

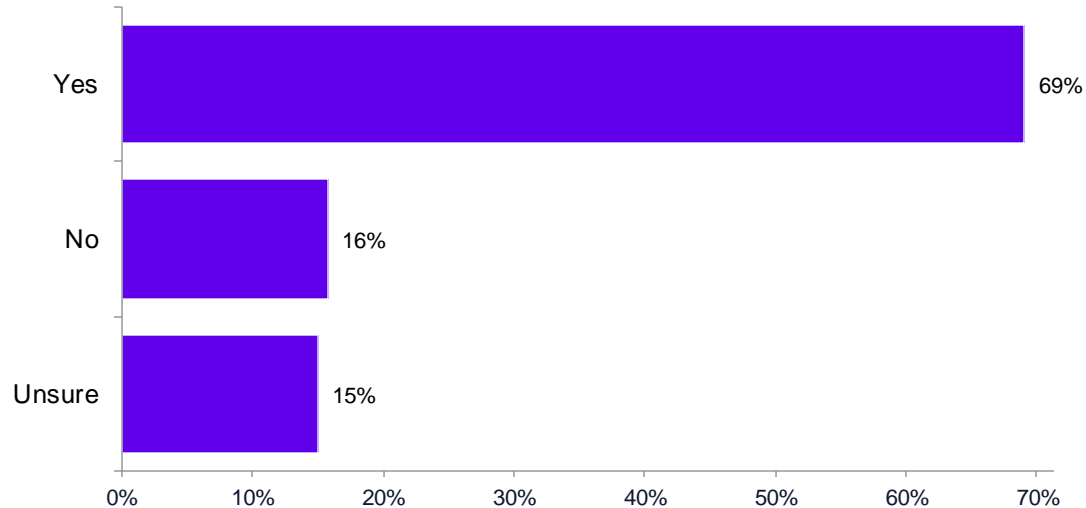
# Survey: Technology and The Future of Social Connectedness

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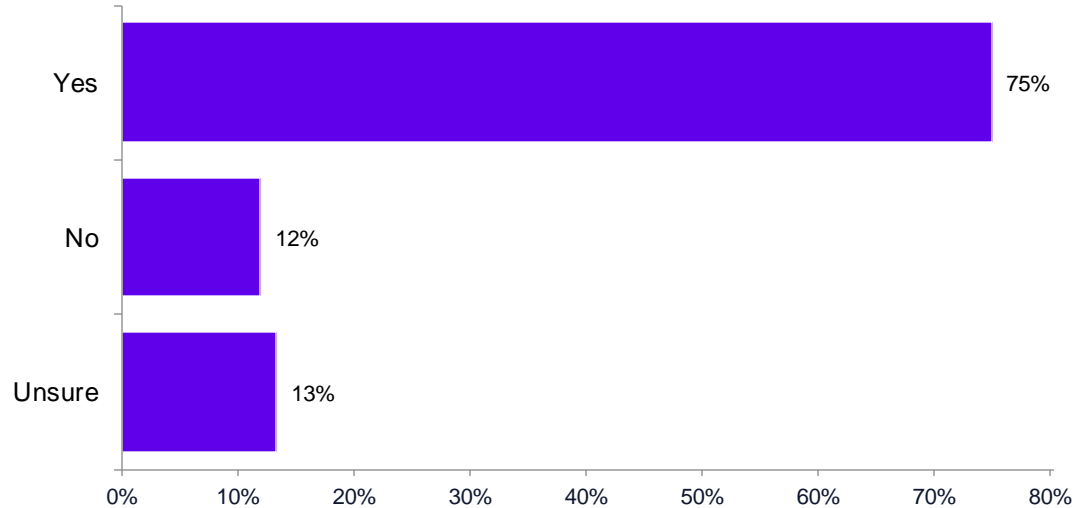
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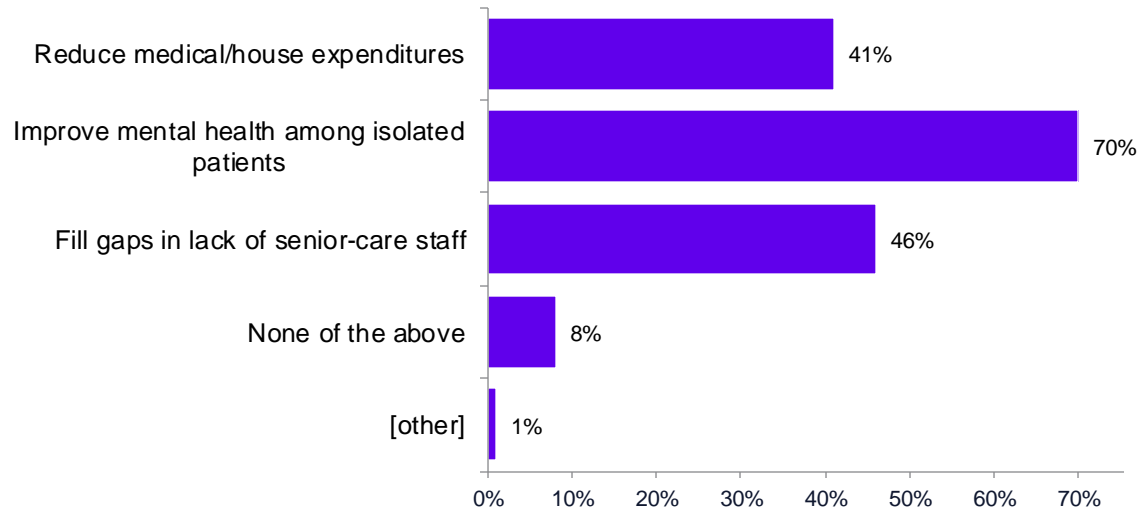
**Do you think robots can provide companionship and augment the impact of human-to-human interaction for older adults who are suffering from social isolation?**



