

Public services and austerity

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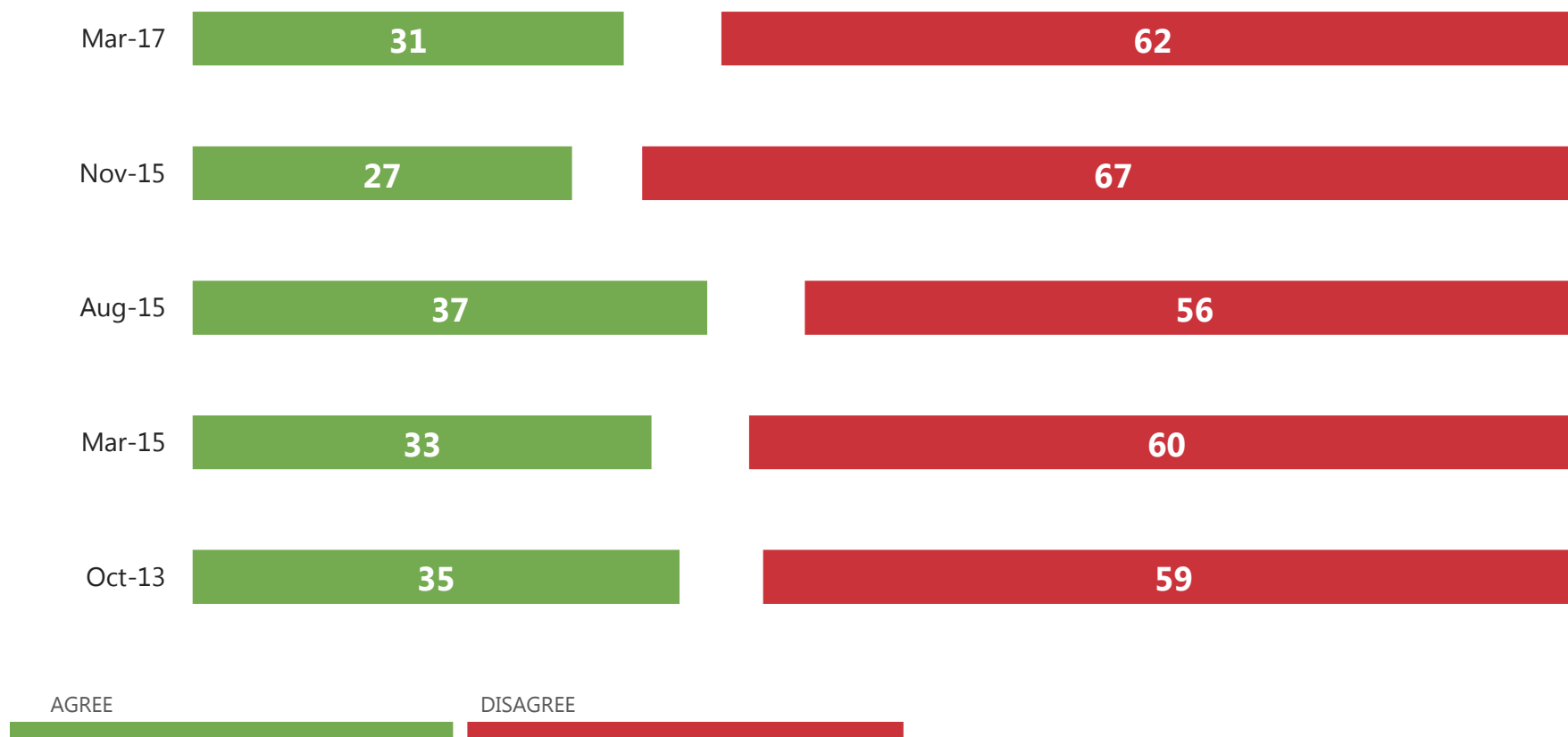


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Only three in ten think government has the right long-policies for Britain's public services

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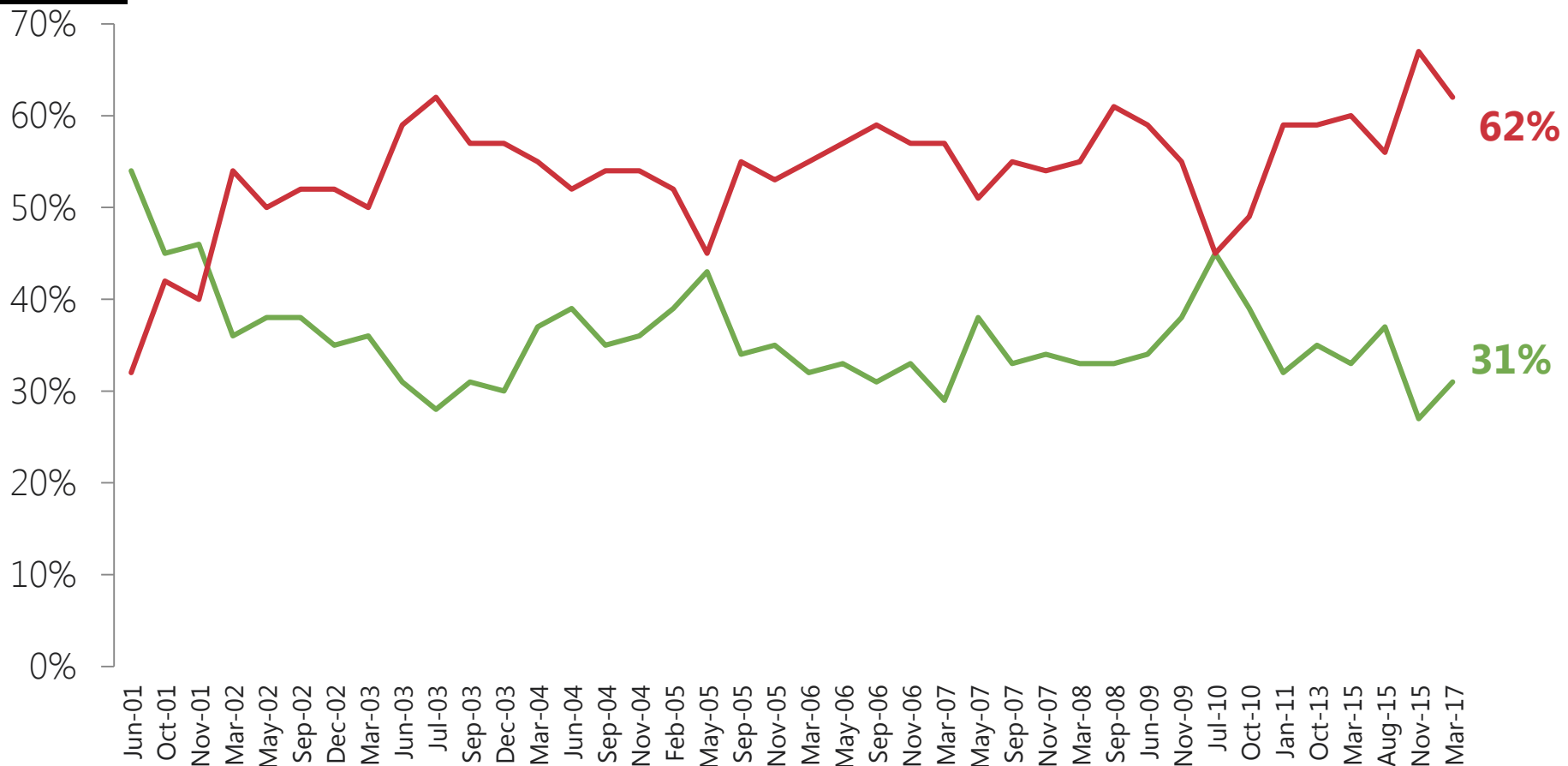
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Confidence in government's policies for public services still historically low

