



SENIORS SURVEY ON PROPOSED MEDICARE REDUCTIONS

Polling Conducted for United Specialists for
Patient Access

OCTOBER 2020

KEY FINDINGS

- 1. The vast majority of senior voters say that it is important to have access to doctors and specialists for the patients who need them.**
- 2. The vast majority of seniors also have a favorable opinion** of physician specialists, as well as hospitals, medical offices, and physical therapy clinics.
- 3. More than 9 in 10 seniors** say having access to hospitals, medical offices, and physical therapy centers is important for patients who need these facilities.
- 4. A majority of senior voters are concerned** about the capacity of medical offices, physical therapy centers, and other non-hospital providers to provide care for illnesses other than COVID-19 (69%). Three-quarters are also concerned about the capacity of hospitals to provide essential care for COVID-19 (74%).
- 5. Two-thirds of senior voters (66%) say they would be more likely to vote** for candidates who they see as: *“working to prevent the proposed Medicare cuts from being implemented.”*
- 6. Senior voters want action that is beneficial to all types of medical healthcare providers.** Based on what they know, **three-quarters of senior voters say they support** Congress taking action to pass long term reform that would stabilize funding for primary care and medical specialists (76%).

Methodology: This poll was conducted between October 8-10, 2020 among a national sample of 1000 Senior Voters. The interviews were conducted online, and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Senior Voters based on age, gender, race, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of +/- 3%.

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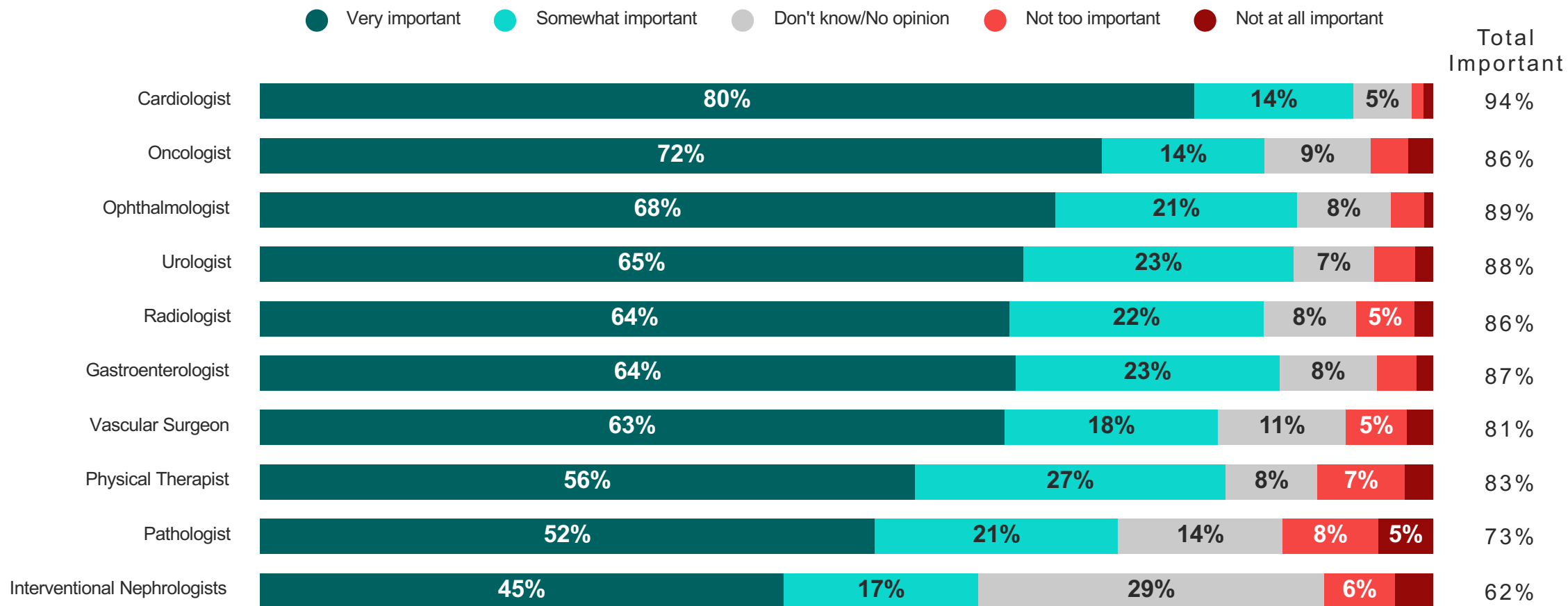
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The vast majority of senior voters believe it is important for patients to have access to all of the tested doctors and specialists.

