PUBLIC ATTITUDES IN QUEBEC ON CHINA AND CANADA-CHINA RELATIONS: ENGLISH LANGUAGE RESPONDENTS

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Method: Qualtrics panel survey of 296 Canadian adults from Quebec (18+); adjusted to match the latest census data on age and gender; in the field December 18, 2017 to March 5, 2018; margin of error +/– 6%; median completion time of 16 minutes. These are the responses from those who chose to complete the survey in English. .

In total, 14 demographic questions (including party affiliations/support) and 60 on substantive matters and preferences.
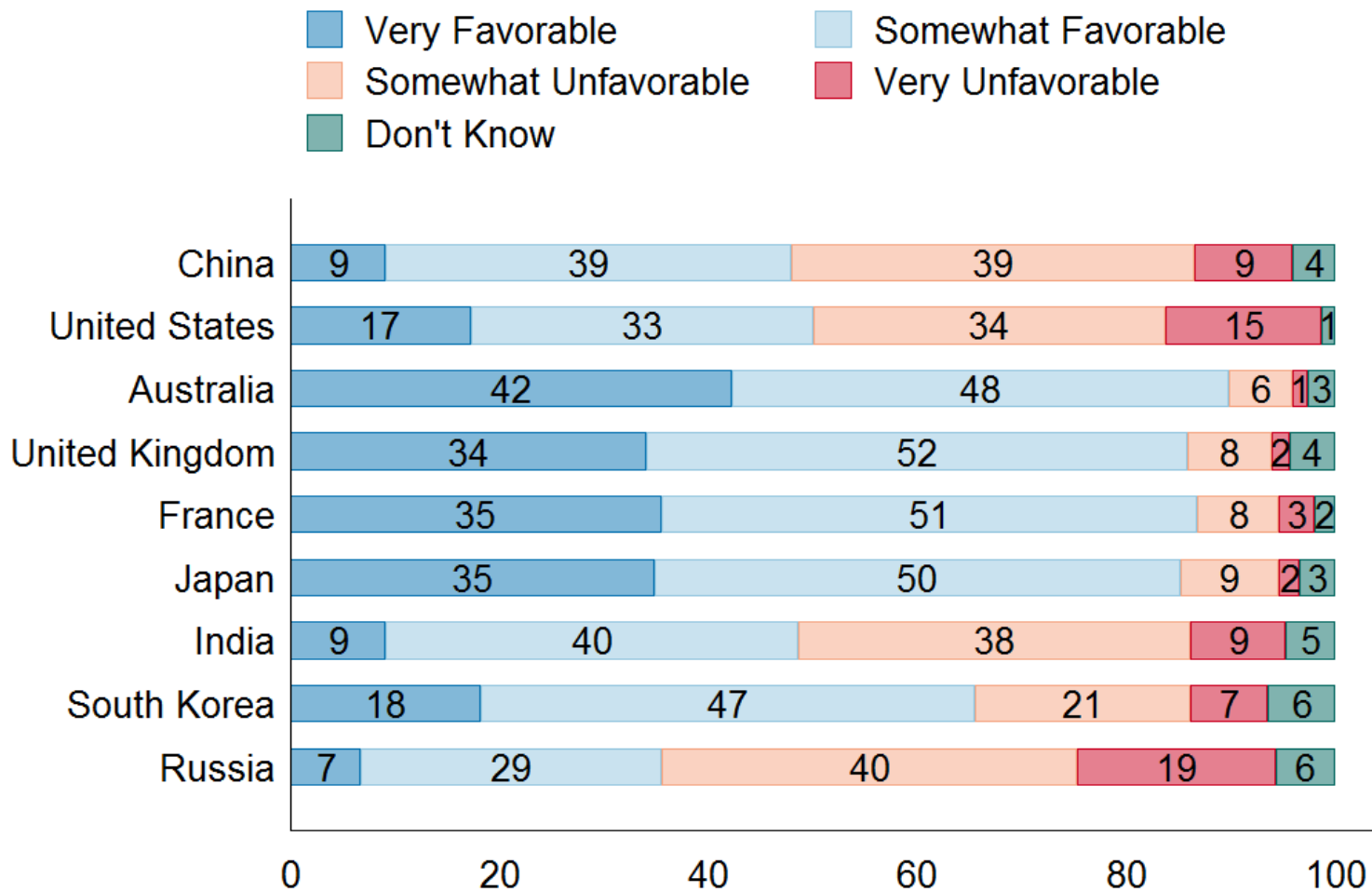
About this report: The substantive questions are presented first, followed by the demographic questions. In each case, the wording of the question is presented as it was shown to the respondents, together with a table summarizing the results. A graph shows at a glance what the question was about. The wording in some of them has been simplified from what was posed in the survey questionnaire. .

SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS

1. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of the following countries?
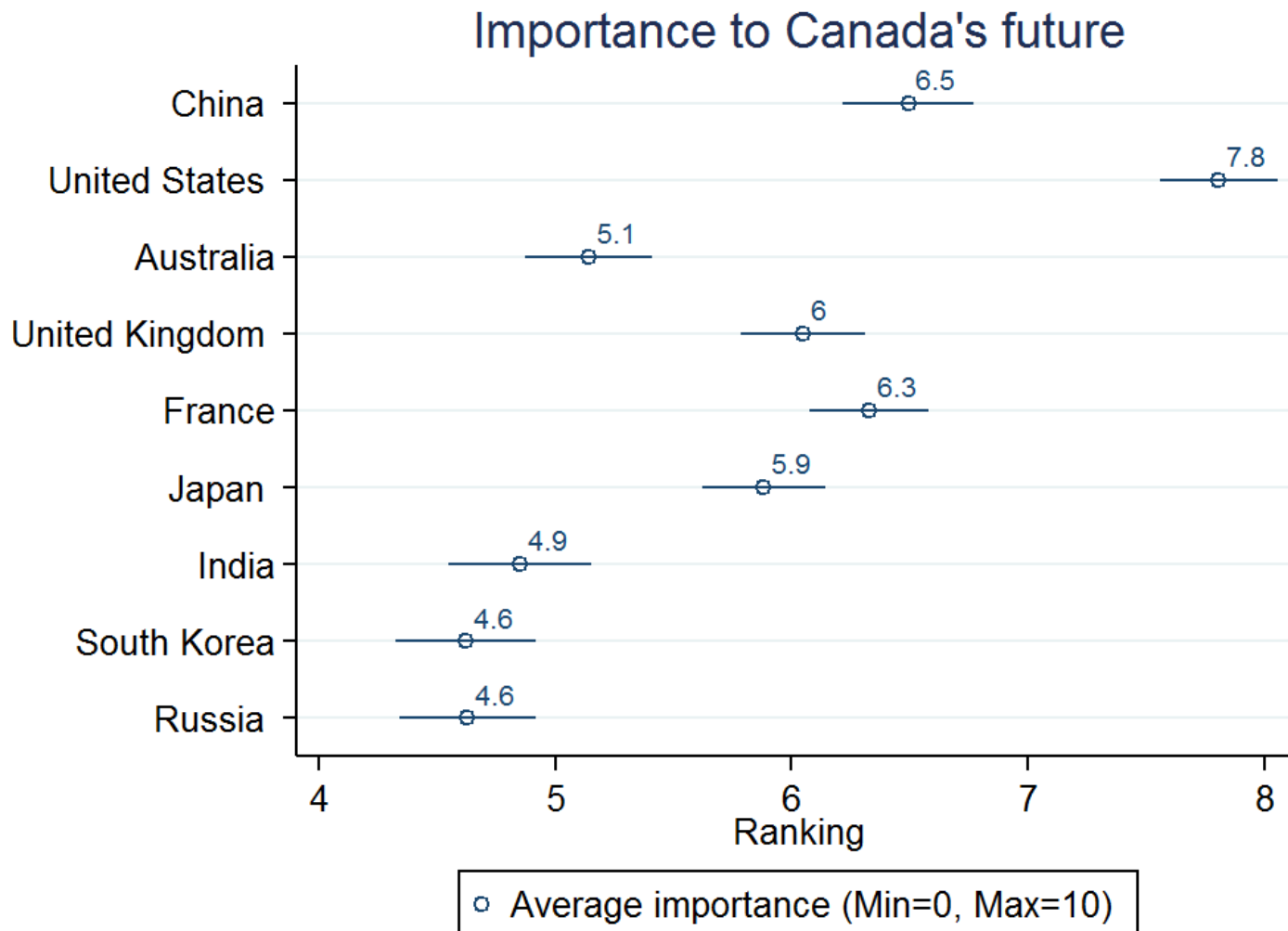
	Very favorable	%	Somewhat favorable	%	Somewhat unfavorable	%	Very unfavorable	%	Don't know	%	Total
China	27	9.12	115	38.85	114	38.51	28	9.46	12	4.05	296
United States	51	17.23	97	32.77	100	33.78	44	14.86	4	1.35	296
Australia	125	42.23	141	47.64	18	6.08	4	1.35	8	2.7	296
United Kingdom	101	34.12	153	51.69	24	8.11	5	1.69	13	4.39	296
France	105	35.47	152	51.35	23	7.77	10	3.38	6	2.03	296
Japan	103	34.8	149	50.34	28	9.46	6	2.03	10	3.38	296
India	27	9.12	117	39.53	111	37.5	27	9.12	14	4.73	296
South Korea	54	18.24	140	47.3	61	20.61	22	7.43	19	6.42	296
Russia	20	6.76	85	28.72	118	39.86	56	18.92	17	5.74	296

Your opinion about these countries is:

Legend:
- Very Favorable
- Somewhat Favorable
- Somewhat Unfavorable
- Very Unfavorable
- Don't Know

Country	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know
China	9	39	39	9	4
United States	17	33	34	15	1
Australia	42	48	6	1	3
United Kingdom	34	52	8	2	4
France	35	51	8	3	2
Japan	35	50	9	2	3
India	9	40	38	9	5
South Korea	18	47	21	7	6
Russia	7	29	40	19	6

2. In your view, how important are the following countries to Canada's future?

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
China	0.00	10.00	6.5	2.4	5.8	296
United States	0.00	10.00	7.8	2.1	4.8	296
Australia	0.00	10.00	5.1	2.3	5.6	296
United Kingdom	0.00	10.00	6.0	2.3	5.2	296
France	0.00	10.00	6.3	2.2	4.8	296
Japan	0.00	10.00	5.9	2.3	5.1	296
India	0.00	10.00	4.9	2.6	7.0	296
South Korea	0.00	10.00	4.6	2.6	6.7	296
Russia	0.00	10.00	4.6	2.5	6.4	296

Importance to Canada's future

Country	Average importance
China	6.5
United States	7.8
Australia	5.1
United Kingdom	6
France	6.3
Japan	5.9
India	4.9
South Korea	4.6
Russia	4.6

Ranking

o Average importance (Min=0, Max=10)

3. Comparing the US and China, and looking out over the next decade, which country do you feel…

	China	%	United States	%	Don't know	%	Total
will be the largest economic power?	171	57.77	88	29.73	37	12.5	296
will be the more responsible global leader?	105	35.47	100	33.78	91	30.74	296
do more to maintain peace and avoid conflict?	127	42.91	90	30.41	79	26.69	296
be more stable and predictable?	126	42.57	104	35.14	66	22.3	296
be more respectful of other people around the world?	119	40.2	95	32.09	82	27.7	296
be more committed to freedom of speech and expression?	35	11.82	196	66.22	65	21.96	296
do more for the poorest elements of their country?	94	31.76	122	41.22	80	27.03	296
do more to address climate change and environmental issues?	114	38.51	101	34.12	81	27.36	296

In the next decade - which country will be:

Legend:
- China
- U.S.
- Don't Know

Question	China	U.S.	Don't Know
the largest economic power?	58	30	13
the more responsible global lead	35	34	31
doing more to maintain peace?	43	30	27
the more stable and predictable?	43	35	22
the more respectful of people ar	40	32	28
the more commited to freedom of	12	66	22
doing more for the poor elements	32	41	27
doing more to address environmen	39	34	27

