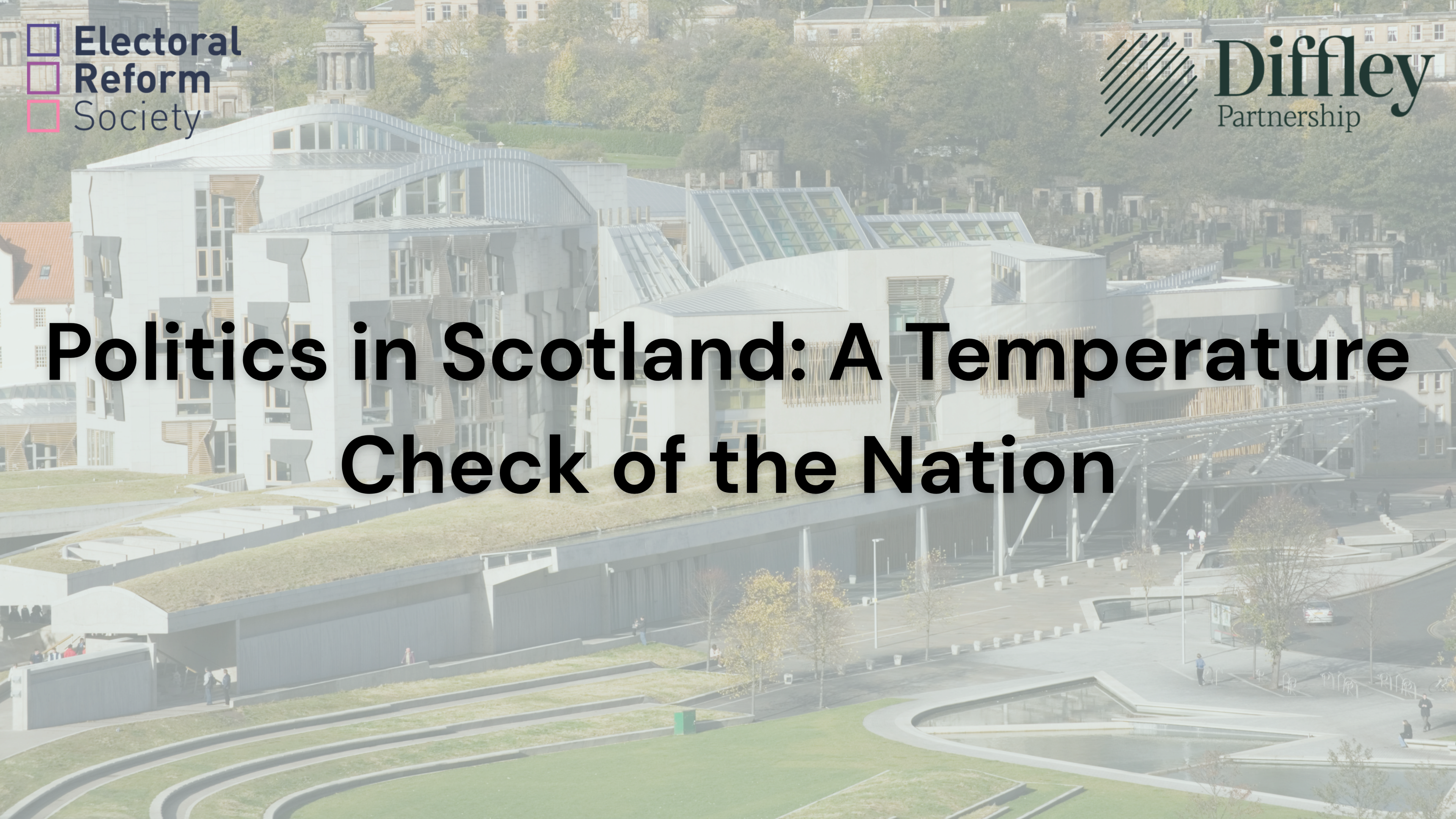


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Politics in Scotland: A Temperature Check of the Nation



