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U.S. National Poll: Registered Voters September 2018

Conducted on behalf of:



September 3-12, 2018
N=1,998 Registered Voters
OTS_Project #180801

Methodology

On behalf of The Simon Wiesenthal Center, Olive Tree Strategies and FM3 Research are pleased to present the key findings of our most recent national survey.

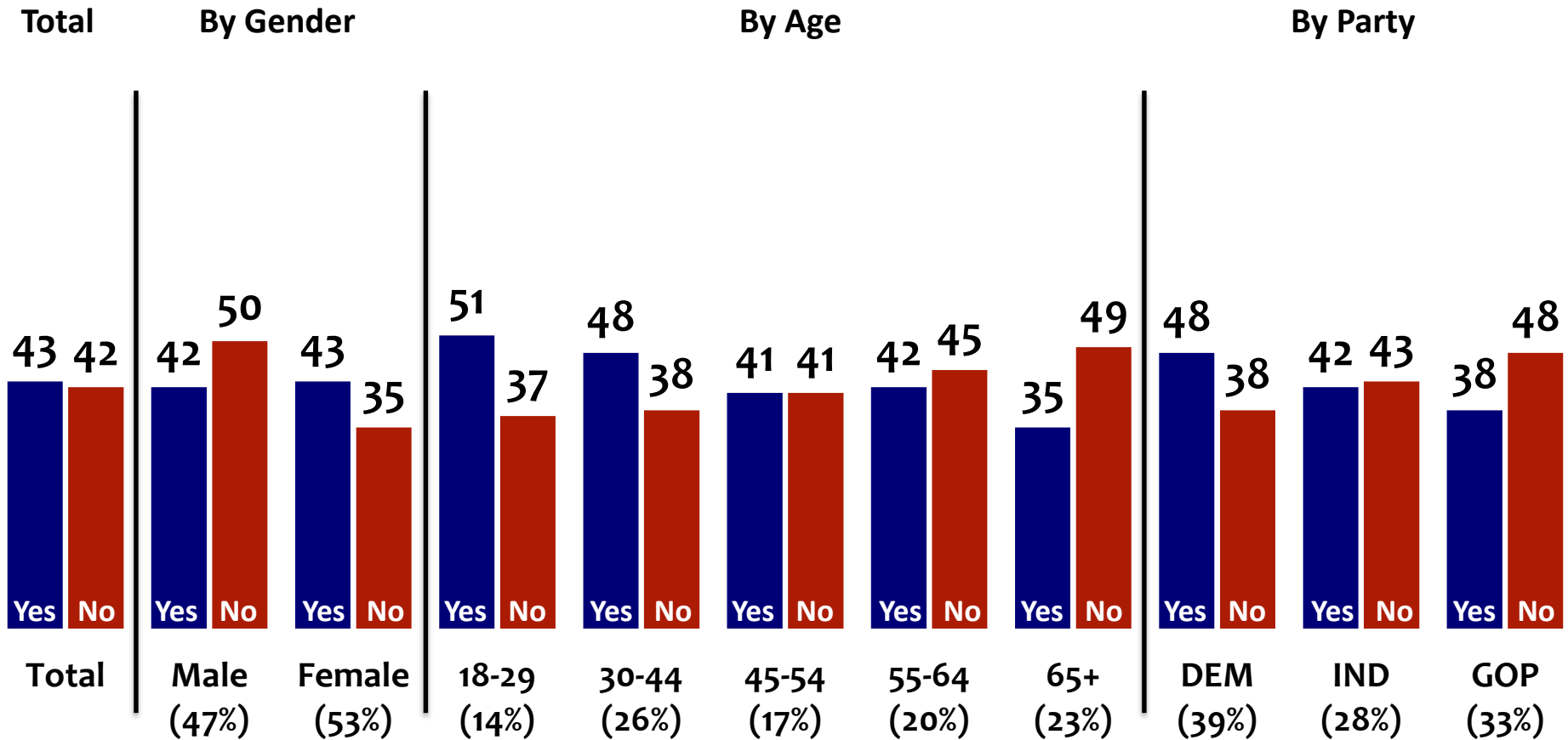
The survey was conducted September 3-12, 2018 of a representative sample of 1,998 registered voters. The respondents were recruited by Research Now SSI from its larger probability-based national panel.

Sums may not total to 100% due to rounding.

A NEW CIVIL WAR?

A plurality of voters believe that the United States is headed toward a new Civil War.

Do you think that the United States is moving toward a new Civil War?

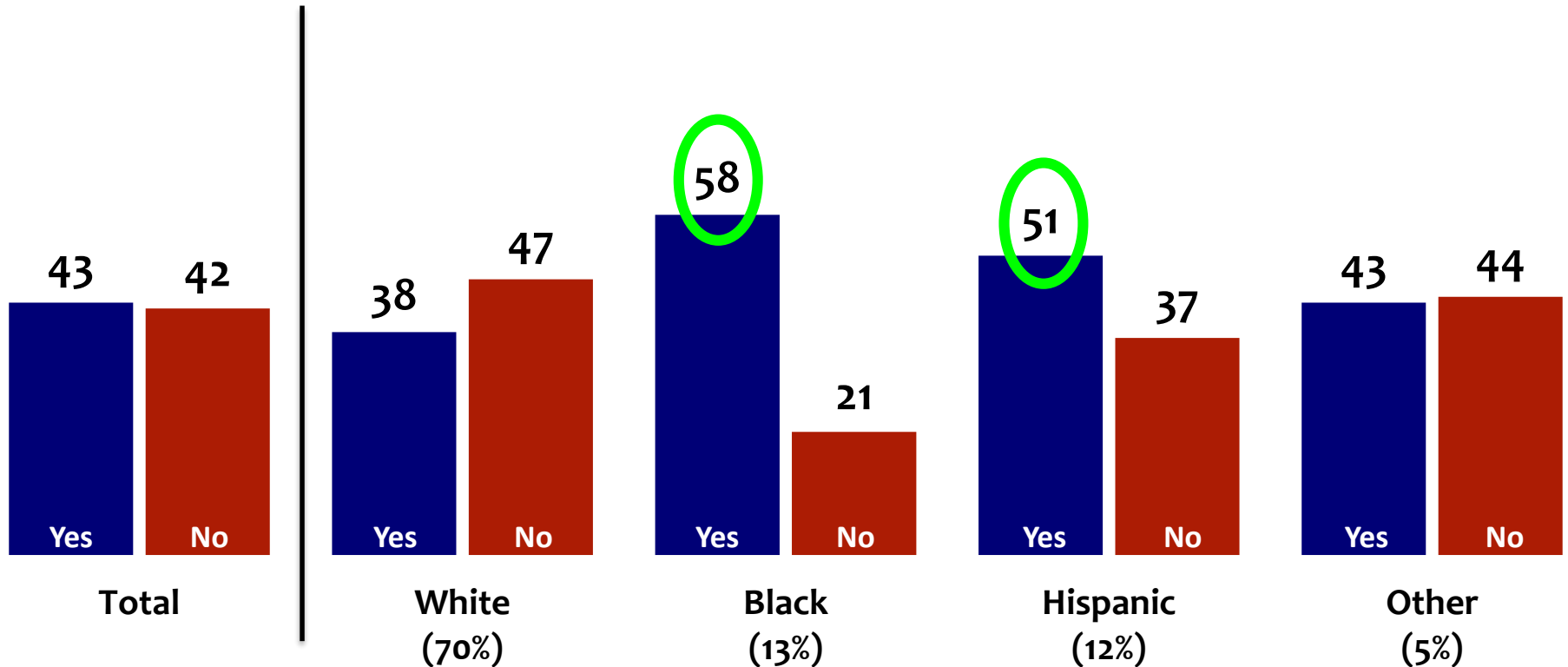


High anxiety in minority communities. Majority of the Black and Hispanic voters see conflict on the horizon.

