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After a 2020 that is rated as the worst year for some time, people around the world are looking forward to 2021 for their country, families and themselves, according to a new Ipsos Global Advisor poll in 31 countries. However, worries about the long-term impact of COVID-19 are prevalent, as well as concerns about global warming and the economy.

This report covers people's perceptions of what 2021 may bring, with the following topics covered:

- General Outlook
- COVID-19
- Economics
- Society & Culture
- Technology
- Global Threats

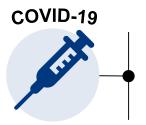
Who was surveyed?

The sample consists of approximately 1,000 individuals in each of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, mainland China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain, New Zealand and the US, and 500 individuals in each of Argentina, Chile, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden and Turkey.

Global Fieldwork Dates: October 23-November 6, 2020 New Zealand Fieldwork Dates: October 16-19, 2020



KEY FINDINGS – New Zealand vs Global average



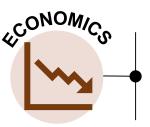
30% of NZers (cf. 61% global average) believe most people will wear masks in public places

48% of NZers (cf. 60% global average) believe a successful COVID-19 vaccine will be widely available



14% of NZers (cf. 21% global average) believe human cloning is likely to be legalised in some countries

29% of NZers (cf. 34% global average) feel their online accounts are likely to be hacked into



50% of NZers (cf. 66% global average) believe income inequality will increase

32% of NZers (cf. 40% global average) believe women will be paid the same as men for the same work



71% of NZers (cf. 75% global average) believe average global temperatures will increase

10% NZers (cf. 16% global average) believe humans will become extinct



44% of NZers (cf. 29% global average) believe people will be more tolerant of each other

23% of NZers (cf. 34% global average) believe people living in big cities will shrink



86% of NZers (cf. 90% global average) agree 2020 was a bad year

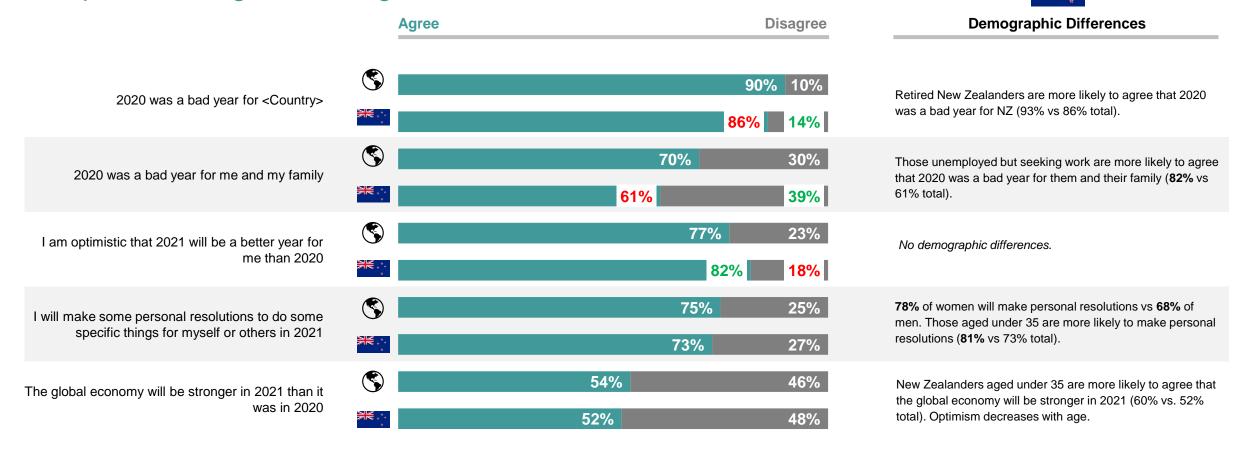
82% of NZers (cf. 77% global average) are optimistic 2021 will be a better year than 2020





The majority agree that 2020 was a bad year for their country & themselves; however, most are optimistic that 2021 will be better

At a personal level, 61% of New Zealanders agree 2020 was a bad year for them & their families compared to the global average of 70%.



Q: Please indicate if you agree very much, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree very much with the following statements in 2021.

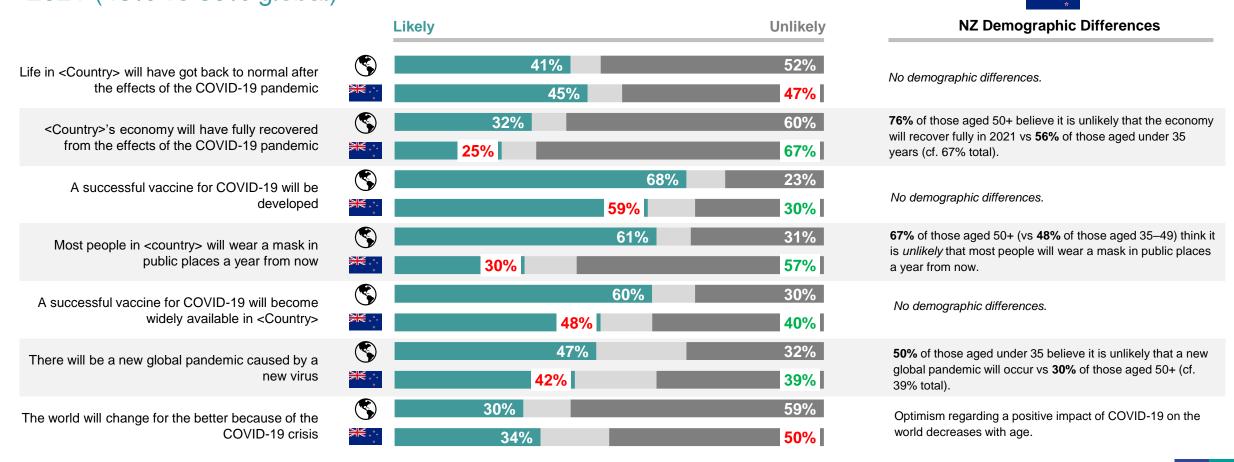






Just 25% of NZers believe our economy will fully recover from the effects of the pandemic in 2021, compared to 32% globally

New Zealanders are less likely to believe a vaccine for COVID-19 will become widely available in 2021 (48% vs 60% global)





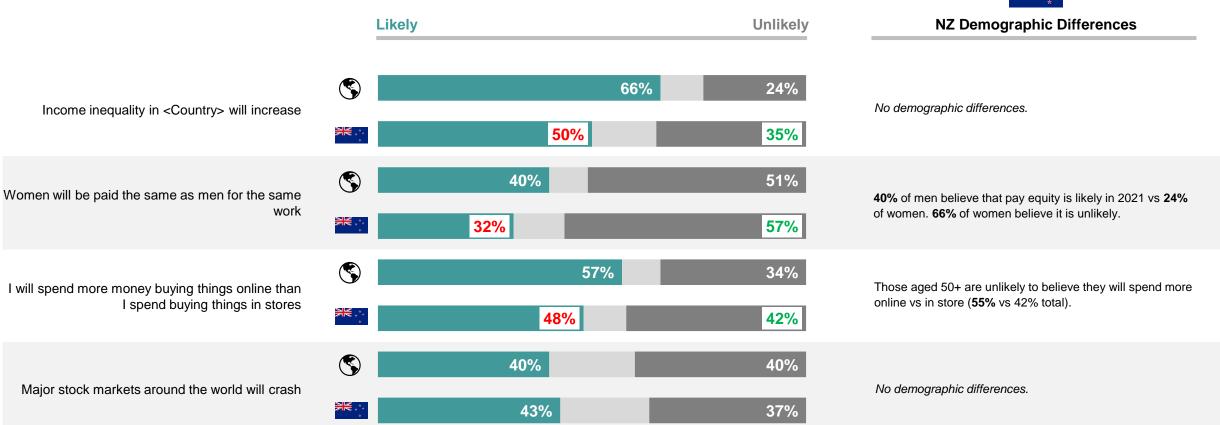




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1 in 2 New Zealanders believe income inequality will increase in 2021, whereas globally 2 in 3 believe this

However, only 32% of NZers believe the gender pay gap will decrease, compared to 40% globally.



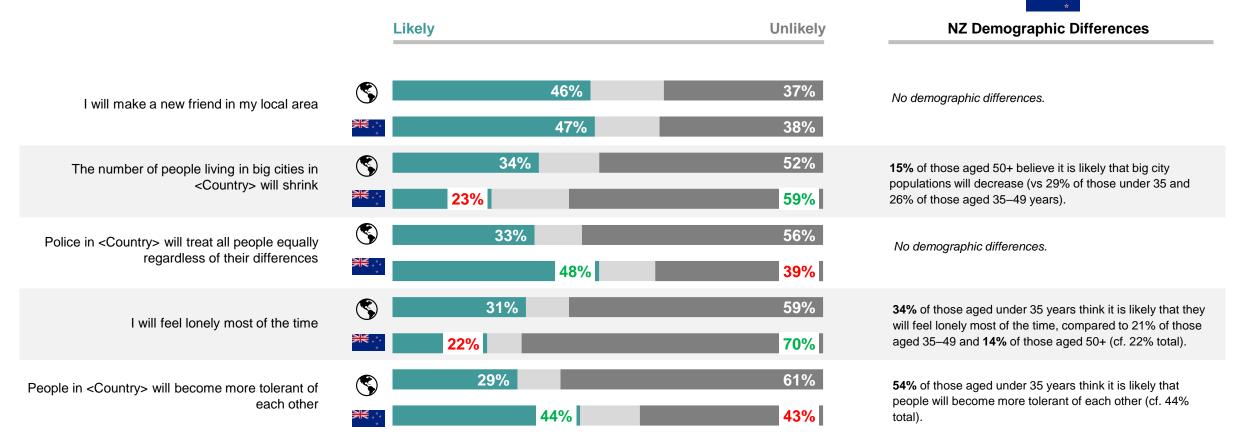




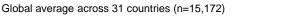


New Zealanders are more likely to believe 2021 will bring more tolerance as well as fair treatment of all people by the police

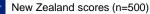
Compared to the global average (34%), fewer New Zealanders (23%) are likely to believe the number of people living in big cities will shrink.