Key Themes

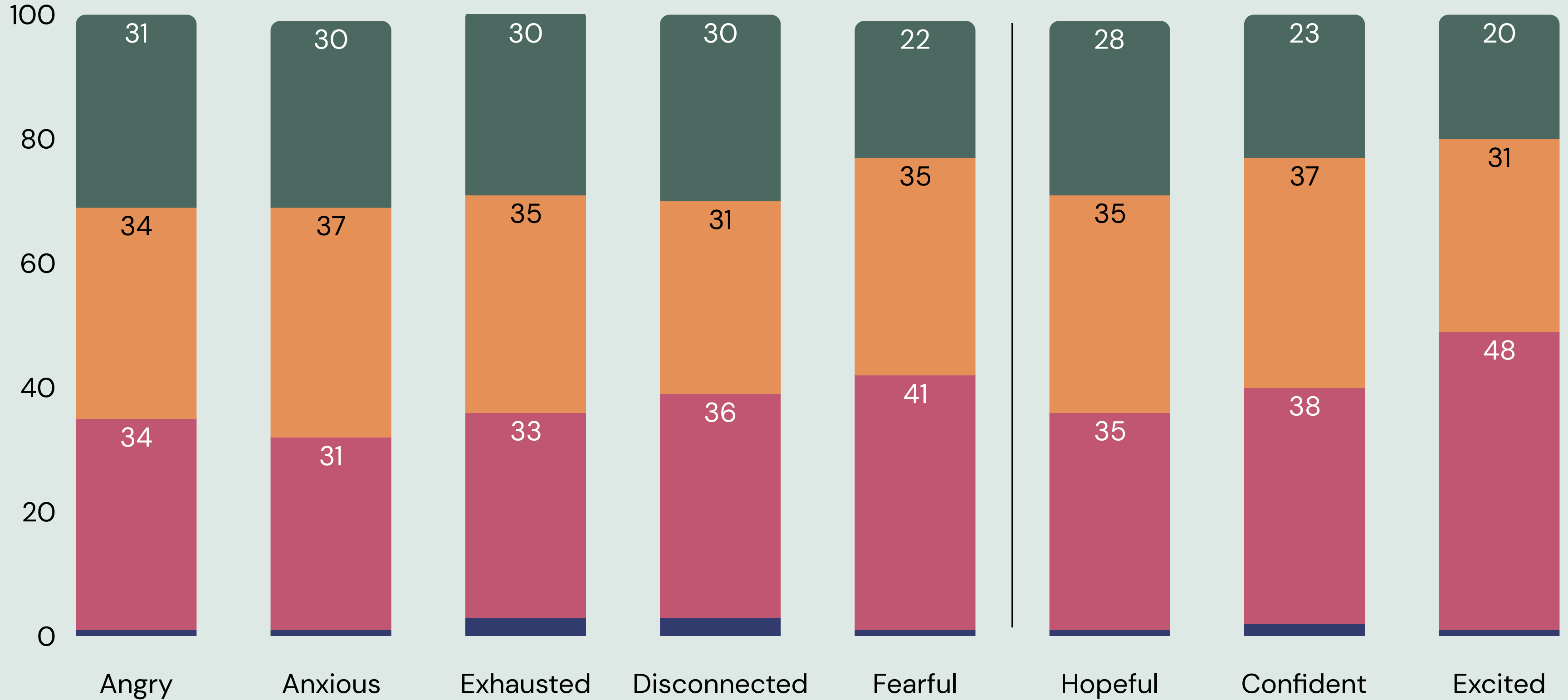
Mood of the nation

Perceptions of power

Institutional trust and engagement

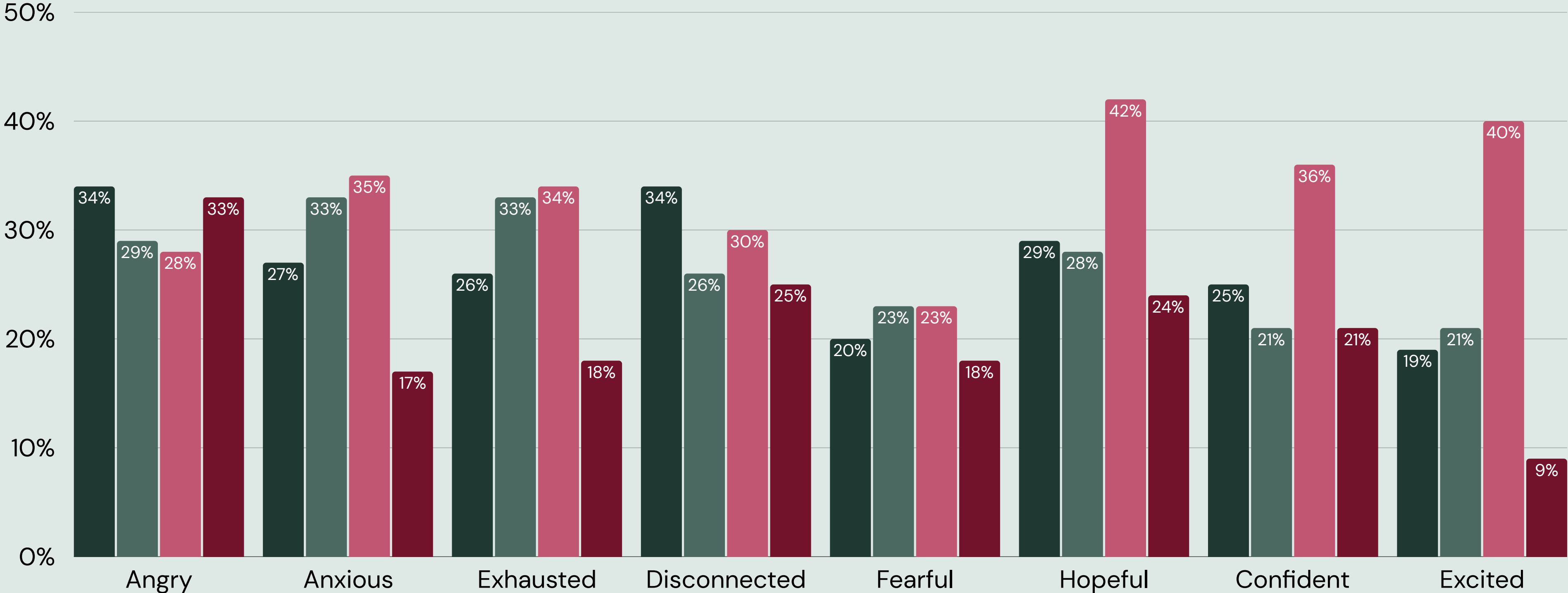
Thinking about how things are in Scotland, how often do you feel the following?

