

Immigration and the EU Referendum

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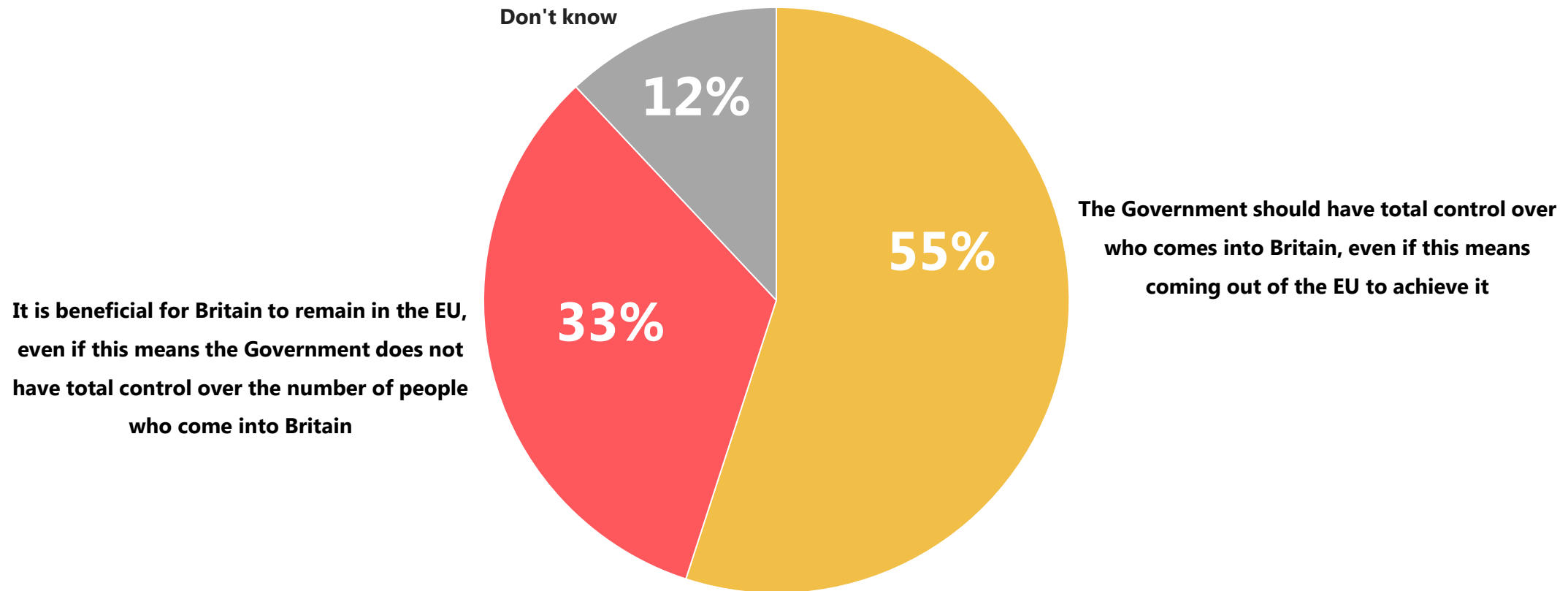


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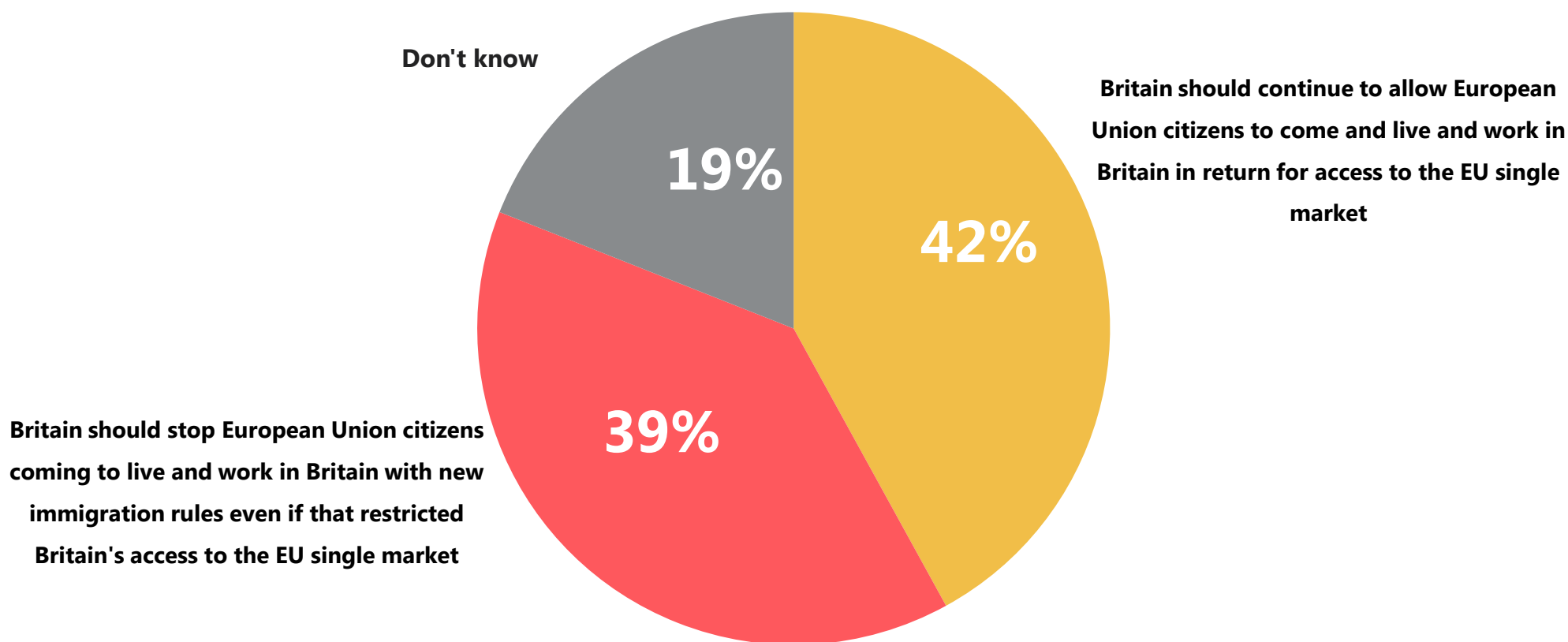
Over half believe the Govt. should have total control over immigration even it means coming out of the EU

