

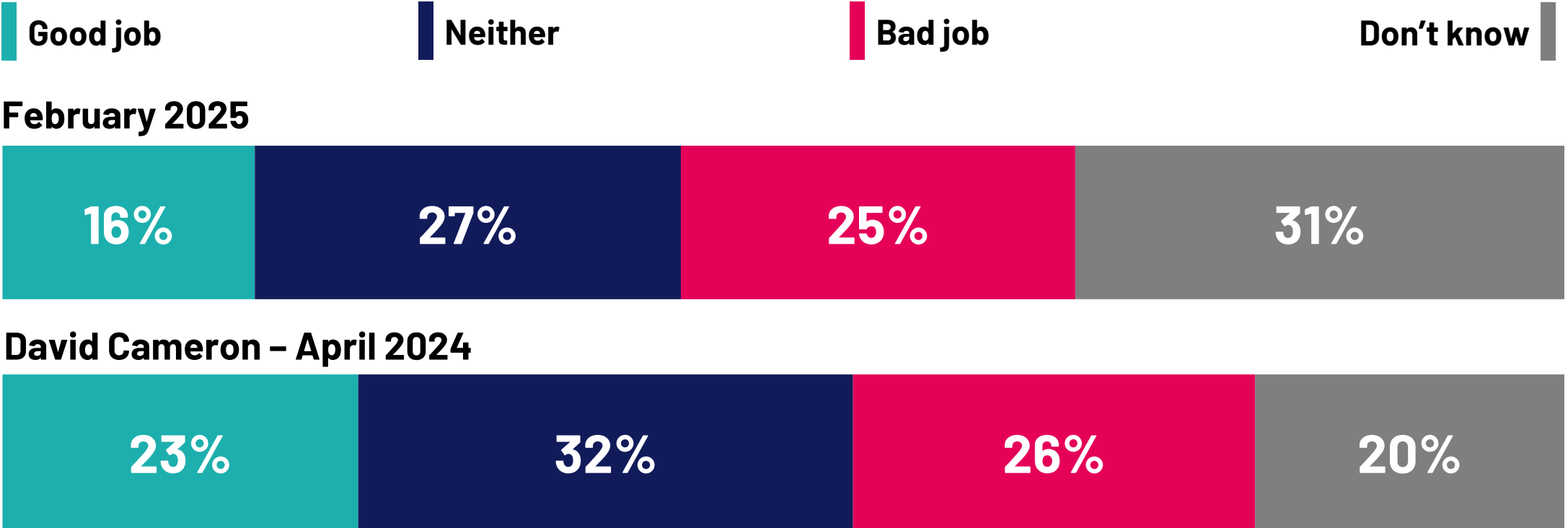
Ipsos Britain's role in the world

February 2025



Just 16% say David Lammy has been doing a good job as Foreign Secretary. 31% say they don't know how well he has performed.

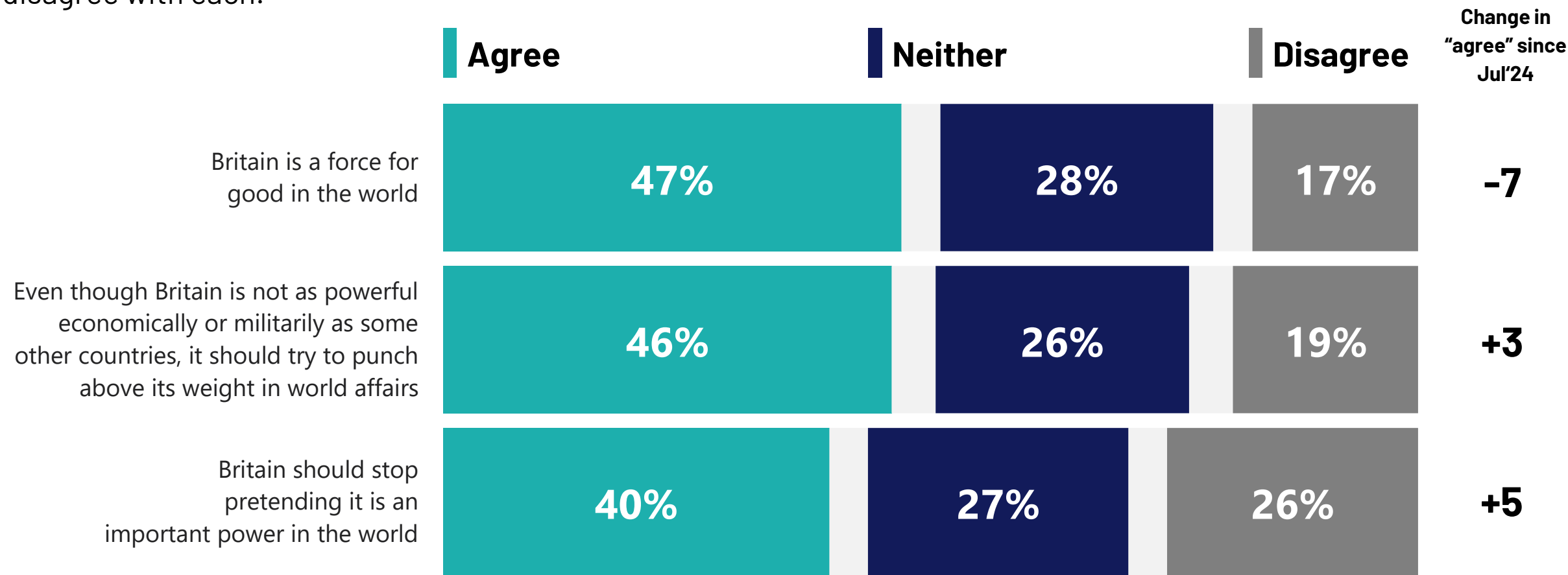
To what extent, would you say David Lammy has been doing a good job or bad job as Foreign Secretary, or neither?



