



NATIONAL LOW INCOME
HOUSING COALITION

Coronavirus and Housing/Homelessness

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Welcome & Overview



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Guest Speaker



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi

12th District of California

U.S. House of Representatives

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Preventing Unlawful Evictions



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COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project

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THE COVID-19 EVICTION DEFENSE PROJECT

NATIONAL EVICTION RISK
NUMBERS

5/29/2020

THE COVID-19 EVICTION DEFENSE PROJECT RESPONDS TO THIS UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS BY:

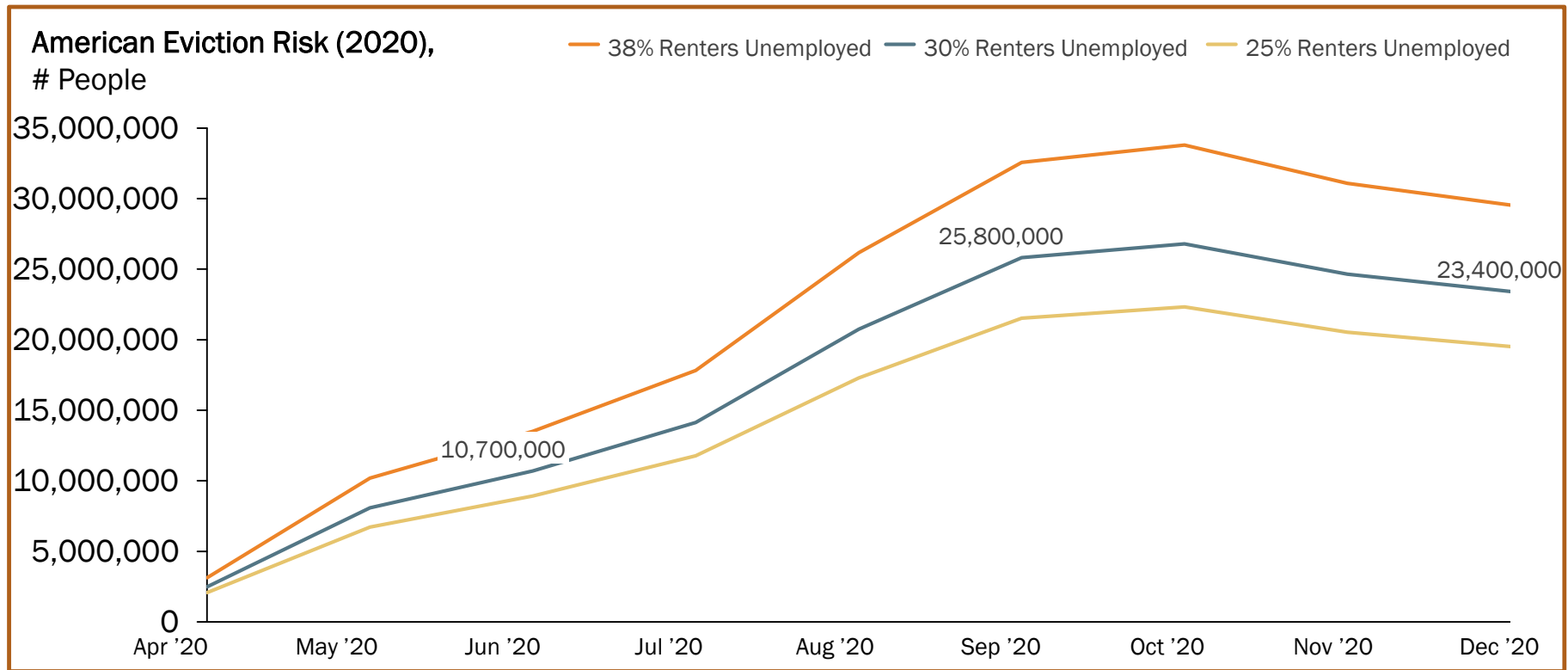
- Pairing lawyers with tenants
- Developing economic analyses & legislation
- Amplifying human experiences with this crisis
- Providing financial support for renters



