

**LONG-TERM IMPACT OF
VIRUS ON CHILDREN**

**PRIORITIZING CHILDREN
IN RECOVERY DECISIONS**

**WAIT TIMES FOR ROUTINE
HEALTH SERVICES**



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PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH

**LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON
THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN CANADA**

CONDUCTED FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE CANADA

**RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FROM CANADA'S LEADING PUBLIC
AFFAIRS AND MARKET RESEARCH EXPERTS**

ABACUS DATA

METHODOLOGY

The background image shows the lower legs and feet of several children standing on a dirt path. They are wearing various winter boots and socks. From left to right, there are pairs of black boots, blue boots with white stripes, green boots with yellow and white stripes, and red boots. The children are wearing jackets and pants in shades of blue, pink, and grey.

The survey was conducted with 1,500 Canadian residents from July 27 to 29, 2020. A random sample of panelists were invited to complete the survey from a set of partner panels based on the Lucid exchange platform. These partners are typically double opt-in survey panels, blended to manage out potential skews in the data from a single source.

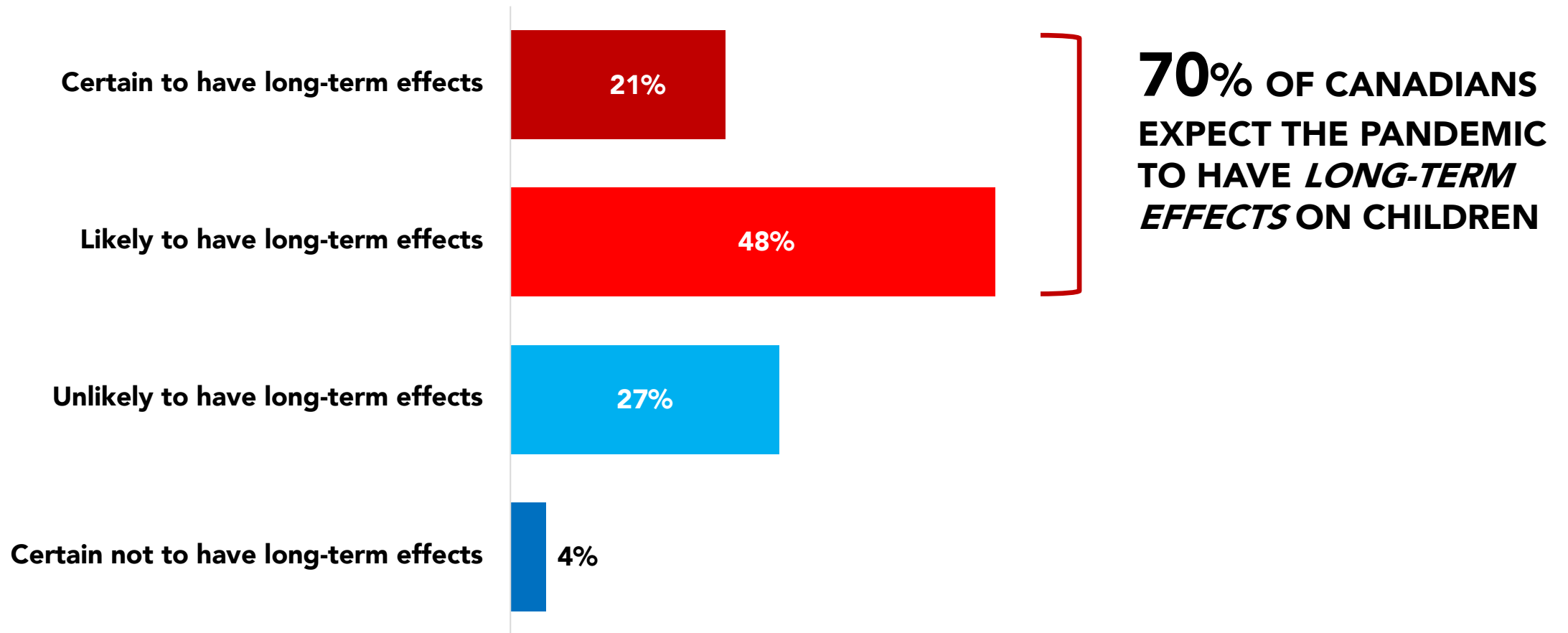
The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is +/- 2.51%, 19 times out of 20.

The data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Canada's population according to age, gender, educational attainment, and region. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

KEY FINDINGS

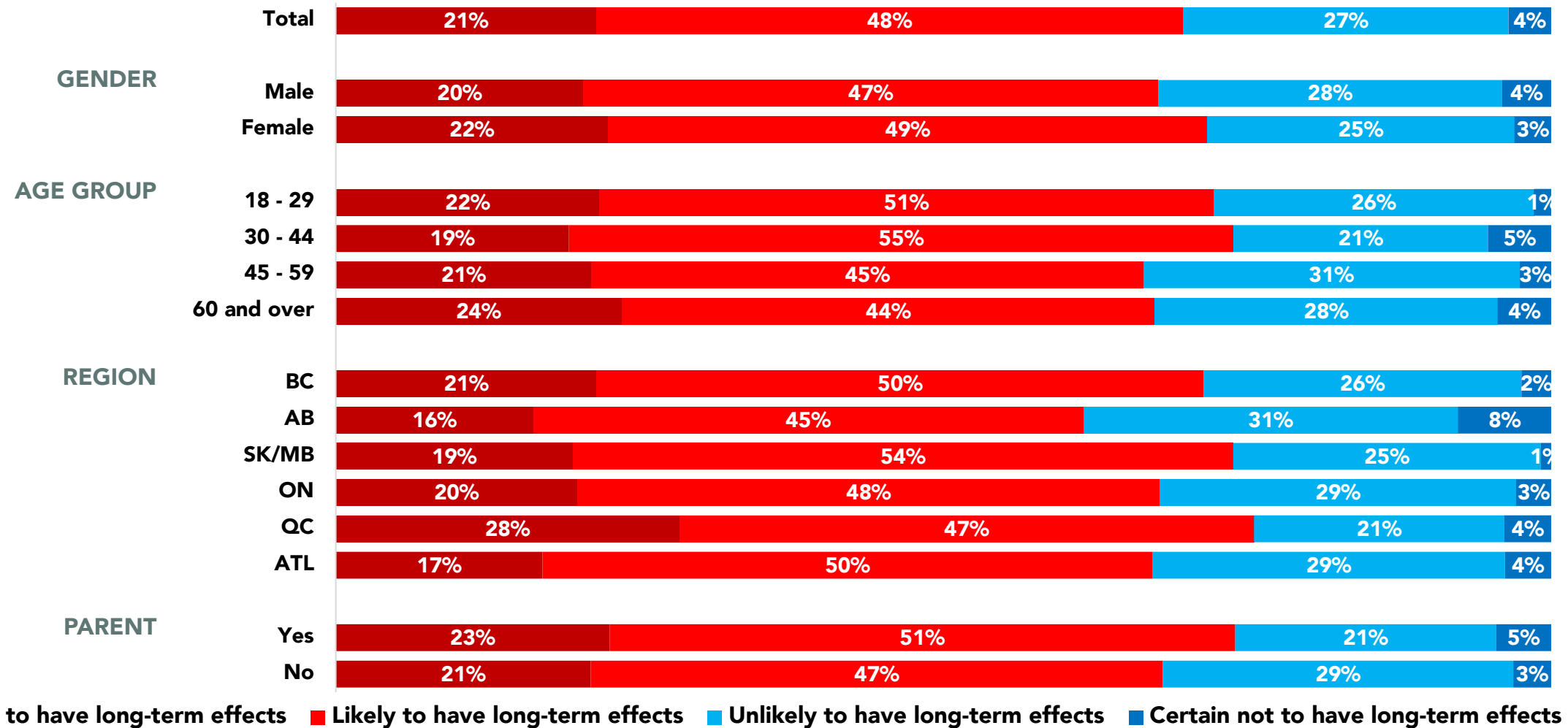
- **Canadians' perspective of the impact of COVID-19 on children is relatively negative, with 70% saying that they believe the virus will have long-term effects on children.**
- **The areas believed to be the most negatively impacted are children's formal education (70%), their mental health and wellbeing (66%), and their social and emotional development (66%). Quebecers disproportionately feel that the virus has had little impact on children among the areas listed.**
- **Those who are more worried about the virus and past NDP voters view the pandemic's impact as more negative on children than other subgroups, and they think children should have speedy access to medical services.**
- **When asked about children's' access to types of medical services, a majority feel that it should take between 1 and 2 months to access the services tested.**
- **Almost all (92%) Canadians feel that when the plans and policies are designed to help Canada recover from The pandemic, children should be at least a priority among other issues – these views remain constant among party affiliation and accessible voters.**
- **But only 38% think children should be a "top" priority in the recovery.**

