



# TEEN REPORT

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## KEY POINTS

**Teens are concerned about the coronavirus outbreak especially, about getting infected with the virus or infecting others.**

- Teens feel most safety measures schools can take are at least somewhat helpful, though they feel their peers will take measures involving other students less seriously.

**Teens prefer completely online or a mix of in-person and online learning for the fall. Schools appear to be doing that well. However, the percentage of schools offering ‘completely in-person’ does not match students wanting that option.**

- Just over half of students feel that virtual/remote learning went well at the end of last year.
- Many teens don’t have resources available to them for virtual/remote learning.
- Virtual/remote learning has shifted how students are learning best. A plurality are learning best by homework assignments since the outbreak.
- Most teens are more reliant on the internet for help with schoolwork than before the outbreak.

**Nearly two out of three 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders had some say in choosing their school, but more than one-third had no say in the decision. Many more would like to have at least some influence.**

- Almost all high school graduates had at least some say in choosing their education plans for the fall.

**The coronavirus outbreak and Black Lives Matter movement are the most important issues to teens right now. They are most comfortable discussing social issues with their friends.**

- Asian teens are much more likely to discuss social issues with their friends than teens of any other race.
- Black teens are equally comfortable discussing social issues with any family member, while teens of other races are most comfortable with their parent/guardian over other family members.



### METHODOLOGY:

This poll was conducted from August 17-19, 2020, among a national sample of 999 teens ages 13-17. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of teens based on Age, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Region.

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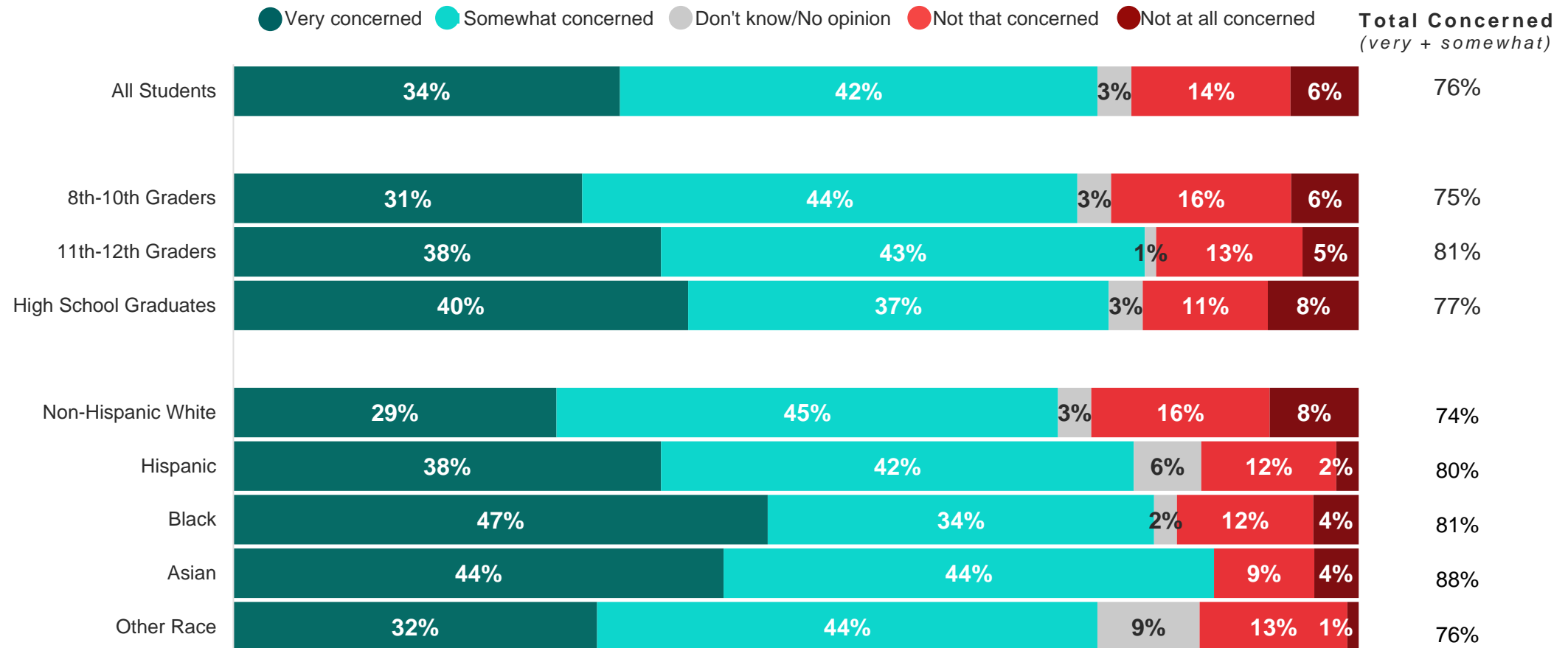
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## COVID-19 IMPACT

Teens are concerned about the COVID-19 outbreak, but minorities and older teens stand out in their concerns.

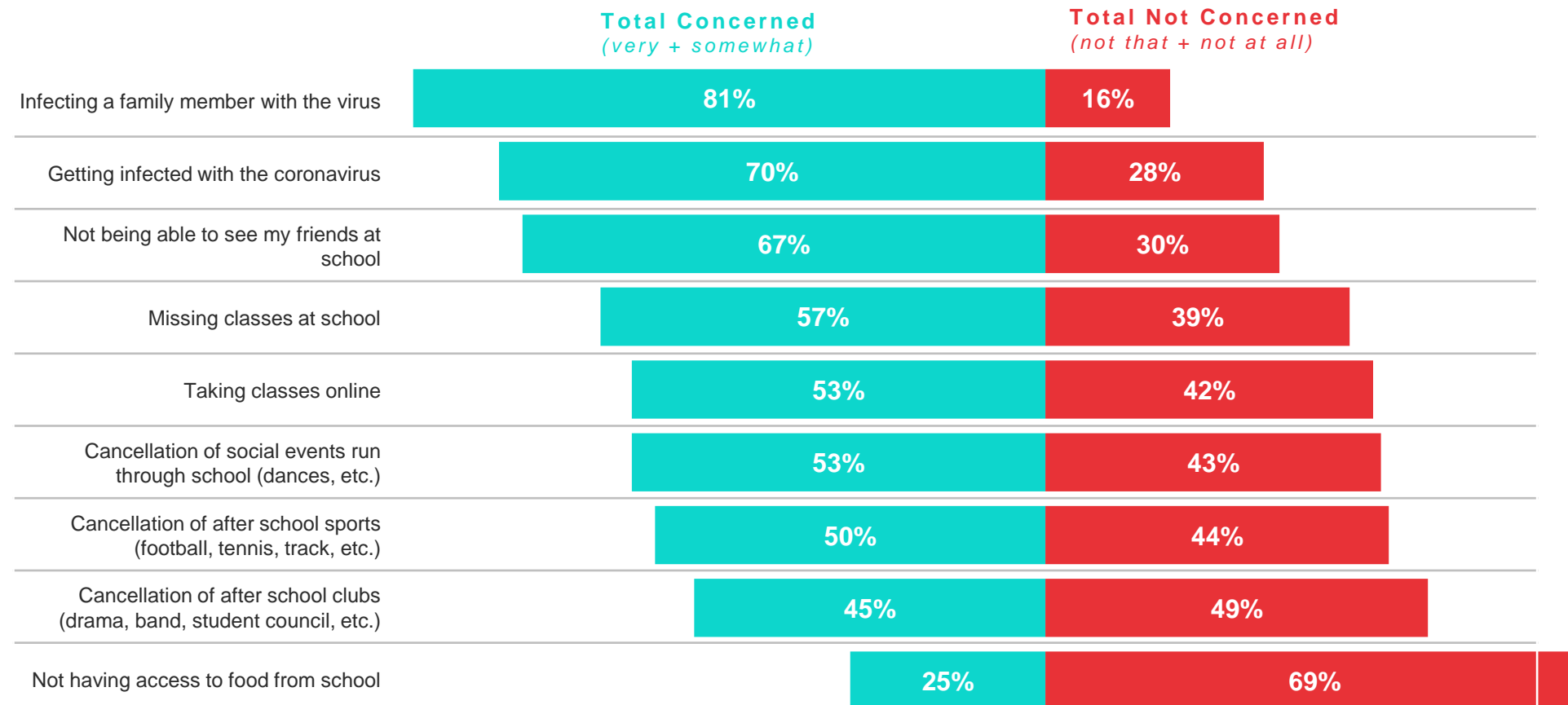
How concerned are you about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak? Select one.



