

Rose Villa Climate Attitudes Survey

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The Rose Villa Climate Attitudes Survey is a resident-based tool prepared by the Green Team and endorsed by the Resident Council. The goal of the project, given projected rapid changes in the climate, is to get a baseline understanding of the attitudes of our resident population regarding climate change. (The terms "climate change" and "global warming" are used interchangeably to stand for a variety of effects caused by climate disruption.)

One hundred and sixty three residents responded to the climate survey — 58% of the 278 independent living residents at Rose Villa. This astonishingly high percentage of responses indicates the elevated concerns that residents have.

The Six Americas

The first four questions are part of Yale University's "Six Americas Super Short Survey." The Yale project enabled us to submit our results, which were immediately tallied and compared to national data. The results give us a picture of our interest in and feelings about global warming in addition to concerns about short and long term impacts. Based on the responses to the four questions Yale categorizes respondees into six categories: alarmed, concerned, cautious, disengaged, doubtful, and dismissive.



Alarmed



Concerned



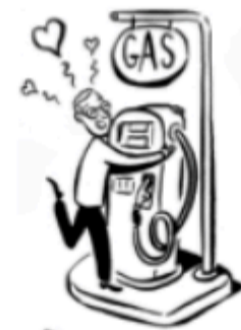
Cautious



Disengaged

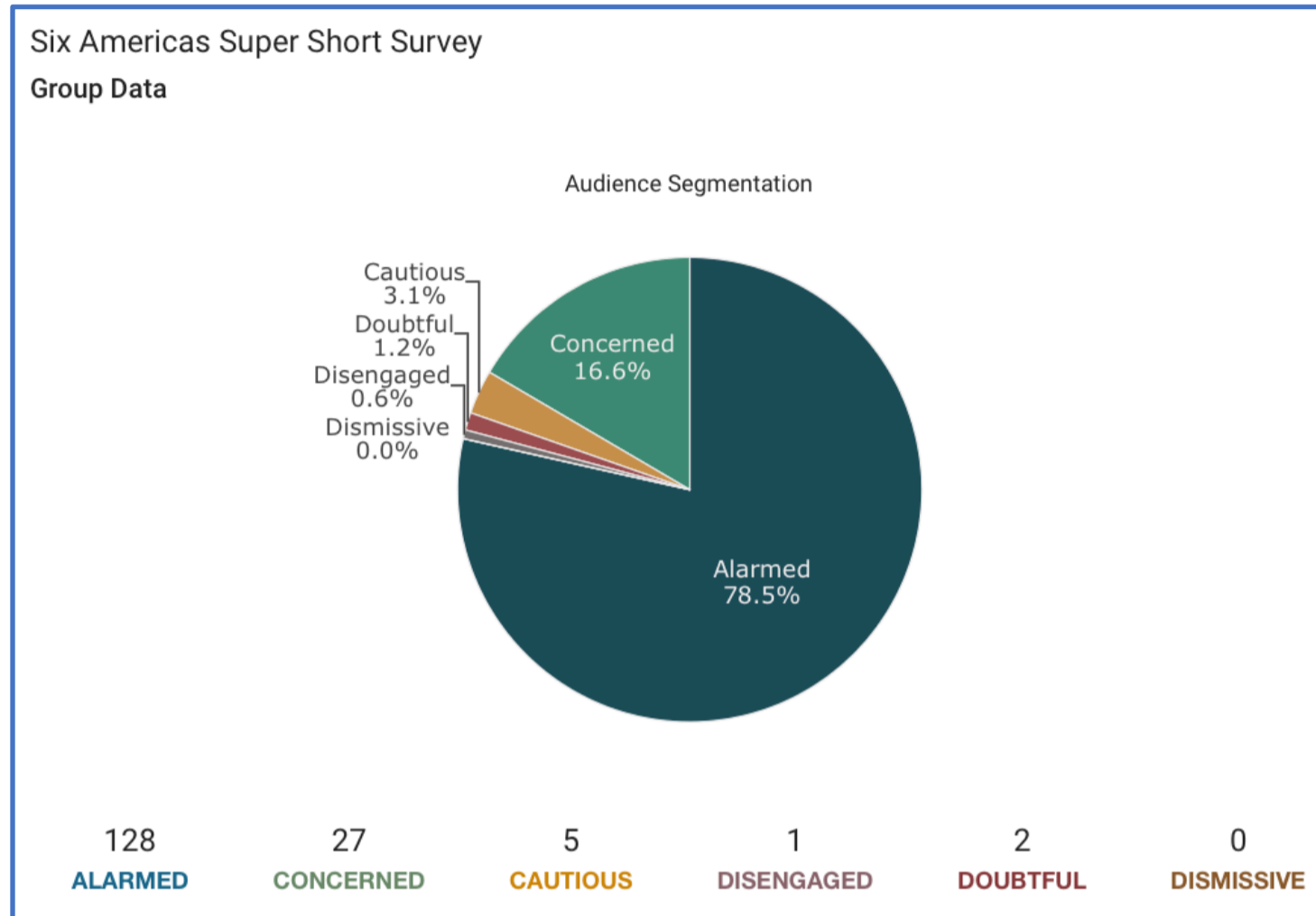


Doubtful

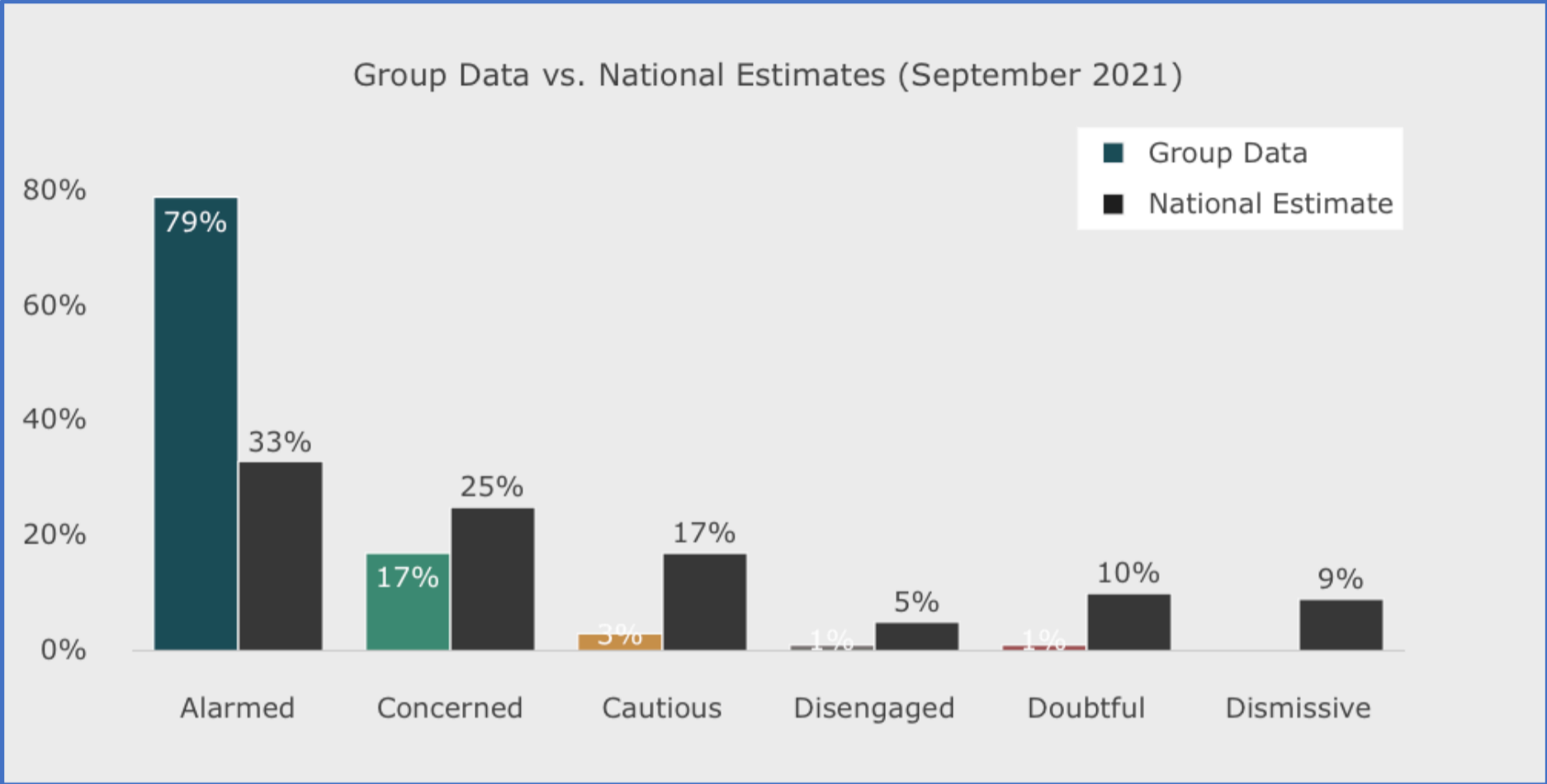


Dismissive

This pie chart illustrates where we stand in relation to Yale's six categories.



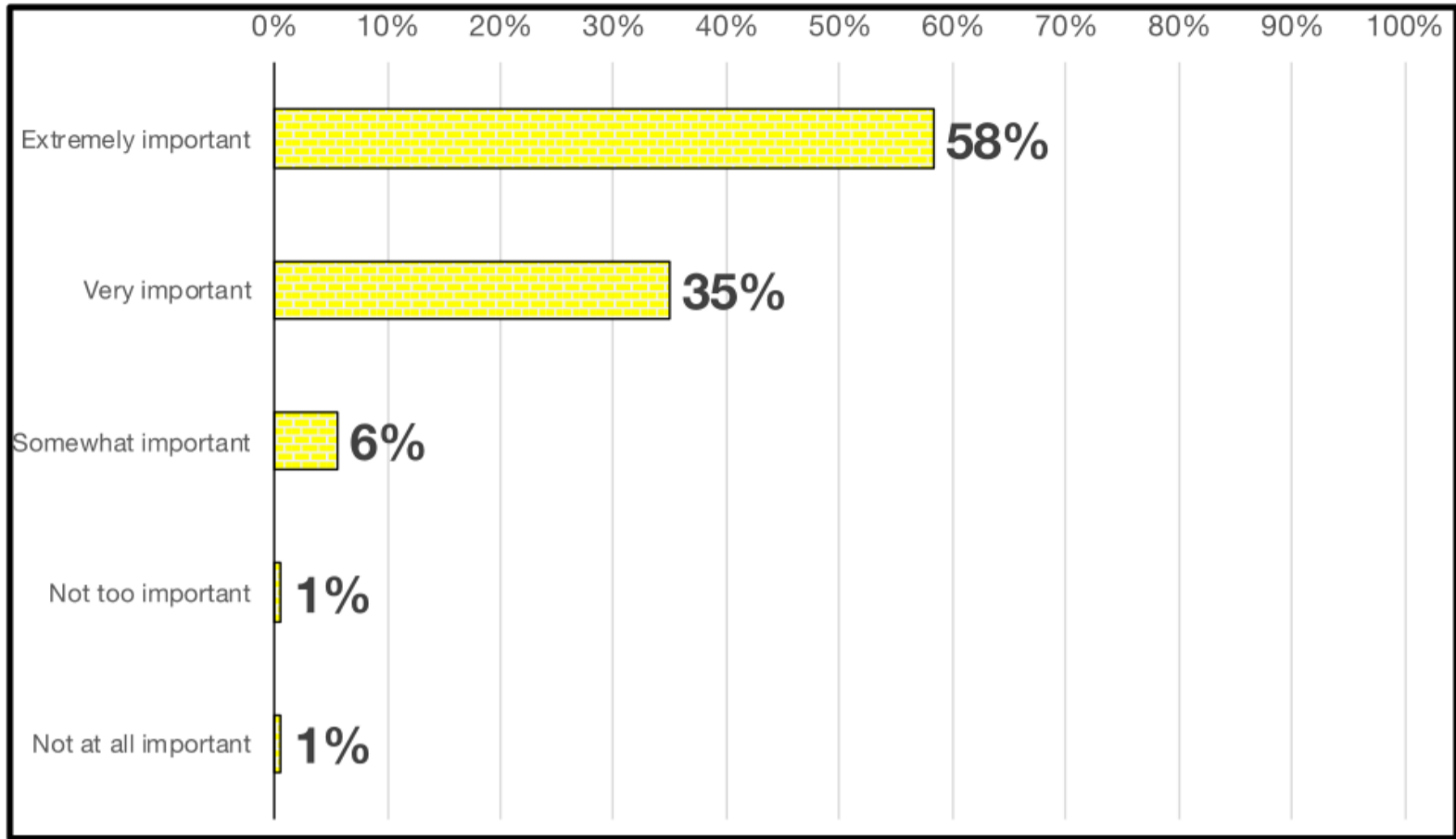
This bar graph compares our responses to national data. Our responses are in the left hand side of each column. The fact that we registered a high degree of alarm or concern (96% altogether) is notable. Our survey is more recent than Yale’s data, which has been collected over time, and followed on the heels of dramatic 2022 IPCC reports.



