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# Freedom of Expression Survey

Massachusetts Statewide

September 2023



# About the Survey



<b>Mode</b>	Online panel
<b>Sample</b>	603 registered Massachusetts voters
<b>Dates</b>	September 14-20, 2023
<b>Weights</b>	Slight weights were applied to ensure the sample accurately reflects the demographic profile of the Massachusetts electorate
<b>Note</b>	Some data may not add up to 100% due to rounding

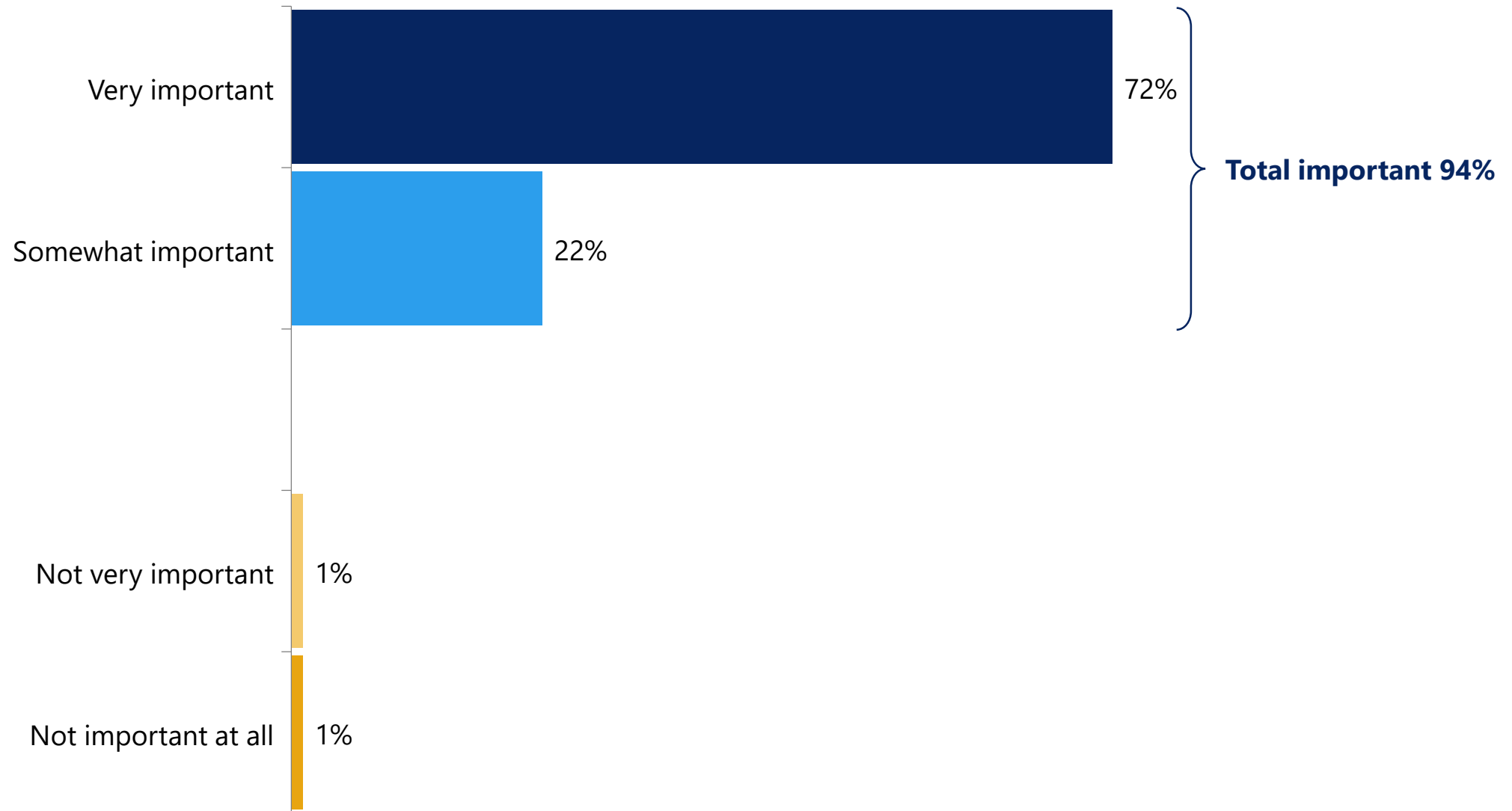
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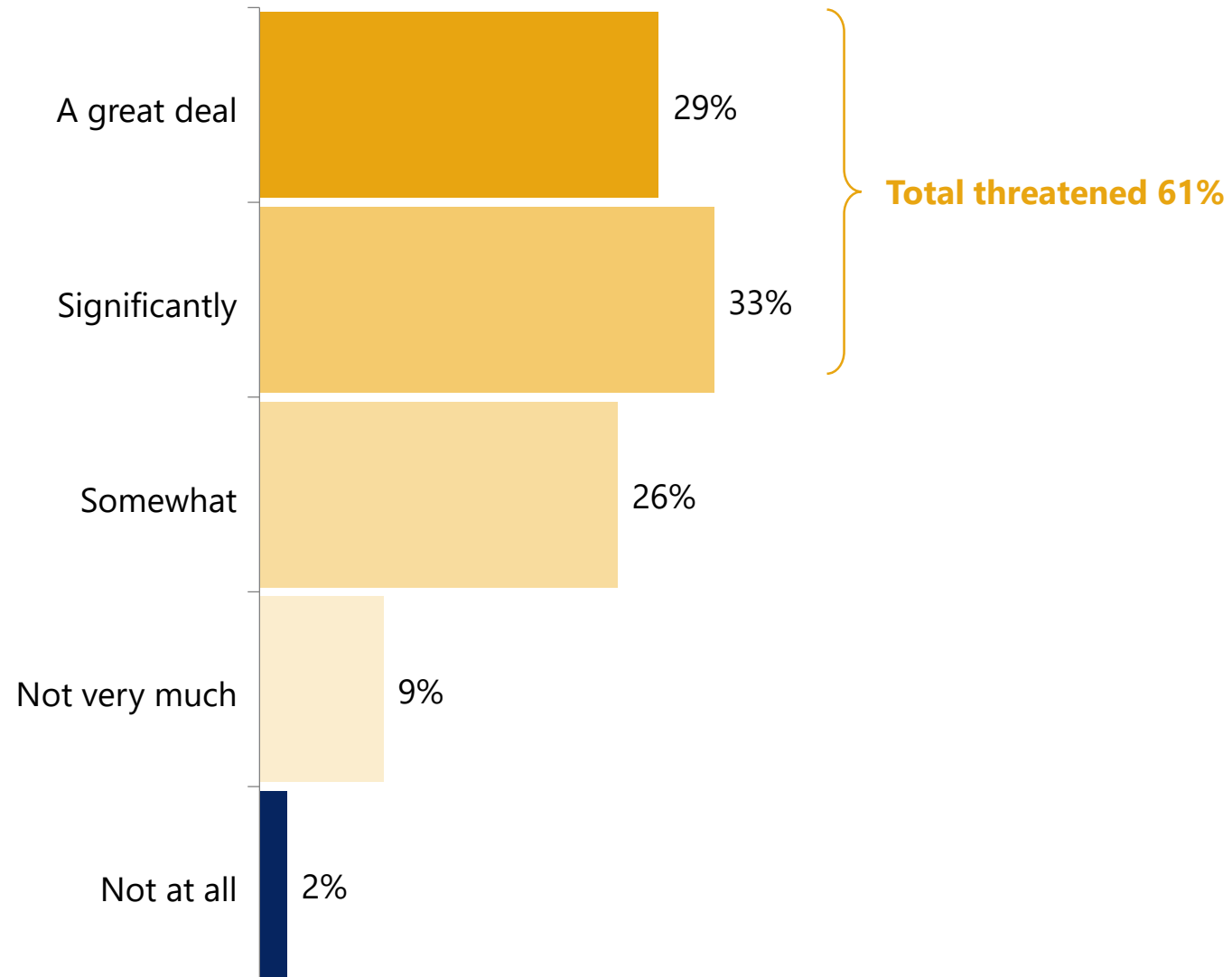
# Importance of free expression to health of democracy



