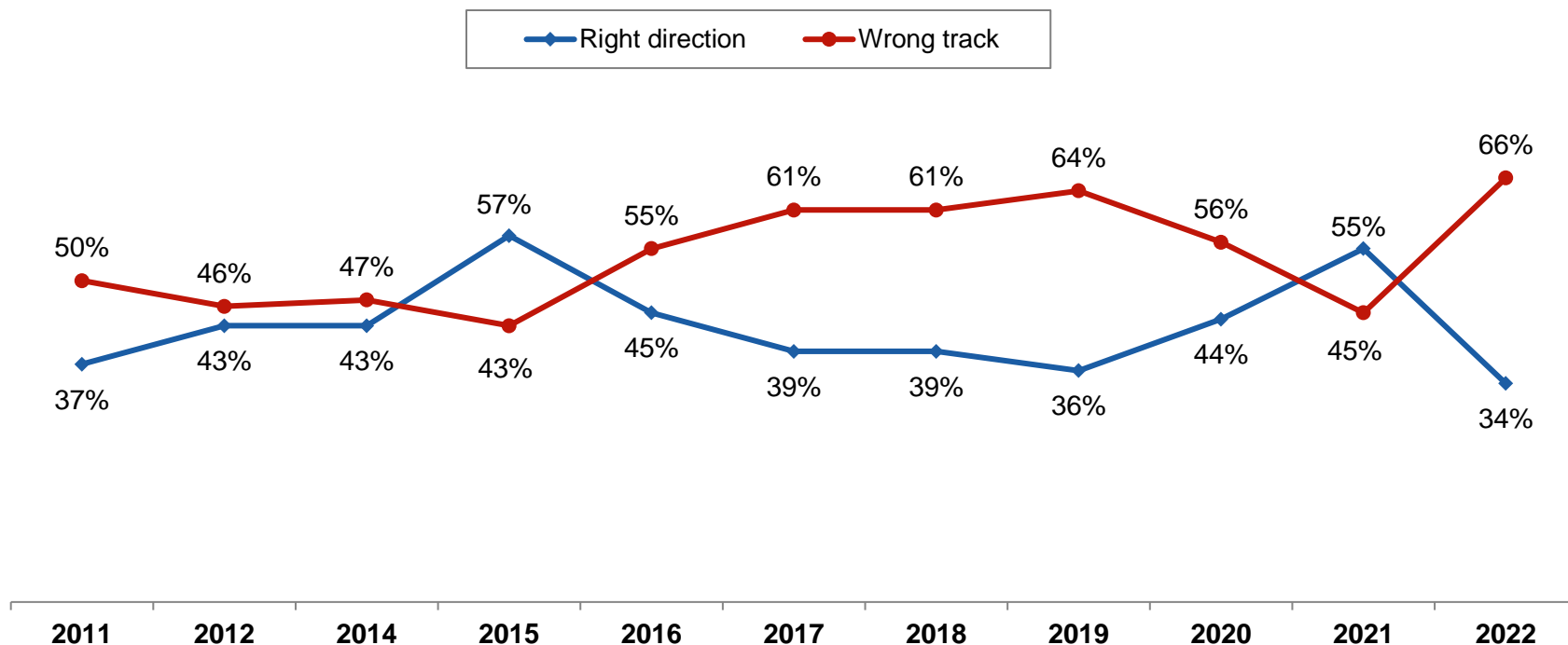


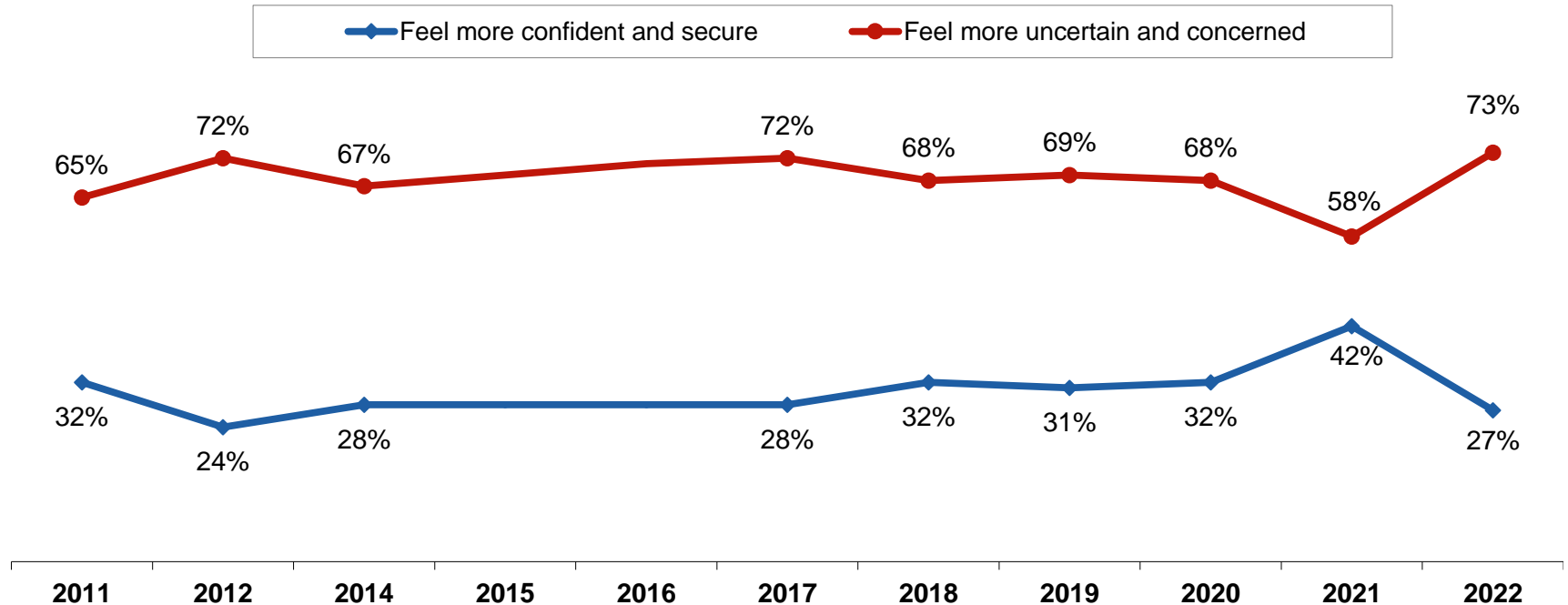
After a brief reversal last year, college students once again are more likely to believe things in the nation are off on the wrong track.

