



Americans' Views on Vaccines and Infectious Diseases

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Survey Methodology

This nationwide online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in May 2018 among 1,004 adults in the U.S. This survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.

Due to rounding, the total may not add to 100% on some charts.

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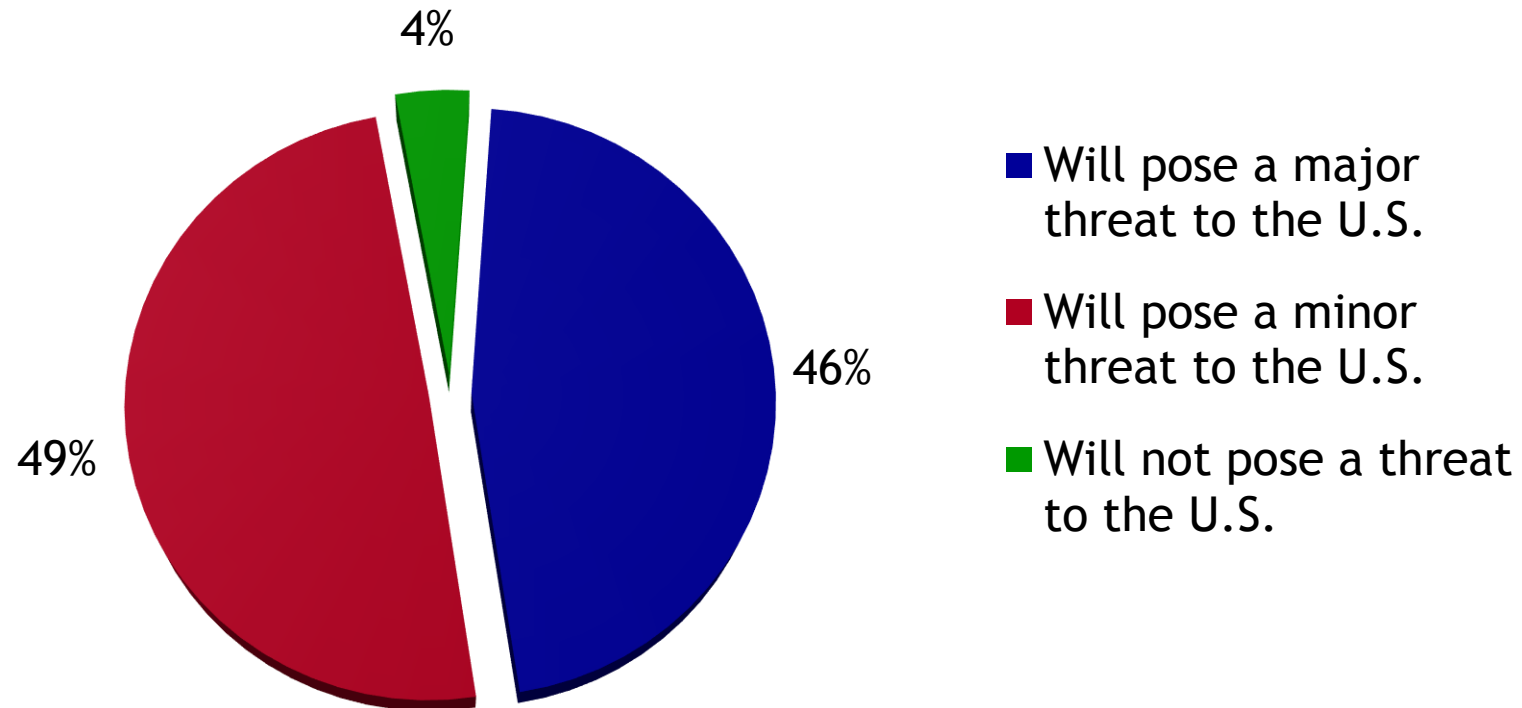
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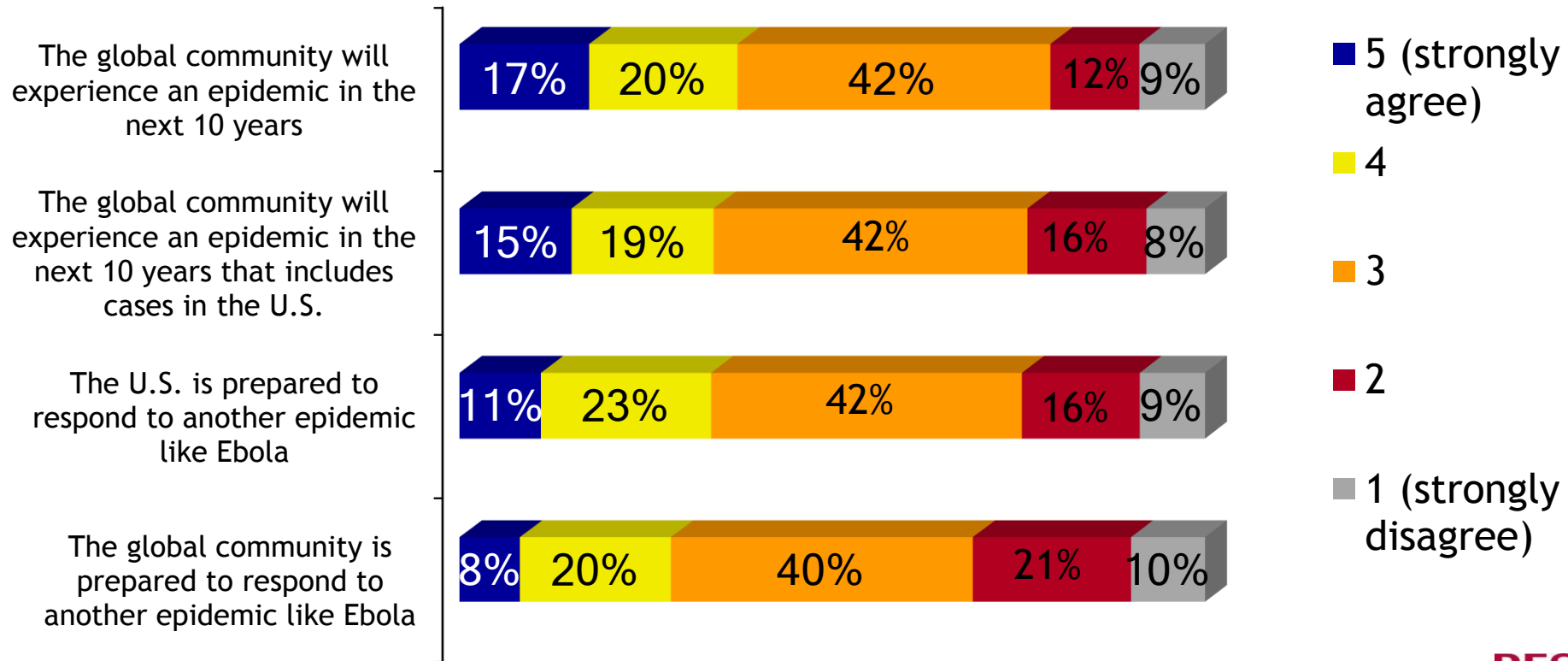
Strong Majority Agree Infectious Diseases Pose Threat to the U.S.

In general, to what extent do you think infectious and emerging diseases facing other countries will pose a threat to the U.S. in the next few years?



