

South Carolina Election Commission

2020 General Election Research

November 2020

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This report presents the findings of a quantitative, online study of registered South Carolina voters who voted in person (on Election Day or in-person absentee) in the November 3 National Election.

The sample is comprised of 518 state residents, with a corresponding sampling error of +/-4.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level and was conducted between November 4 and 9, 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, findings are presented in percent.

KEY FINDINGS

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- South Carolina in-person voters:
 - Feel it is easy to register
 - Are comfortable with our system of voting
 - Are confident in the accuracy of our system of voting
- While some believe voter fraud occurs in South Carolina and in national elections, voters feel fraud occurs far less frequently in South Carolina elections than in national elections

KEY FINDINGS

- Experiences at polling places were extremely positive:
 - A majority of in-person voters gave each of the seven polling place evaluation measures a rating of “very positive”
 - Polling places received the highest marks for “Being organized and well-run” and “Being safe and clean.”
- Those who voted absentee by mail were terminated, but respondents who voted absentee in person (but typically do not) were asked two additional questions as to why they voted absentee in person in this election.
 - More than half of voters who voted absentee in person (but typically don’t) were driven to do so because of concerns about the coronavirus and concerns about long lines on Election Day (55% and 53%, respectively)

VOTER PERCEPTIONS OF THE NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION

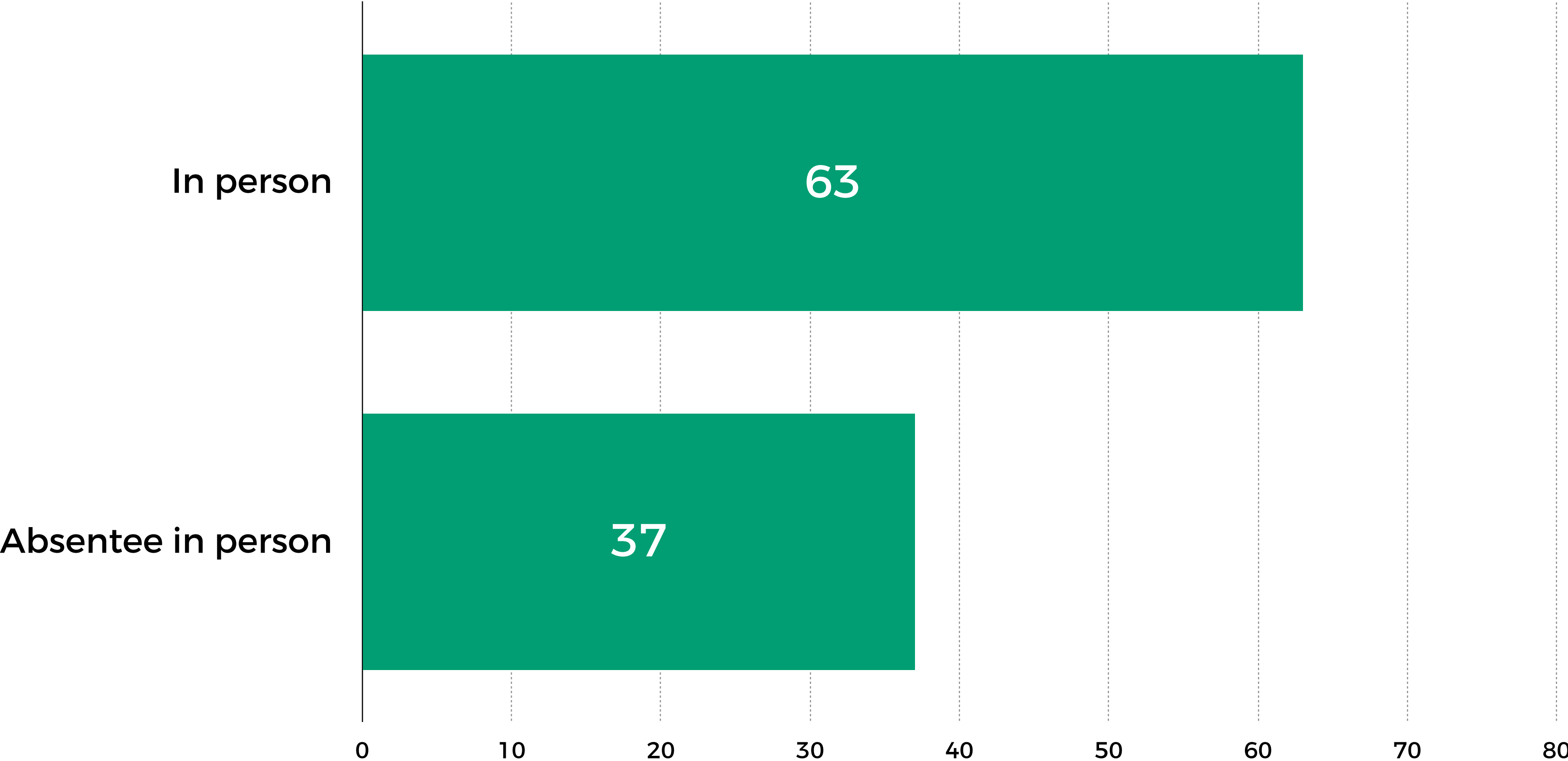
THINKING ABOUT THE PLACE WHERE YOU VOTED, HOW WOULD YOU RATE IT ON:

Very Positive Somewhat Positive Somewhat Negative Very Negative Not Sure

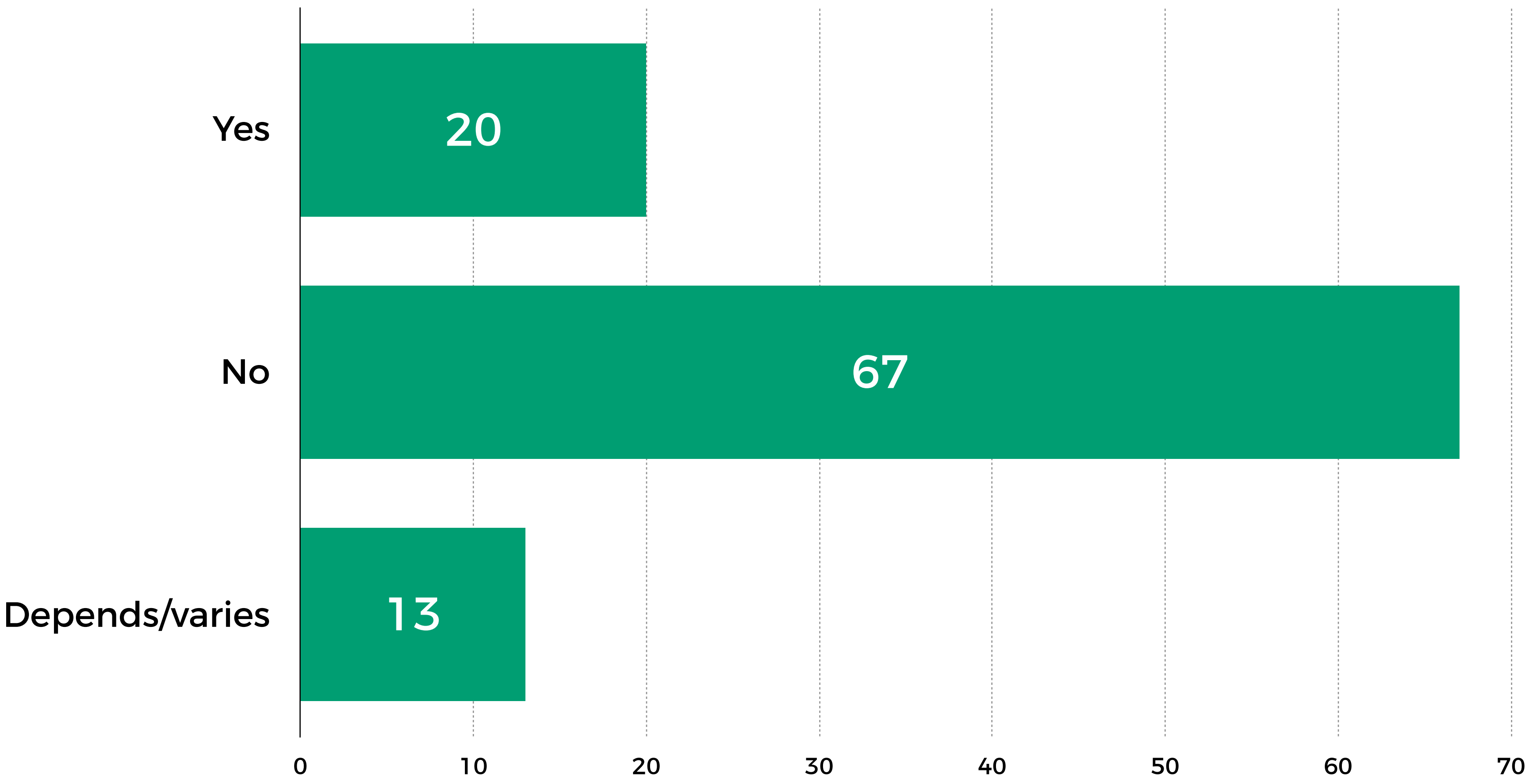


VOTING ABSENTEE

DID YOU VOTE:

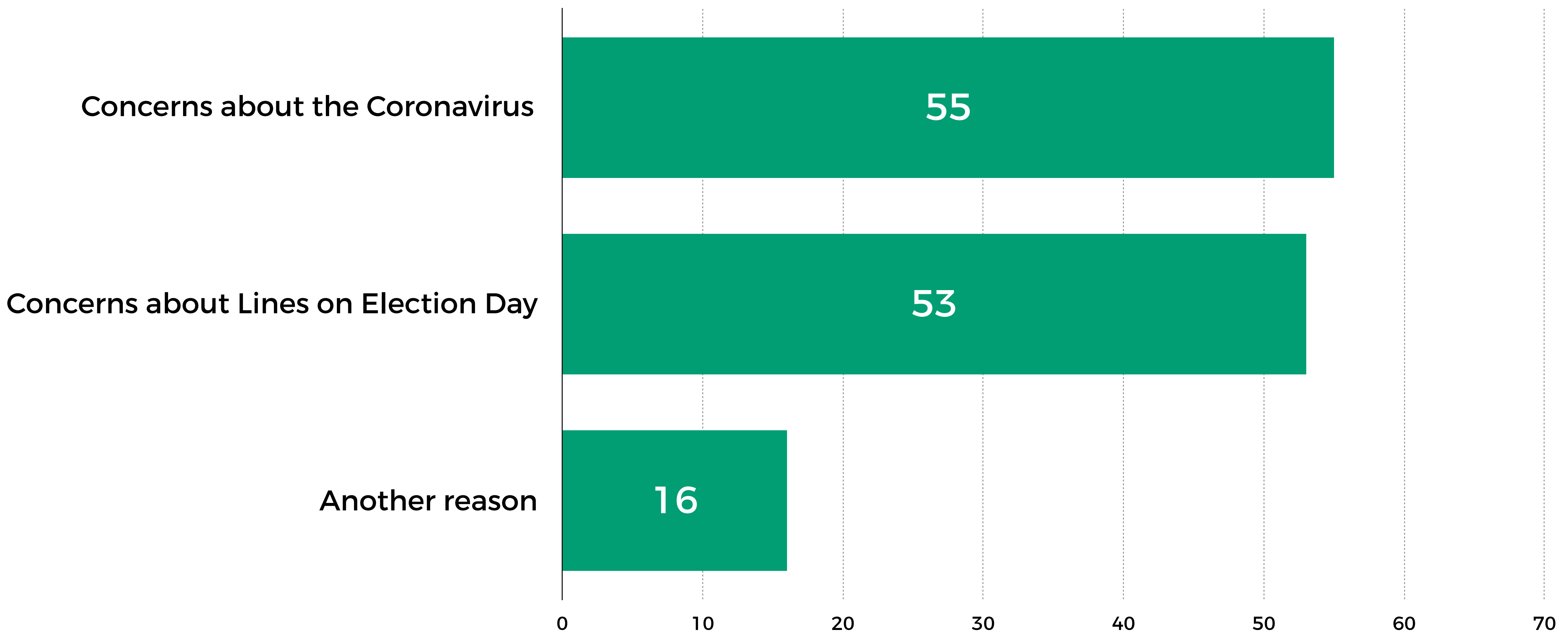


DO YOU TYPICALLY VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON
(AMONG THOSE WHO VOTED ABSENTEE IN PERSON, N = 190)



