



# GLOBAL VIEWS ON ABORTION

**Favourability towards  
legalization of abortion**

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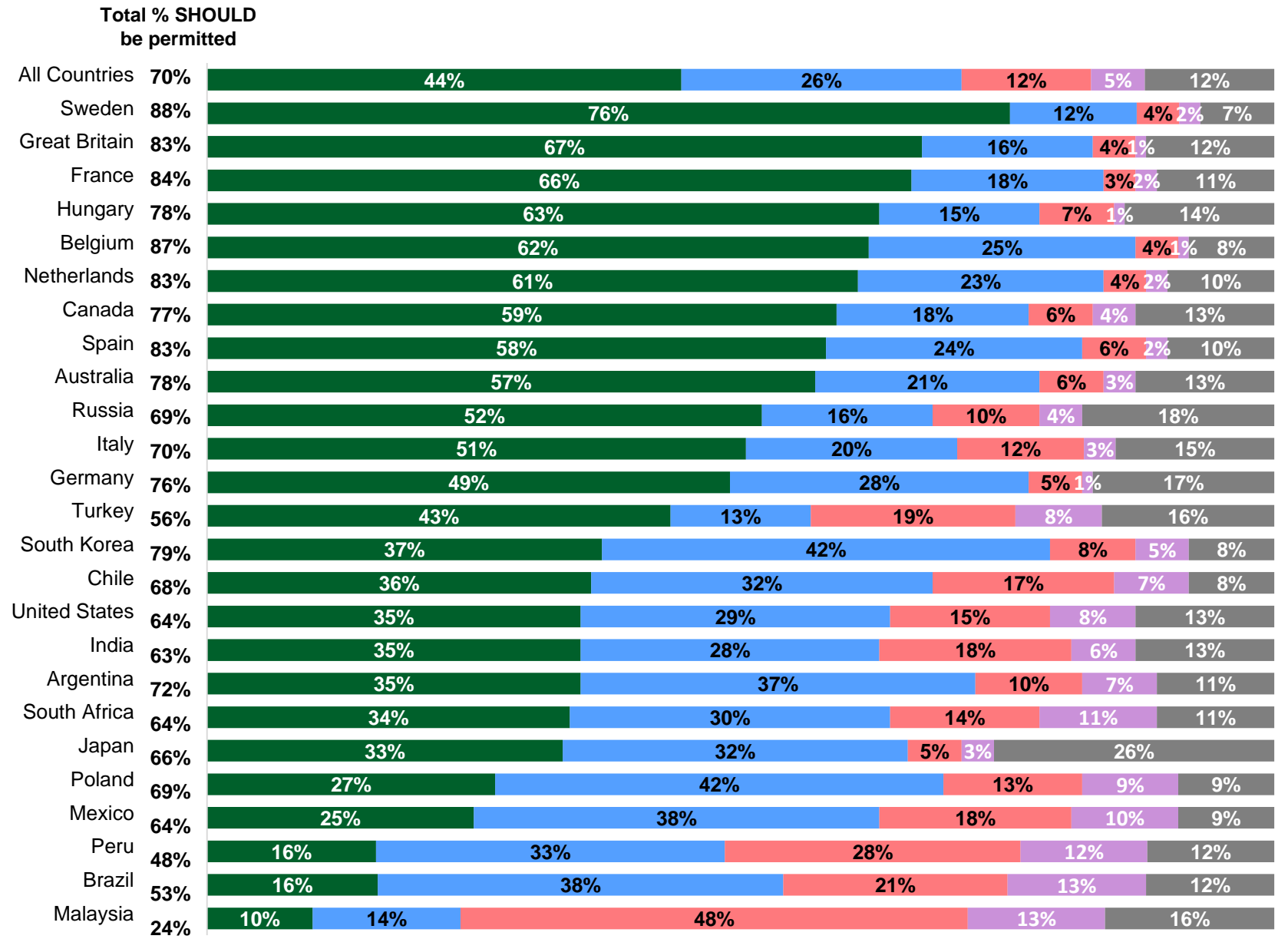
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# Favourability towards legalization of abortion in 2020 across countries