4. Which elements of the relationship with China do you think should be the highest priority for the Canadian government?
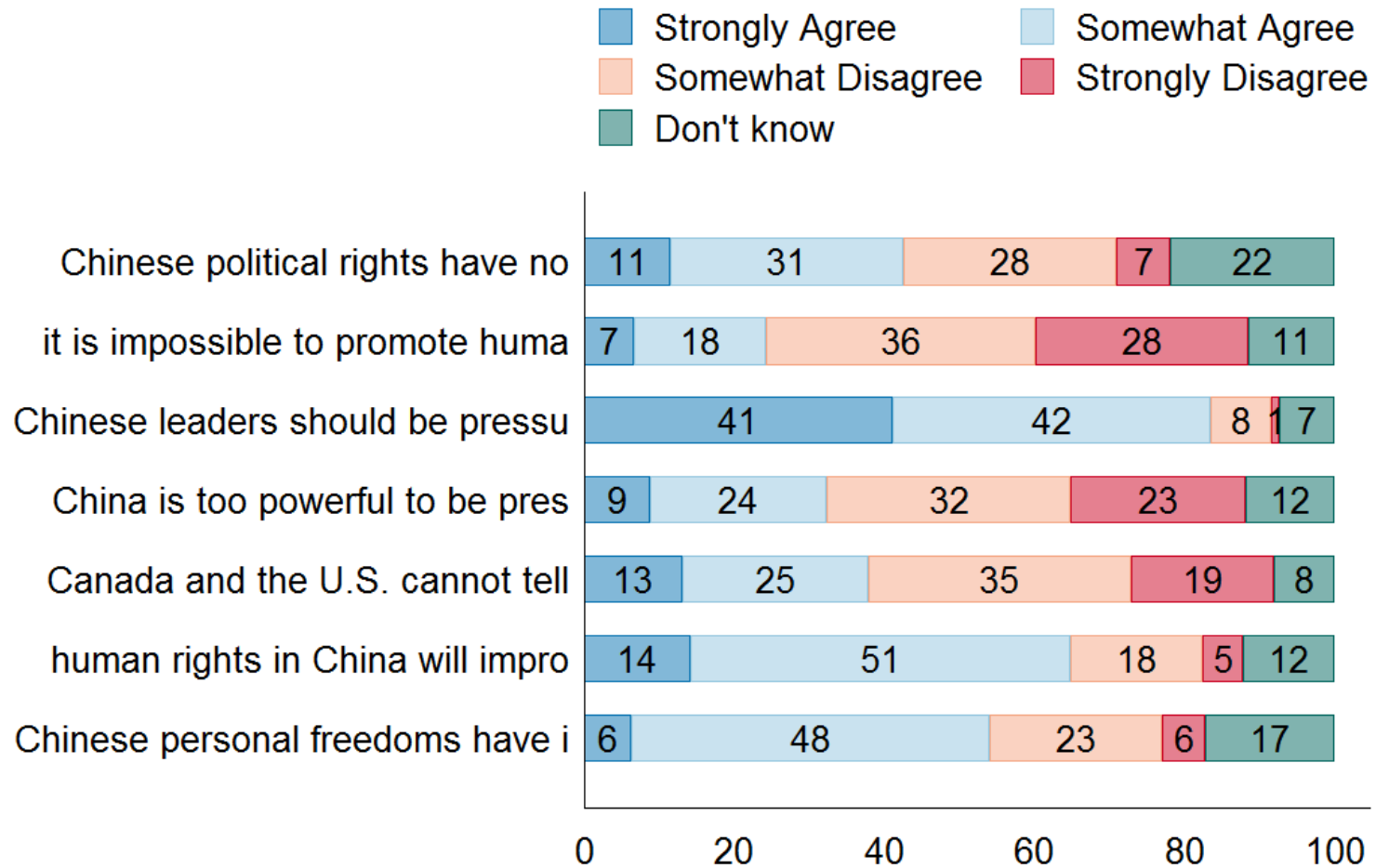
Answer	%	Count
Cooperation on global issues like climate change, epidemics, counter-terrorism	20.95	62
Promoting trade and investment including negotiation of some kind of free trade agreement or comprehensive economic partnership	30.07	89
Addressing cyber security	6.76	20
Advancing human rights and democratic reforms in China	17.23	51
Protecting Canadian values and institutions at home from growing Chinese influence	14.53	43
Addressing intellectual property rights	3.72	11
Don't know	6.76	20
Total	100%	296

Canadian govt. top priority towards China

Trade and investment

Cooperation on global issues

Protecting Canadian values

Human Rights in China

Cyber Security

Intellectual property rights

Don't know

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Percent
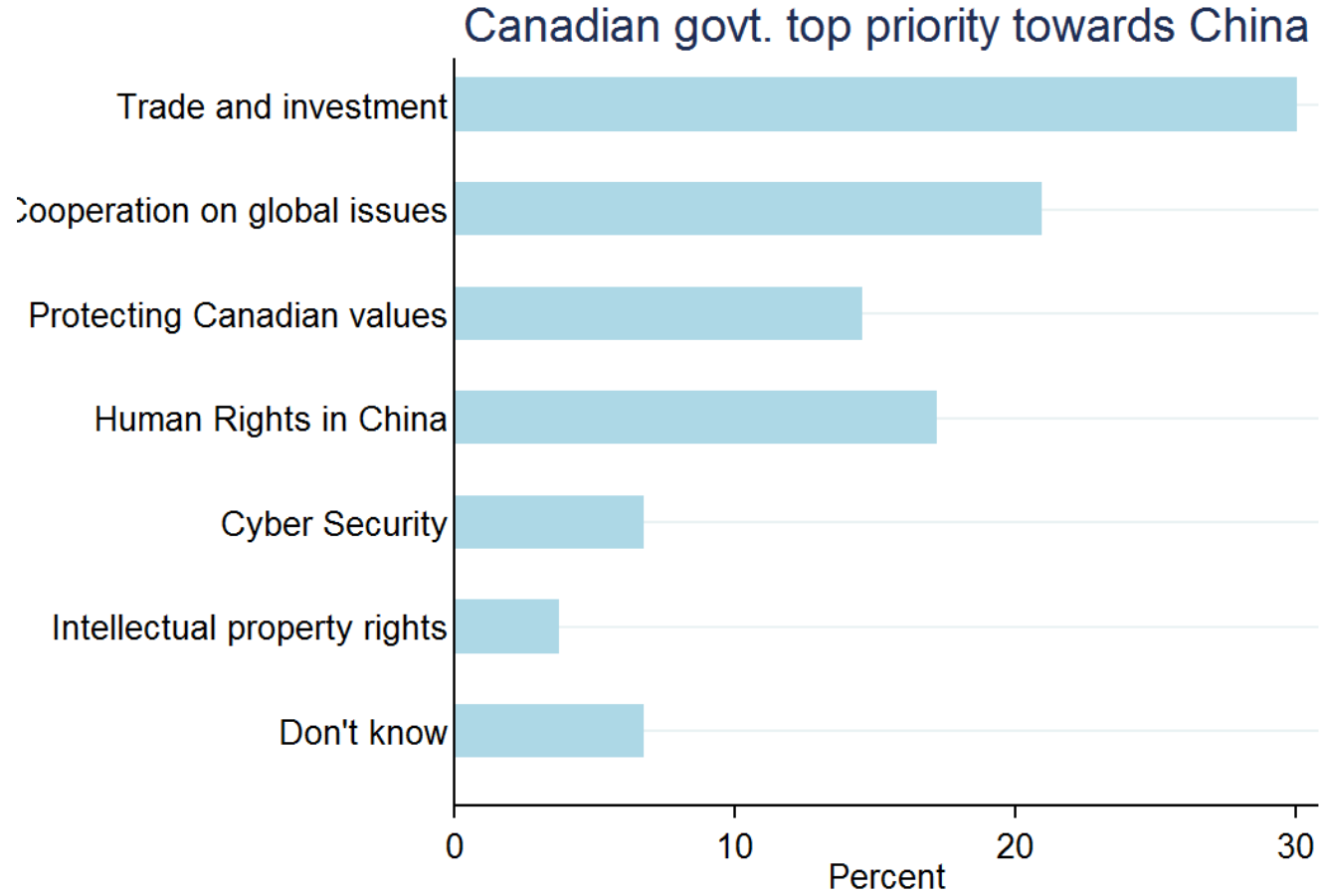
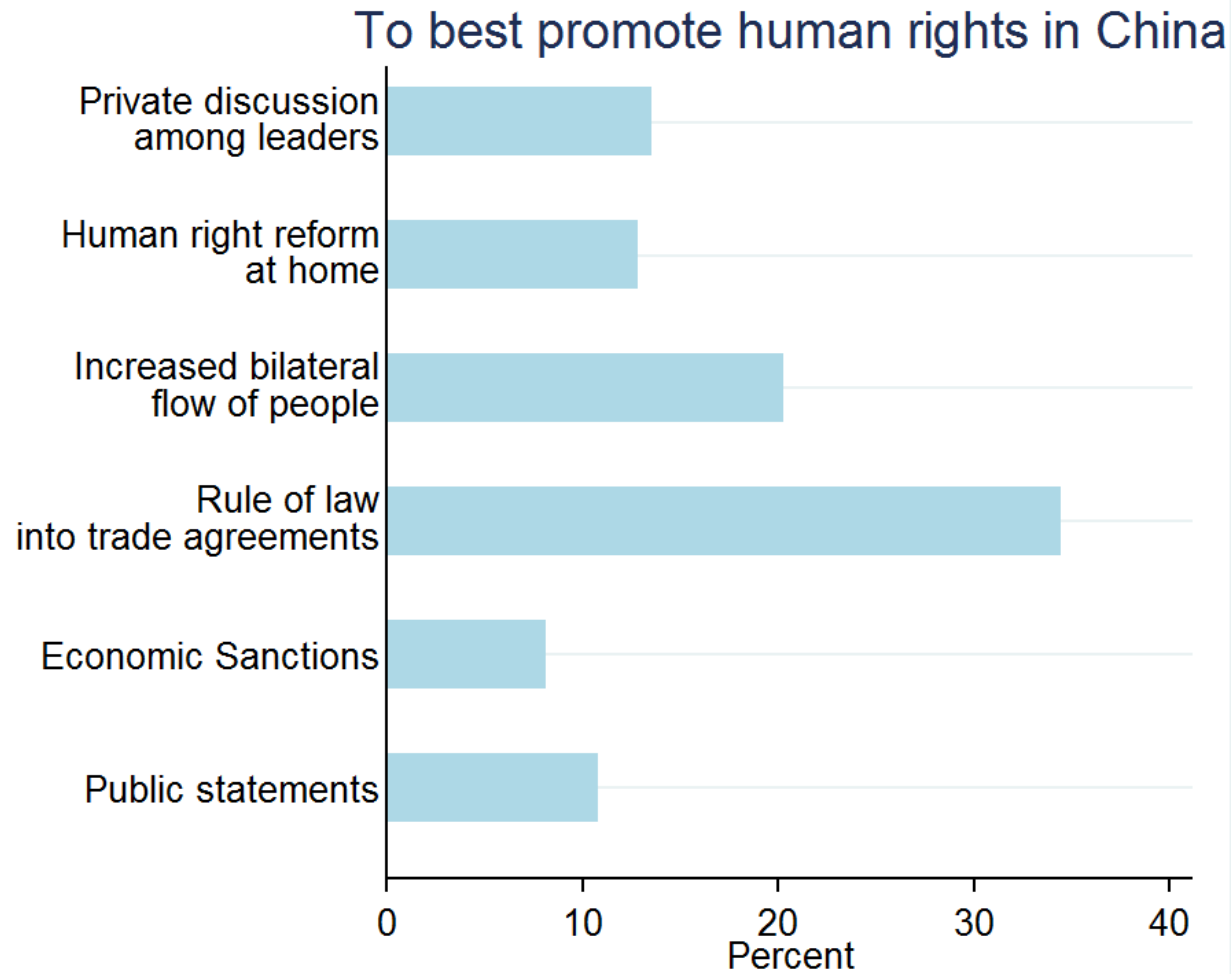## 5. Regarding the human rights situation in China, do you agree with the following statements?

