



COVID-19 & Racial Unrest:
Re-Start Reactions, Commerce & Controversy
Waves 10-12: Through June 24



 **OBJECTIVES**

- As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread, affecting daily life for virtually all Americans, ACUPOLL seeks to give you a window into the hearts, minds, and evolving behaviors of your consumers by posing the questions we haven't seen anyone else ask about it.
- Because the situation is rapidly evolving, we are updating our learning periodically to keep you up-to-date on trends.
- Recent waves extended beyond COVID-19 issues to include reactions to the racial injustice/police brutality protests that are taking place across the country.

 **SAMPLE SELECTION: REP U.S. Males and Females age 18+**

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FIELD DATES & SAMPLE SIZES (Margin of error 3% @ 90% confidence)

Report #	Field Date	n=	Topic Highlights
1	March 18	803	New behaviors, impact of product shortages, expectations from advertisers
	March 24	819	
2	March 31	803	Shifting priorities, unsung heroes, plans for the future, positives from the crisis
	April 1	808	
3	April 8	982	Changes in behavior, expectations from retailers and business in general, investigation of what “going back to normal” means
	April 14	970	
	April 16	825	
4	April 23	900	More details on “going back to normal,” guidance for retailers and restaurants to promote feelings of safety, attitudes about lockdowns
	April 30	800	
	May 1	865	
5	May 7	959	Continued exploration of attitudes toward lockdowns and masks, willingness to return to old activities, focus on eating, snacking, and weight
	May 8	971	
	May 13	904	
	May 15	982	
	May 18	938	
6	June 5	858	Consumer behavior in terms of re-opening the economy, attitudinal evaluation expanded to include racial protests, what worries are at the top of the list, how advertisers should handle controversial topics, focus on e-commerce
	June 12	876	
	June 24	847	
	Focus on e-Commerce:		
	Jan 26	977	
March 26	973		
May 14	980		

*Key tracking questions captured in every wave: demographics, emotions, core motivations, economic impact, lifestyle and employment changes

Executive Summary (Page 1 of 2)

Getting back into the world

- Across a wide range of activities, while many people have already returned or plan to do so once allowed, 20–40% of consumers will wait until *they feel* it’s “safe” to return. These levels have dropped about 10% since a month earlier, but remain particularly high for travel, entertainment, restaurants, and more discretionary retailers (malls, clothing/shoes, beauty).
- 89% of consumers are willing to wear masks in businesses if required to do so – in fact, over one-third insist on it.
- Responses to getting back out into public have been mixed – many consumers report that while businesses have guidelines in place, they are observing several people not following those procedures.
- Consumers plan (or maybe hope) to continue many of the activities they’ve picked up during the lockdown, including favoring comfortable clothes, cooking, taking “me time,” and supporting local businesses.

Lockdowns, protests, Black Lives Matter, and the role advertisers should play

- Consumers’ patience with lockdowns and willingness to make sacrifices is high, particularly among Men 18–44; yet about half of people are still afraid we’ll be forced to have another lockdown.
- Half of consumers agree that the current racial protests are a tipping point in changing the conversation, a similar number are in favor of peaceful protests over racial injustice, and even more people are worried about race-related issues – and about small business and the economy – than actually catching the virus or passing it to others.
- **What to do about it?** It’s complicated. 75% of consumers think advertisers should address current events, with nearly half of people encouraging focus on promoting health, boosting morale, or providing economic help, and 25% encouraging advertisers to address racial issues. Yet the data shows some peril among (divided) consumers who disagree with a particular Brand’s stance.

Executive Summary (Page 2 of 2):

Impact on Values, Emotions, and Wellness

- Consumers value saving money more than ever, followed by protecting their health, and caring for their family, but higher-level needs in Maslow's hierarchy are starting to become more important again as well.
- Sentiment is – not surprisingly – more negative than positive, but there are bright spots.
- Healthy diets and beauty routines have taken a tumble, as people find themselves at home.

e-commerce

- Consumers have been increasingly turning to e-commerce for their day-to-day needs, and many (but not all) indicate they will continue to do so, as well as turning to subscriptions to fill some needs.
- Dramatic increases in online sales we've heard about in the press appear to be more from increased frequency among current customers, rather than new adopters.
- Interest in Amazon's 2-hour delivery remains muted, with about 10% reporting a desire to use it regularly, recognizing that could still translate to substantial business growth; support for buying common household products via subscriptions is even higher at nearly 1 in 5 consumers in many categories.

Tracking economic impact

- Income remains suppressed, particularly among lower-income households and minorities; employment might be starting to re-bounce, but it's too early to tell with confidence – or if a new wave of illnesses will cause further job loss.
- Higher-income households, while less impacted by job loss, are just as likely to have decreased non-essential spending.

The Continued “Re-Opening”

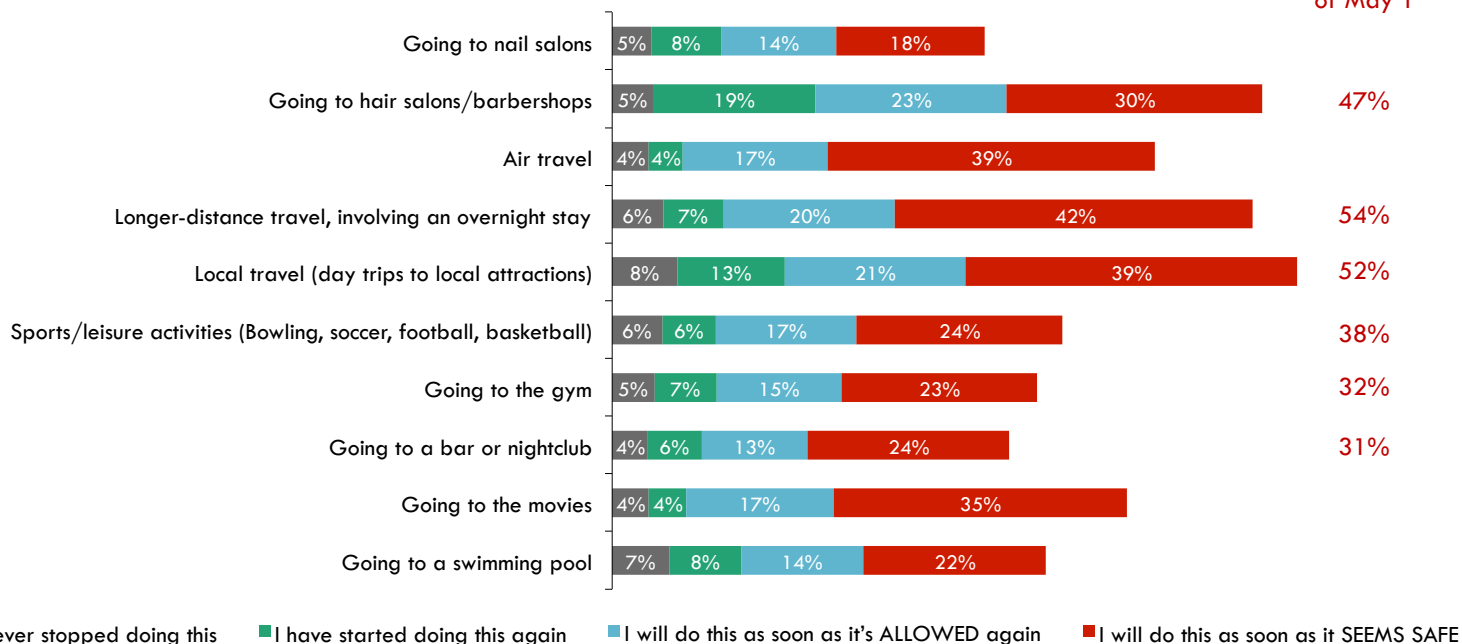
Just because you can do something, doesn't mean you should. How do Americans really feel about getting back out into the world?



- While some have started going back to businesses as they re-open, there are still pockets of 20–40% of consumers who intend to wait until *they* feel it's safe to engage, especially in regards to travel or going to the movies.
- These levels have decreased since 4–6 weeks ago, showing a general softening of resolve, or an indication that with the measures in place, these activities seem safe to some now.

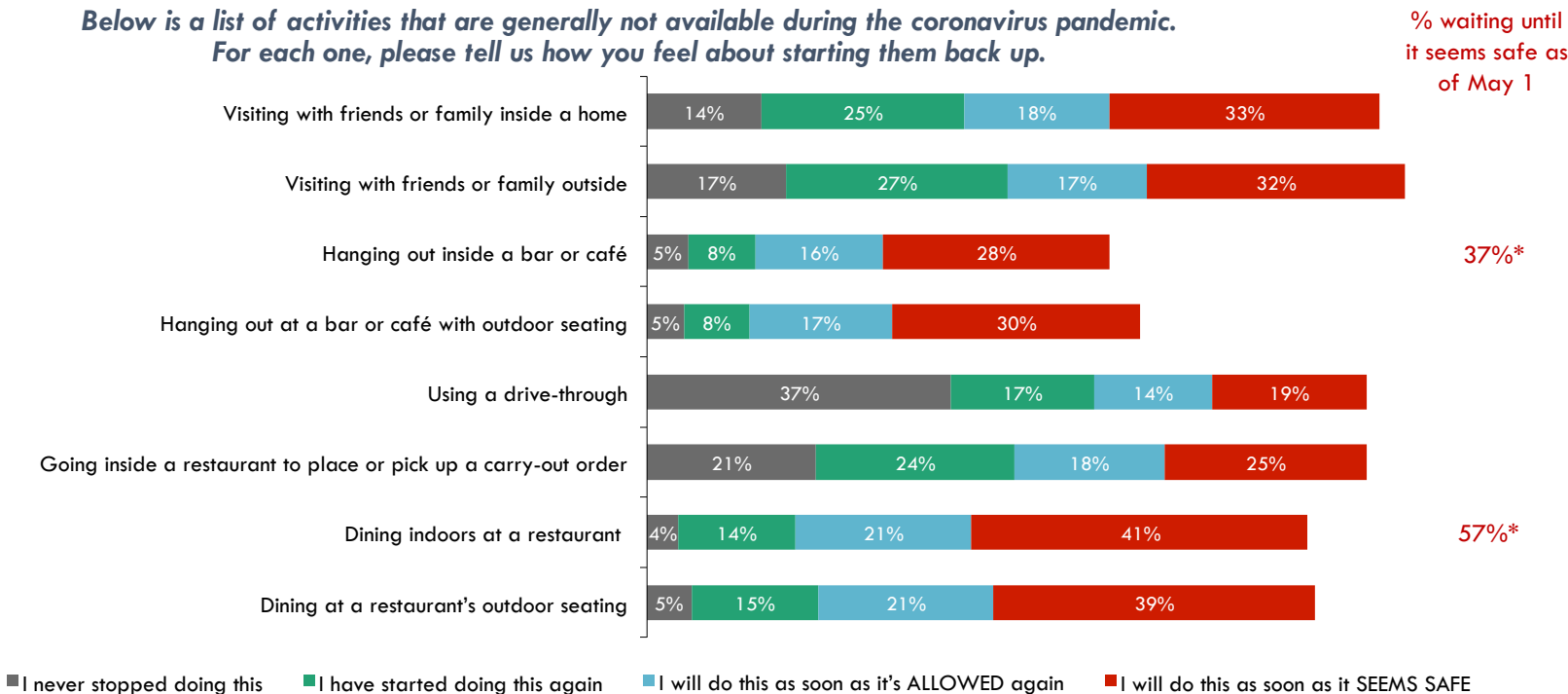
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% waiting until it seems safe as of May 1



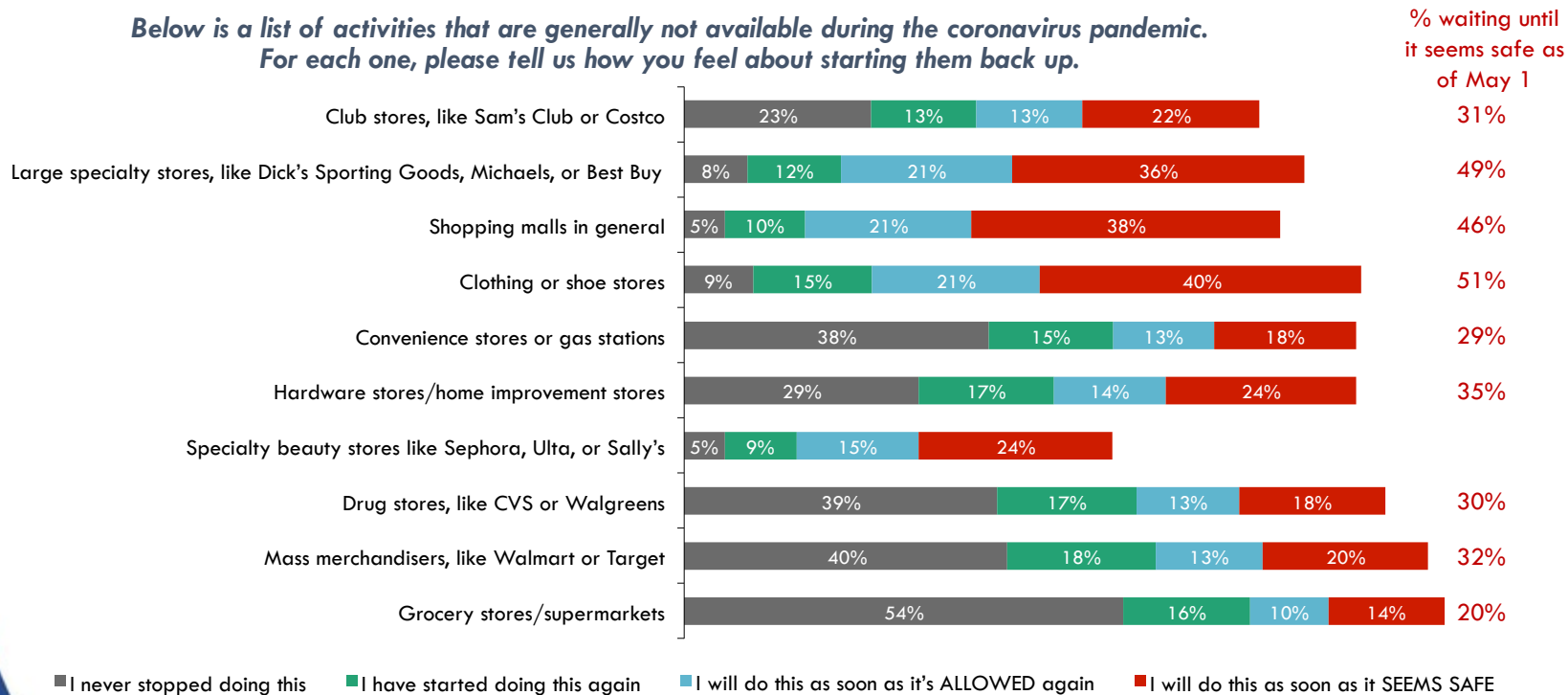
- The same goes for socializing and dining out, with 20–40% holding out for greater comfort (down from even higher in early May), and restaurants being of particularly high concern.
- Interestingly, very few people seem to make a distinction between being indoors or outdoors in public places or while visiting friends and family, with near-identical responses within each pair.
- Our Wave 4 report provides detailed guidance on the kinds of changes potential visitors would like to see – Get it here: <https://www.acupoll.com/blog/category/COVID-19+Data+Reports>

