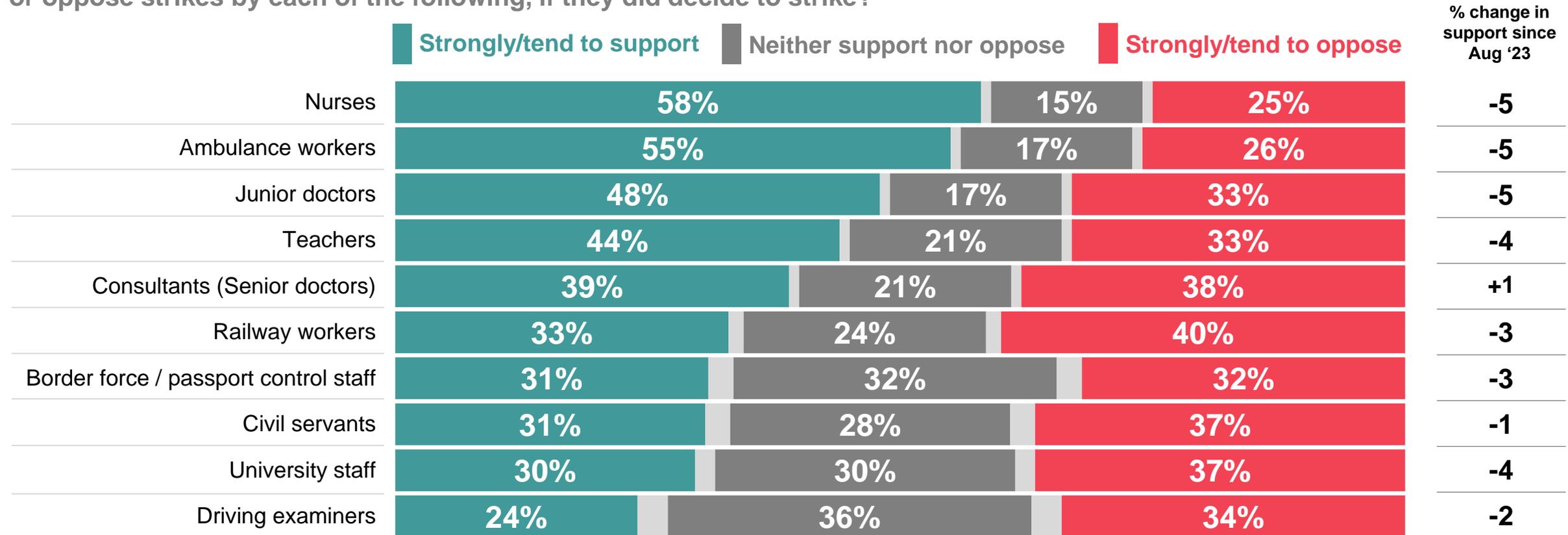


# **IPSOS** **Public attitudes** **towards strike action**

**January 2024**

# While support for strikes across several sectors has softened since August, the public continue to be most supportive of health workers considering strike action.

As you may know, workers from some sectors have been on strike over the past year or are considering strike action in the future. From what you know or have heard, to what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose strikes by each of the following, if they did decide to strike?



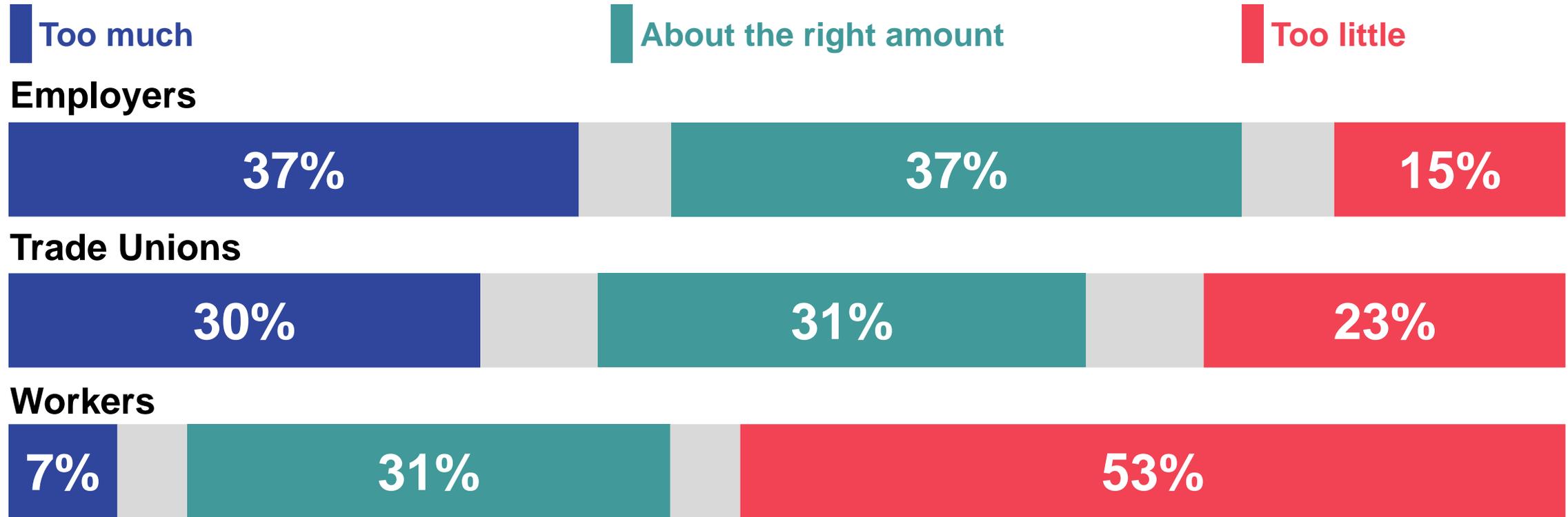
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N/A\* - not asked in the August 2023 survey



# The public are split on whether employers and trade unions have too much power or about the right amount – but half believe workers have too little power in Britain

