

## Home Retail Consumer Monitor

### Methodology

N = 818

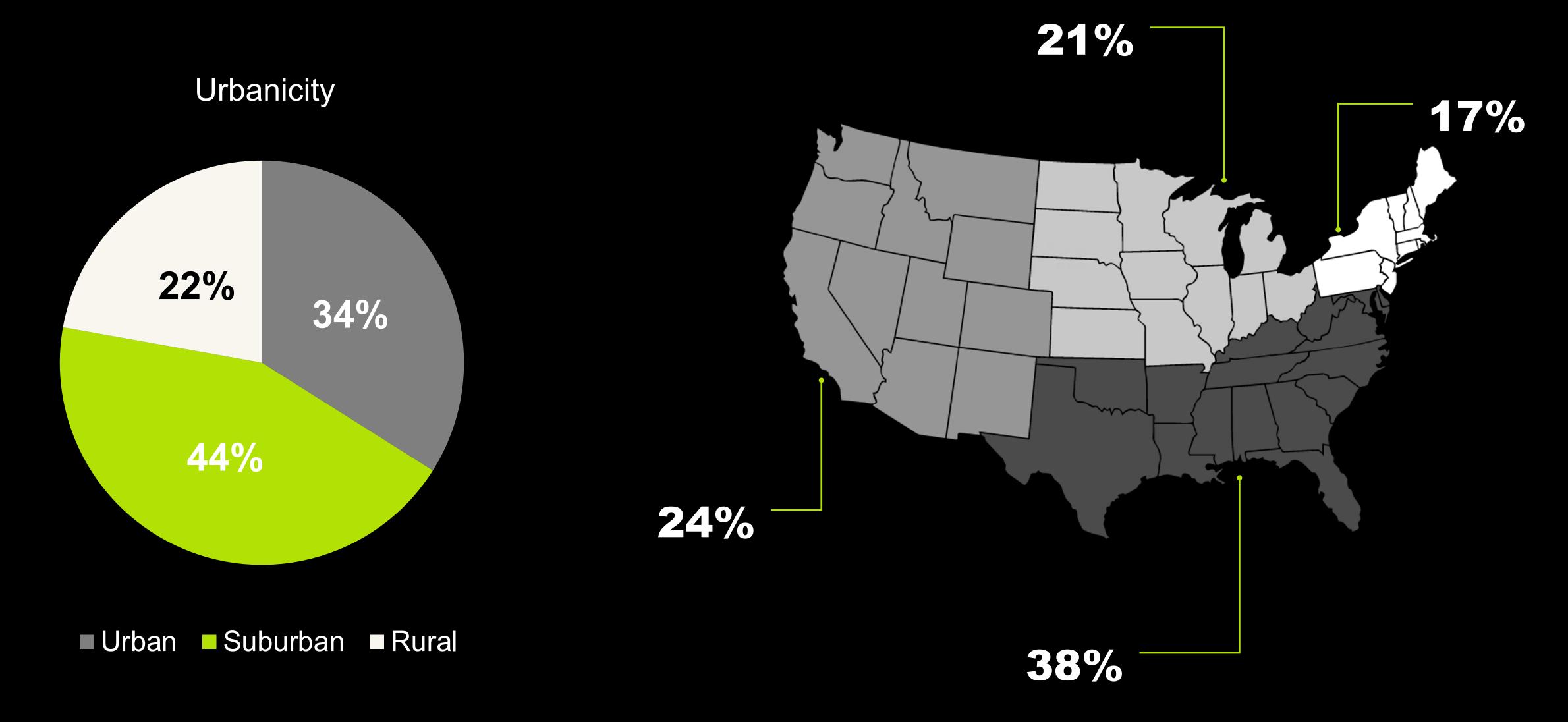
MOE ± 3.43%

Panel: General Population

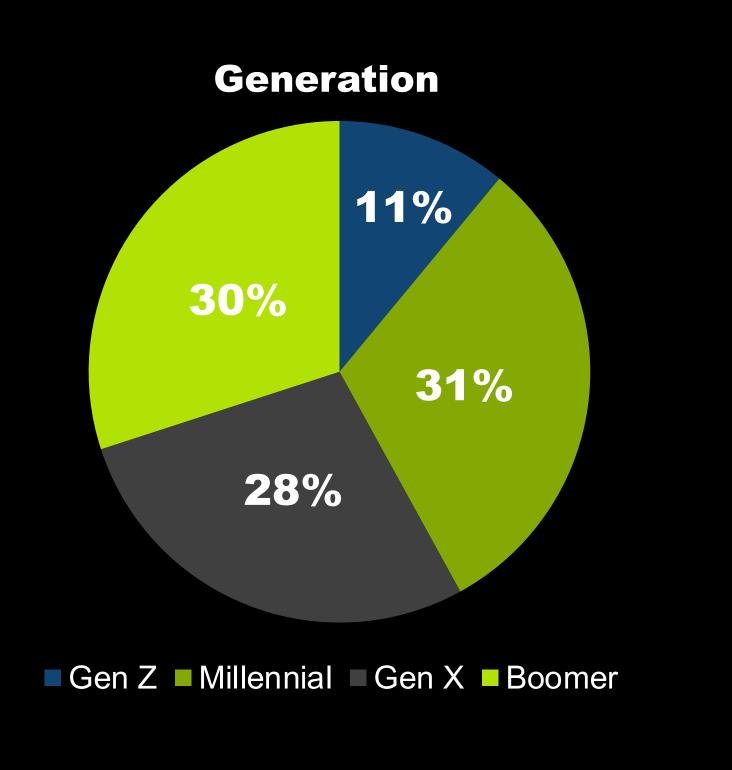
Collected: 9/17/21, 9/18/21

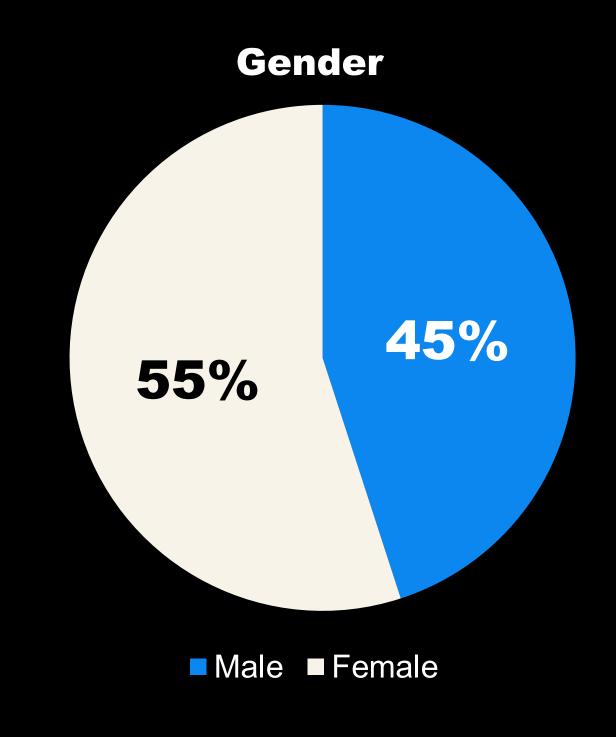


