

# Attitudes to the death penalty

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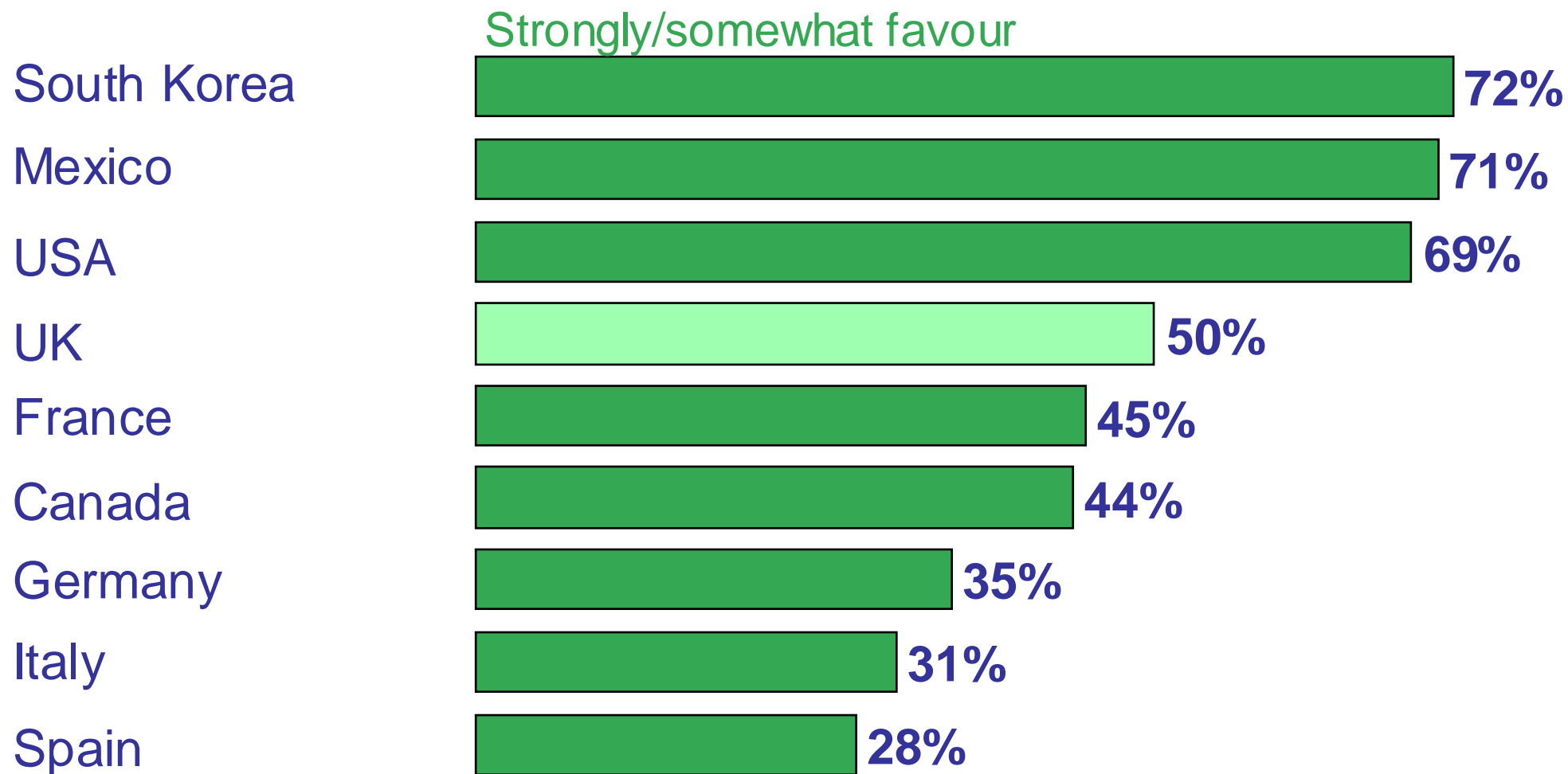
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- This data is based on the most recent wave of the Globus survey. Fieldwork was conducted between 9 February and 5 April 2007.
- Global Powers (Globus) is a quarterly comprehensive report about attitudes toward leading global companies, government and the economy in major developed countries worldwide.
- The USA and South Korea are the only countries included that currently have the death penalty.

