



Americans' Views on Public Health and Vaccines

October 2020

Results from a Public Opinion Survey

Survey Methodology

This online survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics on behalf of Research!America in August 2020, among 1,025 adults plus 869 additional adults for minority oversampling. The survey was supported in part by the Kavli Foundation as a component of support for a working group formed to address America's commitment to science. For the national sample, the survey has a theoretical sampling error of +/- 3.1 percentage points.* Sample sizes for minority groups are as follows:

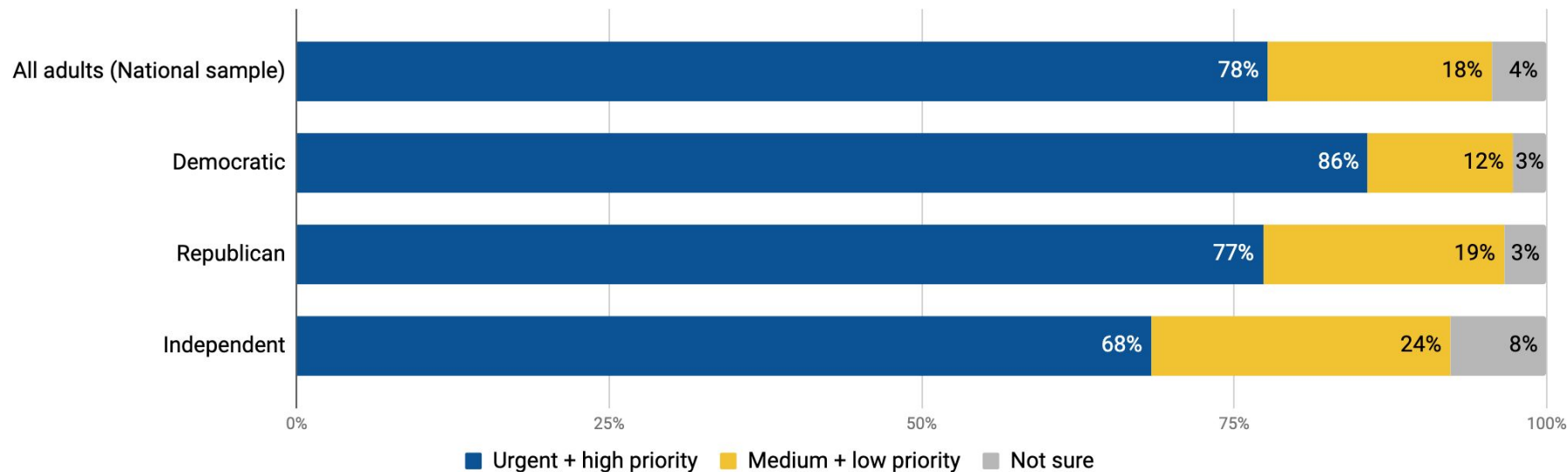
- African American: sample size = 404, margin of error +/- 4.9 percentage points
- Hispanic: sample size = 409, margin of error = +/- 4.8 percentage points
- Asian: sample size 403, margin of error = 4.9 percentage points

Sample sizes for other subgroups are as follows:

Democratic: 369	Republican: 349	Independent: 309	
Age 18-29: 213	Age 30-49: 335	Age 50-64: 254	Age 65+: 213

