

Ipsos MORI Afghanistan polling

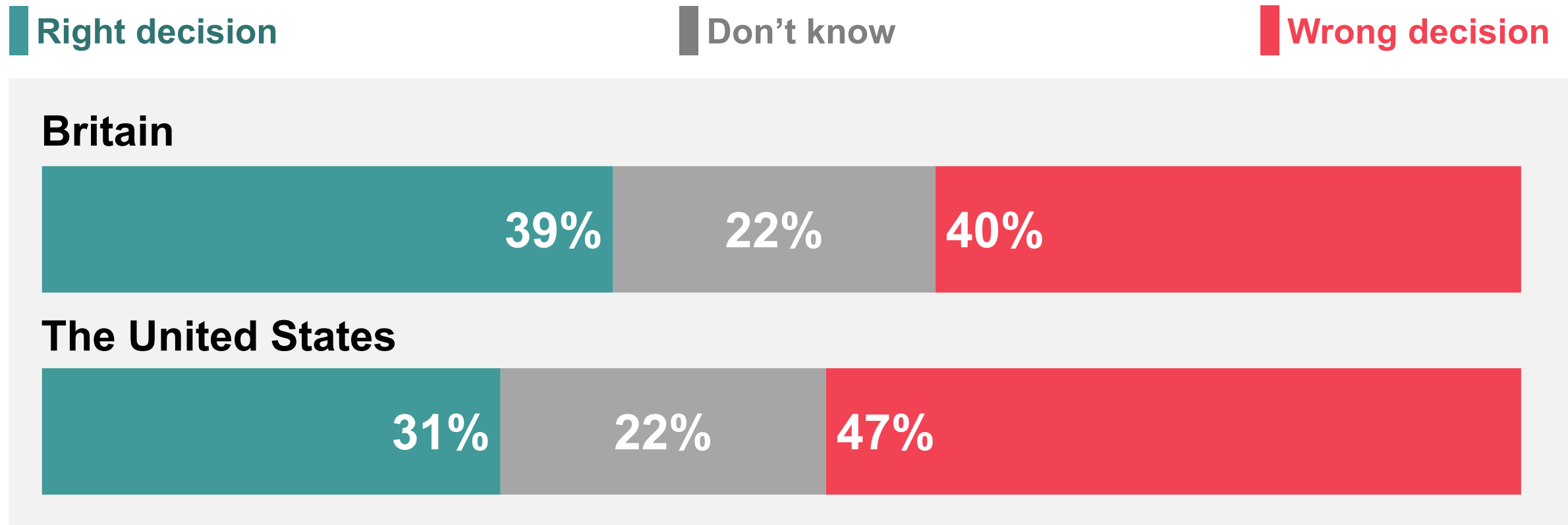
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Decision to withdraw troops from Afghanistan

