

UN PEACEKEEPING AND CONSENSUS ON U.S. PARTICIPATION

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KEY FINDINGS

1. Americans believe **containing conflicts overseas matters** when it comes to U.S. security, including a majority of both Democrats and Republicans.
2. **Democrats and Republicans agree** the U.S. should pay its unpaid dues owed to the UN Peacekeeping budget, either over time or immediately.
3. Democrats and Republicans alike are most likely to say it's important for the U.S. to pay off its dues **to raise U.S. credibility** and **to be consistent with American values**.
4. Americans want to see **additional commitments to UN Peacekeeping from the U.S.**
 - After learning more about Russia's strategy to spread false information, nearly three-quarters of adults believe the U.S. should help the UN fight back against Russia's campaign (71%).
 - Over half of adults believe the U.S. should help the UN replace the Ukrainian assets originally committed to UN Peacekeeping and later withdrawn after the attack from Russia (59%).

Methodology: This poll was conducted between May 9-May 11, 2023 among a sample of 2199 Adults. The interviews were conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of Adults based on age, gender, race, educational attainment, region, gender by age, and race by educational attainment. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

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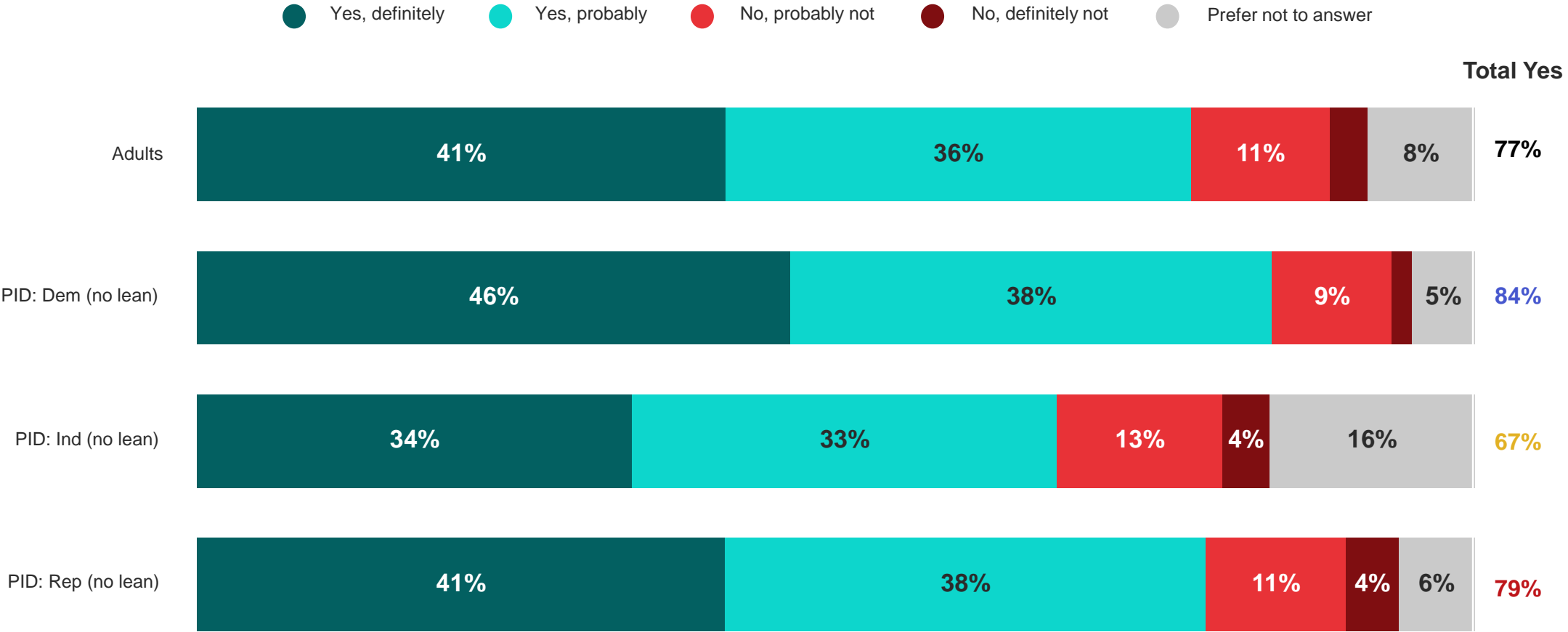
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The majority of adults across political parties believe containing overseas conflicts matters to U.S. security (77%).

