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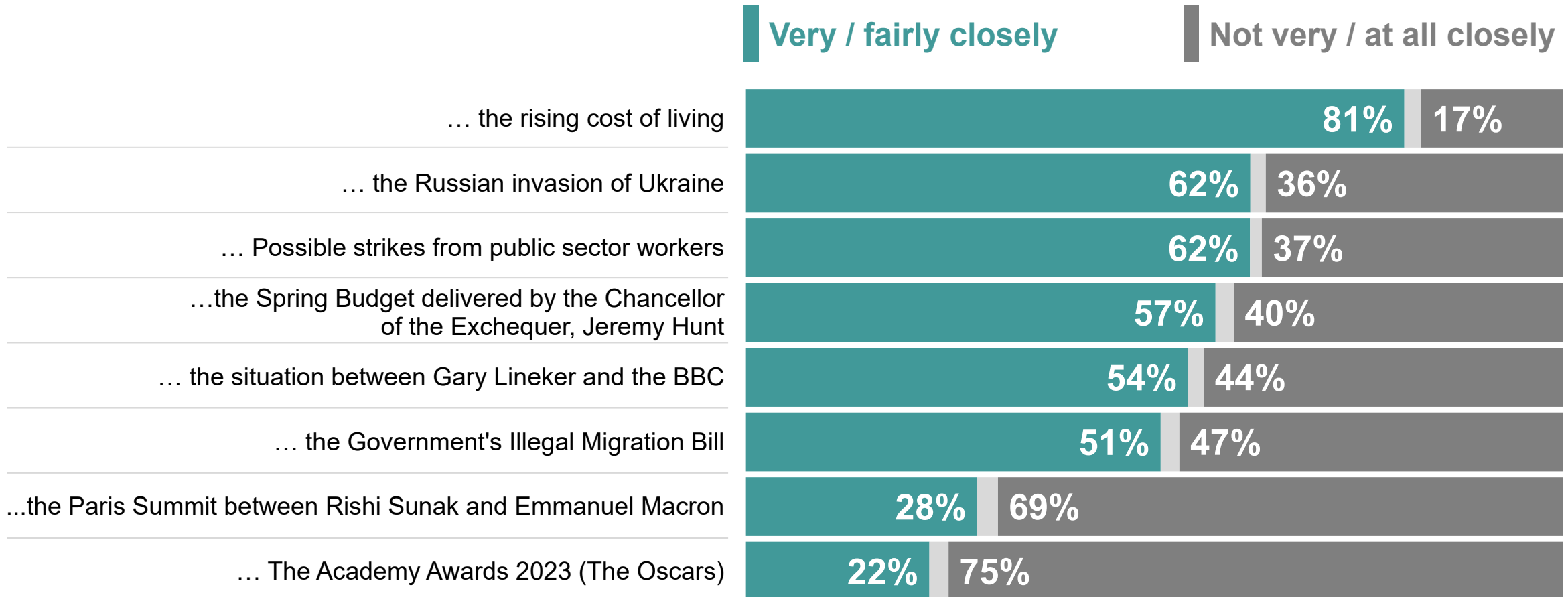
# **The Spring Budget**

**March 2023**



# How closely have you followed these news stories?

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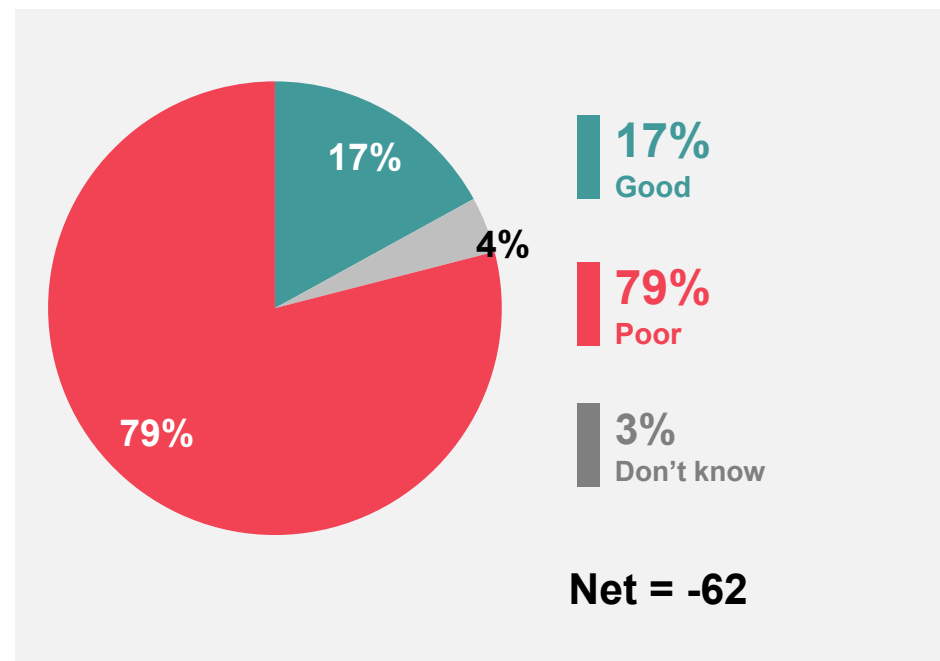


