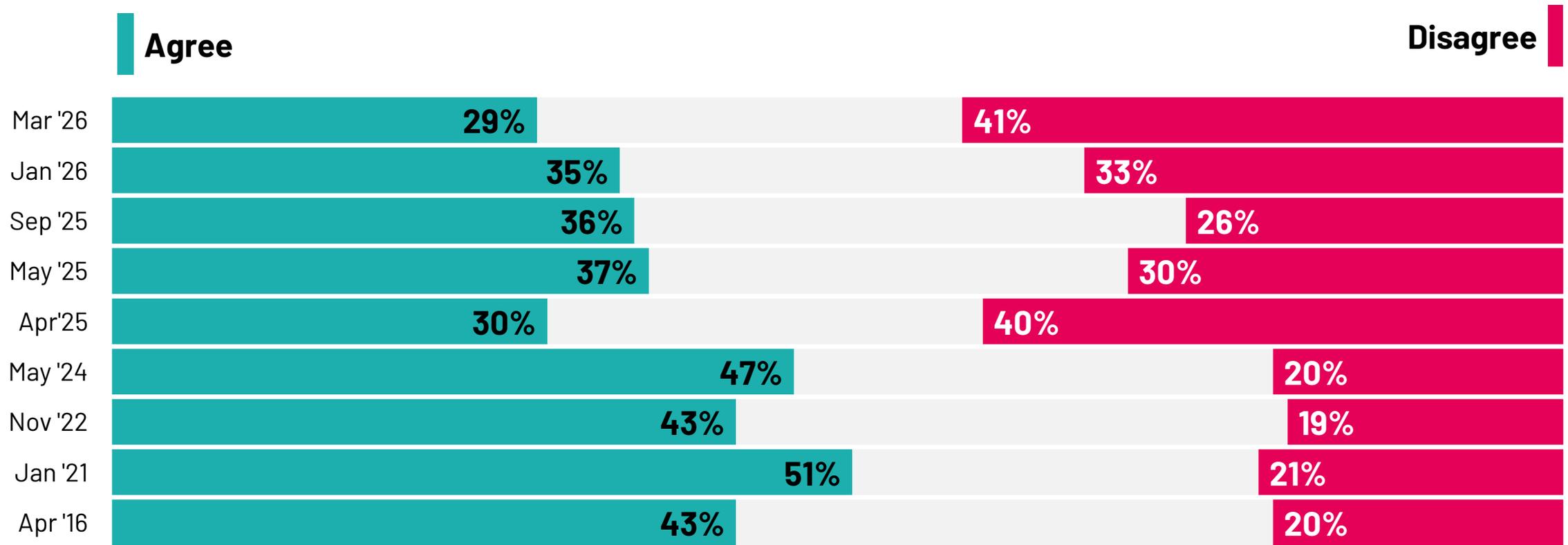


Ipsos UK Military polling

March 2026

Only 3 in 10 Britons think there is currently a special relationship with the United States – down from earlier this year and back to levels since in 2025 after the imposition of tariffs

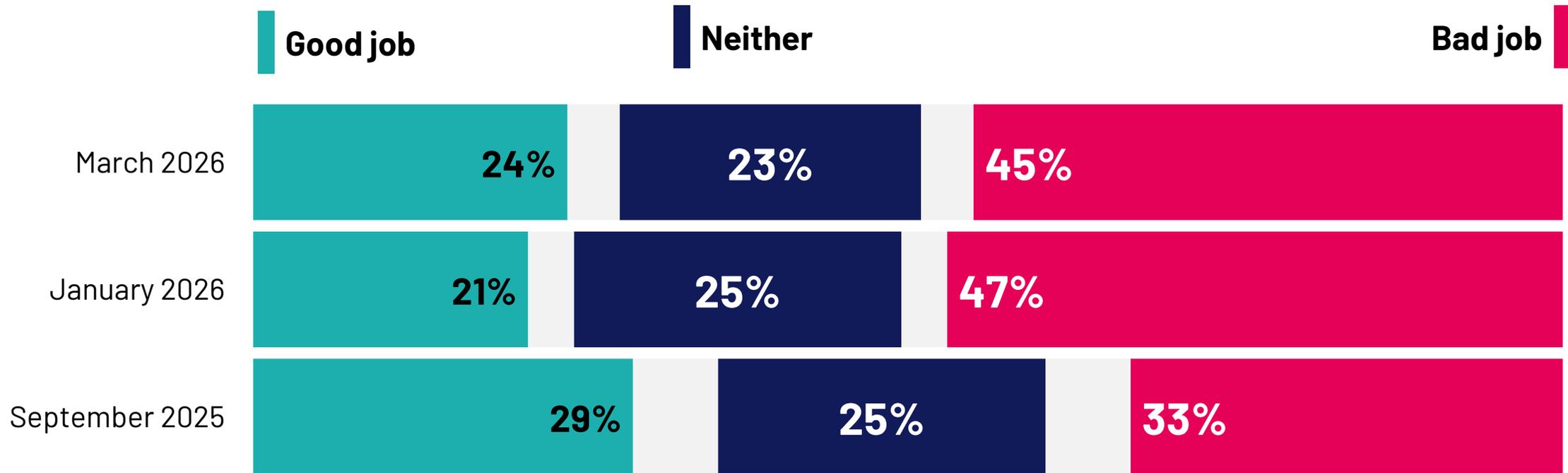
To what extent do you agree or disagree that there is currently a special relationship between the United States and Britain?



