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REFUGEES IN A REOPENED WORLD

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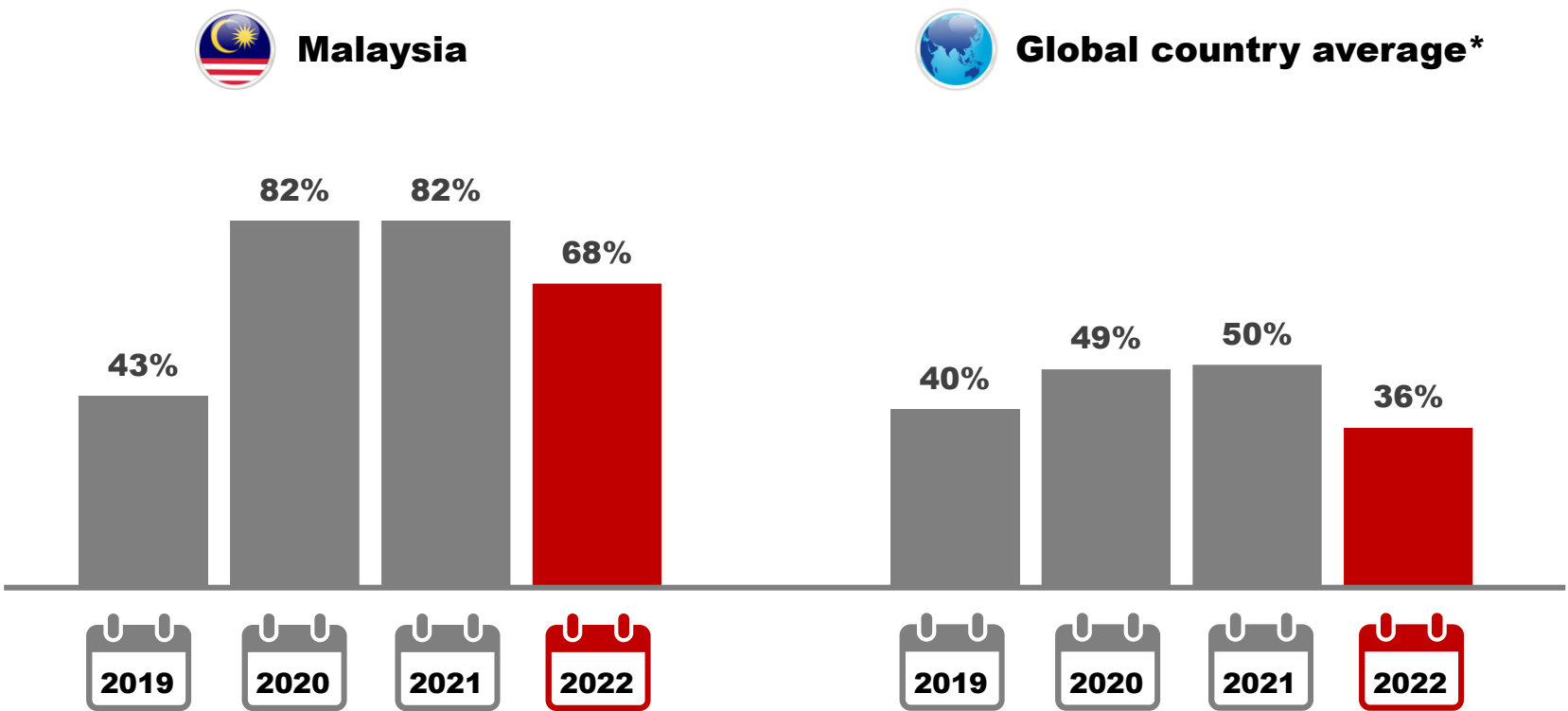
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ACCEPTANCE OF REFUGEES GOES UP AS PANDEMIC RECEDES

When the pandemic was at its height and international mobility at a minimum, taking in refugees was not seen as a priority. As the world's opening up, the perception that refugees should be completely shut out has receded, both in Malaysia and globally.