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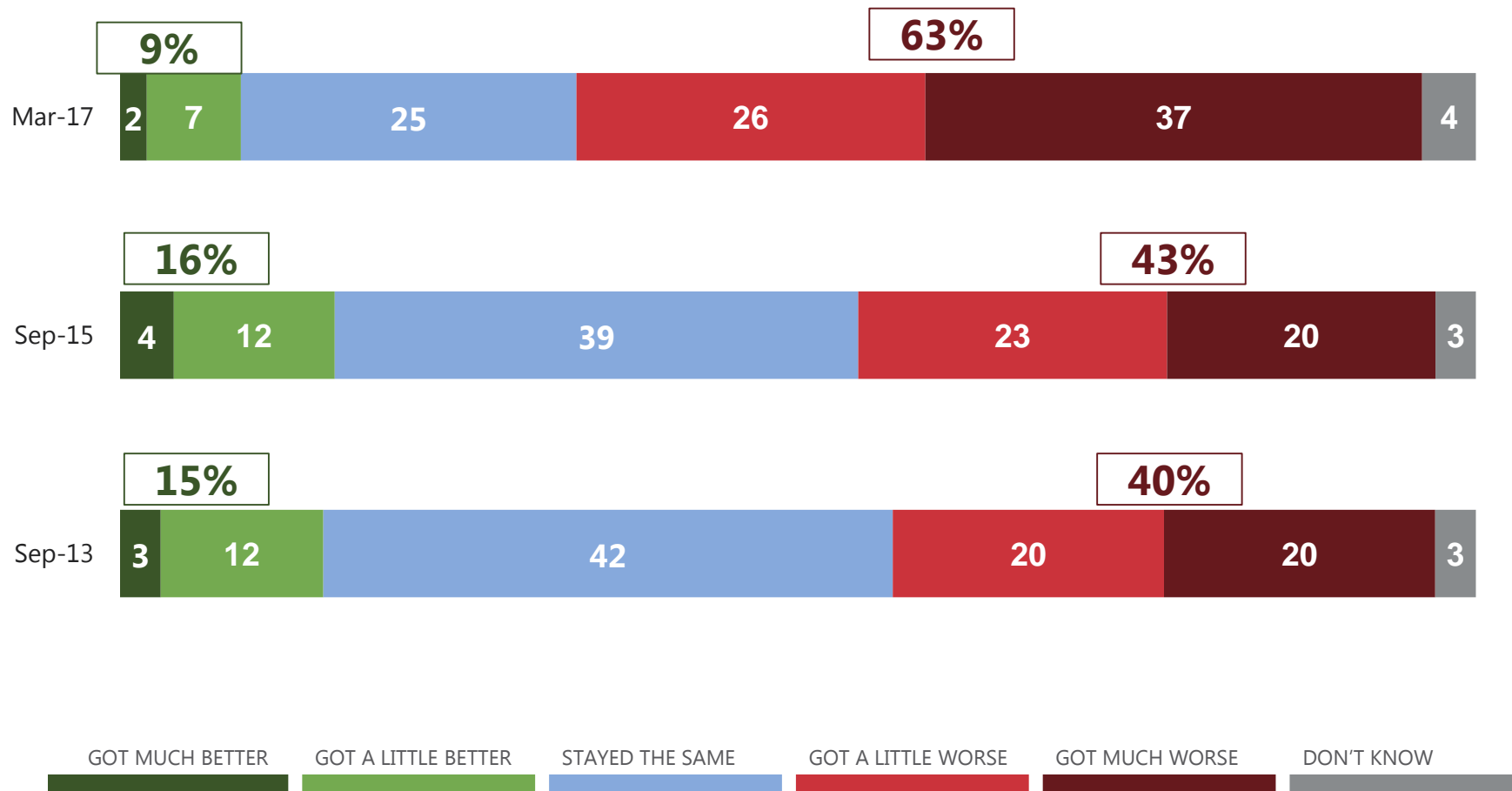
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Expectations of public services

NOW THINKING ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICES OVERALL, DO YOU THINK THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC SERVICES HAS GOT BETTER OR WORSE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, OR HAS IT STAYED THE SAME? IS THAT MUCH OR A LITTLE BETTER/WORSE?

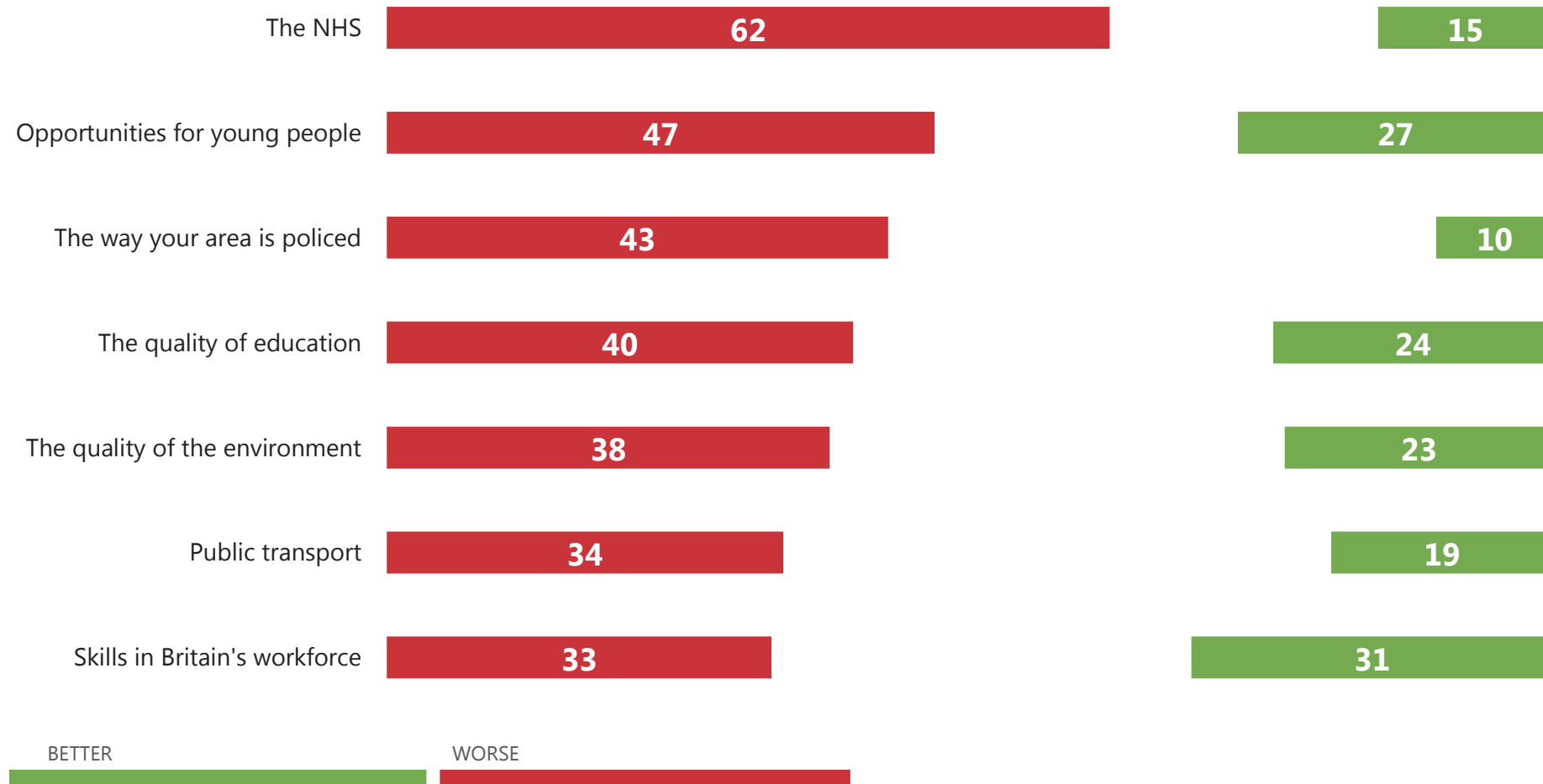


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Pessimism highest for the future of the NHS, young people, policing and education

THINKING ABOUT ... OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS DO YOU EXPECT IT TO GET BETTER, GET WORSE, OR STAY THE SAME?



