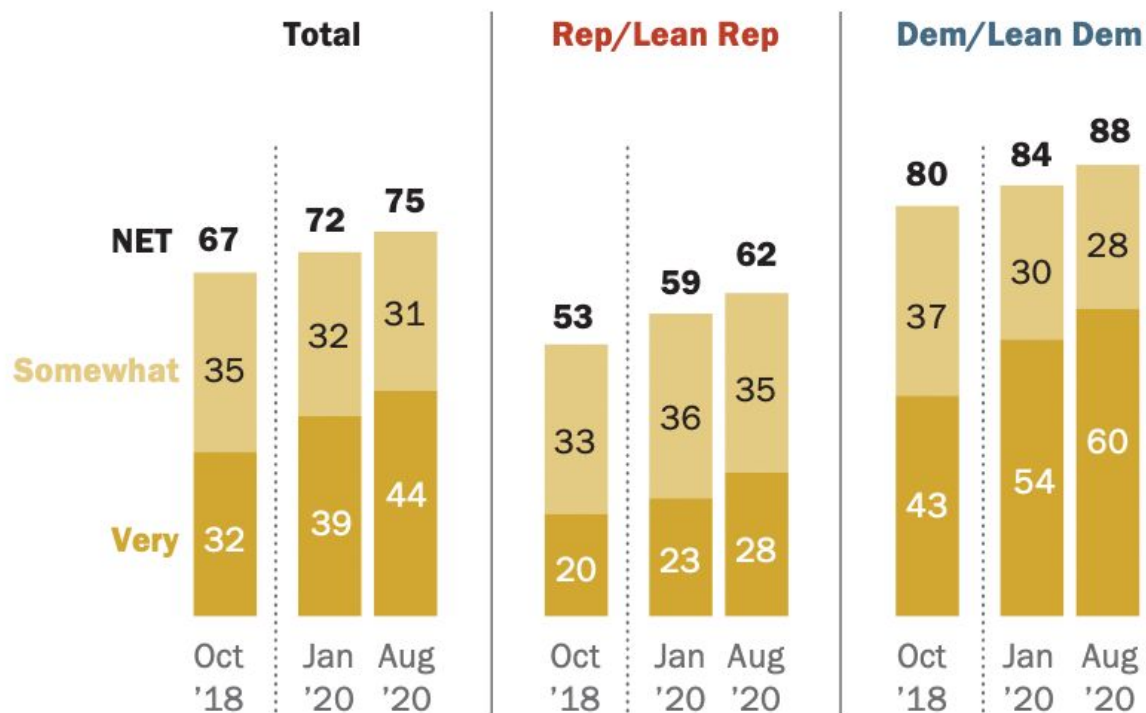


Growing shares in both parties expect foreign governments to attempt to influence 2020 election

% who say it is ___ likely that Russia or other foreign governments will attempt to influence the U.S. presidential election this November



Note: In October 2018, question asked about the "U.S. elections in November."

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted July 27-Aug. 2, 2020.

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Critical Analysis

1. What portion of Americans say it is likely that Russia or other foreign governments will attempt to influence the U.S. presidential election this November?
2. What is one trend or change over time you see in the data?
3. What is the big picture the data tells?
4. Why do you think that is?
5. What is one consequence of this data?
6. Given the likelihood and fear of foreign interference, explain whether most Americans will view the election results as legitimate.
7. How does party affiliation impact opinion regarding foreign interference in U.S. elections.
8. What do you think explains this difference between parties?
9. Most Americans think the U.S. isn't doing enough to combat foreign interference in the 2020 U.S. presidential election. Do you agree with this assessment?
10. Why do you think the U.S. government isn't doing more to combat foreign interference in the 2020 U.S. presidential election?
11. What is one step the U.S. government could take to limit foreign interference in U.S. elections?
12. Do you think it is likely that Russia or other foreign governments will attempt to influence the U.S. presidential election this November?

Learning Extension

Read the [Pew Research Center's report](#) on American attitudes towards foreign interference in U.S. elections. Or go right to the source and read the [Report - Senate Select Committee on Intelligence](#) on Russian interference in the 2020 U.S. election.

