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Survey of City of Berkeley Residents Reimagining Policing Project

Initial Review of Results – 10/15/21



Methodology

- ▶ Hybrid email-to-web/live telephone survey of adult City of Berkeley residents
- ▶ Survey conducted September 20-28, 2021
- ▶ 630 total respondents
- ▶ Oversamples among Black and Latinx residents to reach 100 respondents
- ▶ Weighted n = 550; overall margin of error ± 4.2 percentage points
- ▶ Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish by trained, professional interviewers; landlines and mobile phones included

Please note that due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

Preliminary Summary of Findings

- ▶ A majority of Berkeley residents feel that getting around the City is easy, but many have concerns about safety, particularly outside of personal vehicles.
- ▶ Most feel positively about safety infrastructure for bikes and pedestrians in Berkeley, but they are less satisfied with streets and roads. There is an appetite for allocating more transportation money to historically underfunded neighborhoods.
- ▶ While most feel welcome in the Berkeley community, about one third worry about being harassed or assaulted by community members.
- ▶ A majority are open to the idea of moving some responsibilities out of the police department to other city departments, particularly parking enforcement, bike/ped enforcement, and traffic enforcement. Support is consistent across racial groupings, and particularly strong among LGBTQ populations.
- ▶ Many believe police making traffic stops can lead to unsafe encounters, and that people of color are more likely to be stopped than others. These perceptions are present across racial groups.
- ▶ One in five worry about being harmed or treated unfairly during a stop. People of color, especially Black people, are particularly concerned about potential harm by police due to their race.
- ▶ Nearly half have been impacted (themselves or their family) by mistreatment by someone in the community, but many fewer have been mistreated by police or other city employees.

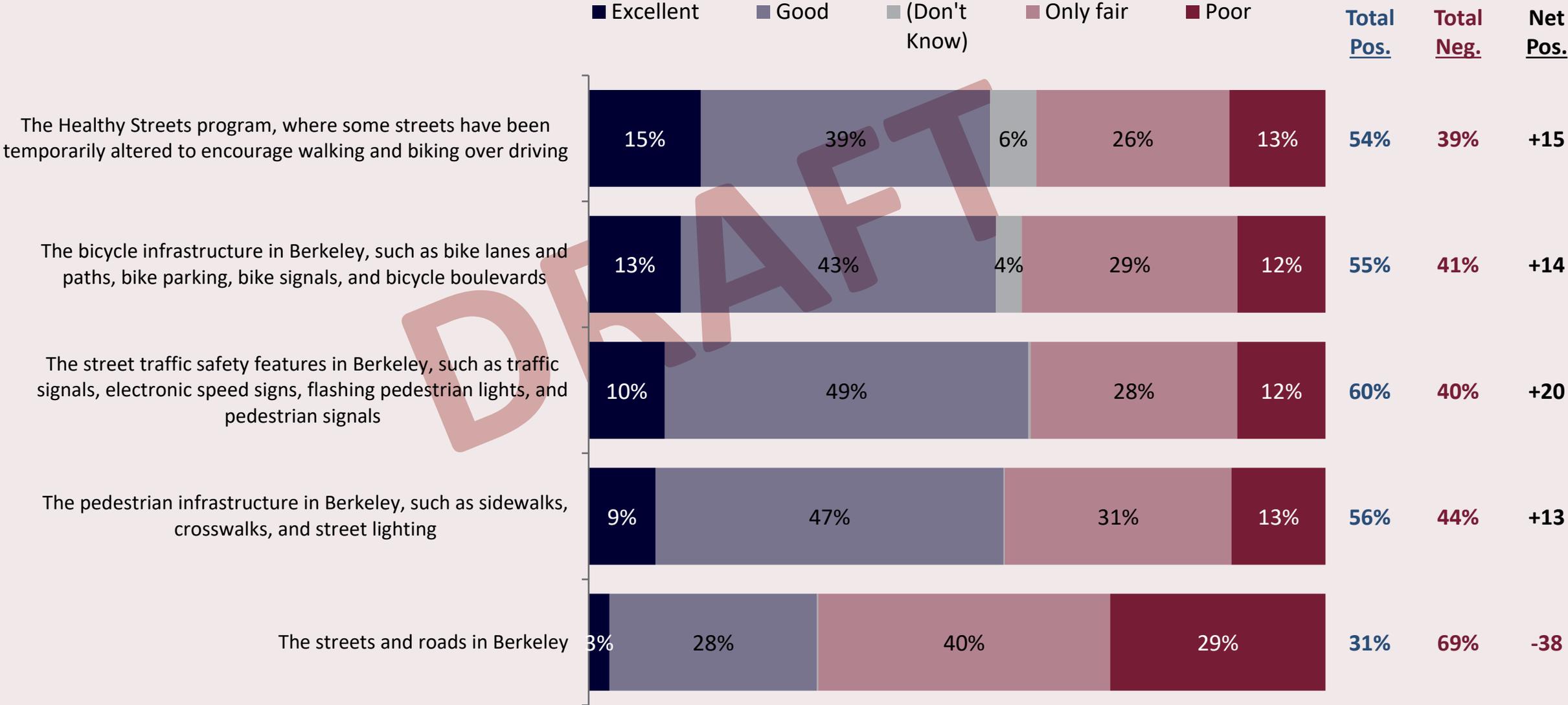
Statistical Information on Subgroups



Subgroup	Weighted Frequency	Unweighted n	Margin of Error
Men	48%	293	±5.7 percentage points
Women	50%	326	±5.4 percentage points
White	68%	419	±4.8 percentage points
Hispanic	12%	100	±9.8 percentage points
Black	9%	100	±9.8 percentage points
Asian	18%	77	±11.2 percentage points
Other	9%	59	±12.8 percentage points
POC	34%	225	±6.5 percentage points
Non-POC	66%	405	±4.9 percentage points
LGBTQ	16%	92	±10.2 percentage points
Non-LGBTQ	84%	538	±4.2 percentage points

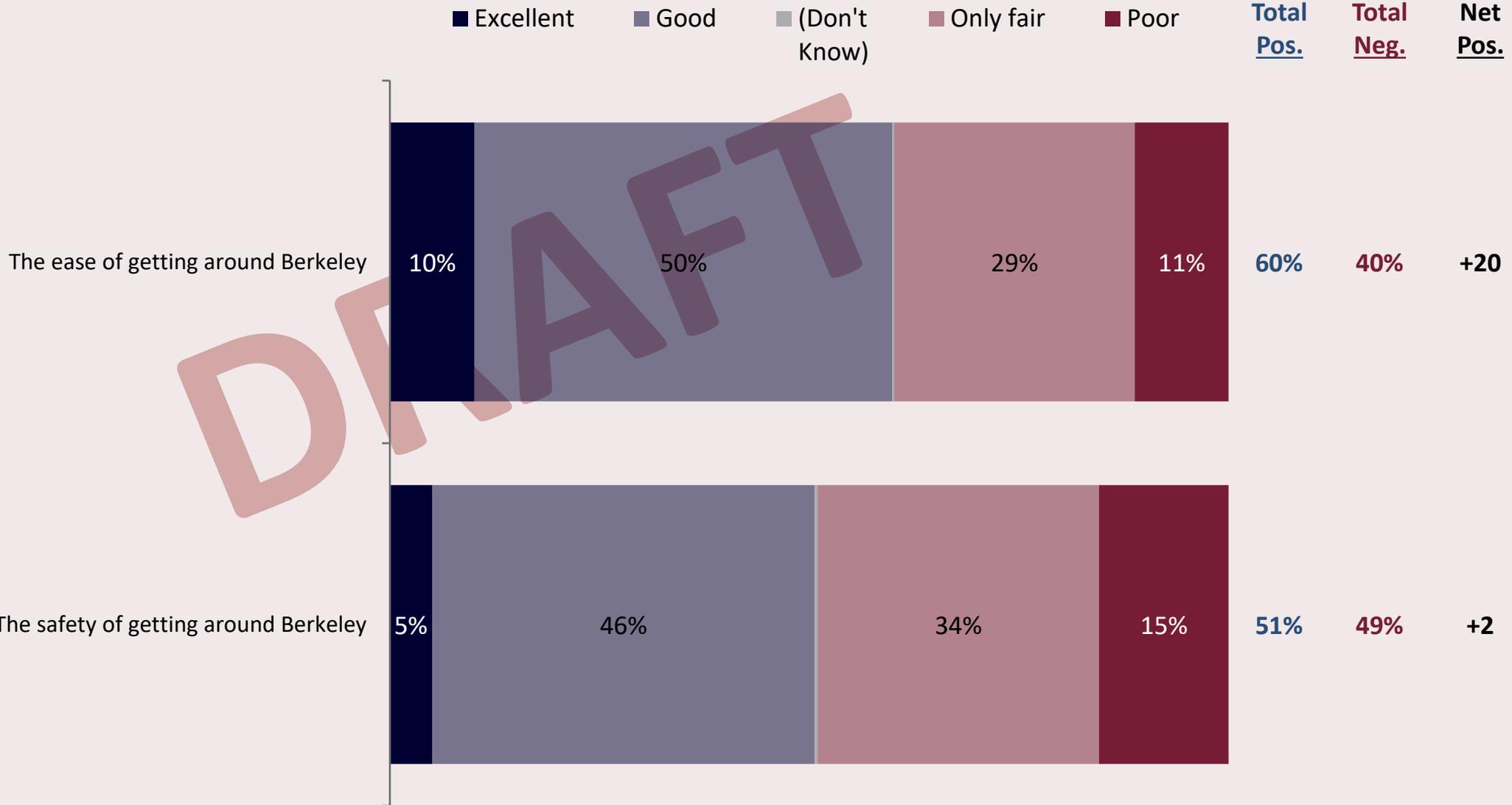
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Transportation and Infrastructure Ratings



Q6-Q12. I'm going to read you a list about different aspects of transportation around Berkeley. After each one, please tell me whether you'd rate that aspect as poor, only fair, good, or excellent.

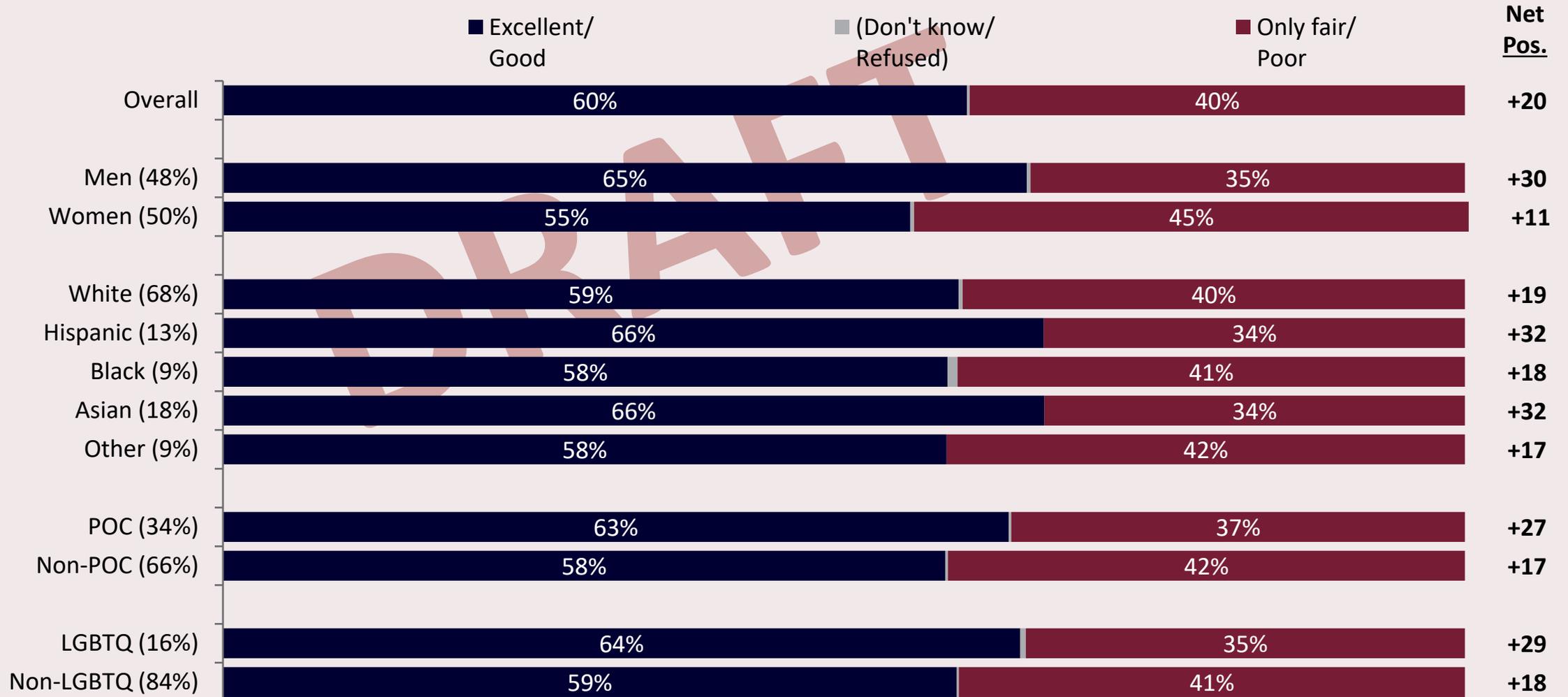
Transportation Ease and Safety Ratings



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Ease of Transportation - Subgroups

