

Public Opinion on Trust in Government and Related Issues

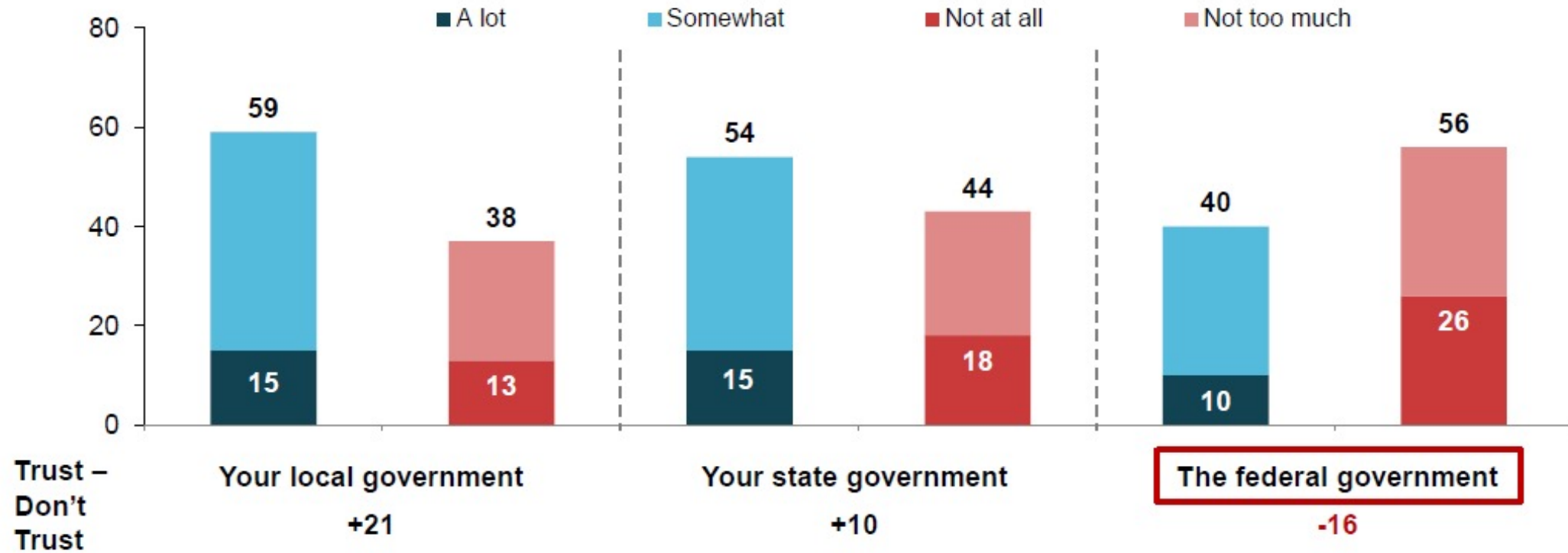
Key Findings from Impact Research Polling

