



# Junior doctors' strikes

## Public opinion – wave 4

April 2016



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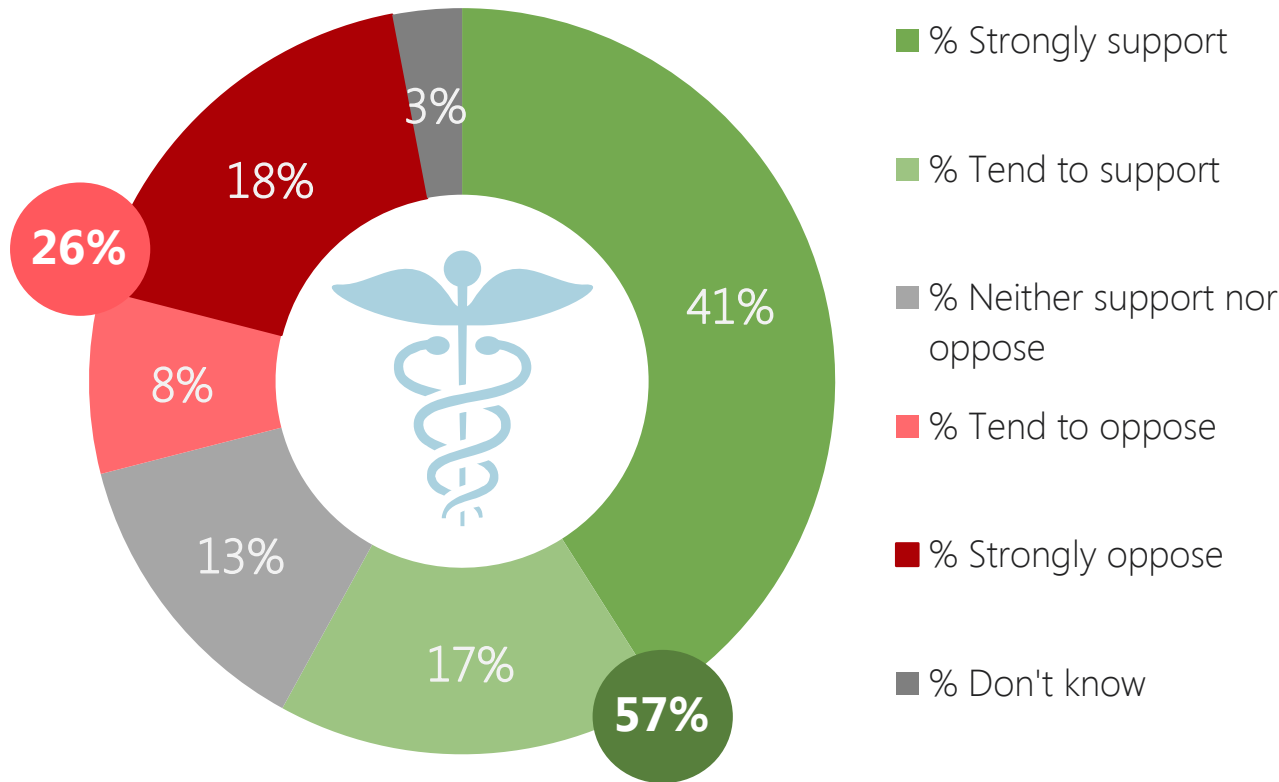


# Wave 4 – April strike

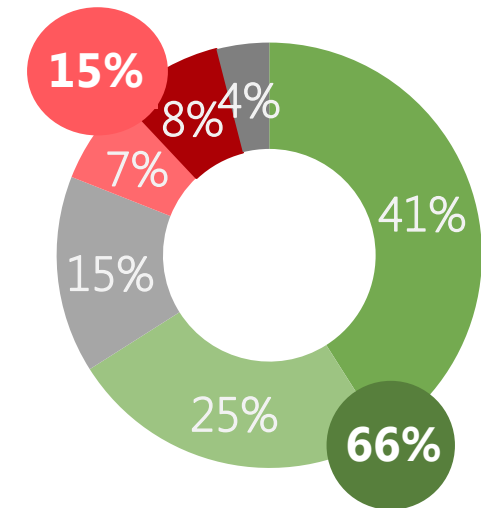
# Majority still support the junior doctors, but support is not as high as when emergency care was being provided

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## April 2016 – emergency care not provided



## January 2016 – emergency care provided

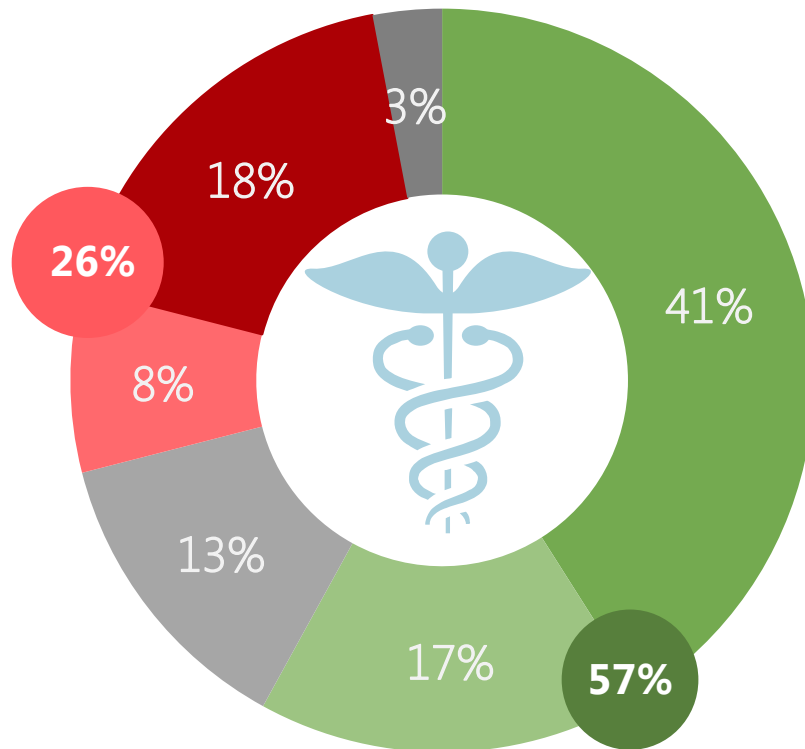


Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ (422)