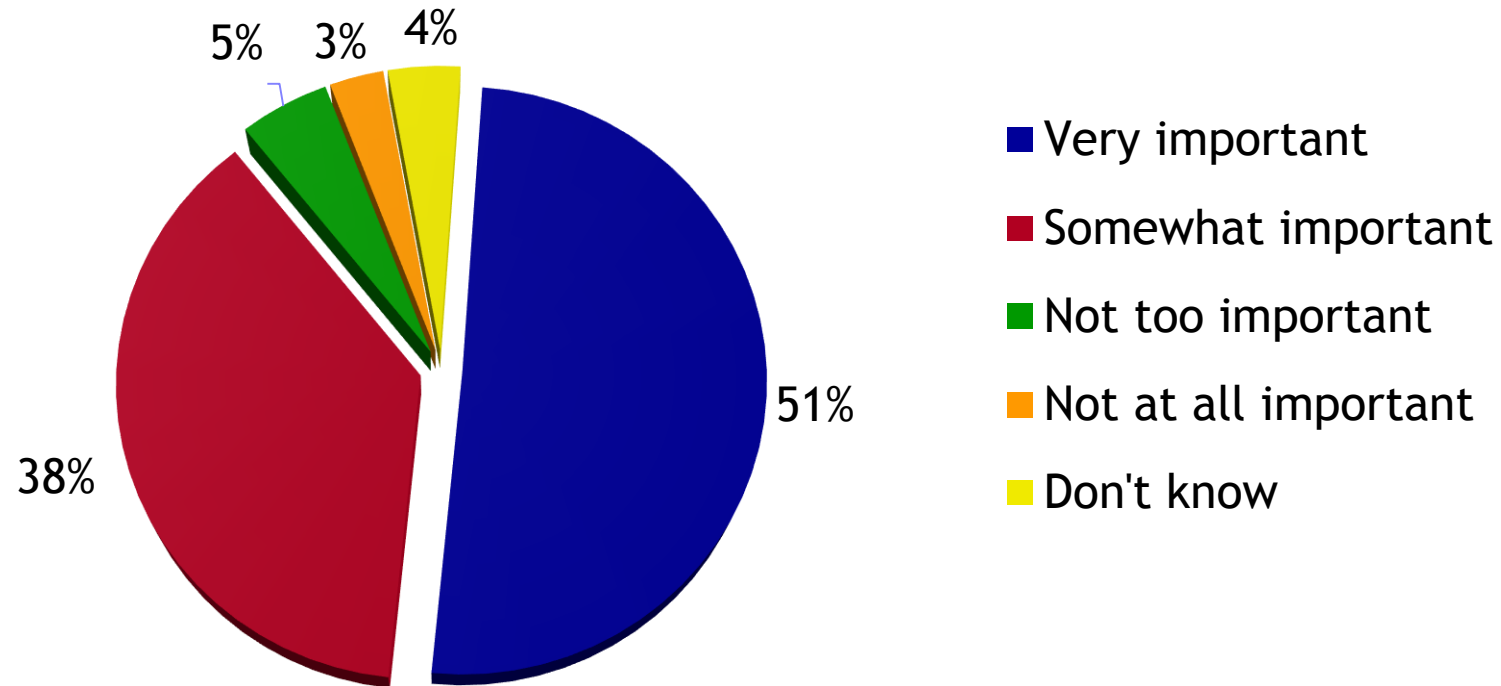
Concerns with Future Epidemics and Response

Please indicate the extent to which you agree, where '1' means you strongly disagree, and '5' means you strongly agree?



Important for Government to Fund Surveillance of Disease Outbreaks

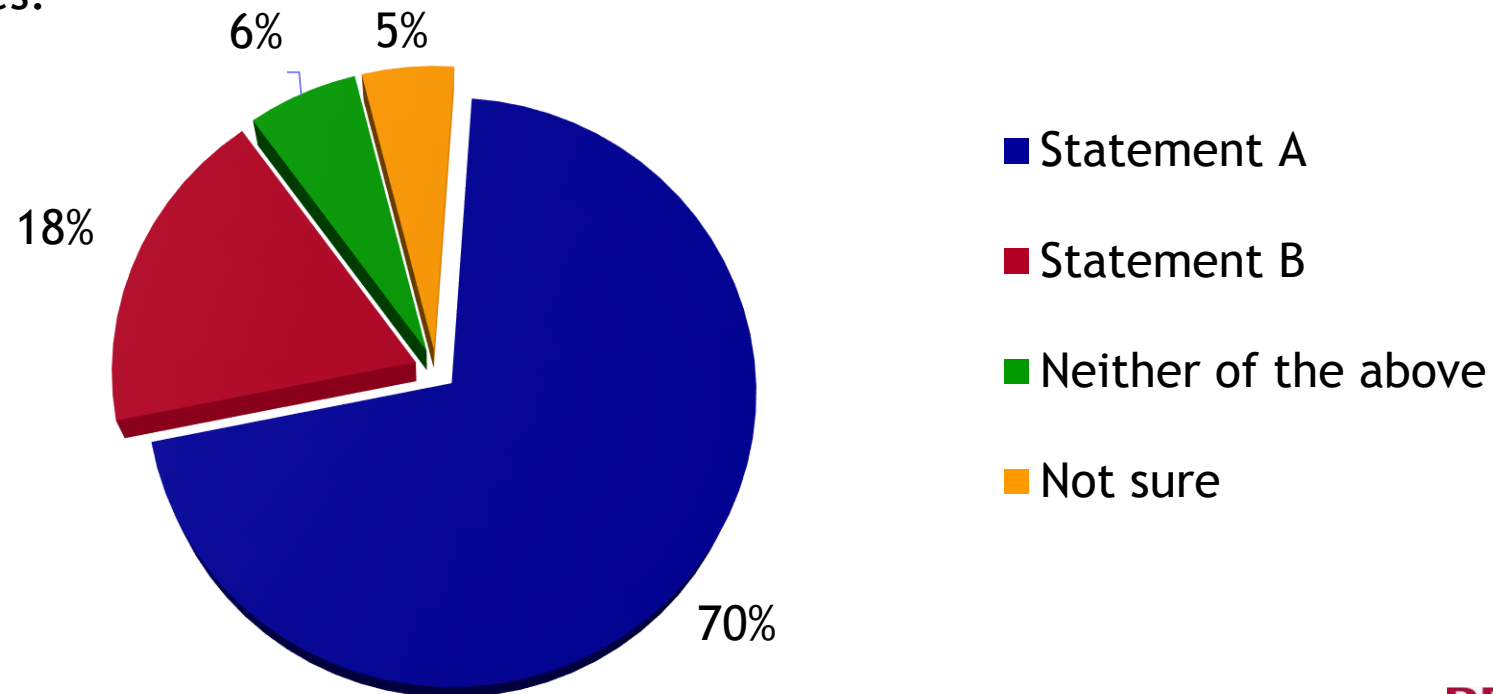
How important is it for the federal government to fund international programs on the surveillance and detection of infectious disease outbreaks?



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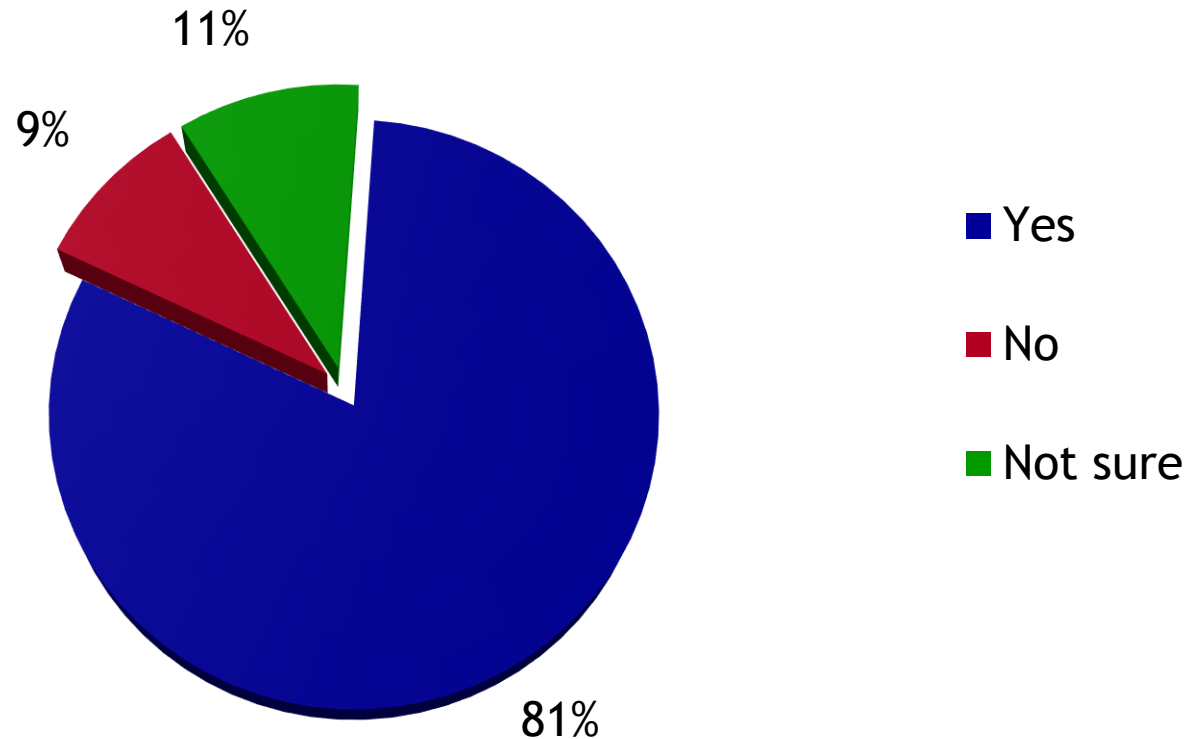
Government Should Educate Public About Global Disease Outbreaks

Which statement is closest to your view: (A) The federal government should do more to educate the public about global disease outbreaks and the risk to the U.S. (B) The public is sufficiently informed on global health issues and the government should devote its time and resources to other national priorities.