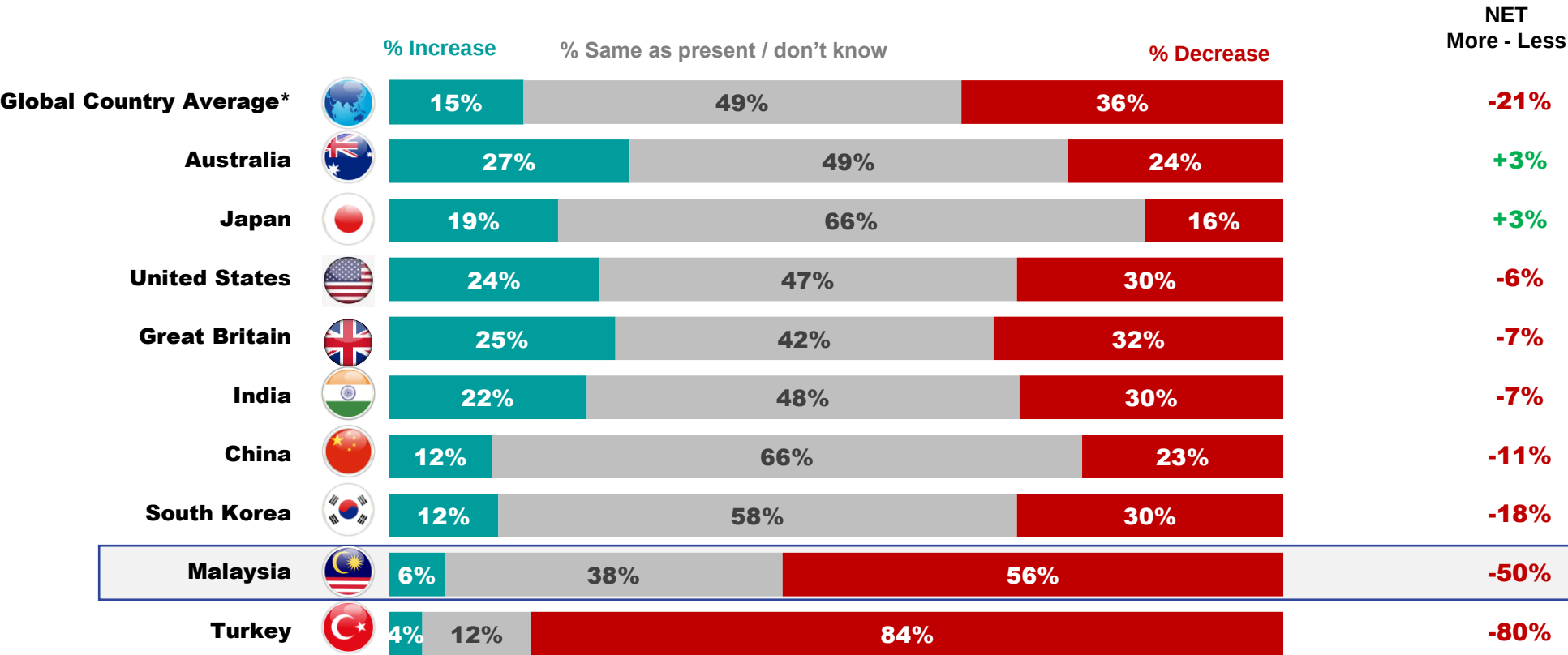
We must close our borders to refugees entirely – we can't accept any at this time
(% **Very much** / **somewhat agree**)



MAJORITY OF MALAYSIANS PREFER LESS REFUGEES

Accepting refugees remains a contentious issue in the post pandemic world. The prevailing sentiment in most countries is that the inflow of refugees should either remain the same or be reduced. A majority Malaysians support the latter.

Do you think the government in your country should accept more, fewer or the same number of refugees as it does at present?

