



# COVID-19, NHI and healthcare in South Africa

Findings from Afrobarometer 2021 survey in South Africa



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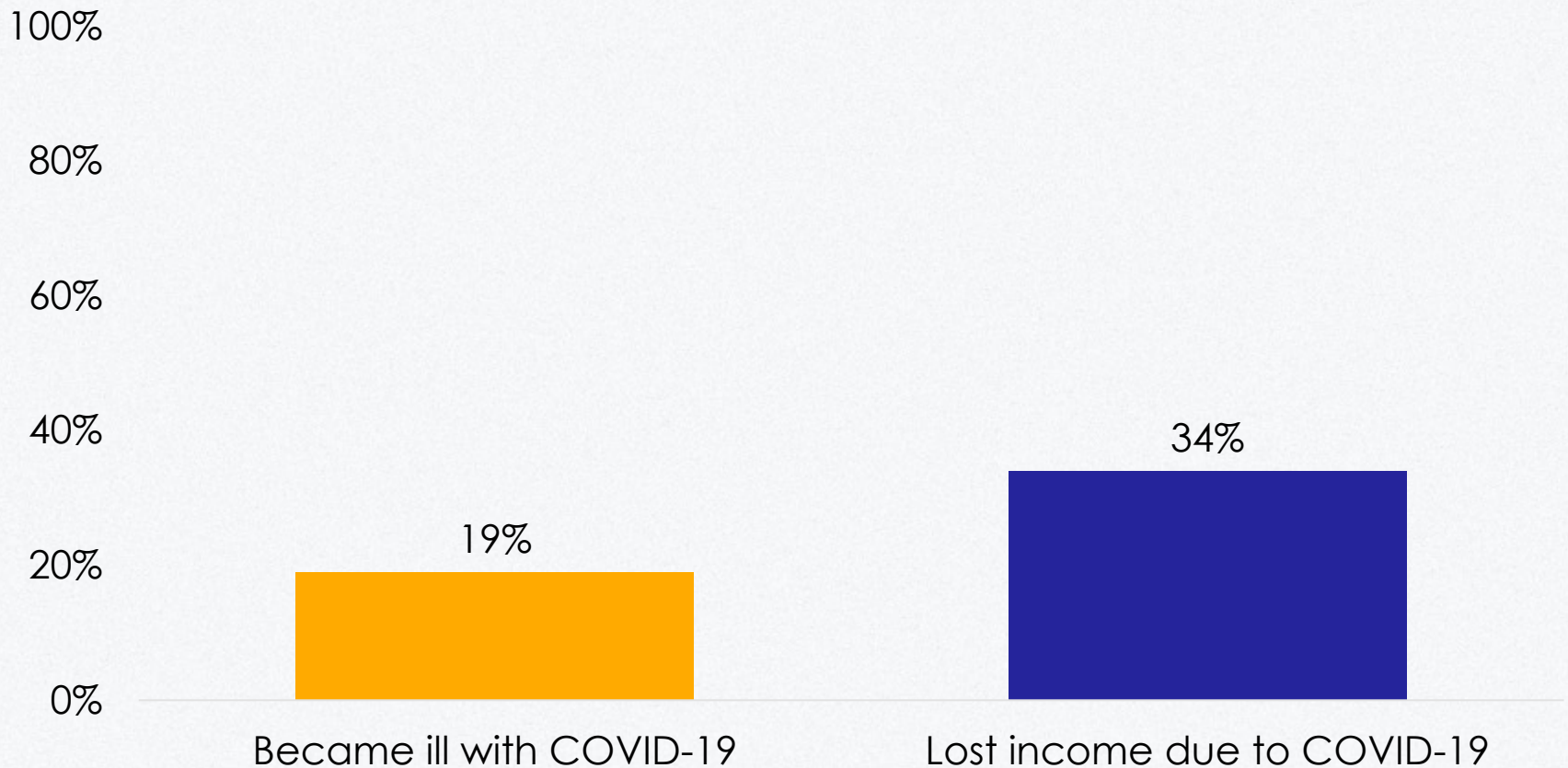
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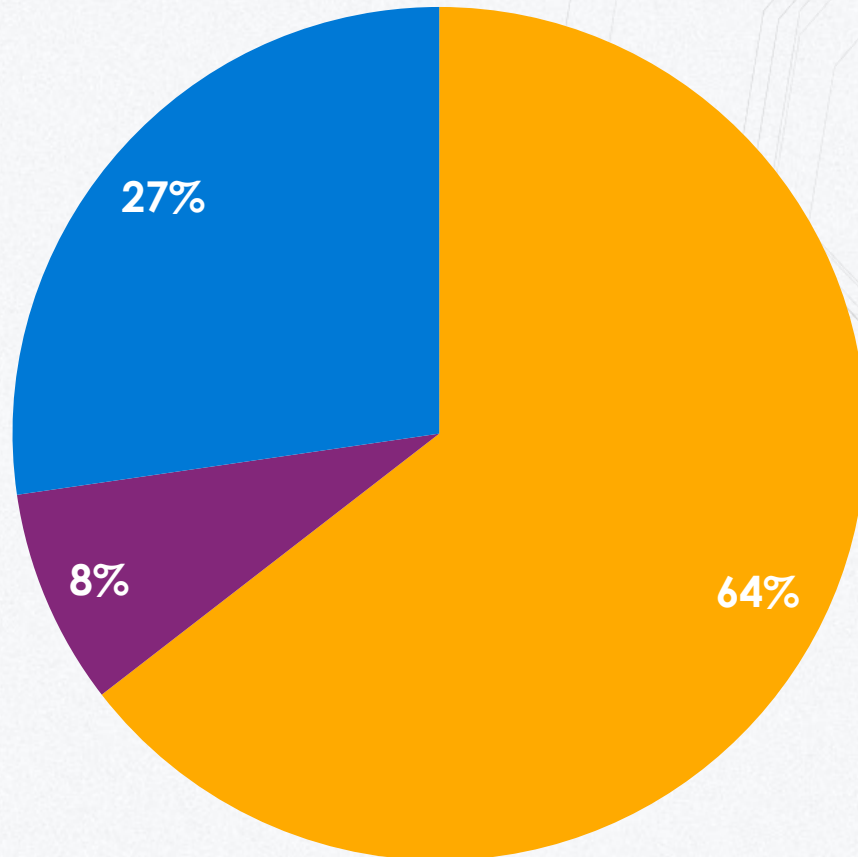
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# Impacts of COVID-19 | South Africa | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** Please tell me if you personally or any other member of your household have been affected in any of the following ways by the COVID-19 pandemic: Became ill with COVID-19? Temporarily or permanently lost a job, business, or primary source of income?

