

# NATIONAL YOUTH SURVEY FINDINGS 2021

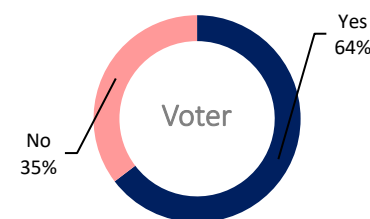
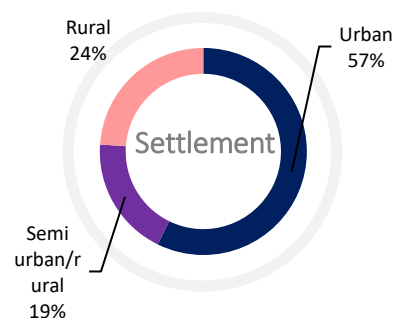
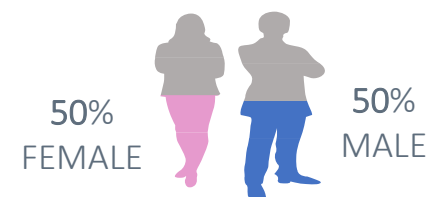
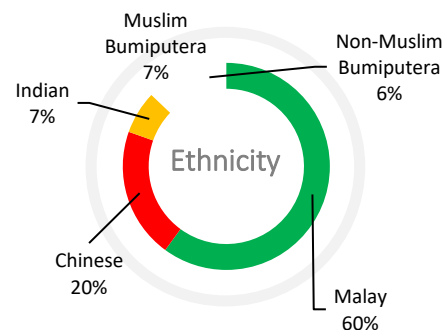
19 February – 20 March 2021

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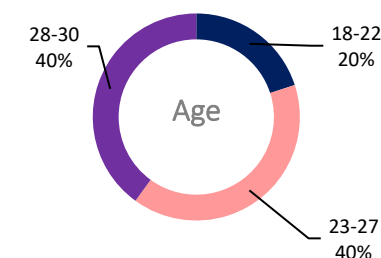
# Methodology & Respondent Profile

- ✓ **2520** respondents aged between 18 to 30 years old were interviewed via telephone (fixed and mobile lines)
- ✓ The survey respondents are from all states across Malaysia.
- ✓ Respondents were selected through random stratified sampling method along the lines of ethnicity, gender, age and states.
- ✓ The selection of the respondents is proportional with respect to the population in each parliament constituency.
- ✓ Respondents were interviewed in their own language of preferences
- ✓ Survey margin of error estimated at **±1.95%**
- ✓ The survey was conducted on **19 February – 20 March 2021**.

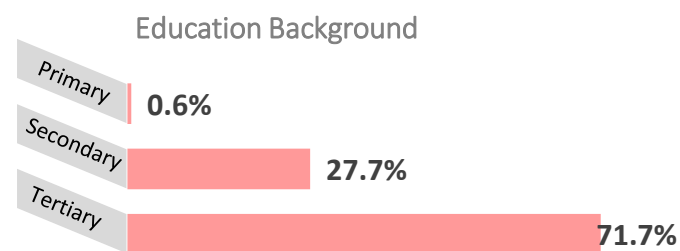
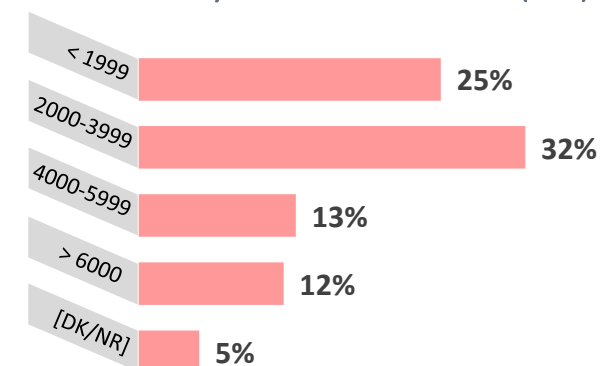


## Occupation/ Sector

39.3%	Private
27.6%	Student
10.3%	Self employed
4.8%	Homemaker
1.4%	Online business
7.6%	Unemployed



