

INFLATION: CONSUMER PERCEPTIONS IN 30 COUNTRIES

A Global Advisor survey

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SUMMARY

On average, in the 30 countries surveyed:

- Two-thirds say prices they now pay for transportation (70%), food and drink (70%), and utilities (66%) are higher than they were six months ago;
- Half say so of the cost of clothing and shoes (55%), housing (51%), medical and health care (51%), and entertainment (49%)

The 12 surveyed countries where prices are most widely perceived to have increased include all six in Latin America, all four in Central and Eastern Europe, Turkey, and South Africa..

- At the opposite end of the spectrum, Japan and China are where consumers are least likely to say the prices they paid recently for various categories are higher than they were six months ago.
- Consumers who report higher prices for the products and services they buy skew more affluent and older.

Globally, about as many expect their household spending in the next three months to increase (42%) as expect it to stay the same (41%)

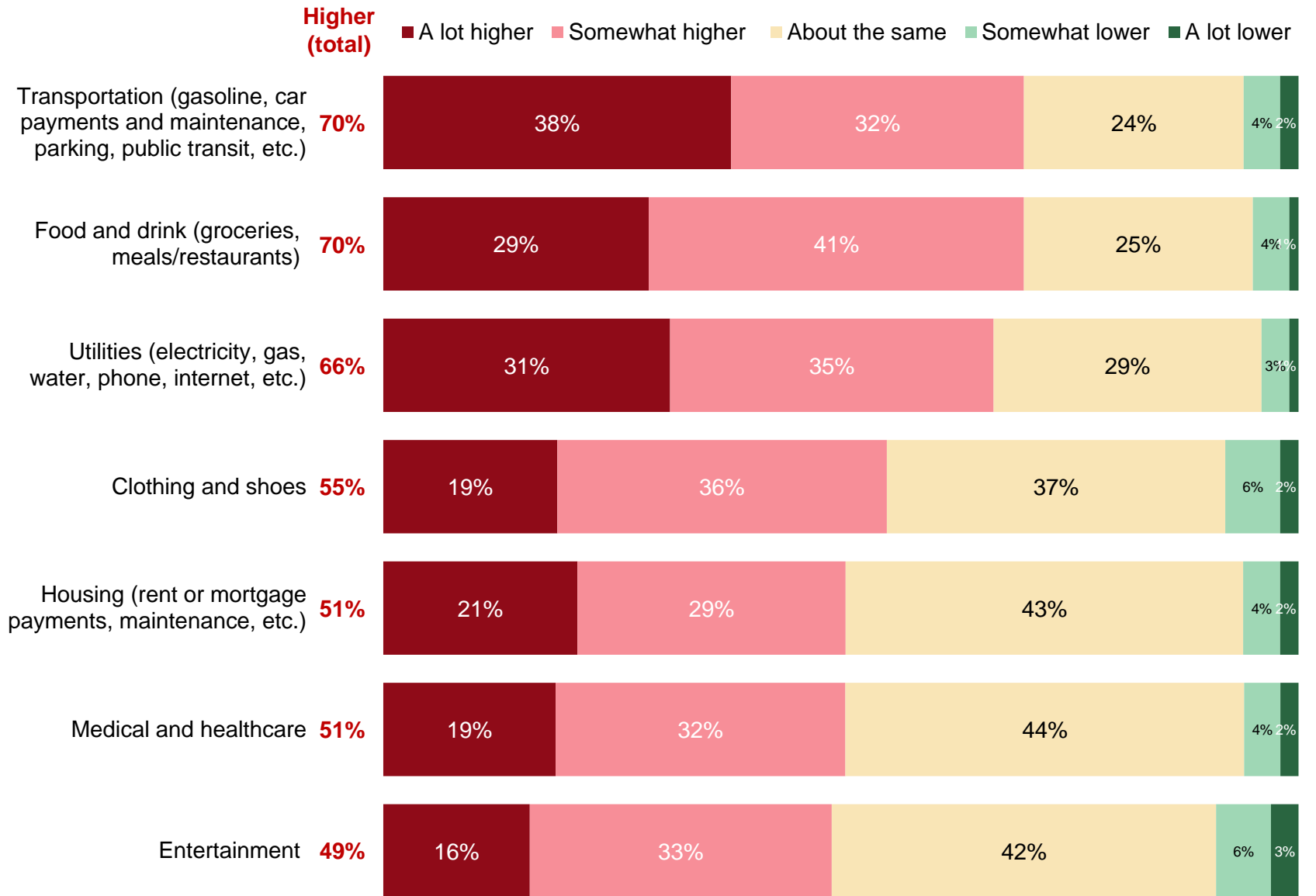
- Expectations of increased spending vary widely across countries, ranging from more than 60% in Romania and Argentina to just 16% in Japan; they tend to be highest in countries where consumers most widely report price increases.
- Consumers who expect their spending to increase are slightly more affluent and younger than those who don't.