Survey Methodology

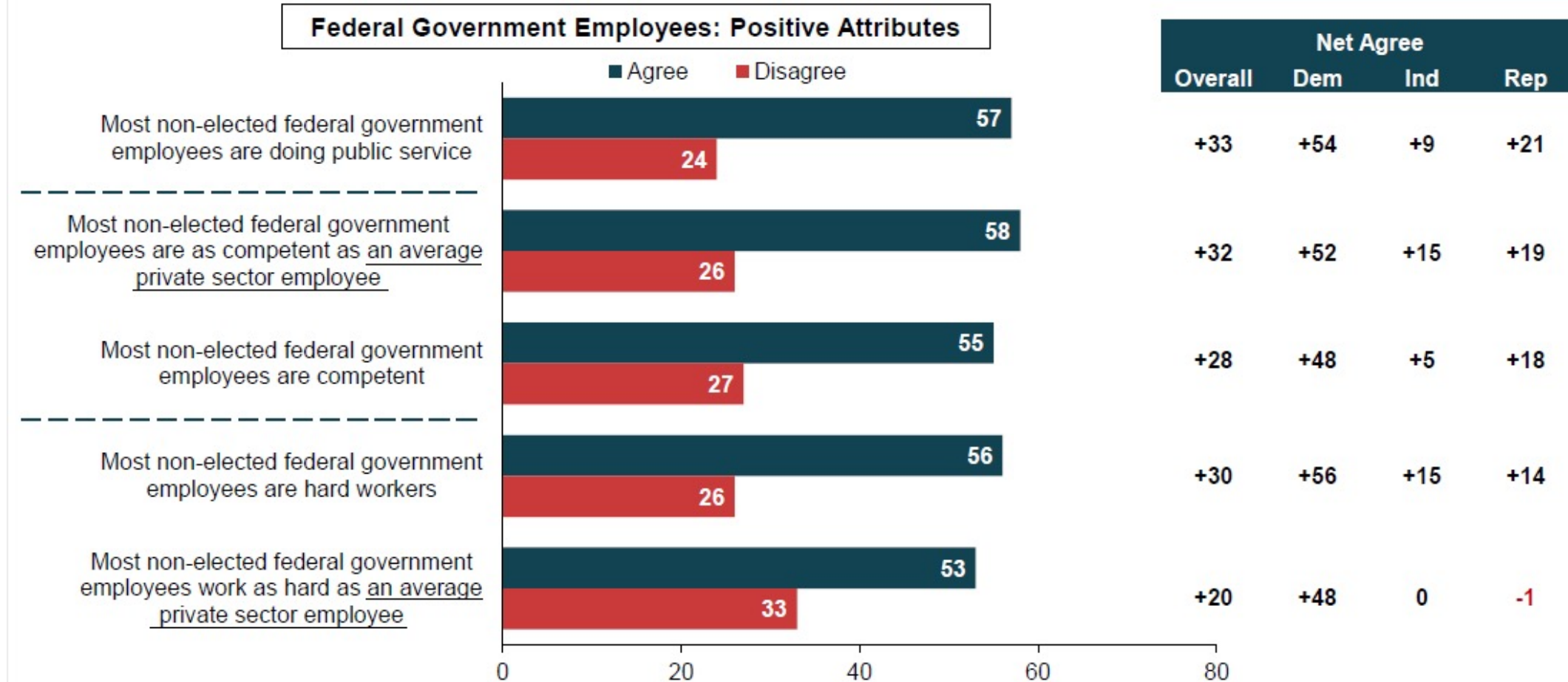
- Impact Research, in partnership with Freedman Consulting and the Partnership for Public Service, conducted an online and text-to-web survey of 2,301 adults nationwide, including oversamples of 100 (each) Black, Latino, and AAPI adults.
- Interviews were conducted October 18-24, 2021 in English and Spanish.
- Overall results and oversamples were weighted to reflect the composition of adults nationwide. The 95% confidence interval for the overall survey is +/-2.2 percentage points. The 95% confidence interval for subgroups varies and is higher.

Voters trust their local and state governments by double-digit margins but distrust the federal government by 16 points

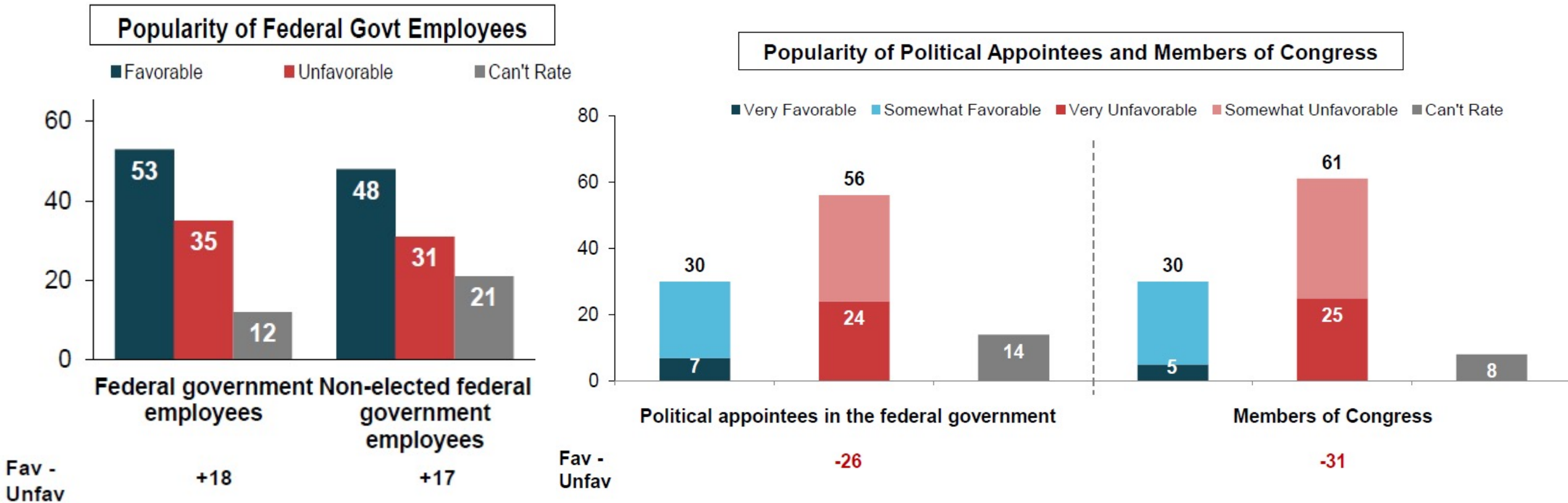
How much do you trust _____ to do what is right?



