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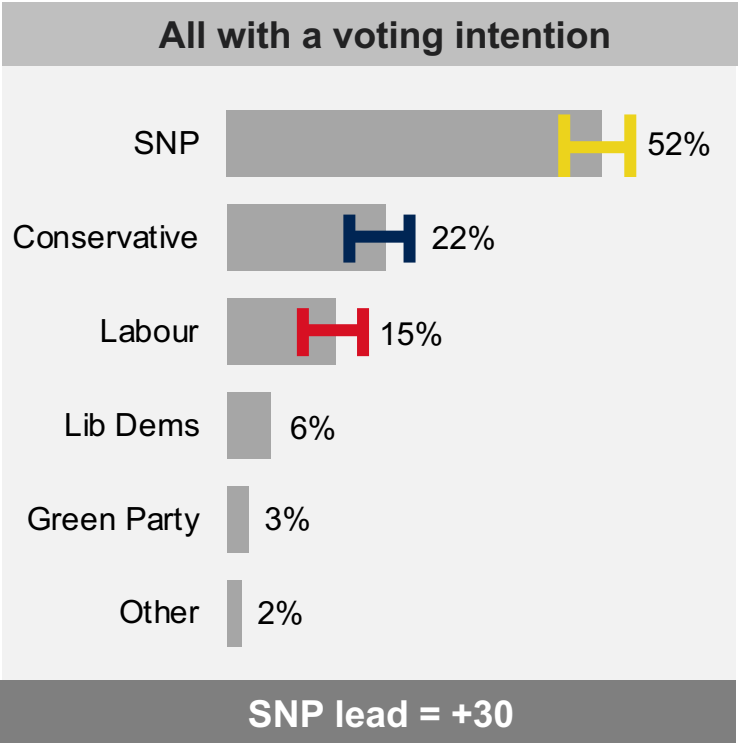
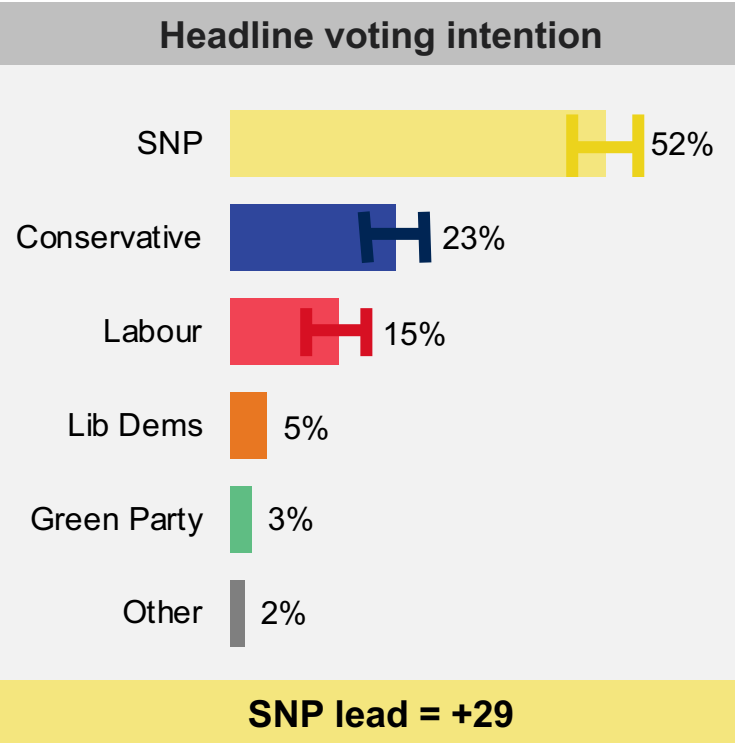


VOTING INTENTION



Holyrood Voting Intention: Constituency Vote

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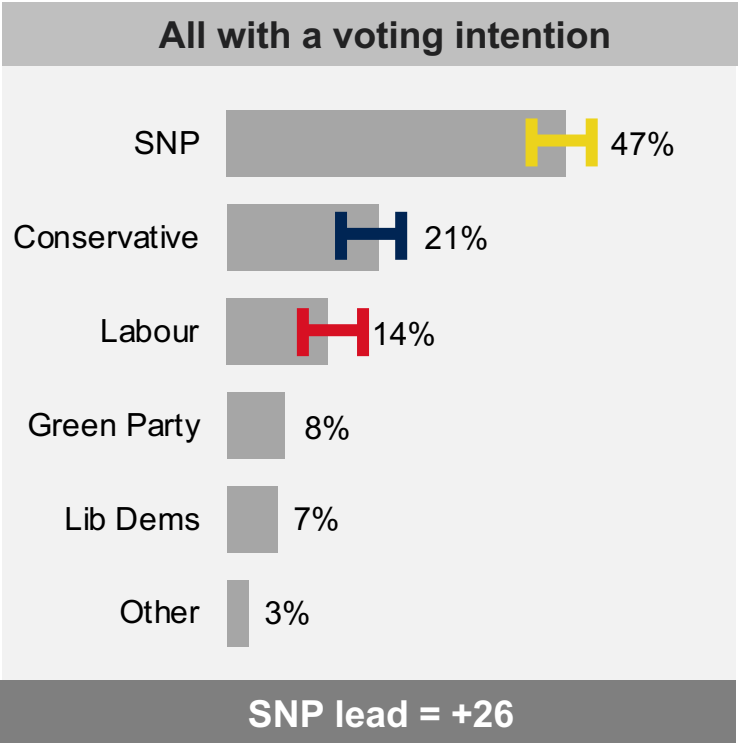
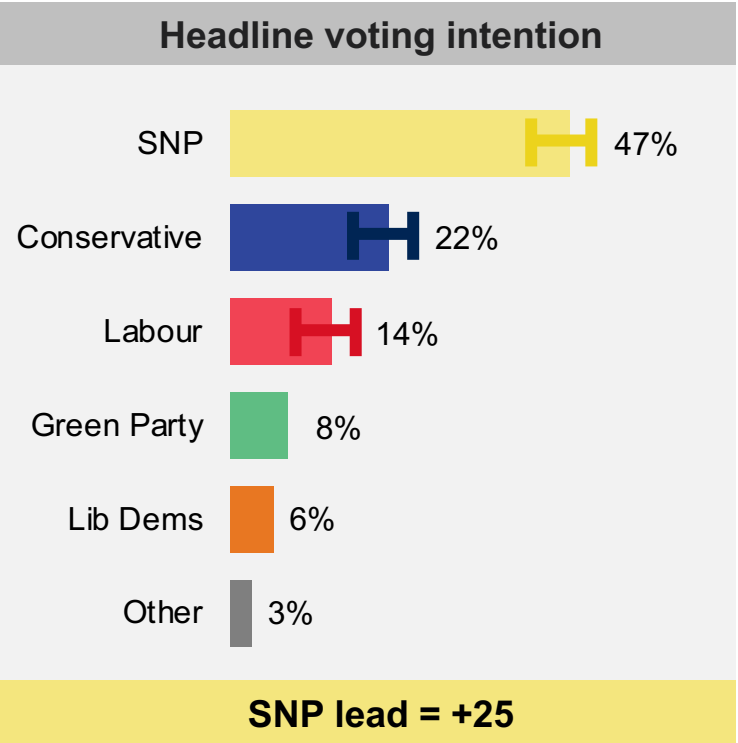


Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, 15-21 February 2021; Headline voting intention: all expressing a voting intention and 9 or 10/10 likely to vote (761); All with a voting intention: all expressing a voting intention (907). Margin of error is displayed at +/- 4%. All polls are subject to a wide range of potential sources of error. On the basis of the historical record of the polls at recent general elections, there is a 9 in 10 chance that the true value of a party's support lies within 4 points of the estimates provided by this poll, and a 2 in 3 chance that they lie within 2 points. This is especially important to keep in mind when calculating party lead figures.