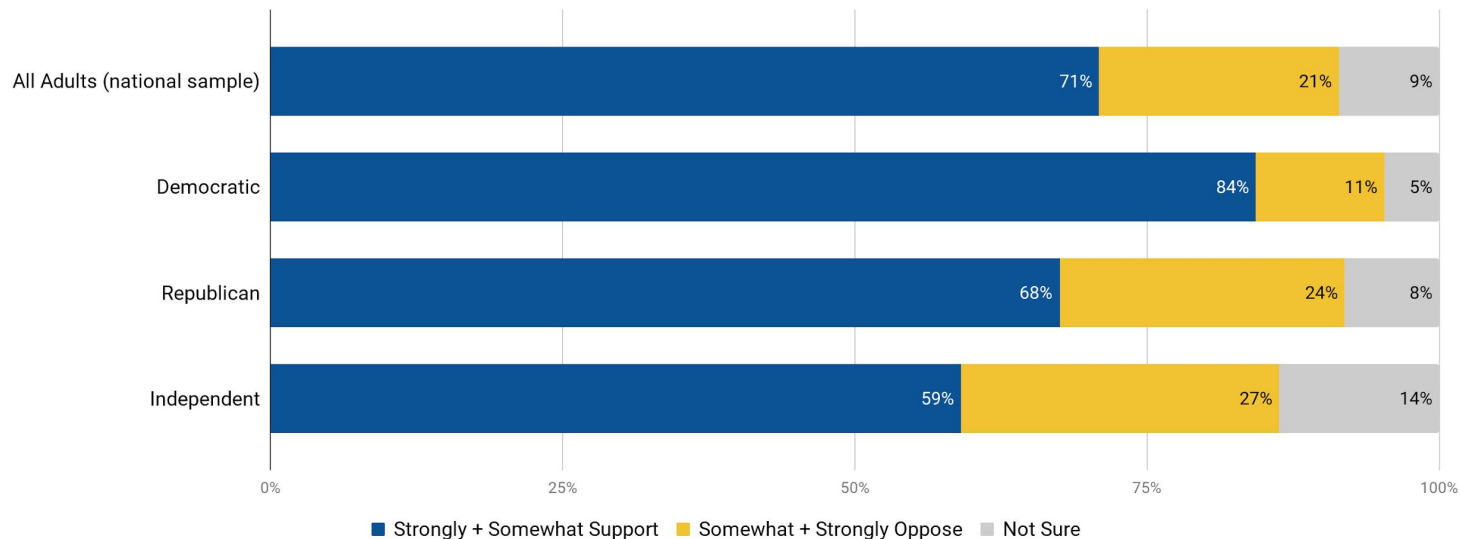
Strong Majority of Americans Place an Urgent or High Priority on Improving the Public Health System

How much of a priority are each of the following issues for the United States - Improving the public health system



Majorities Across Parties Would Pay More In Taxes to Support Emergency Public Health Fund

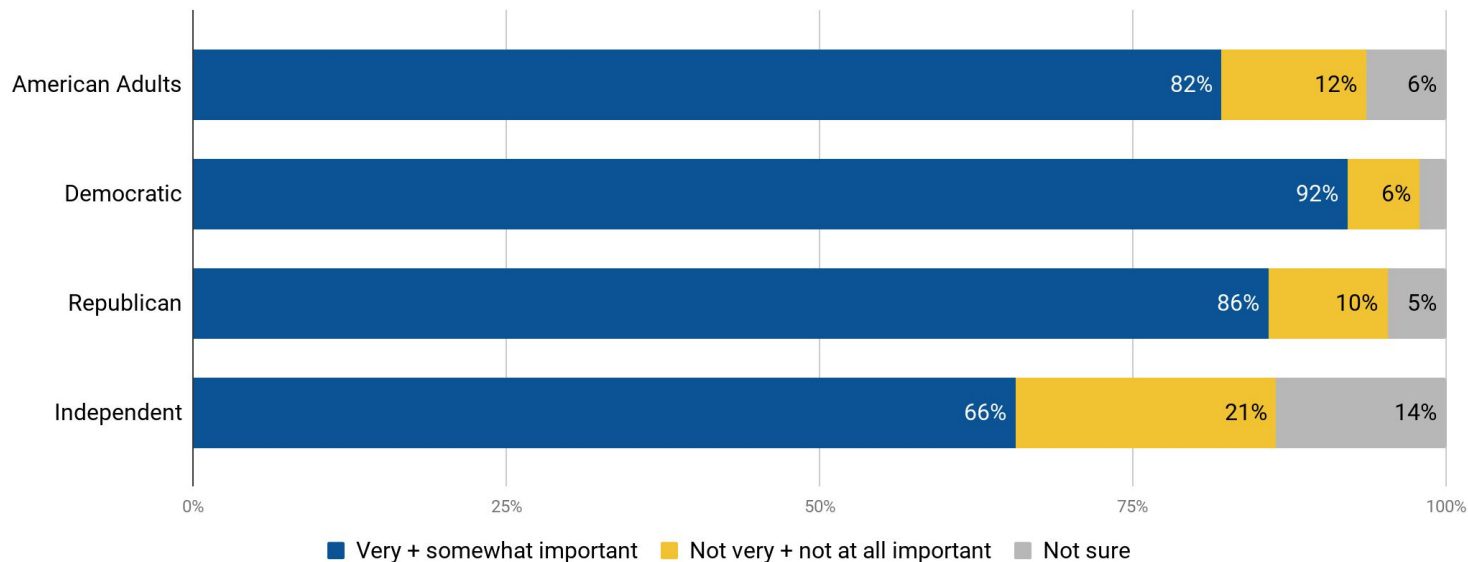
Would you support or oppose paying \$1 per week more in taxes to support an emergency public health fund to address health threats like a pandemic?