Do you think that the United States is moving toward a new Civil War?

Total

By Ethnicity

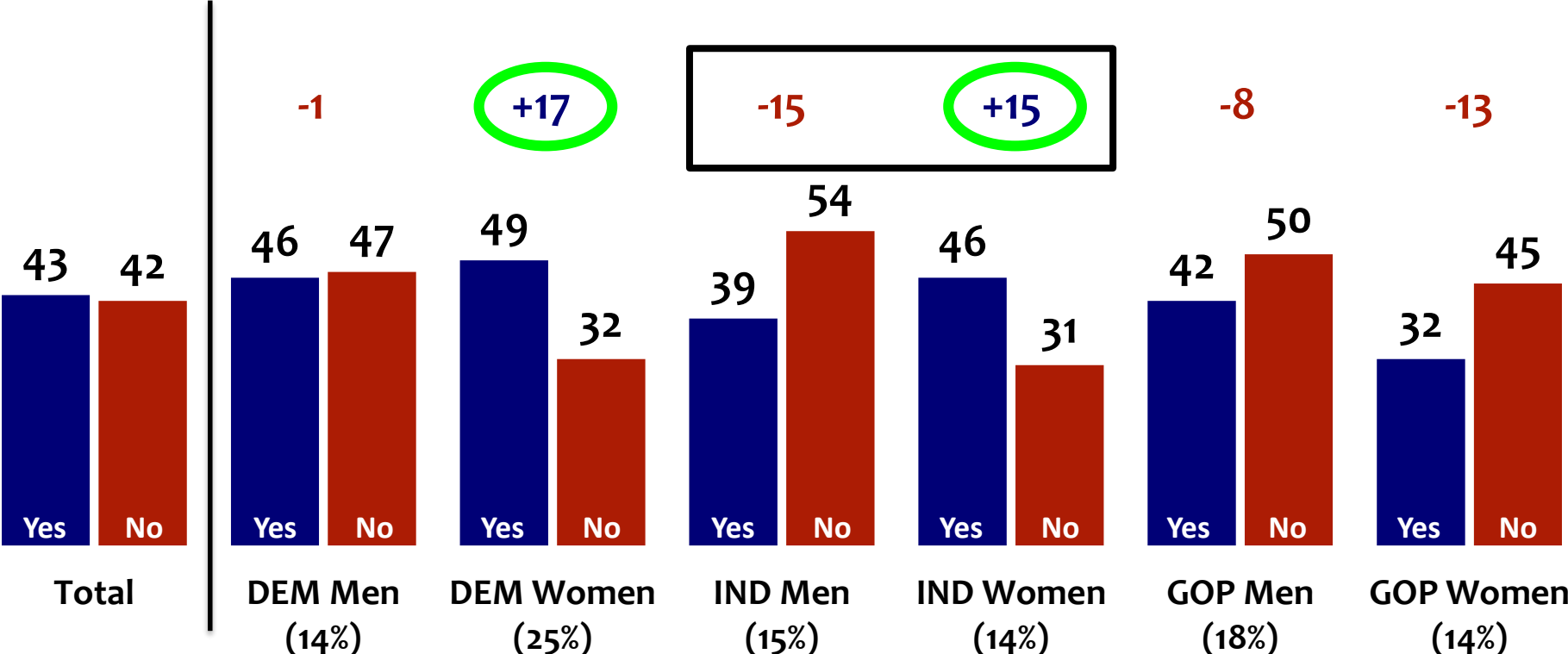


Gender a huge factor as DEM and IND women display greatest anxiety. Contrast among IND voters striking.

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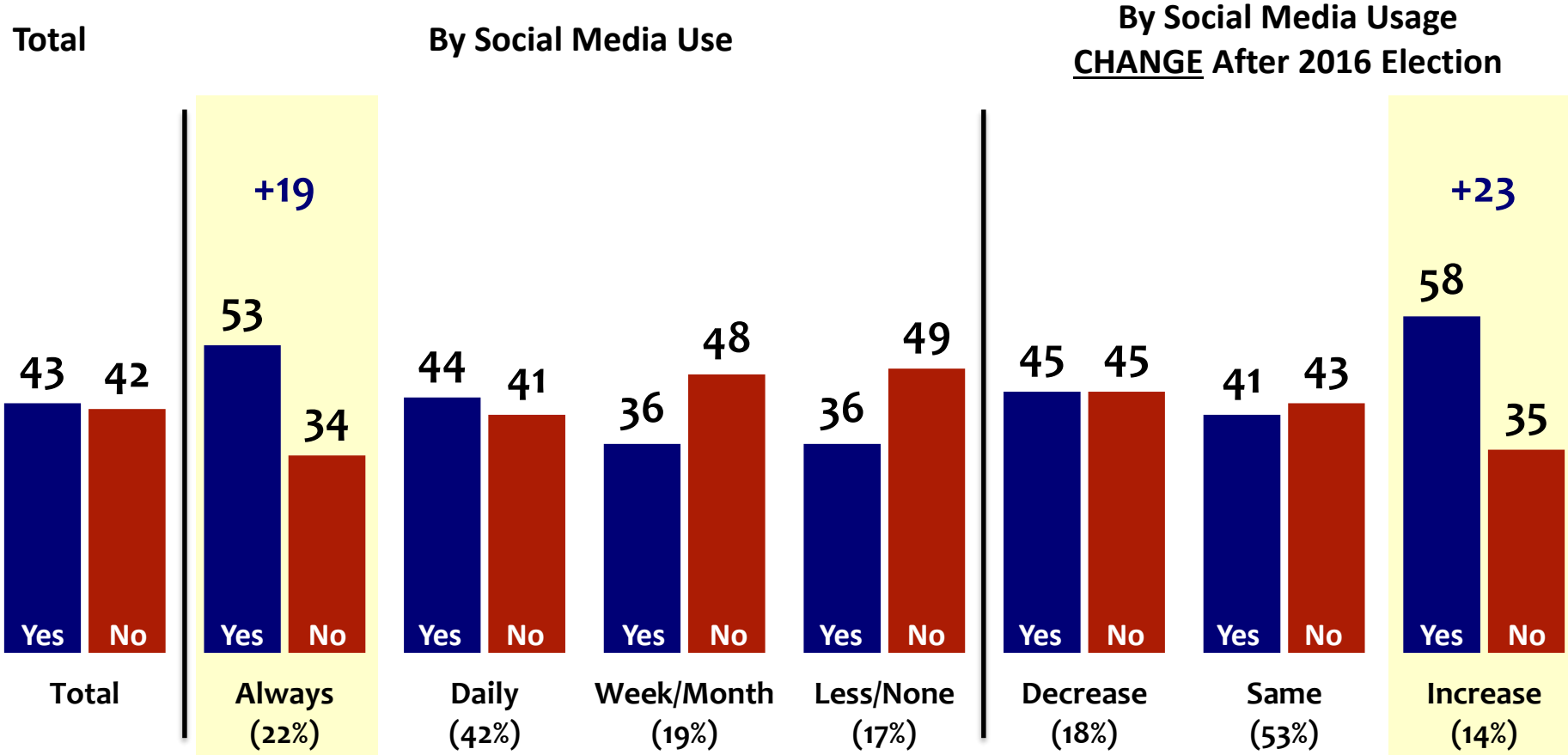
Total

By Party & Gender



And, there is a clear correlation between heavy social media use and expressing the belief we are heading toward a new Civil War.