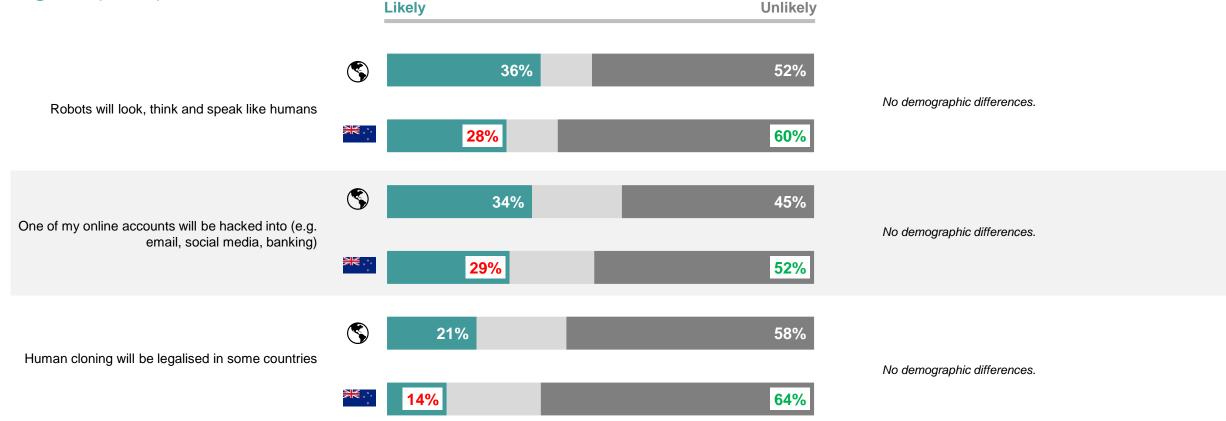


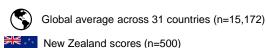


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34% globally are concerned about their online accounts being hacked in 2021, compared to 29% in New Zealand

Globally, 21% believe human cloning will be legalised in some countries; fewer New Zealanders agree (14%).



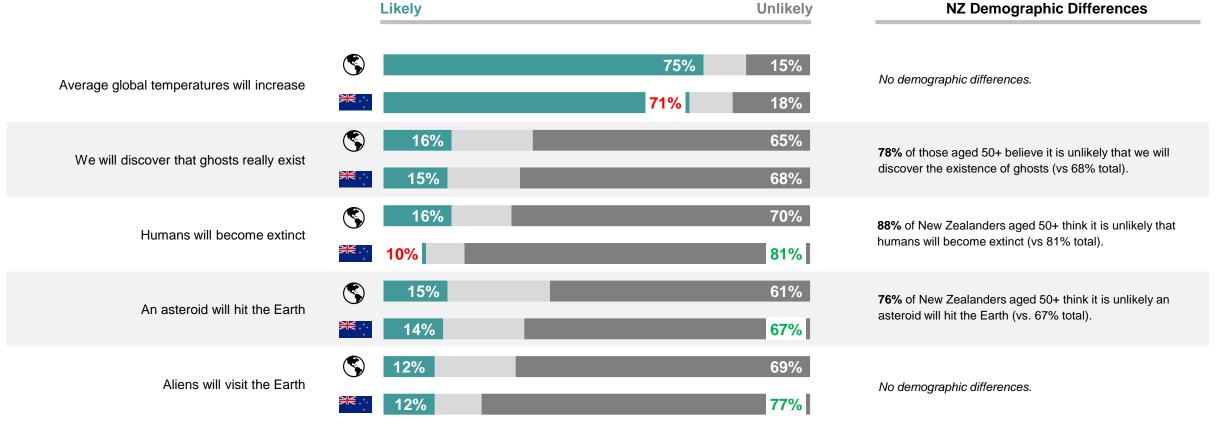






71% of New Zealanders believe that average global temperatures are likely to increase in 2021, compared to 75% globally

Compared to the global average of 70%, 81% of New Zealanders feel it is <u>unlikely</u> that humans will become extinct in 2021.









APPENDIX

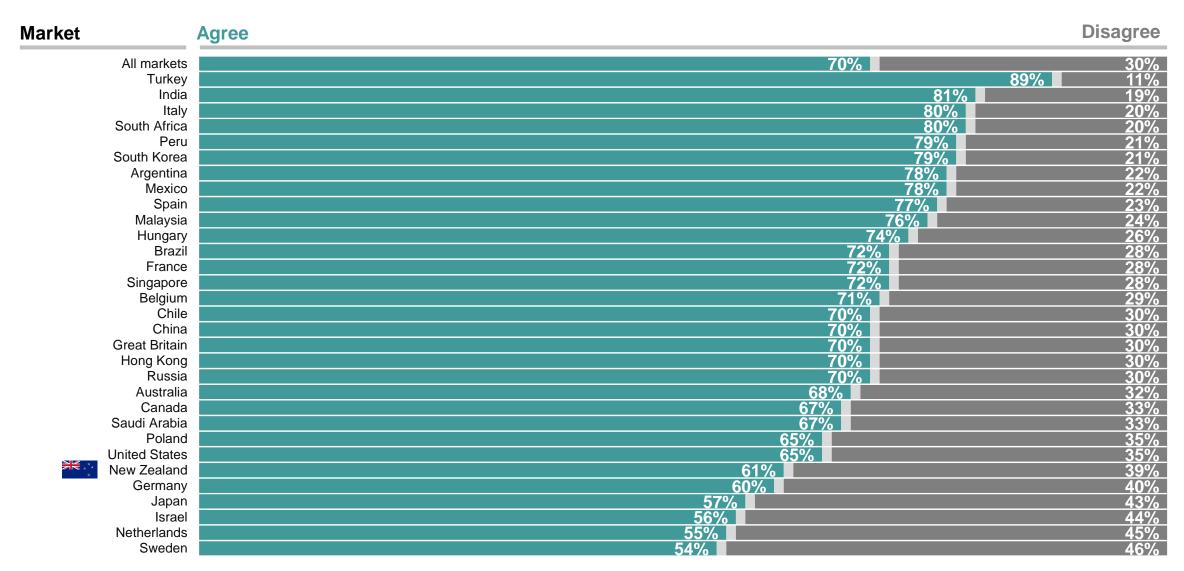
2020 was a bad year for [Country]



Q: Please indicate if you agree very much, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree very much with the following statements...

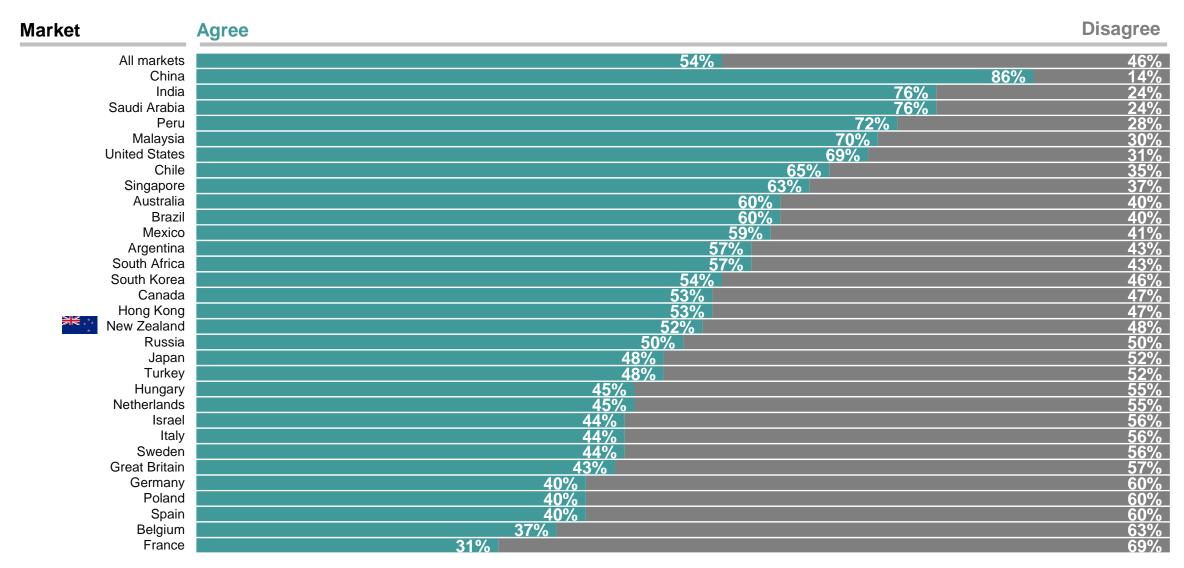
Base: ~23,007 online interviews across 31 markets, 23 October–6 November 2020; NZ sample n=1,000

