

Media Briefing on Coronavirus

KFF Experts Explore Public's Views and
Nation's Response

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- Submit questions via chat at any time.
- We will answer questions after the presentation.

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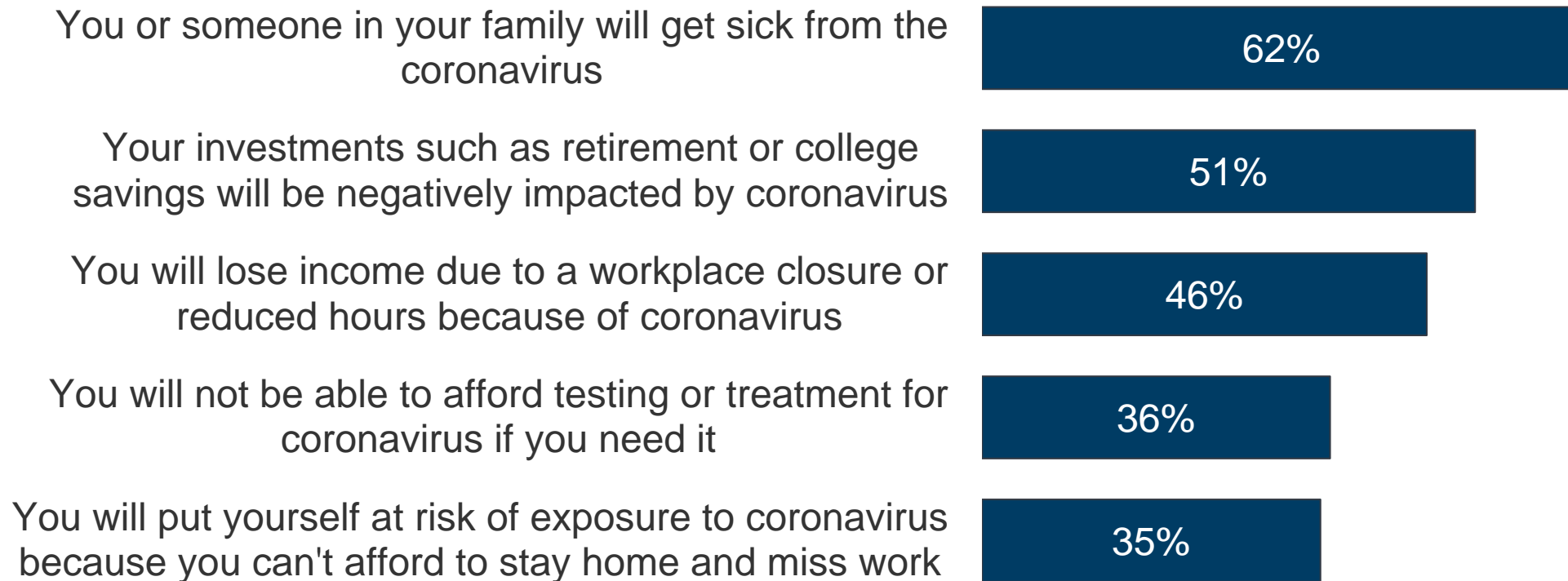


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Figure 8

Personal Worries About Coronavirus Include Family Member Getting Sick, Various Economic Consequences

Percent who say they are **very or somewhat worried** about each of the following:



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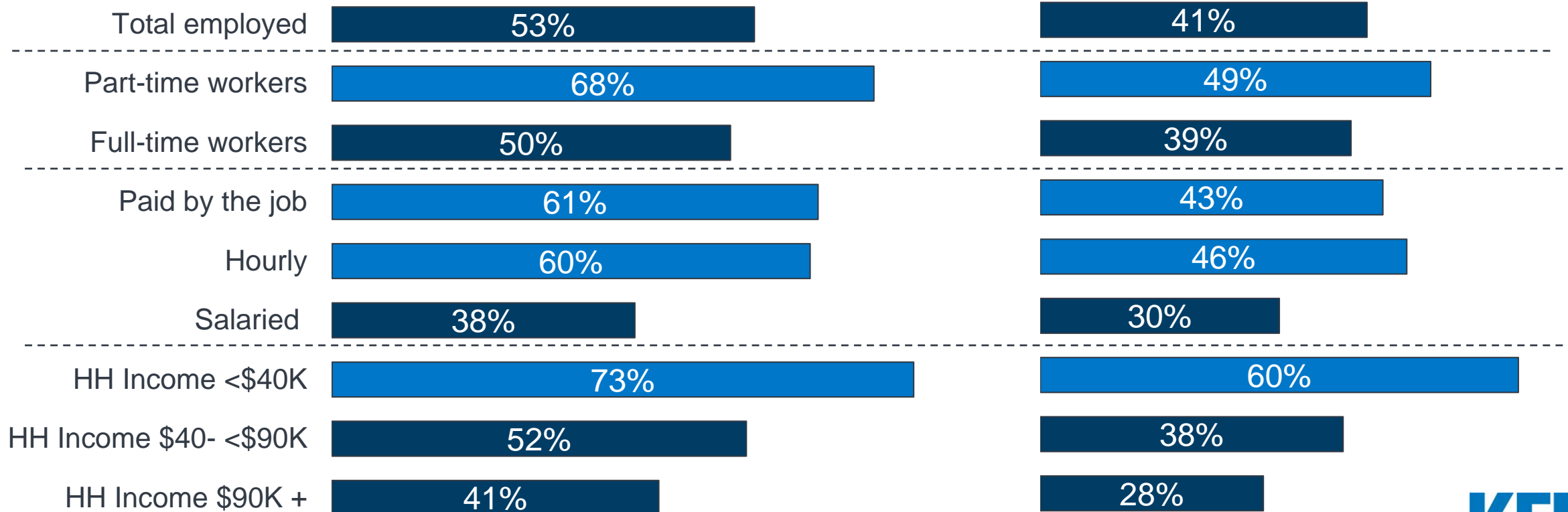
Figure 9

Part-Time, Lower-Income, Hourly Workers Most Likely To Worry About Loss Of Income Or Risk Of Exposure

Percent who say they are **very or somewhat worried** they will...

...**lose income** due to a workplace closure or reduced hours because of coronavirus

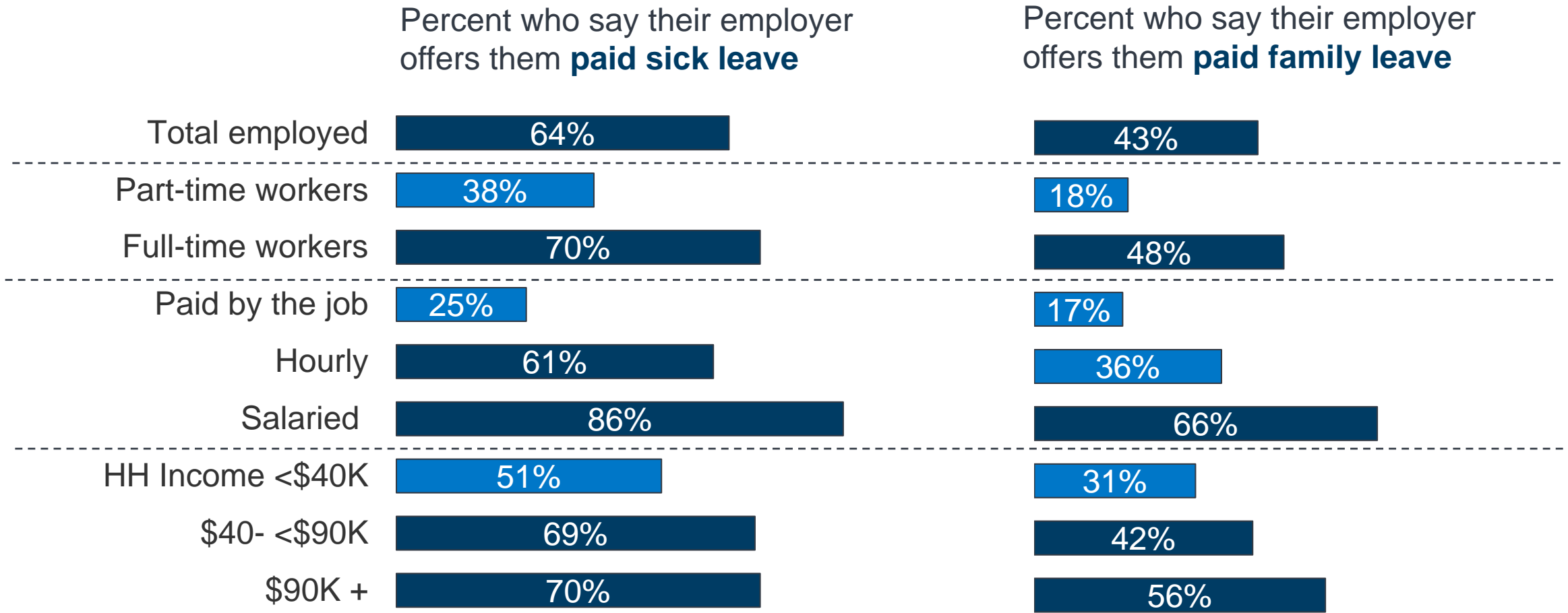
...put themselves at risk of exposure to coronavirus because they **can't afford to and miss work**