Which of the following statements do you most agree with?



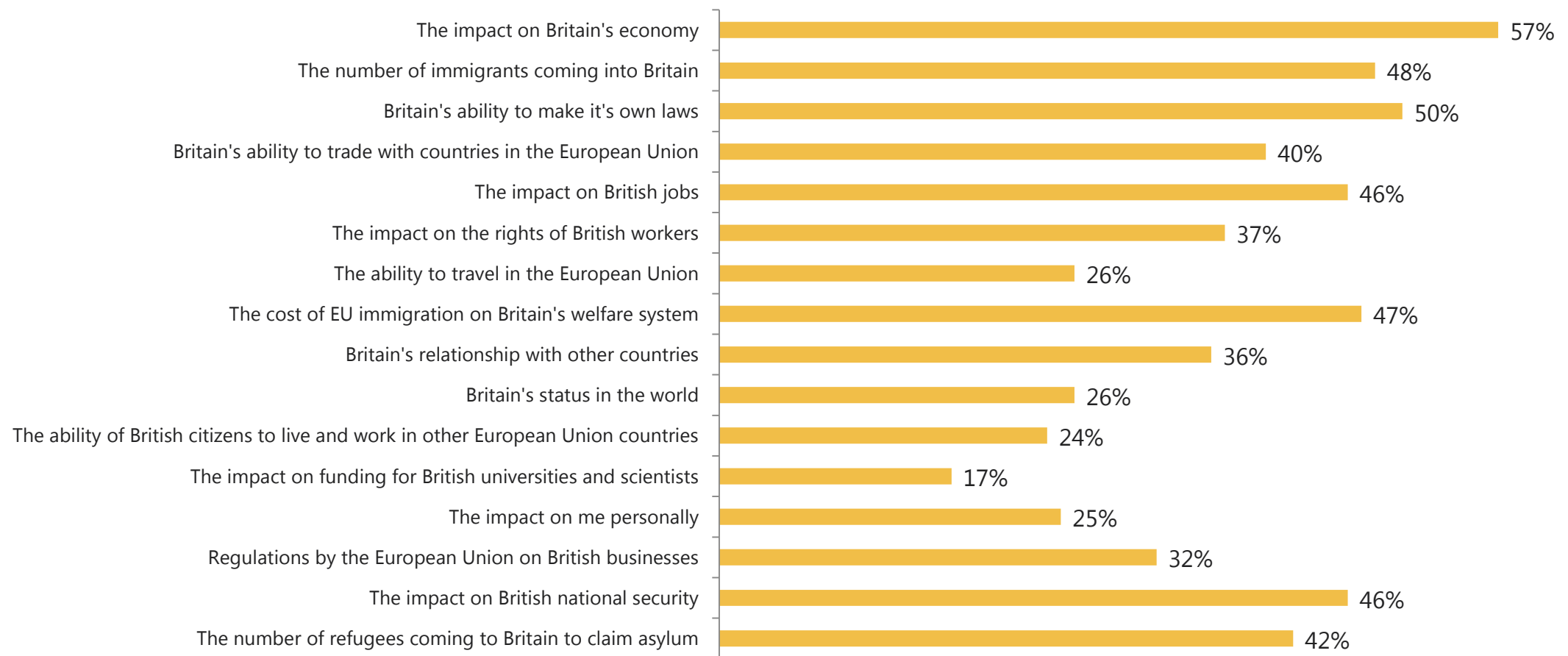
Opinion is more divided on whether we should accept free movement of peoples in return for access to the EU single market

And now thinking if Britain votes to leave the European Union on 23 June which of the following statements comes closest to your view?



