



# **Ipsos Attitudes toward the standard of policing**

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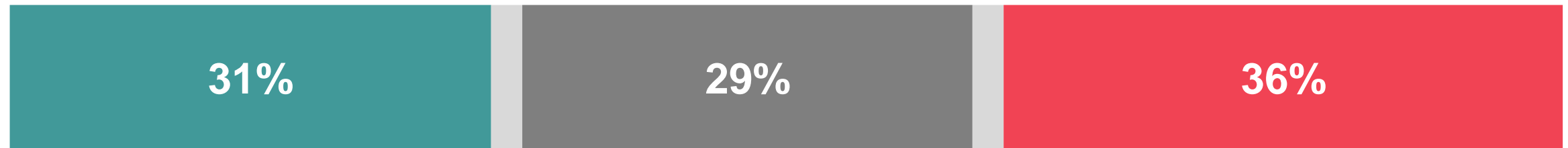
**The public is divided as to the standard of policing in Britain at the moment, with more saying it's bad than good. Only 1 in 5 (20%) expect it will get better over the next 12 months.**

Overall, how good or bad would you rate the standard of policing in Britain at the moment?

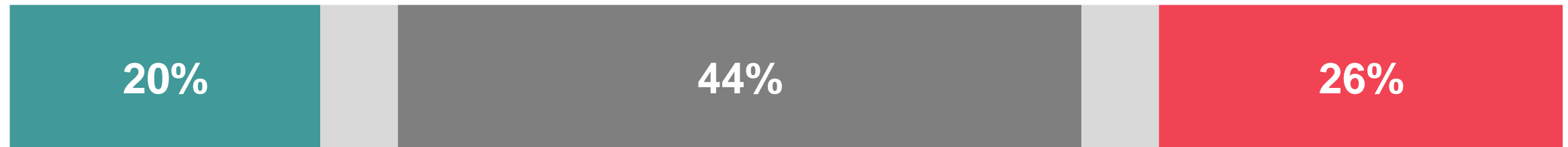
Over the next 12 months, do you expect the standard of policing in Britain to get better, stay the same, or get worse?