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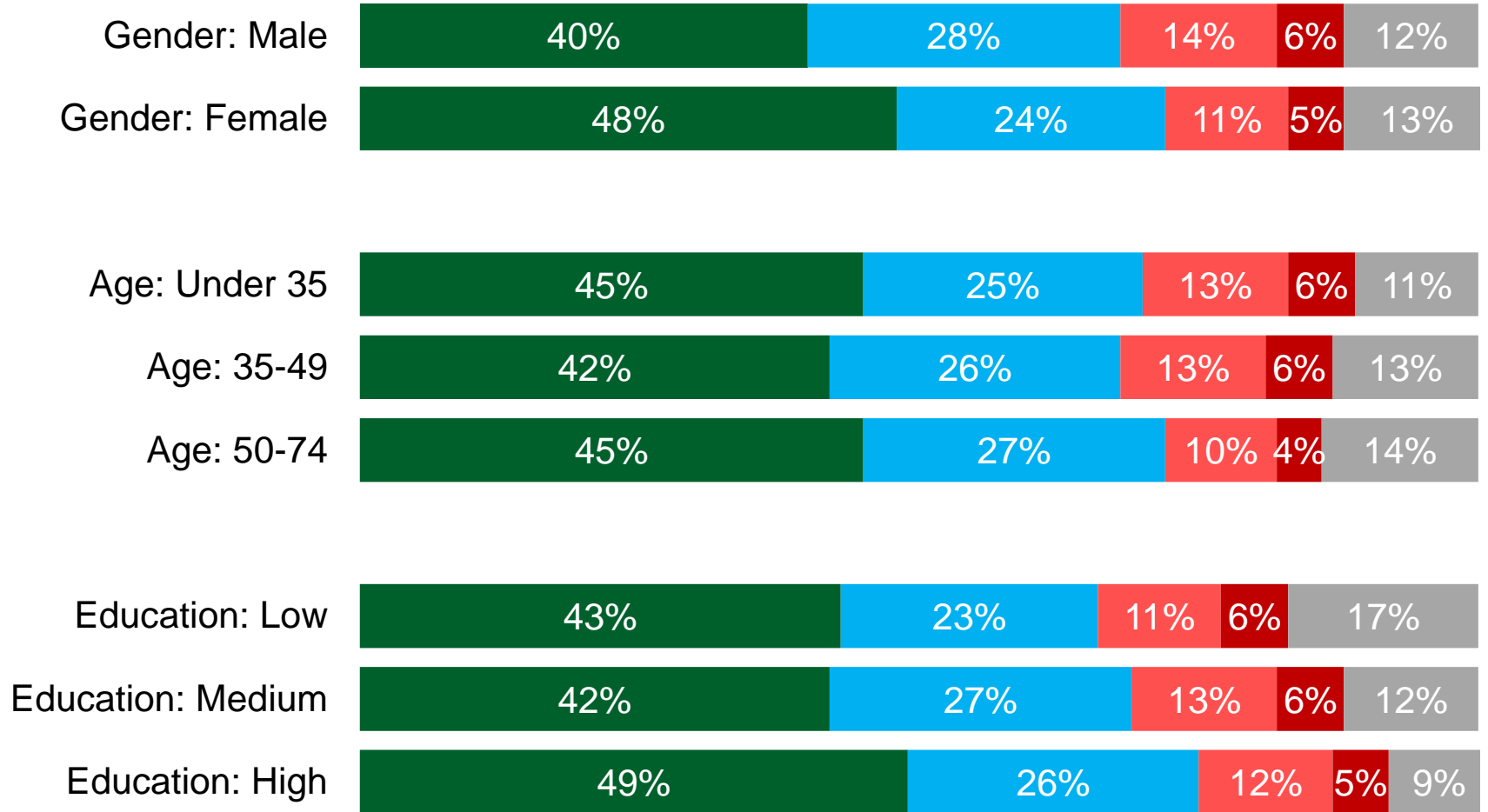
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# Favourability towards legalization of abortion in 2020, globally by gender, age and education

