

# Attitudes on Food Technology and Global Sustainability

A Presentation to IAMA

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#### Methodology

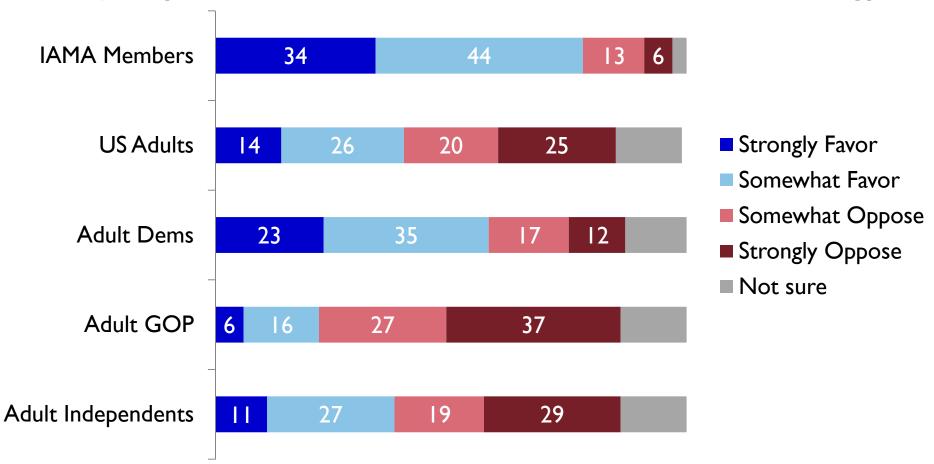
Sample	Sample Size	Margin of Error	Start Date	End Date
U.S Adults	2,100	+/- 2.2%	5/28/10	6/1/10
IAMA Members	306	+/- 5.7%	5/28/10	6/15/10

U.S. adults were surveyed from Zogby International's online panel, which is representative of the adult population of the U.S. Slight weights were added to region, party, age, race, religion, gender, education to more accurately reflect the population.

All subgroups (Adult Democrats, Adults 18-29, etc) are subgroups of the sample of U.S. adults. Margins of error are higher in subgroups.

IAMA members were surveyed from the IAMA member directory. All members were sent an email invitation and reminder email for the survey.

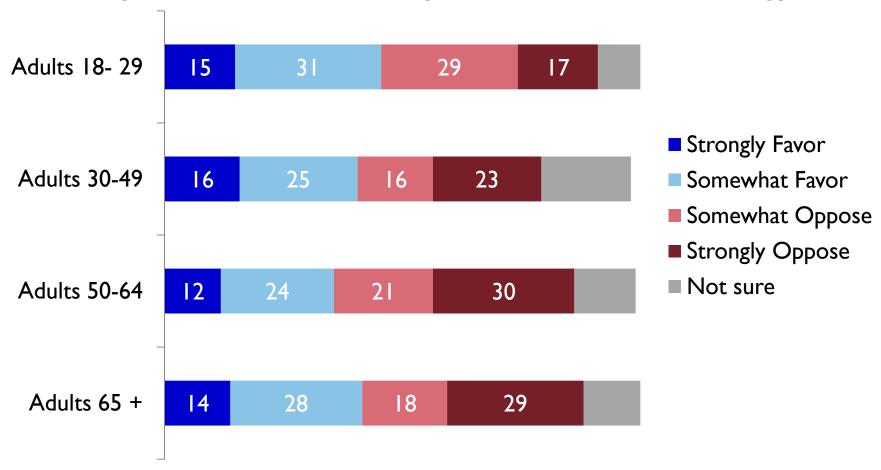
#### Majority of IAMA members favor use of biotechnology



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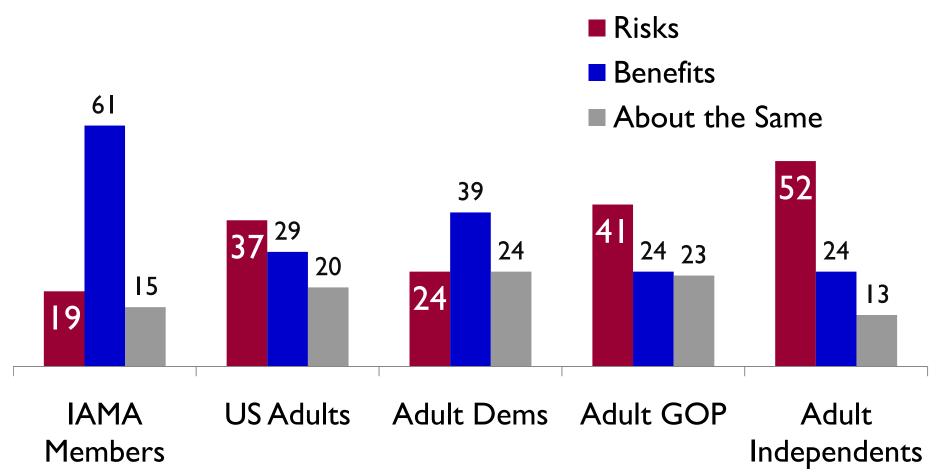
#### Younger adults more likely to favor biotechnology



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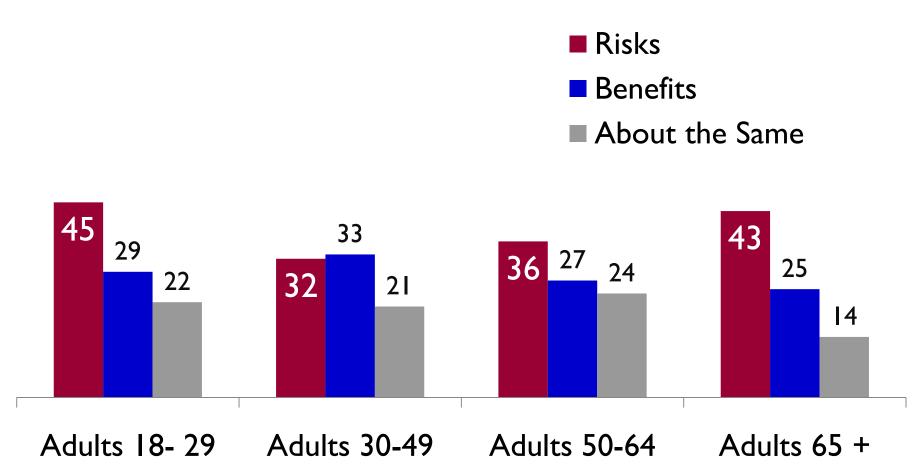


<sup>\*</sup>Question 2 asked of half of sample (Question 3 asked of other half)

Q2. Overall, which do you feel is greater – the environmental risks or environmental benefits of using biotechnology to genetically modify plants, animals, fish, or trees?



