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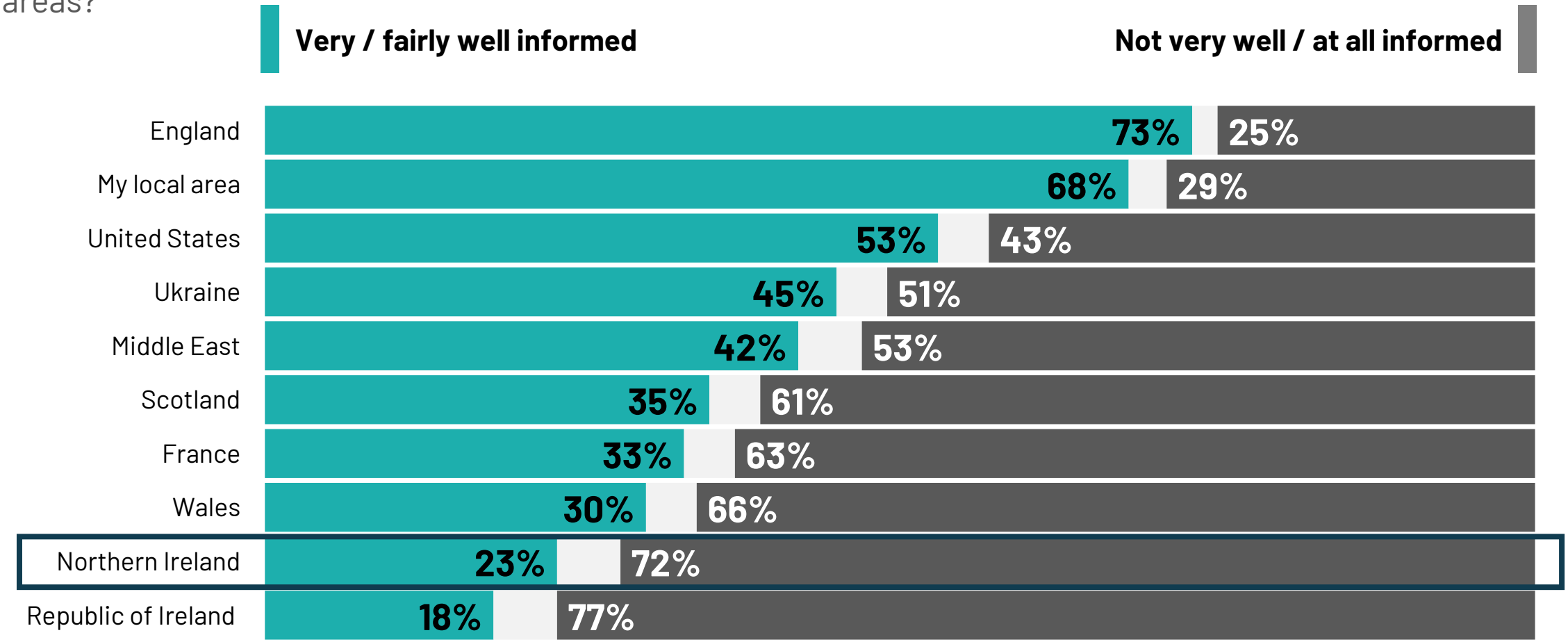
Fewer than one in four Britons say they feel very or fairly well informed about events in Northern Ireland

How well informed, if at all, do you feel about current events and developments in each of the following areas?



Base: 1,150 Online British adults 16+, 13-16 November 2026.

4 in 10 Britons want Northern Ireland to remain in the UK, but equal numbers are indifferent about its constitutional future

If there were to be a referendum in Northern Ireland on its future, would you personally prefer Northern Ireland to choose...

