

Inaugural Tech Media Telecom Pulse Survey 2018

Facebook Congressional Testimony &
Government Regulation of Technology



Survey Method



For its inaugural Tech Media Telecom Pulse survey, which will be released monthly, HarrisX conducted an online survey of 2,546 US Adults 18+ from April 12-13, 2018 asking their opinions about major tech companies and issues such as privacy, security, and government regulations.

This survey was fielded within 24 hours of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg testimony before Congress. The results reflect a nationally representative sample. Results were weighted for age within gender, region, race/ethnicity, and income where necessary to align them with their actual proportions in the population.

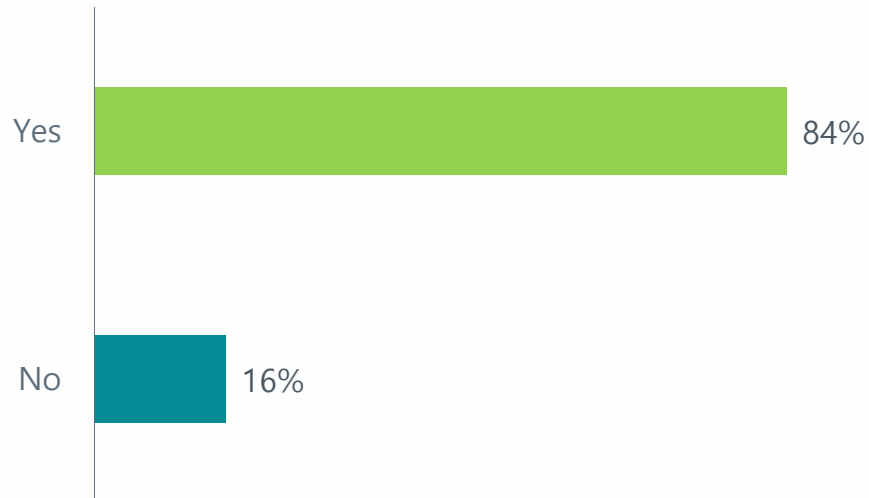


A. Government Regulation of the Tech Sector

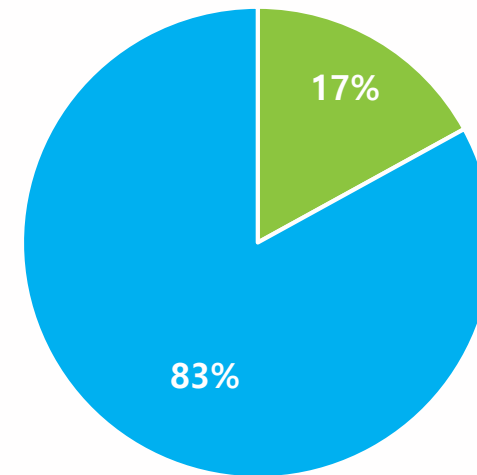
Americans view technology companies as responsible for the content in their platforms and want tougher regulations and penalties on data privacy



Do you think that technology companies should be legally responsible for the content they carry on their system?



Do you think we need tougher regulations and penalties for breaches of data privacy or do we have adequate laws?



- Have adequate laws
- Need tougher regulations and penalties for breaches of data privacy

BASE: All respondents (n=2,546)

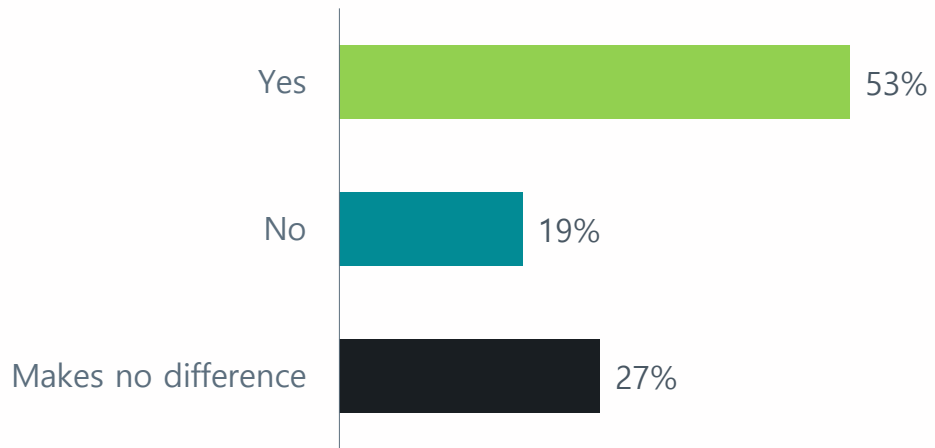
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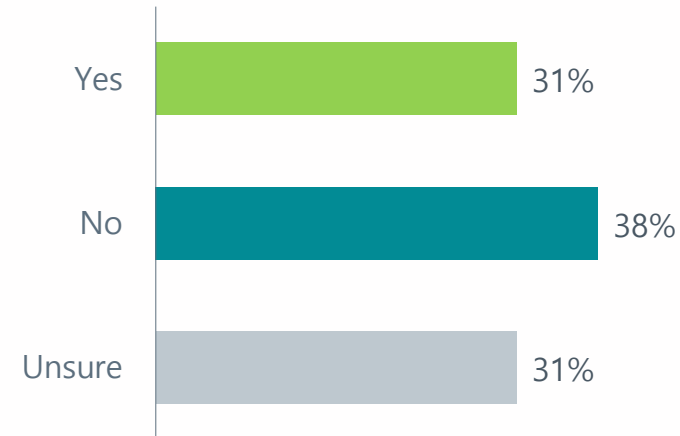
Consumers are asking for regulation of the tech sector similar to big banks, but don't believe the Government is able to regulate large tech companies



Do you believe that large technology companies should or should not be regulated by the federal government in the way big banks are?



Do you think that the federal government is capable of regulating large technology companies?

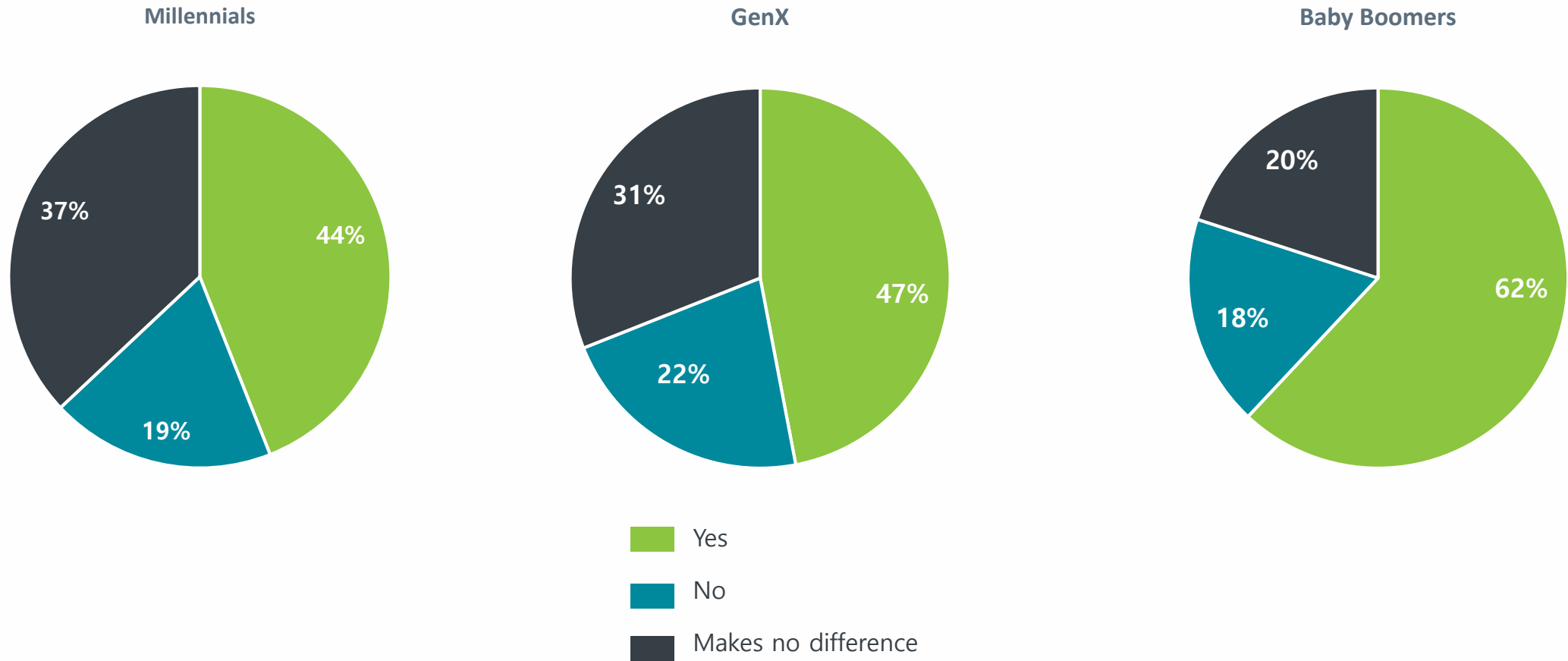


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Q23. Do you believe that large technology companies should or should not be regulated by the federal government in the way big banks are? (Shown: Top 2 Box, Yes=Strongly or somewhat believe they should; Bottom 2 Box No=Strongly or somewhat believe they should not; Makes no difference)

Q24. Do you think that the federal government is capable of regulating large technology companies?

Older Americans (53-72) overwhelmingly believe that large tech companies should be regulated the way big banks are



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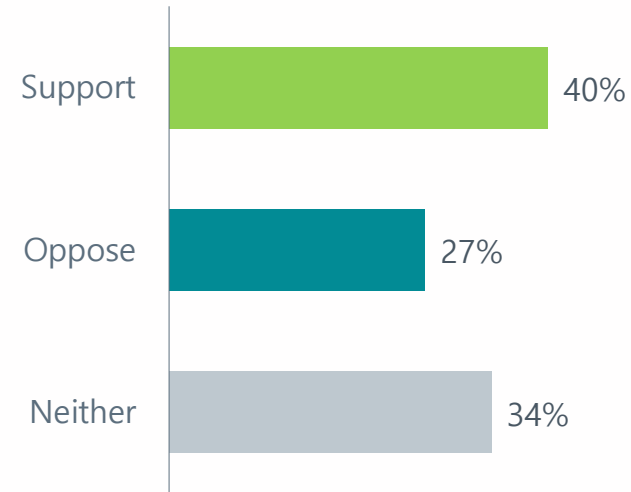
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By a wide margin, public supports regulating the targeting of news feeds, search results, and ads based on political views or affiliations



Would you support or oppose regulating the targeting of news feeds, search engine results, or advertising based on political affiliation or political viewpoints on social media platforms?



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CE36. Would you support or oppose regulating the targeting of news feeds, search engine results, or advertising based on political affiliation or political viewpoints on social media platforms? (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly or Somewhat support; Bottom 2 Box, Strongly or somewhat oppose; Neither)

Most Americans believe the Gov't will take steps to regulate the tech sector this year or in course of the next few years



When do you think that the federal government will take steps to regulate large technology companies?



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Q25. When do you think that the federal government will take steps to regulate large technology companies?

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Respondents feel the largest social media platforms should be more regulated than other types of personal technology companies.



Facebook is the only company that respondents believe should be heavily regulated.

	Heavily Regulated	Lightly Regulated	Not at all Regulated
Facebook	49%	39%	12%
Twitter	42%	44%	14%
Snapchat	40%	44%	16%
Google	34%	49%	17%
YouTube	36%	47%	17%
LinkedIn	32%	50%	18%
Apple	29%	52%	19%
Amazon	27%	50%	23%
Microsoft	26%	55%	19%

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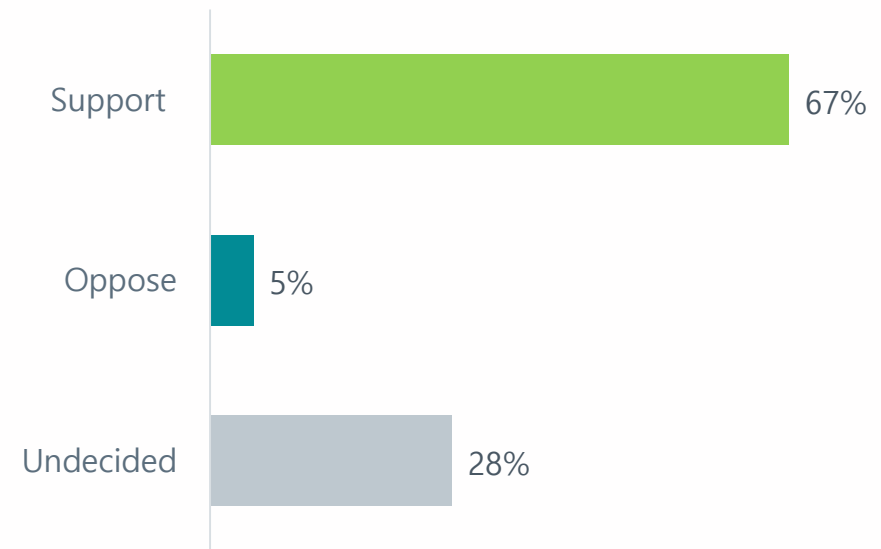
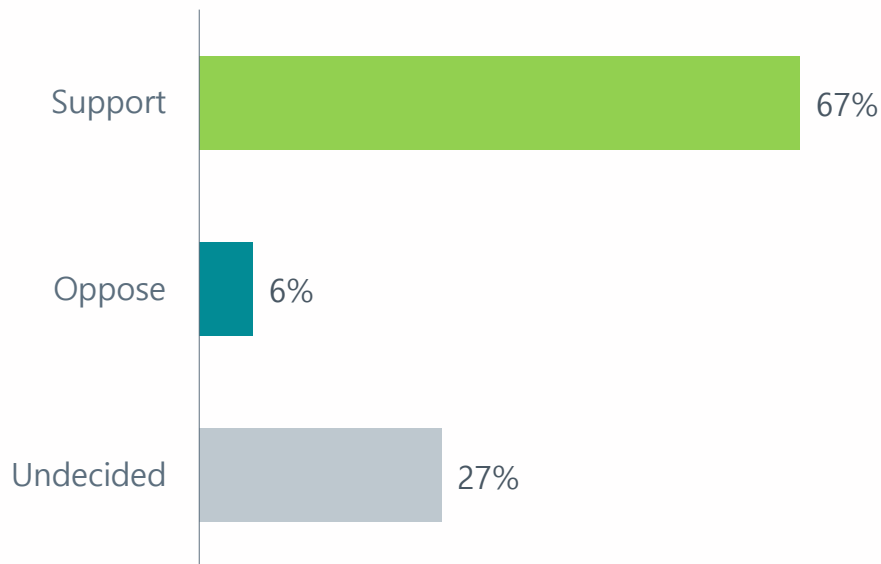
Q26. To which degree should each of the following companies be regulated?