● Don't know ● Rarely/Never ● Sometimes ● Always/ Often



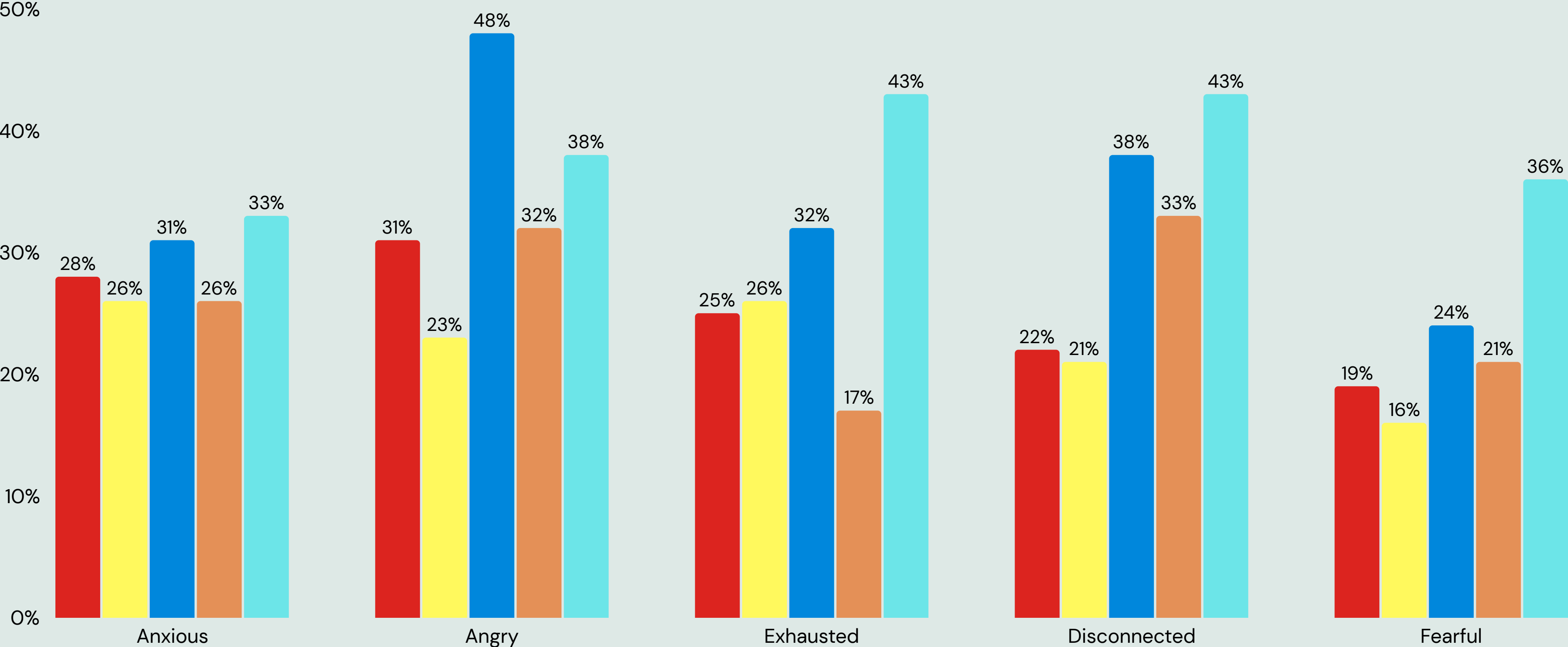
Thinking about how things are in Scotland, how often do you feel the following?
% reporting always/often by demographic

● Male ● Female ● 16-34 ● 65+



Thinking about how things are in Scotland, how often do you feel the following?–
Negative Statements
% reporting always/often by GE 2024 vote

