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Findings from the 2020 American Values Survey



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About the 2020 American Values Survey

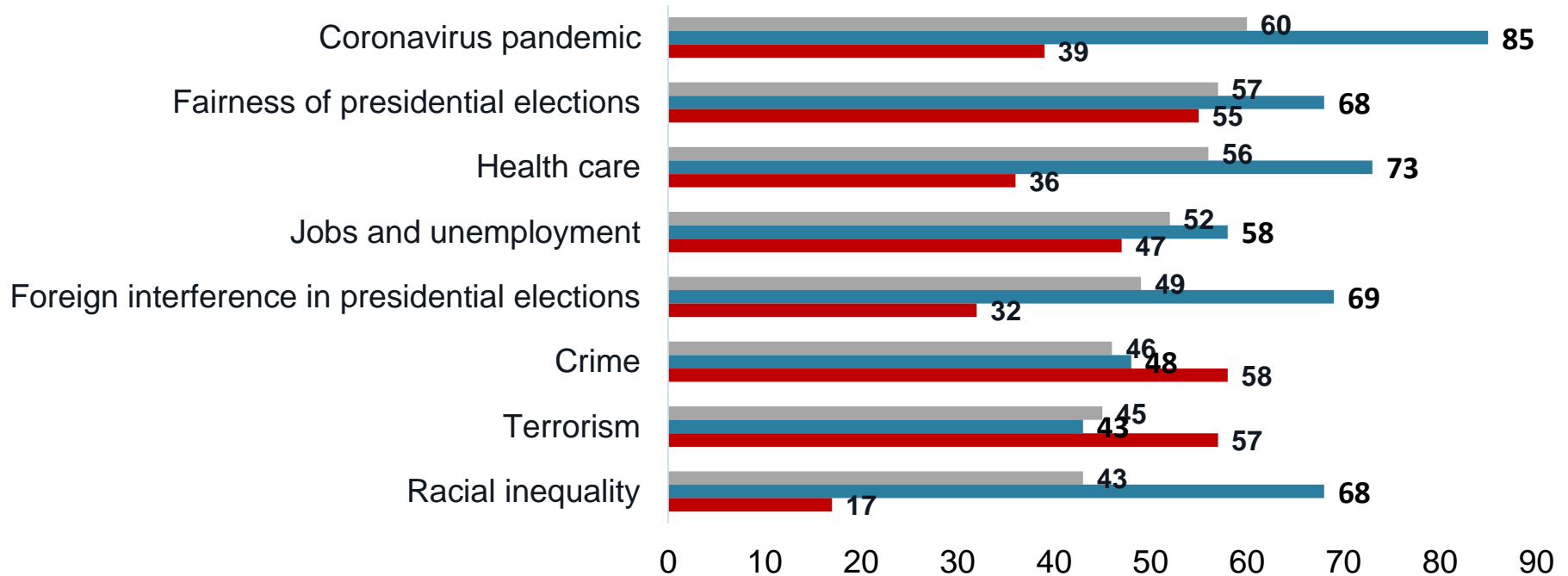
- 11th Annual American Values Survey, conducted by PRRI in partnership with The Brookings Institution
- Survey of 2,538 adults in AmeriSpeak, a probability-based panel run by NORC at University of Chicago, conducted September 9-22, 2020.
- Supplemental survey of 1,070 adults conducted October 9-12, 2020.
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CRITICAL ISSUES IN THE COUNTRY: DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ARE WORLDS APART

Top Critical Issues in the Country, by Party Affiliation

Percent who see the following as *CRITICAL ISSUES*:

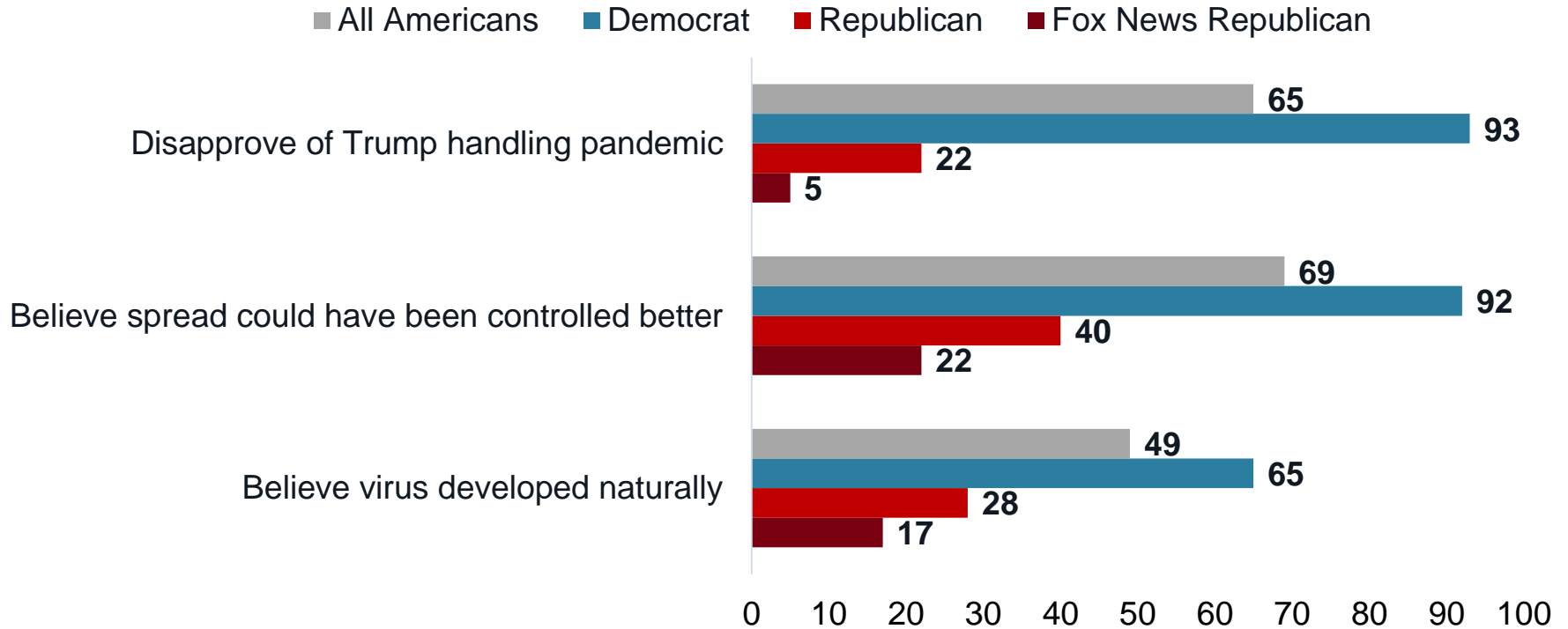
■ All Americans ■ Democrat ■ Republican



Source: PRRI 2020 American Values Survey.

THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC THROUGH PARTISAN LENSES

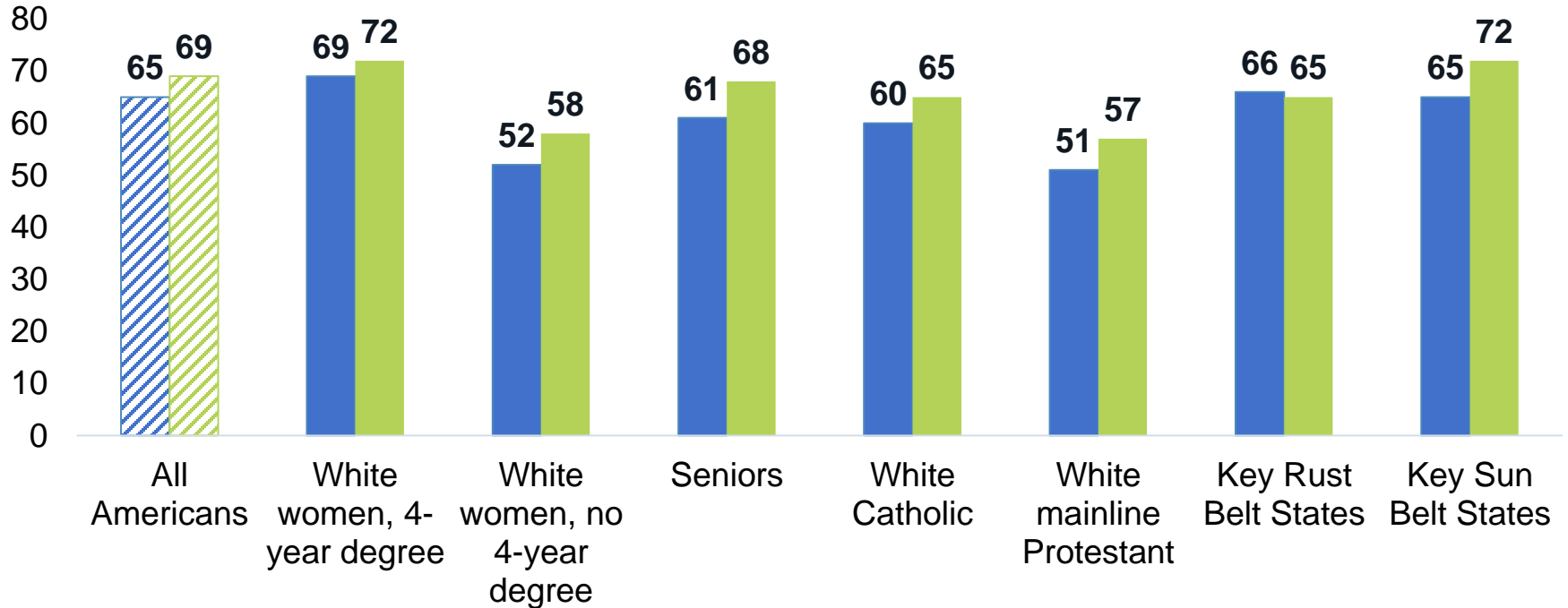
Partisans See Different Realities in Pandemic



Source: PRRI 2020 American Values Survey.

Swing Groups Give Trump Low Marks on His Handling of Pandemic

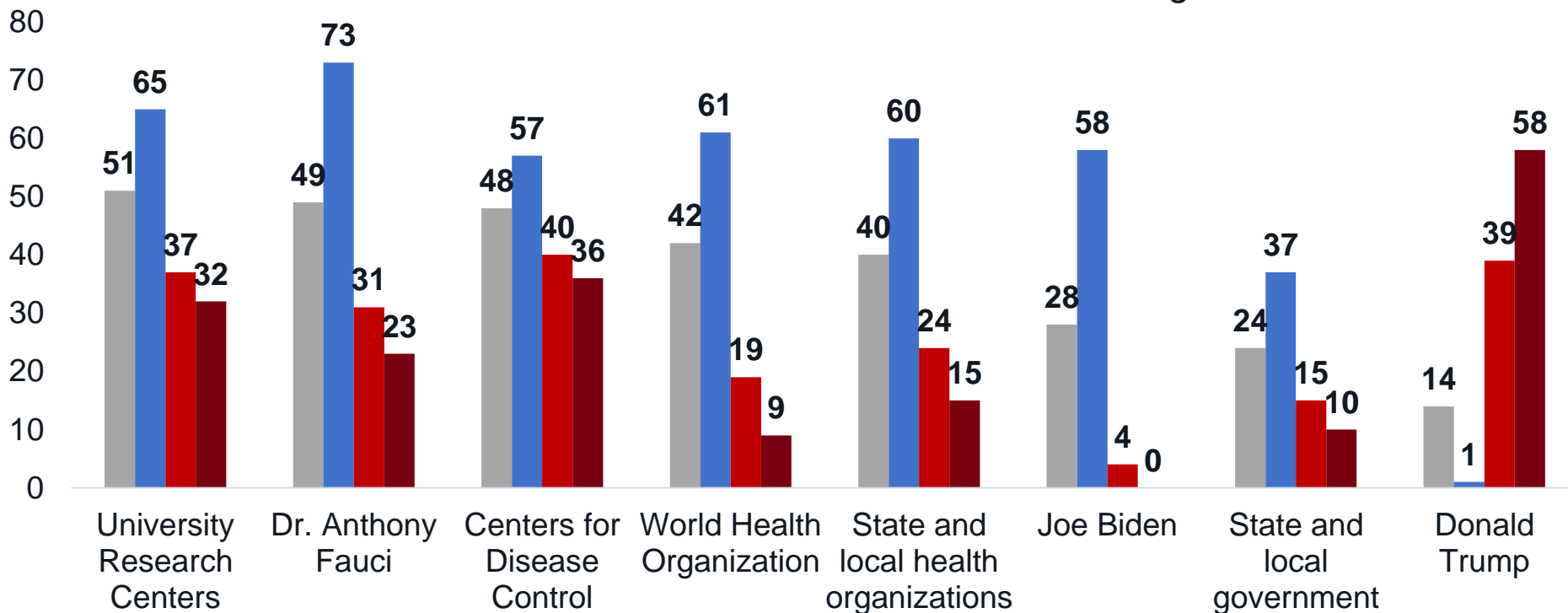
■ Disapprove of Trump's handling of the pandemic ■ Believe spread could have been controlled better



Source: PRRI 2020 American Values Survey.

Trusted Sources of Information about the Pandemic, by Party Affiliation

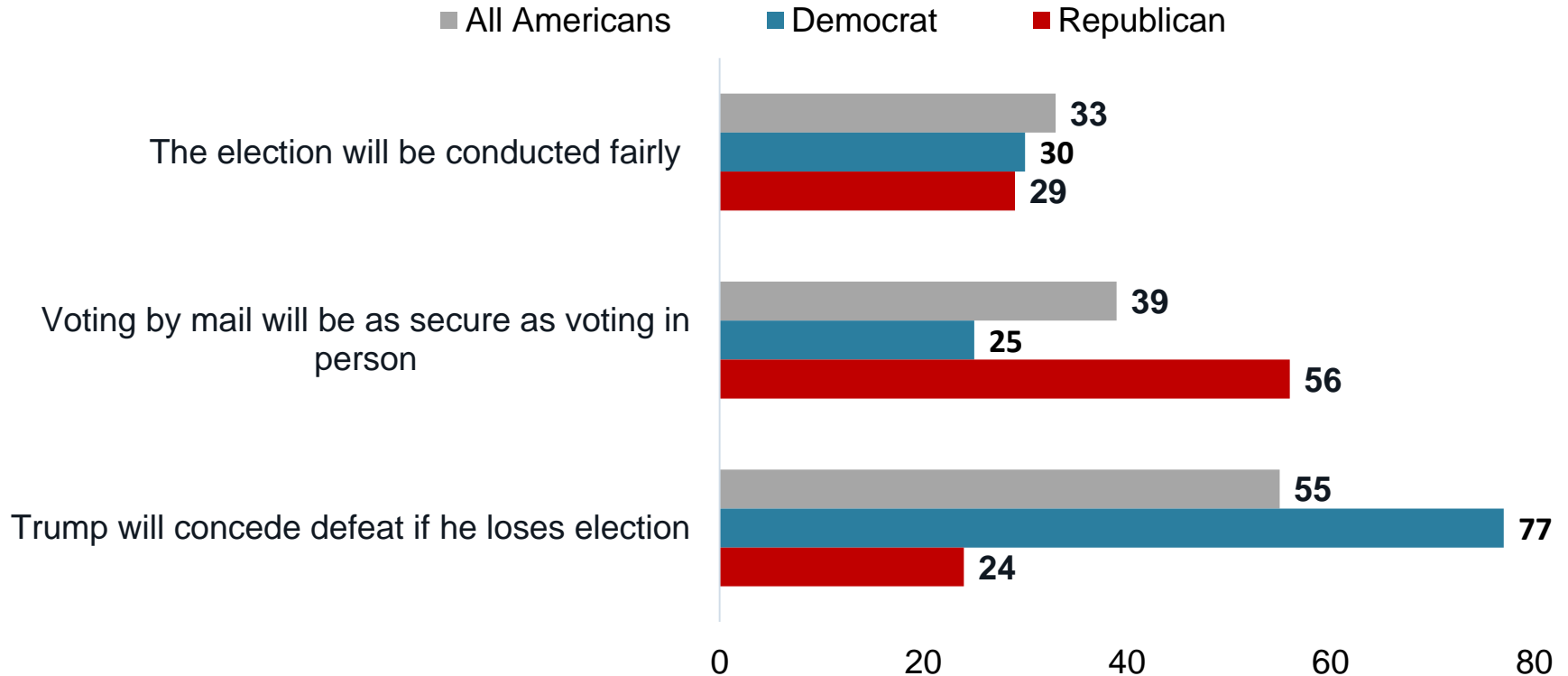
Percent who have A LOT OF TRUST in the following sources:



THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AND THE CANDIDATES

Major Partisan Divides in Confidence of Election Integrity

Percent who are NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT:

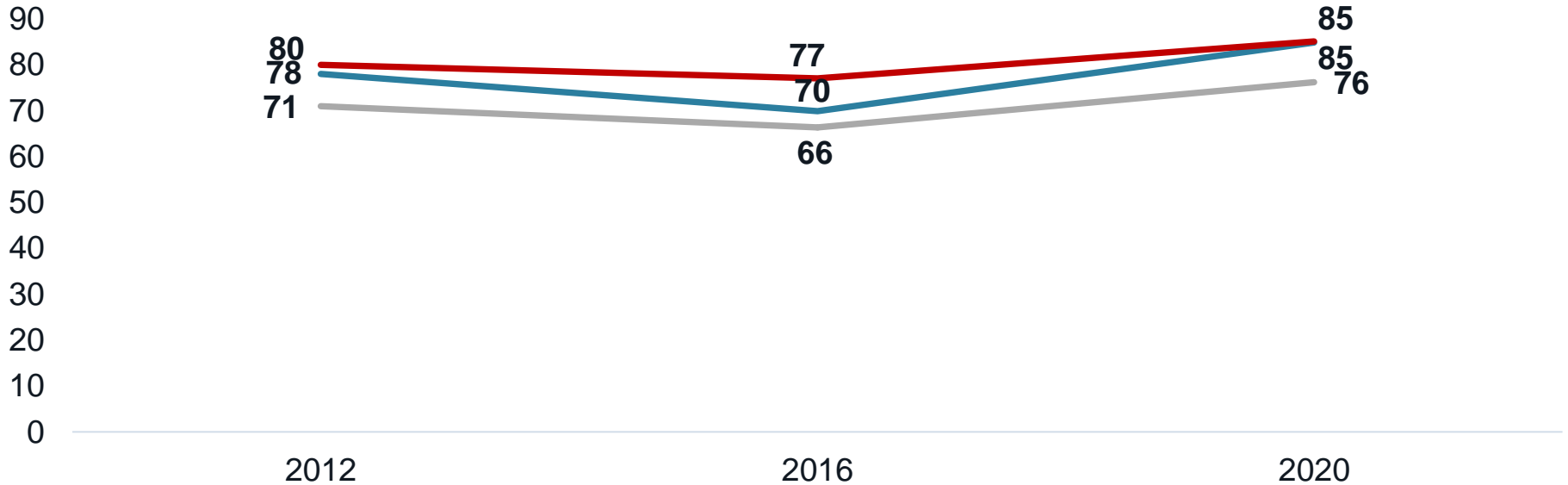


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High Enthusiasm for Voting in 2020

Percent who report they are ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN TO VOTE:

— All Americans — Democrat — Republican

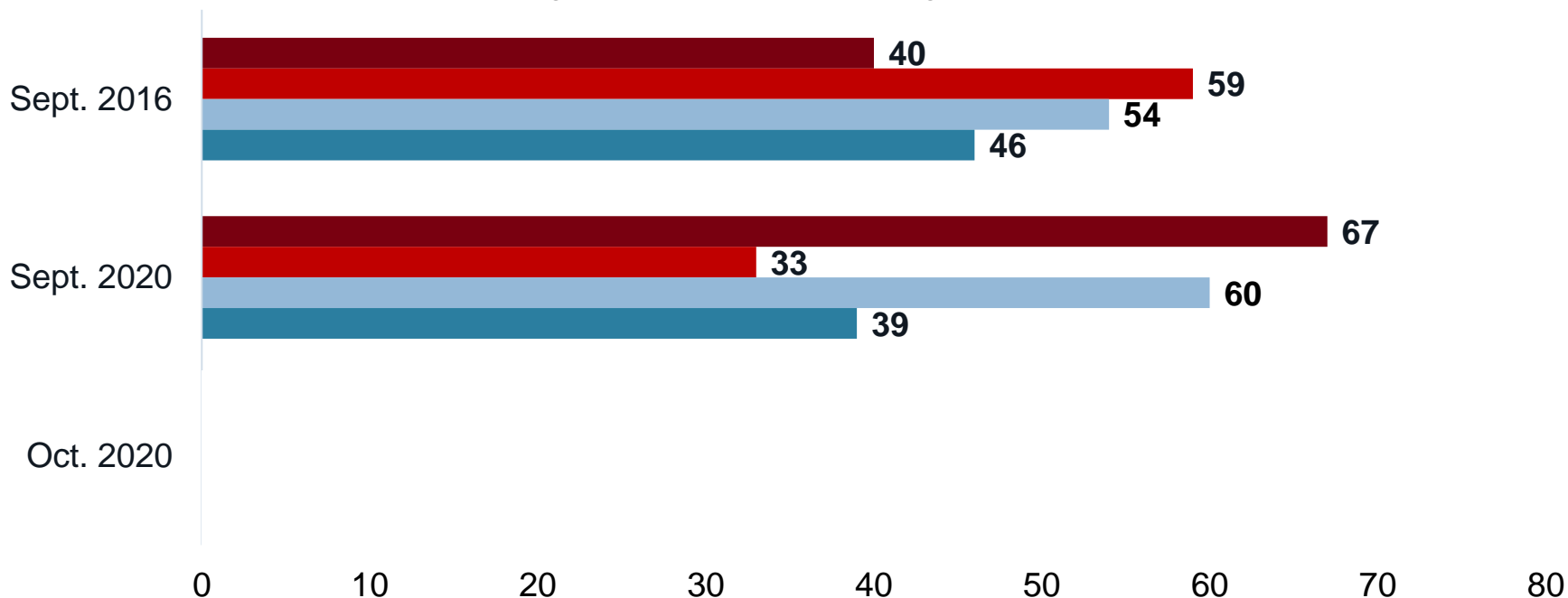


Sources: PRRI Surveys 2016-2020.

Shifting Motivations: Biden Supporters Now More Likely To Vote FOR Biden than AGAINST Trump

Percent of candidate's supporters who are voting:

■ For Trump ■ Against the Democrat ■ Against Trump ■ For the Democrat

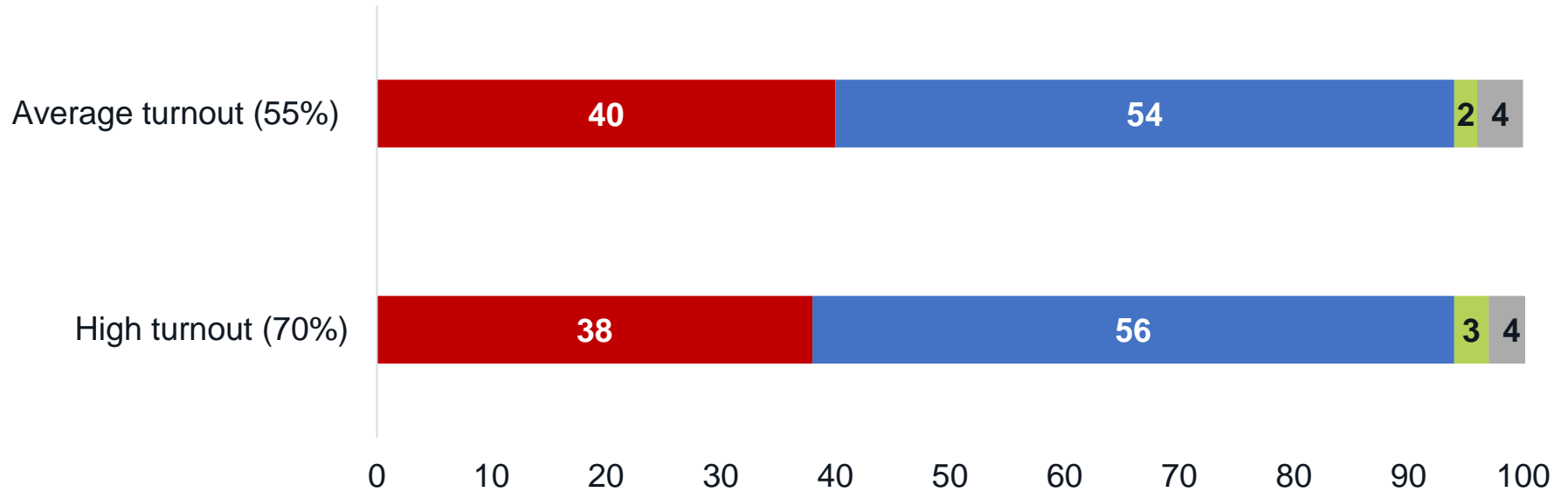


Sources: PRRI 2016-2020 American Values Surveys.

