



New Zealand Insight

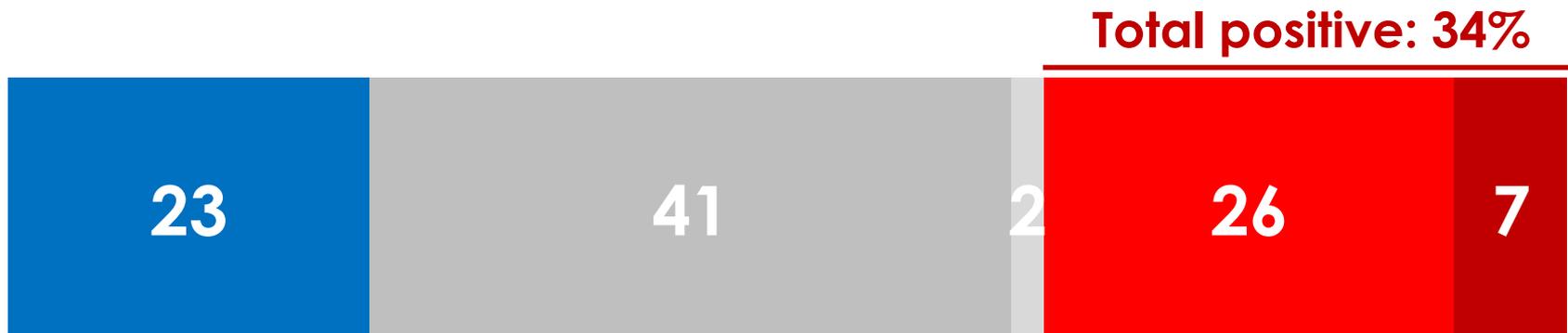
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Immigration Overview

Views towards immigration - all

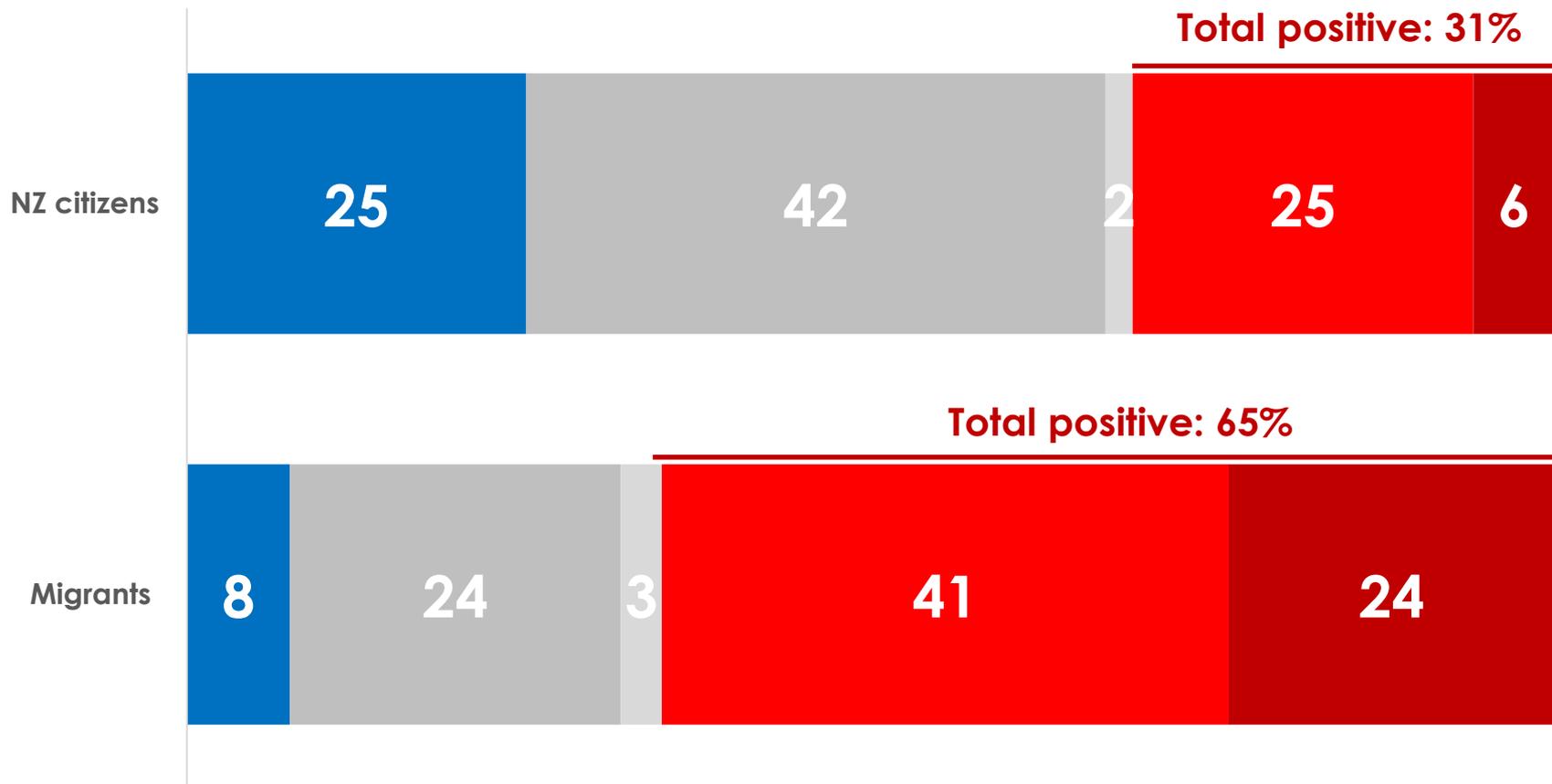
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■ Negative (0-3) ■ 4 to 6 ■ Unsure ■ Positive (7-9) ■ 10 - Entirely positive

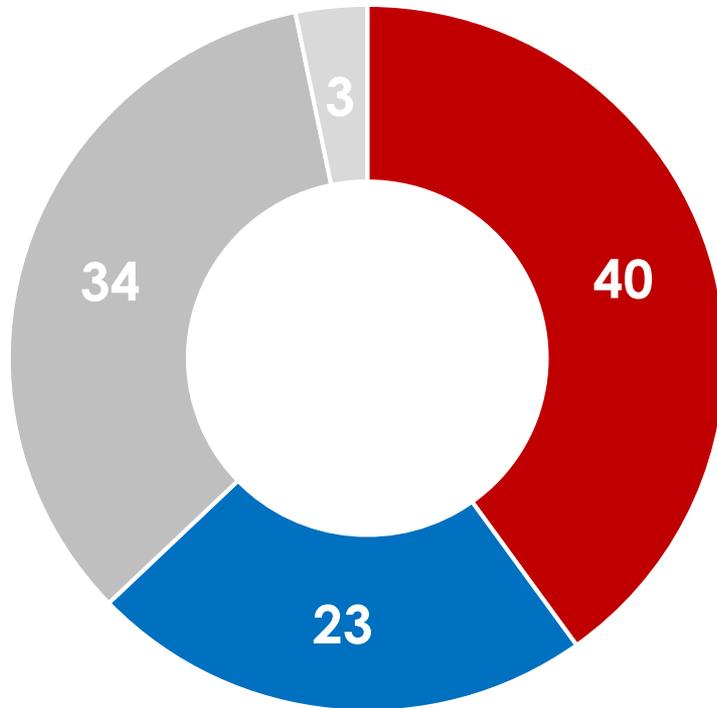
Views towards immigration – citizens vs migrants

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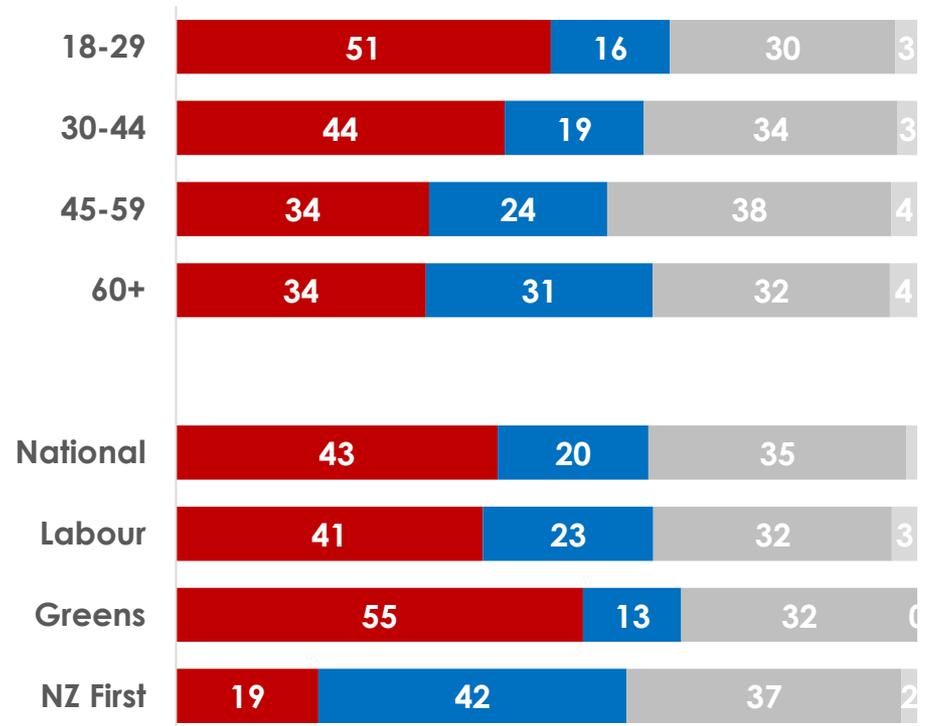


Increasing immigration: better or worse for NZ?

} Overall, do you think having an increasing number of people of many different races, ethnic groups, and nationalities in our country makes New Zealand...?



■ A better place to live ■ A worse place to live
■ It doesn't make much difference ■ Unsure

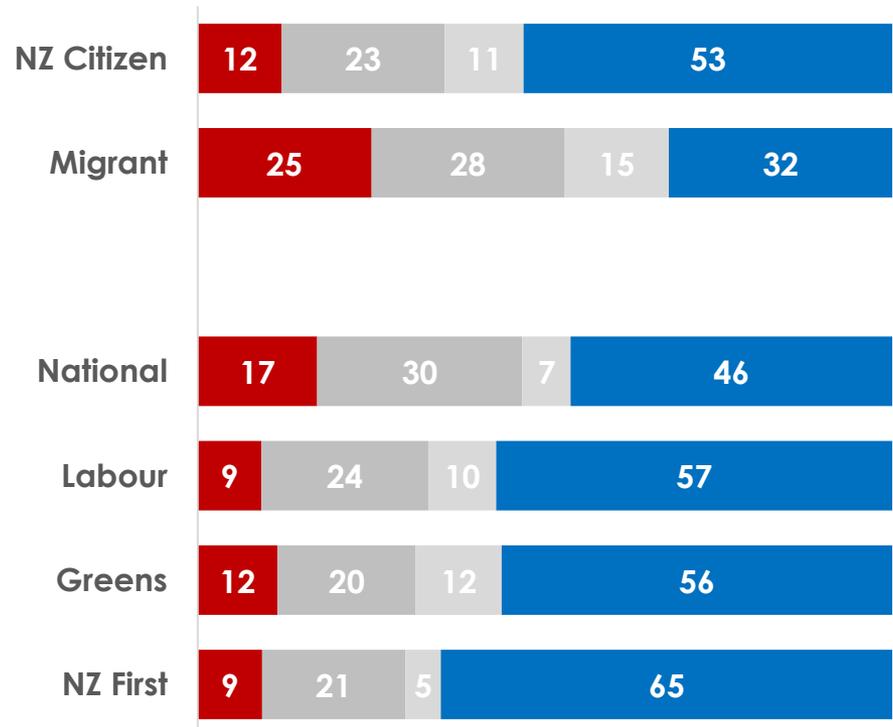
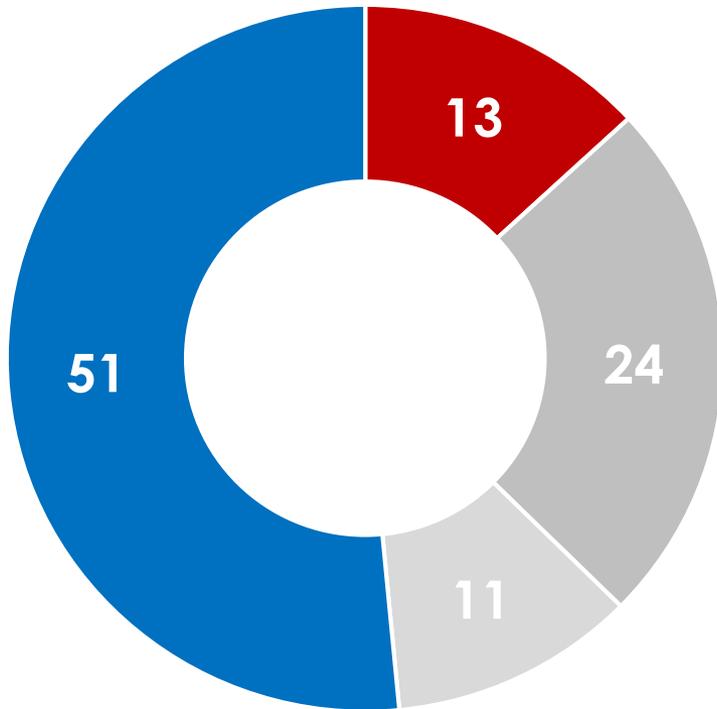


Most important issue word clouds – June 2016



Do we talk about immigration enough?

