

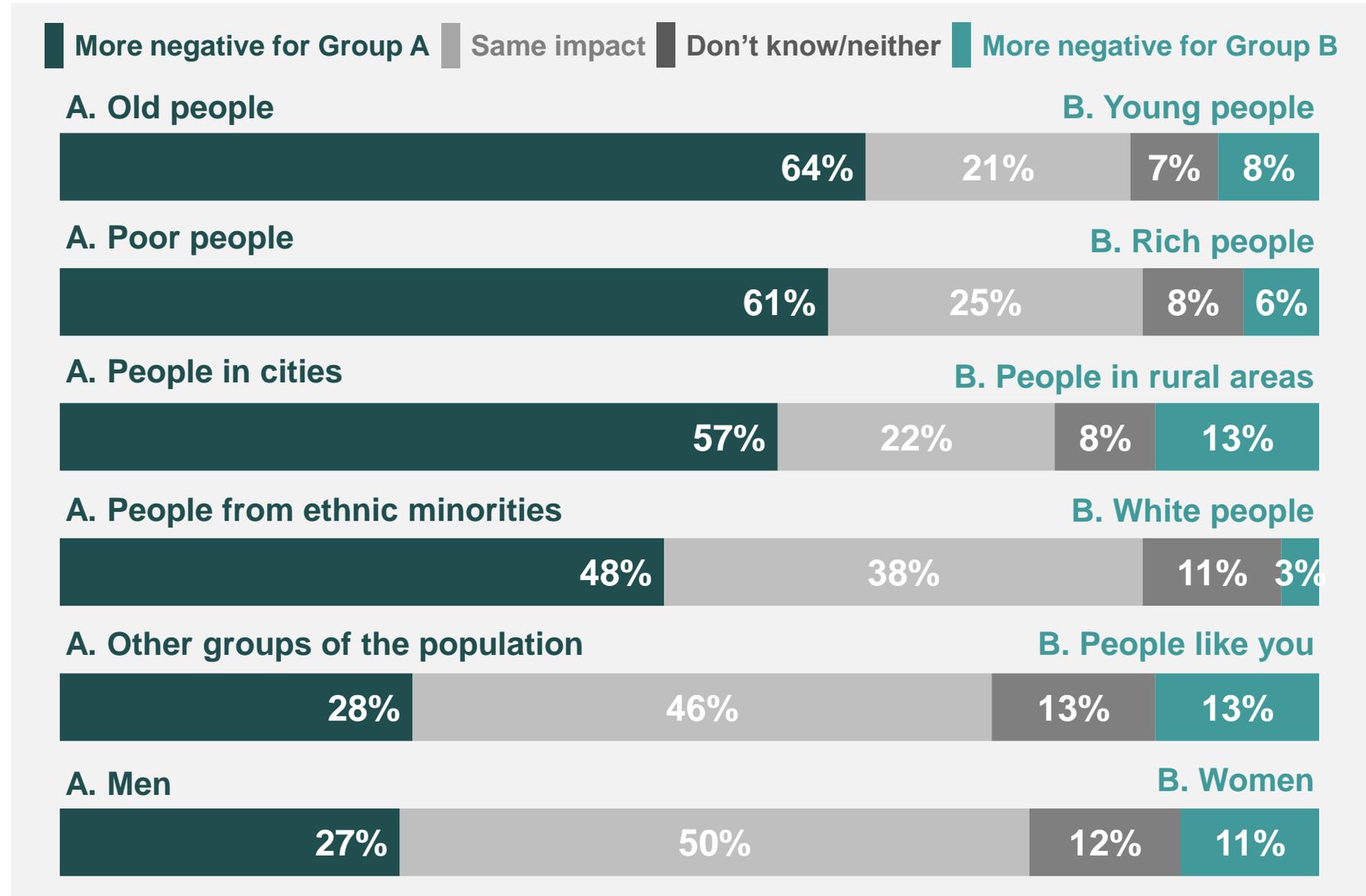
# Gender differences in attitudes towards Coronavirus

20 May 2020

**Evidence shows  
men are more  
likely to contract  
Covid-19 but  
women are more  
concerned than  
men**

# News stories about more men contracting CV-19 have cut through to some extent

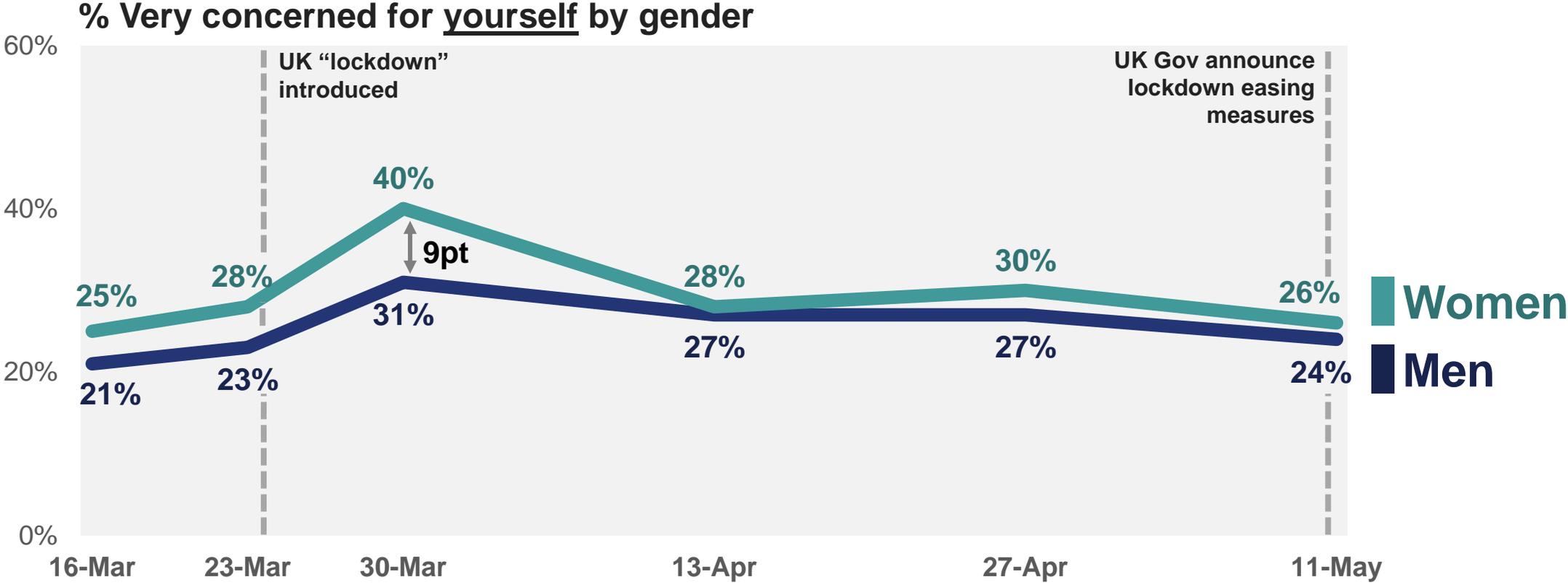
Taking all the potential effects into account (such as health, economic, and social impacts), do you think the Coronavirus will have a more negative impact on GROUP A or GROUP B, or will it have the same impact on both?



