



National Undergraduate Study

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Methodology

McLaughlin & Associates conducted a national survey of 800 undergraduate students from September 12th to 17th, 2020. All student participants were under the age of 25 and attend either a four-year private or public college or university on a full-time basis. This study's universe is the "typical" four-year undergraduate, therefore excluding undergraduates who either – attend a two-year school, technical school, junior college or trade school, are over the age of 24 or attend on a part-time basis.

All interviews were conducted online and respondents were carefully selected and screened from a nationwide representative platform of individuals who elect to participate in online surveys. Data for this survey have been stratified by age, race/ethnicity, gender and geography using the most recent National Center for Education Statistics Report (2017) to reflect the actual demographic composition of four-year, full-time undergraduate students in the United States. According to the NCES Statistics, there are 8,142,688 undergraduates who fall within these parameters.

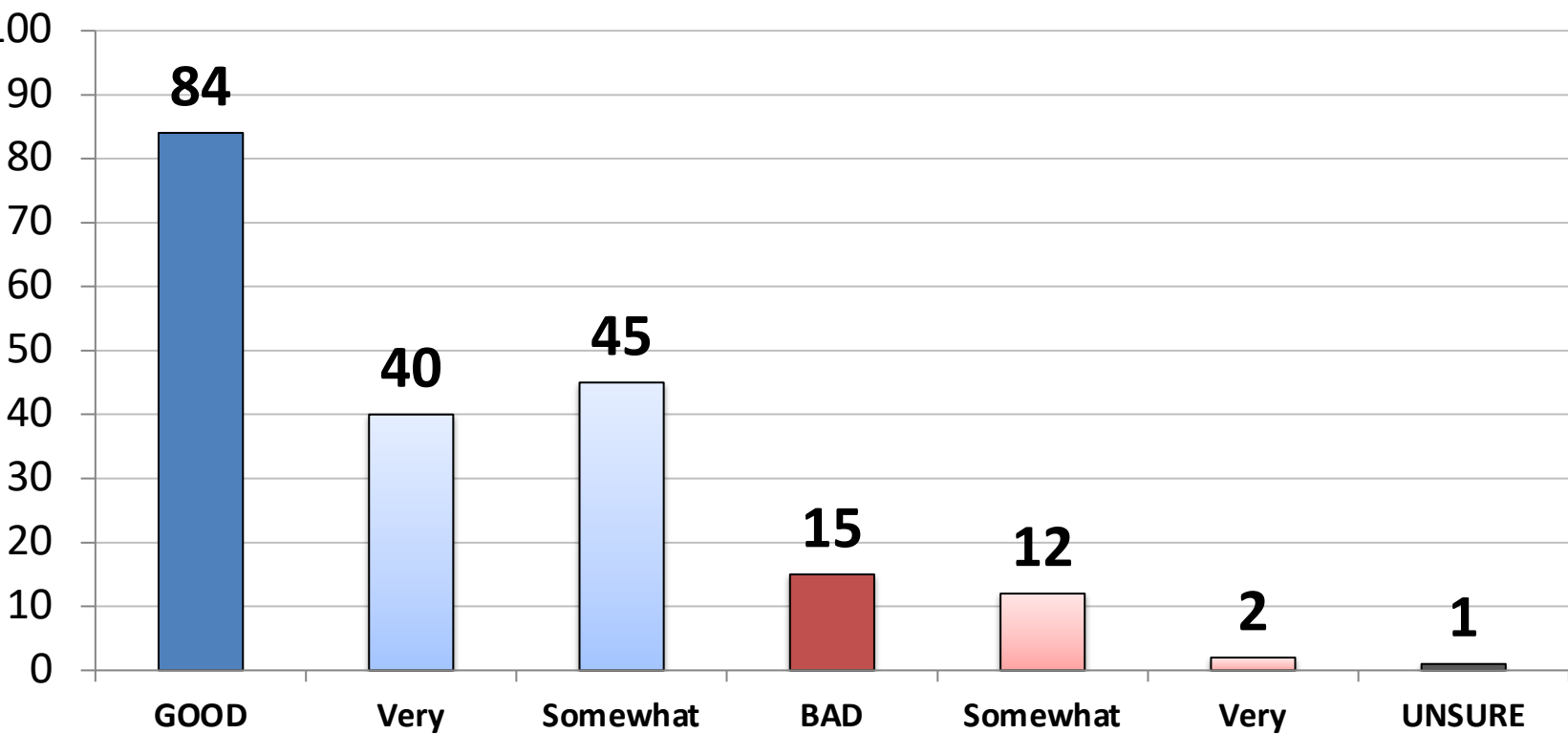
Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. However, a confidence interval of 95% was calculated in order to produce an error estimate of +/- 3.5% for the 800 respondents. This error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error. The error estimate increases for cross-tabulations. Totals may not add up to exactly 100% due to rounding, refusals and the ability for respondents to give multiple answers to certain questions. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to question wording and ordering, sampling error, coverage error and measurement error. This study is the sixth iteration of our undergraduate research on behalf of the William F. Buckley, Jr. Program at Yale.

School Type	Tot.	School Geo.	Tot.
Private	36%	East	18%
Public	64%	Midwest	21%
Class Year	Tot.	South	36%
Freshman	17%	West	25%
Sophomore	31%	Top 5 Majors	Tot.
Junior	25%	Math/Engine.	21%
Senior	28%	Soc. Sciences	20%
Ethnicity	Tot.	Business	19%
White	53%	Nat'l Sciences	15%
Black	15%	Humanities	13%
Hispanic	18%	Party ID	Tot.
Asian	7%	Republican	18%
Age	Tot.	Democrat	46%
18-19	28%	Ind./Other	25%
20-21	41%	Not Registered	4%
Over 21	31%	Ideology	Tot.
Gender	Tot.	Liberal	48%
Male	44%	Moderate	29%
Female	55%	Conservative	19%

Part One – Coronavirus Impacts

Greater than eight in ten (84%) believe their school is doing a good job on keeping students and faculty safe during the coronavirus.

In general, do you think your school is doing a good job or a bad job when it comes to taking the necessary measures to keep students and faculty safe during the coronavirus?



	<u>Good Job</u>	<u>Bad Job</u>
Private School	87	12
State School	83	16
Freshman	85	13
Sophomore	88	12
Junior	83	16
Senior	81	18
Liberal	82	17
Moderate	89	11
Conservative	83	15
White	84	15
Black	89	9
Hispanic	83	16
Men	84	16
Women	85	13
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	86	14
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	80	19
Business Majors	84	15
Natural Sciences Majors	84	15
Humanities Majors	78	22

There is a divide as 41% of students are in a hybrid class format and 44% are currently taking all of their courses remotely. Only 13% are fully in the classroom. Students in state schools (50%) are more likely to be fully remote compared to students in private schools (35%).

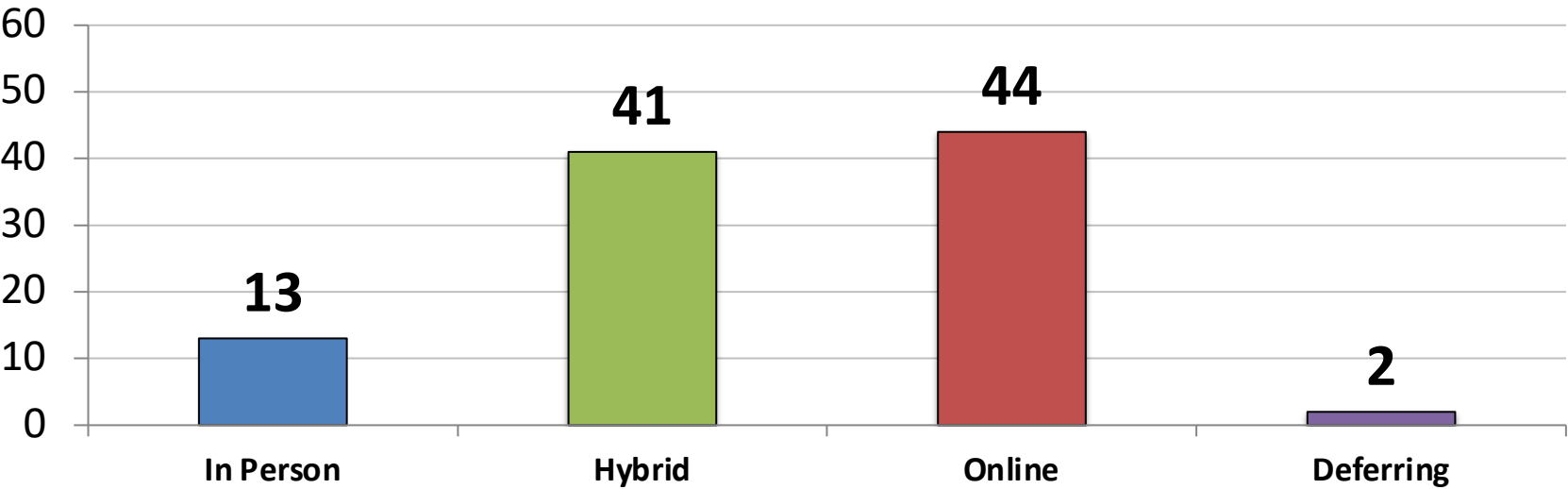
Which of the following best describes your current learning situation?

I am taking all of my classes in-person on campus

I am taking some of my classes in-person on campus and some through remote/virtual learning

I am taking all of my classes through remote/virtual learning

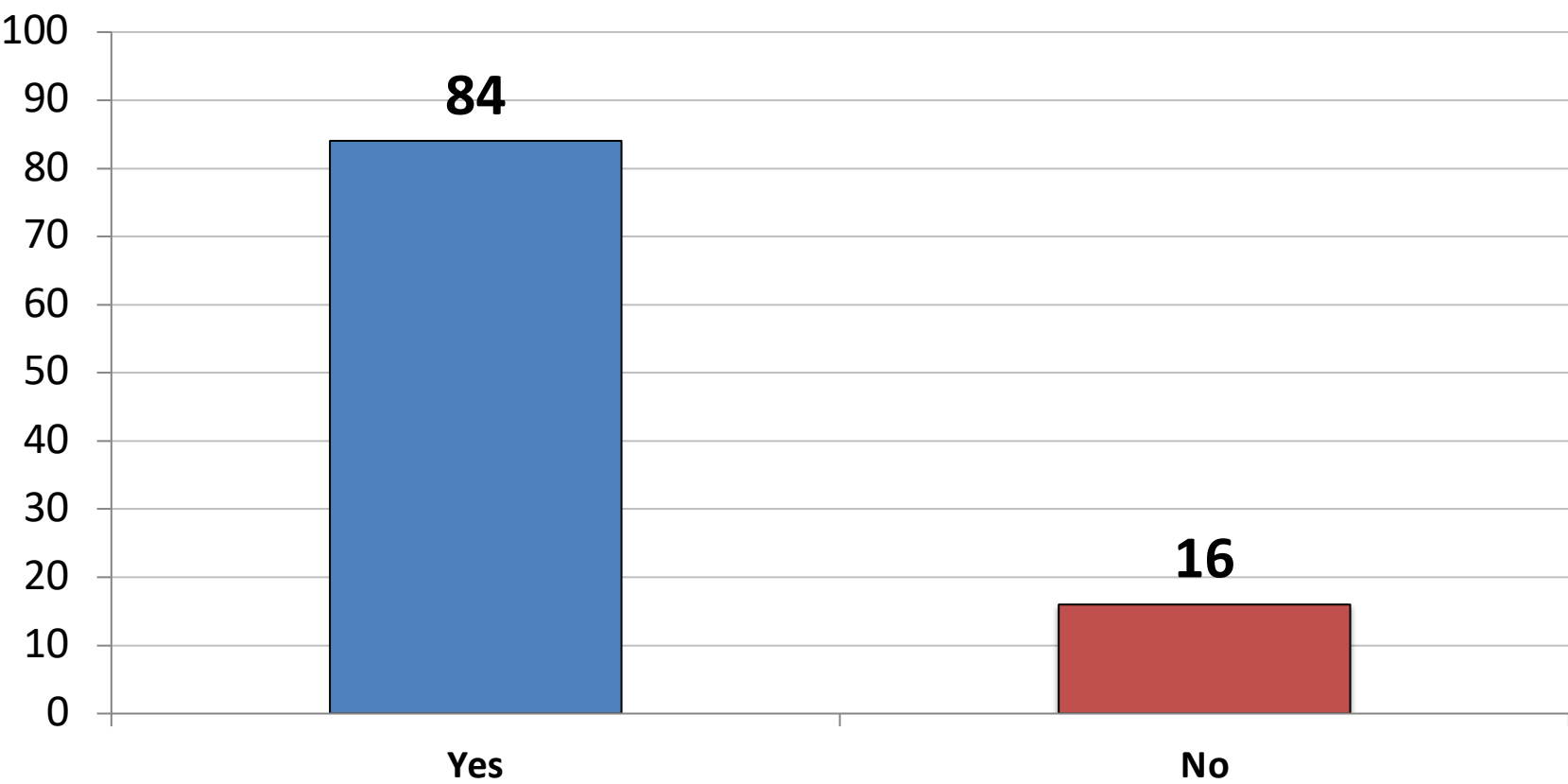
I am currently deferring my enrollment/taking a semester off due to the coronavirus



	In Person	Hybrid	Online
Private School	19	43	35
State School	9	40	50
Freshman	16	43	38
Sophomore	9	47	42
Junior	12	36	51
Senior	15	38	46
Liberal	12	36	50
Moderate	10	45	43
Conservative	19	47	32
White	12	43	43
Black	15	45	38
Hispanic	16	39	46
Men	17	42	39
Women	9	41	48
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	19	42	37
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	11	41	46
Business Majors	14	38	48
Natural Sciences Majors	15	45	40
Humanities Majors	18	42	37

Among sophomores, juniors and seniors, 84% were taking all of their classes in-person on campus prior to the coronavirus.

Prior to the coronavirus, were you taking all of your classes in-person on campus?
(Among Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors Only)



	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Private School	82	19
State School	86	14
Freshman	-	-
Sophomore	82	18
Junior	87	13
Senior	84	16
Liberal	87	13
Moderate	82	18
Conservative	83	17
White	86	14
Black	78	22
Hispanic	83	17
Men	86	15
Women	83	17
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	83	17
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	85	15
Business Majors	85	16
Natural Sciences Majors	87	13
Humanities Majors	81	19

There is a noticeable divide when it comes to preference, though, among these students as 38% still prefer to be in the classroom, 32% prefer a hybrid approach and 28% prefer fully remote. Private school students (45%) are more likely to prefer in person compared to students in state schools (35%). Conservative students (54%) are more likely to prefer in person compared to moderate (43%) and liberal (30%) students. Male students (45%) are also more likely than female students (33%) to prefer in person.

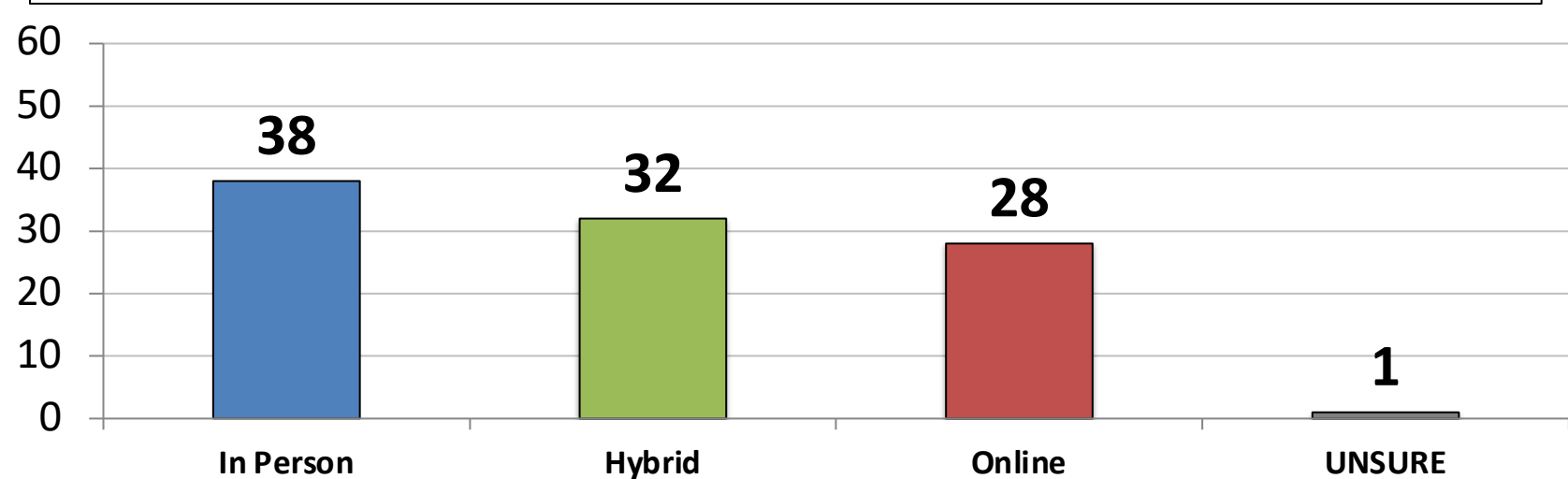
Which of the following comes closest to your own personal opinion?