PERCEIVED COST INCREASE FOR VARIOUS CATEGORIES GLOBAL COUNTRY AVERAGE

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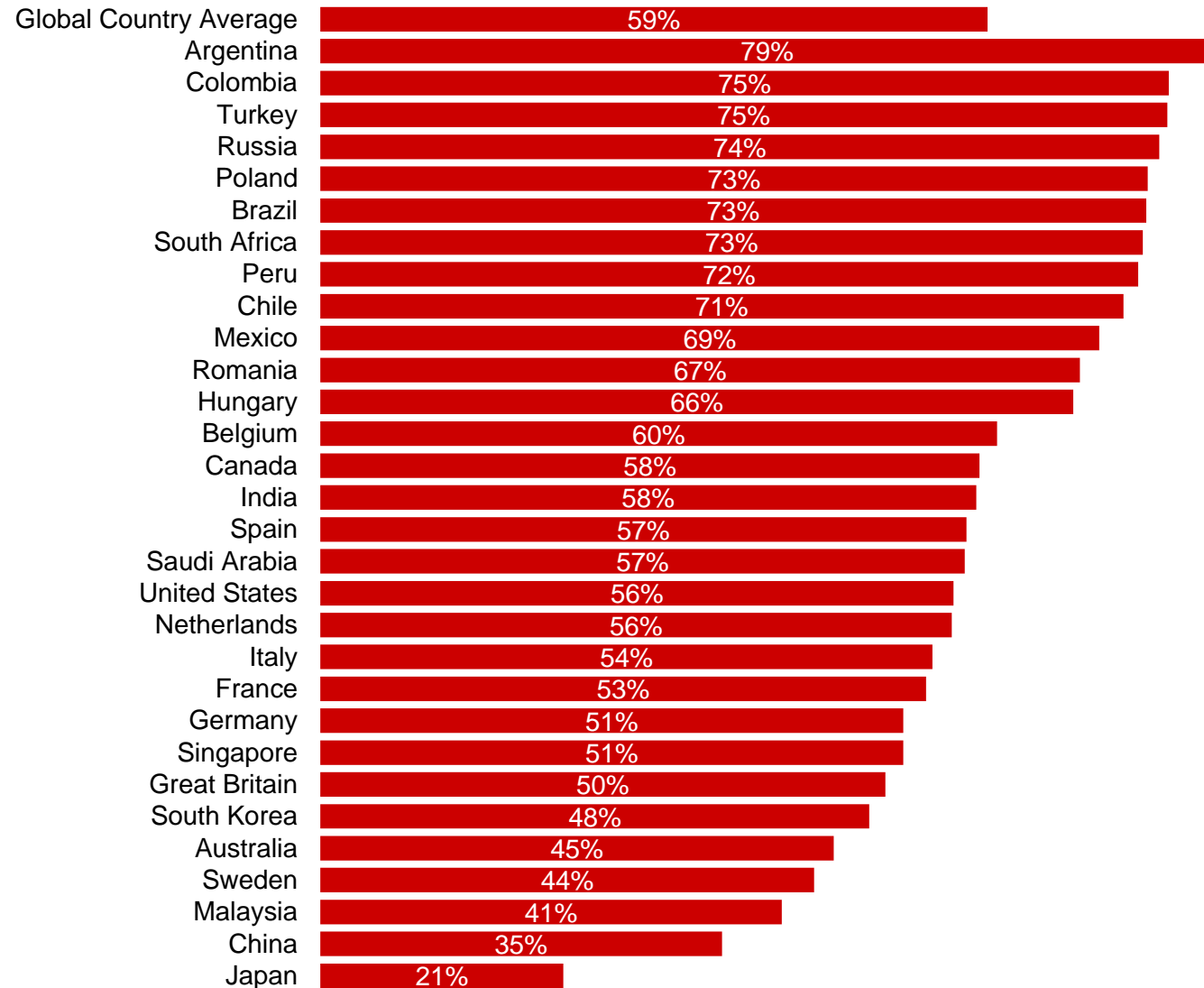