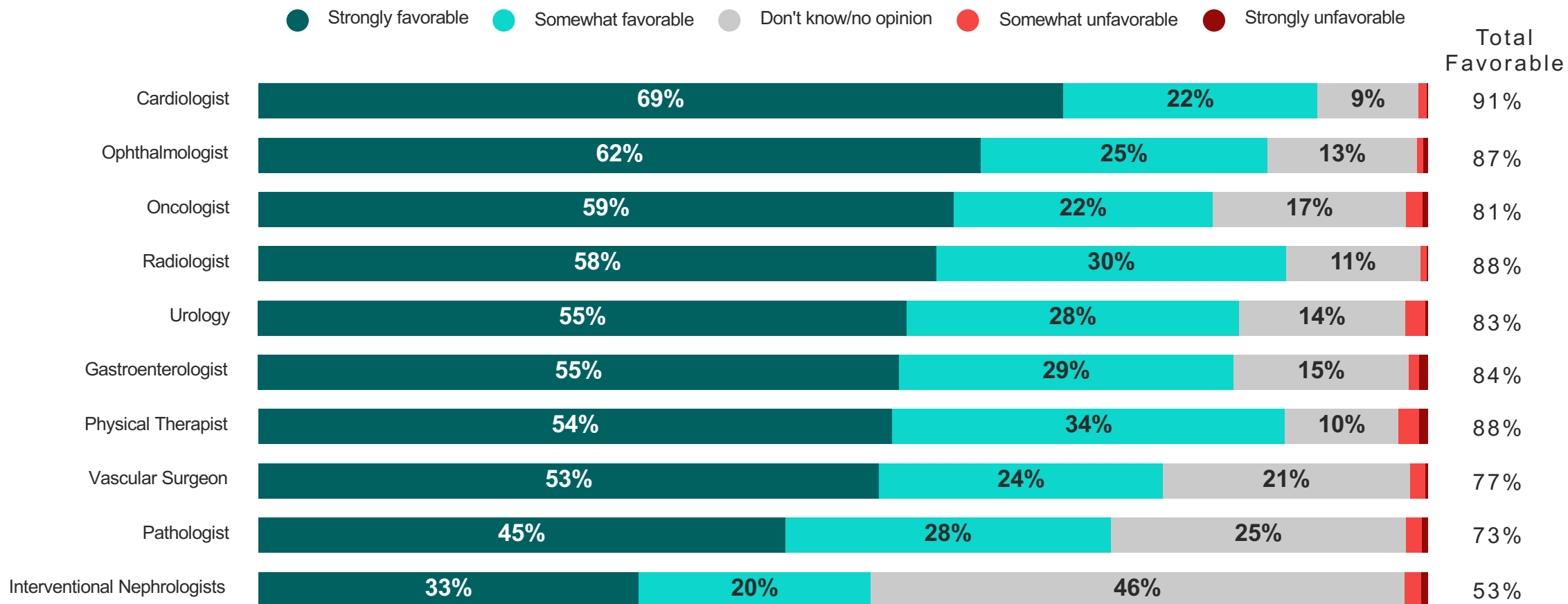
In your opinion, how important is it, if at all, to have access to the following types of doctors and specialists for patients who need them?



