

# Vaccine Attitudes and Trust: Key Takeaways from KFF Polling

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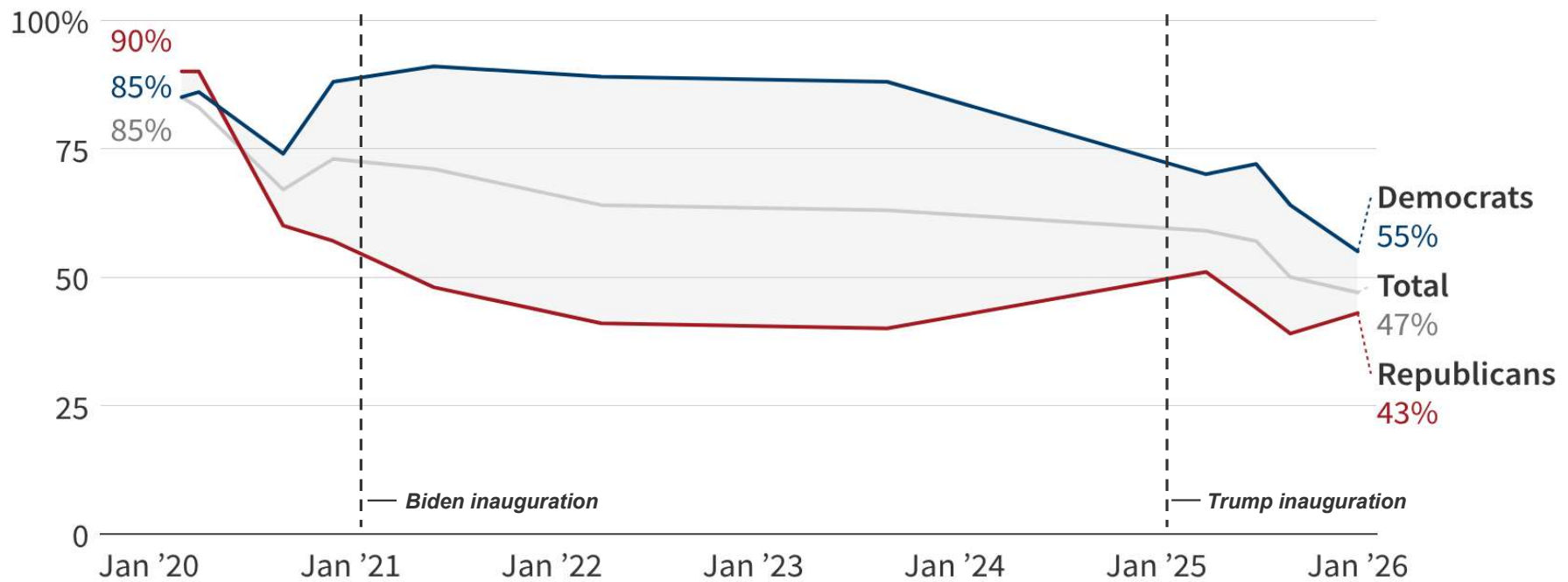
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# Trust in CDC for Health Info Has Declined Amid Changing Partisan Views

Percent who have a **great deal** or **fair amount** of trust in the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide reliable information about vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines, and coronavirus

