

# AUTO PURCHASE & USAGE BEHAVIORS

## The Impact of COVID-19

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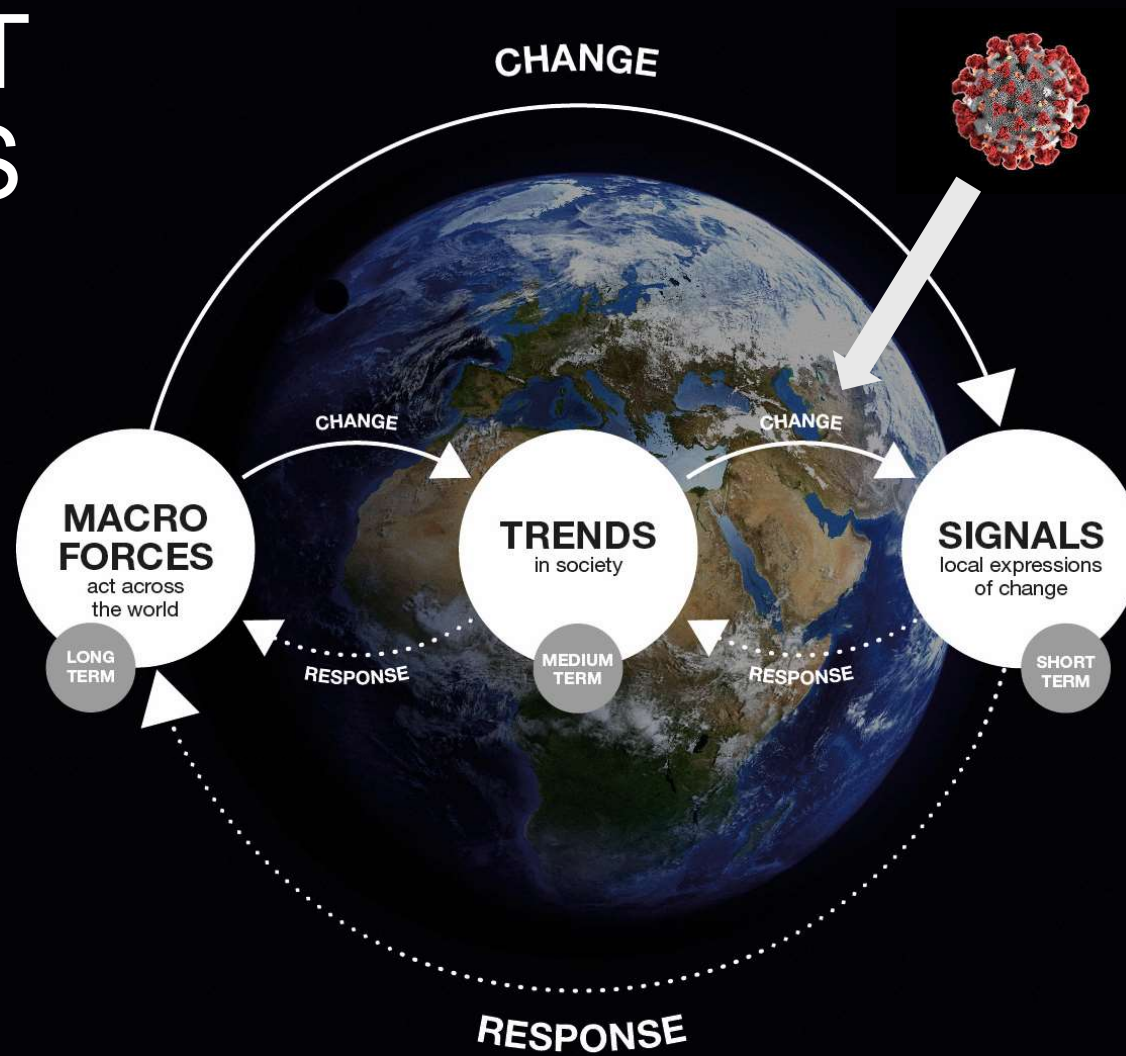
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# CONTEXT MATTERS





