

GOD'S PROVISION TODAY AND FOREVER

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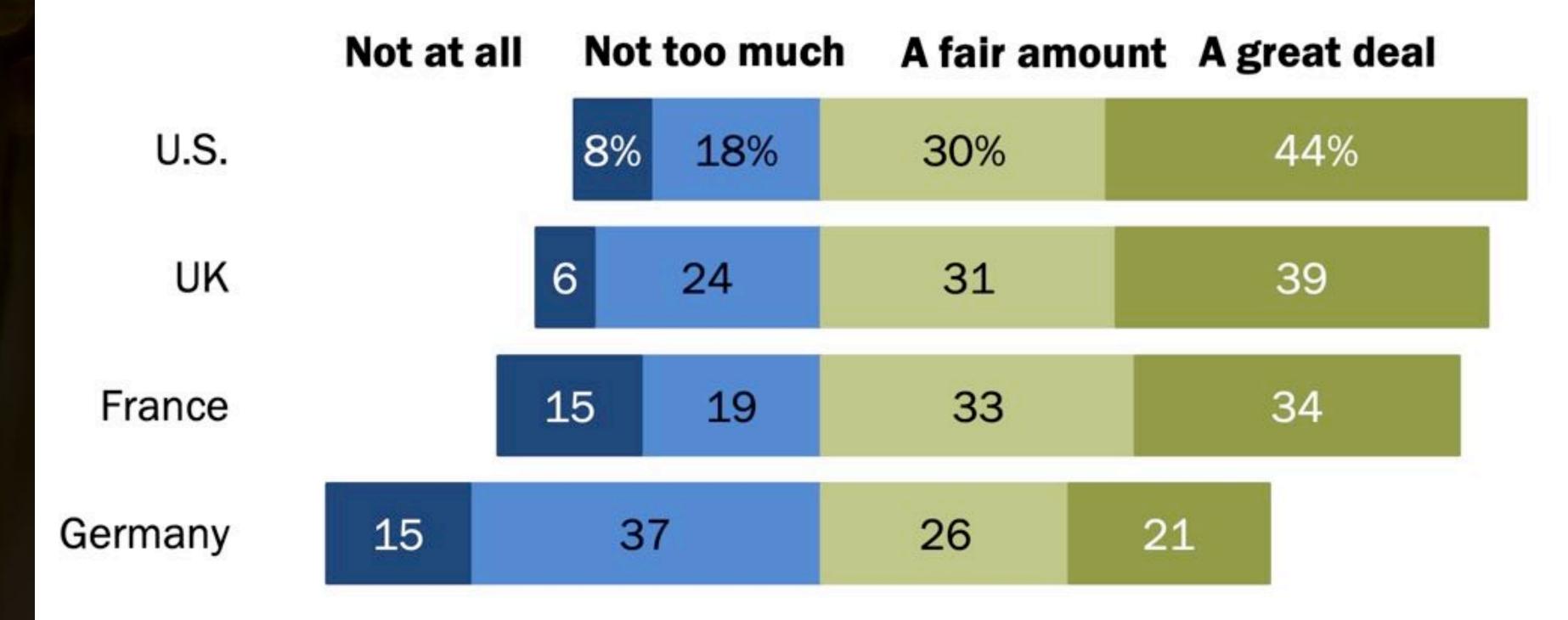
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1 Peter 1:1-12

