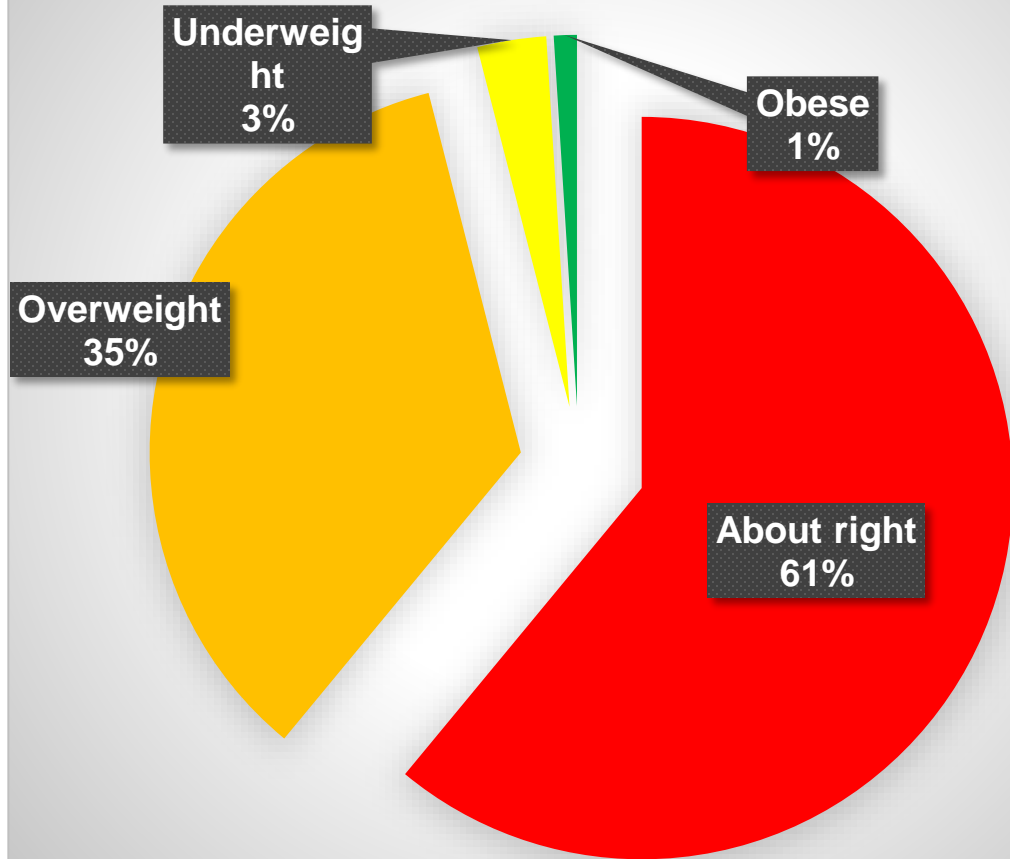


Feeling about Health



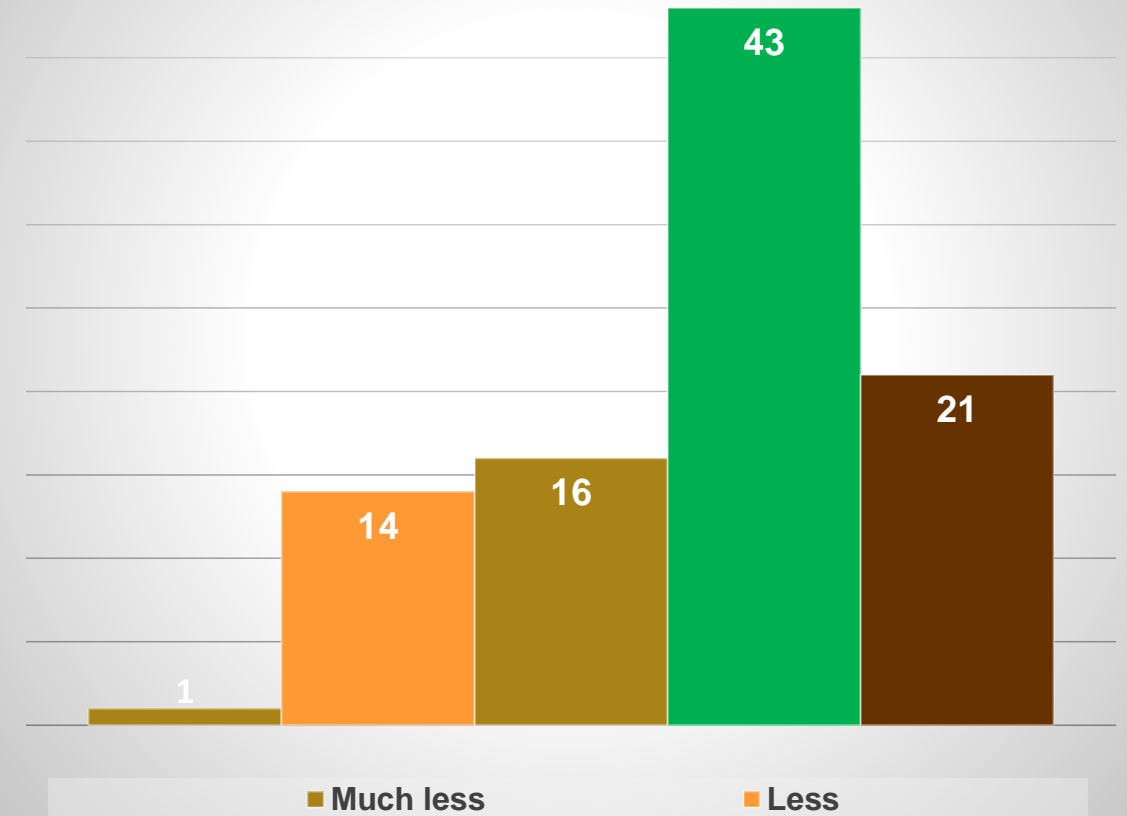
On average, we weigh the right amount though some have lost or gained a lot