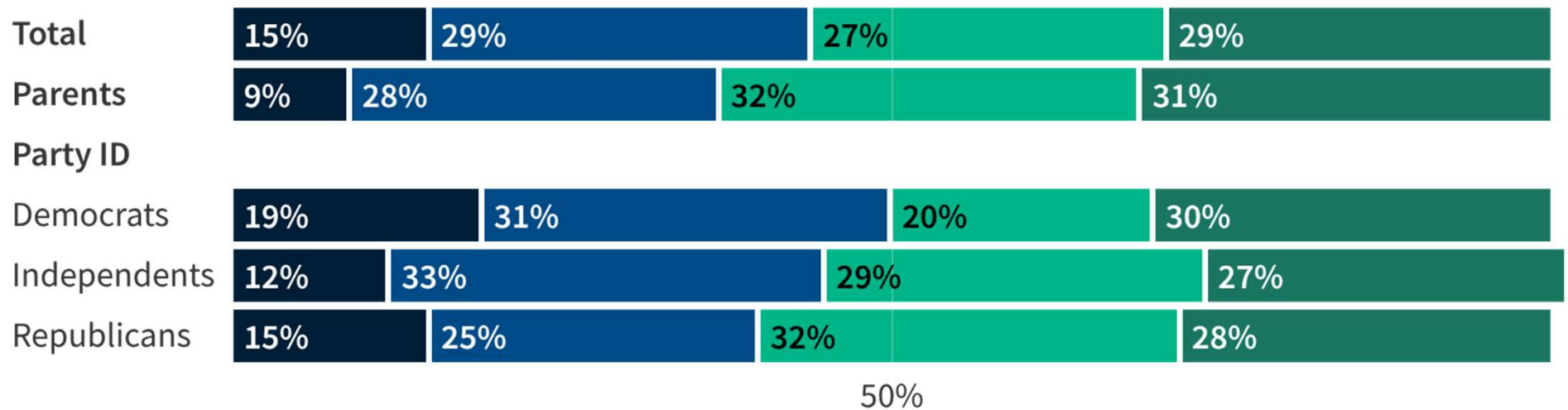


Note: Question wording changes over time. Source: KFF Health Tracking Polls/Tracking Polls on Health Information and Trust

# Less Than Half of U.S. Adults, Parents Are Confident in Federal Health Agencies To Make Recommendations for Childhood Vaccines

How much confidence do you have in federal government health agencies like the CDC and FDA to make recommendations about childhood vaccine schedules?

A lot
  Some
  A little
  None at all

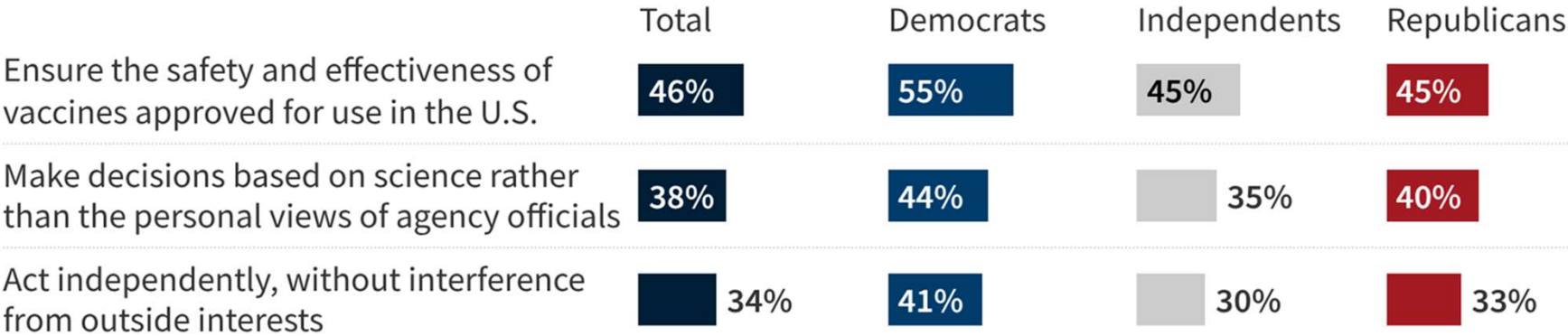


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# Across Partisanship, Fewer Than Half Are Confident in Government Health Agencies To Act Independently or To Make Decisions Based on Science