Majorities agree that federal government employees are doing public service, are competent, and are hard workers



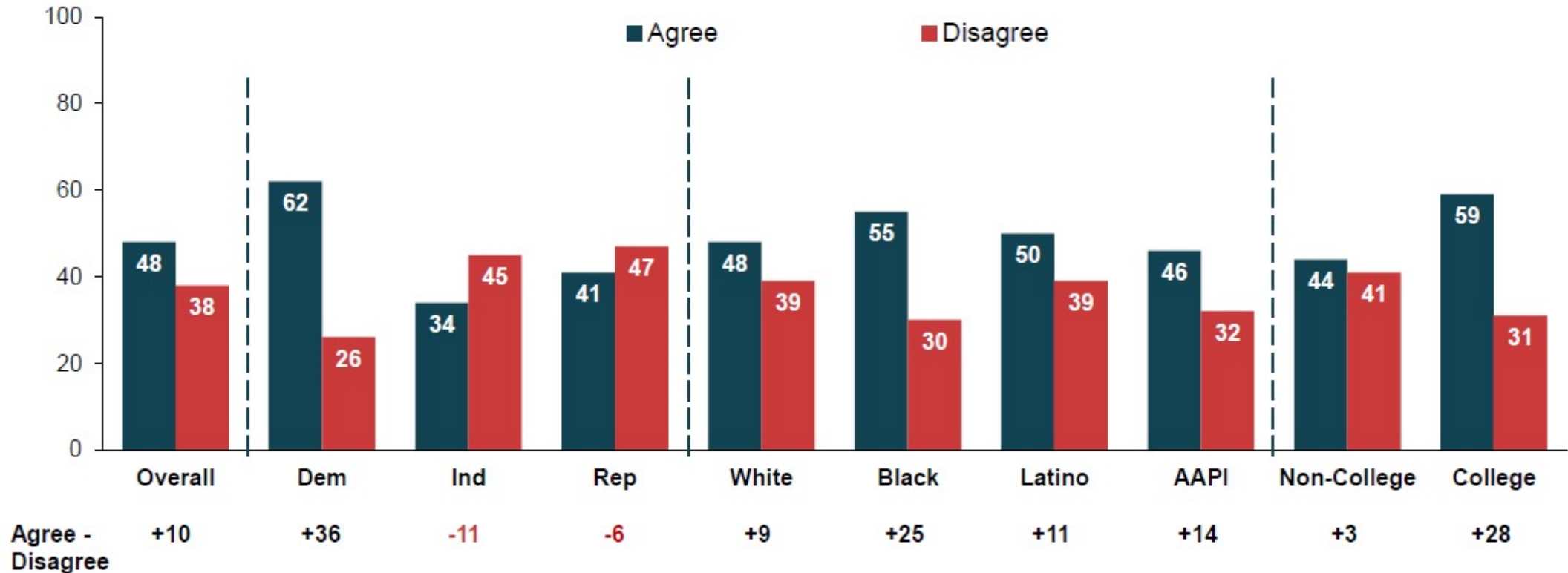
Political appointees and members of Congress are viewed much more negatively than federal government employees



