

2017 US FOSTER CARE ATTITUDES SURVEY

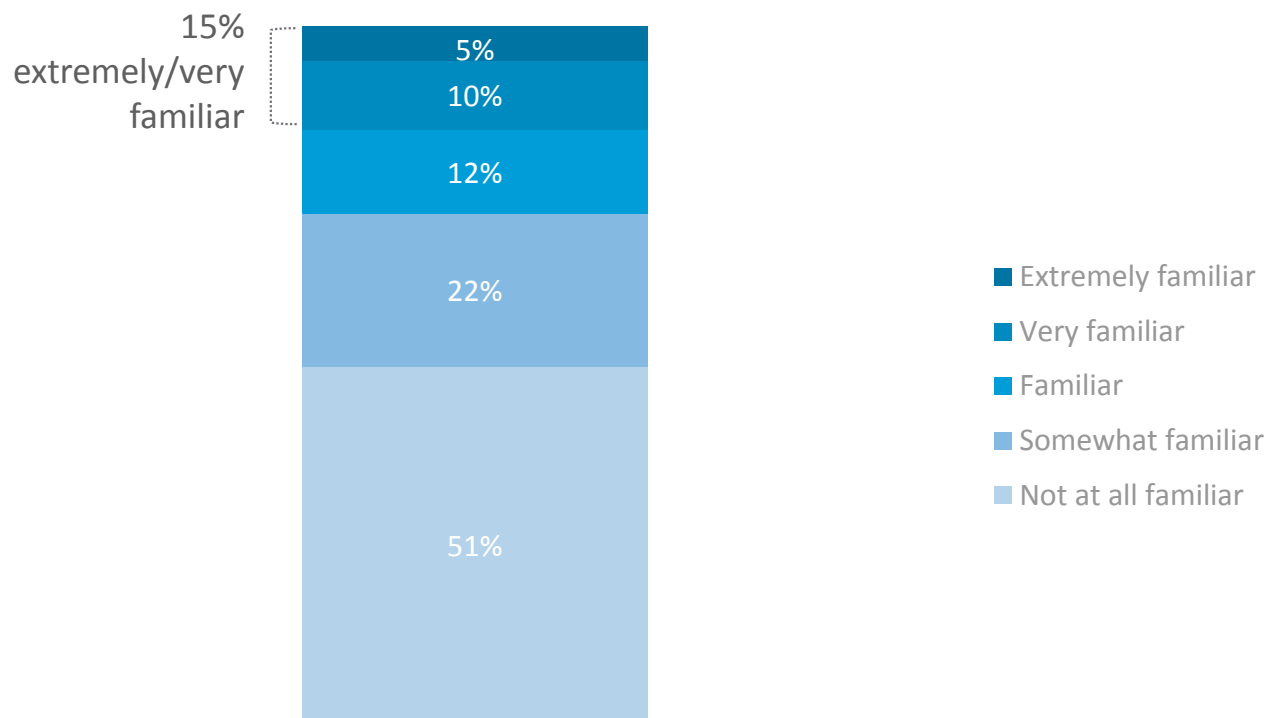
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FAMILIARITY WITH FOSTER PARENTS ROLE

Over half of adults say they are not at all familiar with what foster parents do to care for children who have been abused or neglected.

