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The Crisis in Greece



GREEK CRISIS: WHO'S TO BLAME?

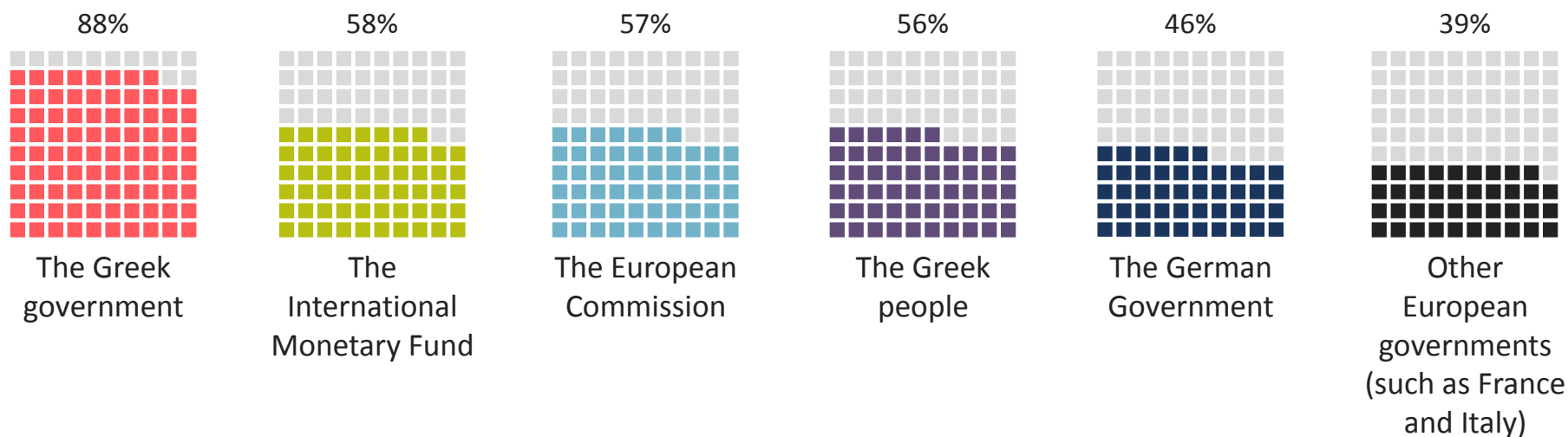
In all countries the Greek government is seen as most to blame for the Greek crisis, although views differ on the blame that other key actors share.

For example, two thirds of people in Spain and Italy blame the German government, and three-quarters in France blame the EC

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% A great deal/ a fair amount	Average	Belgium	France	Germany	Great Britain	Hungary	Italy	Poland	Spain	Sweden
The Greek government	88%	90%	86%	94%	89%	89%	79%	87%	86%	90%
The International Monetary Fund	58%	58%	71%	51%	52%	59%	67%	64%	67%	32%
The European Commission	57%	58%	74%	51%	56%	49%	69%	58%	66%	34%
The Greek people	56%	49%	55%	63%	49%	59%	43%	85%	40%	61%
The German government	46%	46%	56%	32%	42%	33%	67%	51%	66%	19%
Other European governments (such as France and Italy)	39%	40%	55%	33%	38%	30%	36%	52%	48%	20%

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GREEK CRISIS: DEBT RELIEF

Across all nine countries, **six in ten citizens agree that the austerity measures being imposed on Greece are making the Greek economy worse** (including the majority of Germans).

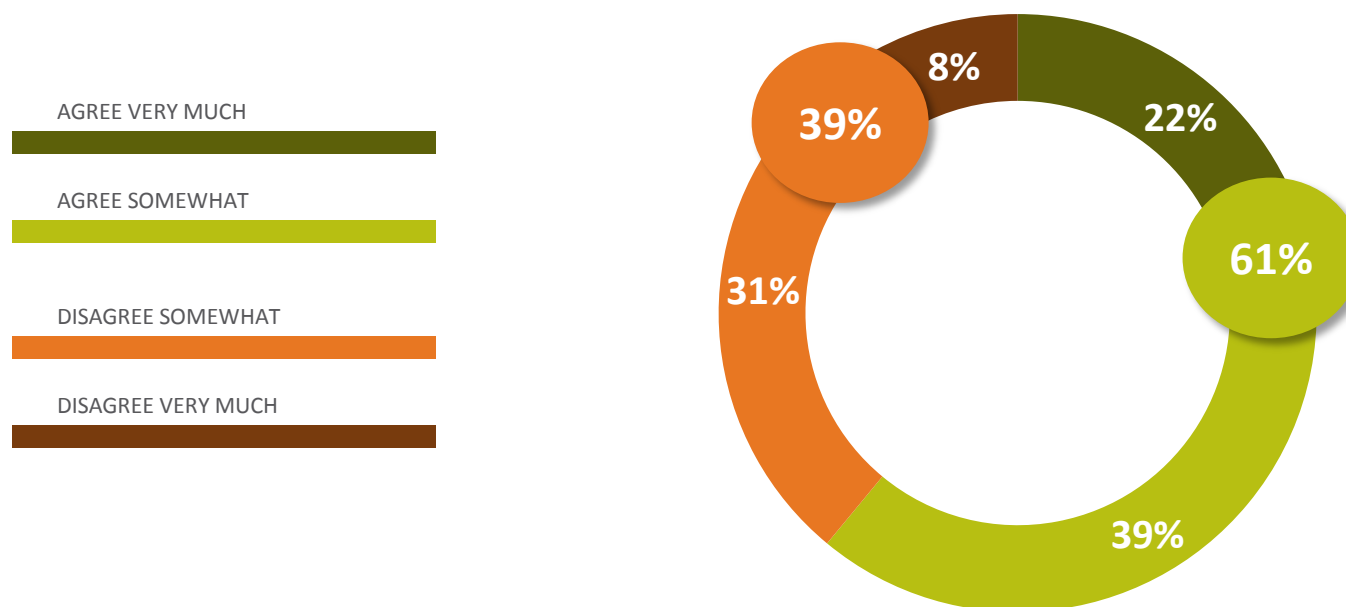
EU publics are split on the issue of Greek debt relief, with roughly half in support and half opposed to creditor countries writing off some of Greece's debts.