Note: Remainder Don't know



# Extent free expression is threatened in USA

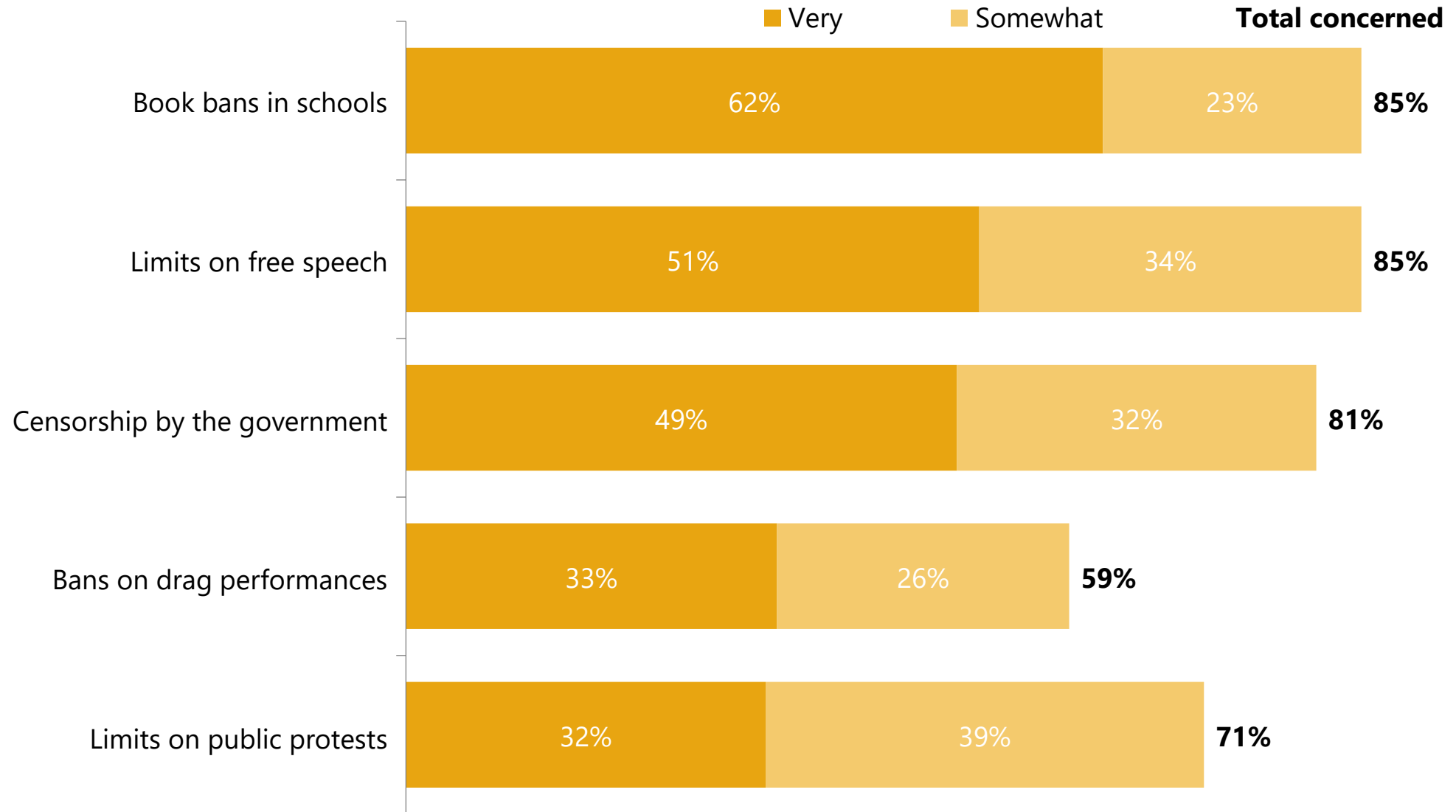


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To what extent do you believe freedom of expression is being threatened in the United States?

