

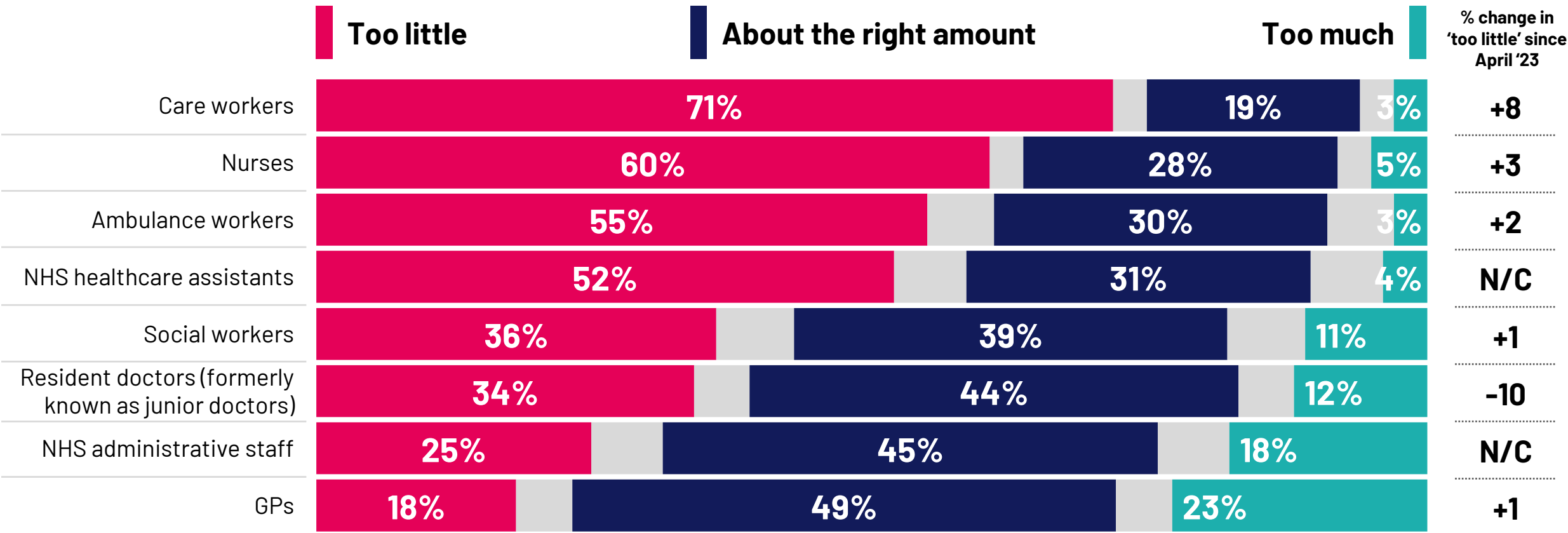
Ipsos Nurses pay polling

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Britons continue to be most likely to say care workers are paid too little relative to other groups of healthcare workers – and fewer now say resident (junior) doctors are paid too little

In your opinion, on average would you say the following professions or group of healthcare workers are paid too much, too little or about the right amount?