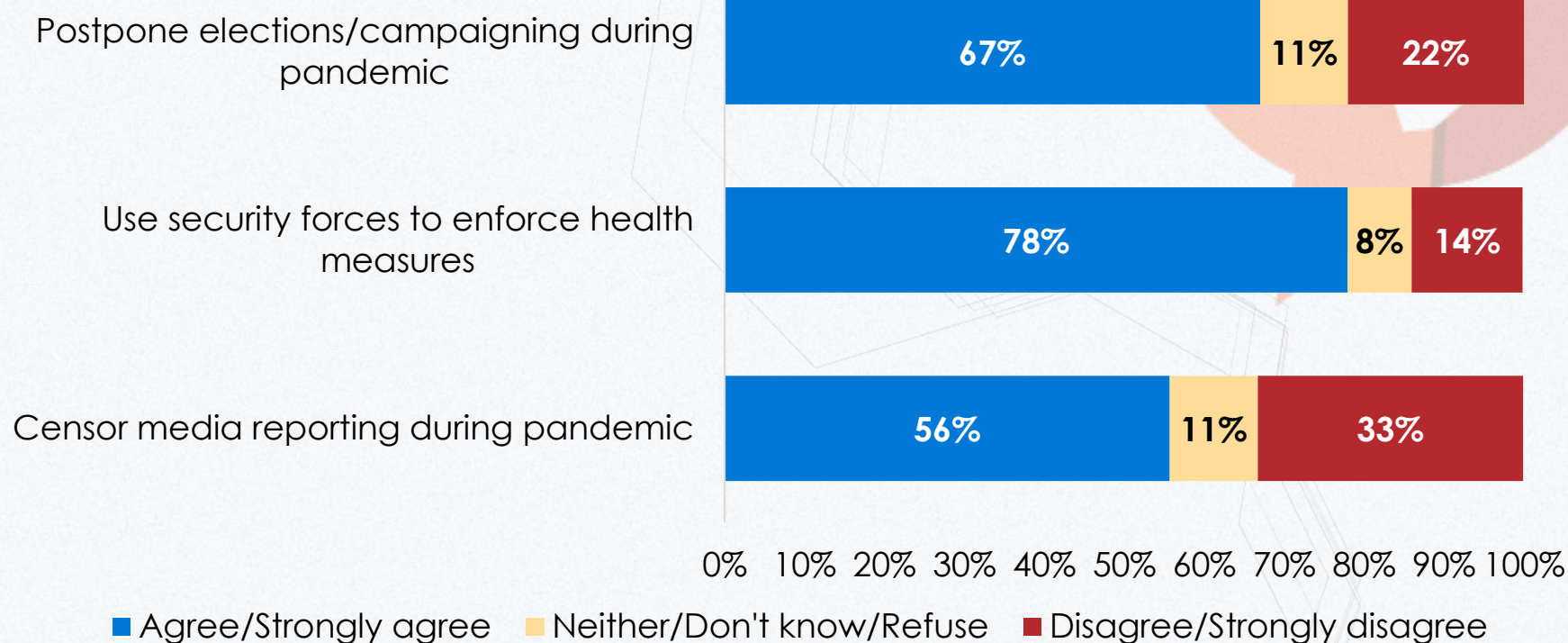
# Difficulty of complying with lockdown | South Africa | 2021