Familiarity with Foster Parent Role in Caring for Abused/Neglected Children

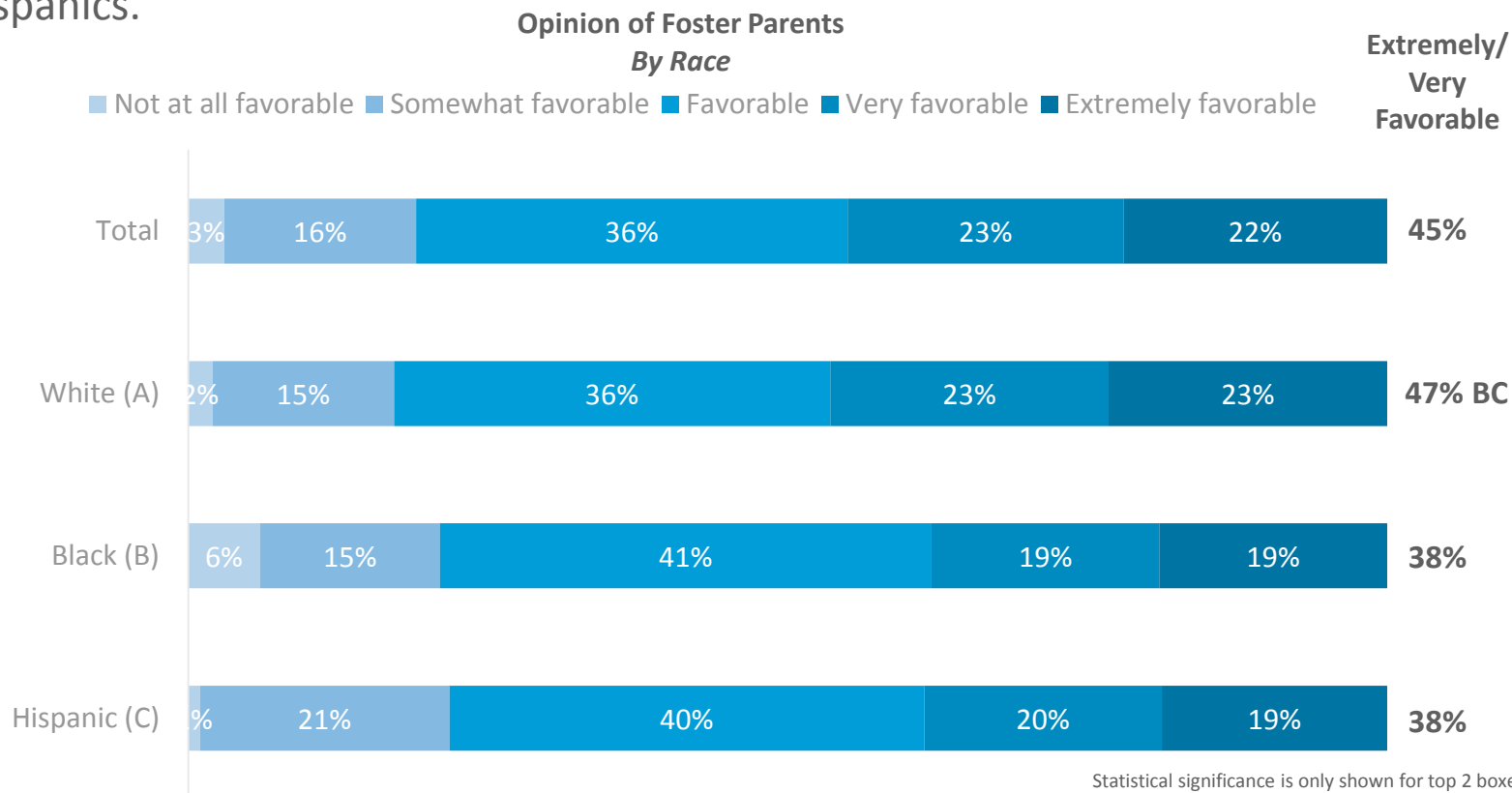


Base: All Qualified Respondents (n=1448)

Q832. How familiar are you with what foster parents do to care for children who have been abused or neglected?

OPINION OF FOSTER PARENTS BY RACE

Over 4 in 10 Americans say they feel extremely/very favorable towards foster care parents. White adults are more likely favorable of foster parents, compared to Blacks and Hispanics.