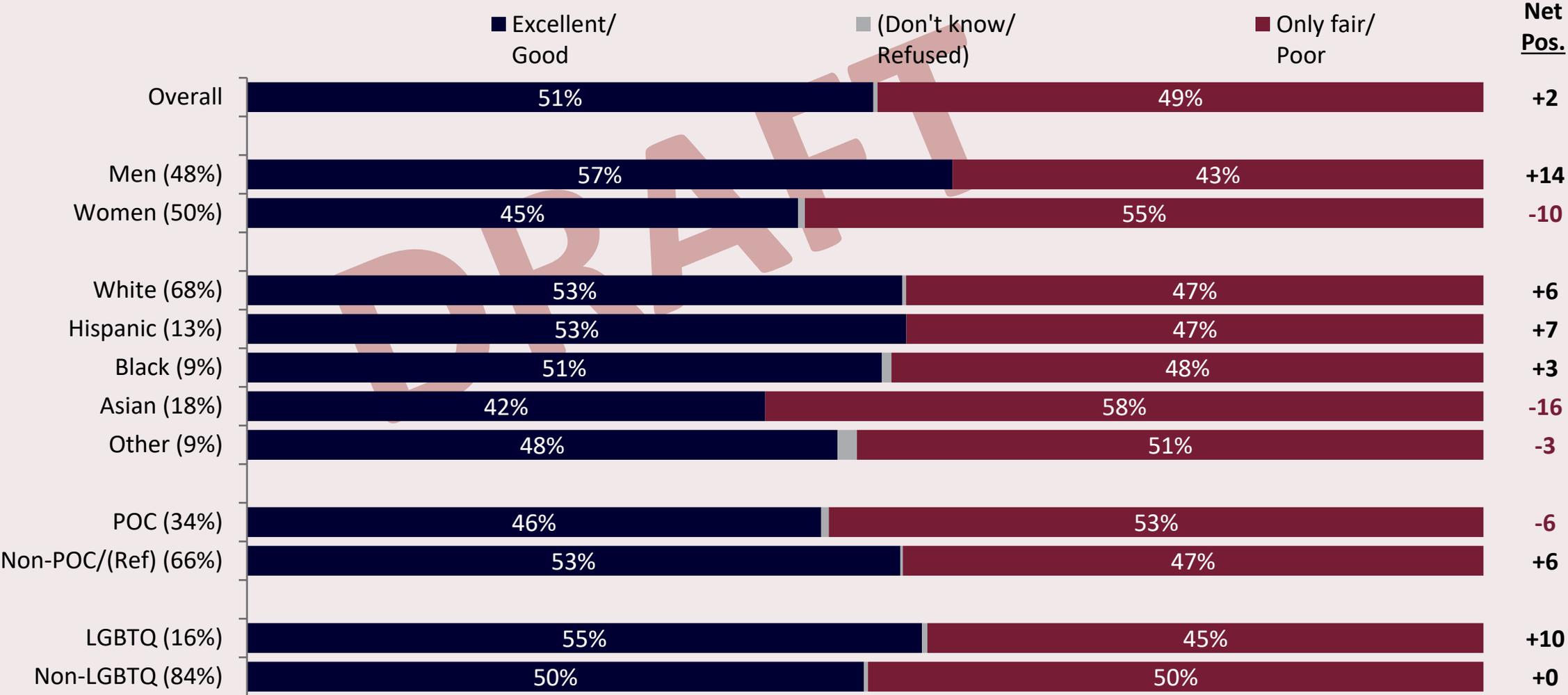
How would you rate the ease of getting around Berkeley?



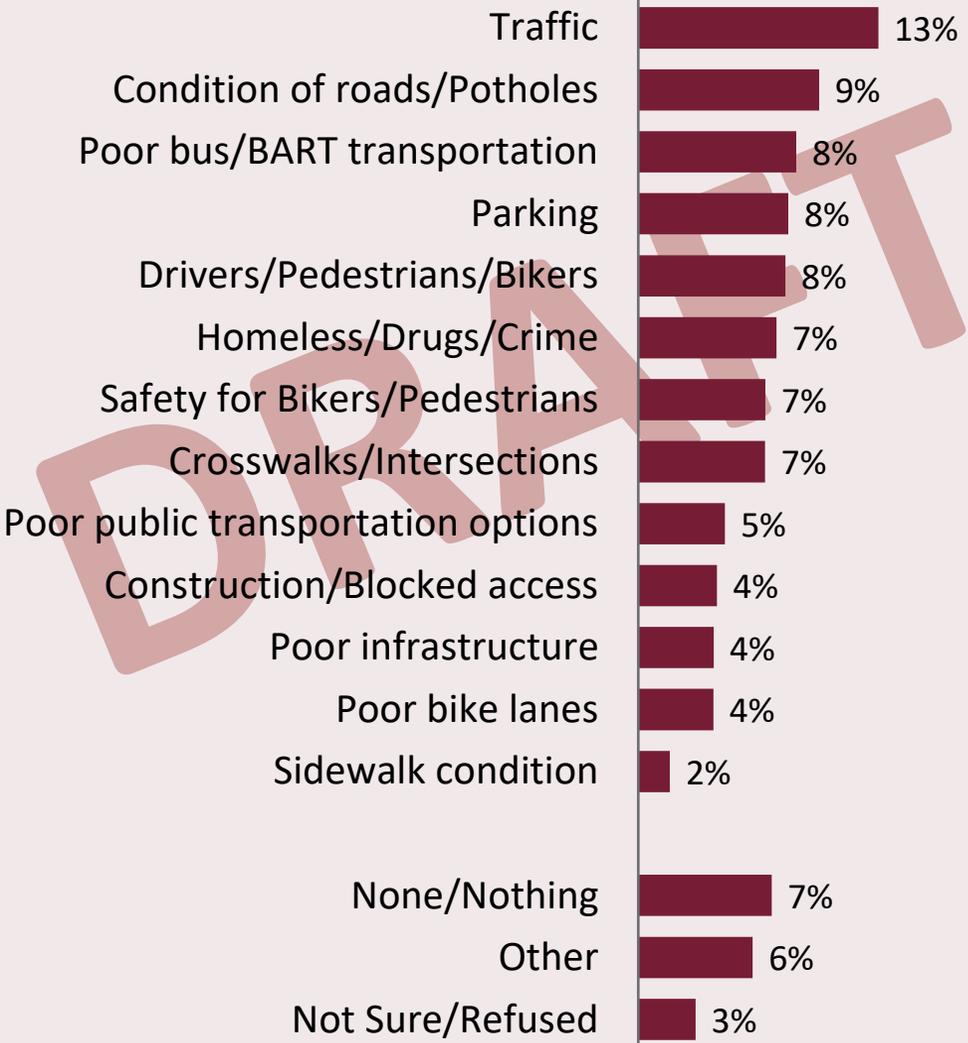
Safety of Transportation - Subgroups



How would you rate the safety of getting around Berkeley?

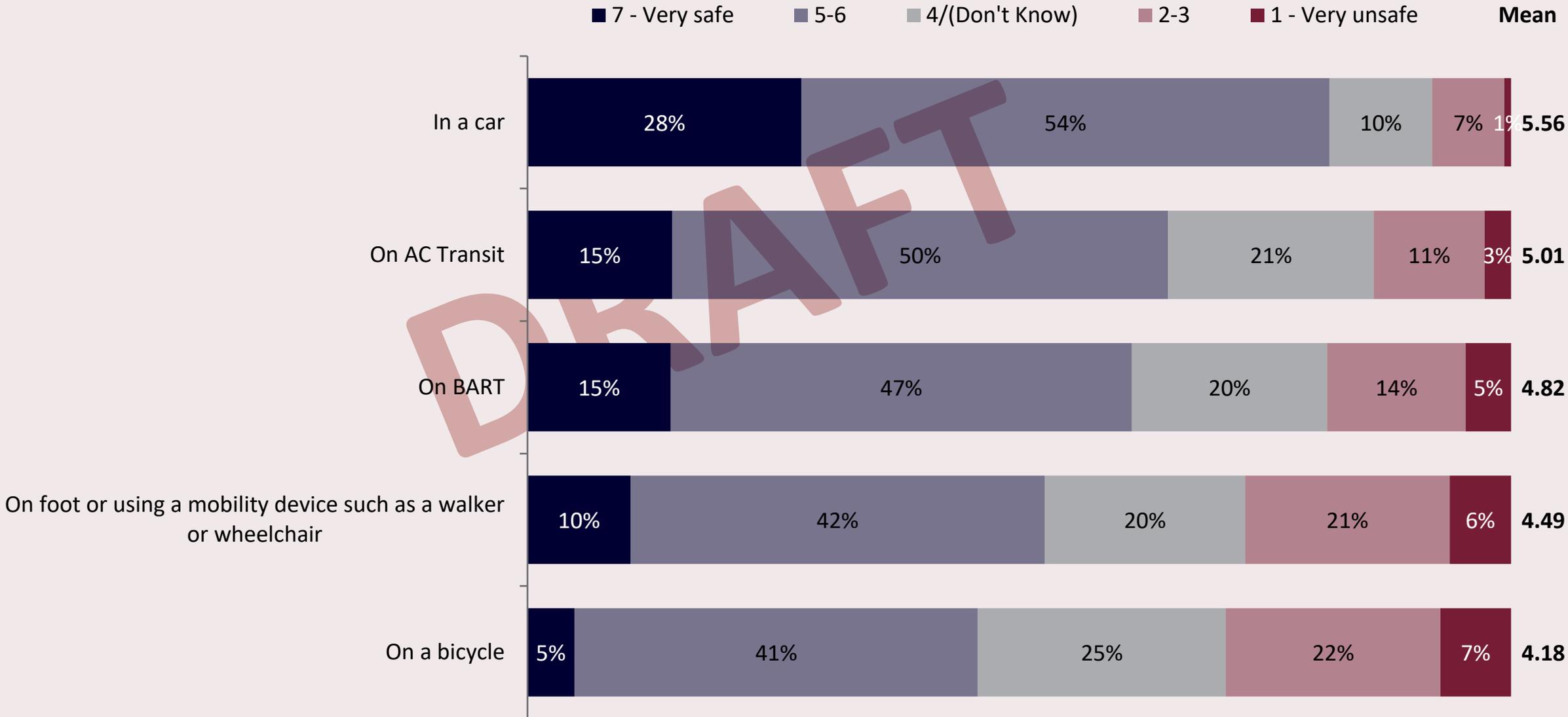


Transportation Challenges



Q13. What are the biggest challenges you and/or your family face in getting around Berkeley? (Open ended, multiple responses accepted)

Transportation Safety Perceptions



Q14-Q18. I'm going to read you a list of transportation methods to get around Berkeley. For each one, please rate how safe you feel traveling around Berkeley using that transportation method.

Areas Where You Feel Unsafe

Are there particular locations, areas, or neighborhoods that you feel unsafe in?	%
Downtown	18
West Berkeley	10
South Berkeley	9
Southside	8
Gilman	2
UC Berkeley	2
Berkeley Hills	1
Busy street	5
Night time	3
More than one place	3
Homeless encampments	3
None	31
Other	7
Don't know	1

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Q19. Thinking about places you visit or travel to in Berkeley, are there particular locations, areas, or neighborhoods that you feel unsafe in?
 Note: this was an open-ended question.

Perceptions of Community Accessibility and Equity

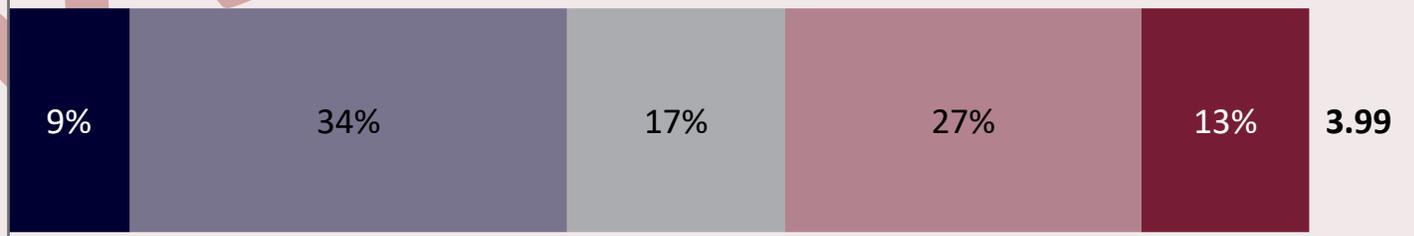


■ 7 - Strongly agree
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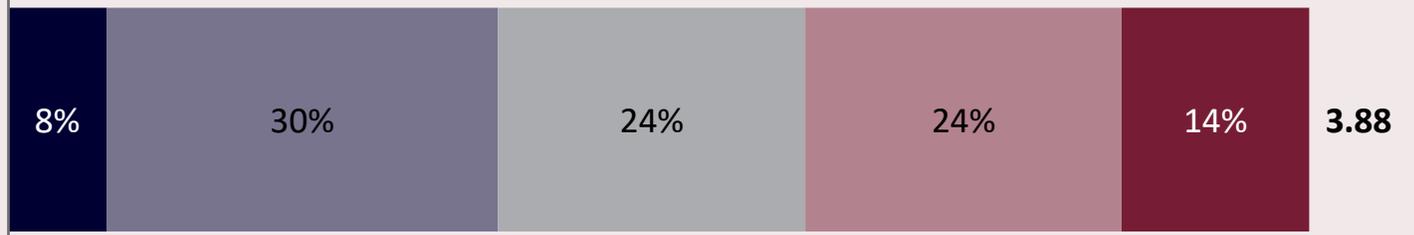
The City of Berkeley should allocate more money for transportation improvements to lower-income neighborhoods and communities of color that have historically been underfunded



