

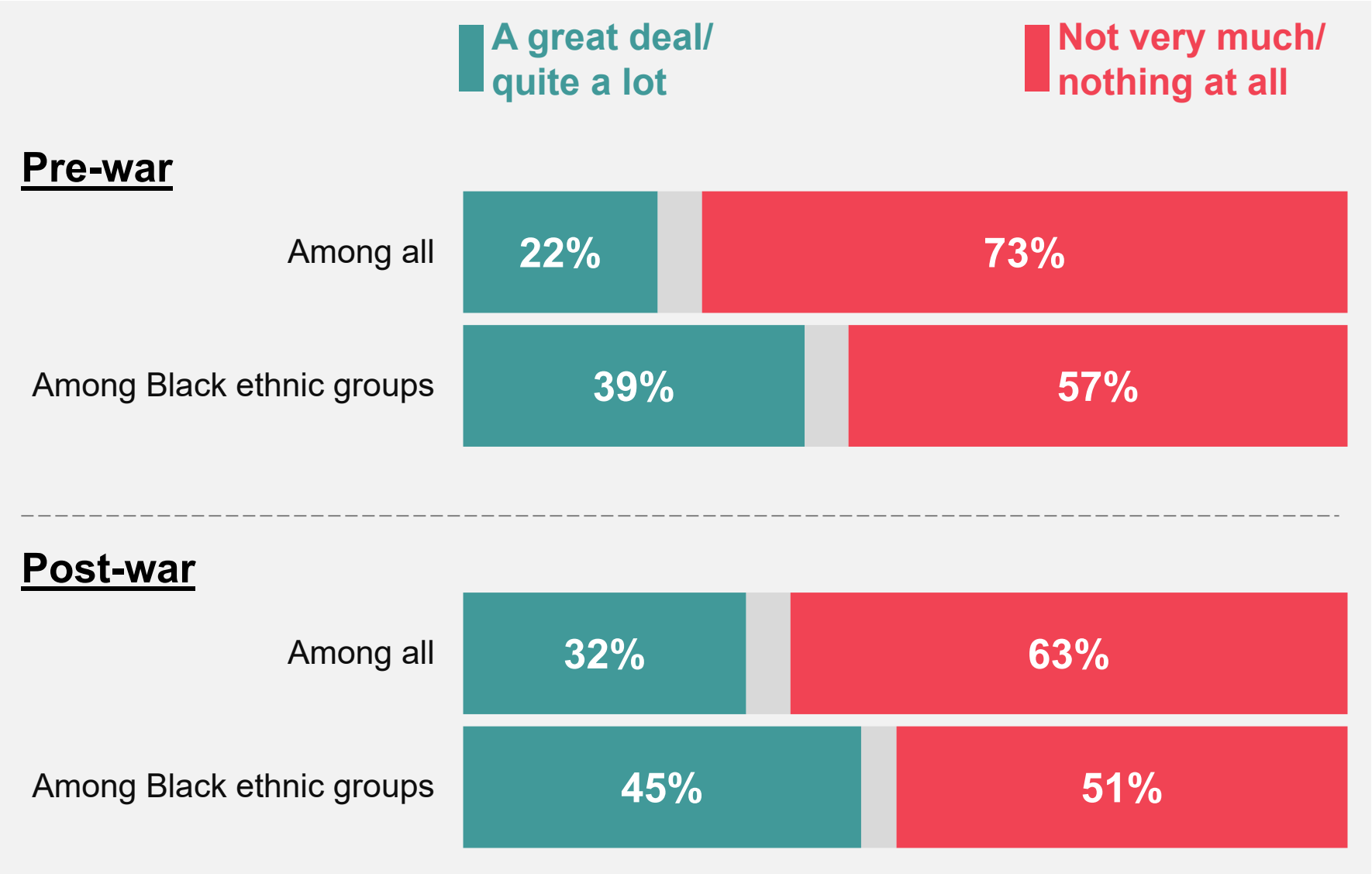
Black History Month polling 2023

**Attitudes to education on Black
British History**

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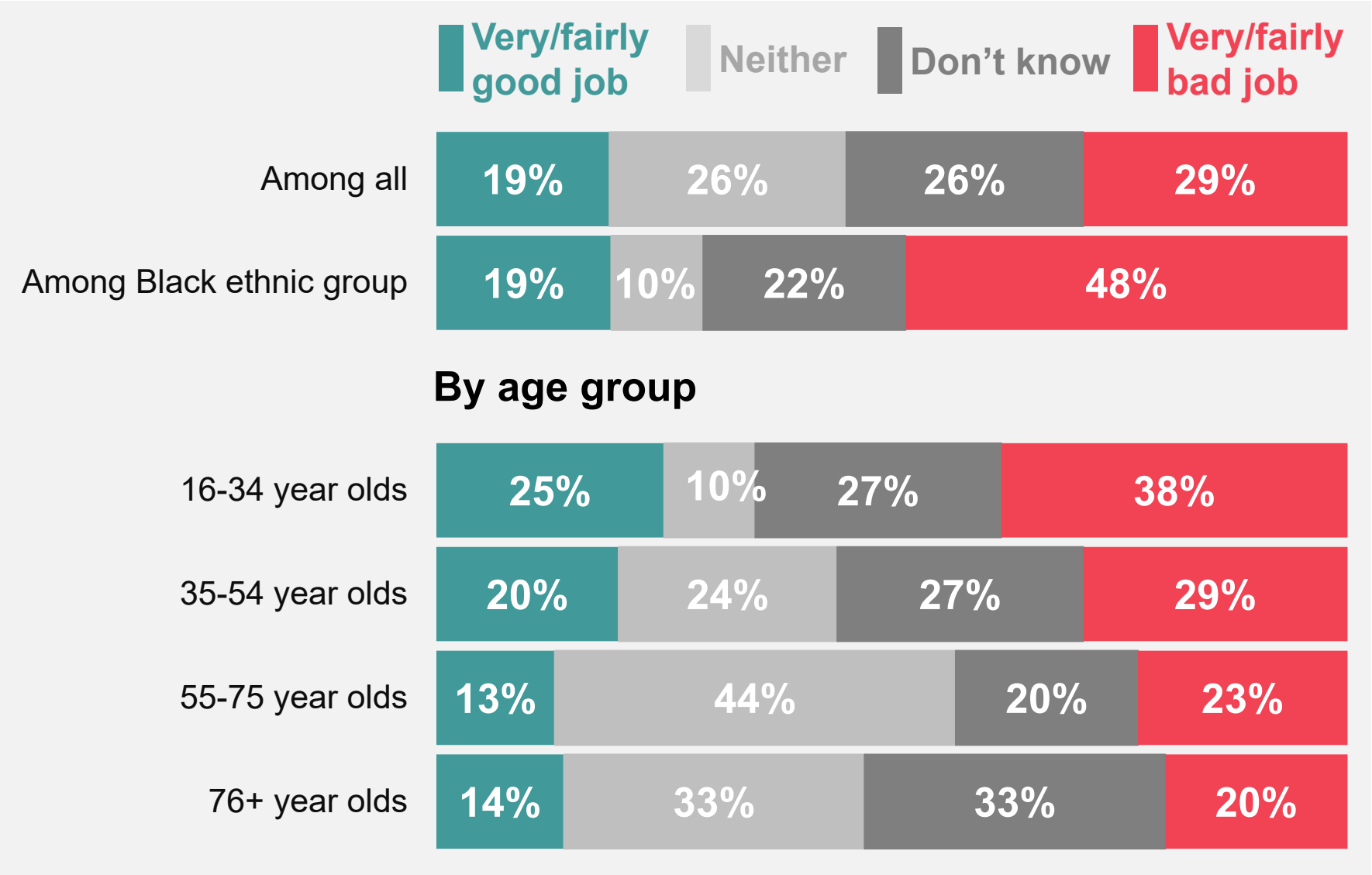
Knowledge of pre-war Black British history is very low. Knowledge of the role of Black people in post-war Britain is a little better, but most still say they know ‘not very much’ or ‘nothing’ about this.

How much do you feel you know about the role of Black people in pre-war (before World War II) / post-war (after World War II) British history?



