

COVID-19 POLL

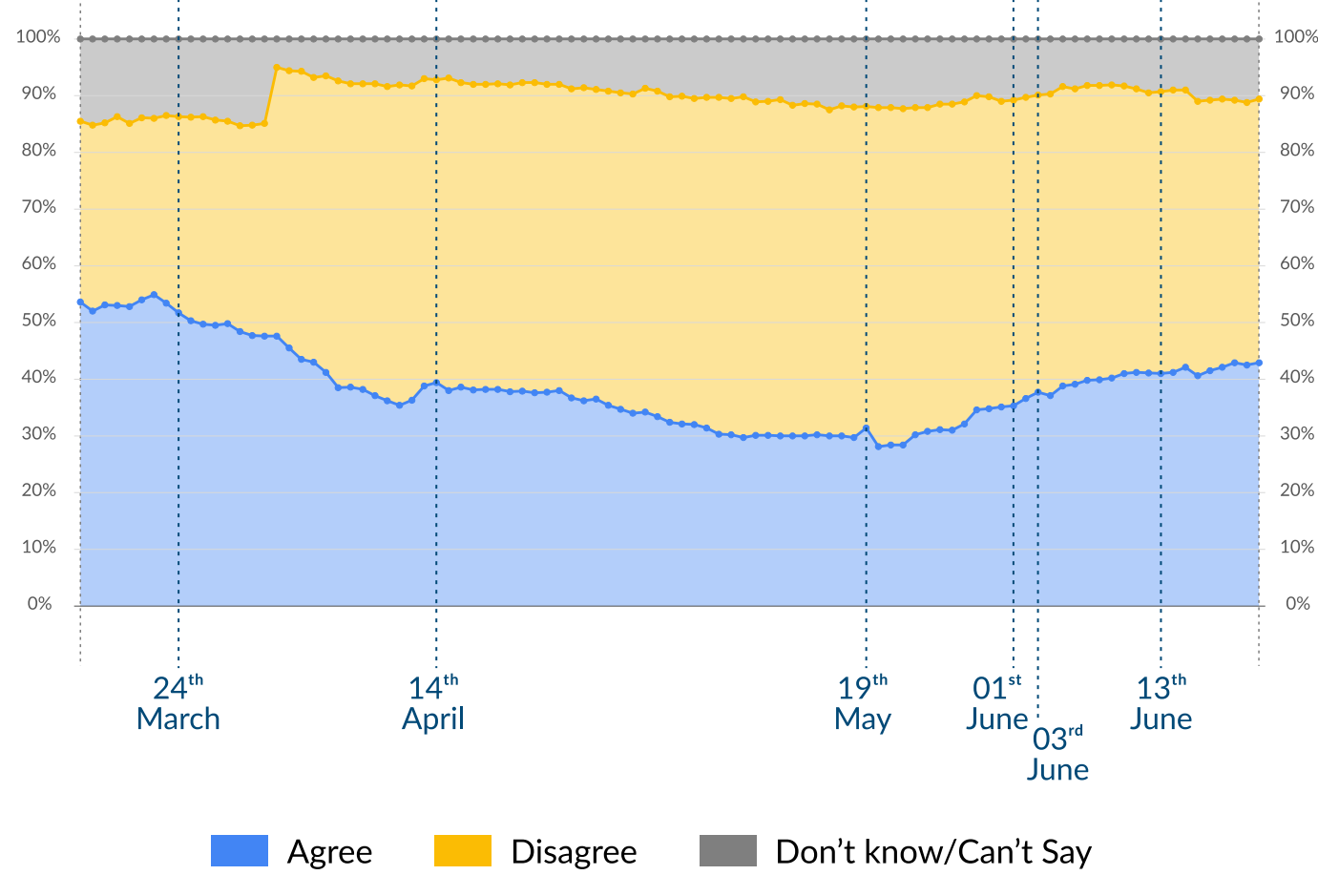
Rise in number of Indians who think the threat of the Coronavirus is being exaggerated as the economy opens up

In an attempt to capture the country's sentiment on the Coronavirus crisis, Team C-Voter has been conducting a daily tracking poll from March 16th 2020 among 18+ adults statewide, including every major demographic. The poll asks questions to respondents across the country about their economic and social wellbeing, along with their sentiments on the fear of the virus and availability of food/ration in their households.