The 2020 Presidential Election: Trump vs. Biden

Percent of LIKELY VOTERS who plan to vote for:

■ Donald Trump ■ Joe Biden ■ Other ■ Don't know/Refused

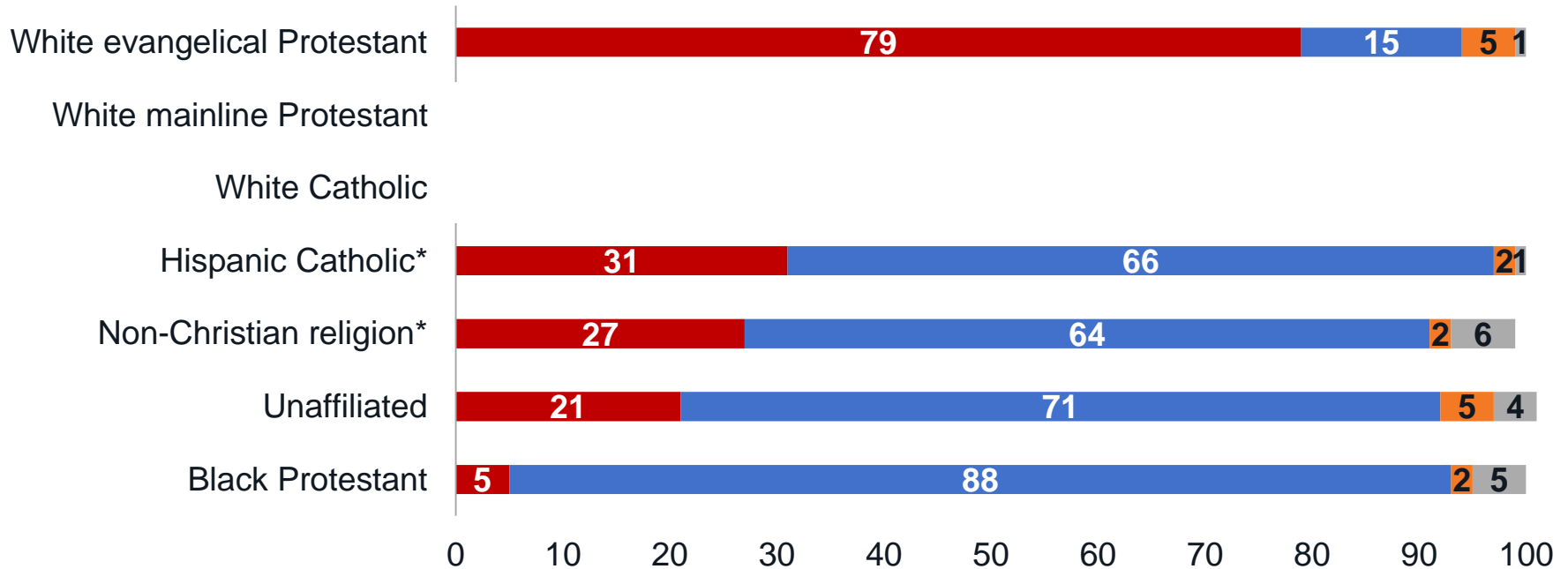


Source: PRRI 2020 American Values Survey Supplement.

Trump vs. Biden among Religious Groups

Hight Turnout (70%): Percent who plan to vote for:

■ Donald Trump ■ Joe Biden ■ Other ■ Don't know/Refused

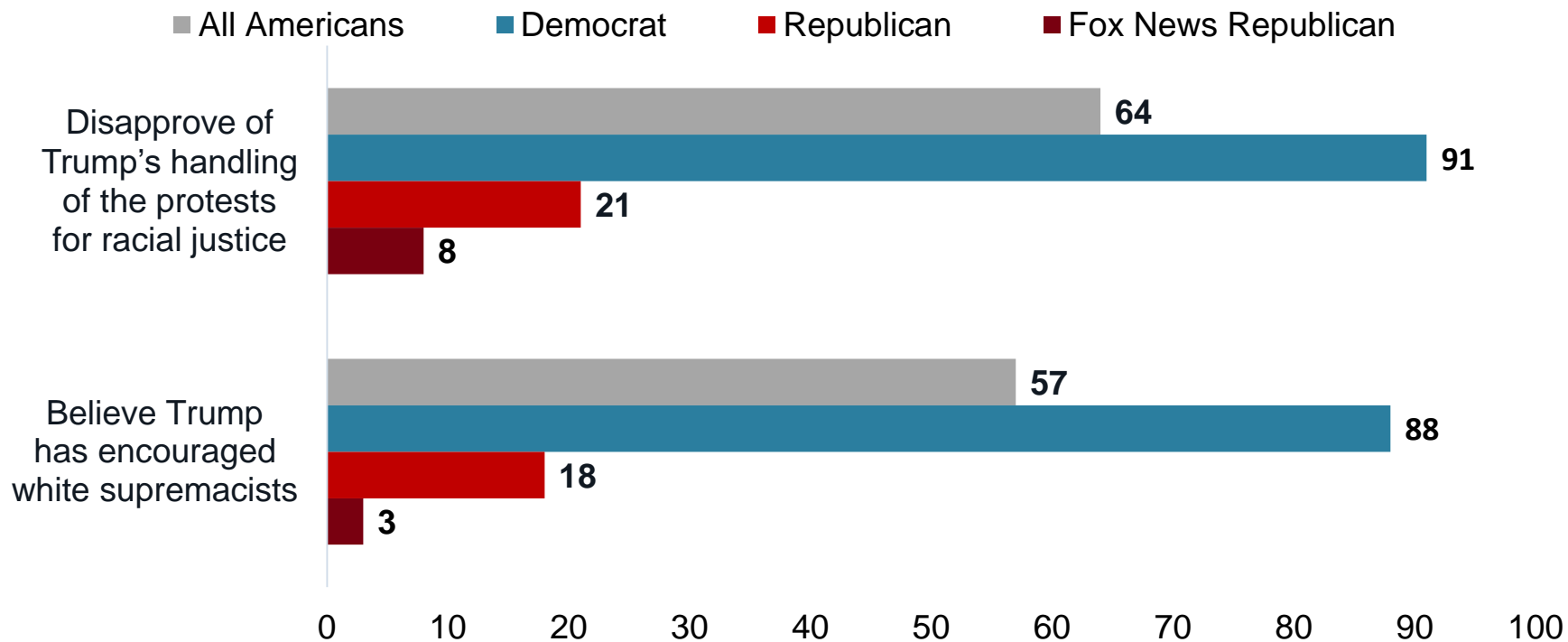


*N<100 cases.