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# Perceptions of the British economy: Trend

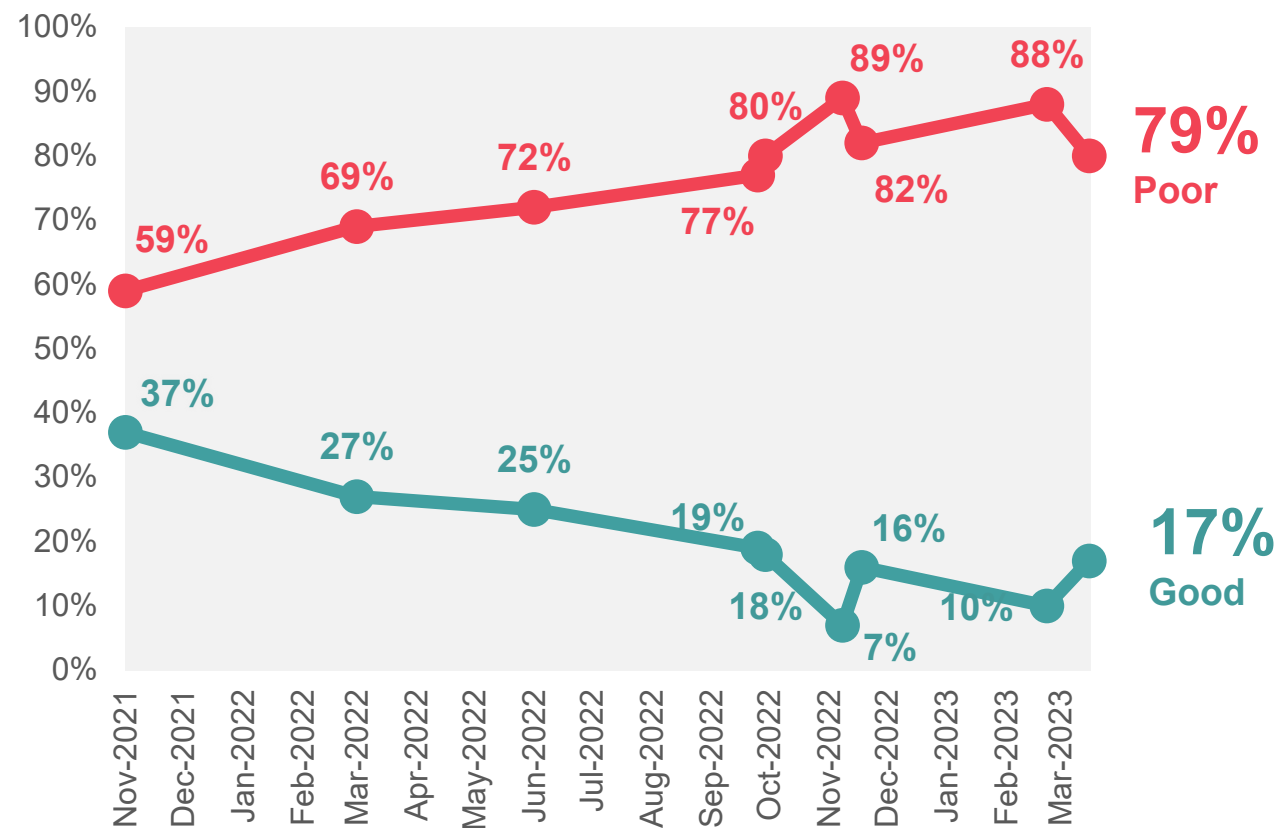
How would you describe the current state of the British economy? Would you say it is...?

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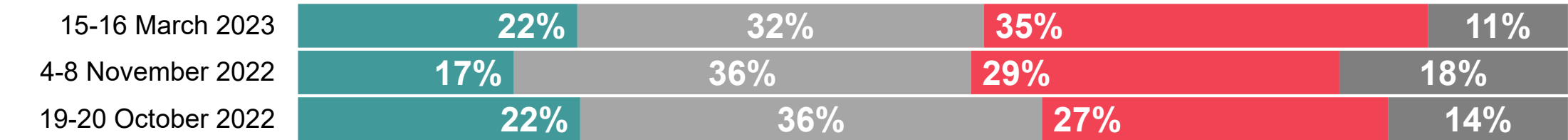


# Public are still to make their mind up on Jeremy Hunt as Chancellor – one in five say he is doing a good job, against one in three saying bad job

To what extent, if at all, do you think Jeremy Hunt has been doing a good job or a bad job, in his role as Chancellor of the Exchequer?

