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Daily Update:  
Saturday, May 16, 2020



Communicating in  
Crisis: Coronavirus

## Key takeaways:

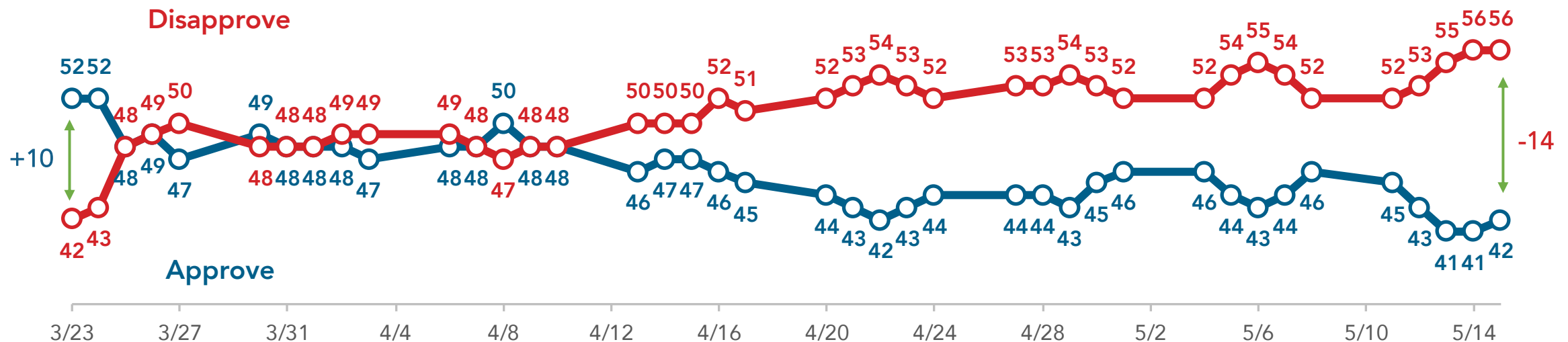
- The share of Americans who believe the “worst is yet to come” continues to tick back up, as a second wave of infection and an economic recession are top worries.
- Americans who do not wear masks are among those with the lowest intention to get vaccinated once possible.
- Americans in urban and suburban areas feel more connected to family and friends during this crisis, while younger Americans are most likely to report a worsening of their mental health.

# Disapproval of Trump's Handling Remains High

56% of Americans continue to disapprove of how Trump is handling the coronavirus pandemic, the highest point in our daily tracking.

- One in five (19%) Republicans now disapprove of how Trump is handling the coronavirus pandemic.

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Donald Trump is handling the coronavirus pandemic?**



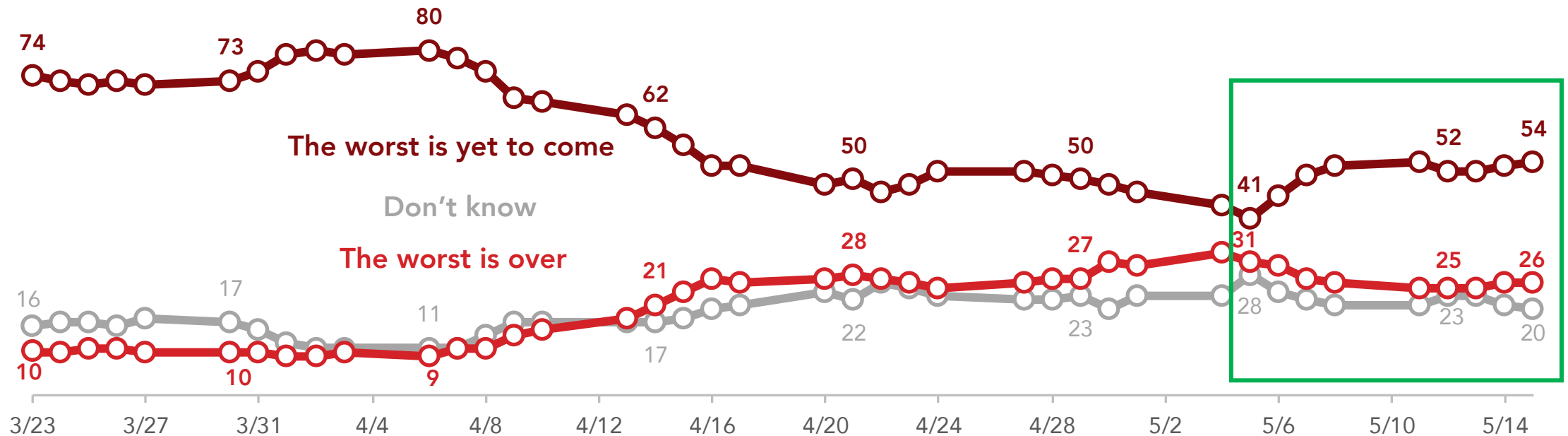
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# Share Saying "Worst is Yet to Come" Ticking Back Up

More than half say "the worst is yet to come," which has increased by 13 points since May 5.