When genetic modification is mentioned, both younger and older adults believe biotechnology risks outweigh benefits

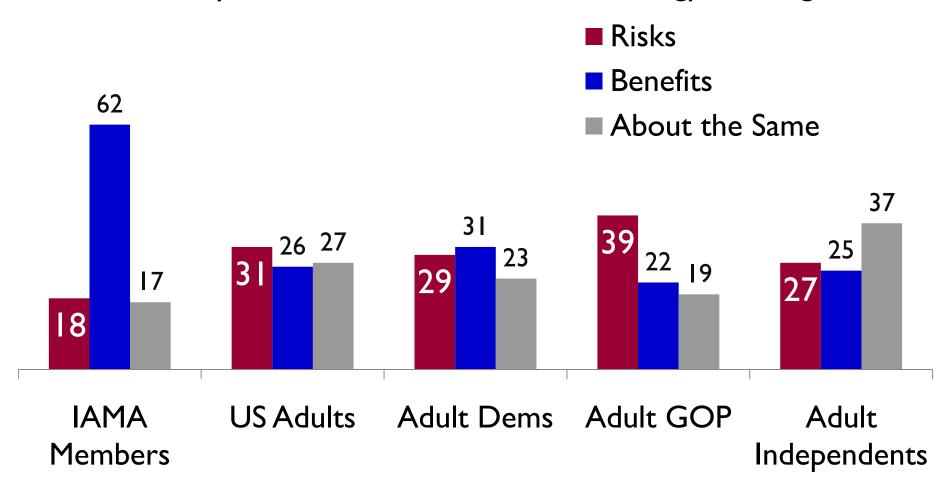


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When genetic modification is **not** mentioned, IAMA members still most likely to believe benefits of biotechnology outweigh risks

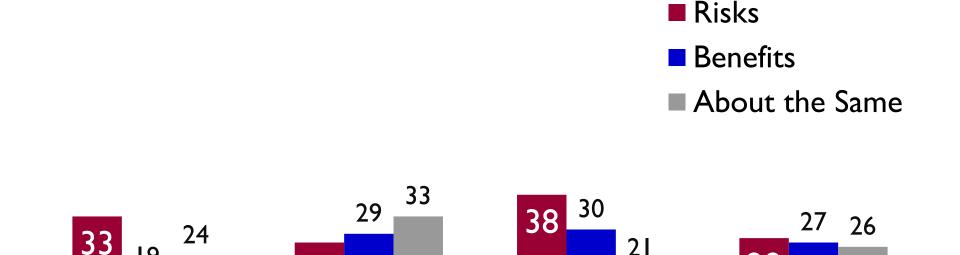


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Q3. Overall, which do you feel is greater – the environmental risks or environmental benefits of biotechnology?



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Adults 18- 29 Adults 30-49 Adults 50-64 Adults 65 +

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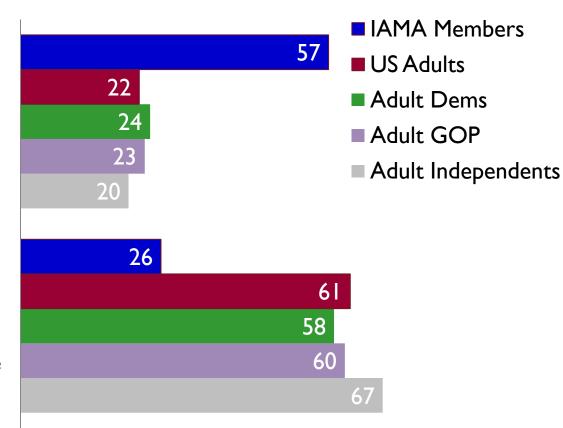
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#### IAMA members are only group to believe GMOs are safe

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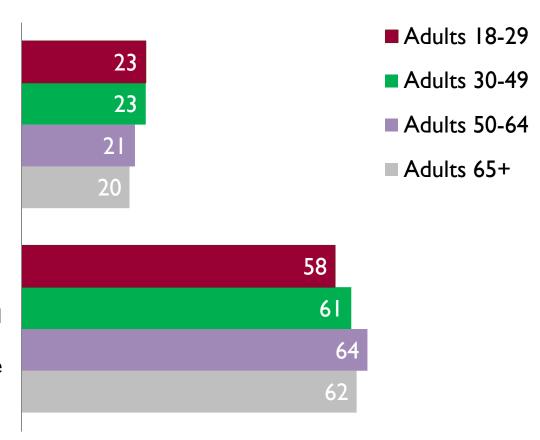
Q4. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?



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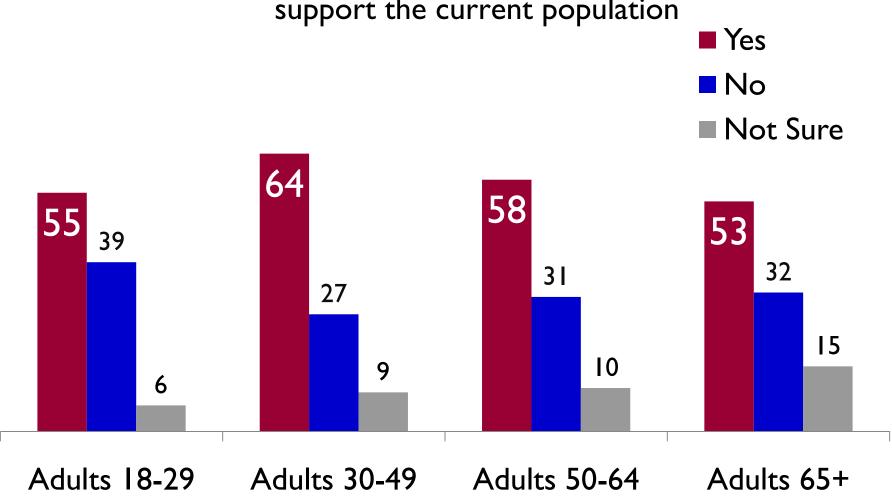
Majorities of most groups believe sufficient food is produced to support the current population ■ Yes No ■ Not Sure 49 31 30 21 10 **IAMA US Adults** Adult Dems Adult GOP Adult

