

# IAB U.S. 2020 Digital Video Advertising Spend Report: Putting Covid in Context

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# 2020 Video Ad Spend: Executive Summary

2020 has been one of the most challenging years for the advertising sector since the Great Recession of 2008. However, among all the paused and cancelled campaigns, digital video remains relatively stable, driven by Connected TV (CTV).

## Key drivers:

- Average CTV spend for the year is expected to reach \$16MM per advertiser (+8% y/y)
- More than half of buyers are shifting dollars from Broadcast (53%) and Cable TV (52%) advertising towards CTV
- In terms of specific categories, retail, media/entertainment and telecom are the largest CTV buyers, spending \$32.2 million, \$31.9 million, and \$20.6 million per advertiser respectively
- Video advertising on desktop is expected to be the hardest hit in 2020

## Additional Findings:

- Brand Safety was cited as the most important criterion for buyers when selecting digital video brands/publishers (86%), followed by premium content (82%) and clear ROI measurement (80%)
- Programmatic in-housing continues to see significant growth, growing 64% YoY
- When it comes to social media video, story formats\* are growing exponentially, expected to increase 62% YoY
- Shoppable ads and augmented reality advertising are also poised for growth up 21% and 33% respectively YoY



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# Methodology

## 350 Online Interviews Conducted

**Survey Fielded (Pre COVID):** February 27 - March 12, 2020

**Survey Fielded (Post COVID):** May 1 - May 6, 2020

**Total Sample:** N = 350 Advertiser and Agency\*

**Qualification:** Involved in Digital Video Advertising decision-making (categories noted); \$1M+ Ad Spend

**Video Taxonomy:** Please refer to the last page of this presentation

\* Data falling below the stable threshold are noted and used for directional purposes only.

## Market Sectors Included

Automotive	Media & Entertainment
CPG	Fashion/Apparel/Accessories
Financial Services	Home Furnishings
Retail	Health/Wellness
Telecommunications	Travel

Note: The data in this report is reflective of an individual advertiser's reported spend whereas IAB's PwC Internet Advertising Revenue Report reports on the revenue publishers and platforms garner from selling advertising.

# Respondents: Who completed the survey?

Profile of Respondents (350)	Total
Agency	43%
Marketer (net)	57%
Incumbent Brand	71%
DTC marketer	29%
Senior (VP+) job title	52%
Mid (Director) job title	38%
Junior job title	10%
Digital video (desktop and/or mobile) advertisers	100%
TV advertisers (Linear, Advanced, and/or CTV)	91%
Advanced TV advertisers	81%

Market Sectors	Total
Apparel/Fashion	10%
Automotive and related	10%
CPG	11%
Financial Services	10%
Health and Wellness	10%
Home and Appliance	10%
Media and Entertainment	10%
Retail	10%
Telecommunications	10%
Travel	9%

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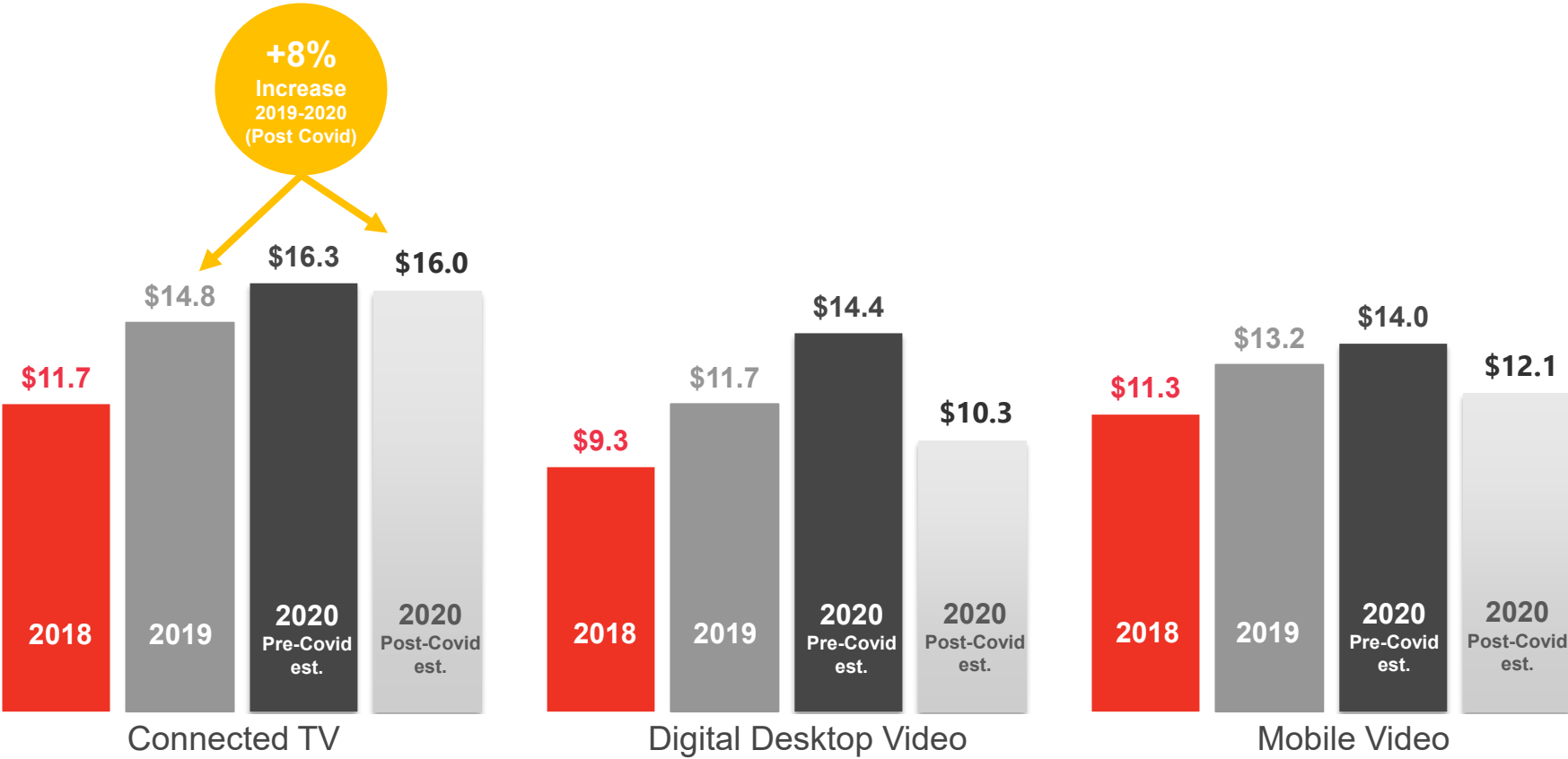
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# **TOPLINE: DIGITAL VIDEO IN CONTEXT 2018-2020**

# May 2020 data illustrates Covid-resiliency for CTV 2020 Video Spend






## Average Spend per Advertiser– 3 Year Trend (in millions)






● = % Change in Video Dollar Spend 2019 – Est. 2020





# At \$82.3M per advertiser, retail buyers have the highest video spend

2020 Average Spend per advertiser (est.)	Connected TV	Digital Desktop Video	Mobile Video
TOTAL	\$16.3M	\$14.4M	\$14.0
 AUTO	\$11.7M	\$9.7M	<b>\$12.4M</b>
 CPG	\$11.7M	<b>\$21.0M</b>	\$11.3M
 FASHION/ APPAREL	<b>\$13.2M</b>	\$10.5M	\$9.7M
 FINANCE	\$13.6M	<b>\$19.4M</b>	\$17.9M
 FURNITURE/ APPLICANCES	<b>\$6.6M</b>	\$5.4M	\$6.2M

	Connected TV	Digital Desktop Video	Mobile Video
 HEALTH/ WELLNESS	<b>\$17.5M</b>	\$12.8M	\$9.7M
 MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT	<b>\$31.9M</b>	\$12.4M	\$12.8M
 RETAIL	<b>\$32.2M</b>	\$19.4M	\$30.7M
 TELECOM	<b>\$20.6M</b>	\$14.8M	\$13.6M
 TRAVEL	\$8.5M	\$5.8M	<b>\$9.3M</b>

Leading sectors of spend






**Bold** Largest Investment by type within sector






→ **\$82.3M**

# Media/entertainment, health/wellness, and telecom over index for CTV spend

## Index of ad spend per category

*Index is relative to total*

2020 % Spend Allocation (est.)	Connected TV	Digital Desktop Video	Mobile Video
TOTAL	36%	32%	31%
 AUTO	95	89	117
 CPG	73	148	82
 FASHION / APPAREL	108	98	93
 FINANCE	73	118	112
 FURNITURE/ APPLICANCES	99	92	109

	Connected TV	Digital Desktop Video	Mobile Video
 HEALTH/ WELLNESS	120	99	77
 MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT	153	67	72
 RETAIL	107	73	119
 TELECOM	115	94	89
 TRAVEL	99	76	126

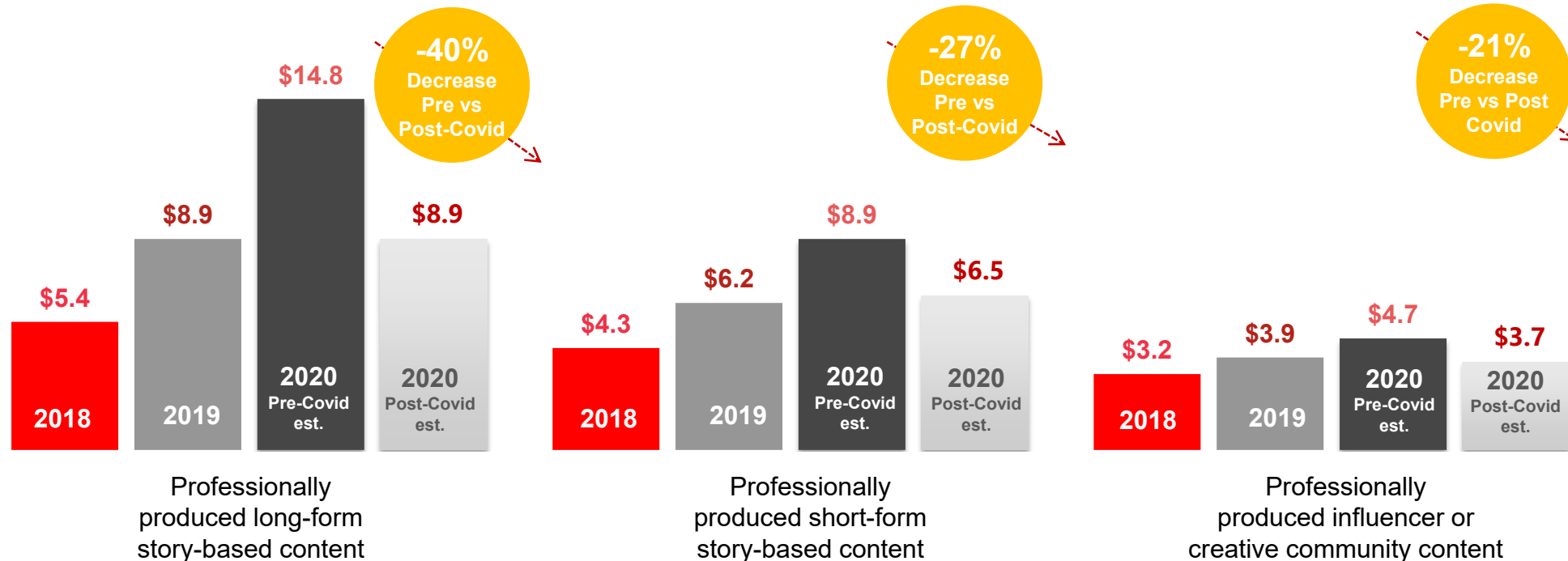
Q10: Keeping in mind your video spend in the [ASSIGNED MARKET SECTOR], to the best of your knowledge for each media type what exactly was your (company's/client's) spend in 2018 and 2019? What do you anticipate spending in 2020?; Base: Total Respondents Who Spent on Video Types (Variable Base)

