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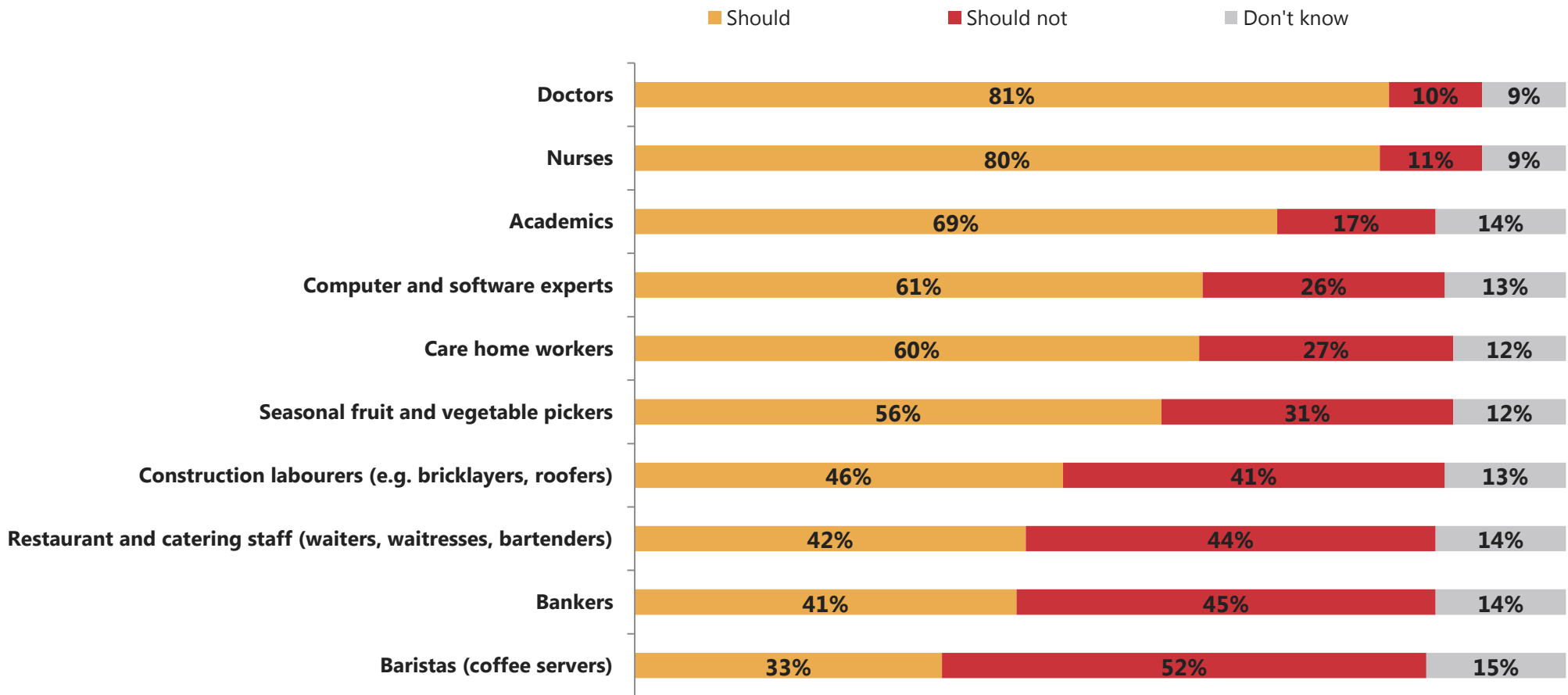
PUBLIC VIEWS ON IMMIGRATION MAY 2017