There is widespread concern in all countries that if the Greeks do not pay back their debts it would encourage others countries to borrow beyond their means.

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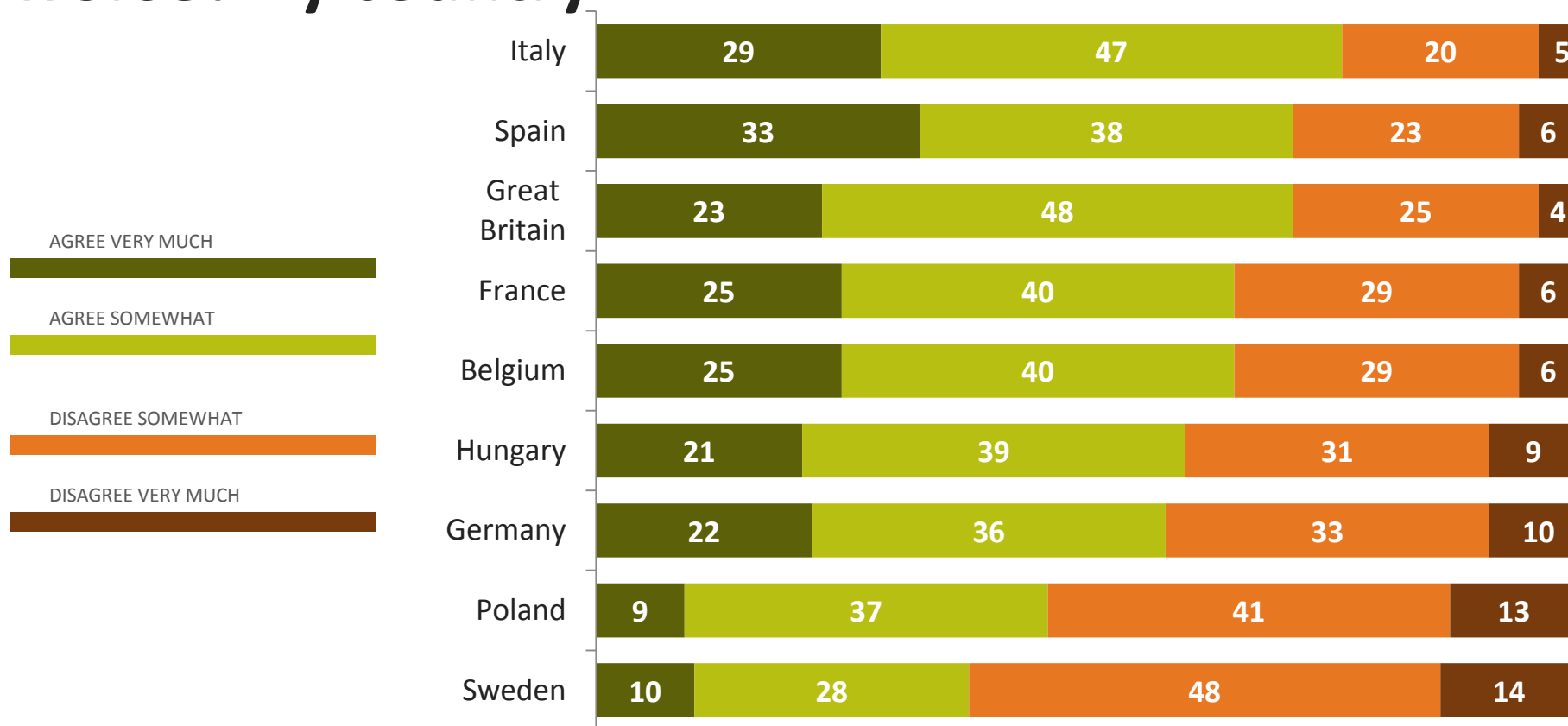