Attitudes about Weight



Weight Compared to College

Raw numbers



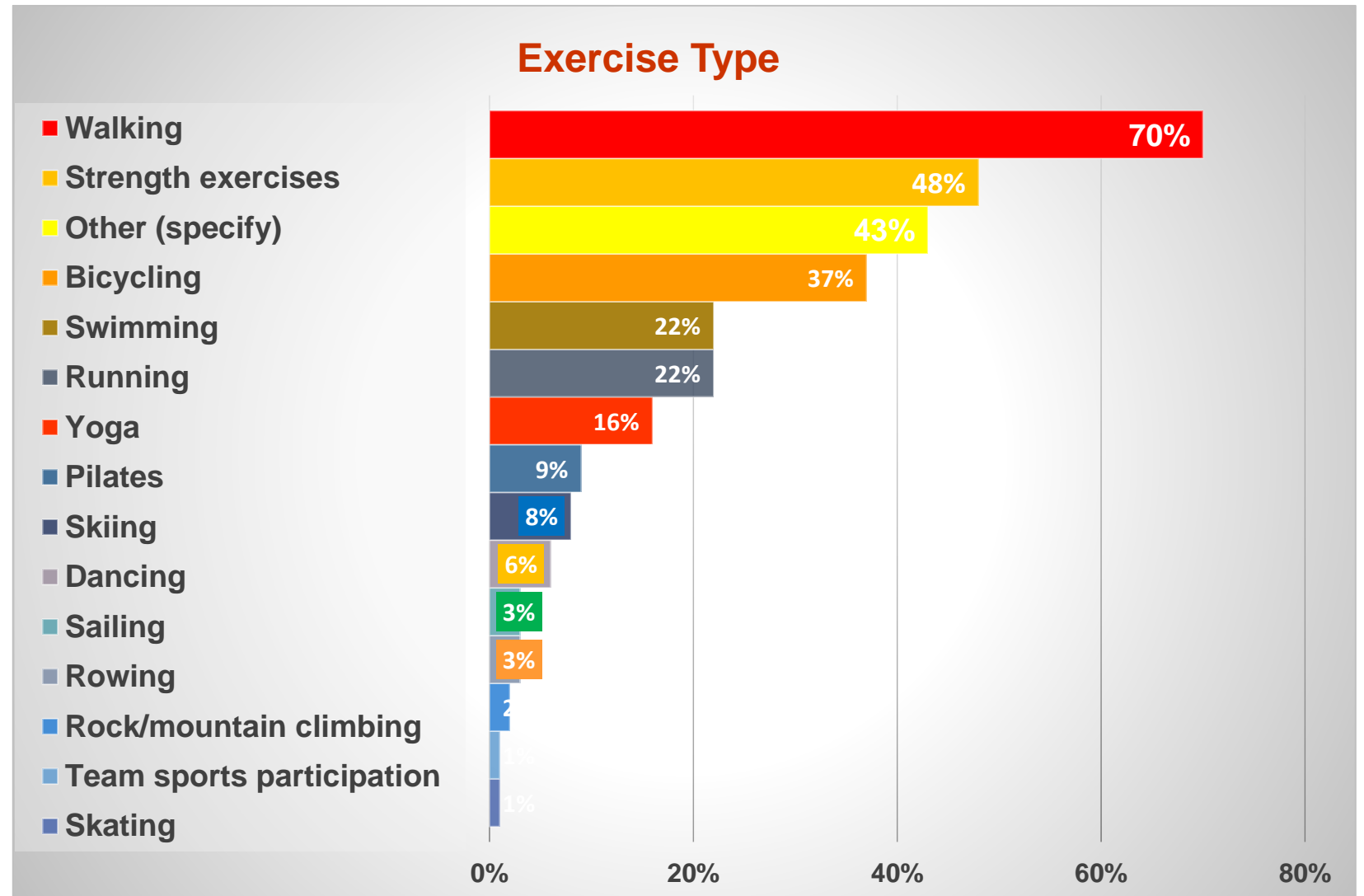
Virtually everyone exercises, many on a very disciplined schedule