2020 was a bad year for me & my family



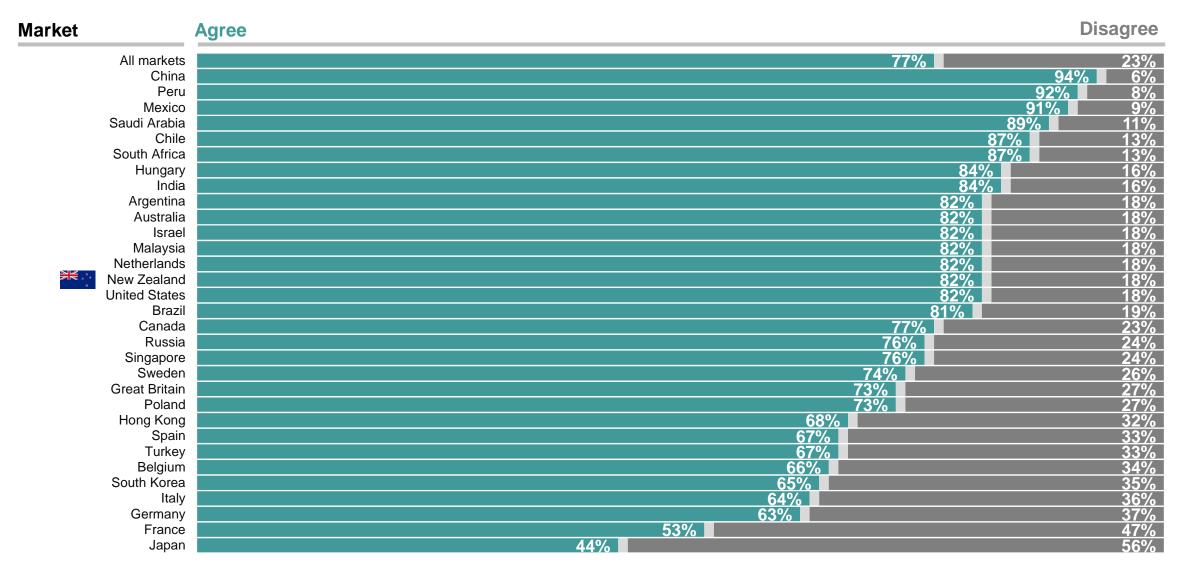
Q: Please indicate if you agree very much, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree very much with the following statements...

The global economy will be stronger in 2021 than it was in 2020



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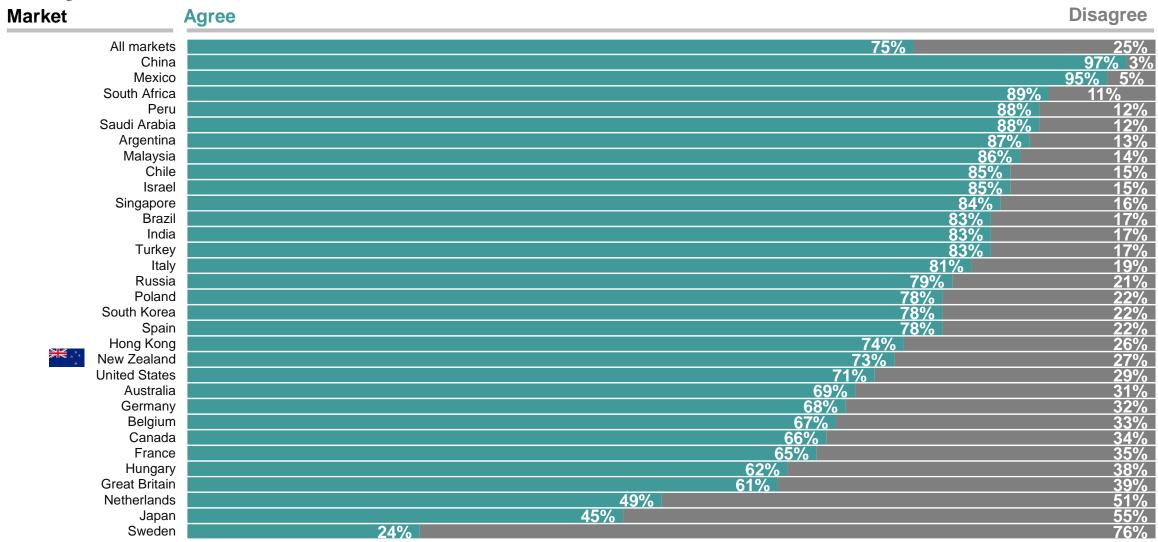
I am optimistic that 2021 will be a better year for me than 2020



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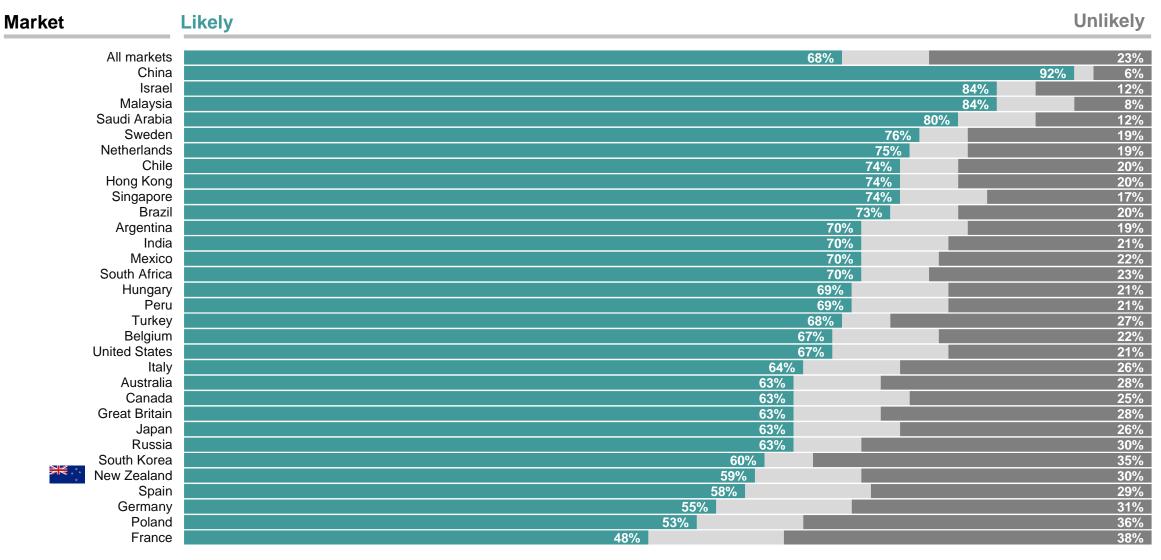
I will make some personal resolutions to do some specific things for myself or others in 2021



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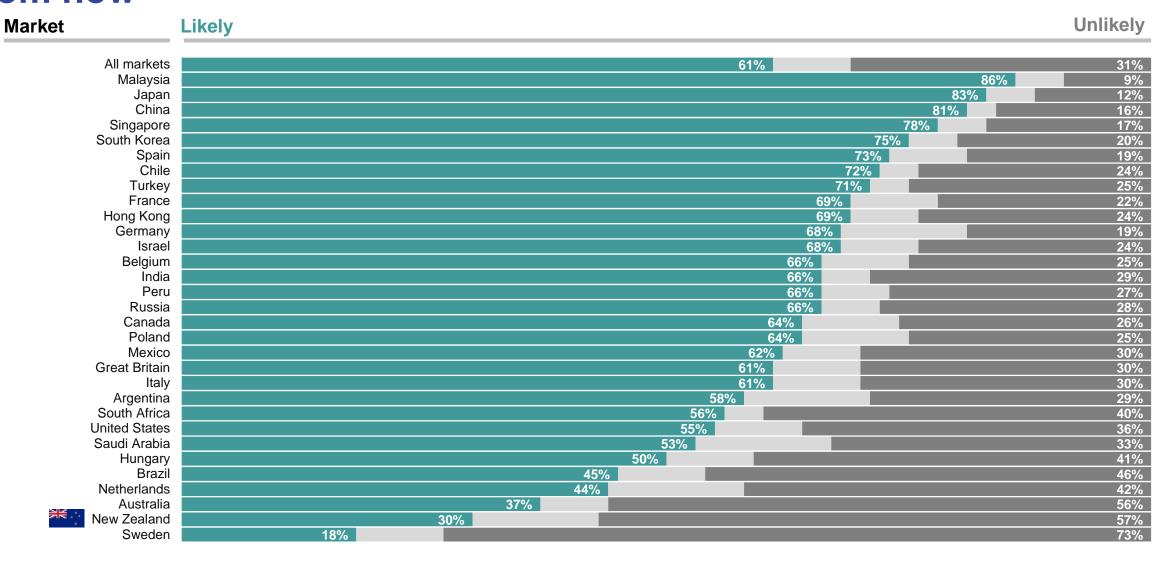
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A successful vaccine for COVID-19 will be developed



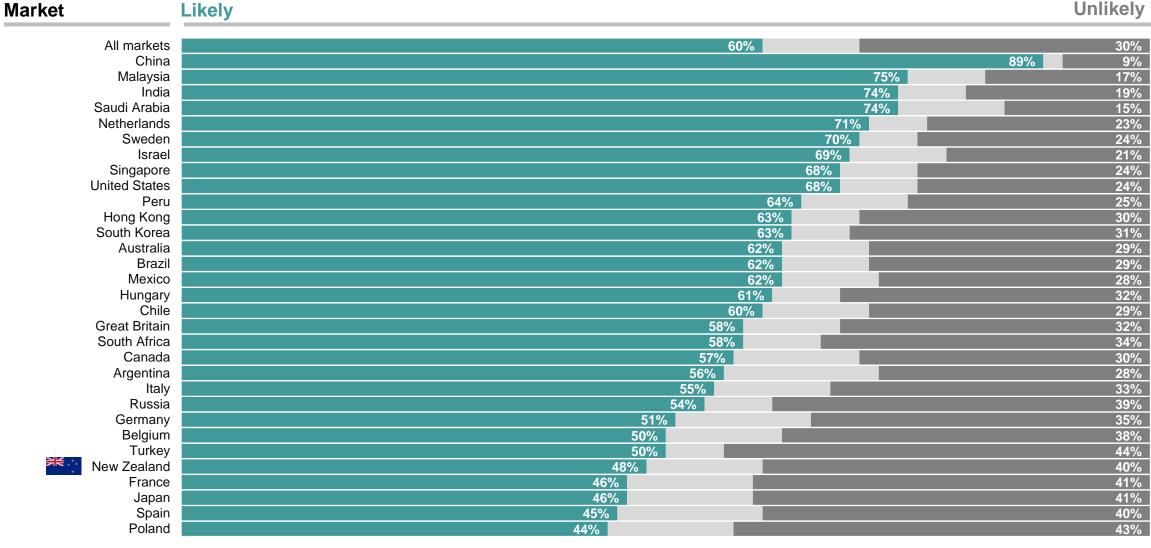
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Most people in [Country] will wear a mask in public places a year from now