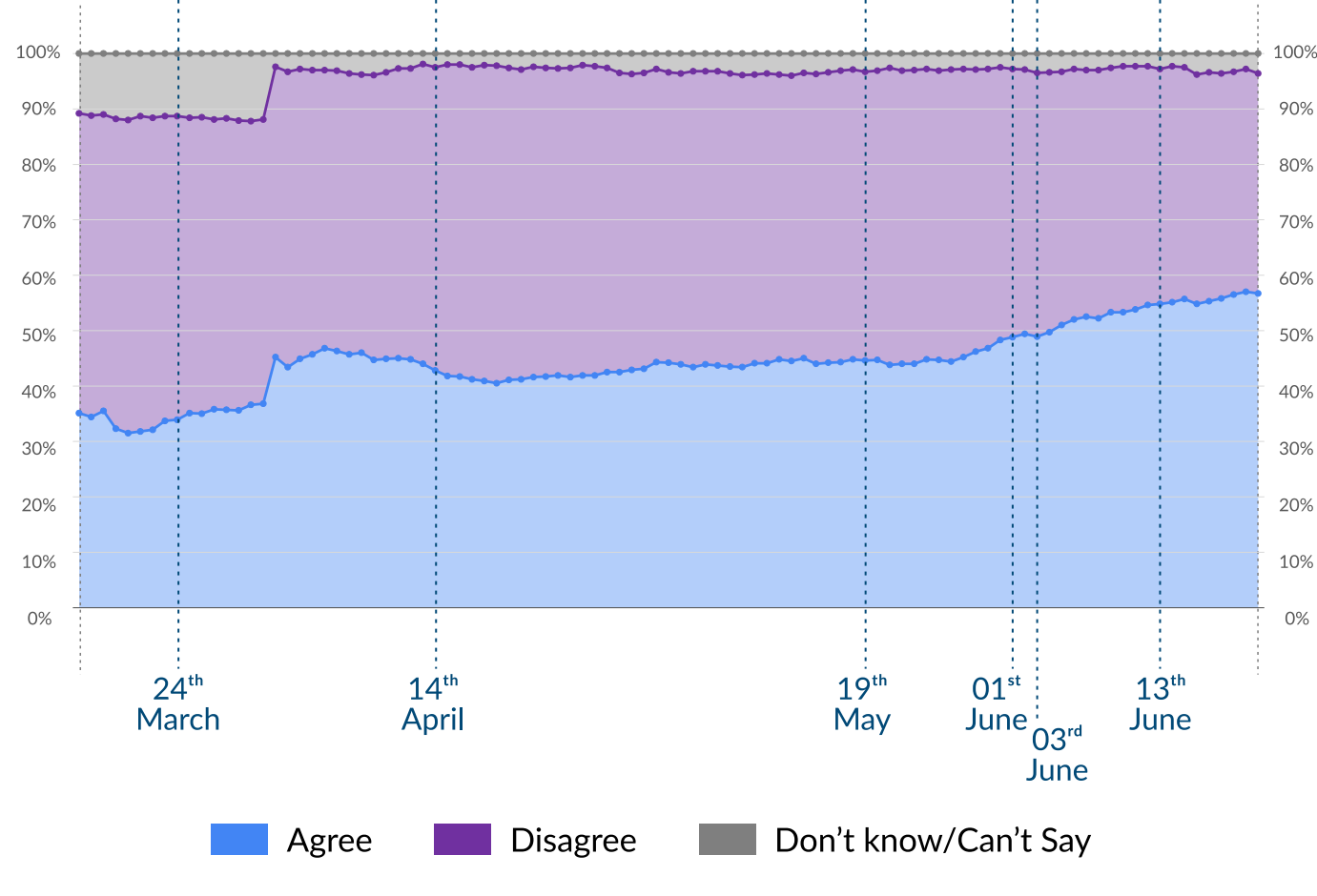
Team Polstrat today breaks down the changes in public opinion about the fear of the Coronavirus and whether people thought this threat was exaggerated or not over the last few months.



How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I am afraid that either myself or someone in my family may actually catch the Coronavirus



How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? I believe the threat from the Coronavirus is exaggerated



TIMELINE

30th
January
2020

First case of Coronavirus in India

24th
March
2020

21-Day nation-wide lockdown announced (Lockdown 1.0)

14th
April
2020

Coronavirus cases cross the 10,000 mark

19th
May
2020

Coronavirus cases cross the 1 lakh mark

01st
June
2020

Unlock Phase 1 (With Lockdown 5.0 in containment zones only)

03rd
June
2020

Coronavirus cases cross the 2 lakh mark

13th
June
2020

Coronavirus cases cross the 3 lakh mark

21st
June
2020

Coronavirus cases cross the 4 lakh mark

How has public opinion about the threat of the Coronavirus been changing?



There has been a constant rise in the percentage of people in India who think they or someone else in their family could catch the Coronavirus as the number of cases in India has been increasing at a rapidly increasing rate since the opening of the lockdown. In the past week, cases increased by one lakh.



During the months of April and May when India was under a series of strict lockdowns, the percentage of people who were scared of getting the Coronavirus stabilized at around 41-45%.



However, since the opening up of the economy on June 1st, followed by the start of the unlock phase 1 on June 8th, this figure has been increasing rapidly to around 57% on June 20th.

Do Indians think the threat from the Coronavirus is exaggerated?

In the days leading up to the Janta Curfew on March 22nd, more than half of the respondents believed that the threat from the Coronavirus was being exaggerated.



However, this viewpoint shifted significantly after the announcement of the nation-wide lockdown in the country, perhaps as it reiterated the severity of the situation in the minds of the people.



Throughout April and May, as a strict lockdown was ongoing in India, around 58-60% of the respondents did not think the threat from the virus was being exaggerated.



However, since the opening up of the economy on June 1st, yet again, the percentage of respondents who think the threat of the Coronavirus is being exaggerated has been rising.

Current survey findings and projections are based on the Team CVoter daily tracking poll conducted from March 22nd 2020 to June 20th 2020 among 18+ adults statewide, including every major demographic.

The data is weighted to the known demographic profile of every state, including age group, social group, income, region, gender and education levels.