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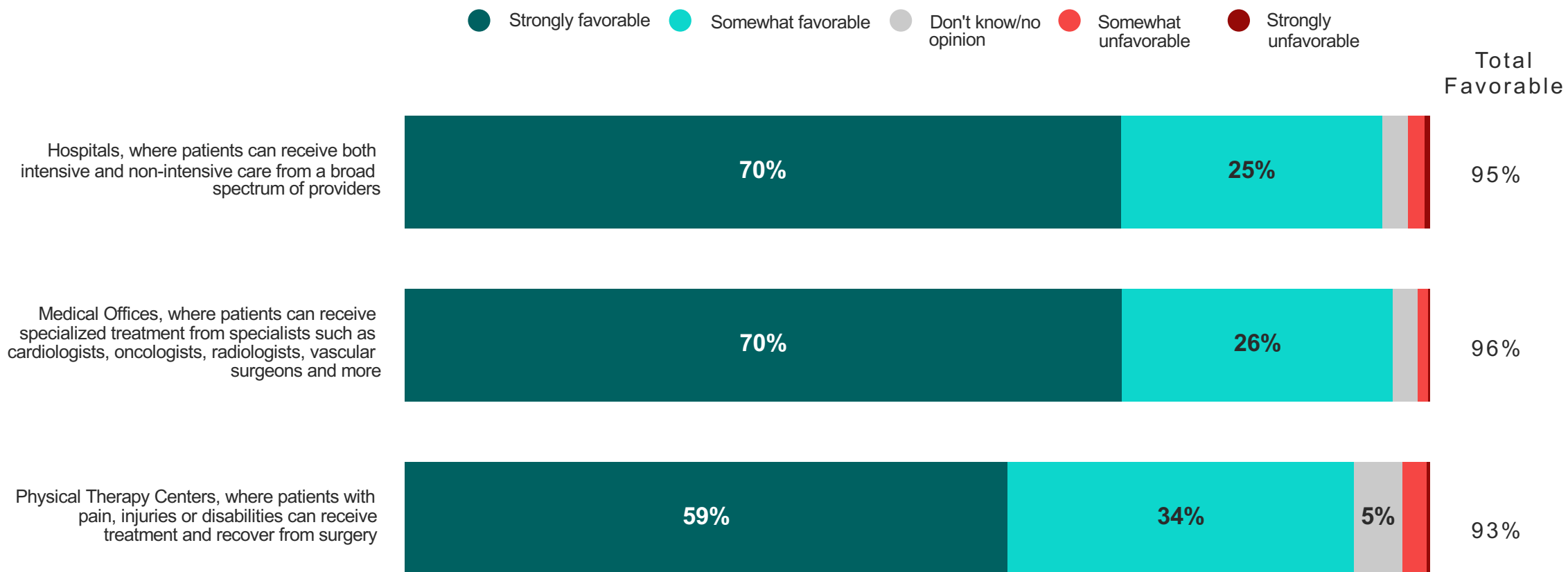
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of each of the following types of doctors and specialists?



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A majority of senior voters have a *strongly favorable* impression of hospitals (70%), medical offices (70%), and physical therapy centers (59%).

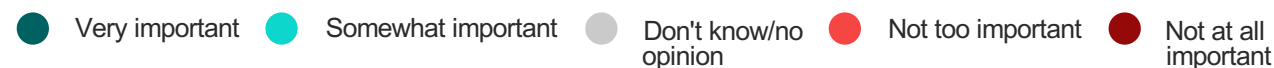
Thinking about different types of healthcare facilities, do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of each of the following?



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Nearly all senior voters say having access to hospitals (98%), medical offices (98%), and physical therapy centers (93%) is important for patients who need these facilities.

In your opinion, how important is it, if at all, to have access to the following types of medical facilities and providers for patients who need it?



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Two-thirds of seniors (69%) are concerned about the capacity of medical offices, physical therapy centers, and other non-hospital providers to provide care for illnesses other than COVID-19.

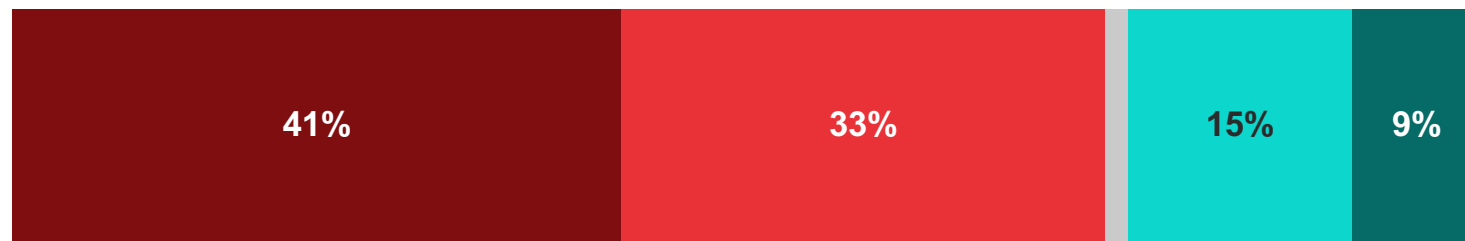
Thinking about the effects of COVID-19, how concerned are you, if at all, about the following?



Additionally, three-quarters (74%) are concerned about hospitals' capacity to provide care for COVID-19.