Ages 18-29:
69% strongly +
somewhat
support

Elected Leaders Should Listen to Public Health Officials

How important is it that elected officials at all levels listen to advice from public health officials?



Ages 18-29:
68% very +
somewhat
important

Three Quarters of Americans Agree That COVID-19 Reveals Need for Major Changes in Public Health System

Which statement is closest to your view? Statement A: The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed that major changes are needed in our public health systems, including more funding. Statement B: The COVID-19 pandemic is a once-in-a-lifetime event and existing systems are dealing with it adequately.



87%

Chose "Statement A"



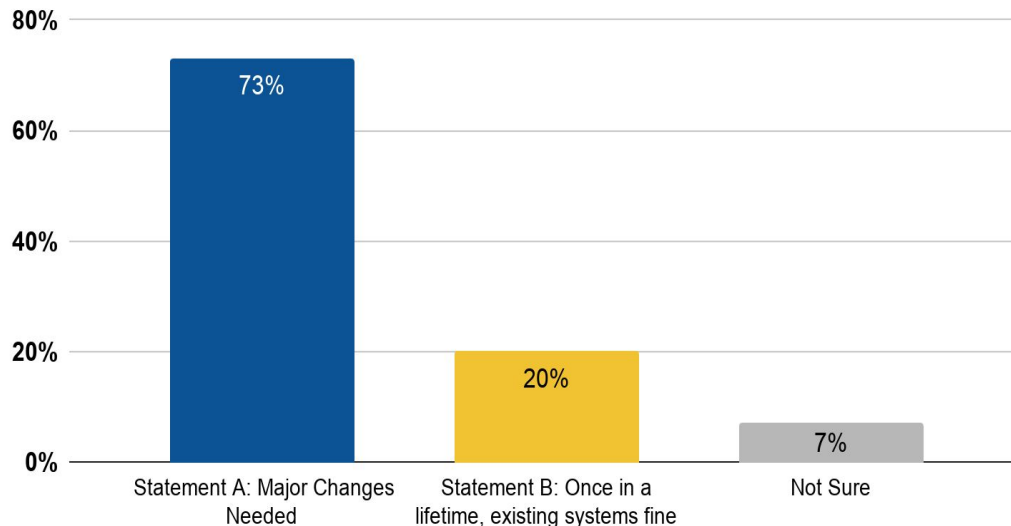
66%

Chose "Statement A"



63%

Chose "Statement A"