Base: 1,066 Online British adults 18-75, 24-27 April 2020

# But this doesn't mean men are more worried for themselves, with similar proportions of men and women expressing concern

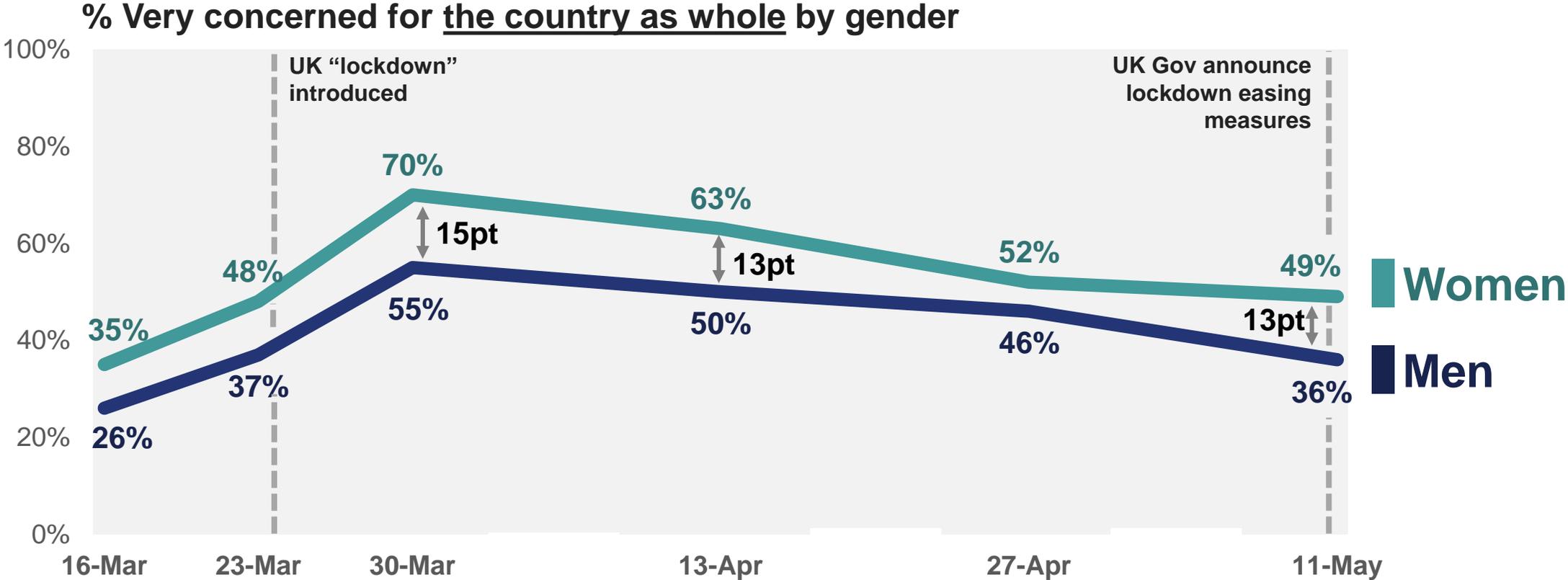
To what extent, if at all, would you say you are concerned about the risk Coronavirus poses to yourself?



Base: c. 1,000 British adults online aged 18-75, Ipsos MORI Coronavirus Polling, March-May 2020

# And women are notably more concerned for the country as a whole

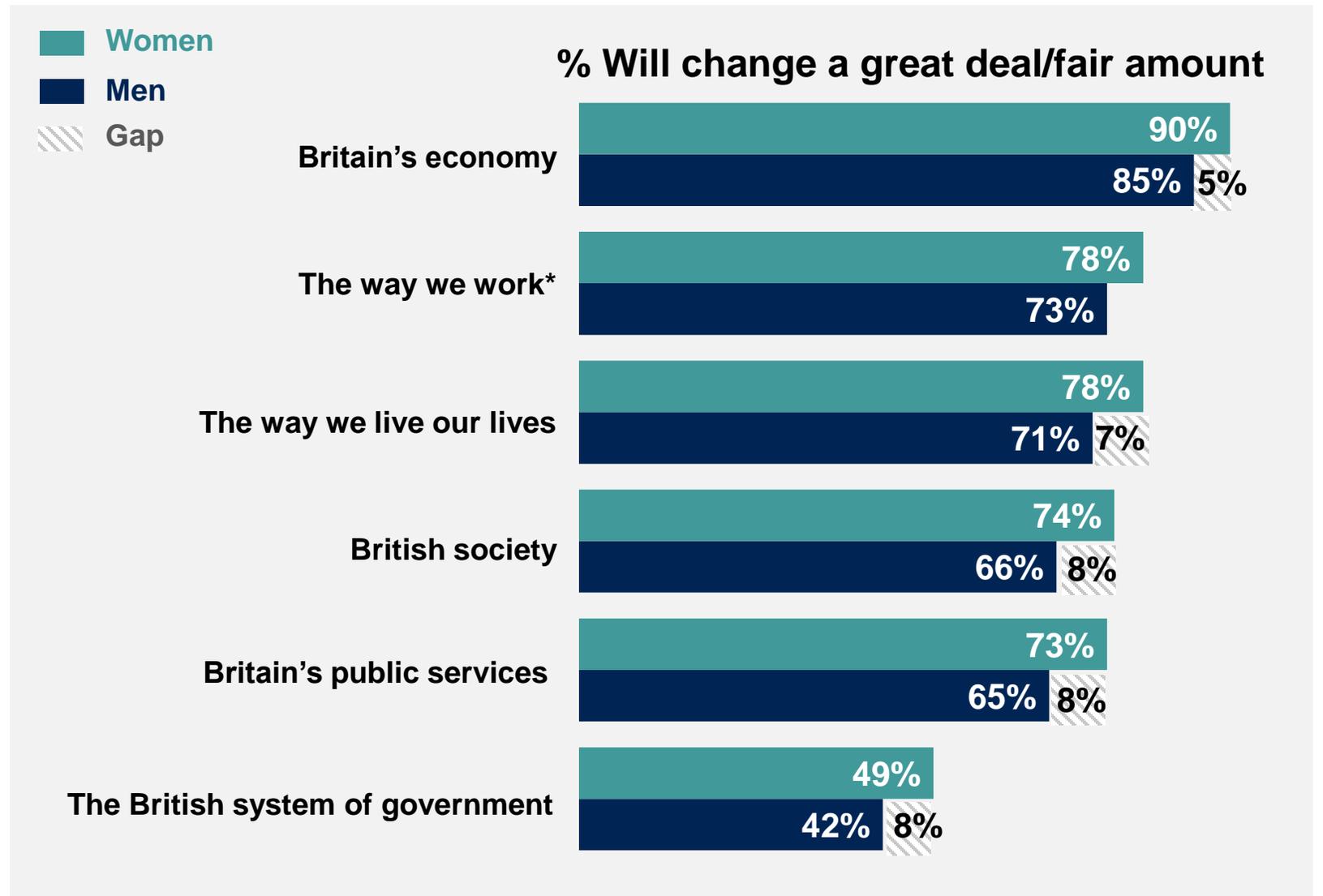
To what extent, if at all, would you say you are concerned about the risk Coronavirus poses to the country as a whole?



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# Women are also more likely to think CV-19 will have a bigger impact on many aspects of life

One year from now, how much, if at all, do you think each of the following will have changed as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, compared with before the Coronavirus?