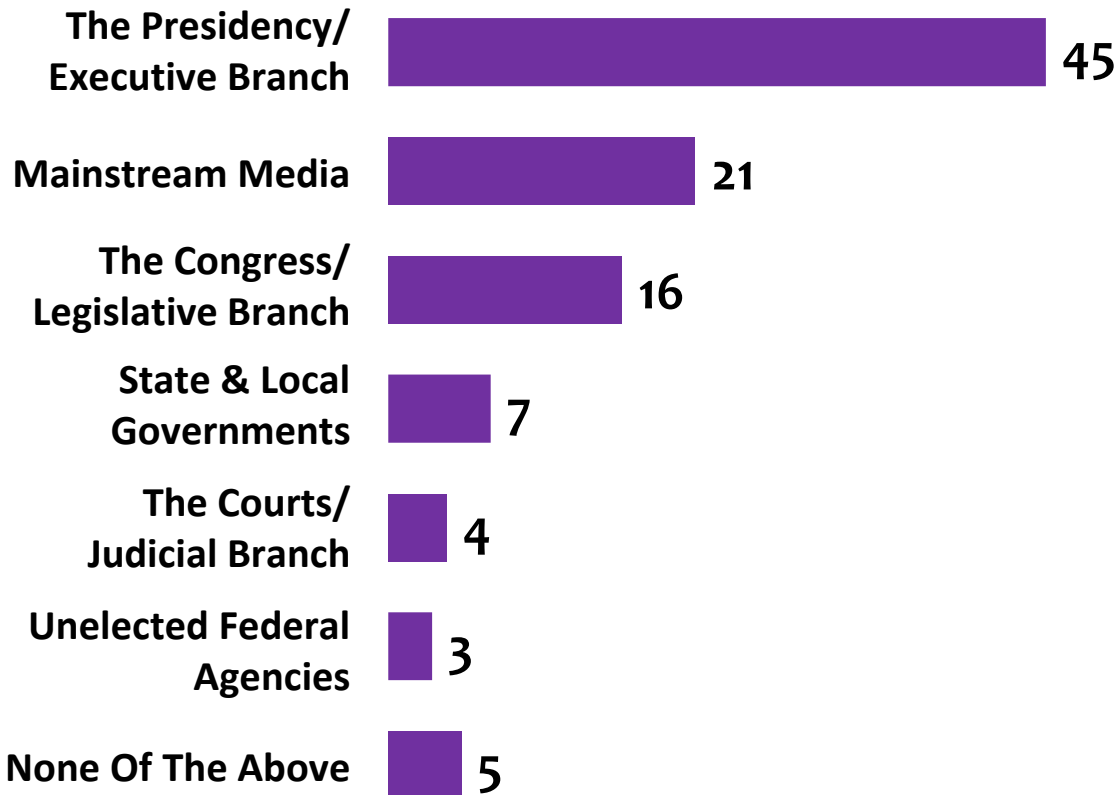
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WHAT IS FEEDING
THIS SENTIMENT?

The White House gets a fair share of blame, but notable that “Mainstream Media” ranks #2 on the problem list, above Congress.

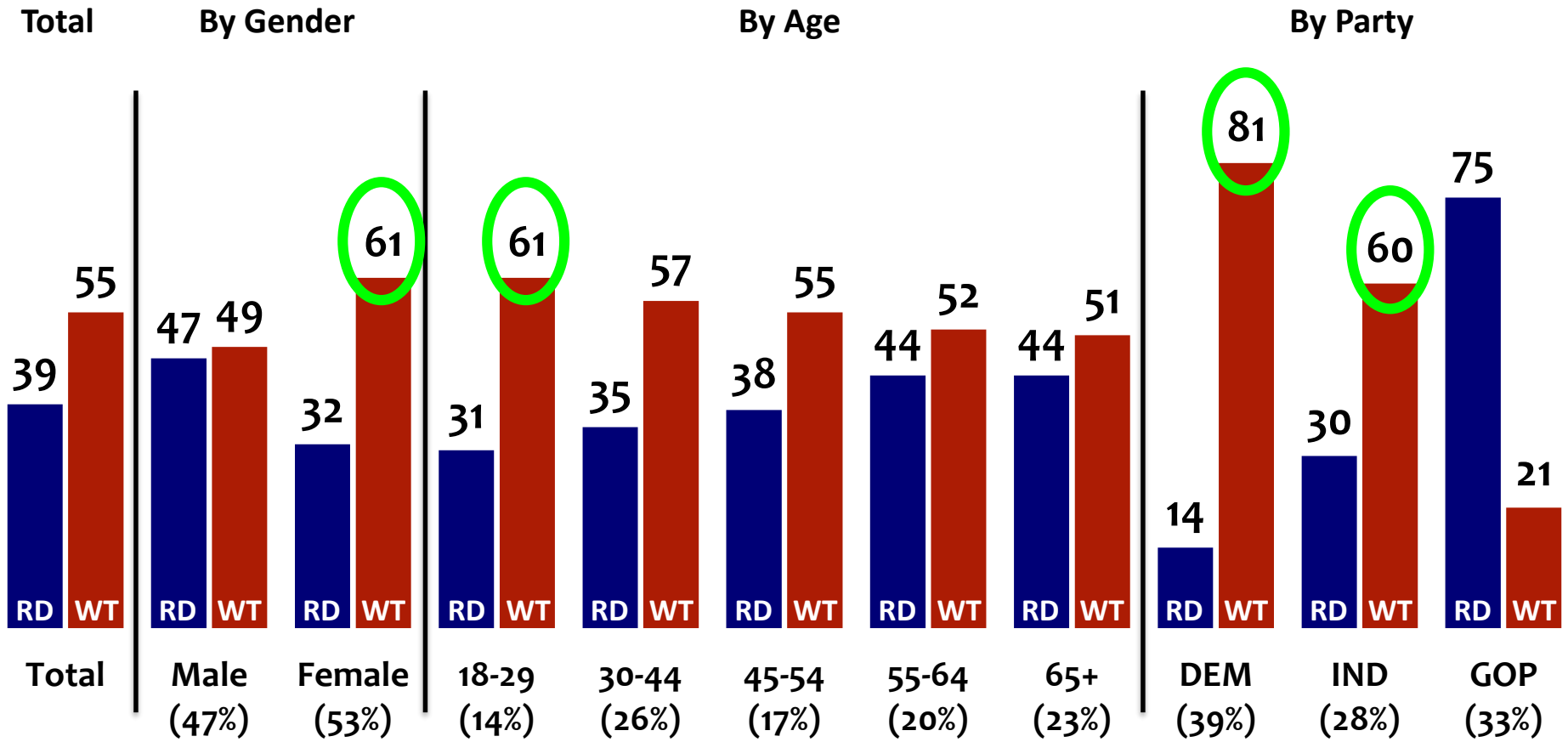
And, thinking about some of the institutions in our society and democracy, which of these do you think is the BIGGEST PROBLEM right now?