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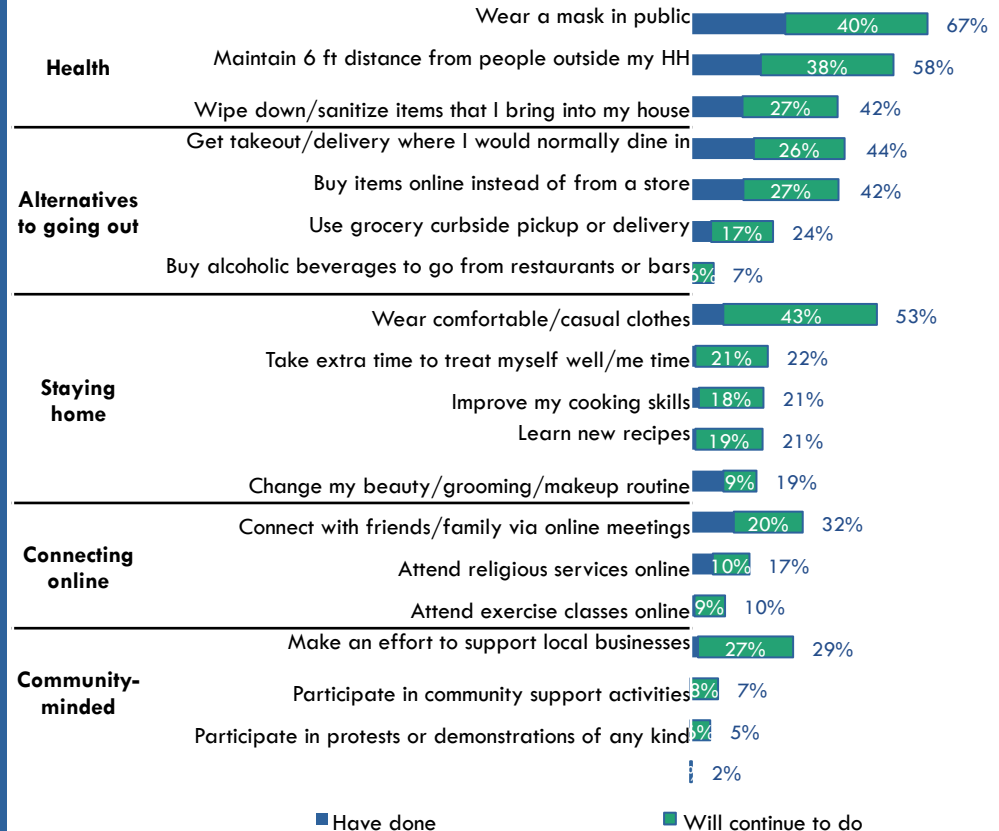
- **Consumers are more likely to wait until it seems safe to return to retailers they may see as less essential, such as specialty stores, shopping malls, clothing/shoe stores, and beauty stores.**
- Yet, resistance has decreased by ~10% in these areas versus early May as well.

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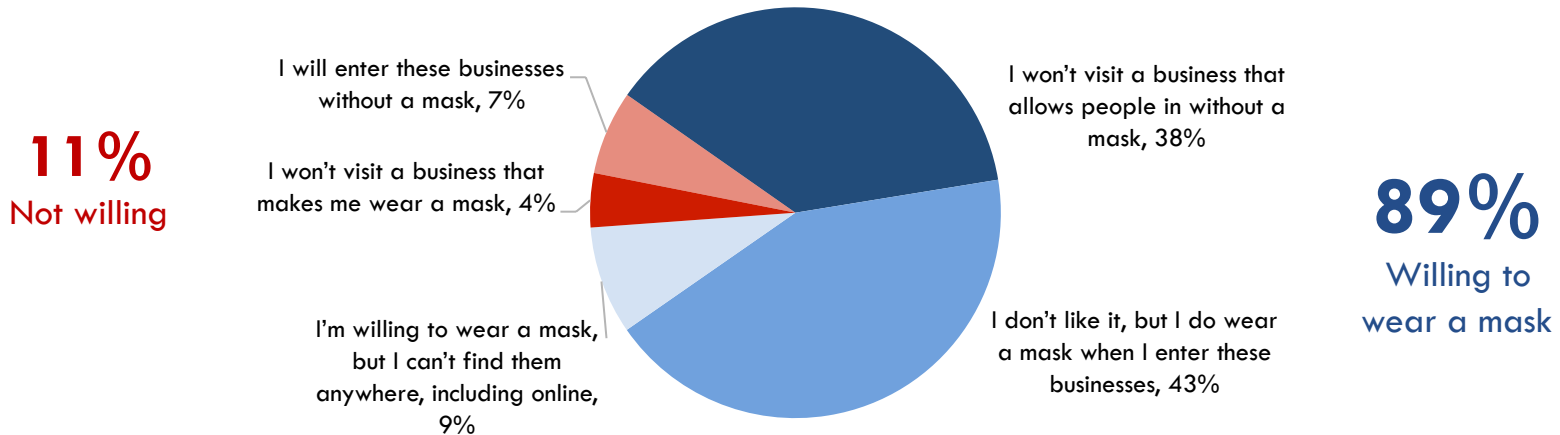
Which of the following have you done during the coronavirus pandemic? /
Which of the following do you think you will CONTINUE to do after the
pandemic is under control?



- Most people plan to continue the new habits they've picked up, even after the pandemic is under control – especially wearing comfortable clothes, taking “me time,” honing cooking skills, and supporting local businesses.
- Around 40% of Americans plan to continue wearing masks in public and keeping 6 feet apart.

- **There is a *real opportunity* for businesses to take the lead in encouraging, or even enforcing mask usage, which medical experts now agree is the most effective means to prevent the spread of coronavirus while still allowing businesses to get back up and running.**
 - 43% of consumers indicate they're willing to wear a mask if they have to (but likely are not doing so in places that don't require it), while another 38% *won't come in if it's not required*.
 - The vocal 11% who actively reject a mask may be exerting undue influence on those 43%, resulting in the broad non-compliance we're seeing in stores around the country.

Thinking about businesses that require the use of a face mask to enter, which of the following best describes you?





**If you have gone back into businesses as they've re-opened, what has your experience been like?
Please share as much detail as possible about which measures you've seen, what's working, and what isn't.
(Open-End Comments – June 24, 2020)**

Just a selection of verbatims that show the experience is definitely mixed for many – ask us for the full set!

	What's working...	What isn't...
Female, Age 21, CA	I have seen people requiring masks, as well as using plastic shields to put in between the customer and the worker.	However, a lot of workers take off their masks, or wear them incorrectly.
Female, Age 29, VA	Everything seems to be working properly and the way it is supposed to.	I know that Food City in my area is really lacking food, though... they don't even have fruits and vegetables.
Female, Age 44, TX	I always wear a mask and try to get out as soon as I am done with shopping.	I have to hold back from browsing in the store and that really disappoints me.
Female, Age 59, IL	Most businesses seem to be enforcing rules about wearing masks. Some are severely limiting the number of people in a store at any one time...	which means long waits to get in and people congregating in lines outside the store – some observing social distancing and some not.
Female, Age 62, WI	Businesses have made accommodations for staff with plexiglass barriers and wearing masks. There are social distancing markings on the floor.	One thing that I do not think is working or has never been addressed is the passing of money.
Male, Age 65, PA	One positive: 1st hour is reserved for Seniors.	A hassle wearing masks that steam up my eyeglasses! One-way aisles suck!
Male, Age 68, MI	I think that it is a necessary thing to do, but it feels strange to be inside a store and see persons wearing masks.	It's also a little unsettling to see so many people disregarding the mask requirement that most stores have.
Female, Age 68, FL	The stores generally try to limit the numbers inside, require masks and urge people to social distance (with signs and floor markings).	The problem is that a fair sized majority of shoppers either don't understand or disobey the rules.
Male, Age 71, FL	Wearing a mask and 6-foot social distancing, this works.	Following arrows on the floor and one-way aisles does not work.
Male, Age 29, AZ	Most people wear masks at stores...	but not everyone, or they do not wear it correctly.

Social Discord

Protests and arguments on social media have become the norm – what is the prevailing opinion among US consumers, and *how do they want Brands to react?*



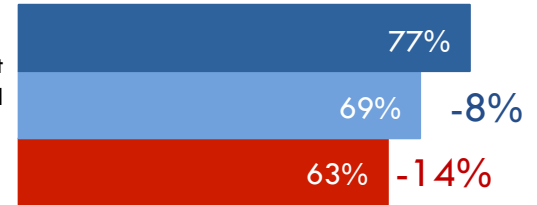


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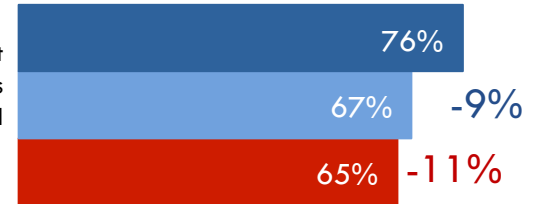
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% Who agree (7-10)

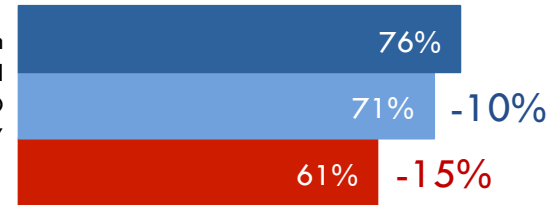
I'm willing to make some sacrifices if it means MY HEALTH is protected



I'm willing to make some sacrifices if it means the health OF OTHERS is protected



I think restrictions that have been placed on public gatherings and local businesses are APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY



■ 4/16 ■ 4/30 ■ 6/12

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- Patience with restrictions and willingness to make sacrifices for oneself or others continue to be high, but are declining.



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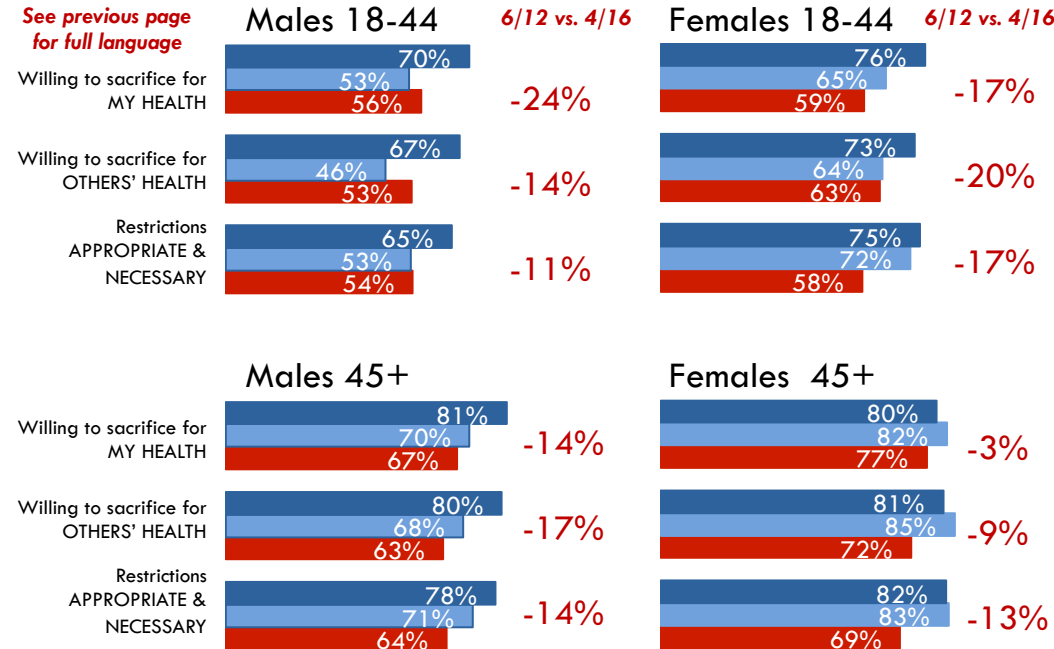
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% Who agree (7-10)

Abbreviated – See previous page for full language

- These decreases in agreement cut across age and gender.
- Women age 45 and older are still just as likely to make sacrifices for their own health as before, but even this group has grown impatient with restrictions, and are less willing to make sacrifices for others than they were 2 months ago.



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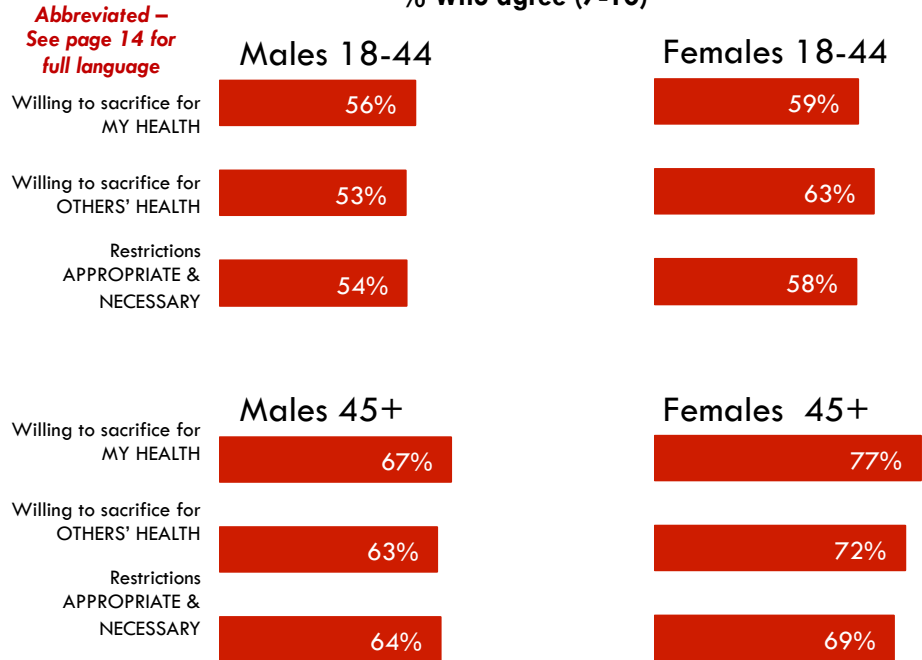
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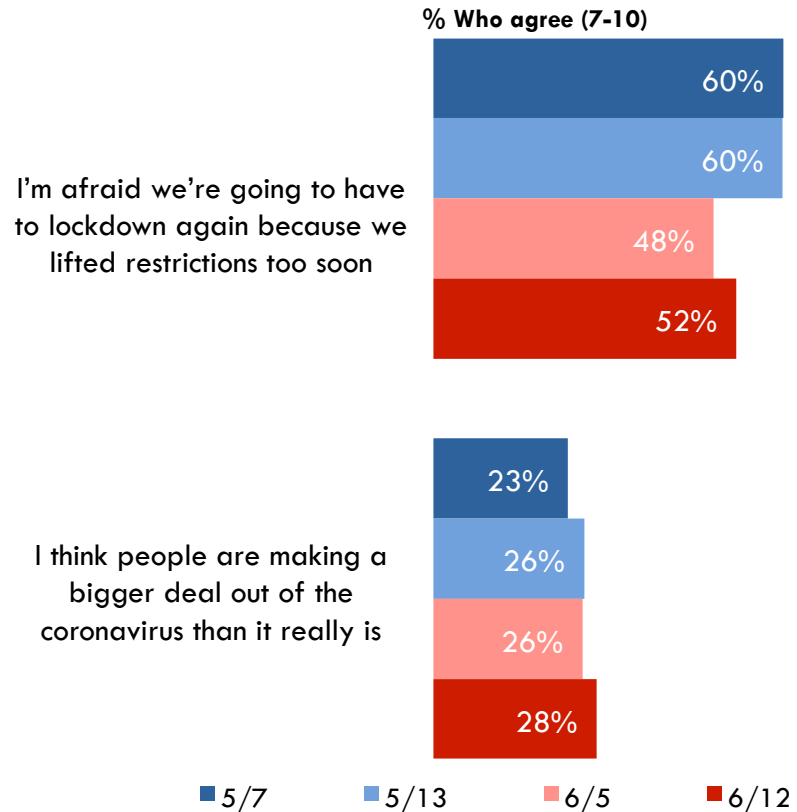
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- As of June 12, Women age 45+ remain the most willing to make sacrifices, followed by Men 45+, with men under 45 being the *least* willing.



