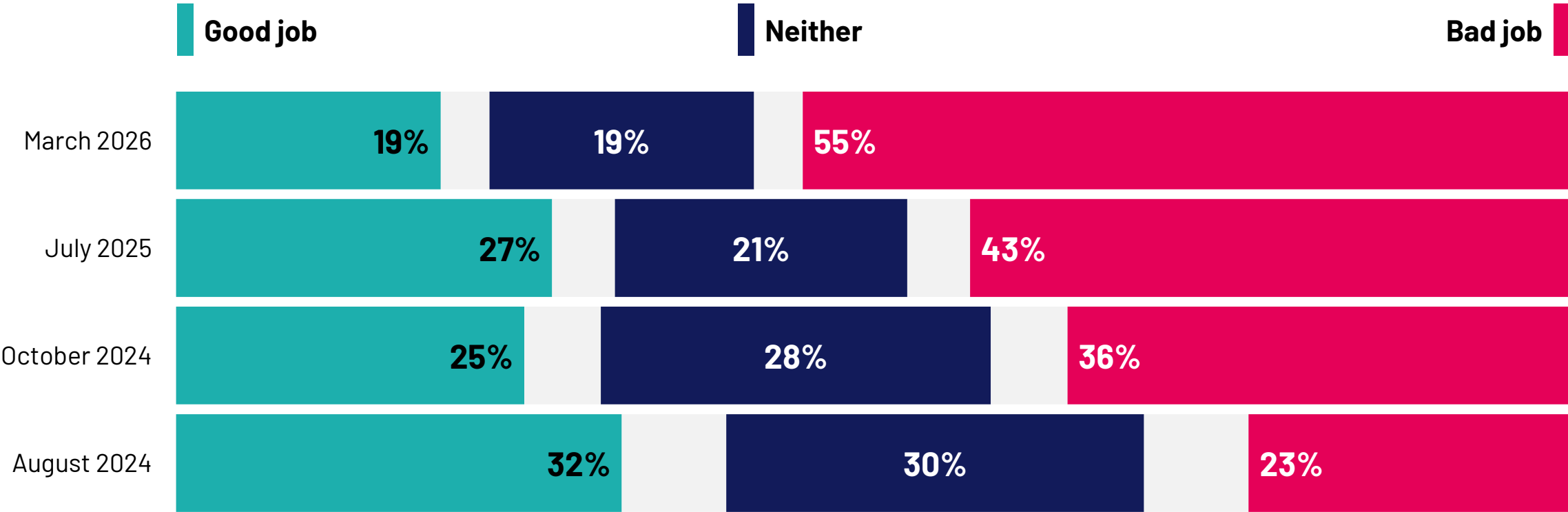


# Ipsos: Resident doctors' strikes polling

March 2026

# Over half of Britons think the UK government is doing a bad job at negotiating with trade unions – the highest percentage since they were elected

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?