	DEM (39%)	IND (28%)	GOP (33%)
The Presidency/ Executive Branch	75	43	11
Mainstream Media	5	20	42
The Congress/ Legislative Branch	9	17	22
State & Local Governments	4	7	9
The Courts/ Judicial Branch	3	5	4
Unelected Federal Agencies	1	2	5
None Of The Above	3	6	6

Republicans optimistic, but nobody else is. Pessimism high among DEMs, INDs, Women, Young Voters.

Now, generally speaking, would you say that things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?



Voters who think country is going in right direction very focused on immigration, security and economy.

*In your own words, what issue or issues are you most concerned about
in the United States today?*

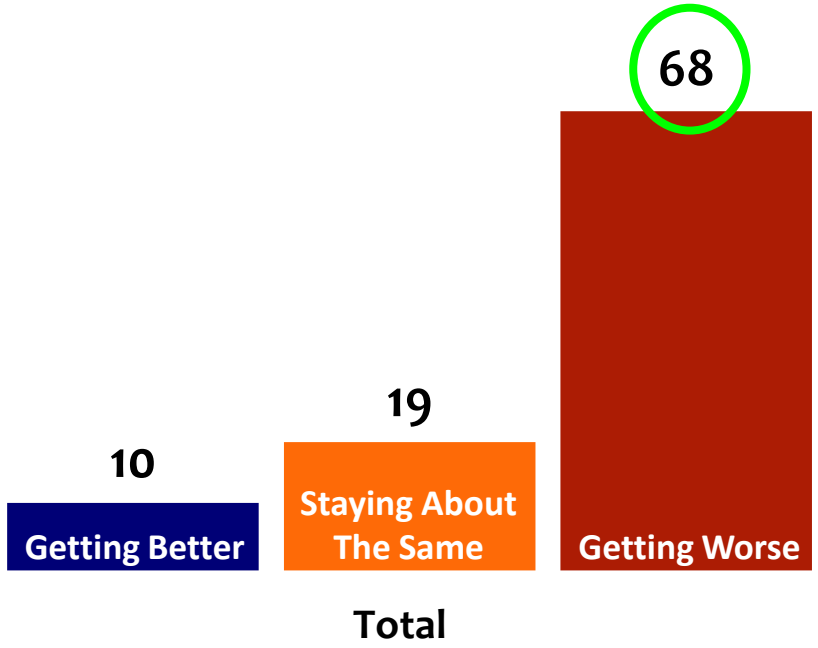
(Among Voters Saying: things in the country “are going in the right direction”)



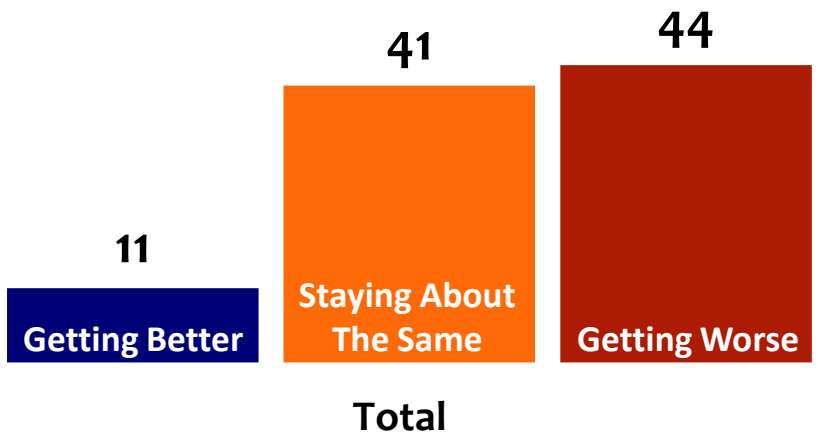
Methodological Note:
Respondents were asked an open-ended question and responded in their own words. This visualization correlates the size of a word with the frequency it was used by respondents (bigger = more mentions).

Political discussions are getting worse, but voters far more pessimistic about the country at-large than their own social circles.

Thinking about THE UNITED STATES AT-LARGE, is the way people discuss politics and political issues getting better, staying about the same, or getting worse?