People drive safely in my neighborhood



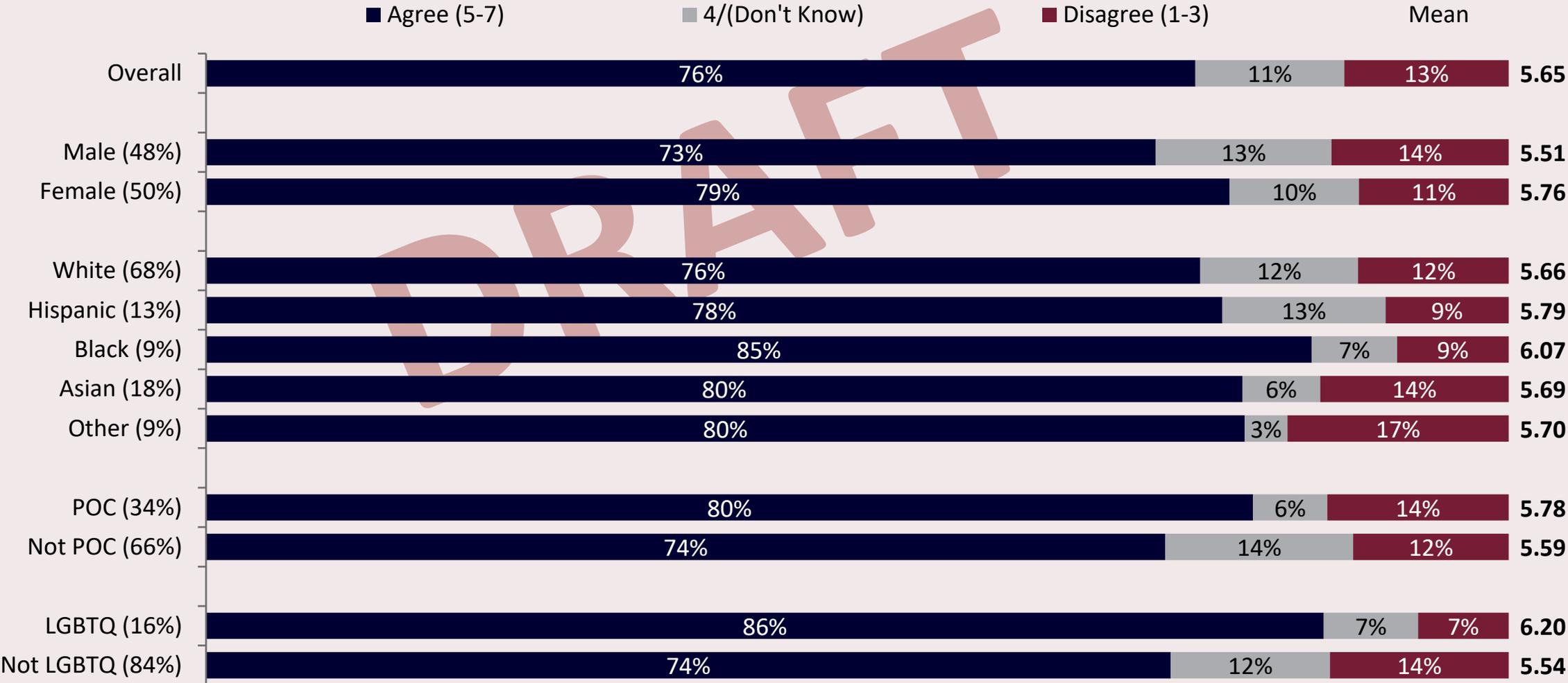
There are enough bus shelters, benches, and other safe places to rest or wait for the bus in my neighborhood



Transportation Allocation by Subgroups



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Perceptions of Community Interactions

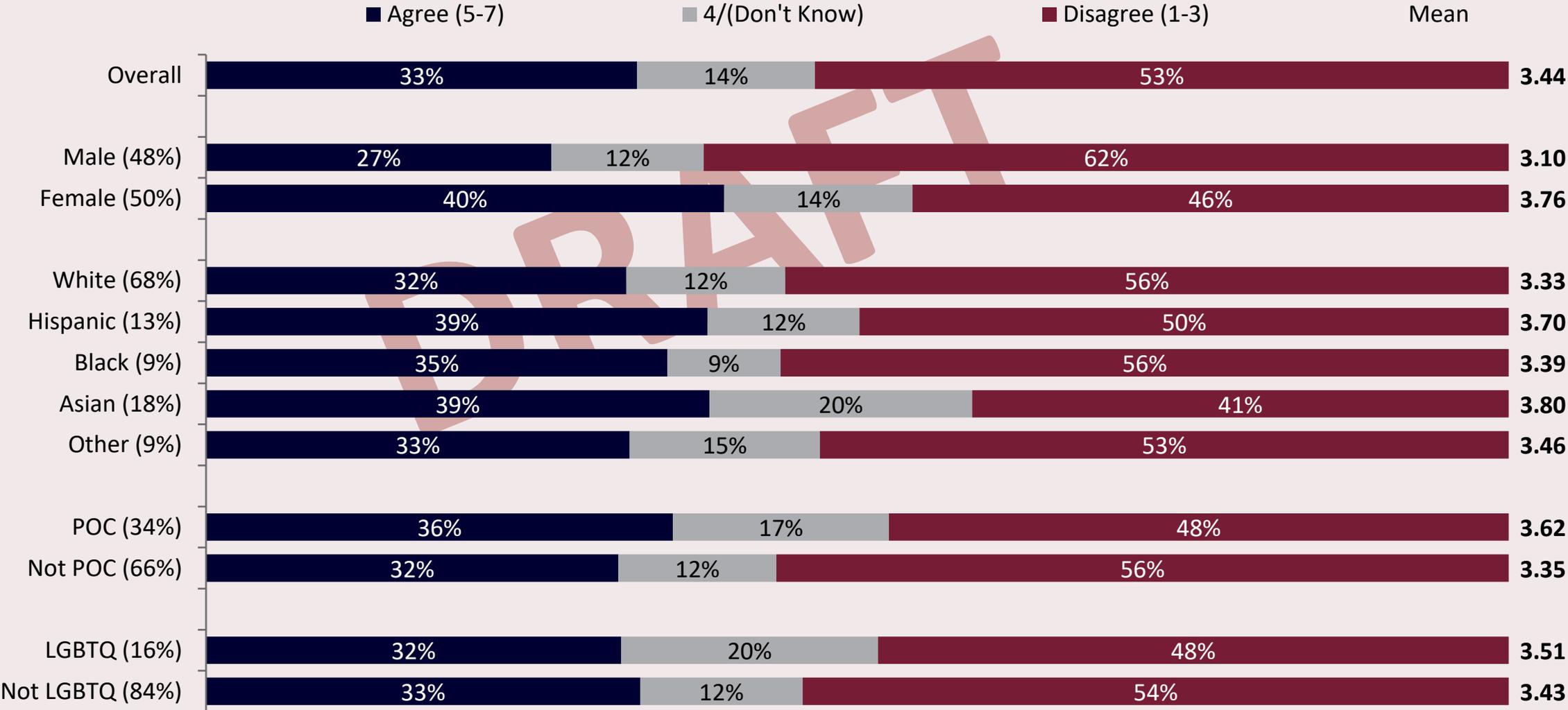
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Worry About Harassment by Community - Subgroups



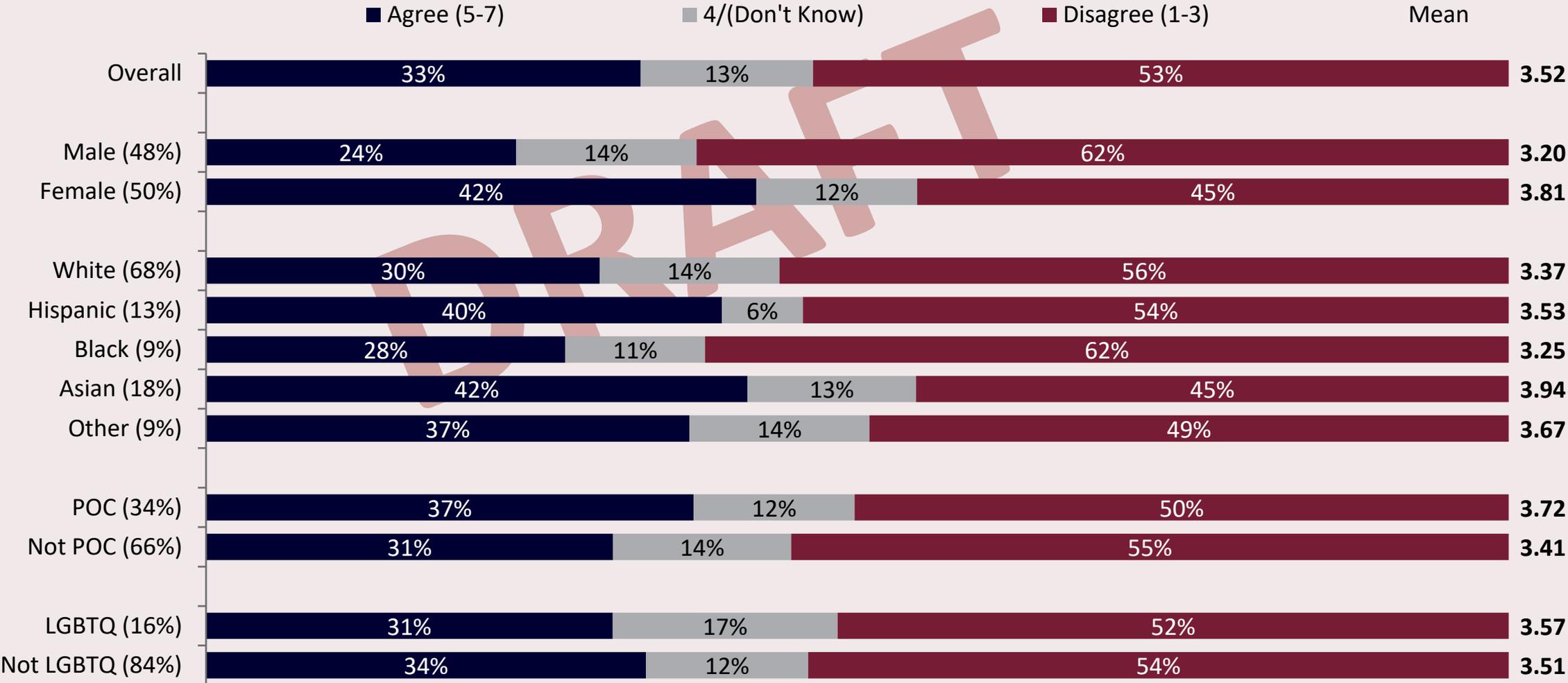
I worry about being harassed by other Berkeley community members when I'm out and about in Berkeley.



Worry About Assault by Community - Subgroups



I worry about being physically or verbally assaulted by other Berkeley community members when I'm out and about in Berkeley.



Support for Moving Police Responsibilities

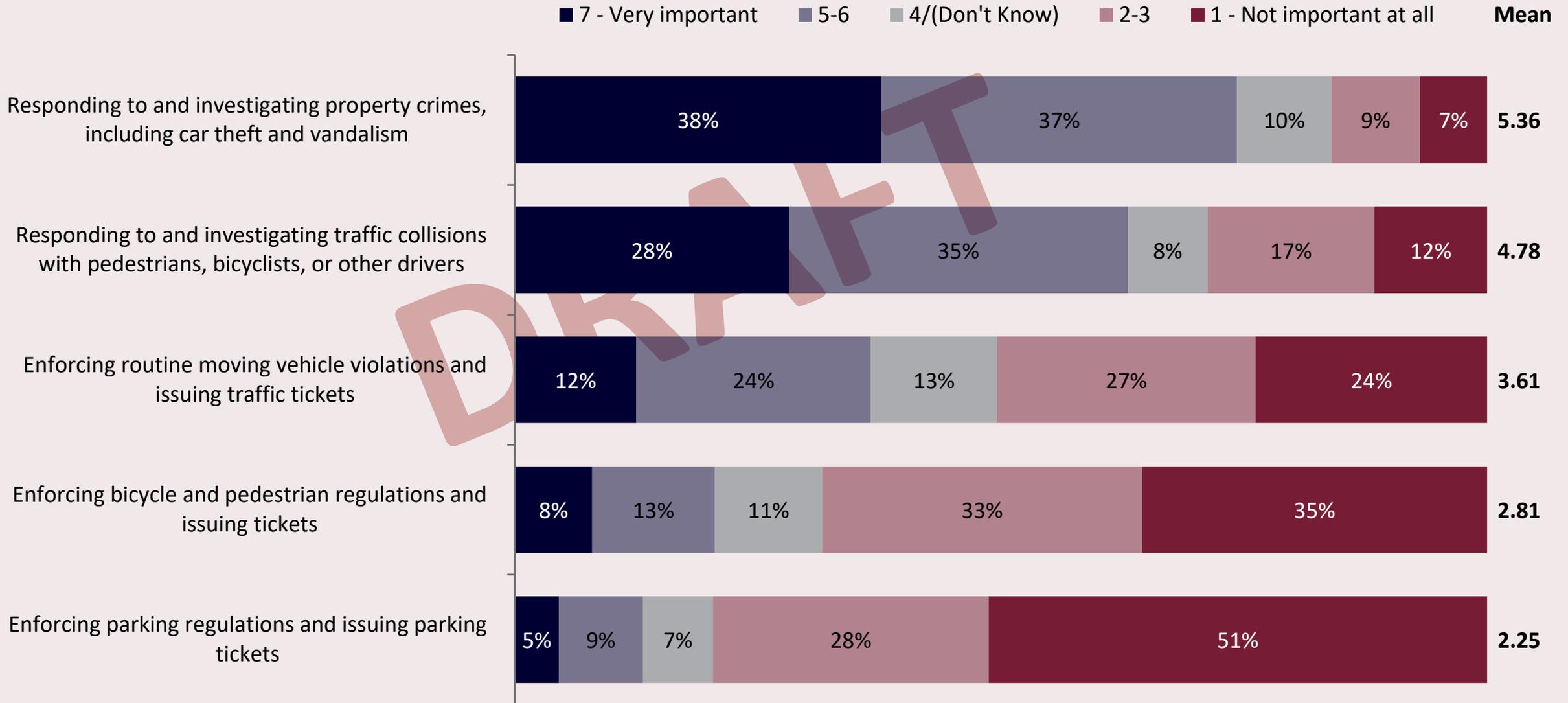
The Berkeley Police Department currently has a wide range of responsibilities, including enforcing traffic and parking laws, investigating traffic collisions, and handling property crimes. The City of Berkeley is considering moving **some** of those responsibilities to other City departments to be handled by unarmed public employees instead of police officers.