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Almost half of Britons think that Britain is a force for good in the world, but this is down 7ppts from July 2024

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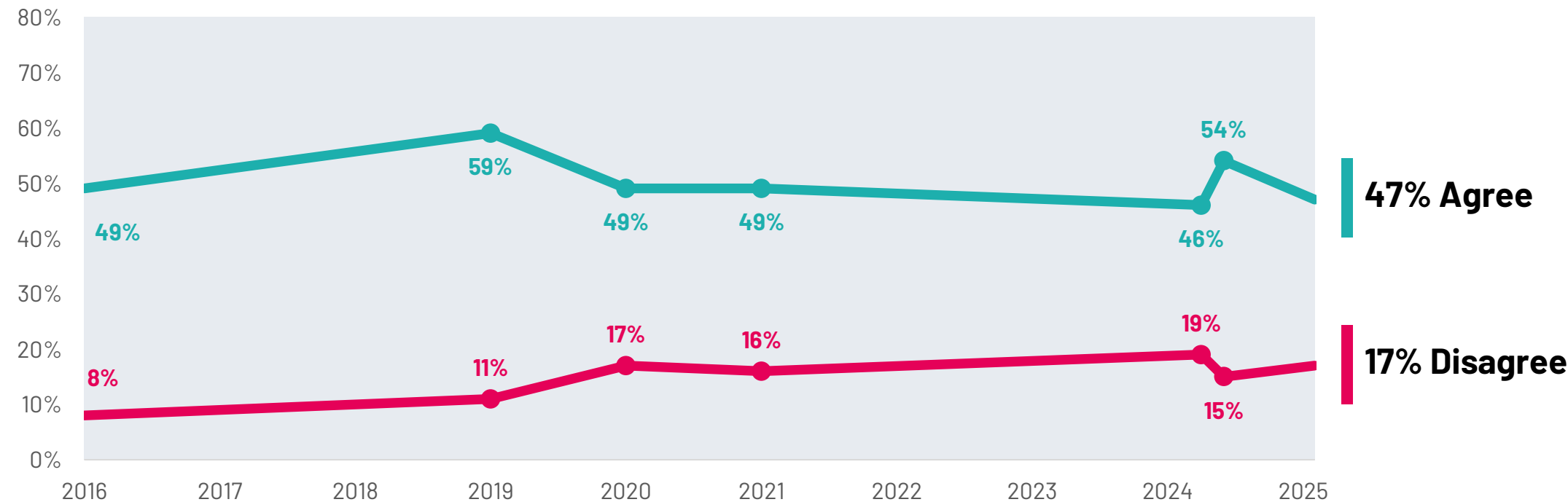


Just under half think Britain is a force for good in the world, while one in five disagree

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Britain is a force for good in the world

2016 - 2025



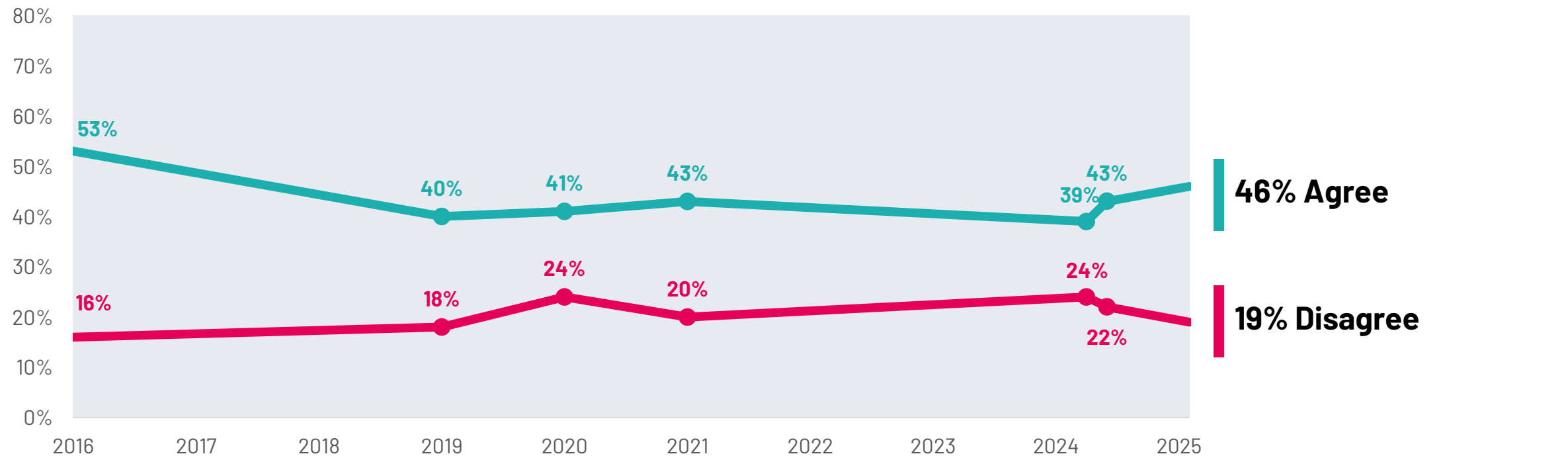
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46% think Britain should try to punch above its weight, even if it is not as powerful economically or militarily as some other countries

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Even though Britain is not as powerful economically or militarily as some other countries, it should try to punch above its weight in world affairs