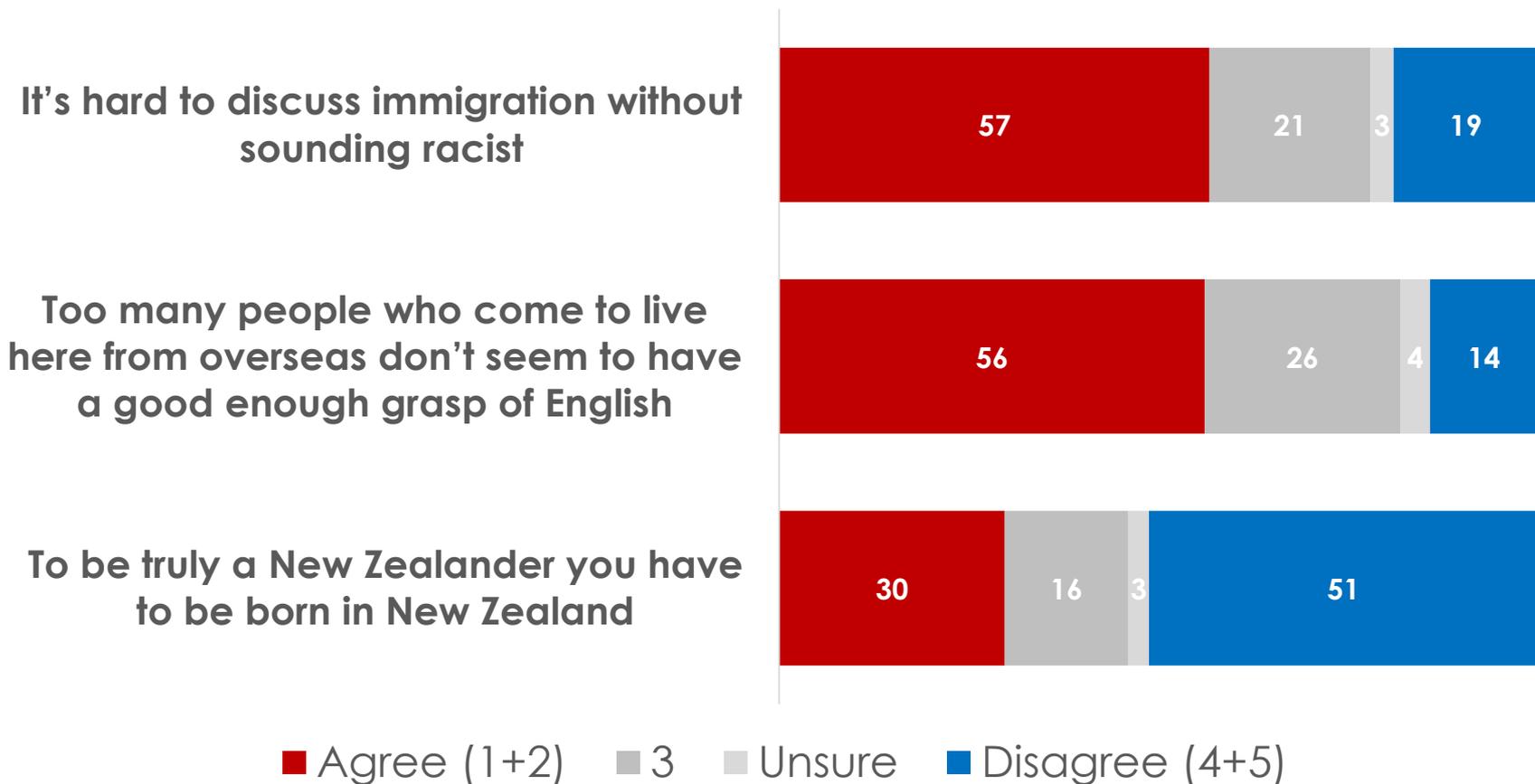
} Do you think the issue of immigration has been discussed in New Zealand too much, too little or the right amount in the last year or so?



■ Too much ■ The right amount ■ Unsure ■ Too little

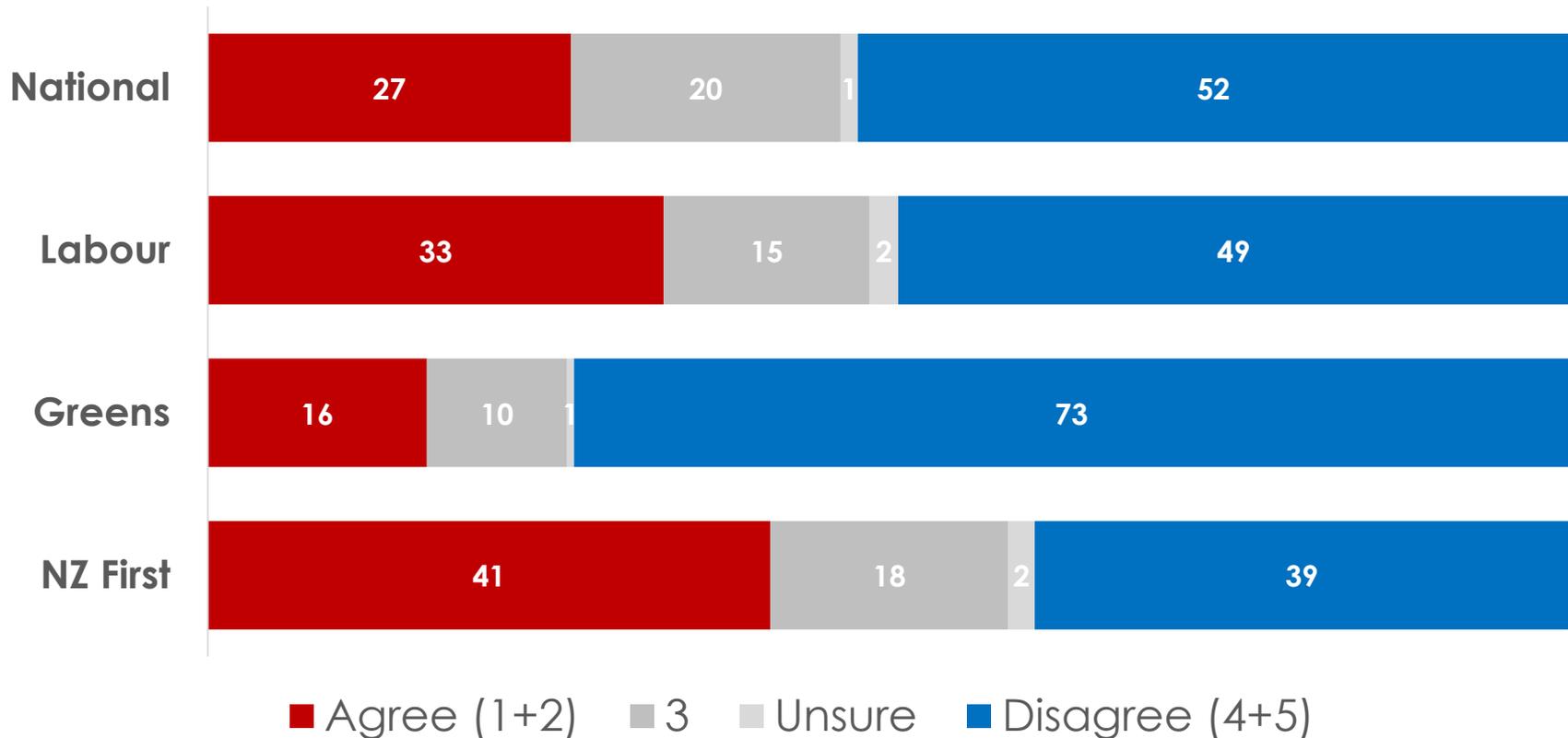
Key attitudes on immigration

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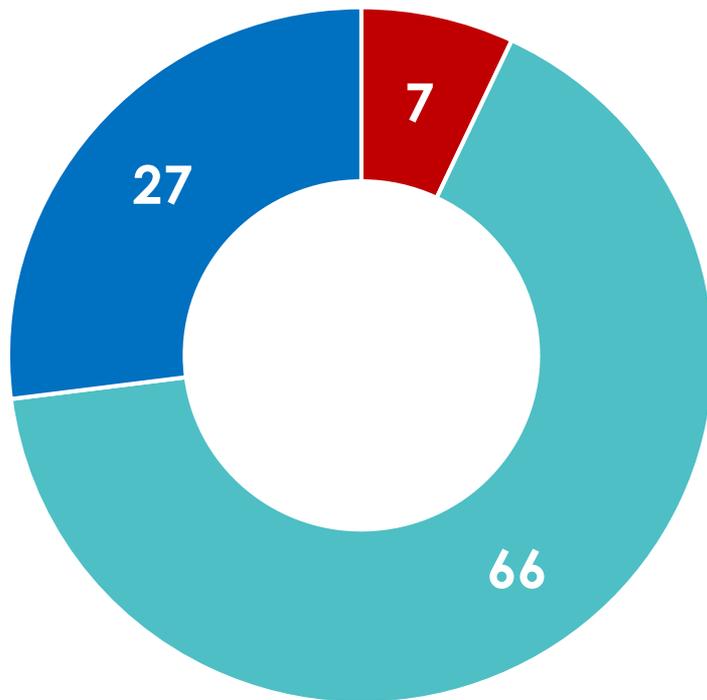
Do true New Zealanders have to be born here?

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Requirements for English proficiency

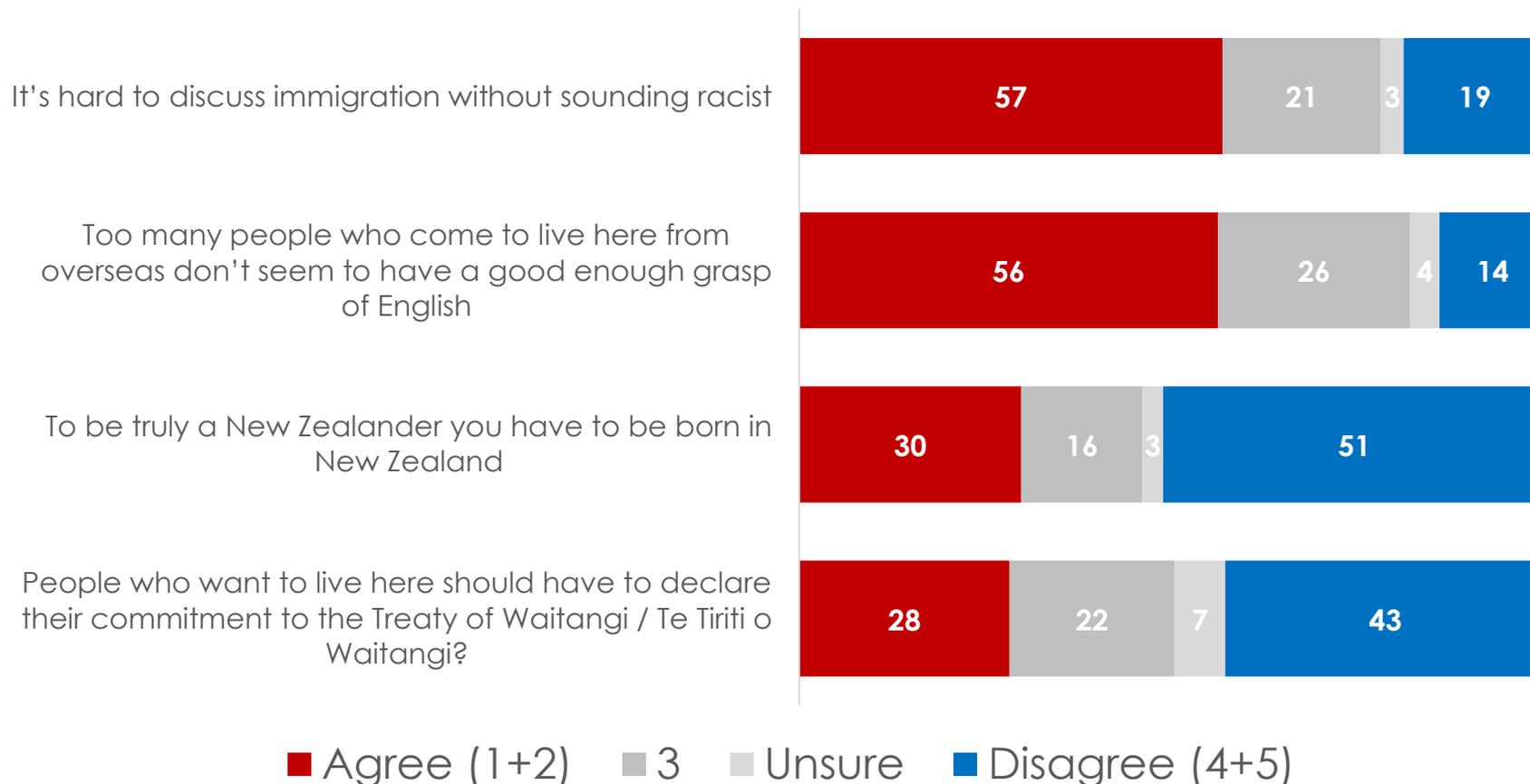
} To what extent do you think that a good grasp of English should be a prerequisite for moving here indefinitely: Which is closest to your view?