Base: 1,123 Online British adults 18-75, 6-10 March 2026. c.1,000 British adults each month

Britons continue to be more critical than positive about the way Keir Starmer is managing the UK's relationship with President Trump

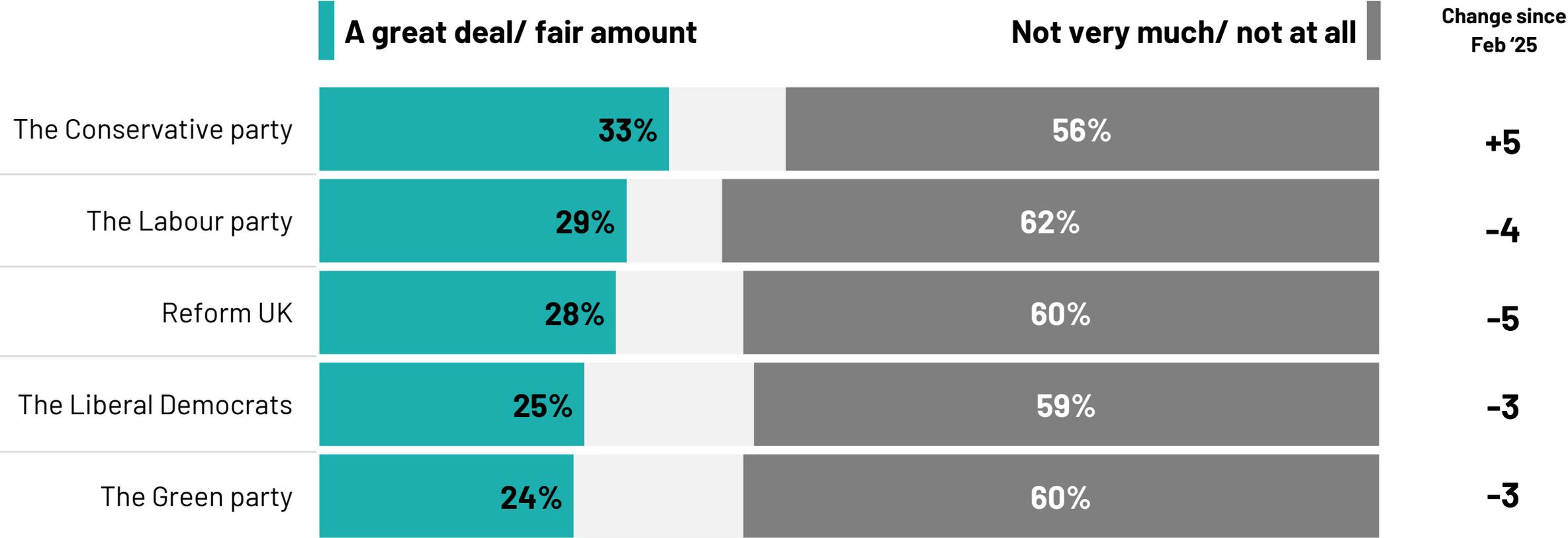
Do you think that Prime Minister Keir Starmer has been doing a good or bad job, if either, at managing the UK's relationship with President Trump and the United States?



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Britons are most likely to trust the Conservatives to have the right policies on defence. However over half of Britons do not trust any of the parties to have the right policies on defence

To what extent, if at all, do you trust each of the following political parties to have the right policies on defence?

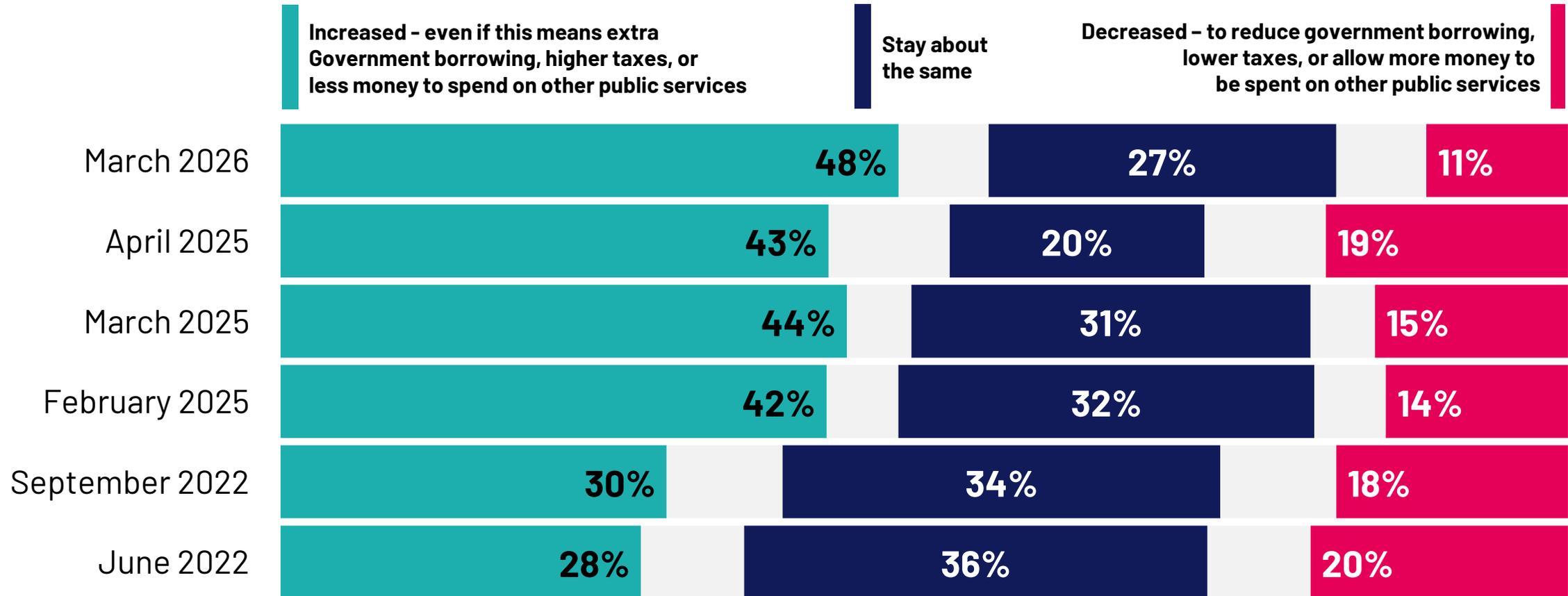


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Britons are more likely to think that government spending on defence and the Armed forces should be increased than decreased