### At the moment



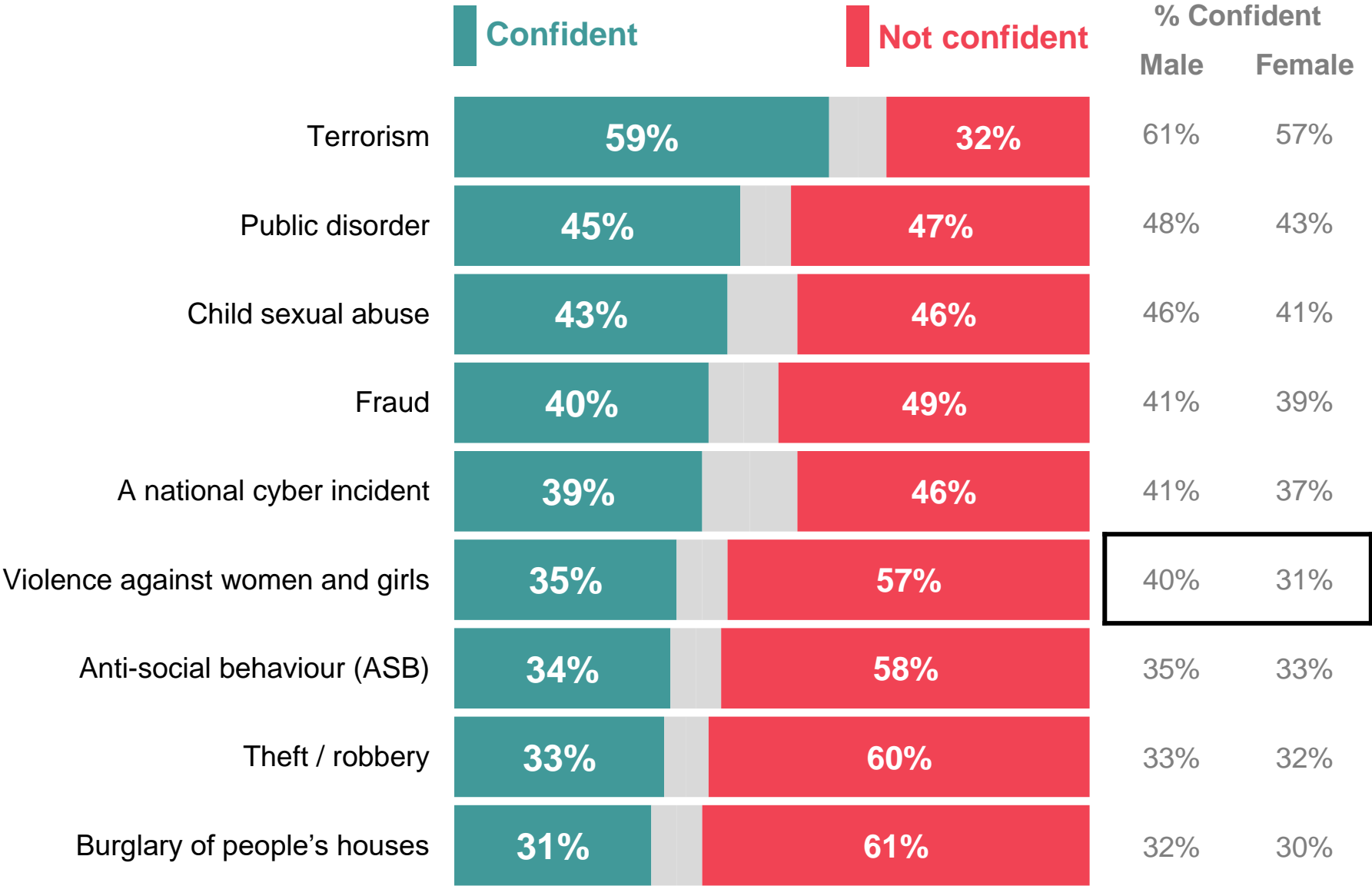
### Expectations for next 12 months



**Base:** 2,178 Online all adults aged 16+ in GB, 9th – 12th June 2023: white ethnic group (1,847), ethnic minority group (288), General Election 2019 vote: Conservative (616), Labour (572), Liberal Democrats (182), other (299)

The public is most confident in the ability of the police to tackle public disorder and terrorism. More than half are not confident in their ability to tackle theft / robbery, ASB, burglary, and violence against women and girls – with women less confident than men in their ability to tackle the latter.

How confident, if at all, are you in the ability of the police to tackle each of the following in Britain?



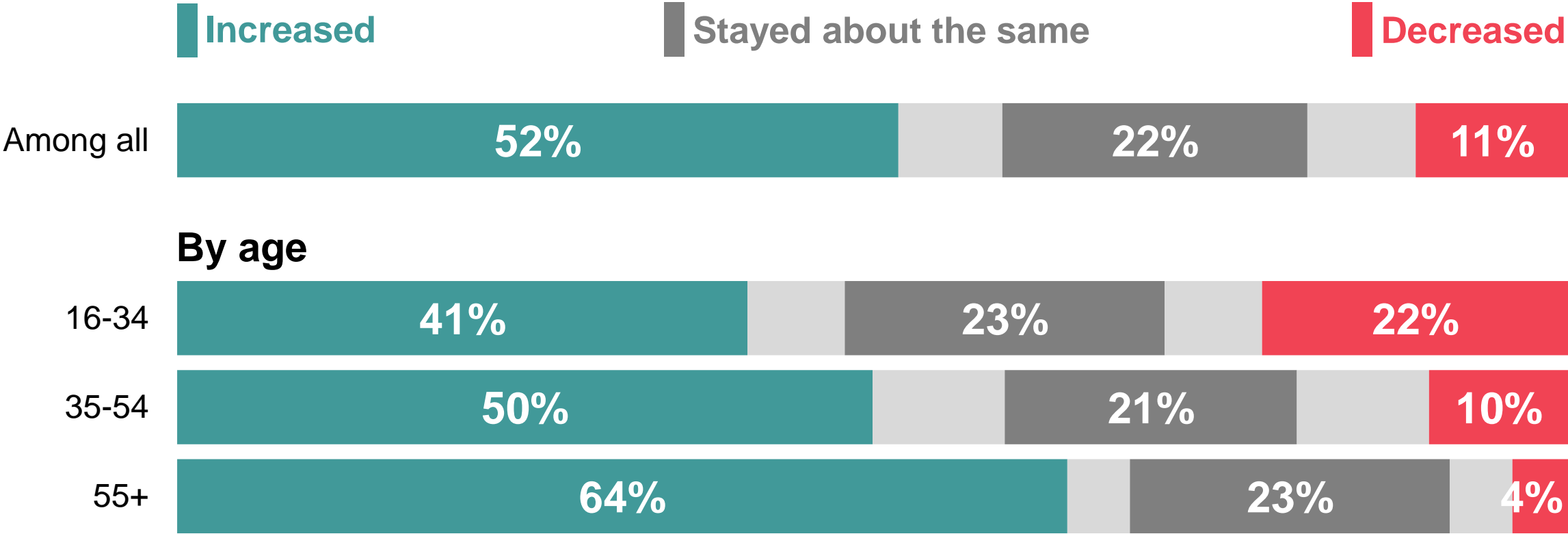
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# Half think government spending on the police should be increased.