Support for Moving Police Responsibilities - Subgroups



Importance of Police Handling

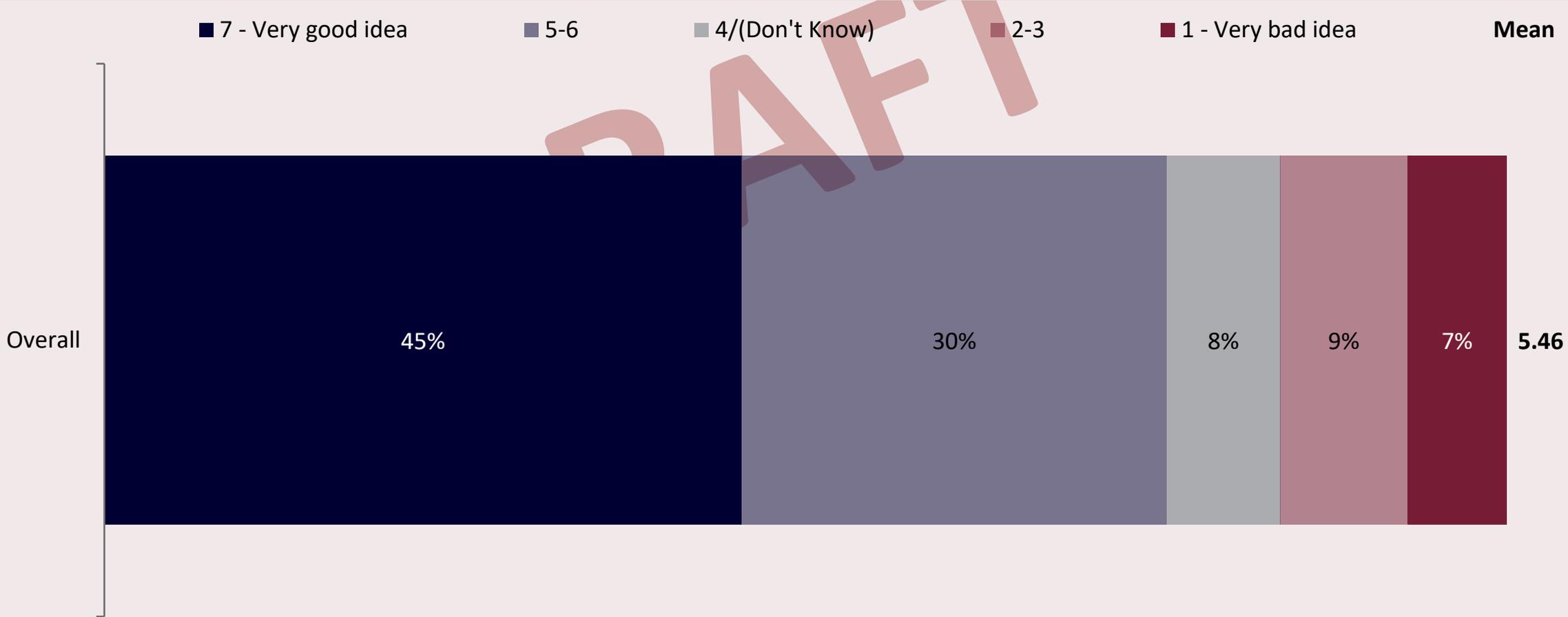


Q27-Q31. I'm going to read you a list of activities that a police officer could be responsible for handling. After each one, please tell me how important you think it is for a police officer to handle that situation.

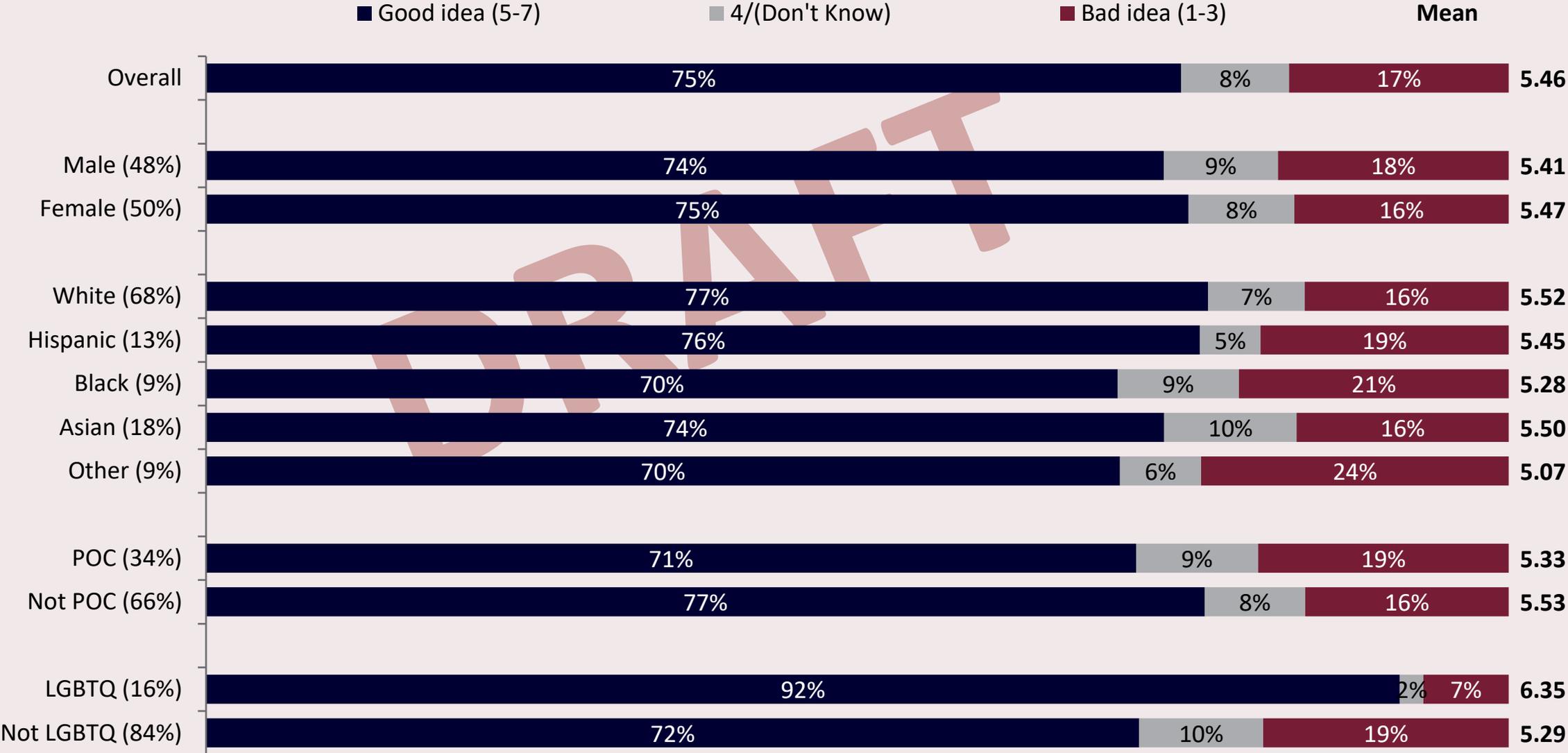
Support for Moving Traffic Enforcement Away from Police



The City of Berkeley is considering moving traffic enforcement responsibilities away from police officers, instead assigning these responsibilities to a specialized set of city employees who would not carry weapons or have the power to detain or arrest people. These employees would be trained and uniformed, and would conduct activities like issuing parking tickets, investigating collisions, enforcing traffic regulations, and conducting routine traffic stops.



Support for Moving Traffic Enforcement Away from Police - Subgroups



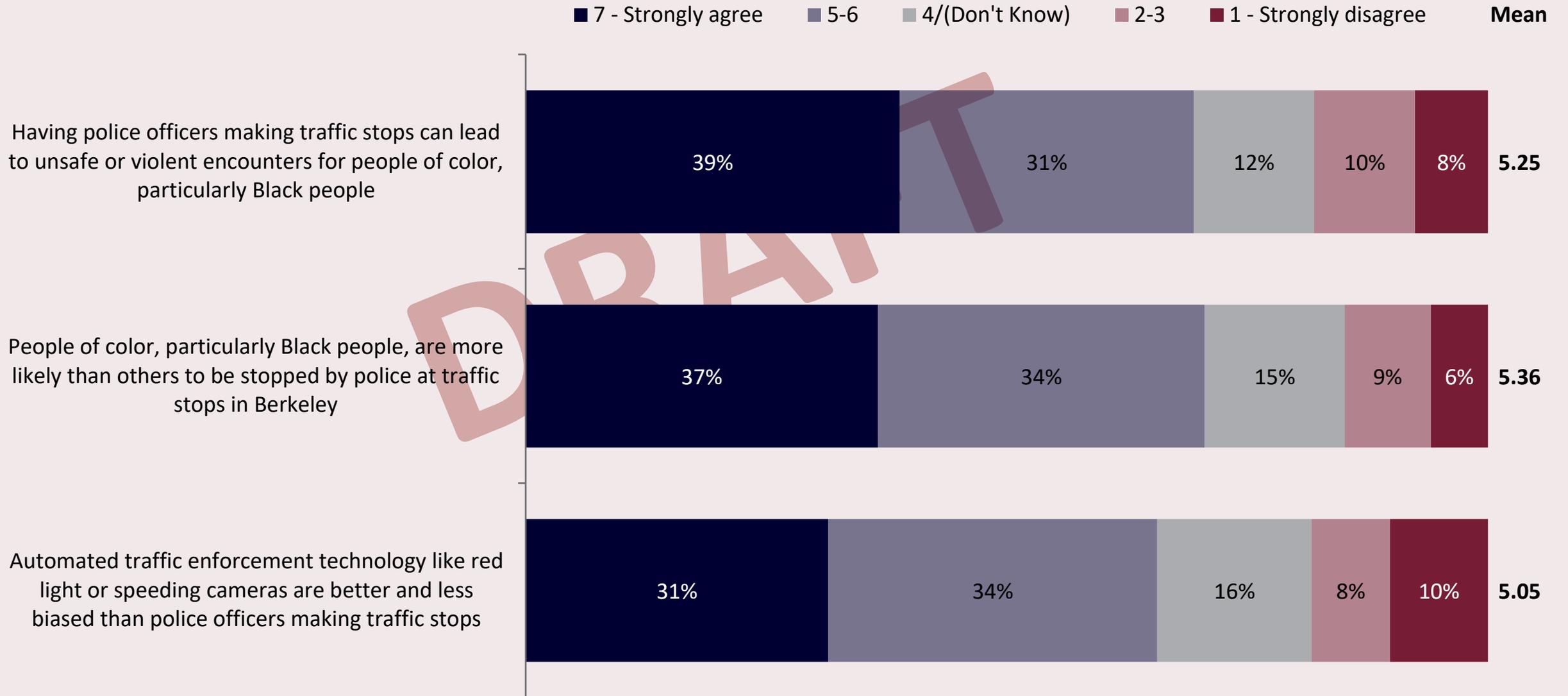
Reasons for Support for Moving Traffic Enforcement Away from Police



Why do you feel moving traffic enforcement responsibilities away from police officers is a good or bad idea?	%
Cops Not Needed/Don't Require Being Armed/Decreases Chances Of Escalation	37%
More Serious Crime/Police Needed Elsewhere/Priority	19%
Safety Concerns/Potential To Escalate/Inherent Risk/Dangerous	9%
Should Be Law Enforcement/Necessary Authority	9%
Alternative Solutions/Different Qualifications	8%
(Addresses Issues) Use Of Force /Abuse of Power/Mental Health	7%
Deescalates Tensions With Community/Address Racial Disparity In Law Enforcement	6%
Won't Be Armed/Ineffective/Taken Serious	5%
Agree With Some Of The Responsibilities Being Removed/Still Need Police Presence In some Cases	5%
It Would Work/I Agree With/Help Where Needed	4%
Feel Less Safe/Miss Potential Criminal Arrest	3%
Already Qualified/Trained/Experienced	2%
Eliminates Deterrents/Criminals Will Take Advantage	2%
Need More Info/Details/Don't Know How It Would Work	2%
More Bureaucracy/Don't Trust Government	1%
Waste of Money/Unnecessary/Cost	1%
Other	6%
Not Sure/None/Refused	7%