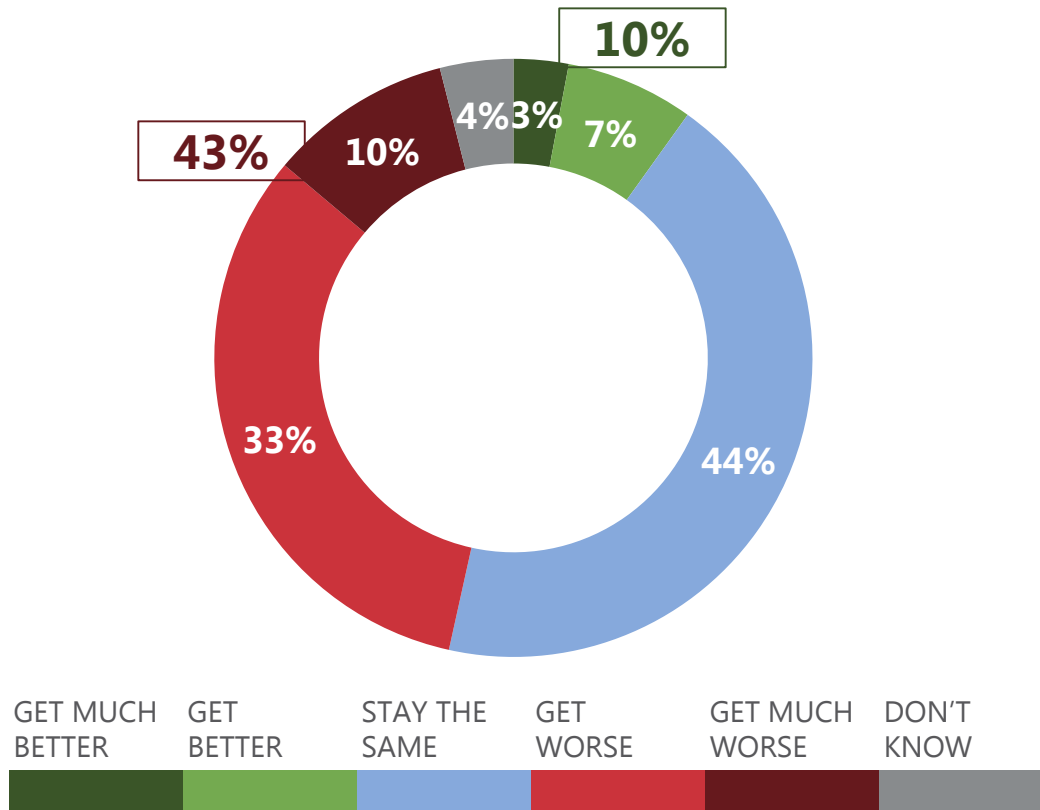
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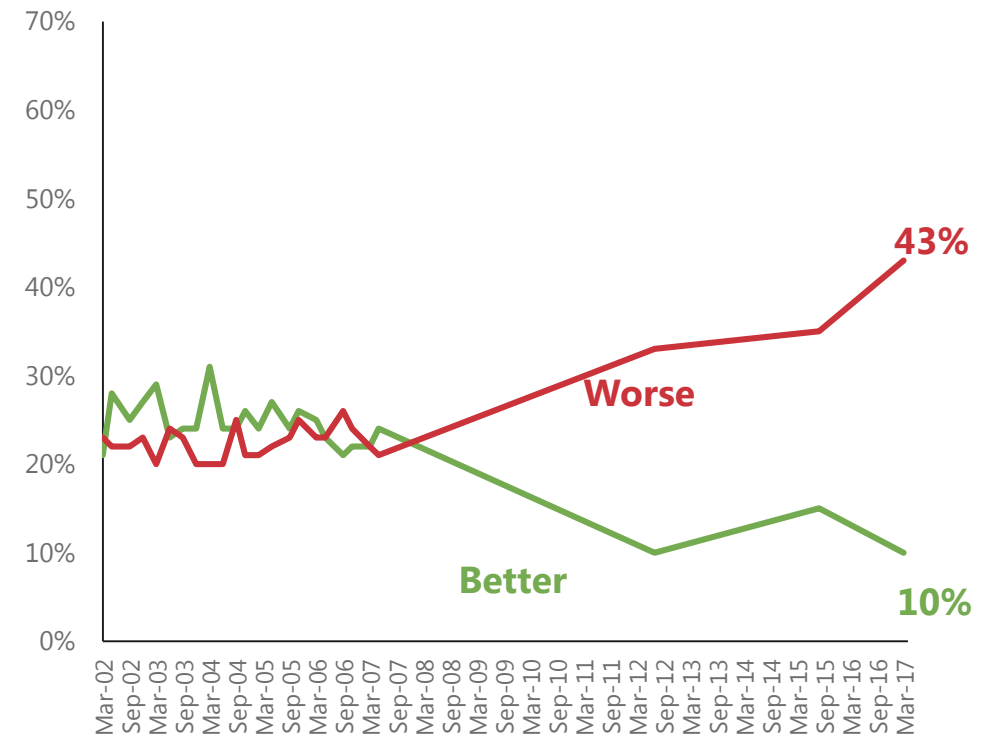
Expectations for policing continue to get more pessimistic

THINKING ABOUT THE WAY YOUR AREA IS POLICED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS DO YOU EXPECT IT TO....?

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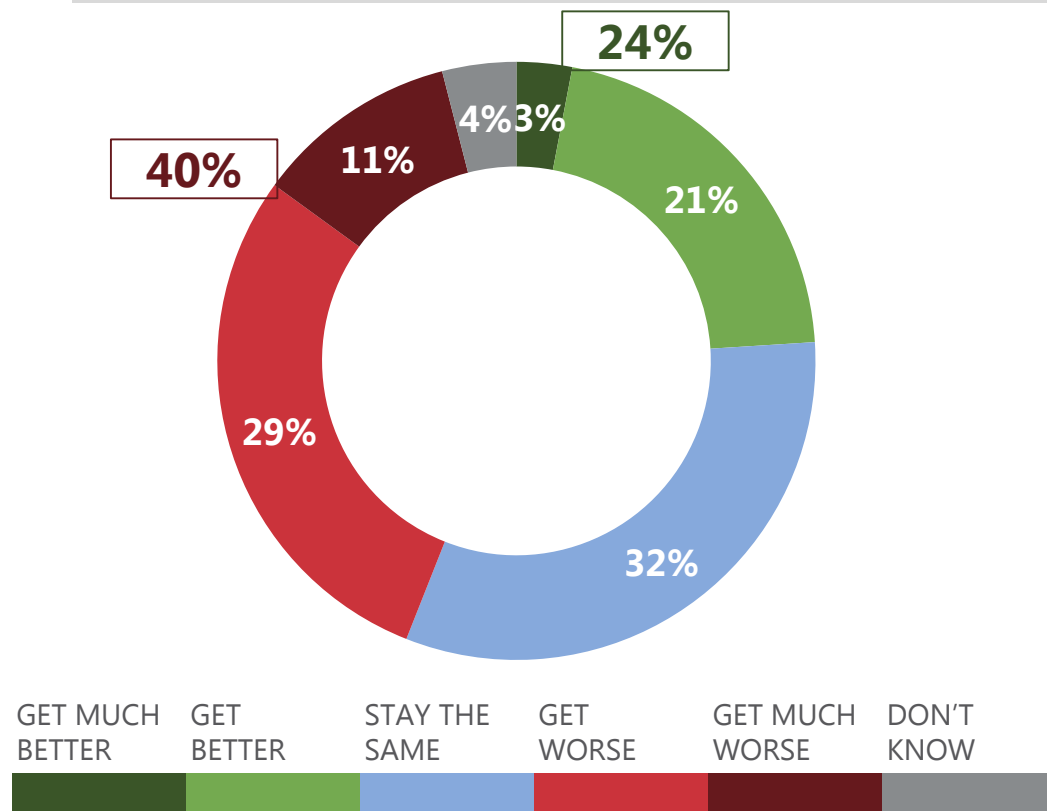