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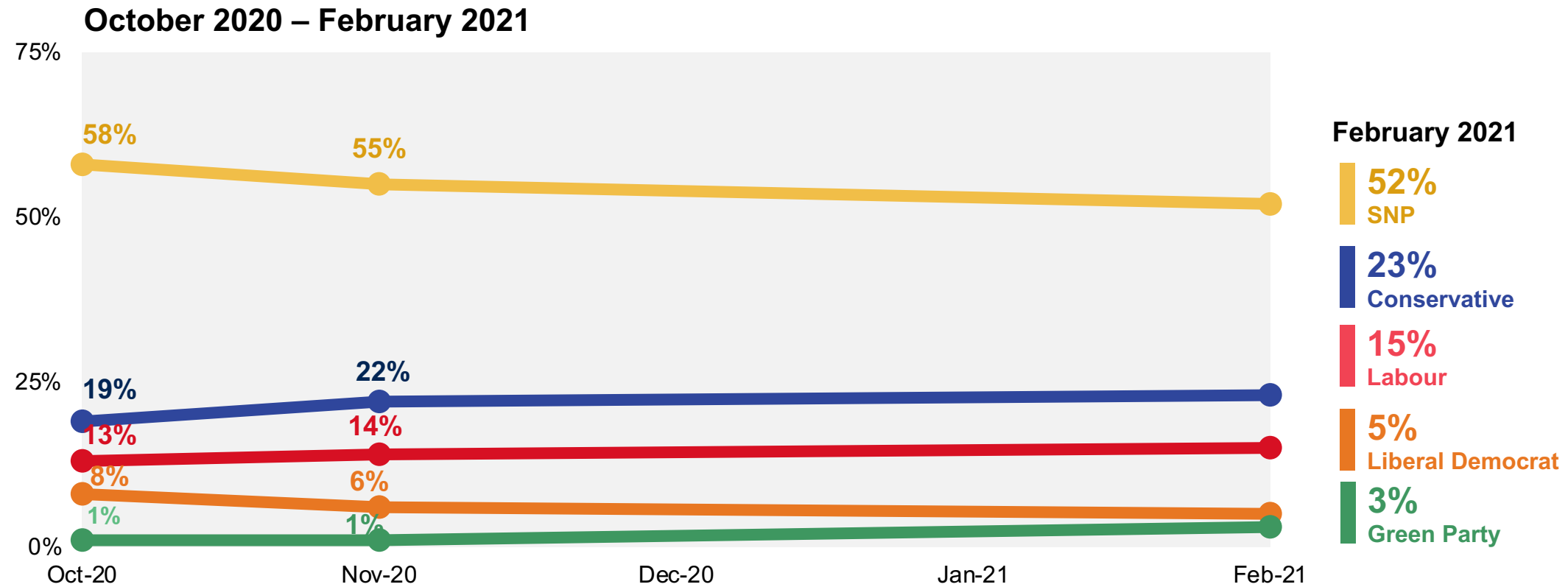


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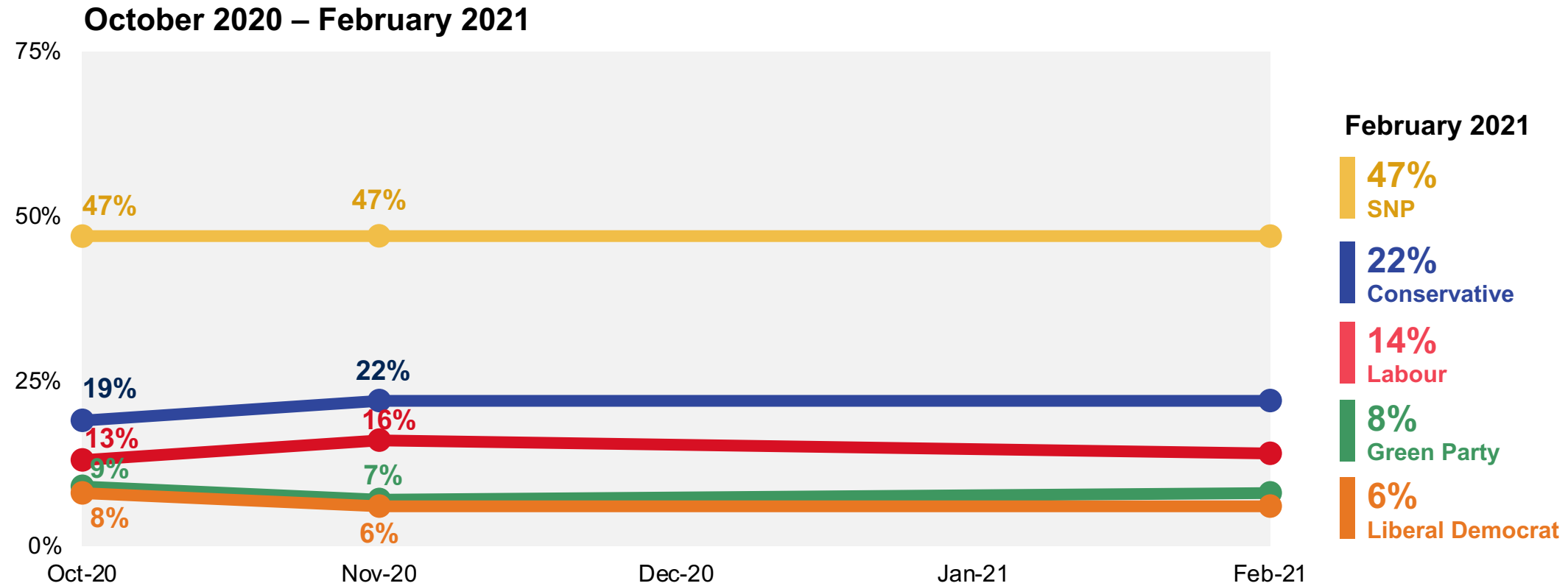


Base: c. 800-900 Scottish adults aged 16+ per wave, expressing a voting intention and likely to vote. Latest wave: 15-21 February 2021

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Constituency voting: Have you definitely decided who to vote for?

Have you definitely decided to vote for the [NAME OF PARTY] on your constituency vote, or is there a chance you may change your mind before you vote?

Definitely decided

May change my mind

Among all expressing a voting intention



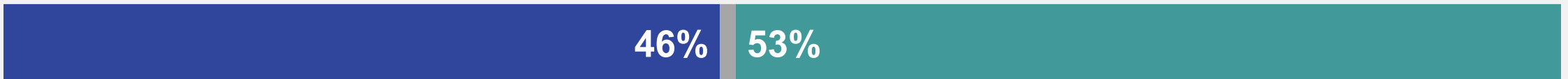
Among all Conservative Party supporters



Among all SNP supporters



Among all Labour Party supporters



Base: 849 Scottish adults 16+ giving a voting intention, including Conservative (189), SNP (446), Labour (122) supporters, 15-21 February 2021

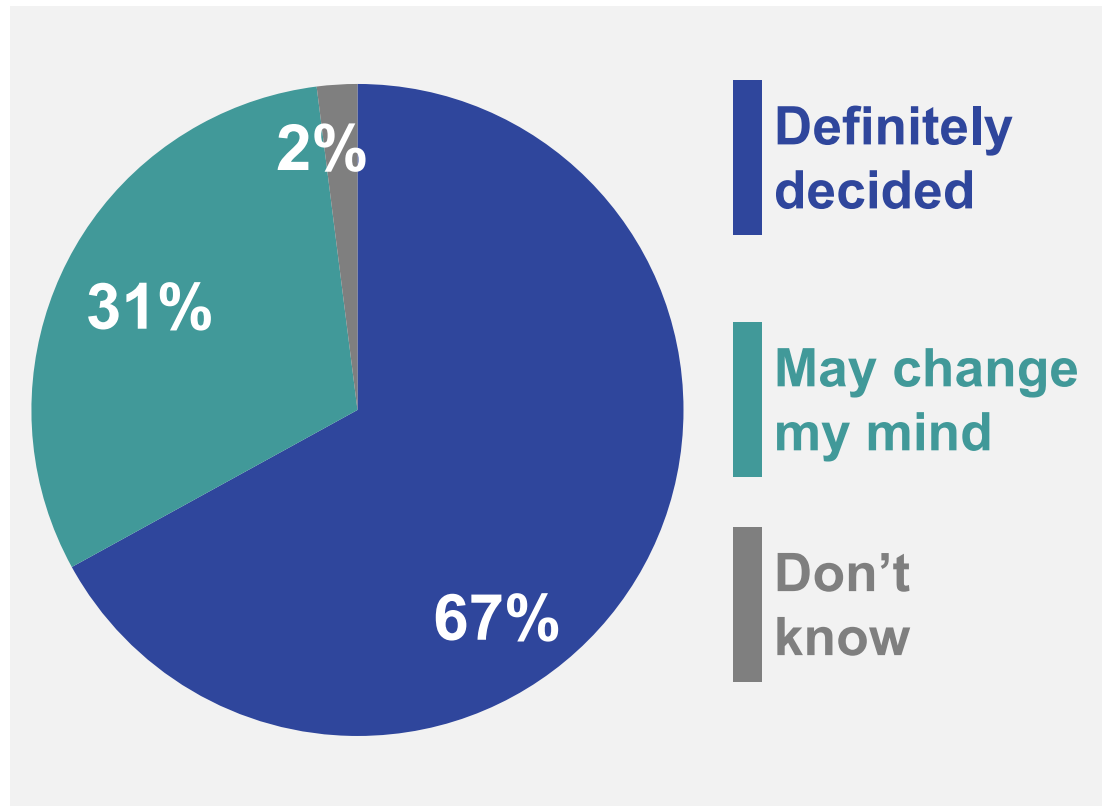
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If you do change your mind about voting for this party on your constituency vote, which party would you vote for instead?