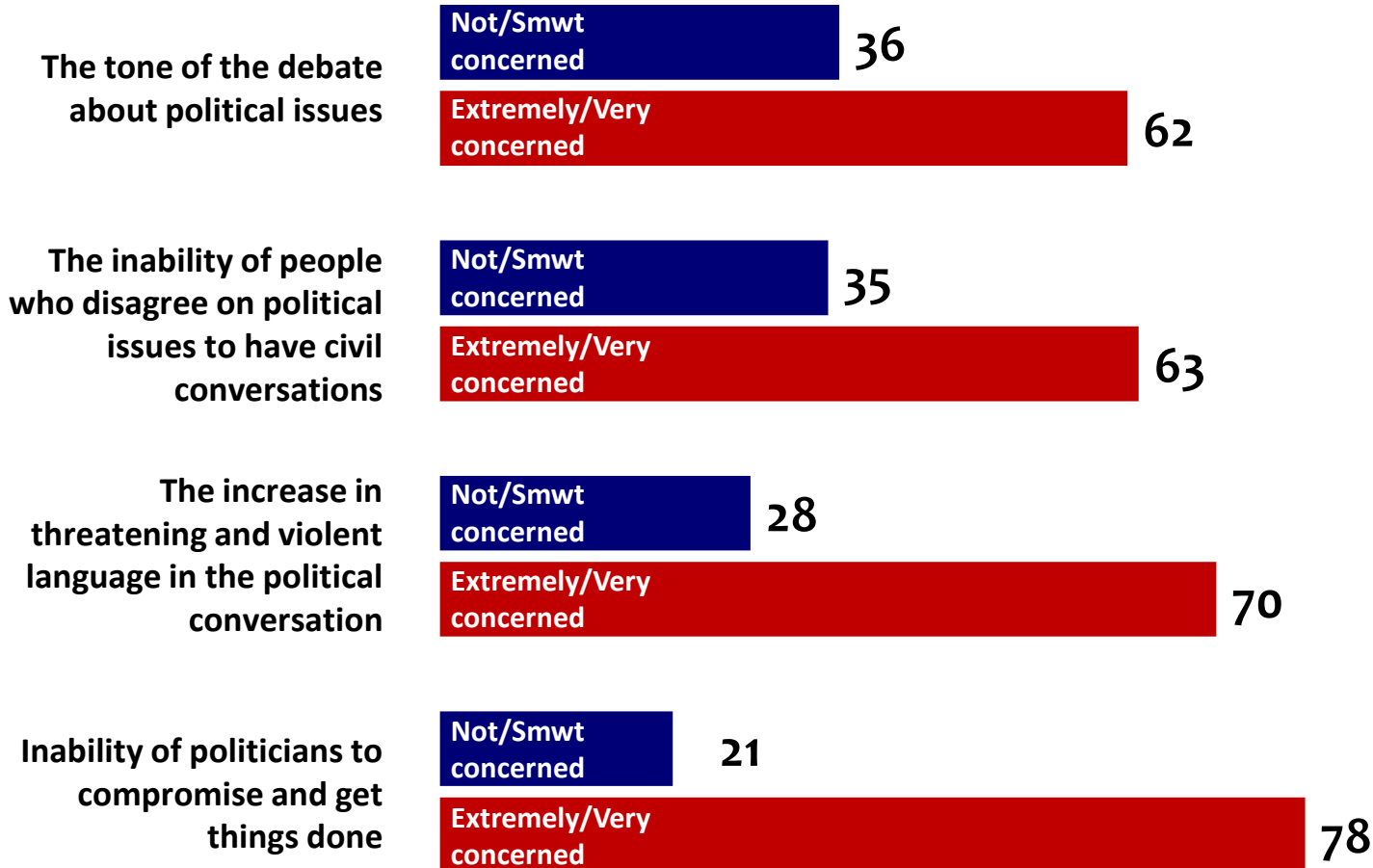


And, AMONG THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW, is the way people discuss politics and political issues getting better, staying about the same, or getting worse?



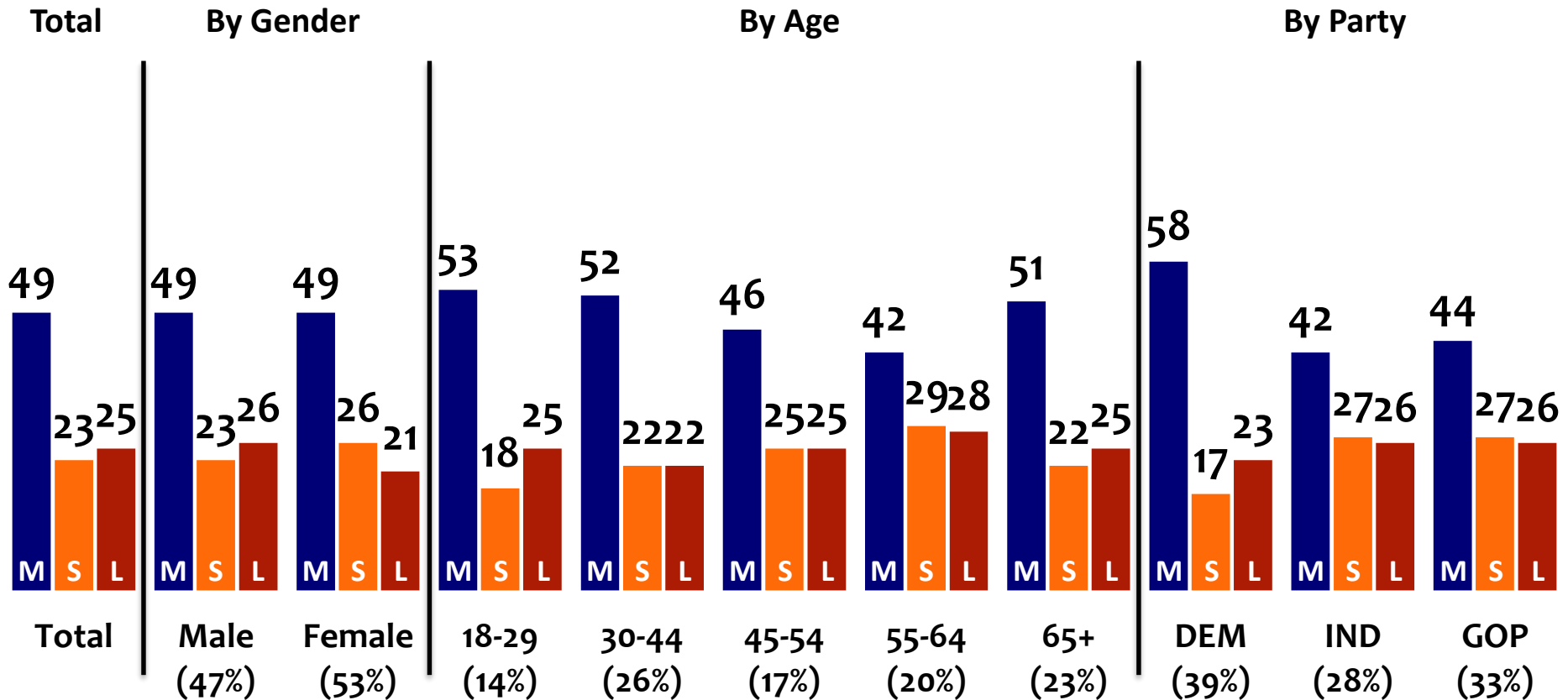
Huge majorities concerned about tone, civil convos, violent language, and inability to compromise.

Next, below you will find a series of issues that some people have mentioned. Please indicate how concerned you are about each of them: **extremely concerned**, **very concerned**, **somewhat concerned**, **not too concerned**.



Despite the feeling that political discussions are getting worse, voters (especially Democrats) are having more political conversations.

Do you find that you are talking about politics **MORE** or **LESS** with your friends and family than you were a couple years ago? (Offered response: **About the same**)



WHY CIVIL WAR?

“And, in your own words, what makes you think the country is moving toward a new Civil War?”

METHODOLOGY NOTE: This open-ended question was asked only among voters saying “Yes” that they believe the country is moving toward a new Civil War.

This visualization of these comments correlates the size of a word with the frequency it was used by respondents. The more often a word is used the larger it will appear.

WHY NOT CIVIL WAR?

*“And, in your own words, why are you optimistic that the country is **NOT** moving toward a new Civil War?”*

METHODOLOGY NOTE: This open-ended question was asked only among voters saying “No” that they **DO NOT** believe the country is moving toward a new Civil War.

This visualization of these comments correlates the size of a word with the frequency it was used by respondents. The more often a word is used the larger it will appear.

Optimists point to few specifics, citing faith that we are smarter and will come out the other side intact.