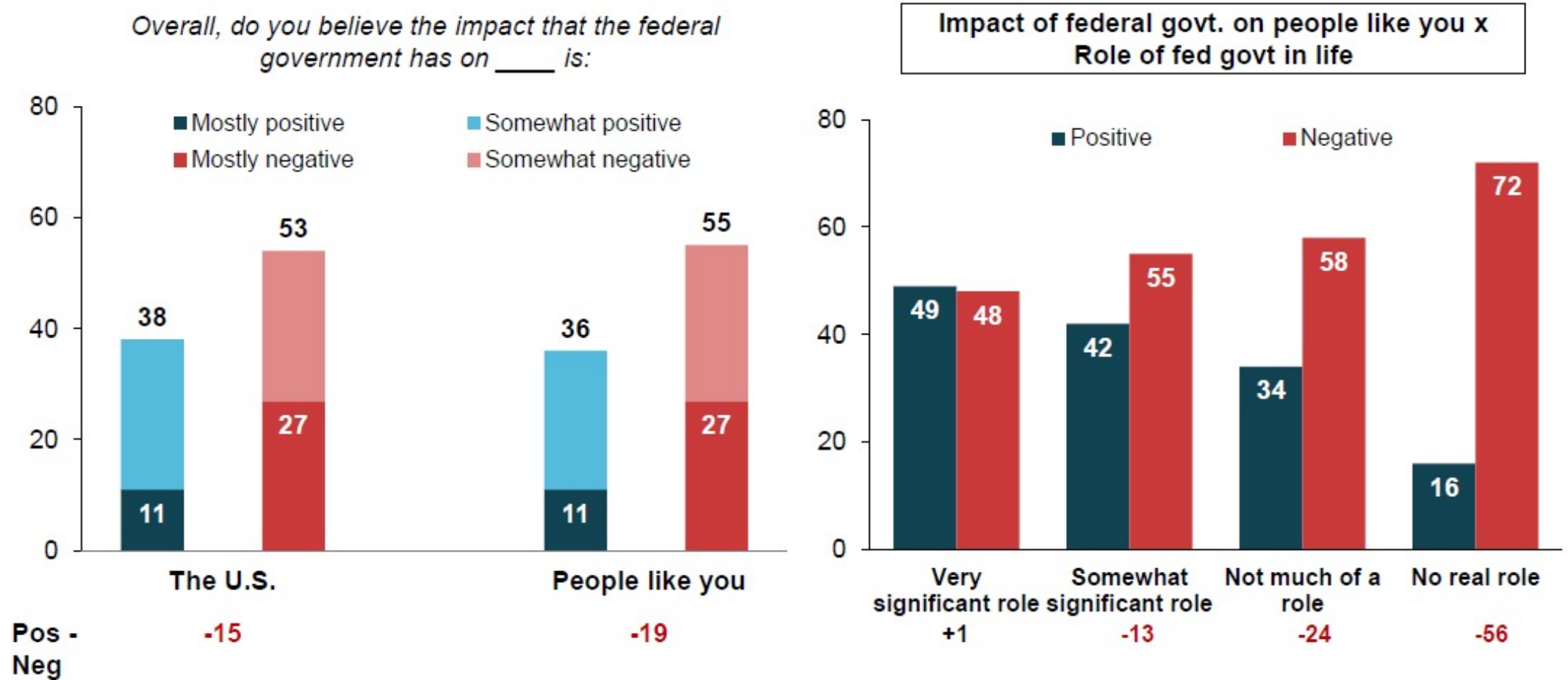
By a 10-point margin, adults agree that their experiences with the federal government have been mostly positive. Democrats, Black adults, and college grads are most likely to agree

Republicans and Independents are more inclined to disagree.

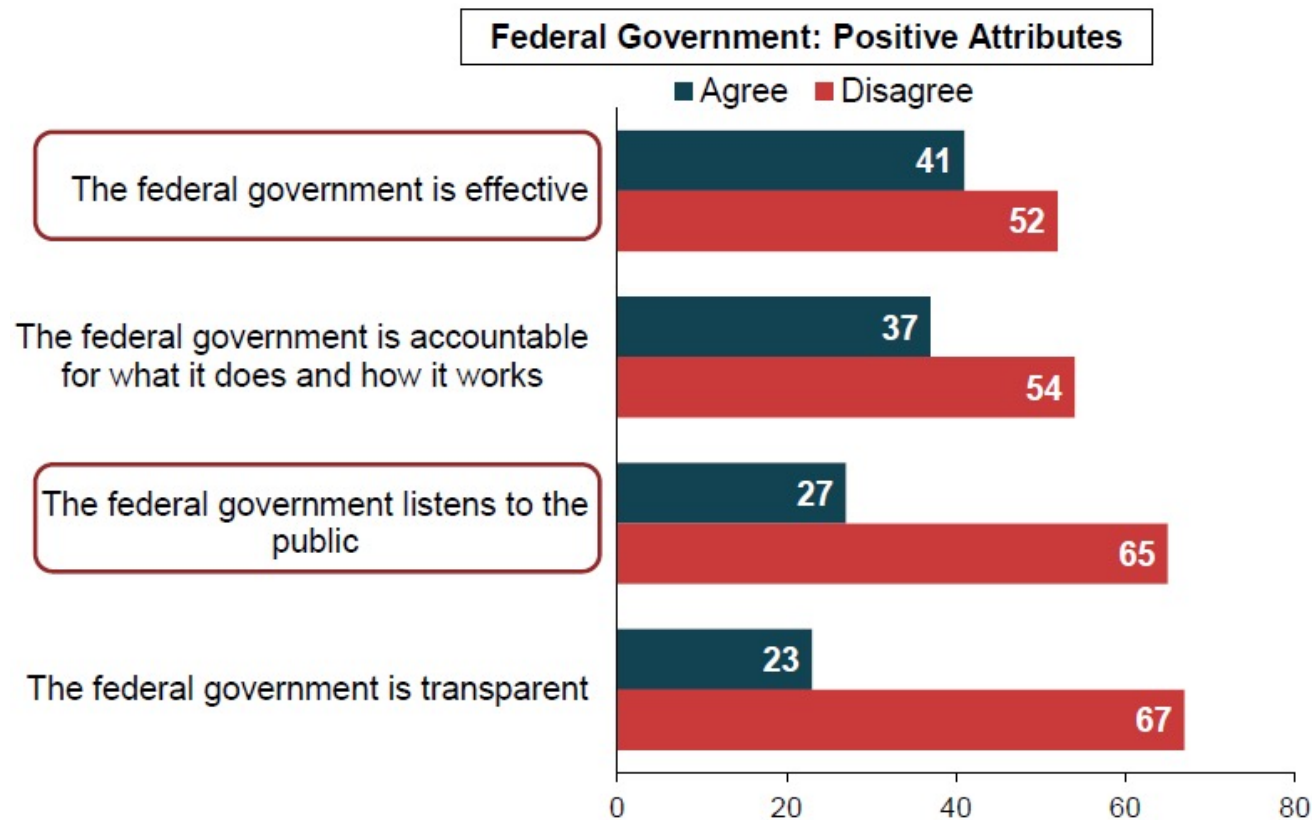
My personal experiences with the federal government have been mostly positive