- Republicans are divided on this: 39% say the worst is yet to come, while 41% say the worst is over.

When it comes to the coronavirus pandemic in the United States, do you personally think that...



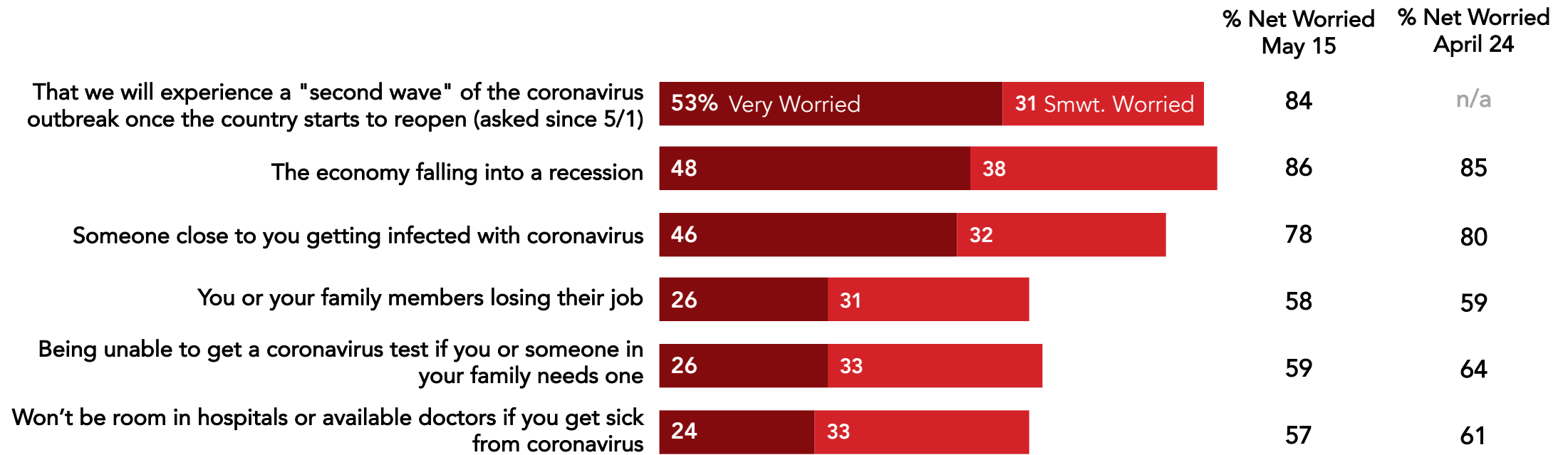
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# Recession and "Second Wave" Remain Top Worries

A "second wave" of the outbreak and an economic recession remain the top worries that Americans have.

- More than half the country (53%) says they are "very worried" about a second wave of the coronavirus outbreak.

**Below are some things some people might be worried about in light of the coronavirus pandemic. Please indicate how worried you are about each one.**