# Support for junior doctors' full walkout holding up better than might have been expected from January findings

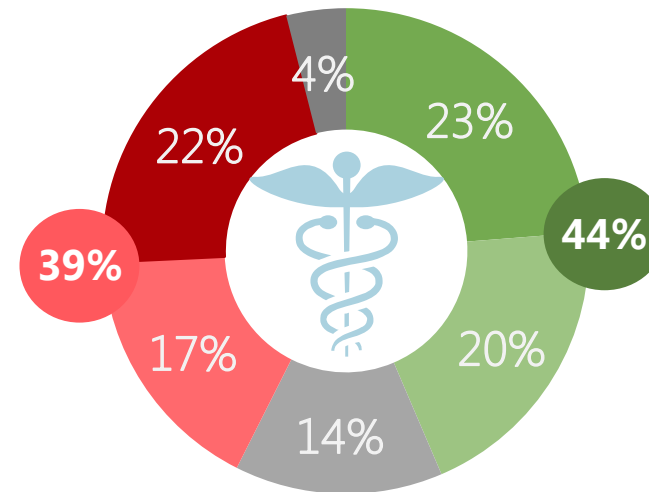
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**April 2016**



**January 2016**

Note: in January this question was preceded by a question asking about support for strikes if junior doctors still provided emergency care. This means that the question was asked hypothetically within a context of emergency care being provided and the change should be interpreted with caution.



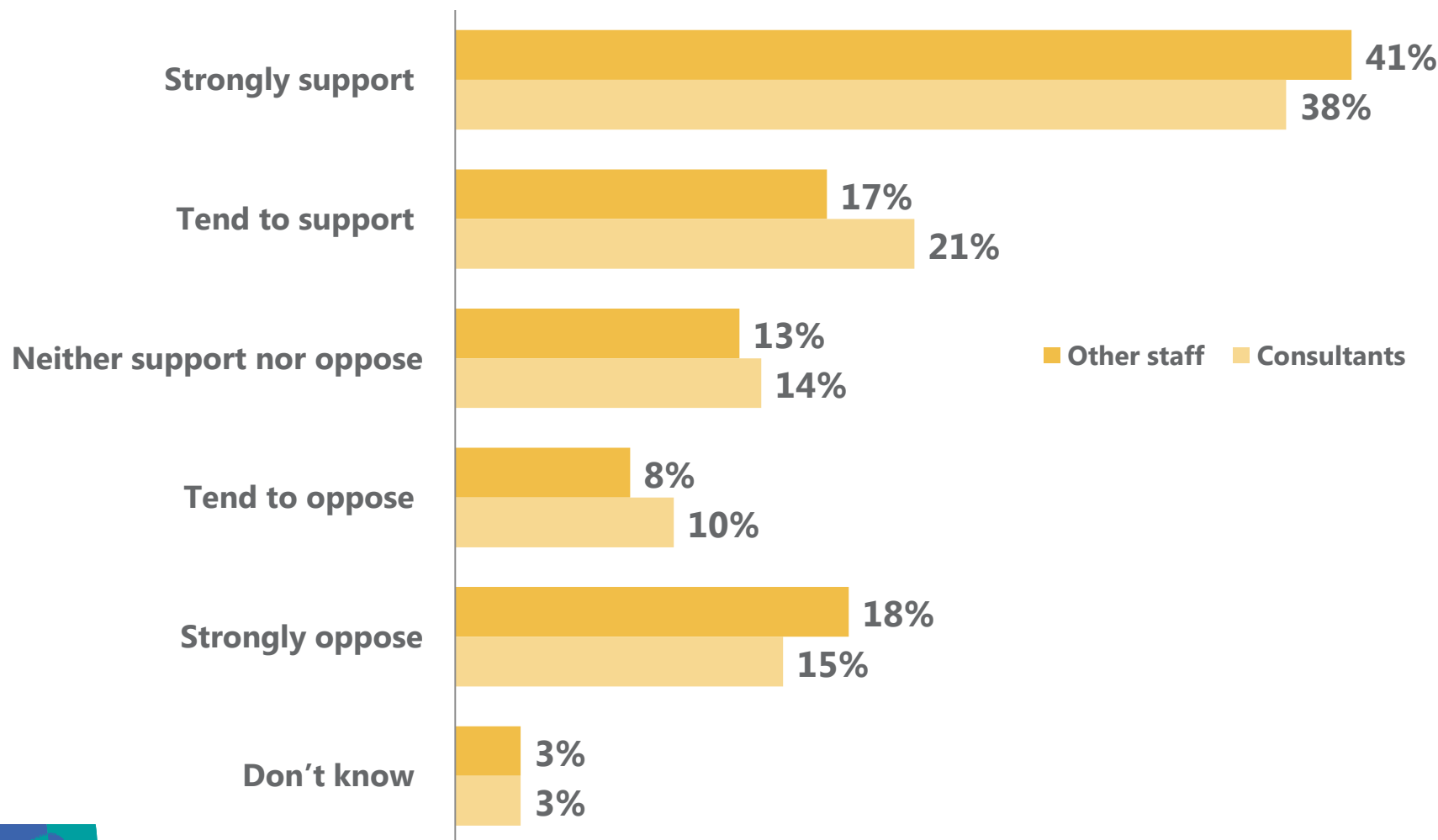
- % Strongly support
- % Tend to support
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- % Strongly oppose
- % Don't know



Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ - January (869), (March (422))