**Good job**   **Neither a good or bad job**   **Bad job**   **Don't know**

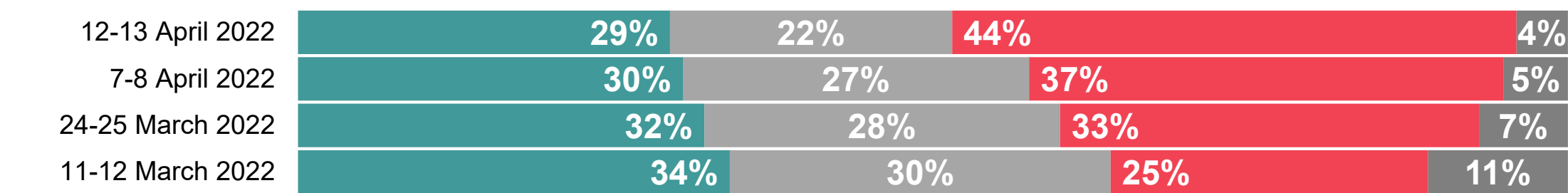
## Jeremy Hunt



## Kwasi Kwarteng



## Rishi Sunak

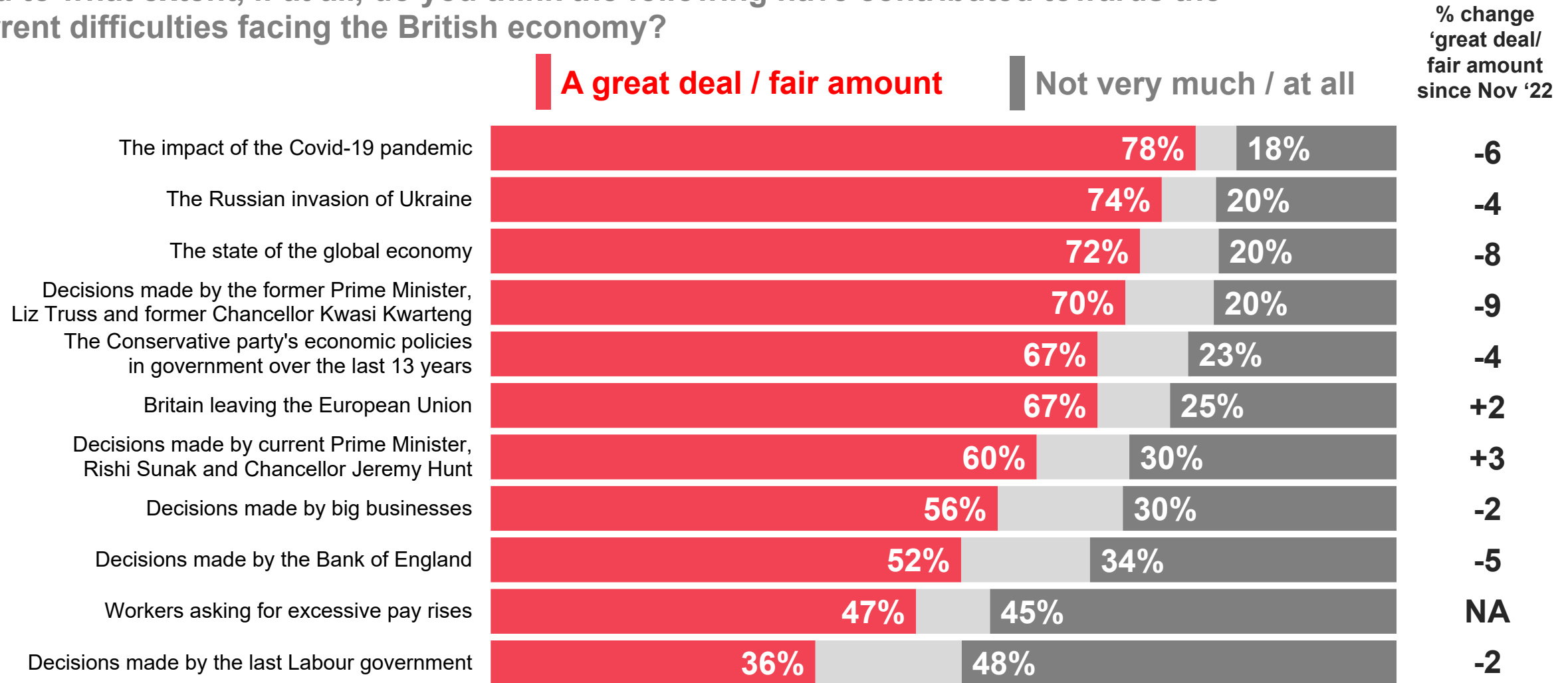


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# What's to blame for current difficulties facing the economy?