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1. How important is the issue of global warming to you personally?

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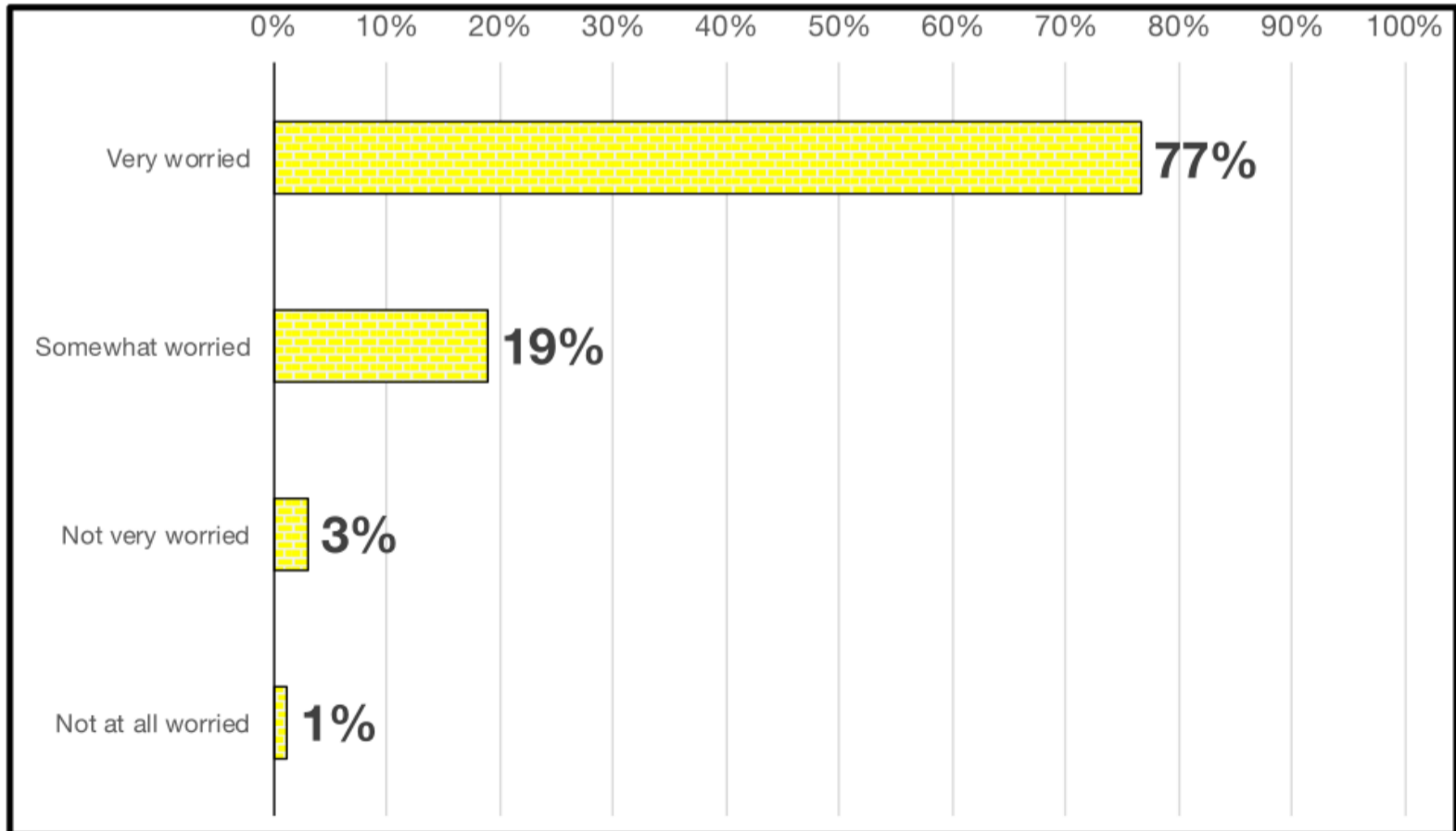


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2. How worried are you about global warming?