There is overwhelming support for major online privacy and security legislation being considered in the US and Europe



[Consent Act] “Requiring any company that gathers online information to do the following: get their users explicit opt-in consent anytime personal information is used, shared, or sold; notify users about all collection, use, and sharing of users' personal

[European GDP Rules] “Protections allowing users to consent to the data that's being collected about them and requiring companies to be clear about how that data is used. Companies must provide consumers with the ability to access the data that companies



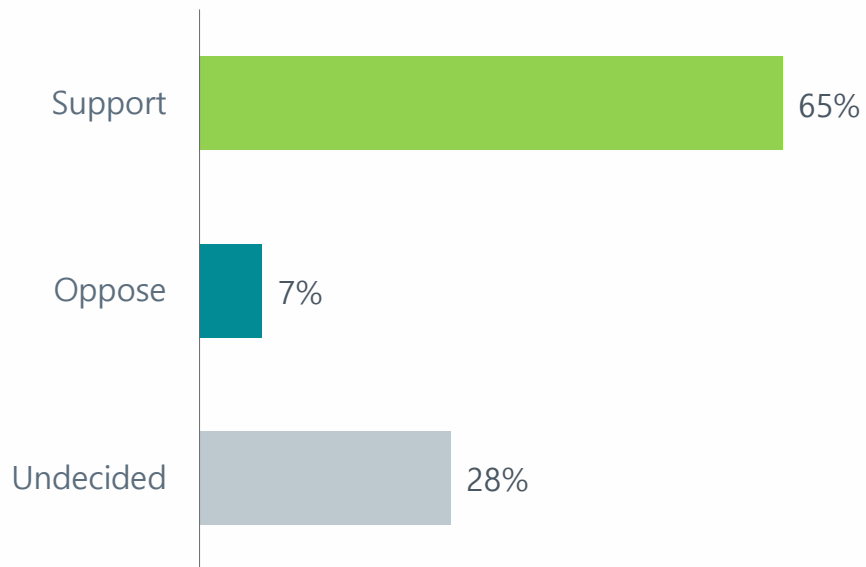
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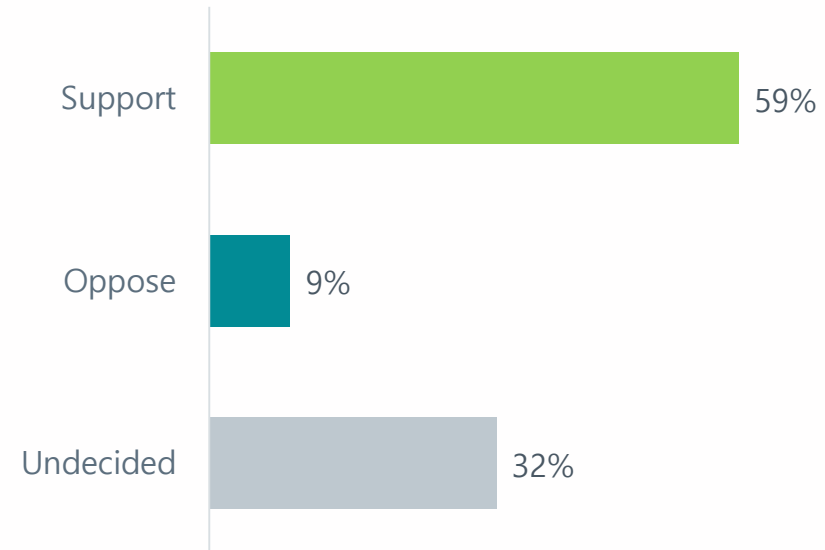
Respondents overwhelmingly support legislation to ensure political advertising in social media is disclosed and children under 16 are protected



[Honest Ads Act] “Requiring political advertisements on social media to list who paid for them just like political ads on radio, print, and television do, and imposing fines on social media companies that don't follow these rules.”



[U-16 Privacy Bill of Rights] “An Under 16 Bill of Rights to ensure that kids who are under 16 absolutely have a privacy Bill of Rights, including the right to be forgotten and have their online data pre-16-year-old to be permanently deleted, as well as r



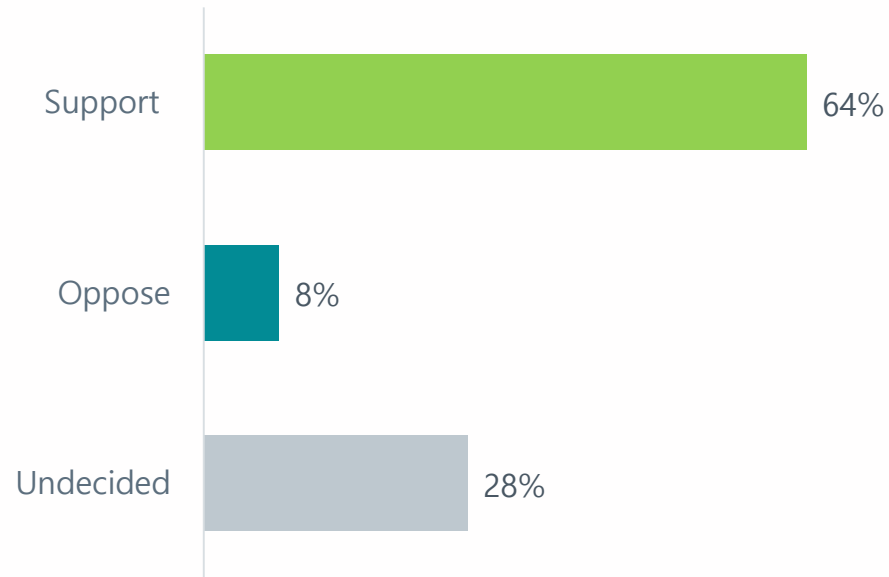
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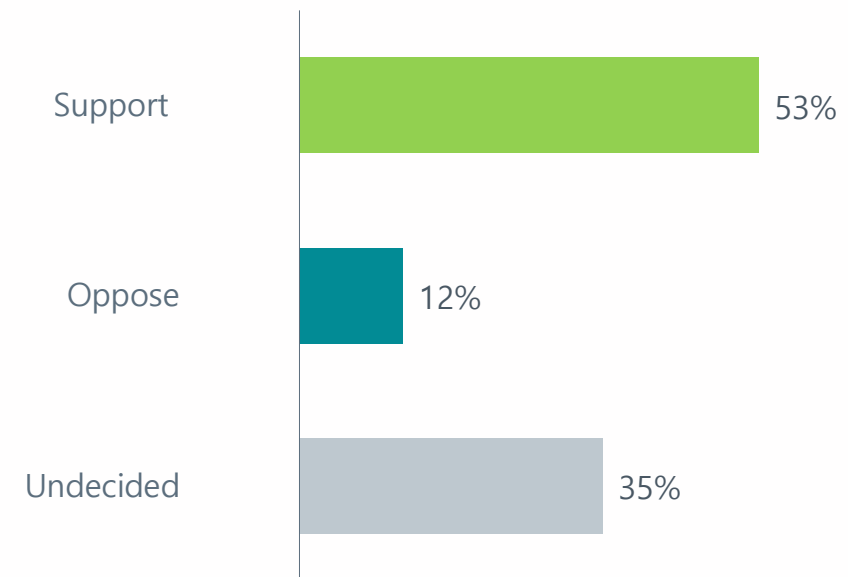
Americans would support a Constitutional amendment to protect online privacy as well as regulating Facebook like a traditional media company



Regulating Facebook like a traditional media company if it continues to distribute news on its platform



A new amendment to the Constitution protecting online privacy in a similar way to how the Fourth Amendment protects against physical search and seizure.



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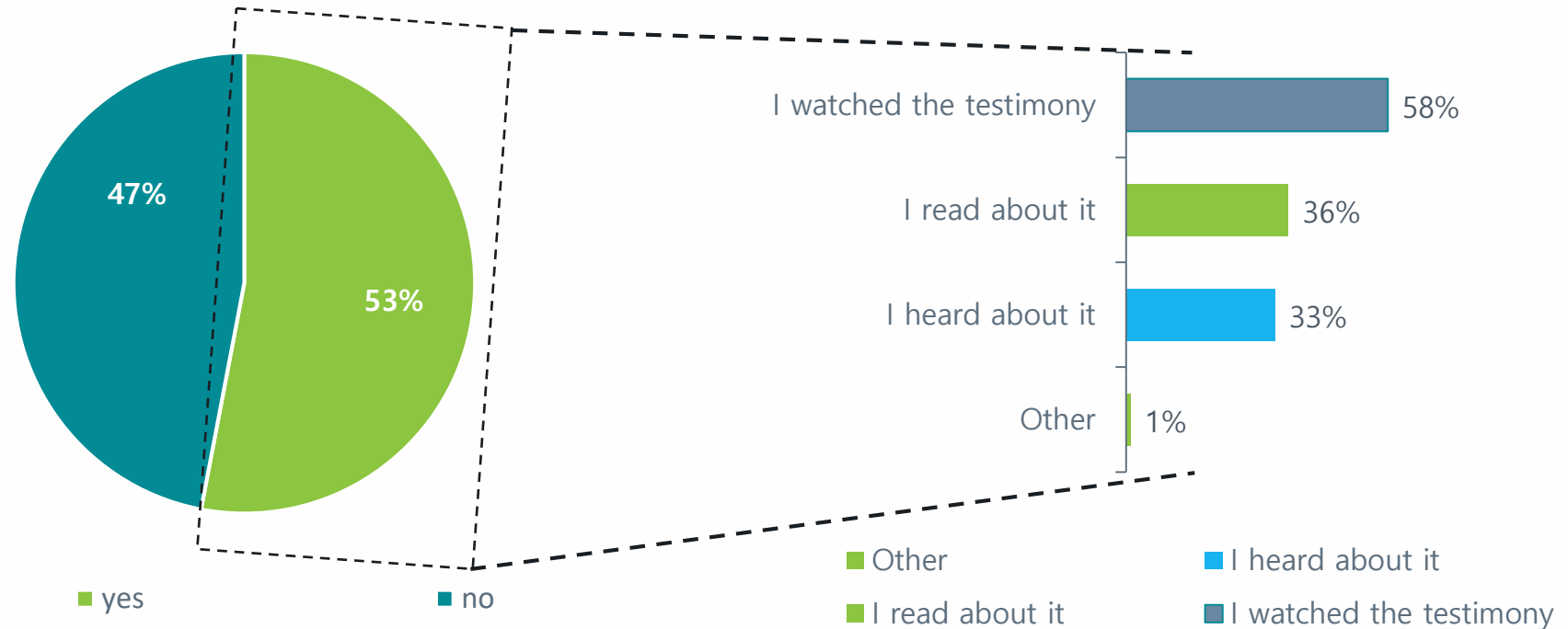
B. Perceptions of Facebook

Majority of U.S. public watched, read, or heard about Facebook CEO's testimony before Congress



Were you able to watch, read or hear about Mark Zuckerberg's testimony before Congress?

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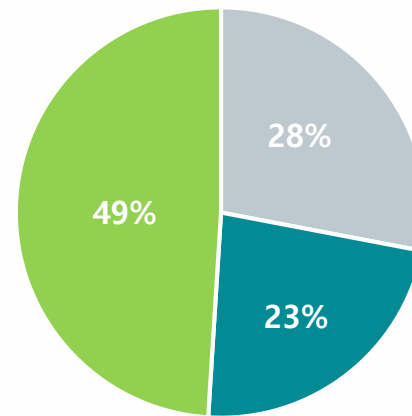
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Americans are split on whether Facebook does a good or bad job in fulfilling its mission



Facebook says its mission is connecting people, building communities, and bringing the world closer together. Do you think Facebook does a good or bad job achieving that mission?



■ Undecided ■ Very bad or somewhat bad ■ Very good or somewhat good

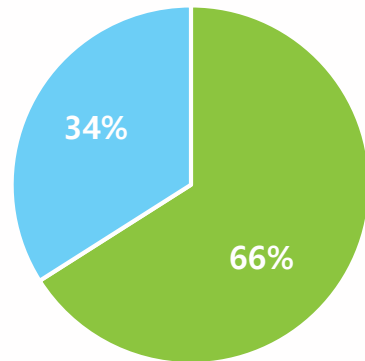
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Q42. Facebook says its mission is connecting people, building communities, and bringing the world closer together. Do you think Facebook does a good or bad job achieving that mission?

There are questions about Facebook's impartiality and "neutrality"

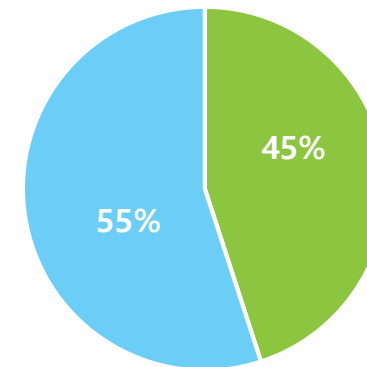


Americans think of Facebook as more of a media company than a neutral forum...



- A media company that **prioritizes** the visibility of **some content over other** and ranks and editorializes, either manually or through algorithms, the content that people see
- A **neutral platform** through which people communicate and share content and it **does not interfere** in how that content is distributed

Majority find there is evidence of bias and political censorship within Facebook.



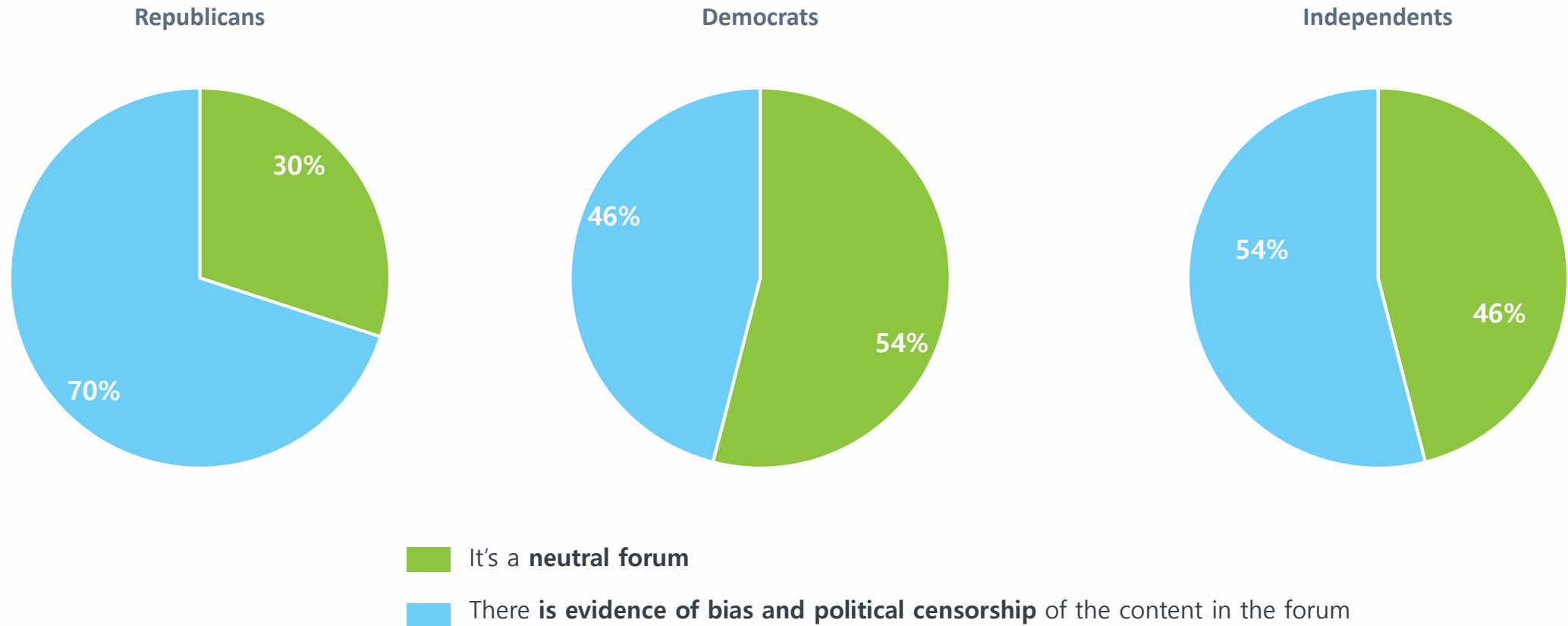
- It's a **neutral forum**
- There **is evidence of bias and political censorship** of the content in the forum

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Q44. Which of the following statements is closer to your view?