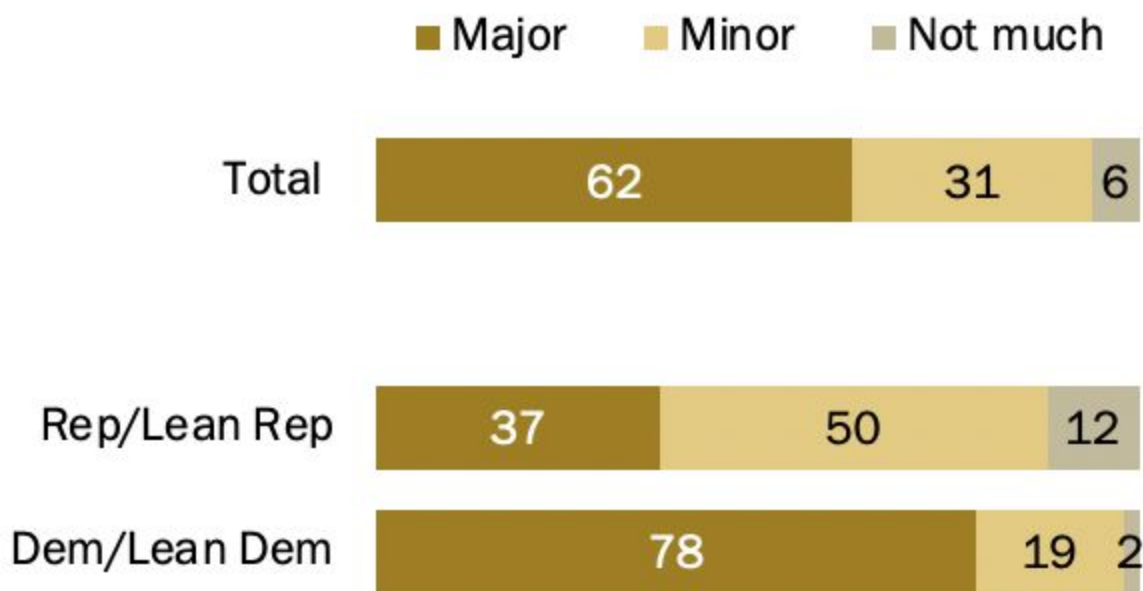
Action Extension

Contact the [White House](#) and share your ideas about Russian interference in the 2020 U.S. presidential election.

Visual Extension

Among those who say foreign interference is likely, partisan divides over whether it's a 'major problem'

Among those who say it is very or somewhat likely that Russia or other foreign governments will attempt to influence the 2020 election, % who say attempts are a ___ problem

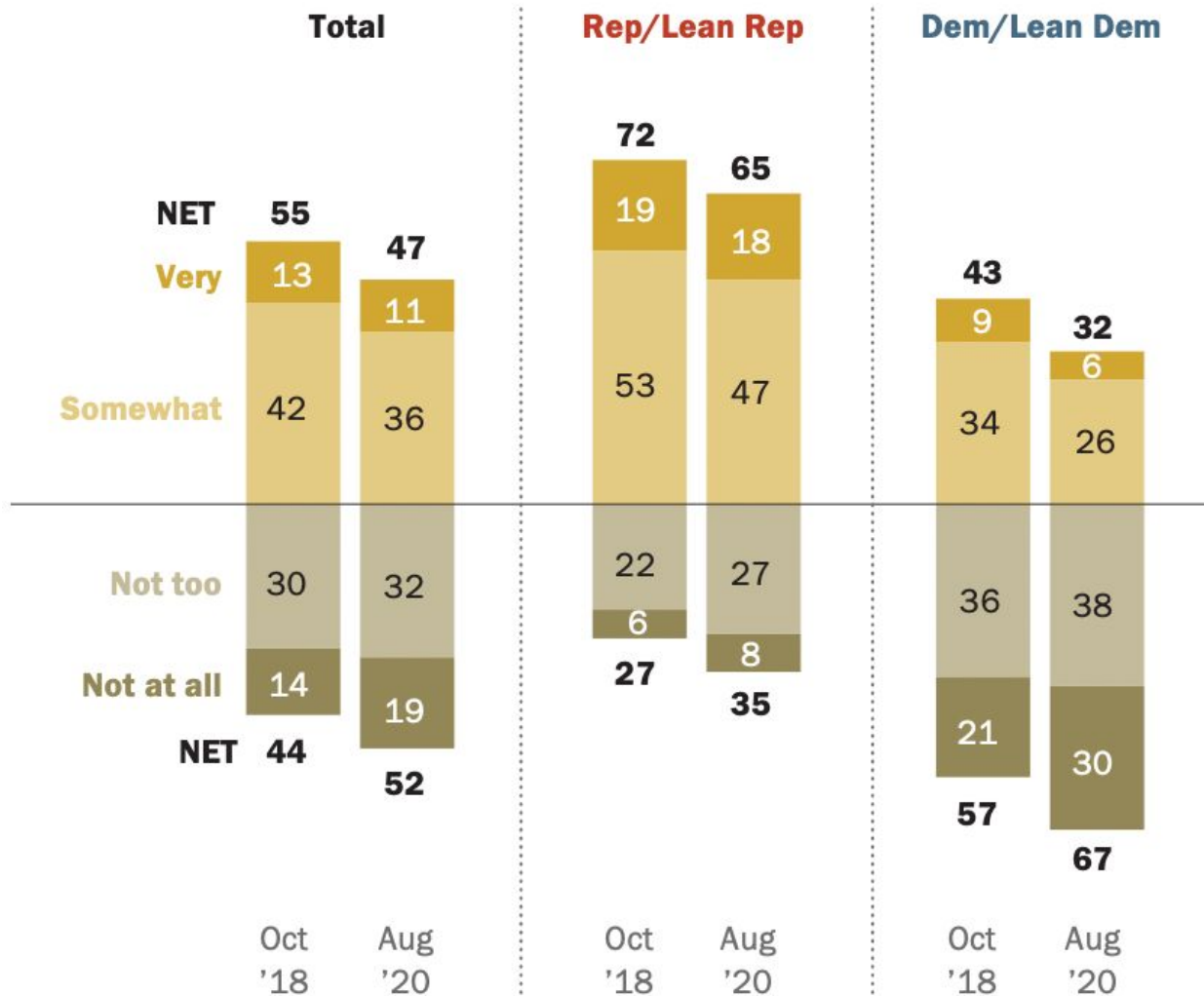


*Among those who say it is ___ Russia or other foreign governments will attempt to influence the 2020 election, % who say attempts are a **major problem***



Only about half of Americans are confident the federal government is making 'serious efforts' to protect election systems from hacking and other threats

% who say they are ___ confident that the federal government is making serious efforts to protect election systems in the U.S. from hacking and other technological threats



Note: No answer responses not shown.

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