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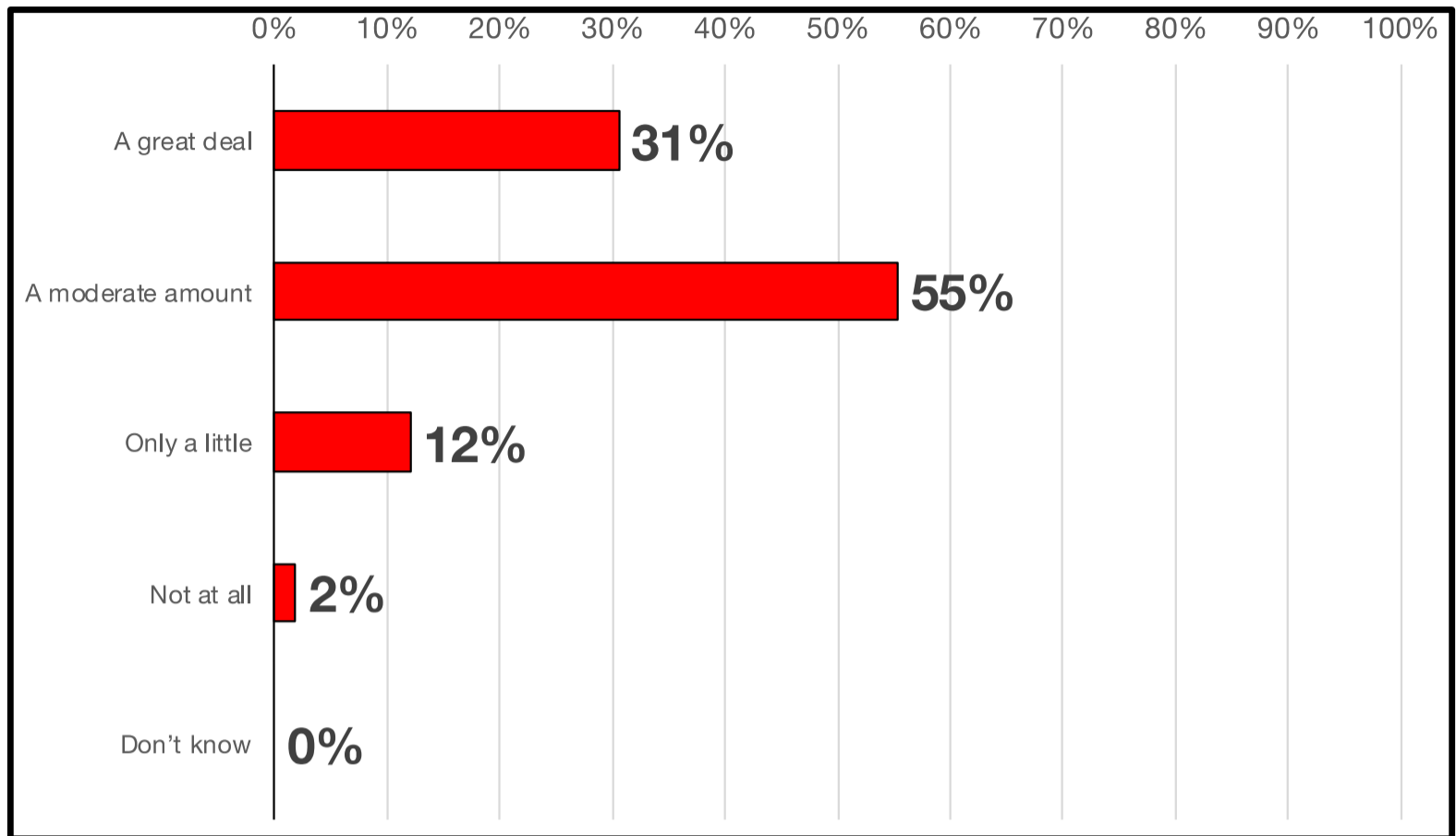


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3. How much do you think global warming will harm you personally?

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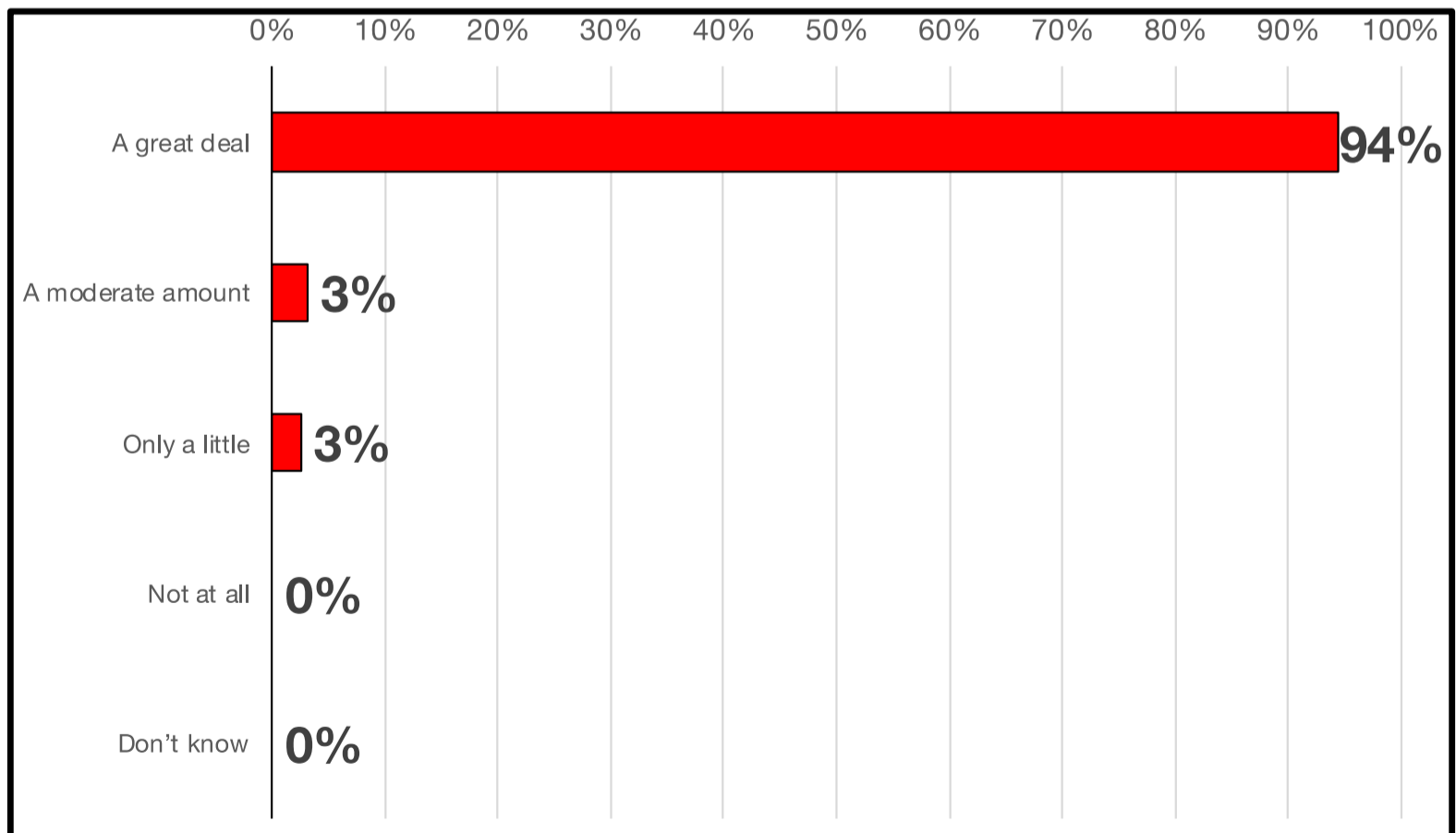


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4. How much do you think global warming will harm future generations?