# No significant effect if consultants are mentioned as providing emergency care

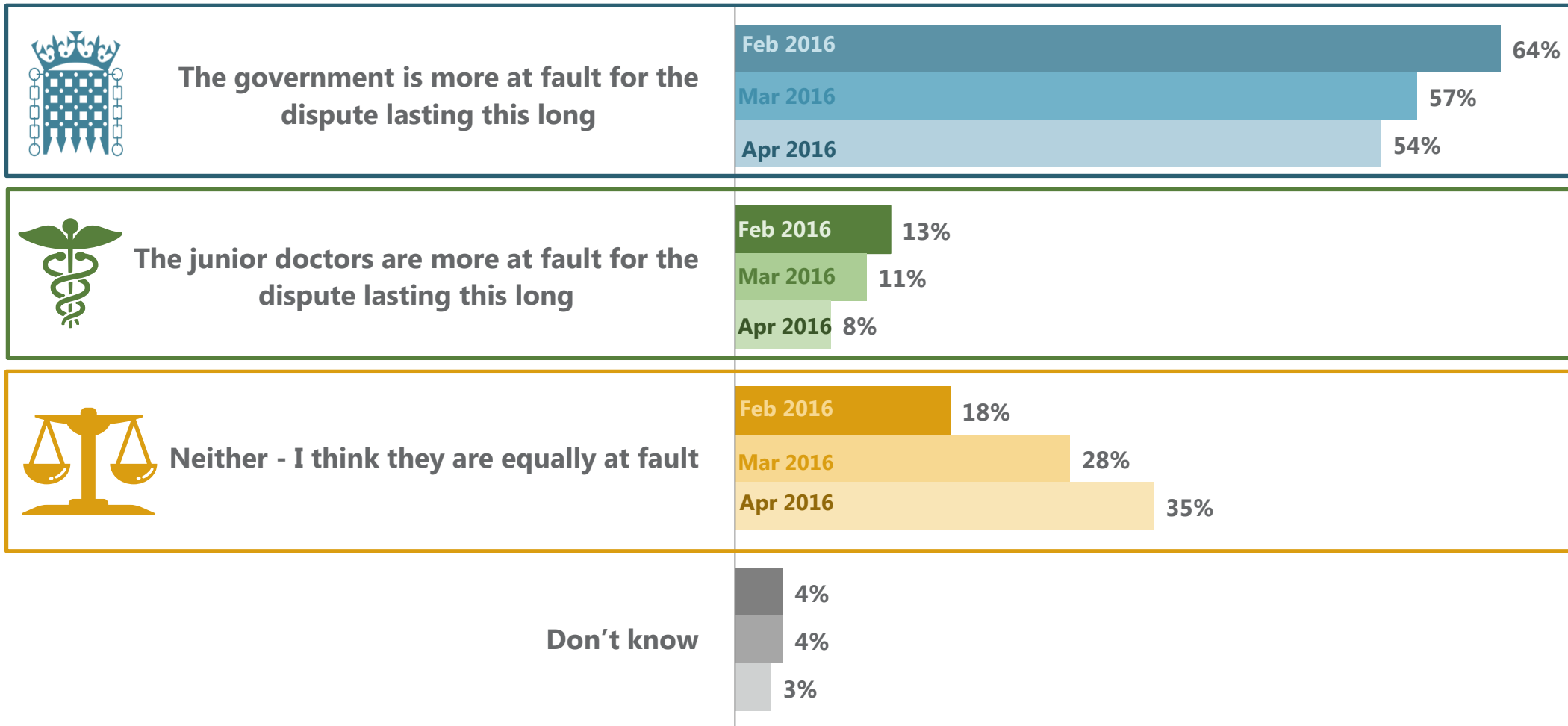
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Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ (Other staff available : 422) (Consultants available: 439)

# While the majority still feel the government is at fault for the dispute lasting this long, an increased proportion now blame both the doctors and government

Junior doctors will be striking for the fifth time in their dispute with the government. From what you know and/or have heard about the industrial dispute between the government and junior doctors, which of the following statements, if either, comes closest in your view?



Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ (Feb: 847) (Mar: 860) (Apr: 861)

# Find out more

**Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 861 adults in England, aged 18+. Interviews were conducted over the telephone between 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Data is weighted to match the profile of the population.**

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# Appendix

Questions asked in January, February  
and March



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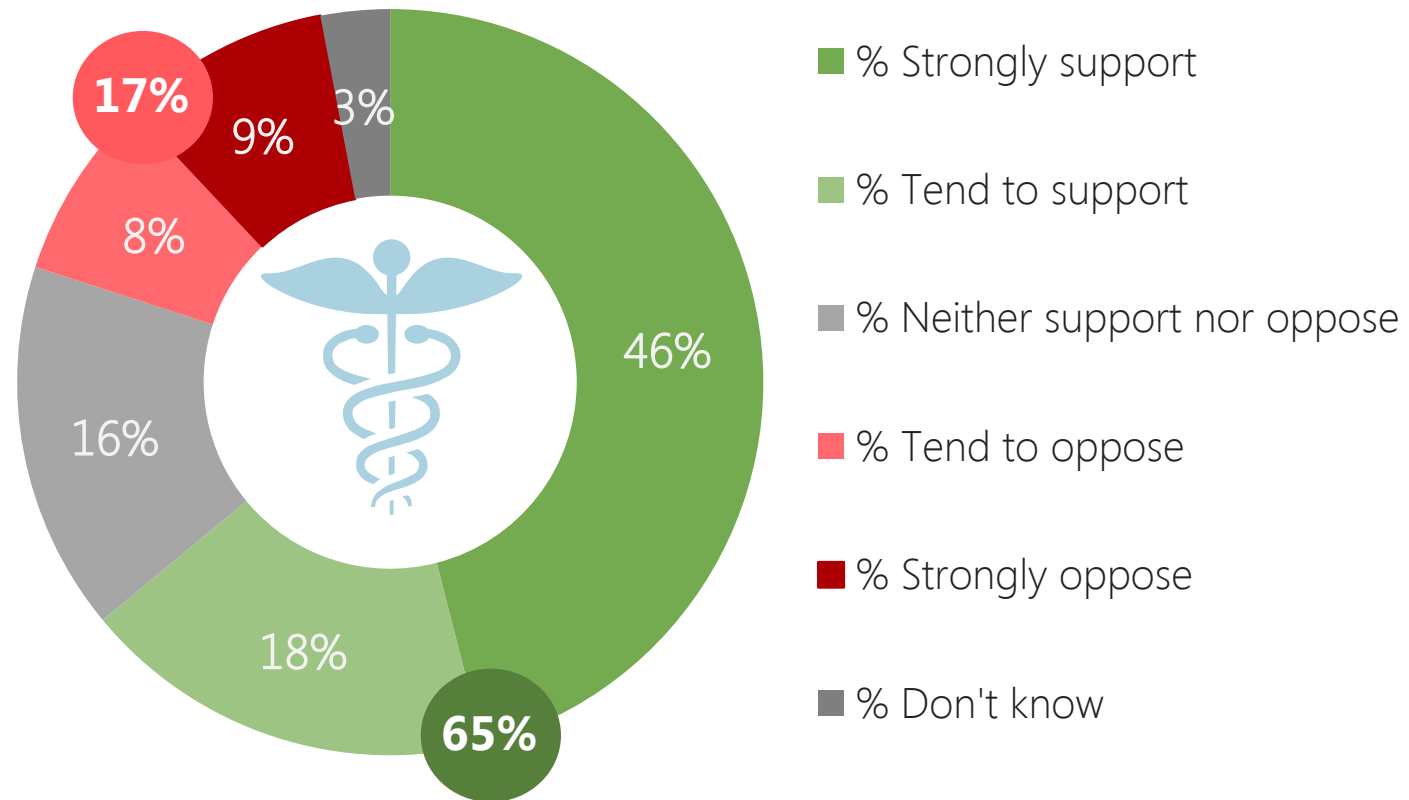




