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VOICES OF AAPI COMMUNITIES AAPI Views on Trump Day 1 Policy Priorities

Insights from January 2025 AAPI Data/AP-NORC Survey

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Key Findings

1. **Confidence in government:** 60% of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) adults have little or no confidence that the government will make progress on key issues in 2025, a slightly less pessimistic outlook compared with the 69% who felt this way last year.
2. **Immigration now a top issue:** 42% name immigration as a top issue, up from 29% in 2023. Concerns about inflation remained about the same, at 32%.
3. **Community is split on mass deportations:** 38% support deporting all immigrants living in the U.S. illegally, but Republicans are more likely than Democrats to approve of the policy (70% vs. 18%).
4. **Improvements in Trump favorability, still net unfavorable:** 37% favor Trump, up slightly from 27% in 2023.
5. **Very little support for Trump policy agenda items:** Only about a third favor key policy priorities including reducing the size of the federal workforce (35%) or increasing oil drilling on federal lands (30%), while fewer support imposing additional tariffs on imports from China (24%) or pardoning January 6th participants (14%).

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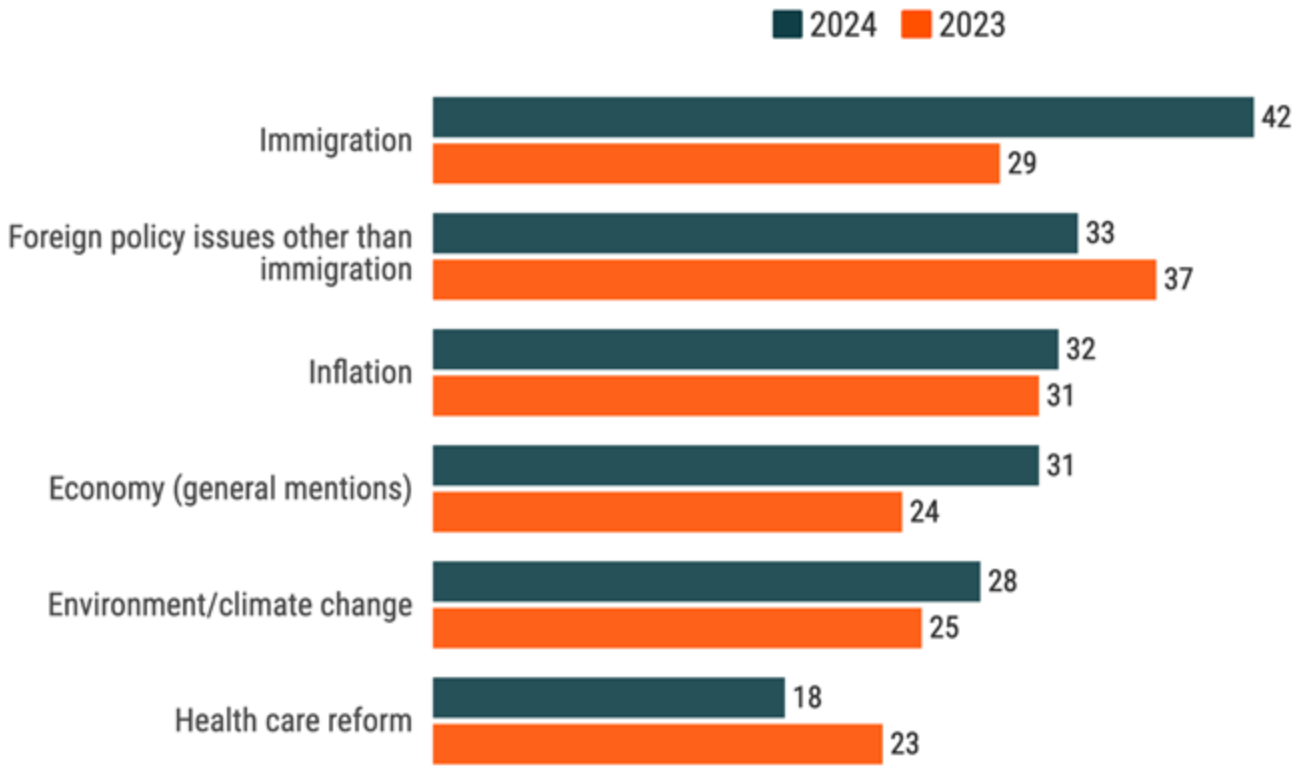

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AAPI adults trust local and state governments more than federal

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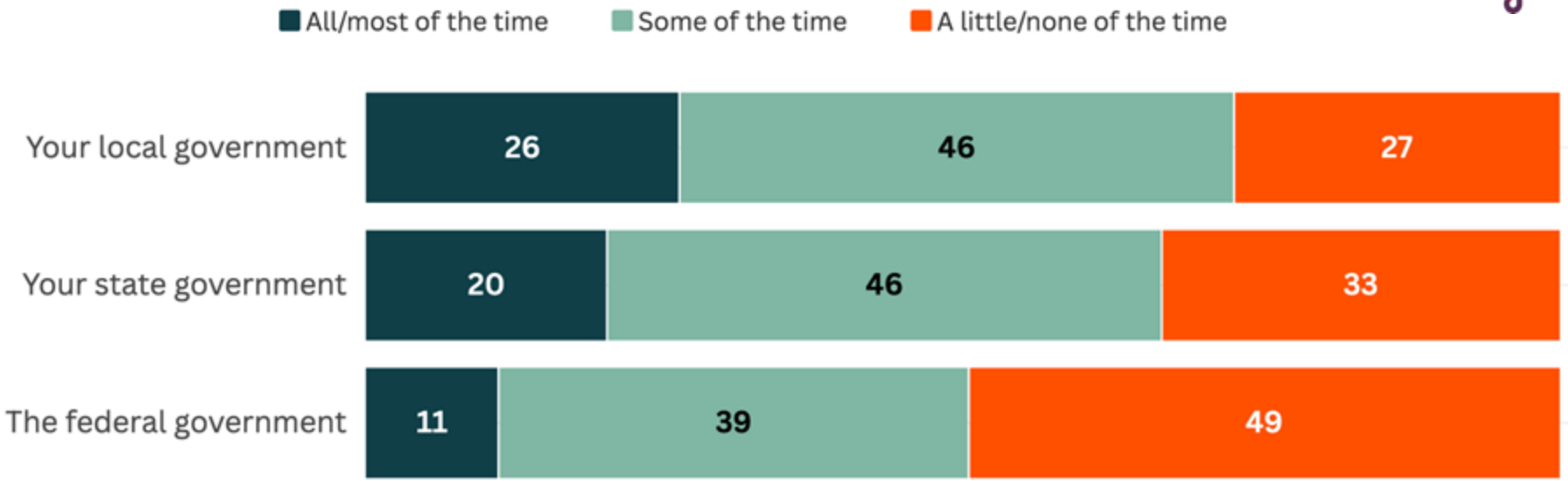

Question: How much of the time do you think you can trust each of the following to do what is right for you or your family?
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About 4 in 10 AAPI adults say fearful accurately reflects their feelings about Trump's second term

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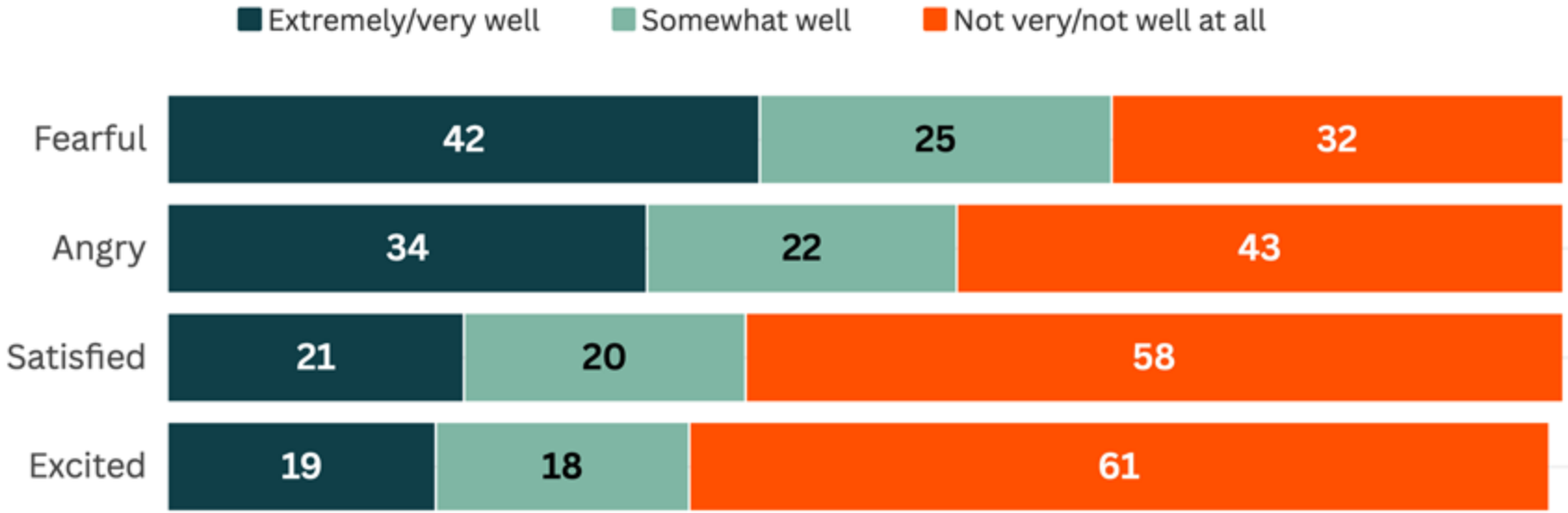

Question: How well does each of the following describe how you feel about Donald Trump's second term as president?

