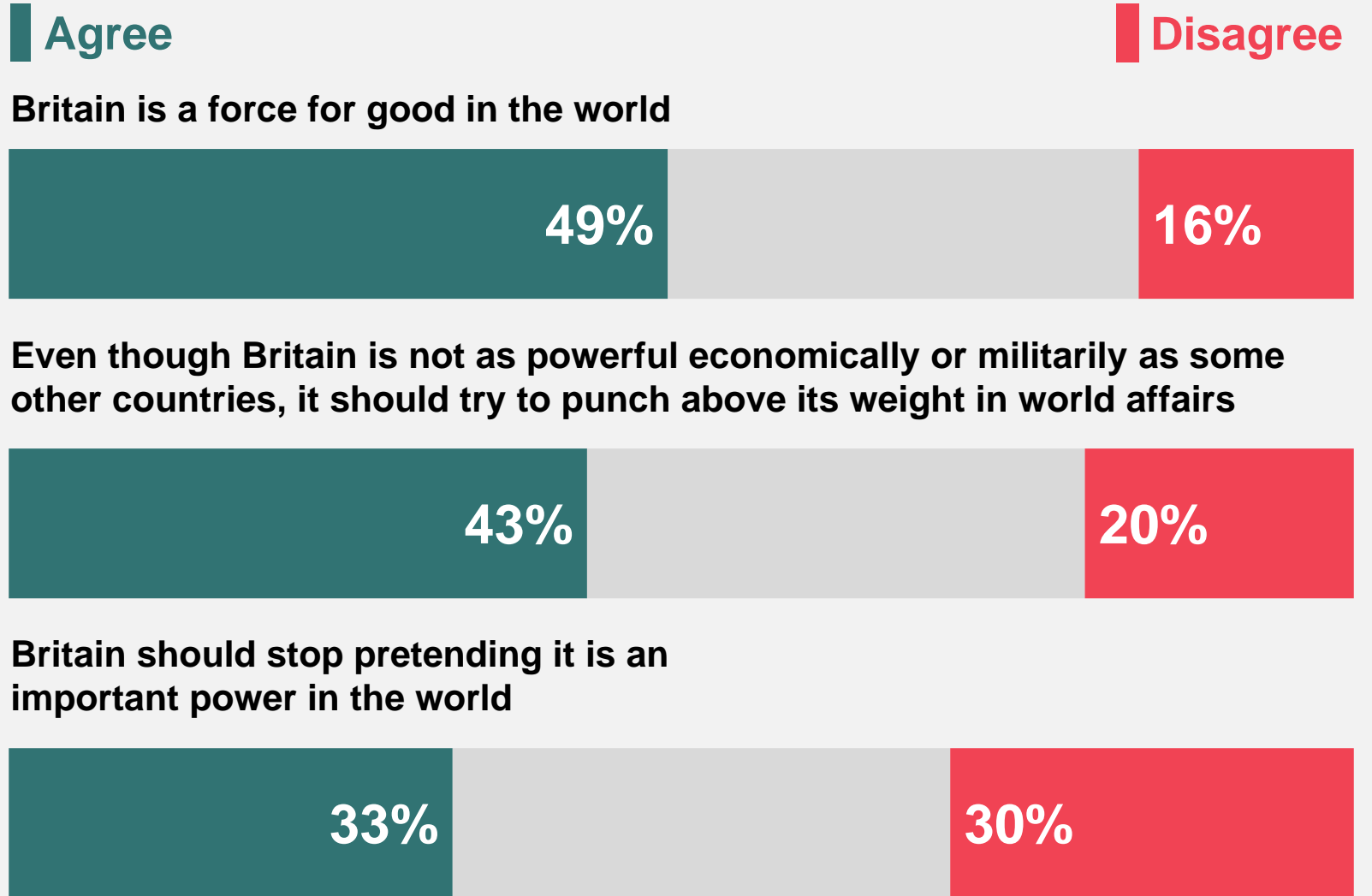


Ipsos MORI Britain's role in the world

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What is Britain's role in the world?

