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Leger, the largest Canadian-owned polling and marketing research firm, in collaboration with The Atlantic, conducted this Web survey with a representative sample of **1,004 Americans**, over the age of 18, selected from LEO's (Leger Opinion) representative panel. Data collection took place from **June 4th, 2021 to June 6th, 2021**, via Computer-Assisted Web Interviewing technology (CAWI). Using 2010 U.S. Census reference variables, the American data was then analyzed and weighted by our statisticians according to gender, age, region, race/ethnicity, household size and education level in order to render a representative sample of the general population.

A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey. For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size would have a margin of **±3.09%, 19 times out of 20**. The results presented in this study comply with the public opinion research standards and disclosure requirements of CRIC (the Canadian Research and Insights Council) and the global ESOMAR network. Leger is a founding member of CRIC and is actively involved in raising quality standards in the survey industry. President Jean-Marc Léger is a member of the CRIC's Board of Directors and the Canadian representative of ESOMAR.

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Poll aggregator 338Canada.com gave Leger the highest rating among all polling firms in Canada for the accuracy of its studies. See <https://338canada.com/pollster-ratings.htm>

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Notes on Reading this Report

The numbers presented have been rounded. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

In this report, data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.

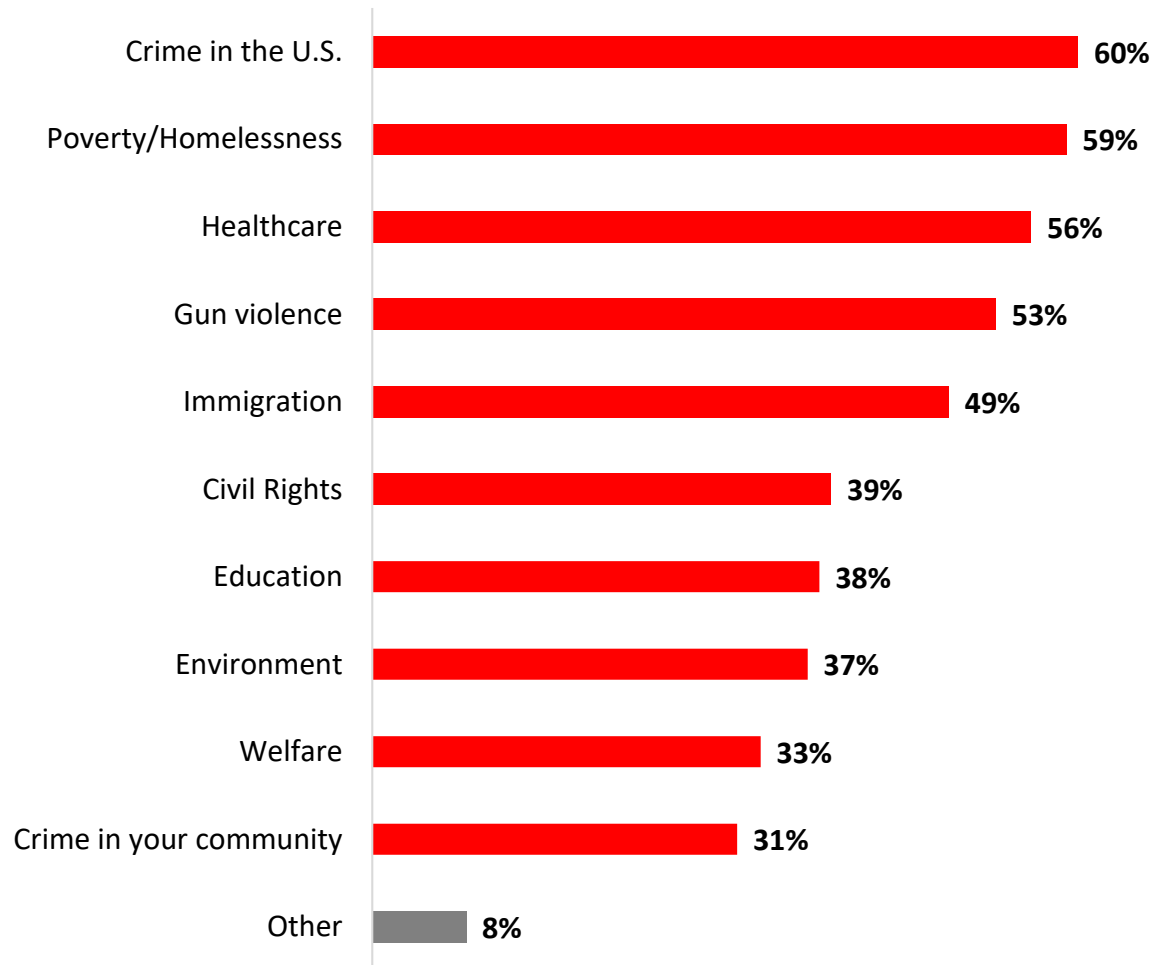
A more detailed methodology is presented in the appendix.

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MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE U.S.

ATL1. Which of the following issues do you see as major problems in the U.S. today?*

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)



*Since respondents could give more than one answer, the total may exceed 100%.

MAJOR PROBLEMS IN THE U.S. - DETAILS

ATL1. Which of the following issues do you see as major problems in the U.S. today?*

Base: All respondents

	TOTAL USA	North-East	Mid-West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Voted for Trump	Voted for Biden	Voted for other
Weighted n =	1,004	180	218	372	234	276	393	335	487	517	373	404	16
Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
Crime in the U.S.	60%	57%	59%	63%	59%	54%	55%	71%	59%	61%	71%	53%	38%
Poverty/Homelessness	59%	52%	56%	59%	68%	55%	59%	63%	56%	62%	54%	64%	62%
Healthcare	56%	53%	60%	56%	55%	53%	56%	59%	53%	59%	46%	65%	56%
Gun violence	53%	63%	53%	50%	51%	46%	54%	58%	48%	58%	32%	74%	38%
Immigration	49%	46%	41%	48%	59%	34%	44%	66%	47%	50%	67%	36%	37%
Civil Rights	39%	35%	41%	38%	43%	43%	39%	37%	38%	40%	23%	56%	33%
Education	38%	30%	40%	37%	43%	41%	34%	40%	37%	38%	34%	42%	33%
Environment	37%	32%	39%	36%	40%	40%	35%	37%	35%	39%	20%	54%	34%
Welfare	33%	26%	31%	36%	36%	32%	29%	39%	31%	35%	35%	30%	24%
Crime in your community	31%	28%	27%	31%	38%	29%	32%	32%	32%	31%	34%	31%	30%
Other	8%	6%	7%	11%	6%	5%	8%	10%	7%	9%	8%	5%	10%

