

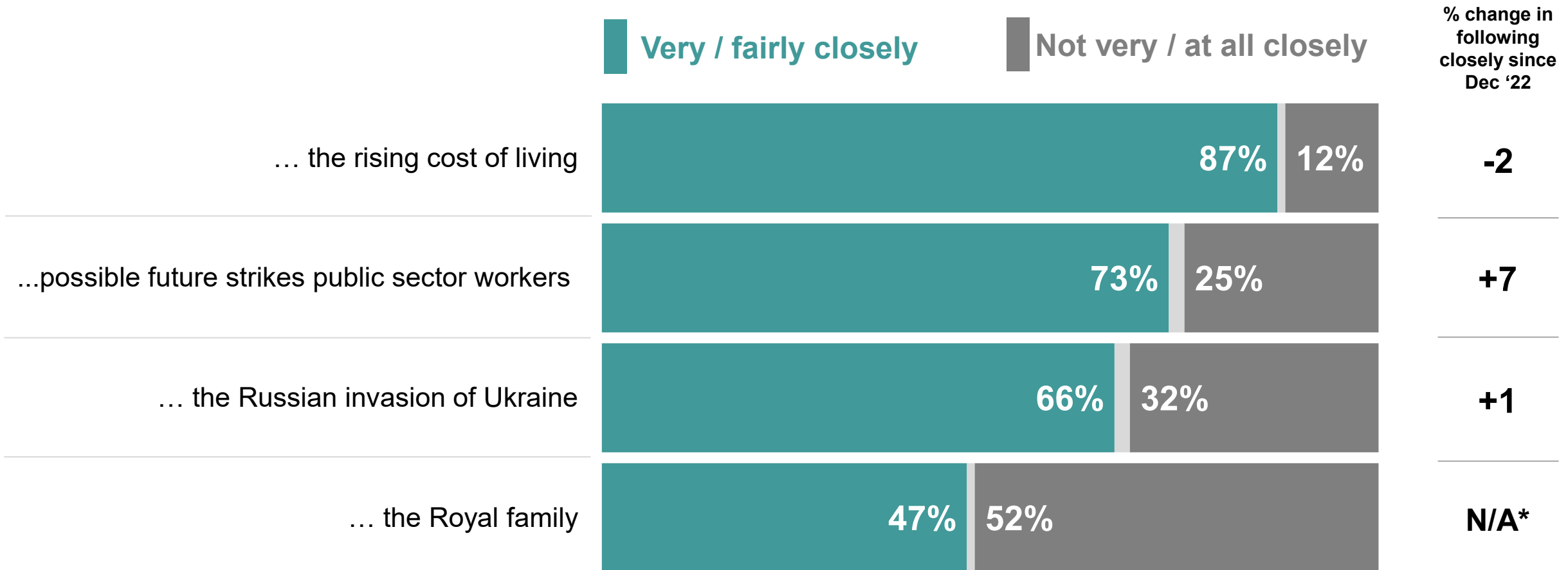
A photograph of a nurse in a white coat with a stethoscope around her neck, standing in a hospital setting. The image is partially obscured by a diagonal graphic consisting of teal and blue stripes on the left side. The text is overlaid on the image.

Ipsos Public attitudes towards proposed strike action by NHS nurses

January 2023

How closely have you followed these news stories?

How closely, if at all, have you been following stories about...?