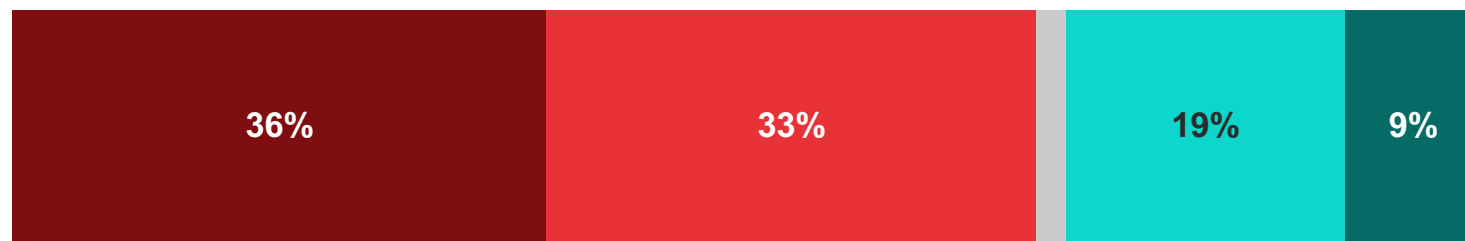
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Total Concern

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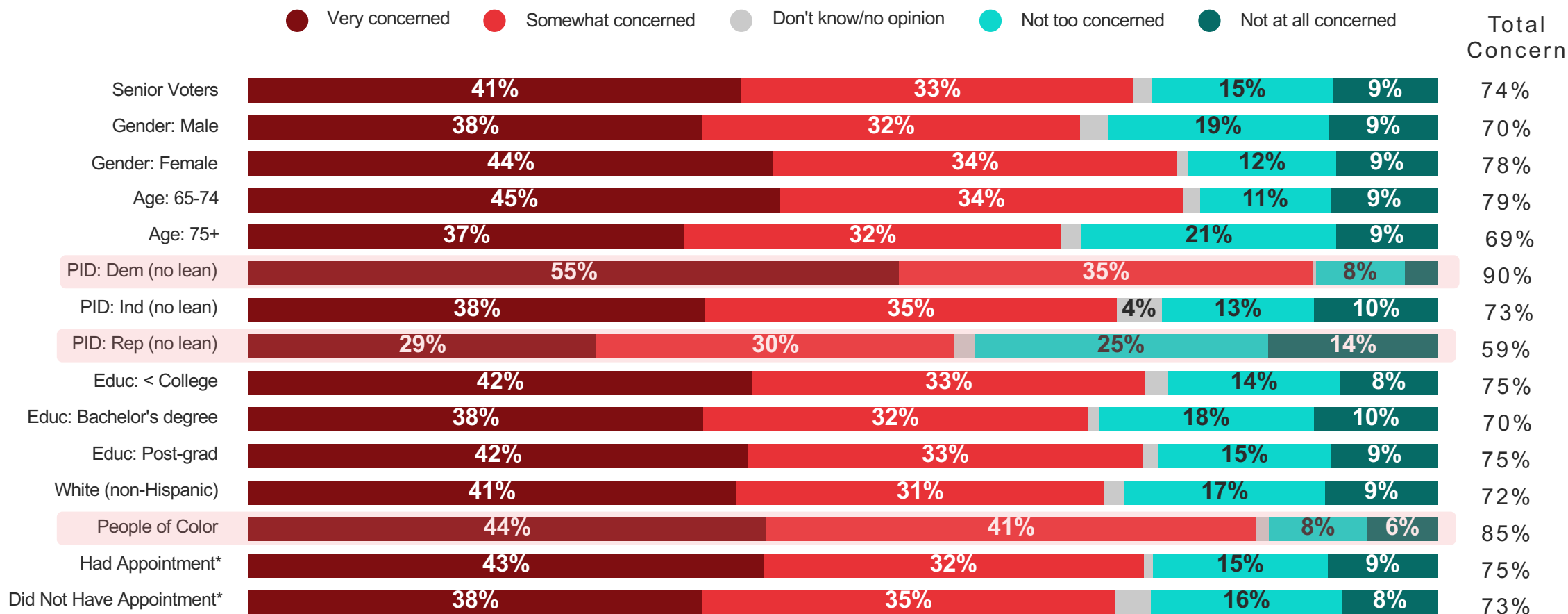


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A bipartisan majority of senior voters say they are concerned about the capacity of hospitals to provide essential care for COVID-19 (Dem. 90%, Rep. 59%).