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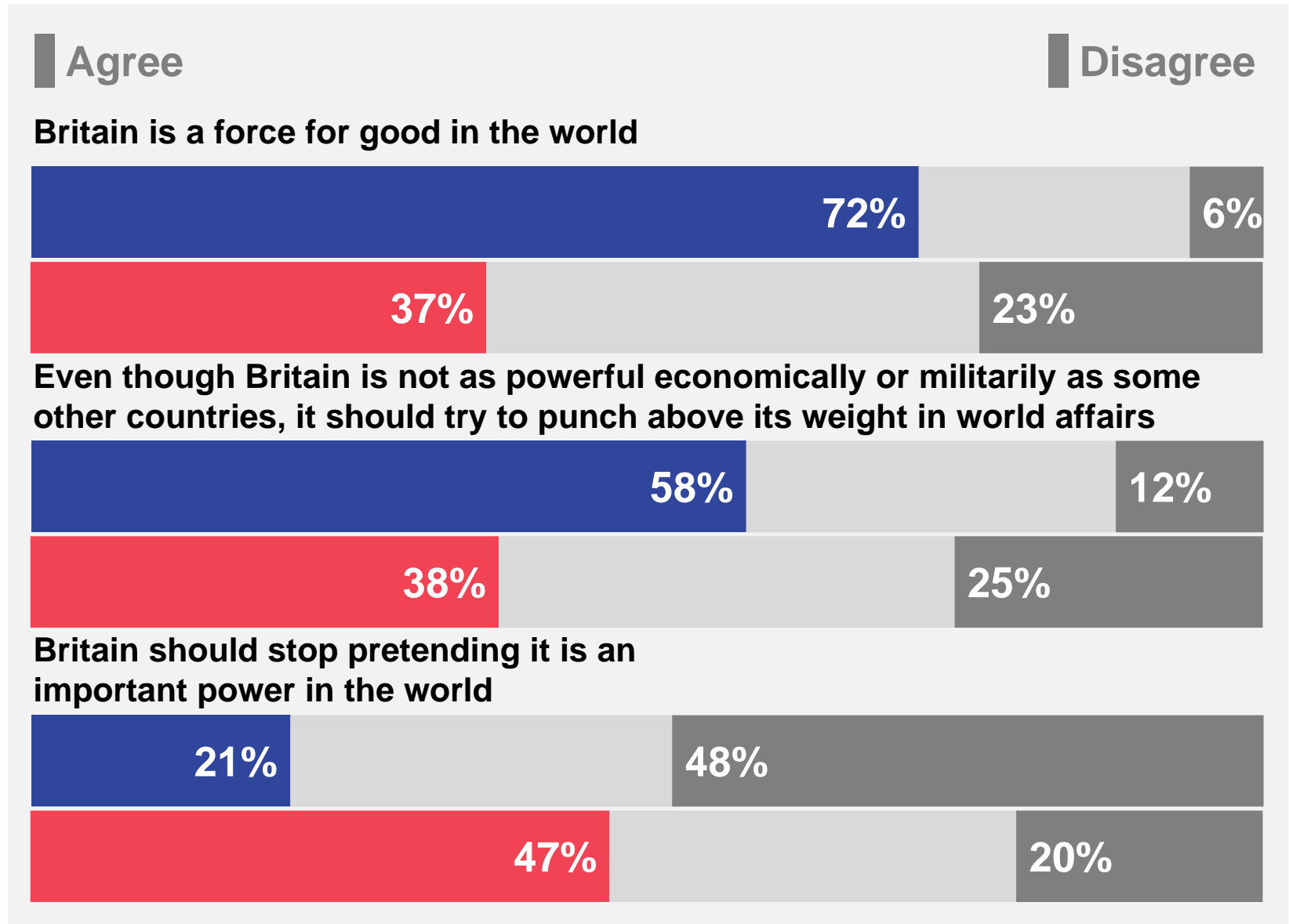
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Conservative voters are more positive about Britain's role in the world compared to Labour voters