Weekly exercise

- 30% - over 5 times
- 46% - 3-5 times
- 12% - 1-2 times

We sleep well too

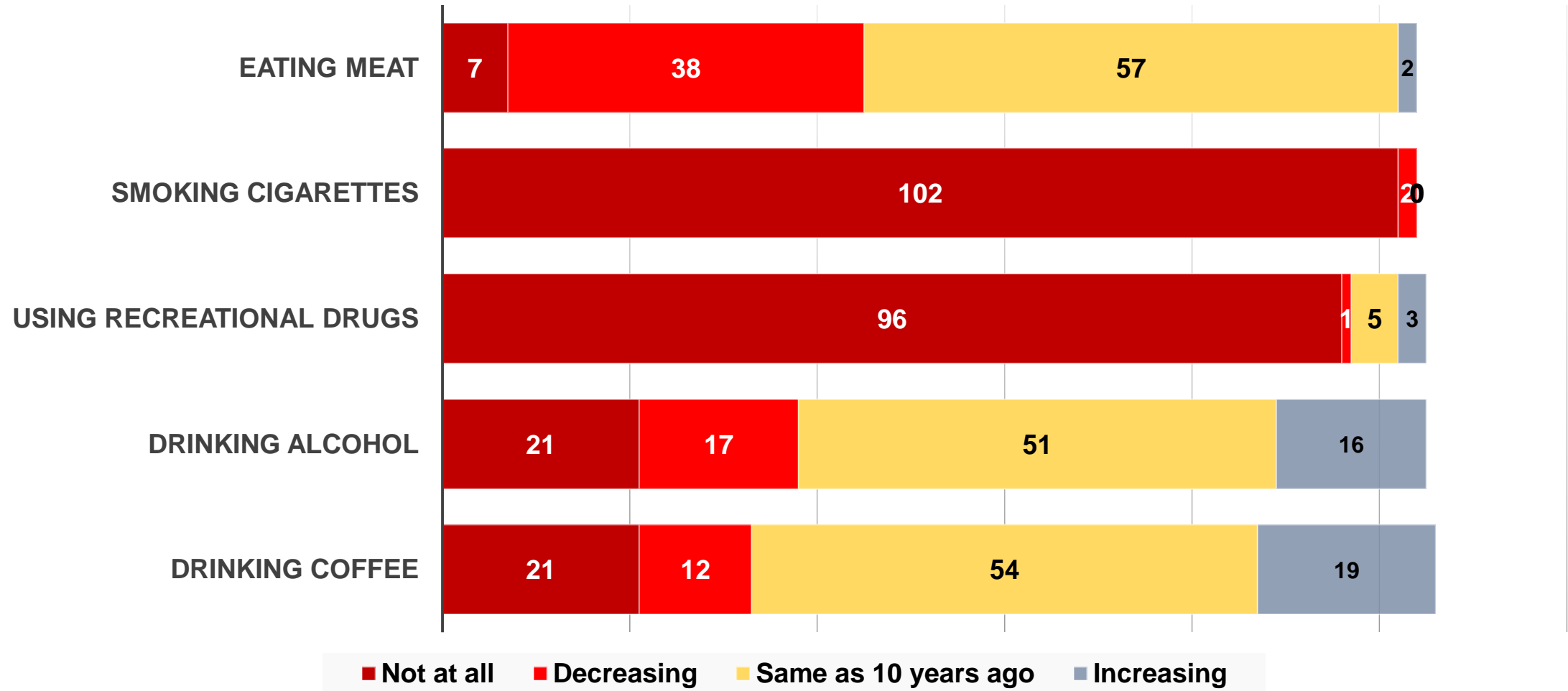
- 35% for 8-9 hours
- 57% for 6-7 hours