### Panel Composition







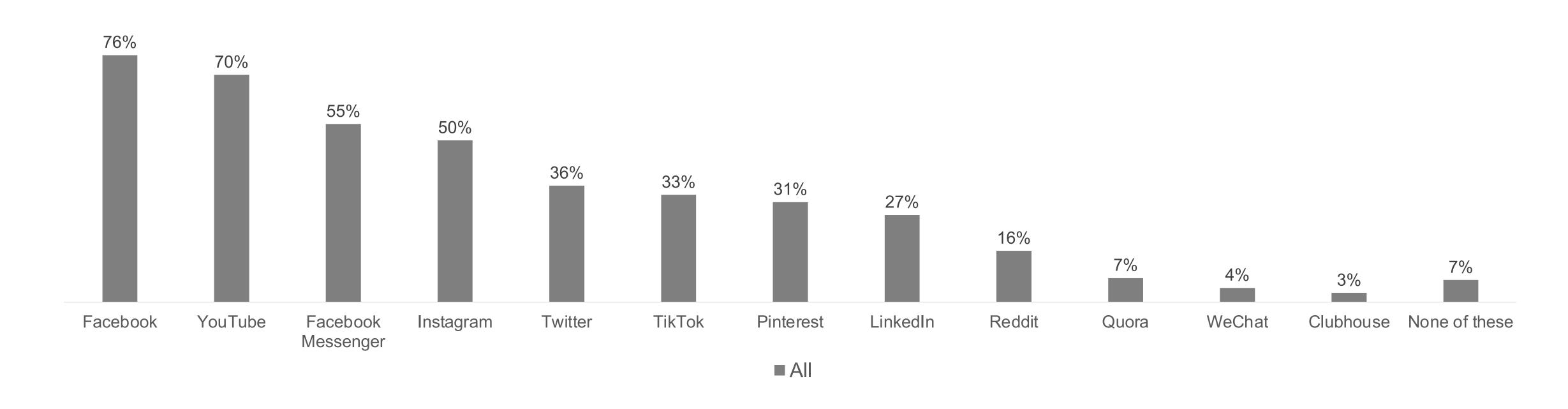




### Social Media Use

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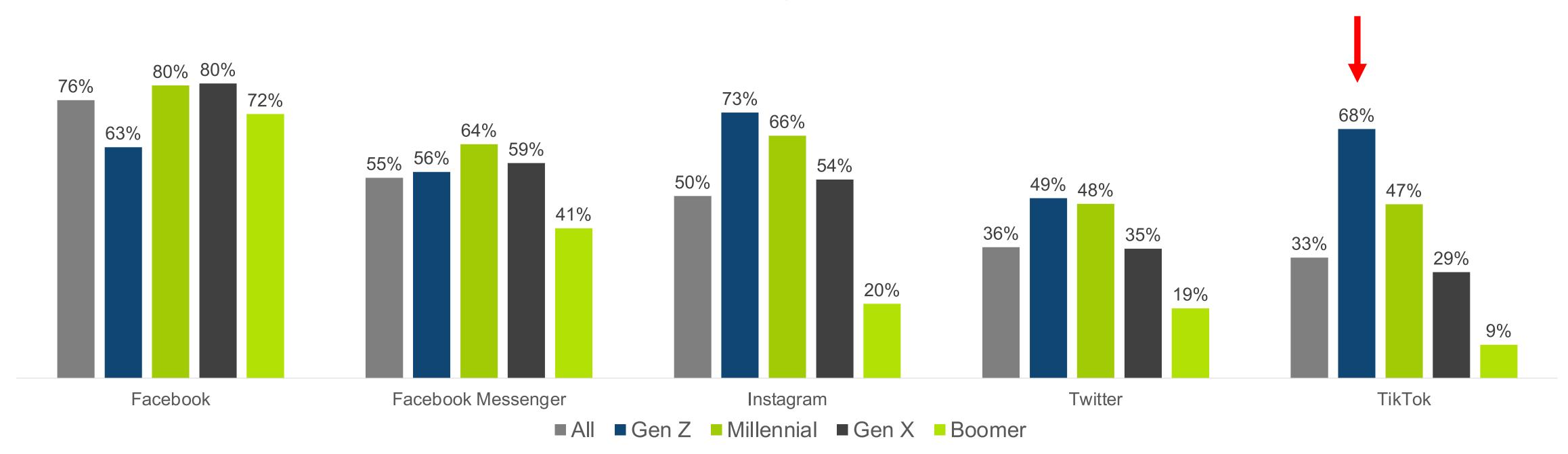
#### Social media platforms use:



Which of the following social media platforms do you use? Select all that apply.