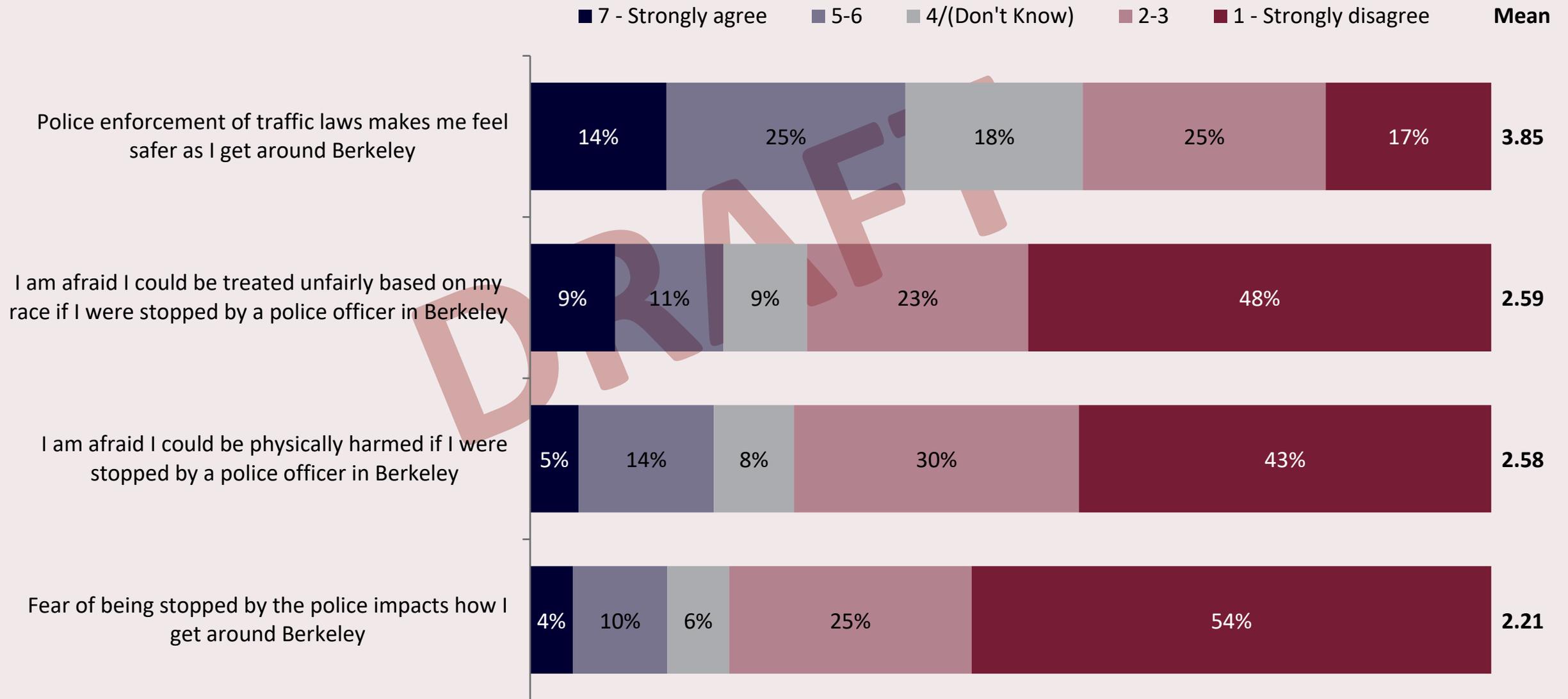
Q33. The City of Berkeley is considering moving traffic enforcement responsibilities away from police officers... Why do you say this is a good idea or a bad idea? (Open ended)

Perceptions of Policing



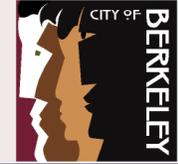
Q34-Q40. I'm going to read you another list of statements. For each one, please tell me whether you agree or disagree.

Perceptions of Policing, continued

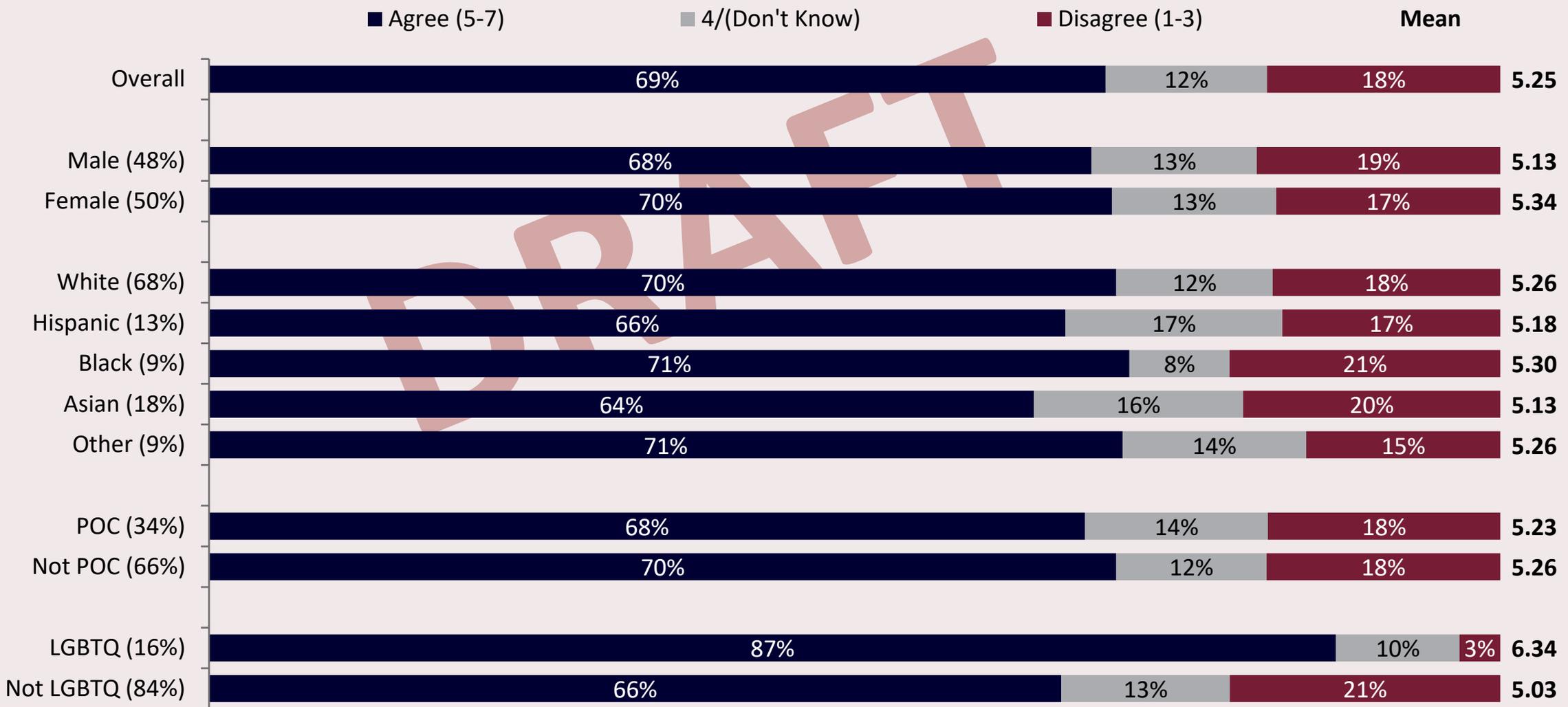


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Police Making Traffic Stops Leads to Unsafe Encounters - Subgroups

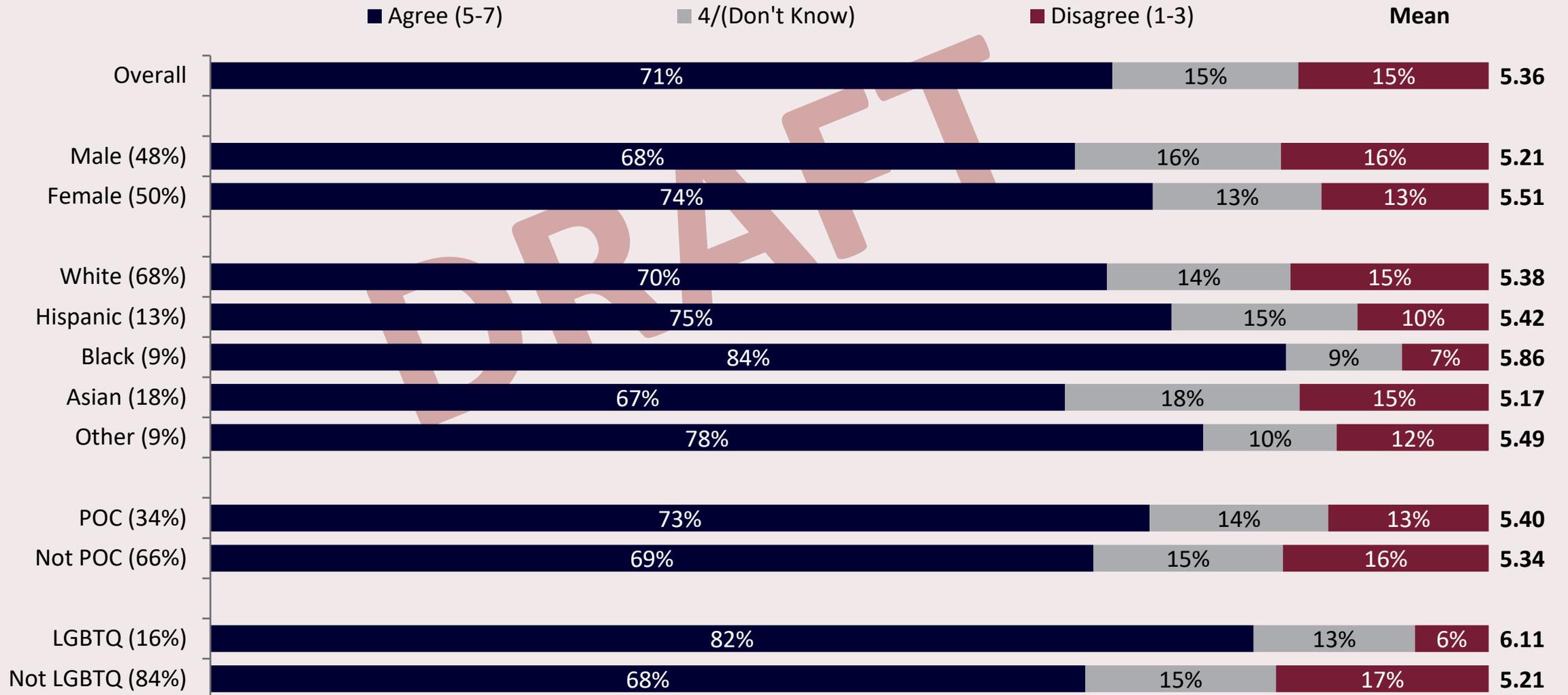


Having police officers making traffic stops can lead to unsafe or violent encounters for people of color, particularly Black people.



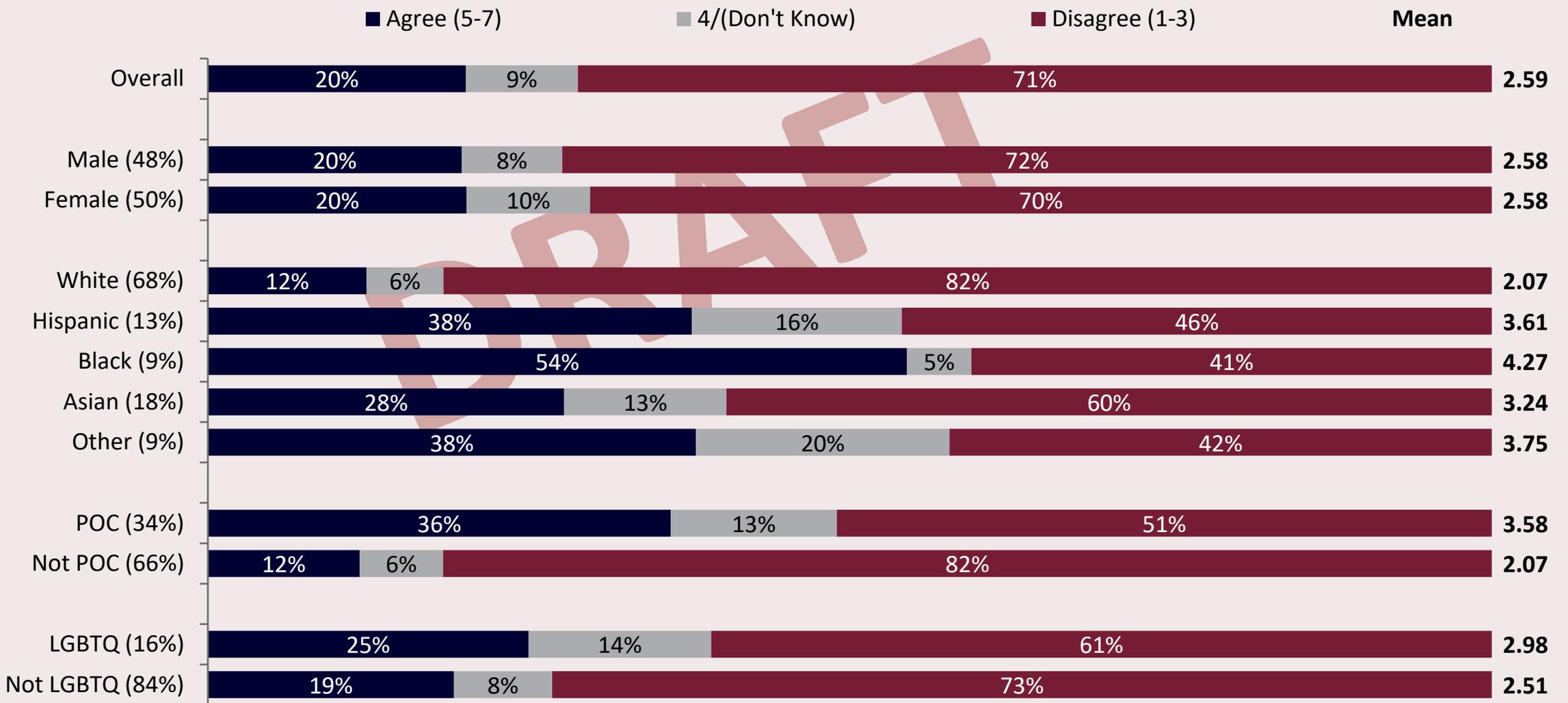
POC More Likely to Be Stopped - Subgroups

People of color, particularly Black people, are more likely than others to be stopped by police at traffic stops in Berkeley.