Despite reporting mostly positive experiences with the federal government, most view it as having a negative impact on the U.S. and on people like them

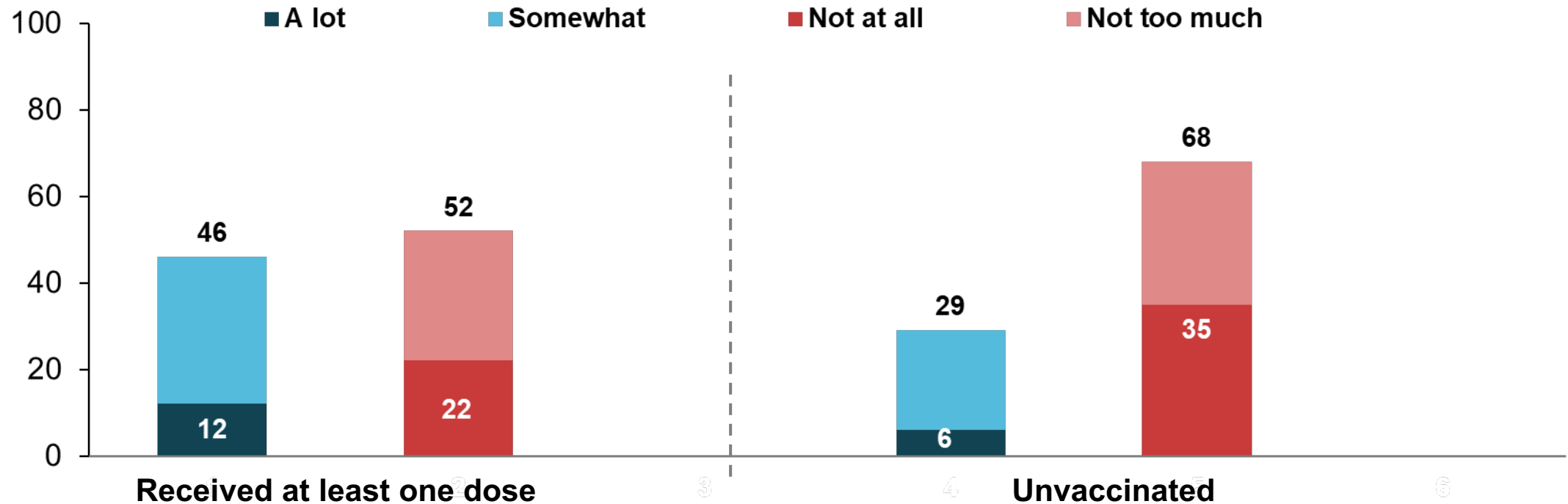


Majorities disagree that the federal government is effective or accountable, and they are especially likely to disagree that it listens or is transparent.



Unvaccinated Americans are less likely to trust the federal government

How much do you trust the federal government to do what is right?



Thank you!