Question	Strongly Agree	%	Somewhat Agree	%	Somewhat Disagree	%	Strongly Disagree	%	Don't know	%	Total
The political rights of Chinese citizens have not improved in the past decade	34	11.49	92	31.08	84	28.38	21	7.09	65	21.96	296
It's impossible to promote human rights while expanding economic relations	20	6.76	52	17.57	106	35.81	84	28.38	34	11.49	296
Chinese leaders should be pressured to respect international treaties and covenants on human rights that they have signed	122	41.22	125	42.23	24	8.11	3	1.01	22	7.43	296
China is now too big and powerful to be pressured into adopting Western standards of human rights	26	8.78	70	23.65	96	32.43	69	23.31	35	11.82	296
Canadians and Americans are in no moral position to tell other countries how to treat their own citizens	39	13.18	73	24.66	104	35.14	56	18.92	24	8.11	296
The human rights situation in China will improve as its economy opens and more Chinese are exposed to the political systems and ways of life in other countries including Canada	42	14.19	150	50.68	52	17.57	16	5.41	36	12.16	296
Personal freedoms of Chinese citizens have improved in the past decade	19	6.42	141	47.64	68	22.97	17	5.74	51	17.23	296

Regarding the human rights situation in China:

Legend:
- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
Chinese political rights have no	11	31	28	7	22
it is impossible to promote huma	7	18	36	28	11
Chinese leaders should be pressu	41	42	8	1	7
China is too powerful to be pres	9	24	32	23	12
Canada and the U.S. cannot tell	13	25	35	19	8
human rights in China will impro	14	51	18	5	12
Chinese personal freedoms have i	6	48	23	6	17

6. How could Canada best promote human rights in China?

Answer	%	Count
public statements and pressure by the Canadian government	10.81	32
threat of economic sanctions	8.11	24
helping strengthen the rule of law in China through provisions and practices built into trade agreements	34.46	102
increasing flows of people bilateral exchanges, such as two-way movements of students and tourists	20.27	60
by strengthening human rights and democratic reforms here at home	12.84	38
raising concerns privately in discussion between officials and leaders	13.51	40
Total	100%	296

To best promote human rights in China

Horizontal bar chart. Vertical axis categories (top to bottom):
- Private discussion among leaders — ~13%
- Human right reform at home — ~13%
- Increased bilateral flow of people — ~20%
- Rule of law into trade agreements — ~34%
- Economic Sanctions — ~8%
- Public statements — ~11%

Horizontal axis: Percent (0, 10, 20, 30, 40)

7. Canada has recently opened exploratory talks on a Canada-China free trade agreement. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following arguments regarding expanded trade with China? Expanded trade with China ...

| Question	Strongly agree		Somewhat agree		Somewhat disagree		Strongly disagree		Don't know		Total
is not so important today because China's future economic outlook is far from certain as economic growth rate slows down	20	6.76	59	19.93	123	41.55	63	21.28	31	10.47	296
is likely to encourage needed investment in Canadian businesses	42	14.19	177	59.8	40	13.51	13	4.39	24	8.11	296
would give Canada a competitive edge over other countries	47	15.88	154	52.03	47	15.88	12	4.05	36	12.16	296
is likely to be detrimental as it will lead to an influx of cheap Chinese goods that will compete with Canadian products in the Canadian market	37	12.5	106	35.81	96	32.43	31	10.47	26	8.78	296
is a bad idea, because we should not get too involved with a country governed by the communist party, and with different values and culture	17	5.74	61	20.61	120	40.54	66	22.3	32	10.81	296
is important today due to rising protectionist sentiments in the US and in Europe	55	18.58	122	41.22	57	19.26	16	5.41	46	15.54	296
would cause problems for Canada with the current U.S. Administration	21	7.09	95	32.09	113	38.18	16	5.41	51	17.23	296
would benefit China more than it would benefit Canada	42	14.19	69	23.31	115	38.85	13	4.39	57	19.26	296
would bring greater economic prosperity to Canada	32	10.81	141	47.64	66	22.3	16	5.41	41	13.85	296

Expanded trade with China:

Legend:
- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

Statement	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
is not so important today	7	20	42	21	10
will encourage investment in Can	14	60	14	4	8
would give Canada a competitive	16	52	16	4	12
will be detrimental to the Canad	13	36	32	10	9
is a bad idea because China has	6	21	41	22	11
is important due to protectionis	19	41	19	5	16
would cause problem with current	7	32	38	5	17
would benefit China more than Ca	14	23	39	4	19
would bring economic prosperity	11	48	22	5	14

8. Do you support or oppose the Canadian government entering into a free trade agreement with China?

Answer	%	Count
Strongly support	20.61	61
Moderately support	53.04	157
Moderately oppose	12.5	37
Strongly oppose	3.72	11
Don't know	10.14	30
Total	100%	296

Support for FTA with China

- Strongly support
- Moderately support
- Moderately oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Dont' know

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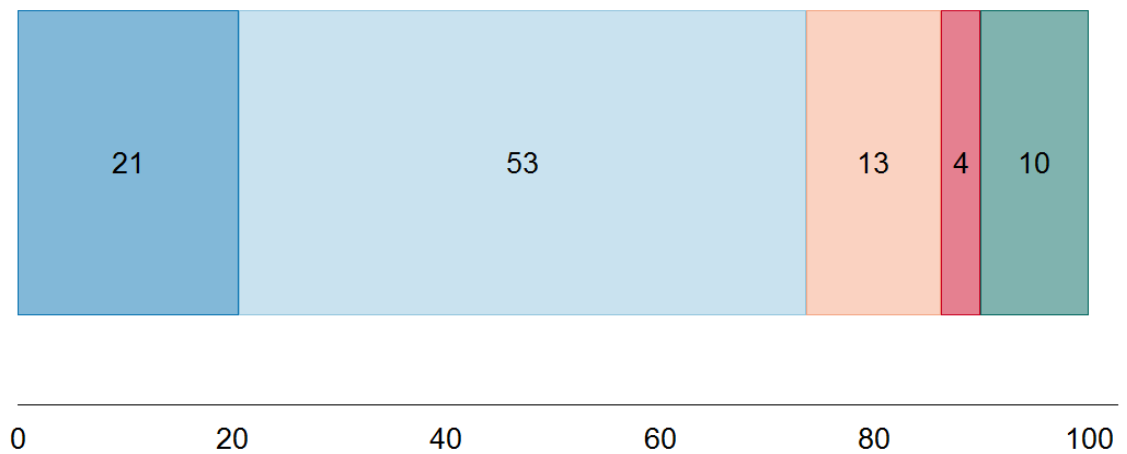
9. In the event of a US military conflict with China, should Canada...

Answer	%	Count
Support the US militarily	8.11	24
Express support for the US but not participate militarily	9.12	27
Stay neutral	32.77	97
Oppose the conflict and urge diplomatic solutions	31.42	93
The choice would depend on the circumstances	18.58	55
Don't know	8.11	24
Total	100%	296

If military conflict U.S.-China, Canada:
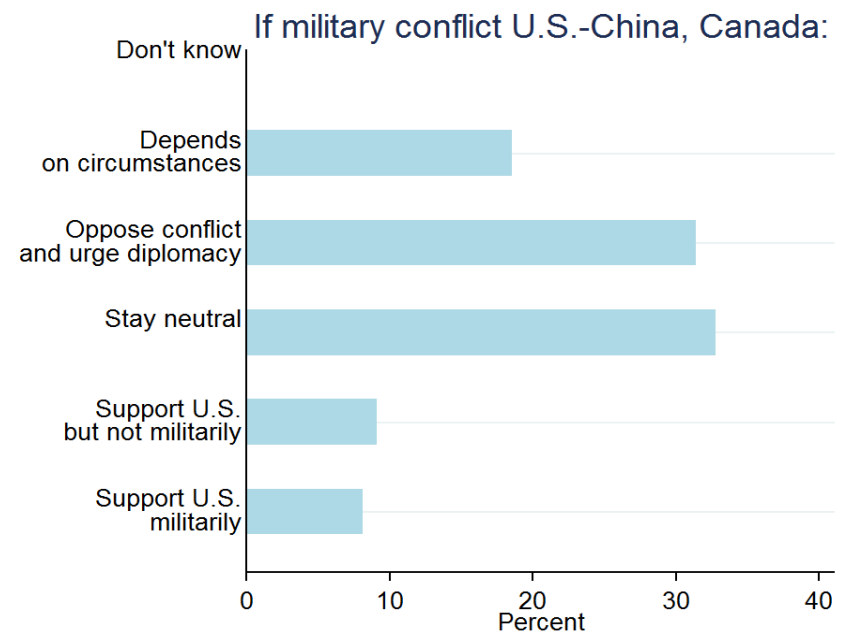
10. Looking out over the next ten years, are China's increasing military and defense capabilities a serious concern for Canada?

Answer	%	Count
Definitely yes	9.12	27
Probably yes	27.36	81
Might or might not	34.12	101
Probably not	19.59	58
Definitely not	4.73	14
Don't know	5.07	15
Total	100%	296

In the next ten years - are Chinese increasing military capabilities

Legend: Definitely yes, Probably yes, Might or might not, Probably not, Definitely not, Don't know
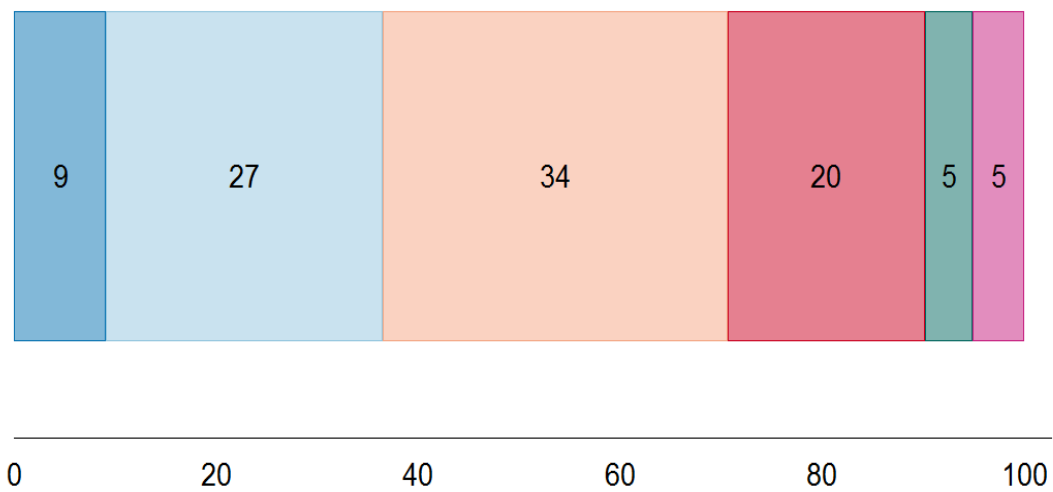
11. Should Canada increase defense spending to deal with potential Chinese threats?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	17.23	51
Maybe	30.07	89
No	44.93	133
Don't know	7.77	23
Total	100%	296