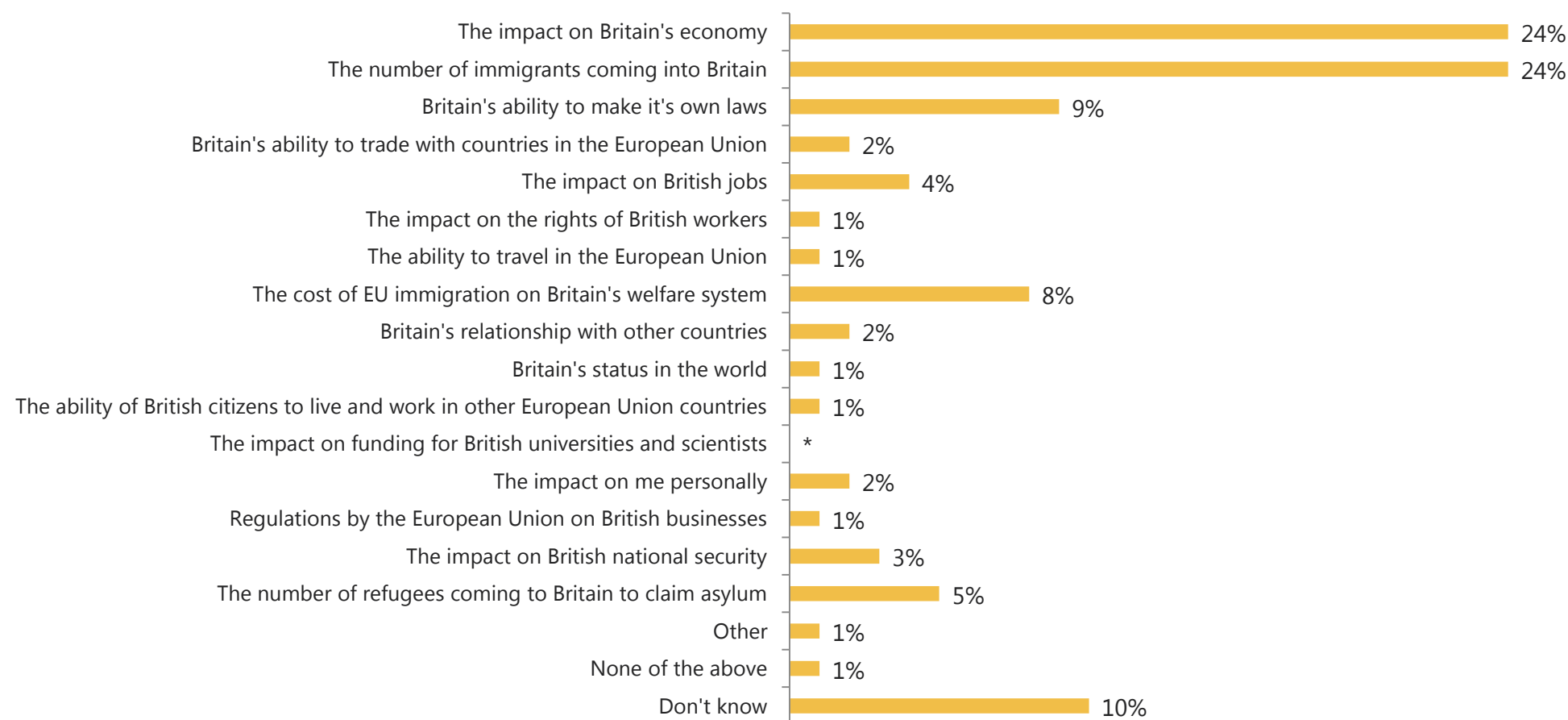
EU immigration *will* be one of the key issues that decides how people will vote in the EU referendum

Looking ahead to the referendum on Britain's membership of the European Union on 23 June, which, if any, issues do you think will be very important to you in helping you decide which way to vote?



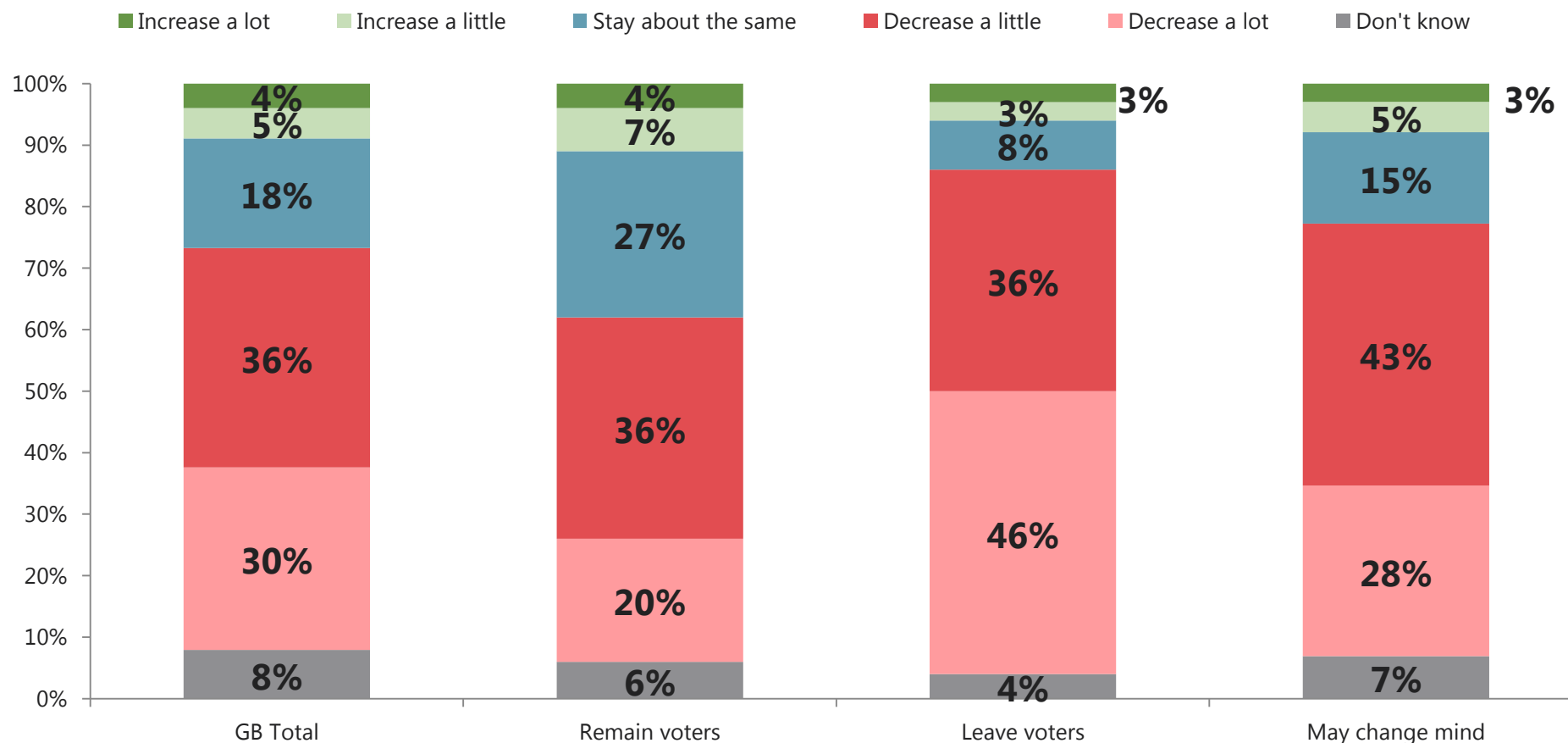
For others, Immigration is seen *as important as the economy*