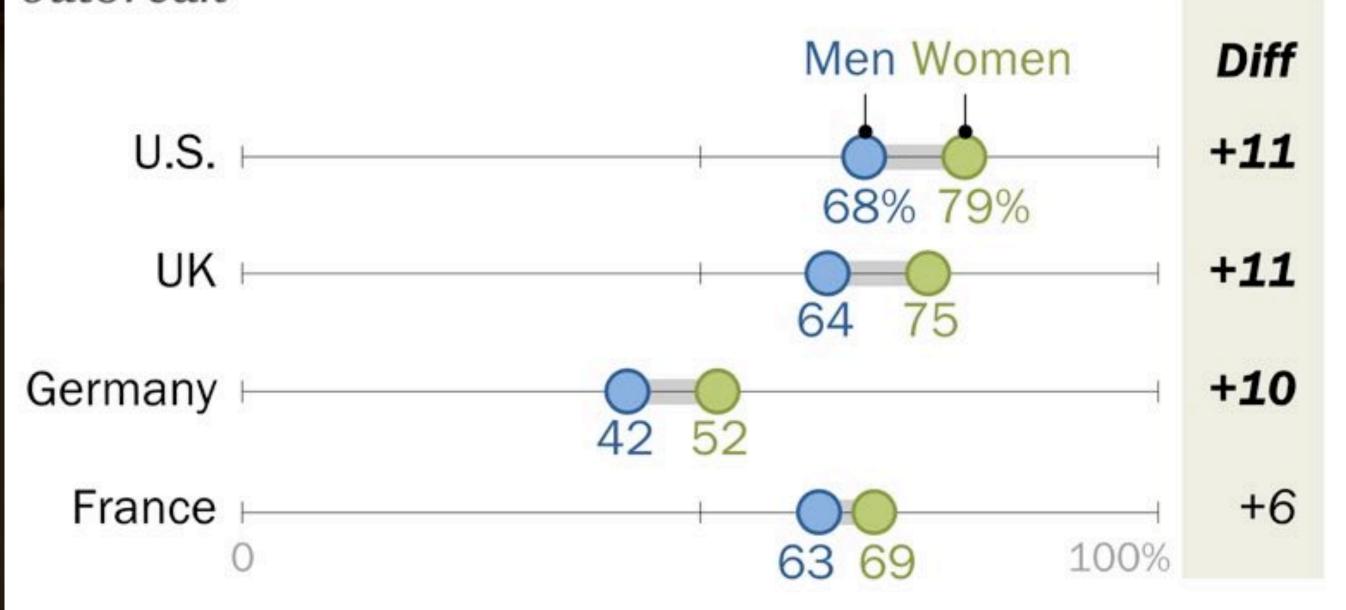
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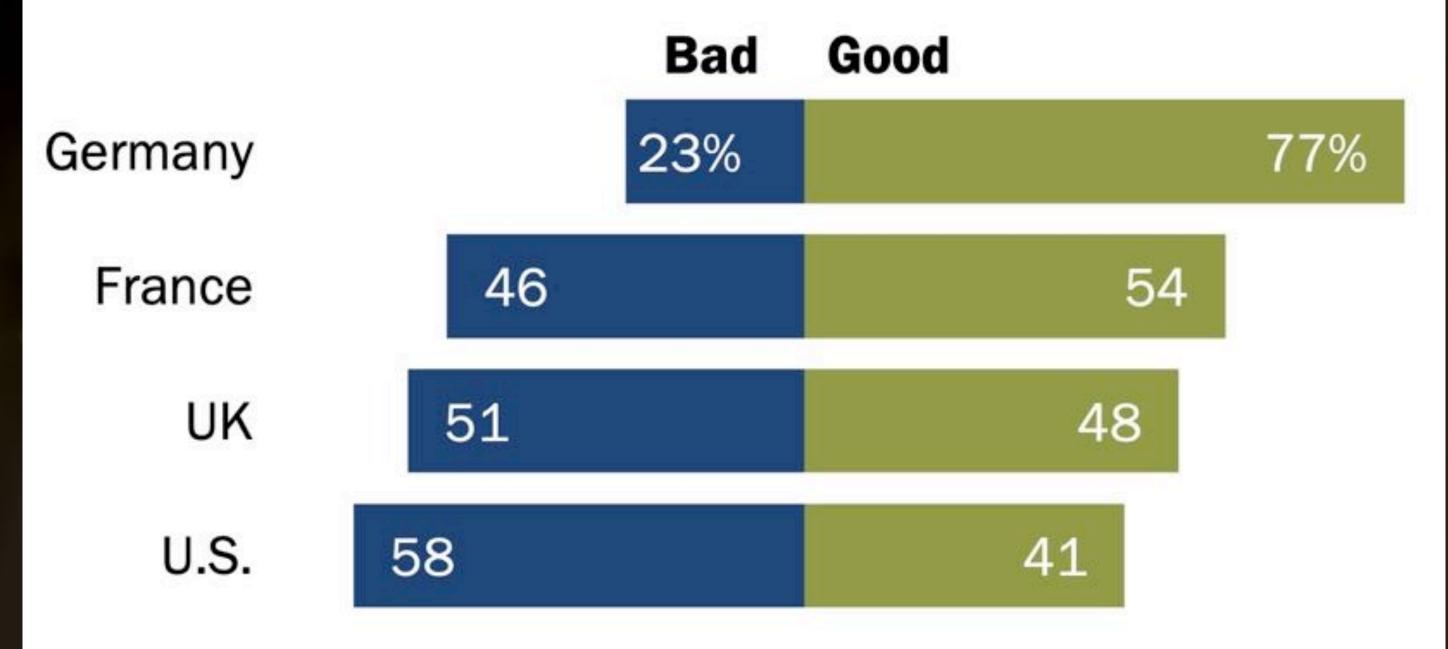
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% of ___ who say their life has changed <u>a great</u> <u>deal/fair amount</u> as a result of the coronavirus outbreak