Should Canada increase defense spending to deal with Chinese

Yes   Maybe
No   Dont' know

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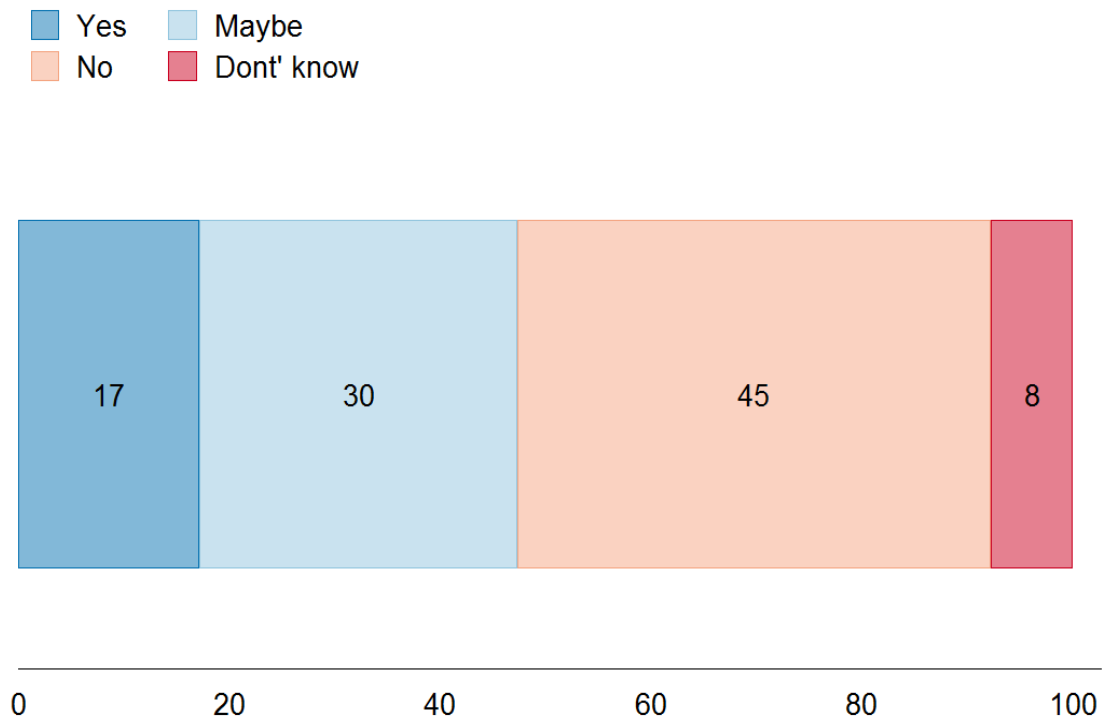
12. As the Chinese presence in Canada deepens, do you have special concerns about

Question	Very concerned	%	Somewhat concerned	%	A little concerned	%	Not concerned at all	%	Don't know	%	Total
Threats to jobs	33	11.15	76	25.68	117	39.53	54	18.24	16	5.41	296
Pressure on housing availability and affordability	49	16.55	93	31.42	100	33.78	36	12.16	18	6.08	296
Challenges to Canadian values and institutions (the Canadian way of life)	36	12.16	78	26.35	106	35.81	60	20.27	16	5.41	296
Cyber attacks and espionage	49	16.55	83	28.04	86	29.05	49	16.55	29	9.8	296

With growing Chinese presence in Canada do you worry about:
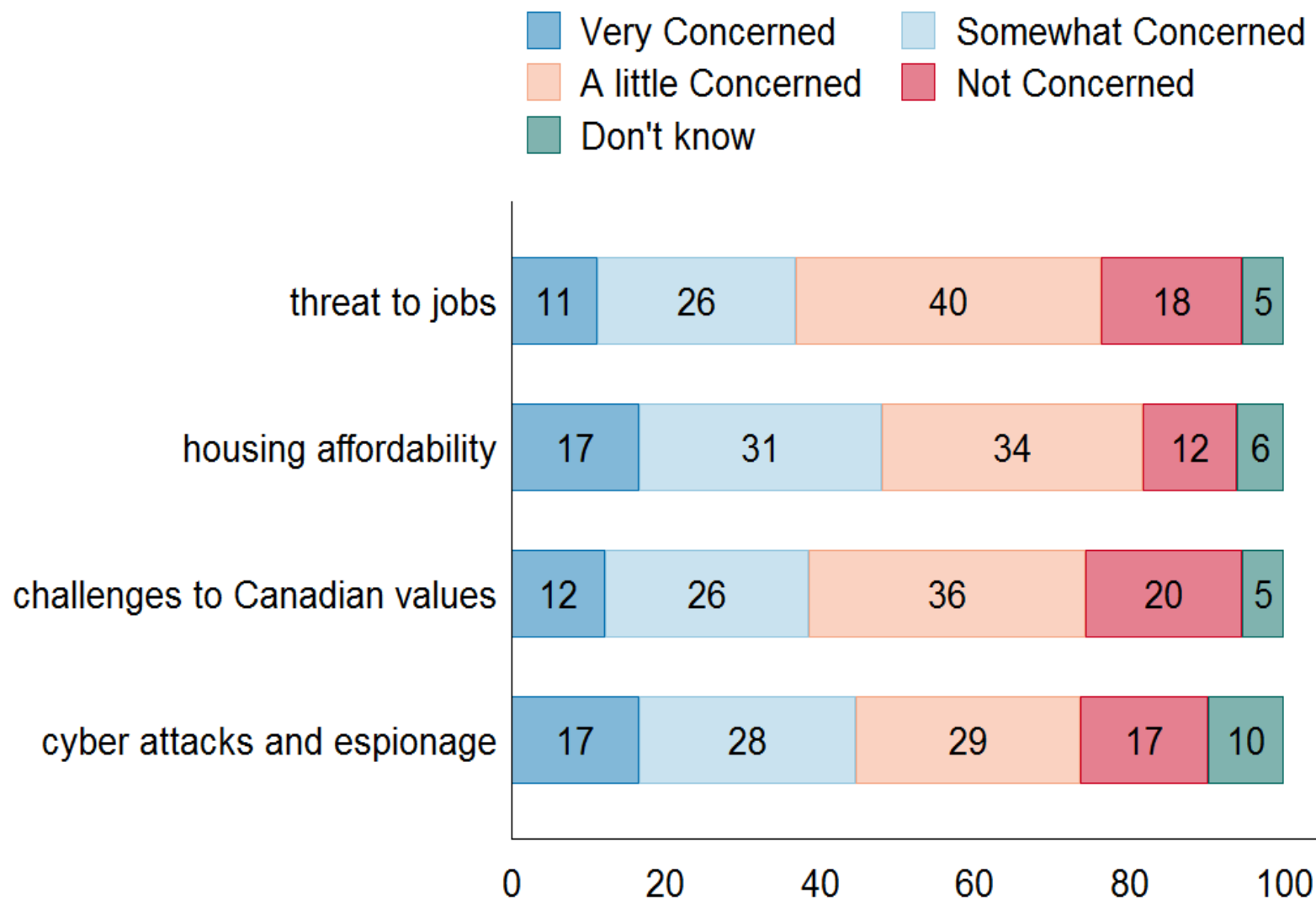
13. Should Canada negotiate an extradition treaty with China?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	31.76	94
Maybe	34.12	101
No	11.15	33
Don't know	22.97	68
Total	100%	296

Should Canada negotiate an extradition treaty with China?

Legend: Yes, Maybe, No, Don't know

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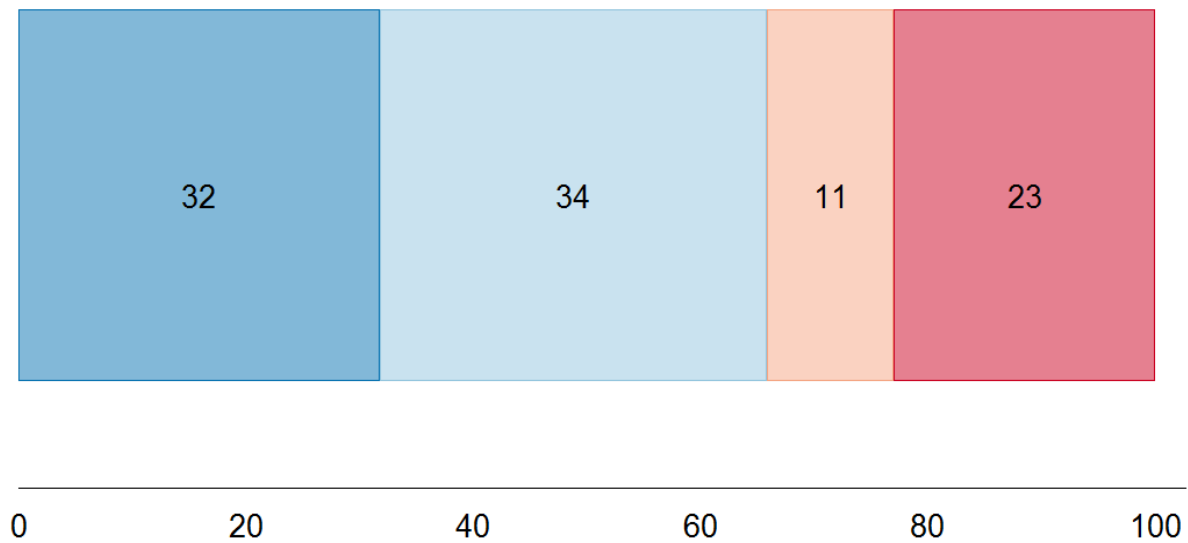
14. Does the Canadian government do enough to protect Canadian citizens under arrest or imprisoned in China?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	16.22	48
No	40.2	119
Don't know	43.58	129
Total	100%	296

Does the Canadian government do enough to protect Canadian

- Yes
- No
- Dont' know

16	40	44

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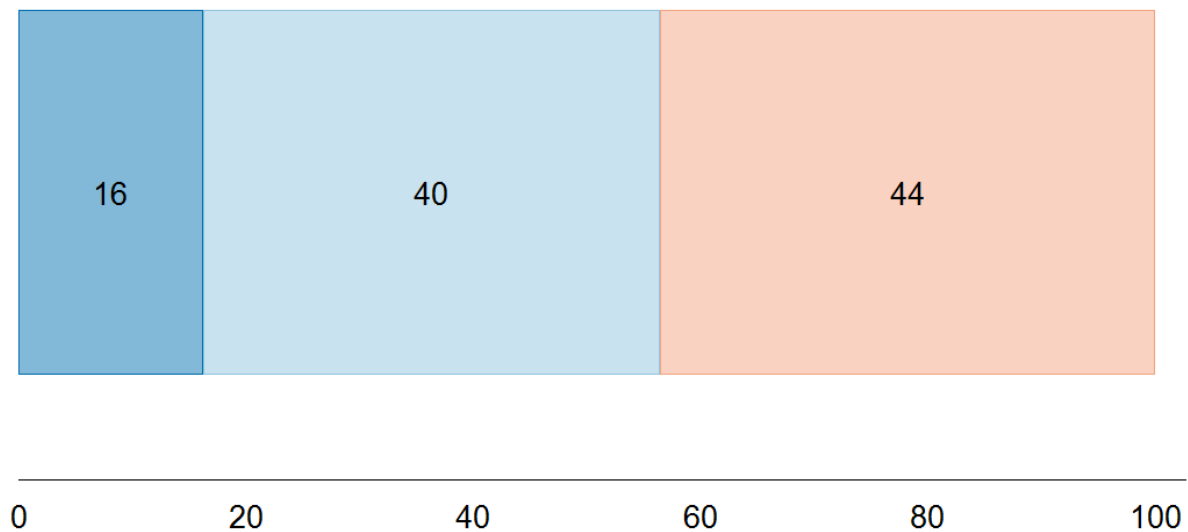
15. Should Chinese universities be permitted to open campuses in Canada?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	19.93	59
Depends upon the specific focus and location	36.15	107
No	32.09	95
Don't know	11.82	35
Total	100%	296

Should Chinese universities be permitted to to open campuses in Canada?
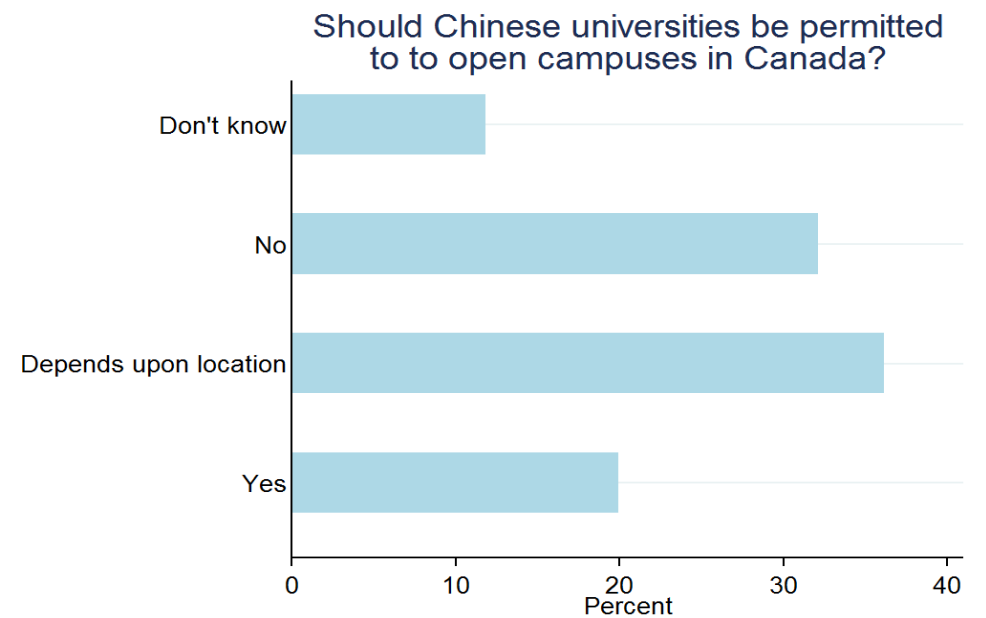
16. For each of the following factors, please say whether, for you personally, they have a positive or negative influence on your overall view of China?

