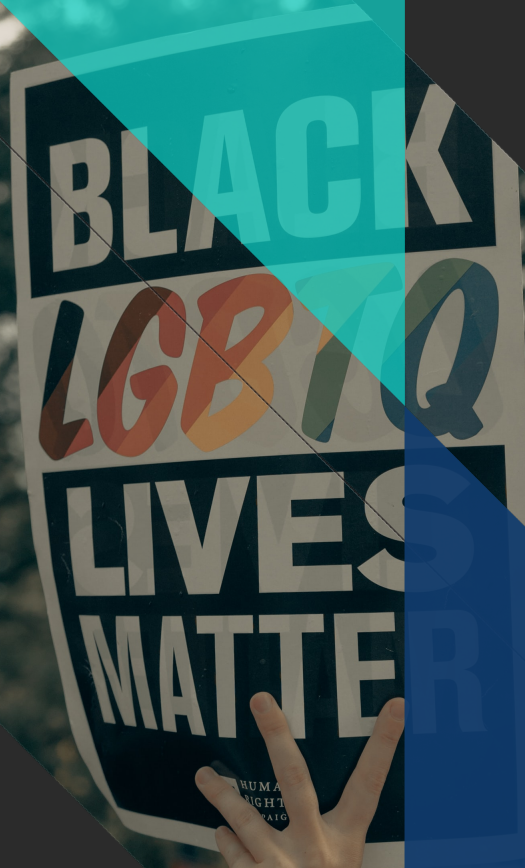




# The Trevor Project: Black Lives Matter

August 2020



## METHODOLOGY

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### LGBTQ YOUTH

This poll was conducted between July 21-July 29, 2020 among a national sample of 600 LGBTQ Youth Age 13-24. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

2

### BLACK LGBTQ YOUTH

This poll was conducted between July 21-July 29, 2020 among a national sample of 175 LGBTQ Youth Age 13-24. The interviews were conducted online. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 7 percentage points.

3

### STRAIGHT/ CISGENDER YOUTH

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### BLACK STRAIGHT/ CISGENDER YOUTH

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## KEY POINTS

1

Support for Black Lives Matter is very high among all young people, with support higher among LGBTQ youth than straight/ cisgender youth.

2

Black LGBTQ youth were the most likely to report they have participated in protest or demonstration around Black Lives Matter (29%), while white straight/cisgender youth were the least likely to have joined a protest (8%), and the most likely to have not joined a protest because they were undecided (22%) or opposed (19%) to Black Lives Matter.

3

A majority of young people report 'angry' and 'mad' as the top emotions they are feeling in response to the national conversations around racism against Black people.

4

LGBTQ youth, specifically Black LGBTQ youth and trans youth, deeply distrust the police. White straight/cisgender youth were the only group where a majority reported they trust the police.

5

LGBTQ youth reported more skepticism about the presence of police in their neighborhoods. Additionally, LGBTQ youth reported the highest rates of harassment and mistreatment by the police.

6

Black and white LGBTQ youth share similar perceptions of the LGBTQ community at large, along with sources of joy and self-care.

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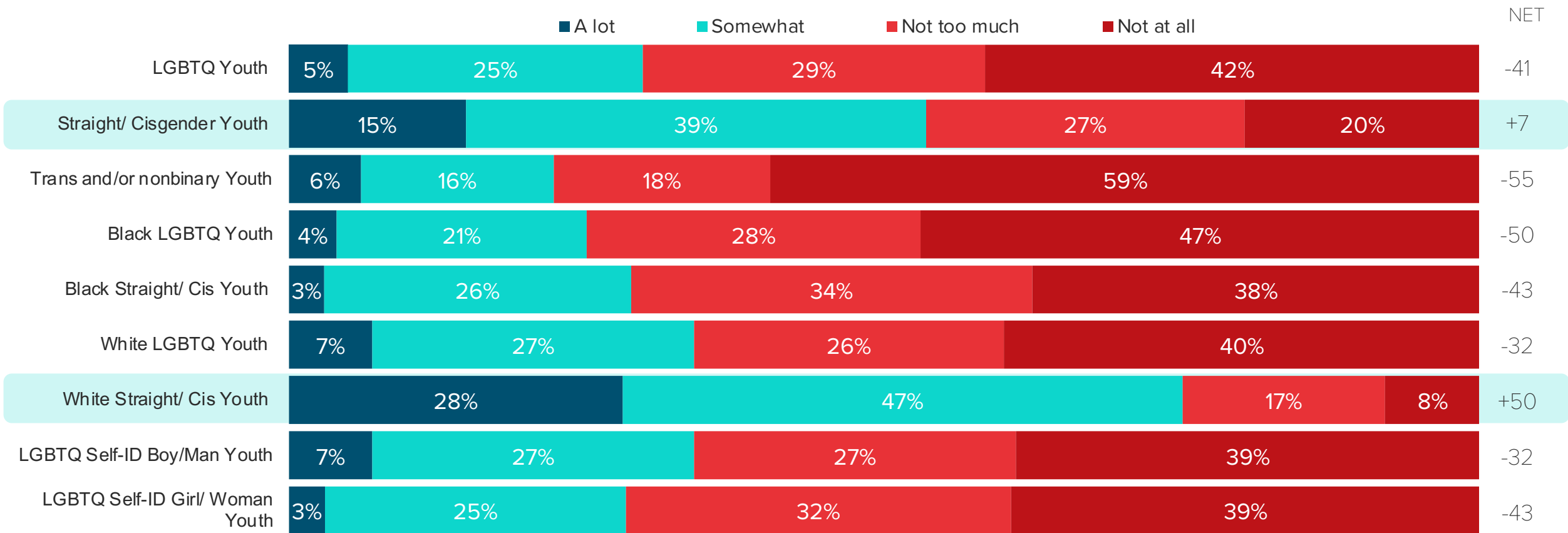
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— BLACK LIVES MATTER

White straight/cis youth are the only demographic to report they trust the police. LGBTQ youth, specifically Black LGBTQ youth and trans and/or nonbinary youth, deeply distrust the police.