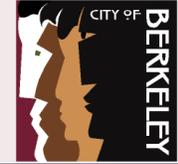


Fear of Unfair Treatment Based on Race - Subgroups

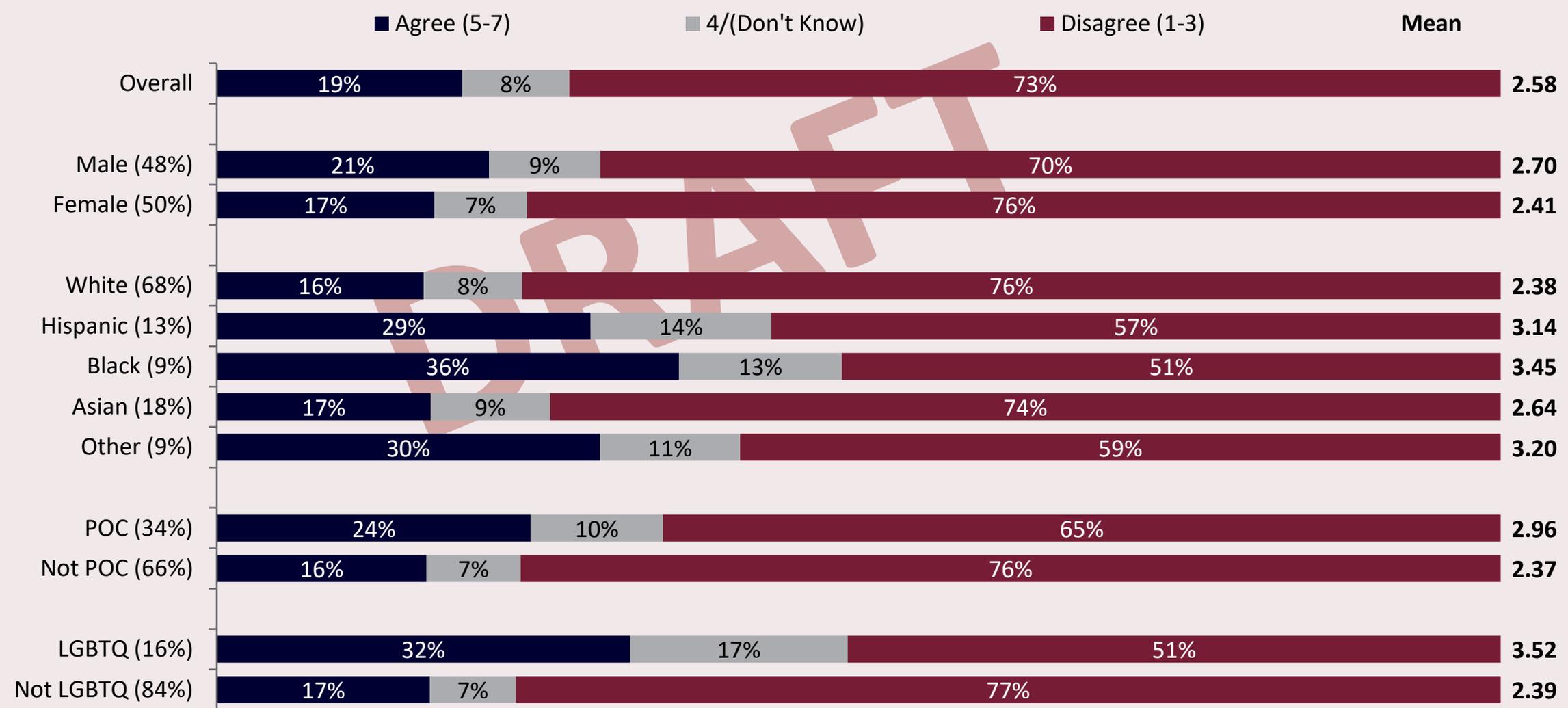
I am afraid I could be treated unfairly based on my race if I were stopped by a police officer in Berkeley.



Fear of Physical Harm by Police - Subgroups



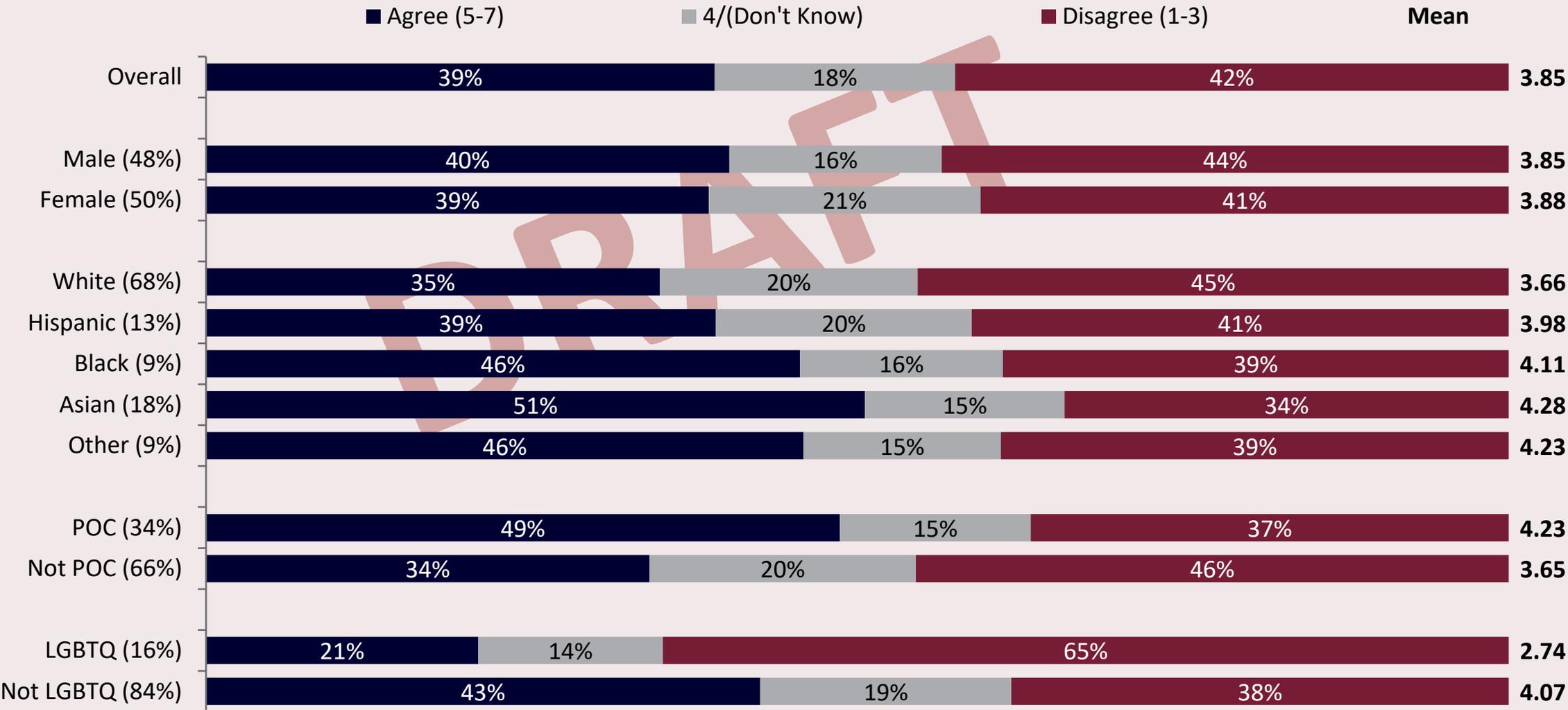
I am afraid I could be physically harmed if I were stopped by a police officer in Berkeley.



Police Enforcement of Traffic Laws - Subgroups

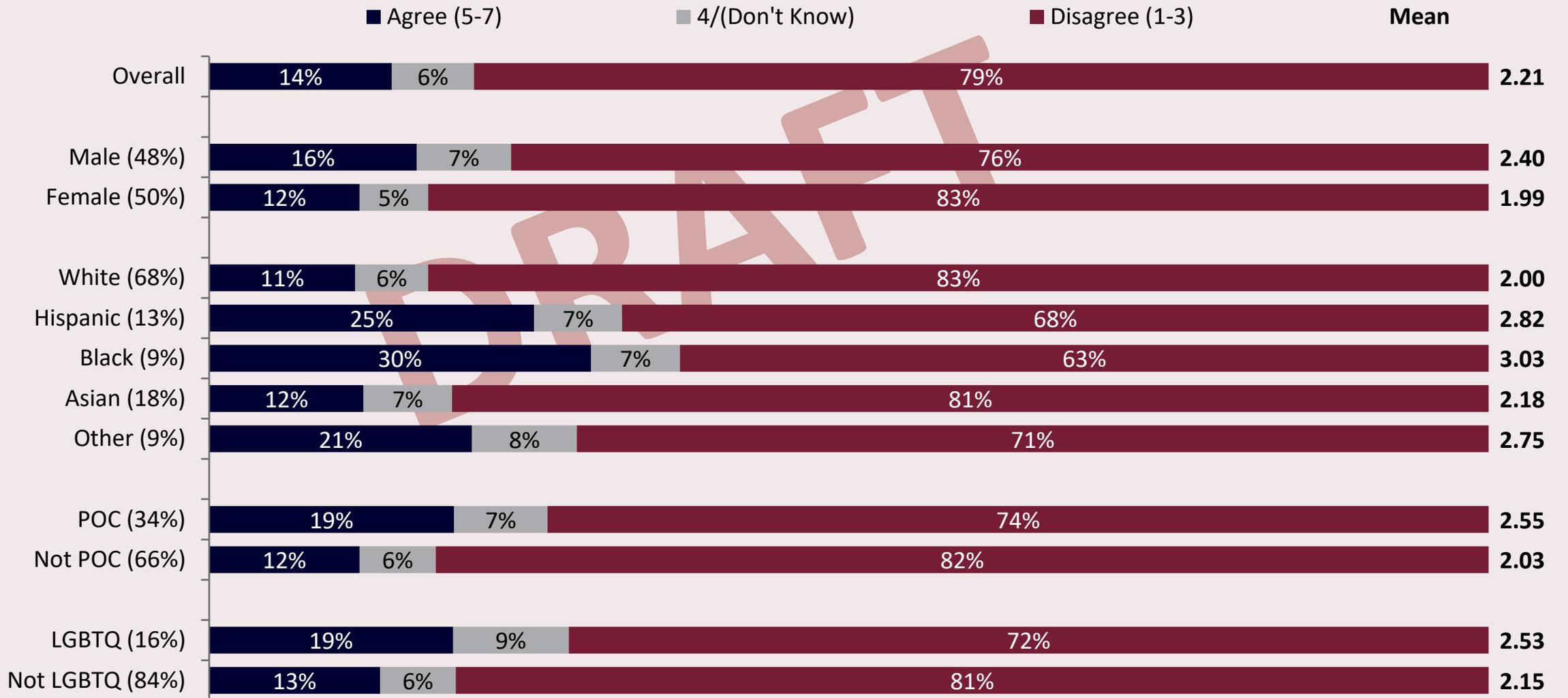


Police enforcement of traffic laws makes me feel safer as I get around Berkeley.