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\* Based on all those in work

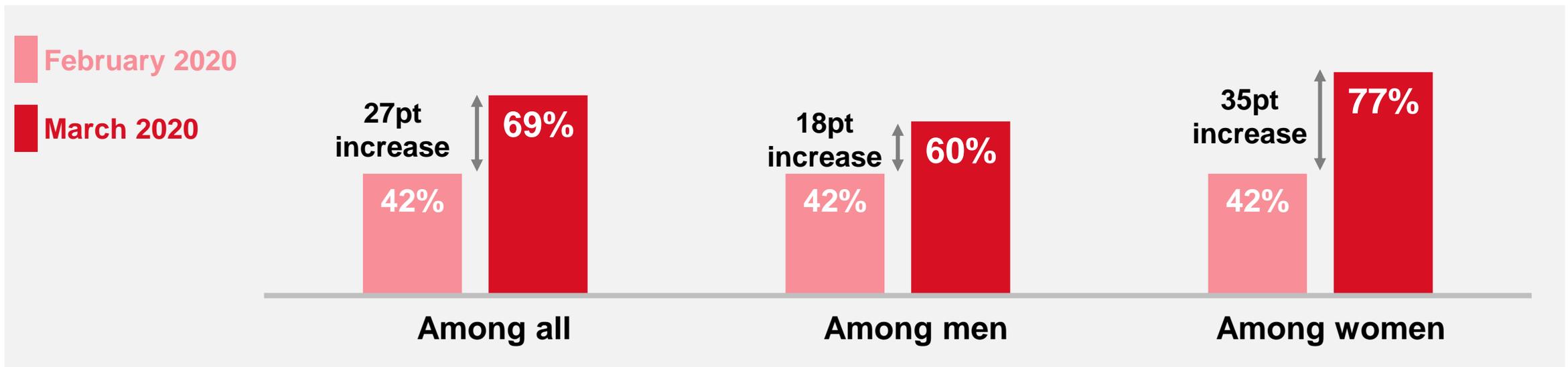
Source: Ipsos MORI

**And they have  
reason to be more  
concerned...**

# At start of the crisis we measured a big drop in economic optimism to levels last seen in 2008 – but this was even starker amongst women

Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same, or get worse over the next 12 months?

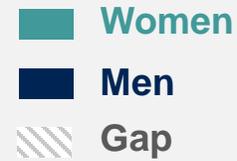
## % Get worse



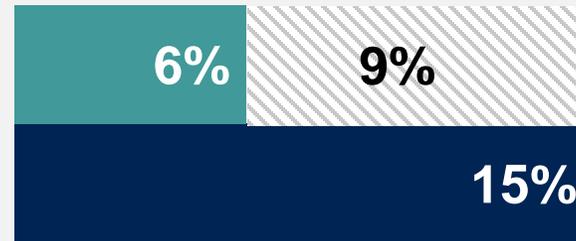
Base: c.1,000 British adults each month, Ipsos MORI Political Monitor, February-March 2020.

# Men are more than twice as likely to say their workplace hasn't changed – while 1 in 3 women say theirs has been closed compared to 1 in 4 men

Which, if any, of the following statements apply to the way your workplace is responding to the Coronavirus outbreak?



### % My workplace remains unchanged



### % My workplace has been closed due to concerns about the Coronavirus



Base: 618 Online British adults currently employed 18-75, 17-20 April 2020.

Source: Ipsos MORI

# While a similar proportion of both men and women are working from home, a recent survey before CV-19 found Britons think home working is four times more likely to damage a woman's career

Please say whether you think working from home regularly is more likely to damage the career of a woman who does this, more likely to damage the career of a man who does this, both equally, or neither?

## “Working from home regularly”

More likely to damage the career of a man who does this

3%

12%

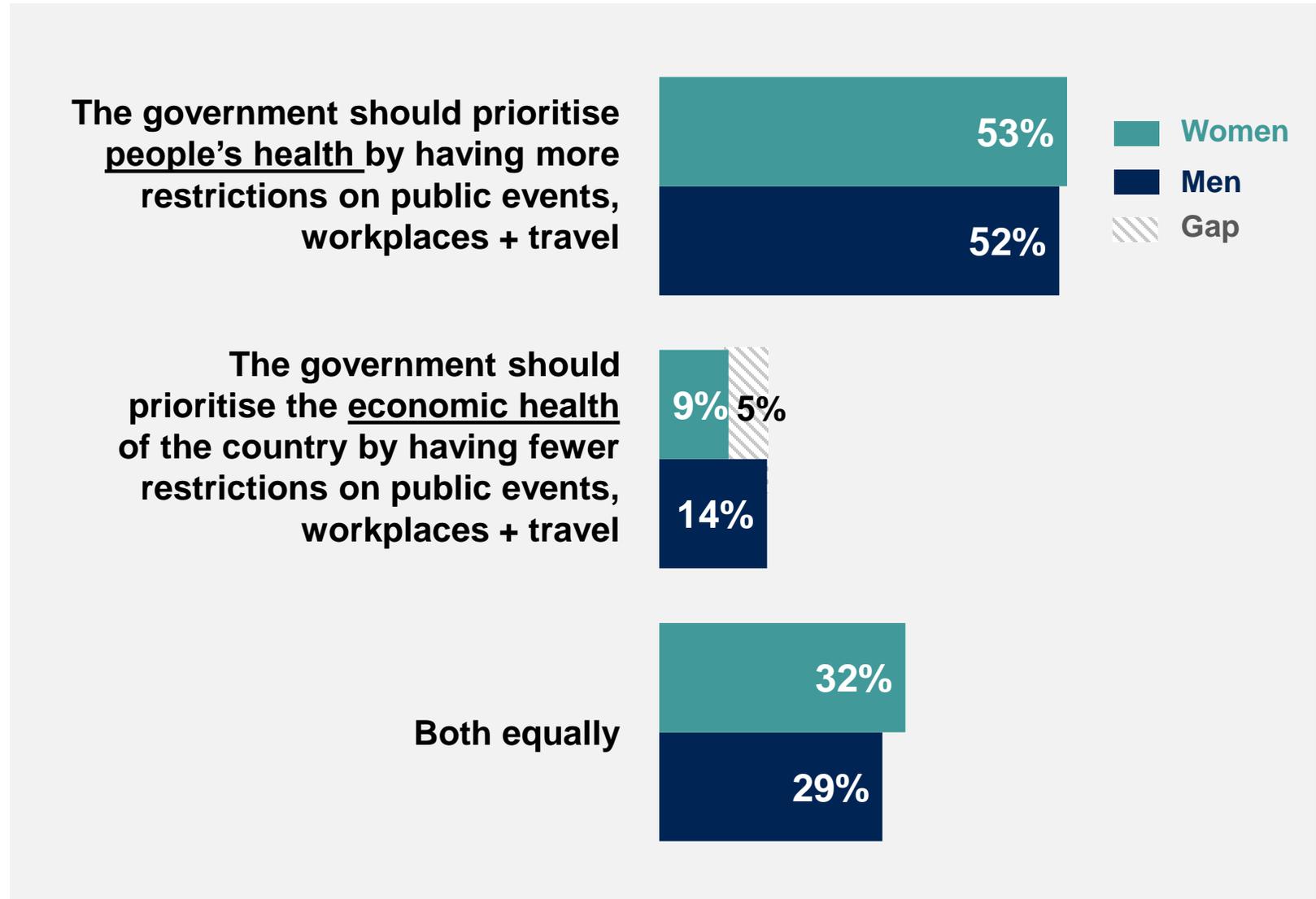
More likely to damage the career of a woman who does this

15%

Base: 1,001 British adults aged 18-74, Ipsos MORI International Women's Day, 24 January- 7 February 2020

# Half believe people's health should be prioritised over economic health – and little difference between men and women

Please read the following pair of statements and then select the one which you agree with more strongly