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

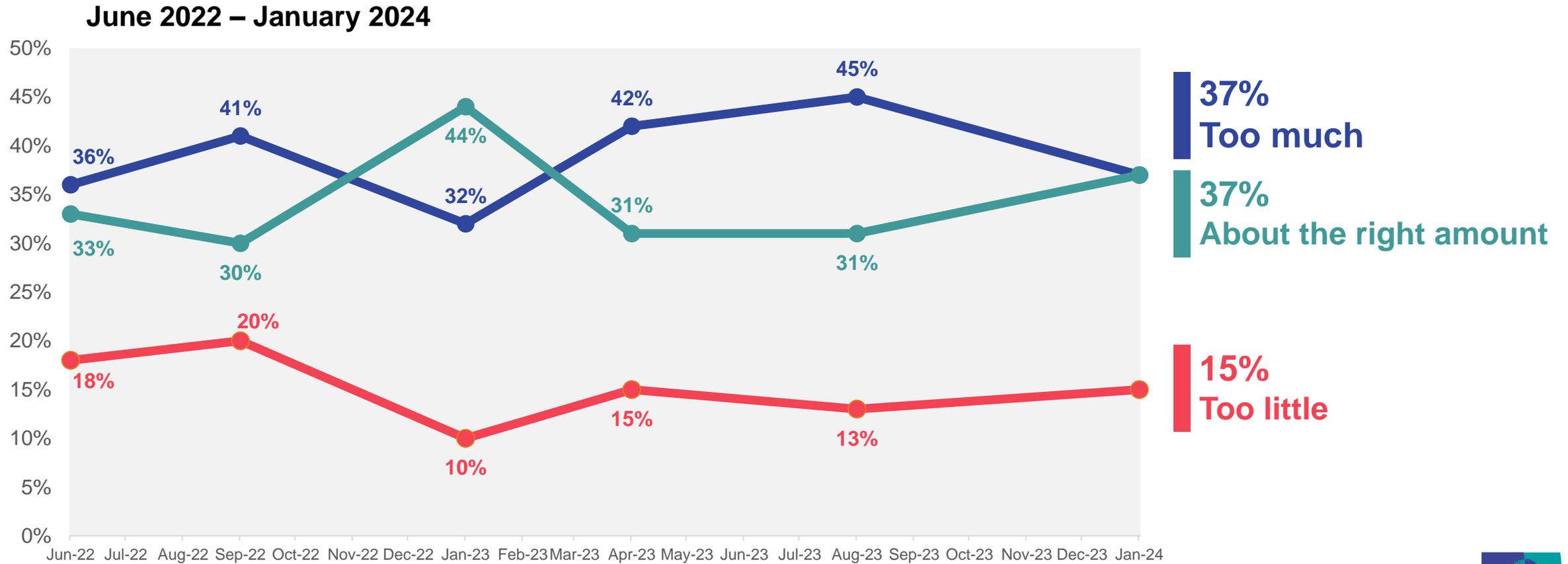


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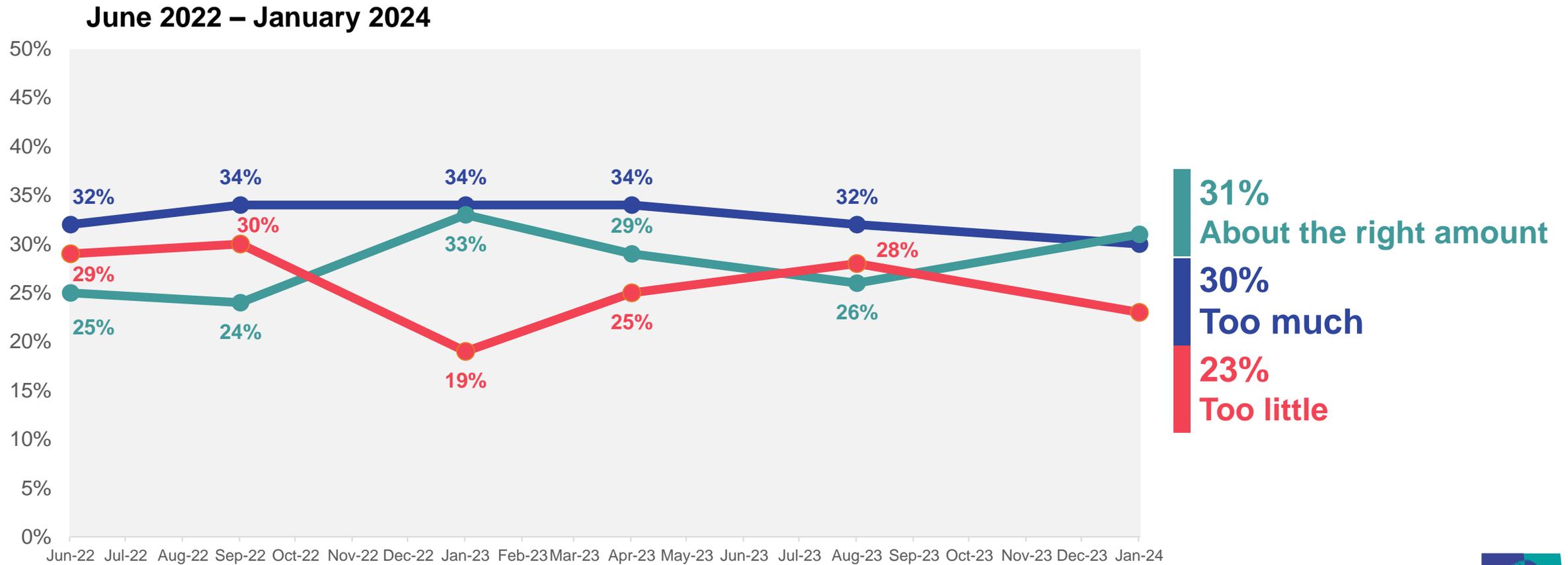