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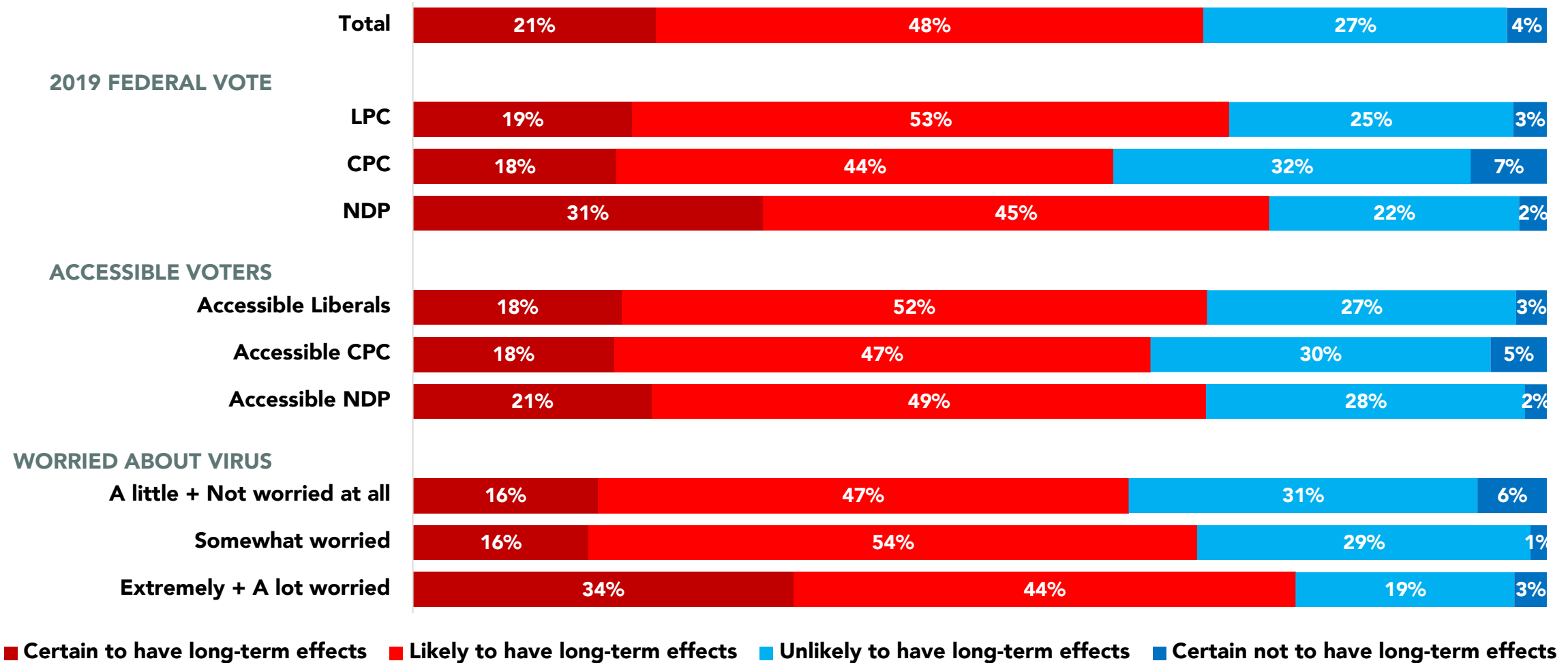
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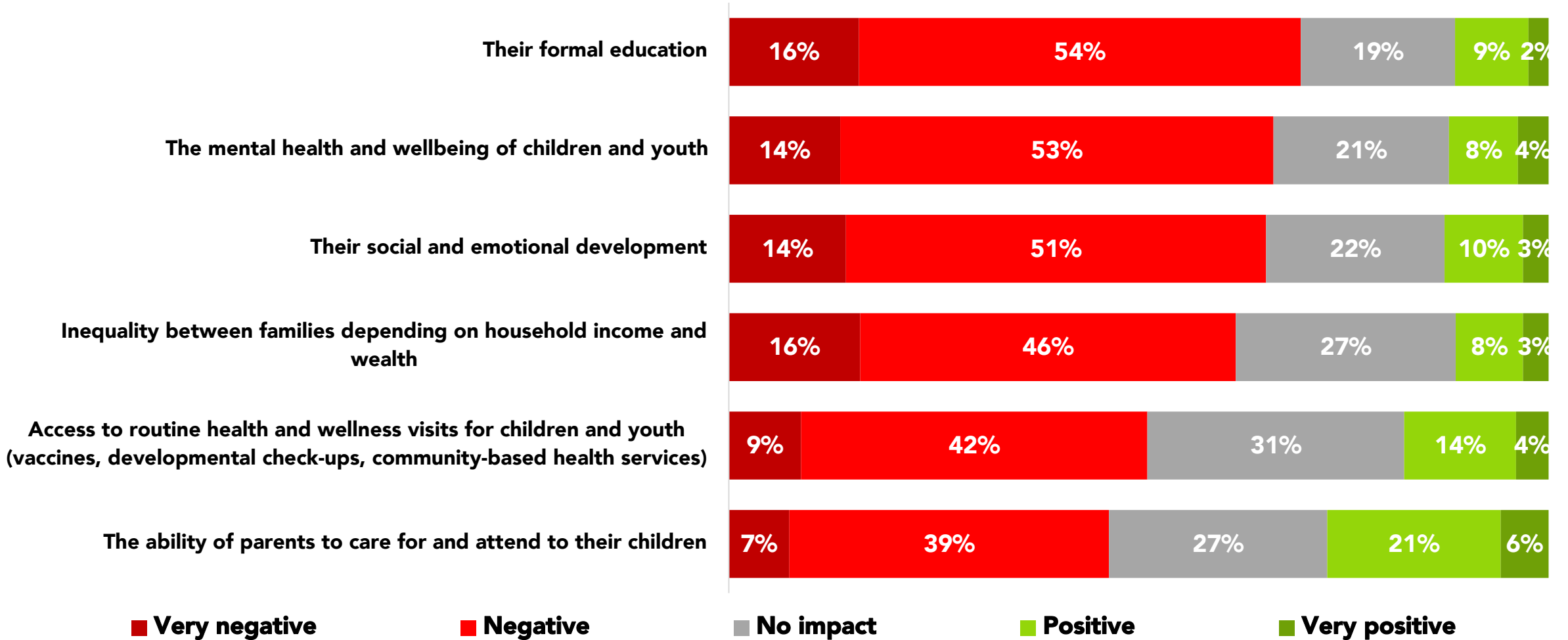
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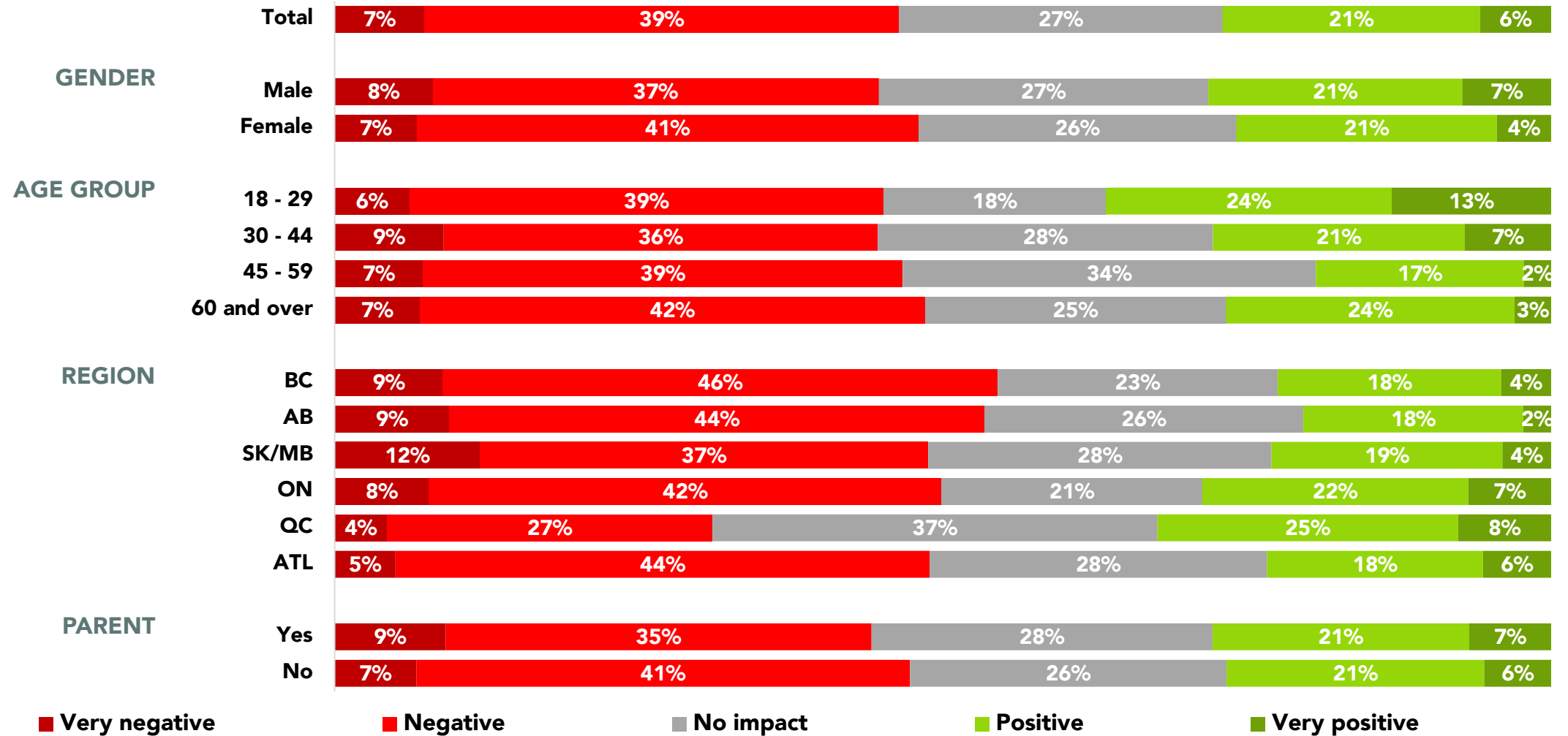
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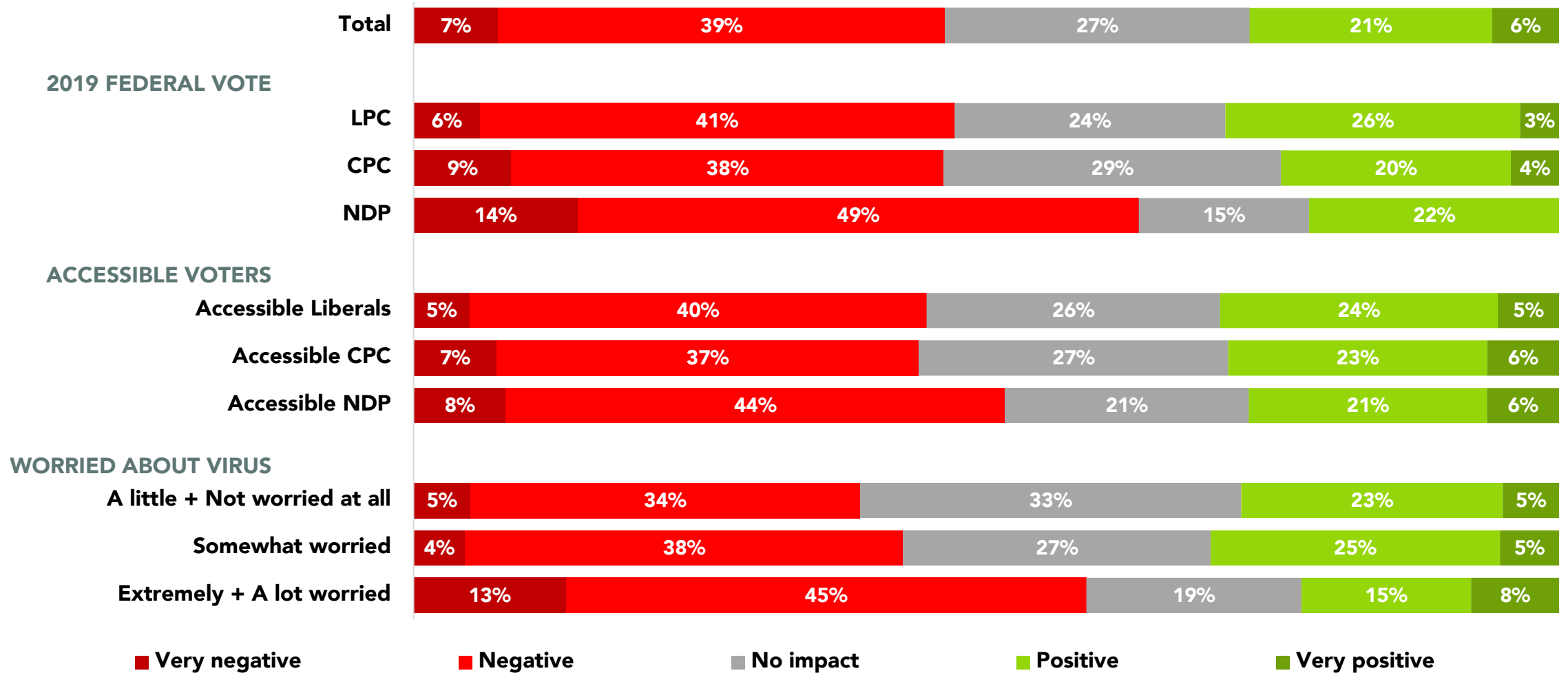
