

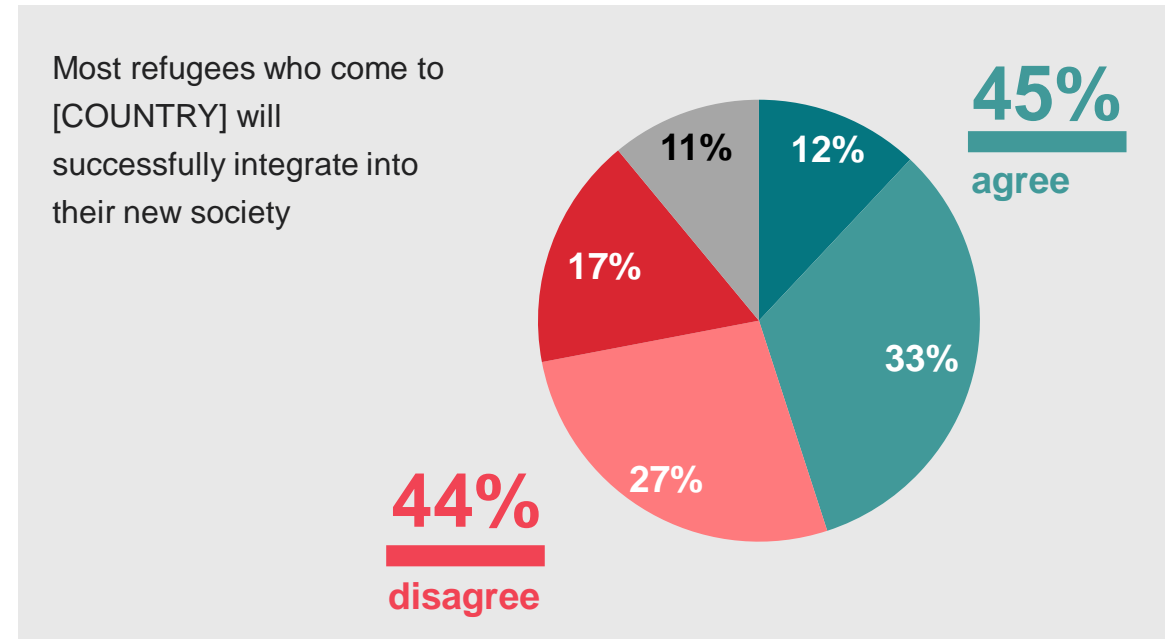
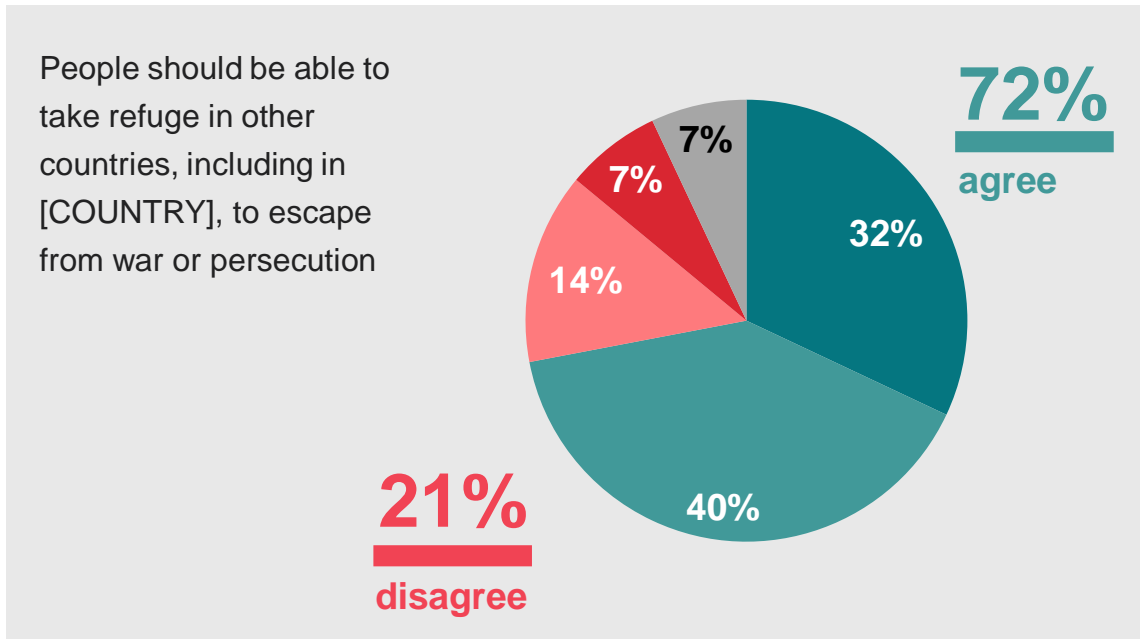
WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Global attitudes
towards refugees

June 2020

Seven in ten globally agree that people should have the right to take refuge in other countries while 45% believe they will successfully integrate