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Independents



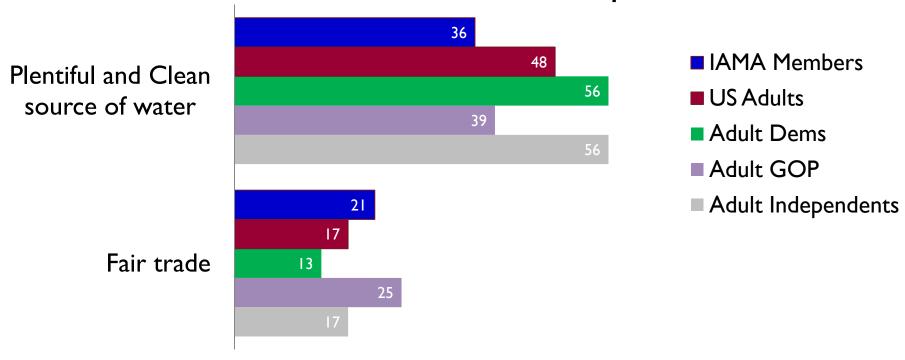
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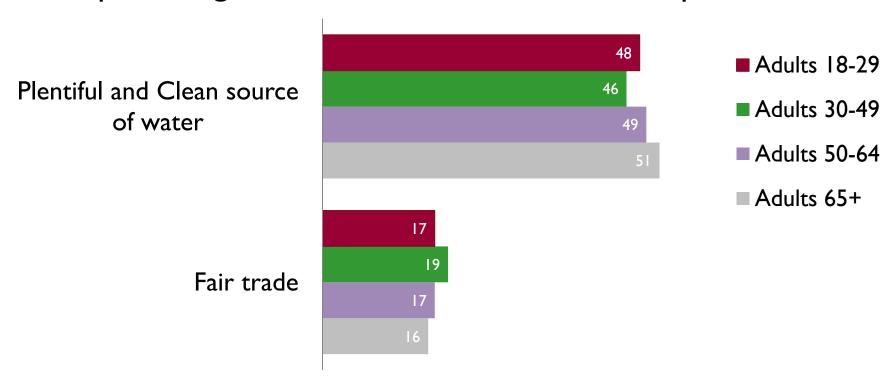


Q6. Which of the following do you think is the most important factor in providing sustainable conditions for food production?

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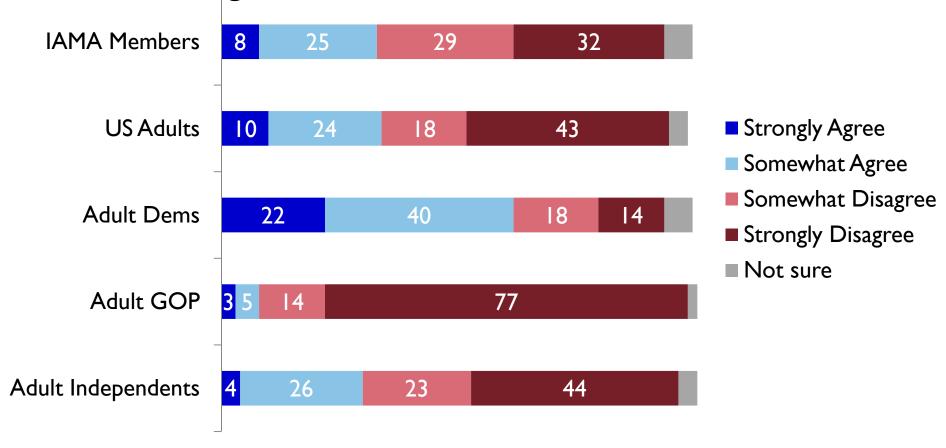
### All age groups see water, fair trade as important factors in providing sustainable conditions for food production.