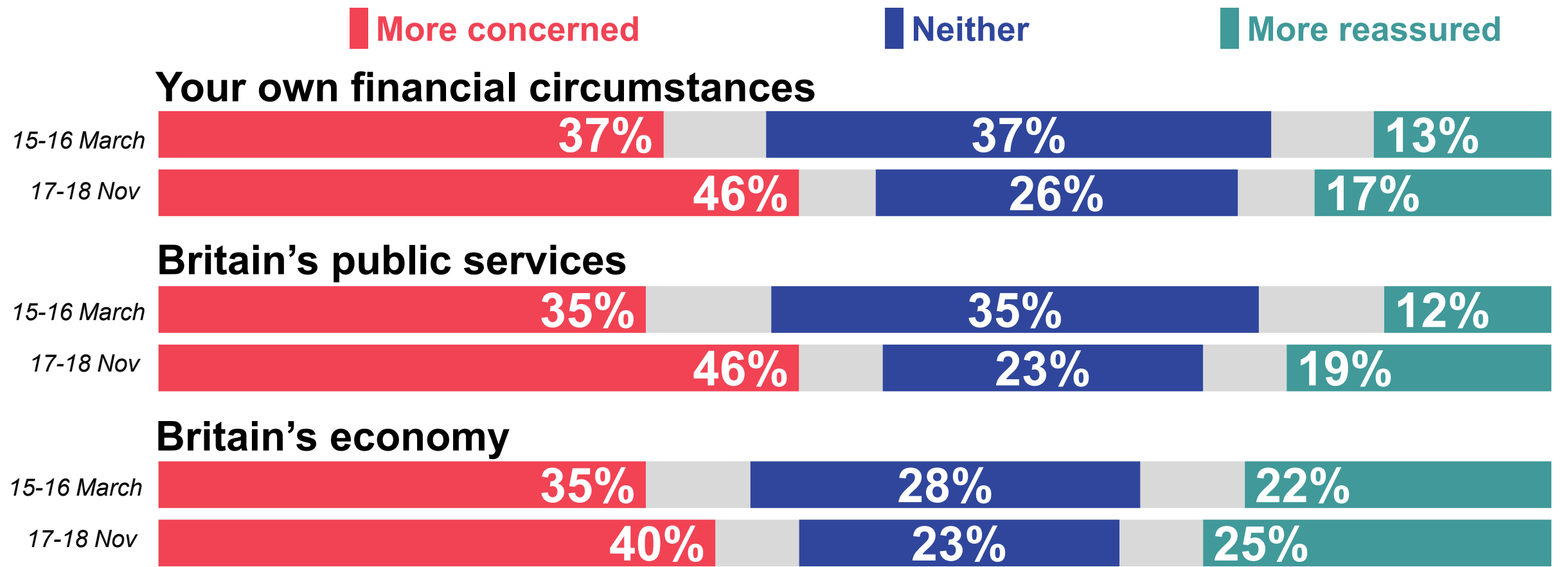
And to what extent, if at all, do you think the following have contributed towards the current difficulties facing the British economy?



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Britons are left more concerned than reassured about the economy, public services and their own finances after the Budget – but many are also neutral. Reactions are more muted than after the Autumn Statement last November.

As you may know the Spring Budget was announced by Chancellor Jeremy Hunt on Wednesday. From what you may have seen, read or heard about the Statement, would you say it makes you feel more reassured or concerned, if either, about the following?

