

# #WhatSACanBe

Findings of IRR polling 2024



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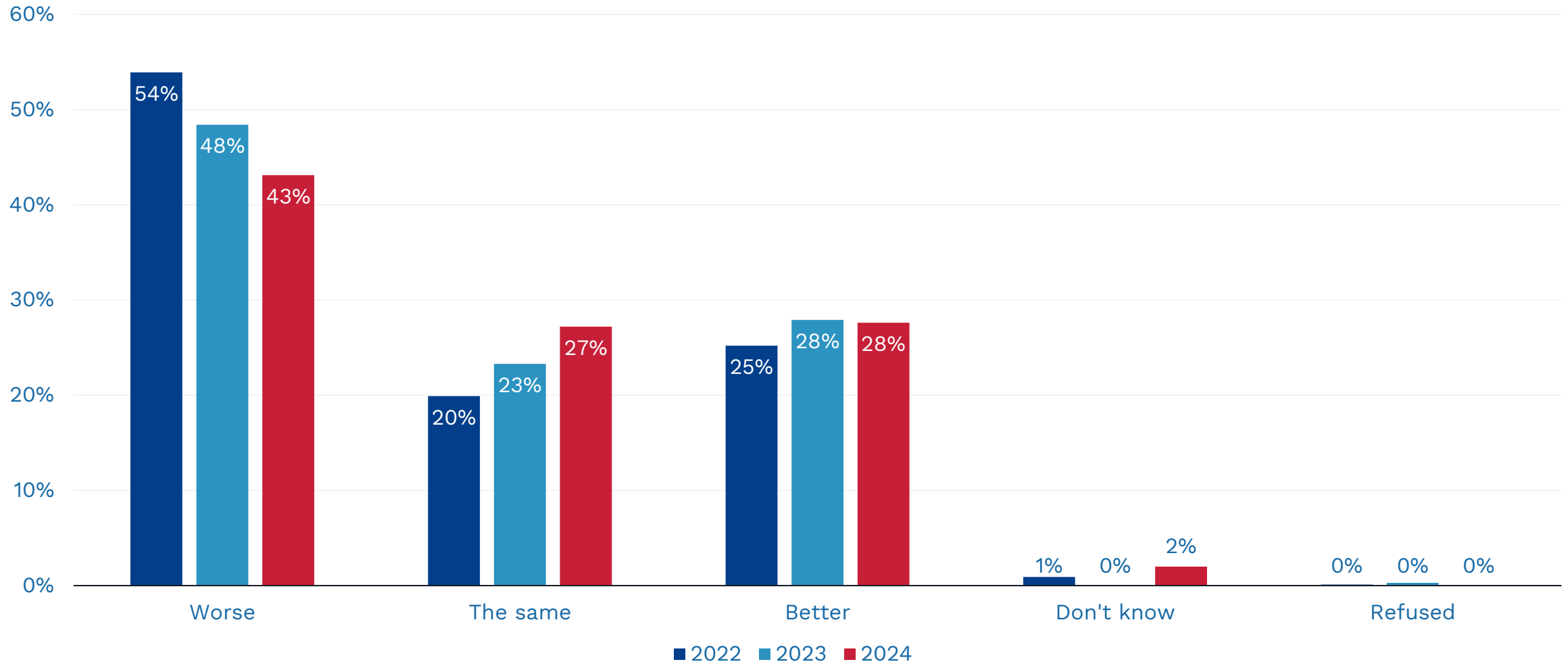
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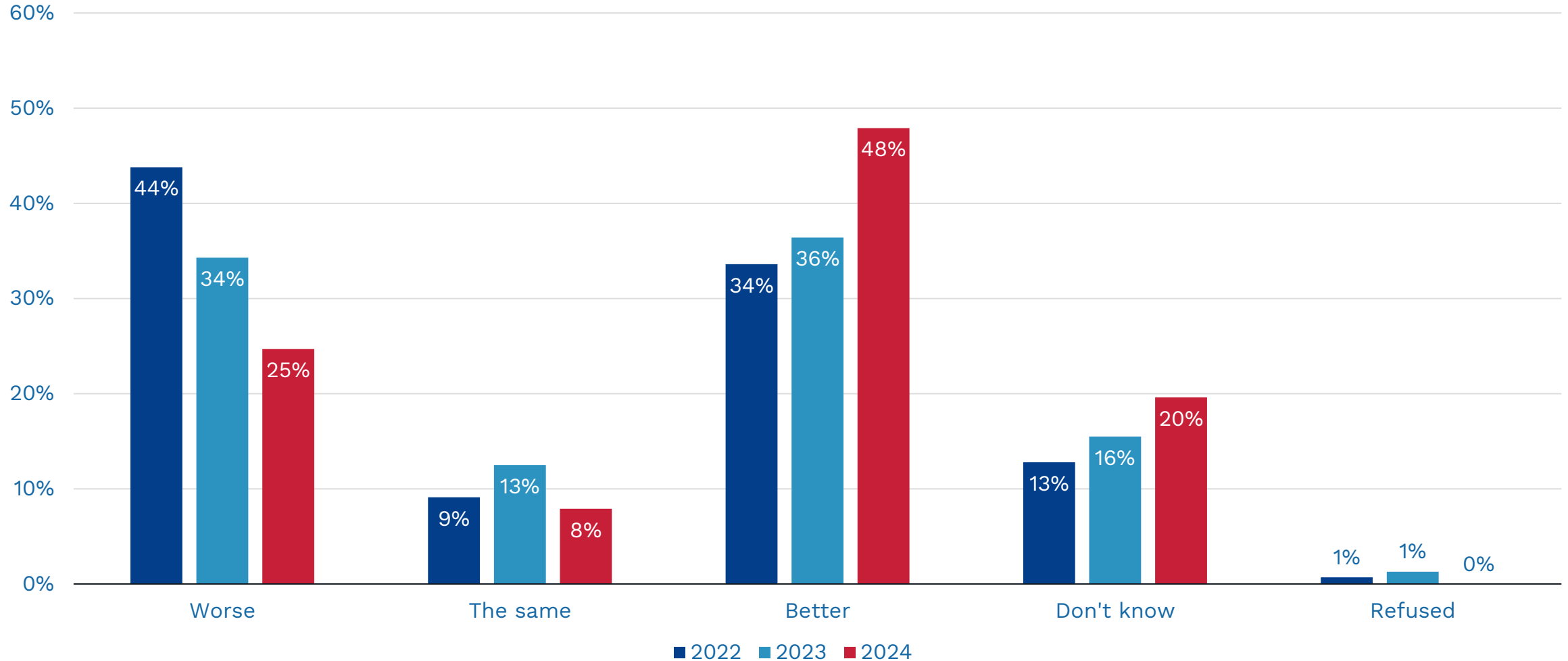
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# Is your life better than, the same as or worse than five years ago?



