



National Survey Results: Young People on the State of the Nation

January 2022

United States, age 17-39

January 2-6, 2022 · N=1936



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Civiqs polled 1936 young people age 17-39 nationwide from January 2-6, 2022.

The survey was conducted online, among selected members of the Civiqs research panel.

Survey results are weighted by age, gender, race, education, and party identification. Respondents include an oversample of Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) to increase the precision of survey results for that subgroup. The survey has a margin of error of $\pm 2.5\%$.

Party Identification

Democrat: 39%

Republican: 20%

Independent: 41%

Race

White: 63%

Latinx: 14%

Black: 13%

AAPI: 5%

Other: 5%

Gender

Female: 53%

Male: 47%

Age

17-25: 38%

26-32: 32%

33-39: 30%

Education level

Non-college graduate: 73%

College graduate: 17%

Postgraduate: 10%

Turnout motivation

Extremely motivated: 70%

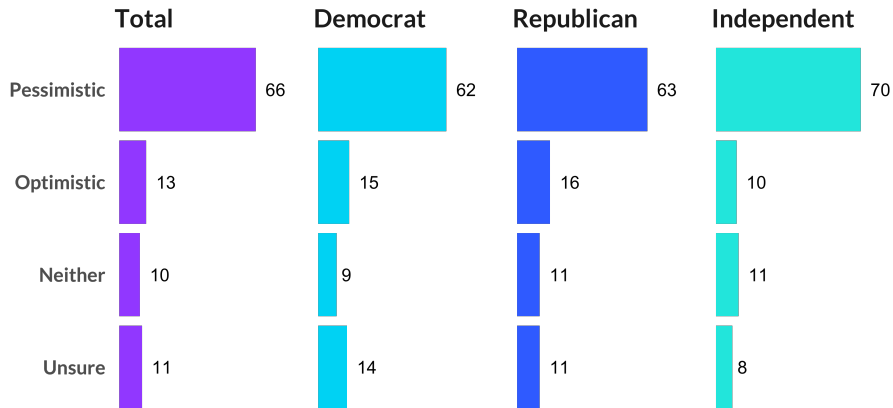
Moderately motivated: 24%

Not motivated at all: 5%