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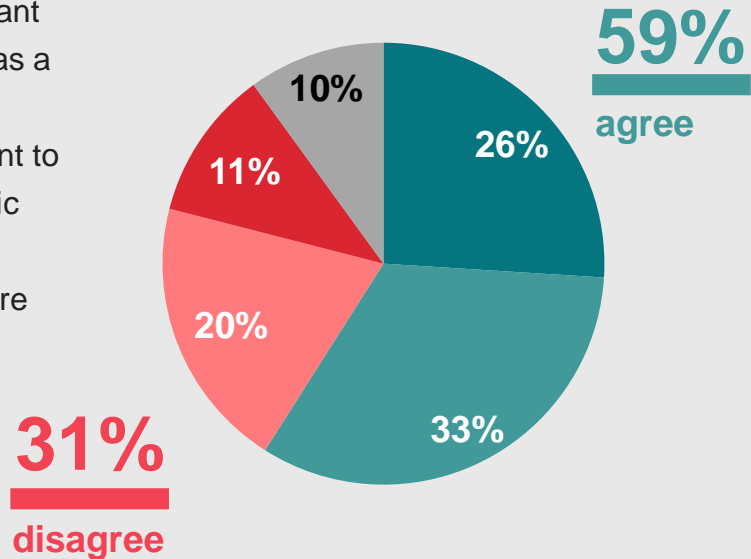
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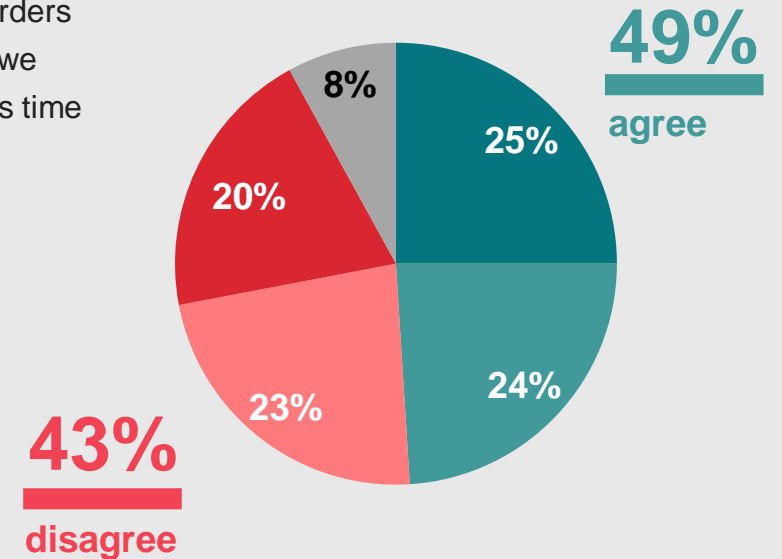
Six in ten think that refugees that come to their country are not genuine and half believe their borders should be closed entirely to refugees

Q Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Most foreigners who want to get into my country as a refugee really aren't refugees. They just want to come here for economic reasons, or to take advantage of our welfare services



We must close our borders to refugees entirely – we can't accept any at this time



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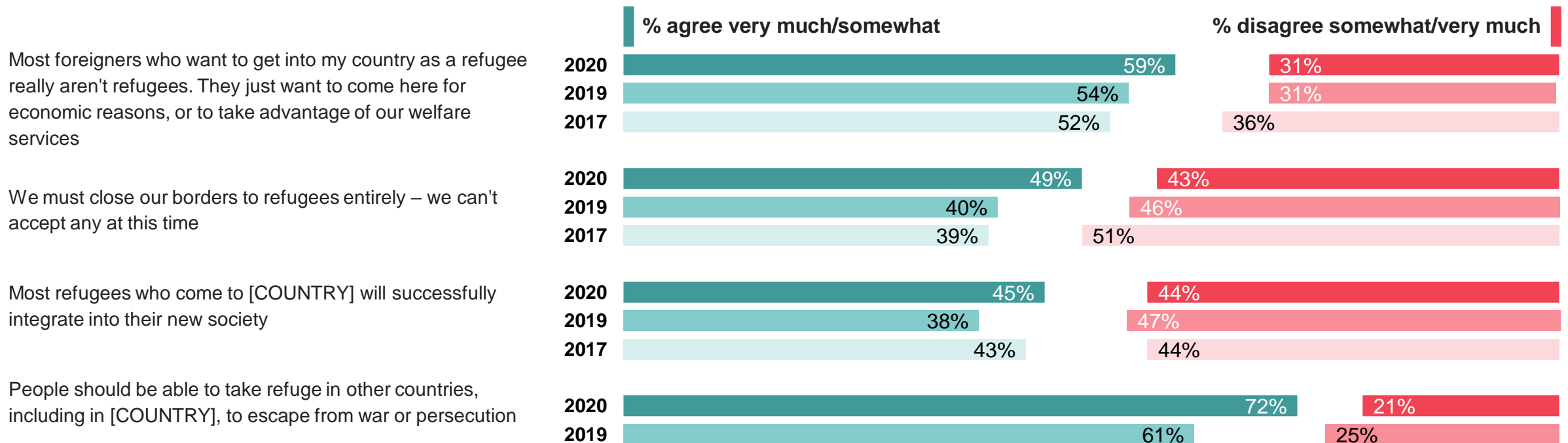
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While there has been a rise in support for the principle of people seeking refuge and confidence that refugees will integrate of refugees, half now think borders must be closed entirely