*How much do you trust the police?*

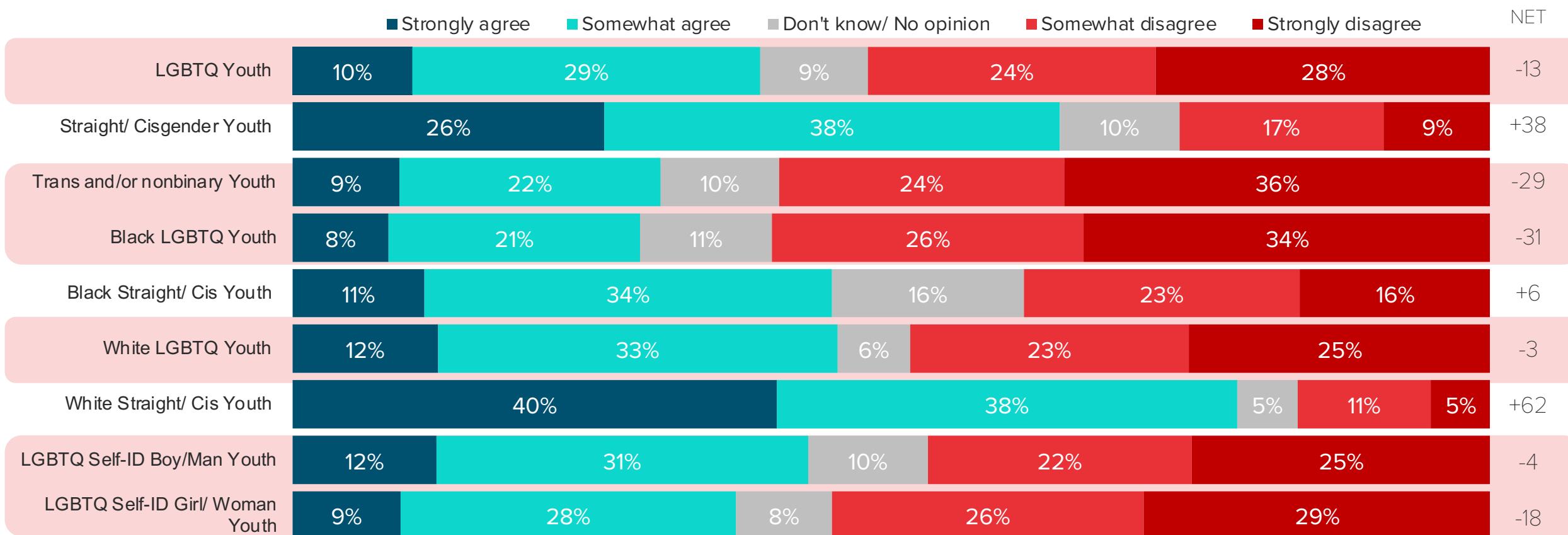


NET Trust = (A lot + Some) – (Not too much + Not at all)

## BLACK LIVES MATTER

Like trust of the police, perception of whether the police in the neighborhood are there to protect differs drastically by race and whether respondents identify as LGBTQ. More than half of straight/ cis youth, specifically white straight/cis youth, agree police in their neighborhoods are there to protect them.

*Do you agree or disagree that the police in your neighborhood are there to protect you?*



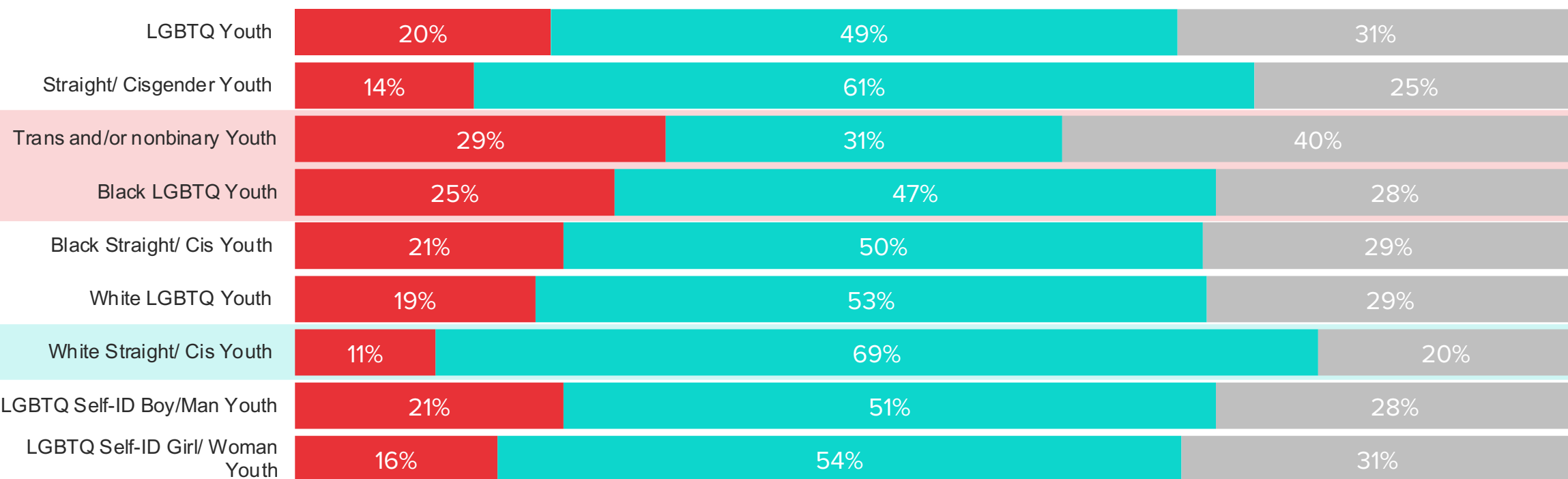
NET = (Total Agree) – (Total Disagree)

## BLACK LIVES MATTER

Trans and/or nonbinary youth and Black LGBTQ youth report the highest level of being mistreated by the police. White straight/cis youth are most likely to report they have never been harassed or mistreated in their interactions with the police.