Q45. Do you think Facebook is a neutral forum or is there evidence of bias and political censorship of content in the forum?

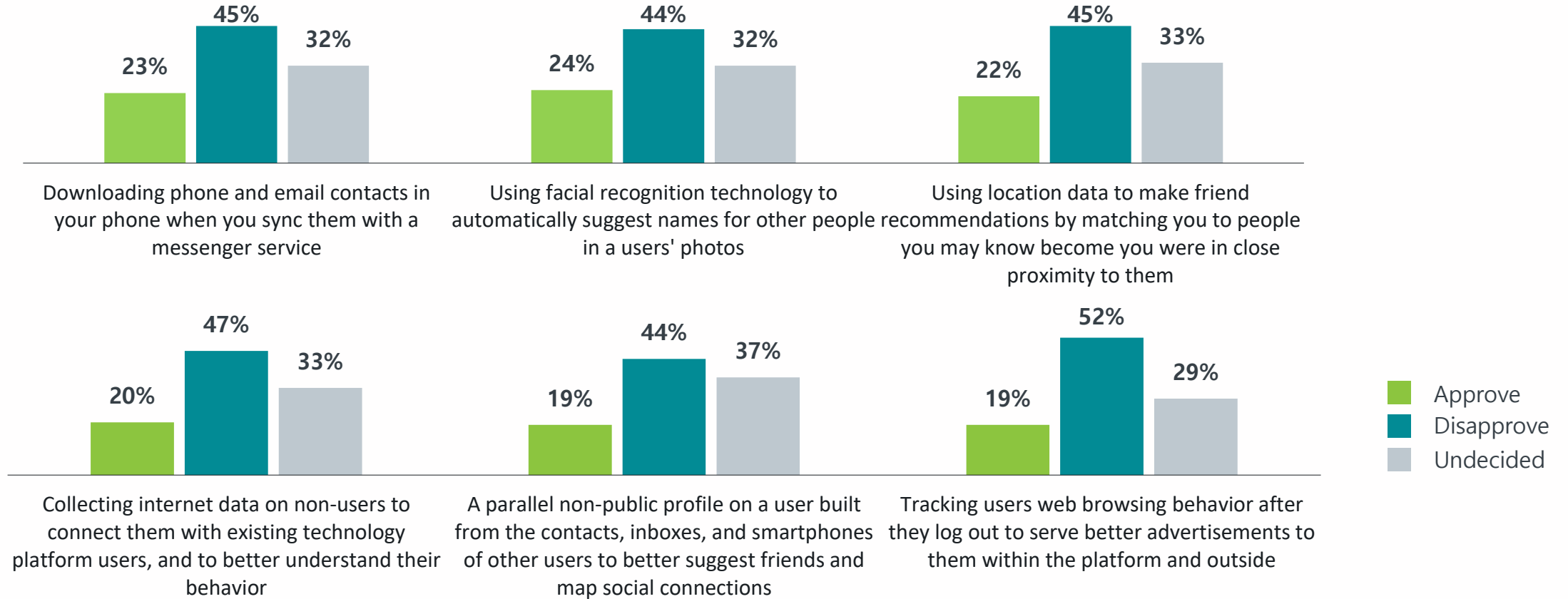
Republicans strongly believe that there is evidence of bias and political censorship of the content at Facebook, as do a majority of Independents



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Q45. Do you think Facebook is a neutral forum or is there evidence of bias and political censorship of content in the forum?

Americans disapprove of behind the scenes Facebook's data collection practices; more education on these topics is required



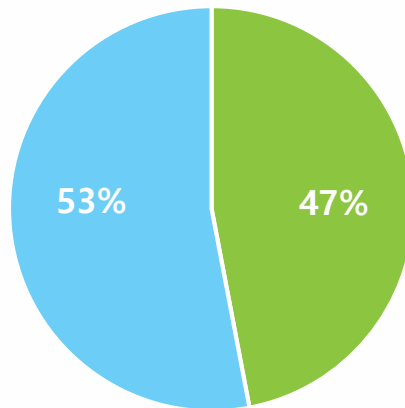
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Q33. Please tell us if you approve or disapprove of the following technology practices. (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly or somewhat approve; Bottom 2 Box Strongly or somewhat disapprove; Undecided=Neither approve or disapprove)

Americans support Facebook's planned 20,000-strong content review team but are distrustful of AI policing bad content within the platform

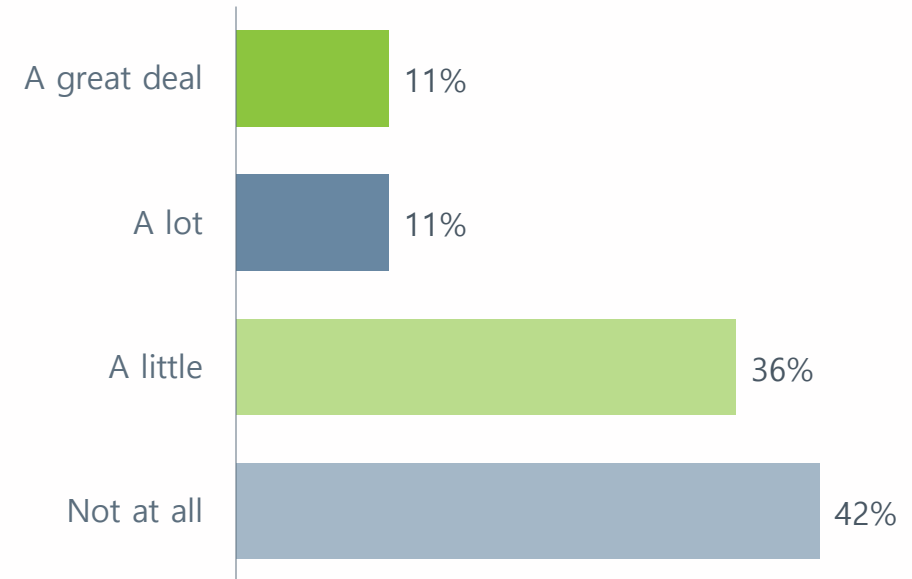


Majority of Americans say the proposed Facebook team of 15,000 to 20,000 people working on security and content review will approach its work in a fair and impartial manner, whereas the rest say it will censor certain ideologies over others



- In a way that censors certain ideologies over others
- In a fair and impartial manner

Do you trust Facebook to use artificial intelligence to police bad content on its platform?

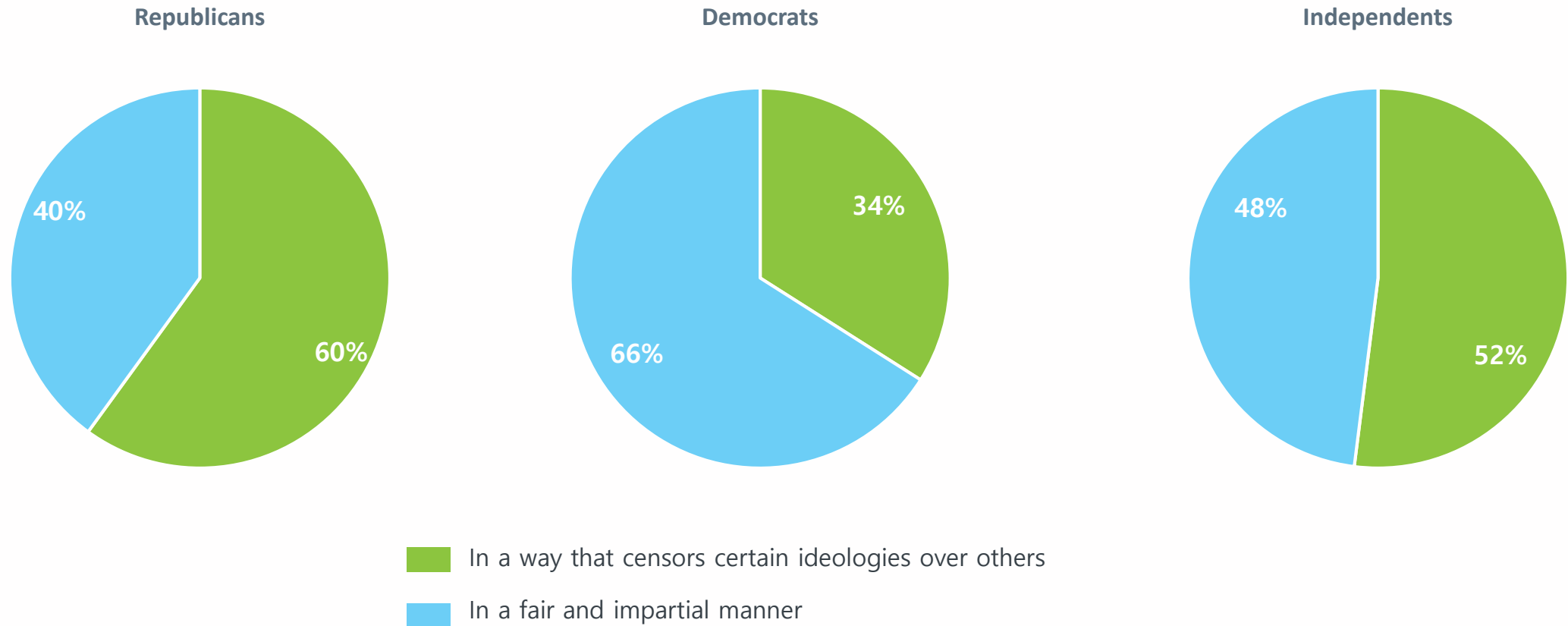


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Q43. As a response to the recent data issues it is facing, Facebook says it will have a team of 15,000 to 20,000 people working on security and content review. Which statement best reflects your view of this team?

Q39. Do you trust Facebook to use artificial intelligence to police bad content on its platform?

But Republicans, and a slight majority of Independents, believe that Facebook's content review team will censor certain ideologies over others



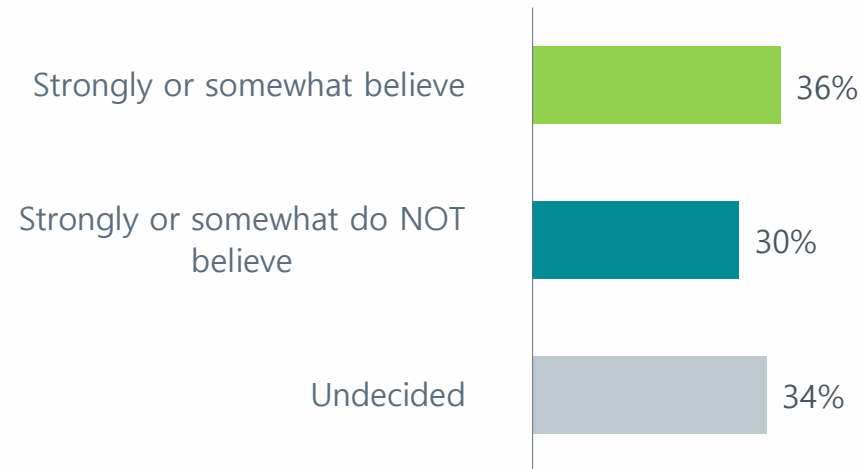
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Over 1 in 3 Americans continue to believe that Facebook spies by using the microphone on their devices



Do you believe or not believe that Facebook is using the microphone on your devices to listen to you without your knowledge?



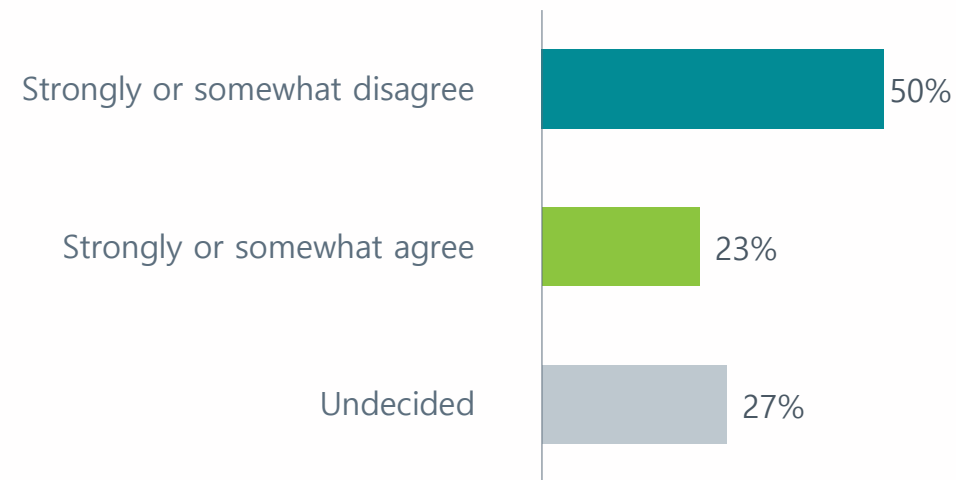
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Q40. Do you believe or not believe that Facebook is using the microphone on your devices to listen to you without your knowledge? (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat believe; Bottom 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat do not believe; Undecided=Neither believe or don't believe)

Close to half of the public does not agree that in order to receive free or low cost online services they should be required to provide their data



Do you agree or disagree that in order to receive free or extremely low-cost services, a consumer should be required to provide their personal data



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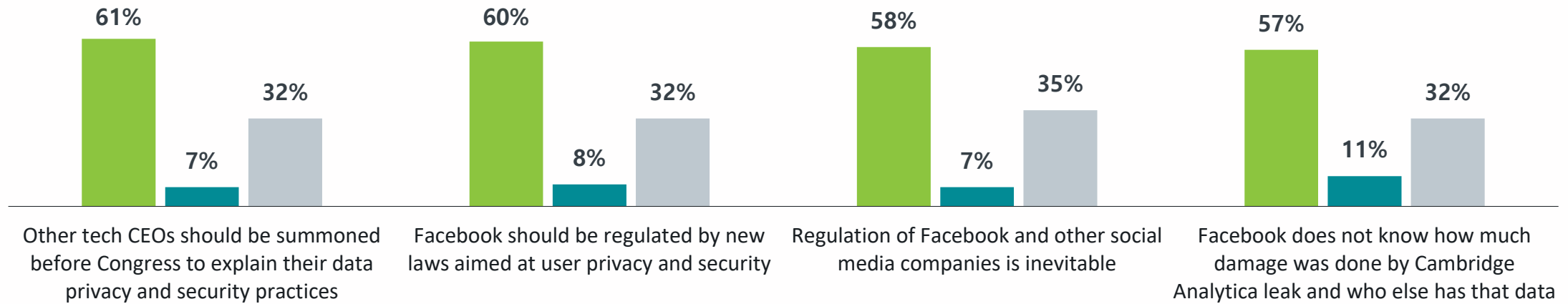
Q41. Do you agree or disagree that in order to receive free or extremely low-cost services a consumer should be required to provide their personal data? (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat agree; Bottom 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat disagree; Undecided=Neither)



C. Perceptions and next steps after Zuckerberg's Testimony



Coming out of the Zuckerberg testimony, Americans believe that ...

