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READING THE DEL DASHBOARD



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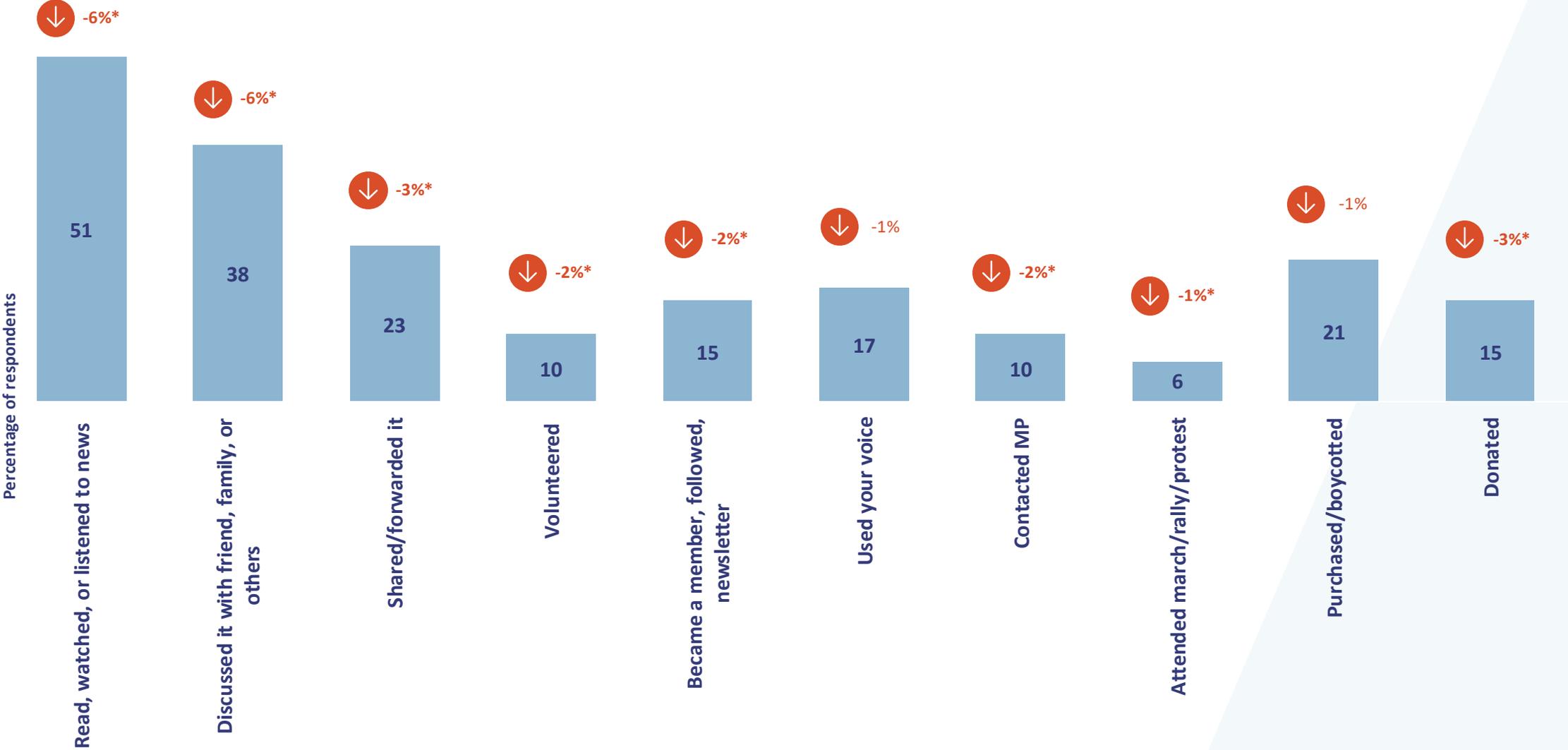


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US ACTIONS DASHBOARD – SEP 2019/OCT 2020