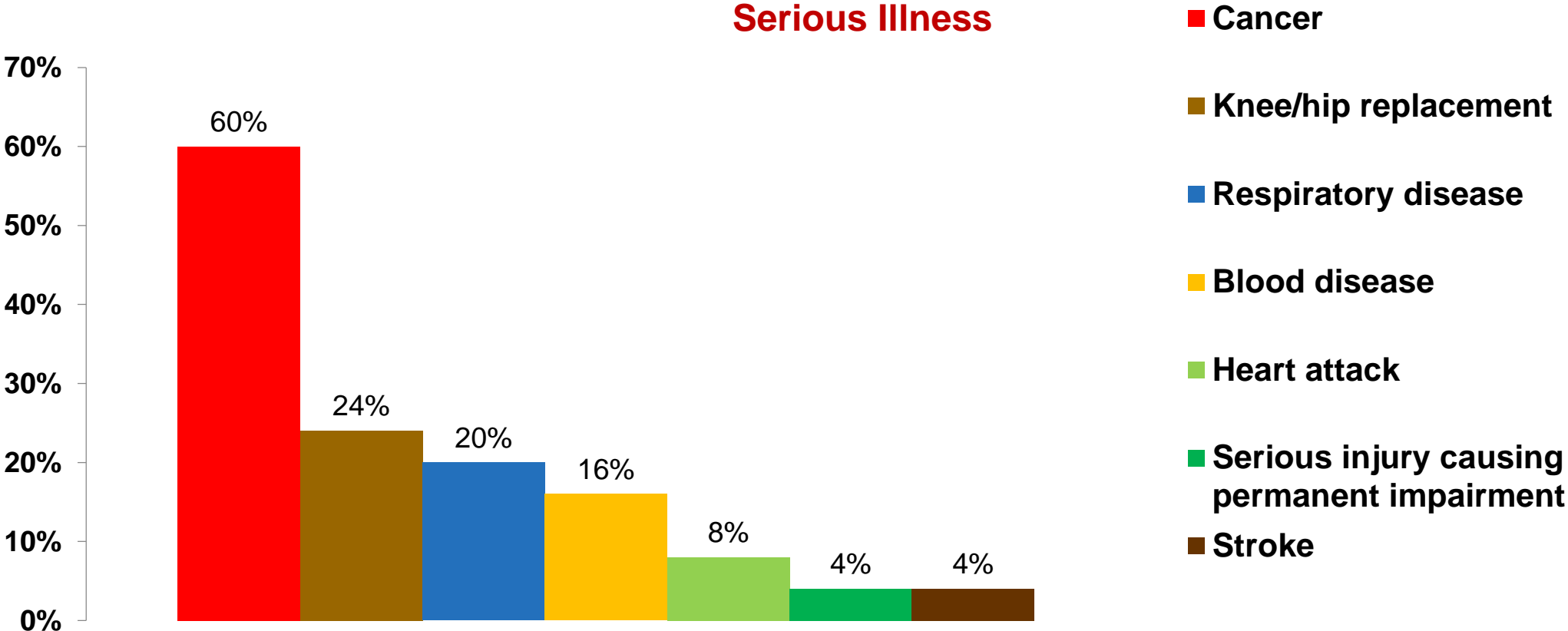
Many abstain or have decreased consumption of cigarettes, alcohol, and coffee; there is virtually no use of recreational