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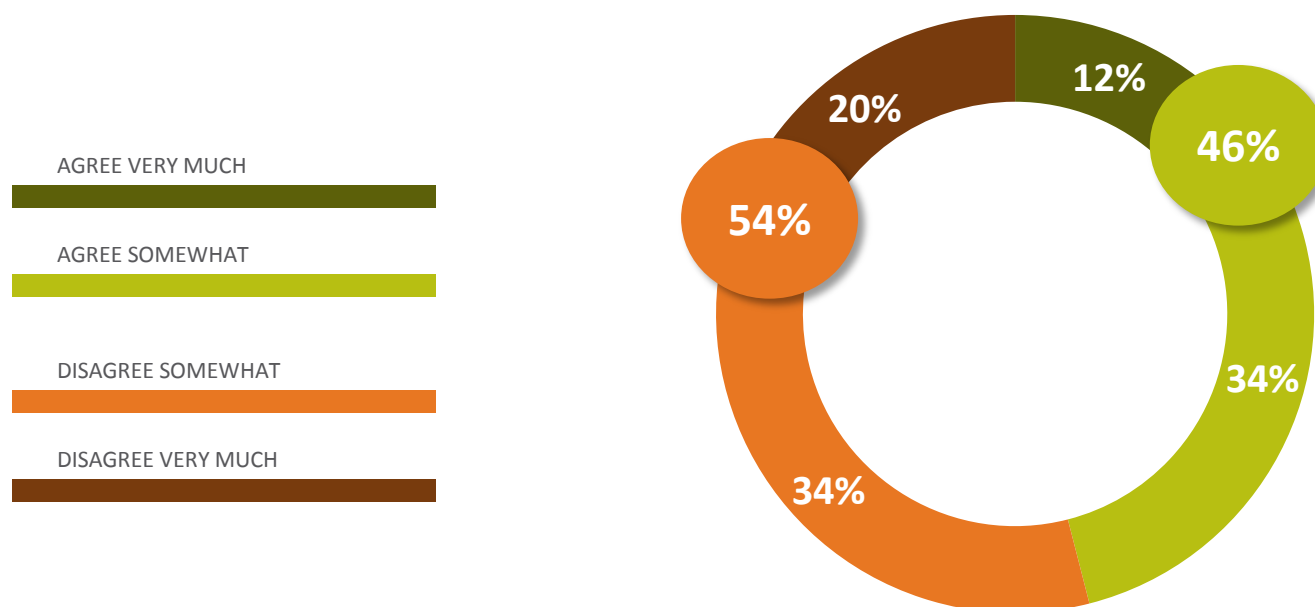
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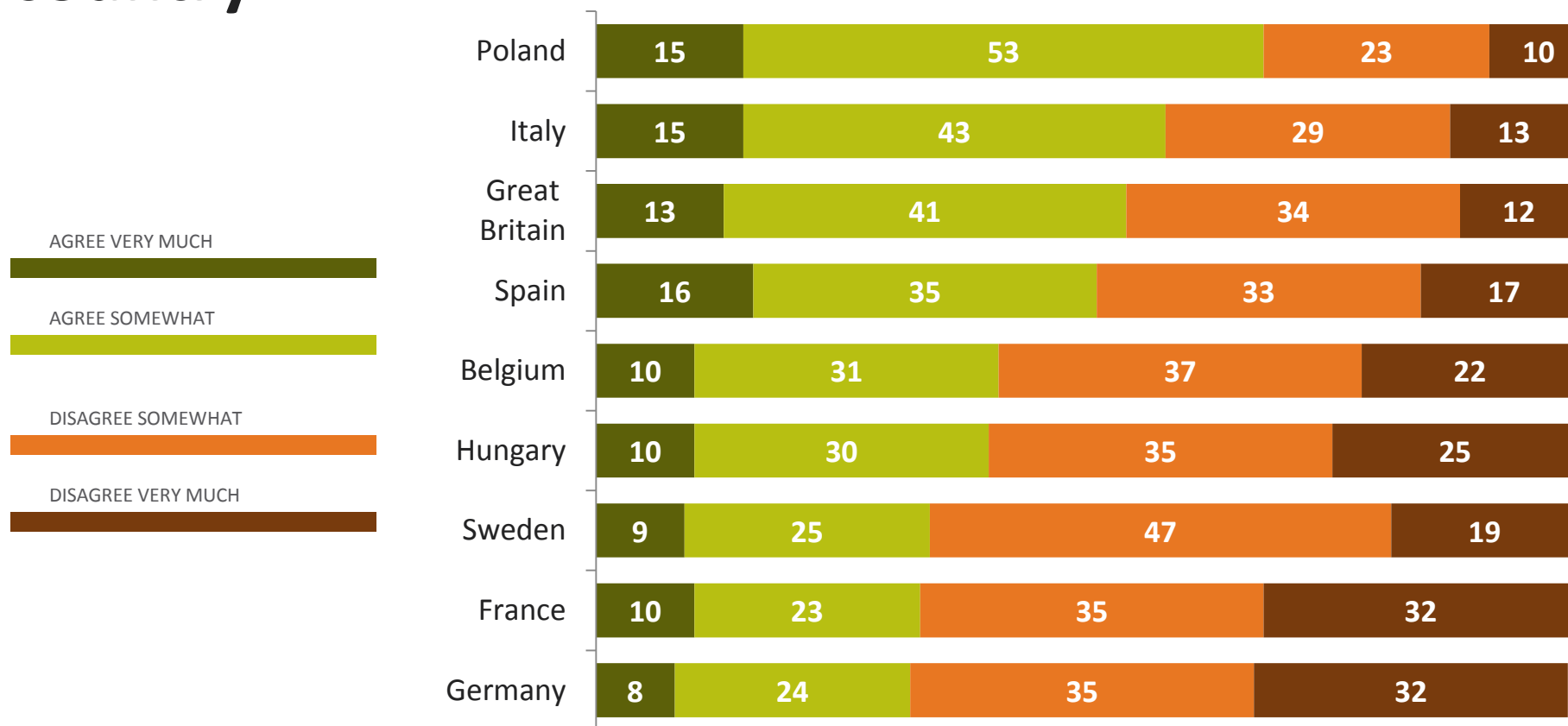