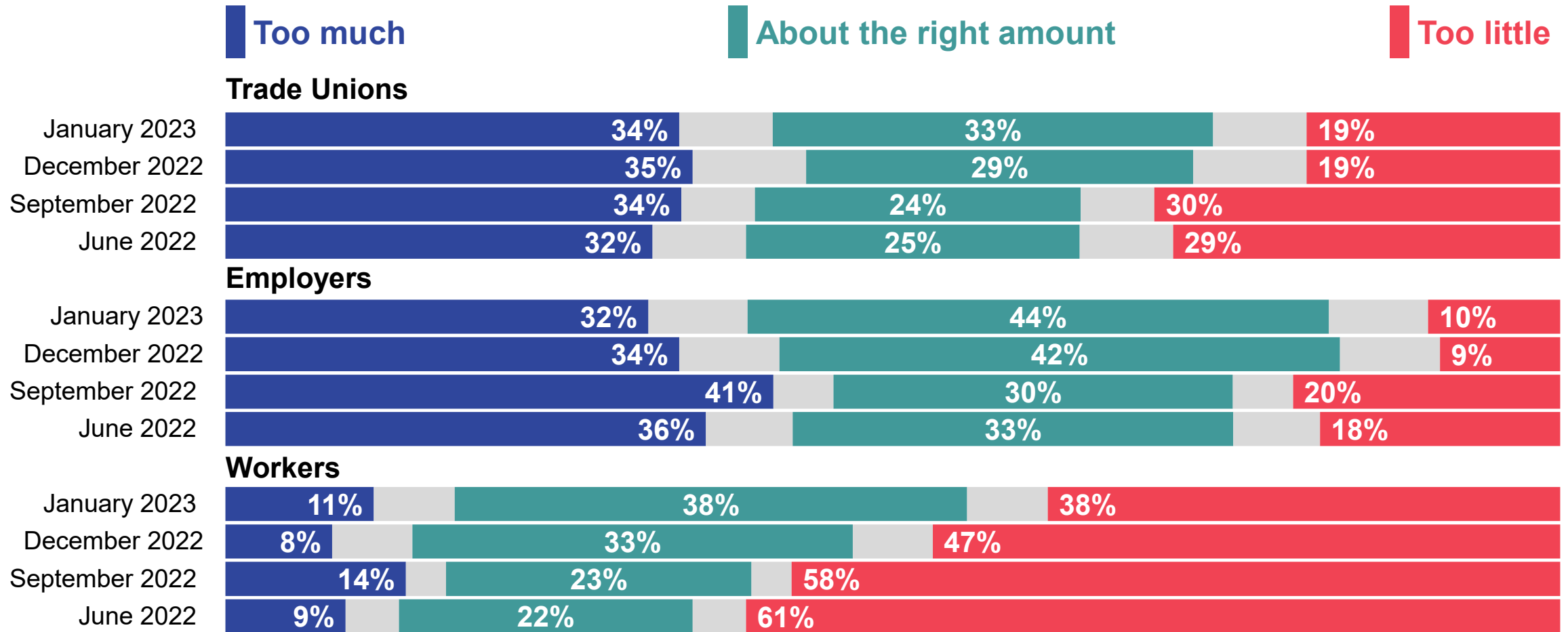


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* N/A - not asked in the December survey

Around a third continue to think trade unions and employers have too much power in Britain today, while two in five believe workers have too little

Do you think the following have too much, too little, or about the right amount of power in Britain today?



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Four in five continue to think it is important to have trade unions to protect workers' interests

How important, if at all, do you think it is to have trade unions to protect workers' interests?