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- While concerns about having to lock-down again due to opening too soon are becoming less prevalent, they are still high and will likely creep back up as new cases accelerate, and relatively few believe that the coronavirus threat has been overblown.



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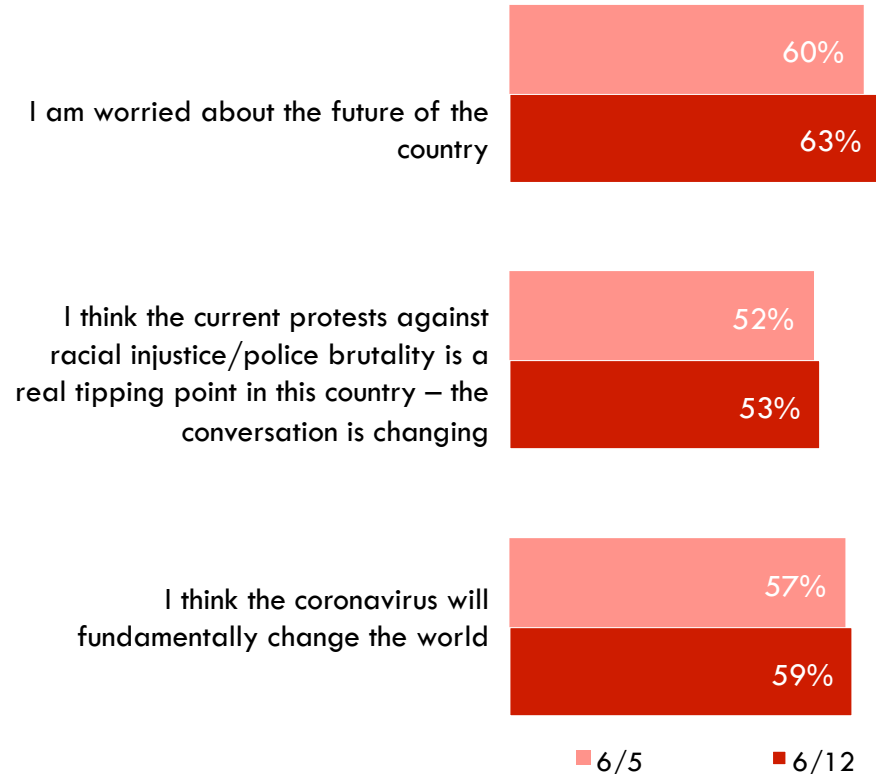


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- About 60% of consumers are worried about the future of the country, and almost as many think the coronavirus will fundamentally change the world.
- And, about half of those surveyed think the conversation about racial injustice/ police brutality is changing.



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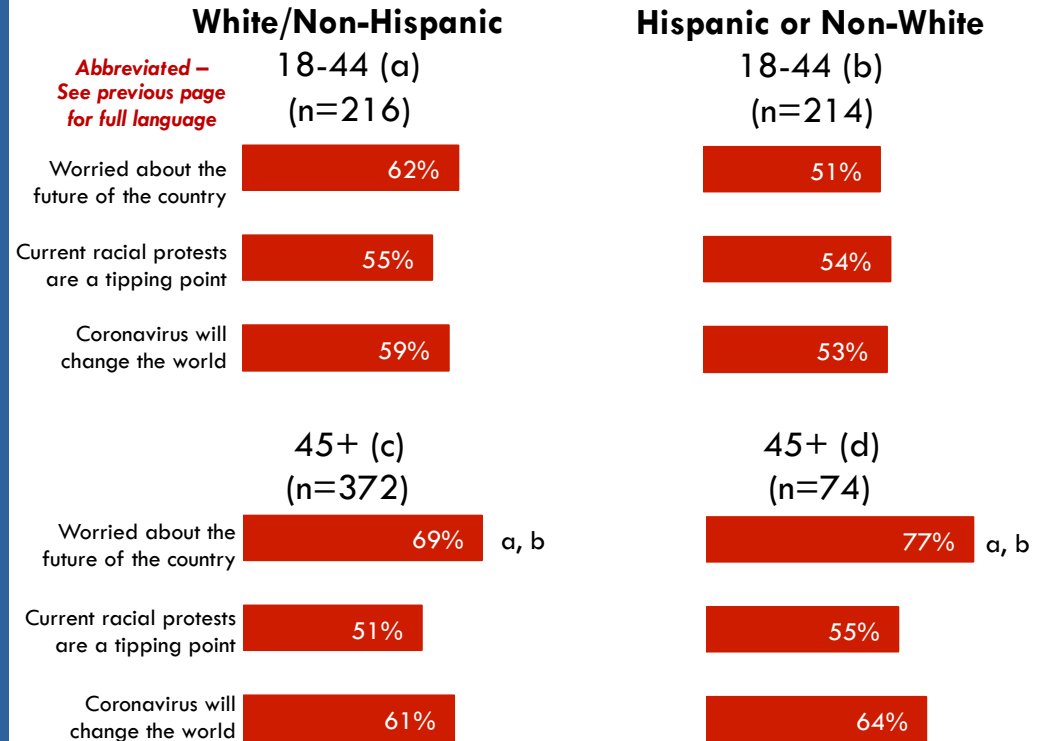
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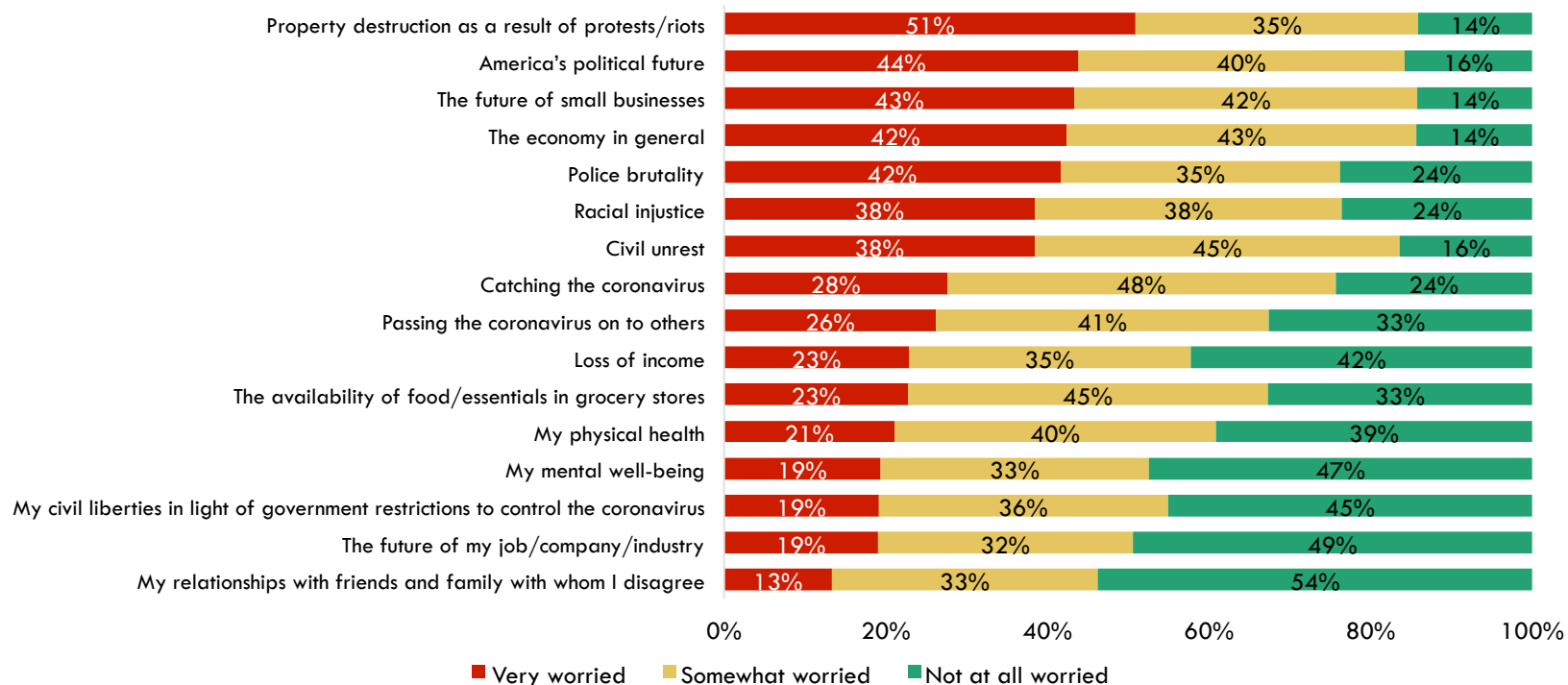
- Older respondents, especially if they are non-white, are most likely to be worried about the future of the country.
- A little more than half of each group think the coronavirus and current protests are likely to cause long-term change.



■ 6/12

- **Americans are most worried about property destruction as a result of protests/riots, and over 80% are at least somewhat worried about politics, small businesses, the economy, police brutality, and racial injustice.**
- **Catching/transmitting the coronavirus, while still worrisome, are actually a little less concerning than the economic and social issues (at least to the general population).**

How worried are you about each of the following?



June 5, 2020 (n=858, differences of 4% are generally significant at the 90% confidence level)

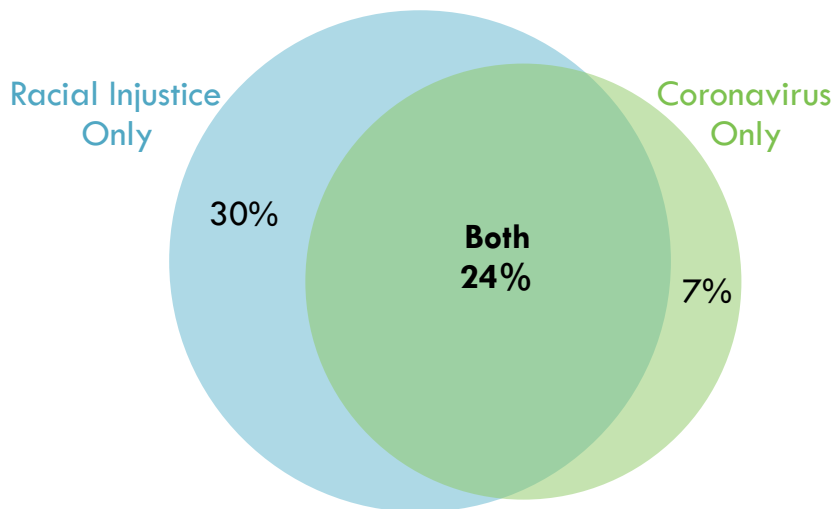
- **53% of Americans are in favor of peaceful protests against racial injustice/police brutality, compared to 31% in favor of coronavirus protests.**
- **It's worth noting that smaller, but still sizeable, numbers of respondents are also in favor of loud/angry protests against racial injustice, suggesting a recognition that merely peaceful demonstrations are insufficient at expressing the frustration and anger felt by many.**
 - Seeing Loud/Angry as an option *might* have attracted extra selections as some may have been drawn to that (over “peaceful” protests) as a means of activating change.

How do you feel about protests against the following?	Racial Injustice / Police Brutality				Government restrictions intended to control the spread of the Coronavirus			
	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	I don't know	In Favor	Neutral	Opposed	I don't know
Peaceful	53%	29%	13%	4%	31%	35%	28%	6%
Loud/Angry	27%	34%	35%	4%	15%	30%	51%	5%
Violent/Destructive	6%	18%	72%	4%	7%	19%	70%	4%

- There is considerably more overlap in acceptance of different types of *peaceful* protests than there is for loud/angry ones, indicating that support for both issues may not be mutually exclusive, or at least that there's a fairly high degree of tolerance for free speech, even if one disagrees with the message – as long as it's not too disruptive.
- Only a small percentage of Americans are in favor of protests against coronavirus restrictions exclusively.

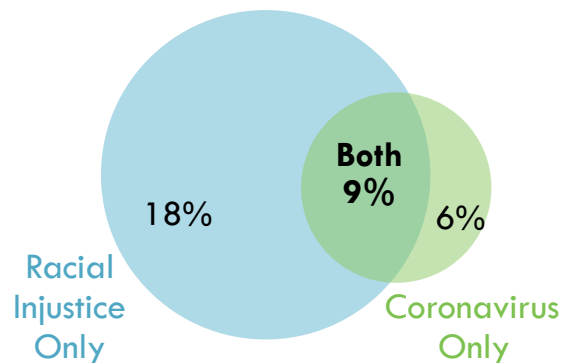
Peaceful

60% In Favor of At Least One



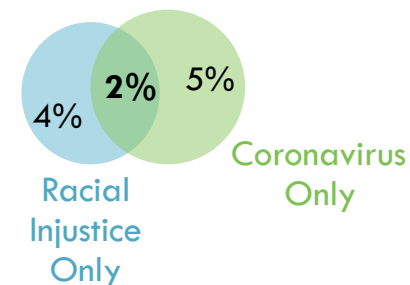
Loud/Angry

33% In Favor of At Least One



Violent/Destructive

11% In Favor of At Least One





How do you think advertisers should change their commercials due to current events in society, if at all?

June 12
(n=876)

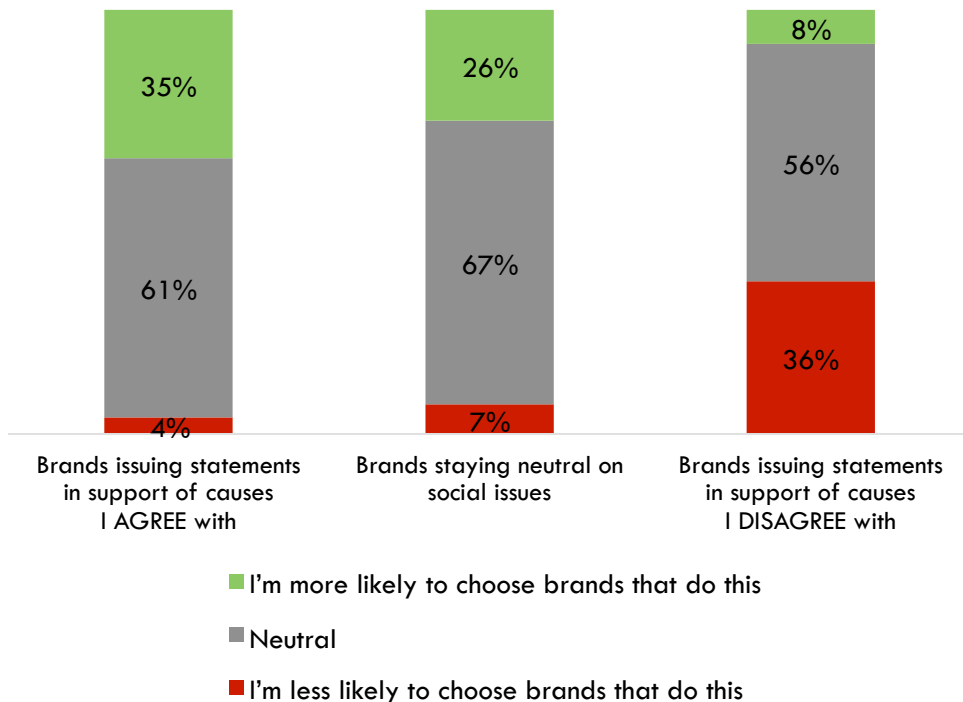
Yes - should change (net)	75%
Health/Coronavirus (net)	48%
Encourage social distancing/good hygiene	28%
Acknowledge that there is a health crisis going on	26%
Tell me about how you're protecting my health and well-being	25%
Tell me how you're helping to fight the spread of coronavirus	24%
Boost morale (net)	47%
Be compassionate/reassuring	23%
Help make staying home easier (delivery, at-home activities, etc.)	21%
Tell me how you are helping the community	20%
Use humor to help cheer people up	18%
Financial support/savings (net)	45%
Offer discounts	27%
Tell me about how you're helping people struggling financially	21%
Acknowledge that there is a financial crisis going on	20%
Racism (net)	24%
Acknowledge that there is a racial crisis going on	18%
Tell me how you're helping to fight systemic racism	16%
Don't address current events	41%
DON'T do anything special – just proceed with business as usual	21%
Stop talking about racial issues so much	14%
Stop talking about coronavirus so much	12%

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- Most consumers (75%) continue to want advertisers to change their advertising in some way.
- For perspective, 82% indicated they wanted a change of some sort in April, so we're not seeing much change here.
- They are looking for Brands to address the Coronavirus directly, boost morale, and address the financial crisis – and to a lesser extent, address racial issues.
- That said, twice as many people (21%) would now like advertisers to get back to business as usual, compared to 10% only two months ago.
- And, 12–14% think advertisers should stay away from specific topics, with very little overlap between the two (based on net of 41%).