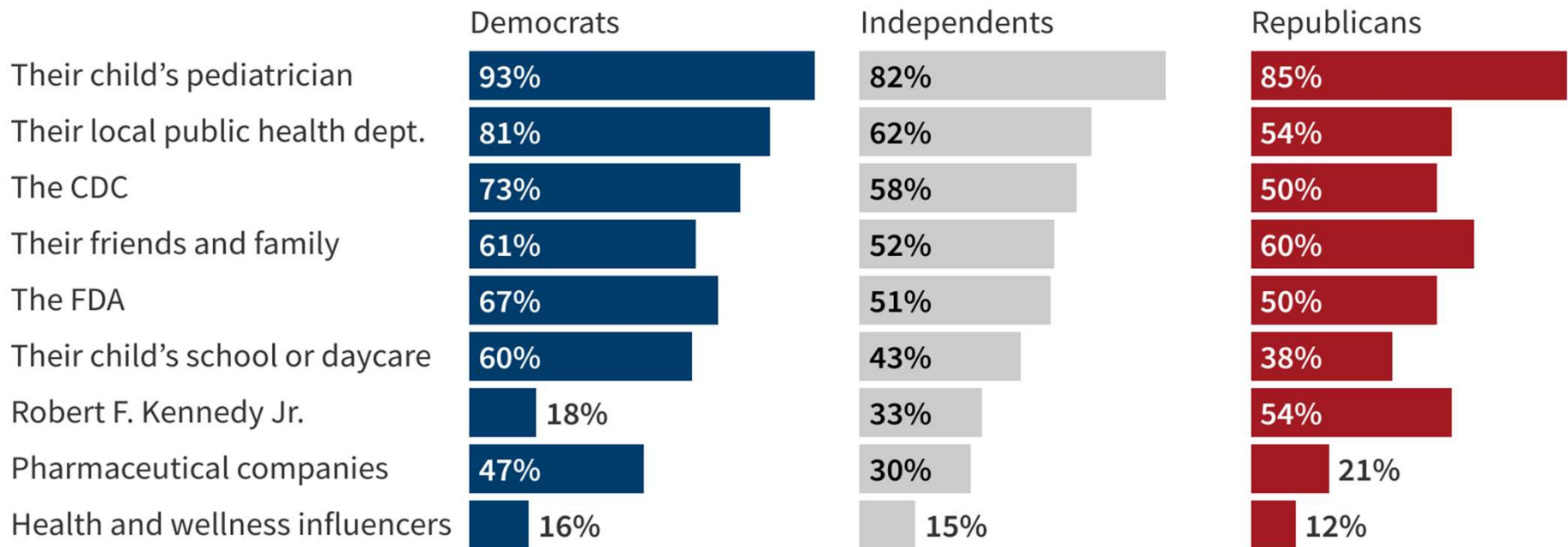
Percent who say they have a **lot** or **some** confidence in federal government health agencies like the FDA and FDA to do each of the following:



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# Parents Divide Along Partisan Lines on Trusted Sources of Vaccine Information

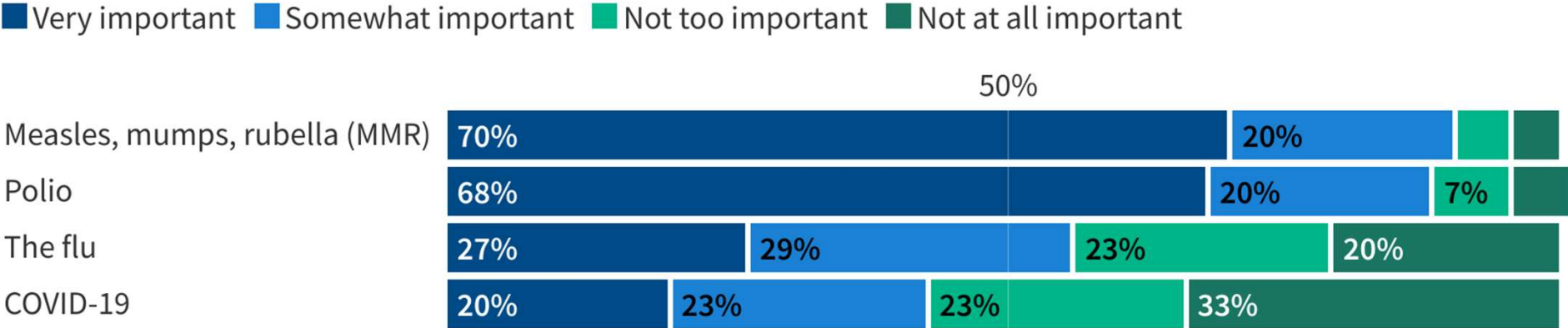
In general, how much do you trust each of the following to provide reliable information about vaccines?