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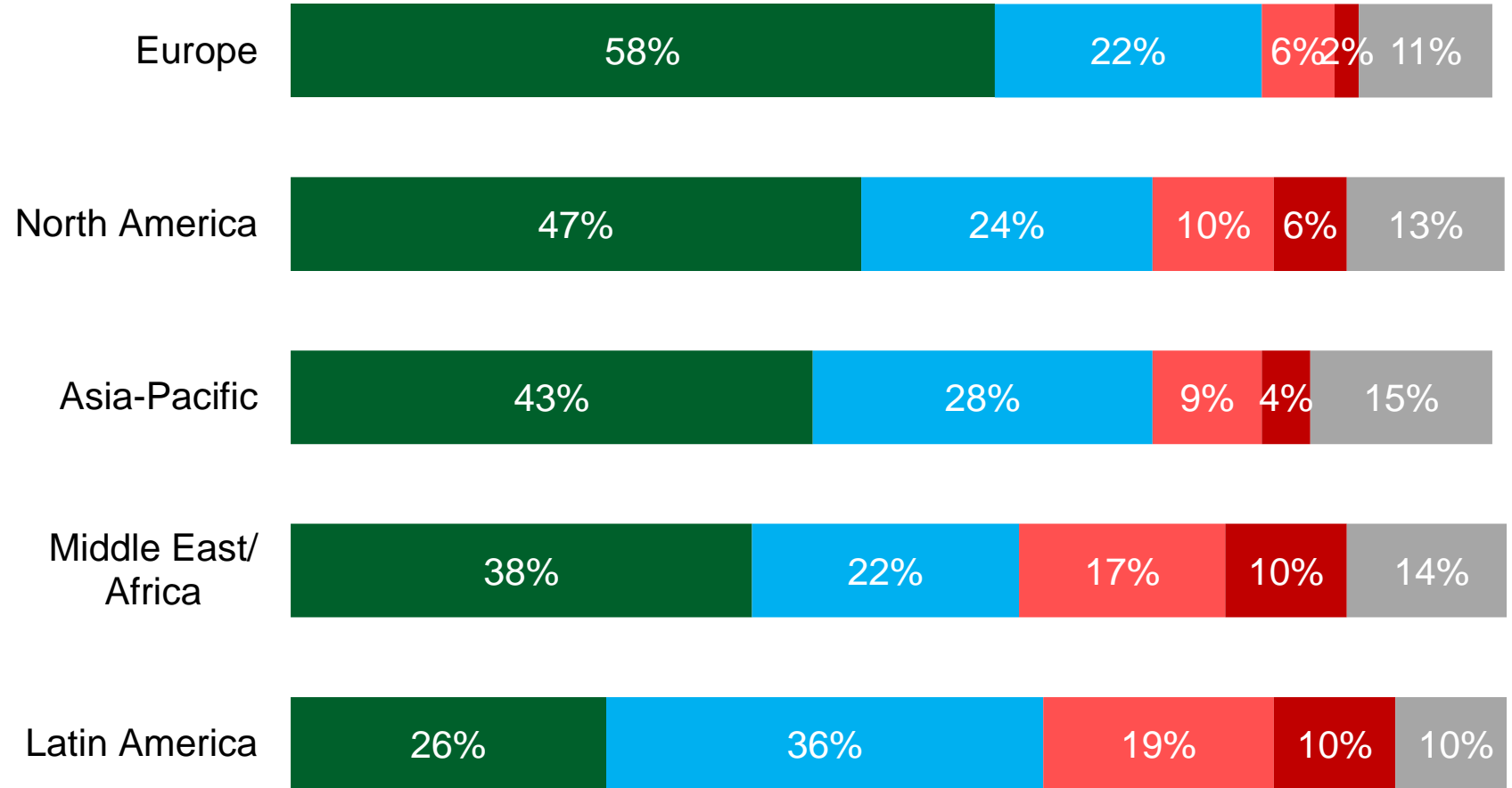
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Europe: Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden

North America: Canada, United States

Asia-Pacific: Australia, India, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, South Korea

Middle East/Africa: Turkey, South Africa

Latin America: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru

# Favourability towards legalization of abortion by country from 2014 to 2020

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Total % SHOULD be permitted	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Change since 2014	Change since 2019
All Countries*	70	70	70	72	75	72	72	-2	0
Sweden	88	84	88	87	93	87	91	-3	4
Belgium	87	87	83	87	90	85	85	2	0
France	84	86	84	86	90	88	90	-6	-2
Great Britain	83	84	76	82	86	84	85	-2	-1
Netherlands	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	83	84	80	83	86	86	88	-5	-1
South Korea	79	61	56	58	71	56	59	20	18
Australia	78	75	74	77	77	75	77	1	3
Hungary	78	78	81	84	83	77	79	-1	0
Canada	77	74	77	77	79	74	76	1	3
Germany	76	82	77	84	84	83	85	-9	-6
Argentina	72	71	74	66	66	65	64	8	1
Italy	70	73	73	71	74	74	73	-3	-3
Poland	69	74	71	-	-	-	-	-	-5
Russia	69	65	65	66	62	65	59	10	4
Chile	68	-	71	75	73	71	65	3	19
Japan	66	65	62	60	65	67	67	-1	1
United States	64	68	68	68	69	68	64	0	-4
Mexico	64	62	59	57	58	49	51	13	2
South Africa	64	80	84	80	80	77	74	-10	-16
India	63	64	64	68	70	63	61	2	-1
Turkey	56	58	64	63	72	68	71	-15	-2
Brazil	53	61	57	50	57	52	53	0	-8
Peru	48	50	53	49	53	-	-	-	-2
Malaysia	24	28	27	-	-	-	-	-	-4

\* All countries listed in this table that were surveyed that year

Population surveyed: 2019 and 2020: online adults aged 16-74 or 18-74; 2014-2018: online adults aged 16-64 or 18-64