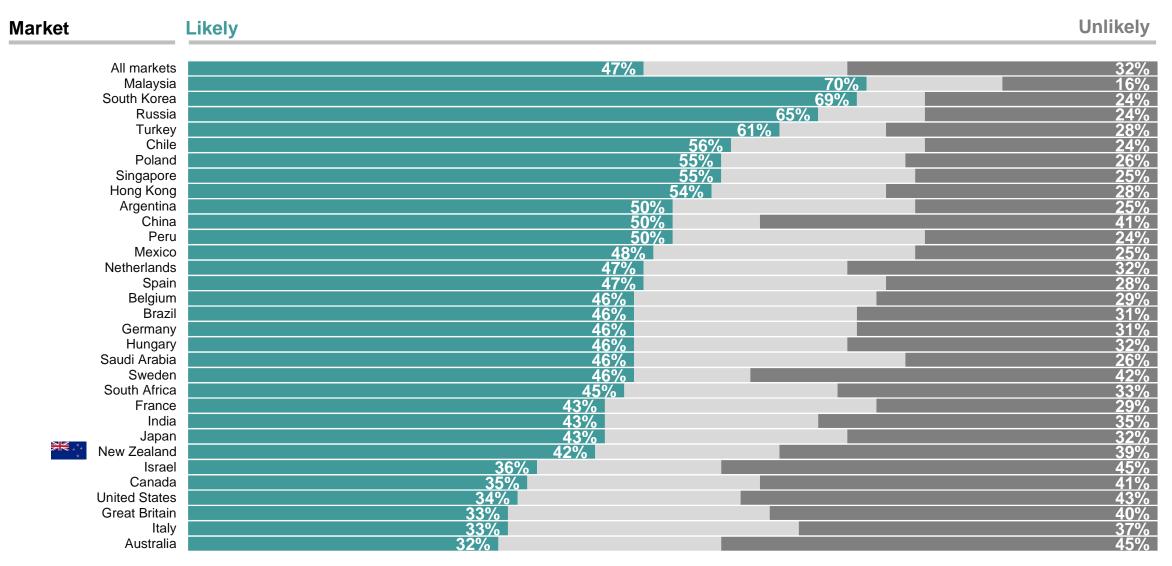
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

A successful vaccine for COVID-19 will become widely available in [Country]



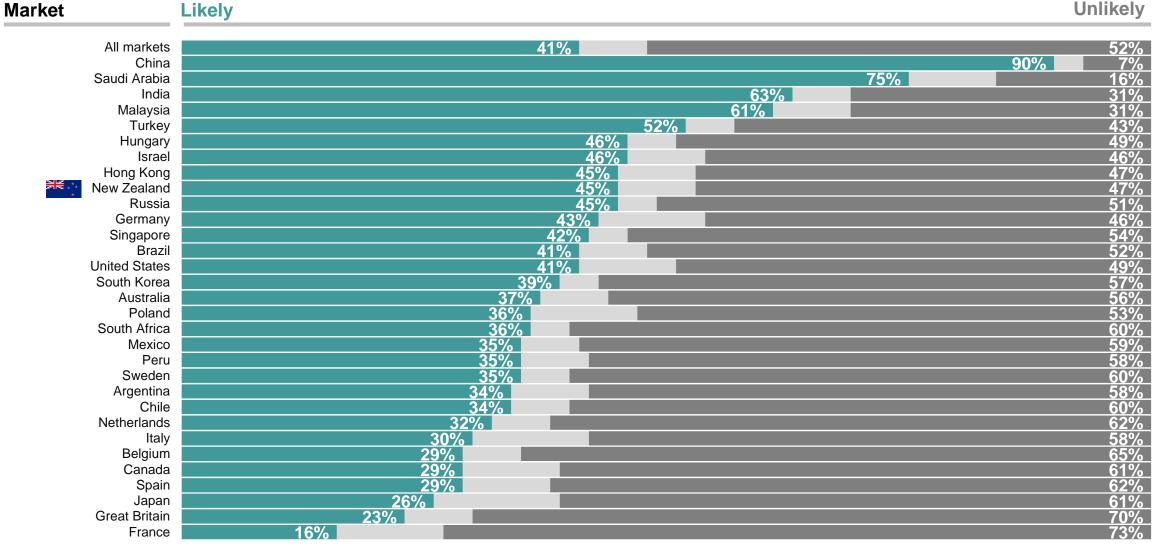
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

There will be a new global pandemic caused by a new virus



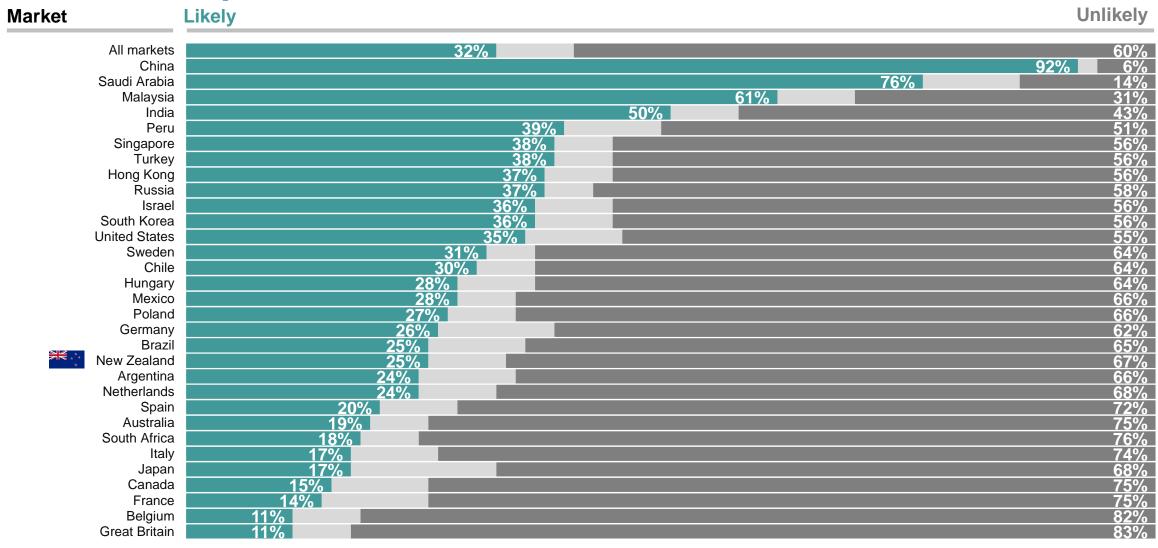
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Life in [Country] will have got back to normal after the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic



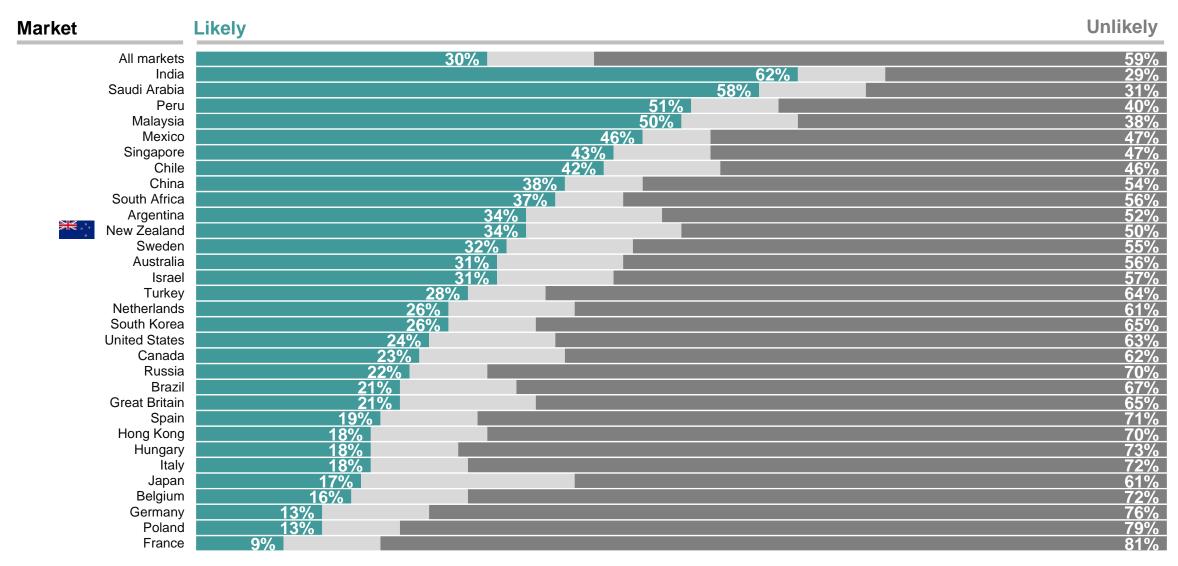
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

[Country]'s economy will have fully recovered from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic



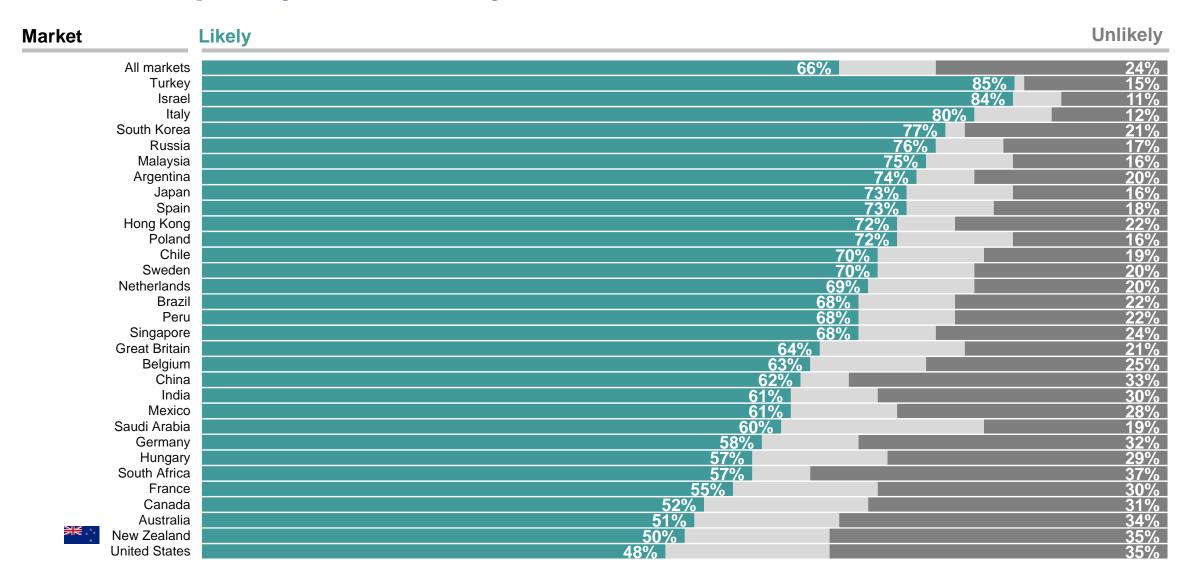
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

The world will change for the better because of the COVID-19 crisis



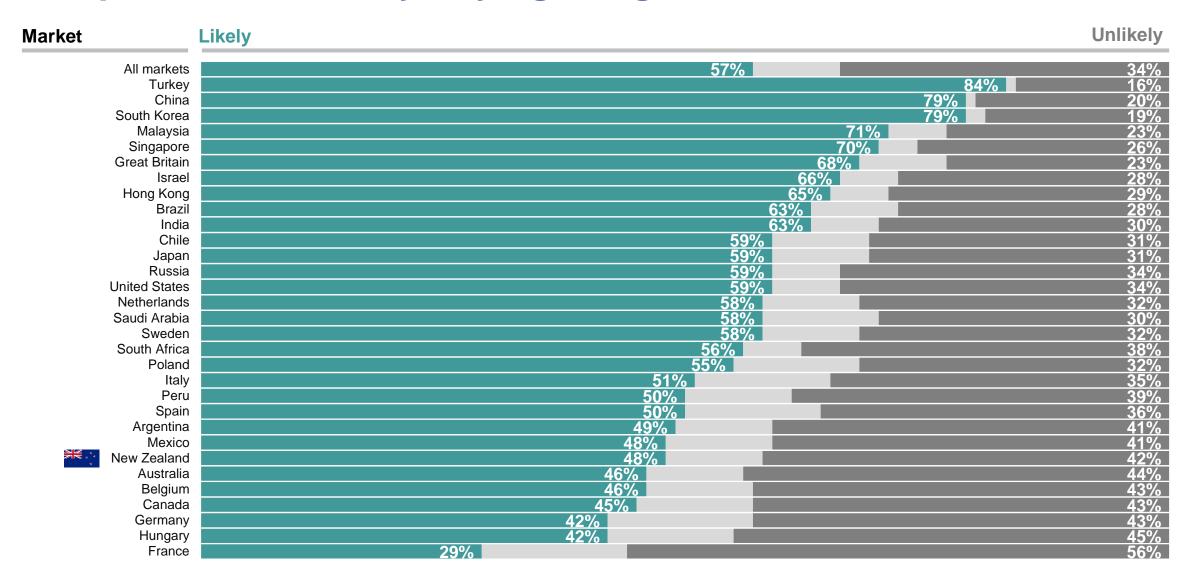
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Income inequality in [Country] will increase



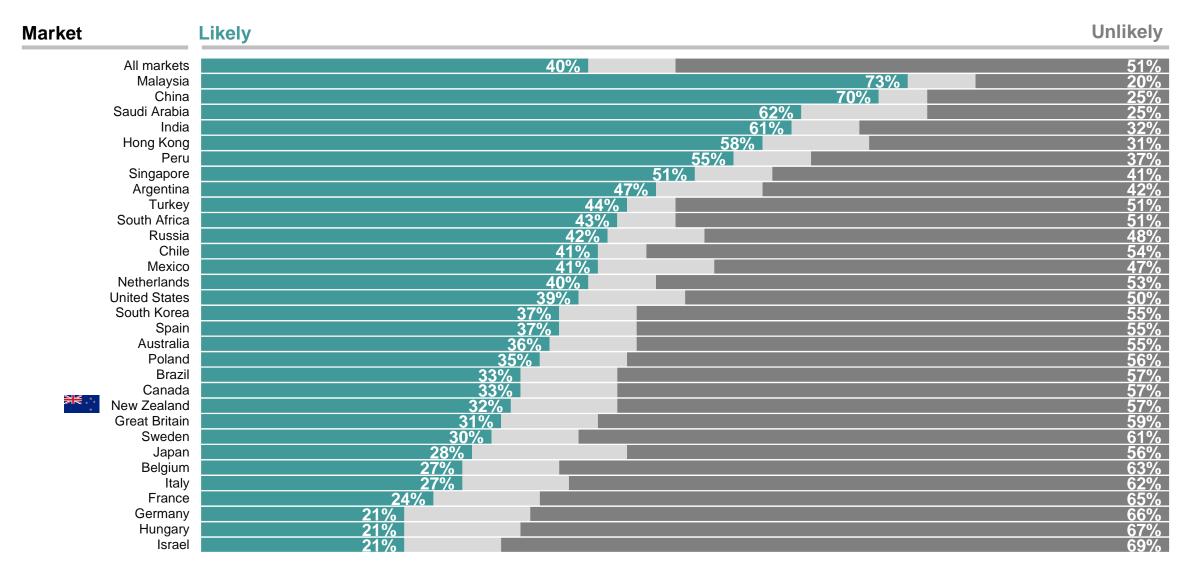
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

I will spend more money buying things online than in stores



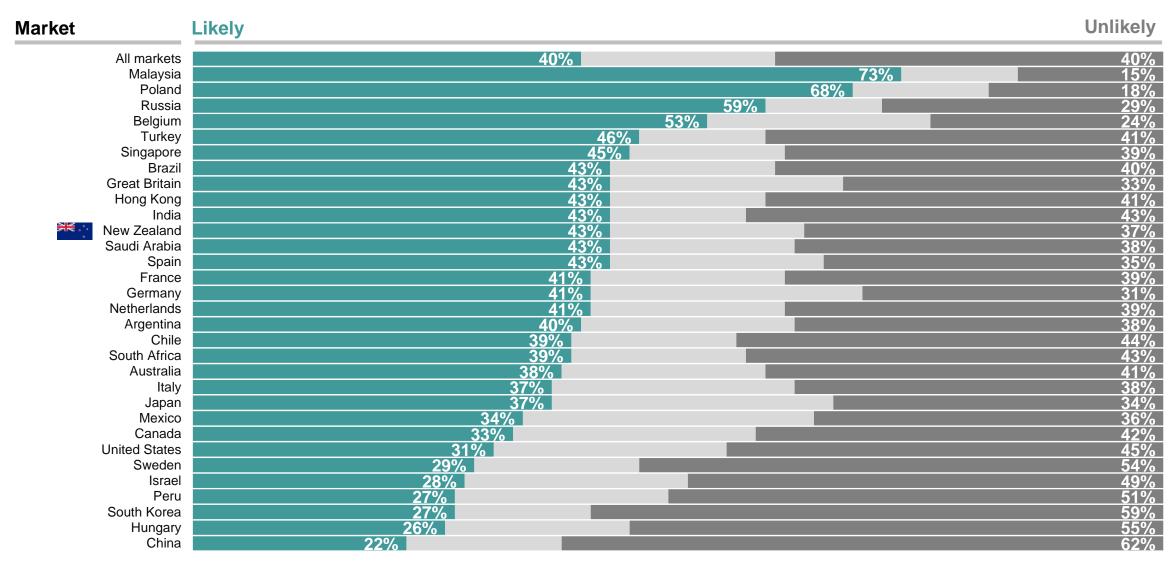
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Women will be paid the same as men for the same work