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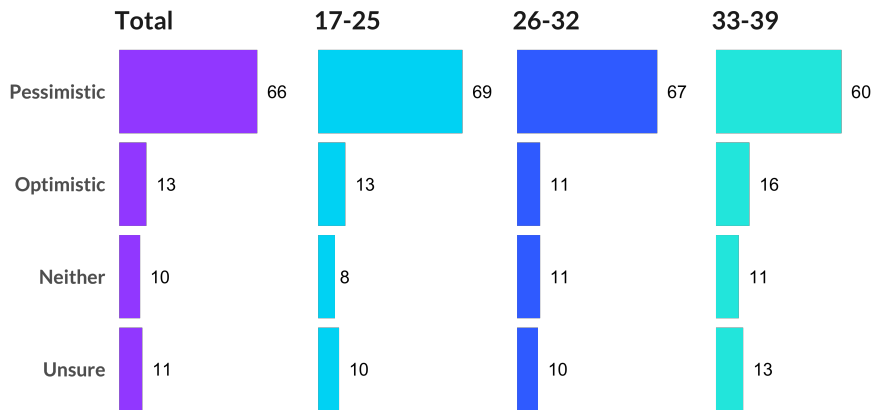
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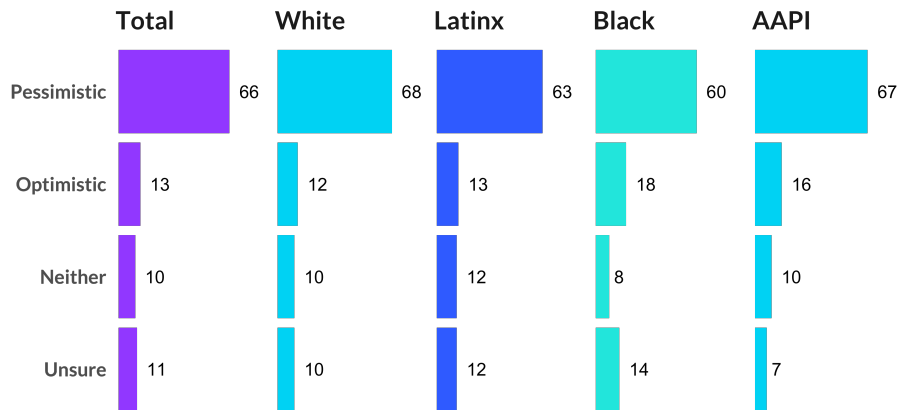
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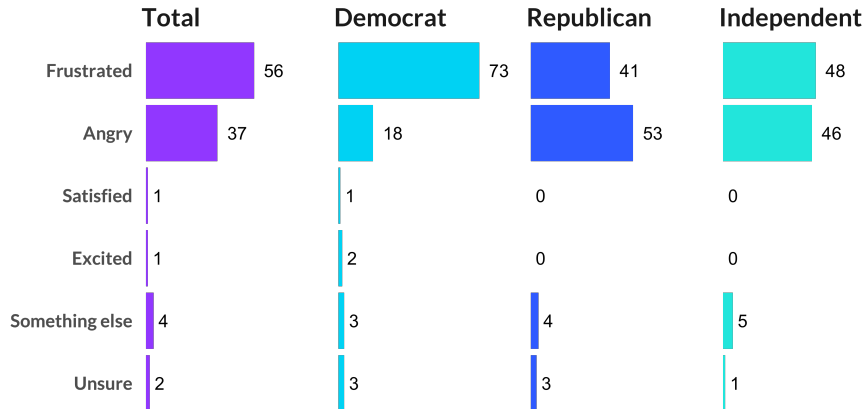
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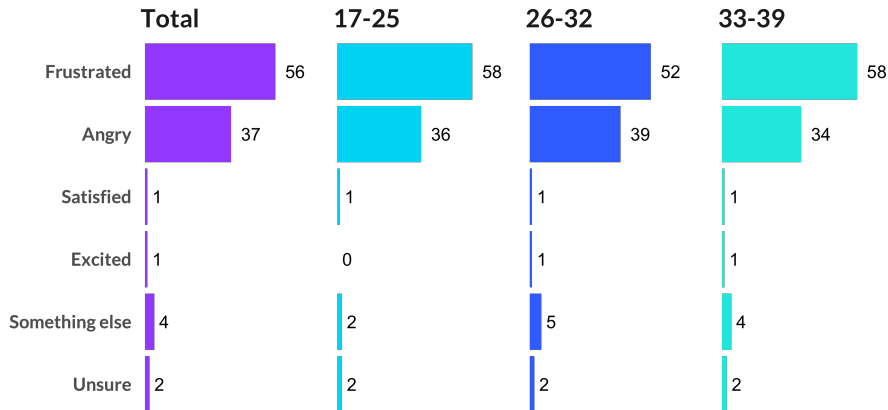
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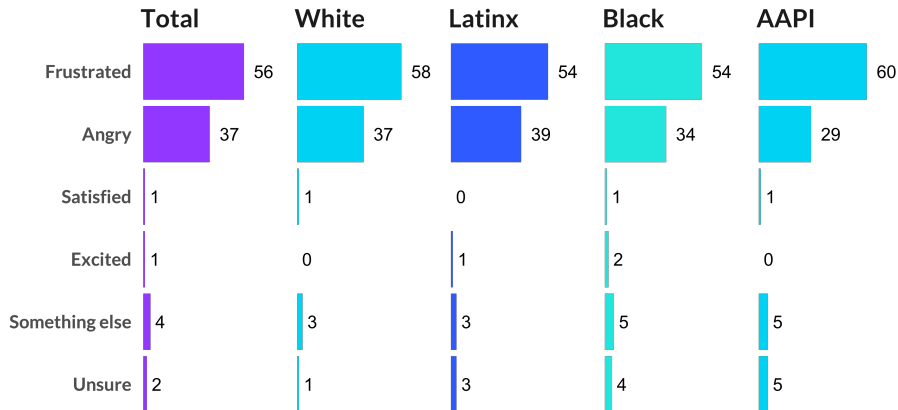
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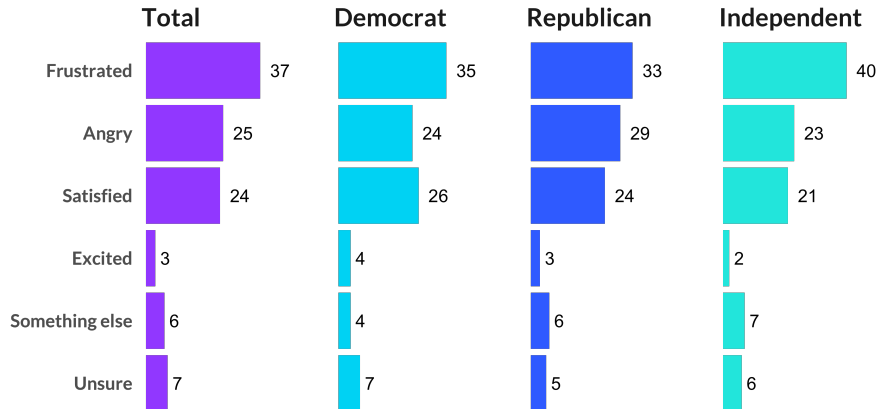
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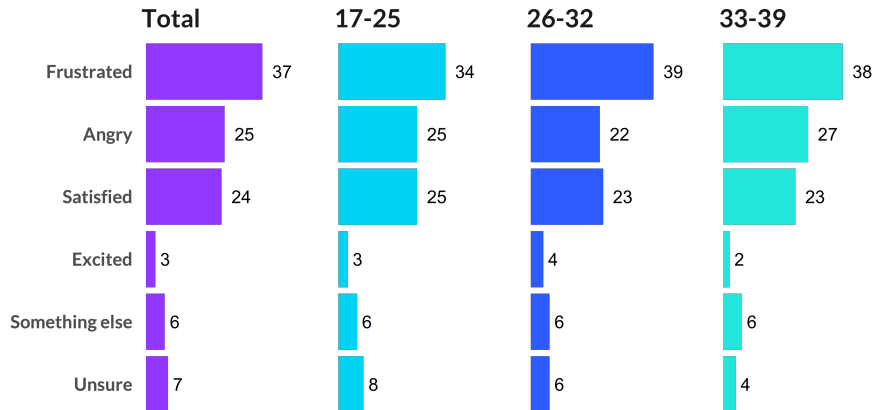
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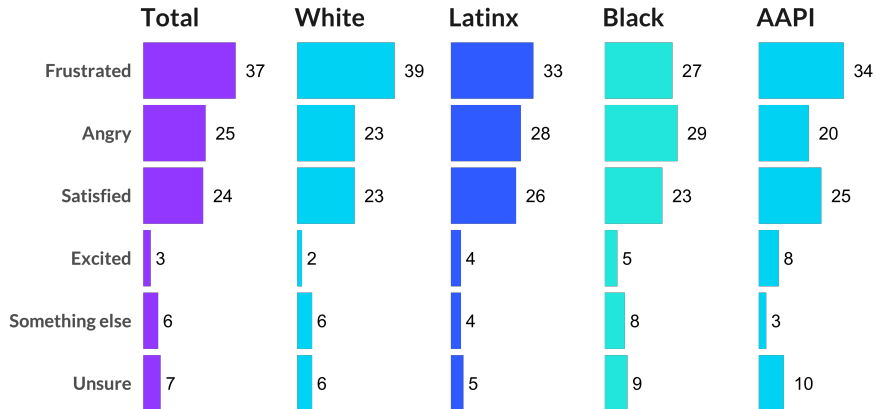
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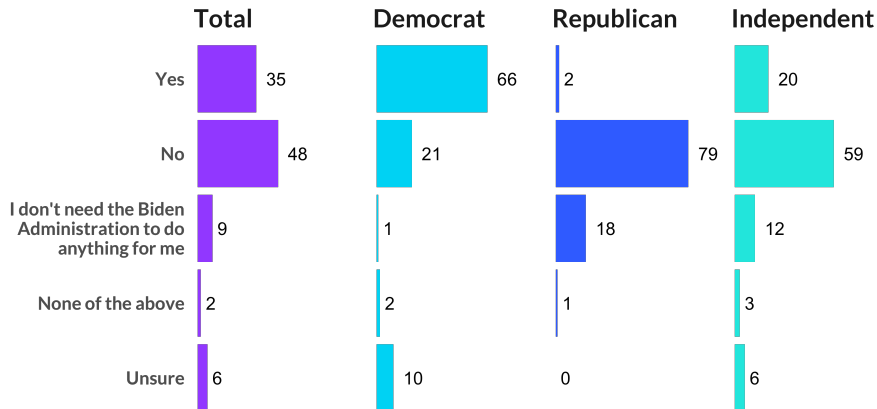
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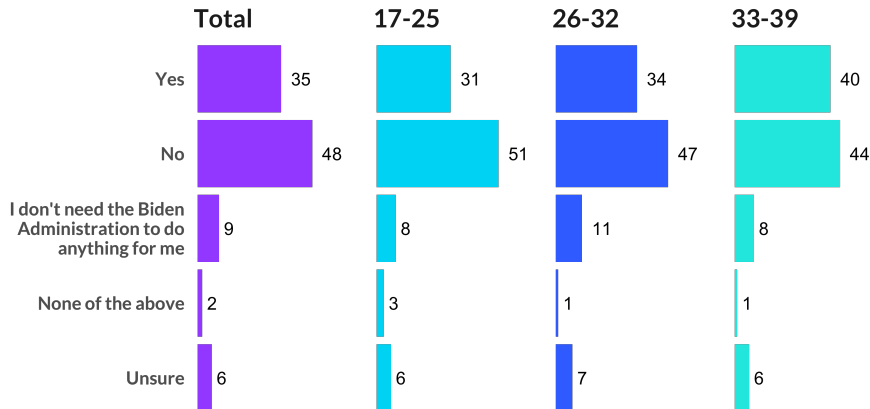
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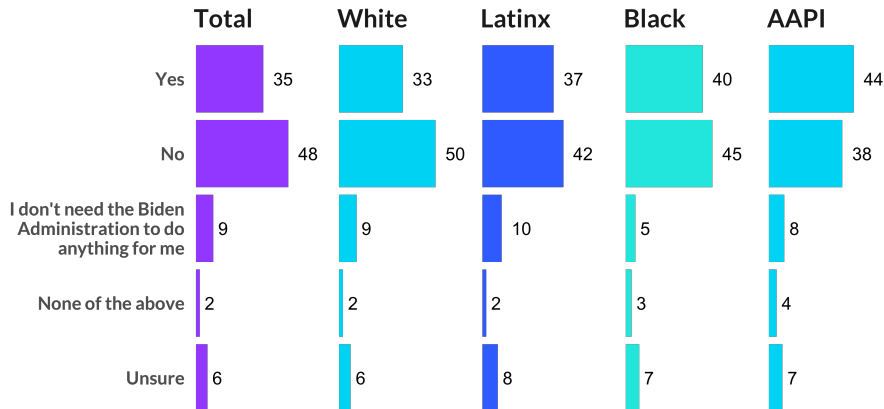
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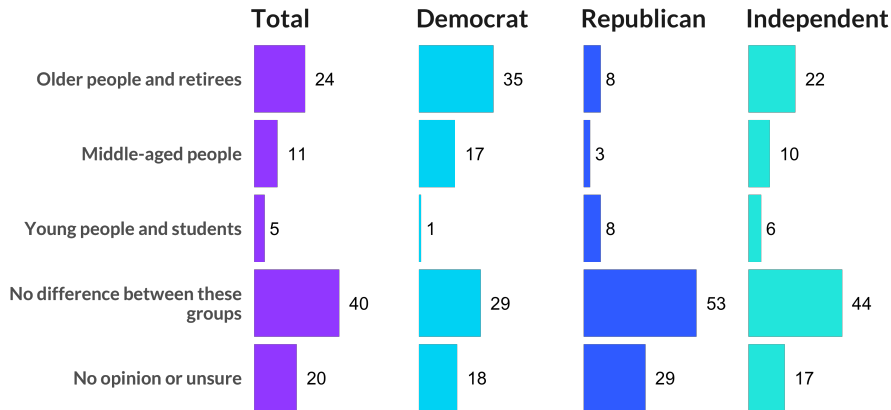