*Have you ever been harassed or mistreated by the police?*

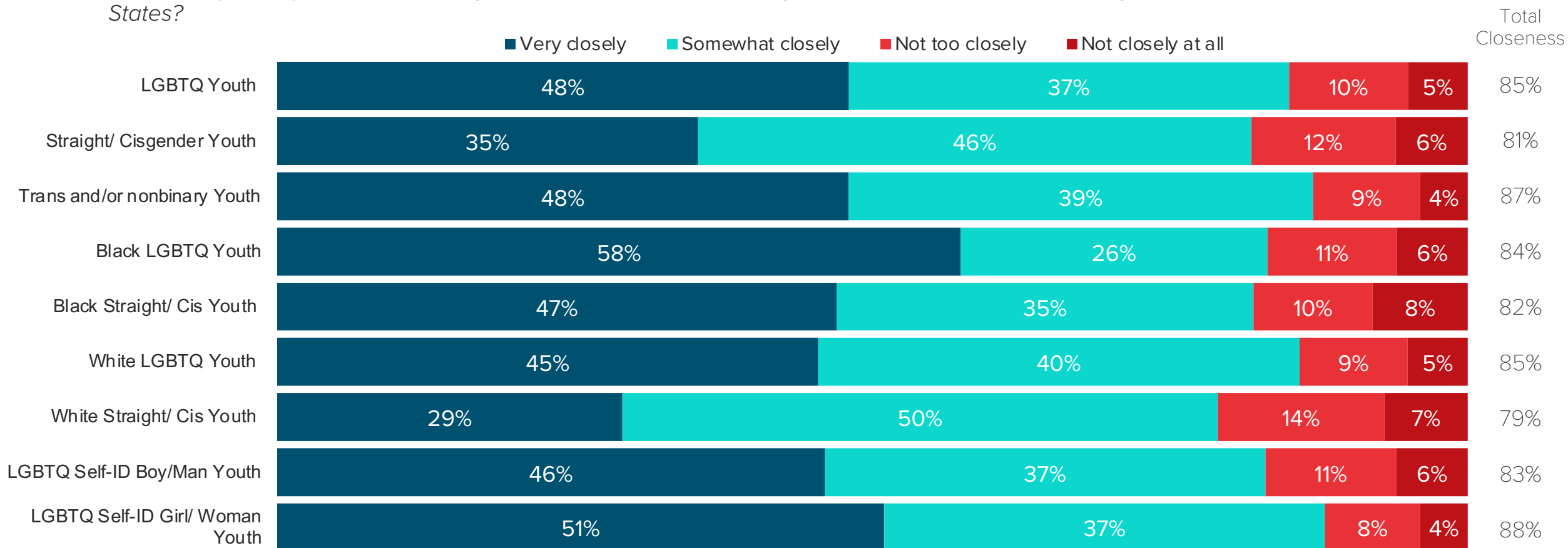
● Yes, I have been harassed or mistreated by the police    ● No, I have never been harassed or mistreated in my interactions with police    ● I have never had direct interactions with the police



## BLACK LIVES MATTER

While every key demographic report paying close attention to reports, images, and videos about violence against Black people, Black LGBTQ youth indicate the highest level of intensity with 58% reporting they've been following the reports 'very closely.'

*How closely have you been following the recent news reports, images, and videos about violence against Black people in the United States?*



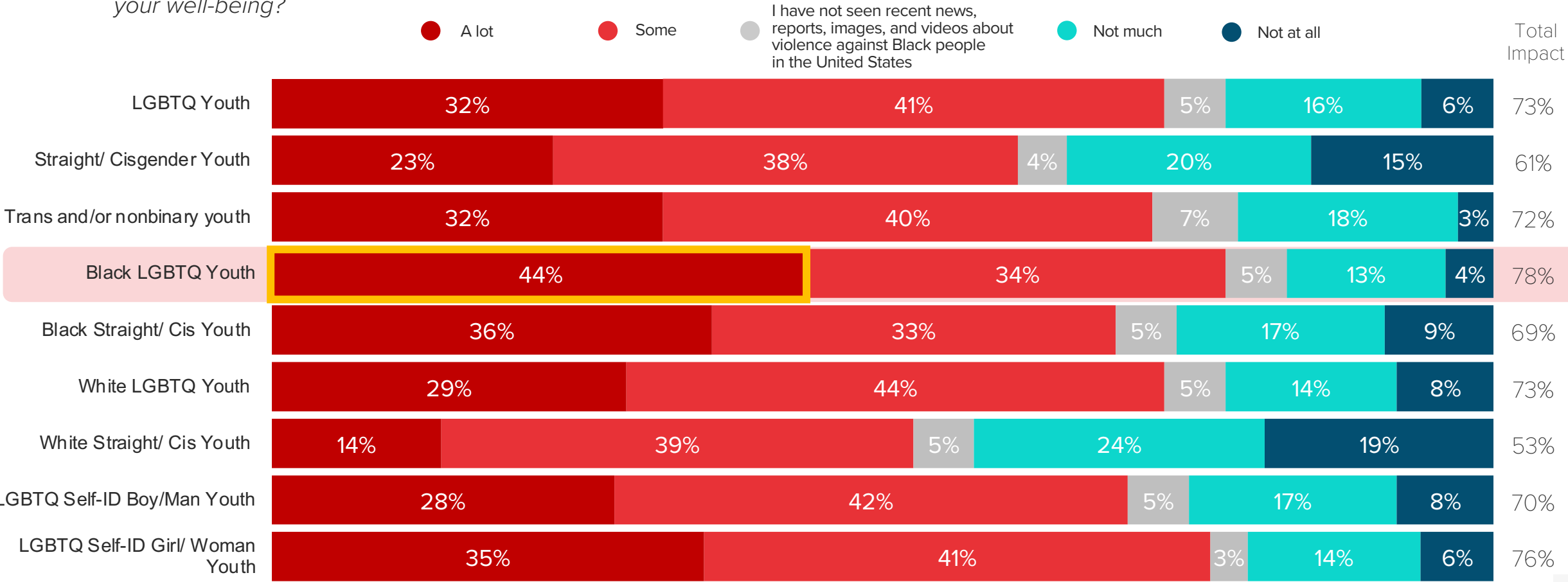
*Total Closeness = Very + Somewhat closely*



— BLACK LIVES MATTER

While more than half of all LGBTQ youth and straight/cis report recent news reports, images, and videos of violence against Black people in the U.S. have negatively impacted their well being, it disproportionately impacts Black LGBTQ youth with significantly more intensity.