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RACIAL INEQUALITY AND INJUSTICE THROUGH PARTISAN LENSES

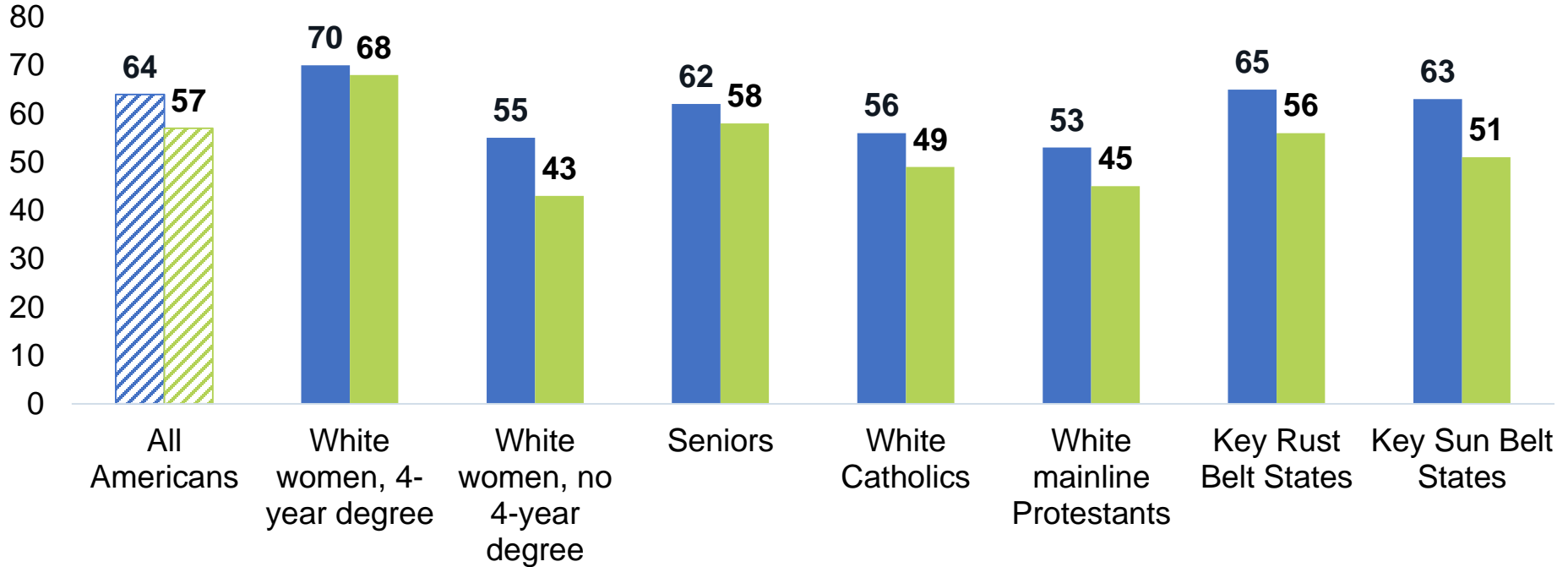
Partisans Give Trump Divergent Marks on His Handling of Protests for Racial Justice



Source: PRRI 2020 American Values Survey.

Swing Groups Give Trump Low Marks on His Handling of Protests for Racial Justice

- Disapprove of Trump's handling of the protests for racial justice
- Believe Trump has encouraged white supremacist groups

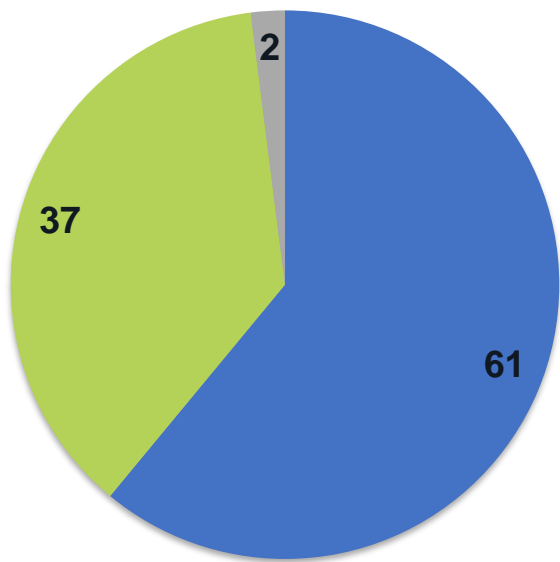


Racial Identity of Protesters Shapes Perceptions of Protests

It always makes our country better when _____ speak up and protest unfair treatment by the government:

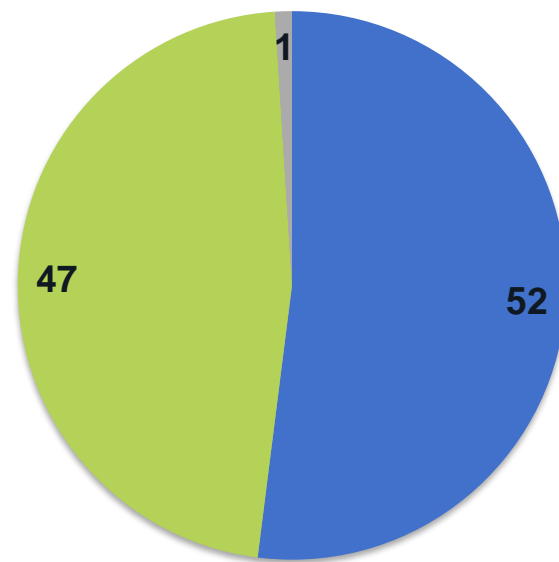
Americans

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Don't know/Refused



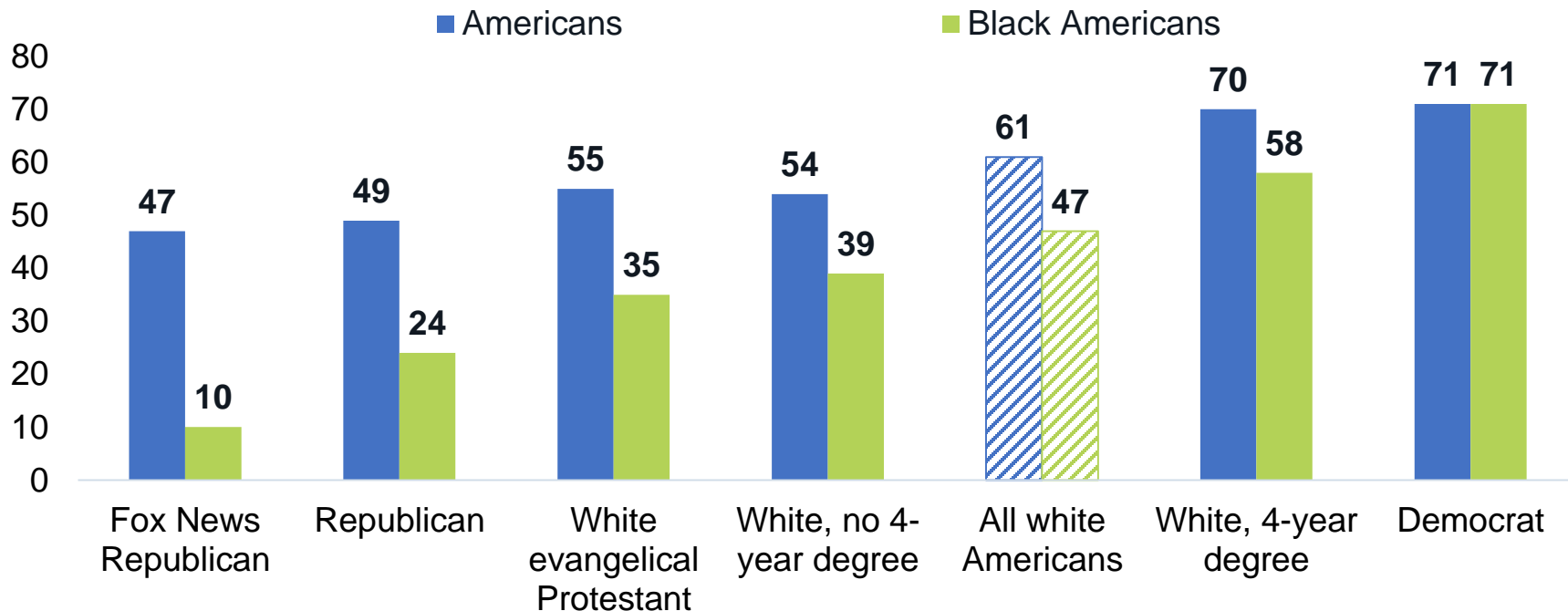
Black Americans

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Don't know/Refused



Racial Identity of Protesters Shapes Perceptions of Protests

*Percent who agree that it always makes our country better when _____
speak up and protest unfair treatment by the government*