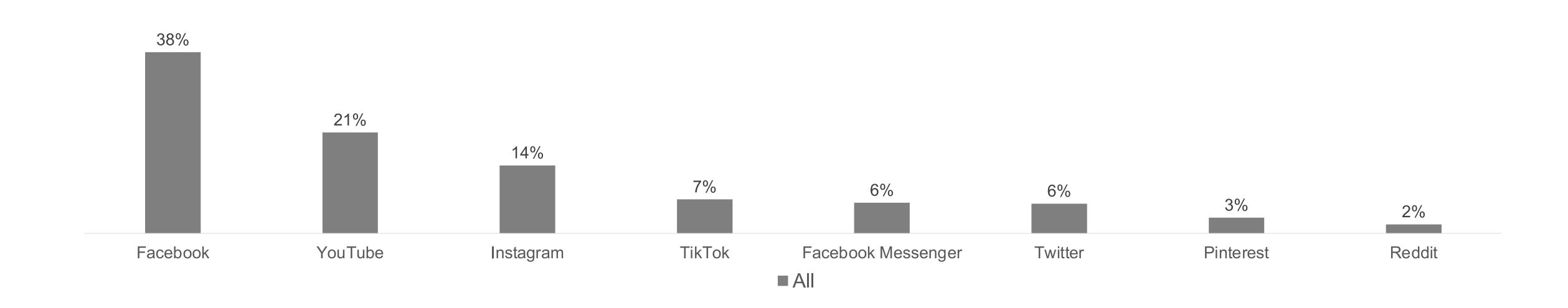
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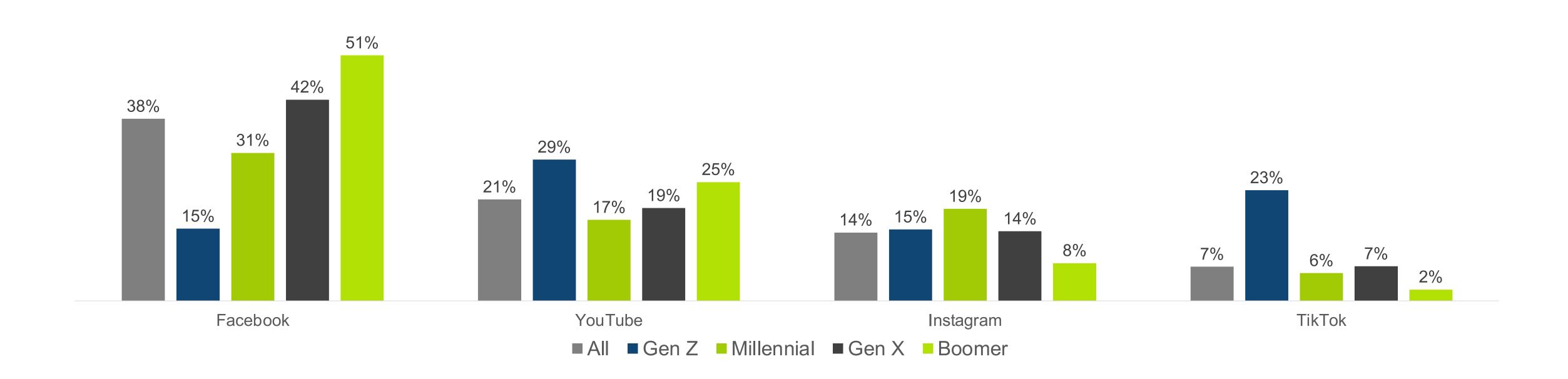
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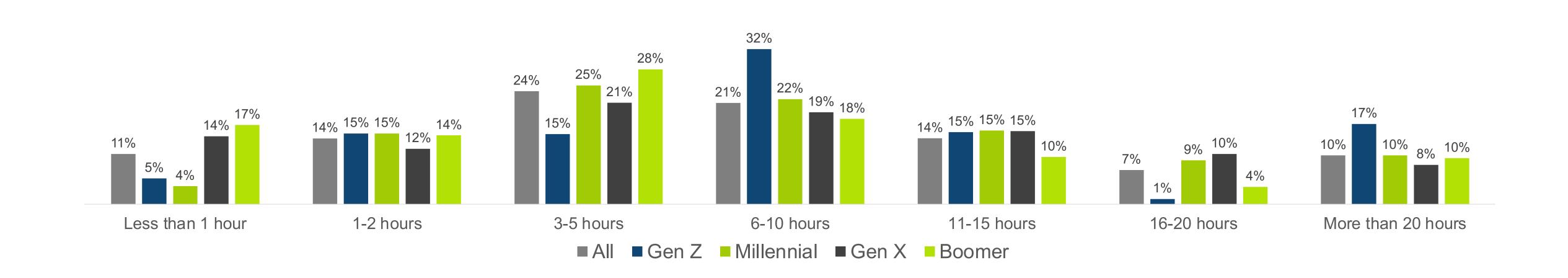
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Favorite social media platform



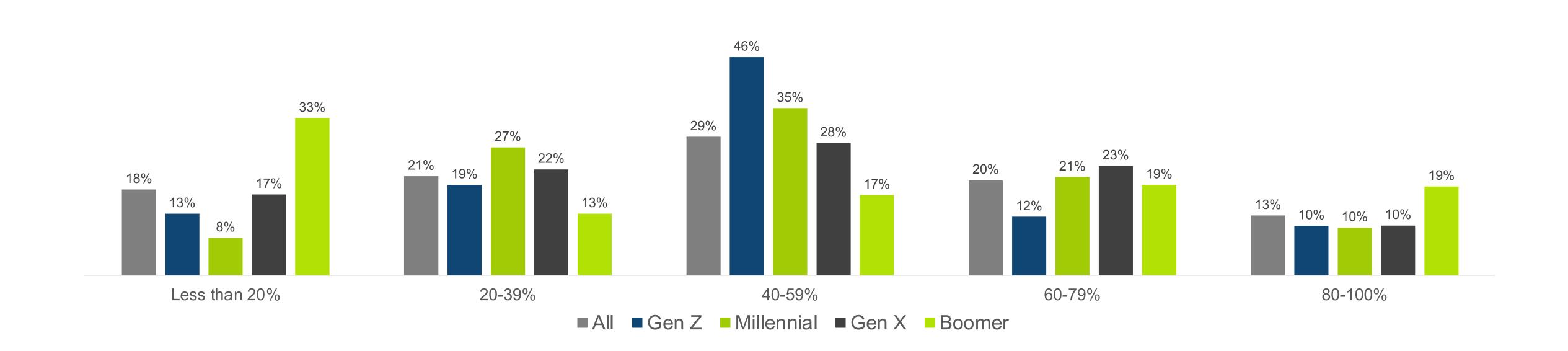
## The average amount of time spent on social media exceeds 8 hours per week. 10% of respondents are spending more than 20 hours per week.