# Wave 3 – March strike

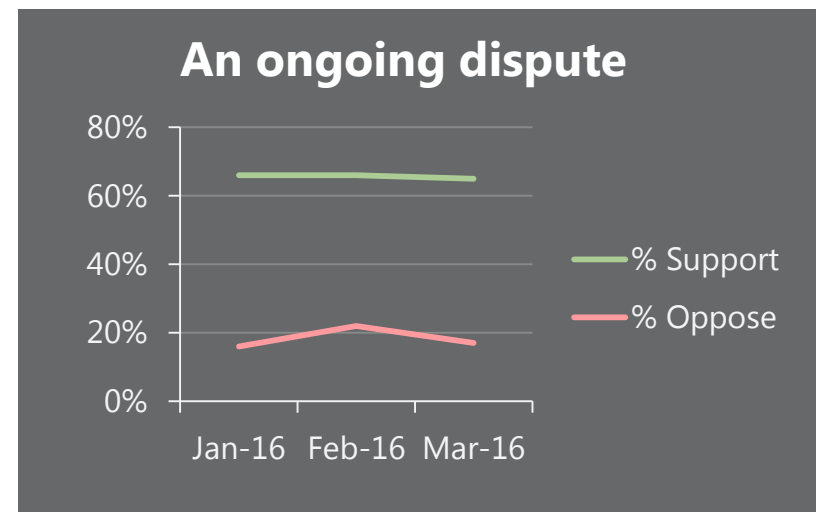
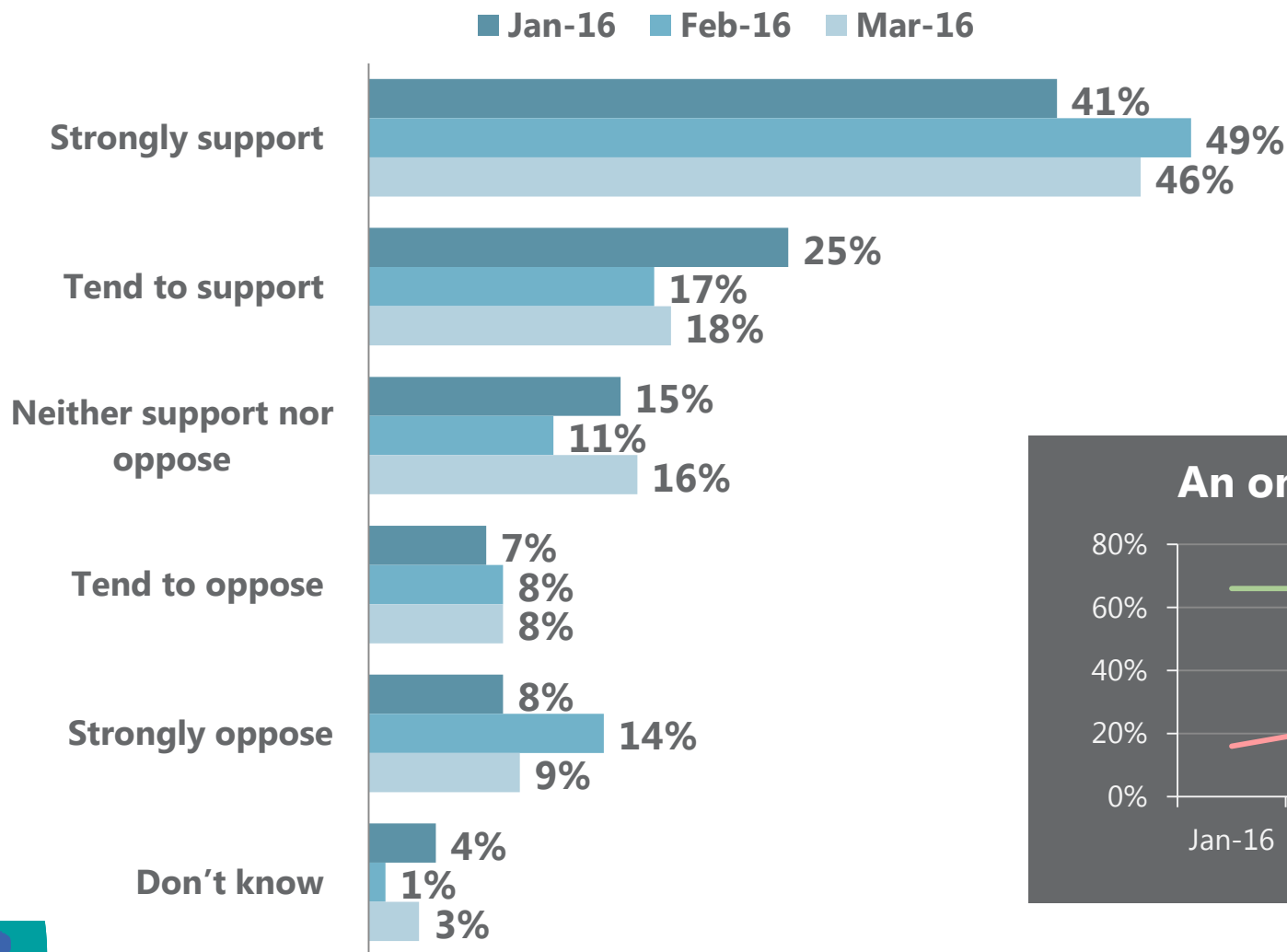
# Support for a third round of strikes is strong, with around two thirds of people saying they support the action