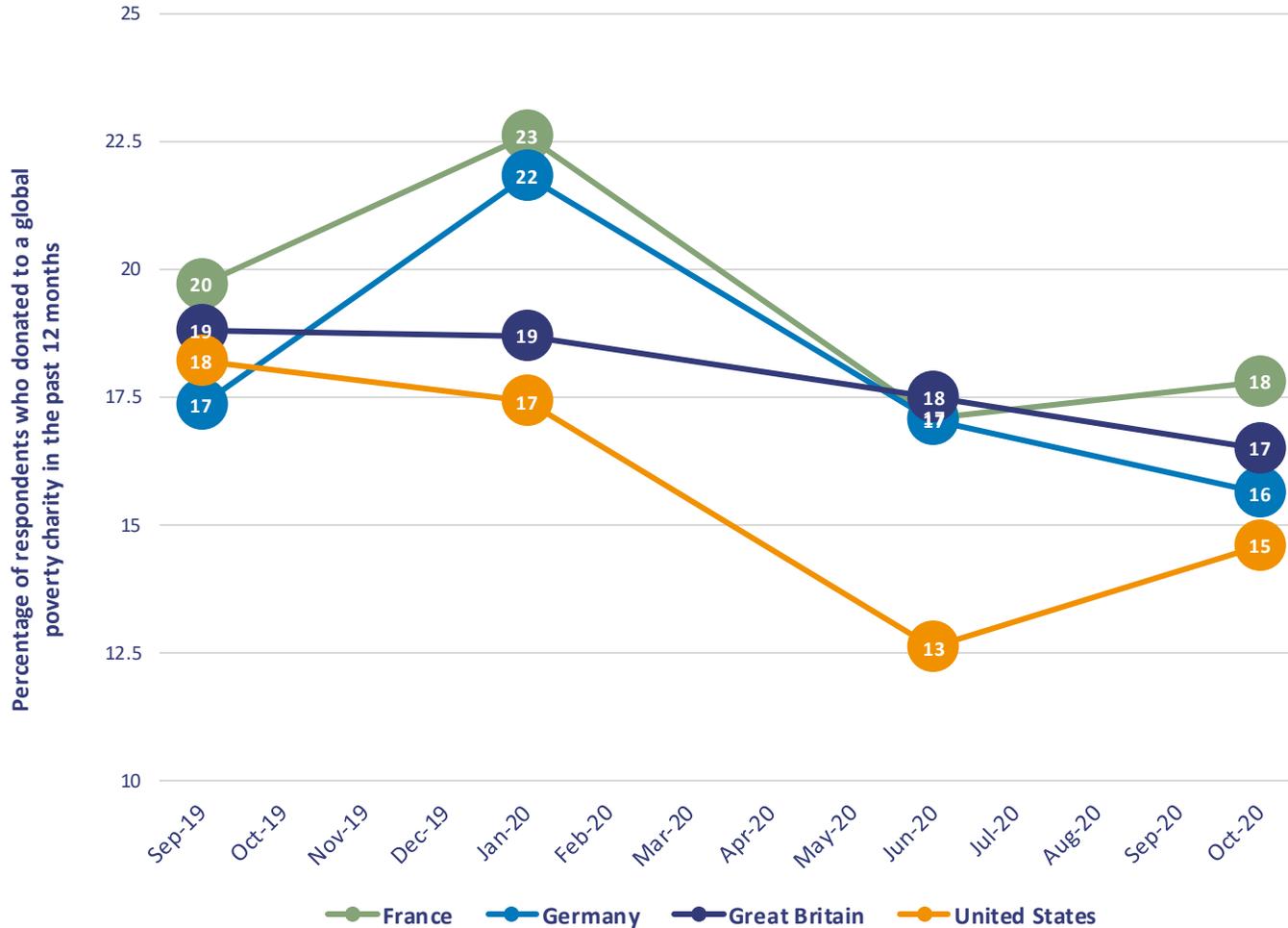
Question: Thinking about global poverty and development, which of the following have you done, if any, in the past 12 months?
 Sample size n=6,018 | Base: US adults | Data are weighted to be nationally representative | Fieldwork by YouGov, 11 September – 18 October 2020
 Comparison to September 2019 (DEL Panel 1)