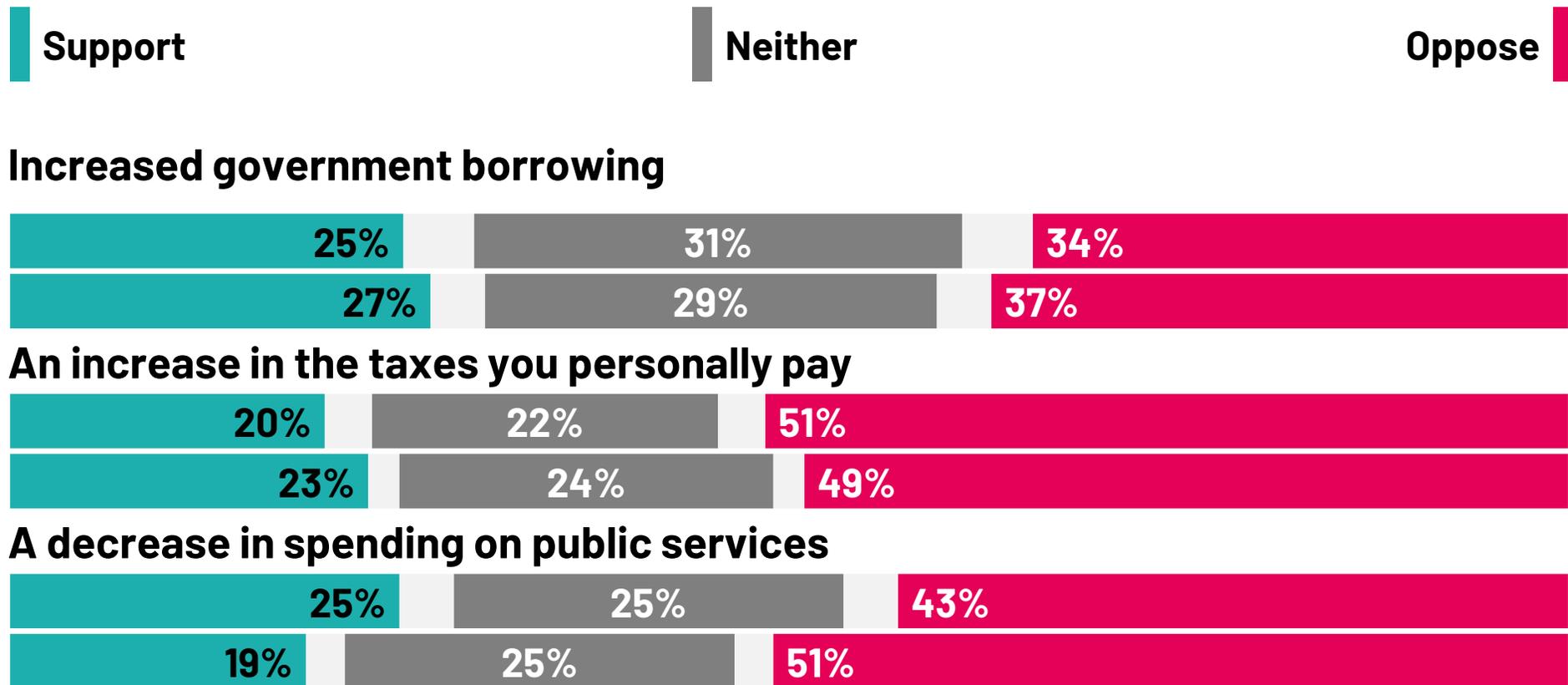
Do you think government spending on defence and the Armed Forces in the UK should be...?



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However, half of Britons oppose more spending on defence if it meant an increase in the taxes they personally pay, and have concerns if it means less spending for other public services too

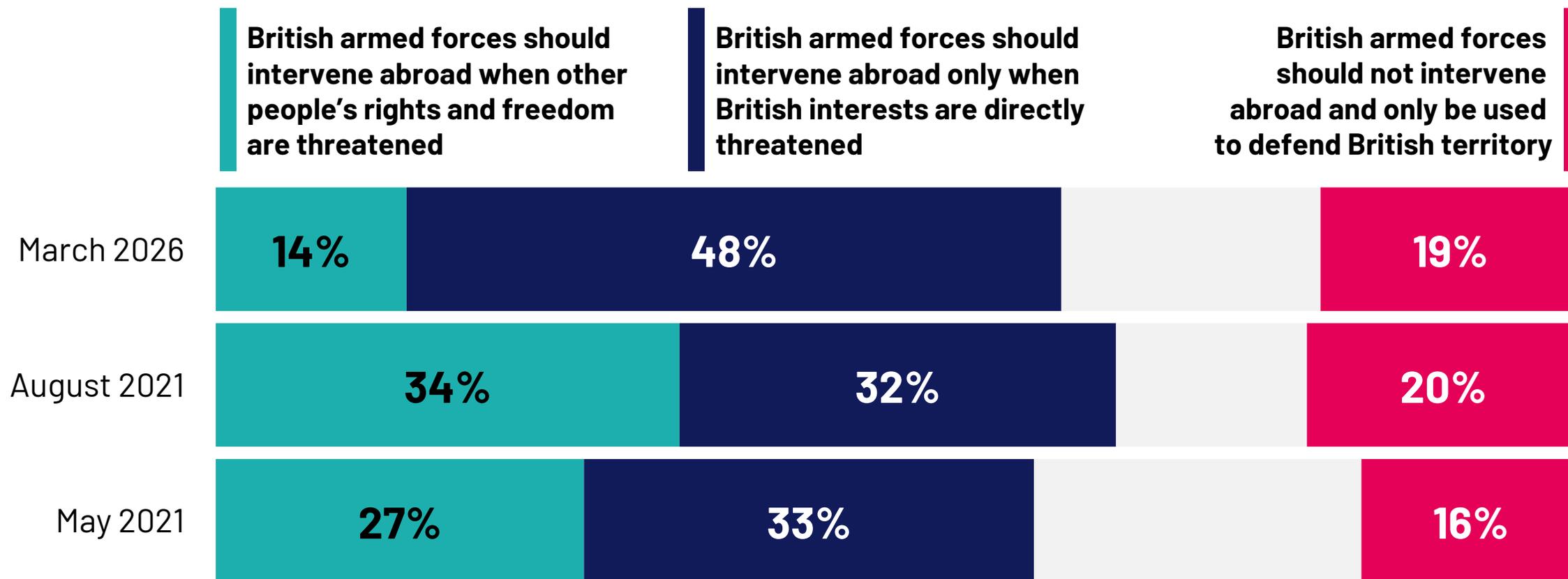
To what extent would you support or oppose increasing spending on defence if it meant each of the following:



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Britons are most likely to think that British armed forces should intervene abroad only when British interests are directly threatened – this is a shift from August 2021

Which, if any, of the following statements comes closest to your view of the role the British military should play around the world?

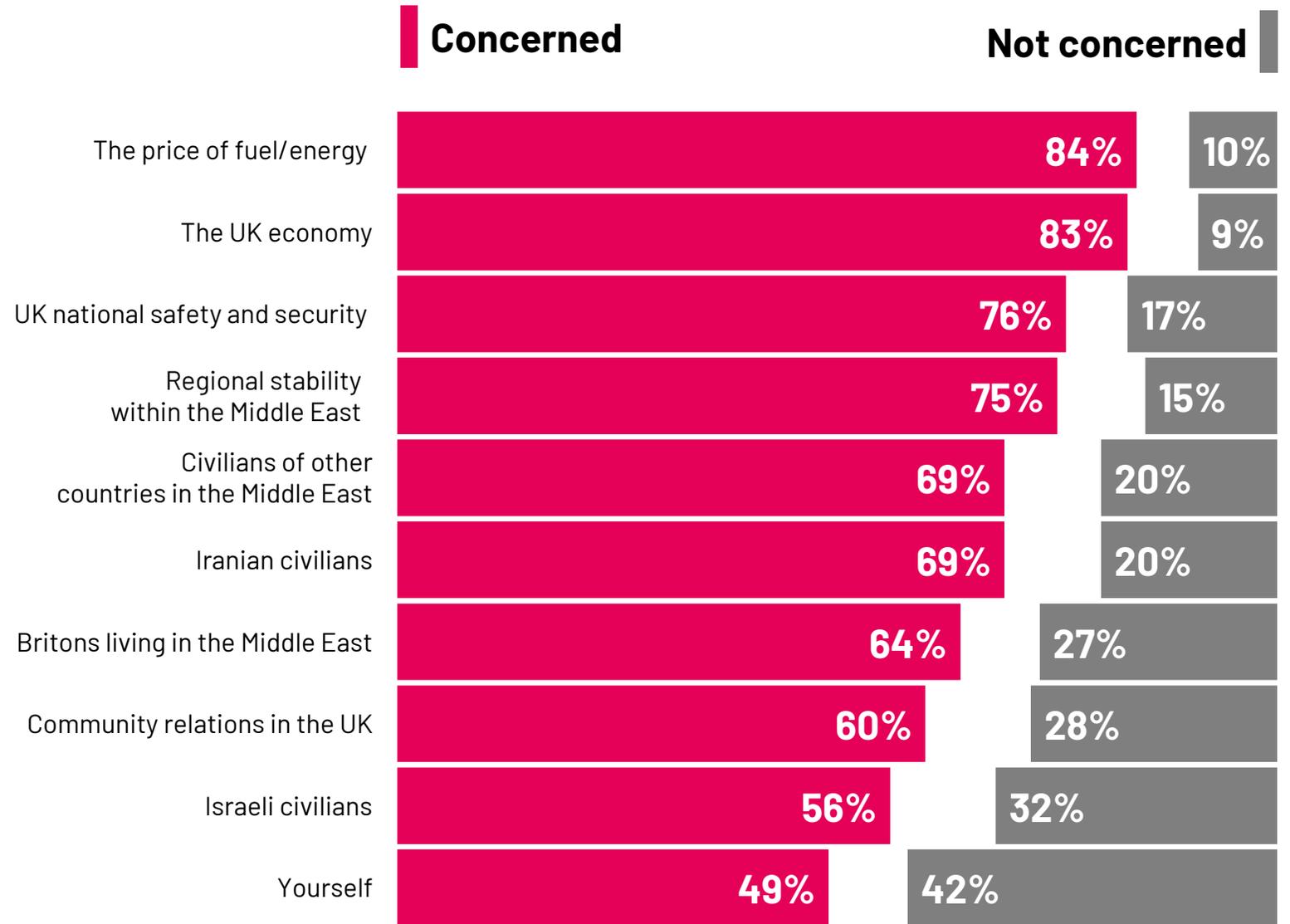


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The impact on the UK economy and the price of fuel/energy top Britons' concerns about the current conflict between the US, Israel and Iran

To what extent, if at all, would you say you are concerned about the impact of the current conflict between the US and Israel and Iran on...