## COVID-19 IMPACT

Getting infected or infecting family members with the coronavirus are top concerns for teens, followed by not seeing friends and missing classes at school. Teens are split on concerns over taking classes online and cancellations of various school programs and events. A majority of students are not concerned about losing food access from school.

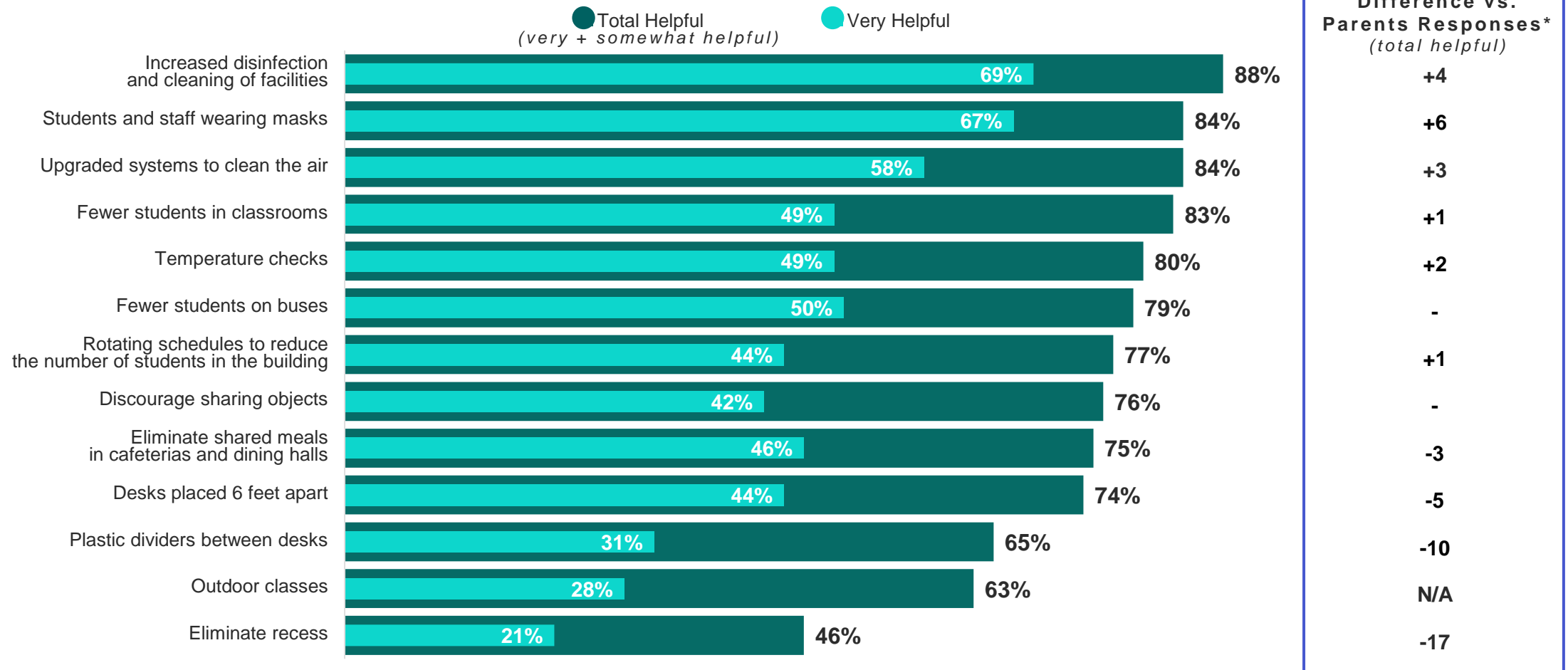
Thinking about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, how concerned are you about each of the following? Select one per row.



## COVID-19 IMPACT

Teens believe that increased disinfection and cleaning of facilities and mask wearing are the most helpful safety measures schools should take. Also, teens are more likely to believe wearing masks (+6 points) will be helpful compared to parents.

How helpful do you think the following measures would be for returning to school safely? Select one per row.



\*Parent Responses are responses among Total School Parents for the August Gen Pop Report: <https://edchoice.morningconsultintelligence.com/assets/48388.pdf>

## COVID-19 IMPACT

Most teens believe their peers will take wearing masks at least somewhat seriously. But substantial proportions say other students will not take safety that seriously, especially physical distancing.

How seriously do you think students at your school would take the following measures for returning to school safely? Select one per row.

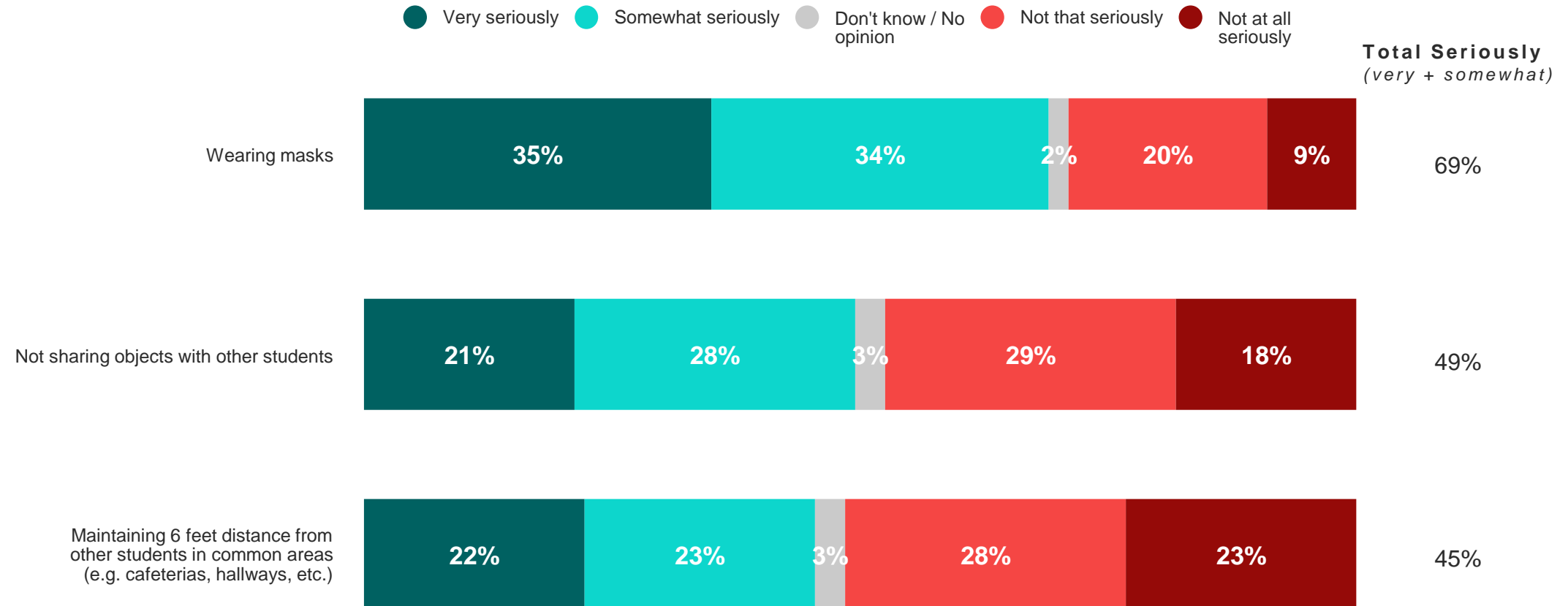


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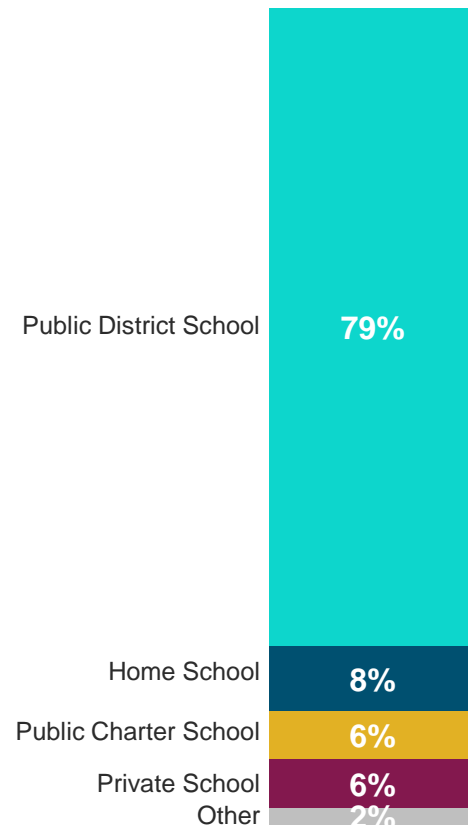
## BACK TO SCHOOL