Note: Among parents of children under age 18. See topline for full question wording.  
 Source: KFF/The Washington Post Survey of Parents (July 18-August 4, 2025)

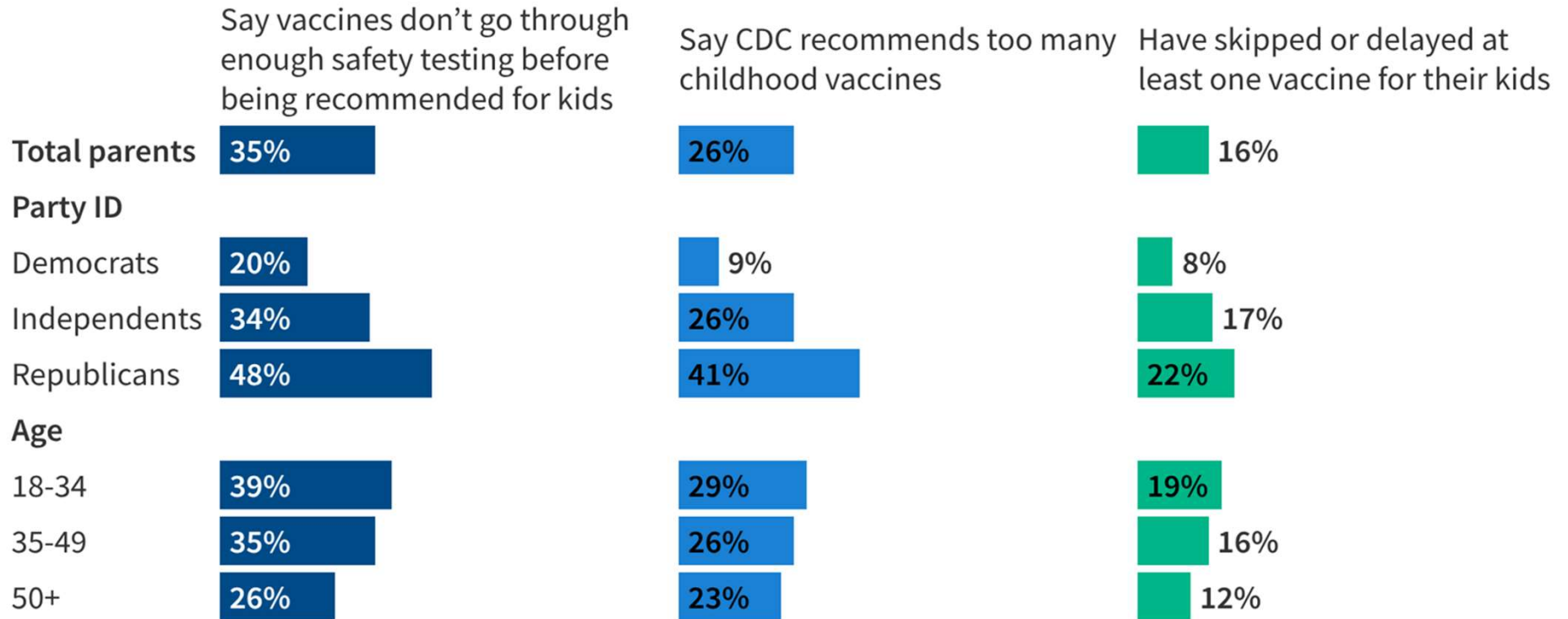
# Nine in Ten Parents Say It Is Important for Children To Be Vaccinated Against MMR and Polio, Fewer Say the Same About Flu and COVID-19

How important do you think it is for children in your community to be vaccinated for each of the following?



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# Parents' Vaccine Attitudes and Behaviors Diverge by Partisanship and Age