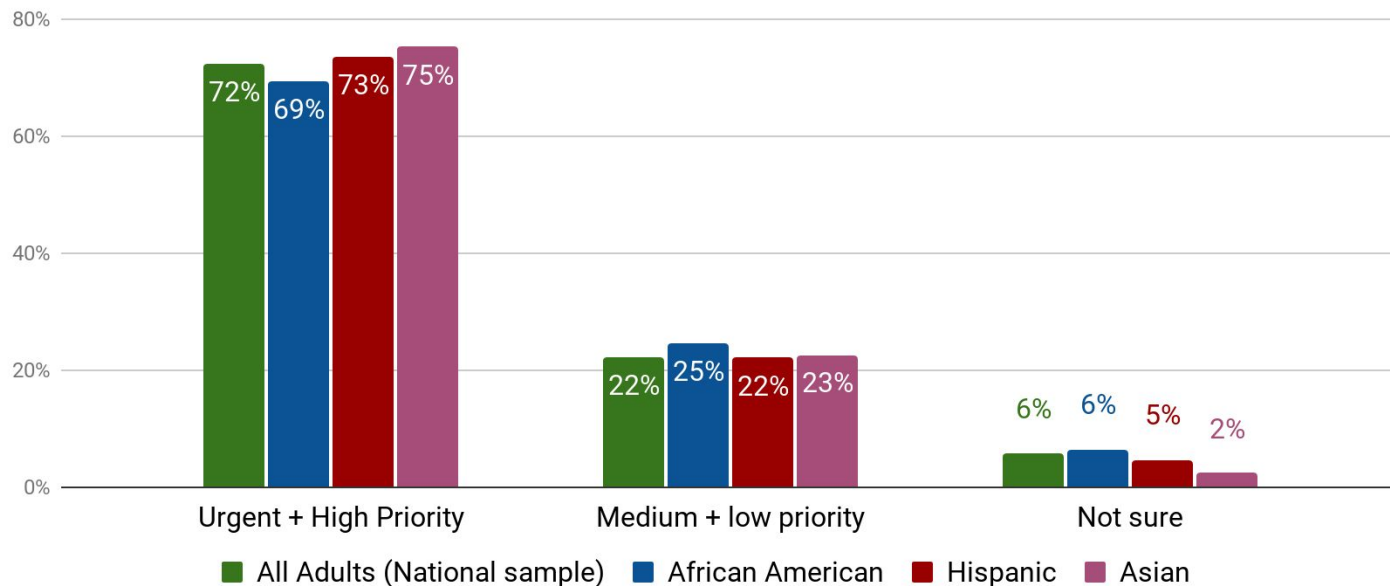


Hispanic (81%) and Asian (81%) respondents more likely to agree with Statement A.

Young people ages 18-29 less likely to agree with Statement A (64%)

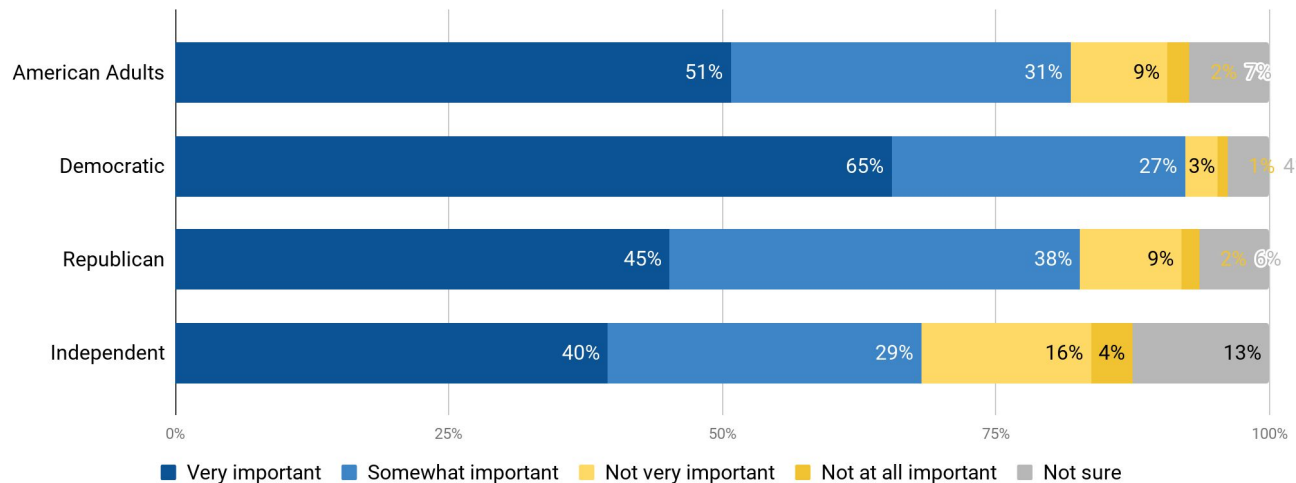
Eliminating Health Disparities a High Priority for Americans