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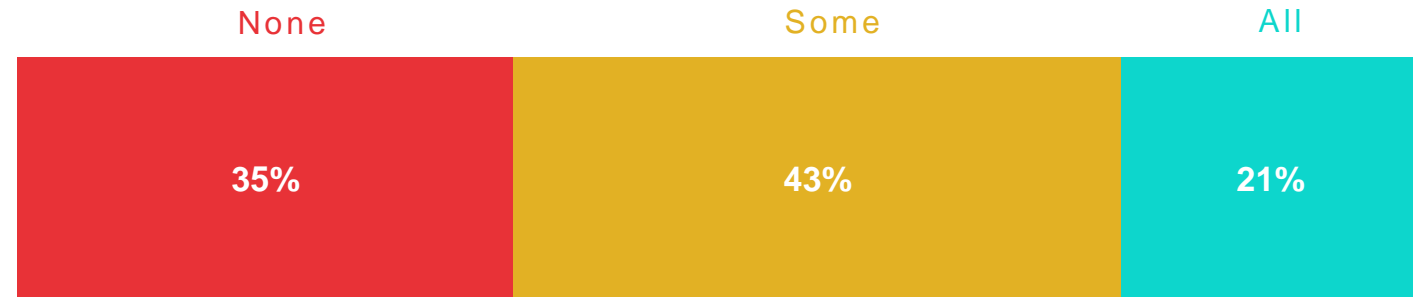
Which school type are you enrolled in? How much of a say did you have in the type of school you are enrolled in for this school year? How much of a say do you think students should have in the type of school they are enrolled in?

Among 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

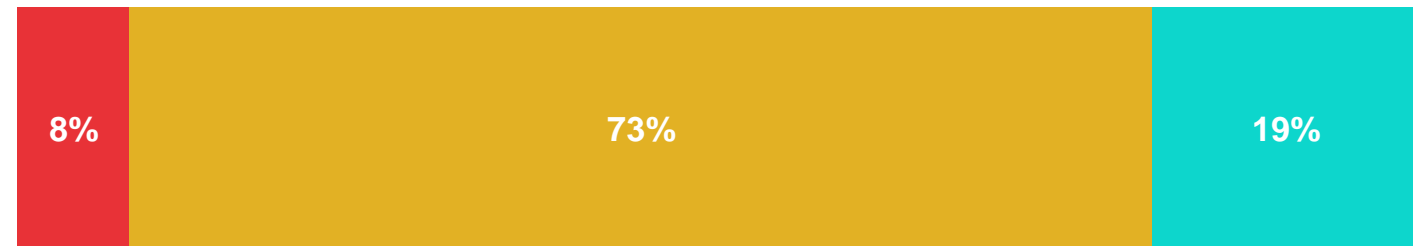
## School Type Enrollment



## Say In Choosing School Type



## Say Students Should Have In Choosing School Type

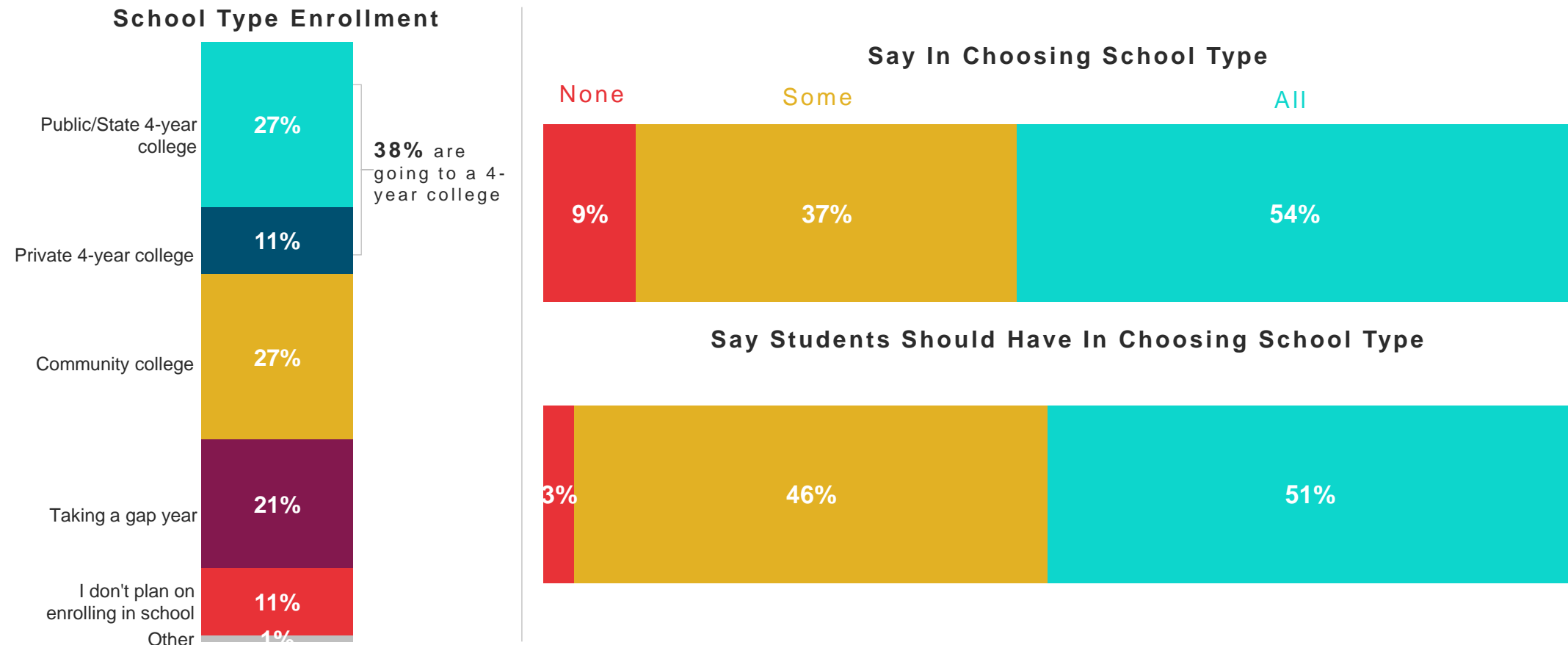


## BACK TO SCHOOL

Most high school graduates are planning to attend college this year but 21% are taking a gap year. Over half said the decision of what type of school to attend was entirely up to them and that aligns with how much say students believe they should have.

Which school type are you enrolled in? How much of a say did you have in the type of school you are enrolled in for this school year? How much of a say do you think students should have in the type of school they are enrolled in?

## Among High School Graduates



Teens have mixed emotions about returning to school this year; while they are excited and happy there are also strong feelings of anxiety and nervousness going into this school year.

