

Housing, relationships and neighbourhoods

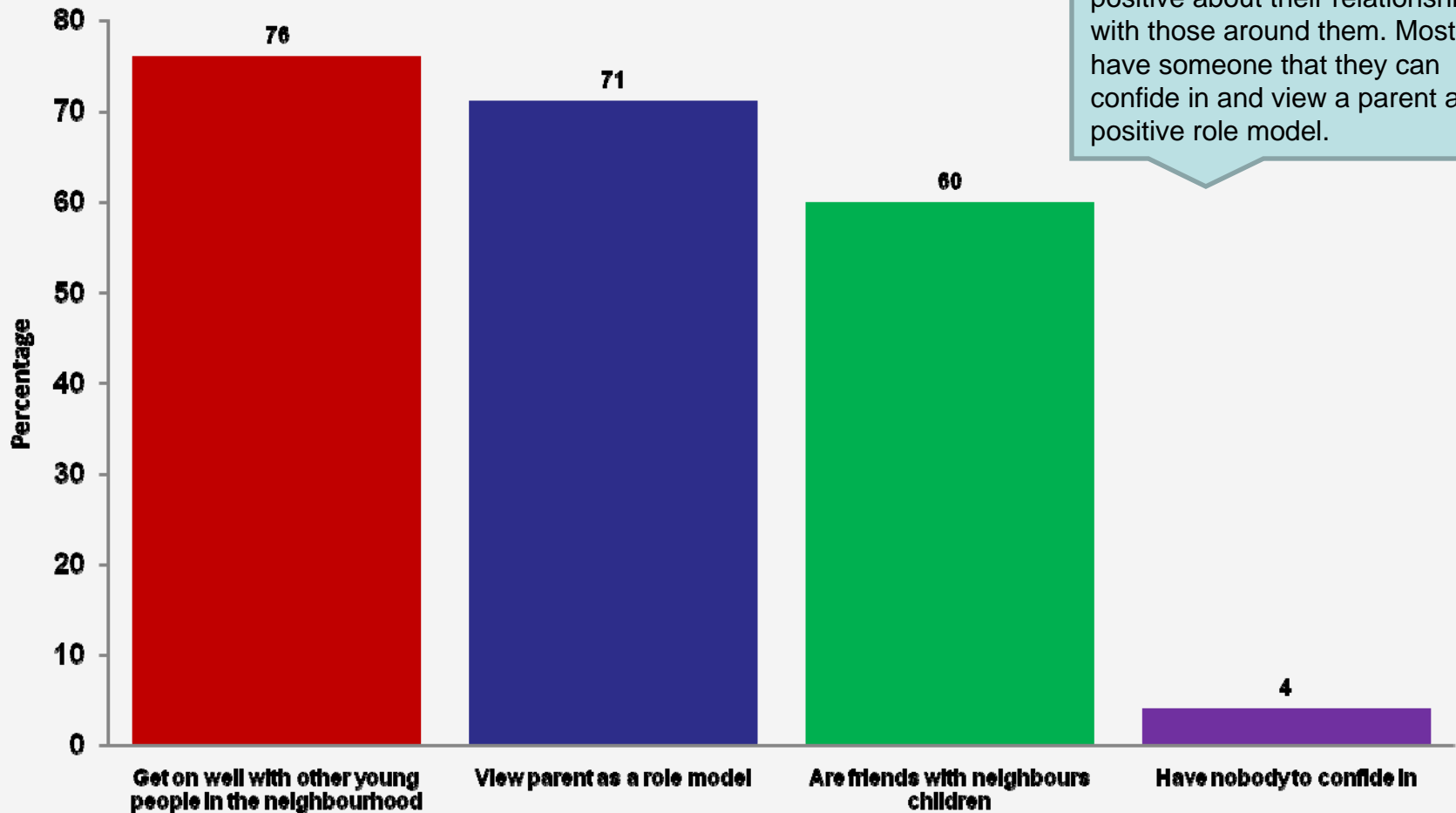
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What do young people think?