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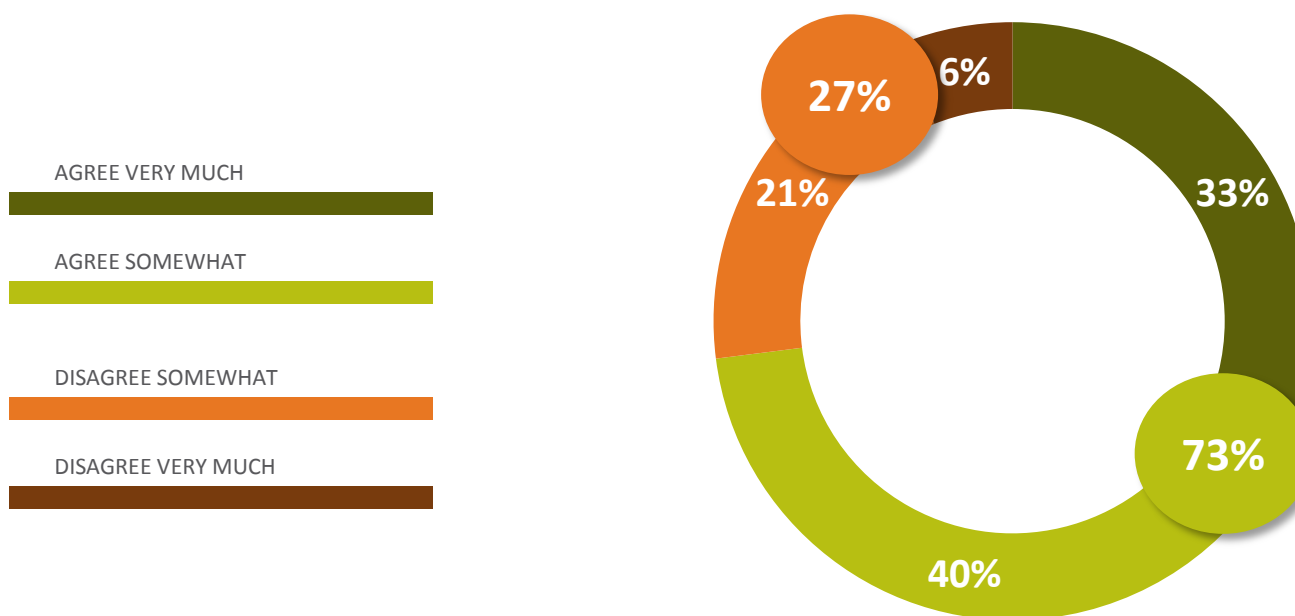
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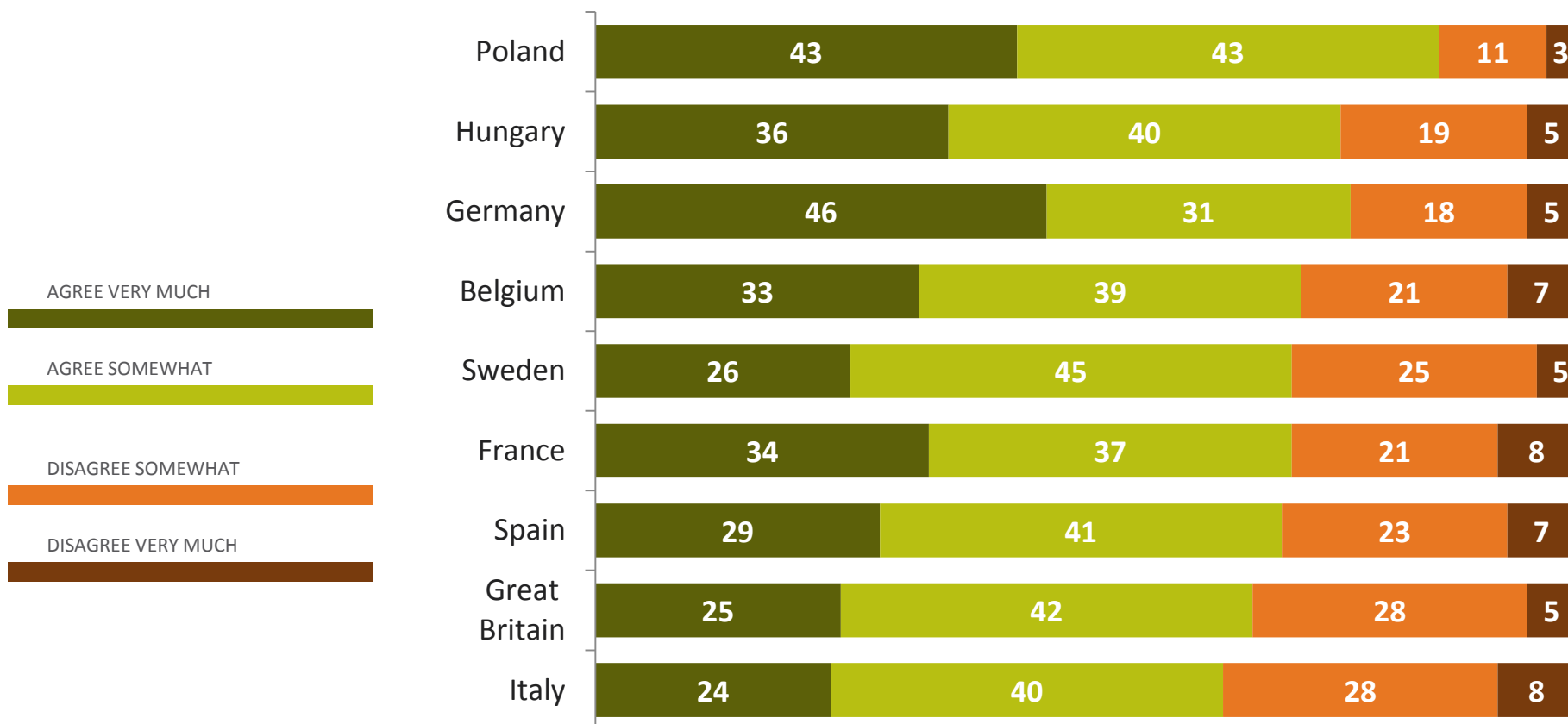


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GREEK CRISIS: THE IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHERS

Three quarters of the public expect that other Eurozone countries will face a similar crisis to Greece in the future. This belief is strong in France and Italy.

Six in ten citizens of the EU states surveyed agree that Greece should never have joined the Euro, with this view being more common in Great Britain and Germany.