- Difficult/Very difficult
- Neither easy nor difficult
- Easy/Very easy

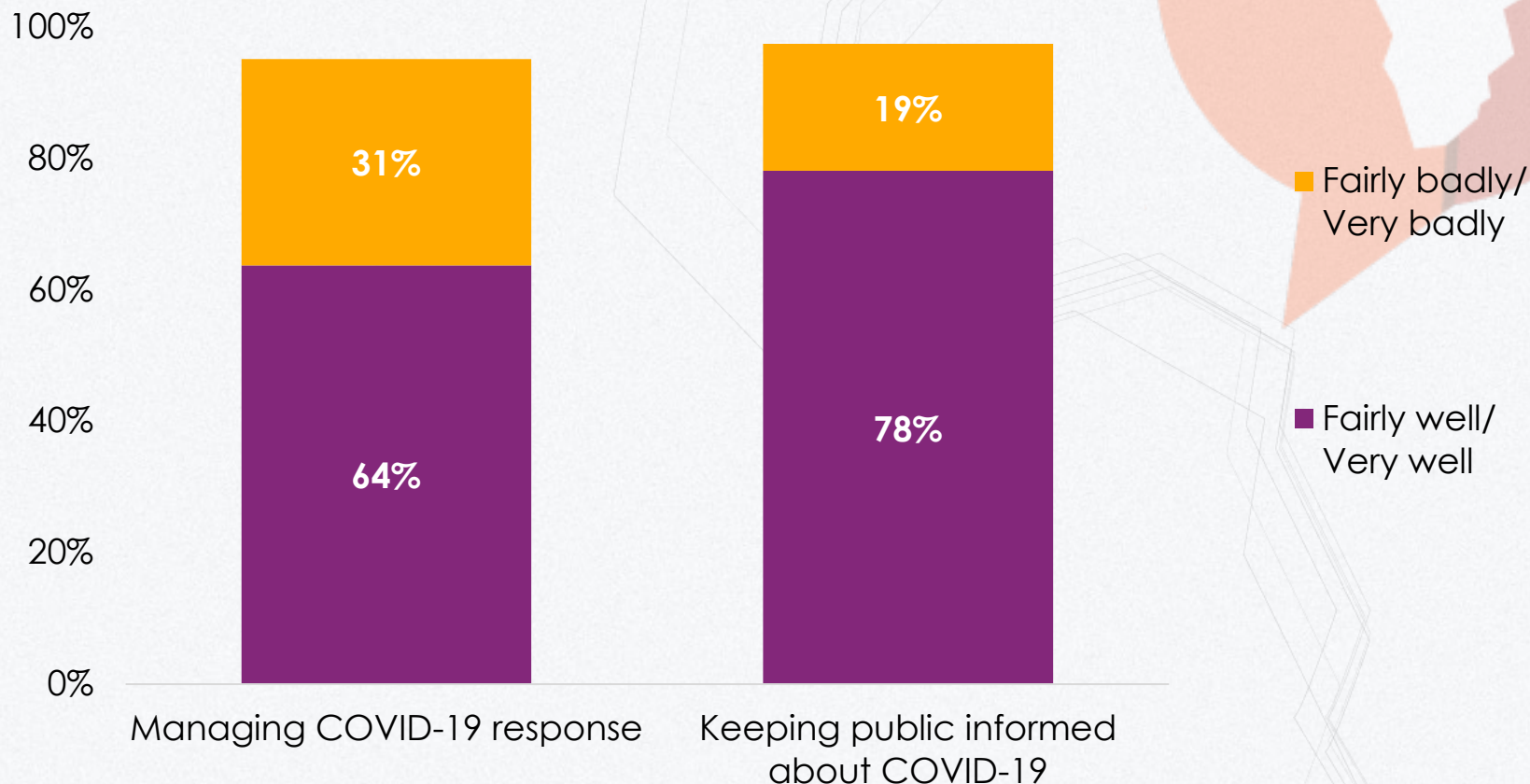
**Respondents were asked:** How easy or difficult was it for you and your household to comply with the lockdown or curfew restrictions imposed by the government?