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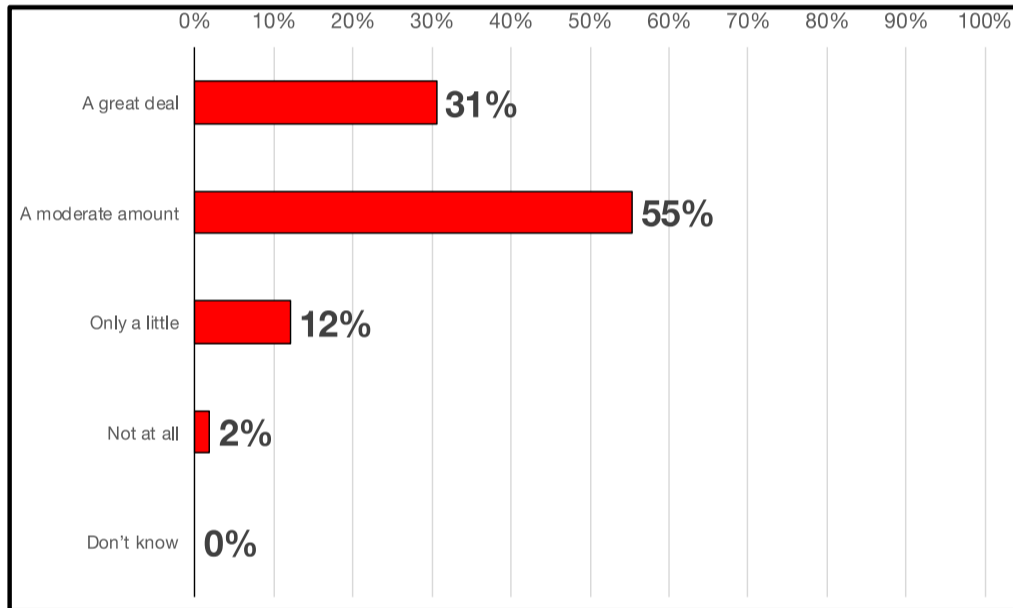


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The percentages of concern/alarm between near-term and long-term effects is interesting. While most people believe that harm will come, fewer people believe that the effects of global warming will affect them personally. This is worth a discussion.