# Expected gains in short-form and influencer content won't materialize in 2020

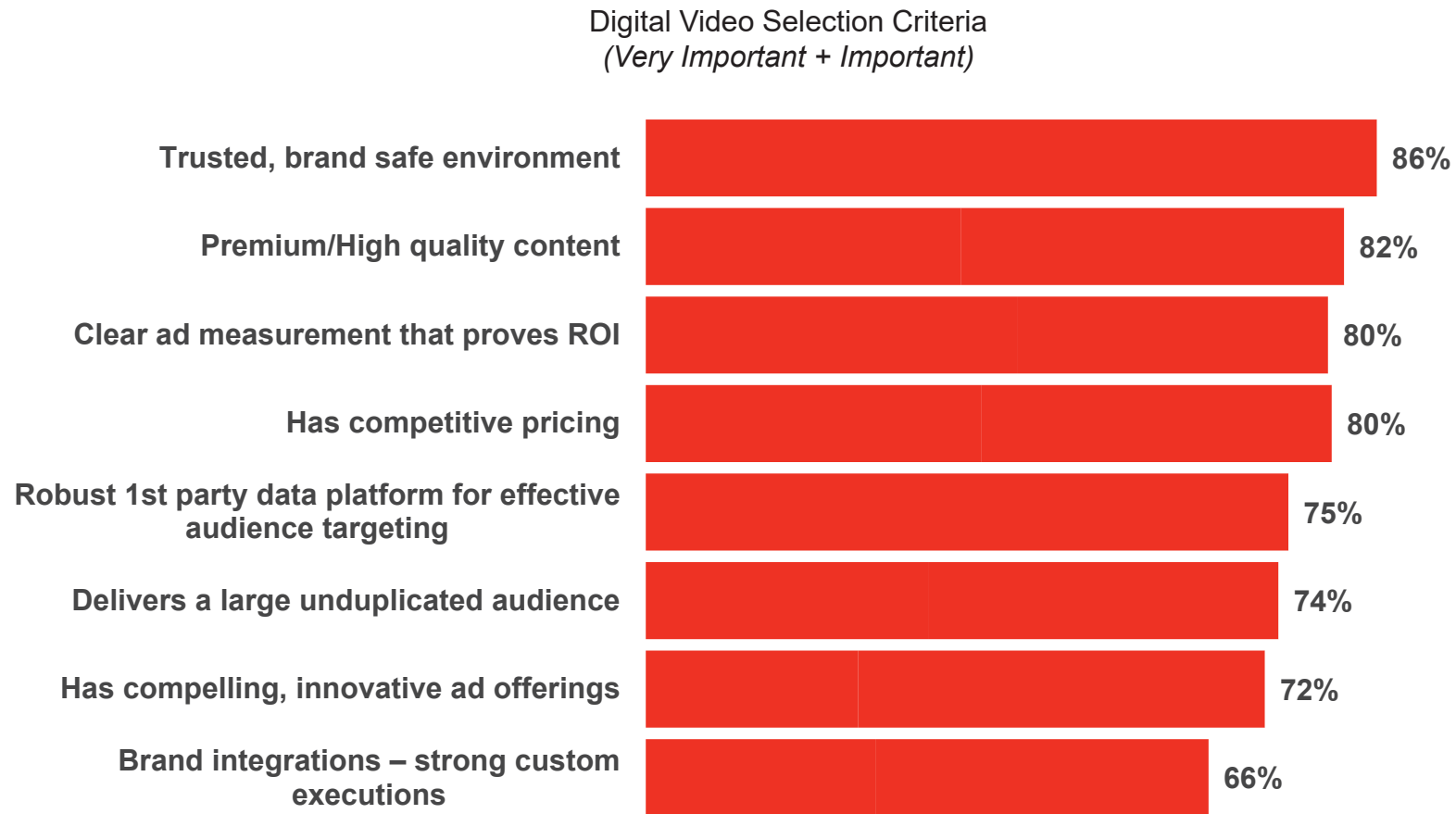
Covid negatively impacts video ad spend across all content types

Average Spend per Advertiser on Content Type – 3 Year Trend (in millions)

● = % Change in Video Dollar Spend 2019 - 2020



# Brand safety is #1 for buyers when selecting Digital Video brands/publishers



# CTV wins with Buyers for both Brand Safety and Content Quality

How Well Each Media Type Delivers On Attribute  
Media Type 8-10 Ratings

Trusted, brand safe environment	
Connected TV	77%
Desktop Digital Video	60%
Mobile Video	55%

Premium/High quality content	
Connected TV	73%
Desktop Digital Video	60%
Mobile Video	57%

# CTV also wins with Buyers for Measurement and Targeting capabilities

How Well Each Media Type Delivers On Attribute  
Media Type 8-10 Ratings

## Clear advertising measurement that proves ROI

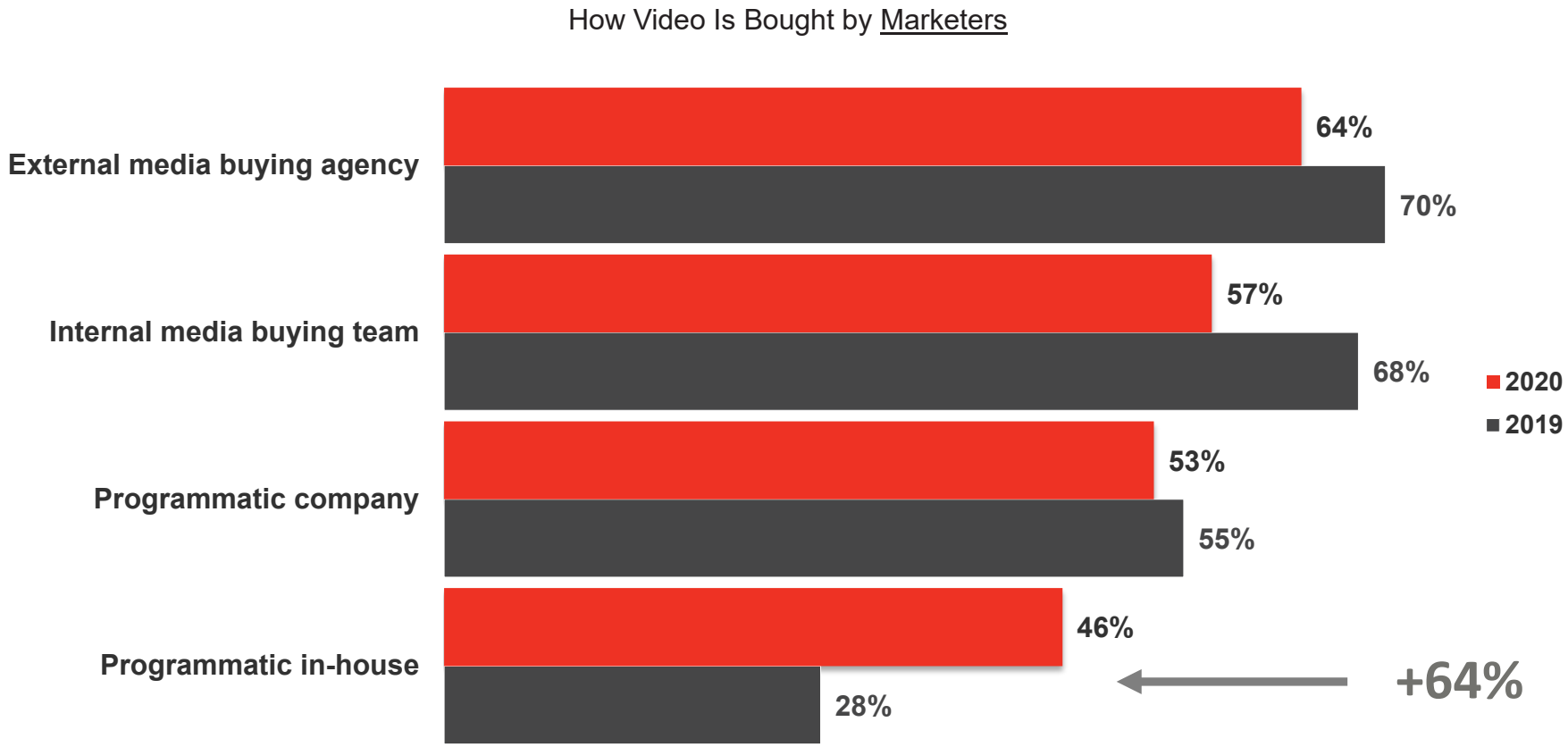
Connected TV	64%
Desktop Digital Video	60%
Mobile Video	58%

## Robust 1<sup>st</sup> party platform data for effective audience targeting

Connected TV	72%
Mobile Video	65%
Desktop Digital Video	61%

# Programmatic in-housing shows double digit growth (64%) for video buyers y/y

All other buying methods have decreased



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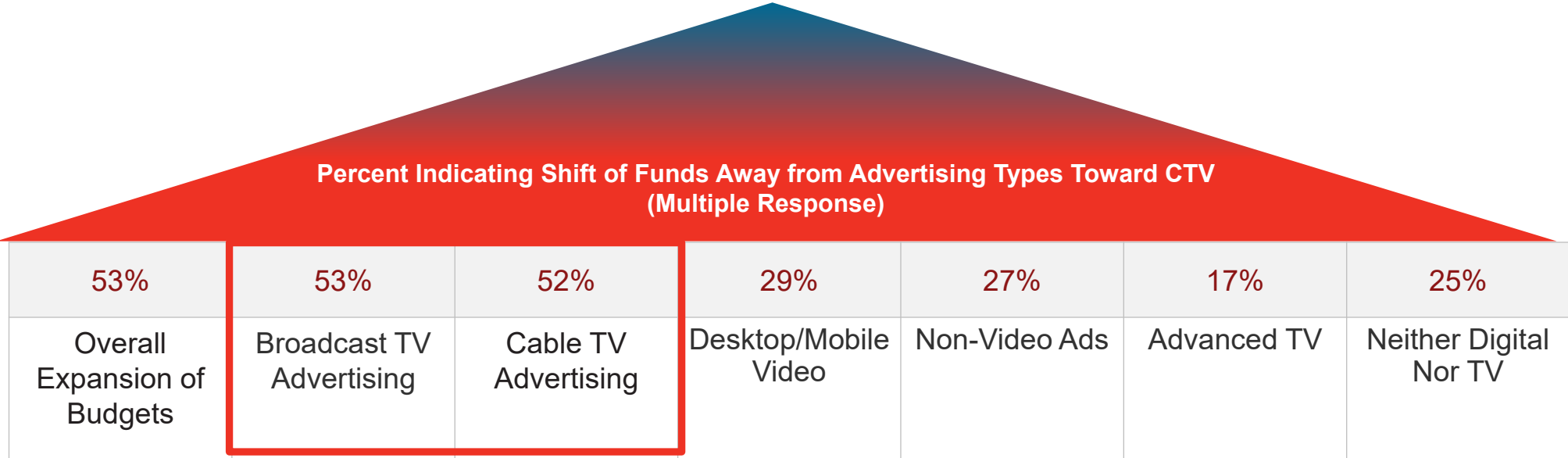
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# **A CLOSER LOOK: CONNECTED TV (CTV)**



