



# Attitudes on Key California Education Issues

*Key Findings from a Statewide Survey  
Conducted August 29-September 7, 2020*



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# Survey Methodology

- 834 online interviews with California voters
  - Including an oversample of 200 parents with children 18 and under
  - 292 parents included in the sample overall
- Interviews conducted August 29-September 7, 2020
- Margin of sampling error of +/-3.5% at the 95% confidence level for the voter sample
  - +/-5.7% for the parent sample
- Some percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding

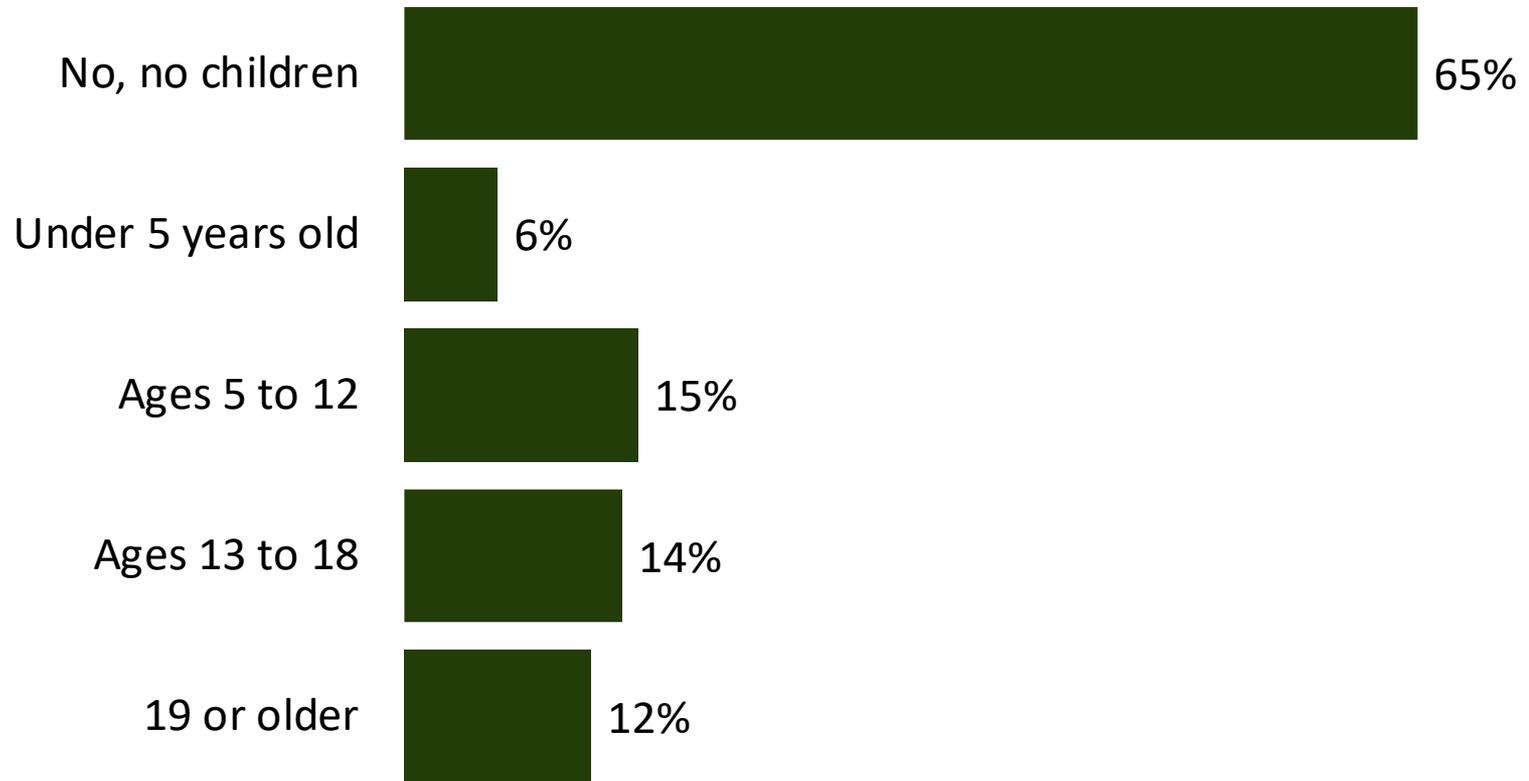




# **Profile of Parent Respondents**

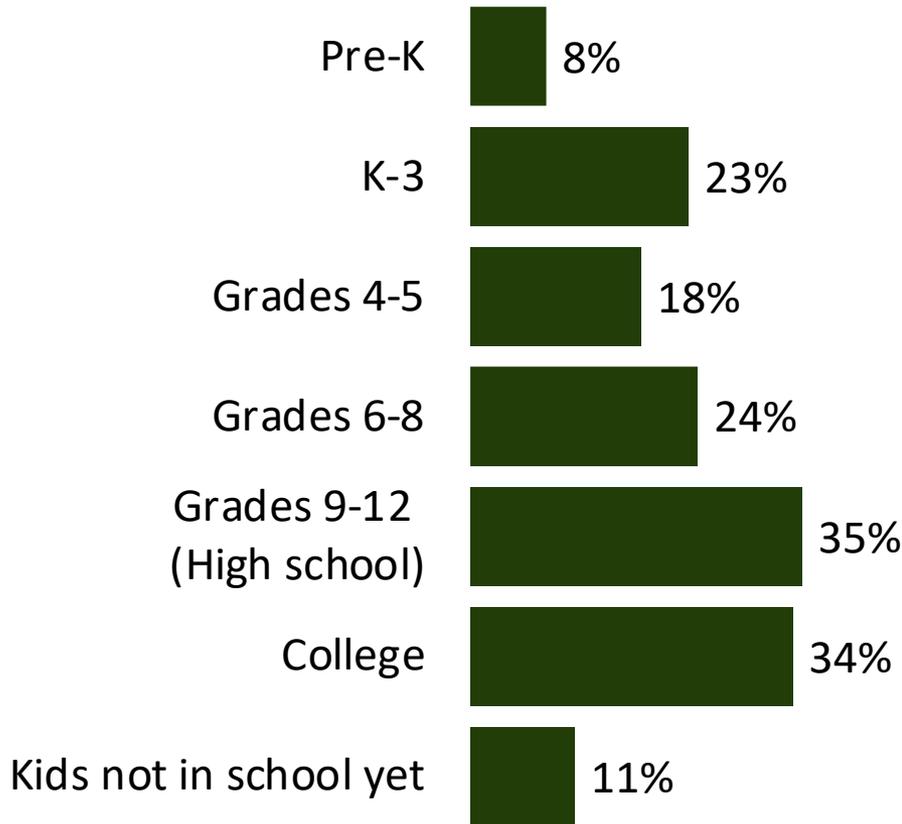
# More than two in five respondents are parents.

*Do you have any children in the following age groups living at home?*

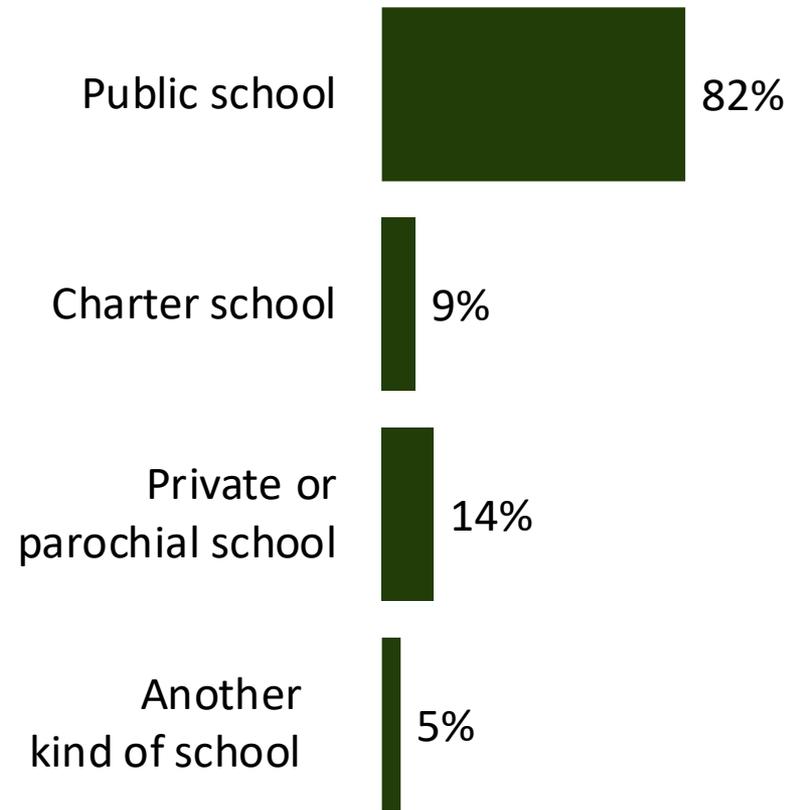


# Most parents of children under 18 have them enrolled in public school.

*What grade are your children in?  
(Asked of Parents with Children at Home;  
Multiple Responses Accepted)*

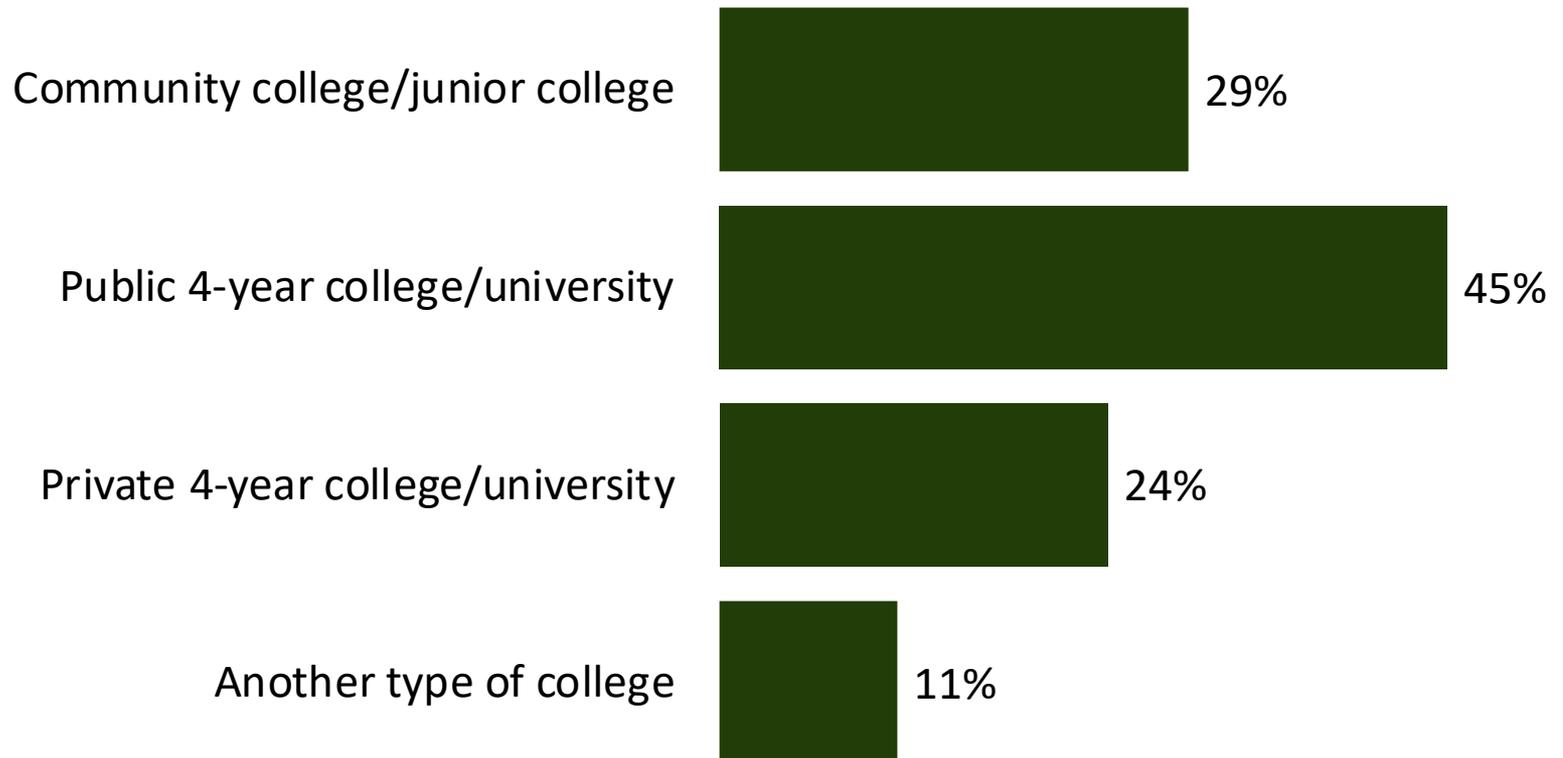


*What kind of school do your children attend?  
(Asked of Parents with Children at Home;  
Multiple Responses Accepted)*



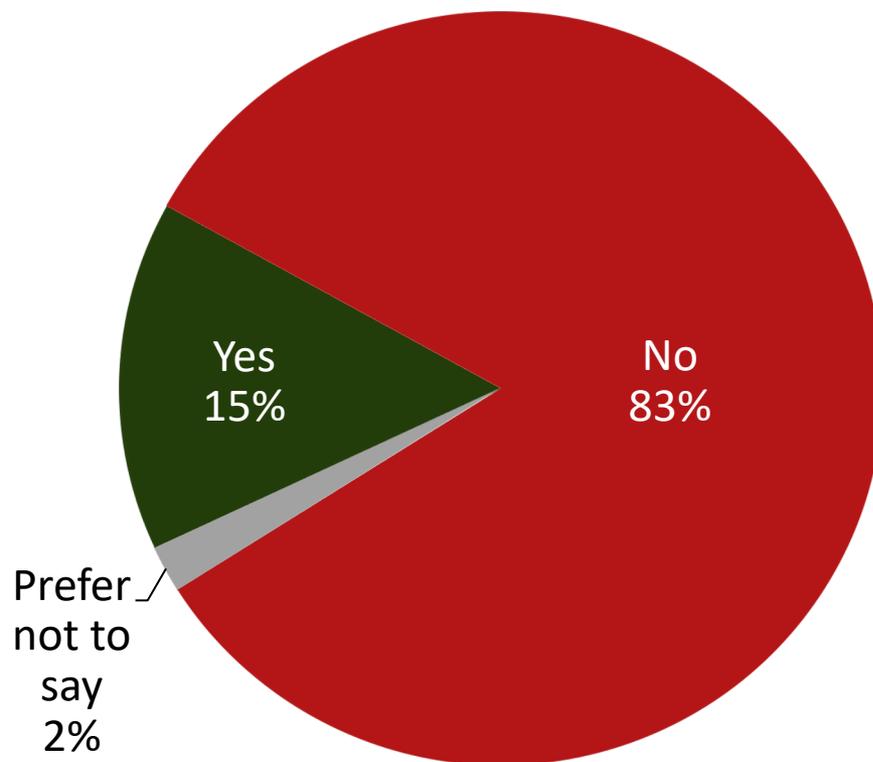
# Nearly half parent respondents with college-age children have them enrolled in public 4-year university.

*Which of the following best describes the type of college your child attends?  
(Asked of Parents with Children in College; Multiple Responses Accepted)*



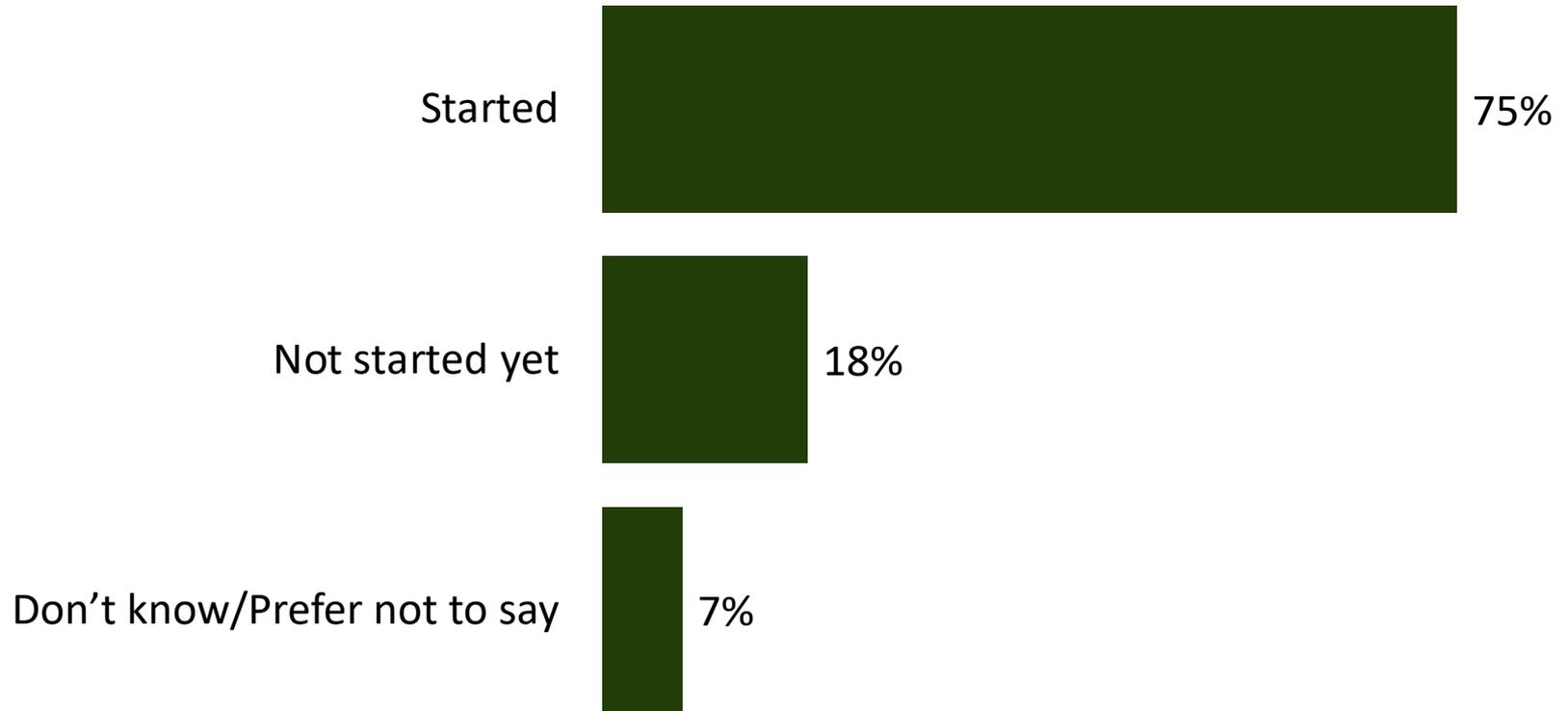
# Nearly one in five have a child with special needs.