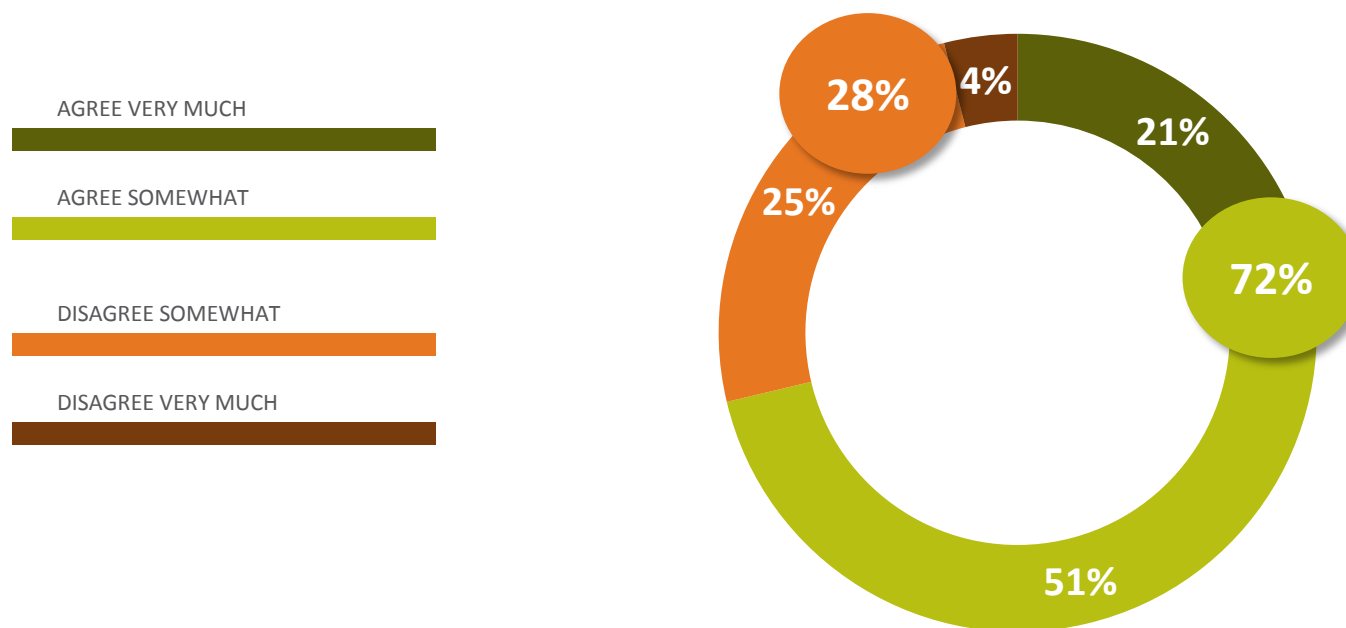
Public opinion in most countries surveyed is evenly split on whether the Eurozone is strong enough to overcome the Greek crisis without serious damage.

The public also have no clear view on whether the Greek crisis has shown that Europe's leaders can be trusted to work together – half agree and half disagree.

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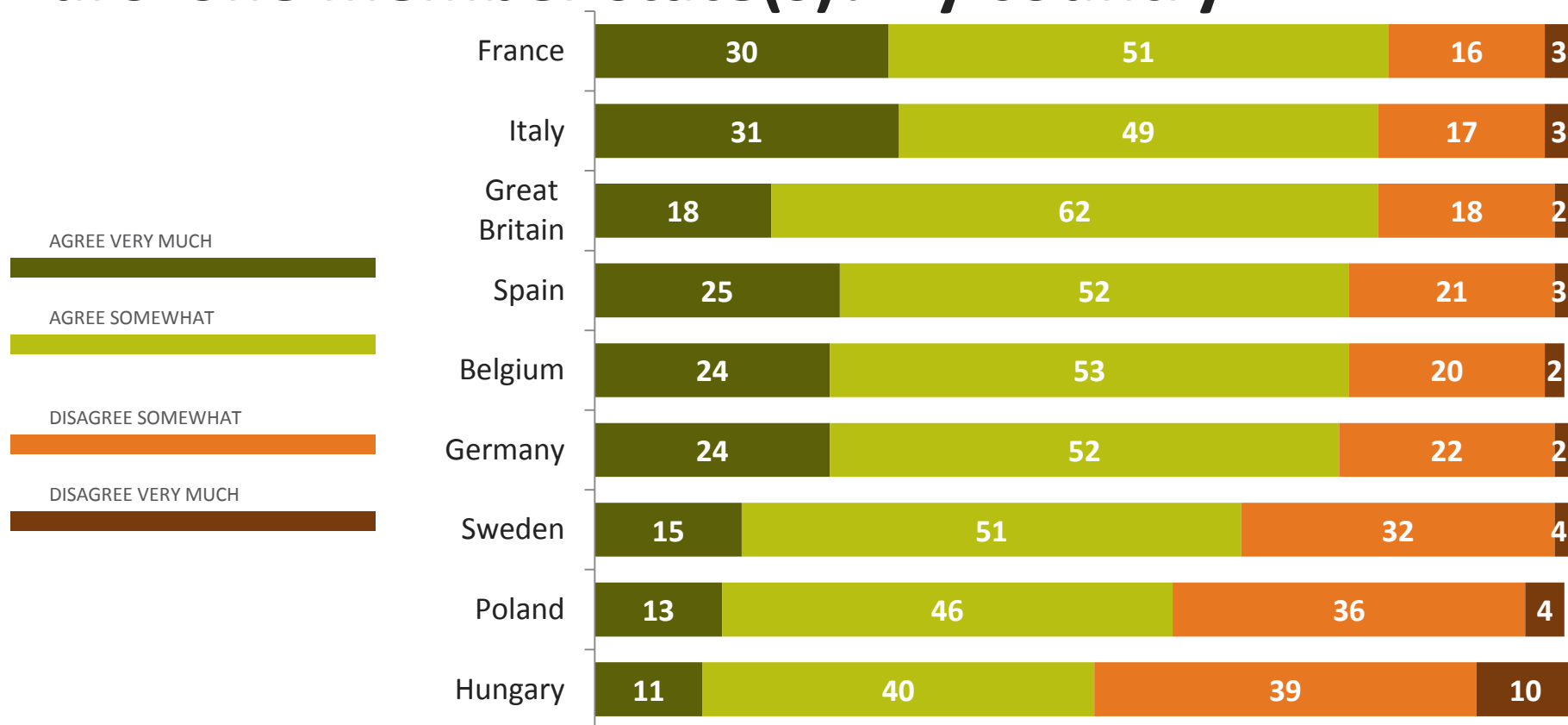