Thinking about the brands you buy and recent events, how does each of the following influence your brand choices?



- While consumers do want Brands to acknowledge issues (as seen on the previous slide), it is still risky to take a stand.
- Only 7% indicate they would be less likely to buy from a Brand that stays neutral, and 26% indicate they would be more likely.
- On the other hand, 36% would be less likely to buy from a Brand that spoke out in favor of an issue they are opposed to.
- That said, depending on the issue, the loyalty derived from taking a stand *could* outweigh the risk of losing some consumers, and needs to be assessed on a by-brand/by-issue basis. (see: Chick Fil-A or Ben and Jerry's)

Impact on Values, Emotions, and Wellness

How is this crisis affecting consumers' minds, hearts, and waistlines?

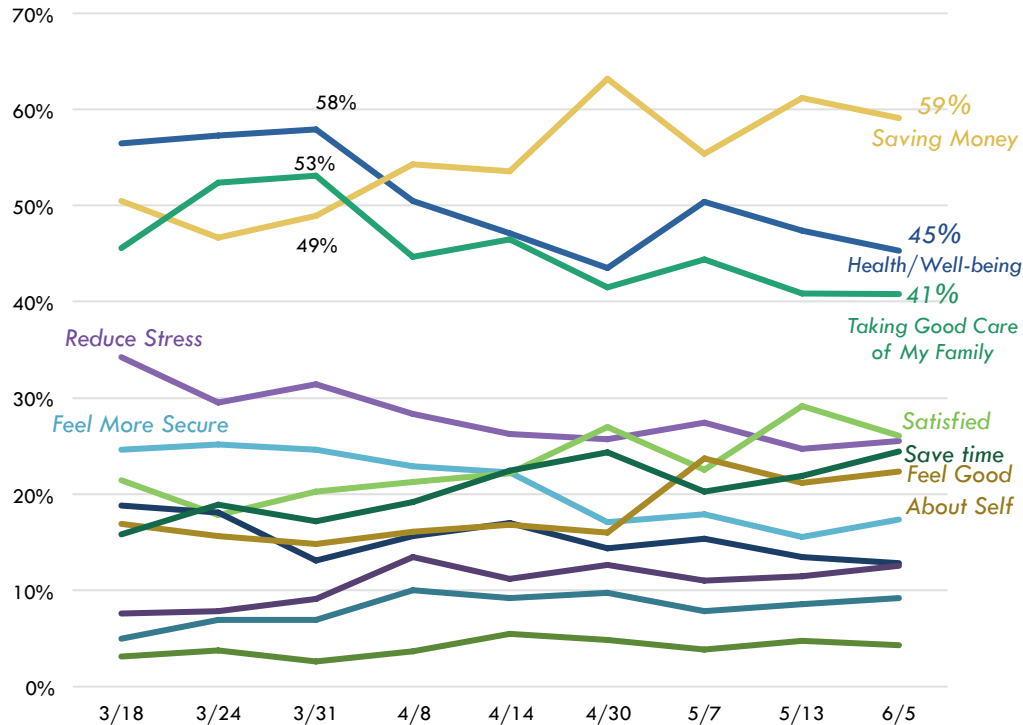




Core Motivations

ACUPOLL'S approach to understanding the deeper drivers for purchase decisions

When you're looking for products to buy, what are your TOP 3 PRIORITIES right now?



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- Since mid-May, *Saving Money* has dominated as most important when making buying decisions, while *Health/Well-being* and *Taking Good Care of My Family* have declined, but are still important.
- This reinforces the need for companies to focus on justifying their Value proposition in this environment.
- The need to *reduce stress* and *feel more secure* are on the decline, and consumers are beginning to demand that products *satisfy*, *save time*, and *make them feel good about themselves* again.

- We have seen relatively little variation in the specific words used to describe emotions over the past 12 weeks – *Happy* is consistently the most frequent as many strive for a positive outlook, followed by *tired, bored, and anxious*.
- Note: This question is asked in general, before the COVID topic is even introduced.

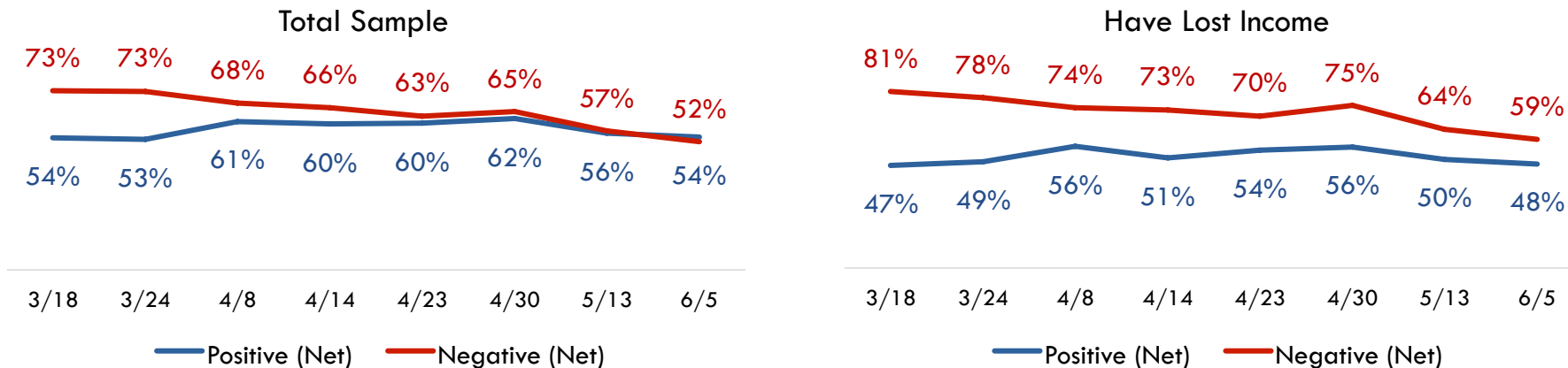
What 3 words would you use to describe the emotions you're feeling today?





- Despite “Happy” being the most frequently mentioned word in the absolute, overall sentiment has tended to be more negative than positive, especially (and not surprisingly) among those who have lost income.
- In recent weeks, negative sentiment has been on the decline, however, and the gains in % Positive in April have edged back down recently.

What 3 words would you use to describe the emotions you're feeling today?



Continued tracking of individual top words still available upon request.

What good things, or positives, do you think are happening, or will happen, as a result of the coronavirus crisis? (Open-End Comments – April 1, 2020)



Just a selection of verbatims we hope will inspire – ask us for the full set!



More time with family/at home:

People will spend more time with their immediate family and become closer

People will get to work on things at home or take a break when previously they may not have had time to

People spending more time with their families and slowing down a bit

More people are experiencing a lot more family time; I see more families out walking together instead of alone



More focus on what's important:

It is making people realize just how blessed they really were to start with; I have reprioritized what is important to me; I think families and people in general are coming closer together and helping each other; It's a shame that it took a crisis in order for that to happen

More appreciation of our opportunities to interact with family, friends and the general public without distancing restrictions

We will stop idolizing stars, sports figures, and influencers; We will appreciate our police, EMTs, doctors and nurses more

People recognize what is and is not important – "things" less important than people and connections



Positive impact on the environment/the planet:

The world is becoming healthier

Nature will recover and reboot

The climate crisis / environment is improving since everyone is stuck inside

The ecosystem is becoming cleaner thanks to the absence of humans to ruin it

The reduction of greenhouse gases is the silver lining now that there are fewer flights and factories have ground to a screeching halt



Less division in the country:

People started working together more; both parties in the Federal government started working together more

I think people have come together well; I have seen a lot more positivity during this all than negativity

I feel a sense of compassion and community will continue; I think a lot of new government and employer rules will be put into place and maybe a lot of the "red tape" will be removed from some of the things we need

Hopefully our country won't be so divided

Humanity's better angels are everywhere and visible

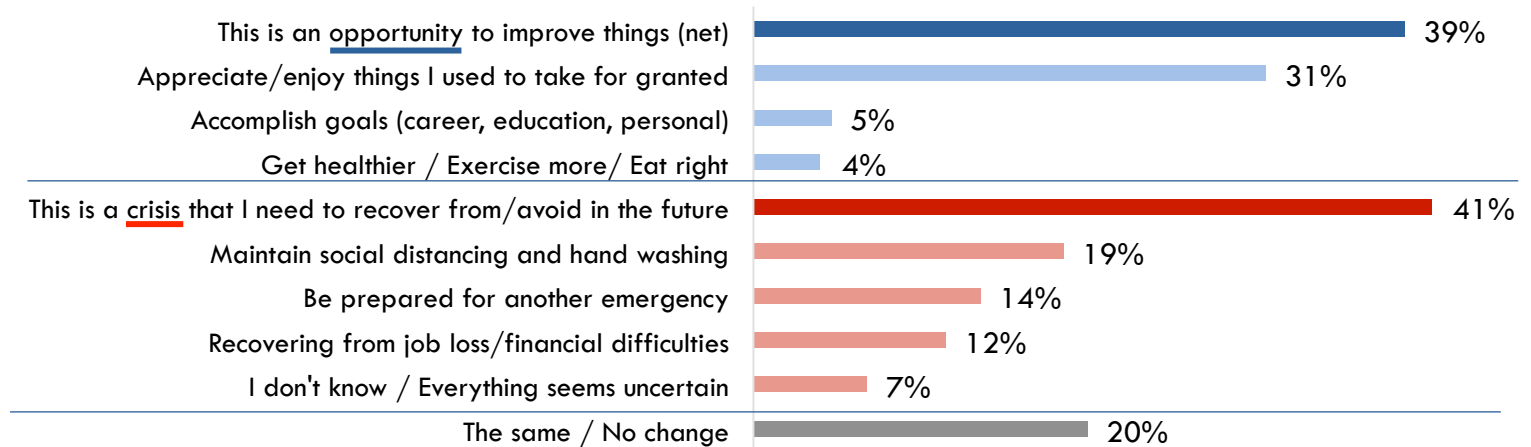
People are coming together and many people are helping neighbors, especially the elderly

I am hoping people will be more open and accepting of other people and be kinder to each other

We will be updating in the coming weeks – stay tuned or reach out if you're interested!

- **Priorities are likely to shift for 80% of consumers based on this crisis, but how they will shift differs greatly.**
 - About half of those who will change appear to see this as an **opportunity** to reset, and enjoy or accomplish the things they hadn't before.
 - Meanwhile, the other half plan to be more **prepared** in the future, and/or have had their priorities shifted for them due to losing their job, or uncertainty.

After this crisis is over, what new priorities do you think you'll have?
(Open-End)



April 1, 2020 (n=808)

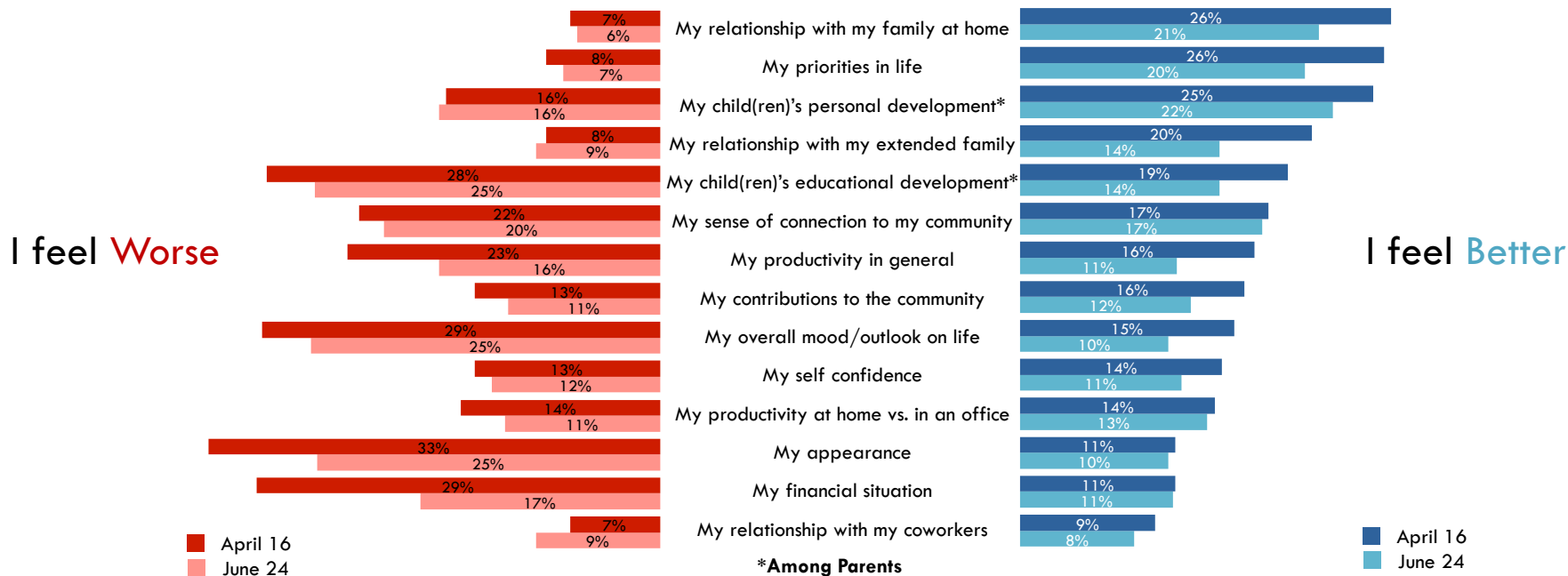
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- In April, we reported on consumers feeling **better** about their new priorities, as well as their relationships with family members near and far, and their children’s *personal* development; and **worse** about their children’s *educational* development, their overall mood, their appearance, and especially their financial situation.
- In the two months that have passed, the same trends are generally there, but the number of people feeling either better or worse has decreased, suggesting many are getting back to what feels like “normal.”