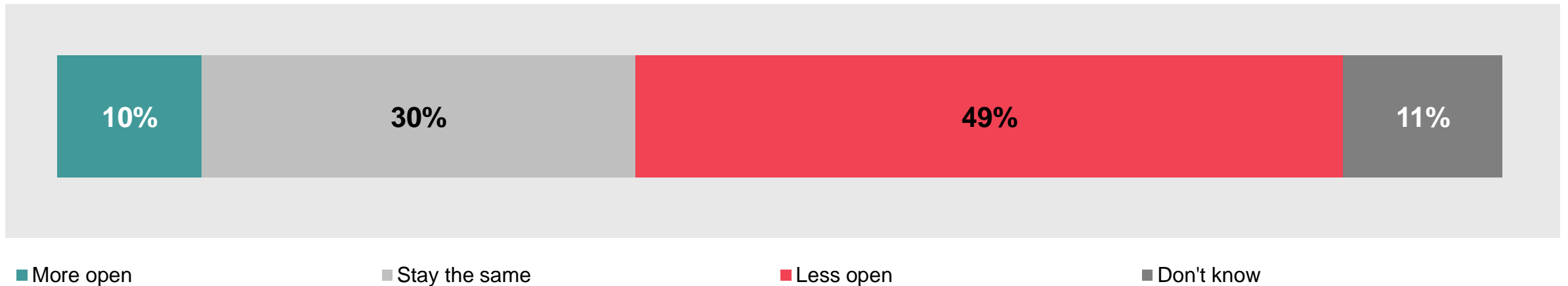
Q Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?



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Half globally want their country to be less open to accepting refugees compared to before the COVID-19 outbreak

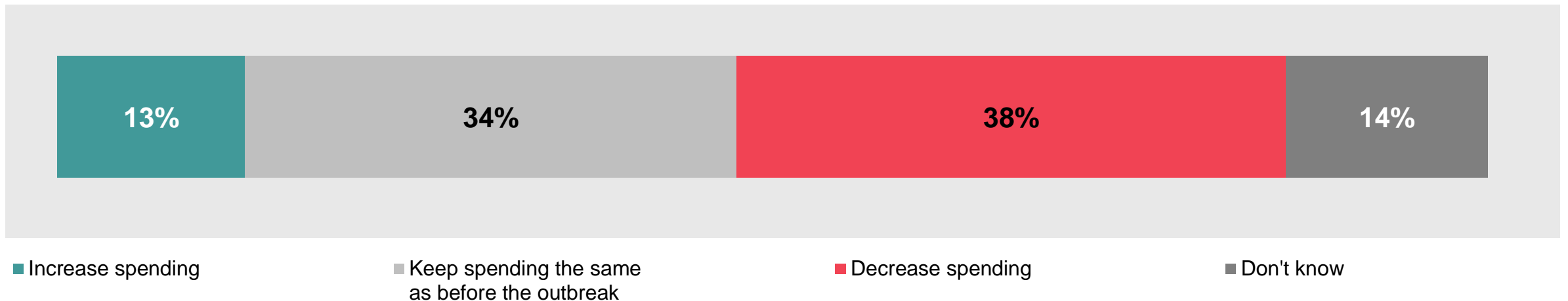
Q Do you think that [COUNTRY] should be more open or less open to accepting refugees or do you think it should remain the same as it was before the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak?



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Two in five want their country to decrease the amount it spends supporting refugees due to COVID-19, however, a third think the amount should stay the same and one in ten want it to increase