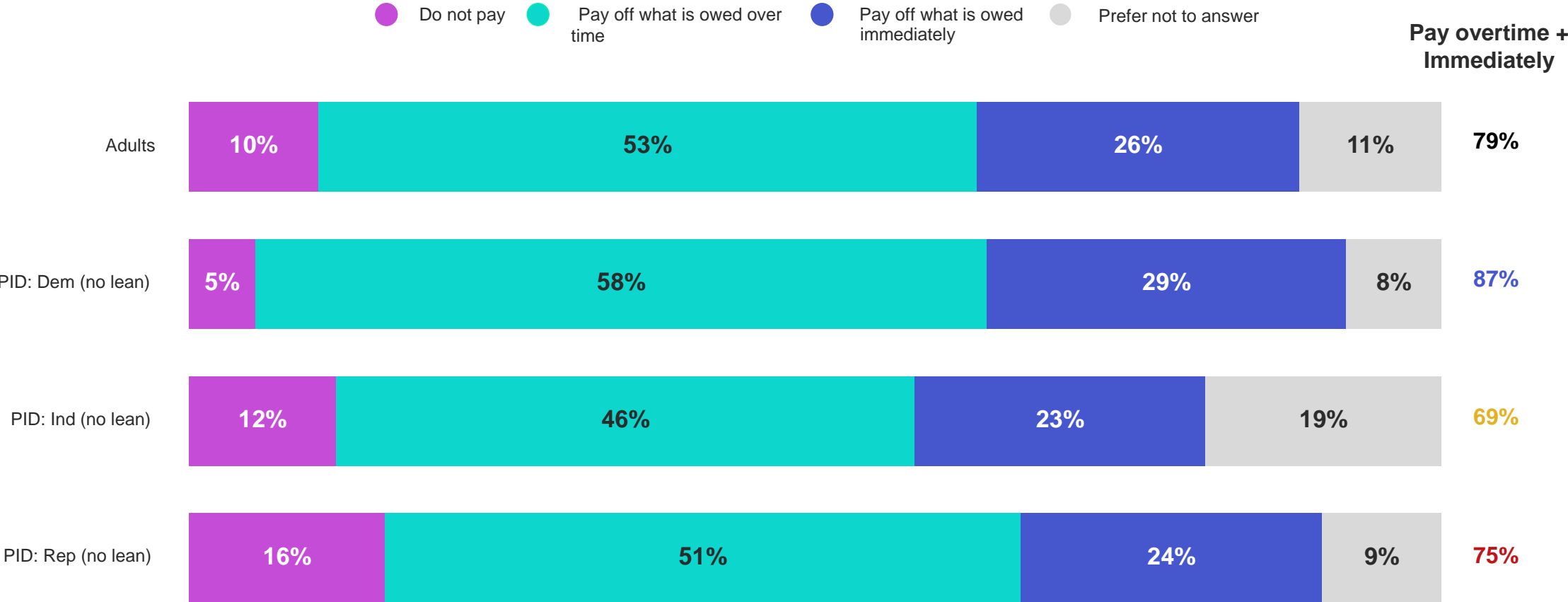
Does it matter to U.S. security that conflicts overseas be contained?



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There is strong alignment across parties with 87% of Democrats and 75% of Republicans who believe the U.S. should pay its unpaid dues either over time or immediately.

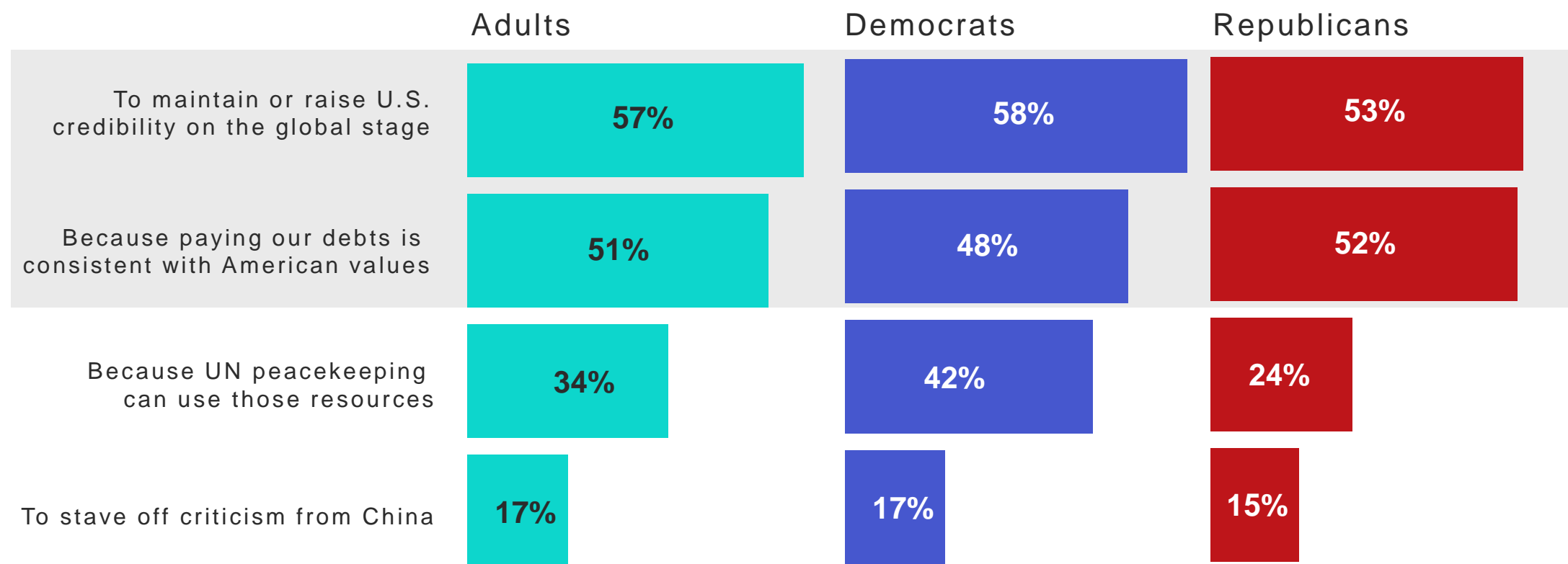
As you may know, the U.S. currently owes more than \$1 billion dollars in back payments to the UN peacekeeping budget, a fact that China has repeatedly noted publicly. In your opinion, how should the U.S. handle its unpaid dues?