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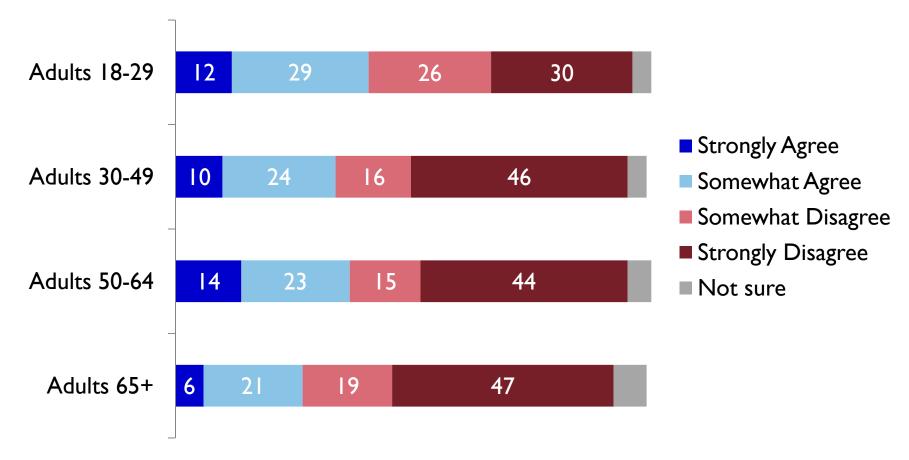
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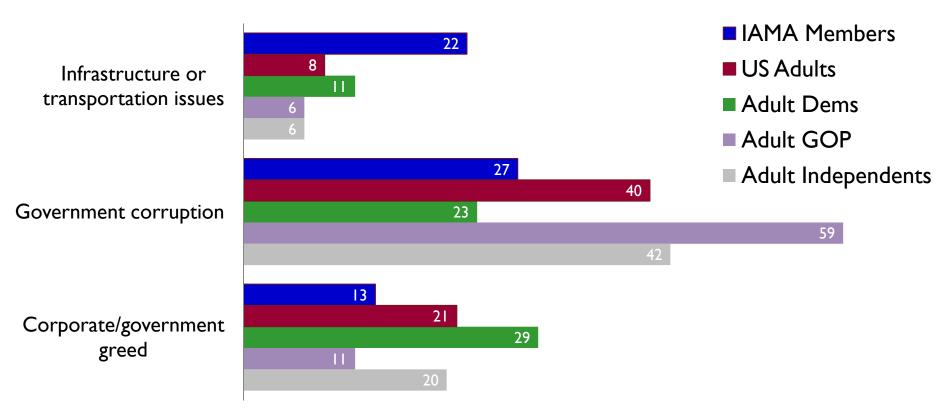
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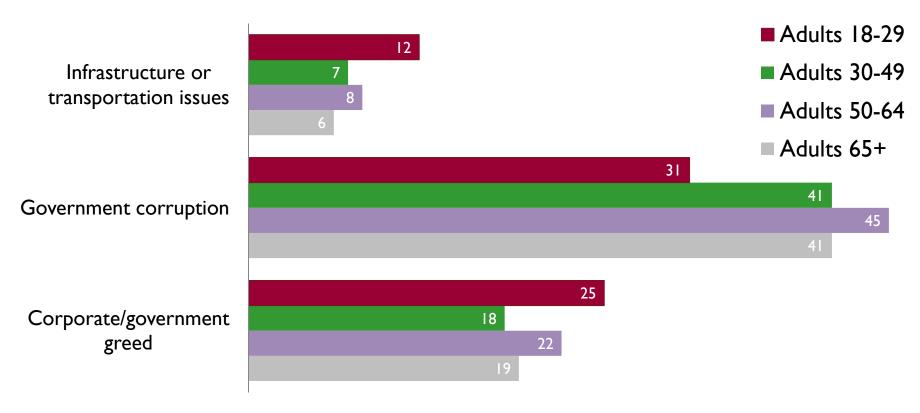


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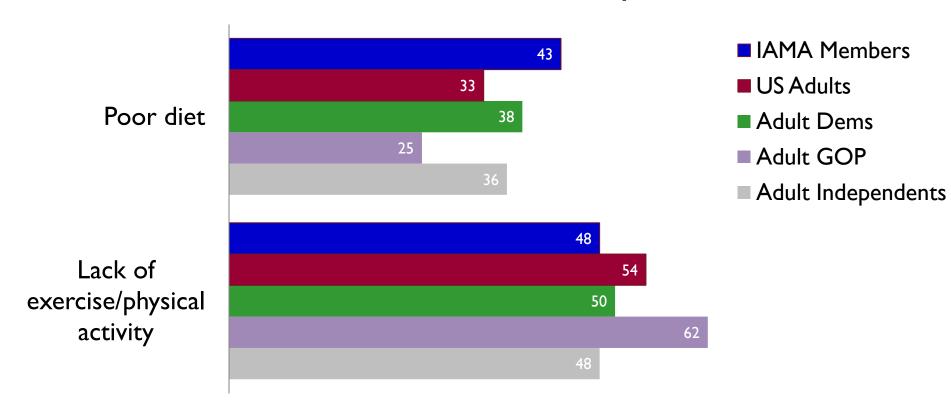


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## Lack of exercise, poor diet are frequently named as primary reason for child obesity

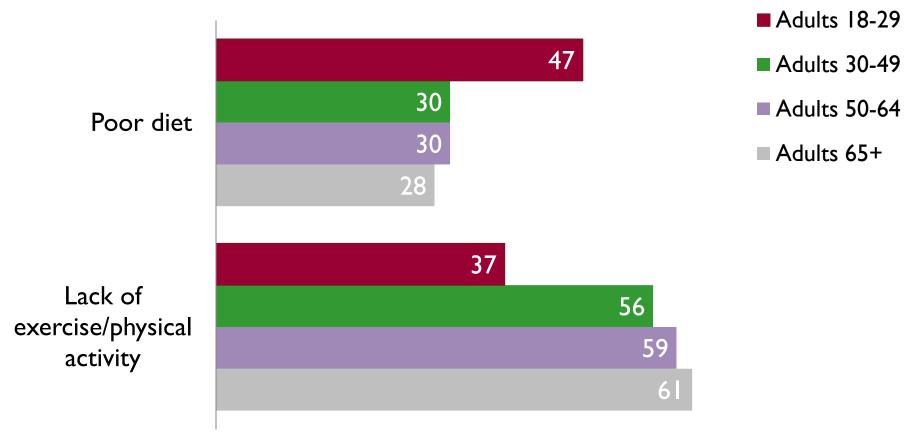


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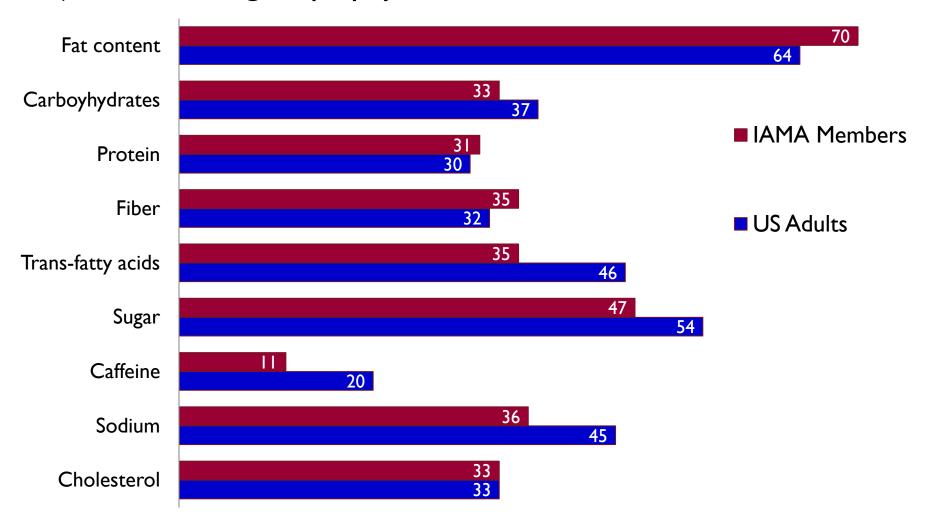
## Younger adults are more likely to identify poor diet as reason for childhood obesity