| Question	Extremely positive	%	Somewhat positive	%	Neither positive nor negative	%	Somewhat negative	%	Extremely negative	%	Total
Chinese people you have met	69	23.31	125	42.23	83	28.04	15	5.07	4	1.35	296
China's culture and history	69	23.31	133	44.93	80	27.03	7	2.36	7	2.36	296
China's economic growth	31	10.47	138	46.62	102	34.46	24	8.11	1	0.34	296
Chinese investment in Canada	21	7.09	105	35.47	110	37.16	48	16.22	12	4.05	296
China's environmental policies	16	5.41	51	17.23	100	33.78	95	32.09	34	11.49	296
China's system of government	6	2.03	27	9.12	107	36.15	121	40.88	35	11.82	296
China's military activities	11	3.72	26	8.78	132	44.59	100	33.78	27	9.12	296
China's human rights record	10	3.38	33	11.15	78	26.35	118	39.86	57	19.26	296

How thise factors influenced your overall view of China:

	Extremely positive		Somewhat positive
	Neutral		Somewhat negative
	Extremely negative		

Factor	Extremely positive	Somewhat positive	Neutral	Somewhat negative	Extremely negative
people you met	23	42	28	5	1
culture and history	23	45	27	2	2
economic growth	10	47	34	8	0
investment in Canada	7	35	37	16	4
environmental policies	5	17	34	32	11
system of government	2	9	36	41	12
military activities	4	9	45	34	9
human rights record	3	11	26	40	19

17. Which Party (Liberal, Conservative, NDP, Bloc, Green) do you think would do a better job of handling each of the following issues with China

Question	Liberal	%	Conservative	%	NDP	%	Bloc	%	Green	%	Total
Overall management of the bilateral relations	160	54.05	40	13.51	70	23.65	15	5.07	11	3.72	296
Developing economic ties	155	52.36	51	17.23	58	19.59	18	6.08	14	4.73	296
Protecting Canadians in China	116	39.19	86	29.05	67	22.64	15	5.07	12	4.05	296
Protecting Canadian interests and values at home	125	42.23	83	28.04	58	19.59	13	4.39	17	5.74	296
Advancing human rights and democracy in China	148	50	34	11.49	90	30.41	14	4.73	10	3.38	296
Building peace and security	145	48.99	47	15.88	75	25.34	9	3.04	20	6.76	296

Which party would do a better job with China about:
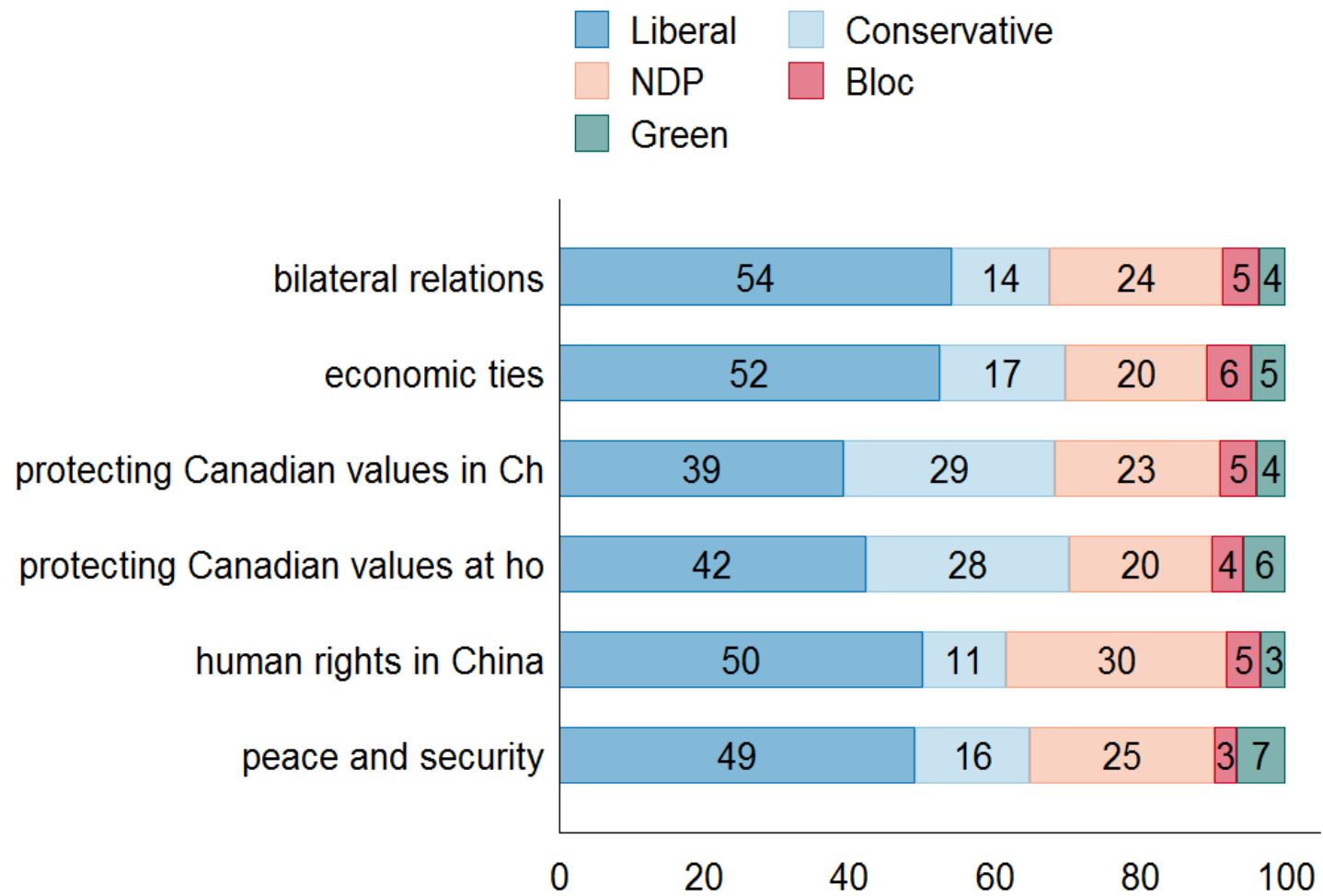
SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

18. How often you listen, watch or read news about China?

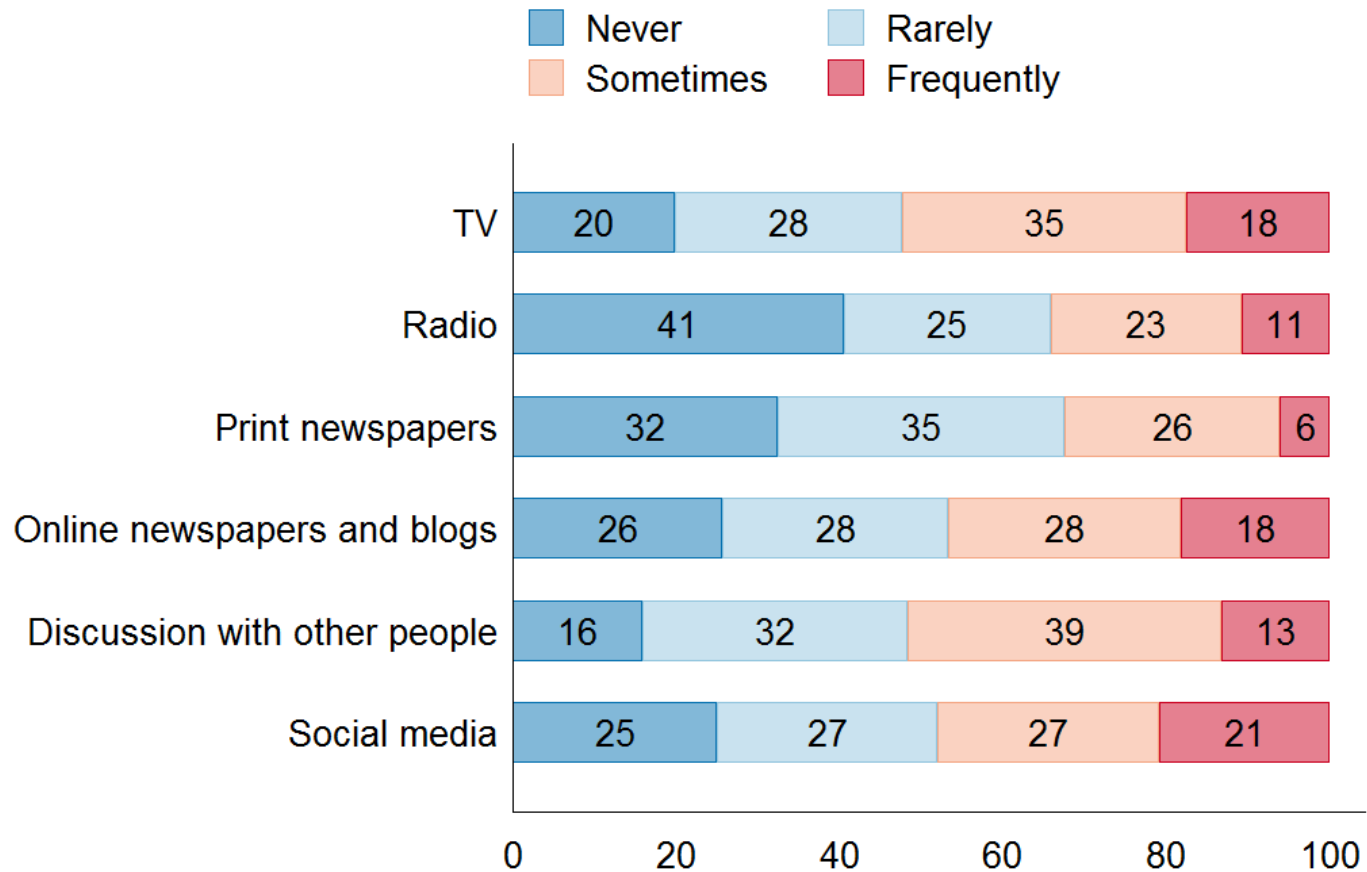| Answer	%	Count
Every day	3.72	11
3-4 times a week	9.8	29
1-2 times a week	43.58	129
Almost never	37.16	110
Don't know	5.74	17
Total	100%	296

How often to you listen watch or read news about China?

Legend:
- Every day
- 3-4 times a week
- 1-2 times a week
- Almost never
- Don't know

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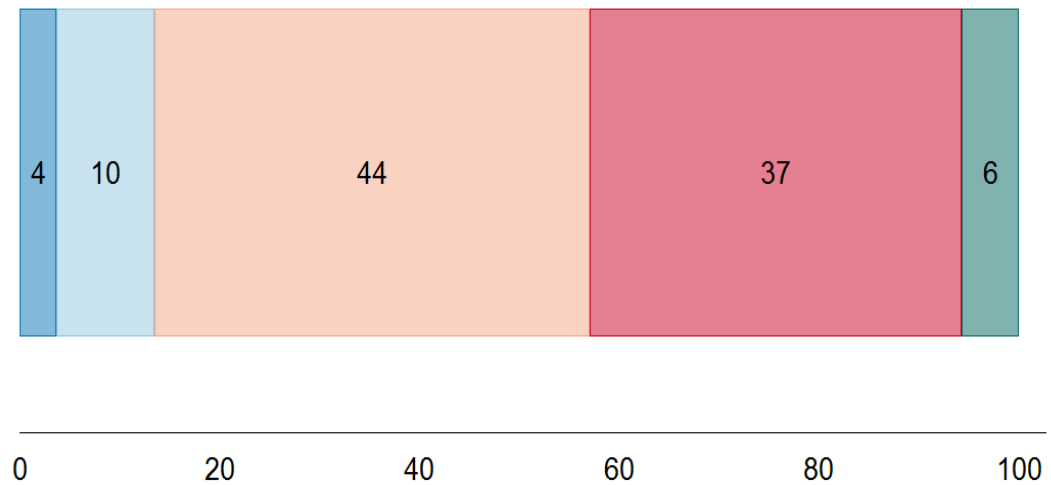
19. What often do you use the following sources for your news about China?

