



**CANADIAN PUBLIC
PERSPECTIVES
IMMIGRATION,
REFUGEES &
SECURITY**

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After the Paris attacks ... Canadians are split 52% agree and 48% disagree that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should stay committed to his campaign promise to remove Canadian CF-18 jets from the airstrike mission against ISIS targets in Iraq and Syria.

Despite the public split on the withdrawal of CF-18s...

- 68% of Canadians agree that they support the use of Canadian Forces fighter jets in the international coalition's airstrikes against ISIS targets in Iraq and Syria.

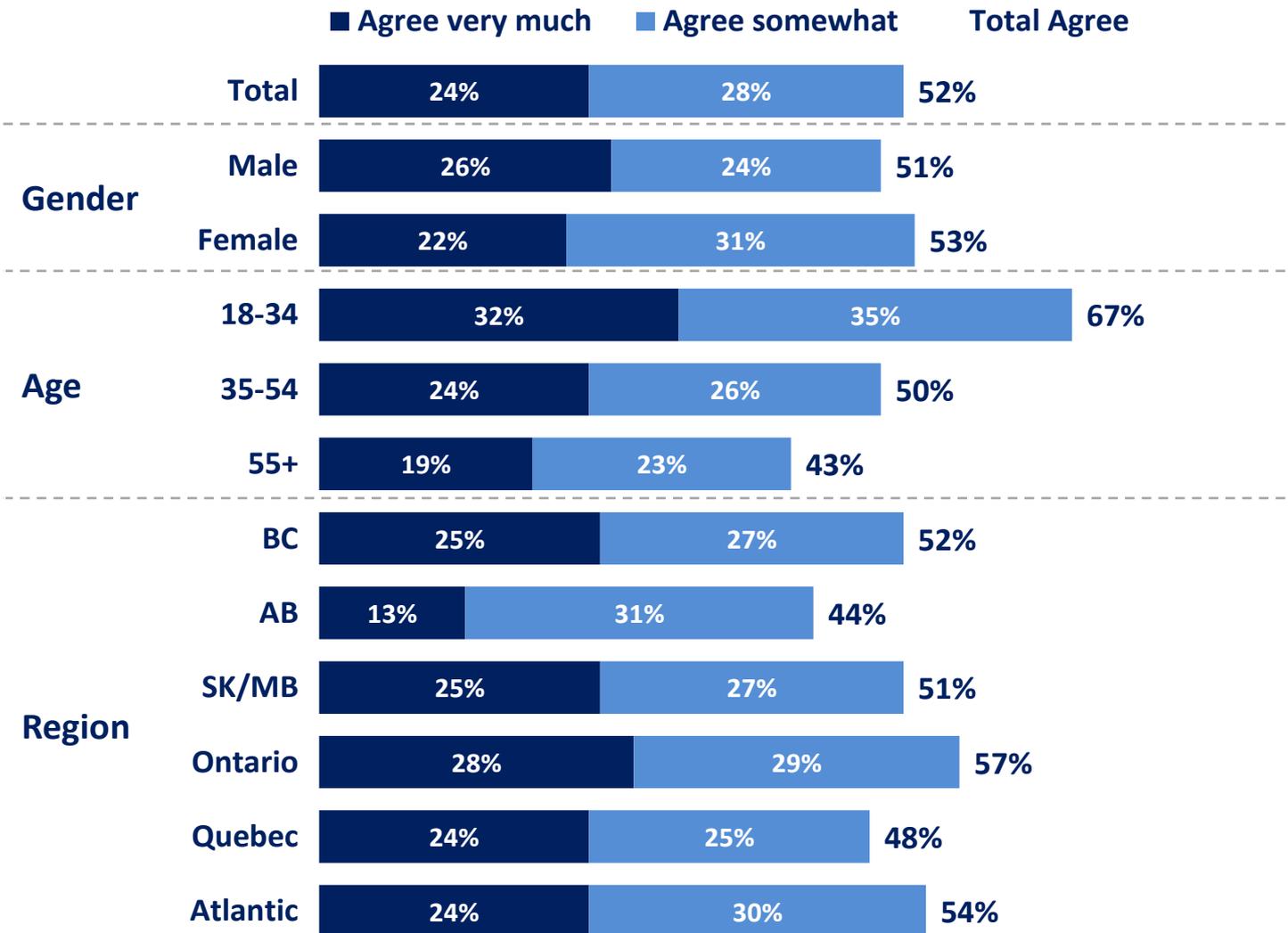
- 62% agree that they support the use of Canadian Forces on the ground in a combat mission against ISIS in Iraq and Syria.