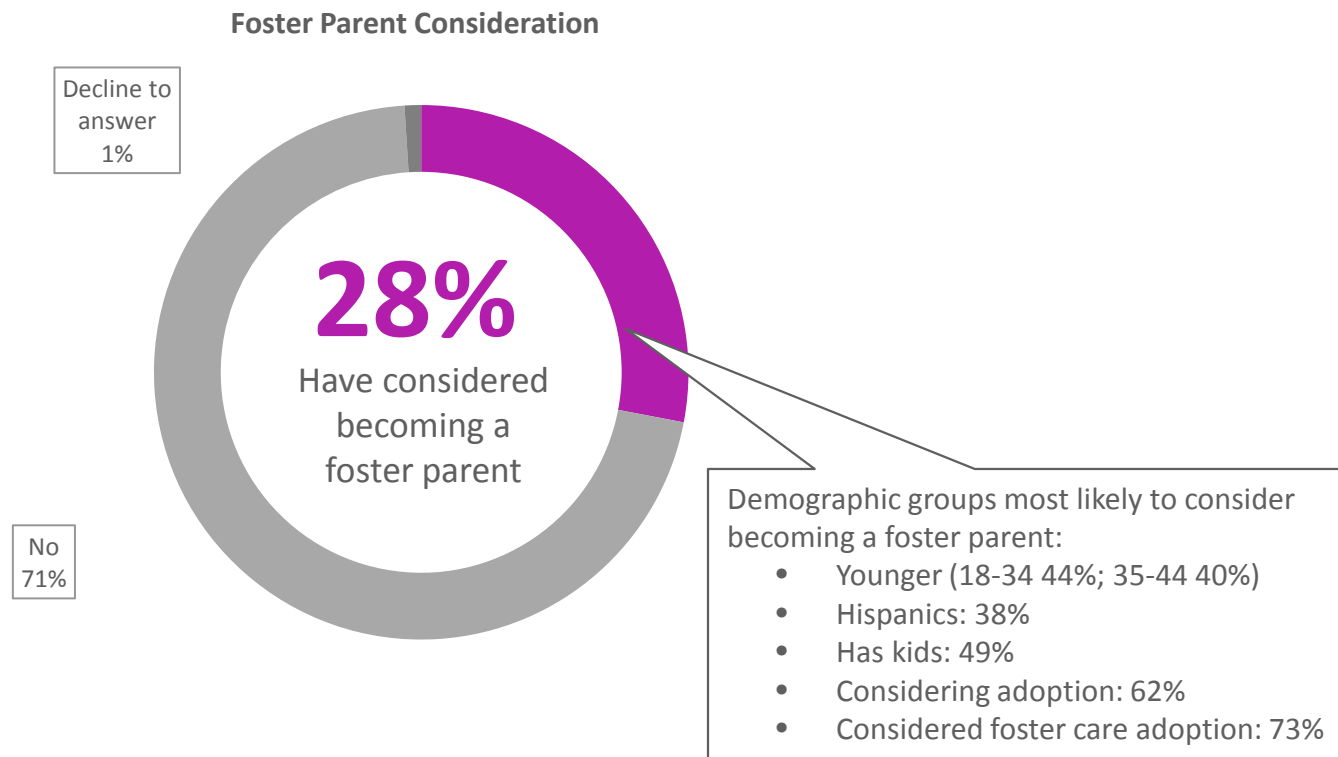


Base: All qualified respondents. (White n=1039, Black n=267, Hispanic n=289)

Q806. In general, what is your opinion of adoption of a child from the foster care system?

FOSTER PARENT CONSIDERATION

Nearly 3 in 10 American adults have considered becoming a foster parent.