# Do you think life five years from now will be better than, the same as or worse than today?





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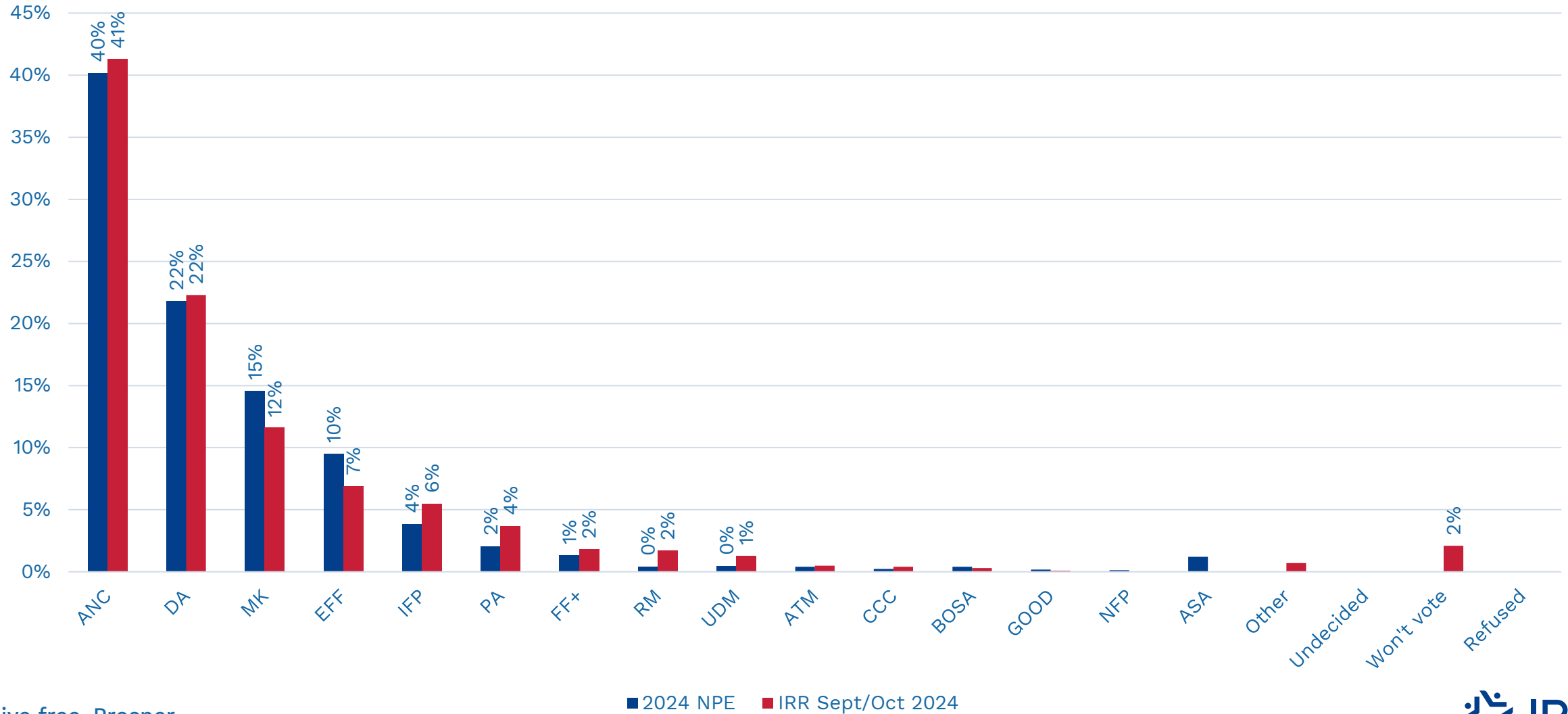
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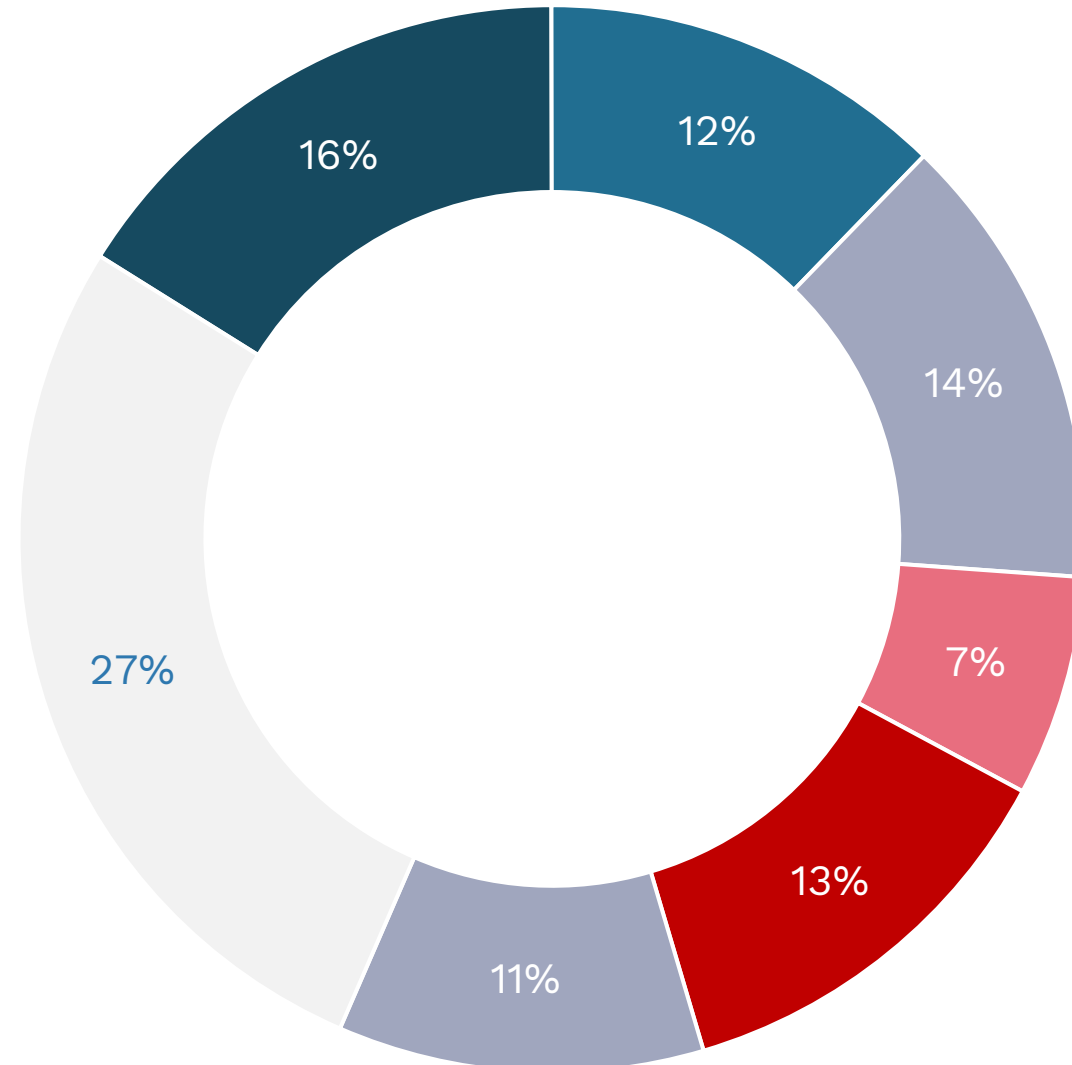
# If a national election was held today, which party would you vote for?