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Democrats and Republicans alike are most likely to say it's important for the U.S. to pay off its dues to raise U.S. credibility (57%) and to be consistent with American values (51%).

Which of the following statements expresses why it's important for the U.S. to pay off its past dues owed to the UN peacekeeping budget? Please select all that apply.



*Only among adults who believe the U.S. should pay off its past dues

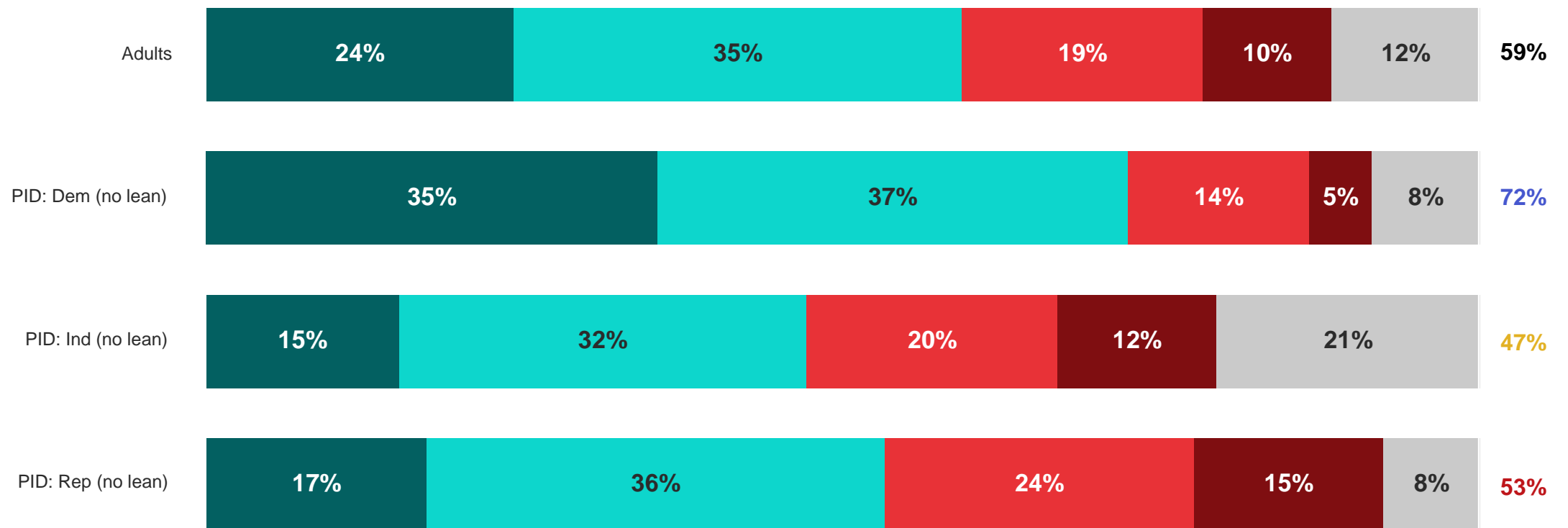
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The majority of both Democrats (72%) and Republicans (53%) say the U.S. should help the UN replace the assets withdrawn from Ukraine after the attack from Russia.

Ukraine formerly committed troops and helicopters to UN Peacekeeping but was forced to withdraw most of them when Russia launched an attack on Ukraine in February 2022. In your opinion, should the U.S. help the UN replace the assets withdrawn from Ukraine?

● Yes, definitely
 ● Yes, probably
 ● No, probably not
 ● No, definitely not
 ● Prefer not to answer