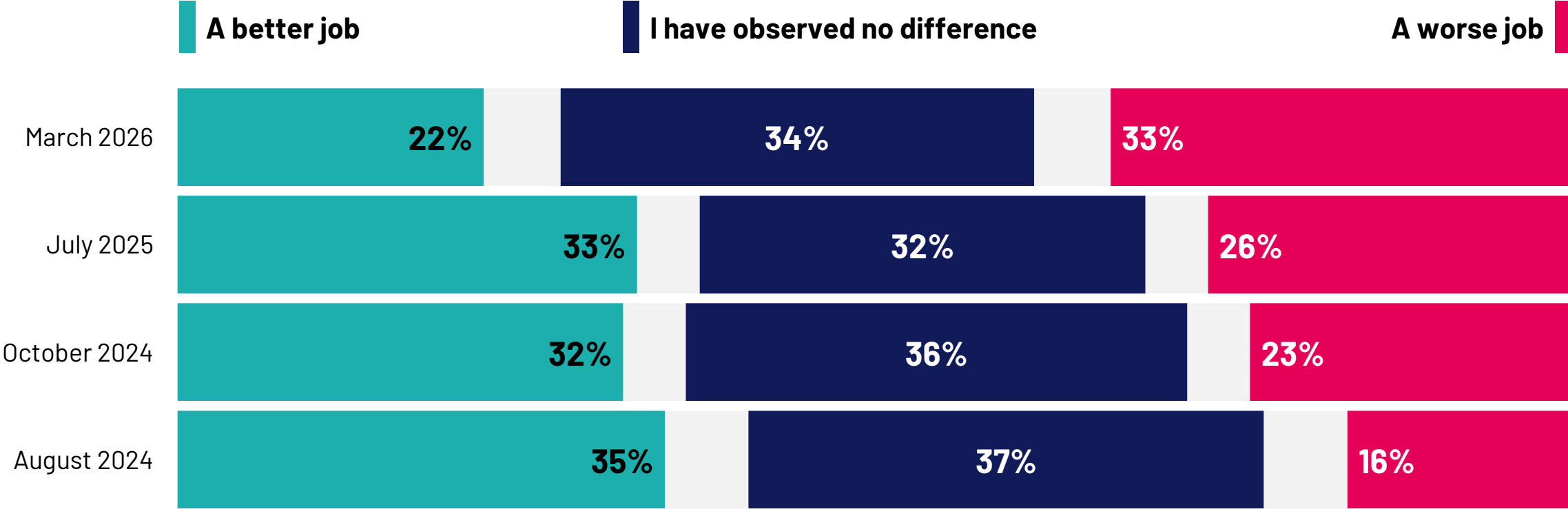


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# Britons are split on whether the current government is doing a worse job at negotiating with trade unions or whether they have seen no difference, compared to the last government

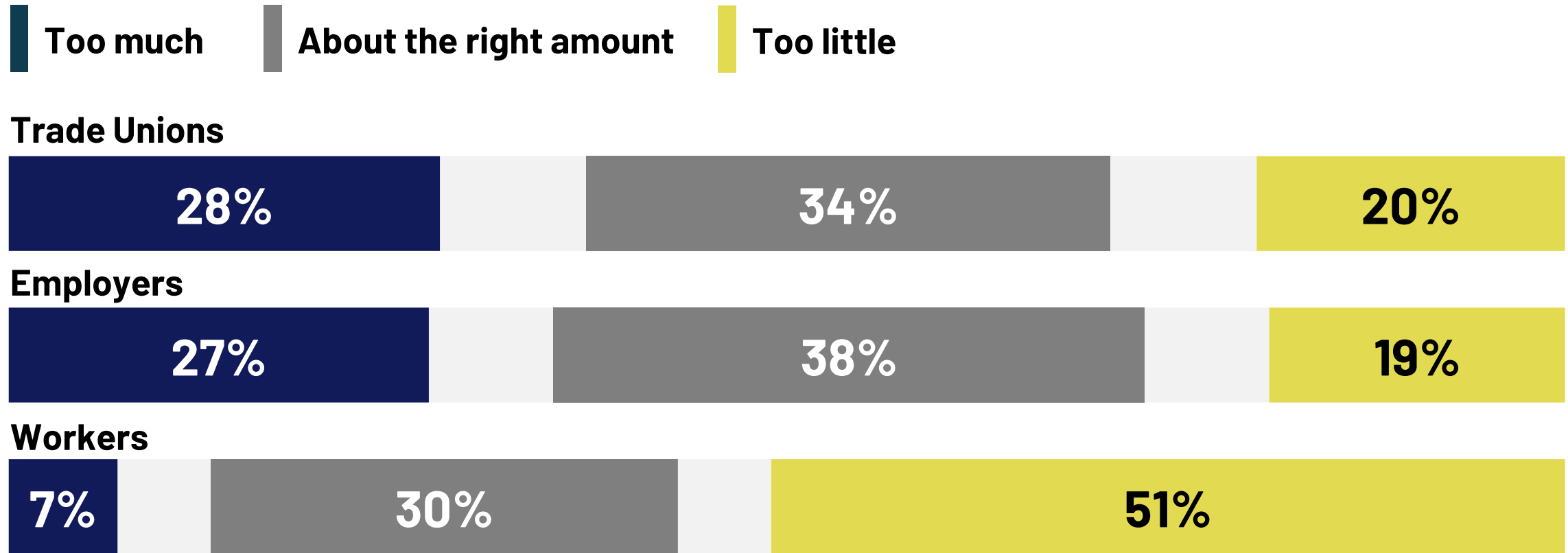
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# Around half of Britons think that workers have too little power in Britain today