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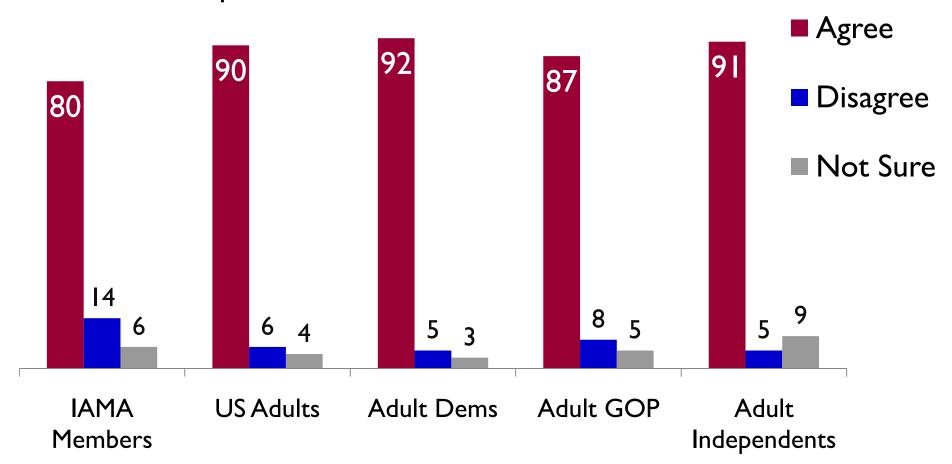
#### Majorities of all groups pay most attention to fat content of food



Q10. To which of the following do you pay attention when selecting what you eat? (Choose all that apply.)



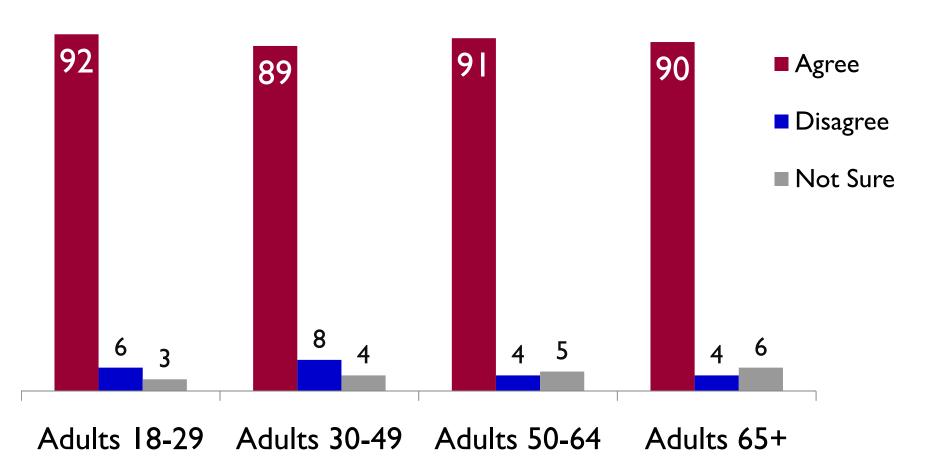
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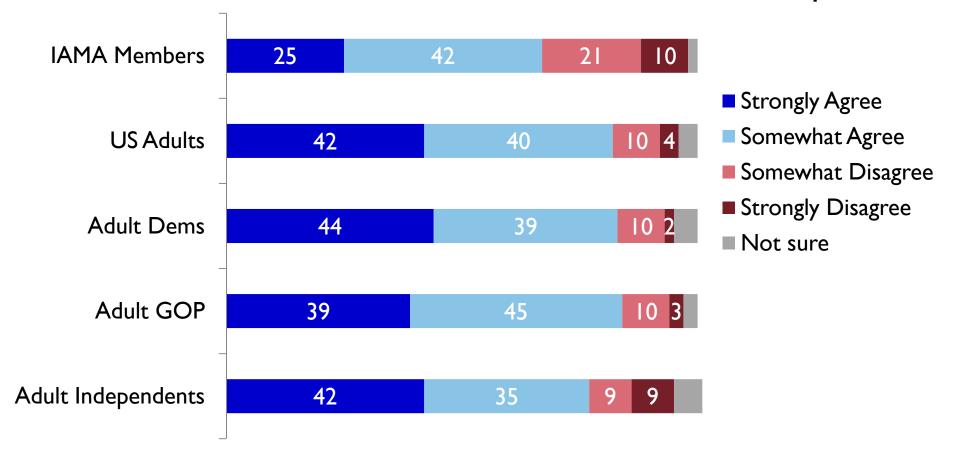