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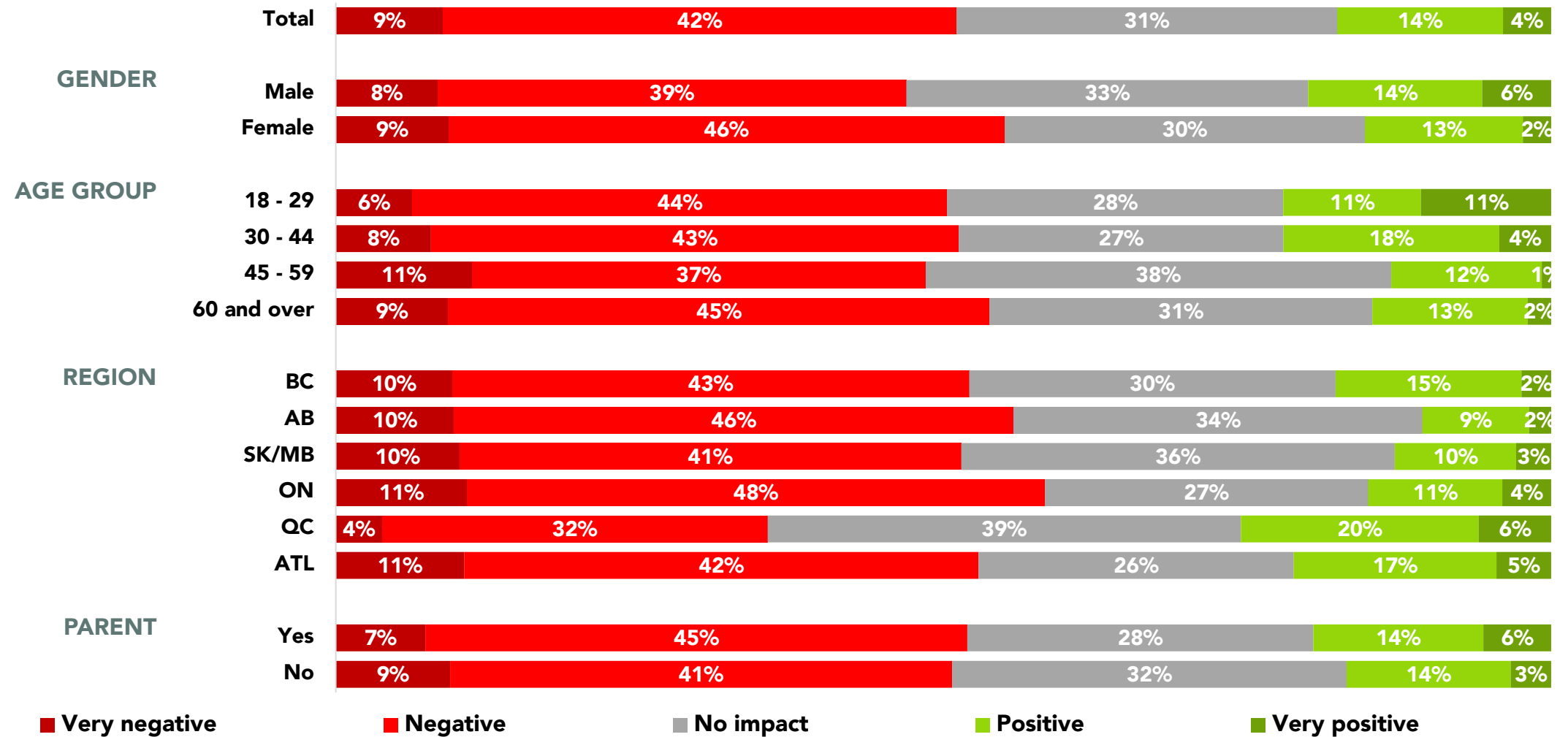
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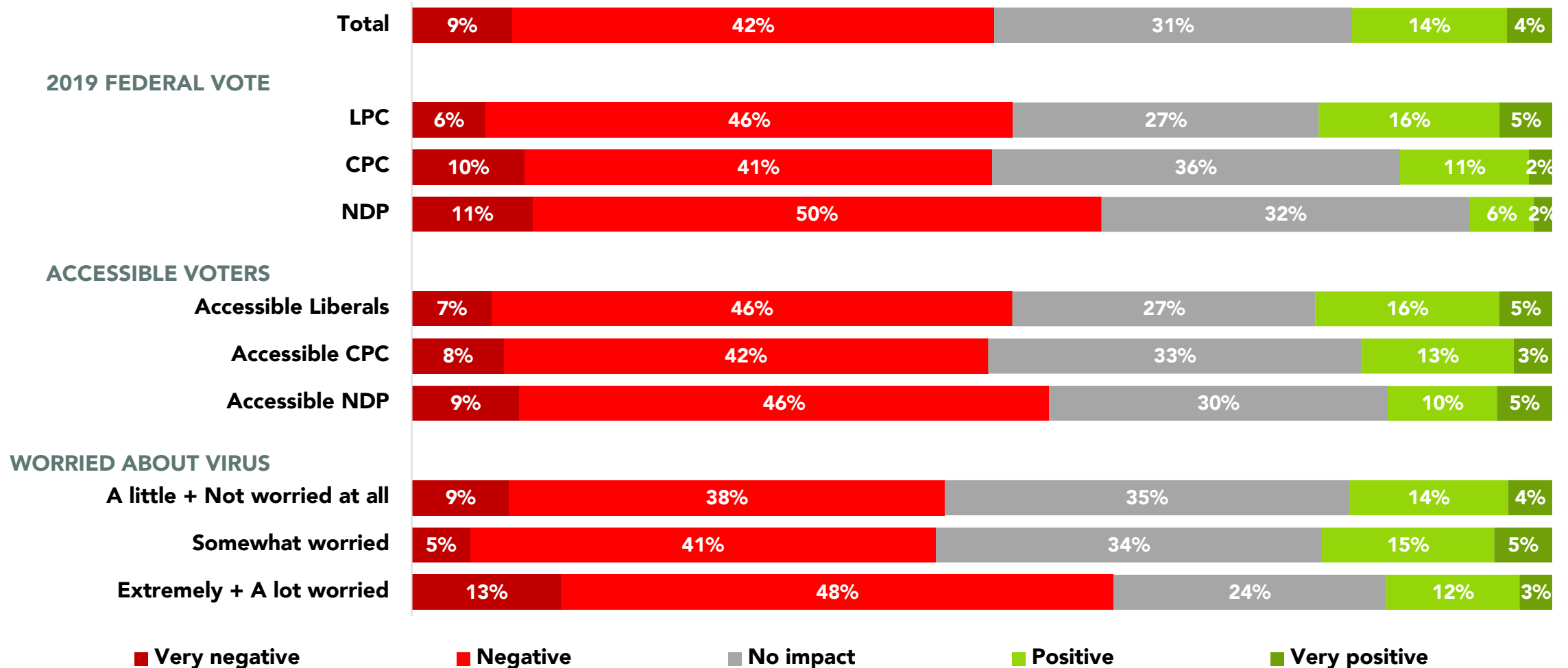
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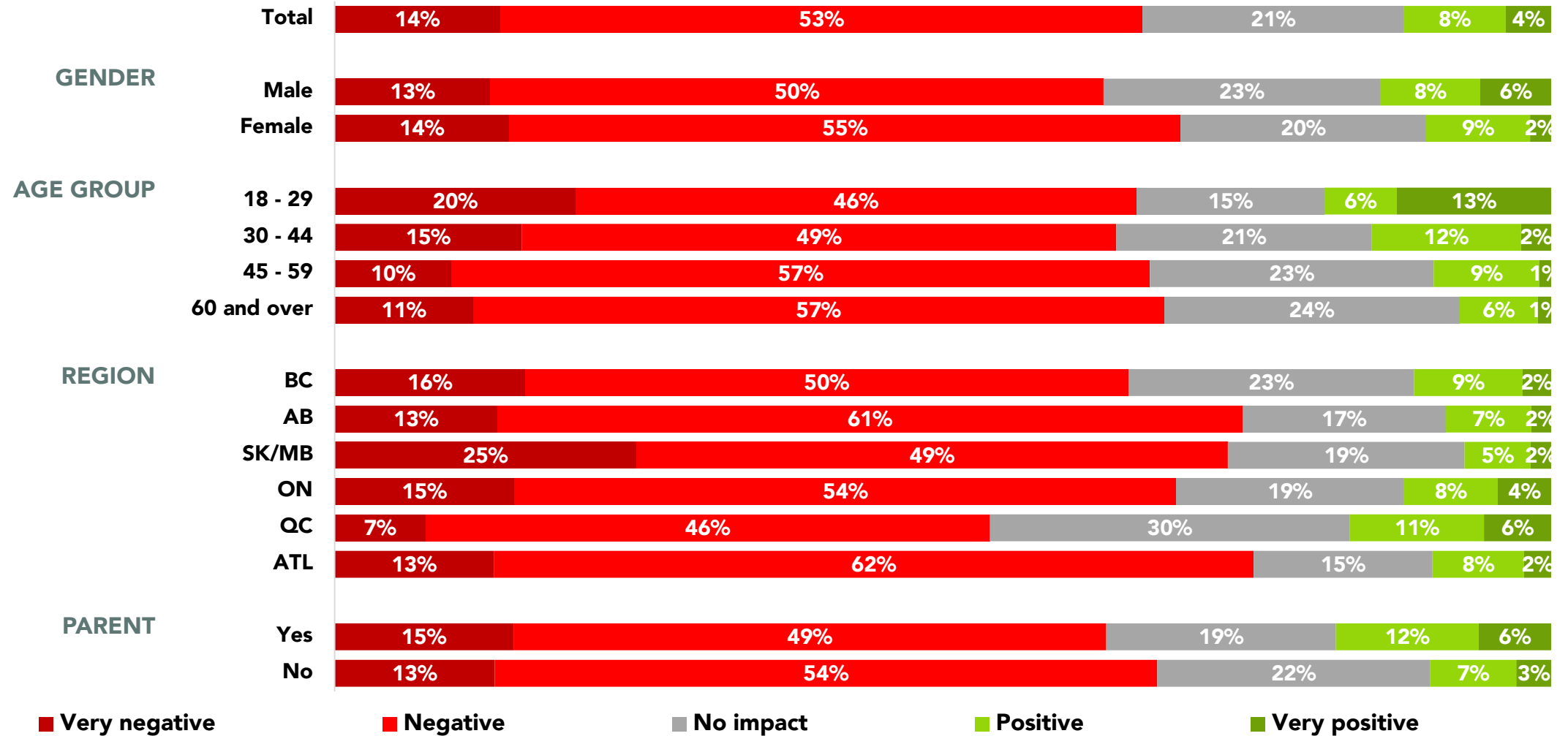