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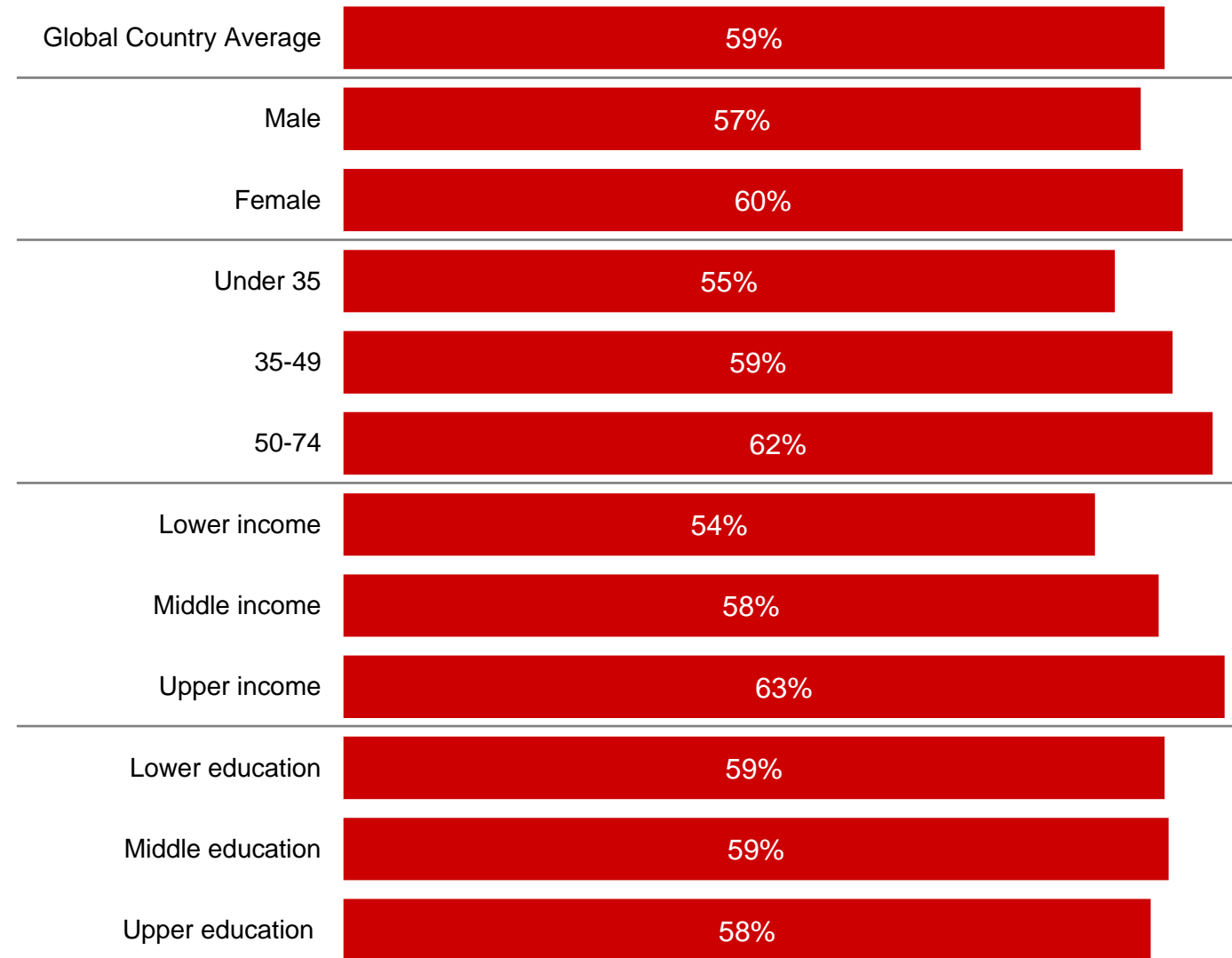
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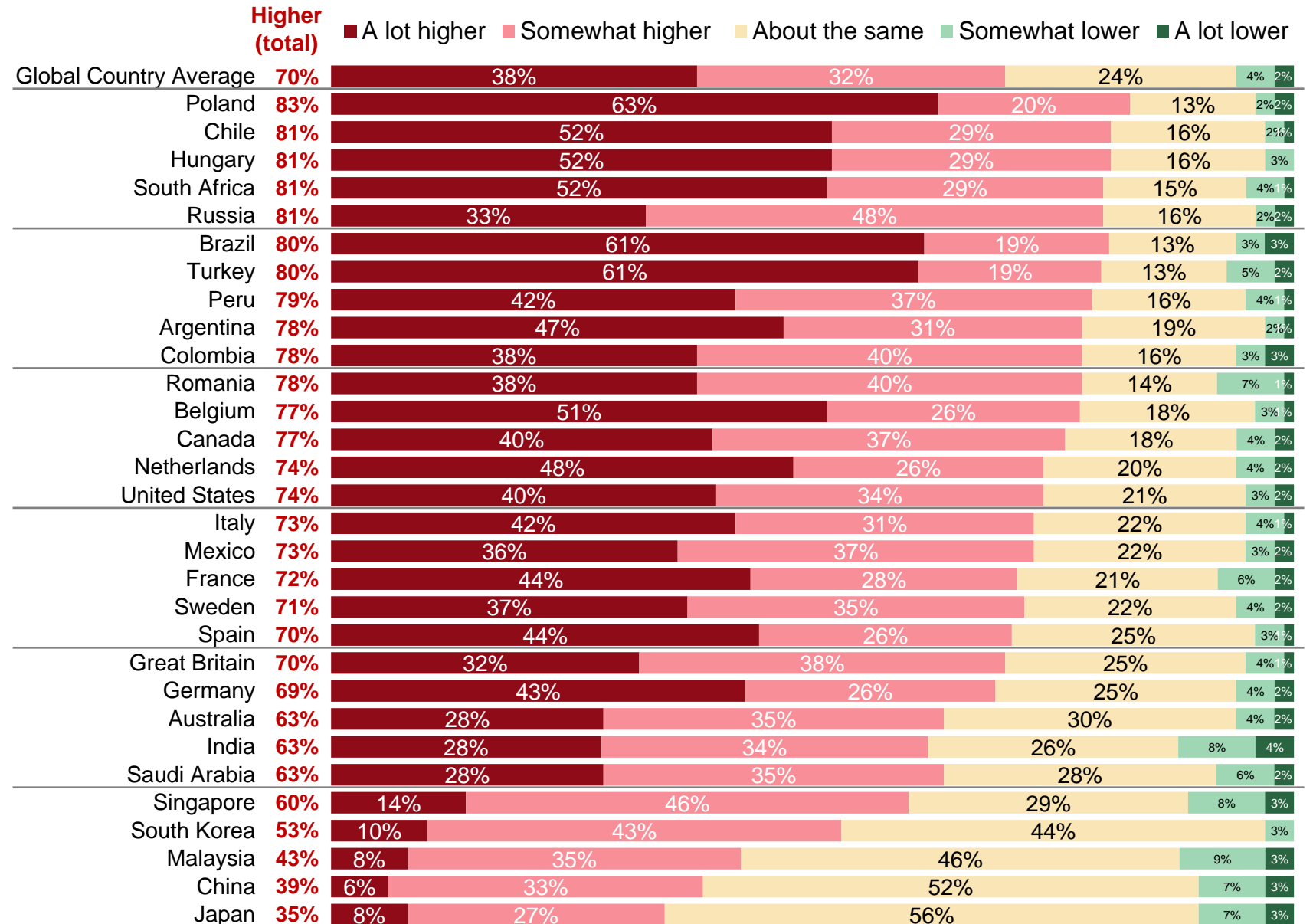