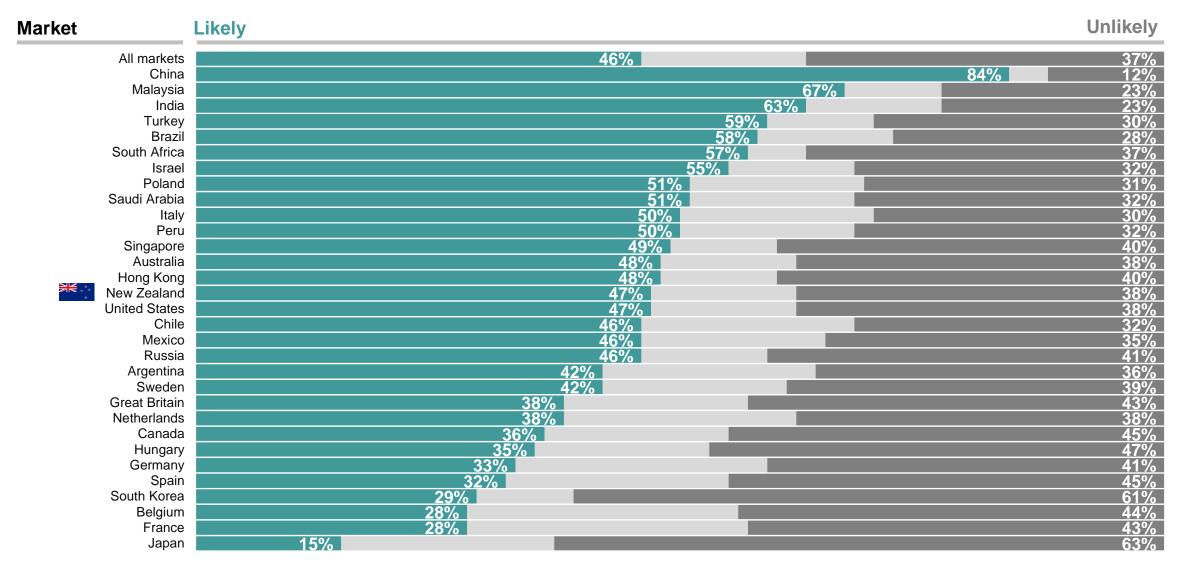
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Major stock markets around the world will crash



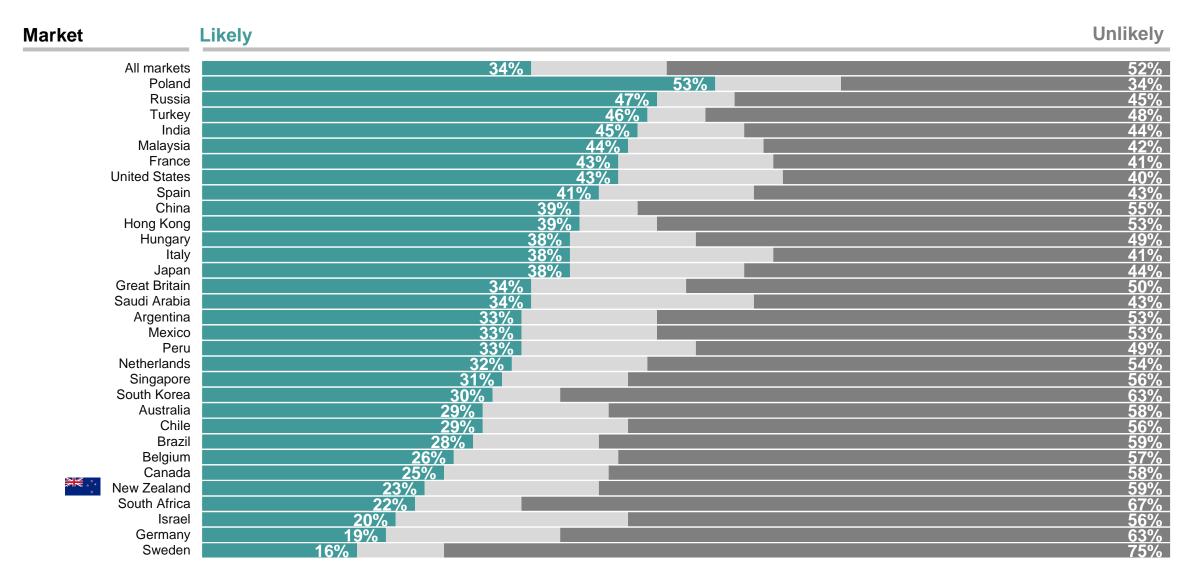
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

I will make a new friend in my local area



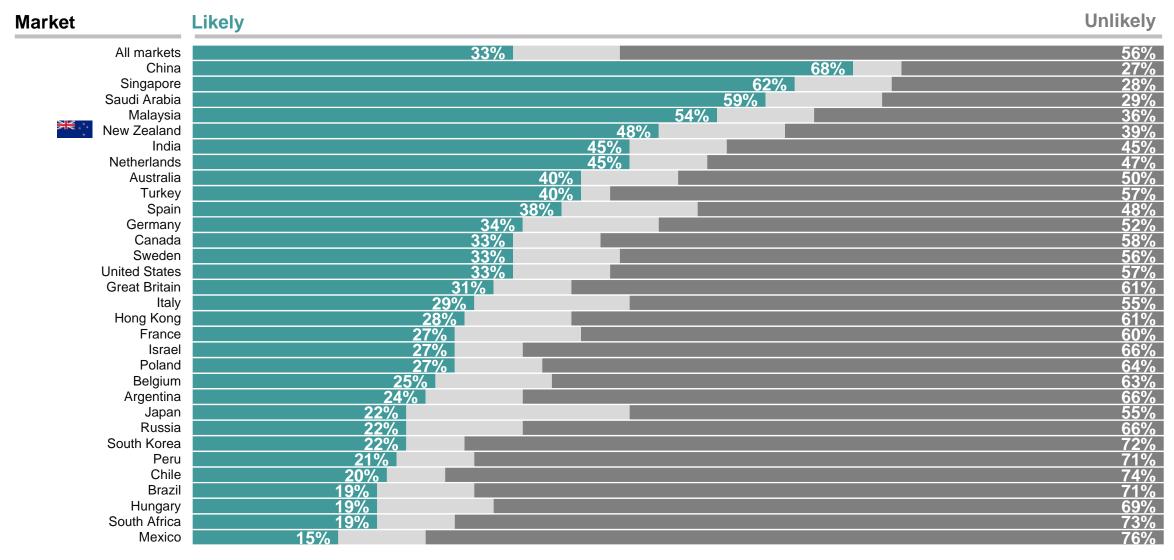
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

The number of people living in big cities in [Country] will shrink



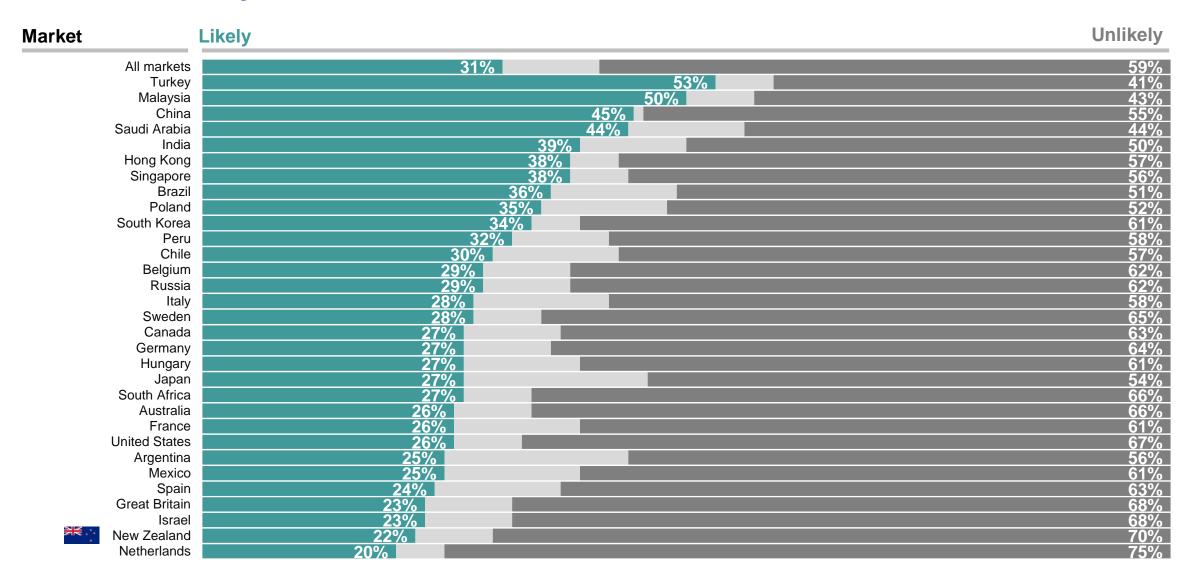
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Police in [Country] will treat all people equally regardless of their differences



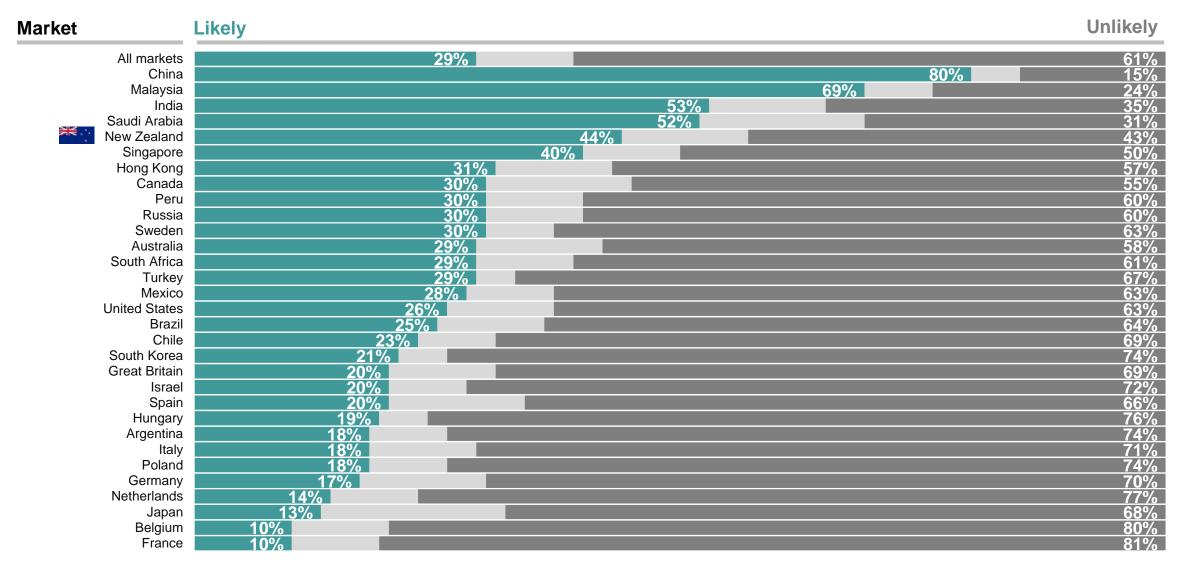
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

