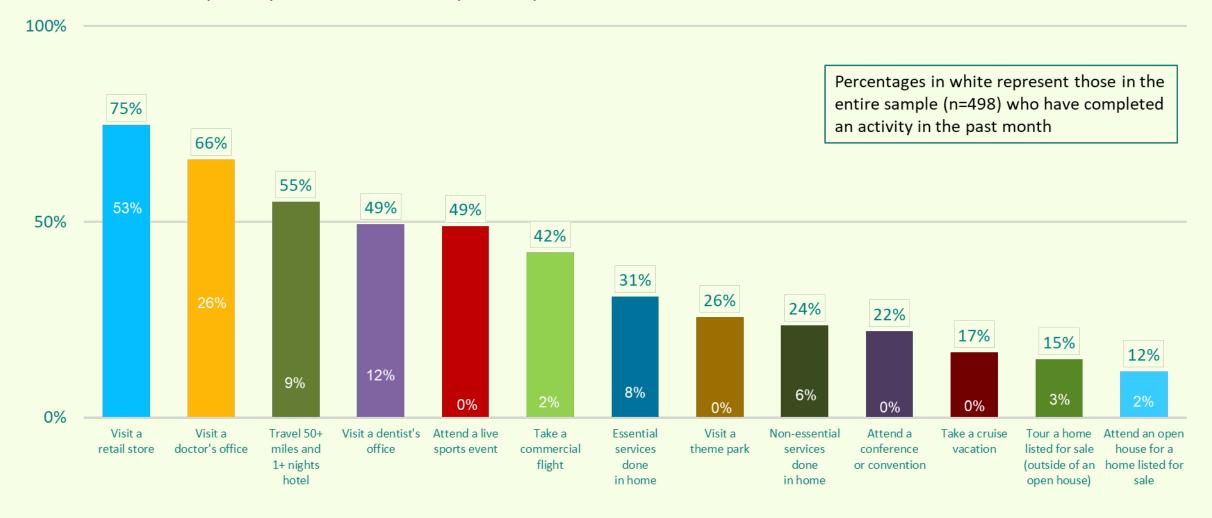
# **WAVE 12: ANXIETY ON THE EXTREMES**

Public opinion insights from the Sept. 23, 2020 "Back-to-Normal Barometer"

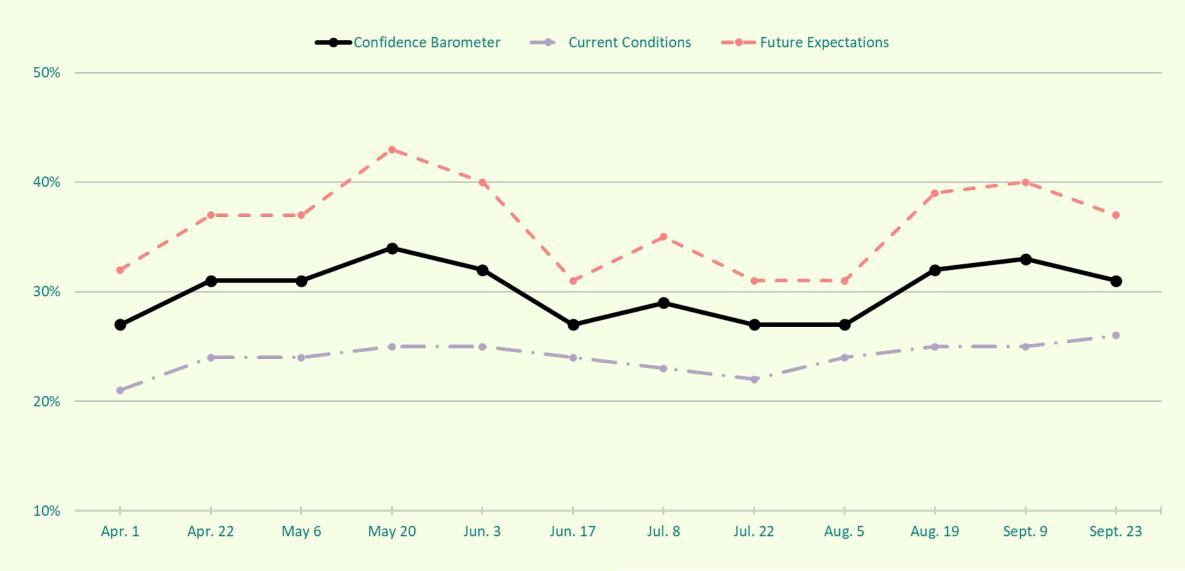
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### **CONTEXT: RESPONDENTS ACTIVELY ENGAGE**

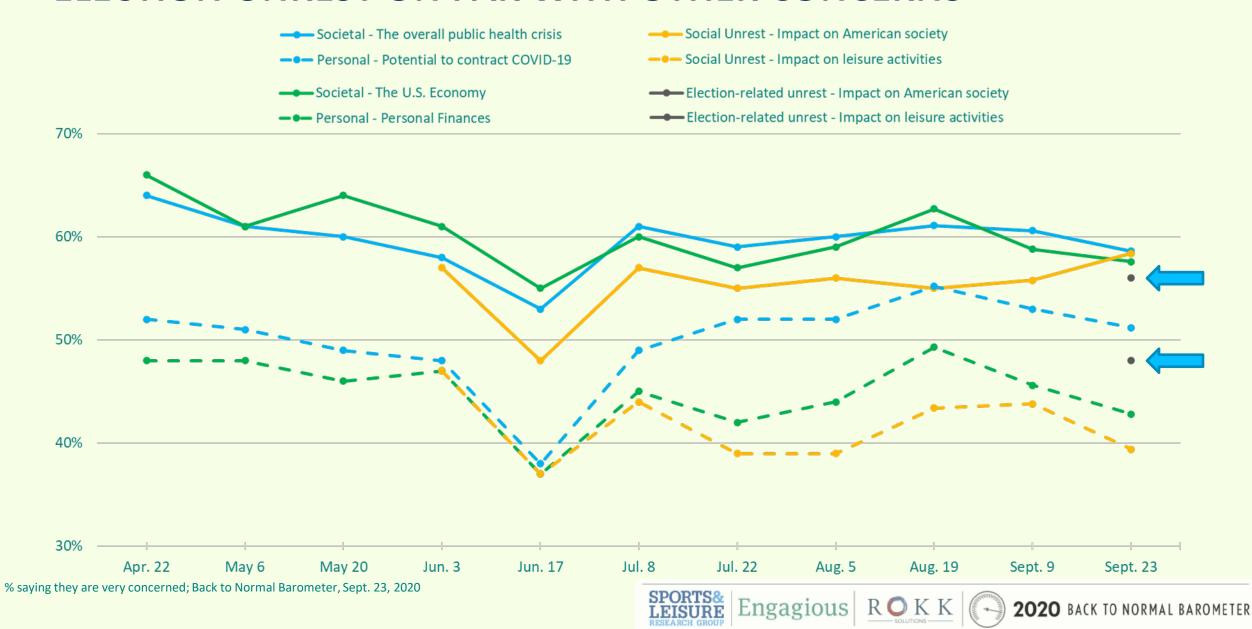
Percent who have participated in this activity in the past 12 months