Assessment of the Nation's Direction



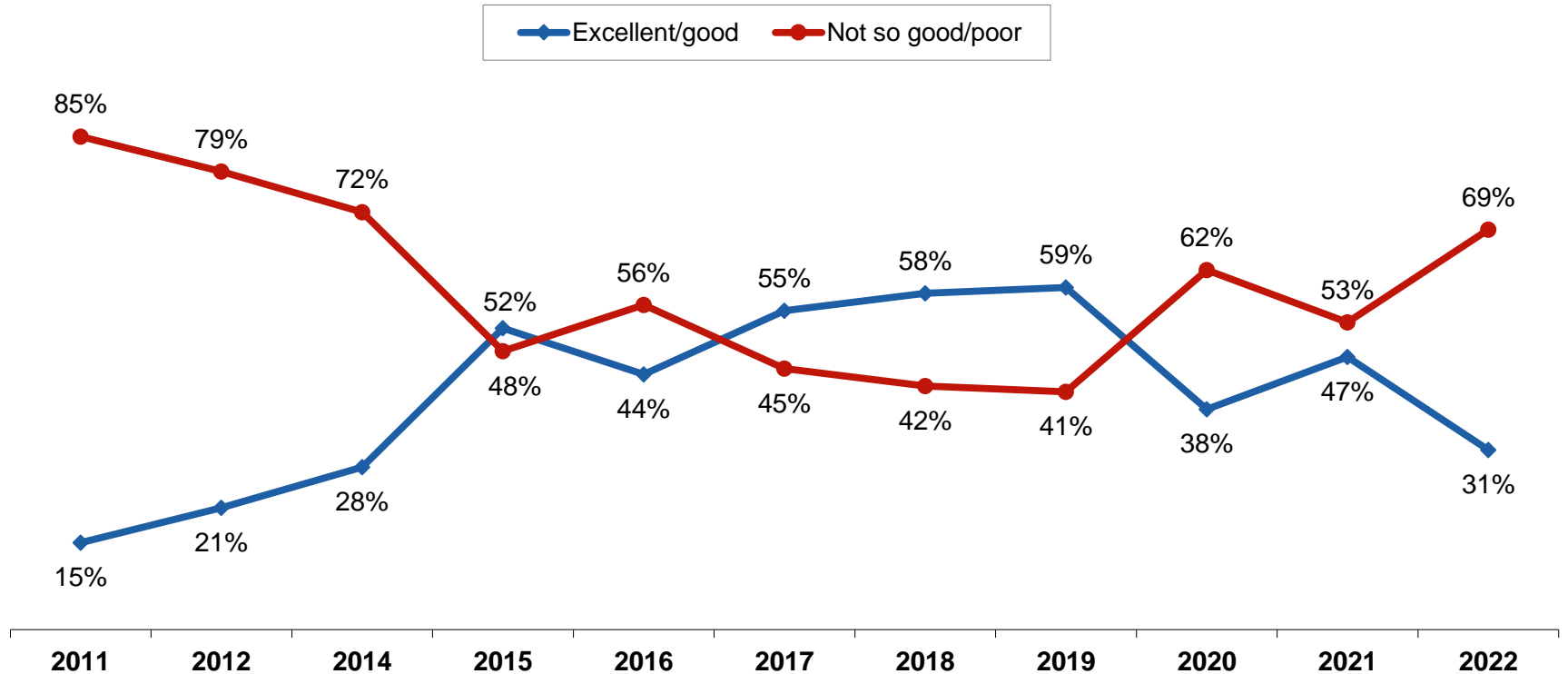
College students have become much more uncertain and concerned about the future of the country after last year's improved outlook.

Expectations for the Future of the Country



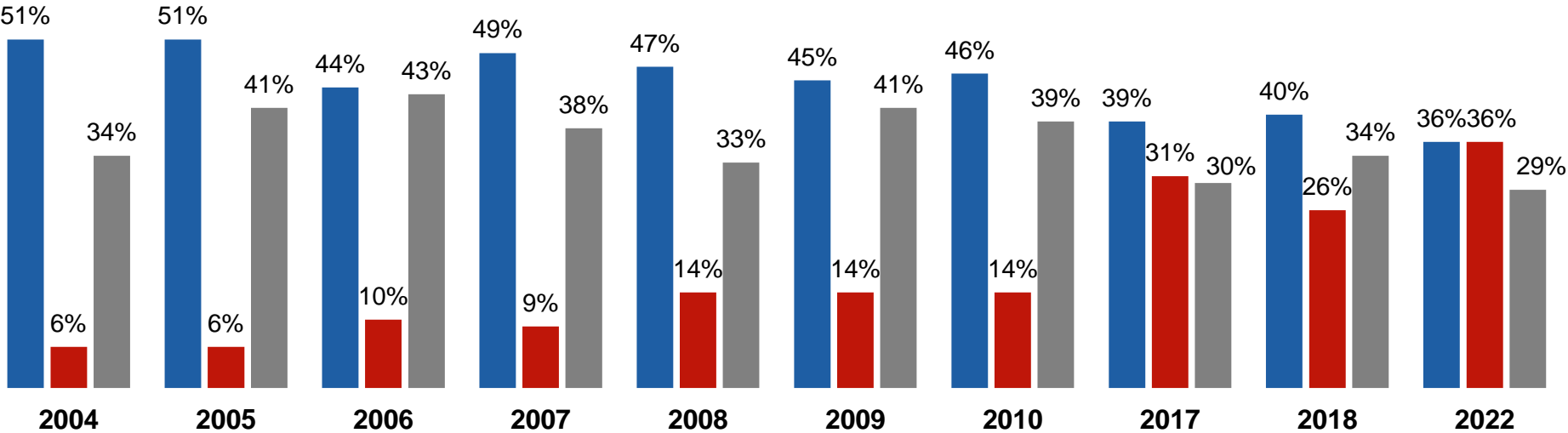
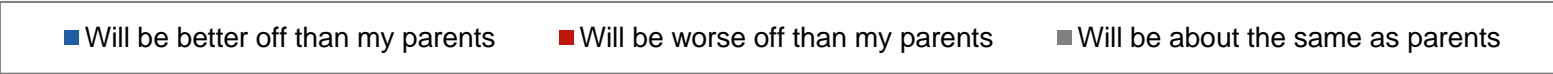
Views on the economy have declined and are at their lowest point since 2014.