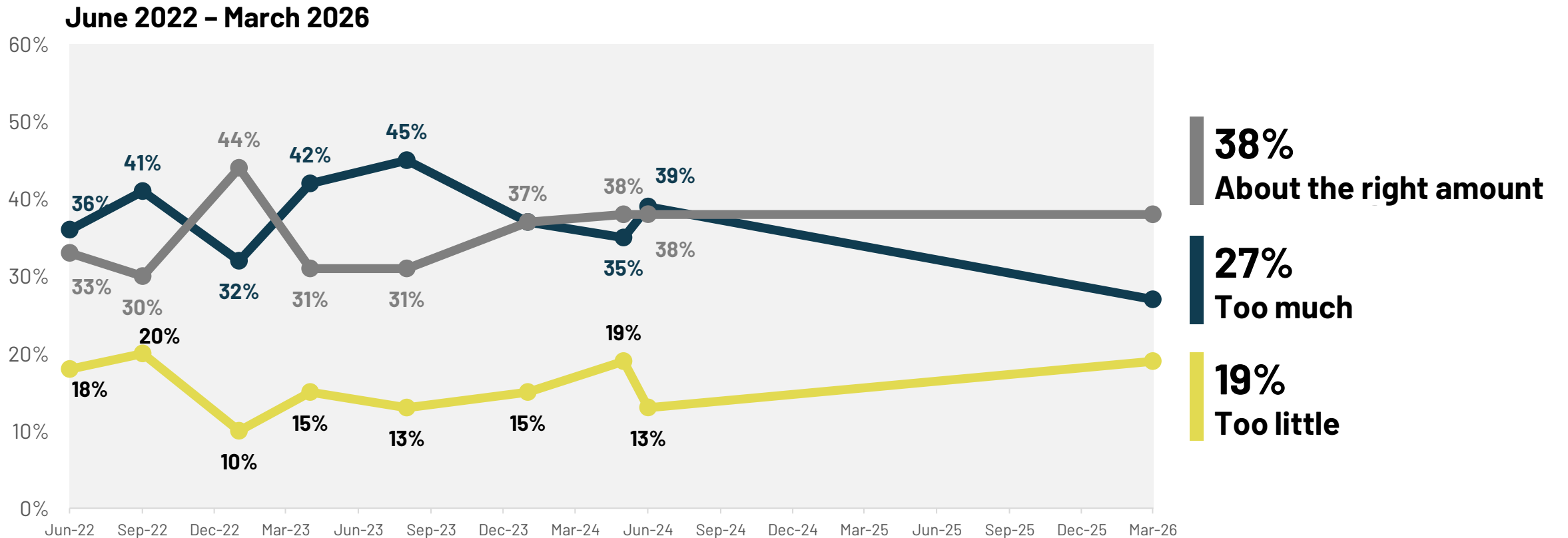
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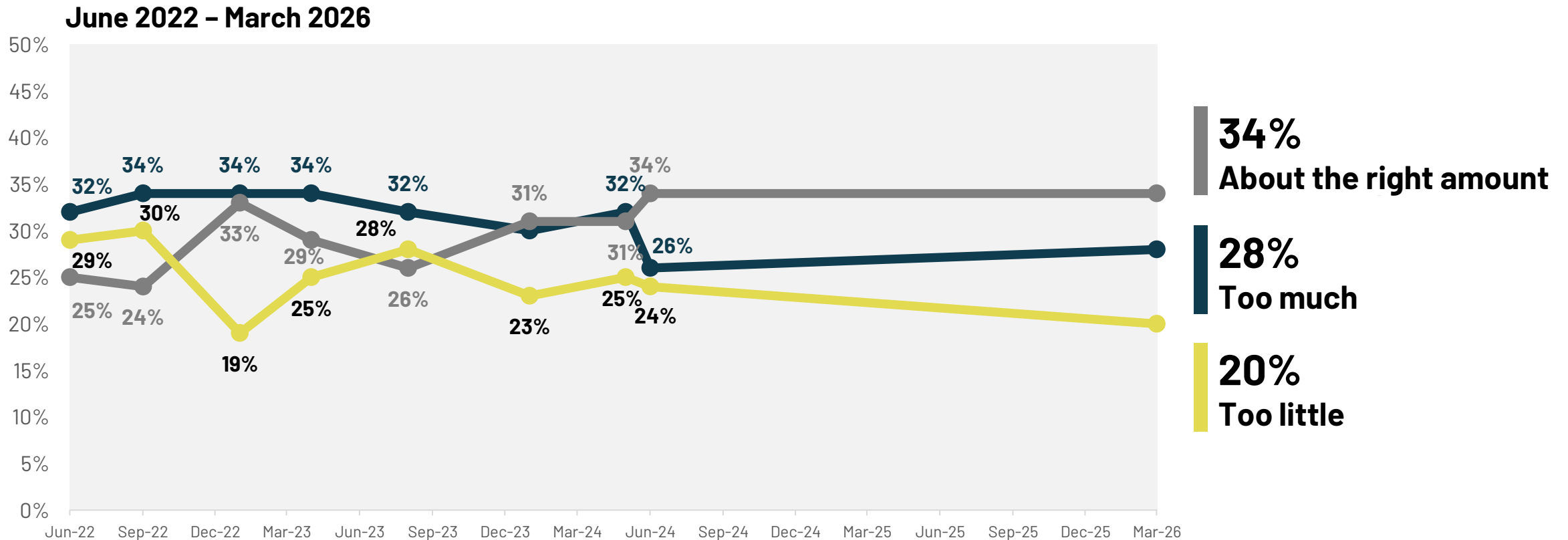
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