Question	Never	%	Rarely	%	Sometimes	%	Frequently	%	Total
TV	59	19.93	82	27.7	103	34.8	52	17.57	296
Radio	120	40.54	75	25.34	69	23.31	32	10.81	296
Print newspaper and magazines	96	32.43	104	35.14	78	26.35	18	6.08	296
Online newspaper, magazine and blogs	76	25.68	82	27.7	84	28.38	54	18.24	296
Social media (facebook, twitter, etc.)	74	25	80	27.03	80	27.03	62	20.95	296
Discussion with other people	47	15.88	96	32.43	114	38.51	39	13.18	296

How often do you use this source for your news about China?

Legend: Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Frequently

Source	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently
TV	20	28	35	18
Radio	41	25	23	11
Print newspapers	32	35	26	6
Online newspapers and blogs	26	28	28	18
Discussion with other people	16	32	39	13
Social media	25	27	27	21

20. Are you...

Answer	%	Count
Male	41.16	121
Female	58.16	171
Prefer not to say	0.68	2
Total	100%	294
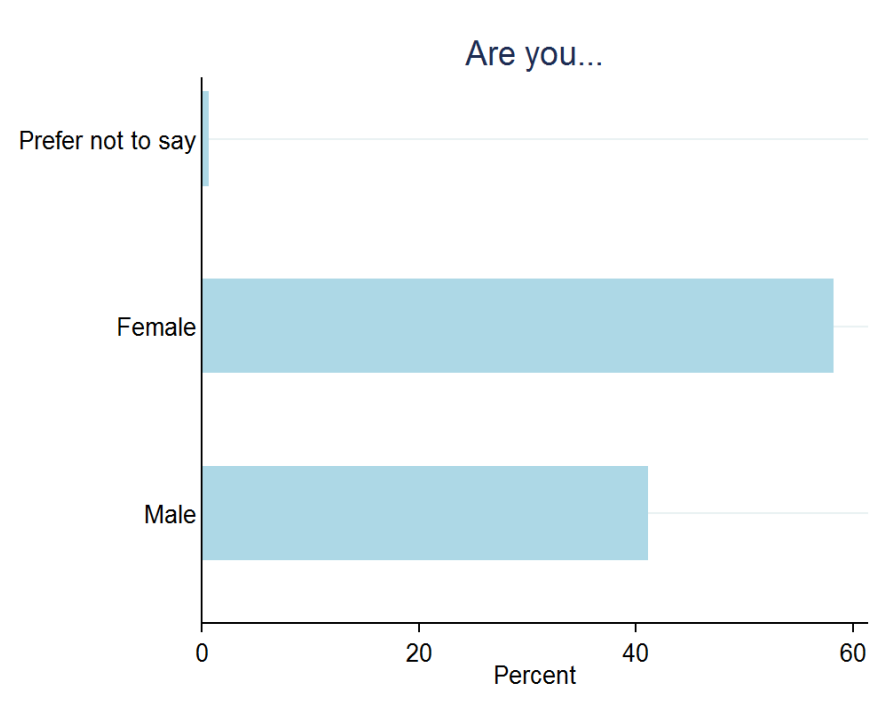
Are you...

21. Were you born in Canada?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	94.93	281
No	5.07	15
Total	100%	296

Were you born in Canada?

■ Yes   □ No
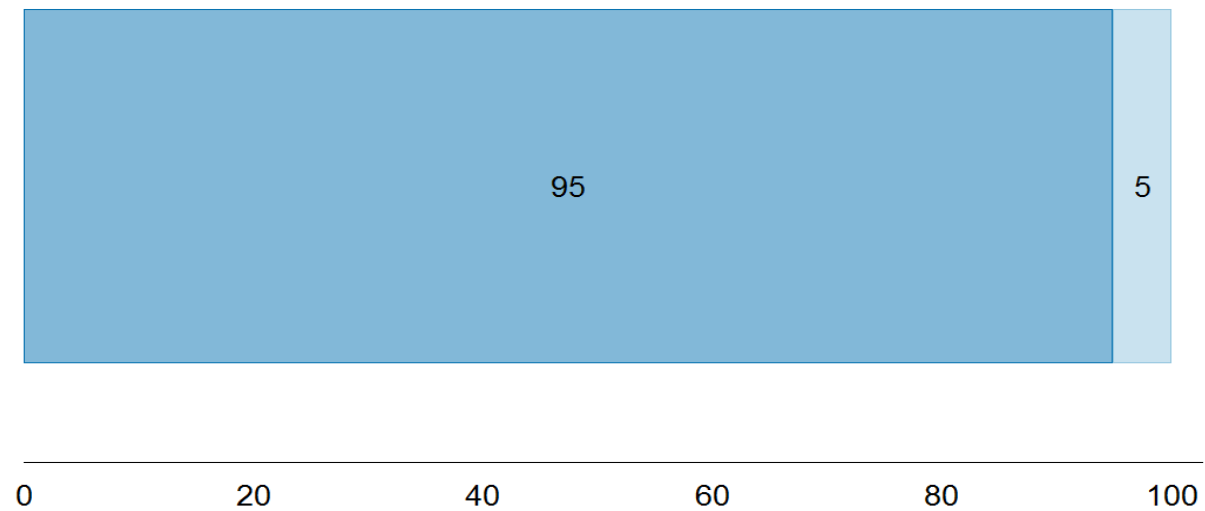
22. What is your marital status now?

Answer	%	Count
Married / in a common law relationship	44.93	133
Divorced	5.41	16
Separated	1.69	5
Widowed	0.68	2
Never married	44.59	132
Prefer not to say	2.7	8
Total	100%	269

What is your marital status now?
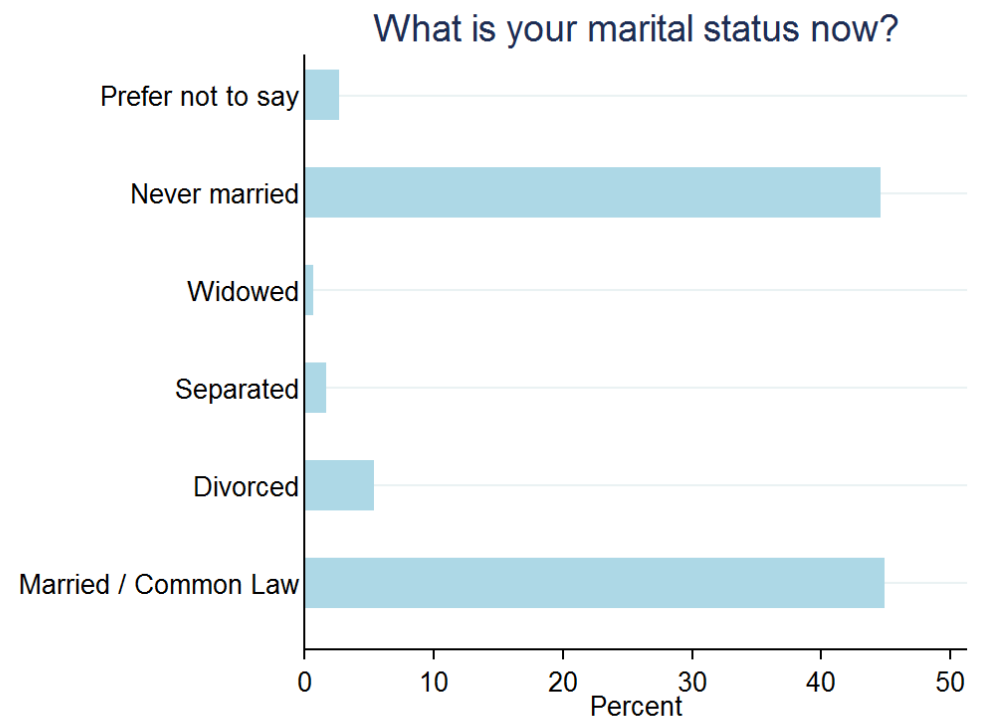
23. Do you have any children?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	41.55	123
No	57.43	170
Prefer not to say	1.01	3
Total	100%	296

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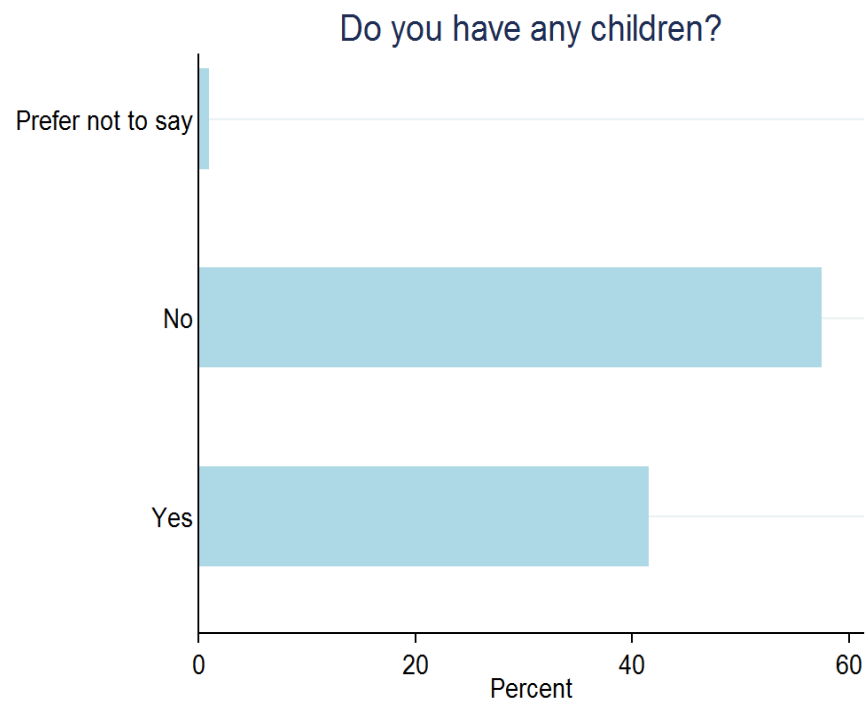
24. How many children do you have?