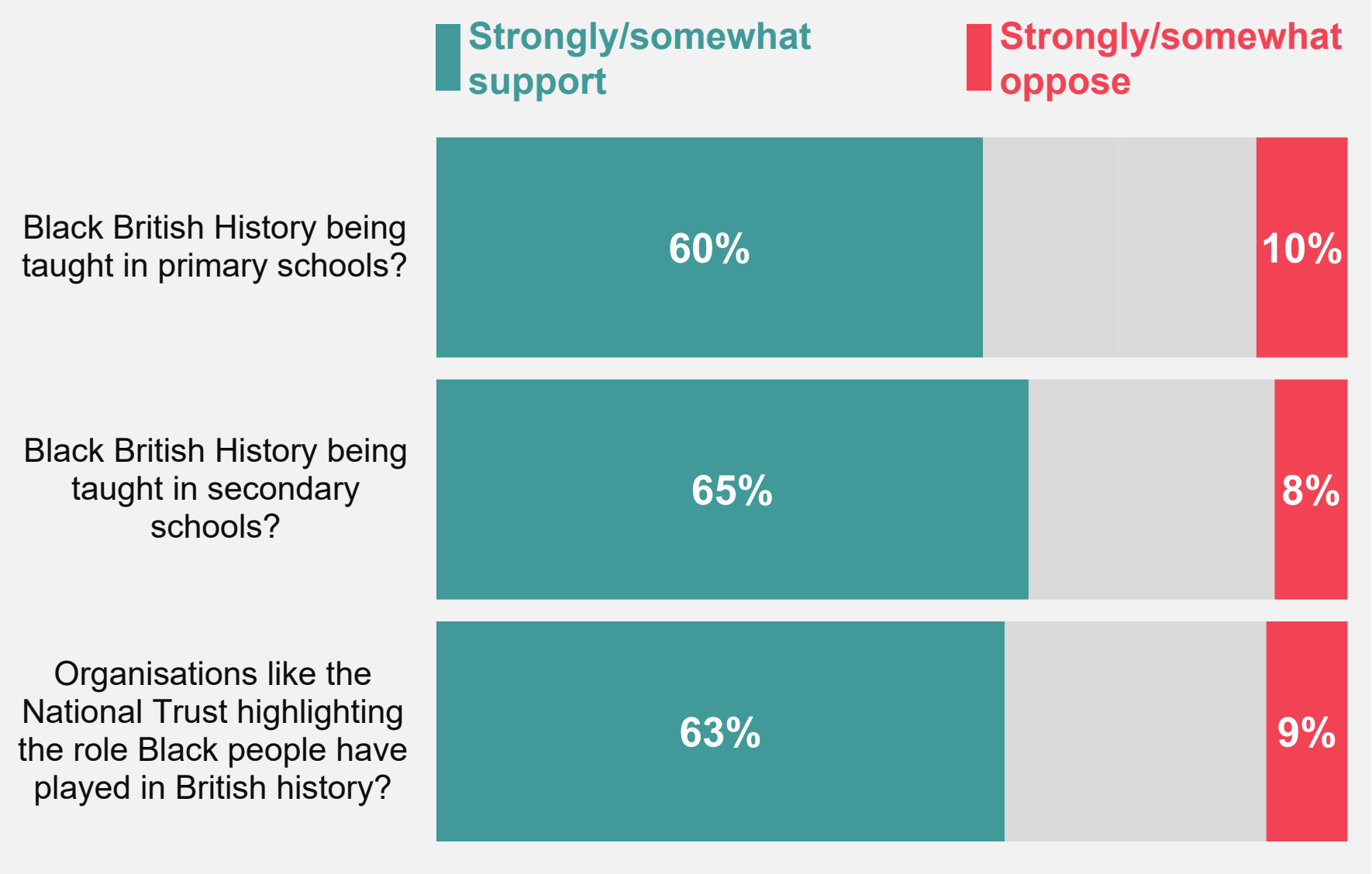
More people think schools do a bad job of teaching about Black British history than think they do a good job. Black people and younger age groups are particularly likely to feel they do a bad job.

In general, do you think schools nowadays do a good or bad job of teaching children about Black British history?