Labour SNP Conservative Liberal Democrats Reform UK

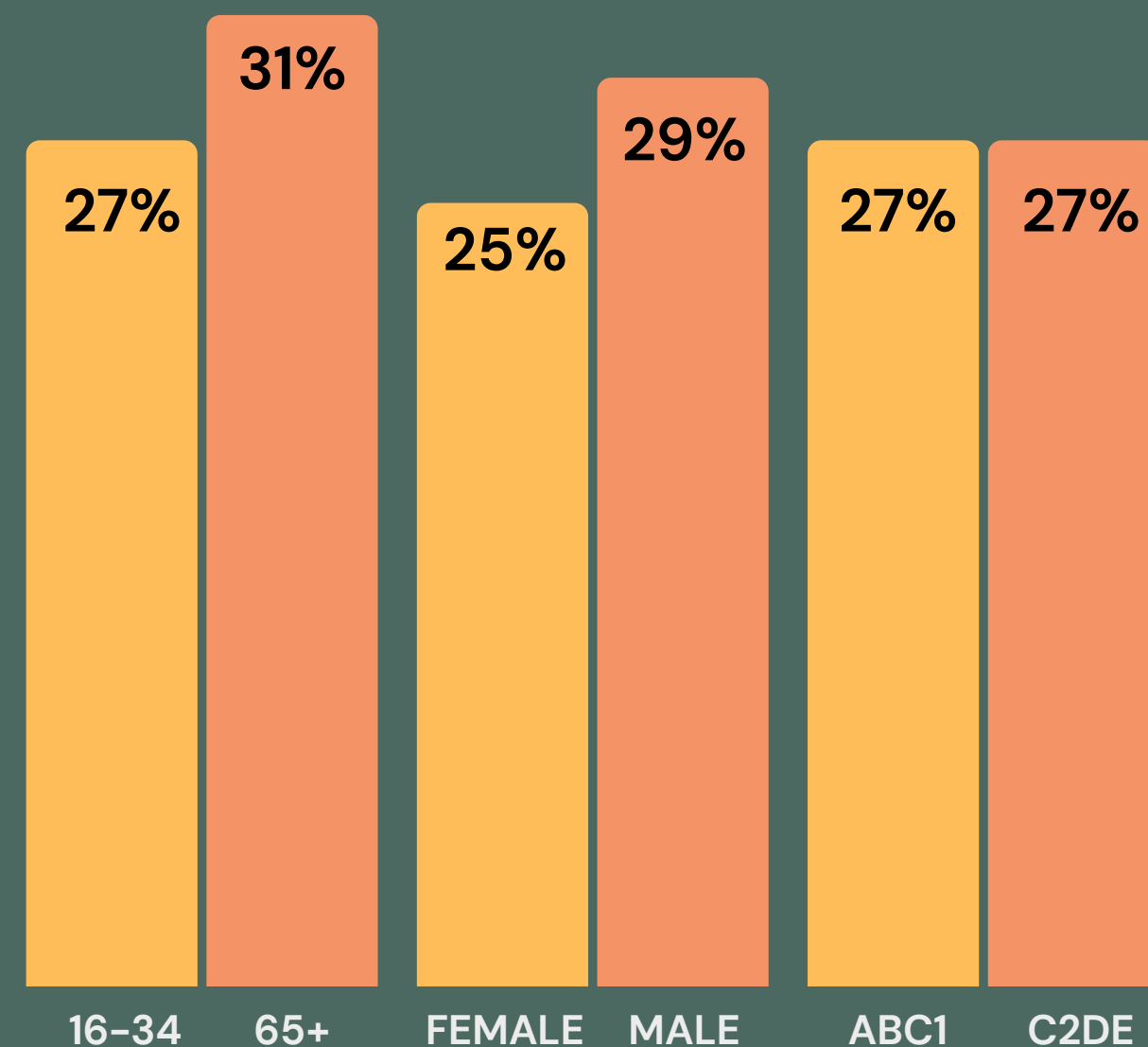
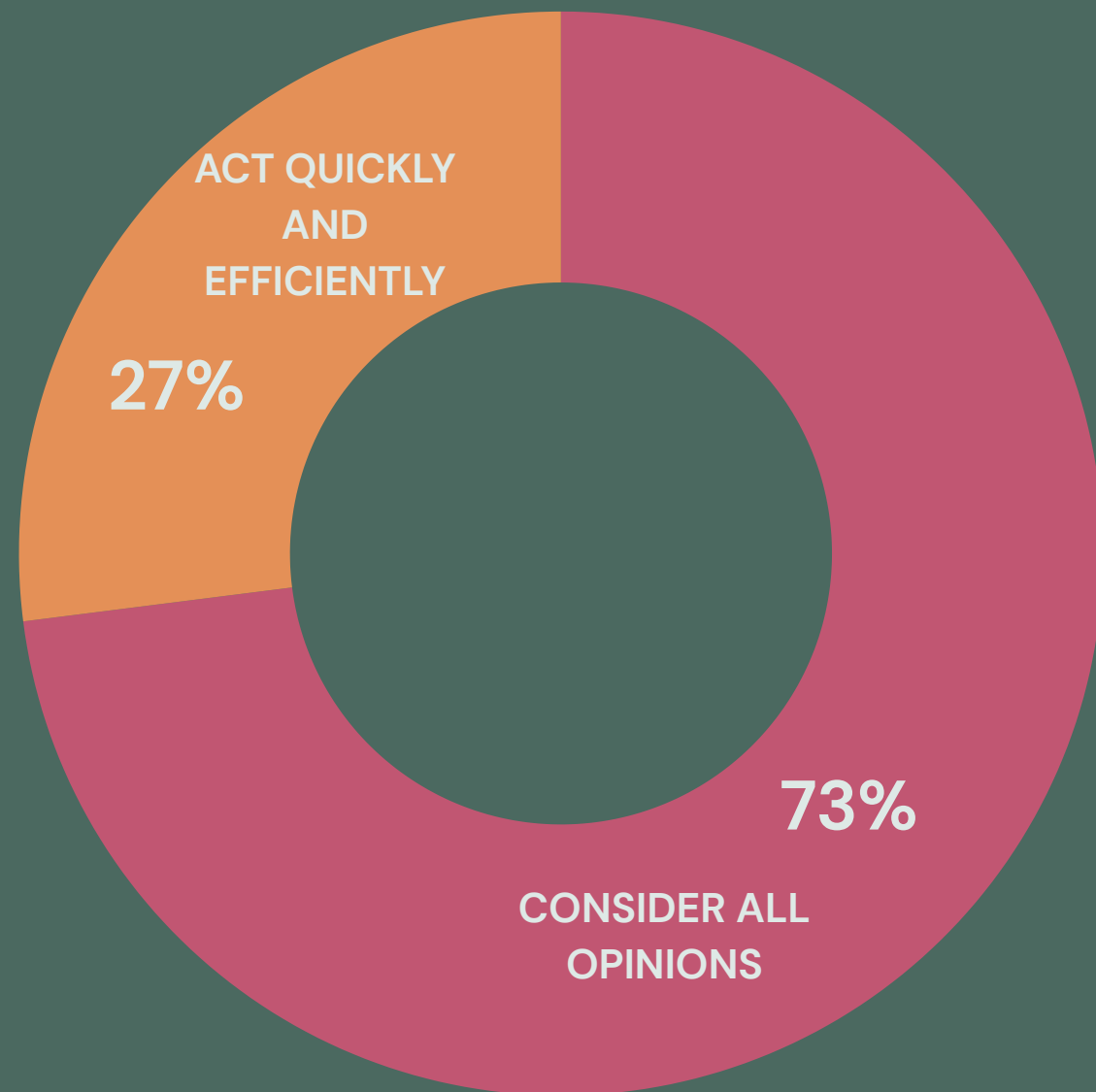


Which statement comes closest to your view?

Parliament should consider all opinions before enacting new laws, even if it takes longer to get things done.

OR

Parliament should be able to quickly and efficiently enact new laws, even if it means ignoring some opinions.