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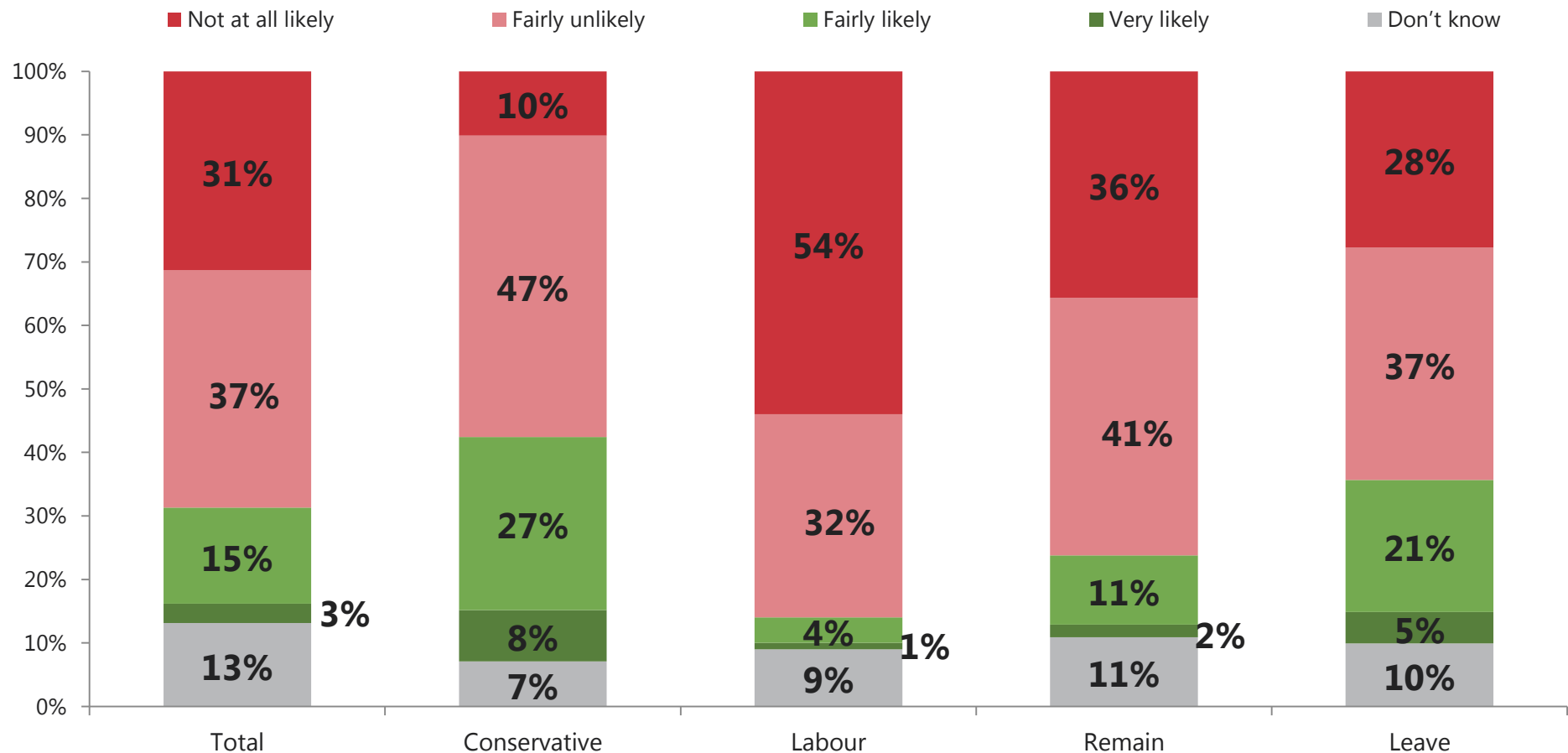
There is strong support for work visas for the highly skilled but also in some lower skilled industries

Q1. When Britain leaves the European Union, EU citizens will no longer be able to freely come and work in the UK as they do now. Therefore, some people are proposing special work visas to allow some European Union citizens to come and work in Britain after Brexit. Do you think that special work visas should or should not be offered to EU citizens who are coming to Britain to work in the following jobs:



Majority of the public not convinced that Tories' pledge on net migration will be met – even among Tory supporters