- **Survey of 500 11-16 year olds**
- **Do relationships within the family and wider community work?**
- **Does the neighbourhood work?**
- **What does the future hold?**

Relationships with family and people in the neighbourhood



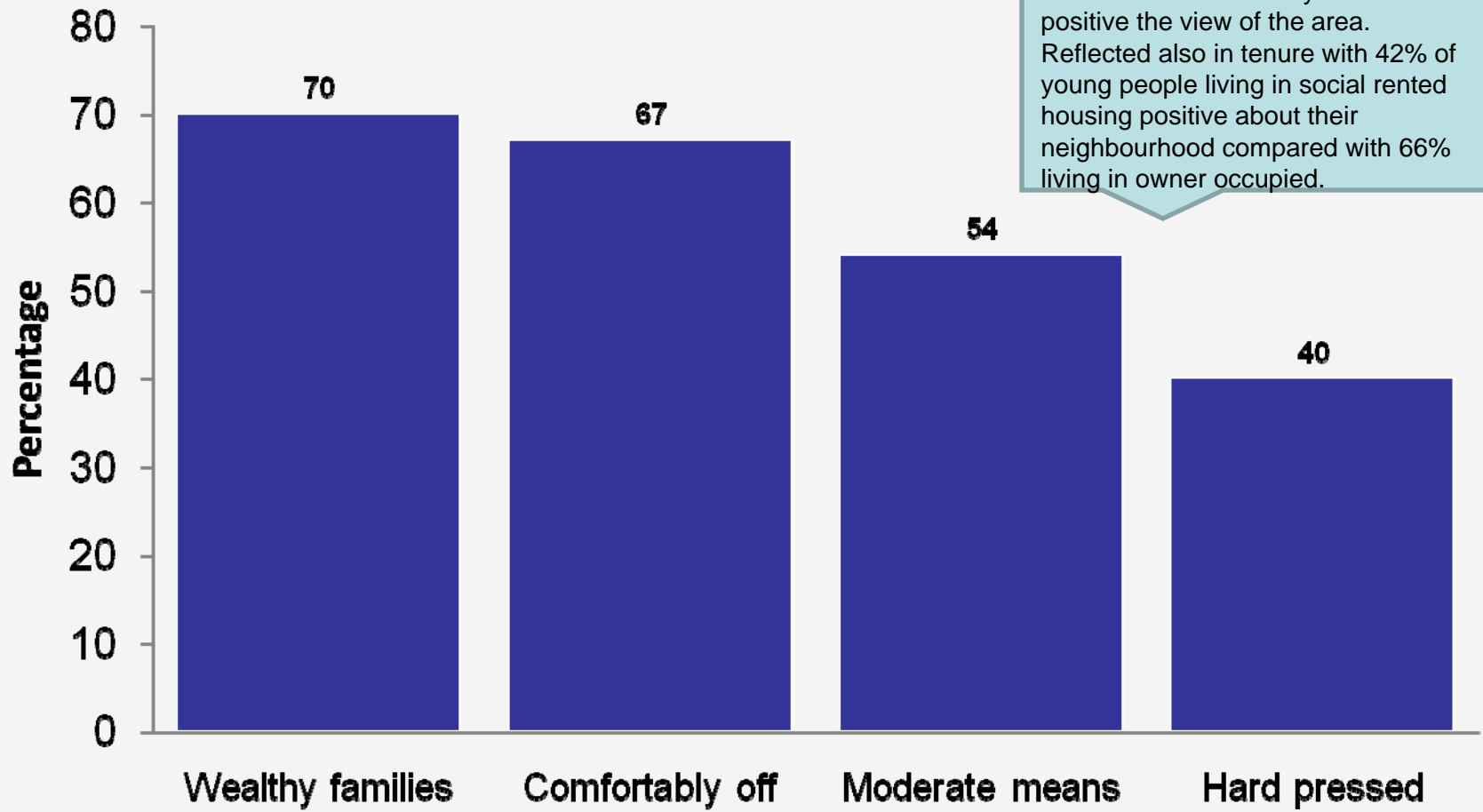
Young people are reasonably positive about their relationships with those around them. Most have someone that they can confide in and view a parent as a positive role model.