Fear of Police Impacts How I Get Around - Subgroups

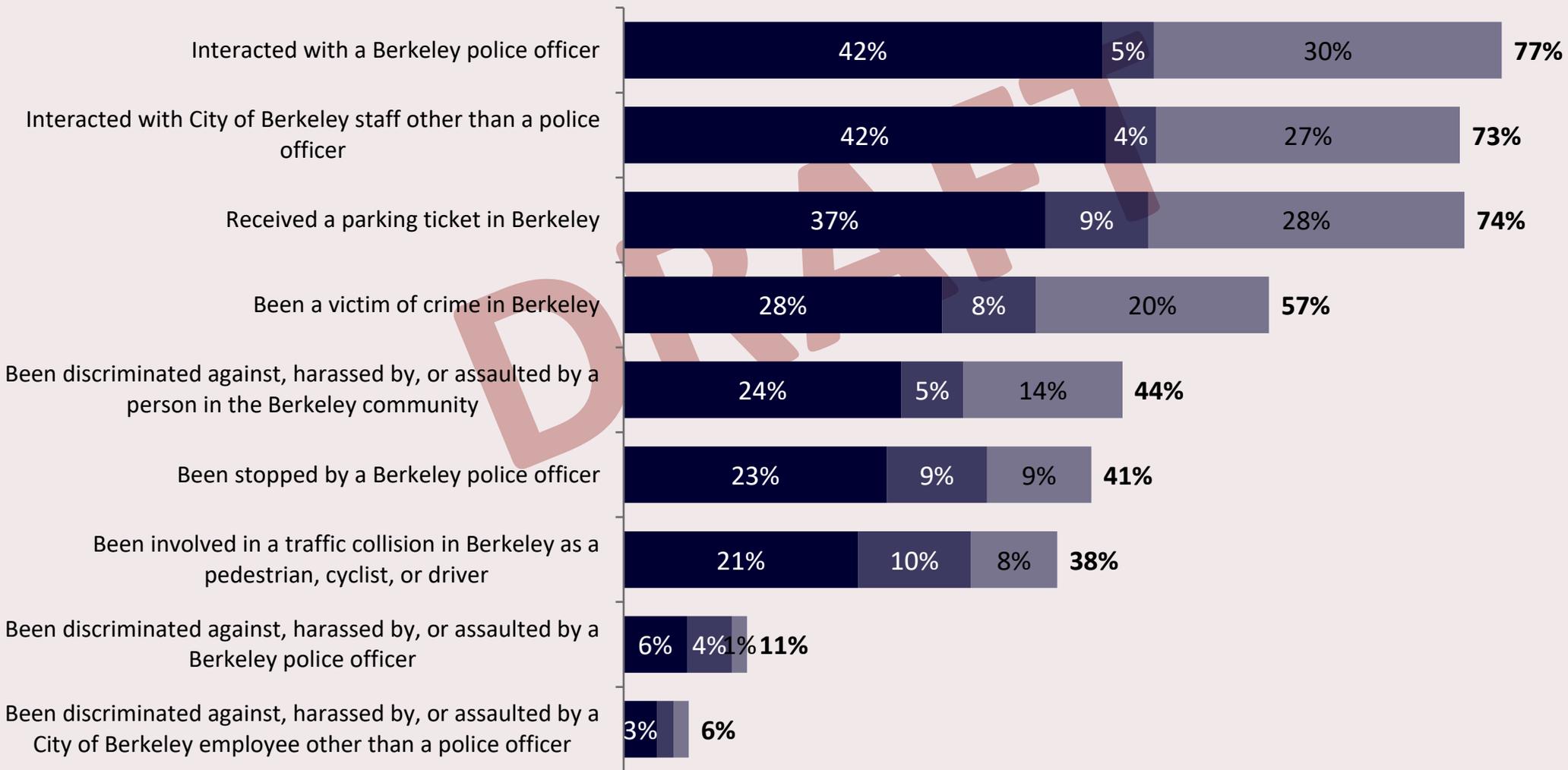
Fear of being stopped by the police impacts how I get around Berkeley.