PERCEIVED COST INCREASE FOR TRANSPORTATION BY COUNTRY

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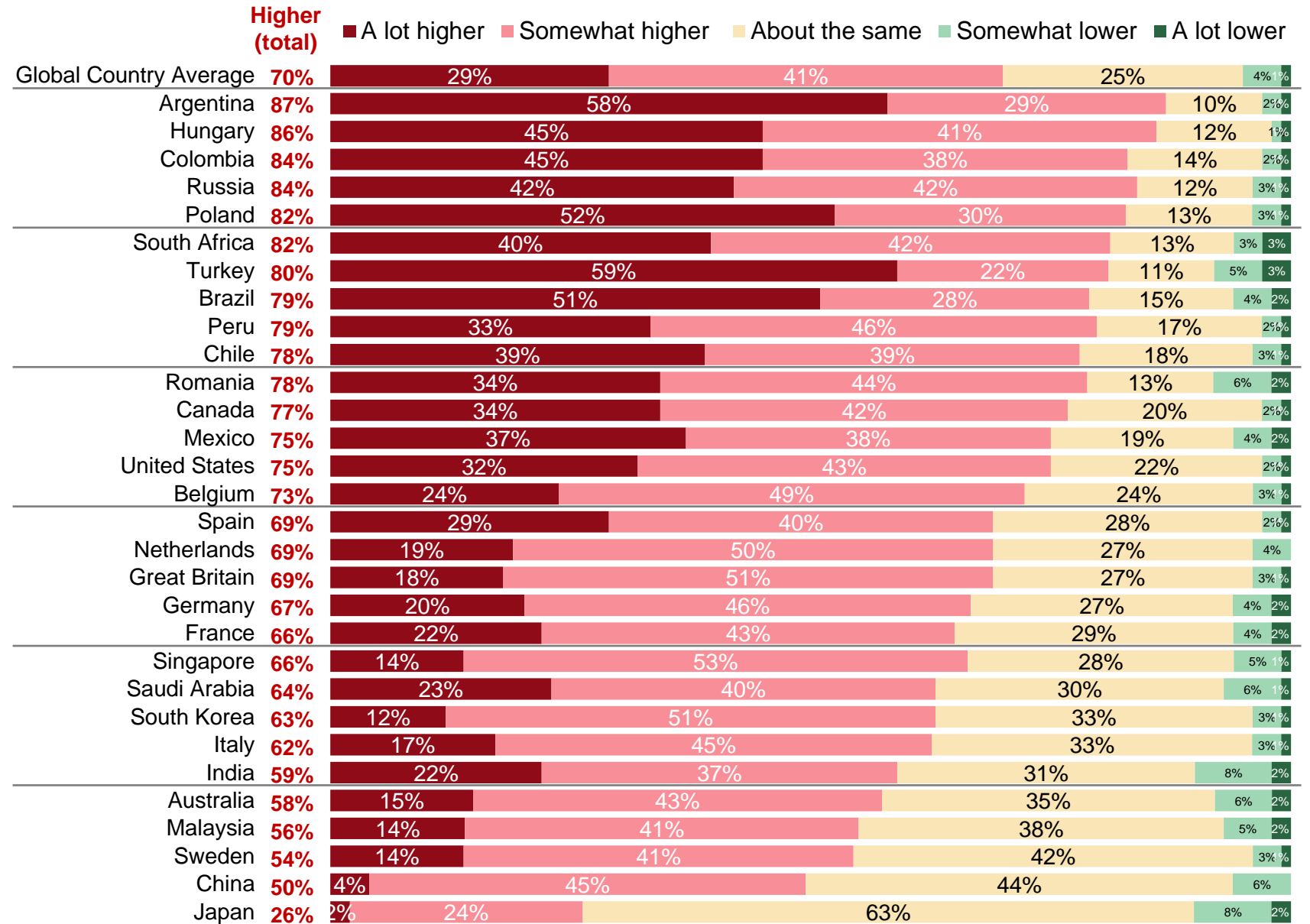