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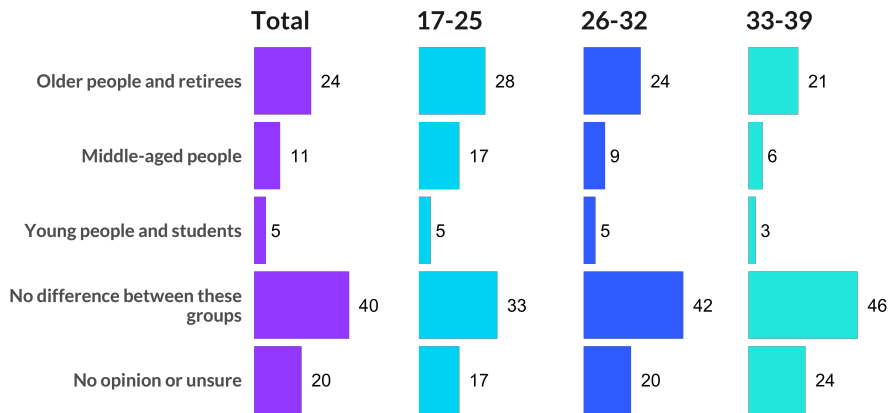
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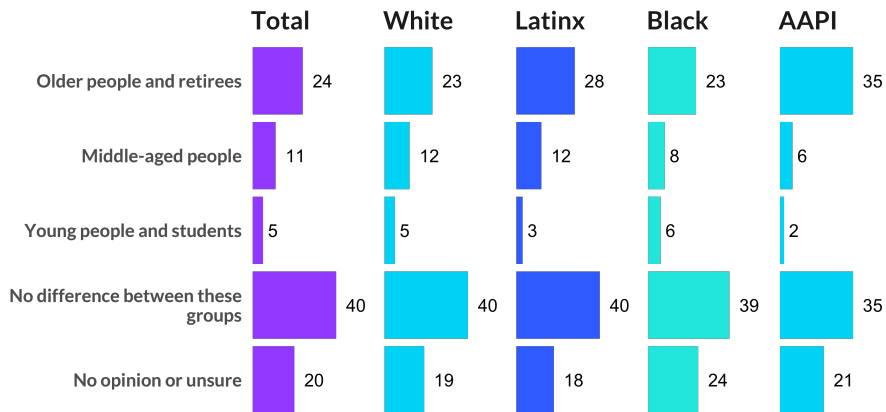
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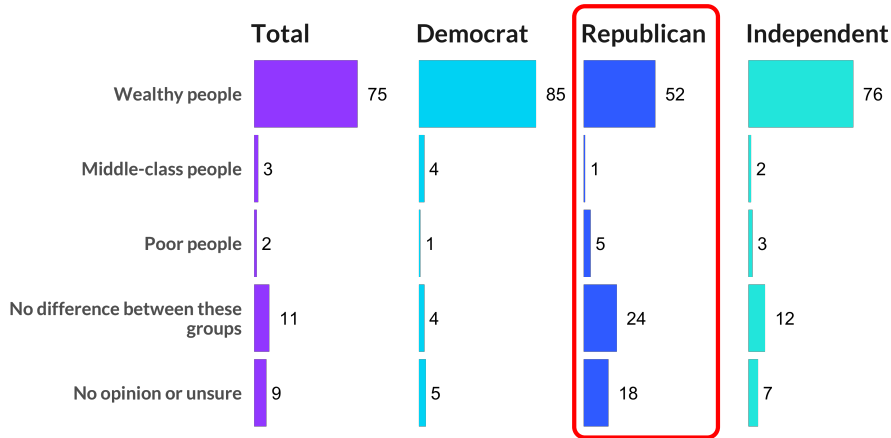
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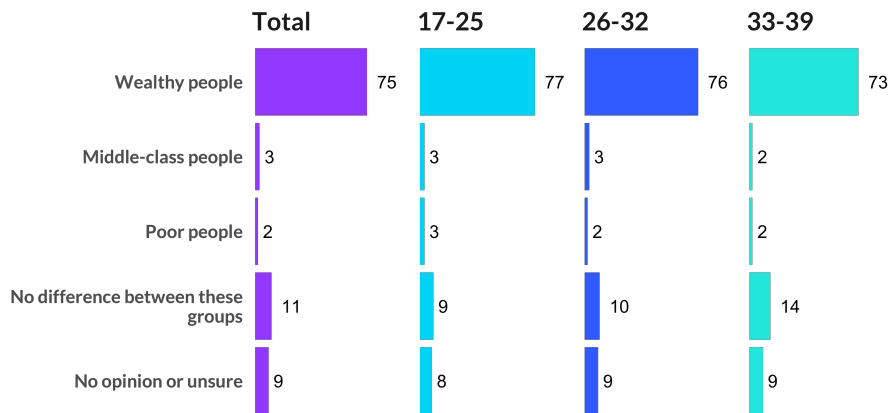
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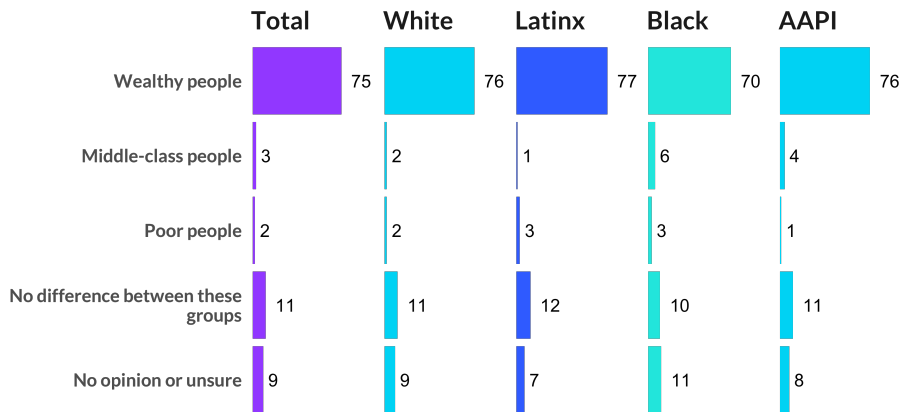
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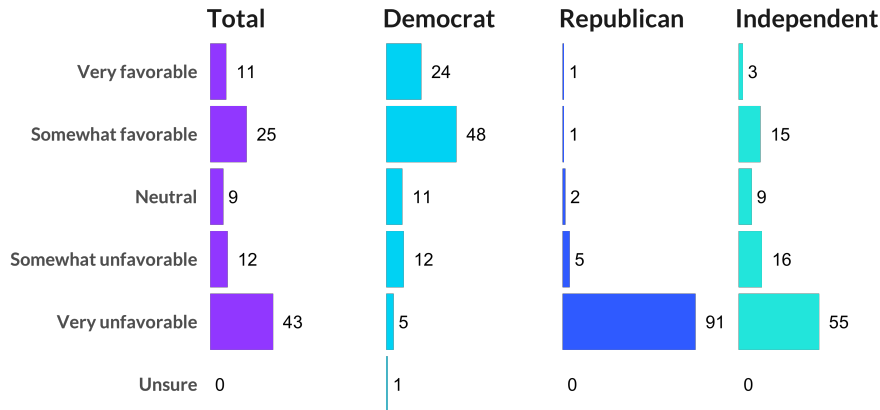
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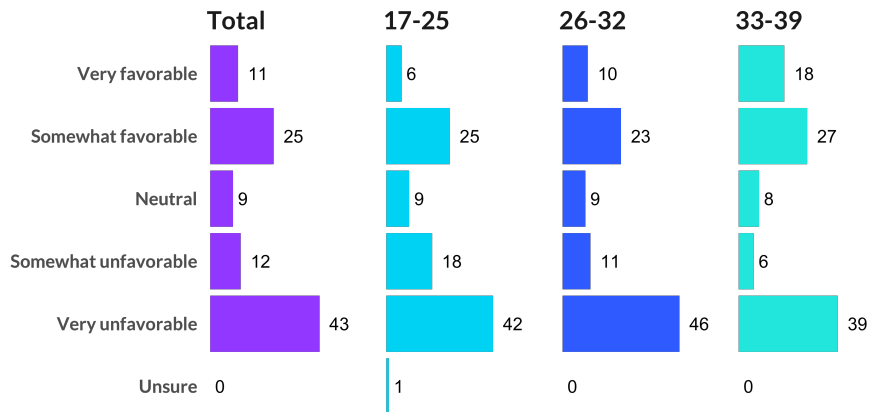
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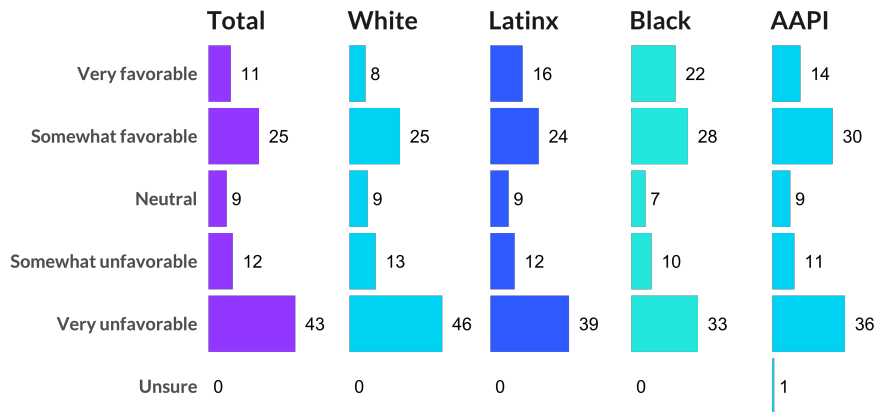
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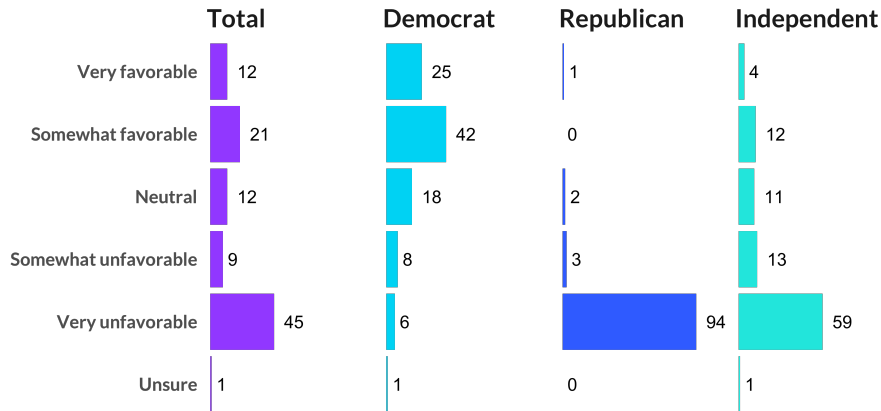
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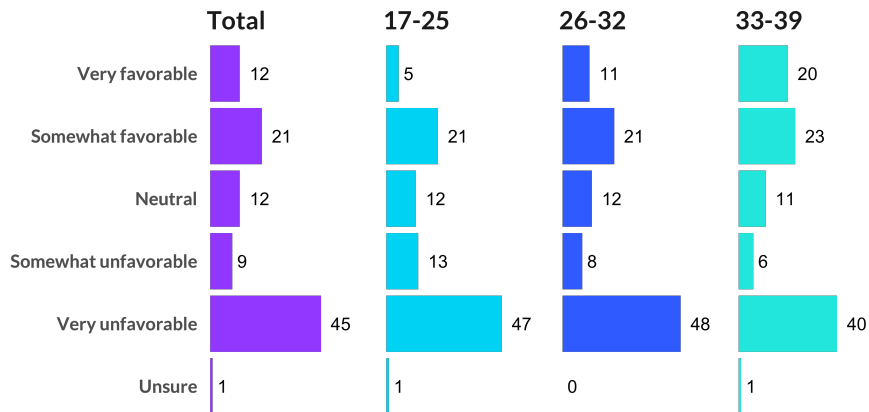
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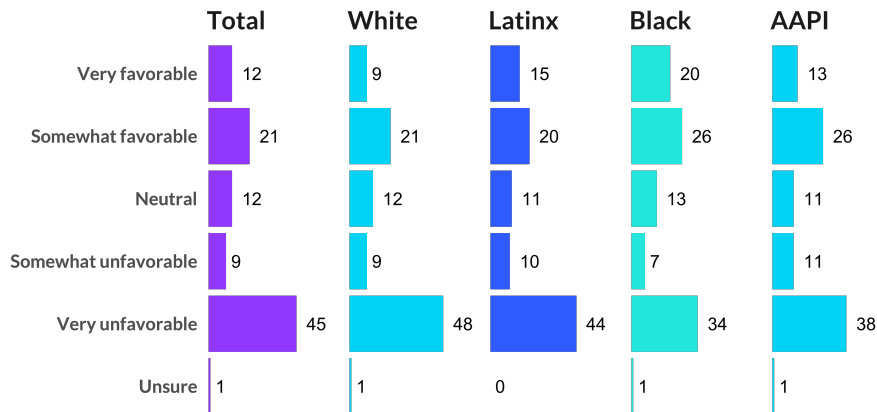
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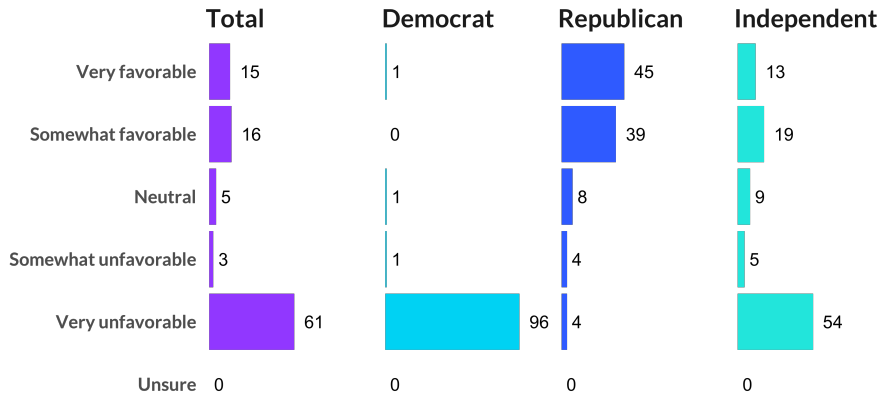