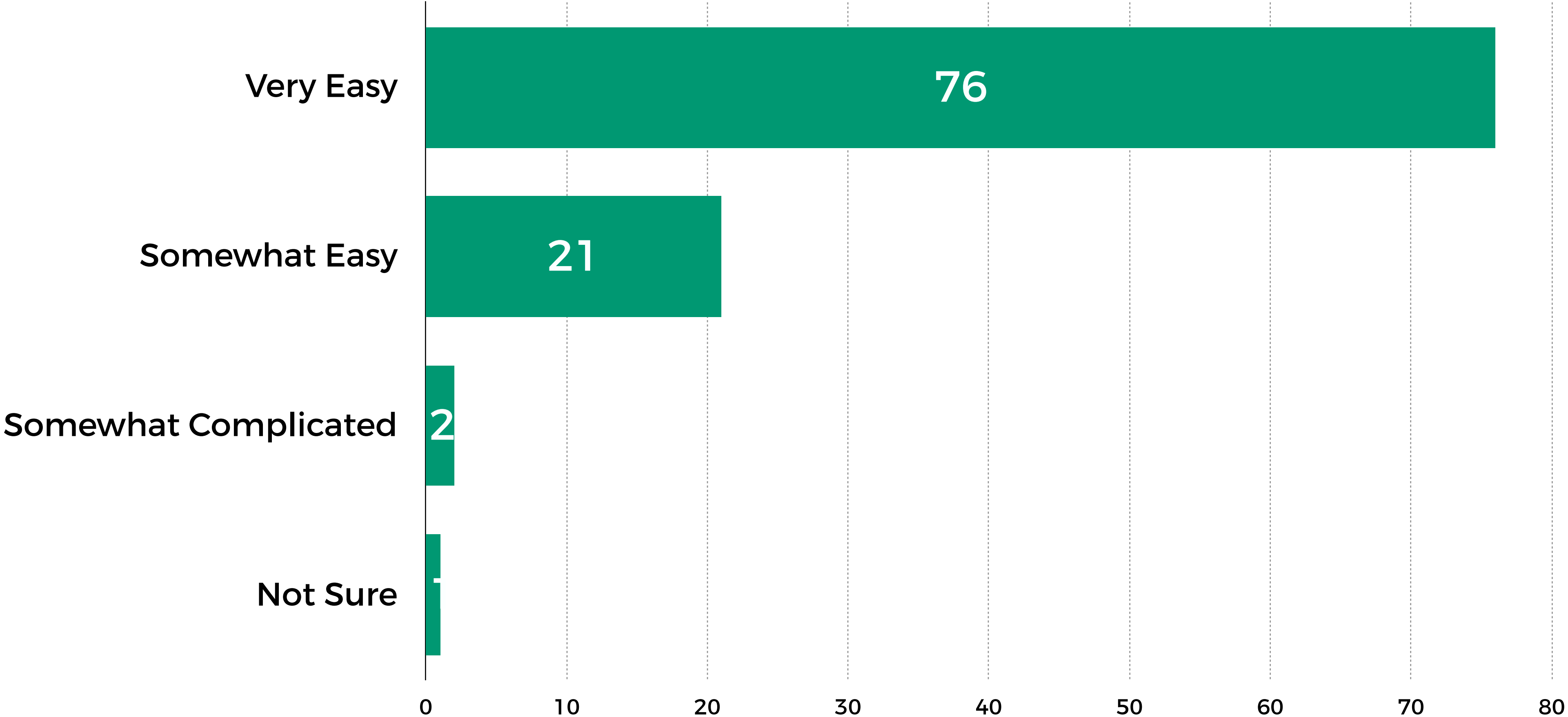
REASON FOR VOTING IN ABSENTEE IN PERSON
(AMONG THOSE WHO VOTED ABSENTEE IN PERSON BUT DO NOT TYPICALLY VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON, N = 128)