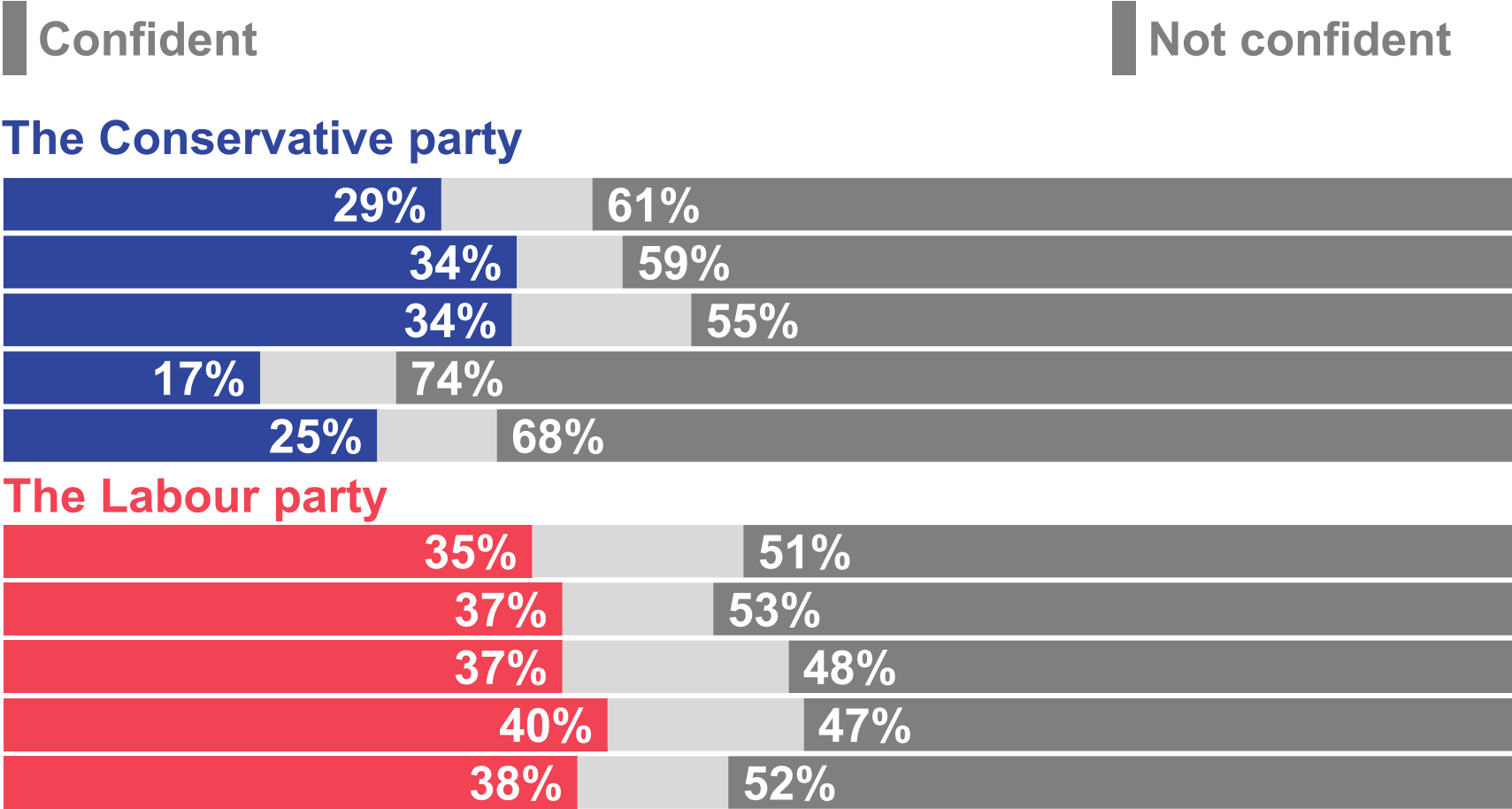


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# The majority are not very confident either party have a good long-term economic plan – though Labour are slightly ahead

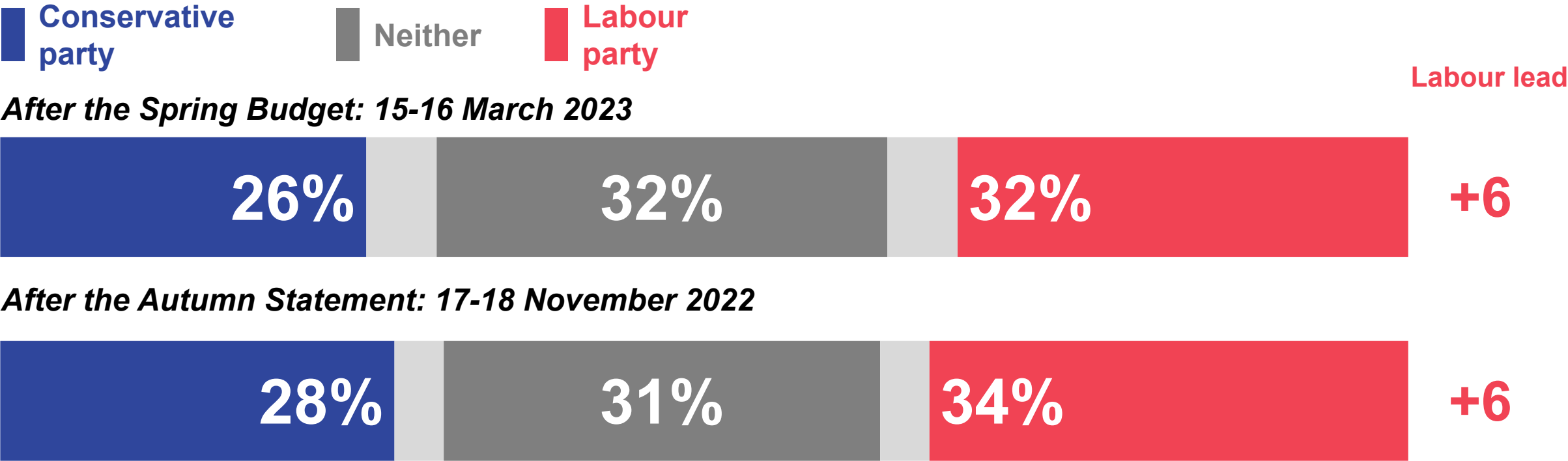
How confident, if at all are, you that ... have a good long-term economic plan for Britain?