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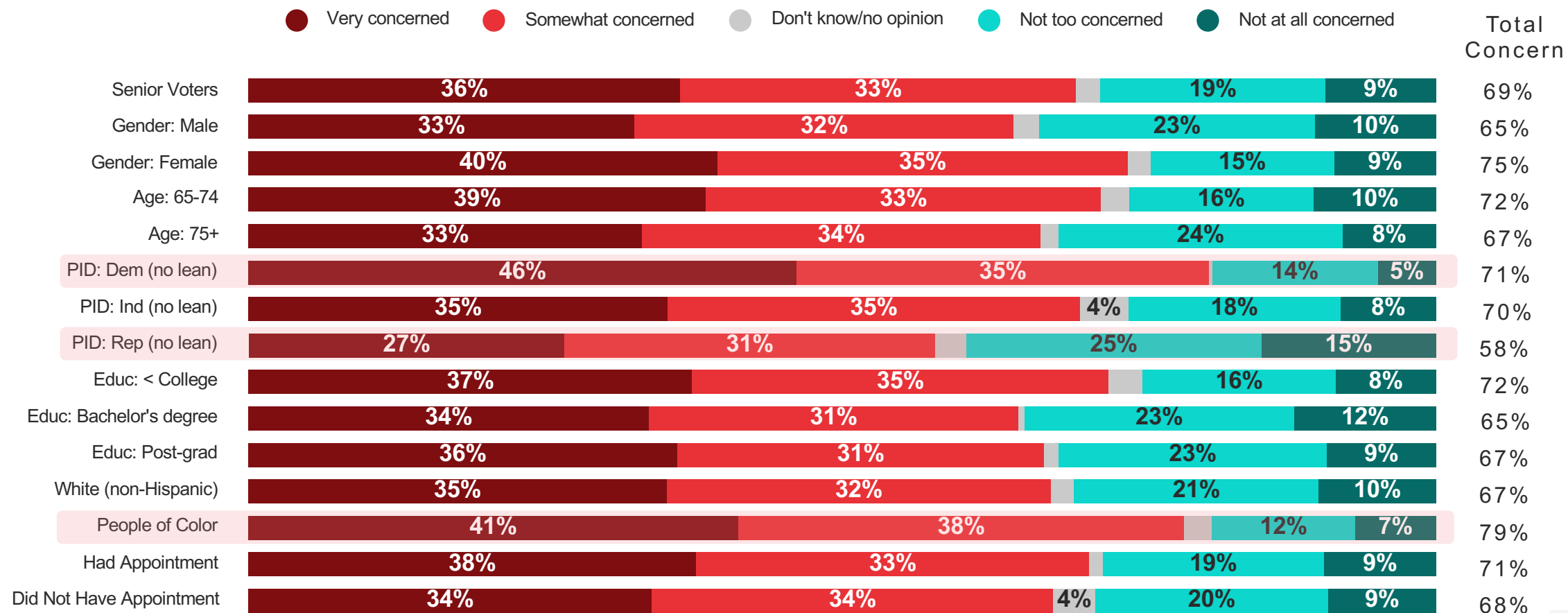
Additionally senior voters of color are **13% more concerned** than their white counterparts.

*"Had Appointment" and "Did Not Have Appointment" are custom demographics created through a question to respondents regarding whether or not they had an appointment with a specialist in the past 12 months. 9

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A bipartisan majority of senior voters say they are concerned about the capacity of medical offices, physical therapy centers, and other non-hospital providers to care for illnesses other than COVID-19 (Dem. 71%, Rep. 58%).

Thinking about the effects of COVID-19, how concerned are you, if at all, about the following? **The capacity of medical offices, physical therapy centers, and other non-hospital providers to provide care for illnesses other than COVID-19**