## Monthly Household Income (RM)



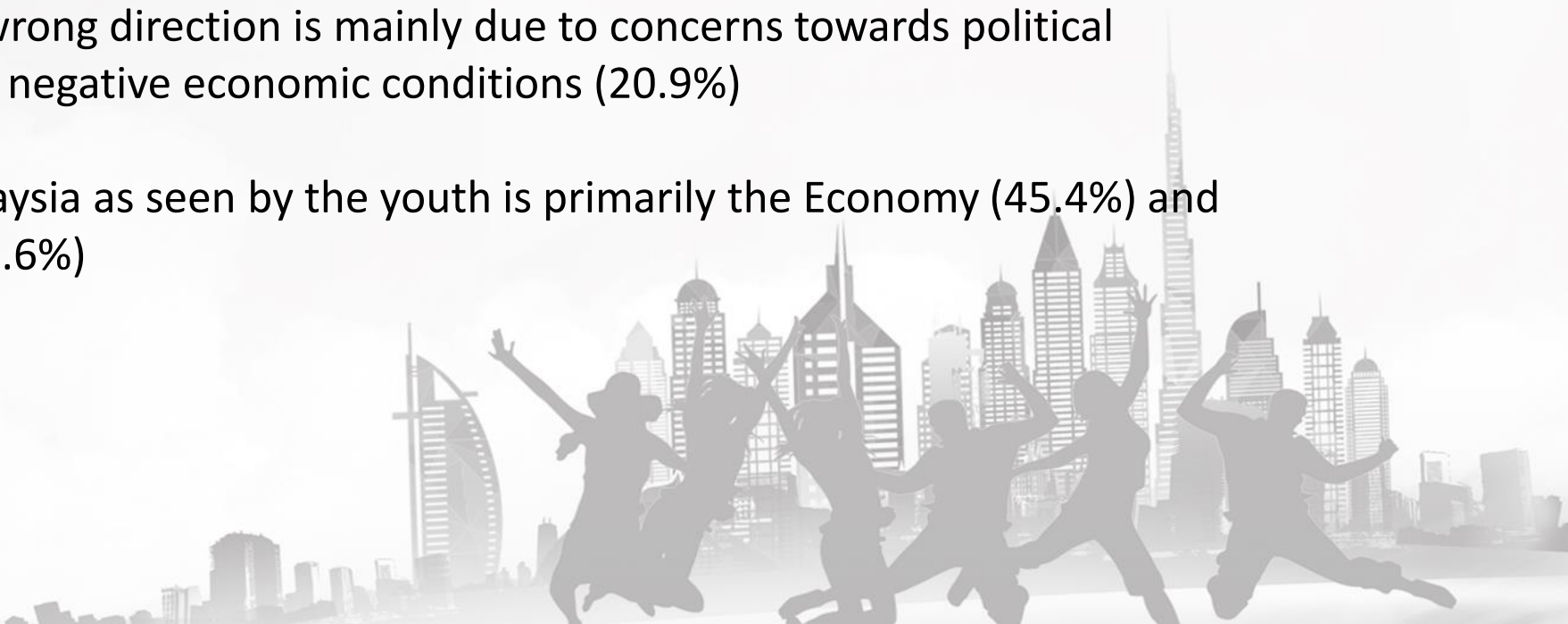
# Part I : National Outlook

- ✓ Direction of the Country
- ✓ Biggest Problem Faced

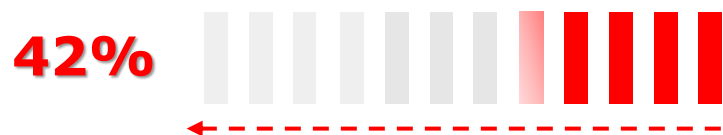


# Views on the Country's Direction

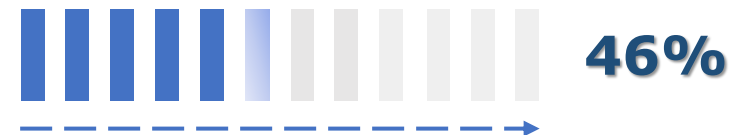
- ✓ Youths hold mixed views on the direction of the country; are divided between right (46%) and wrong direction (42%)
  - The main reason of right direction is due to administration (17.6%) and leadership (11.6%)
  - The main reason for wrong direction is mainly due to concerns towards political instability(24.7%) and negative economic conditions (20.9%)
- ✓ Biggest challenges for Malaysia as seen by the youth is primarily the Economy (45.4%) and the Covid-19 Pandemic (23.6%)



# Direction of the Country



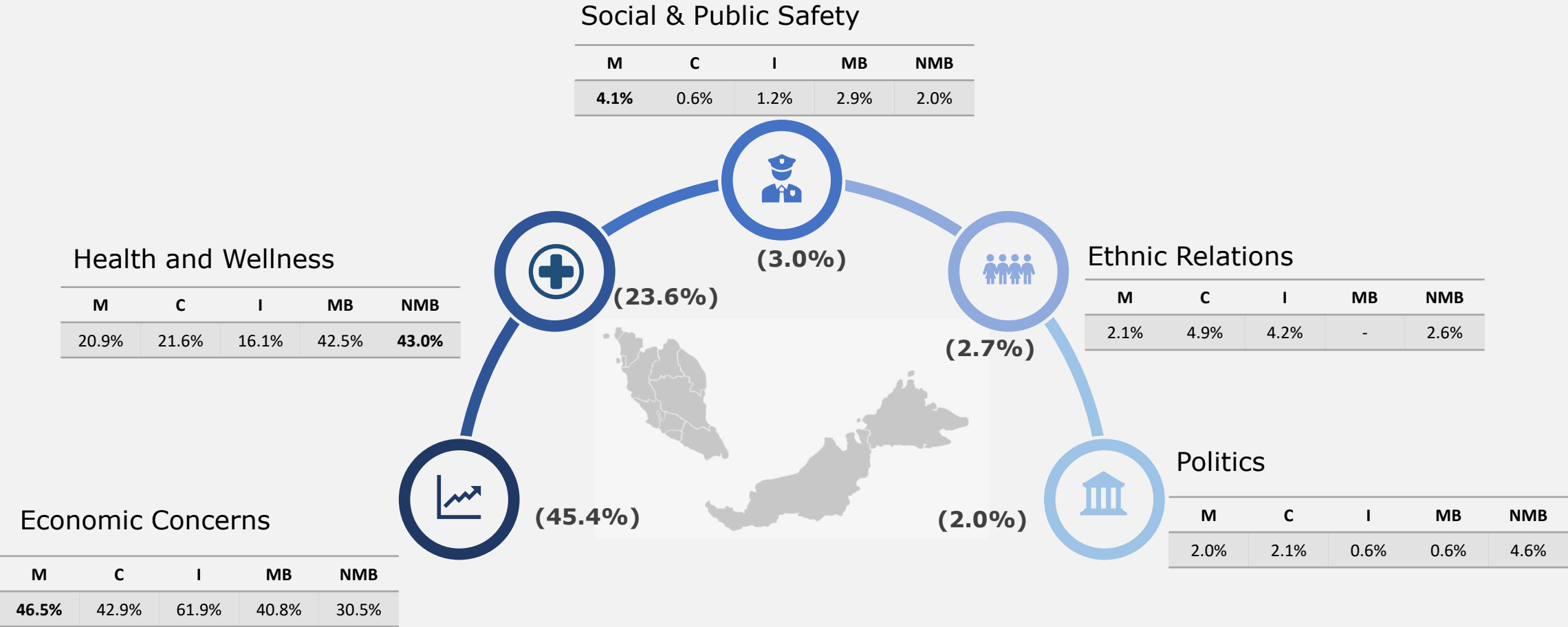
- ✗ Politics (24.7%)
- ✗ Economic Concerns (20.9%)
- ✗ Administration (9.6%)
- ✗ Health (8.0%)
- ✗ Leadership (5.6%)
- ✗ Ethnic Relations (2.3%)
- ✗ Development & Infrastructure (1.4%)
- ✗ Social & Public Safety (1.3%)
- ✗ Education (1.0%)
- ✗ Corruption (0.8%)



- ✓ Administration (17.6%)
- ✓ Leadership (11.6%)
- ✓ Economic Concerns (9.1%)
- ✓ Social & Public Safety (4.9%)
- ✓ Development & Infrastructure (3.0%)
- ✓ Ethnic Relations (1.0%)
- ✓ Education (0.9%)
- ✓ Politics (0.8%)
- ✓ Environment (0.1%)
- ✓ Others (5.8%)

Q: In general, would you say that things in the country are heading in the right direction or are they heading in the wrong direction? Why do you say so?

