

Ipsos MORI Black History Month Polling: Britain's involvement in the Slave Trade

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Six in ten Britons want schools to teach children about Britain's involvement in the slave trade and its impact in the world today

When thinking about education in Britain's schools, to what extent do you support or oppose each of the following?

Support

Oppose

Teaching children in British secondary schools about Britain's involvement in the slave trade and its impact in the world today

65%

9%

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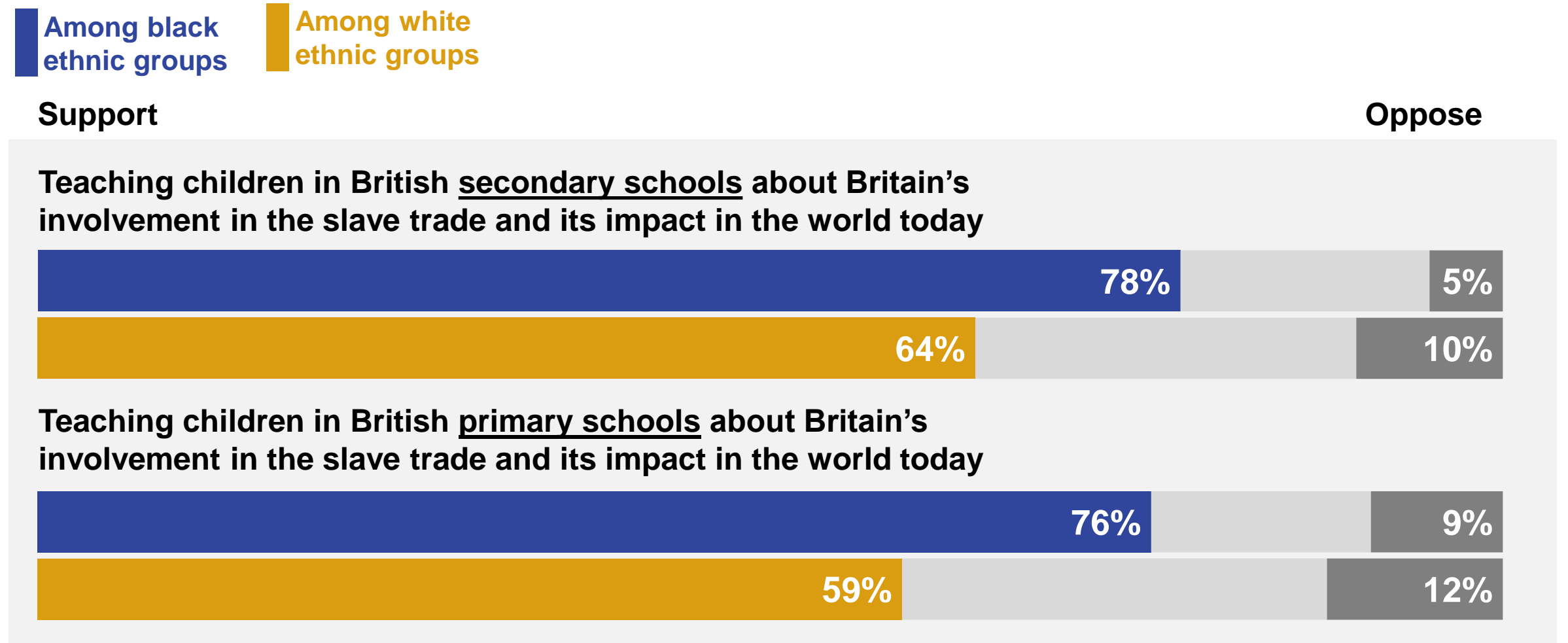
60%

12%

Base: 2,702 Online British adults 16+, 1-5 October 2021. Including White ethnic groups (2,117), Black / Mixed Black ethnic groups (287) and other ethnic minority groups (274).