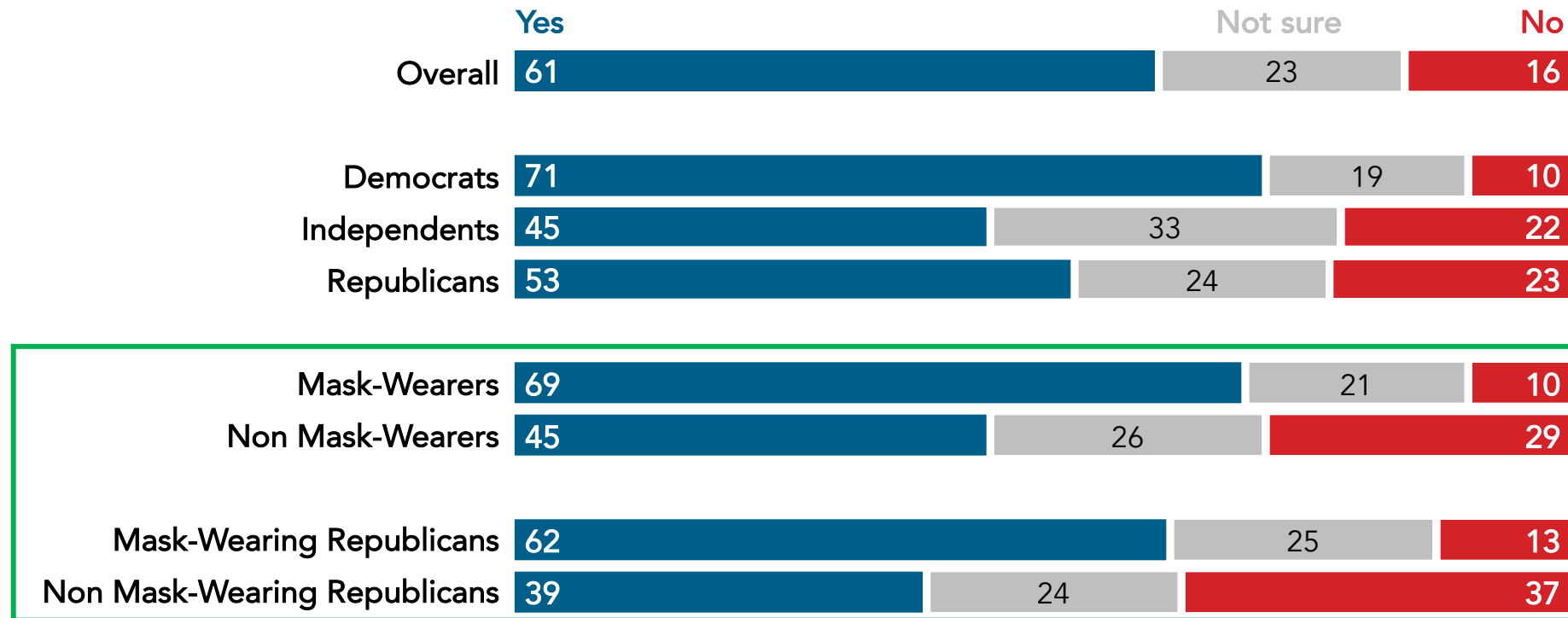
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# Anti-Mask Republicans Least Likely to Want Vaccine

The majority of Americans say they would get vaccinated if a vaccine became available for use, but less than half of Americans who do not wear a mask regularly say the same.

- The majority of Republicans (62%) who wear a mask "always" or "most of the time" say they would get vaccinated. However, only 39% of Republicans who don't wear a mask say they would.

**If a vaccine for coronavirus were to become available for use, would you choose to get vaccinated?**



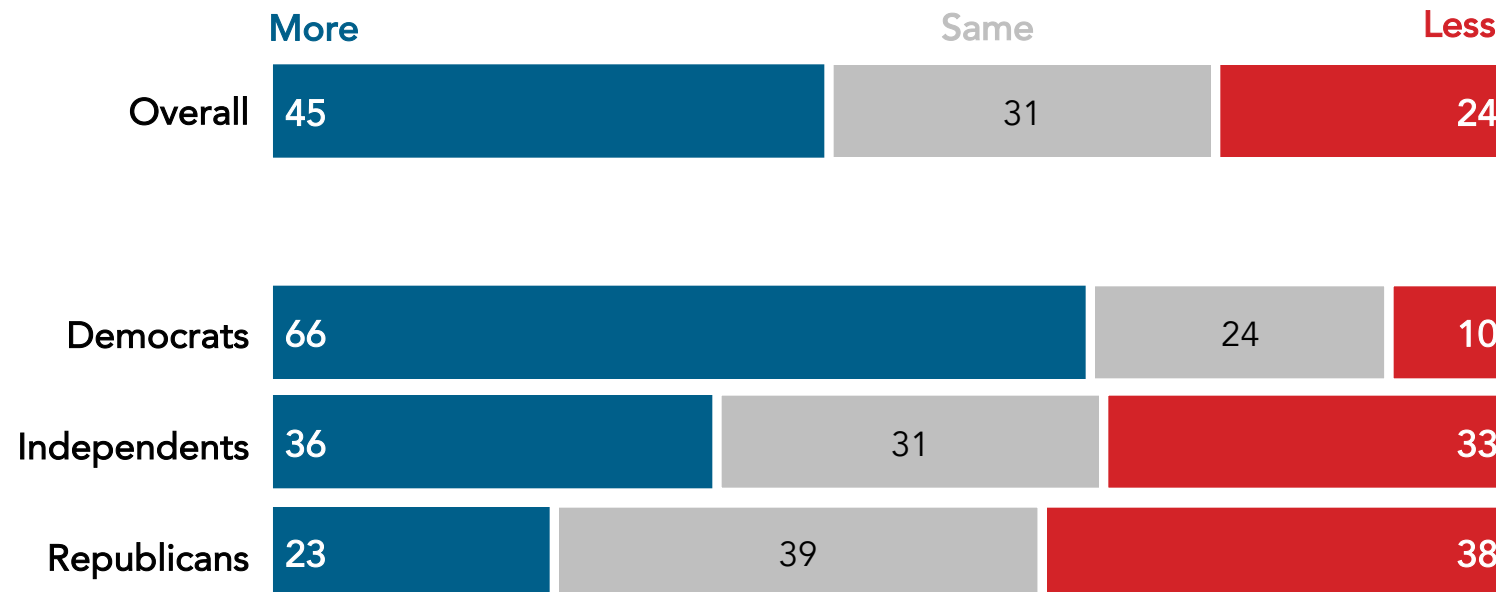
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# More Say Death Being Underreported than Overreported