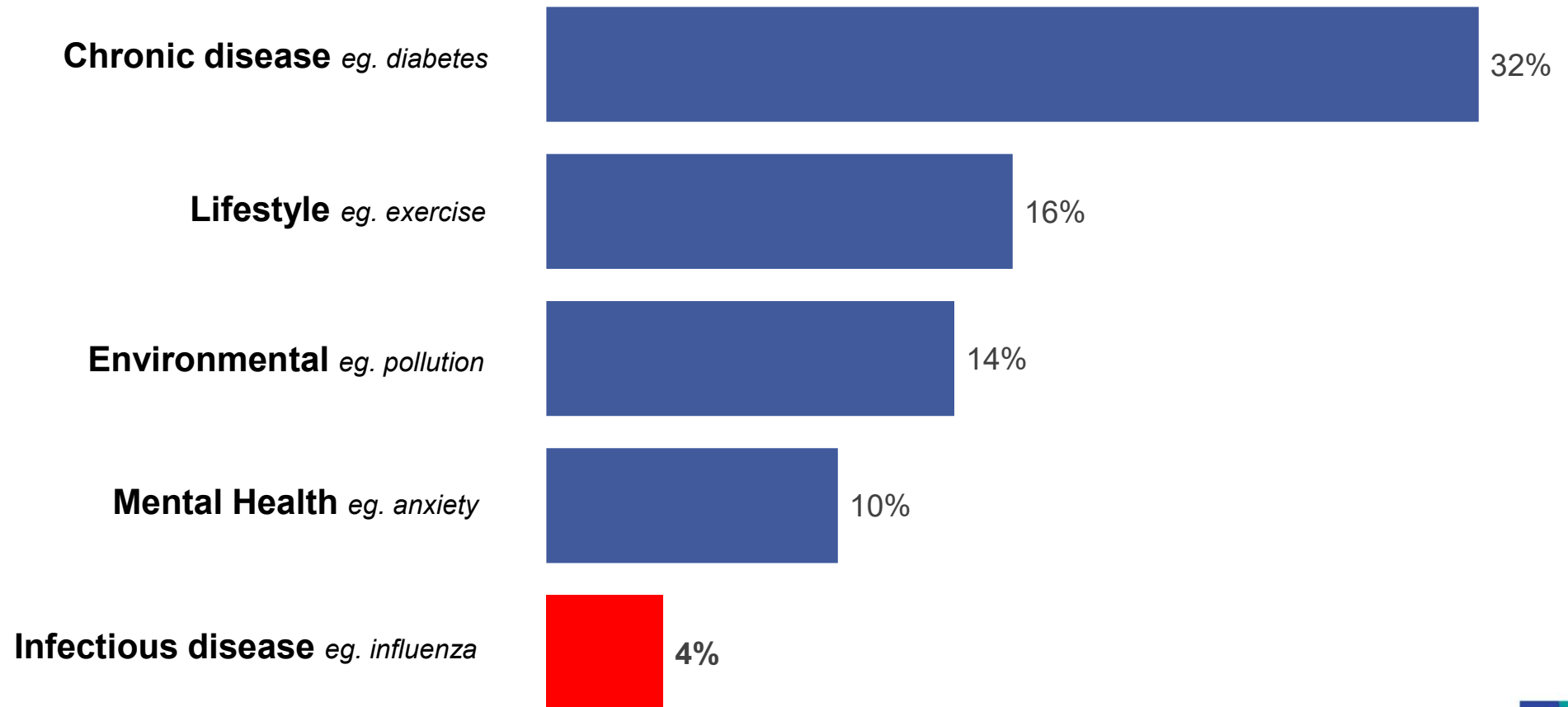


**OPINIONS:** ripples on the surface  
of public consciousness, shallow  
and easy to change

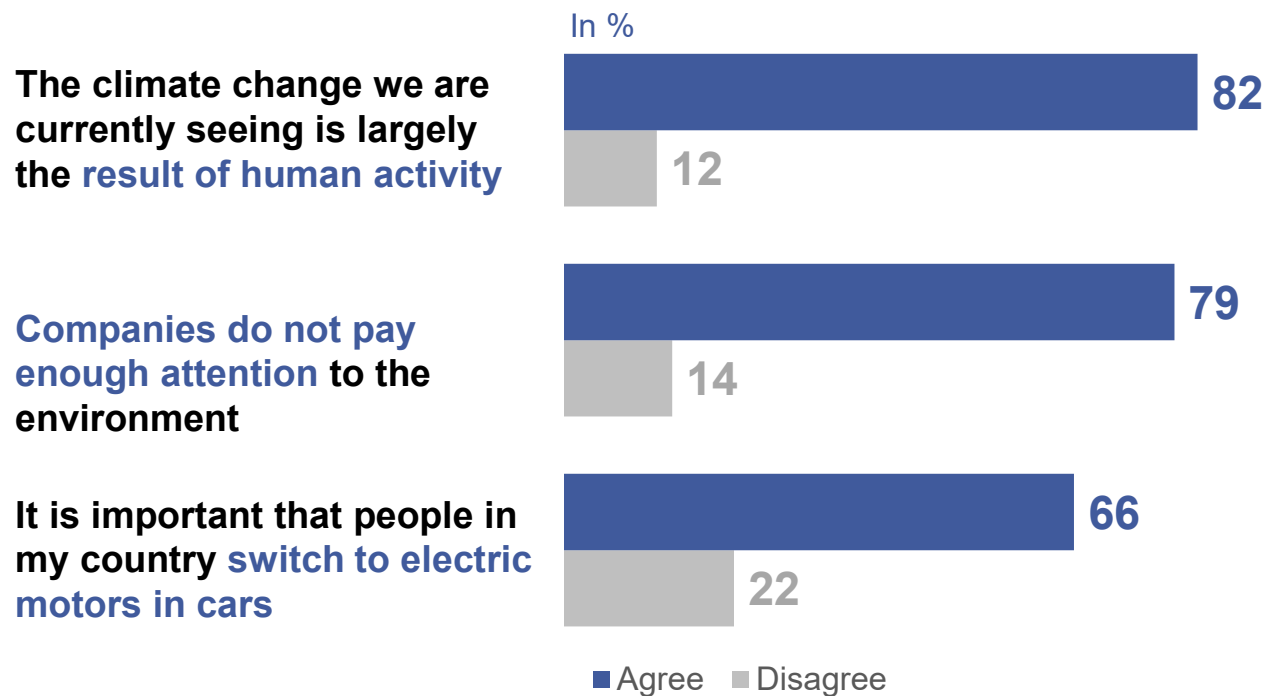
**ATTITUDES:** currents below the  
surface, deeper and stronger

**VALUES:** the deep tide of public  
mood, slow to change, powerful

## WHAT PEOPLE BELIEVED TO BE A **THREAT TO THEIR HEALTH** JUST 5 MONTHS BEFORE COVID-19 HIT...



# CLIMATE EMERGENCY UNITES THE PLANET

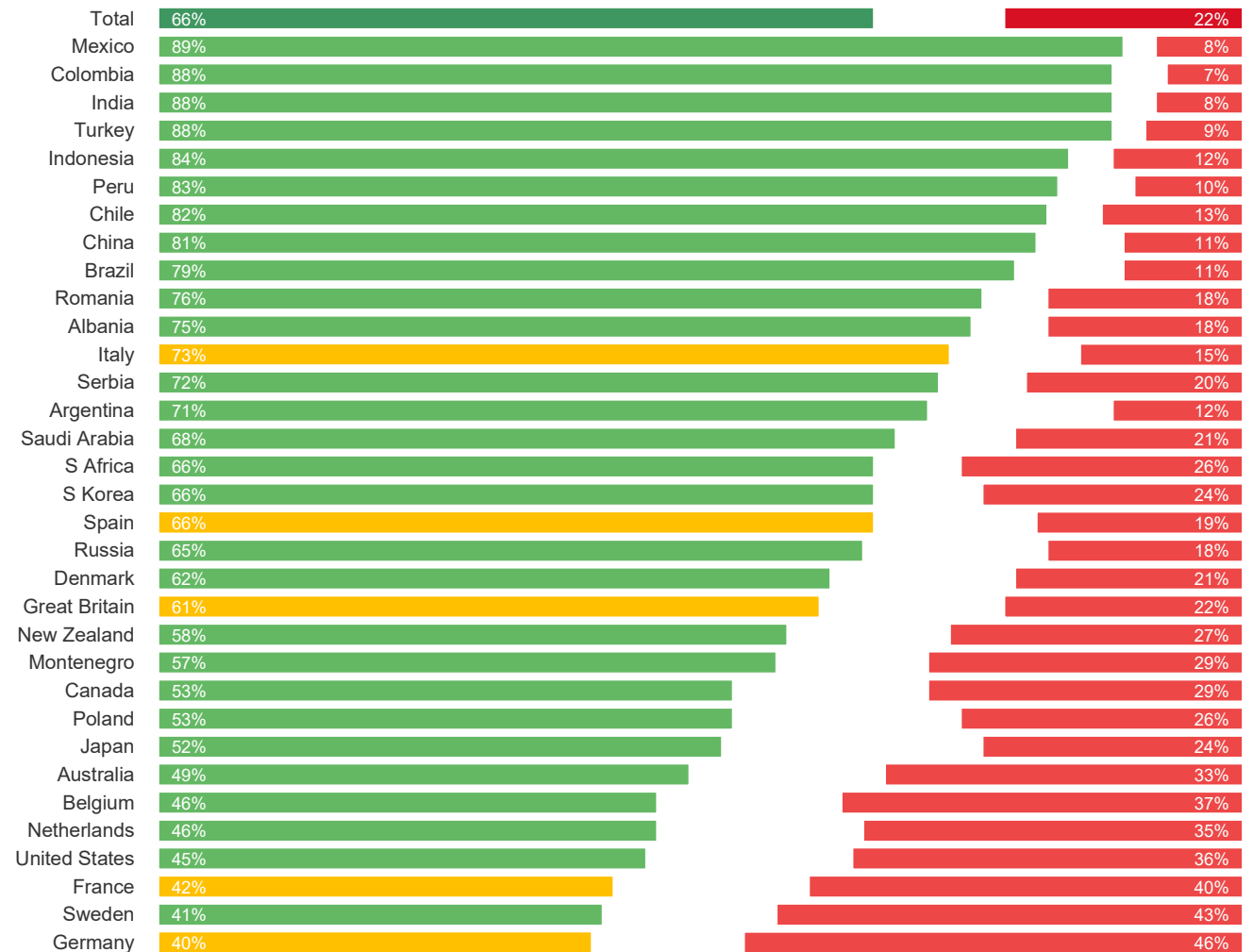


Base: 22,614 adults aged 16-74 across 33 countries, interviewed June – July 2019



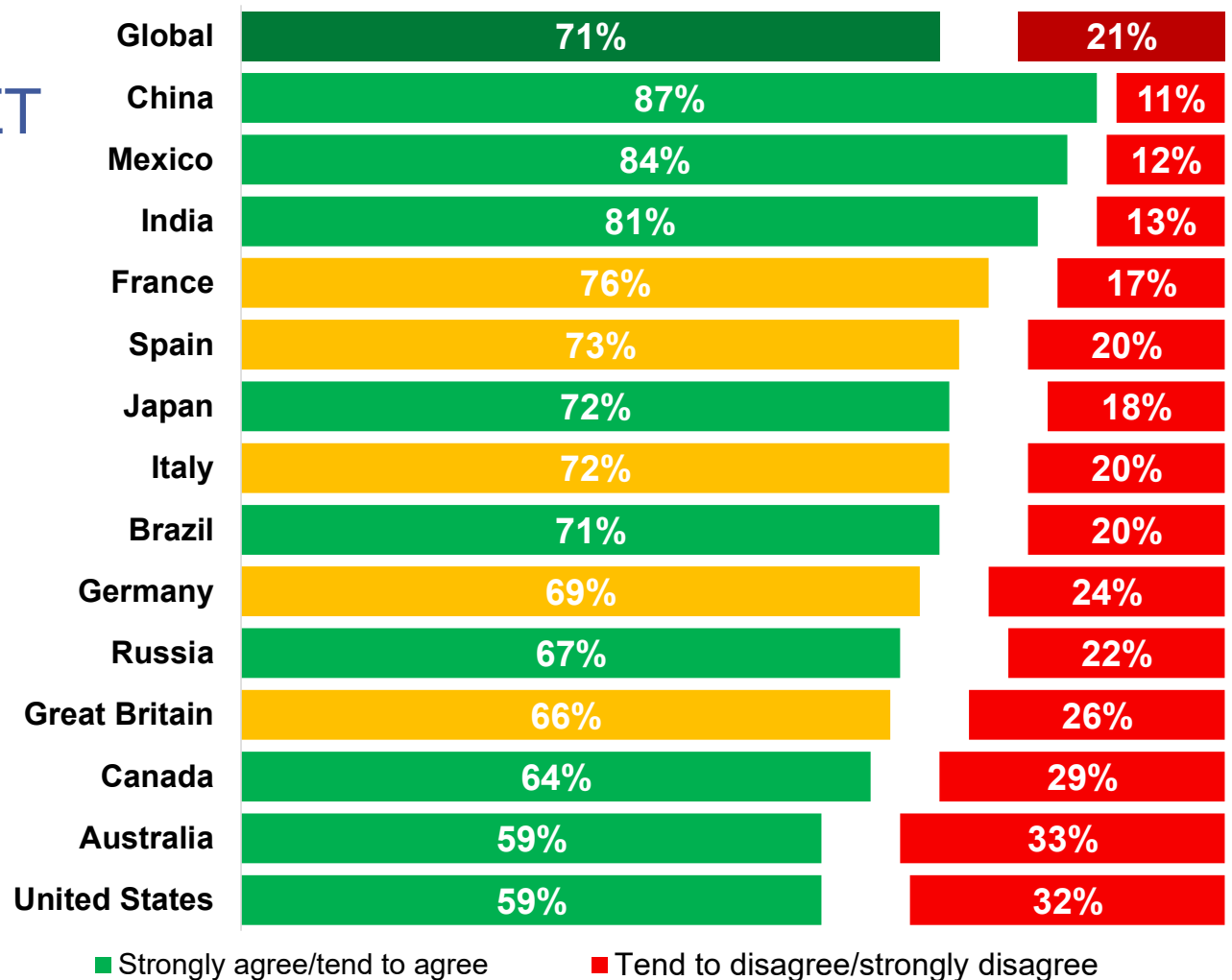
# SOME LEADING EUROPEAN MARKETS UNDER-INDEX ON NEED TO ELECTRIFY

*“Qu: It is important that people in my country switch to electric motors in cars”*