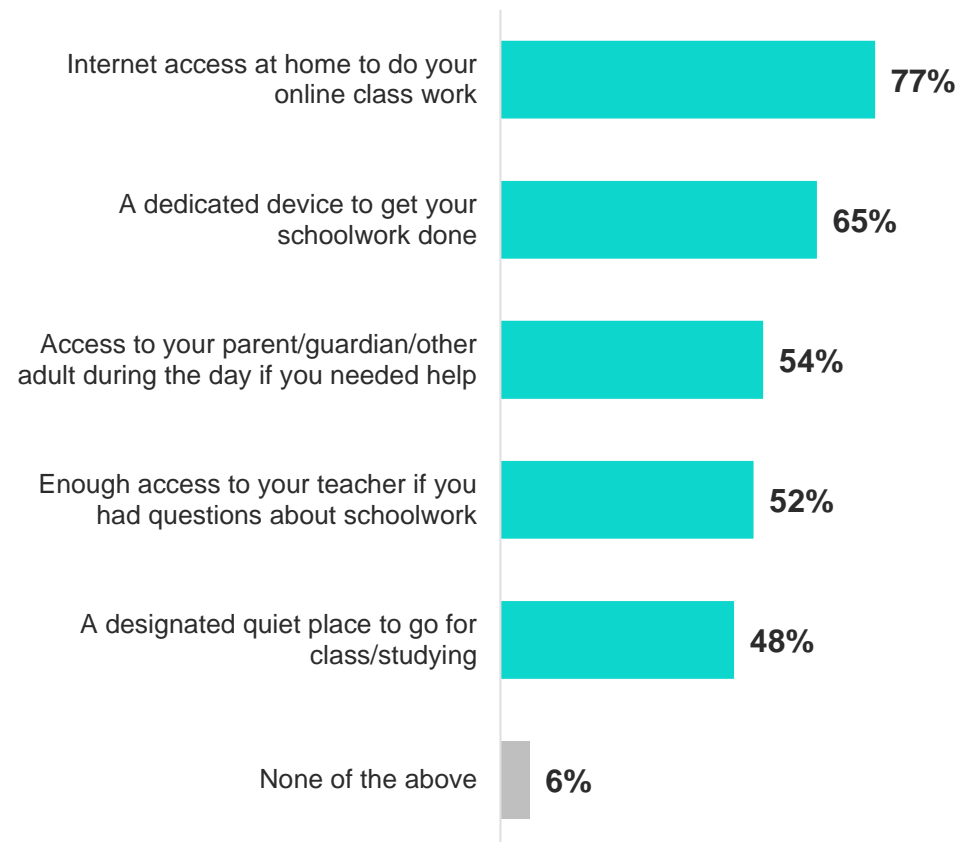
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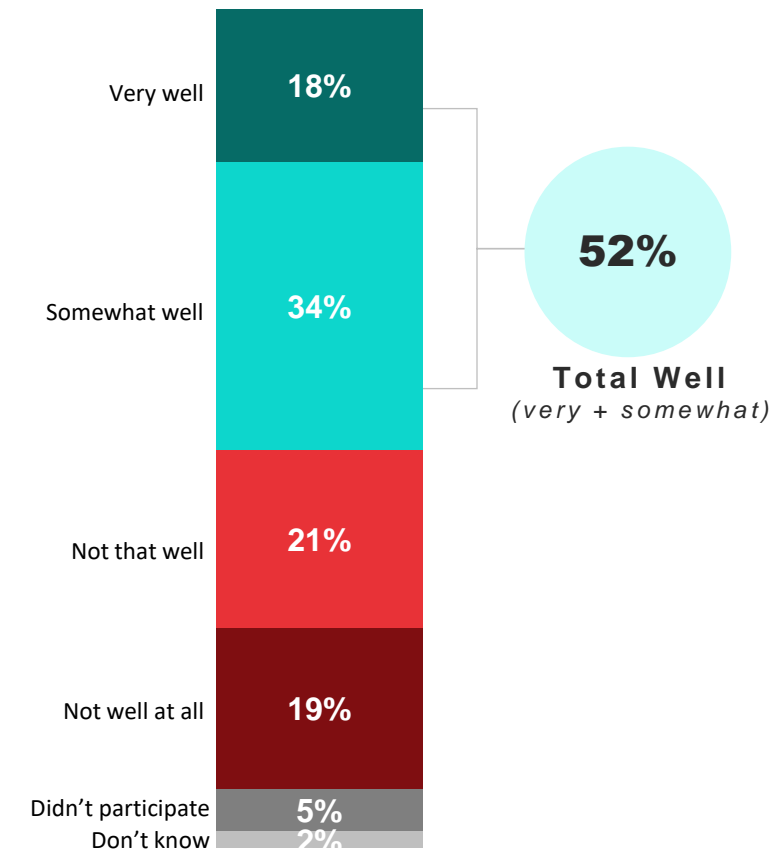
Just over half of teens feel that virtual/remote learning went well at the end of last school year. Almost a quarter of teens don't have access to the internet, and many are lacking other resources for virtual/remote learning.

In your opinion how did virtual/remote learning (e-learning) go at the end of last school year? Select one. During the outbreak at the end of last school year, for virtual/remote learning (e-learning) did you have...? Select all that apply.

## Resources for Virtual/Remote Learning



## Evaluation of Virtual/Remote Learning



## BACK TO SCHOOL

Most teens prefer completely online or a mix of in-person and online learning for the fall. Schools appear to be meeting those preferences. However, the percentage of schools offering 'completely in-person' does not match students wanting that option.

Which of the following approaches do you most prefer for going back to school in the fall? Select one. Which of the following approaches is your school taking this fall? Select one.