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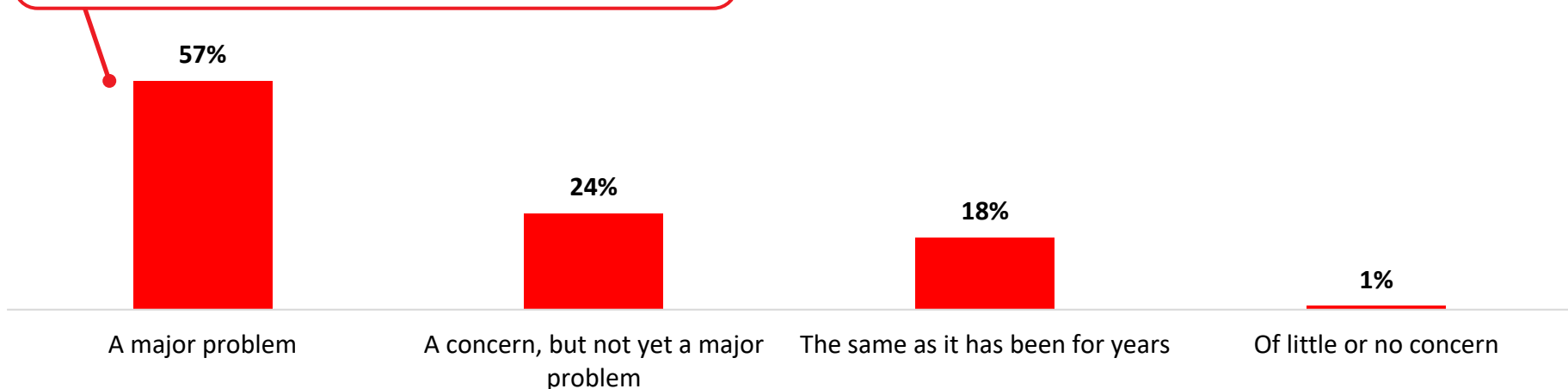
CRIME RATE IN THE U.S.

ATL2. How do you rate crime in terms of the U.S.?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

Higher proportion among:

- Respondents who have been (or know someone who has been) a victim of robbery, assault, or another violent crime in the past year (**72%**)

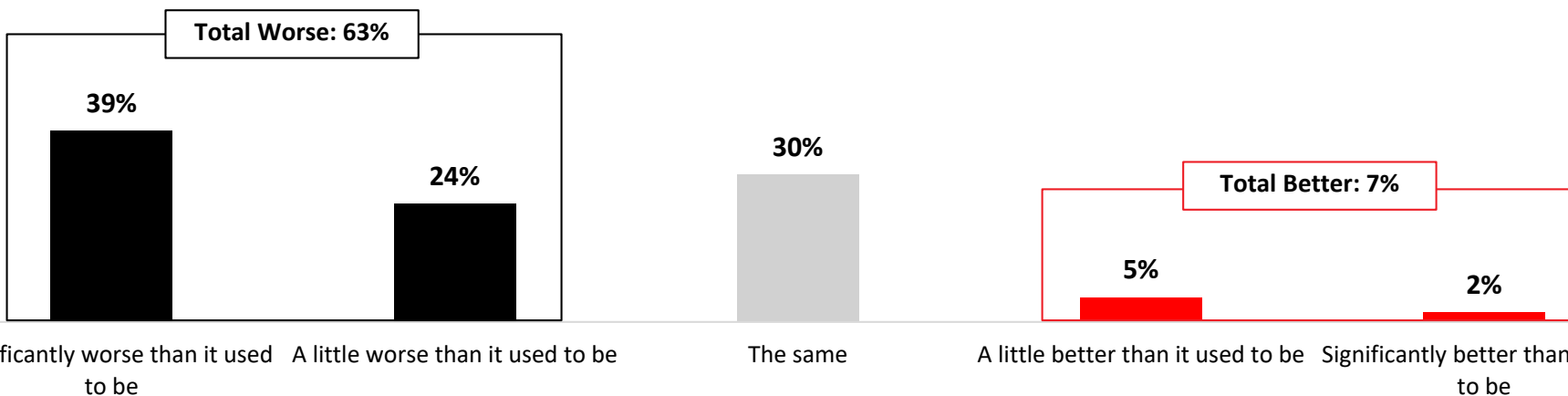


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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
A major problem	57%	57%	55%	58%	56%	53%	54%	63%	51%	62%	62%	52%	42%
A concern, but not yet a major problem	24%	25%	20%	25%	24%	28%	25%	20%	26%	21%	23%	26%	22%
The same as it has been for years	18%	17%	23%	16%	18%	16%	20%	17%	20%	16%	13%	20%	34%
Of little or no concern	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%

EVOLUTION OF CRIME IN THE U.S.

ATL3. How would you describe crime in the U.S. in 2021, compared to two years ago?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

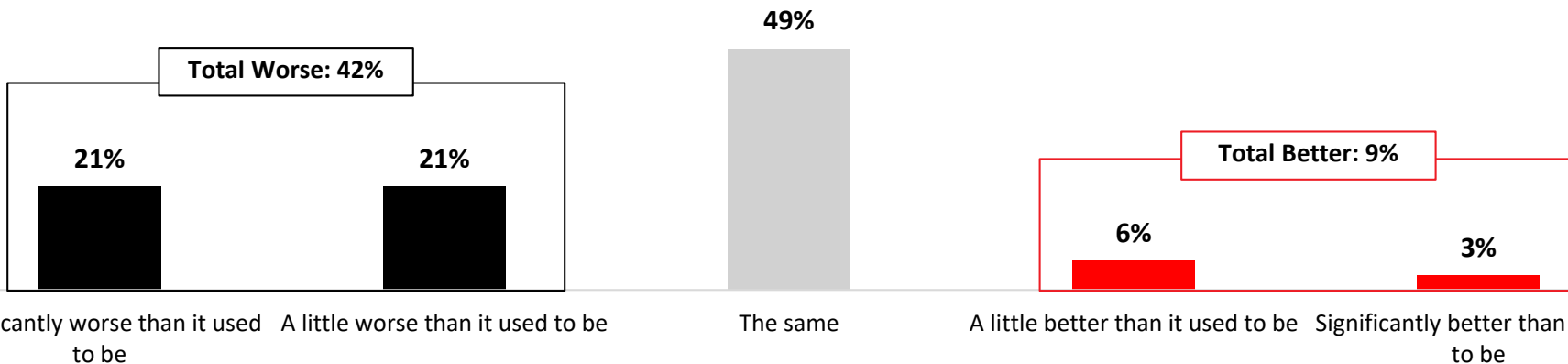


	TOTAL USA	North-East	Mid-West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Voted for Trump	Voted for Biden	Voted for other
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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
TOTAL WORSE	63%	62%	60%	62%	69%	50%	58%	79%	59%	67%	75%	54%	53%
Significantly worse than it used to be	39%	34%	35%	40%	43%	27%	36%	51%	33%	45%	52%	28%	25%
A little worse than it used to be	24%	28%	25%	21%	25%	24%	22%	28%	26%	23%	23%	26%	28%
The same	30%	28%	32%	33%	27%	36%	37%	18%	33%	28%	19%	38%	45%
TOTAL BETTER	7%	10%	8%	5%	5%	14%	5%	3%	9%	5%	6%	8%	2%
A little better than it used to be	5%	7%	7%	4%	3%	11%	3%	3%	6%	4%	5%	7%	2%
Significantly better than it used to be	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%