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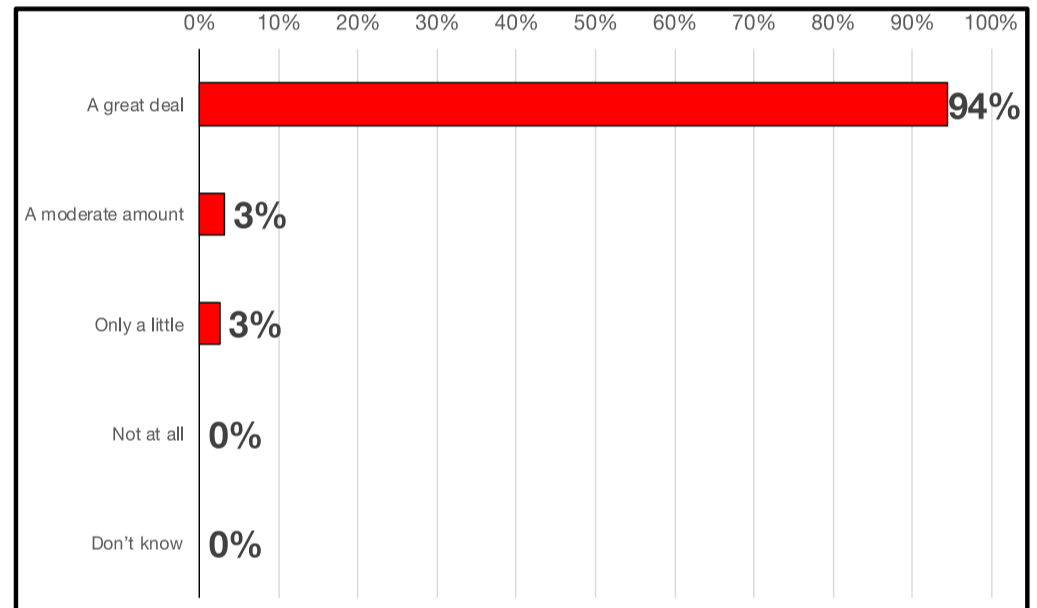
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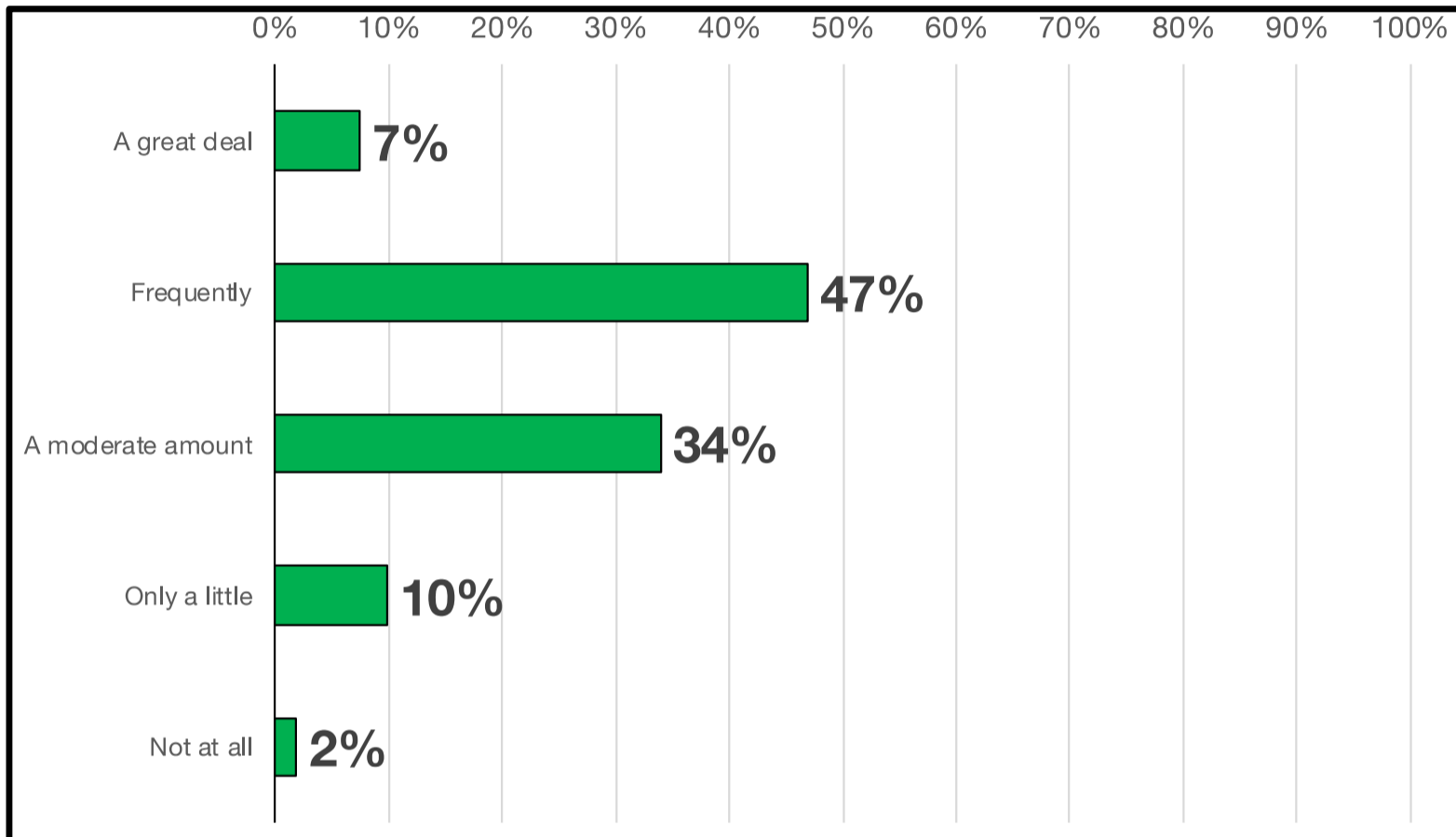
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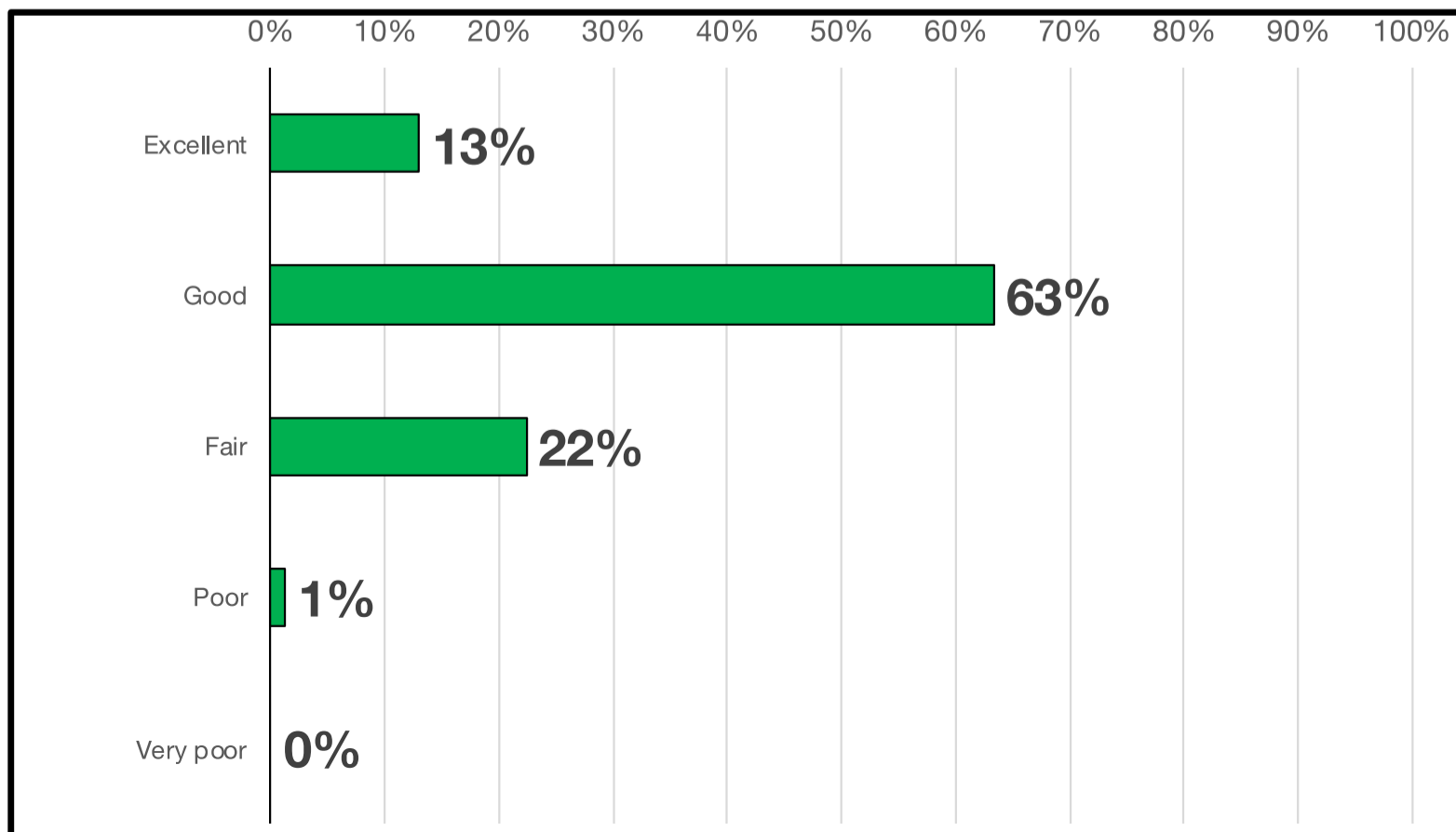
Climate scientists say that one of the most important things we can do is to talk about climate with our family, friends and neighbors. It is crucial that we overcome the silence in public discourse that has until recently surrounded this issue. Creating a conversation about the survey is a beginning step.