How much of a priority are each of the following issues for the United States - Eliminating health disparities



Strong Support for Research on Health Disparities

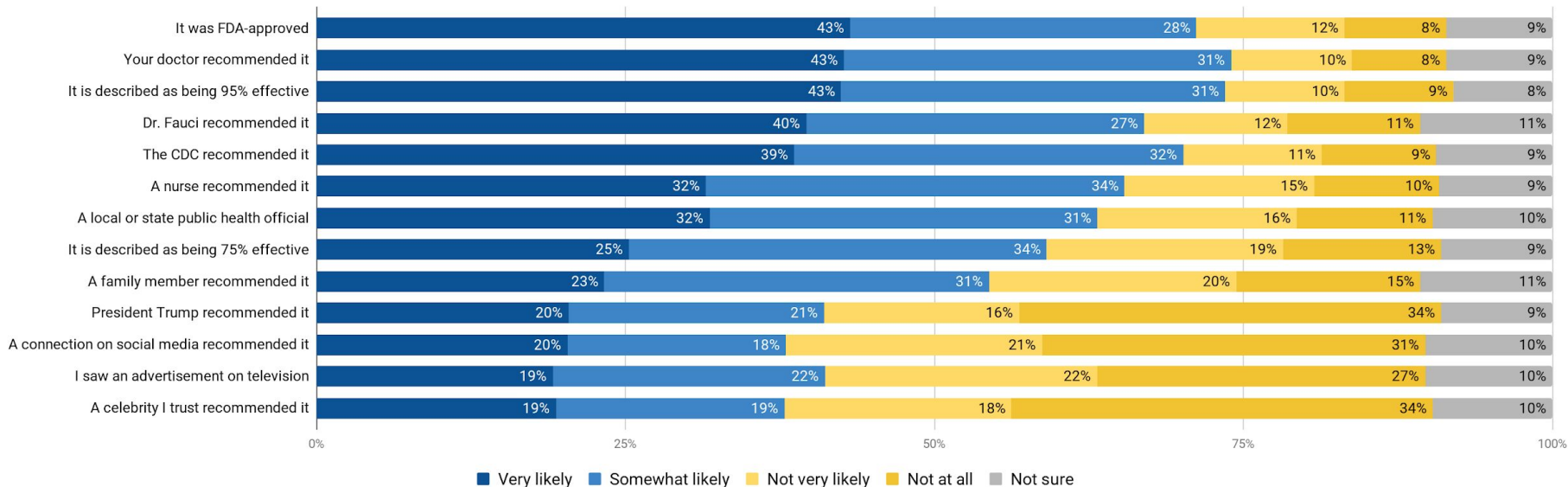
Studies show that certain health problems such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, and infant mortality happen more often among minorities or citizens with lower incomes. How important do you feel it is to conduct medical or health research to understand and eliminate these differences?