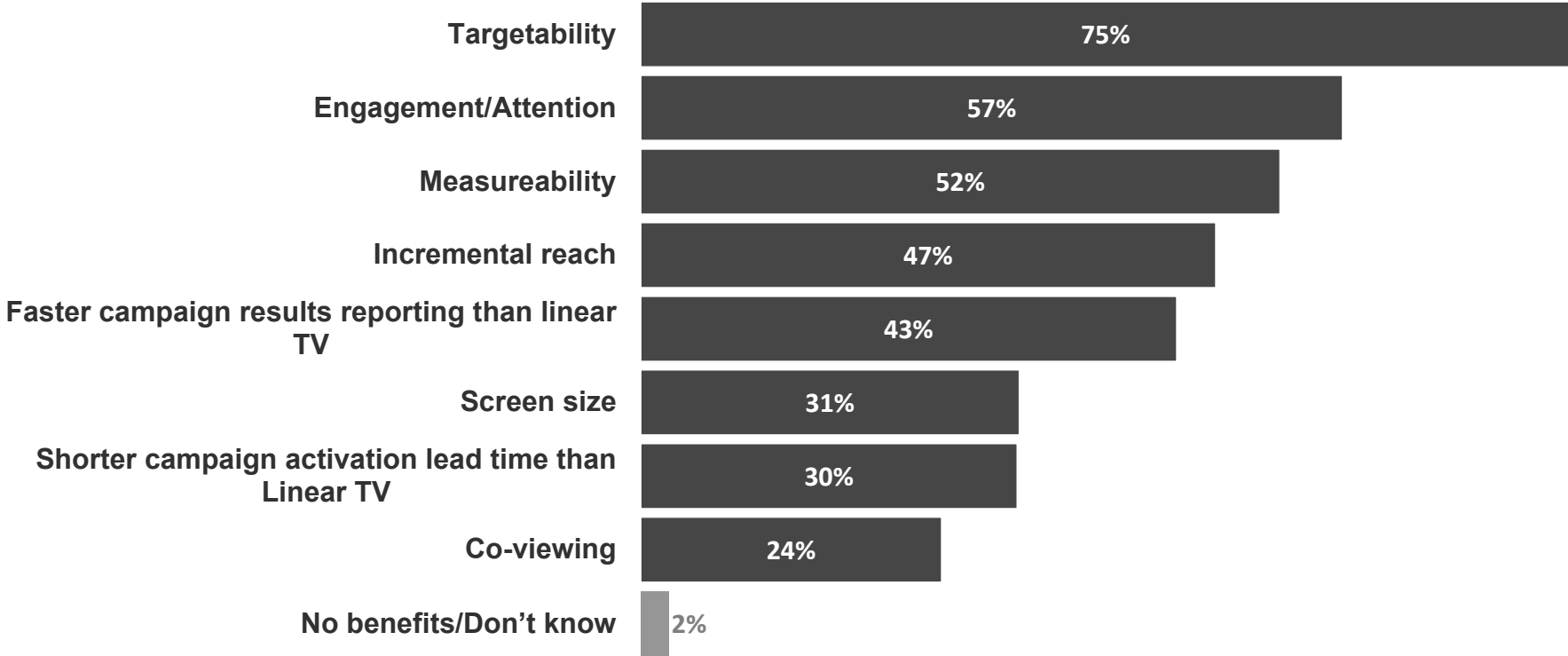
# CTV Buyers are shifting dollars from broadcast/cable TV budgets

**For buyers projecting increased CTV ad spend in 2020, dollars are shifting from Linear**



# Buyers view targetability as the most compelling benefit of CTV

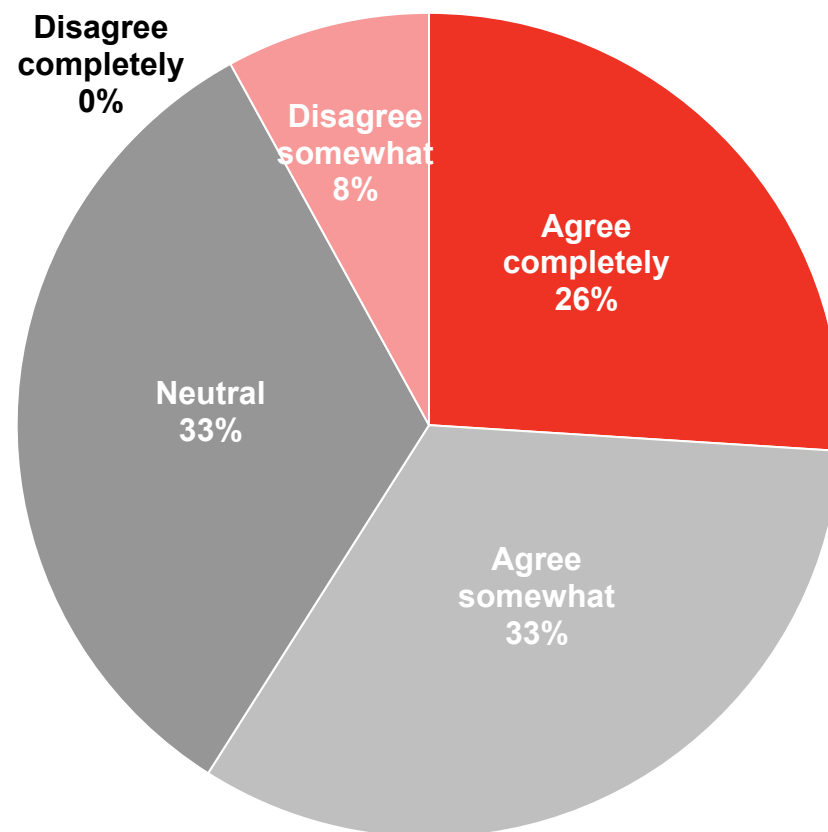
Benefits of Connected TV Advertising



# >50% of buyers value CTV co-viewing and want to know if it's happening

## Co-Viewing's Impact on CTV Allocation

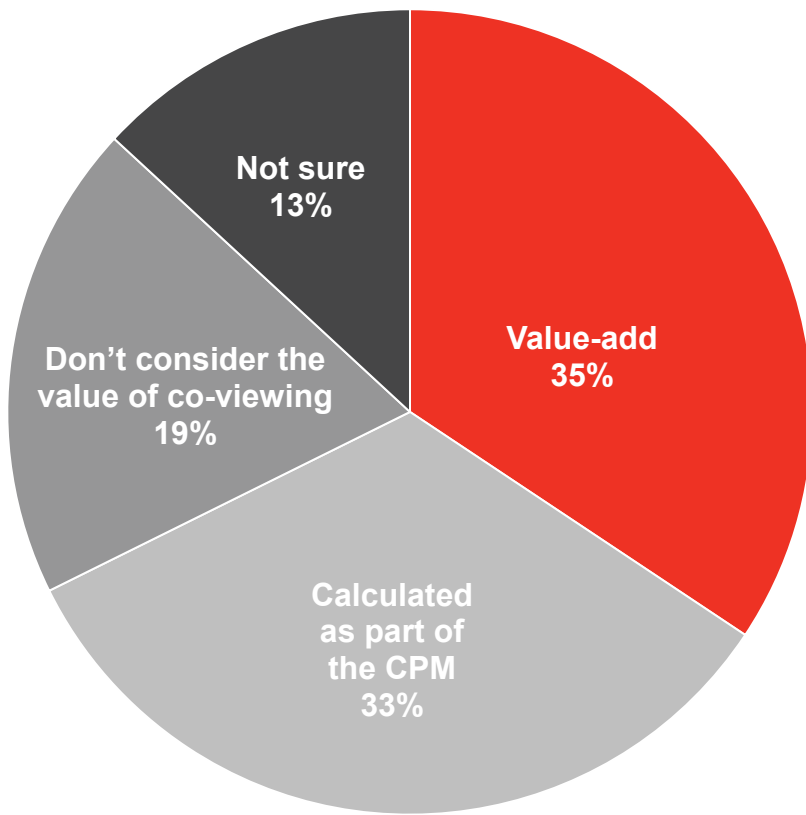
*“My company/client would allocate more dollars to Connected TV if there was an agreed upon way to take co-viewing into account.”*



# CTV co-viewing is valuable to buyers but hard to account for during negotiations

Buyers are evenly split on negotiating co-viewing as a value-add or calculated as part of their CPM

How Co-Viewing is Negotiated in Connected TV Buys



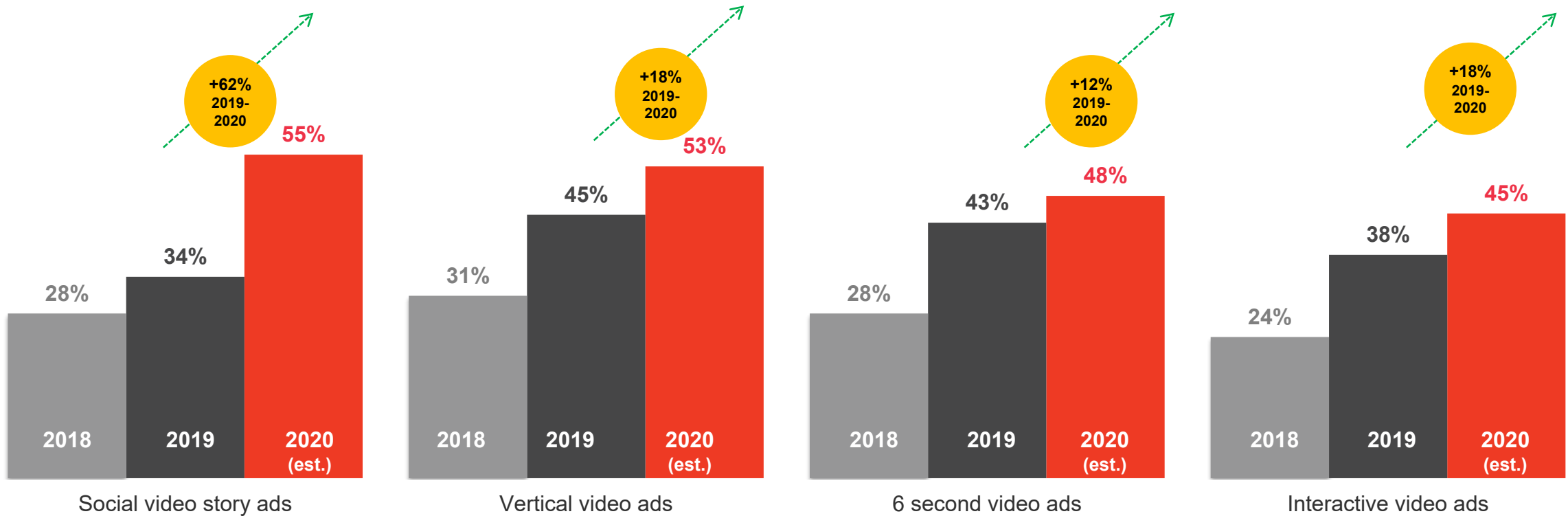
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# **VIDEO ADVERTISING TRENDS**

# Social Video Story ads\* have grown the most in popularity with buyers











Video Ad Formats Usage – 3 Year Trend (Pre-Covid)



Q210: Which of the following video ad formats has your (company/client) in the [ASSIGNED MARKET SECTOR] market sector used in campaigns in 2018 and 2019? Which does your (company/client) plan to use in 2020?