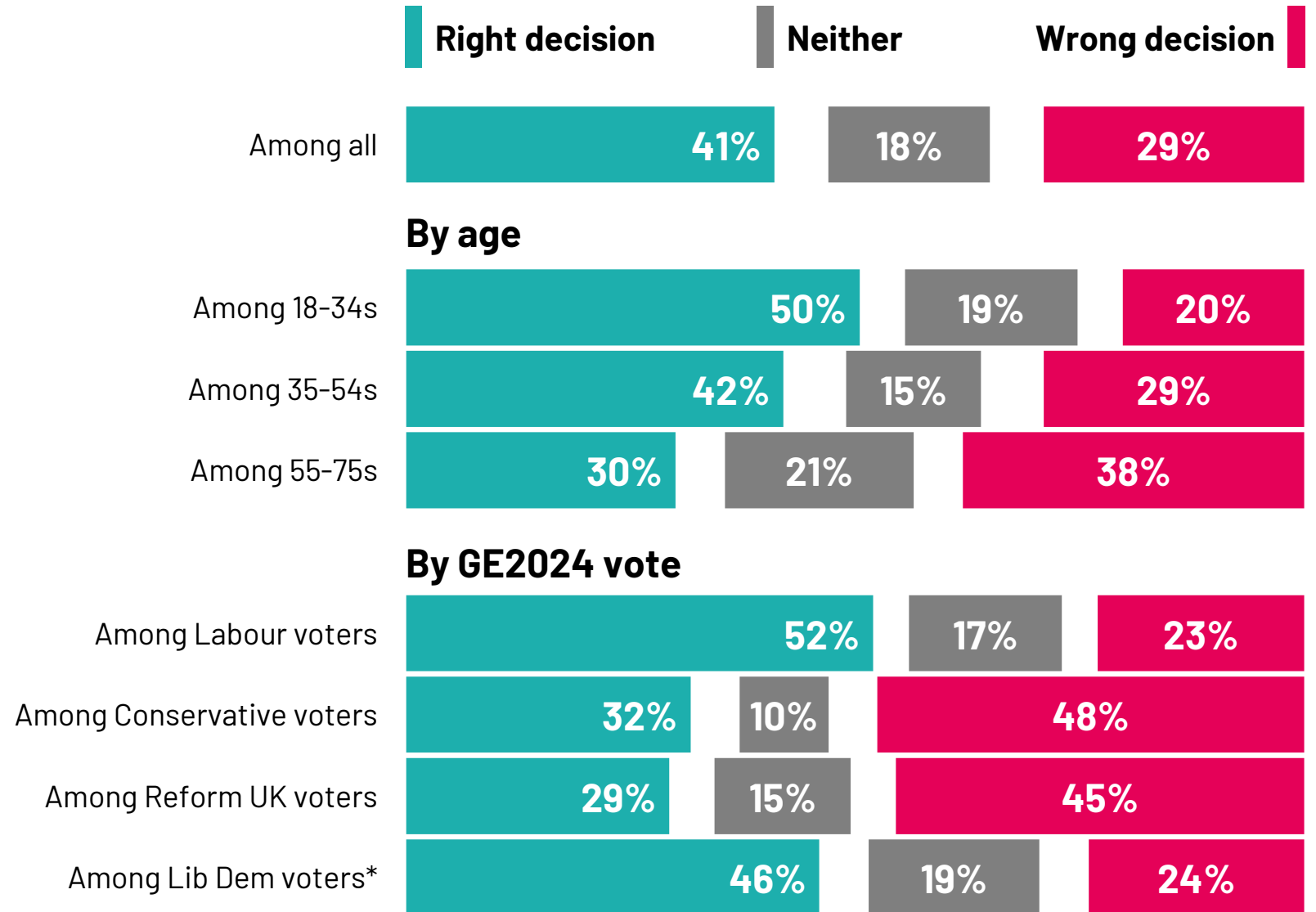
Base: 1,053 Online British adults aged 18-75, 27-30 September 2024

Two in five think that nurses were right to reject an offer of a 5.5% pay rise

As you may know, at the end of July, the government extended an average pay rise offer of 5.5% for the 2024-2025 financial year to nurses within the NHS. Earlier this week, it was announced that nurses within the England Royal College of Nurses have voted to reject this offer for being unfair.

From what you have seen or heard, do you think it was the right decision or wrong decision for nurses to reject this offer?