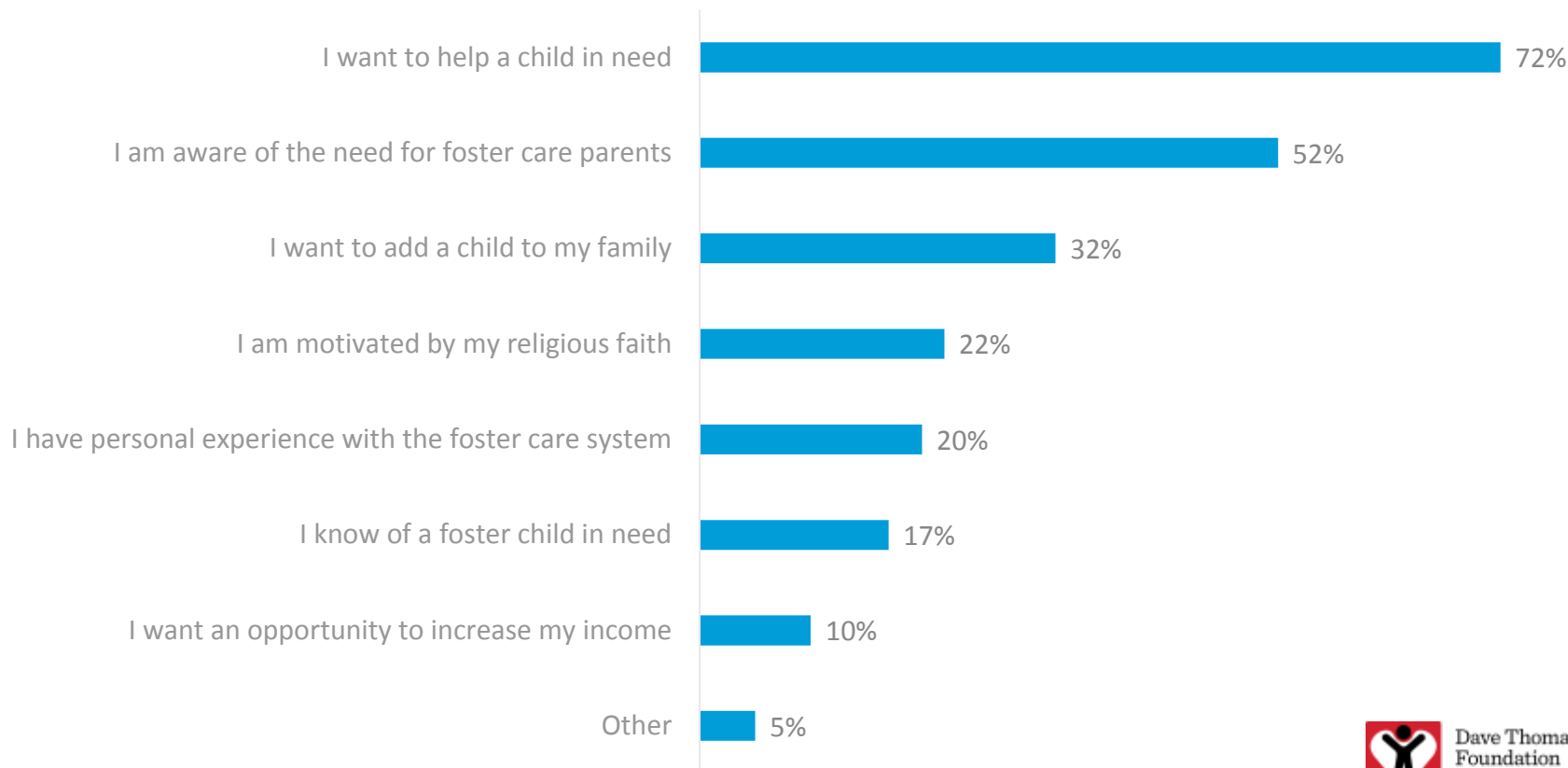
Base: All Qualified Respondents (n=1448)

Q772. Have you ever considered becoming a foster parent (i.e., a person who acts as parent and guardian for a child in place of the child's natural parents but without legally adopting the child)?

REASONS FOR CONSIDERING BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT

Over 7 in 10 say they are considering becoming a foster parent to help a child in need, while half are aware of the need for foster parents.