US DEL SEGMENTATION DASHBOARD – JUN/OCT 2020



The Development Engagement Lab Engagement Segmentation
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Comparison to June 2020 (DEL Tracker 2)

TRENDS IN DONATIONS – 2019/2020



There are no significant changes in amounts donated across all four countries since June



MORE ON DONATIONS ON DEVELOPMENTCOMPASS.ORG

GIVING TO GLOBAL POVERTY ORGANIZATIONS: INSIGHTS FOR ENGAGING PAST, PRESENT AND POTENTIAL DONORS

Dr. Stefan de Saenbe
2 February 2020

In this DEL In Brief, we look at potential donors to global poverty causes in Germany. While the number of donors in Germany has been declining over the past six years, tapping into a large group of potential new supporters, recovering old donors, and incentivizing them to set up regular donations could invert the trend and stabilize organizations' revenue.

In Germany, the share of the population that has donated to an international development aid or charitable organization in the past 12 months has been in continuous decline for the past six years. Similar trends are observed in Great Britain and the United States. Currently in Germany, 17 percent of the population has donated to global poverty causes in the past 12 months. Compared to donors, the group of potential donors is considerably larger: 31% of the population say they would consider donating.

In general, the most important reason people give for having not donated in the past 12 months was a lack of money to do so (40%). The fear that the money won't actually help poor people due to corruption (28%), worries about administrative costs of charities being too high (19%), and a general lack of trust for international development organizations (15%), were also commonly chosen reasons among non-donors.

Going beyond these general findings, it is useful to distinguish different kinds of non-donors according to their willingness to donate and their former donation

(33%) are more likely than men (29%) to say they would consider donating.

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In Brief 1: Donations in Great Britain: Reasons to give and not give

Jennifer Hudson, Paolo Morini, David Hudson
October 2019

In this DEL In Brief, we look at trends in donations to international development organizations since 2015. The reasons people give for why they donate, and reasons for why they do not.

Since 2015, the Aid Attitudes Tracker, run by Development Engagement Lab, has been tracking donations to international development NGOs and charities. Roughly every six months, we have asked 8,000 respondents in Great Britain whether they have donated to an international development charity in the past 12 months. The findings from these surveys, done in France, indicate that the percentage who have made a donation has fallen from 16% in 2015 to 14% in 2019. The substantial fall in donations raises a number of questions:

First, donations are one of the most common ways in which people get involved with efforts to reduce global poverty. To these donors could mean that overall engagement with global poverty is at stake. Second, a fall in donations could signal a decline in trust in international development organizations, which in turn could reduce the effectiveness of these organizations overall, and not limited to development organizations. However, while trust has fluctuated, donations have continued to rise across different socioeconomic groups.

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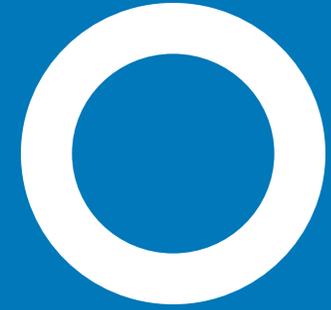
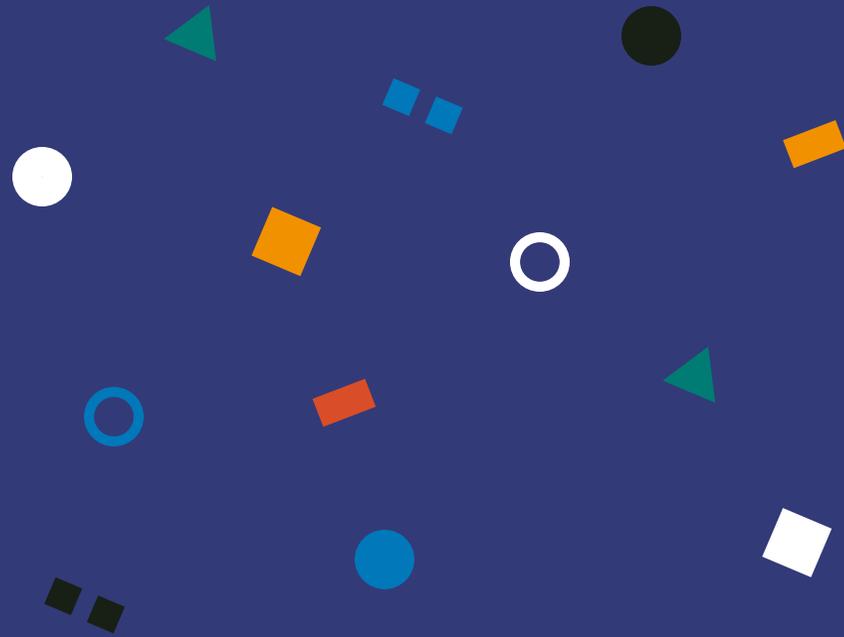
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SUMMARY