Base: Total Respondents

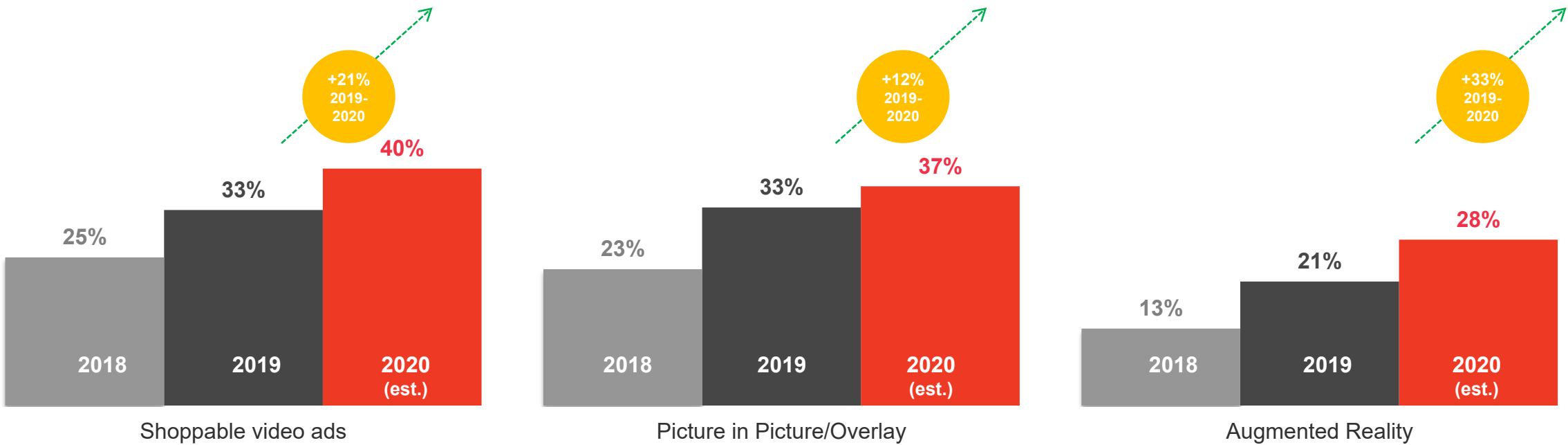
# The majority of brand verticals are leaning into the stories format

2020 Ad Format Usage	Total	Auto 	CPG 	Fashion/ Apparel 	Finance 	Furniture/ Appliances 	Health/ Wellness 	Media/ Entertainment 	Retail 	Telecom 	Travel 
Stories	55%	33% ▼	55%	59%	69%	50%	59%	51%	59%	69%	42%
Vertical Video Ads	53%	52%	58%	39%	70% ▲	53%	35% ▼	77% ▲	53%	56%	23%
6 Second Video Ads	48%	40%	55%	45%	42%	48%	46%	61%	47%	37%	61%
Interactive Video Ads	45%	39%	21% ▼	33%	47%	56%	64% ▲	65% ▲	50%	57%	34%
Shoppable Video Ads	40%	19% ▼	48%	51%	29%	50%	23% ▼	39%	54%	58% ▲	30%
Picture/In-Picture Overlay	37%	41%	31%	16% ▼	36%	41%	31%	61% ▲	31%	60% ▲	24%
Augmented Reality	28%	18%	24%	29%	21%	23%	30%	41%	26%	43% ▲	37%

▲ ▼ Significantly Higher/Lower Than Total Advertisers at a 90% LOC






# Pre- and during Covid, performance-based Shoppable video ads gained traction





Video Ad Formats Usage – 3 Year Trend





# Automotive is leading spend in long-form content

2020 Average Spend per advertiser (est.)	Long-Form	Short-Form	Influencer
TOTAL	\$14.8M	\$8.9M	\$4.7M
 AUTO	<b>\$62.5M</b>	\$16.7M	\$5.1M
 CPG	<b>\$10.9M</b>	\$5.8M	\$3.0M
 FASHION/ APPAREL	\$3.3M	\$4.3M	<b>\$6.2M</b>
 FINANCE	\$12M	<b>\$19.8M</b>	\$7.4M
 FURNITURE/ APPLIANCES	<b>\$3.9M</b>	\$3.8M	\$1.4M

	Long-Form	Short-Form	Influencer
 HEALTH/ WELLNESS	<b>\$14.4M</b>	\$9.3M	\$7.4M
 MEDIA & ENTERTAIN- MENT	\$1.6M	<b>\$7.8M</b>	\$580K
 RETAIL	<b>\$24.1M</b>	\$8.9M	\$5.4M
 TELECOM	<b>\$16.3M</b>	\$7.4M	\$5.1M
 TRAVEL	\$1.5M	\$1.6M	<b>\$2.8M</b>











■ Leading sectors of spend

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# Retail, telecom, and CPG also heavily over-index for spend in long form content

## Index of ad spend per category

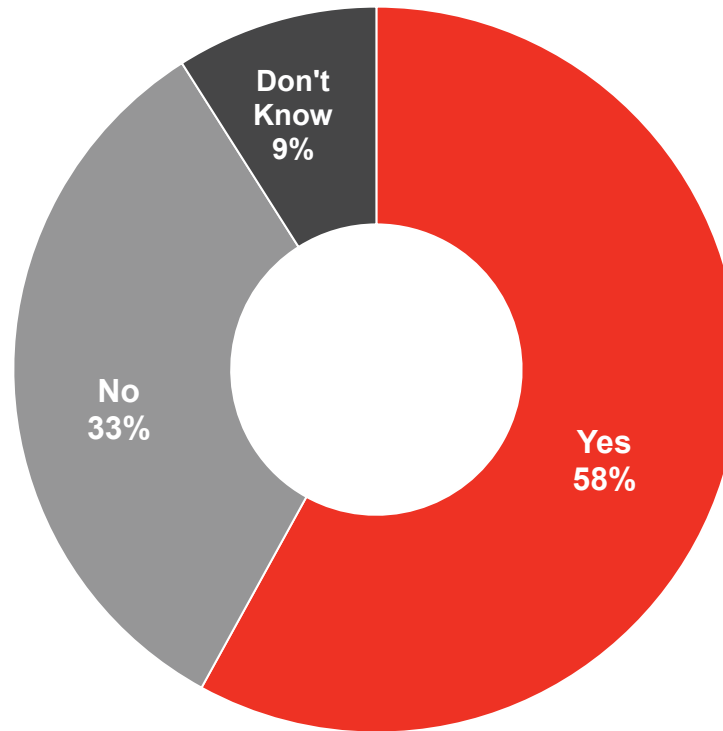
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2020 % Spend Allocation (est.)	Long-Form	Short-Form	Influencer		Long-Form	Short-Form	Influencer
TOTAL	52%	31%	17%	 HEALTH/ WELLNESS	127	93	76
 AUTO	203	61	19	 MEDIA & ENTERTAIN- MENT	44	243	19
 CPG	152	91	49	 RETAIL	172	72	45
 FASHION/ APPAREL	66	97	143	 TELECOM	155	80	57
 FINANCE	84	157	60	 TRAVEL	70	84	152
 FURNITURE/ APPLIANCES	118	130	49				

Q70: We'd like to get some detail about your (company's/client's) biggest or most important product or service for the [ASSIGNED MARKET SECTOR] ad spend on each of the following. To the best of your knowledge, what exactly is that spending amount on each type of content in each year? Base: Total Respondents Who Spent on Content Types (Variable Base)

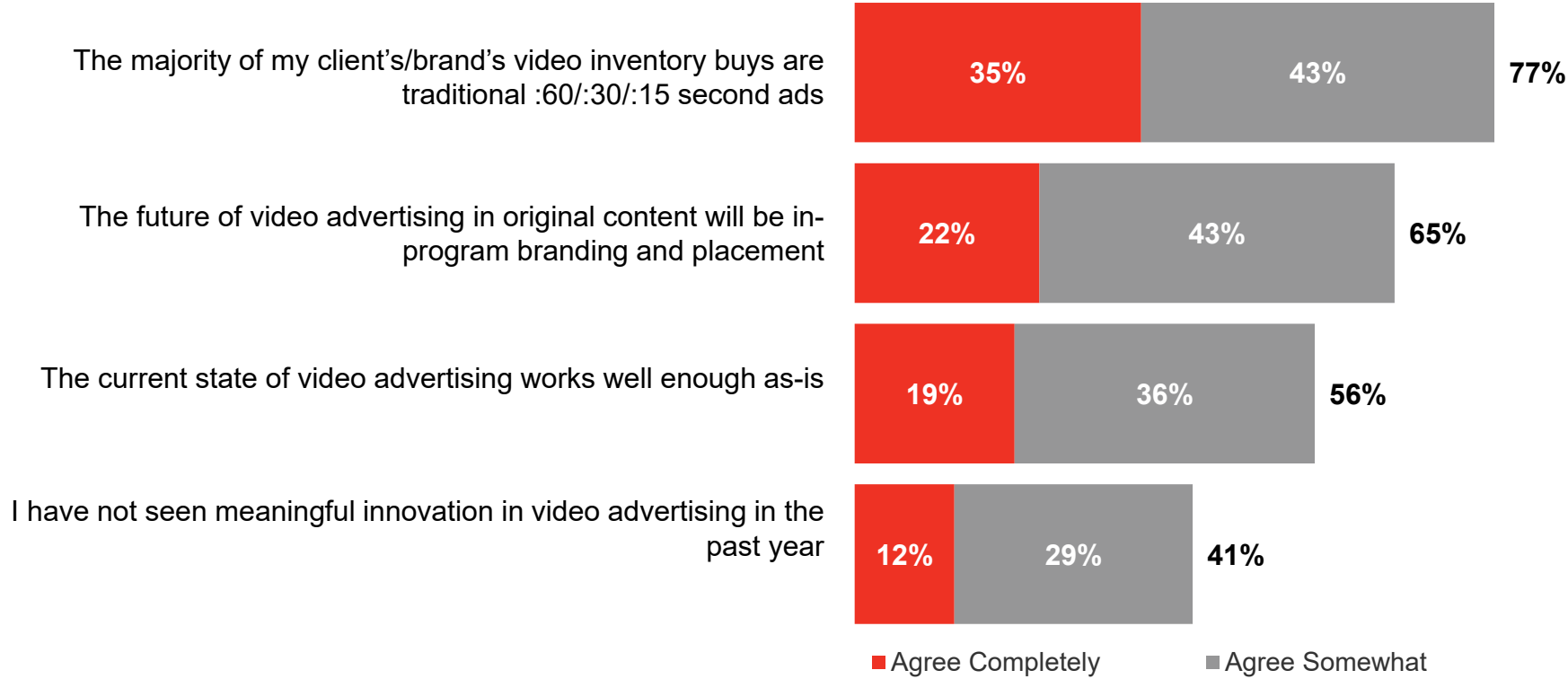
# 58% of marketers are leveraging data-driven video strategies by creating alternate creative executions per target

Whether Develop Multiple Creative Executions for Advanced TV Campaigns With Different Targets