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2019 Conservative voters

2019 Labour voters

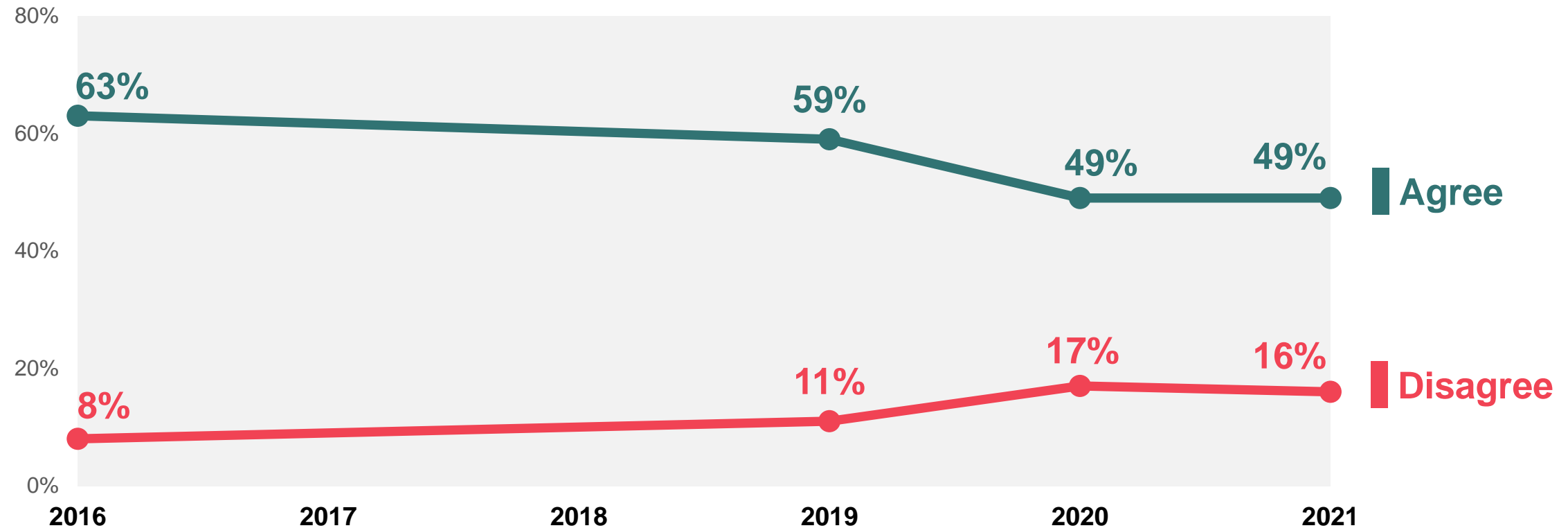


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The proportion saying Britain is a force for good in the world has fallen ten percent since April 2019

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Britain is a force for good in the world



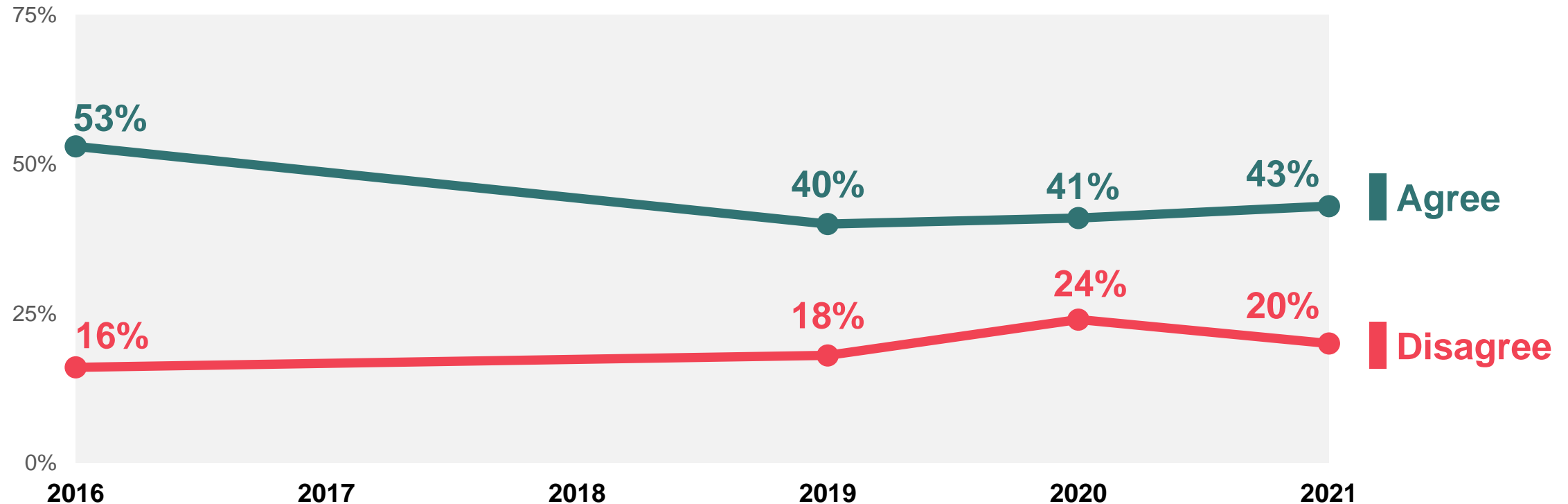
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Two in five agree that Britain should punch above its weight in world affairs – a fifth disagree