PERCEIVED COST INCREASE FOR FOOD AND DRINKS BY COUNTRY

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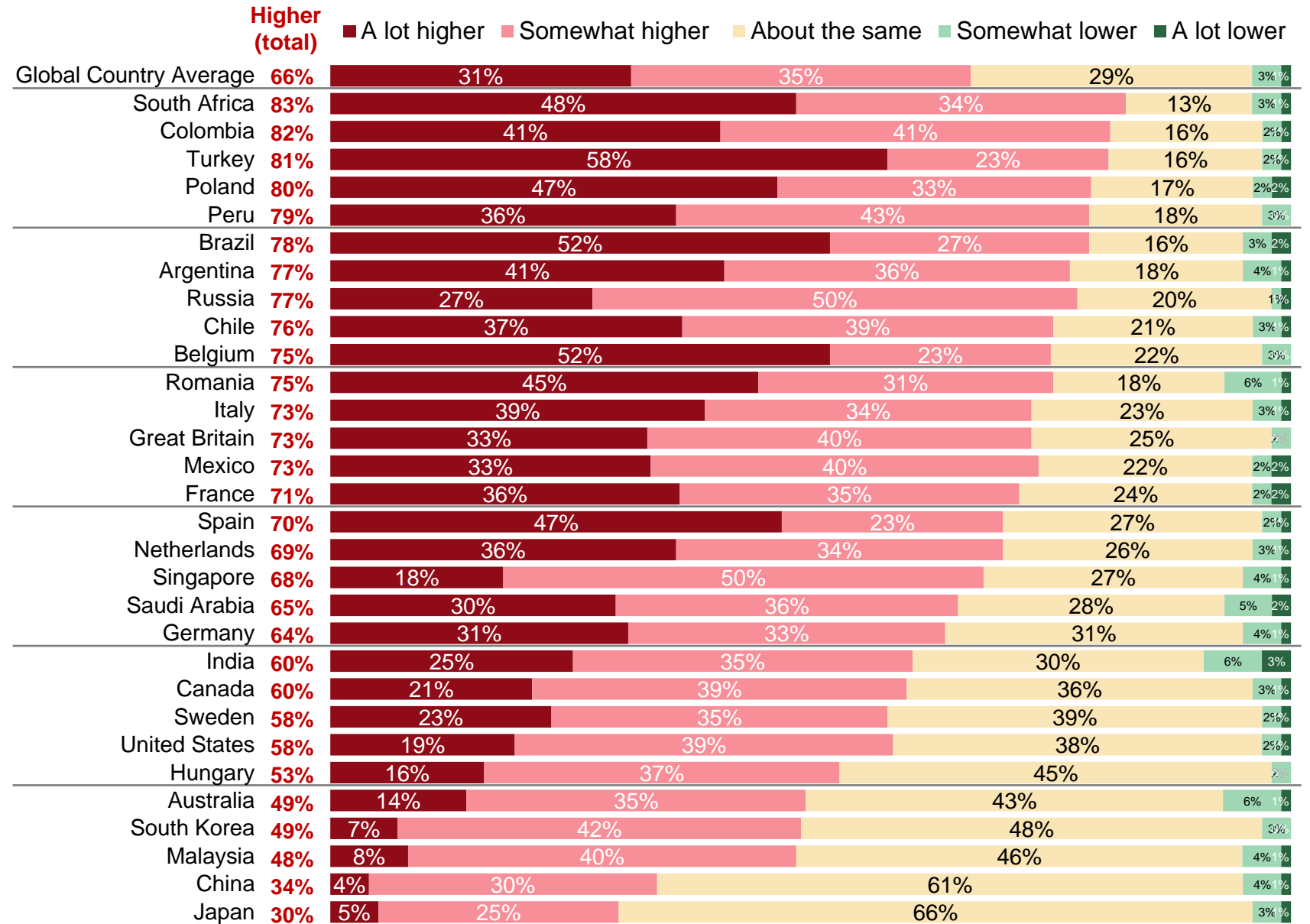


