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Many Americans believe that the economy and their finances are worse than they really are

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Why do so many Americans think the economy is bad when the data says otherwise?

Bloomberg

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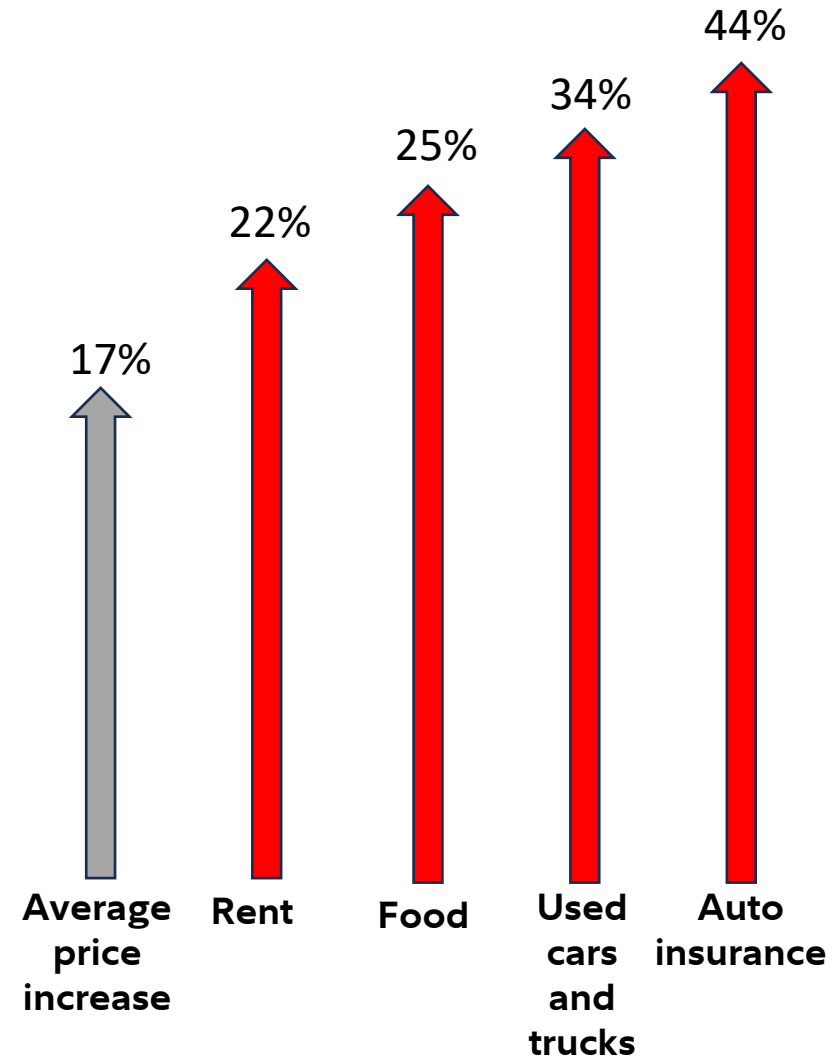
Why Americans Are So Down on a Strong Economy

OPINION
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Why Are Americans Still Down on the Economy?

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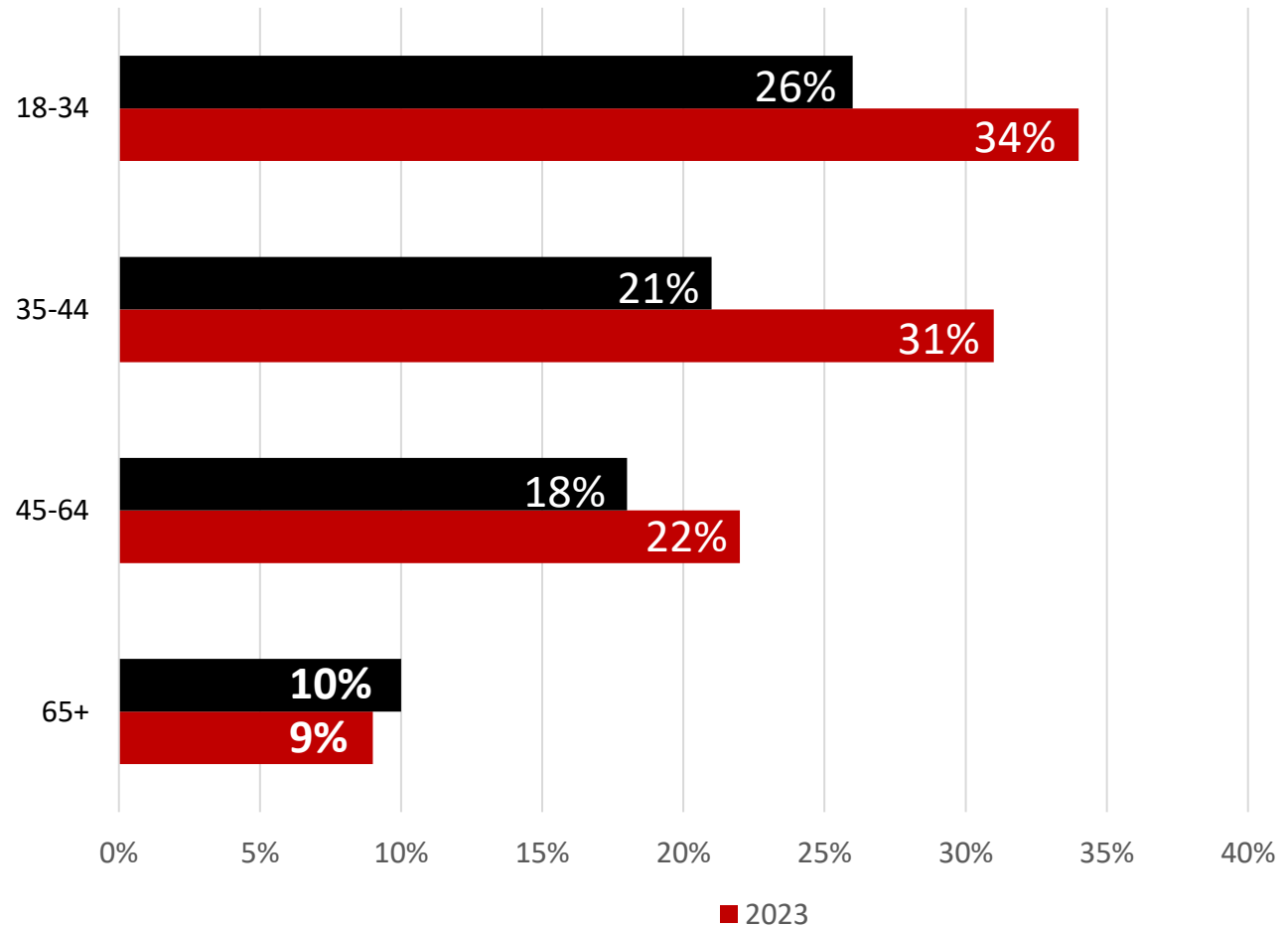
Since 2020, the average basket of goods and services jumped 17%