# Biggest Problem Facing the Country



Q: Being as specific as you can, what is the number one problem facing the people of this country today?

# Part II : Youth Outlook

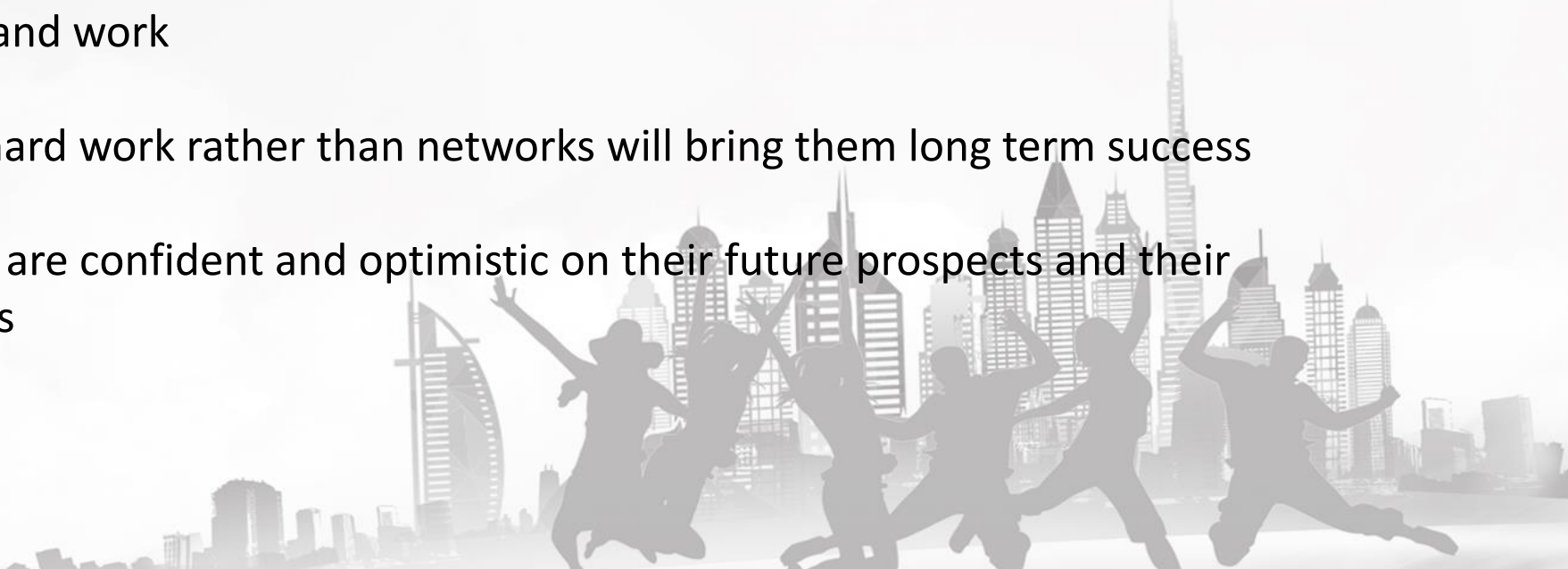
- ✓ **Issues and Needs**
- ✓ **Social Mobility : Making Ends Meet**
- ✓ **Social Mobility : Networking vs Talent**
- ✓ **Aspiration, Confidence in Achieving Goals & Future Prospect**





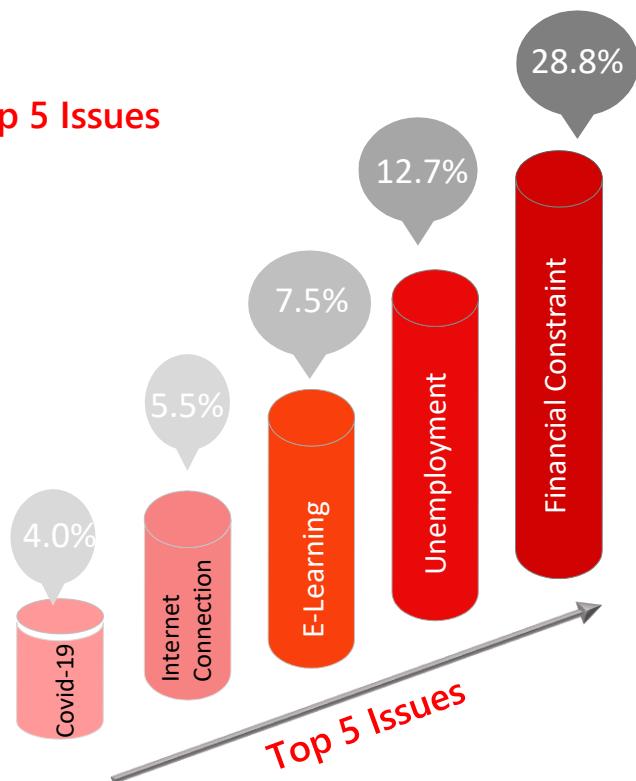
# Outlook and Perceived Prospects

- ✓ The main issues and needs of the youths are mostly economics related especially financial situation and employment opportunities
- ✓ Only one-half say they have what it takes to make ends meet
- ✓ The main aspirations of the youth relates to having a good family, financially stable and performing well at studies and work
- ✓ Vast majority believe that hard work rather than networks will bring them long term success
- ✓ Vast majority of the youths are confident and optimistic on their future prospects and their ability to achieve their goals



# Individual Issues and Needs

## Top 5 Issues



Q: What is your main issue/concern/problem that you face today? (Open ended)

Q: What is the most important thing that you need today? (Open ended)