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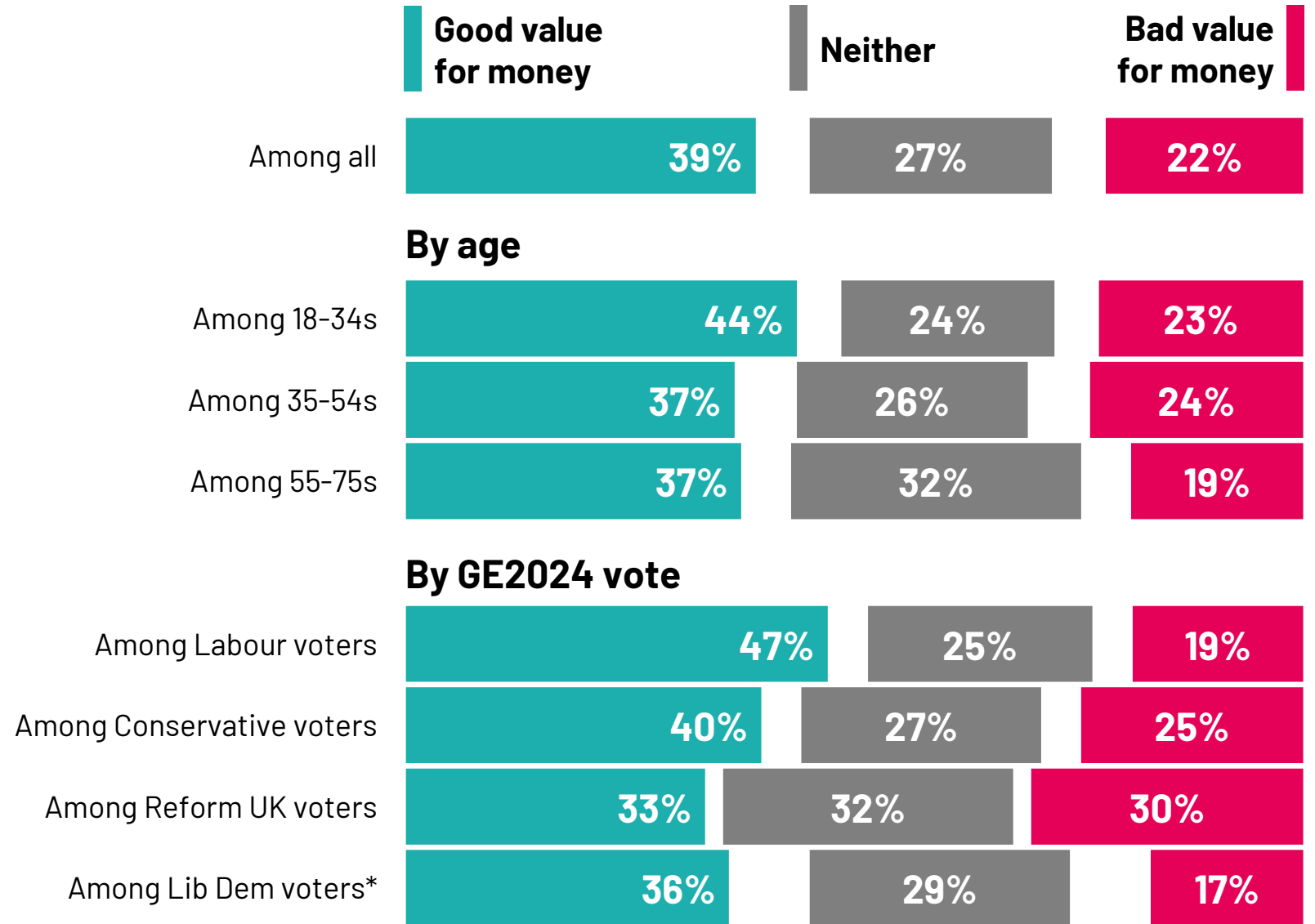


Two in five think the pay rises offered to nurses and resident doctors provide good value for money

In addition to the pay rise offered to nurses, resident doctors (formerly known as junior doctors) were also offered an average pay rise of 8% for 2024-2025. As a reminder, nurses were offered an average pay rise of 5.5% for the 2024-2025 financial year.

Based on what you have seen and heard, do you think these pay increases provide good or bad value for money, if either?