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Even though Britain is not as powerful economically or militarily as some other countries, it should try to punch above its weight in world affairs



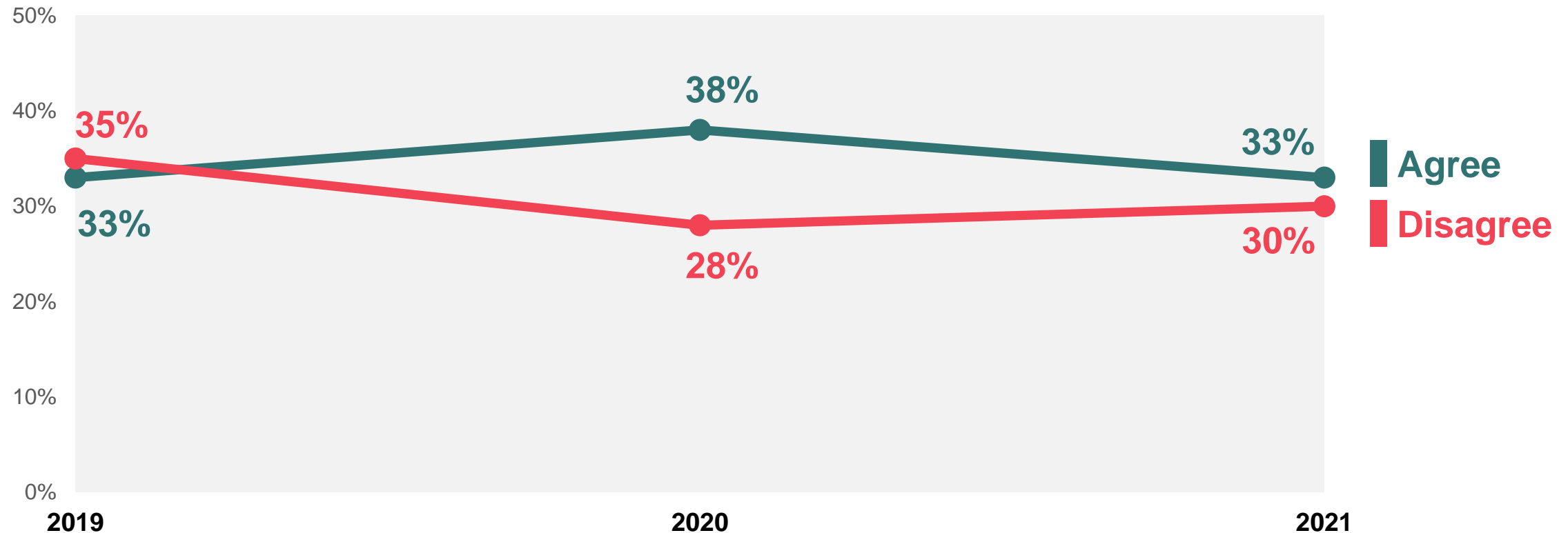
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Britons continue to be divided on whether Britain should stop pretending to be an important world power

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Britain should stop pretending it is an important power in the world



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The majority say Britain should intervene abroad under certain circumstances

Which, if any, of the following statements comes closest to your view of the role the British military should play around the world?

Britain's armed forces should intervene abroad only when other people's rights + freedom are threatened

Britain's armed forces should intervene abroad only when Britain's interests are directly threatened

British armed forces should not intervene abroad and only be used to defend British territory