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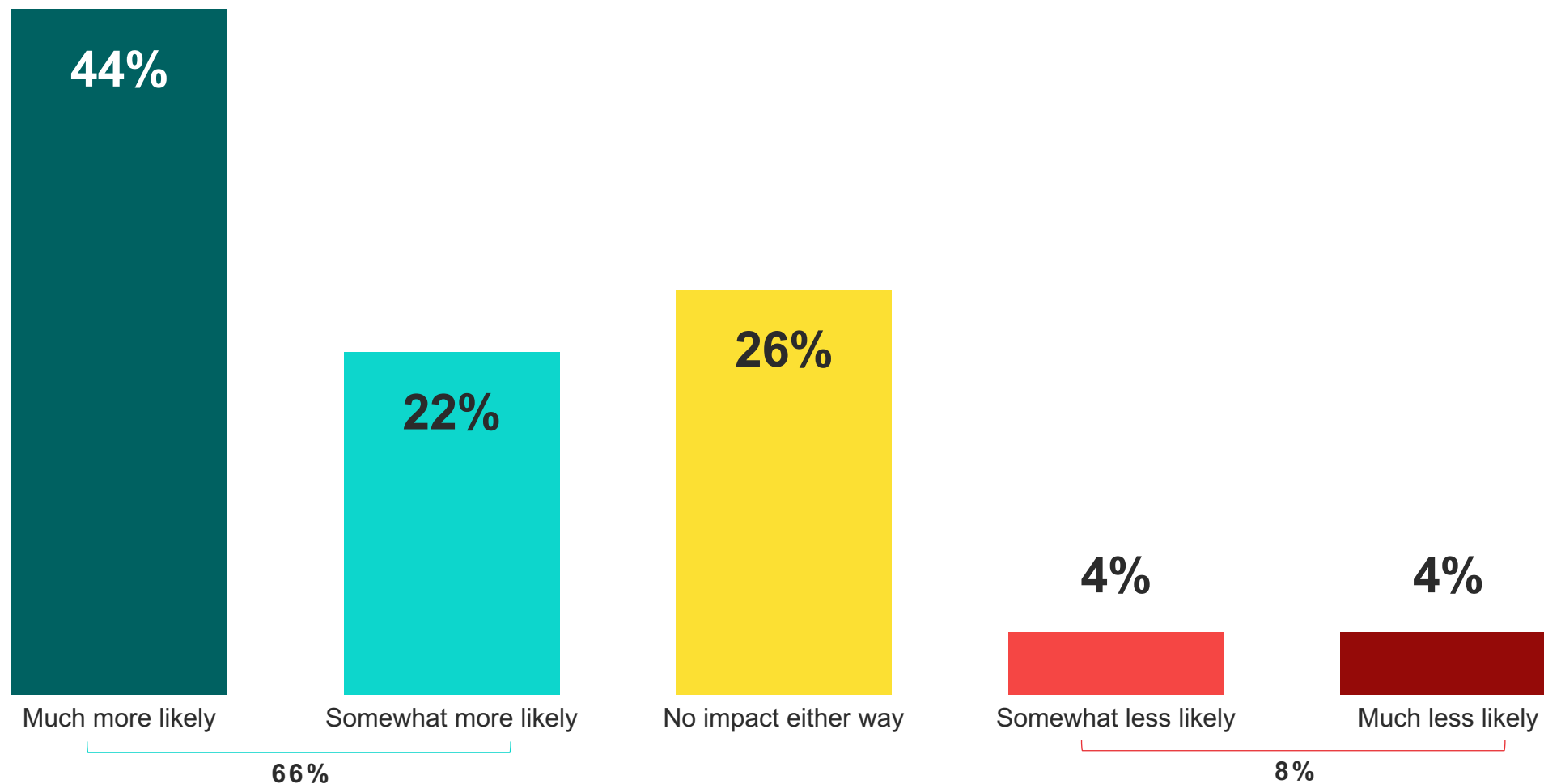
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