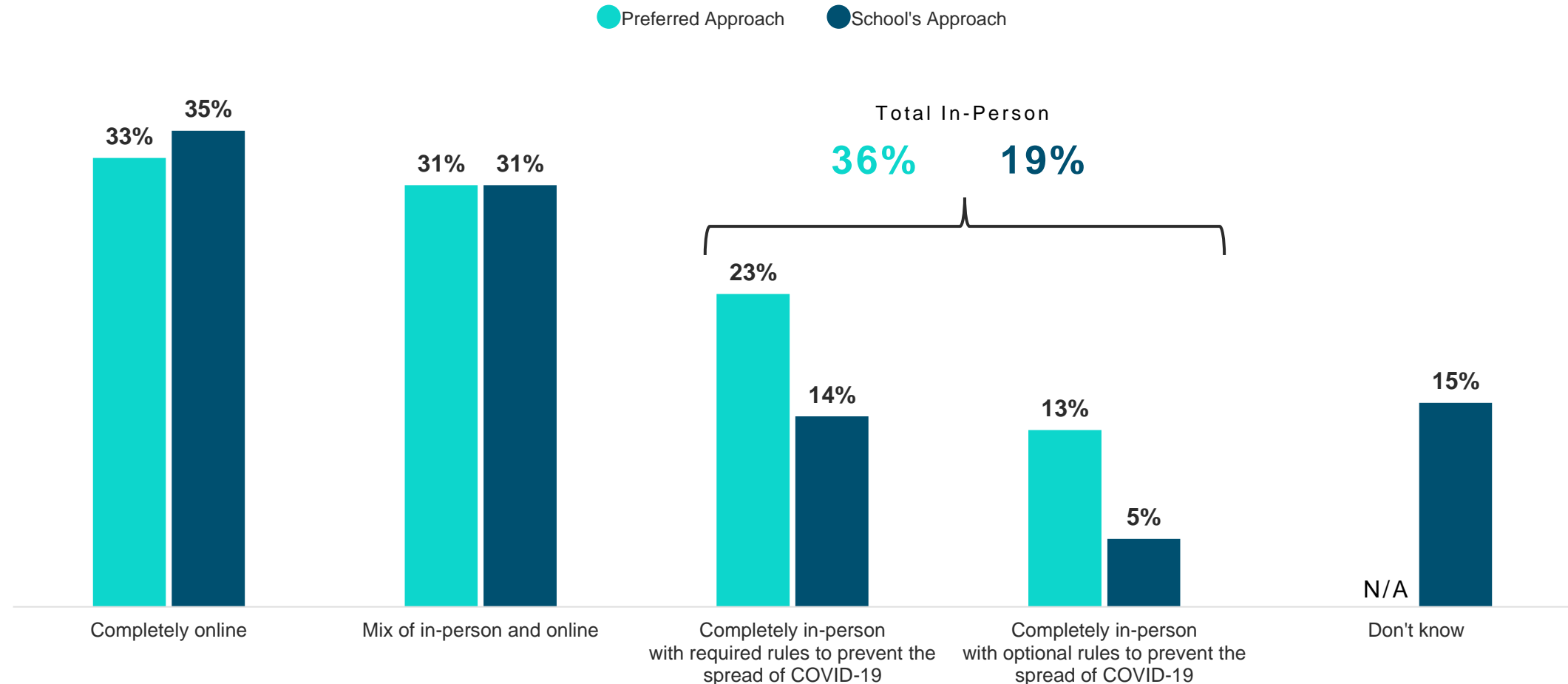


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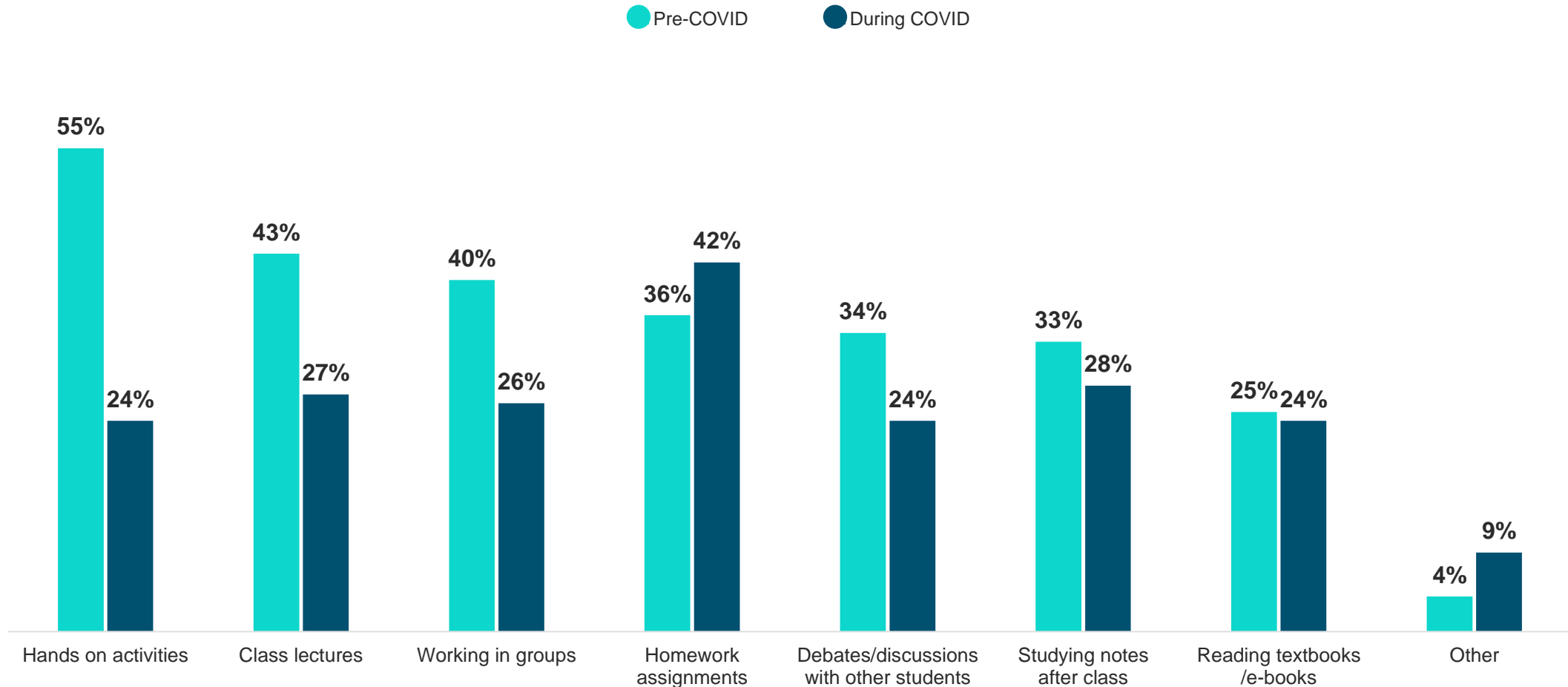
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## LEARNING &amp; SOCIALIZATION PREFERENCES

Before the outbreak teens were learning best by hands on activities, class lectures, and working in groups however, during the outbreak teens shifted to rely more on homework assignments.

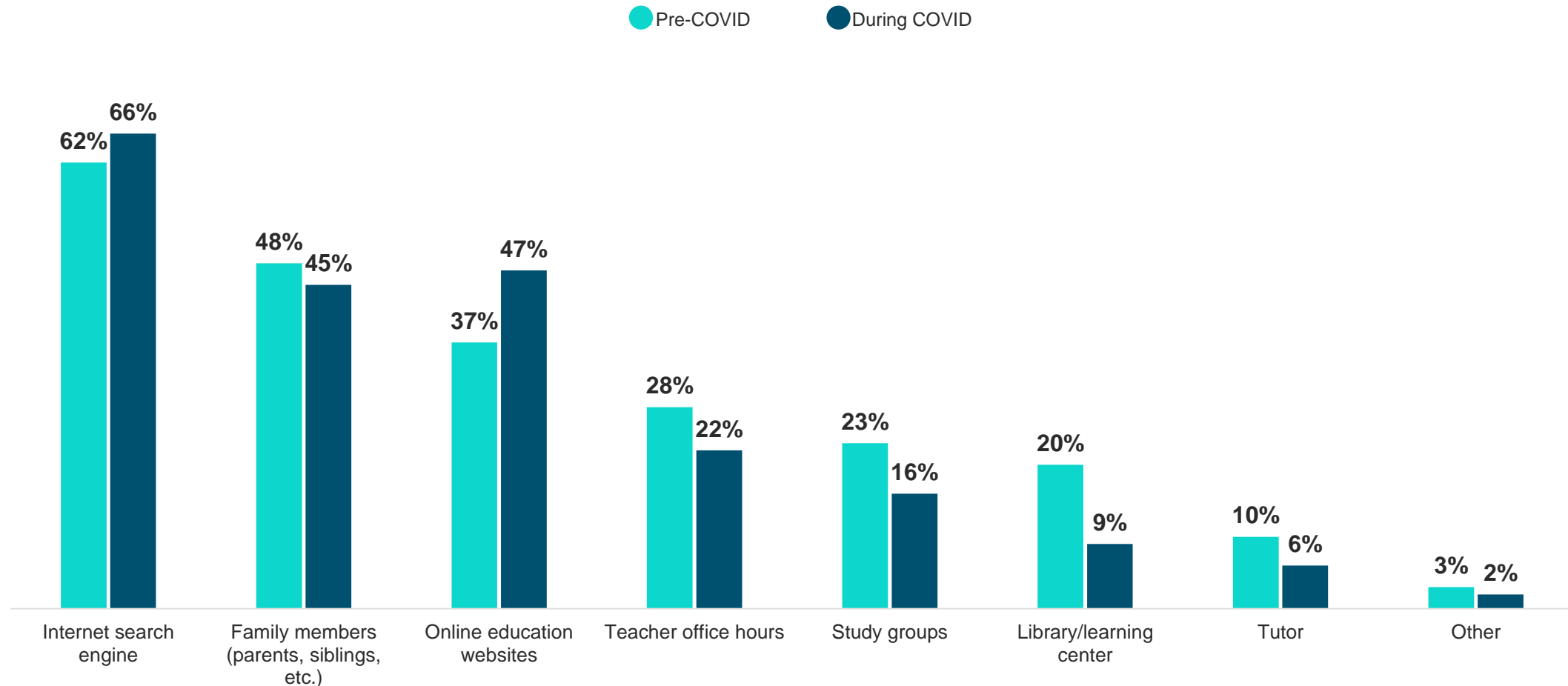
Before the outbreak, how did you learn best? Select all that apply. During the outbreak at the end of last school year, how did you learn best? Select all that apply.



## LEARNING &amp; SOCIALIZATION PREFERENCES

During virtual learning at the end of last school year most teens continued to utilize search engines most to help with schoolwork and increased usage of online education websites.