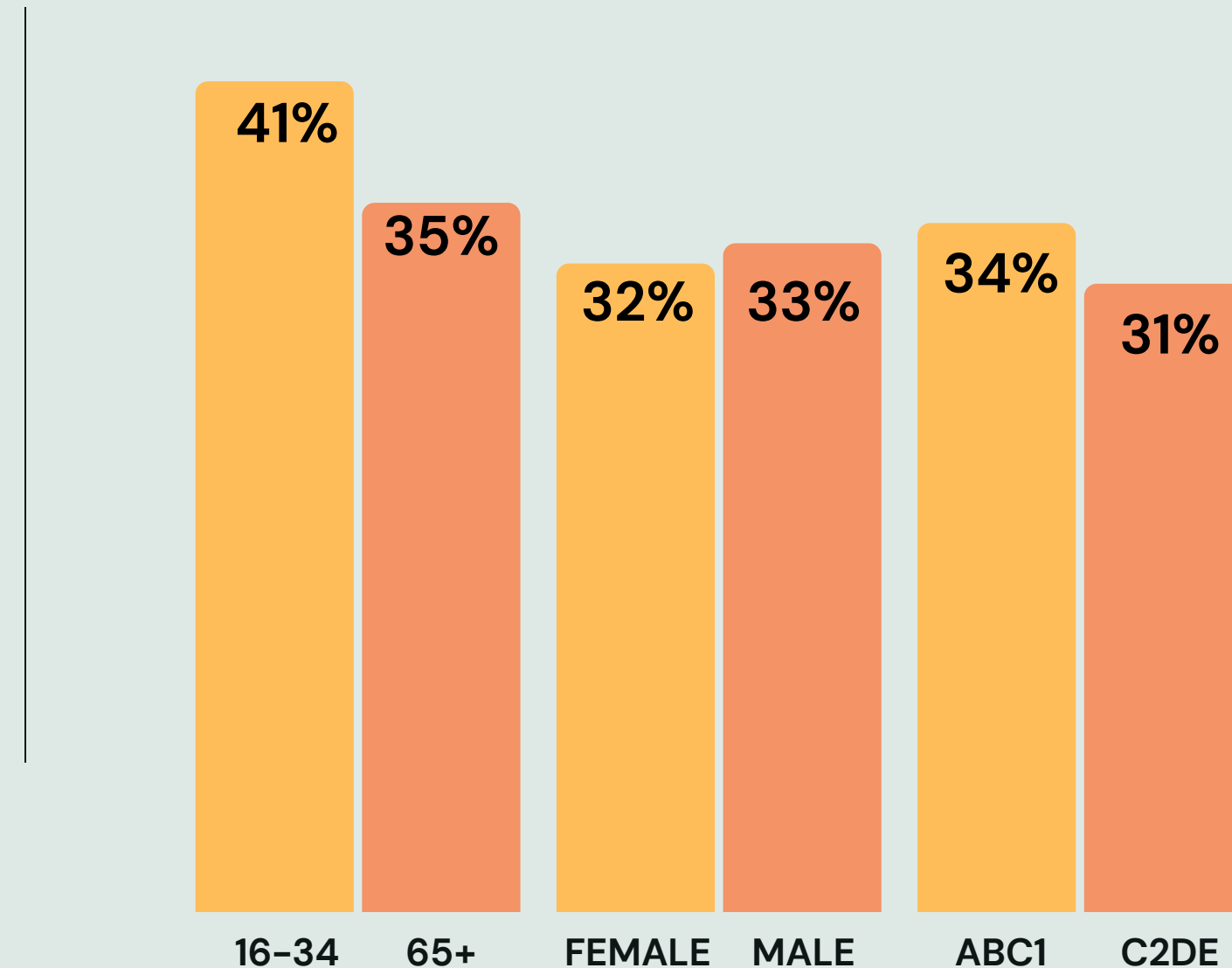
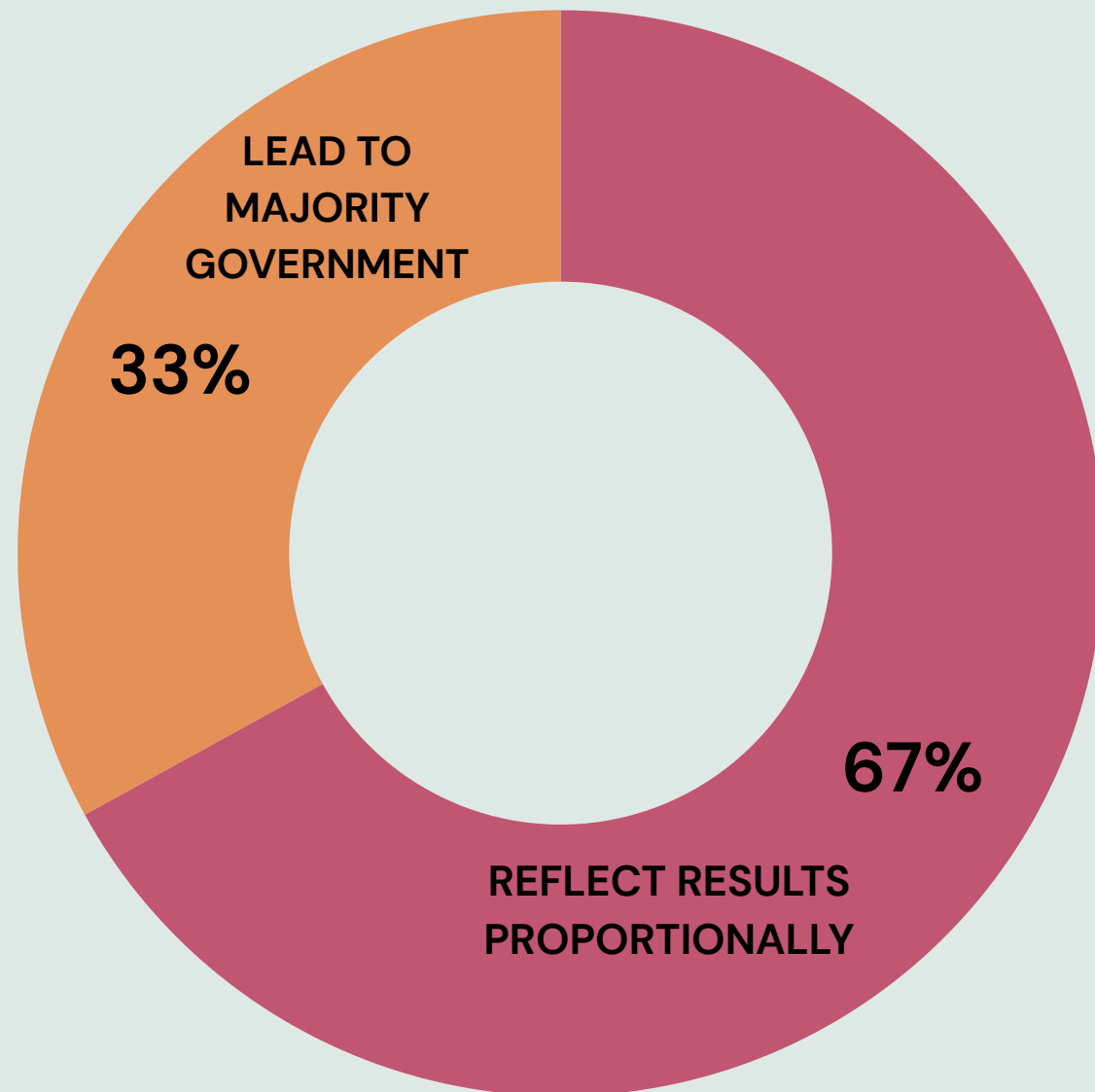
PARLIAMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY ENACT NEW LAWS, EVEN IF IT MEANS IGNORING SOME OPINIONS.