And which of these issues, if any, do you think will be the most important for the British public overall on how they will vote in the EU referendum on 23 June?



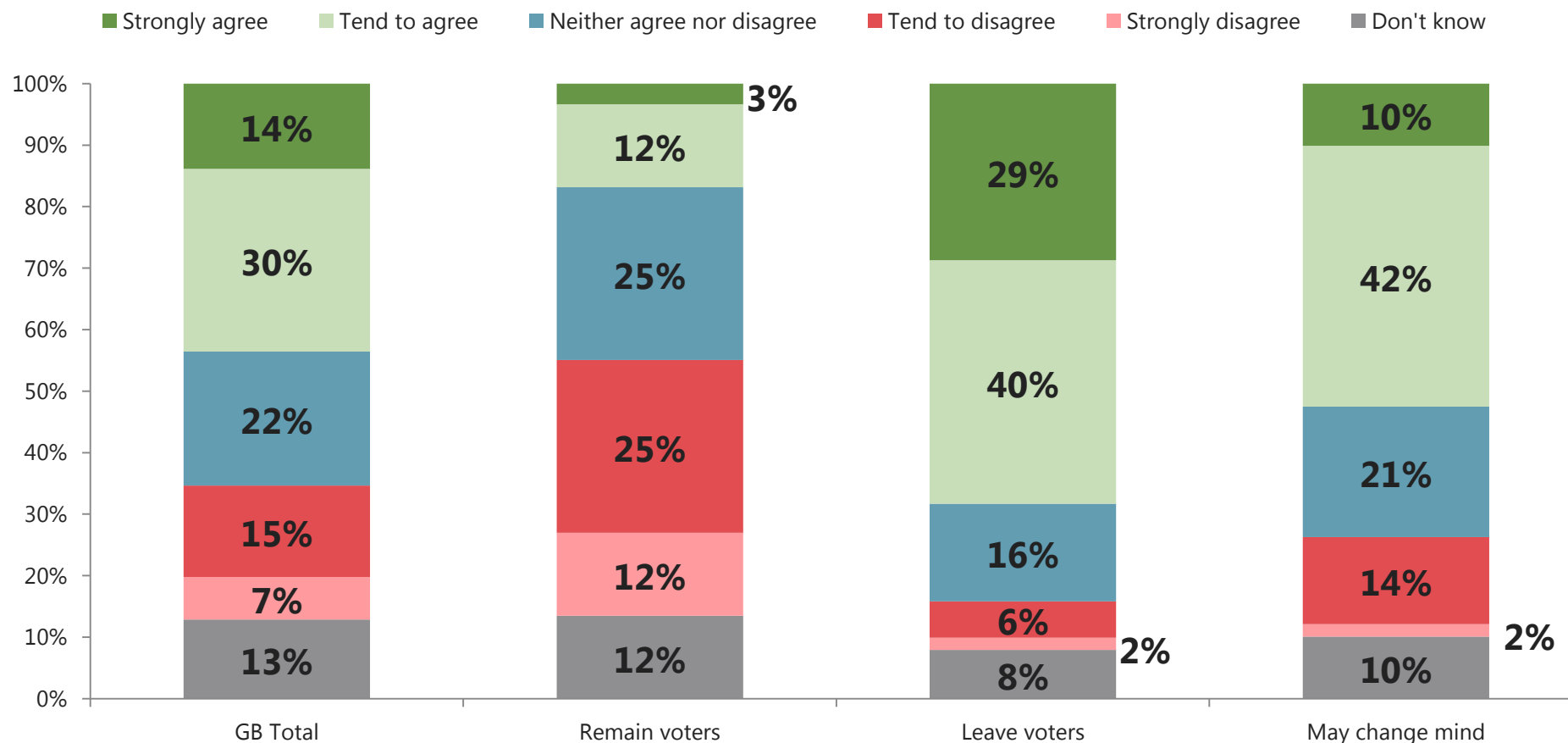
Two-thirds think that number of EU immigrants will decrease if Britain leaves the EU

Please tell me whether you think that the number of EU immigrants coming into the UK would increase, decrease or stay the same over the next five years if Britain were to leave the EU?