# CLIMATE EMERGENCY STILL UNITES THE PLANET

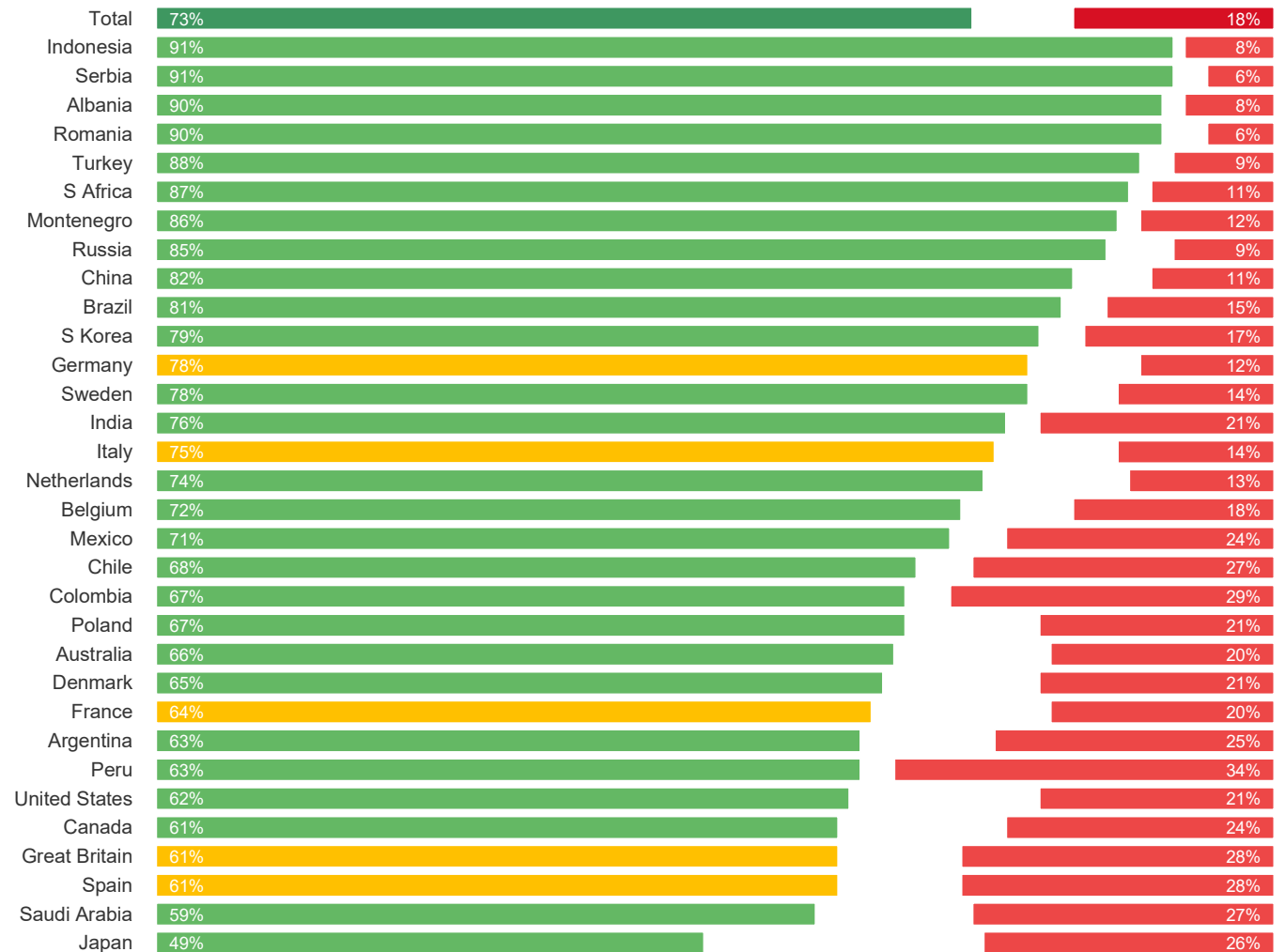
Qu. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following: “In the long term, **climate change** is as **serious a crisis as COVID-19**”





# A CAR IS STILL A STATUS SYMBOL IN MOST MARKETS

*“Qu: I think that successful people tend to travel by car rather than by public transport”*



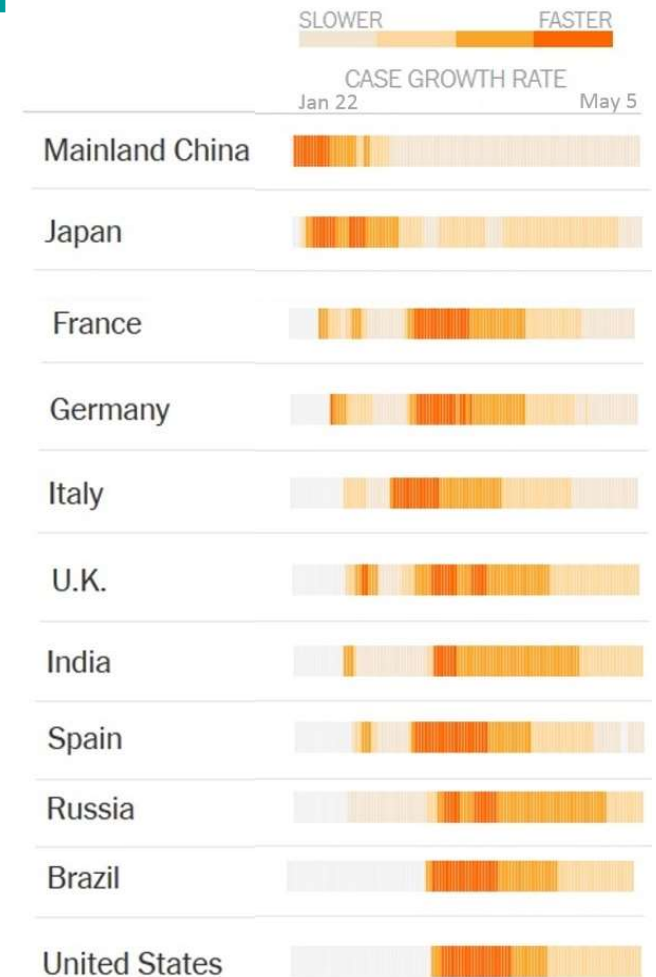
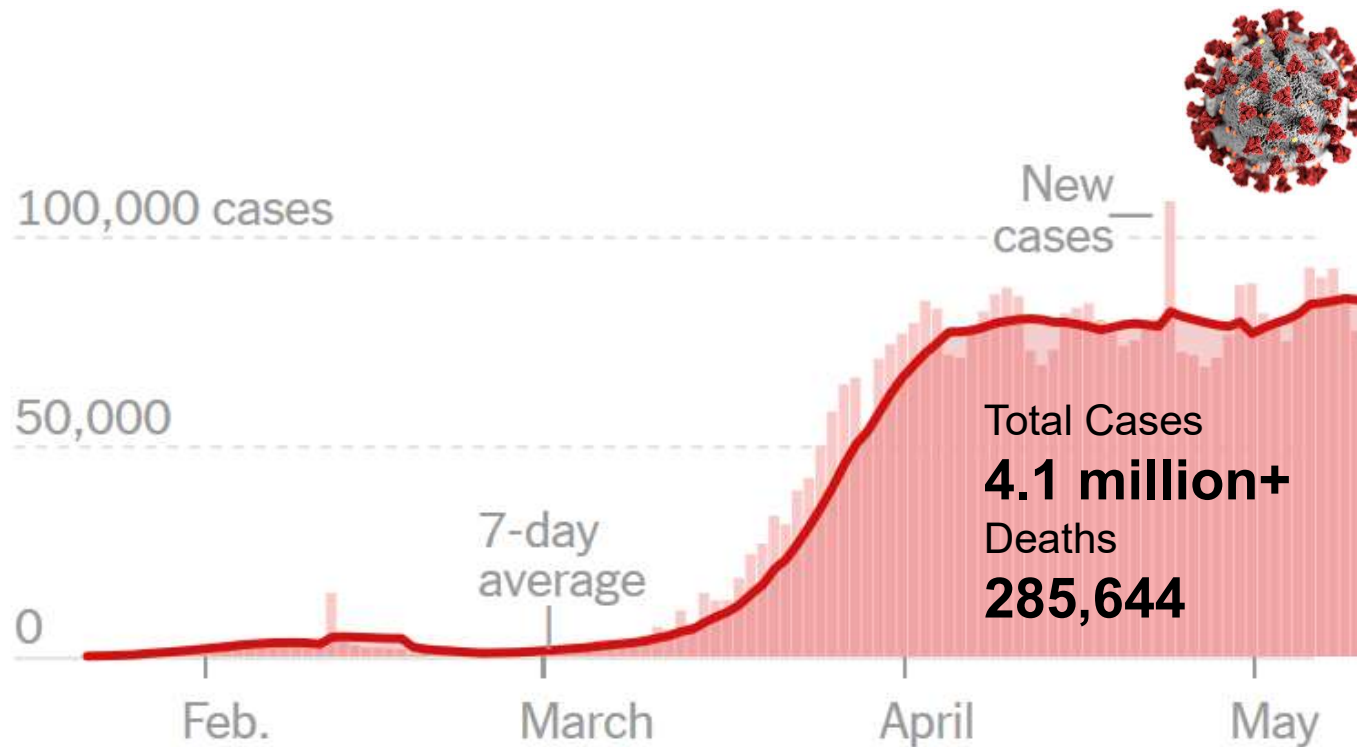
# HOWEVER, HALF THE PLANET BELIEVE THAT OWNING A CAR WILL BECOME LESS IMPORTANT