Which statement comes closest to your view?

It is important that the seats in Parliament reflect the results of elections proportionally.

OR

It is important that the seats in Parliament lead to a majority Government.



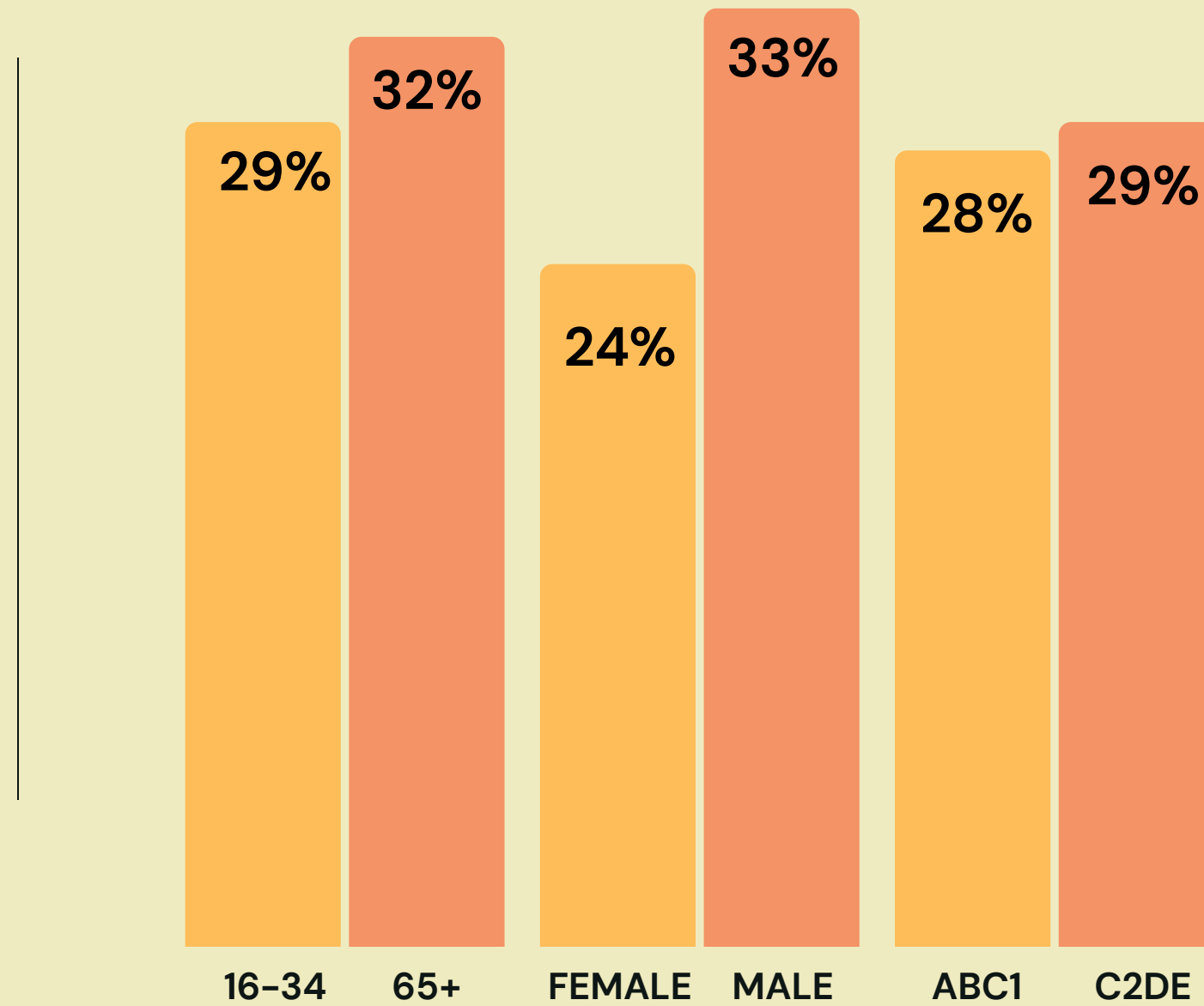
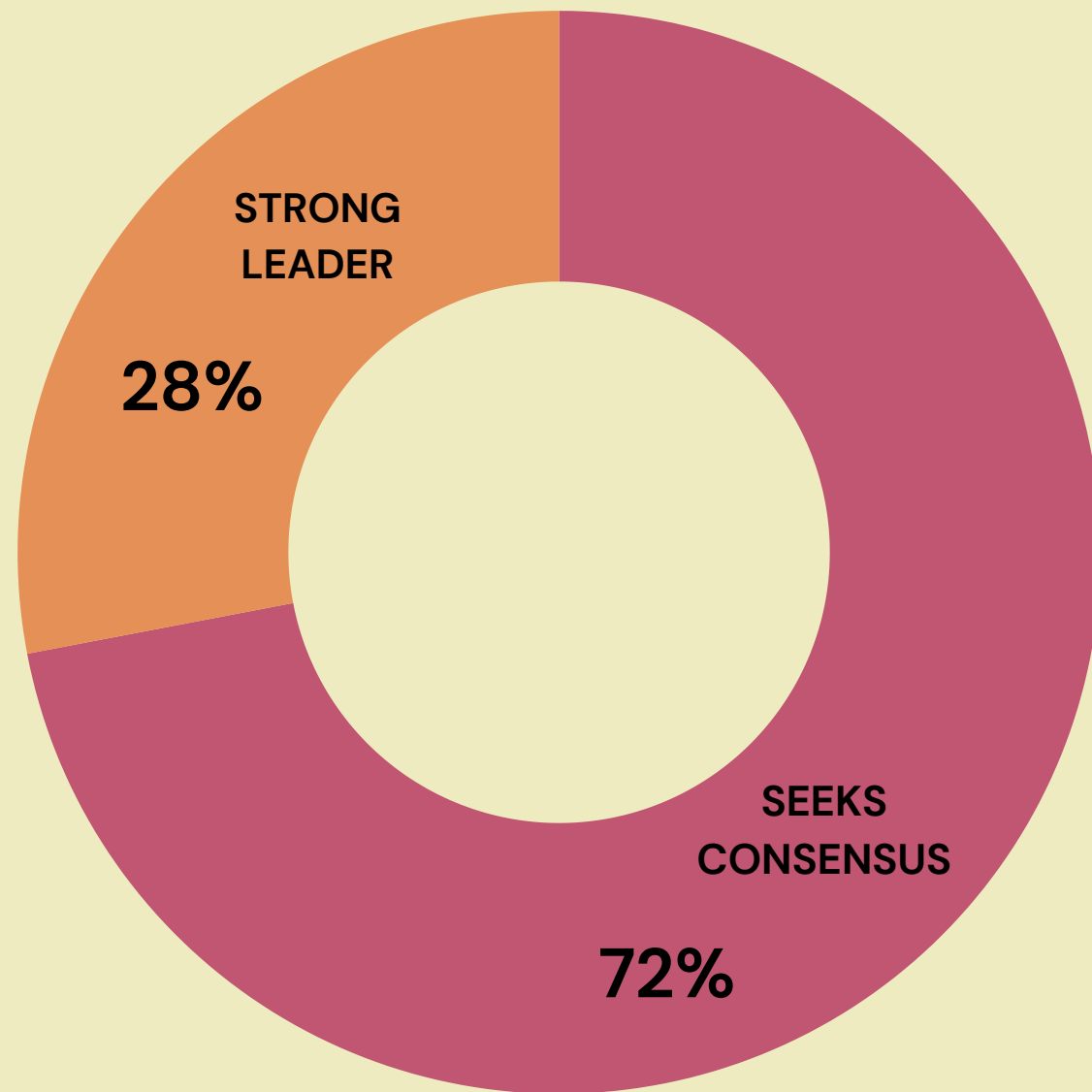
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE SEATS IN PARLIAMENT LEAD TO A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT.