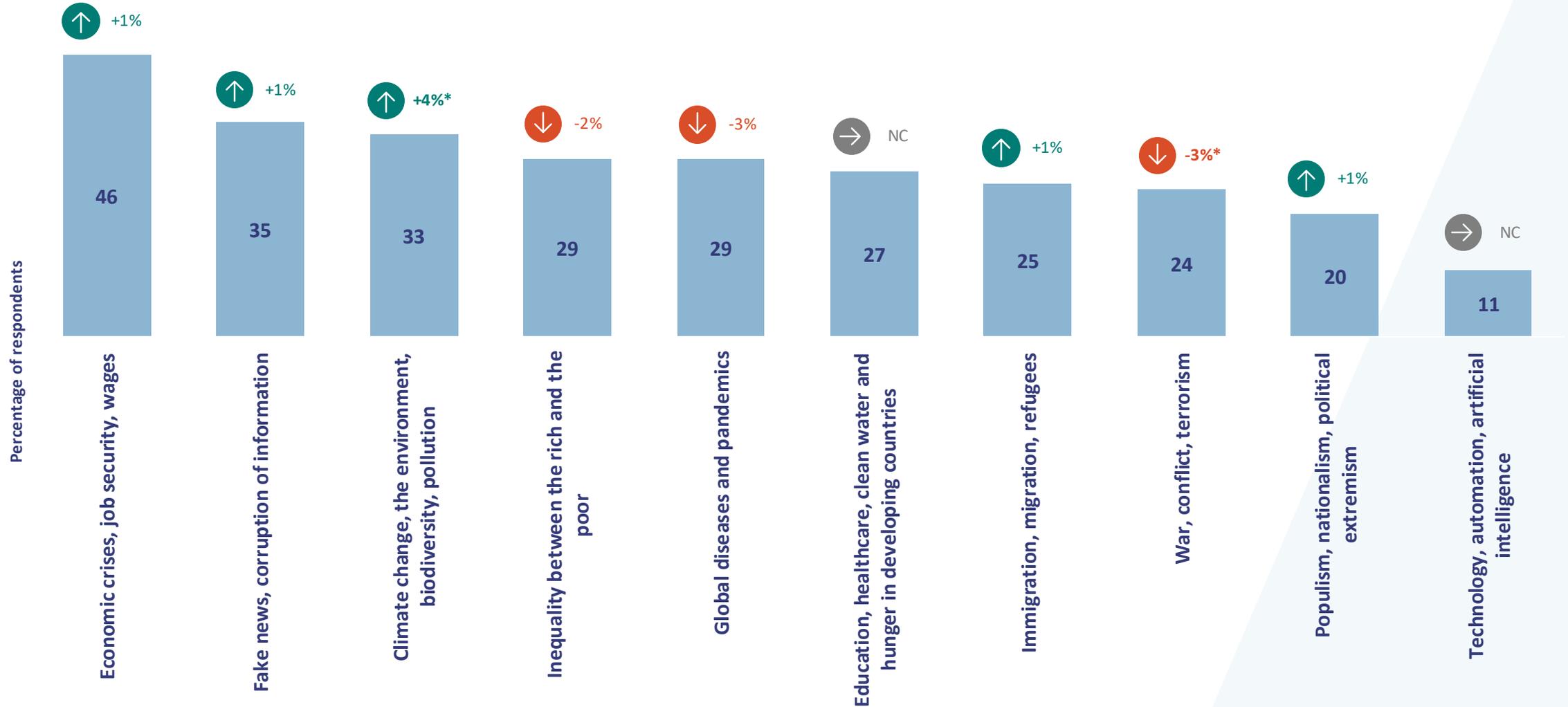
- Year on year, the profile of behavioral engagement in the United States has decreased significantly across the board. We observe the largest changes in the number of respondents reading, watching or listening to news about poverty in poor country and discussing it with family and friends (-6% each since September 2020)
- This is reflected in the DEL segmentation: since September 2020 the number of totally disengaged Americans has increased by 5% to 34%
- Across all four DEL countries, we do not see significant changes in the percentage of donors from June 2020 to Oct 2020