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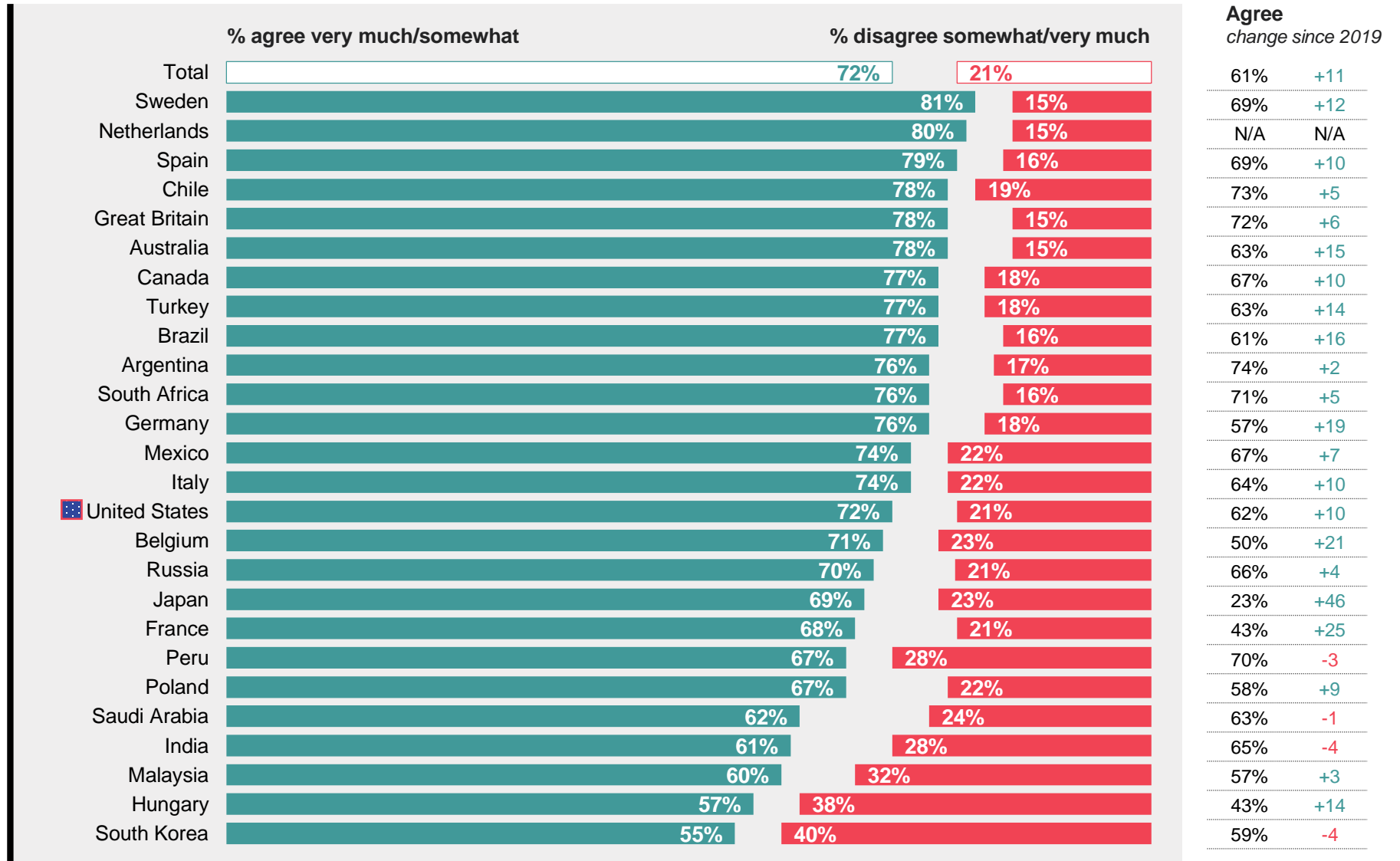
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Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

People should be able to take refuge in other countries, including in [COUNTRY], to escape from war or persecution

Globally, the majority agree that people should be able to take refuge in other countries, including their own, to escape war or persecution.



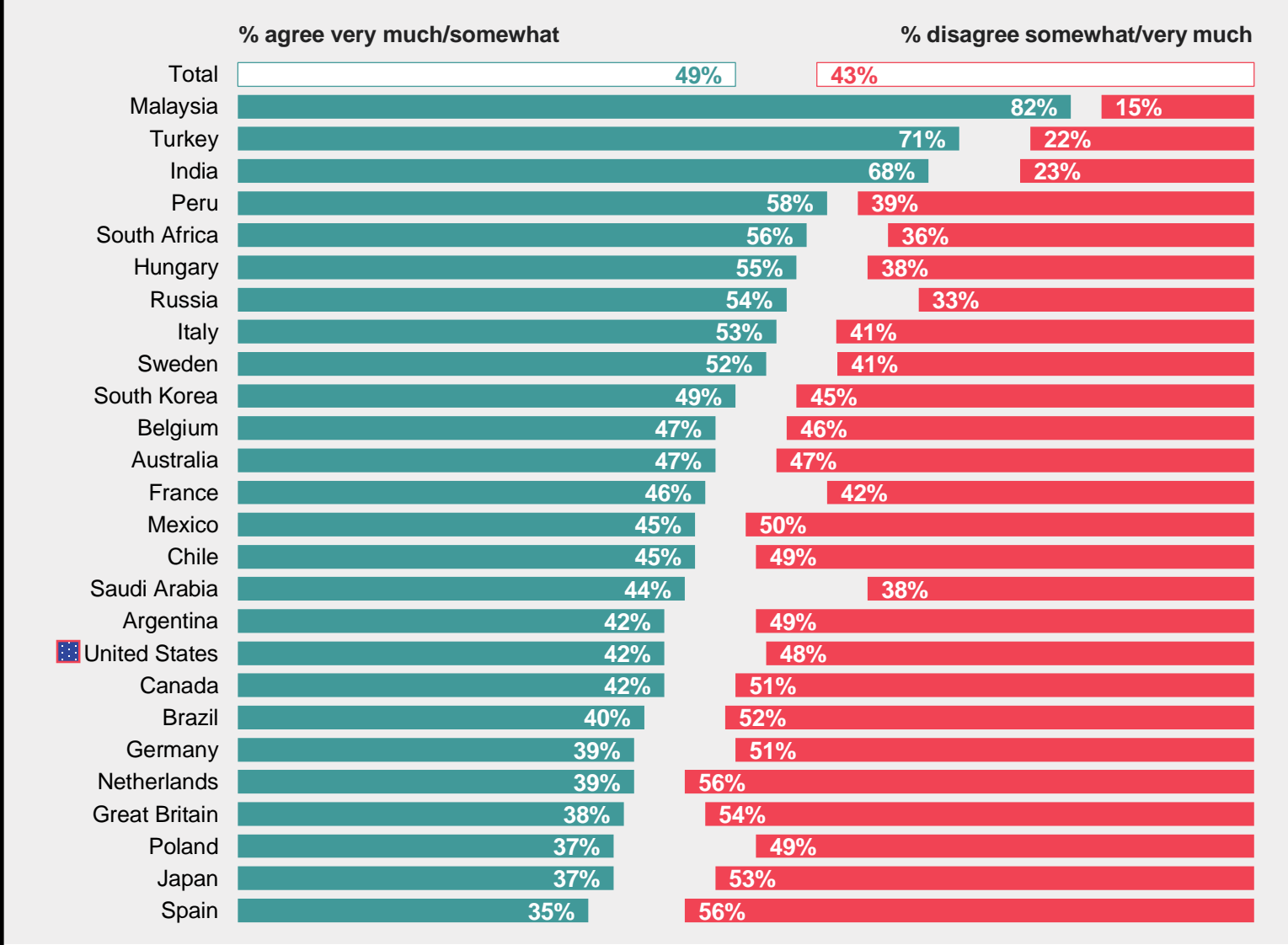
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Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