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# Labour continues to have a narrow lead over the Conservatives as the party most trusted to manage Britain's economy

Which party, if either, do you trust most to manage Britain's economy?

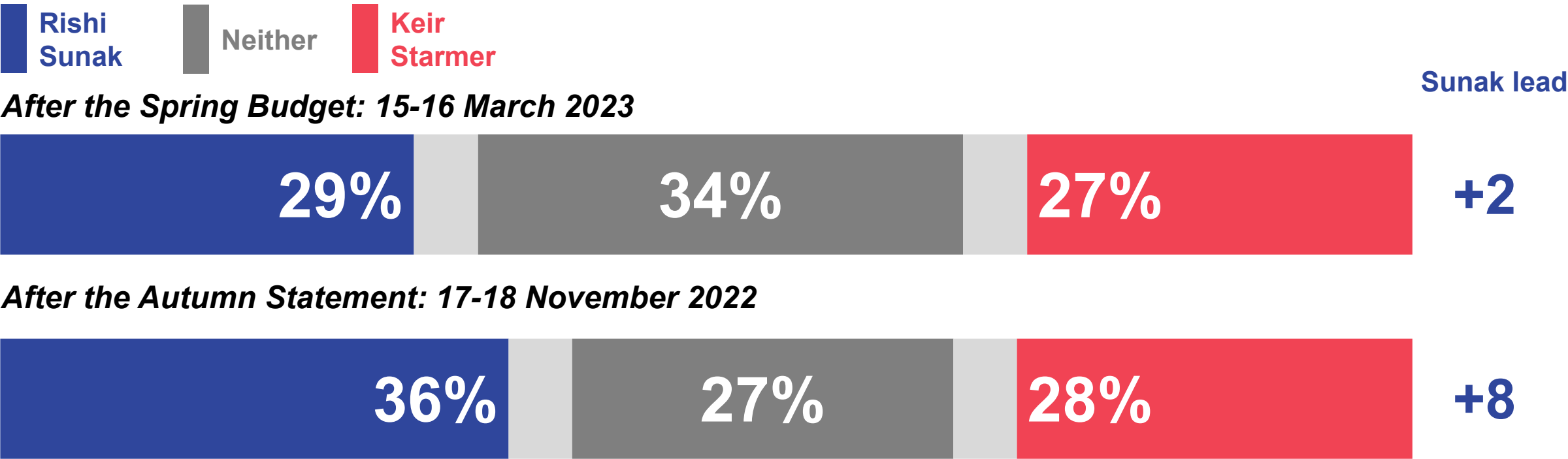


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# There is little to choose between Rishi Sunak and Keir Starmer as the most trusted leader on the economy

And which party leader, if either, do you trust most to manage Britain's economy?



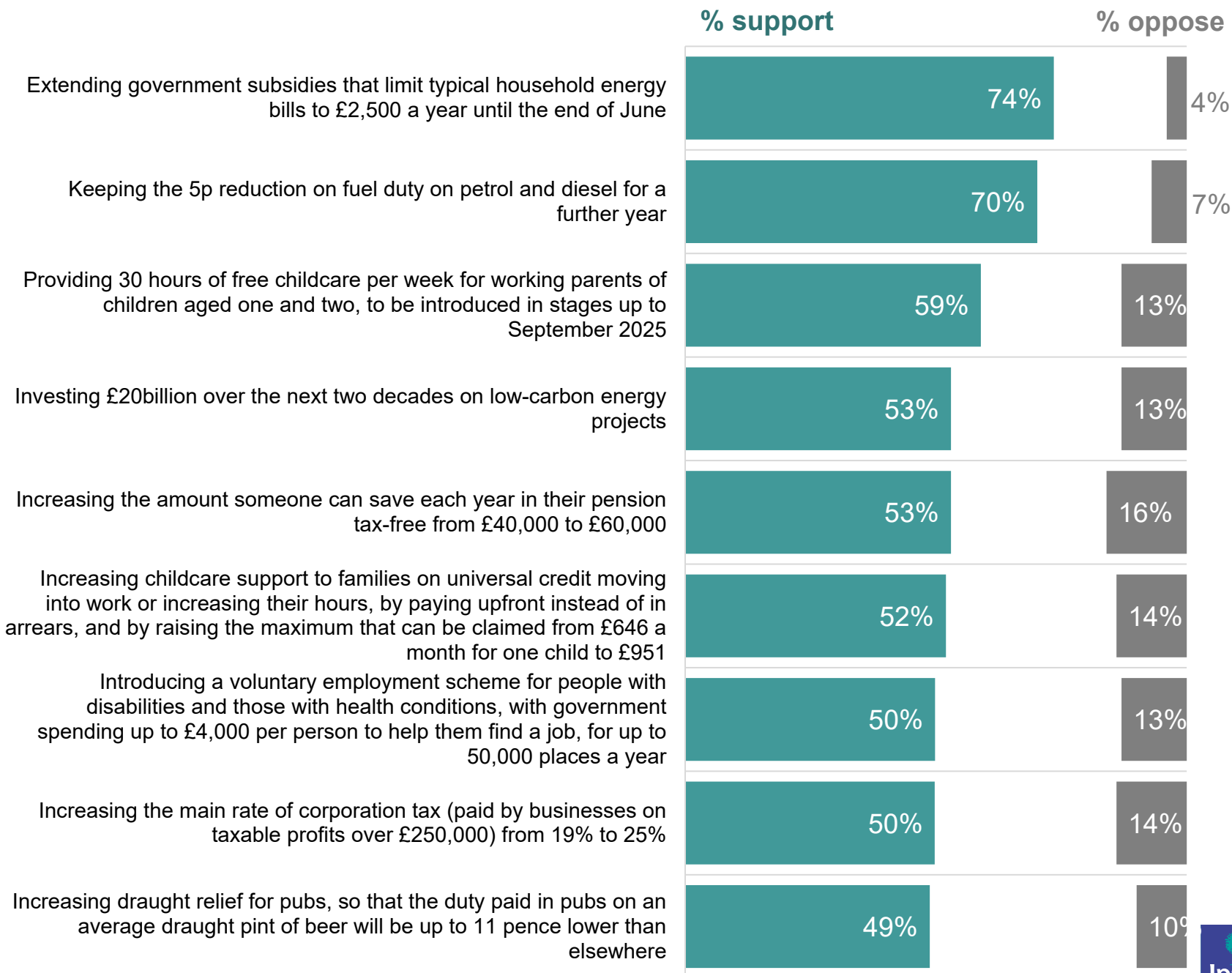
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# The policies announced during the Budget that receive the greatest public support are extending energy subsidies and freezing fuel duty