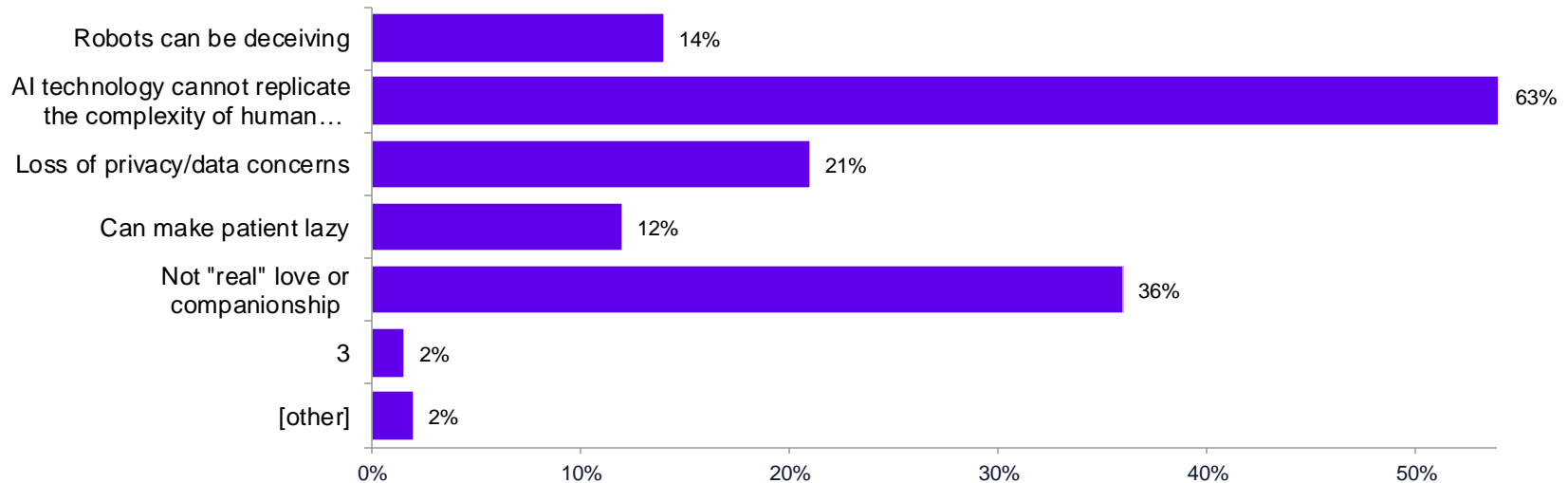
**If robot-to-human interaction is shown to be effective and customer adoption is positive, would you recommend them to your older patients to battle social isolation?**



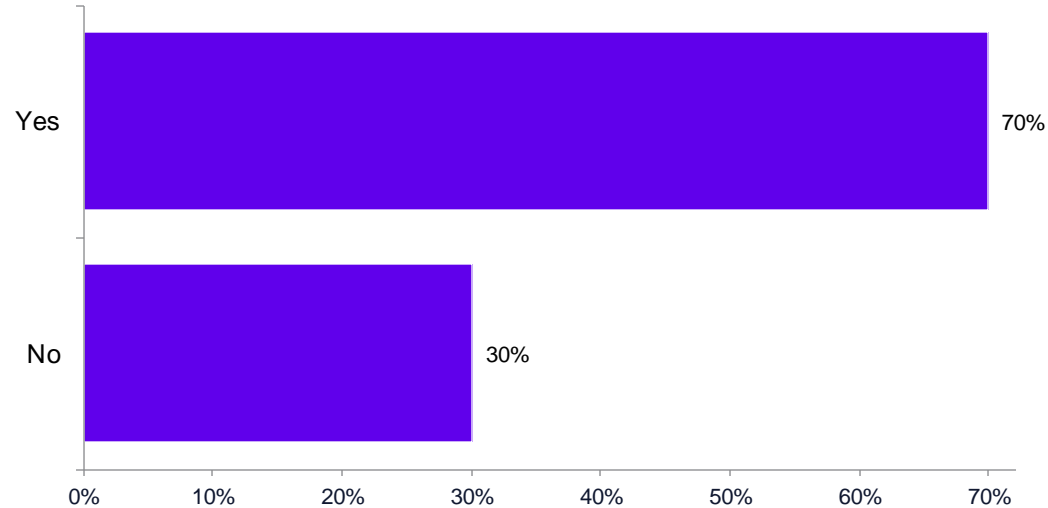
## What do you feel are the main potential benefits of “robot companions”?



## What do you feel are the main potential weaknesses/challenges of “robot companions”?



## Should health insurance providers cover the cost of companion robots if they can alleviate social isolation?



## What feature in a companion robot do you think would be most helpful from a health perspective?

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*Able to recognise the potential of the elderly and motivate them, also recognise red flags in terms of suicidal thoughts etc.*

*Make sure the treatment is correctly taken by reminding the patient to take it, have them drink enough, alert in case of a fall.*

*The ability to have a talk and the ability to consistently give positive reinforcement.*

*First aid support, call emergency unit, giving position and parameters.*

*Medication reminders, appointment reminders, home security monitoring, help with cooking, help with cleaning, help with internet access and computer use.*

*Knowing family history and reminding the patient of his/her memories.*

*Detecting helpless patients, redirecting them to actual medical care with humans if needed.*

*To offer reminders about taking medication, to help with memory and low mood symptoms, and to help to establish healthy routines including washing and physical activity.*

*In the short term, the ability to engage in human-like conversation. In the long term, the development of genuine consciousness and emotions.*