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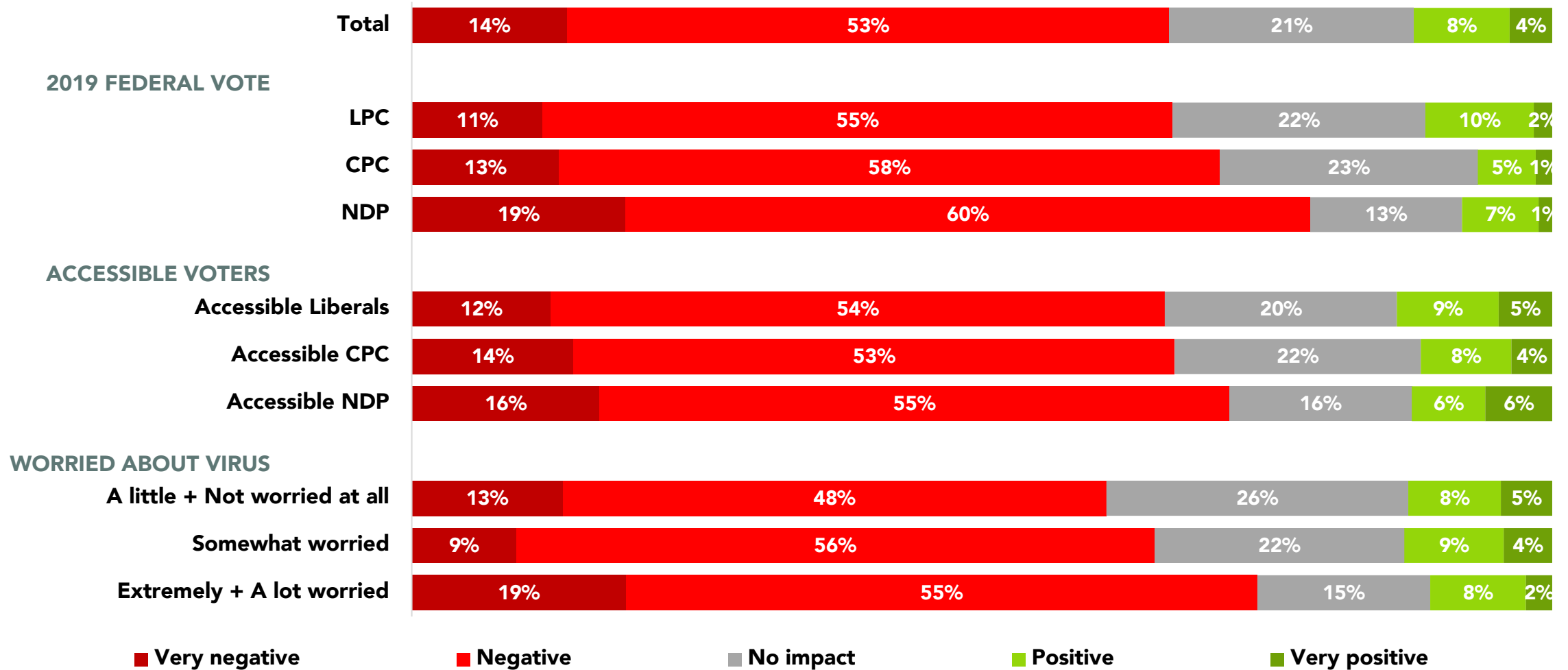
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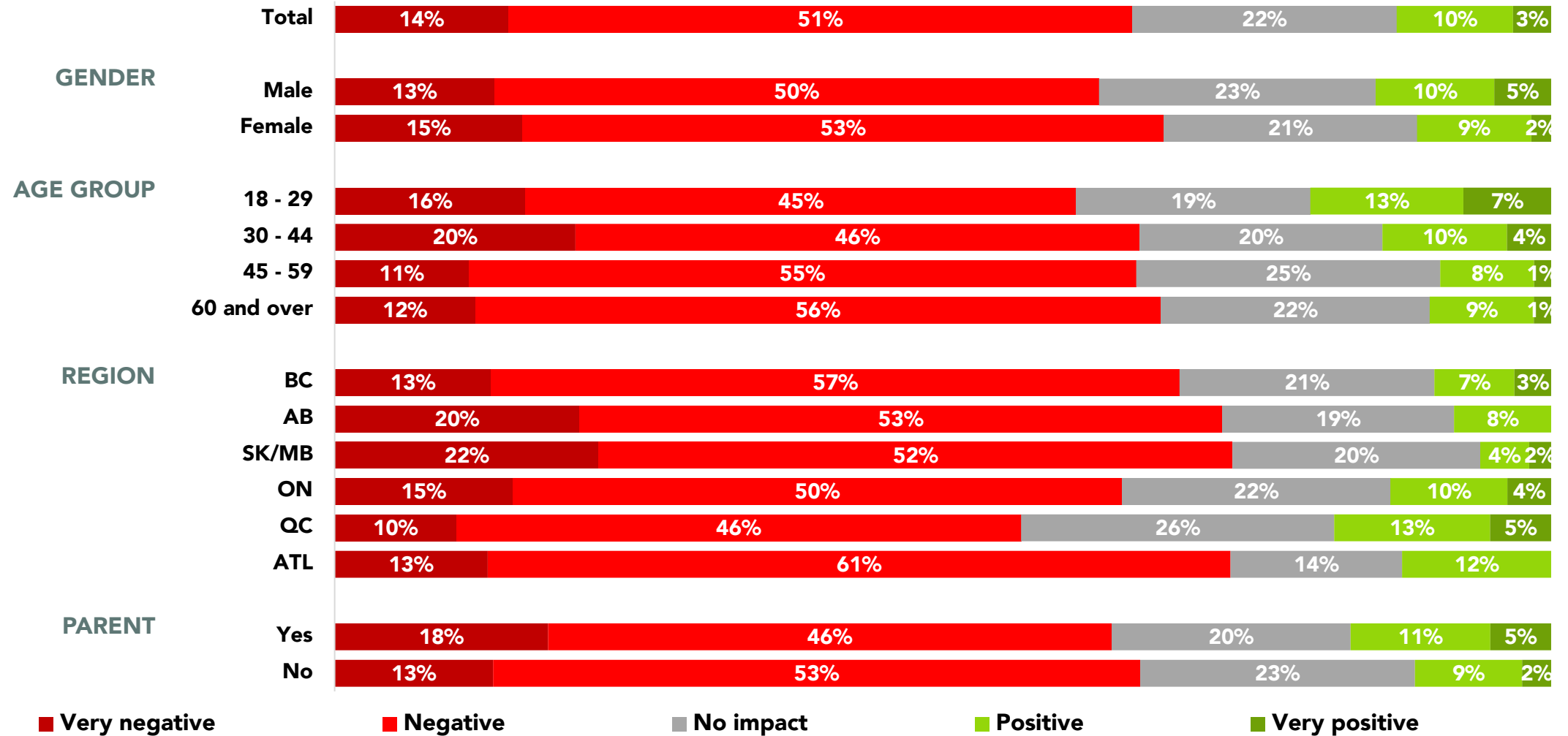
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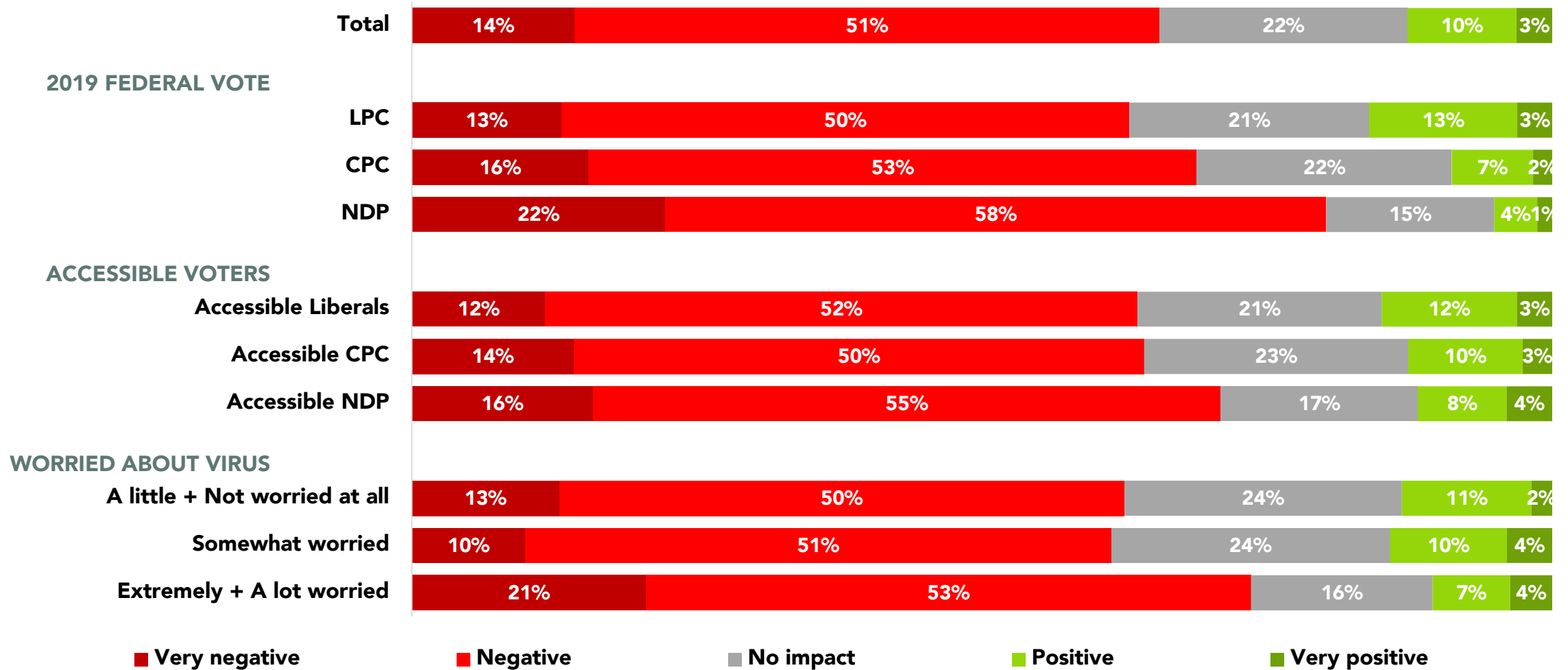
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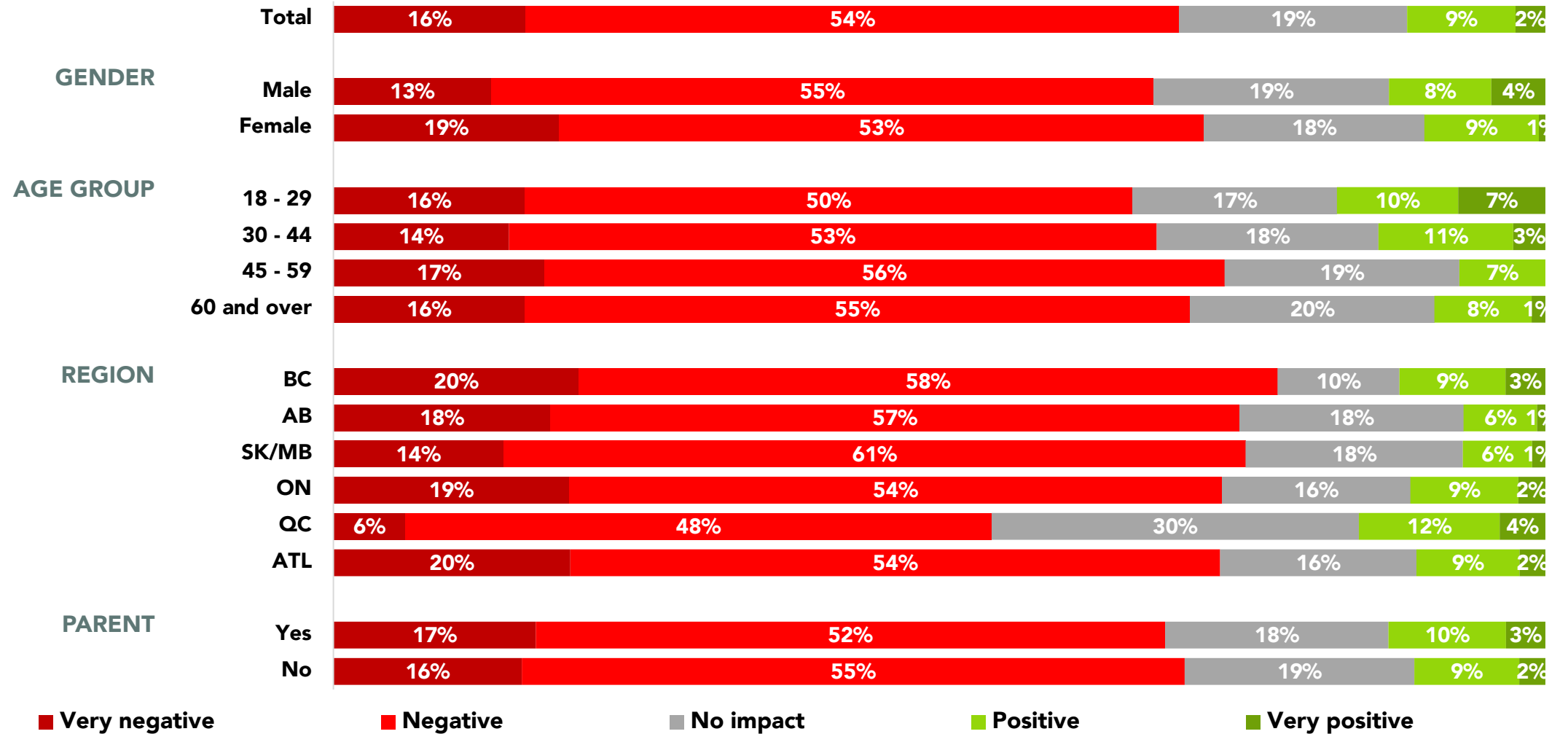