Strong Majority say Americans Should be Concerned about Global Health

When you hear the term global health, do you think it is an issue about which Americans should be concerned?



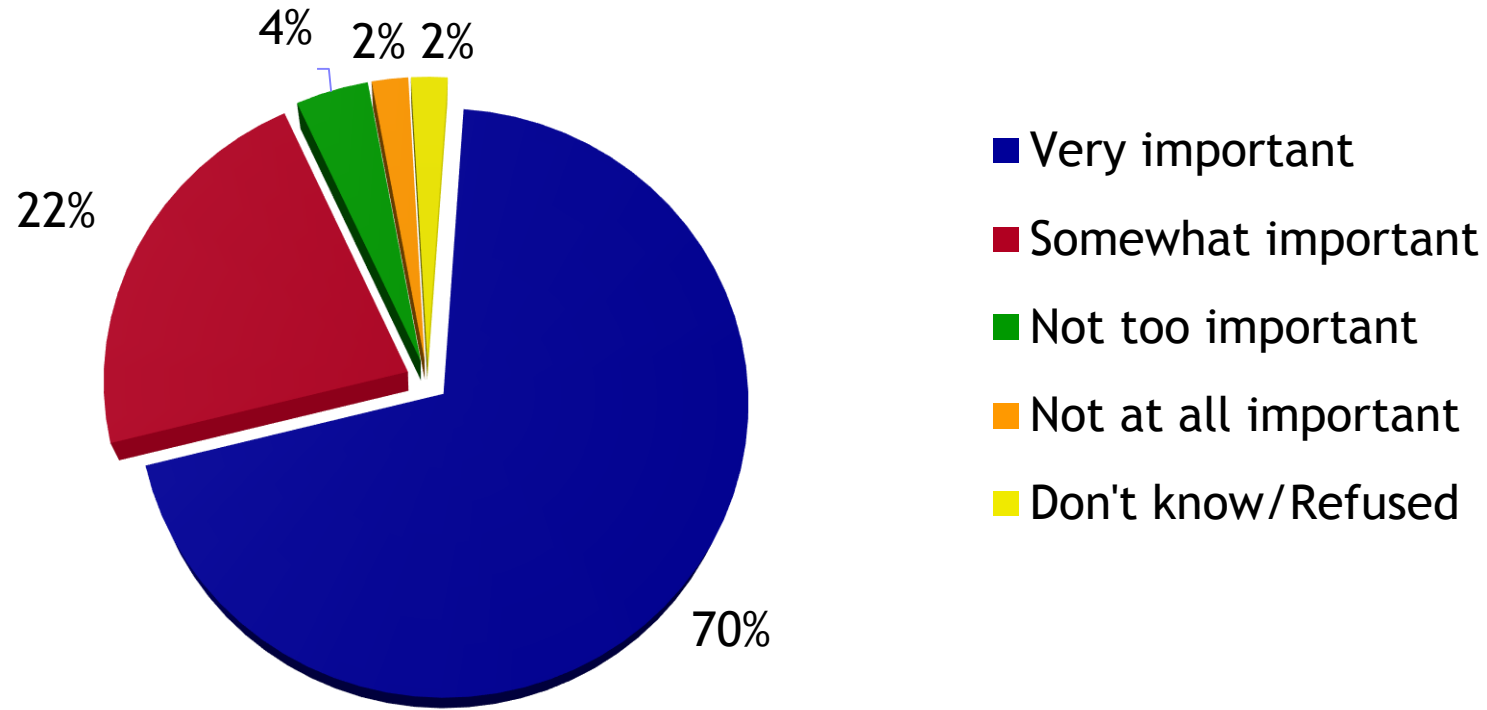
Vaccination for Childhood Diseases Among Most Concerning Global Health Problems

Which of the following global health problems concern you the most?

Hunger and nutritional health	64%
HIV/AIDS	47%
Vaccination for childhood diseases like polio	47%
Obesity	39%
Family planning and reproductive health	38%
Malaria	33%

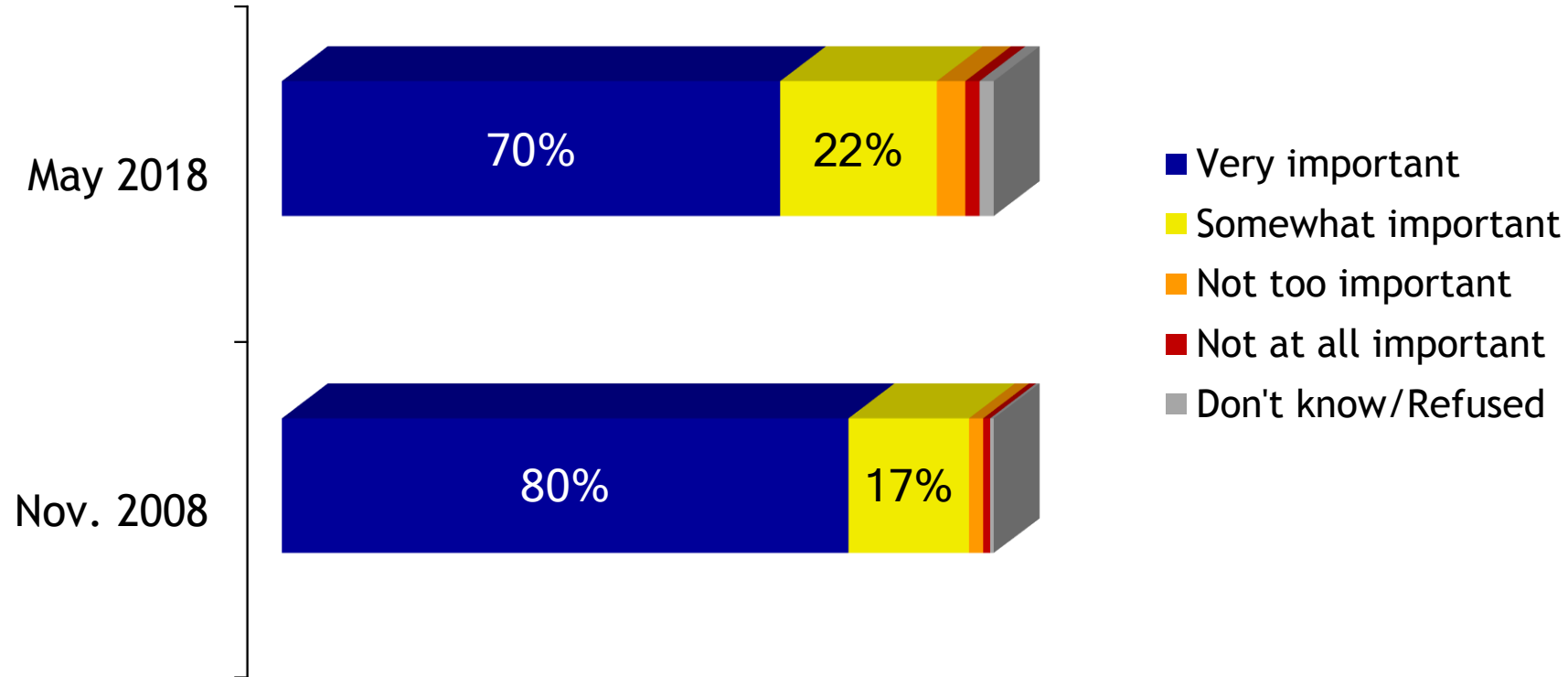
Vaccines are Important to Health of Society