Which statement comes closest to your view?

I prefer a leader who seeks consensus before making decisions.

OR

I prefer a strong leader who makes decisions without compromise.



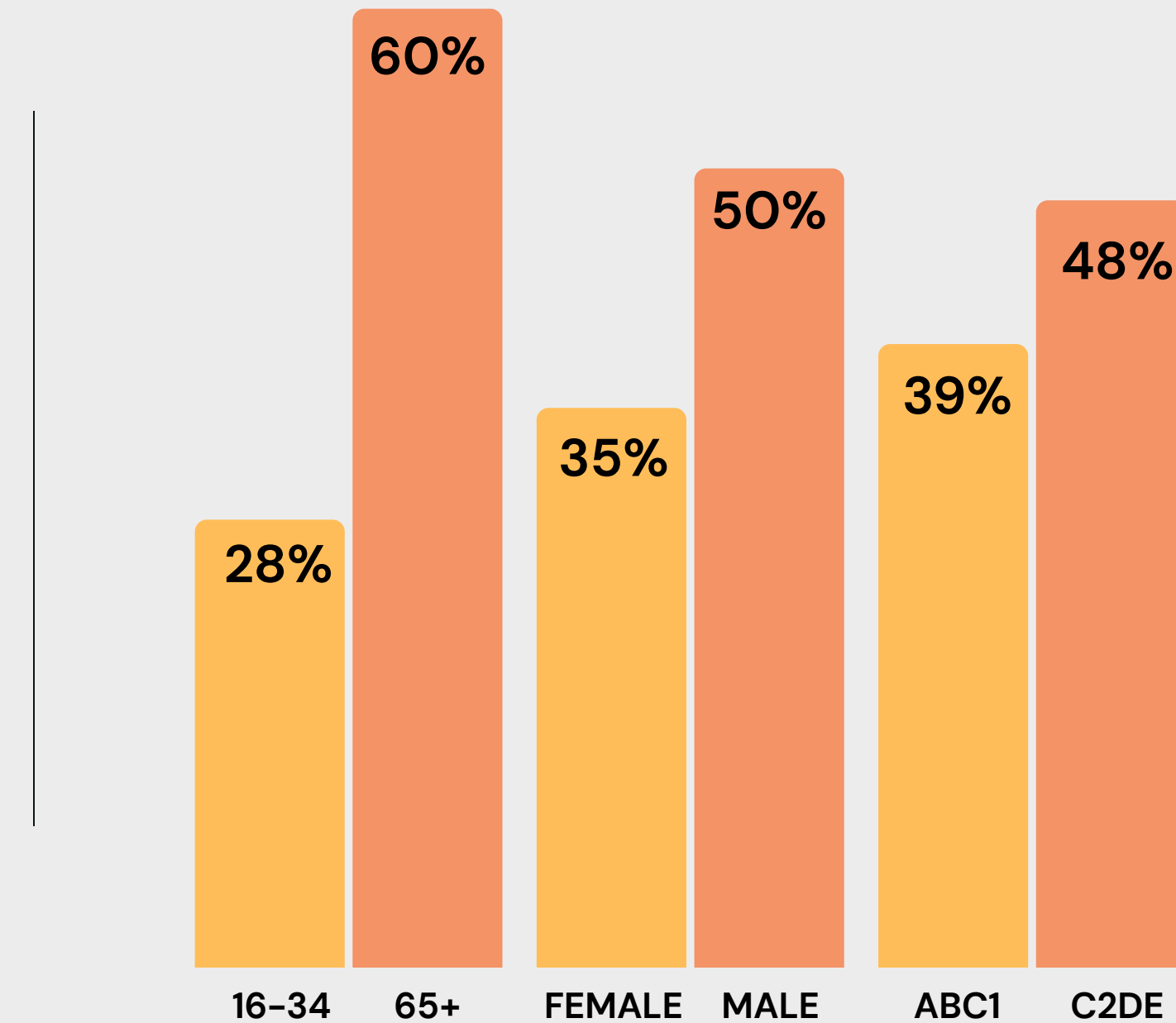