## Top 5 Needs



### *Financial Stability (34.0%)*

18-22	23-27	28-30
32.3%	33.8%	38.0%



### *Job Security & Employment Opportunity (17.3%)*

18-22	23-27	28-30
17.1%	19.1%	14.5%



### *Internet Connection (6.6%)*

18-22	23-27	28-30
9.4%	4.8%	4.9%



### *Effective online learning method (4.5%)*

18-22	23-27	28-30
7.4%	2.0%	3.7%

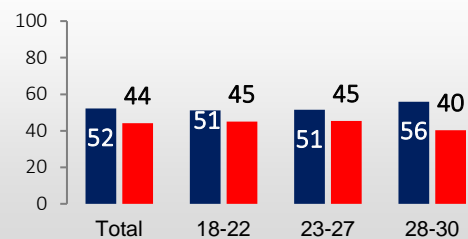


### *Comfortable living place (4.0%)*

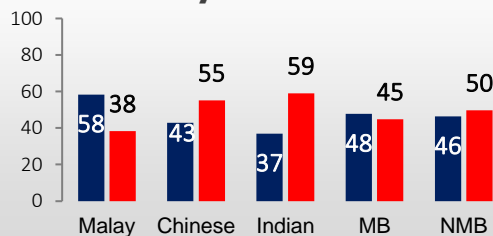
18-22	23-27	28-30
3.0%	5.1%	3.7%

# Economic Challenge : Making Ends Meet

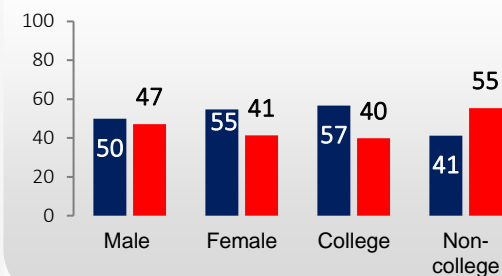
Age Groups



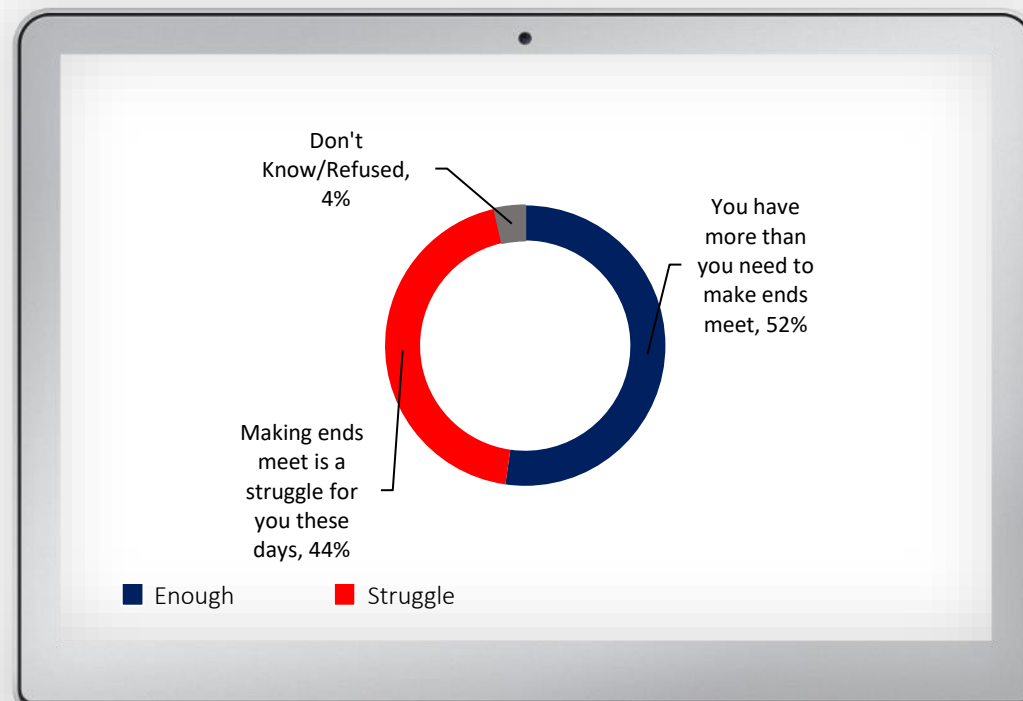
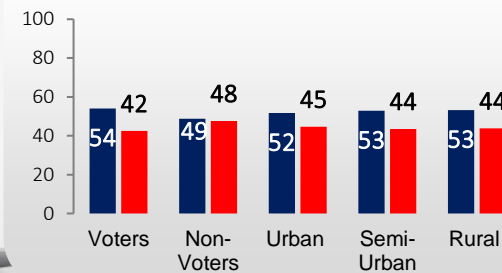
Ethnicity



