

Issues shaping the election in Montana

Education slightly higher priority overall in Montana, but with low intensity – 28% say “very important” and 45% only say “fairly important”

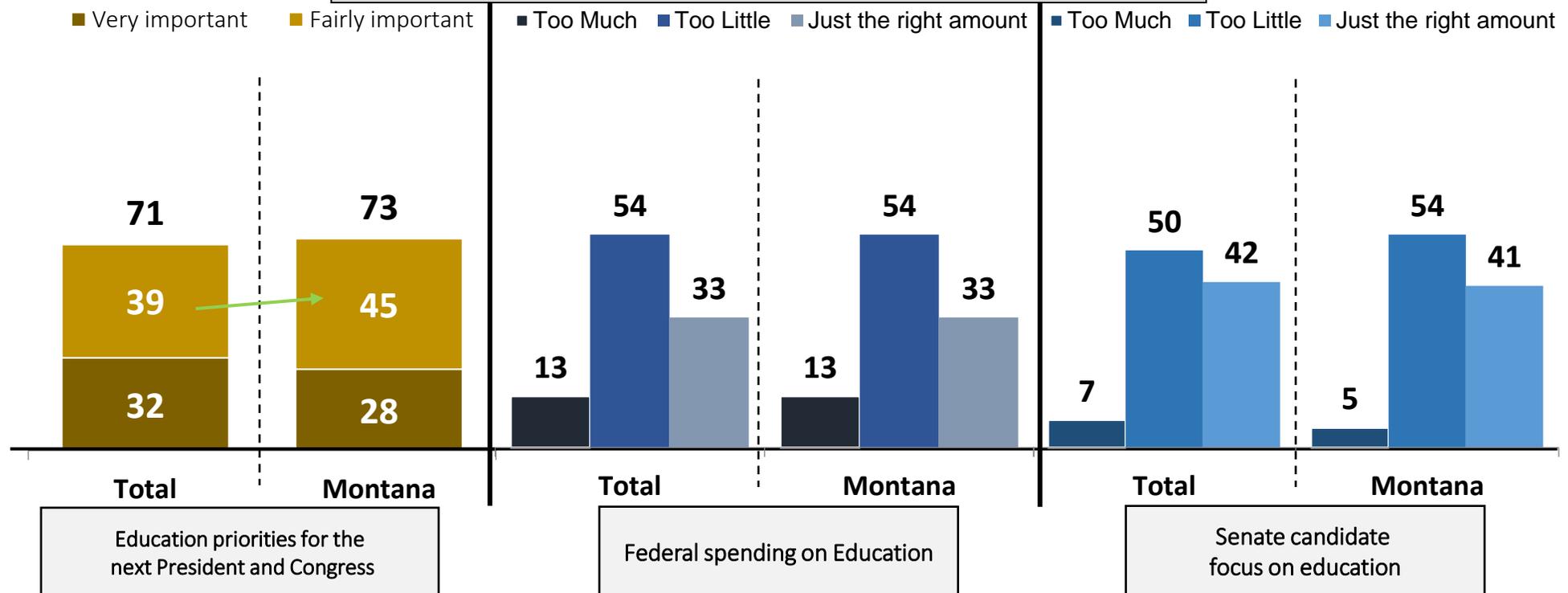
How important do you think it should be for the next President and Congress to make education a top national priority?

From what you know, you would say the federal government is spending too much, too little, or the right amount on Education right now?

From what you know, would you say the candidates for Senate in your state are focused too much, too little, or the right amount on education issues right now?