# Limiting democratic rights during pandemic | South Africa | 2021



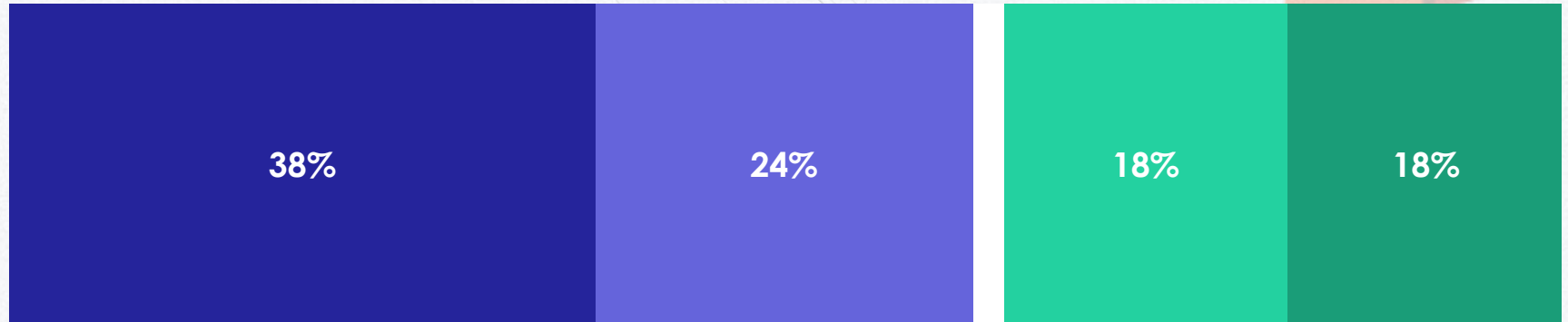
**Respondents were asked:** When the country is facing a public health emergency like the COVID-19 pandemic, do you agree or disagree that it is justified for the government to temporarily limit democracy or democratic freedoms by taking the following measures: Censoring media reporting? Using the police and security forces to enforce public health mandates like lockdown orders, mask requirements, or restrictions on public gatherings? Postponing elections or limiting political campaigning?

# Assessment of government response to COVID-19 | South Africa | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** How well or badly would you say the current government has handled the following matters since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, or haven't you heard enough to say?

# Trust official COVID-19 statistics | South Africa | 2021

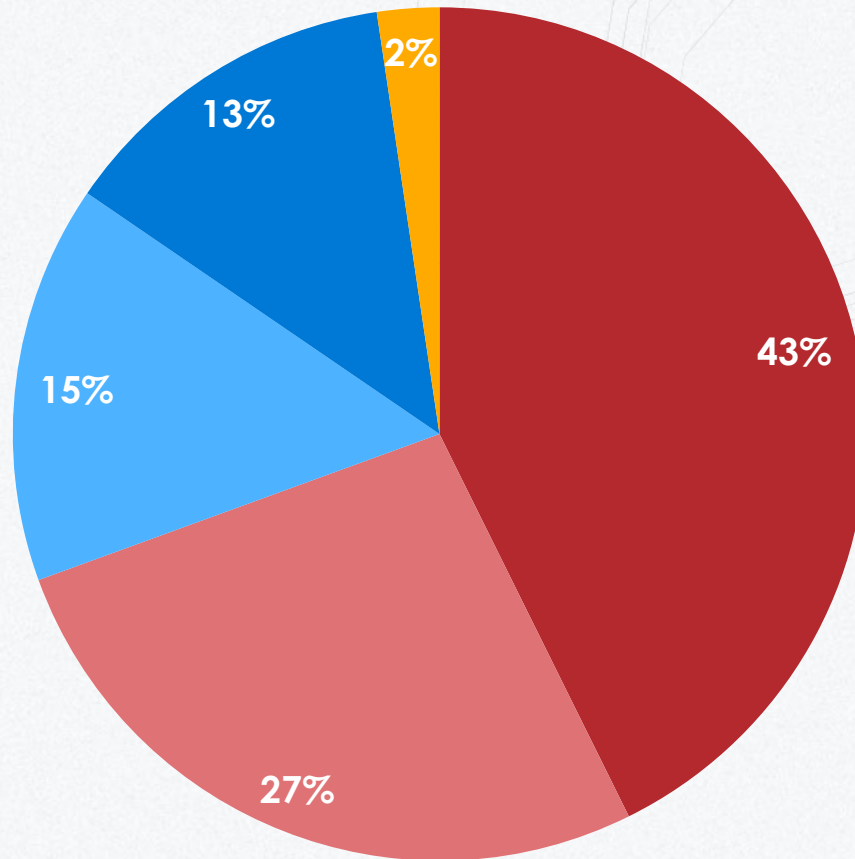
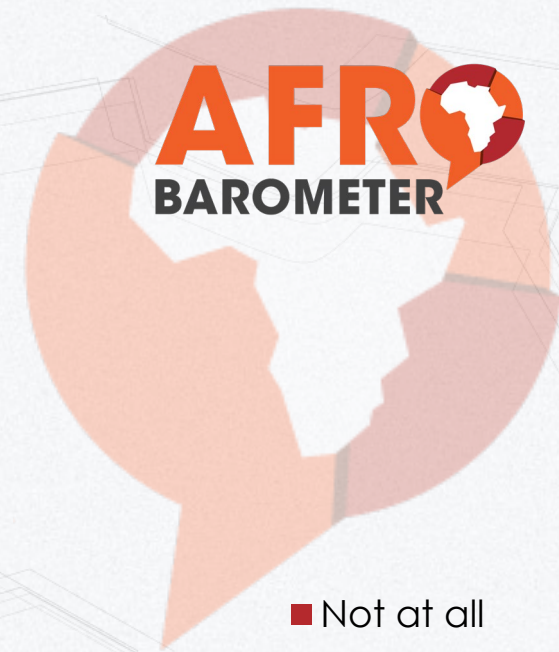


0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

■ Not at all ■ A little bit ■ Somewhat ■ A lot

**Respondents were asked:** Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: Even if the lockdown or curfew has negative impacts on the economy and people's livelihoods, it was necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19?