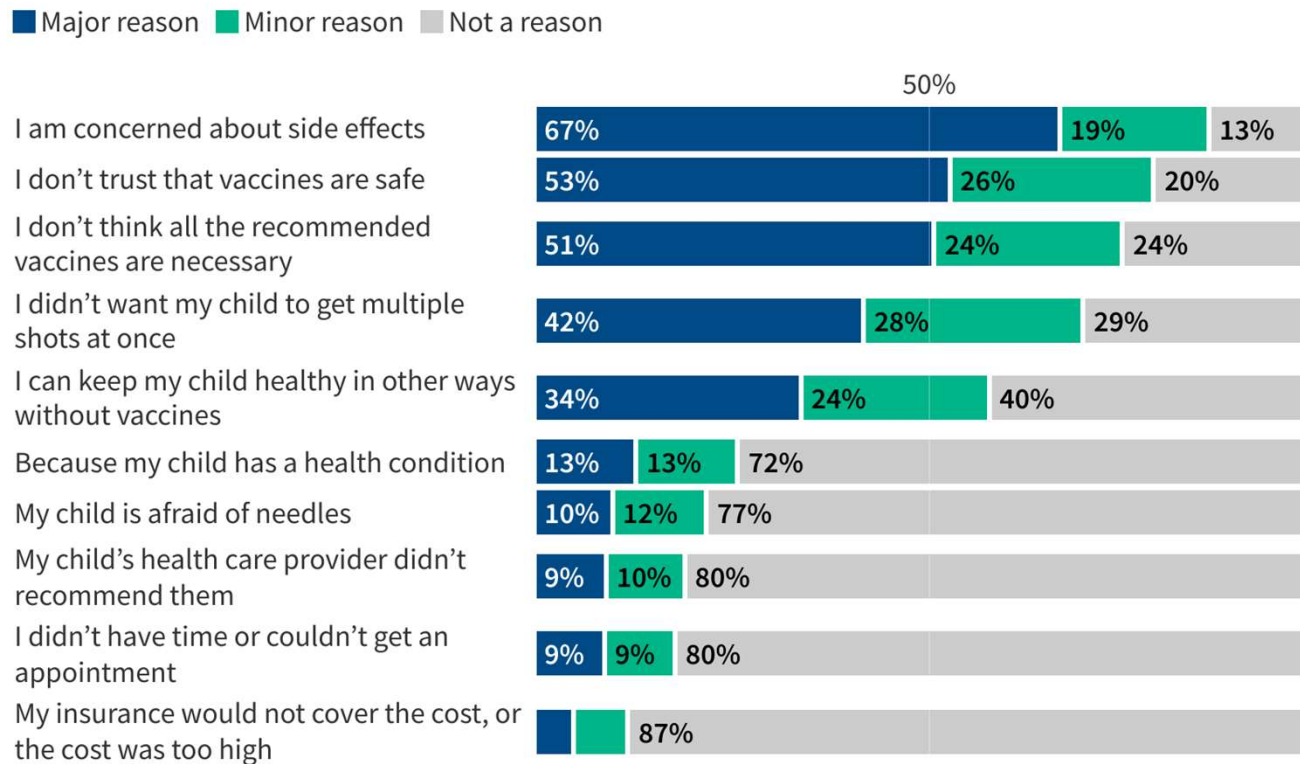


Note: Among parents of children under age 18. Independents include those who identify with 'Other' party. See topline for full question wording.

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# Parents who Skipped Vaccines for Their Children Cite Side Effects, Safety Concerns As Major Reasons

Is each of the following a major reason, minor reason, or not a reason why you delayed or skipped some vaccines for your child or children?



Note: Among the 16% of parents who report skipping or delaying any childhood vaccines for their children. See topline for full question wording.  
 Source: KFF/The Washington Post Survey of Parents (July 18-August 4, 2025)

# At Least Four In Ten Express Uncertainty When it Comes to Measles and Vaccine Myths

Do you think each of the following statements is true, false, or do you not know enough to say?

■ True ■ Don't know enough to say ■ False

*"Chronic diseases are likely rising because of an increase in the number of vaccines children get."*



*"The measles, mumps, rubella vaccines, also known as the MMR vaccines, can cause autism in children."*



*"The measles vaccine causes the same illness it is supposed to prevent."*



*"Vitamin A is an effective treatment for measles infections."*



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## About Half Have Heard About Recent Federal Changes to Recommended Vaccine Schedule, Including Across Partisanship