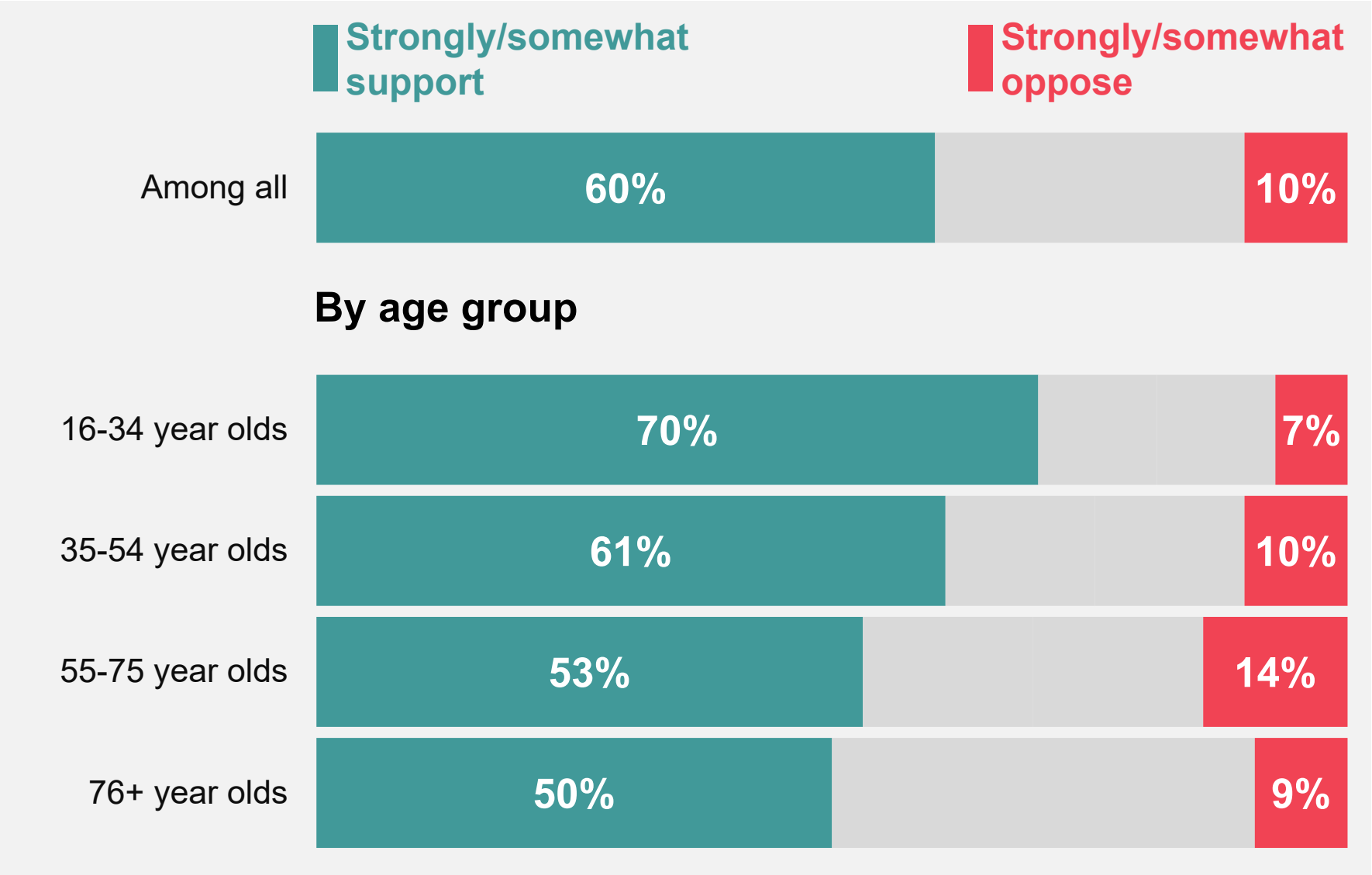
A majority of Britons support teaching Black British history in schools and organisations like the National Trust highlighting the role Black people have played in British history.

How much do you support or oppose...?



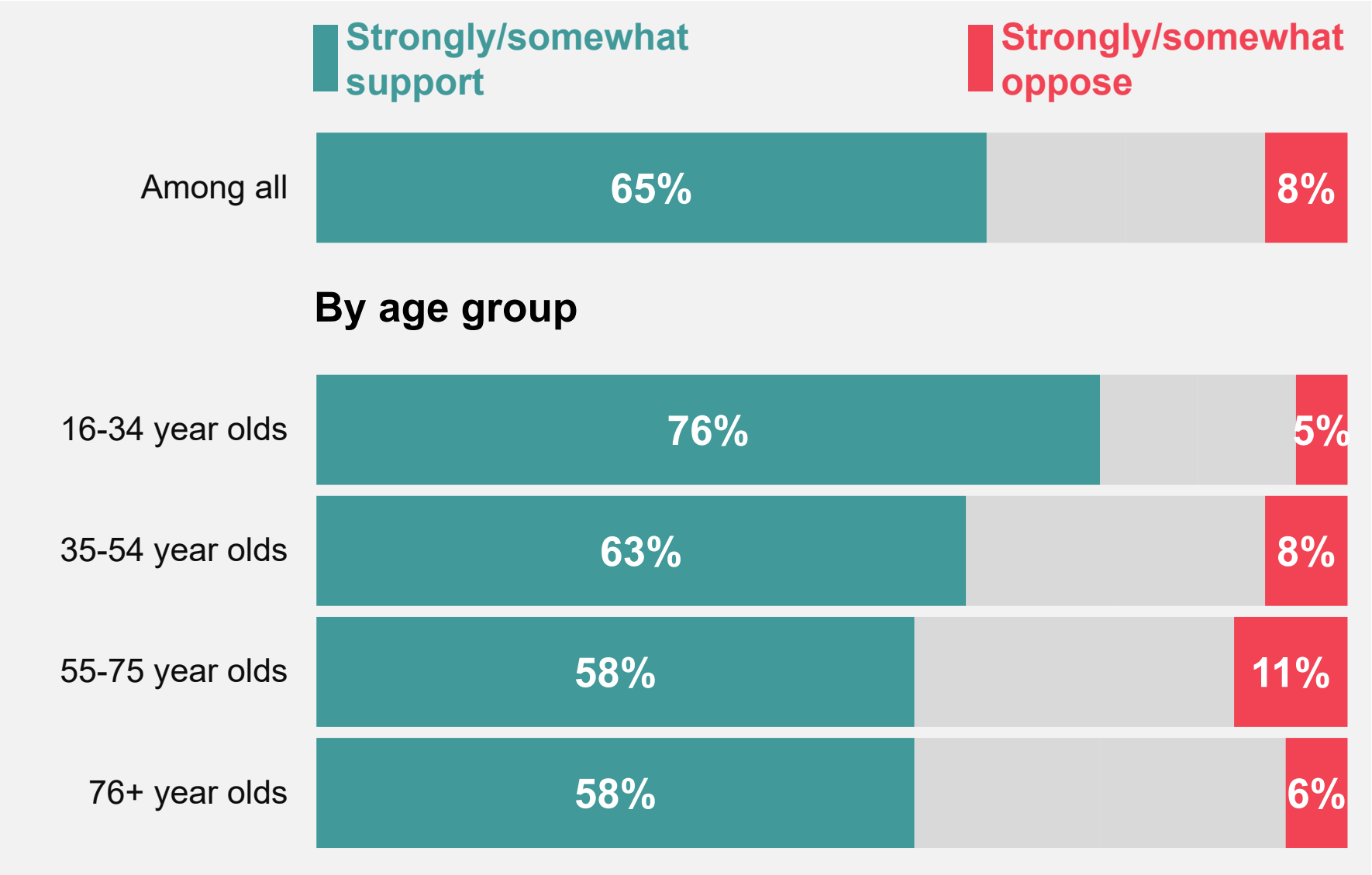
Support for teaching Black British history in primary schools is higher among younger age groups