We must close our borders to refugees entirely – we can't accept any at this time

Globally people are split on whether they can accept any refugees at this time. Those in Malaysia, Turkey and India are most likely to agree on closing borders, while those in Spain, Japan and Poland least likely to agree.



Agree
change since 2019

40%	+9
43%	+39
59%	+12
64%	+4
40%	+18
39%	+17
44%	+11
45%	+9
48%	+5
51%	+1
34%	+15
45%	+2
40%	+7
42%	+4
38%	+7
28%	+17
36%	+8
39%	+3
36%	+6
29%	+13
28%	+12
45%	-6
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33%	+5
39%	-2
27%	+10
35%	0

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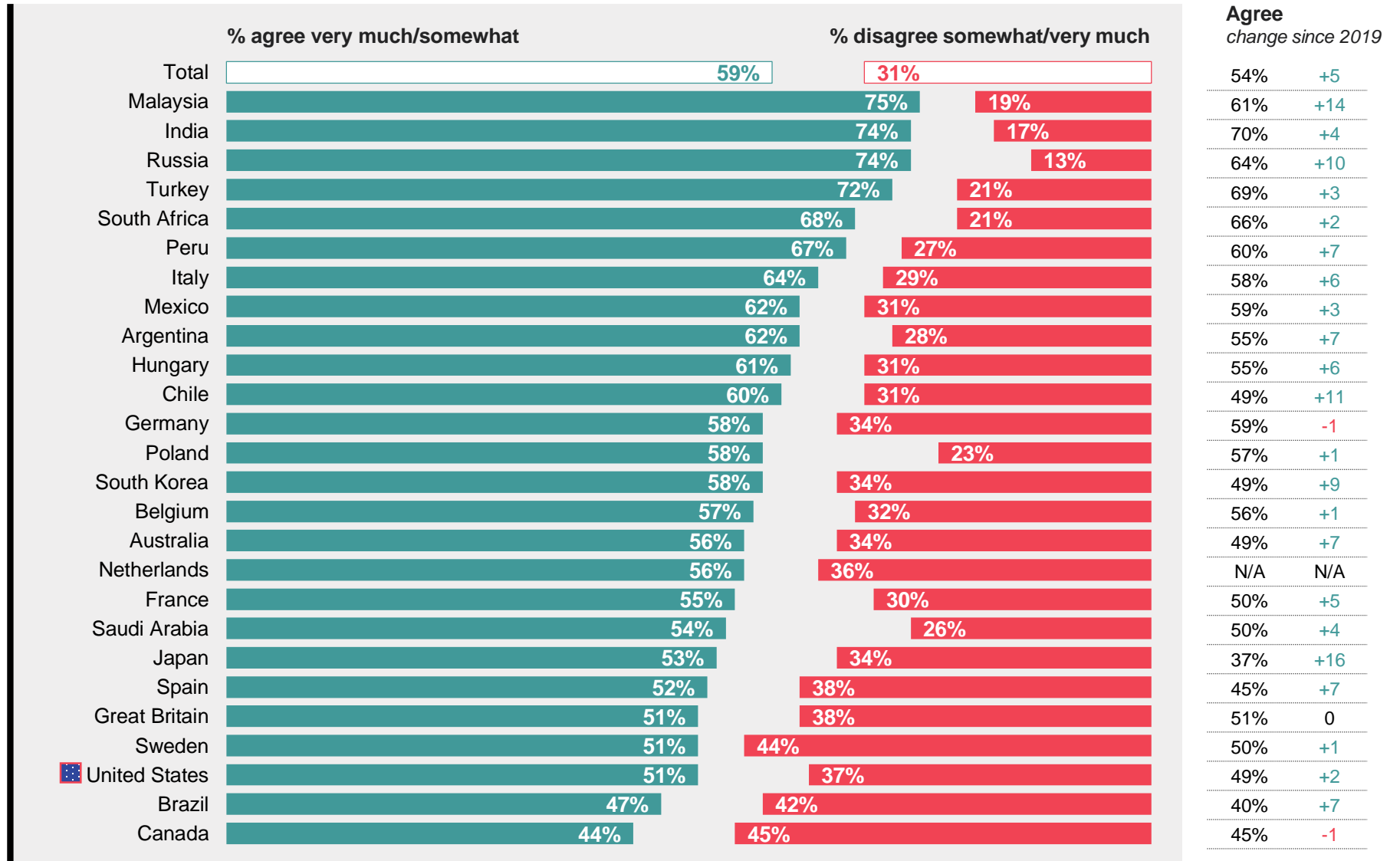