2016 - 2025



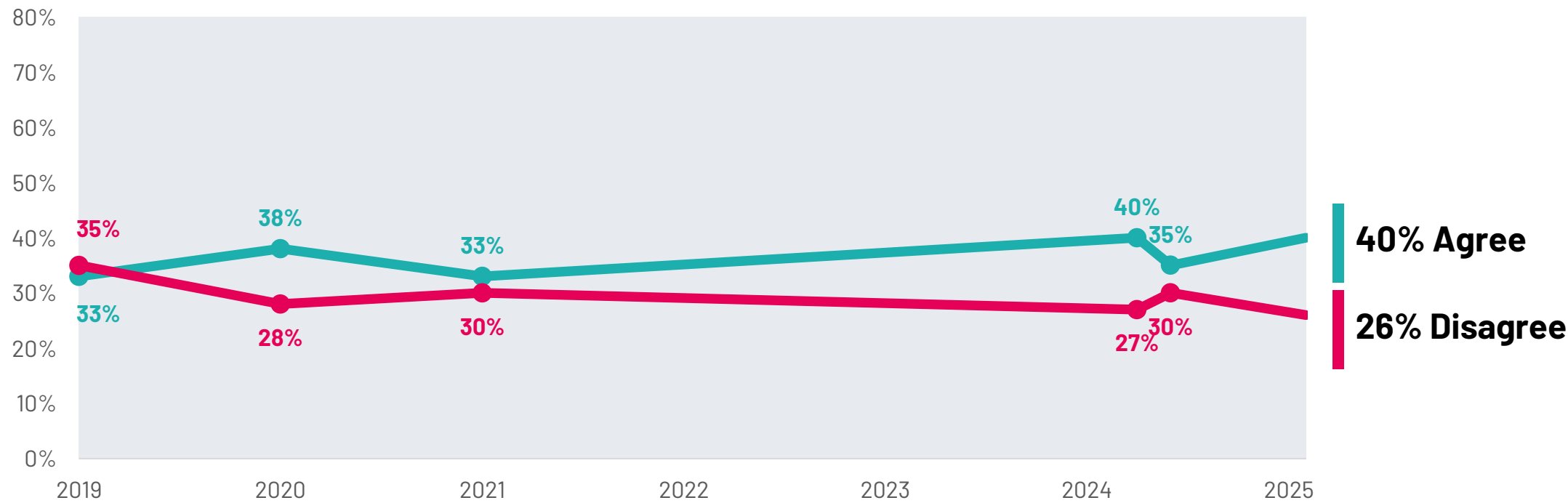
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Two in five agree Britain stop pretending it is an important power in the world, while one in four disagree

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Britain should stop pretending it is an important power in the world

2019 - 2025



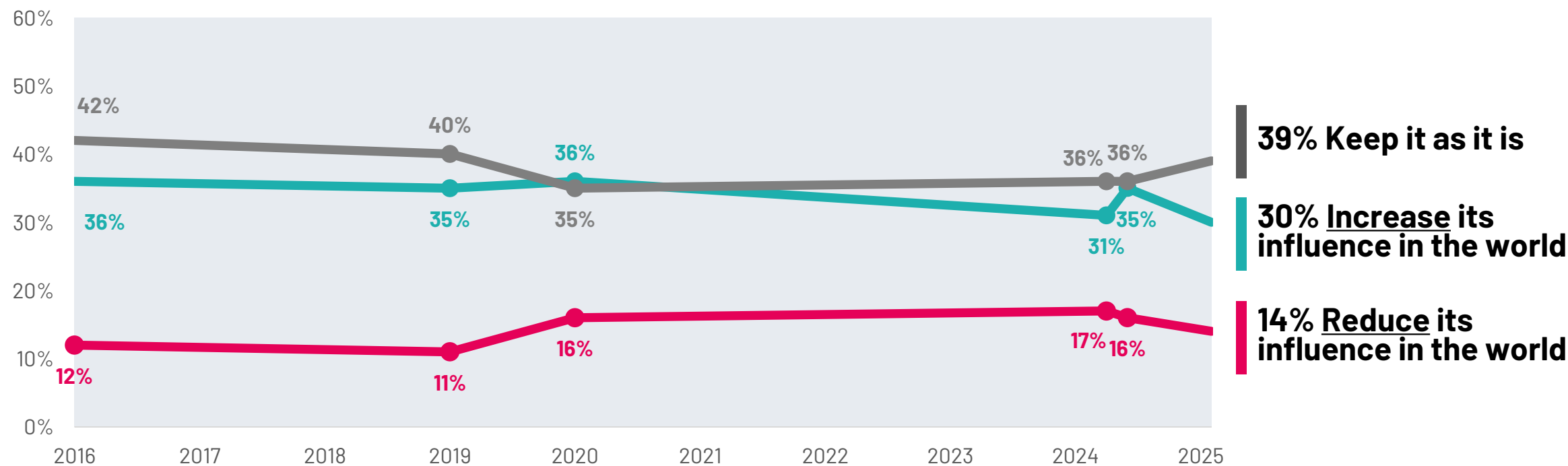
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Three in ten think Britain should try to increase it's influence in the world which is down 5ppt from last year

Do you think Britain should try to increase its influence around the world, reduce it, or keep it as it is?