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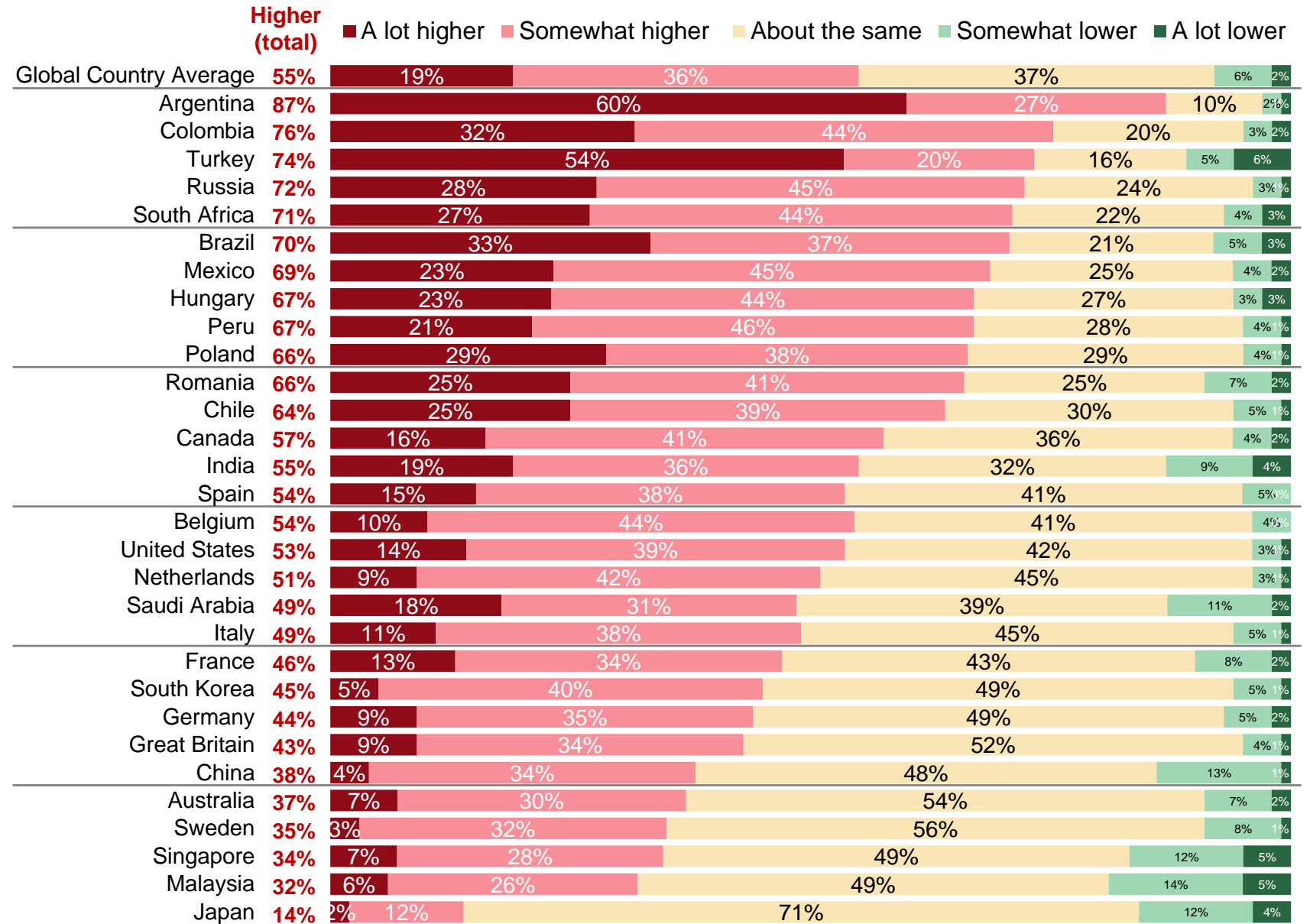
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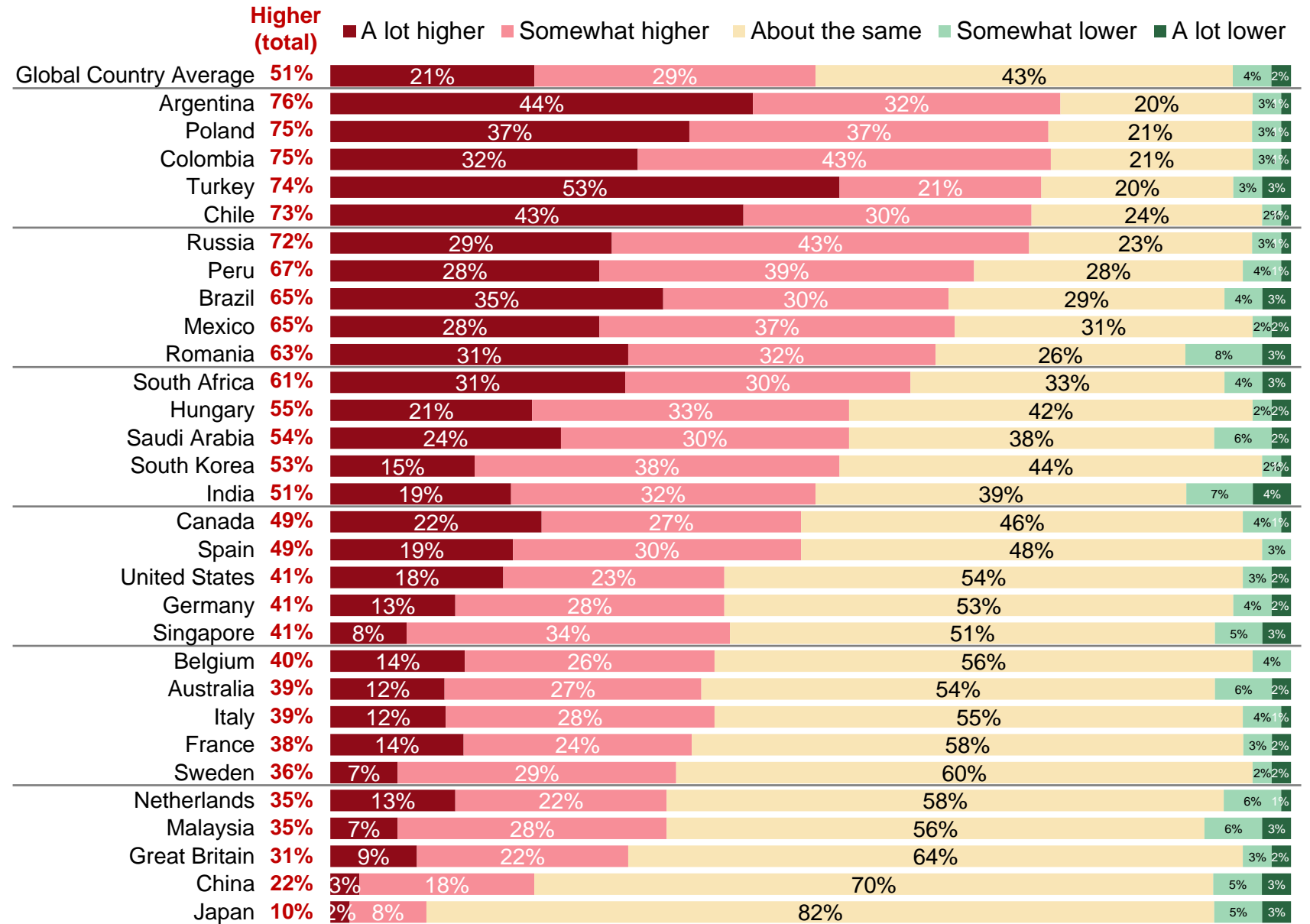
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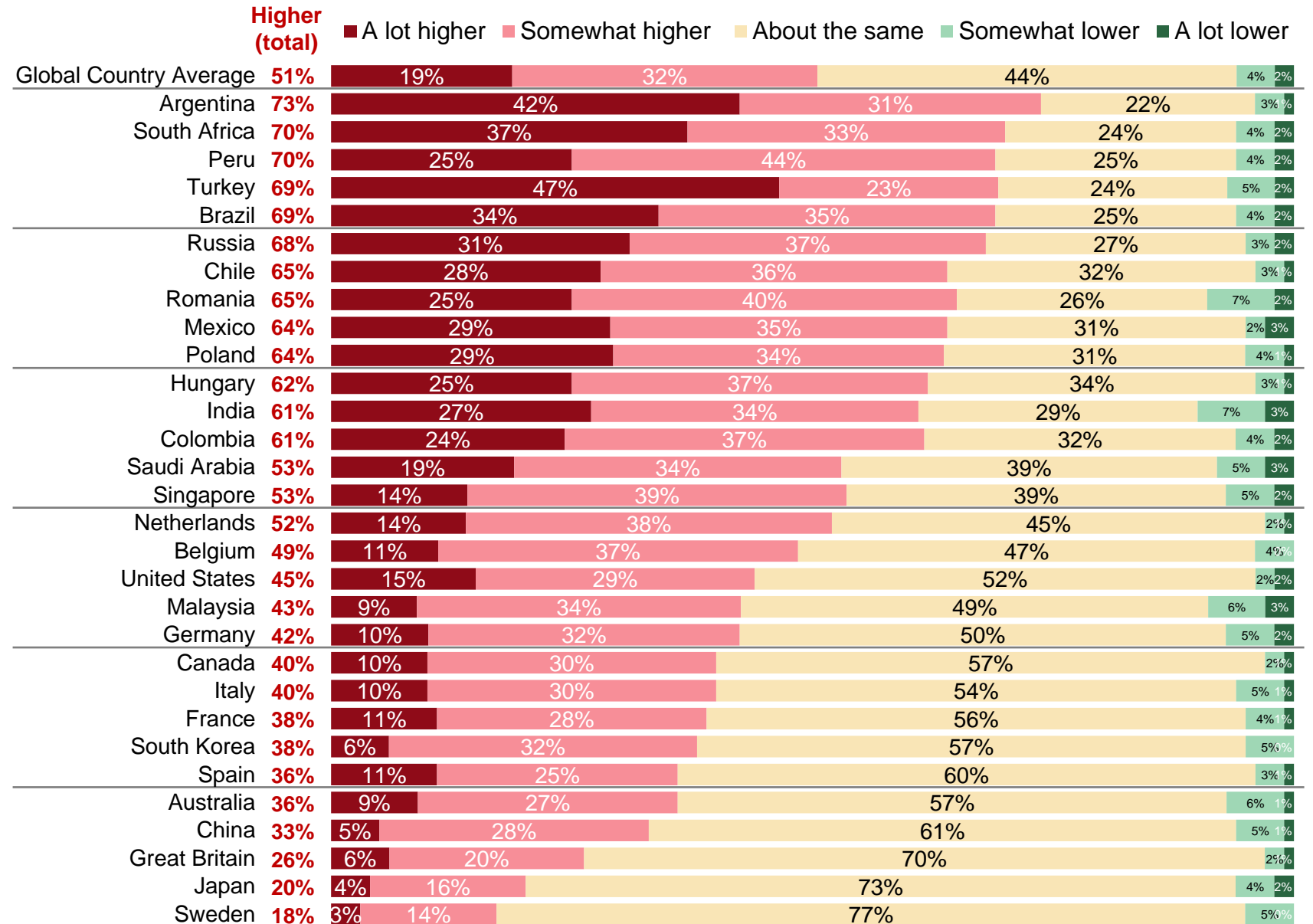