*As you may be aware, junior doctors are planning strike action in England. If they go on strike, would you support or oppose junior doctors striking if they still provided emergency care?*



# Support has remained stable, but the proportion opposing strike action has returned to a similar level as seen in January

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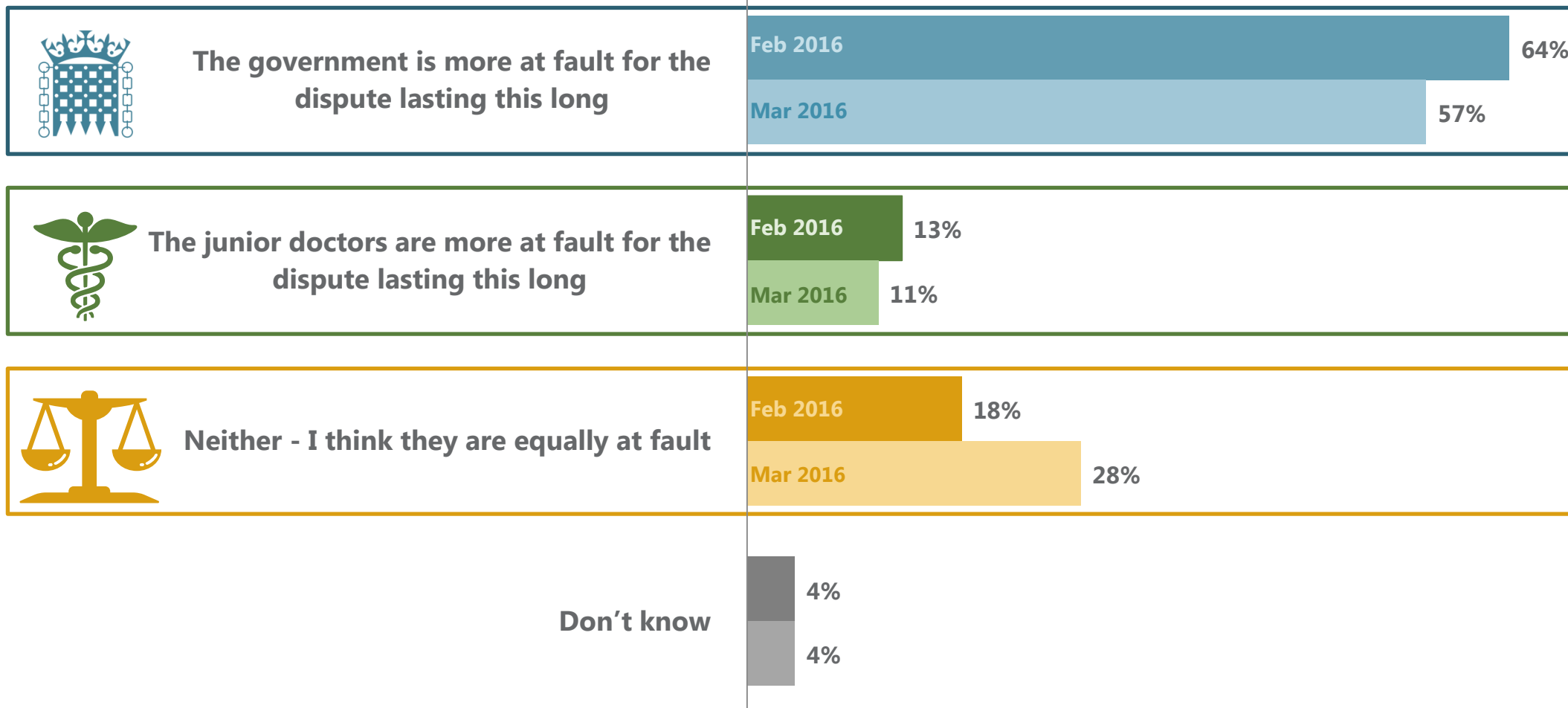


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# While the majority still feel the government is at fault for the dispute lasting this long, an increased proportion now blame both the doctors and government

Junior doctors will be striking for the third time in their dispute with the government. From what you know and/or have heard about the industrial dispute between the government and junior doctors, which of the following statements, if either, comes closest in your view?



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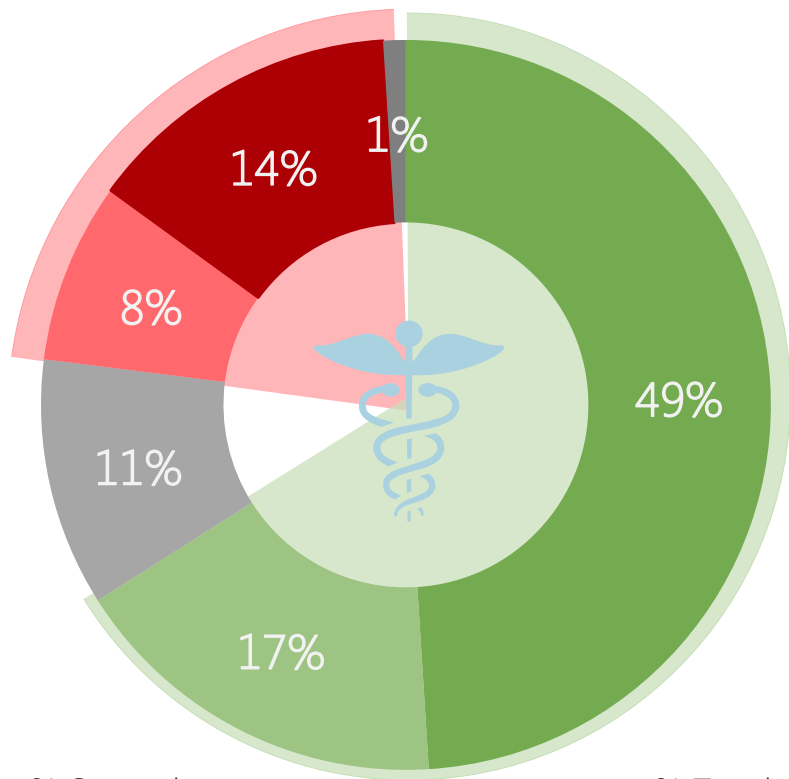