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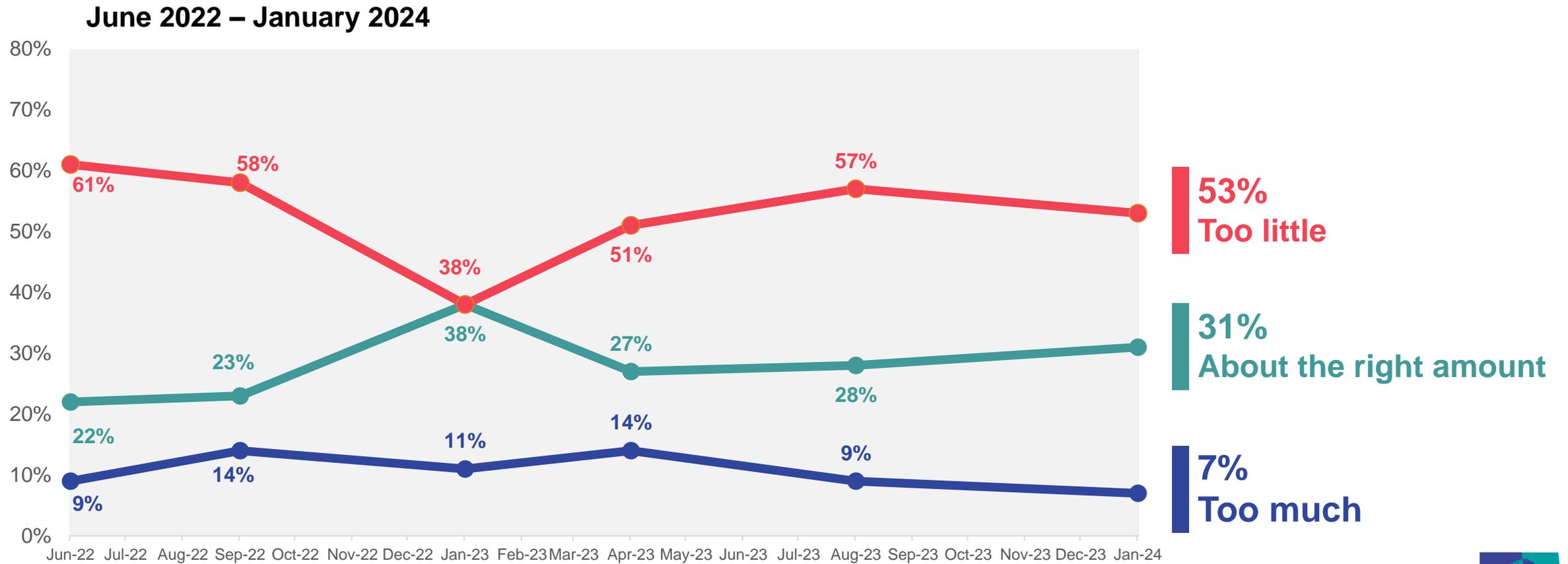


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# Power in Britain: Workers

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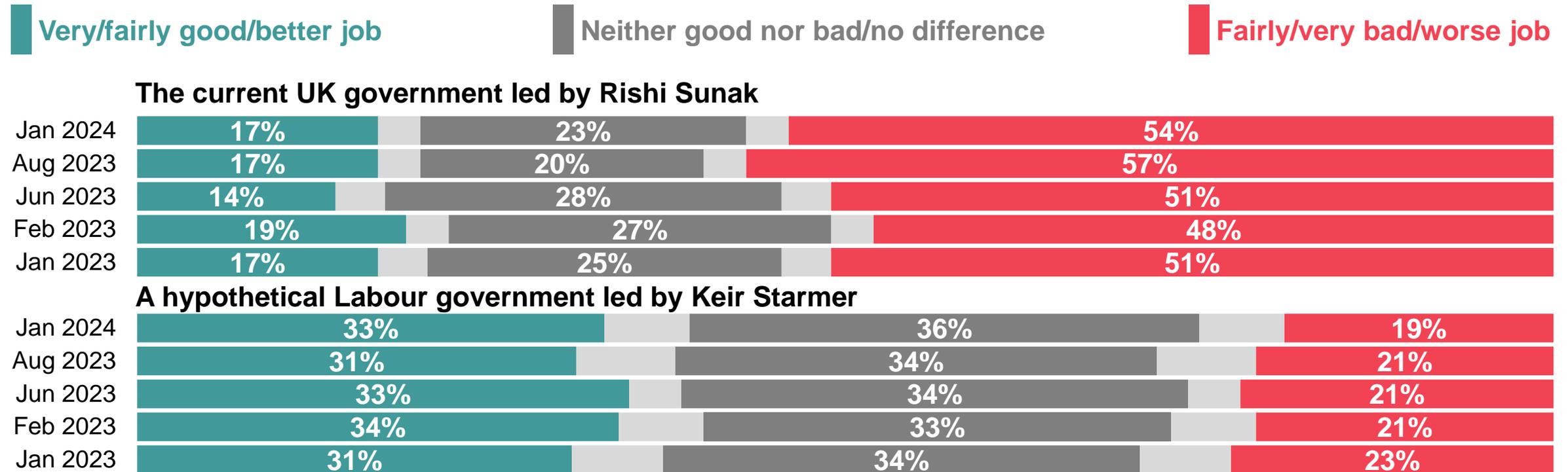


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# Over half of Britons continue to think Sunak’s government is doing a bad job handling negotiations with trade unions – but continue to be split on whether a hypothetical Labour Government would do a better job or make no difference.

Do you think the UK government led by Rishi Sunak is doing a good job or bad job, if either, at negotiating with trade unions to prevent public sector workers going on strike? / And compared to the current UK Government, do you think a Labour Government led by Keir Starmer, would do a better or worse job at negotiating with trade unions to prevent public sector workers going on strike, or would it make no difference?

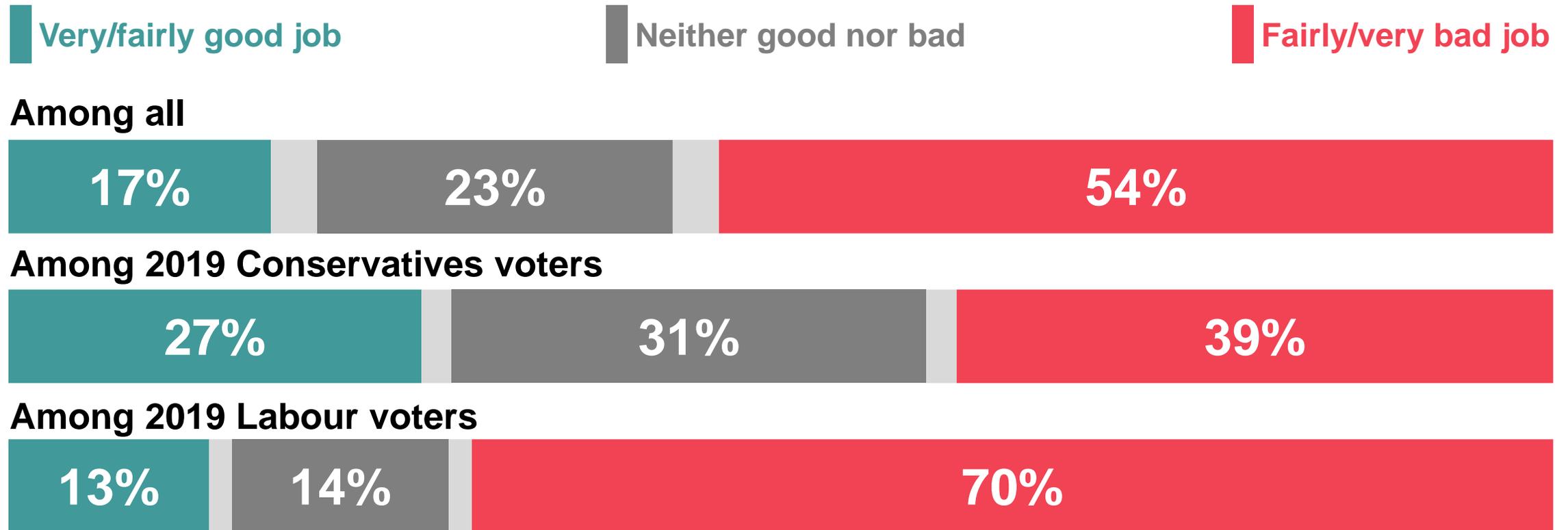


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# 2019 Conservative voters are also more likely to believe the Govt is doing a bad rather than good job at negotiating with trade unions