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There is little support among AAPIs for most of President Trump's policy priorities

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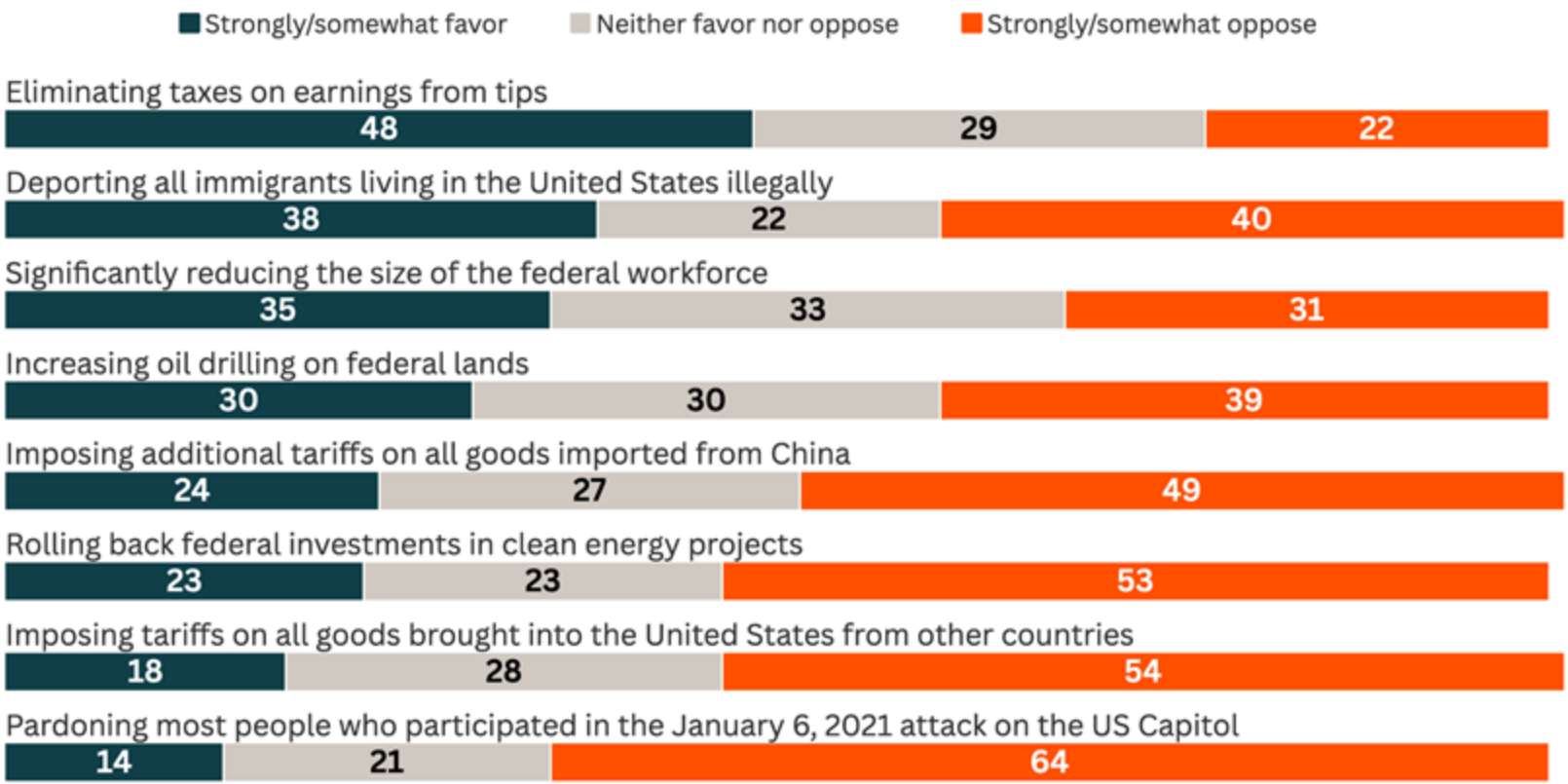

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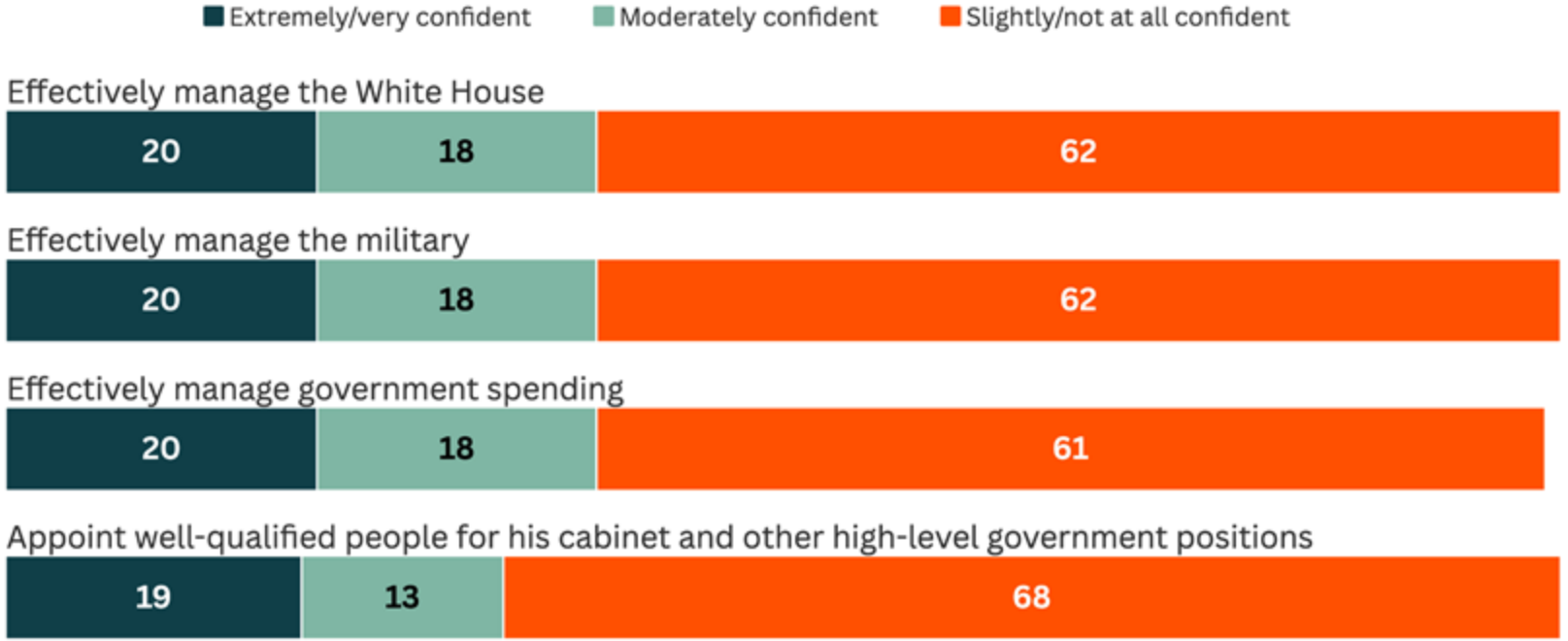

Question: How confident are you in Donald Trump's ability to:

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Most AAPI adults have little to no confidence in Trump's ability to create more jobs or lower the cost of living

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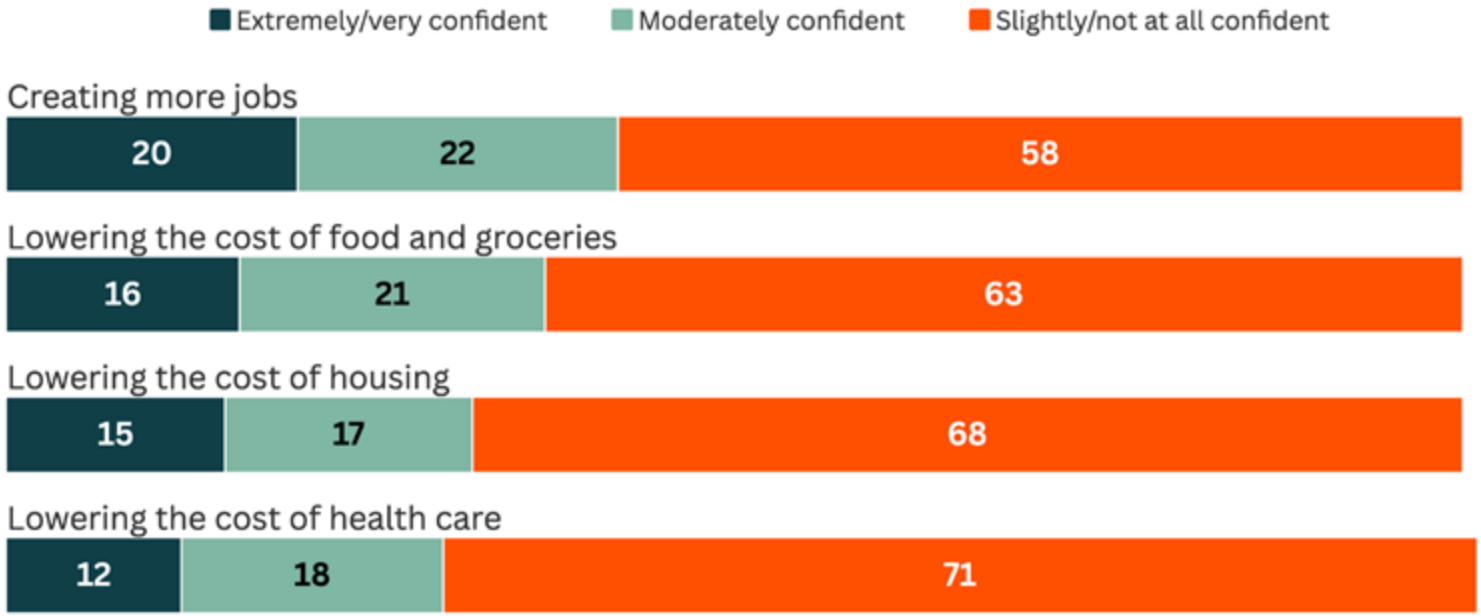

Question: How confident are you in Donald Trump's ability to make progress on each of the following issues facing the country in 2025?
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A majority of AAPI adults think most rights and freedoms face some threat in 2025