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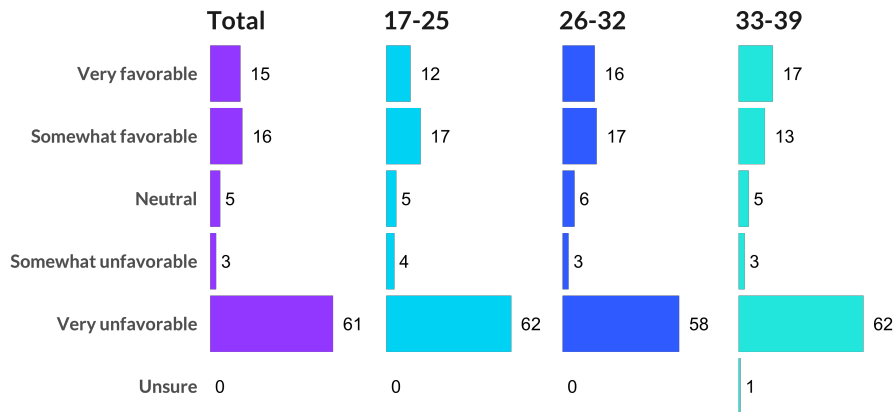
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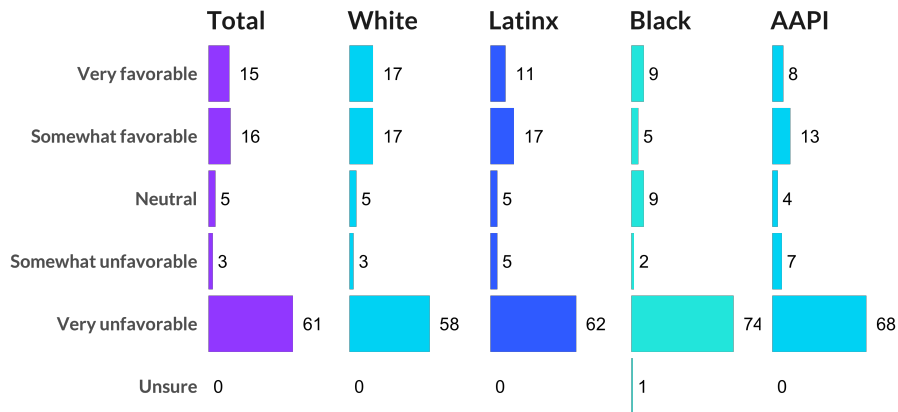
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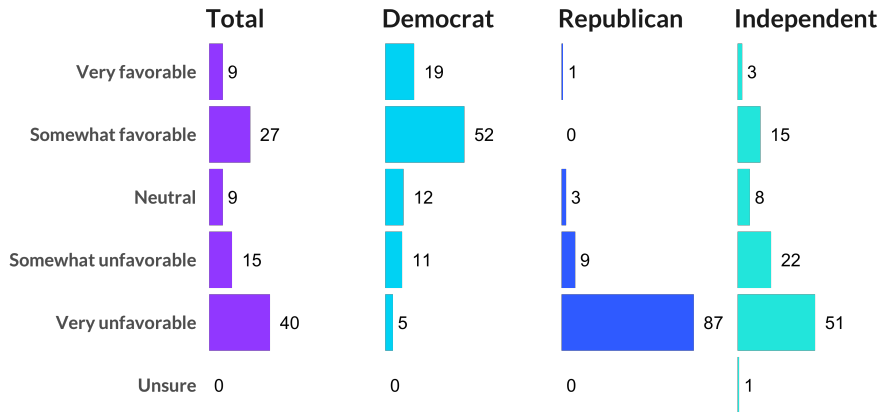
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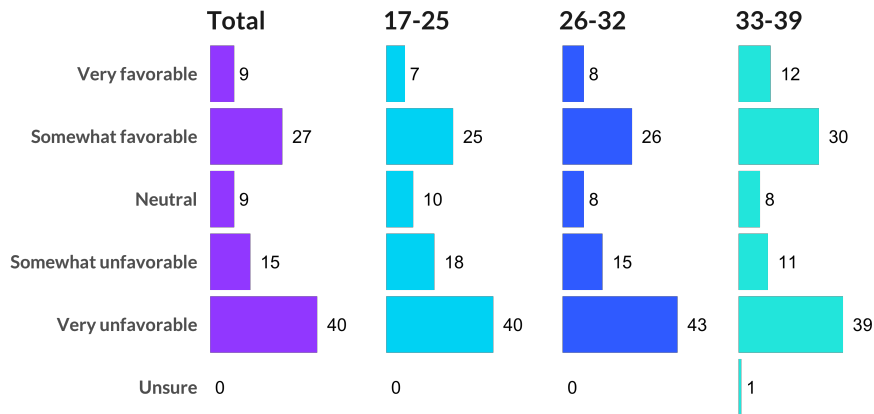
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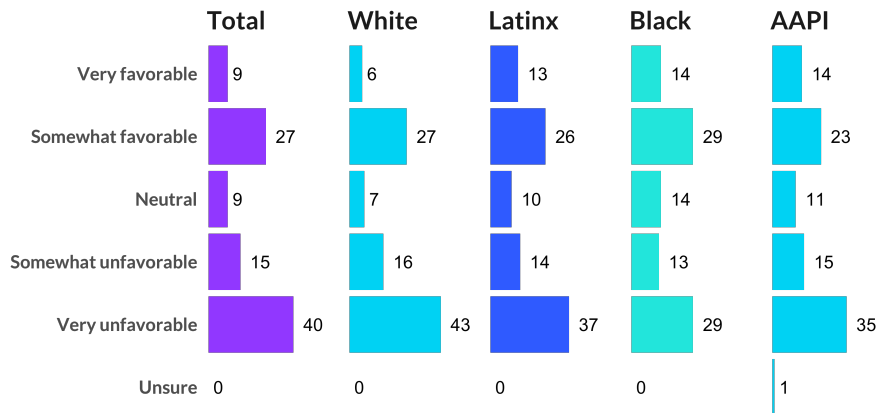
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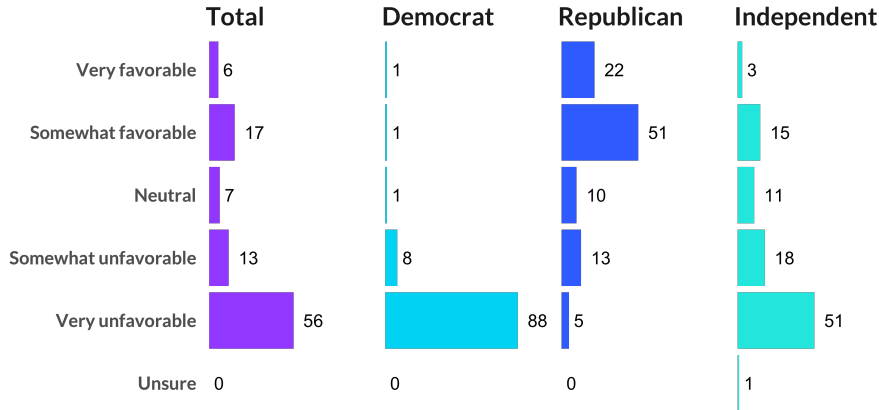
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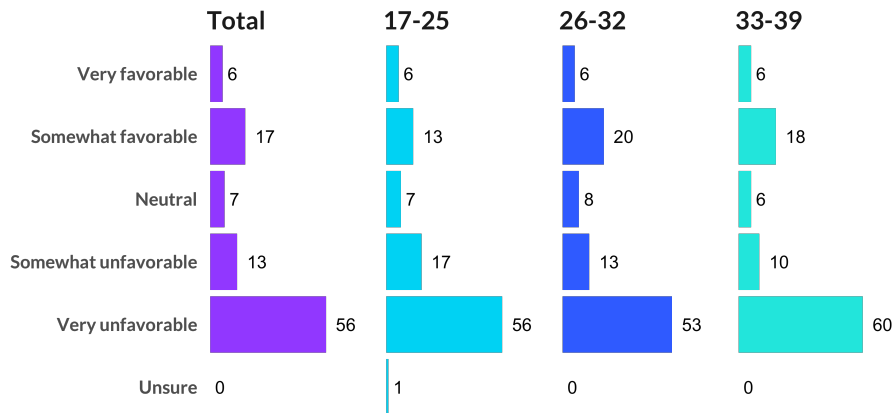
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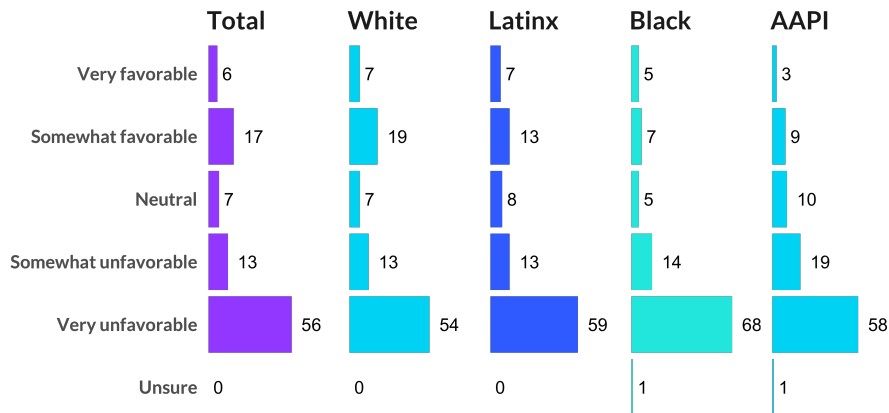
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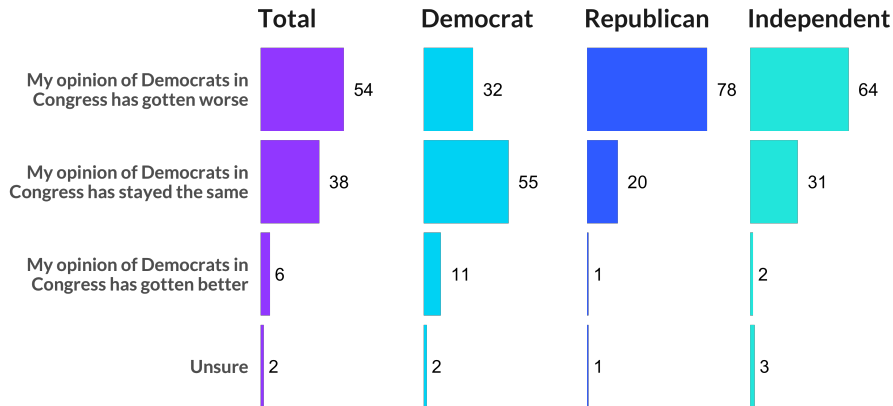
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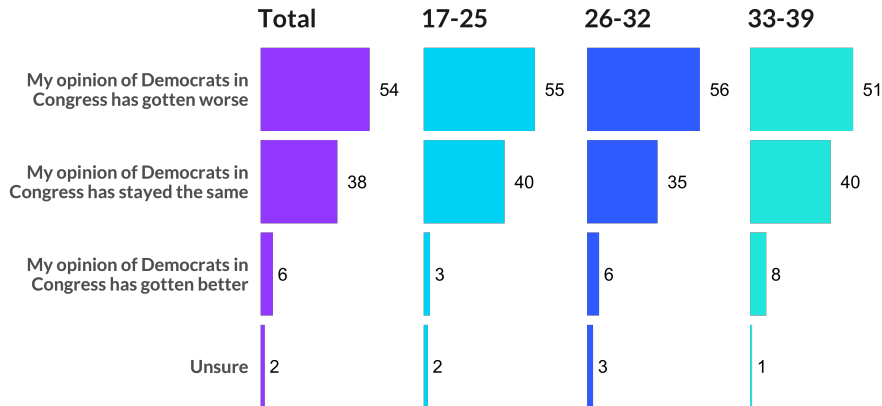
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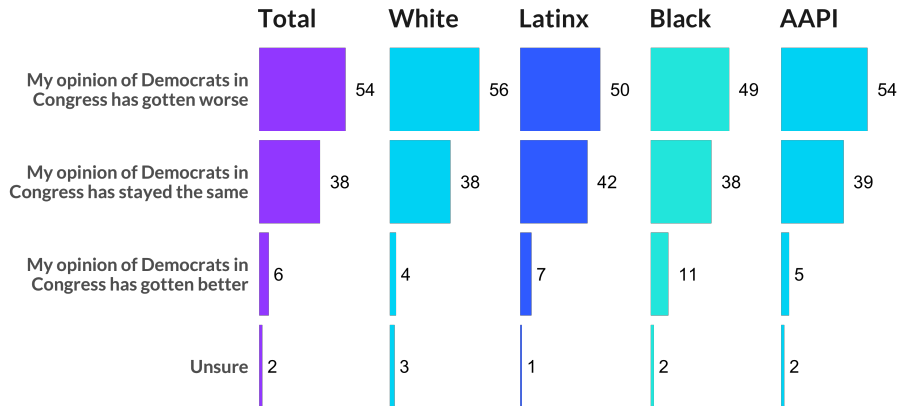
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Most Important Policies to Young People

