

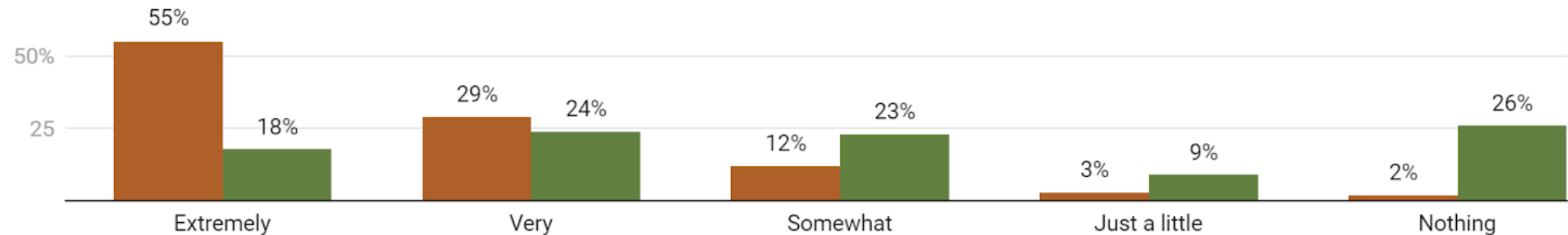
The Arrival of HOPE
Realized

Europe - December 1940



More than half of Americans are "extremely worried" about the country in 2022, three times the proportion who are "extremely hopeful"