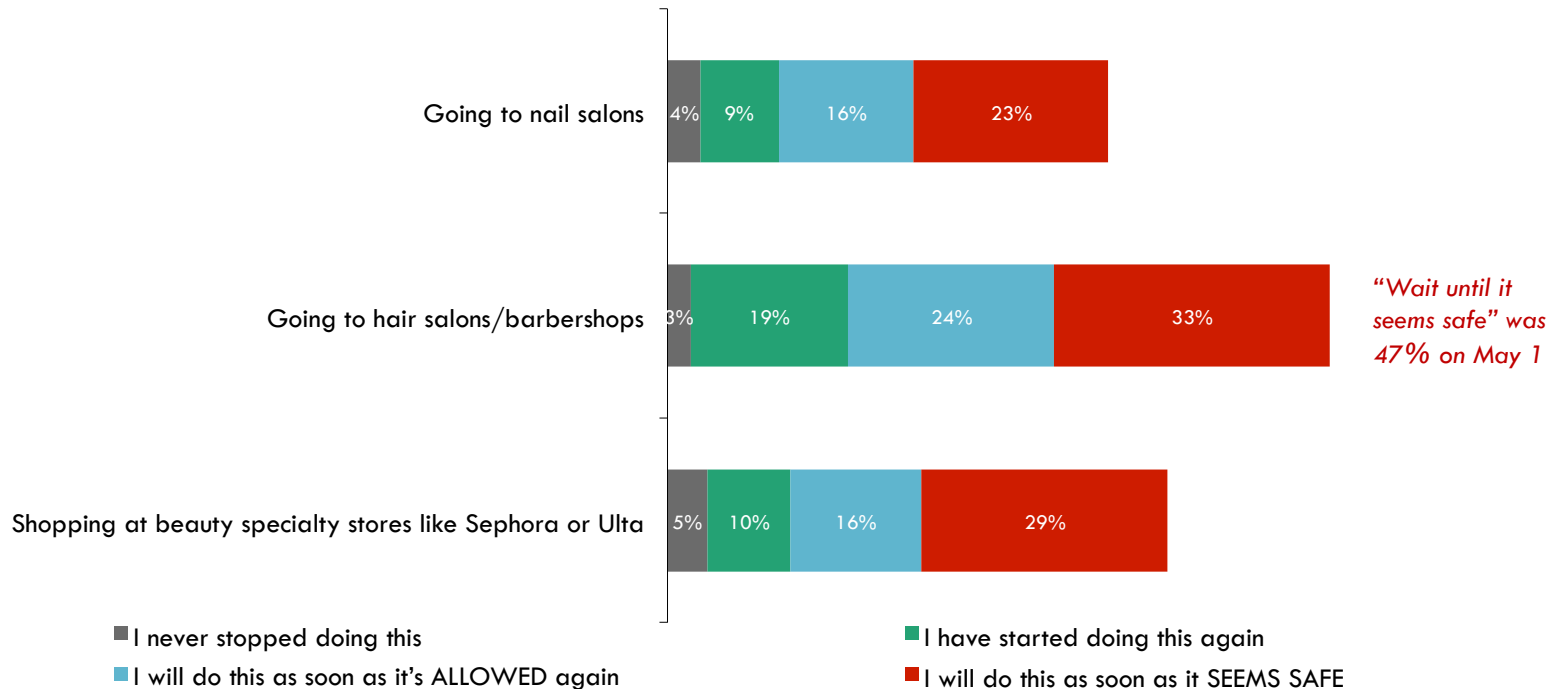
Compared to how you felt before the coronavirus crisis, how do you feel about each of the following?



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- Thinking specifically about the beauty industry, more women have already returned or plan to return to nail and hair salons as soon as it's allowed, than will wait until it seems safe to do so.
- With the precautions that we've seen in place, we suspect that it feels fairly safe, relative to other activities.

How do you feel about...



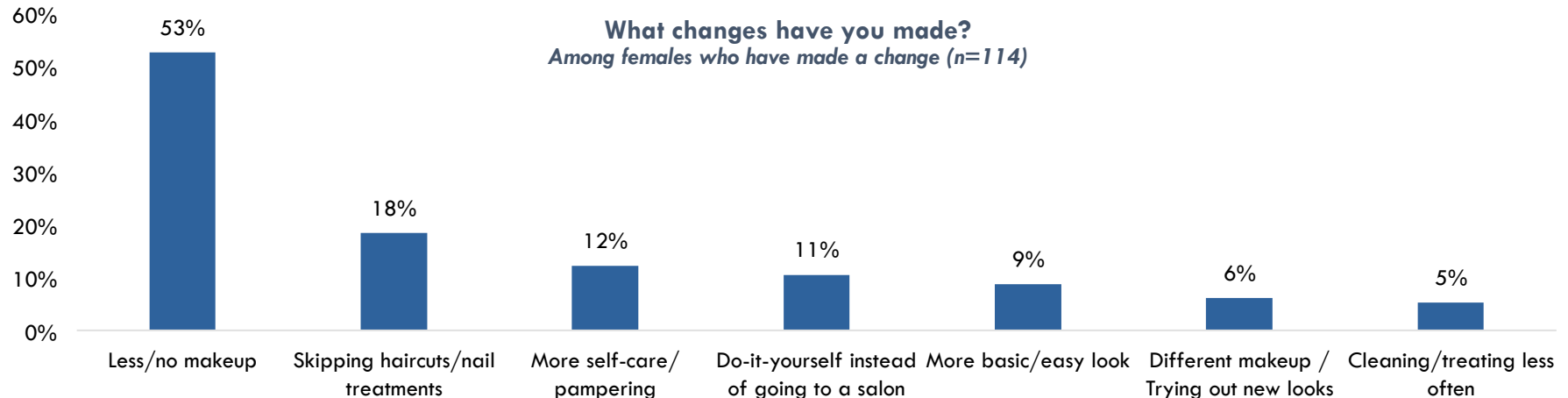
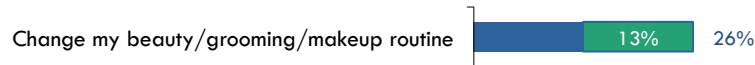


- With 64% of women being on lockdown as of June 12, it's not surprising that 26% indicate they have changed their beauty/grooming/makeup routine during this time.

- However, only 13% plan to make those changes permanent.

- Among those who have made a change, the primary adjustment is wearing makeup less often, followed by skipping haircuts/nail treatments, but some new habits have been picked up in self-care and pampering, as well as trying out new looks.

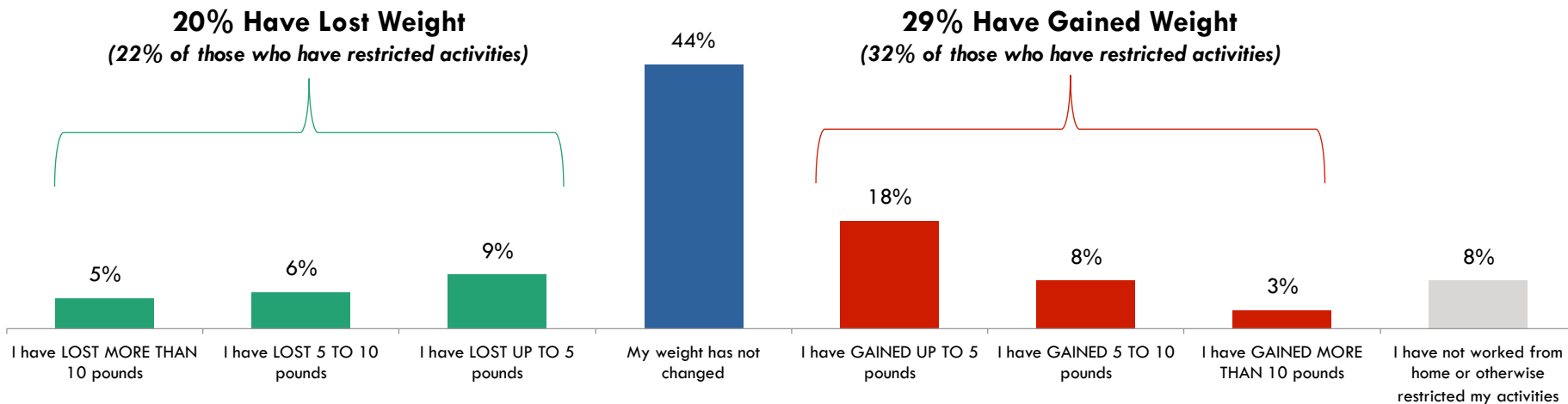
Which of the following have you done during the coronavirus pandemic? /
Which of the following do you think you will CONTINUE to do after the pandemic is under control?



Among female respondents – June 12, 2020 (n=438, differences of 6% are generally significant at the 90% confidence level)

- With all of the time spent at home, about one-third of respondents have gained at least some weight during the Coronavirus lockdown.

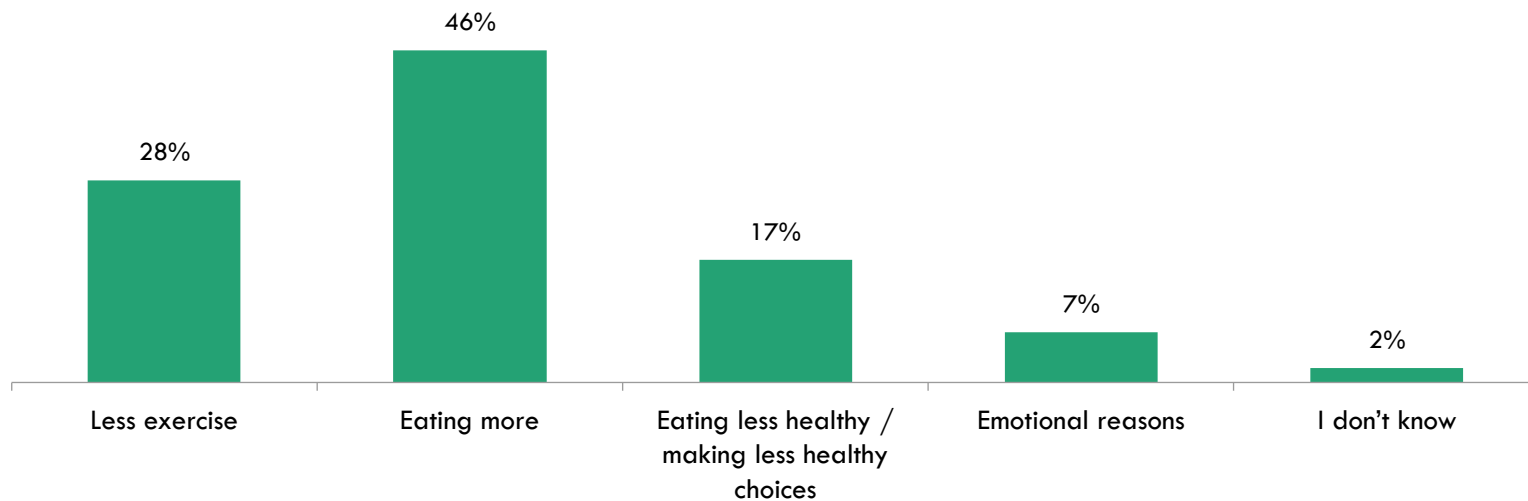
Since the beginning of the Coronavirus Crisis, while working from home or otherwise restricting your activities, how has your WEIGHT changed, if at all?



- And, most indicate it's because they're eating more.

Why do you think you have **GAINED** weight?

Among Those Who Have Gained Weight (n=294)

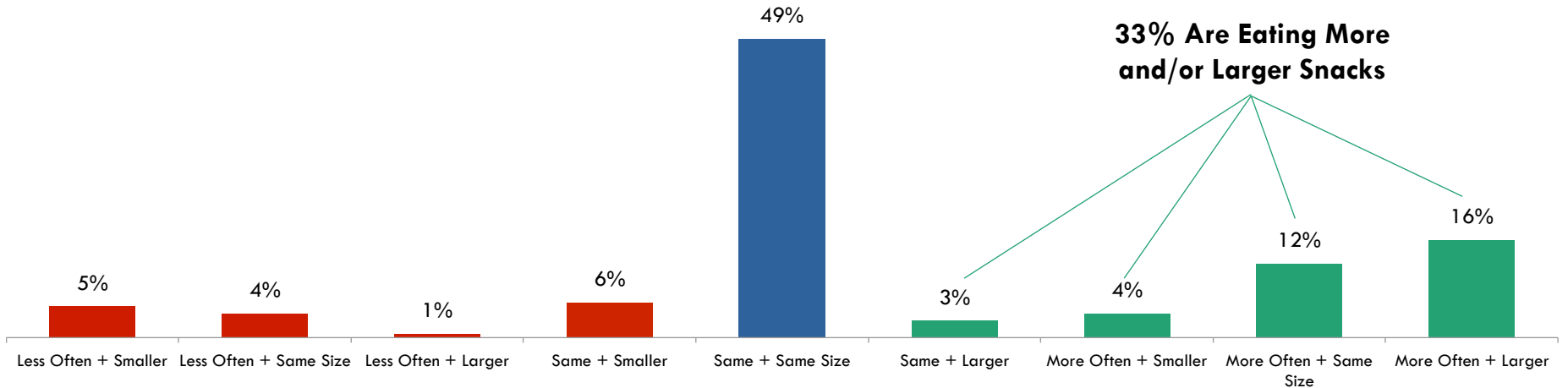




- We'd recommend thinking about ways to help consumers control their portions and frequency, as snacking habits clearly play a role in this weight gain, given the increases we've seen in eating more and larger snacks.

(Meanwhile, we're going to pretend the two have nothing to do with each other, and just be glad that Cheeto fingerprints don't show up on a PDF.)

*Compared to your habits before the Coronavirus pandemic, are you snacking less often, the same, or more often?
And, would you say you're generally eating smaller snacks/servings, the same size, or larger snacks/servings?*



Focus on e-Commerce

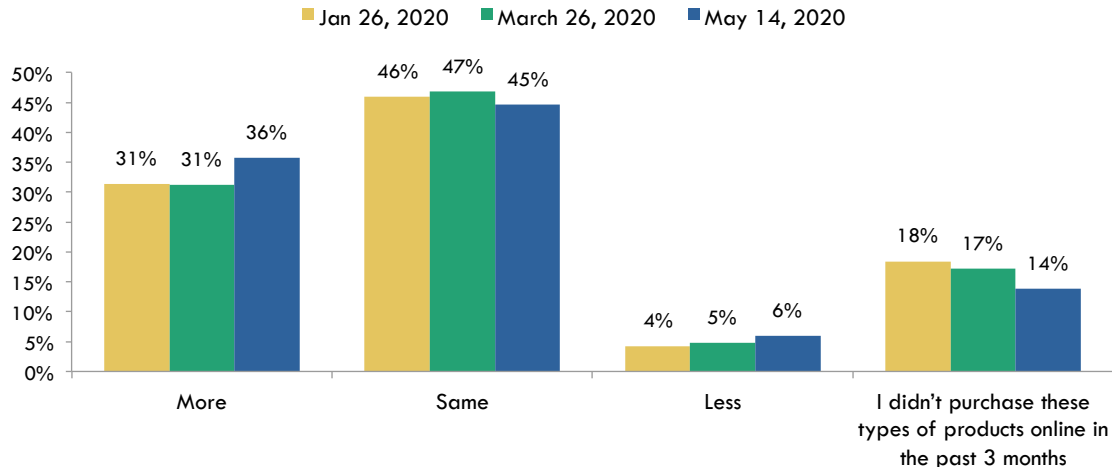
Online sales are up – we dug into the details for some key categories.





- Even back in January, about one-third of consumers were reporting an increase in online shopping for household items, but in May of this year, we saw an increase to 36%, indicating consumers have purchased household items online more often than they have in the past.

Thinking about common household purchases (like groceries, personal care, or cleaning products), did you purchase more, the same, or less of these types of products from online stores in the past 3 months versus the same time last year?

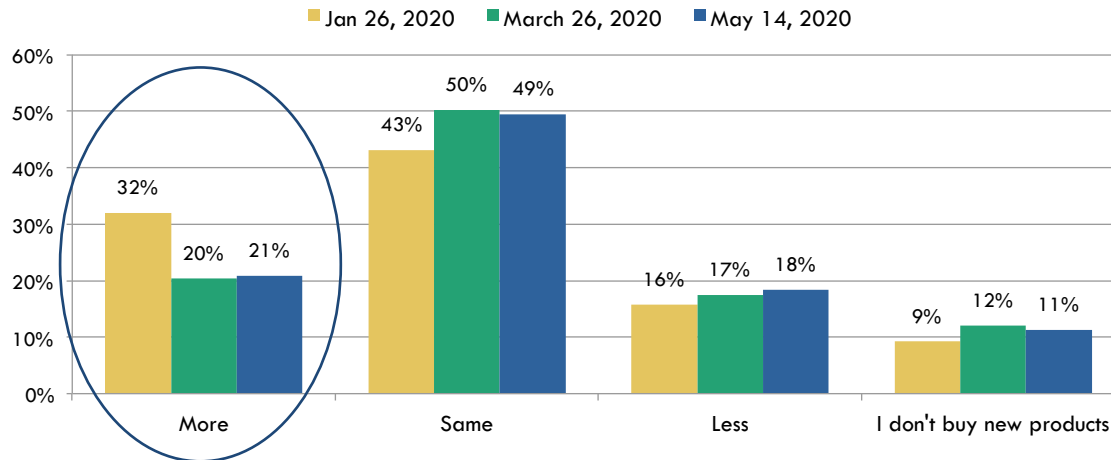


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- However, consumers may be less daring about trying new products from online purchases during these uncertain times, as fewer people say they're buying more *new* products online during the crisis.