DEL TRACKER



Tracking public opinion on global
issues, global poverty, and
sustainable development in Great
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US MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES – JUN/OCT 2020

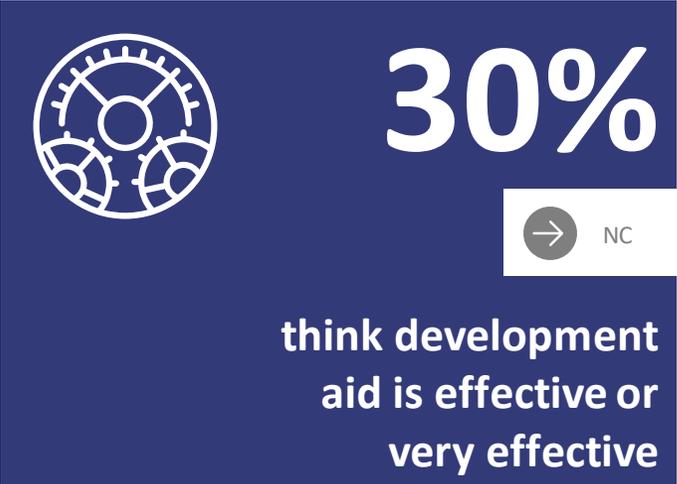


Question: Thinking about the issues below, which of the following do you personally care about?