Total Yes

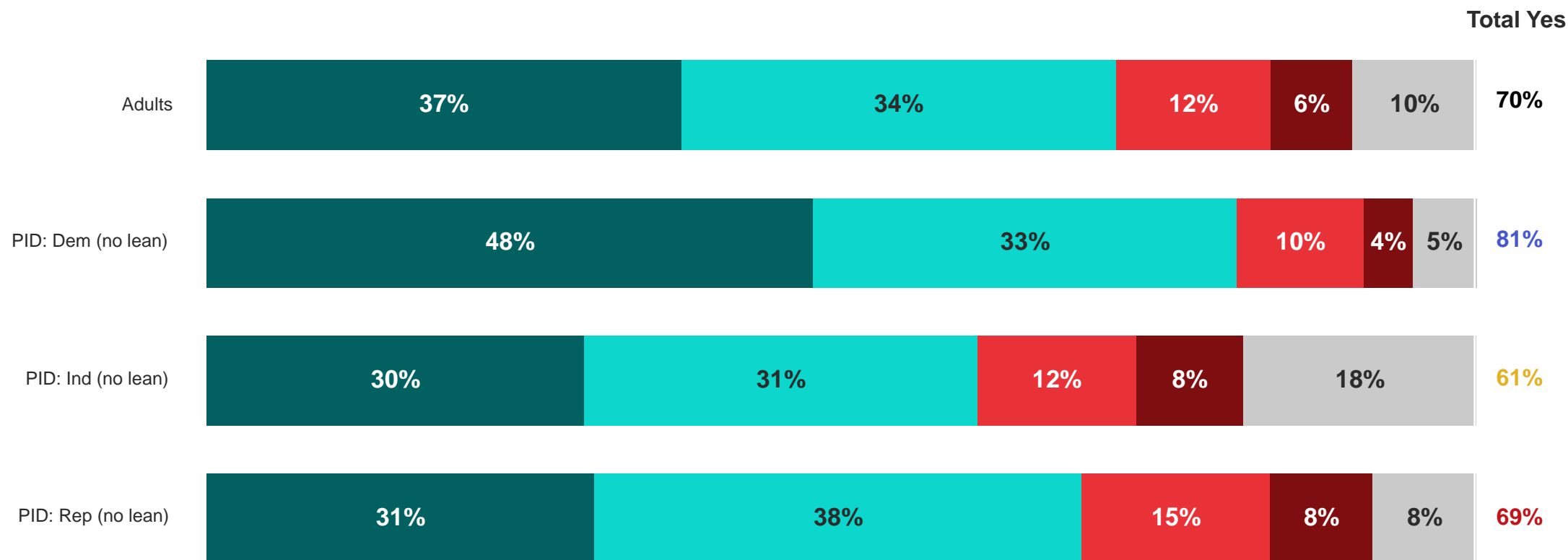


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The majority of Democrats (81%) and Republicans (69%) believe the U.S. should help the UN fight back against Russia's false information campaign.

Russia has been open about its strategy of spreading false information in communities where UN Peacekeepers operate, which can put the lives of peacekeepers and the citizens they serve at heightened risk. In your opinion, should the U.S. help the UN fight back against Russia's false information campaigns?

● Yes, definitely
 ● Yes, probably
 ● No, probably not
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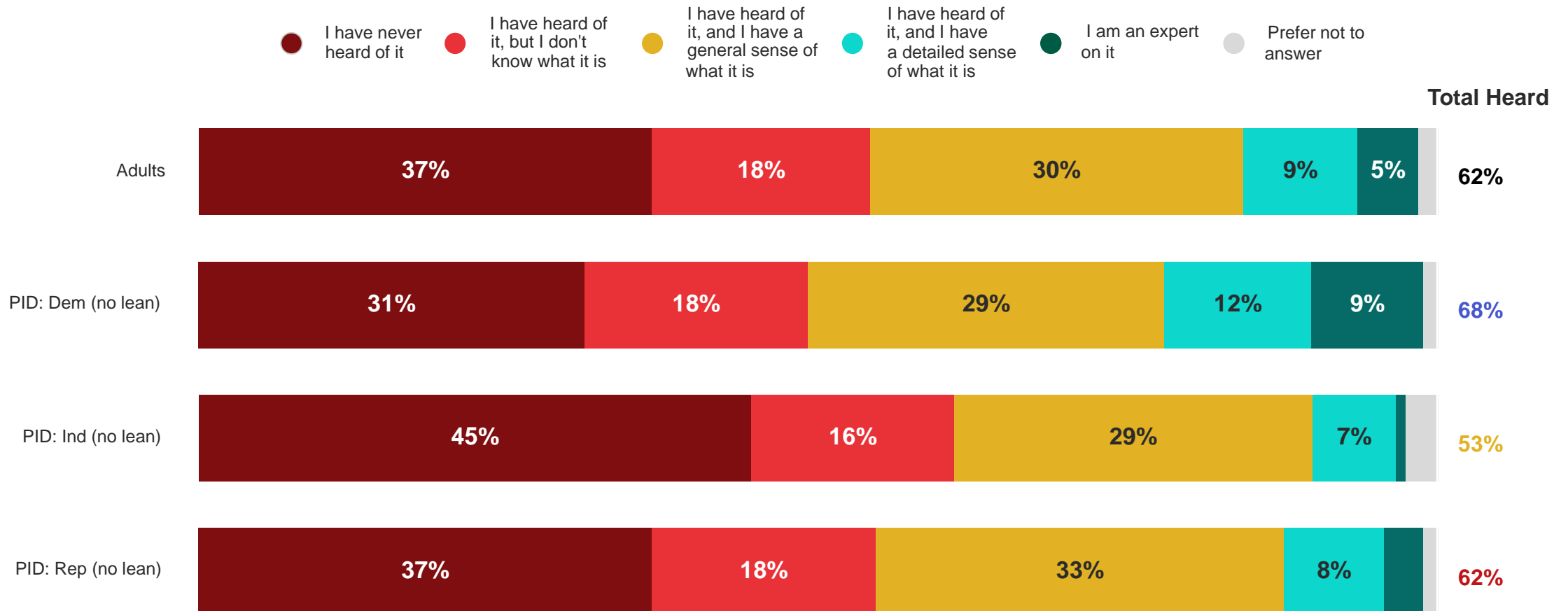
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A majority of adults have heard of UN Peacekeeping (62%), but about half of adults (48%) say they've heard of it but only have a general sense or are unsure of what it is.