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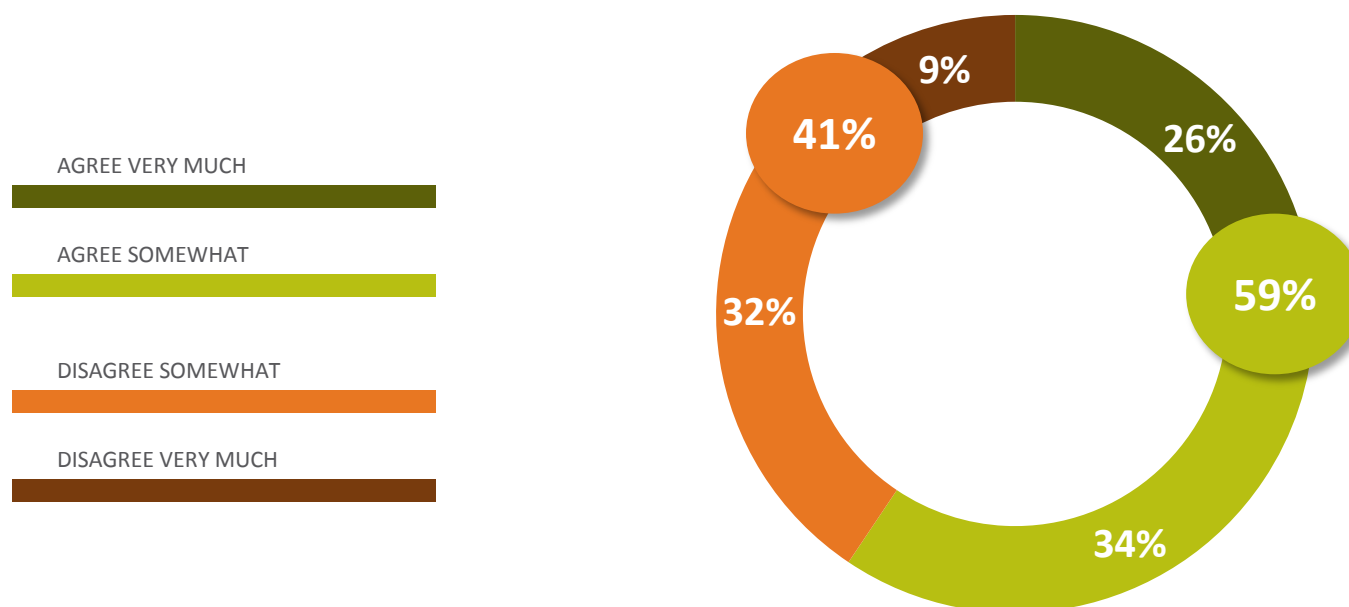
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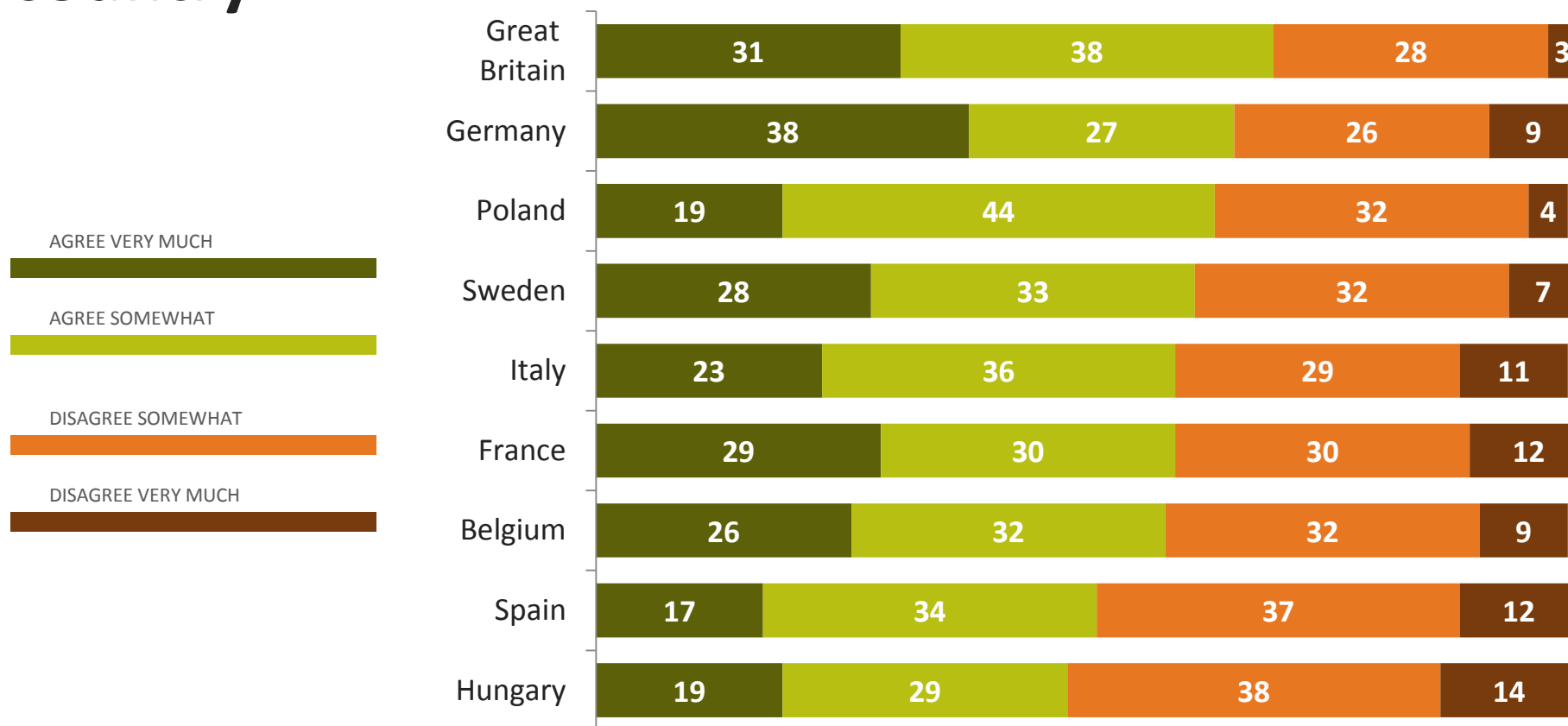