The UK is more  
supportive of the death  
penalty than other  
Western European  
countries

# Support for the death penalty

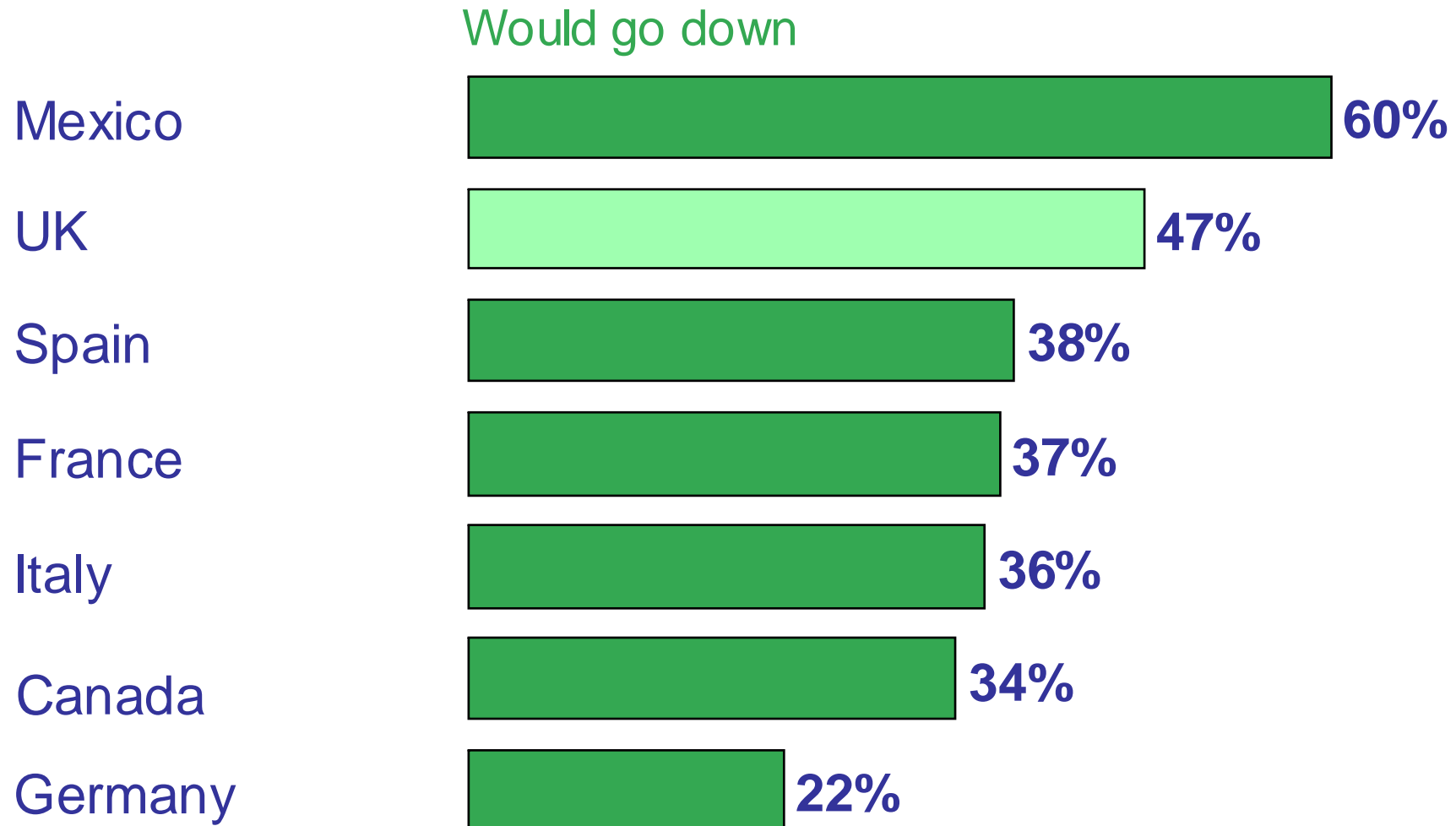
Q Do you favour or oppose the death penalty for people convicted of murder? Is that strongly favour/oppose or somewhat favour/oppose?