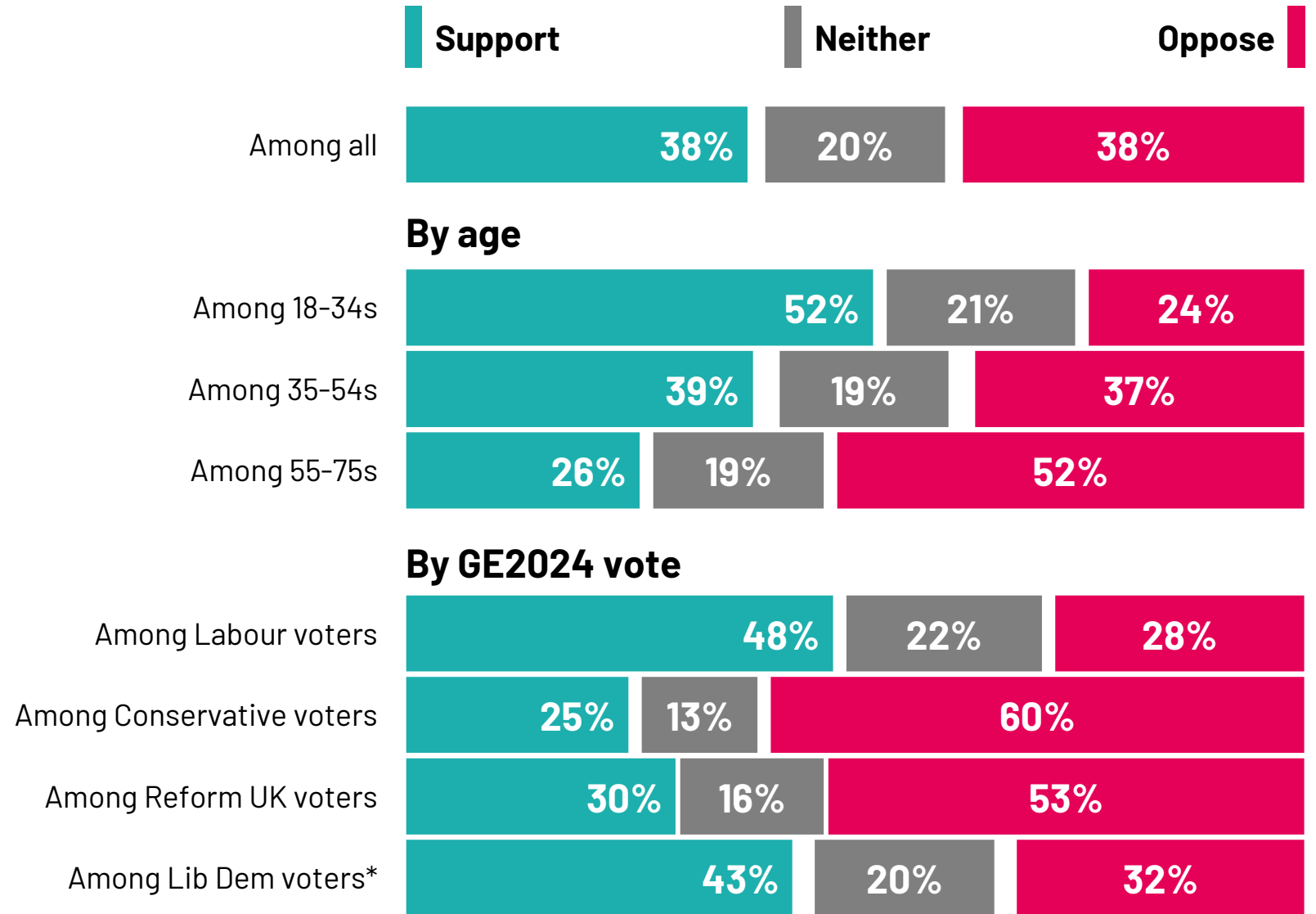
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The public are split on whether they support or oppose nurses going on strike if the government does not offer them a higher pay rise in the future

To what extent would you support or oppose, if either, nurses going on strike if the government does not offer them a higher pay rise in the future?