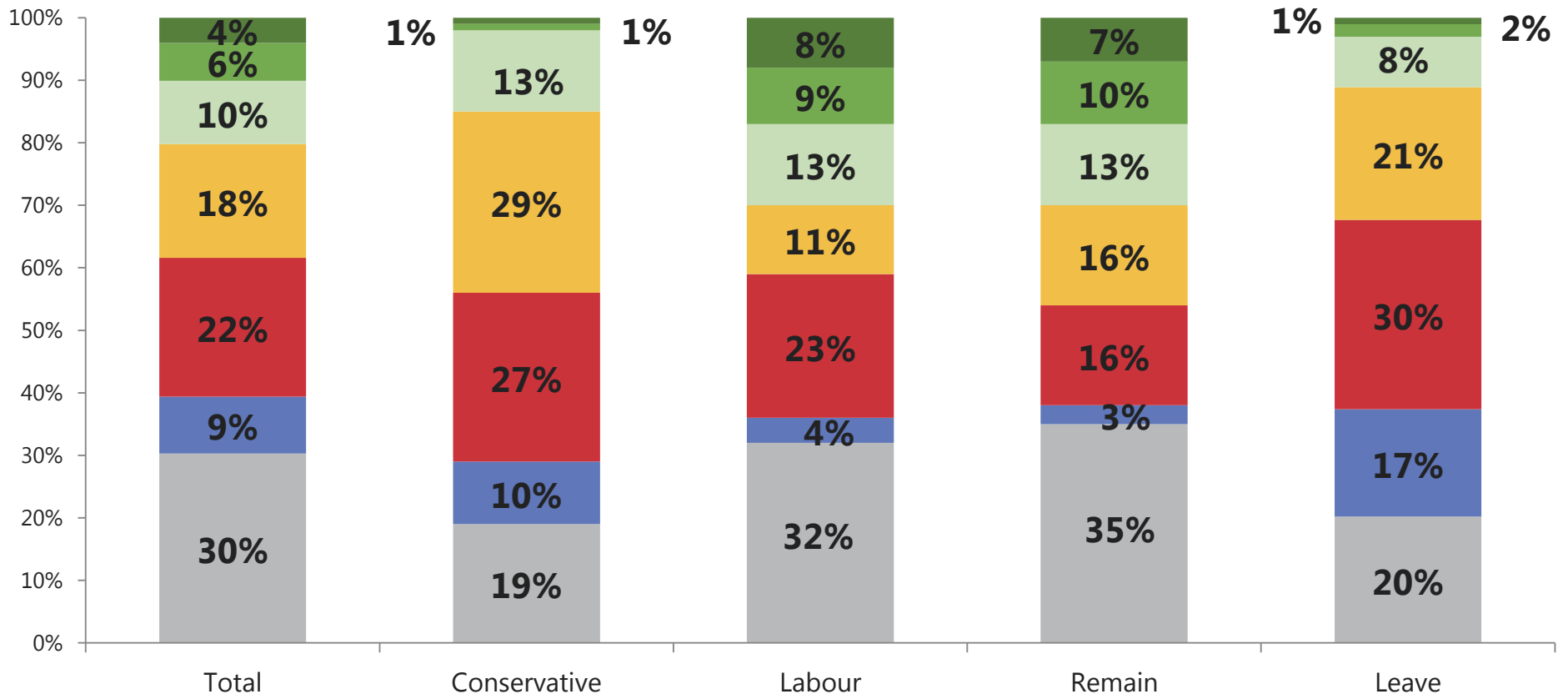
Q2. Theresa May has pledged that a Conservative government would reduce annual net migration (that is the number of migrants coming into Britain minus the number leaving Britain) to the “tens of thousands”. How likely, if at all, do you think that the Conservatives will meet this target in the next few years if they are re-elected on June 8?



Public is unclear on what a 'sustainable level' of net migration should be - half say less than 100,000 but three in ten 'don't know'

Q3. Which of these is closest to your idea of a sustainable level of net migration?

■ Over 300,000
 ■ Over 200,000 up to 300,000
 ■ Over 100,000 up to 200,000
 ■ Over 50,000 up to 100,000
 ■ Up to 50,000
 ■ Zero
 ■ Don't know