And many British people  
believe that the death  
penalty would reduce the  
murder rate

# A deterrent for murder?

Q *If the death penalty were implemented in <country>, do you think the number of murders would go up, go down, or stay about the same?*



# A deterrent for murder?

Q *If the death penalty were abolished in <country>, do you think the number of murders would go up, go down, or stay about the same?*

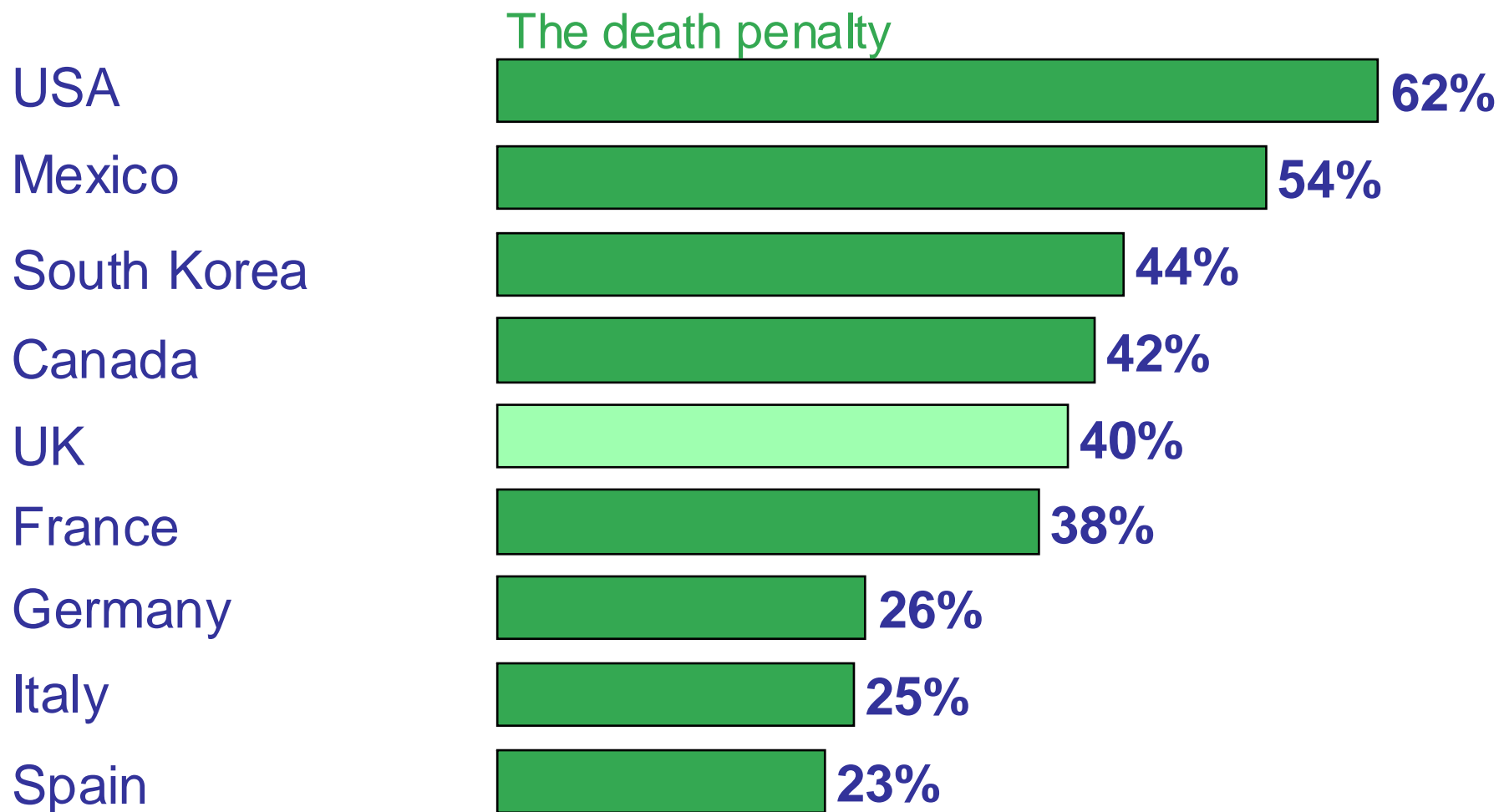


Opinion varies on  
whether it's an  
appropriate punishment  
for Osama bin Laden



# Support for the death penalty

Q *If Osama bin Laden is captured, tried and convicted of being a terrorist, which punishment should he receive?*



But overall, Britons still  
think the best way to deal  
with murder is life  
imprisonment

# Preferred punishment for murder - UK

Q Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder?