Time spent on social media in a typical week



### Only one-half of the sample is spending 50% or more of their social media time on their favorite platform.

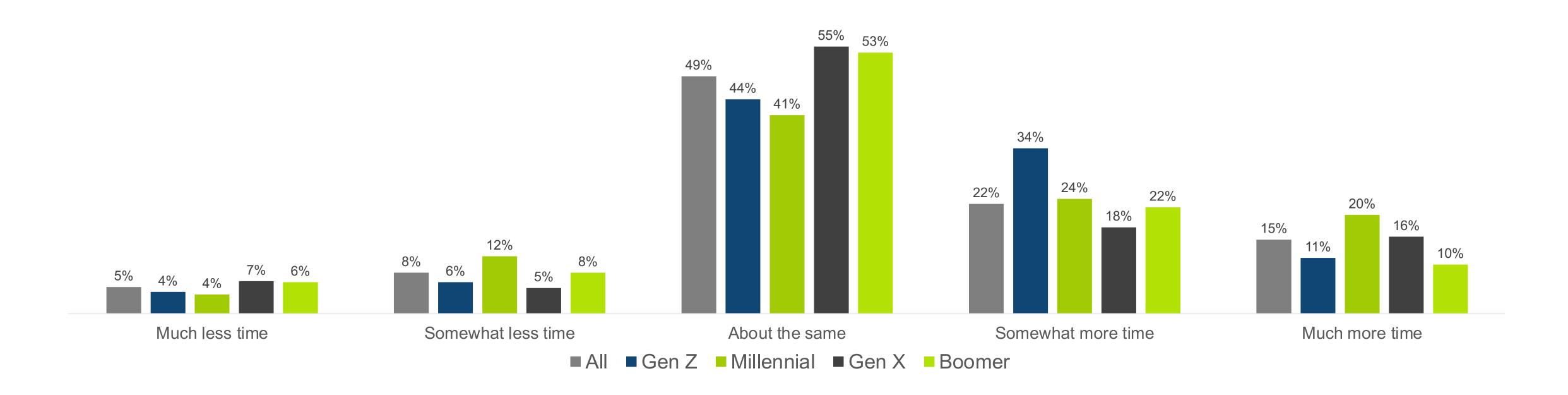
% Of time spent on favorite social platform in a typical week



What % (percent) of the time you spend on social media in a typical week is spent on your favorite social media platform?

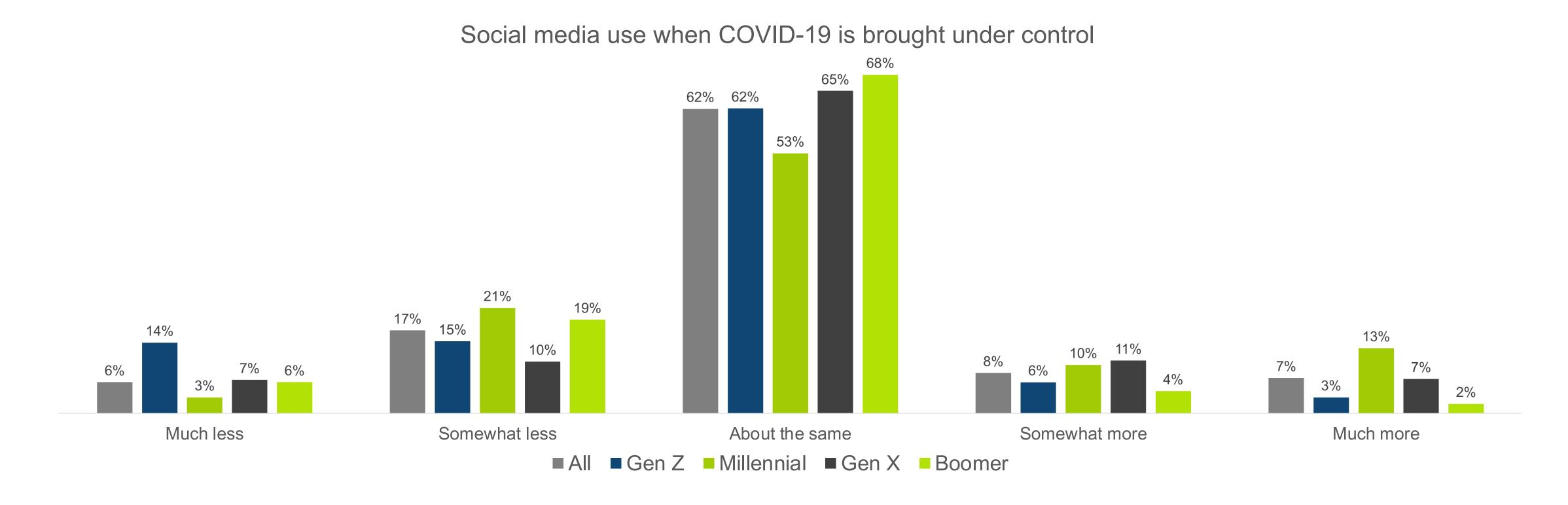
## As one might expect, COVID has resulted in an increase in social media use. 37% are using it more than pre-COVID while only 14% is using it less.

Time spent on social media now vs. before the COVID-19 outbreak



How much more or less time are you spending on social media than you spent before the COVID-19 outbreak?