# What is your view of the Government of National Unity (GNU)?

- Very favourable
- Somewhat favourable
- Neutral
- Somewhat unfavourable
- Very unfavourable
- Unsure
- Unfamiliar



# Do you prefer the new GNU government to the previous ANC-only government?



# Do you like it that the DA is part of the GNU?



# Do you like it that the IFP is part of the GNU?



# Do you approve or disapprove of the 'Progressive Caucus' alliance between the EFF and MK?



# Which of the following government coalitions would you prefer?



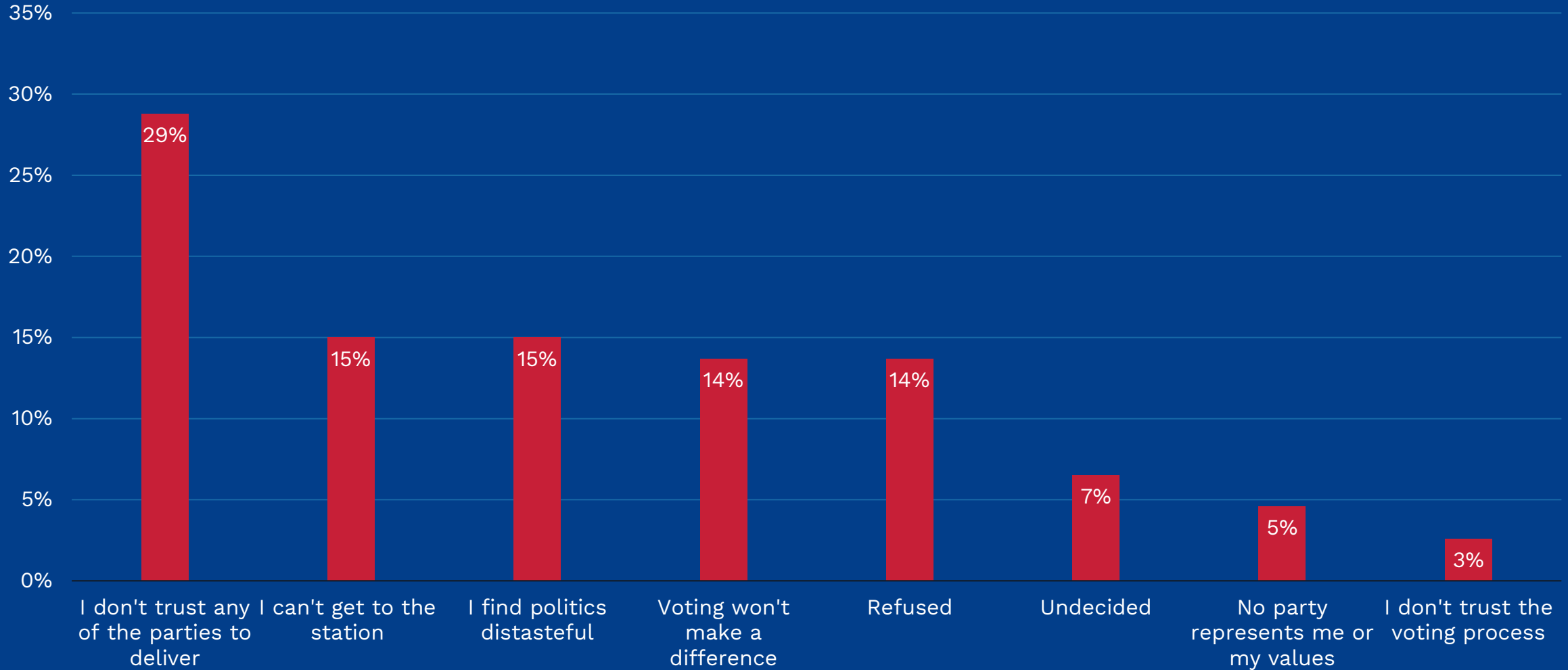
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# How likely do you think it is that the ANC and the DA will remain together in the GNU until the next elections in 2029?



