

America in 2050: Public views on the future

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Public is broadly pessimistic about the future of America



When the public looks to the future of the U.S. over the next 30 years, they see ...

A country declining in stature on the world stage

The U.S. will be **LESS** important in the world

60%

The U.S. will be **MORE** important in the world

31%

A widening gap between the haves and the have-nots

Gap between rich and poor will **GROW**

73

Gap between rich and poor will **GET SMALLER**

19

A larger national debt

National debt will be **LARGER**

63

National debt will **STAY THE SAME/BE REDUCED**

35

Growing political polarization

Country will be **MORE** politically divided

65

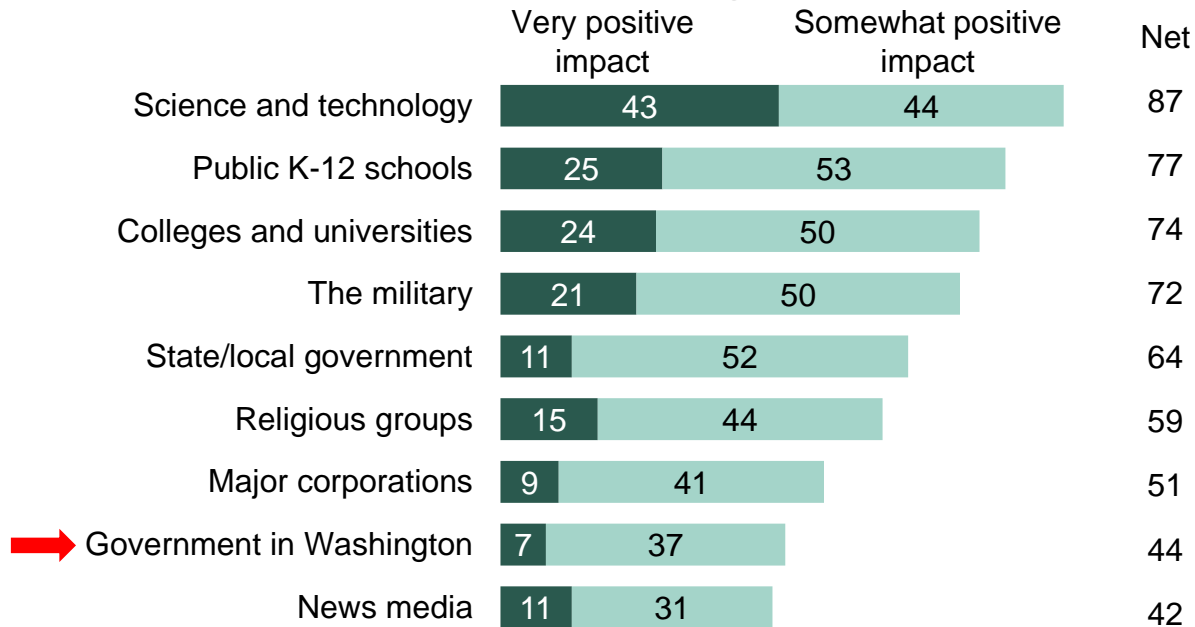
Country will be **LESS** politically divided

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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Dec. 11-23, 2018.

Americans think science and technology will have a positive impact in solving future problems; few look to government