What are the top three most important policies that you would like elected officials to work on right now, among those listed here? (Percent selecting each option)

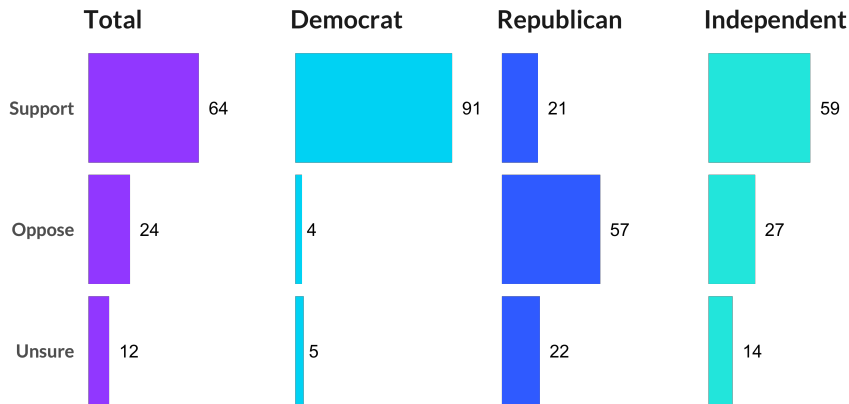
Increase taxes on corporations and the wealthy	30%
Transition to 100% clean and renewable energy	25%
Replace private insurance with Medicare for All	23%
Restore protections against racial voter discrimination	21%
Cancel student loan debt	20%
Protect access to abortion	19%
Reduce prescription drug costs	18%
Increase the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour	15%
Pass common sense changes to our nation's gun laws	12%
Create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people	9%
Implement and/or broaden rent control	7%
Reallocate funding away from police departments	5%

What are the two most important issues for elected officials to address around voting and elections, among those listed here? (Percent selecting each option)

End partisan gerrymandering and implement fair redistricting processes	47%
Stop voter suppression and protect voters from racial discrimination	39%
Automatically registering every American to vote when they turn 18	18%
Restore voting rights to people with prior felony convictions	13%
Make it easier to vote by mail	10%
Expand early voting (ability to vote before Election Day)	8%