Consumption Compared to 10 Years Ago

Raw Numbers



Some of us have had to deal with serious health issues



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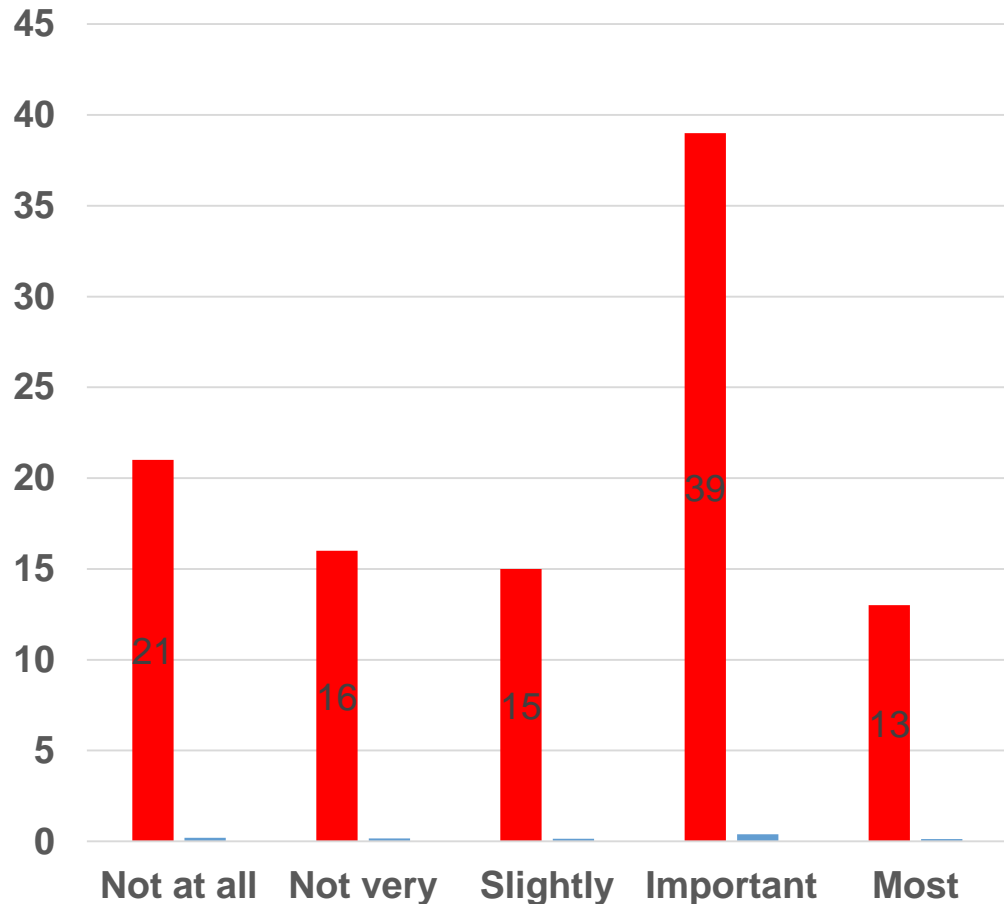
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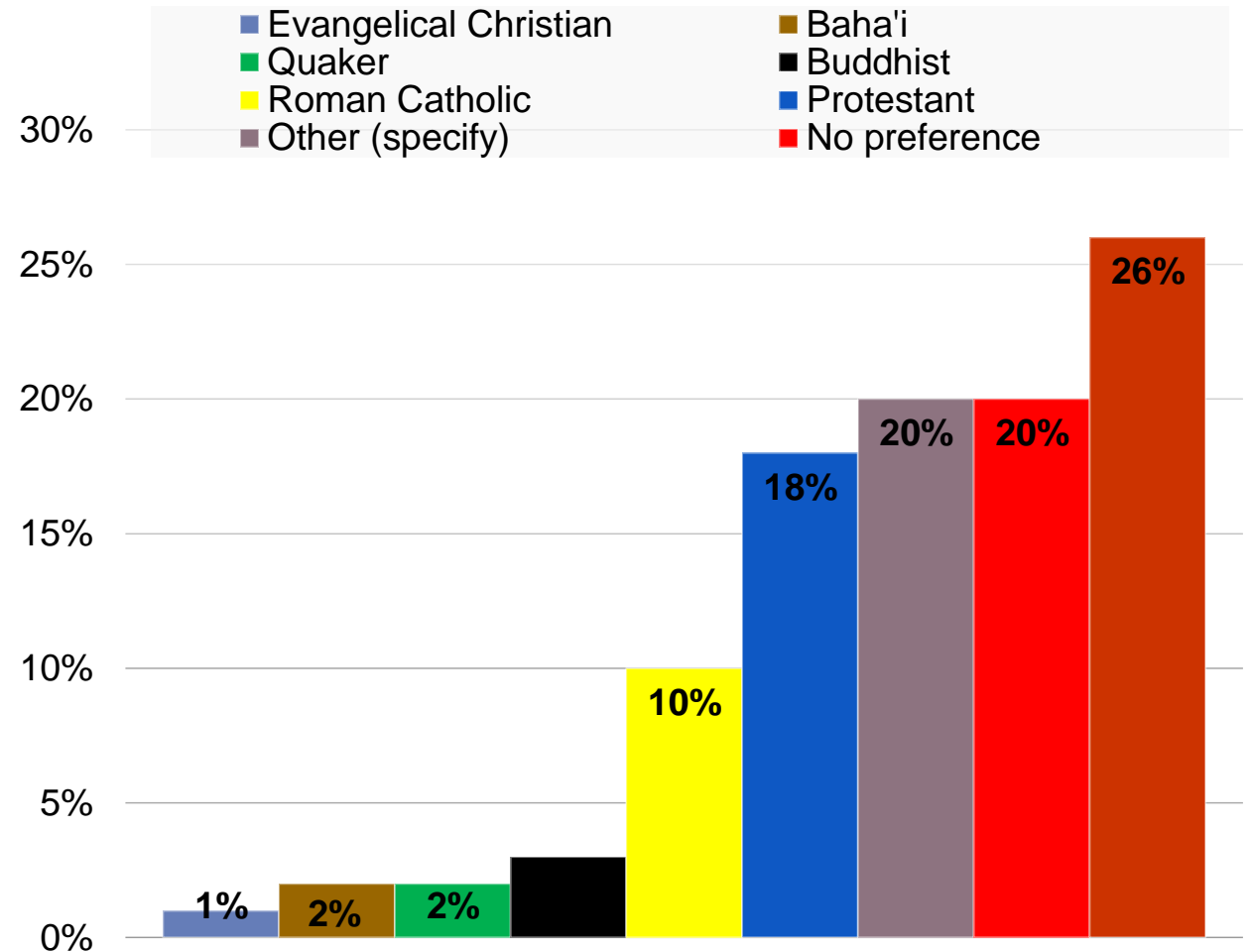
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Spirituality is high across multiple religions and belief systems