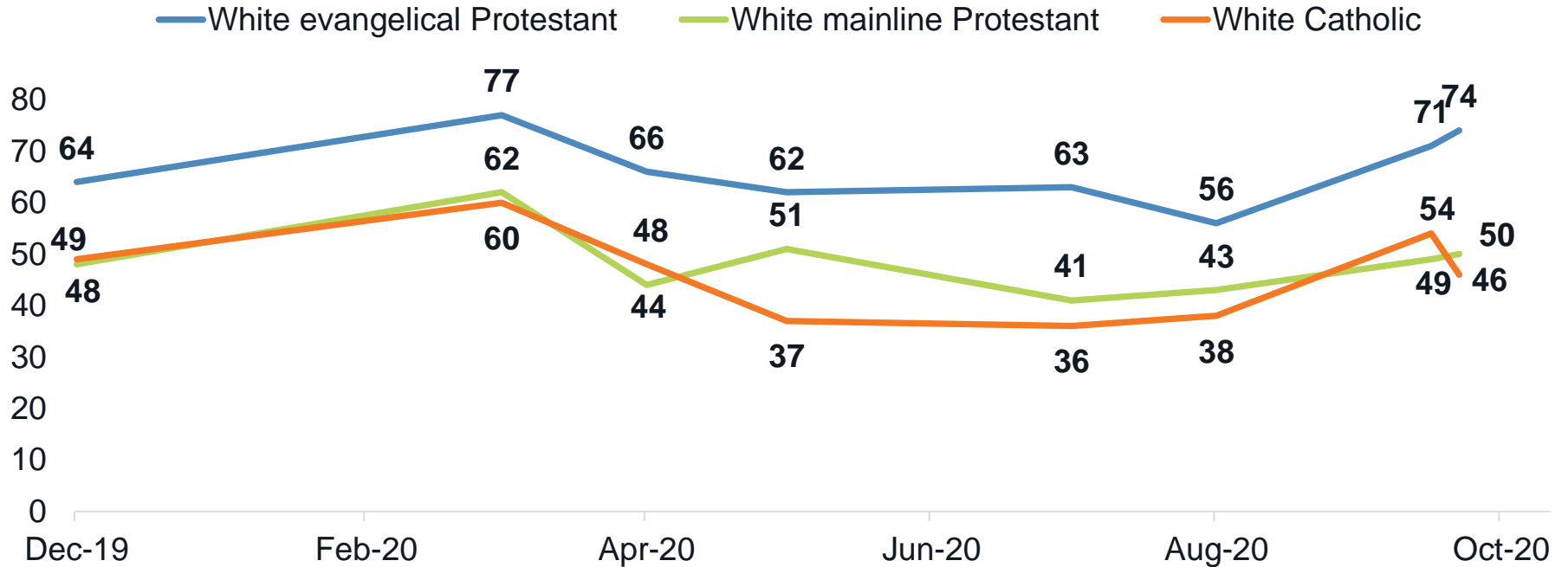


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CRACKS IN TRUMP'S WHITE CHRISTIAN WALL OF SUPPORT?

White Christian Divides on Trump Favorability, 2019 - 2020

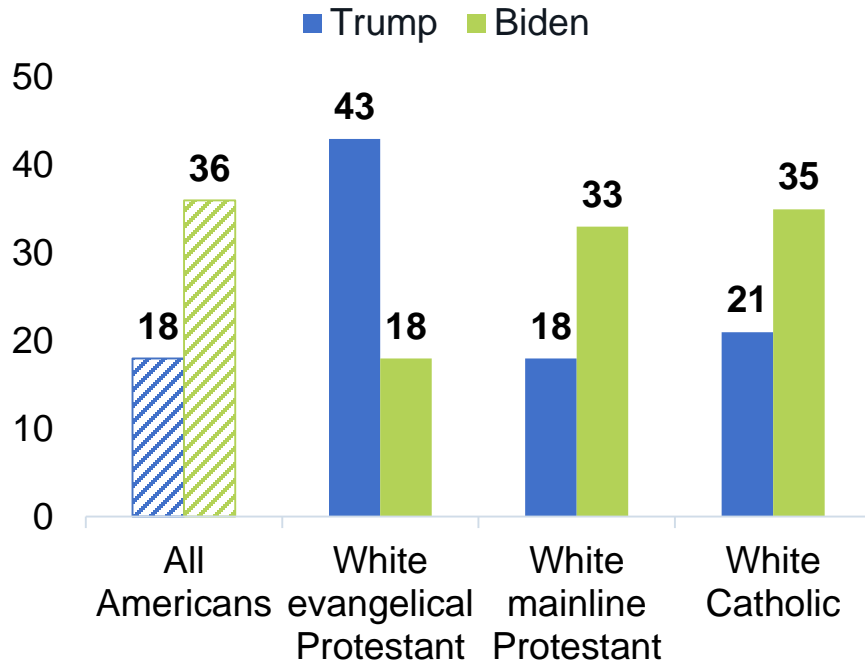
Percent who view Trump favorably:



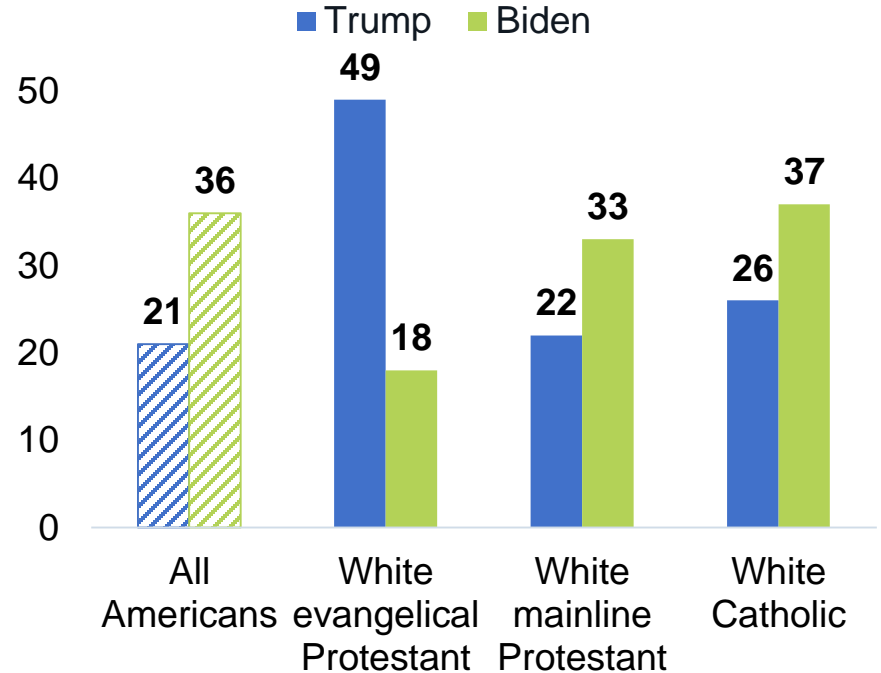
Sources: PRRI 2019-2020 Surveys.

White Christian Divides on Candidates and Religion

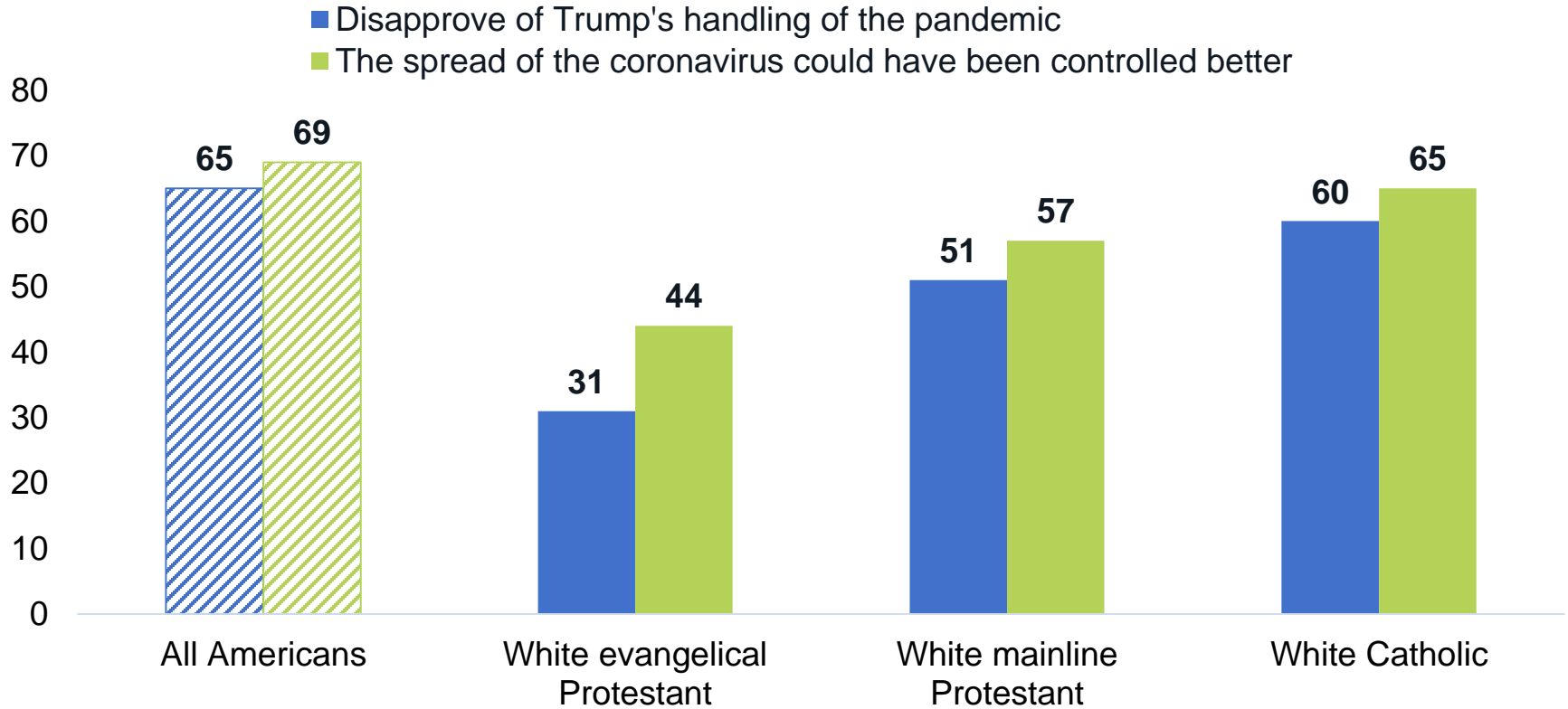
Percent who say the person has strong religious beliefs:



Percent who say the person models religious values:



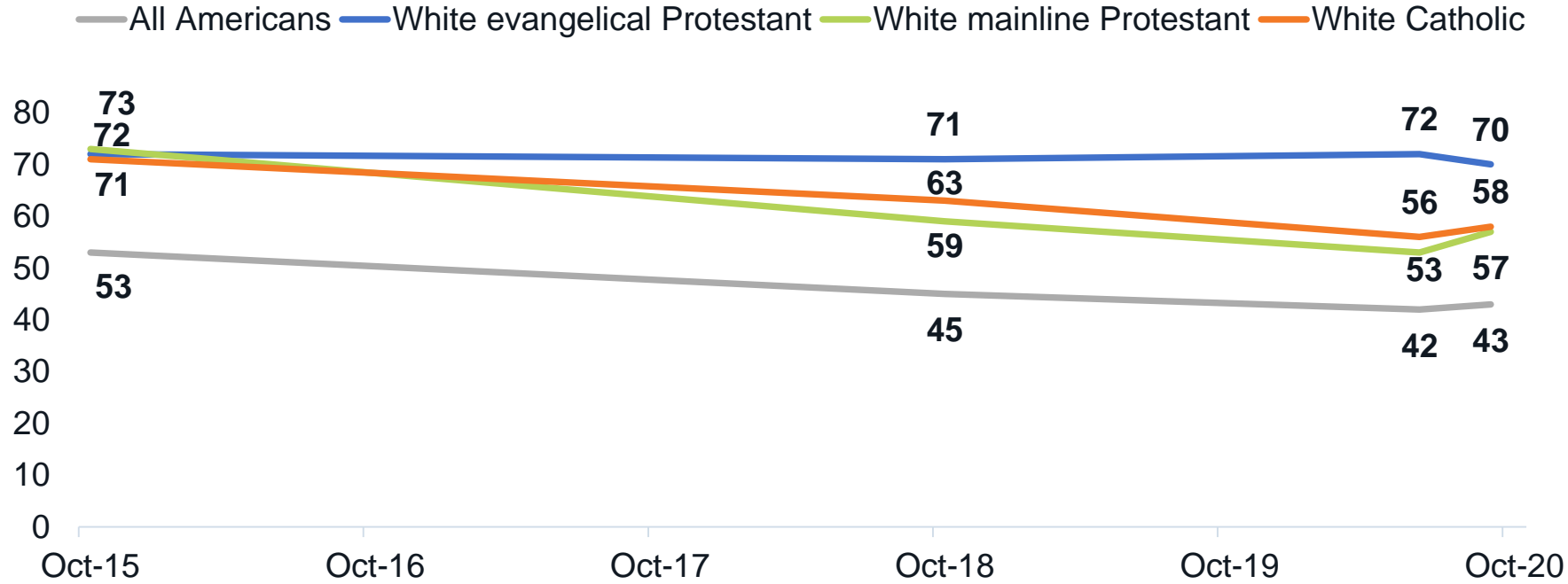
White Christian Divides over Handling of Coronavirus Pandemic



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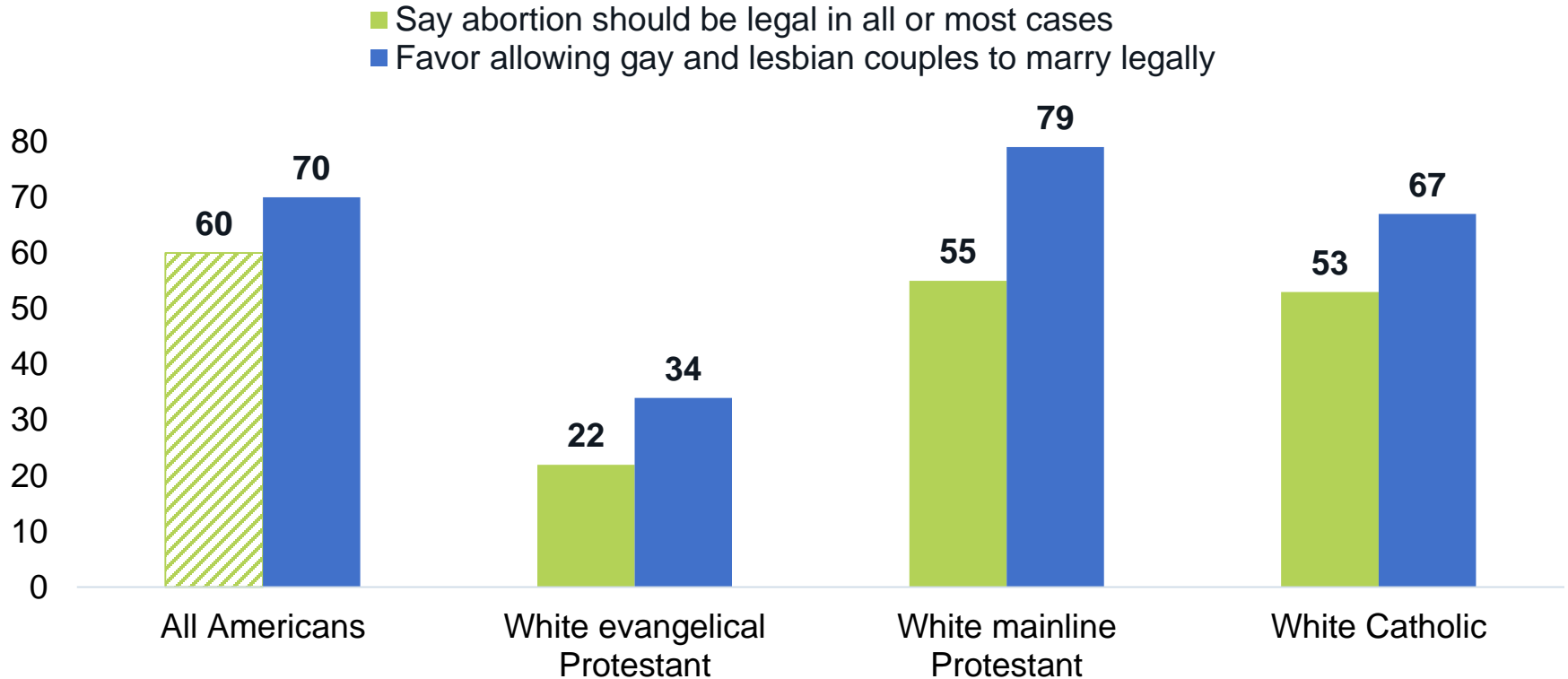
White Christian Divides on Police Killing of African Americans by Police, 2015-2020

Percent who say the killing of Black Americans by police are isolated incidents:



Sources: PRRI 2015-2020 Surveys.