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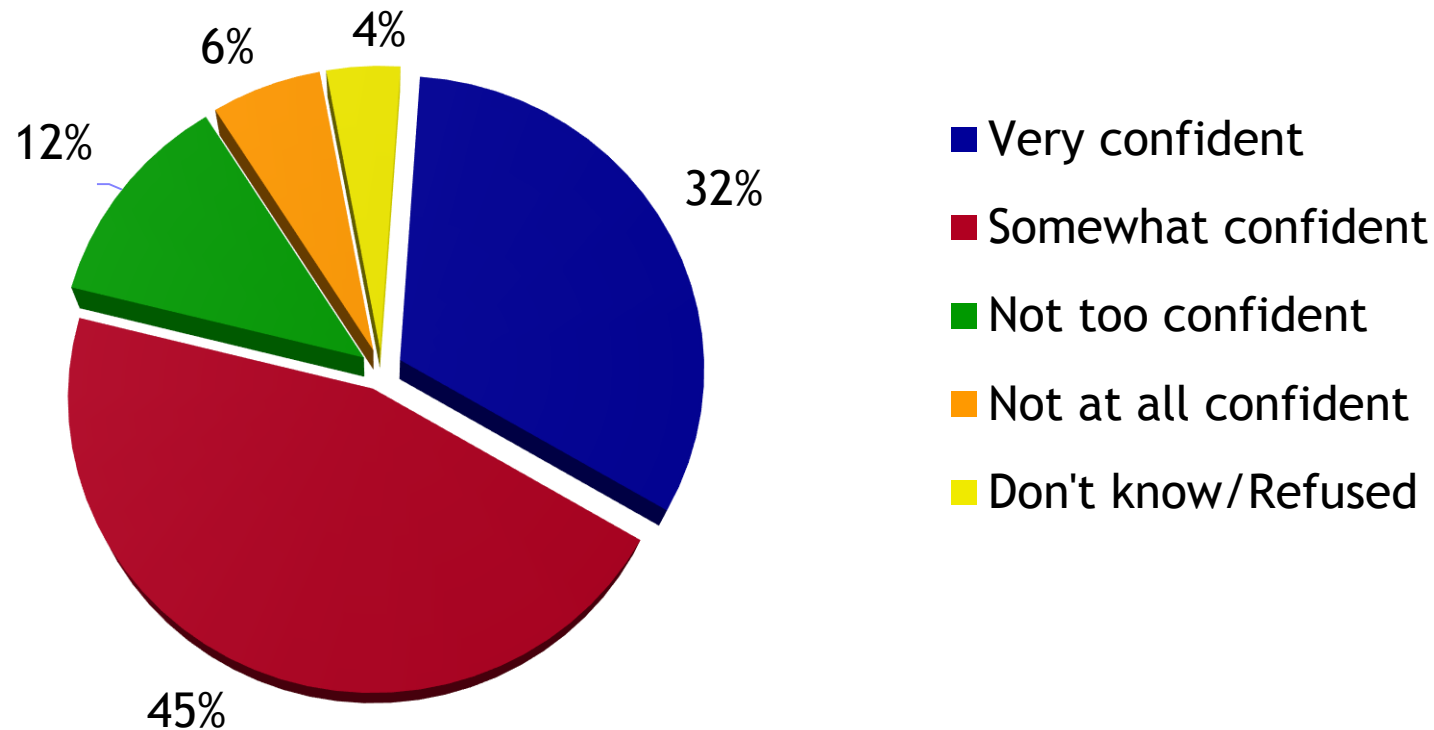
Decrease in Percentage say Vaccines ‘Very Important’ to Health of Society

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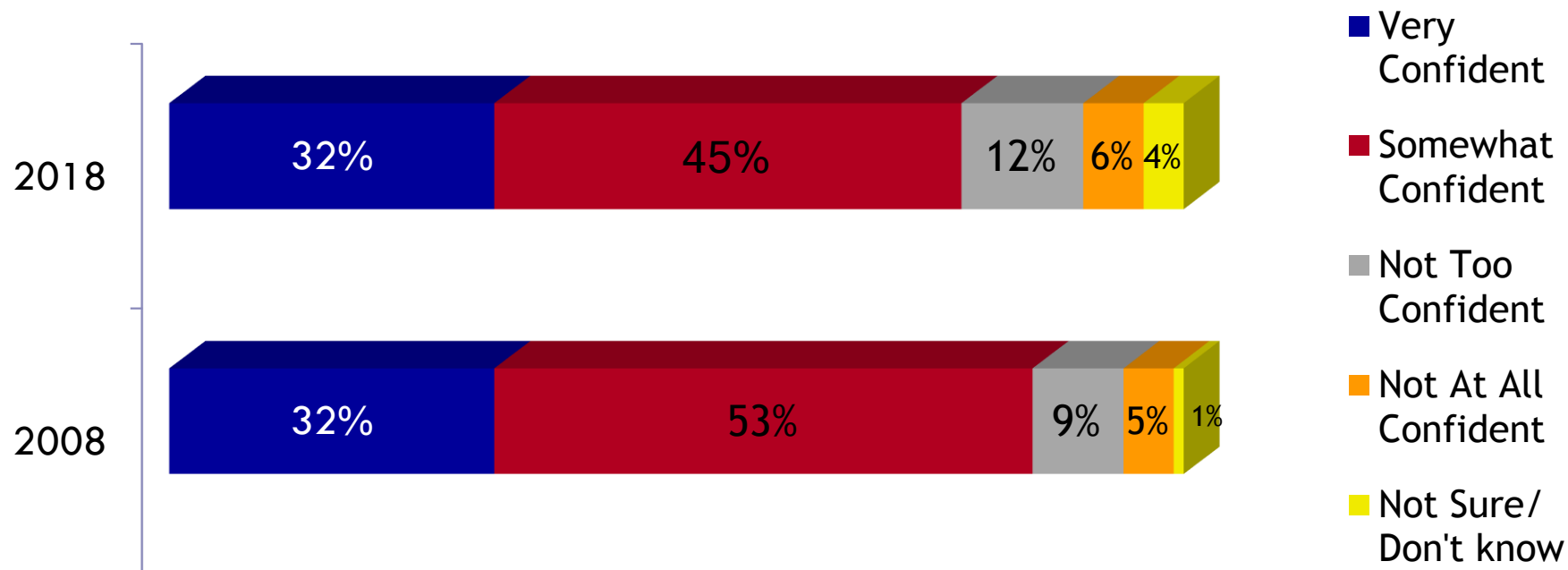
Majority Confident in U.S. Vaccine Evaluation and Recommendations

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Public Confidence in the Safety of Vaccines