# Reasons for not voting in the 2024 general elections





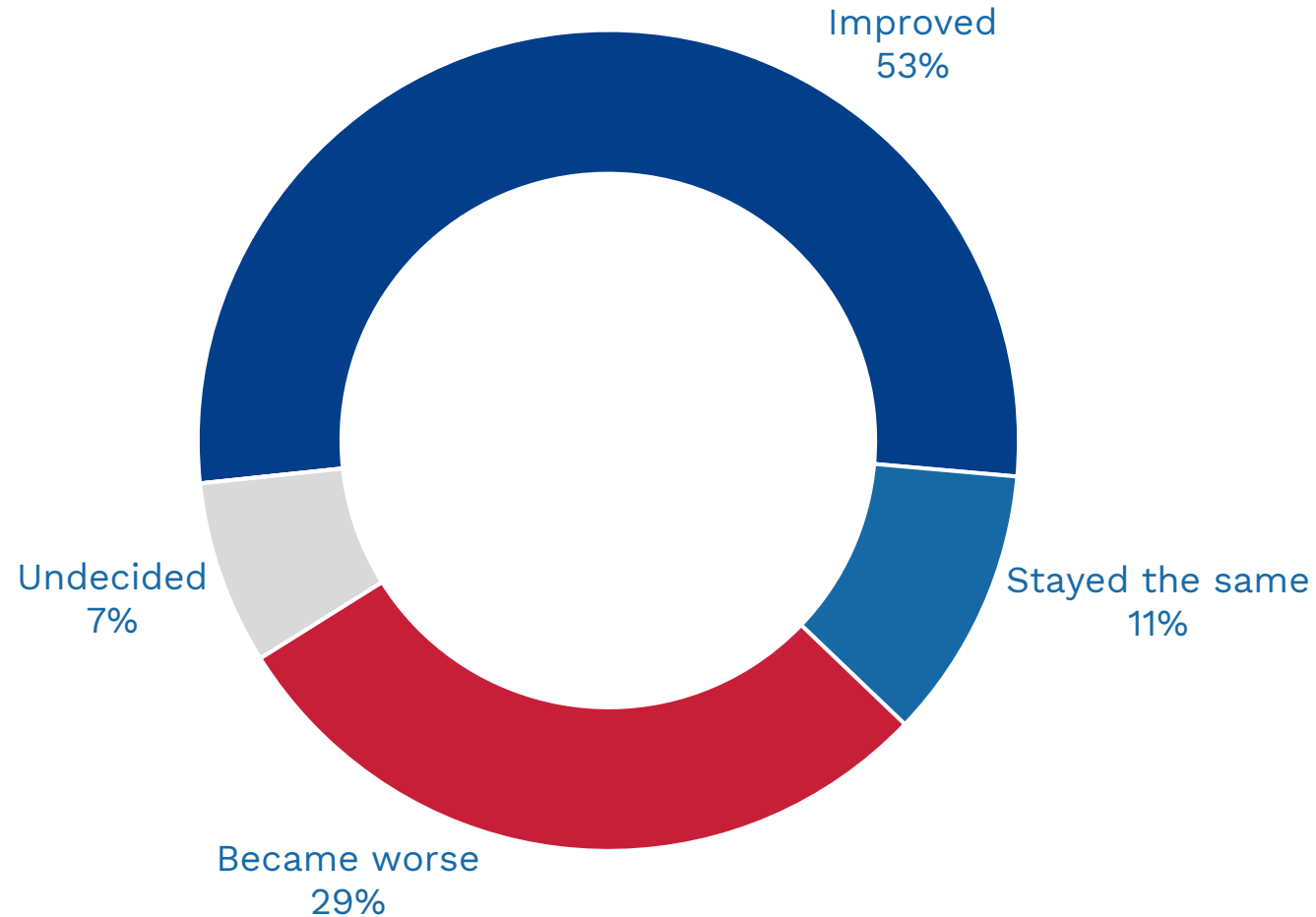


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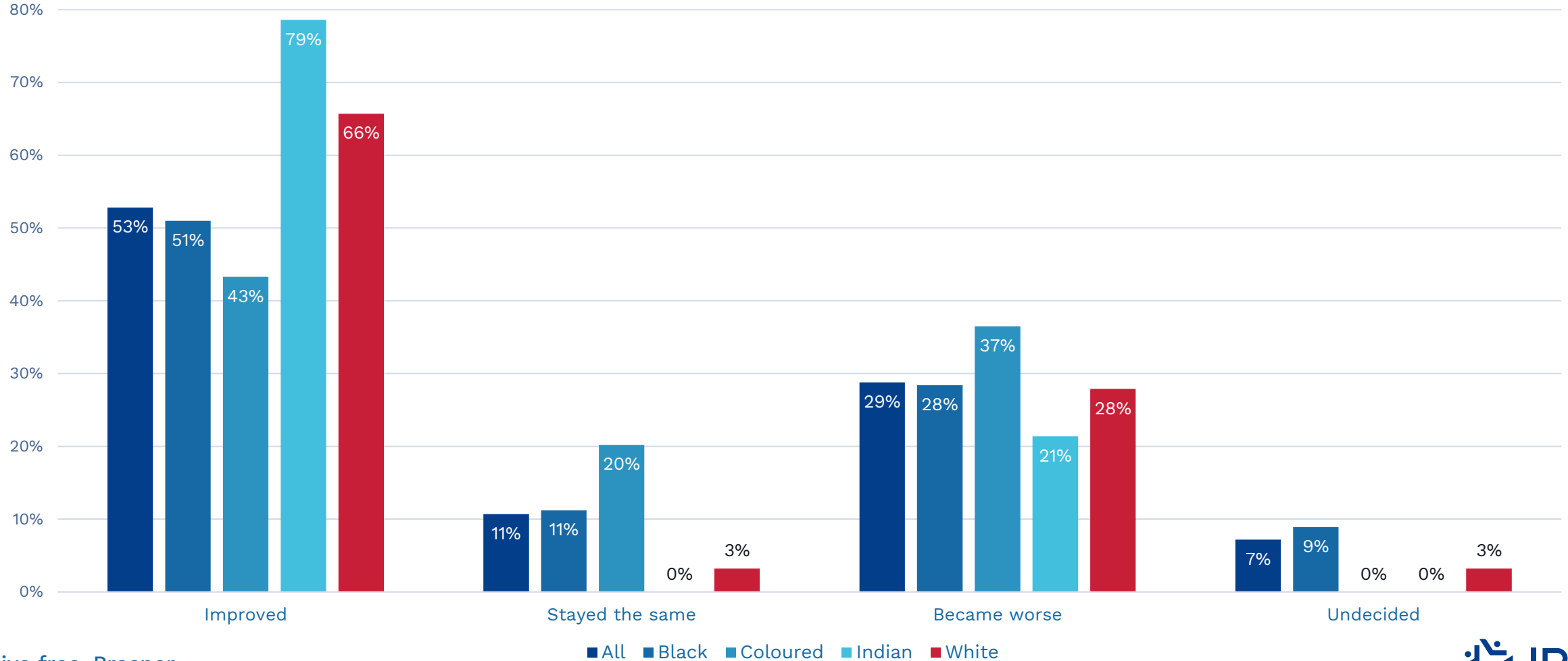