Nearly half of Americans believe that deaths are being underreported in the United States.

- Among non-mask wearing Republicans, 51% say that there have been less American deaths than the government is reporting, and 44% of Americans who “strongly approve” of the job Trump is doing as president say the same.

**Do you think the number of Americans dying from the coronavirus is more than the number that the government is reporting, less, or about the same?**



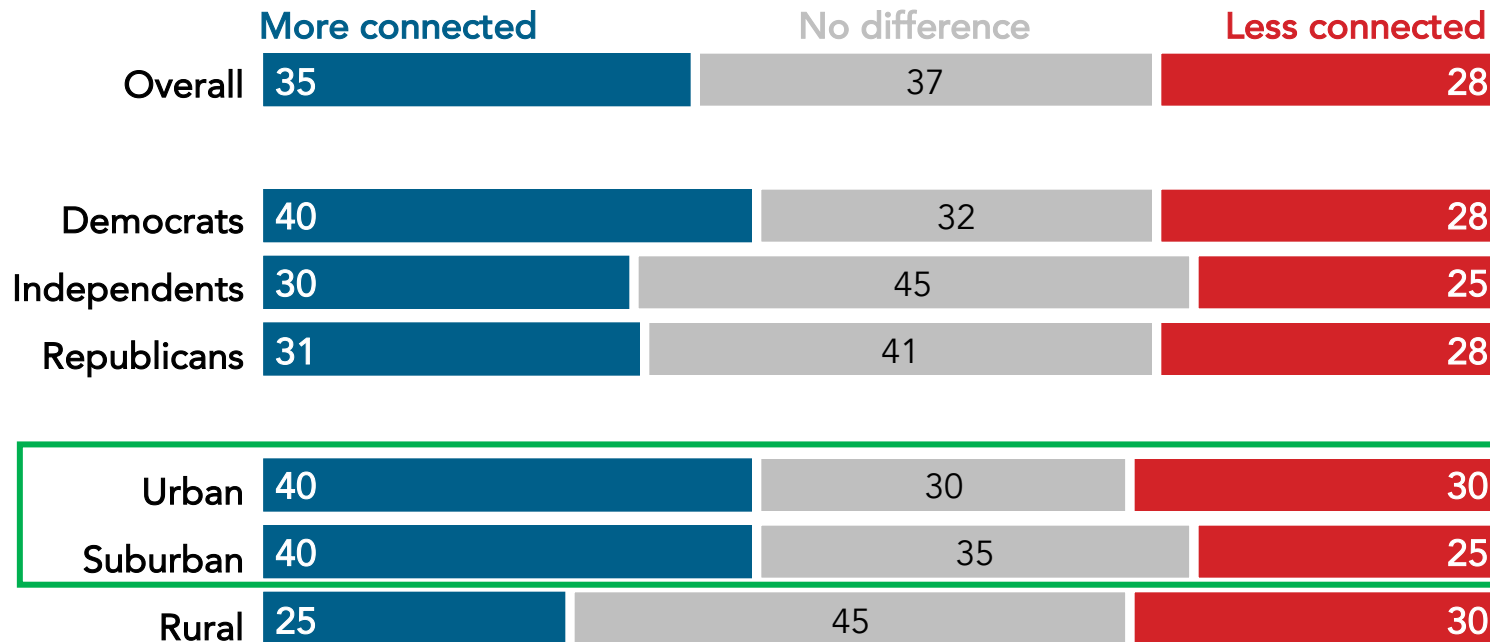
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# Urban and Suburban Americans Feel More Connected

While a plurality of Americans say that there's no difference in how connected they feel to their friends and family during this crisis, Americans that live in urban and suburban areas are most likely to say they feel "more connected."