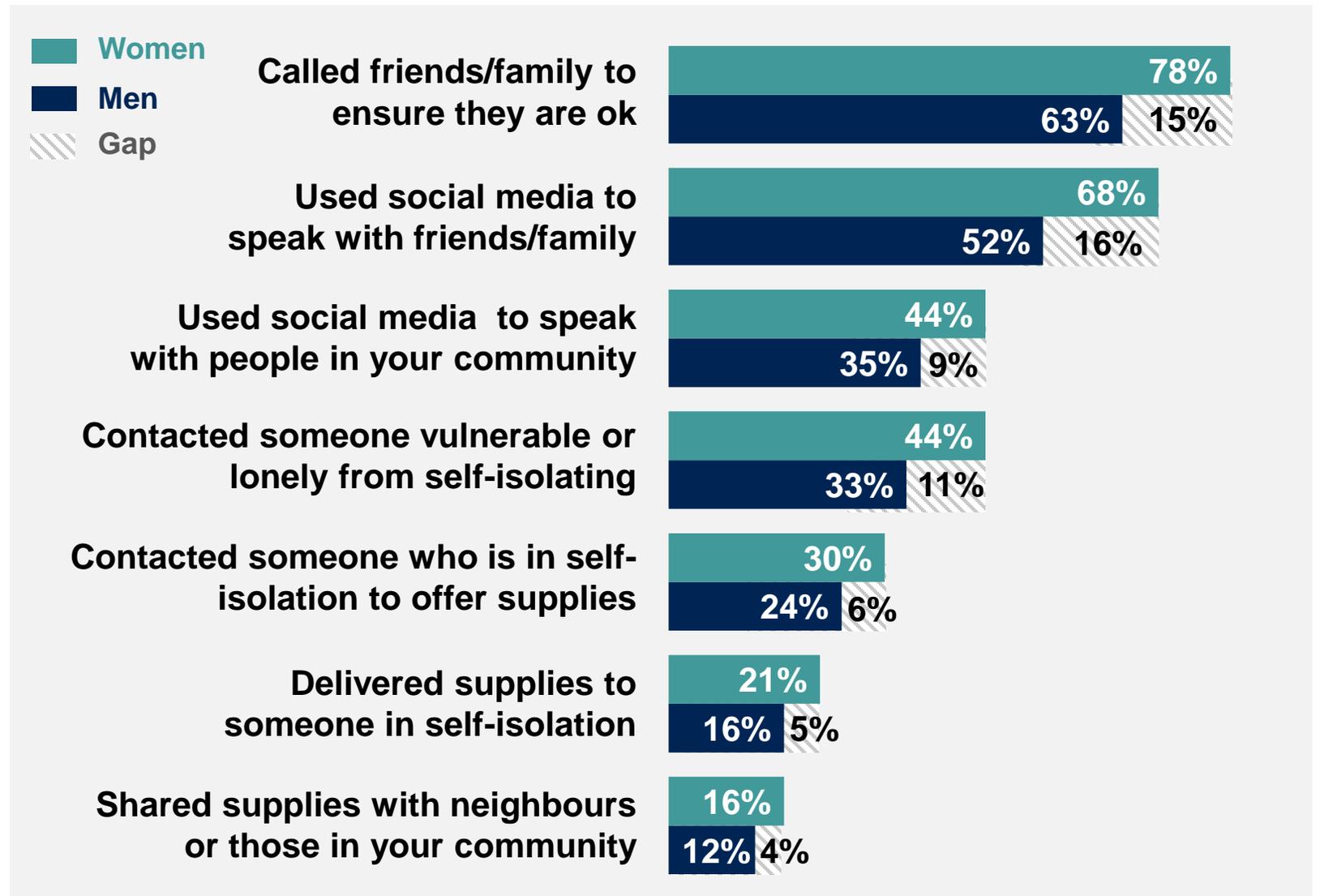
Base: 1069 Online British adults 18-75, 8-11 May 2020

Source: Ipsos MORI

# Women have been busier than men during lockdown

# Women are more likely than men to have reached out and helped others during lockdown

Which of the following, if any, have you personally done since the government started introducing social distancing measures due to the coronavirus outbreak?