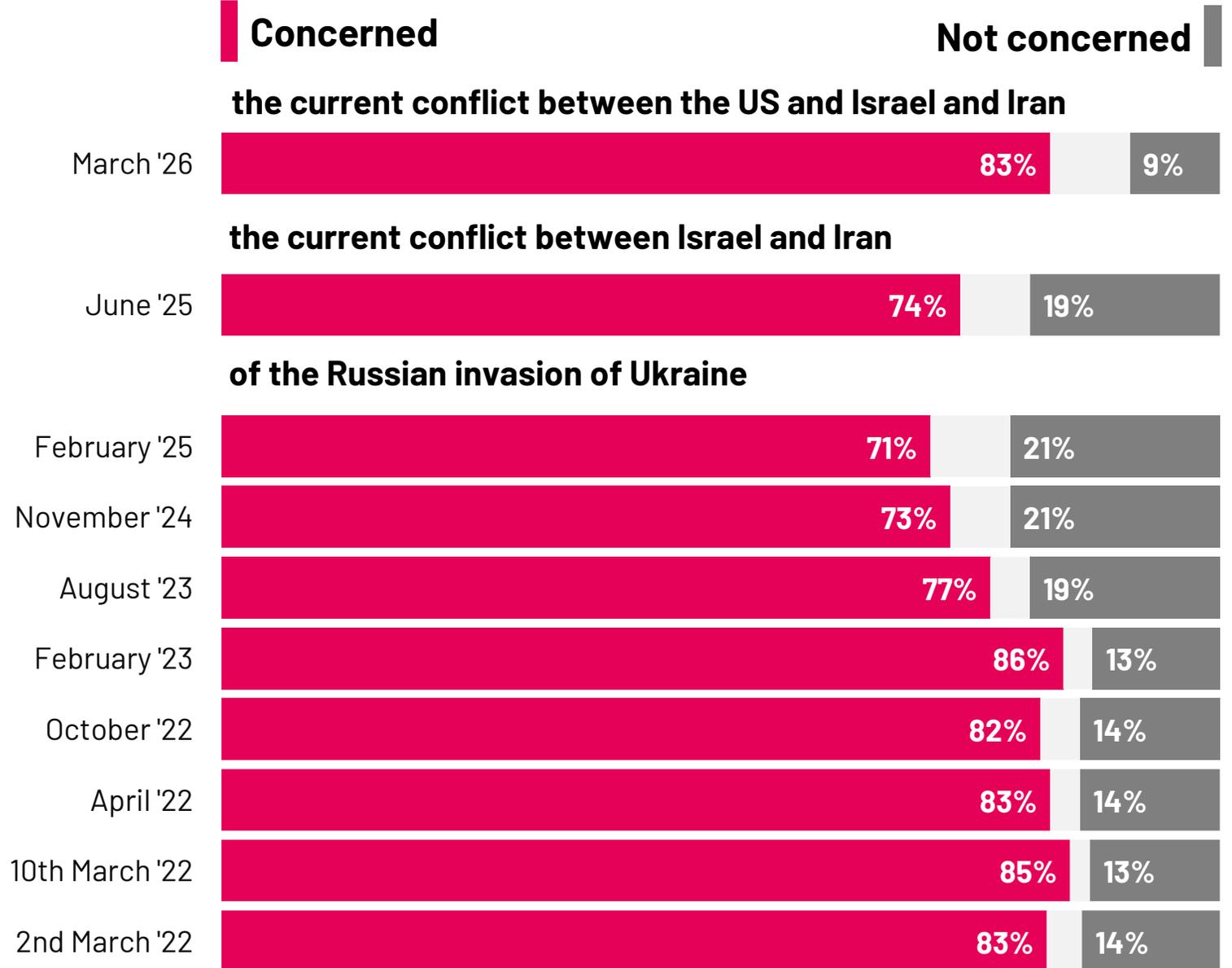
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Britons' concern about the impact of the current conflict between the US, Israel and Iran on the UK economy match levels of concern at the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine

To what extent, if at all, would you say you are concerned about the impact of the ... on **the UK economy**

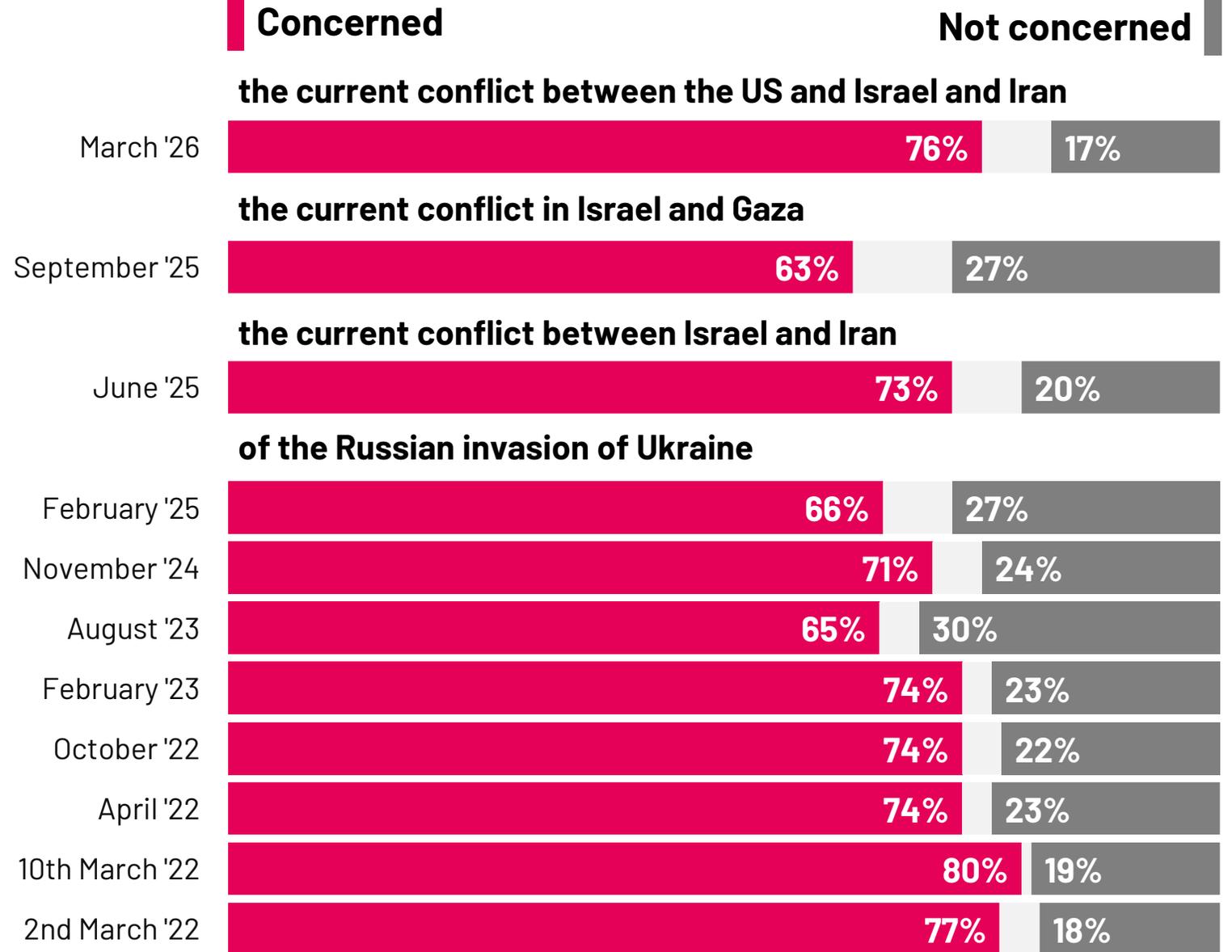
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Britons' concern about the impact of the current conflict between the US, Israel and Iran on UK national safety and security, are similar to levels of concern at the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine

To what extent, if at all, would you say you are concerned about the impact of the ... on **UK national safety and security**

Base: 1,123 Online British adults aged 18-75, 6-10 March 2026



Half of Britons are concerned about the impact of the current conflict between the US, Israel and Iran on themselves

To what extent, if at all, would you say you are concerned about the impact of the ... on **yourself**

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Britons are slightly more concerned about the impact of the current conflict between the US and Israel and Iran on the price of fuel/energy, compared to the conflict between Israel and Iran in 2025

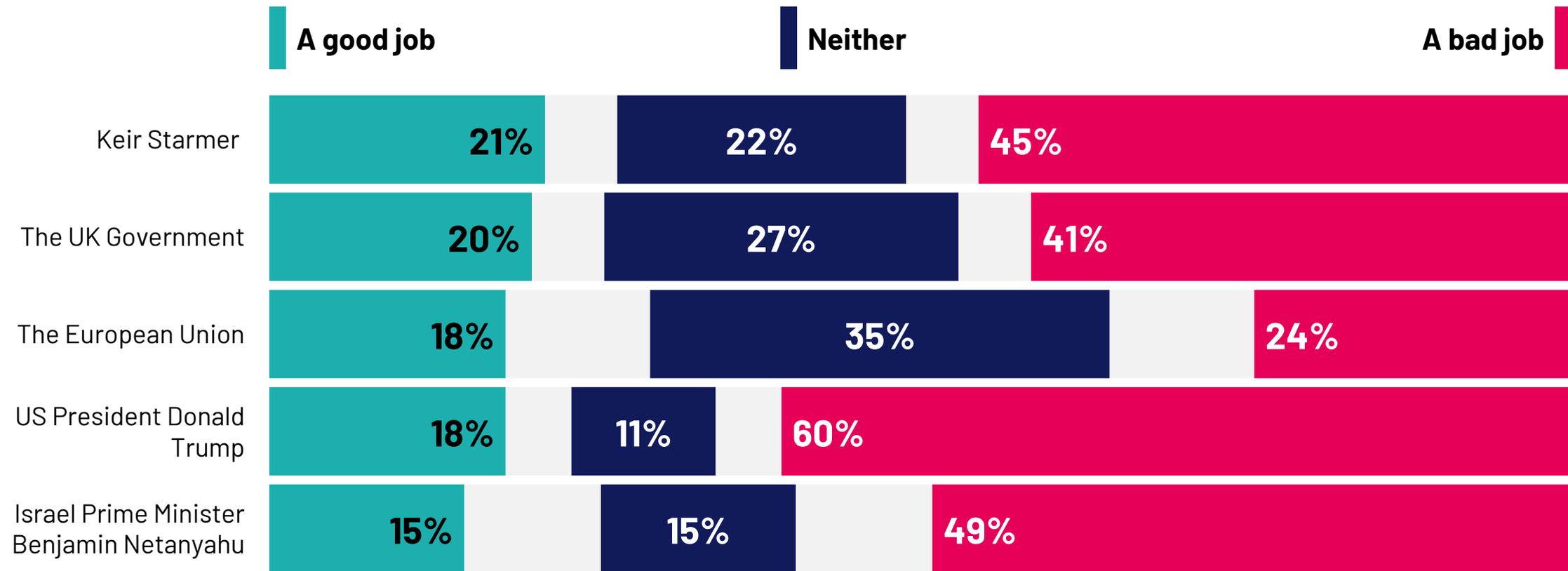
To what extent, if at all, would you say you are concerned about the impact of the current conflict between the US and Israel and Iran on the price of fuel/energy



Base: 1,123 Online British adults aged 18-75, 6-10 March 2026

Six in ten Britons think Donald Trump has done a bad job handling the current conflict between the US, Israel and Iran

To what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following has done a good or bad job handling the current conflict between the US and Israel and Iran?