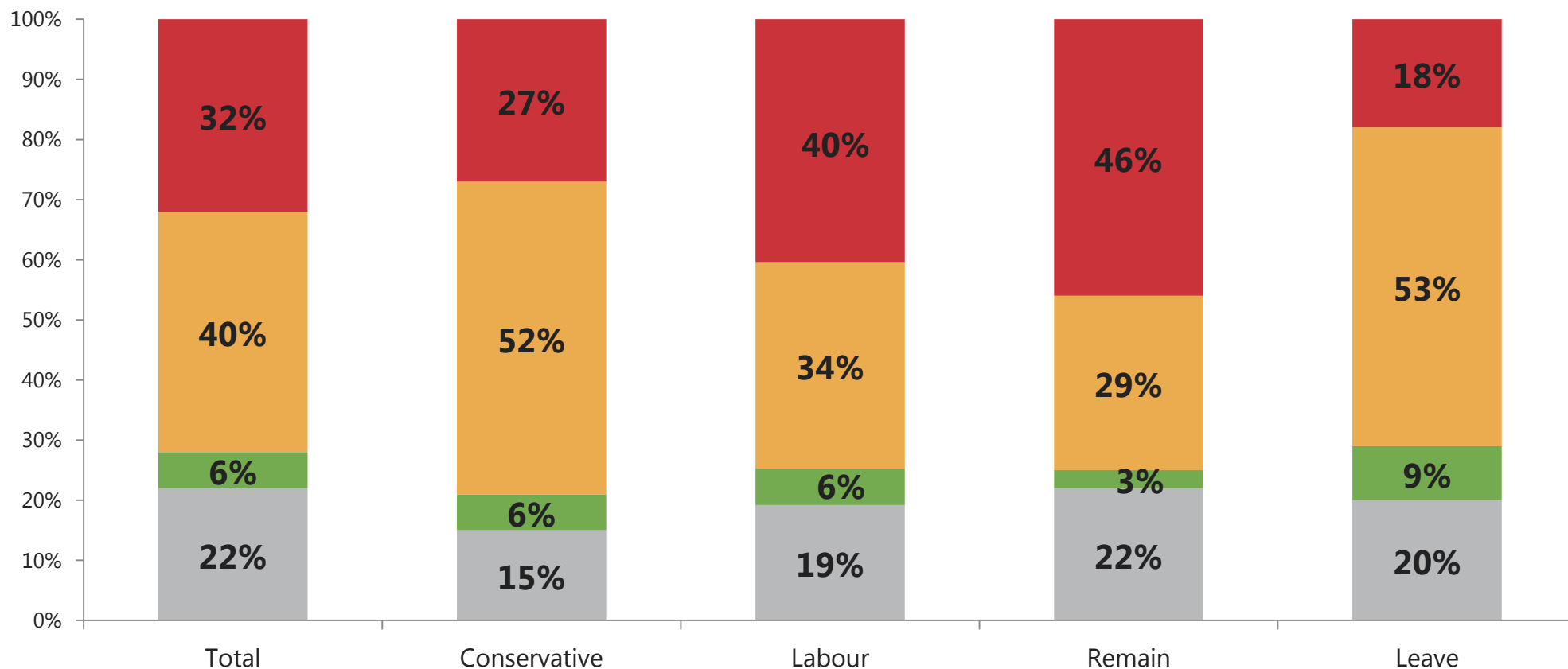
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Base: 1061 British adults, aged 18-75 years, surveyed online between 26-28 April 2017

Three in 10 think prices would go up if net migration is reduced significantly but two in five think it will make no difference

Q4. If net migration is reduced by a large amount, what impact, if any, do you think it will have on the prices of goods and services? Do you think that...

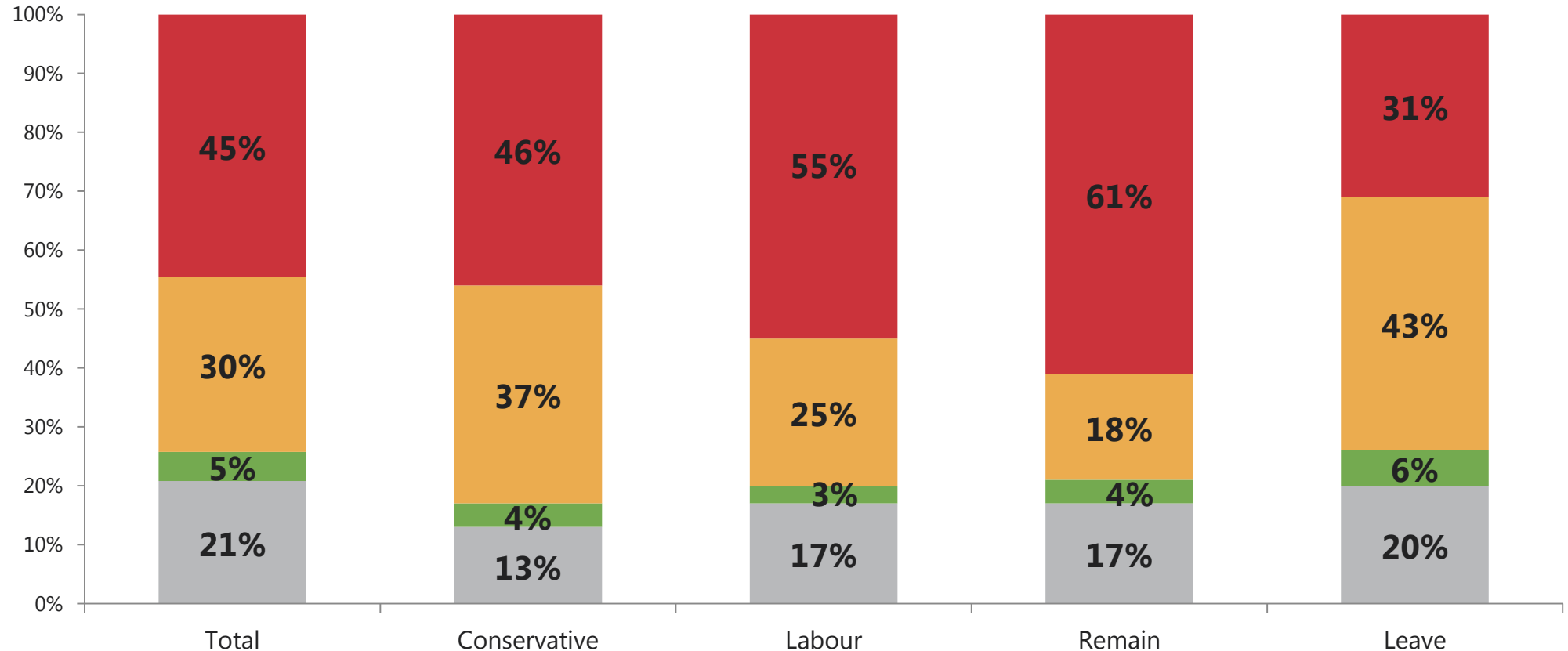
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But nearly half think prices would rise in industries heavily reliant on migrant labour