EVOLUTION OF CRIME IN YOUR COMMUNITY

ATL4. How would you describe crime in your community in 2021, compared to two years ago?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

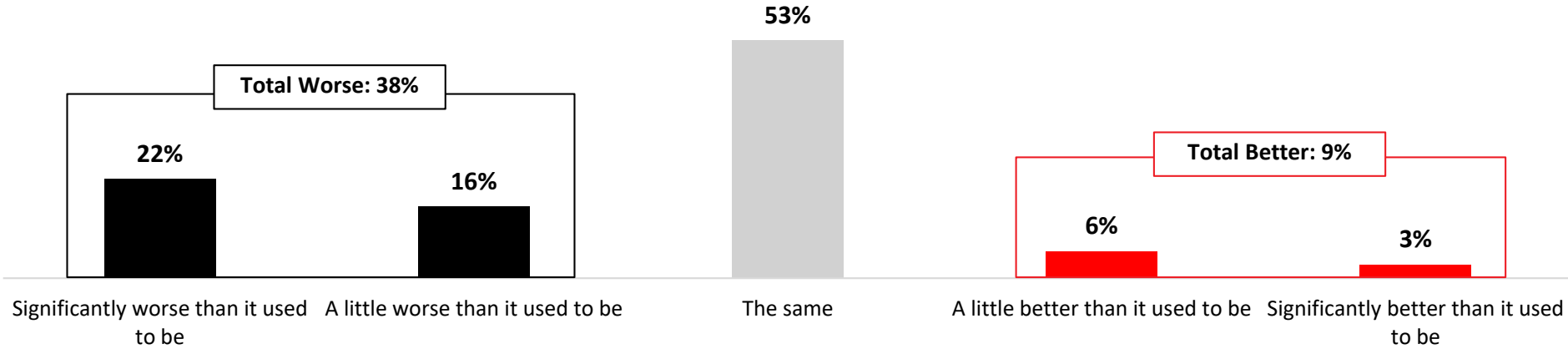


	TOTAL USA	North-East	Mid-West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Voted for Trump	Voted for Biden	Voted for other
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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
TOTAL WORSE	42%	39%	39%	40%	51%	42%	42%	43%	38%	46%	44%	41%	36%
Significantly worse than it used to be	21%	16%	20%	19%	28%	21%	21%	20%	19%	23%	23%	18%	10%
A little worse than it used to be	21%	23%	19%	21%	24%	21%	21%	22%	20%	23%	21%	23%	25%
The same	49%	42%	53%	54%	42%	44%	51%	50%	50%	47%	48%	48%	58%
TOTAL BETTER	9%	19%	8%	6%	7%	13%	7%	8%	11%	7%	8%	11%	6%
A little better than it used to be	6%	13%	7%	3%	5%	9%	4%	6%	7%	5%	6%	9%	5%
Significantly better than it used to be	3%	6%	1%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%

EVOLUTION OF GUN VIOLENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

ATL5. How would you describe gun violence in your community in 2021, compared to two years ago?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

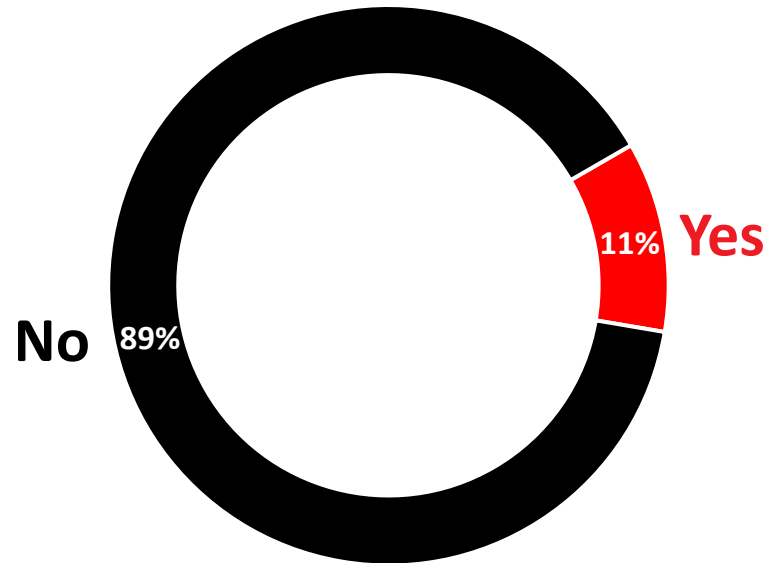


	TOTAL USA	North-East	Mid-West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Voted for Trump	Voted for Biden	Voted for other
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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
TOTAL WORSE	38%	34%	40%	38%	39%	46%	36%	34%	34%	42%	33%	43%	21%
Significantly worse than it used to be	22%	19%	27%	22%	21%	27%	21%	20%	18%	26%	18%	24%	16%
A little worse than it used to be	16%	16%	13%	16%	18%	19%	15%	14%	16%	16%	15%	20%	5%
The same	53%	51%	52%	54%	54%	42%	58%	57%	54%	52%	57%	49%	74%
TOTAL BETTER	9%	15%	8%	8%	7%	12%	6%	9%	12%	6%	10%	7%	5%
A little better than it used to be	6%	8%	5%	5%	5%	9%	4%	5%	7%	4%	5%	6%	3%
Significantly better than it used to be	3%	6%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%	5%	1%	5%	1%	2%

VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME IN THE PAST YEAR

ATL6. Have you, or someone you know personally, been the victim of a robbery, assault, or other violent crime in the past year?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

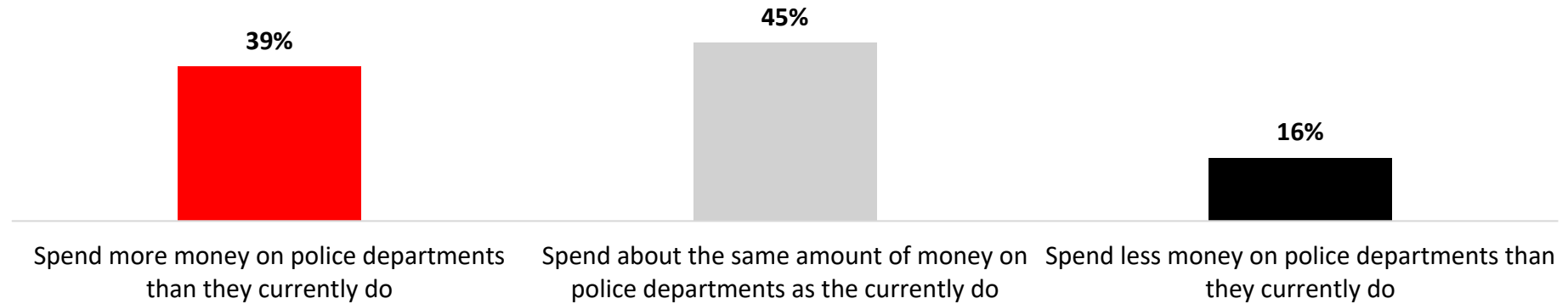


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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
Yes	11%	15%	9%	11%	11%	20%	9%	5%	10%	12%	10%	12%	6%
No	89%	85%	91%	89%	89%	80%	91%	95%	90%	88%	90%	88%	94%