*Do you have a child with special needs?  
(Asked of Parents with Children at Home)*



# Three-quarters had started their academic year when the survey was conducted.

*Has your child's 2020-2021 academic year started yet?  
(Asked of Parents with Children at Home; Multiple Responses Accepted)*





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## **Views on Education**

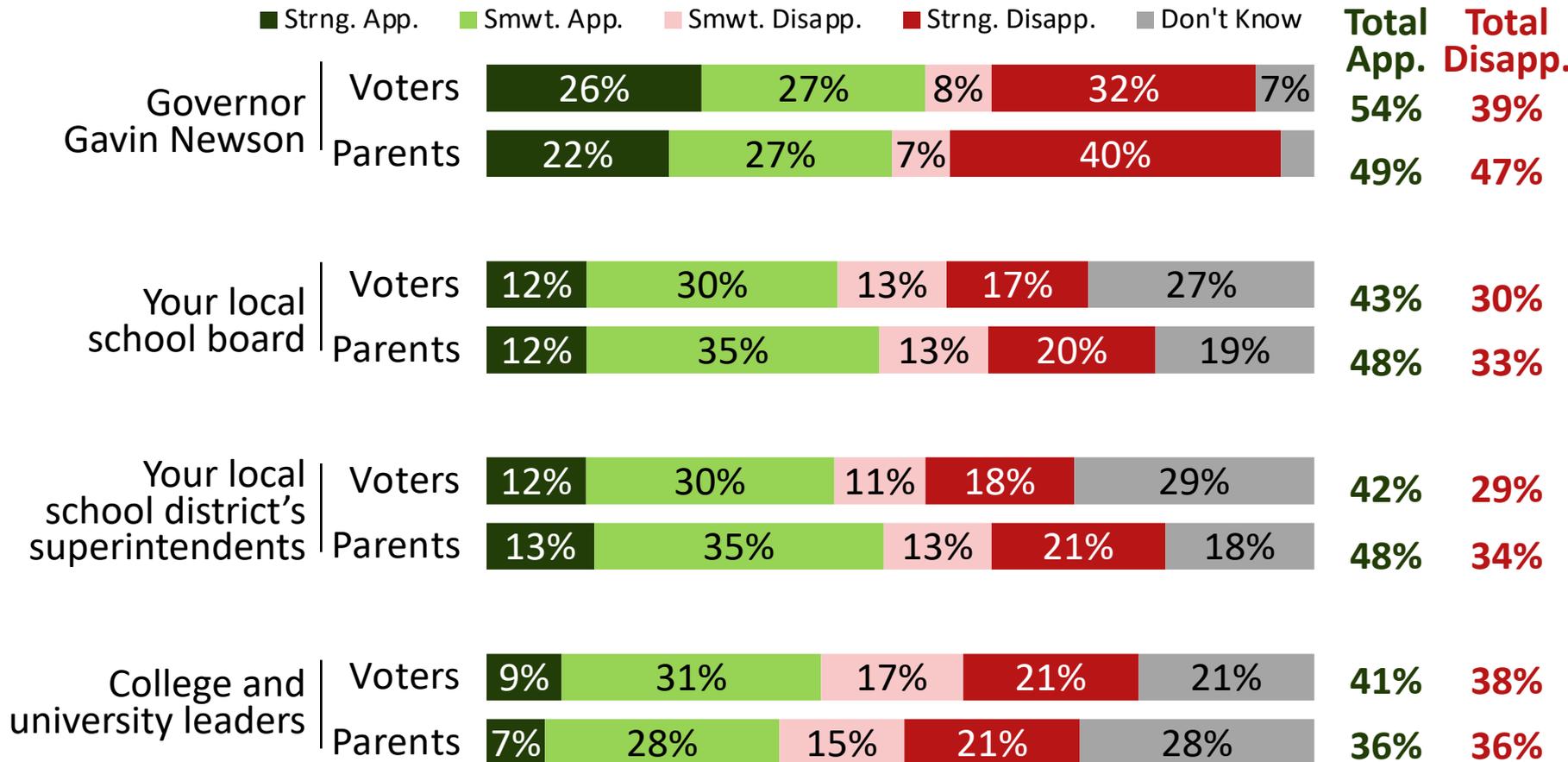
# COVID-10 and funding are the biggest challenges in the education system; parents also cite the challenge of distance learning.

*What is the biggest issue facing California's education system right now?  
(Open-ended; Top Response Categories Shown)*

Issue	Voters	Parents
COVID-19/School closures/Getting students back on campus	<b>33%</b>	31%
Funding/Budget/Lack of supplies	<b>22%</b>	20%
Challenge of distant learning/Kids being at home/ Toll on working parents	<b>13%</b>	21%
Poor education quality/Teachers unions/Lack of quality teachers	<b>13%</b>	15%
Regional inequality/Underserved districts	<b>10%</b>	5%
Teacher pay	<b>7%</b>	5%
Partisan/Liberal indoctrination in schools/ Political agendas being taught	<b>6%</b>	7%
Overcrowded classrooms	<b>4%</b>	4%

# Voters offer stronger approval ratings for the Governor than do parents.

Here are some different public organizations and individuals who are involved in public education. Please indicate whether you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of how they have handled education issues during the coronavirus pandemic.



# Middle- and high-income families express stronger approval of local school leadership, and of college and university leaders.

*(Total Approve - Voters)*

Individual/Organization	All Voters	Household Income				
		<\$30,000	\$30,000-\$60,000	\$60,000-\$90,000	\$90,000-\$150,000	\$150,000+
Governor Gavin Newsom	<b>54%</b>	49%	58%	47%	53%	62%
Your local school board	<b>43%</b>	28%	35%	41%	48%	50%
Your local school district's superintendents	<b>42%</b>	21%	43%	39%	46%	49%
College and university leaders	<b>41%</b>	31%	34%	41%	43%	48%

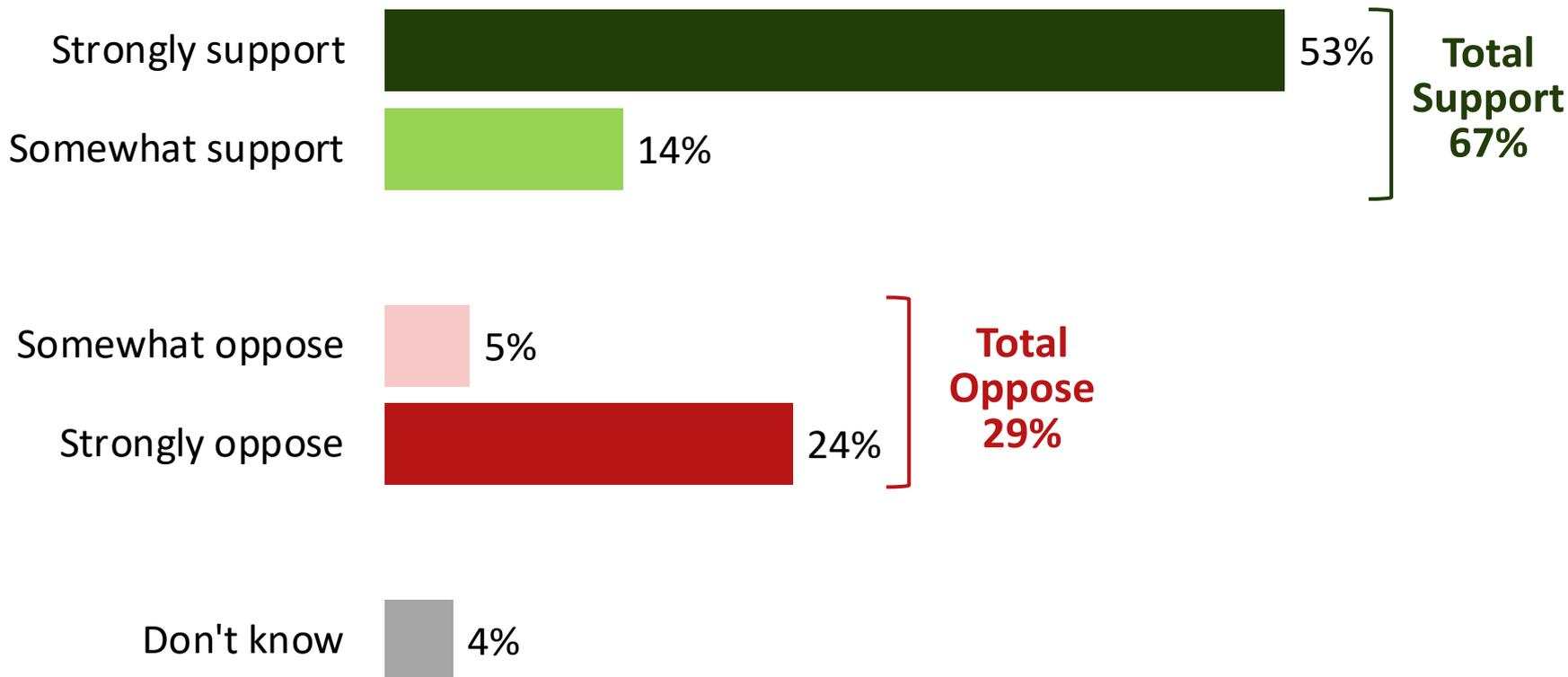
# African-American and API voters offer strong approval ratings for the Governor.

(Total Approve - Voters)

Individual/Organization	All Voters	Race/Ethnicity				
		Whites	Latinos	African-Americans	Asian/Pacific Islanders	All Voters of Color
Governor Gavin Newsom	<b>54%</b>	58%	52%	71%	64%	56%
Your local school board	<b>43%</b>	43%	48%	52%	36%	45%
Your local school district's superintendents	<b>42%</b>	41%	49%	52%	43%	46%
College and university leaders	<b>41%</b>	44%	43%	46%	48%	42%

# Two-thirds of voters support the executive order requiring distance learning in counties on the State's monitoring list.

*In mid-July Governor Newsom issued an executive order requiring distance learning in schools that are located in counties that are on the State's COVID-19 monitoring list. The majority of counties are on that list. Do you support or oppose this decision?*



# Parents are slightly less supportive than voters of this requirement; support is also highly partisan.

(Voters)

Demographic Group	Total Support	Total Oppose	Don't Know
Voters	67%	29%	4%
Parents	59%	39%	3%
<b>Grade of Children</b>			
Pre-K-3rd Grade	51%	46%	3%
Grades 4-5	53%	42%	4%
Grades 6-8	51%	45%	4%
Grades 9-12 (High school)	68%	29%	3%
College	65%	33%	2%
Kids not in school yet	71%	27%	2%
<b>Party</b>			
Democrats	93%	5%	2%
Independents	68%	28%	5%
Republicans	20%	75%	5%

# Voters in LA County and the Bay Area are most supportive of the requirement.

(Voters)

Demographic Group	Total Support	Total Oppose	Don't Know
<b>Ideology</b>			
Liberal	92%	5%	3%
Moderate	73%	24%	3%
Conservative	29%	67%	4%
<b>Region</b>			
Los Angeles County	75%	21%	3%
Counties Surrounding Los Angeles	65%	32%	3%
Bay Area	73%	23%	4%
San Diego	58%	39%	3%
Sacramento/Rural North	62%	37%	1%
Central Valley/Central Coast	51%	40%	8%
<b>Gender</b>			
Men	64%	32%	4%
Women	70%	27%	3%

# Support for the mandate cuts across age groups.

(Voters)

Demographic Group	Total Support	Total Oppose	Don't Know
<b>Age</b>			
18-29	70%	28%	3%
30-39	69%	27%	3%
40-49	61%	36%	3%
50-64	66%	28%	5%
65-74	70%	28%	2%
75+	65%	28%	7%

# API and African American voters are especially supportive of the requirement.

(Voters)

Demographic Group	Total Support	Total Oppose	Don't Know
<b>Education</b>			
Some College or Less	63%	33%	4%
Four-year College or More	70%	27%	3%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Whites	69%	27%	4%
Latinos	69%	30%	1%
African Americans	89%	9%	2%
Asians/Pacific Islanders. (APIs)	89%	10%	1%
All Voters of Color	73%	26%	1%

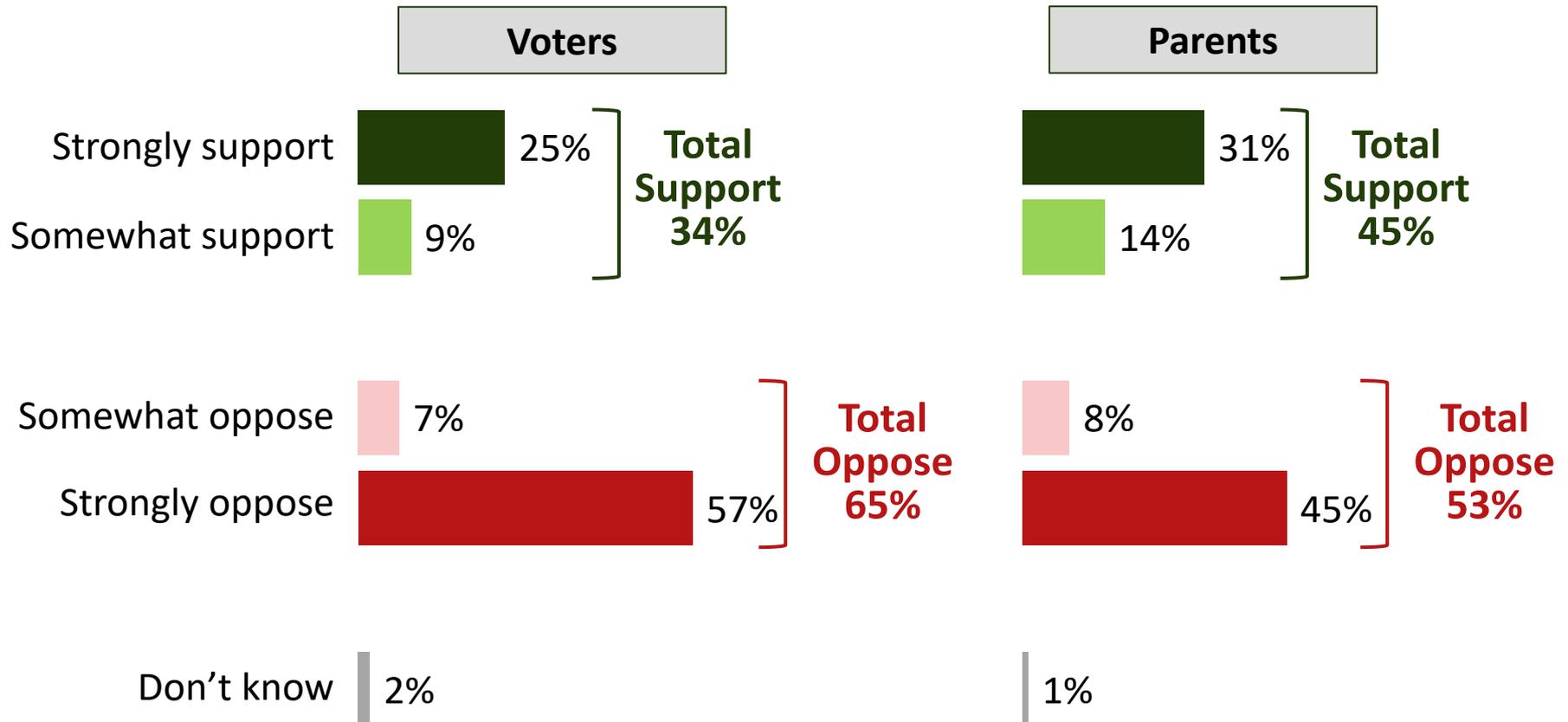
# Support also cuts across voters' income levels.

(Voters)

Demographic Group	Total Support	Total Oppose	Don't Know
<b>Household Income</b>			
<\$30,000	65%	26%	9%
\$30,000-\$60,000	76%	21%	3%
\$60,000-\$90,000	69%	29%	2%
\$90,000-\$150,000	68%	30%	3%
\$150,000+	68%	29%	2%

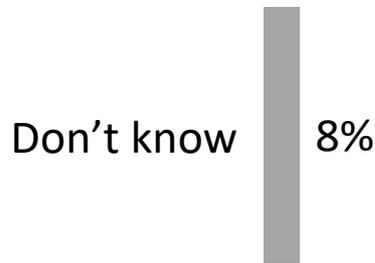
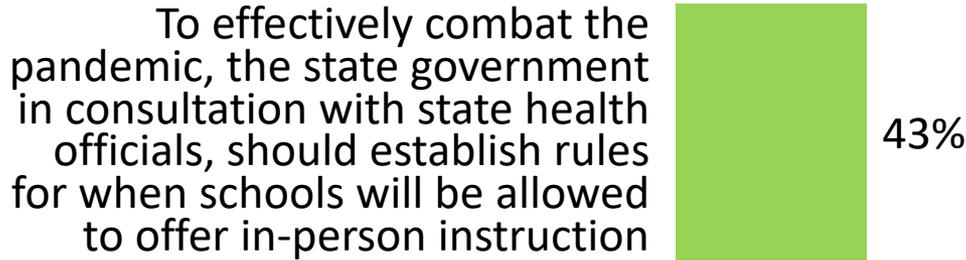
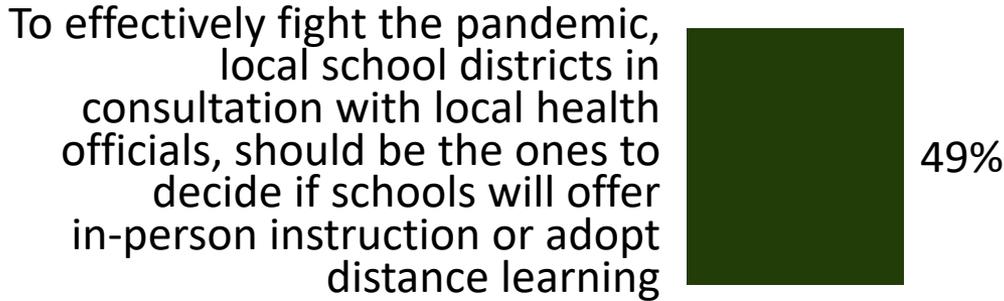
# A majority of voters and parents oppose President Trump's call for children to return to school in person.

*While downplaying the health risks students and staff face, President Trump says all children should quickly return to school for in-person instruction. How much do you support or oppose this position?*

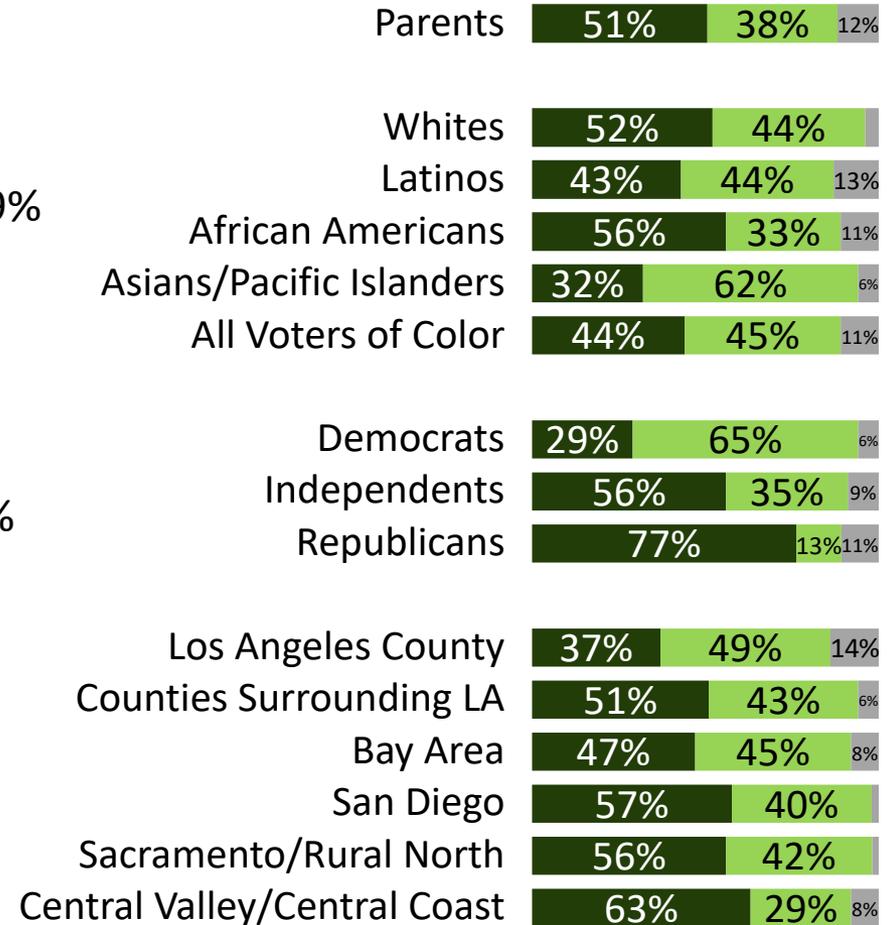


# Voters are divided on whether the pandemic should be handled on the local level or the state level.

Which of the following statements comes closest to your personal opinion:

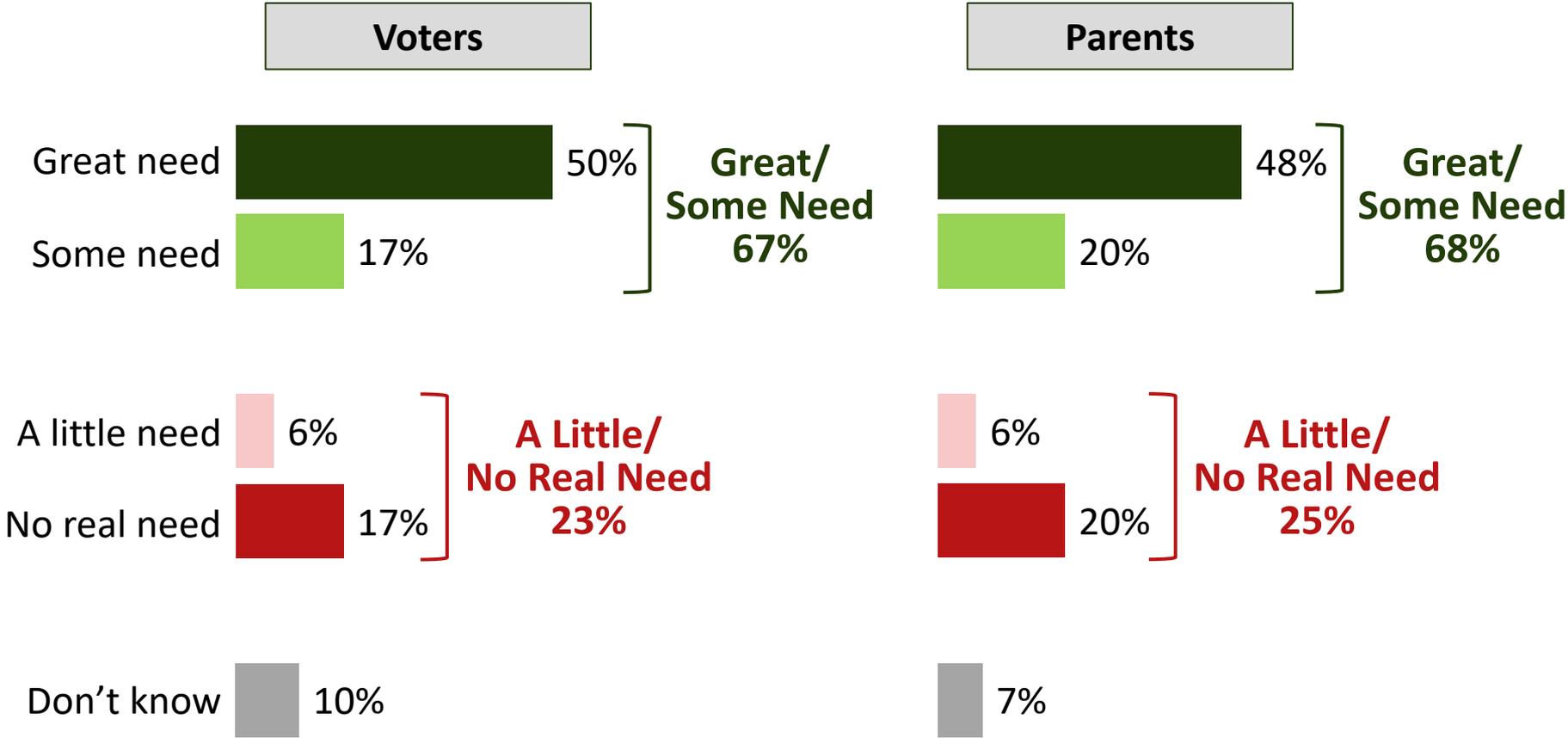


■ Districts ■ State Government ■ Don't Know



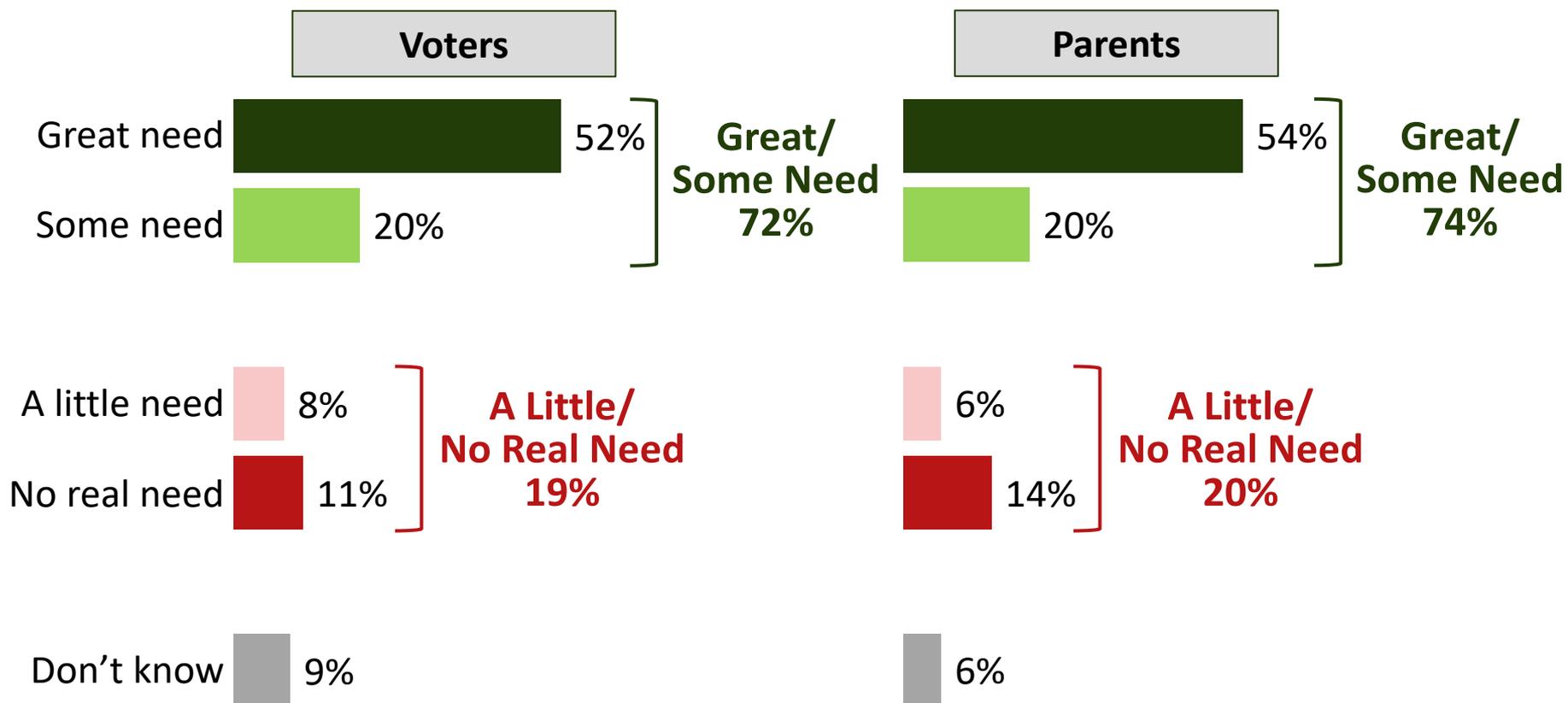
# Both voters and parents see a broad need for additional funding for high-quality distance learning.

*How much additional funding do schools need to be able to offer high-quality distance learning: a great deal, some, a little, or no additional funding?*



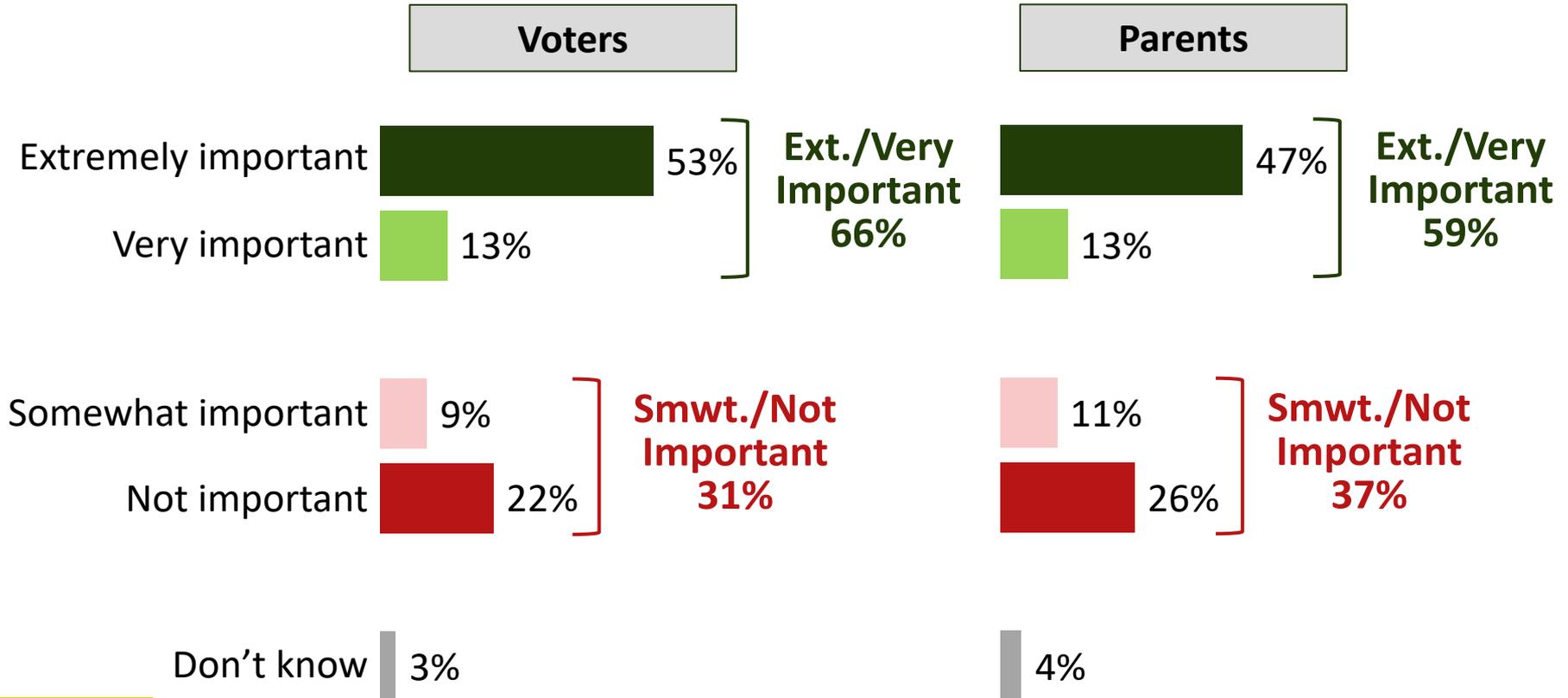
# Nearly three quarters think there's a need for additional funding to follow health practices necessary to return to school in person.

*How much additional funding do schools need to be able follow all the health practices recommended by local and state guidelines for in-person instruction such as social distancing and temperature checks: a great deal, some, a little, or no additional funding?*



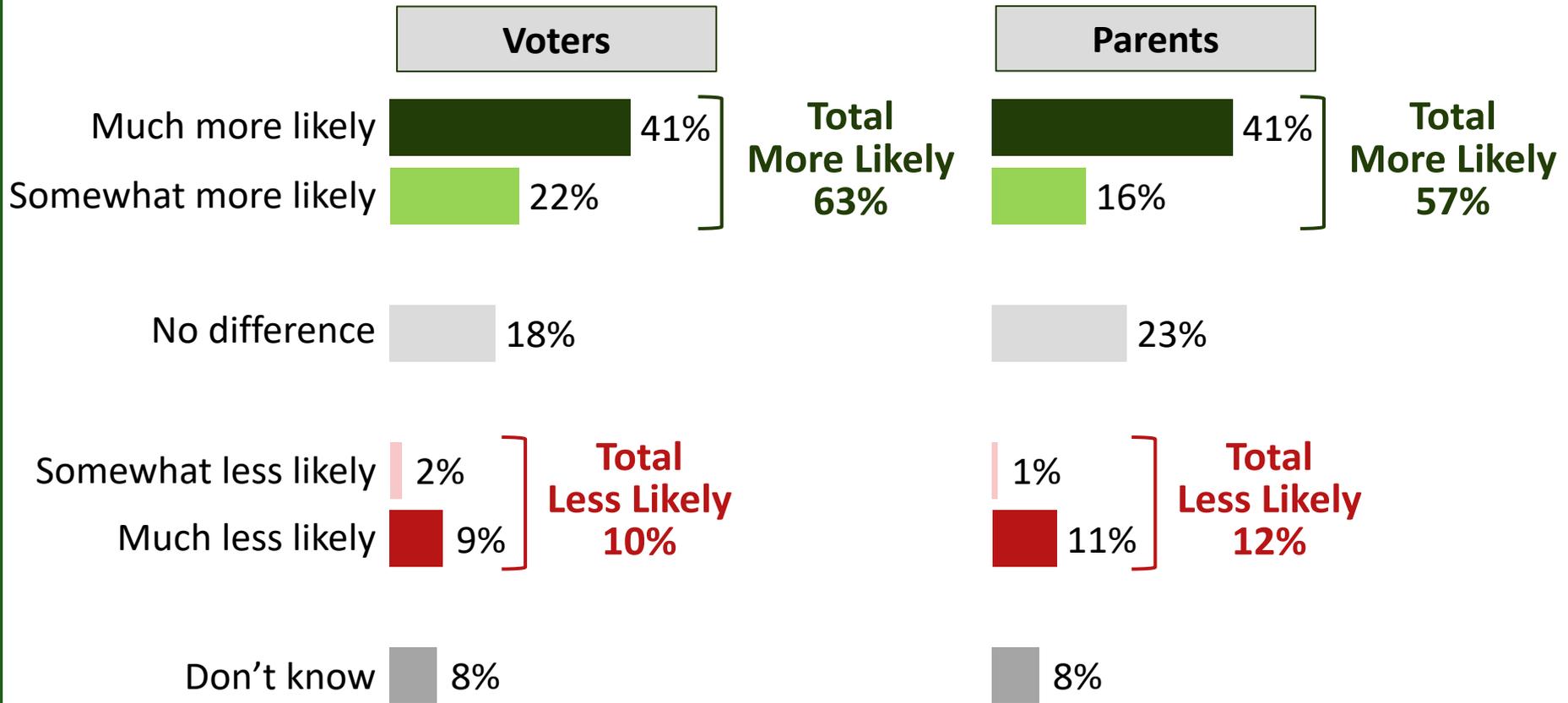
# Two-thirds of voters think it is important that the federal government provide additional funds to help schools and colleges get through the pandemic.

*In May, the House of Representatives approved the HEROES Act which includes an additional \$100 billion in aid for public schools nationally, but the President has opposed this aid. How important is it that the federal government provide additional funds to assist schools and colleges get through the coronavirus pandemic?*



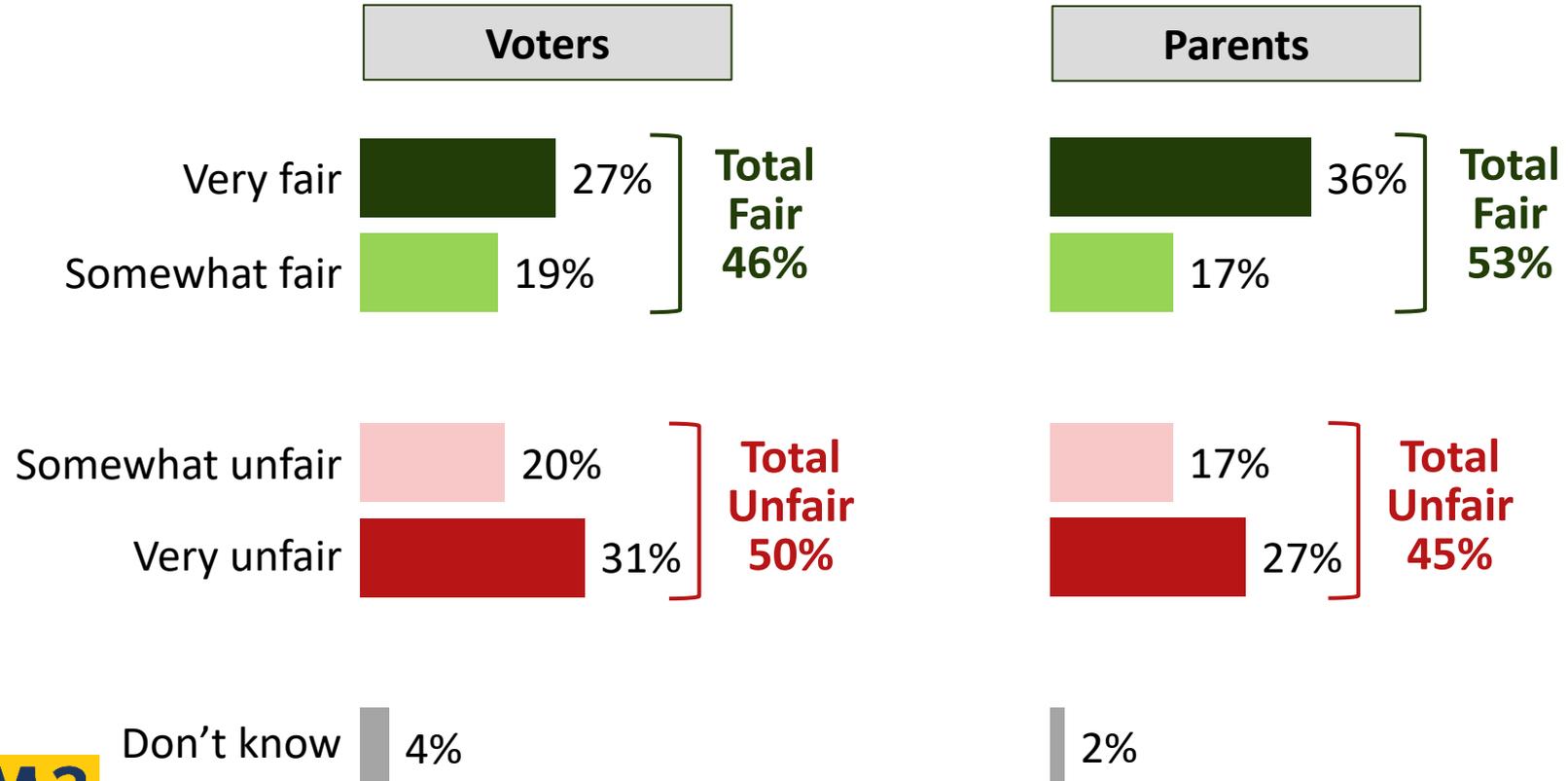
# And a majority says public schools will be more likely to receive funding if Joe Biden is elected president.

*Do you think public schools are more or less likely to receive additional funding if in November Joe Biden wins the presidential election, or do you think who wins the presidential election will not make a difference for school funding?*



# Voters and parents tend to be divided on whether it is fair or not for schools to be held to pre-pandemic academic standards.

*This year, in order to receive state funds, public schools are required to keep attendance and cover the academic content that as rigorous as what is normally required. How fair or unfair do you think it is for schools to be held to the same standards right now as they were pre-pandemic?*



# Republicans are more likely to say it is fair to expect the same academic rigor, while Democrats and independents say it is unfair.

(Voters)

Demographic Group	Total Fair	Total Unfair	Don't Know
<b>Voters</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Party</b>			
Democrats	38%	58%	4%
Independents	38%	60%	2%
Republicans	69%	24%	6%
<b>Region</b>			
Los Angeles County	46%	49%	5%
Counties Surrounding Los Angeles	44%	51%	5%
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San Diego	63%	33%	3%
Sacramento/Rural North	48%	51%	1%
Central Valley/Central Coast	47%	48%	5%

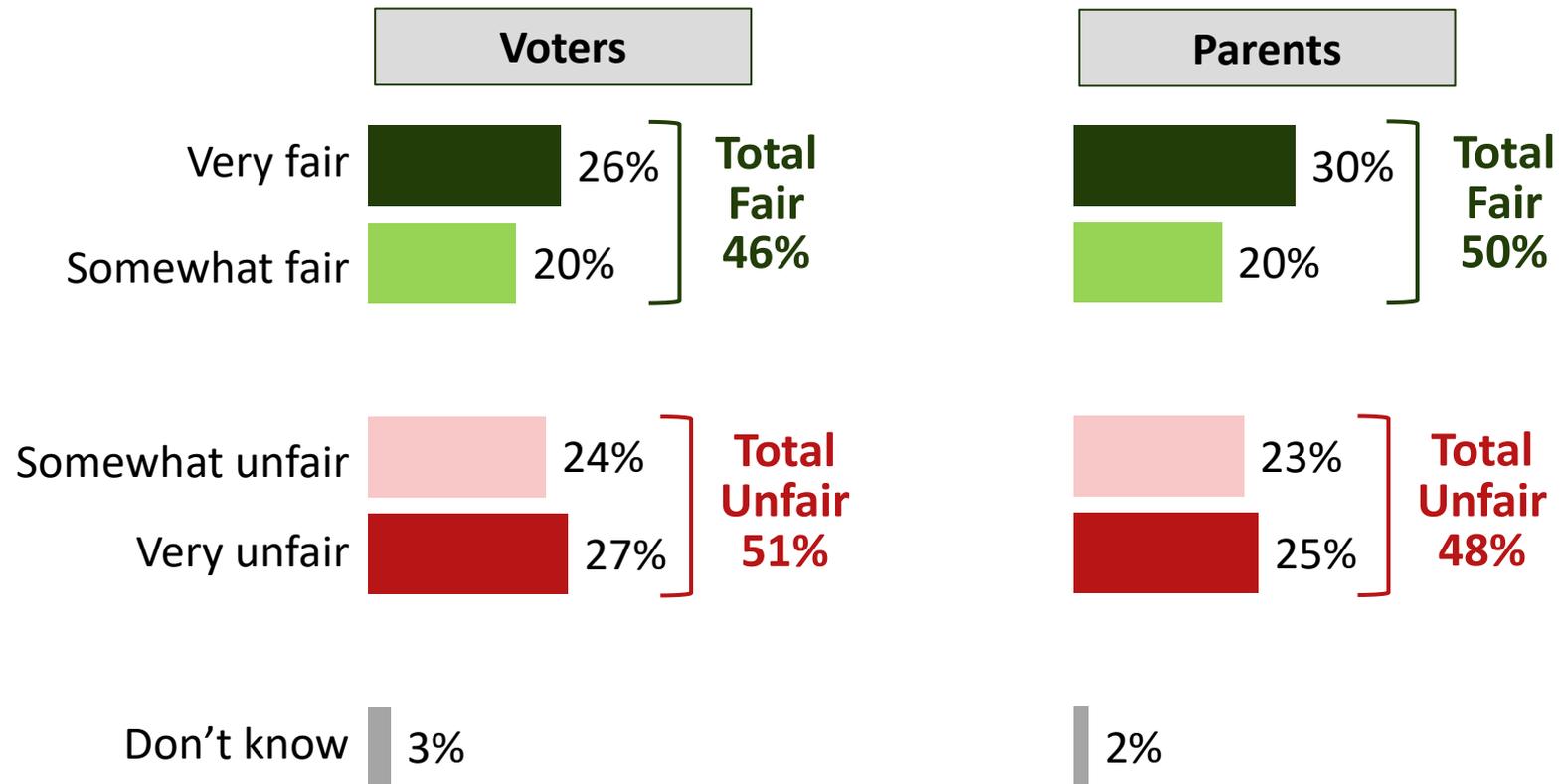
# Parents of kids in middle school, high school and college are more likely to say it is fair than those with children in Pre-K or elementary school.