Assessment of the Nation's Economy



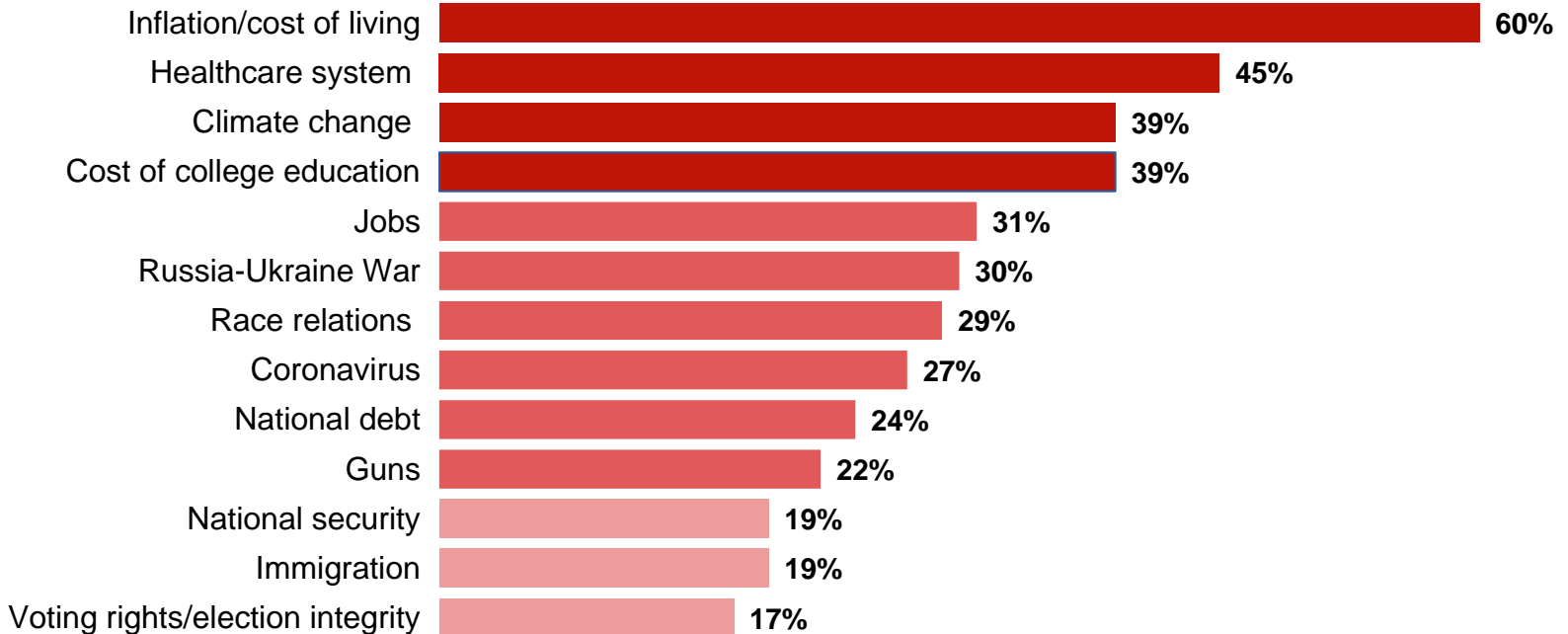
For the first time, college students do not believe that they will be better off financially than their parents.

Students' Expectations for their Financial Situation



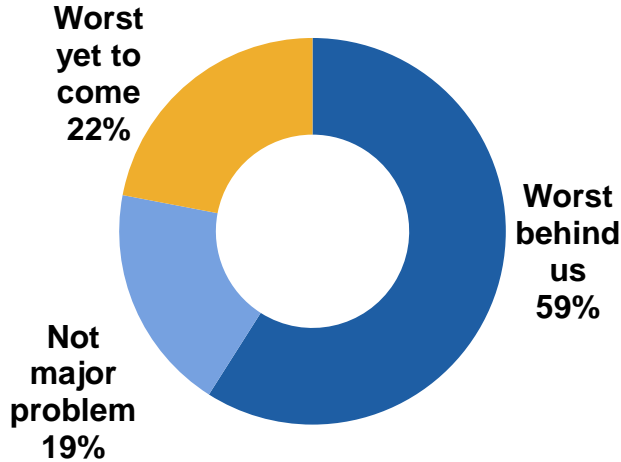
Inflation and the cost of living is the top issue for college students, followed by healthcare, climate change, and the cost of college.

FOUR Most Important Issues to Me Personally

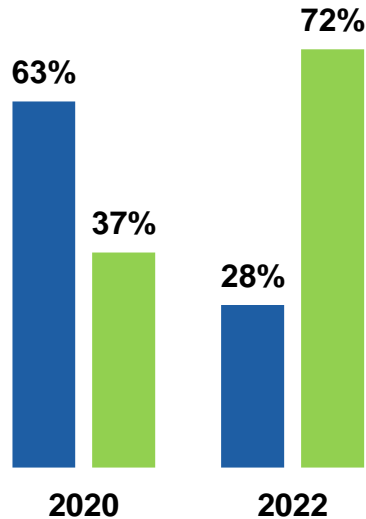


Most believe that the worst of COVID is behind us and are now focused on the economy. While COVID's impact has diminished, two in three college students still say COVID has impacted their life in a very/ fairly major way.

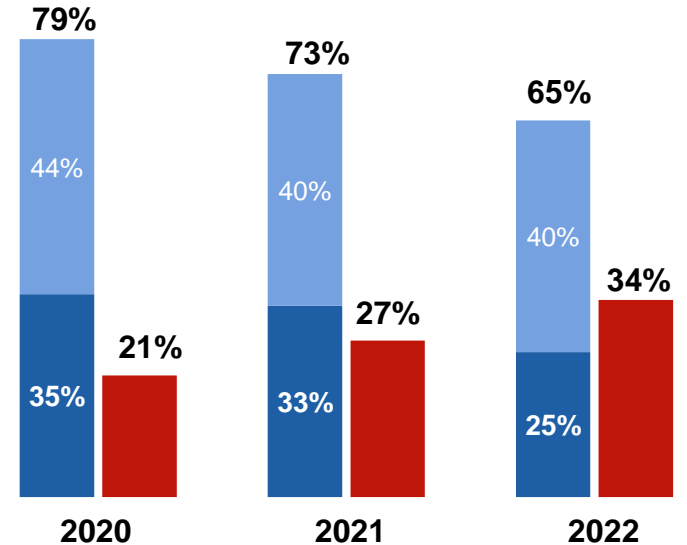
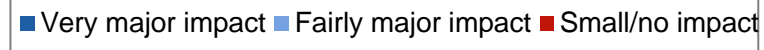
Assessment of Current Coronavirus Situation



I am more concerned about:

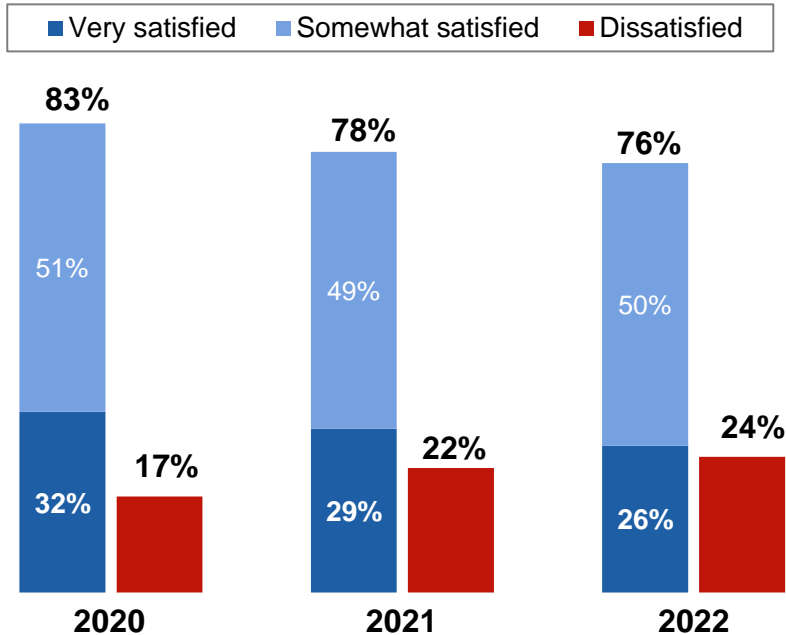


Coronavirus and Day-to-Day Life

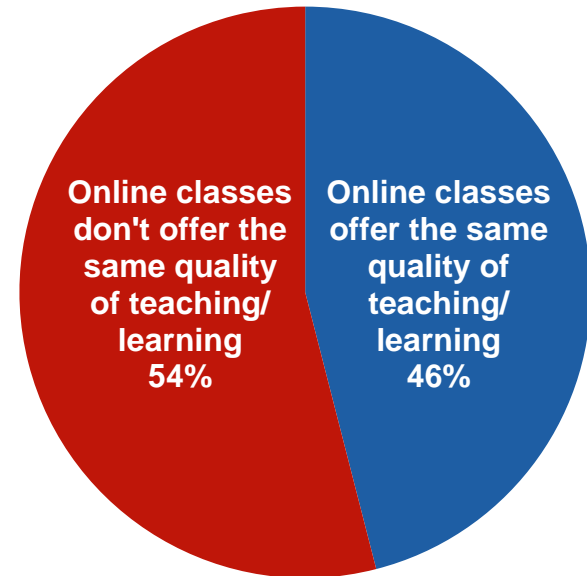


Students remain mostly satisfied with how their school has handled COVID. Most still believe online classes do not offer the same quality as in-person classes.

How satisfied are you with the way your college or university has dealt with the coronavirus?



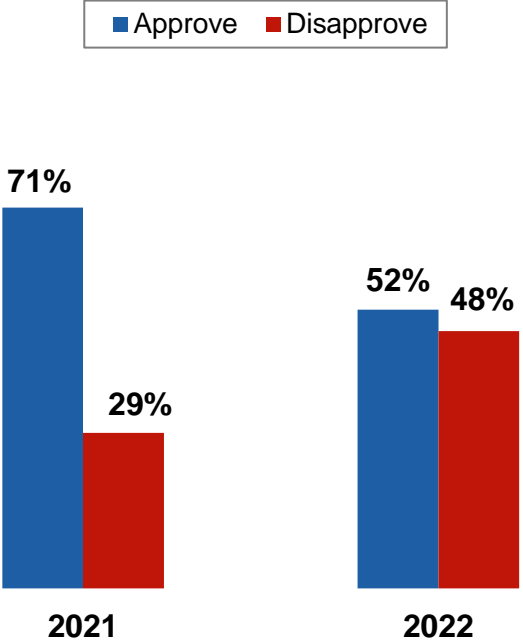
Do online classes offer the quality of teaching and learning opportunities that in-person classes do?



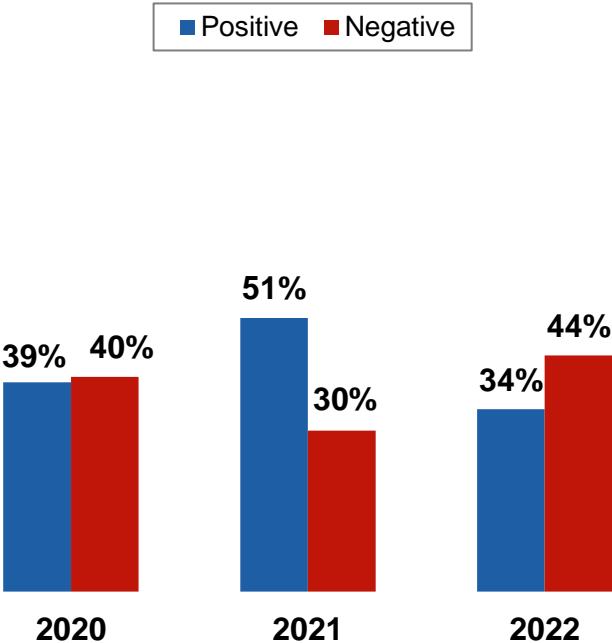
Prior to COVID, in 2012, just 26% of college students believed online classes offered the same quality.

A year into his presidency, Joe Biden's job rating has declined, and college students view him negatively personally.