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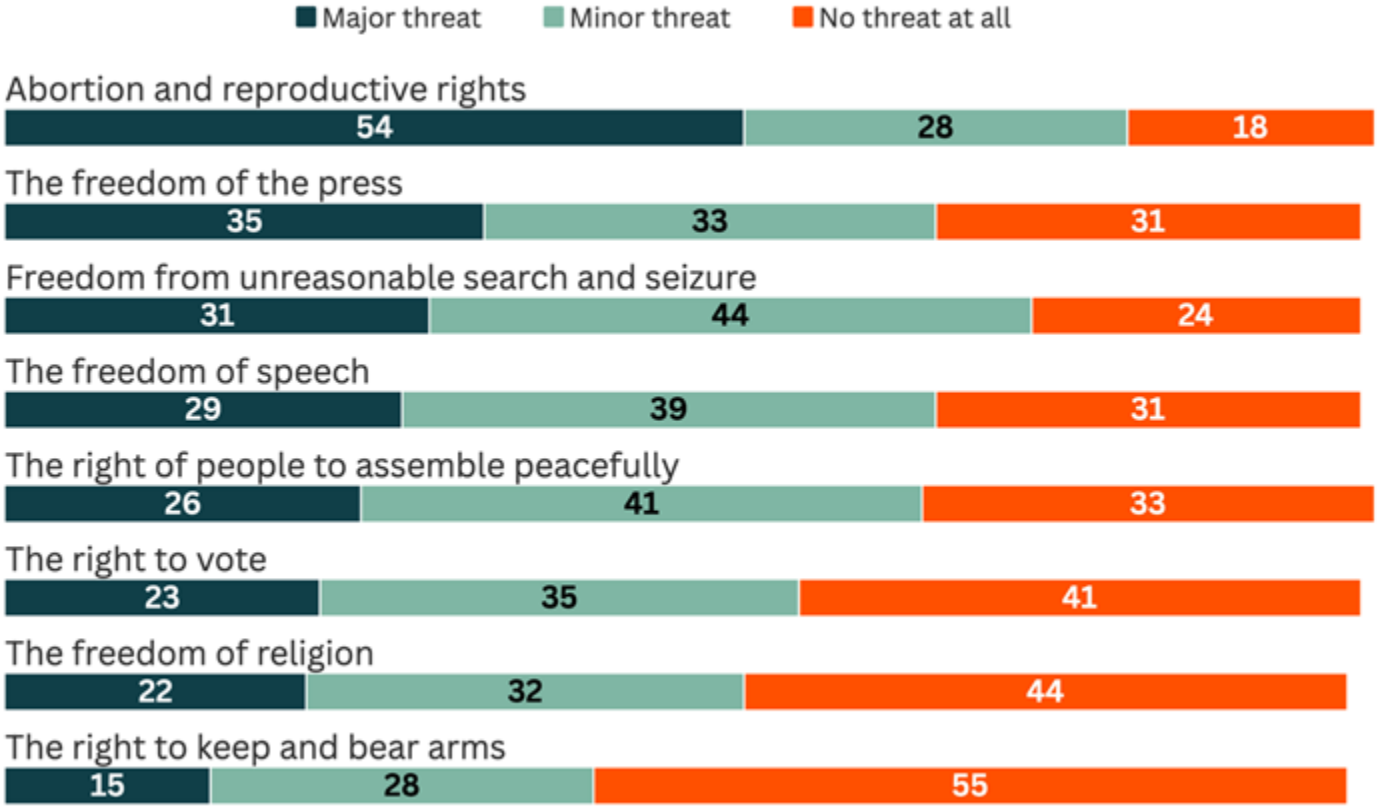

Question: The following are some examples of rights and freedoms listed in the Bill of Rights or that are protected under various American laws and court rulings. For each one, please select how much of a threat do you think each may face in 2025?

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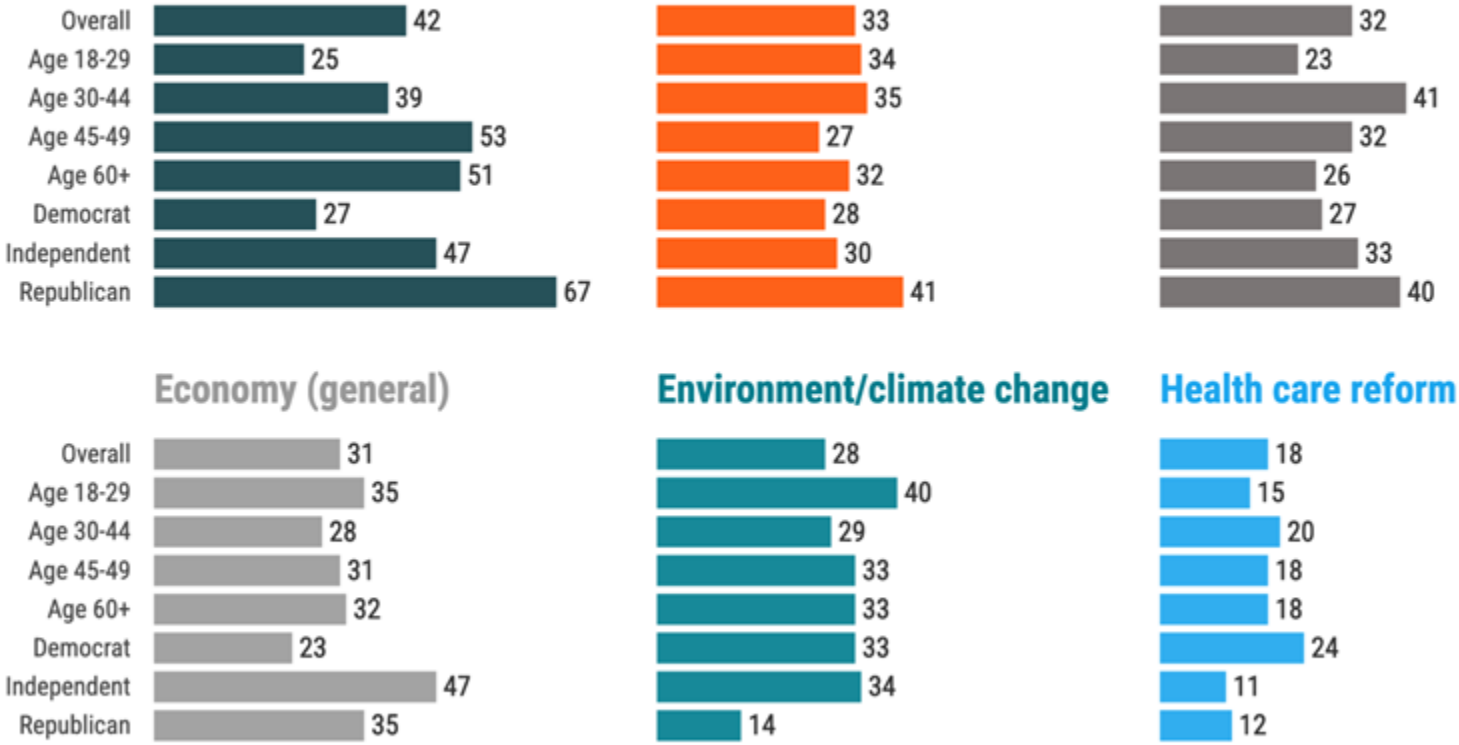

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Note: Foreign policy refers to topical mentions other than immigration

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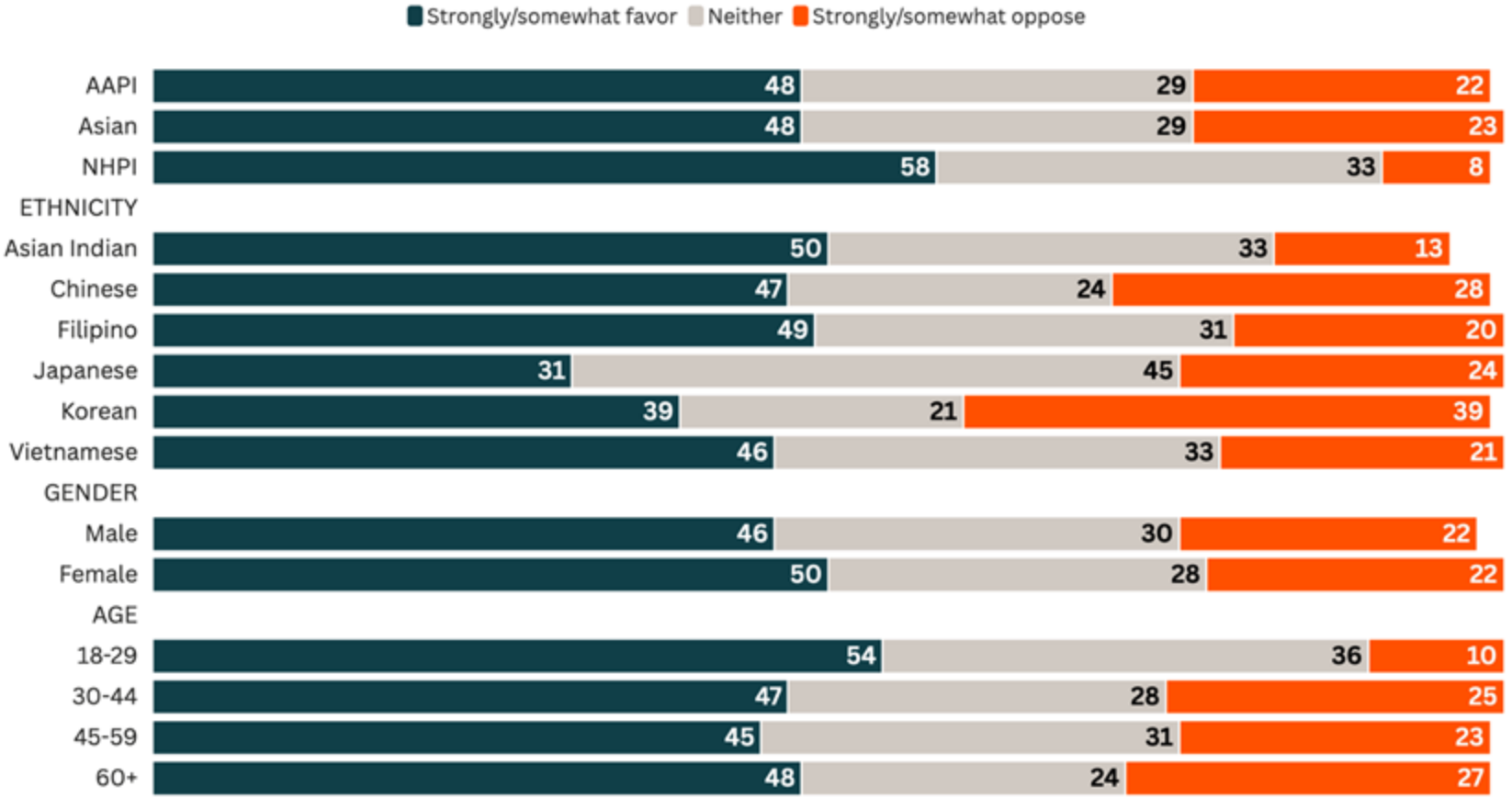
AAPI opinions on eliminating taxes on earnings from tips