- 73% believe the coalition of allies can win the war against ISIS.

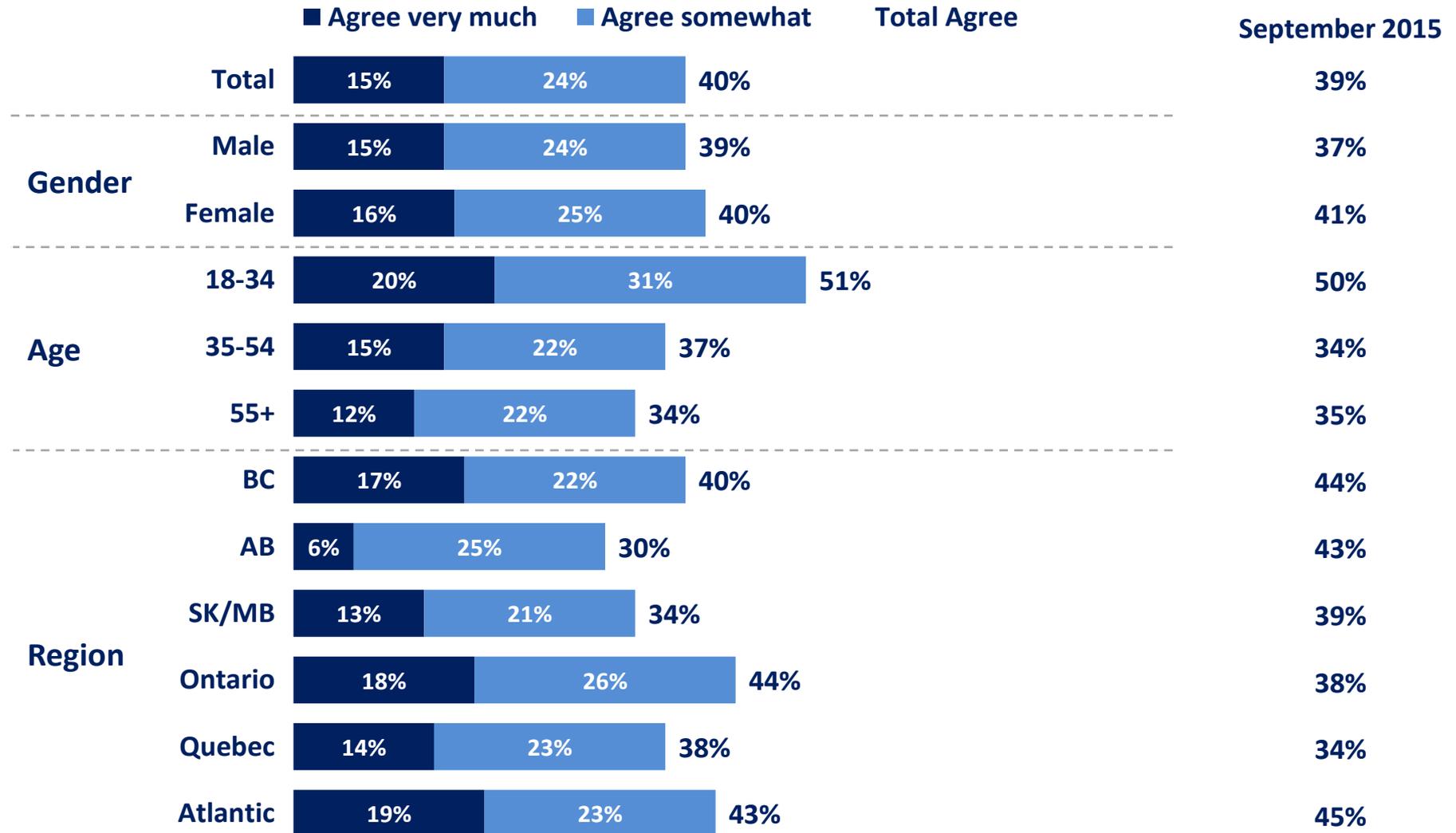
On the issue of accepting 25,000 refugees before December 31st, 60% of Canadians disagree that Canada should "immediately accept up to 25,000 government-sponsored refugees in 2015" while 40% agree with this initiative.