## Support for increased spending rises with age.

Do you think government spending on the police in Britain should be...?



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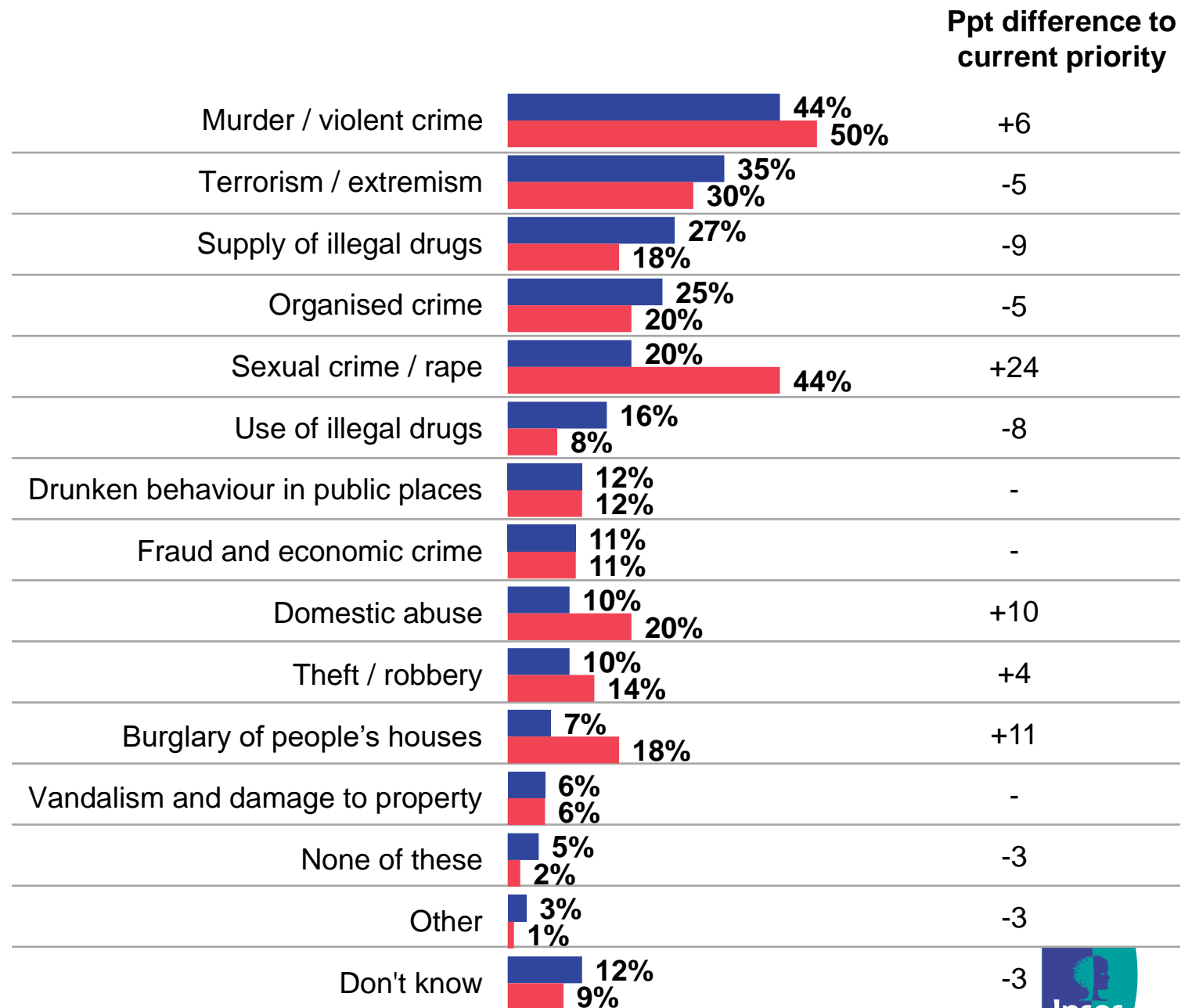
**44% think sexual crime / rape should be prioritised by the police – more than double the share who think it is currently being prioritised (20%). A similar pattern is seen regarding domestic abuse.**

Which two or three, if any, of the following types of crime do you think the police currently prioritise the most?