Worried Hopeful

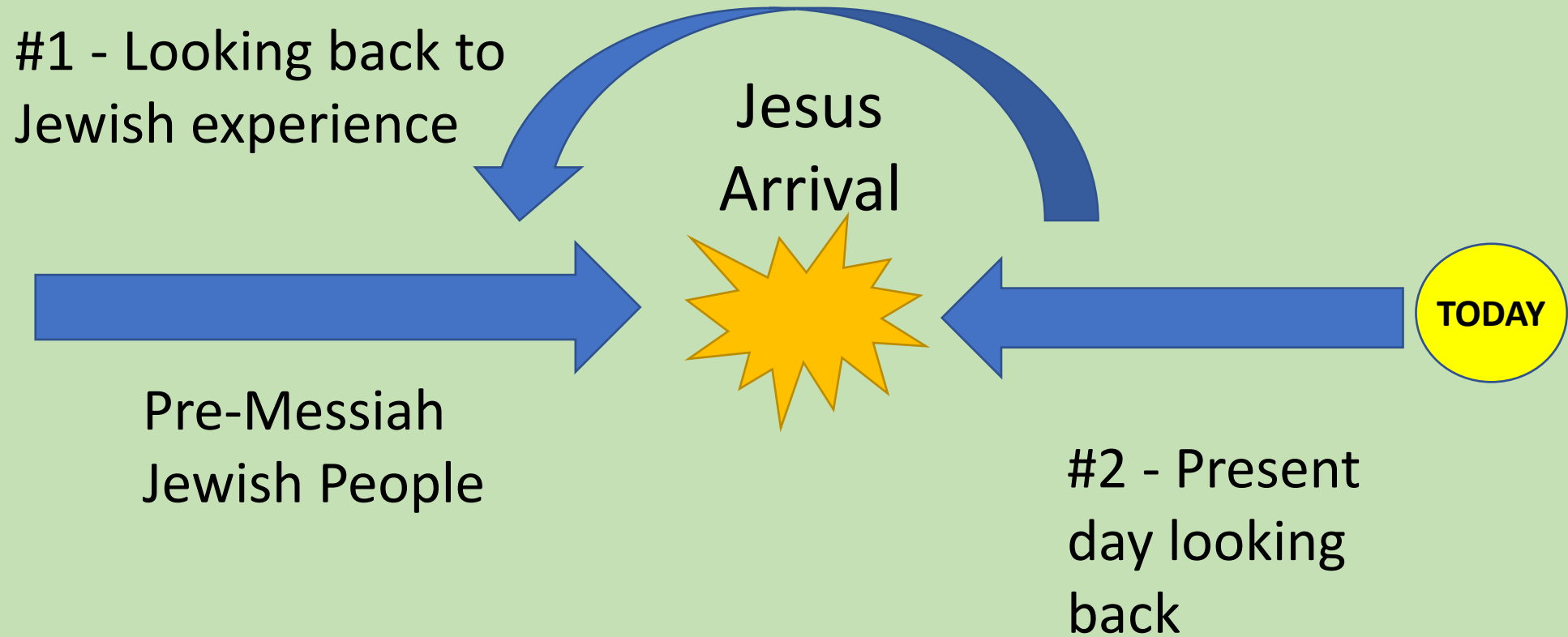


Question: "You said [short phrase] makes you most hopeful about where America is headed in the next 12 months. How hopeful does that make you?" and "You said [short phrase] worries you the most about where America is headed in the next 12 months. How worried does that make you feel?" Source: APM Research Lab analysis of McCourtney Institute's Mood of the Nation Poll, Nov. 30-Dec. 7, 2021. N=1,200 U.S. adults age 18 or older; the maximum overall margin of error is ± 3.7 percentage points, and is larger for subgroups.

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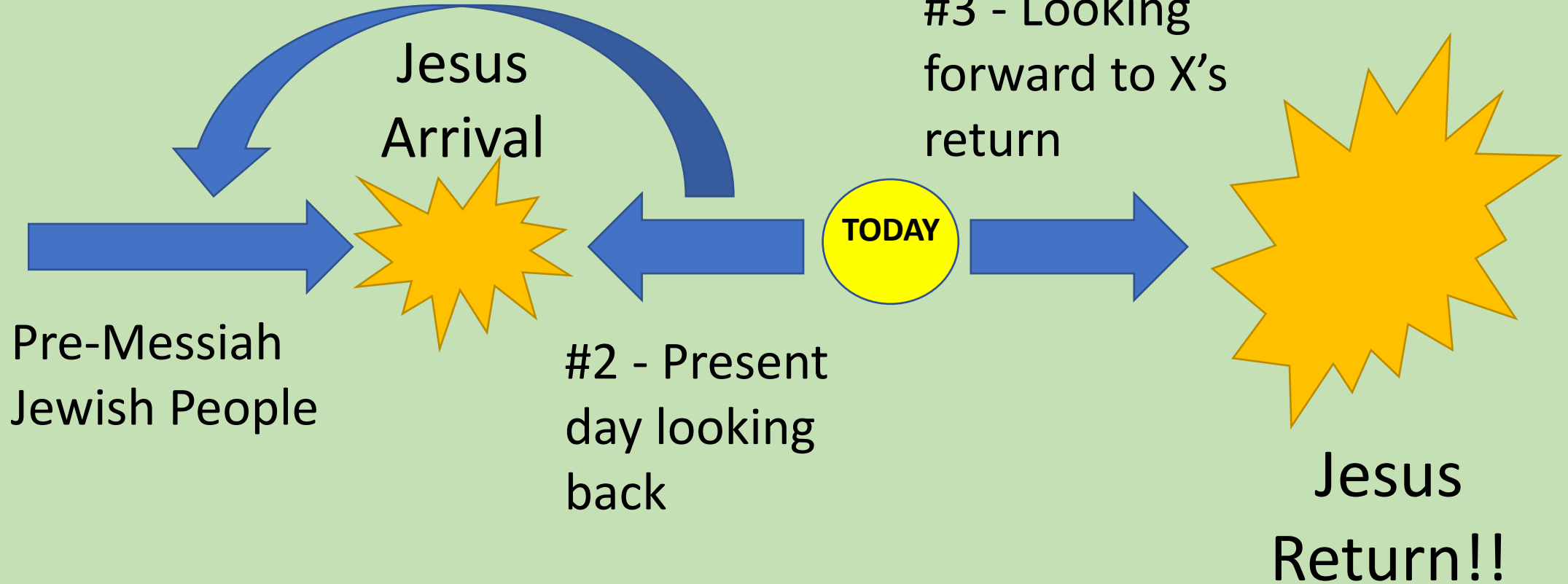
Levels of worry remain remarkably consistent across demographic categories, with no significant

3 Vantage Points of Advent – “the arrival of an esteemed person”



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#1 - Looking back to Jewish experience



Pre-Messiah
Jewish People

Jesus
Arrival

#2 - Present
day looking
back

#3 - Looking
forward to X's
return

TODAY

Jesus
Return!!

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

- Revelation 21:1-7

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

-1 Peter 1:13