MONEY SPENT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ATL7. Which of the following best describes what cities and states in the U.S. should do in terms of police funding?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

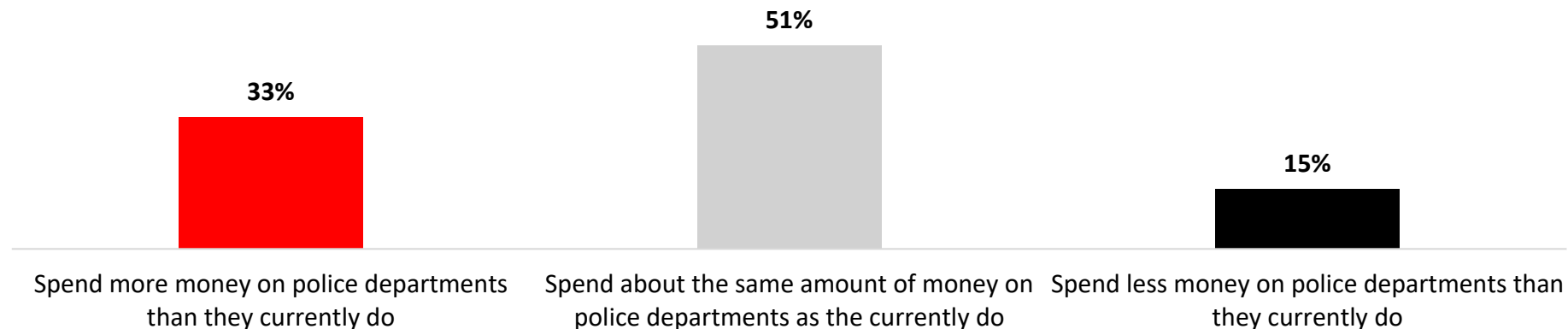


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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
Spend more money on police departments than they currently do	39%	39%	33%	41%	40%	24%	33%	58%	40%	37%	62%	24%	28%
Spend about the same amount of money on police departments as the currently do	45%	47%	47%	44%	44%	54%	47%	36%	45%	46%	32%	51%	50%
Spend less money on police departments than they currently do	16%	14%	21%	14%	16%	23%	20%	6%	15%	17%	5%	26%	22%

MONEY SPENT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

ATL8. And which of the following best describes what your community/local area should do in terms of police funding?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

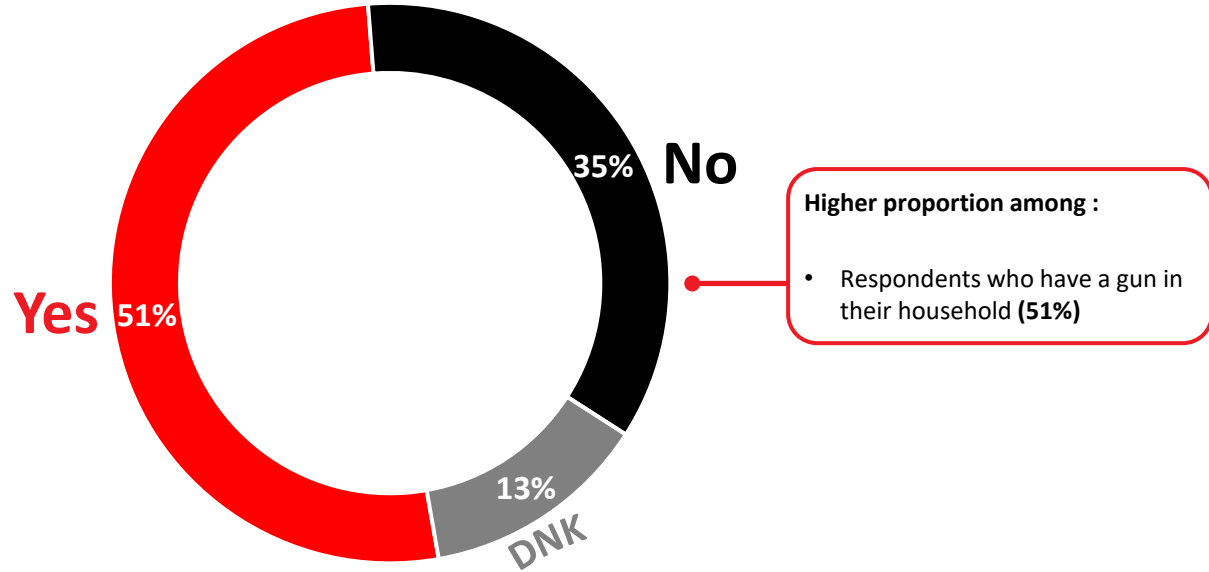


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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
Spend more money on police departments than they currently do	33%	35%	24%	35%	38%	25%	28%	47%	34%	33%	34%	33%	26%
Spend about the same amount of money on police departments as the currently do	51%	51%	59%	51%	46%	53%	54%	47%	51%	52%	51%	52%	57%
Spend less money on police departments than they currently do	15%	15%	18%	14%	16%	22%	18%	6%	15%	16%	15%	16%	17%

GUN CONTROL LAWS

ATL9. Should U.S. Congress pass more gun control laws?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