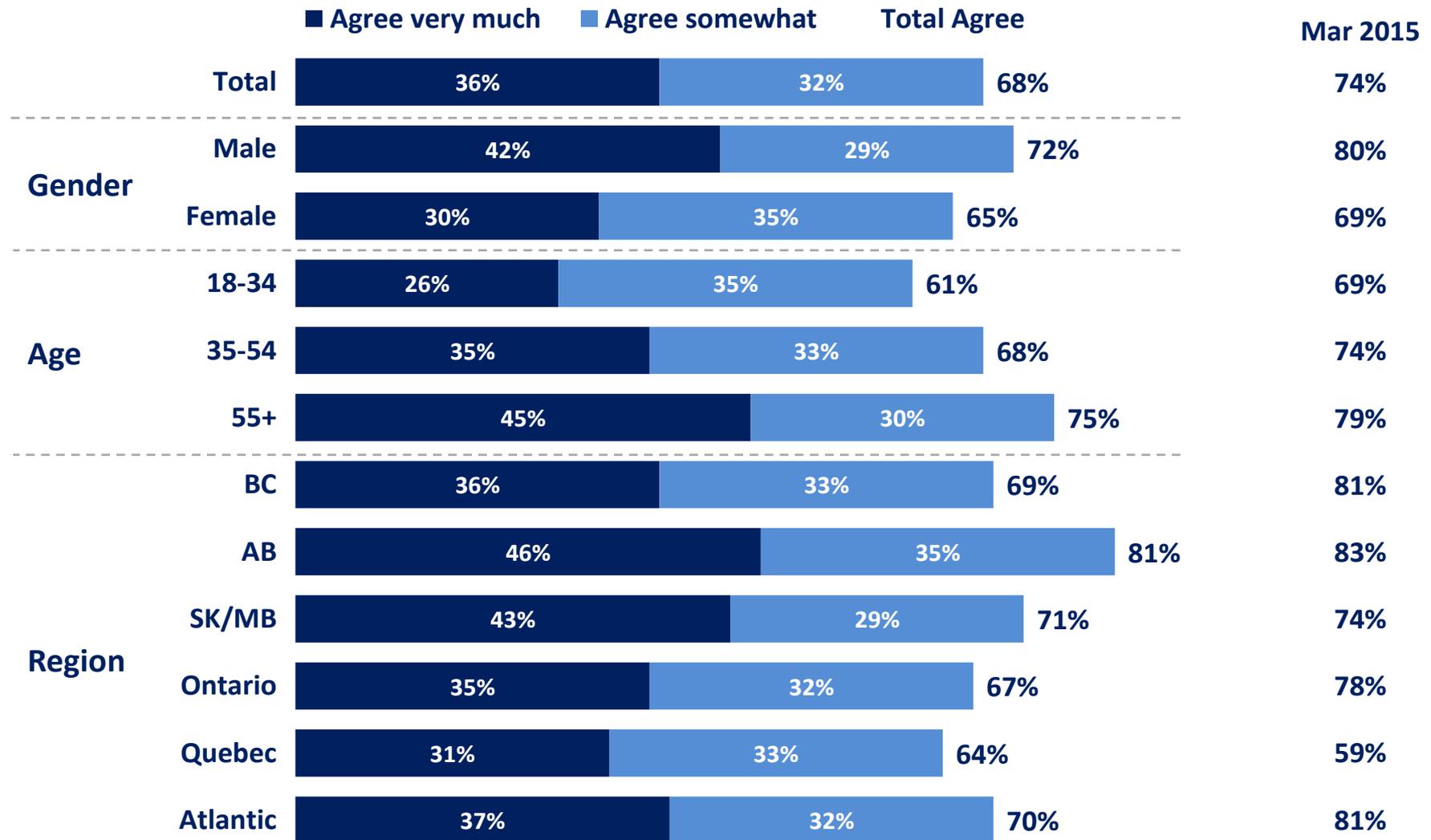
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