I've always learned better in the classroom and even though we are in the midst of a pandemic, I still want to take classes in person as long as my school follows proper guidelines and ensures students and faculty members are safe.

I generally learn better in the classroom, but in light of the coronavirus I prefer a mixed approach of some in person classes and some remote/virtual.

In light of the coronavirus, I prefer to take all of my classes remote/virtually for the foreseeable future.

(Among Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors Who Were Taking All In-Person Classes Only)



	In Person	Hybrid	Online
Private School	45	30	23
State School	35	33	31
Freshman	-	-	-
Sophomore	38	38	24
Junior	41	25	32
Senior	37	33	30
Liberal	30	33	36
Moderate	43	33	23
Conservative	54	29	15
White	40	32	27
Black	46	35	18
Hispanic	39	29	31
Men	45	30	23
Women	33	34	32
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	42	34	24
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	34	37	28
Business Majors	38	34	26
Natural Sciences Majors	35	40	25
Humanities Majors	36	40	22

Part Two –

The Constitution, First Amendment & Free Speech

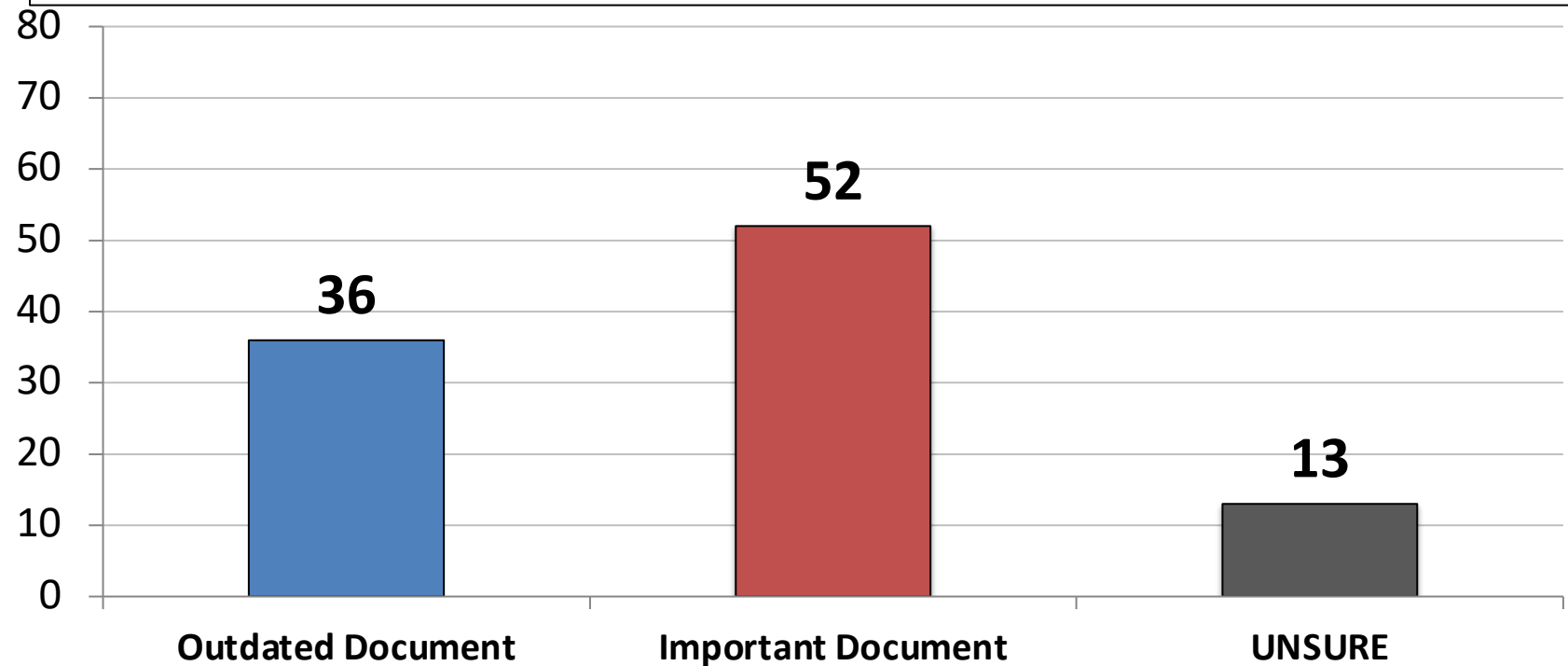
A slim majority, 52%, now says the Constitution is a very important document that needs to be followed and respected, compared to 36% who say it is outdated. This is a noticeable shift from last year when 63% said the Constitution is important and only 27% said it is outdated. The plurality of liberal students (47%) says the Constitution is outdated, while majorities of moderates (58%) and conservatives (78%) say it is very important.

Which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion regarding the U.S. Constitution?

It is an outdated document that is over 200 years old. Amending the Constitution to keep up with today's society is too slow and difficult of a process.

OR

It is a very important document for our country that serves as the indispensable rulebook for honest government. It still needs to be followed and respected in today's society.



Trend Line	10/19	9/20
Outdated	27%	36%
Important	63%	52%

	Outdated	Important
Private School	40	50
State School	33	52
Freshman	31	55
Sophomore	32	52
Junior	37	53
Senior	41	48
Liberal	47	39
Moderate	30	58
Conservative	20	78
White	37	52
Black	37	49
Hispanic	31	56
Men	31	61
Women	39	45
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	35	52
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	43	46
Business Majors	33	55
Natural Sciences Majors	43	47
Humanities Majors	30	61

Greater than seven in ten (72%) say the First Amendment is an important amendment that still needs to be followed and respected compared to 20% who say it is outdated and can no longer be applied in today’s society. Despite the large margin in favor of the First Amendment’s importance, this is the lowest reading in six years.

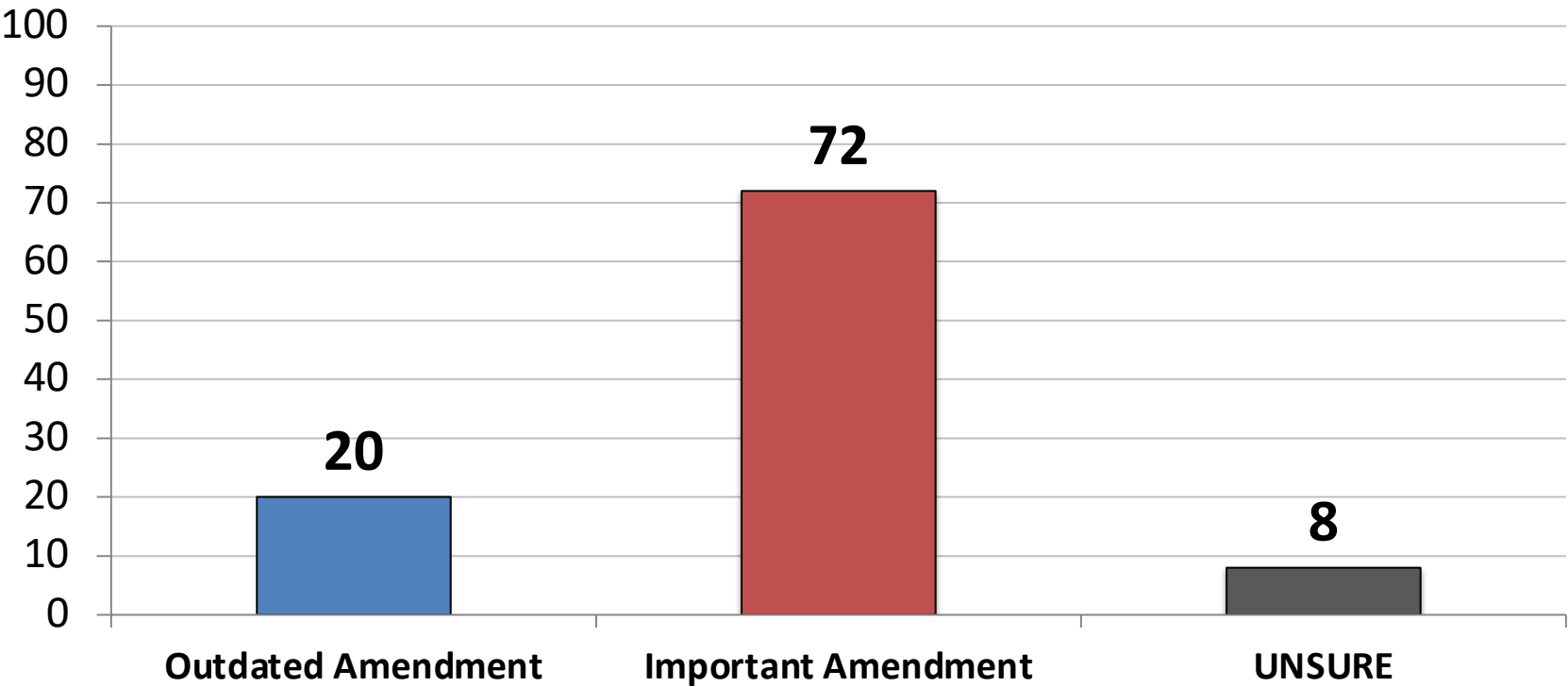
Generally speaking, do you think the First Amendment, which deals with freedom of speech, is...?

An outdated amendment that can no longer be applied in today’s society and should be changed

OR

An important amendment that still needs to be followed and respected in today’s society

Trend Line	9/15	9/16	9/17	10/18	10/19	9/20
Outdated	17%	10%	12%	17%	12%	20%
Important	77%	84%	83%	79%	84%	72%

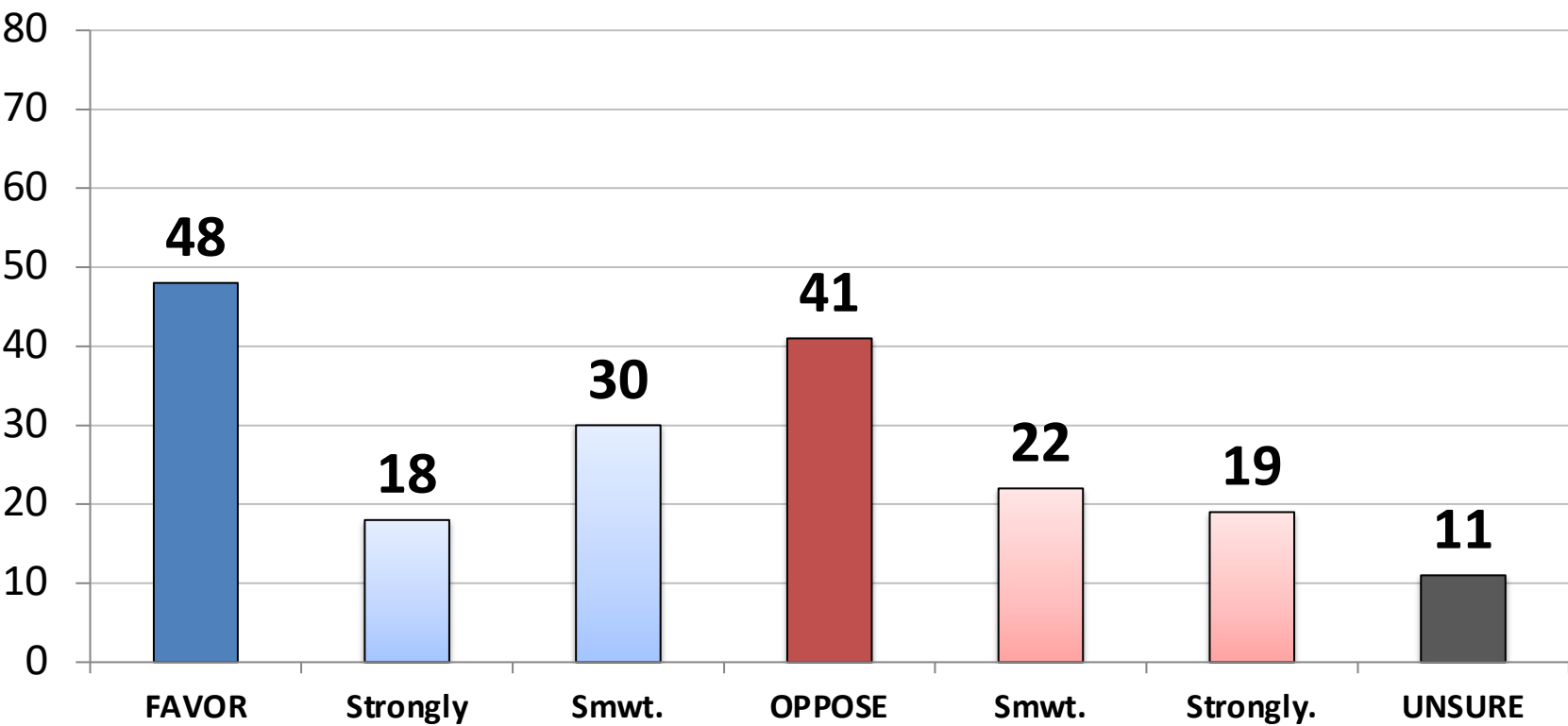


	Outdated	Important
Private School	24	66
State School	18	75
Freshman	20	73
Sophomore	22	71
Junior	16	76
Senior	22	70
Liberal	21	72
Moderate	19	75
Conservative	22	75
White	18	74
Black	33	59
Hispanic	17	79
Men	21	74
Women	20	71
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	24	71
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	19	73
Business Majors	22	67
Natural Sciences Majors	25	64
Humanities Majors	23	65

The plurality (48%) favors speech codes, while 41% opposes them. This has changed from last year when 55% opposed speech codes and statistically tied with our 2015 poll, which was the only other instance when a plurality favored speech codes.

Would you favor or oppose your college or university having speech codes to regulate speech for students and faculty?

Trend Line	9/15	9/17	10/18	10/19	9/20
Favor	48%	38%	38%	35%	48%
Oppose	40%	52%	54%	55%	41%



	Favor	Oppose
Private School	51	40
State School	46	41
Freshman	48	41
Sophomore	49	39
Junior	49	43
Senior	47	41
Liberal	50	40
Moderate	50	41
Conservative	44	49
White	44	46
Black	72	22
Hispanic	49	41
Men	47	45
Women	49	38
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	50	43
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	44	47
Business Majors	52	37
Natural Sciences Majors	54	38
Humanities Majors	55	34

Part Three – Intellectual Diversity

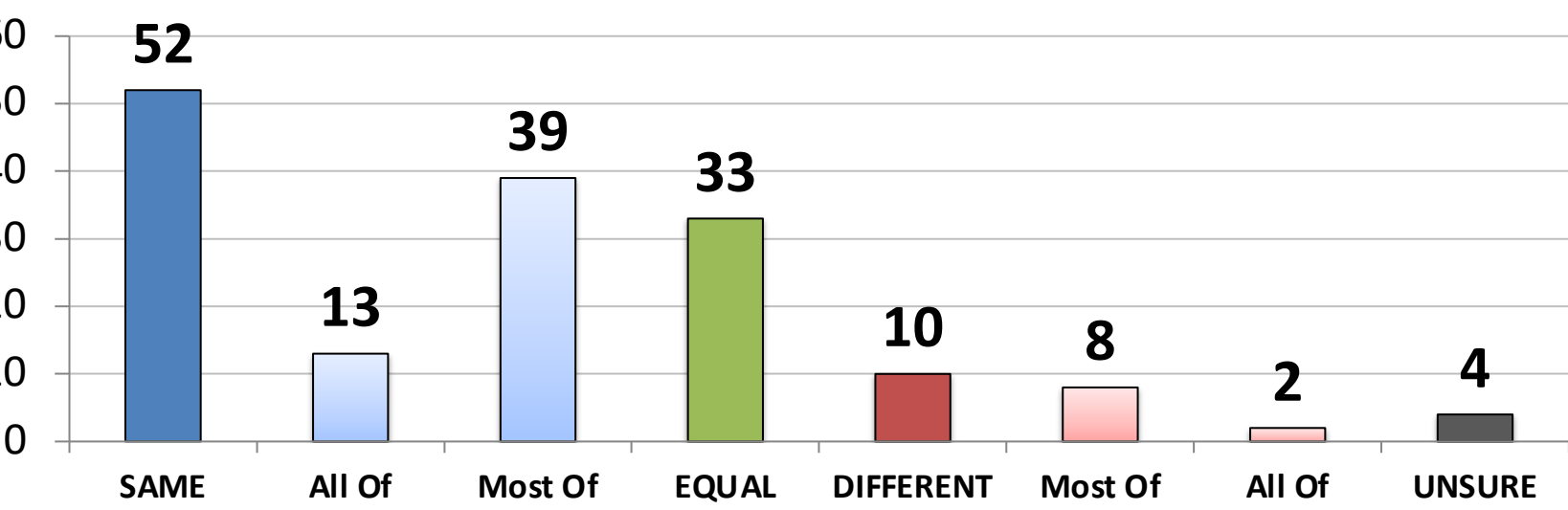
The majority of students (52%) now say they share the same opinions and beliefs as all or most of their friends – a record high and the first time this has been over 50%. A third (33%) says they have an equal amount of friends with the same and different opinions and only 10% say they have different opinions than all or most of their friends. As has been the case in years past, liberal students (65%) are most likely to say they share the same opinions as all or most of their friends. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of women have friends with similar beliefs as well.