*MULTIPLE RESPONSES ALLOWED



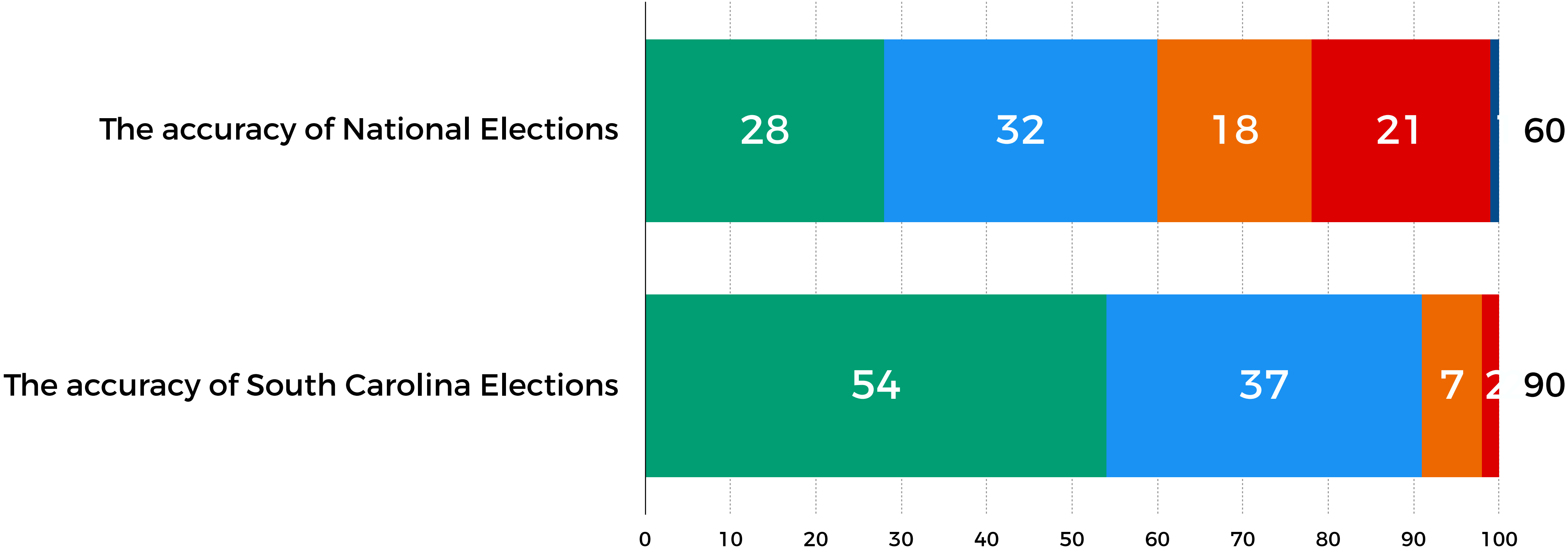
GENERAL PERCEPTIONS OF AND POSITIONS ON VOTING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

IS THE PROCESS OF REGISTERING TO VOTE IN SOUTH CAROLINA:



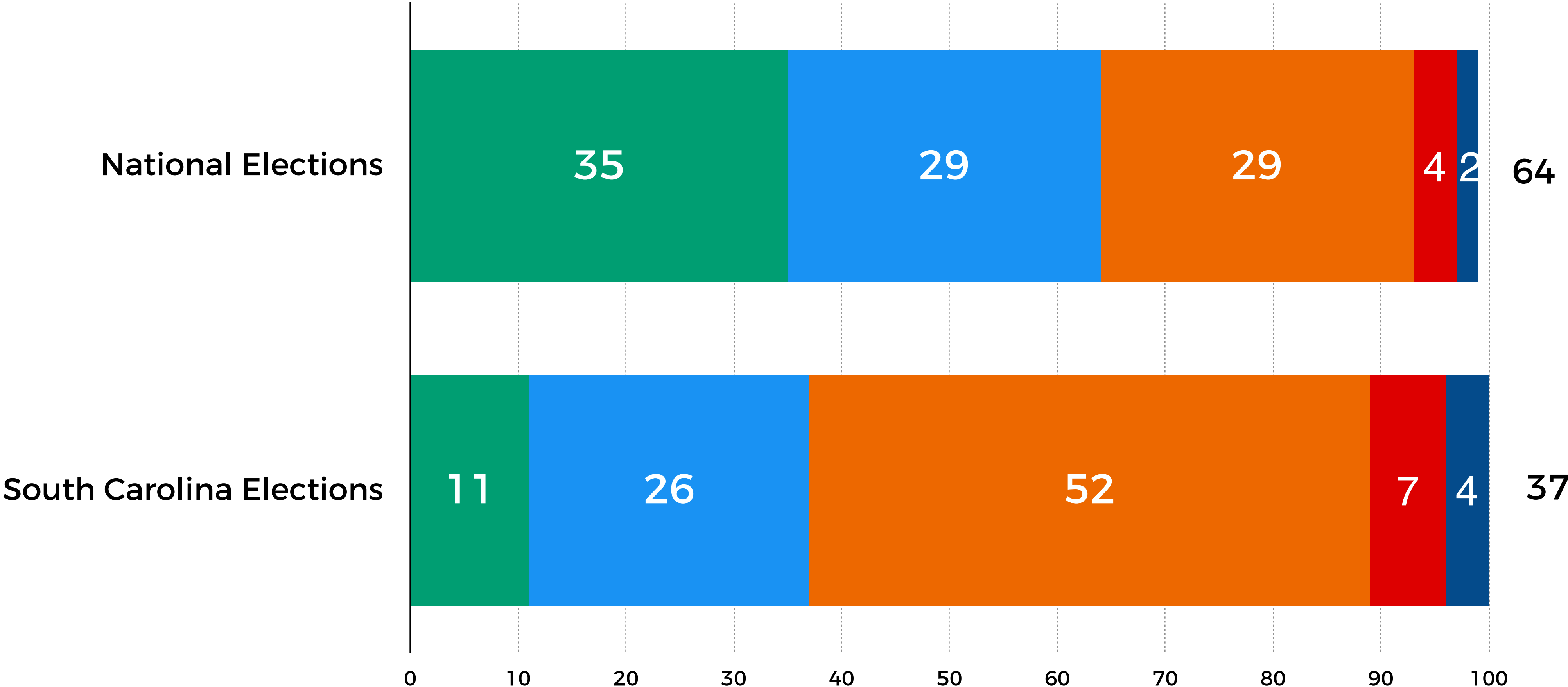
HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU IN:

Very Confident Somewhat Confident Not Very Confident Not Confident At All Not Sure