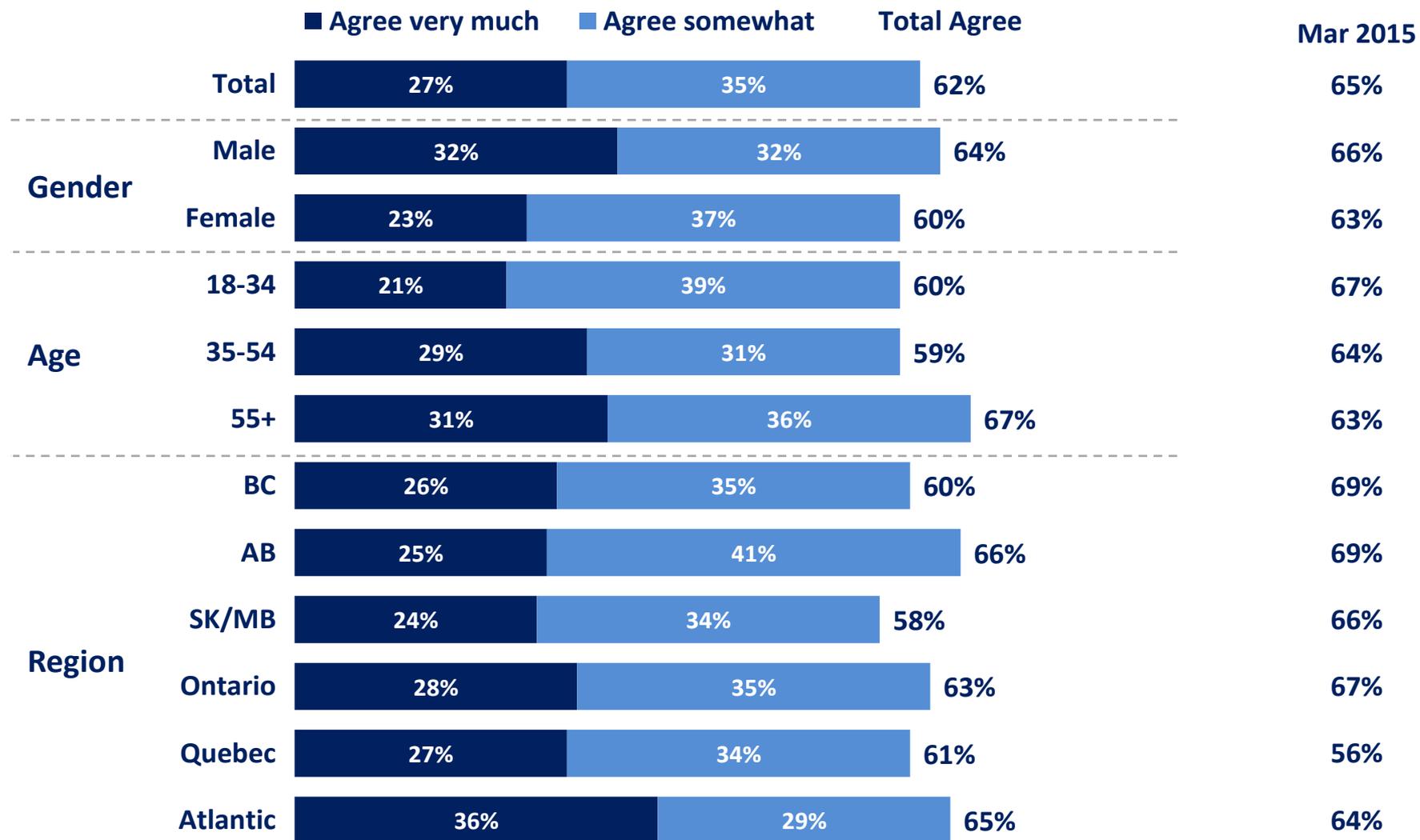
Immediately accept up to 25,000 government-sponsored refugees in 2015.