(Voters)

Demographic Group	Total Fair	Total Unfair	Don't Know
<b>Grade of Children</b>			
Pre-K-3rd Grade	41%	58%	1%
Grades 4-5	49%	51%	0%
Grades 6-8	63%	33%	4%
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College	57%	41%	2%
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<b>Household Income</b>			
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\$60,000-\$90,000	46%	53%	1%
\$90,000-\$150,000	45%	53%	3%
\$150,000+	48%	51%	1%

# Similarly, parents and voters are divided on whether students should continue to be held to the same standards.

*How fair or unfair do you think it is to hold students to the same academic standards right now as they were pre-pandemic?*



# There is a partisan split on this question, as well, with Democrats and independents more likely to say it is unfair.

(Voters)

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# Parents of young children are more likely to say it is unfair than those with older kids.

(Voters)

Demographic Group	Total Fair	Total Unfair	Don't Know
<b>Grade of Children</b>			
Pre-K-3rd Grade	35%	63%	2%
Grades 4-5	38%	60%	2%
Grades 6-8	60%	36%	3%
Grades 9-12 (High school)	49%	50%	1%
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<b>Household Income</b>			
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\$90,000-\$150,000	50%	50%	0%
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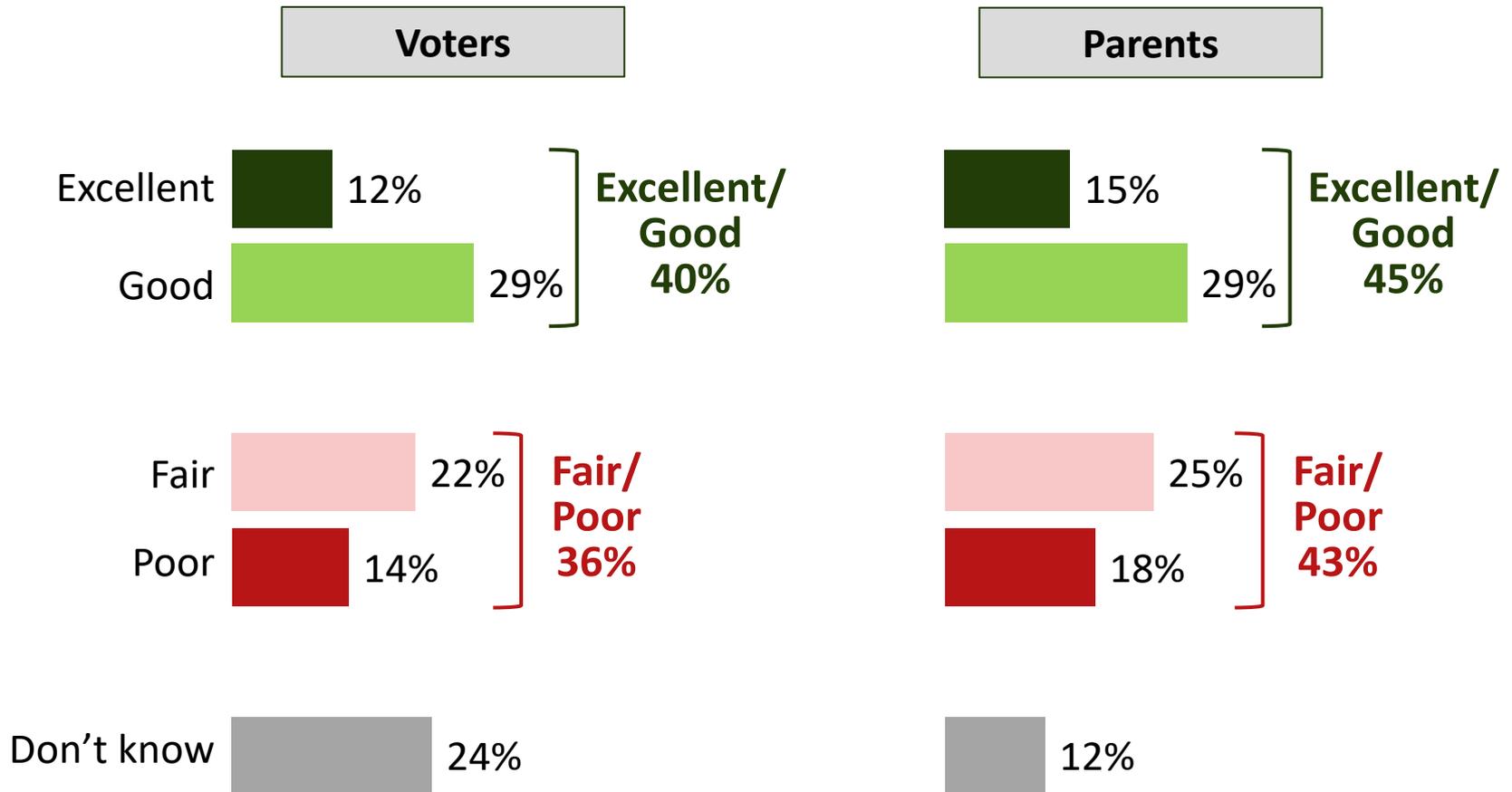


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## **Views on Distance Learning**

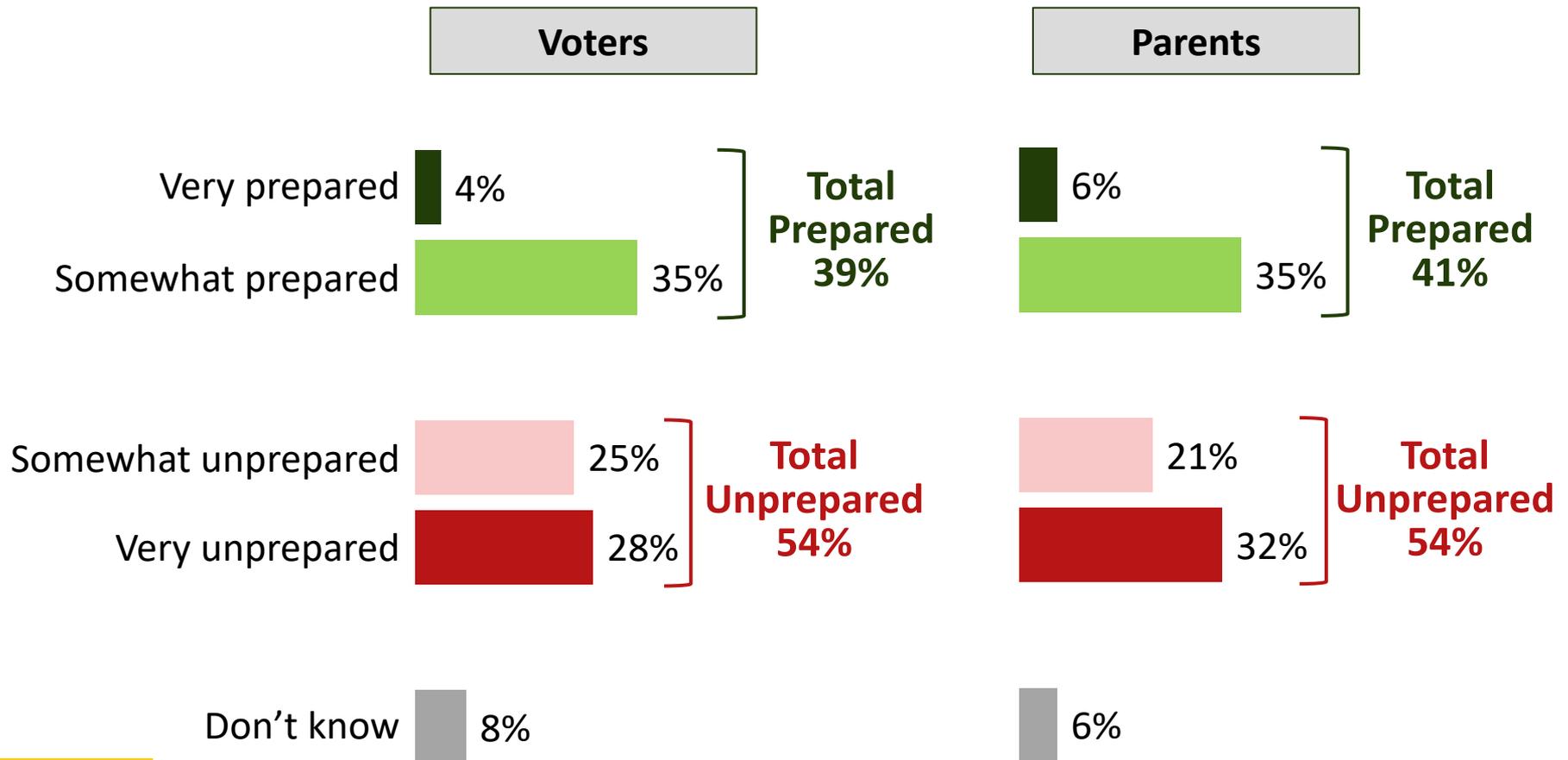
# Parents and voters are divided in their evaluation of how public schools have responded to the pandemic.

*How would you rate the job being done by public schools in your area to adjust school operations and instruction in response to the pandemic?*



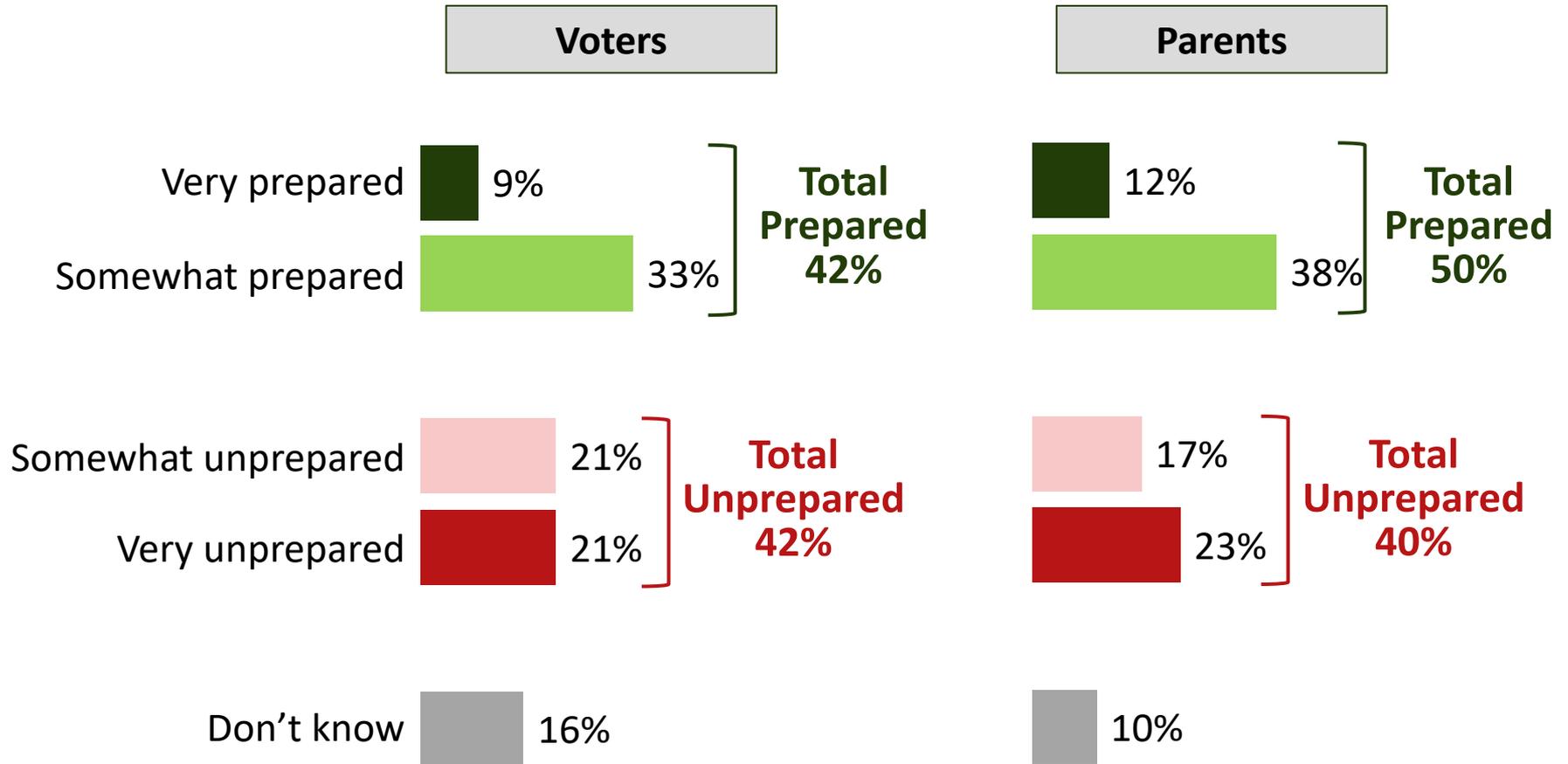
# A majority thinks that schools statewide are unprepared for distance learning.

*Most schools will offer distance learning for at least a part of this year.  
How prepared do you think most schools in the state generally are to offer high-quality education through distance learning?*



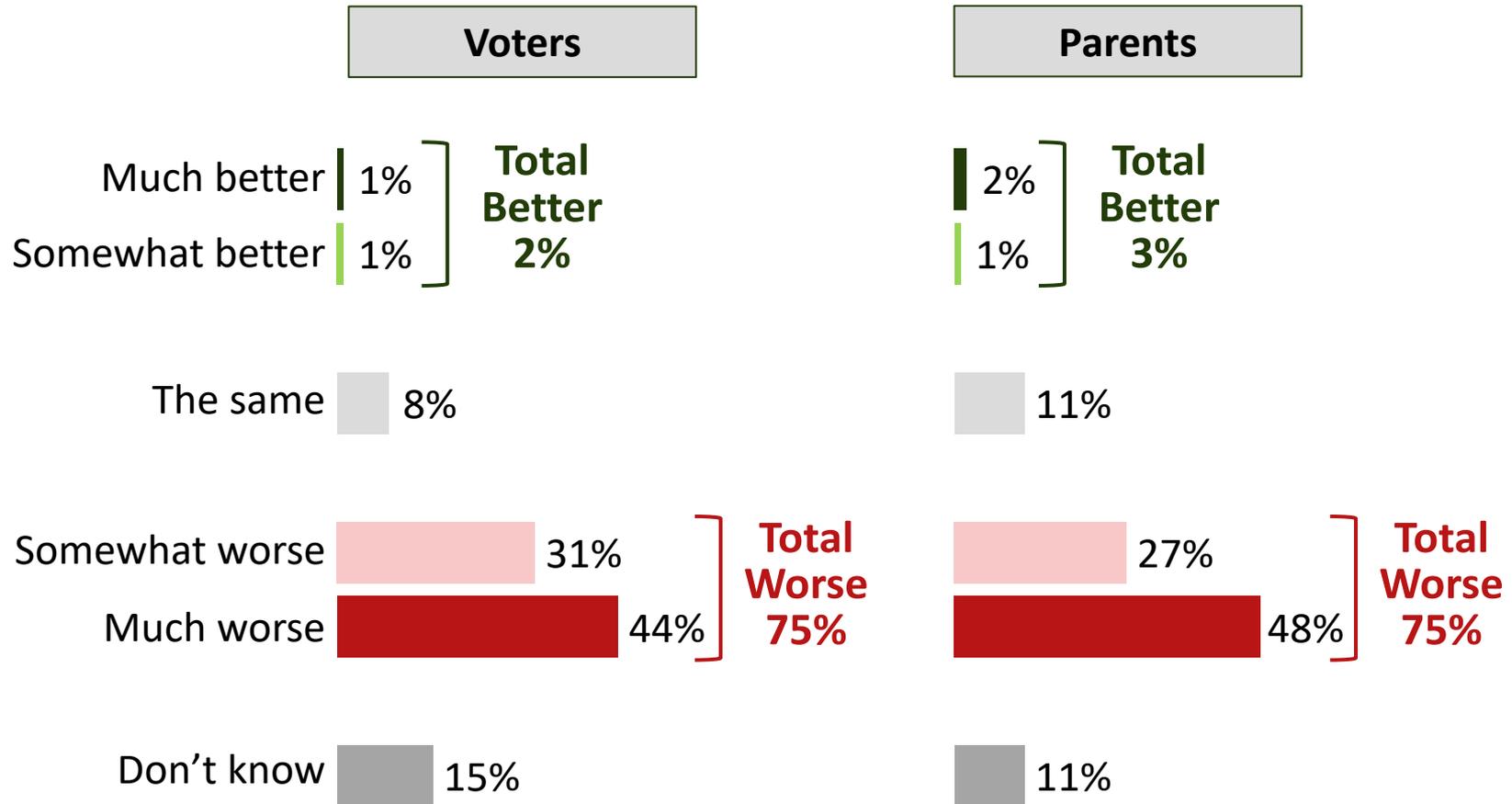
# Parents are slightly more likely than voters in general to think that local schools are prepared.

*How prepared do you think public schools in your school district are to offer high-quality education through distance learning?*



# However, there is broad agreement that distance learning is worse than in-class learning.

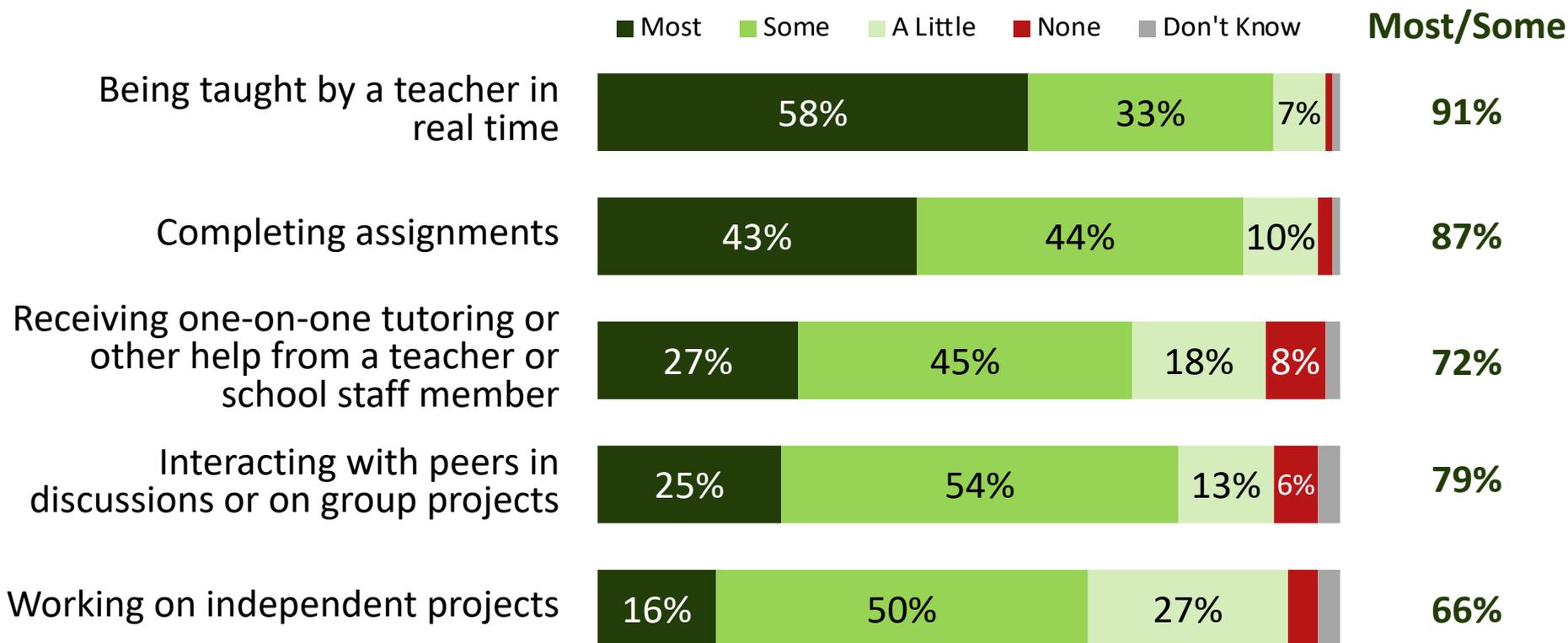
*How do you think distance learning compares to in-class learning?  
Is it better, worse, OR the same?*



# Parents want their children to spend their distance learning time being taught by a teacher, completing assignments and receiving one-on-one support.