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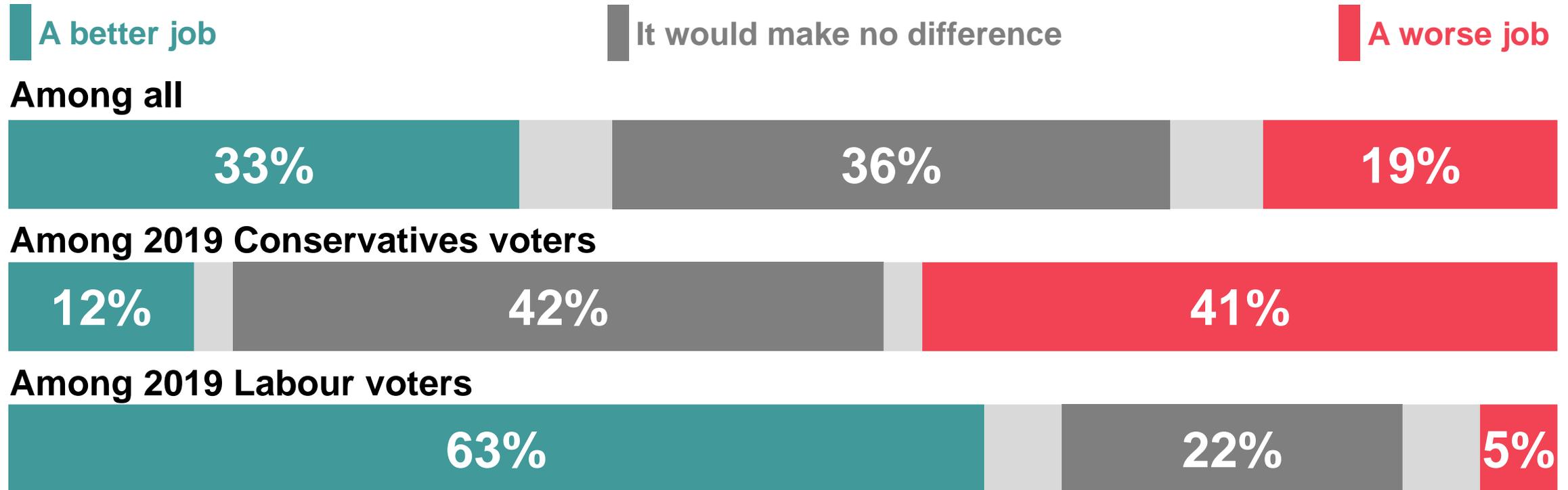


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# The public are split between whether a hypothetical UK Government led by Starmer, would do a better job or make no difference in negotiating with trade unions

And compared to the current UK Government, do you think a Labour Government led by Keir Starmer, would do a better or worse job at negotiating with trade unions to prevent public sector workers going on strike, or would it make no difference?

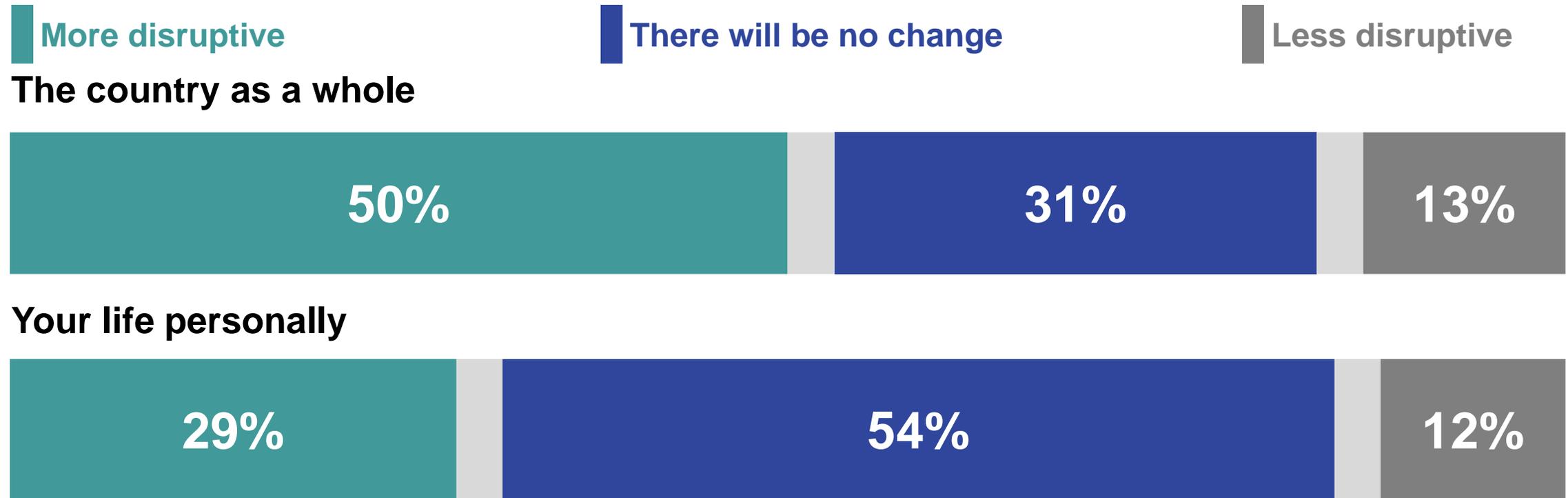


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# Half of Britons expect the impacts of strikes to be more disruptive in 2024 than 2023 to the country as a whole – but half expect there to be no change to their life personally

Thinking about the year ahead compared to last year, do you expect strikes to be more or less disruptive, if either, to...?



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# How closely have you followed these news stories?