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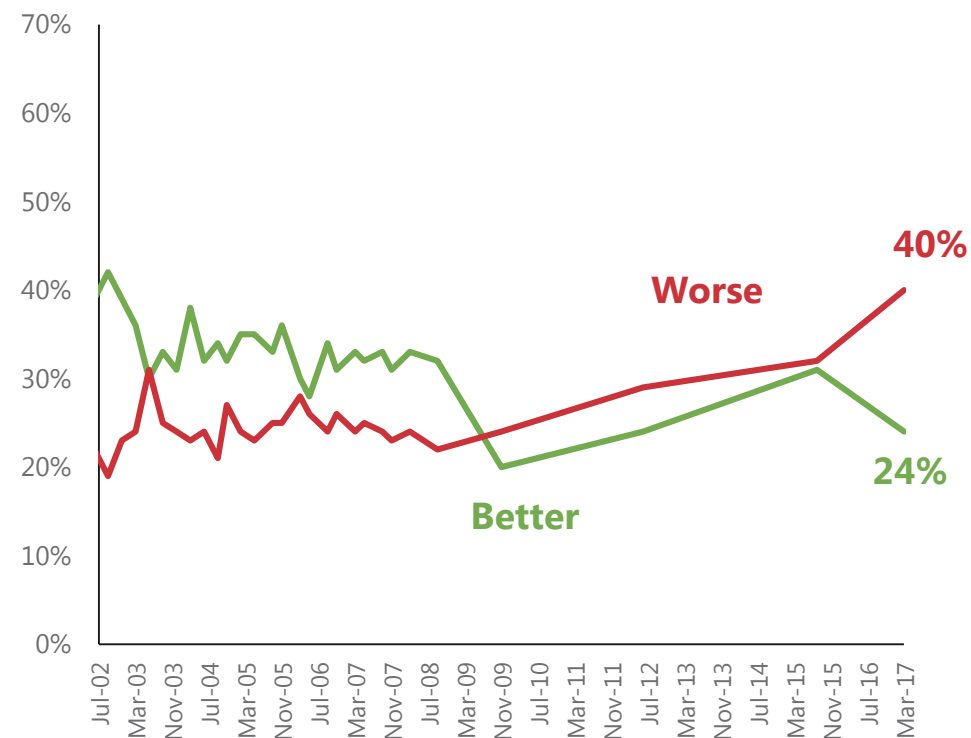
Pessimism over quality of education also at lowest ever levels

THINKING ABOUT THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS DO YOU EXPECT IT TO....?

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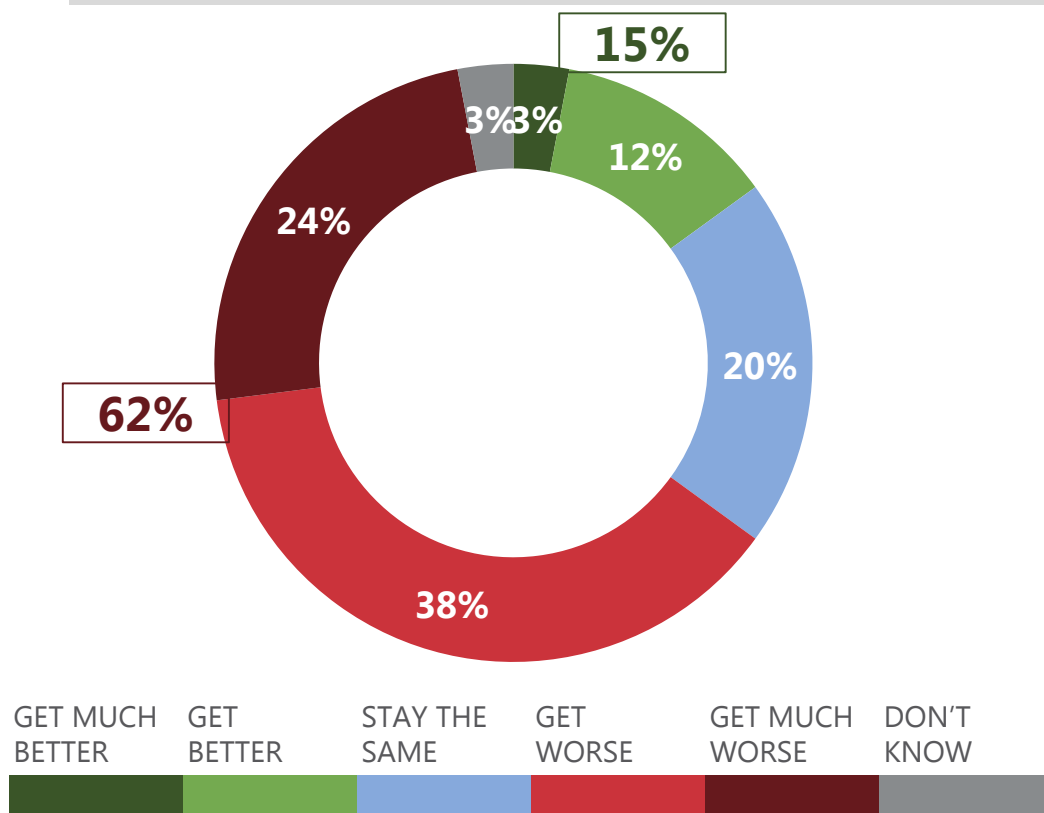


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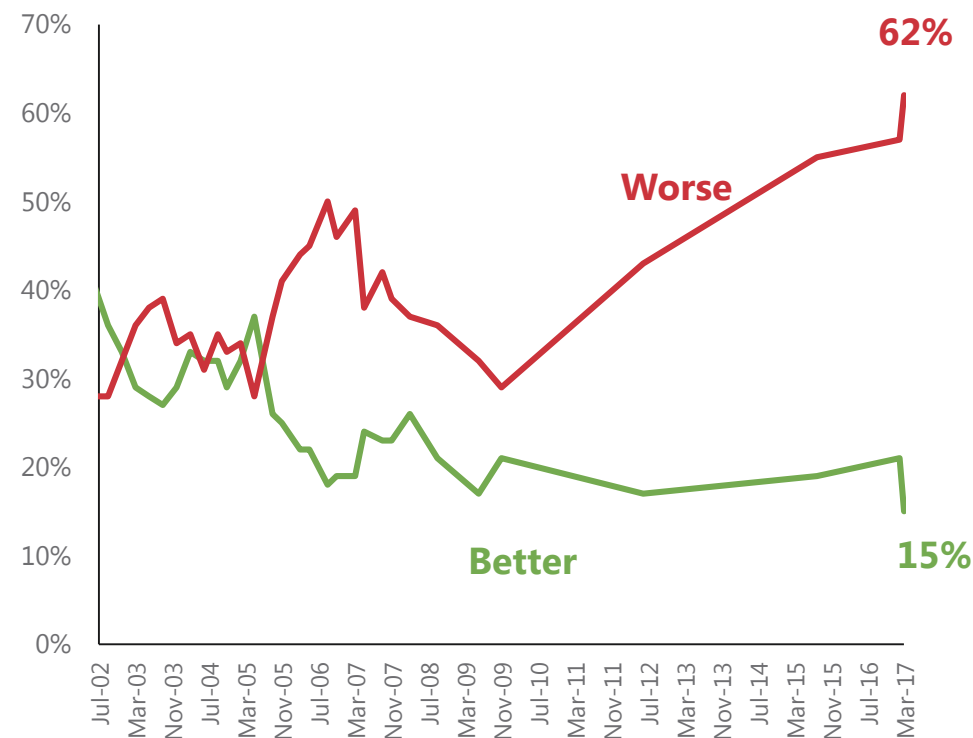
Record pessimism for future of NHS gets even worse

THINKING ABOUT THE NHS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS DO YOU EXPECT IT TO....?