UK

Life in prison without the chance of parole



44%

The death penalty



34%

A long prison sentence with the chance of parole



19%

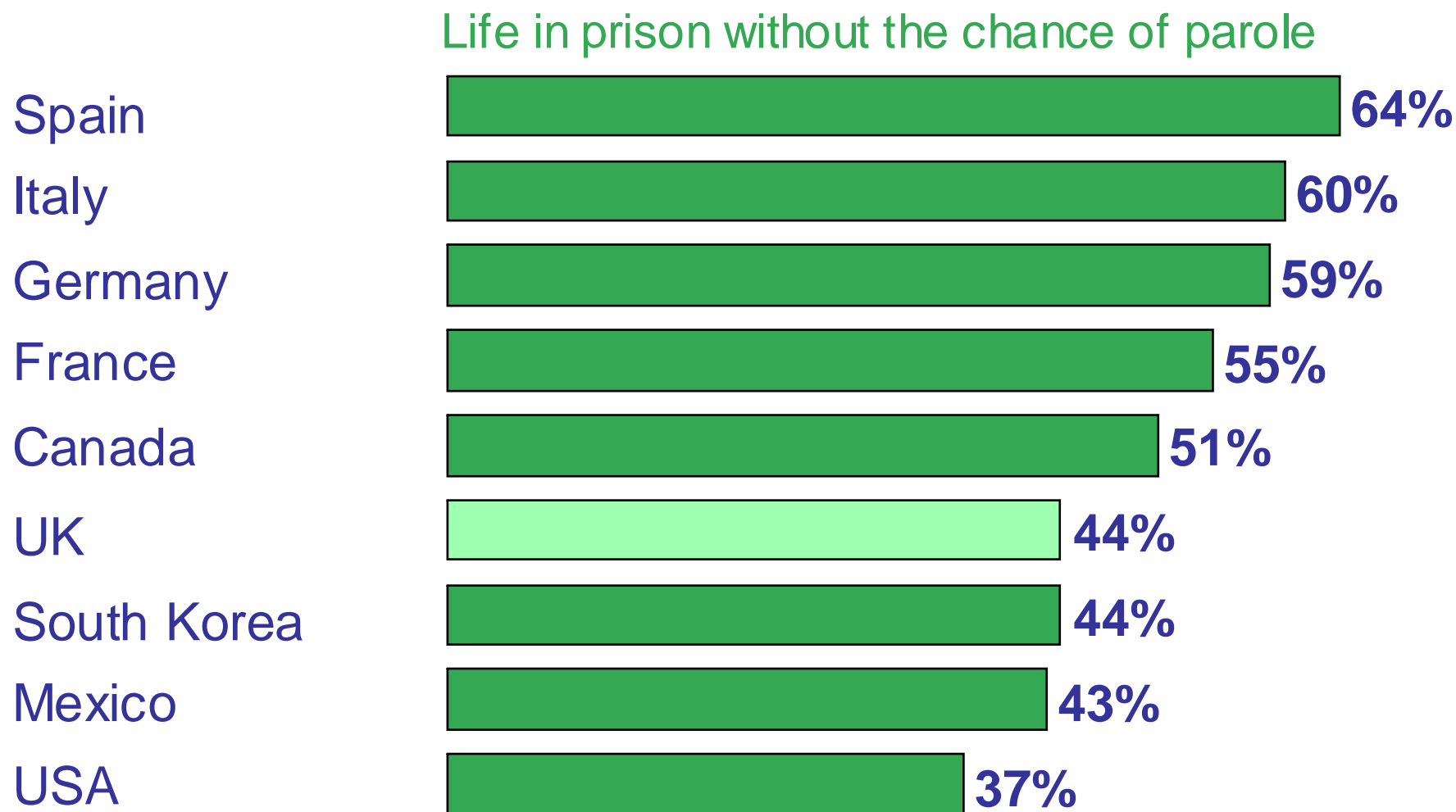