Gender/Education

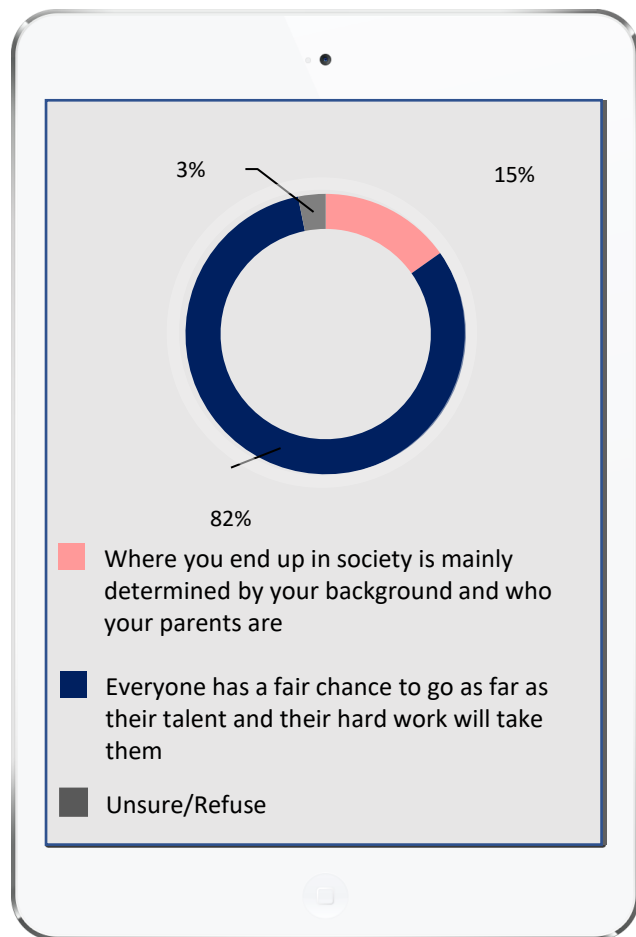


Voters/ Settlement

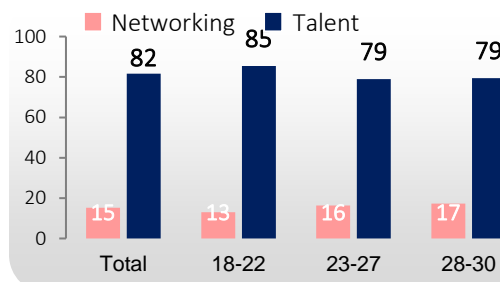


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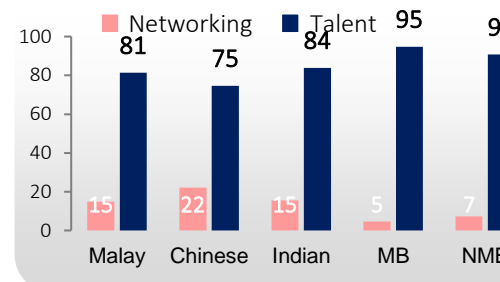
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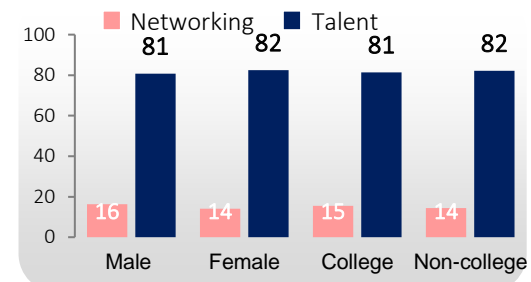
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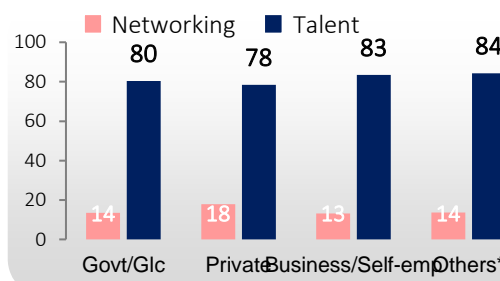
## Ethnicity



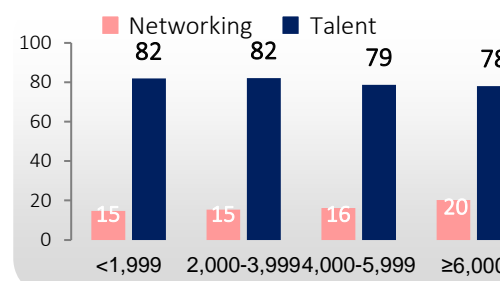
## Gender/Education



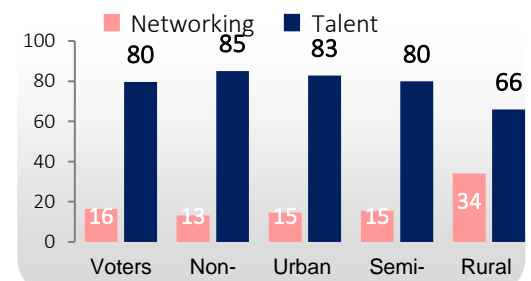
## Occupation



## Household Income (RM)



## Voters/ Settlement

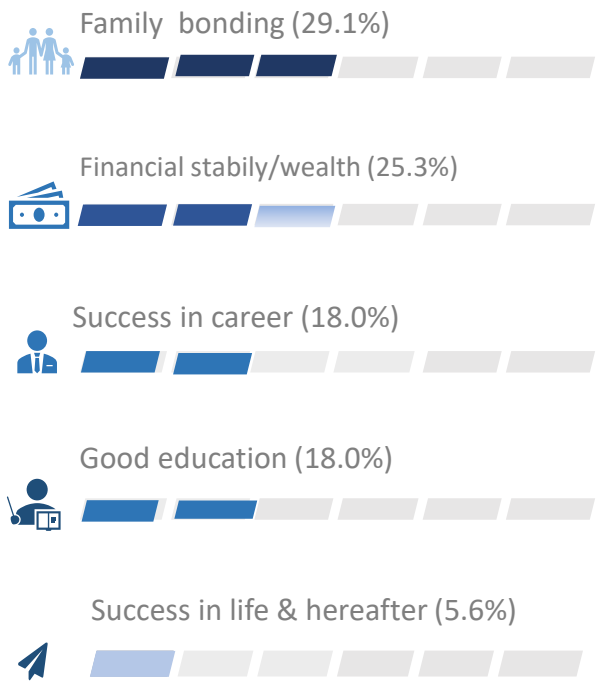


\*Homemaker, students, retired, unemployed

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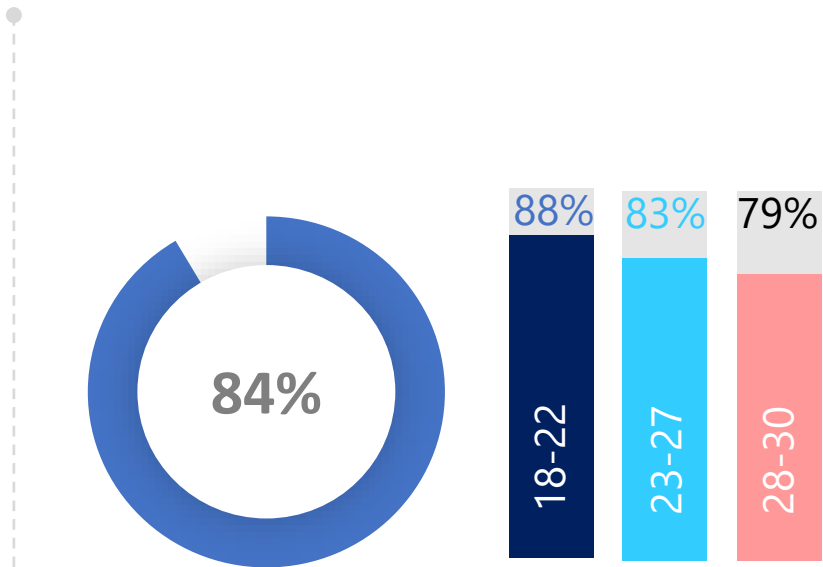
# Youth Outlook