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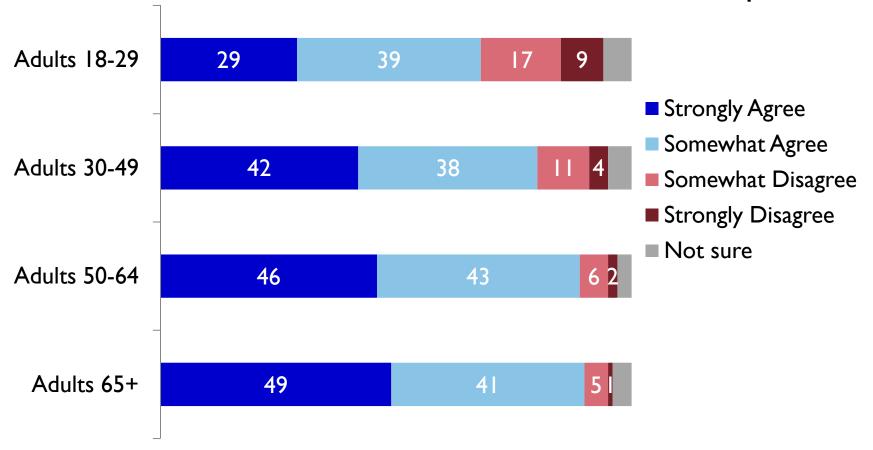
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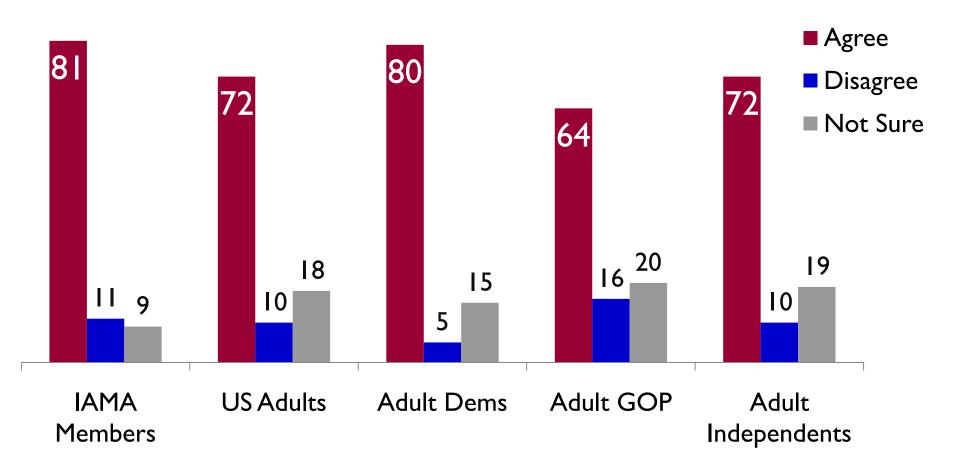
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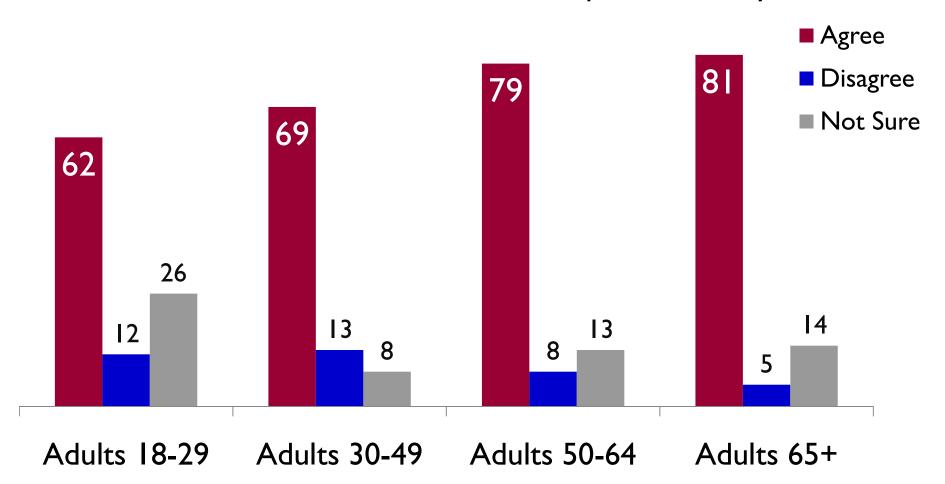
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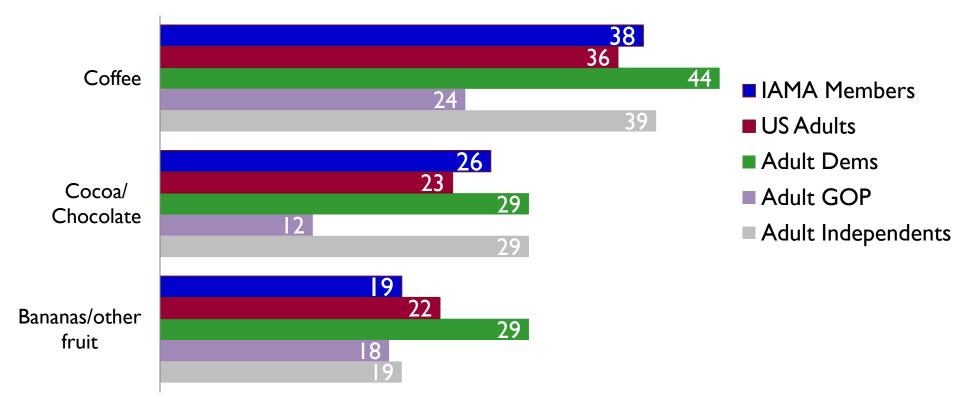
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## Purchase decisions on coffee, cocoa/chocolate, and bananas/other fruit are most likely to be affected by fair trade status

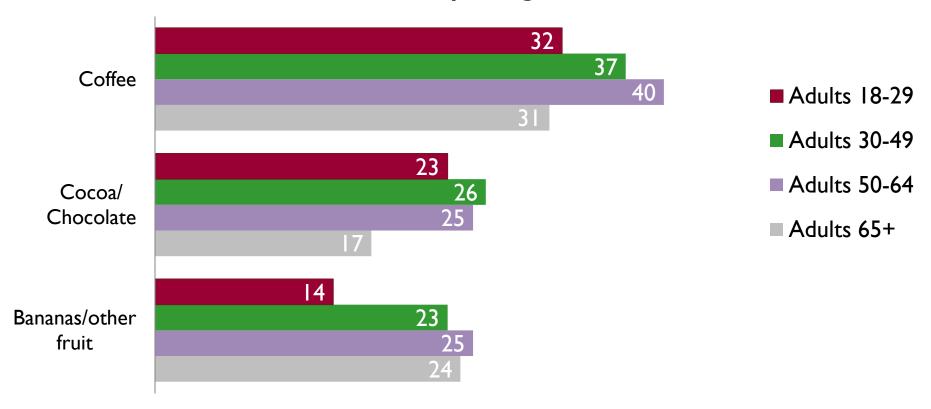


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Q14. For which of the following products, do you take into consideration if it is a fair trade product when buying any of the following? (Choose all that apply.)