*Here are some activities your child may do during distance learning. Please indicate if during distance learning you would like them to spend most of their time this way, some of their time, a little of their time, or none of their time this way.*

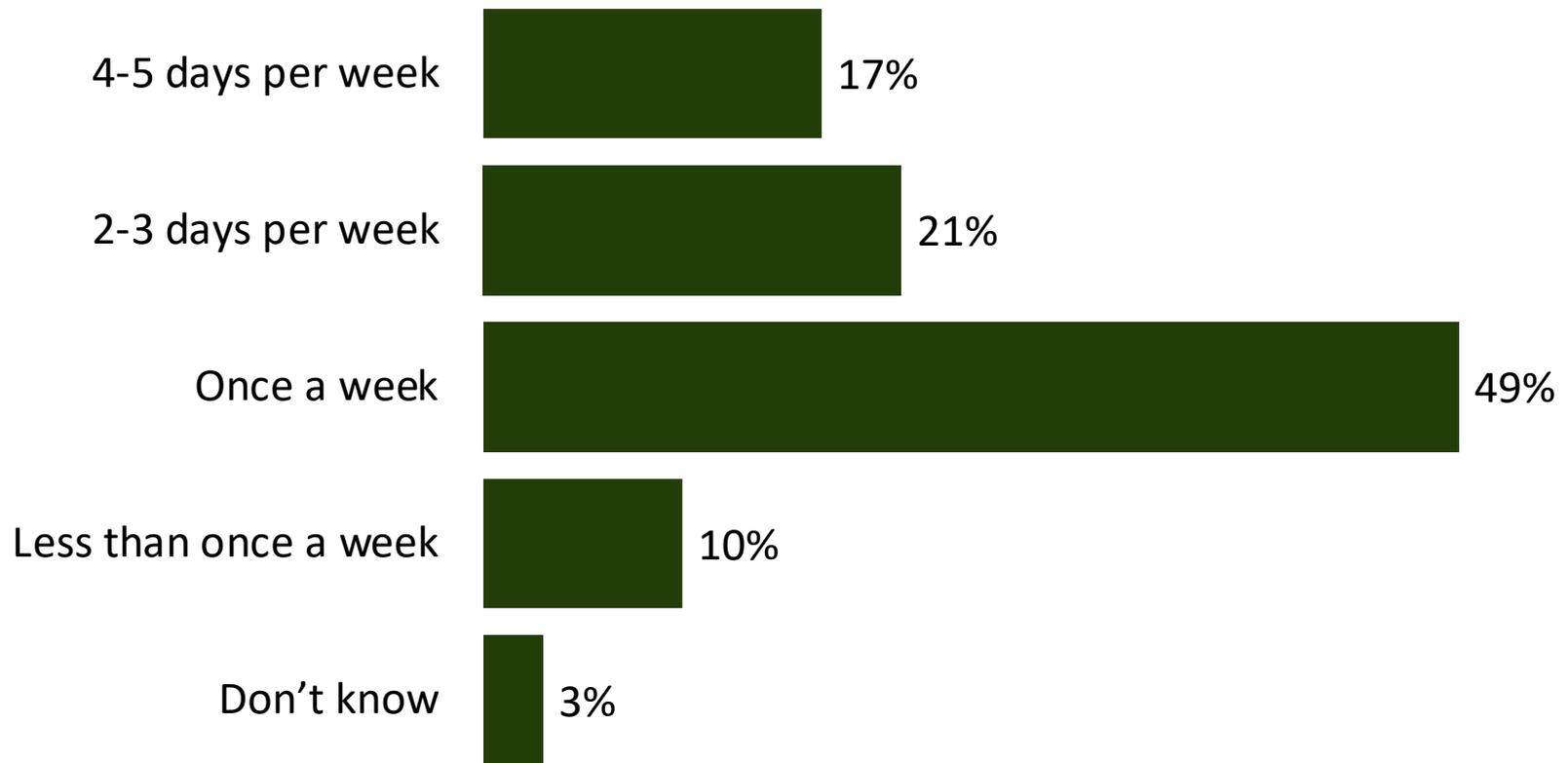
*Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children*



# Most parents want to be contacted by their child's teacher at least once per week.

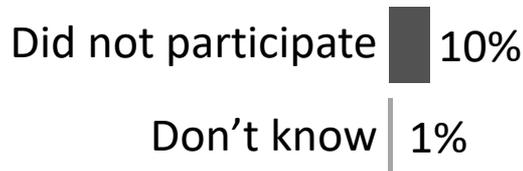
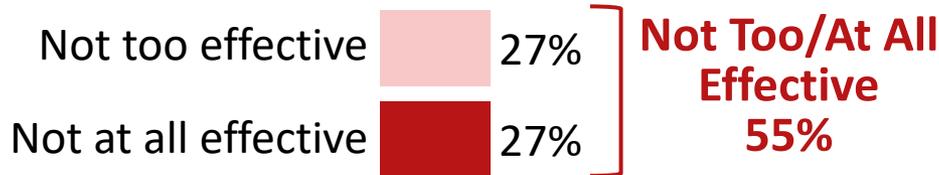
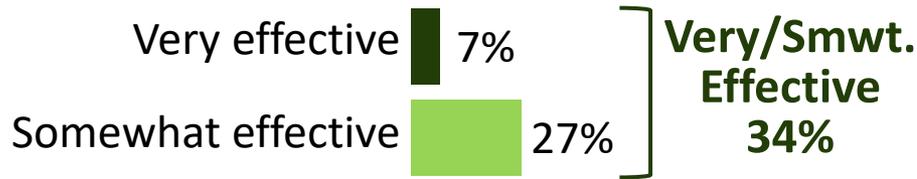
*How many days each week would you like to be contacted by your child's teacher via email, telephone or another form of communication?*

*Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children*

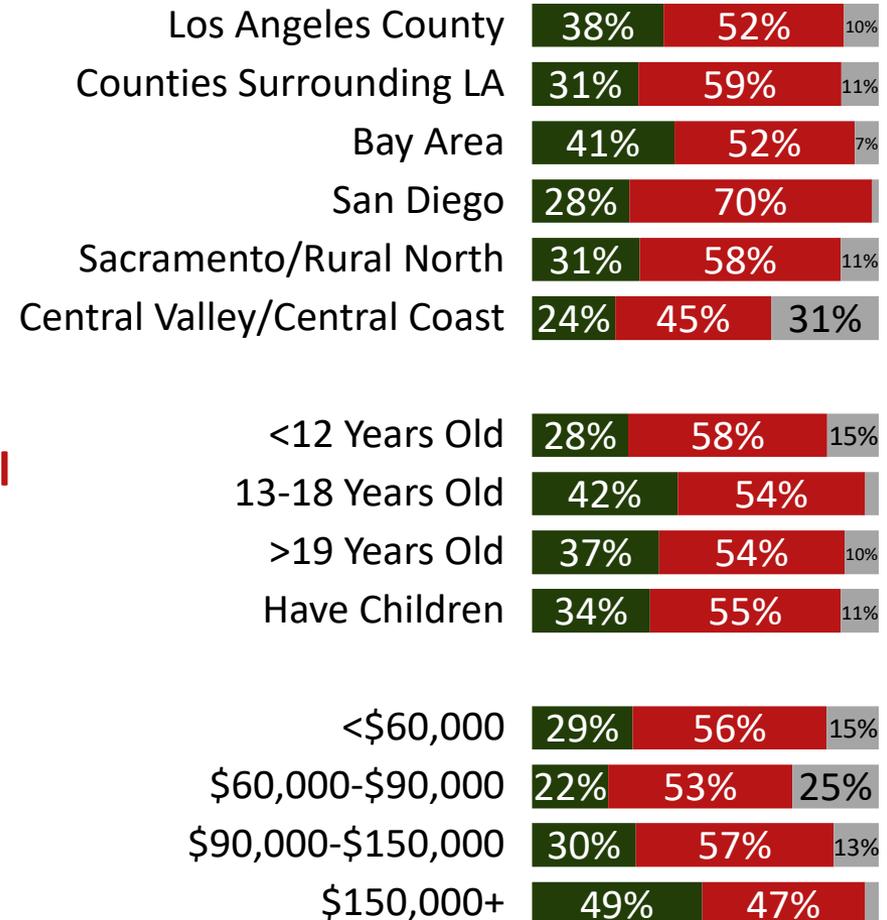


# A majority of parents believes distance learning was not very effective in the spring.

*Did your child participate in distance learning last spring? If so, how effective was distance learning for your child last spring: Very, somewhat, not too, or not at all effective?*



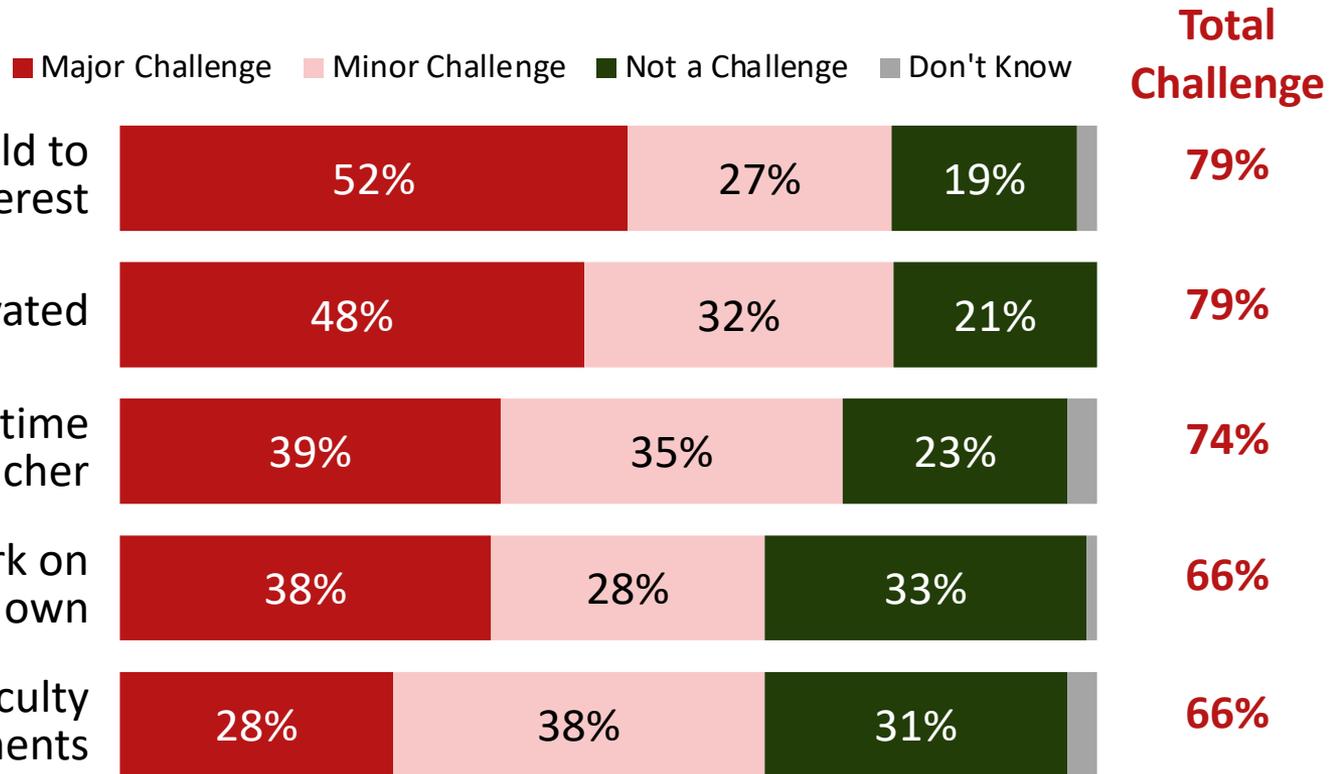
■ Very/Smwt. Eff. ■ Not Too/At All Eff. ■ Did Not Part./Don't Know



# The biggest challenges with distance learning have been sustaining children's interest and motivation, and a lack of instructional time.

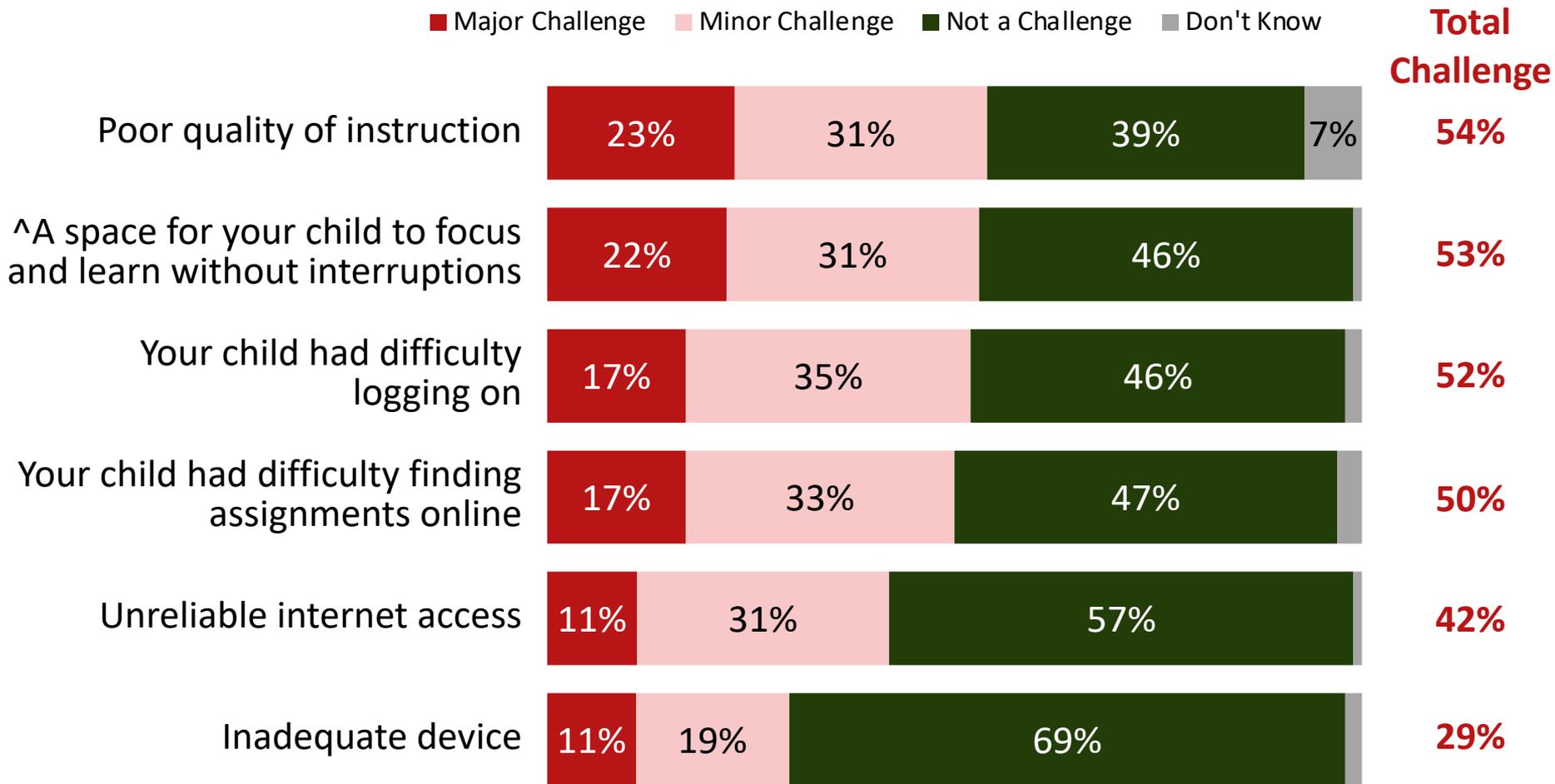
Here are some challenges you and your family may face with distance learning. Please indicate if this was a major challenge, a minor challenge, or not a challenge for you.

Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children



# Unreliable internet access and inadequate devices were not challenges for most.

■ Major Challenge ■ Minor Challenge ■ Not a Challenge ■ Don't Know



# However, unreliable internet access is an issue among middle- to low-income families.

(Total Challenge – Parents with Pre-K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Children)

Challenge	All Voters	Household Income			
		<\$60,000	\$60,000-\$90,000	\$90,000-\$150,000	\$150,000+
Hard for your child to sustain interest	<b>79%</b>	94%	55%	73%	75%
Your child was not motivated	<b>79%</b>	97%	73%	78%	76%
Not enough instructional time with a teacher	<b>74%</b>	93%	55%	72%	65%
Hard for your child to work on their own	<b>66%</b>	74%	65%	53%	63%
Your child had difficulty understanding assignments	<b>66%</b>	78%	64%	71%	52%
Poor quality of instruction	<b>54%</b>	55%	72%	54%	38%
^A space for your child to focus and learn without interruptions	<b>53%</b>	56%	66%	48%	46%
Your child had difficulty logging on	<b>52%</b>	58%	67%	64%	29%
Your child had difficulty finding assignments online	<b>50%</b>	58%	73%	38%	43%
Unreliable internet access	<b>42%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>57%</b>	38%	37%
Inadequate device	<b>29%</b>	35%	16%	37%	18%

# Latino parents and parents of color in general are more likely to deal with unreliable internet access than are white parents.