FEDERAL FOCUS ON EDUCATION

BATTLEGROUND VS. MONTANA COMPARISON

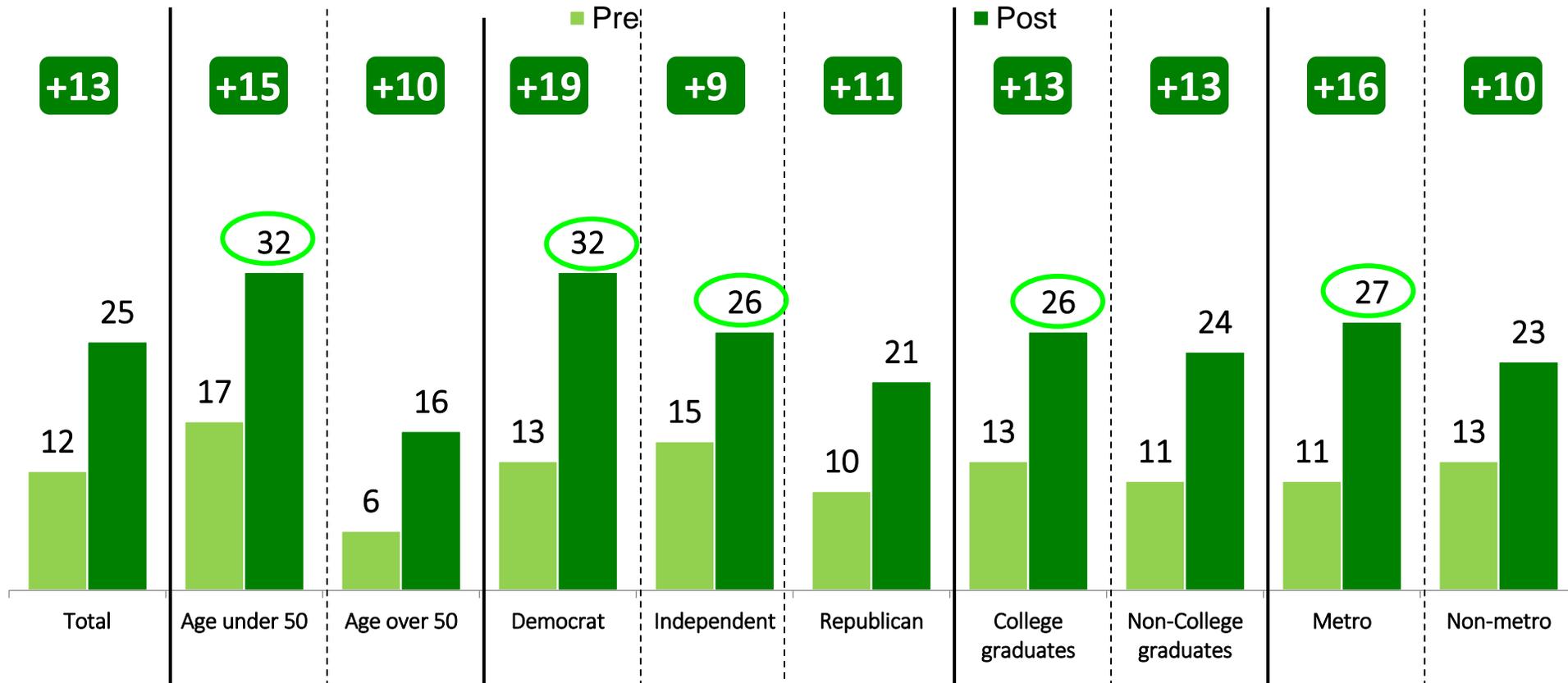


Democrats and Independents move most on education issues, as well as voters under 50 and those in the cities

Now you will read a list of issues in this election. Please pick the top THREE that will be most important to you when voting in the election for president, Senate and Congress this year.