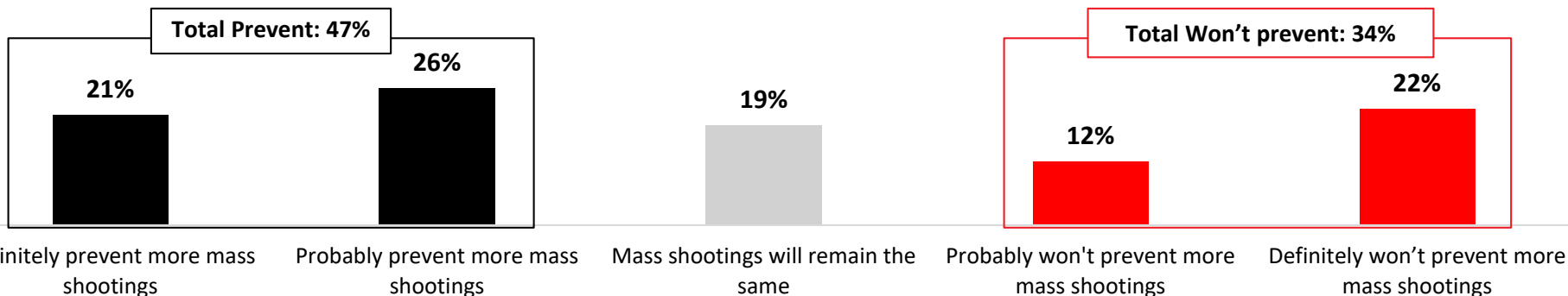


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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
Yes	51%	60%	48%	51%	48%	52%	56%	46%	48%	54%	23%	80%	38%
No	35%	27%	38%	35%	39%	32%	31%	43%	41%	30%	66%	9%	33%
Don't know	13%	12%	14%	13%	13%	16%	13%	11%	11%	15%	10%	11%	29%

EFFECT OF GUN CONTROL ON MASS SHOOTING

ATL10. What effect do you think additional gun control laws passed by Congress will have on mass shootings in America?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

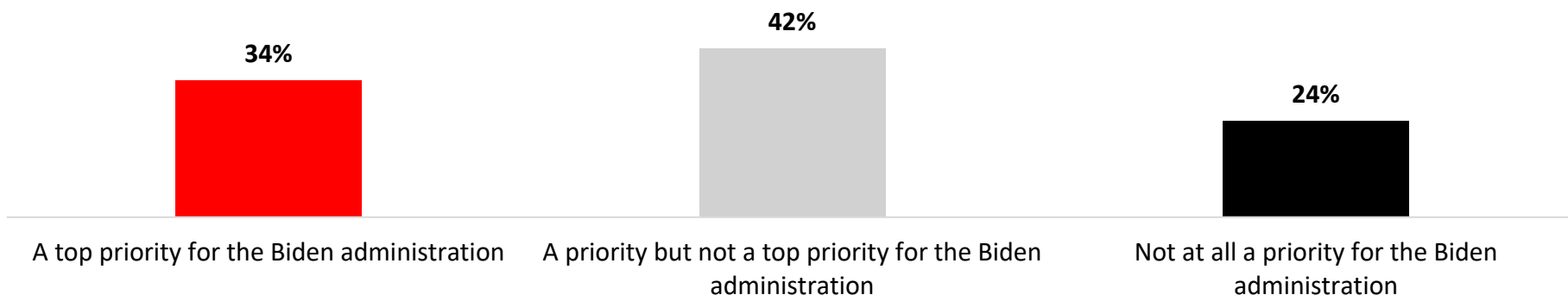


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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
TOTAL PREVENT	47%	63%	41%	44%	63%	56%	49%	36%	45%	48%	20%	75%	36%
Definitely prevent more mass shootings	21%	26%	21%	20%	26%	27%	25%	12%	21%	21%	9%	35%	10%
Probably prevent more mass shootings	26%	37%	21%	24%	37%	29%	24%	24%	25%	27%	11%	40%	26%
Mass shootings will remain the same	19%	15%	21%	17%	15%	18%	21%	17%	18%	20%	21%	12%	21%
TOTAL WON'T PREVENT	34%	22%	38%	39%	22%	26%	29%	47%	37%	32%	59%	12%	43%
Probably won't prevent more mass shootings	12%	9%	14%	14%	9%	8%	10%	17%	12%	12%	15%	8%	30%
Definitely won't prevent more mass shootings	22%	13%	24%	25%	13%	17%	19%	30%	25%	20%	44%	4%	13%

PRIORITY OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

ATL11. How do you see gun violence as a priority for the Biden administration?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

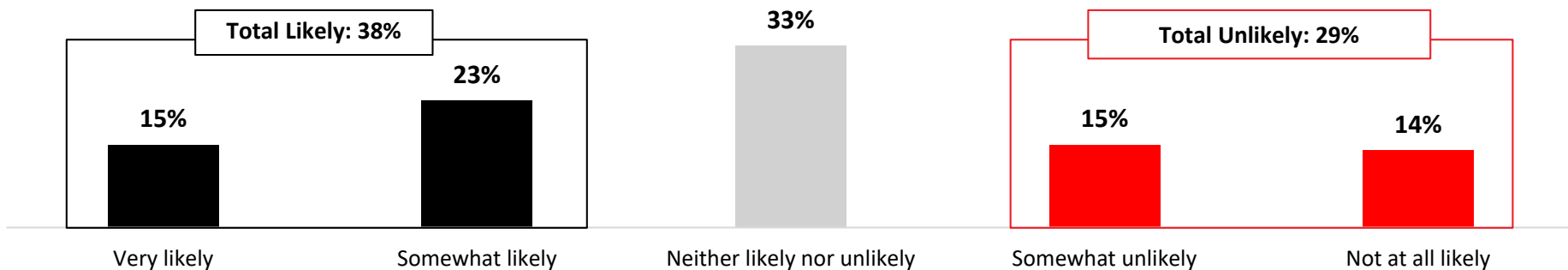


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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
A top priority for the Biden administration	34%	46%	29%	34%	30%	34%	39%	29%	37%	32%	27%	46%	16%
A priority but not a top priority for the Biden administration	42%	37%	44%	41%	44%	40%	41%	43%	38%	45%	33%	48%	56%
Not at all a priority for the Biden administration	24%	17%	27%	25%	26%	26%	19%	28%	25%	23%	41%	6%	28%

GUN CONTROL UNDER BIDEN'S ADMINISTRATION

ATL12. How likely do you think it is that Congress will pass gun control laws during the Biden administration?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

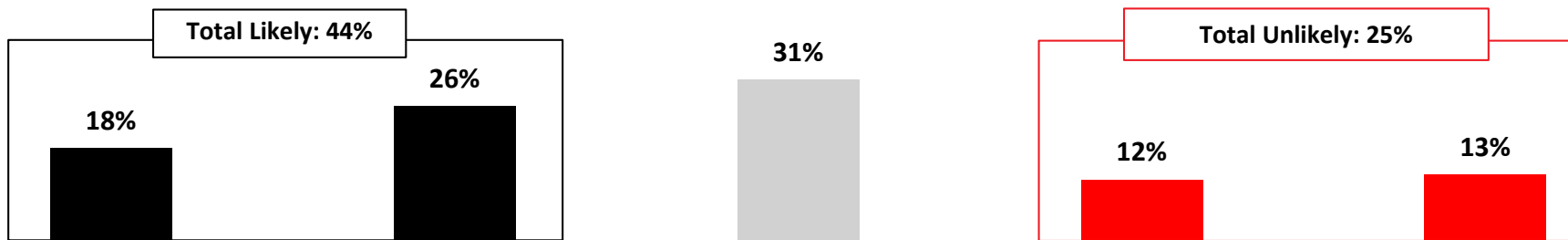


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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
TOTAL LIKELY	38%	45%	28%	40%	39%	39%	42%	32%	39%	36%	35%	46%	27%
Very likely	15%	21%	8%	16%	14%	16%	18%	10%	18%	12%	14%	19%	11%
Somewhat likely	23%	24%	20%	24%	24%	22%	25%	22%	21%	25%	21%	27%	16%
Neither likely nor unlikely	33%	32%	39%	31%	32%	39%	30%	32%	28%	38%	33%	27%	37%
TOTAL UNLIKELY	29%	23%	33%	29%	29%	22%	28%	36%	32%	26%	32%	27%	36%
Somewhat unlikely	15%	13%	13%	15%	16%	11%	14%	18%	18%	12%	14%	17%	19%
Not at all likely	14%	10%	20%	14%	13%	11%	14%	18%	15%	14%	17%	10%	17%

GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION AFTER JOE BIDEN'S ELECTION

ATL13. Which of the following best described your thoughts about gun control legislation immediately after Joe Biden was elected in November 2020?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)



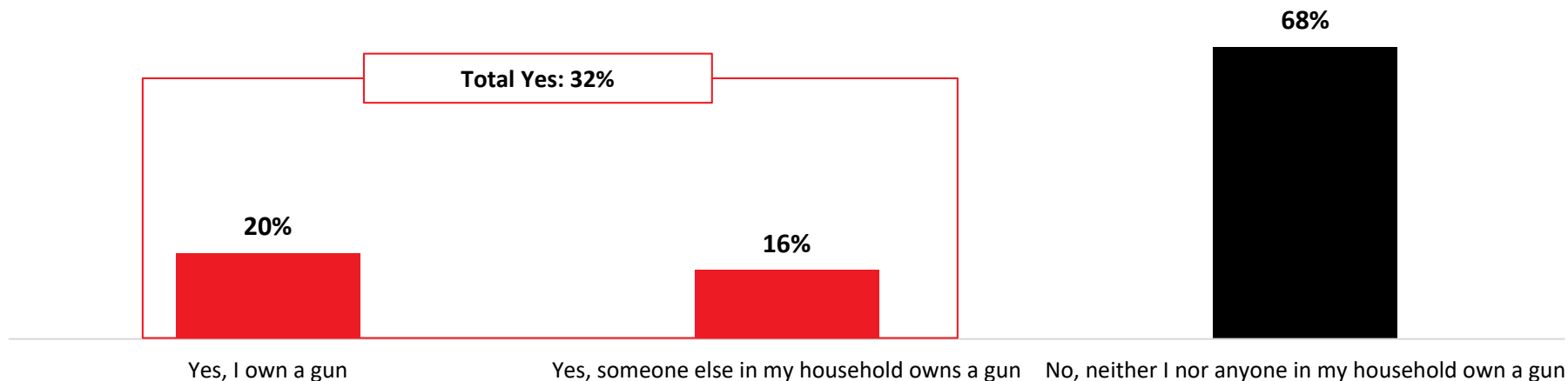
Very likely that Congress would pass gun control legislation Somewhat likely that Congress would pass gun control legislation I did not think about gun control legislation Somewhat unlikely that Congress would pass gun control legislation Not at all likely that Congress would pass gun control legislation

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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
TOTAL LIKELY	44%	50%	39%	44%	45%	46%	47%	40%	46%	43%	43%	50%	37%
Very likely that Congress would pass gun control legislation	18%	21%	11%	20%	19%	18%	21%	14%	21%	16%	19%	20%	12%
I did not think about gun control legislation	26%	30%	28%	24%	26%	28%	25%	25%	25%	27%	24%	30%	25%
Neither likely nor unlikely	31%	27%	36%	30%	30%	29%	32%	30%	28%	33%	29%	27%	46%
TOTAL UNLIKELY	25%	22%	26%	27%	24%	24%	21%	30%	26%	24%	28%	23%	17%
Somewhat unlikely that Congress would pass gun control legislation	12%	13%	8%	13%	14%	11%	10%	16%	13%	12%	12%	16%	7%
Not at all likely that Congress would pass gun control legislation	13%	9%	17%	14%	10%	13%	12%	15%	14%	12%	17%	7%	9%

GUN IN THE HOUSEHOLD

ATL14. Do you yourself, or does anyone in your household own a gun?*

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)



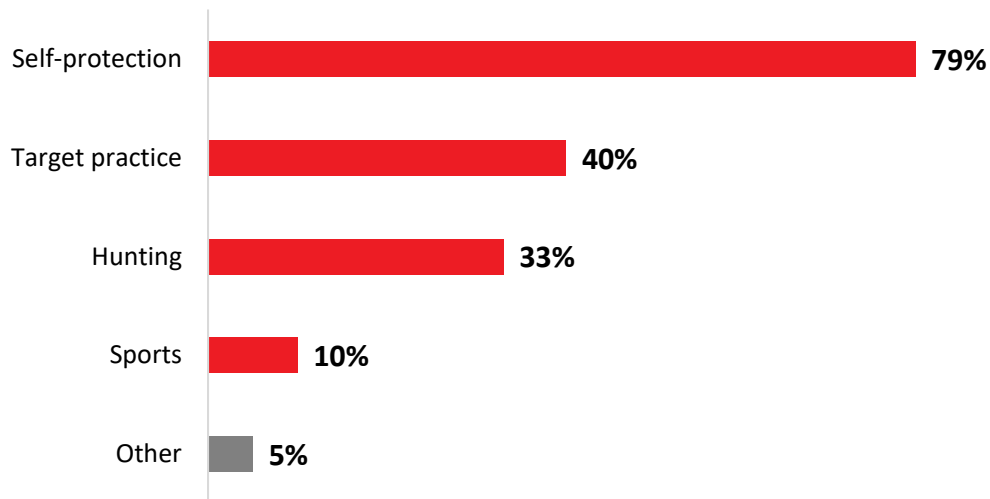
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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
TOTAL YES	32%	29%	28%	38%	27%	32%	28%	35%	34%	29%	46%	25%	33%
Yes, I own a gun	20%	19%	19%	24%	16%	15%	19%	27%	27%	14%	36%	13%	27%
Yes, someone else in my household owns a gun	16%	13%	15%	20%	14%	22%	15%	14%	11%	22%	20%	16%	8%
No, neither I nor anyone in my household own a gun	68%	71%	72%	62%	73%	68%	72%	65%	66%	71%	54%	75%	67%

*Since respondents could give more than one answer, the total may exceed 100%.