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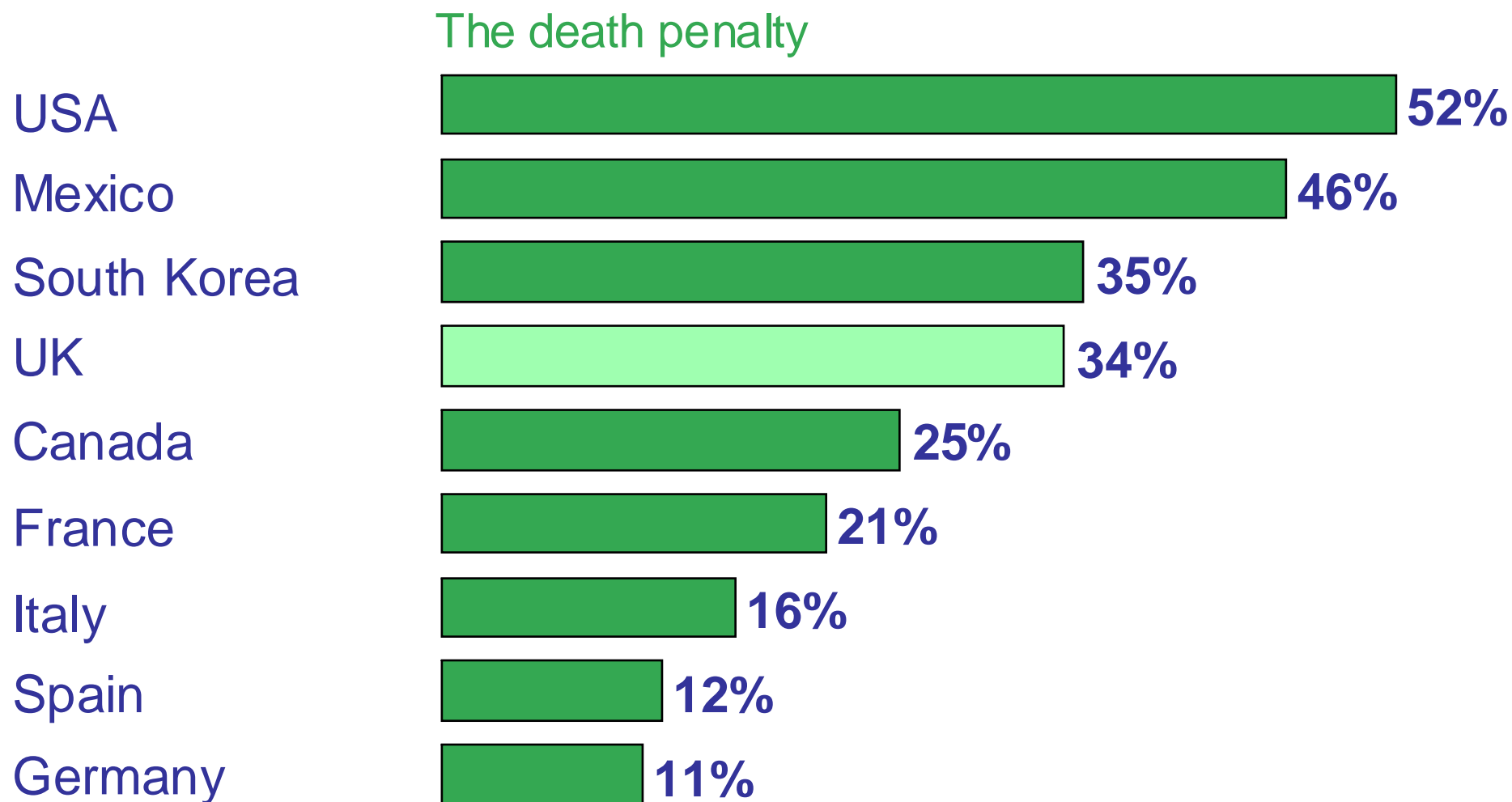
# Preferred punishment for murder – life in prison