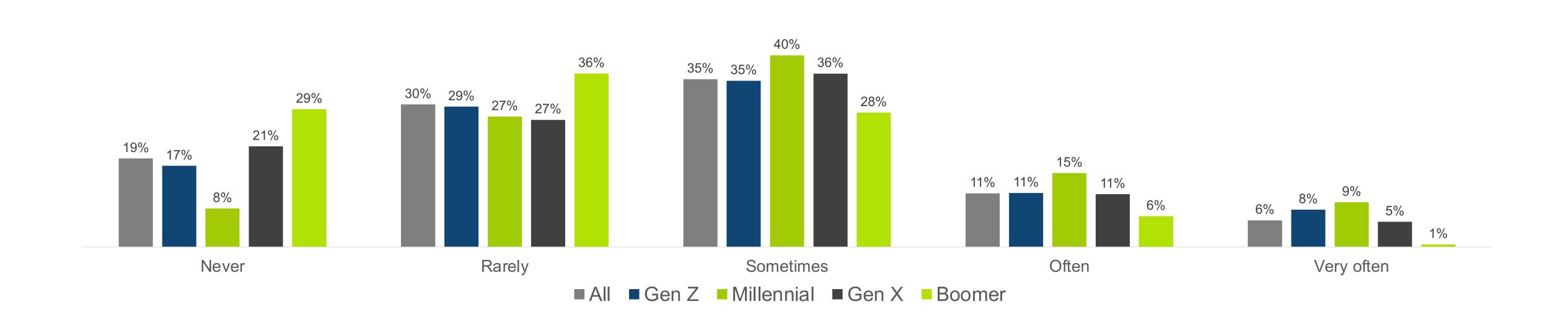
If COVID is brought under control, it's unlikely that we'll see a precipitous drop in social media use. 23% expect some level of decline while 15% expect to increase their participation.



Assuming COVID is ultimately brought under control and our lives can return to some form of normal, how much more or less do you think you'll be using social media?

## More than half the respondents report purchasing products advertised on social media sometimes (36%), often (11%) or very often (6%).

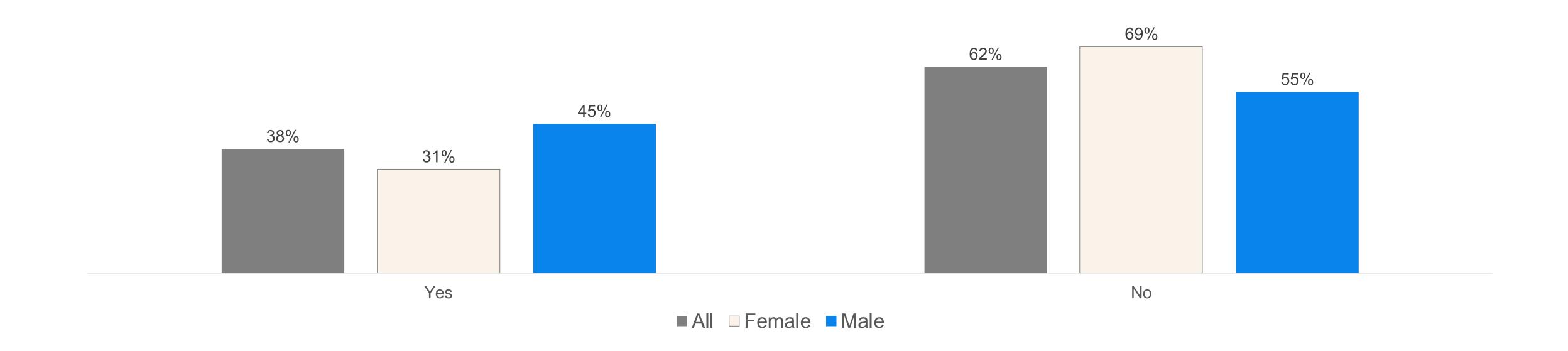
Frequency of purchasing products from ads on social media



How frequently do you purchase products based on ads you see on social media?

# The social discord associated with COVID, and the current political environment has led nearly 4 people in 10 to block, unfriend or stop following another individual or group.

Have blocked/unfriended/unfollowed people due to politics and COVID-19 topics on social media

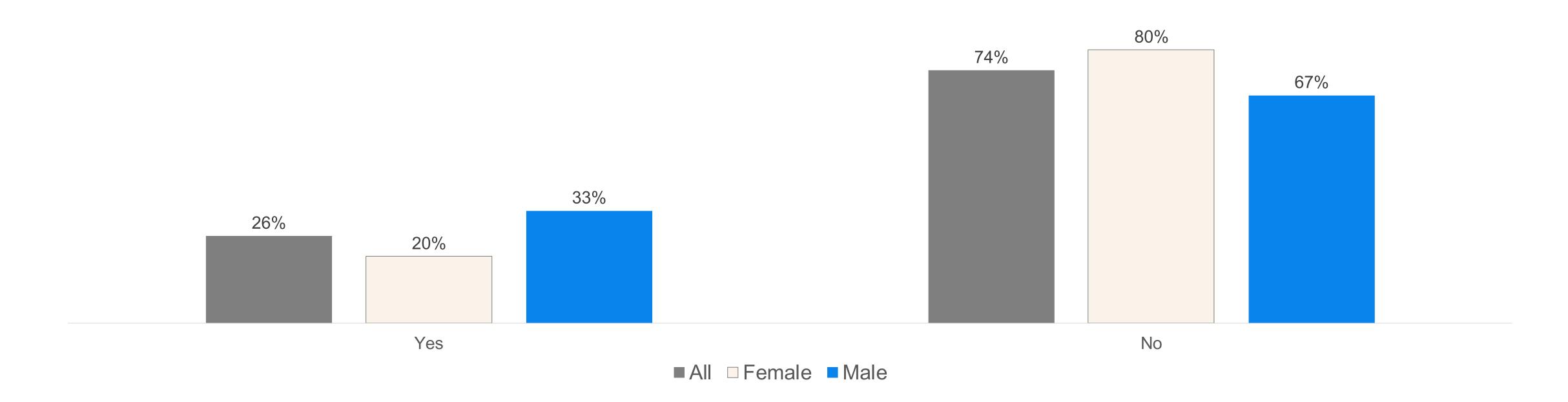


COVID and the current political environment have created a lot of unrest and distrust on some social media platforms.