# AMERICAS

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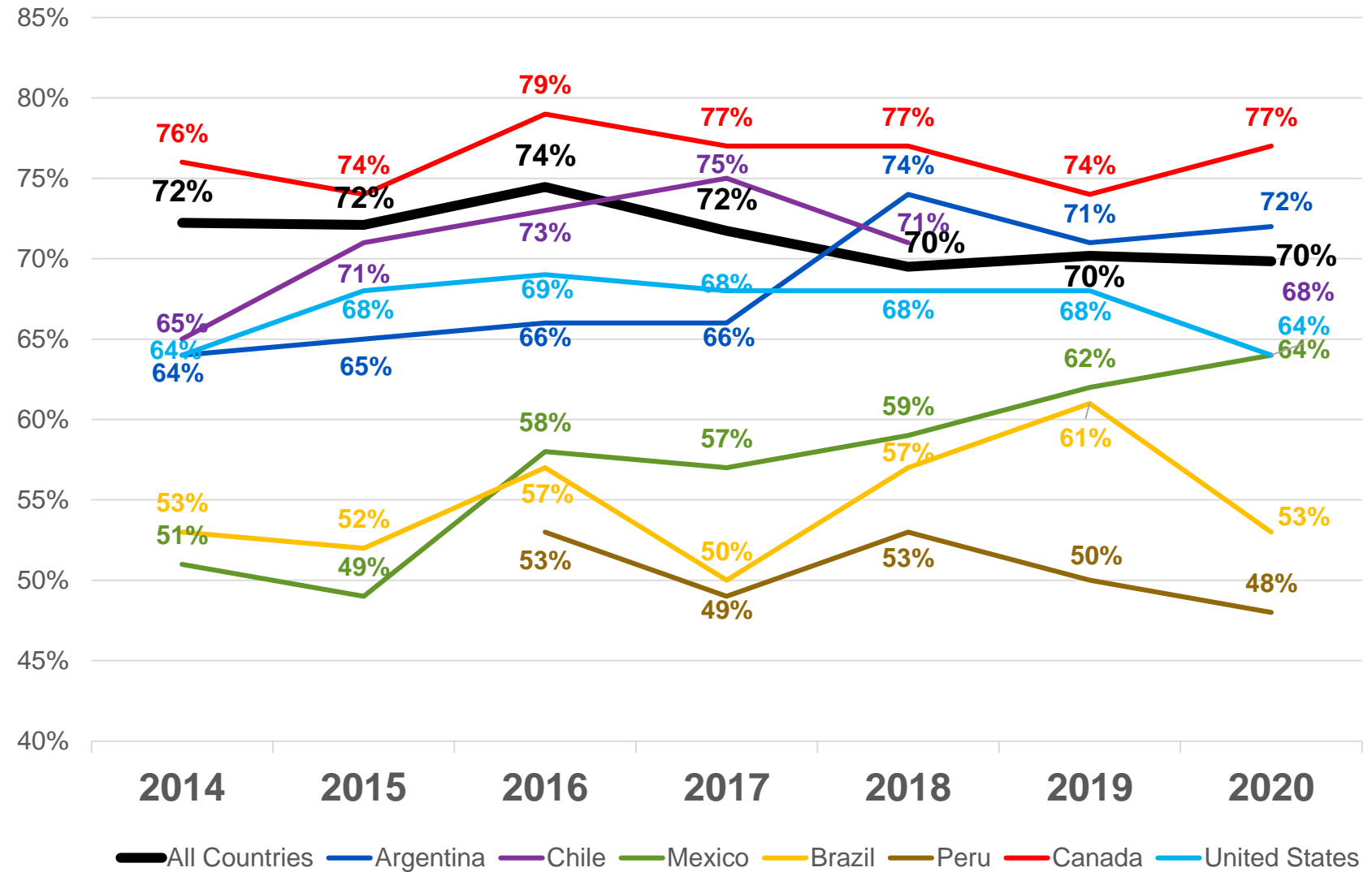