IMPORTANT ISSUES IN THE ELECTION

INITIAL TO FINAL SHIFT ON EDUCATION



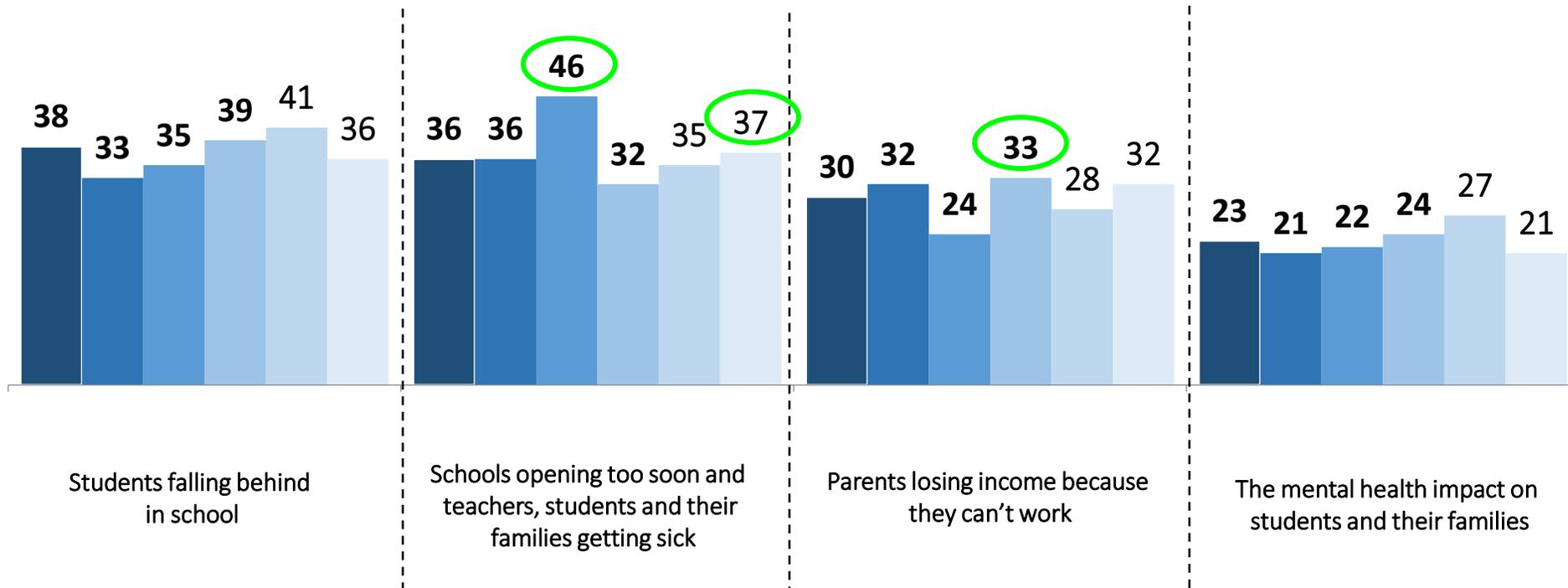
Montana is the only state where schools opening too soon is not the clear top concern in the pandemic, though college voters are the outlier

(Thinking about education and schools in your state during the coronavirus crisis, which TWO of the following do you think are the most urgent issues facing students and their families?)

EDUCATION CONCERNS IN PANDEMIC

MONTANA

■ Total ■ Age under 50 ■ College graduates ■ Non-college graduates ■ Metro ■ Non-metro



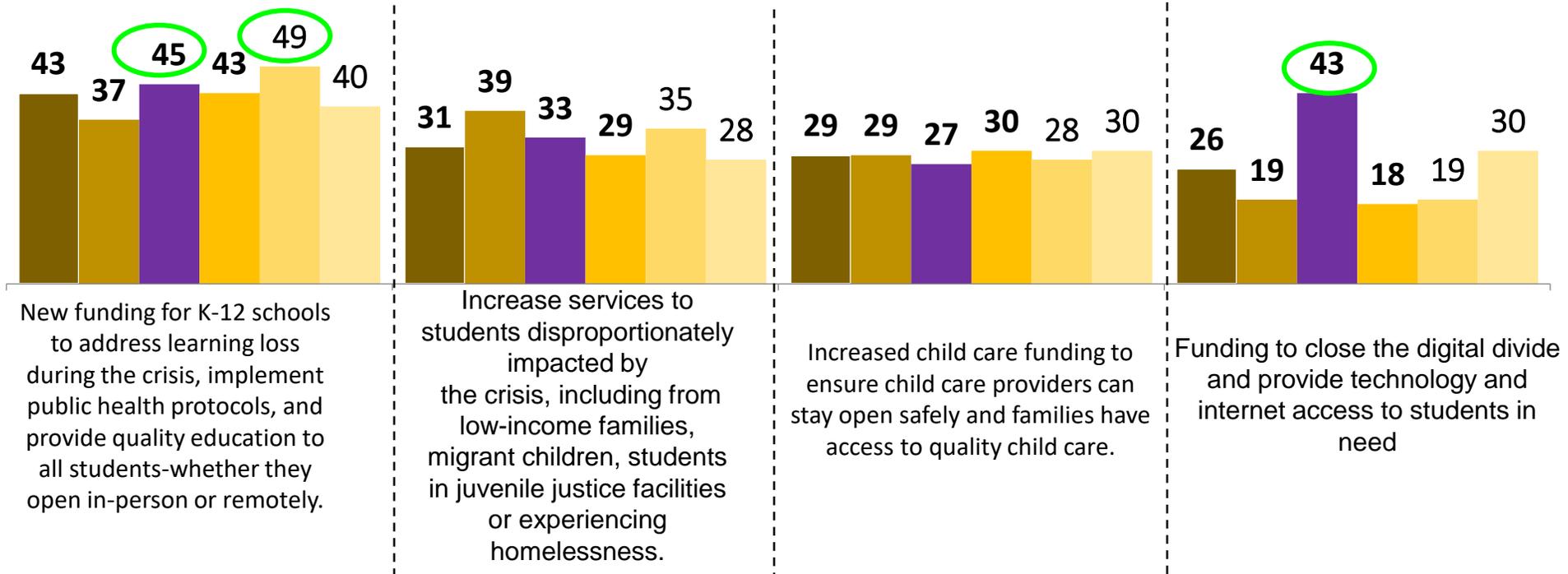
Quality education while learning from home resonates with college educated and city voters. Closing the digital divide also resonates with college voters.

