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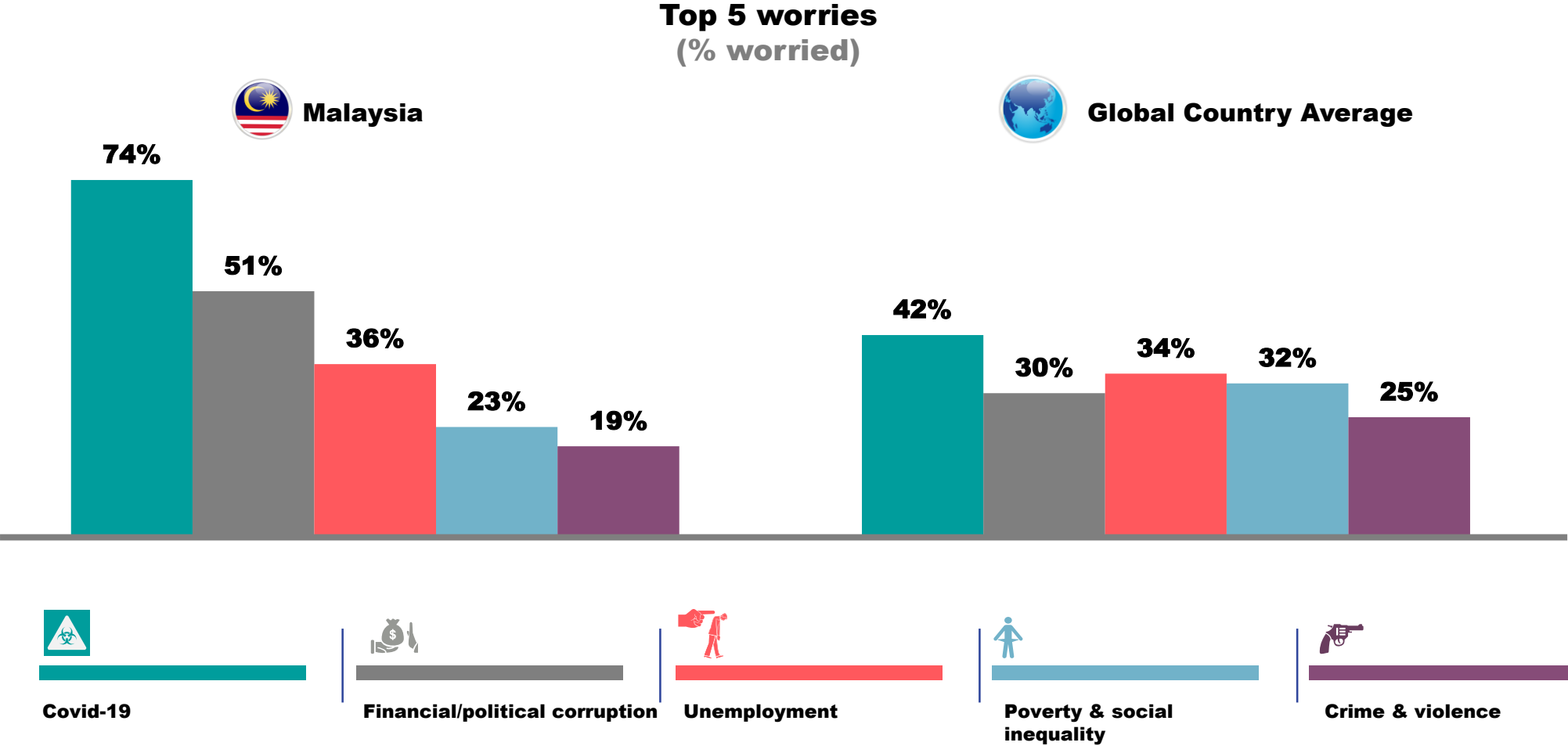
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# CONCERN ABOUT COVID DWARF OTHER WORRIES

Covid-19 is overshadowing other concerns among Malaysians, and per May 2021 it's substantially higher than the global country average. Concerns about unemployment and poverty lingers both in Malaysia and other countries.