### **CONFIDENCE BAROMETER REMAINS FAIRLY FLAT**

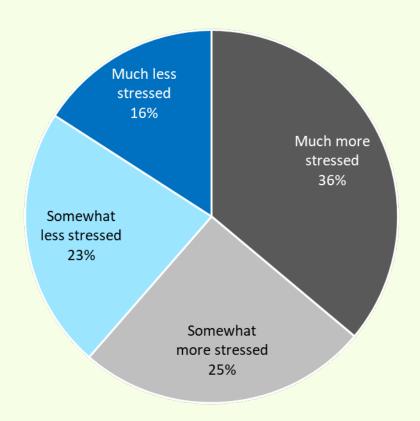


### **ELECTION UNREST ON PAR WITH OTHER CONCERNS**

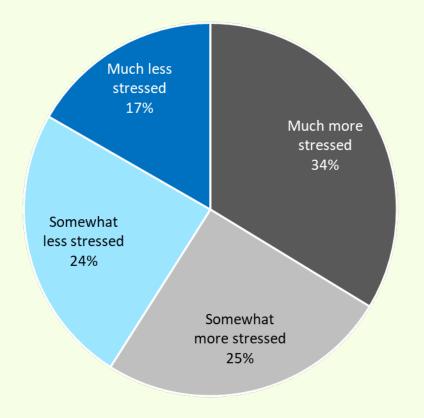


# THEY ARE VERY STRESSED NOW, AND EXPECT MORE TO COME

How does your current level of stress compare to one month ago?

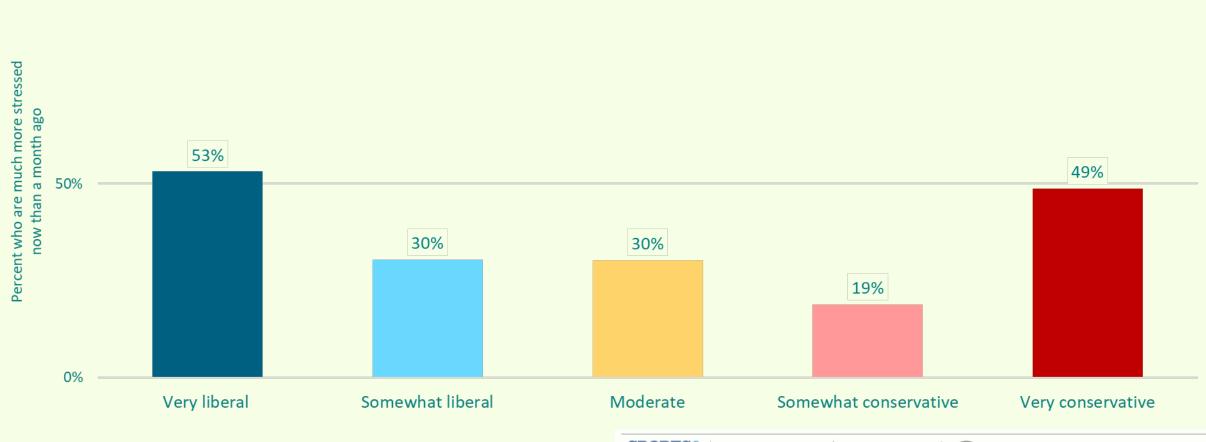


What do you think your level of stress will be one month from now?



### HEIGHTENED STRESS FELT AT THE POLITICAL EXTREMES

On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is much less stressed now, and 10 is much more stressed now, how does your current level of stress compare to one month ago?