## Wave 2 – February strike

# Support for the strikes stays strong, though more now 'strongly support' junior doctors than in January

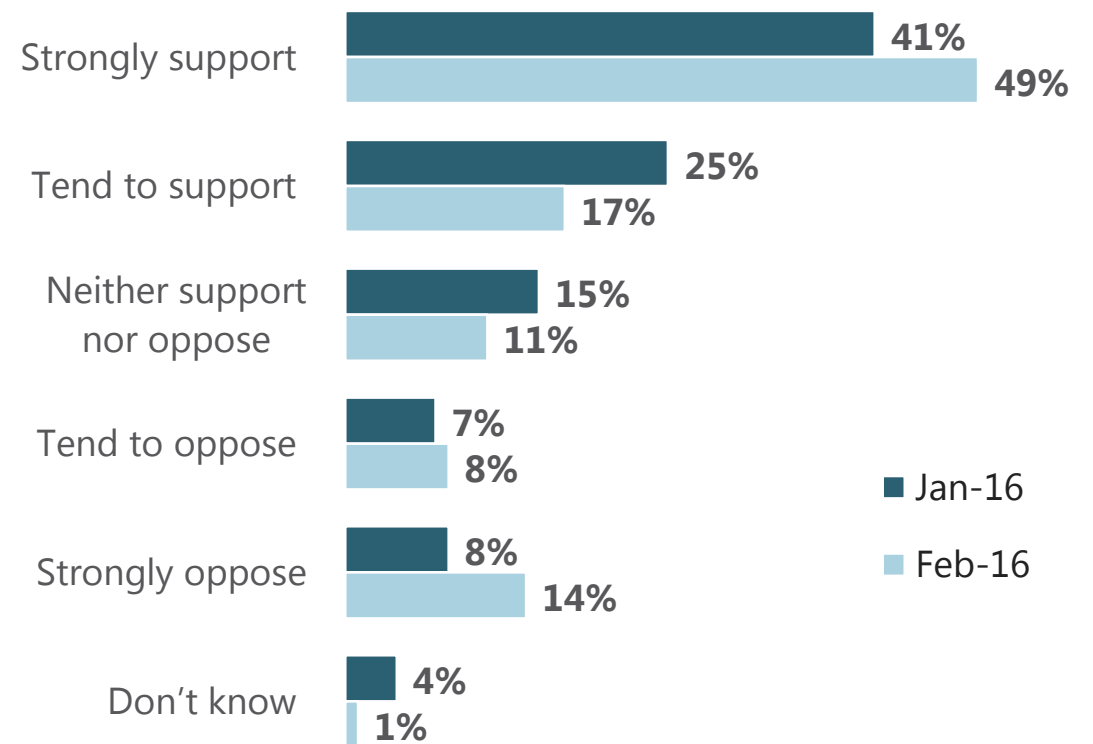
*As you may be aware, junior doctors are planning strike action in England. If they go on strike, would you support or oppose junior doctors striking if they still provided emergency care?*

February 2016



- % Strongly support
- % Neither support nor oppose
- % Strongly oppose
- % Tend to support
- % Tend to oppose
- % Don't know