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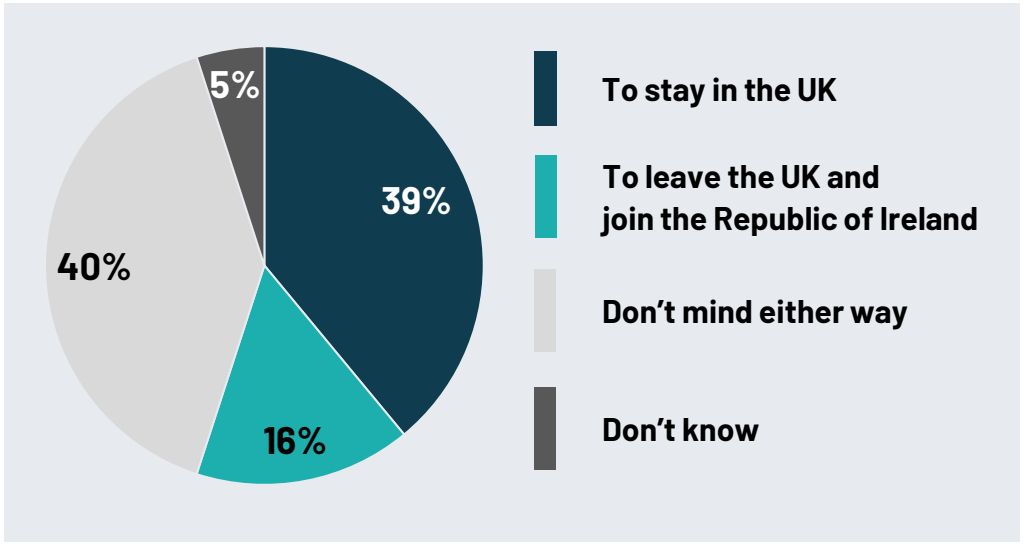
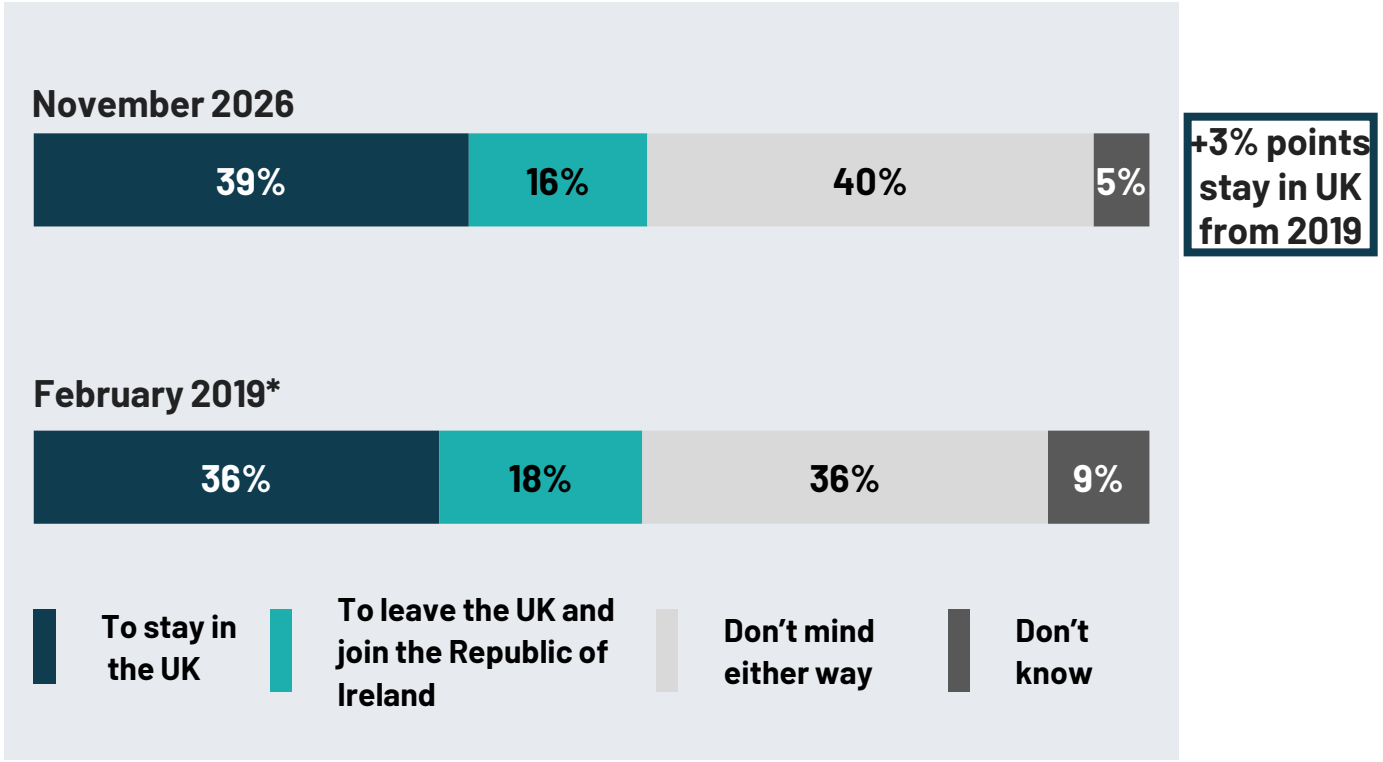