- People should not need to have any English proficiency when they arrive
- People should have basic English when they arrive
- People should be fluent in English when they arrive

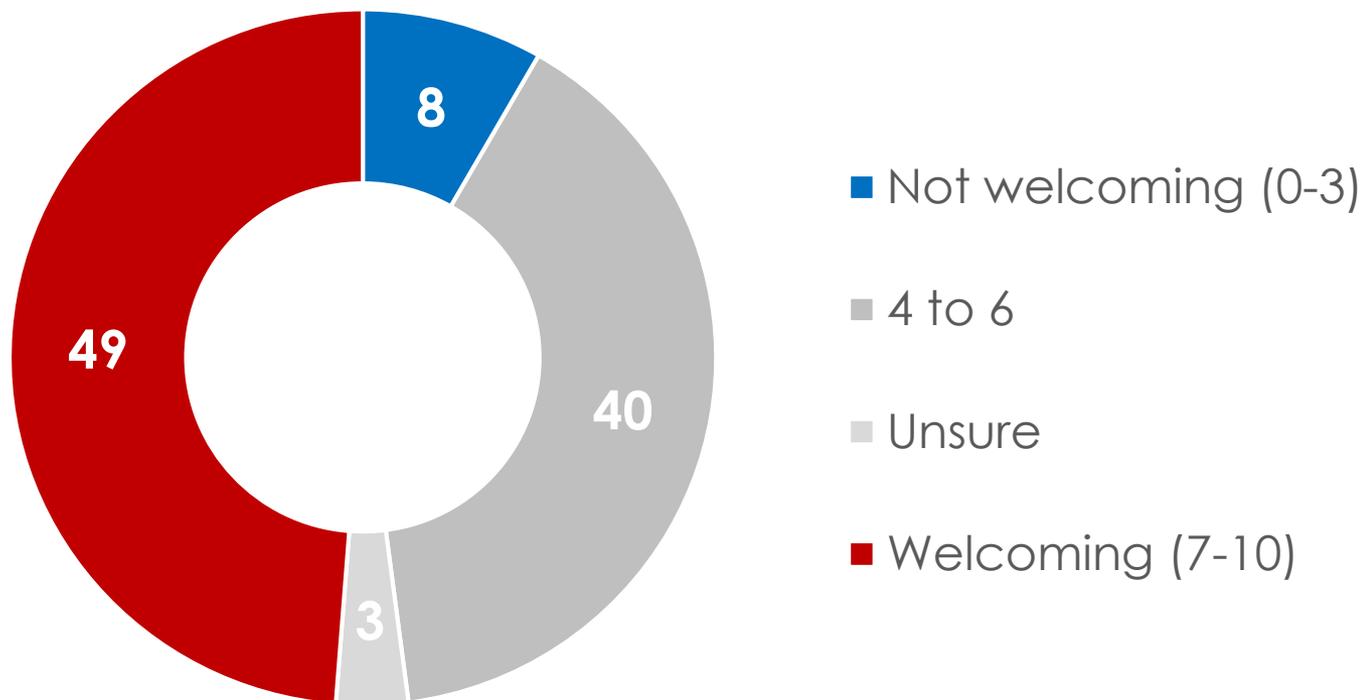
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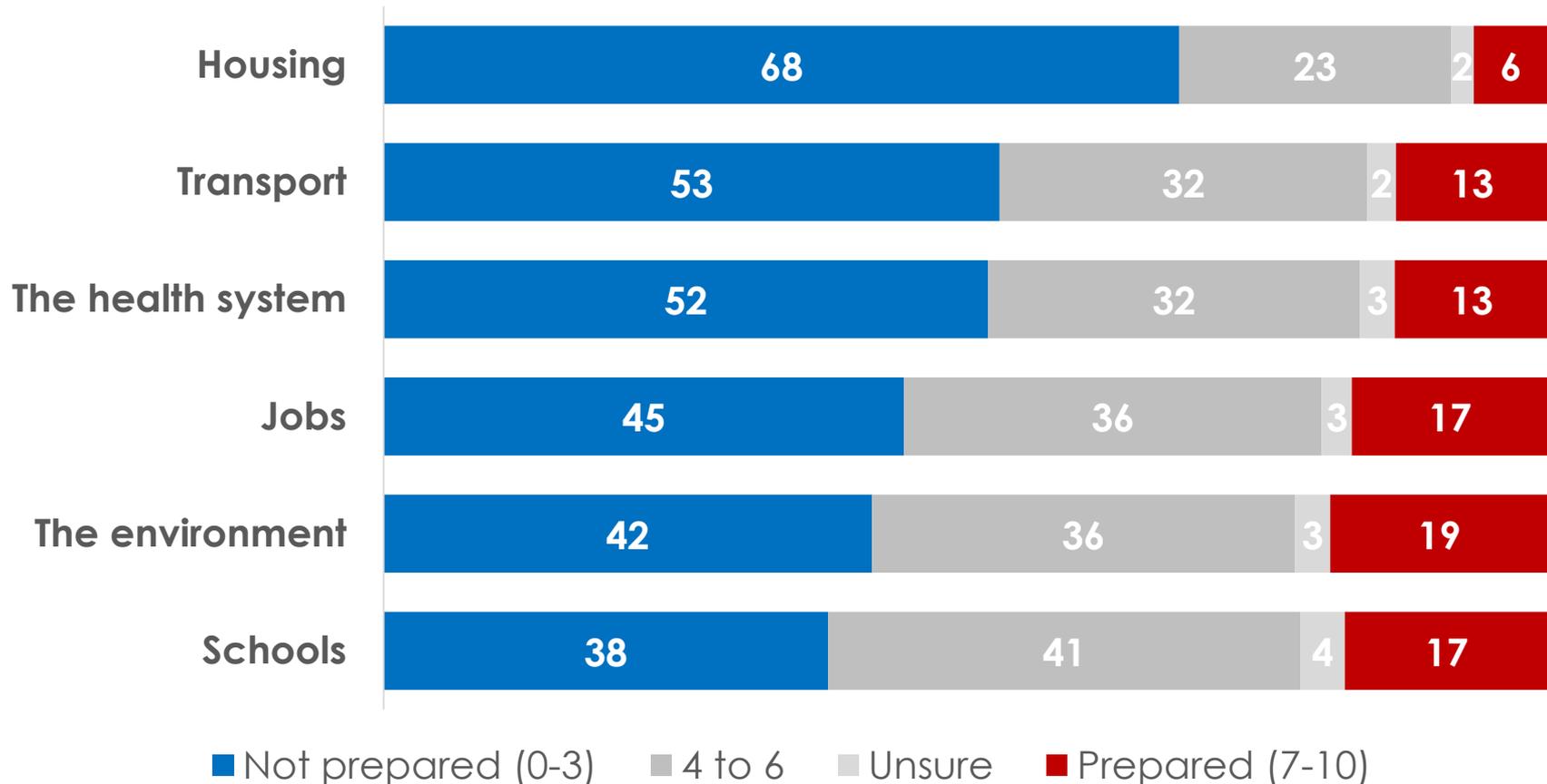
How welcoming are we?

} Generally speaking, how welcoming do you think New Zealand is for new immigrants?



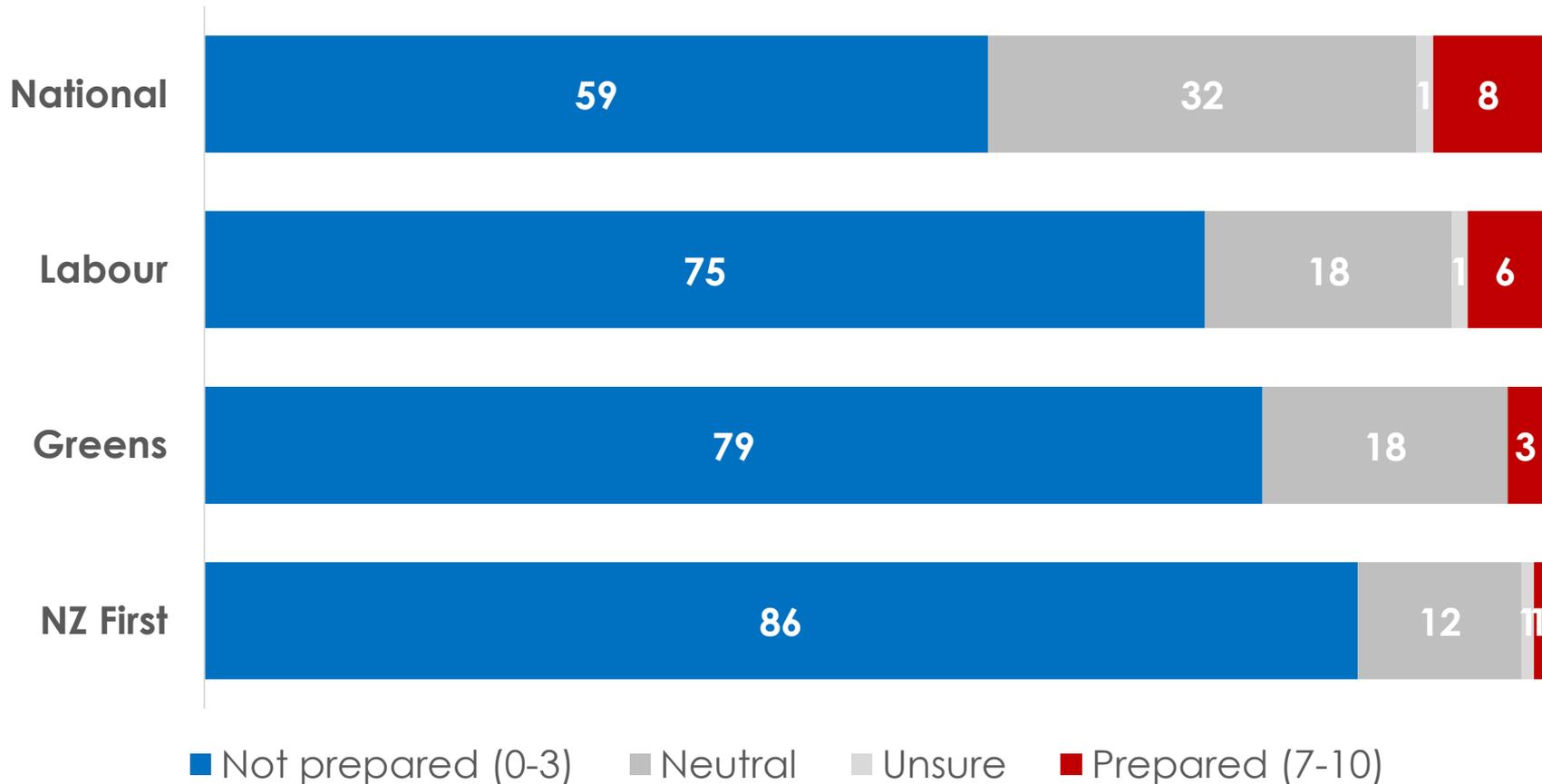
Can NZ accommodate population growth?

} On a scale of 0-10, how prepared do you think New Zealand is to accommodate population growth over the next few years (from both immigrants and citizens) in the following areas:



Can NZ's housing cope with population growth?

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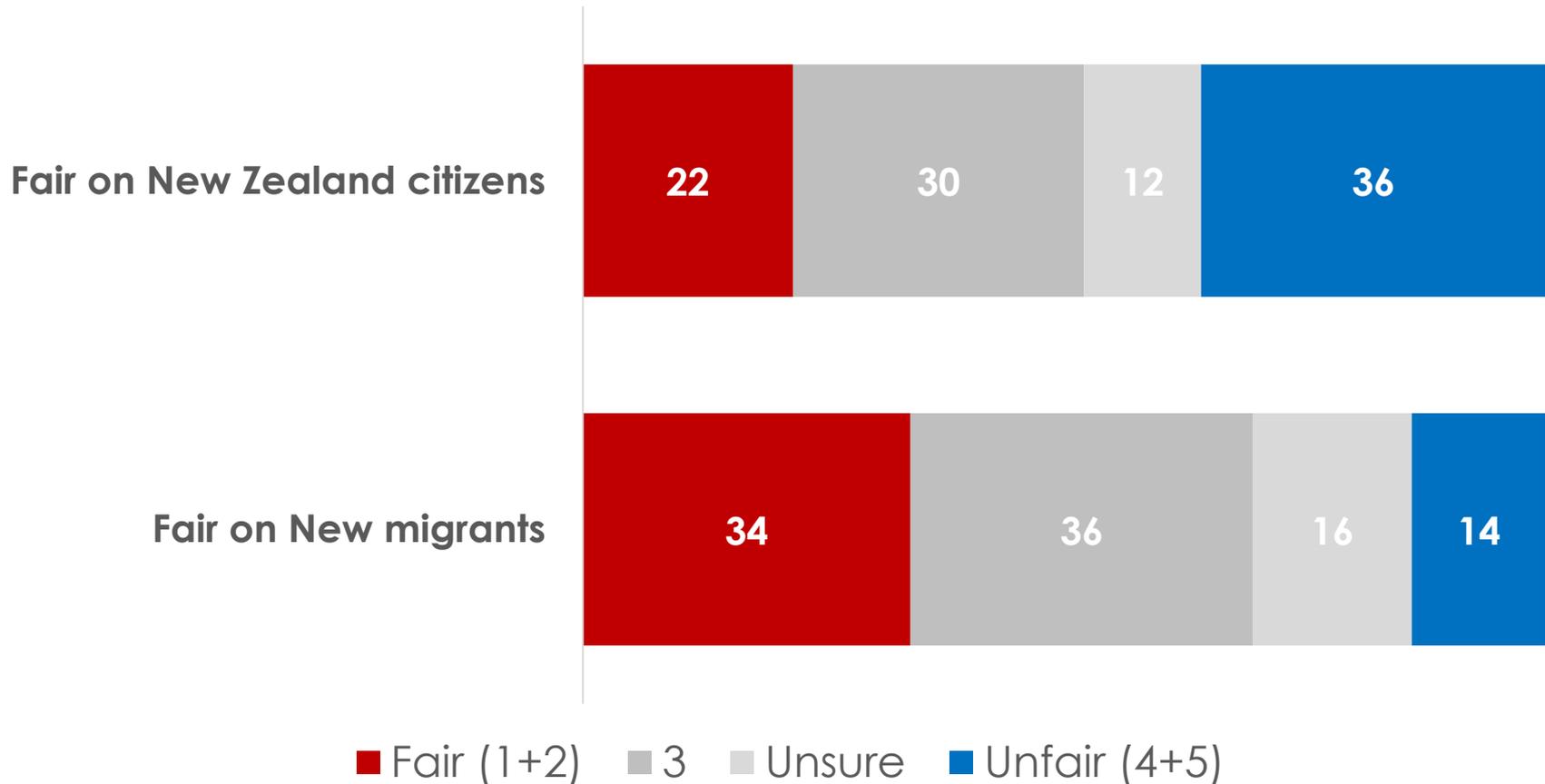