Adults in middle age groups are more likely to pay attention to fair trade status than younger or older adults.

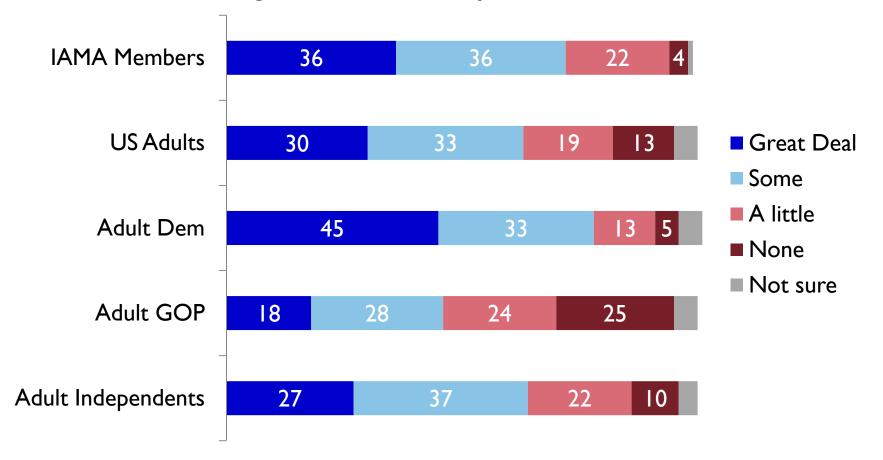


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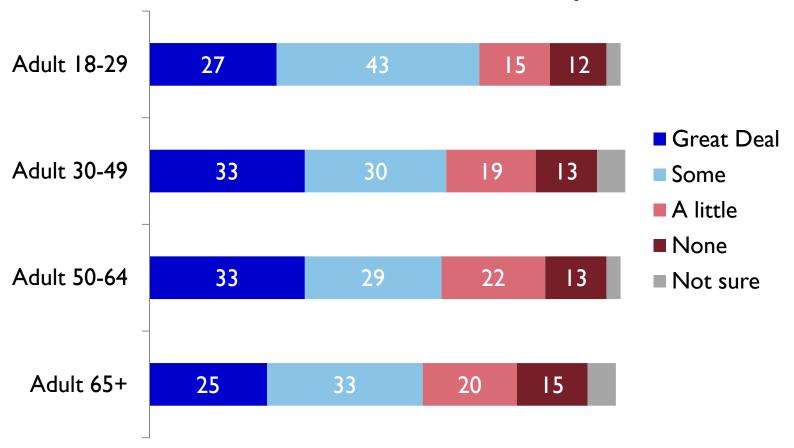


Democrats, IAMA Members most likely to believe consumer buying habits have a "great deal" of impact on issues like sustainability



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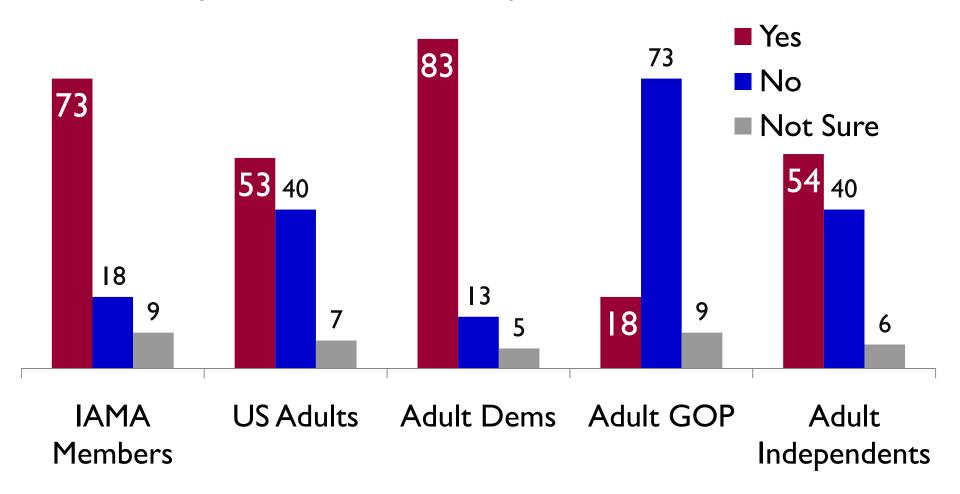
## All age groups believe that buying habits have at least some impact on issues like sustainability



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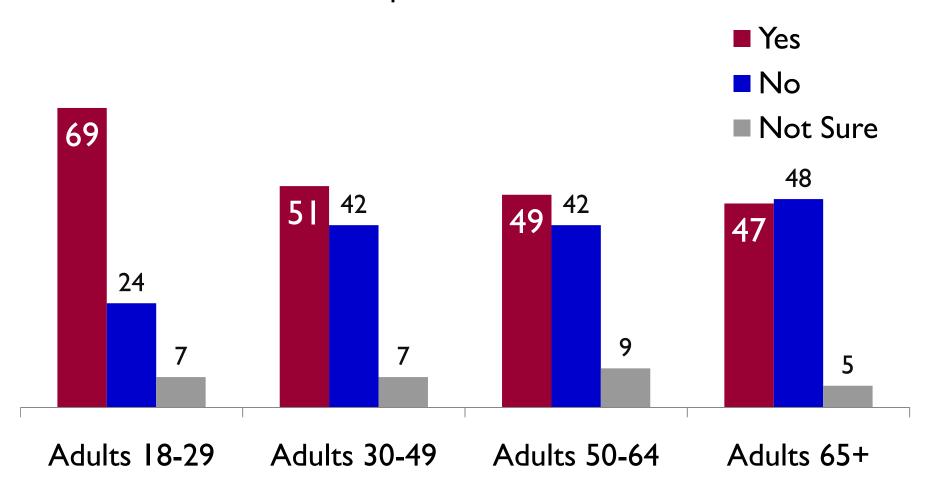


Democrats and IAMA members are most likely to believe that actions of any one nation have an impact on the earth's climate.