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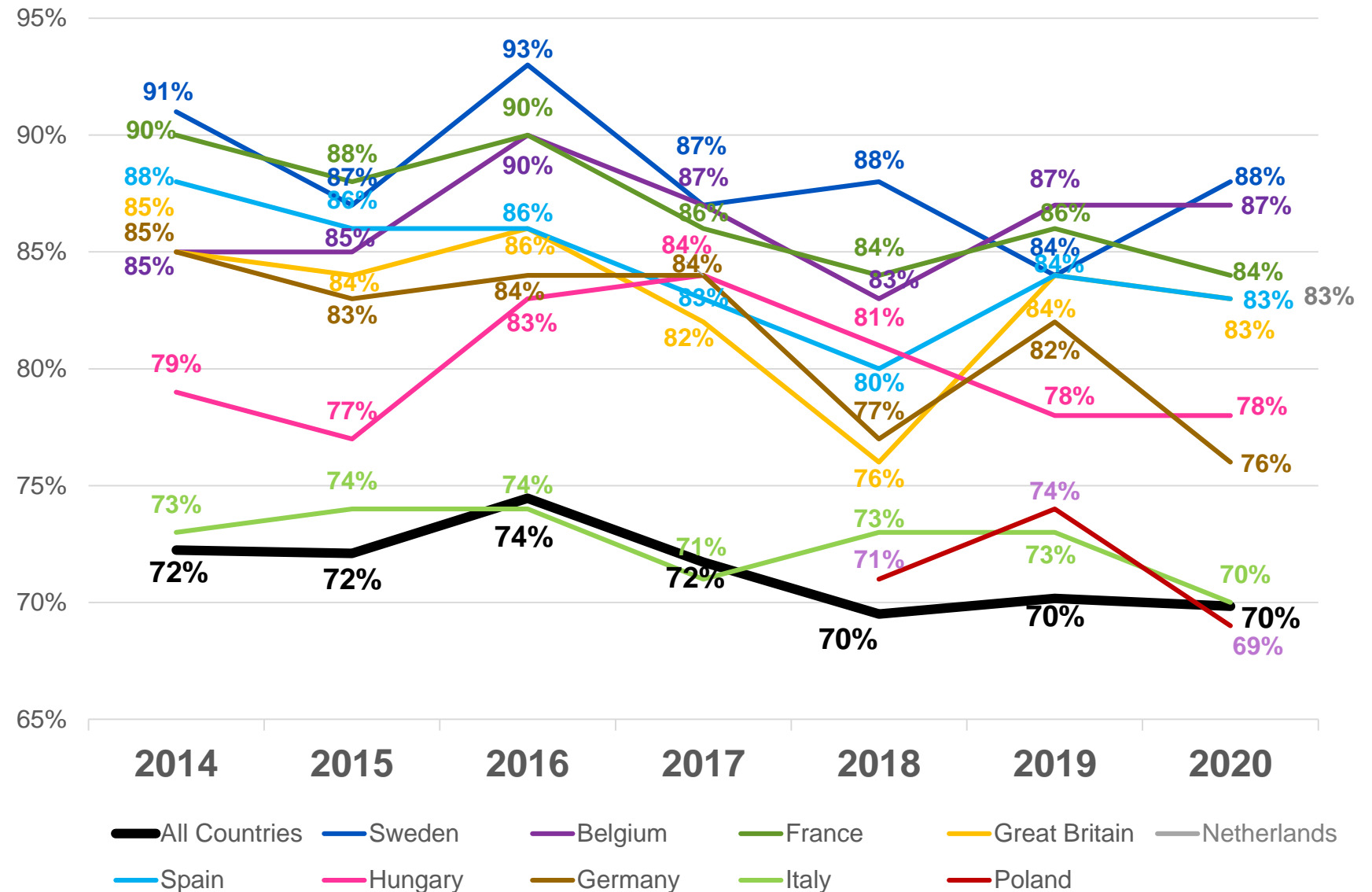
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