When shopping online, do you usually buy more, the same, or less new products (i.e. products to try for the first time) than you usually buy when shopping in-store?



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- While the purchasing of categories hasn't changed much (with the exception of gift items post-holidays), we are seeing meaningful shifts in *where and how* people are buying – moving away from in-store purchases to online for home delivery or fast pickup (for packaged foods and beverages).

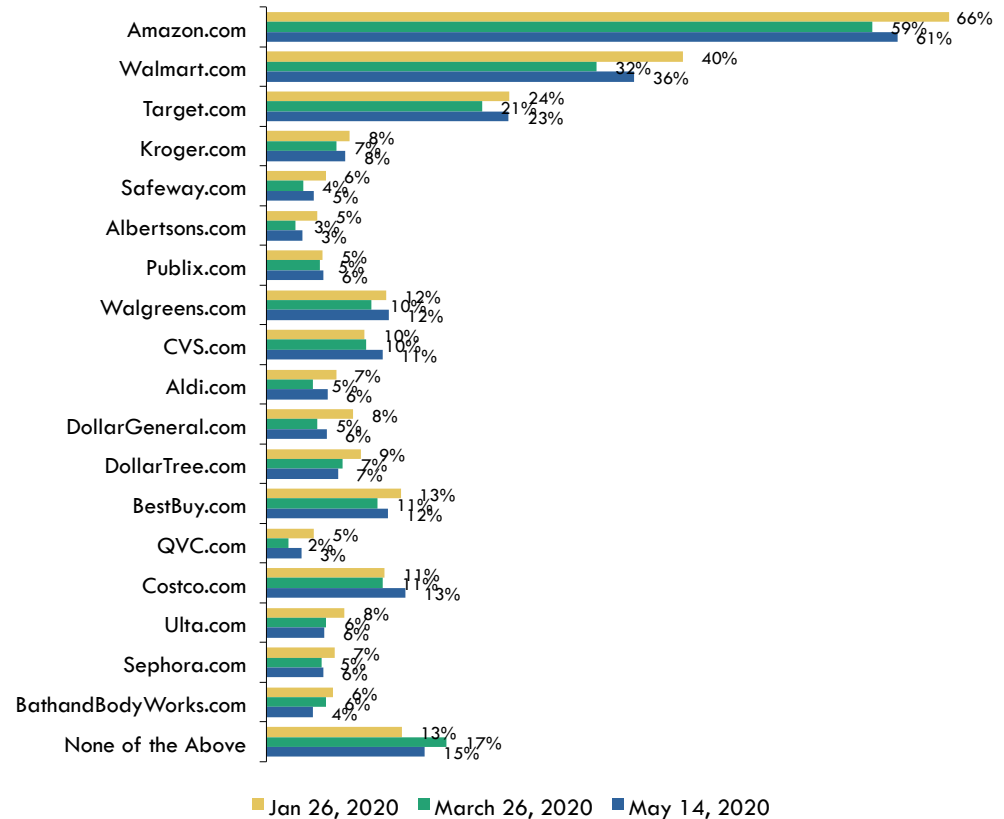
	Which of the following categories have you purchased in the past 3 months?			What are all of the ways you have purchased each of these categories in the past 3 months? (Among P3M Buyers)													
				Grocery / Drug / Mass / Club			Online for delivery to home			Online for fast pickup at store			Online subscription				
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C		
	Jan-20	Mar-20	May-20	Jan-20	Mar-20	May-20	Jan-20	Mar-20	May-20	Jan-20	Mar-20	May-20	Jan-20	Mar-20	May-20		
Packaged Foods	60%	62%	62%	86%	90%	C 81%	16%	12%	17%	B	6%	9%	15%	A B	5%	1%	4%
Beverages	59%	58%	59%	86%	90%	86%	13%	11%	12%		7%	7%	12%	B	3%	1%	2%
Fresh Foods	58%	60%	60%	85%	91%	C 84%	10%	11%	15%		10%	7%	11%		5%	1%	3%
Candy or Chocolate	58% B	54%	54%	86%	86%	82%	15%	14%	19%		5%	7%	10%		4%	2%	1%
Dairy Products	63%	64%	63%	87%	92%	C 86%	11%	9%	13%		7%	9%	12%		4%	1%	2%
Coffee Beans, Grounds, or Pods	48%	47%	48%	80%	83%	C 75%	21%	18%	22%		9%	7%	11%		8%	3%	4%
Meal Kits	18%	14%	15%	71%	60%	62%	28%	30%	27%		21%	12%	18%		15%	9%	12%
Beauty Products	46% B C	36%	35%	69%	71%	C 63%	38%	42%	43%		13%	9%	12%		8%	5%	7%
Personal Care products	60%	61%	60%	81%	84%	C 77%	27%	22%	26%		8%	7%	11%		5%	3%	5%
Non-Prescription Medicines	41%	43%	C 39%	85%	84%	81%	20%	16%	20%		6%	9%	8%		4%	5%	5%
Nutritional Supplements or Vitamins	40% B	36%	39%	72%	C 71%	C 59%	42%	36%	42%		8%	5%	9%		8%	6%	5%
Household Products	58%	61%	61%	87%	C 85%	C 76%	19%	18%	23%		8%	9%	12%		4%	3%	3%
Pet Food or Pet Care products	41% B C	35%	33%	76%	75%	68%	31%	32%	35%		10%	8%	14%		6%	6%	9%
Small appliances	23% B C	17%	15%	52%	C 54%	C 36%	53%	46%	59%	B	15%	14%	21%		10%	3%	10%
Electronics	27% B C	21%	20%	55%	C 46%	C 35%	42%	48%	59%	A B	13%	15%	15%		10%	4%	8%
Toys	28% B C	16%	17%	64%	B C 51%	C 38%	42%	55%	A	59%	A	15%	10%	17%	8%	5%	7%
Apparel	47% B C	41%	C 36%	61%	C 64%	C 37%	54%	58%	65%	A B	11%	9%	12%		4%	2%	4%

Red: downward trend, blue upward. Significant differences at the 90% confidence level indicated by letters.



- Increases in penetration by online retailers aren't dramatic, which suggests that the increases in sales on these sites must be from *increased frequency from already habitual customers*, more than from new ones.

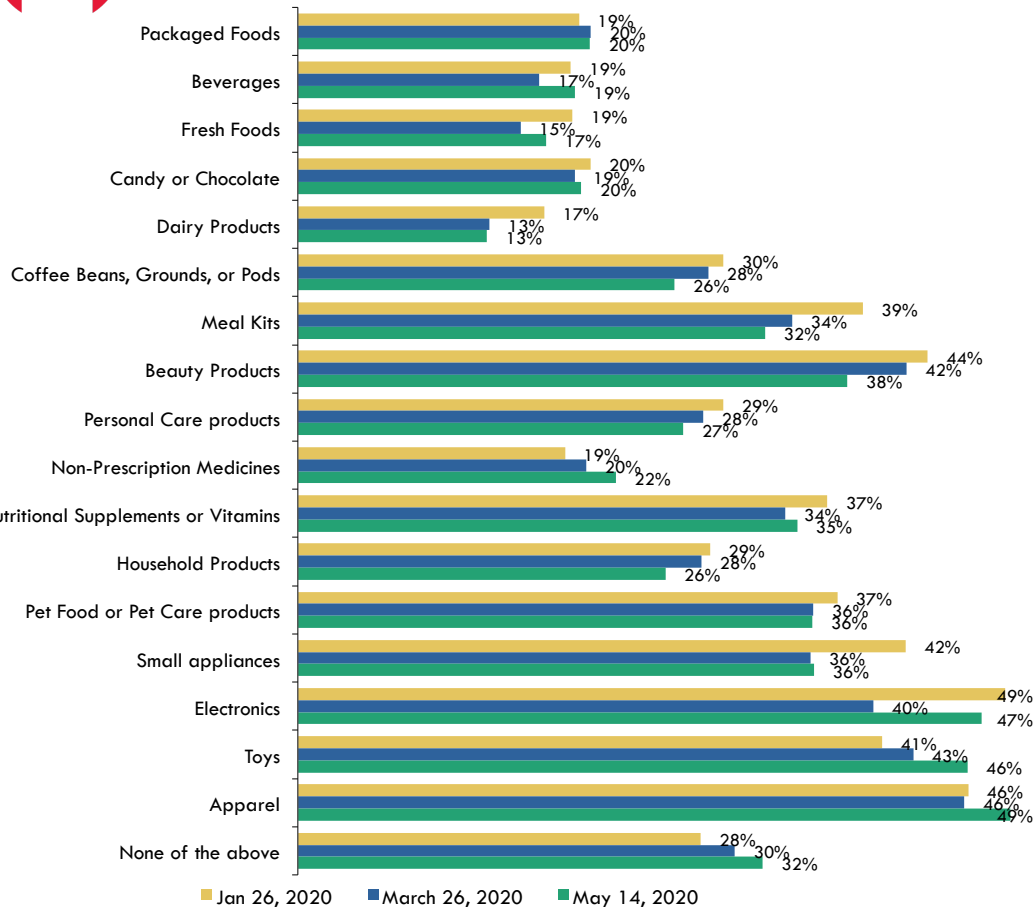
Which of the following online retailers have you purchased from in the past 3 months?





For each of these product categories, which do you expect to purchase more of online in the future, if any?

Among P3M Buyers of Each



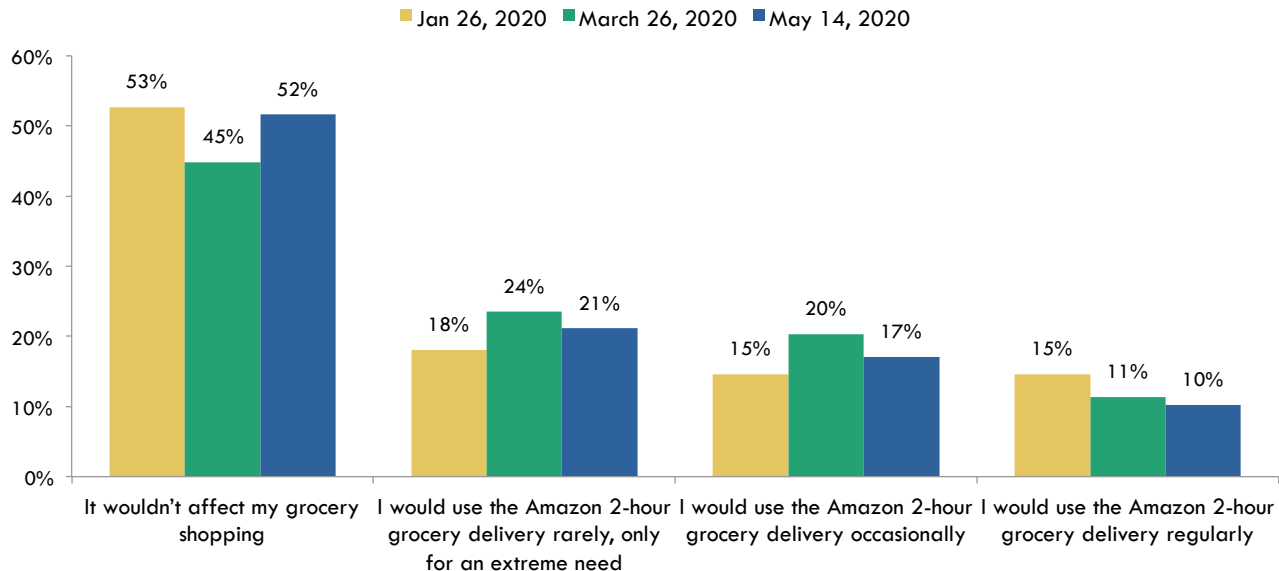
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- Electronics, toys, apparel, beauty products, and (to a lesser degree) meal kits, pet products, and at-home coffee products continue to be the categories that P3M buyers are most likely to consider buying online **even more** in the future.
- Even the lower-rated categories like packaged foods and beverages are expected to be bought online more often by 1 in 5 buyers of those categories, which will continue to fuel e-commerce growth for the foreseeable future.



- In the early weeks of the pandemic, slightly more consumers were likely to consider Amazon's 2-hour delivery for emergencies or occasional use than in the January wave, but that enthusiasm has cooled recently.
- Still, if 1 in 10 Americans switched to using Amazon's 2-hour delivery, it'd be a huge shift in category purchasing.

Amazon has introduced 2-hour grocery delivery in many areas. If it were available in your area, how do you think it would affect your grocery shopping, if at all?

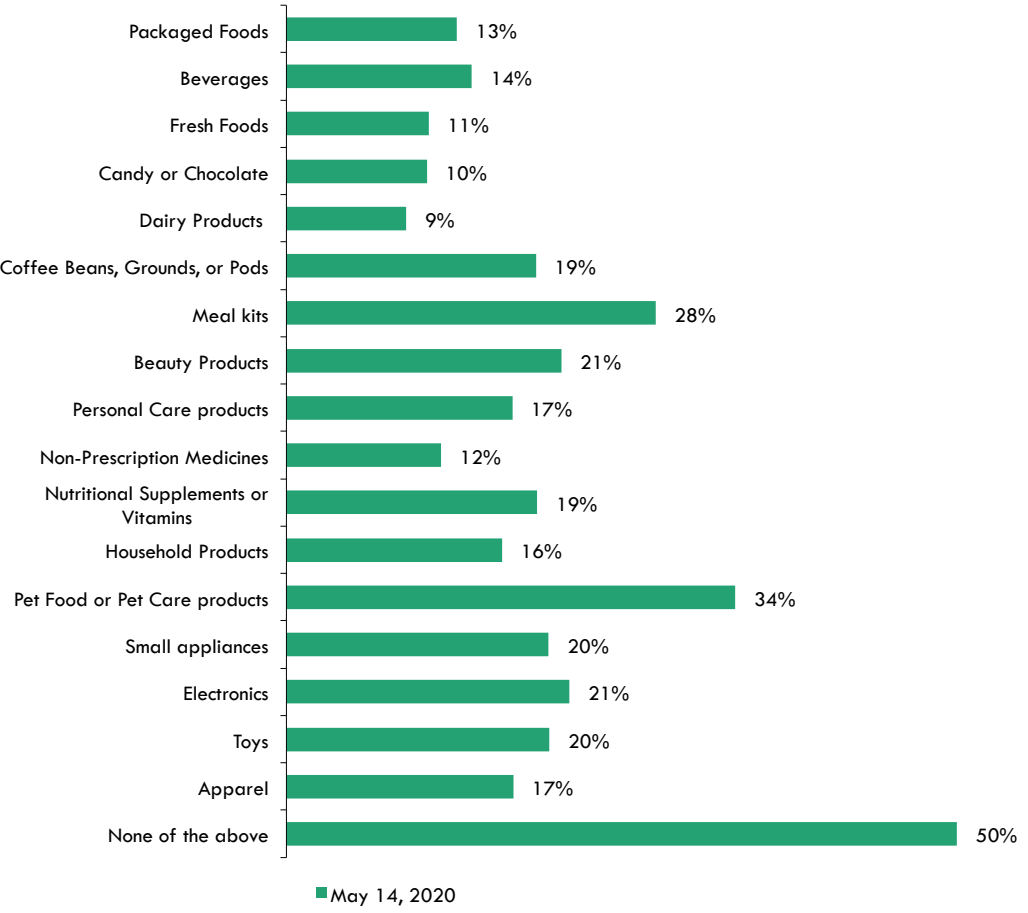


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Which of these categories would you consider buying a subscription to automatically deliver your favorite items to your home in the future, if any?