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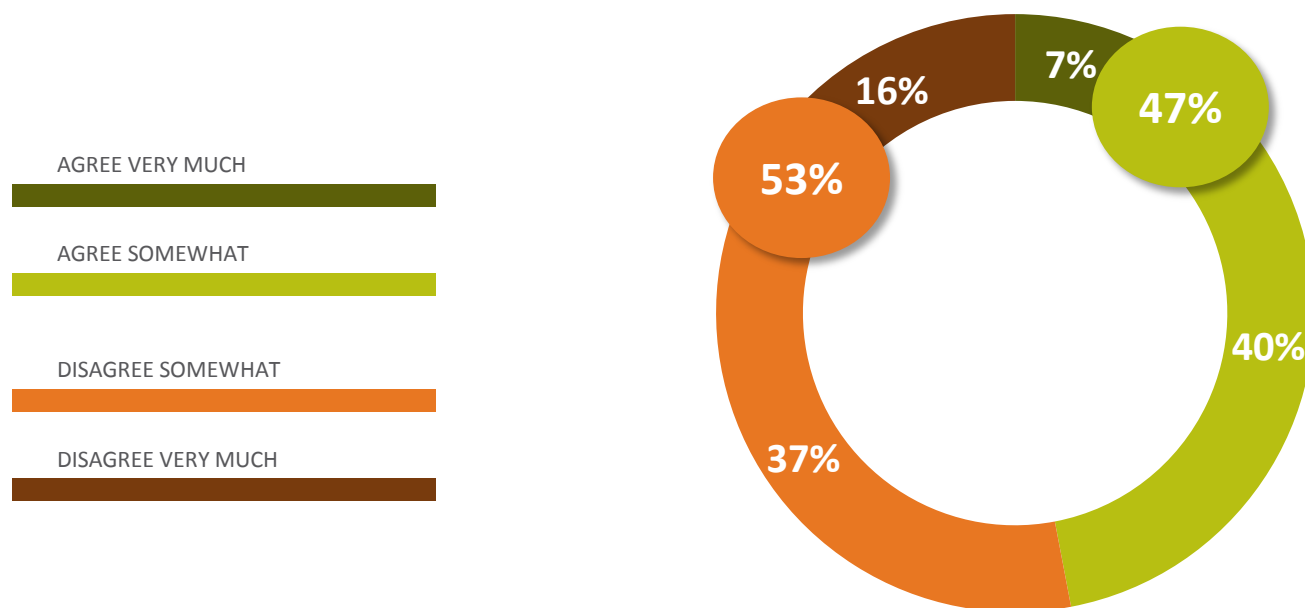
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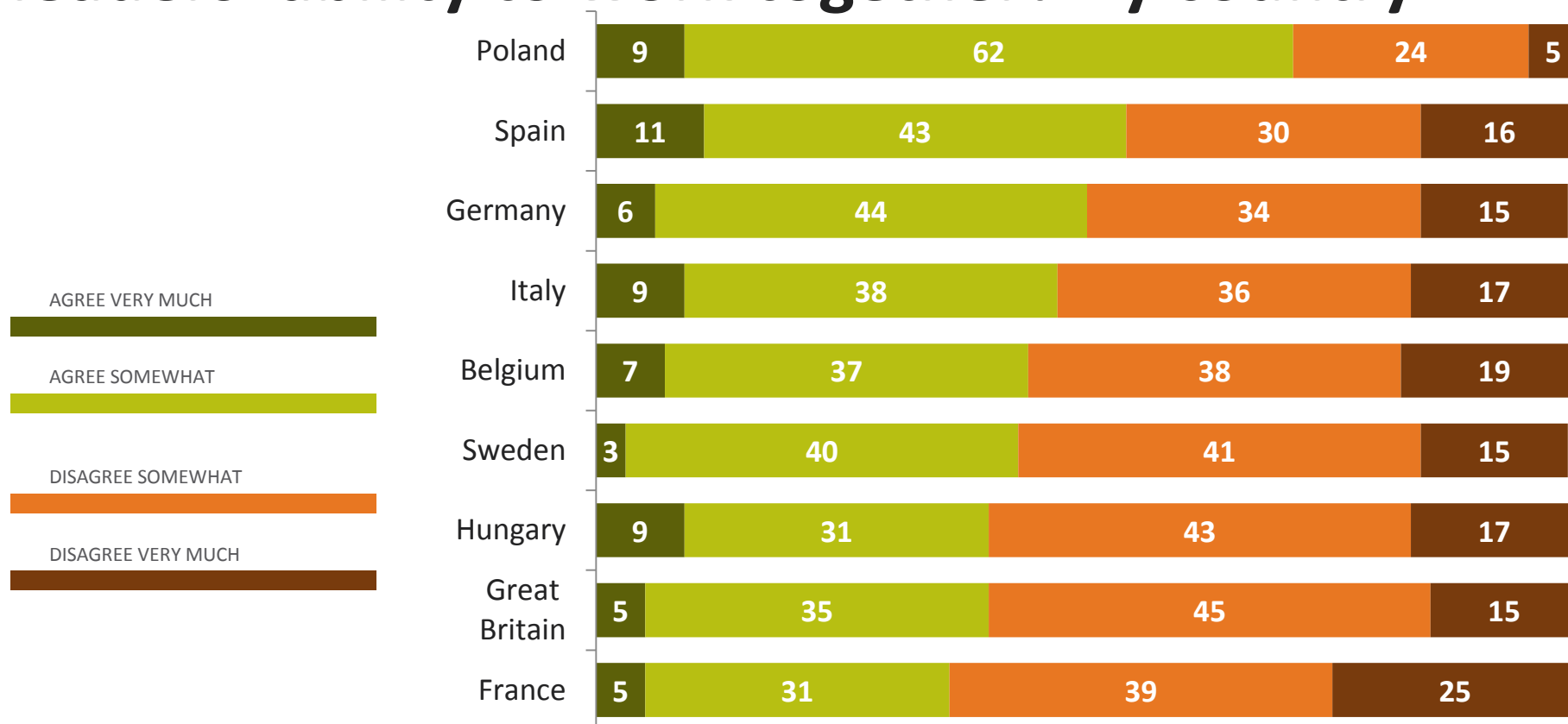