Ages 18-29:
43% very
important

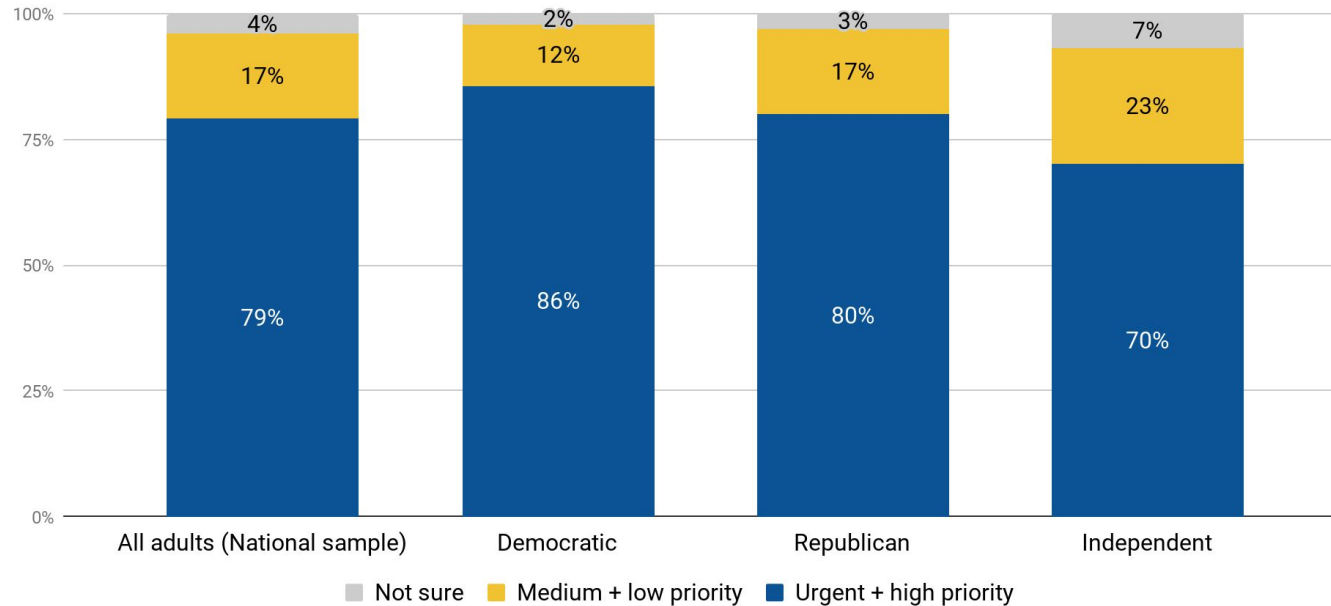
Majority More Likely to Get COVID-19 Vaccine if FDA-Approved or Recommended by Doctor

Suppose you heard a vaccine was available that protected you from COVID-19. Please indicate how likely you would be to get the vaccine based on the following factors:



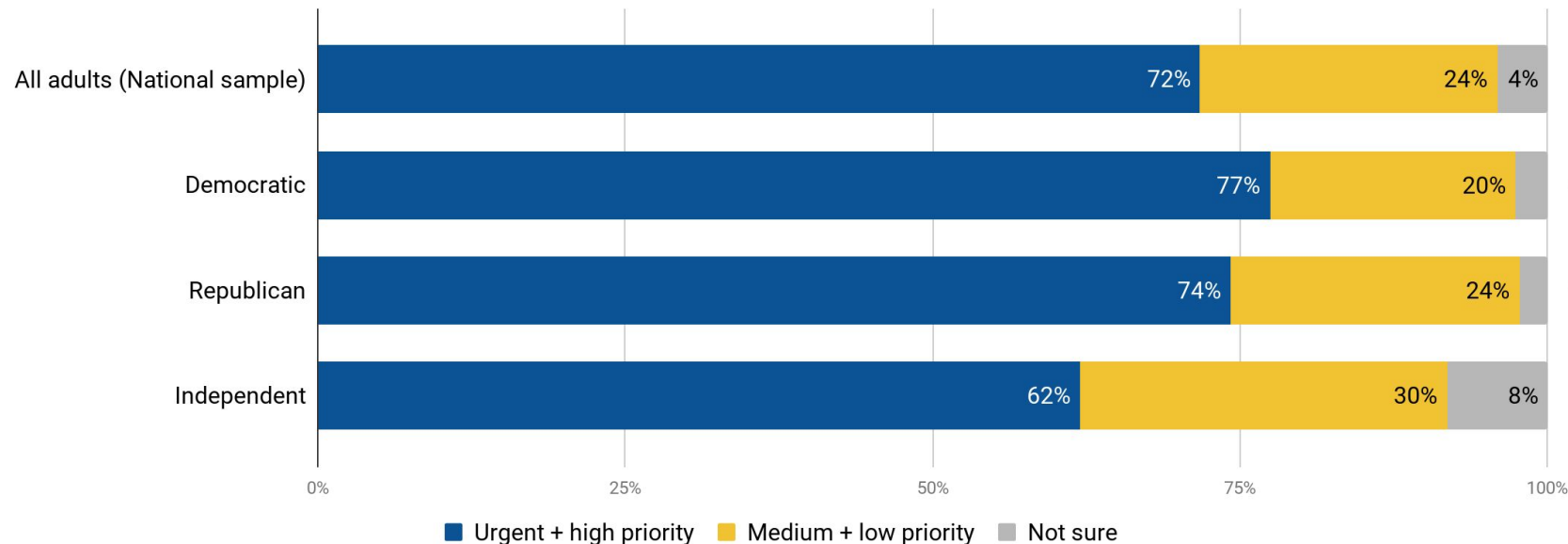
Safe Drinking Water a High Priority for Majority of Americans