*How much have recent news reports, images, and videos about violence against Black people in the United States negatively impacted your well-being?*

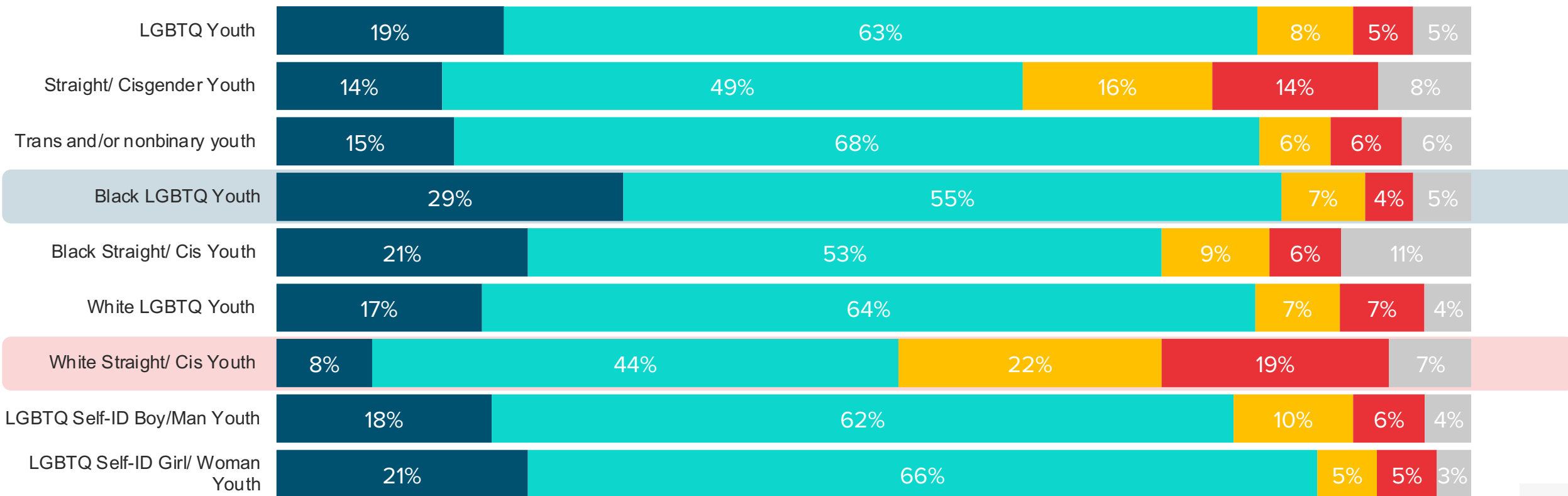
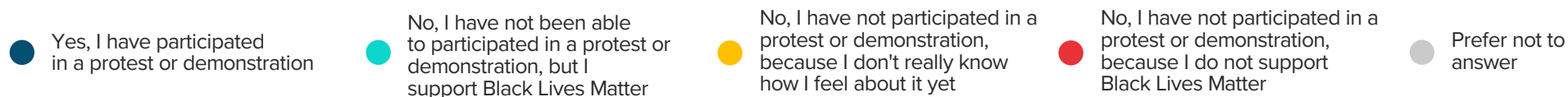


Total Impact = A lot + Some

## BLACK LIVES MATTER

Black LGBTQ youth are the most likely to report they have participated in protest or demonstration around Black Lives Matter, while white straight/ cis youth are the least likely to have joined a protest but the most likely to oppose BLM.

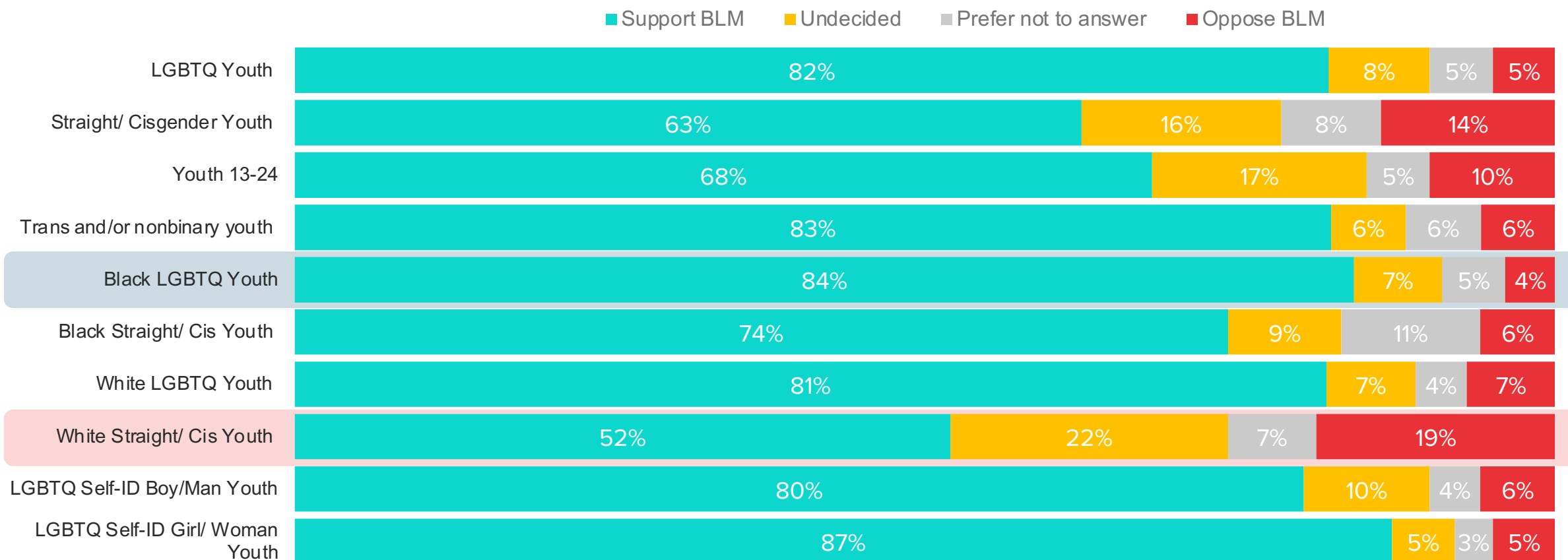
*Have you participated in any of the protests or demonstrations around Black Lives Matter in the United States?*



## — BLACK LIVES MATTER

Support for BLM is high and is primarily driven by LGBTQ youth, specifically Black LGBTQ youth. The opposition is driven primarily by straight/ cis youth, specifically white straight/cis youth.