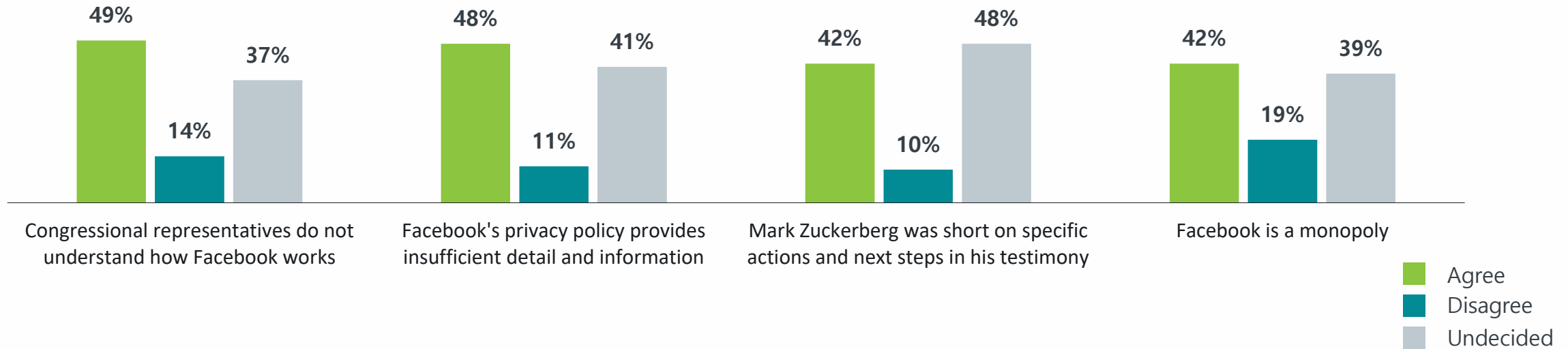


Agree
Disagree
Undecided

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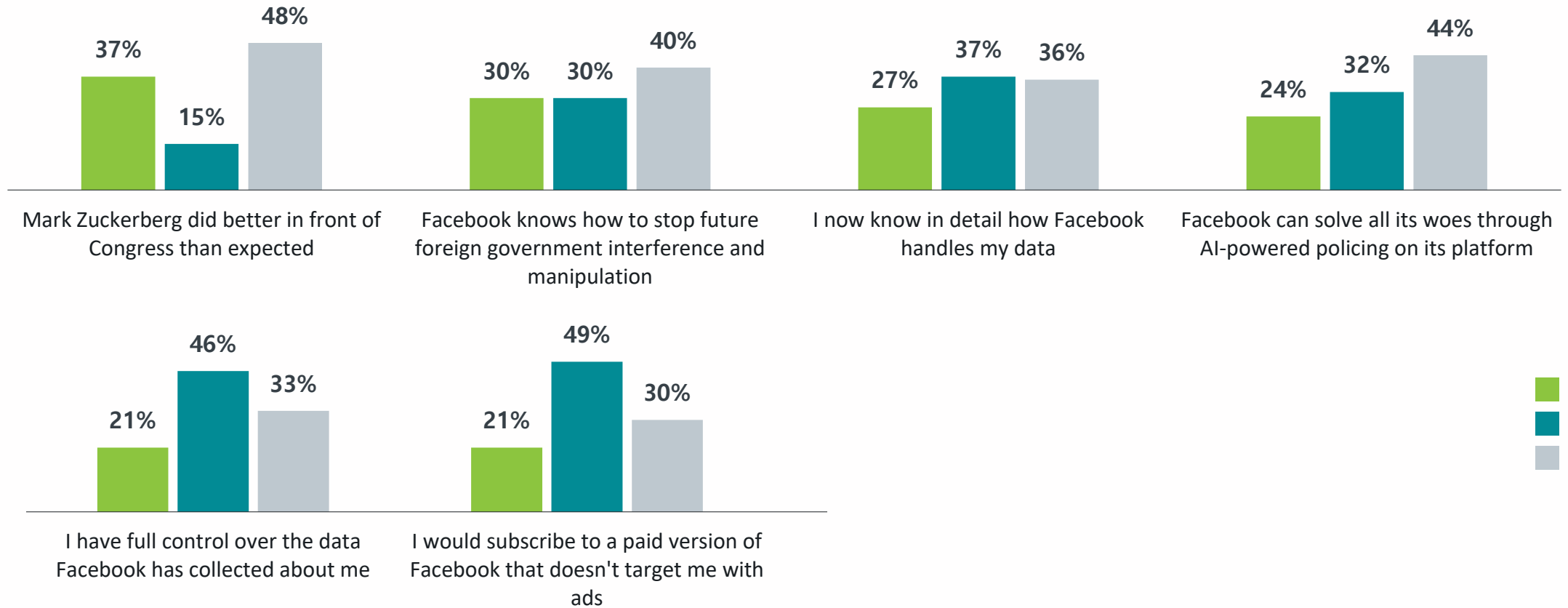
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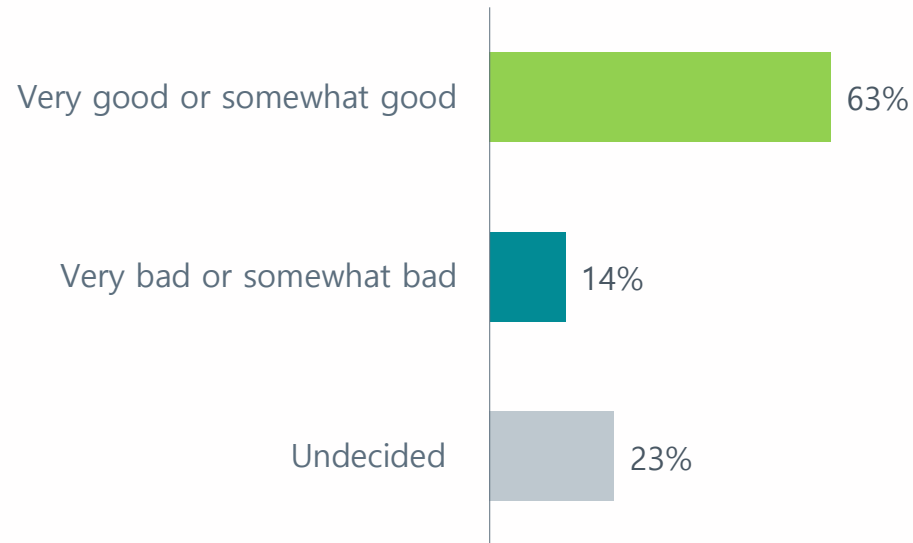


D. General Perceptions of the Tech Sector

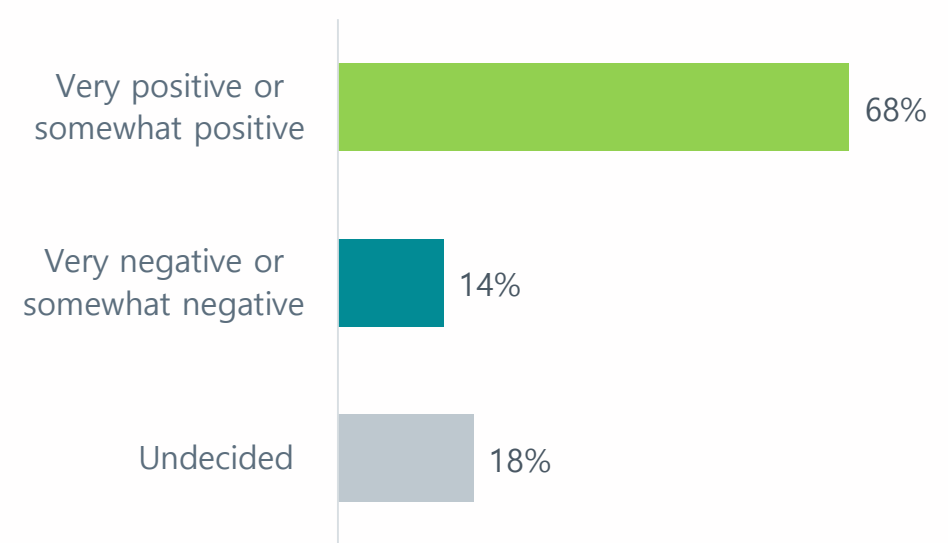
Majority of Americans perceive technology to be a good force, with a positive impact on the world



Do you believe technology is a good or bad force in today's society?



Do you believe technology has a positive or negative impact in the world?



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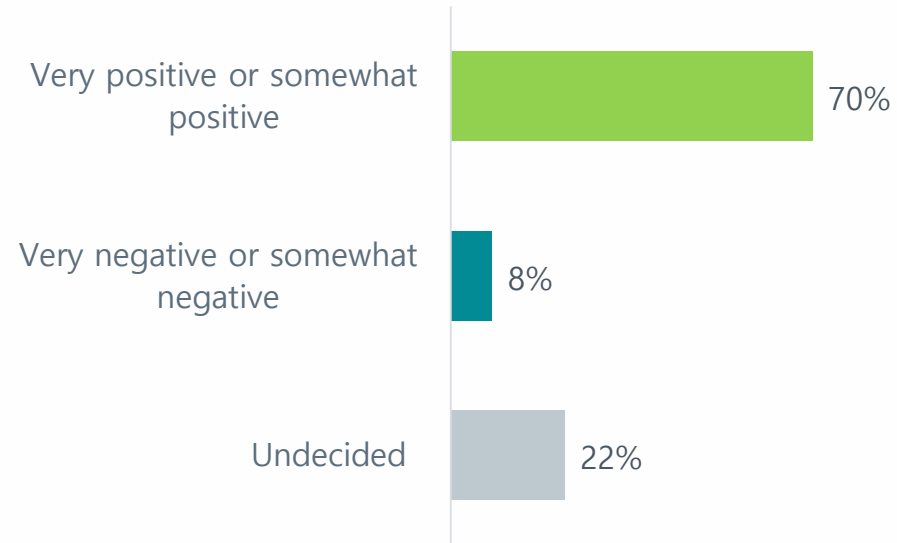
Q1. Do you believe technology is a good or bad force in today's society? (Shown: Top 2 Box, Very and somewhat good; Bottom 2 Box, Very and somewhat bad; Undecided=Neither good or bad)

Q2 Do you believe technology has a positive or negative impact in the world? (Shown: Top 2 Box, Very and somewhat positive; Bottom 2 Box, Very and somewhat negative; Undecided=Neither positive or negative)

Most believe that technology has had a positive impact on daily life



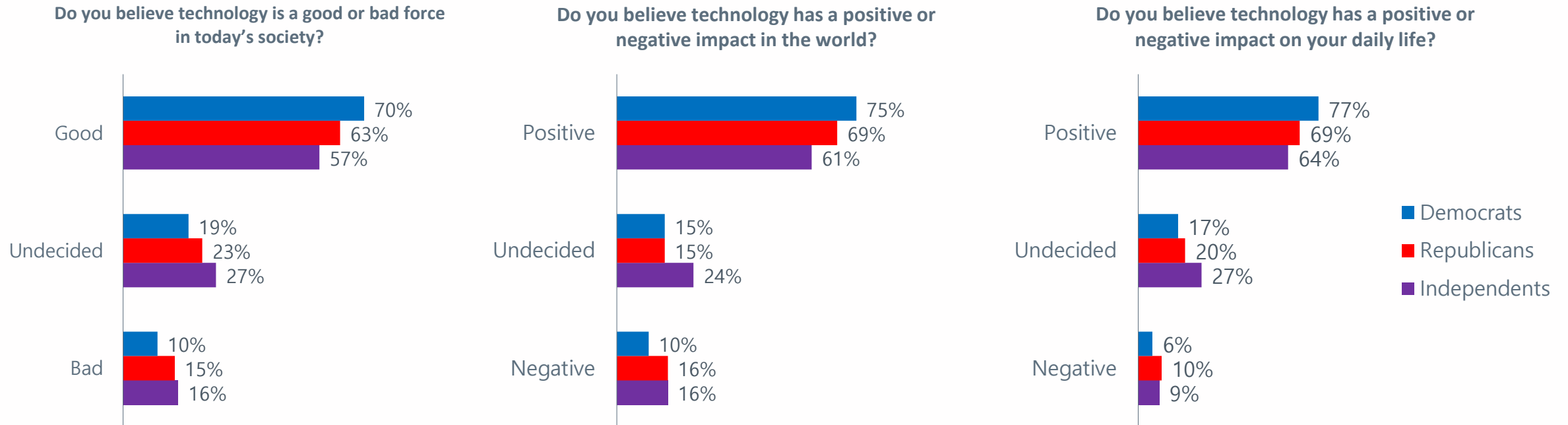
Do you believe technology has a positive or negative impact on your daily life?



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Q3. Do you believe technology has a positive or negative impact on your daily life? (Shown: Top 2 Box, Very and somewhat positive; Bottom 2 Box, Very and somewhat negative; Undecided=Neither positive or negative)

Democrats are most likely to see technology as a good force with a positive impact in the world and in their daily life



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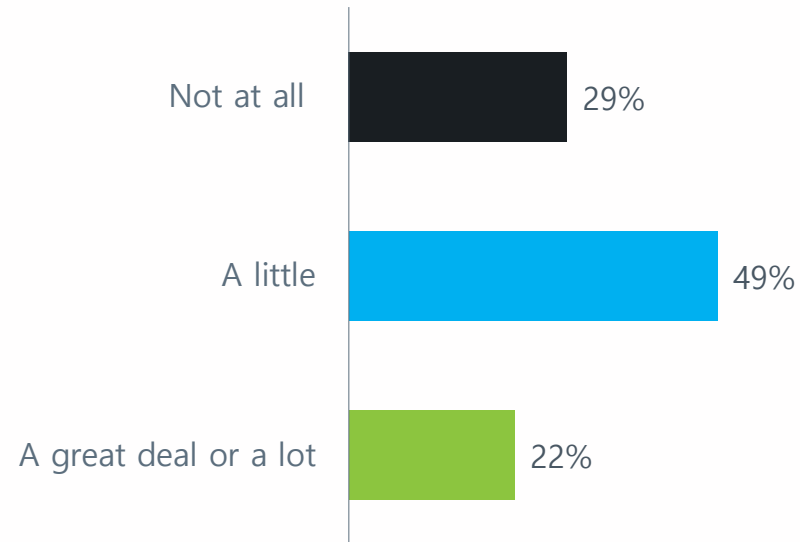
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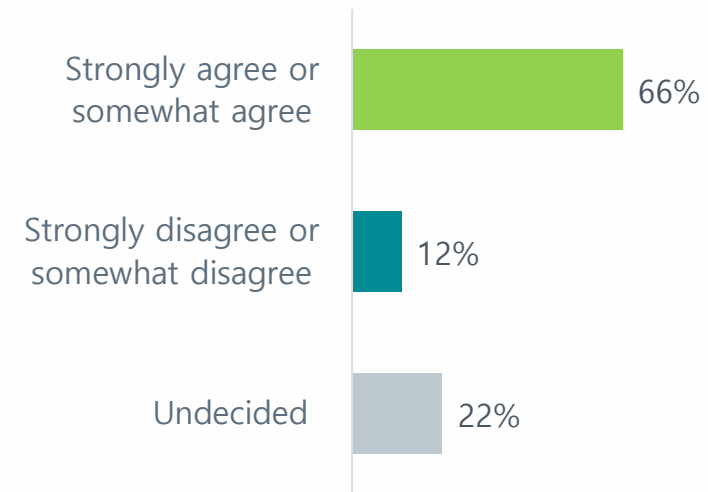
Respondents only trust information on social media 'a little' or 'not at all' and say they verify what they learn there through other sources



How much do you trust the information and news you encounter on social media?