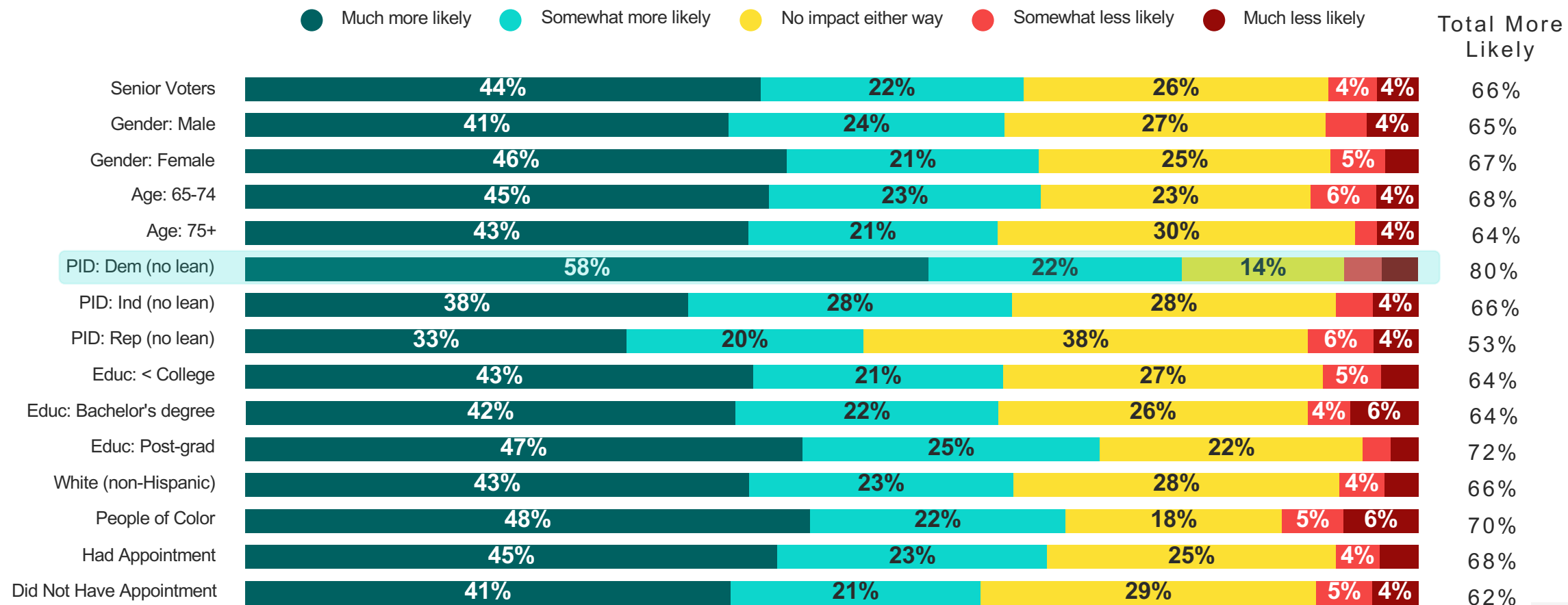
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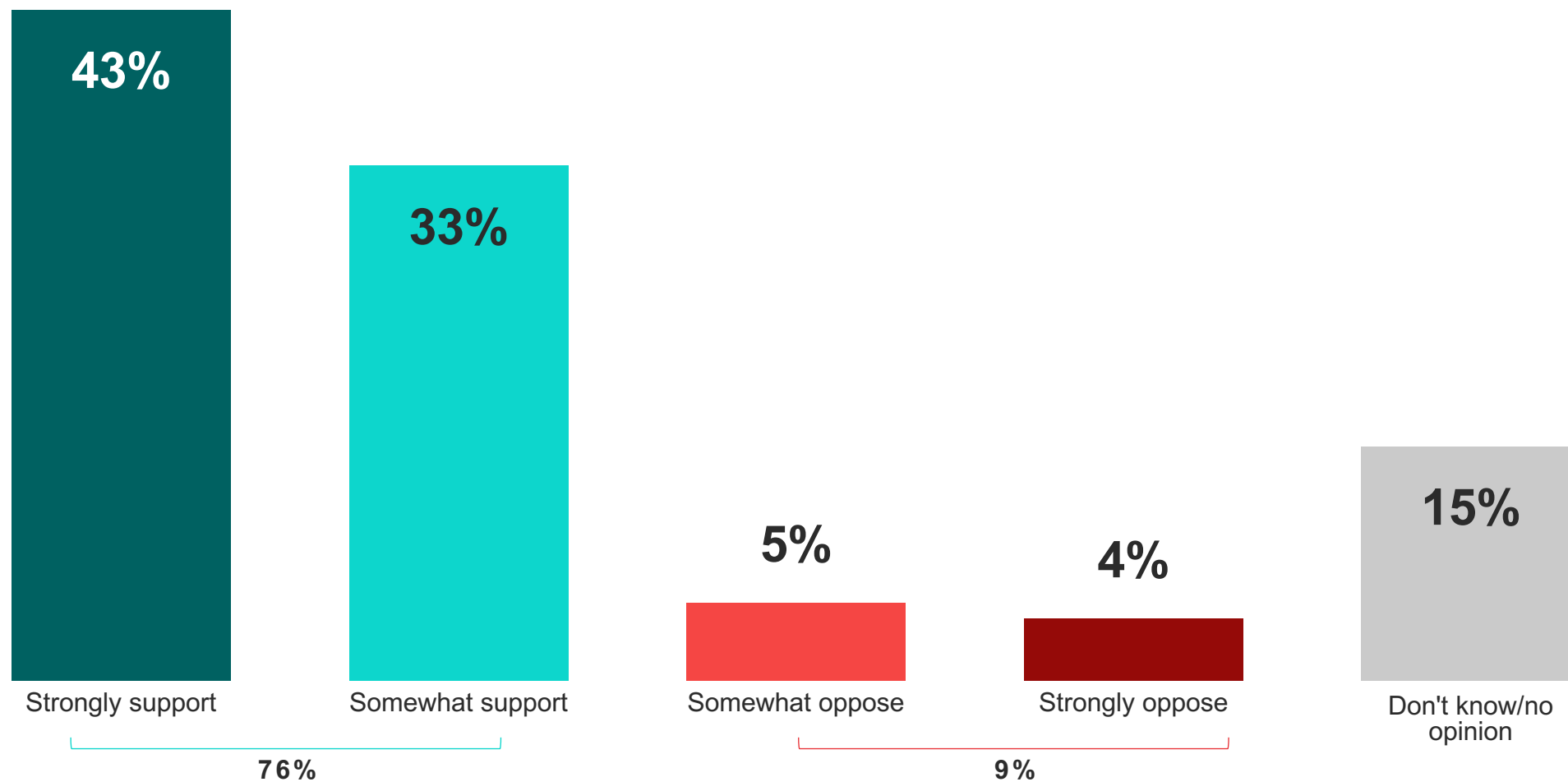