Gangs and knives

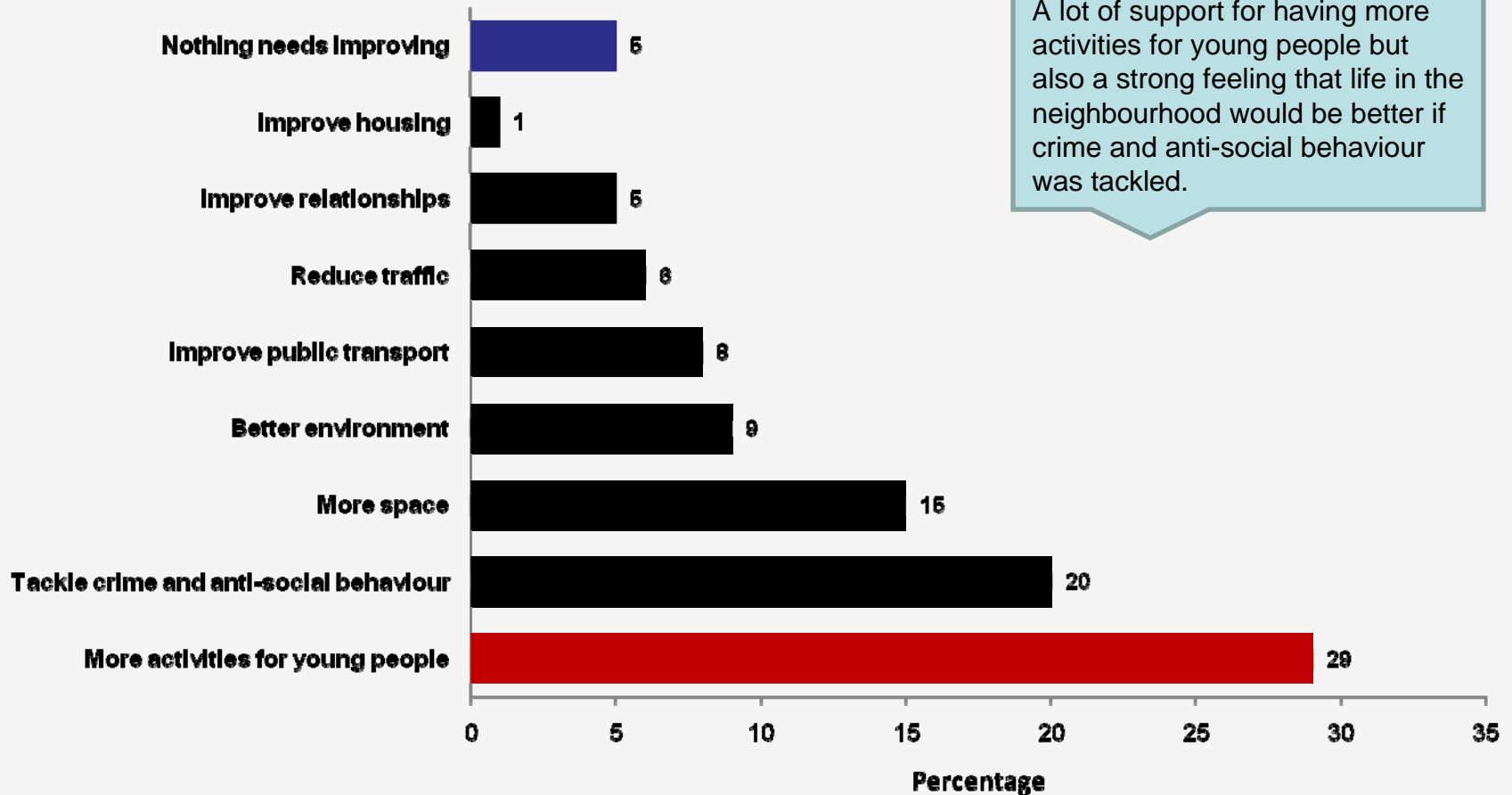
The media image of gangs of knife wielding hoodies roaming our streets simply doesn't stand up to scrutiny. Only 3% have ever been in a gang and only 1% have ever carried a knife.