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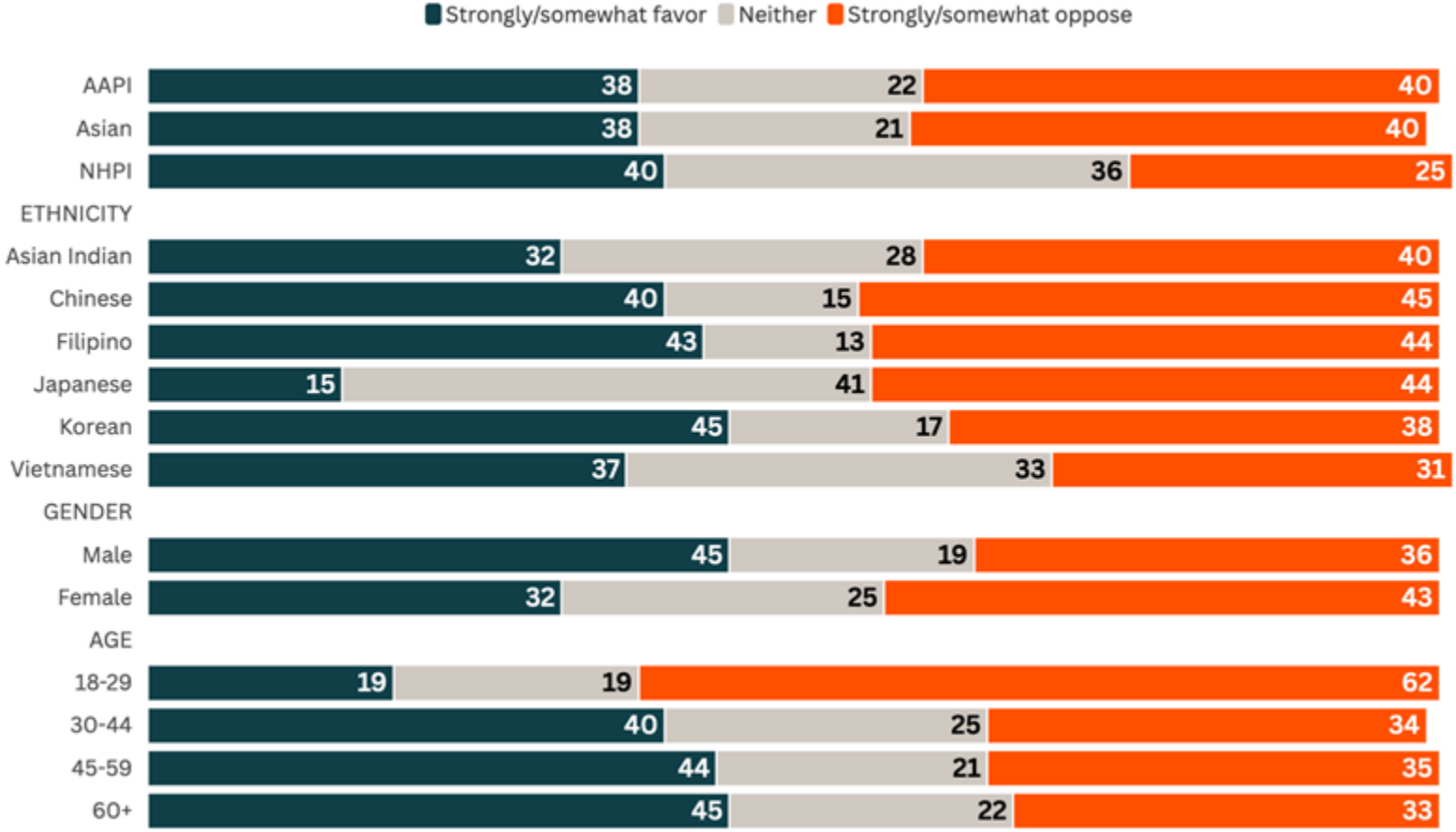

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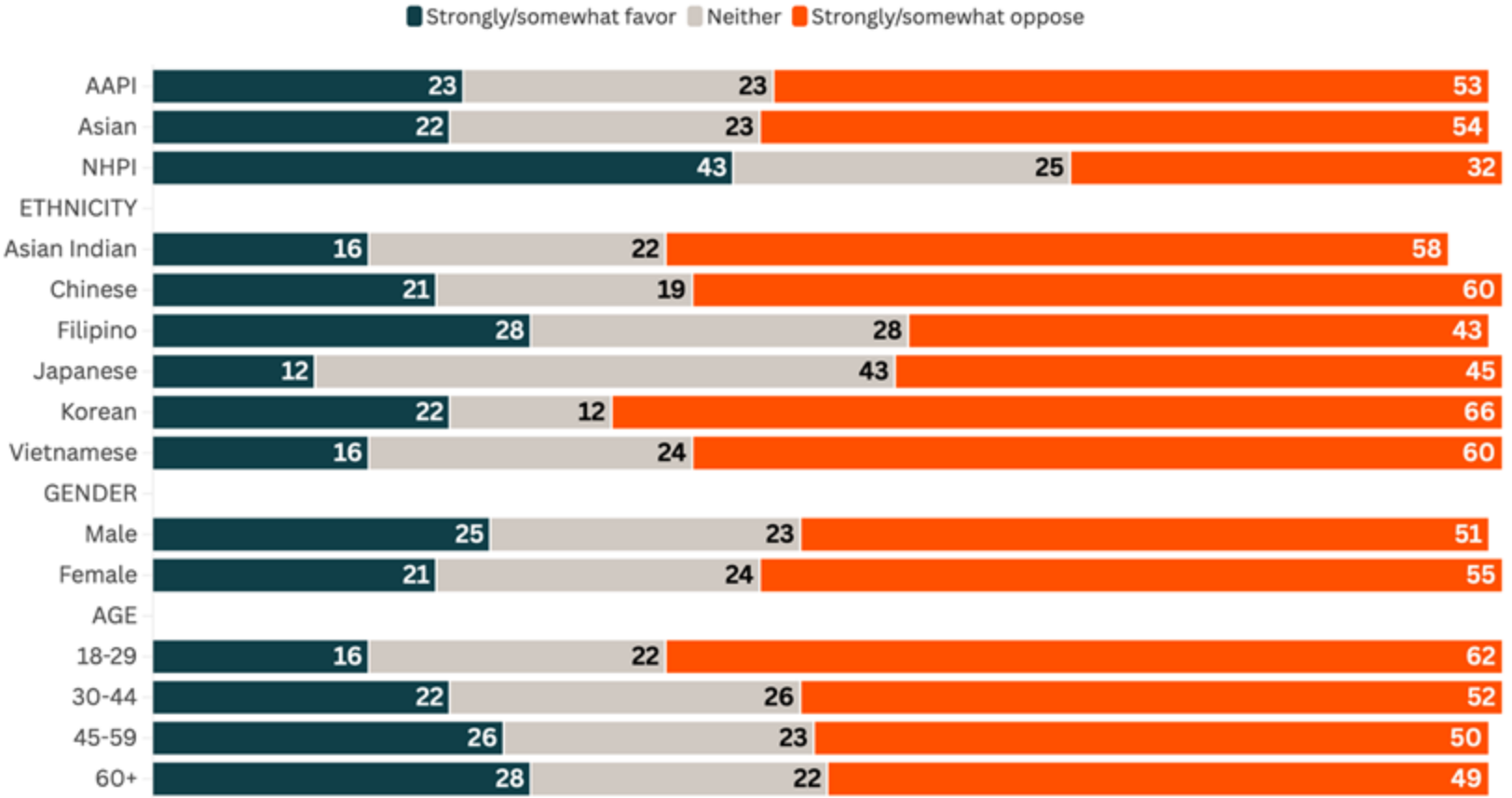

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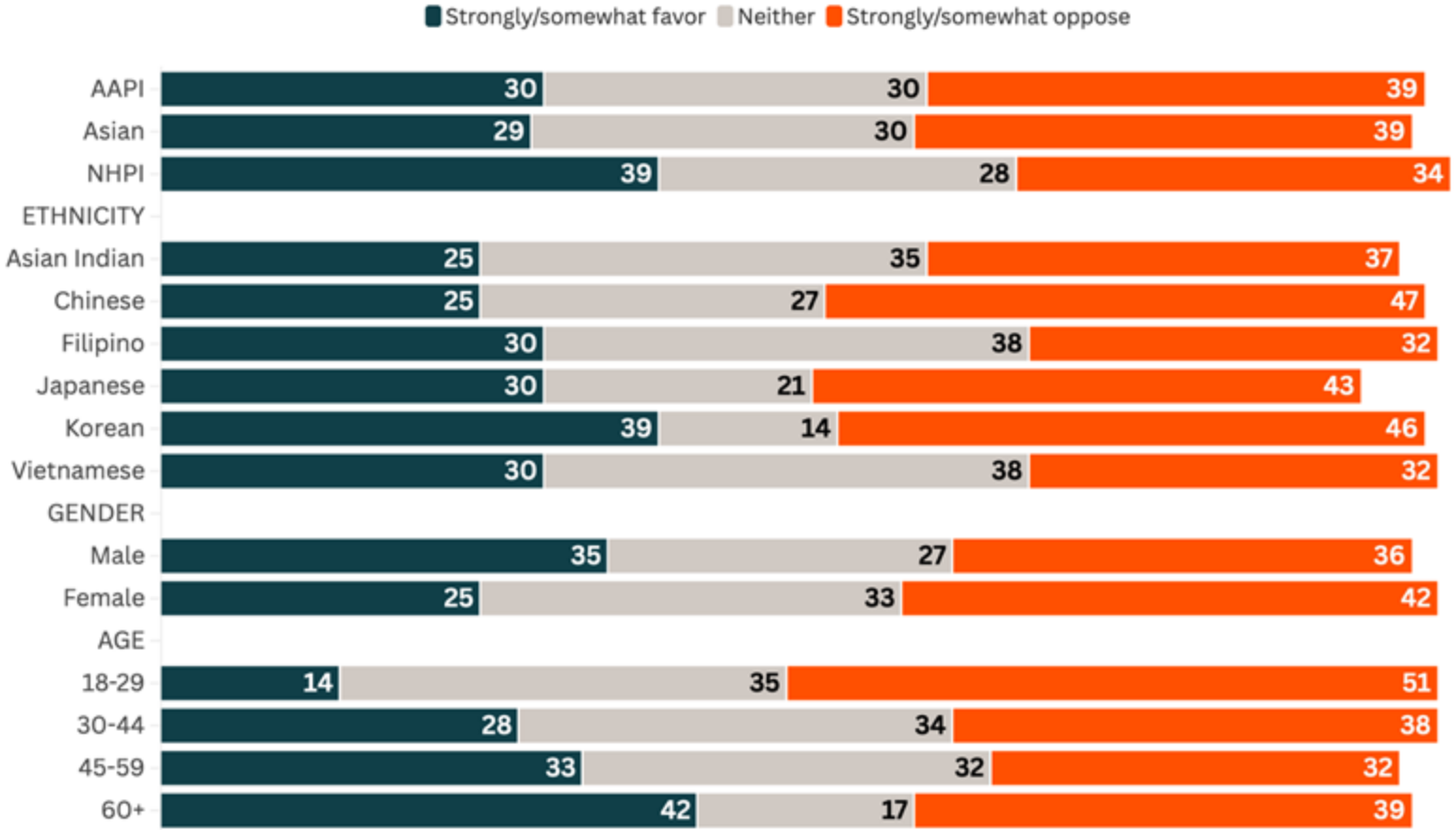