I always verify information and news from social media through other sources

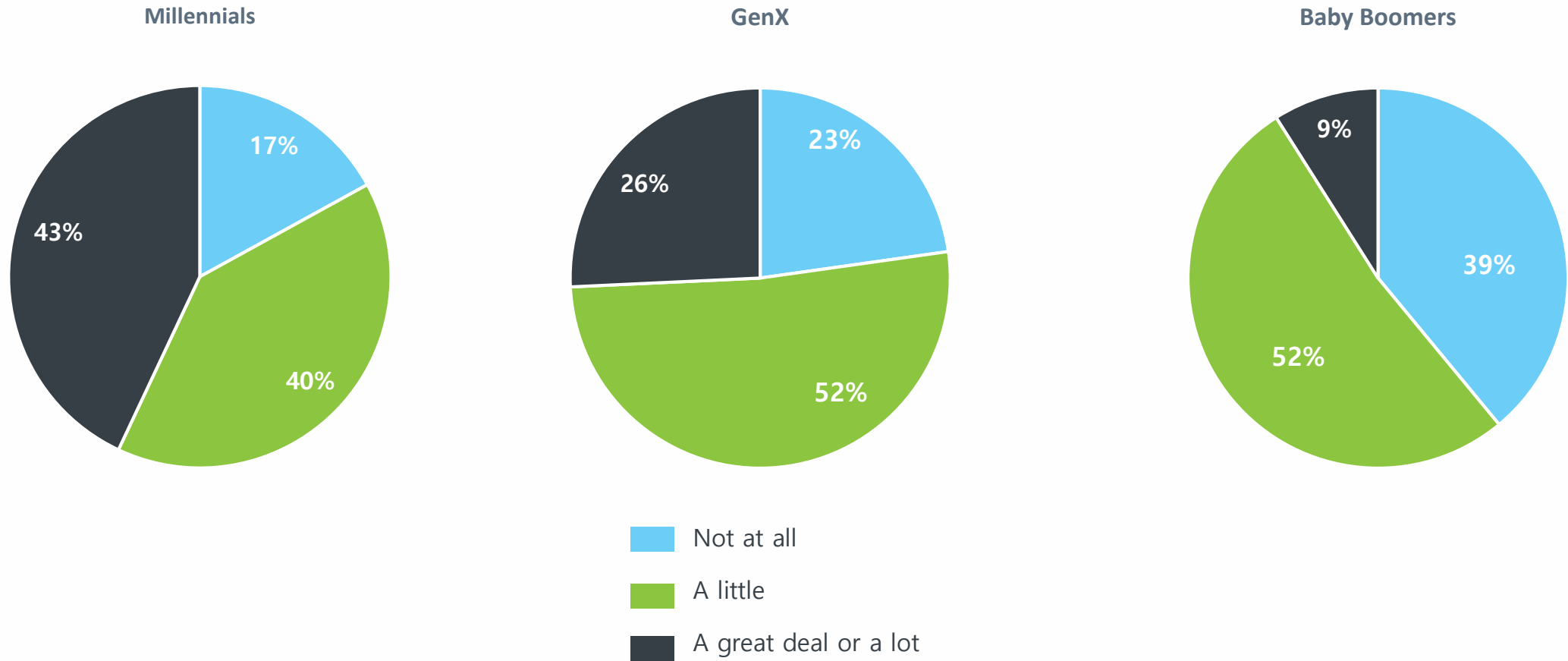


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CE29. How much do you trust the information and news you encounter on social media

CE30A. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I always verify information and news from social media through other sources (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat agree; Bottom 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat disagree; Undecided=Neither)

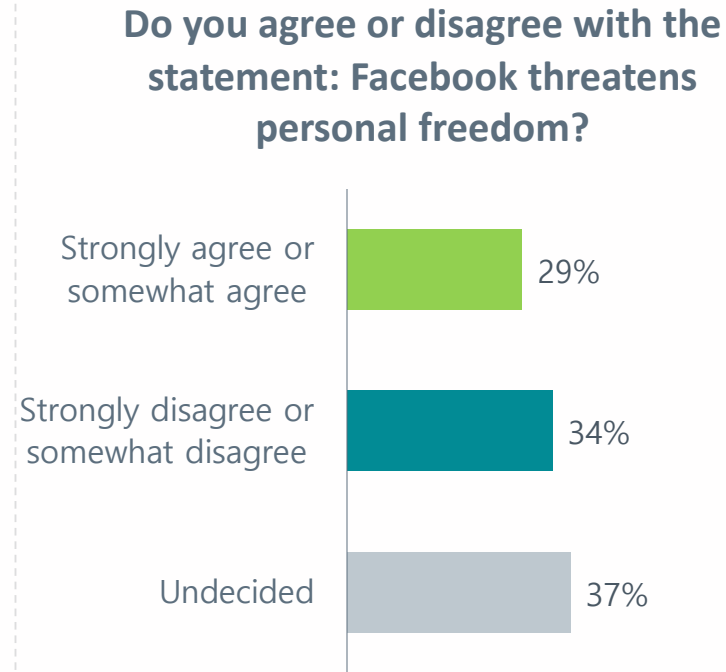
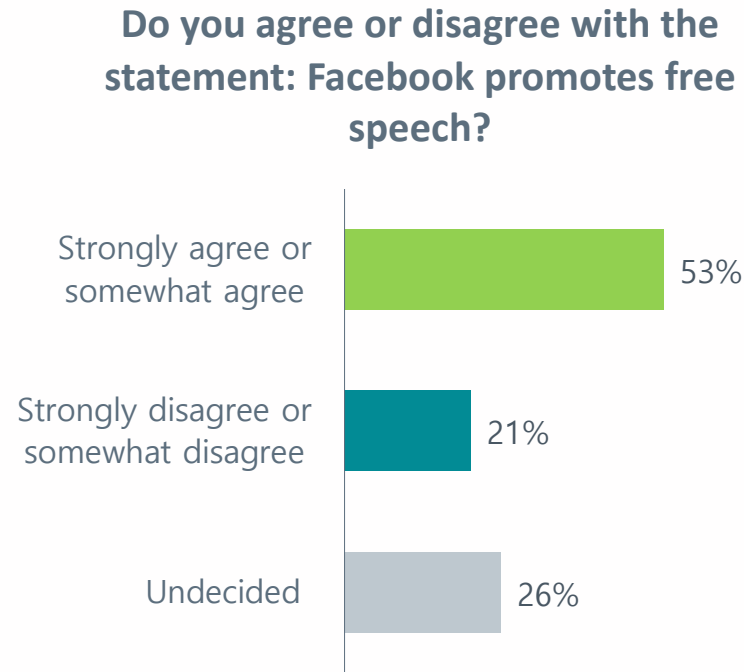
Millennials are almost 5 times as likely than Baby Boomers to put a lot or a great deal of trust in what they encounter on social media



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CE29. How much do you trust the information and news you encounter on social media?

Respondents agree the most that Facebook promotes free speech while nearly one out of three thinks Facebook threatens personal freedom



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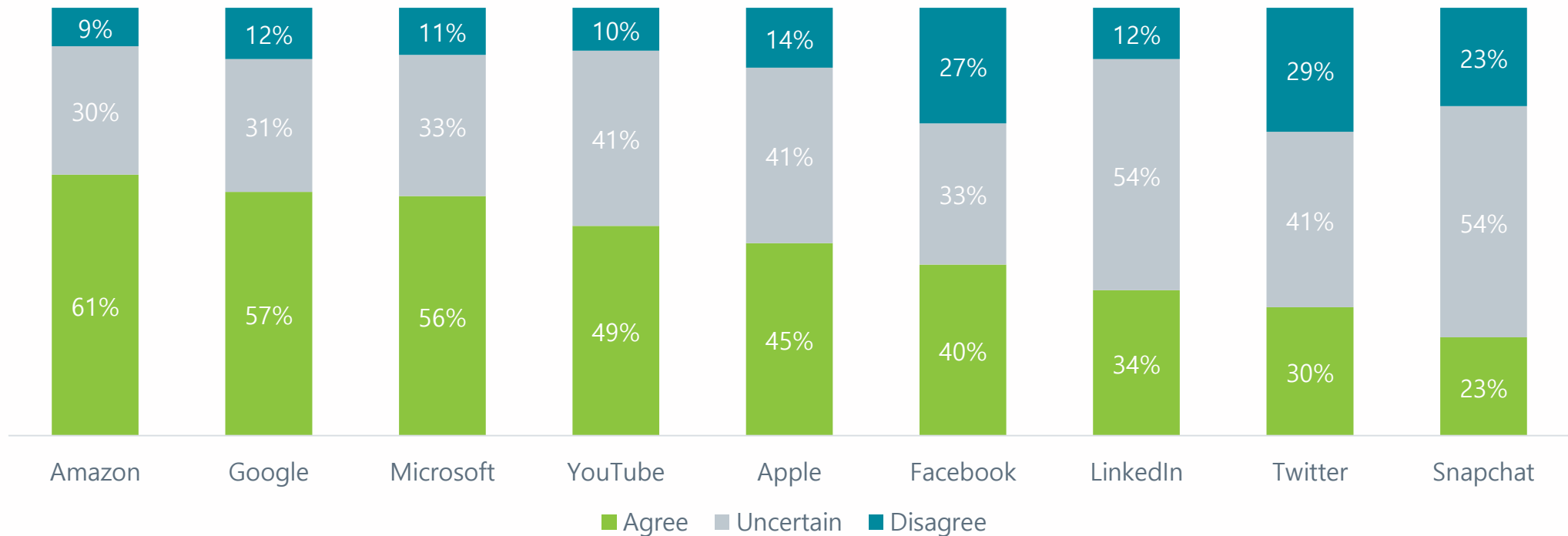
CE30C_1_9.. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Facebook promotes free speech (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat agree; Bottom 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat disagree; Undecided=Neither agree or disagree)

CE30C_1_16. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Facebook threatens personal freedom (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat agree; Bottom 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat disagree; Undecided=Neither agree or disagree)

Majority of the U.S. public believes Amazon, Google, and Microsoft are good for the world; evenly split on Twitter and Snapchat



Is Good for the World



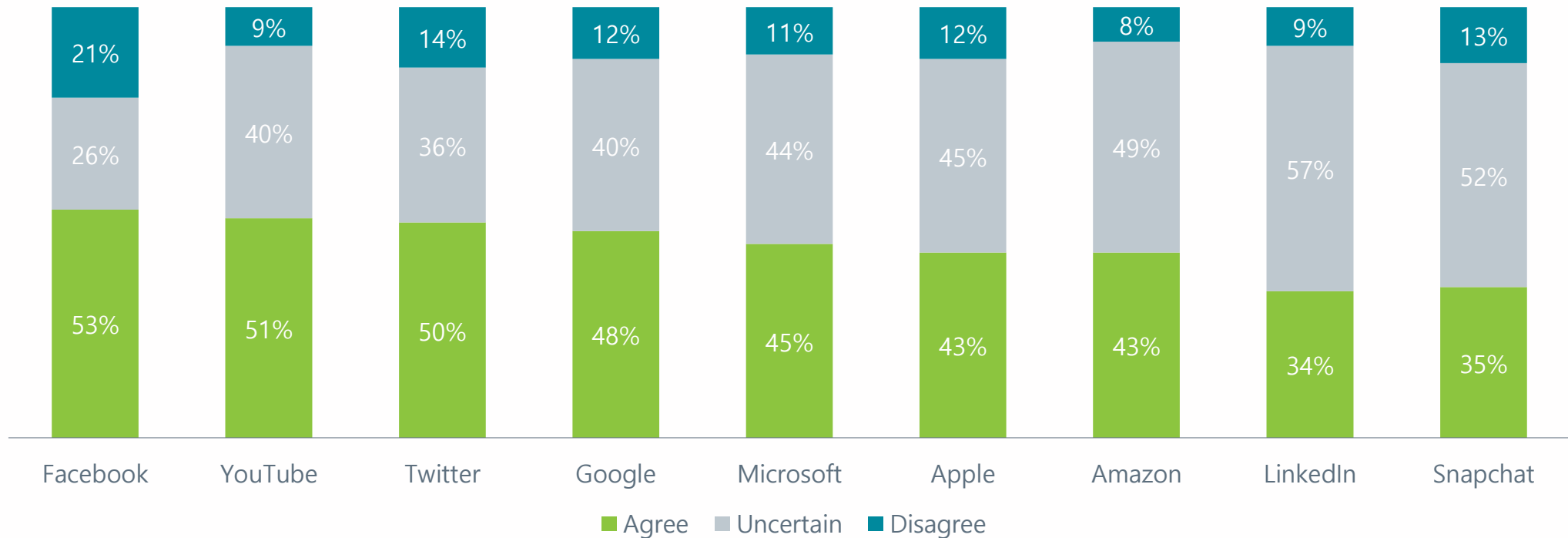
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CE30C. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Is Good for The World (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat agree; Bottom 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat disagree; Uncertain=Neither agree or disagree)

Respondents believe personal technology companies promote free speech; a majority believe this to be the case for Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter



Promotes Free Speech



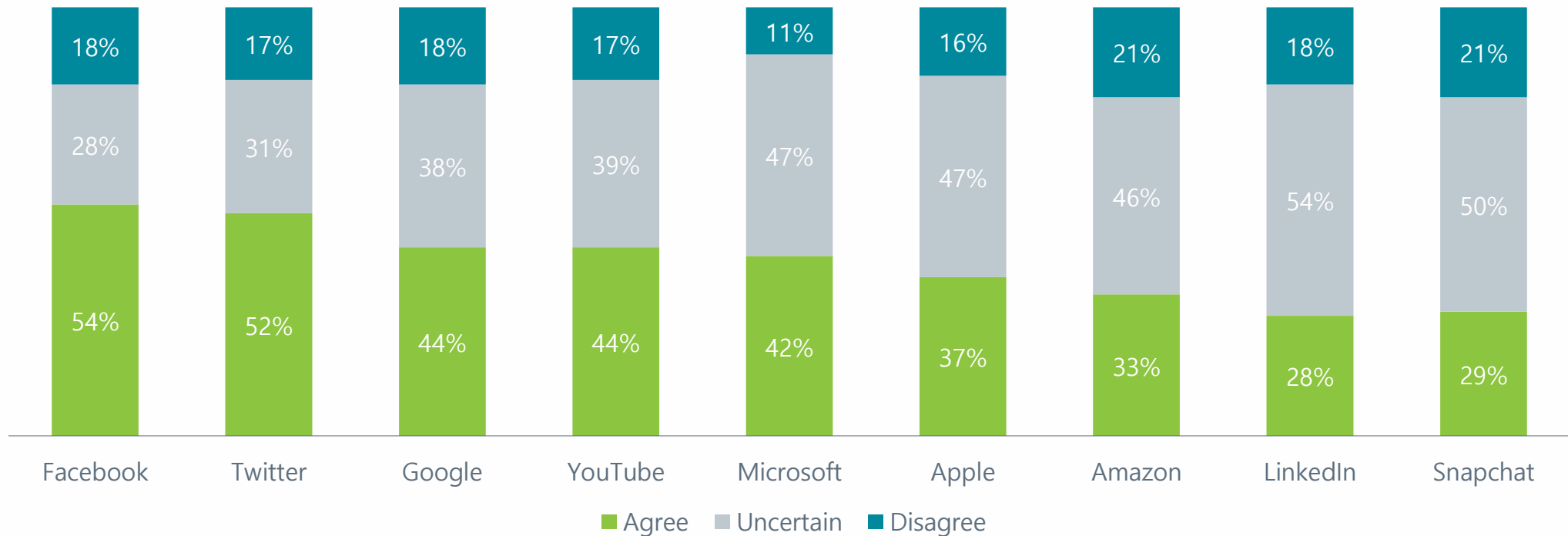
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Majority of the U.S. public believes activity and discussions on Facebook and Twitter affect Government policy and actions