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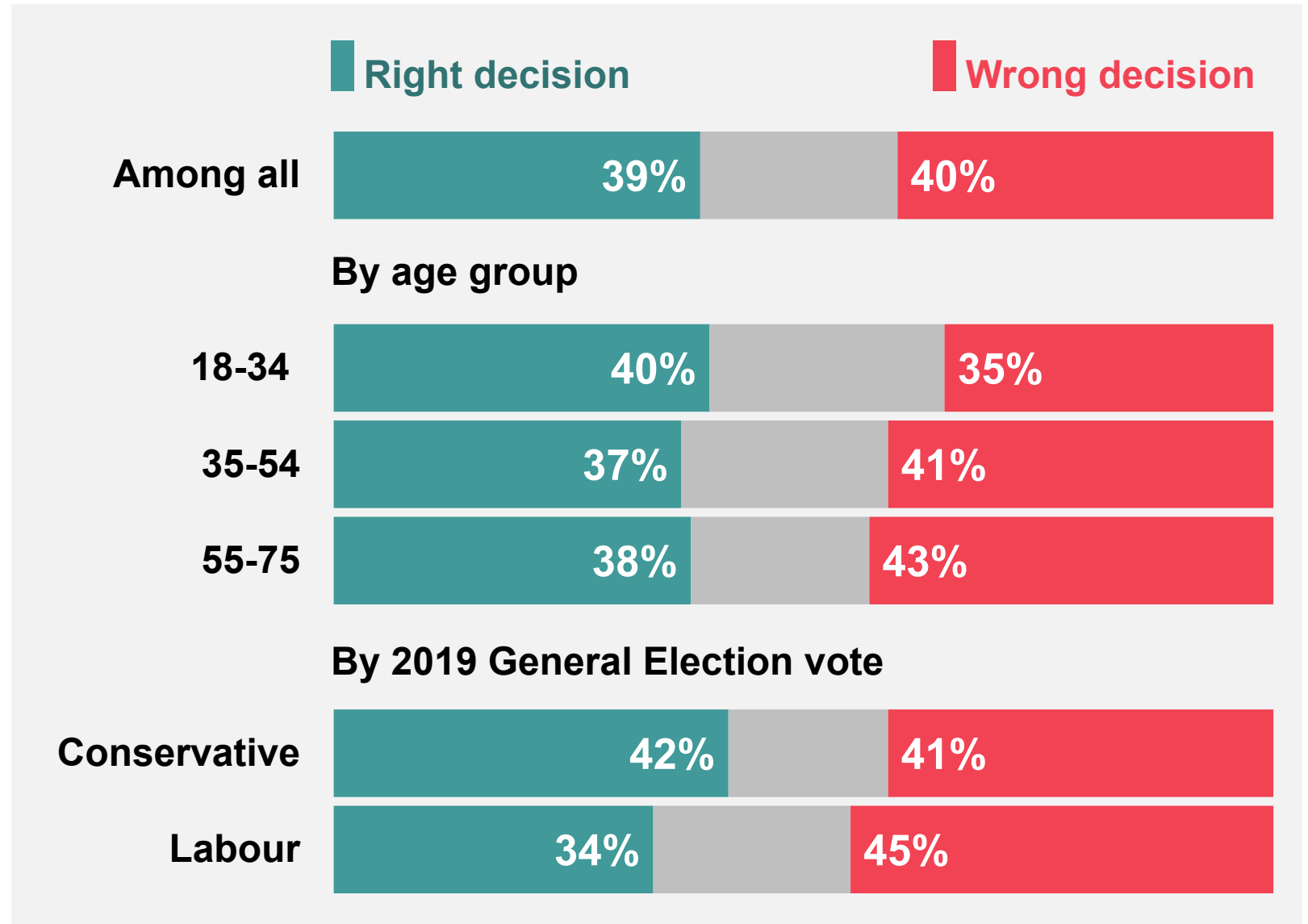


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Was Britain right to withdraw troops from Afghanistan?

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Do you think Britain completely withdrawing troops from Afghanistan this year was the right or wrong decision?



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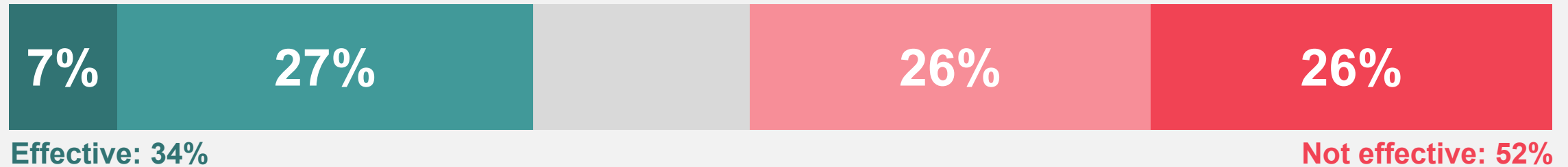
Did Britain bring security and stability to Afghanistan?

This year, Britain ended its involvement in the Afghanistan War, after nearly 20 years.

To what extent, if at all, do you think Britain's military campaign has been effective in bringing security and stability to Afghanistan?