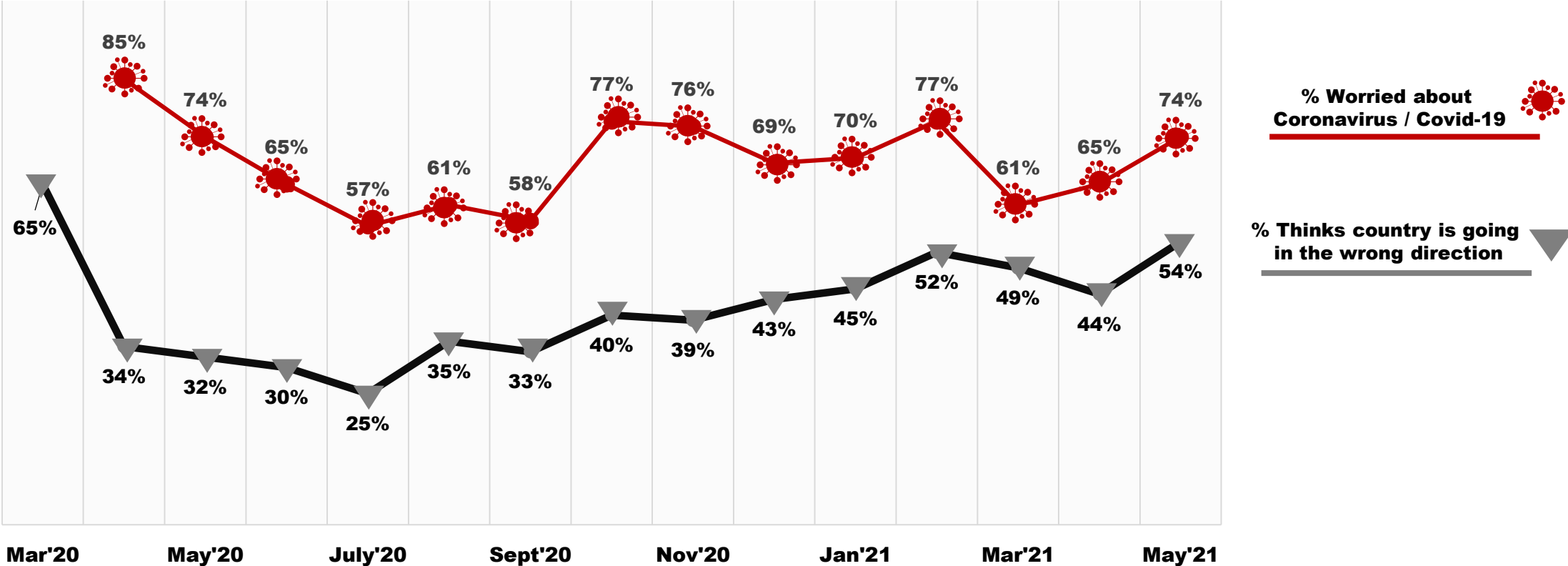
\*The Global Country Average" reflects the average result for all the countries where the survey was conducted. It has not been adjusted to the population size of each country and is not intended to suggest a total result

# COVID CONCERN IS DICTATING NATIONAL SENTIMENT

With recent increase in cases, Malaysians' concern about Covid-19 is up near the level of the last peak in February'20. Country is on wrong direction (negative sentiment) is getting correlated to the fluctuation in Covid-19 cases.



**% of Malaysians worried about Covid-19 / Think the country is going in the wrong direction**



## What Worries Malaysia

Despite the acceleration of vaccination in Malaysia, recent surge in cases in May ensures that Covid-19 remain people's primary concern.

Following a momentary drop after the last major wave subsided, the concern is now back near February levels.

More than one year after the outbreak, Covid-19 is still looming large in shaping people's perceptions and sentiment about the state of the country.



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