## Aspiration



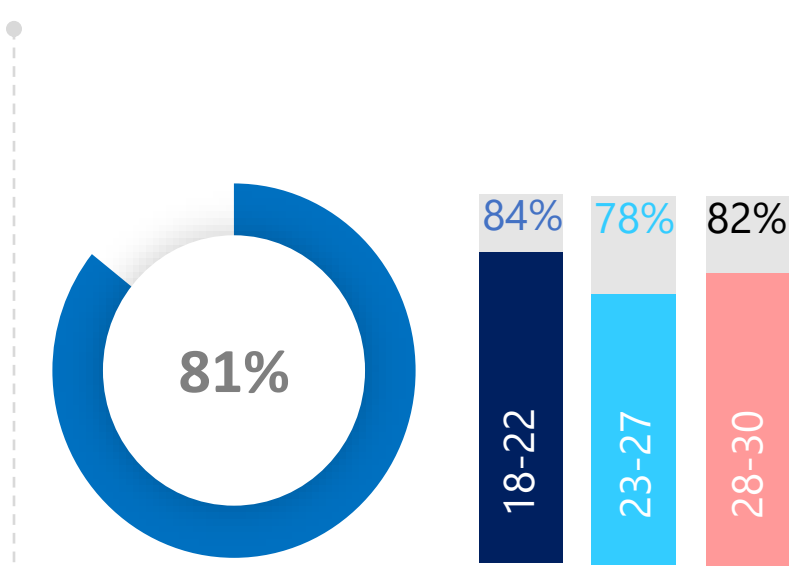
Q: What is your main life aspiration?

## Confidence in Achieving Goals



Q: How confident are you in achieving your life goals?

## Future Prospects



Q: How do you feel about your future?

# Part III : Civic Participation

- ✓ Activities of Interest & Interest in Volunteerism
- ✓ Youth Political Participation
- ✓ Ethnic vs National Identity
- ✓ Multiculturalism & New Politics



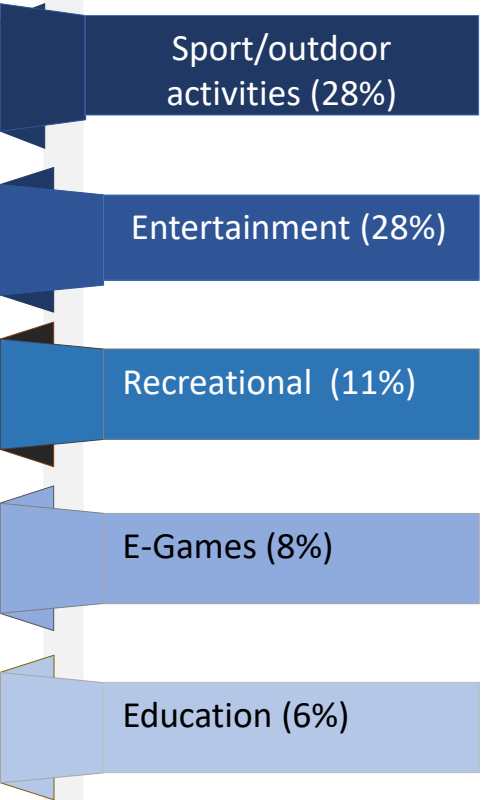
# Civic Participation

- ✓ Two-thirds of youths are interested in volunteerism and community building initiatives
- ✓ More than two third of the youths are not interested in politics
- ✓ Politics is seen as complicated and politicians are perceived negatively



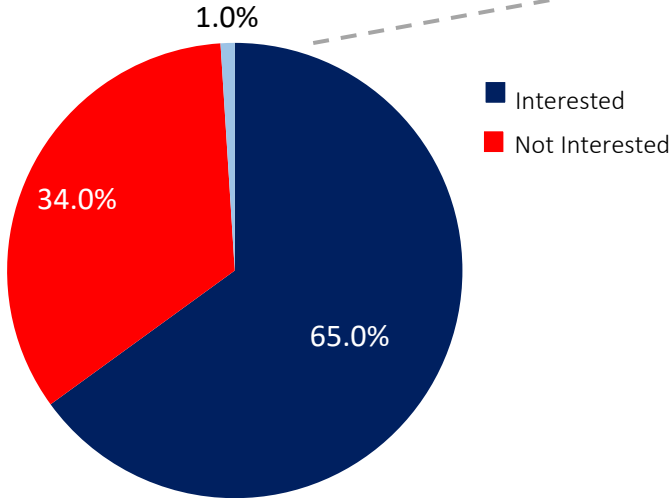
# Activities of Interest & Interest in Volunteerism

Activities Interested in General



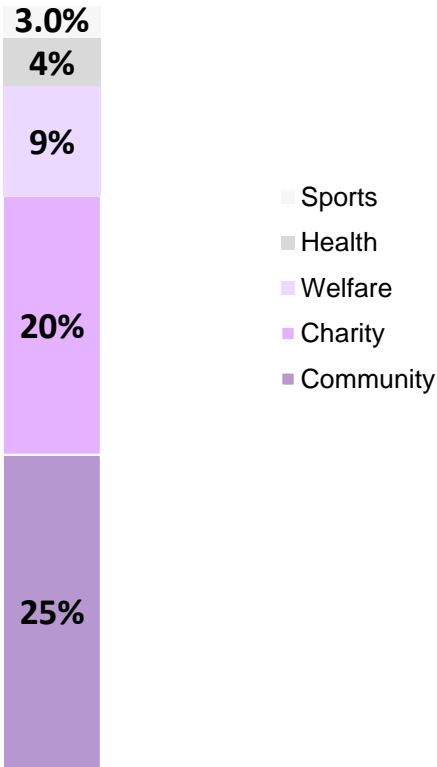
Q: What is your main activity of interest that you usually do the most in your leisure time?