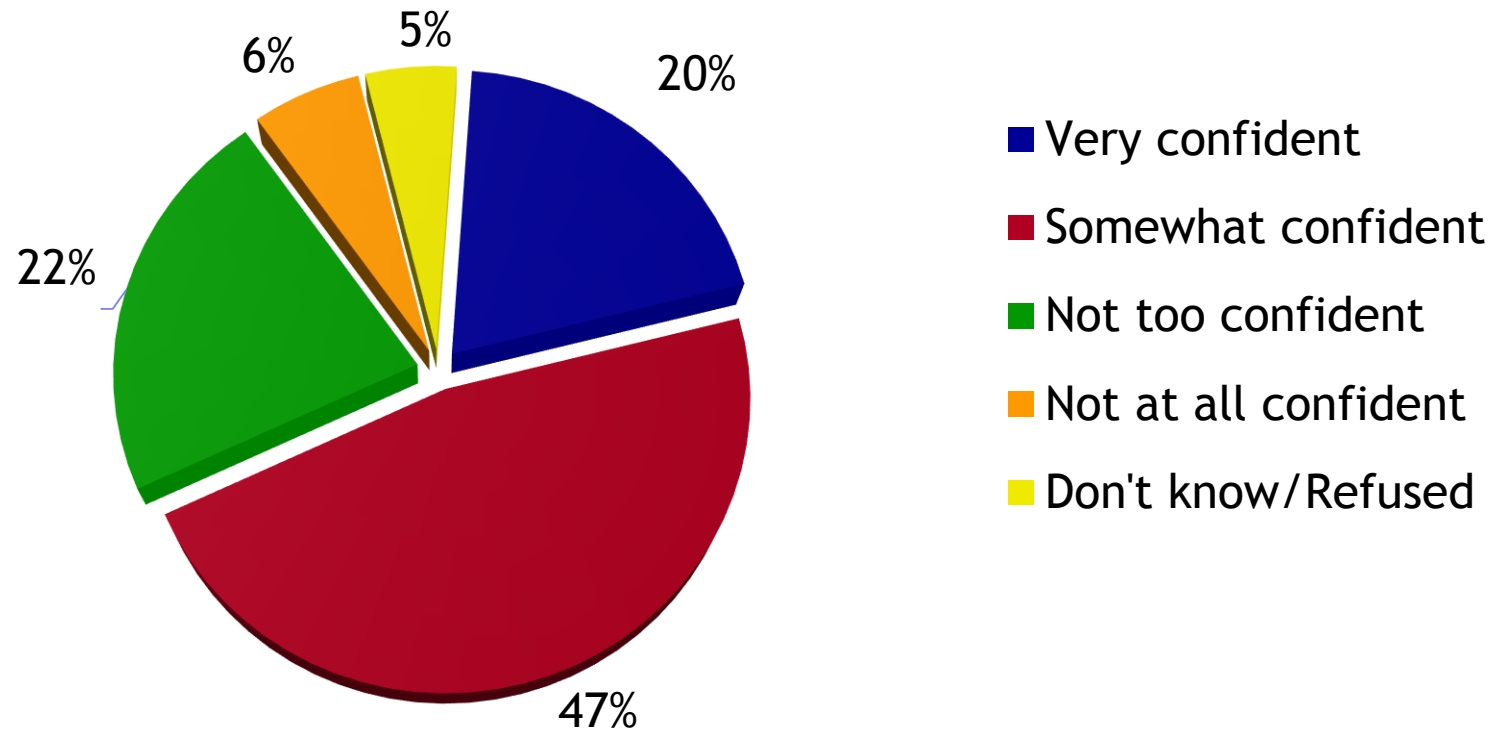
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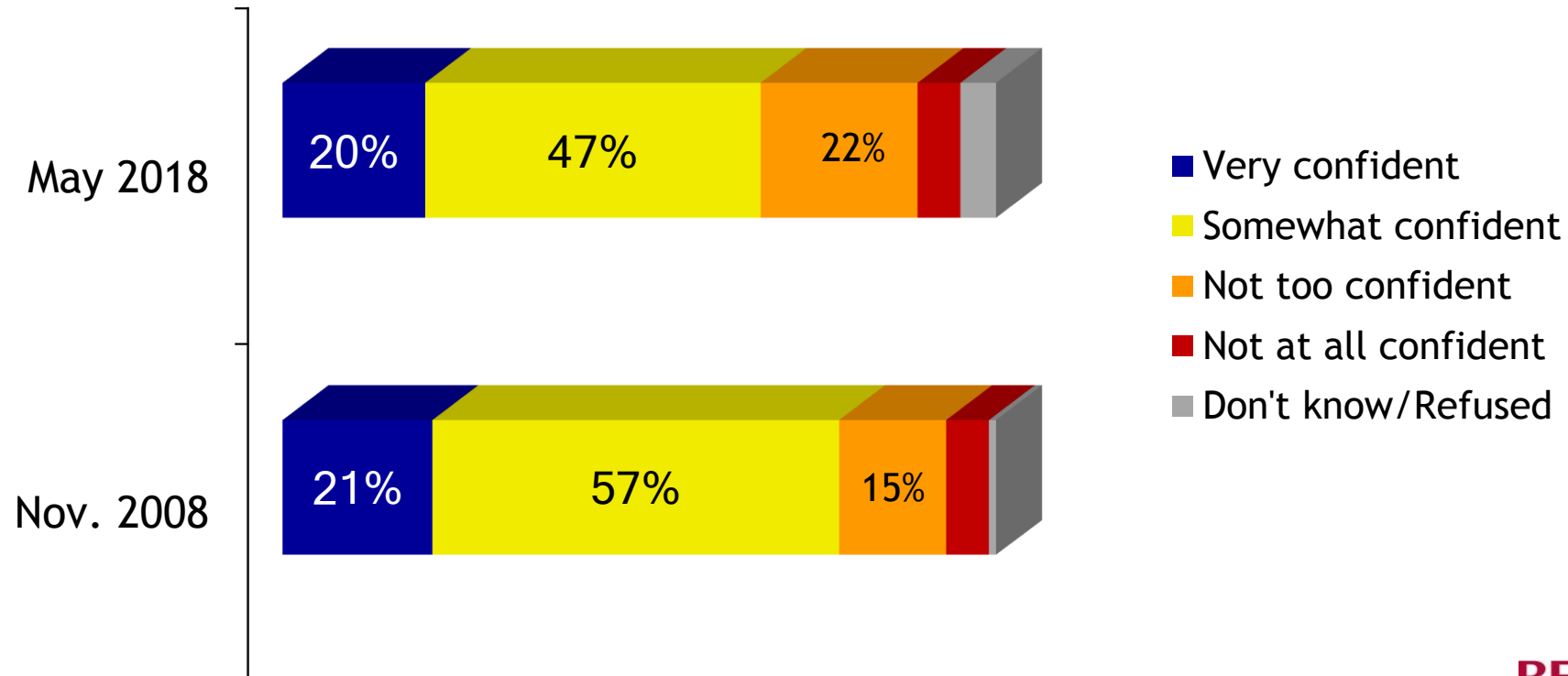
Two-Thirds Confident of Adequate Supply of Vaccines

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Decrease in Percentage in Expressing Confidence in Adequate Supply of Vaccines

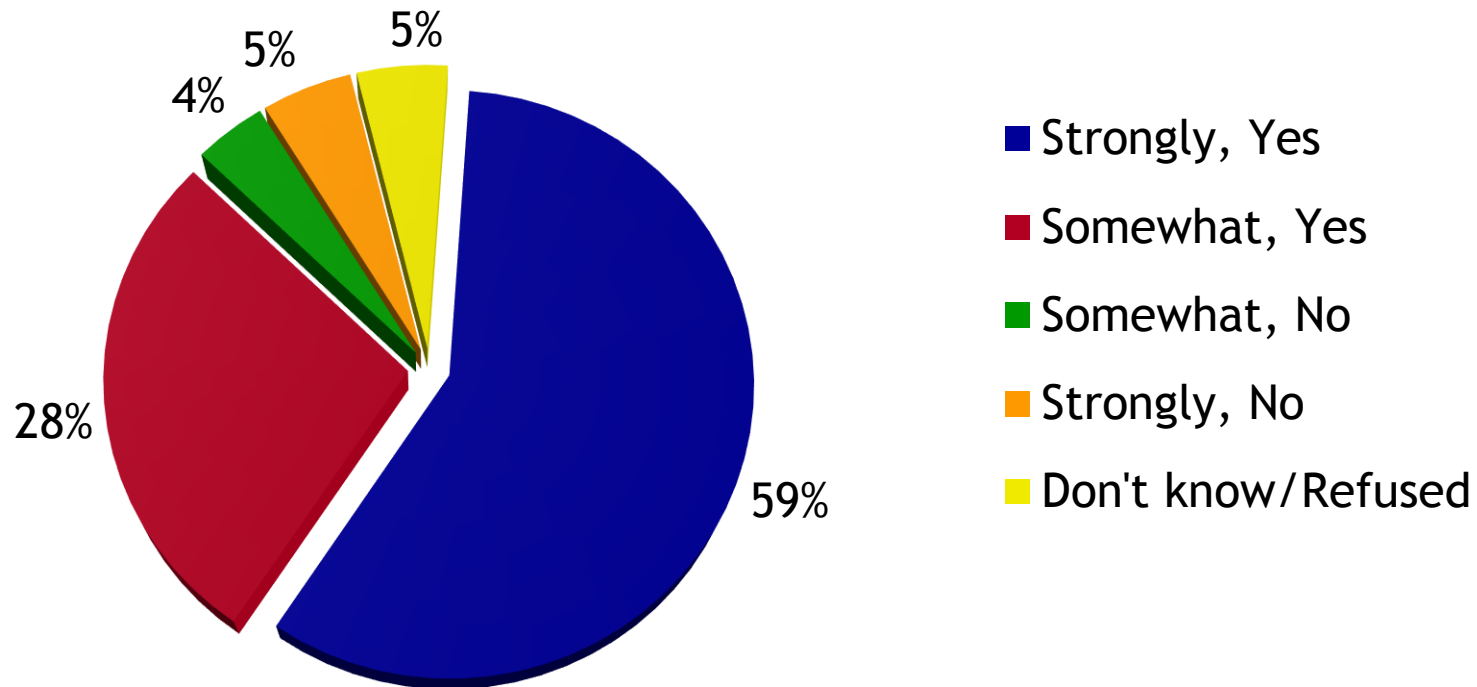
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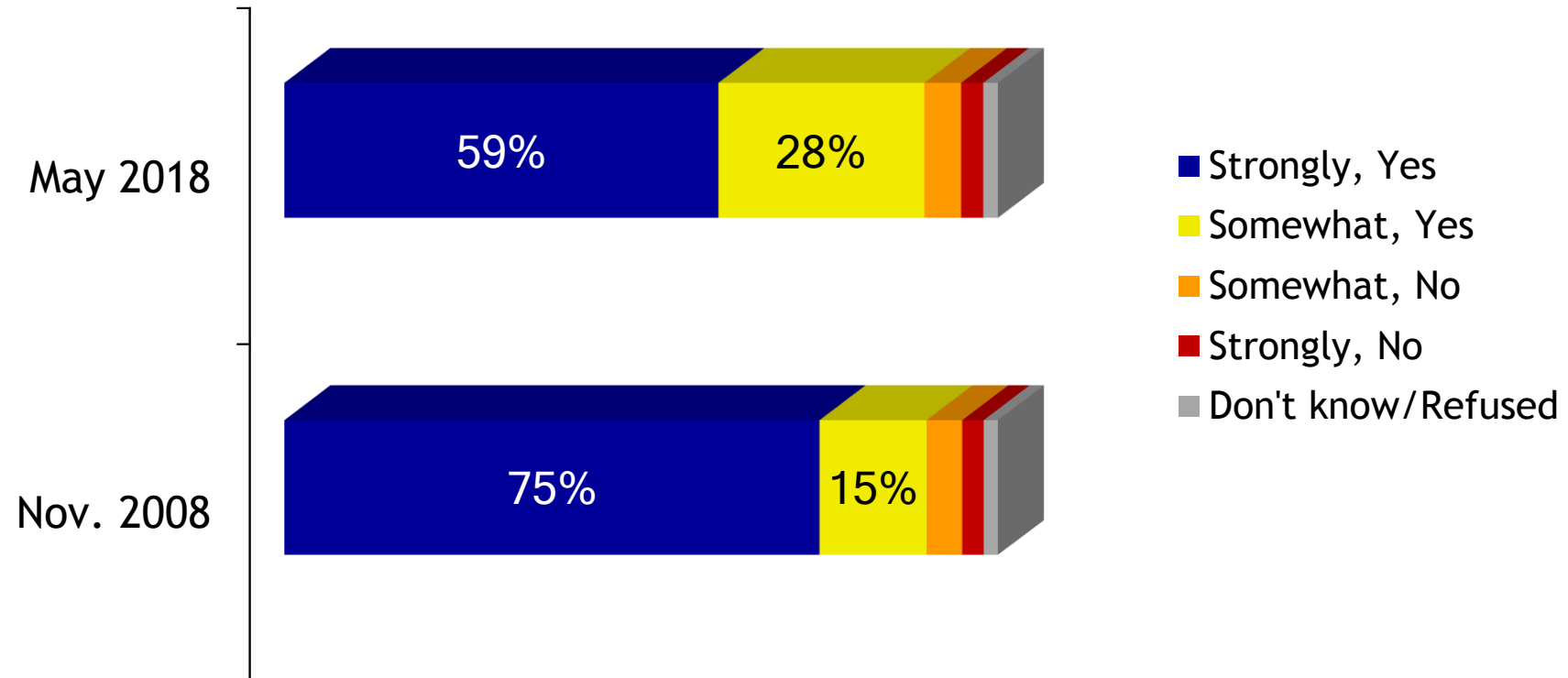
Many Have Personally Benefited from Vaccines