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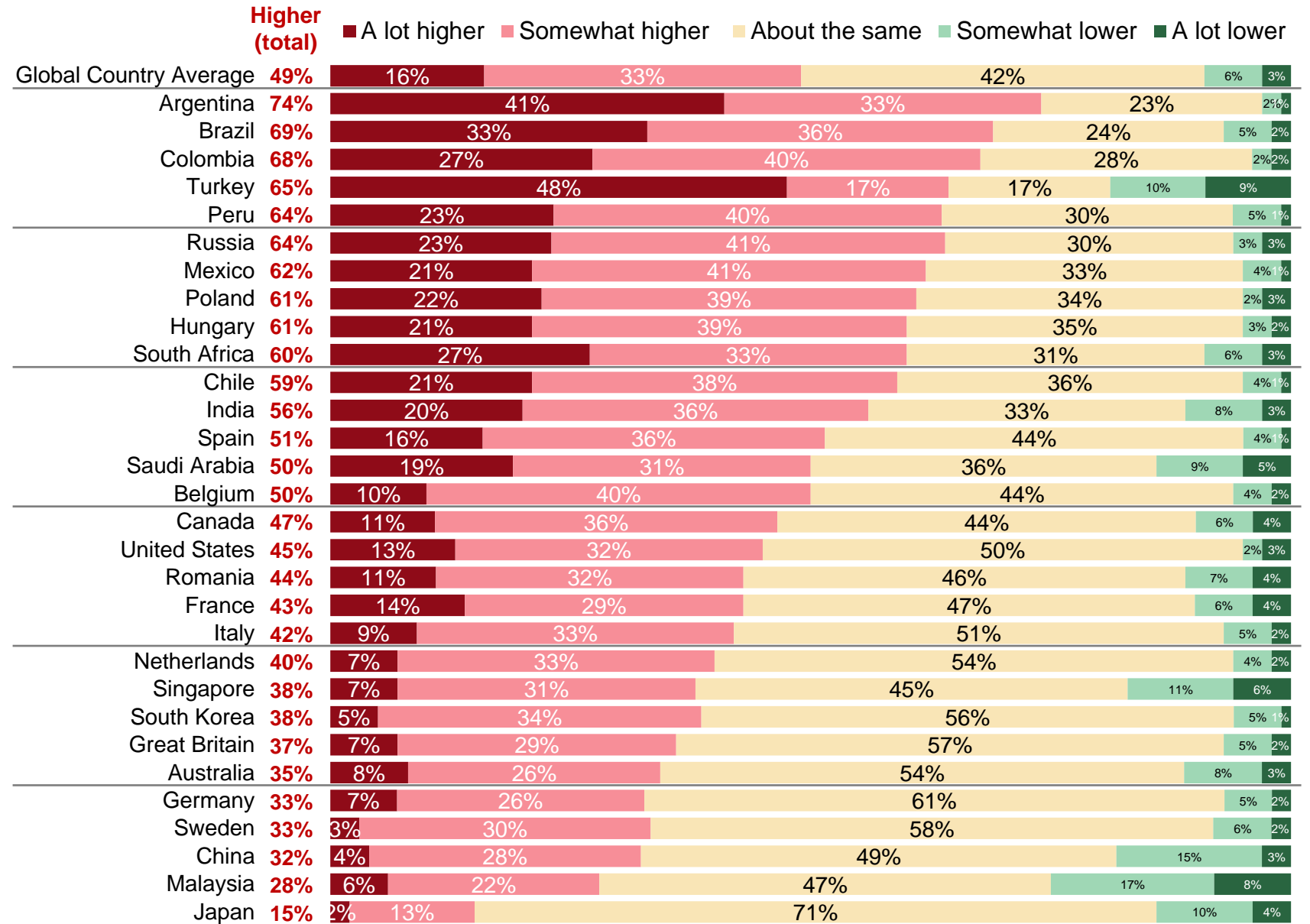
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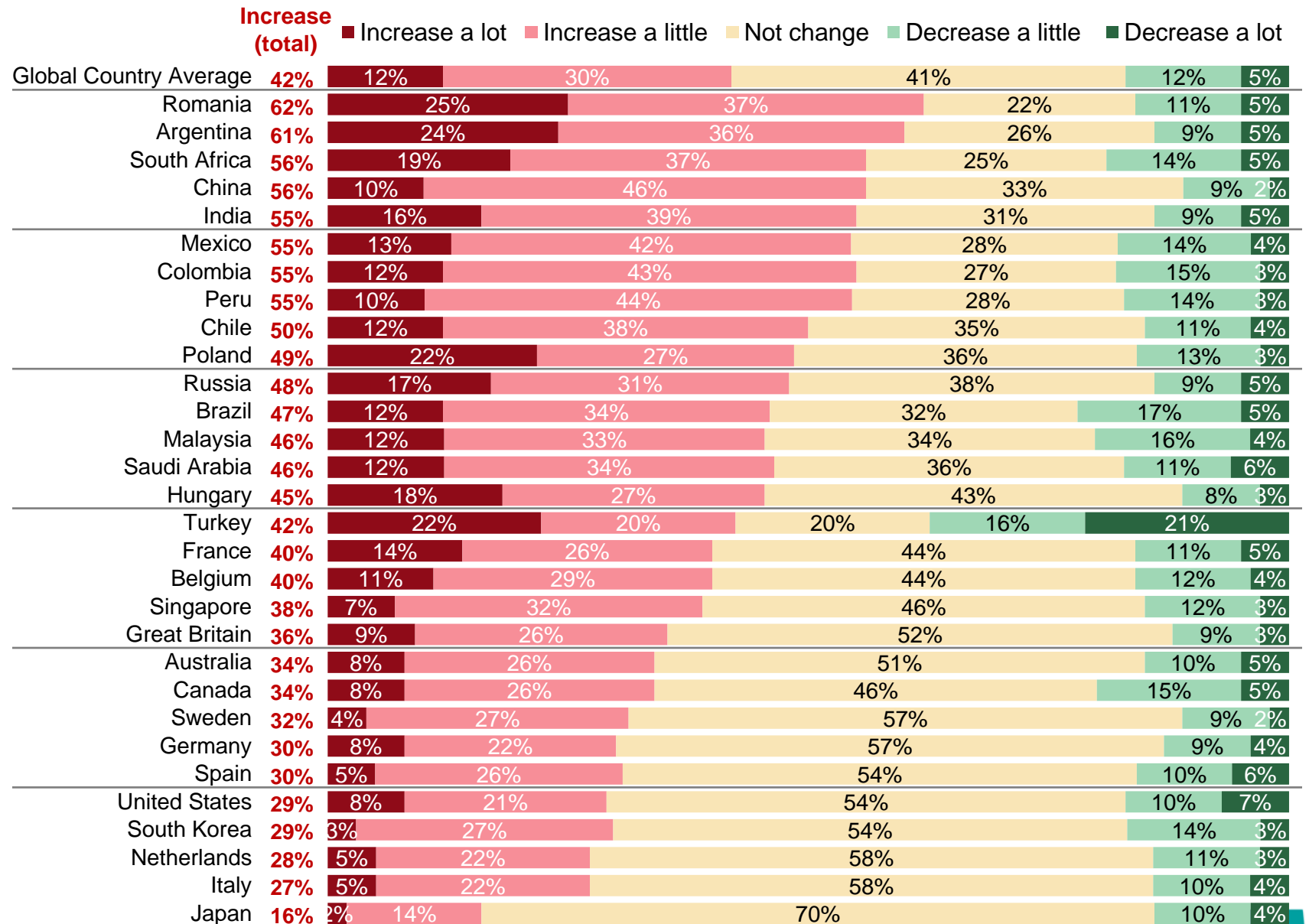