September 2016 – February 2025

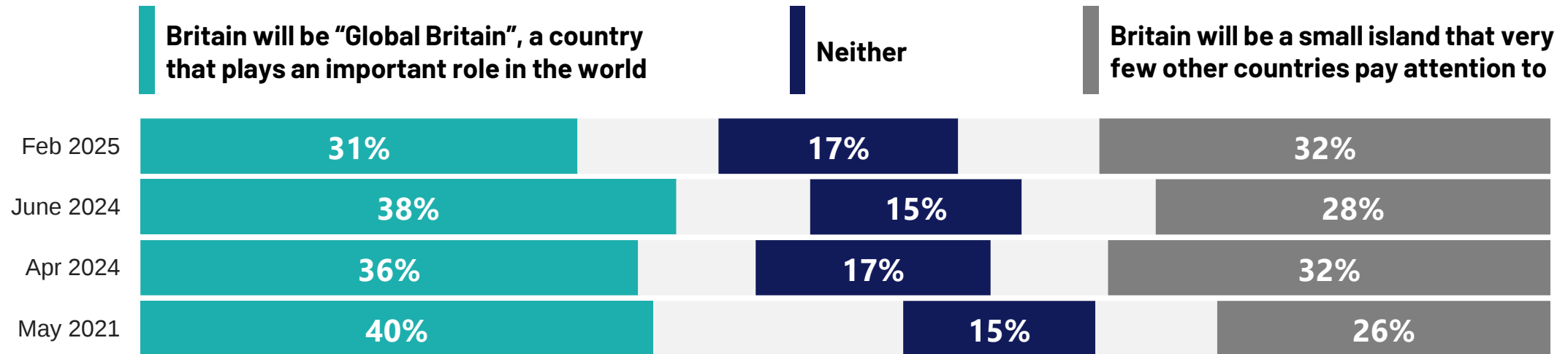


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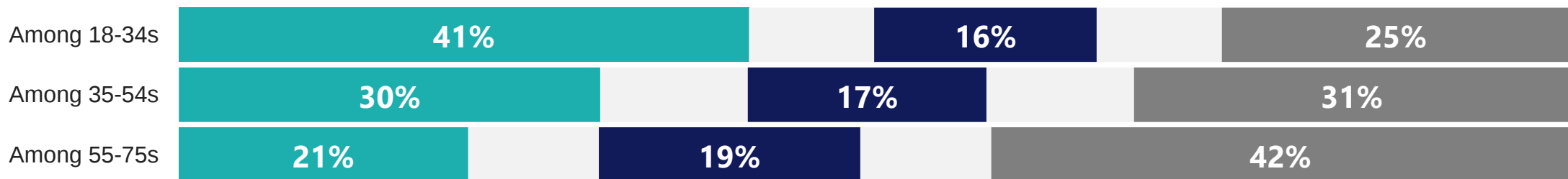


Only three in ten think there will be a “Global Britain” in two decades which plays an important role in world, down 7ppts from last year

Looking ahead to 20 years’ time, which of these two descriptions of Britain’s role in the world, if either, do you think will be closest to reality?