Reasons for Considering Becoming a Foster Parent
Base: Considered Becoming a Foster Parent



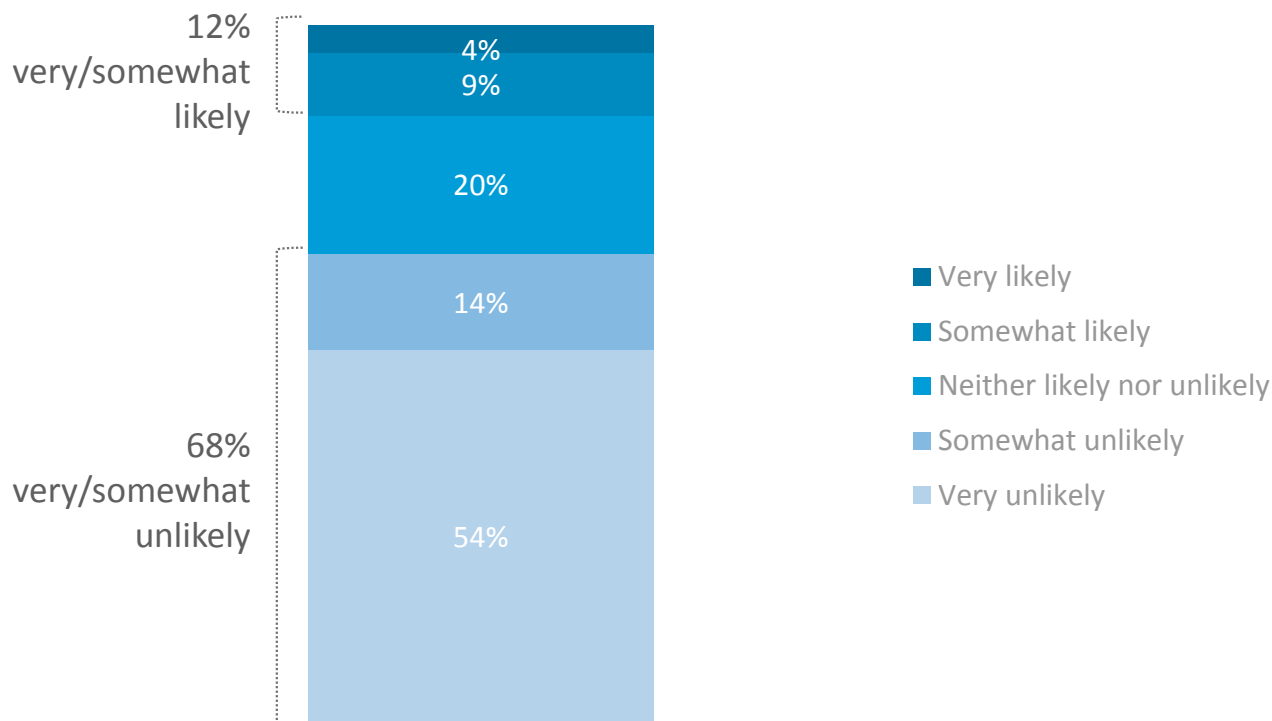
Base: Has considered becoming a foster parent (n=408)

Q773. Which of the following are reasons you have considered becoming a foster parent?

LIKELIHOOD OF BECOMING FOSTER PARENT WITH ACCESS TO RESOURCES

Being presented with adequate resources has little effect on the likelihood to become a foster parent among those who are not currently considering it.

Likelihood of Considering Foster Parent with Proper Resources
Base: Has not considered becoming a foster parent



Base: Has not considered becoming a foster parent (n=1025)

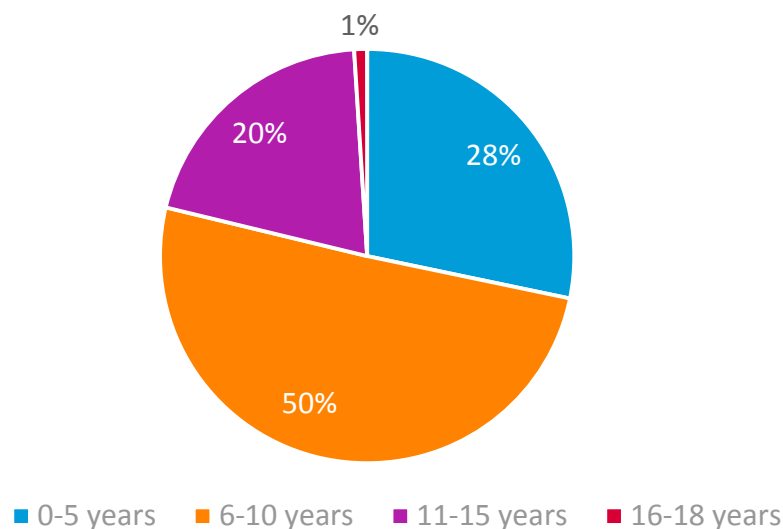
Q774. How likely would you be to consider becoming a foster parent if you were certain that you would receive adequate support in caring for a child placed in your home?