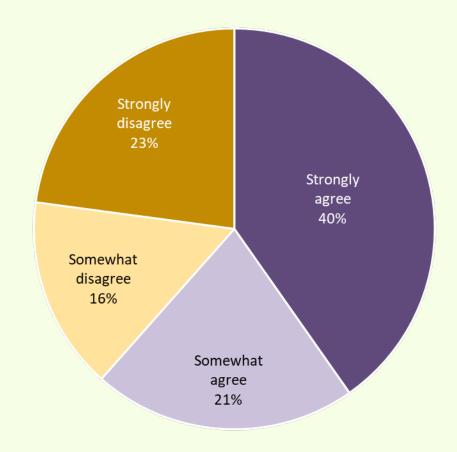


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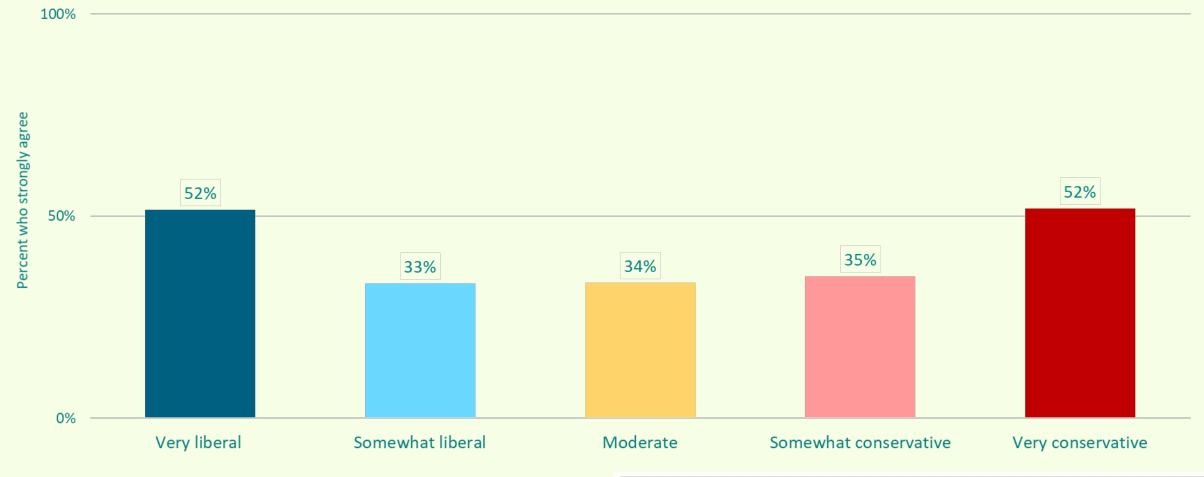
### LET'S NOT SUGAR-COAT IT: THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT CIVIL WAR

How much do you agree with the following statement: "I'm concerned that the U.S. could be on the verge of another Civil War."



### HEIGHTENED CIVIL WAR CONCERN LIES AT THE POLITICAL EXTREMES

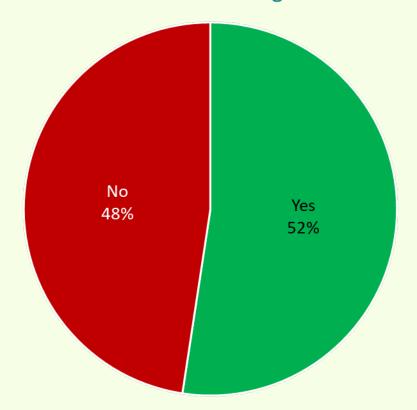
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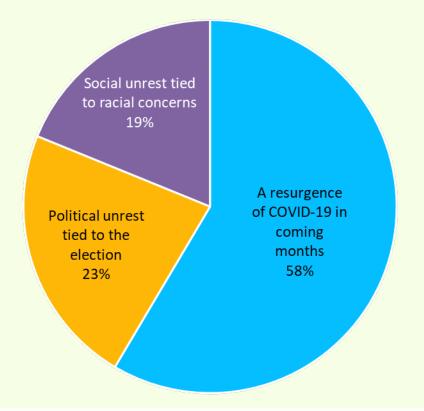


### MAJORITY ARE STOCKPILING IN ANTICIPATION OF DISRUPTIONS

Do you plan to stockpile, or have you already stockpiled, food and other essential goods in anticipation of social unrest tied to the election, and/or a resurgence of COVID-19 in the coming months?

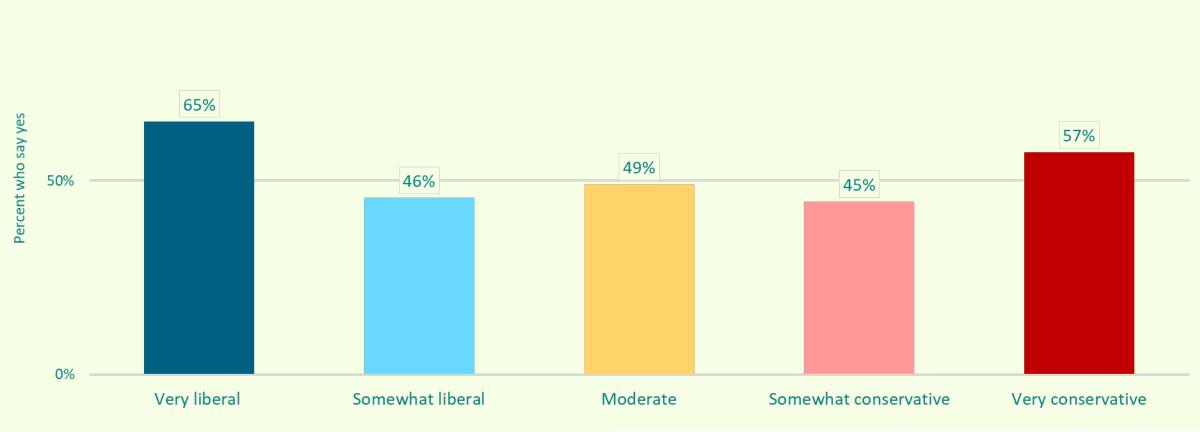
[Among those who plan to or have stockpiled] Which of the following is your primary reason for stockpiling?





#### HEIGHTENED STOCKPILING BY THE POLITICAL EXTREMES

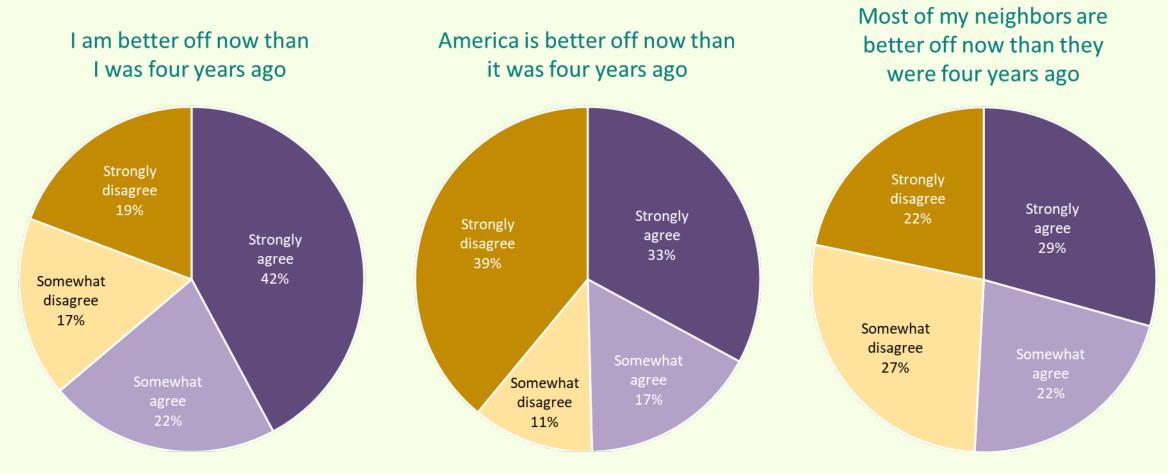
Do you plan to stockpile, or have already stockpiled, food and other essential goods in anticipation of social unrest tied to racial concerns, political unrest tied to the election, and/or a resurgence of COVID-19 in coming months?