# Although slow to shift dollars towards more innovative forms, advertisers see significant changes coming

## Video Trend Agreement Statements (Sorted by Agree Completely)



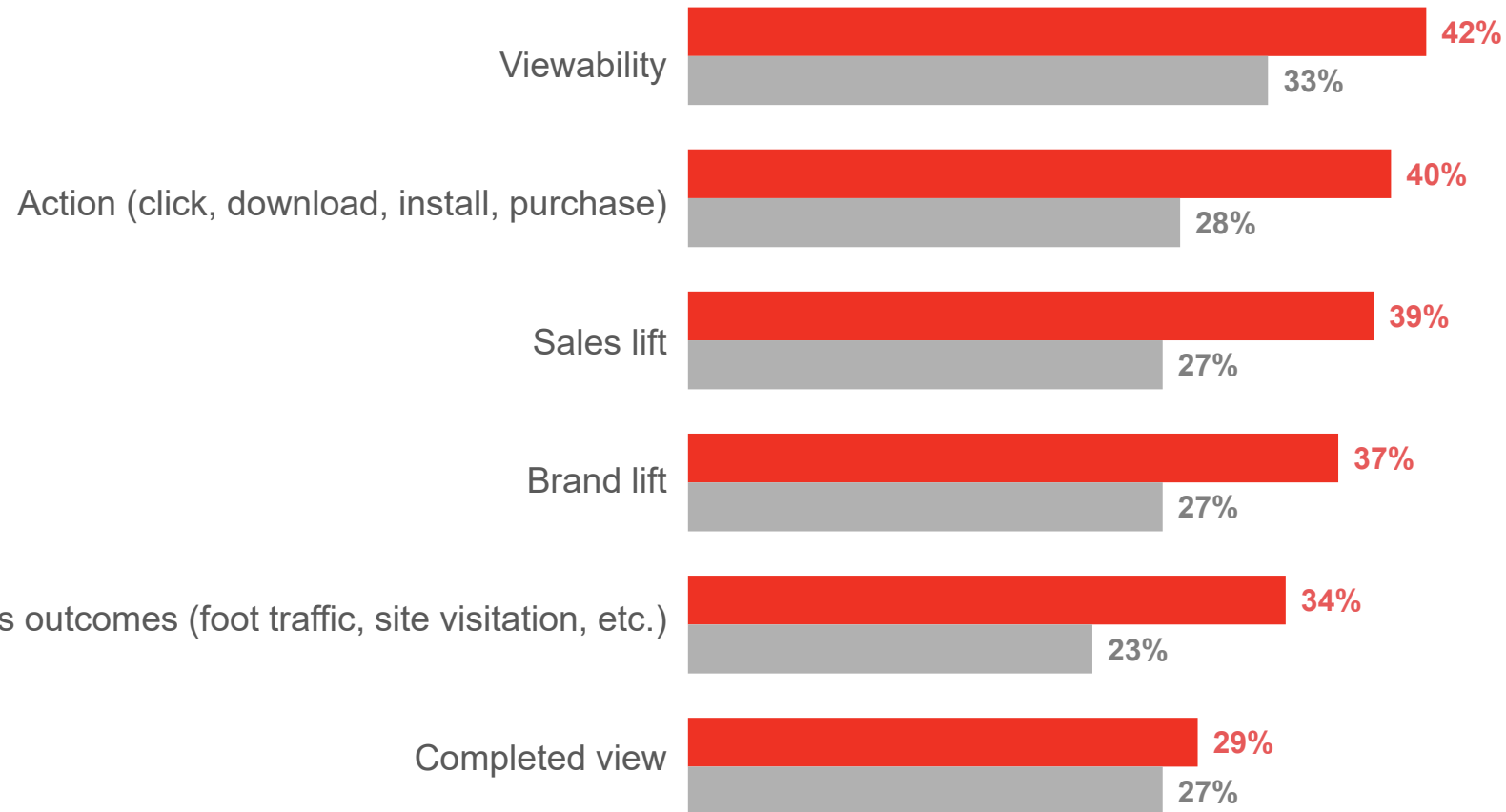


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# Video KPIs

# Video ad spend is a performance game, but confidence in KPI guarantees is low

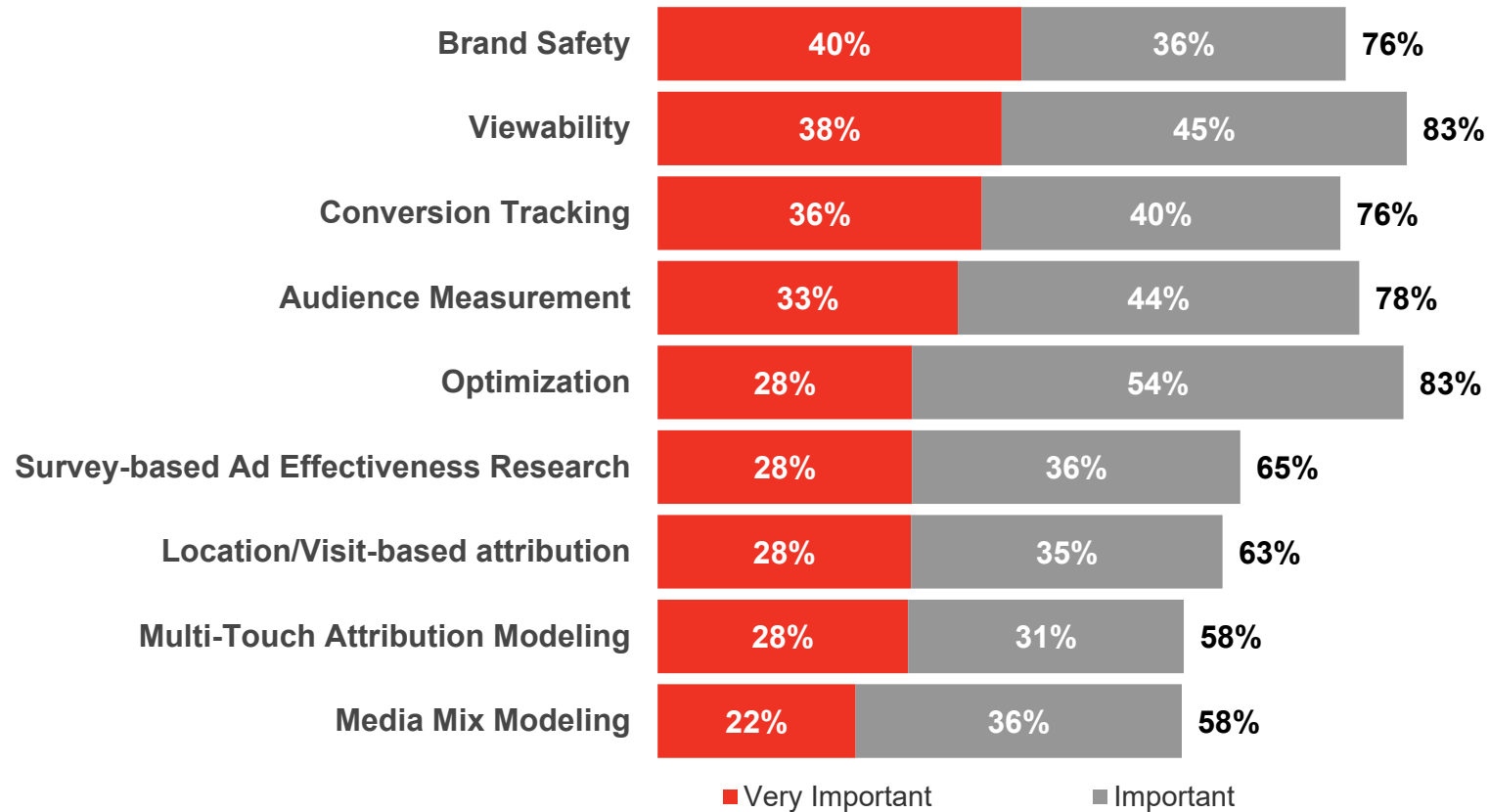
Importance and Confidence in Video KPIs  
(Sorted by Importance)



**Important Video KPI Guarantees (Very Important)**  
**Confidence in Video KPIs (Very Confident)**

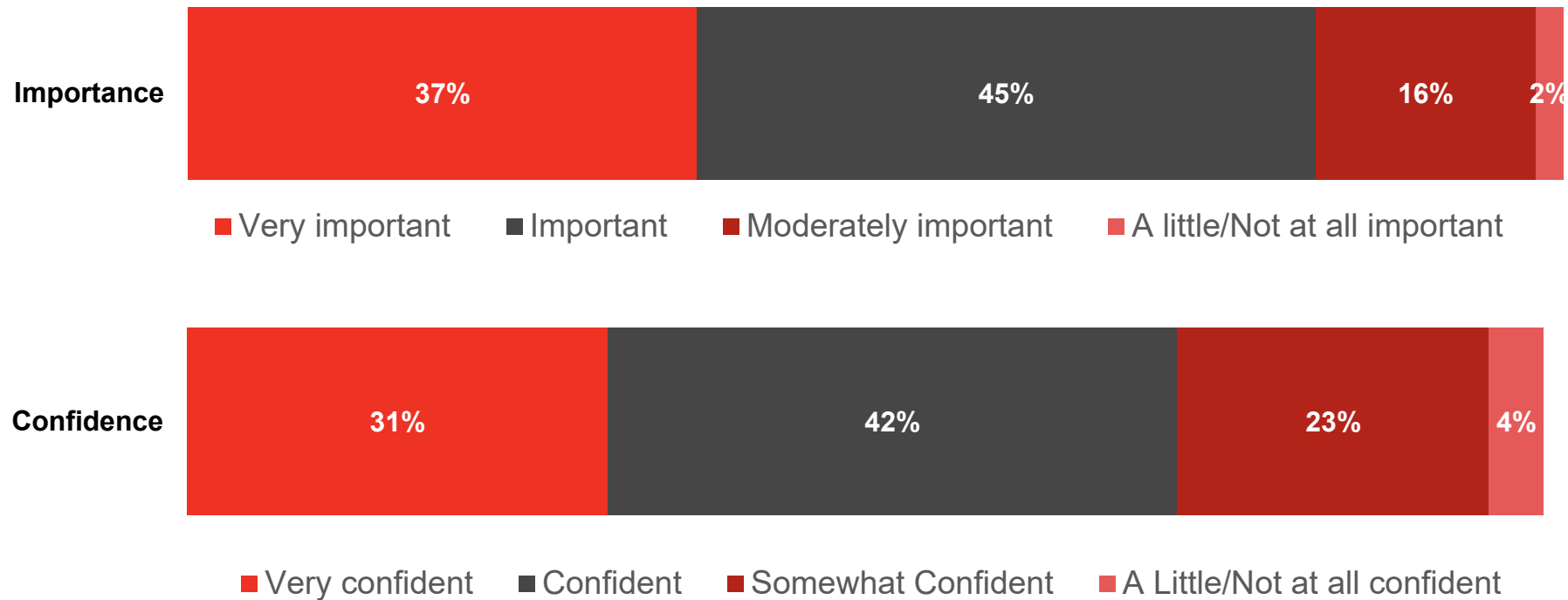
# Brand safety and viewability are the leading campaign measures

Video Ad Measurement Importance  
(Sorted by Very Important)



# Audience targeting for video is both very important and trusted

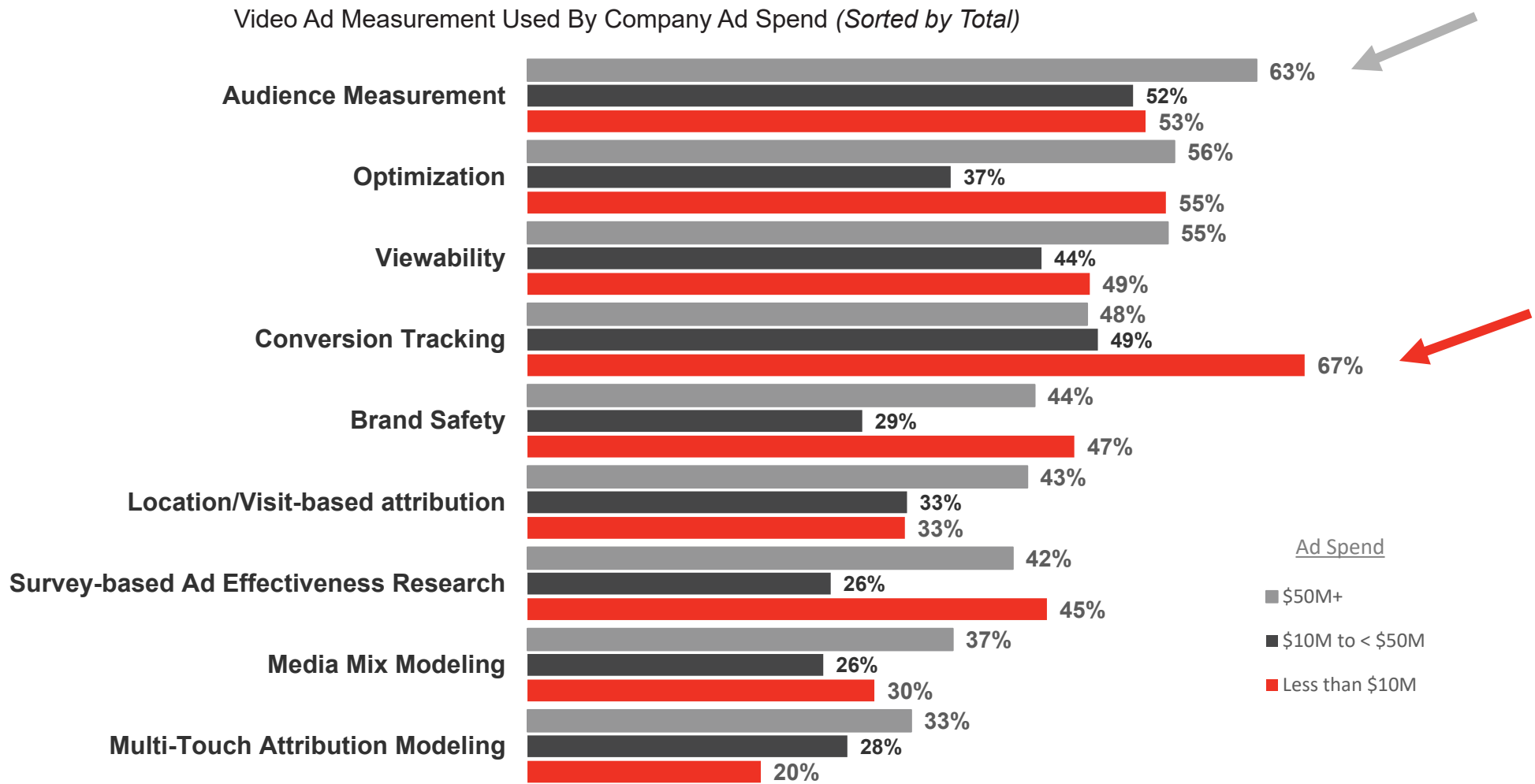
## Audience Delivery (demo or other targeting) Importance and Confidence