*Have you participated in any of the protests or demonstrations around Black Lives Matter in the United States?*



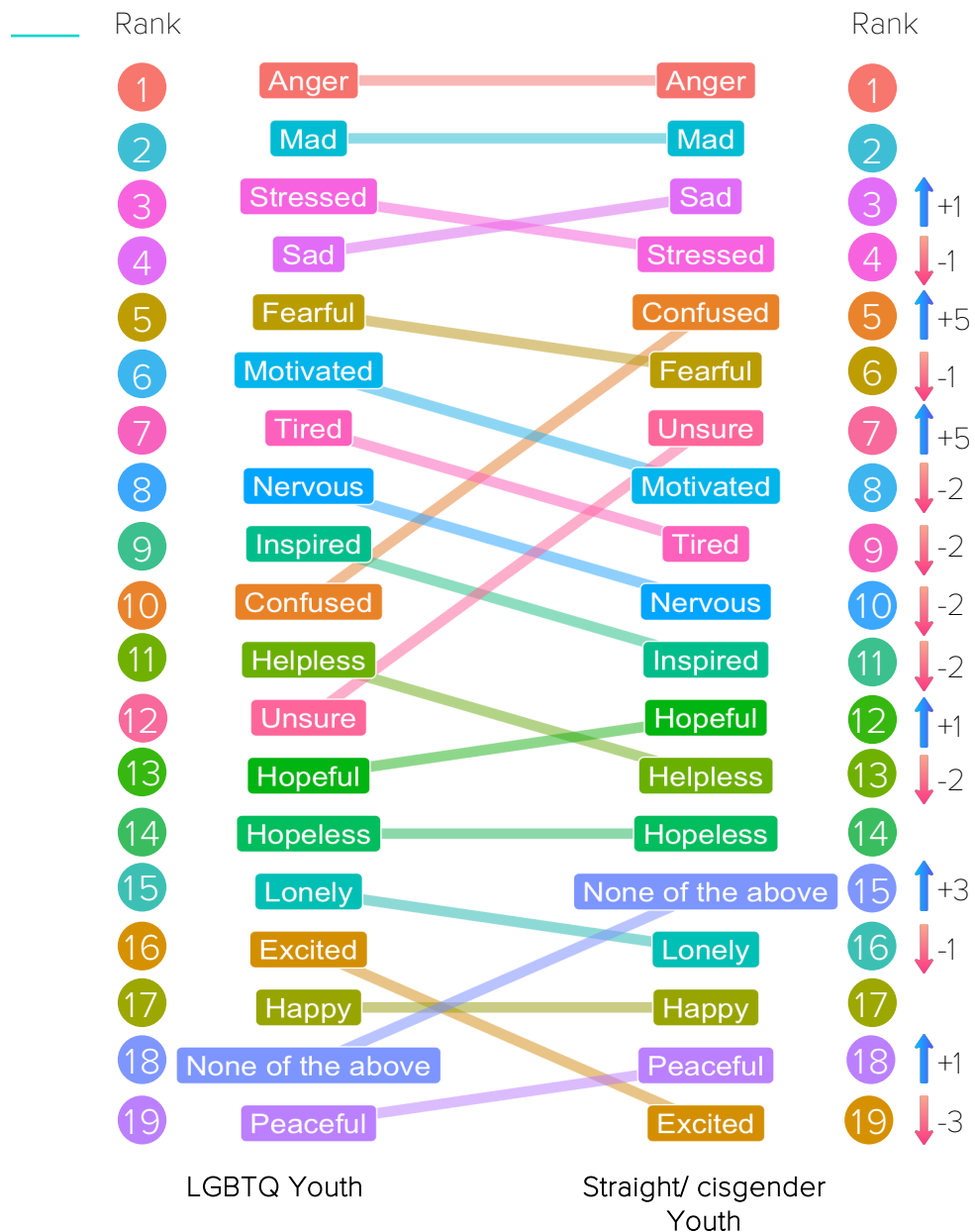
*Support BLM= (Have participated in a protest + indicated they support BLM)*

*Oppose BLM= No, I have not participated in a protest or demonstration, because I do not support Black Lives Matter*

‘Anger’ and ‘Mad’ are the two consistent emotions across all key demographics— ranking as the top two emotions each demographic reports feeling regarding the conversations around racism against Black people.

*Thinking about recent national conversations around racism against Black people in the United States, which of the following emotions have you felt?  
Please select all that apply.*

<i>Emotions</i>	LGBTQ Youth	Trans and/or nonbinary Youth	Straight/ Cisgender Youth	Black LGBTQ Youth	Black Straight/ Cis Youth	White LGBTQ Youth	White Straight/ Cis Youth	LGBTQ Self-ID Boy/Man Youth	LGBTQ Self ID Girl/Woman Youth	
Anger	57%	62%	43%	53%	46%	63%	40%	51%	62%	TOP TIER EMOTION
Mad	55%	58%	38%	52%	43%	55%	34%	49%	60%	
Stressed	44%	48%	29%	43%	32%	44%	29%	40%	49%	MIDDLE-TIER EMOTION
Sad	41%	42%	30%	40%	28%	43%	30%	36%	46%	
Fearful	36%	36%	24%	37%	30%	37%	20%	31%	42%	
Motivated	34%	34%	21%	35%	27%	34%	16%	31%	38%	
Tired	33%	35%	21%	34%	27%	32%	19%	34%	33%	
Nervous	31%	33%	21%	29%	19%	31%	22%	31%	32%	
Inspired	30%	28%	19%	30%	20%	30%	16%	26%	35%	
Confused	27%	25%	28%	25%	22%	29%	32%	28%	28%	
Helpless	25%	29%	16%	29%	18%	25%	13%	19%	30%	
Unsure	24%	22%	23%	24%	17%	24%	26%	25%	25%	
Hopeful	24%	19%	18%	21%	19%	25%	16%	24%	25%	LOWER-TIER EMOTION
Hopeless	20%	23%	15%	21%	17%	20%	13%	17%	24%	
Lonely	9%	10%	6%	11%	8%	7%	4%	8%	8%	
Excited	8%	7%	5%	8%	7%	6%	5%	8%	7%	
Happy	8%	8%	6%	13%	7%	4%	7%	7%	8%	
None of the above	7%	6%	12%	5%	11%	8%	14%	7%	7%	
Peaceful	5%	2%	6%	9%	8%	2%	5%	5%	6%	



## EMOTIONS (RACISM): TAKEAWAYS AND INSIGHTS

*Thinking about recent national conversations around racism against Black people in the United States, which of the following emotions have you felt? Please select all that apply.*

A

The top four emotions elicited remain constant between LGBTQ youth and straight/ cisgender youth: anger, mad, stressed, sad.