Immigration Policy Settings

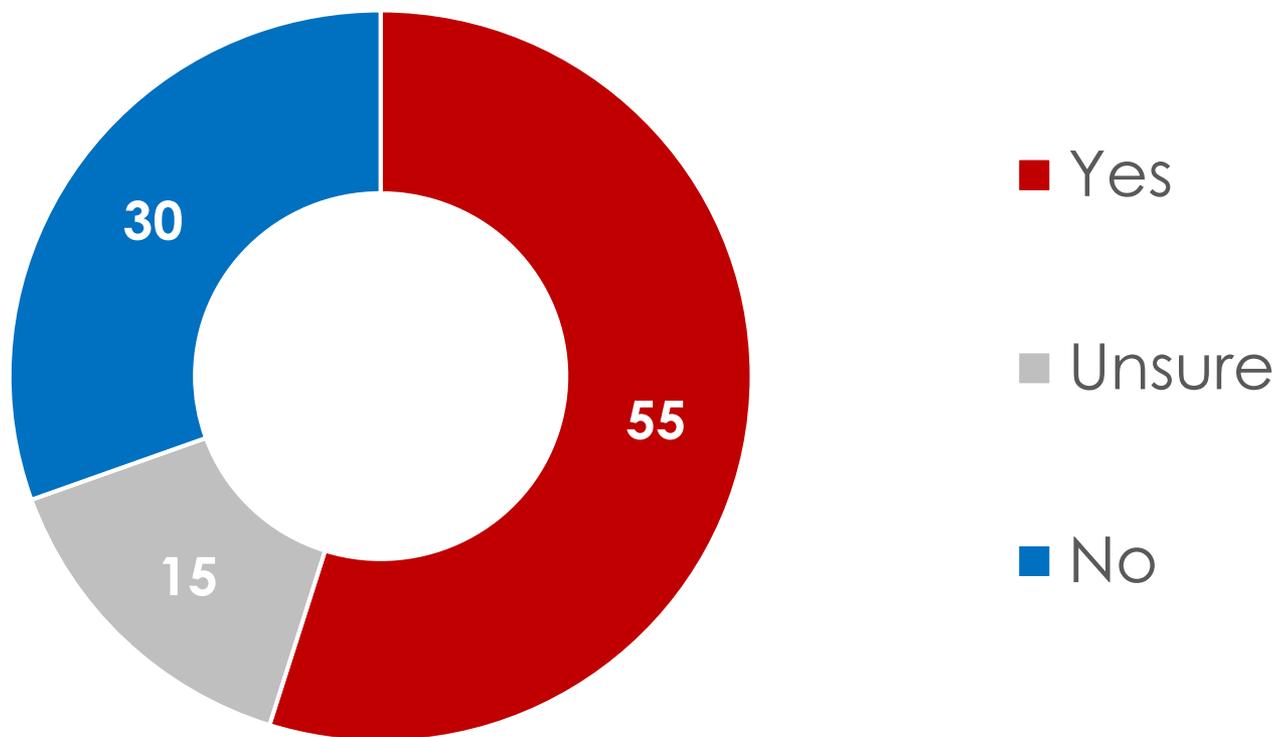
Are current immigration settings fair?

} Thinking about NZ's current overall immigration settings, are they fair on:



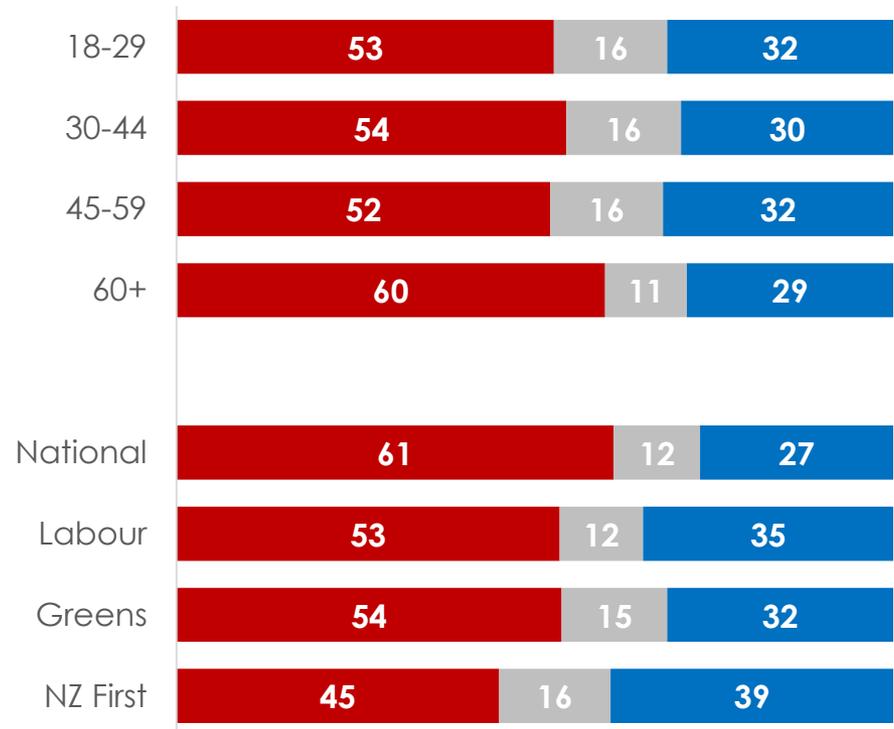
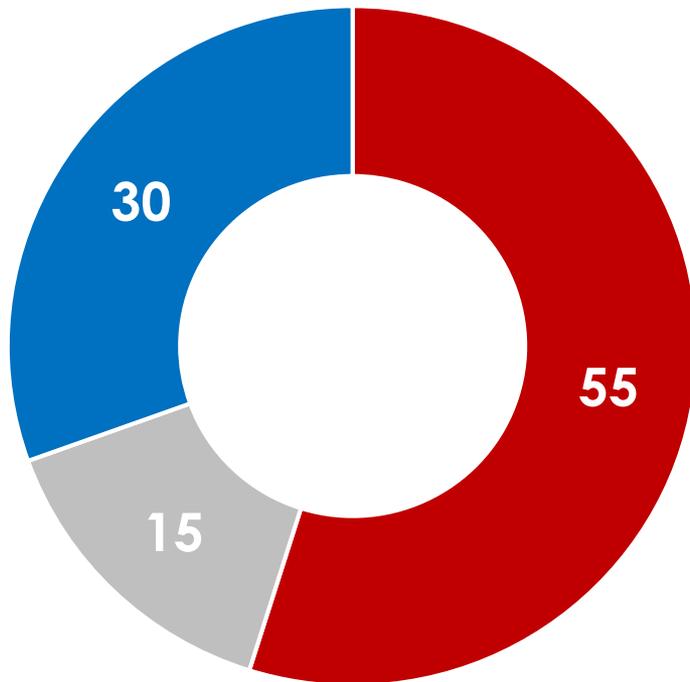
Immigration cap - awareness

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■ Yes

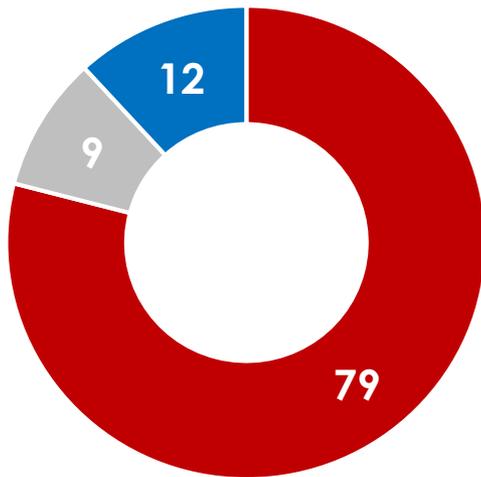
■ Unsure

■ No

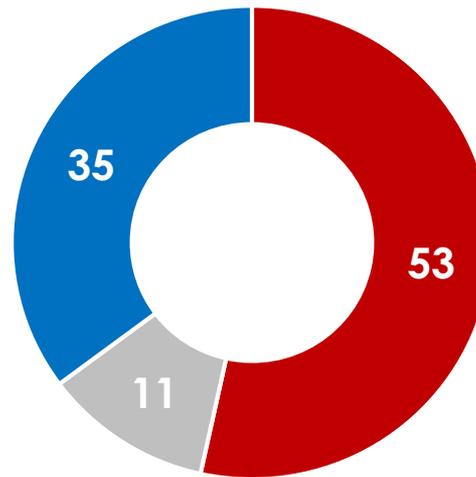
Caps on immigration - preferences

} Should NZ have a cap on...

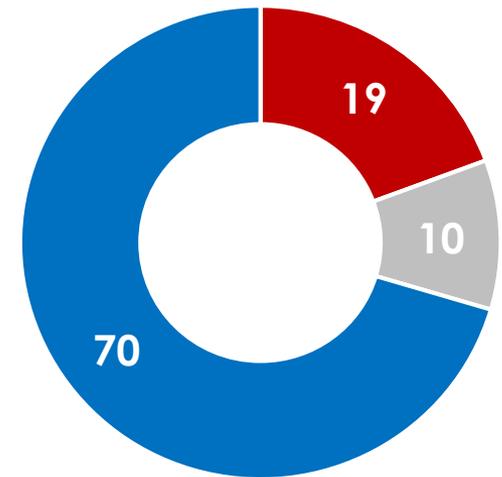
Total immigration



Overseas students



Tourist numbers



■ Yes

■ Unsure

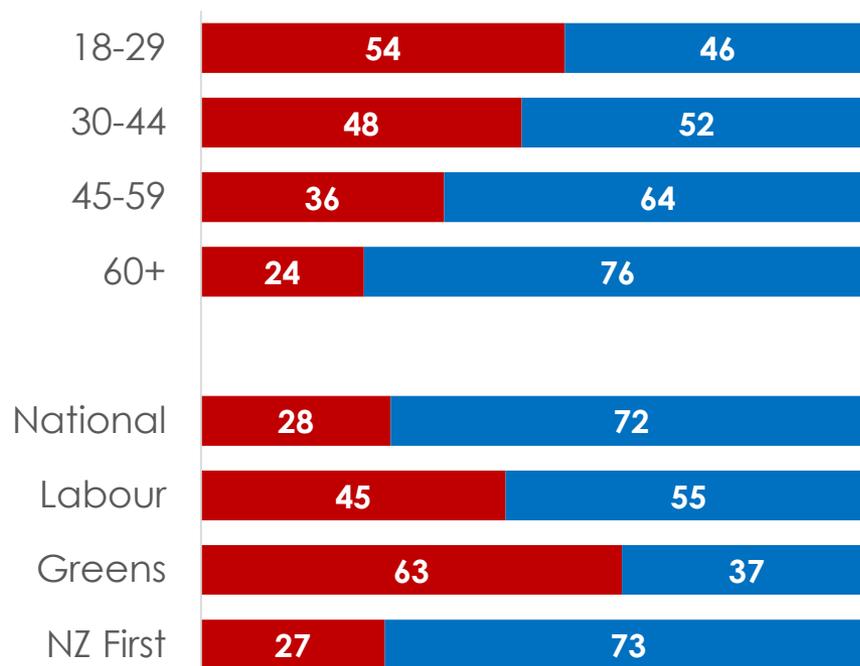
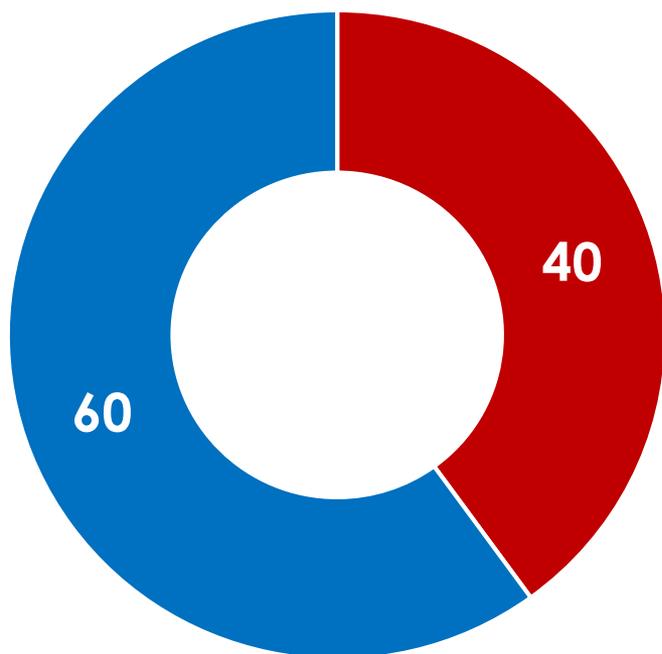
■ No