CEDP client Kendra Tallent and her family tell their story

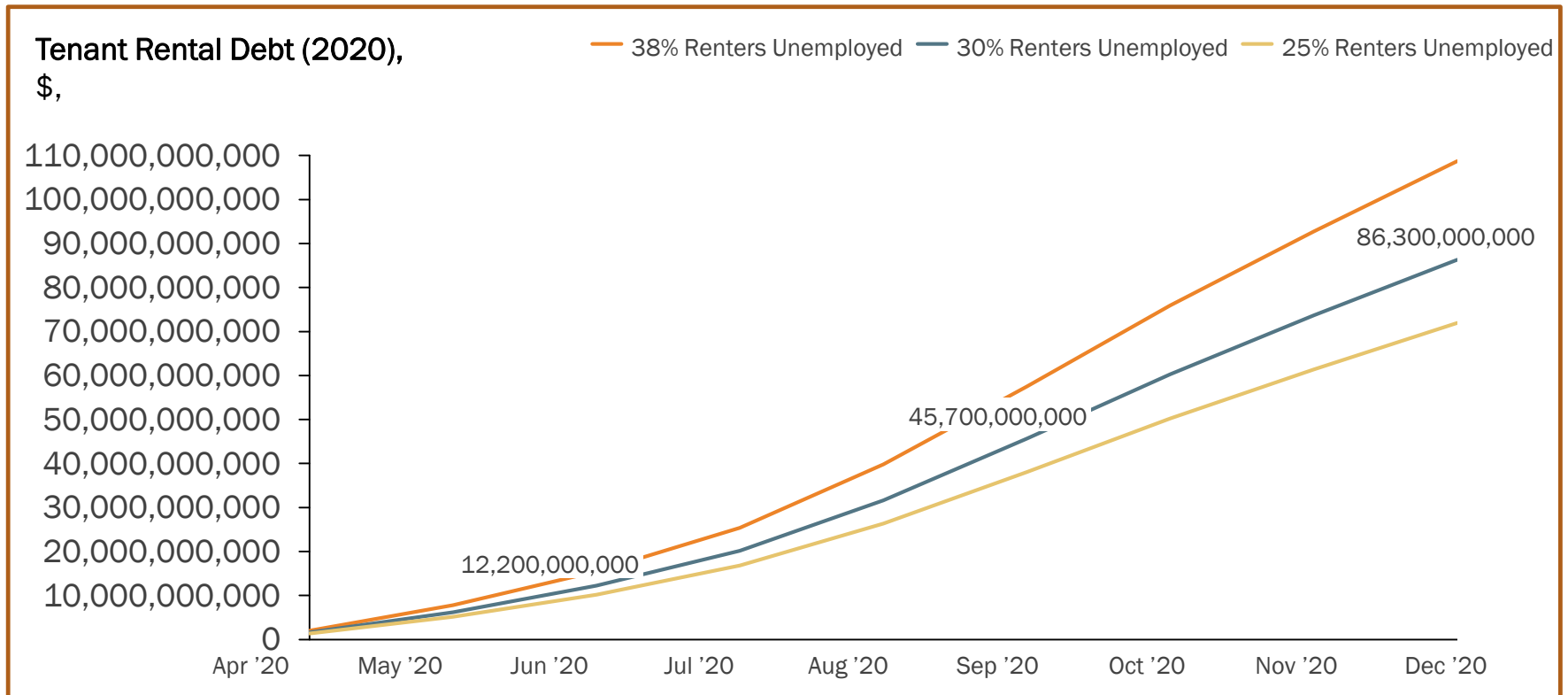
ALMOST 26 MILLION PEOPLE WILL STRUGGLE TO PAY RENT BY SEPTEMBER

RENTERS WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED, EARN LOW INCOMES OR NOT WHITE ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE



Source: COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project Model.

RENTAL DEBT COULD APPROACH \$90 BILLION BY 2021 IF CURRENT CONDITIONS DO NOT CHANGE



Source: COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project Model.

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Overview of New Poll Results – Support for Policy Priorities



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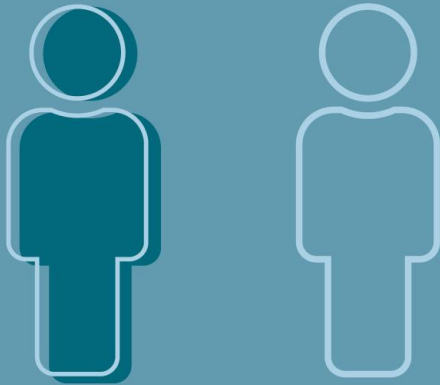
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Over half of all people



in the U.S. express concern that they will **lose their housing** if they don't get additional assistance to help cover the costs



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Source: Public Opinion Poll
May 15-20, 2020 Hart Research Associates



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Nearly half (46%) have made sacrifices since beginning of COVID-19 to make sure they can pay rent or mortgage

Which of the following actions, if any, have you had to do since the beginning on the coronavirus outbreak to make sure you can pay your rent or mortgage?