Political activity on the tech company platform, including political discussion, can affect government policy and actions



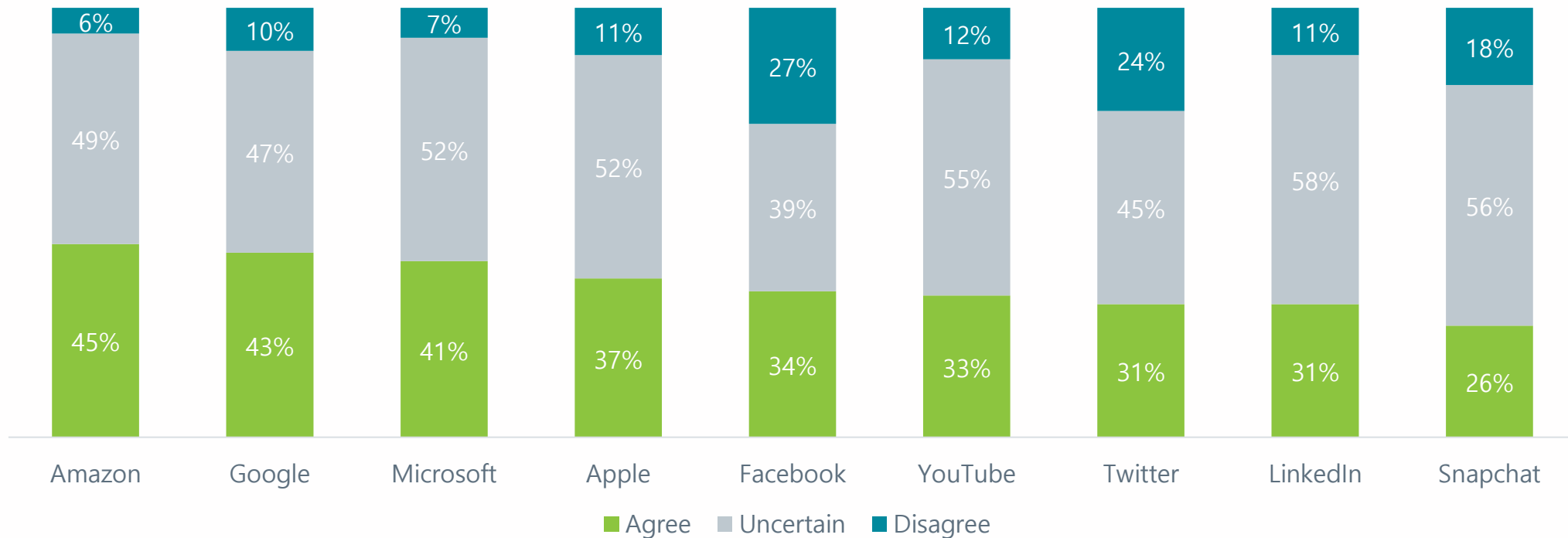
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The public is uncertain whether the technology sector is good for democracy; no company receives majority approval on the this attribute



Is Good for Democracy



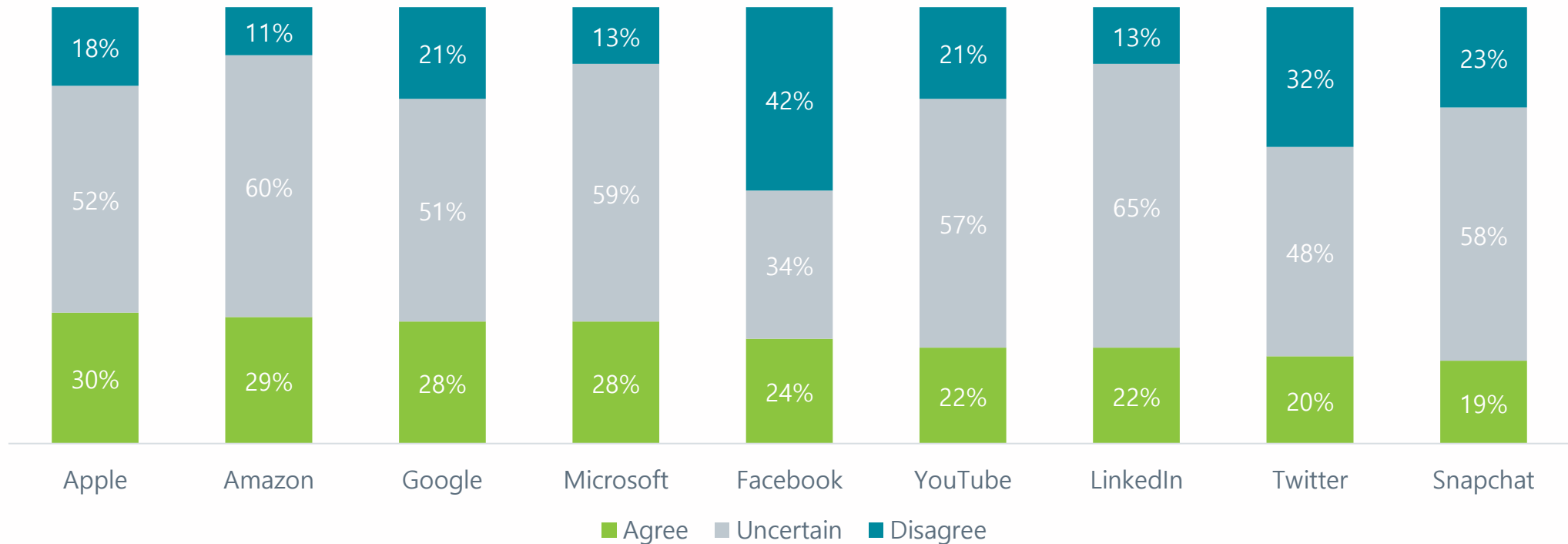
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The public does not believe any tech company protects against election interference; a plurality disagree that Facebook and Twitter help to protect



Protects Against Election Interference



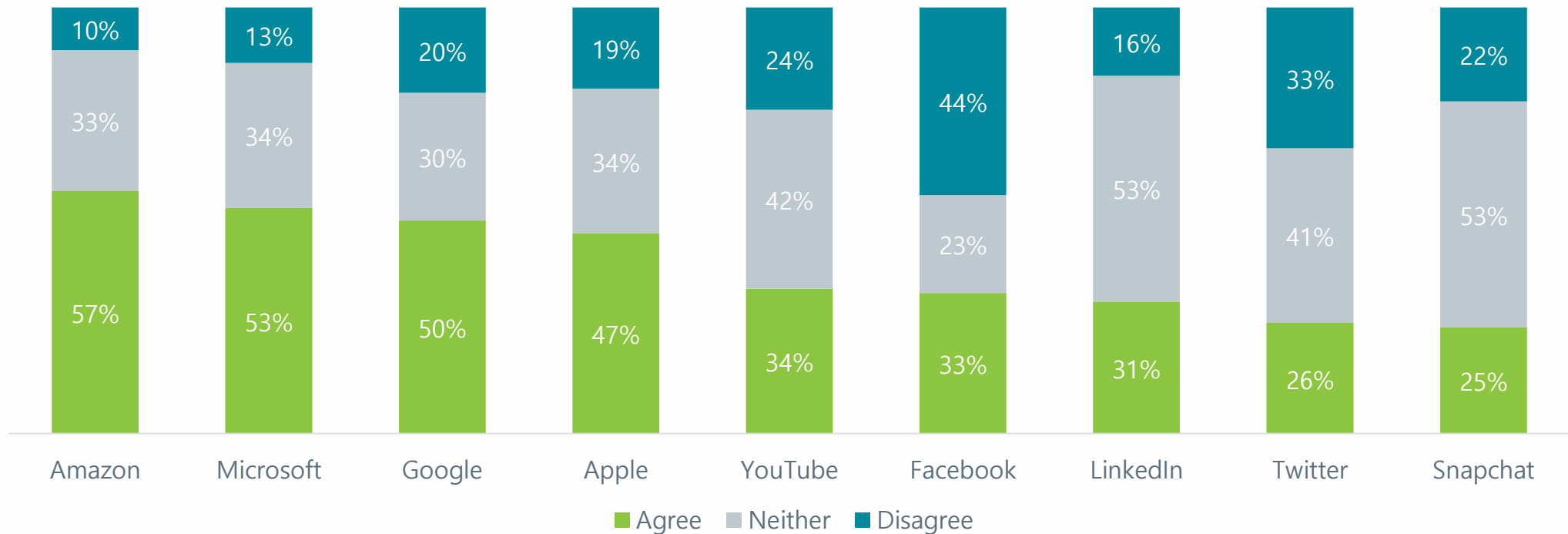
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CE30C. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Protects Against Election Interference (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat agree; Bottom 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat disagree; Uncertain=Neither agree or disagree)

Consumers are split on whether tech companies care about privacy: Amazon and Microsoft viewed favorably; Facebook and Twitter viewed negatively



Cares about Privacy



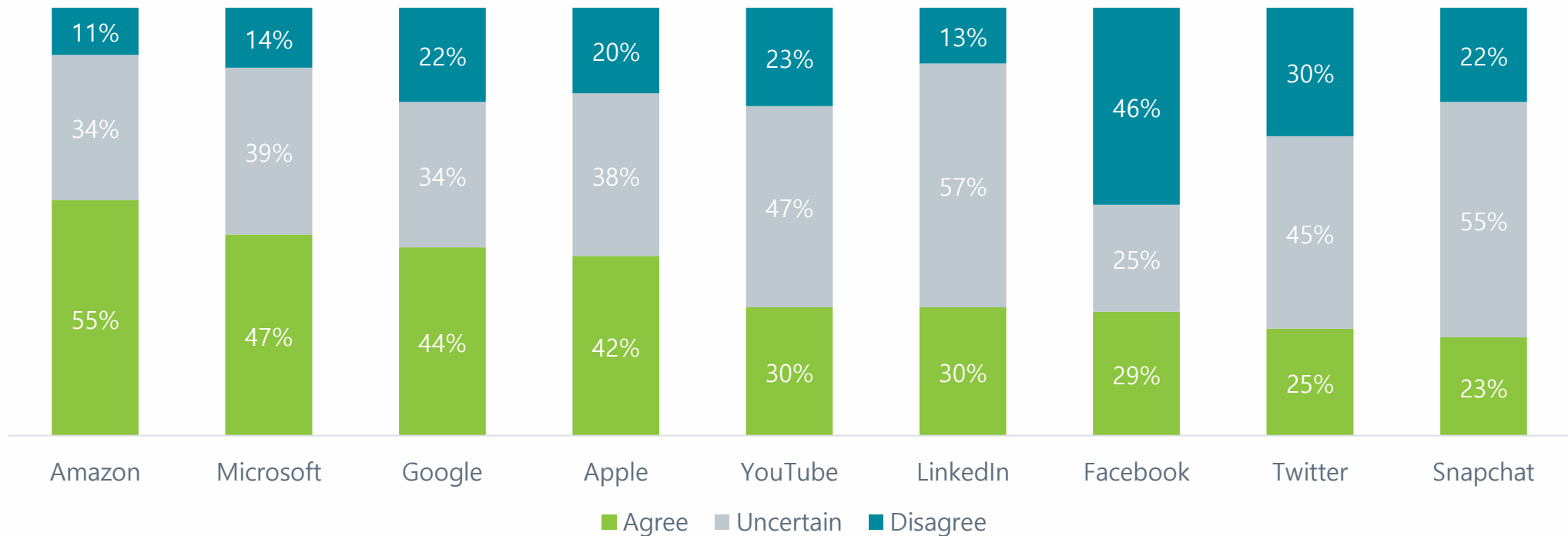
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CE30C. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Cares About Privacy (Shown: Top 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat agree; Bottom 2 Box, Strongly and somewhat disagree; Uncertain=Neither agree or disagree)

The majority of consumers are uncertain whether tech companies protect their personal information; Amazon is the only exception



Protects my personal information



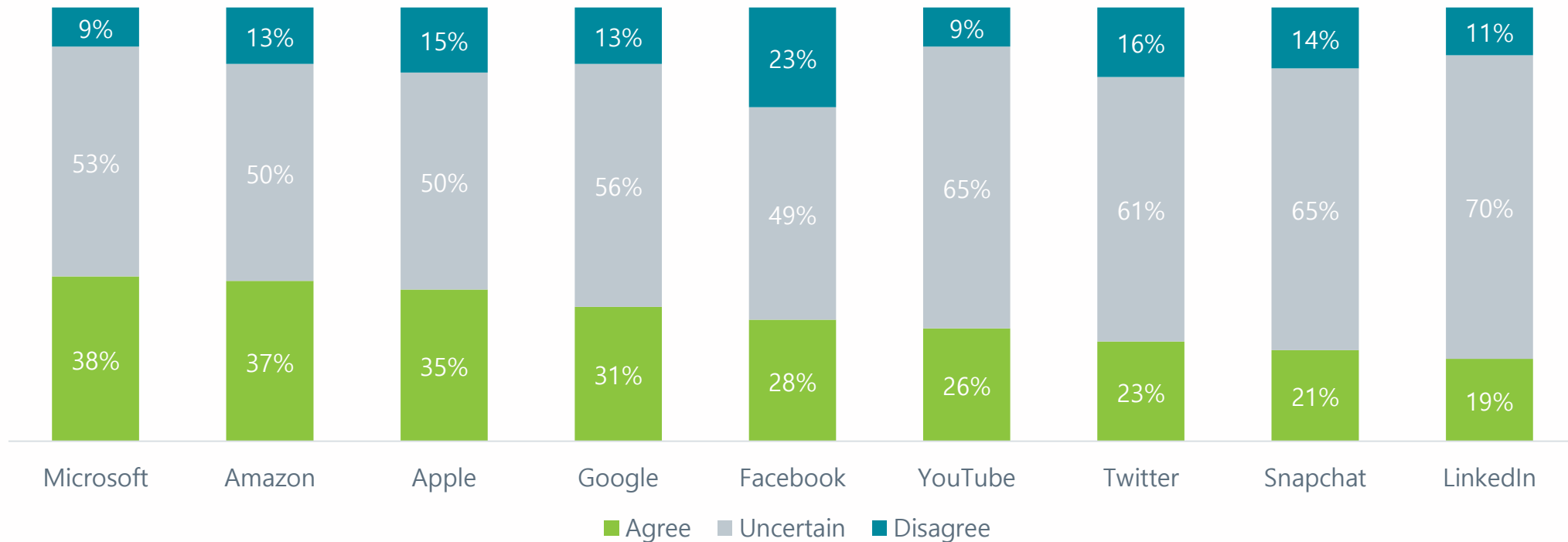
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Majority of the U.S. public is uncertain whether tech companies pay their fair share of taxes