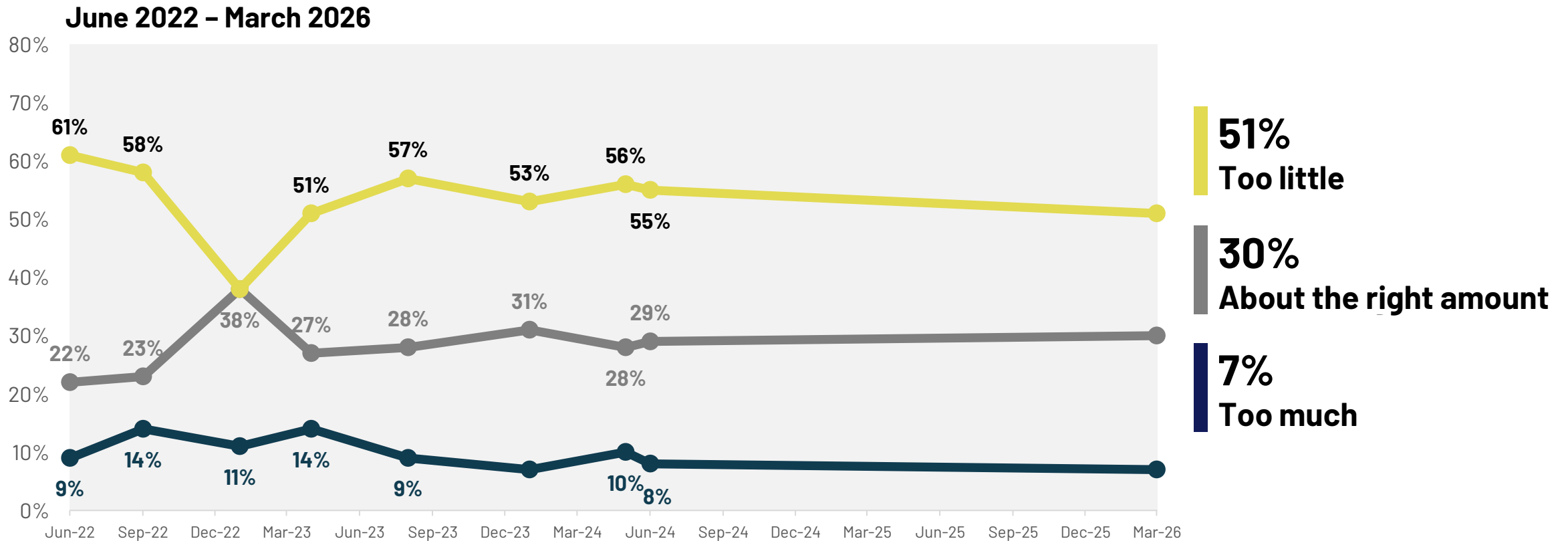
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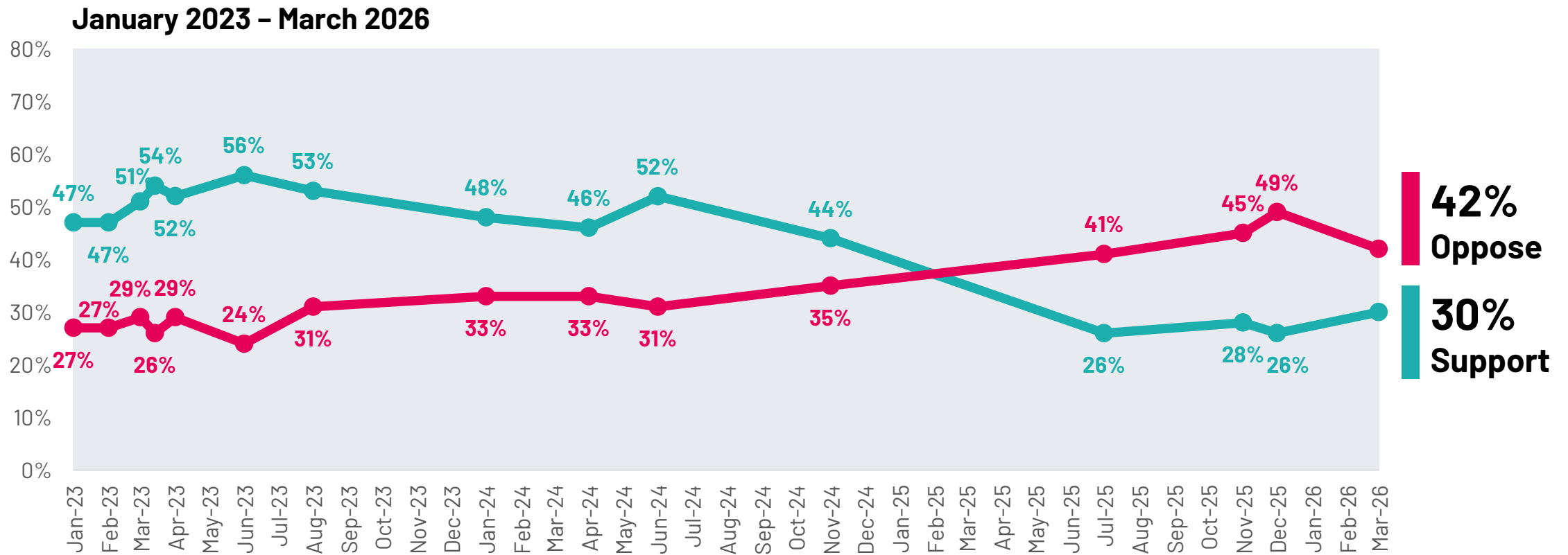
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# Britons continue to more likely to oppose resident doctors going on strike. However the level of opposition is down compared to December 2025