By age – February 2025

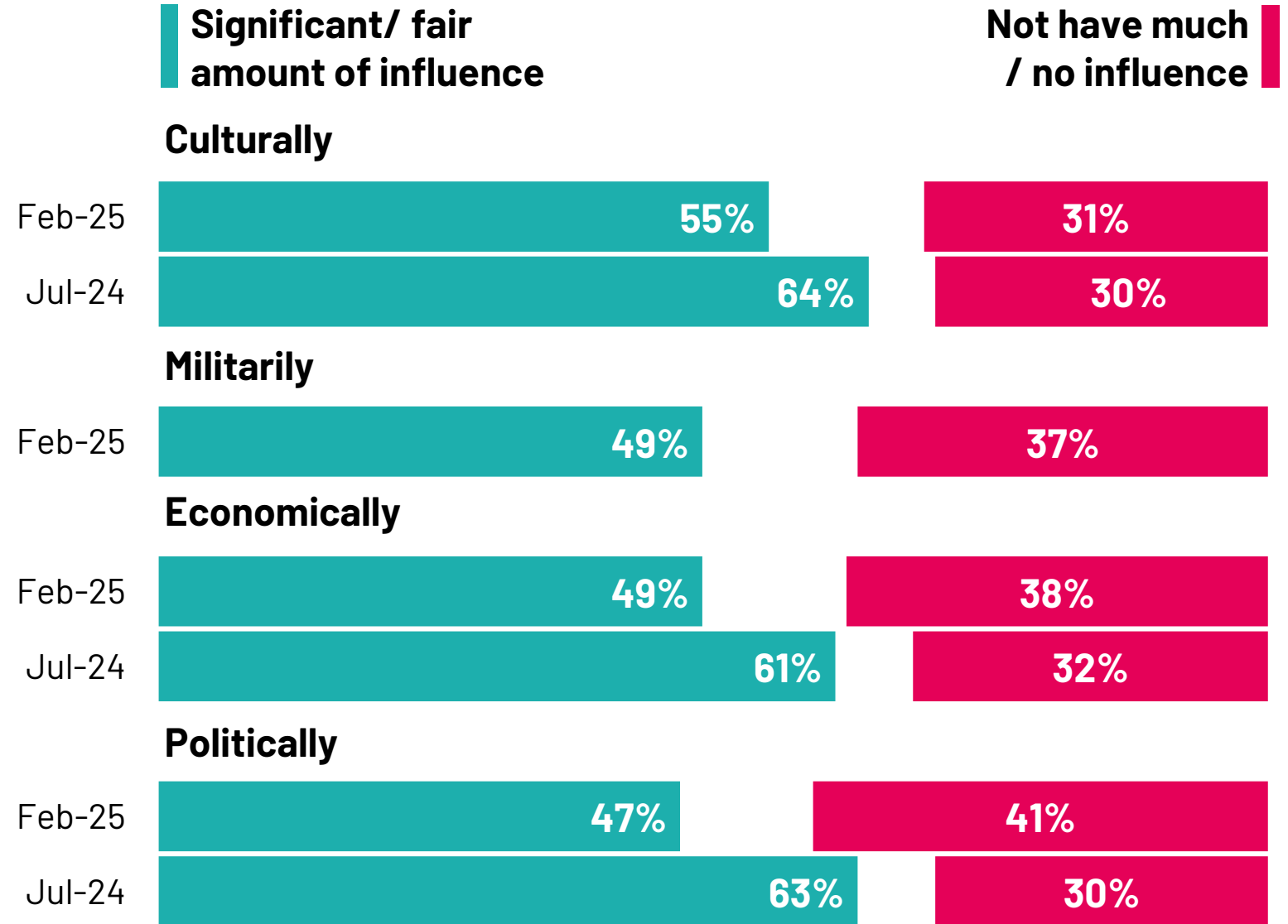


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Around half of Britons tend to the UK has influence in a range of areas on the global stage

How influential do you think the UK currently is in each of the following areas on the global stage?

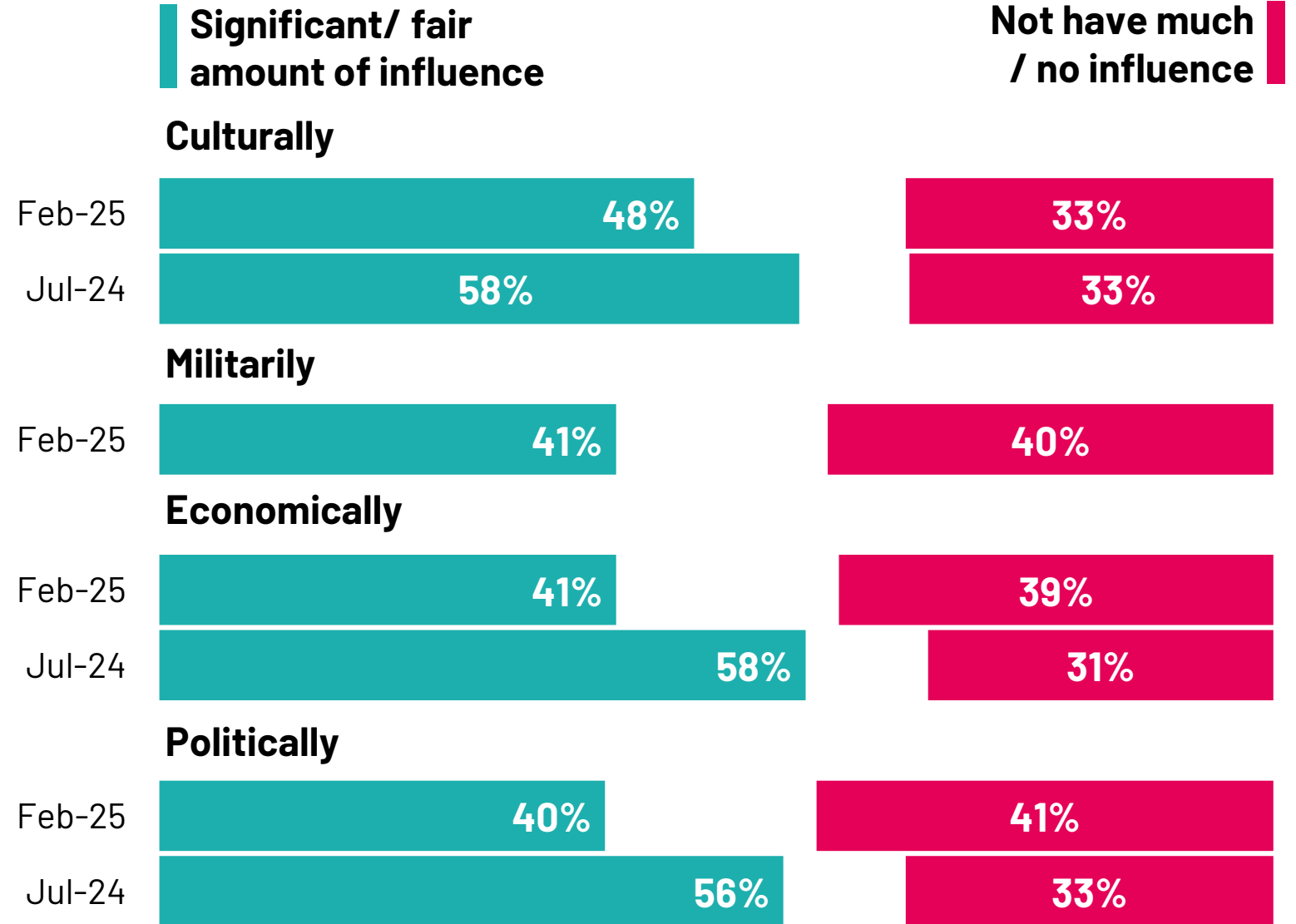
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Britons are split on whether the UK will have influence militarily, economically and politically over the next 20 years

And looking ahead to the next 20 years, how influential do you think the UK will be in each of the following areas on the global stage?