Pays an Appropriate Amount Of Taxes



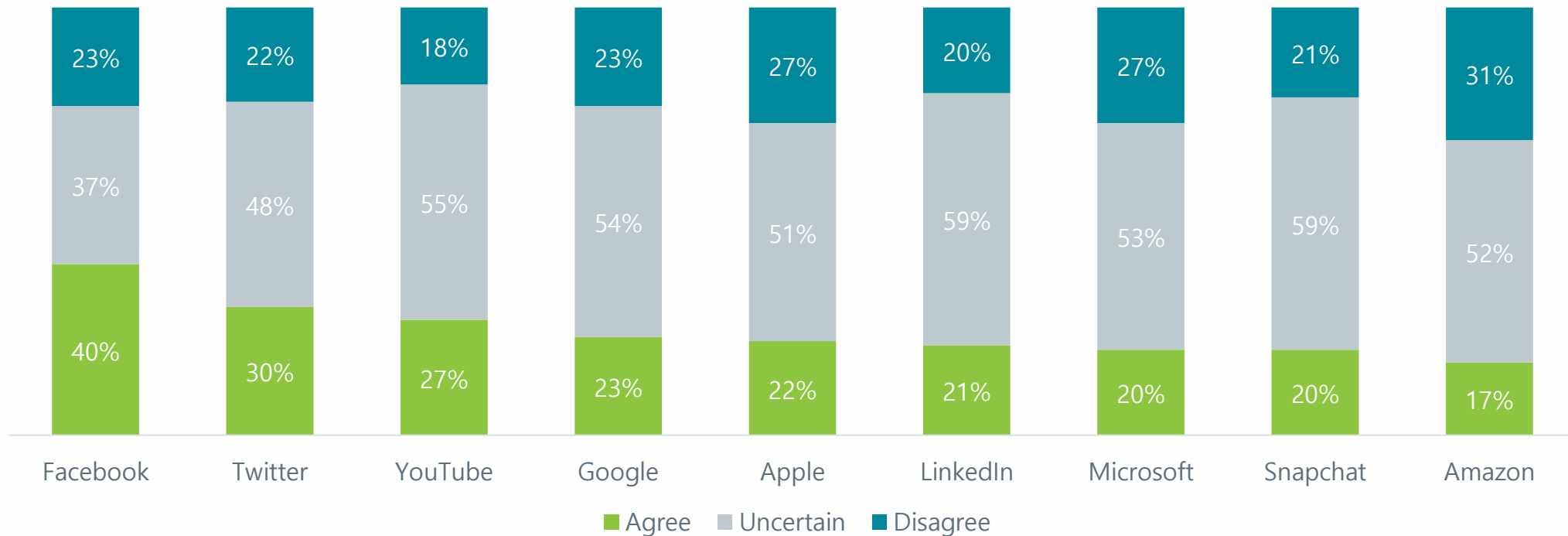
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Plurality believe that Facebook, Twitter, YouTube disseminate fake news; evenly split on Google and largely uncertain about the role of the sector at large



Disseminates Fake News



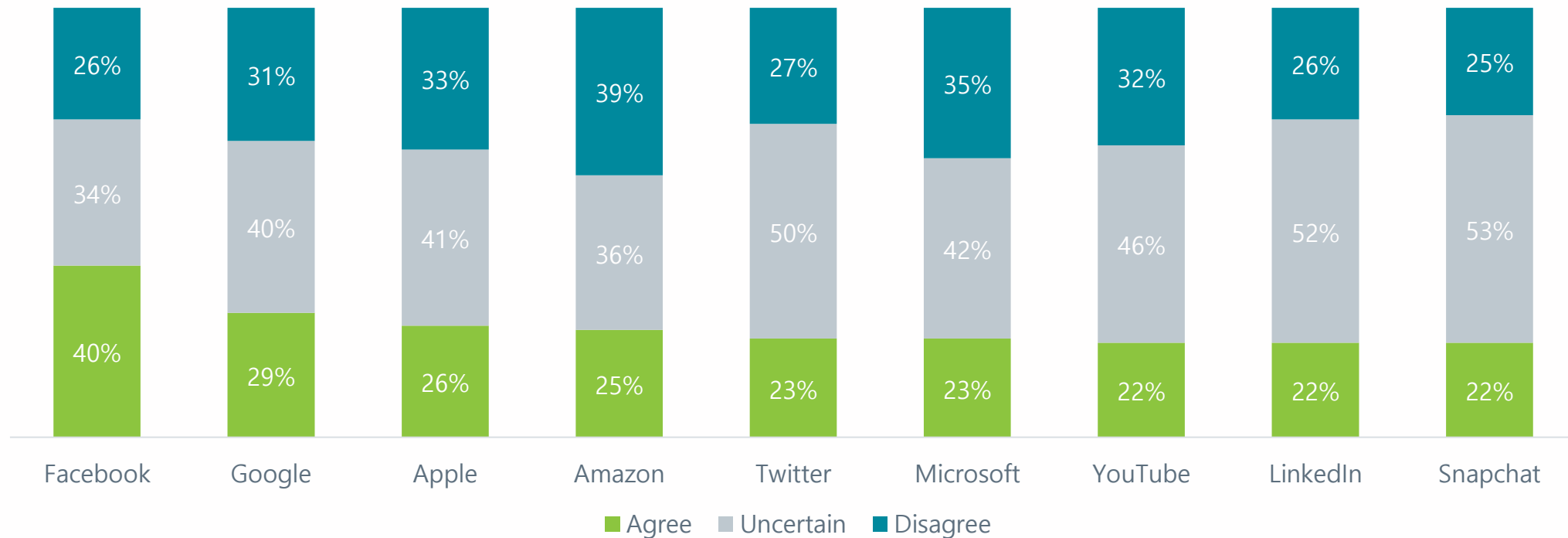
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A plurality of the public believes that Facebook is spying on them, and is largely undecided about the rest of the sector



Is Spying on Me



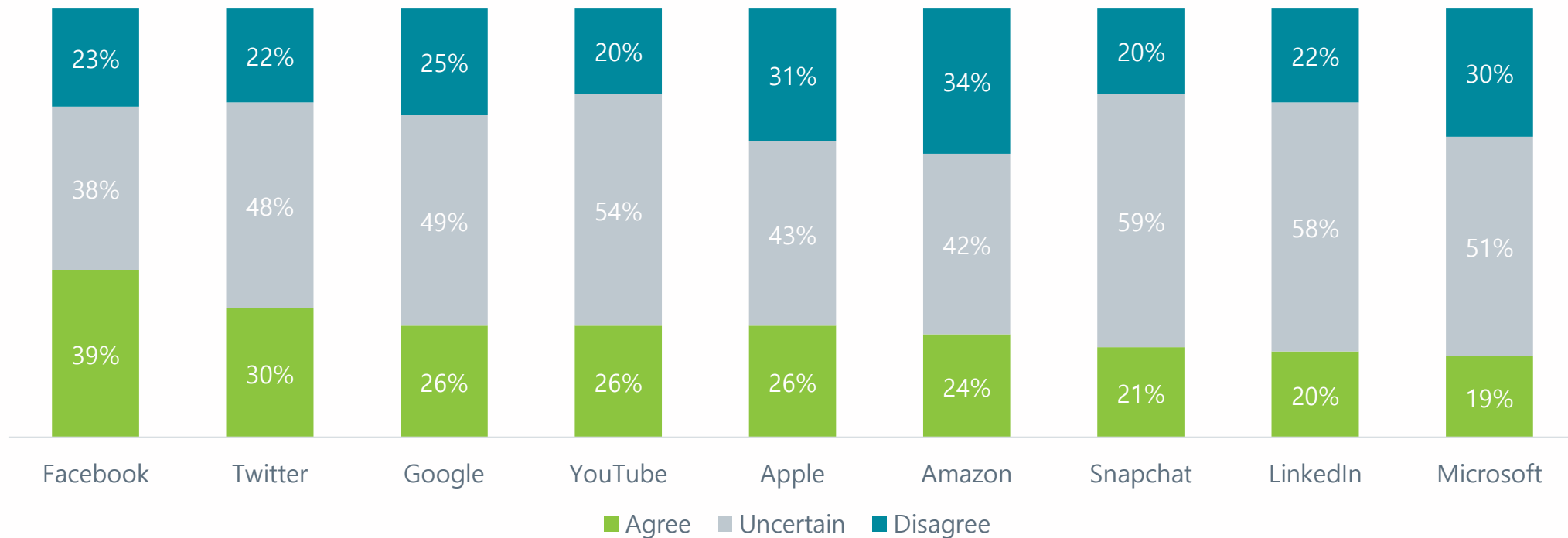
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Respondents are largely uncertain of whether the tech sector does a good job preventing terrorist networks to operate; a plurality disagree about Facebook



Allows Terrorist Networks Space to Operate



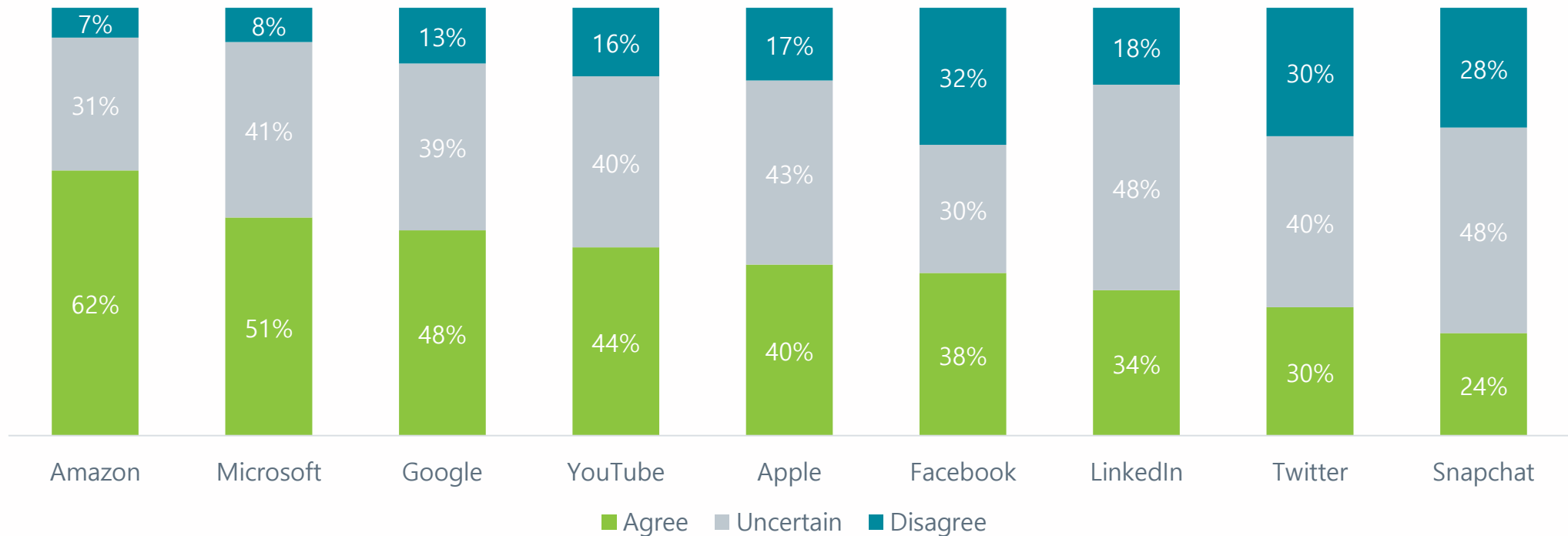
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Amazon and Microsoft are believed by a majority of consumers to be the most relatable tech companies



Relates to People Like Me



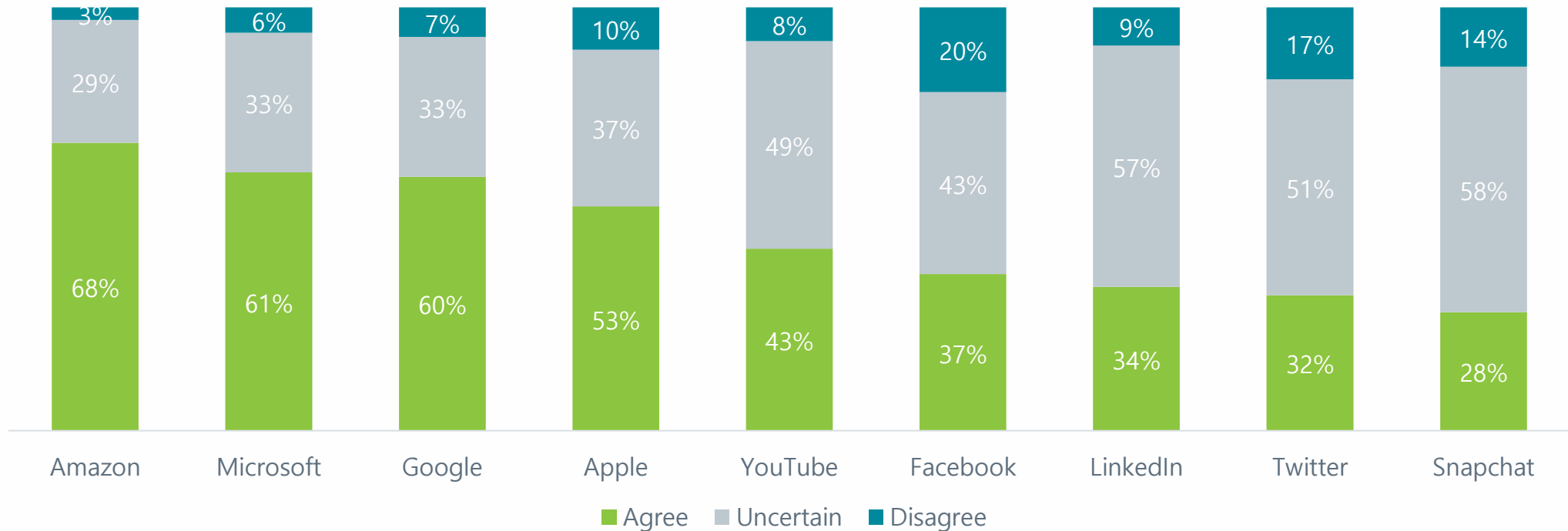
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A majority of consumers believe Amazon, Microsoft, Google, and Apple make good products and services



Makes Good Products or Services



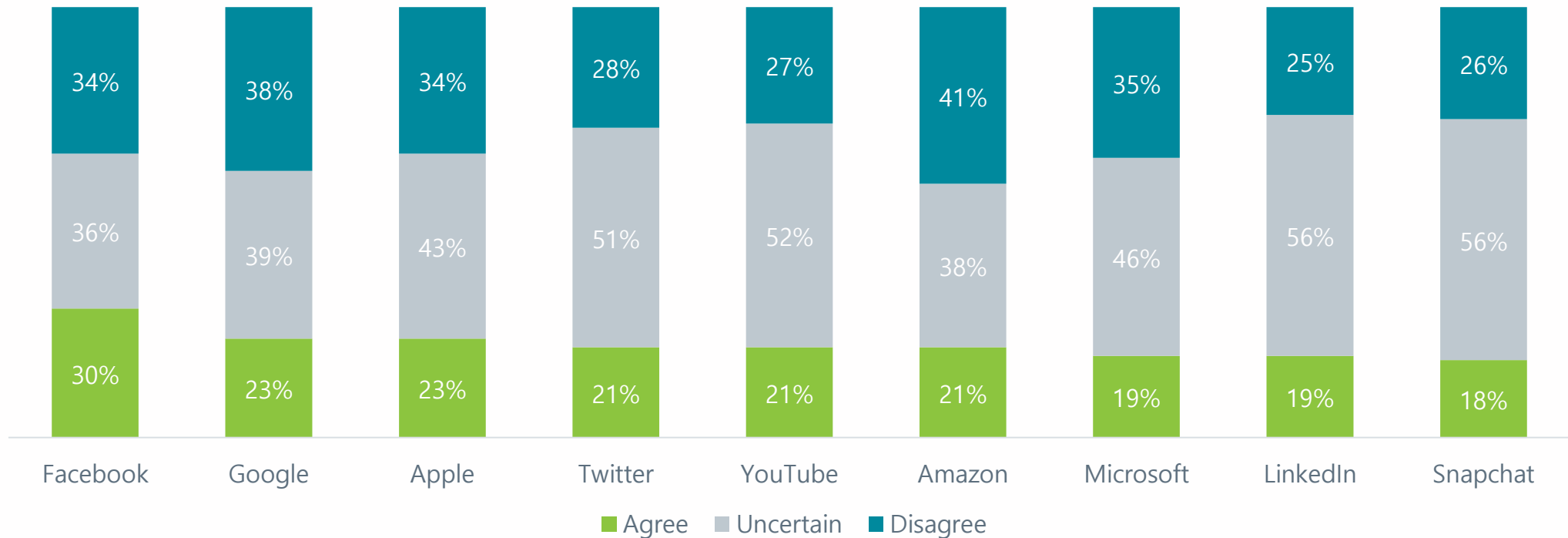
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People are uncertain on whether tech companies discriminate against certain ideologies; Facebook gets blamed more among its peers