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Most foreigners who want to get into my country as a refugee really aren't refugees. They just want to come here for economic reasons, or to take advantage of our welfare services

Globally, just over half do not believe that refugees are coming to their country for refuge, with those most skeptical being in Malaysia, India, Russia, and Turkey.



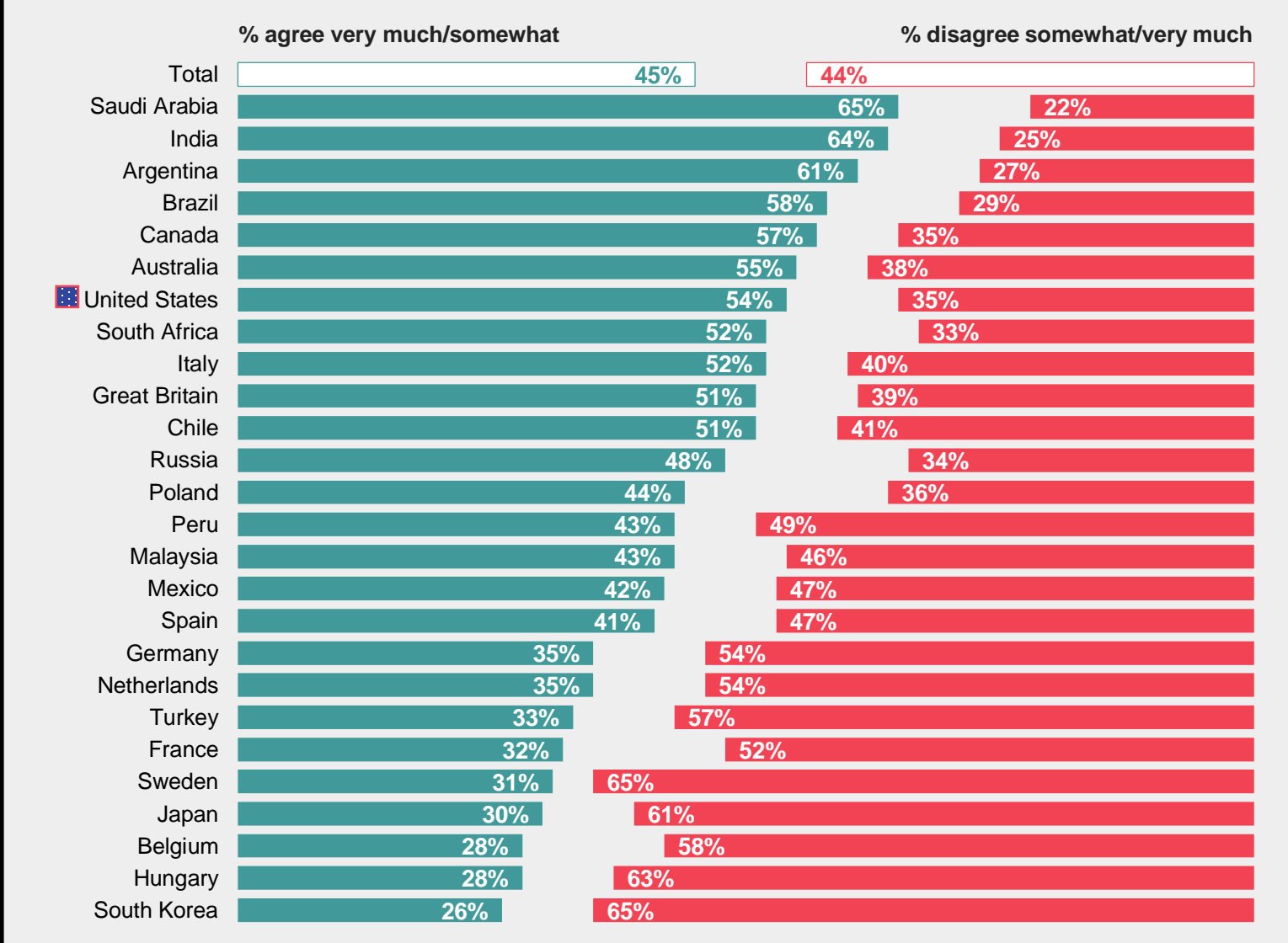
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Q. Thinking about your country, do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Most refugees who come to [COUNTRY] will successfully integrate into their new society