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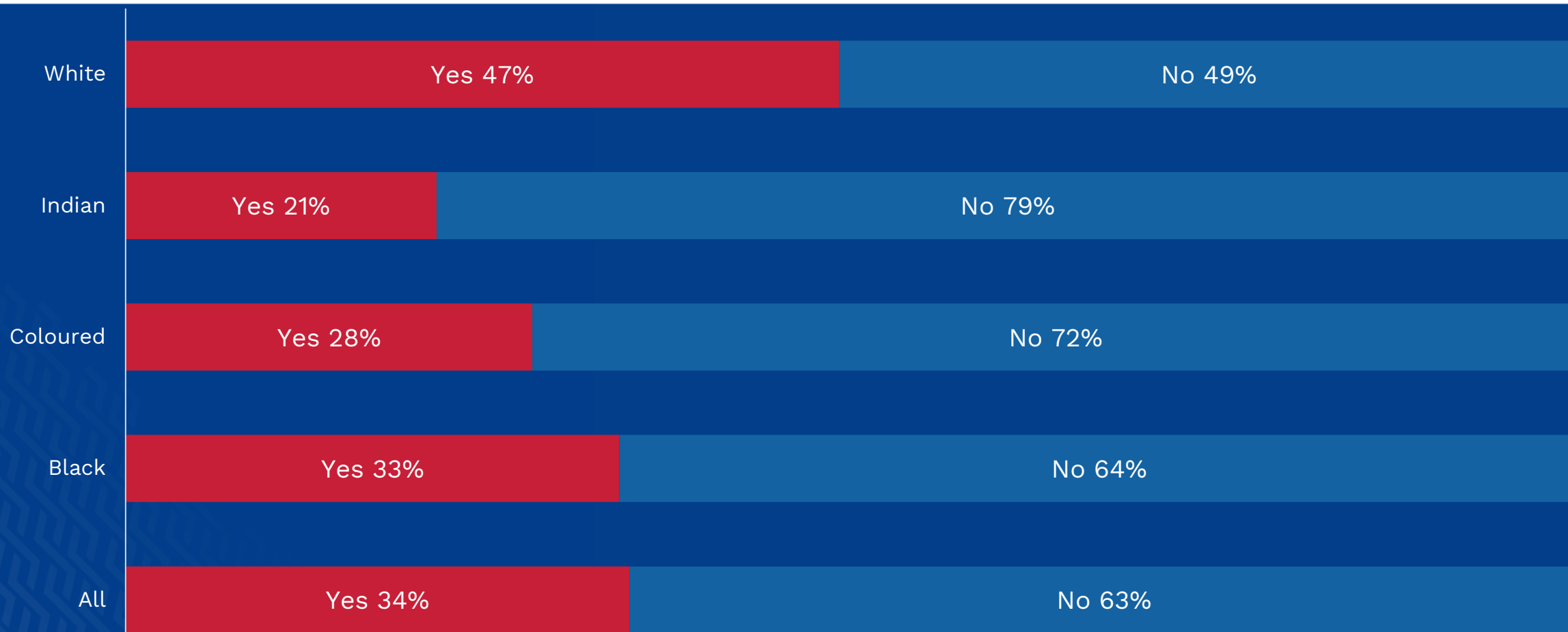
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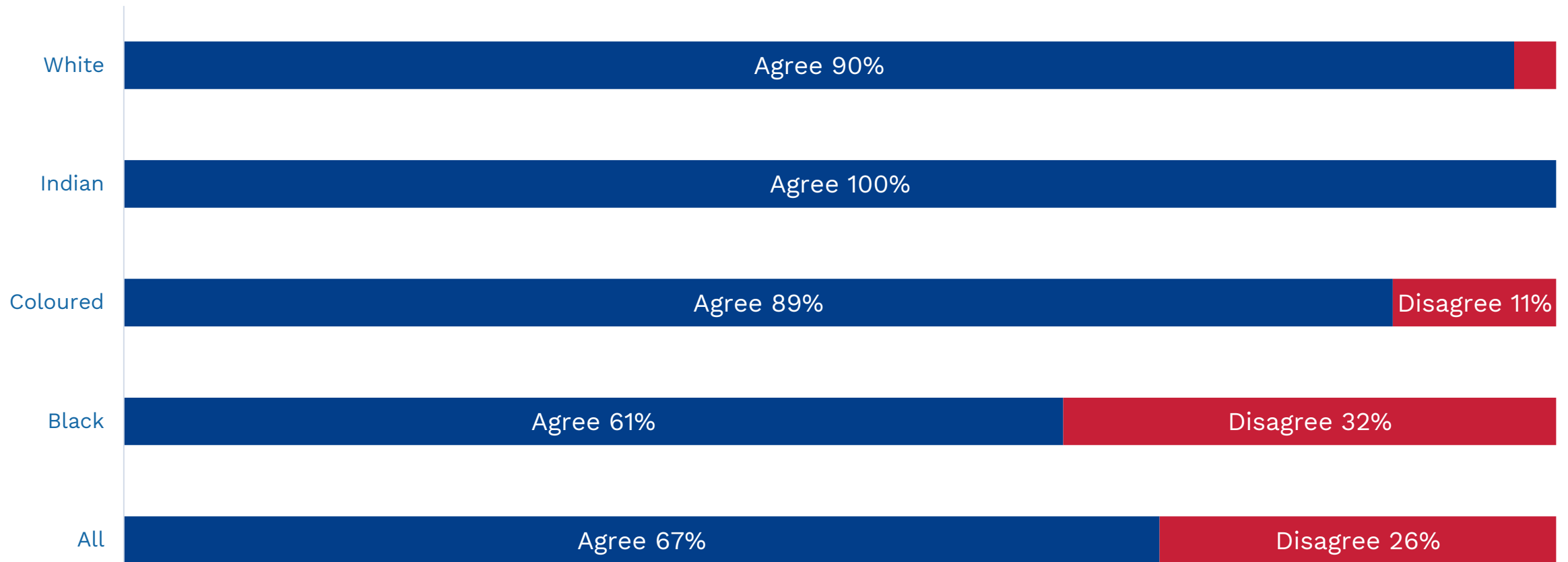
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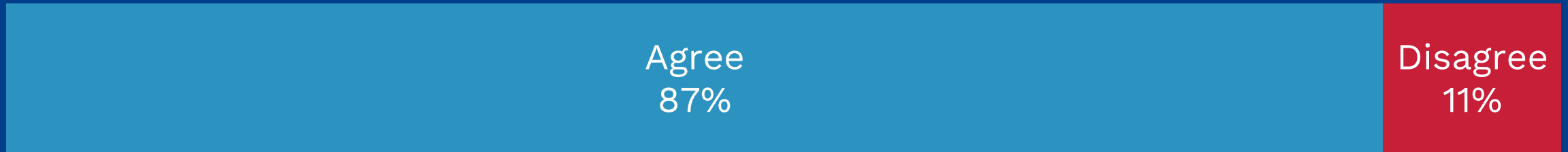