Which of the following best describes you?

I share the same opinions and political beliefs as ALL OF my friends
I share the same opinions and political beliefs as MOST OF my friends

I have an EQUAL AMOUNT of friends with the same opinions and political beliefs and different opinions and political beliefs as me

I have different opinions and political beliefs than MOST OF my friends
I have different opinions and political beliefs than ALL OF my friends



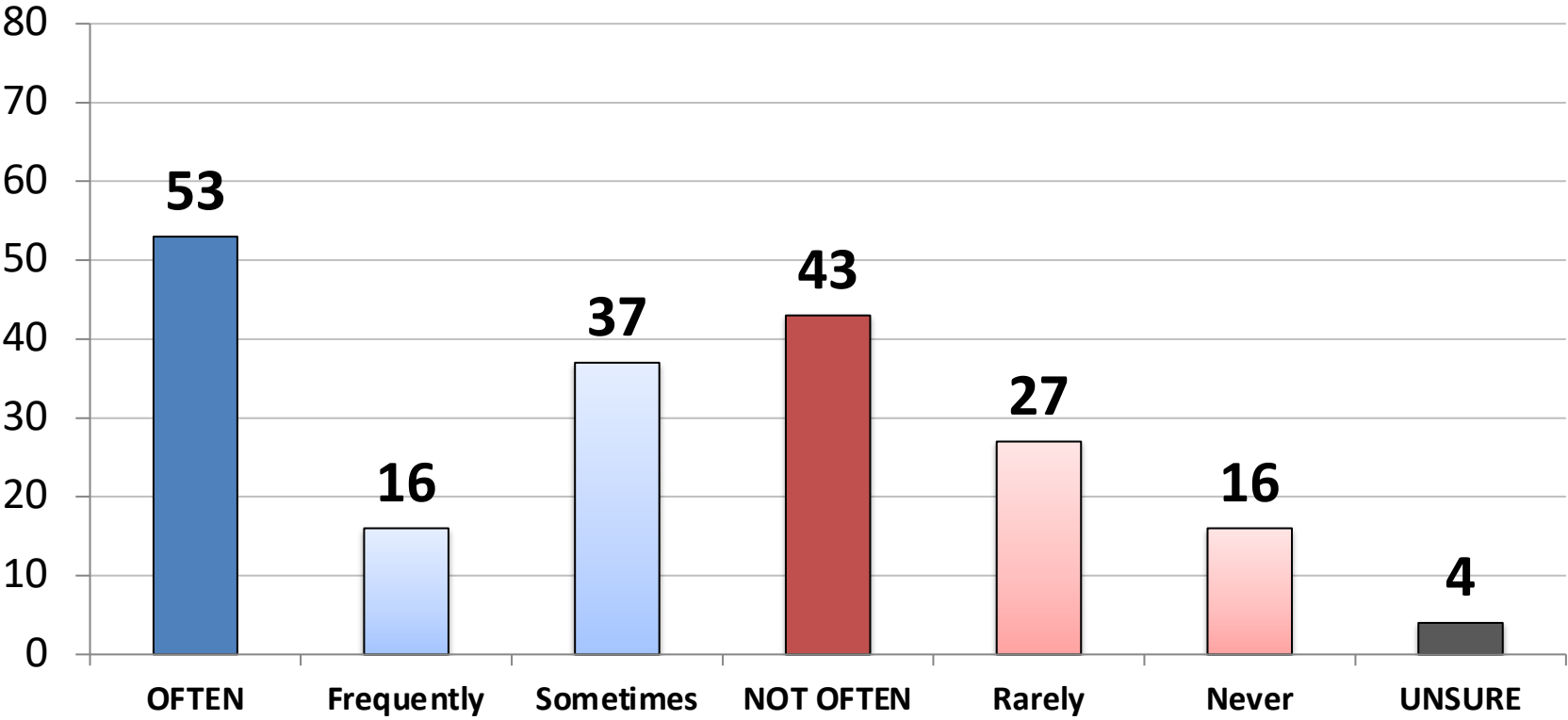
Trend Line	9/17	10/18	10/19	9/20
Same	45%	46%	43%	52%
Equal	38%	41%	41%	33%
Different	12%	10%	11%	10%

	Same	Equal	Different
Private School	52	32	11
State School	53	34	10
Freshman	48	32	15
Sophomore	52	33	10
Junior	54	31	10
Senior	54	35	8
Liberal	65	25	9
Moderate	41	42	11
Conservative	45	43	11
White	51	33	13
Black	45	40	7
Hispanic	61	28	6
Men	46	38	12
Women	57	29	9
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	48	37	10
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	52	37	7
Business Majors	51	31	13
Natural Sciences Majors	49	39	9
Humanities Majors	56	29	11

Fifty-three percent (53%) say they have often felt intimidated in sharing their ideas, opinions or beliefs in class because they were different than those of their professors, while 43% have not often felt intimidated. This gap has widened slightly from last year when 50% often felt intimidated and 46% did not. Conservative students (59%) are most likely by ideology to say they have felt intimidated.

Have you felt intimidated in sharing your ideas, opinions or beliefs in class because they were different than those of your *professors*?

Trend Line	9/15	9/16	9/17	10/18	10/19	9/20
Often	49%	53%	44%	53%	50%	53%
Not Often	50%	45%	53%	45%	46%	43%

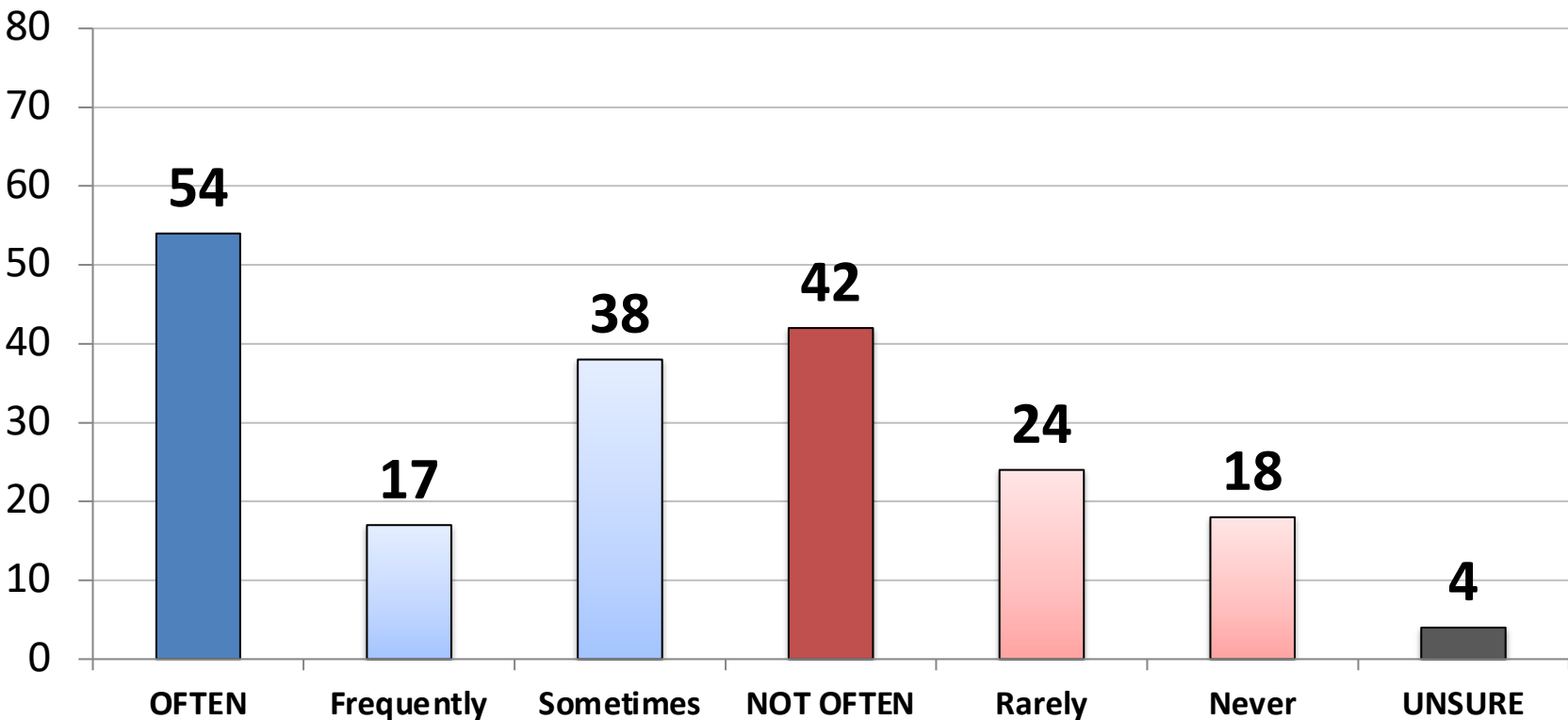


	Often	Not Often
Private School	56	40
State School	52	45
Freshman	62	31
Sophomore	53	46
Junior	56	42
Senior	47	48
Liberal	53	45
Moderate	54	45
Conservative	59	38
White	53	44
Black	60	35
Hispanic	58	40
Men	52	44
Women	55	42
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	61	35
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	49	50
Business Majors	50	47
Natural Sciences Majors	63	36
Humanities Majors	54	39

A similar 54% have often felt intimidated in sharing their ideas, opinions or beliefs because they were different than their classmates or peers, while 42% have not often felt intimidated. This is again a slightly wider margin than last year (51% to 46%) and conservative students (67%) are most likely by ideology to say they have often felt intimidated.

Have you felt intimidated in sharing your ideas, opinions or beliefs in class because they were different than those of your *classmates or peers*?

Trend Line	9/15	9/16	9/17	10/18	10/19	9/20
Often	55%	51%	45%	54%	51%	54%
Not Often	43%	47%	52%	44%	46%	42%

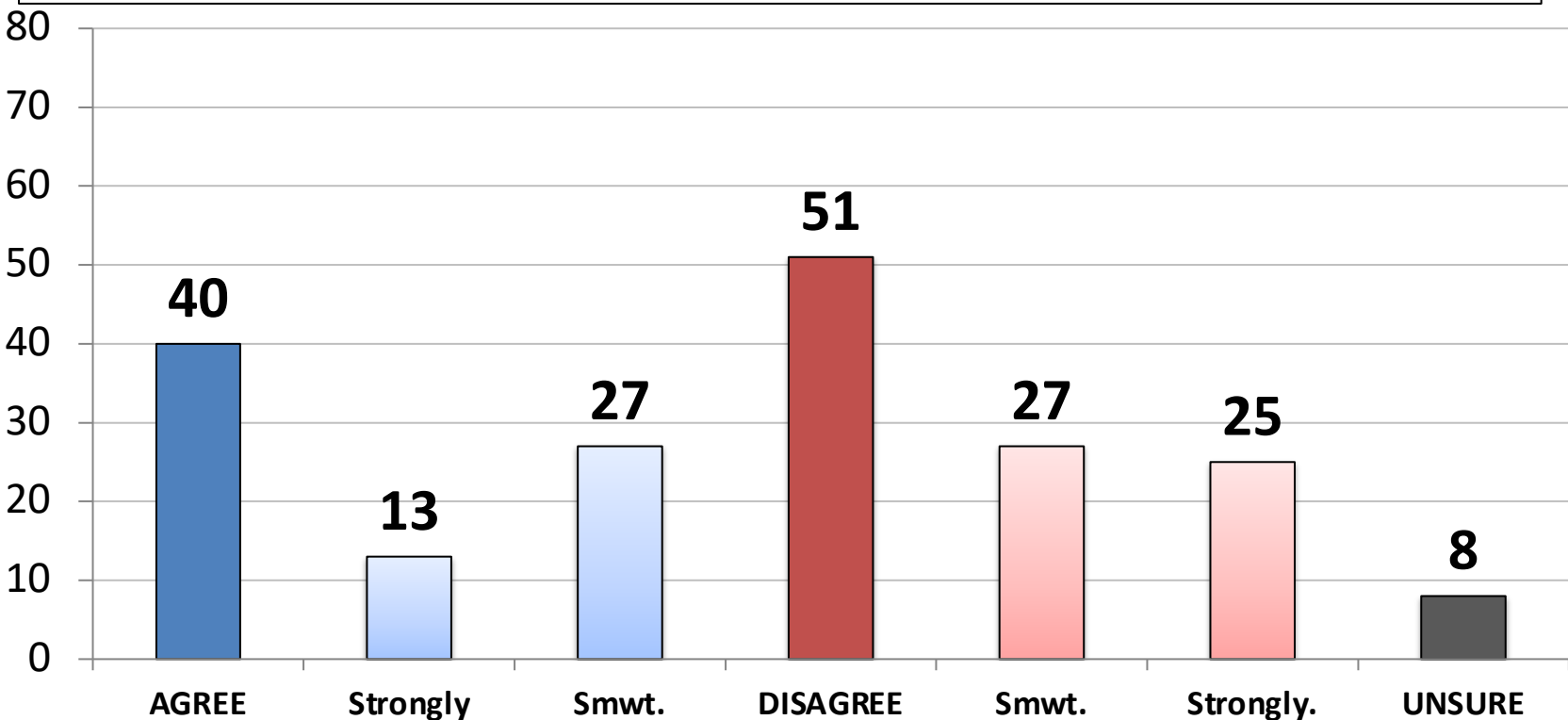


	Often	Not Often
Private School	54	41
State School	54	43
Freshman	57	36
Sophomore	55	44
Junior	53	45
Senior	53	42
Liberal	54	44
Moderate	51	47
Conservative	67	30
White	57	41
Black	50	43
Hispanic	54	42
Men	54	42
Women	55	42
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	54	42
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	53	46
Business Majors	54	42
Natural Sciences Majors	62	35
Humanities Majors	55	39

Part Four – Hate Speech

A slight majority (51%) disagrees that it is sometimes appropriate to shout down or disrupt a speaker on campus, while 40% agree. However, the “disagree” number is at its lowest point in four years. A slight plurality of liberal students agree (46% to 45%).

Agree/Disagree:
“It is sometimes appropriate to shout down or disrupt a speaker on my campus.”