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

Very / fairly closely      Not very / at all closely



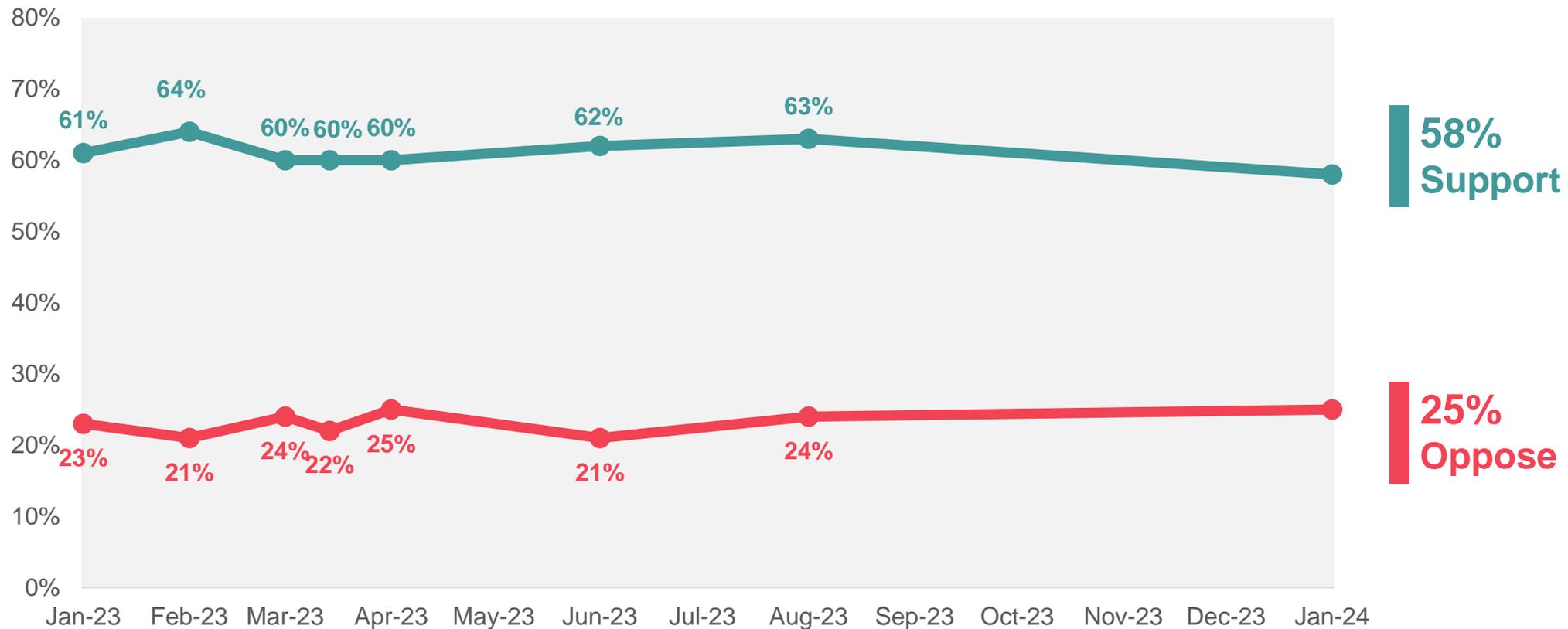
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# Support for strikes: Nurses

As you may know, workers from some sectors have been on strike over the past year or are considering strike action in the future. From what you know or have heard, to what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose strikes by each of the following, if they did decide to strike? **Nurses**

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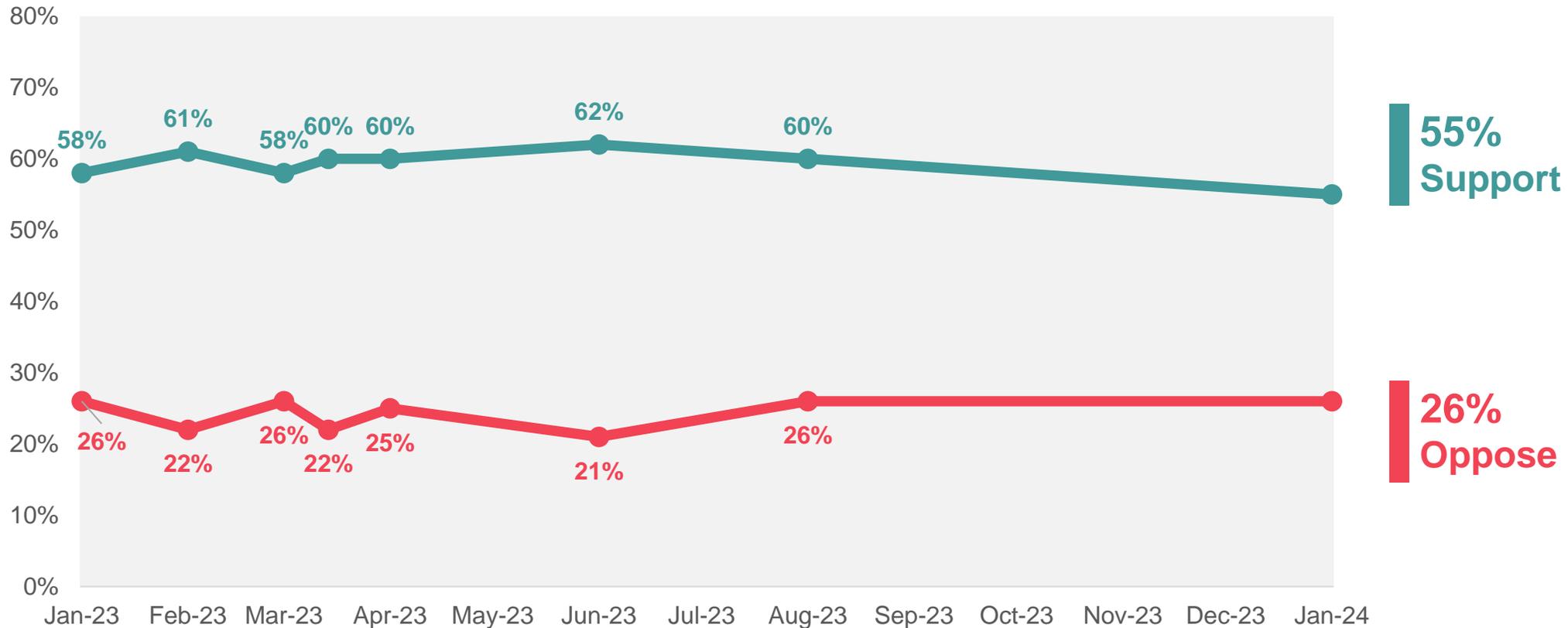
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# Support for strikes: Ambulance workers