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Almost half think the previous Conservative government is most to blame for the industrial dispute with nurses lasting this long

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 previous government led by Rishi Sunak is more at fault for the dispute lasting this long

46%

Neither - I think they are equally at fault

24%

The current government led by Keir Starmer is more at fault for the dispute lasting this long

12%

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

10%

Don't know

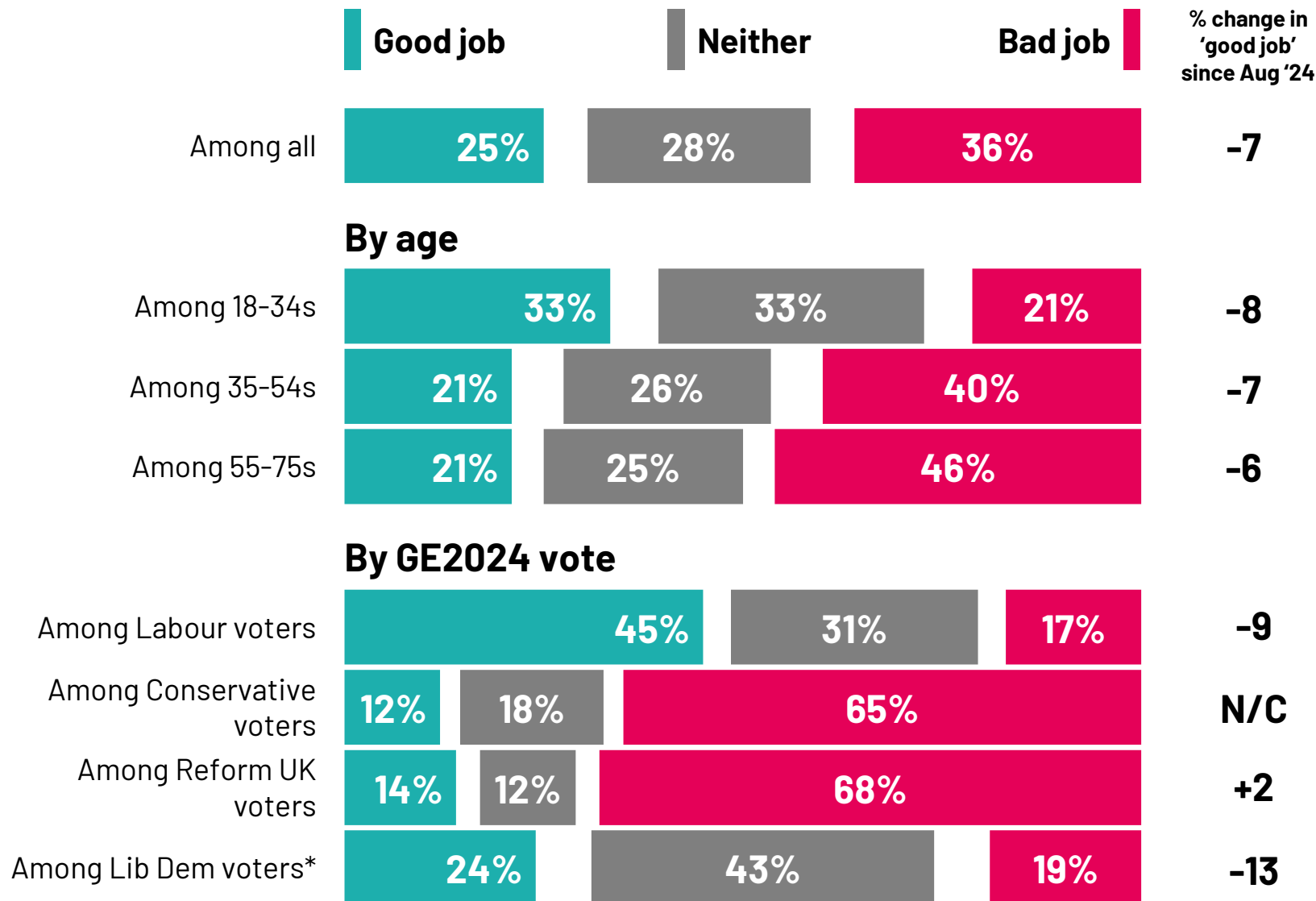
8%

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The public are more likely to think the UK government led by Keir Starmer is doing a bad job than a good job at negotiating with trade unions

Do you think the UK government led by Keir Starmer is doing a good job or bad job, if either, at negotiating with trade unions to prevent disruption to public services?