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Figure 10

Part-Time, Lower-Income, Hourly Workers Least Likely To Say Employer Offers Paid Leave

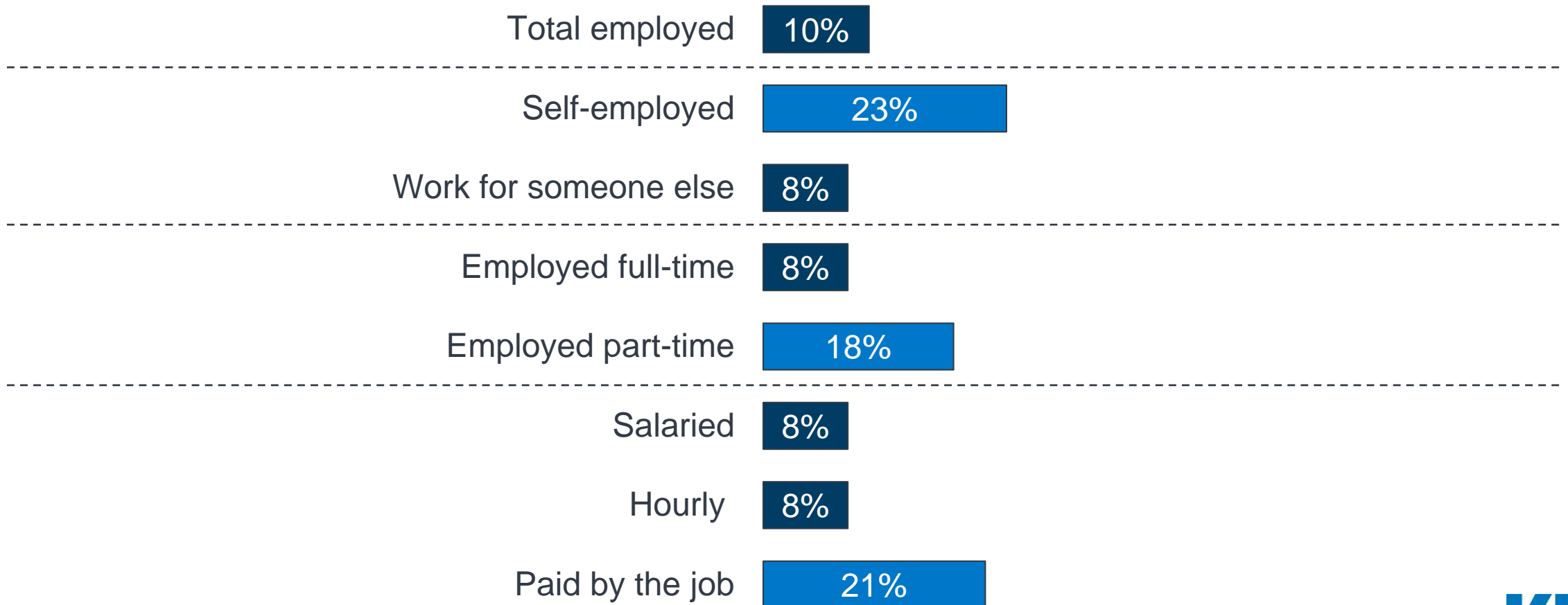


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Figure 11

One In Ten Workers Report Lost Income From Work, Including Higher Shares Of Self-Employed, Part-Time, And Contract Workers

Percent who say they have **lost income from a job or business** because of the coronavirus:

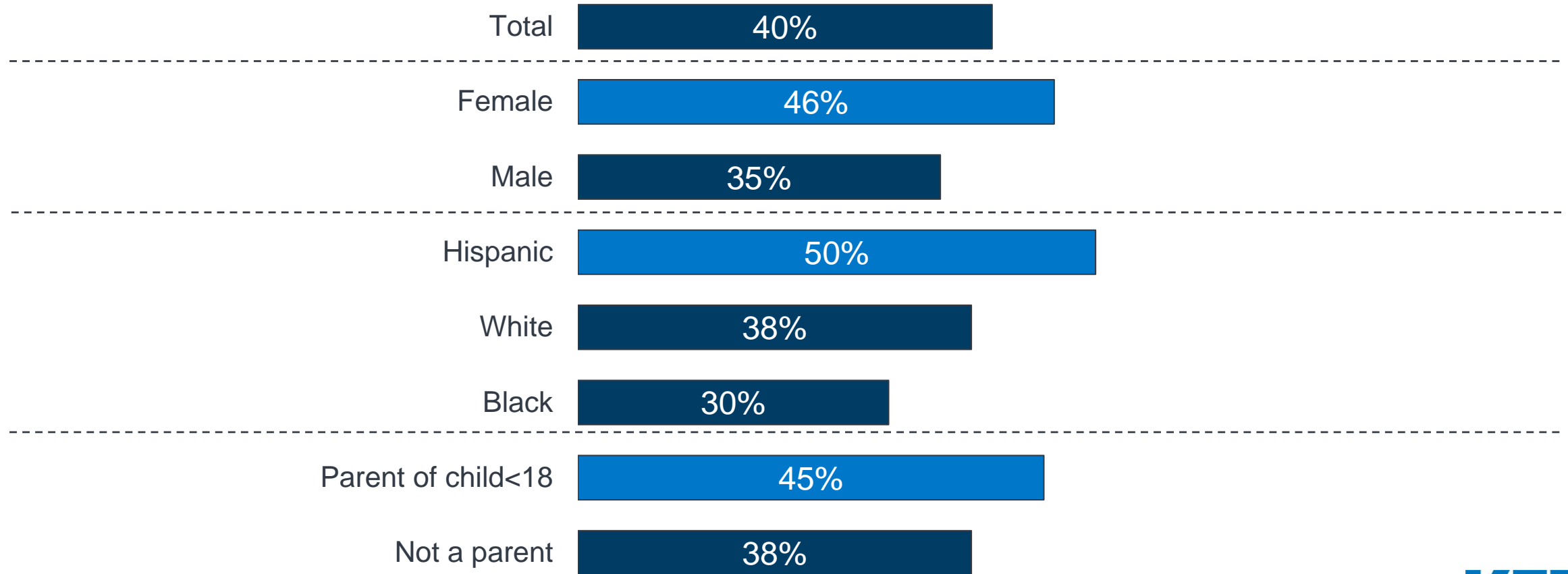


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Figure 12

Women, Parents, Hispanic Adults Most Likely To Report Life Disruption From Coronavirus

Percent who say their life has been disrupted **a lot or some** by the coronavirus outbreak:

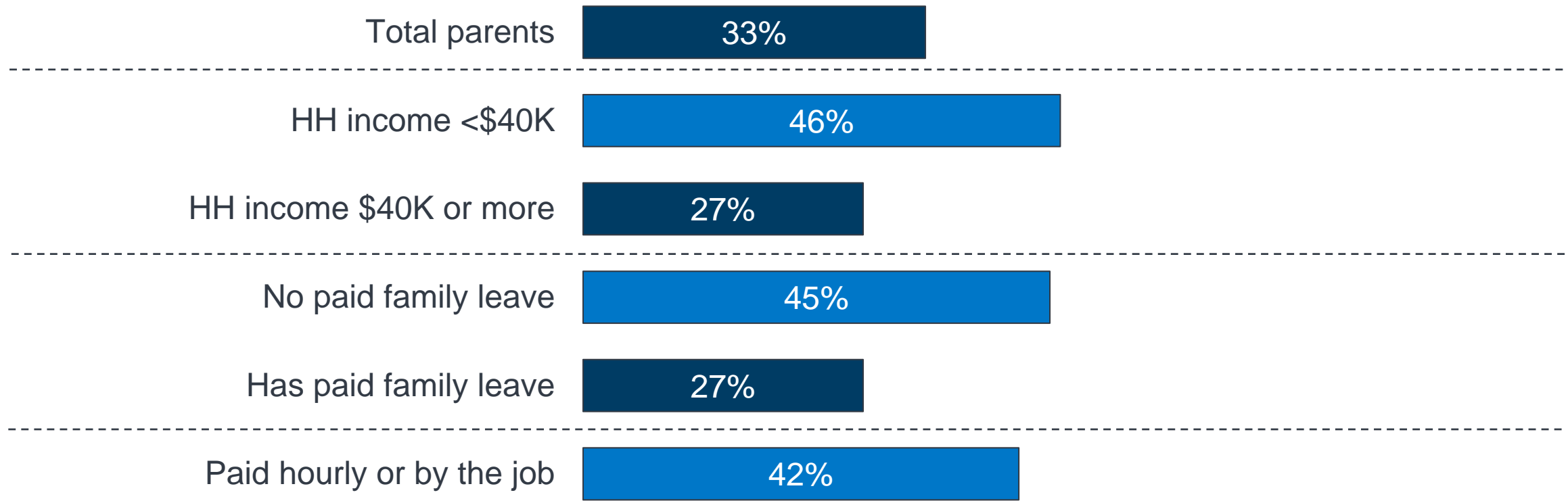


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Figure 13

Low-Income Parents And Those In Non-Salaried Jobs More Likely To Face Difficulty Finding Alternative Childcare

AMONG PARENTS OF CHILDREN <18: Percent who say it would be very or somewhat **difficult to find alternative childcare** if their child's school or daycare was closed for two weeks or more:

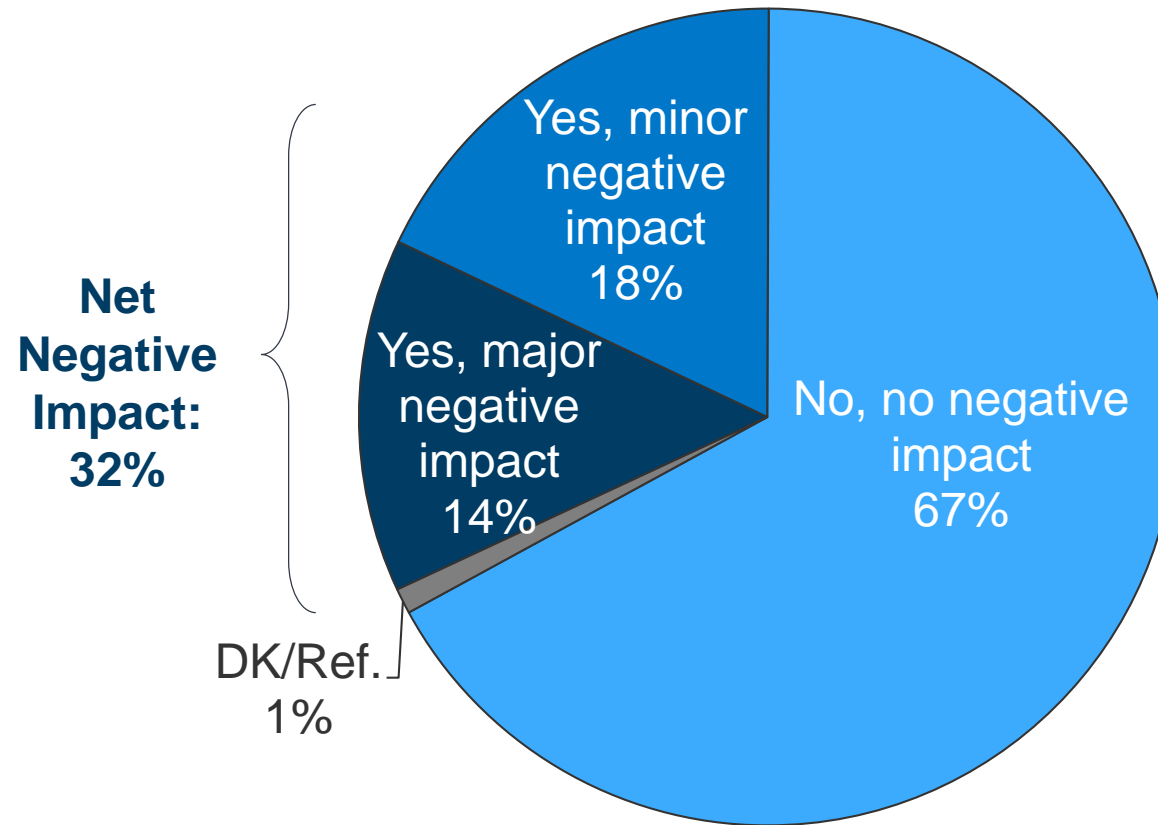


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Figure 14

One-Third Report Feeling Negative Mental Health Effects From Worry About Coronavirus

Do you feel that worry or stress related to coronavirus has had a negative impact on your mental health, or not?