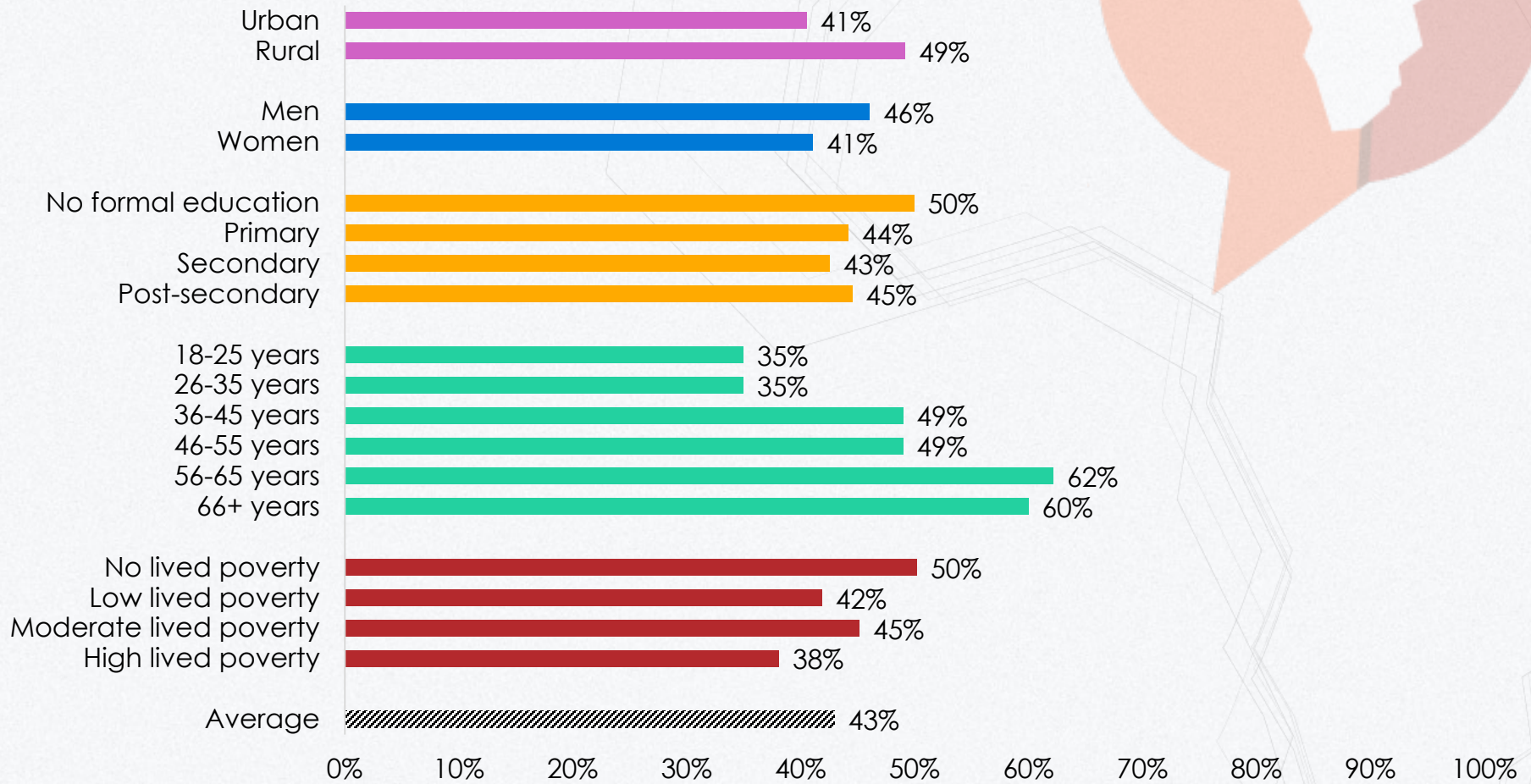
# Trust government to ensure safety of COVID-19 vaccine | South Africa | 2021



- Not at all
- Just a little
- Somewhat
- A lot
- Don't know

**Respondents were asked:** How much do you trust the government to ensure that any vaccine for COVID-19 that is developed or offered to South African citizens is safe before it is used in this country?