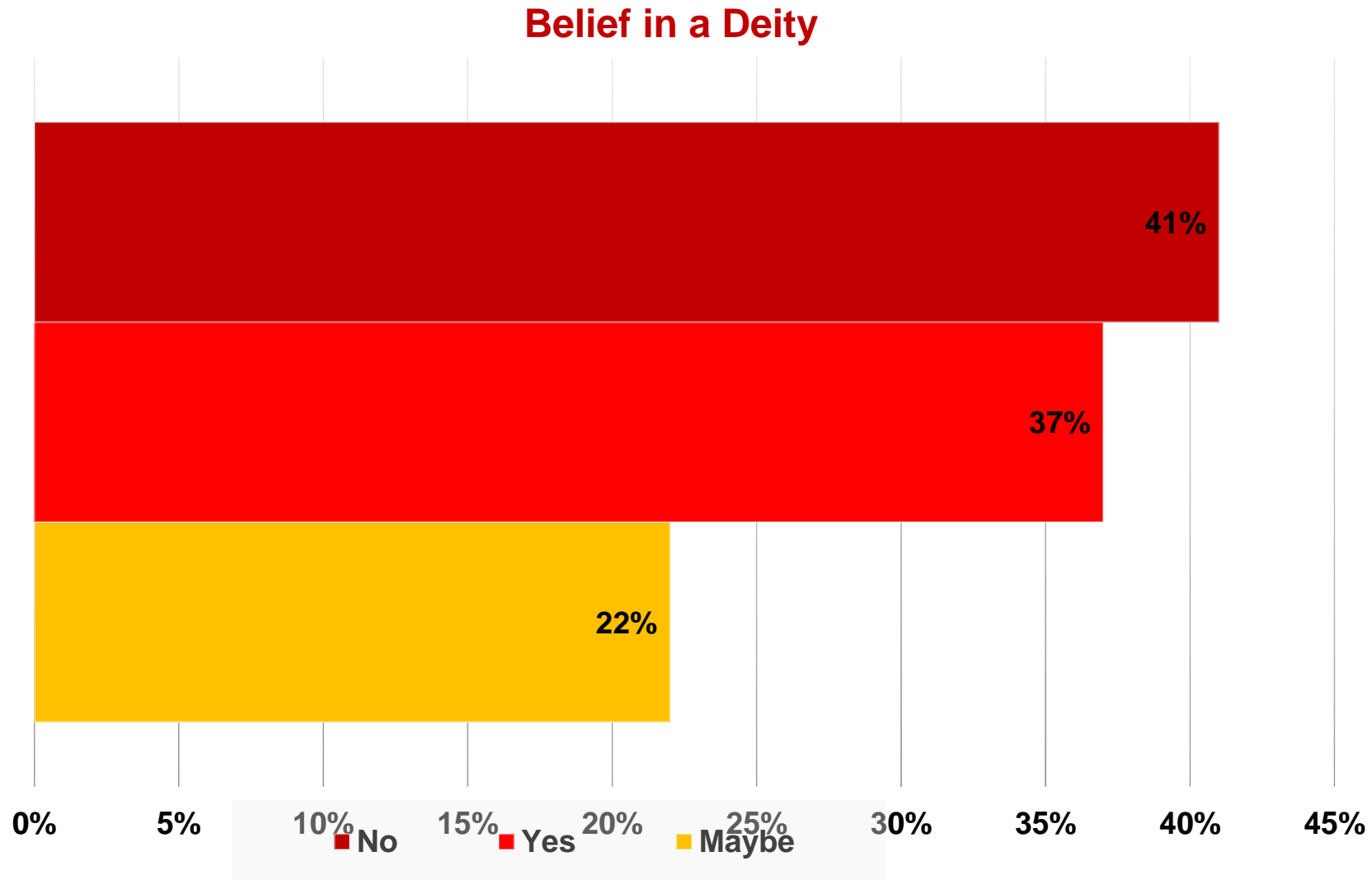
Importance of Spirituality Percent Agreeing