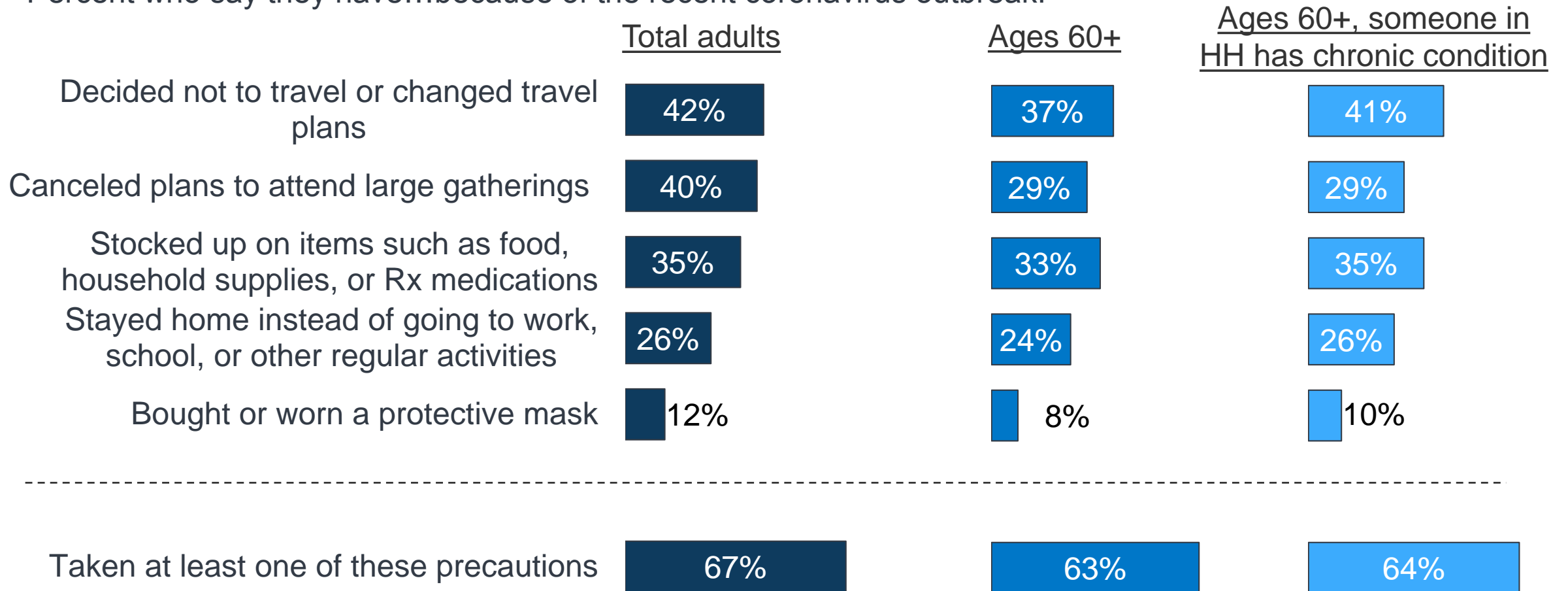


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Figure 15

Similar Shares Report Taking Precautions Regardless Of Age Or Chronic Condition Status In Household

Percent who say they have...because of the recent coronavirus outbreak:

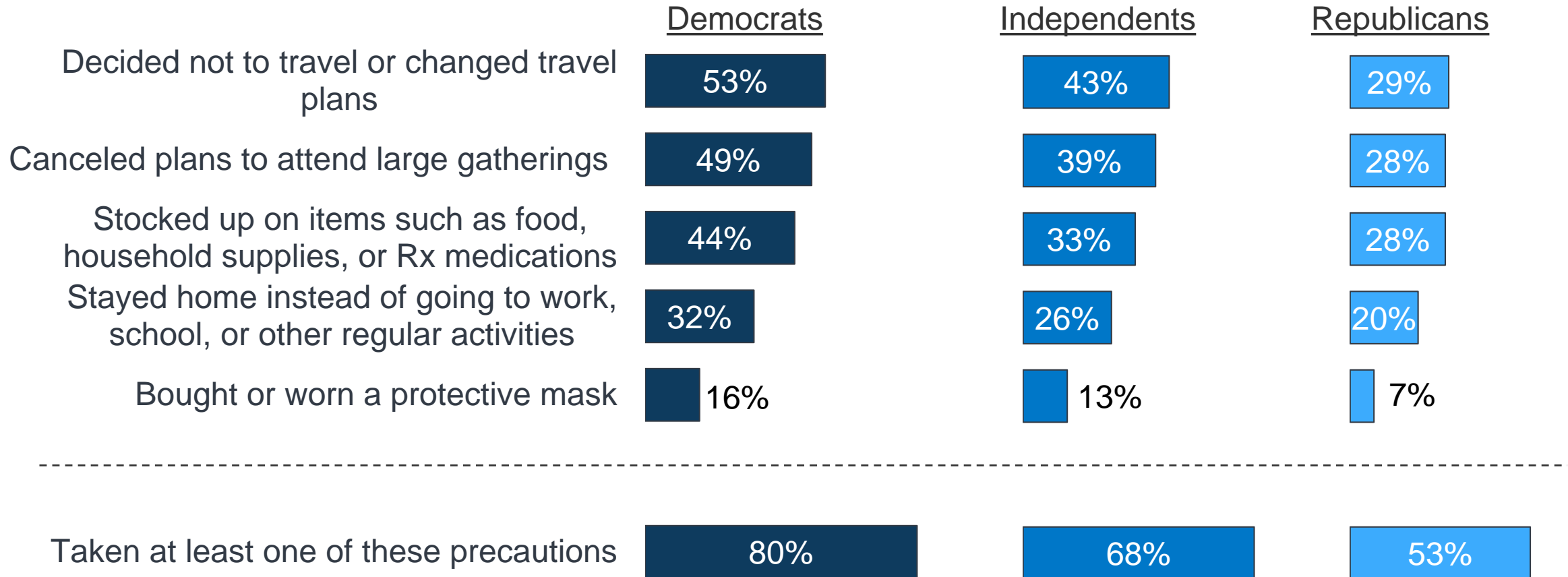


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Figure 16

Democrats More Likely Than Republicans To Report Taking Coronavirus Precautions

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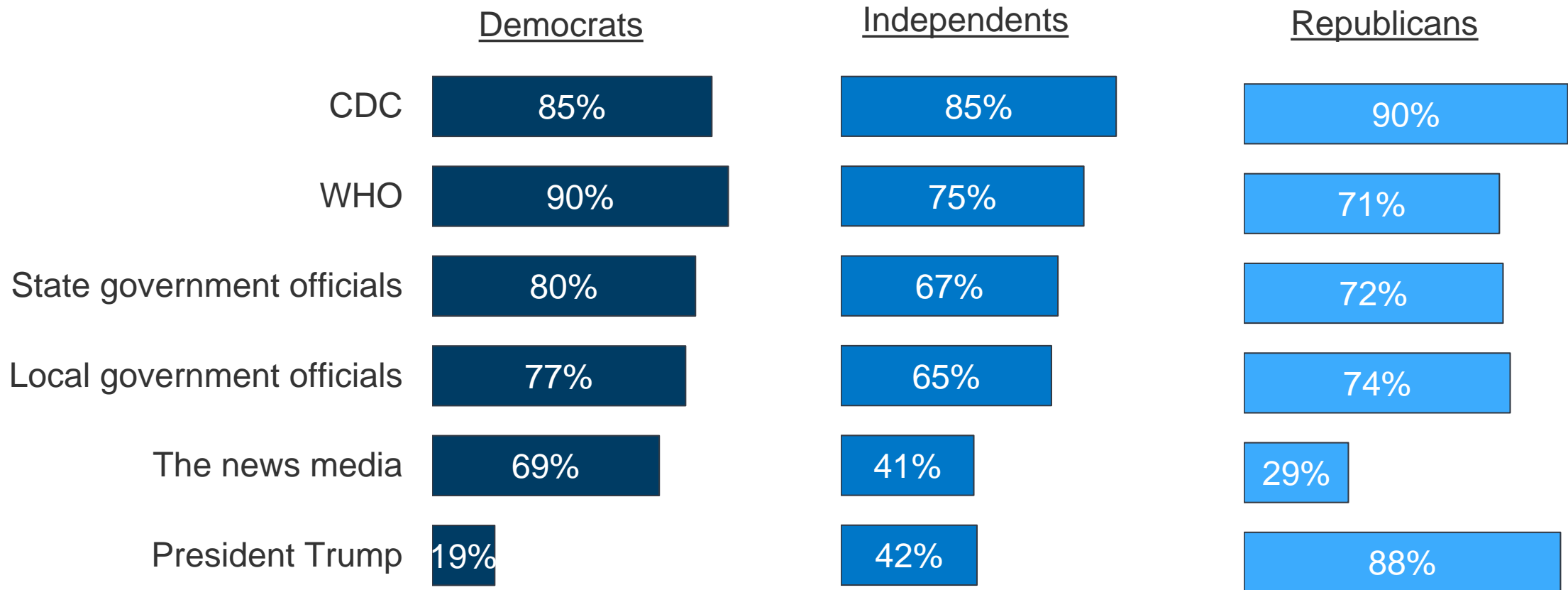