How much of a priority are each of the following issues for the United States - Assuring a safe drinking water supply



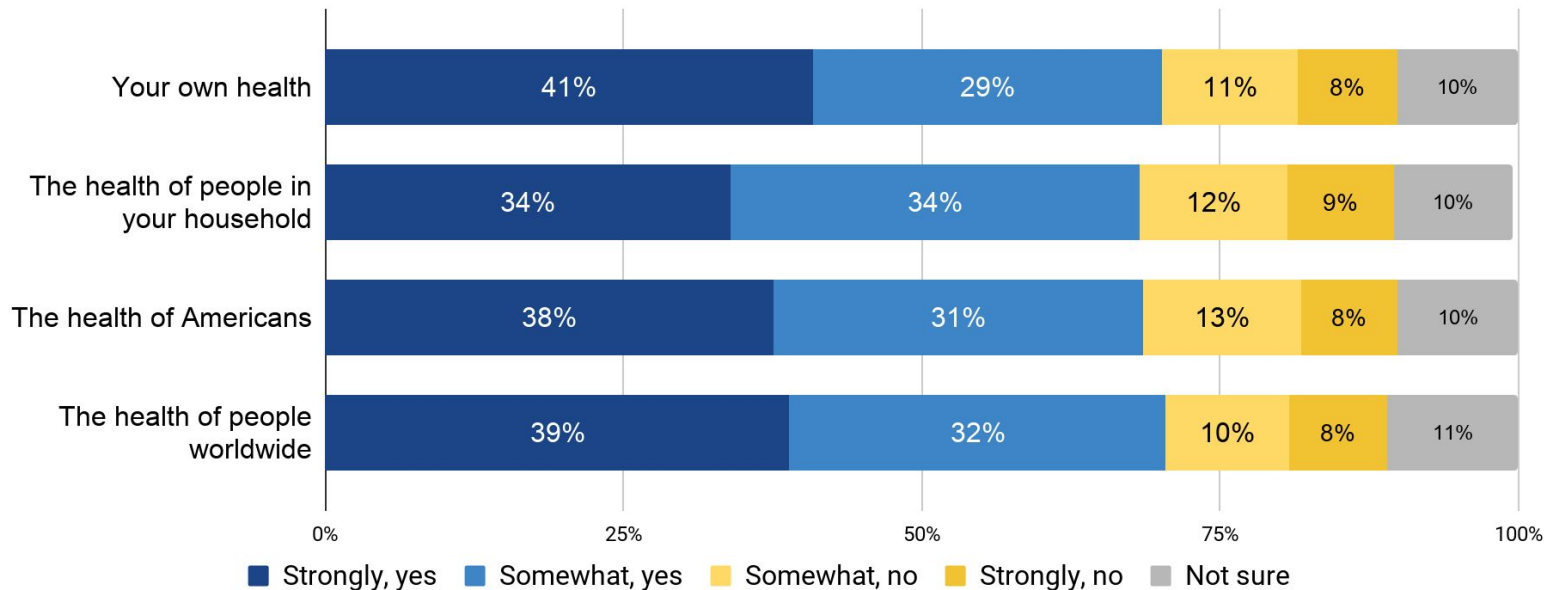
Addressing Drug and Opioid Abuse a High Priority Across Parties