And which two or three, if any, of the following types of crime do you think the police should prioritise the most?

**Currently prioritising**

**Should prioritise**



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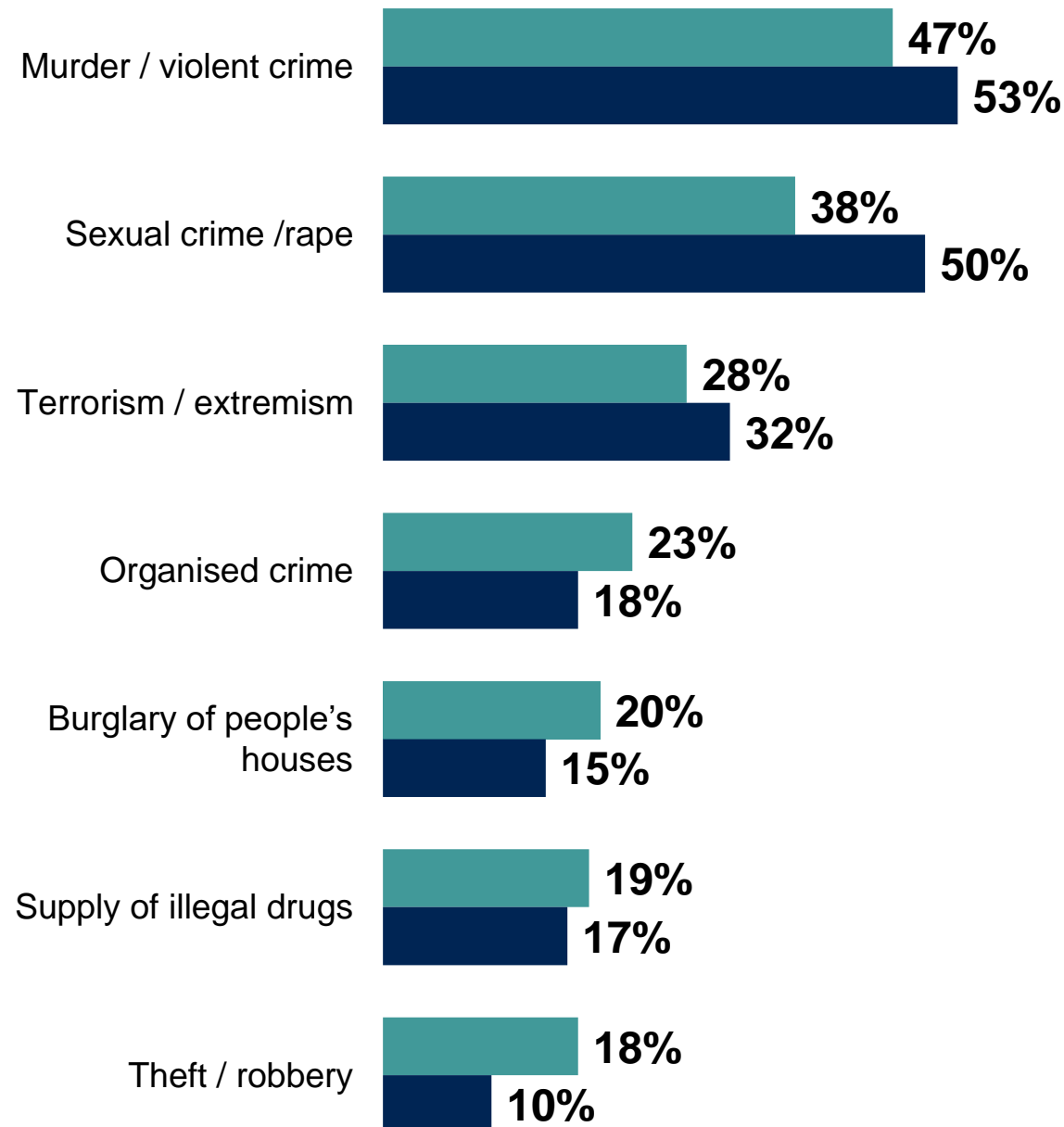


**Women are more likely than men to think the police should prioritise murder / violence crime, sexual crime / rape, and terrorism / extremism, while men are more likely to select organised crime, burglary of people's houses, and theft / robbery.**

And which two or three, if any, of the following types of crime do you think the police should prioritise the most?