*“Qu: do you think that personally owning a car will be less important than it is now?”*



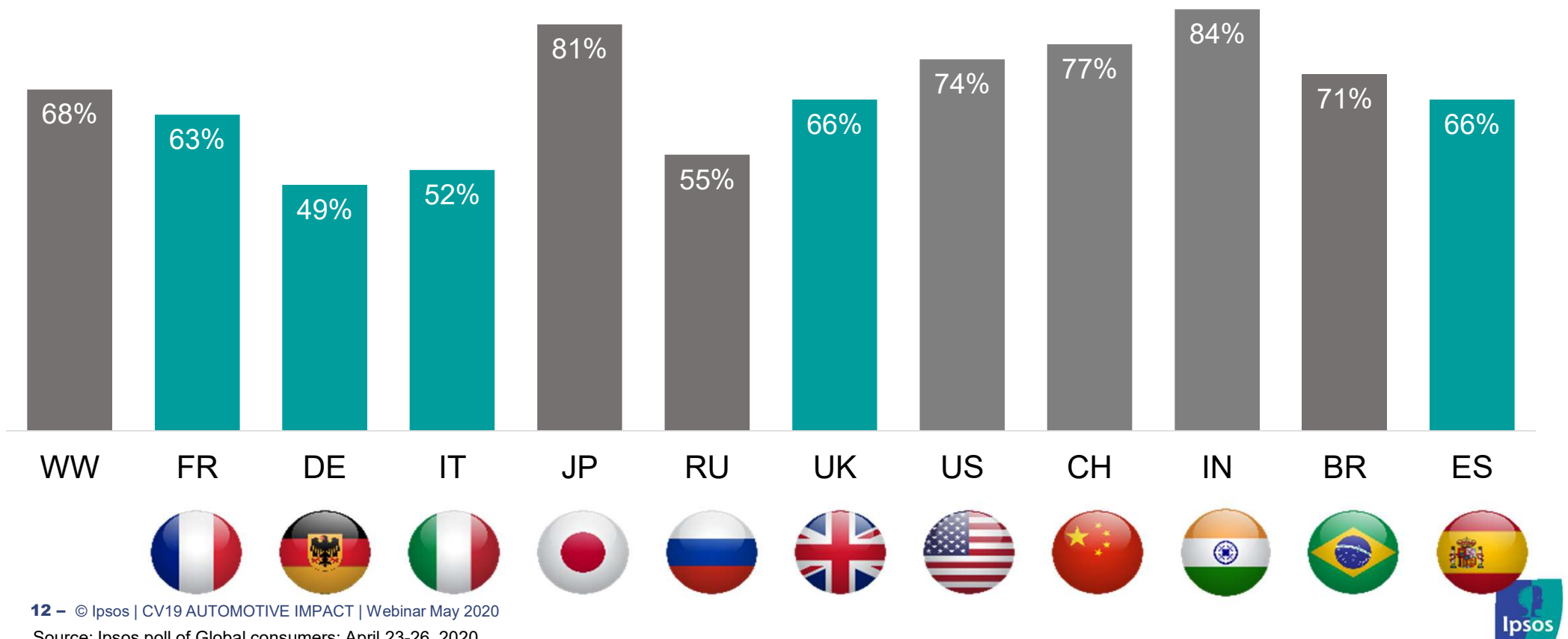
# MANY COUNTRIES ARE AT **VARIOUS STAGES OF THE COVID19 OUTBREAK**

From Pre- to Post-COVID and fear of a 3rd wave



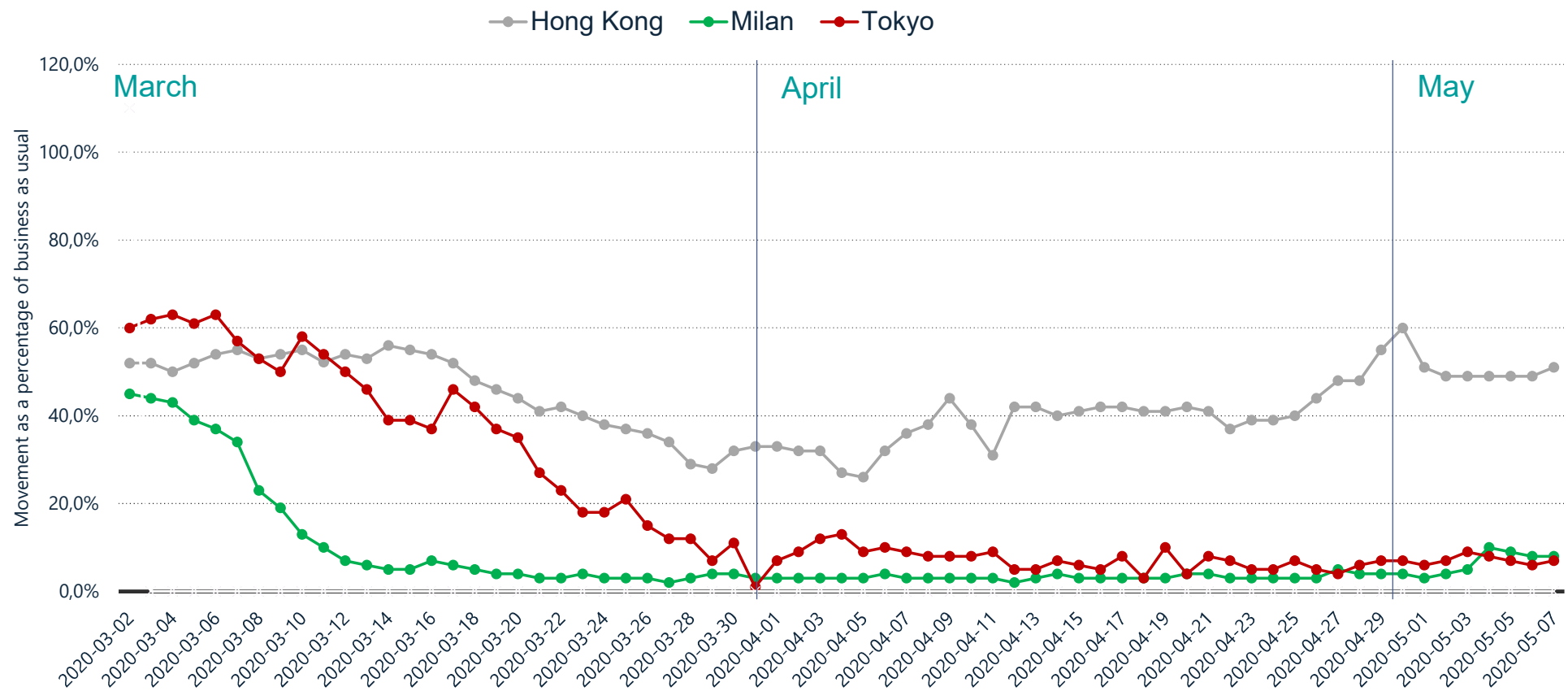
# PEOPLE WILL BE **NERVOUS TO LEAVE THEIR HOME**, AT LEAST INITIALLY

Even if businesses are allowed to reopen and travel resumes, I am going to be very nervous about leaving my home