Interest in Volunteerism



Q: How far are you interested to take part in volunteerism activities?

Type of Volunteerism Activities Interested

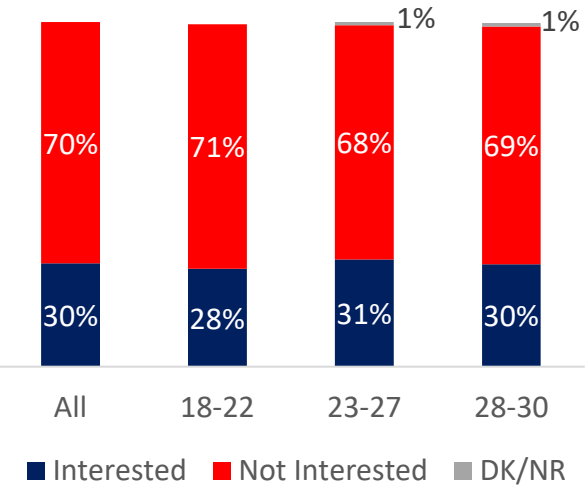


Q: What type of volunteer activities are you interested in?

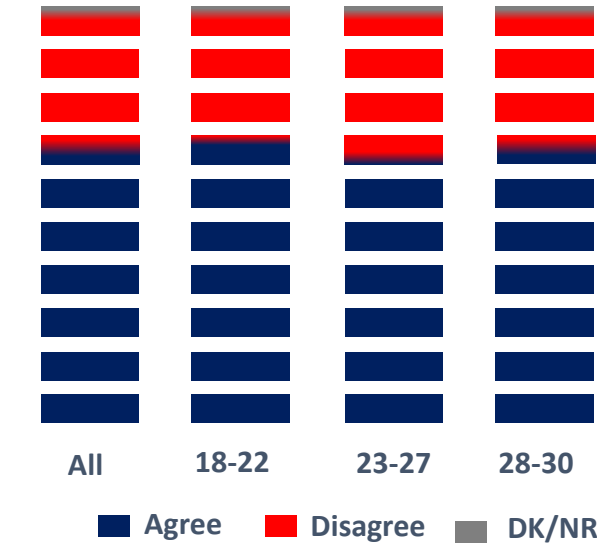


# Political Participation

Interest in politics & Top 5 Source of Information about Politics



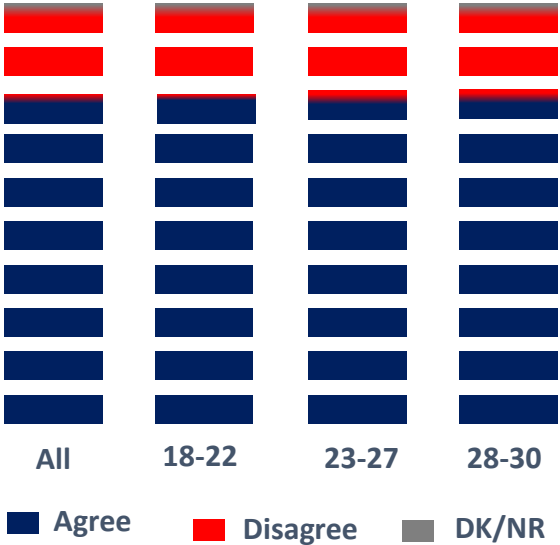
Politicians don't care what people think?



	All	18-22	23-27	28-30
Agree	66%	68%	63%	66%
Disagree	27%	27%	28%	26%
DK/NR	8%	5%	9%	8%

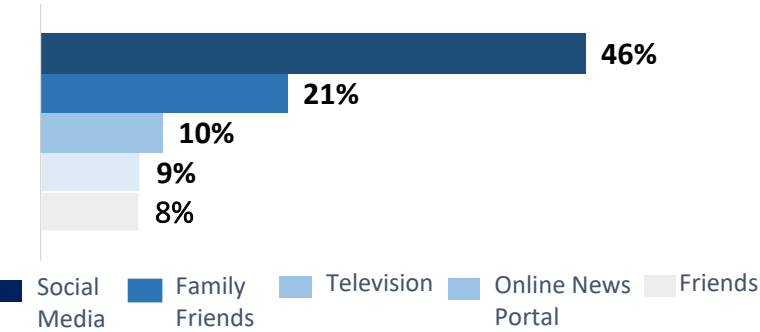
Q: . How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement -Public officials/politicians don't care what people like me think

Politics seems complicated?



	All	18-22	23-27	28-30
Agree	78%	79%	77%	77%
Disagree	19%	19%	19%	18%
DK/NR	3%	2%	4%	5%

Q: . How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement -Politics and government seem so complicated that I can't really understand what's going on



Q: How interested are you in politics?  
Q : From where did you know about politics?

# Ethnic vs National Identity



I feel more (respondent's ethnic)

11%



I feel equally Malaysian and (respondent's ethnic)