Base: 1,123 Online British adults aged 18-75, 6-10 March 2026

Britons are less likely to think the UK government is doing a good job handling the current conflict between the US, Israel and Iran, compared to the Russian invasion of Ukraine

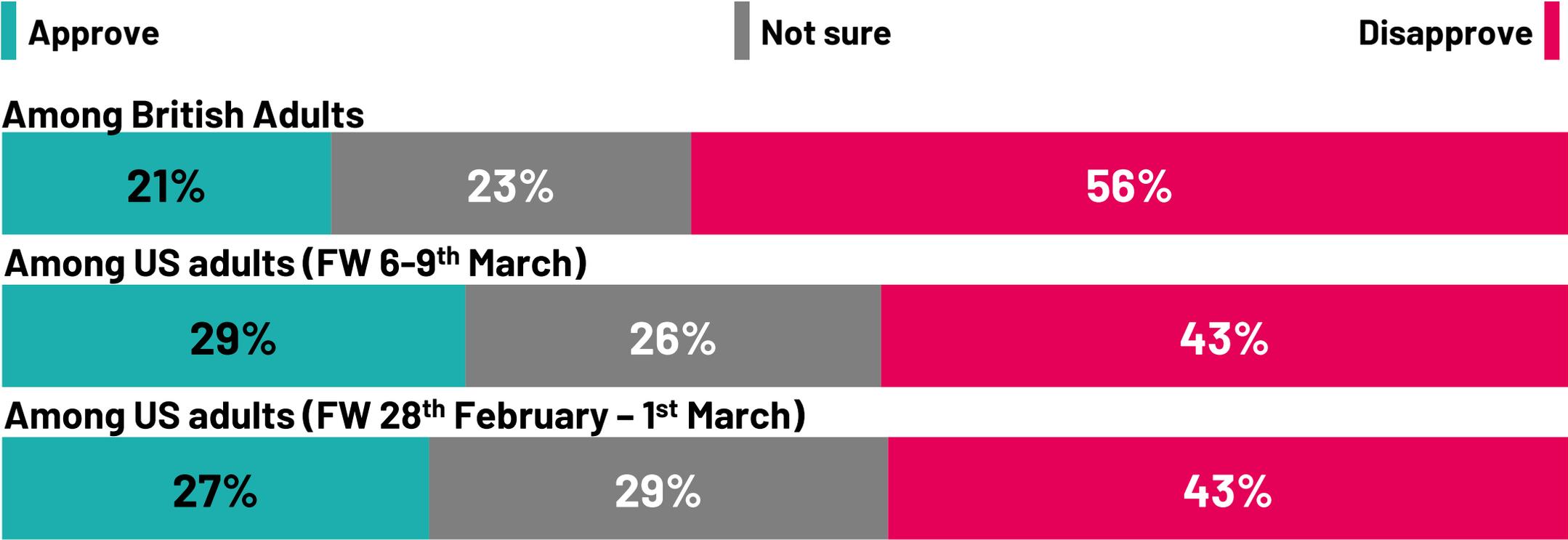
To what extent, if at all, do you think the UK Government has done a good or bad job handling the ...?

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Just over half of Britons disapprove of U.S. military strikes against Iran

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of U.S. military strikes against Iran?

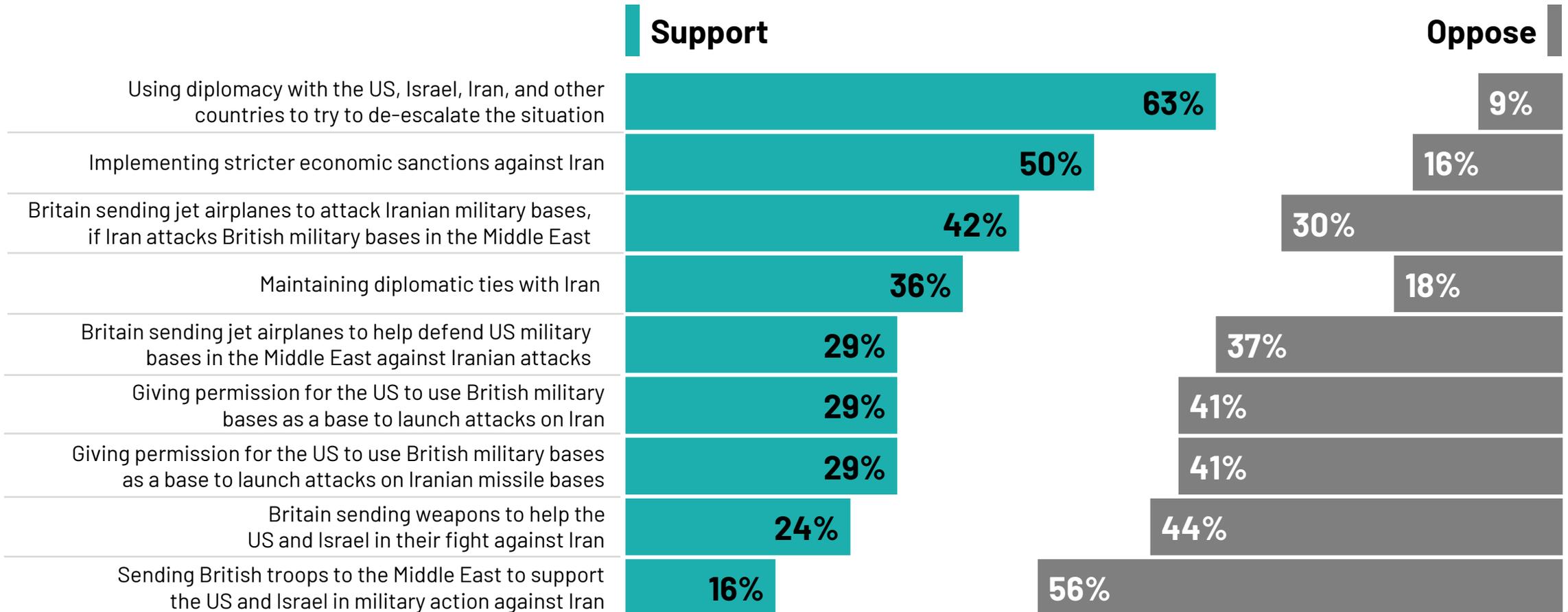


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Six in ten support the UK government using diplomacy to try to de-escalate the current situation

To what extent do you support or oppose the UK government doing the following in response to the current conflict in the Middle East?