# MOBILITY VANISHED IN MOST CITIES AROUND THE GLOBE

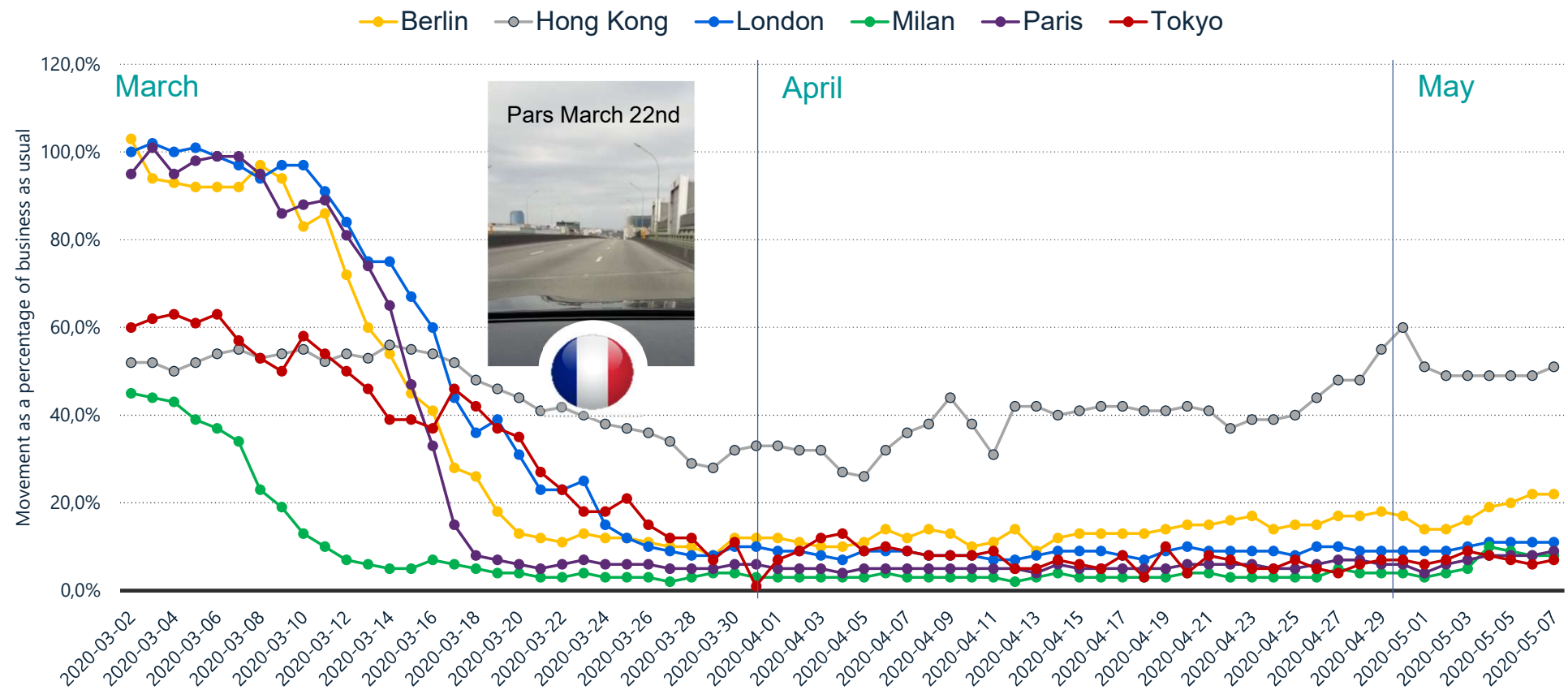
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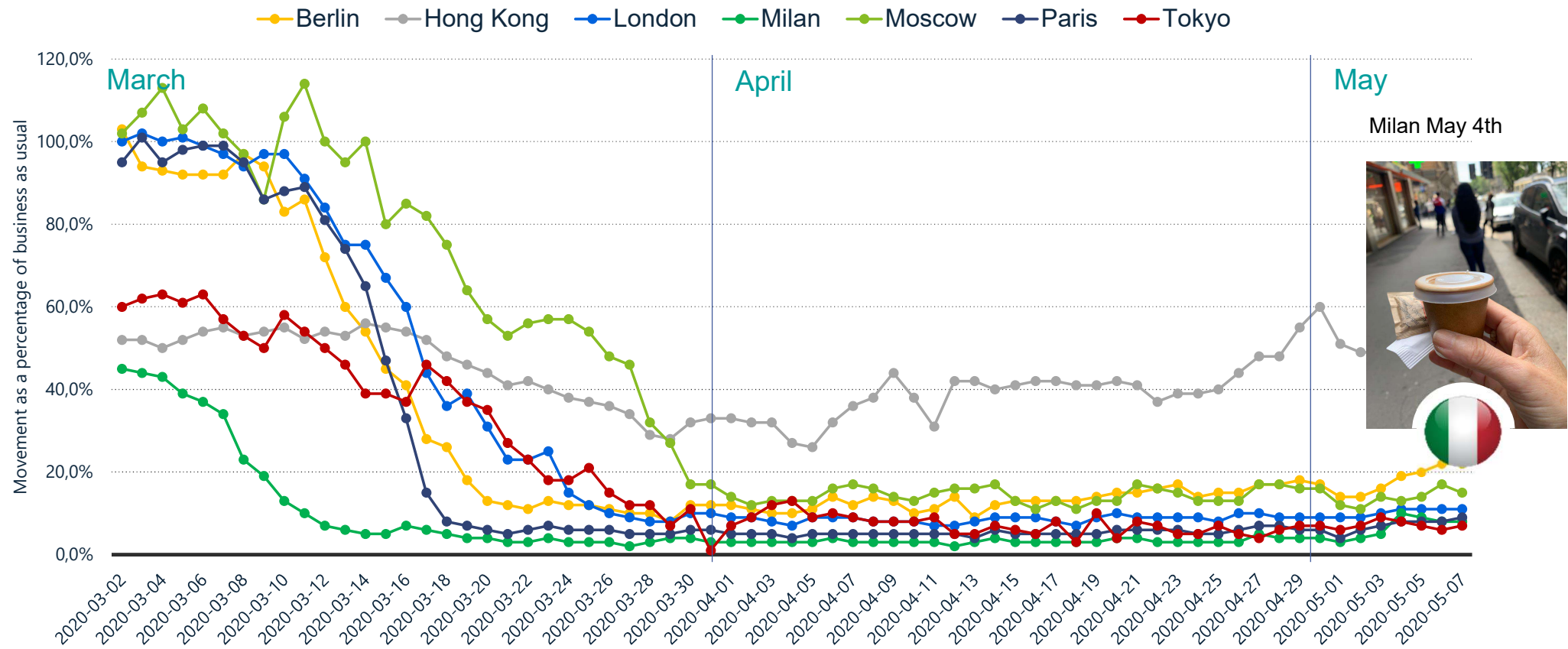
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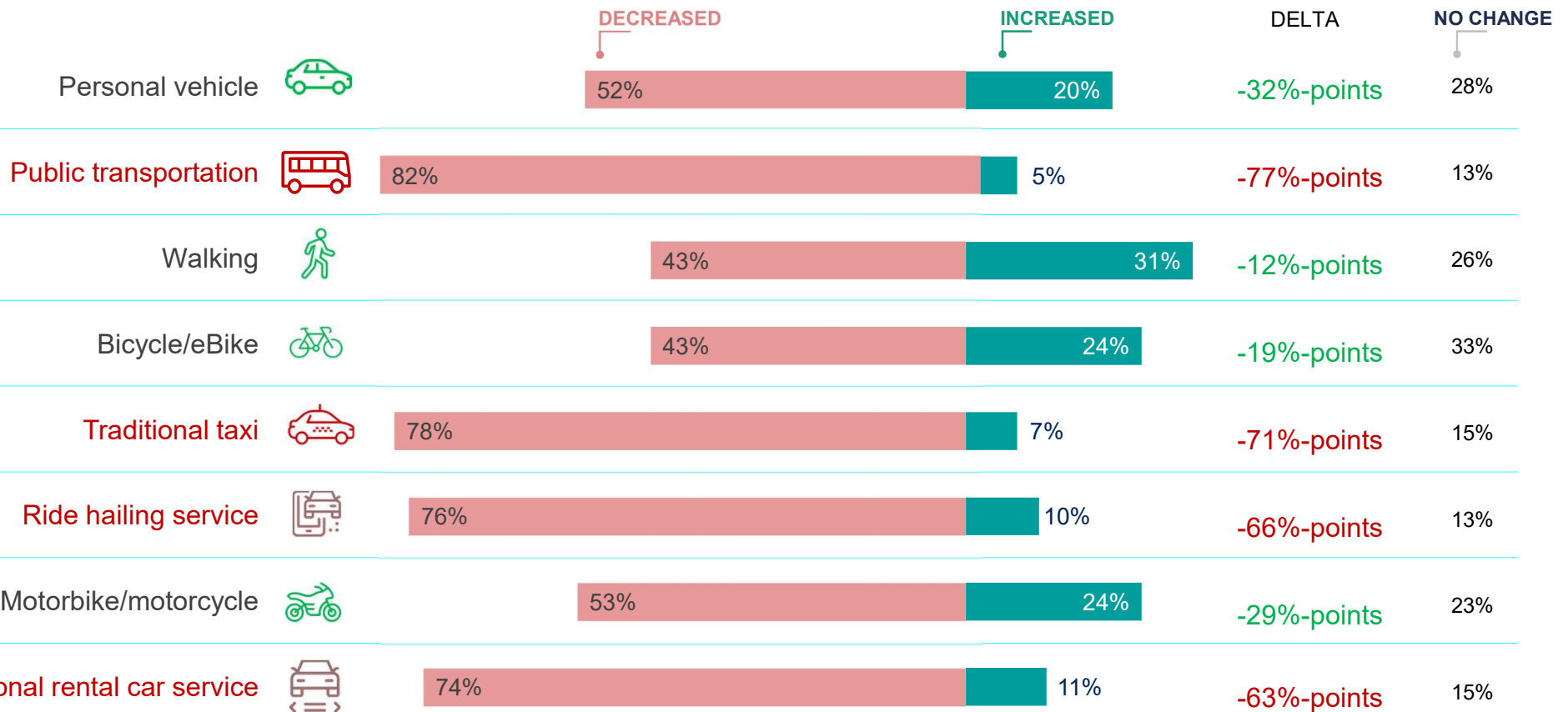