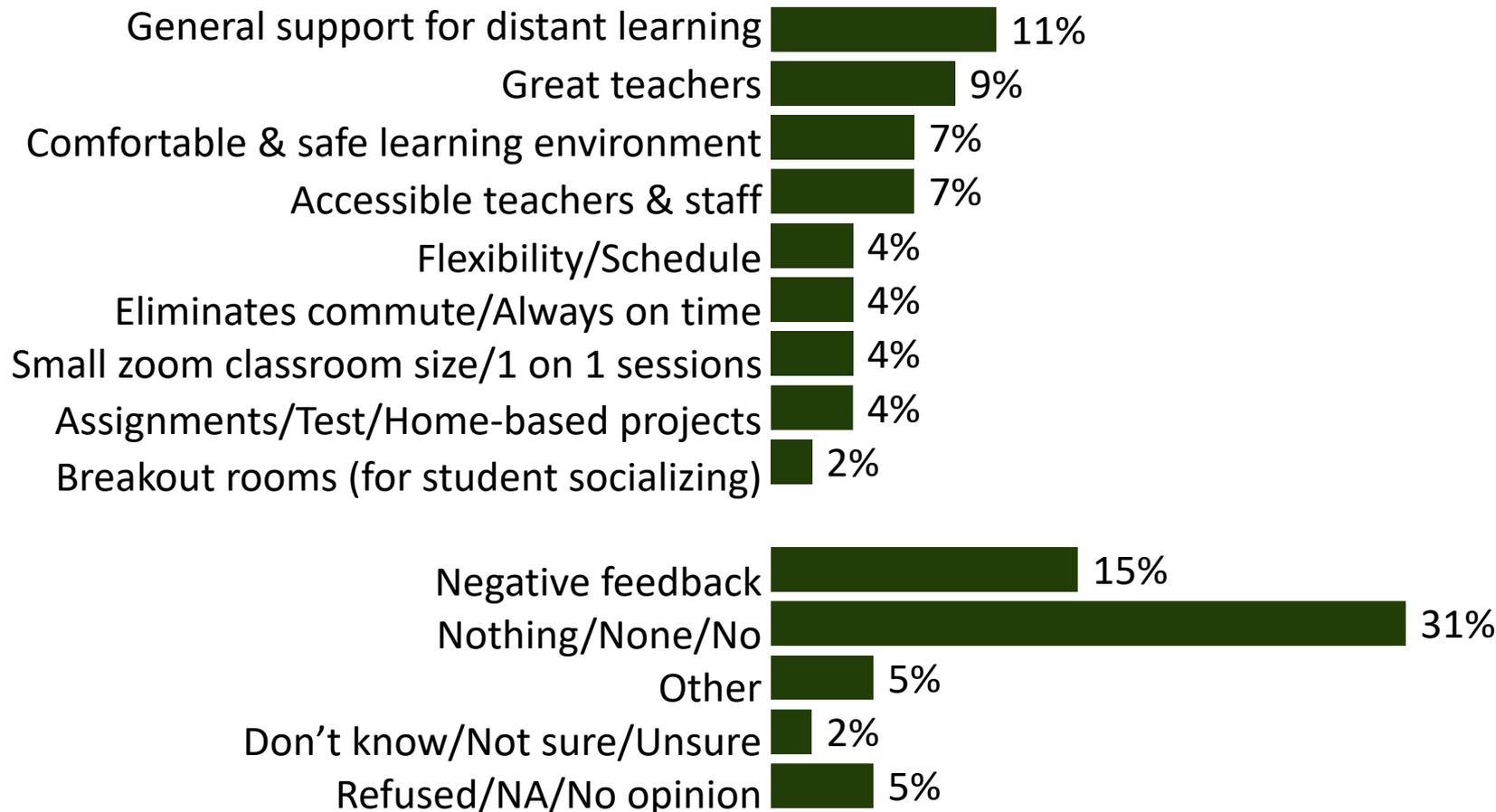
(Total Challenge – Parents with Pre-K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Children)

Challenge	All Voters	Race/Ethnicity		
		Whites	Latinos	All Voters of Color
Hard for your child to sustain interest	79%	88%	77%	74%
Your child was not motivated	79%	83%	74%	74%
Not enough instructional time with a teacher	74%	73%	82%	74%
Hard for your child to work on their own	66%	60%	61%	67%
Your child had difficulty understanding assignments	66%	62%	78%	69%
Poor quality of instruction	54%	48%	56%	53%
^A space for your child to focus and learn without interruptions	53%	51%	57%	53%
Your child had difficulty logging on	52%	41%	50%	58%
Your child had difficulty finding assignments online	50%	49%	49%	50%
Unreliable internet access	42%	38%	53%	49%
Inadequate device	29%	21%	29%	31%

# Parents said very little worked well with distance learning in the spring

*Was there anything that worked really well in distance learning last spring?*

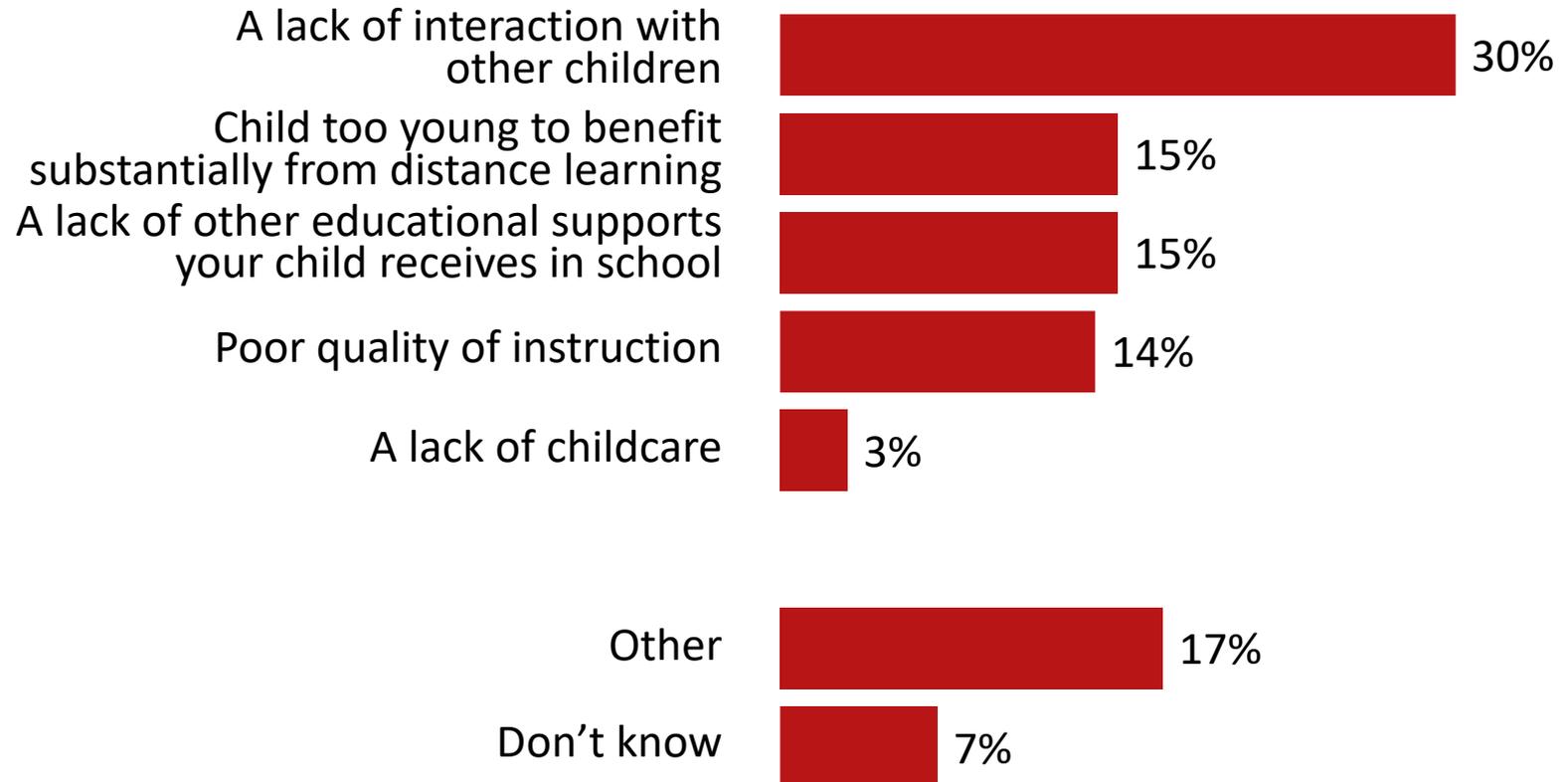
*Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children*



# Biggest challenge to a successful distance learning is a lack of interaction with other children.

*What do you see as the biggest challenge to successful distance learning experience for you and your child?*

*Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children*

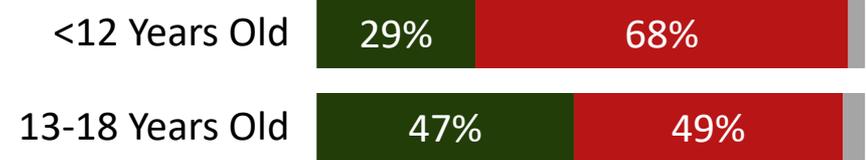
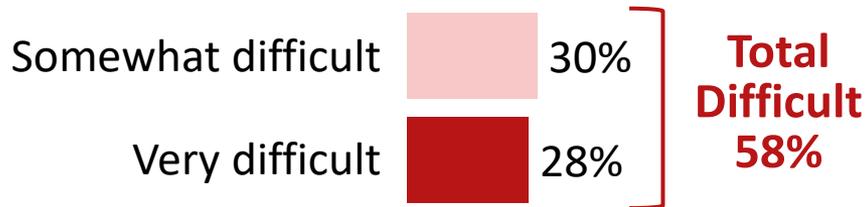


# A majority of parents say it will be difficult to manage distance learning this year for their child.

*How easy or difficult will it be for you to manage distance learning for your child this year?*

*Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children*

■ Total Easy ■ Total Difficult ■ Don't Know

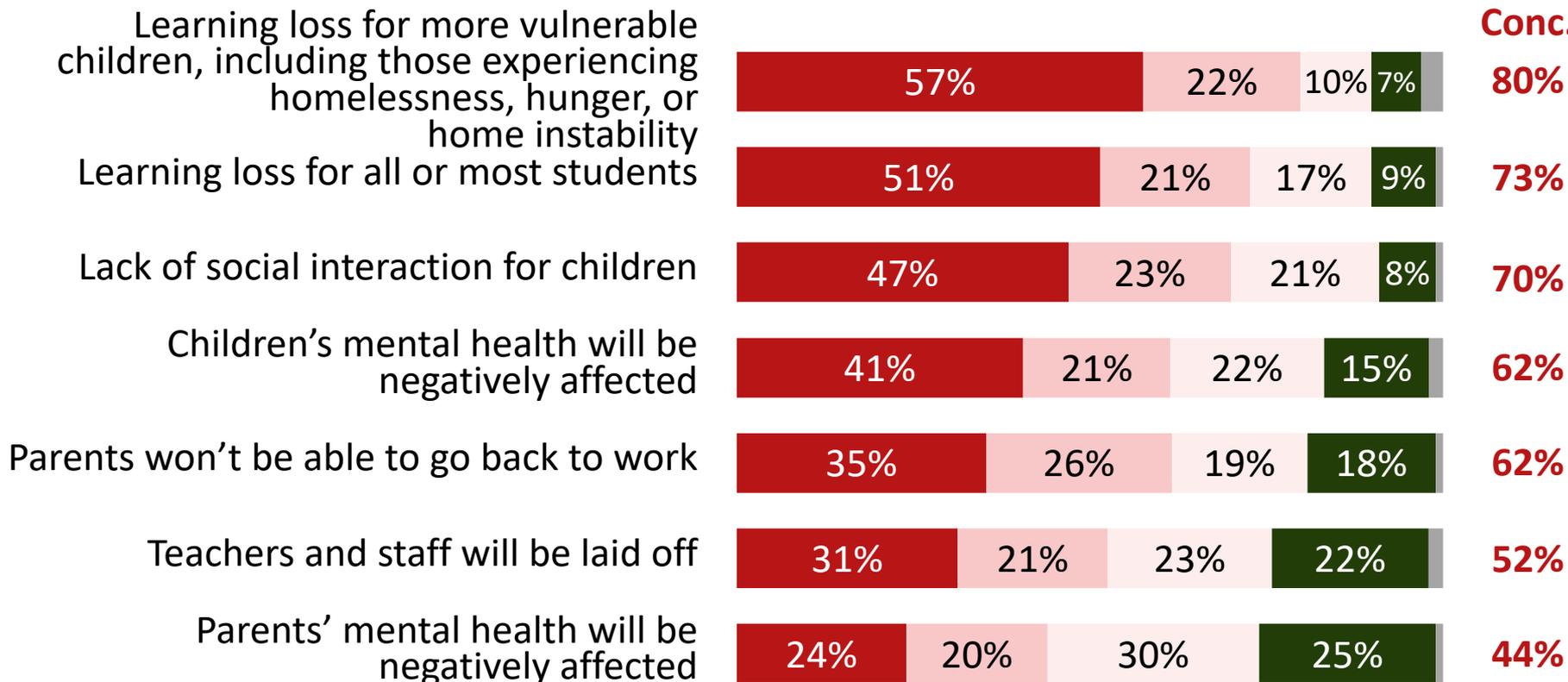


# Parents are very worried about learning loss for vulnerable children and all students, as well as a lack of social interactions.

*Here are some consequences that people have said may follow if students are required to spend most of the school year in distance learning. How concerned are you about each one: extremely concerned, very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not concerned?*

■ Ext. Conc.   ■ Very Conc.   ■ Smwt. Conc.   ■ Not Conc.   ■ Don't Know

**Ext./Very Conc.**



# Parents across partisan lines share these concerns; Democrats are more worried about layoffs and Republicans are more worried about parents' mental health.

*(Extremely/Very Concerned – Parents with Pre-K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Children)*

Consequence	All Voters	Party		
		Dems.	Inds.	Reps.
Learning loss for more vulnerable children, including those experiencing homelessness, hunger, or home instability	80%	78%	79%	81%
Learning loss for all or most students	73%	66%	73%	82%
Lack of social interaction for children	70%	62%	76%	77%
Children's mental health will be negatively affected	62%	51%	69%	72%
Parents won't be able to go back to work	62%	56%	61%	70%
Teachers and staff will be laid off	52%	64%	45%	42%
Parents' mental health will be negatively affected	44%	36%	51%	50%

# Low-income parents are most worried about being able to go back to work and about teacher and staff layoffs.

*(Extremely/Very Concerned – Parents with Pre-K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Children)*

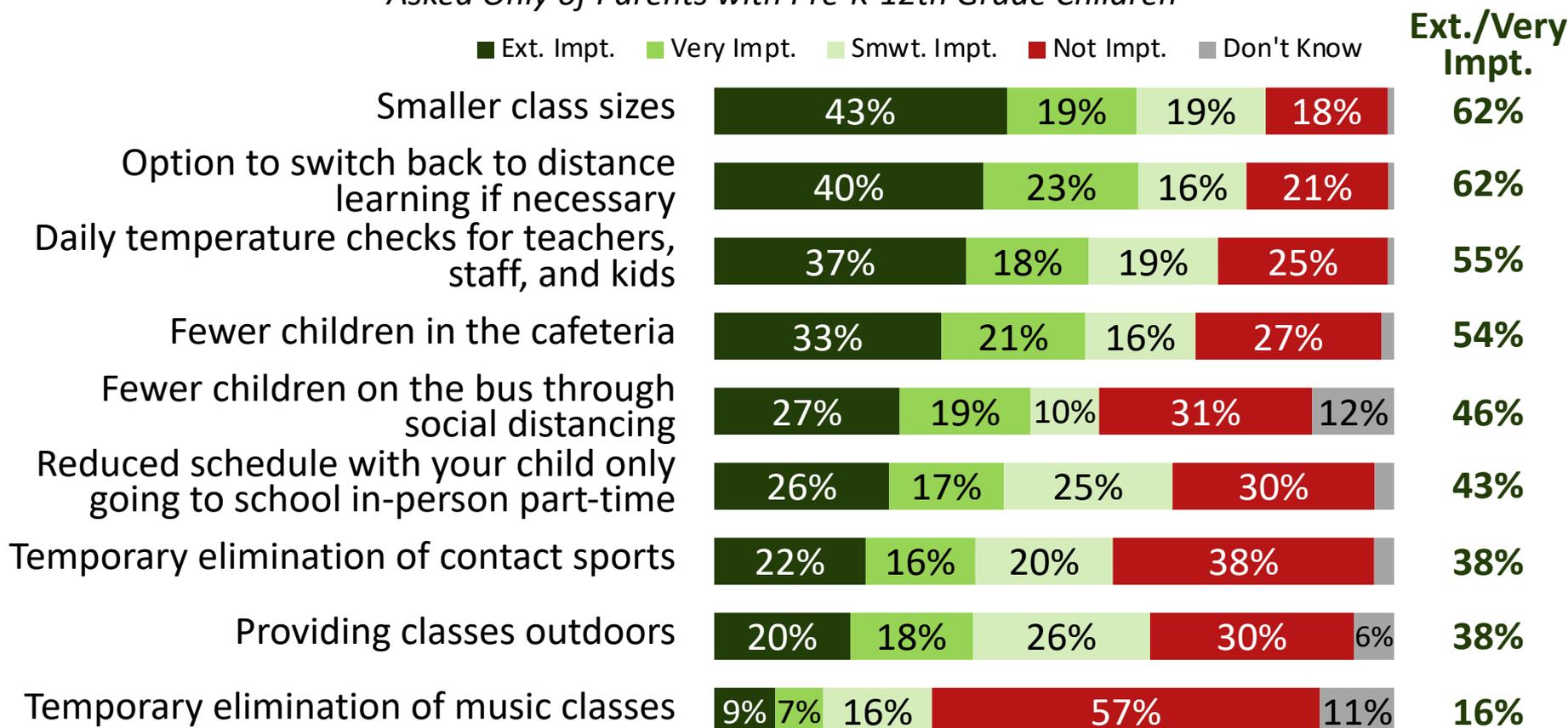
Consequence	All Voters	Household Income			
		<\$60,000	\$60,000-\$90,000	\$90,000-\$150,000	\$150,000+
Learning loss for more vulnerable children, including those experiencing homelessness, hunger, or home instability	<b>80%</b>	78%	80%	85%	75%
Learning loss for all or most students	<b>73%</b>	86%	66%	79%	60%
Lack of social interaction for children	<b>70%</b>	57%	69%	66%	79%
Children’s mental health will be negatively affected	<b>62%</b>	55%	64%	67%	60%
Parents won’t be able to go back to work	<b>62%</b>	<b>75%</b>	66%	63%	50%
Teachers and staff will be laid off	<b>52%</b>	<b>75%</b>	45%	50%	45%
Parents’ mental health will be negatively affected	<b>44%</b>	47%	58%	42%	37%

# Smaller class sizes, the option to go back to distance learning, and daily temperature checks are seen as the most important precautions for returning to in-class learning.

Here are some steps that could be taken to make schools safer for in-person instruction before a vaccine is available. How important is it to you that each step be taken at your child's school: extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important?

Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children

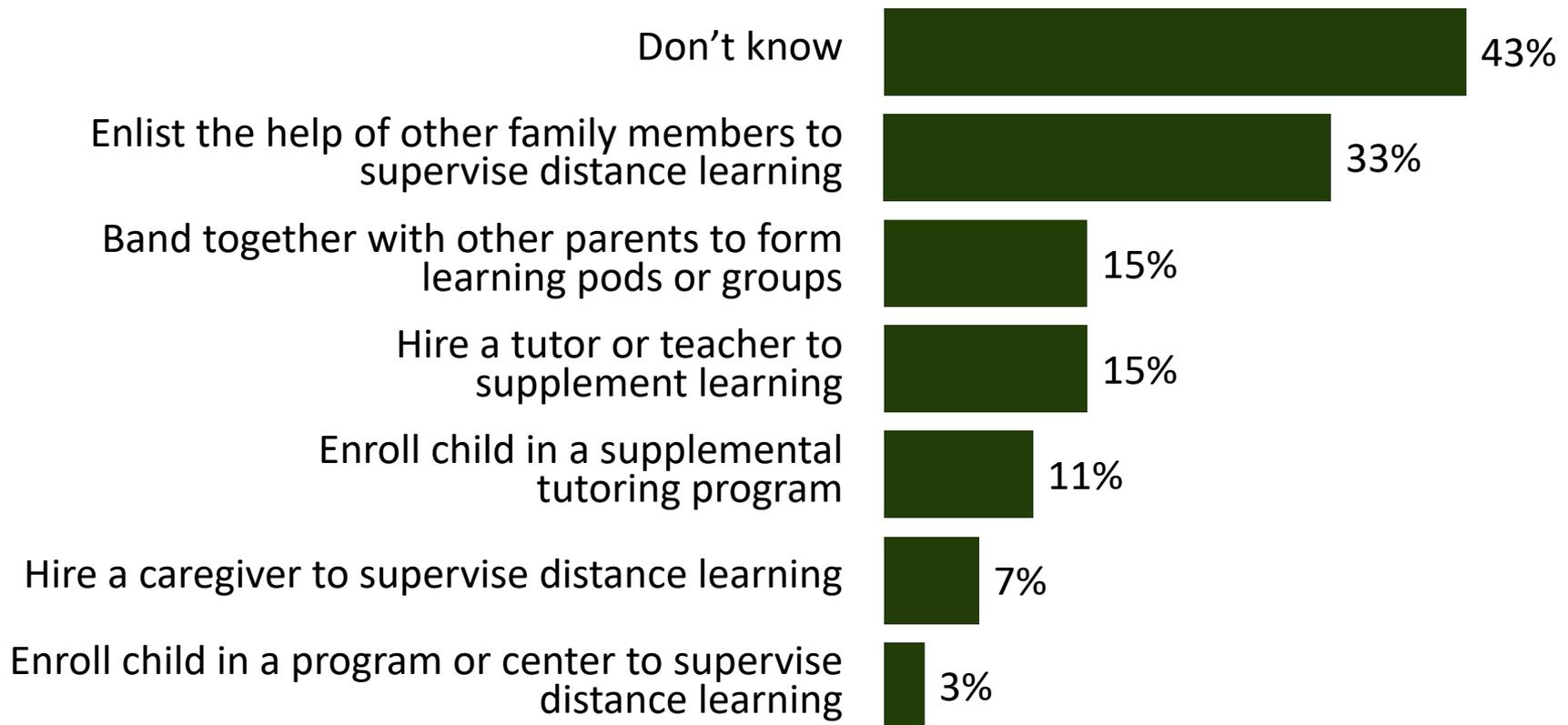
■ Ext. Impt. ■ Very Impt. ■ Smwt. Impt. ■ Not Impt. ■ Don't Know



# Fully two in five parents are unsure how they will manage distance learning this year.

*What strategies does your family intend to use to help manage distance learning this year?  
(Multiple Responses Accepted)*

*Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children*



# Parents of children in Pre-K and elementary school are more likely to hire a caregiver than parents of older children.

*Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children*

Strategy	All Voters	Grade of Child			
		Pre-K-3rd Grade	Grades 4-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12 (High School)
Band together with other parents to form learning pods or groups	15%	15%	16%	14%	13%
Hire a tutor or teacher to supplement learning	15%	14%	15%	19%	11%
Enroll child in a supplemental tutoring program	11%	8%	9%	9%	12%
Enroll child in a program or center to supervise distance learning	3%	5%	1%	1%	2%
Hire a caregiver to supervise distance learning	7%	16%	18%	4%	8%
Enlist the help of other family members to supervise distance learning	33%	34%	32%	37%	32%
Don't know	43%	42%	36%	45%	43%