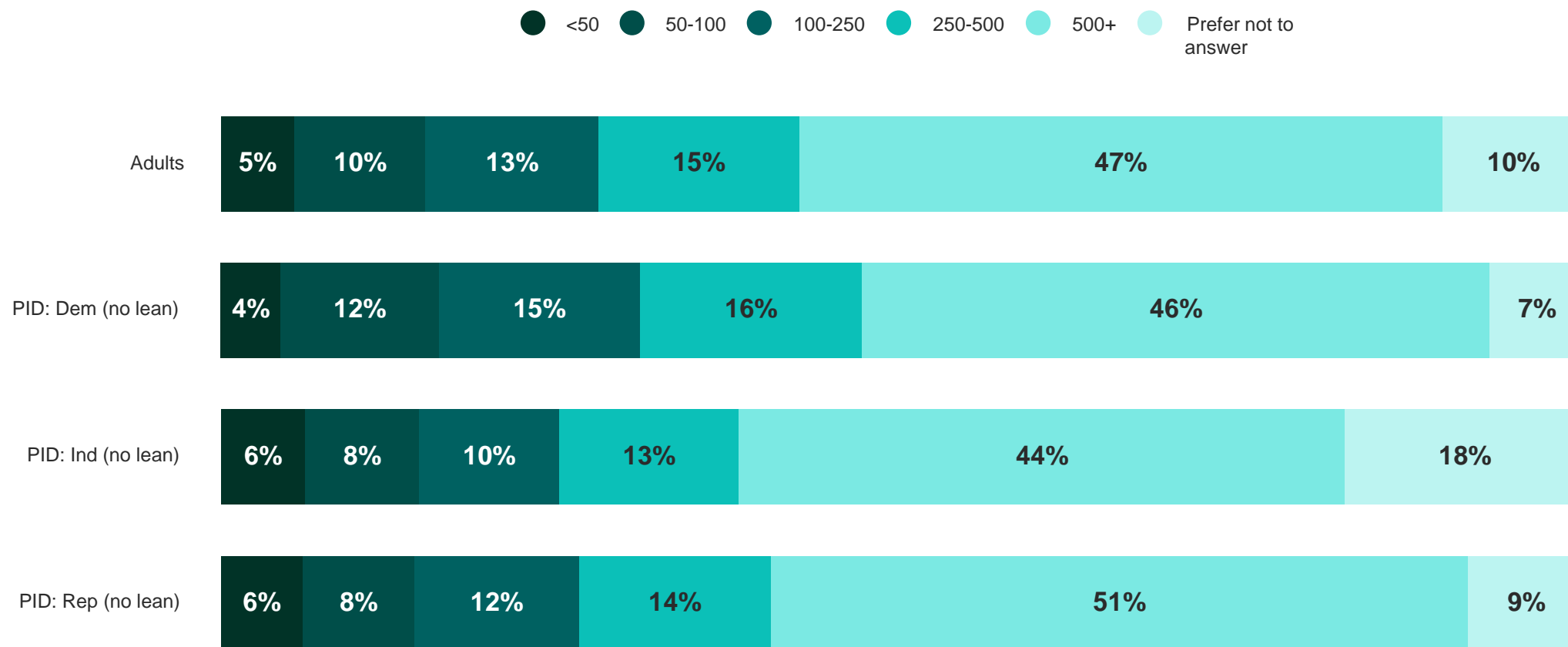
How familiar are you with UN Peacekeeping?



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Nearly half of adults (47%) believe 500 or more Americans serve in UN Peacekeeping forces.

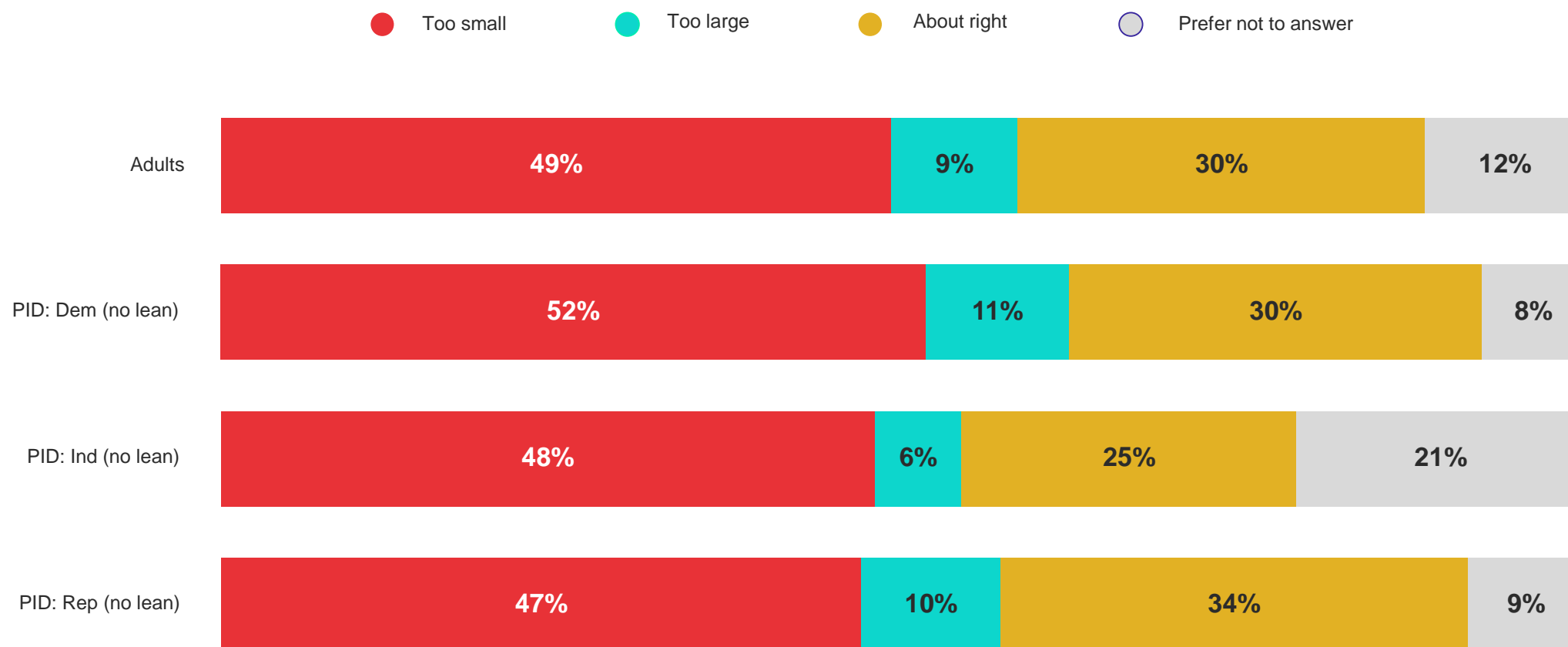
How many Americans do you think serve in UN Peacekeeping forces?