46%



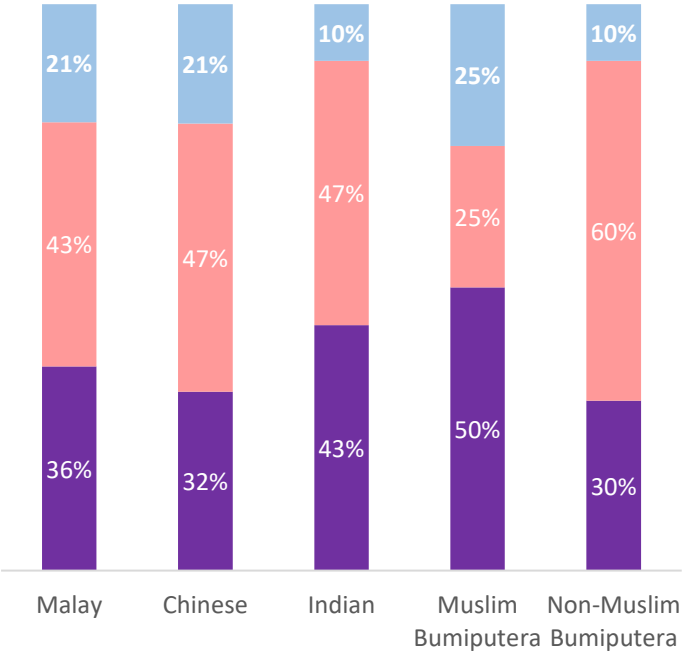
I feel more Malaysia

40%

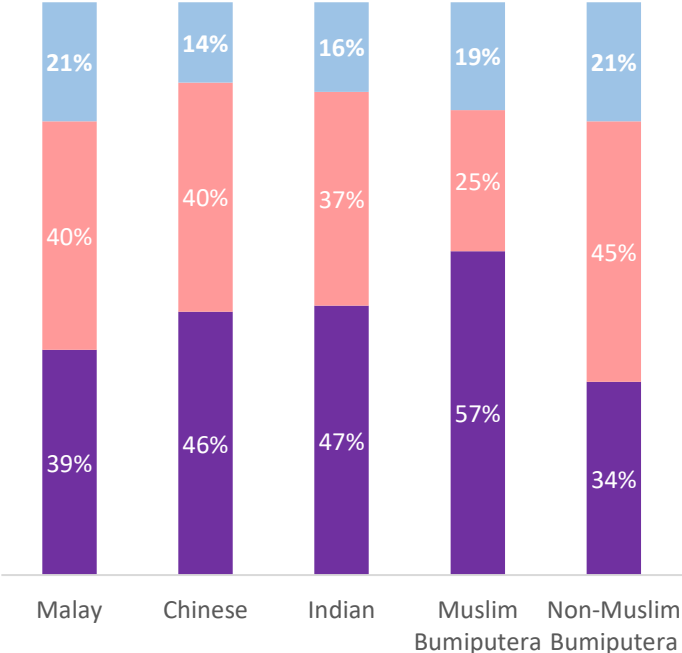
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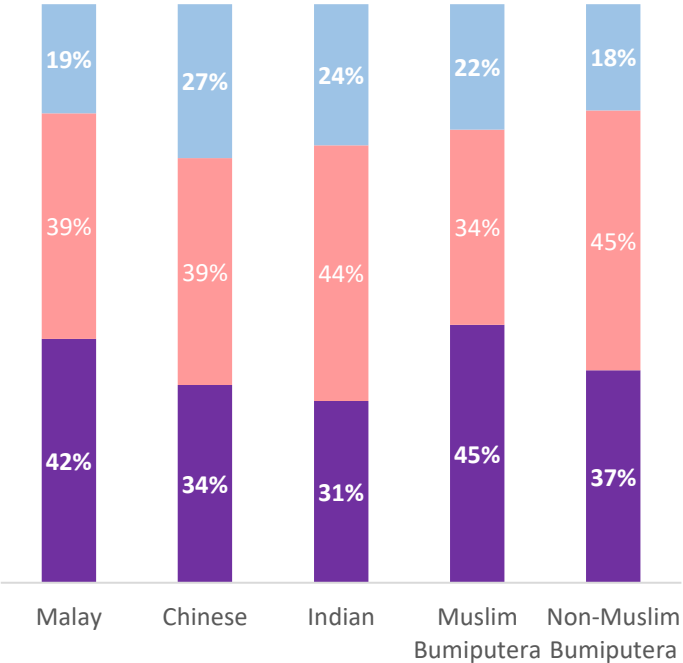
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“I feel more Malaysian”

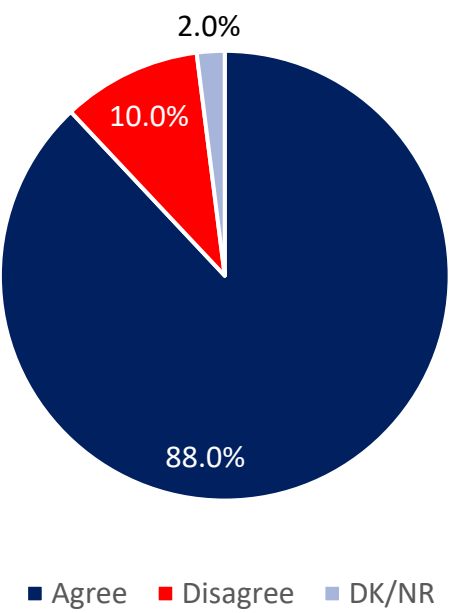


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# Multiculturalism & New Politics

## Develop New Political Thinking



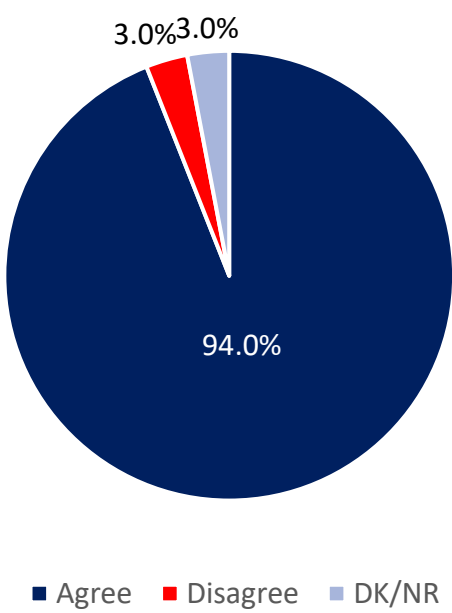
M	C	I	MB	NMB
84%	96%	97%	92%	93%

Male	Female	College	Non-College
86%	91%	89%	87%

18-22	23-27	28-30
92%	86%	86%

Q: . Malaysians need to develop new political thinking that is no longer premised on race and religious differences

## Multiculturalism & Inclusive Malaysian Identity



M	C	I	MB	NMB
93%	97%	98%	94%	91%

Male	Female	College	Non-College
94%	95%	95%	93%

18-22	23-27	28-30
95%	94%	94%

Q: . Malaysians need to put multiculturalism at the center of society and celebrate an inclusive Malaysian identity that embraces all races-religions

**~THANK YOU~**