Globally, people are split as to whether they think refugees will successfully integrate into their country. Those in Saudi Arabia, India and Argentina are most likely to think they will, whereas those in South Korea, Hungary and Belgium are least likely to agree



Agree
change since 2019

38%	+7
55%	+10
68%	-4
58%	+3
47%	+11
48%	+9
42%	+13
44%	+10
49%	+3
33%	+19
45%	+6
42%	+9
41%	+7
29%	+15
52%	-11
38%	+5
39%	+3
38%	+3
31%	+4
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29%	+4
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26%	+5
14%	+16
25%	+3
19%	+9
22%	+4

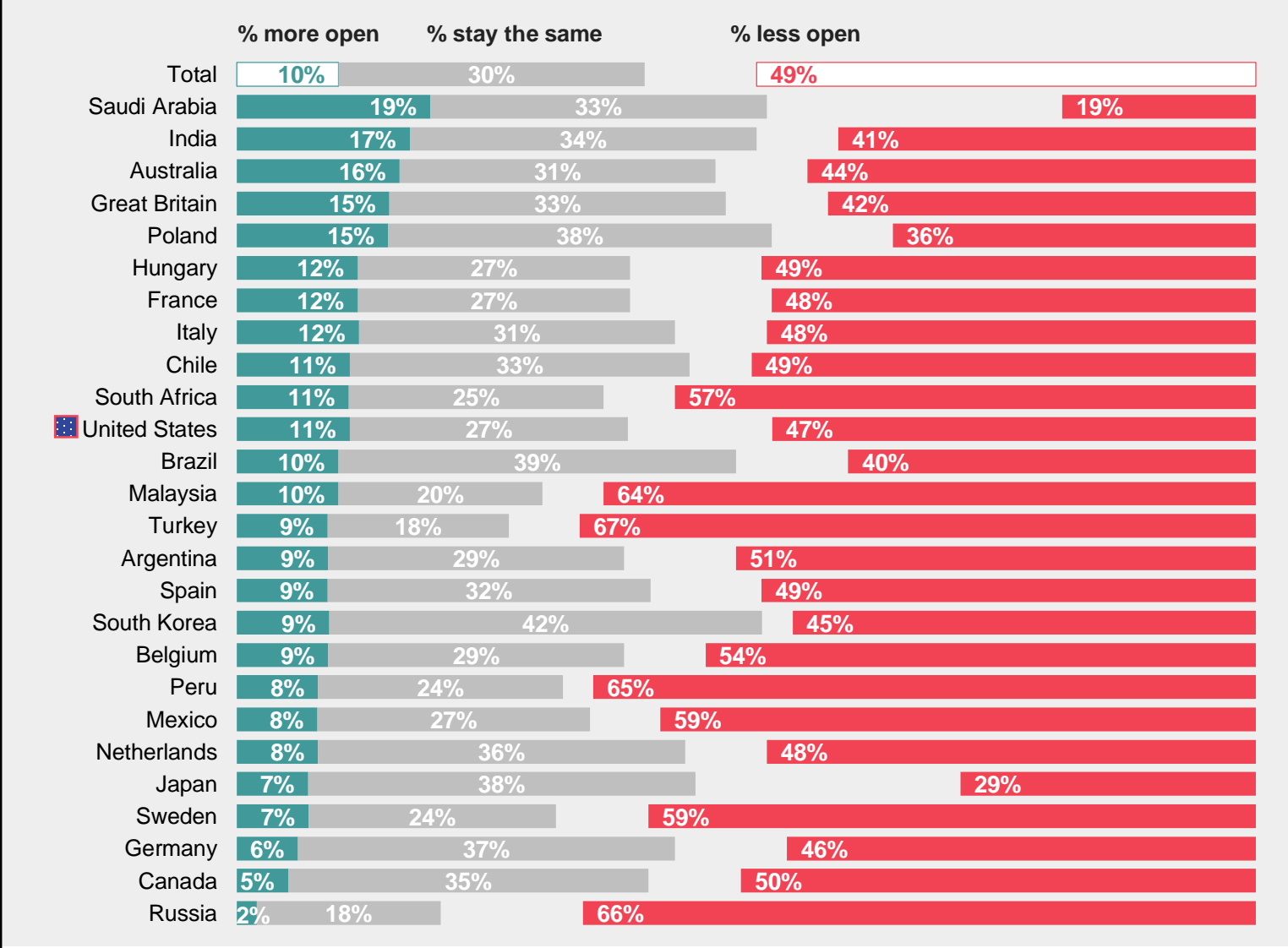
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1 in 10 think their country should be more open to accepting refugees than before the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak whereas half think it should be less open. Those who are more likely to think their country should be more open are in Saudi Arabia, India and Australia