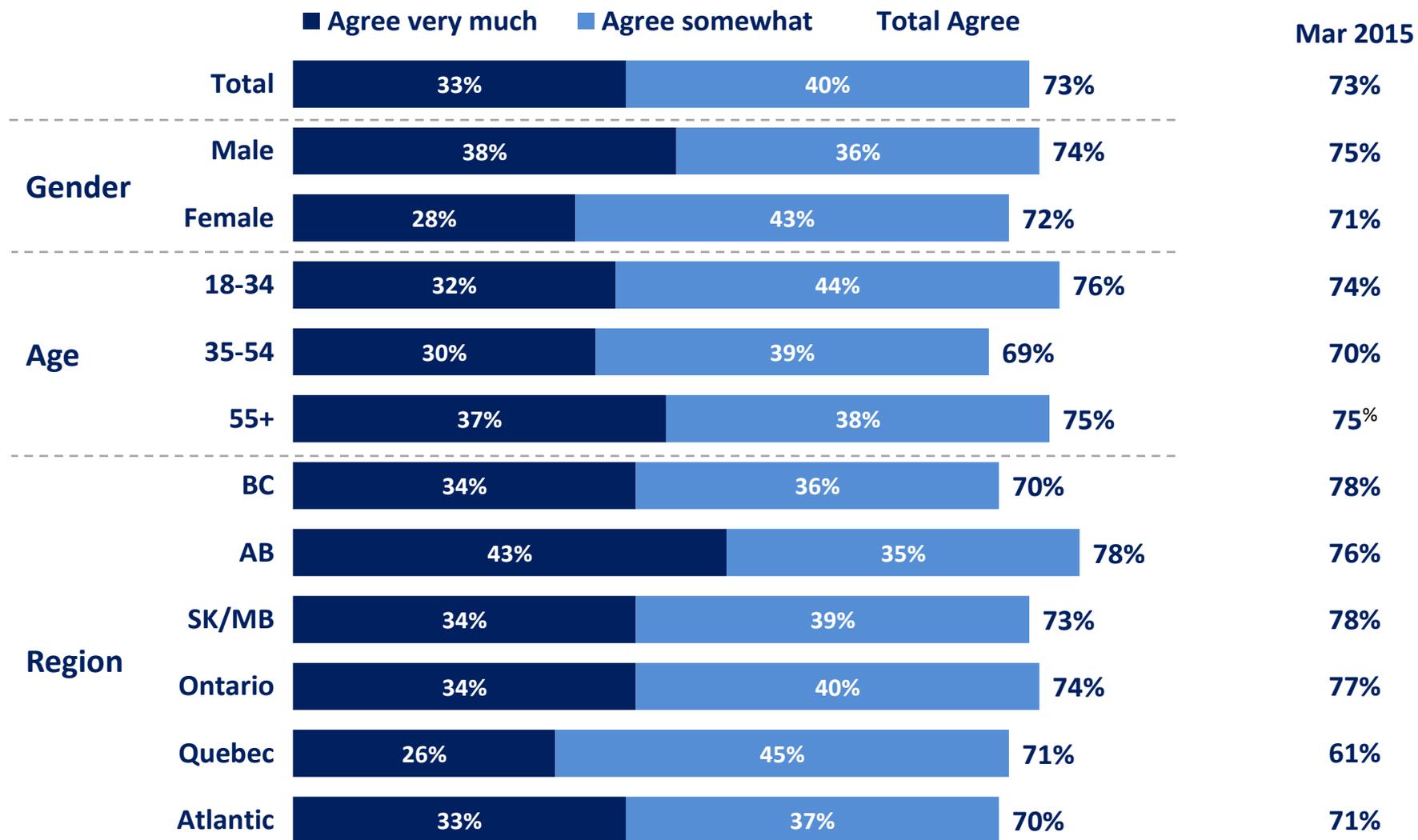
I support the use of Canadian Forces fighter jets in the international coalition's airstrikes against ISIS targets in Iraq and Syria.