Among all expressing a voting intention

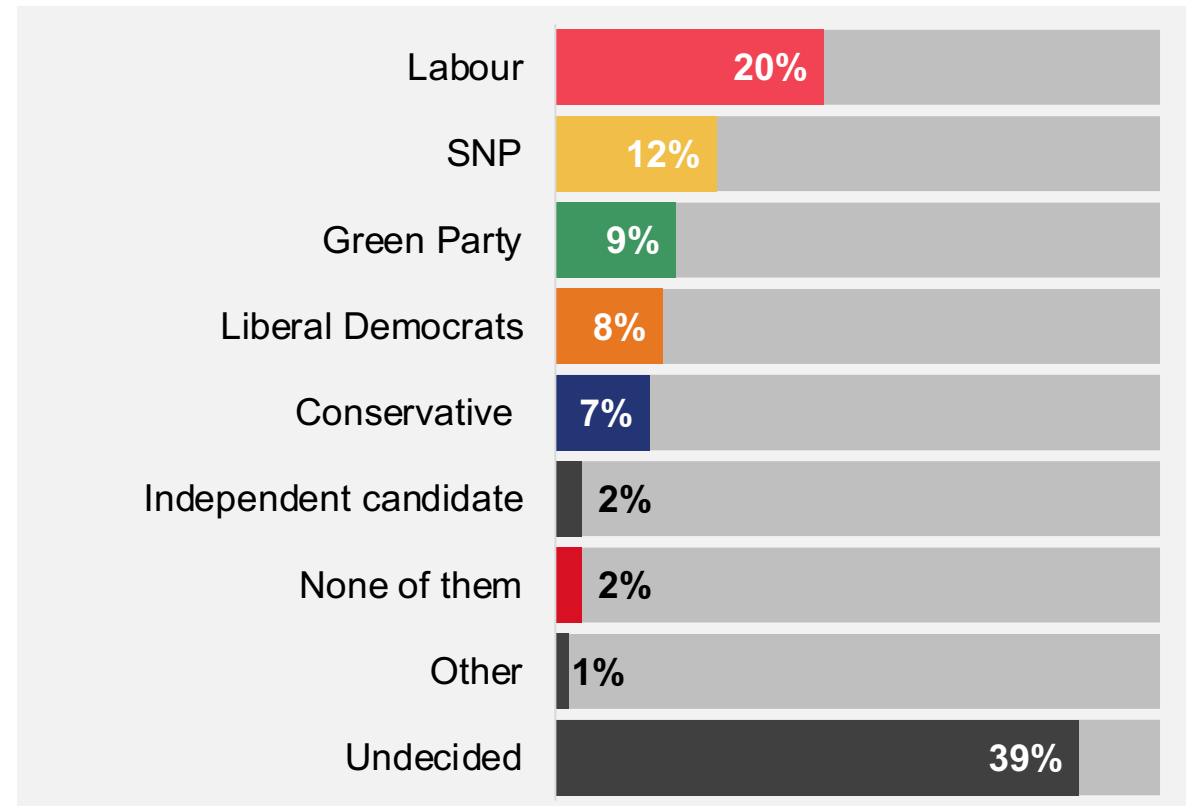


Base: 849 Scottish adults 16+ giving a voting intention, 15-21 February 2021

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All giving a voting intention who “may change my mind”



Base: 265 Scottish adults 16+ giving a voting intention who may change their mind, 15-21 February 2021

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Regional list voting: Have you definitely decided who to vote for?

Have you definitely decided to vote for the [NAME OF PARTY] on your regional list vote, or is there a chance you may change your mind before you vote?

Definitely decided

Don't know

May change my mind

Among all expressing a voting intention



Among all Conservative Party supporters



Among all SNP supporters



Among all Labour Party supporters



Base: 880 Scottish adults 16+ giving a voting intention, including Conservative (196), SNP (449), Labour (132) 15-21 February 2021

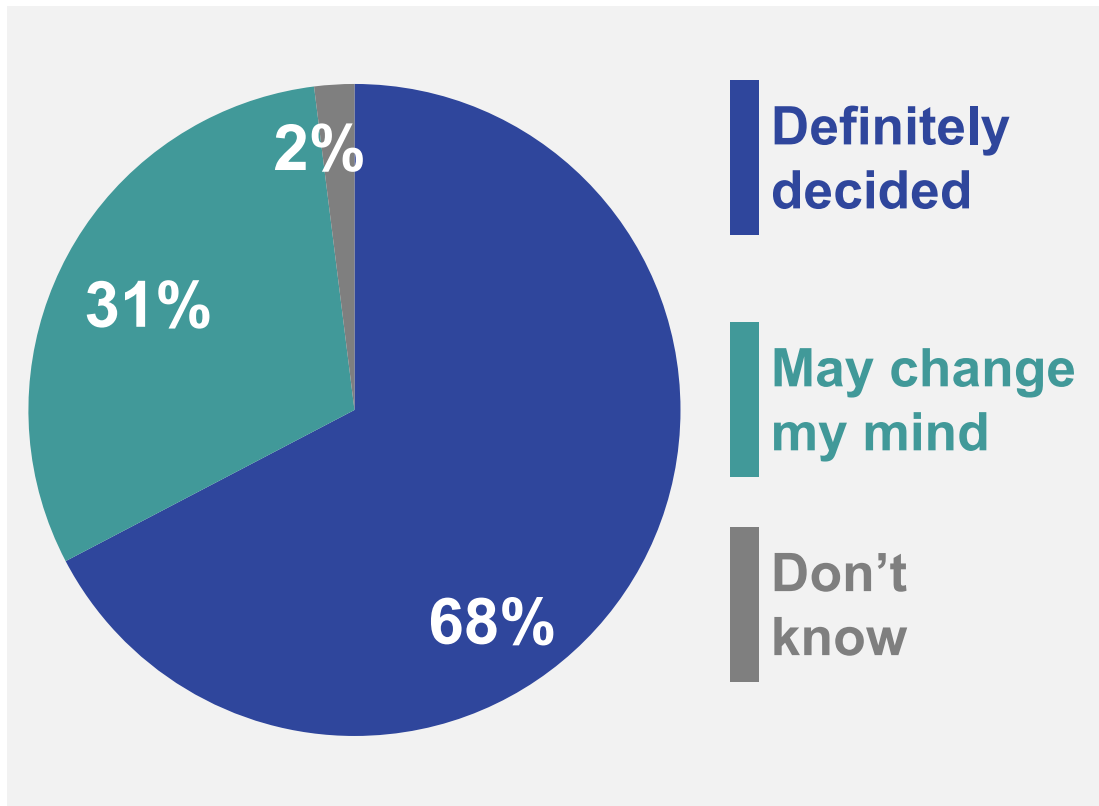
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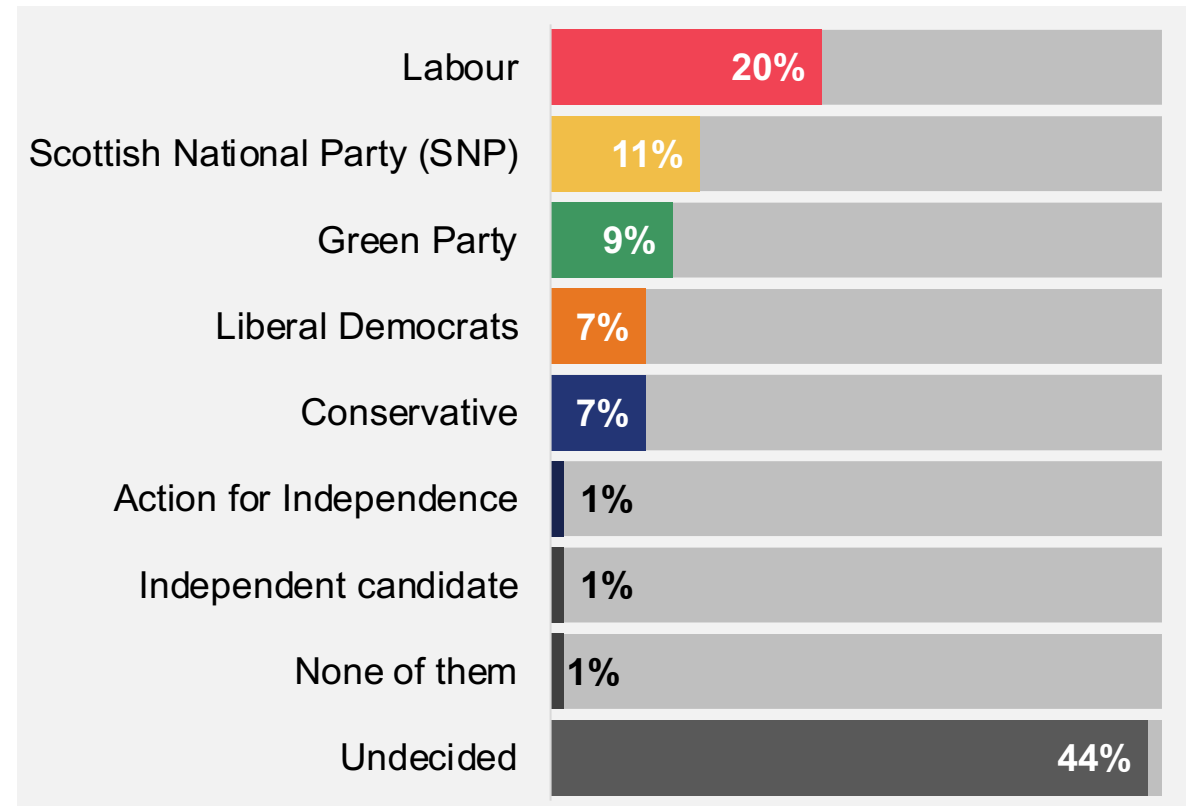