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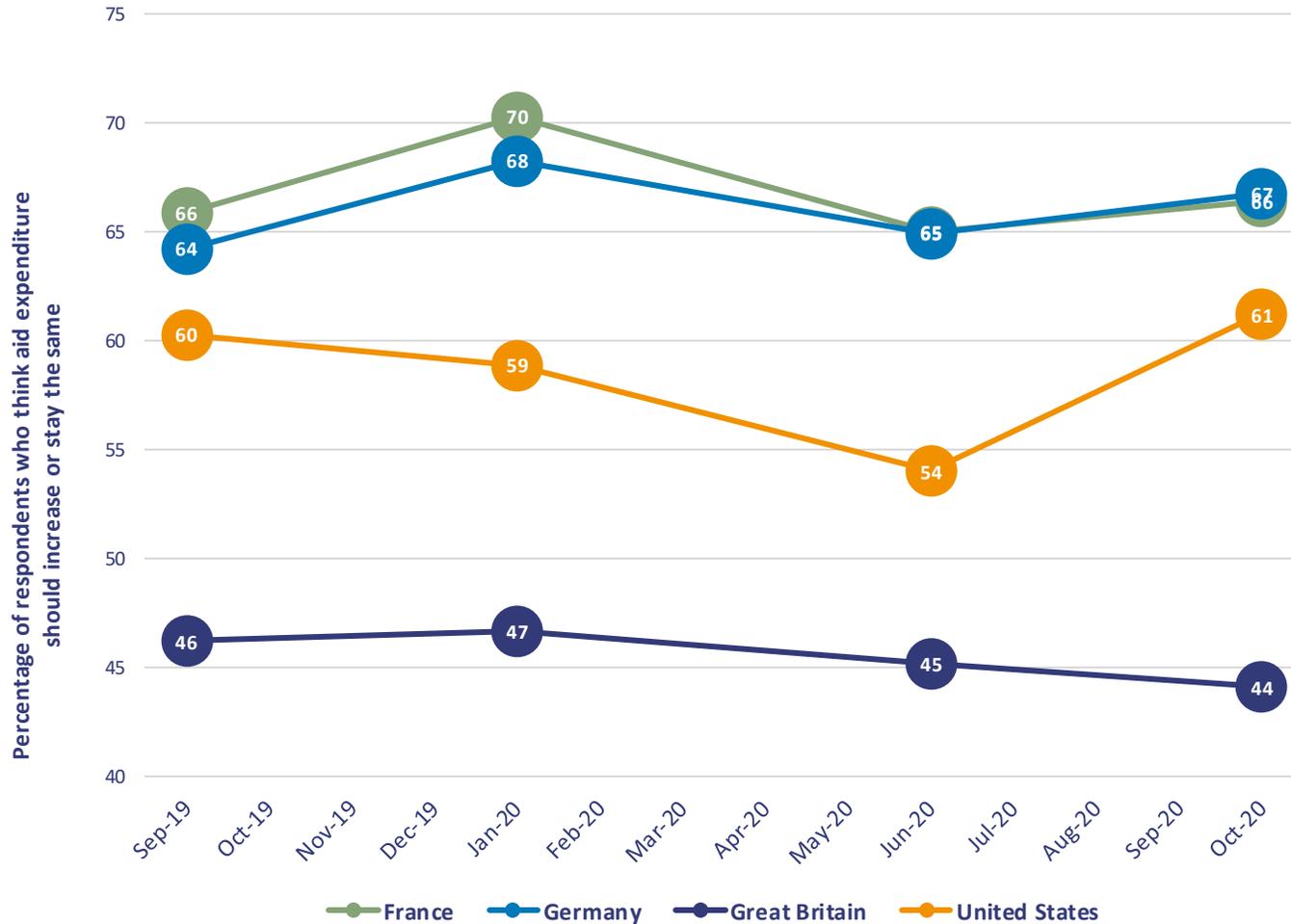


US ATTITUDES DASHBOARD – JUN/OCT 2020



Question listed in each box
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TRENDS IN AID SUPPORT – 2019/2020



There are no significant changes in aid support for France, Germany and Great Britain since June. US support recovers to January 2020 levels.