Britons from Black ethnic groups are more likely to support teaching school pupils about Britain's involvement in the slave trade

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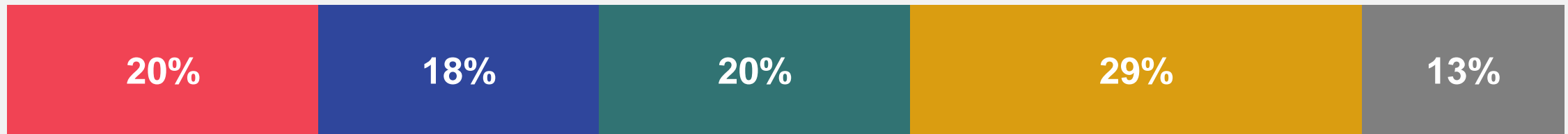


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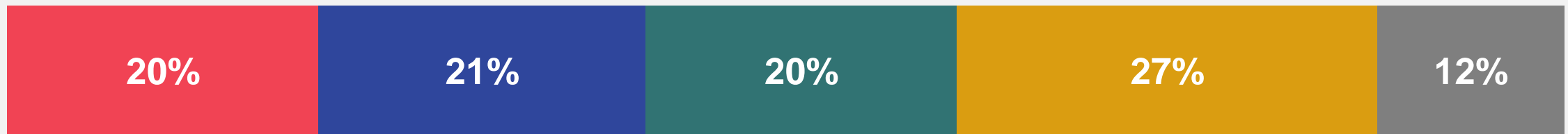
One in five are ashamed of Britain's involvement in the slave trade but another fifth are proud Britain was among the first countries to abolish it



Generally speaking, are you more ashamed of Britain's historic involvement in the slave trade or more proud that Britain was one of the first countries to abolish it, or do you think these things happened so long ago that you feel neither proud nor ashamed?



Generally speaking, should the British nation be more ashamed of its historic involvement in the slave trade or more proud that Britain was one of the first countries to abolish it, or do you think these things happened so long ago that Britain should feel neither proud nor ashamed?



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Britons from Black ethnic groups are twice as likely as those from White ethnic groups to feel personally ashamed of Britain's involvement in the slave trade

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Similarly, twice the proportion of Britons from Black ethnic groups think Britain should be ashamed of the slave trade compared to White ethnic groups

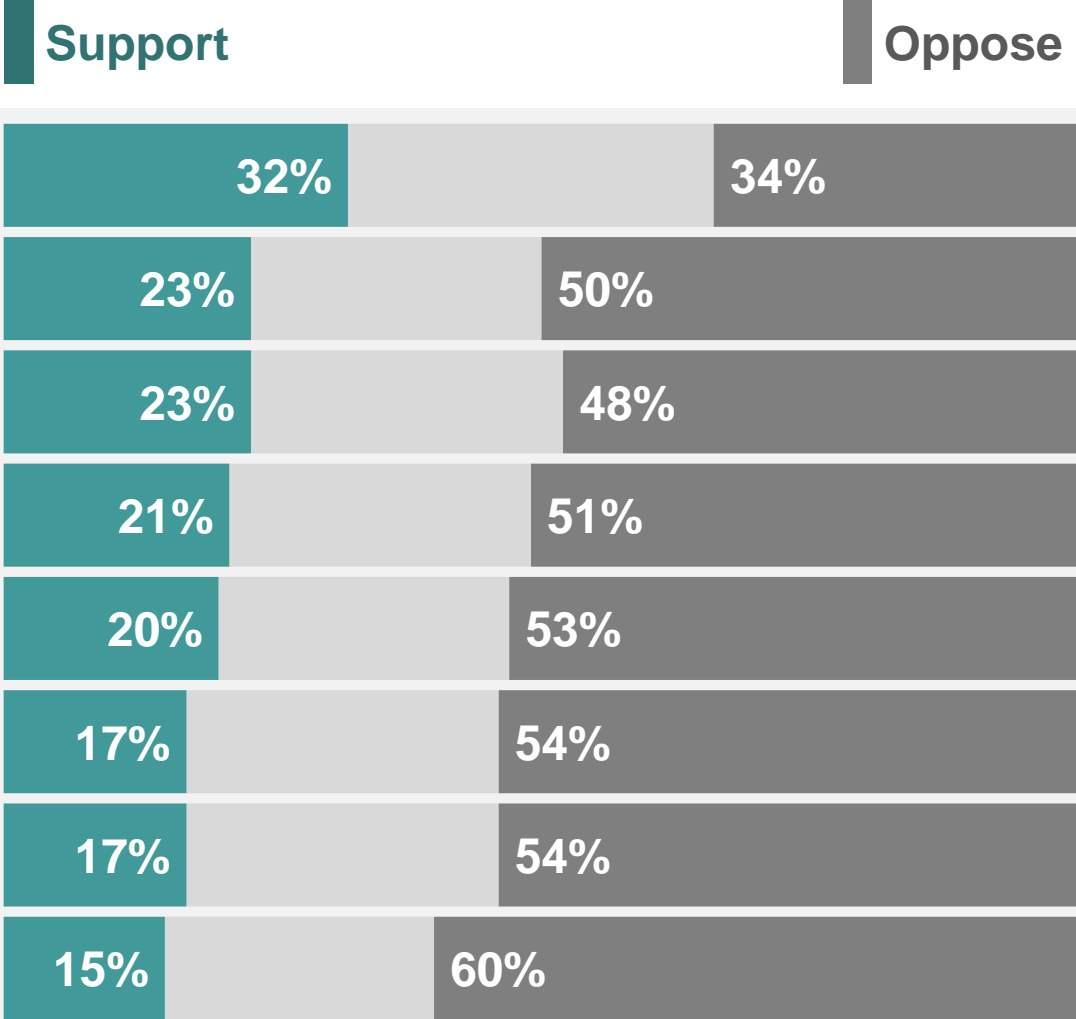
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The public largely oppose the British Government or businesses making reparations to Britons whose ancestors were slaves