I support the use of Canadian Forces on the ground in a combat mission against ISIS in Iraq and Syria.



I believe the coalition of allies can win the war against ISIS.



Canada, United Kingdom and United States

Attitudes Towards the Refugee Crisis

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When comparing the views of citizens in Canada, the UK and the US, Canadians appear to be slightly more positive about the prospects and plans for bringing refugees into Canada.

Canadians are:

- More confident (48%) that their border and security forces can identify potential terrorists.**
- More likely (40%) to say that Canada has the room for refugees and should bring in as many as we can.**
- More likely (57%) to say they are confident that refugees will successfully integrate into society.**

Even though Canadians appear more supportive than their UK or US counterparts, 80% of Canadians say all refugees must go through proper security screening no matter what their situation is and 33% agree that Canada should close its borders to refugees entirely.



I am confident that security forces can identify potential terrorists posing as refugees.

% saying “strongly/somewhat agree”



48%

▼-2

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34%

▼-6



39%

▼-5

TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

I'M CONFIDENT THAT MY COUNTRY'S BORDER SECURITY FORCES CAN IDENTIFY ANY POTENTIAL TERRORISTS WHO PRETEND TO BE REFUGEES IN ORDER TO GET INTO MY COUNTRY TO DO HARM

BASE: ADULTS AGED 16-75. 1,002 IN CANADA, 1,007 IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1,002 IN THE USA. 18-19 NOVEMBER 2015

My country has lots of room for refugees and we should take as many as we can.

% saying “strongly/somewhat agree”



40%

▼-5



27%

▼-8



35%

▼-3

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TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

MY COUNTRY HAS LOTS OF ROOM FOR REFUGEES AND SHOULD TAKE IN AS MANY AS WE CAN.

BASE: ADULTS AGED 16-75. 1,002 IN CANADA, 1,007 IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1,002 IN THE USA. 18-19 NOVEMBER 2015

I am confident that most of the refugees who come to my country will successfully integrate into their new society.

% saying “strongly/somewhat agree”



57%

n/c

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43%

▼-4



52%

▼-3

TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

I'M CONFIDENT THAT MOST REFUGEES WHO COME TO MY COUNTRY WILL SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATE INTO THEIR NEW SOCIETY.

BASE: ADULTS AGED 16-75. 1,002 IN CANADA, 1,007 IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1,002 IN THE USA. 18-19 NOVEMBER 2015

Refugees must go through proper security screening – regardless of their situation.

% saying “strongly/somewhat agree”



80%

▲+2

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86%

▲+7



83%

▲+3

TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

WE CAN'T COMPROMISE MY COUNTRY'S SECURITY: INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES—REGARDLESS OF HOW DIRE THEIR PERSONAL SITUATION IS—MUST GO THROUGH A PROPER SECURITY SCREENING TO MAKE SURE THEY AREN'T TERRORISTS EVEN IF THIS SLOWS DOWN THEIR ADMISSION

BASE: ADULTS AGED 16-75. 1,002 IN CANADA, 1,007 IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1,002 IN THE USA. 18-19 NOVEMBER 2015

We must close our borders to refugees entirely.

% saying “strongly/somewhat agree”



33%



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44%



48%



TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?

WE MUST CLOSE OUR BORDERS TO REFUGEES ENTIRELY - WE CAN'T ACCEPT ANY AT THIS TIME

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