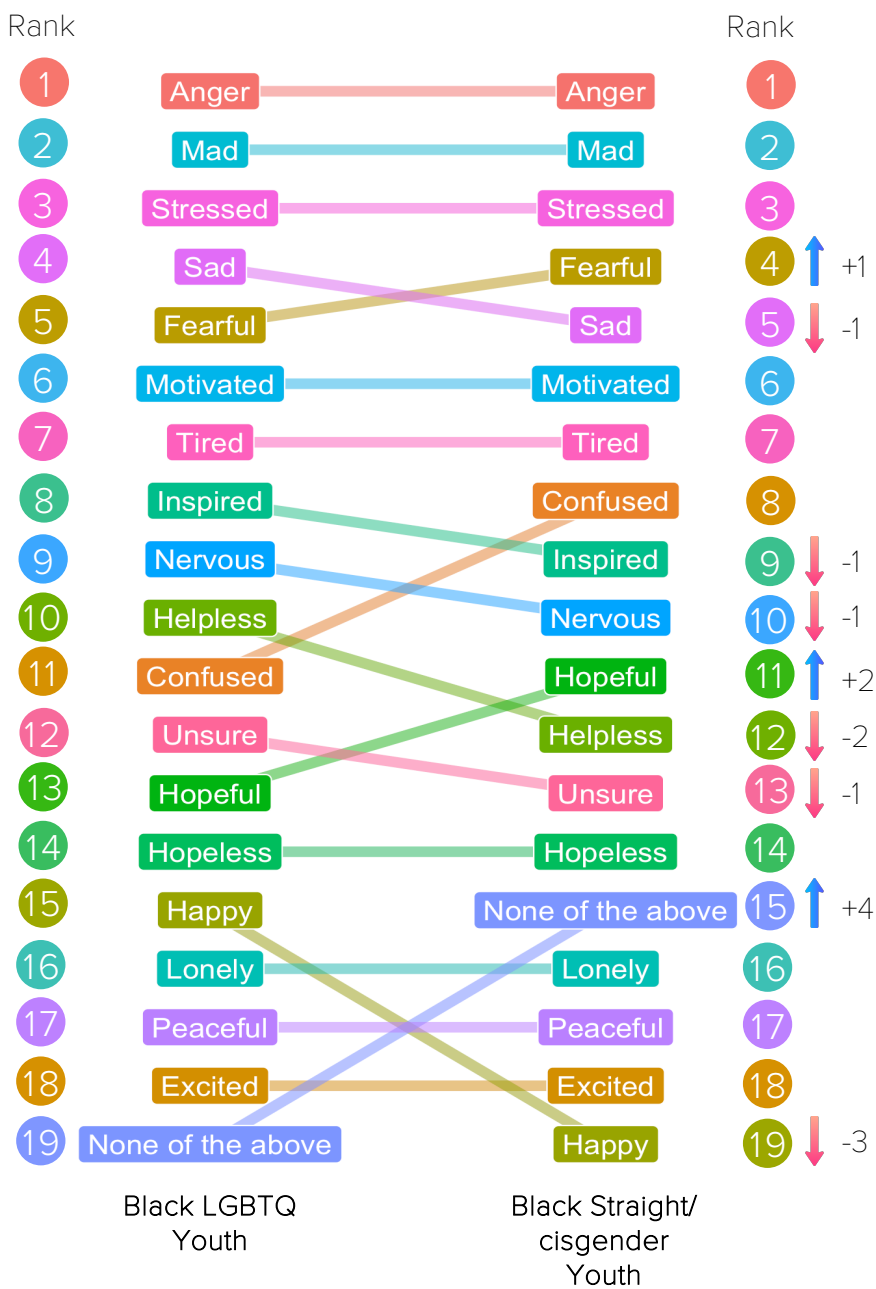
B

However, 'confusion' and 'unsureness' are emotions that are felt with significantly stronger intensity for straight/cis youth than LGBTQ youth.

- 'Confusion' ranks 5<sup>th</sup> for straight/cisgender youth, whereas it ranks 10<sup>th</sup> for LGBTQ youth;
- And 'unsureness' ranks 8<sup>th</sup> for straight/cisgender youth, whereas it ranks 12<sup>th</sup> for LGBTQ youth

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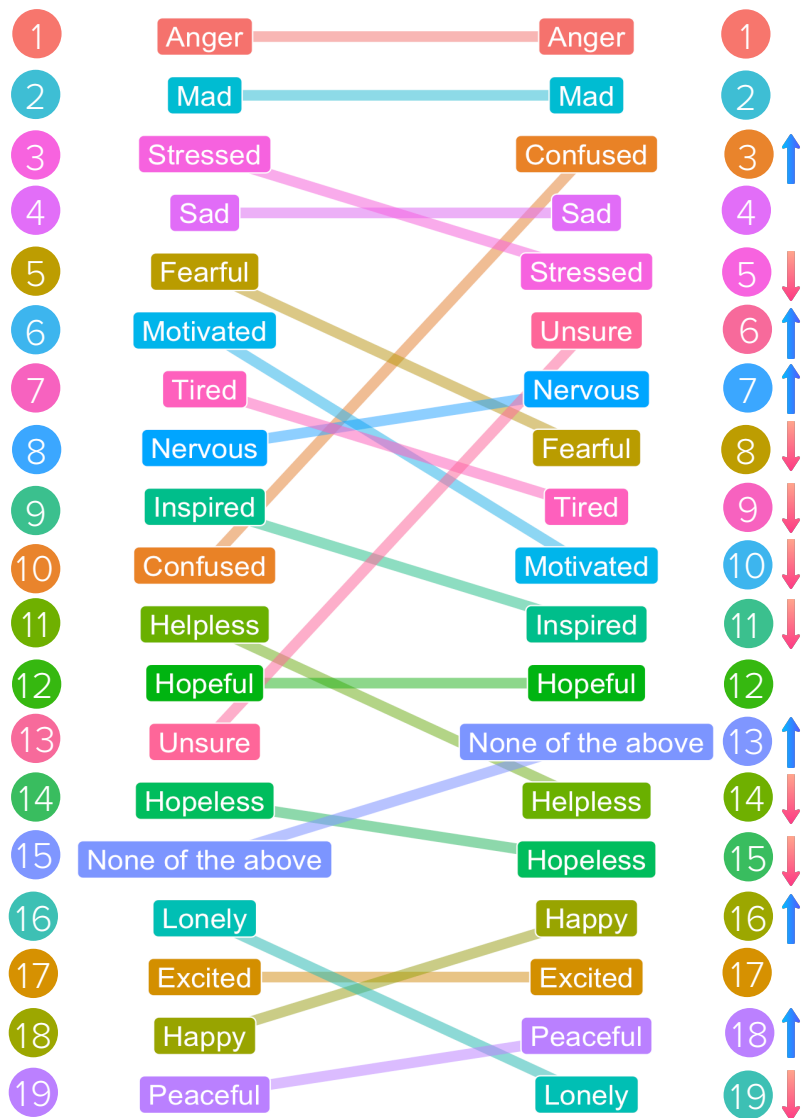
'Motivation' and 'inspiration' rank slightly higher for LGBTQ youth than for straight/cisgender youth.