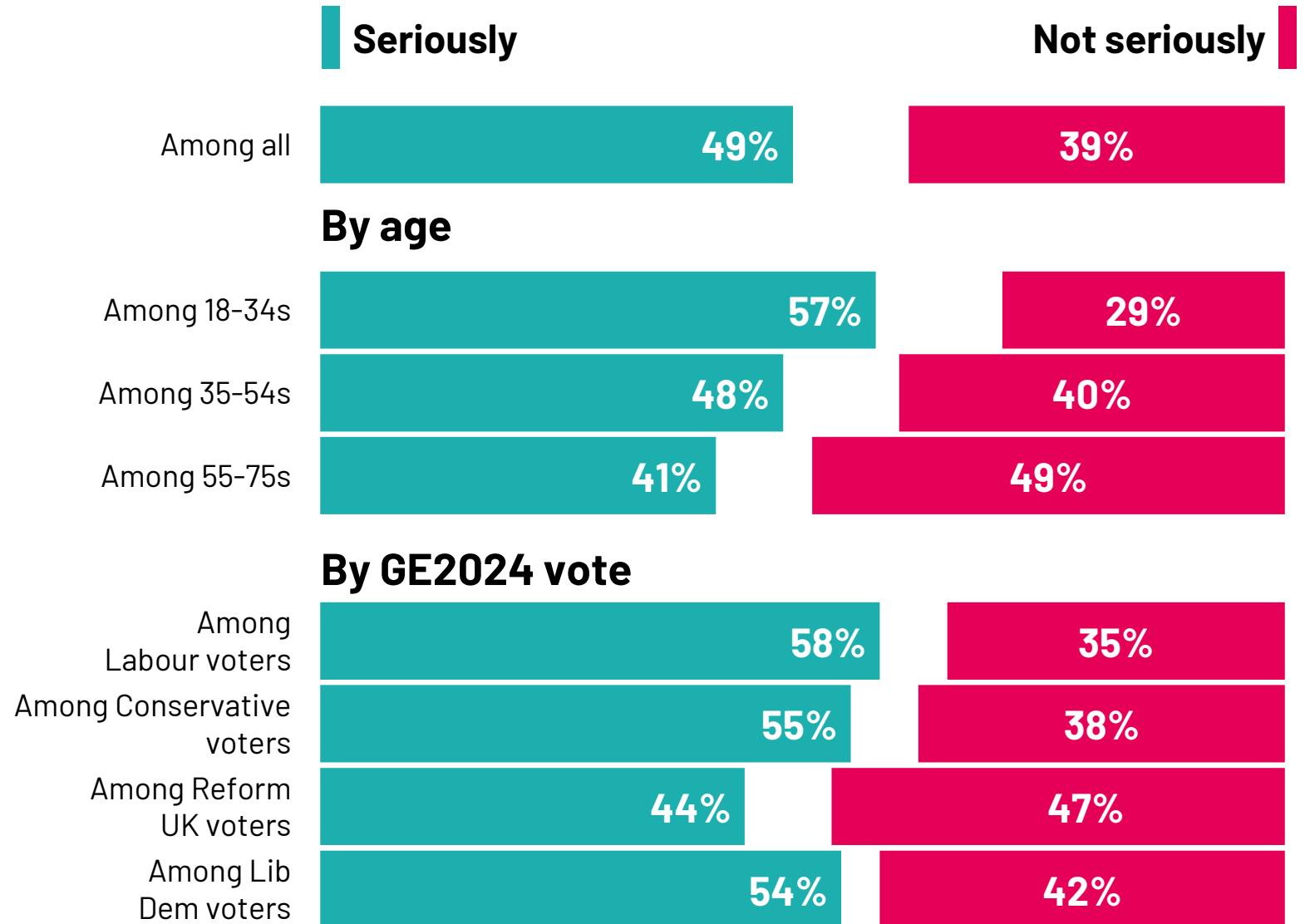
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Almost half of Britons think that other countries take what the UK has to say seriously, although older people are more divided

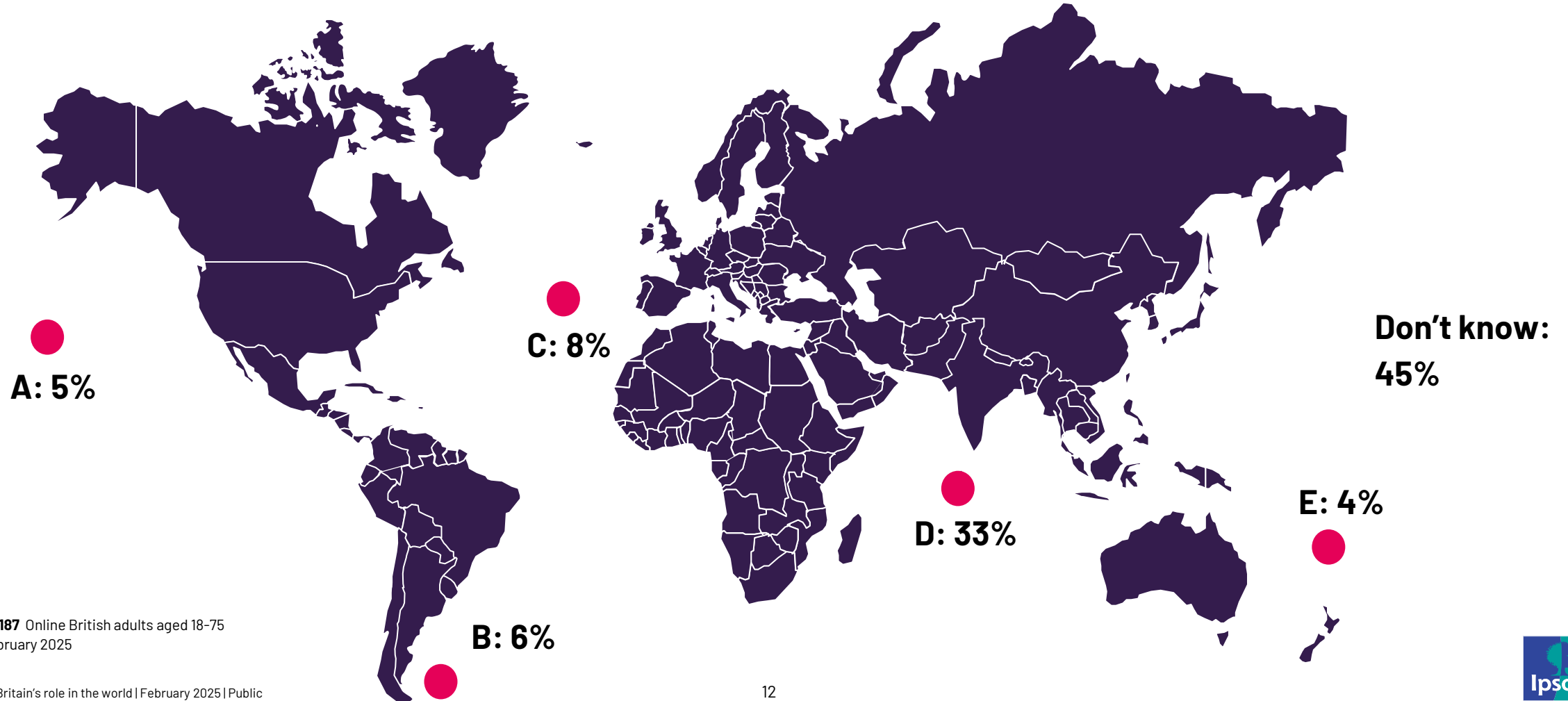
Generally speaking, how seriously, if at all, do you think other countries take what the UK has to say on the world stage?