USE OF GUN IN THE HOUSEHOLD

ATL15. What is the gun in your household used for?*

Base: Respondents who have a gun in their household (n=318)



	TOTAL USA	North-East	Mid-West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Voted for Trump	Voted for Biden	Voted for other
Weighted n =	318	52	62	142	63	89	111	118	166	152	170	102	5
Unweighted n =	318	54	58	130	76	62	117	139	176	142	162	115	12**
Self-protection	79%	62%	77%	85%	81%	83%	76%	78%	80%	78%	84%	69%	73%
Target practice	40%	43%	50%	22%	35%	32%	35%	33%	38%	28%	37%	27%	45%
Hunting	33%	36%	50%	33%	50%	40%	40%	40%	46%	34%	49%	27%	43%
Sports	10%	11%	14%	5%	14%	5%	13%	10%	14%	4%	13%	3%	26%
Other	5%	3%	7%	4%	8%	1%	3%	10%	5%	6%	5%	6%	22%

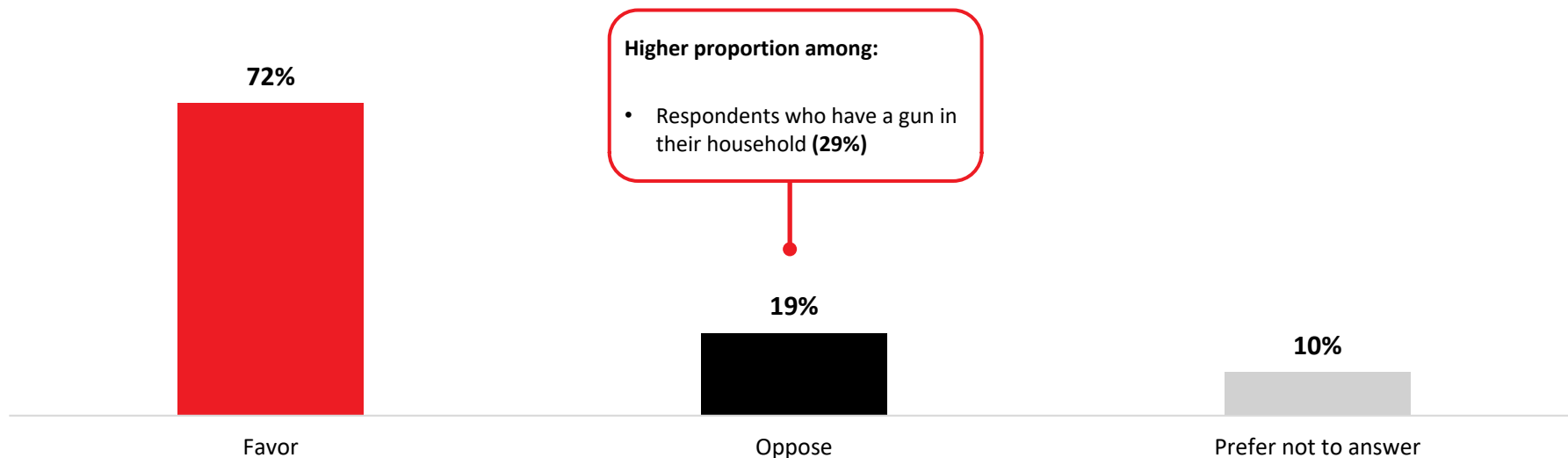
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**Given the small number of respondents (n<30) data are presented for illustrative purposes only.

STRICTER BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUN PURCHASES

ATL16. Do you favor or oppose federal law requiring stricter background checks on all potential gun purchases?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

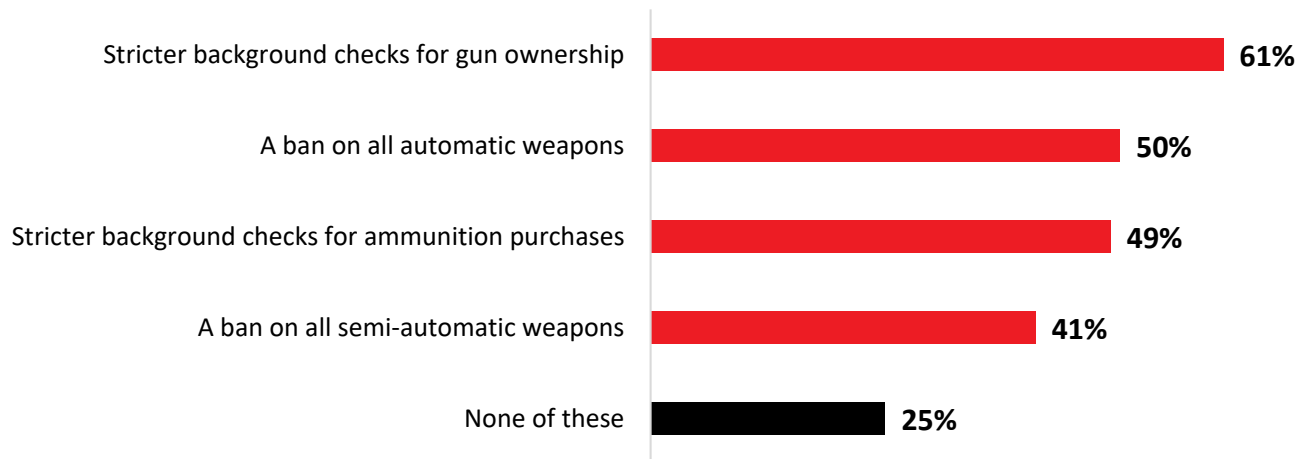


	TOTAL USA	North-East	Mid-West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Voted for Trump	Voted for Biden	Voted for other
Weighted n =	1,004	180	218	372	234	276	393	335	487	517	373	404	16
Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
Favor	72%	74%	73%	70%	71%	71%	69%	76%	66%	77%	56%	89%	54%
Oppose	19%	17%	17%	20%	20%	15%	19%	21%	25%	13%	35%	6%	25%
Prefer not to answer	10%	9%	10%	11%	9%	15%	12%	4%	9%	11%	9%	6%	21%

GUN CONTROL LAWS PASSED BY CONGRESS

ATL17. And which of the following gun control laws would you like to see passed in Congress?*

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)