## EMOTIONS (RACISM): TAKEAWAYS AND INSIGHTS

*Thinking about recent national conversations around racism against Black people in the United States, which of the following emotions have you felt? Please select all that apply.*

- A Rank emotions do not change much between Black LGBTQ youth and Black straight/cisgender youth.
- B ‘Confusion’ ranks only slightly higher for Black straight/cisgender youth than for Black LGBTQ youth. Nevertheless, emotions remain relatively constant across sexuality among Black people when it comes to conversations around racism against Black people.



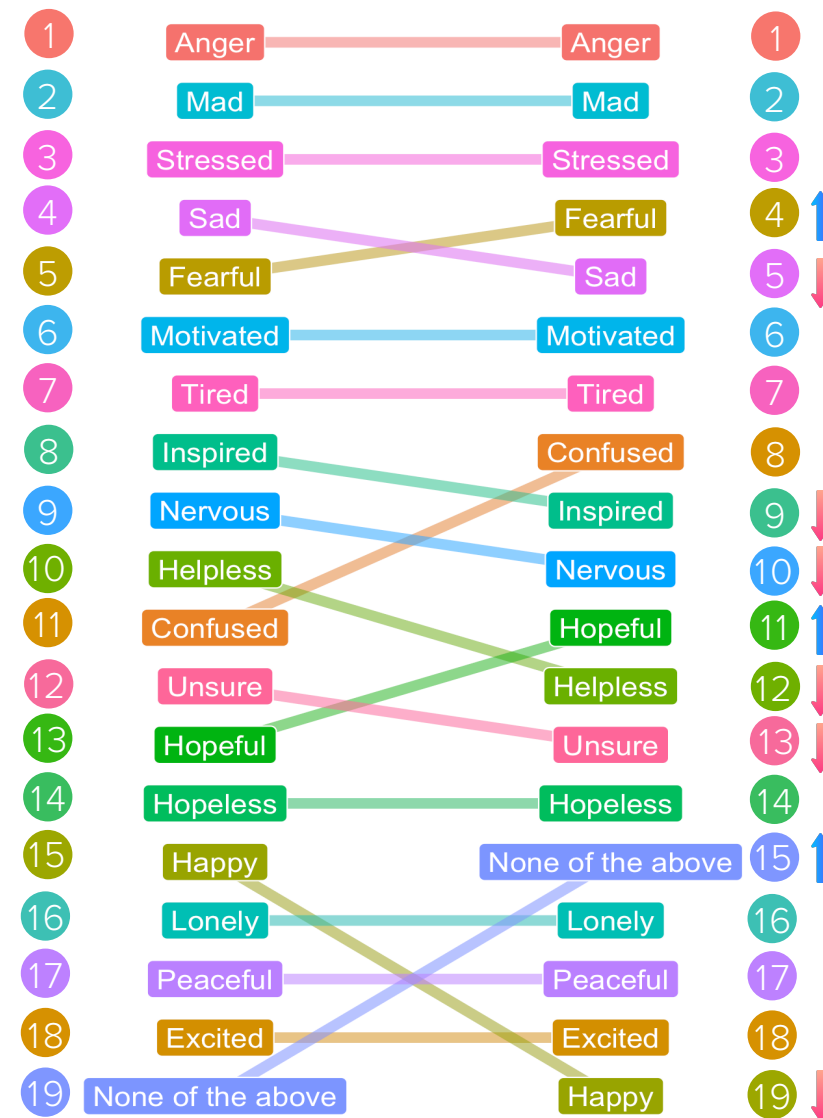
White LGBTQ Youth

White Straight/cisgender Youth

Thinking about recent national conversations around racism against Black people in the United States, which of the following emotions have you felt? Please select all that apply.

A High variance in reported rank of emotions emerges by sexuality for white people. However, rank of emotions varies significantly less between Black LGBTQ youth and Black straight/cisgender youth.

B White straight/ cisgender youth show high levels of 'confusion' and 'unsureness.' Two emotions which Black LGBTQ youth, Black straight/cisgender youth, and white LGBTQ youth do not share in similar intensity or rank when it comes to how they feel regarding conversations around racism against Black people.