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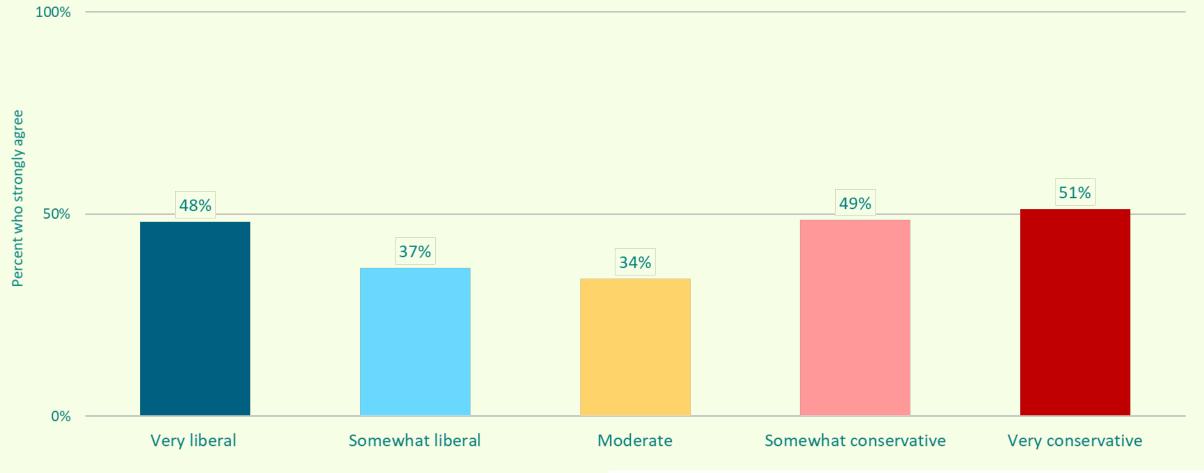
# THEY MAY FEEL BETTER OFF, BUT DON'T THINK AMERICA IS

Thinking about the current situation, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement



# AMAZINGLY, IT'S THE EXTREMES WHO ARE BETTER OFF PERSONALLY

I am better off now than I was four years ago.

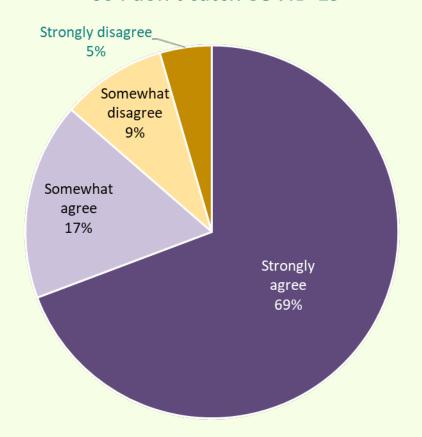




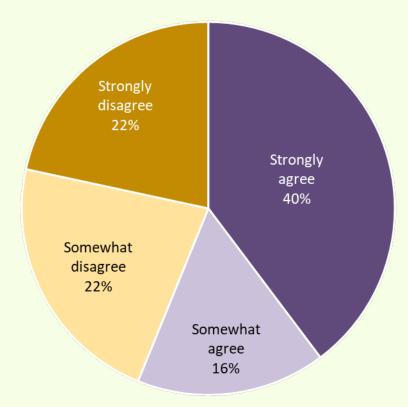
### TO AVOID COVID, THEY TRUST THEMSELVES BUT NOT OTHERS

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement

I trust myself to take the necessary steps so I don't catch COVID-19



I trust others around me to take the necessary steps so I don't catch COVID-19



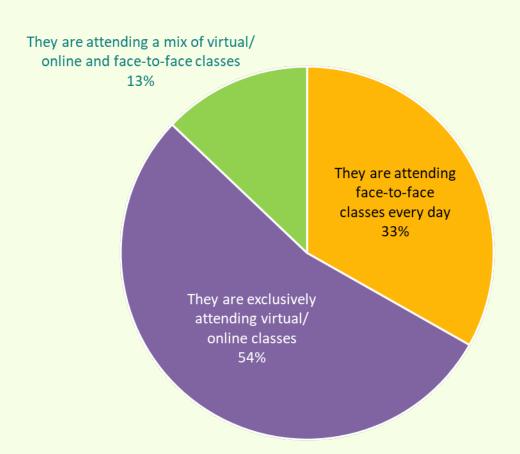
#### SILVER-LININGS FROM THE PANDEMIC

- Despite the difficulties our country has experienced, they believe some good will come from this:
  - People slowed down, value each other more
  - People will take illness more seriously, stay home if sick
  - Improved health behaviors
  - Increased awareness about sanitary conditions
  - WFH will be more socially acceptable
  - Some businesses will shift to WFH, saving on overhead

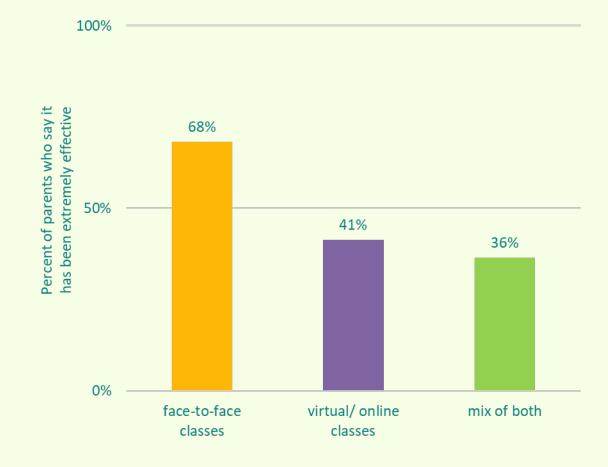


### HYBRID SCHOOLING IS VIEWED AS LEAST EFFECTIVE

Which of the following best describes how school has resumed for your child(ren) this semester?