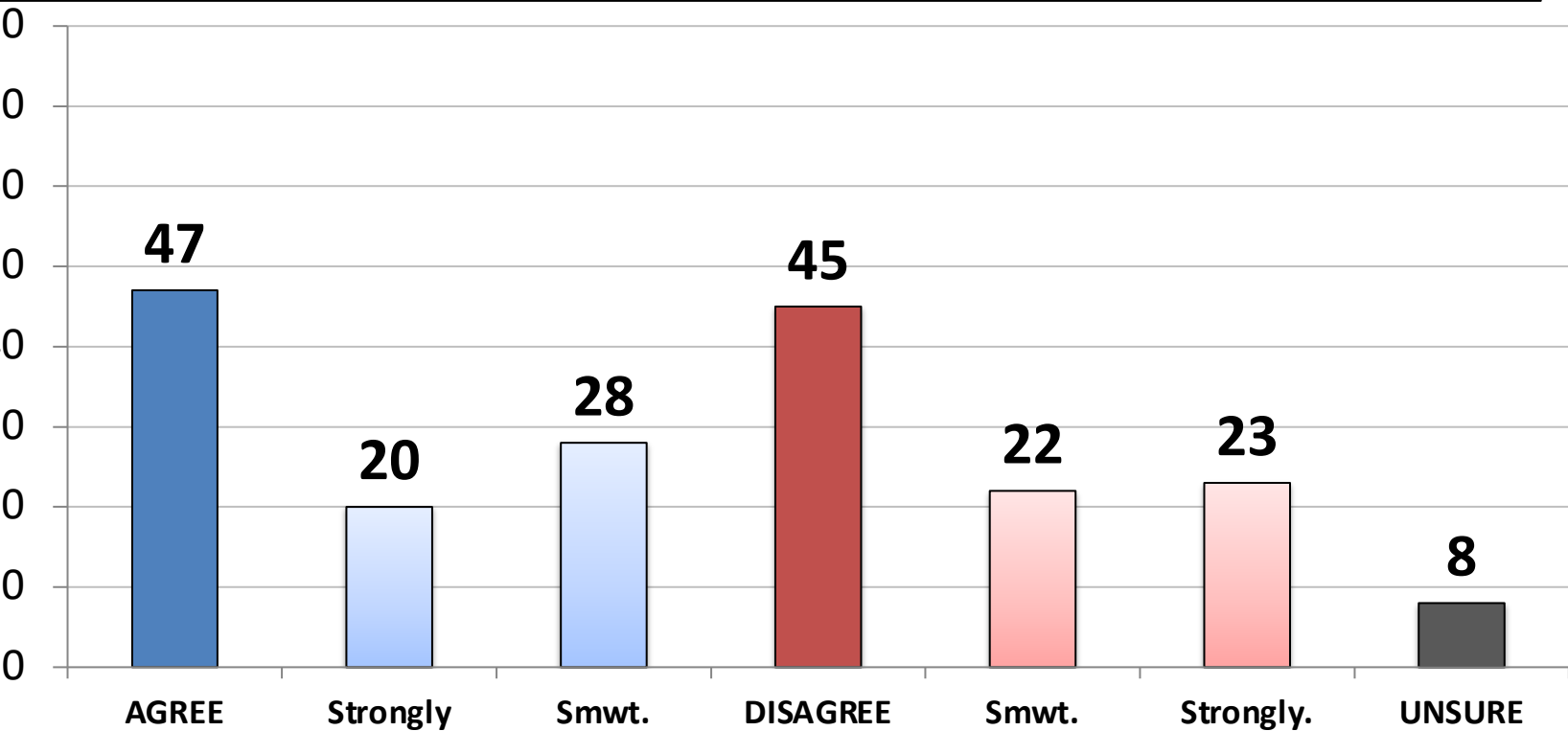


Trend Line	9/17	10/18	10/19	9/20
Agree	38%	41%	32%	40%
Disagree	56%	54%	61%	51%

	Agree	Disagree
Private School	41	51
State School	40	52
Freshman	39	49
Sophomore	43	51
Junior	39	52
Senior	39	53
Liberal	46	45
Moderate	39	56
Conservative	34	61
White	39	54
Black	48	45
Hispanic	40	50
Men	42	52
Women	39	51
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	43	52
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	48	45
Business Majors	40	53
Natural Sciences Majors	39	53
Humanities Majors	46	43

By a 47% to 45% margin, students agree that hate speech – no matter how racist or bigoted it is – is still technically protected under the First Amendment as free speech. These are similar to last year’s findings. The majority of liberal students (52%) disagree while majorities of moderates (53%) and conservatives (58%) agree.

Agree/Disagree:
“Hate speech, no matter how racist or bigoted it is, is still technically protected under the First Amendment as free speech.”

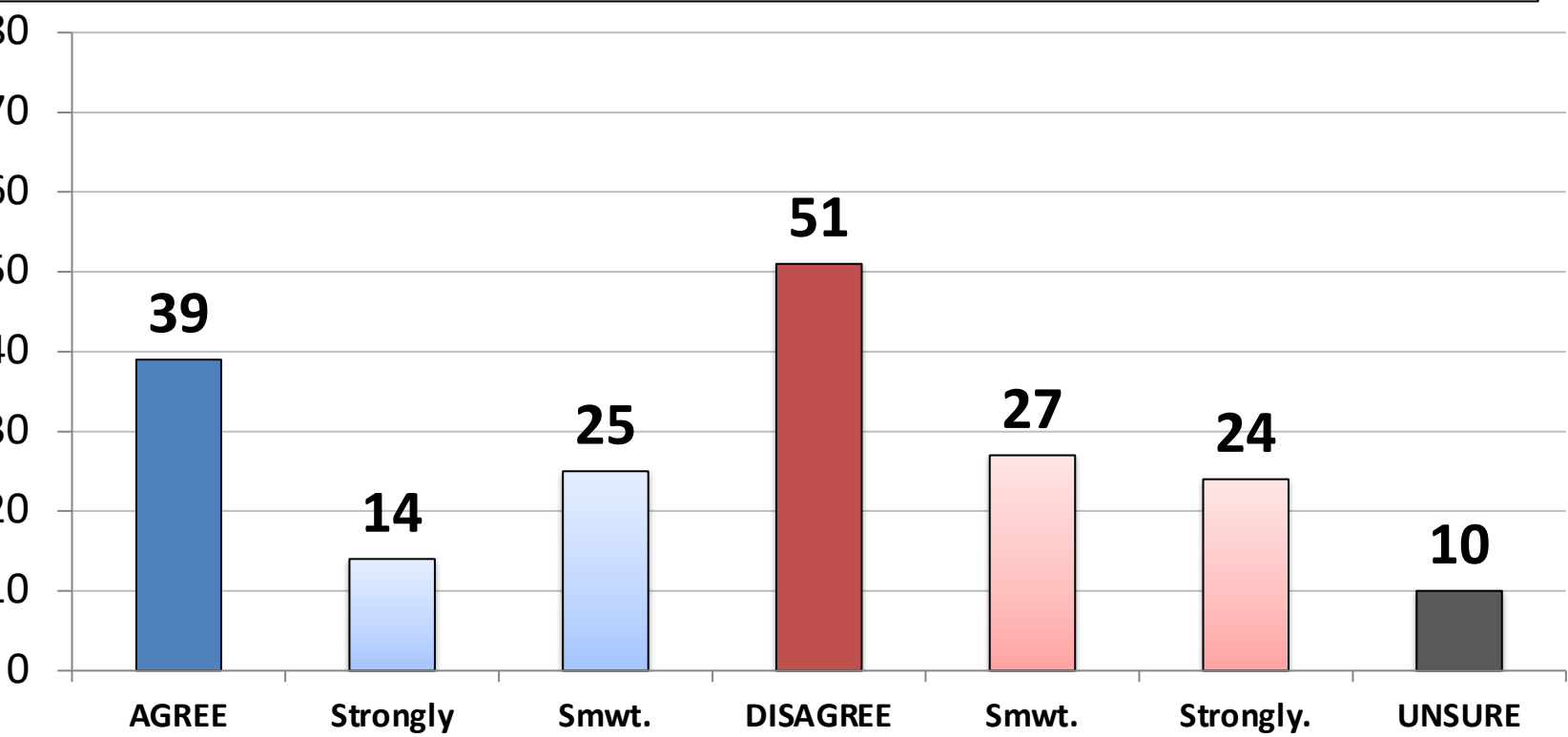


Trend Line	9/17	10/18	10/19	9/20
Agree	59%	57%	48%	47%
Disagree	31%	38%	45%	45%

	Agree	Disagree
Private School	49	44
State School	47	46
Freshman	50	42
Sophomore	46	46
Junior	47	46
Senior	47	46
Liberal	43	52
Moderate	53	40
Conservative	58	36
White	45	49
Black	57	32
Hispanic	52	42
Men	55	40
Women	42	50
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	52	40
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	42	53
Business Majors	46	47
Natural Sciences Majors	53	41
Humanities Majors	52	39

Nearly four in ten (39%) agree that violence can be justified to prevent a person from using hate speech or making racially charged comments, while 51% disagree. This is the highest “agree” number in four years and an eight-point increase from last year.

Agree/Disagree:
“If someone is using hate speech or making racially charged comments, physical violence can be justified to prevent this person from espousing their hateful views.”



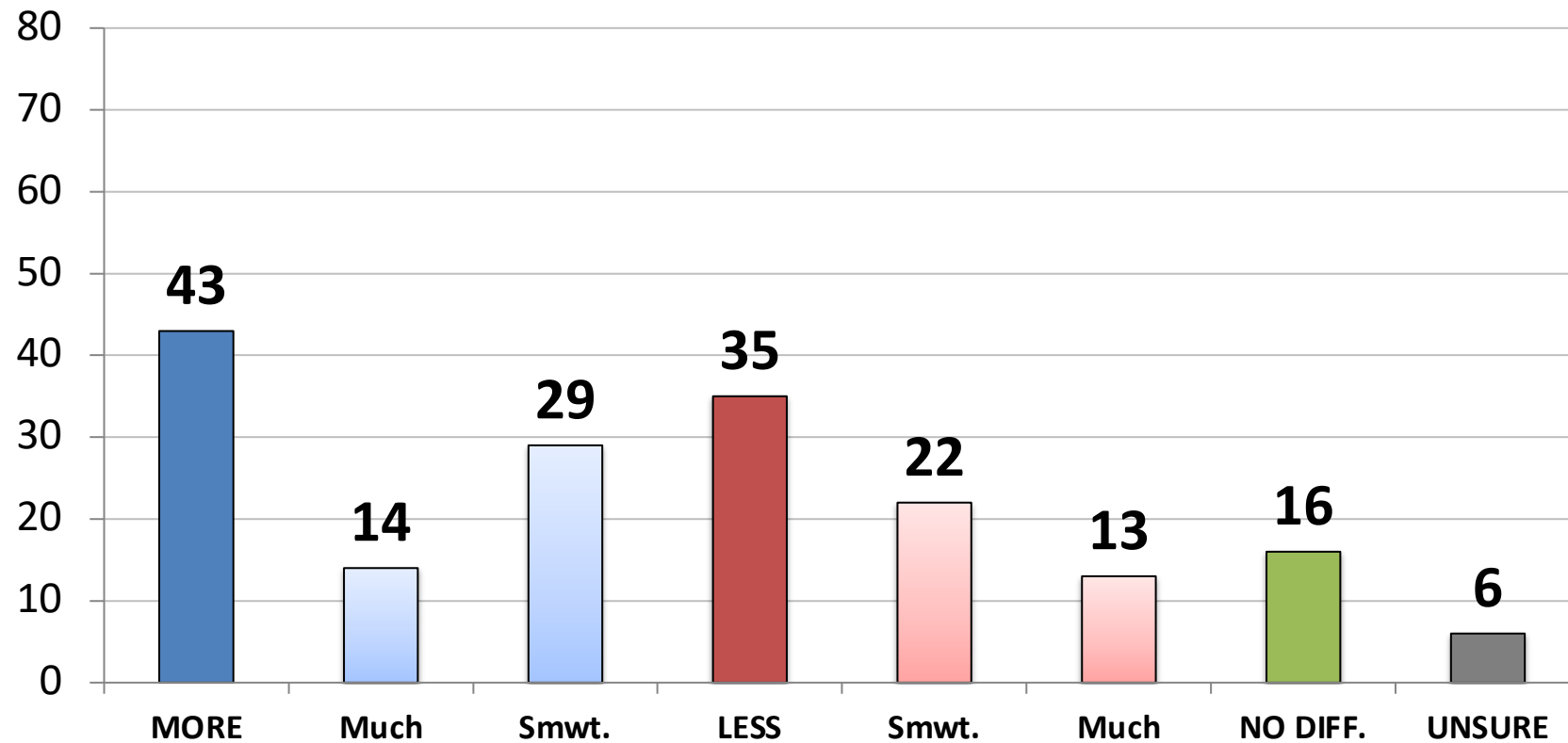
Trend Line	9/17	10/18	10/19	9/20
Agree	30%	33%	31%	39%
Disagree	62%	60%	62%	51%

	Agree	Disagree
Private School	41	49
State School	37	53
Freshman	38	48
Sophomore	37	55
Junior	38	54
Senior	42	47
Liberal	45	47
Moderate	38	53
Conservative	29	65
White	34	56
Black	51	40
Hispanic	43	47
Men	38	56
Women	39	47
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	44	51
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	34	56
Business Majors	41	49
Natural Sciences Majors	41	46
Humanities Majors	37	48

Part Five – Coronavirus Issues

The plurality (43%) says they feel more comfortable expressing their views during remote learning compared to when they are in the classroom. Thirty-five percent (35%) are less comfortable. Liberal (46%) and moderate (44%) students say they feel more comfortable while a slight plurality of conservative students say they feel less comfortable, 41%.

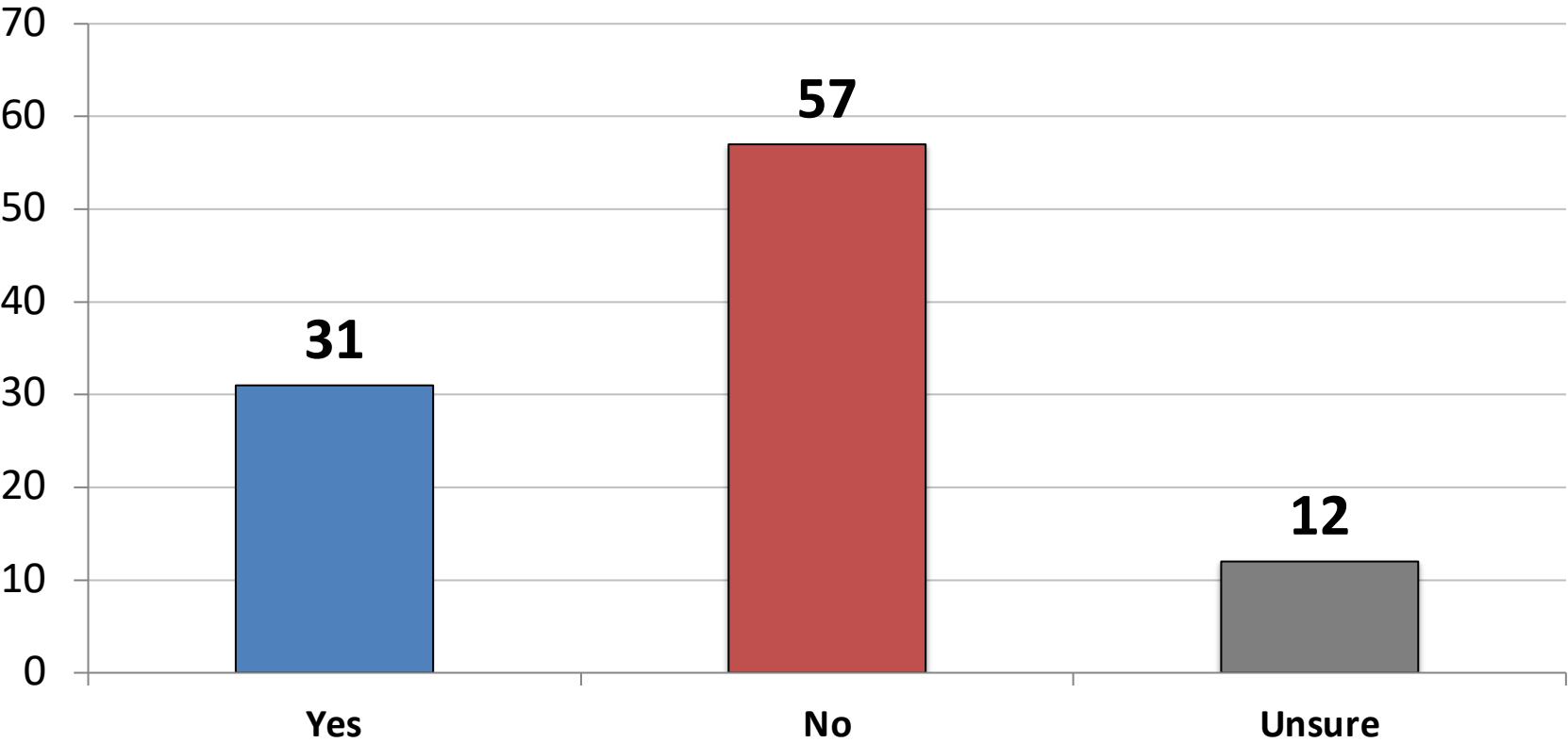
Compared to actually being in the classroom, how comfortable do you feel expressing your views and opinions during remote/virtual learning – whether through Zoom or another video conferencing program?



	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>No Diff.</u>
Private School	47	33	15
State School	41	36	17
Freshman	44	36	11
Sophomore	46	32	18
Junior	44	36	15
Senior	38	37	18
Liberal	46	35	16
Moderate	44	34	19
Conservative	38	41	14
White	42	37	17
Black	53	30	10
Hispanic	45	33	15
Men	45	34	17
Women	42	37	15
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	44	40	12
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	42	43	14
Business Majors	44	38	11
Natural Sciences Majors	43	35	17
Humanities Majors	43	32	18

Only 31% feel they are getting the same educational value for the tuition during the coronavirus, while 57% say they are not. Students in private schools (36%) are more likely than students in state schools (28%) to say they are getting the same educational value.