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Figure 17

Most Trust CDC And WHO As Sources Of Information, But Trust In Media And President Trump Diverges On Partisan Lines

Percent who say they trust each a great deal or a fair amount to **provide reliable information** on coronavirus:



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Figure 18

Awareness Of Many Key Coronavirus Facts Is High

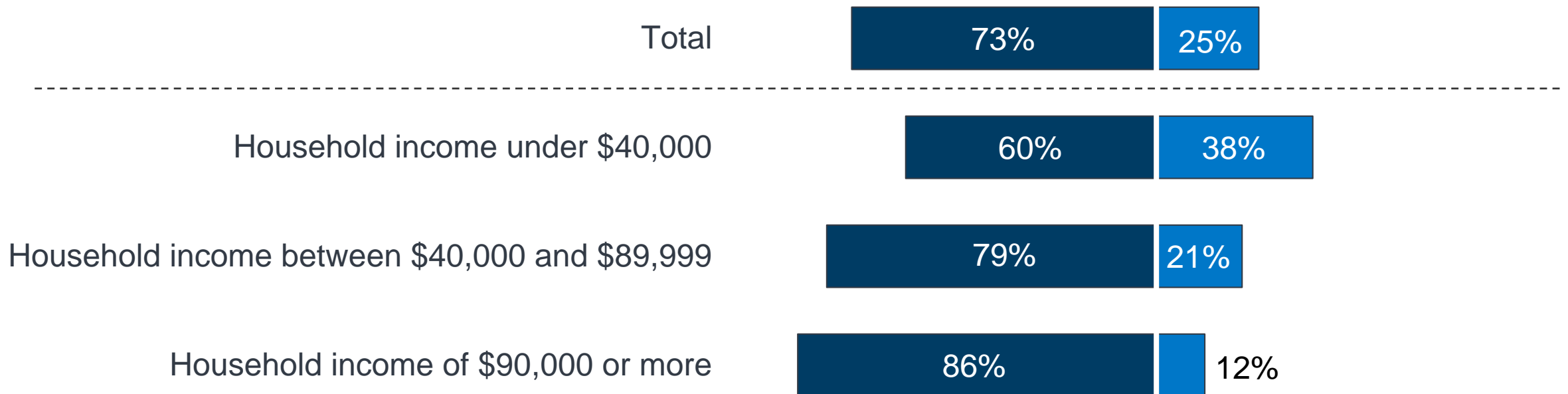
Large shares get many facts right...	But some knowledge gaps remain...
Recommendations to slow spread of coronavirus	
Between 88%-97% know frequent handwashing, staying home if sick, and avoiding large gatherings are recommended	25% think it is recommended for health people to wear masks in public
How coronavirus is transmitted	
Nine in ten know transmission occurs through close physical proximity or touching surfaces	12% think coronavirus is transmitted through mosquito bites
Common symptoms of coronavirus	
Large majorities recognize fever and dry cough as common symptoms	56% think nasal congestion is a common symptom of coronavirus
Who is at most risk of serious complications	
Nearly everyone recognizes that people with chronic health conditions and those age 60+ are at higher risk	40% think children are at higher risk
What happens to most people infected	
65% recognize that most people infected with coronavirus recover without serious complications	23% think most people develop serious complications that require intensive care.

Figure 19

About Four In Ten Lower-Income Adults Say Those With Symptoms Should Seek Immediate Care At An ER Or Urgent Care Facility

As far as you know, if someone thinks they are having symptoms of coronavirus, should they stay home and call a doctor or medical provider or should they seek health care immediately at an emergency room or urgent care facility?

■ Stay home and call a doctor or medical provider ■ Seek care immediately at an ER or urgent care facility



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