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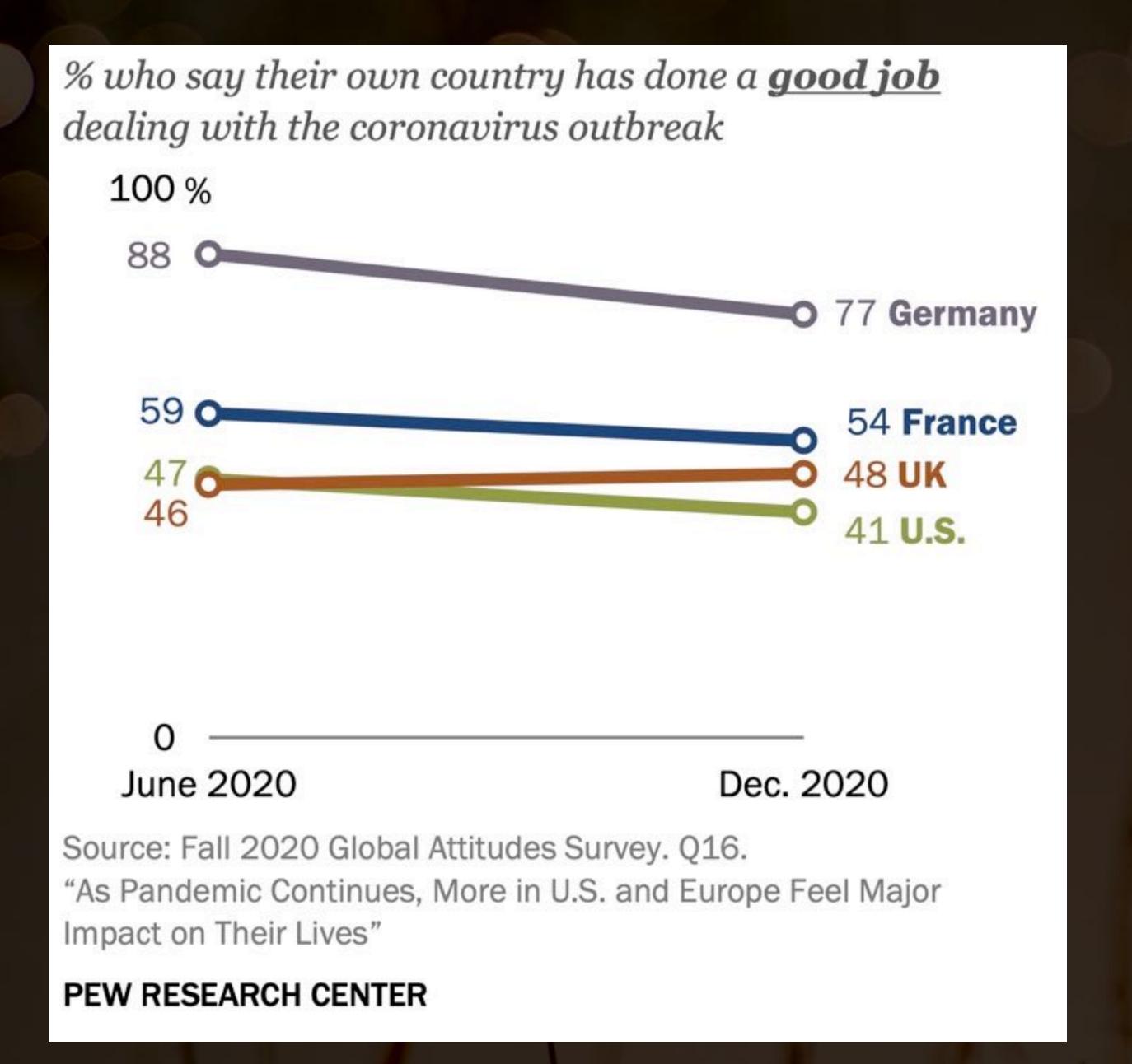