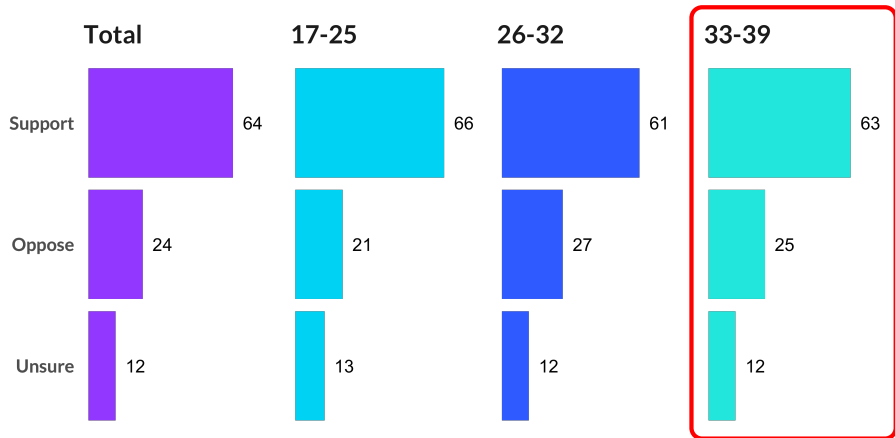
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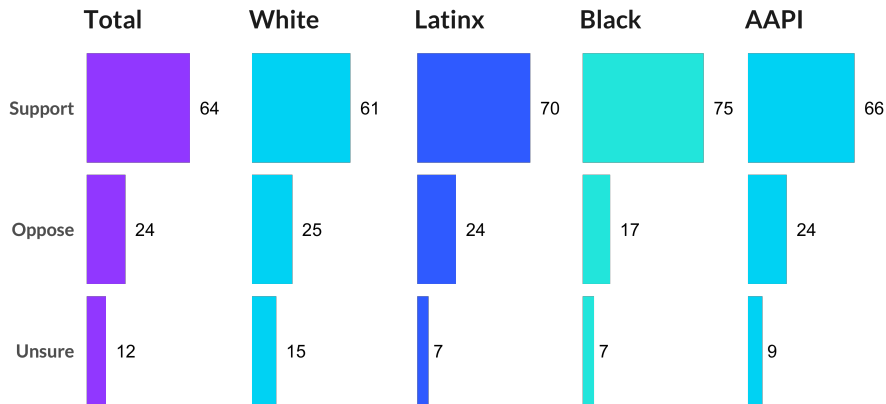
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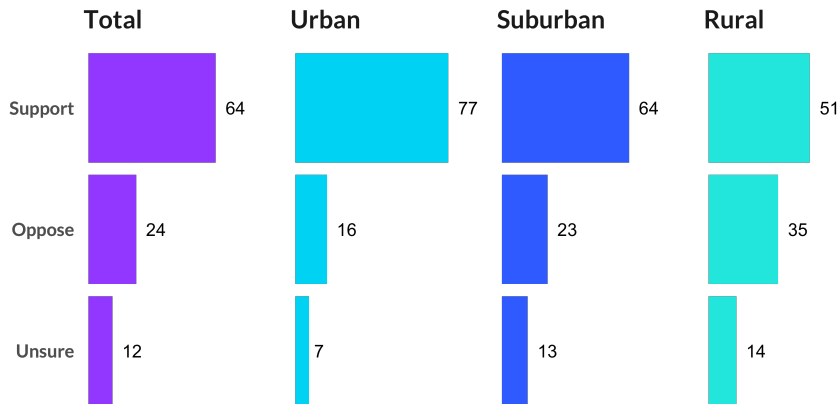
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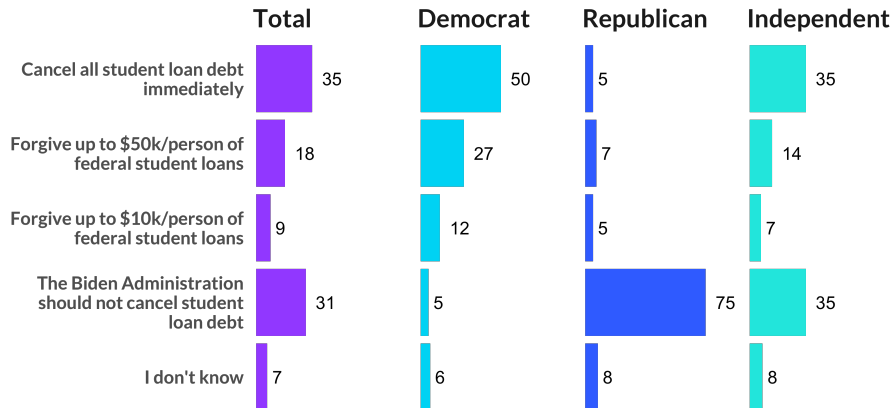
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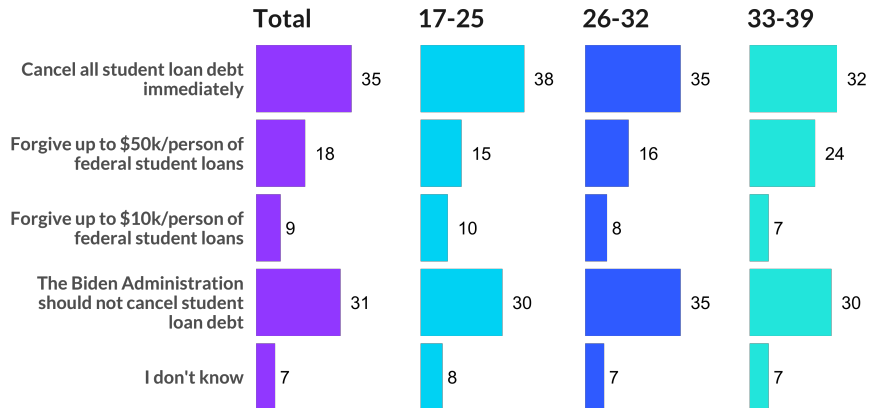


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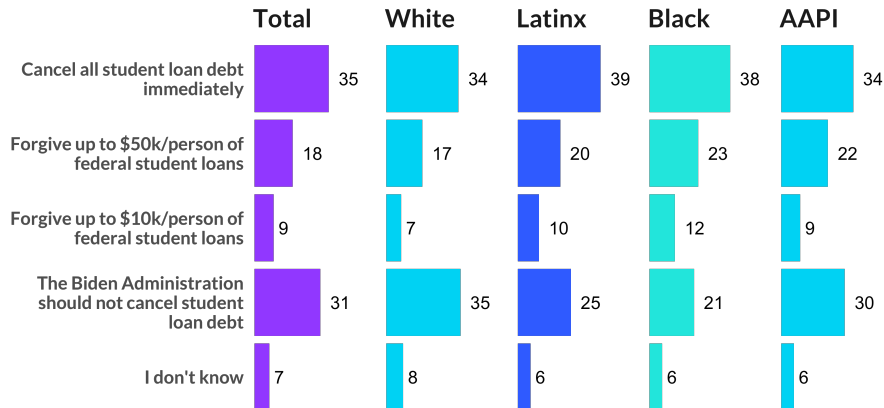


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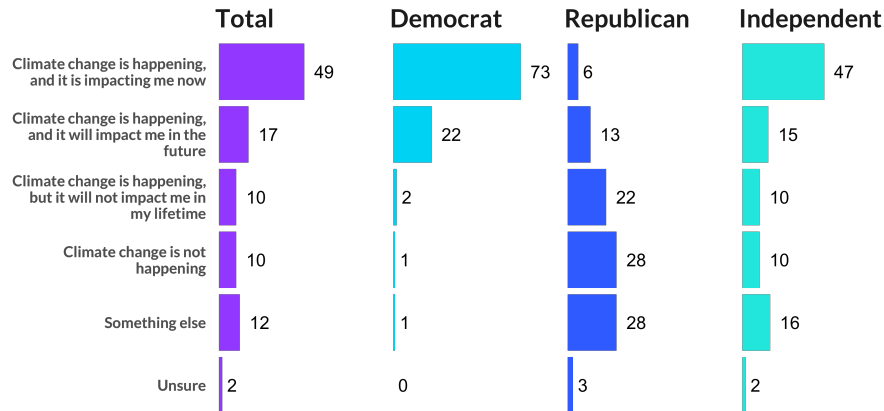


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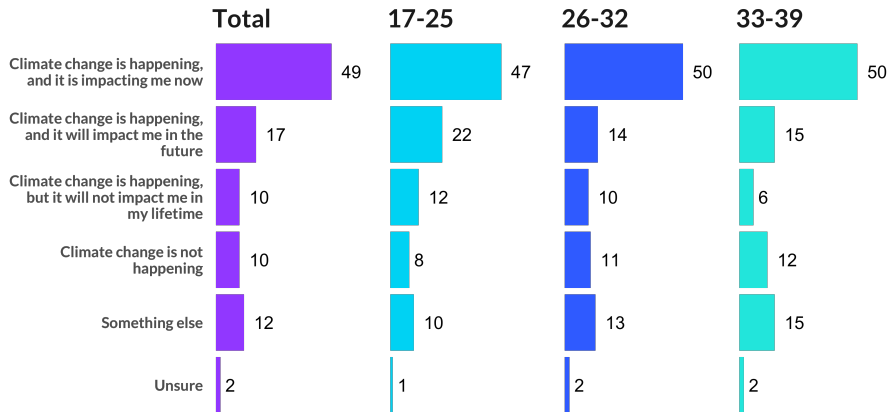