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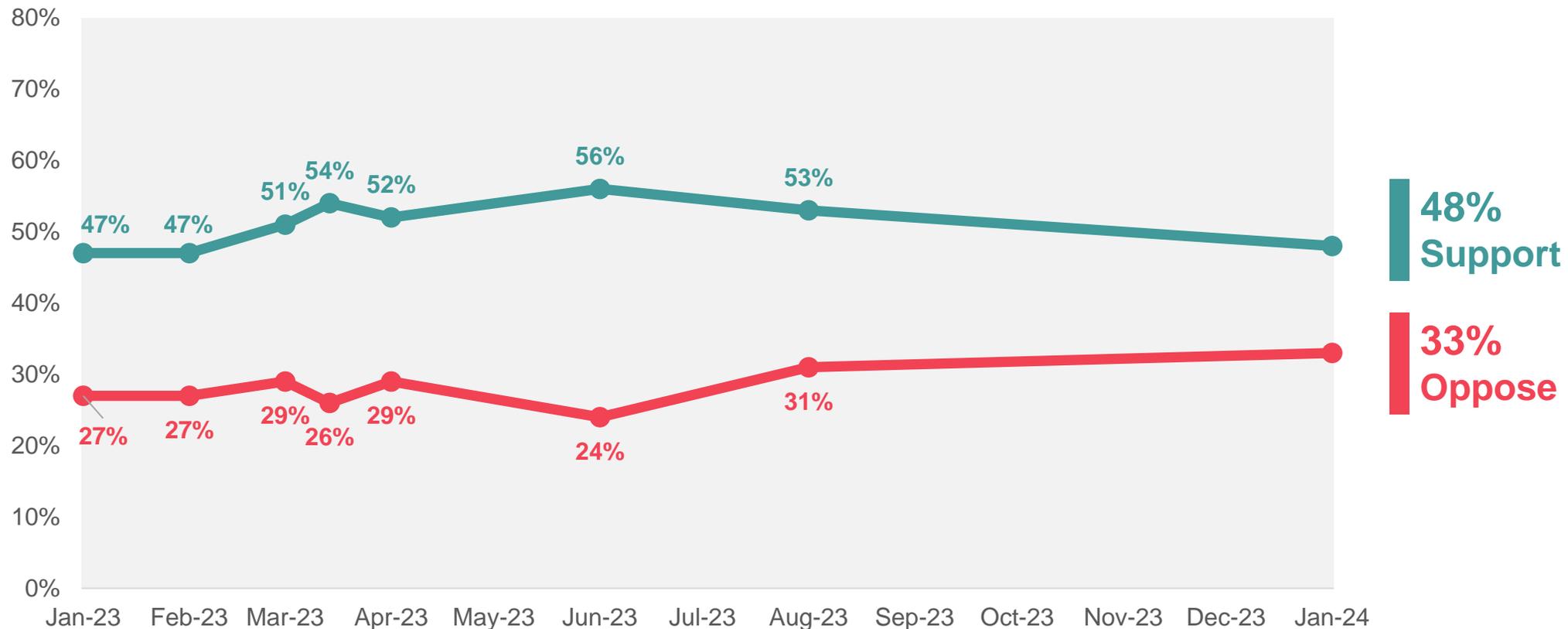
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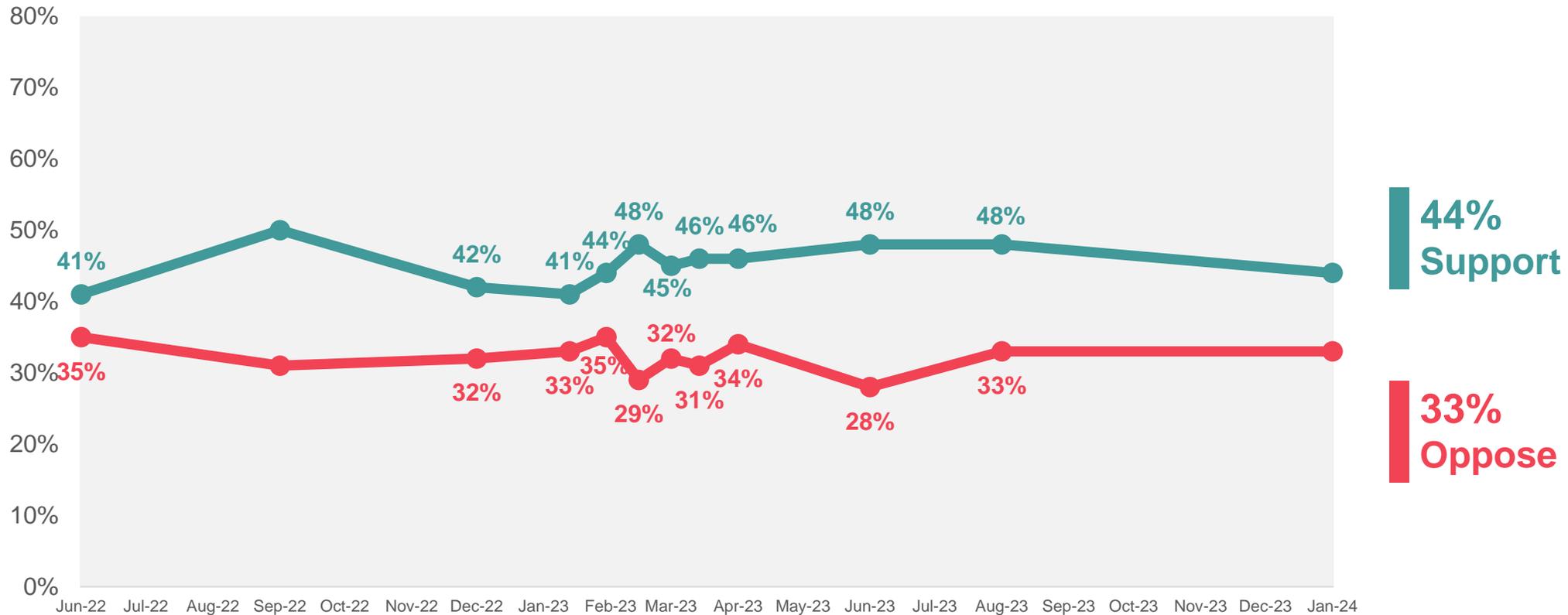
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# Support for strikes: Teachers