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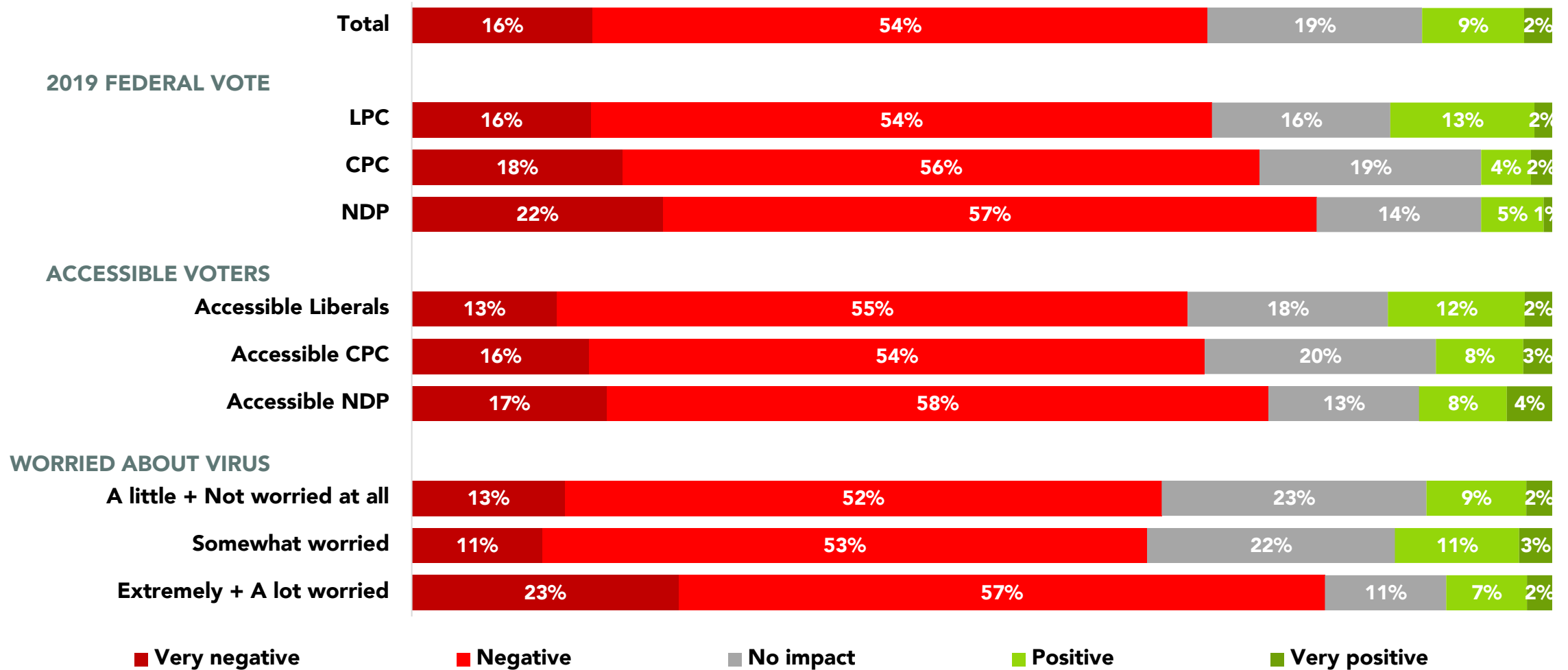
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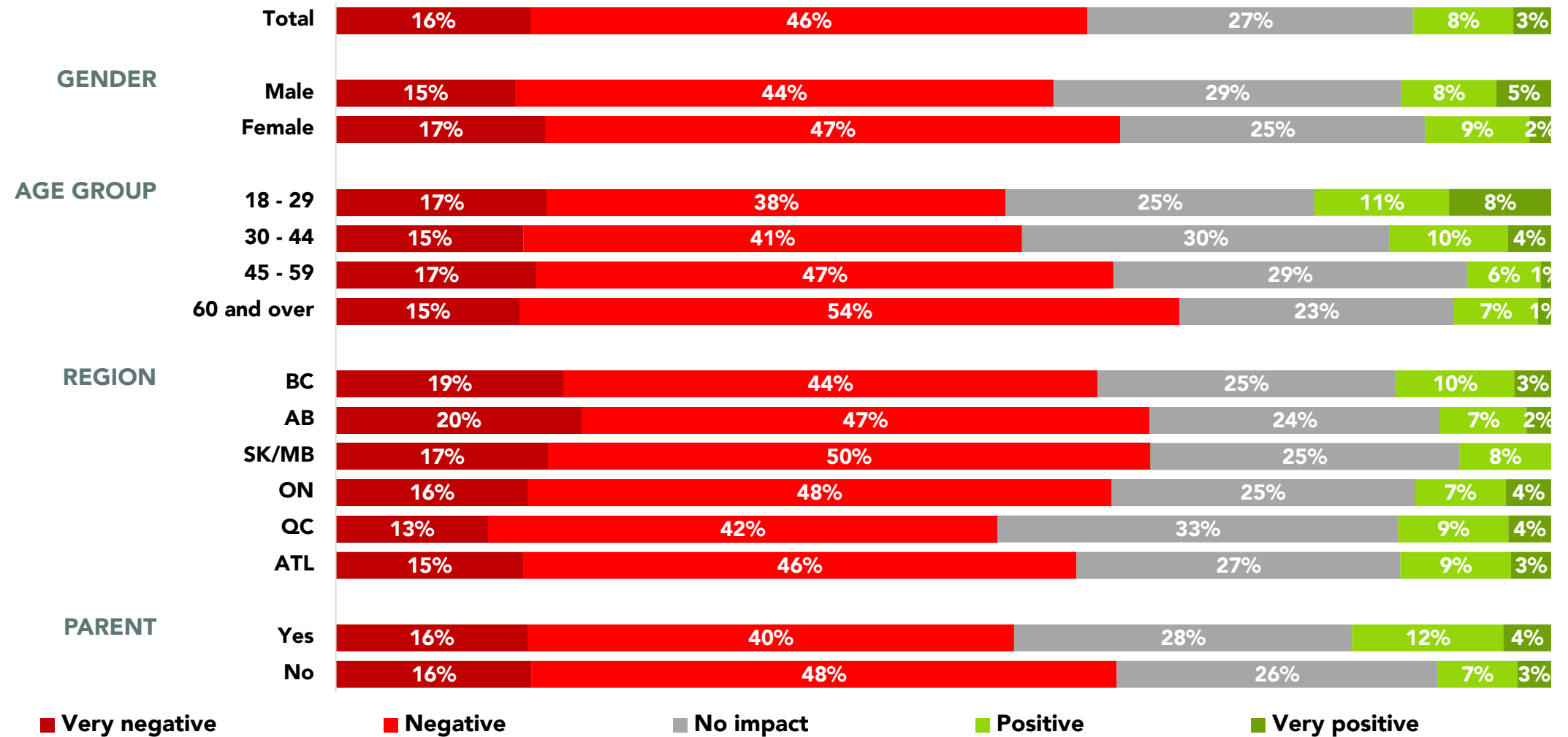
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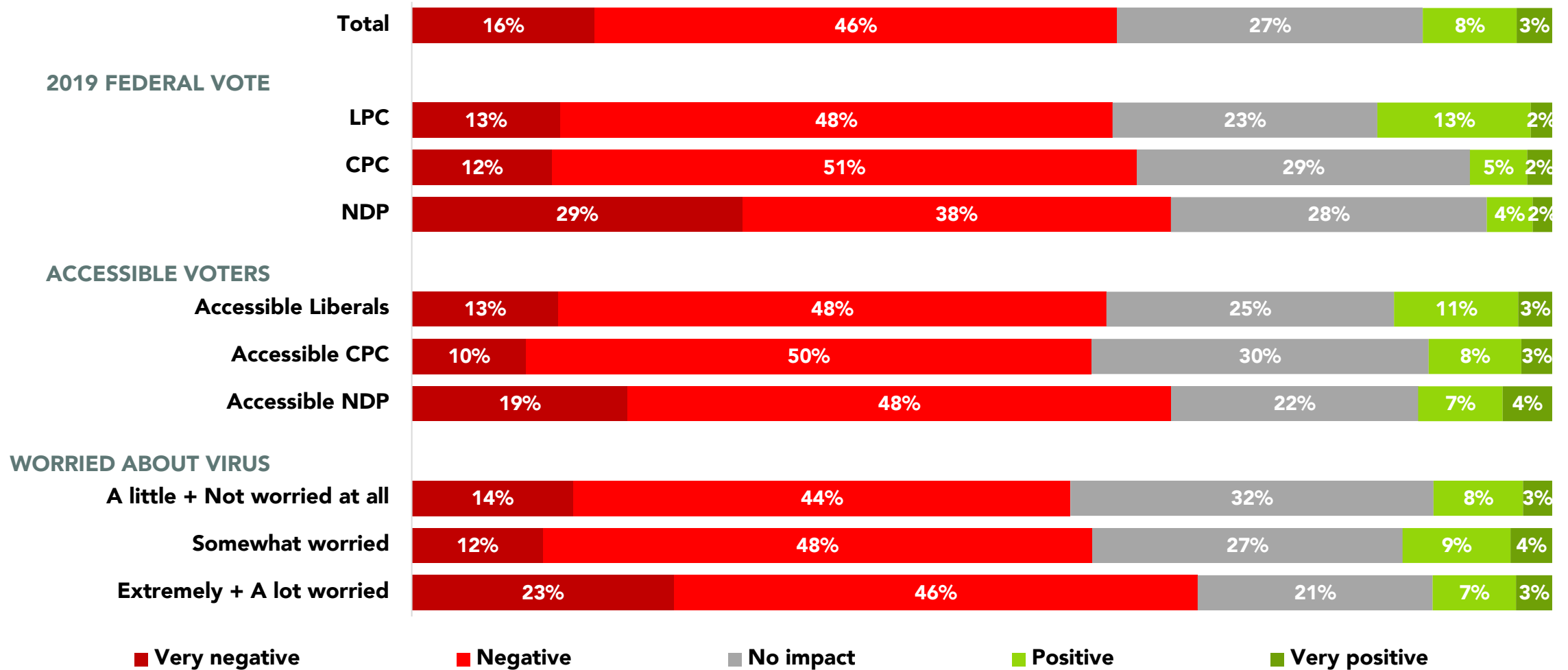