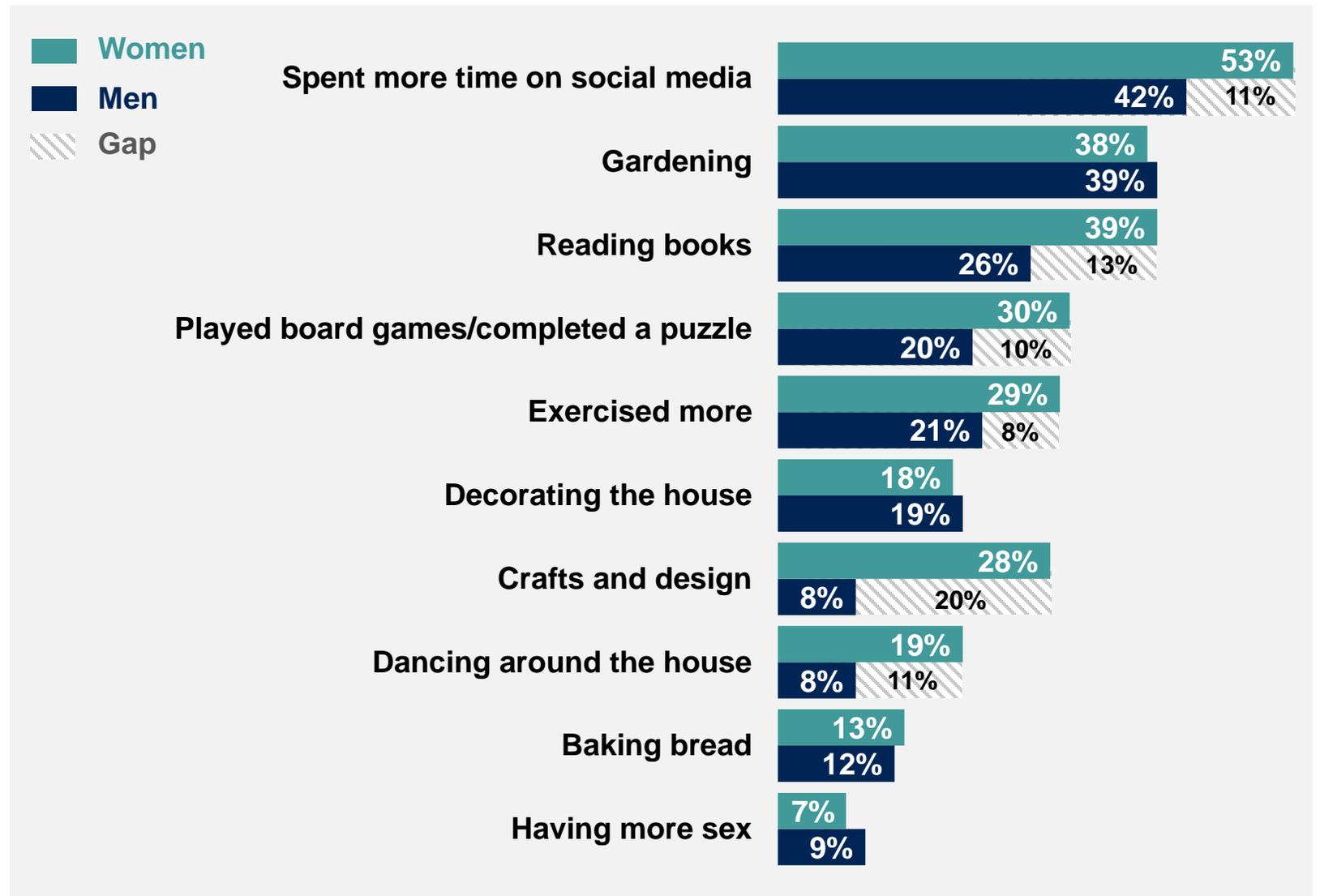


Base: 1072 Online British adults 18-75, 27-30 March 2020

Source: Ipsos MORI

# And women are more likely to have been doing a range of activities

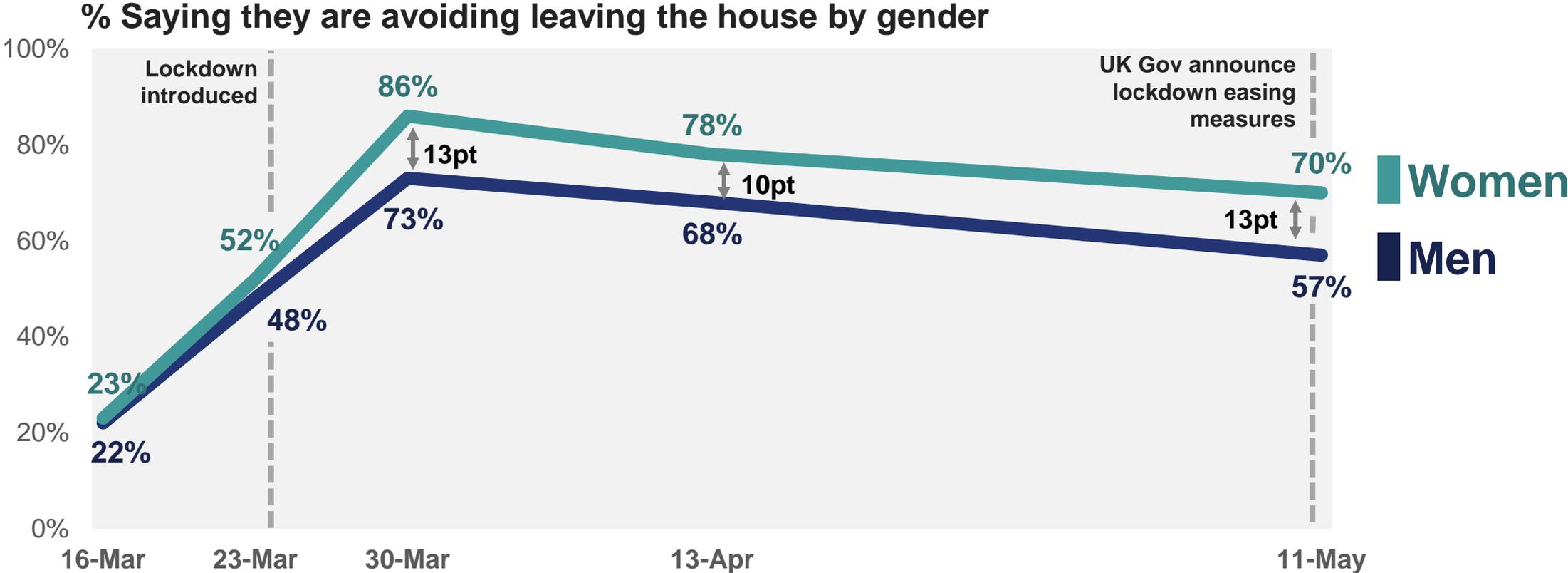
Which, if any, of the following have you done or started doing more often since the lockdown began on March 23rd?



Base: 1069 Online British adults 18-75, 10-13 April 2020

# Women are also more likely to say they are following Govt. guidance to avoid leaving their homes during lockdown

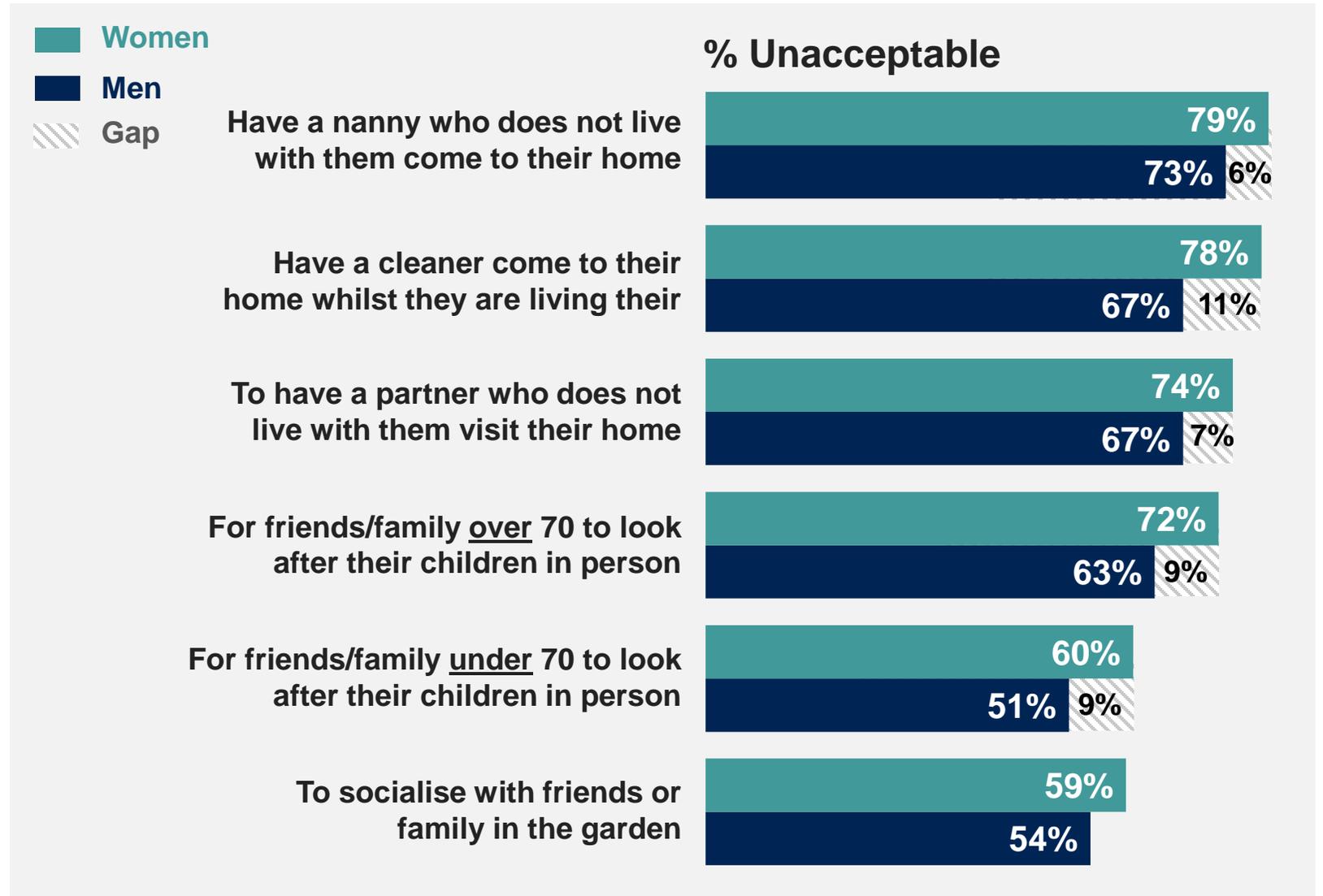
Which of the following actions, if any, have you done or started doing more often as a result of concerns about the coronavirus?



Base: c. 1,000 British adults online aged 18-75, Ipsos MORI Coronavirus Polling, March-May 2020

# And have higher standards about what's acceptable during lockdown

Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for someone to do each of the following during the coronavirus lockdown period?