Work visas

} If you were forced to make a choice between the following two policy options for work visas, which would you prefer:

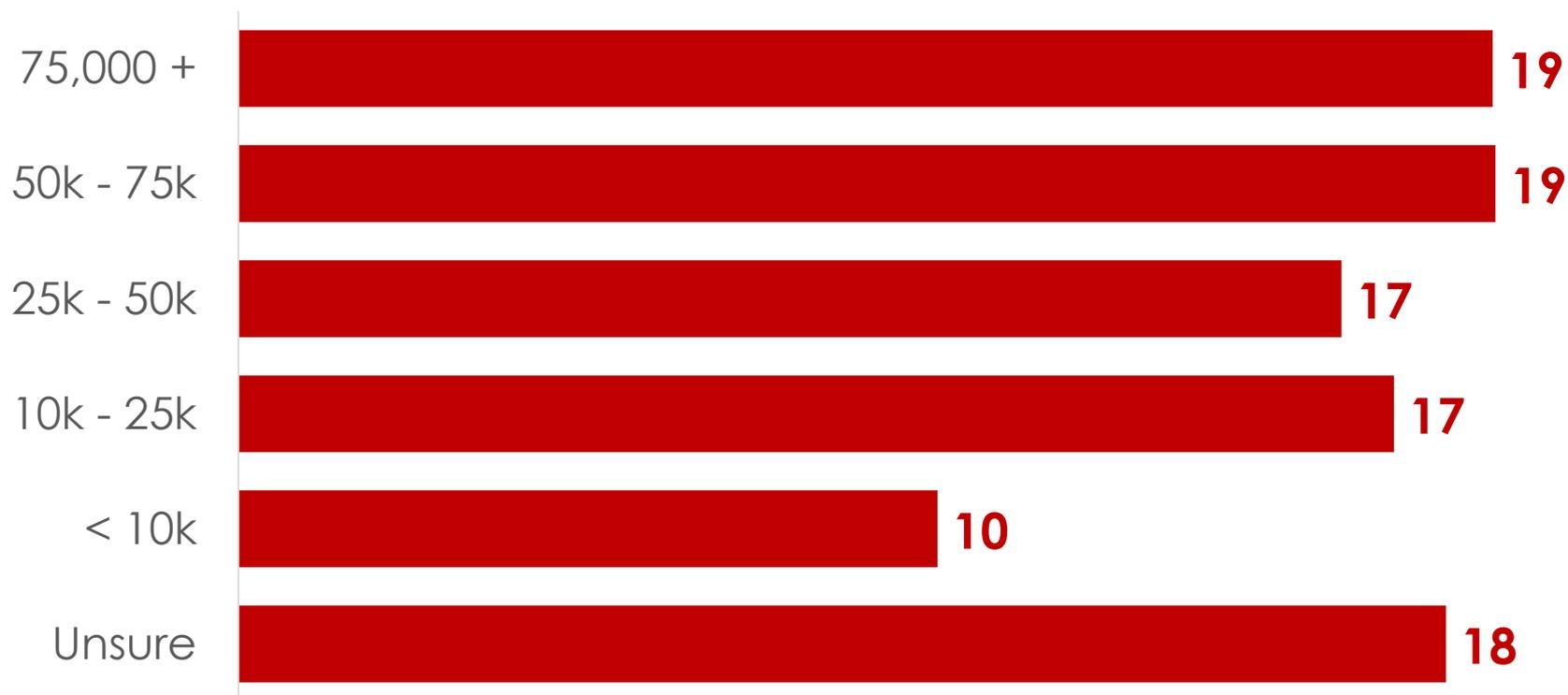
Issuing fewer work visas but with more rights to remain in New Zealand and more access to social security

Allowing more work visas to be issued but with more limited rights to remain in New Zealand and less access to social security



Number of permanent arrivals

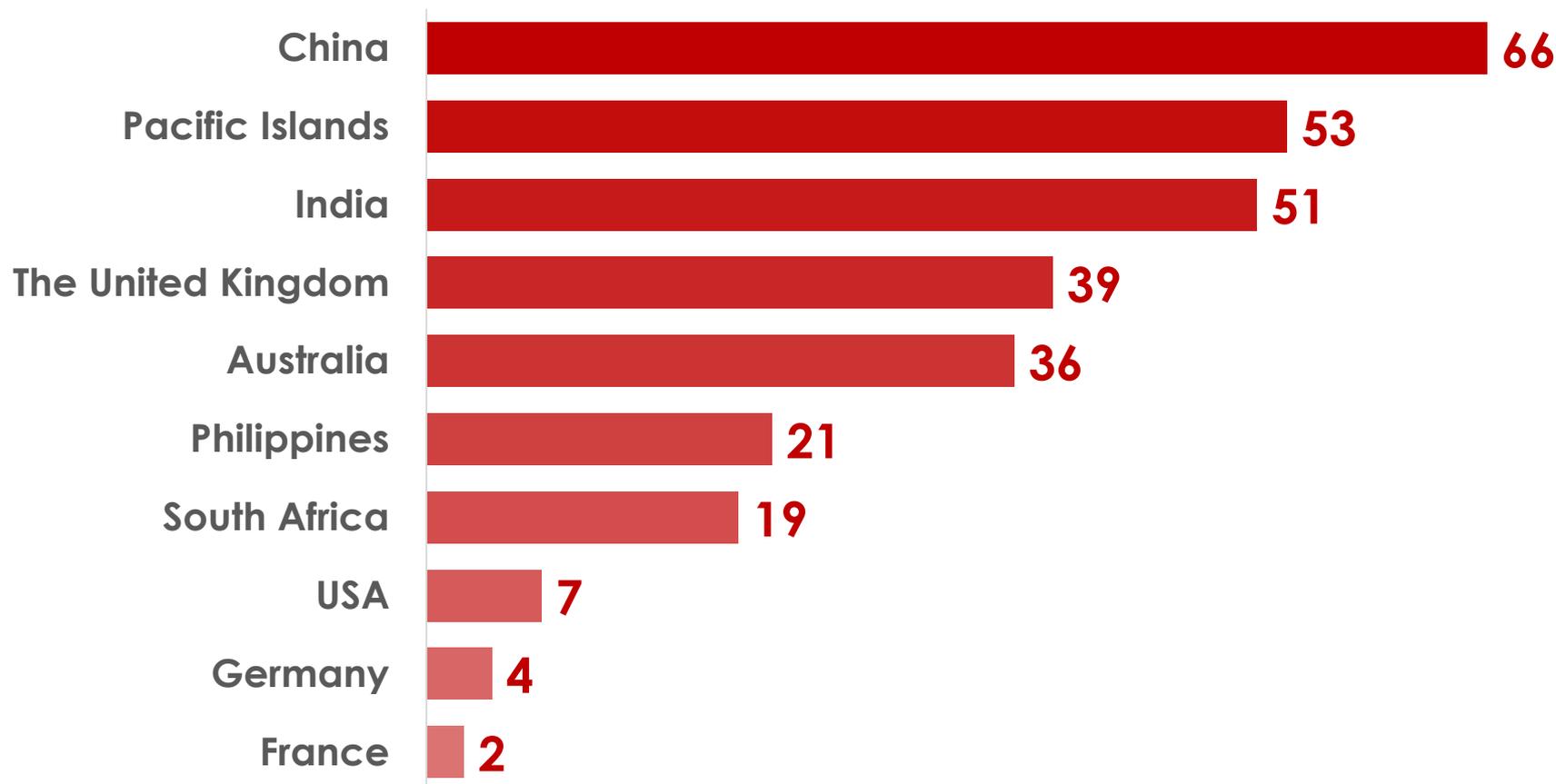
} Thinking about the number of people coming into New Zealand, what do you think is the total number of permanent and long-term arrivals every year?



Year to April 2017 permanent and long-term arrivals: **129,800**

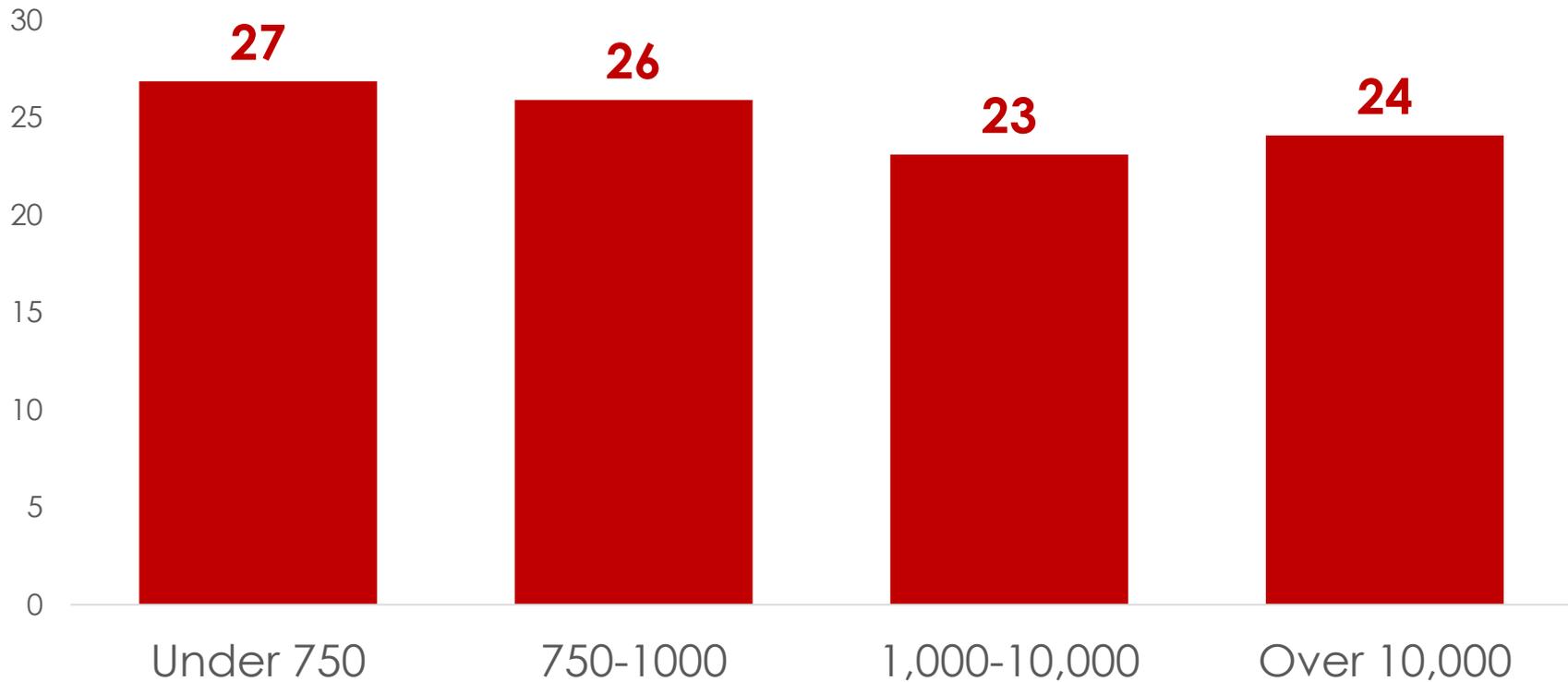
Perceptions of where migrants come from

} In terms of their contribution to NZ's yearly total number of migrants, please rank the following ten locations from most to least (**Top three**)



Perceptions of current refugee quota

} Refugees, as opposed to immigrants, are generally fleeing armed conflict or economic collapses or political persecution. What do you think New Zealand's current maximum is in terms of accepting refugees?



Actual quota: 750 (increasing to 1,000 in 2018)

Preferred refugee quota changes

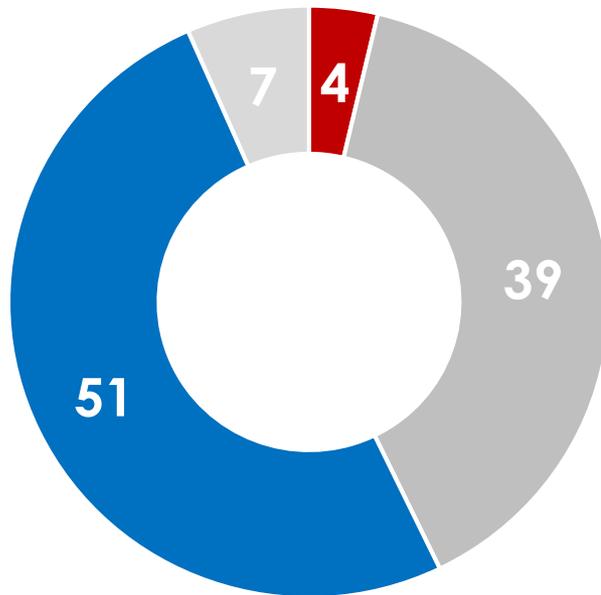
} The current maximum intake of refugees is 750 people per year, increasing to 1,000 in 2018. Which of these statements is closest to your own view?