How much do you support or oppose Black British History being taught in primary schools?



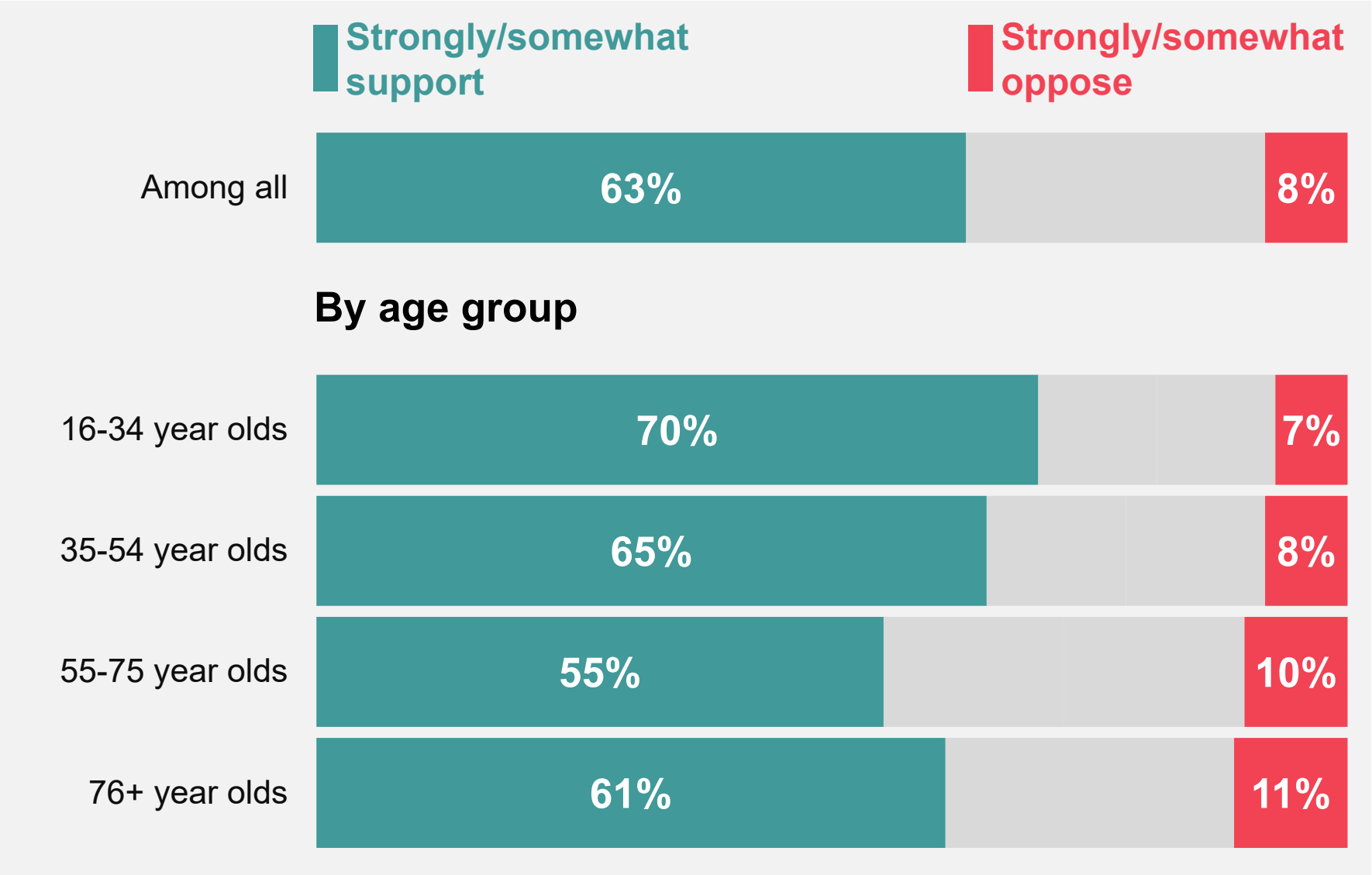
Similarly, support for teaching Black British history in secondary schools is higher among younger age groups – although a majority across all age groups are supportive.