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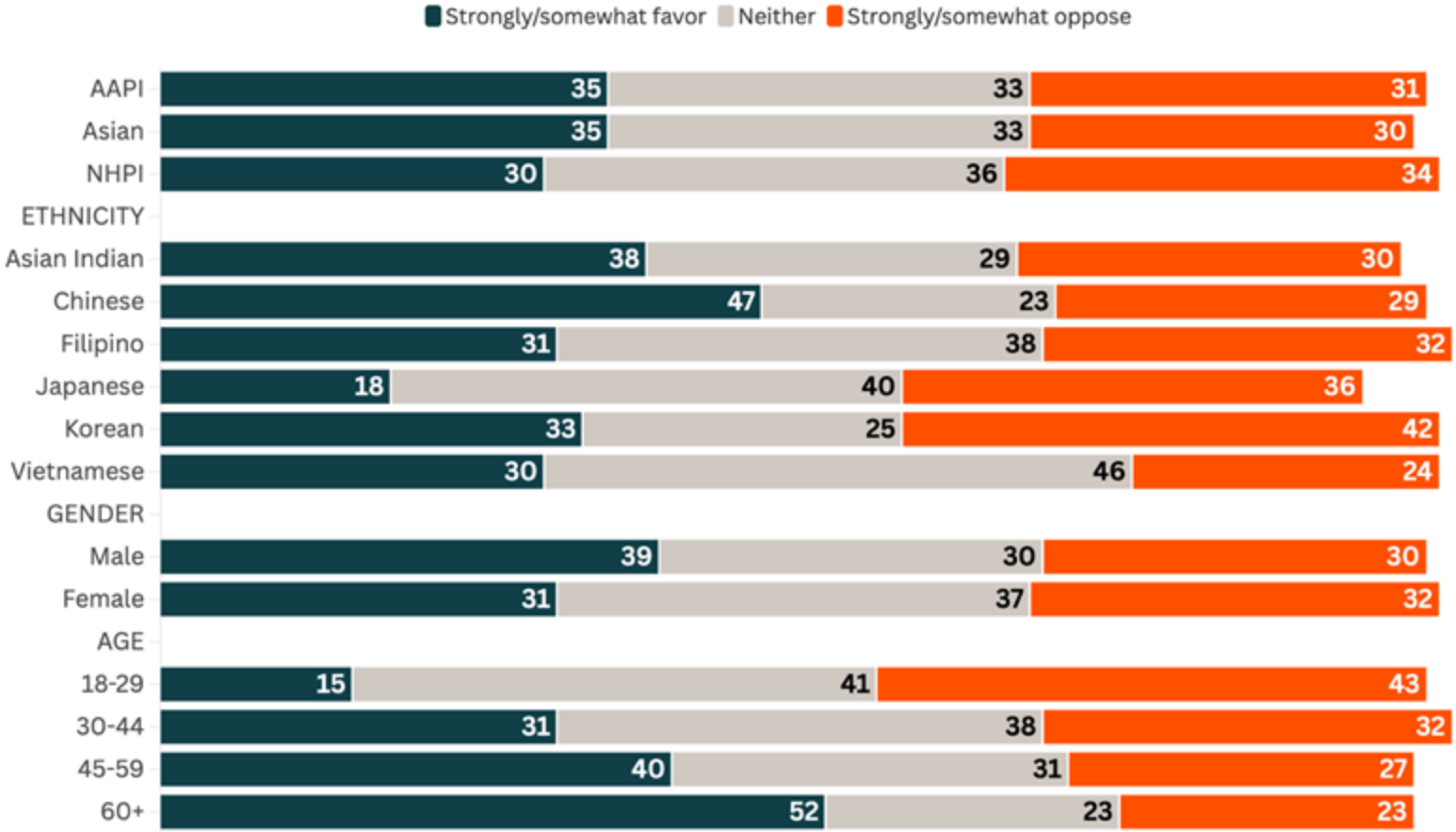

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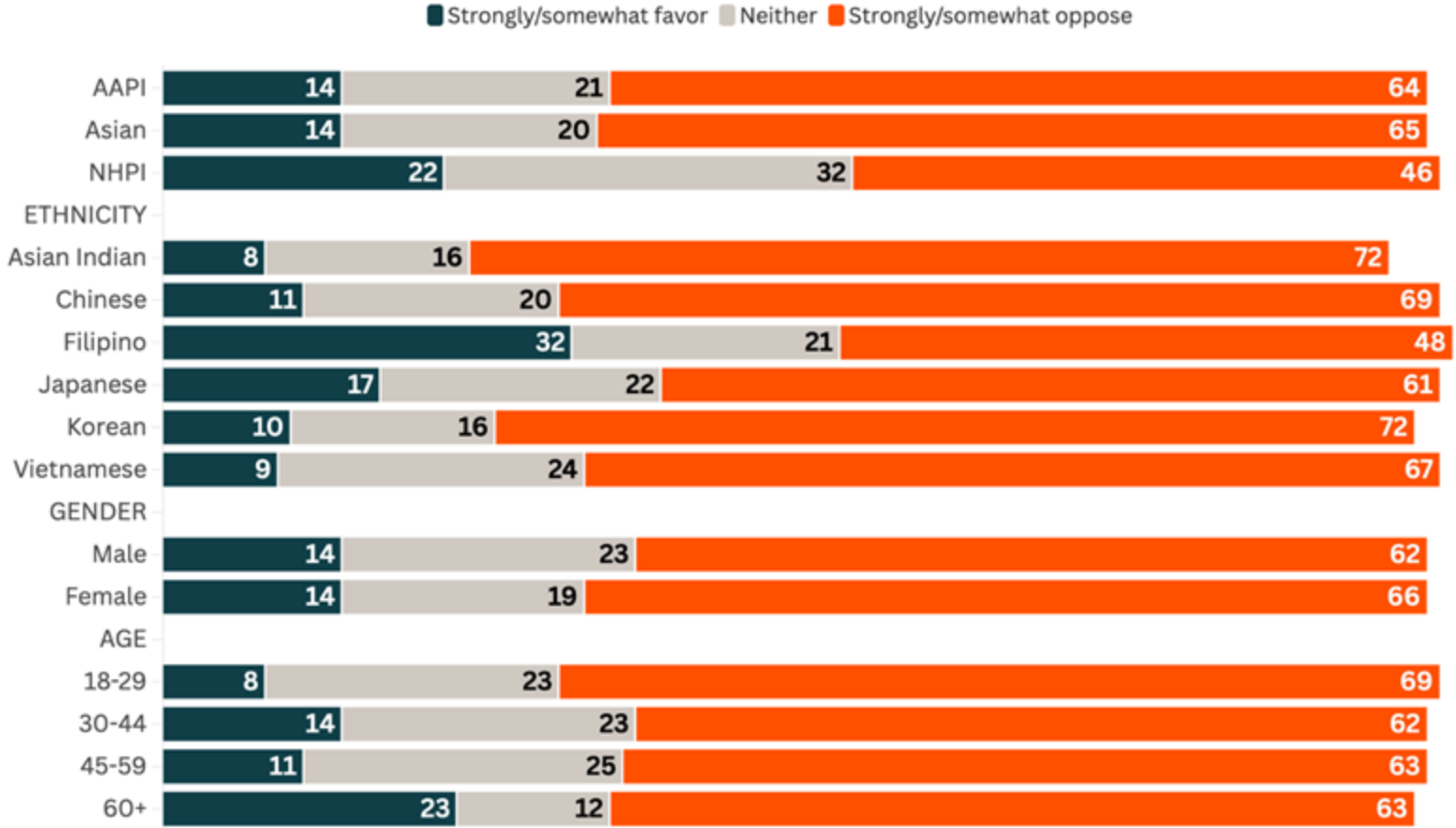
AAPI opinions on pardoning most people who participated in the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol



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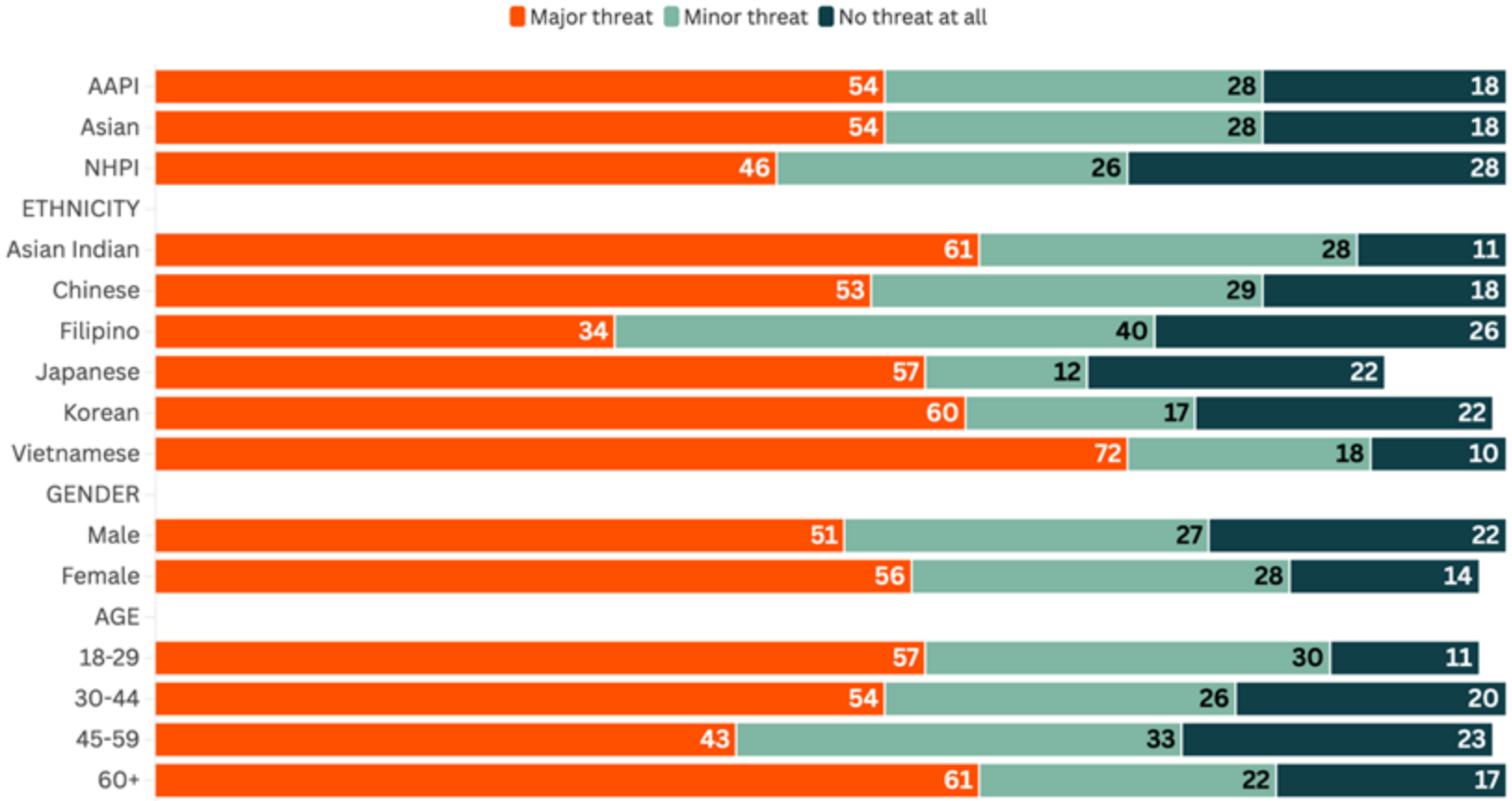