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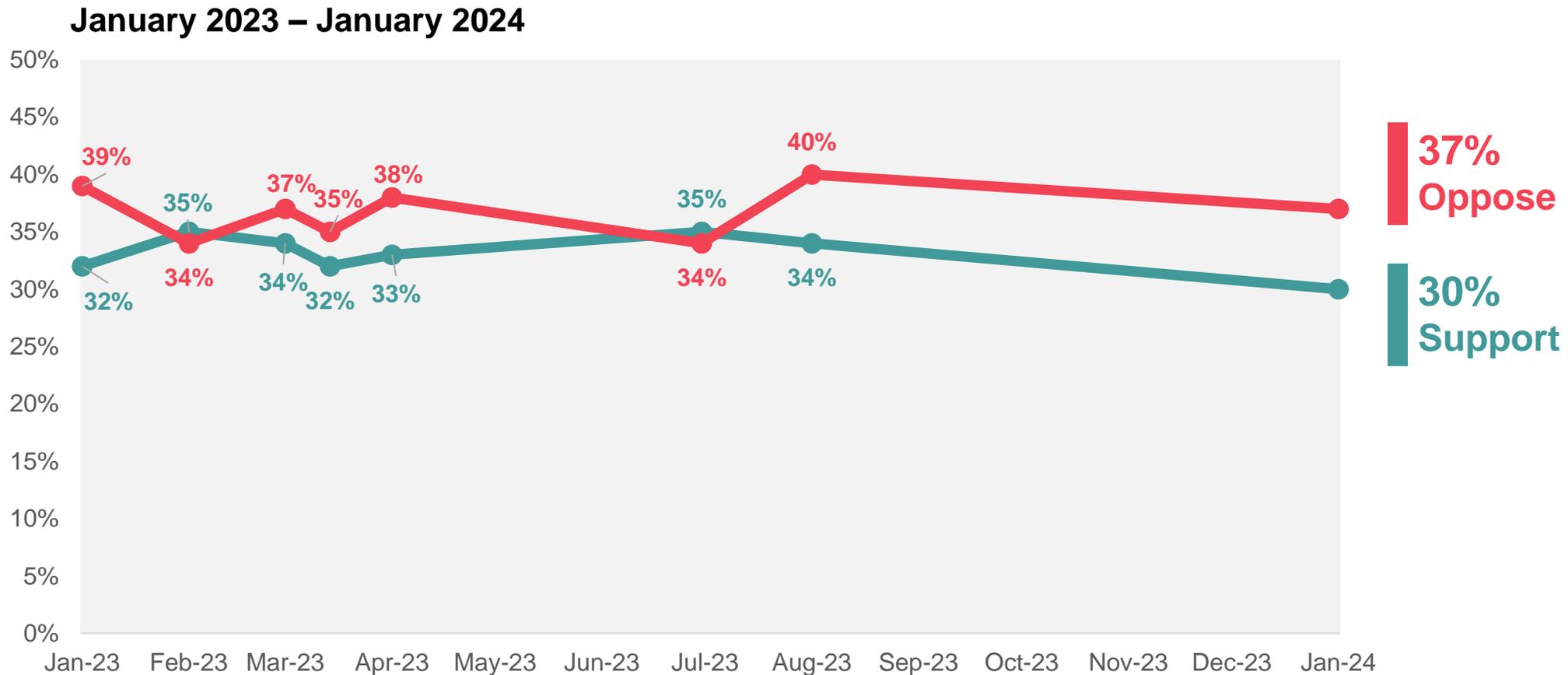


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# Support for strikes: University staff

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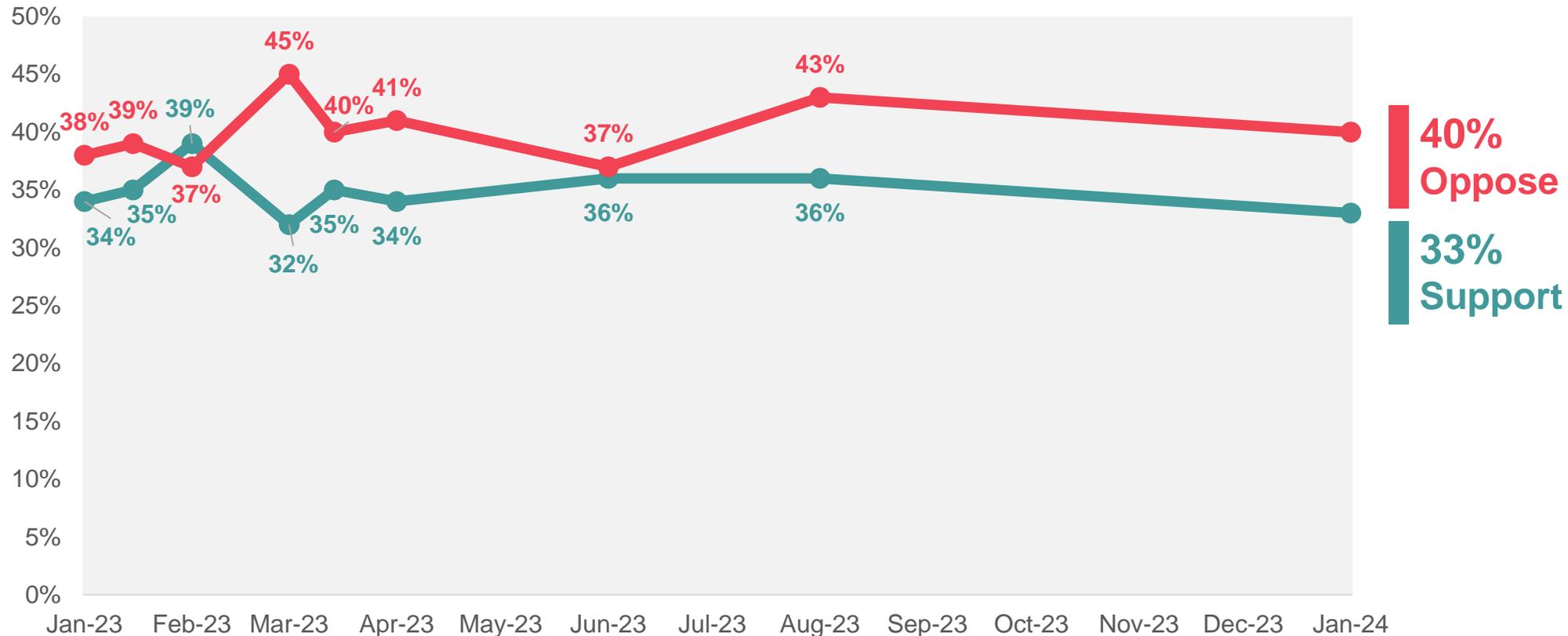
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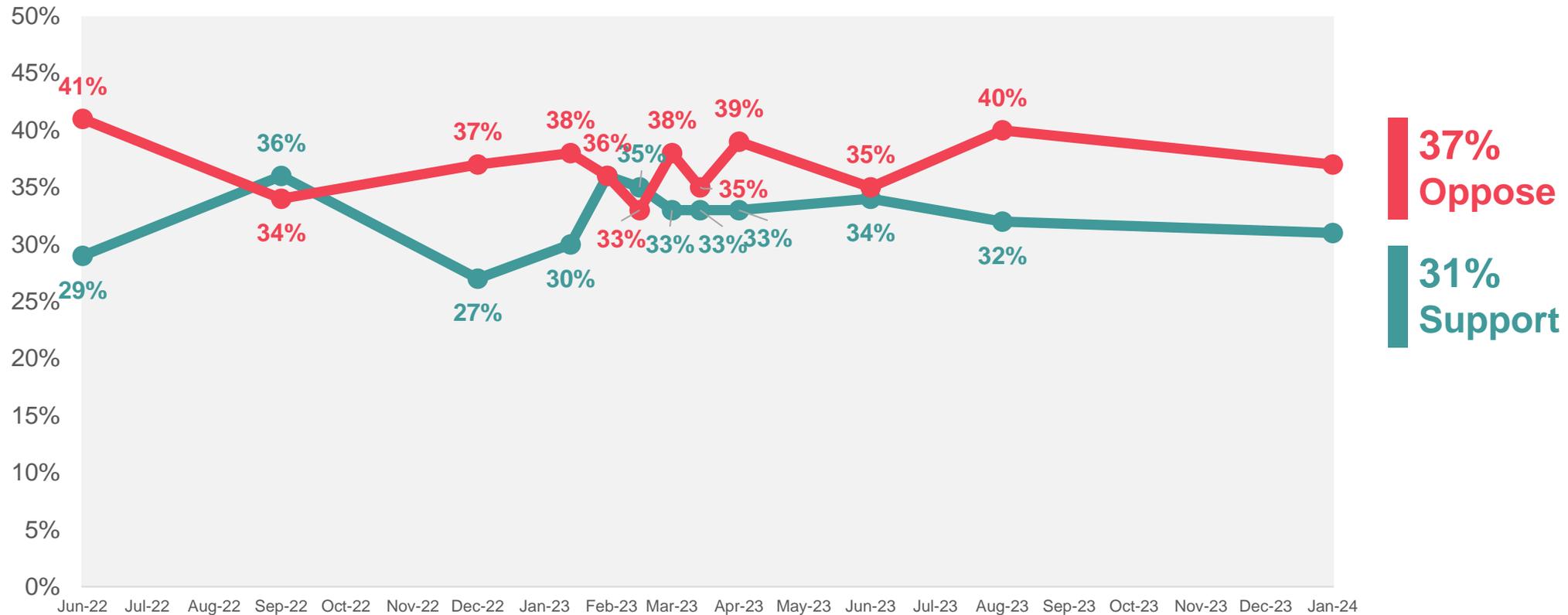
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# Support for strikes: Civil servants