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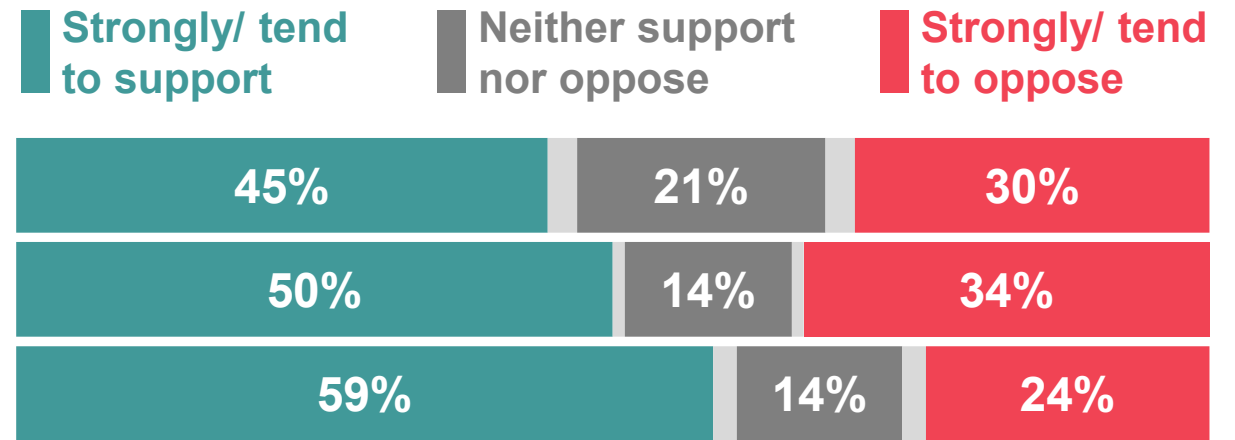


Almost half support the planned strike action by nurses, while a third oppose it

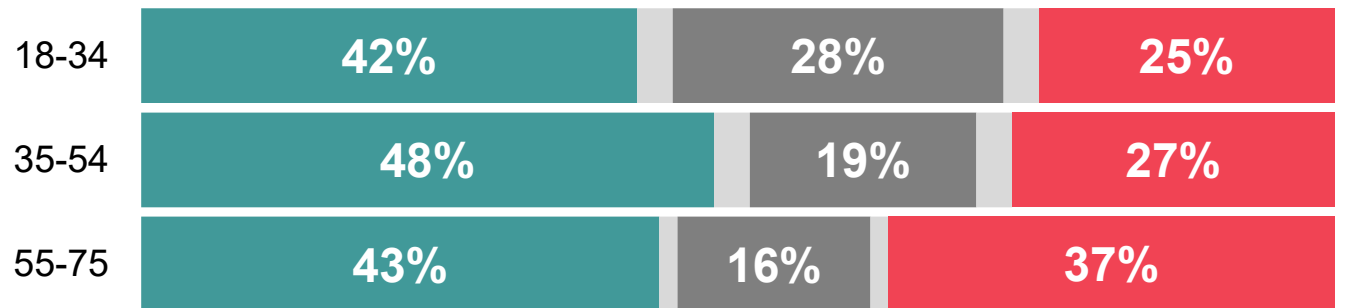
As you may be aware, a number of nurses in England are planning strike action for two days next week (18th and 19th January). The strike action excludes certain types of care, such as emergency intervention to preserve life or prevent permanent disability. To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose the planned strike action by nurses?

* November question started: As you may know, on 9th November 2022 it was announced that nurses at the majority of NHS employers across the UK had voted in favour of strike action.

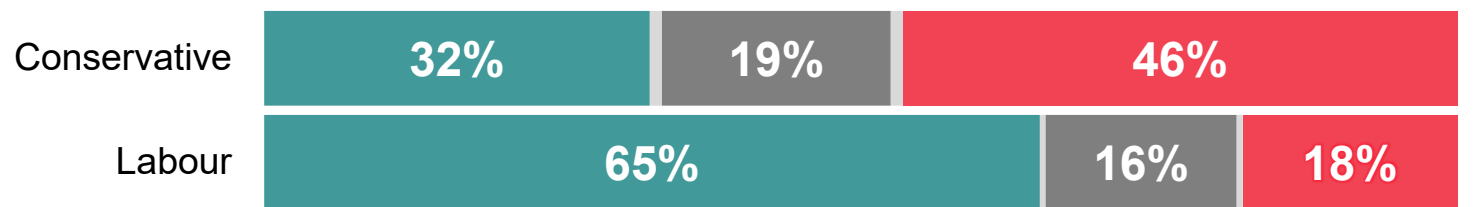
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By age group