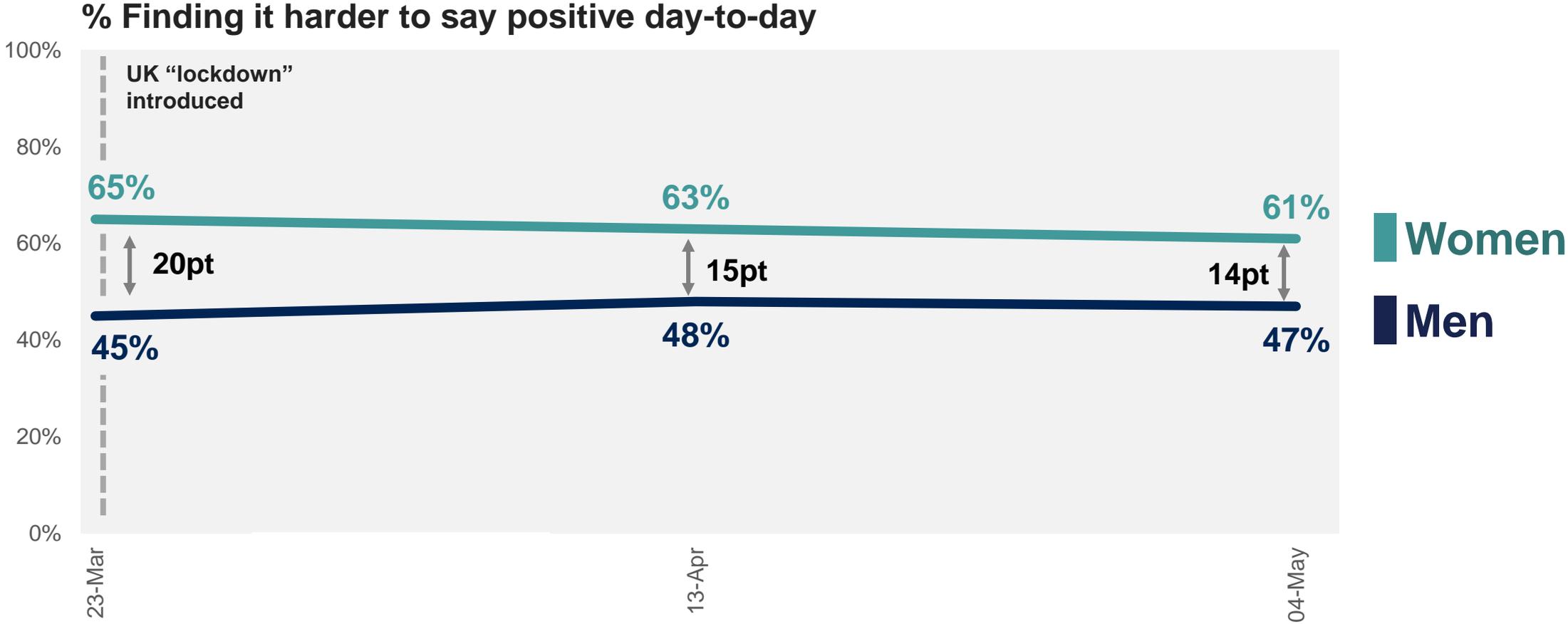


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**But that doesn't  
mean lockdown  
has been easier  
for women**

# Women are finding it harder to stay positive day-to-day

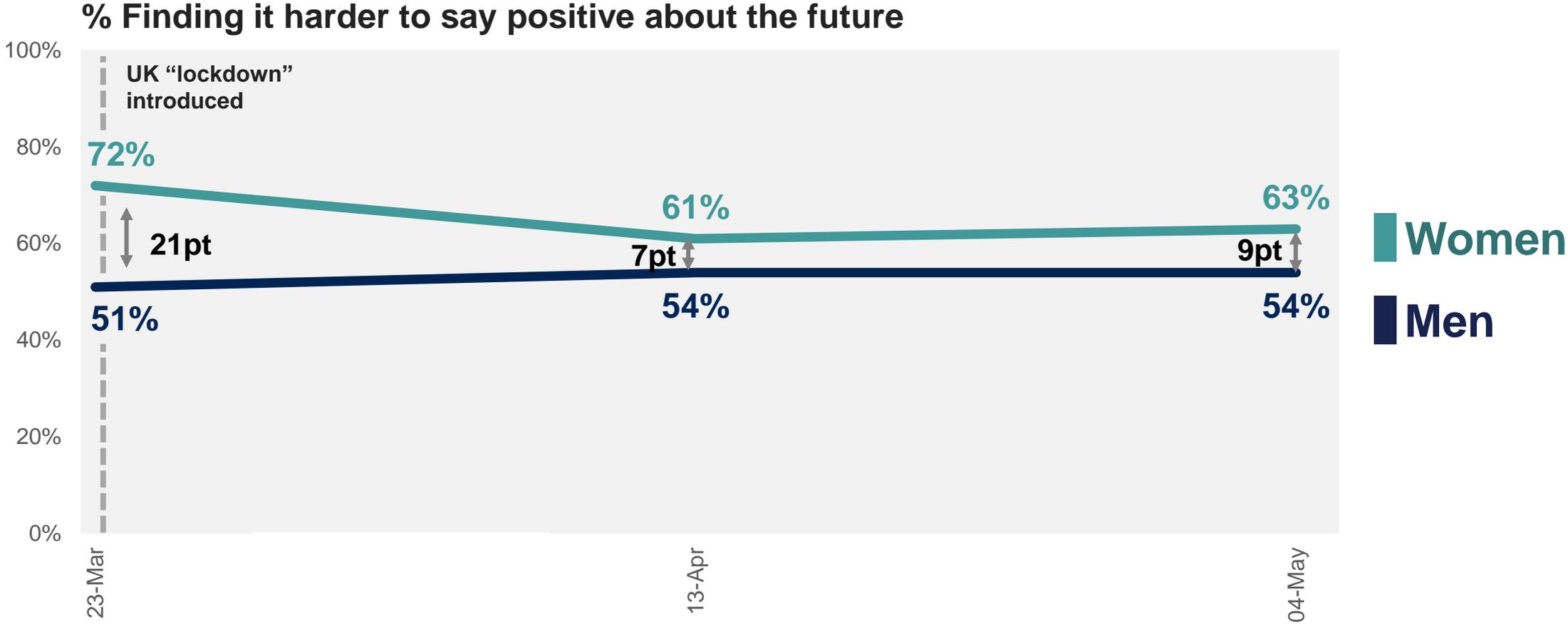
At the moment, are you finding each of the following easier, harder, or about the same compared with before the Coronavirus outbreak? Staying positive day-to-day



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# And to stay positive about the future – although the difference here has become less stark

At the moment, are you finding each of the following easier, harder, or about the same compared with before the Coronavirus outbreak? Staying positive about the future

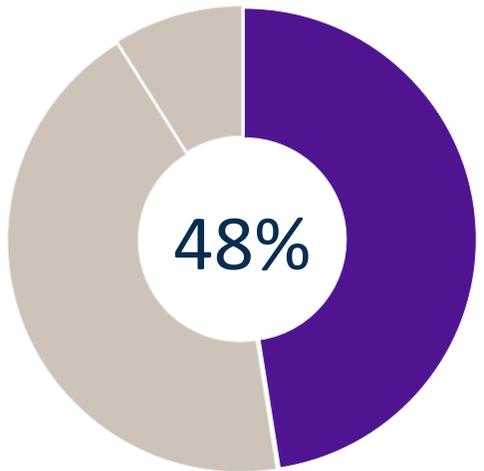


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# And this is borne out in further analysis done by King's College