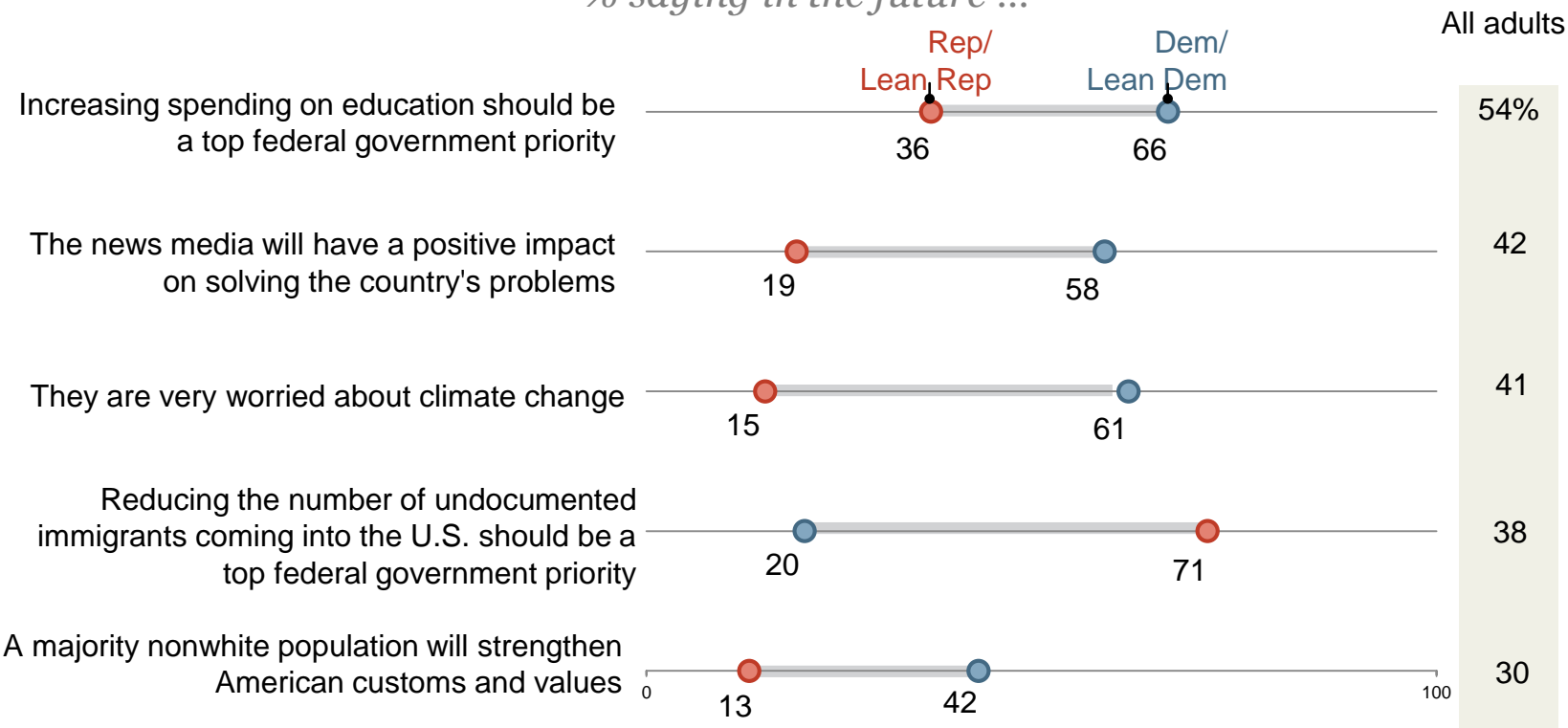
% saying, in the future, each of the following will have a ___ in solving the biggest problems facing the country



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Parties are deeply divided on future worries and priorities

% saying in the future ...



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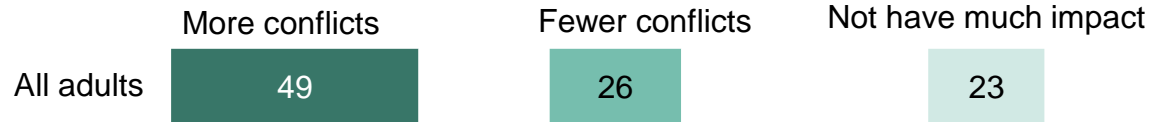
Public has mixed views on the impact of having a majority nonwhite population by 2050

% saying having a majority of the population made up of blacks, Asians, Hispanics and other racial minorities by the year 2050 ...

Will be ____ for the country



Will lead to ____ between racial and ethnic groups



Will ____ American customs and values



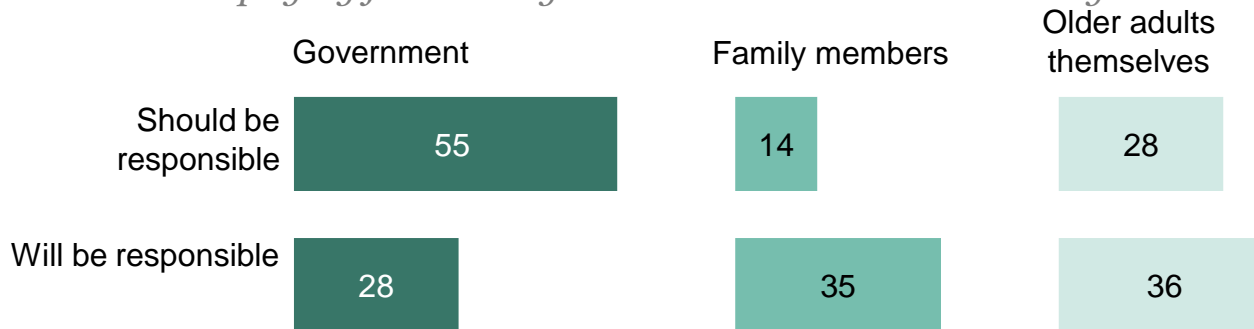
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Most Americans predict reduction or total loss of Social Security benefits

Among those who are not retired, % saying that, when they are ready to retire, Social Security will provide benefits at ...