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All giving a voting intention who “may change my mind”



Base: 277 Scottish adults 16+ giving a voting intention who may change their mind, 15-21 February 2021

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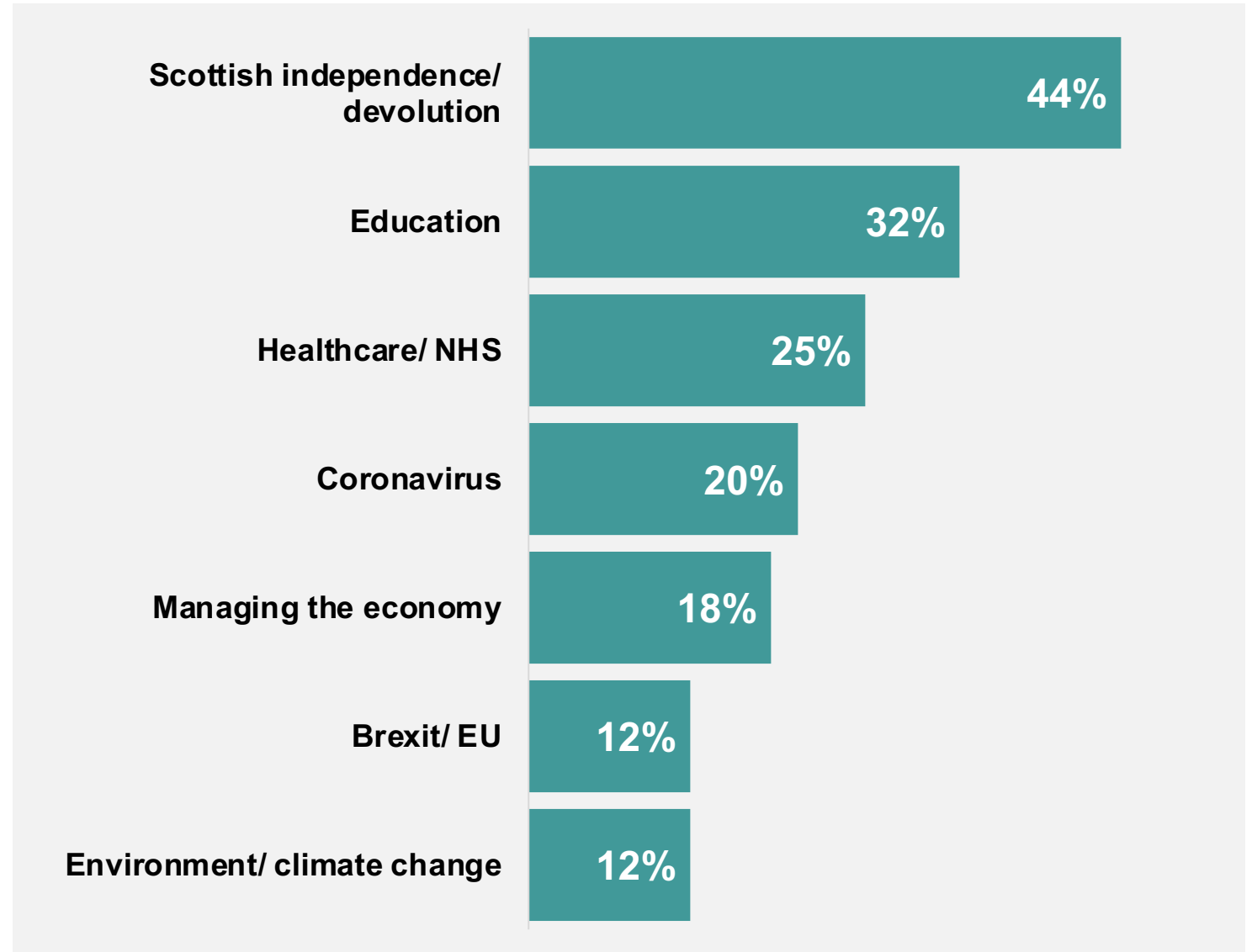


Which issues are going to help voters decide which party to vote for?

Looking ahead to the Scottish Parliamentary election, which, if any, issues do you think will be very important to you in helping you decide which party to vote for?

Only issues mentioned by 10% or more are shown here. For the full list of issues, see the data tables on the Ipsos MORI website.

Among all 9/10 likely to vote in the Scottish Parliamentary election

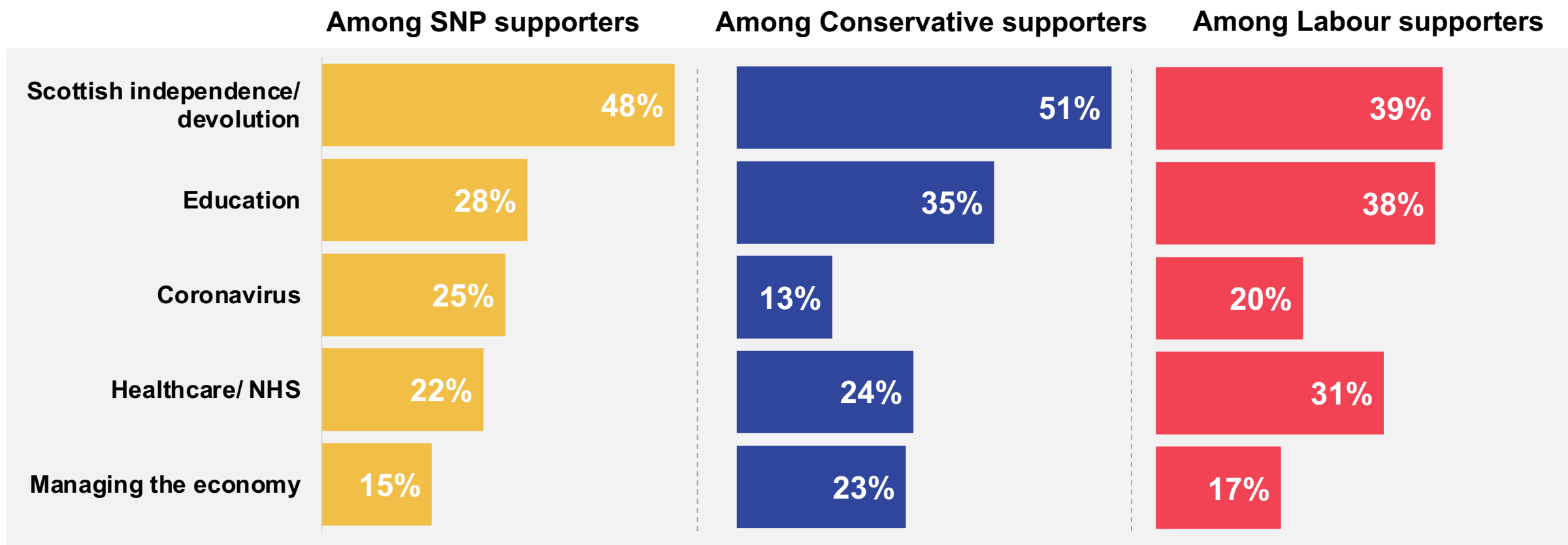


Base: 834 Scottish adults 16+ at least 9/10 likely to vote, 15-21 February 2021

Which issues are going to help decide which party to vote for in the Scottish Parliamentary election?

Top five issues by party vote (among those at least 9/10 likely to vote)

Looking ahead to the Scottish Parliamentary election, which, if any, issues do you think will be very important to you in helping you decide which party to vote for?