Joe Biden's Job Performance as President

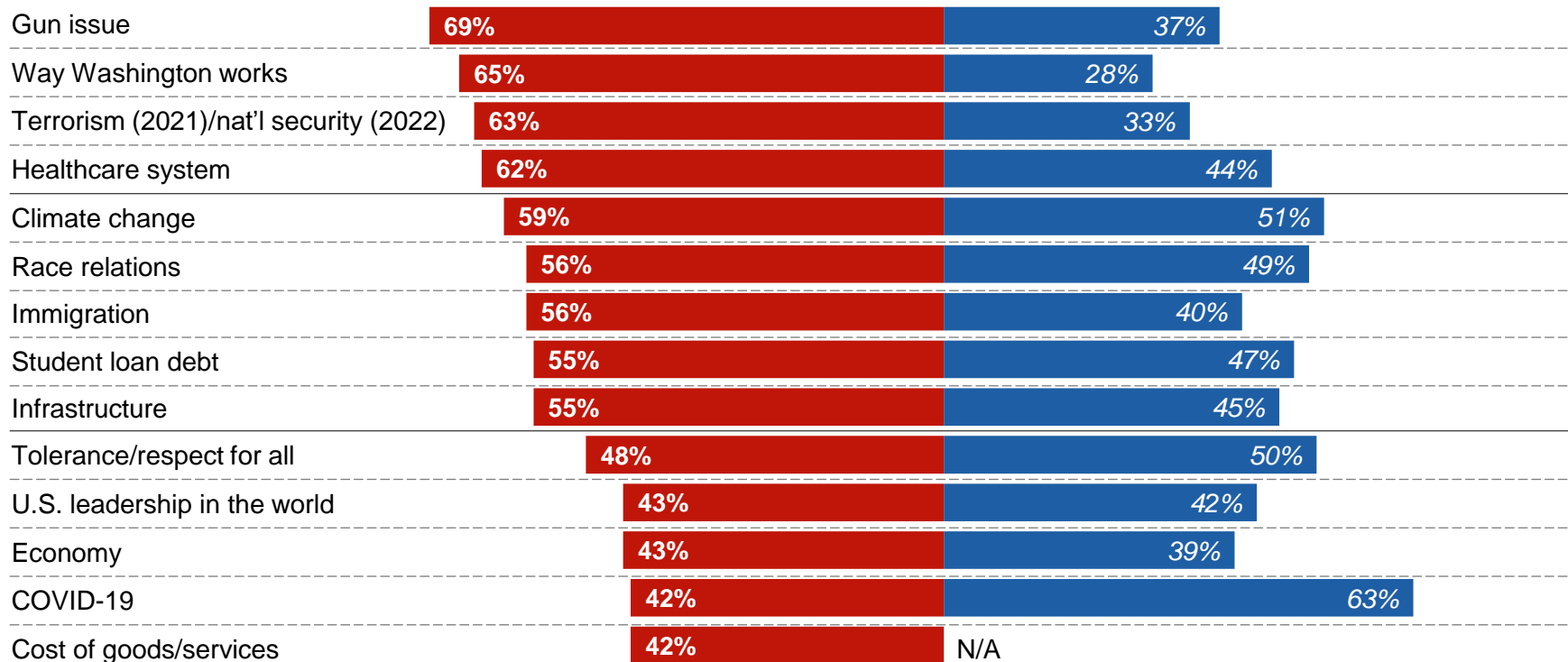


Feelings toward Joe Biden



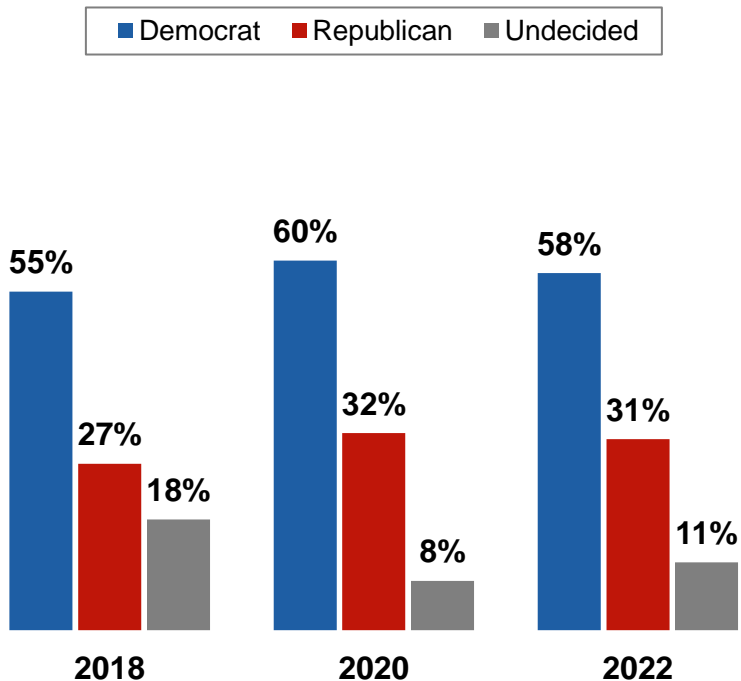
This year, the reality of the Biden presidency has not met the promise of college students' expectations last year.

■ 2022: Biden isn't really changing things either way ■ 2021: Biden will make things better on this

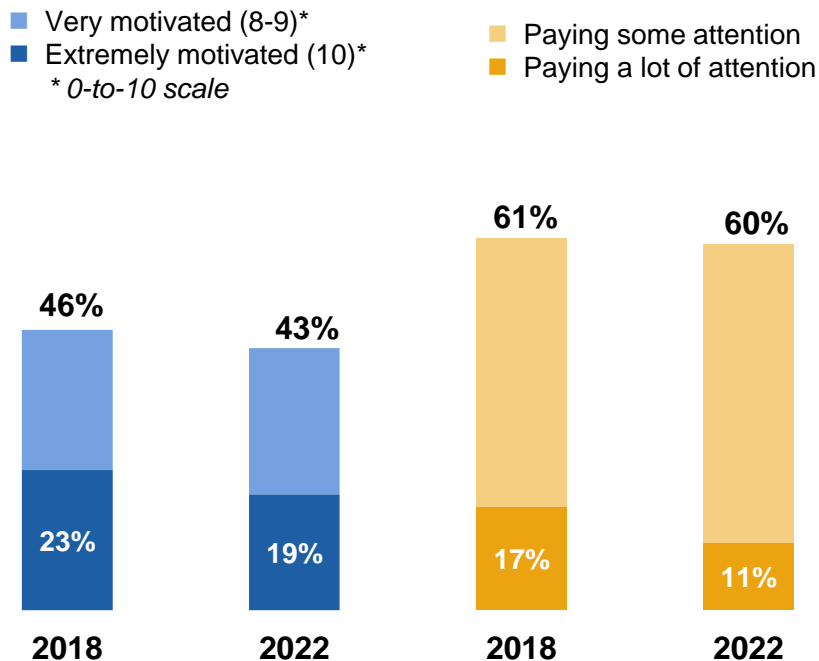


Despite more negative attitudes toward President Biden, college students prefer Democrats to control Congress and are as motivated to vote as they have been in prior elections.