Self-Reported Interactions

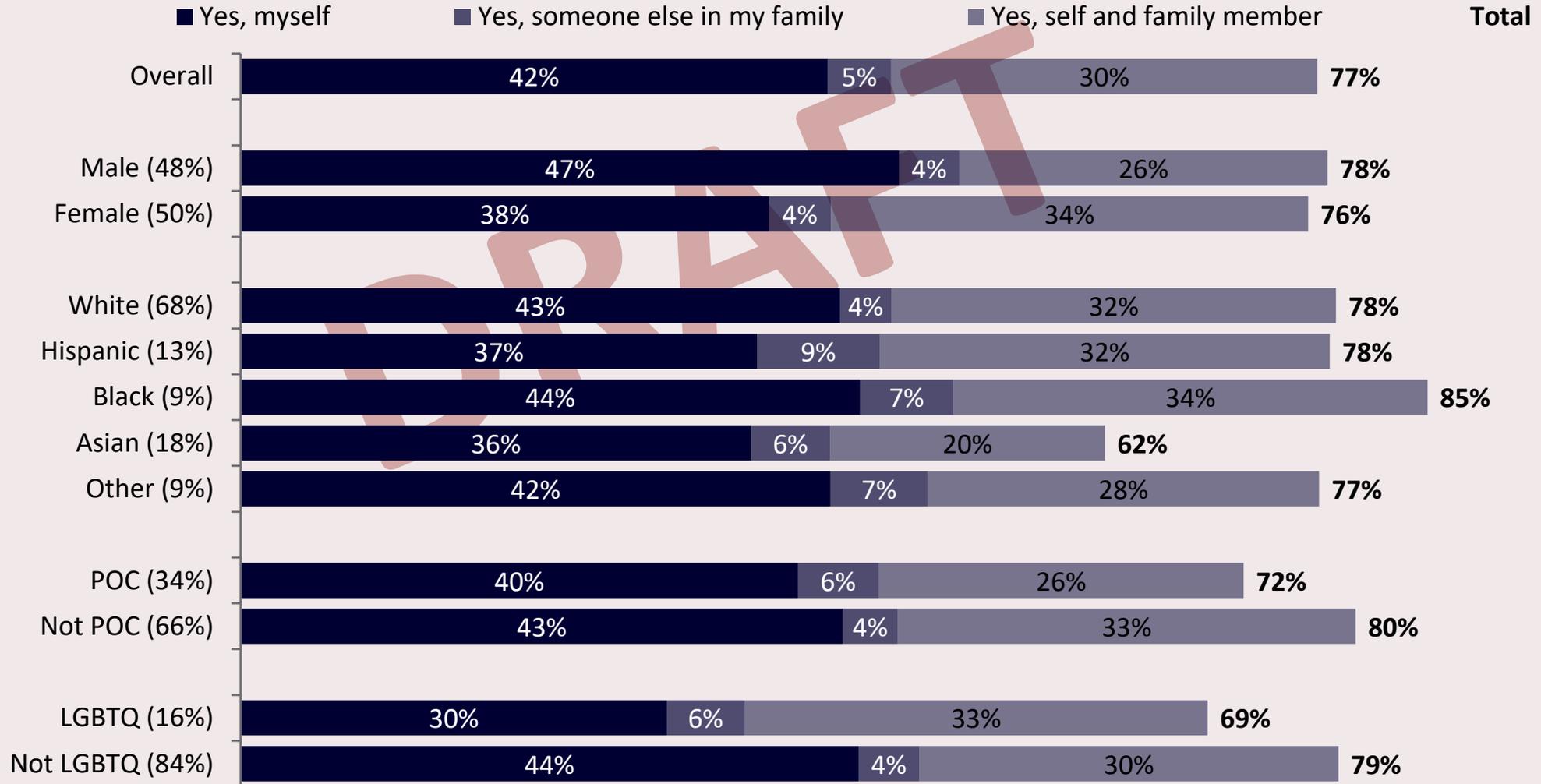


Yes, myself
 Yes, someone else in my family
 Yes, self and family member
 Total



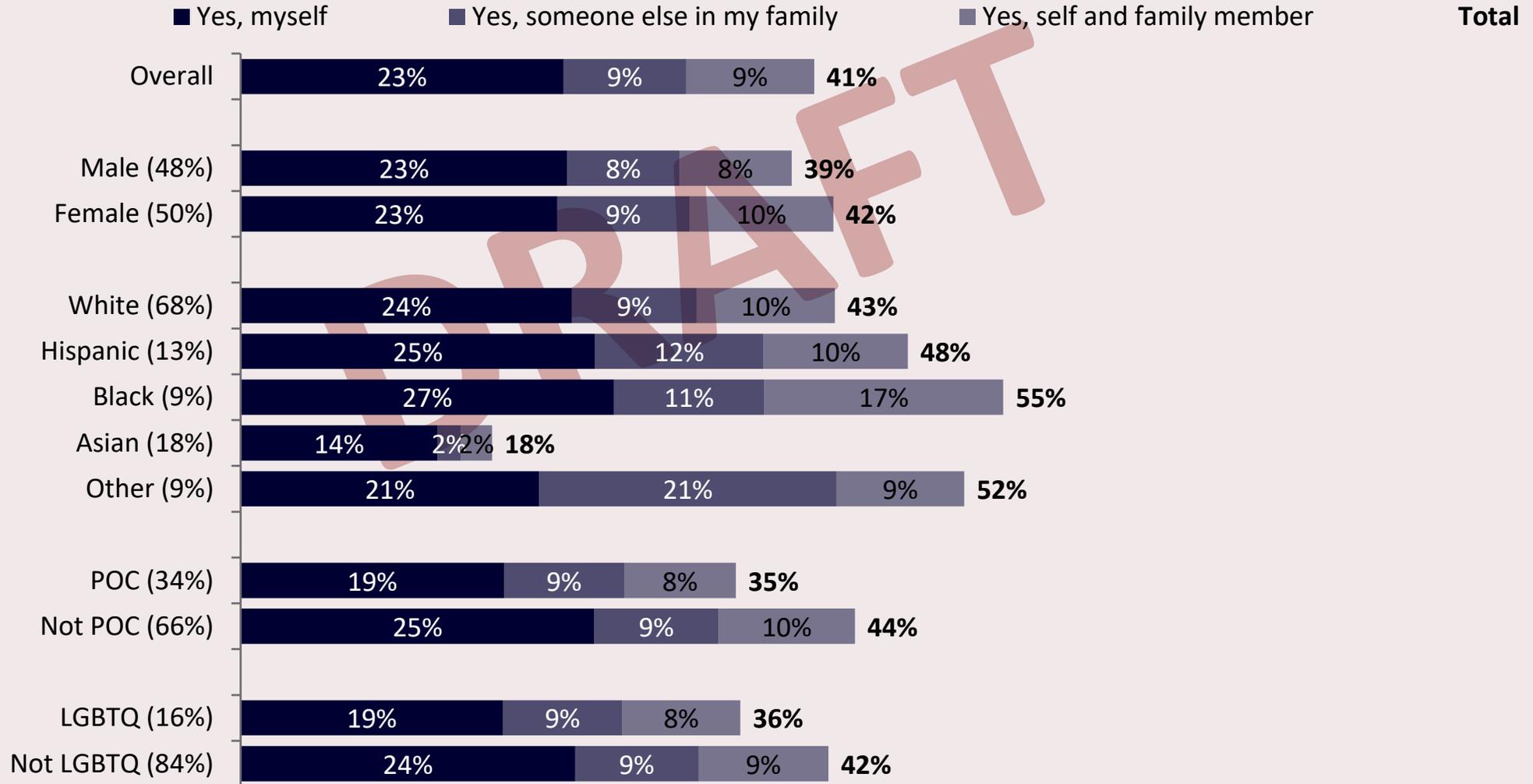
Police Interactions

Interacted with a Berkeley police officer



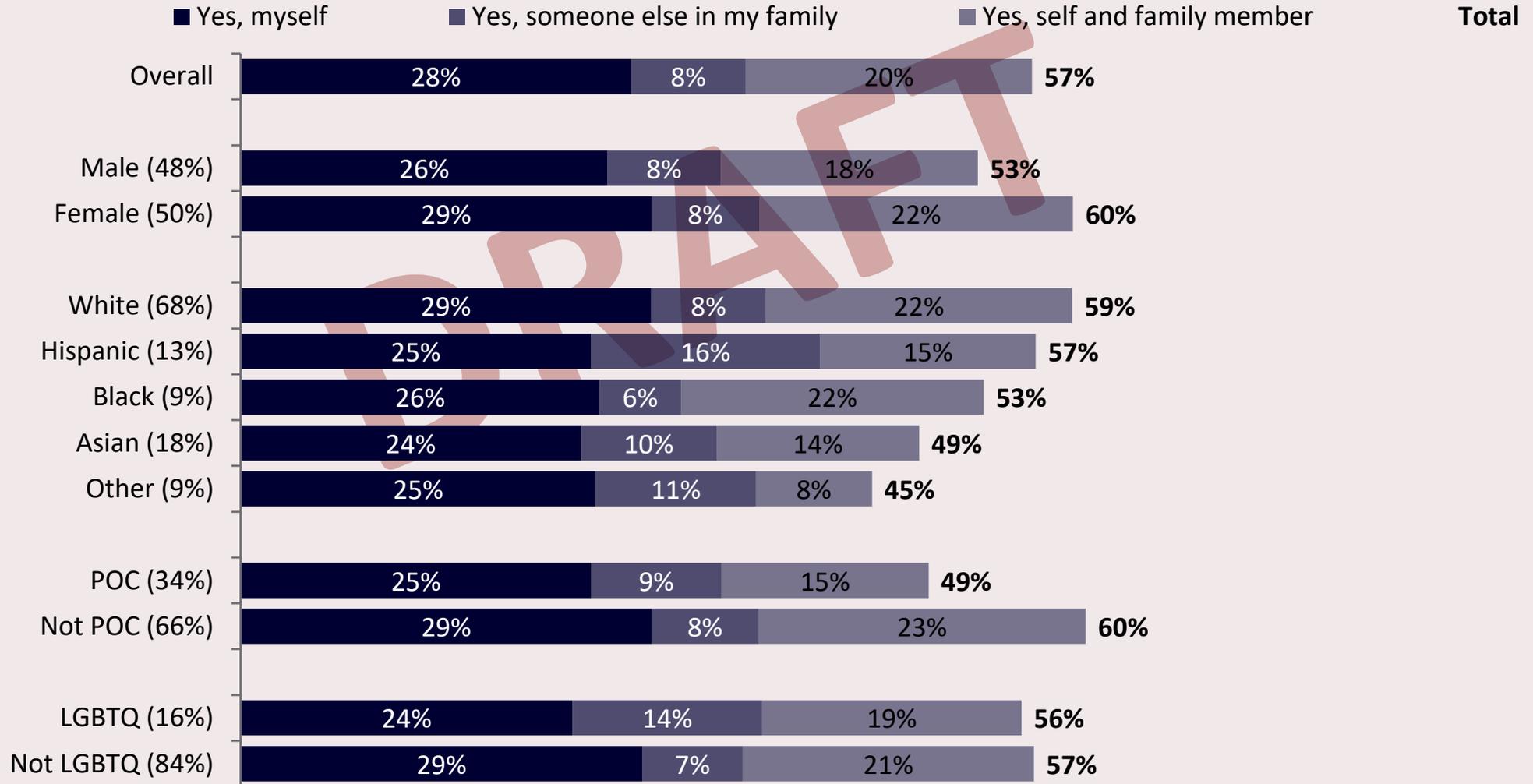
Police Stoppage

Been stopped by a Berkeley police officer



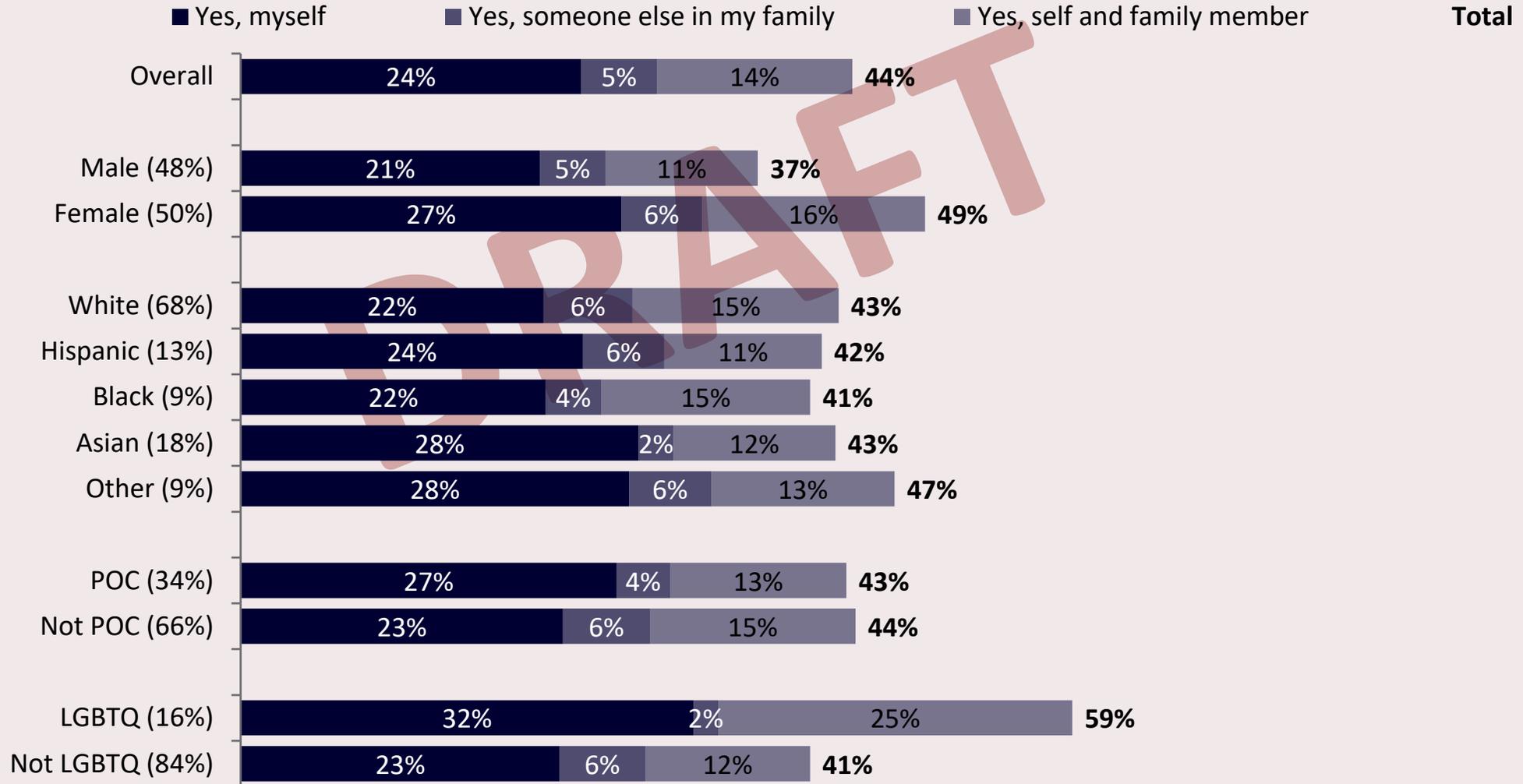
Crime Victimhood

Been a victim of crime in Berkeley



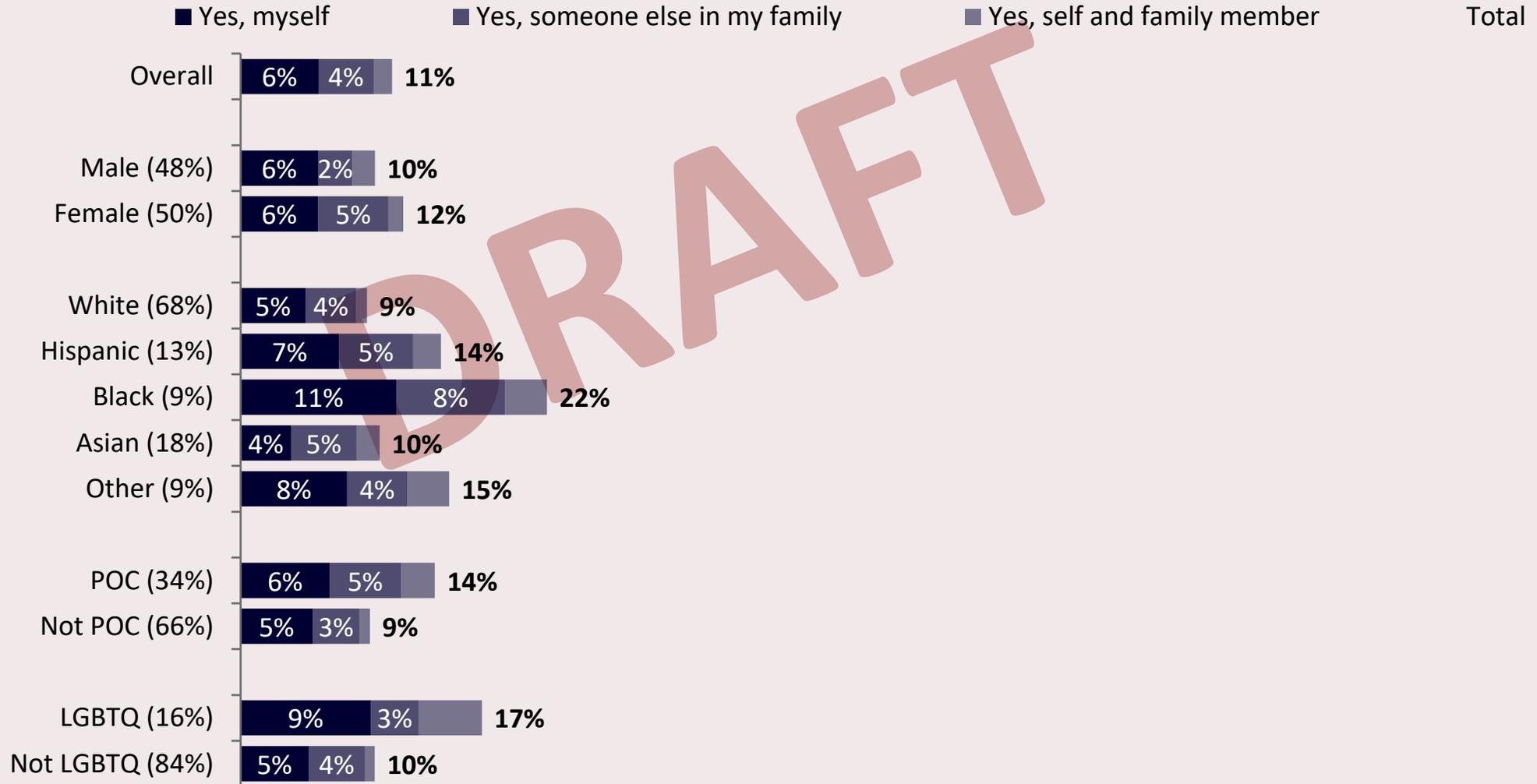
Discrimination/Assault by Community

Been discriminated against, harassed by, or assaulted by a person in the Berkeley community



Discrimination/Assault by Police

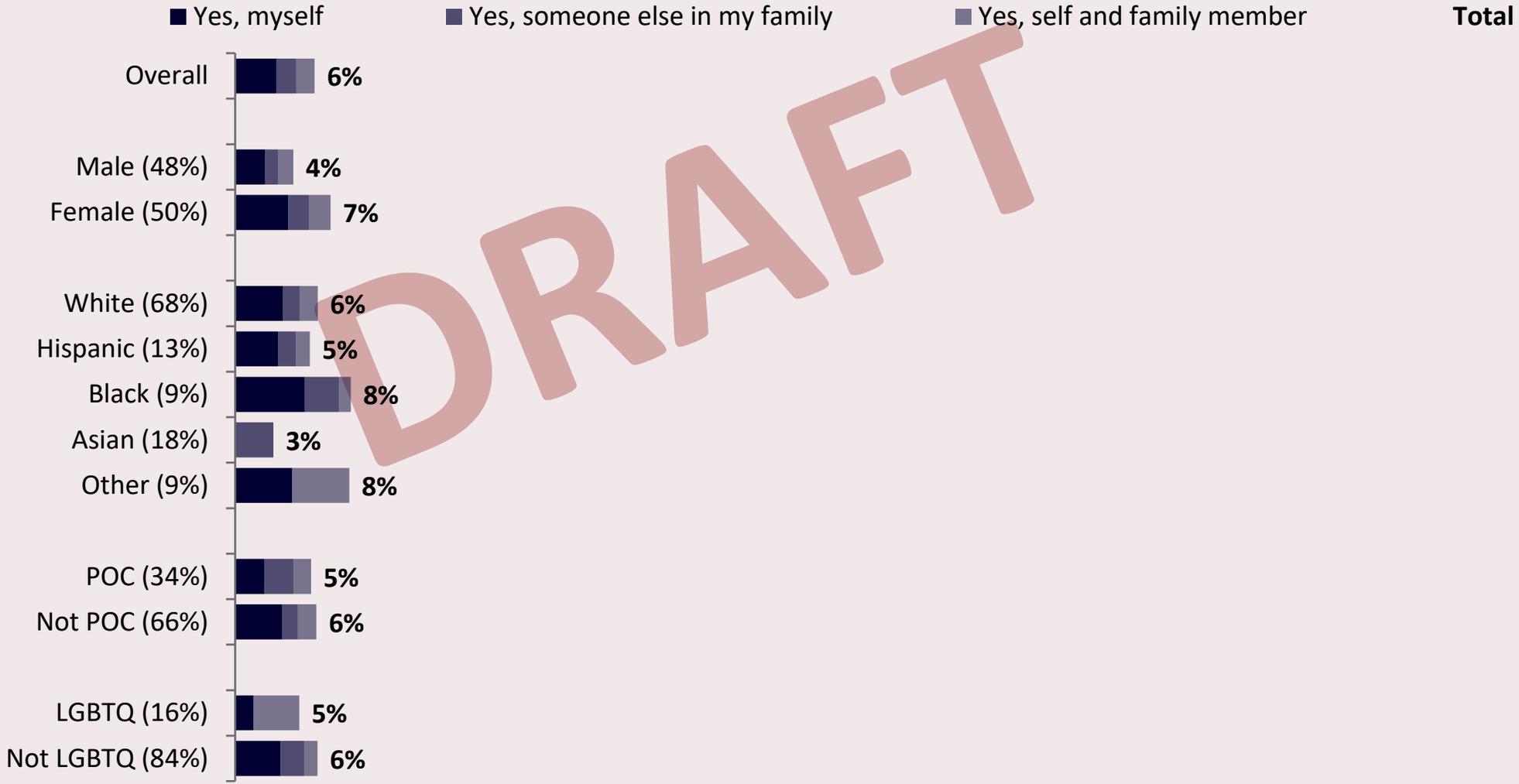
Been discriminated against, harassed by, or assaulted by a Berkeley police officer



Discrimination/Assault by City of Berkeley Employee



Been discriminated against, harassed by, or assaulted by a City of Berkeley employee other than a police officer





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