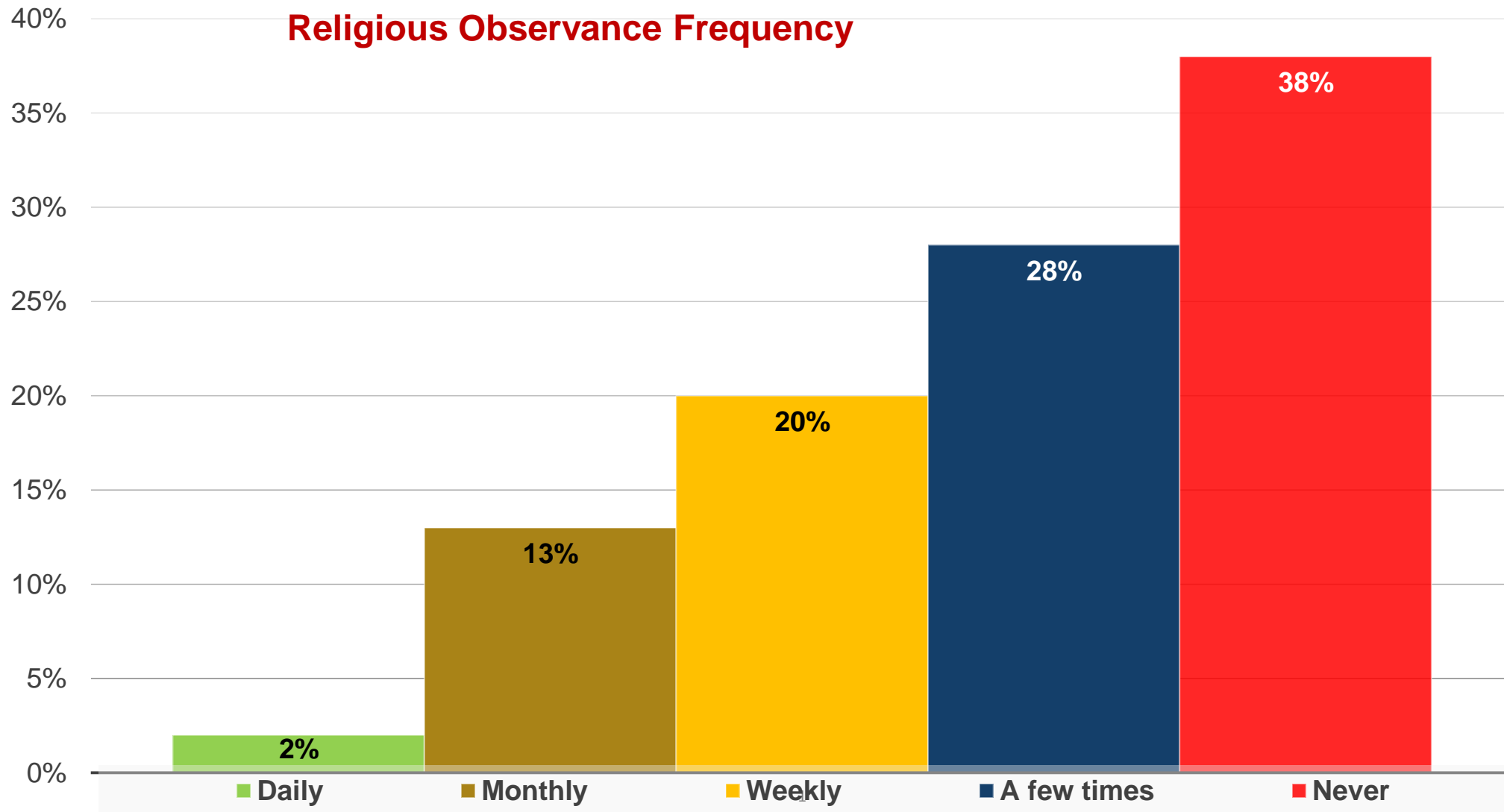
Religious Preference



Almost as many are atheists as believe in a deity



More than a third never take part in religious activity and another third participate once a month or more