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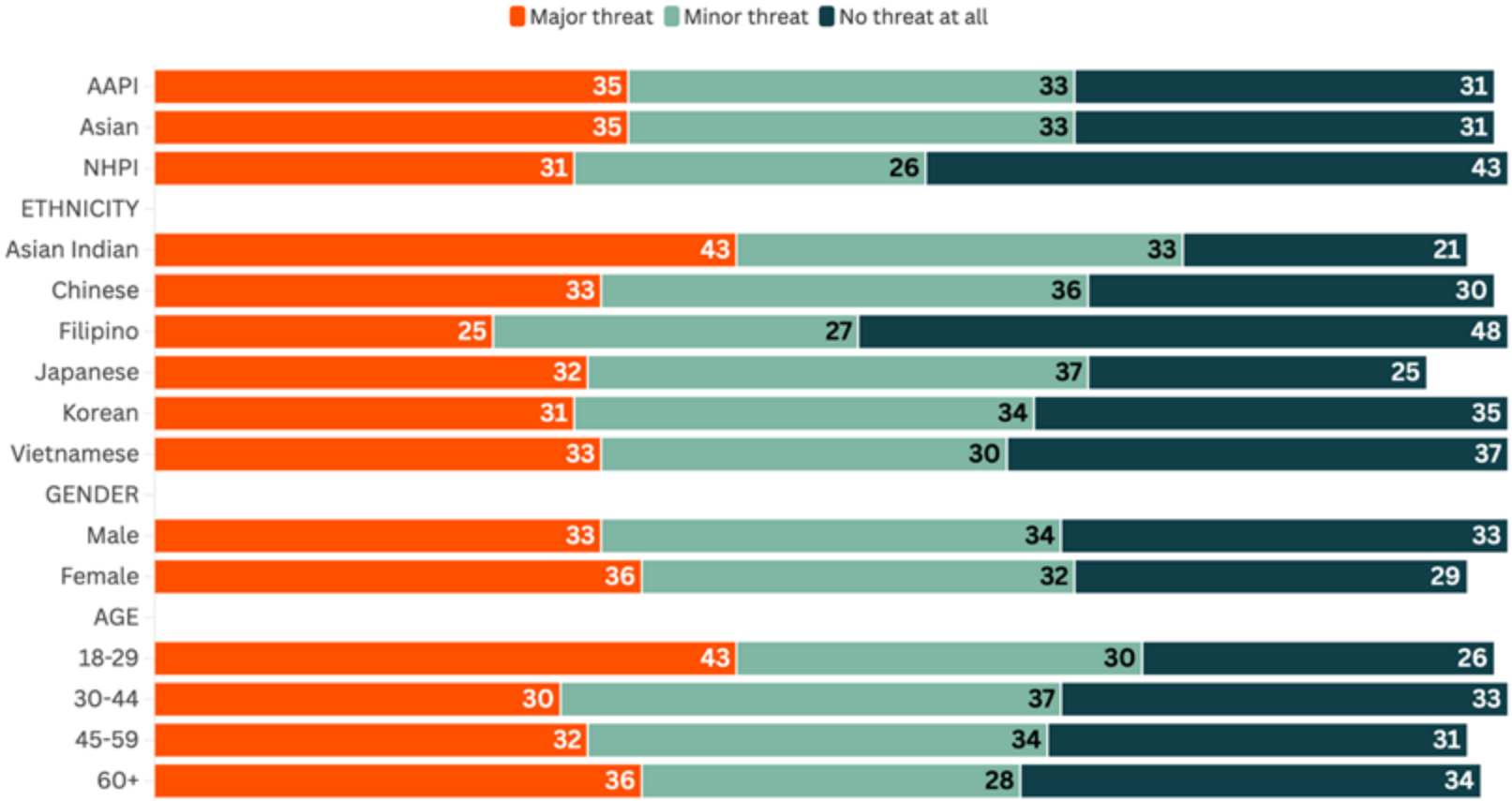

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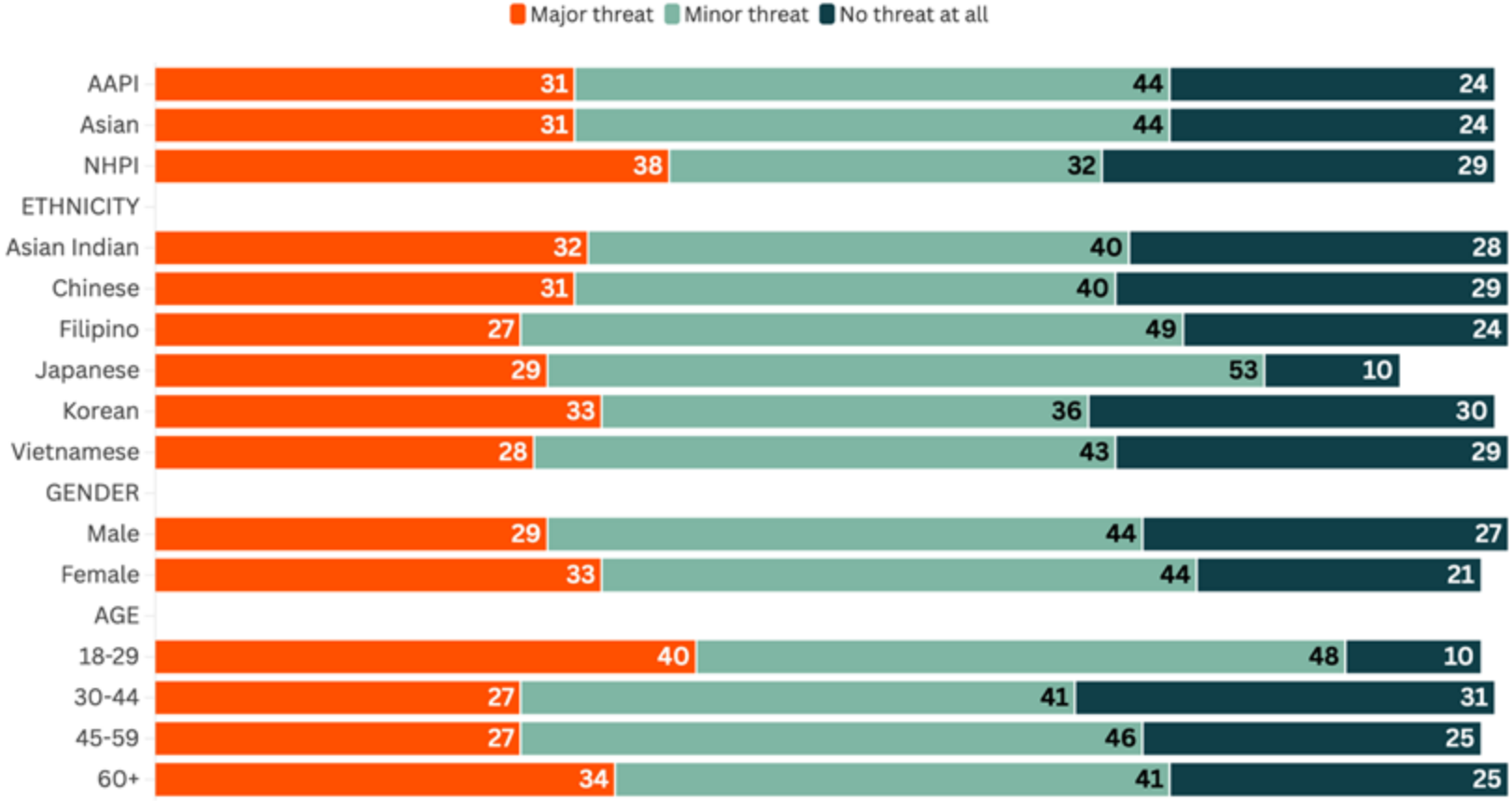