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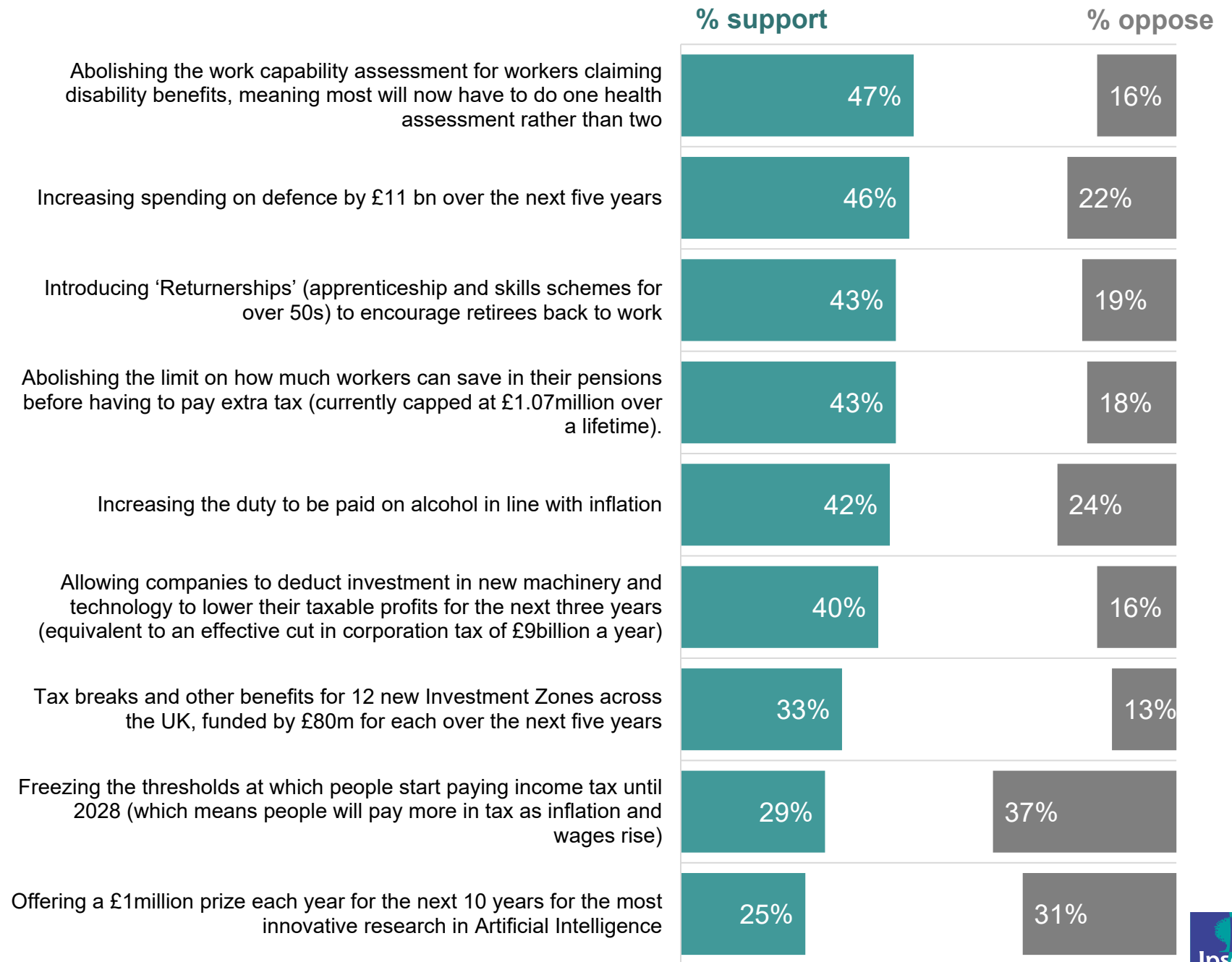
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# Support is lower for freezing income tax thresholds