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About 40% have moved recently or expect to move in the next 5 years

Home at Life end

- 38% have decided or are thinking about moving to another country or state
- 16% think that they will end up in a different place from where they are now
- Another 29% are thinking about it but cant decide what to do

Downsizing or Moving

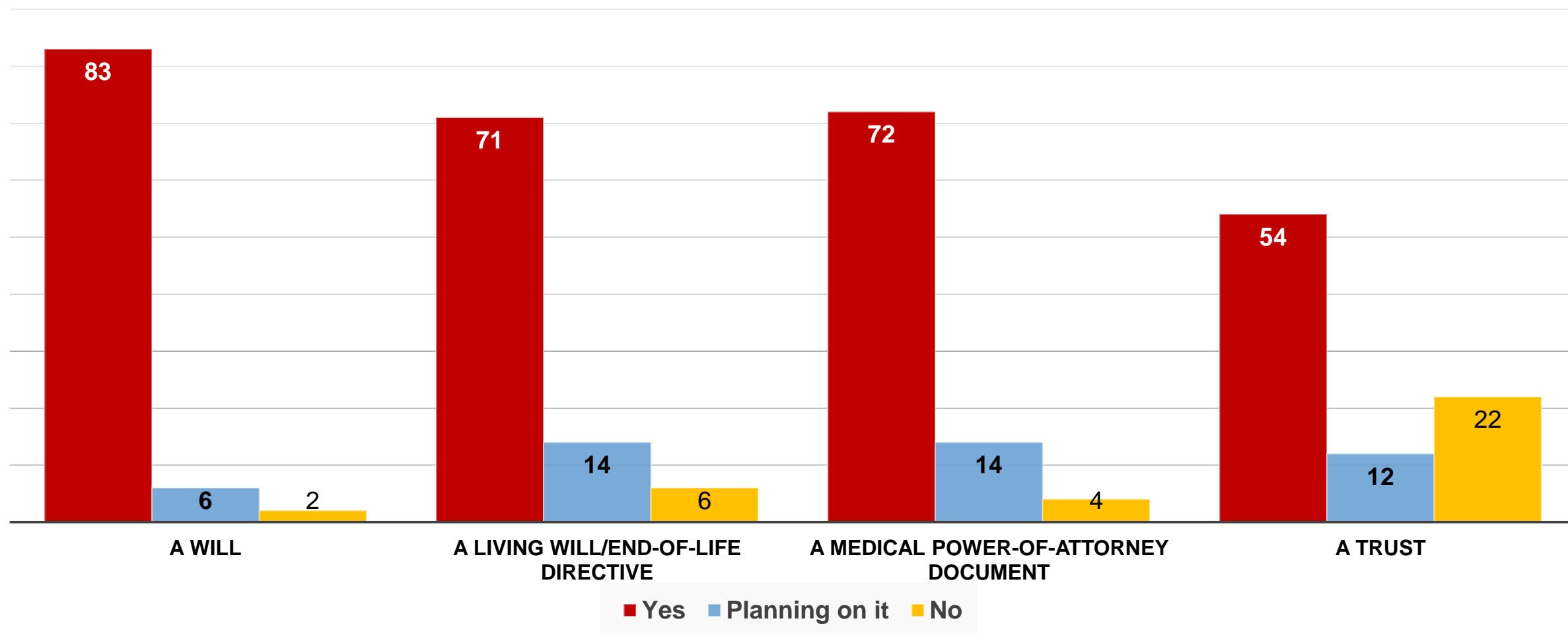
- 17% have moved in the last 5 years
- 27% have decided or are thinking about moving in the next five years

Vacation/Retirement home

- 38% have a vacation/retirement home

Most of us have made plans for handling our estates and end of life medical decisions

Life End Plans
Raw numbers



Consistent with college days, we expect to become more involved in politics and civic issues

Current and Planned Volunteer Involvement

Raw numbers