Comparison between Jan and Feb

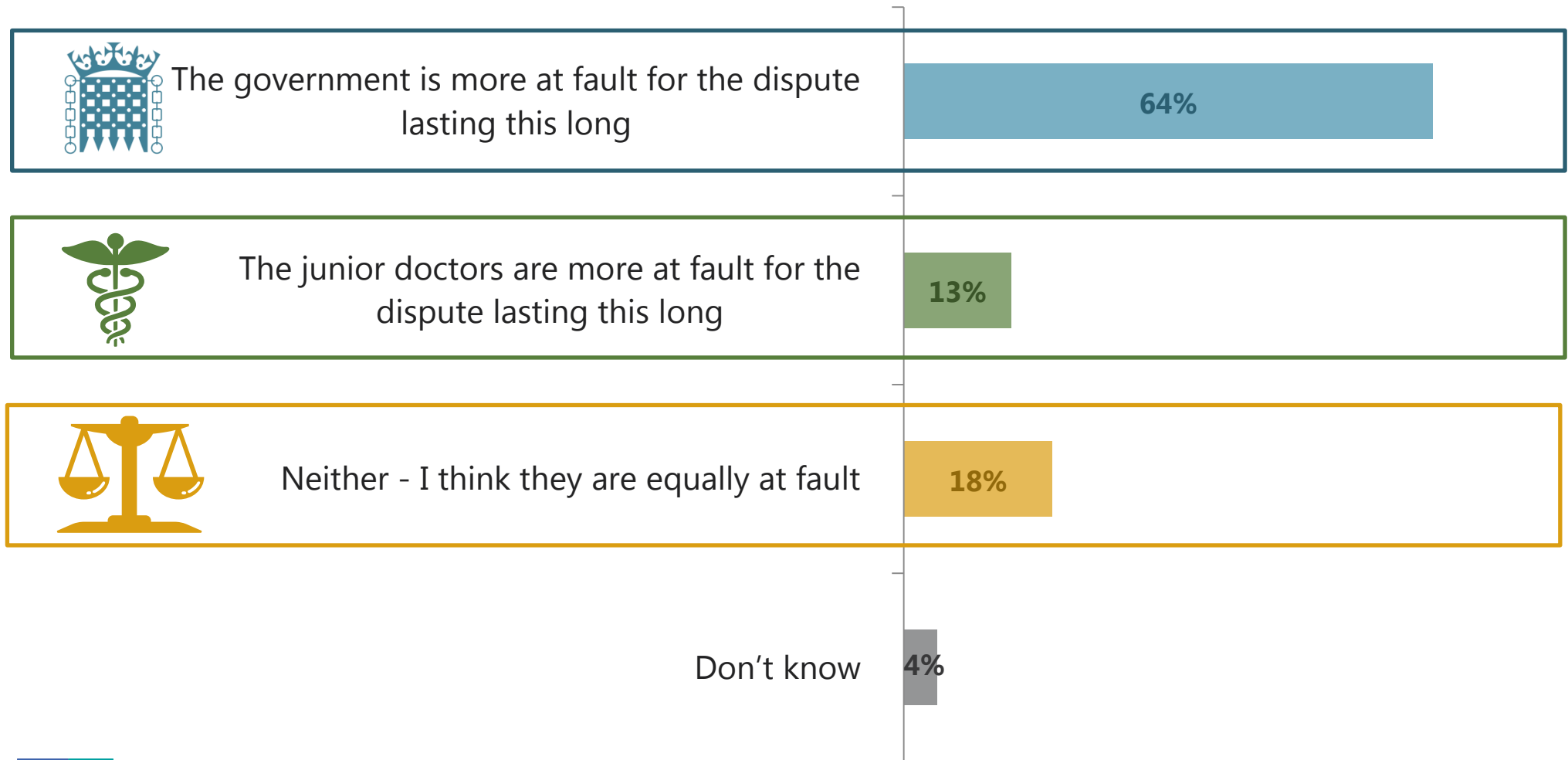


Base: Adults in England, aged 18+ (Jan: 869) (Feb: 847)



# The government seen by majority as responsible for the dispute lasting this long

Junior doctors will be striking for the second time in their dispute with the government. From what you know and/or have heard about the industrial dispute between the government and junior doctors, which of the following statements, if either, comes closest in your view?