Very effective **Fairly effective** **Not very effective** **Not at all effective**

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2015: 497 British adults 18+ interviewed by telephone, 11-13 January 2015. * Please note that differences in methodology mean results are not directly comparable

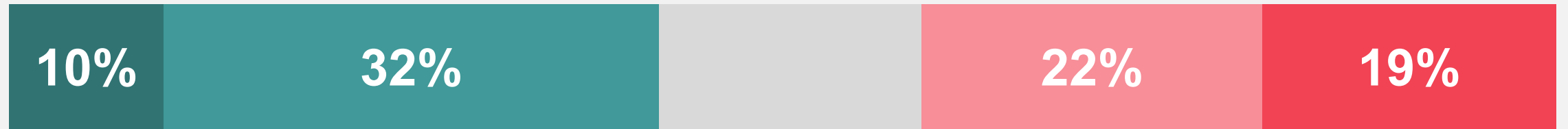
Did Britain prevent Afghanistan being a base for terrorism?

This year, Britain ended its involvement in the Afghanistan War, after nearly 20 years.

To what extent, if at all, do you think Britain's military campaign has been effective in preventing Afghanistan being used as a base for terrorists to attack British interests?

Very effective Fairly effective Not very effective Not at all effective

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Effective: 42%

Not effective: 41%

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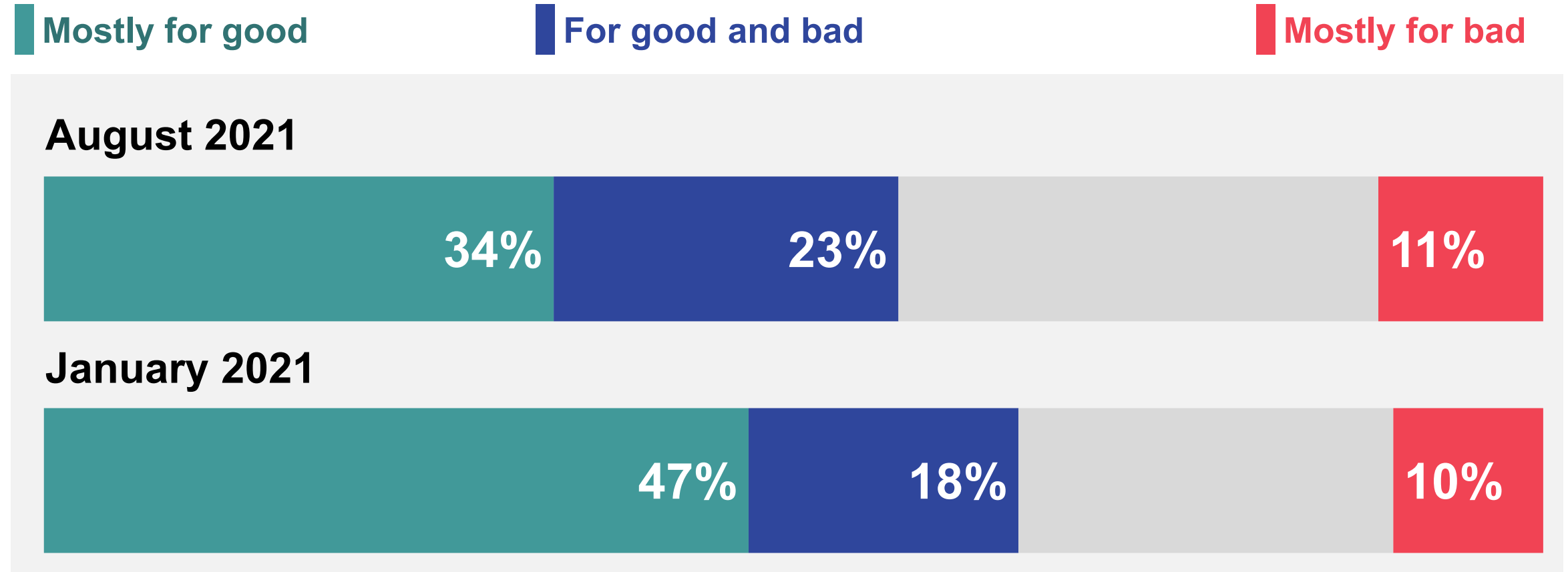
Not effective: 49%

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How the United States use its influence around the world

Thinking about the next four years under Joe Biden's presidency, do you think the United States will use its influence for good or for bad around the world?