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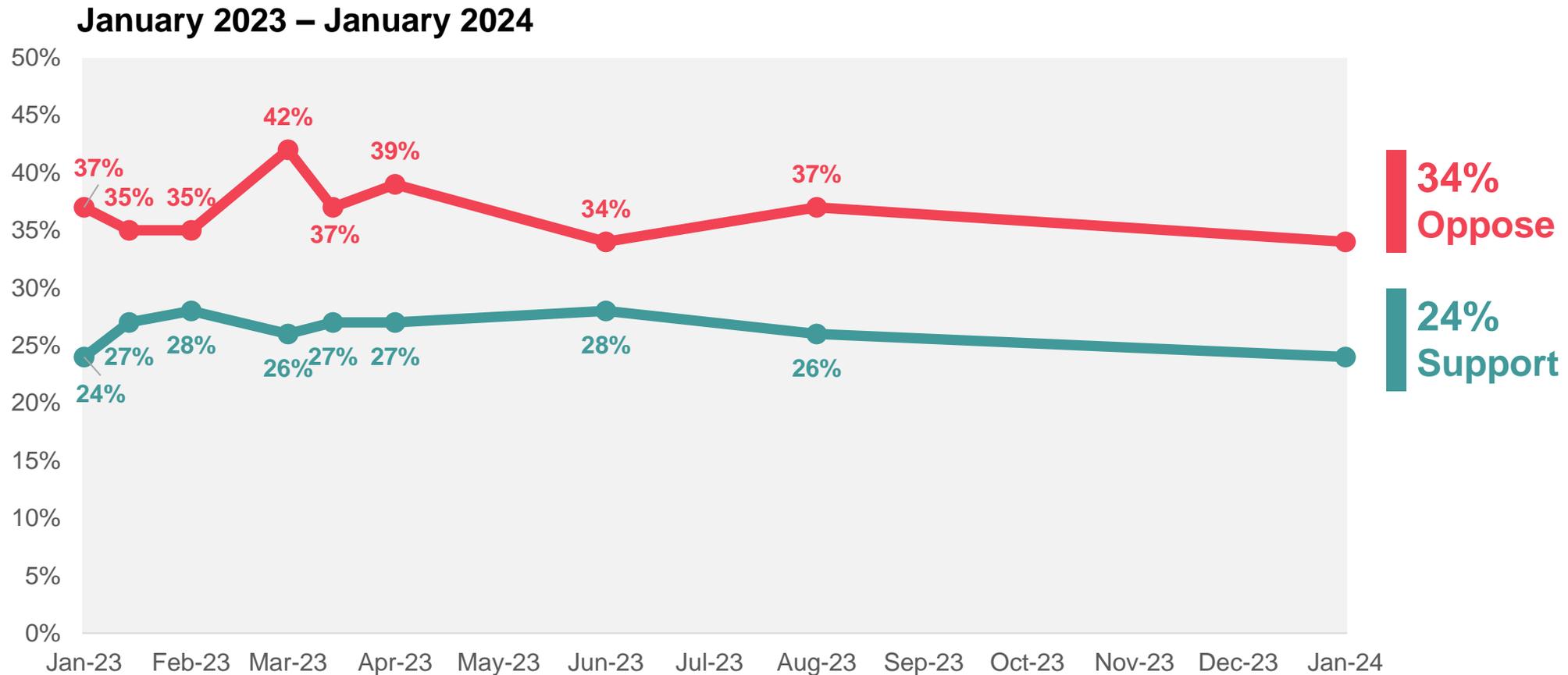


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# Support for strikes: Driving examiners

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