To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following?



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Britons from Black ethnic groups are significantly more likely to support reparations compared to White ethnic groups

Among black ethnic groups

Among white ethnic groups

To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following?

Support

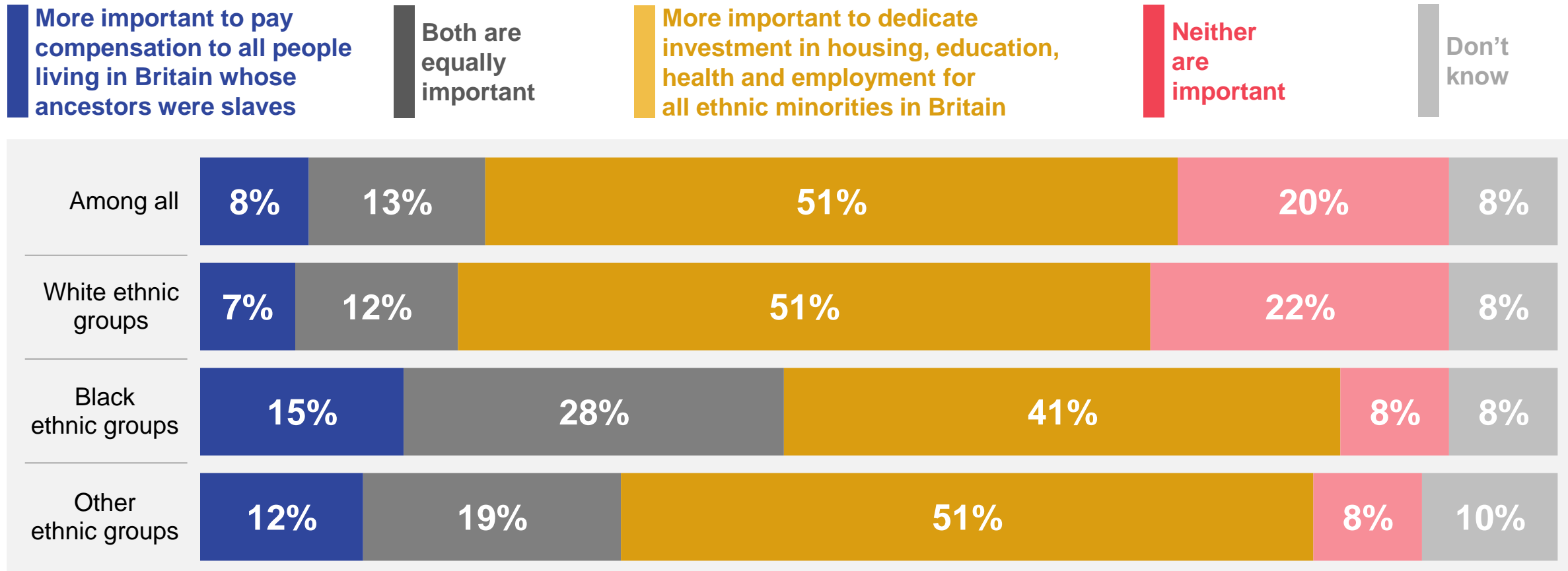
Oppose



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Britons support more investment in housing, education, health + employment for ethnic minorities rather than paying compensation for the past

Generally speaking, do you think that it is more important for the UK Government to pay compensation to all people living in Britain whose ancestors were slaves or dedicate investment in housing, education, health and employment for all ethnic minorities in Britain?



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