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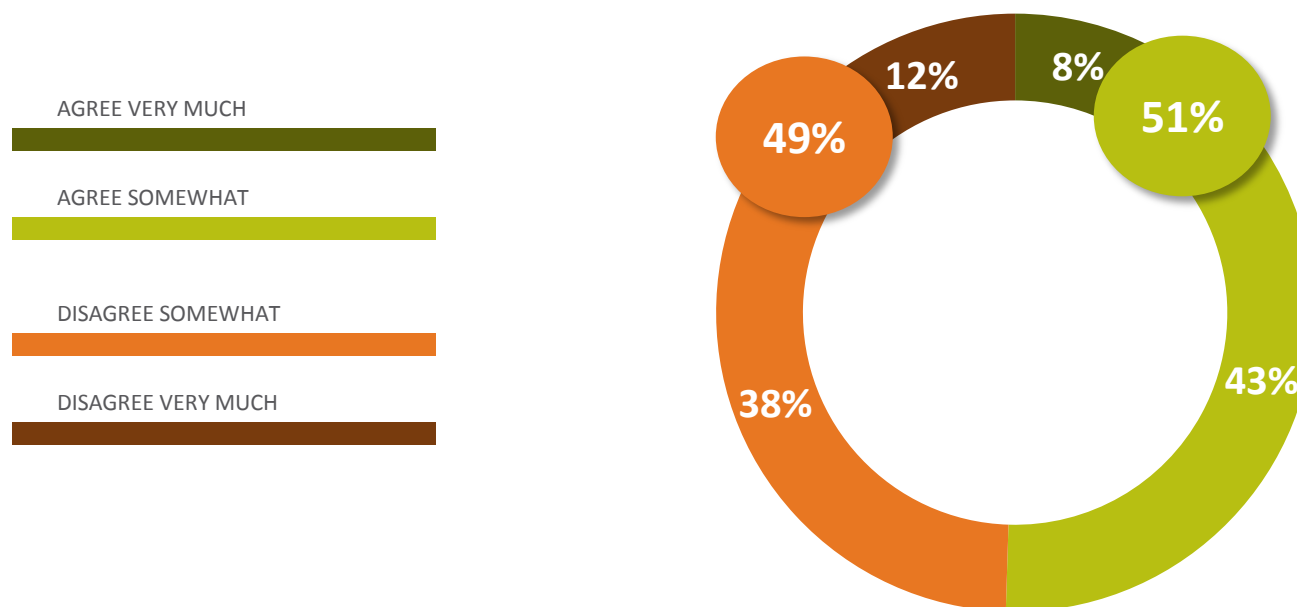
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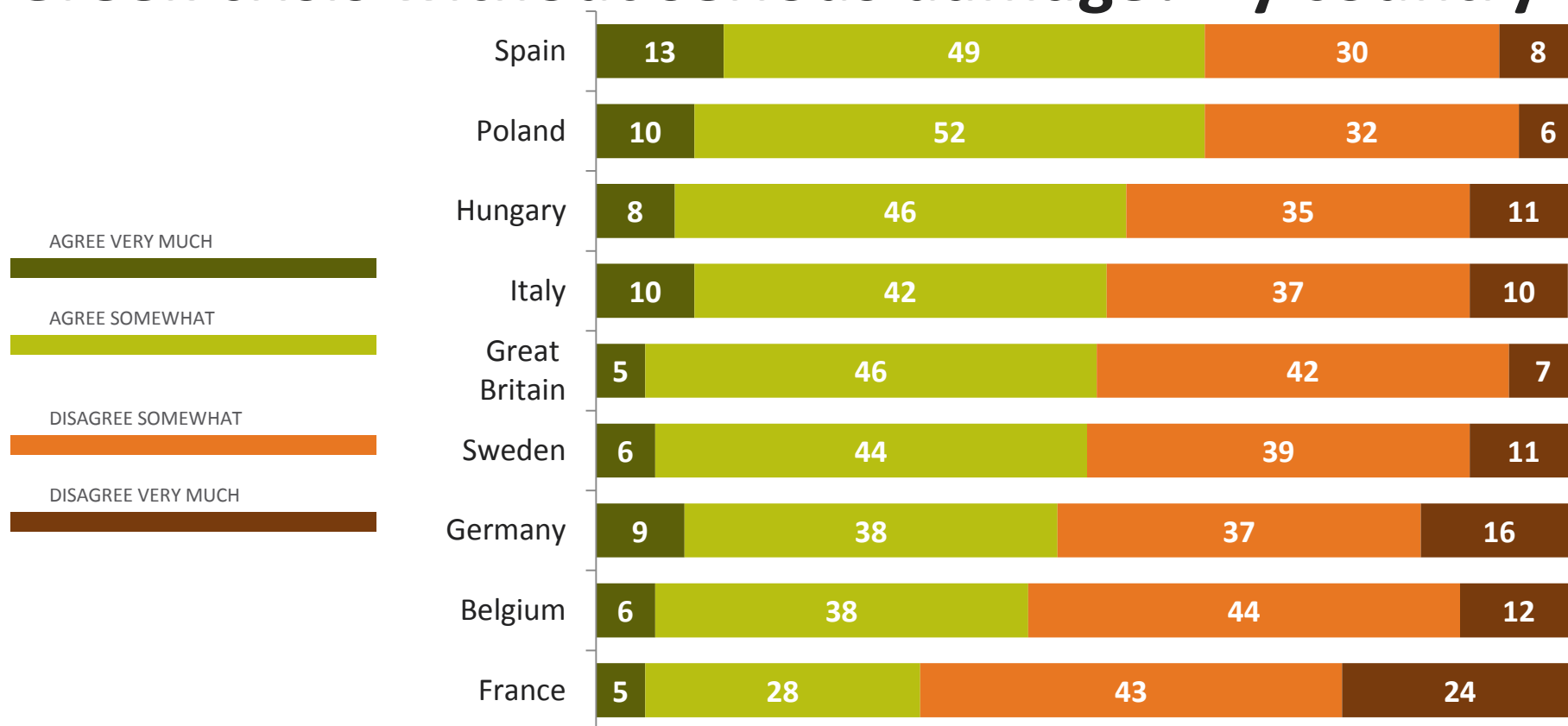


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