**Male**

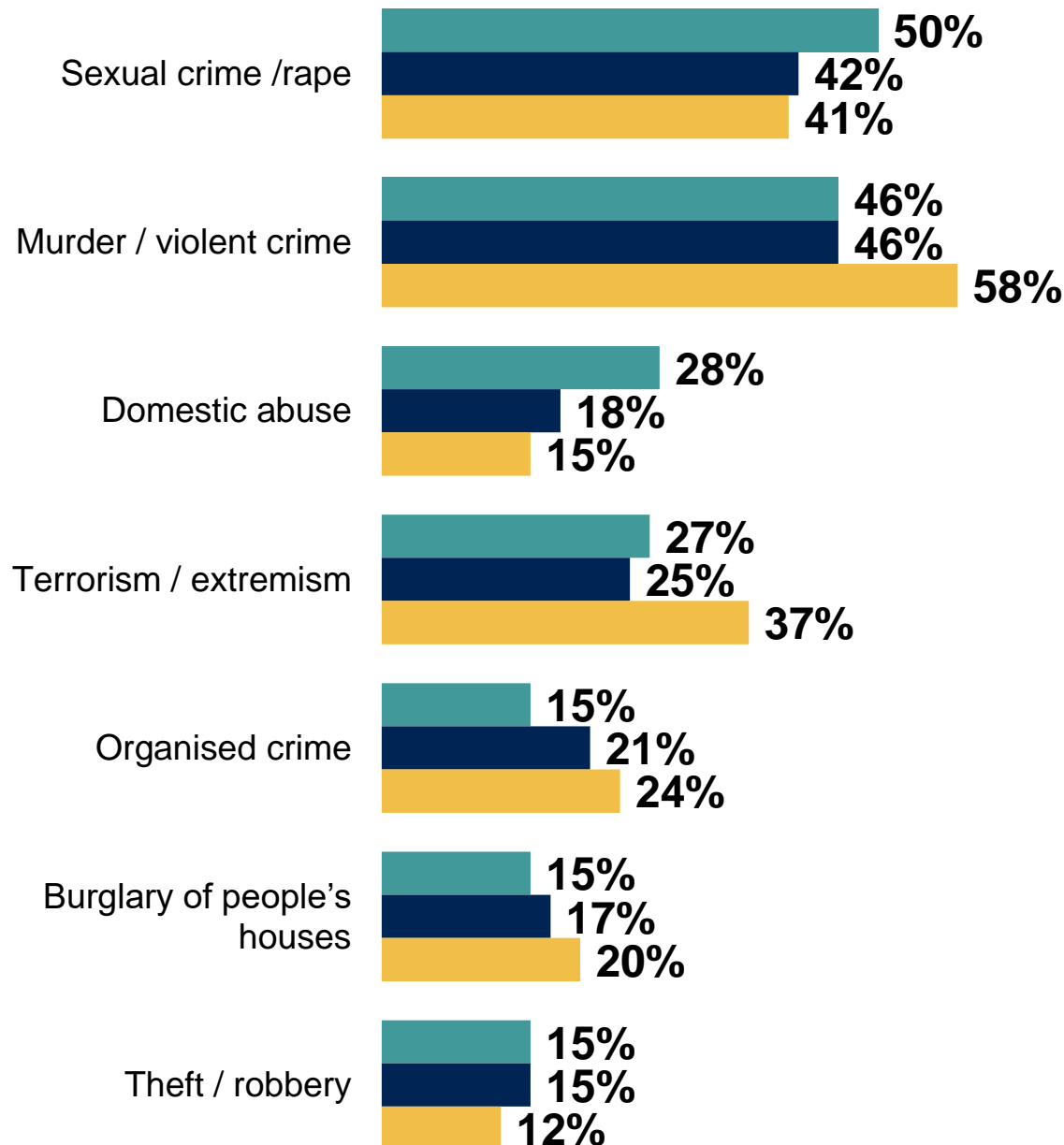
**Female**



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**16-34 year olds are more likely than older age groups to say the police should prioritise sexual crime / rape and domestic abuse. Relative other age groups, those aged 55+ would like to see a higher priority on murder / violent crime and terrorism / extremism.**

And which two or three, if any, of the following types of crime do you think the police should prioritise the most?



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