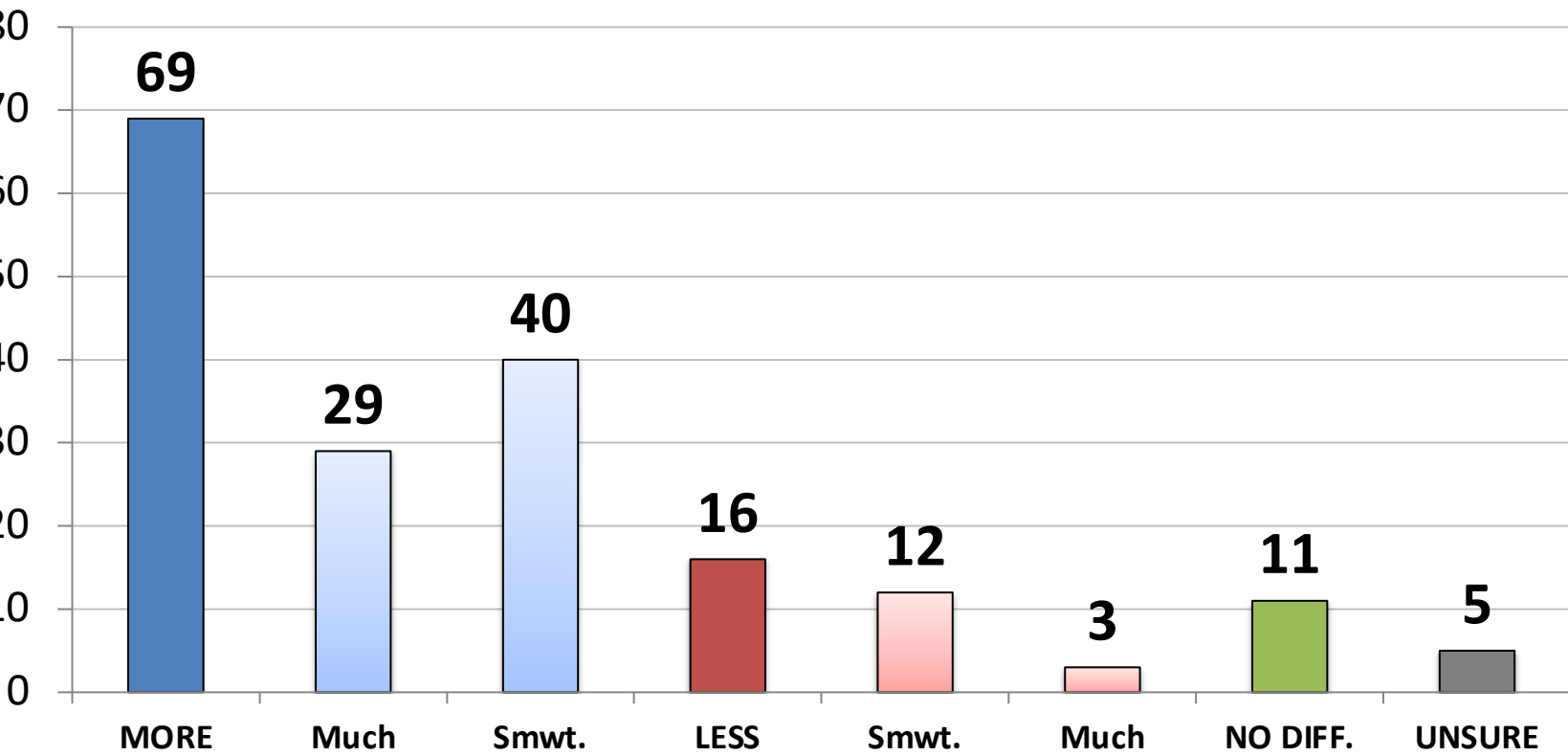
In light of the coronavirus, do you feel like you are getting the same educational value for the tuition you have been paying?



	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Private School	36	54
State School	28	59
Freshman	34	52
Sophomore	32	55
Junior	29	59
Senior	31	60
Liberal	31	60
Moderate	31	53
Conservative	31	61
White	28	62
Black	44	41
Hispanic	32	56
Men	32	57
Women	31	57
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	34	57
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	31	59
Business Majors	40	48
Natural Sciences Majors	34	54
Humanities Majors	34	55

Nearly seven in ten (69%) are more concerned about finding employment opportunities after graduating in light of the coronavirus. By class year, seniors are most concerned at 78%.

And because of the coronavirus, are you more concerned or less concerned about finding employment opportunities for yourself after graduating?



	More	Less	No Diff.
Private School	71	16	9
State School	68	16	12
Freshman	69	14	10
Sophomore	58	21	16
Junior	71	14	11
Senior	78	12	6
Liberal	73	11	11
Moderate	68	19	11
Conservative	64	21	13
White	69	13	14
Black	65	24	4
Hispanic	72	20	4
Men	66	19	12
Women	72	13	9
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	70	19	9
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	72	15	9
Business Majors	67	22	6
Natural Sciences Majors	65	19	11
Humanities Majors	64	18	13

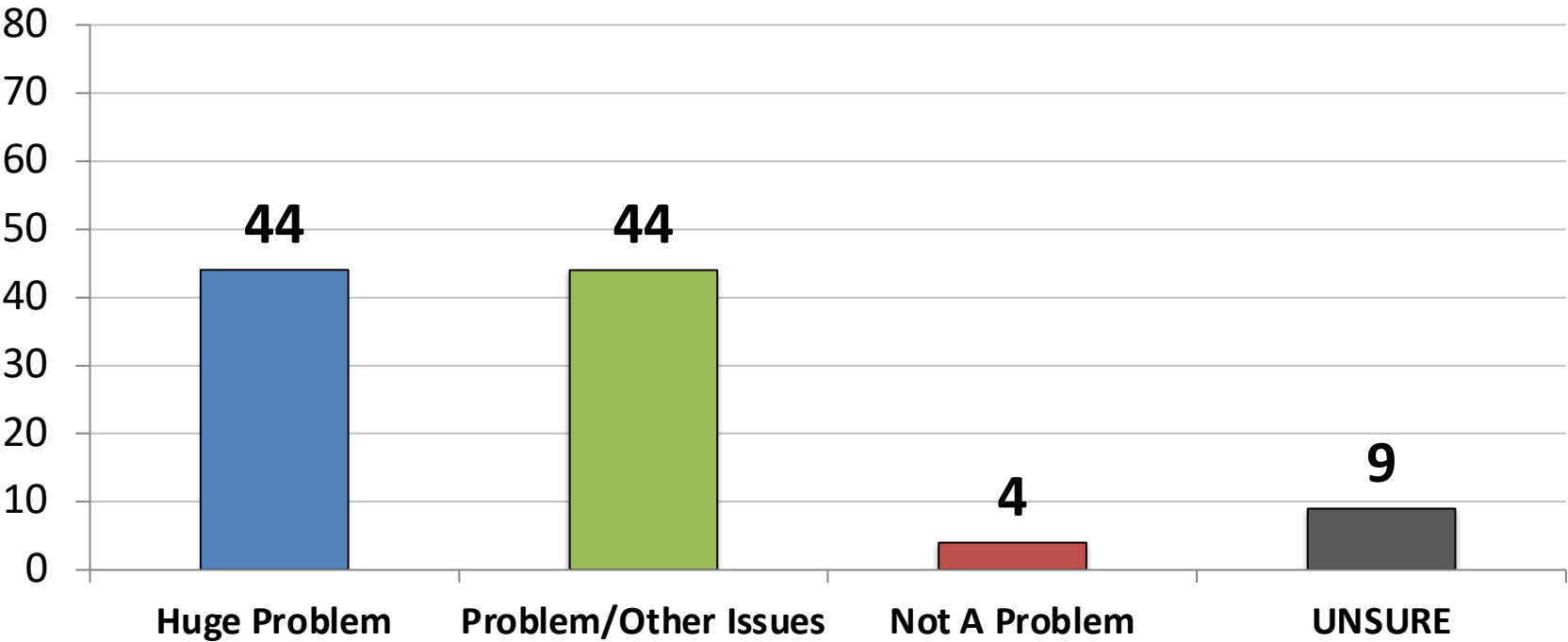
Students to continue to be divided on whether the national debt is a huge problem that needs to be addressed immediately (44%) or is a problem, but other issues are more important (44%). Only 4% say the national debt is not a problem that concerns them. Liberal students say other issues are more important, 51% to 38%, while 50% of moderates and 55% of conservatives say it needs to be addressed immediately.

As you may know, the national debt is over 25 trillion dollars and has been rapidly increasing as the federal government responds to the coronavirus. Which of the following comes closest to your own personal opinion on this issue?

- The national debt is a huge problem that needs to be addressed immediately, either through spending reforms or revenue raising measures. It is unsustainable and putting the U.S. at risk, especially future generations.
- While this is a problem, there are other issues that need to be addressed more immediately, such as combatting climate change, reducing income inequality and dealing with racial injustices.
- The national debt is not a problem that concerns me.

Trend Line	10/19	9/20
Huge Prob.	43%	44%
Problem/Oth.	43%	44%
Not Problem	6%	4%

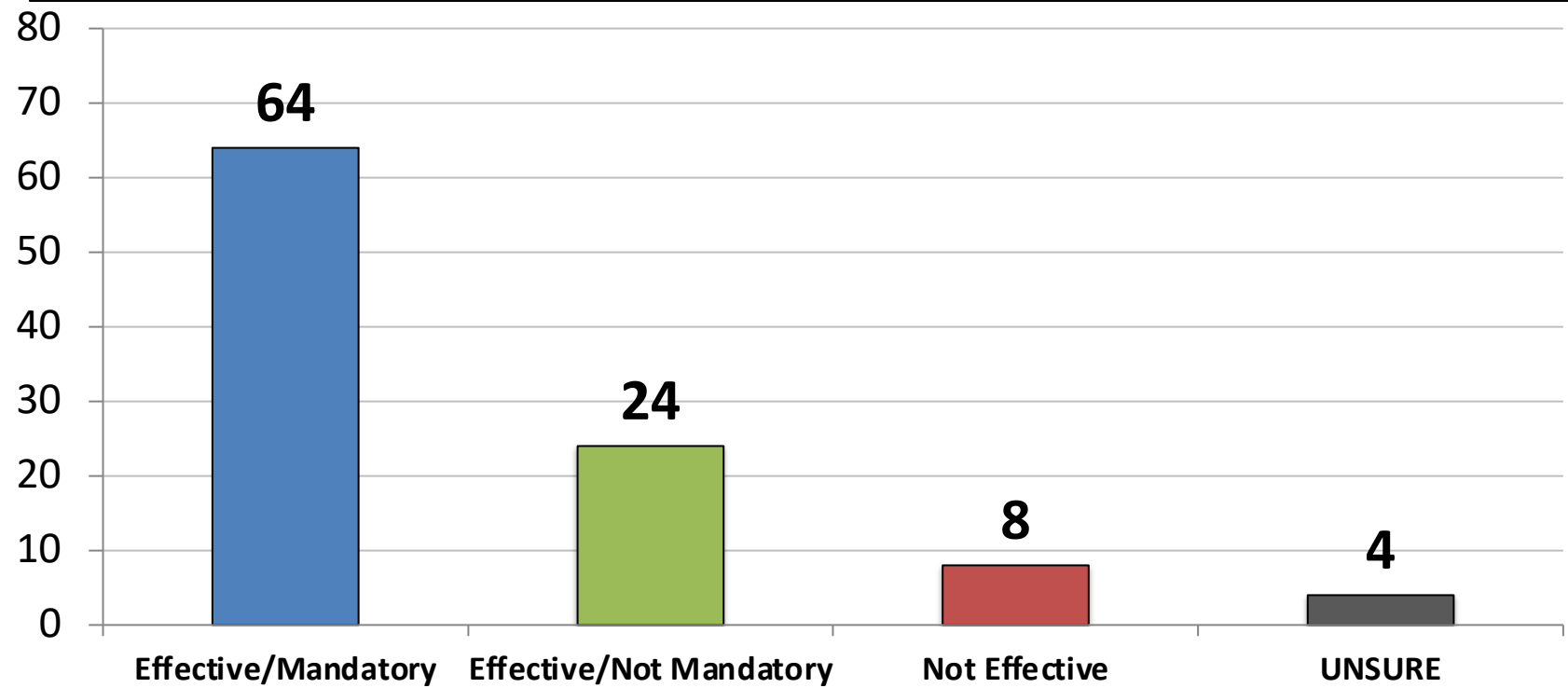
	Huge P.	P/Other	Not Prob.
Private School	49	39	4
State School	41	46	4
Freshman	45	40	6
Sophomore	42	46	4
Junior	48	38	6
Senior	42	48	2
Liberal	38	51	4
Moderate	50	39	3
Conservative	55	34	5
White	45	41	5
Black	48	43	-
Hispanic	46	46	2
Men	46	43	5
Women	42	45	3
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	44	43	5
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	41	48	4
Business Majors	42	51	2
Natural Sciences Majors	41	47	5
Humanities Majors	41	48	3



Two-thirds (64%) say masks are effective in stopping the spread of the coronavirus and support mandatory mask wearing. One in four (24%) believe they are effective, but do not support mandatory mask wearing. Only 8% say masks are not effective. Only 8% say masks are not effective.

Which of the following comes closest to your own personal opinion about masks?

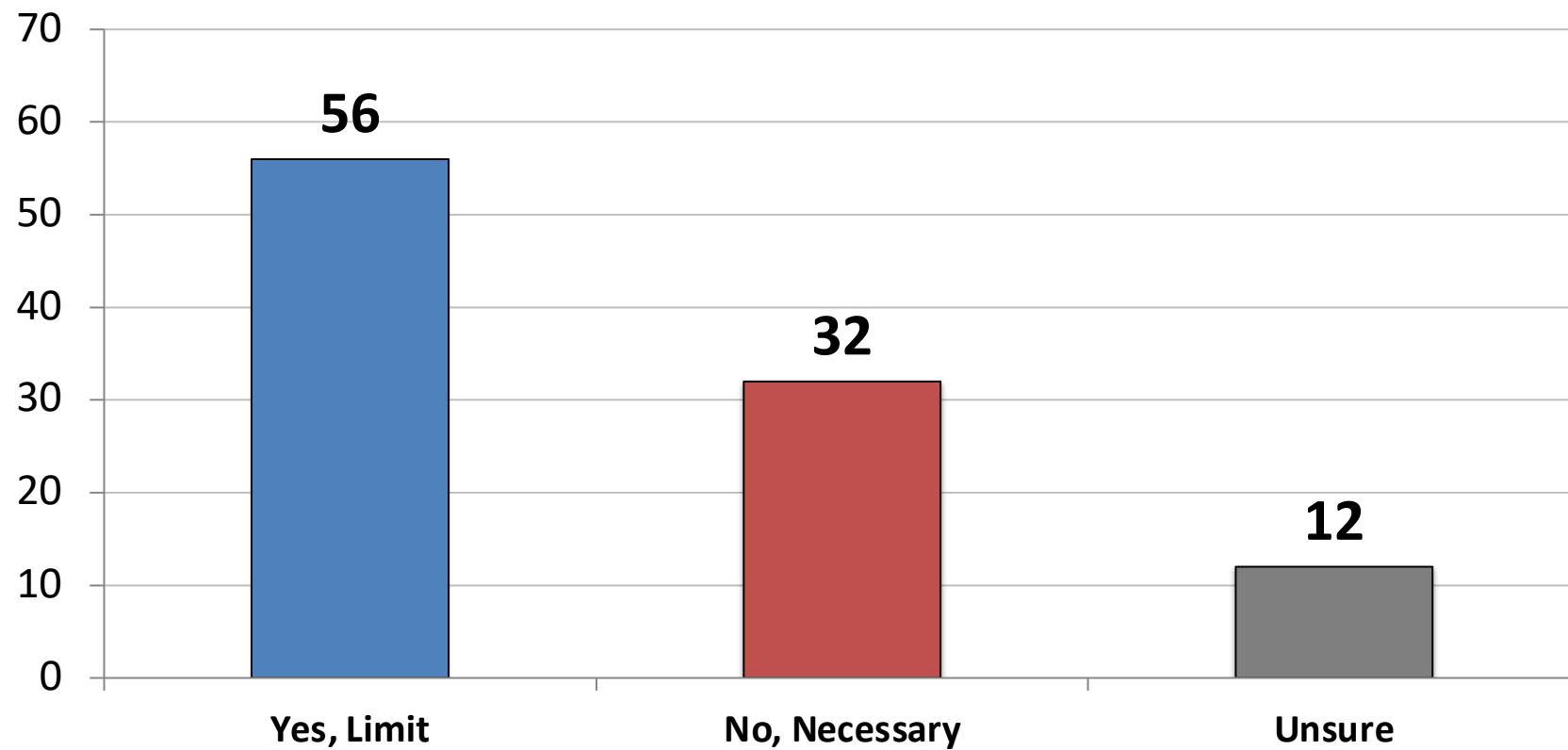
Masks are effective in preventing the spread of the coronavirus and I support mandatory mask wearing in public
Masks are effective in preventing the spread of the coronavirus, but I do not support mandatory mask wearing in public
I do not believe masks are effective in preventing the spread of the coronavirus and I do not support mandatory mask wearing in public



	E/Mand.	E/N Mand.	Not Effect.
Private School	66	21	9
State School	63	25	8
Freshman	65	19	10
Sophomore	58	27	10
Junior	72	20	6
Senior	63	27	7
Liberal	76	18	3
Moderate	62	29	7
Conservative	41	32	23
White	66	24	8
Black	58	28	7
Hispanic	67	24	6
Men	61	28	9
Women	67	21	8
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	61	23	13
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	71	20	7
Business Majors	67	24	7
Natural Sciences Majors	60	28	8
Humanities Majors	63	24	9

The majority (56%) says in-person political demonstrations should be limited to help stop the spread of the coronavirus while 32% say they are necessary in these difficult times and can still happen safely. Even 56% of liberal students say demonstrations should be limited.