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Support for future interventions by Britain in Afghanistan

Thinking about the next few months, which of the following actions, if any, would you support Britain taking if the Taliban regime commits widespread human rights abuses or allows extremist groups such as Al-Qaida to operate in Afghanistan?

Diplomatic and economic interventions against the Taliban regime (i.e. implementing financial sanctions)

34%

Humanitarian interventions (i.e. increased support for Afghan refugees)

32%

Military intervention in Afghanistan (i.e. targeted airstrikes)

22%

Britain should not intervene at all

19%

Don't know

18%

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2019 Conservative voters

2019 Labour voters

Diplomatic and economic interventions against the Taliban regime (i.e. implementing financial sanctions)

36%

38%

Humanitarian interventions (i.e. increased support for Afghan refugees)

25%

42%

Military intervention in Afghanistan (i.e. targeted airstrikes)

29%

21%

Britain should not intervene at all

21%

15%

Don't know

14%

14%

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What role should the British military play in the world?

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

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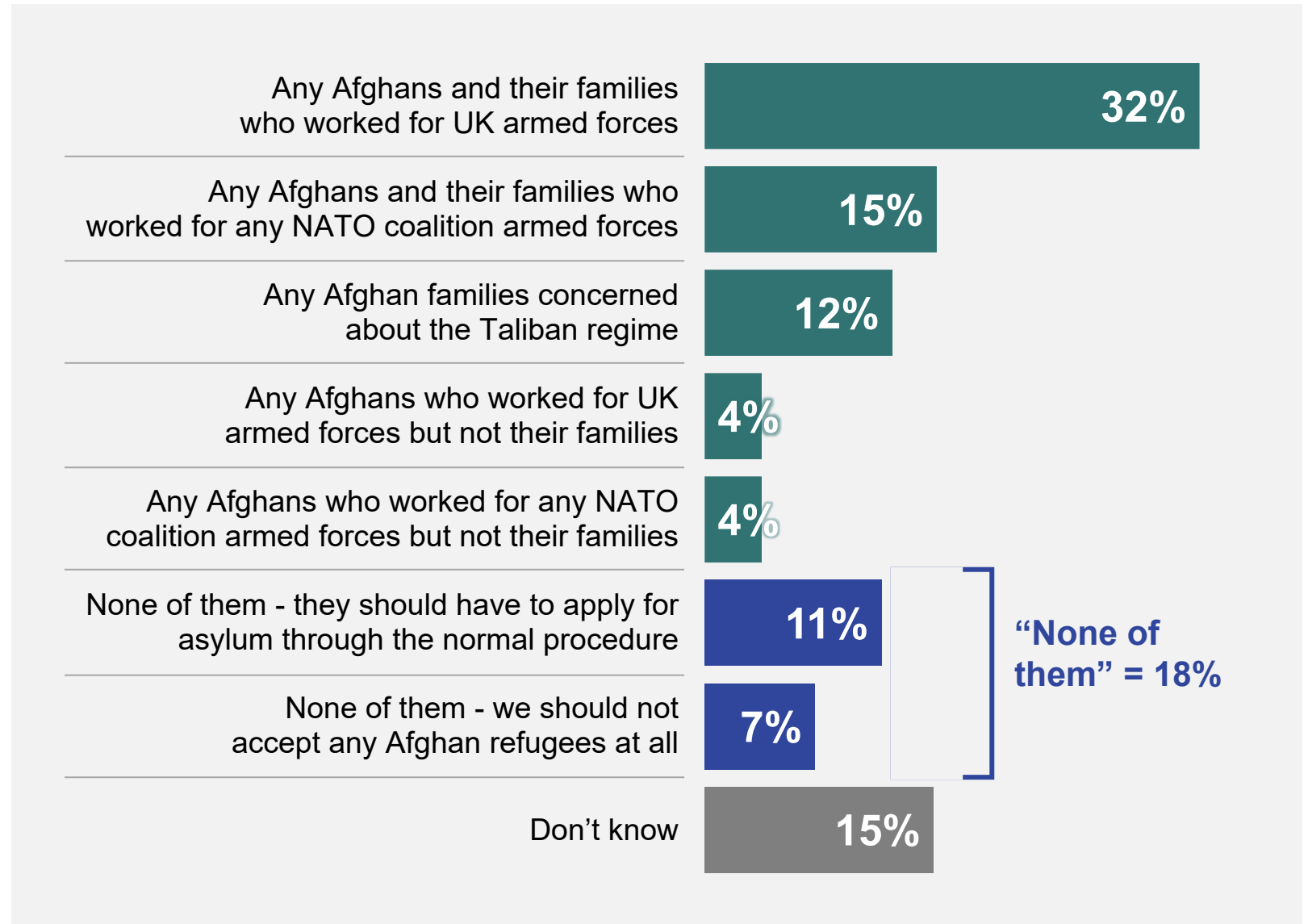
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Should Britain accept refugees from Afghanistan?