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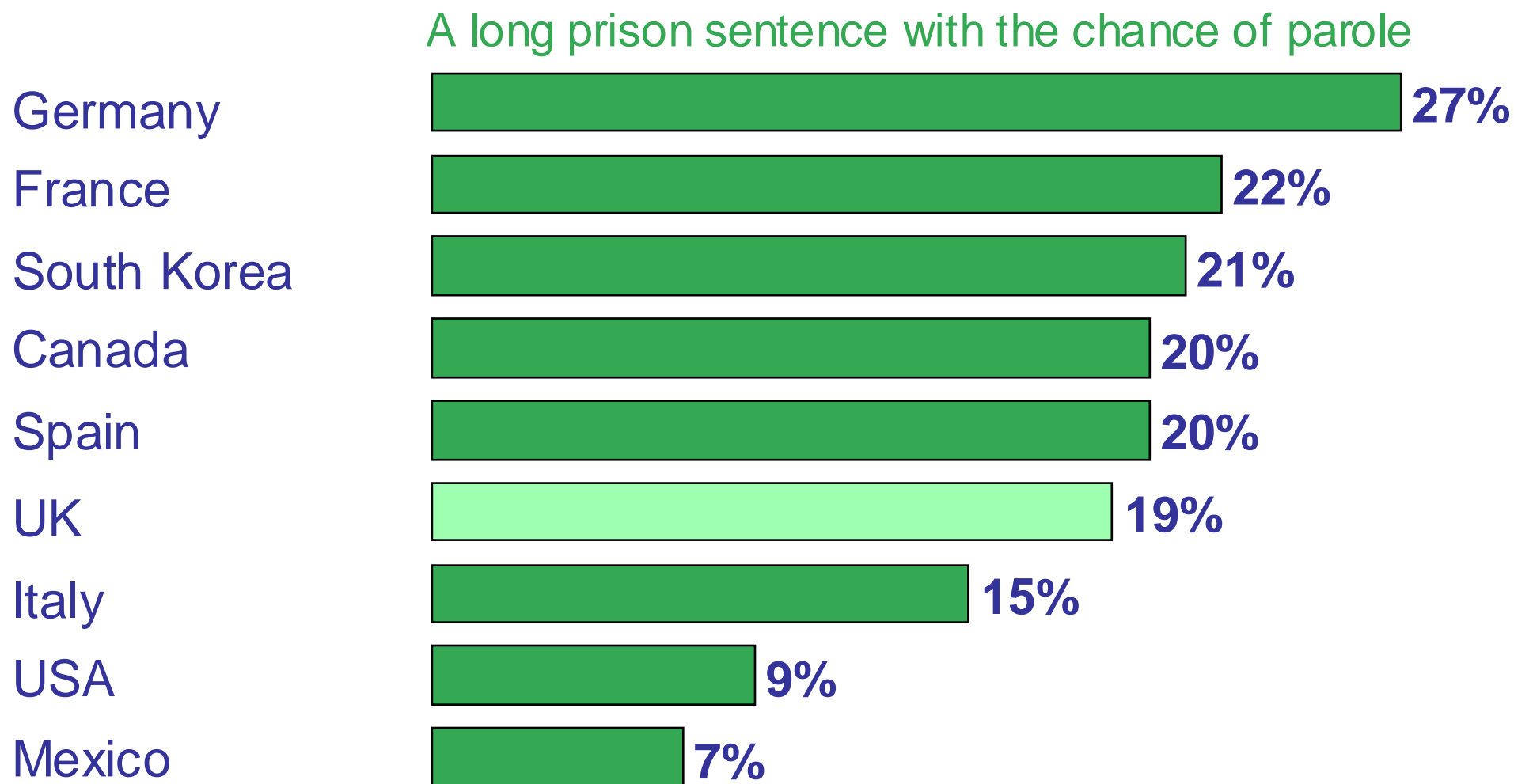
# Preferred punishment for murder – the death penalty

Q Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder?



# Preferred punishment for murder – possible parole

Q Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder?



And the most favoured  
execution method in  
the USA?

Lethal injection

# Preferred methods in the US

Q *Regardless of your views on the death penalty, which one of these methods do you think should be used for executions in the US?*