Q5. And if net migration is reduced by a large amount, what impact, if any, do you think it will have on prices for goods and services in industries that employ a lot of migrant workers? For example, on fees for care homes, taxi cab fares and food prices. Do you think that...

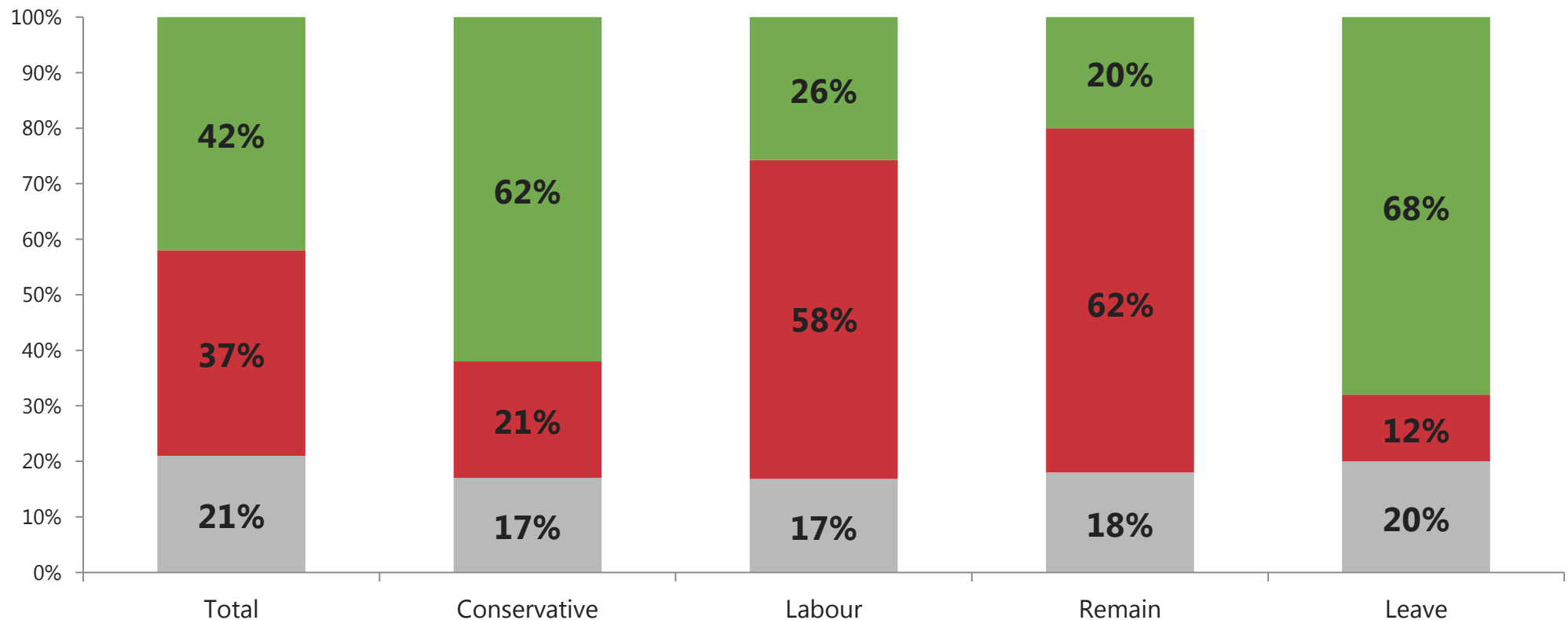
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The public is split on whether higher prices are worth paying to reduce immigration

Q6. If cutting immigration levels caused price rises, which of these two statements comes closest to your view:

- It would be a price worth paying to reduce immigration
- It would not be a price worth paying to reduce immigration because of the problems it would cause for businesses and consumers
- Don't know



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