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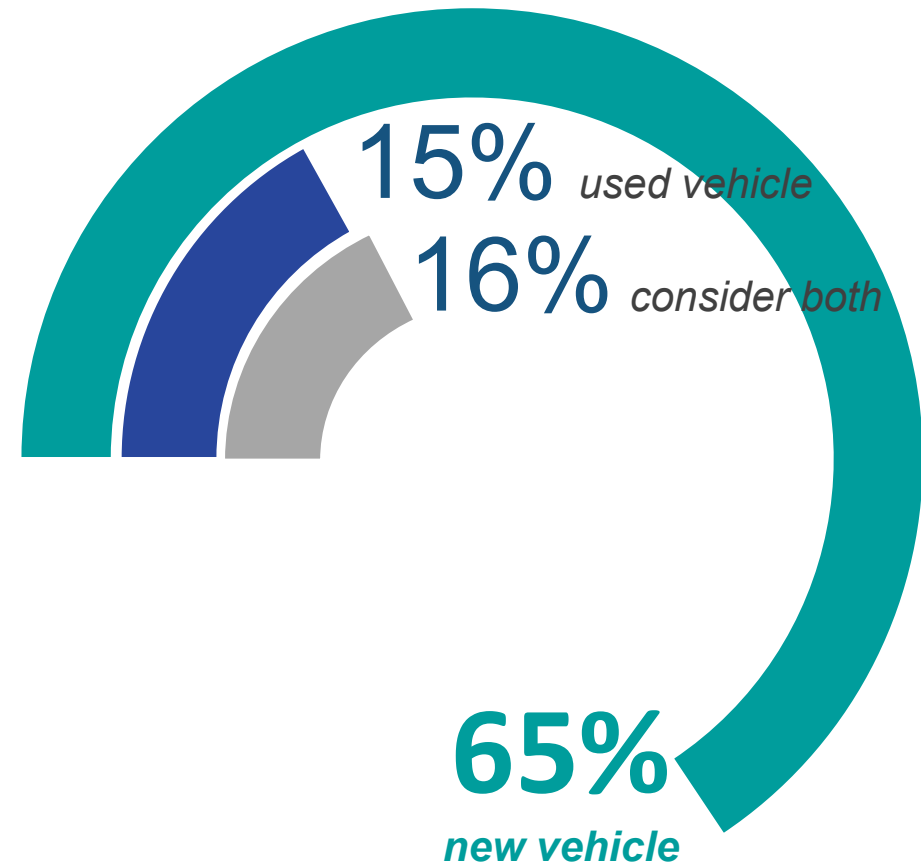
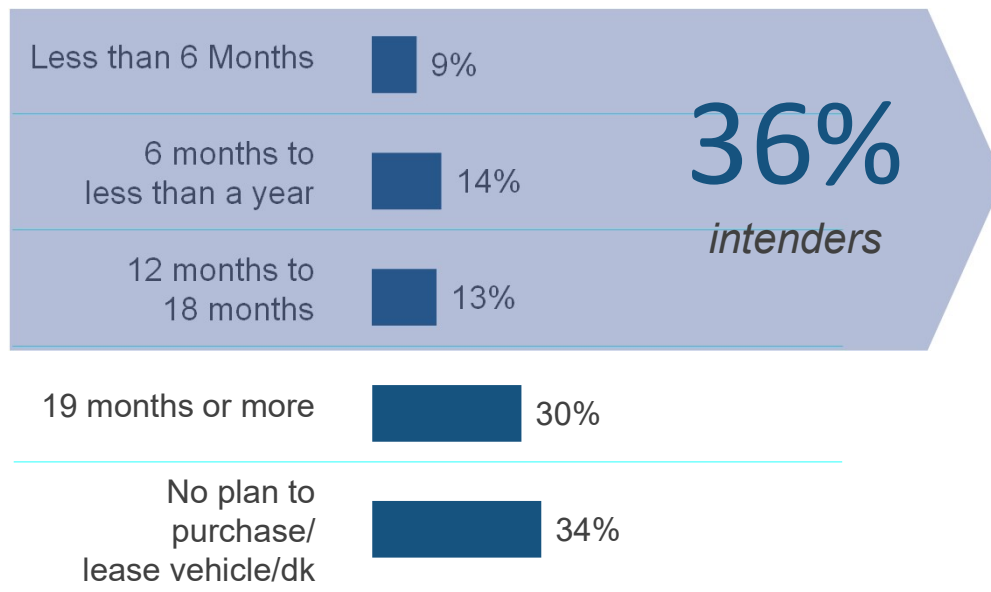


# WALKING, USE OF 2-WHEELERS AND **PERSONAL VEHICLES HAVE SEEN THE SMALLEST DECREASE** SINCE THE CV19-OUTBREAK



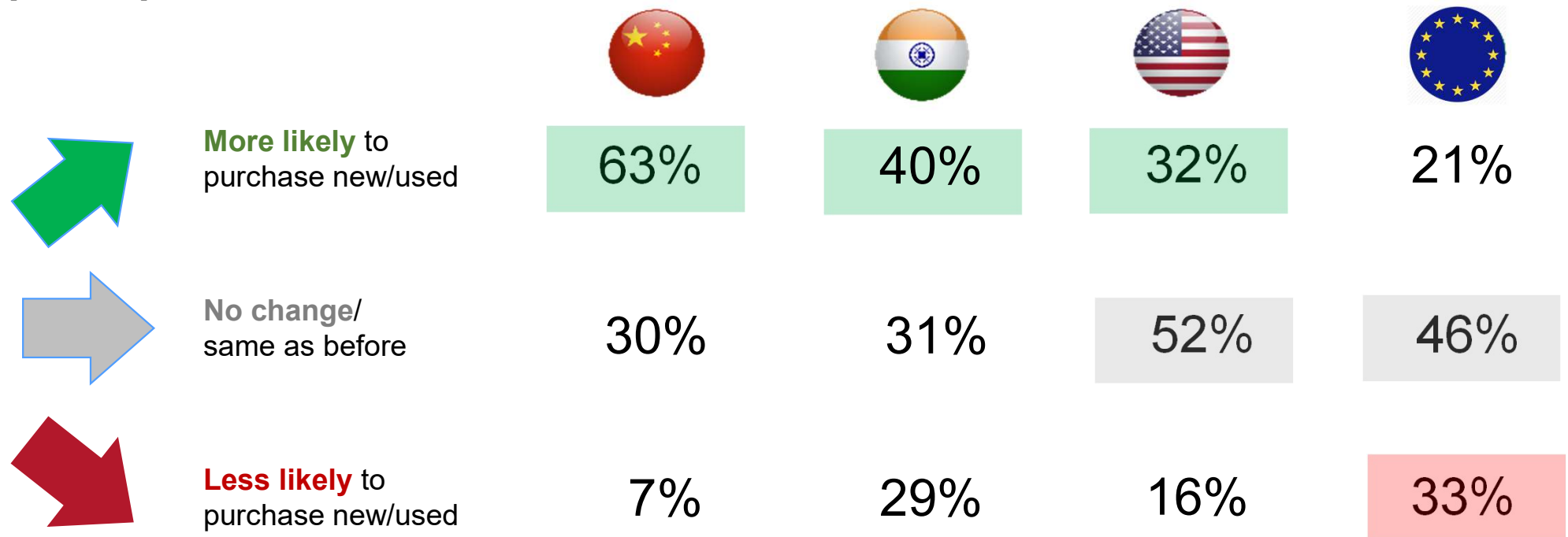
# PRE COVID-19, MORE THAN 1 IN 3 CONSUMERS WERE INTENDING TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE

Purchase Timeline Prior to COVID-19 Outbreak  
[Total]



# POST COVID-19, INTENDERS IN THE VARIOUS MARKETS WILL REACT DIFFERENTLY ON **THEIR LIKELIHOOD TO BUY**

Purchase Plan Change After the COVID-19 Outbreak  
[Intenders]





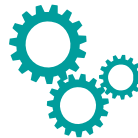
# FINANCIAL CONCERNS ARE THE MAIN BARRIERS

Reasons for Purchase Intention **Decrease**  
After the COVID-19 Outbreak  
[European Intenders]

**62%** Financial impact / don't  
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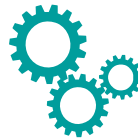
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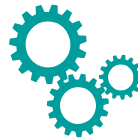
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**17%** Waiting for prices going down / great deals expected

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# WITH FINANCIAL CONCERN BECOMING KEY, HIGH EXPECTATION ON GOVERNMENT INCENTIVES AND SPECIAL FINANCING SCHEMES



Which Incentives Motivate Purchases/leases  
[EURO5 INTENDERS]

**49%** Government incentives or other benefits



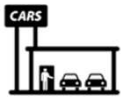
**41%** 0% financing



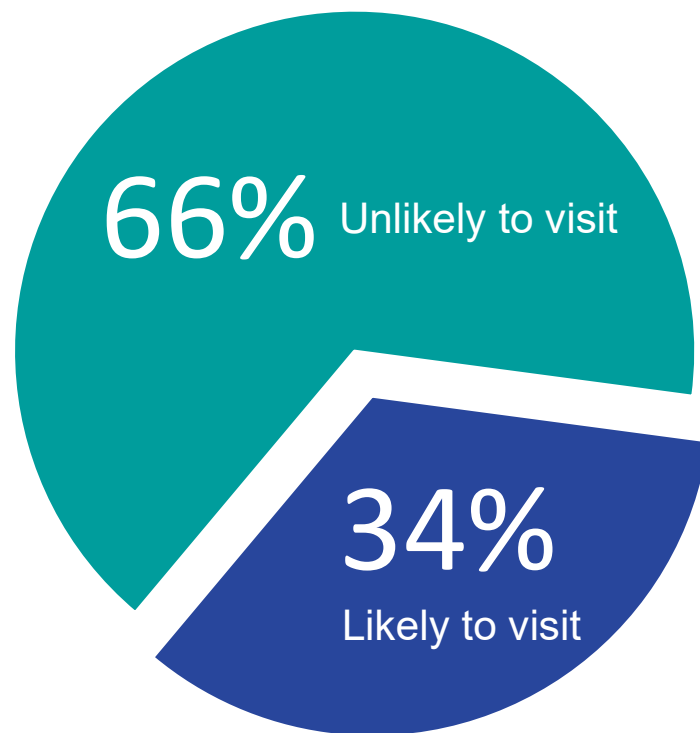
**10%** Free WiFi for your vehicle for a period of time



# INTENDERS ARE **NOT COMFORTABLE GOING TO THE DEALER TO PURCHASE A NEW CAR**



Likelihood to visit your dealer to purchase a NEW car in the next month  
[EURO5 INTENDERS]



Consumer Beliefs About:  
[% Strongly/Somewhat Agree]  
[EURO5 INTENDERS]

**21%**

My dealer has communicated to me directly about how to purchase/lease a new vehicle during the outbreak

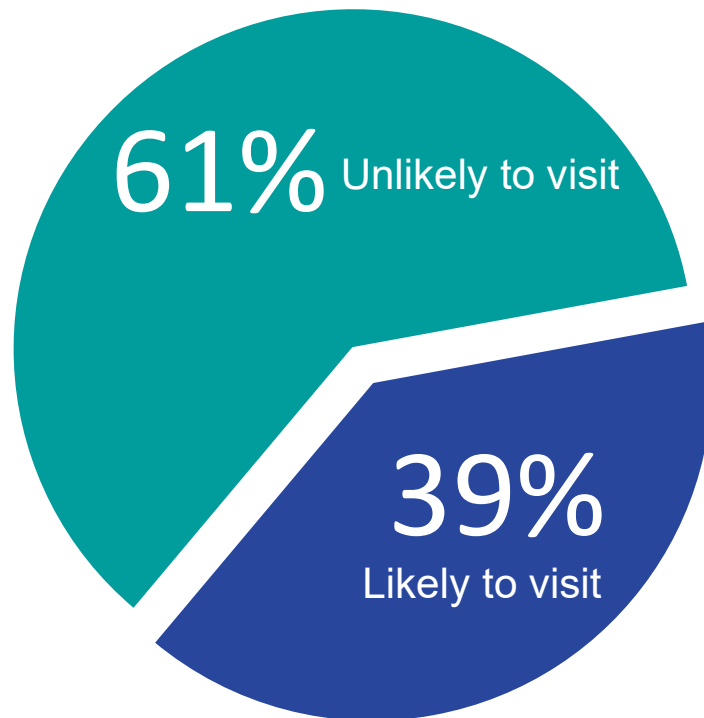




# FOR SERVICE/MAINTENANCE CAR OWNERS ARE IN DOUBT AS TO VISIT OR NOT THEIR DEALER



Likelihood to visit your dealer for service/maintenance in the next month  
[EURO5]



Consumer Beliefs About:  
[% Strongly/Somewhat Agree]  
[EURO5]

21%

My dealer has communicated the steps they are taking to ensure I don't catch COVID-19 if my vehicle is at the dealership for service (e.g., disinfecting vehicle before returning)

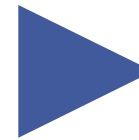
20%

My dealer has communicated to me directly about how to get my vehicle serviced during the outbreak



## ONLINE CHANNEL GETTING TRACTION AMONG INTENDERS

Interest in Completing Tasks Online  
[%Extremely/Somewhat Interested]  
[EURO5 INTENDERS]



Likelihood to use the following app or website  
for people interested in Online purchasing  
[EURO5 INTENDERS]