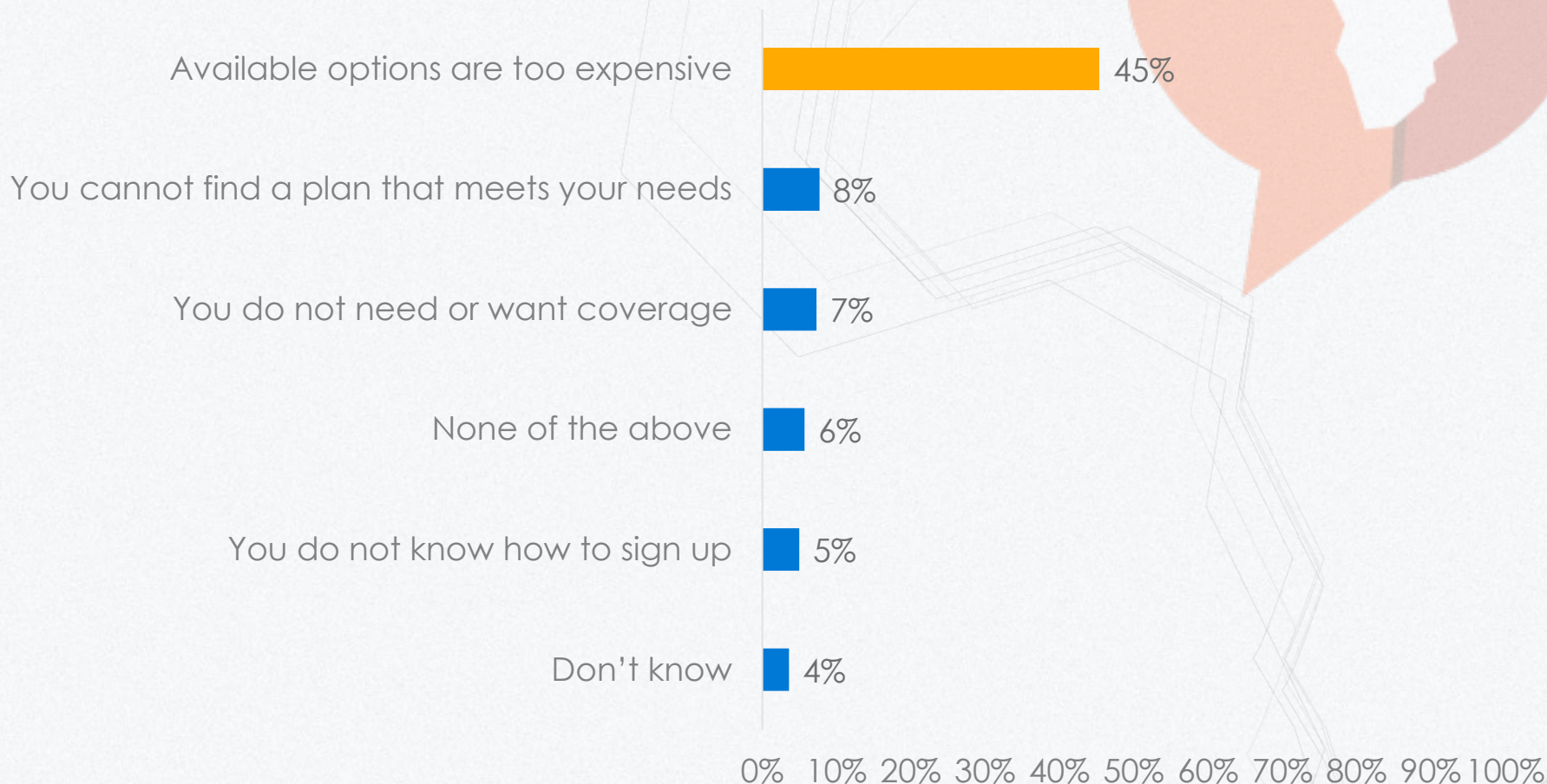
# Likely to try to get vaccinated | by socio-demographic group | South Africa | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** If a vaccine for COVID-19 becomes available and the government says it is safe, how likely are you to try to get vaccinated? (% who say "somewhat likely" or "very likely")