How much do you support or oppose Black British History being taught in secondary schools?



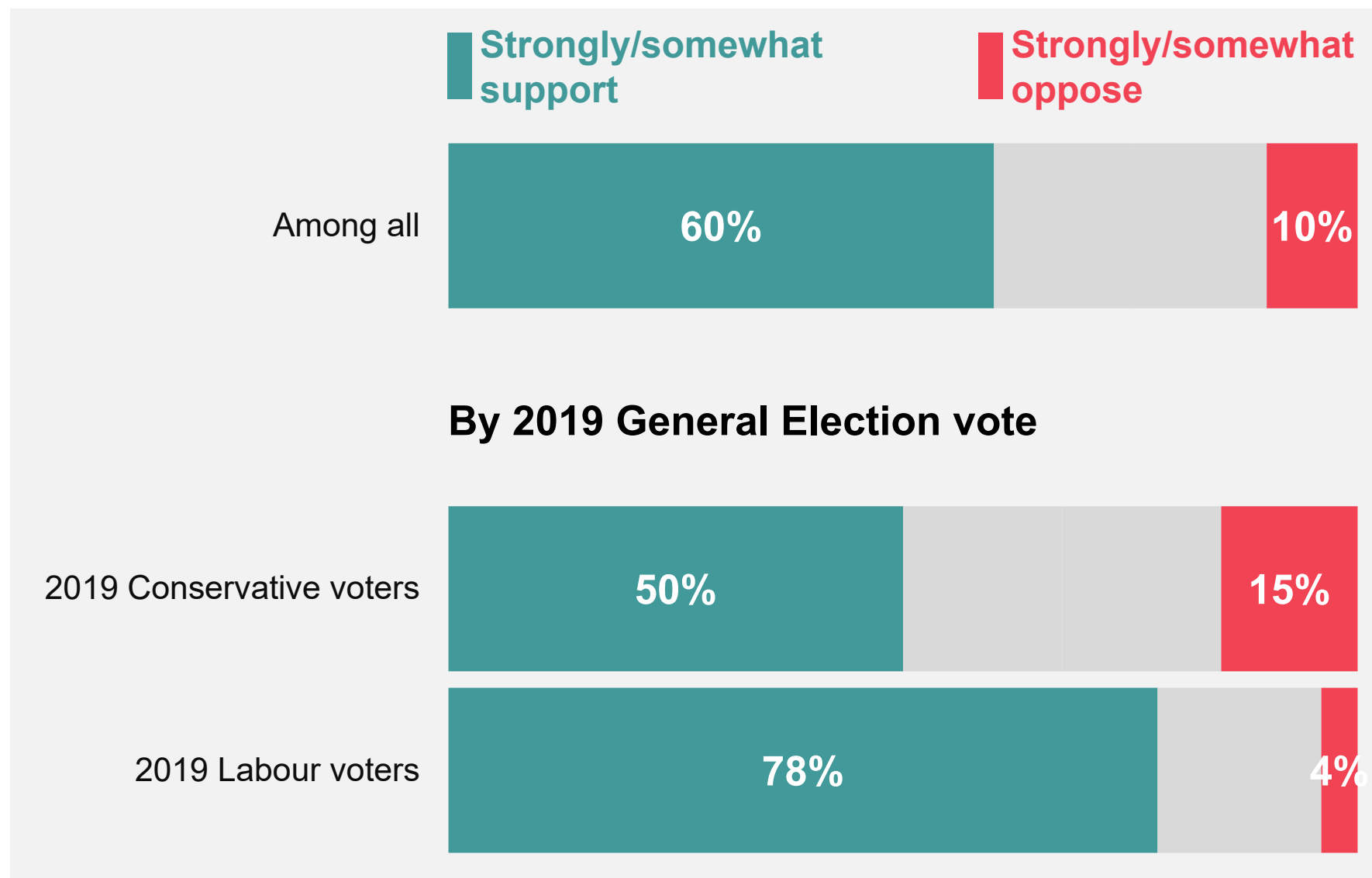
There is less of an age divide in support for organisations like the National Trust highlighting the role of Black people in British history.