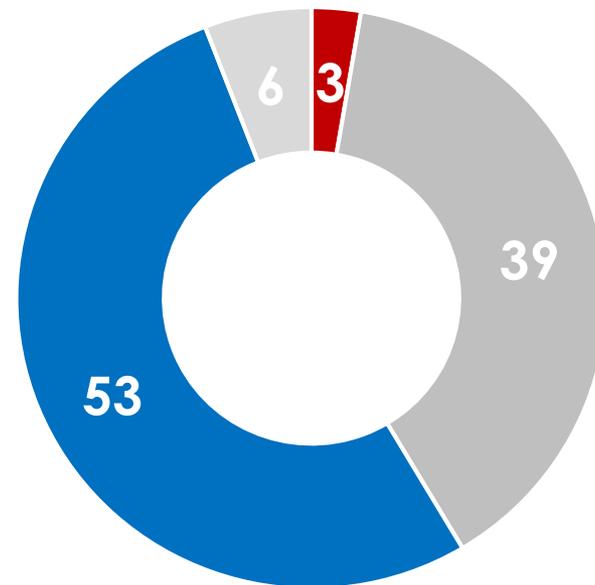
- This number should be less than 750
- The amount of refugees should stay at 750
- Increasing to 1,000 refugees is about right
- This number should be increased to 1,500
- This number should be increased to more than 1,500
- Unsure

Permanent Residence and Work Visa approvals

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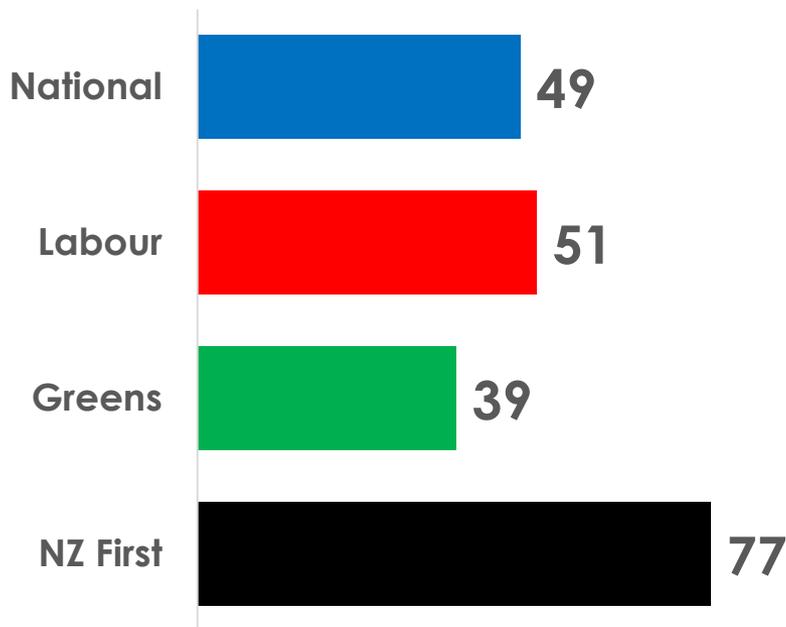
Last year's 200,000 approvals for Work Visas seems:



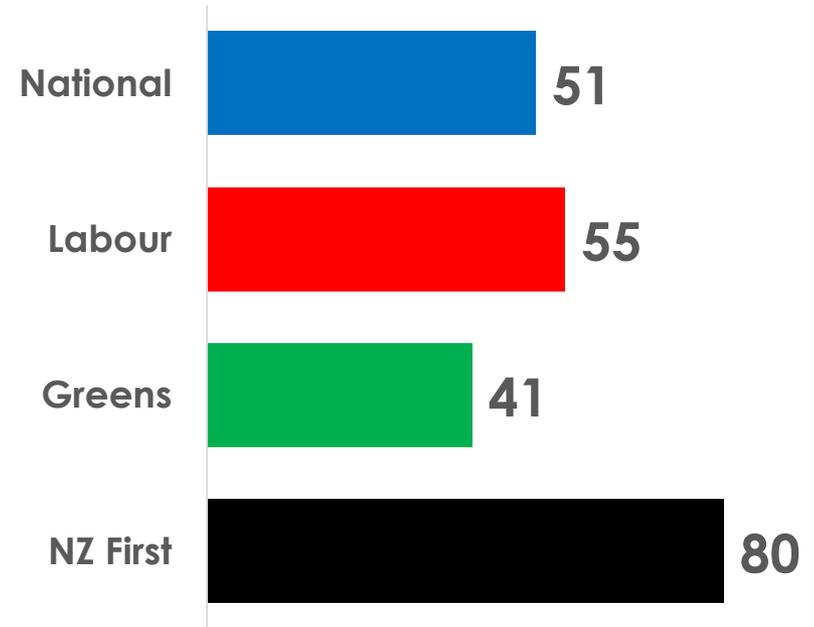
■ Too low ■ About right ■ Too high ■ Unsure

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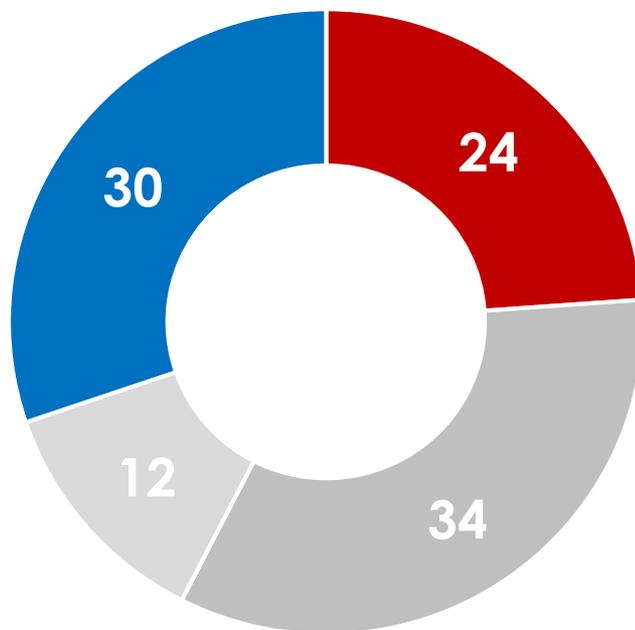


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Permanent vs work visa balance

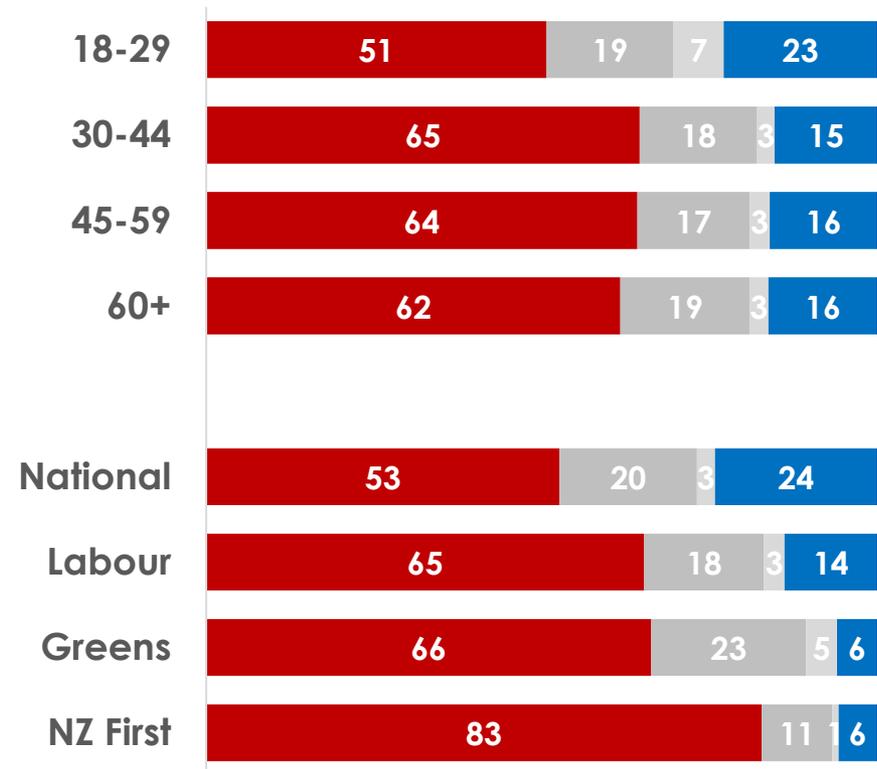
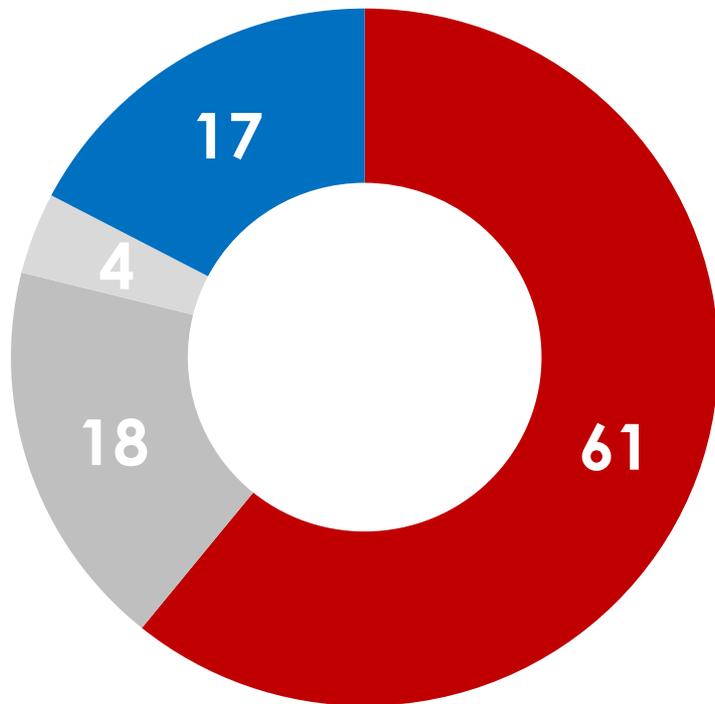
} In 1997, the number of permanent residence visas and temporary work visas was roughly the same. By 2016, the number of temporary work visas was four times the number of permanent residence visas. This means that an increasing proportion of immigrants have no guaranteed right to remain in New Zealand, no access to welfare benefits, and restricted access to education and healthcare. Overall, do you see this change in immigration as a positive development?



■ Positive (1+2) ■ 3 ■ Unsure ■ Negative (4+5)

Support for banning overseas buyers

} Only New Zealand residents and citizens should be able to purchase New Zealand property



■ Agree (1+2) ■ 3 ■ Unsure ■ Disagree (4+5)

Paying for citizenship

} How strongly do you agree with the following statements?

All migrants who want to become citizens here should have to undergo the same citizenship procedures, irrespective of how wealthy they are



Investing ten million dollars or more in NZ over a three-year period should qualify potential migrants for immediate residence here



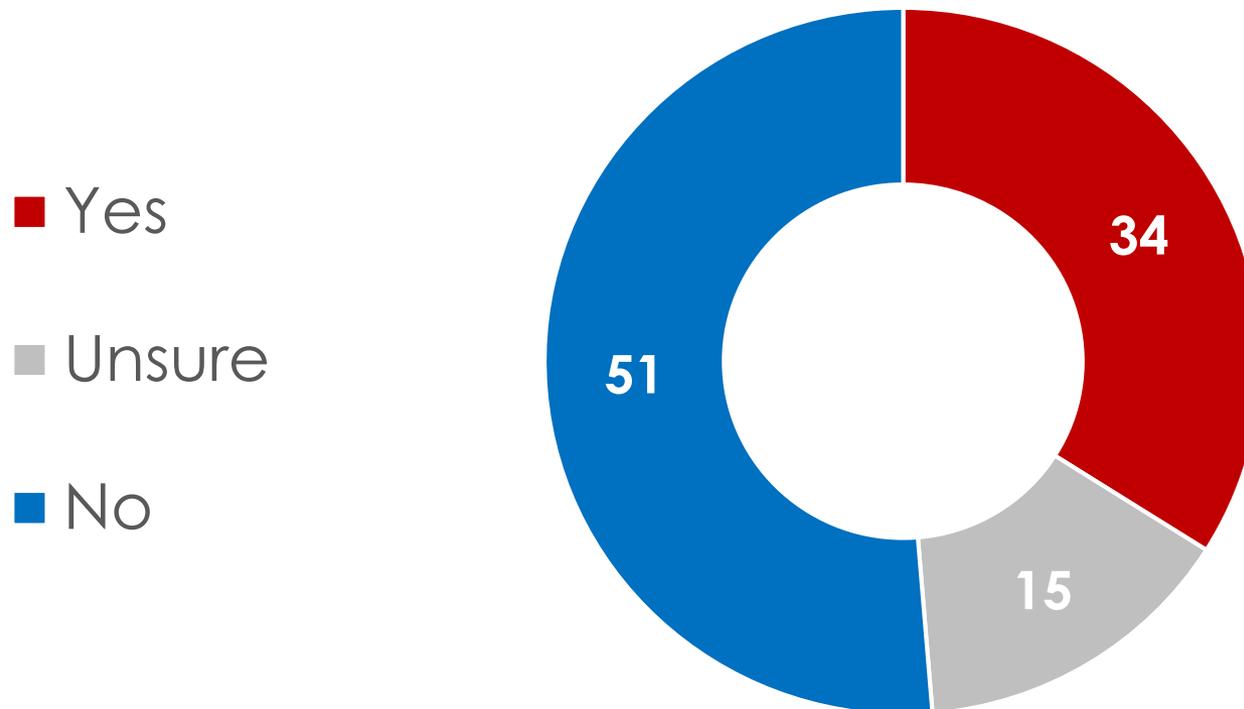
The Minister of Immigration should have the power to automatically grant citizenship to very wealthy non-resident people