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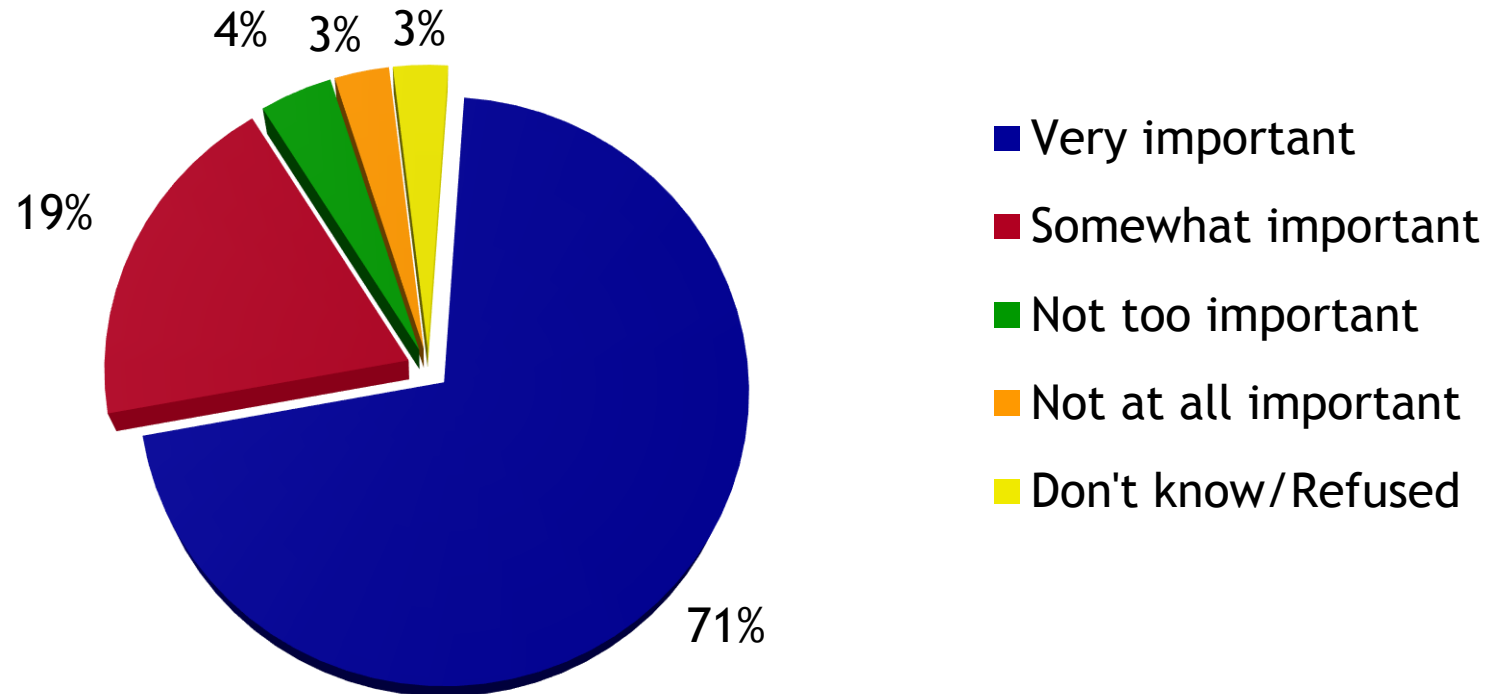
Decrease in Percentage say 'Strongly, Yes' to Personally Benefiting From Vaccines

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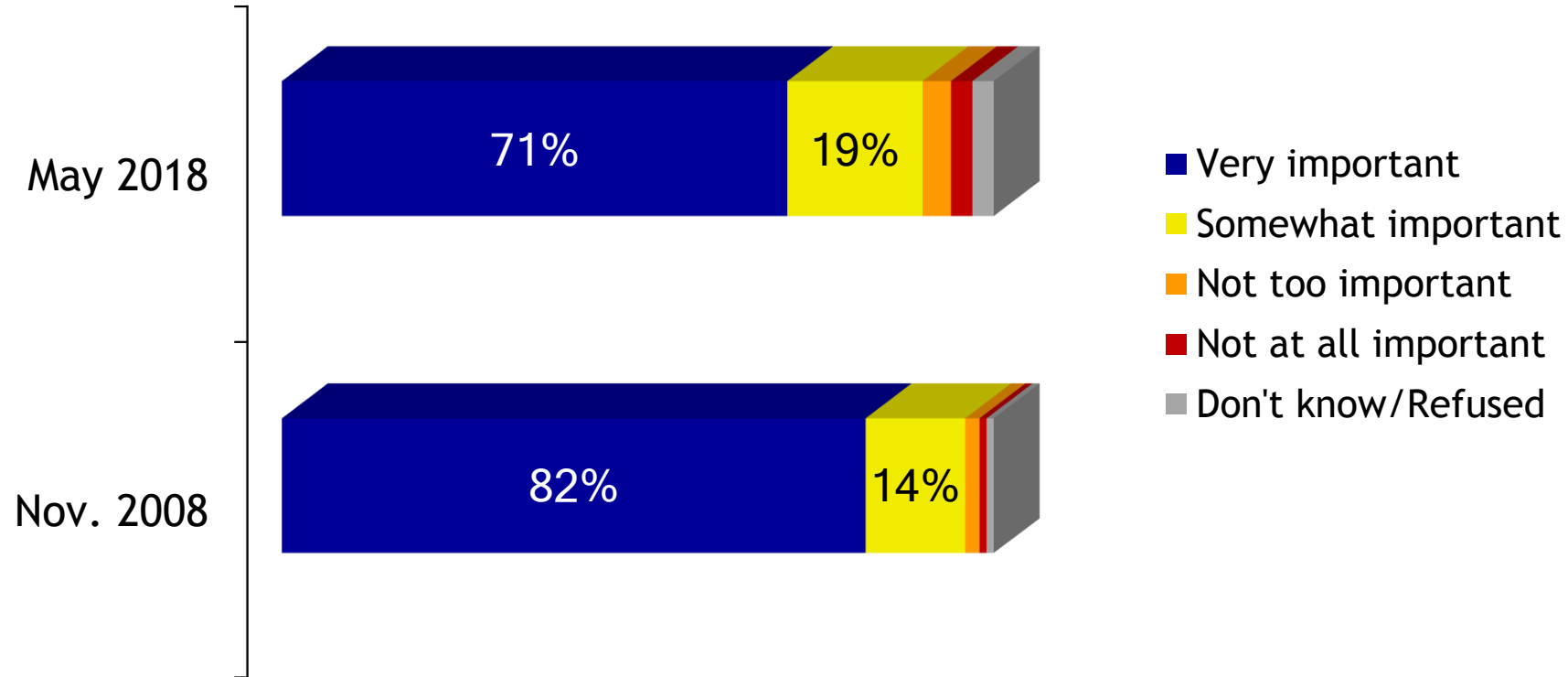
Important for Children to be Vaccinated