Base: 834 Scottish adults 16+ at least 9/10 likely to vote, including SNP (395), Conservative (188) and Labour (122) supporters, 15-21 February 2021

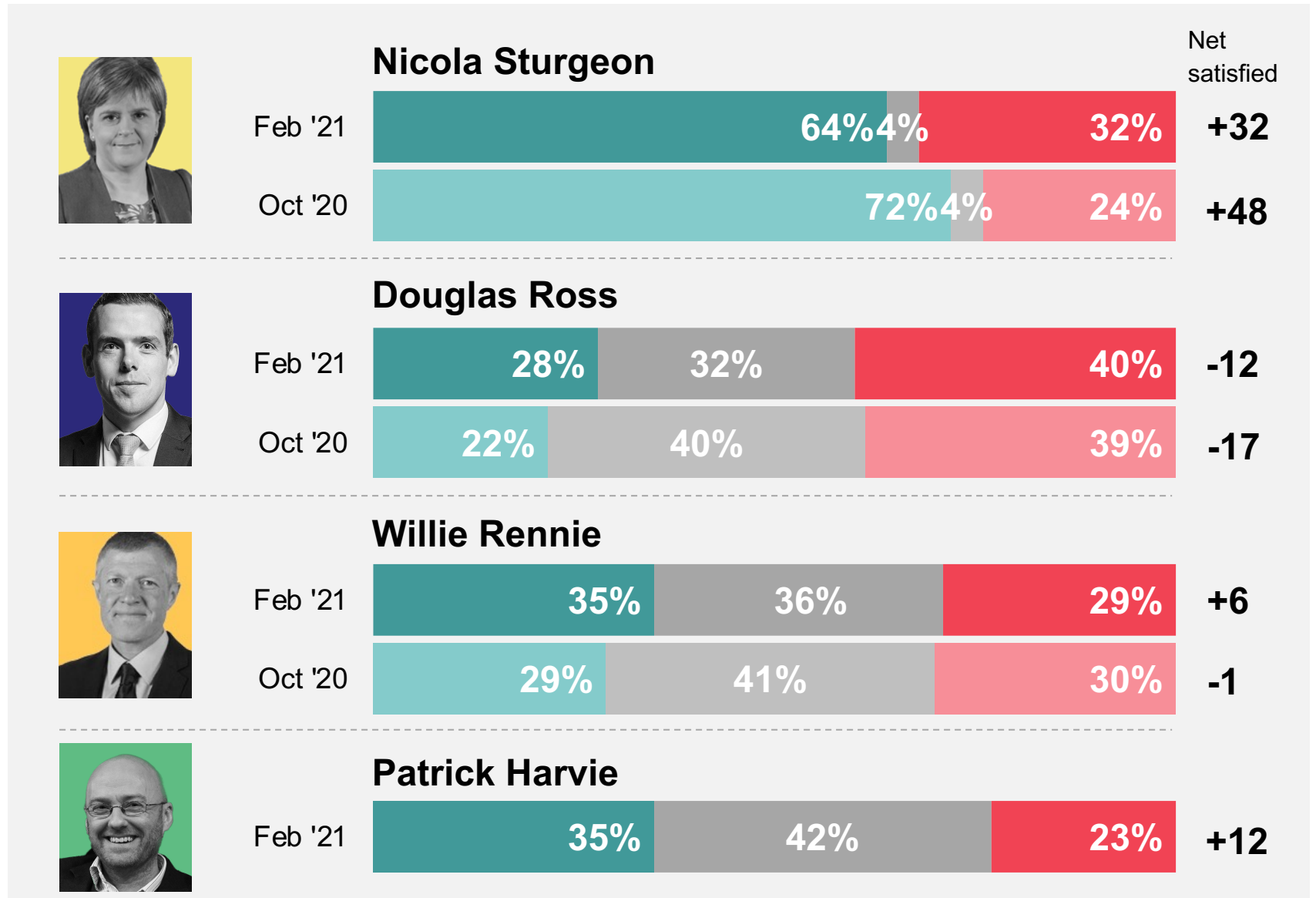
PARTY LEADERS

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Satisfaction with Scottish party leaders

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way.... is doing his/her job... as First Minister of Scotland/ leader of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party/ the Scottish Liberal Democrats/ co-leader of the Scottish Green Party?



Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, 15-21 February 2021

Satisfaction with leaders and opposition

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way... is doing his/her job... as Prime Minister/First Minister of Scotland/leader of the UK Labour Party?

 Satisfied

 Don't know

 Dissatisfied



Boris Johnson

Feb '21



Net satisfied

-43

Oct '20



-58



Nicola Sturgeon

Feb '21



+32

Oct '20

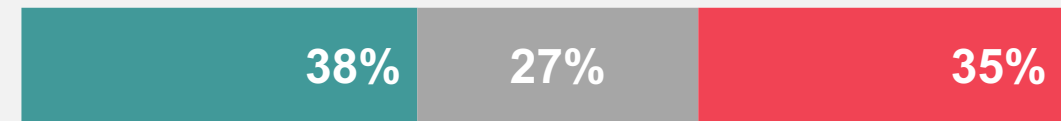


+48



Keir Starmer

Feb '21



+3

Oct '20

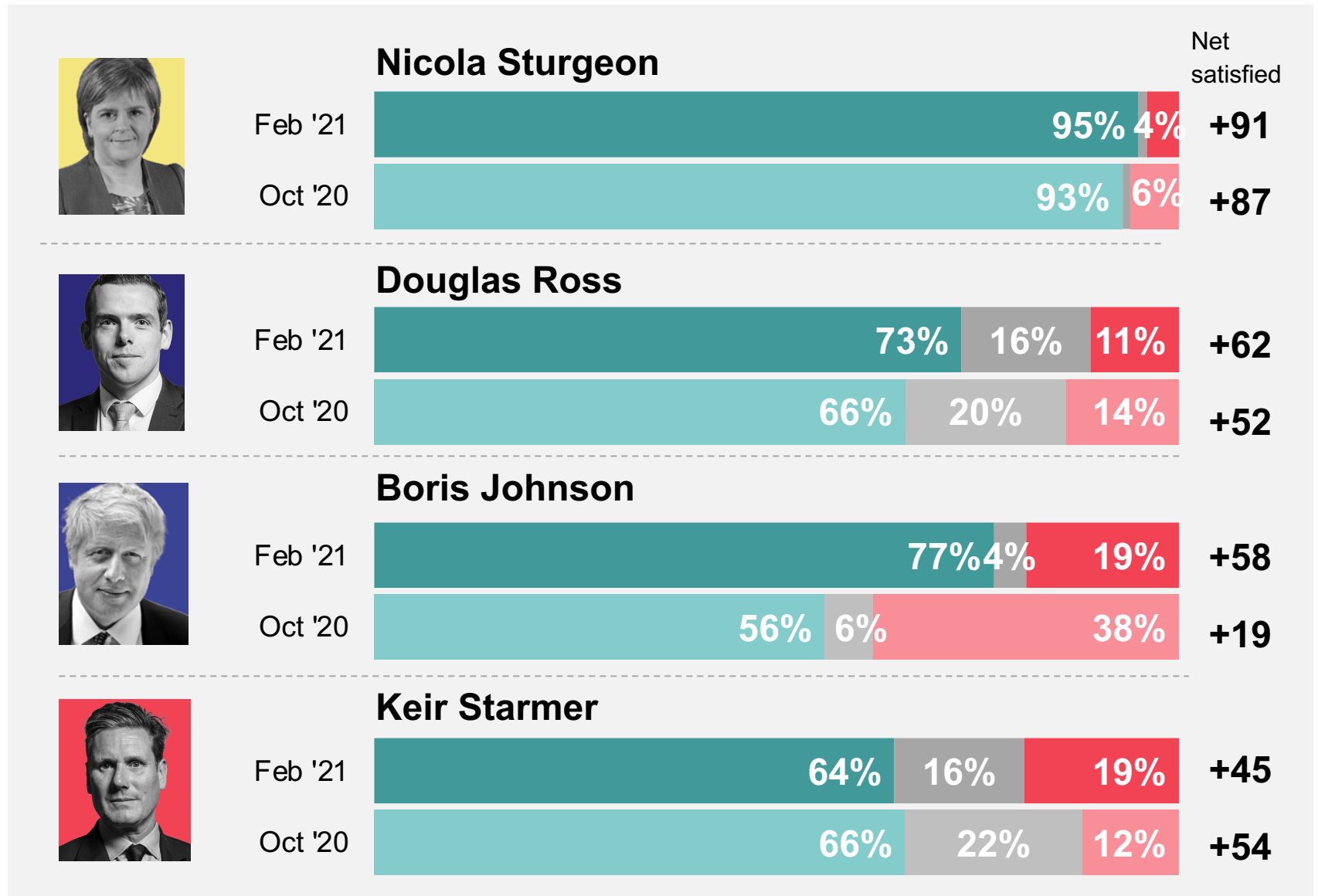


+16

Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, 15-21 February 2021

Satisfaction with party leaders: Among own party supporters

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way.... is doing his/her job... as Prime Minister/First Minister of Scotland/leader of the UK Labour Party/Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party?