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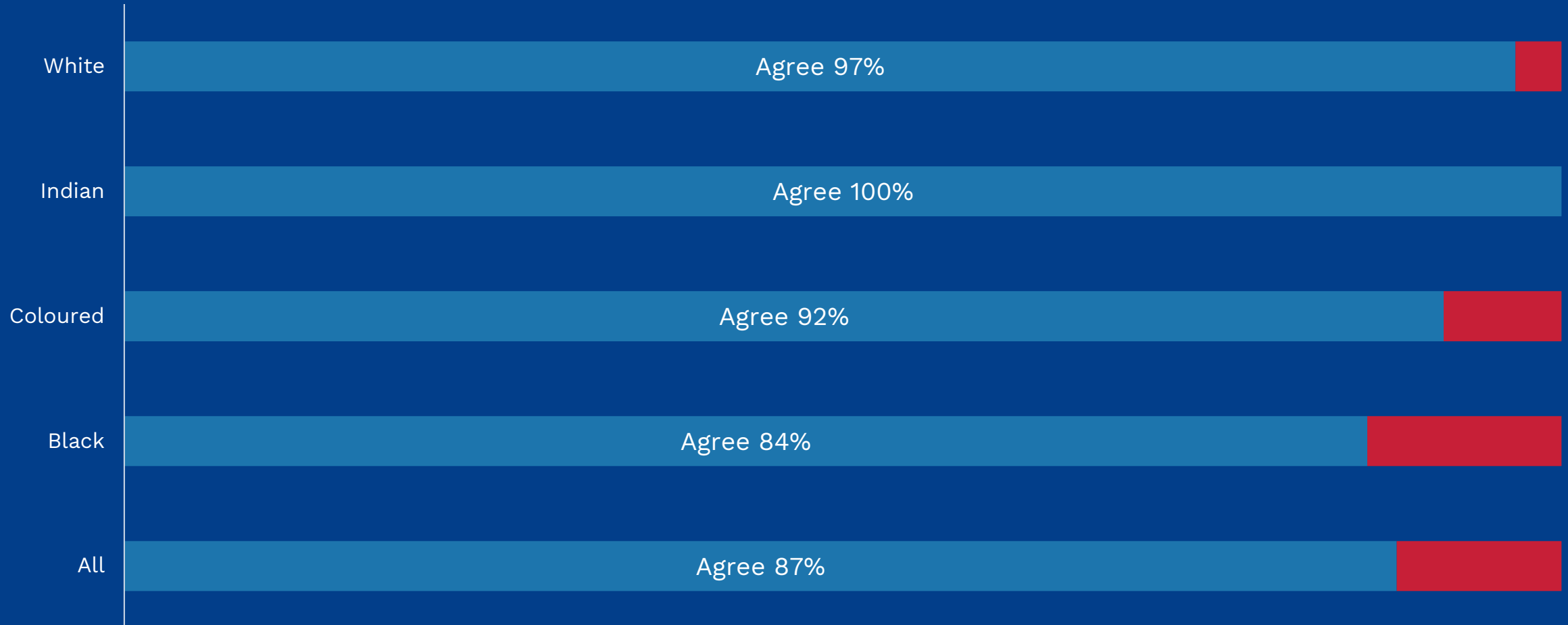