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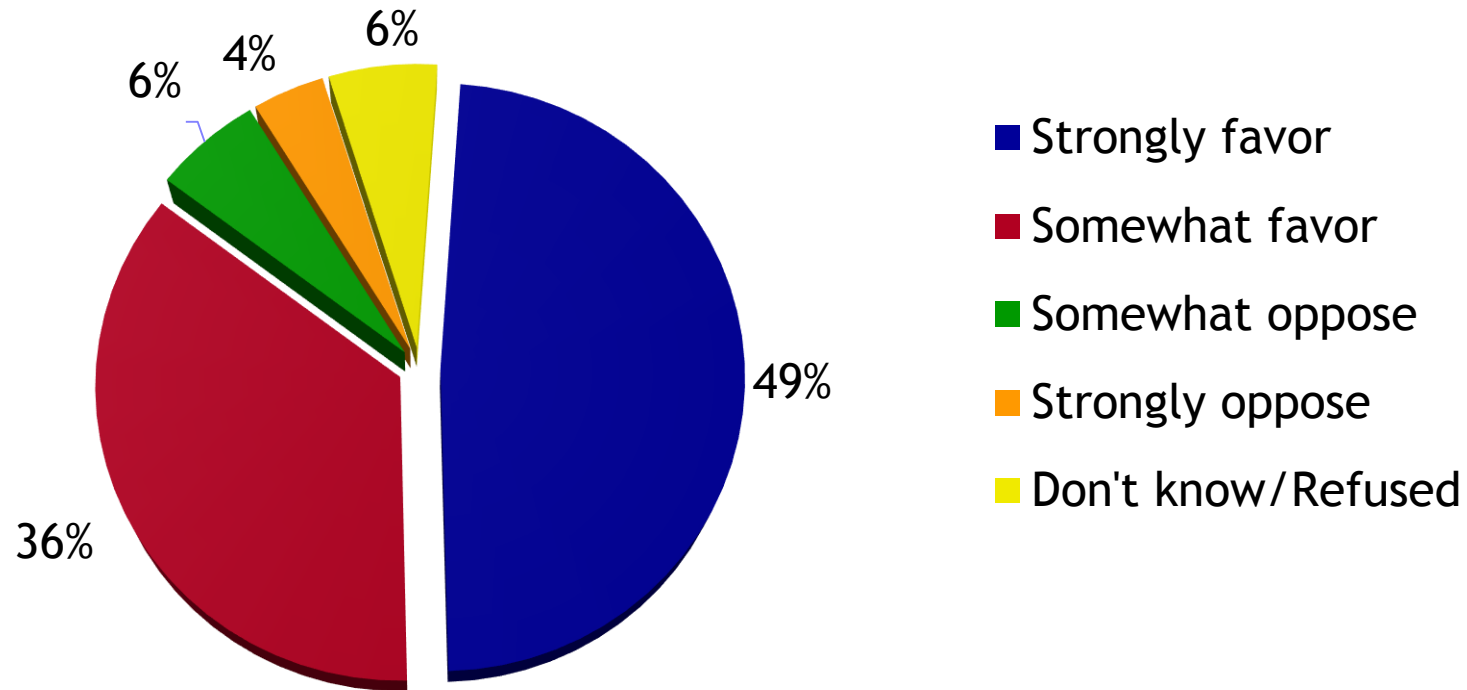
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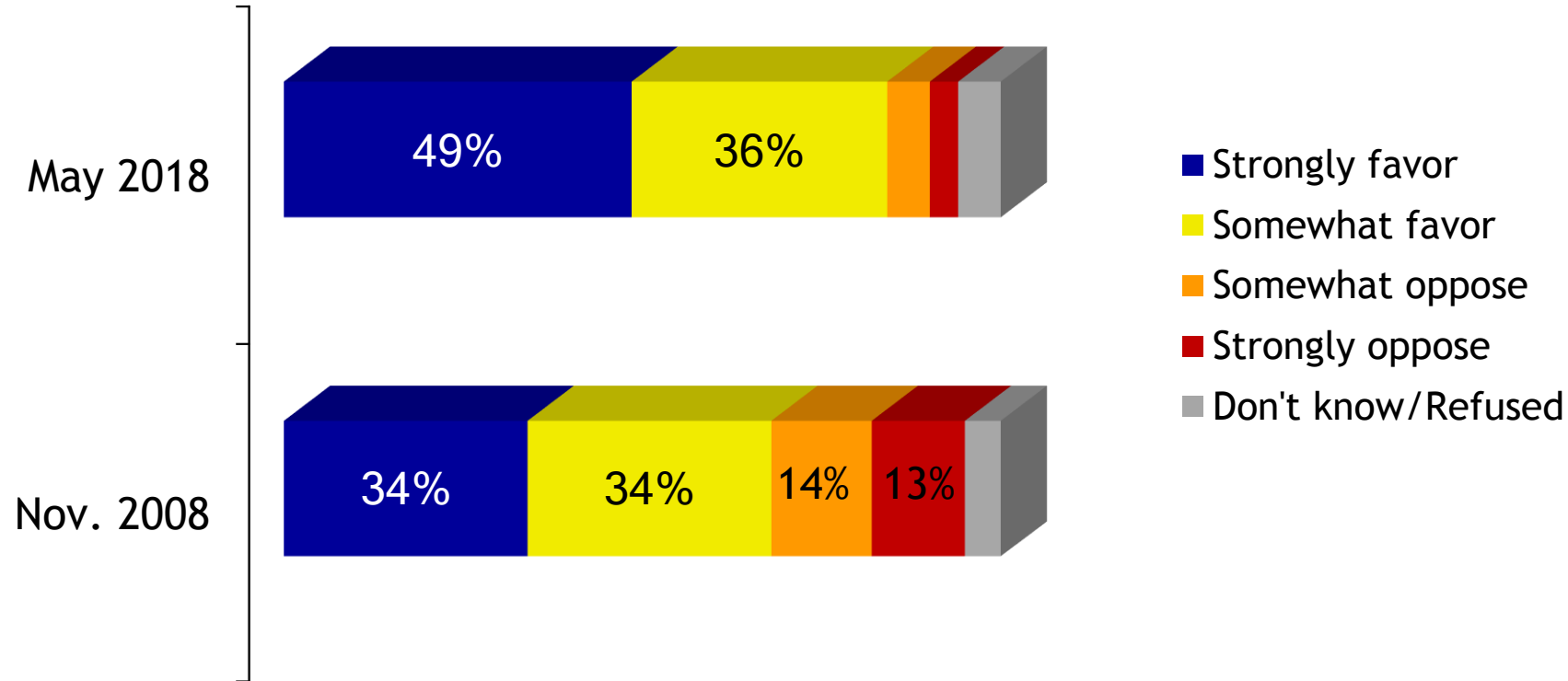
Strong Majority Favor Increased Federal Spending on Vaccine Research