FR +%1



DE +2%



GB -1%



US +7%*

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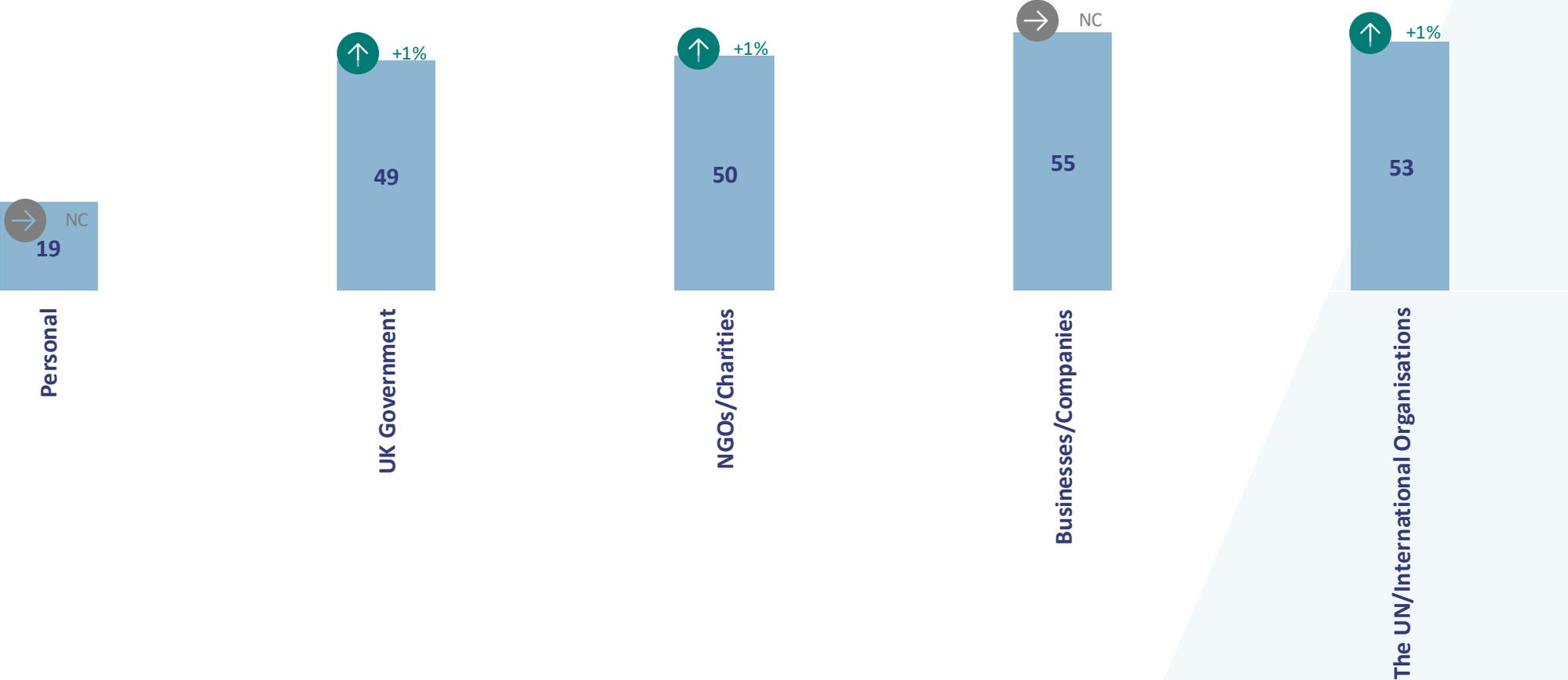


Question: Of its total budget of nearly £810 billion, the UK government currently allocates 1.7 percent, or £14 billion, to overseas aid to poor countries. Do you think that the government should increase or decrease the amount of money that it spends on overseas aid to poor countries?
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US EFFICACY BATTERY – JUN/OCT 2020

Percentage of respondents who said category can make a difference or a great deal of difference



Question: How much of a difference, if any, do you think each of the following can make to reducing poverty in poor countries?
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SUMMARY

- Concern for climate change has increased significantly (by 4%) since June 2020
- Concern for global pandemics has fallen by 3%, but the change since June 2020 is not significant
 - The US is the only country where concern for global disease and pandemics has decreased since the summer
- Aid support has recovered to levels we observed in January 2020, after a fall in June
 - 64% of Americans think we should increase or keep current aid level expenditures
 - Year on year, across all countries, the levels of support for aid expenditure have not changed significantly

DATA AND USE

DATA

The data for this deck come from the DEL Panel (n=6,018). Data are weighted to be nationally representative. Fieldwork conducted by YouGov, 11 September – 18 October 2020.

USE

DEL data and analysis are a public good and can be used and shared with the appropriate citation.

CITATION

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The Development Engagement Lab (DEL) is a five-year study of public attitudes and engagement with global development in France, Germany, Great Britain, and the United States (2018-2023).

DEL is a partner focussed research programme, convening and co-producing research and insights with over 30 international development NGOs and government agencies to understand the drivers of engagement and inform development communications.

Fieldwork is carried out by YouGov and surveys are weighted to be a nationally representative of the adult population. DEL is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and led by Professor Jennifer Hudson (University College London) and Professor David Hudson (University of Birmingham).

(Aid Attitudes Tracker Phase 2) has three goals:

1. Co-production of an evidence base for development campaigning
2. Enabling collaboration across the sector
3. Increasing advocacy capacity through the sharing of research and strategic insights

You can find out more information about DEL research at www.developmentcompass.org, follow us on Twitter [@DevEngageLab](https://twitter.com/DevEngageLab) or by contacting del@ucl.ac.uk.

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