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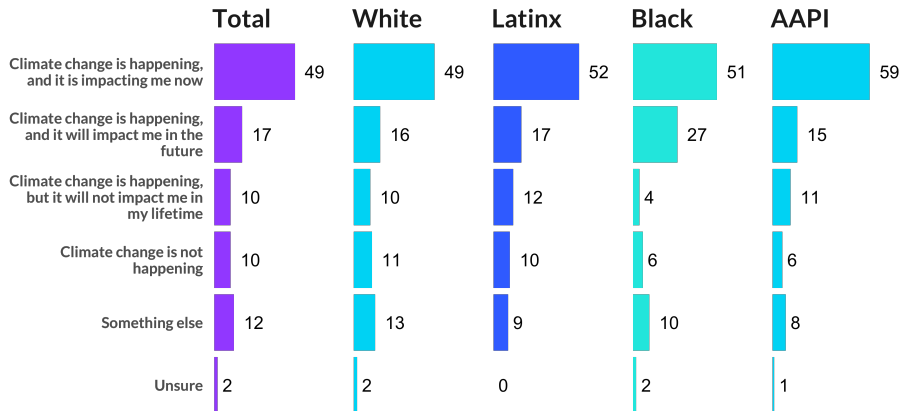
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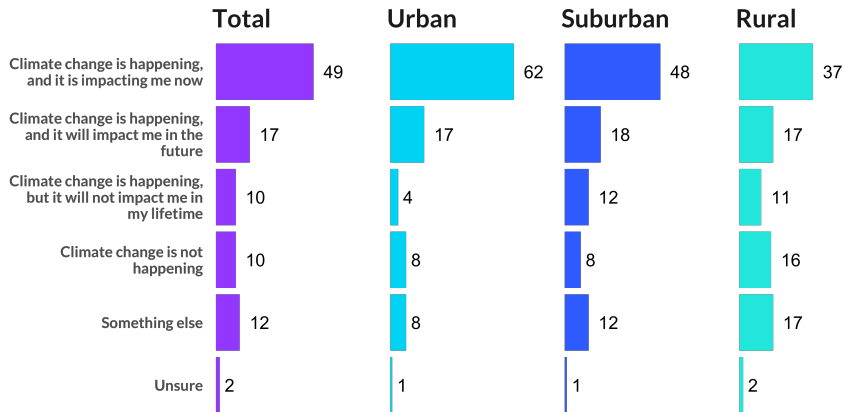


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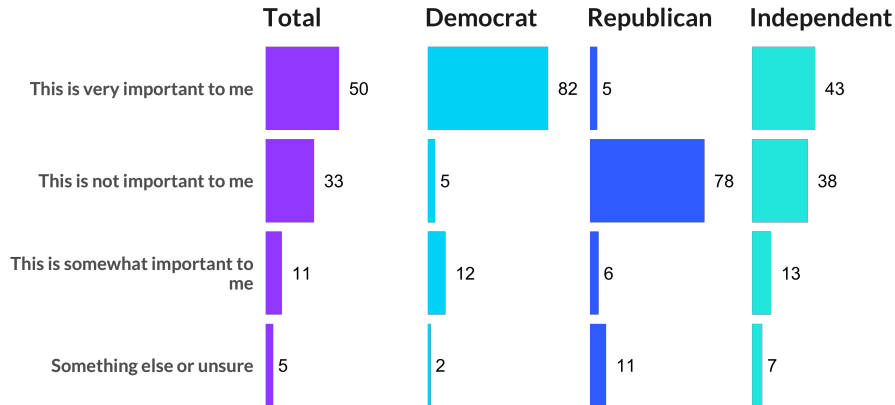


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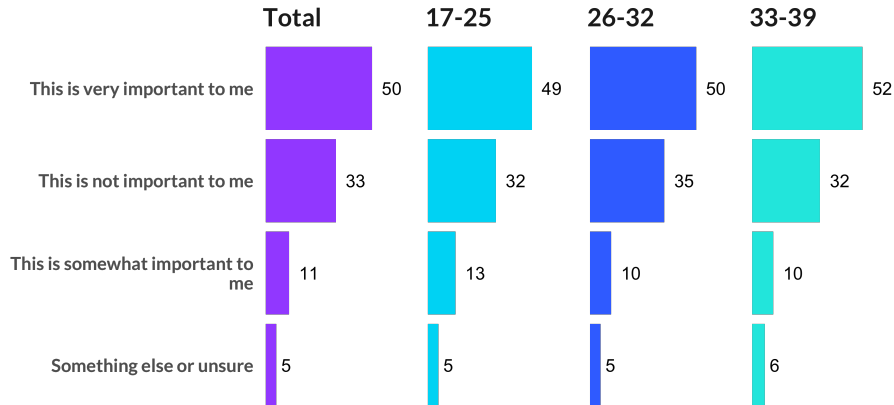
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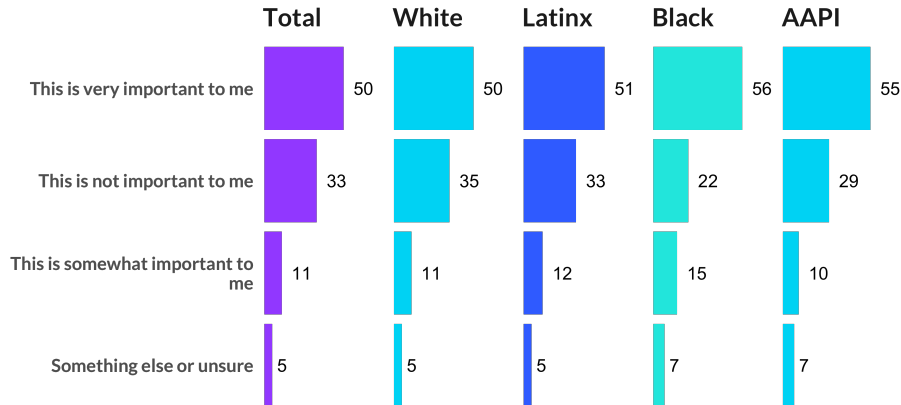
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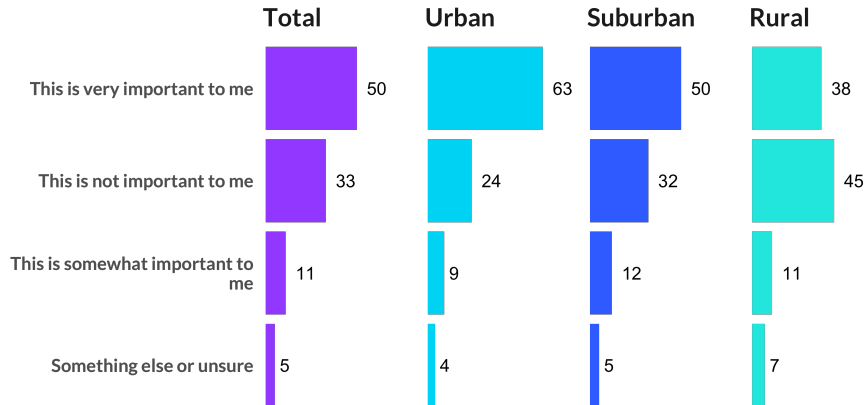
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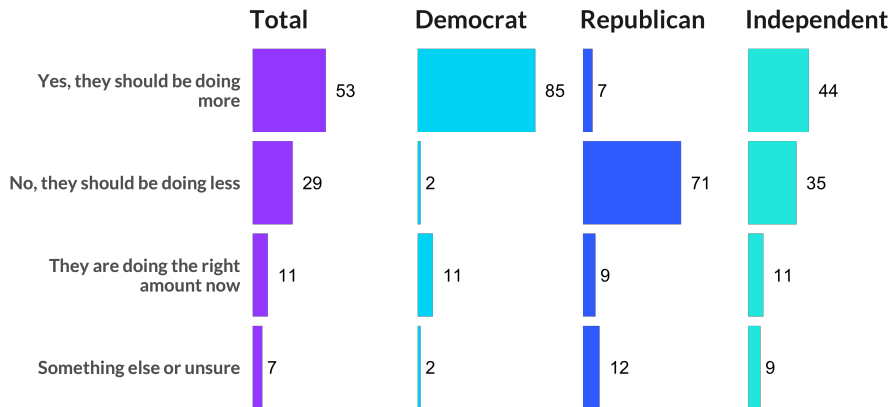
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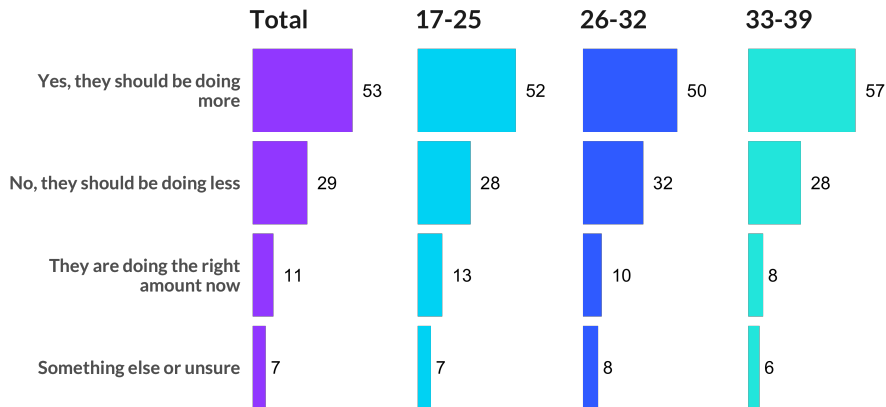
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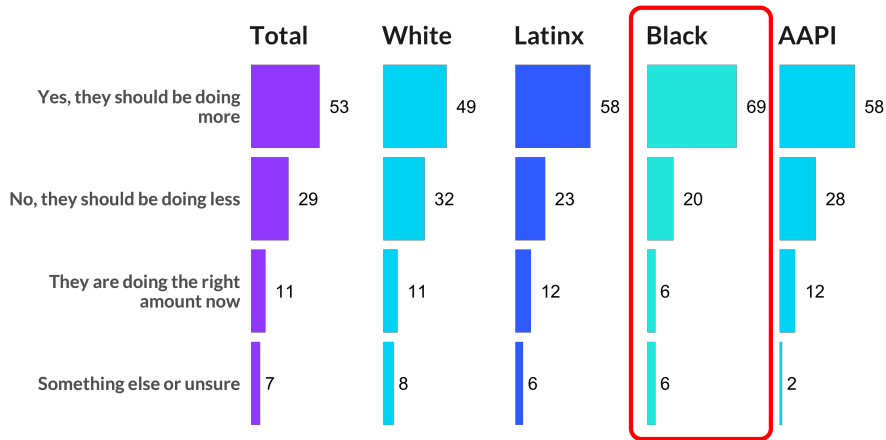