Among P3M Buyers



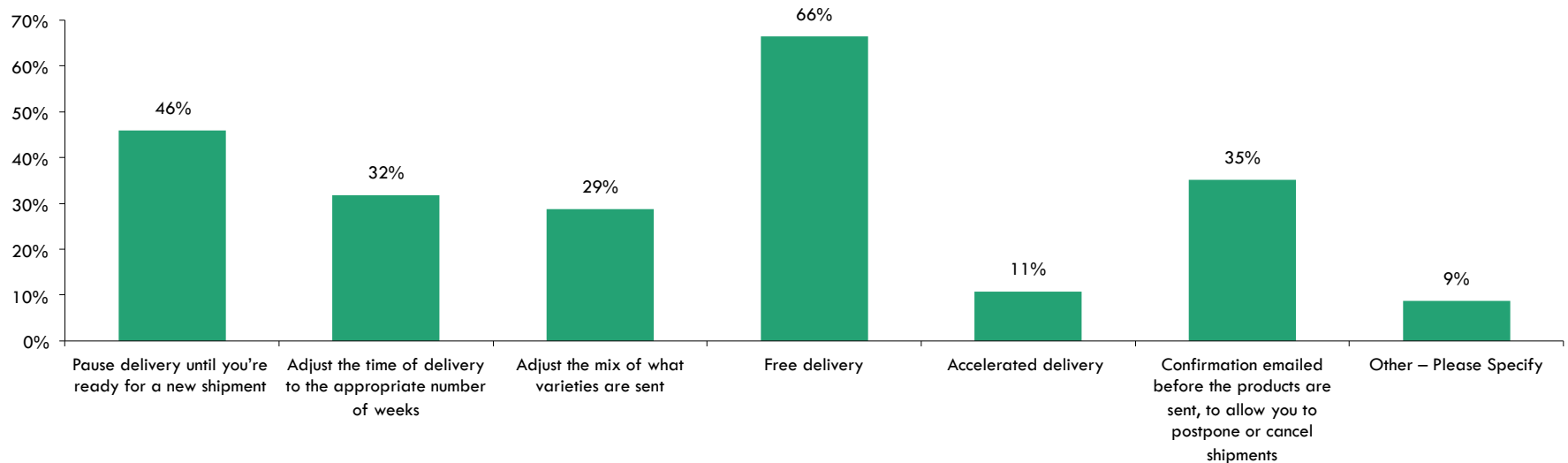
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- Staying at home hasn't necessarily made consumers broadly open to subscriptions.
- This may be due to uncertainty about future needs or ability to pay for subscription services.
- However, for most of these categories, about 1 in 5 consumers are receptive to subscription models, which would represent a huge shift in buying versus today's shopper journey.
- Meal kits and pet products are the categories that buyers are most interested in subscribing to, likely due to startups that have built acceptance of these areas.



- Free delivery is desired by about two-thirds of consumers if they are considering subscription purchases, followed by the ability to pause or postpone shipments on an ad hoc basis.
- Controlling the frequency / adjusting the contents of the shipment are less broadly motivating, but may still be key to attracting certain consumers.

Which of the following features or options would you want when considering subscription purchases?



Economic Impact

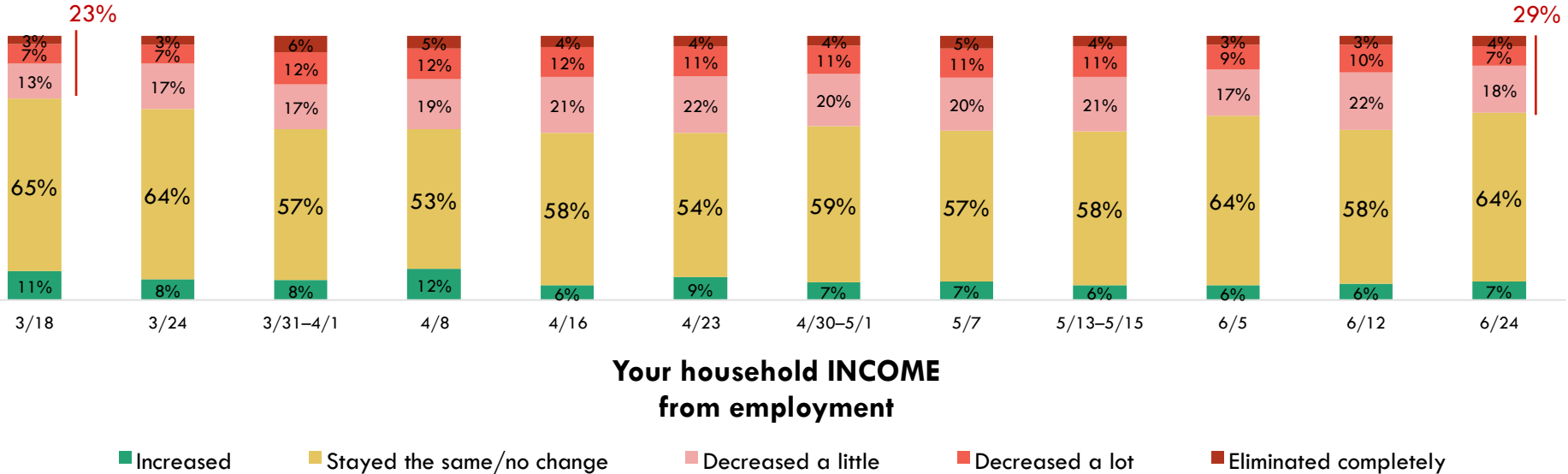
Continuing our tracking of consumer spending tendencies, with added insight into how these changes break out along income lines, and why spending is down.





• **About one-third of those surveyed have lost at least some income – a number that has held steady since early April.**

*How much, if at all, has each of the following **CHANGED** since before recent events?*

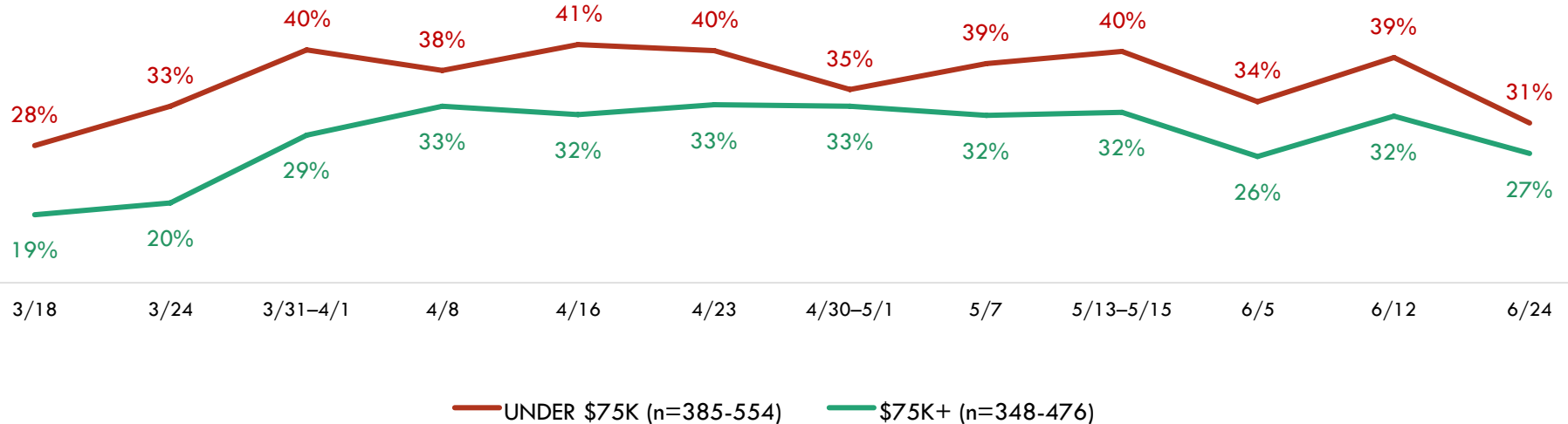


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- More households with an income of under \$75k have consistently reported declines in their income than those with incomes of \$75k or higher.

Household Income DECREASES (Any) By Household Income Level

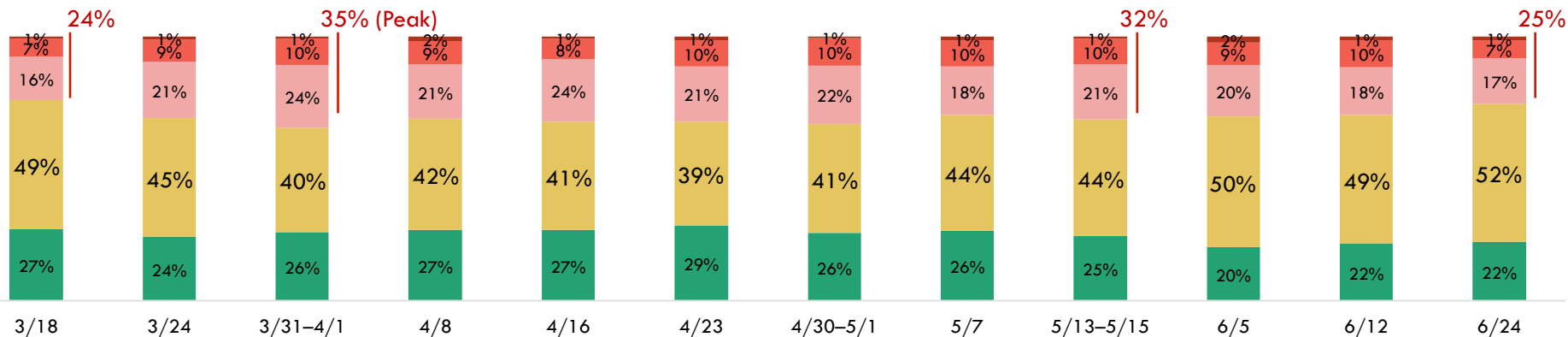


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- Throughout the crisis, about one-third of households have cut back on essential spending (25% in this latest wave – but it’s too soon to say if that’s a persistent downward trend or not.)
- The number of households who are *increasing* their essential spending has dwindled since April, suggesting we may finally be starting to see some relief from hoarding and panic-buying.

How much, if at all, has each of the following CHANGED since before recent events?



Your household **SPENDING** on **ESSENTIAL** items

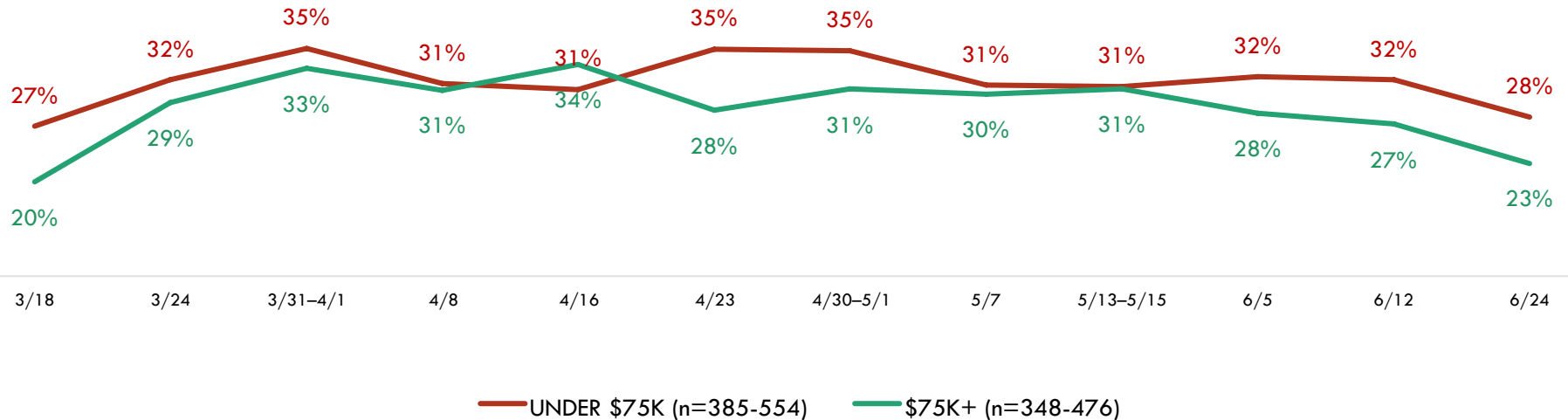
■ Increased ■ Stayed the same/no change ■ Decreased a little ■ Decreased a lot ■ Eliminated completely

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- Essential spending decreases are generally similar across income ranges, with lower-income households – who have suffered greater losses – being slightly more likely to have decreased a little more, suggesting some hard choices have been necessary.

ESSENTIAL SPENDING DECREASES (Any) By Household Income Level

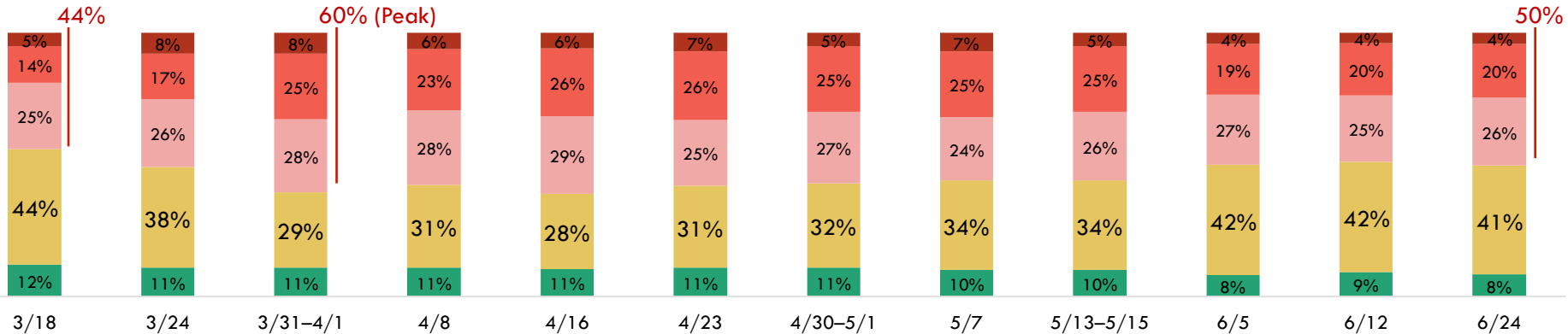


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- The number of households decreasing their non-essential spending appears to be trending down, with about half reporting a decrease, down from 60% in late March / early April.

How much, if at all, has each of the following CHANGED since before recent events?