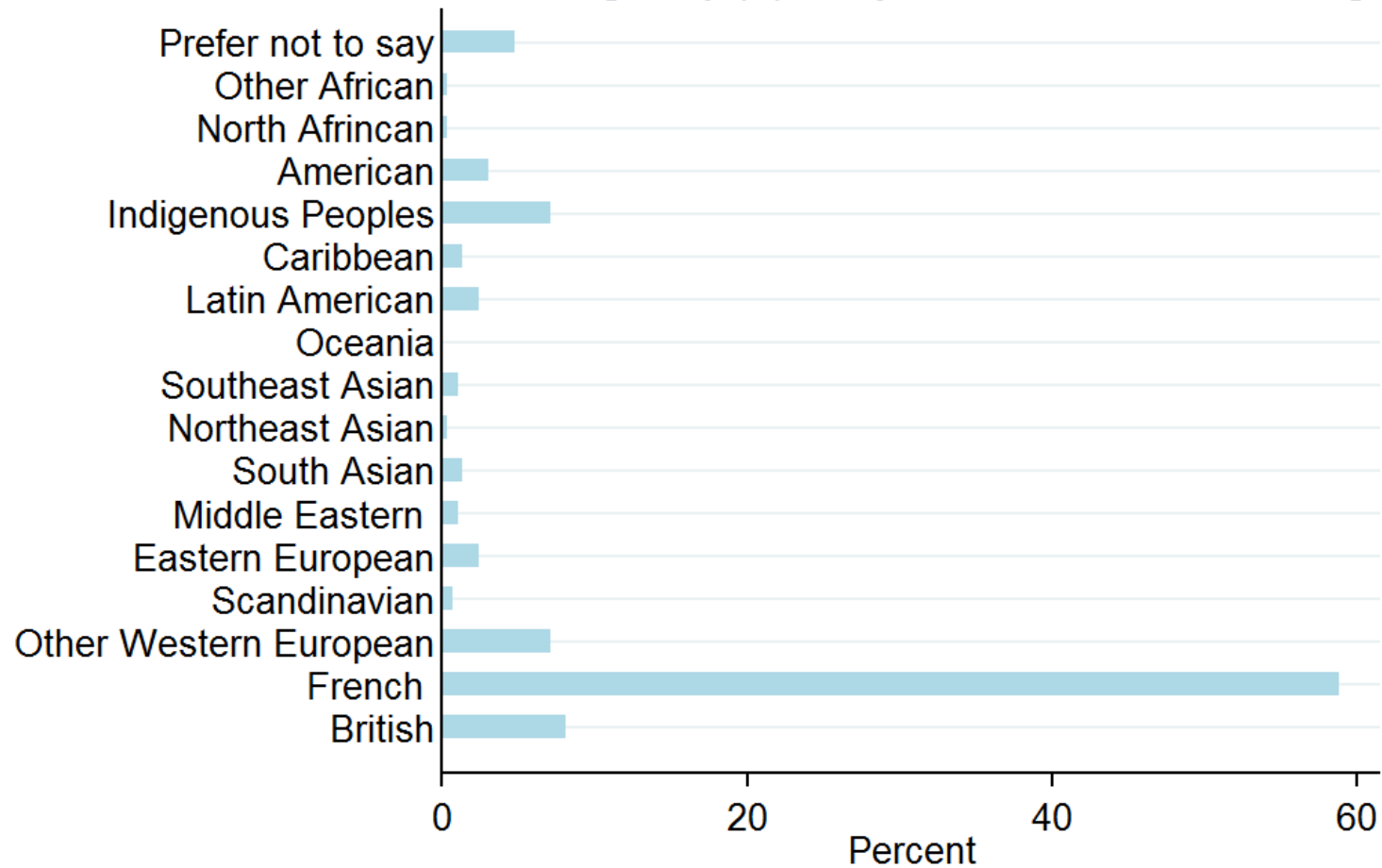| Answer	%	Count
1	37.4	46
2	39.84	49
3	18.7	23
4	4.07	5
5	0	0
more than 5	0	0
Total	100%	123

How many children do you have?
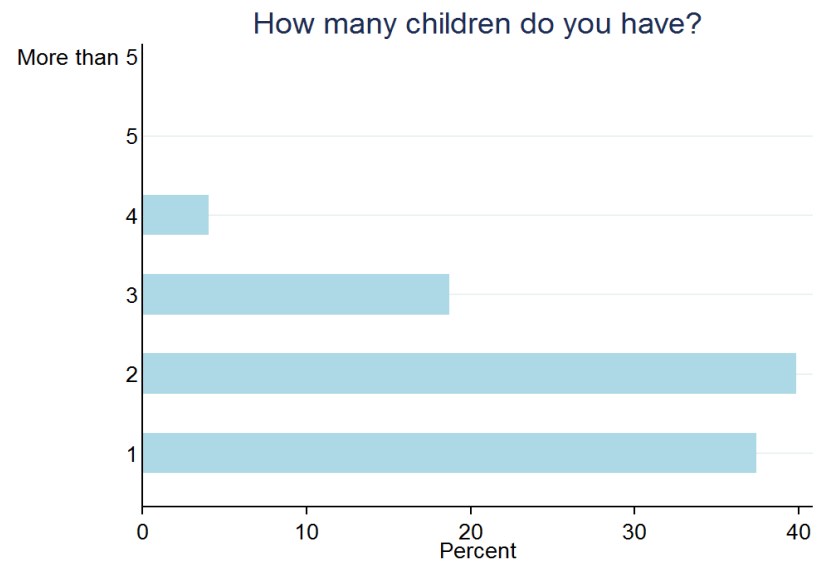
25. In which province/territory do you live?

Answer	%	Count
Quebec	100	294
Total	100%	294

In which province/territory do you live?
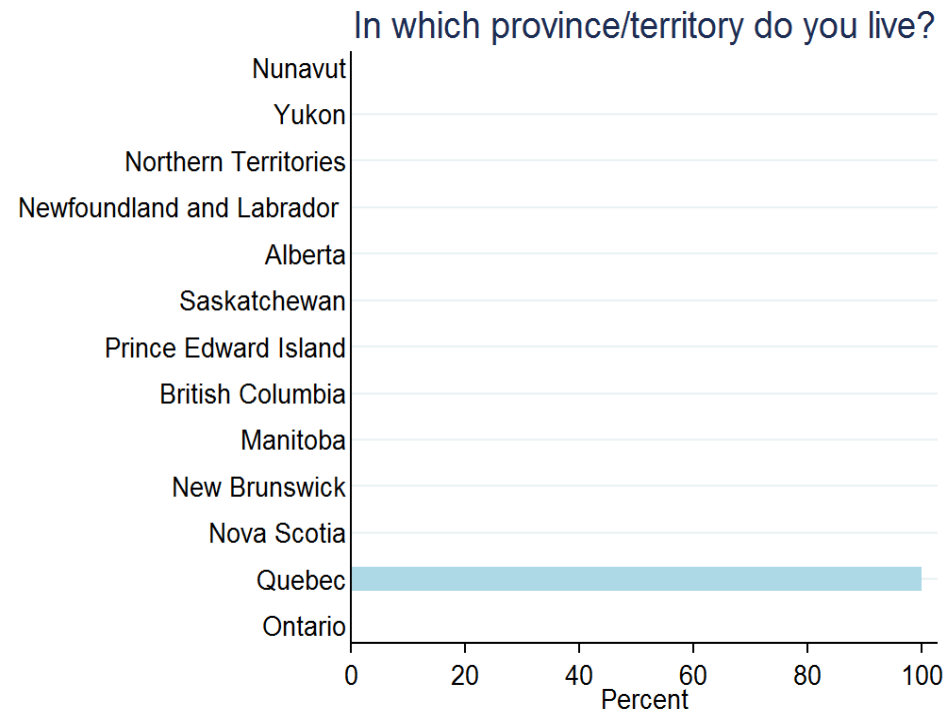
26. Other than Canadian, to which ethnic or cultural group(s) do your ancestors belong?

Answer	%	Count
British (e.g., English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh)	8.11	24
French	58.78	174
Other Western European (e.g., Italian, Spanish, German)	7.09	21
Scandinavian (e.g., Swedish, Finn, Danish, Norwegian)	0.68	2
Eastern European (e.g., Polish, Russian, Slav, Greek)	2.36	7
Middle Eastern (e.g., Lebanese, Turk, Iraqi)	1.01	3
South Asian (e.g., Pakistani, Indian, Sri Lankan)	1.35	4
Northeast Asian (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean)	0.34	1
Southeast Asian (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Indonesian)	1.01	3
Oceania (e.g., Australian, New Zealander, Polynesian)	2.36	7
Latin American (e.g., Mexican, Brazilian, Chilean)	1.35	4
Carribean (e.g., Jamaican, Trinidadian, Haitian)	7.09	21
Indigenous Peoples in Canada (e.g., First Nations, Inuit, Métis)	3.04	9
American (general mention)	0.34	1
North African (e.g., Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia)	0.34	1
Other African (e.g., Nigerian, Somali, Kenyan)	4.73	14
Prefer not to say	8.11	24
Total	100%	296

Other than Canadian to which ethnic or cultural group(s) do your ancestors belong?

27. What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?

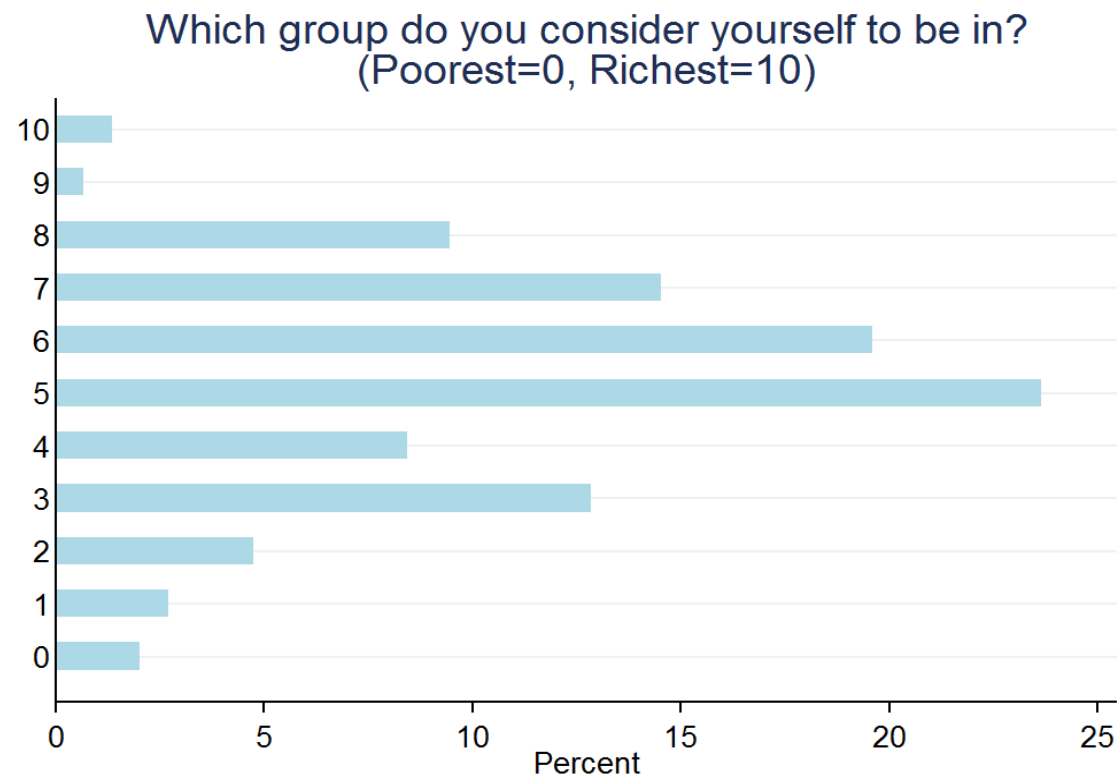| Answer	%	Count
Grade 8 or less	0.68	2
Some high school	7.09	21
High School diploma or equivalent	17.23	51
Registered Apprenticeship or other trades certificate or diploma	2.36	7
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	28.38	84
University certificate or diploma below bachelor's level	12.16	36
Bachelor's degree	20.95	62
Post graduate degree above bachelor's level	10.81	32
Prefer not to say	0.34	1
Total	100%	296