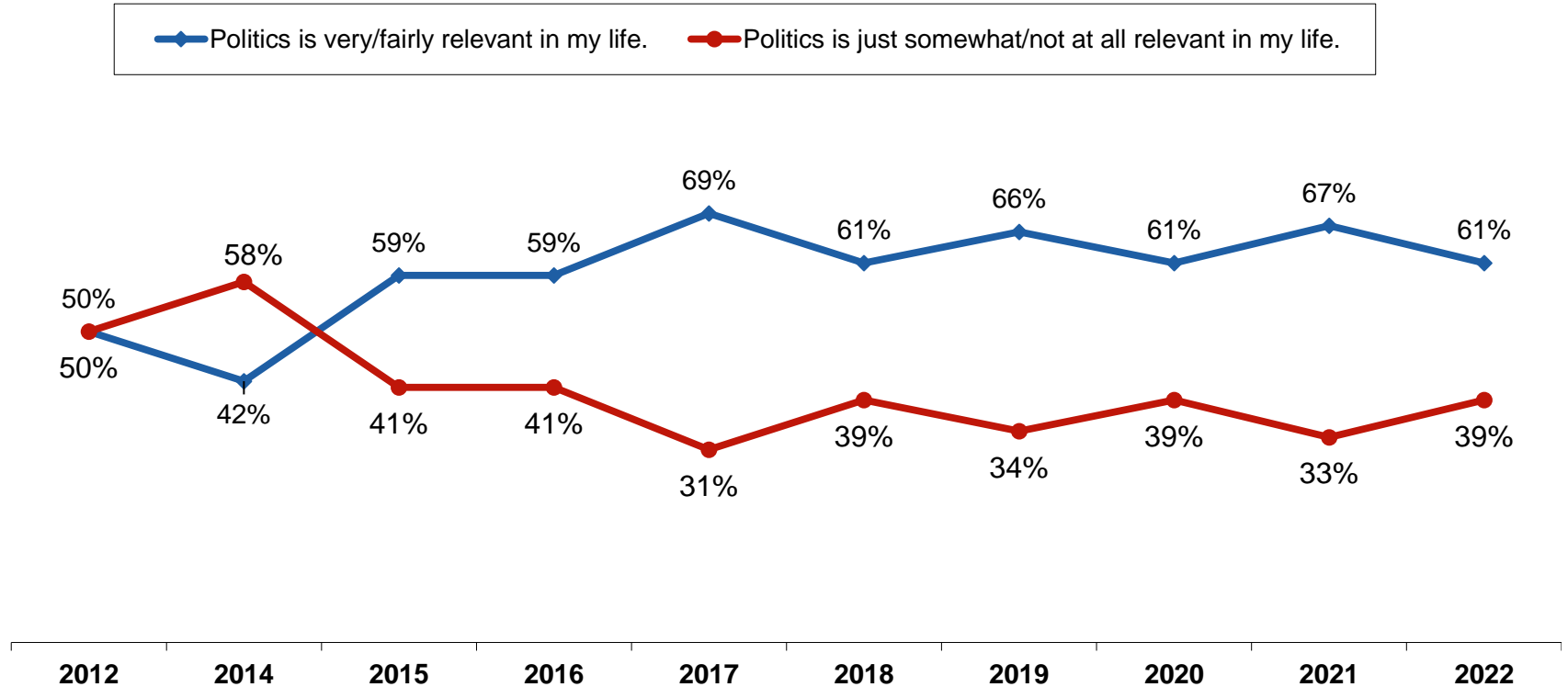
Trial Heat for Congress



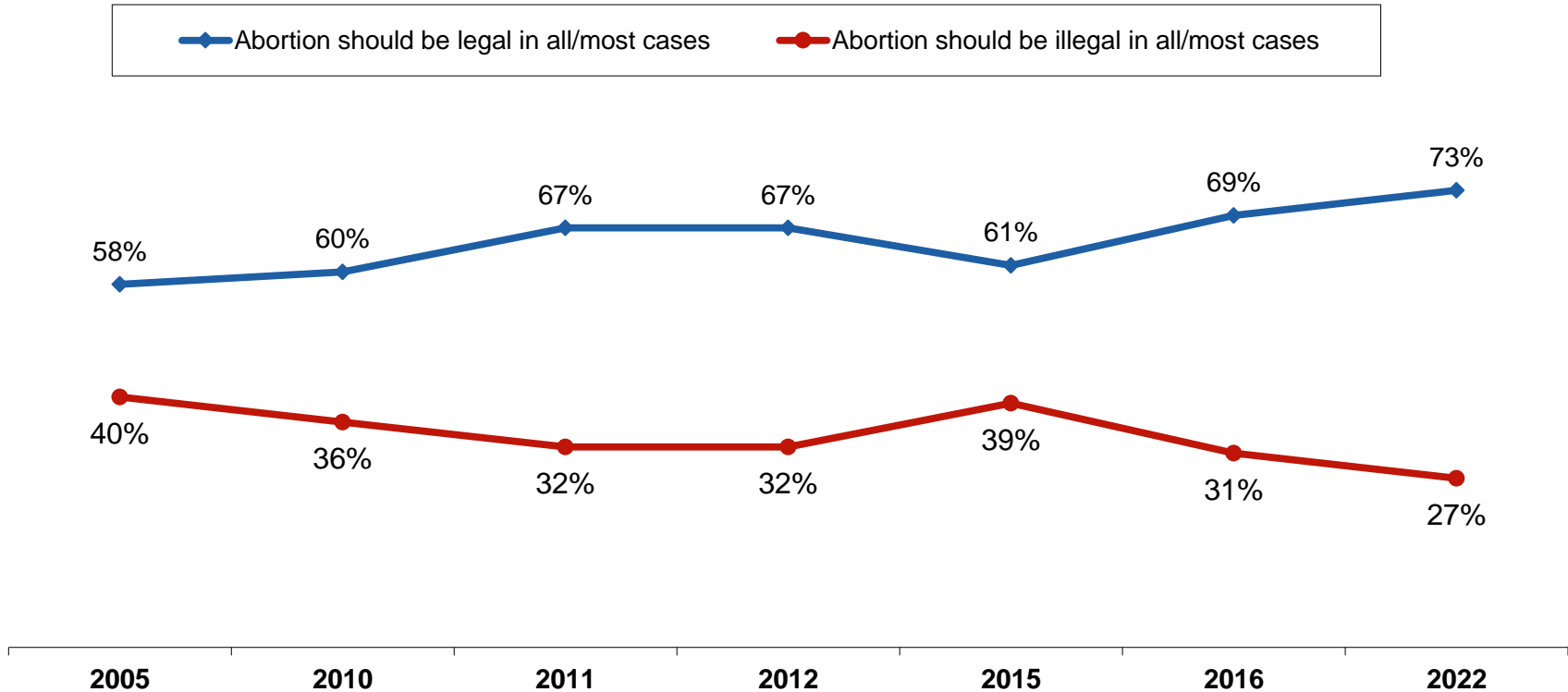
Interest/Enthusiasm for Upcoming Elections



Three in five college students believe that politics is relevant in their lives.