PERCEPTIONS OF U.S. PARTICIPATION

Both Republicans and Democrats are more than 4x as likely to say the number of Americans committed to UN Peacekeeping is too small versus too large.

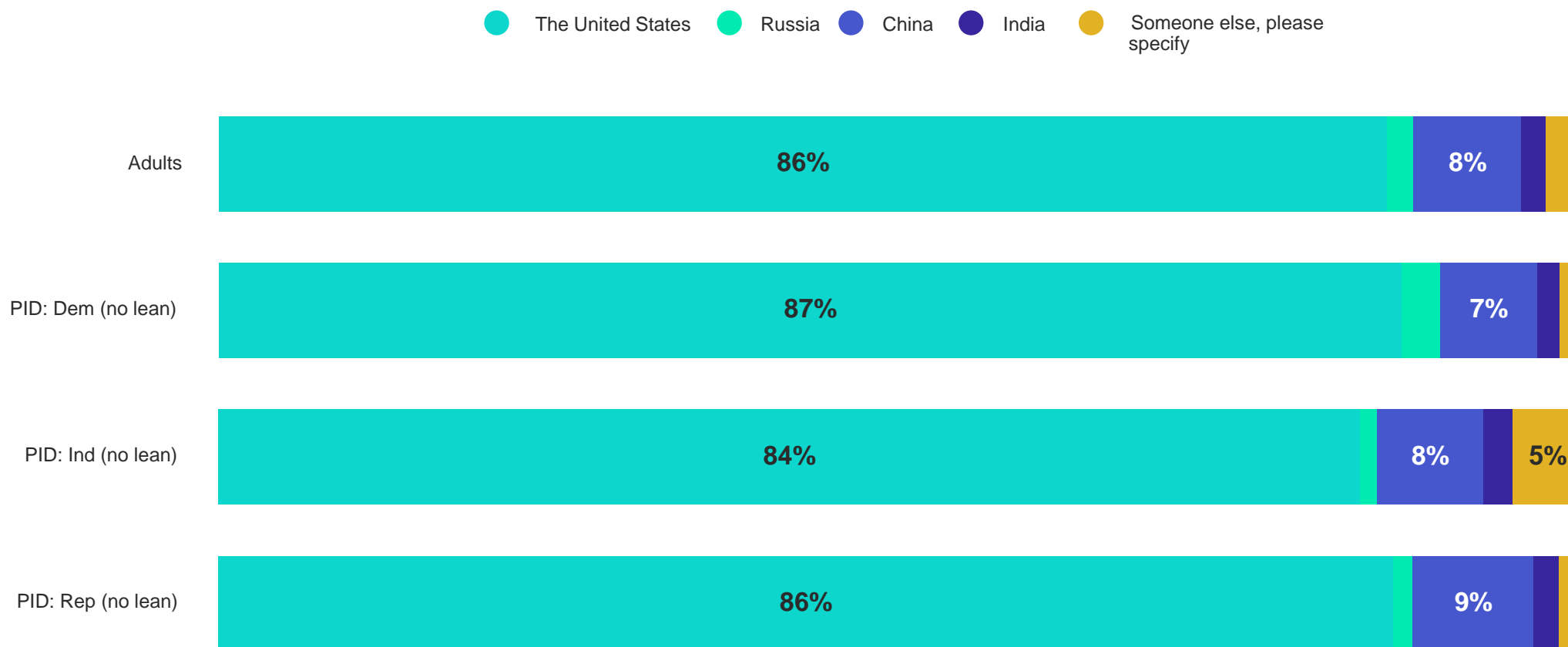
China contributes over 2,000 troops and the U.S. contributes less than 50. In your opinion, is the number of Americans committed to UN Peacekeeping too small, too large, or about right?