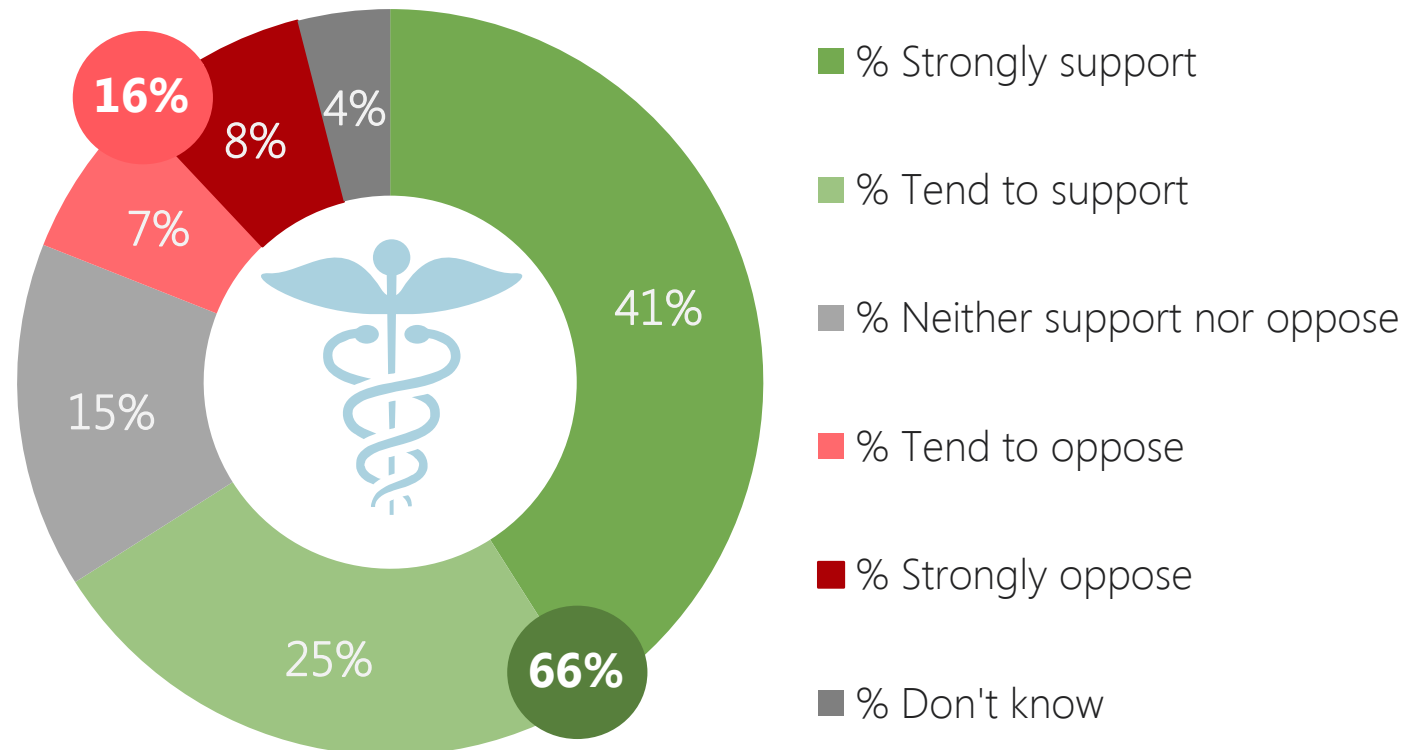


# Wave 1 - January strike



# The majority support junior doctors striking when emergency care is provided...

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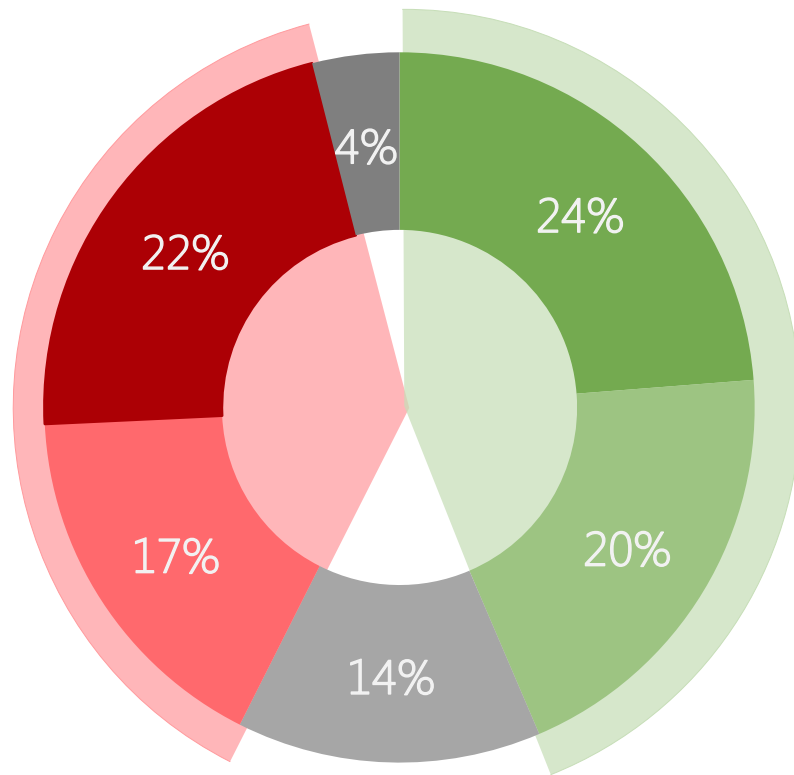


# Support for the strikes drops 22 percentage points

## when emergency care is not provided

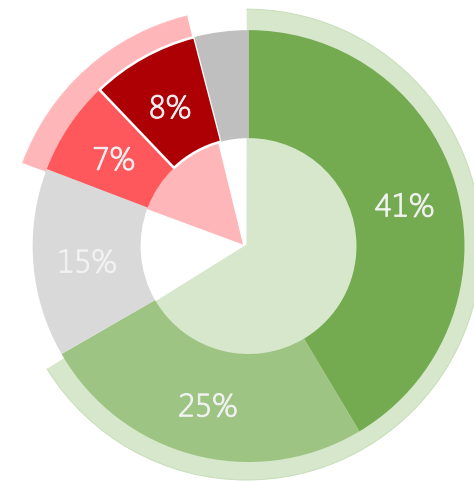
And would you support or oppose junior doctors striking if they did not provide emergency care? Emergency care from other staff would still be available.

### Emergency care not provided



- % Strongly support
- % Tend to support
- % Neither support nor oppose
- % Tend to oppose
- % Strongly oppose

### Emergency care provided



- % Tend to support
- % Tend to oppose
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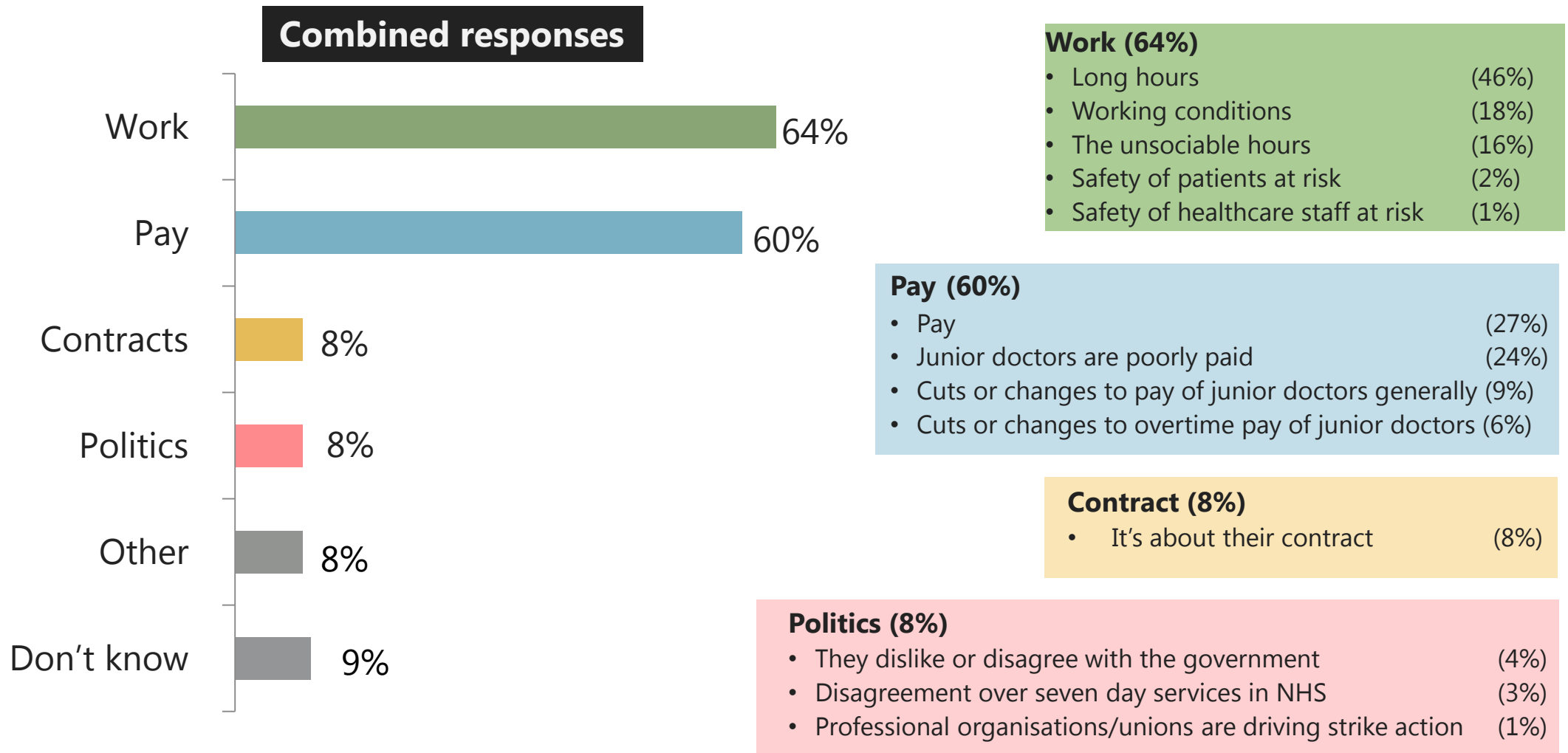


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# Some understanding of the issues behind the strikes

## ...but most think its linked to long hours and pay generally

And why do you think junior doctors are planning to strike?



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