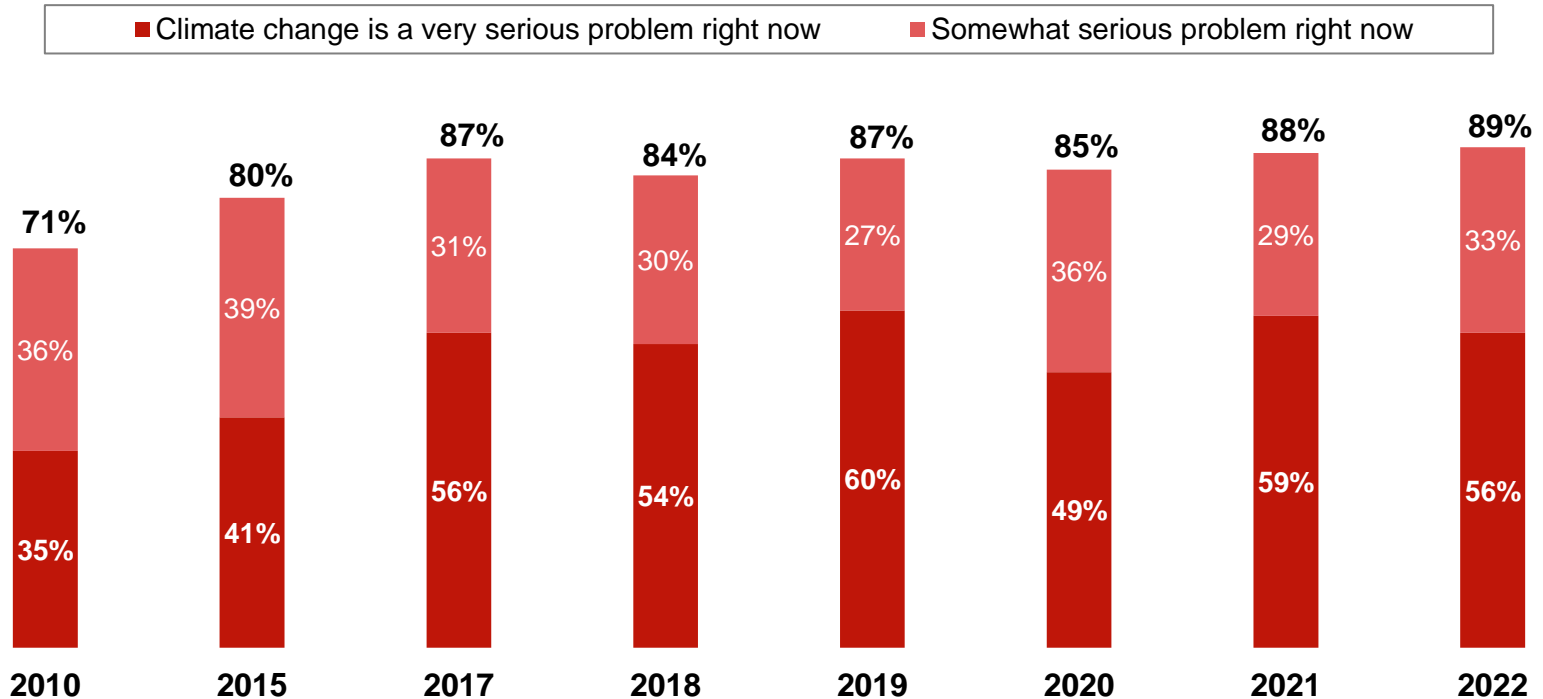


A record high proportion of college students believe that abortion should be legal.



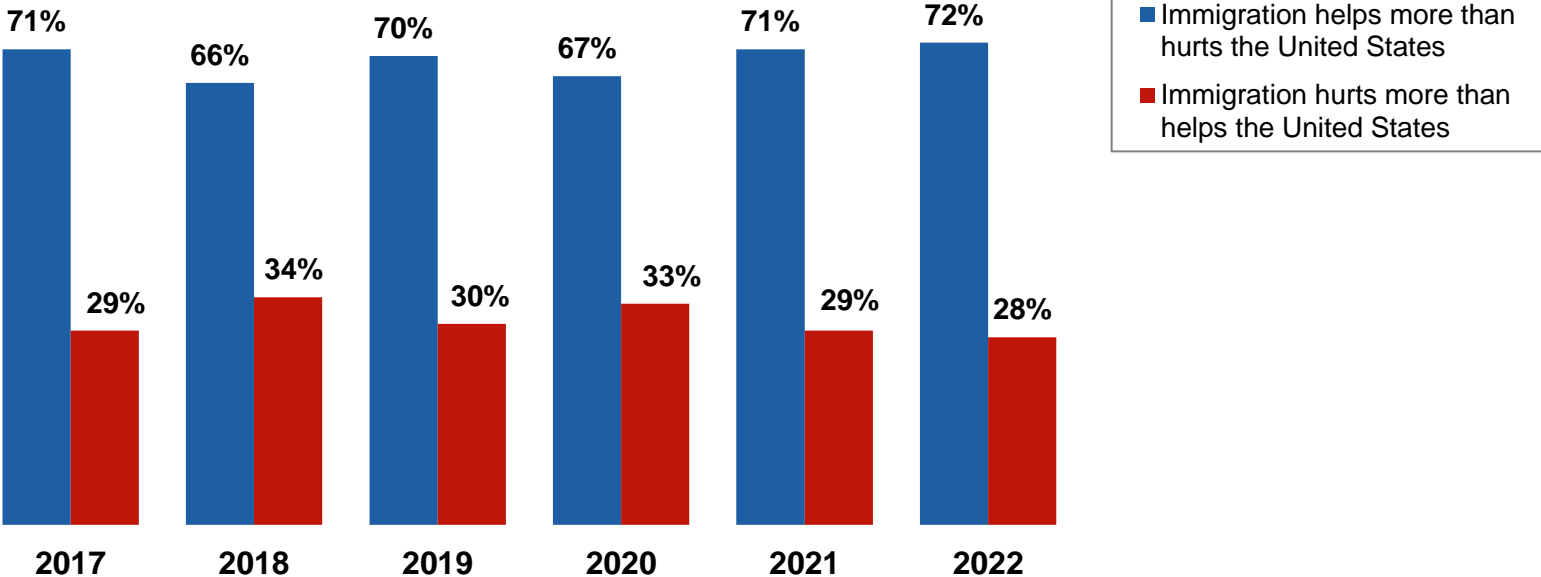
**The vast majority of 2022 interviews were conducted prior to news reports on the evening of May 2 regarding a draft U.S. Supreme Court ruling that would overturn Roe v. Wade*

A record number of students believe that climate change is a problem right now.

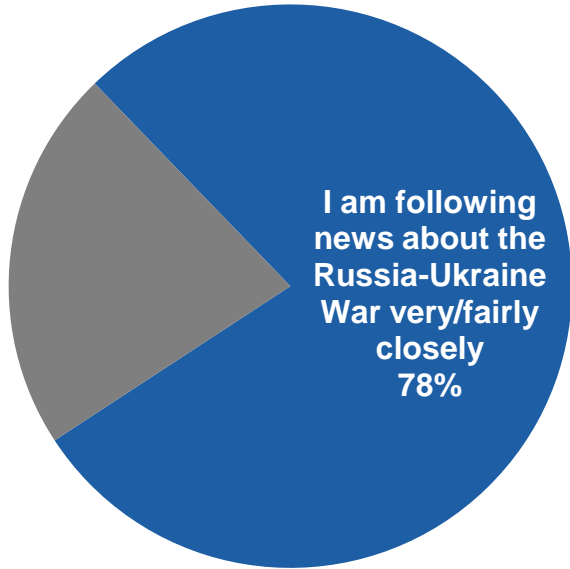


Seven in 10 college students say that immigration helps more than it hurts.

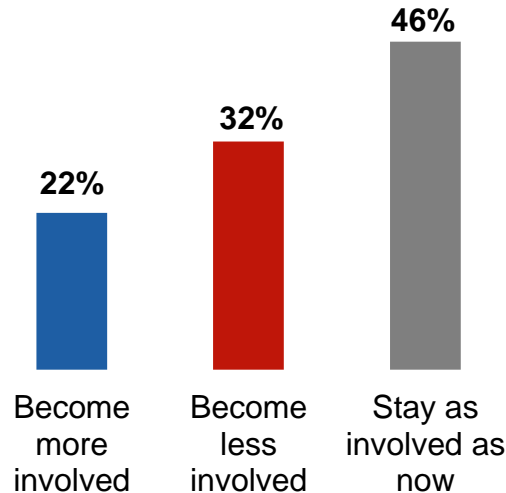
Impact of Immigration on the United States



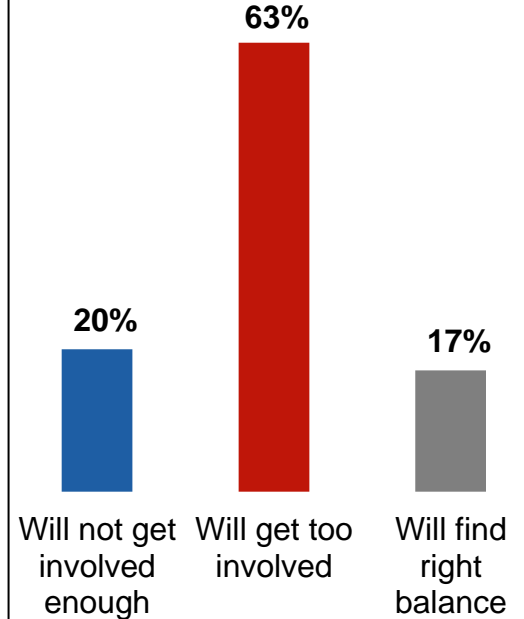
College students are paying attention to the war between Ukraine and Russia, but do not want the United States to get more involved.