PRE-AND POST-PANDEMIC STRESS LEVELS BY AGE

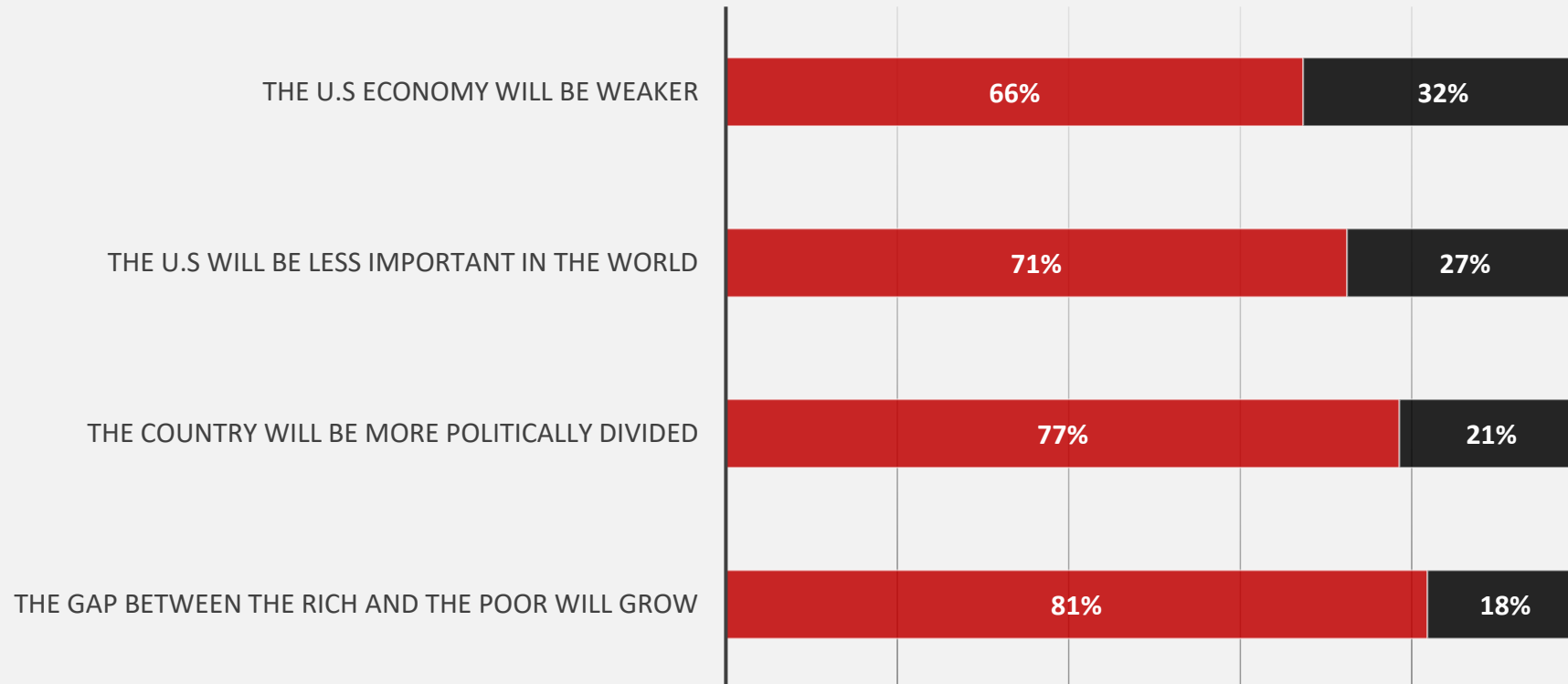
% OF ADULTS WHO RATED AVERAGE STRESS BETWEEN EIGHT AND TEN

+5
Stress levels overall
have increased by
5 points since 2019,
increasing from 19%
in 2019 to 24% in
2023



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Large shares of Americans see country in decline



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