As a result of those issues have you blocked, unfriended or stop following anyone on social media?

## More than one-quarter of the sample has abandoned a social media platform as a result of conversations regarding either COVID or politics.

Stopped using social media platforms due to political and COVID-19 conversations



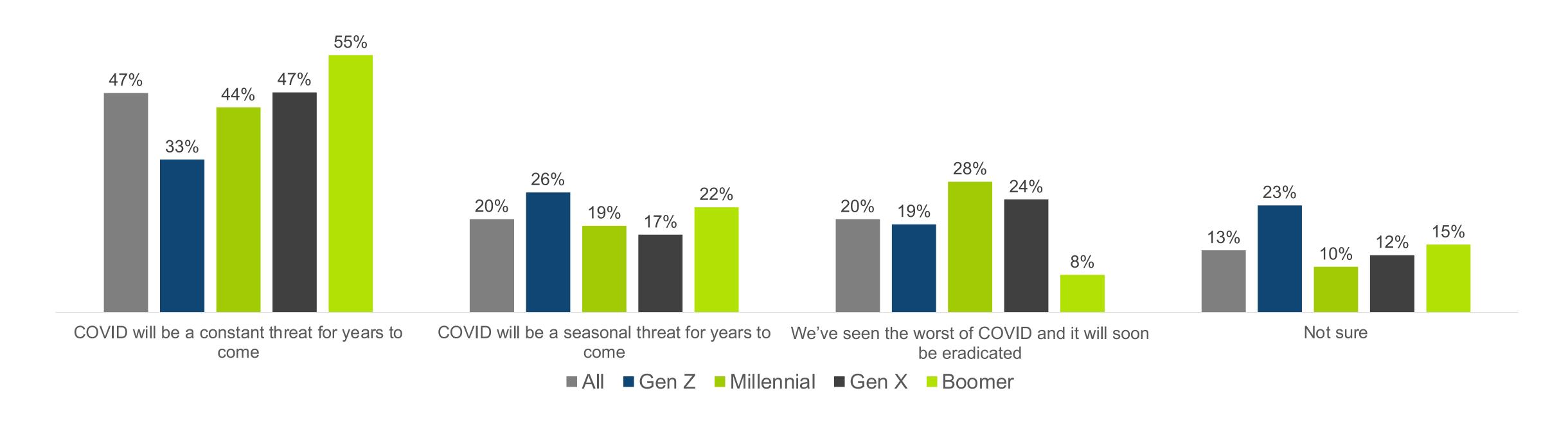
As a result of the COVID and political conversation, are there any social media platforms you've stopped using?



## COVID-19

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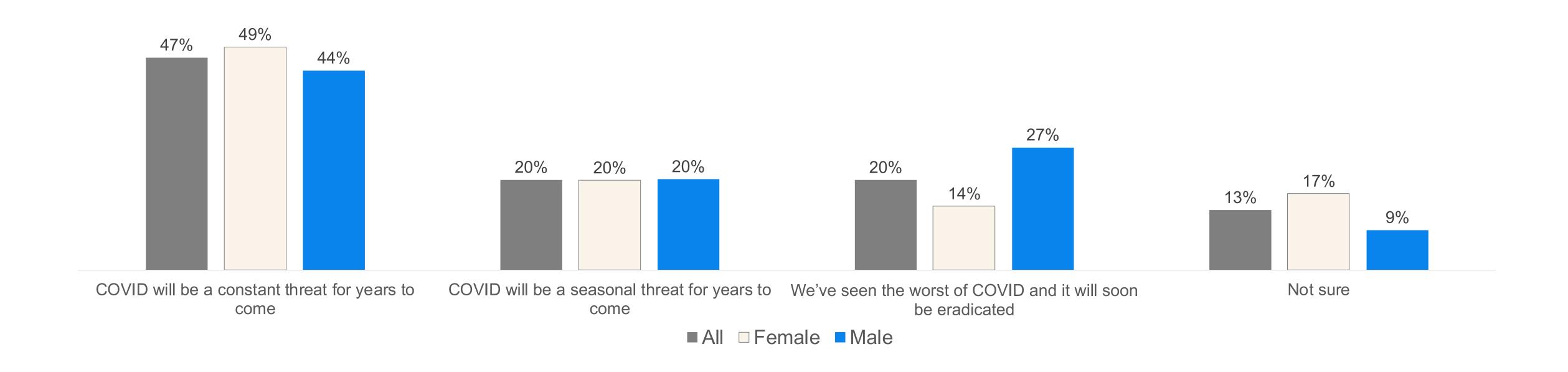




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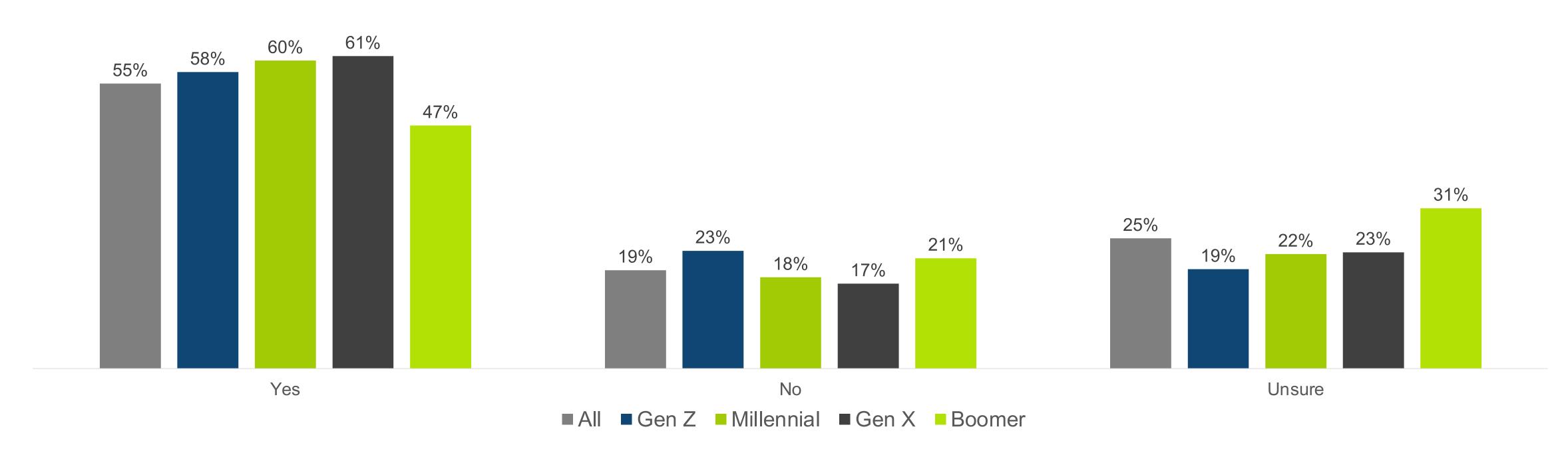
Expected presence of COVID-19