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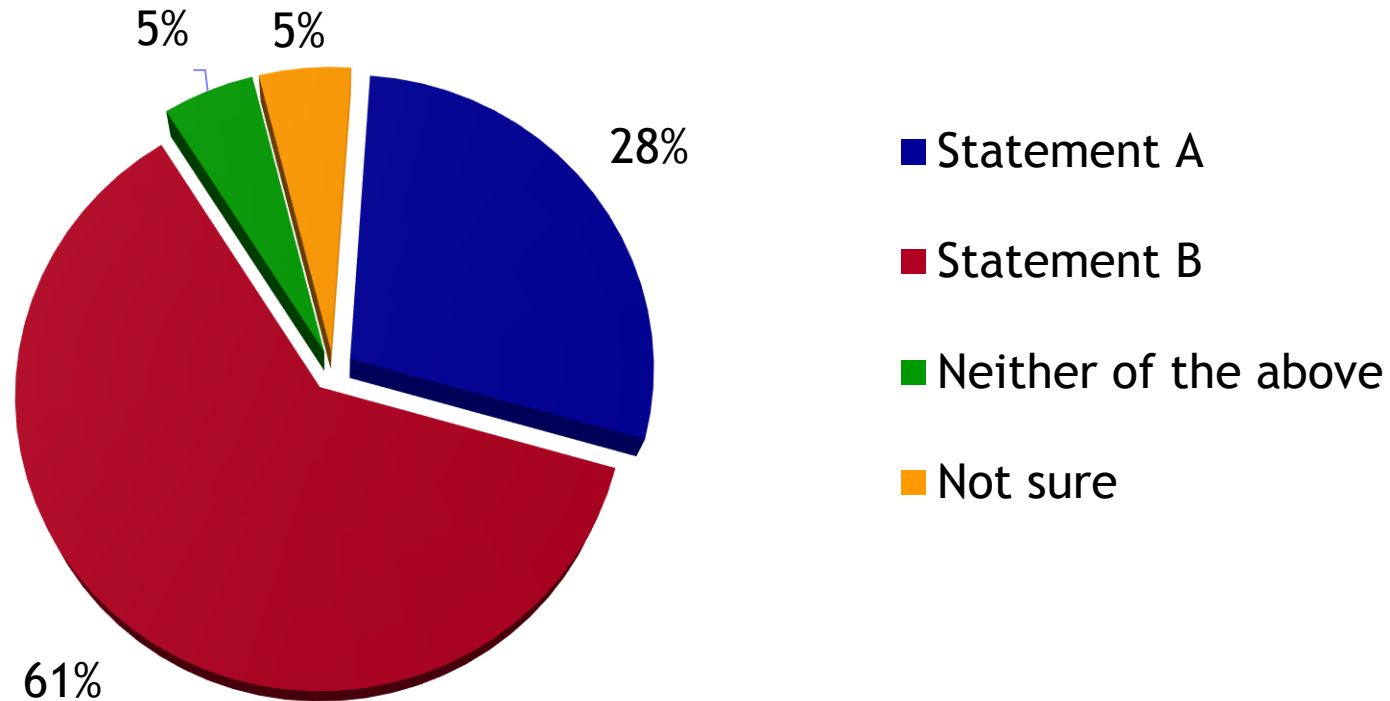
Increase in Percentage say 'Strongly Favor' Federal Spending on Vaccine Research

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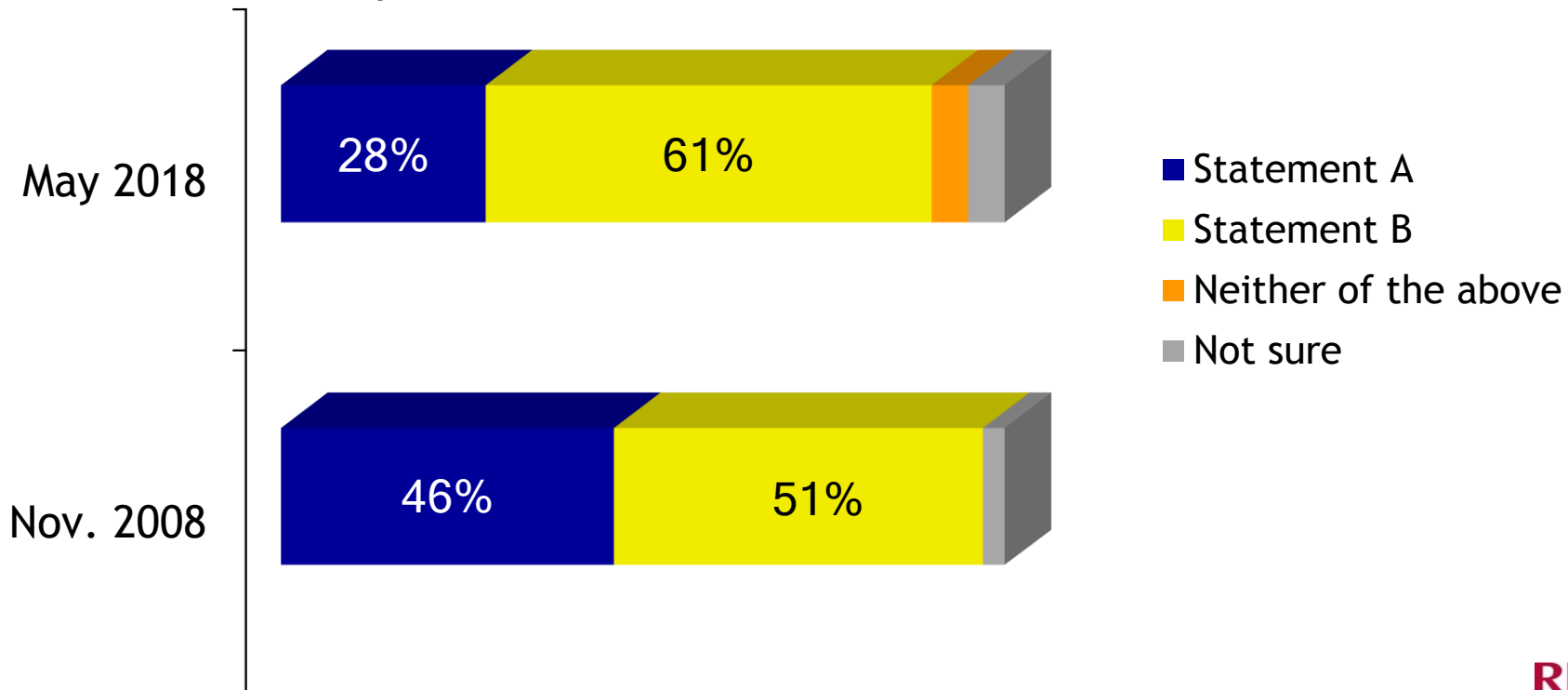
Majority Agree Not Vaccinating Puts Children & Communities at Risk

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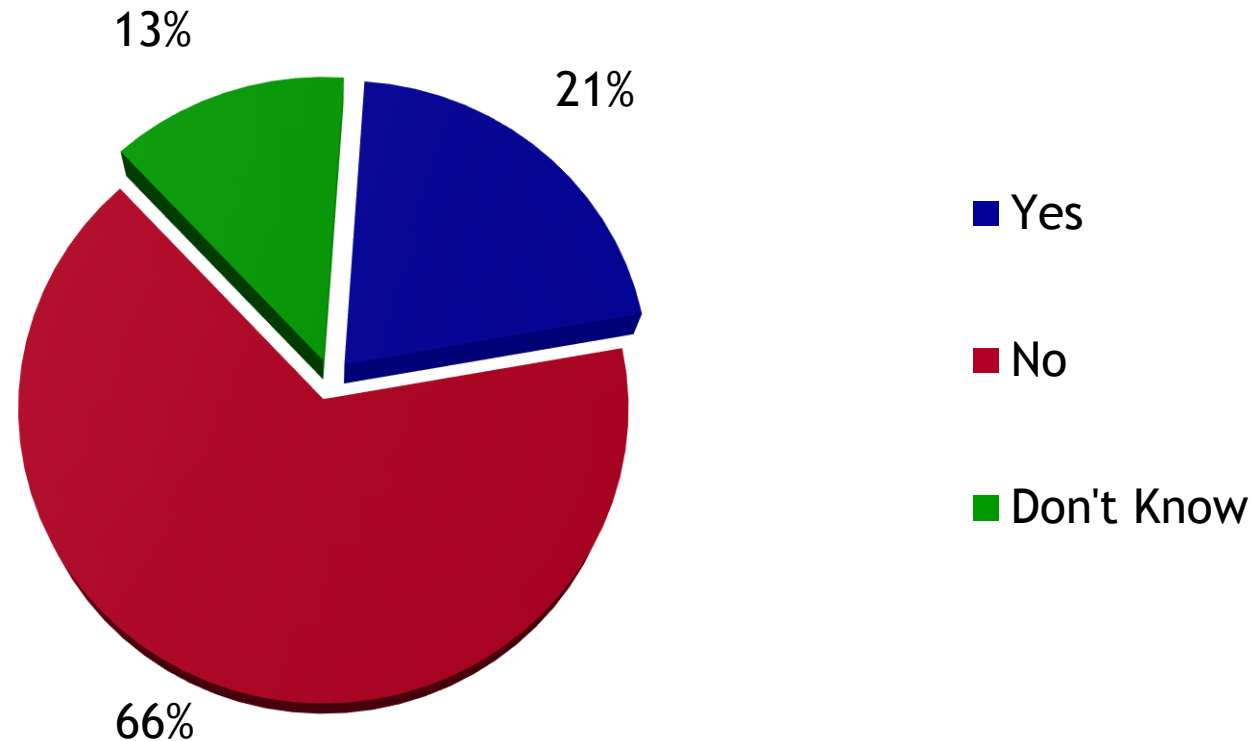
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Less Than a Quarter Have Heard of Universal Flu Vaccine

Do you recall hearing anything recently about a new type of vaccine called a universal flu vaccine?



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