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A third of Britons correctly identified where the Chagos Islands are

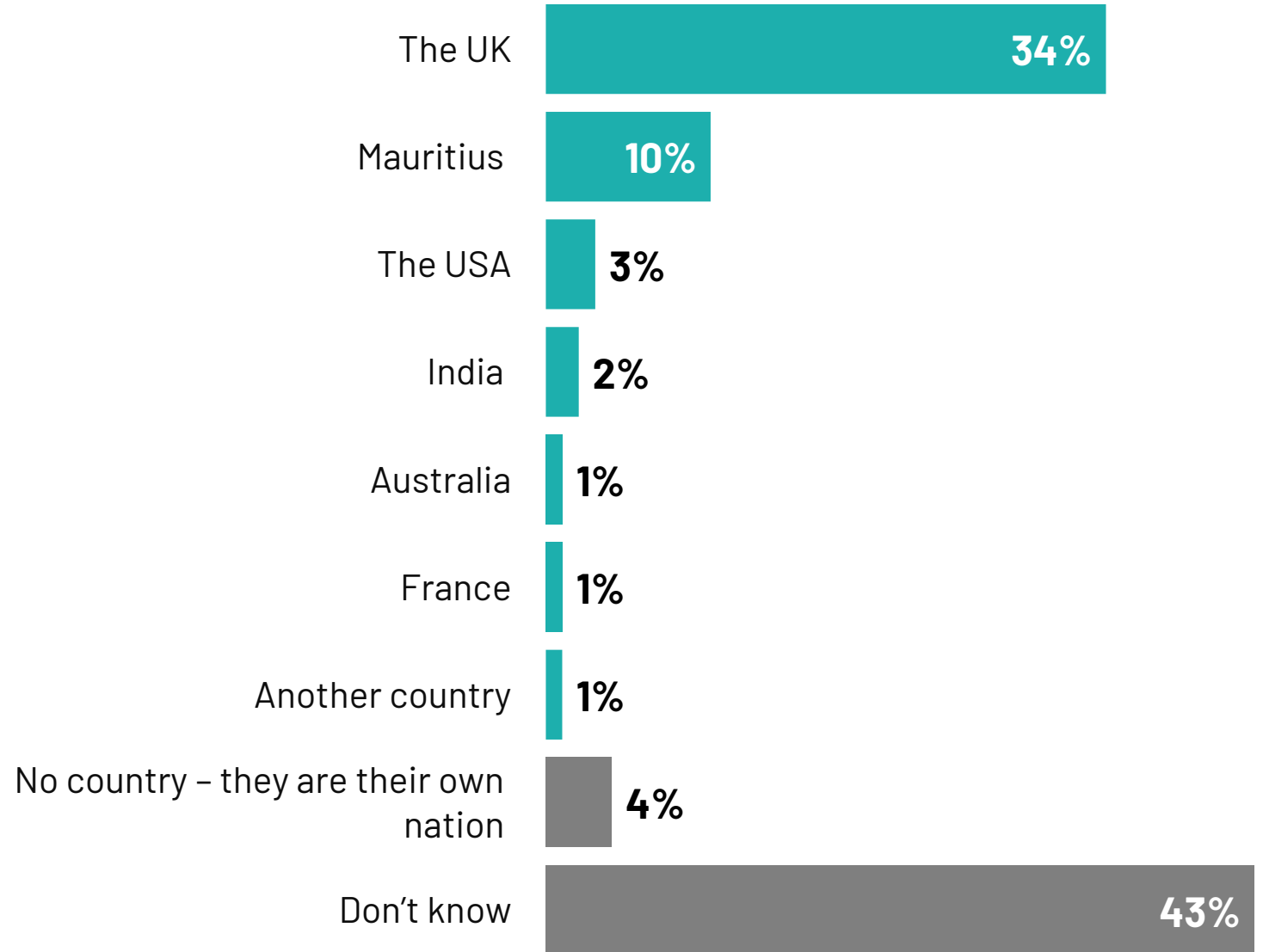
As you may know, there have been recent news stories about the Chagos Islands. To the best of your knowledge, which point locates where the Chagos Islands are on this map?