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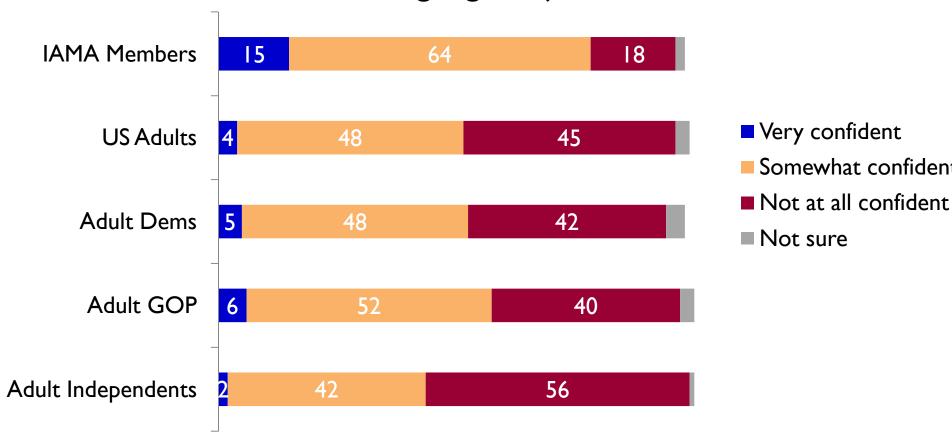
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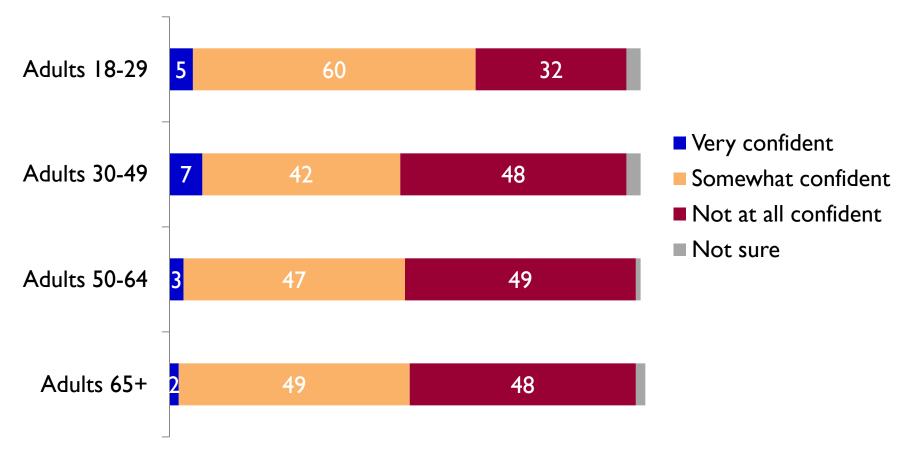
# IAMA members are most confident that food safety agencies are doing a good job



Q17. When thinking about food safety and security, how confident are you that the agencies responsible for food safety and inspection are doing a good job?



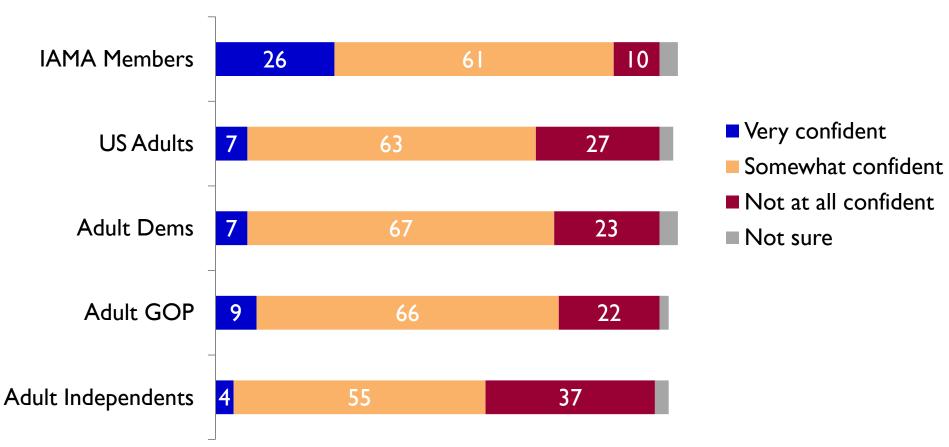
# Pluralities of most age groups are "somewhat confident" that food safety agencies are doing a good job



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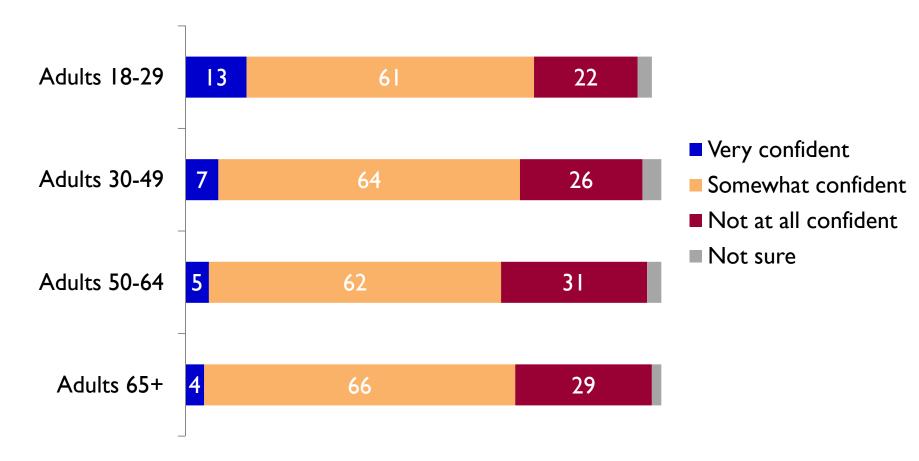


# IAMA members are most confident that food safety certification indicates protection from food borne illness.



Q18. When you see that your food has been certified by a food safety professional, how confident are you that you are protected from food borne illness?

Majorities of all age groups are "somewhat confident" that food safety certification indicates protection from food borne illness.



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