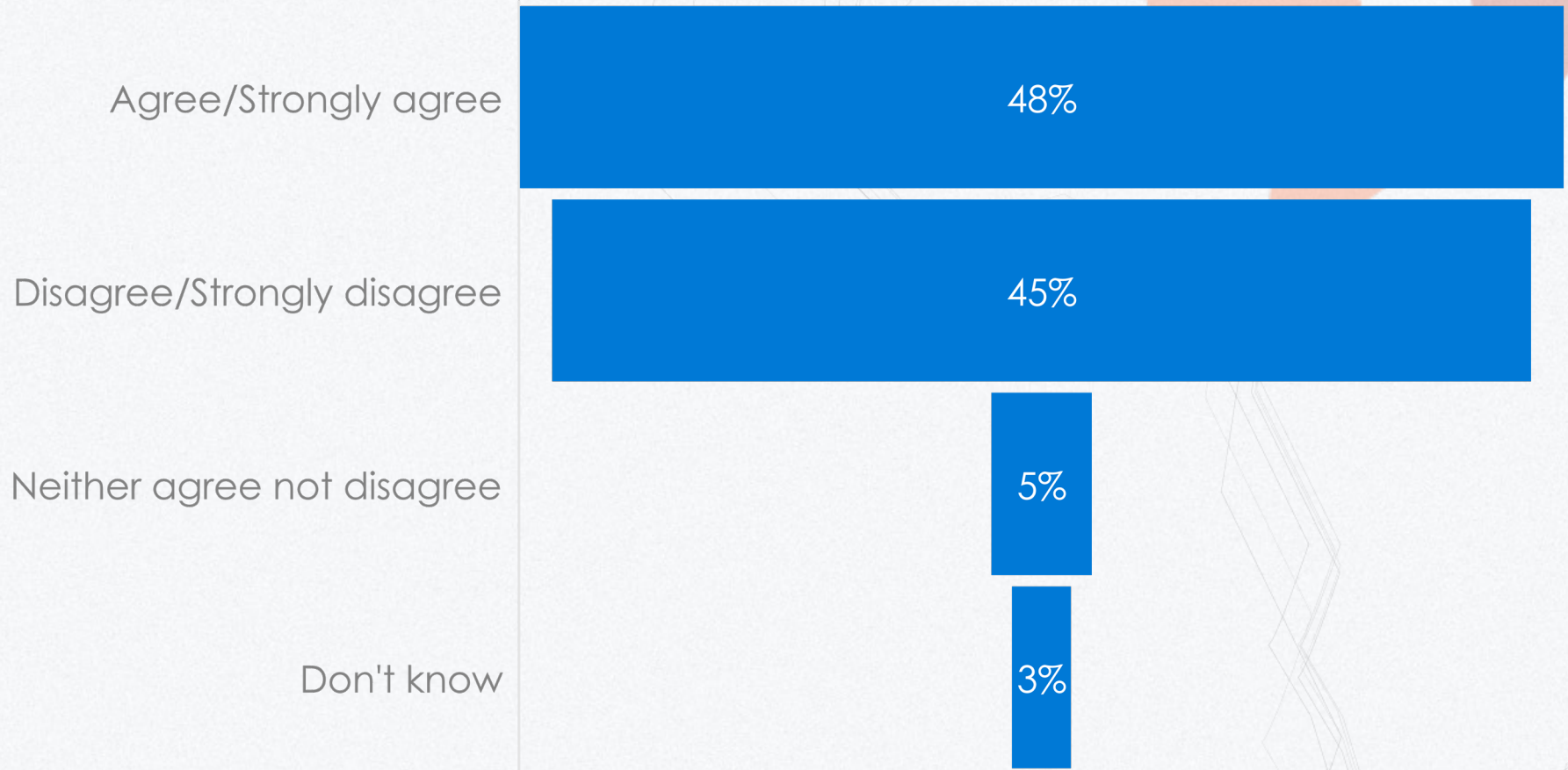


# Reasons for not being insured | South Africa | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** If no, there are many reasons that people do not have health insurance coverage. Would you say that you are currently uninsured because...

# Healthcare affordability | South Africa | 2021

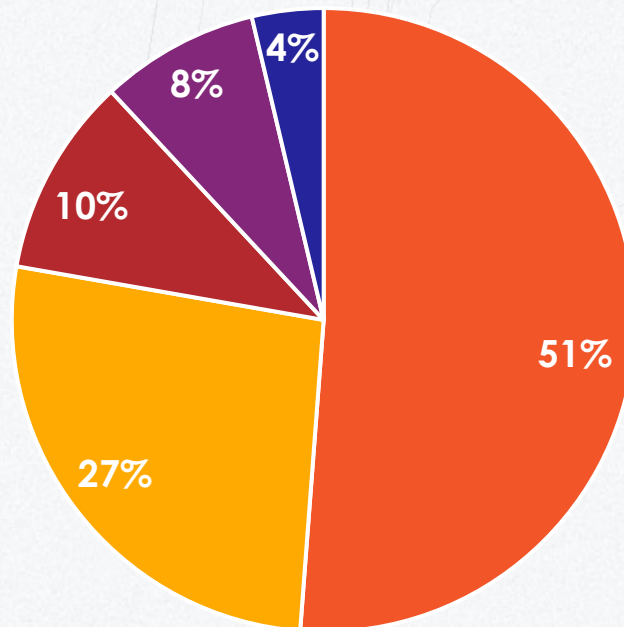


**Respondents were asked:** For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree. The quality of healthcare should be based on what one can afford, even if this means people having different quality of services.