What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?
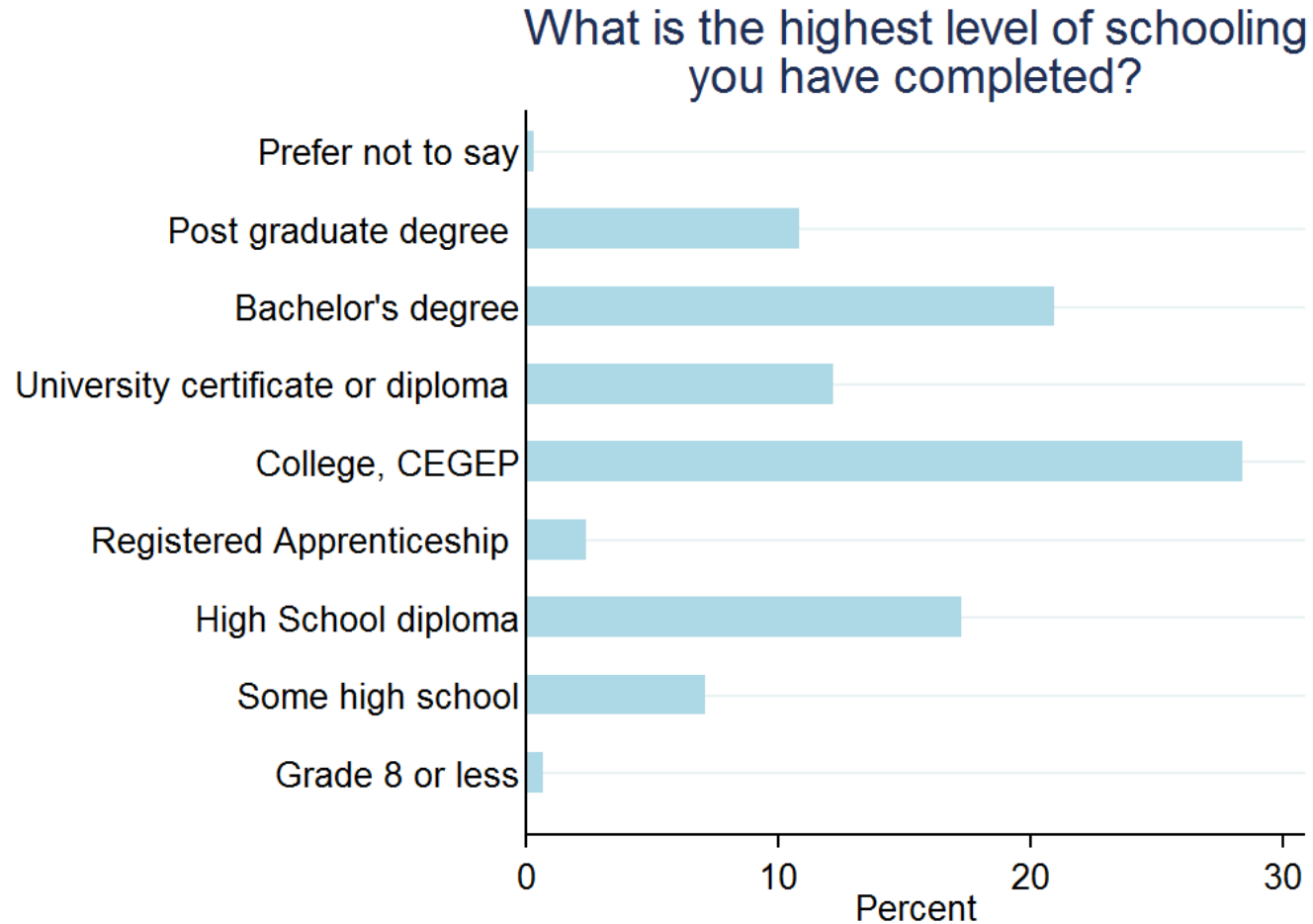
28. What was the range of your household income last year?

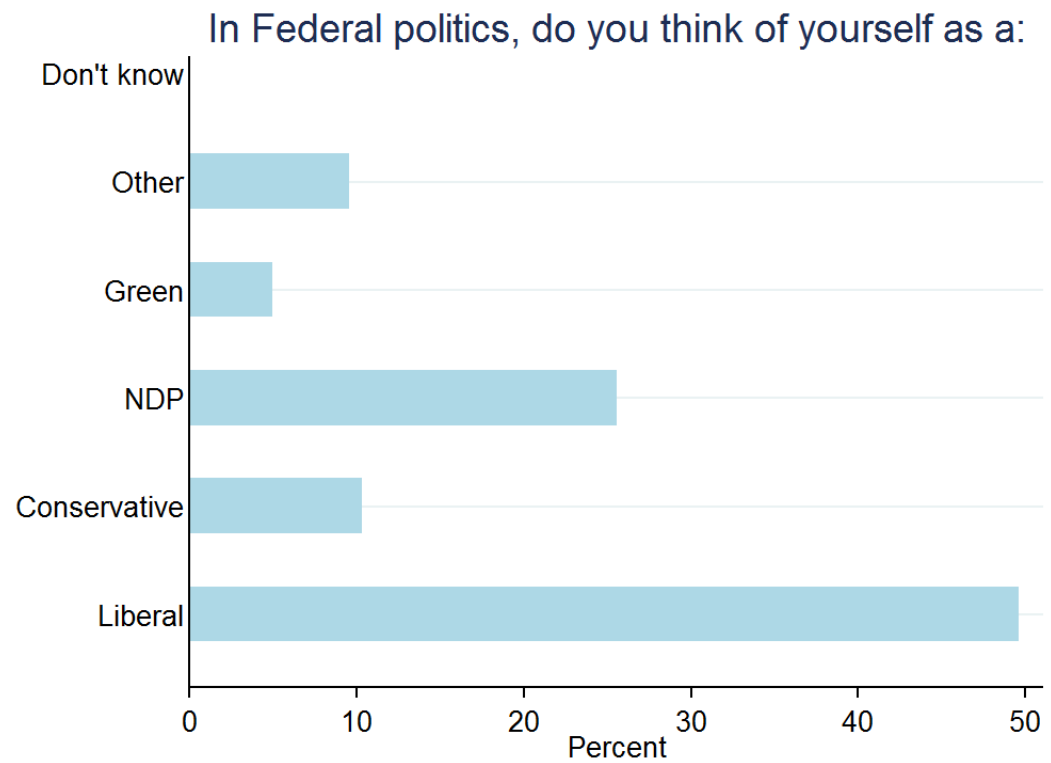| Answer	%	Count
Under $40,000	30.41	90
Between $40,000 to $80,000	36.82	109
Between $80,000 to $100,000	9.46	28
Above $100,000	19.26	57
Prefer not to say	4.05	12
Total	100%	296

Range of household income, past year:
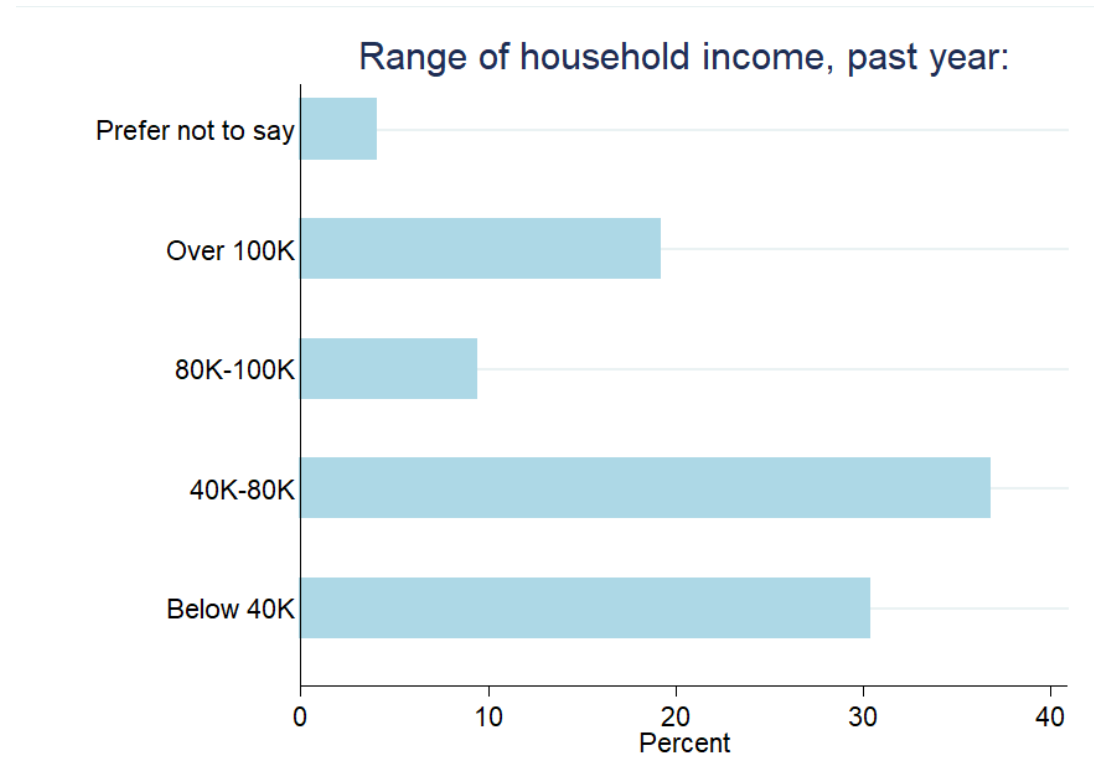
29. People can be divided into different social groups based on their economic conditions. In the scale below, 0 represents the poorest group and 10 represents the richest group. Which group do you consider yourself to be in? Please select a number from the scale that best corresponds to your group.

Answer	%	Count
0	2.03	6
1	2.7	8
2	4.73	14
3	12.84	38
4	8.45	25
5	23.65	70
6	19.59	58
7	14.53	43
8	9.46	28
9	0.68	2
10	1.35	4
Total	100%	296

Which group do you consider yourself to be in? (Poorest=0, Richest=10)

30. In Federal politics, do you usually think of yourself as a:

| Answer	%	Count
Liberal	49.62	130
Conservative	10.31	27
NDP	25.57	67
Green	4.96	13
Other	9.54	25
None	49.62	130
Total	100%	262

In Federal politics, do you think of yourself as a:

31. How strongly do you associate with the [answer to previous question] party?

Answer	%	Count
Very strongly	13.18	39
Fairly strongly	48.65	144
Not very strongly	17.23	51
Don't know	20.95	62
Total	100%	296

How strongly do you associate with your party?

- Very strongly
- Fairly strongly
- Not very strongly
- Don't know
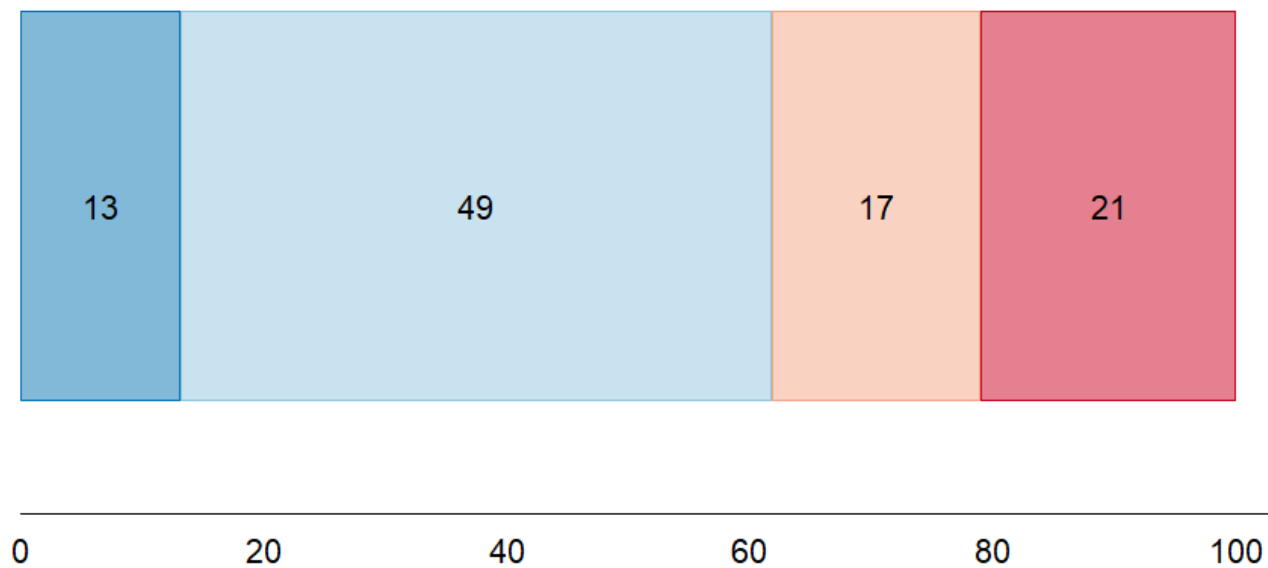
32. What year were you born?

	Year born	Age
Mean	1980	37
Standard deviation	12.3	12.3
Min	1947	70
Max	2000	17
Total	296	296

How old are you?