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A third of the public correctly said that the UK has sovereignty over the Chagos Islands, but said they didn't know

As you may know, there have been recent news stories about the Chagos Islands. To the best of your knowledge, who do you think currently has sovereignty over the Chagos Islands?

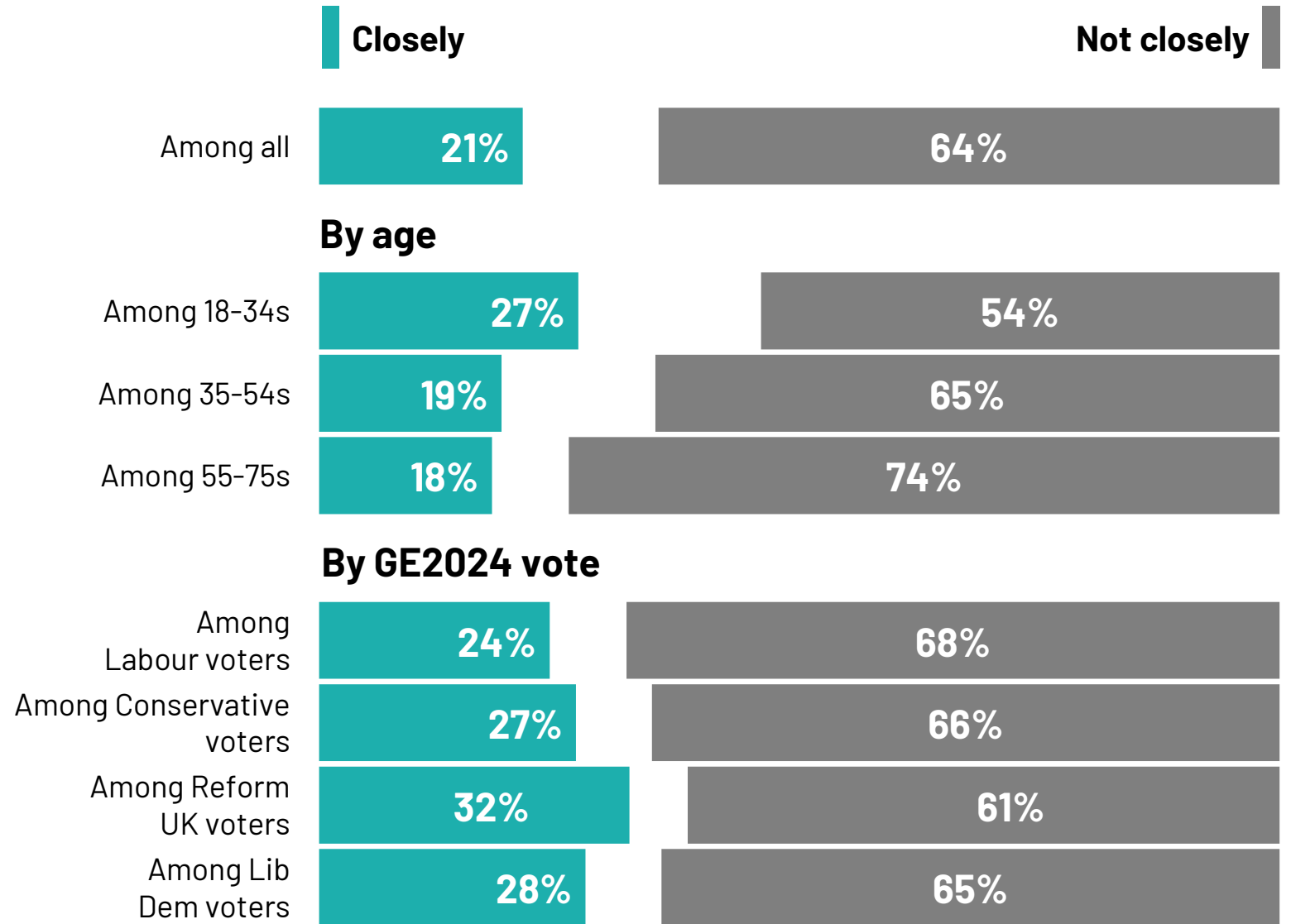


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Almost two thirds say that they have not been following stories about the Chagos Islands closely

How closely, if at all, have you been following news stories about the UK government developing a treaty with Mauritius which will give them sovereignty of the Chagos Islands?

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Opinions on the Chagos Islands and their sovereignty are consistent regardless of whether respondents were given more detailed information on the historical context of the Chagos Islands

Sample A: As you may know, the UK government is developing a treaty with Mauritius which will give them sovereignty of the Chagos Islands in the Indian Ocean after more than half a century. The UK government argues this will resolve a long-standing dispute and enhance the UK's international reputation. It allows for the resettlement of the islands after the displacement of the Chagossian people to make way for a UK-USA military base on Diego Garcia, while providing a clearer legal footing for the military base which will still be maintained for an initial period of 99-years. However, concerns have been raised about the impact it could have on the UK and USA's long-term security interests in this region. The UK Government will also provide financial support to Mauritius, including annual payments, with some reports this could be up to £90m per year. **Based on what you know or have heard, to what extent, if either, would you support or oppose the UK government giving sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius? Please say if you do not know anything about this story.**



Sample B: Based on what you know or have heard, to what extent, if either, would you support or oppose the UK government giving sovereignty of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius? Please say if you do not know anything about this story.



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