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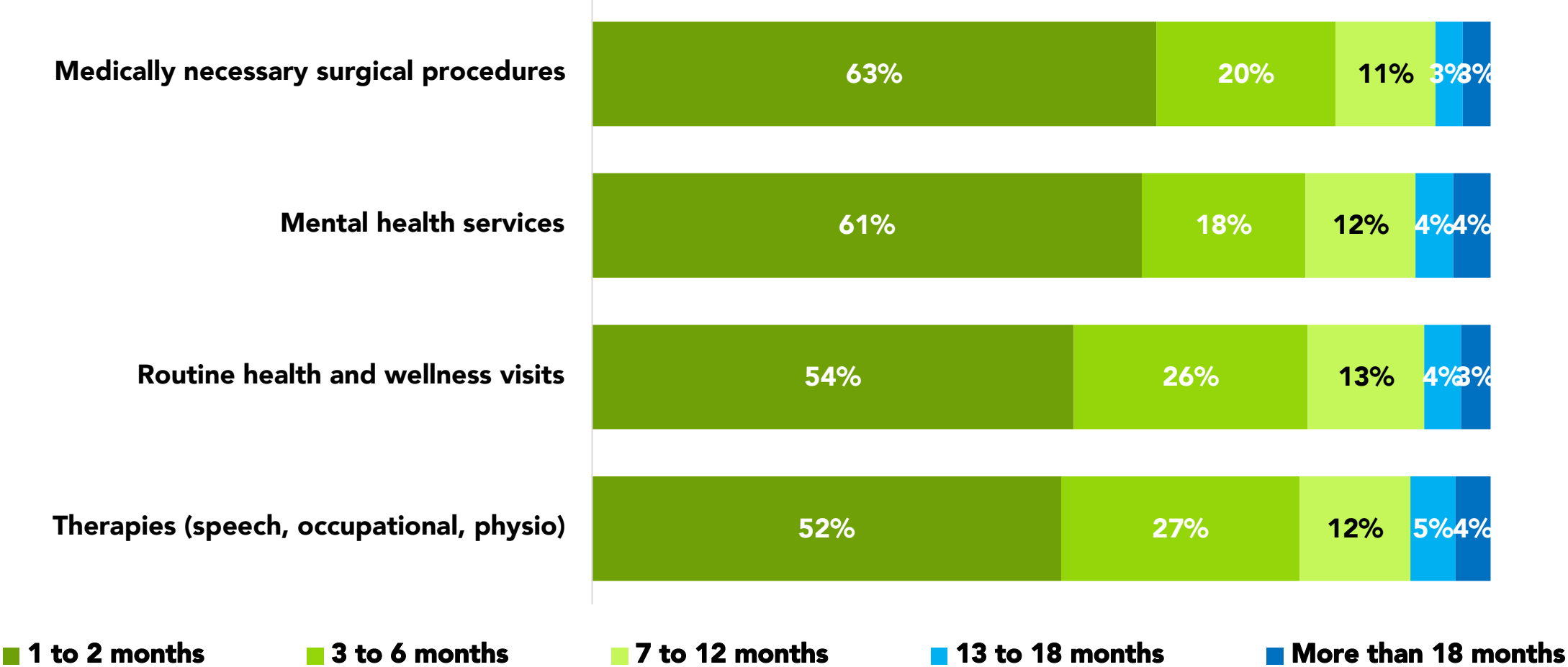
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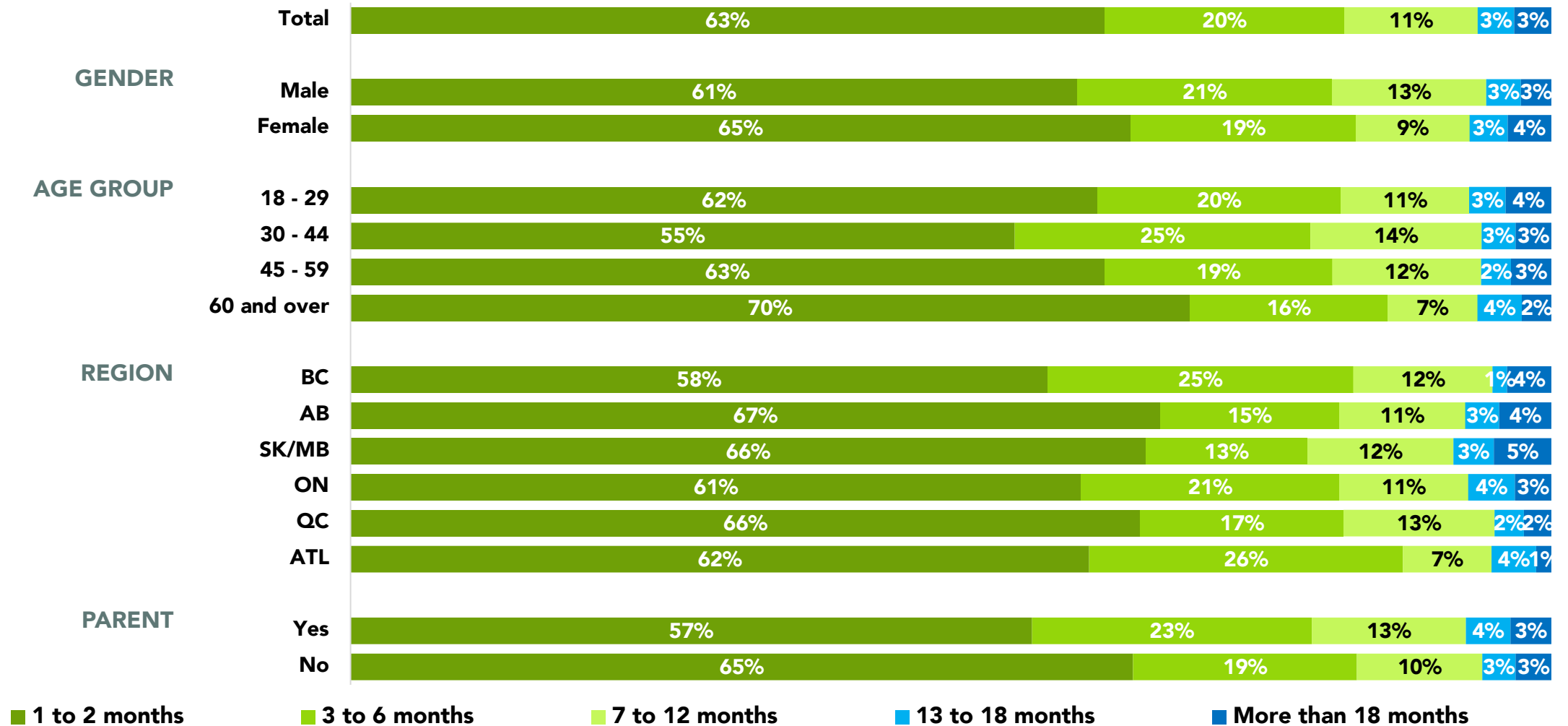
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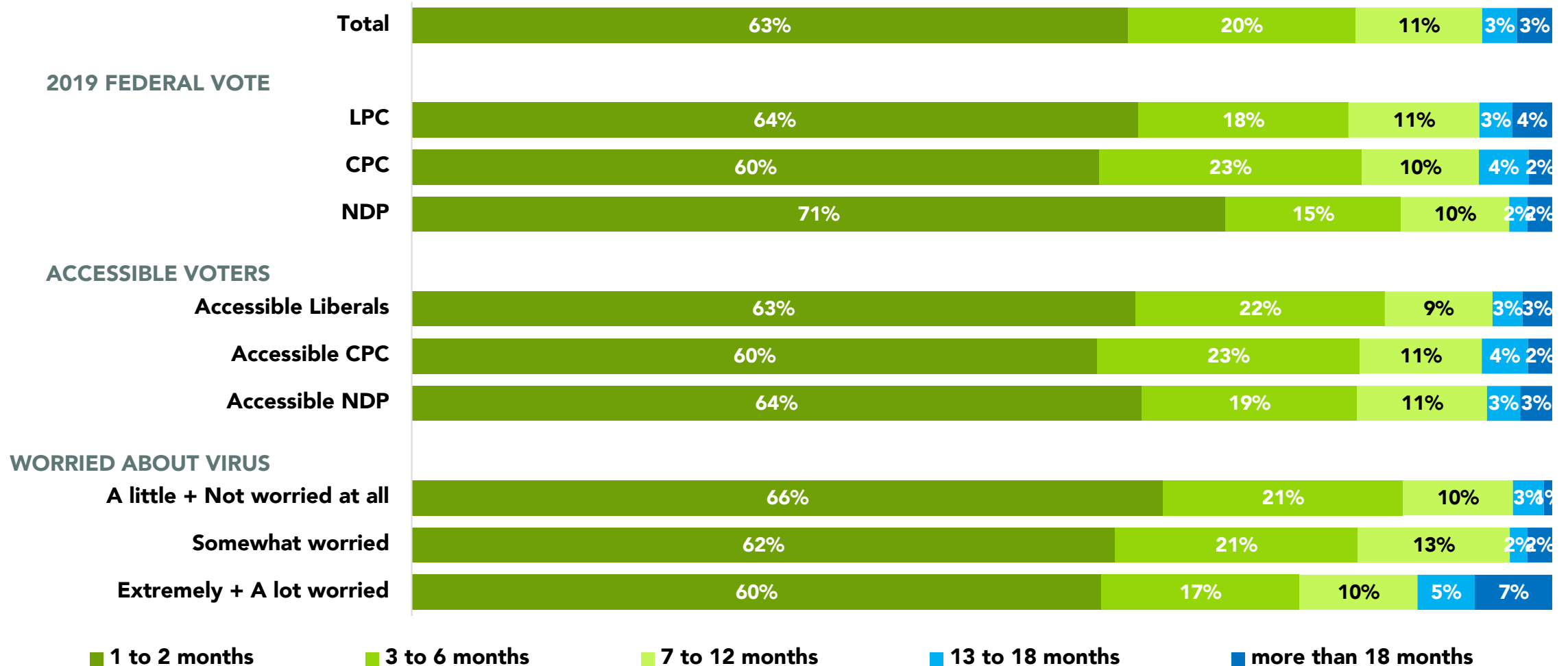
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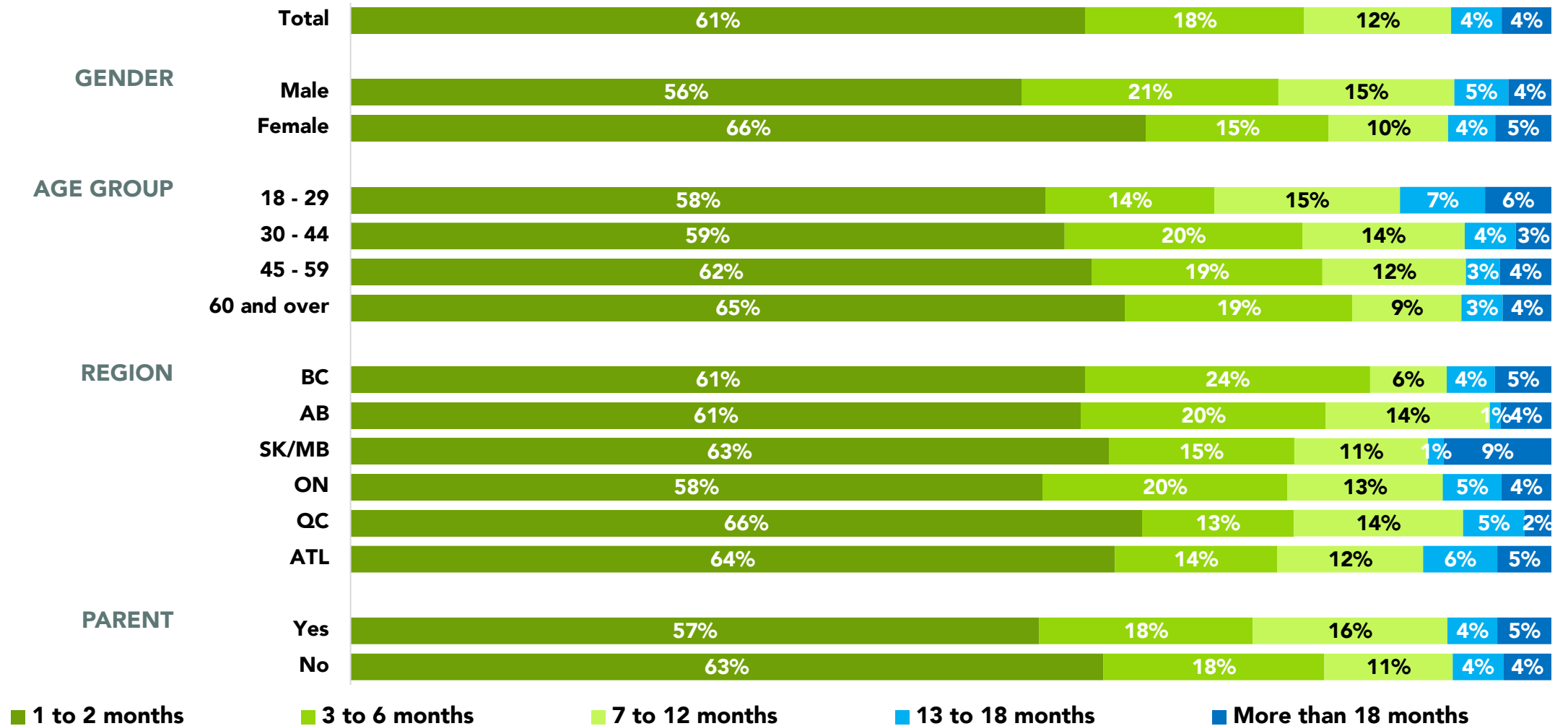