Preference for U.S. Involvement

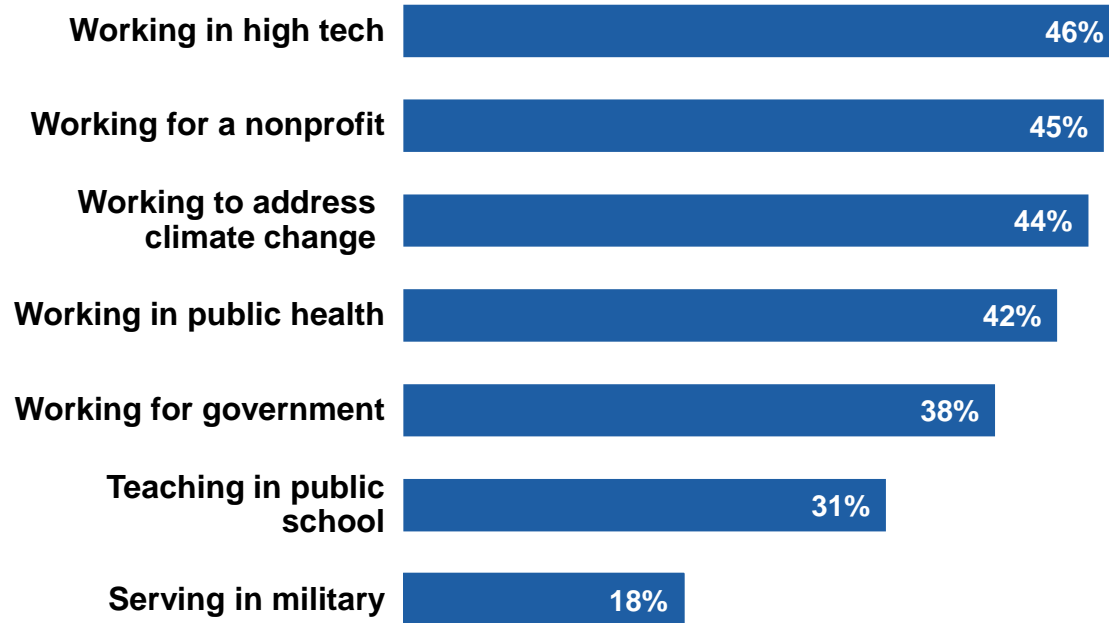


Concern about U.S. Involvement



Many students report high interest in public service.

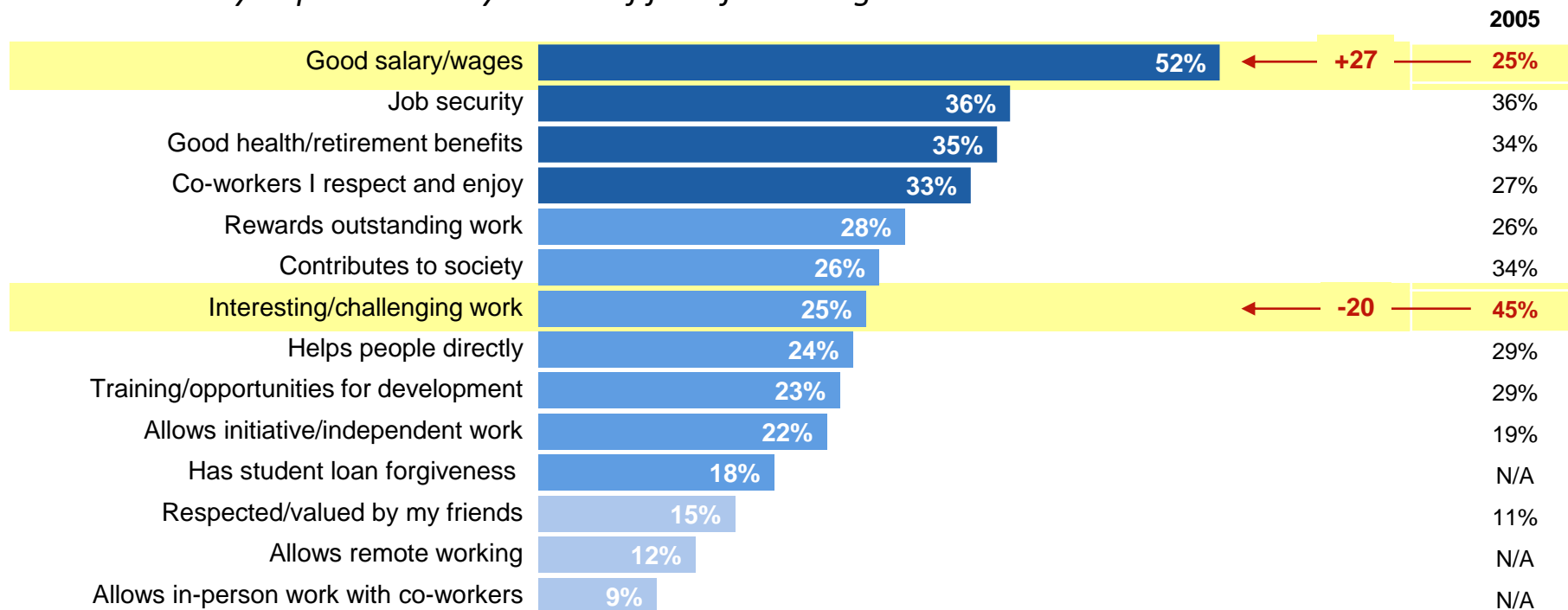
I am very/fairly interested in:



- 30% express interest in running for federal office, like Congress or Senate; 38% say they would be interested in running for local or state office.
- 26% have considered service organizations after college, such as Teach for America, VISTA, AmeriCorps.

College students place the greatest import on a job that pays a good salary, a dramatic increase from a generation ago, while they are less likely to prioritize work that is interesting and challenging.

Extremely important in my choice of job after college:



The Impact of Student Loan Debt



55% have taken out student loans.

85% of those who have taken out loans expect to have debt after graduation.

\$35,520 is the average amount of debt.

61% expect it will take six years or longer to pay off.

58% say their debt will have a high impact on the job they pursue upon graduation.