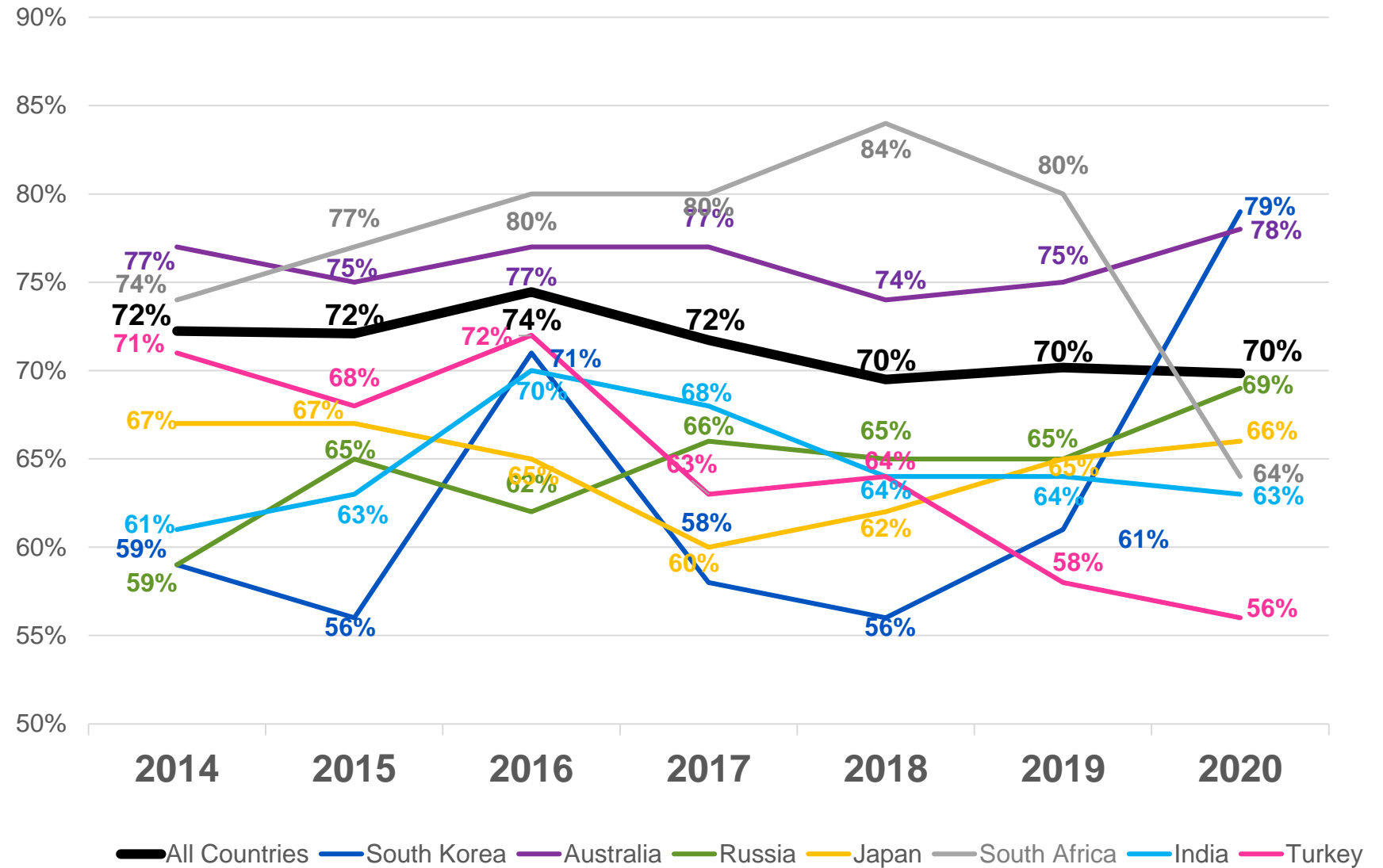
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## OTHER COUNTRIES (EXCL. MALAYSIA)