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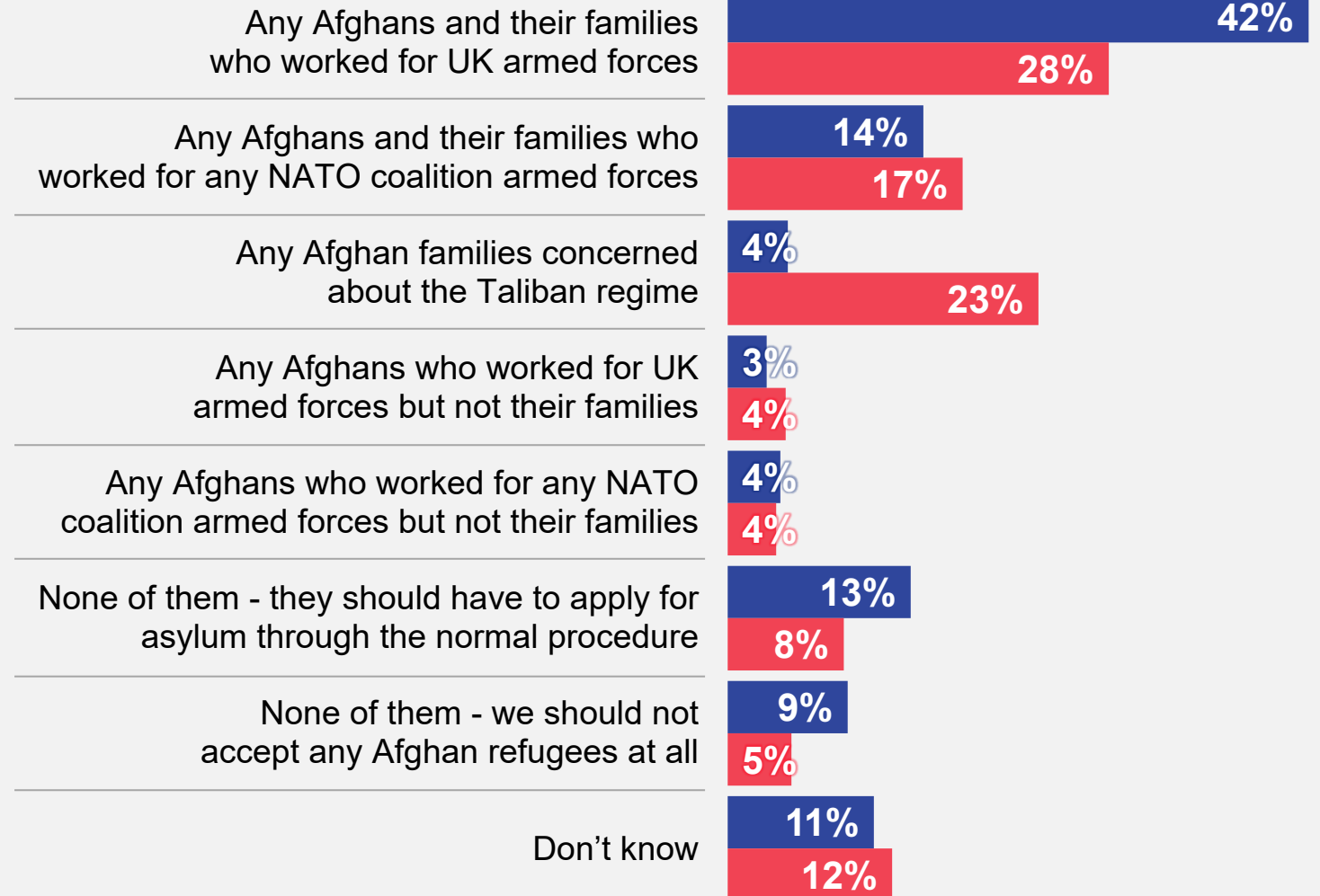
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