PERCEPTIONS OF U.S. PARTICIPATION

When comparing the U.S., China, Russia, and India, the strong majority of adults correctly identify the U.S. as the biggest financial contributor to UN Peacekeeping (86%).

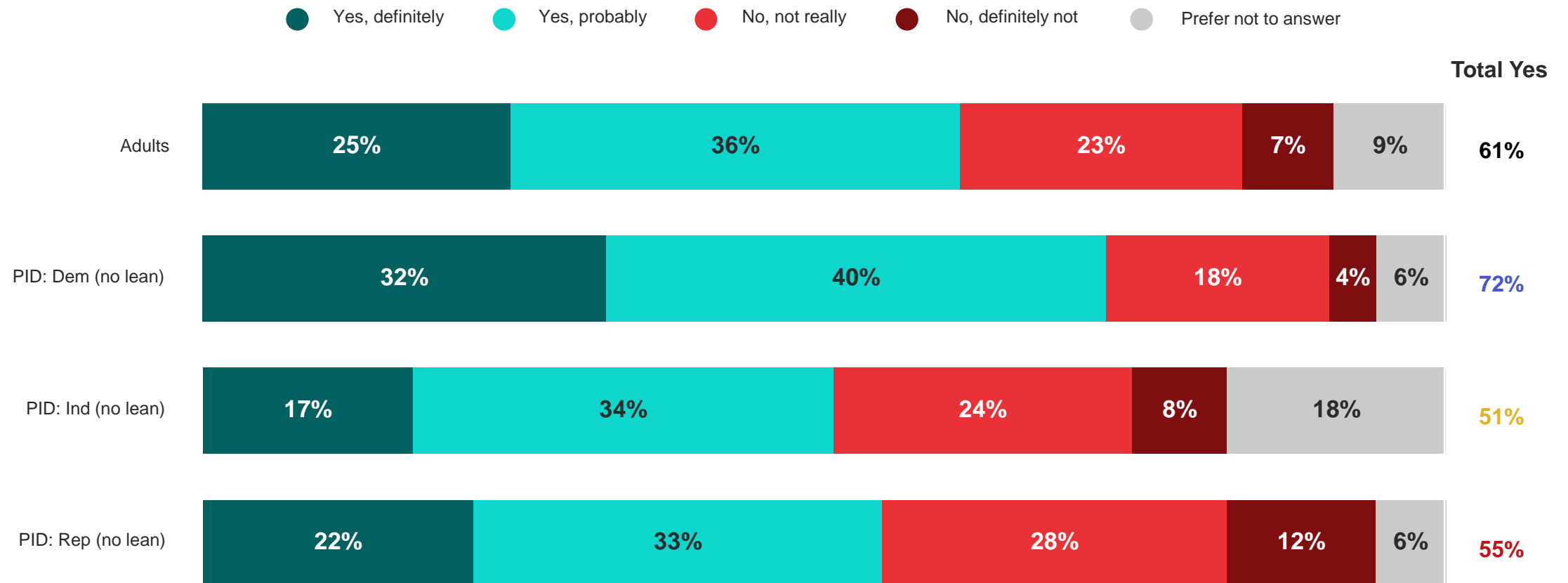
Of the more than 100 countries that contribute financially to UN Peacekeeping, who do you think contributes the largest amount?



PERCEPTIONS OF U.S. PARTICIPATION

The majority of both Democrats (72%) and Republicans (55%) are in alignment that it's an advantage for the U.S. to invest more in peacekeeping than China.

The U.S. is, in fact, the biggest financial contributor to UN Peacekeeping, with China a close second. Do you feel that it's an advantage for the U.S. to invest more in peacekeeping than China?