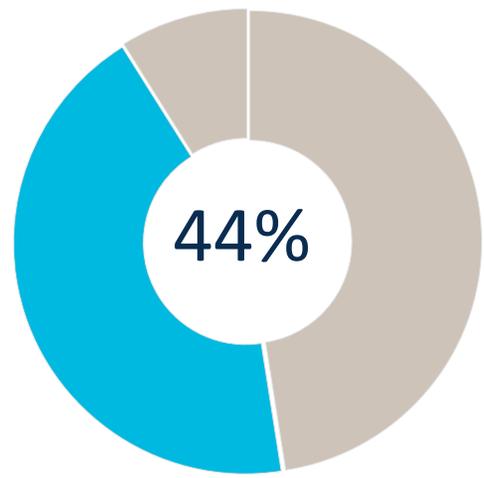
## The "Suffering" segment is more likely to be made up of women

### The Accepting



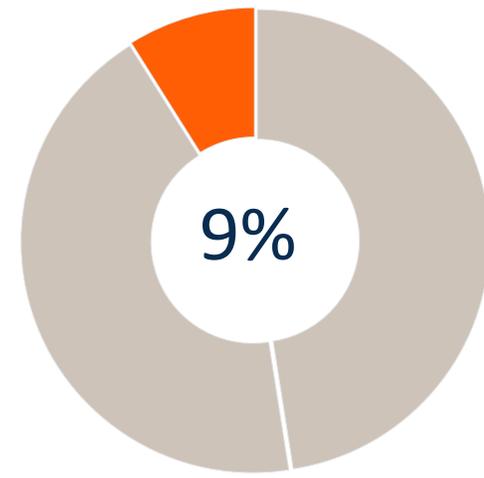
- Key features**
- 59% male
  - Mean age 50
  - Less likely to lose job/experience financial difficulty in lockdown
  - 73% trust govt handling of crisis

### The Suffering



- Key features**
- 64% female
  - Mean age 44
  - High levels of anxiety/sleeping less well, strong adherence to rules
  - Less trusting than other groups of govt handling of crisis

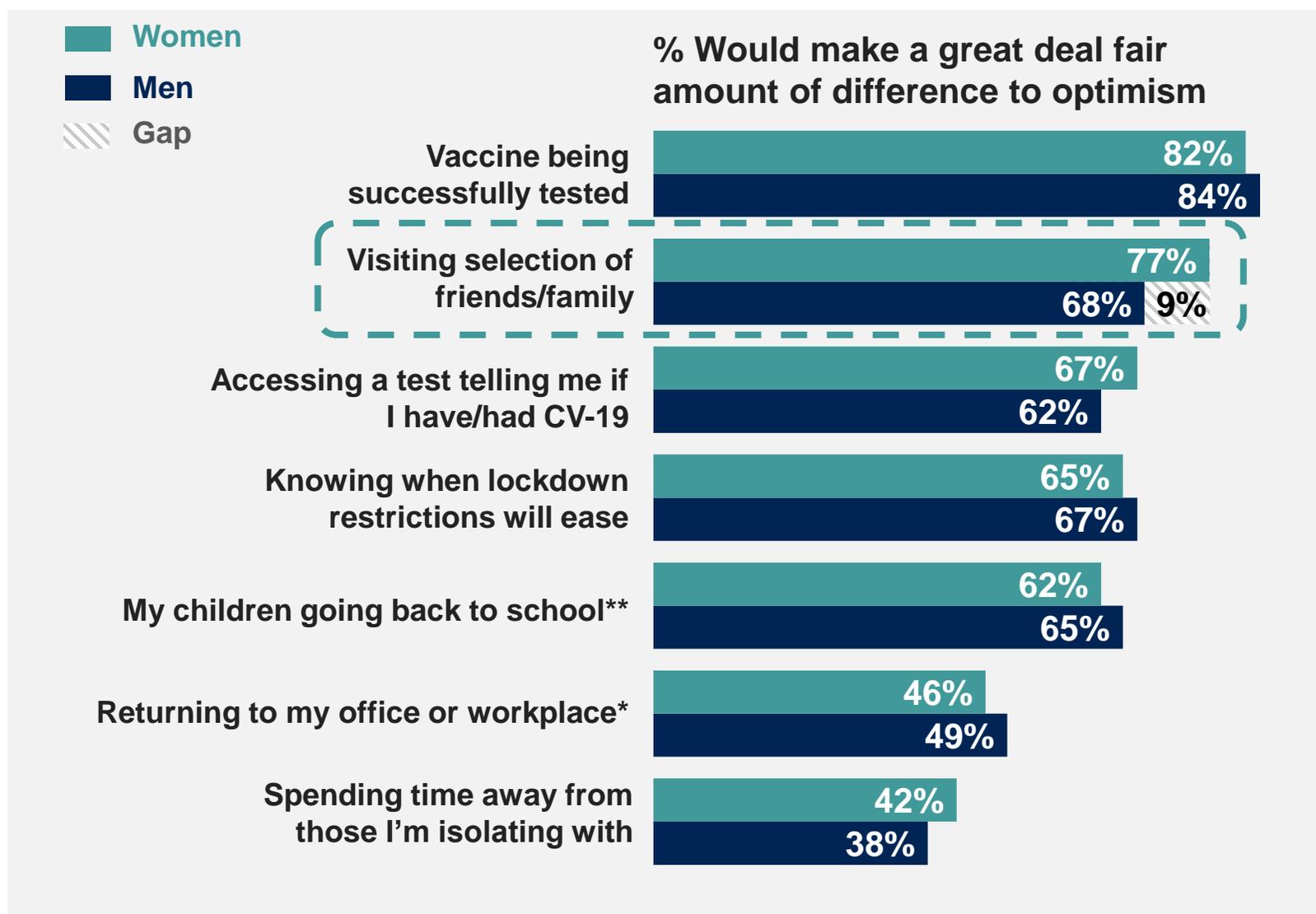
### The Resisting



- Key features**
- 64% male
  - Mean age 29
  - Group least compliant with lockdown measures
  - Expect quick resolution to lockdown measures

# Broad agreement about what might improve the situation – although women keener to visit family/friends

How much of a positive difference, if any, would each of the following have on how optimistic you feel? If the statement is not applicable to your current situation, please say so.