How effective you do feel the resumption of school has been for your child(ren) thus far?





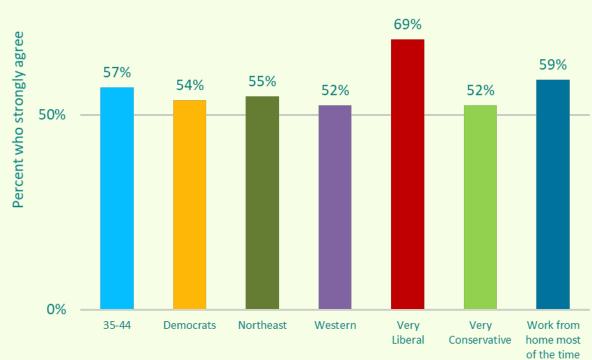
### RECESSION NUMBERS RECEDE, BUT STILL QUITE PRONOUNCED

Thinking about the current situation, please indicate how much you agree or disagree that the economy is currently in a recession

100%

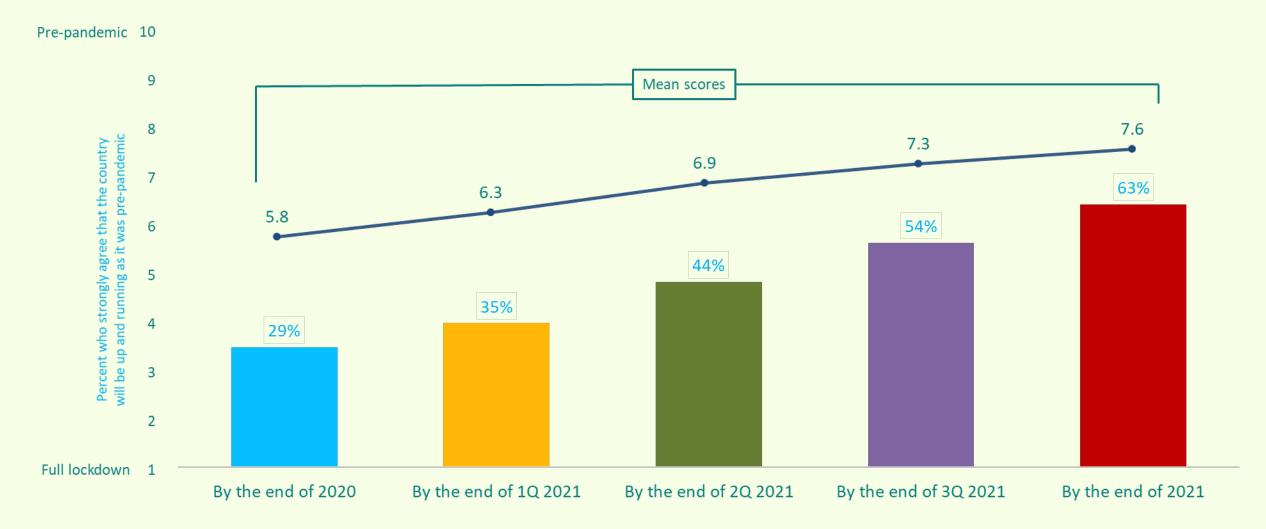
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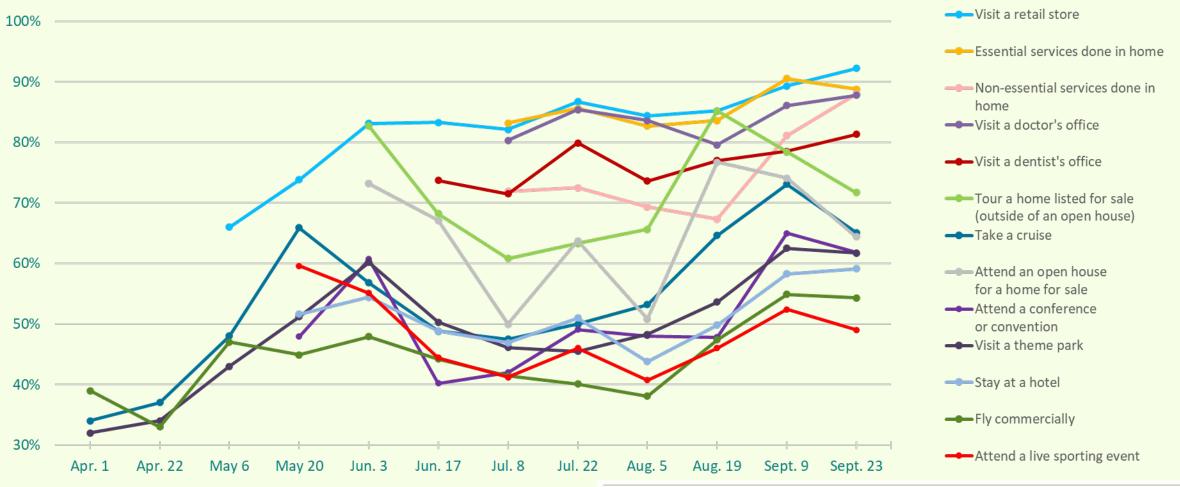
### HERE'S WHEN THEY THINK WE'LL BE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN





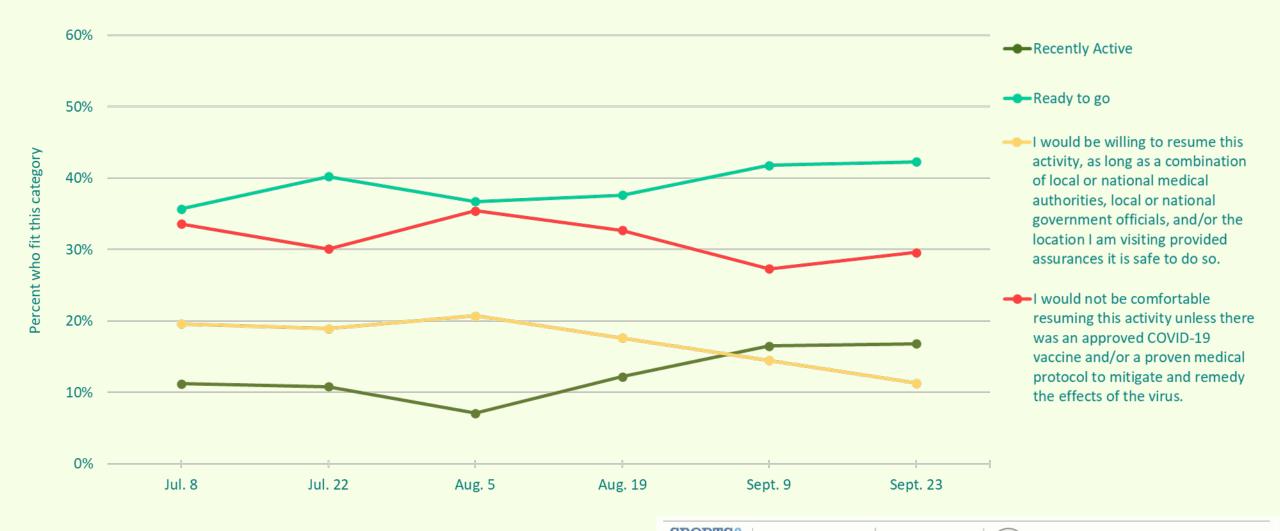
#### **RECENTLY ACTIVE & READY TO GO**

[Among those who have done this activity in the past 12 months:] For each of the following activities, please indicate which of the following conditions is closest to your current point of view: Recently active + Ready to go



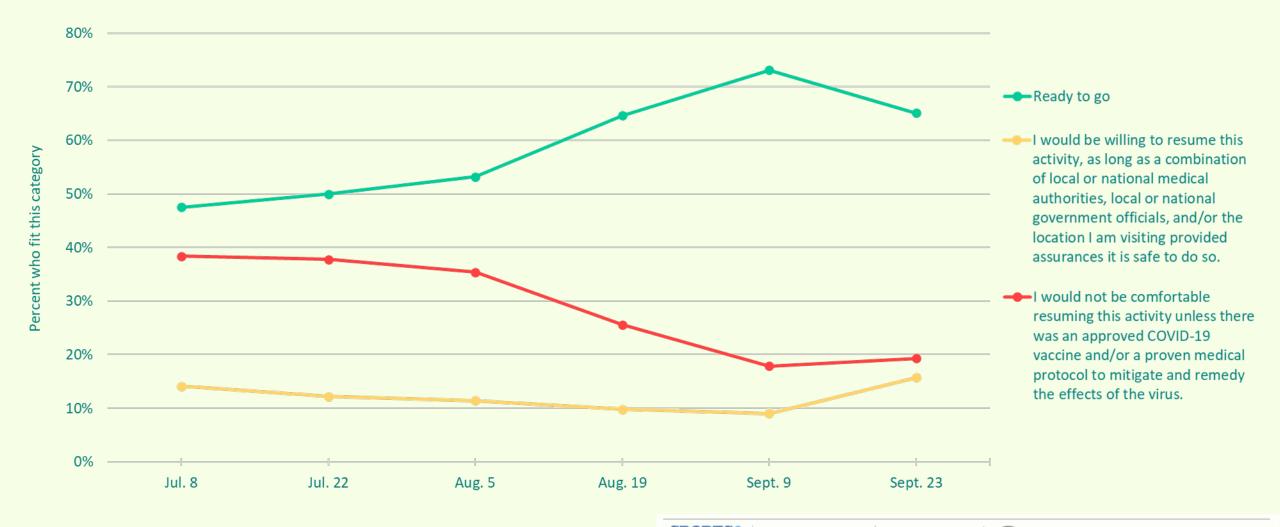
### **HOTELS: CONSISTENT 30% NEED A BREAKTHROUGH TO RETURN**

Which of the following conditions is closest to your current point of view... Stay at a hotel or resort



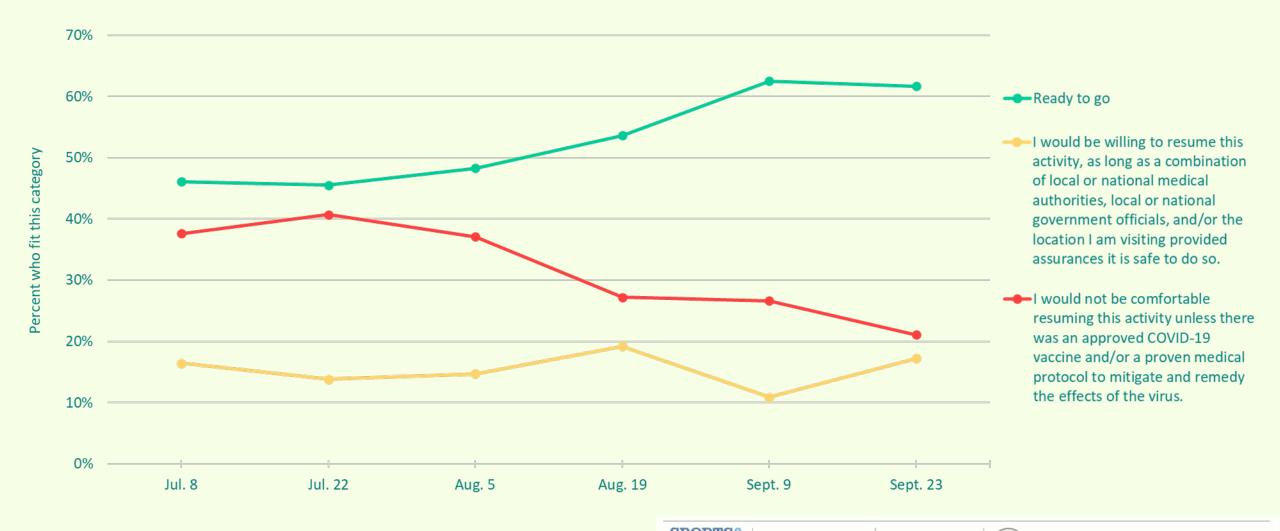
# 2/3 OF CRUISERS ARE READY NOW TO CLIMB ABOARD AGAIN

Which of the following conditions is closest to your current point of view... Take a cruise vacation