By 2019 General Election



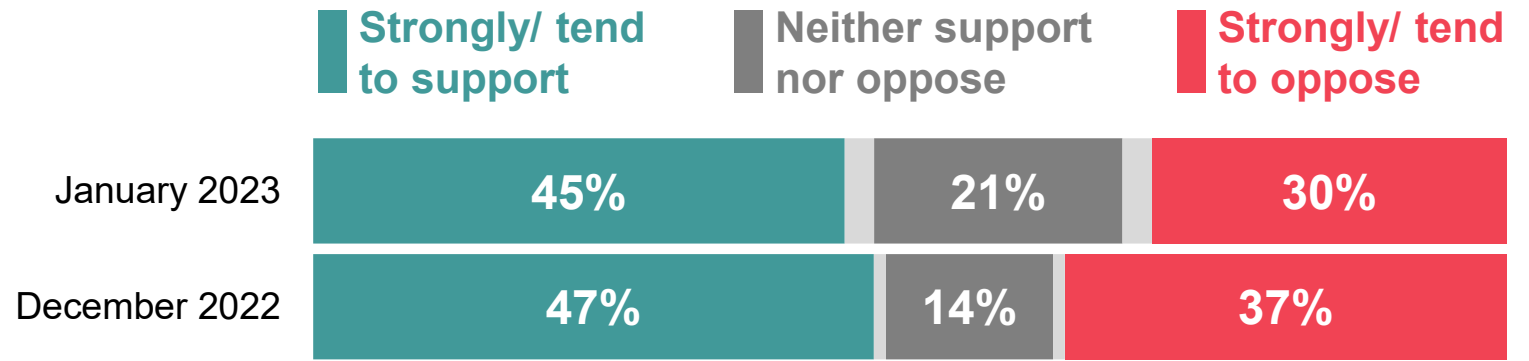
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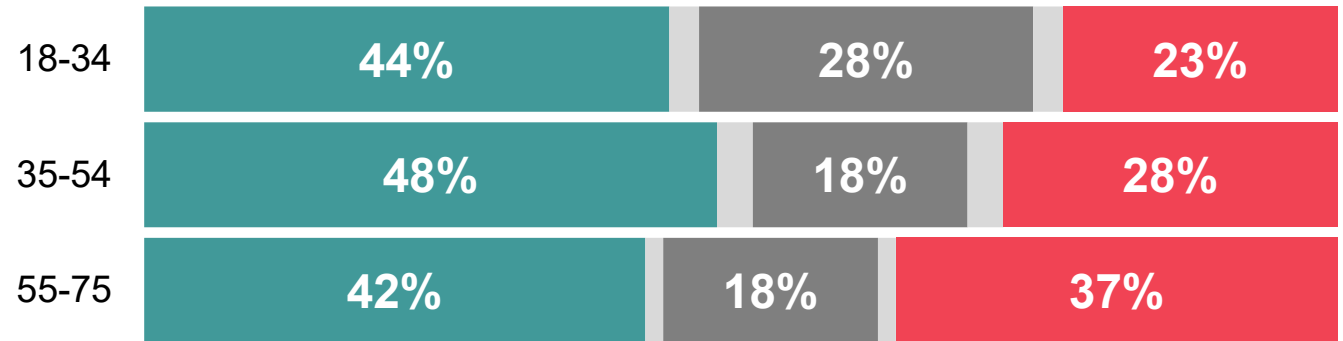
Almost half support the planned strike action by ambulance workers – with support considerably higher among 2019 Labour voters

As you may be aware, a number of ambulance workers in England and Wales are planning strike action in the coming weeks. This includes paramedics, call handlers and emergency care assistants. Ambulances will still be dispatched to life-threatening calls.