% saying, 30 years from now, _____ should/will be mostly responsible for paying for the long-term care older Americans may need

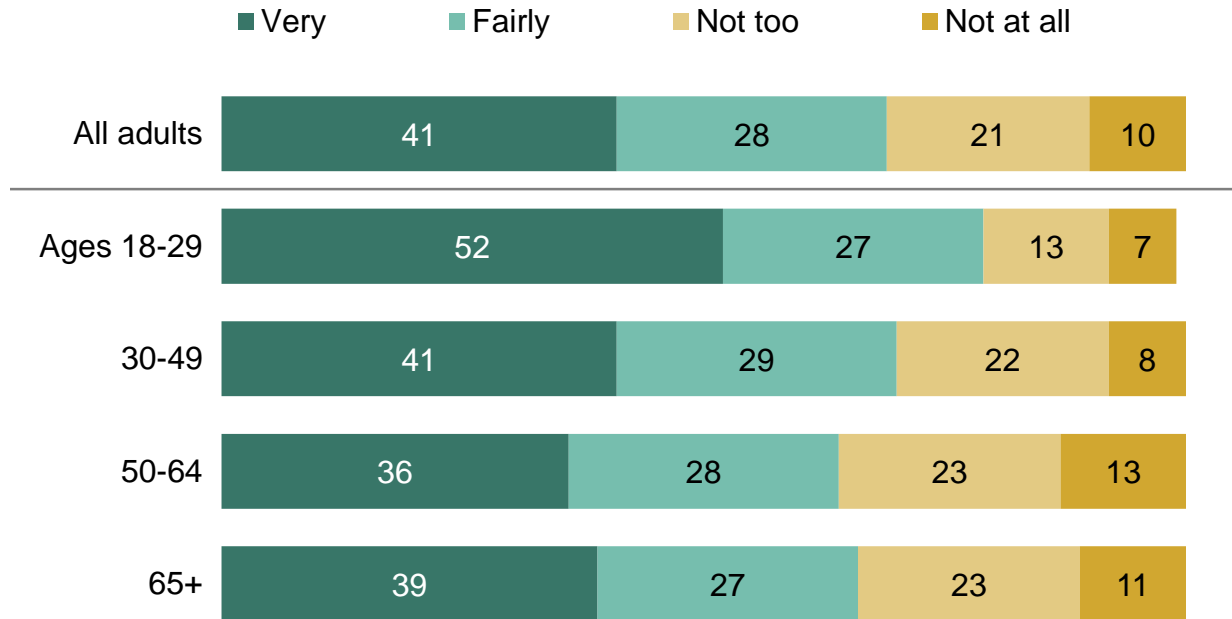


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Democrats and young adults voice greater concern over climate change

% saying, in thinking about the future of the country, they are ___ worried about climate change

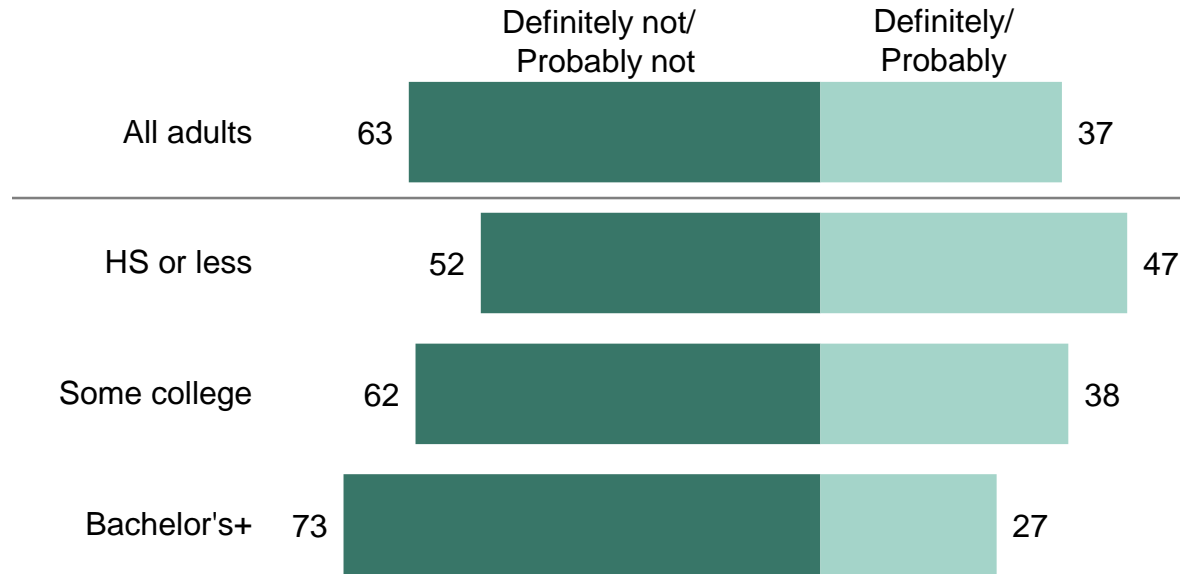


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Adults with less education more likely to say the work they do will be done by robots or computers

Among employed adults, % saying, within the next 30 years, robots or computers will ____ do the type of work they currently do



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