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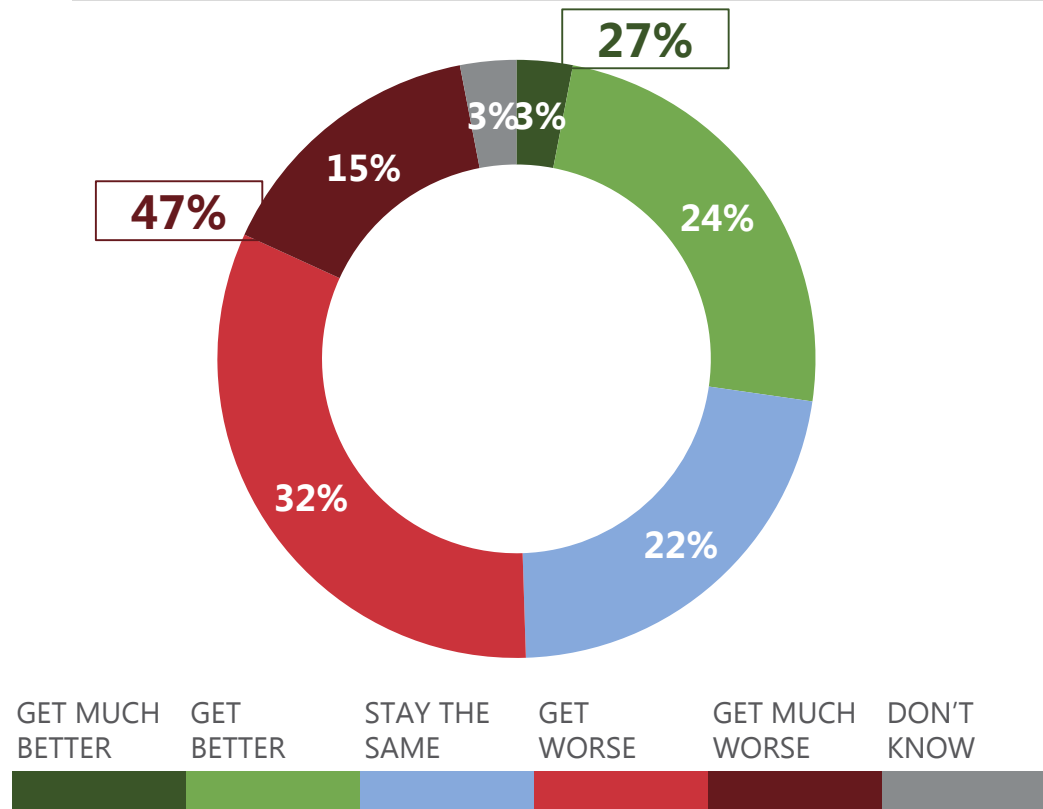


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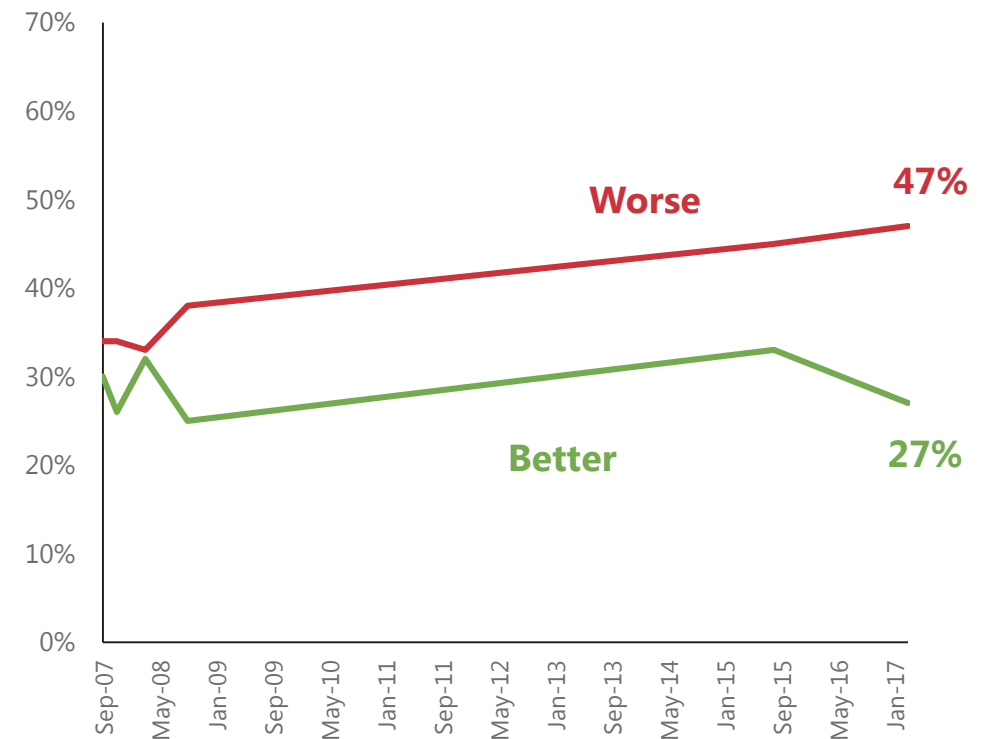
Nearly half think opportunities for young people will get worse

THINKING ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS DO YOU EXPECT IT TO....?

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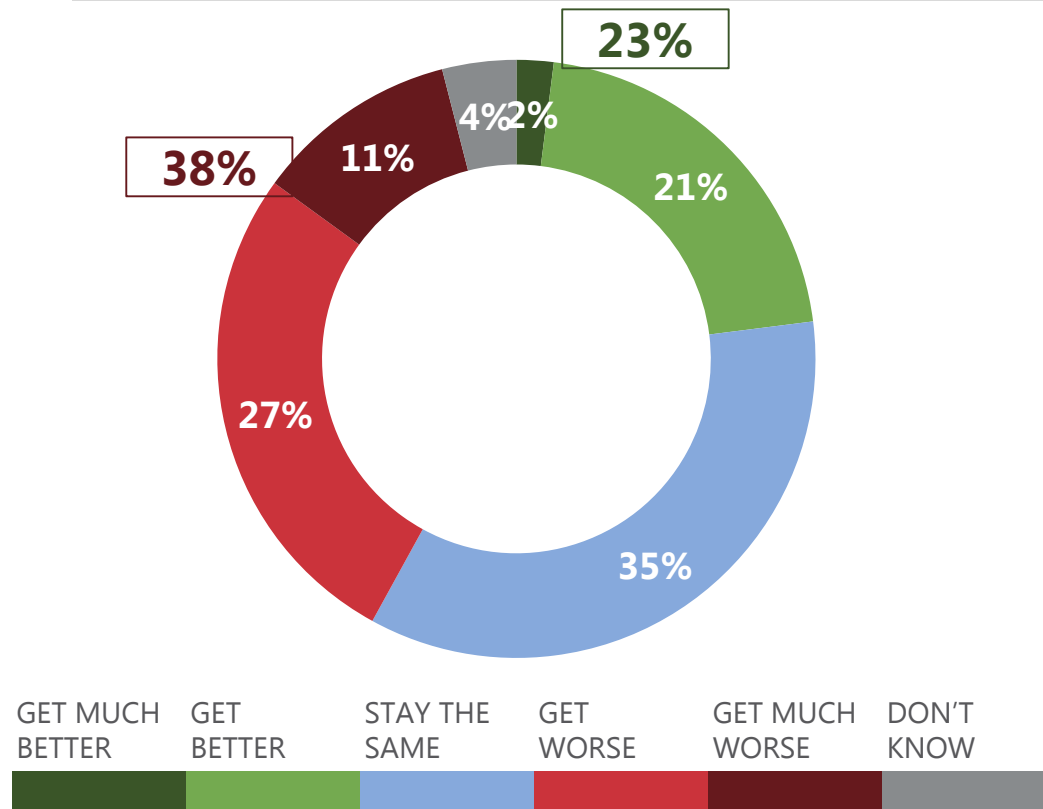