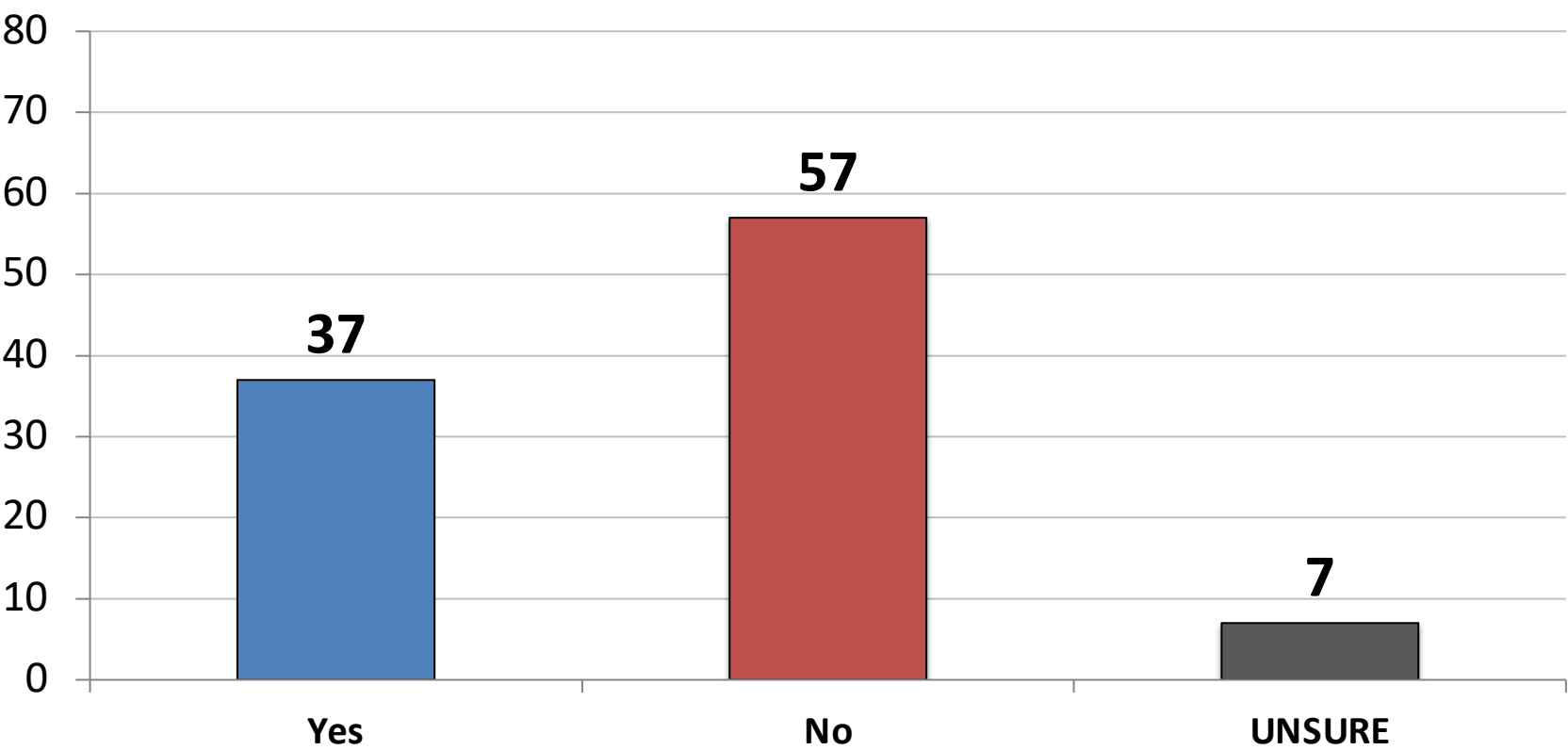
To help stop the spread of the coronavirus, should in-person political demonstrations and rallies be limited or are they necessary in these difficult times and can still happen safely?



	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Private School	59	30
State School	55	33
Freshman	50	35
Sophomore	60	29
Junior	57	32
Senior	56	33
Liberal	56	33
Moderate	58	29
Conservative	59	35
White	59	30
Black	51	37
Hispanic	60	29
Men	59	31
Women	55	32
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	61	29
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	55	36
Business Majors	58	35
Natural Sciences Majors	54	32
Humanities Majors	51	38

Thirty-seven percent of students have attended a rally or protest in the last two years – up 13-points from last year. Liberals (37%) and non-white students are most likely to have attended a rally or protest.

In the last two years, have you attended a rally or protest that advocated for a particular political cause?

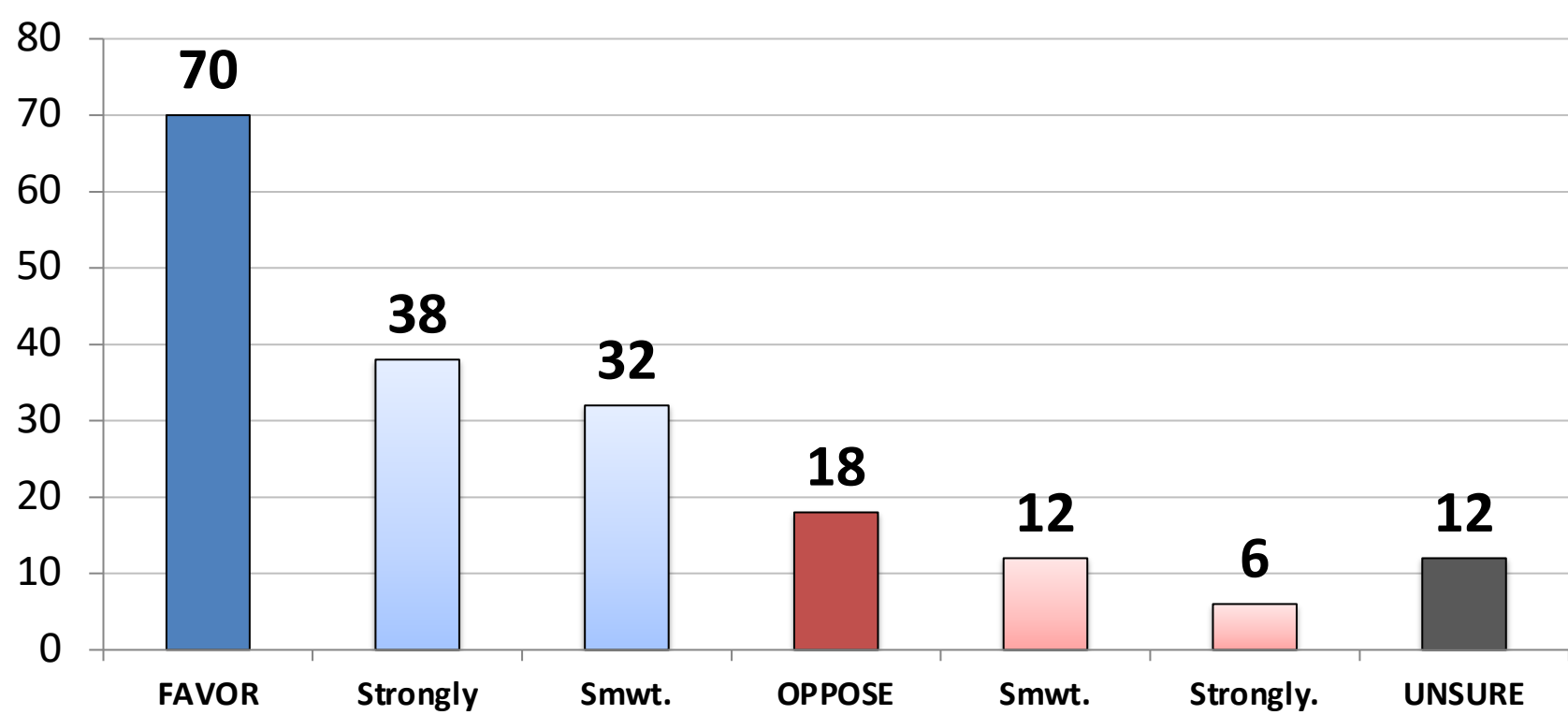


Trend Line	10/18	10/19	9/20
Yes	33%	24%	37%
No	62%	71%	57%

	Yes	No
Private School	43	51
State School	33	60
Freshman	42	51
Sophomore	34	58
Junior	34	60
Senior	39	55
Liberal	46	50
Moderate	28	64
Conservative	31	63
White	34	62
Black	50	43
Hispanic	41	49
Men	34	59
Women	39	55
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	38	55
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	46	50
Business Majors	35	56
Natural Sciences Majors	34	57
Humanities Majors	49	47

Seven in ten (70%) favor sending every registered voter in the United States a ballot so they can vote by mail.

Due to the coronavirus making it difficult or unsafe for people to gather at a polling location, do you favor or oppose election officials sending every registered voter in the United States a ballot so they can cast their vote by mail for the upcoming November presidential election?



	Favor	Oppose
Private School	69	19
State School	71	17
Freshman	71	16
Sophomore	69	19
Junior	70	18
Senior	71	16
Liberal	82	11
Moderate	68	20
Conservative	52	34
White	69	19
Black	71	15
Hispanic	73	19
Men	69	20
Women	71	17
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	70	17
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	68	20
Business Majors	71	18
Natural Sciences Majors	71	14
Humanities Majors	65	21

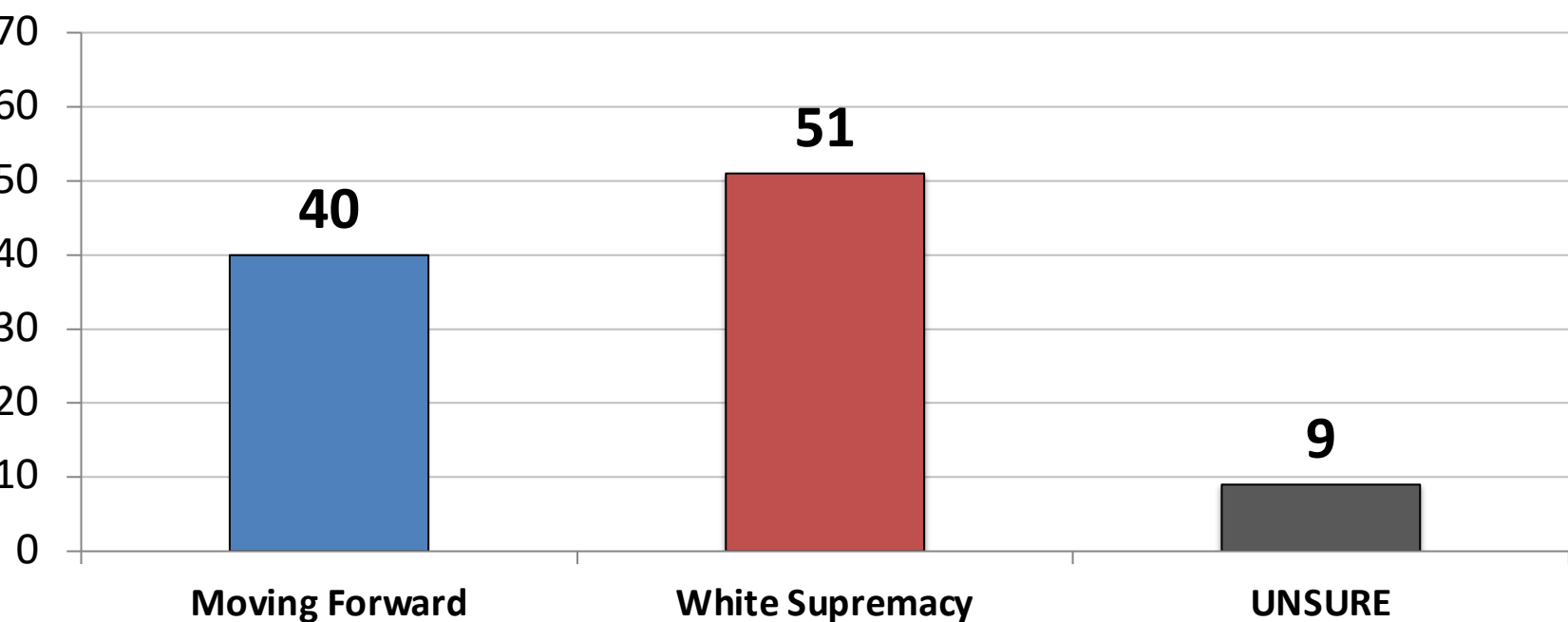
Part Six – Race Issues

By a 51% to 40% margin, students believe America is inextricably linked to white supremacy and most minorities remain excluded from the American promise of equality rather than believing America is moving forward and the promise of equality continues to be extended to more people. Two-thirds of liberal students (67%) say America is inextricably linked to white supremacy.

Which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion?

Despite our sometimes troubled past, America is moving forward and the promise of equality continues to be extended to more people.

America is inextricably linked to white supremacy and in general most minorities remain excluded from the American promise of equality.

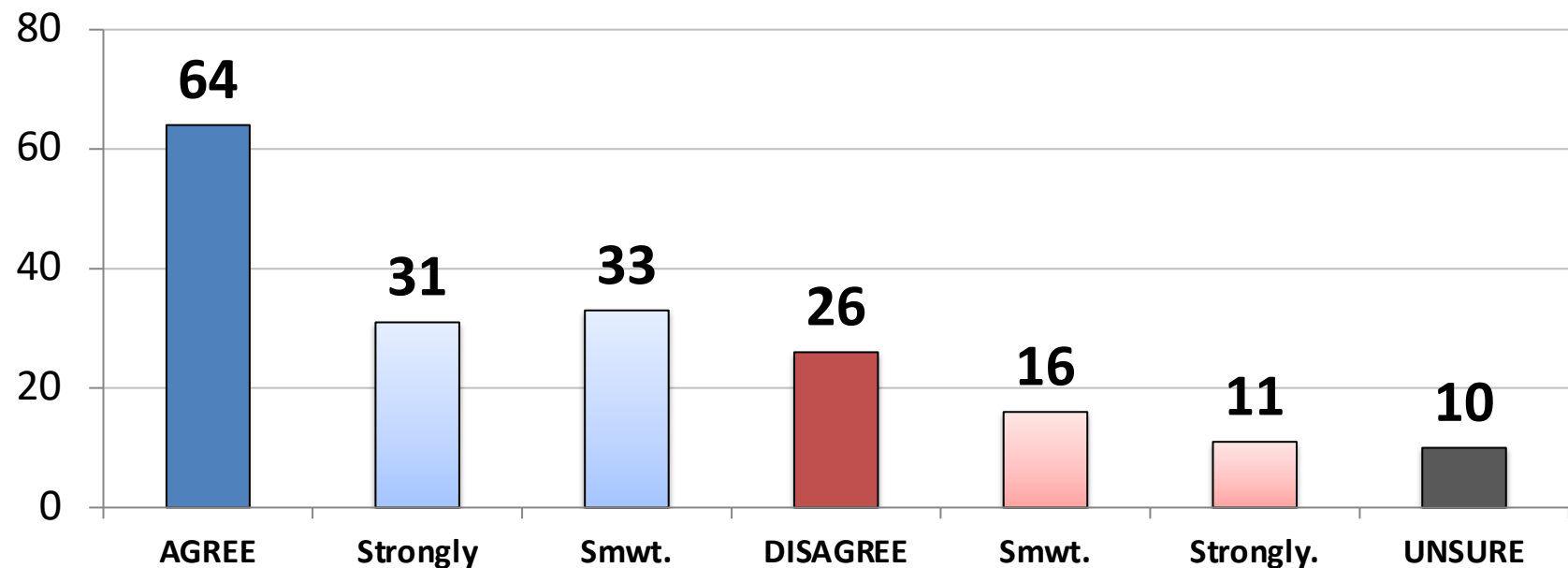


	Forward	W. Supremacy
Private School	44	47
State School	37	53
Freshman	37	49
Sophomore	42	49
Junior	41	51
Senior	38	54
Liberal	28	67
Moderate	45	42
Conservative	68	27
White	42	49
Black	33	56
Hispanic	41	52
Men	50	42
Women	32	58
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	45	45
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	34	57
Business Majors	47	45
Natural Sciences Majors	45	45
Humanities Majors	43	47

Two thirds (64%) agree that individuals who choose not to speak up about systemic racism are perpetuating the injustices that many Black and Brown Americans face.