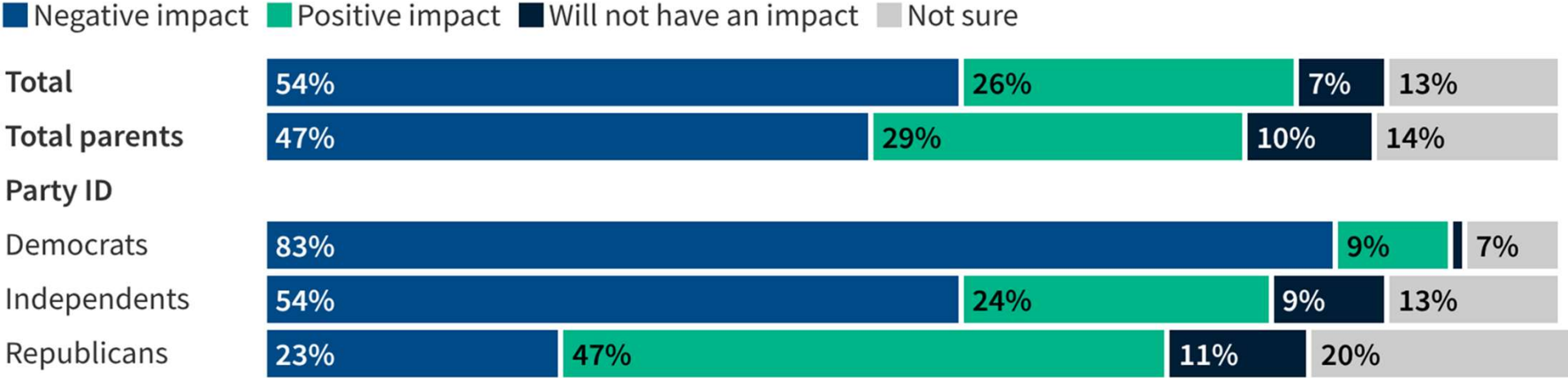
Percent who say they have read a **lot** or **some** about the recently announced changes to the recommended childhood vaccine schedule:



Note: Parents are parents or guardians of a child under the age of 18 living in their household. See topline for full question wording.  
Source: KFF Tracking Poll on Health Information and Trust (January 13-20, 2026)

# Among Those Who Have Heard of Recent Vaccine Schedule Changes, More Expect a Negative Rather Than a Positive Impact on Kids

Do you think the federal government’s recent update to the childhood vaccine schedule will have a negative impact on children’s health in the U.S. overall, a positive impact, or will it not impact children’s health in the U.S.?

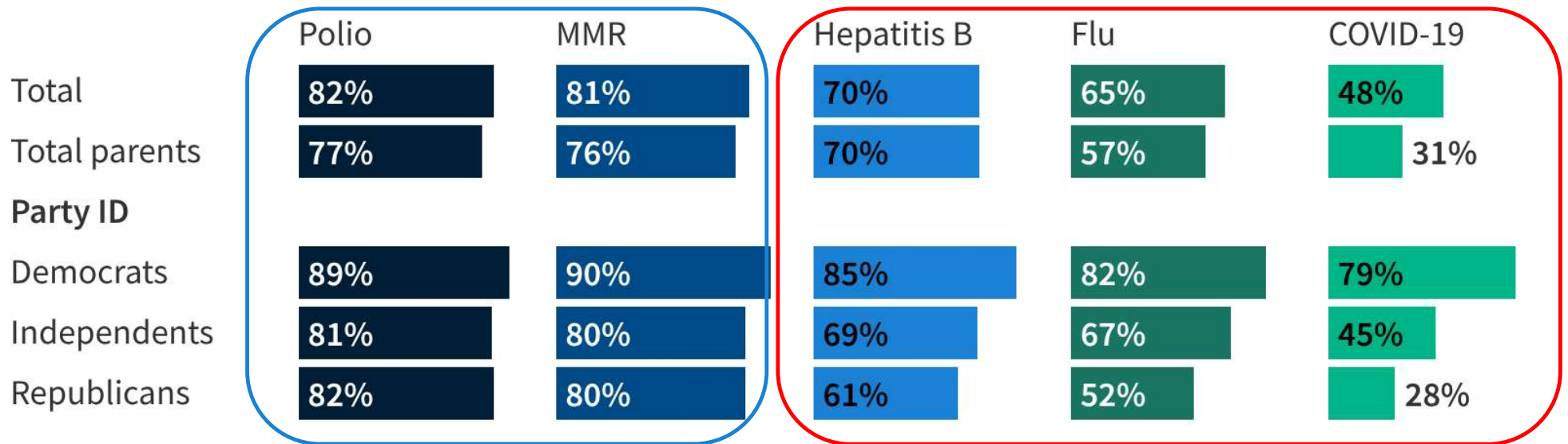


Note: Among those who said they have heard or read "a lot" or "some" about the federal government recently announcing changes to the recommended childhood vaccine schedule. See topline for full question wording.

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# Large Majorities Confident in MMR and Polio Vaccine Safety, Partisans Divide on COVID-19, Flu, and Hep-B Vaccine Safety for Kids

Percent who say they are **very or somewhat confident** that the following vaccines are safe for children:



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