AVERAGE AGE OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE AVAILABLE TO BE ADOPTED

On average, adults closely estimate the average age of children in foster care.

Estimated Average Age of Children in Foster Care Available to be Adopted

Estimated age (mean): 8.1 years
Actual as of 2015 (mean): 8.6 years



Base: All qualified respondents (n=1448)

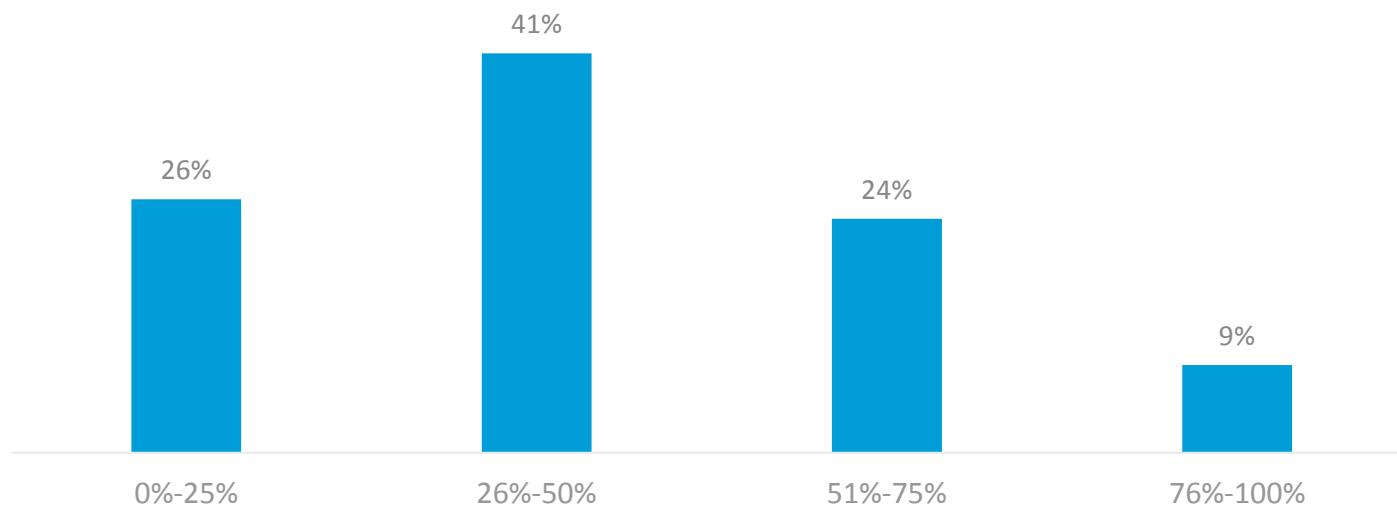
Q840a. Based on what you know of adoption, what do you think is the average age of children in foster care that are available to be adopted in the US?

PERCENT OF CHILDREN AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

Over 4 in 10 say 26%-50% of children age out of foster care (45.5% on average), far above the actual percentage of 9%.

Estimated Average Percent of Children Who Age Out of Foster Care

Estimated percentage (mean): 45.5%
Actual as of 2015: 9%



Base: All qualified respondents (n=1448)

Q860. What percent of children do you think become adults (i.e., turn 18 or 21 depending on the state) and leave the foster care system in the US without being adopted?
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/index.htm