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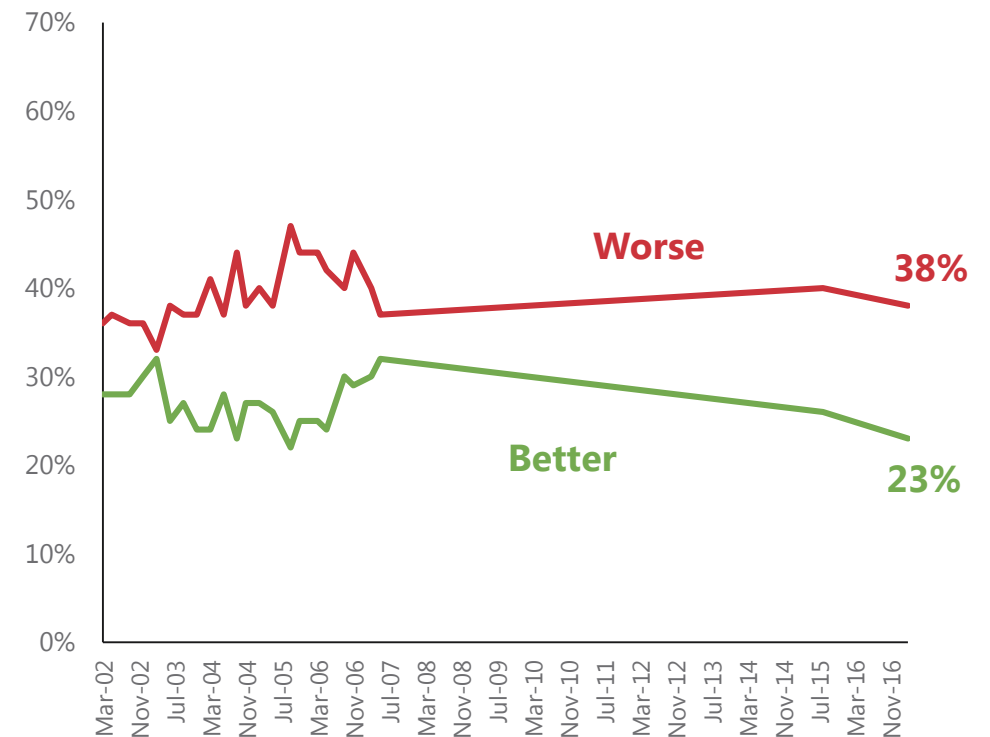
Only one in four think quality of the environment will get better

THINKING ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS DO YOU EXPECT IT TO....?

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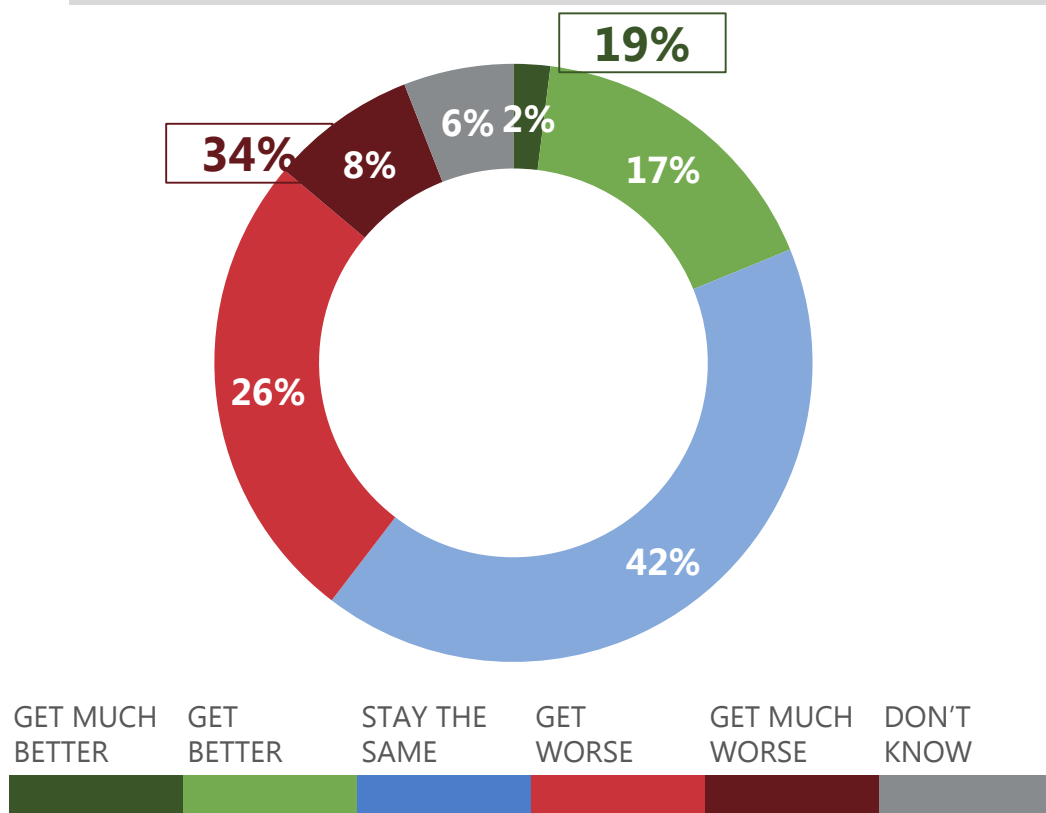


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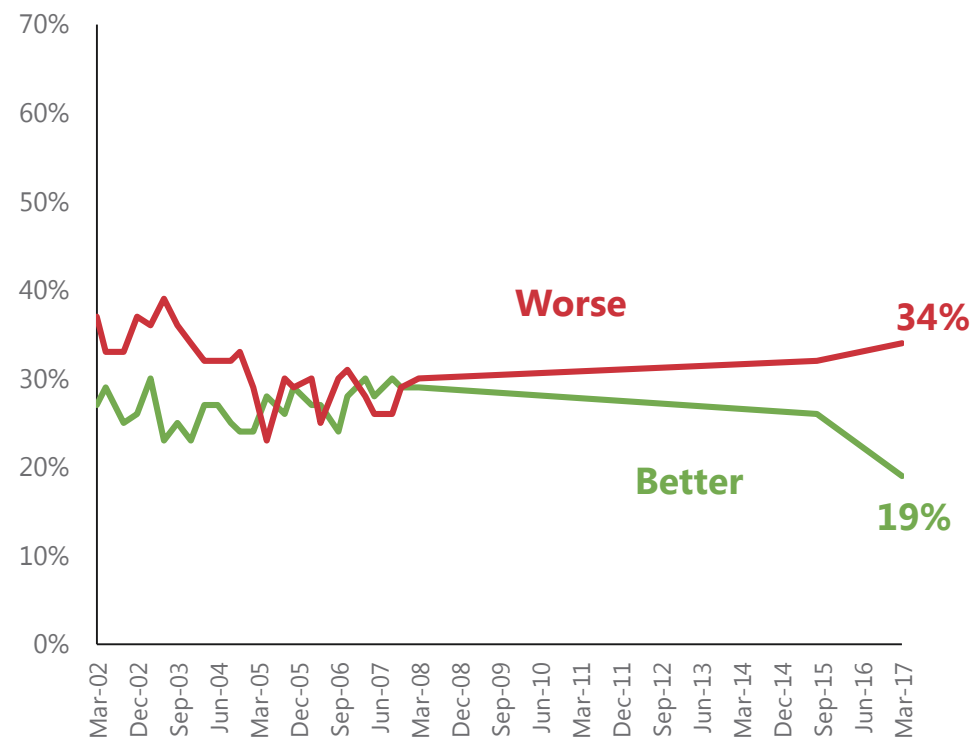
Only one in five think public transport will improve

THINKING ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS DO YOU EXPECT IT TO....?