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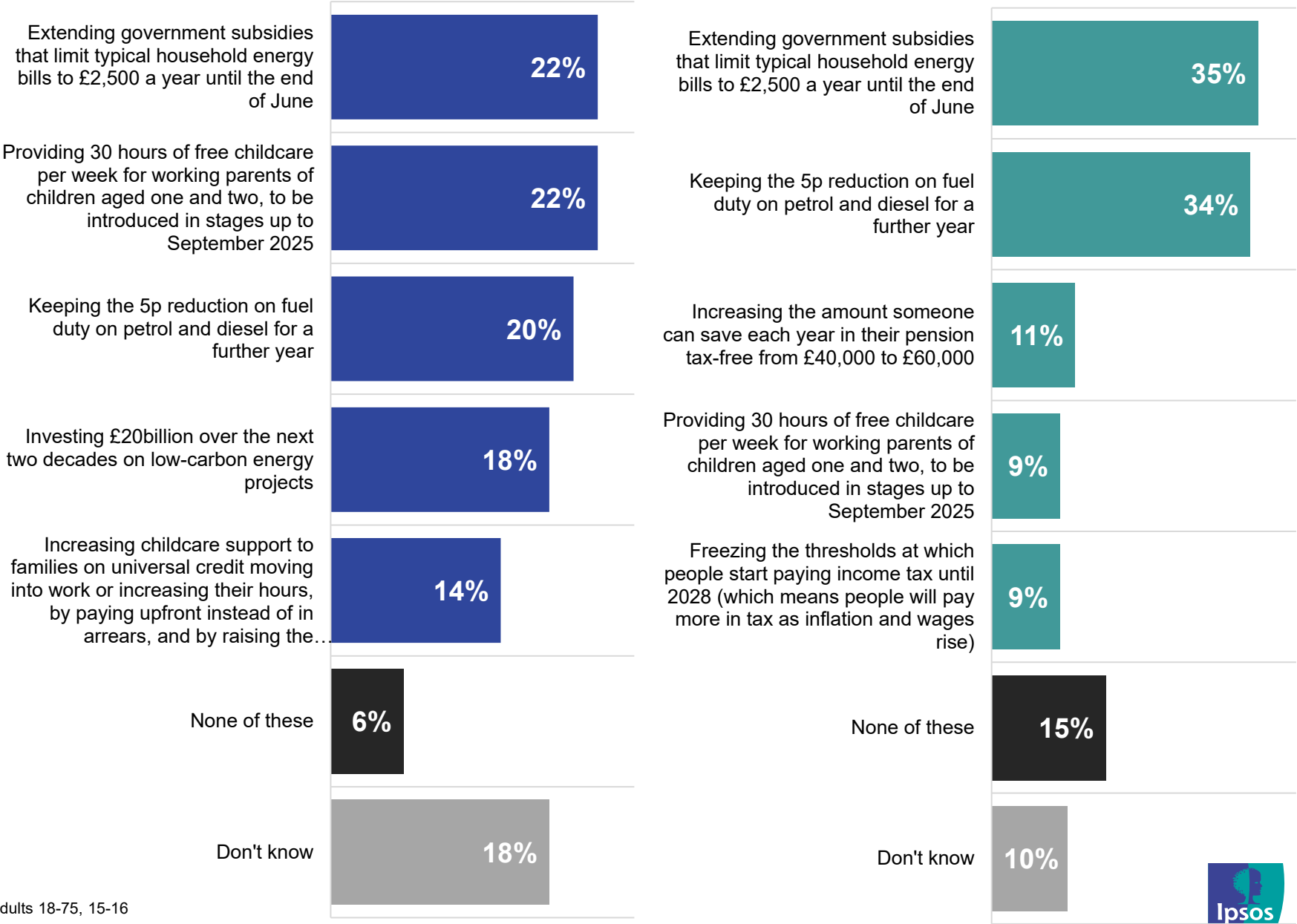


Extending the energy subsidy and freezing fuel duty are the proposed policies considered most important to both the country as well as the public's lives personally.

And which two or three, if any, of the following do you think will be of most benefit to:

- The country as a whole
- You personally

% selected as of most benefit (top 5 shown):



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