On the issue of racial inequality, there are many people who feel passionately about it one way or another. However, there are also people who do not have a strong opinion or believe there are more important issues facing our country. Considering this, please indicate if you agree or disagree with the following statement:

“Individuals who choose NOT to speak up about the systemic racism in our country are perpetuating the injustices that many Black and Brown Americans face.”

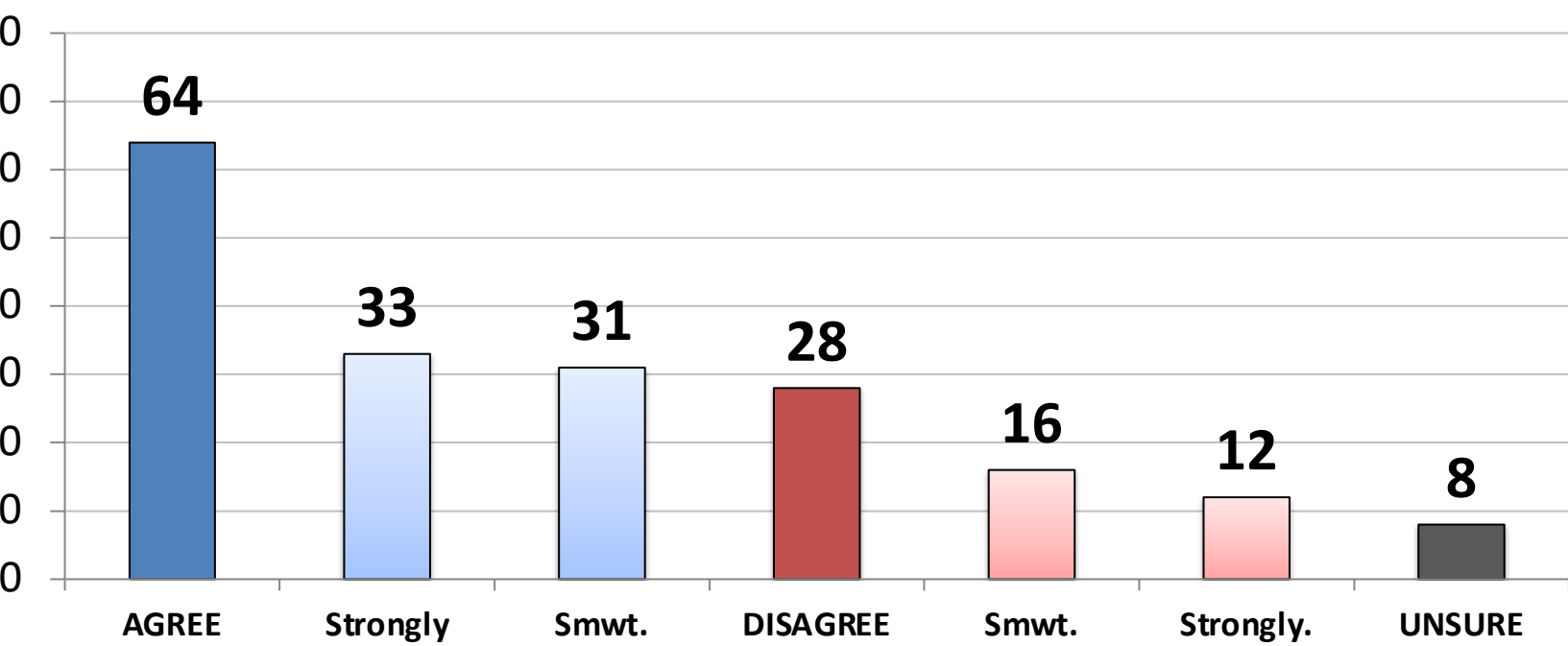


	Agree	Disagree
Private School	65	24
State School	63	28
Freshman	64	24
Sophomore	61	30
Junior	65	23
Senior	67	27
Liberal	80	15
Moderate	54	36
Conservative	45	46
White	61	30
Black	72	17
Hispanic	71	23
Men	58	33
Women	69	21
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	61	30
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	73	20
Business Majors	61	29
Natural Sciences Majors	64	25
Humanities Majors	63	28



A similar 64% agree that due to systemic racism and the wrongful targeting of Black Americans by police officers, the recent rioting and looting is justified to some degree. Almost three in ten (28%) disagree. Women (69%) are more likely to agree than men (57%).

Agree/Disagree:
“Due to the systemic racism in our country and the countless number of Black Americans who have been wrongfully targeted and murdered by police officers, the recent rioting and looting is justified to some degree. Something needs to change and we need to draw attention to this problem by whatever means necessary.”



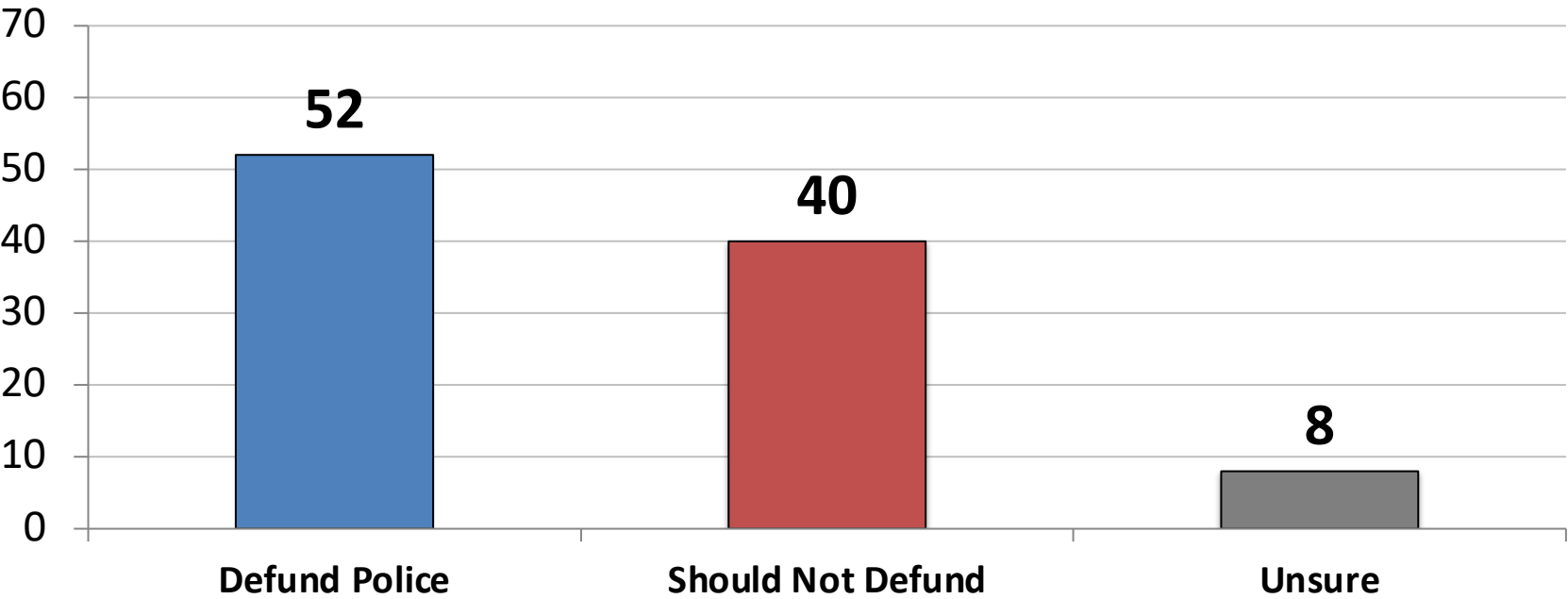
	Agree	Disagree
Private School	63	29
State School	65	27
Freshman	64	26
Sophomore	60	32
Junior	69	23
Senior	64	28
Liberal	82	14
Moderate	54	35
Conservative	38	56
White	61	32
Black	72	20
Hispanic	68	24
Men	57	36
Women	69	22
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	59	32
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	66	27
Business Majors	59	30
Natural Sciences Majors	66	29
Humanities Majors	64	27

By a 52% to 40% margin, students believe we should defund police departments because they are failing many communities rather than believing we can reform the criminal justice system, but defunding police departments is a mistake. Women (56%) are more likely than men (47%) to support defunding the police. Nearly seven in ten conservatives (68%) believe defunding police departments is a mistake.

Which statement do you agree with more on the issue of police and race relations?

In light of the many instances when excessive deadly force is used against African Americans by police officers, we should defund police departments because they are failing many communities. We can instead redirect that money into programs that address mental health and domestic violence prevention and to other public safety programs.

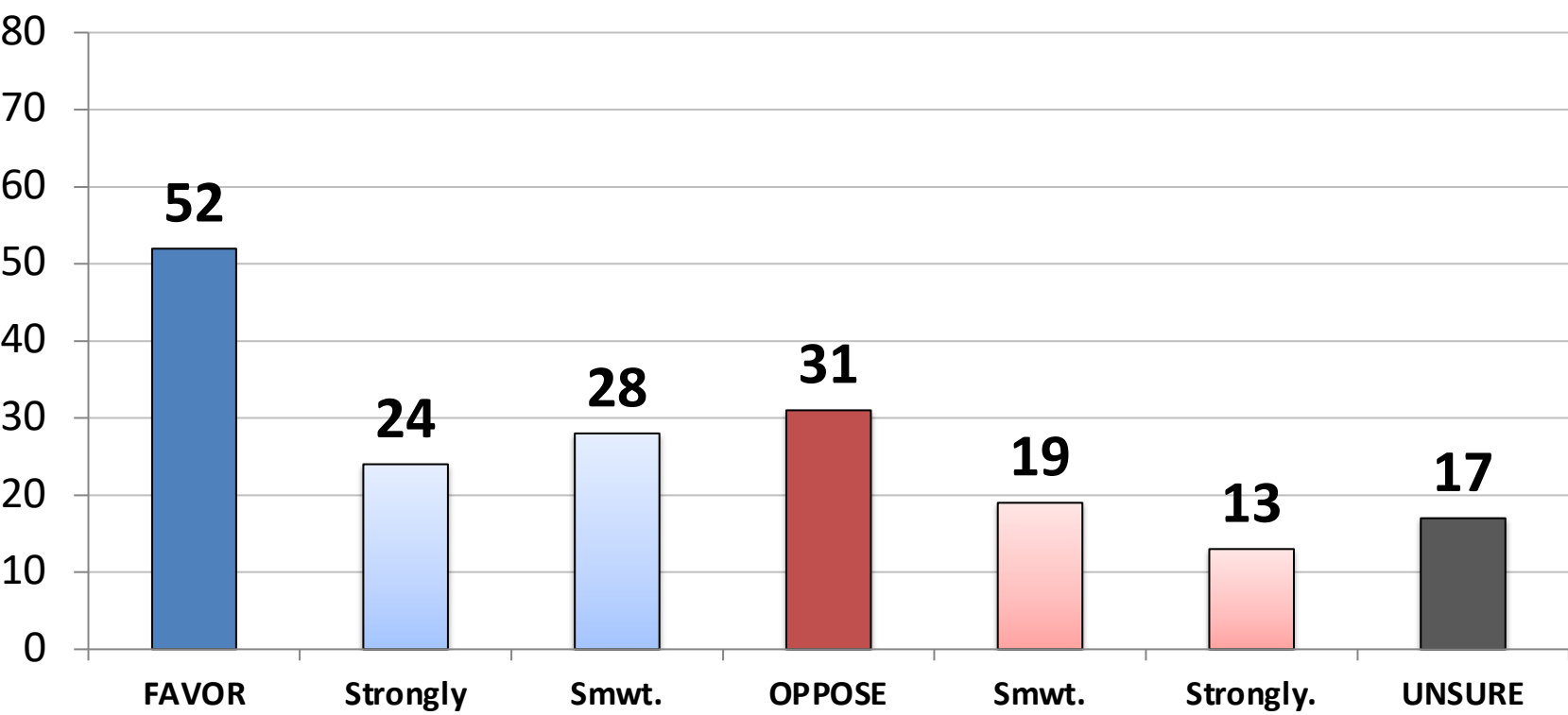
Despite the tragedies of police brutality against African Americans, we SHOULD NOT defund our police departments because of it. We can reform the criminal justice system and hold bad police officers accountable, but defunding police departments is a mistake because it would lead to more crime and make us less safe.



	Defund	Not Defund
Private School	53	38
State School	52	40
Freshman	55	35
Sophomore	49	43
Junior	50	39
Senior	56	39
Liberal	72	23
Moderate	40	51
Conservative	27	68
White	51	40
Black	53	38
Hispanic	61	35
Men	47	45
Women	56	35
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	49	43
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	63	31
Business Majors	45	46
Natural Sciences Majors	51	39
Humanities Majors	52	40

The majority (52%) favors the U.S. government providing reparations to the descendants of slaves, while 31% oppose. A notable 17% were unsure.

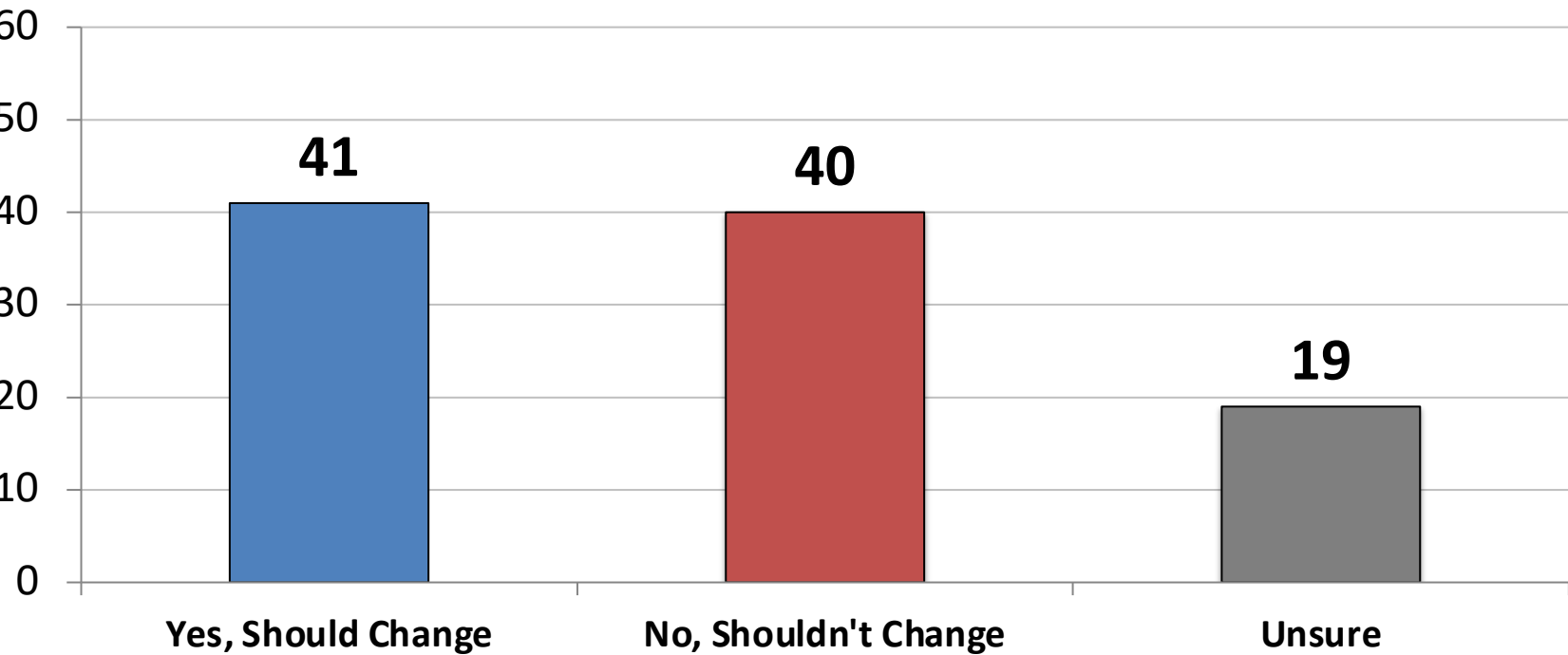
Do you favor or oppose the United States government providing reparations to the descendants of slaves?



	Favor	Oppose
Private School	55	29
State School	50	33
Freshman	50	31
Sophomore	52	33
Junior	49	31
Senior	56	30
Liberal	65	20
Moderate	46	37
Conservative	33	57
White	47	36
Black	67	20
Hispanic	55	29
Men	51	38
Women	53	26
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	50	33
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	55	32
Business Majors	51	38
Natural Sciences Majors	55	32
Humanities Majors	55	36

Despite a majority favoring reparations, students divide on whether Yale University should change its name – 41% to 40% – with a notable 19% unsure. The majority of liberals (54%) want Yale to change its name while 65% of conservatives do not. By major, only Social and Behavioral Sciences majors have a plurality (47%) believing Yale should change its name.