*And, in your own words, why are you optimistic that the country is NOT moving toward a new Civil War?
(Among voters saying “No” the country is not moving toward a new Civil War)*



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ACTUAL BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT:
THIS IS GETTING MORE DIFFICULT

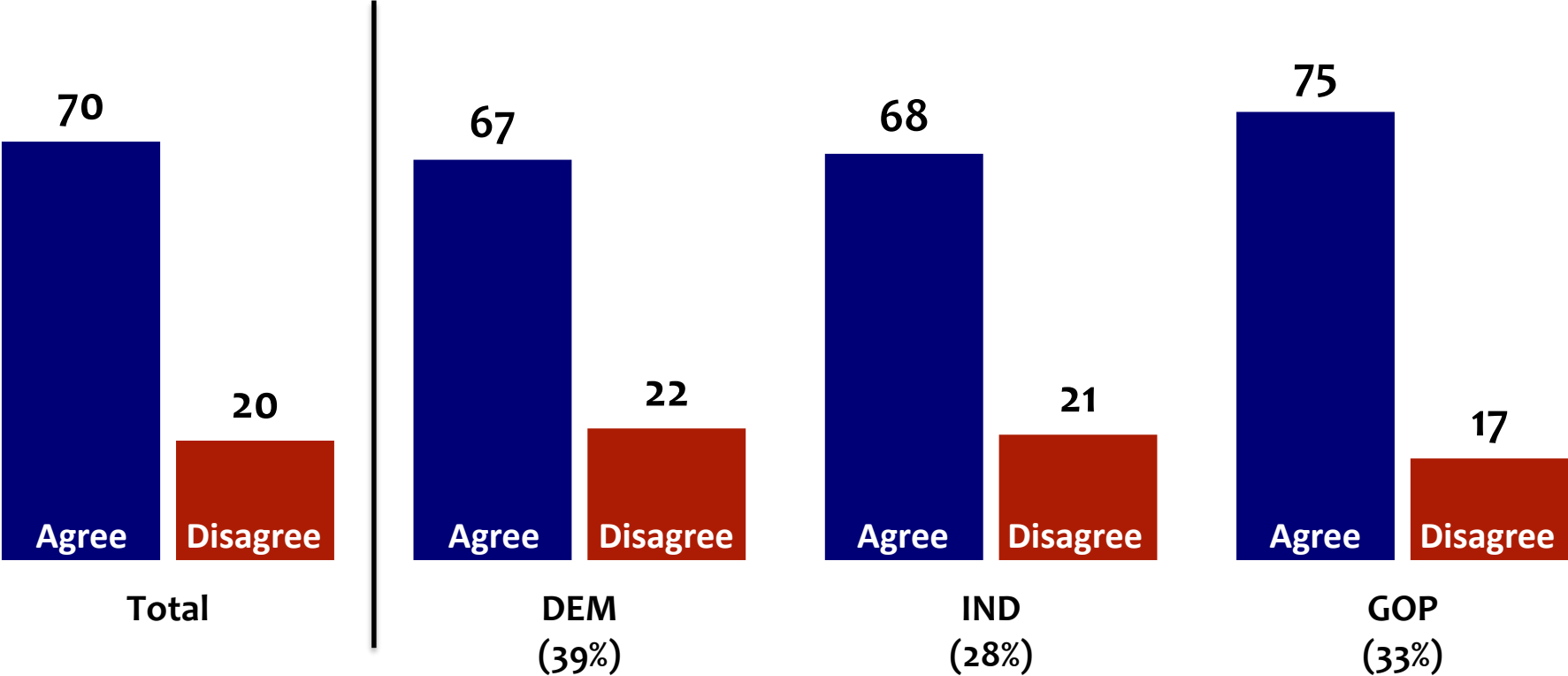
Over two-thirds, across all political parties, agree that social media has had a negative impact on discourse.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“The increase in the use of social media has had a negative impact on our political discourse.”

Total

By Party

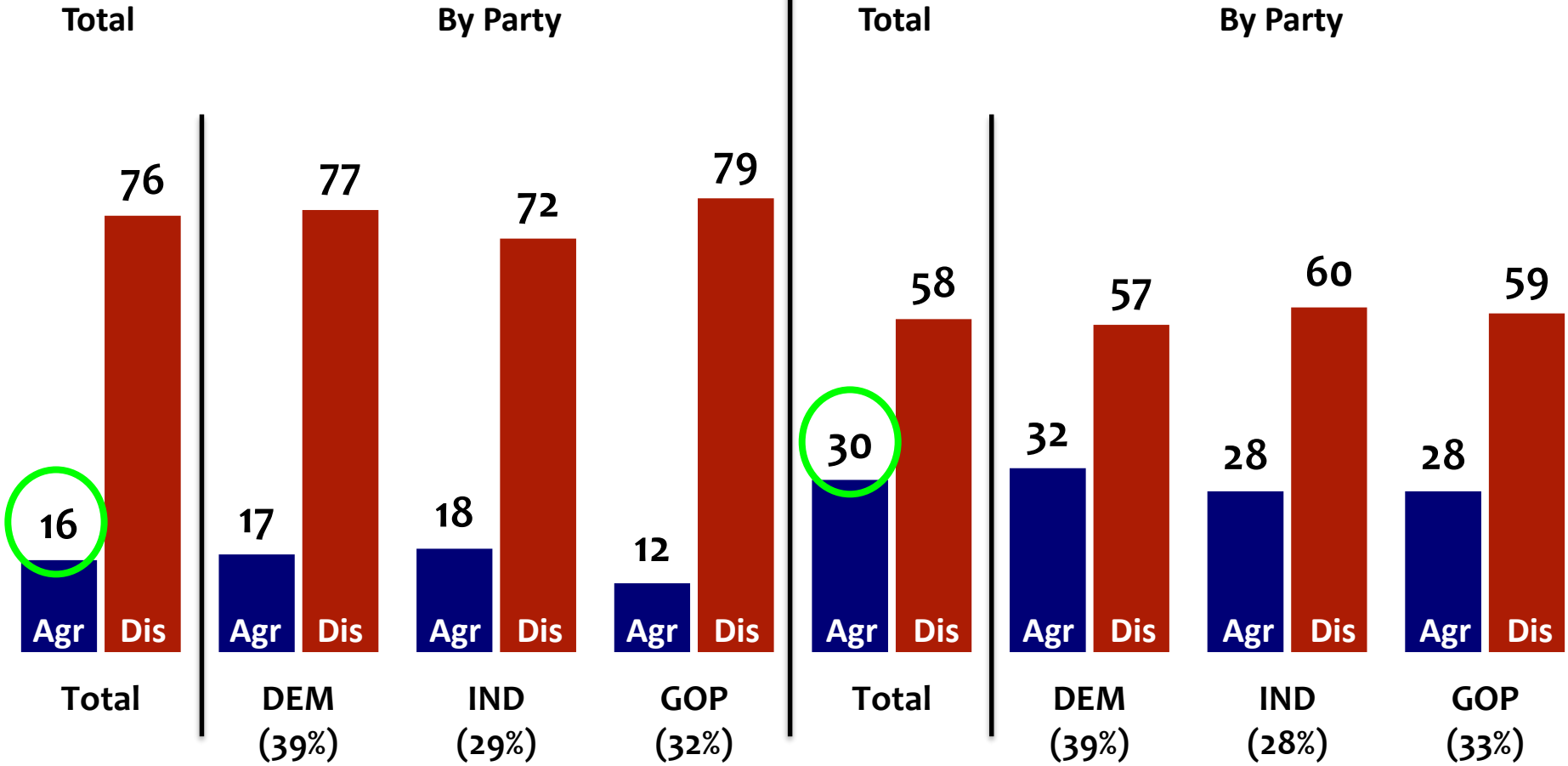


About one-in-six less likely to attend family functions, one-in-three social functions, because of politics.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

"I am less likely to attend family functions because of politics." (Asked ½ Sample A)

"I am less likely to attend social functions because of politics." (Asked ½ Sample B)