# Few parents likely to band together to form pods, higher income parents most likely to do so

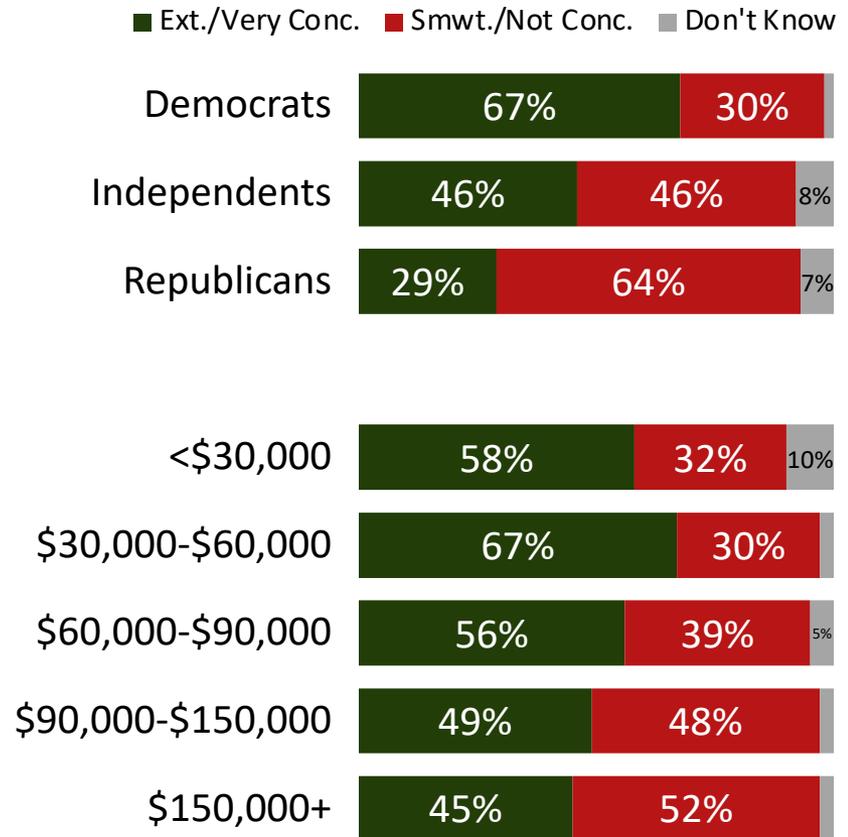
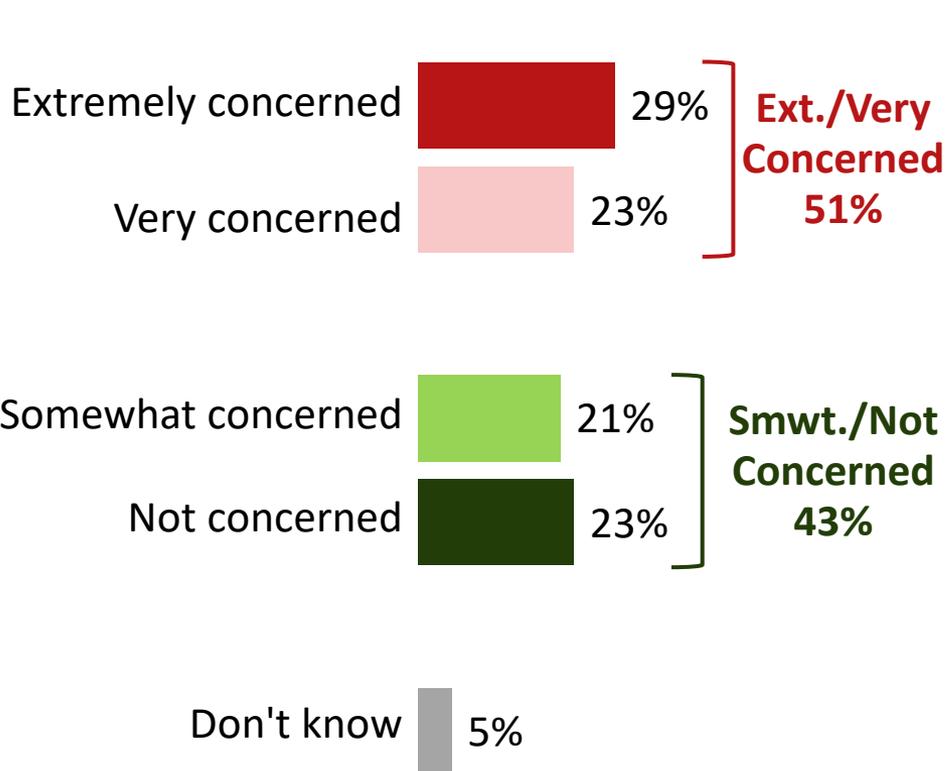
*Parents with Pre-K 12th Grade Children*

Strategy	All Voters	Household Income			
		<\$60,000	\$60,000-\$90,000	\$90,000-\$150,000	\$150,000+
Band together with other parents to form learning pods or groups	15%	7%	8%	16%	19%
Hire a tutor or teacher to supplement learning	15%	16%	6%	16%	19%
Enroll child in a supplemental tutoring program	11%	10%	10%	10%	12%
Enroll child in a program or center to supervise distance learning	3%	0%	0%	3%	4%
Hire a caregiver to supervise distance learning	7%	17%	7%	4%	4%
Enlist the help of other family members to supervise distance learning	33%	26%	38%	35%	30%
Don't know	43%	36%	52%	44%	44%

# Half of voters extremely or very concerned about the implications of pods and tutors.

*Some people have raised concerns that some of strategies to help manage distance learning, like forming learning pods and hiring tutors, are easier for higher-income families to do and could widen achievement gaps between higher-income and lower-income students.*

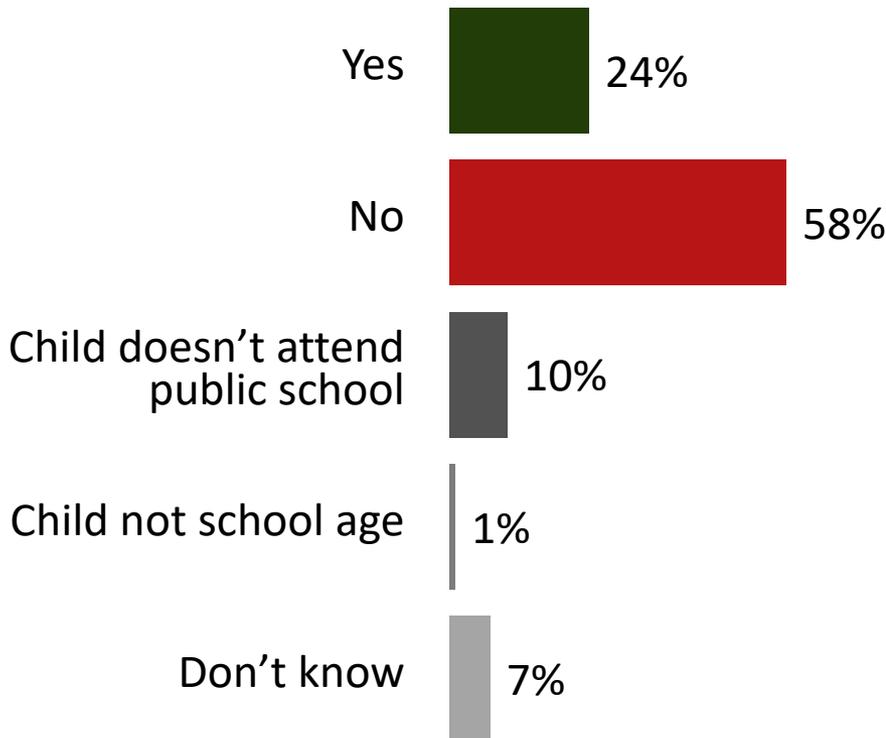
*How concerned are you about learning pods widening achievement gaps?*



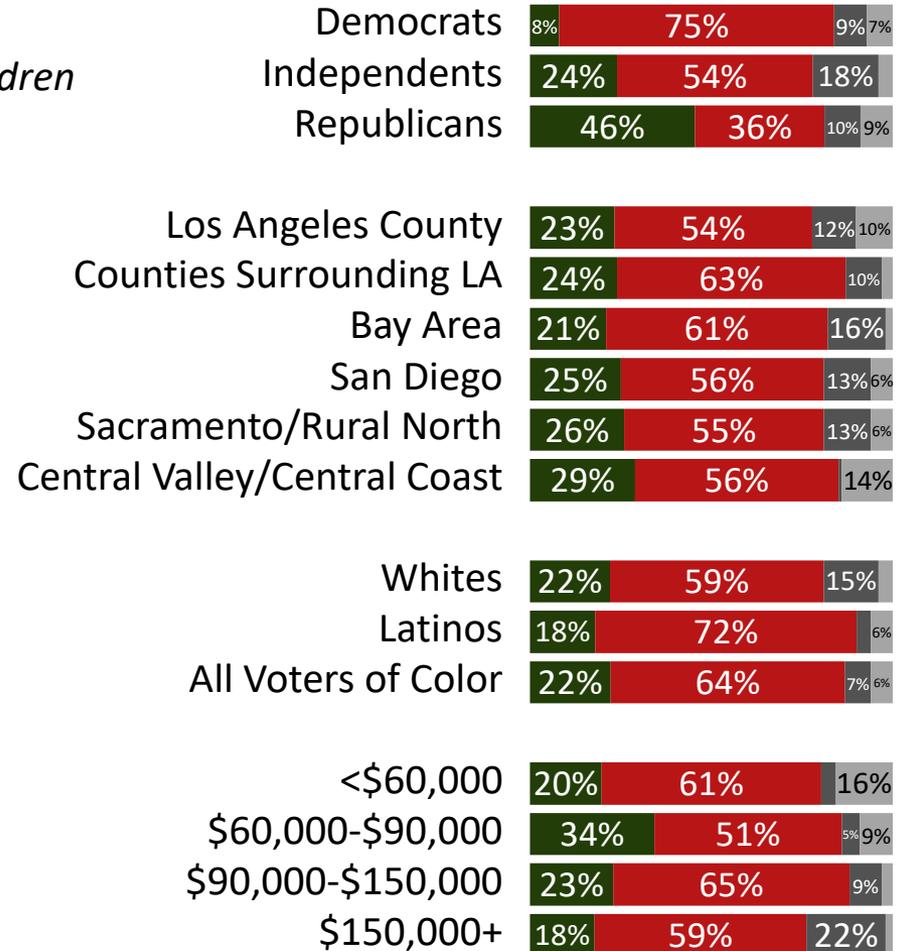
# One-quarter of parents are considering moving their children out of public school.

Are you considering moving your child from a public school to a private school, a parochial school or charter school, as a result of pandemic related issues?

Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children



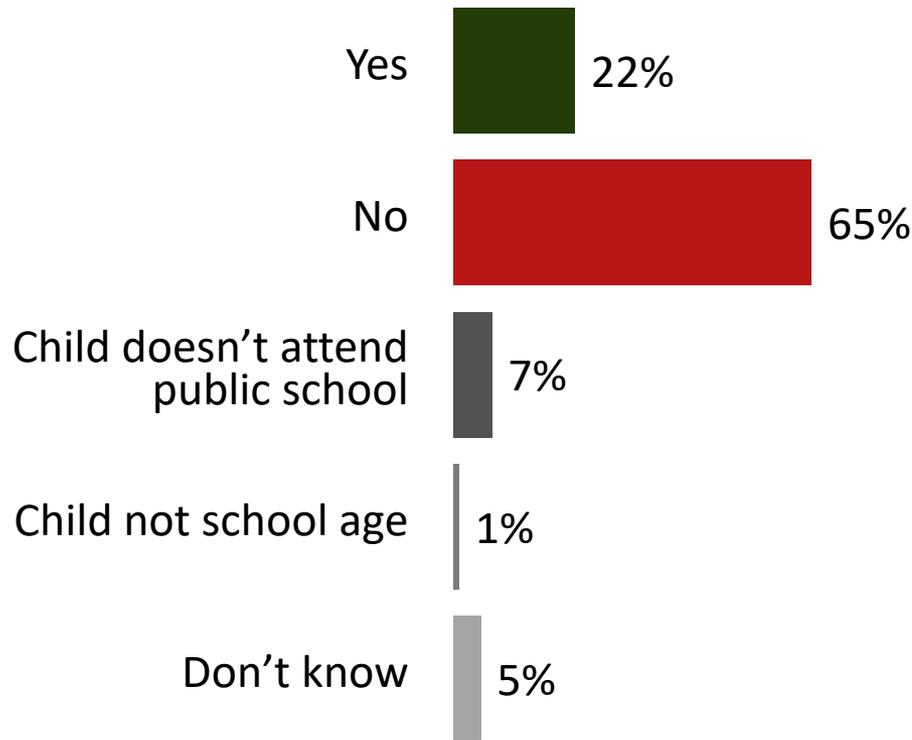
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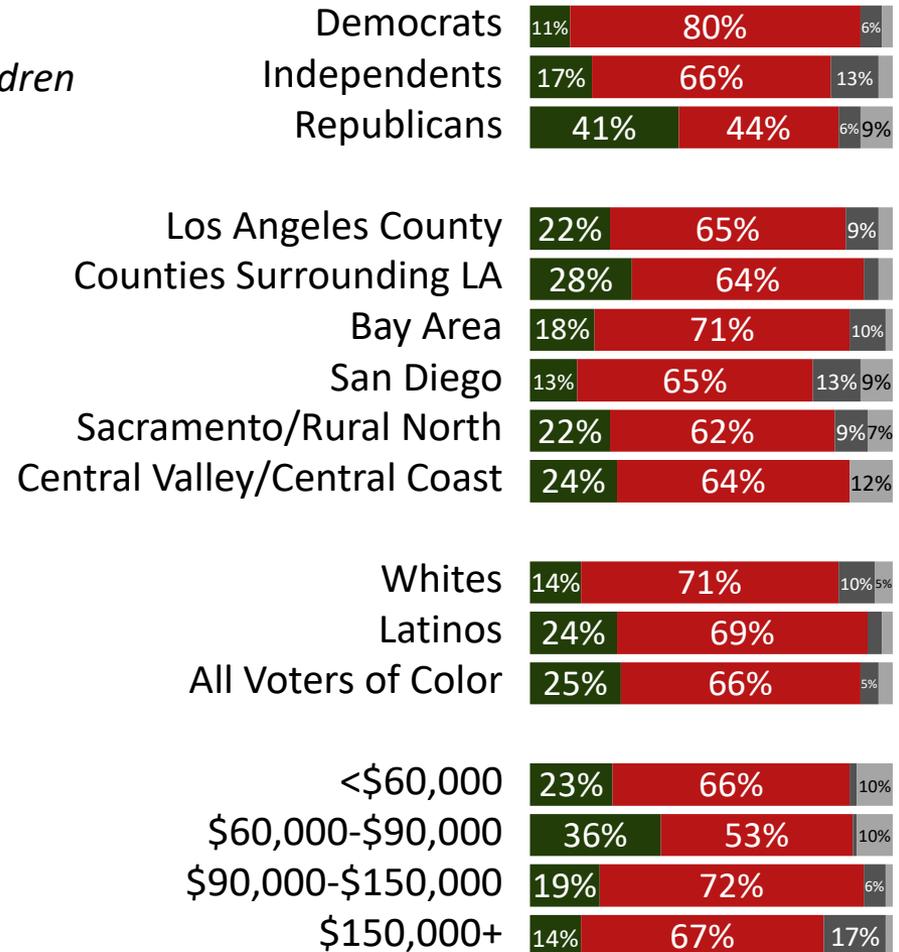
# Just over one in five say they are considering moving their family in order to access different school options.

Are you considering moving your family to access different school options for your child?

Asked Only of Parents with Pre-K-12th Grade Children



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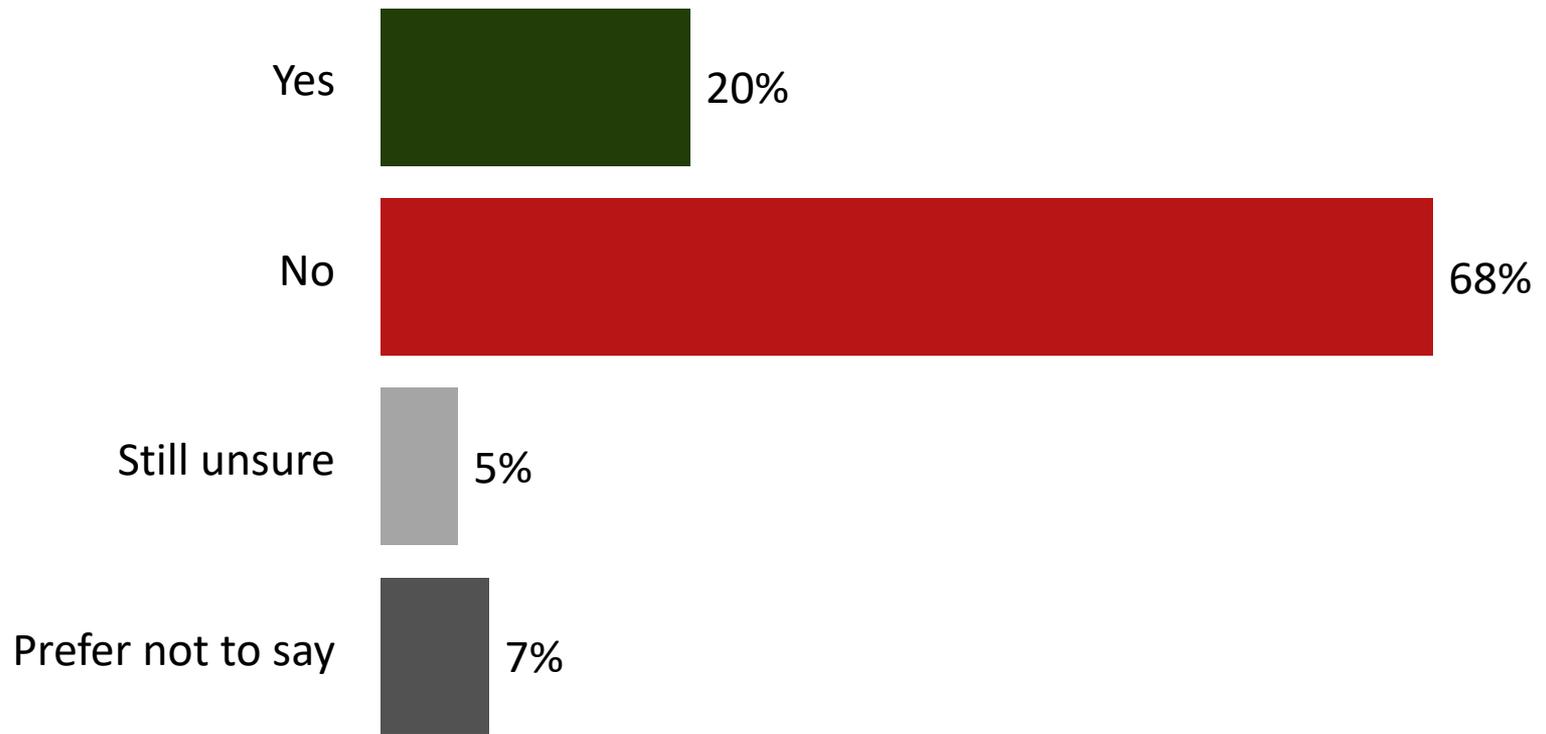


# **Perspectives on the College Experience**

# Two-thirds with college-age children say their children will not be returning to campus this fall.

*If you have college age children, are they returning or have they returned to campus this fall for in-person classes?*