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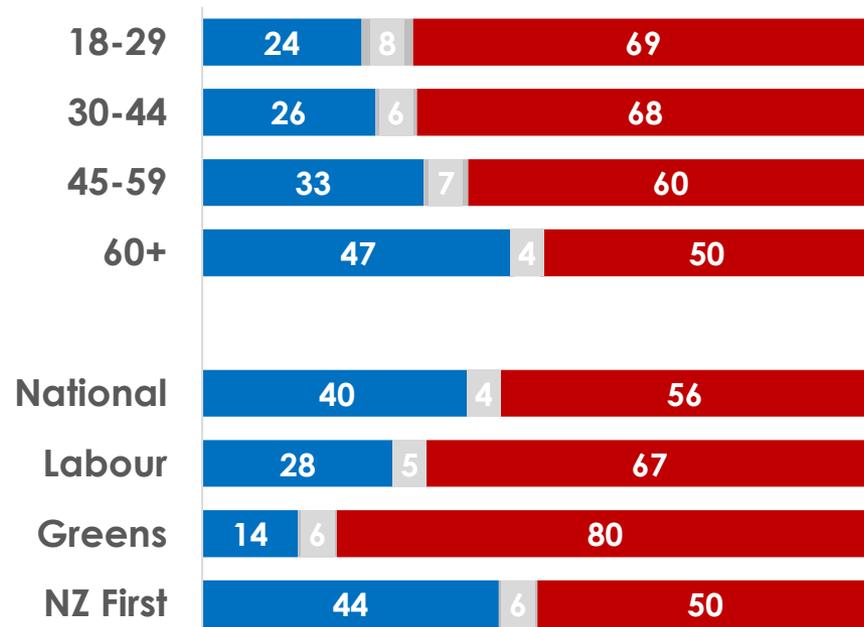
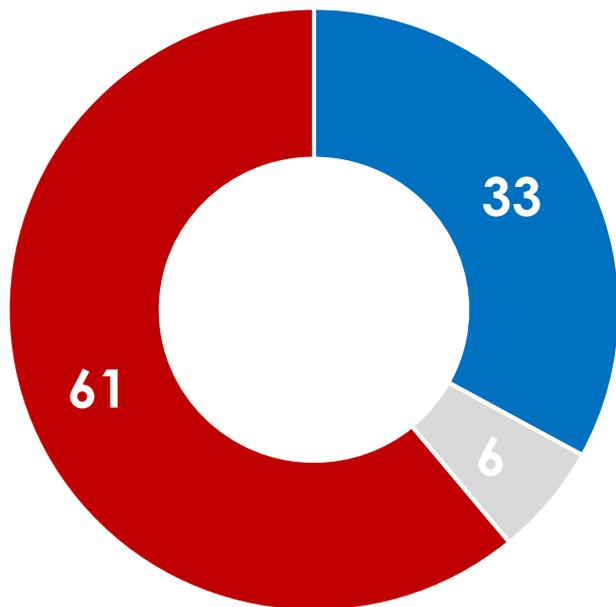
Should there be Māori consultation

} Do you think New Zealand's Treaty obligations should require consultation with Māori on immigration policy?



Support for traditional practices

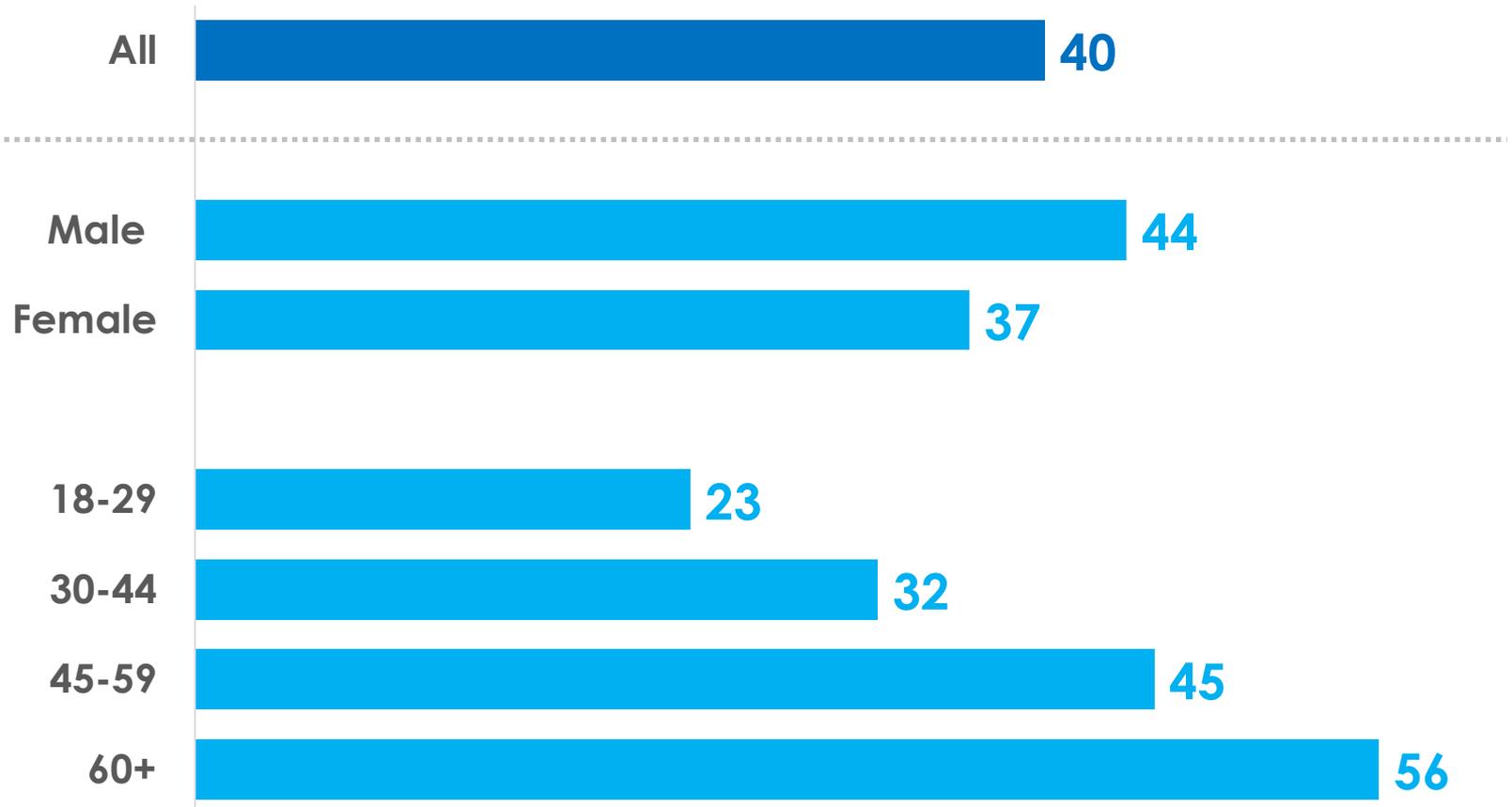
} Generally do you think immigrants to New Zealand should have to abandon traditional cultural practices that many New Zealanders find wrong or offensive or do you think that they should be able to continue those practices as long as they are legal?



- Abandon traditional practices New Zealanders find wrong or offensive
- Unsure
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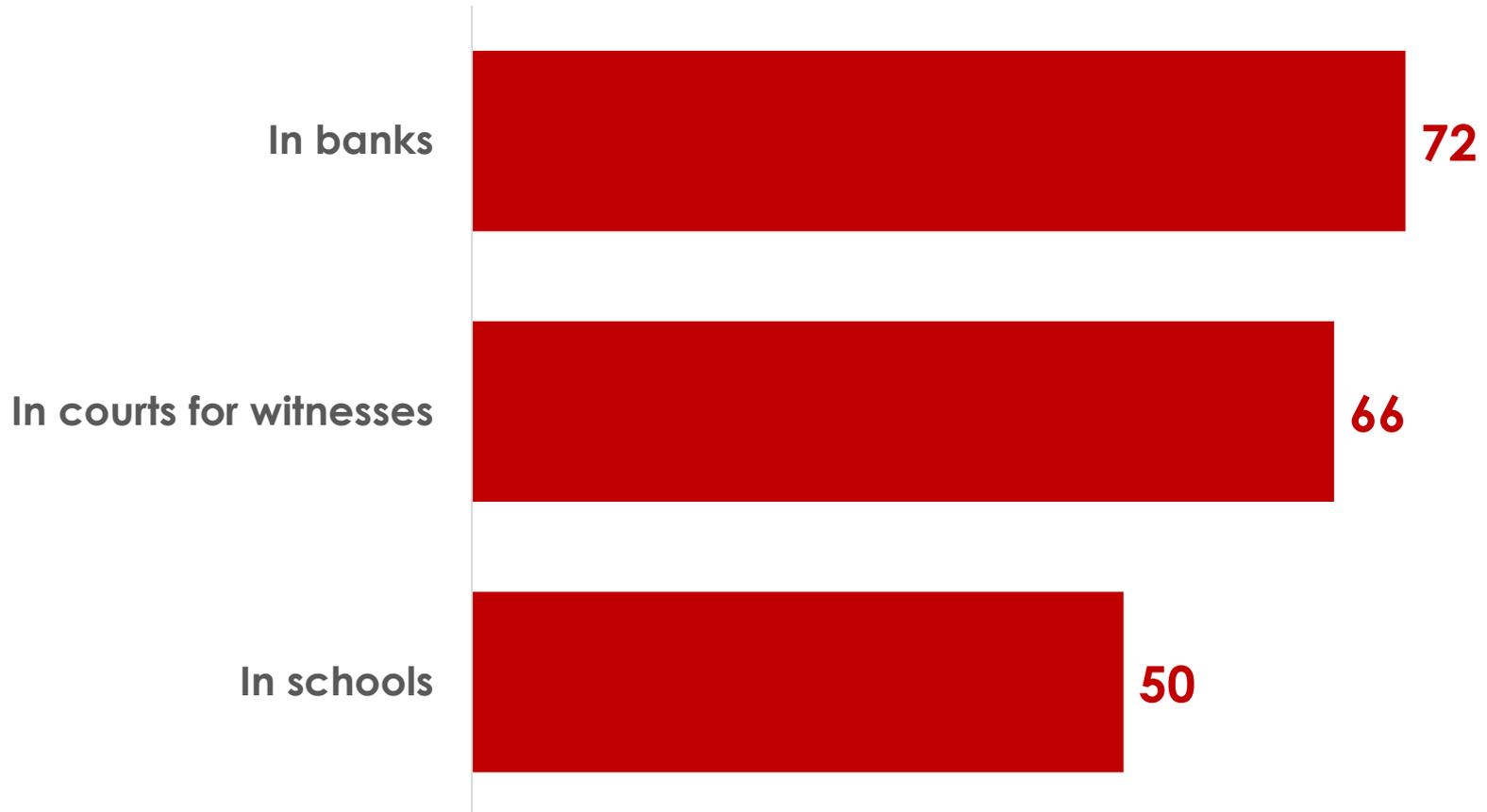
Banning the Burqa – those who said ‘yes’

} *The Burqa is a piece of clothing worn by some Muslim women to cover parts of their body.
Do you support banning the wearing of burqas in New Zealand in general?*



'Yes' to banning the Burqa

} *What about in the following instances?*



Arguments for immigration

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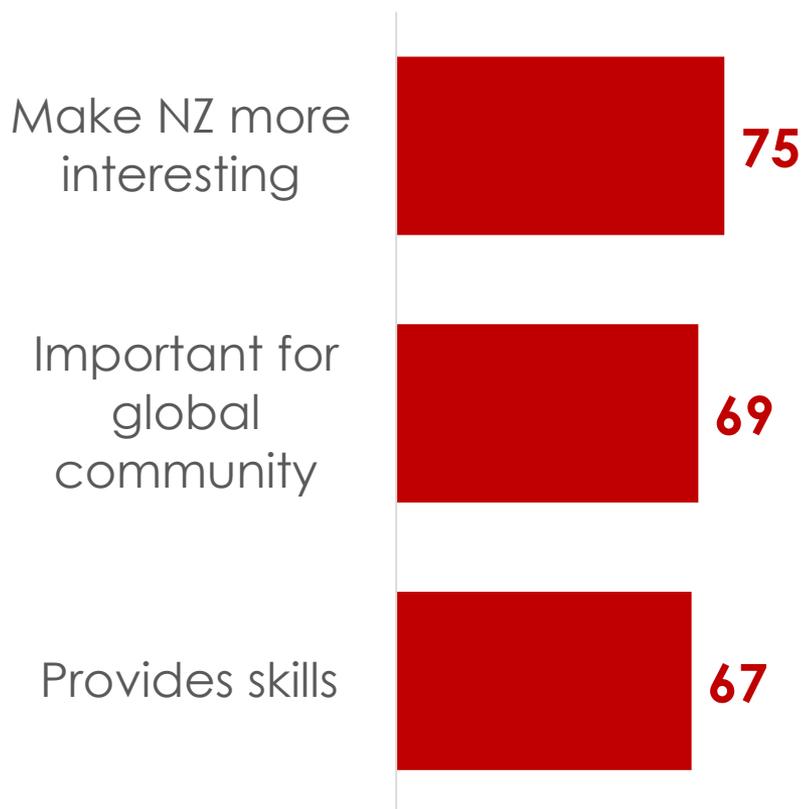