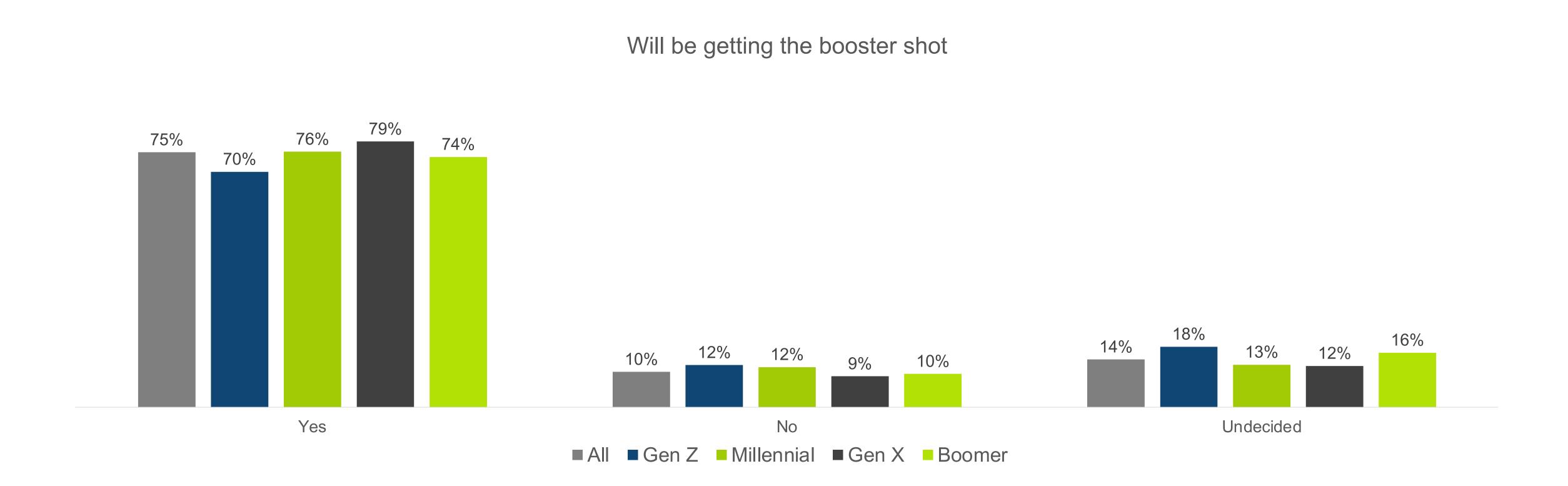
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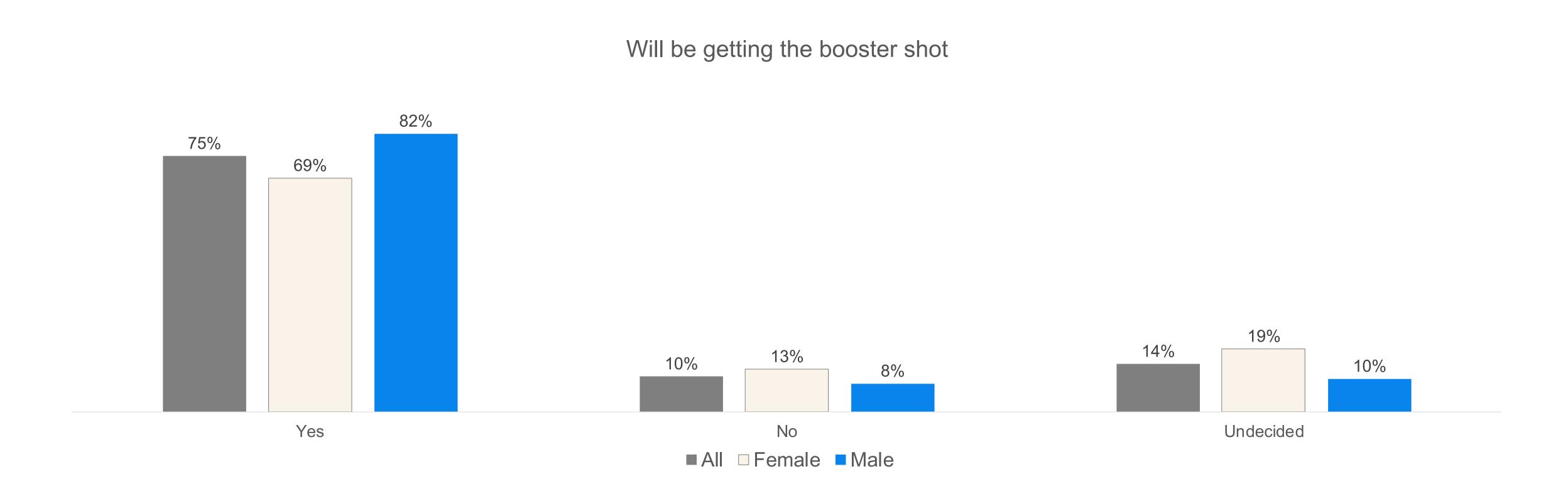