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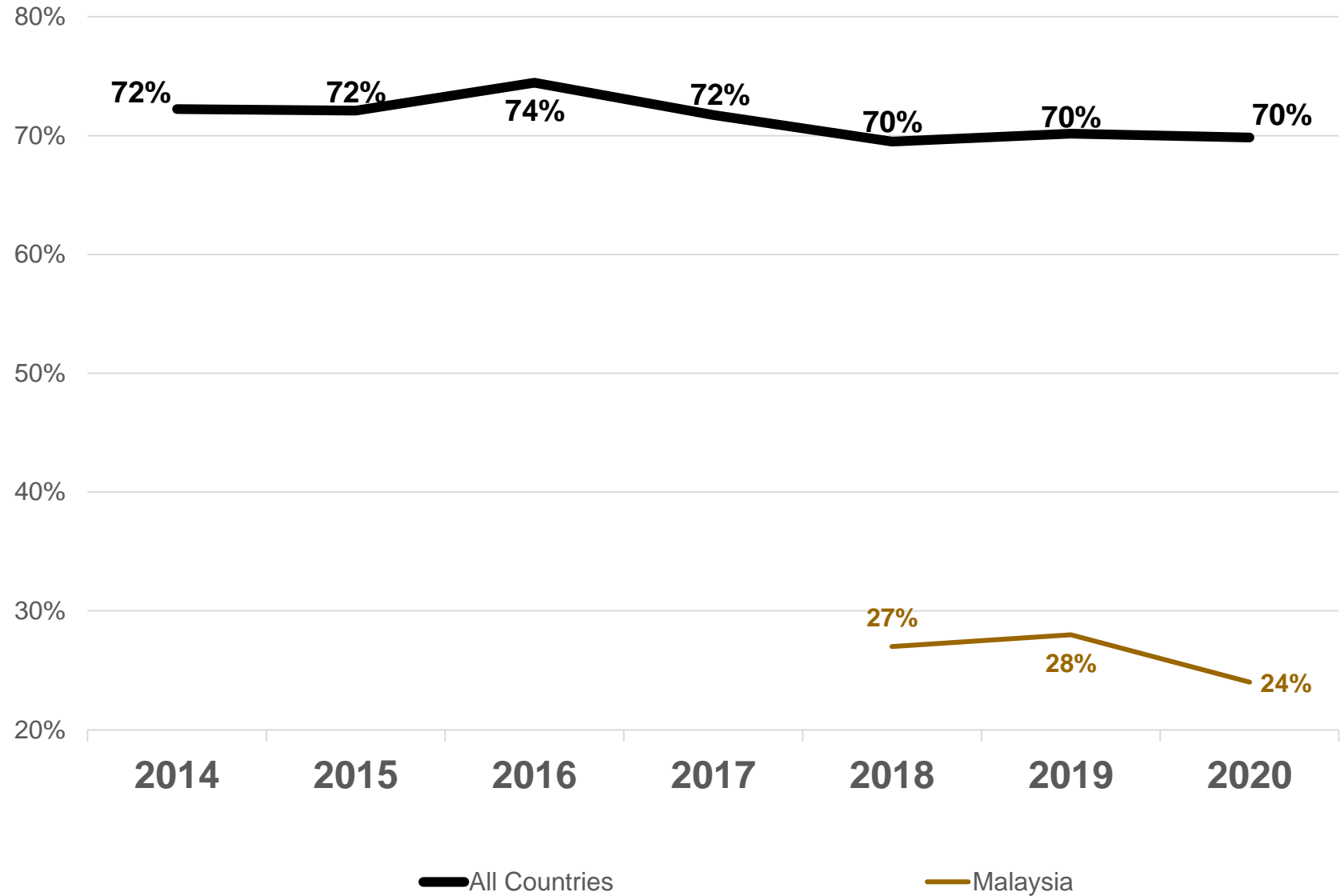
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## MALAYSIA



- These are the results of a survey conducted by Ipsos on the Global Advisor platform.
- Ipsos interviewed a total of 17,997 adults aged 18-74 in United States, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, and Turkey, and 16-74 in 20 other countries on its Global Advisor online survey platform between May 22 and June 5, 2020.
- The sample consists of approximately 1,000 individuals in each of Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain, and the U.S., and 500 individuals in each of Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Hungary, India, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, 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, South Africa and Turkey are more urban, more educated, and/or more affluent than the general population. The survey results for these countries should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more "connected" segment of these population.
- The data is weighted so that each country's sample composition best reflects the demographic profile of the adult population according to the most recent census data.
- This document shows results of previous survey waves conducted each year from 2014 to 2019 in most of the countries covered in 2020. In previous survey waves, the same question was asked on the same Global Advisor platform of sample of similar sizes in all countries. However, until 2018, the maximum age of adults surveyed in all countries was 64. In 2019, the age range in all countries was extended up to 74. Therefore, 2020 results are only truly comparable to 2019 results. Tracking going back to 2014 is only indicative.
- 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.
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