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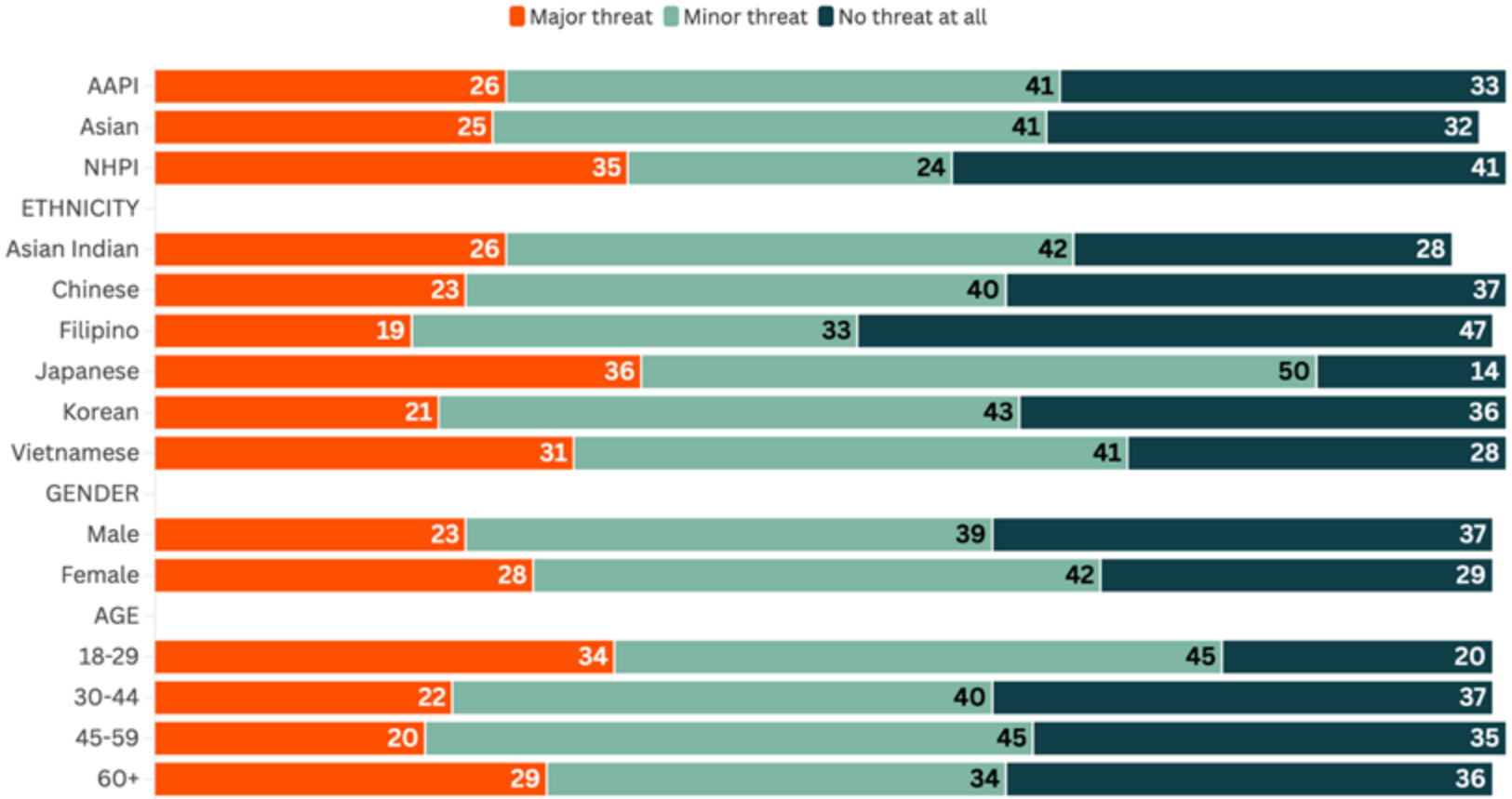

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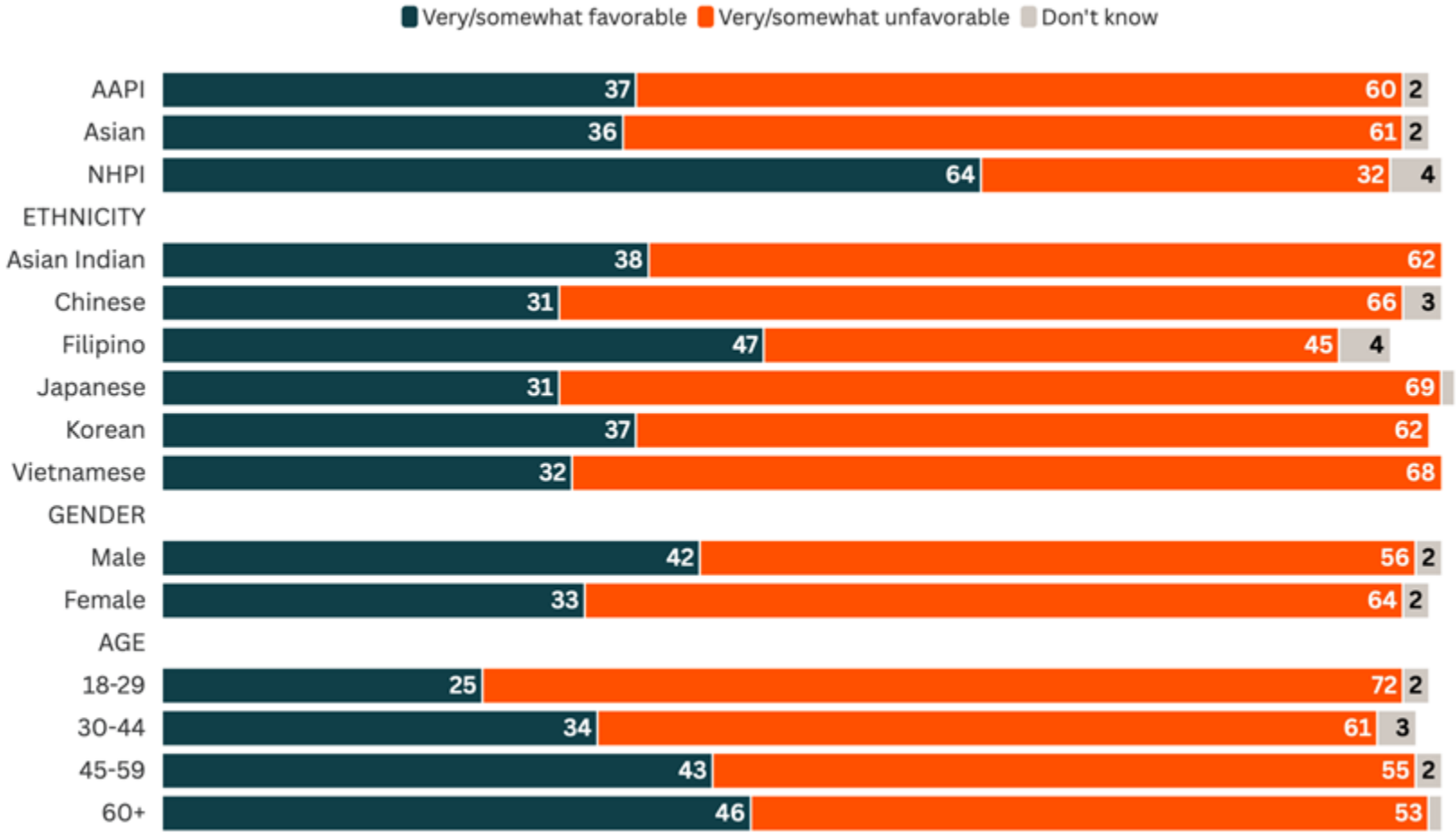

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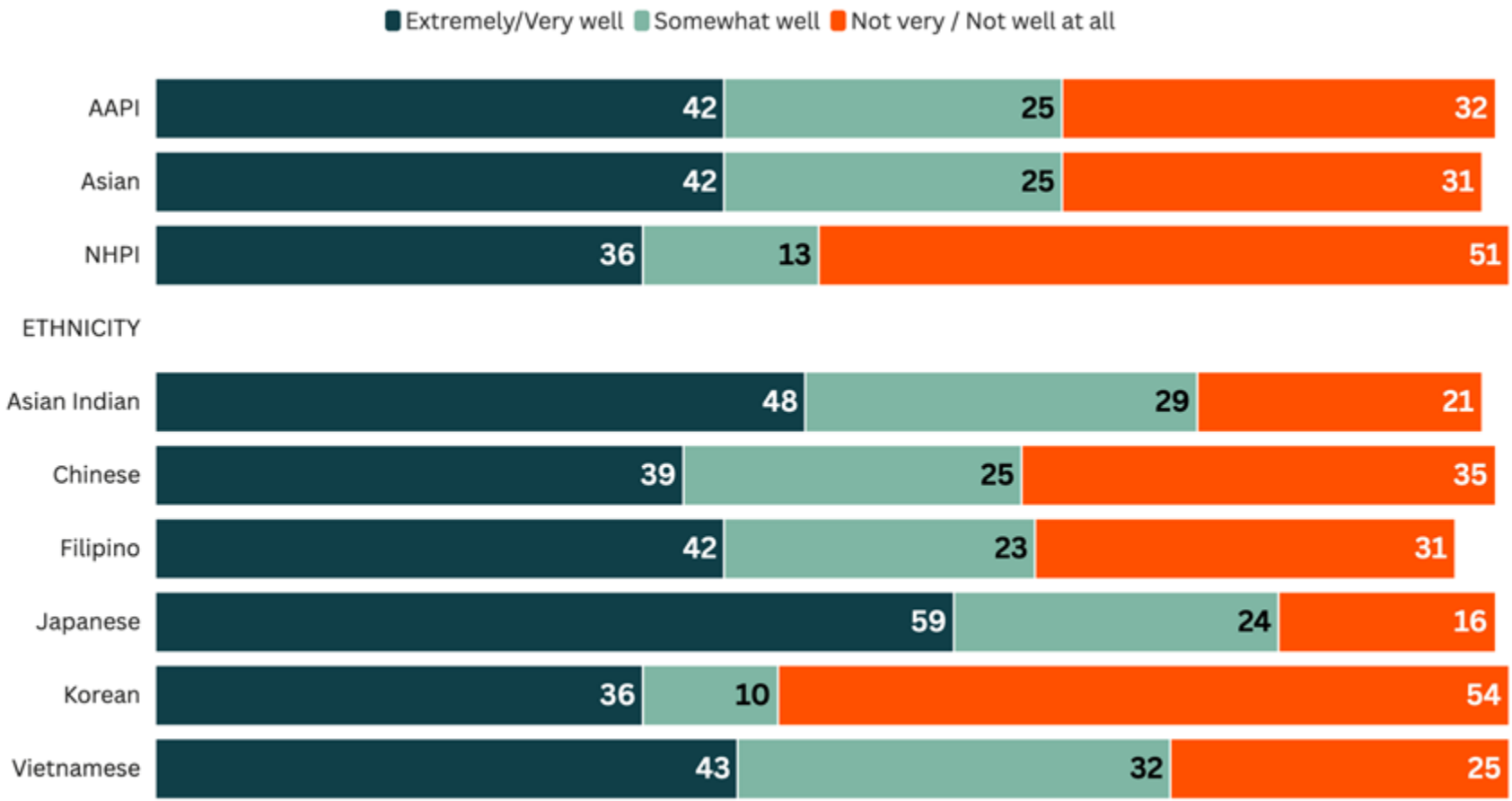