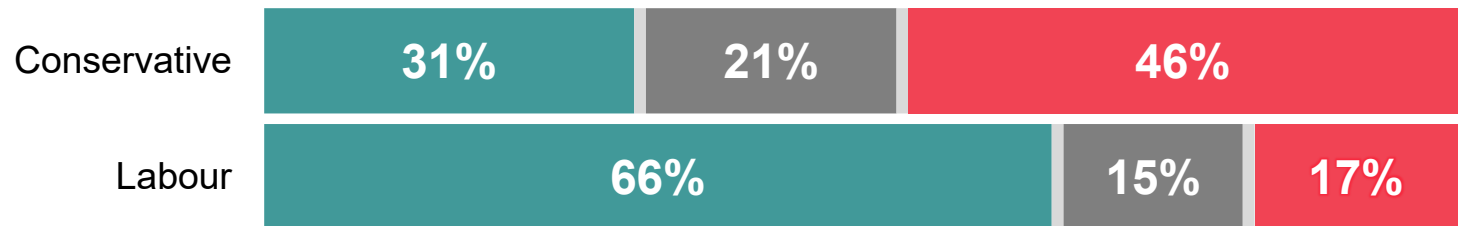
To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose the planned strike action by ambulance workers?



By age group



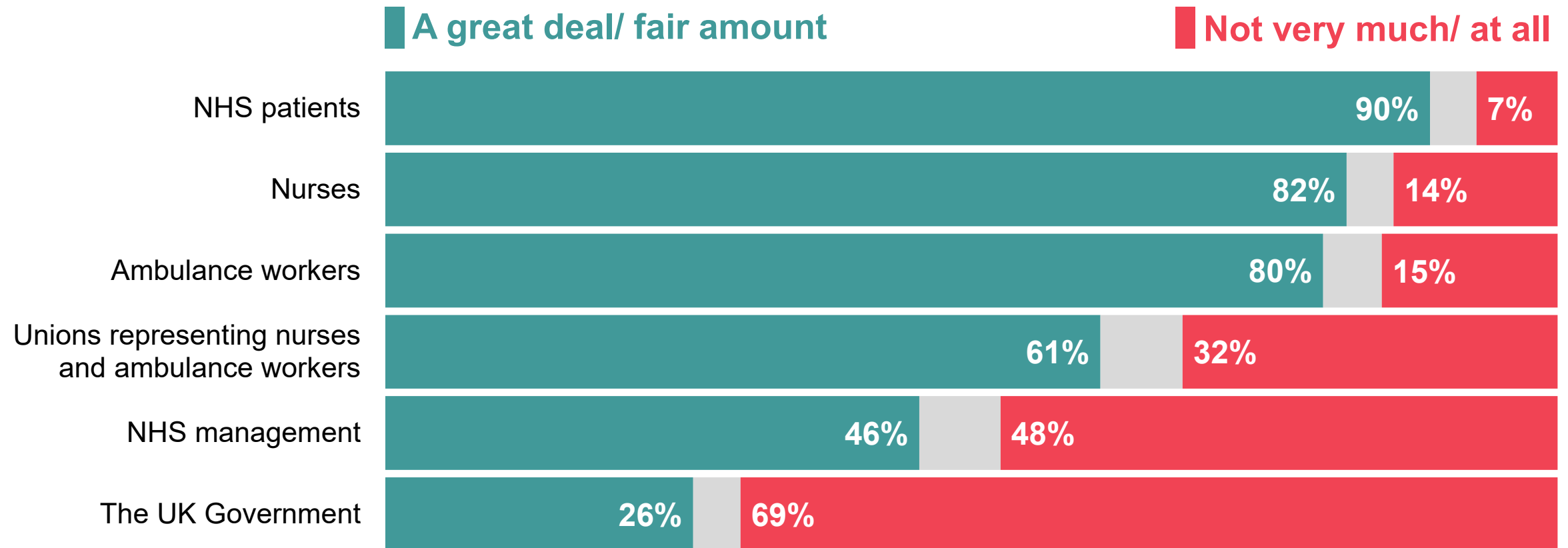
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Concerning strikes, the public are sympathetic towards NHS patients, nurses and ambulance workers, but less so towards the UK Government

Based on what you know or have heard about these strikes, how much sympathy, if any, do you have for the following groups?