But no clear agreement on whether net migration targets will be met if Britain leaves EU

If Britain leaves the EU, net migration (the number of people coming into Britain minus the number of migrants leaving Britain) can be reduced to the government's target of 'tens of thousands' per year by 2020

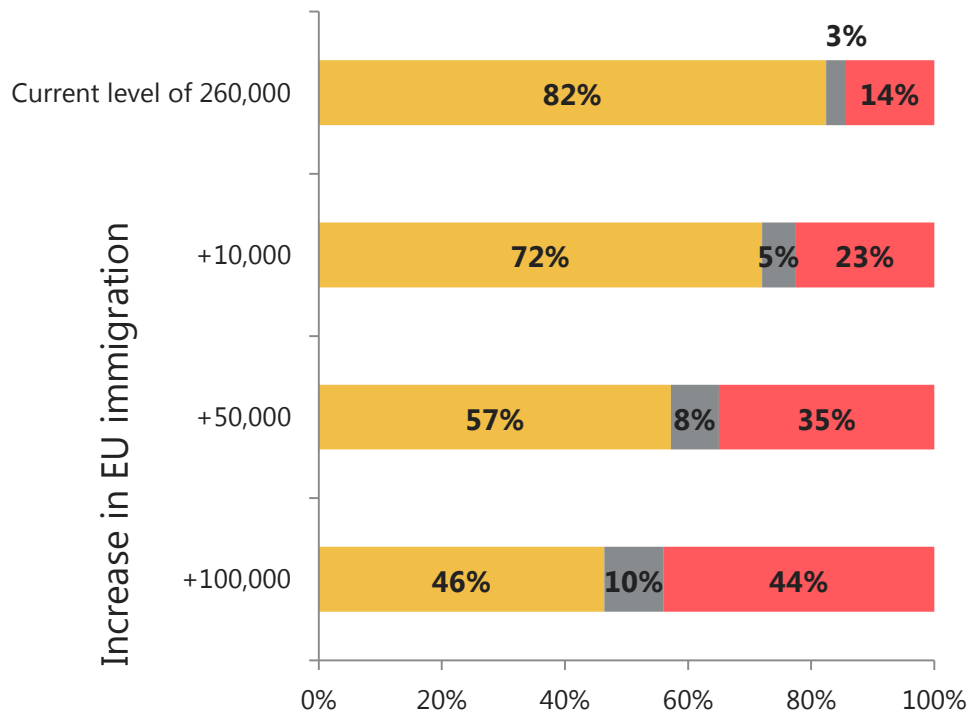


Brexit voters more stable than remain voters even when it comes to more favourable immigration numbers

Would you still vote to remain in/leave the European Union, or not?

Remain voters

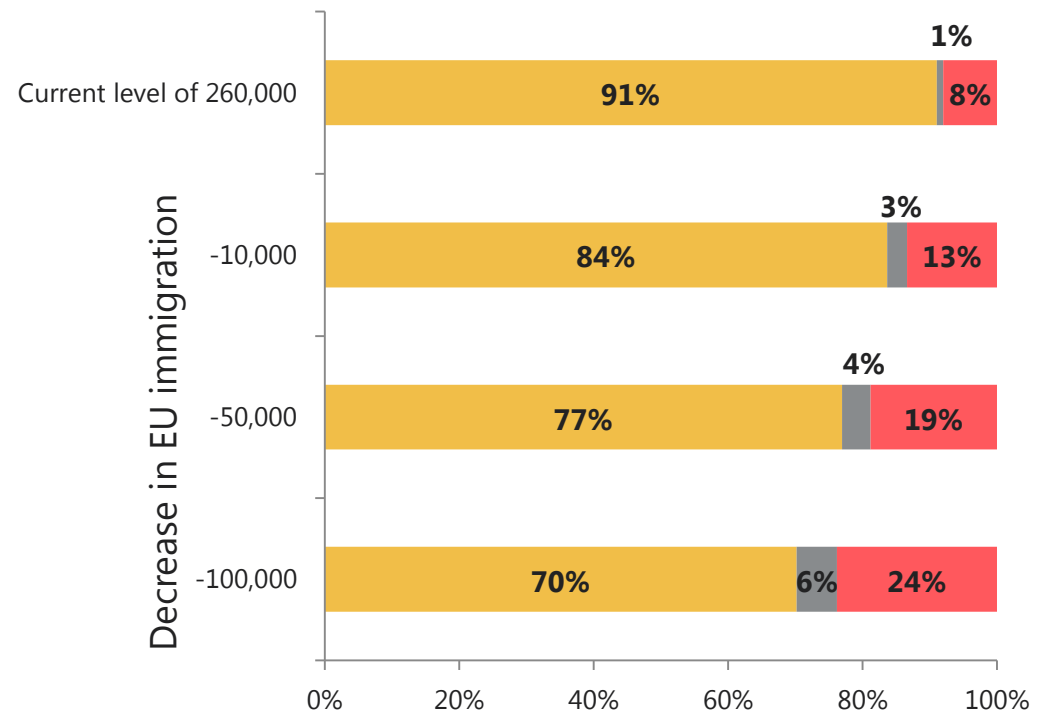
Still vote remain Switch to leave Unsure