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5. How much do you talk about global warming?
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6. How would you rate your level of knowledge about global warming?
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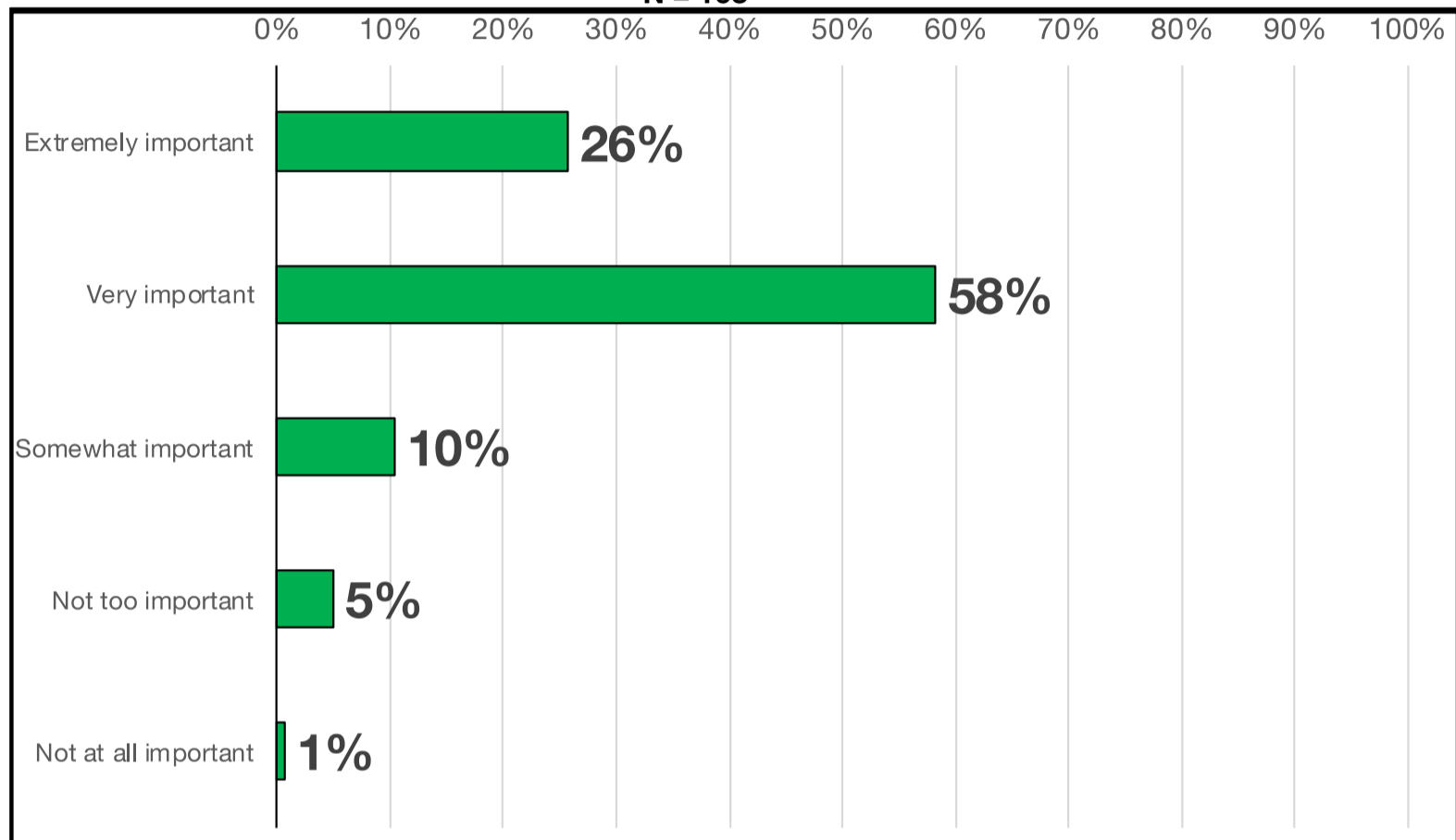


Questions seven and eight are similar in that they ask about readiness to act in the face of global warming. Question seven asks for individual readiness and question eight asks about expectation of Rose Villa.

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7. How important is it for you personally to take action to mitigate the effects of global warming?