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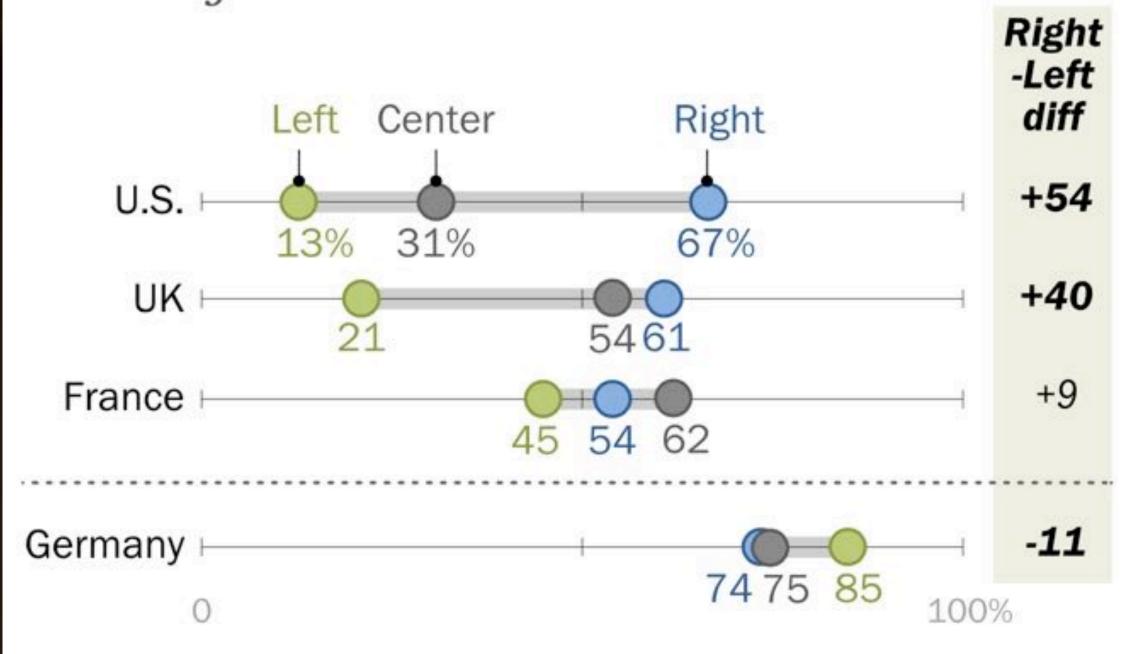
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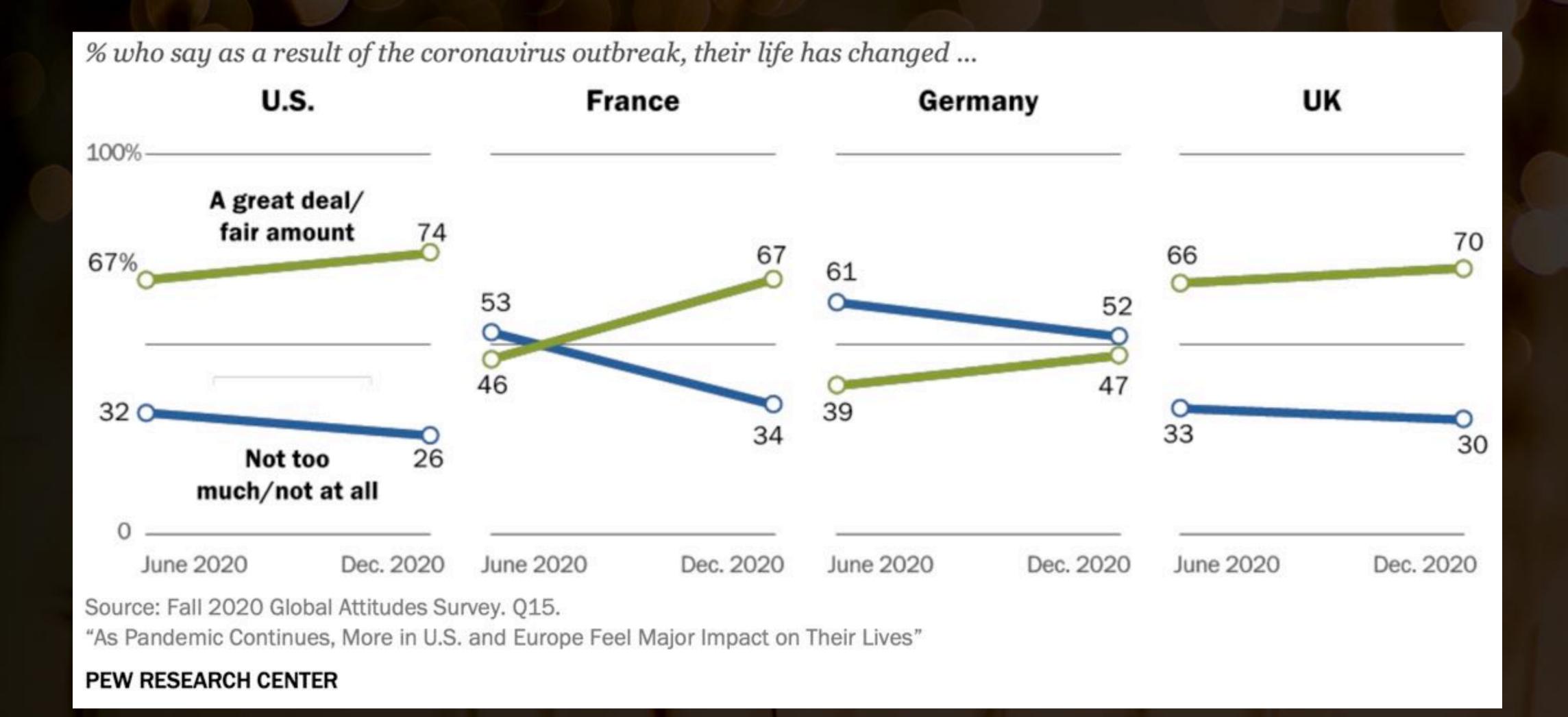


% who say their own country has done a **good job** dealing with the coronavirus outbreak, among those on the ideological ...



Note: Statistically significant differences shown in **bold**. In U.S., ideology is defined as conservative (right), moderate (center) and liberal (left).

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The Big Picture

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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5

The Big Picture

...I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.

1 Peter 5:12



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...remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having **no hope** and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have **no hope**.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

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Next Steps I will take stock of the various trials in my life



Next Steps

I will commit to memorizing
1 Peter 1:3-7 during this
sermon series

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