Base: 1,808 remain voters

Leave voters

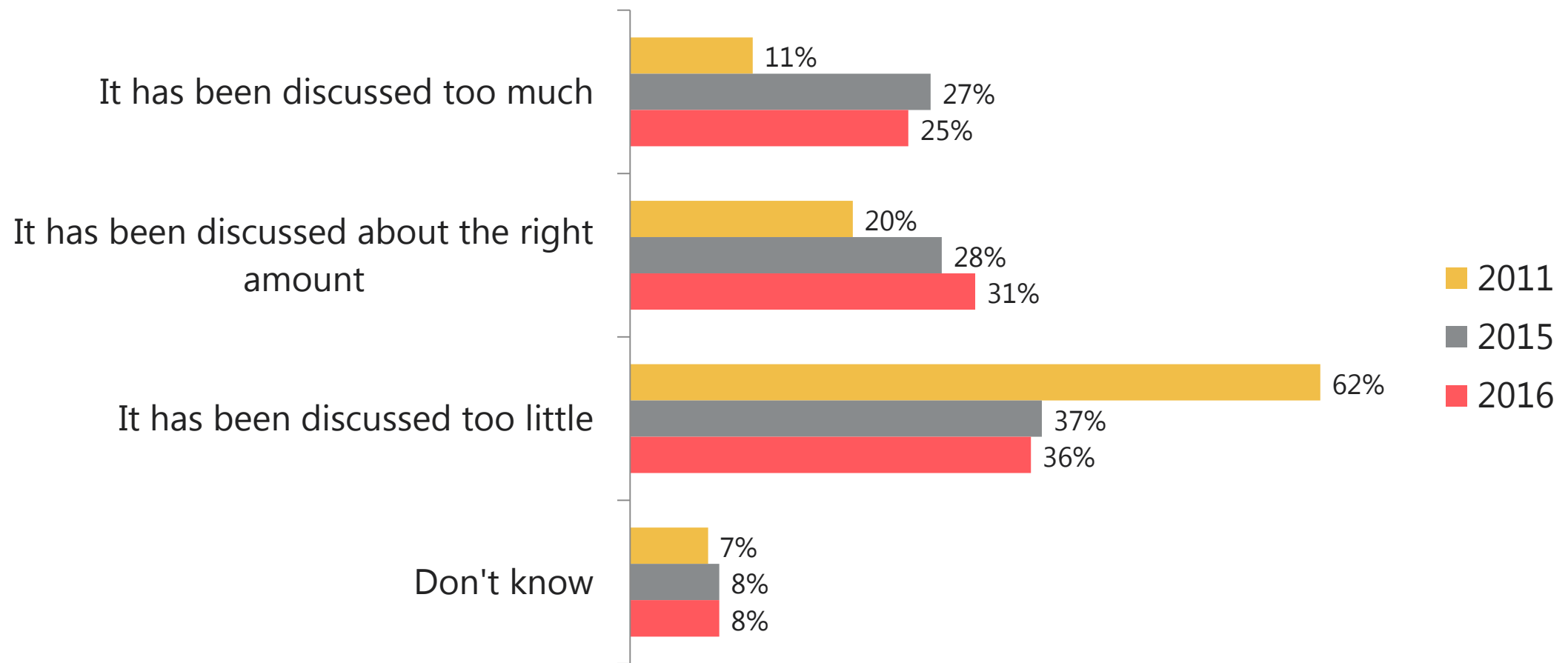
Still vote to leave Switch to remain Unsure



Base: 1,651 leave voters

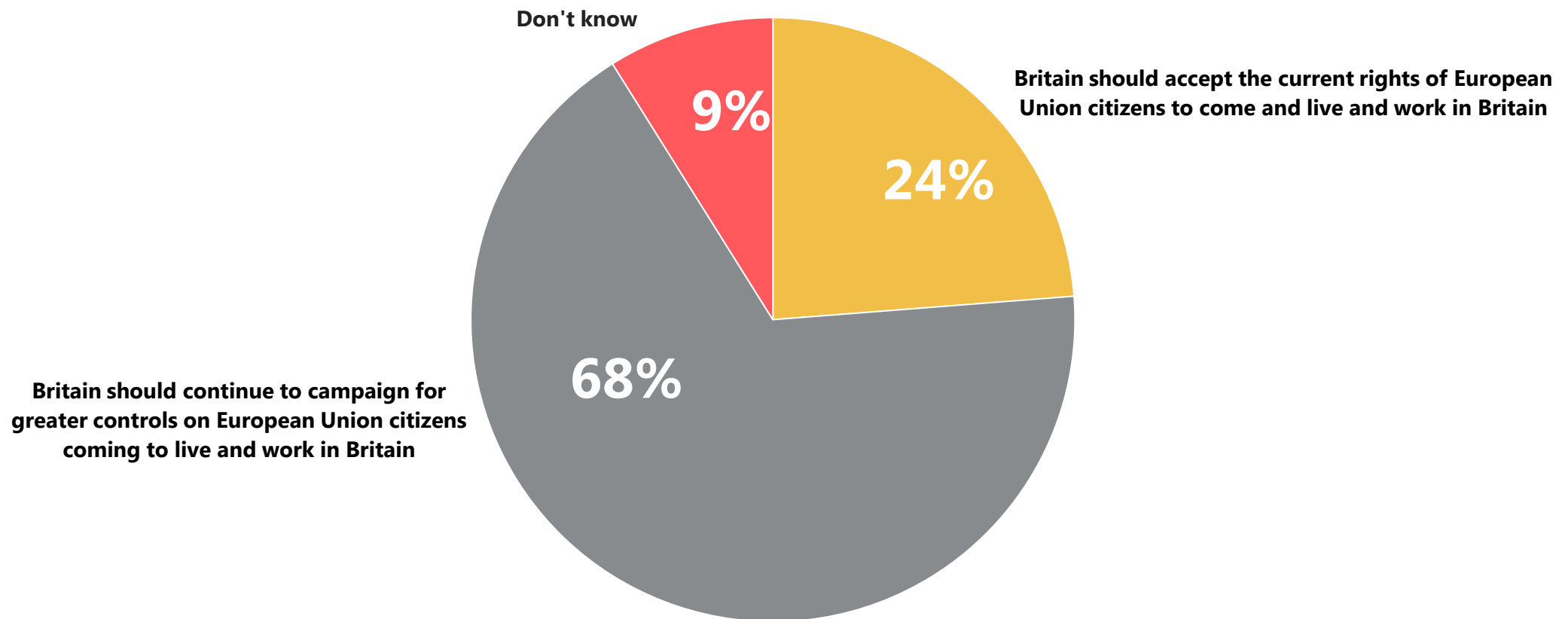
There has been a move in the number of people saying we are getting the conversation on immigration right, but we're still polarised on the issue