*Asked Only of Parents with a Child in College*

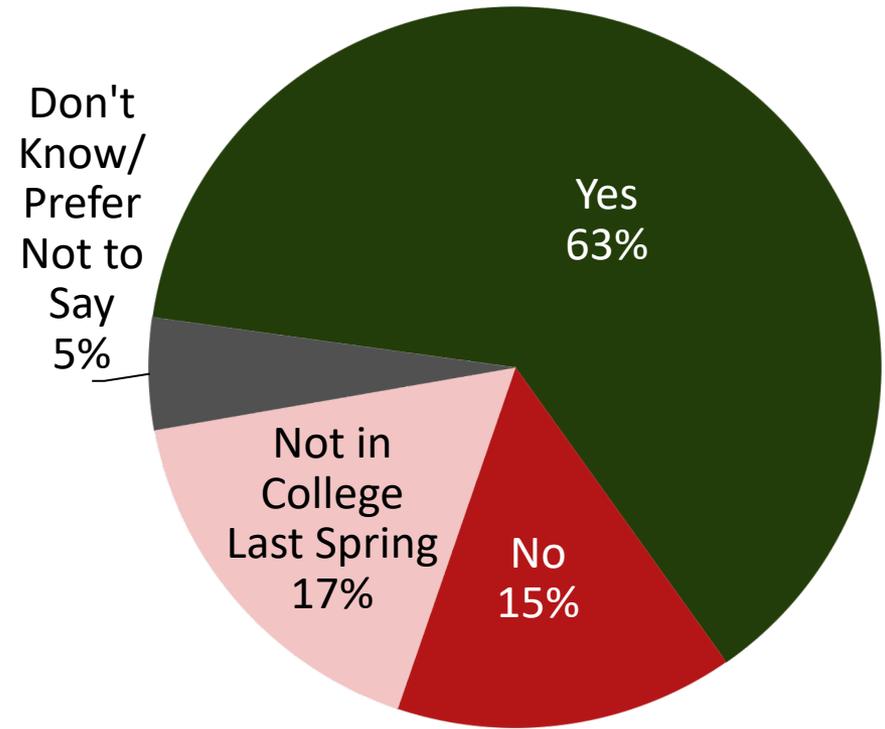
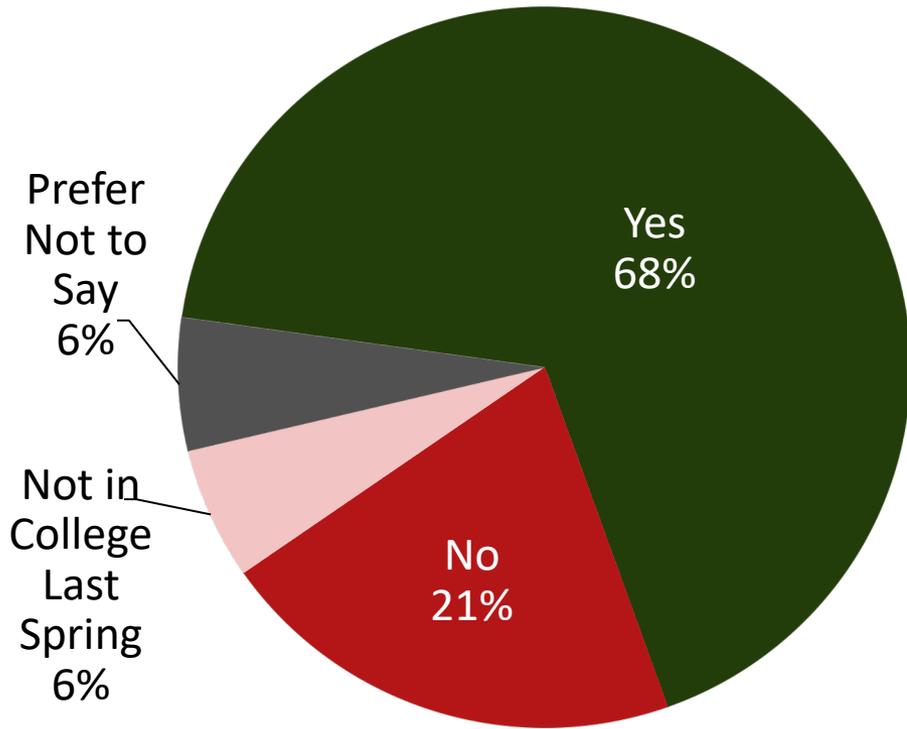


# Most say their children's studies have been interrupted.

*Have your child's college studies for the coming semester been interrupted or affected by the coronavirus pandemic?*

*Were your child's college studies interrupted in any way last spring by the coronavirus pandemic?*

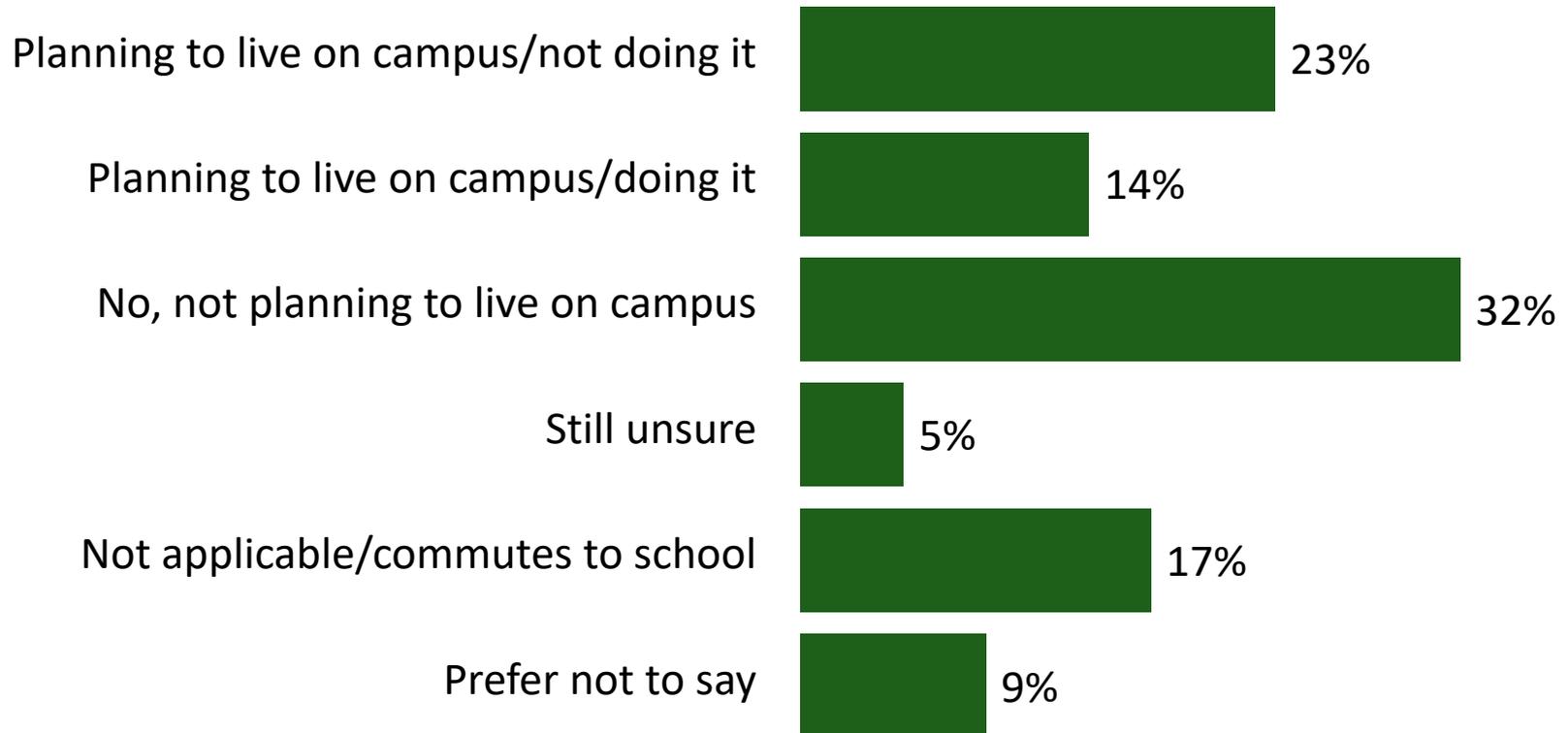
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# Fewer than one in five say their child is going to be living on campus.

*Was your child originally planning to live on or near the campus this fall?  
If so, are they now going to live on or near campus this fall?*

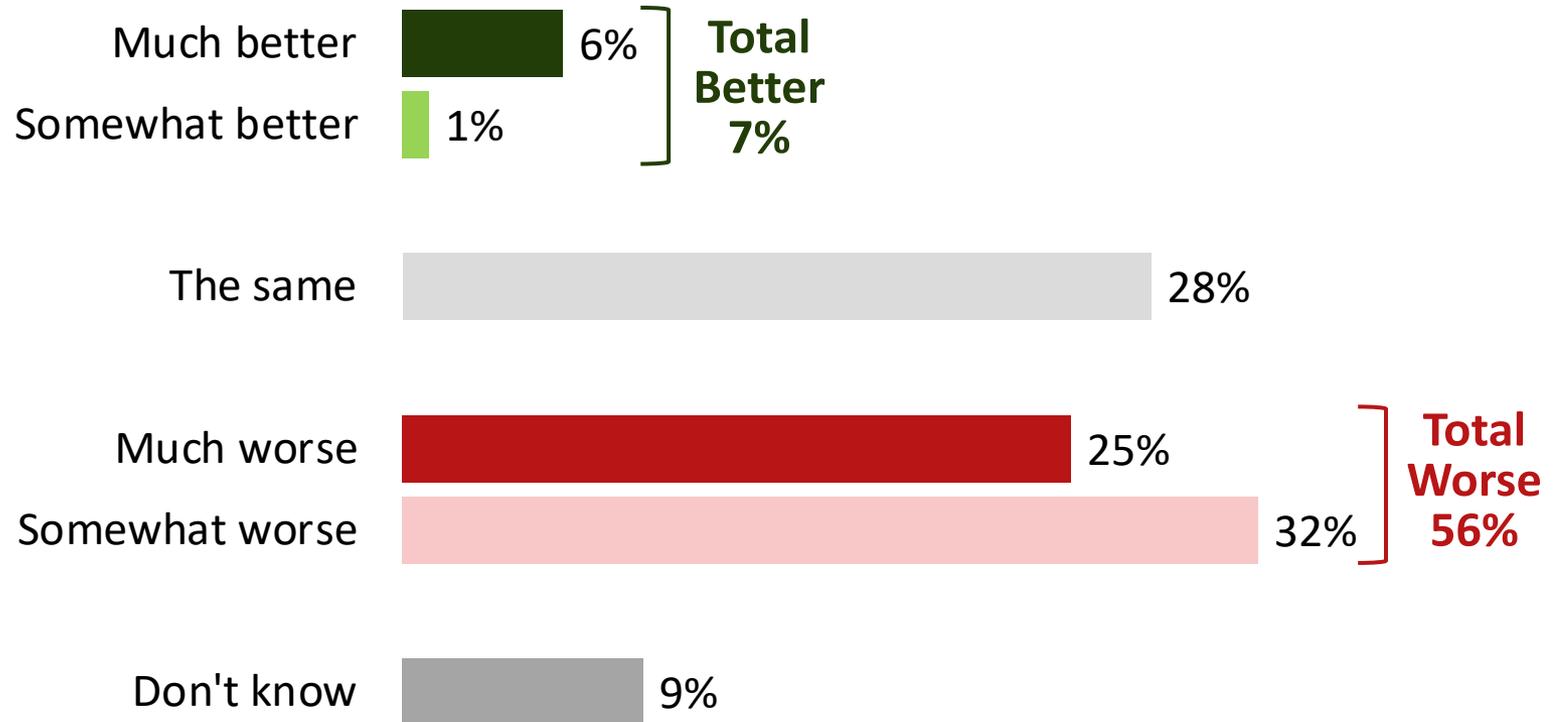
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# A majority of college parents also says that distance learning is worse than in-class learning.

*How do you think distance learning compares to in-class learning for college students? Is it better, worse, OR the same?*

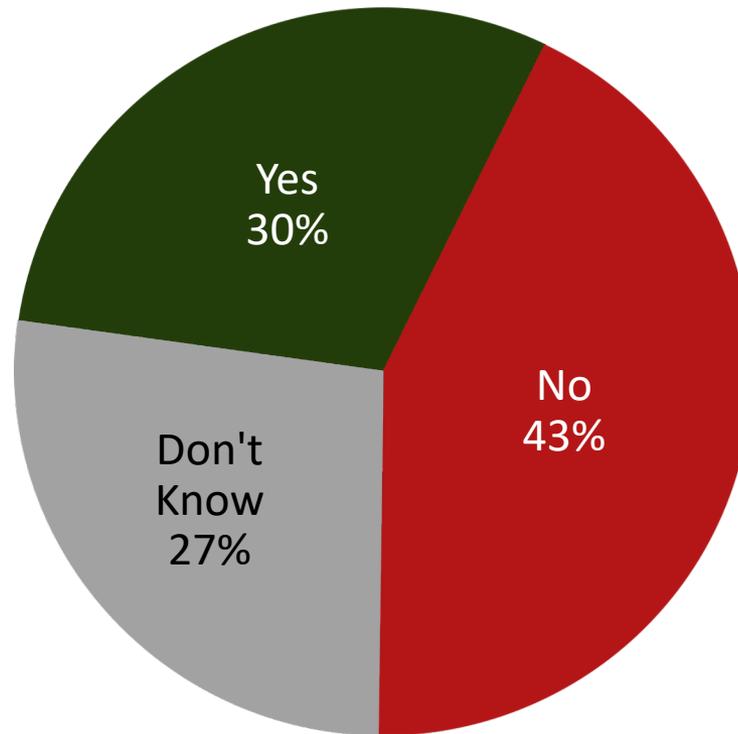
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# One in three are considering having their child transfer to a more affordable college, should distance learning continue.

*If college campuses continue to have to use distance learning for the next year, would you want your child to attend/transfer to a more affordable alternative institution?*

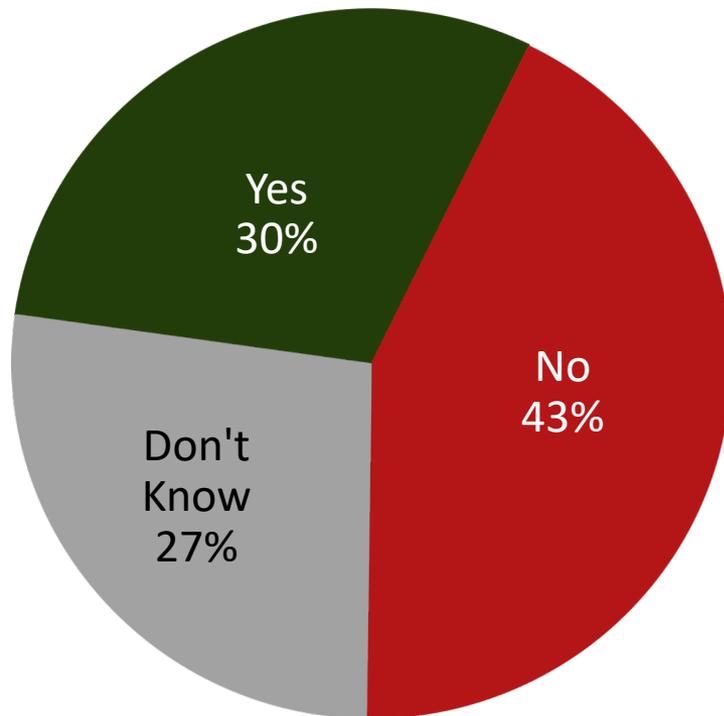
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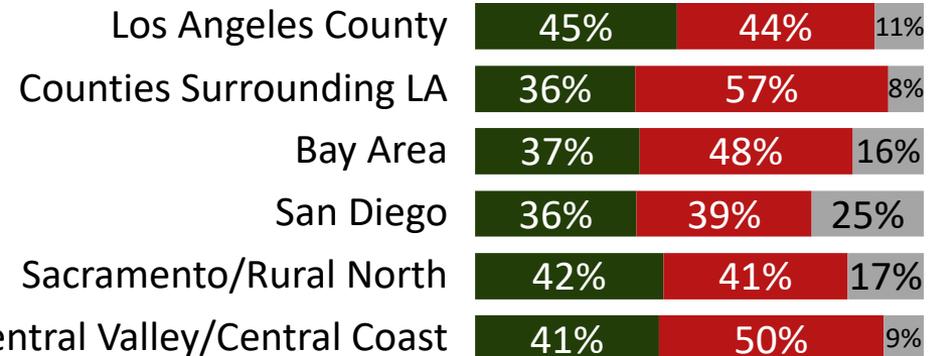
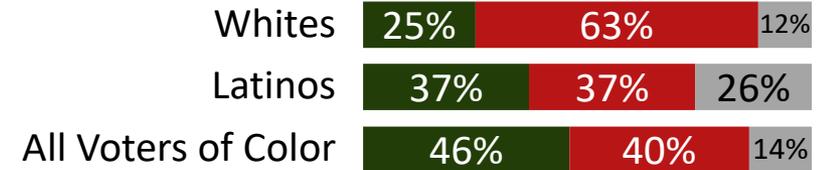
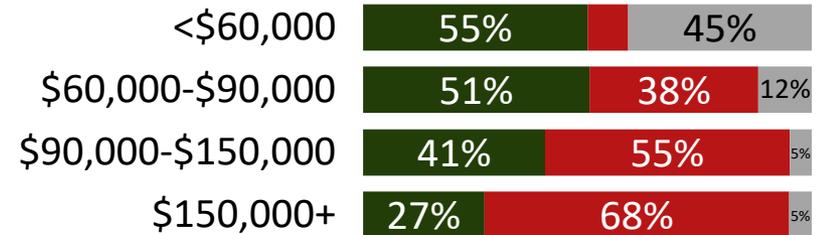
# And nearly one in three say that the economic crisis has impacted their child's ability to pay for college.

*Has the economic crisis caused by the pandemic impacted your or your child's ability to pay for college?*

*Asked Only of Parents with a Child in College*



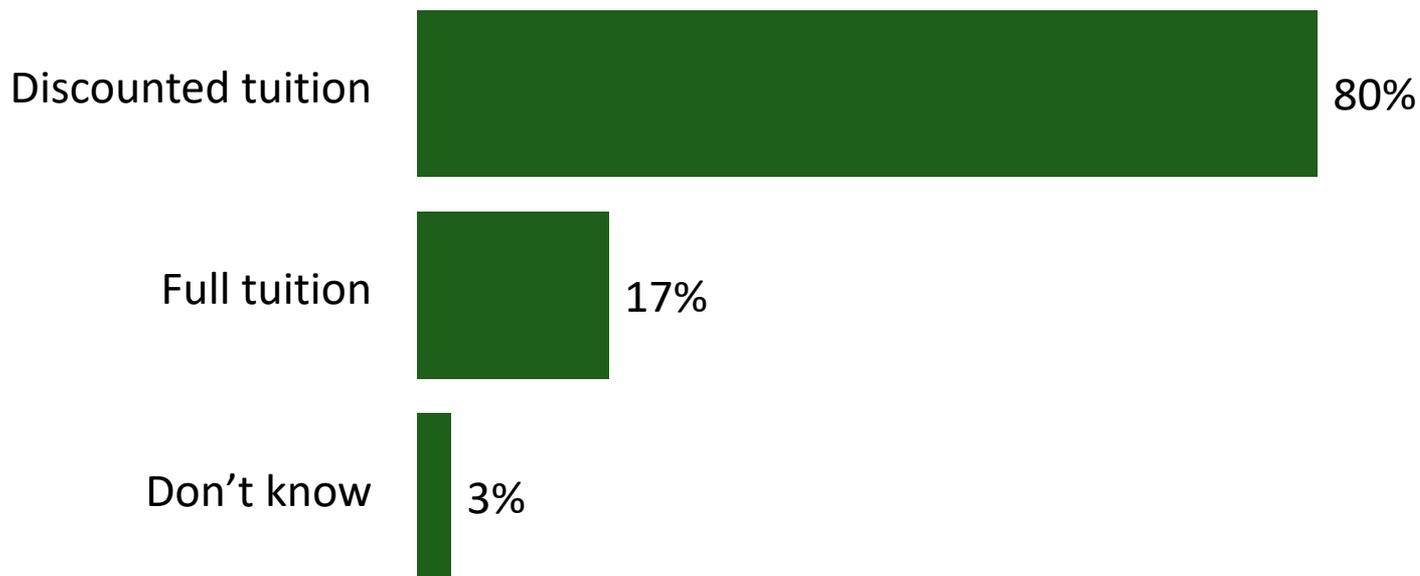
■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't Know



# Four in five support the idea of discounted tuition for the duration of distance learning.

*Some people have suggested that if colleges are offering classes remotely, students should be given a tuition discount, while others say that colleges continue to face high costs to maintain technology and facilities and pay staff and cannot afford to provide discounted tuition. Do you think students taking classes remotely should be given a discount on tuition, or should they pay full tuition like they normally would for in-person classes?*

*Asked Only of Parents with a Child in College*





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## **Conclusions**

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- Voters and parents see COVID-19 school closures, funding issues, and distance learning as the biggest issues facing the state's educational system.
- A majority of voters offer a positive approval rating for how the Governor has responded to the crisis, while parents are more divided.
- However, both voters and parents support the Governor's distance learning requirements to minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- Despite this support, parents are broadly dissatisfied with distance learning:
  - The major challenges with distance learning relate to sustaining their child's interest and motivation, not having enough instructional time, and the challenge of working alone for their child and parents worry about learning loss.
  - While divided on how prepared their local school district was for distance learning, there is broad agreement among voters that distance learning is not as good as in-class learning.
  - A majority also say it is difficult for them to manage their children's distance learning and as many as two in five are unsure how they will juggle it in the fall.
- Both voters and parents see a need for additional funding to support distance learning and a safe return to classroom learning and believe that obtaining this funding would be more likely under a Biden Administration.
- Parents of college age children have also experienced significant interruptions, with majorities saying their children's studies have been disrupted, a majority saying the quality of education is worse with distance learning, and nearly one-third saying they've encountered difficulties paying for college since the pandemic.