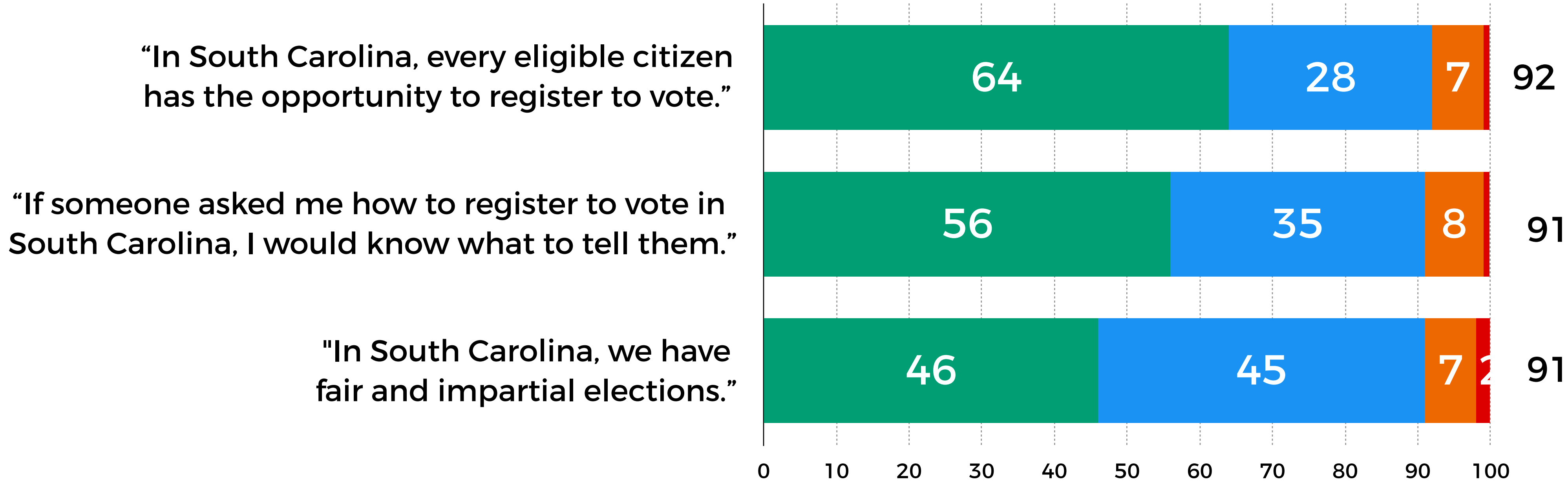
TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU FEEL VOTER FRAUD OCCURS?

Very Often Sometimes Rarely Never Not Sure



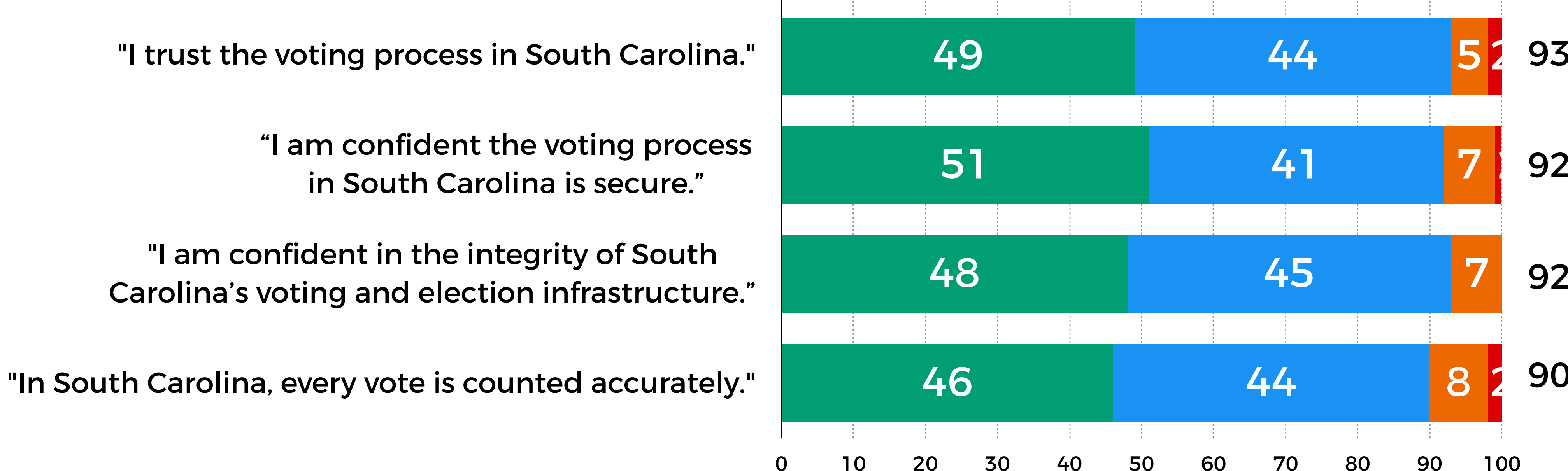
TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