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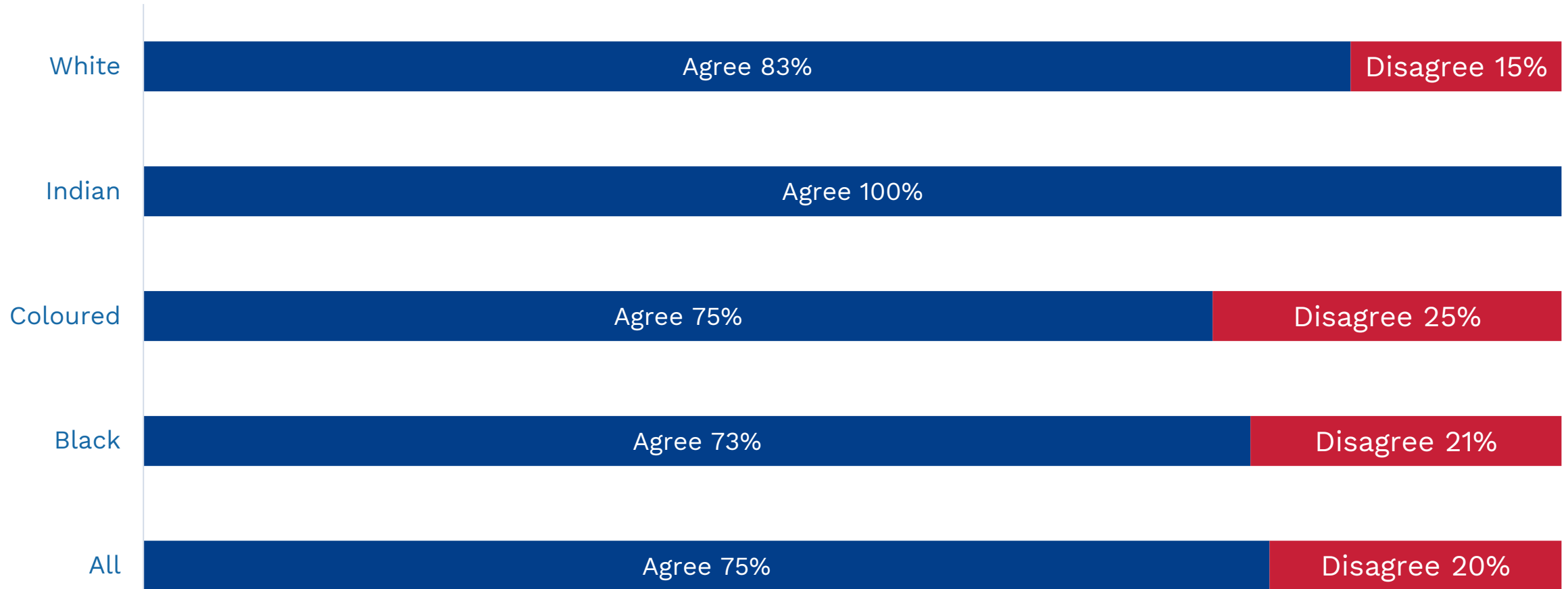
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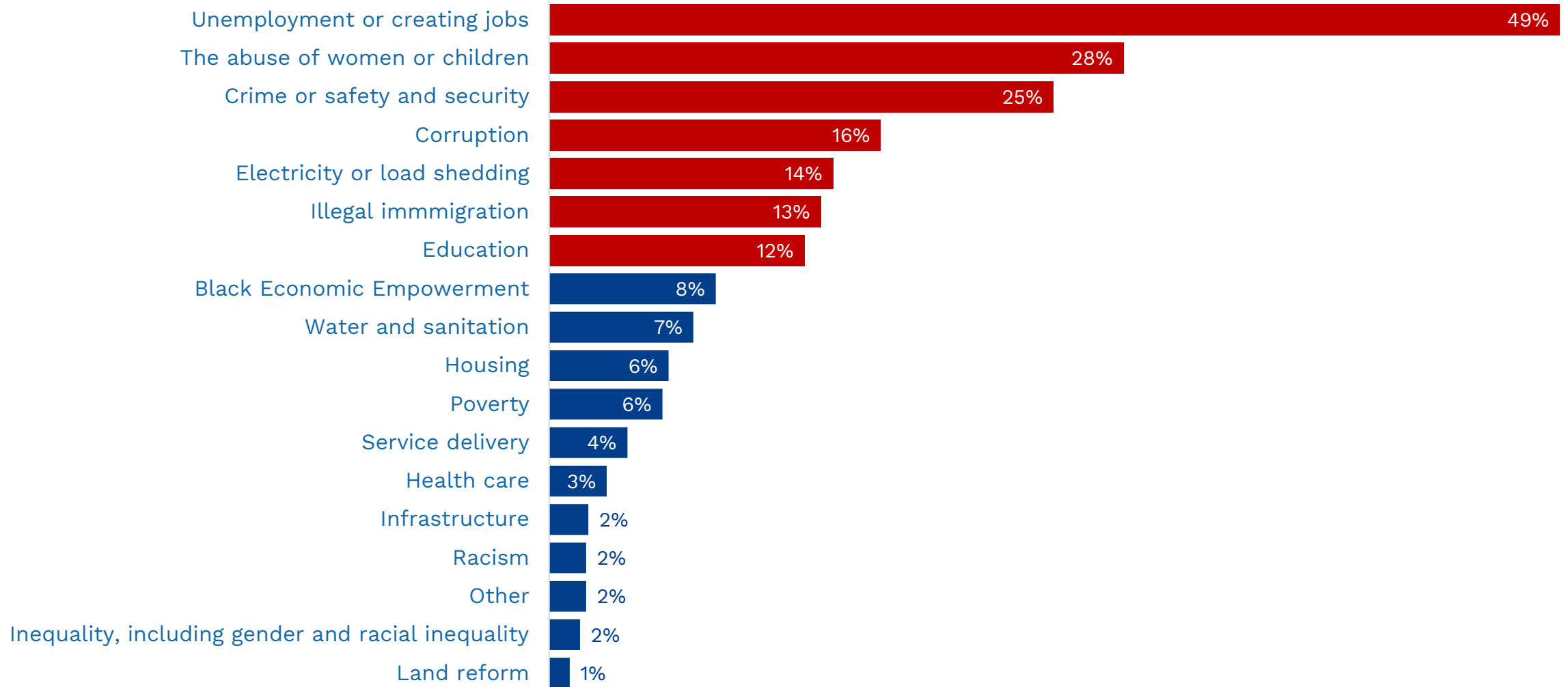


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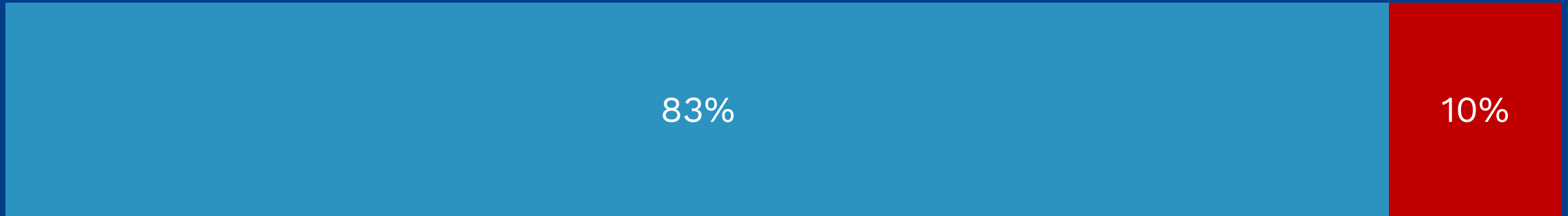


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# What are the two issues you think should be the top priorities for the government?