Before the outbreak, which of the following did you use to help you with schoolwork? Select all that apply. During the outbreak at the end of last school year, which of the following did you use to help you with schoolwork? Select all that apply.

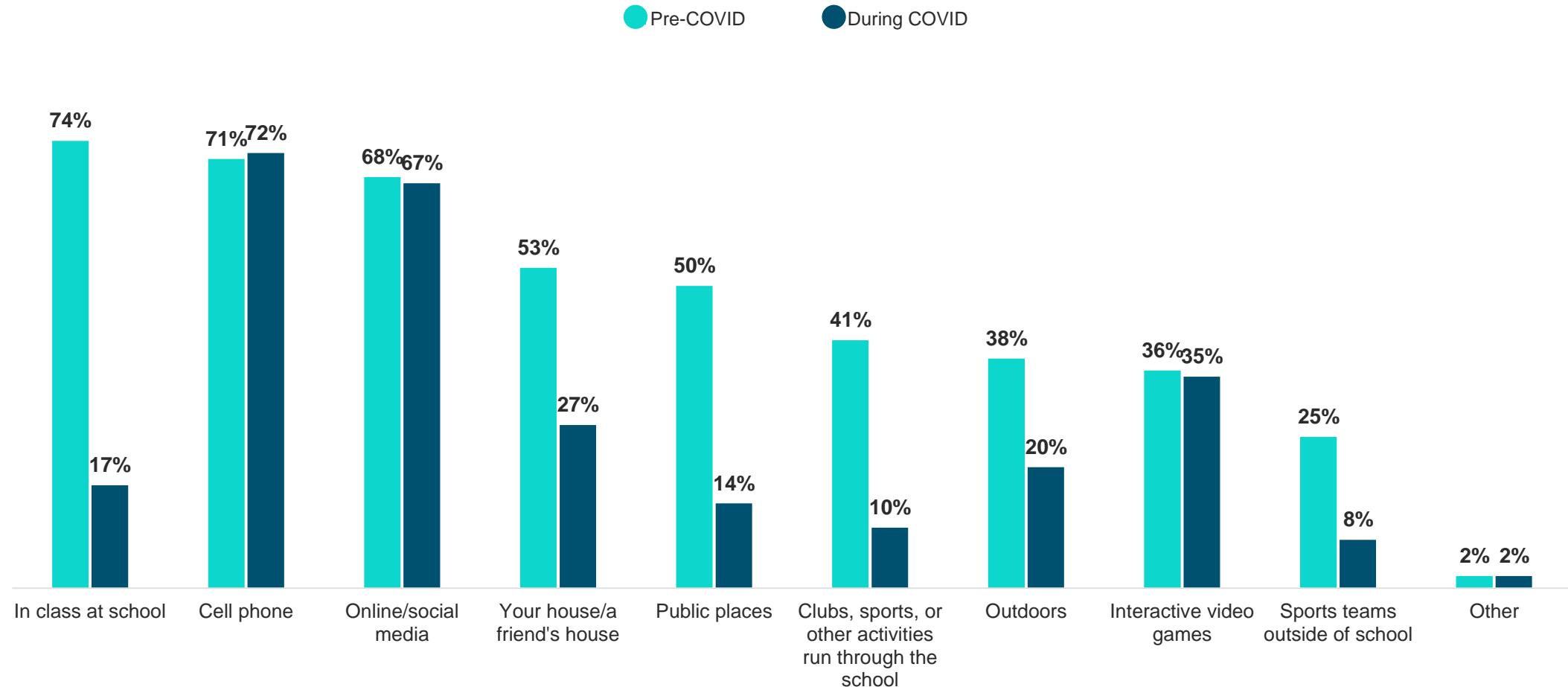




## LEARNING &amp; SOCIALIZATION PREFERENCES

After the outbreak teens became heavily reliant on their cell phones and social media to connect with friends and peers. That contrasts with before the outbreak when many were socializing in school or other in-person locations.

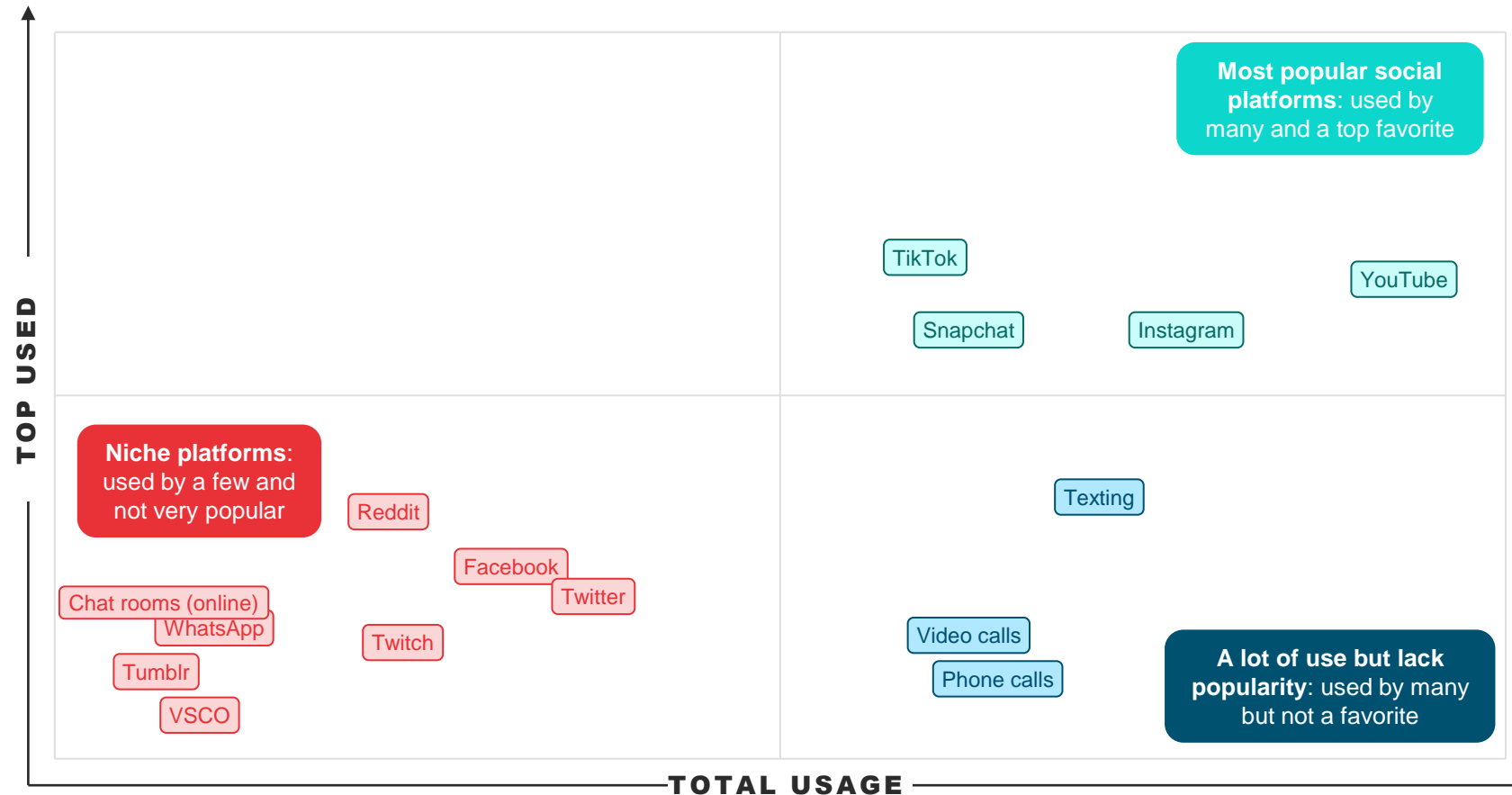
Before the outbreak, where would you connect with friends and other students? Select all that apply. During the outbreak at the end of last school year, where did you connect with friends and other students? Select all that apply.



## LEARNING & SOCIALIZATION PREFERENCES

Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and YouTube are teens most utilized and preferred social platforms.

Which of the following do you use? Select all. Which 3 of the following do you use MOST OFTEN? Select up to 3 options.