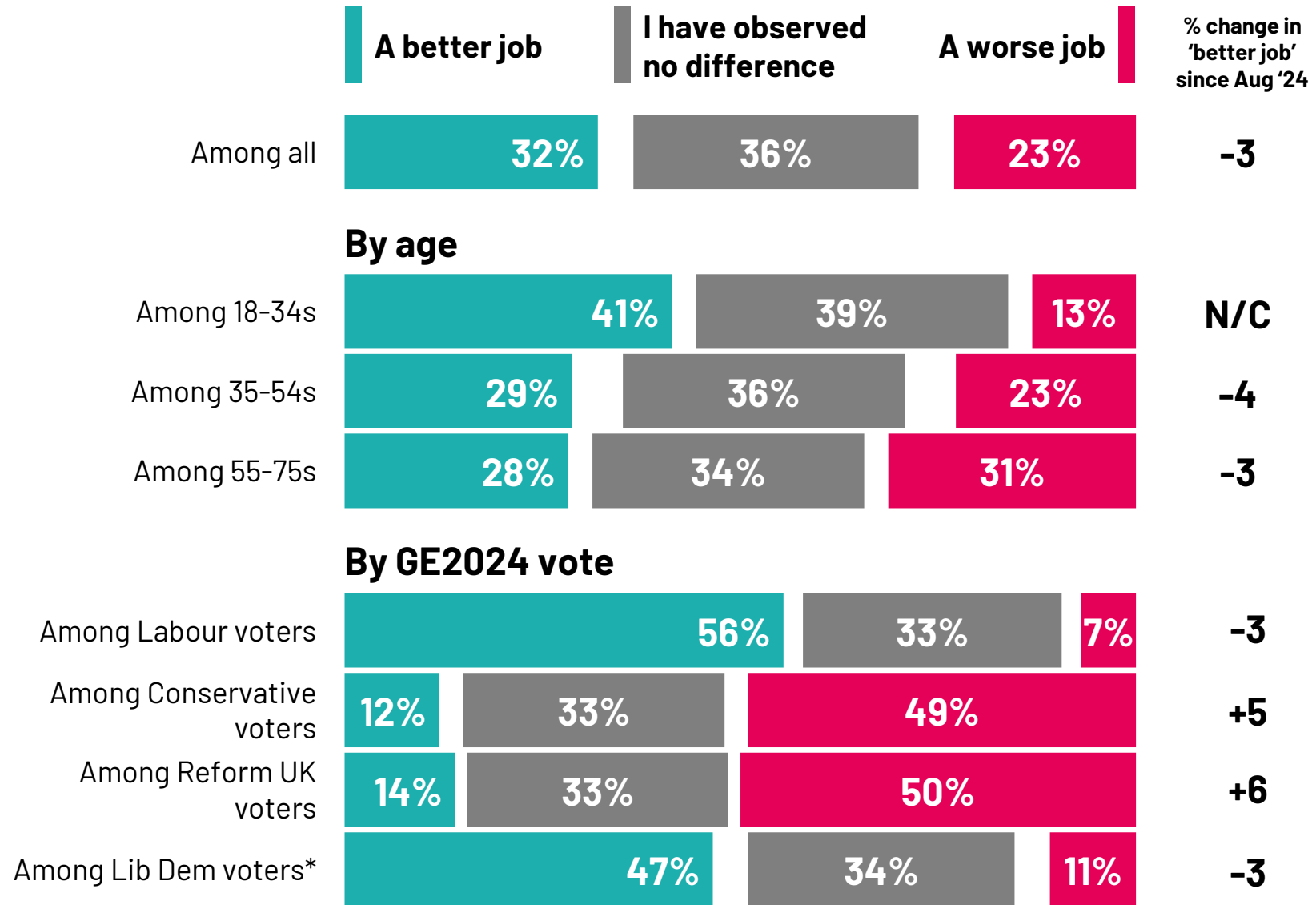
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Around a third think that the current government is doing a better job at negotiating with trade unions than the previous government – another third have seen no difference

And compared to the previous UK Government, do you think the current government led by Keir Starmer is doing a better or worse job at negotiating with trade unions to prevent disruption to public services, or have you observed it has made no difference?

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