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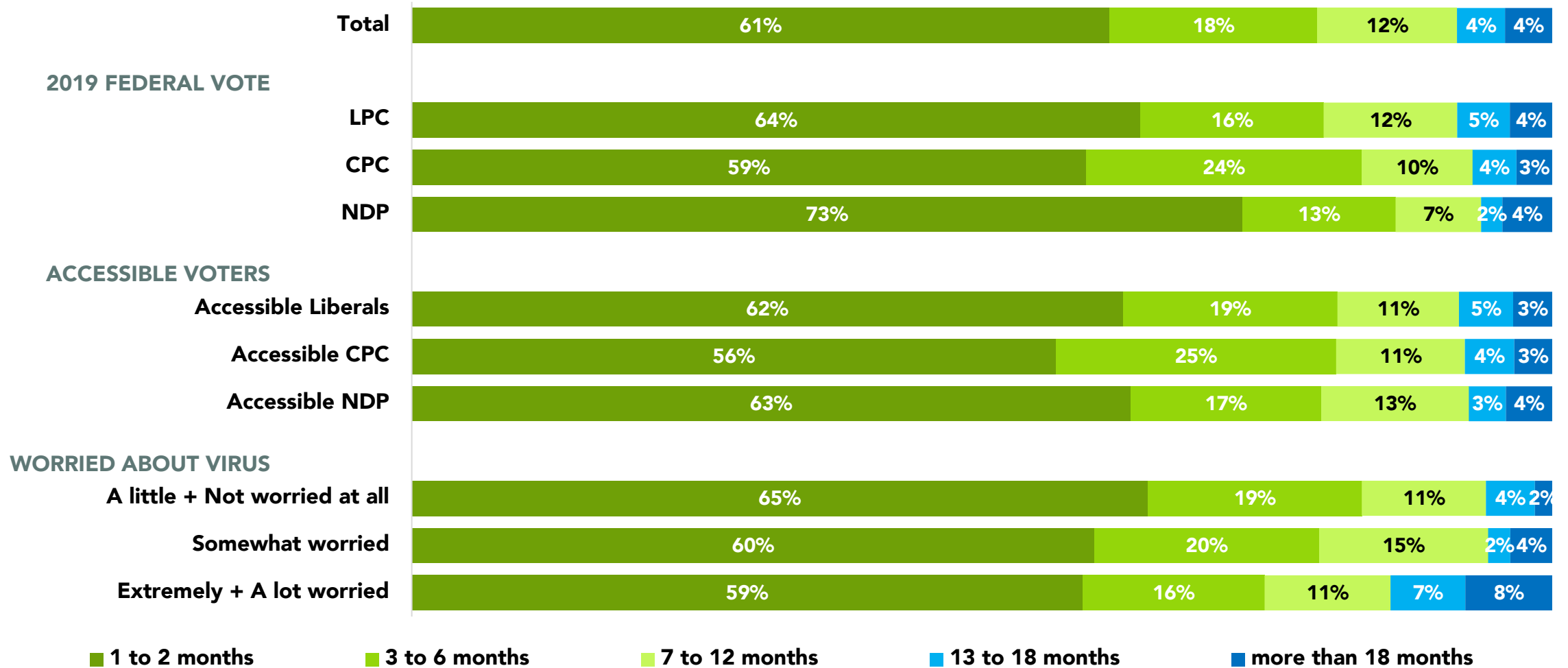