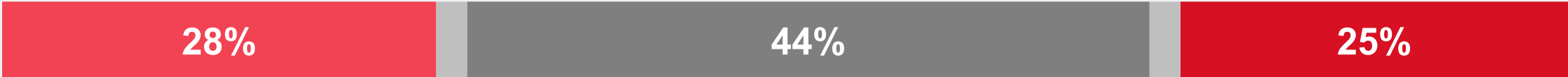
Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, including SNP supporters (465), Conservative supporters (209), Labour supporters (142), 15-21 February 2021

Who should be the next Scottish Labour leader?

As you may know, the Scottish Labour Party is electing a new leader. Which of the following do you feel would make the best leader for Scottish Labour?

Anas Sarwar **Don't know** **Monica Lennon**

Among all



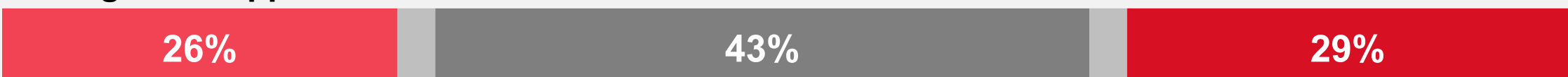
Among Labour Party supporters



Among Conservative Party supporters



Among SNP supporters



Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, including Labour (142), Conservative (209) and SNP (465) supporters, 15-21 February 2021

Impact of Alex Salmond inquiry on public views of the SNP

Has the Scottish Parliament inquiry into how the Scottish Government handled accusations against Alex Salmond made you...?

Less favourable towards the SNP **No difference either way** **More favourable**

Among all



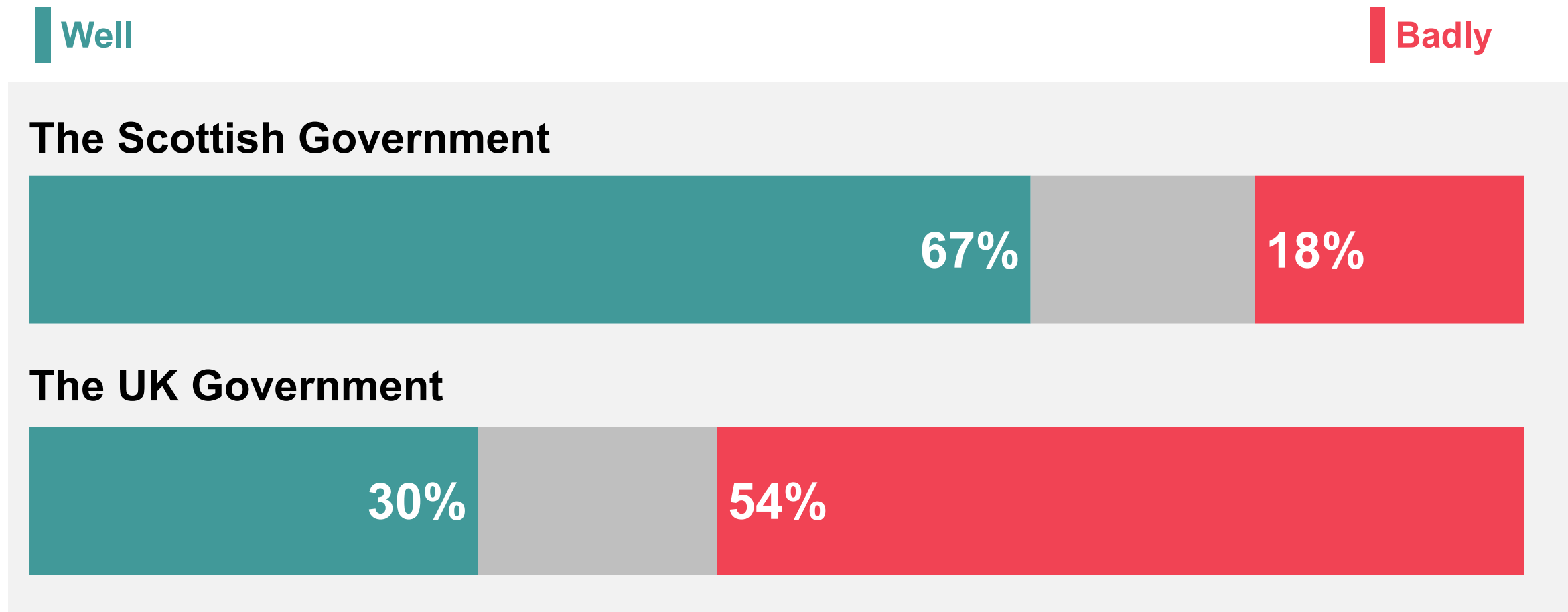
Among those who voted SNP at the 2019 General Election



Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, including 2019 SNP voters (310), 15-21 February 2021

Governments' handling of the Coronavirus outbreak

Overall, how well or badly do you think each of the following have handled the coronavirus outbreak so far?



Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, 15-21 February 2021

Governments' handling of the vaccine rollout

Do you think the Scottish Government/ UK Government has done a good job or bad job at...?

Good job

Bad job

Ensuring the public are vaccinated as soon as possible



Making sure different groups of the population are vaccinated in the right order



Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, 15-21 February 2021

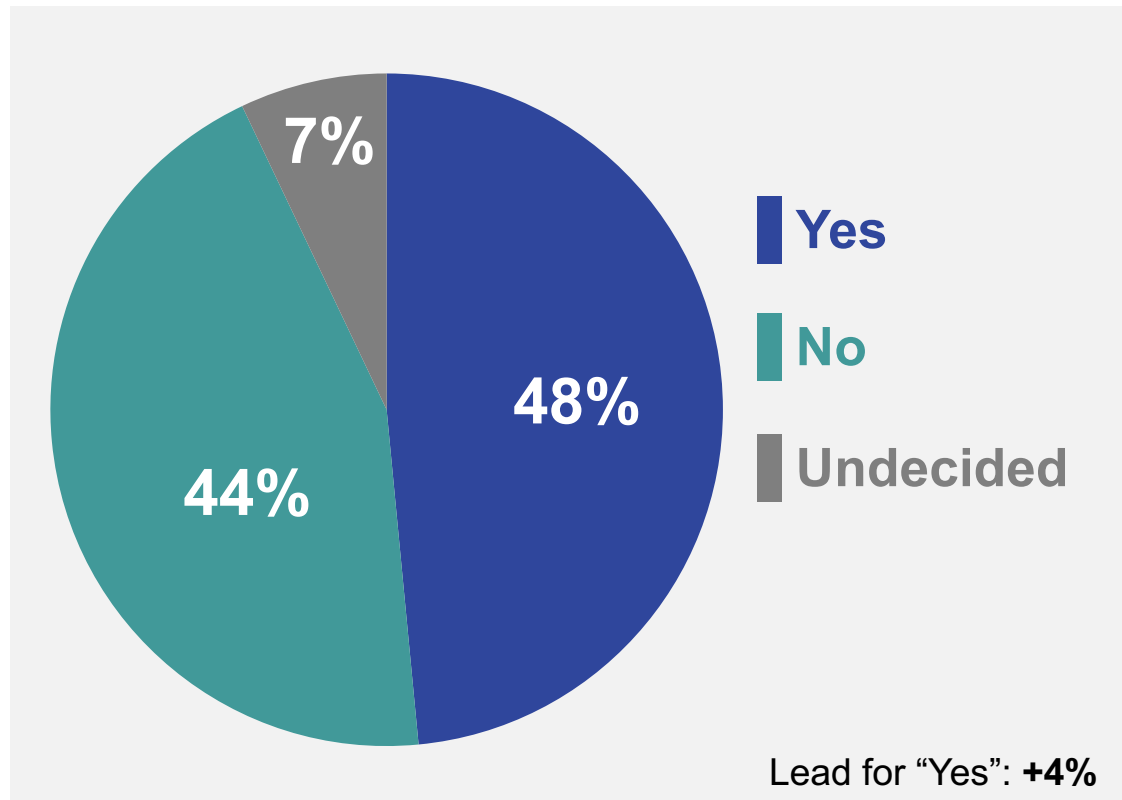
A photograph of the Scottish Parliament building facade. Two flags are flying on tall poles: the Union Jack on the left and the Saltire on the right. The building features classical architecture with large columns and ornate carvings. The text "VIEWS ON INDEPENDENCE" is overlaid in the center.