Teens mentioned using Discord and Pinterest in their other responses.  
(other accounted for 2% of all responses)

## LEARNING &amp; SOCIALIZATION PREFERENCES

TikTok is popular across age groups. YouTube is most popular among younger teens and Instagram and Snapchat are more popular among older teens.

Which 3 of the following do you use MOST OFTEN? Select up to 3 options.

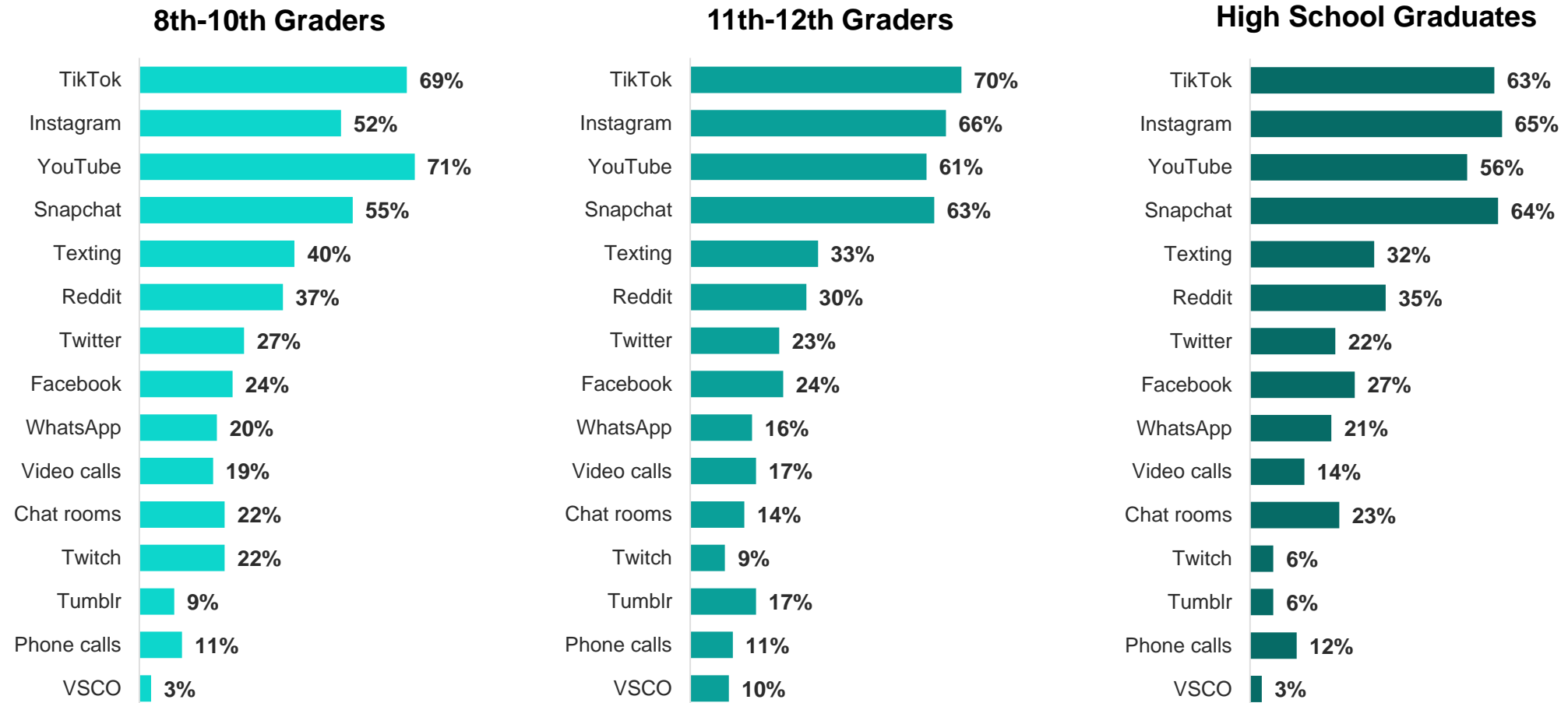


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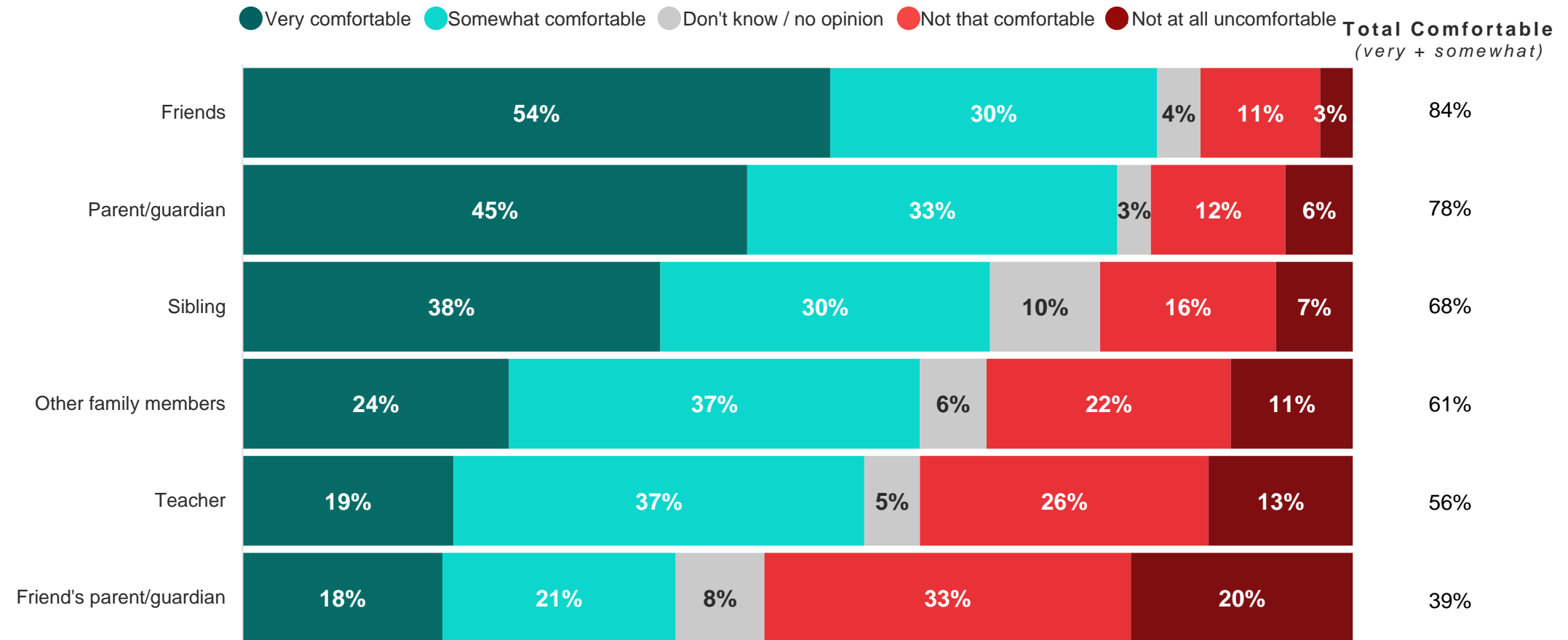
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Teens are most comfortable discussing current events and social issues with friends, followed by parents and family. There is relatively less comfort sharing with teachers or friends' parents.