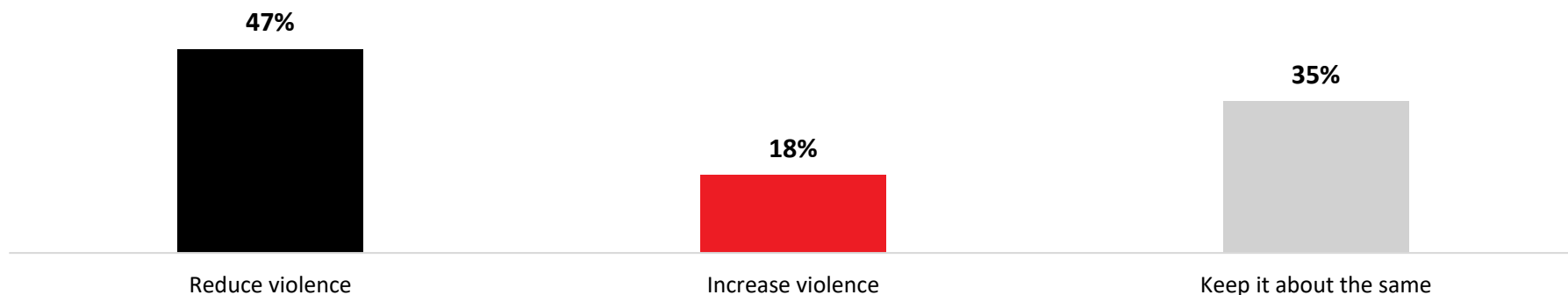
	TOTAL USA	North-East	Mid-West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Voted for Trump	Voted for Biden	Voted for other
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Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
Stricter background checks for gun ownership	61%	62%	63%	59%	61%	57%	57%	68%	54%	67%	46%	76%	55%
A ban on all automatic weapons	50%	55%	50%	48%	48%	43%	52%	52%	47%	52%	25%	74%	45%
Stricter background checks for ammunition purchases	49%	50%	51%	48%	46%	45%	51%	50%	42%	55%	27%	67%	49%
A ban on all semi-automatic weapons	41%	52%	38%	36%	41%	37%	42%	42%	36%	45%	20%	62%	39%
None of these	25%	20%	26%	26%	27%	24%	27%	23%	32%	19%	42%	7%	42%

*Since respondents could give more than one answer, the total may exceed 100%.

STRICTER BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUN PURCHASES

ATL18. Do you feel stricter gun laws would reduce violence, increase violence, or keep it about the same?

Base: All respondents (n=1,004)

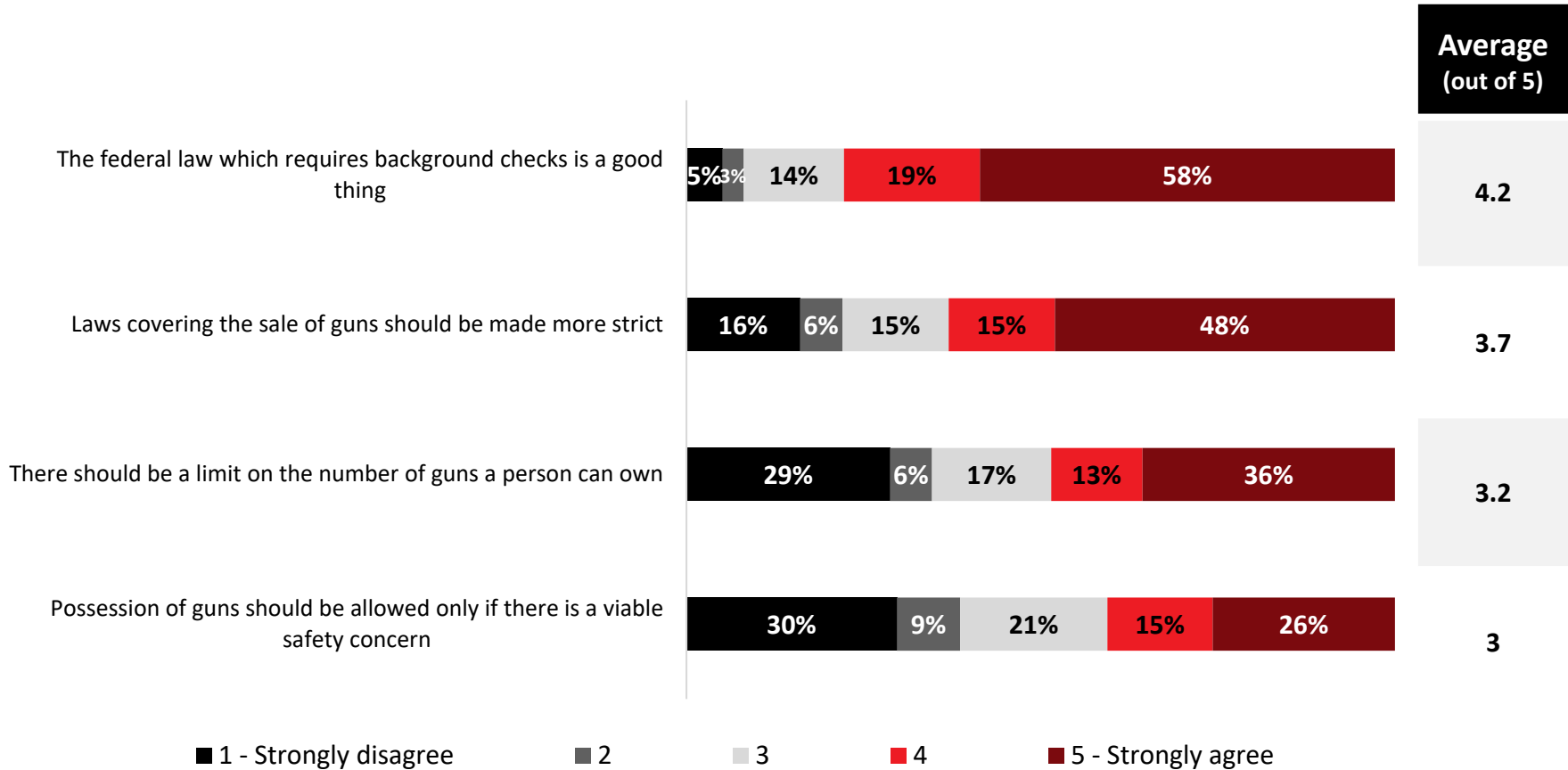


	TOTAL USA	North-East	Mid-West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Voted for Trump	Voted for Biden	Voted for other
Weighted n =	1,004	180	218	372	234	276	393	335	487	517	373	404	16
Unweighted n =	1,004	200	205	323	276	196	407	401	494	510	343	464	44
Reduce violence	47%	61%	40%	44%	47%	50%	52%	40%	44%	50%	21%	73%	35%
Increase violence	18%	11%	17%	20%	20%	17%	15%	21%	21%	15%	34%	6%	14%
Keep it about the same	35%	28%	43%	35%	33%	33%	33%	40%	35%	35%	45%	21%	52%

LEVEL OF AGREEMENT ON GUN CONTROL LAWS

ATL19. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree, how would you rate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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APPENDIX

DETAILED METHODOLOGY

Weighted and Unweighted Sample

The table below presents the American geographic distribution of respondents before weighting.

US region	Unweighted	Weighted
NorthEast	180	200
MidWest	218	205
South	372	323
West	234	276

DETAILED METHODOLOGY

Weighted and Unweighted Sample for The United States

The following tables present the demographic distribution of respondents according to gender and age for The United States.

GENDER	Unweighted	Weighted
Male	487	494
Female	510	517

AGE	Unweighted	Weighted
Between 18 and 29	98	165
Between 30 and 39	200	228
Between 40 and 49	187	197
Between 50 and 64	284	251
65 or older	225	173

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