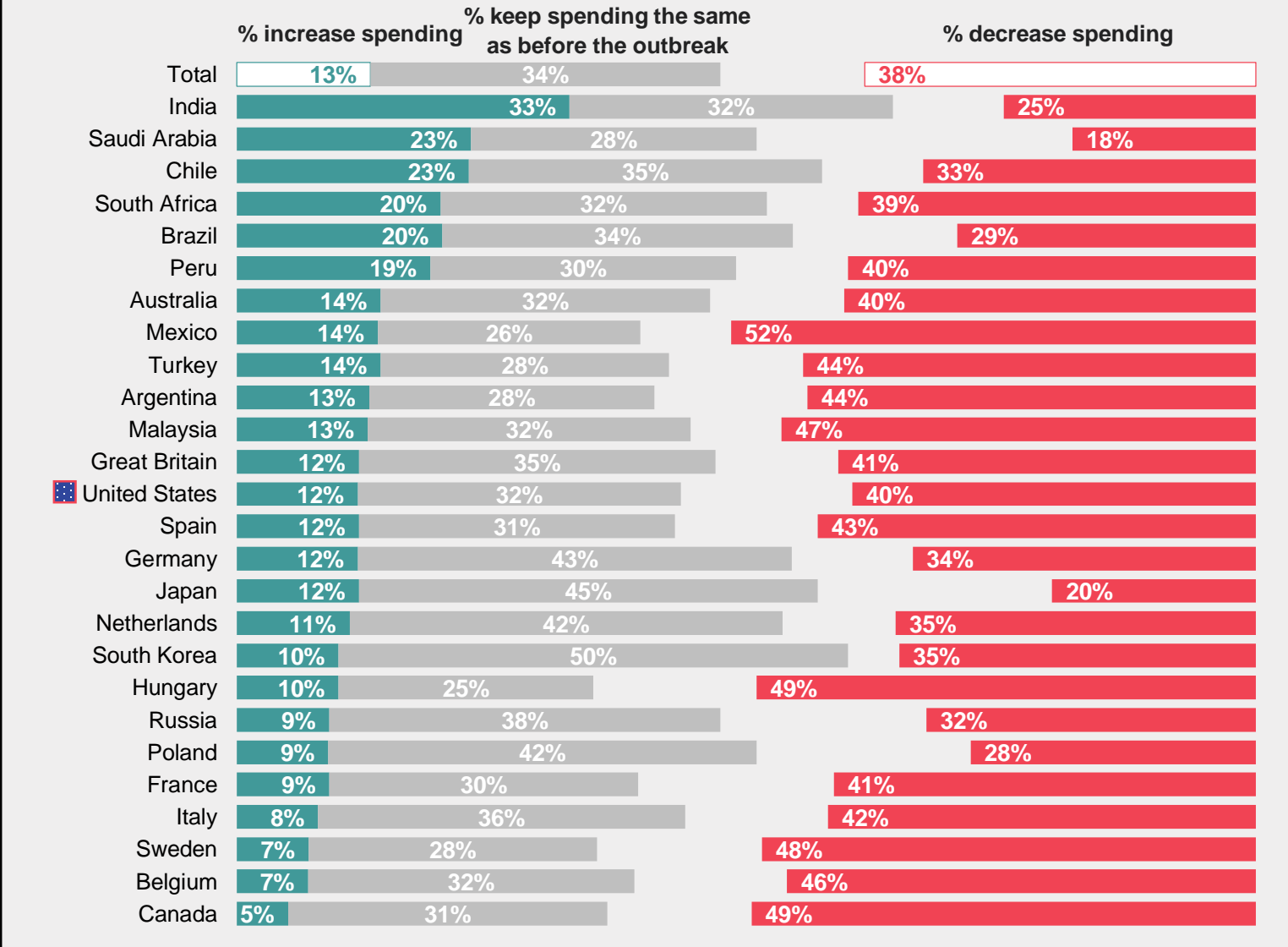
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Q. Do you think the government in [COUNTRY] should increase or decrease the amount it spends on support for refugees around the world due to coronavirus/COVID-19 or do you think it should keep spending the same as before the outbreak?

Almost two-fifths globally think the government should decrease spending on refugees around the world due to COVID-19. Those most likely to support increased spending are in India, Saudi Arabia and Chile.



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- The findings in this report come from a Global Advisor survey conducted by Ipsos among 17,997 adults aged 18-74 in the United States, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, and Turkey and 16-74 in 21 other markets, May 22 – June 5, 2020.
- It was carried out via the Ipsos Online Panel System in 28 markets.
- Approximately 1000+ individuals were surveyed in Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, Sweden, and the U.S.
- Approximately 500+ individuals were surveyed in Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Hungary, India, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, and Turkey.
- The samples in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the U.S. can be taken as representative of these countries' general adult population under the age of 75.
- The samples in Brazil, Chile, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Turkey are more urban, more educated, and/or more affluent than the general population. The survey results for these markets should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more "connected" segment of these populations.
- The data is weighted so that each market's sample composition best reflects the demographic profile of the adult population according to the most recent census data.
- Where results do not sum to 100 or the 'difference' appears to be +/-1 more/less than the actual, this may be due to rounding, multiple responses or the exclusion of don't knows or not stated responses.
- The precision of Ipsos online polls are calculated using a credibility interval with a poll of 1,000 accurate to +/- 3.5 percentage points and of 500 accurate to +/- 4.8 percentage points. For more information on the Ipsos use of credibility intervals, please visit the Ipsos website.
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