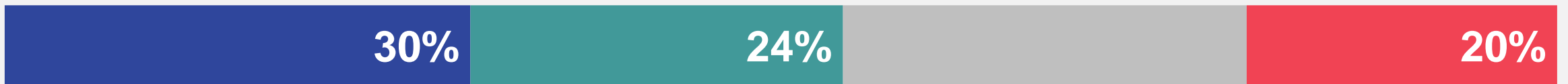
Among all Britons



Among 2019 Conservative voters



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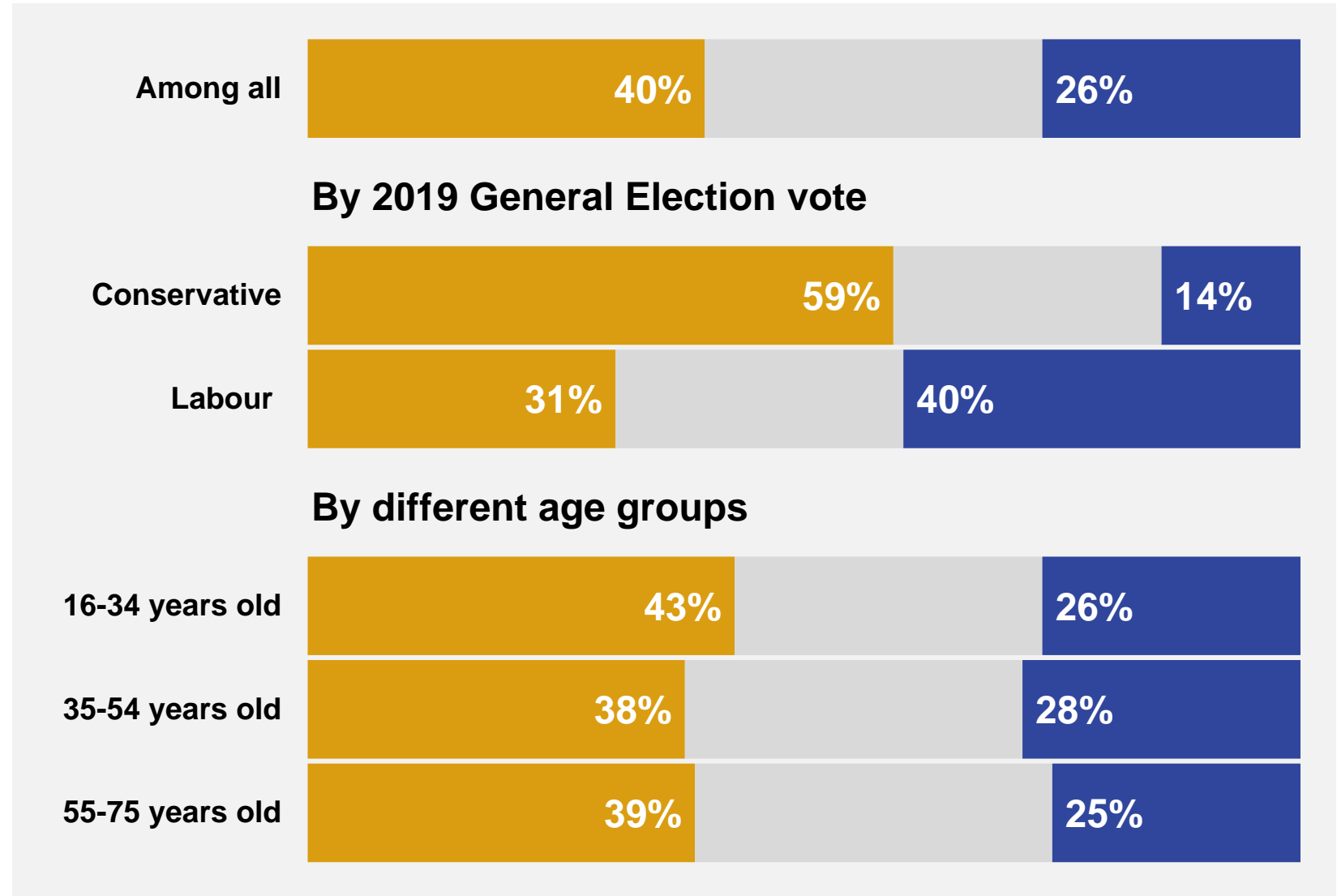
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What is Britain's future role in the world?

Looking ahead to 20 years' time, which of these two descriptions of Britain's role in the world, if either, do you think will be closest to reality?

Britain will be "Global Britain", a country that plays an important role in the world

Britain will be a small island that very few other countries pay attention to



Base: 2,165 Online British adults aged 16-75, including those aged 16-34 (742), 35-54 (773), 55-75 (650), 2019 Conservative voters (581), 2019 Labour voters (577), 14-18 May 2021

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