Agree Strongly Agree Moderately Disagree Moderately Disagree Strongly

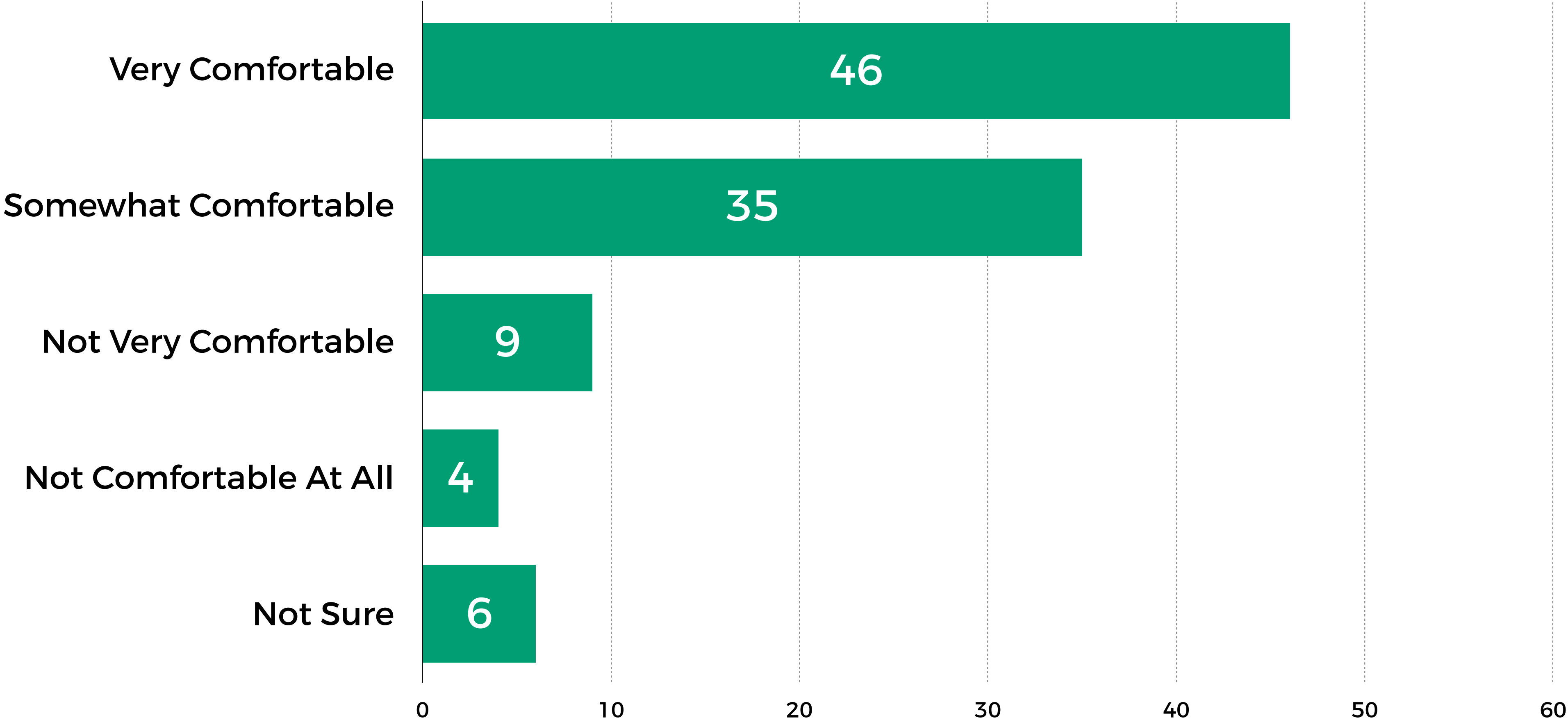


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■ Agree Strongly
 ■ Agree Moderately
 ■ Disagree Moderately
 ■ Disagree Strongly



HOW COMFORTABLE ARE YOU WITH USING SOUTH CAROLINA'S PAPER-BASED VOTING SYSTEM?



HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU IN THE ACCURACY OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S PAPER-BASED VOTING SYSTEM?