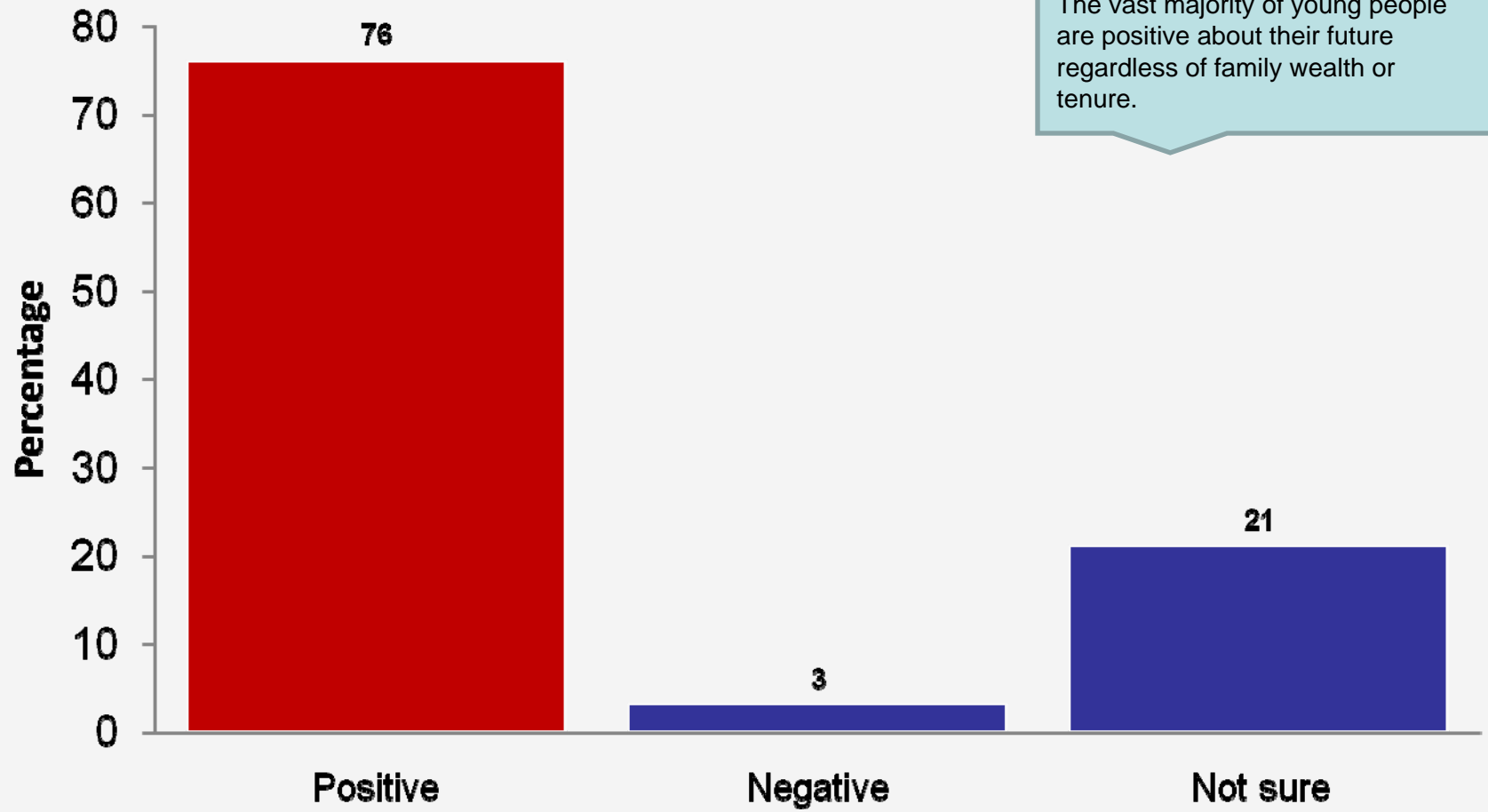
Is this neighbourhood a good place for young people to live? (% saying very good or good)



If you could improve one thing about your neighbourhood what would it be?



How do you feel about your future?



Conclusions

- **What works?**
- **Much of what we already have works well. There is much that young people are positive about.**
- **However**
- **Income inequality a key driver behind less positive views**
- **The challenge**
- **To meet and extend expectations of a positive future**