I will feel lonely most of the time



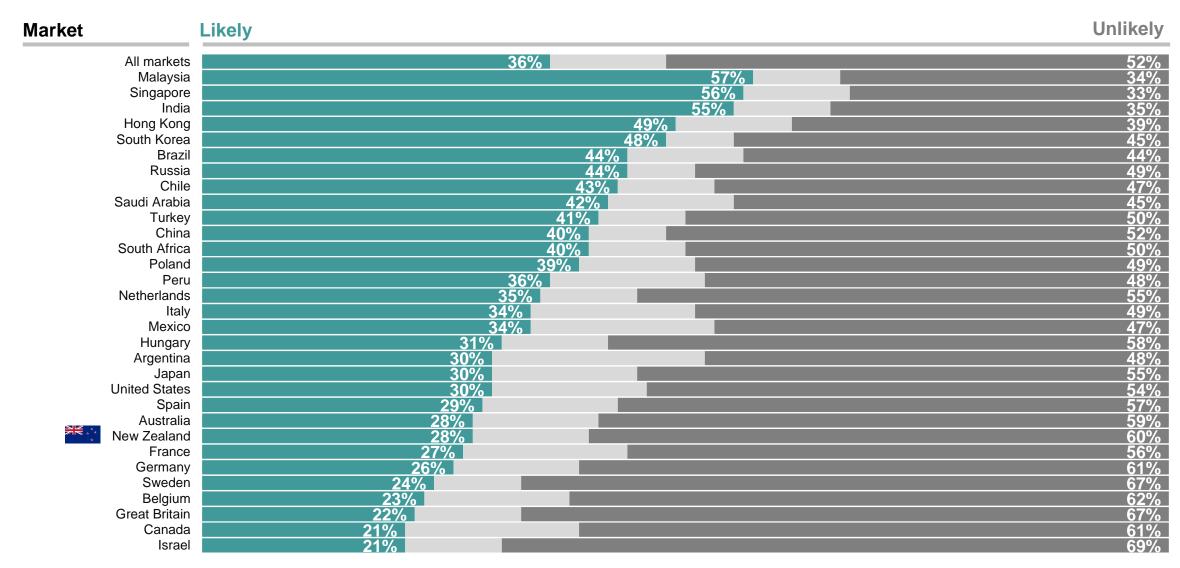
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

People in [Country] will become more tolerant of each other



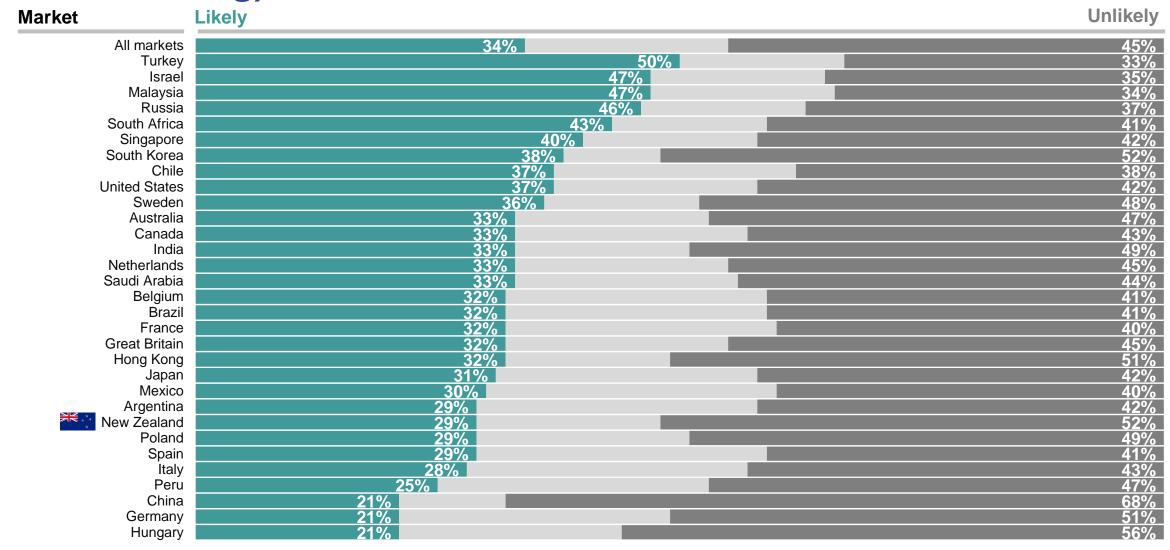
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Robots will look, think & speak like humans



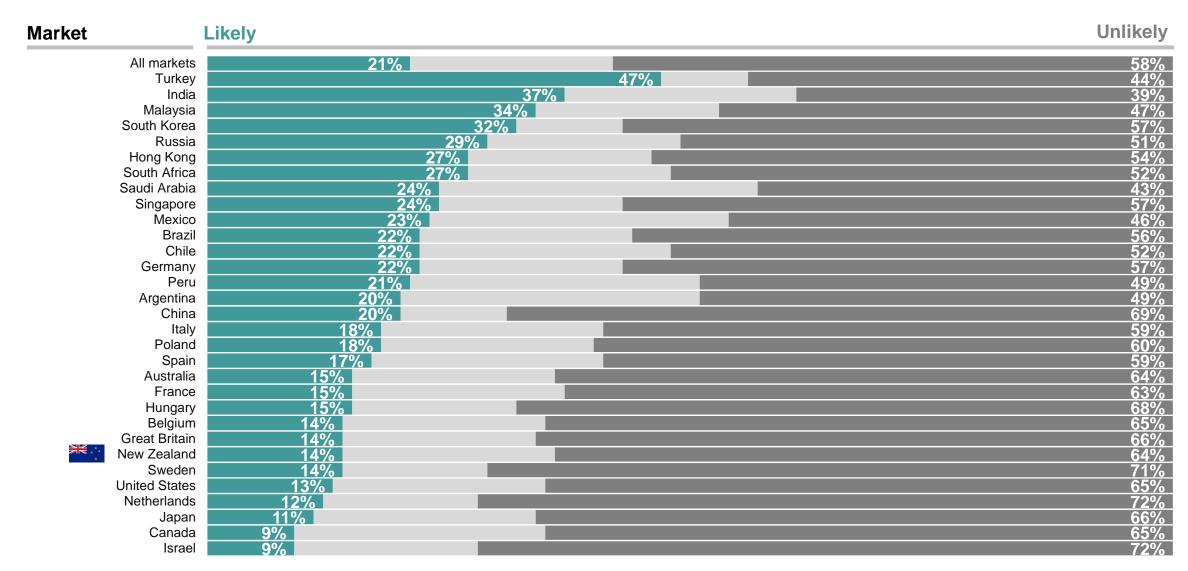
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

One of my online accounts will be hacked into (e.g. email, social media, banking)



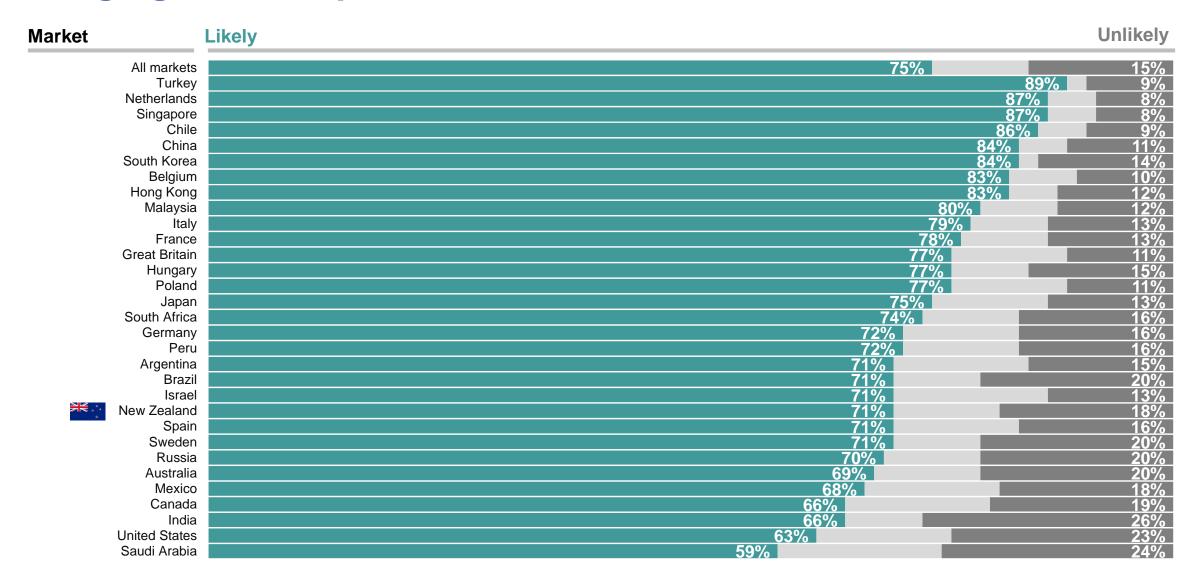
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Human cloning will be legalised in some countries