- Americans in rural areas (45%) and independents (45%) are the most likely to say they have observed no difference in connectedness.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, how connected have you felt to family and friends?



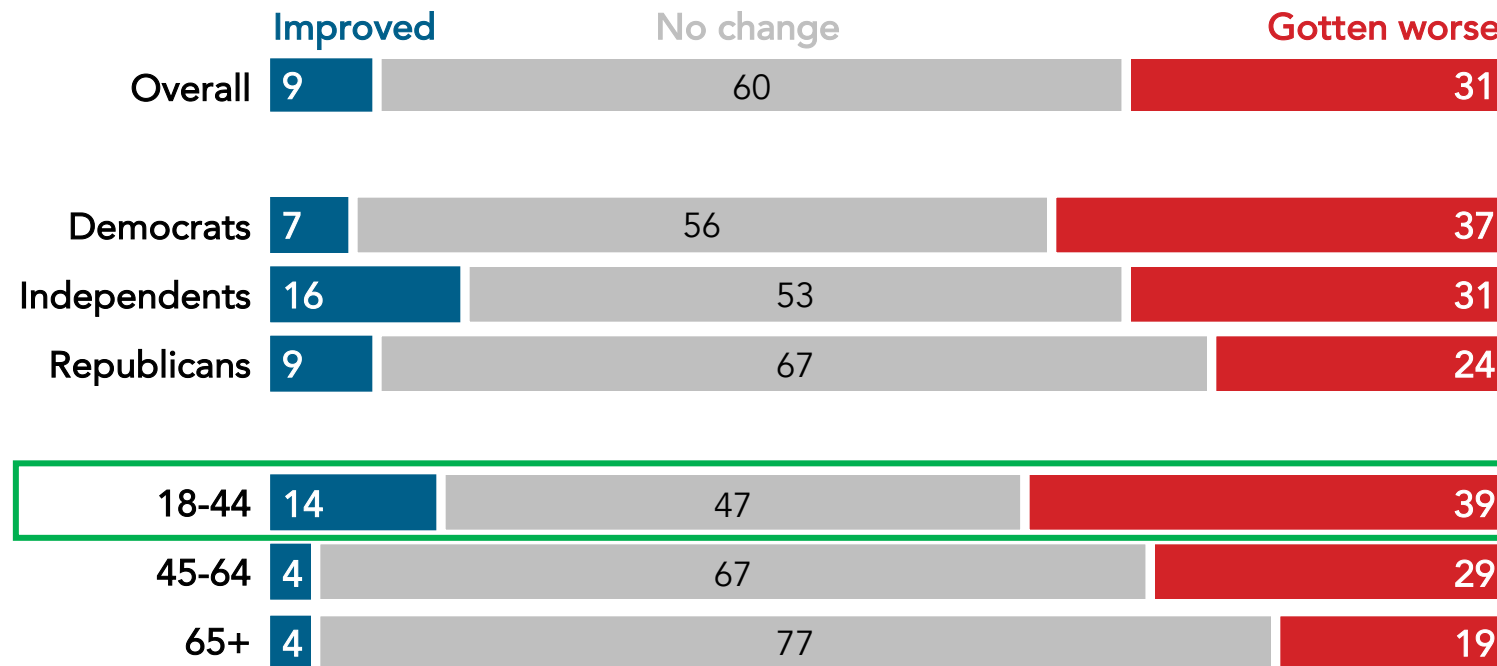
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# Younger Americans Feeling Mental Health Impact of Crisis Most

While the majority of Americans say they have experienced no change in their mental health during the pandemic, nearly two in five 18-44 year-olds say their mental health has gotten worse.

**Do you believe your overall mental health has improved during the coronavirus pandemic, or has it gotten worse?**



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## About Navigator

In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO along with an advisory committee, including: Andrea Purse, progressive strategist; Arkadi Gerney, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; Delvone Michael, Working Families; Felicia Wong, Roosevelt Institute; Mike Podhorzer, AFL-CIO; Jesse Ferguson, progressive strategist; Navin Nayak, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Stephanie Valencia, EquisLabs; and Melanie Newman, Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

## About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,011 registered voters conducted May 12-May 15, 2020. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from multiple opt-in online panel vendors. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables.

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