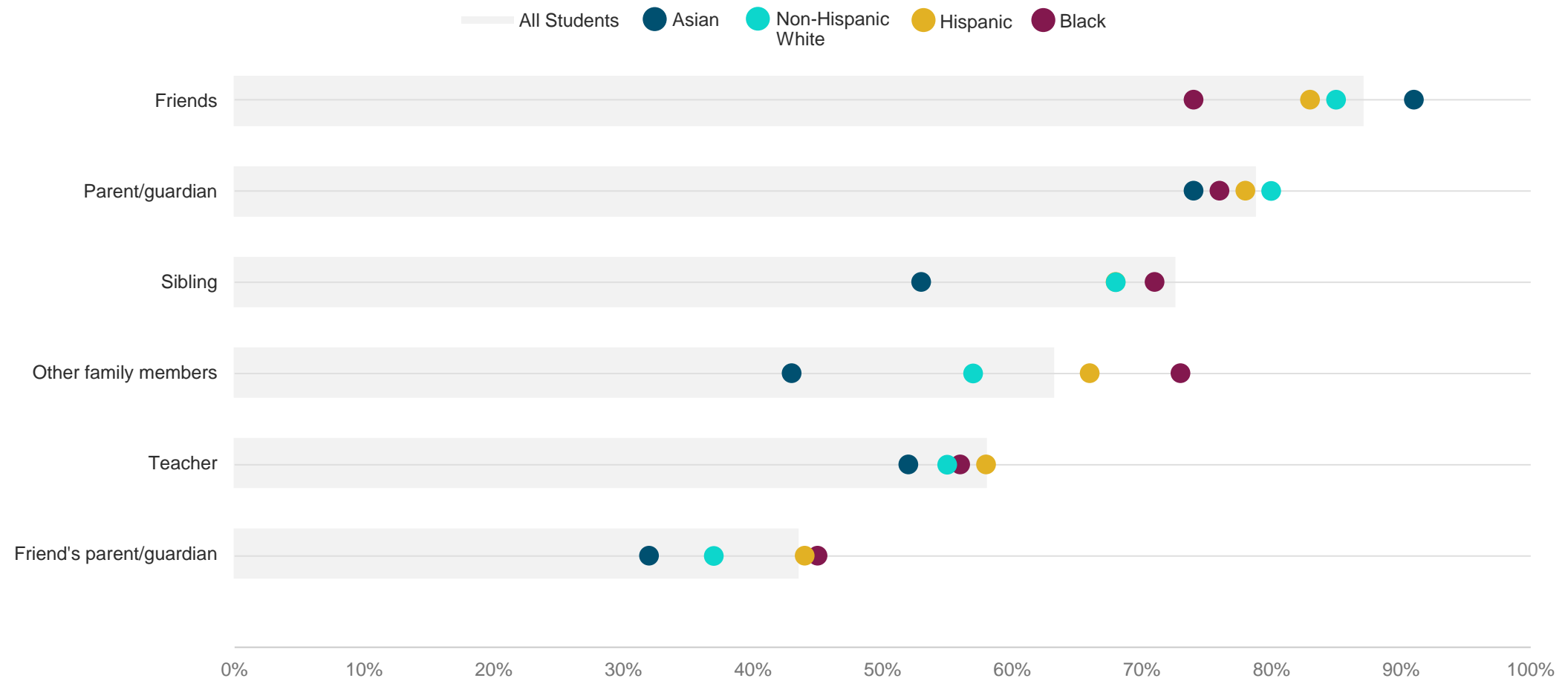
How comfortable are you discussing current events/social issues with each of the following...? Select one per row.



## SOCIAL ISSUES

Asian teens are more likely to feel comfortable discussing social issues with their friends and less comfortable with other people compared other races. Black teens are just as comfortable talking to siblings and other family members as they are with their parents.

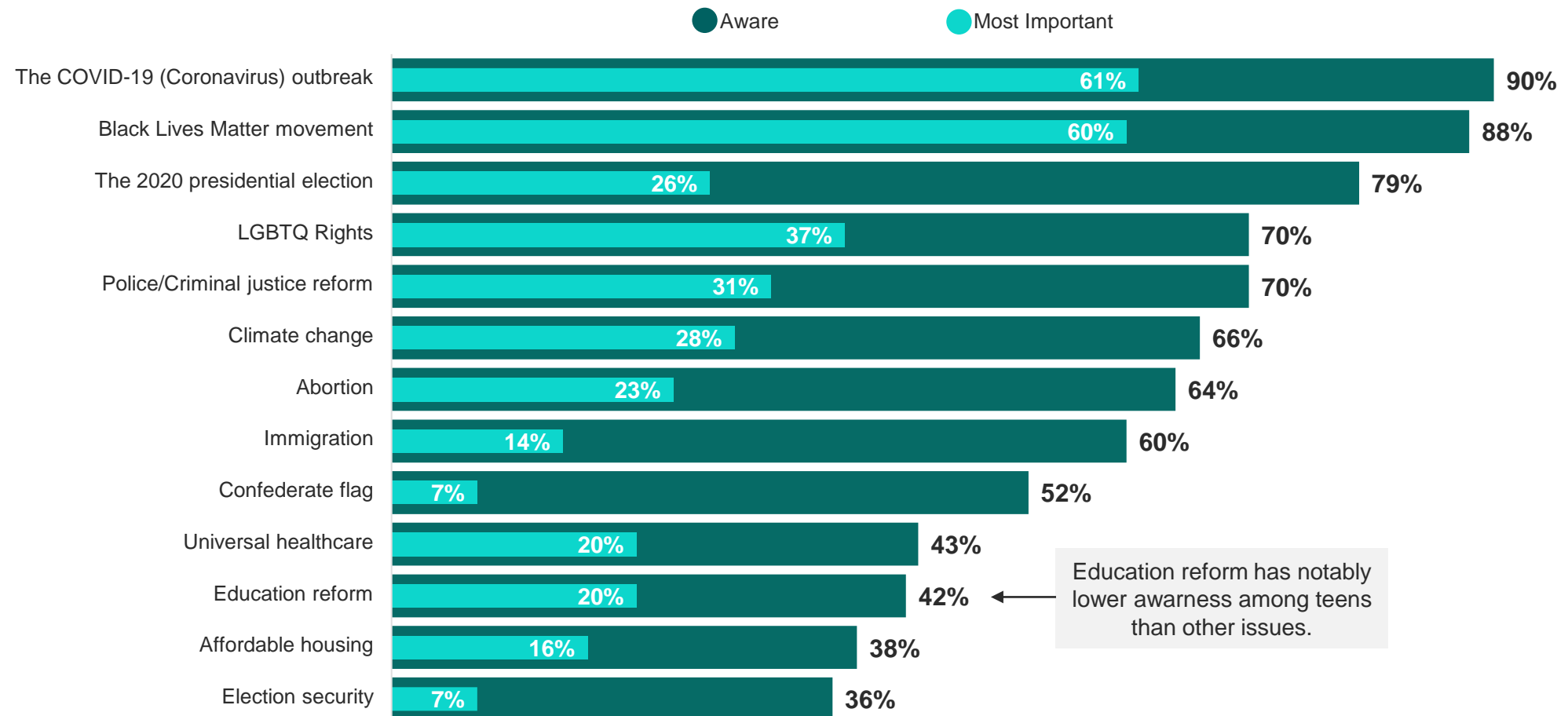
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## SOCIAL ISSUES

The coronavirus outbreak and Black Lives Matter movement have the highest awareness and are by far the most important issues to teens right now. This is likely tied to the recent and heavy news coverage of both issues.

Which of the following have you read, seen, heard something about? Select all that apply. Which of these issues are most important to you? Select three.



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## Survey Profile, 1

<b>Dates</b>	August 17-19, 2020
<b>Survey Data Collection &amp; Quality Control</b>	Morning Consult
<b>Survey Sponsor</b>	EdChoice
<b>Population</b>	Teenagers (ages 13-18)
<b>Sampling Frame</b> States,	National sample of teenagers (ages 13-18) living in the United States, including the District of Columbia
<b>Sampling Method</b>	Non-Probability, Stratified (based on Age, Gender)
<b>Mode</b>	Online Survey
<b>Language</b>	English

## Survey Profile, 2

<b>Survey Time</b>	Median = 9.7 minutes
<b>Sample Size</b>	Total, N = 1,000
<b>Oversampling?</b>	None
<b>Quotas?</b>	Age, Gender
<b>Weighting?</b>	Age, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Education, Census Region
<b>Measure of Precision (adjusted for weighting)</b>	± 3.1 percentage points
<b>Project Contact</b>	Paul DiPerna, paul@edchoice.org

	Unweighted N	Weighted N
All Students	999	996
Asian	128	71
Black	229	156
Hispanic	216	242
Non-Hispanic White	388	517
Other Race	185	182
8th-10th Graders	272	507
11th-12th Graders	531	355
High School Graduates	189	120