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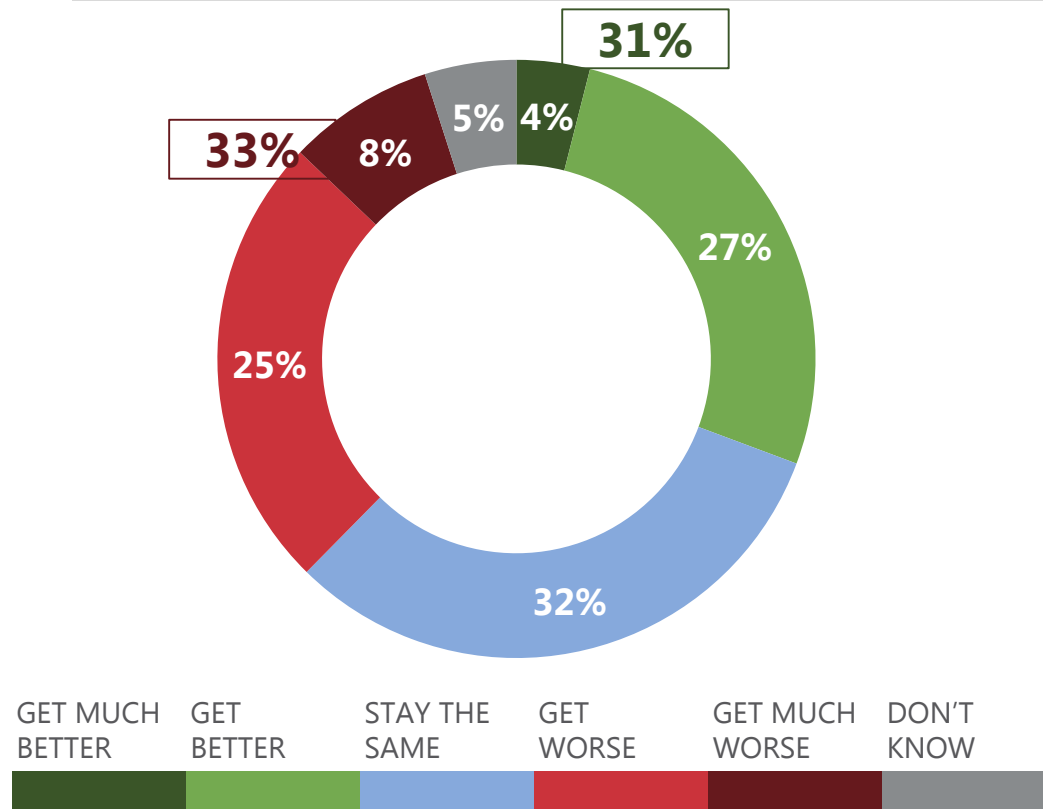


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Public remains split on prospects for skills in Britain's workforce

THINKING ABOUT SKILLS IN BRITAIN'S WORKFORCE OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS DO YOU EXPECT IT TO....?

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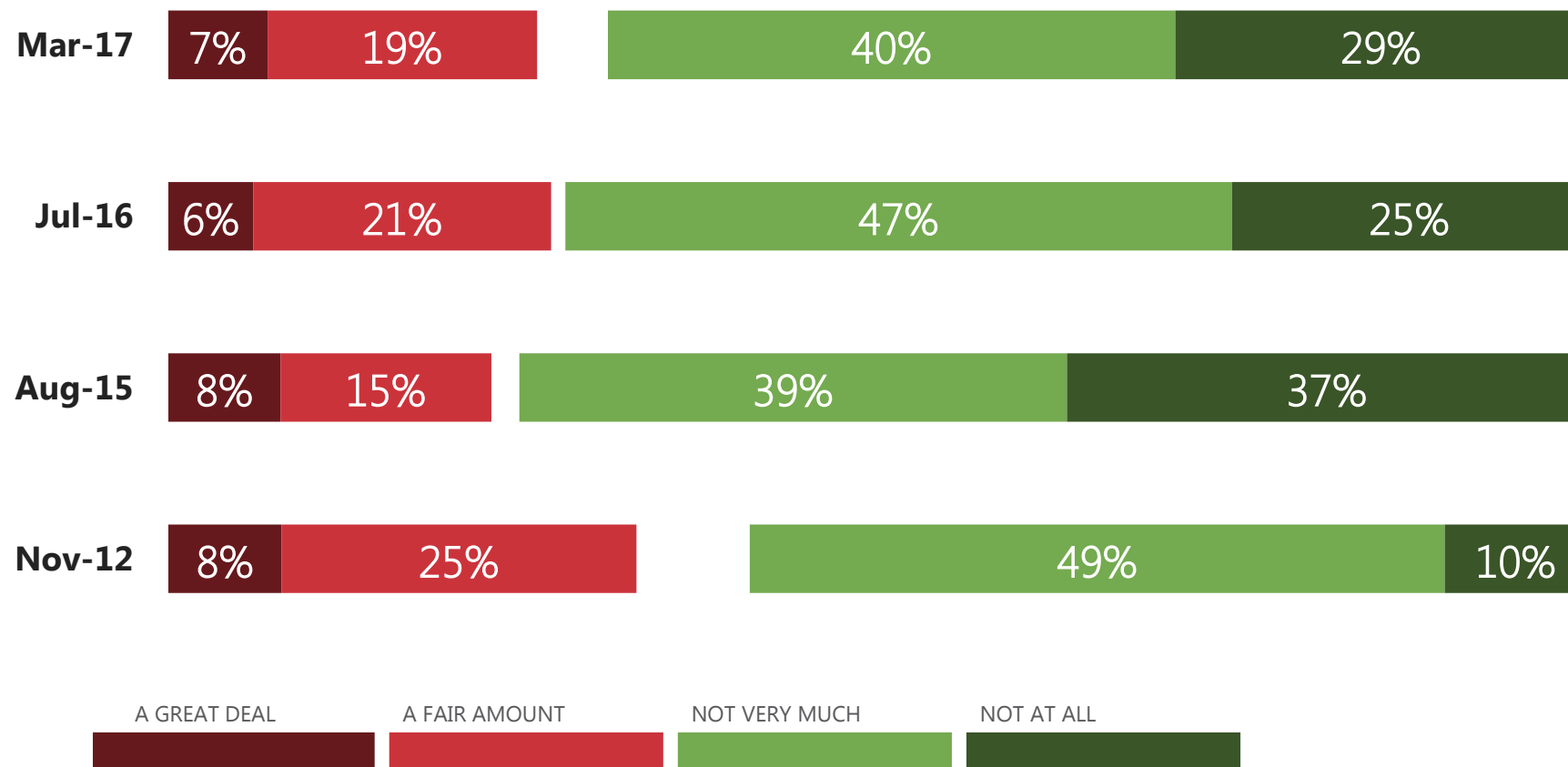
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One in four say they have been affected by cuts so far

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF SPENDING CUTS TO HELP REDUCE THE NATIONAL DEBT. TO WHAT EXTENT, IF AT ALL, HAVE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CUTS SO FAR?