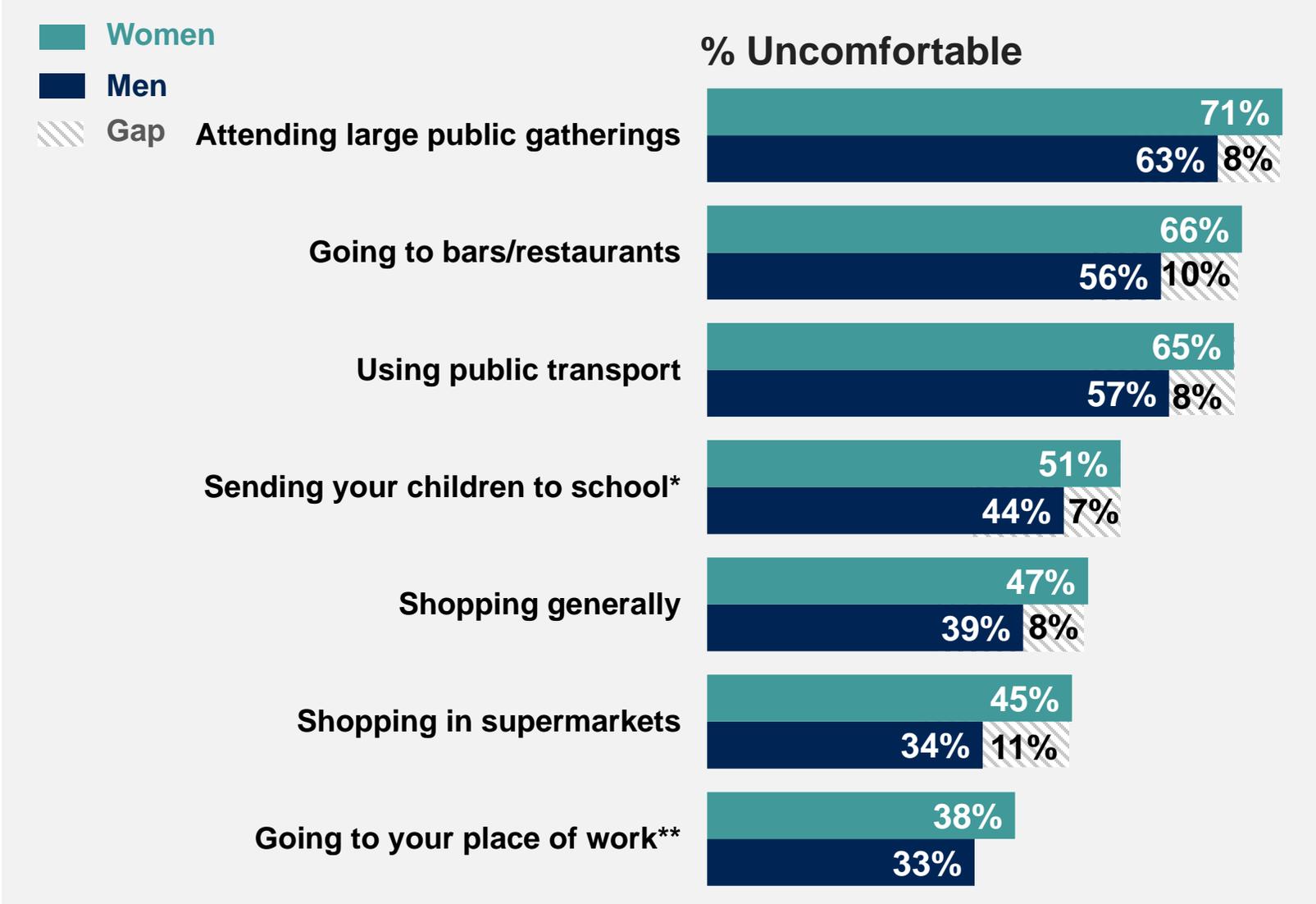
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\* Only asked to those currently in work (655)

\*\* Only asked to those living in a household with someone aged 17 or under (305)

# But women are notably more uncomfortable about various aspects of returning to “normal”

Imagine if the lockdown measures end in the next month, how comfortable, if at all, do you think you will feel doing each of the following in the same way as you did before the coronavirus pandemic began?



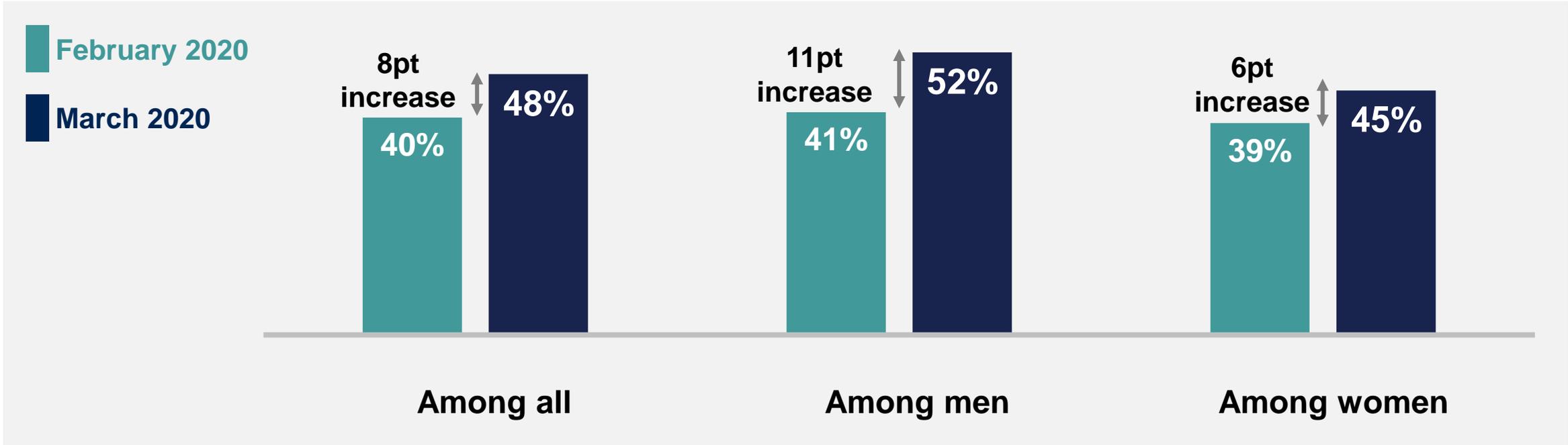
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**What this means  
for the future is  
uncertain...**

# Whilst the Government experienced a “rally around the flag” effect at the start of the crisis, this has been more lukewarm among women

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Government is running the country?

## % Satisfied



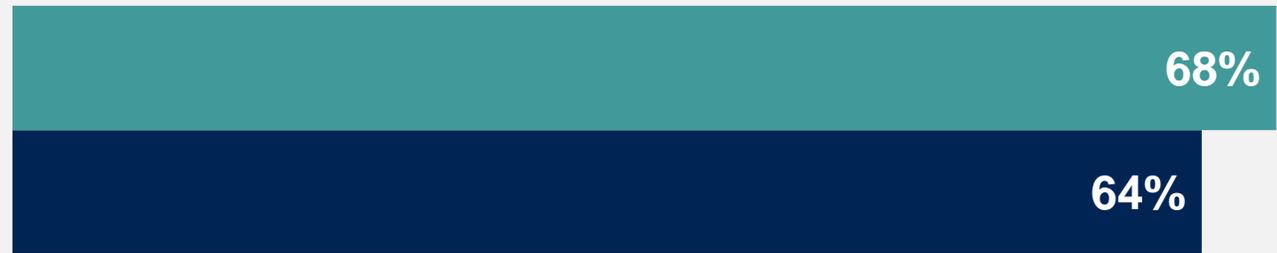
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# With nearing seven in ten women thinking the Government acted “too late” the future is uncertain

Do you think these measures by the Government were taken too soon, too late, or at the right time?



## Government measures were taken too late



## Government measures were taken at the right time



Base: 1065 Online British adults 18-75, 24-27 April 2020

Source: Ipsos MORI

# Technical note

Survey data conducted online among GB adults aged 18-75 years between February and May 2020.

Data are weighted to reflect the population profile.

Percentage scores are shown out of 100%. Where figures do not add up to 100%, this is due to computer rounding. An asterisk indicates a score less than 0.5%, but greater than zero.

Ipsos MORI has been using its online omnibus to track attitudes and behaviour changes around the Coronavirus since March 2020.

Bookmark this webpage to keep up-to-date with our latest polling on the topic: <https://www.ipsos.com/ipsos-mori/en-uk/public-opinion-covid-19-coronavirus-pandemic>

Details are provided below for the specific charts included in this presentation. Visit the webpages for full data tables:

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