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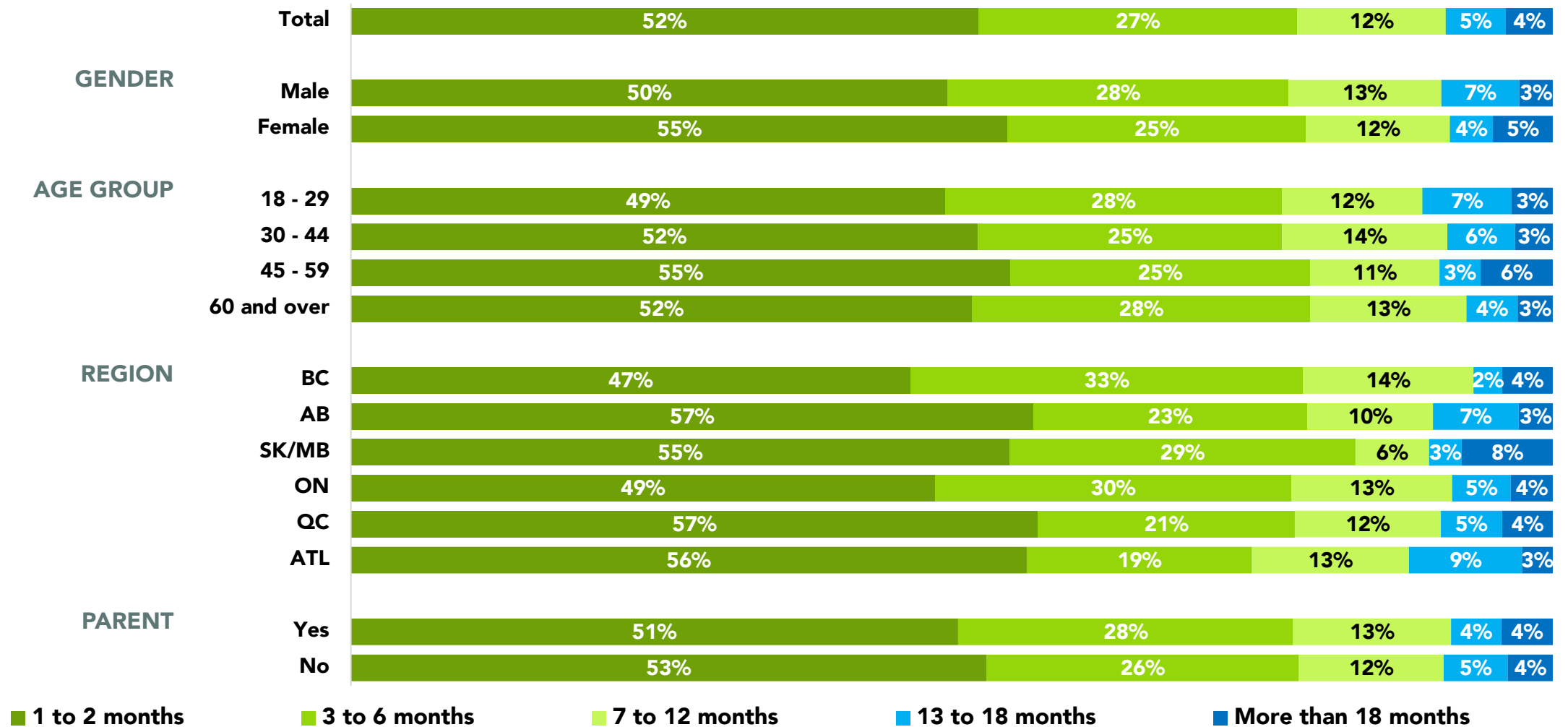
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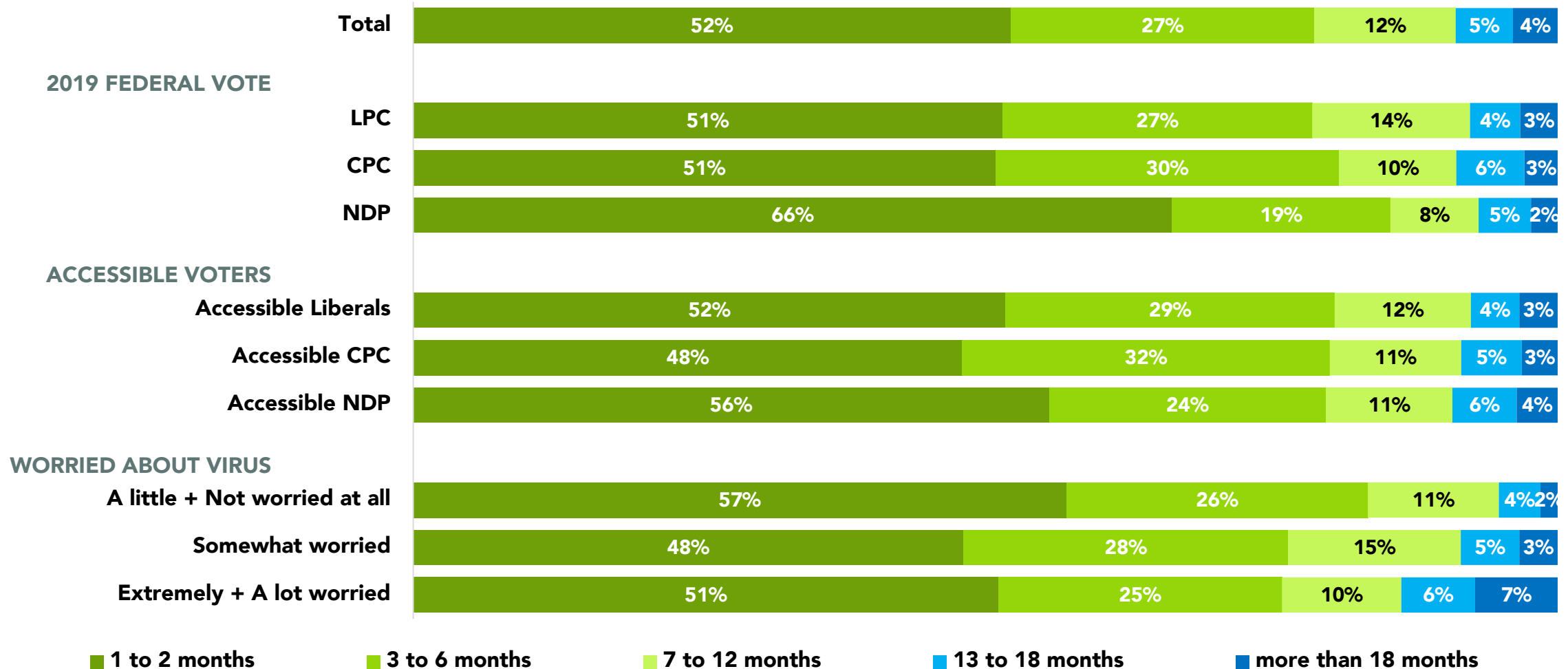
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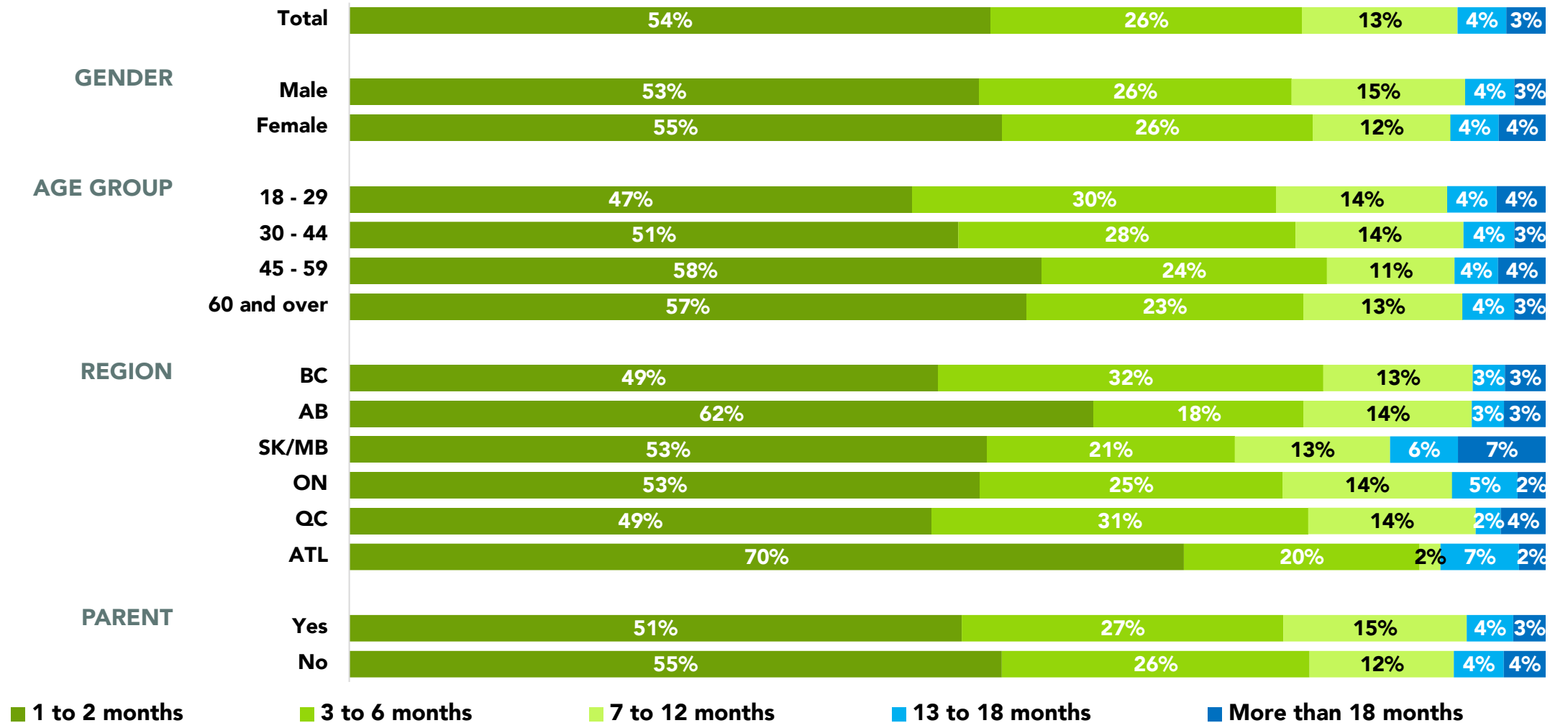
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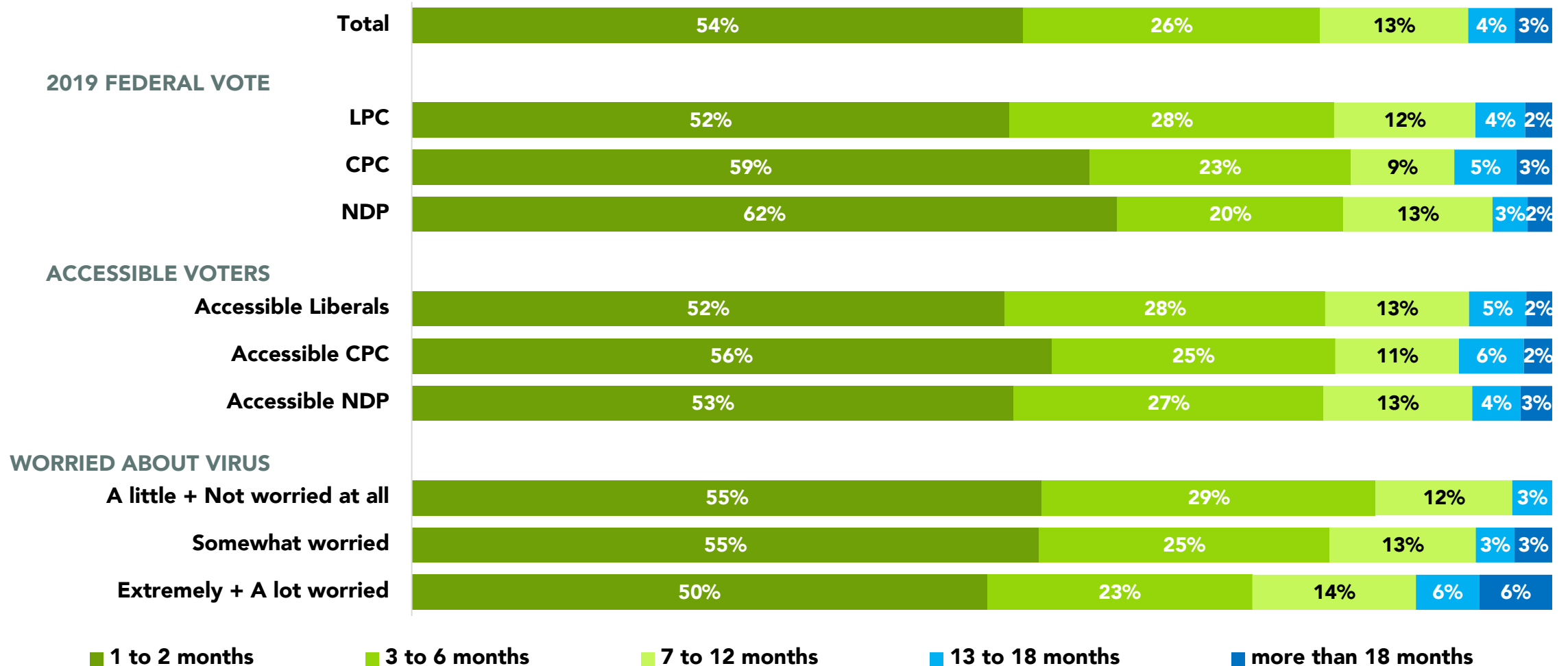
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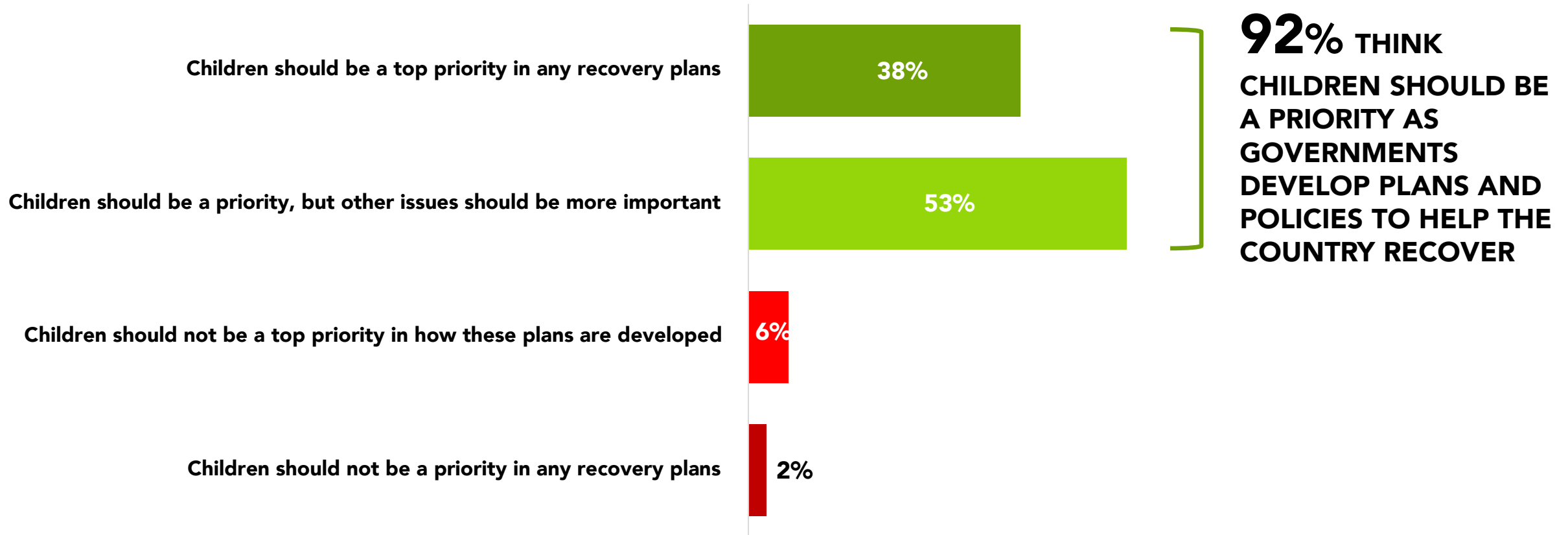
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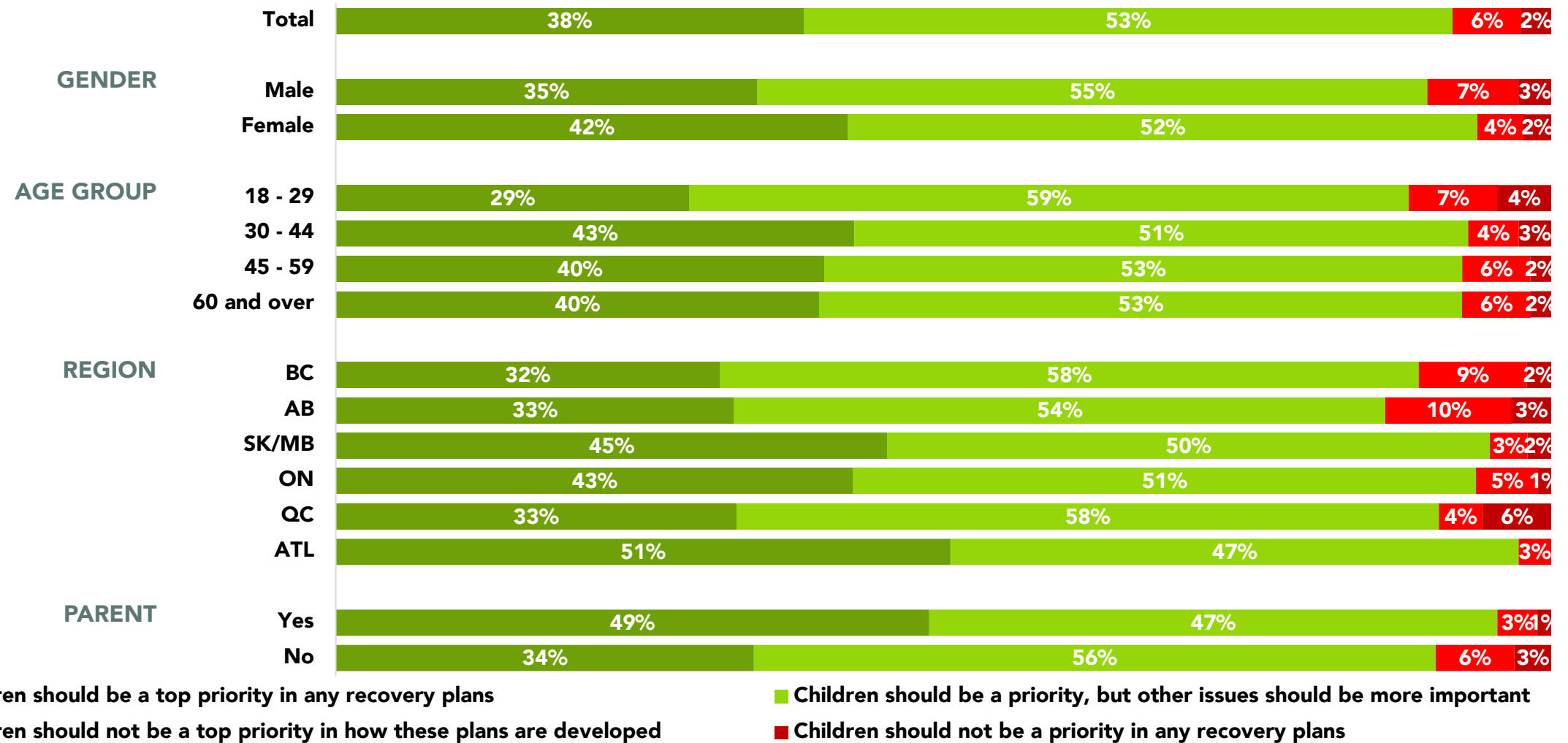
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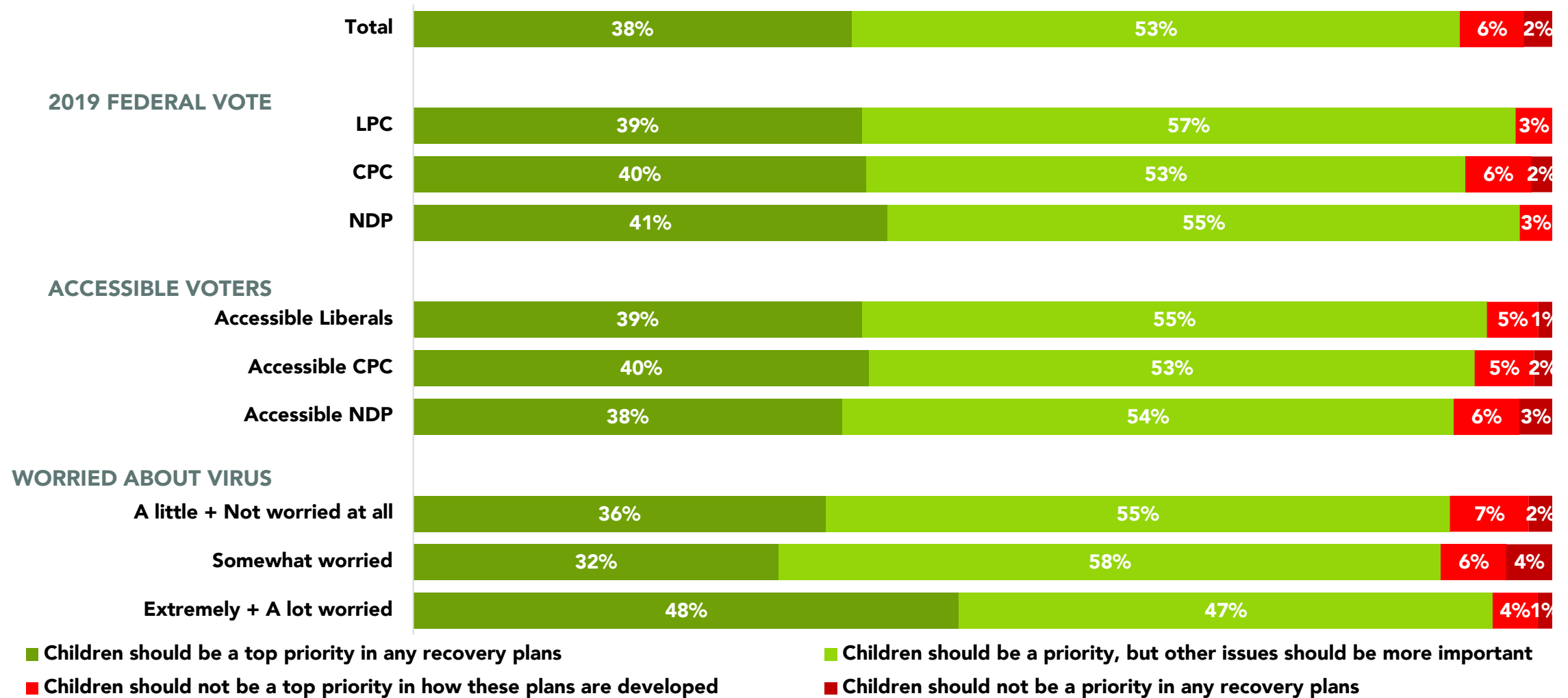
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