Congress has proposed major new laws to deal with the pandemic and the economic crash and education. Please pick the THREE you would favor the most.

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

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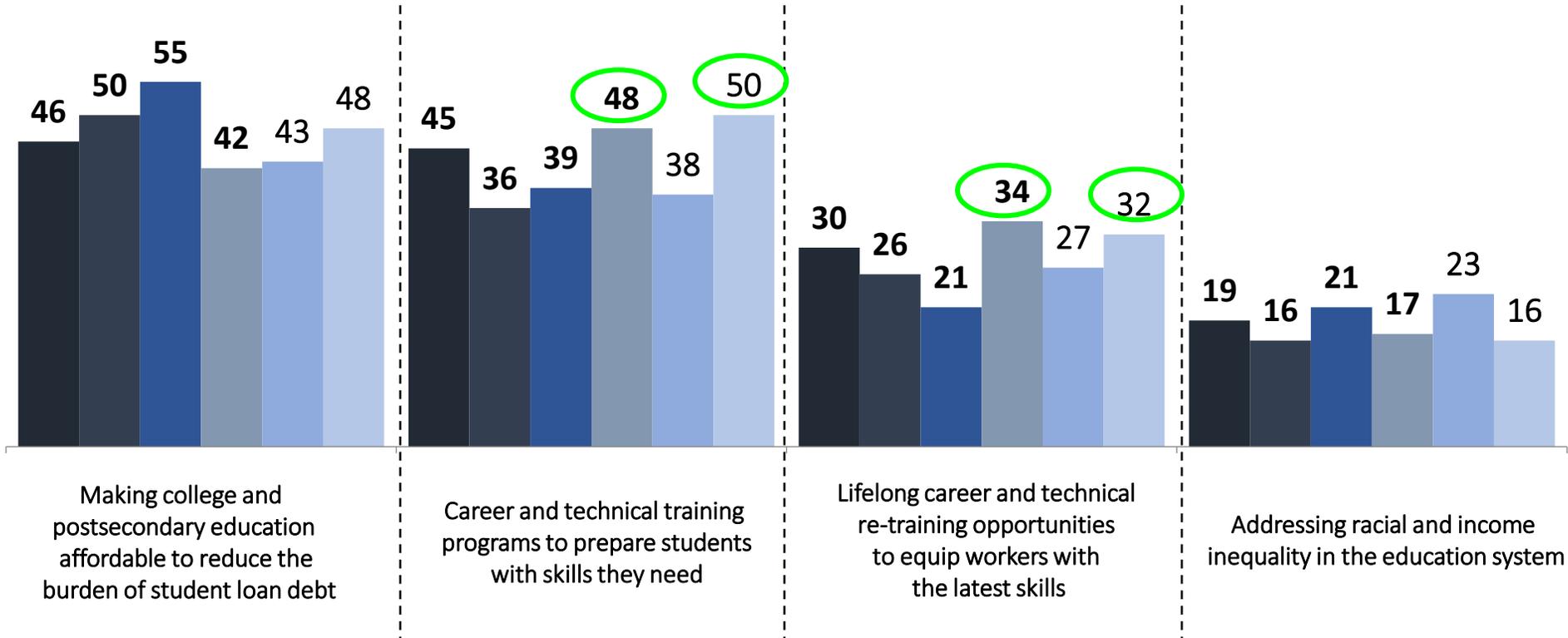
Skills and technical education for all ages has huge potential for working class and rural voters, who do not respond on most other issues tested