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Three in five think the Government is more at fault for the length of the industrial dispute with nurses

From what you know and/or have heard about the industrial dispute between the government and nurses, which of the following statements if either, comes closest to your view?

The government is more at fault for the dispute lasting this long

Neither – they are both at fault

The nurses are more at fault for the dispute lasting this long

Among all



Among 2019 Conservatives voters



Among 2019 Labour voters



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Four in five remain concerned about the ability of the NHS to provide safe care during strikes among ambulance workers and nurses

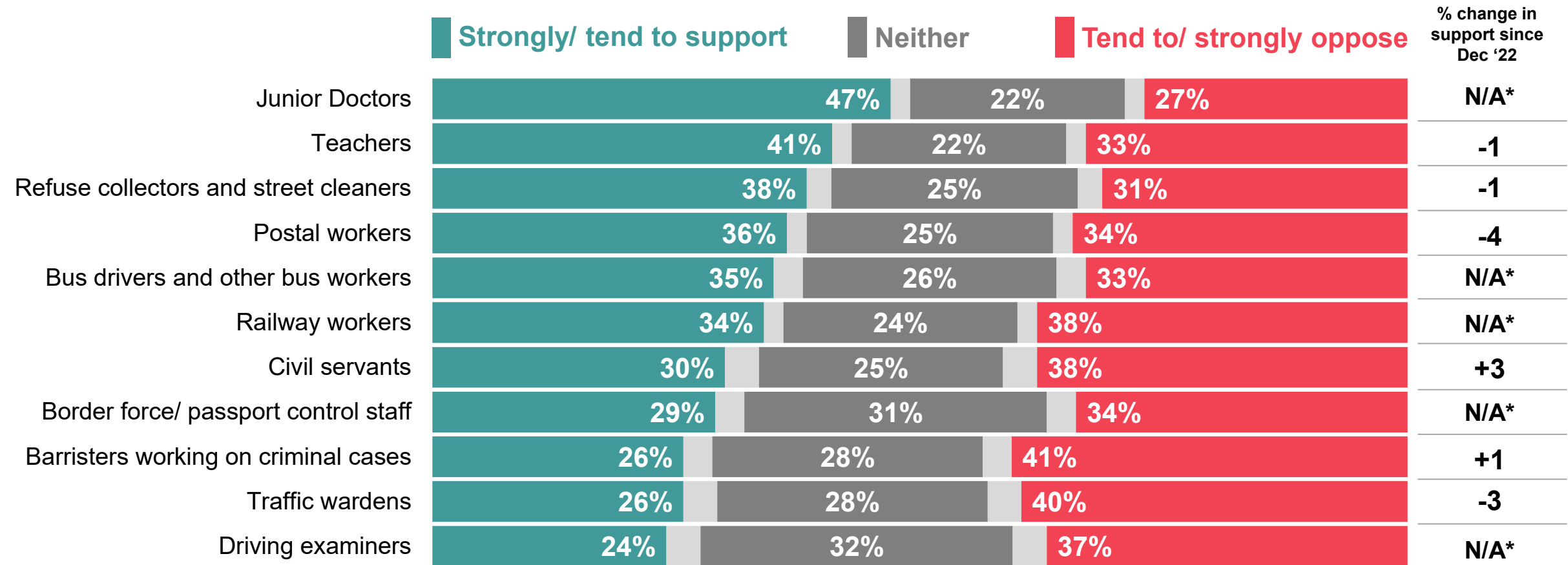
How concerned are you, if at all, about the ability of the NHS to provide safe care for patients during the strike actions among...?



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The public are most supportive of junior doctors and teachers going on strike, while fewer support driving examiners, traffic wardens and barristers

As you may know, workers from some other sectors have been considering or have participated in strikes this year. From what you know or have heard, to what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose strikes by each of the following, if they did decide to strike?



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