How much do you support or oppose organisations like the National Trust highlighting the role Black people have played in British history?



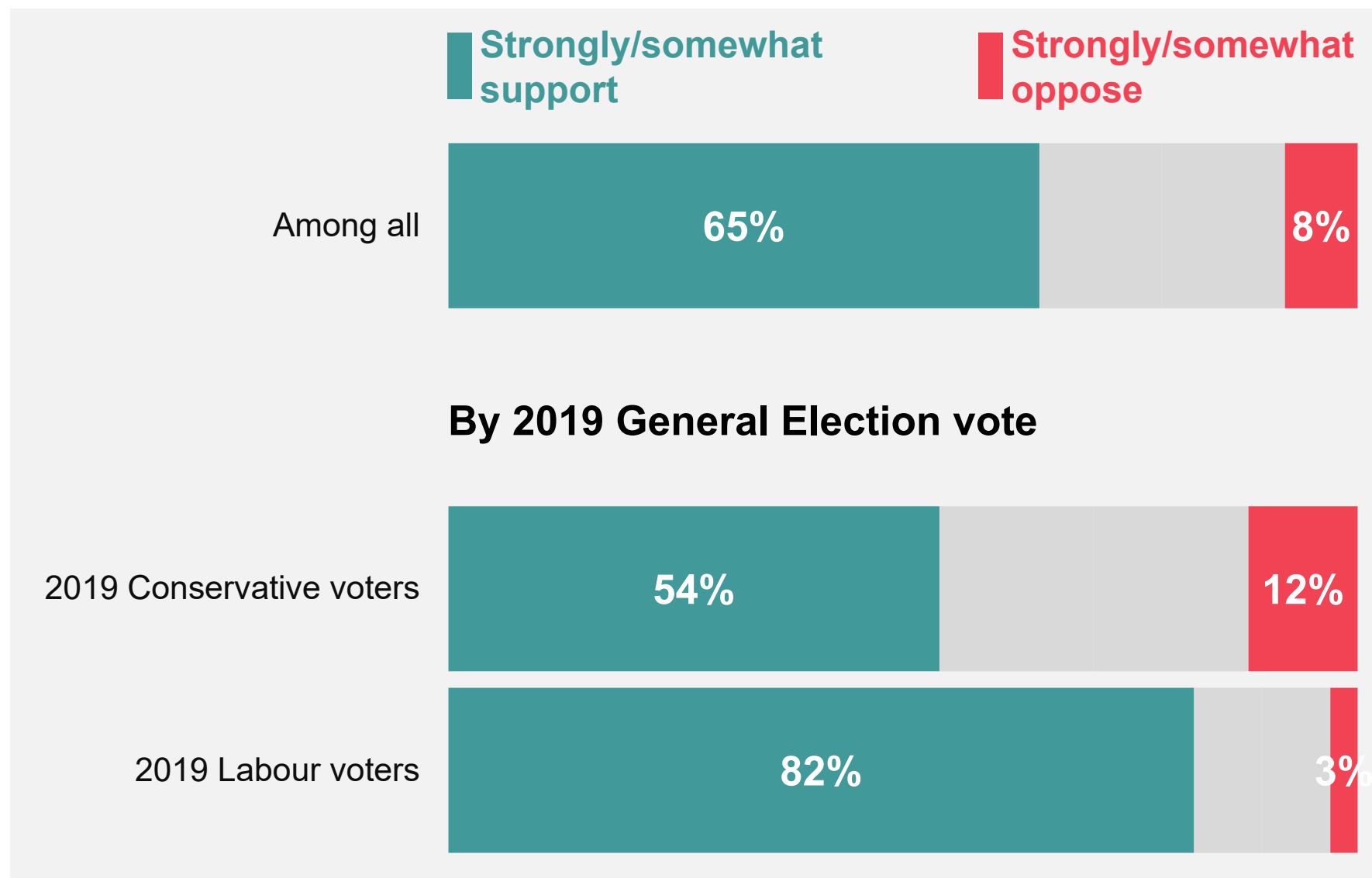
2019 Labour voters are more likely than 2019 Conservative voters to support teaching Black British History in primary schools – though only a minority of 2019 Conservative voters oppose this.