How much of a priority are each of the following issues for the United States - Addressing drug and other opioid abuse



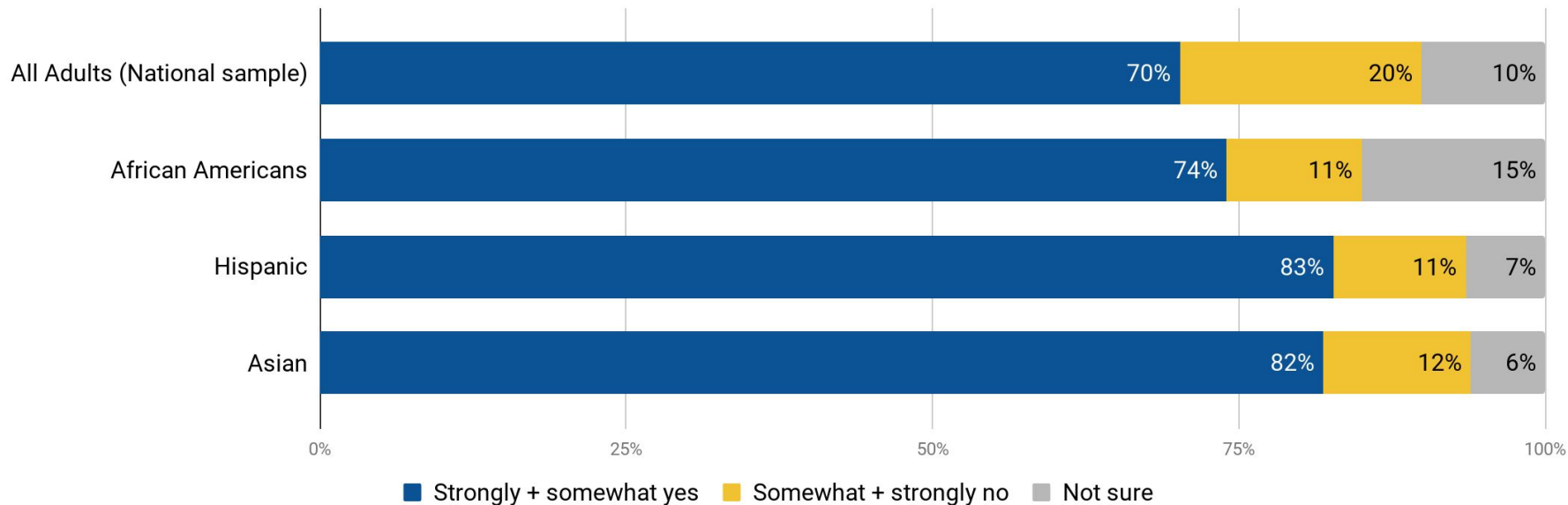
Americans Concerned About Future Climate Impact on Health

How much, if at all, do you think climate change will harm the following, in the next ten years - ?



Persons of Color More Likely to Be Concerned About Future Impact of Climate Change on Their Health

How much, if at all, do you think climate change will harm the following, in the next ten years - your own health?



Concern About Hospitalization Rates High Across Racial and Ethnic Groups

How concerned are you about each of the following - Compared to peer nations, the U.S. has among the highest number of hospitalizations from preventable causes and the highest rate of avoidable deaths.