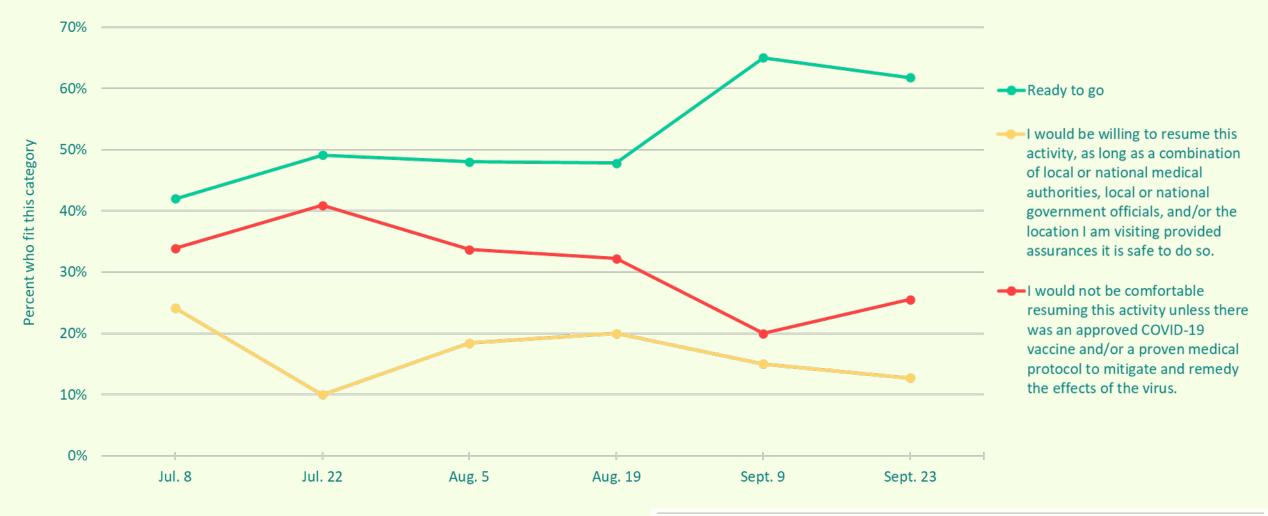
# **NEARLY 2/3 READY TO RETURN TO THEME PARKS**

Which of the following conditions is closest to your current point of view... Visit a theme park



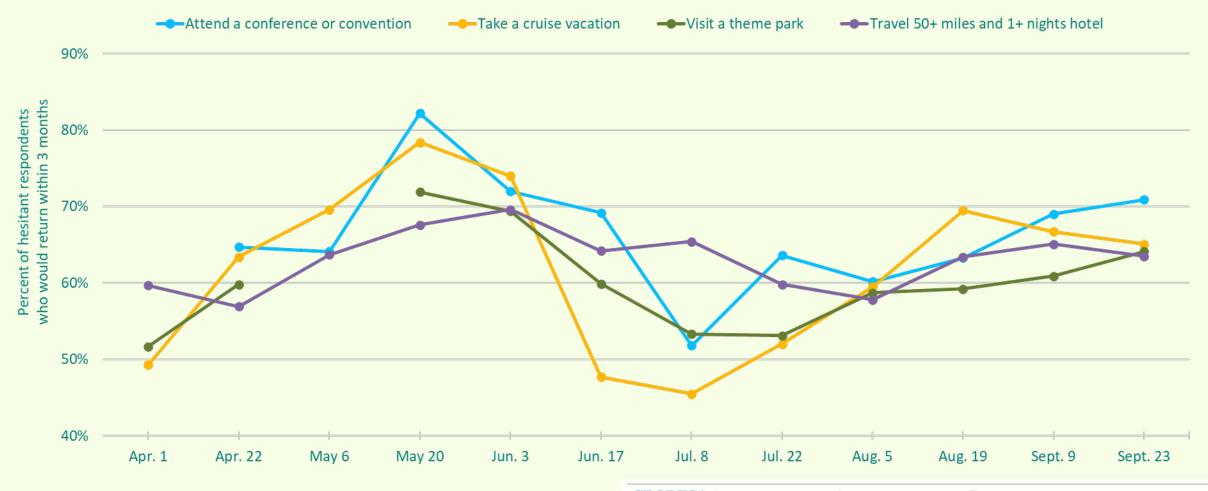
# **NEARLY 2/3 READY TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE OR CONVENTION**

Which of the following conditions is closest to your current point of view... Attend a conference or convention



### **US TRAVEL: RETURN IN 3 MONTHS**

[Among those hesitant:] Assuming you had the necessary assurances that it was safe to resume normal activities, how quickly would you next...



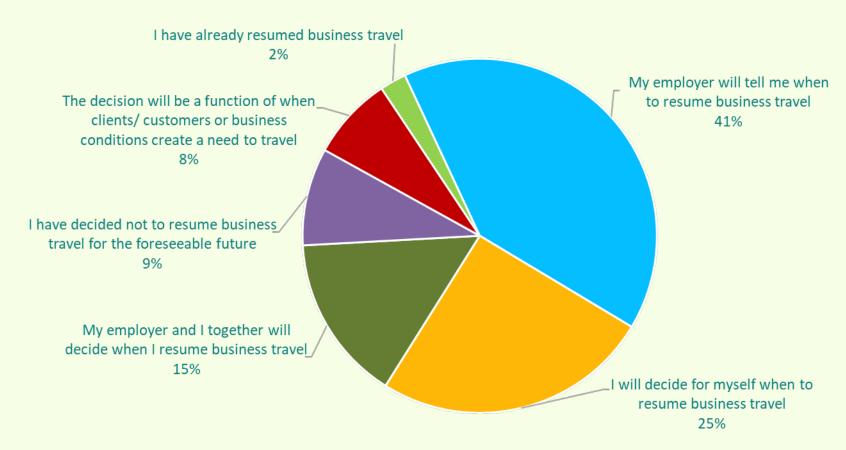
### WILLINGNESS TO TAKE BUSINESS TRIPS REBOUNDS

I'm likely to take a domestic business trip in the next six to twelve months.