# Investment in health emergencies

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■ Agree/Strongly agree

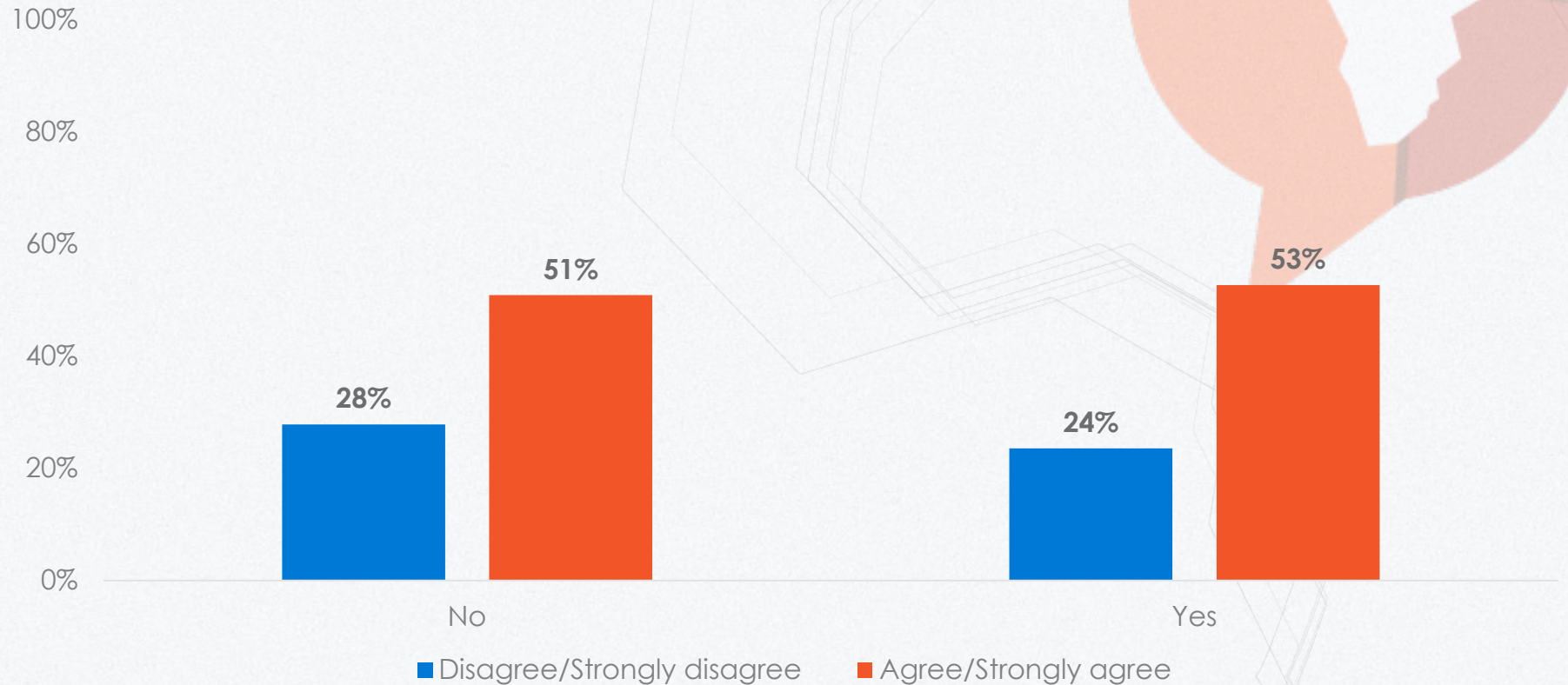
■ Neither agree nor disagree

■ Disagree/Strongly disagree

■ Not applicable

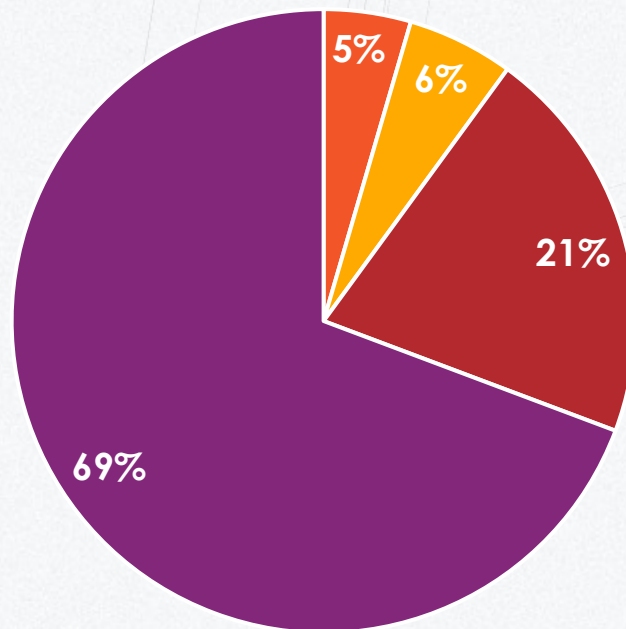
**Respondents were asked:** Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Our government needs to invest more of our health resources in special preparations to respond to health emergencies like COVID-19, even if it means fewer resources are available for other health services

# Healthcare insurance and investment | South Africa | 2021



**Respondents were asked:** Are you currently covered by any kind of health insurance or some other kind of health care plan (% who said “yes” and “no”)? Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Our government needs to invest more of our health resources in special preparations to respond to health emergencies like COVID-19, even if it means fewer resources are available for other health services (% “agree” or “agree strongly”).

# Government justified levy taxes for NHI | South Africa | 2021



- Don't know
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree/Strongly disagree
- Agree/Strongly agree

**Respondents were asked:** For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree. Government would be justified to levy additional taxes to fund the National Health Insurance, in order to provide better quality healthcare services for all.



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