As you may know, resident doctors (formerly known as junior doctors) have announced they are going on strike from 7-13 April. From what you know or have heard, to what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose resident doctors going on strike?

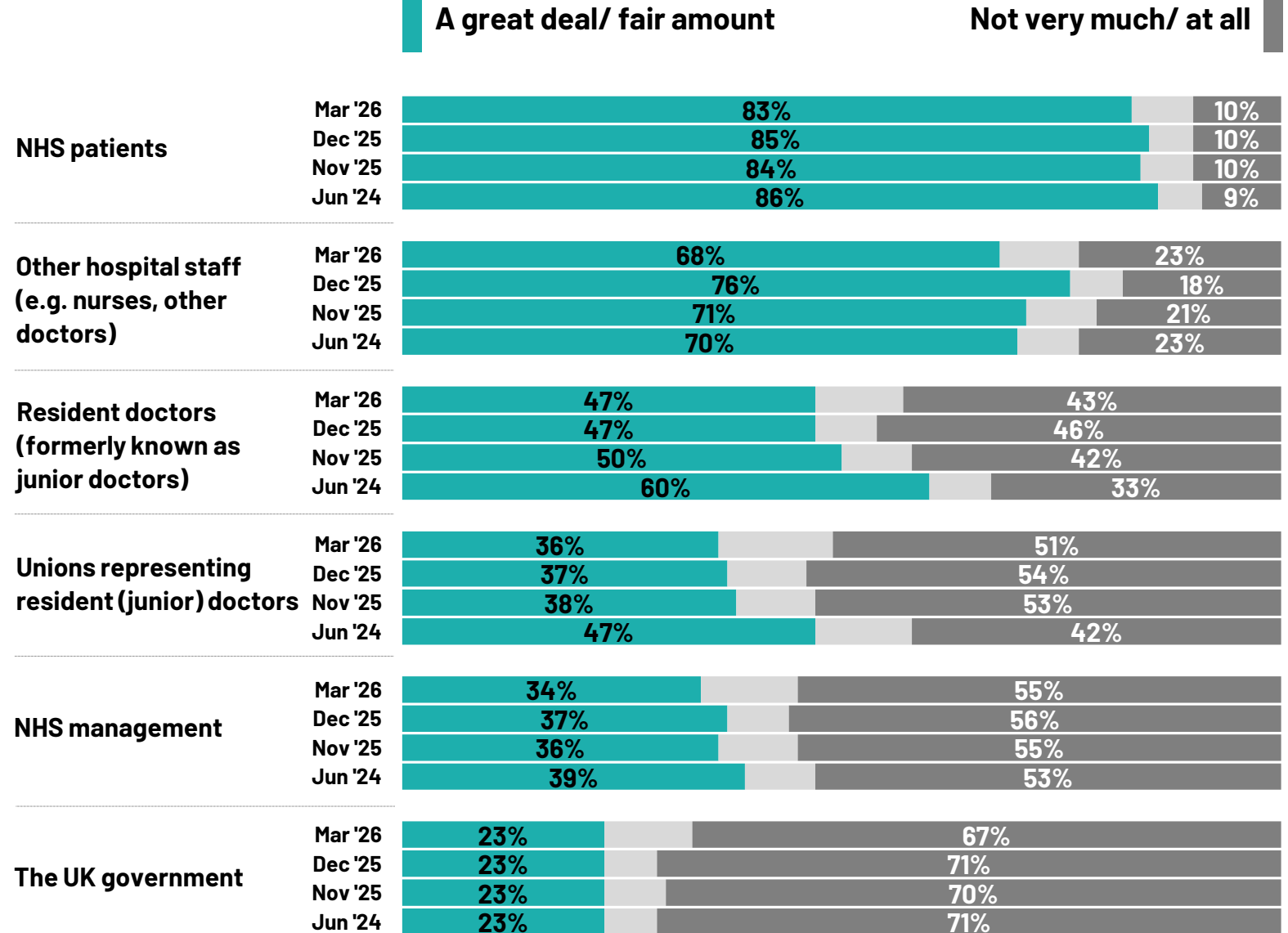


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# Britons continue to have most sympathy for NHS patients due to the impact of strikes

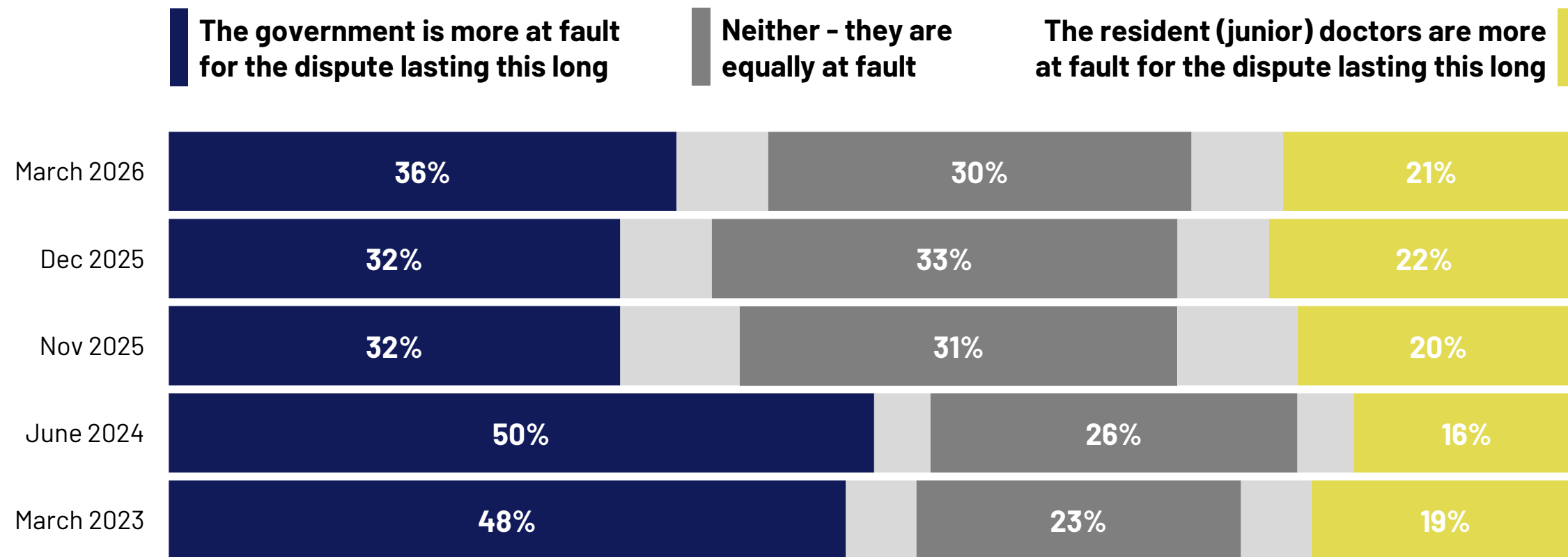
Based on what you know or have heard about these strikes, how much sympathy, if any, do you have for the following groups?

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# Britons are slightly more likely to think the government is more at fault for the dispute lasting this long, compared to March 2026

From what you know and/or have heard about the dispute between the government and resident doctors (formerly known as junior doctors), which of the following statements, if either, comes closest to your view?



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