Many Americans believe we should change the names of building, roads and other places that are named after individuals with a racist past. As you may know, Yale University in Connecticut is named after Elihu Yale who was a slave trader. Do you think Yale University should change its name?



	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Private School	45	38
State School	39	42
Freshman	40	41
Sophomore	40	41
Junior	40	43
Senior	44	36
Liberal	54	27
Moderate	34	49
Conservative	23	65
White	37	44
Black	58	26
Hispanic	43	39
Men	36	49
Women	45	34
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	40	42
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	47	39
Business Majors	39	48
Natural Sciences Majors	38	43
Humanities Majors	43	45

Part Seven – Miscellaneous Issues

A slight plurality (44%) says socialist principles have the potential to be good for America while 37% say socialism is too radical. This is a slightly wider margin than last year when 40% said socialist principles have the potential to be good and an identical 37% said socialism is too radical. Male students say socialism is too radical, 47% to 41%, while female students say socialist principles have the potential for good, 46% to 30%.

Which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion?

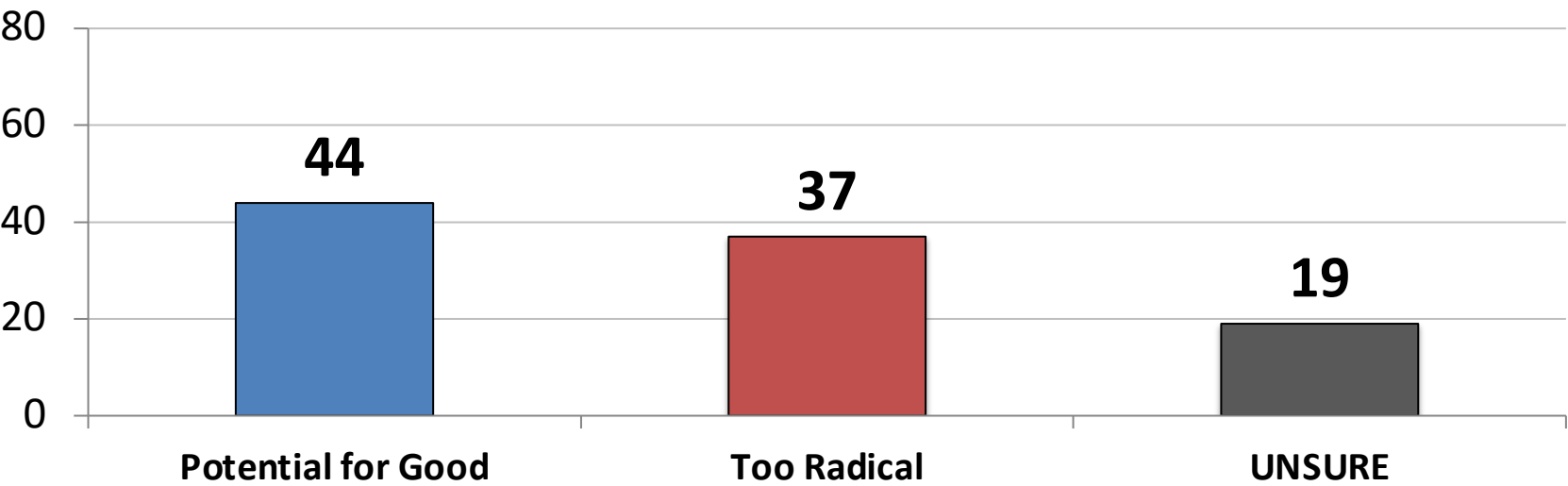
Those who say socialist principles have the potential to be good for America because they promote fairness and give more opportunities to the less fortunate and those who struggle in our society. They say capitalism has left too many people behind.

OR

Those who say while capitalism isn't perfect, it has promoted freedom and opportunity for millions in America and across the world. They say socialism is too radical and goes against the ideals that our country was founded upon.

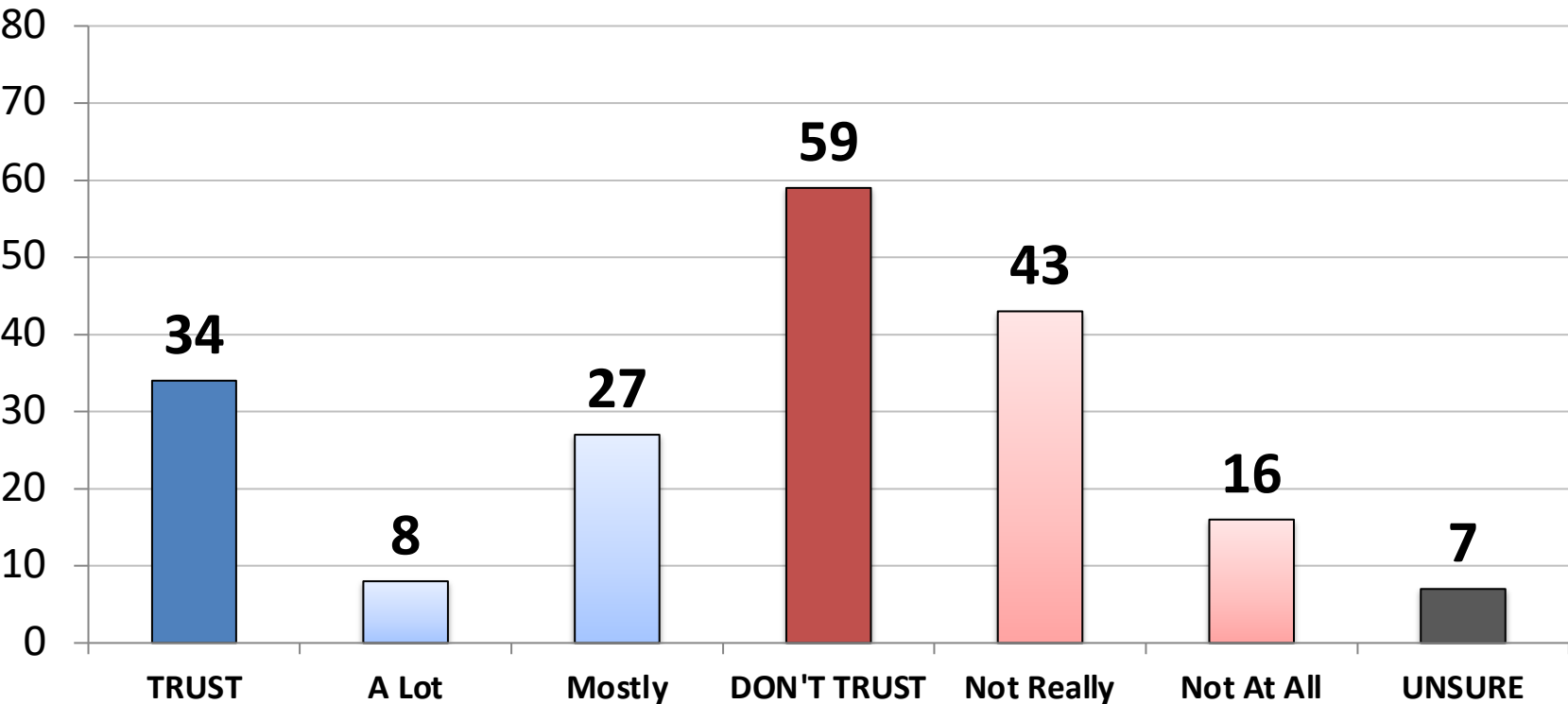
Trend Line	10/18	10/19	9/20
Potential for Good	50%	40%	44%
Too Radical	35%	37%	37%

	Good	Too Radical
Private School	41	43
State School	46	34
Freshman	34	42
Sophomore	45	37
Junior	46	34
Senior	47	36
Liberal	54	28
Moderate	40	39
Conservative	30	62
White	43	39
Black	38	41
Hispanic	53	32
Men	41	47
Women	46	30
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	45	39
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	50	30
Business Majors	38	47
Natural Sciences Majors	49	33
Humanities Majors	43	42



Nearly six in ten (59%) do not trust the news media to report the facts accurately, while only 34% trust the media. Trust is highest among liberals (40%) and distrust is highest among conservatives (76%).

Generally speaking, do you trust the news media to report the facts accurately?



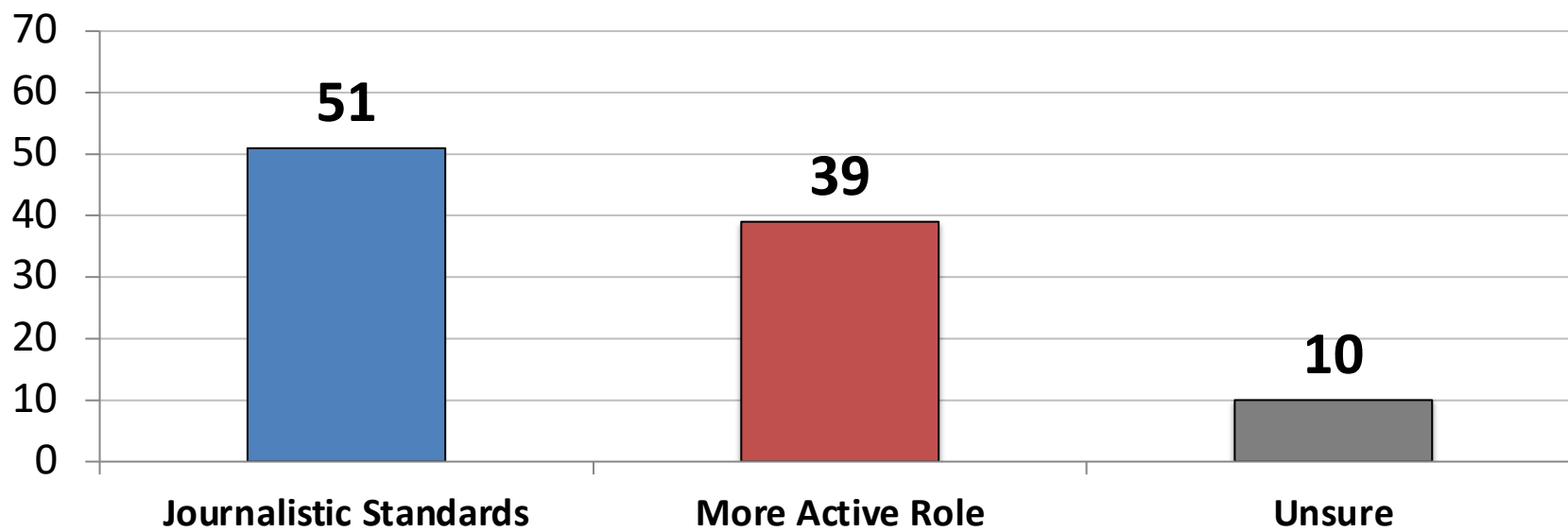
	Trust	Don't Trust
Private School	38	55
State School	32	62
Freshman	38	55
Sophomore	35	58
Junior	28	65
Senior	37	58
Liberal	40	54
Moderate	36	61
Conservative	21	76
White	30	65
Black	48	45
Hispanic	38	54
Men	38	56
Women	32	62
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	45	49
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	34	60
Business Majors	33	61
Natural Sciences Majors	30	63
Humanities Majors	39	55

By a 51% to 39% margin, students believe the press needs to do a better job getting back to following journalistic standards rather than believing the press must take a more active role in combatting false stories. Liberals divide, 45% to 46%, while two-thirds of conservatives (66%) say the press needs to do a better job getting back to following journalistic standards.

There are some who believe the news media and journalists are biased by too often providing their own beliefs instead of just reporting the facts. Which of the following comes closer to your own personal opinion?

The press needs to do a better job getting back to following journalistic standards, being more objective, reporting the facts and not pushing an agenda.

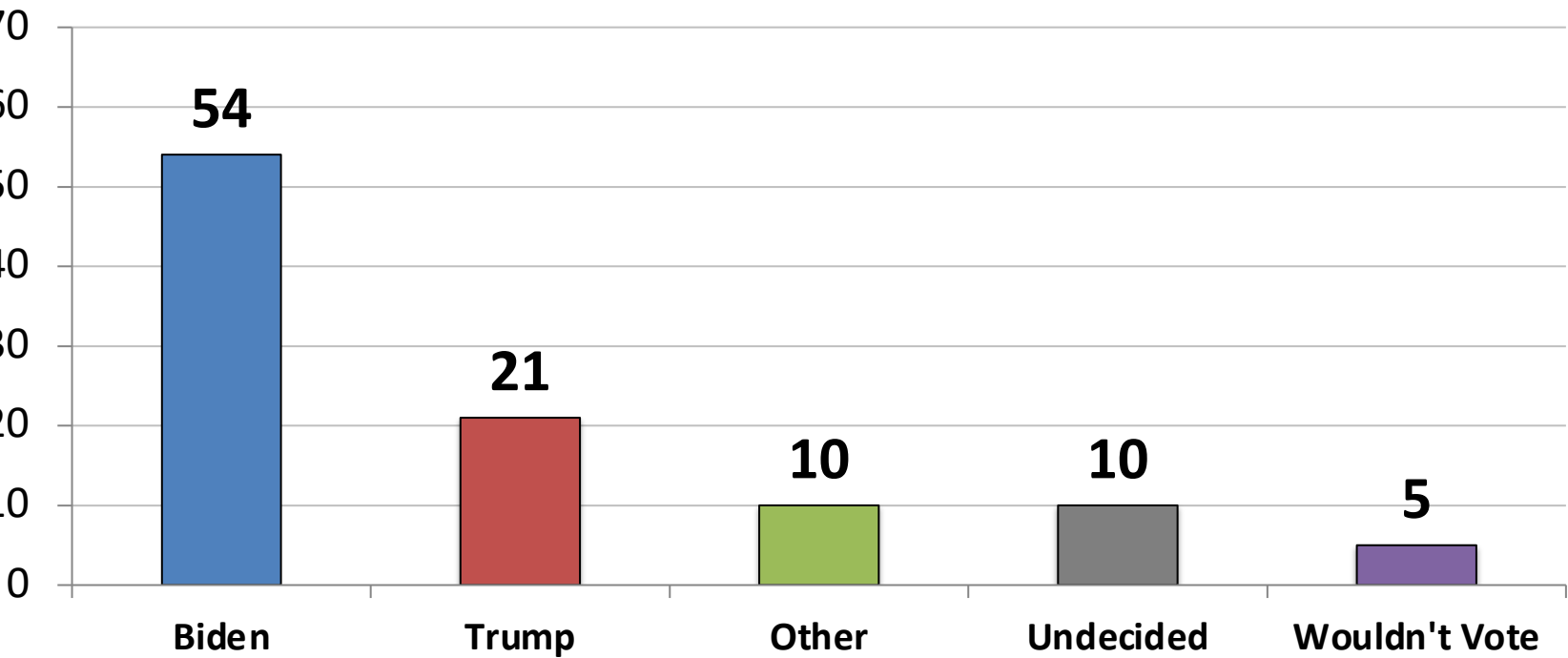
In this age of disinformation, the press must take a more active role in combatting false stories and these days there is really no such thing as “unbiased news.”



	Standards	Active Role
Private School	50	41
State School	52	39
Freshman	52	36
Sophomore	46	43
Junior	58	32
Senior	49	43
Liberal	45	46
Moderate	55	37
Conservative	66	30
White	53	38
Black	42	46
Hispanic	53	39
Men	54	39
Women	49	39
Mathematics/Engineering Majors	46	45
Social/Behavioral Sciences Majors	55	38
Business Majors	51	40
Natural Sciences Majors	47	39
Humanities Majors	44	47

Joe Biden leads President Trump 54% to 21% in the presidential horserace. Biden wins more liberals (80%) than President Trump win conservatives (62%). Moderates vote for Biden 42% to 19%. There is a noteworthy gender gap as Biden leads by 17-points with men (46% to 29%) and 47-points with women (61% to 14%).

If the general election for President on Tuesday, November 3rd were held today among the following candidates, for whom would you vote?



	<u>Biden</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Und.</u>
Private School	52	23	10	10
State School	55	19	10	11
Freshman	52	18	9	12
Sophomore	52	21	14	10
Junior	54	21	8	12
Senior	57	21	8	9
Liberal	80	7	7	5
Moderate	42	19	16	16
Conservative	16	62	10	11
White	52	24	10	10
Black	58	12	14	9
Hispanic	54	26	8	8
Men	46	29	10	8
Women	61	14	9	12
Math./Engineering Majors	52	22	11	9
Social/Beh. Sciences Majors	61	22	9	4
Business Majors	51	24	9	14
Natural Sciences Majors	55	17	14	12
Humanities Majors	50	21	9	12



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