Generally speaking, do you think that the issue of immigration has been discussed in Britain too much, too little or about the right amount over the last few months?



The majority think that even if Britain stays in the EU, we should campaign for tighter immigration controls

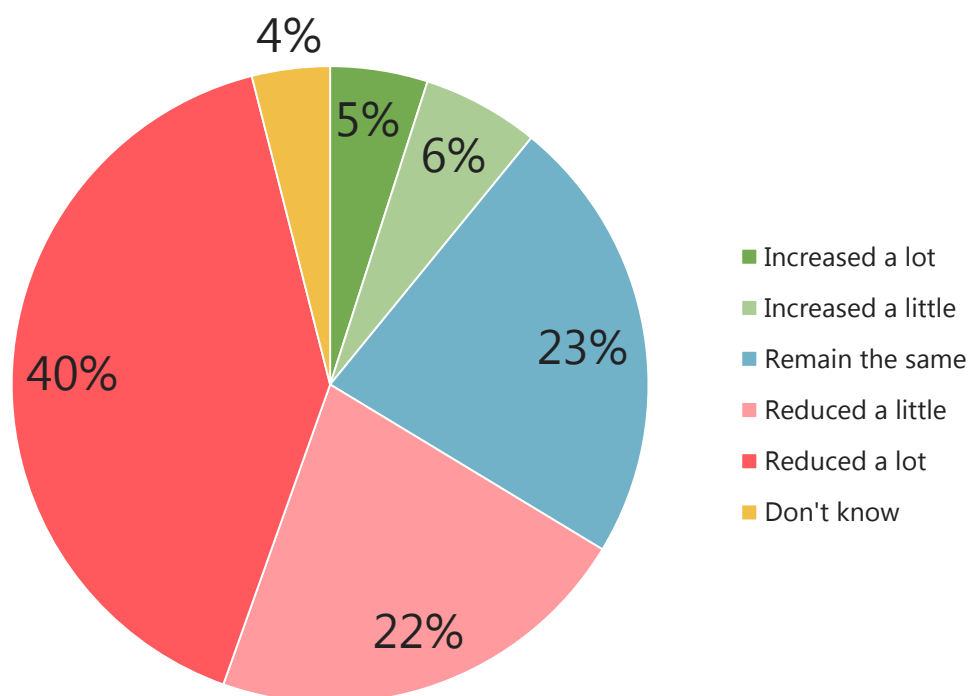
If Britain votes to remain in the EU on 23 June, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?



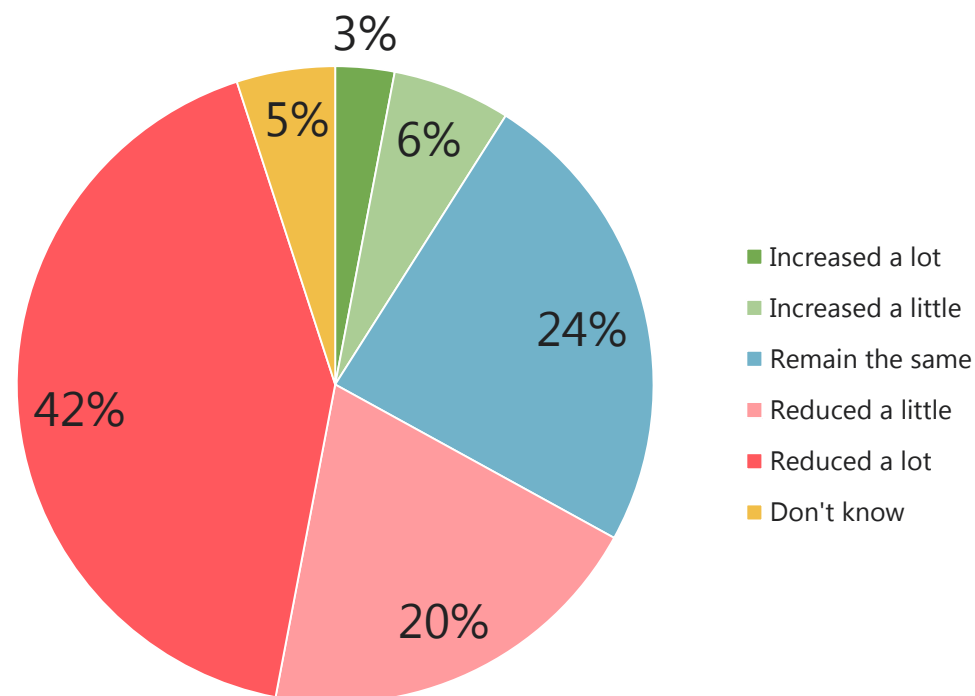
There is still majority support for reducing immigration levels