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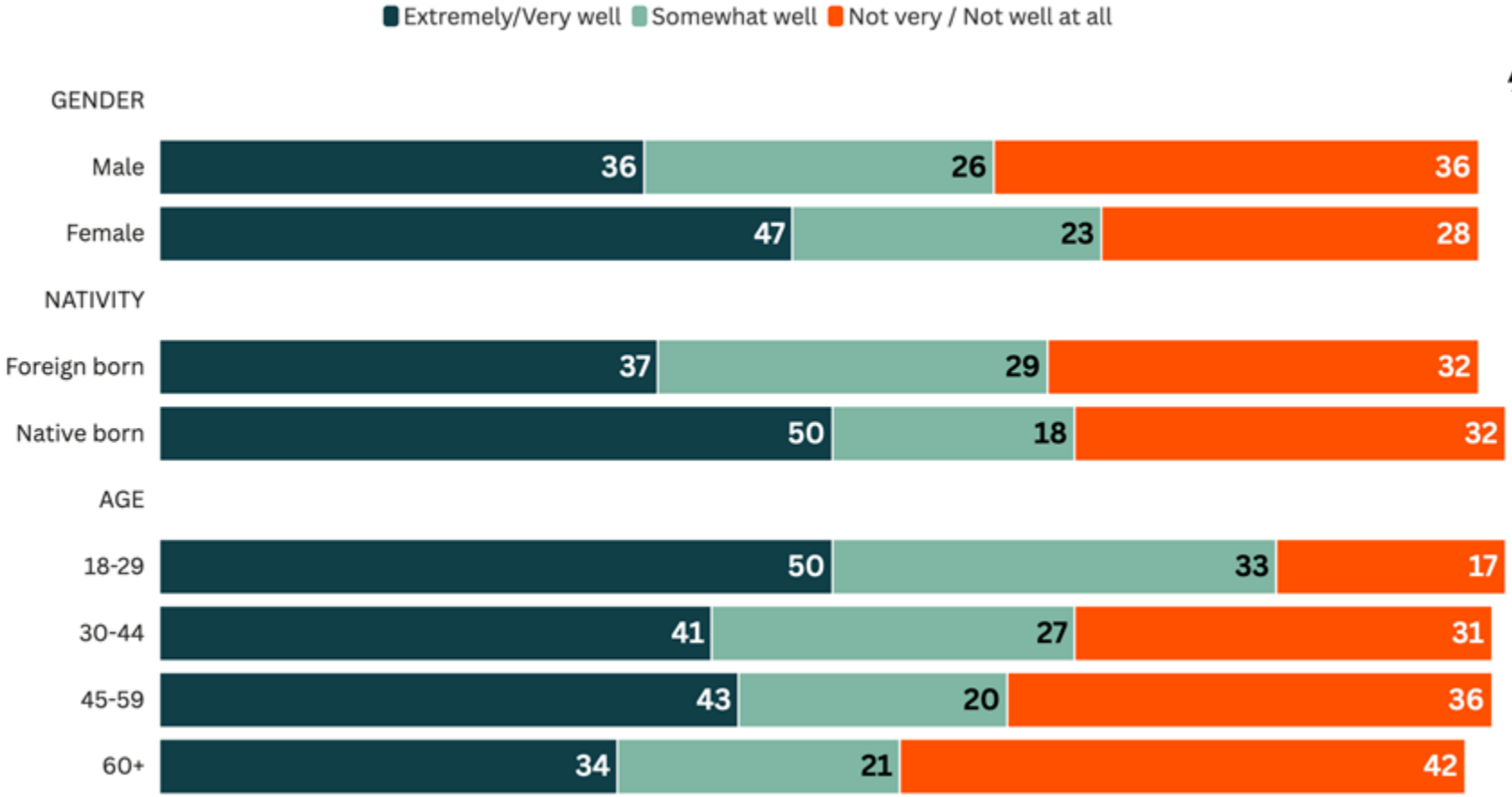

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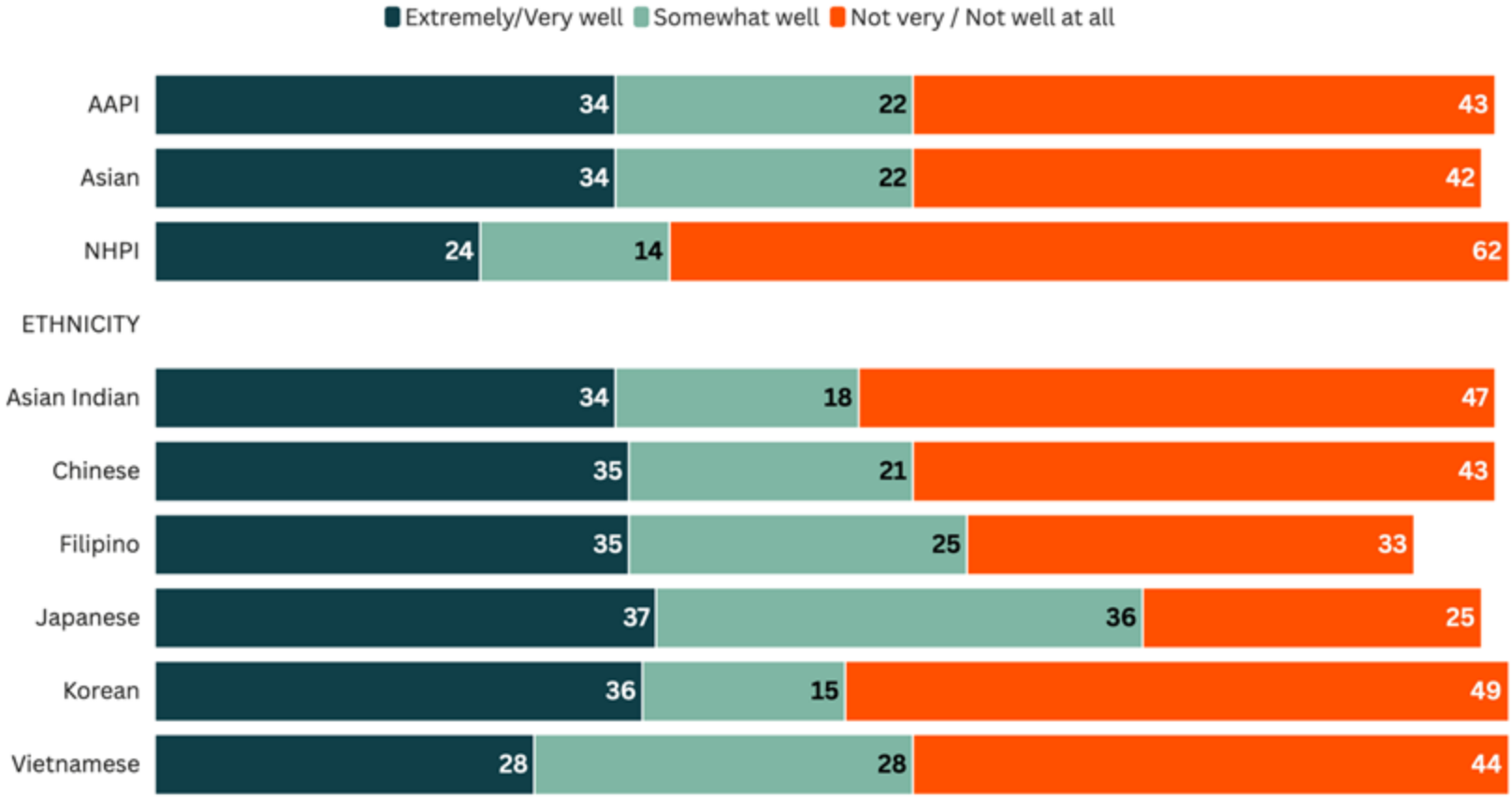

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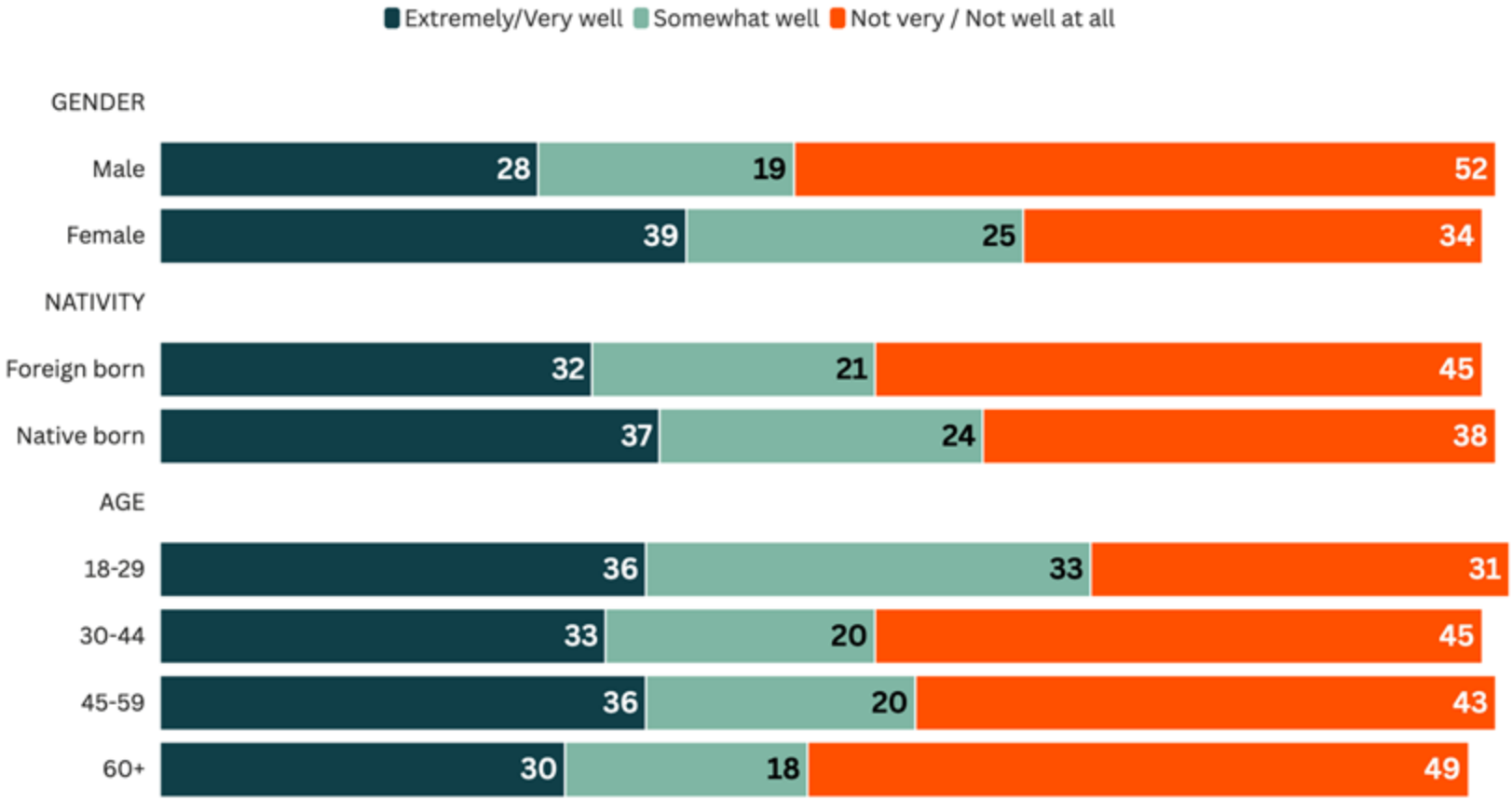

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