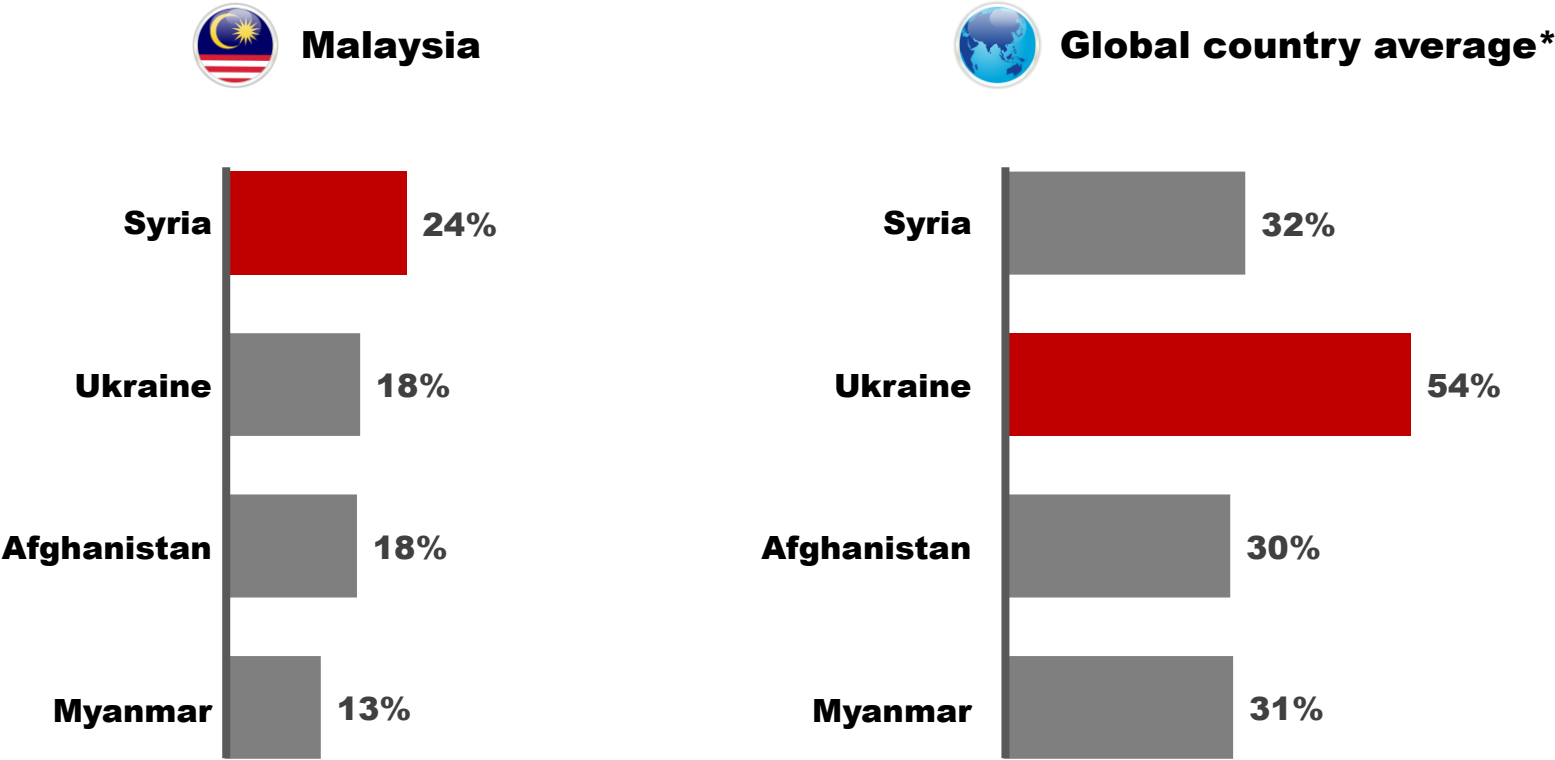


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MALAYSIANS PREFER SYRIAN REFUGEES OVER OTHERS

With attention fixed on the war in Ukraine, global citizens are much more likely to accept refugees from Ukraine than other conflict areas. In Malaysia, the pattern is different - there's higher acceptance for refugees from Syria than from Ukraine.

To what extent would you support or oppose allowing more refugees into your country from....
(% Support)



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Refugees in a reopened world

Accepting refugees is always a contentious topic and was even more so when the pandemic effectively shut borders across the world. As global mobility picks up, people are less inclined to think refugees should be shut out completely than during the height of the pandemic in 2020-21.

That doesn't mean accepting refugees have become a popular policy – globally, few supports increasing the intake of refugees. In Malaysia, a majority thinks the country should accept less refugees than it currently does.

With a new Ukrainian refugee crisis emerging as a result of the war, global opinion favours Ukrainian refugees over people from other conflict areas. That sentiment is not echoed by Malaysians, who are more inclined to accept refugees from Syria over Ukraine.



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