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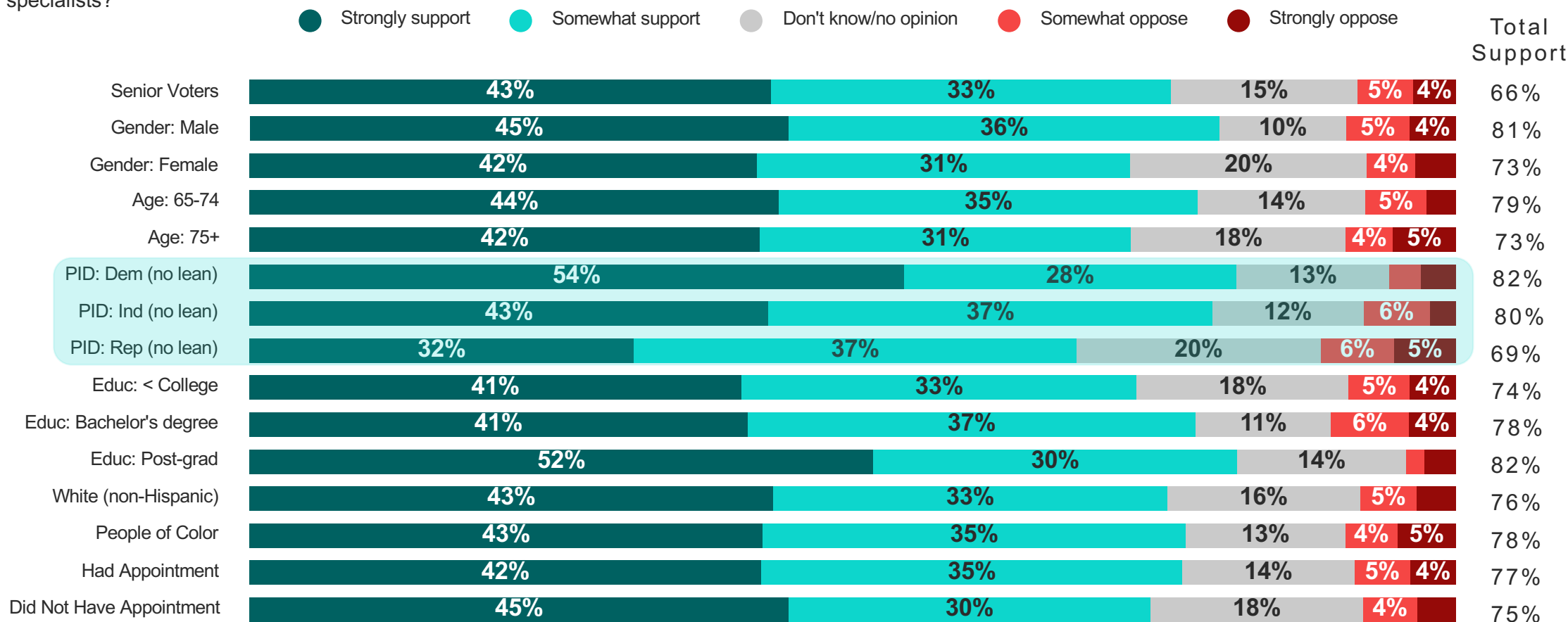
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