Discriminates Against People of a Certain Ideology



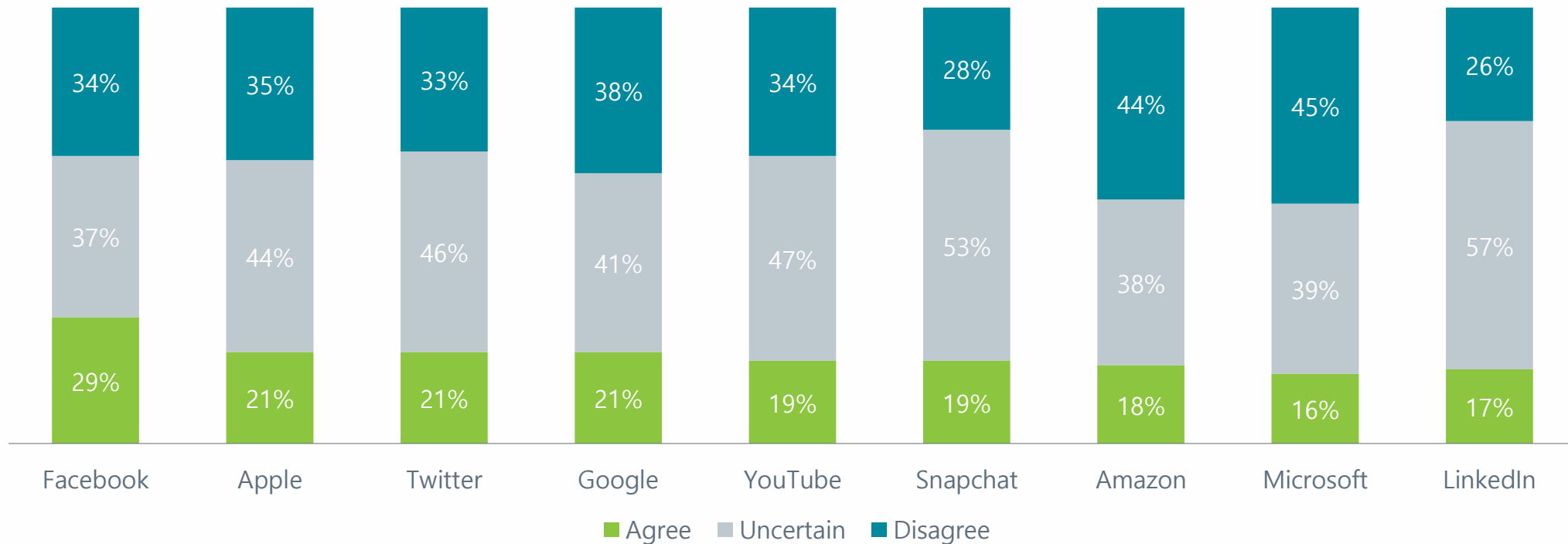
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Respondents are uncertain on whether tech companies threaten personal freedom, with Amazon and Microsoft being the exception



Threatens Personal Freedom



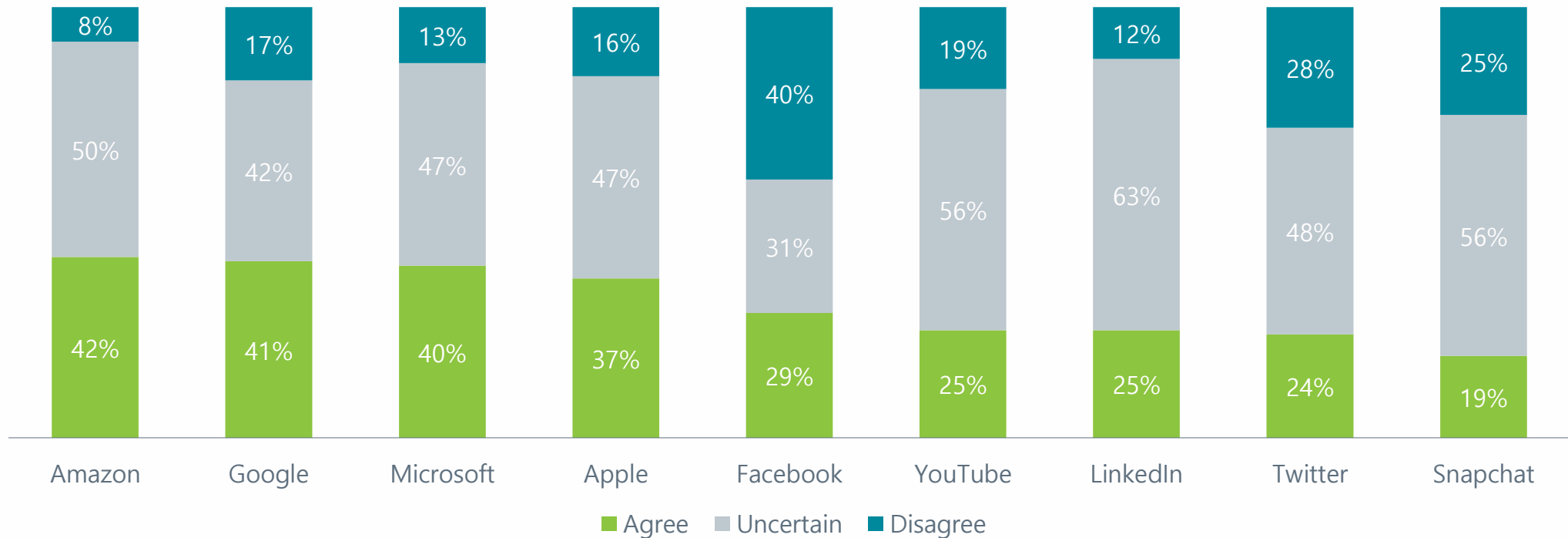
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Consumers are more confident in personal technology companies safeguarding against predatory behavior than they are of social media



Safeguards Against Predatory Behavior



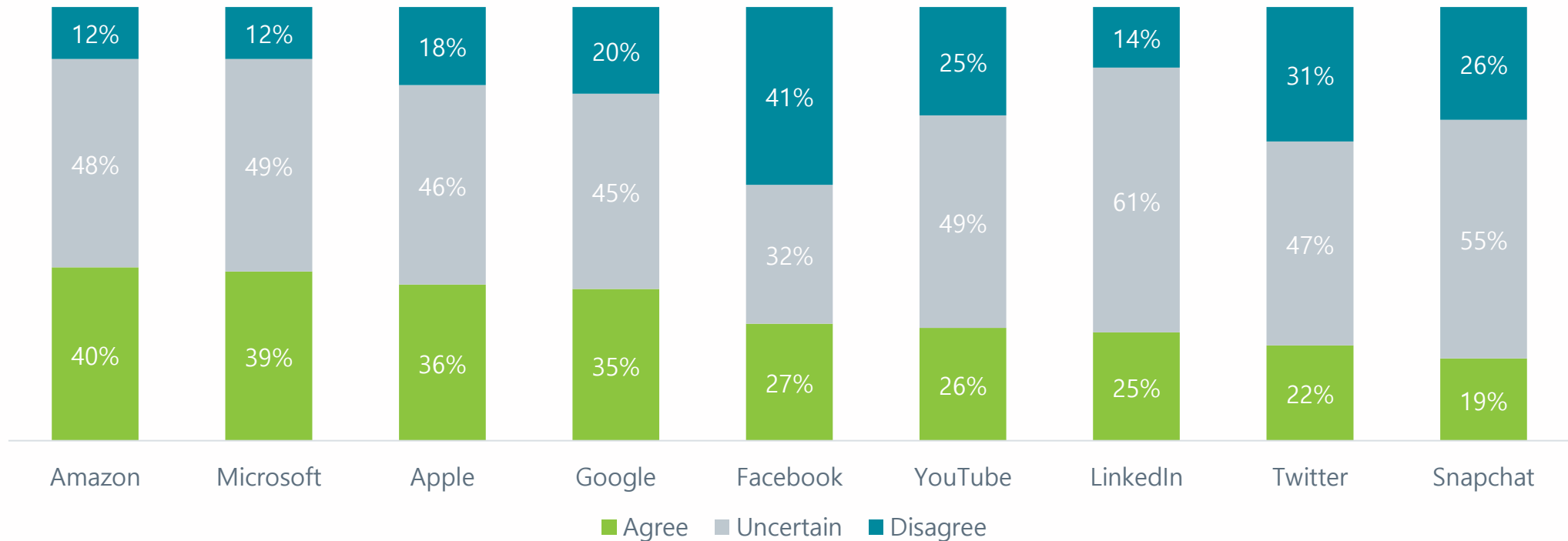
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Majority are uncertain whether the tech sector provides adequate safeguards for their children



Has Adequate Safeguards for Children



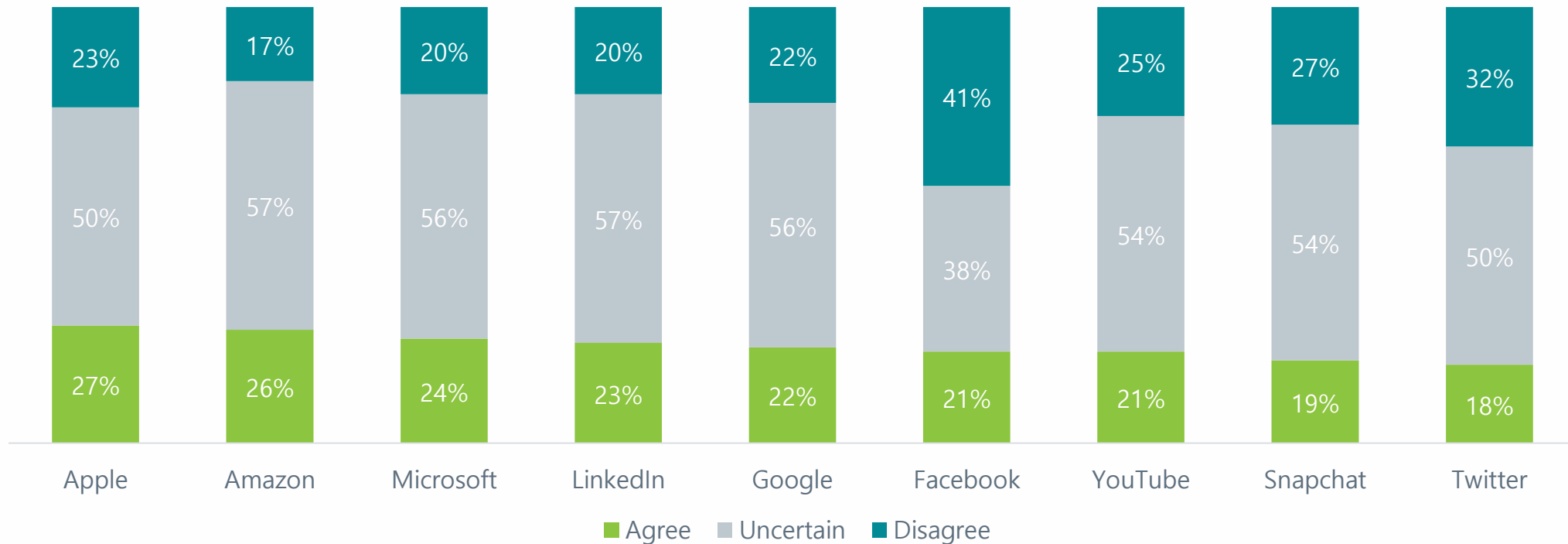
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Majority do not believe tech companies are improving their mental health



Improves Users' Mental Health



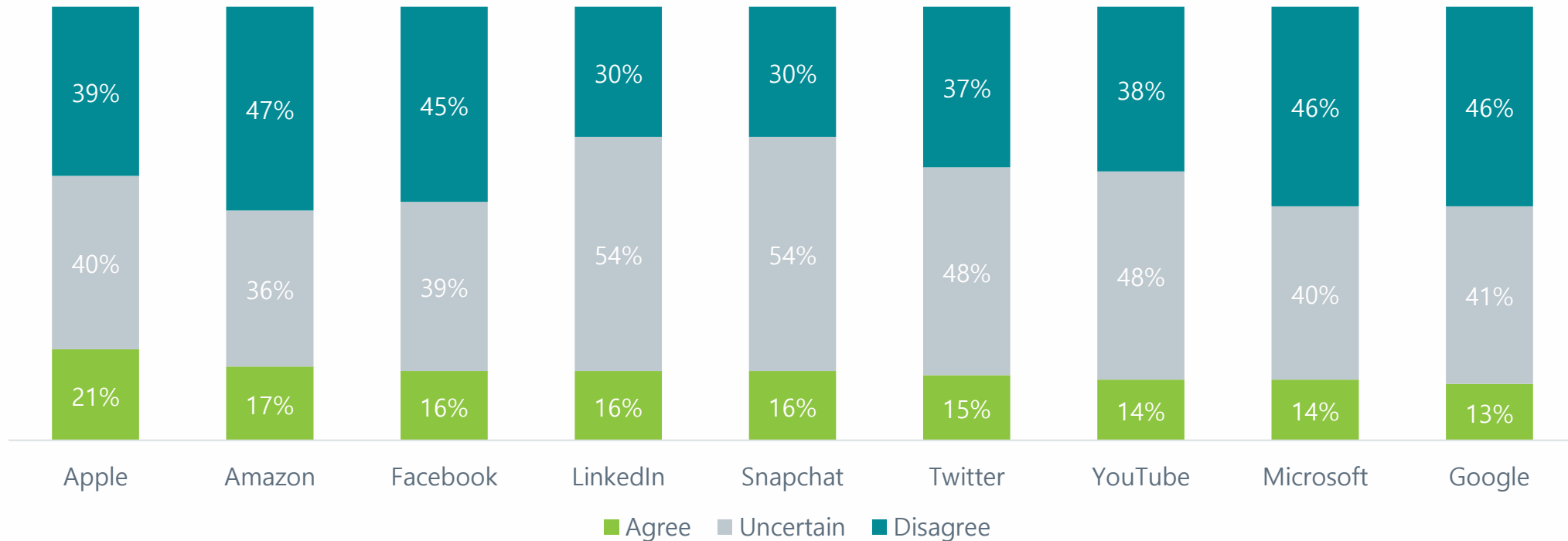
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An overwhelming majority of respondents do not believe that tech companies discriminate against people with disabilities



Discriminates Against People with Disabilities



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