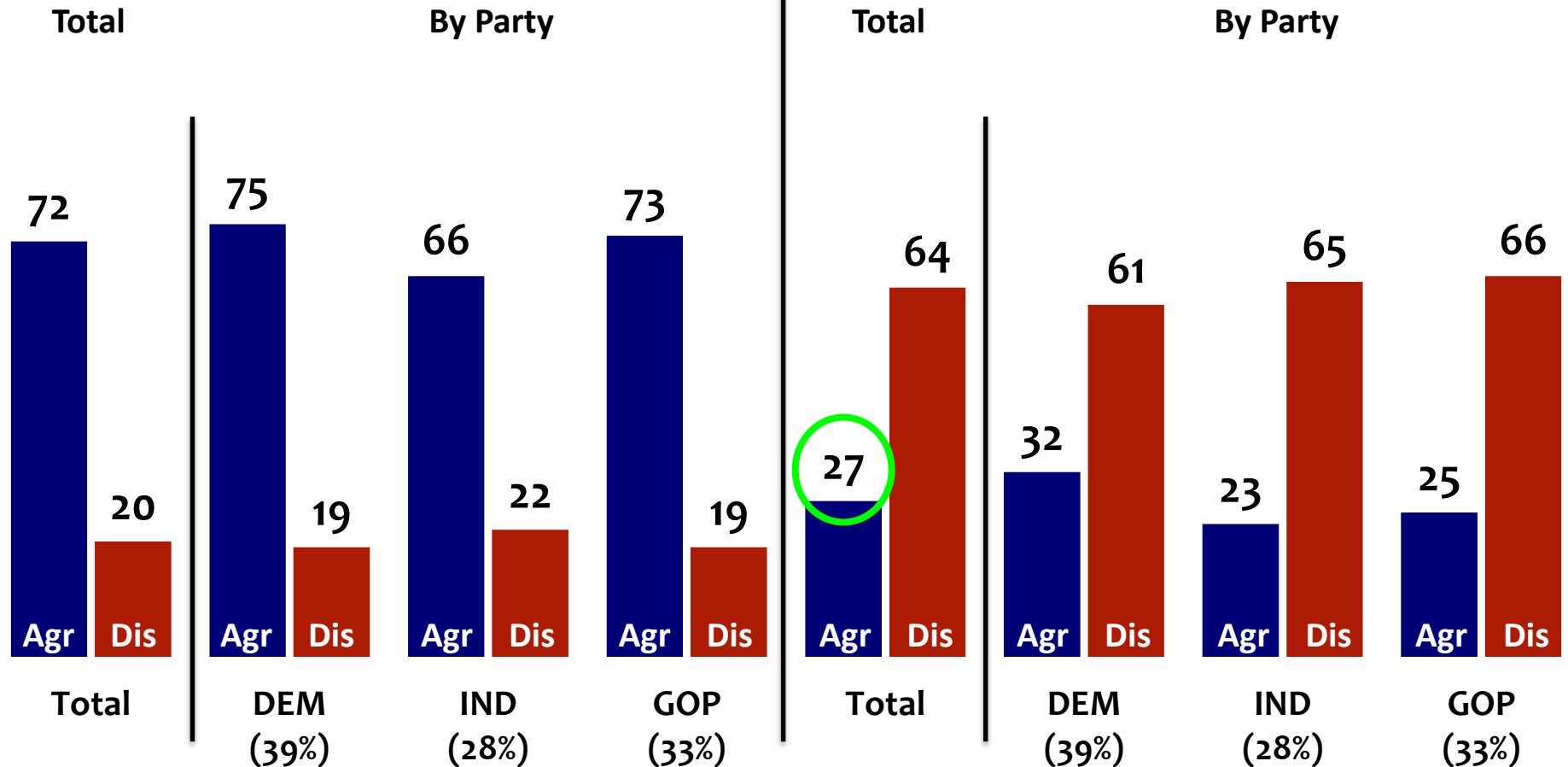


It's getting harder to discuss politics, and one-in-four voters have lost friends over the topic.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

"It is harder than ever to discuss politics with people with whom I disagree."

"In the last couple of years, I have lost friends because of political disagreements."



THE RENDING OF TOLERANCE

Hate speech, hate crimes, racism, and religious persecution are all perceived to be increasing in the United States.

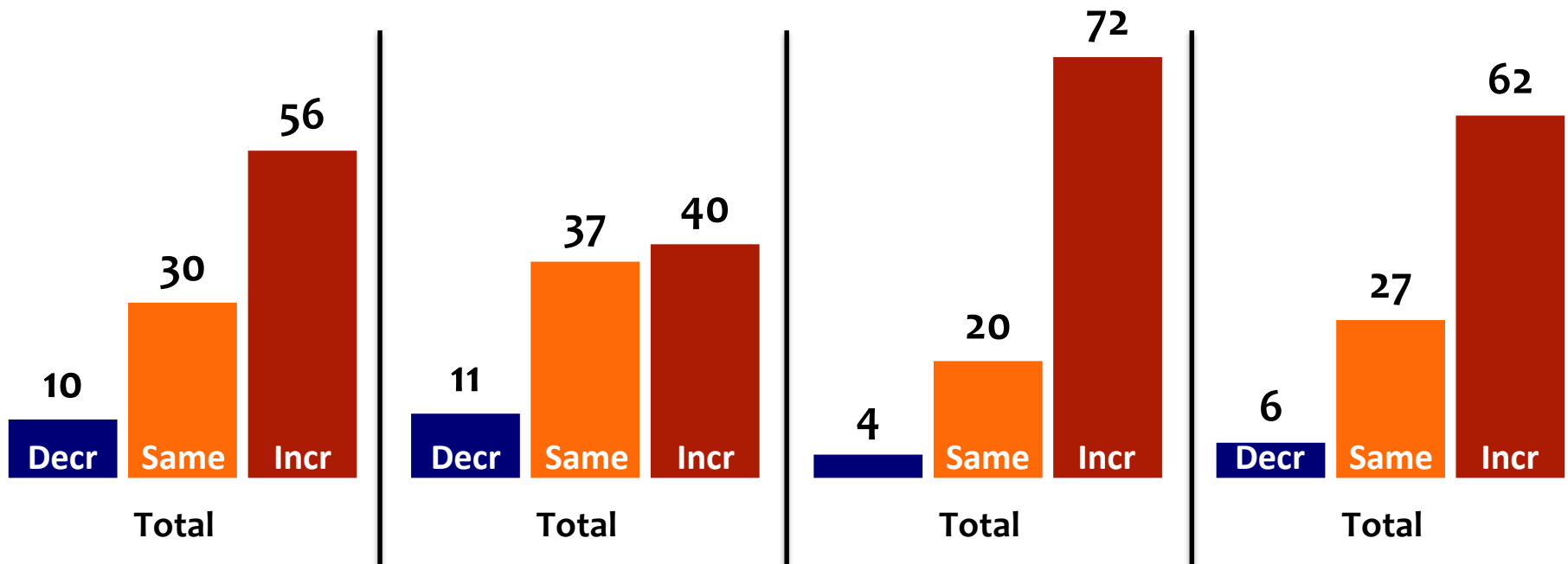
In your opinion, has _____ in the United States been...
decreasing, staying about the same, or increasing?