# The biggest ad spenders care most about audience measurement

## The smallest spenders care most about conversion tracking

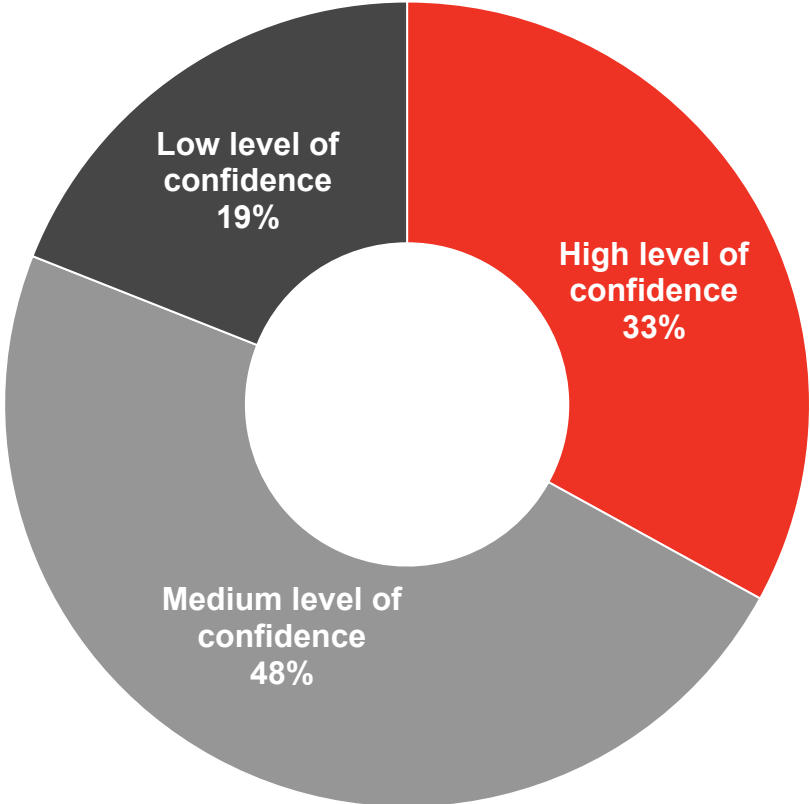


# Decision-makers think they can combine Linear TV and Digital Video measurement

83% have a medium or high level of confidence in combined TV + Digital video measurement

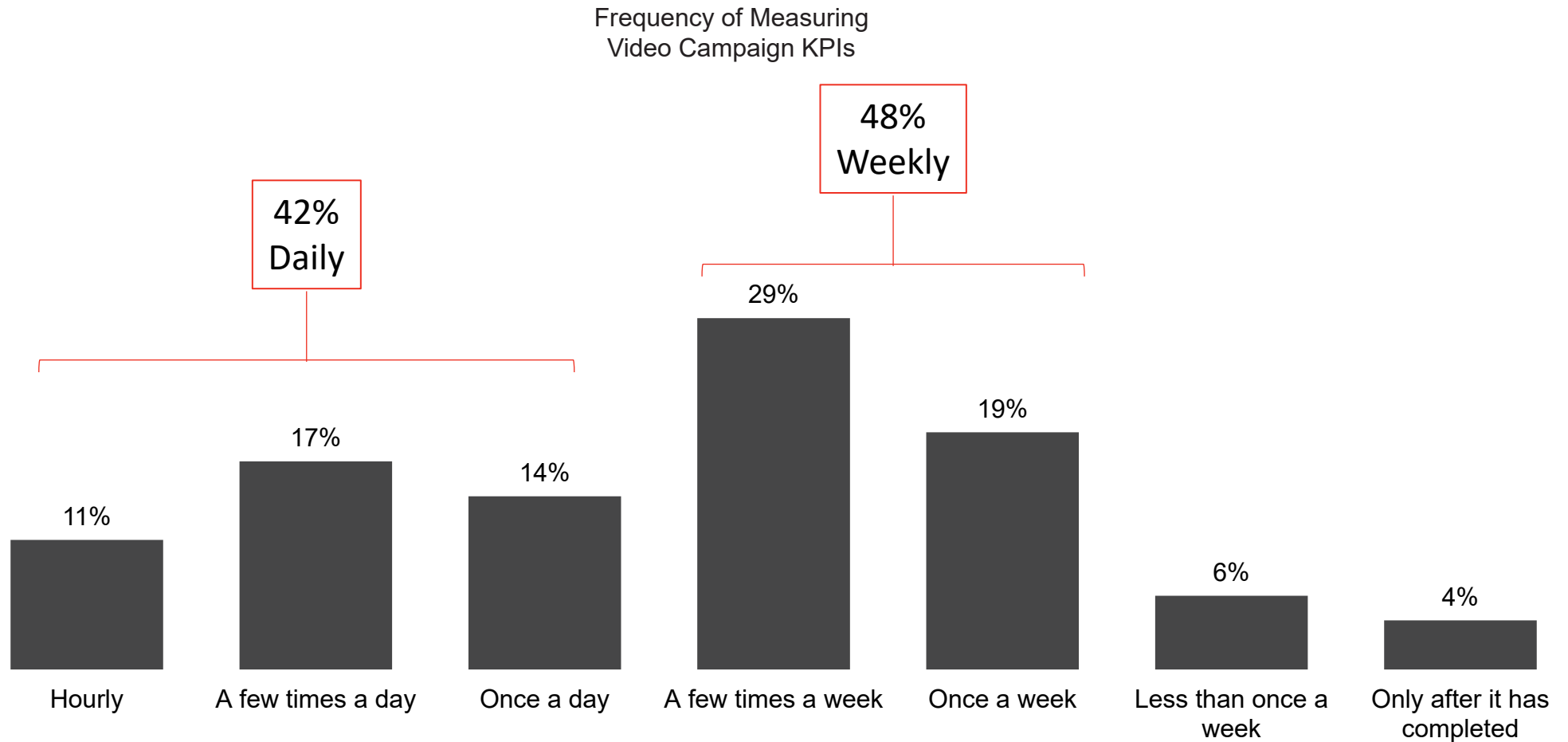
Confidence in the Ability to Combine Measurement of Linear TV with Digital Video Campaigns

### VP+ Job Titles



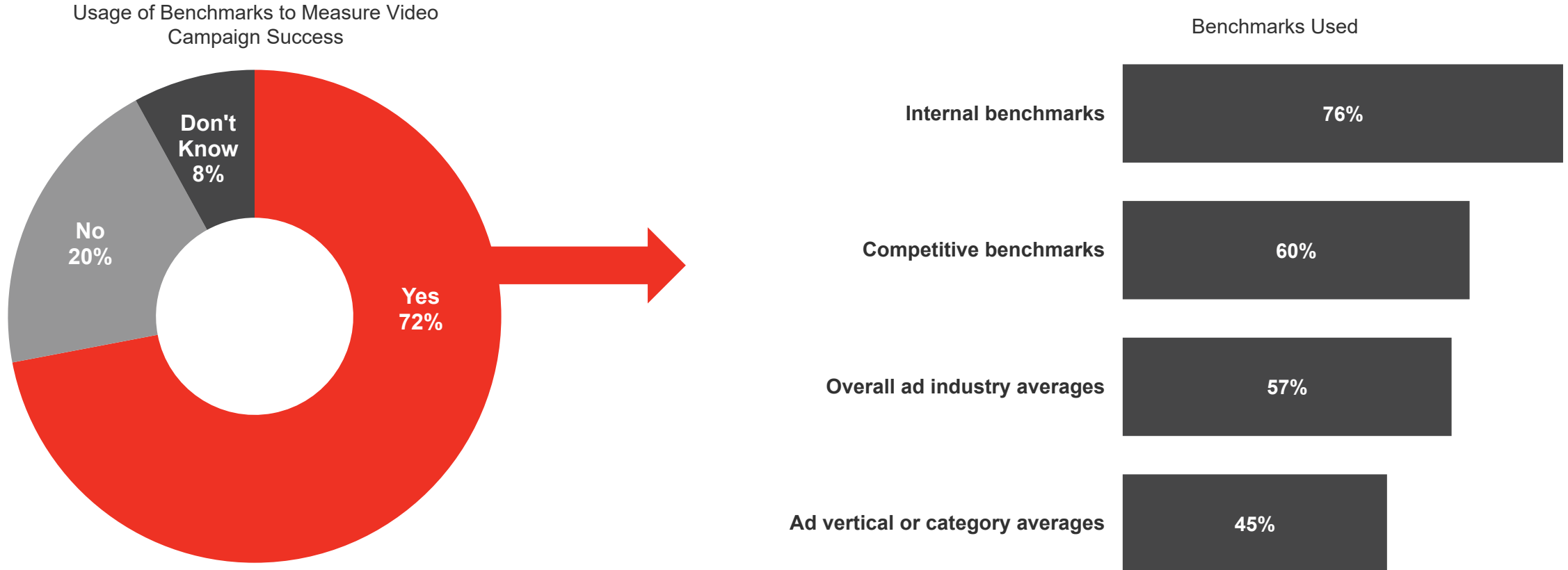
# Real time insights and quick turnaround for measurement reports is important

42% of marketers check KPIs daily and 48% check weekly...