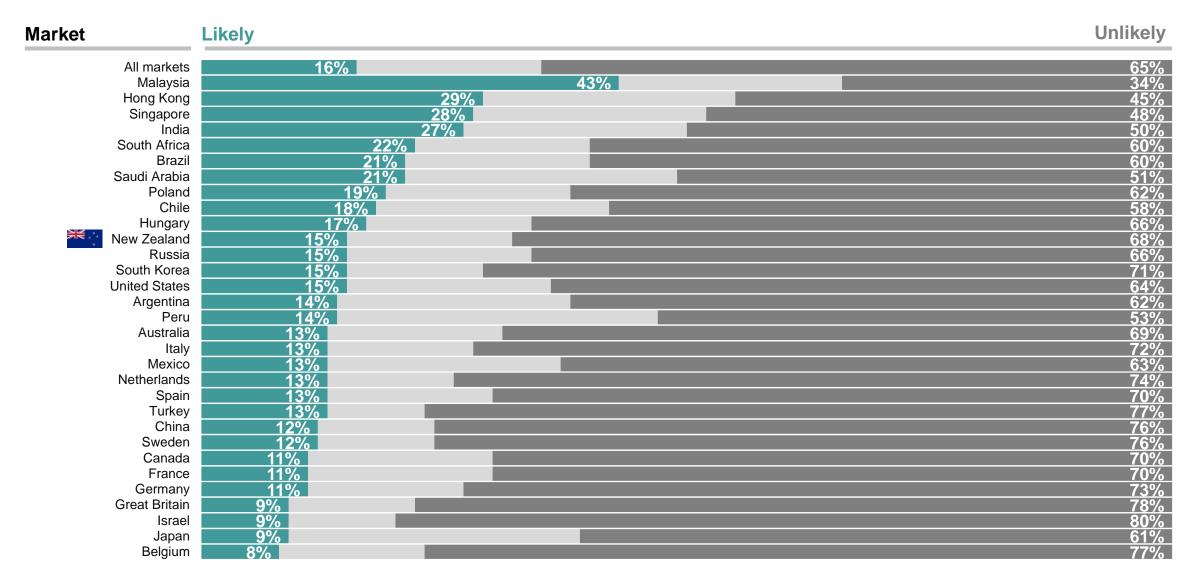
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Average global temperatures will increase



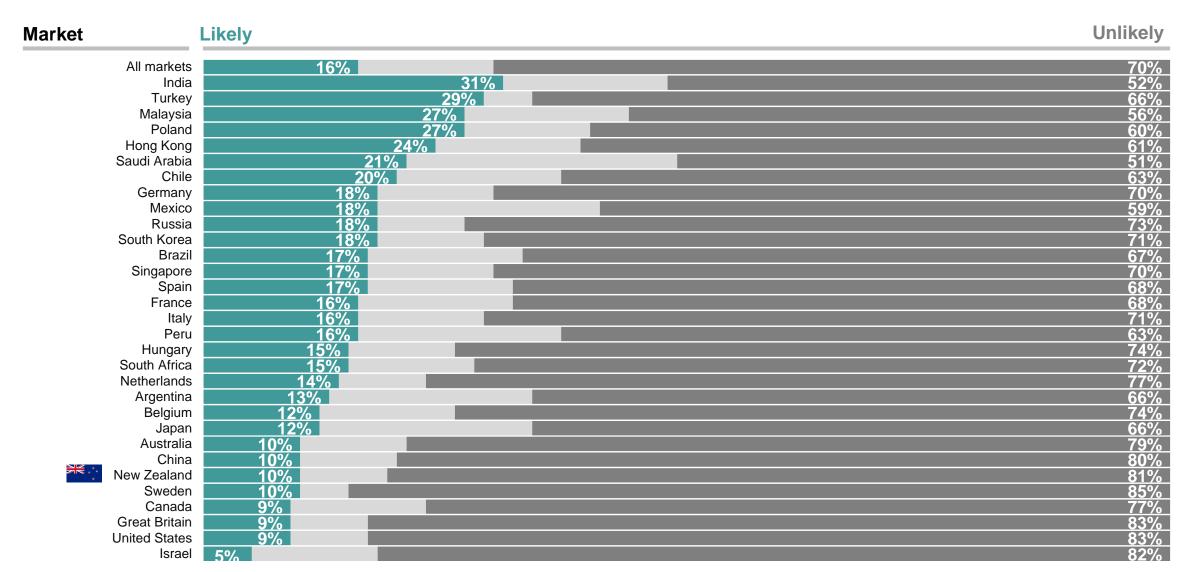
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

We will discover that ghosts really exist



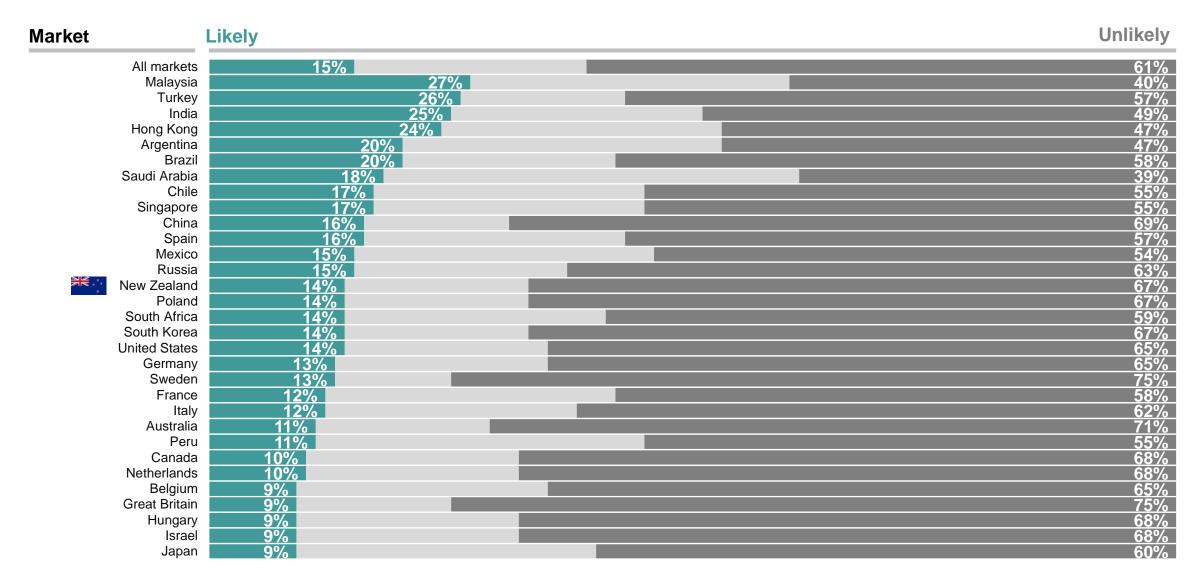
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Humans will become extinct



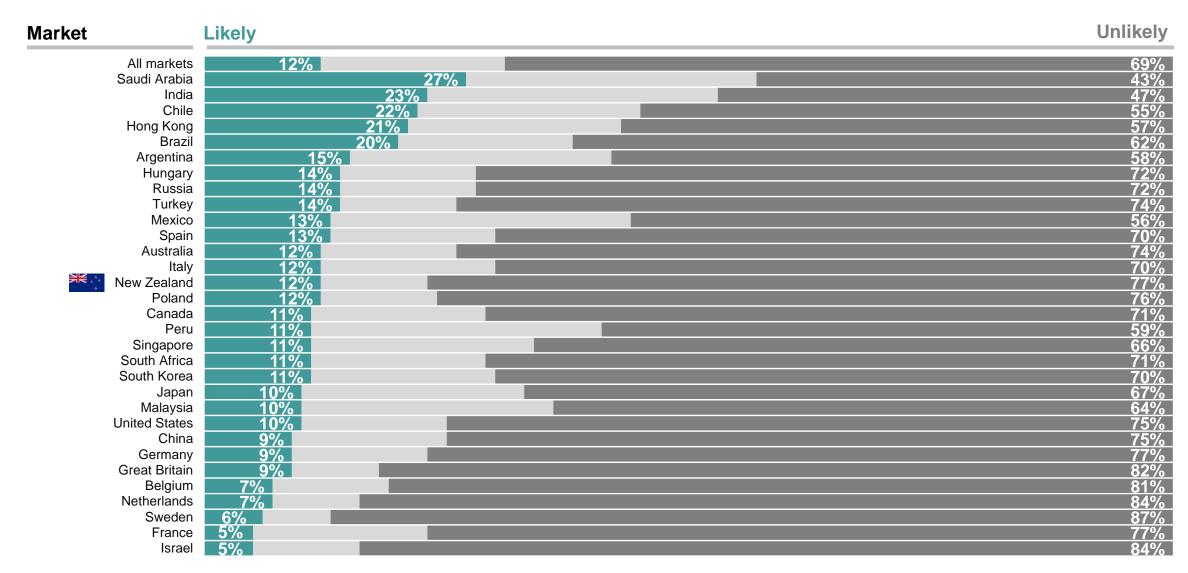
Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

An asteroid will hit the Earth



Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Aliens will visit the Earth



Q: For each of the following, please tell me how likely or unlikely you think they are to happen.

Technical note

These are the results of a 31-market survey conducted by Ipsos on its Global Advisor online platform. Ipsos interviewed a total of 23,007 adults aged 21–74 in Singapore;18–74 in the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Israel, Malaysia, South Africa and Turkey; and 16–74 in 22 other markets between October 23 and November 6, 2020. New Zealand fieldwork dates: October 16–19, 2020.

The sample consists of approximately 1,000 individuals in each of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, mainland China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain, New Zealand and the US, and 500 individuals in each of Argentina, Chile, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, 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, New Zealand and the US can be taken as representative of their general adult population under the age of 75.

The samples in Brazil, Chile, mainland China, Hong Kong, India, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, 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 their population.

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.

For the question regarding *likelihood of things to happen*, statements were asked on a rotation basis, so base numbers for each statement in case of New Zealand range between 499 and 501 and global sample circa 15,172.

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 know' or 'not stated' responses.

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Demographic differences for New Zealand have been highlighted based on age and gender.

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