Do you think that the number of immigrants to Britain nowadays should be increased a lot, increased a little, remain the same as it is, reduced a little or reduced a lot?

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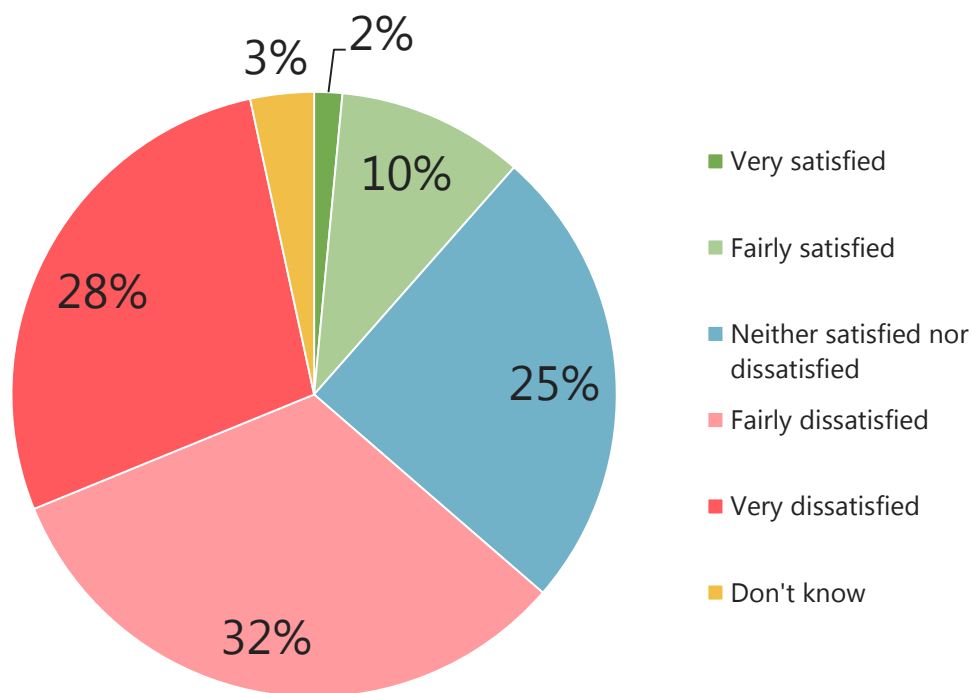
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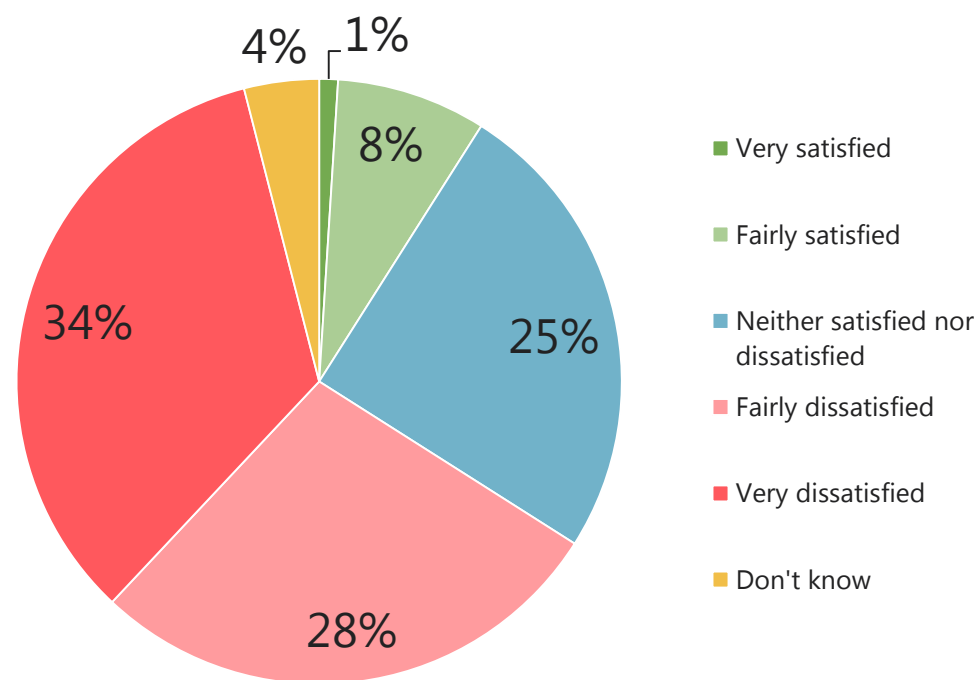
And six in ten people remain dissatisfied with government on how it is dealing with immigration

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the current government is dealing with immigration?

2015



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