# More buyers rely on Internal Benchmarks for gauging video campaign success

...Rather than measuring against competitor, industry standards, or by-vertical averages



Q240: Are you using/establishing benchmarks in order to compare and measure the success of your [company's/clients'] video ad campaigns in the [ASSIGNED MARKET SECTOR]? Base: Total Respondents

Q245: Which benchmarks do you use to help measure the success of your [company's/client's] video ad campaigns in the [ASSIGNED MARKET SECTOR]? Base: Benchmark Users



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# **TV and DIGITAL VIDEO CONVERGENCE**

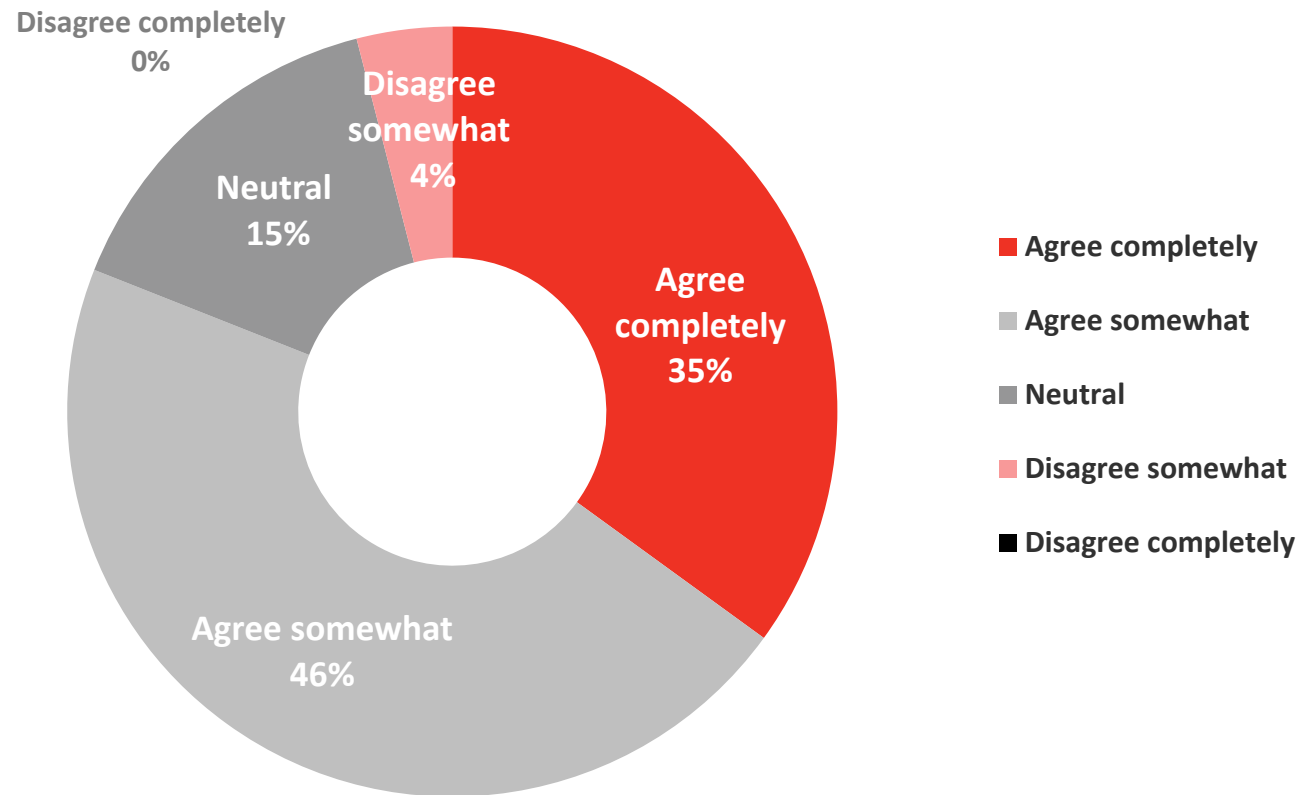
# Convergence: being able to plan, buy, and measure video across platforms

**Unified Planning and Delivery**    **Consolidation of Media Buys**  
**Merging Platforms**  
**Same Content Across Screens**    **Better Data**  
**Better Targeting**    **Blurred Lines**  
**Common Measurement**  
**Impression Based Buying**

# 81% of Buyers believe video buying convergence will be good for the industry

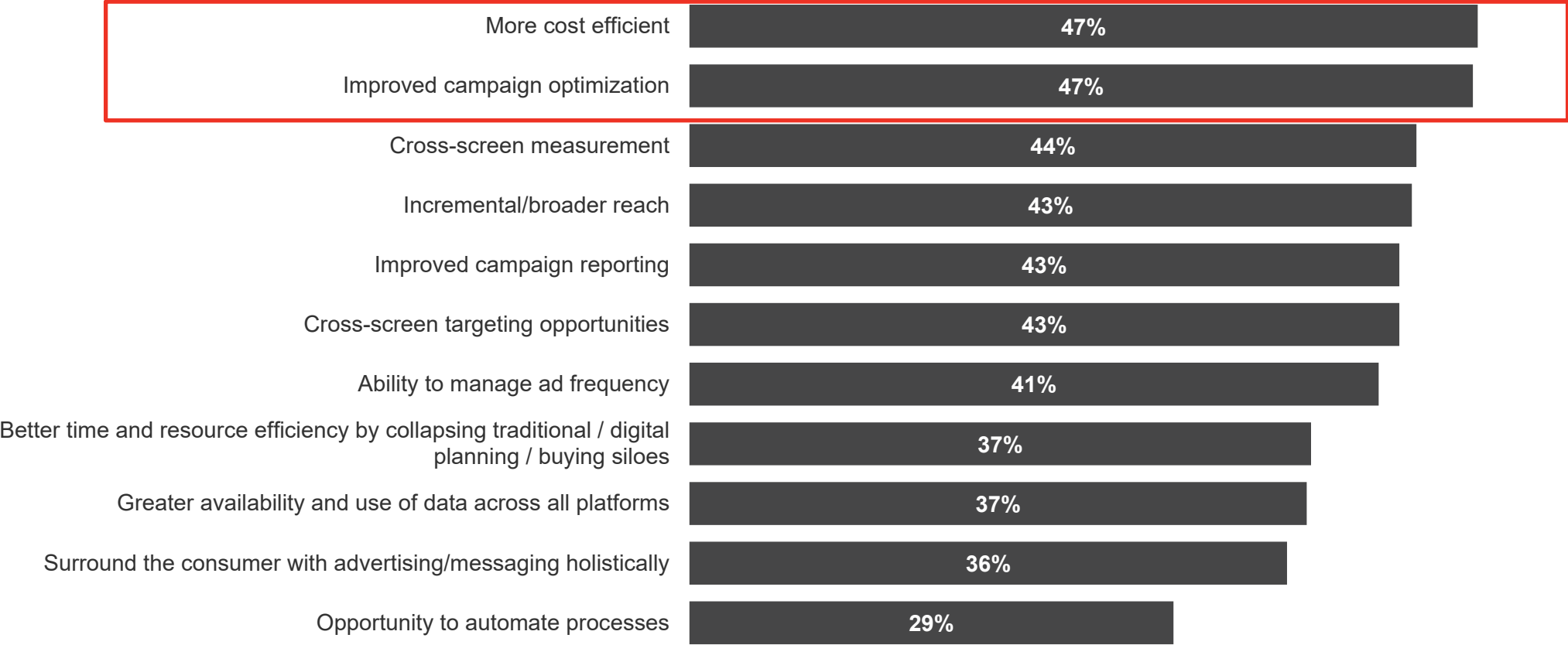
“TV and digital video buying convergence is good for advertisers.”

Level of Agreement with Statement



# Cost concerns and Campaign Optimization are the top benefits of convergence

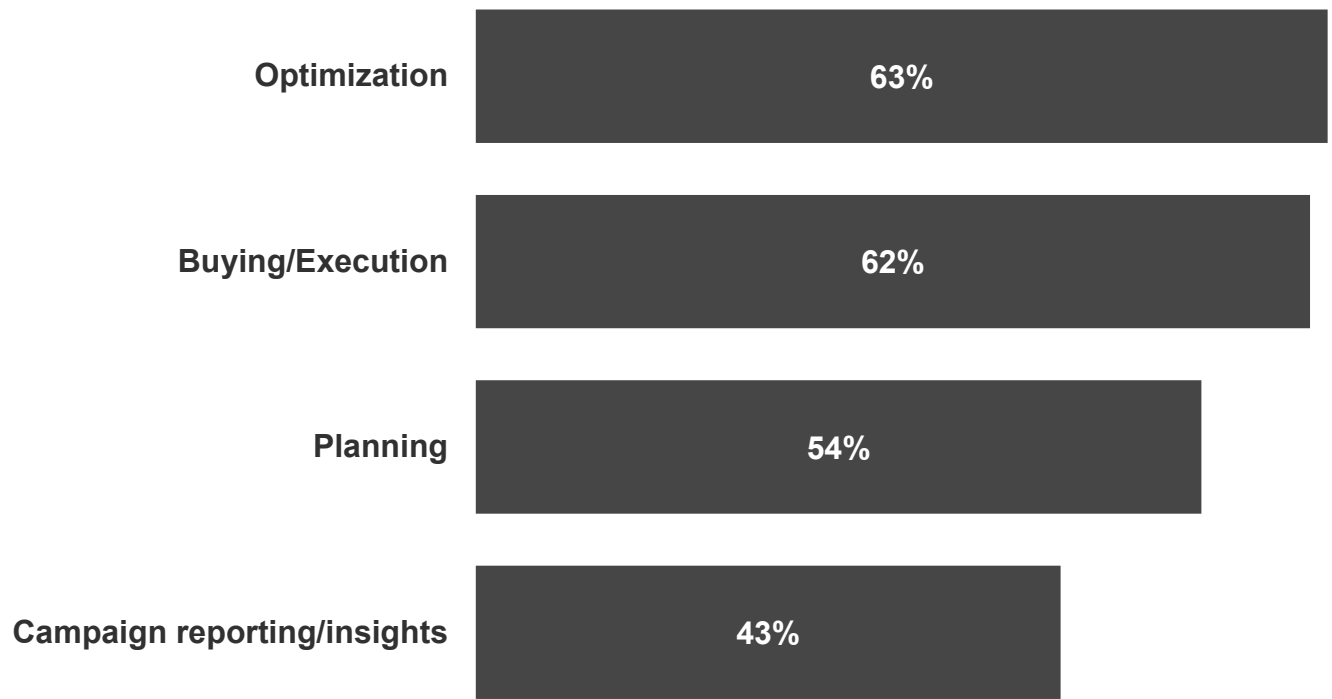
Benefits of TV and Digital Video Convergence





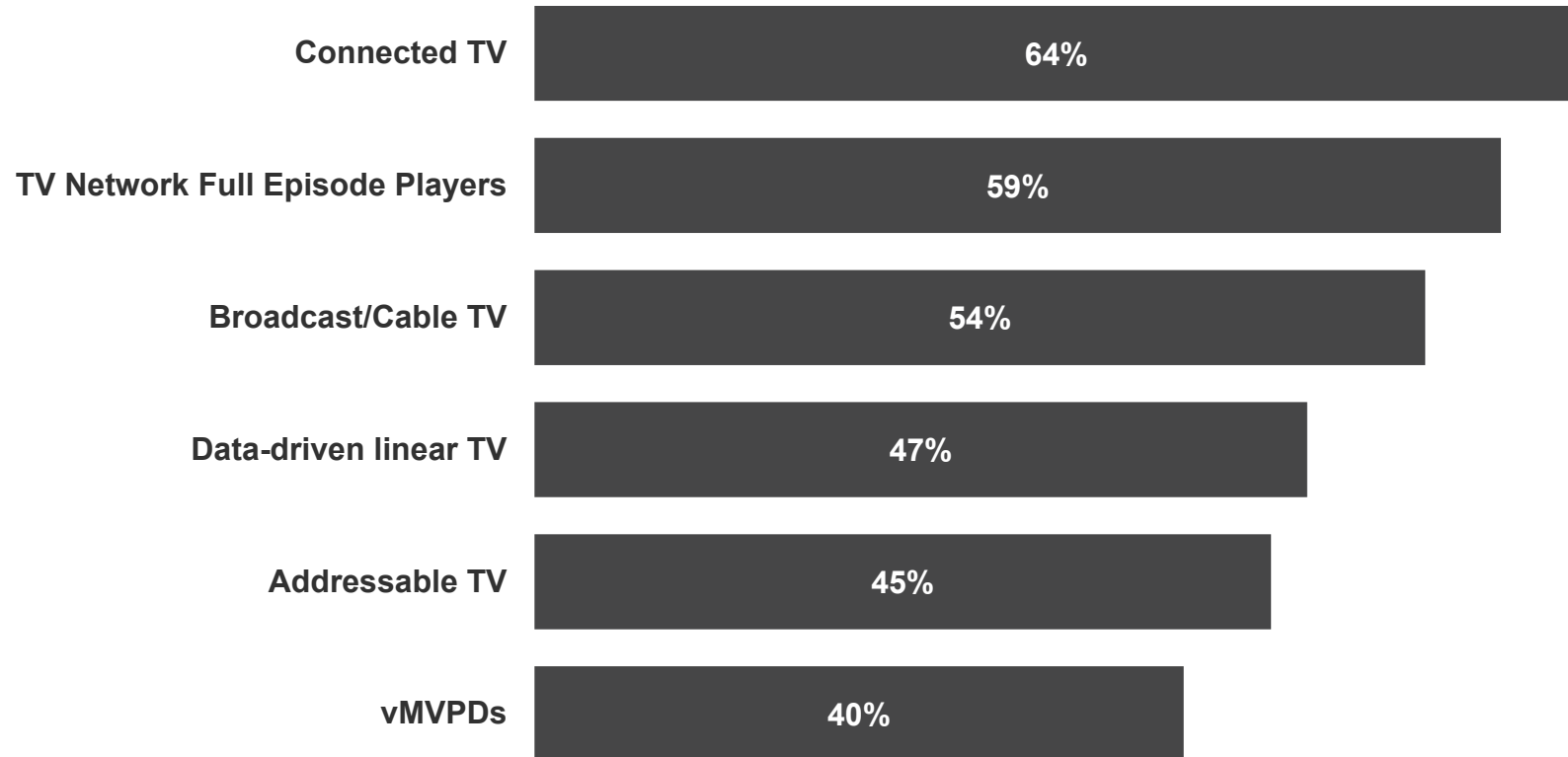
# Buyers expect every part of the campaign process will benefit from convergence