VIEWS ON INDEPENDENCE

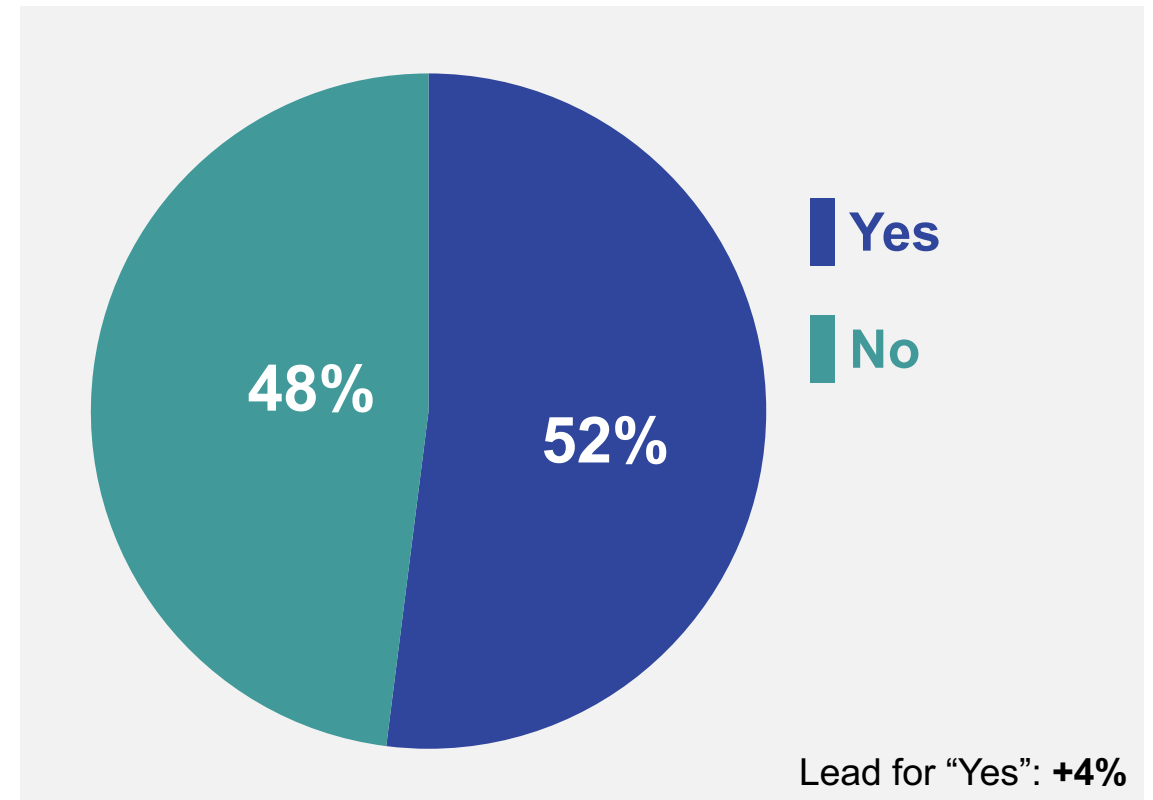
Support for Scottish independence: February 2021

If a referendum were held tomorrow about Scotland's constitutional future, how would you vote in response to the following question: Should Scotland be an independent country?

Among all likely to vote



All likely to vote and expressing a voting intention



Base: All Scottish adults aged 16+ who are 9/10 or 10/10 likely to vote in a Scottish independence referendum (923); All Scottish adults 16+ who are 9/10 or 10/10 likely to vote in a Scottish independence referendum and expressing a voting intention (859), 15-21 February 2021.

Source: Ipsos MORI Scottish Political Monitor

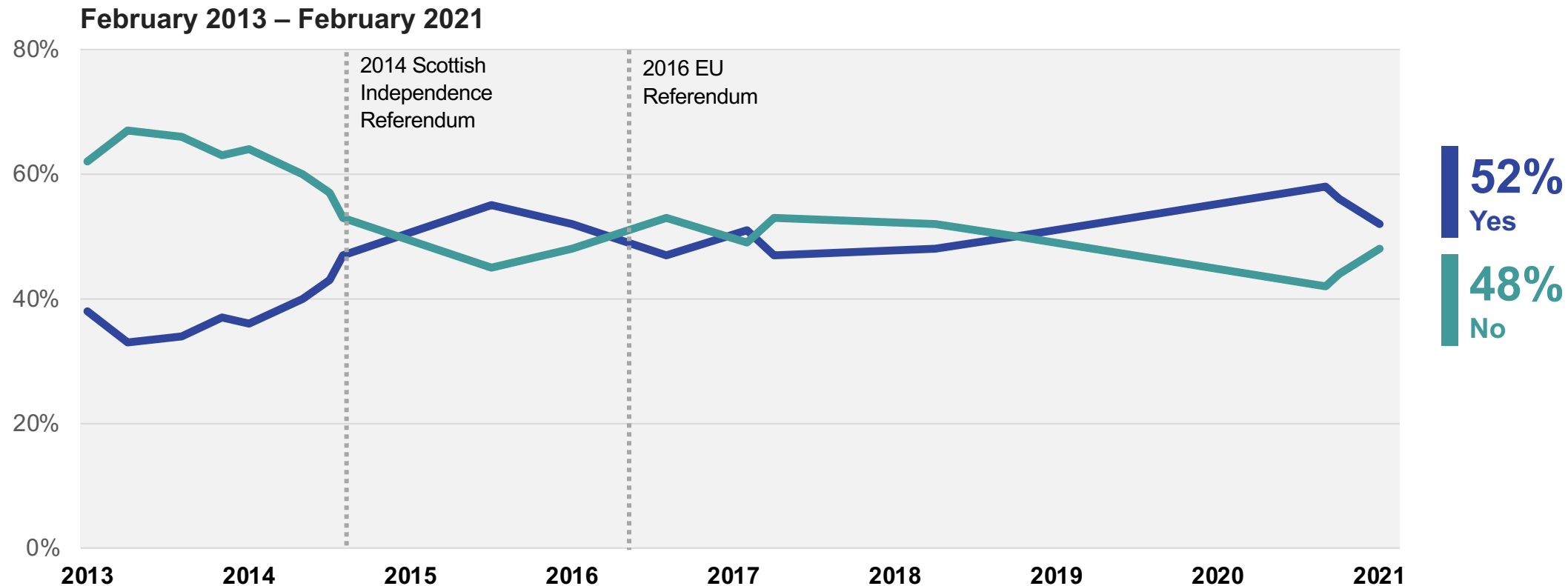
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Support for Scottish independence: Change over time

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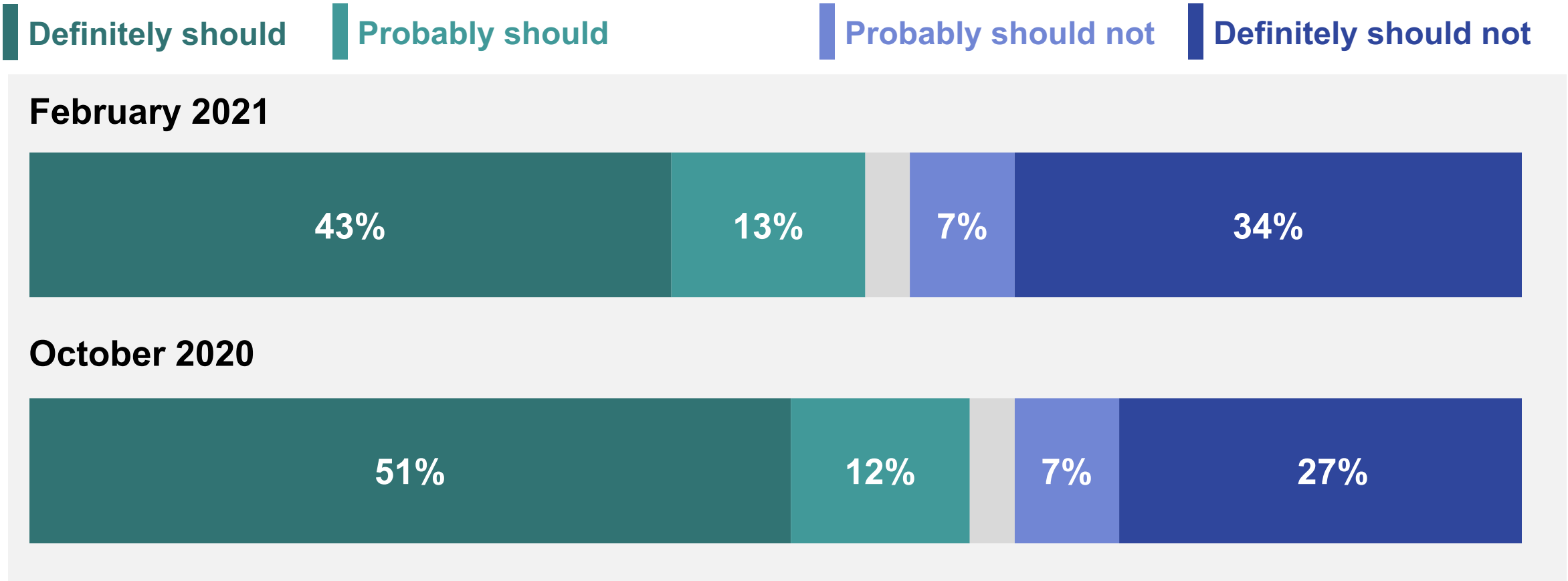


Base: c.1,000 Scottish adults aged 16+ per wave. Based on all likely to vote, excluding undecideds/don't knows

Source: Ipsos MORI Scottish Political Monitor

Indyref2?