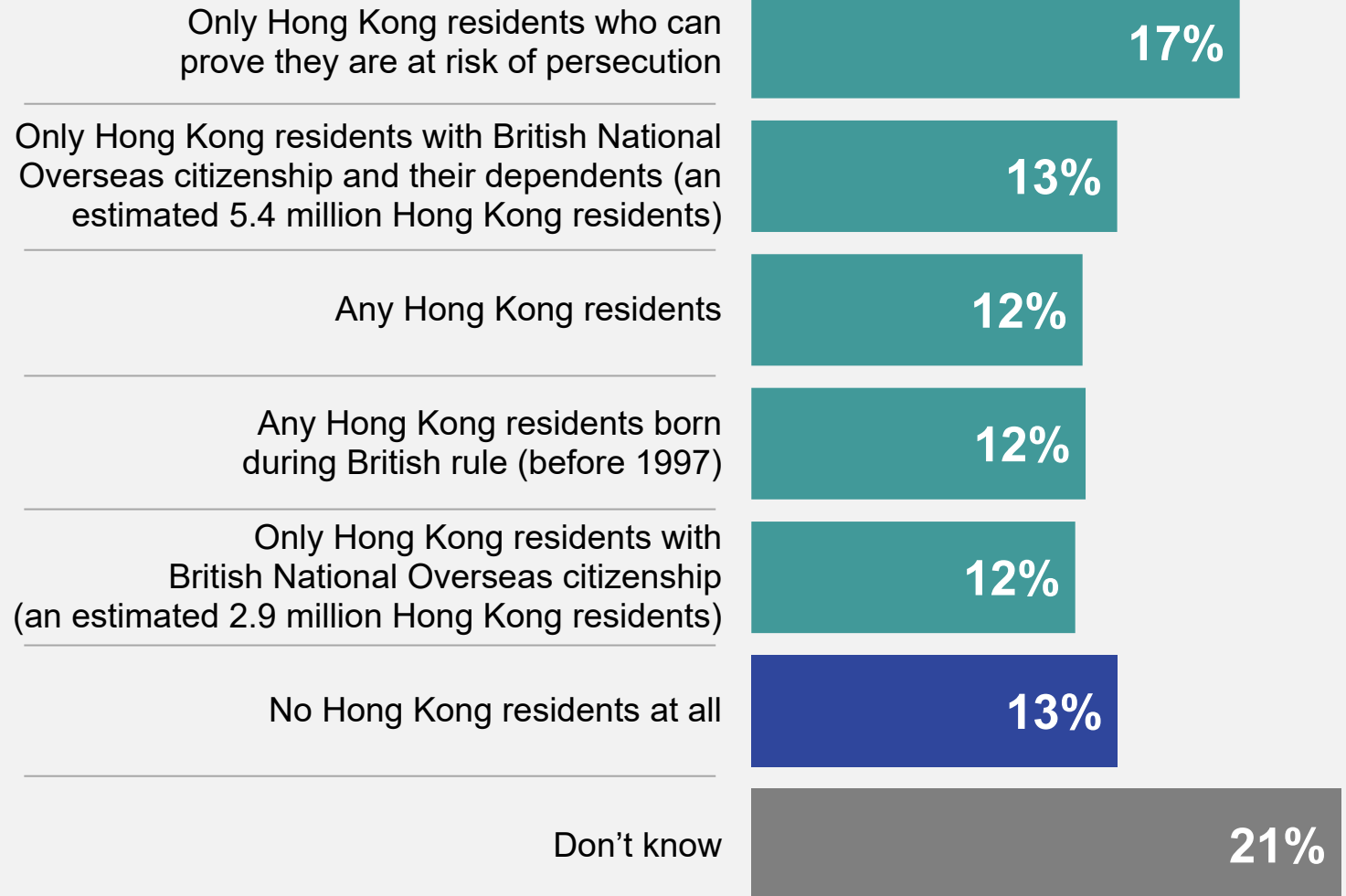
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Should Britain accept refugees from Hong Kong?