Campaign Phases Benefitting from Convergence



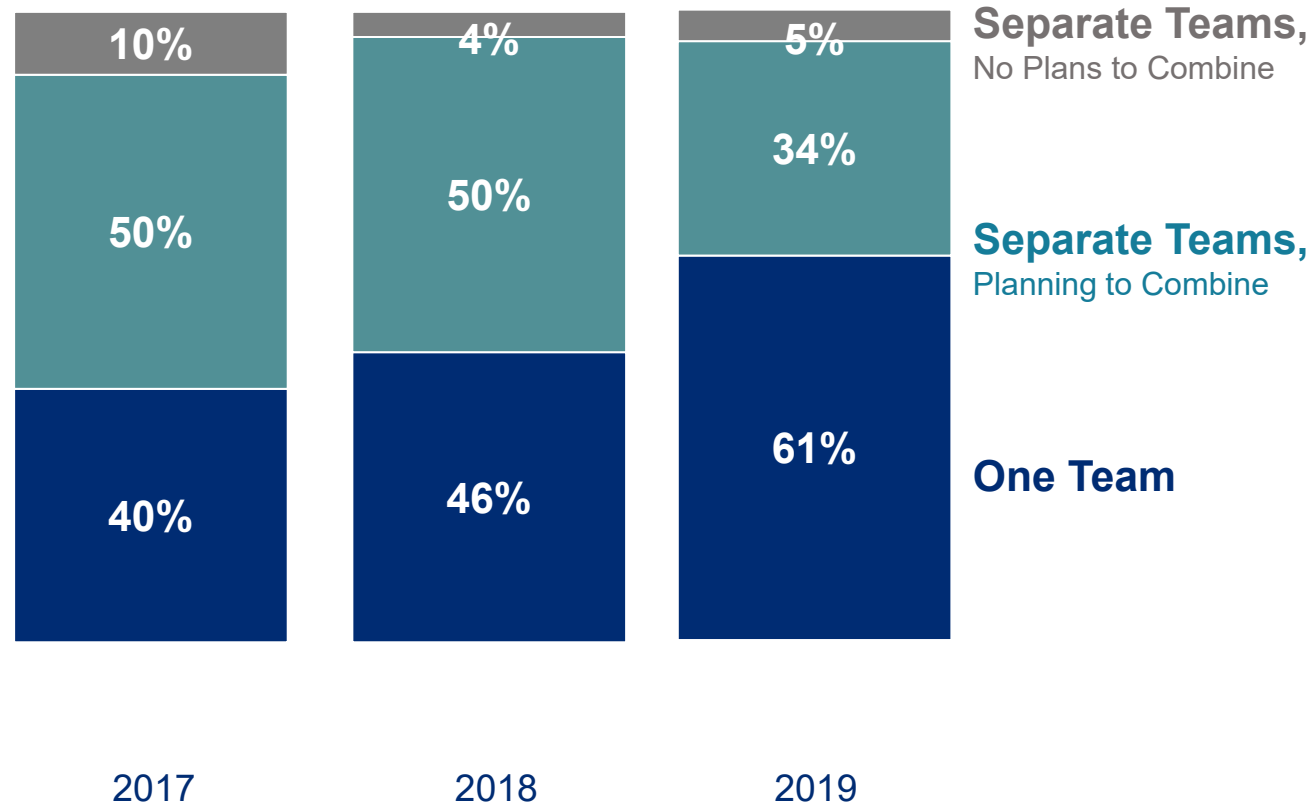
# Currently, CTV is the leading investment in converged Digital Video buys

Platforms Able to Include with Digital Video in One Buy



# Although convergence is still evolving, nearly 2/3 of buying teams have combined

Current Approaches to Buying Digital Video and Linear Television  
Percent of Respondents

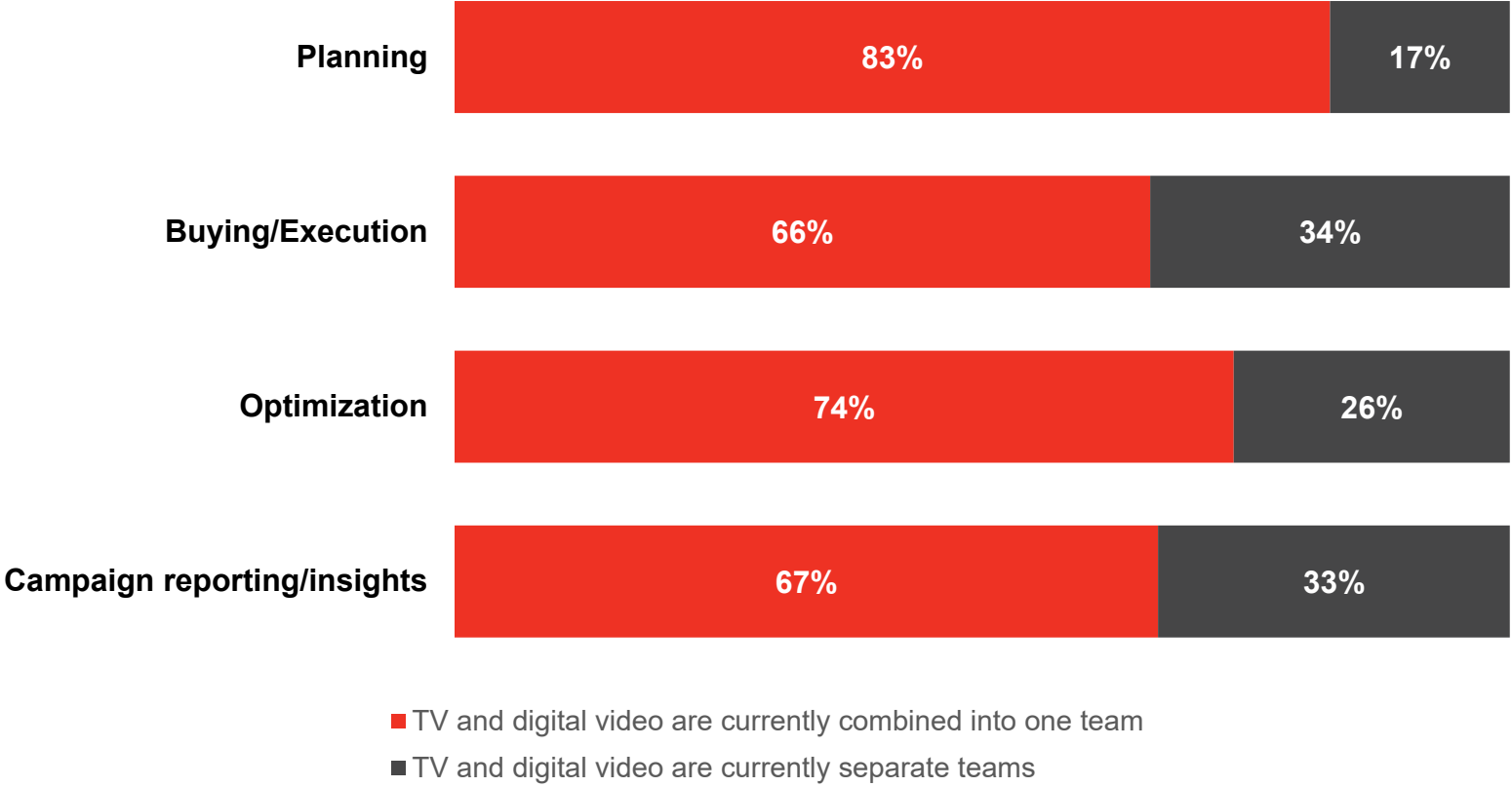


**95%**  
are buying  
(or planning to buy)  
with one team

Source: Advertiser Perceptions 2019 Video Ad Convergence Study  
Q130. You mentioned using both digital video and linear TV for advertising purposes. How are digital video and linear television advertising typically purchased at your [company/agency]?  
Base: Use Both Digital Video and Linear TV

# And the vast majority of Planning has converged

Current TV and Digital Video Convergence at Each Phase



# But many challenges remain for full video buying convergence

Challenges Preventing TV and Digital Video Combined Buying





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# Glossary

- **Addressable TV:** Households viewing same linear or VOD show see different ads. Addressable household data informs audience segmented buys.
- **Advanced TV:** Includes Addressable TV, Data-Driven Linear TV, etc.
- **Broadcast/Cable TV:** Traditional linear TV. Households viewing the same shows see the same ad.
- **Broadcast/Cable TV Network Full Episode Players:** TV content with commercial breaks via browsers and apps.
- **Connected TV (CTV):** Households viewing same show see different ads. CTV device data and streaming service data informs audience buy. Ad supported video on demand including Hulu, The Roku Channel, Tubi, etc.
- **Data-Driven Linear TV:** Households viewing the same linear show see same ad. Advertisers buy specific programs based on viewing data.

- **Interactive Video Ads:** A type of digital video creative that can take user input to perform some enhanced actions through elements integrated above and beyond the standard video playback controls (i.e., play, pause, rewind, and mute). These interactions can include varied calls to actions, forms, polls/surveys, links, chapter menus and hot-spots that may affect story progression of the video content and/or drill down on specific parts of the content itself. The goal of the creative is to give the user various options to engage with the message beyond viewing the video.
- **Picture in Picture/Overlay:** Brand overlays in live streamed content.
- **Shoppable Video Ads:** An ad that allows users to scroll through product selections/buy within the ad itself.
- **Social Video Story Ads:** A brand-created longer form video that disappears after 24 hours.
- **Vertical Video Ads:** Displayed in portrait mode but can be shot in portrait/landscape mode, i.e., skinny and tall vide (9:16 aspect ratio), rather than widescreen format (16.9 aspect ratio) normalized by movies and television. These types of video ads are mostly displayed in mobile devices as they have the optimal aspect ratio to fill the whole screen.
- **vMVPDs:** Live TV via internet including Sling TV, Hulu with Live TV, YouTube TV, etc.





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