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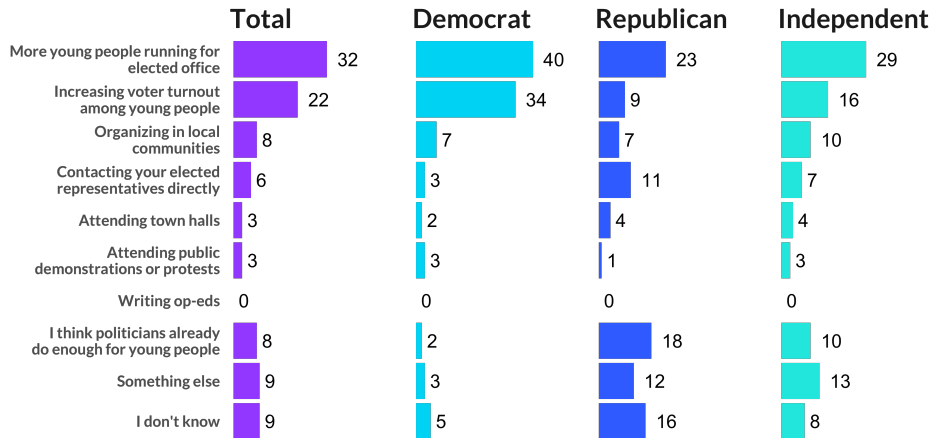
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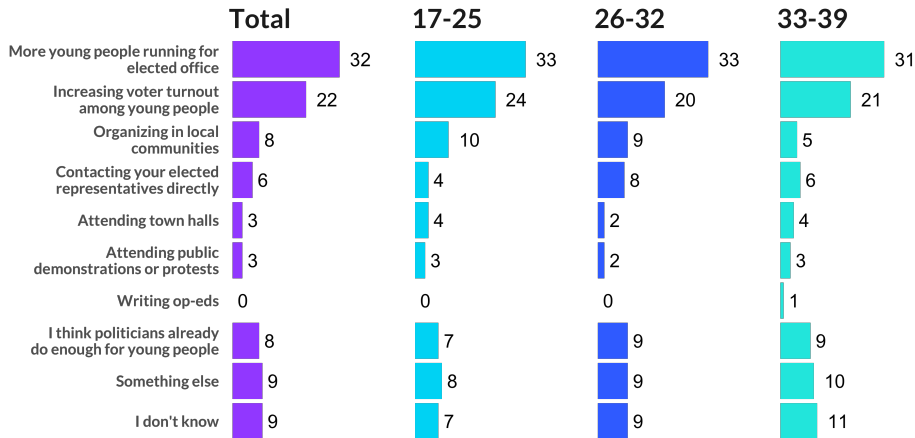
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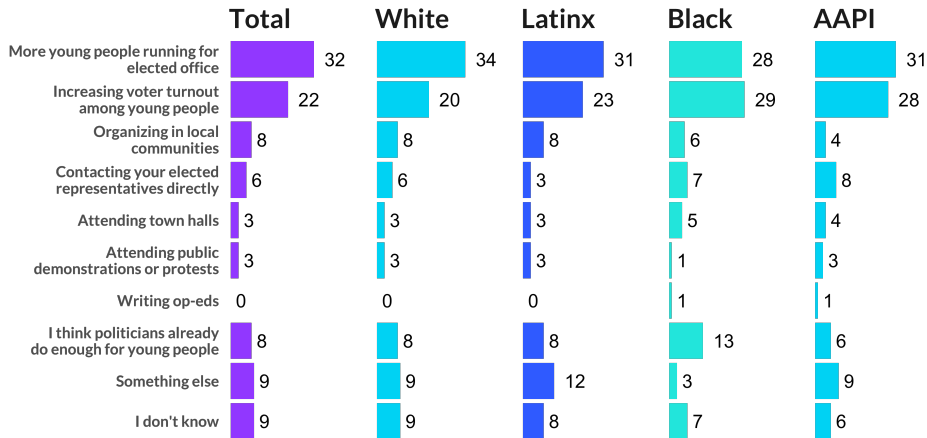
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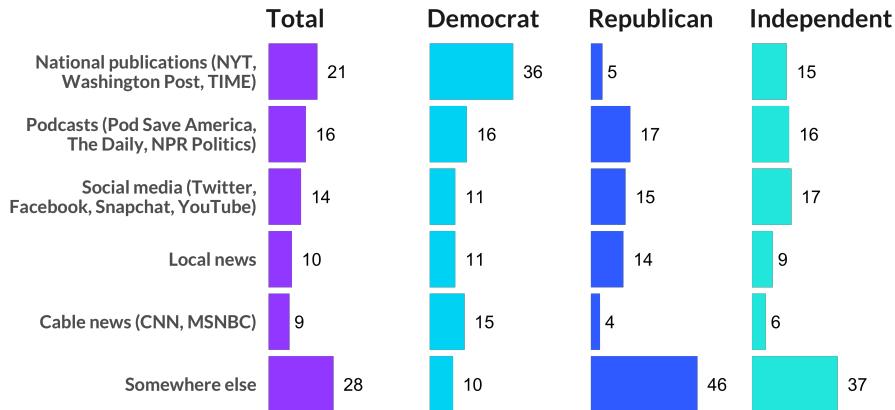


In what ways do you think you may get involved in the November 2022 election? Please select all that apply. (Percent selecting each option)

Turning out to vote	89%
Donating to a campaign or nonprofit organization	40%
Volunteering for a campaign or nonprofit organization	22%
Phonebanking; textbanking; or canvassing for a campaign or nonprofit organization	16%
I don't plan to participate in any way	5%
Something else	10%
Unsure	4%

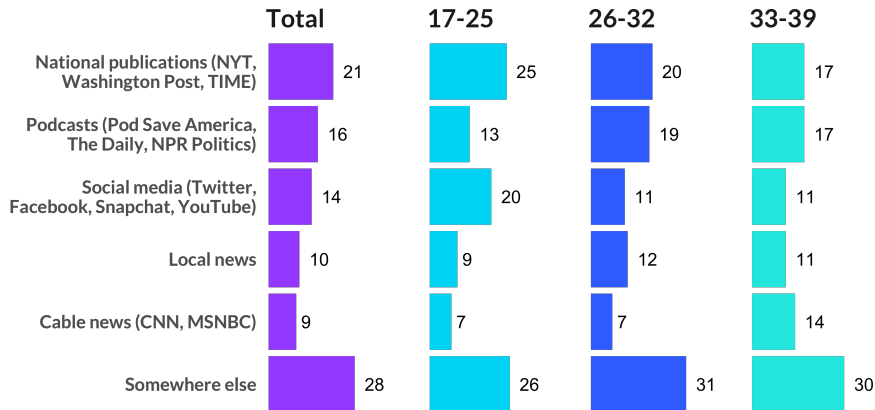
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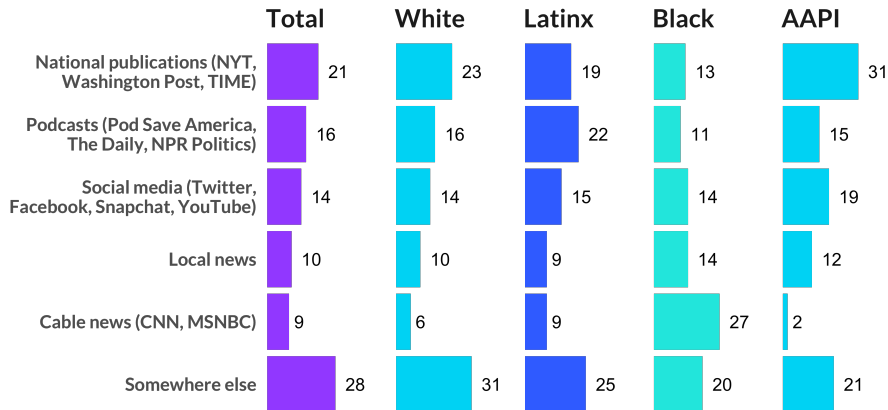
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