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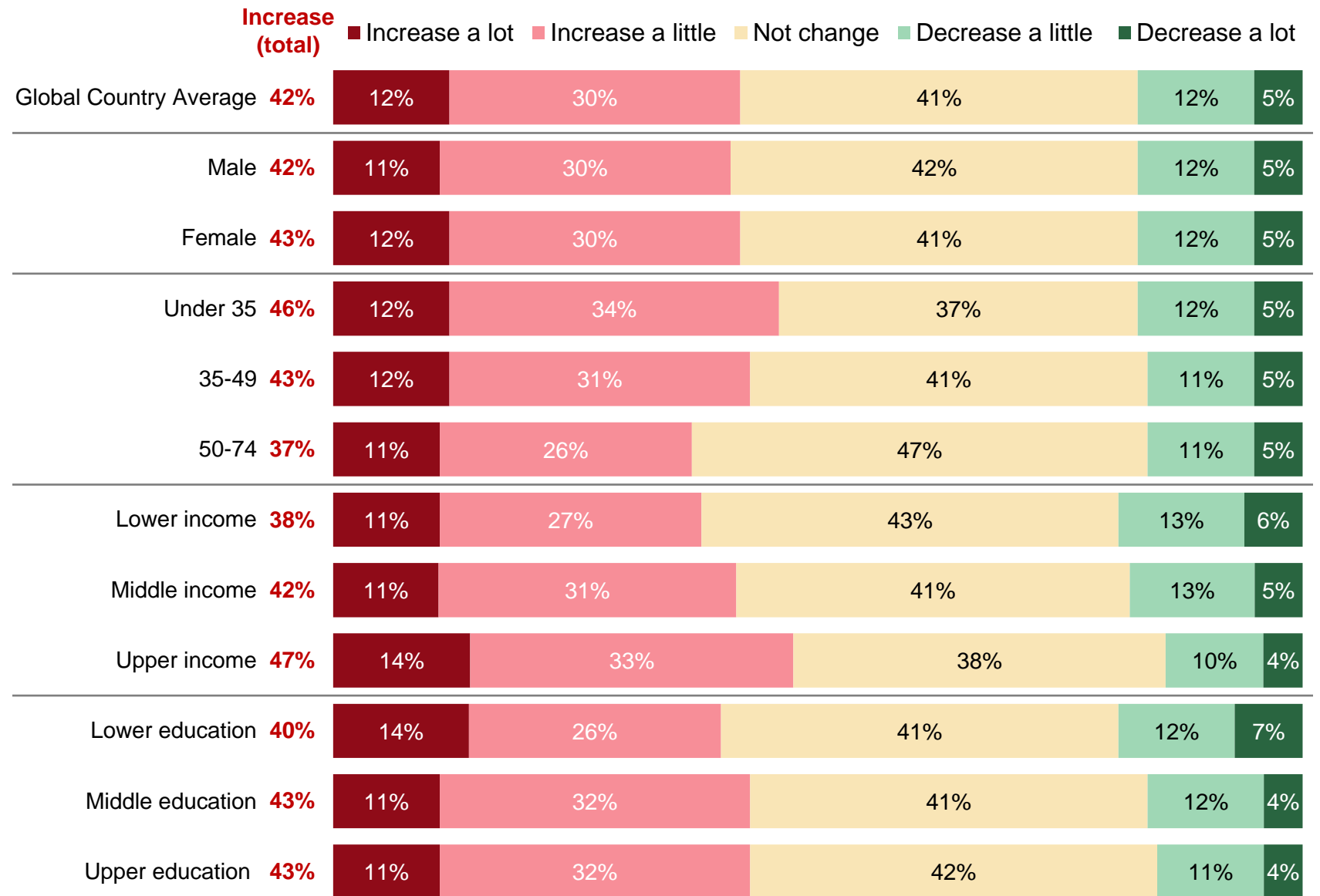
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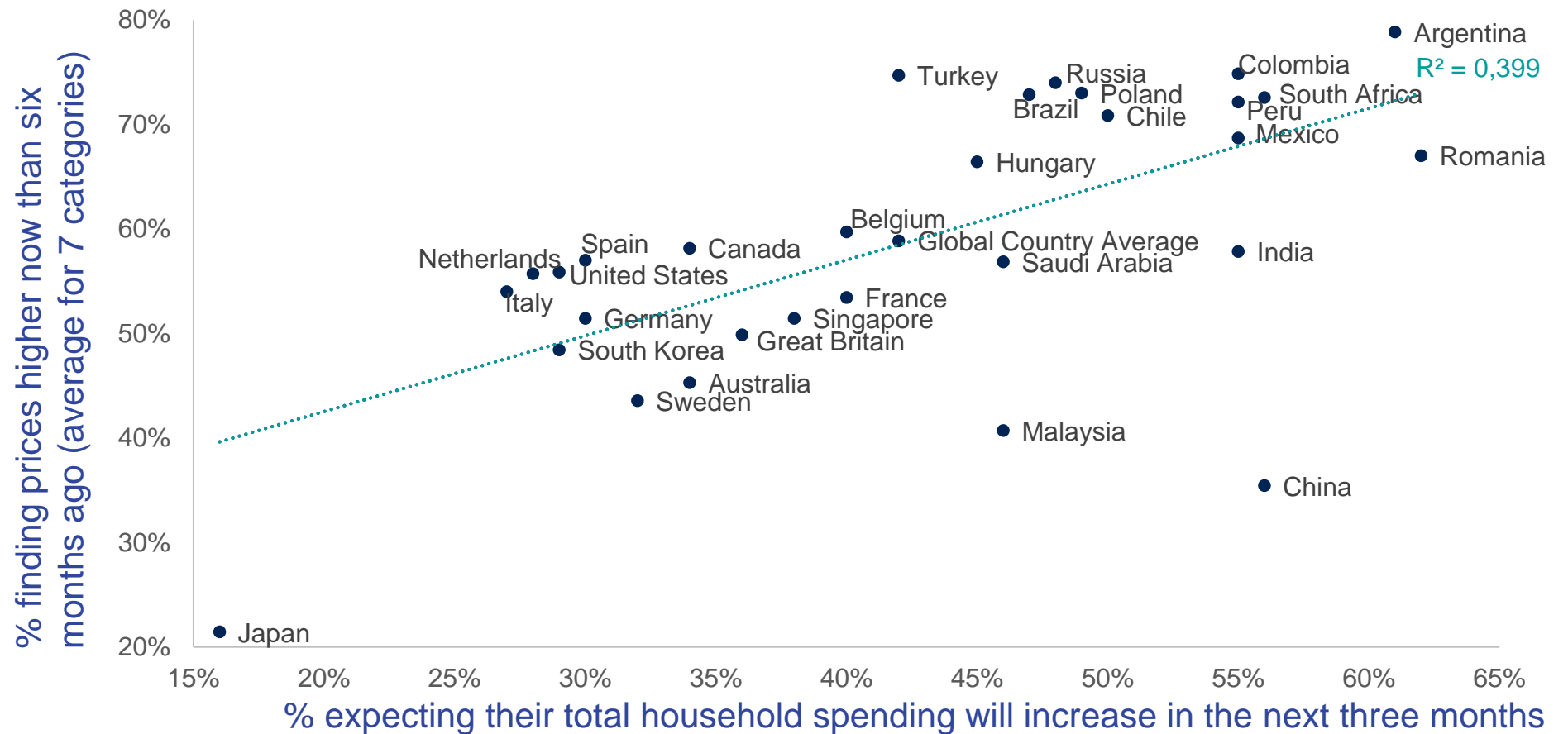
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EXPECTED INCREASE IN SPENDING CLOSELY RELATED TO PERCEIVED INFLATION

China, Malaysia and Japan are outliers



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METHODOLOGY

- These are the results of a 30-country survey conducted by Ipsos on its Global Advisor online platform. Ipsos interviewed a total of 20,504 adults aged 18-74 in the United States, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa, and Turkey, 21-74 in Singapore, and 16-74 in 25 other countries, between November 19 and December 3, 2021.
- The sample consists of approximately 1,000 individuals in each of Australia, Brazil, Canada, mainland China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain, and the U.S., and 500 individuals in each of Argentina, Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Hungary, India, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Romania, 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, and the U.S. can be taken as representative of these countries' general adult population under the age of 75.
- The samples in Brazil, Chile, mainland China, Colombia, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Romania, 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 countries should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more “connected” segment of their population.
- The data is weighted so that each country's sample composition best reflects the demographic profile of the adult population according to the most recent census data.
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