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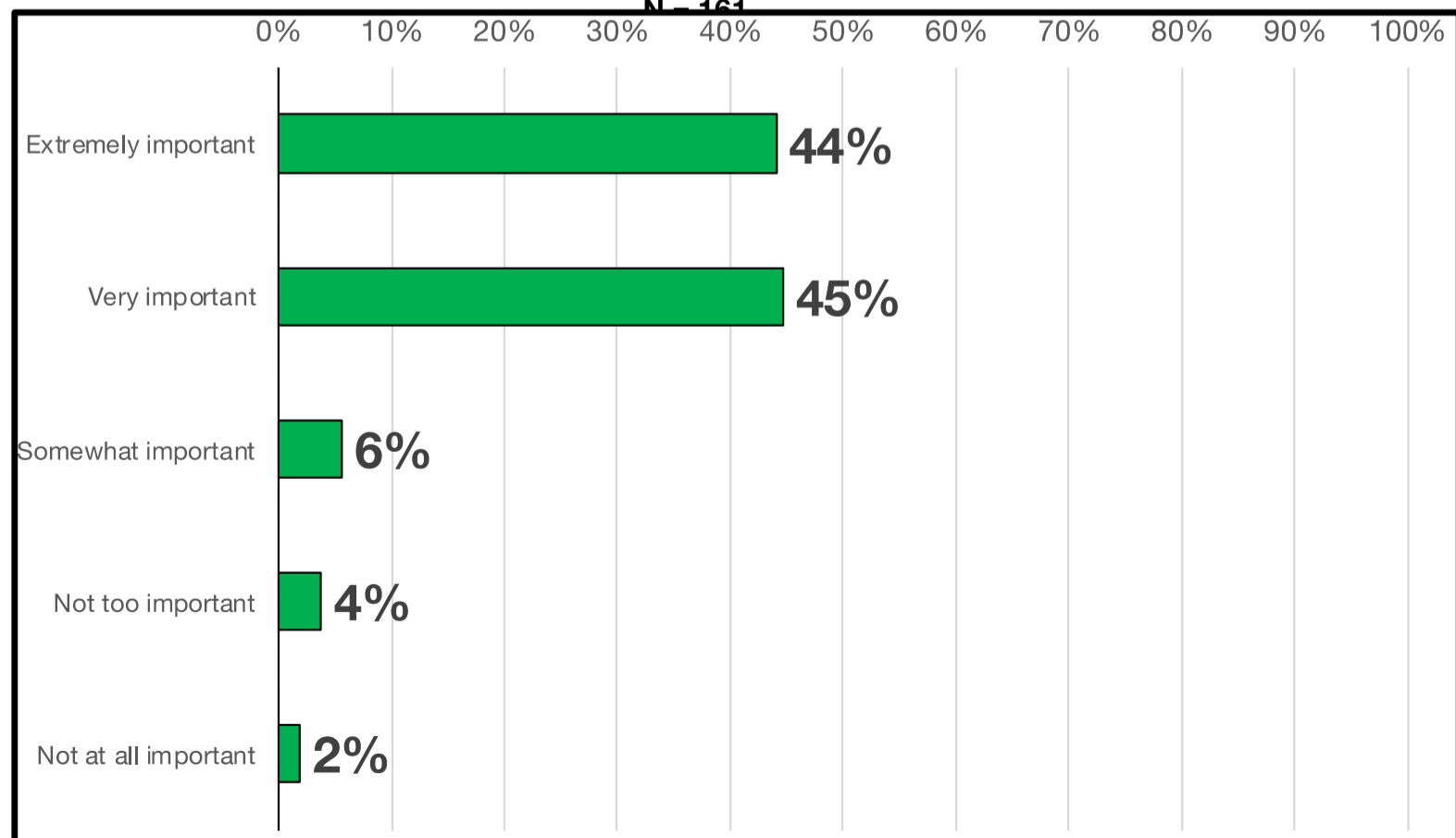


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8. How important is it for Rose Villa Inc. to take action to mitigate the effects of global warming?

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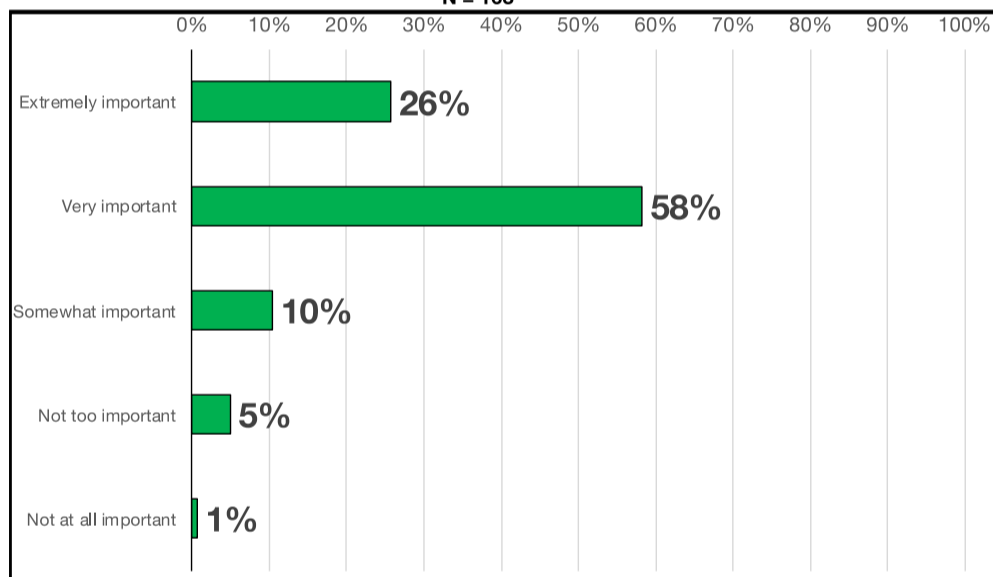
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A comparison of the responses to questions seven and eight is interesting and deserves further conversation. Thoughtful discussions are clearly warranted between both residents and administration, discussions that will clarify the intersection of beliefs and values, expectations and limitations. We need, as a community, to understand what is possible and what is imperative as we face an uncertain future.

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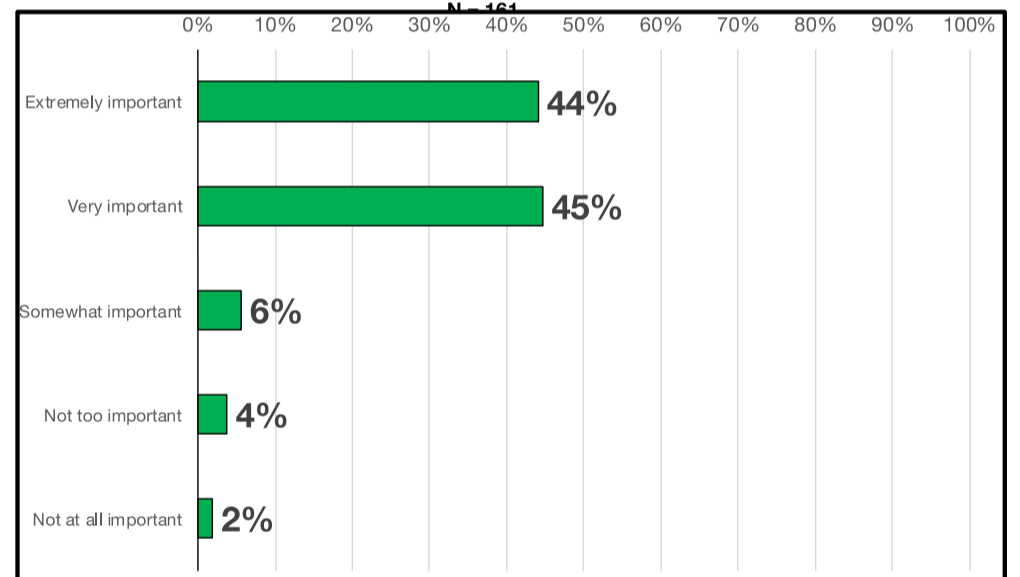


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