**43%** Purchasing/leasing a vehicle

**69%** Obtaining insurance for your vehicle

**50%** Communicating with salesperson using a video chat approach (e.g., Zoom, WhatsApp, etc.)



**33%** An app or website provided by your car **manufacturer**

**23%** An app or website provided by your **local dealer**



# SUMMARY

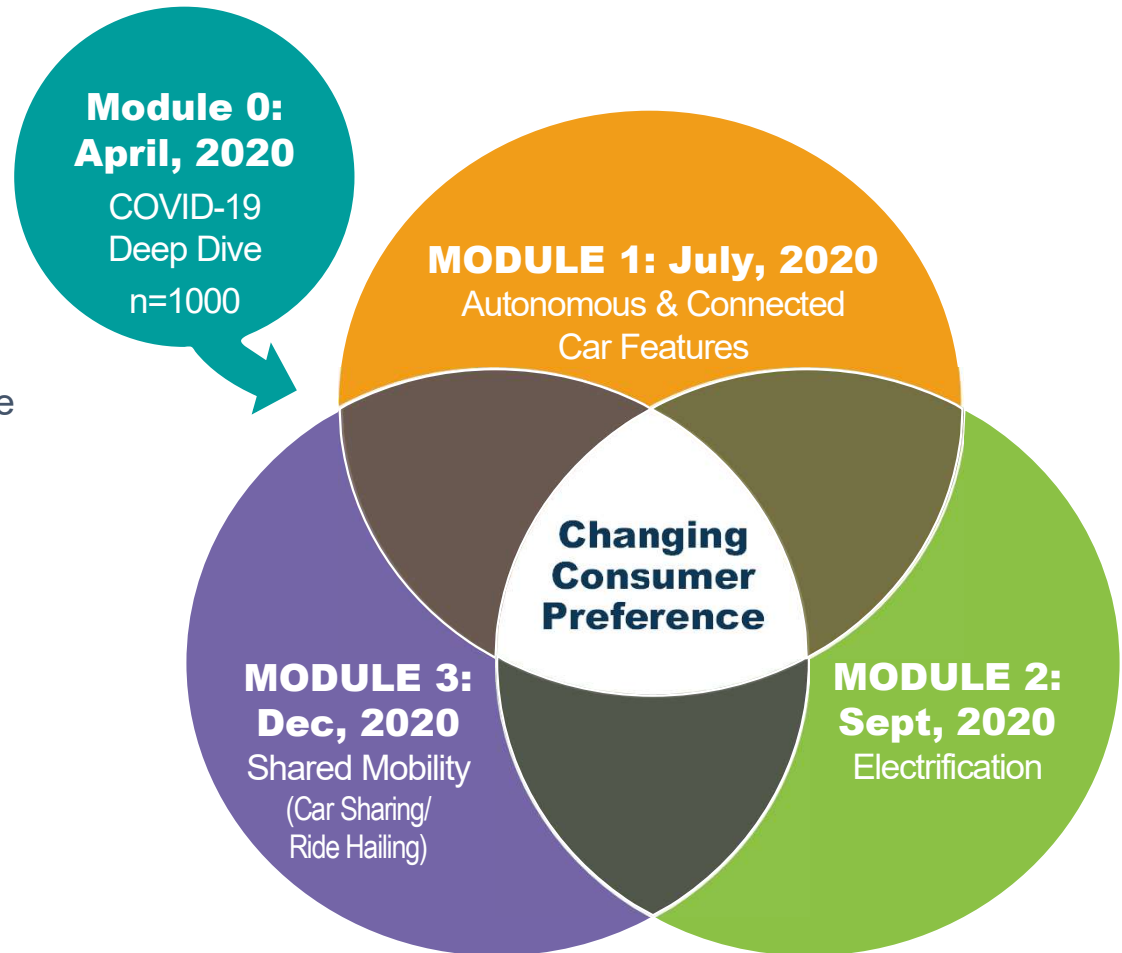
- GLOBAL FORCES & TRENDS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPACT THE POST- (& 2<sup>nd</sup> WAVE PRE-) COVID WORLD
  - CONSUMERS WILL RETAIN MANY OF THEIR CORE VALUES OVER THE MEDIUM-TERM EG. CLIMATE EMERGENCY
  - UNCERTAINTY ABOUT ADOPTION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES WILL CONTINUE
  - OWNERSHIP vs SHARED MOBILITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEBATED
- DURING THE CV-OUTBREAK MOBILITY VANISHED, BUT RELEVANCE OF INDIVIDUAL TRAFFIC INCREASED
- INTENTION TO BUY NEW CARS WILL REMAIN (ALTHOUGH AT A VARIABLE PACE BY COUNTRY)
- PERSONAL FINANCIAL SITUATION WILL IMPACT SALES...
- ...SO, FINANCIAL INCENTIVES WILL BECOME MORE RELEVANT
- DEALERS NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR CV19-RELATED COMMUNICATION (“IT’S SAFE TO VISIT”)
- INTENDERS ARE OPEN TO DIGITAL & ONLINE PROCESSES. SALES WILL FOLLOW.
- FIRST SIGNS OF CHANGING CUSTOMER BEHAVIOUR CAN BE SEEN... AND THERE IS MUCH MORE TO EXPLORE

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## Overview

**Syndicated study focused on the key trends in mobility & Impact of COVID-19**

11 markets each n=2000 online interviews per module  
USA, China, Japan, Brazil, Russia, India and Euro5



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## Additional Topics

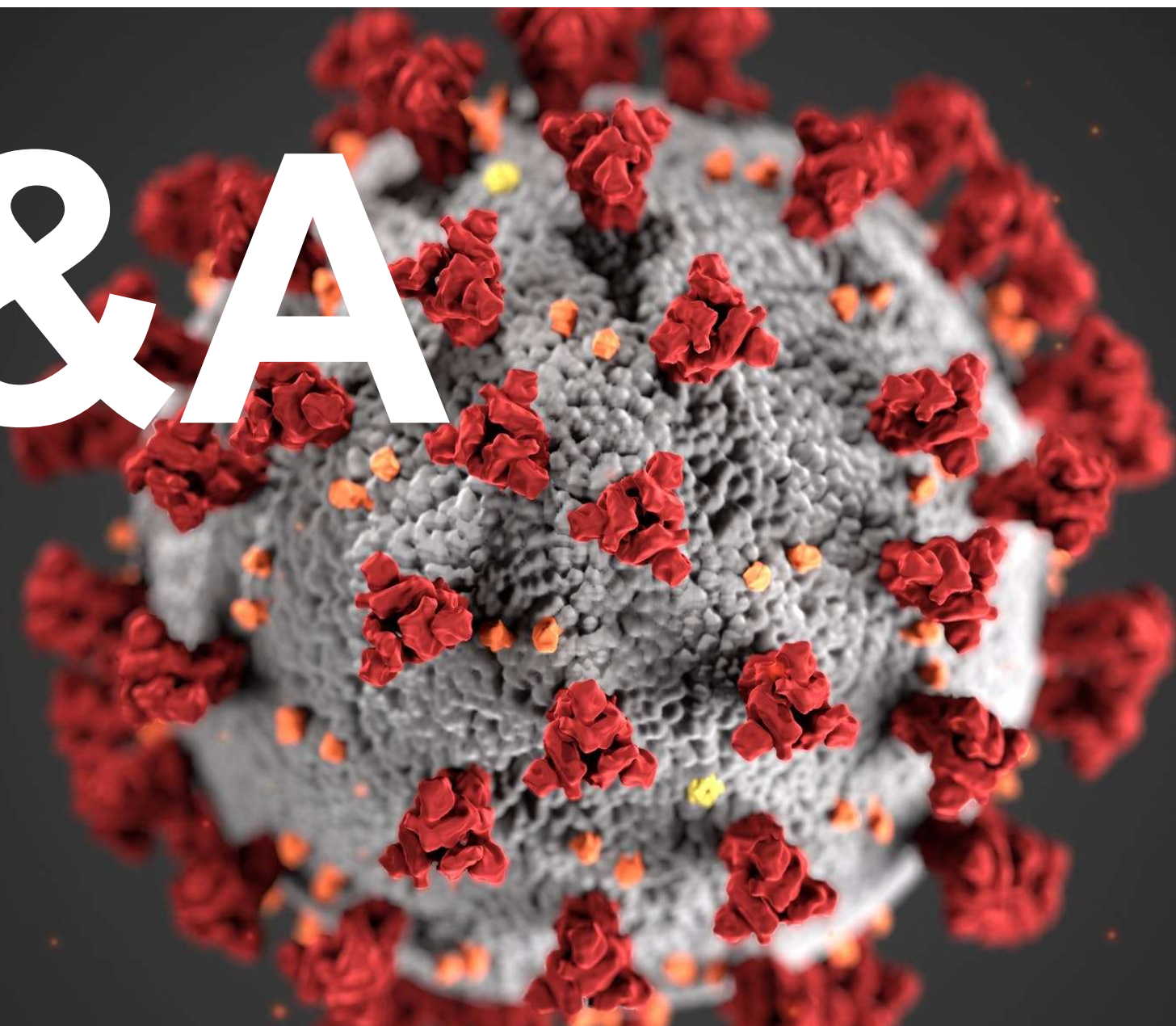
### **Module 0 COVID-19 deep dive on Automotive & Mobility**



- Transportation ownership / usage
- Comfort in various activities as it relates to shopping / visiting a dealer / transportation usage
- Purchase consideration of vehicle and reasons why/why not and when
- Vehicle preference shift / key attributes for new vehicle / expected changes in intention (used instead of new, vehicle size, body-type, engines, etc.) / changing relevance of purchasing factors
- Acknowledgement of car manufacturers CV19 related support
- Early signs of “new normal”
- Brand loyalty / Importance of trust
- Impact of different incentives to purchase / lease
- Levels of dealer support / Dealer communication during the outbreak / Ease of dealer processes (making appointments, servicing cars, etc.)
- Willingness to consider virtual / digital purchase of vehicles / Acceptance and preference of digital communication
- Sources of information used for new vehicle shopping
- Likelihood to visit dealers for sales / service, door-to-door test-drives, etc.
- Impact of miles driven
- CV19 impact on finance, priorities in life, social & economical organizations, car manufacturers, etc.



# Q&A



**THANK  
YOU**

**GAME CHANGERS**