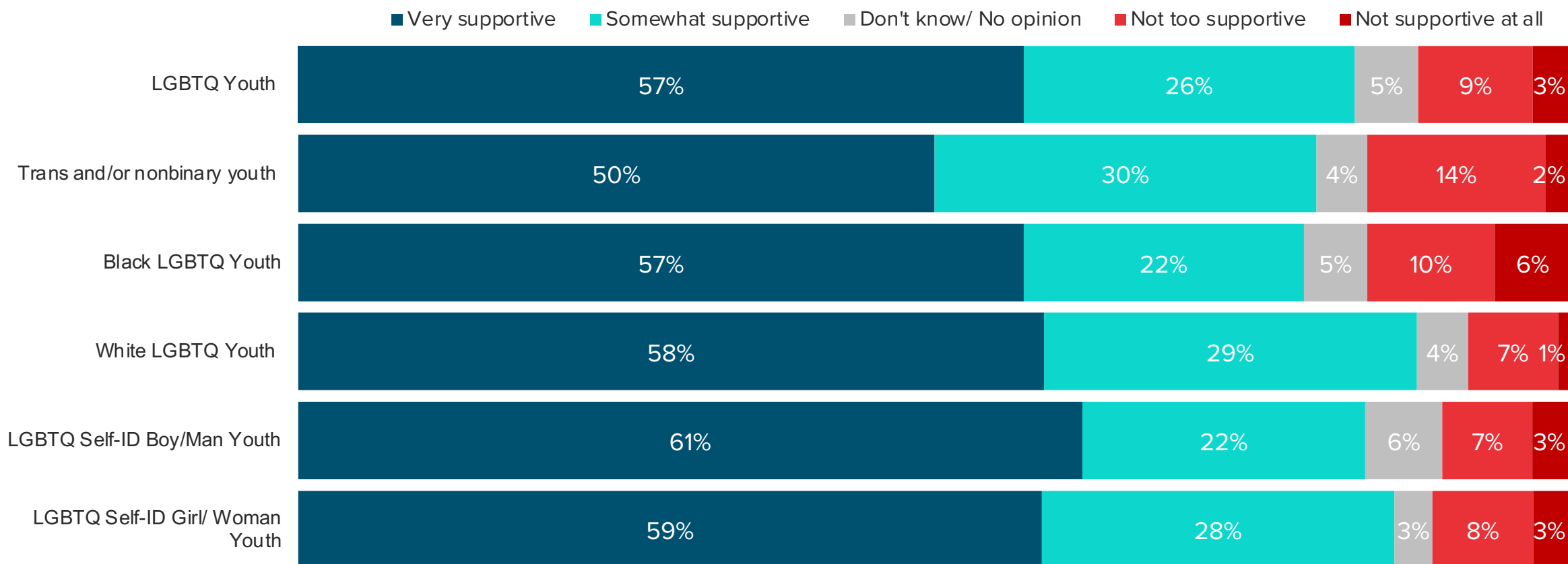
Black LGBTQ Youth

Black Straight/cisgender Youth

## BLACK LIVES MATTER

While a strong majority of LGBTQ youth across demographics feel the LGBTQ community is supportive of Black LGBTQ people, Black LGBTQ youth and trans and/or nonbinary youth are the most likely to report that the community is not supportive (16% each) .

*Generally, how supportive do you feel the LGBTQ community is of Black LGBTQ people?*





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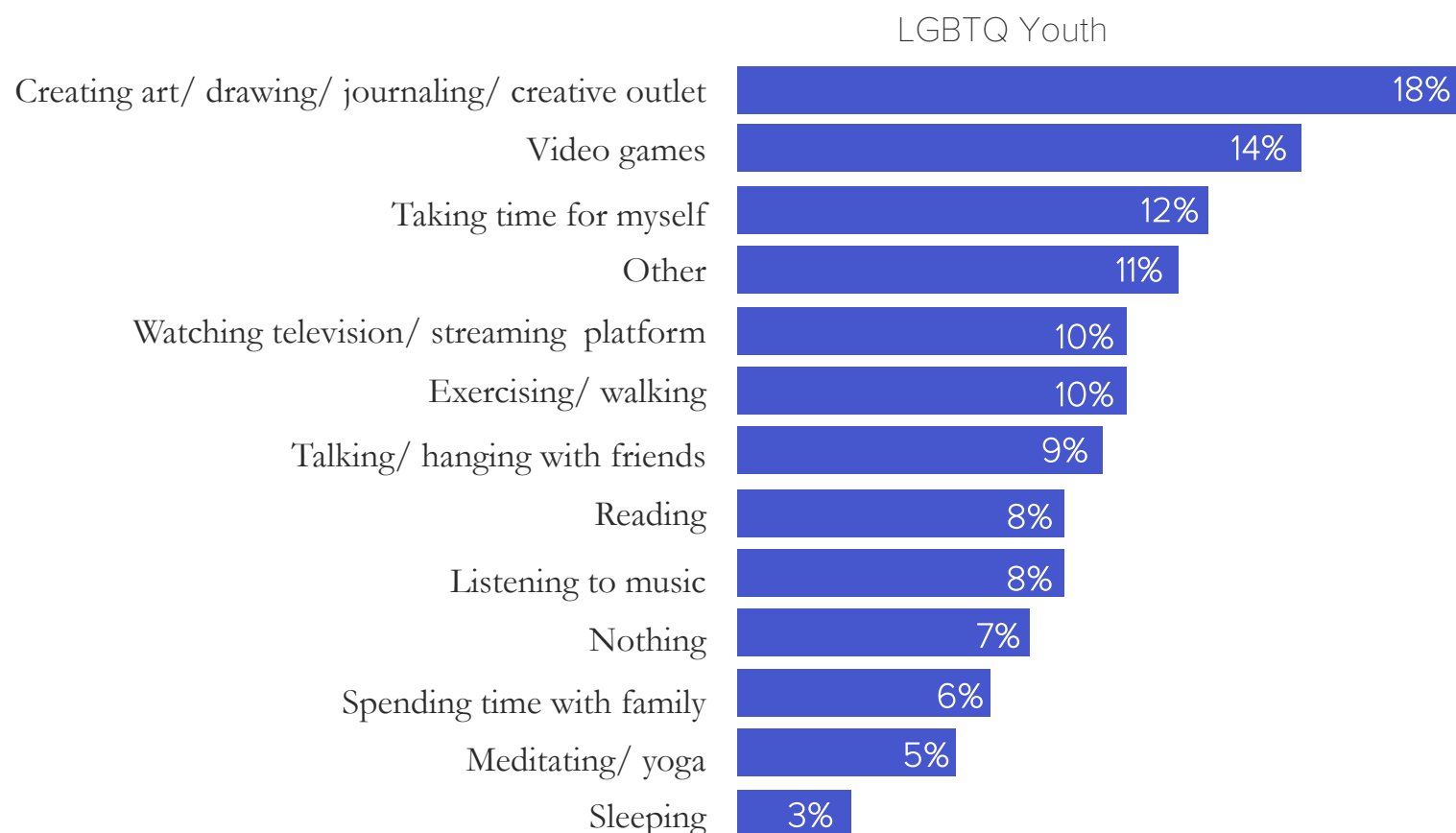
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## FINDING JOY

When finding joy or practicing self-care, LGBTQ youth report they are most likely to find a creative outlet like drawing or journaling. They also report playing video games and taking time for themselves.

*Finally, in a few words, what have you been doing to find joy and/or practice self-care in the last few months? [OPEN-END]*



## FINDING JOY

Black LGBTQ youth report they are most likely reading, listening to music, exercising, or playing video games to find joy and/ or practice self-care.

*Finally, in a few words, what have you been doing to find joy and/or practice self-care in the last few months? [OPEN-END]*