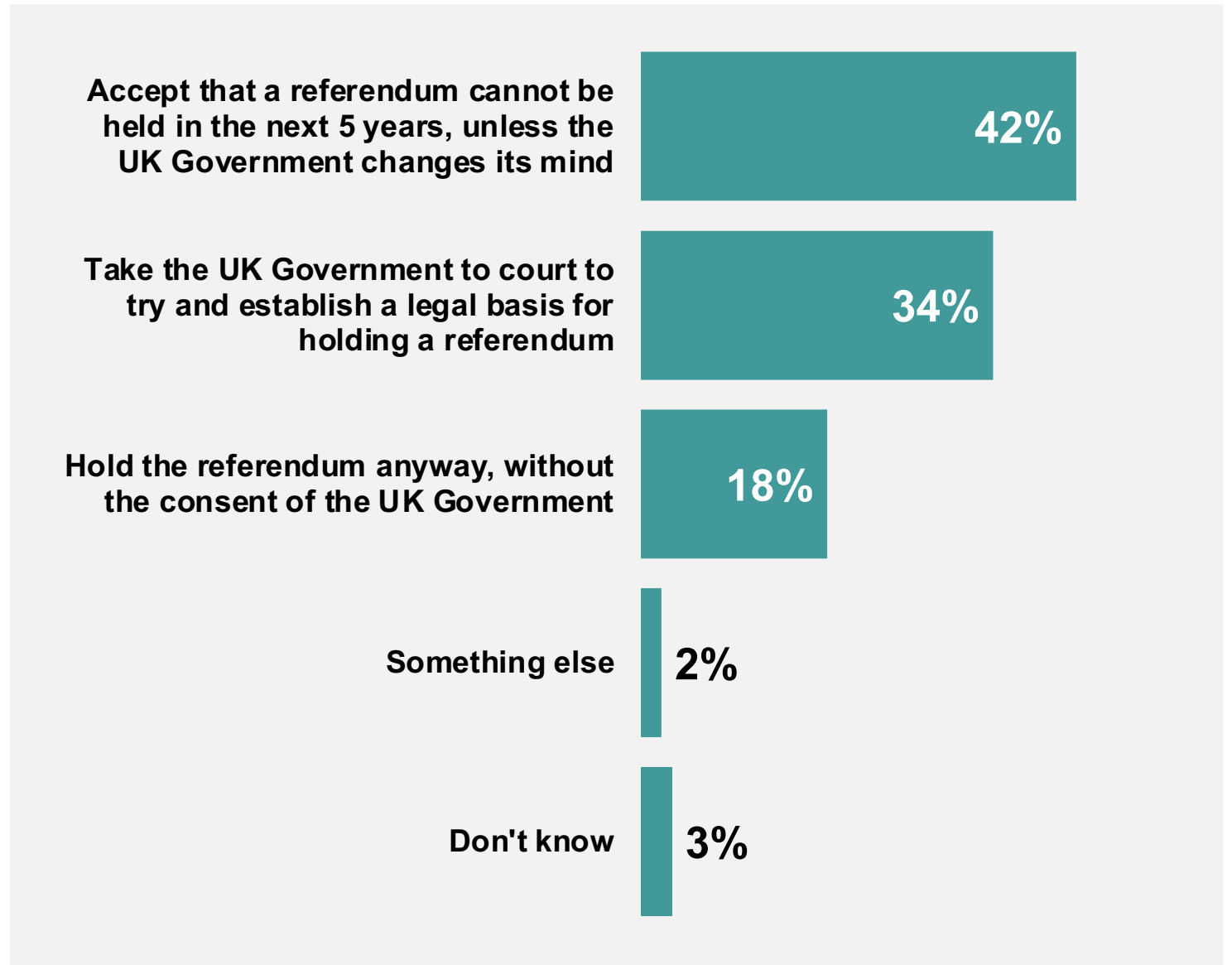
If the SNP wins a majority of seats in the 2021 Scottish Parliament elections, do you think the UK Government should or should not allow them to hold another independence referendum within the next five years?



Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, 15-21 February 2021

What should happen if the UK Government refuses to allow another independence referendum?

If the SNP wins a majority of seats in May, but the UK Government refuses to allow another independence referendum, what do you think the Scottish Government should do? Should they....



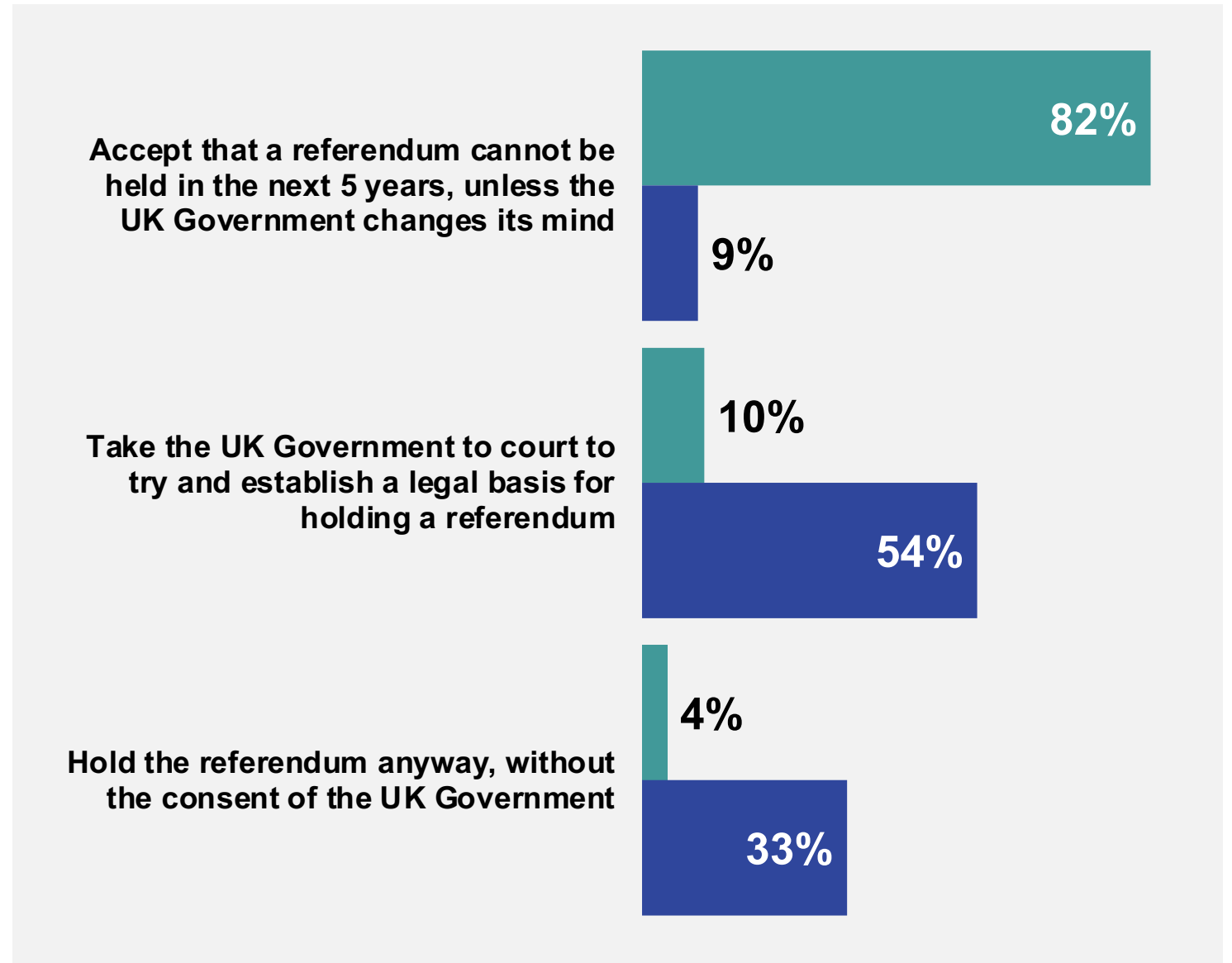
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■ Among “No” supporters

■ Among “Yes” supporters



Base: 1,031 Scottish adults 16+, including “Yes” supporters (462) and “No” supporters (472), 15-21 February 2021

Technical note

Ipsos MORI Scotland interviewed a representative sample of 1,031 adults aged 16+ across Scotland. Interviews were conducted by telephone: 15-21 February 2021. Data are weighted by age, sex, region, social grade, working status, tenure, education and country of birth to match the profile of the population.

Where percentages do not sum to 100 this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of “don’t know” categories, or multiple answers. An asterisk (*) denotes any value of less than half a per cent.

Questions are asked of the total sample of n=1,031 unless otherwise stated.

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