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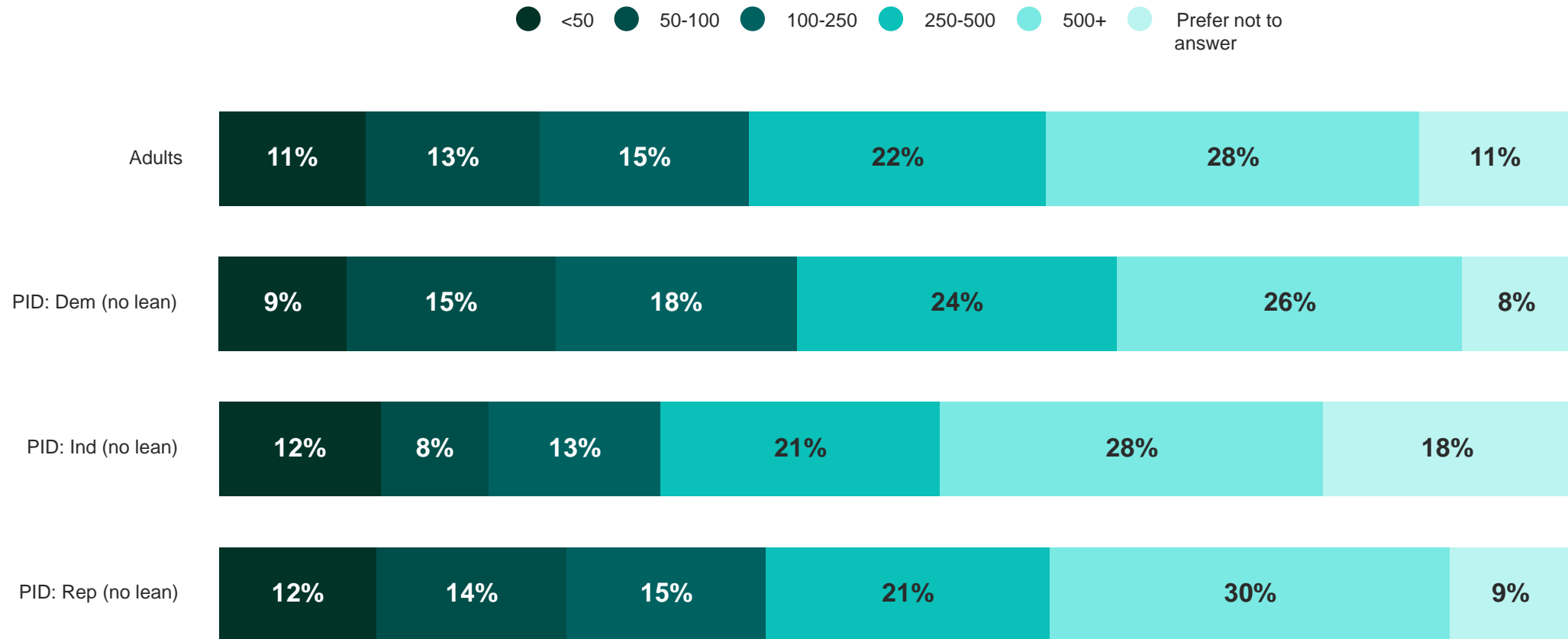
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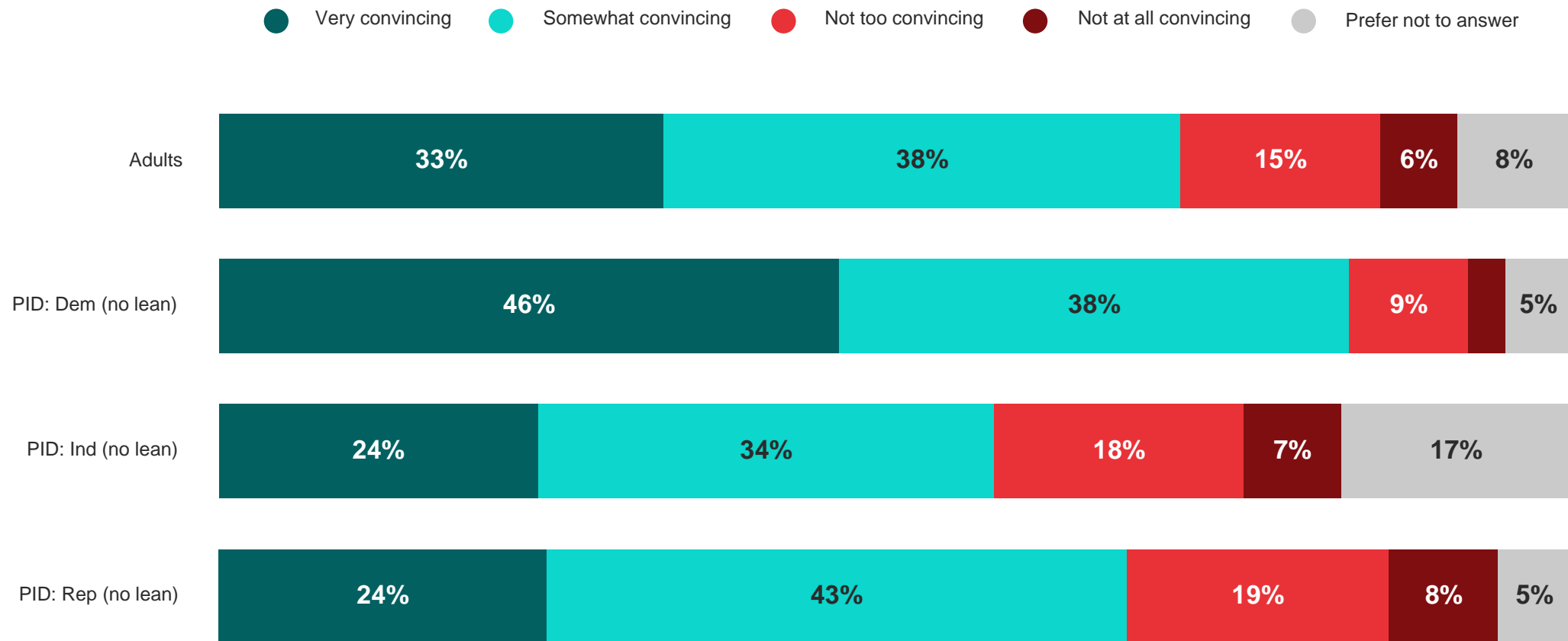


How many Chinese do you think serve in UN Peacekeeping forces?



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Government studies continue to show that supporting UN Peacekeeping Operations is 8x cheaper than sending U.S. troops to do the same job. How convincing, if at all, is this information for you to be supportive of UN Peacekeeping?





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