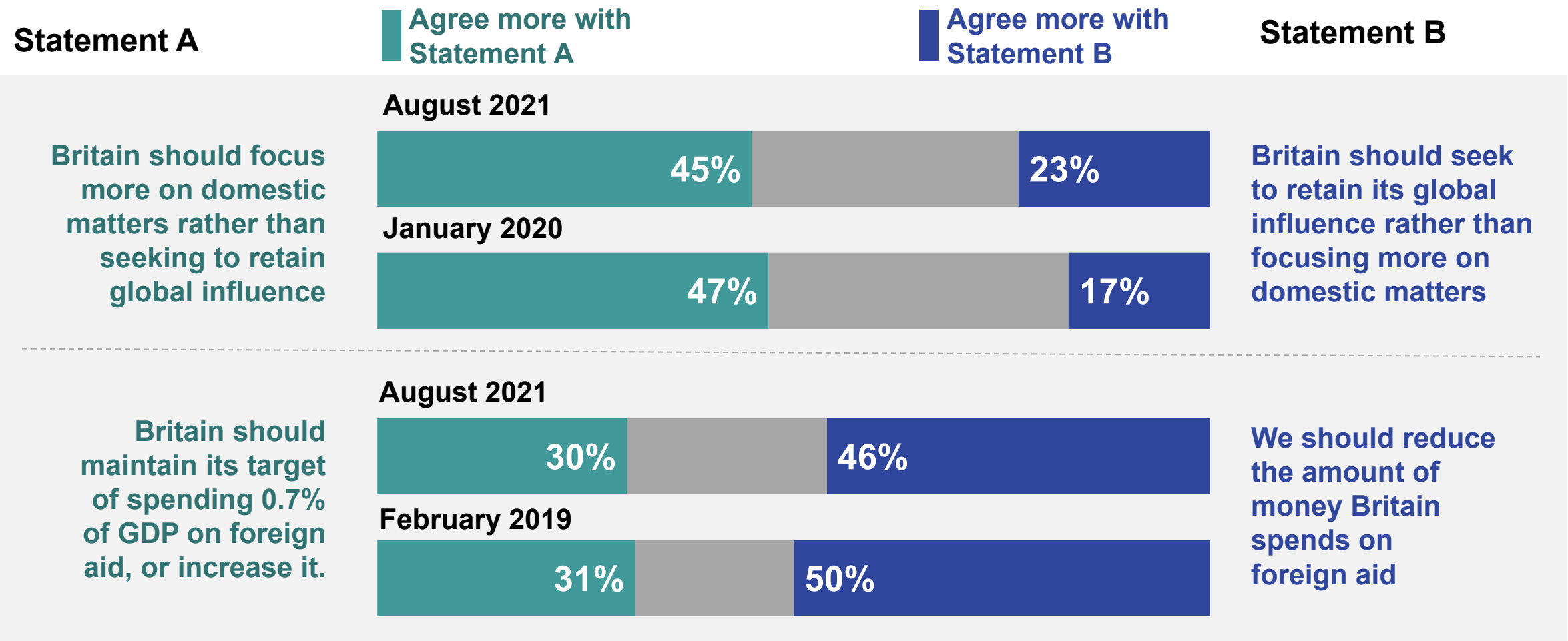
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Britain's role in the world

Which of the following statements do you agree with most?



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