### Of those who are currently vaccinated threequarters will get the booster shot when it becomes available.

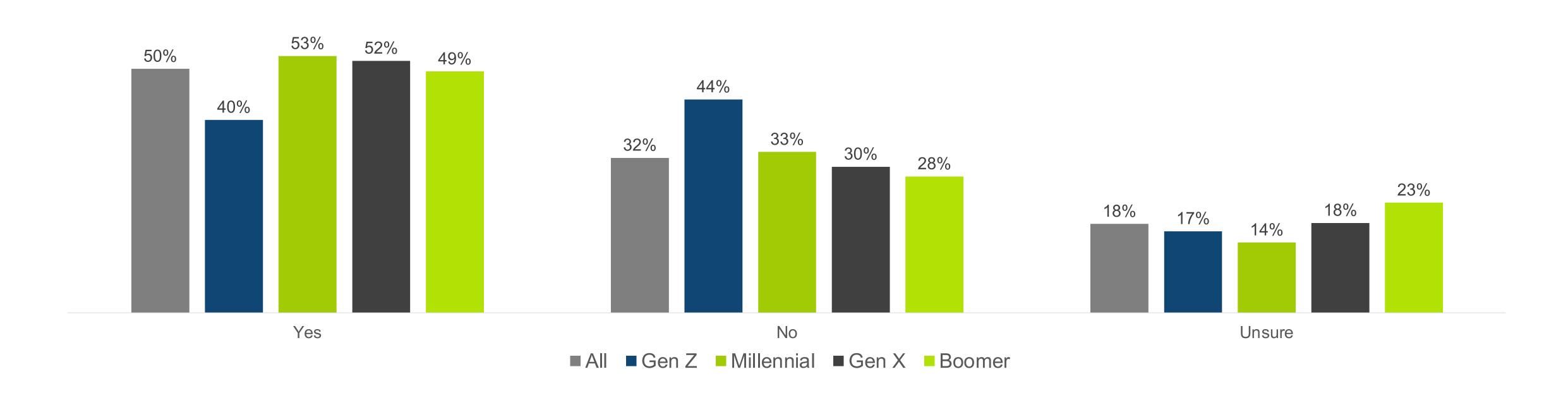


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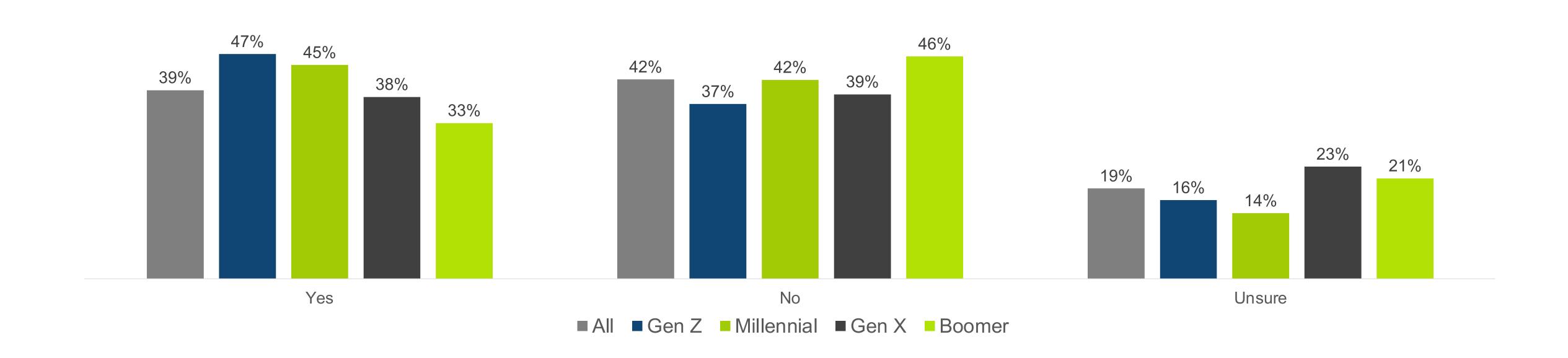
Believe young children should get the vaccine



It appears the COVID vaccine may be approved for children between the ages of 5 and 11 as early as October. Do you think children that young should get the COVID vaccine?

# Slightly more people (42%) think COVID cannot be controlled without nearly everyone getting vaccinated than those that do believe it can be controlled (39%).

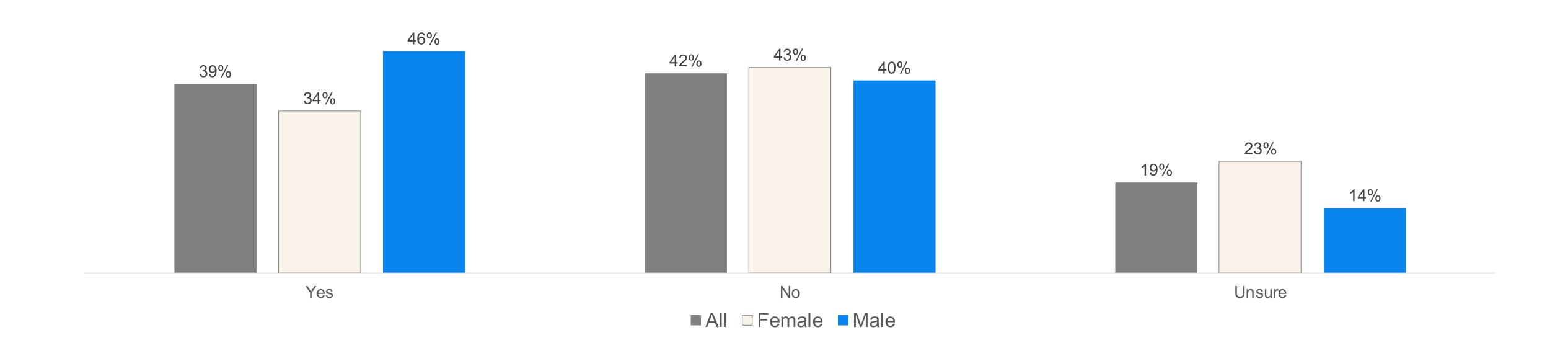
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