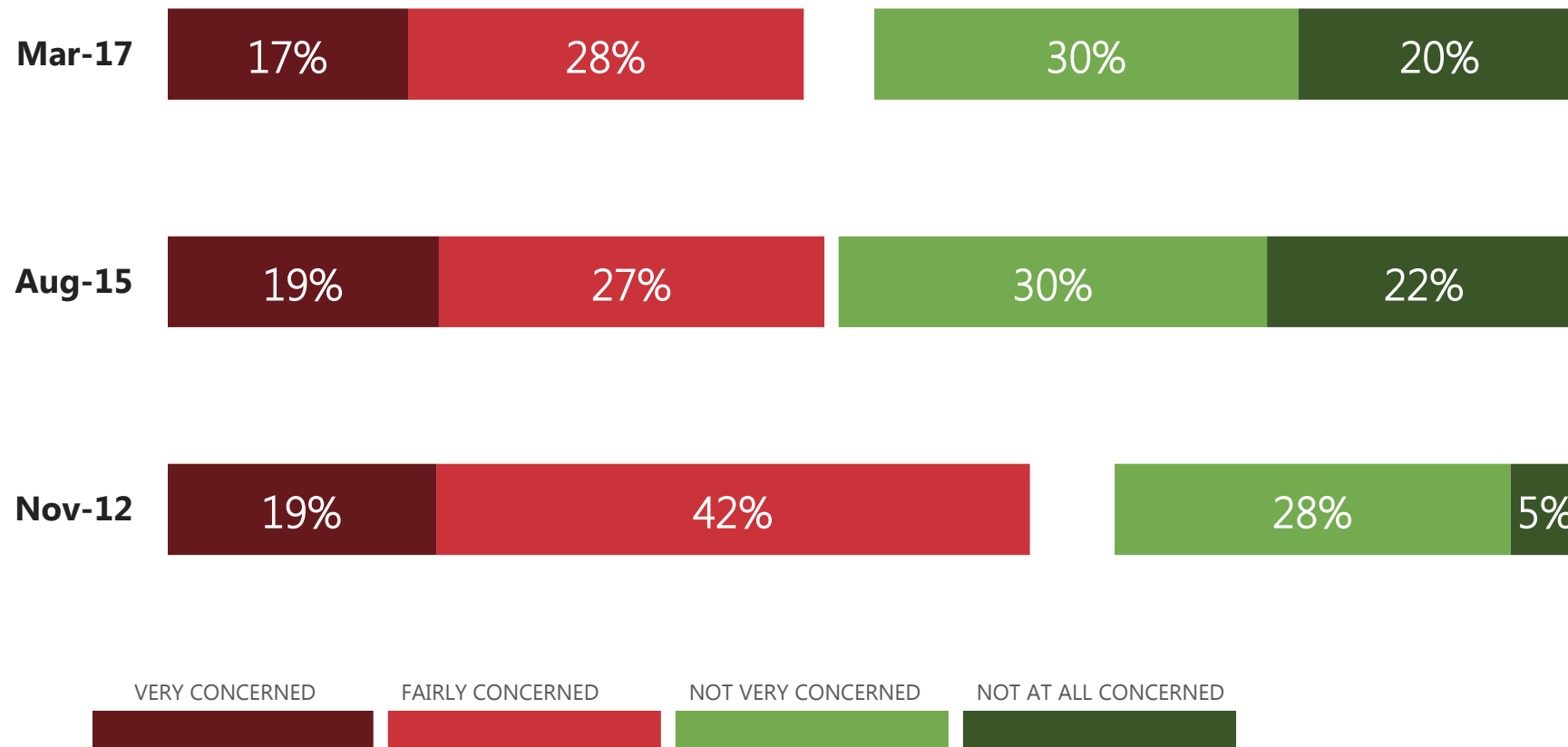


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Almost half concerned about future impact of cuts - similar to 2015 but not as many as in 2012

AND HOW CONCERNED, IF AT ALL, ARE YOU ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF THE CUTS ON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS?

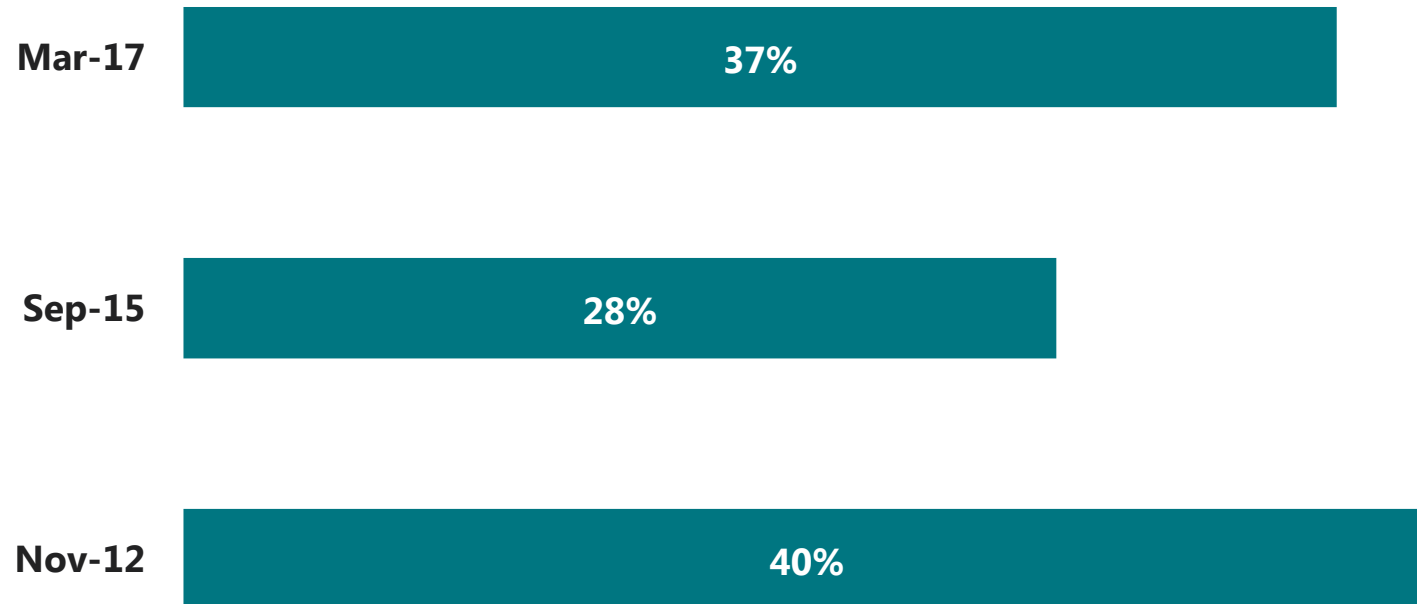


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On average, public thinks government has still not reached the halfway point of cuts to come

AND WHAT PROPORTION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANNED CUTS TO PUBLIC SPENDING DO YOU THINK HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT SO FAR?



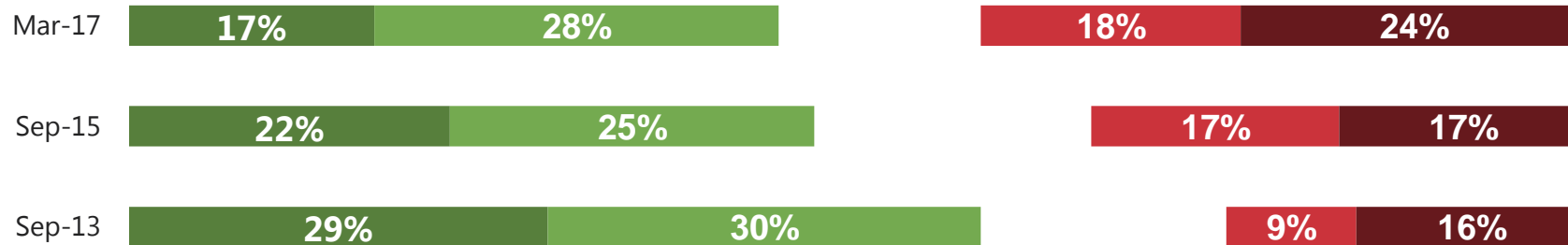
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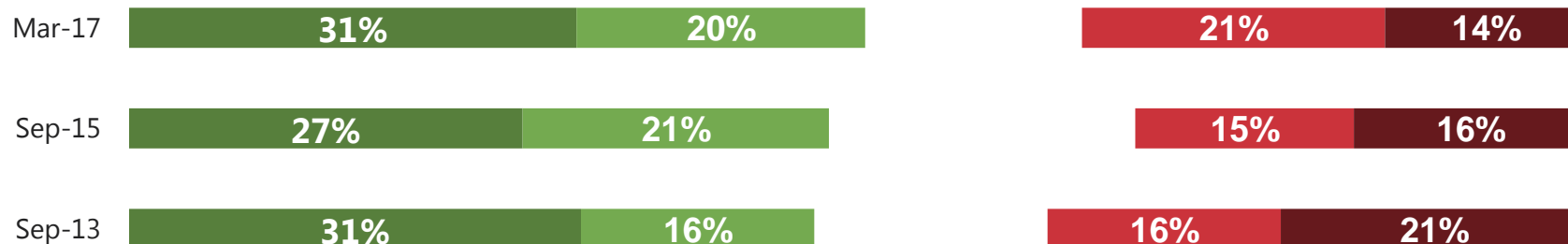
Half think cuts to welfare and benefits have gone too far, while those who disagree that reductions were necessary continue to rise

TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

I think reductions in social welfare have been necessary



I think cuts to welfare and benefits have gone too far



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