Base 2026: 1,1150 Online British adults 16+, 13-16 November 2026

***Base 2019: 1,084** Online British adults 16-75, 22-26 February 2019

A similar pattern is observed across supporters of different parties – with Reform UK voters most supportive of NI being part of the UK

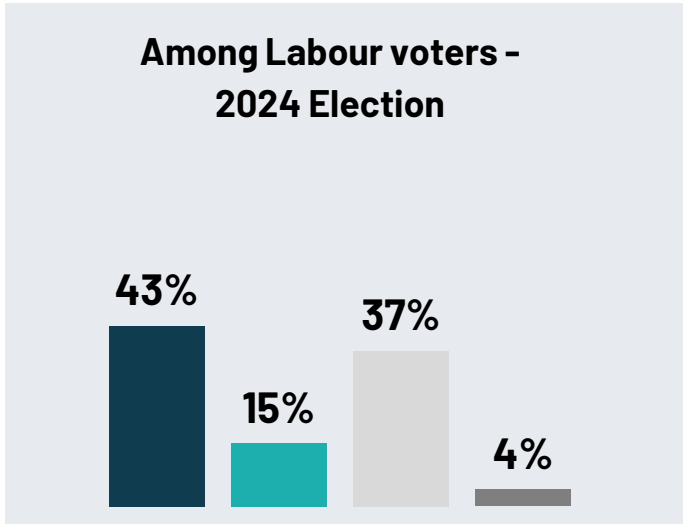
If there were to be a referendum in Northern Ireland on its future, would you personally prefer Northern Ireland to choose...