“Racism”

“Religious Persecution”

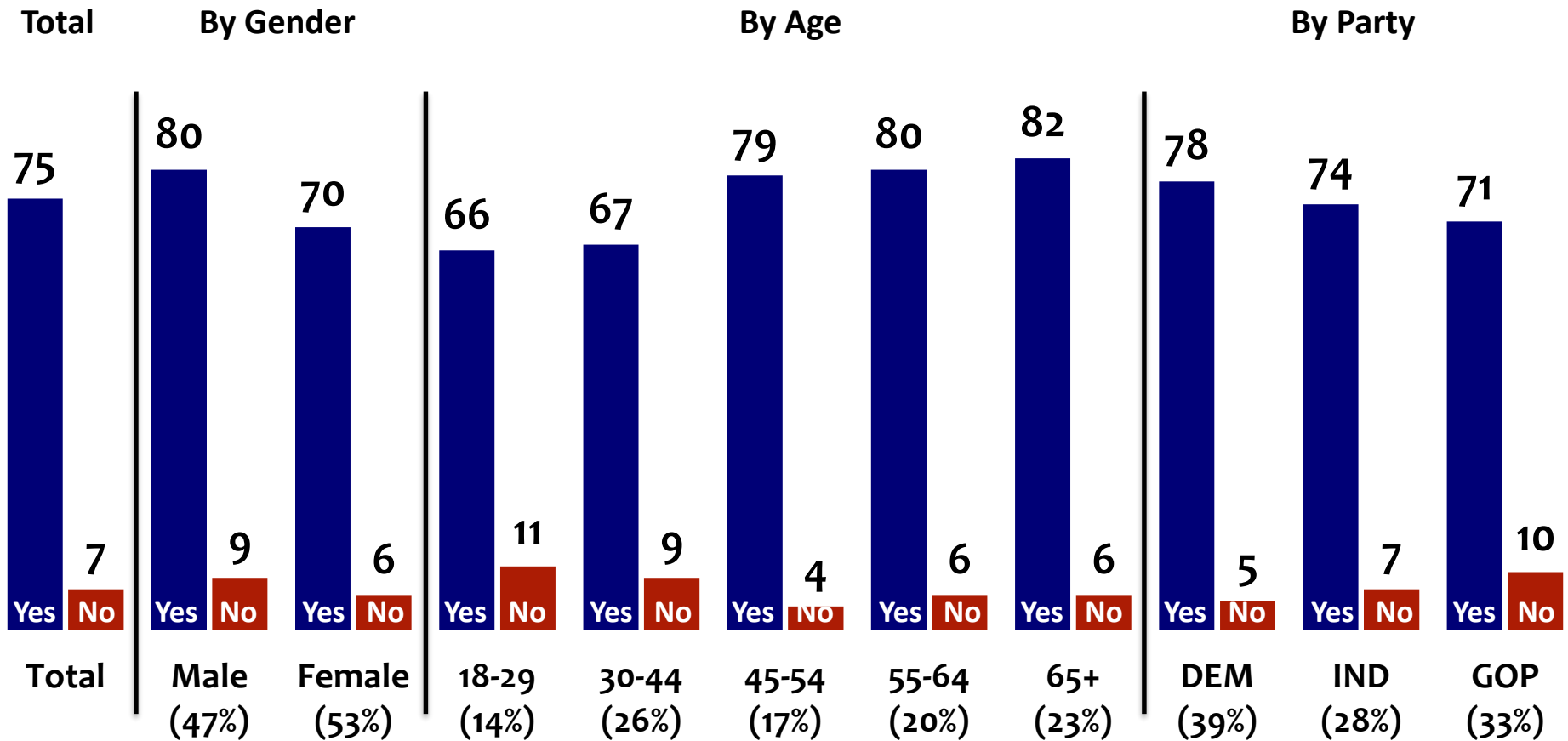
“Hate Speech”

“Hate Crimes”



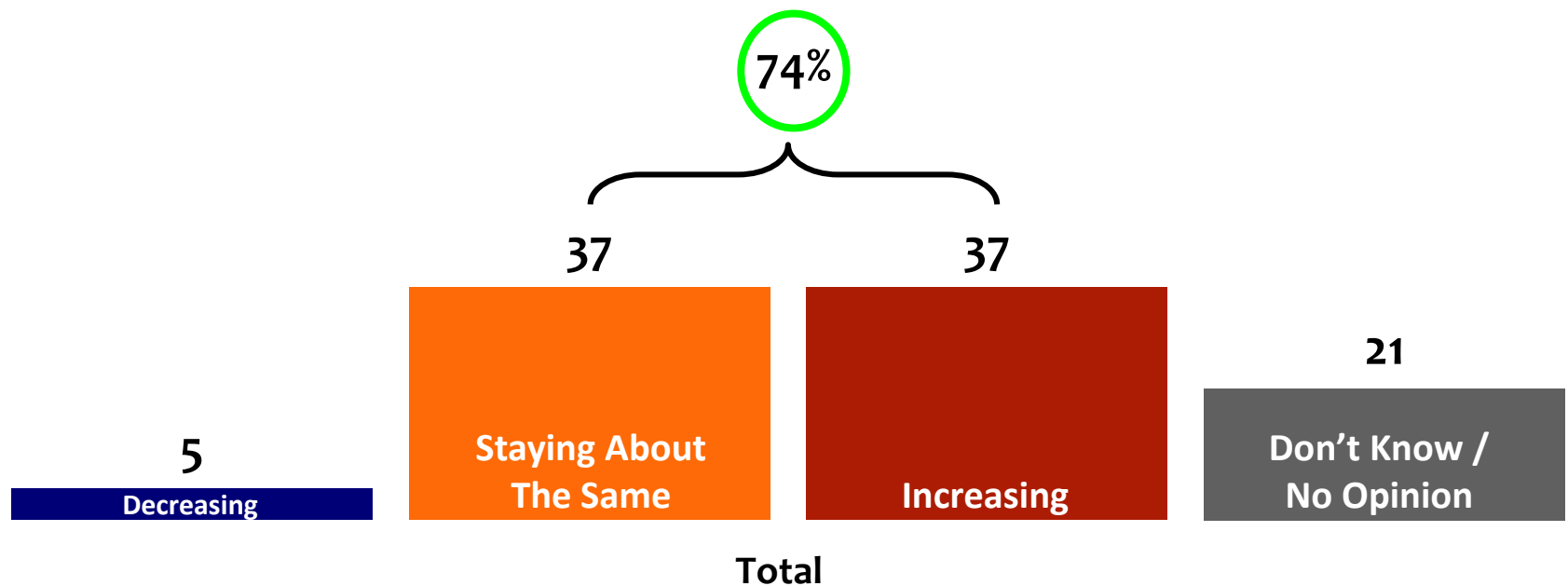
Overwhelming agreement across demographics and political beliefs that Anti-Semitism is Racism.

Do you think Anti-Semitism is a form of Racism?



Only five percent of voters think anti-Semitism is decreasing, while three out of every four think it is about the same or increasing.

In your opinion, has Anti-Semitism in the United States been...
decreasing, staying about the same, or increasing?





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