### PLURALITY SAY BOSS WILL DETERMINE BIZ TRAVEL RESUMPTION

[Among those who traveled for business in the past year] Which of the following best describes how your decision to resume business travel will be made?





### "FOMO" IN PERSON KEY REASON TO RESUME BUSINESS TRAVEL

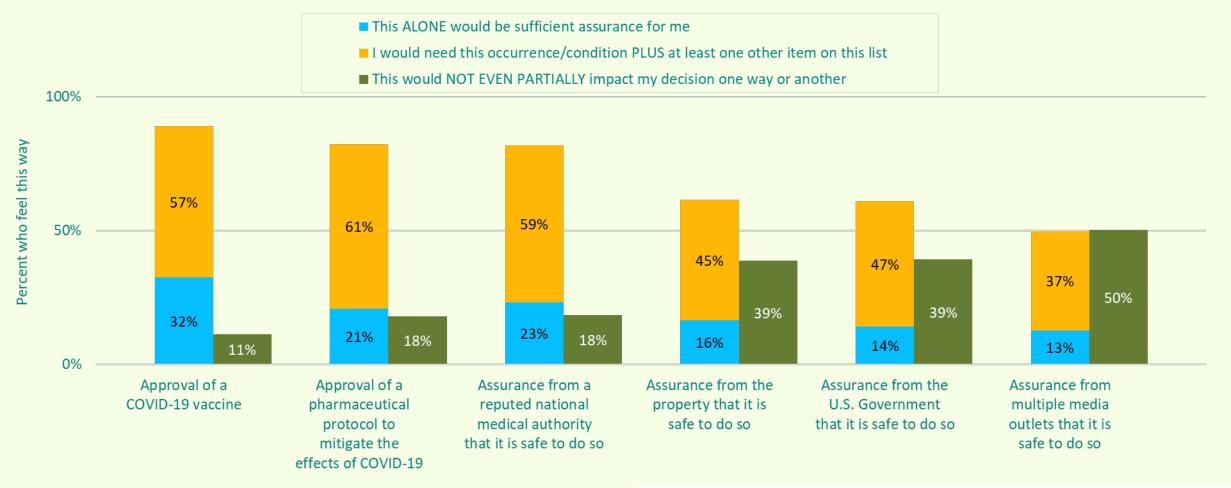
How strongly to you agree or disagree with the statements?

Percent who strongly agree 48% 48% 50% 44% 43% 39% 37% 34% 0% If I were invited to If I were invited to Feeling stuck at home If a large annual The people who I'd I'm less concerned If I don't get back on attend an important is worse than ever, conference I typically normally visit on a about catching the road for business, attend an important attend were scheduled business meeting, one business meeting, one and I am itching to business trip are COVID-19 on a my job security will where I'd need to fly, where I'd need to fly, get back on the road for March 2021 in a starting to return business trip than get worse I'd be likely to attend I'd be likely to attend city where I'd need to to their workplaces I was three months ago in person if the other in person if half the fly, I'd pay now to participants were participants were secure a spot attending in person attending in person and half were attending virtually

100%

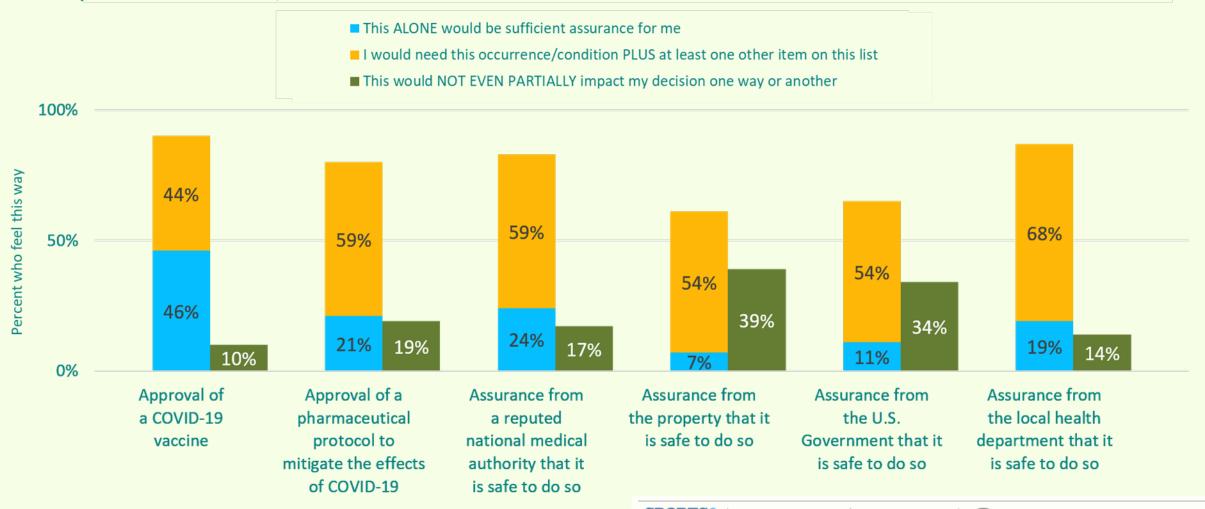
#### **VACCINE KEY TO GETTING PEOPLE BACK INTO HOTELS**

Which of these singular occurrences (alone or in conjunction with something else) would make you comfortable to stay in a hotel or resort, without reservation?



# FOR COMPARISON'S SAKE: WAVE 3 (EARLY MAY 2020)

Which of these singular occurrences (alone or in conjunction with something else) would make you comfortable to stay in a hotel or resort, without reservation?



### **QUESTIONS**

What questions do you have about these findings?

What questions should we consider for wave 13?