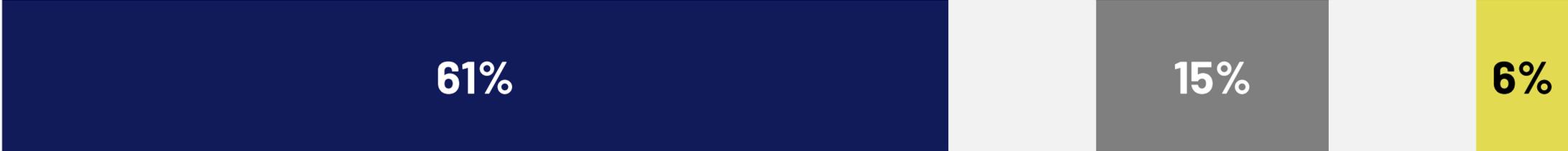
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Six in 10 Britons think that Donald Trump is too willing to use military force to advance US interests (similar to views of the US public)

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion of Donald Trump's willingness to use military force, even if neither are exactly right? Donald Trump....



Among British Adults



Among US adults (FW 28th February – 1st March)

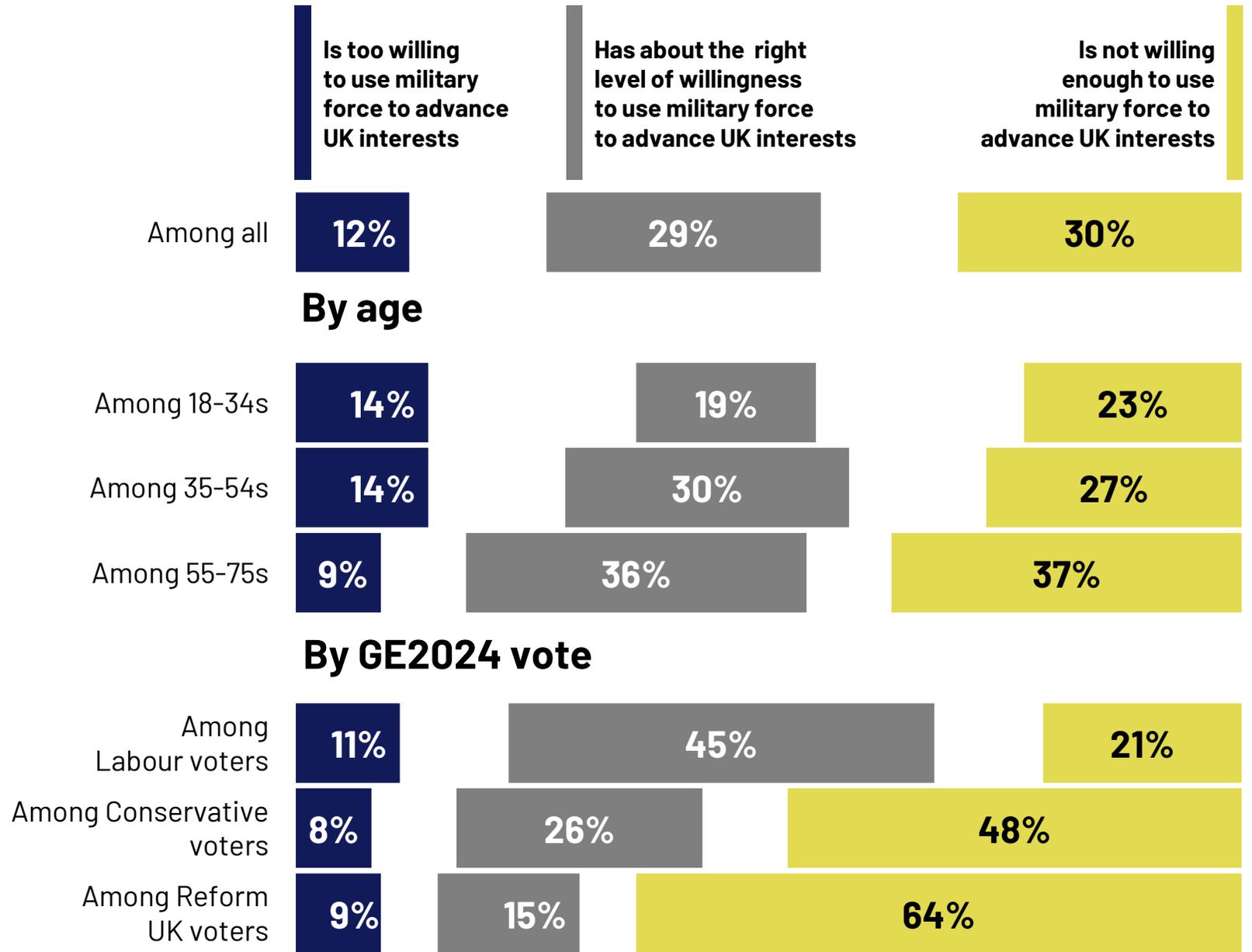


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Britons are split between thinking Keir Starmer has the right level of willingness to use military force to advance UK interests and that he is not willing enough to use military force

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion of Keir Starmer's willingness to use military force, even if neither are exactly right? Keir Starmer....

Base: 1,123 Online British adults aged 18-75, including (333) 18-34-year-olds, (396) 35-54s, (394) 55-75s, (317) 2024 Labour voters, (194) 2024 Conservative voters, (136) 2024 Reform UK voters, and (91) Liberal Democrat voters, 6-10 March 2026





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