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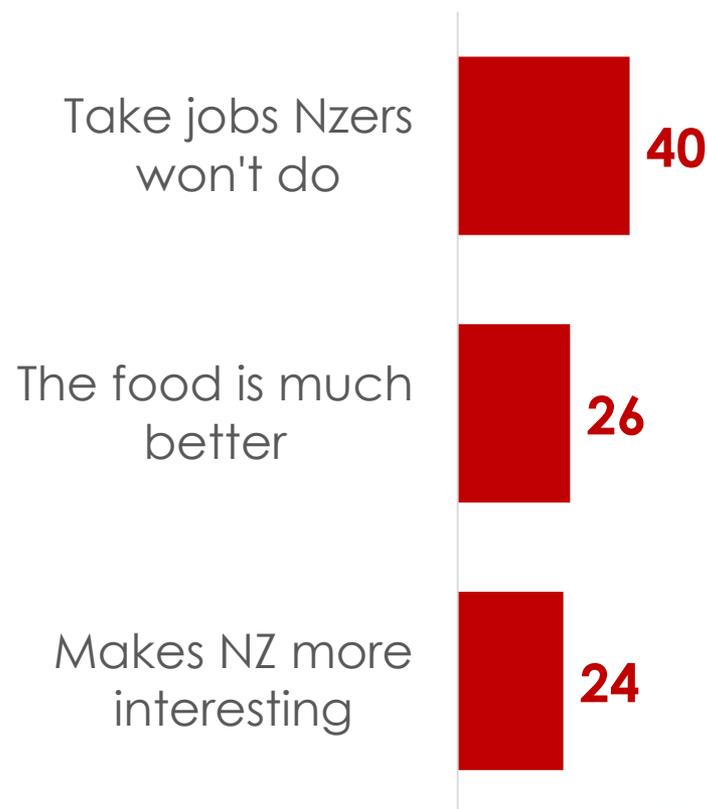
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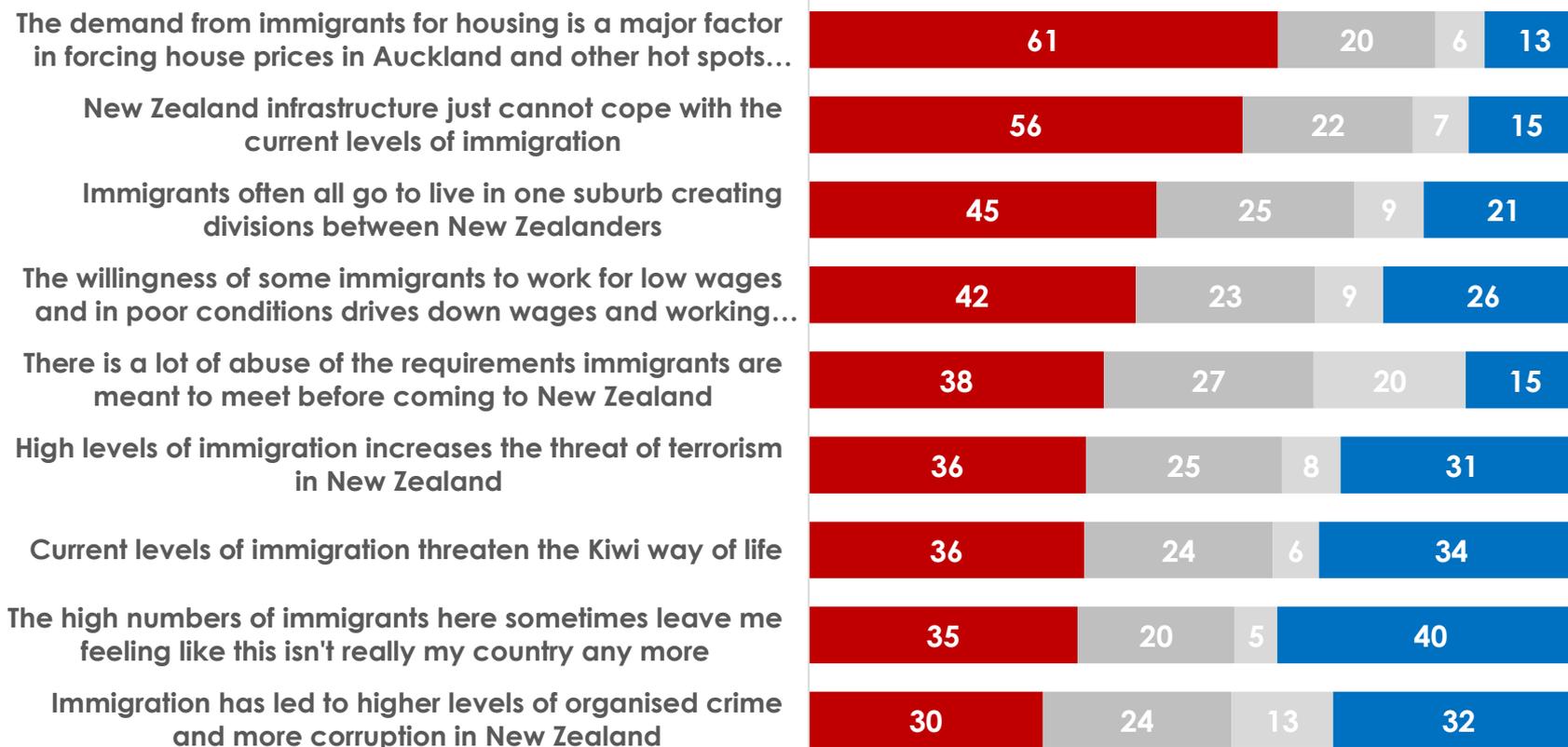


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Arguments against immigration

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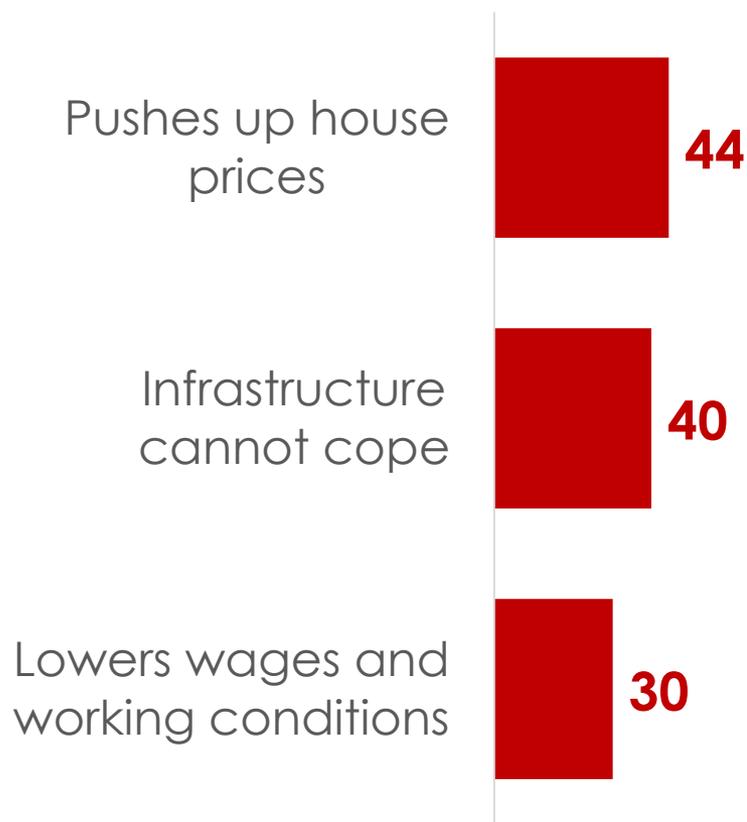


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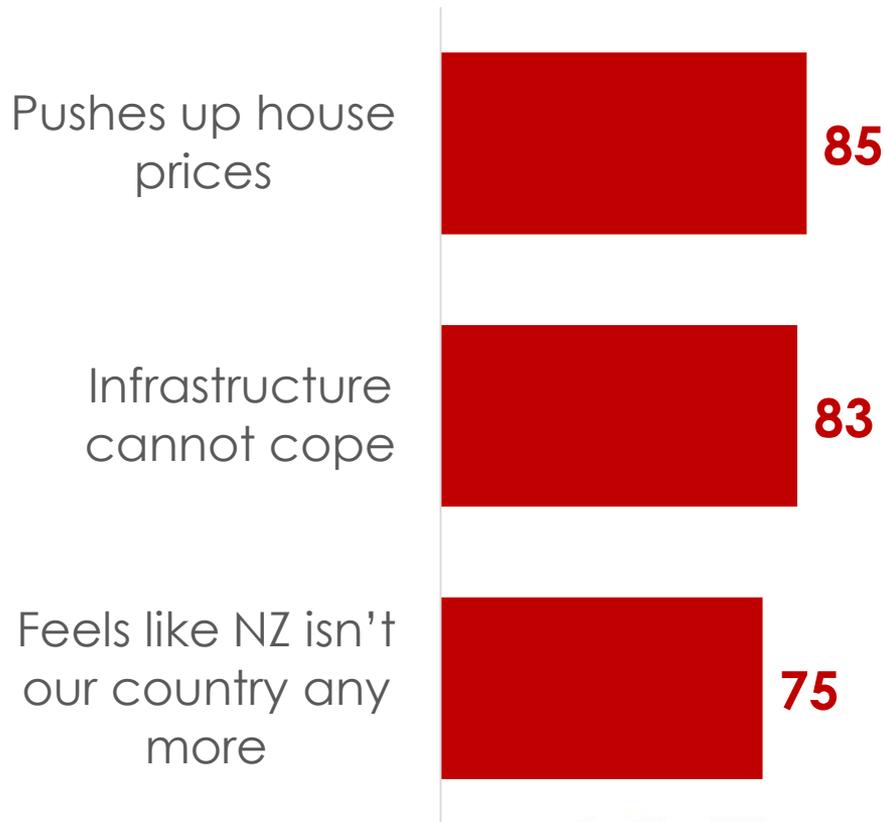
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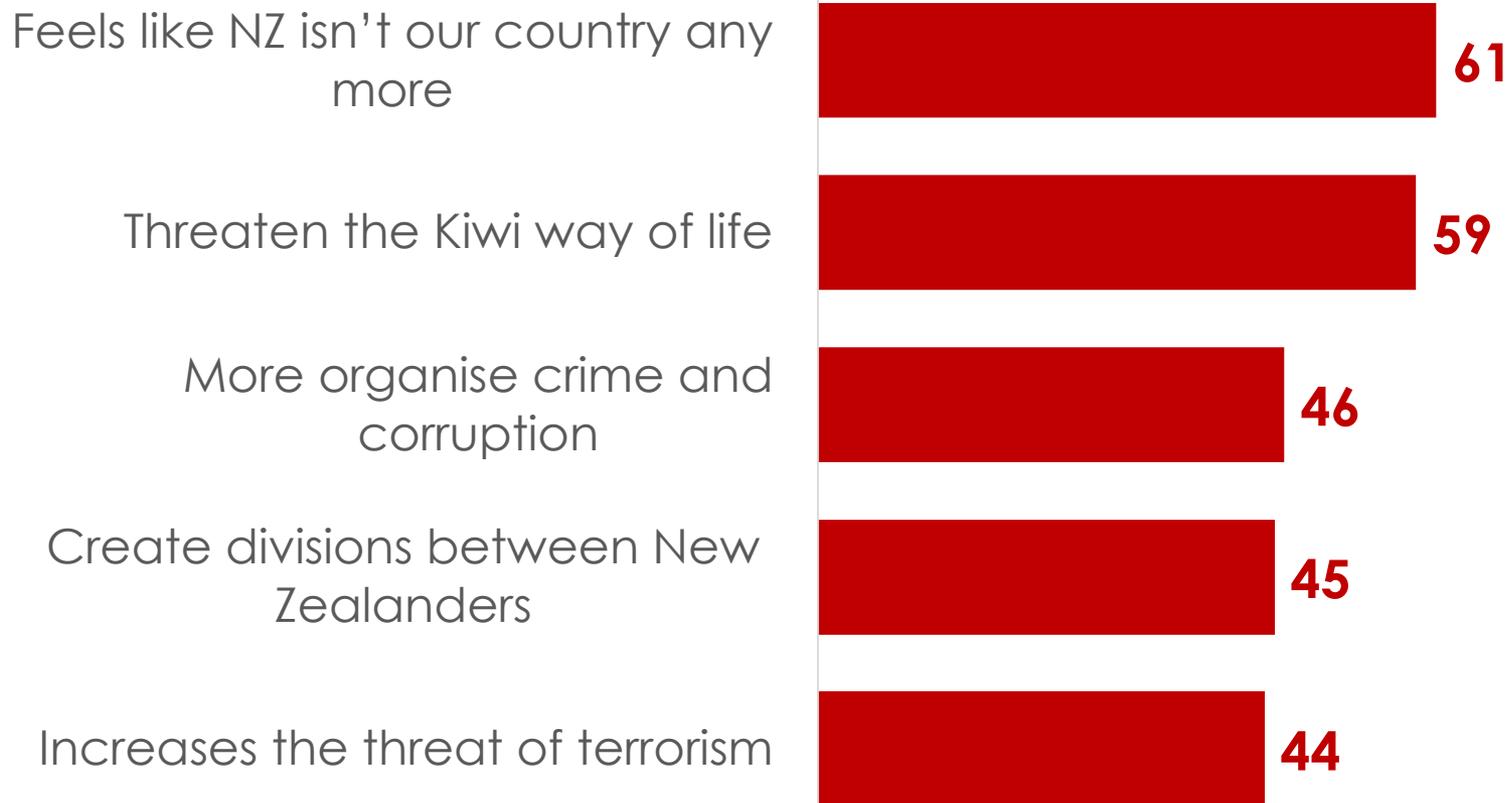


Overall **negative** about immigration



Most polarising arguments against immigration

} *Negative about immigration agreement* – *positive about immigration agreement*



Methodology

- Results in this report are based upon questions asked in a stand-alone UMR online survey. The survey was a nationally representative sample of 1000 New Zealanders, 18 years of age and over.
- To get better accuracy amongst immigrants, oversampling was performed to get a total sub-sample of n=150. The full sample was weighted to ensure immigrants were not over represented in the overall results.
- The survey was conducted from 16th to 21st May 2017.
- The margin of error for sample size of 1000 for a 50% figure at the 95% confidence level is $\pm 3.1\%$