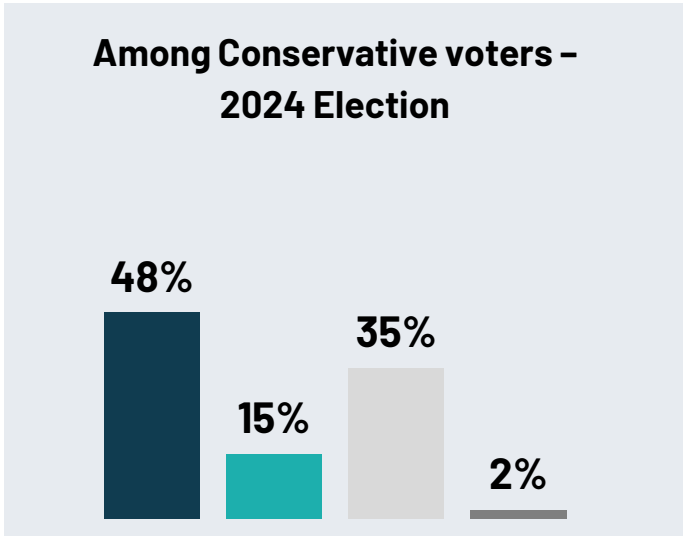
To stay in the UK

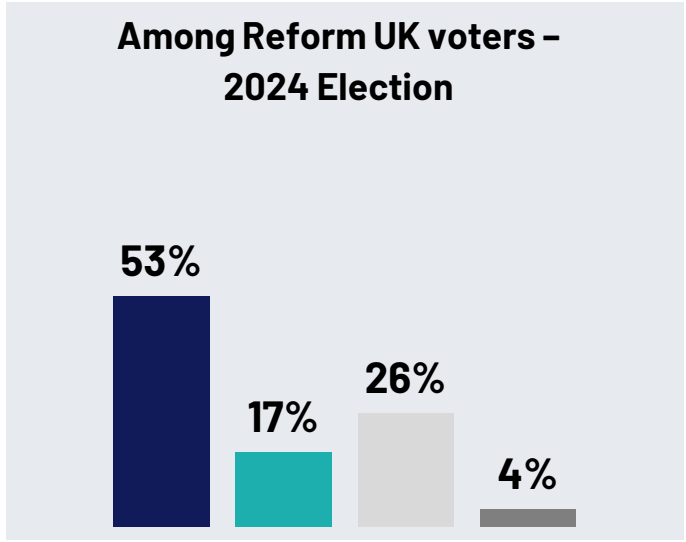
To leave the UK and join the Republic of Ireland

Don't mind either way

Don't know



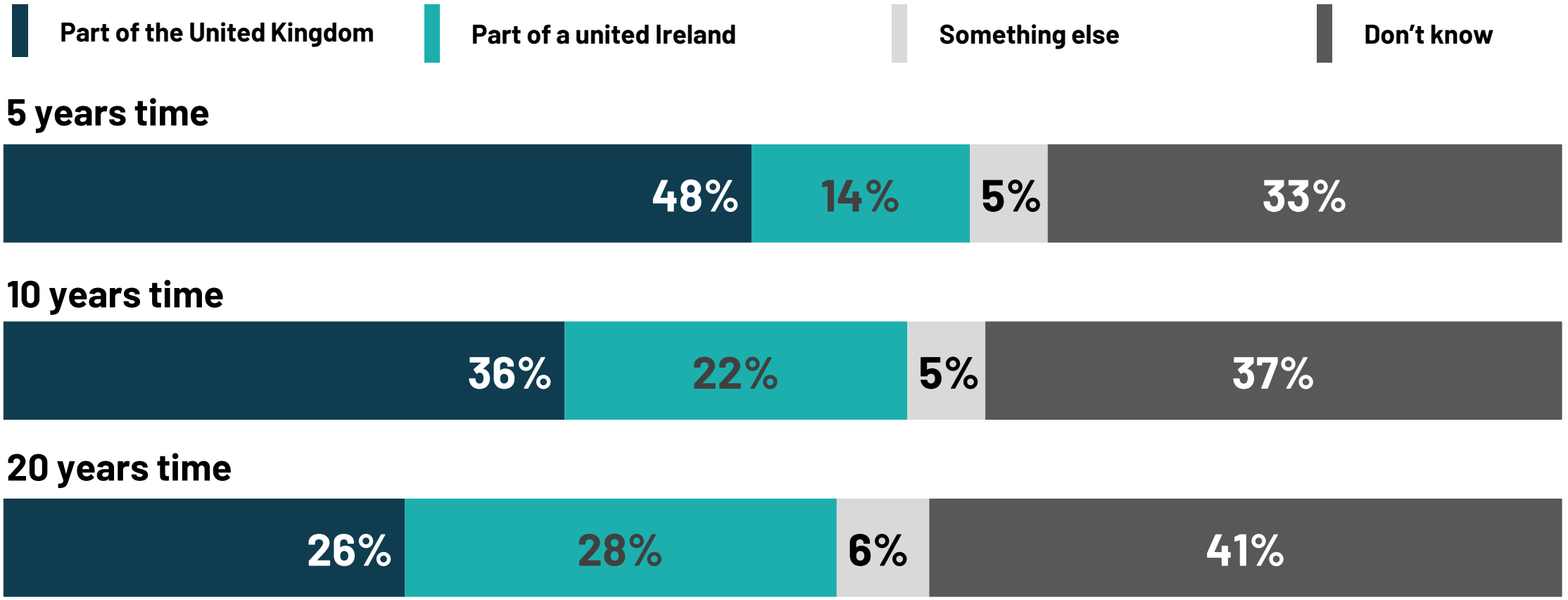




Base: 1,1150 Online British adults 16+, 13-16 November 2026 including 358 2024 Labour voters, 179 2024 Conservative voters and141 2024 Reform UK voters