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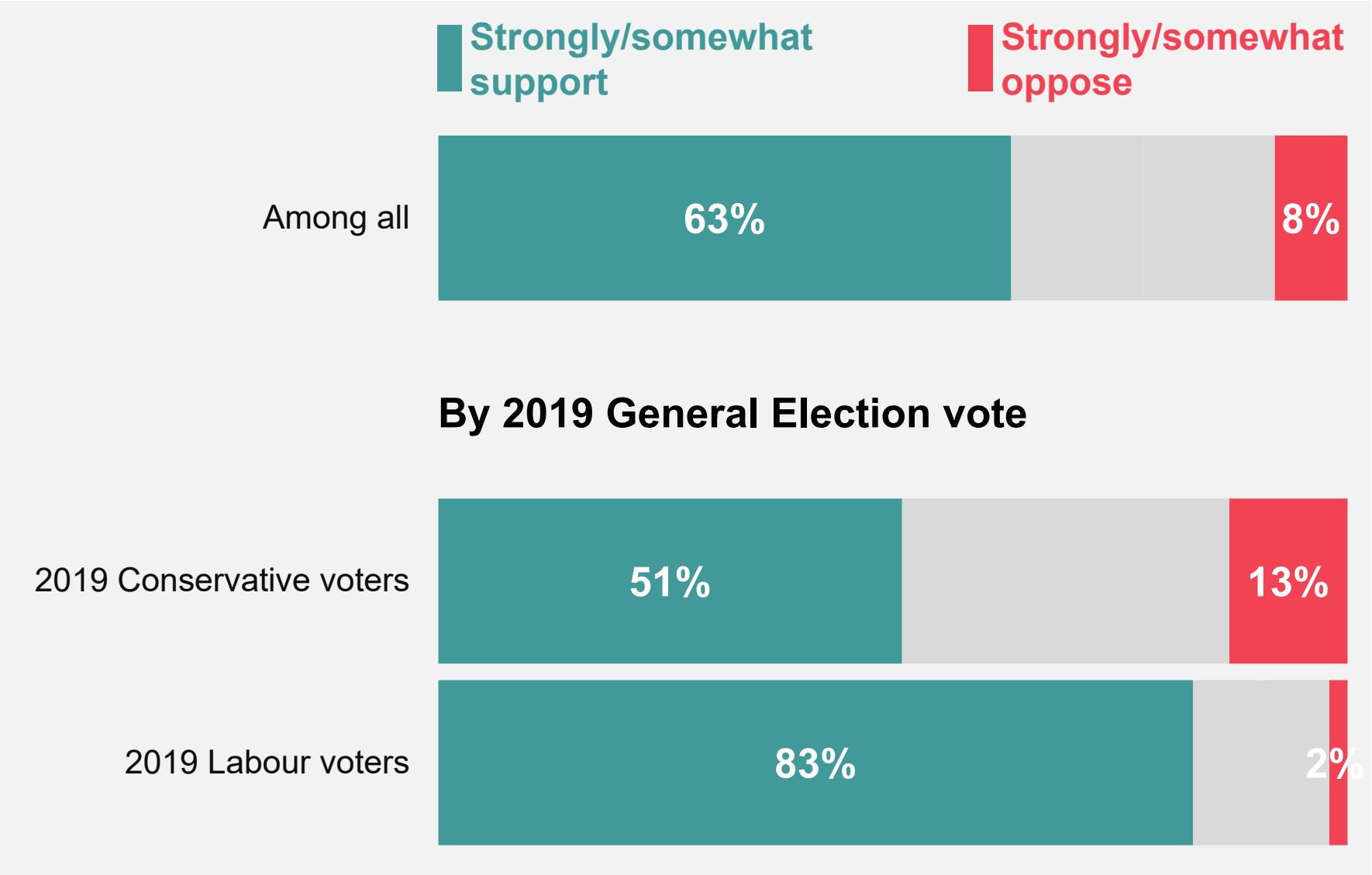
Similar patterns by 2019 vote are apparent for teaching Black British history in secondary schools – though again, a majority of 2019 voters for both parties support this.

How much do you support or oppose Black British History being taught in secondary schools?



Again, while 2019 Labour voters are more likely to support the National Trust highlighting the role of Black people in British history, 51% of Conservative voters also support this, with just 13% opposed.

How much do you support or oppose organisations like the National Trust highlighting the role Black people have played in British history?





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Ipsos interviewed an overall online sample of 1,698 adults aged 16-76+ years across Great Britain between 30 September to 4 October 2023. The sample comprises a nationally representative sample of 1,000 people and a further boost of 200 ethnic minority adults, 200 Black adults and 200 adults aged 76+. In total, 520 ethnic minority people were interviewed as part of this survey, including 238 Black/Mixed Black British people. Data are weighted to the profile of the population and the ethnic minority sample is weighted to the overall profile of the ethnic minority population. All polls are subject to a wide range of potential sources of error.

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