- Cut back on healthy, nutritious food (17%)
- Stop saving for retirement (16%)
- Used a credit card to help cover all or some of your housing costs (15%)
- Accumulate credit card debt (13%)
- Borrowed money from a friend or family member to cover all or some of your housing costs (11%)
- Skip paying other important bills such as electricity, water, or insurance (10%)
- Take on an additional job or work more at your current job (8%)
- Cut back on activities and learning materials for your child (8%)
- Cut back on healthcare for you or a family member (6%)
- Taken out a payday loan or car title loan to cover all or some of your housing costs (5%)

80%

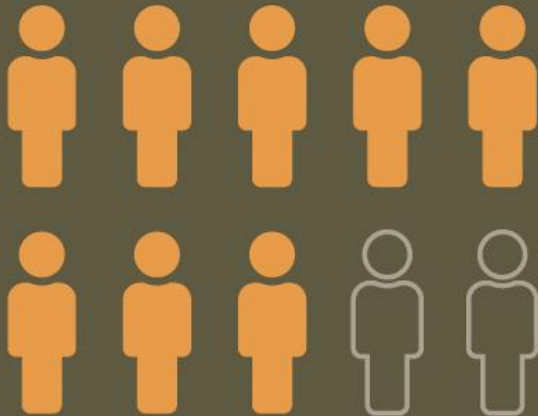
of the public thinks it's very or fairly important
for government to provide assistance to help
people cover their housing costs during the
COVID-19 outbreak



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Nearly 8 in 10 people



in the U.S. agree that our elected leaders are not putting enough attention on people's need for help to pay for their housing during the coronavirus outbreak



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88%

of the public agrees that providing **housing assistance to prevent evictions and homelessness** during the COVID-19 outbreak should be considered as urgent a priority as investments in healthcare



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Nearly 9 in 10 people



in the U.S. agree that our elected leaders in Washington should take major action to **make sure everyone has stable, affordable housing** during the COVID-19 outbreak



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Spending and the Deficit

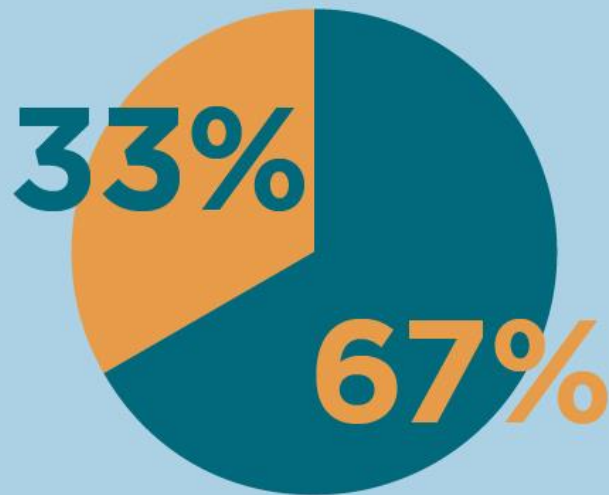


Which of the following statements do you agree with more, even if it is not exactly how you feel?

STATEMENT A: Because we are in a time of national crisis, our most important priority right now needs to be the health and safety of the American people. We know that making sure people can stay in their homes is critical to stable families and communities, which will be essential to rebuilding our economy. The government should make major investments to ensure that people who cannot cover their housing costs can stay in their homes during the coronavirus outbreak and through the recovery, even if it means increasing the deficit.

STATEMENT B: The government has already invested \$2.5 trillion in aid and relief for American families, workers, and businesses during the coronavirus outbreak and we have to draw the line somewhere. Businesses have already started to re-open and people will be back to work making money to support their families. We cannot afford to go deeper into debt, increasing the federal deficit, which will ultimately hurt the economy and be a burden for future generations.

By a 2:1 margin,



the public wants to see government make major housing investments even if it means increasing the deficit



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When asked about **housing instability and homelessness** during the COVID-19 outbreak...



89% of people in the U.S. favor a nationwide policy that **stops all evictions**



93% favor providing **emergency rental assistance**



90% favor expanding funding for **homeless assistance programs** that minimize the number of people living in large shelters



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Resources

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Congress

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Local Updates



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