# Should the government focus on more social grants or more on job creation?



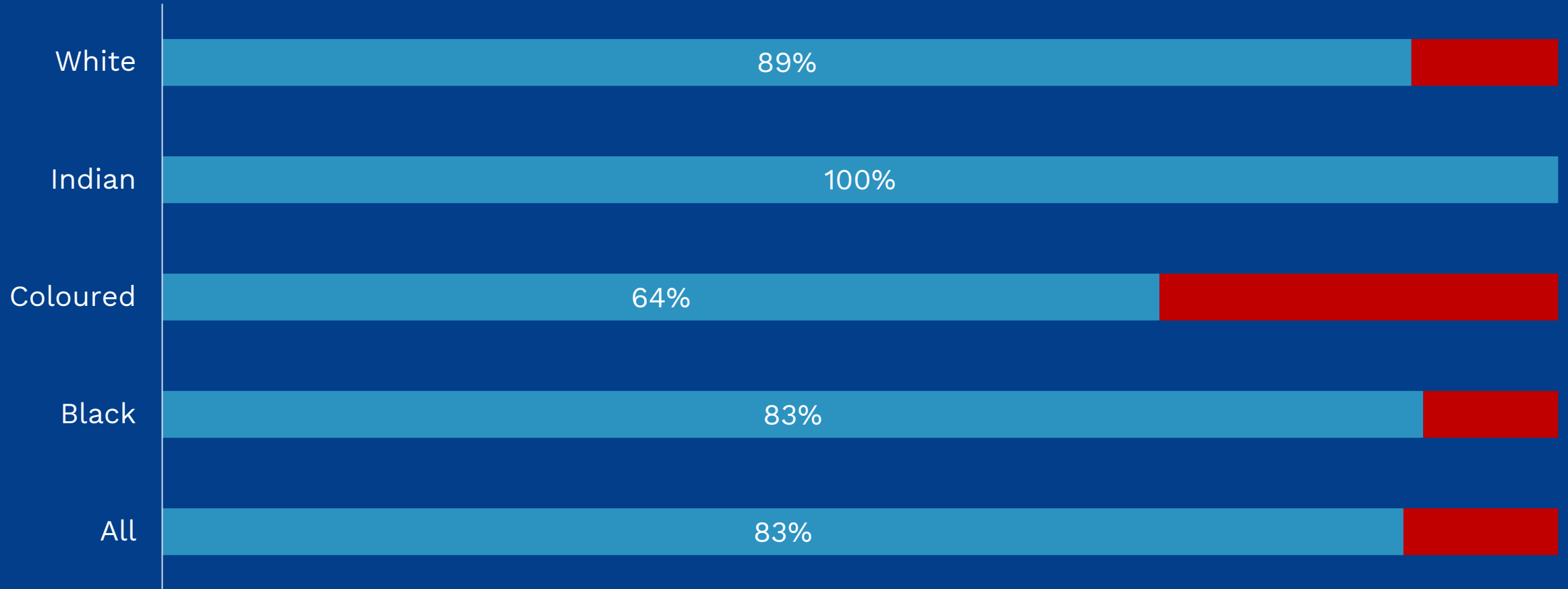
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# Many people in South Africa are without work. Which one of the following two ways do you believe is the best way to create jobs?



- The government must remove barriers to economic growth and allow businesses to create jobs
- The government must create more public sector jobs paid for through higher taxes

“We all know that  
government does not create  
jobs. **Business creates jobs.**”

***Cyril Ramaphosa, 10 February 2022***

# Who should be appointed to jobs in South Africa?



- Appointments should be made on the basis of merit, but there should be special training to help previously disadvantaged groups
- All appointments should be on the basis of merit alone without any special training being available
- Only black people should be appointed to jobs for a very long time ahead
- Only black people should be appointed until those in employment are demographically representative of the entire population

**In your opinion, would tax-funded vouchers for schooling, health care, and housing be more effective in helping you to get ahead than current AA and BEE policies, which focus on management posts, ownership deals, and preferential tenders?**

Yes  
81%

No  
12%

# Would you like the government to provide you with a tax-funded education voucher which you can use to send your children to a school of your choice?

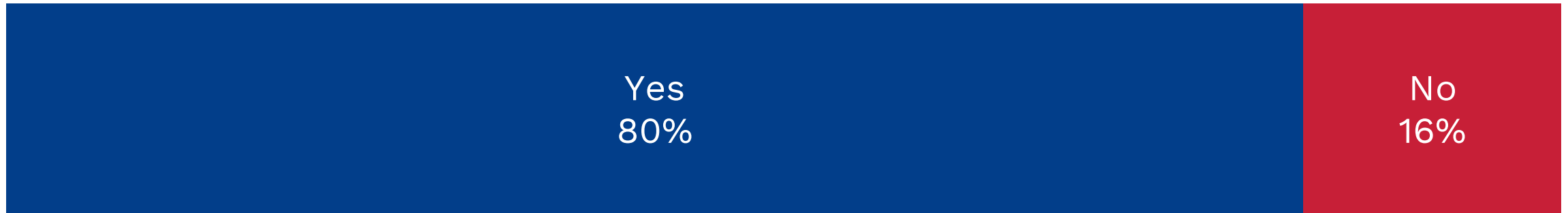
Yes  
92%

No  
7%

# Would you like the government to provide you with a tax-funded health-care voucher which you can use to buy medical aid or health insurance to cover private health care for you and your family?

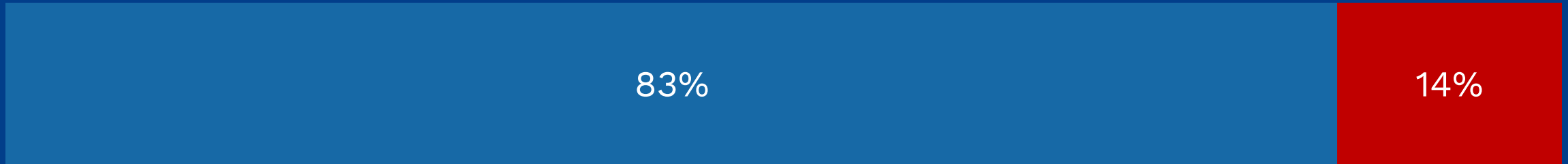


# Would you like the government to provide you with a tax-funded housing voucher which you can use to build, buy, or rent your own home?





# You are more likely to support a political party that promises...



- To remove barriers to economic growth to allow businesses to create more jobs
- Higher taxes to pay for more social grants



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# #WhatSACanBe | Key takeaways

- Due to the scale of political changes triggered by the 2024 elections, **the data indicate a renewed if fragile hope that life can get better** over the course of the 2024-2029 democratic term.
- **The GNU has accumulated and maintained notable goodwill** – the foundation of an unprecedented opportunity to deliver popular, evidence-based policy reforms. This will unlock political support for GNU parties.
- **Race relations remain positive and sound**, ensuring the fertile ground necessary to establish a coherent and cohesive socio-economic national interest and unity.
- There is **significant aspirational overlap and belief in empowerment through economic growth** that allows for a common-ground, successful, and popular outcomes-based rather than ideological program of government for the GNU.

Sample: N=604

Screening: Registered voters only

Margin of Error: 5%

Confidence Level: 95%

The poll was conducted telephonically, using a single frame, random digit-dialling sampling design. The sampling frame consists of every potential cell phone number in existence in South Africa, from which a probability sample is drawn. This approach ensures that every number stands an equal chance of being included in the study, which is the most basic condition that must be met for survey results to be generalizable to the population from which a sample is drawn.

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