White Christian Divides on Legality of Abortion and Same-sex Marriage

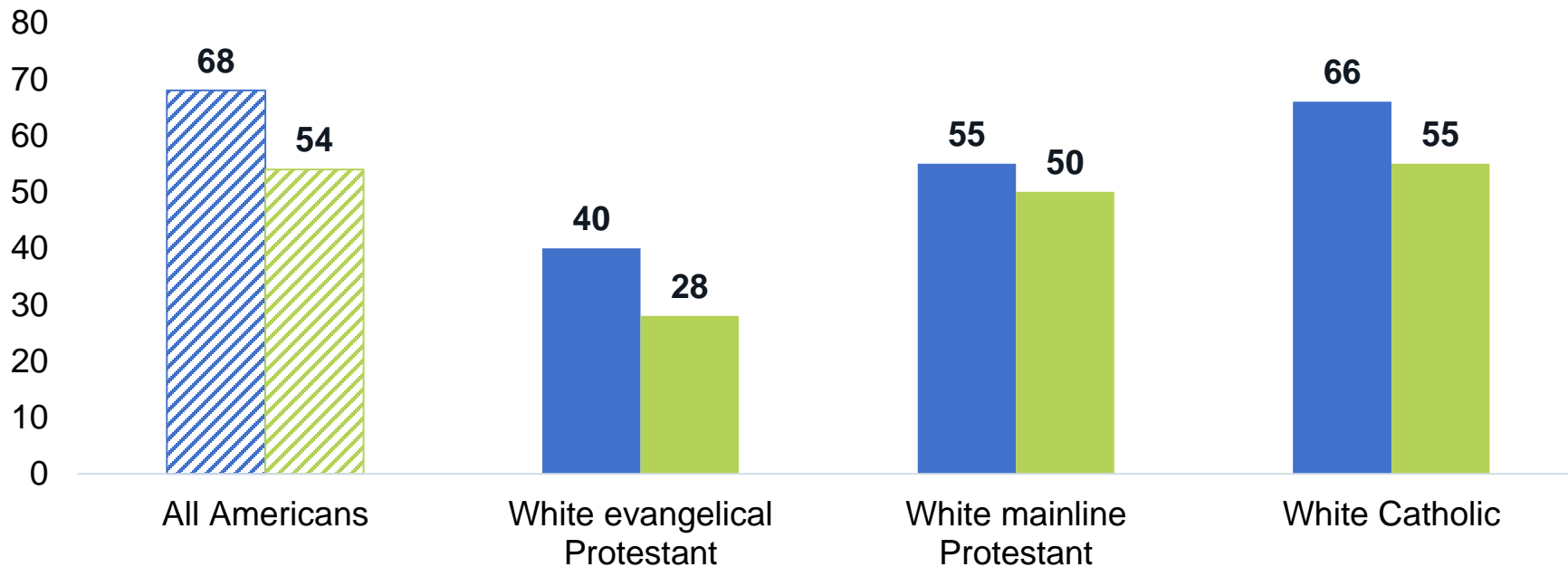


Source: PRRI 2020 American Values Survey.

White Christian Divides on Perceptions of Immigrants and Muslims as Threats

Percent who DISAGREE:

- Immigrants are invading our country and replacing our cultural and ethnic background
- The values of Islam are at odds with American values and way of life



Source: PRRI 2020 American Values Survey.

A FEW PLACES OF BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT

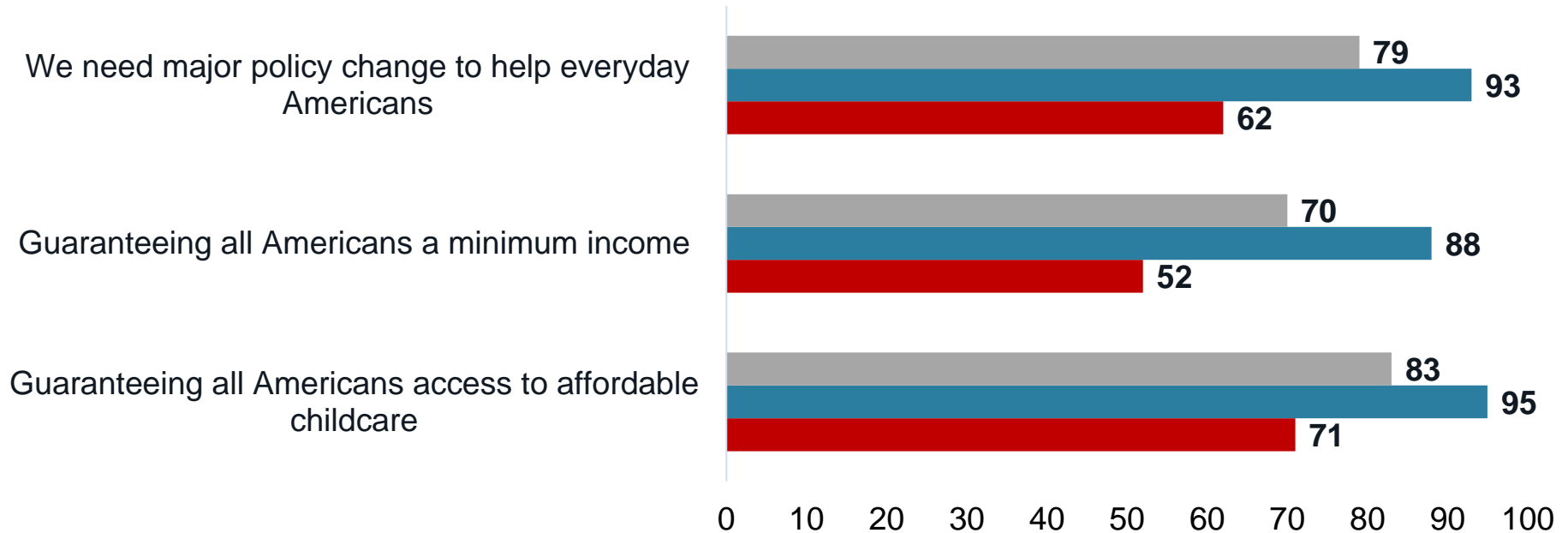
A Few Places of Bipartisan Agreement

Percent who Agree/Favor:

■ All Americans

■ Democrat

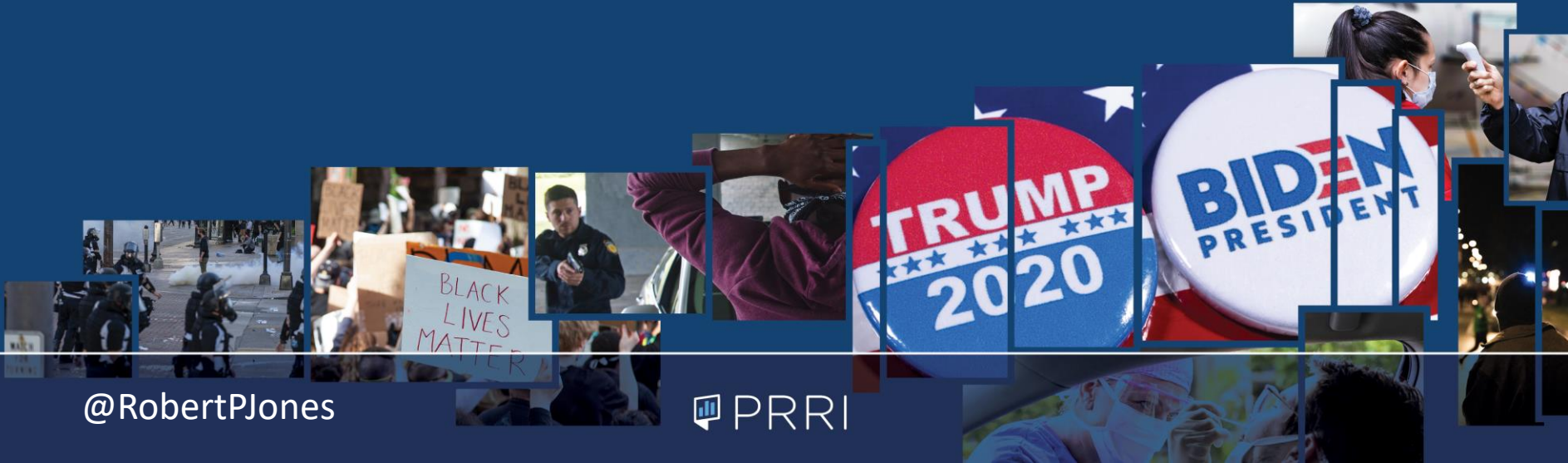
■ Republican



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