Looking toward the future, beyond the coronavirus pandemic, please select the TWO education issues you think are most important for the next president and congress to address

URGENT EDUCATION PRIORITIES

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Top education ideas show a rural/urban divide. Access to internet and technology huge in rural areas, early learning strongest in cities.

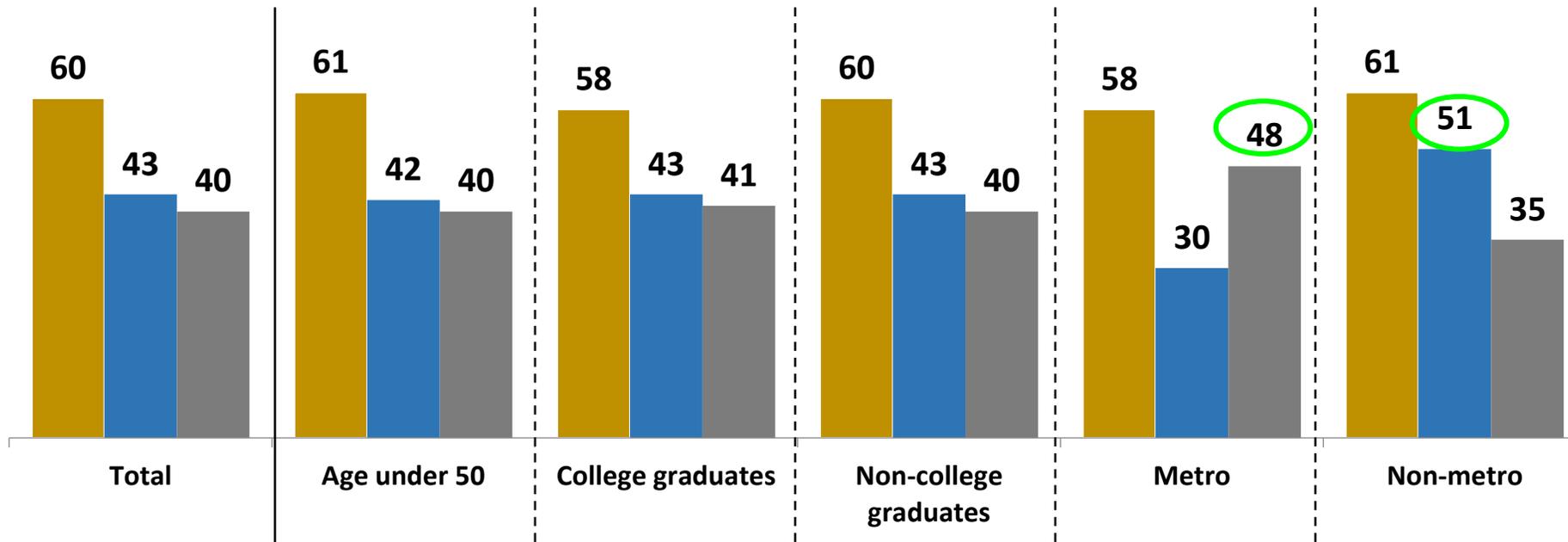
Let's say you wanted America to improve its current economic, healthcare and overcome national polarization through big changes in the education system. Which **THREE** of the proposals below would you choose?

BIG EDUCATION IDEAS

Redesign the pre-K and k-12 experience so it includes strong components of problem solving, academics, the arts, mental and physical health, living skills, civics, and community activities, integrated into in-school and out of school experiences, based on the best research.

Expand affordable internet access to all Americans to the necessary education and training materials and services including, and provide appropriate hardware and software as needed, so that people have access to the learning, training and services they need throughout their lives.

Recognize that learning begins at birth and offer all families access to quality early learning opportunities for children, from birth to school entry. Provide universal pre-K to every family that wants it so children have the foundation to reach their full potential and parents can go to knowing that their children are being take care of



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