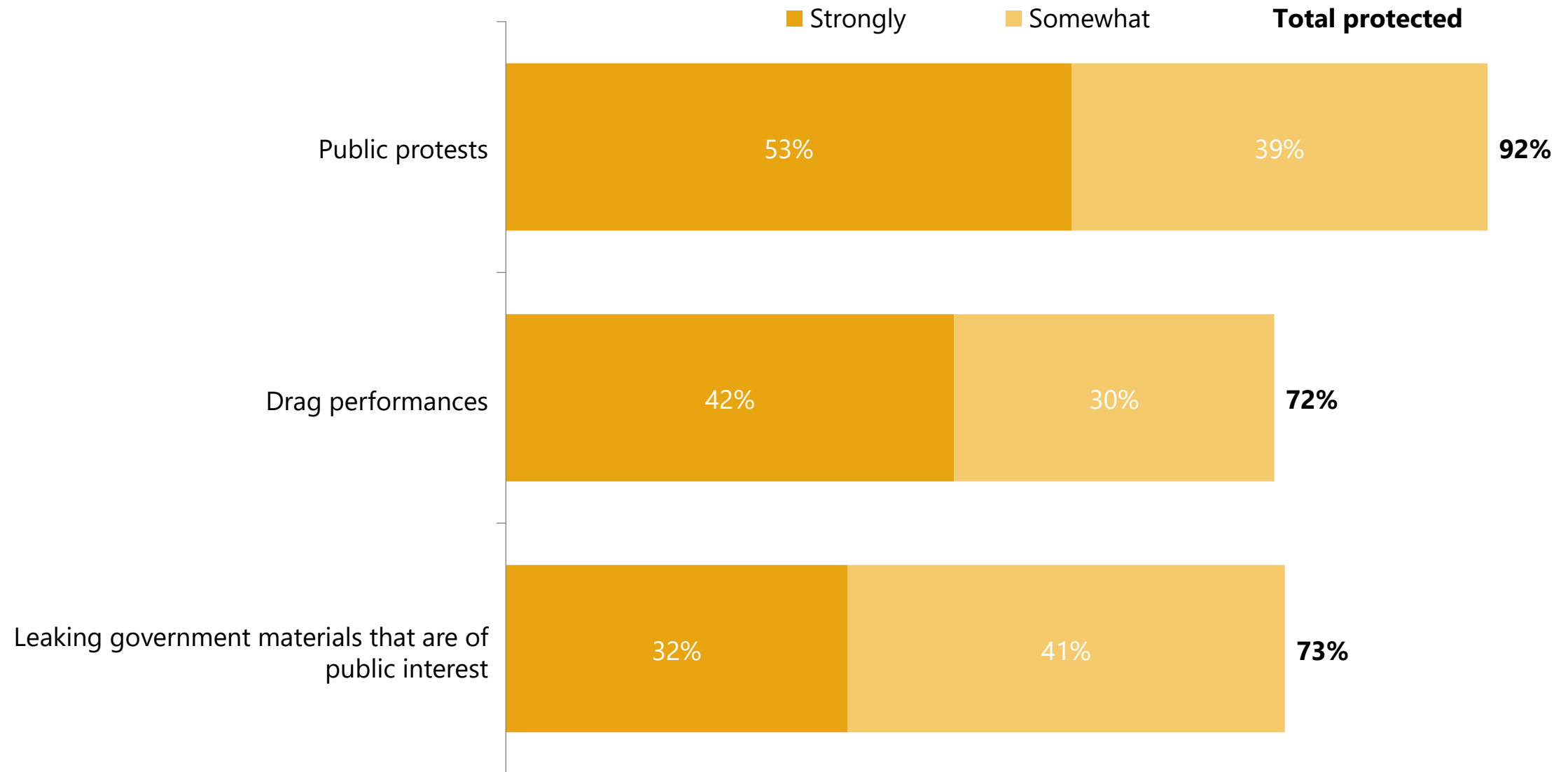


# Ratings of concerns related to free expression





# How types of free expression should be protected



To what extent do you think the following forms of free expression should be protected, even if you don't personally agree with them:



## Key findings

- Nearly all voters (94%) see freedom of expression as important for the health of democracy
- A majority of voters believe free expression is threatened in the United States
- Voters are concerned about a wide range of issues related to free expression, especially book bans, limits on free speech, and government censorship
- Public protests, drag performances are forms of expression seen as most deserving of strong protections





# Profile of the Sample

Category	Group	% of Sample
Gender	Men	45%
	Women	54
Age	18-29	15
	30-44	20
	45-64	42
	65+	23
Race	White	80
	Black	9
	Latino	9
	AAPI	5
Education	Noncollege	40
	College	32
	Post grad	28

Category	Group	% of Sample
PID	Democrat	37%
	Independent	43
	Republican	17
Phil	Progressive	36
	Moderate	40
	Conservative	21
Region	North	11
	South	18
	West	26
	Suburbs	36
	Boston	9
HHI	<\$50k	27
	\$50-150k	50
	\$150k+	17



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