Just under half believe that NI will be part of the UK in 5 years time but Britons are much less certain about 20 years from now

Regardless of your own views, what do you think Northern Ireland's constitutional status is most likely to be at each of the following points in time?



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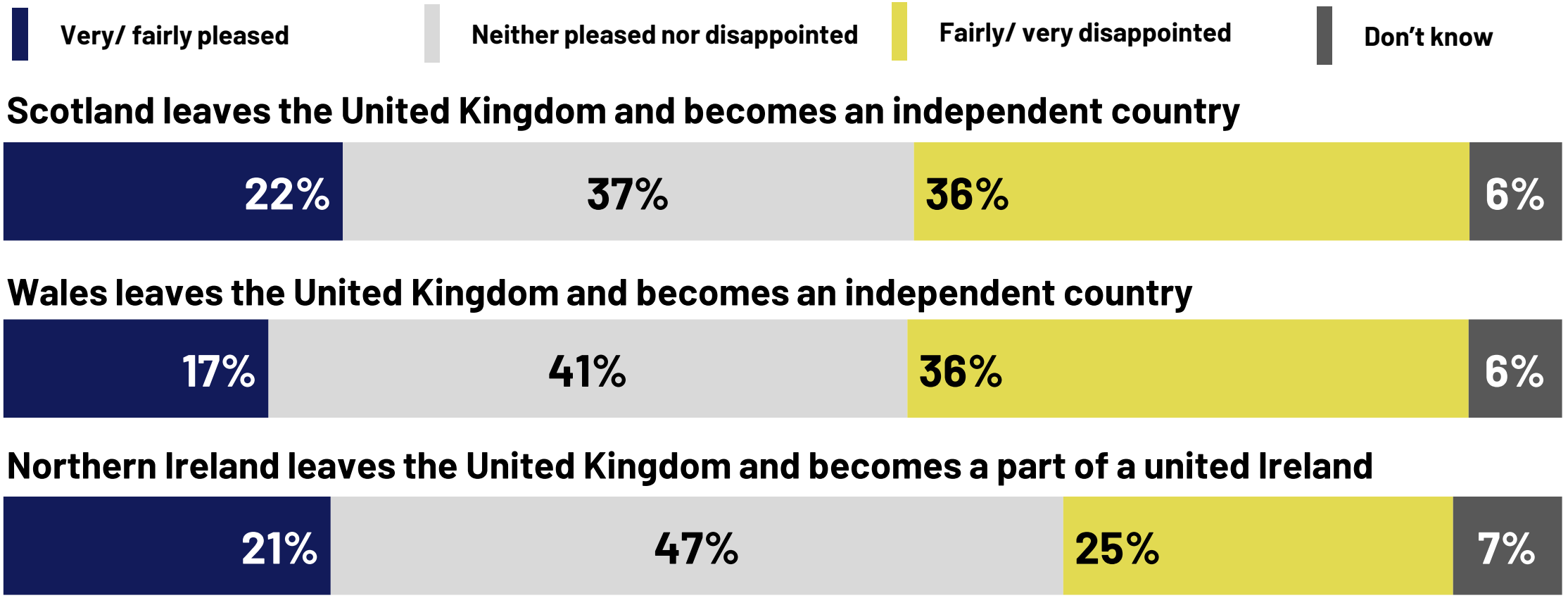
Britons are more likely to be disappointed with Scotland and Wales becoming independent countries than if NI was to become part of a united Ireland

How would you personally feel if each of the following happened?



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