Your household **SPENDING** on **NON-ESSENTIAL** items

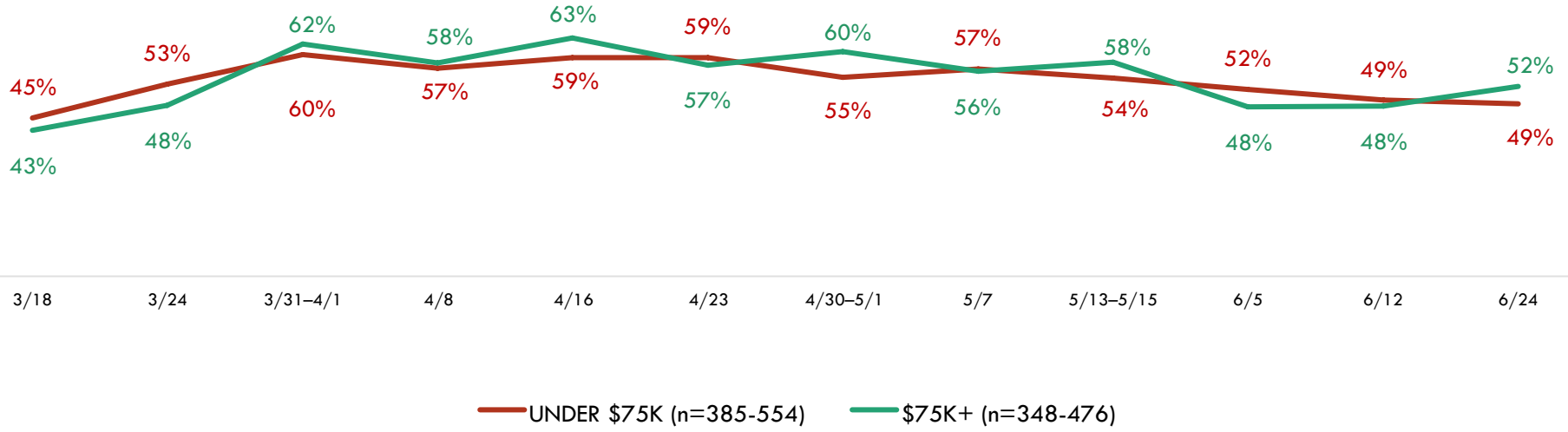
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- Despite being less impacted by income loss, more affluent consumers are just as likely to have decreased non-essential spending as those in lower-income brackets, which suggests they are holding back for other reasons – and is troubling for all businesses, even those that cater to higher-income households.

NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING DECREASES (Any) By Household Income Level

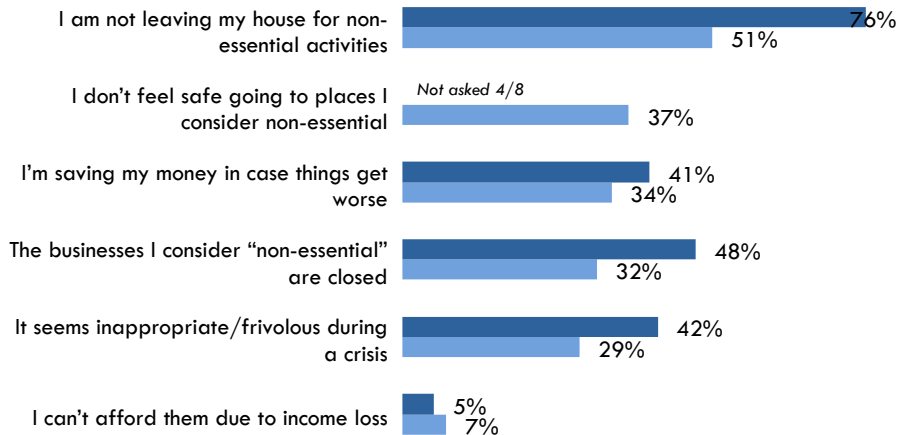


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- Those who **haven't lost income** are spending less these days because they're just not going out as much, and because they're saving money in case things get worse.
- Those who **have lost income** have the same primary reasons: saving in case things get worse, or not leaving the house (with not being able to afford non-essentials coming up somewhat less often than these reasons).

You indicated you're spending less on non-essential items these days. Why, specifically, is that?

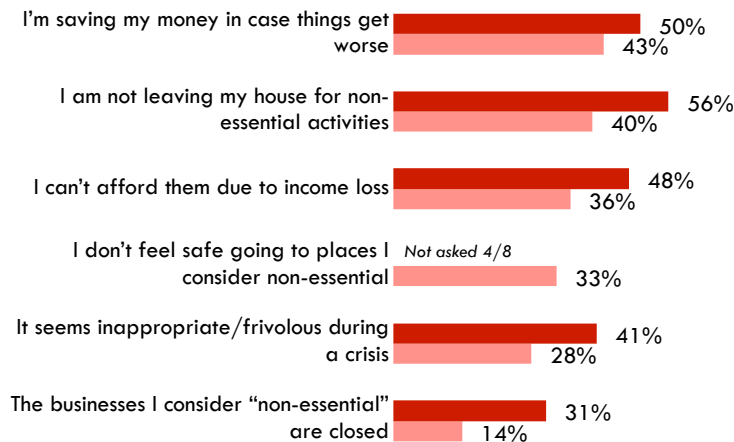
Have NOT Experienced Income Loss



■ April 8 (n=306)

■ June 24 (n=248)

HAVE Experienced Income Loss



■ April 8 (n=261)

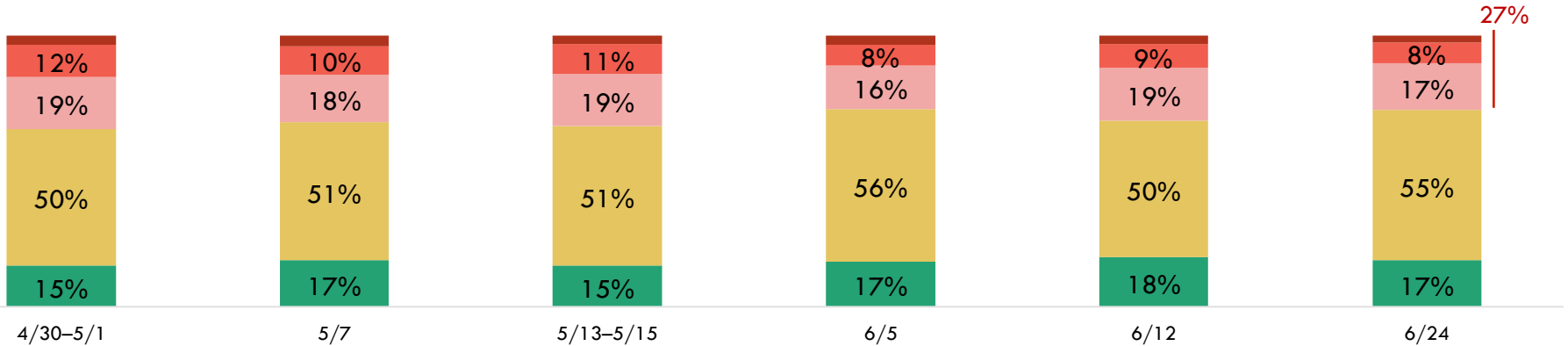
■ June 24 (n=178)





- Between a quarter and a third of households have had to pull from savings.

How much, if at all, has each of the following CHANGED since before recent events?



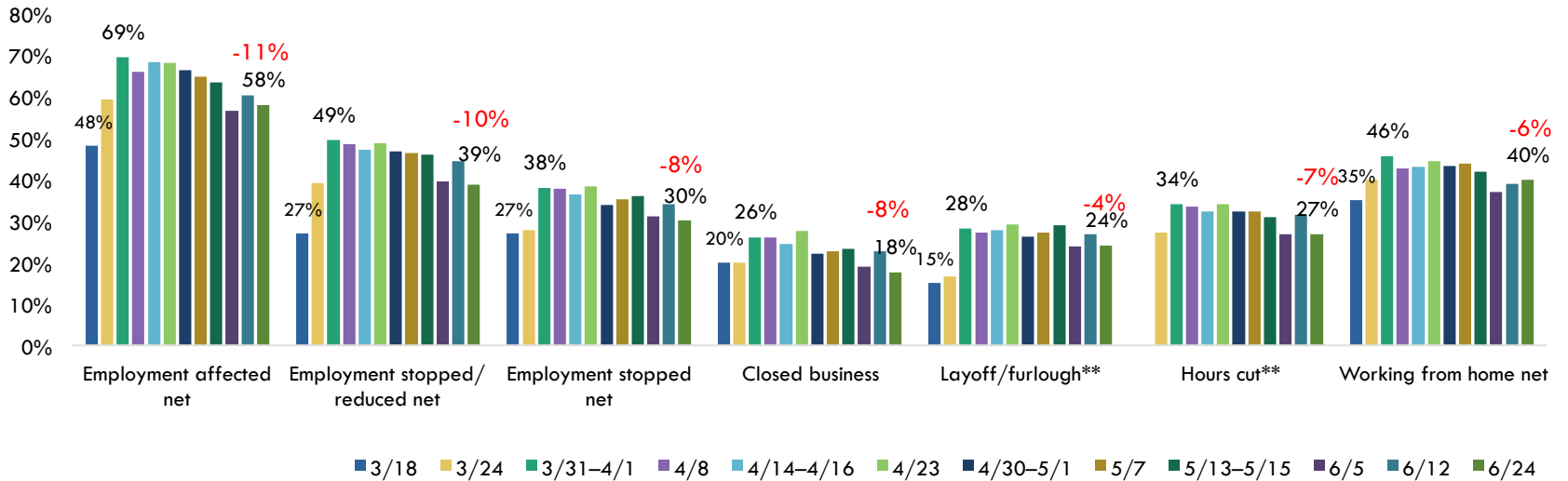
Your household SAVINGS

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- **Employment losses appear to be trending down from their peak at the beginning of April, as some businesses re-open or people find new jobs.**

- However, the changes over time are slight, and those with stopped/reduced income are still at an alarmingly high rate if these businesses/industries don't bounce back soon.

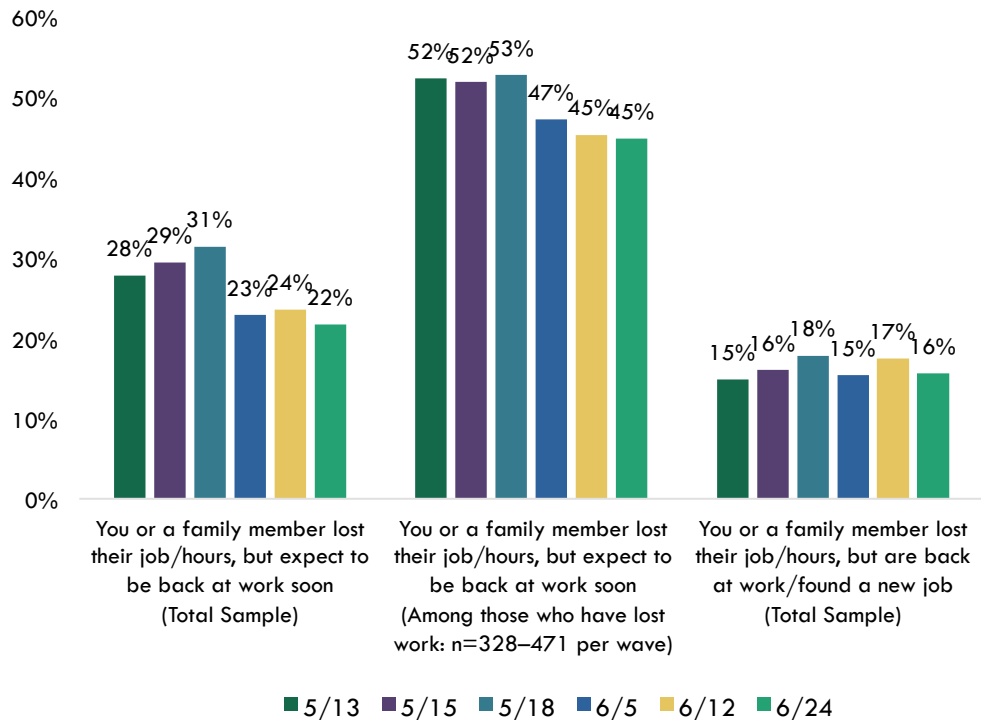
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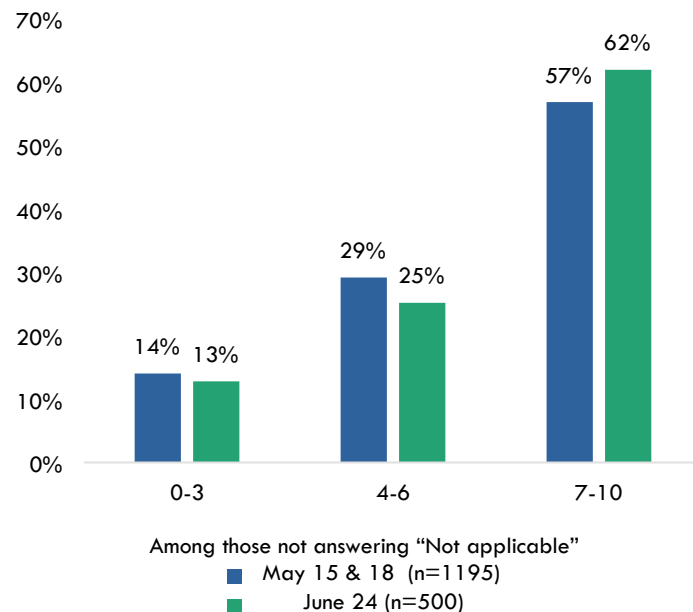
**Furlough added on 3/31 **Hours cut added on 3/24

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- While some unemployed workers are optimistic that they'll be back at work soon, and some have already been able to find new work, about 40% have low confidence in getting their jobs back.



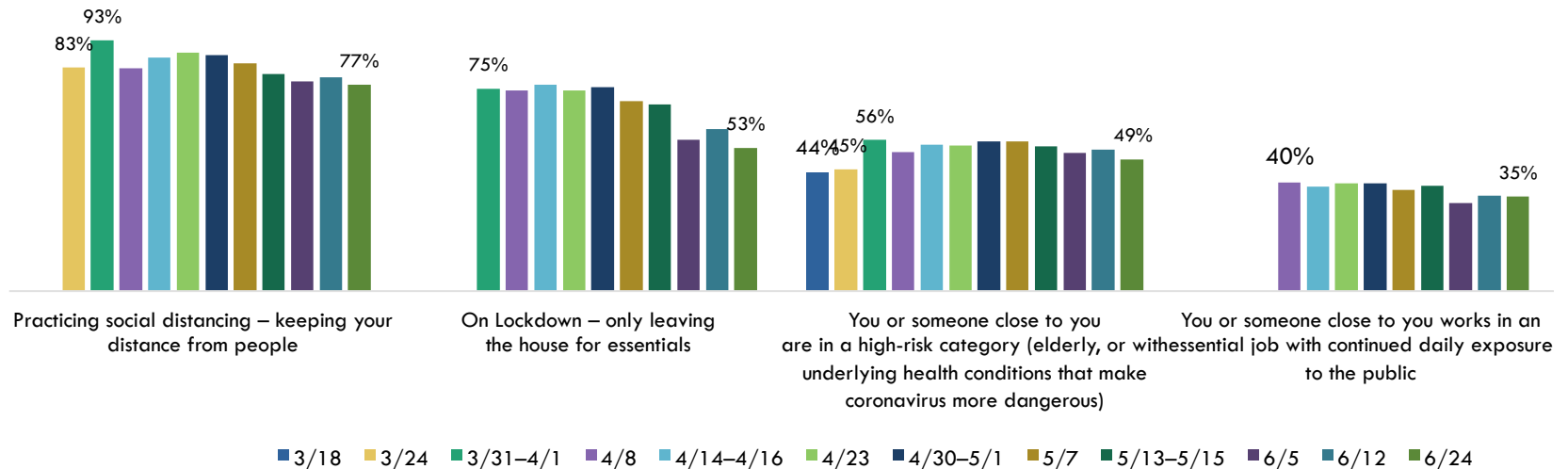
*If you have lost income or employment due to the Coronavirus, how CONFIDENT are you that you will get your hours/salary back sometime in the near future?
(0) Not At All Confident / (10) Very Confident*



Differences of 4% or greater are significant at the 90% confidence level.

- The number of consumers practicing social distancing and lockdown continues to decline, as more states open back up.
- The number of people working in essential jobs has decreased, perhaps due to additional recent layoffs/closures, or changes in worksites that decrease public contact.

Which of the following changes have you or someone in your household experienced due to recent events?



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- **What's Next?**

- These results may vary further by regional hot spot, age, household income, and countless segment opportunities.

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