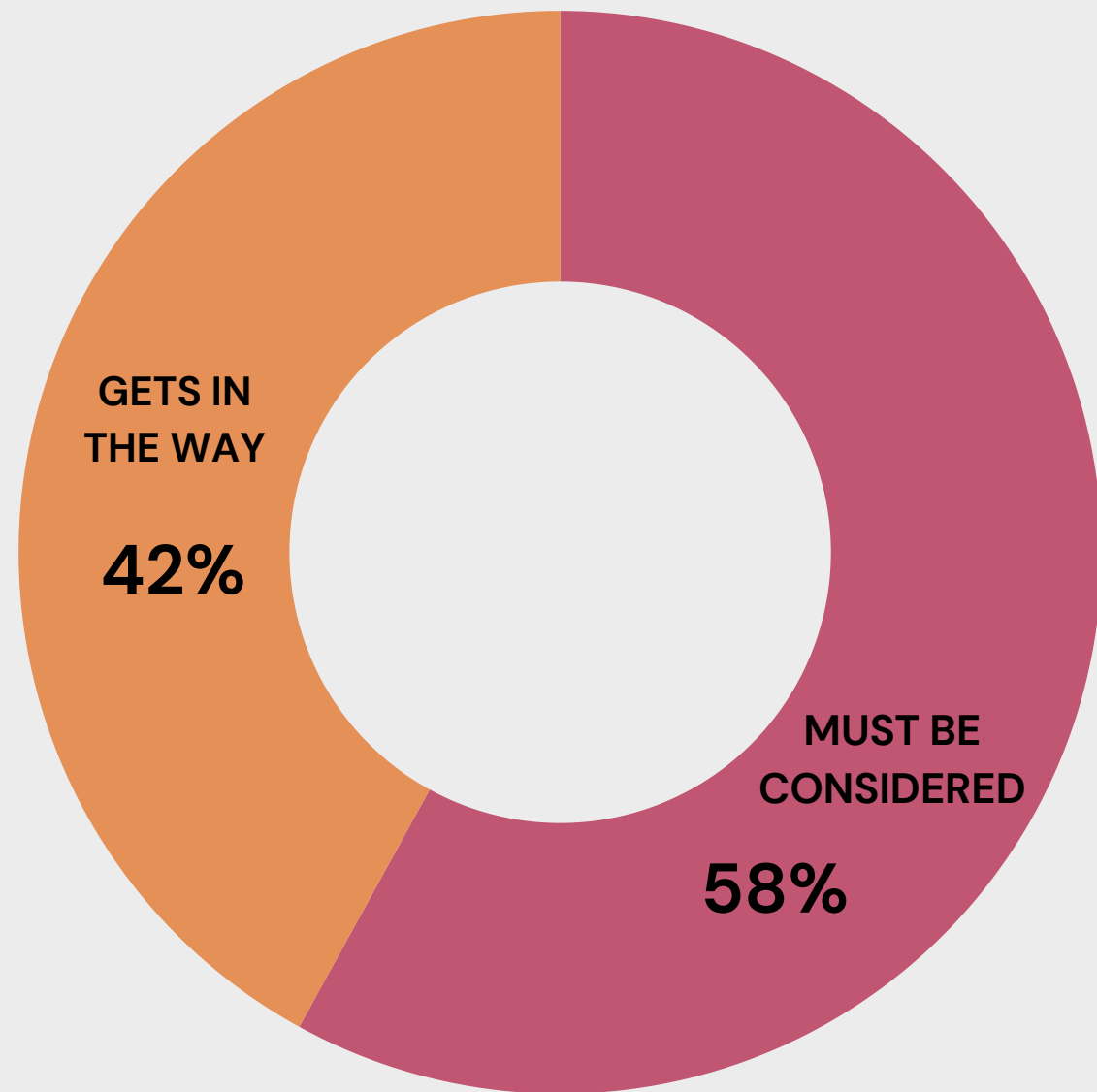
I PREFER A STRONG LEADER WHO MAKES DECISIONS WITHOUT COMPROMISE

Which statement comes closest to your view?

Equality and diversity must be considered when making decisions.

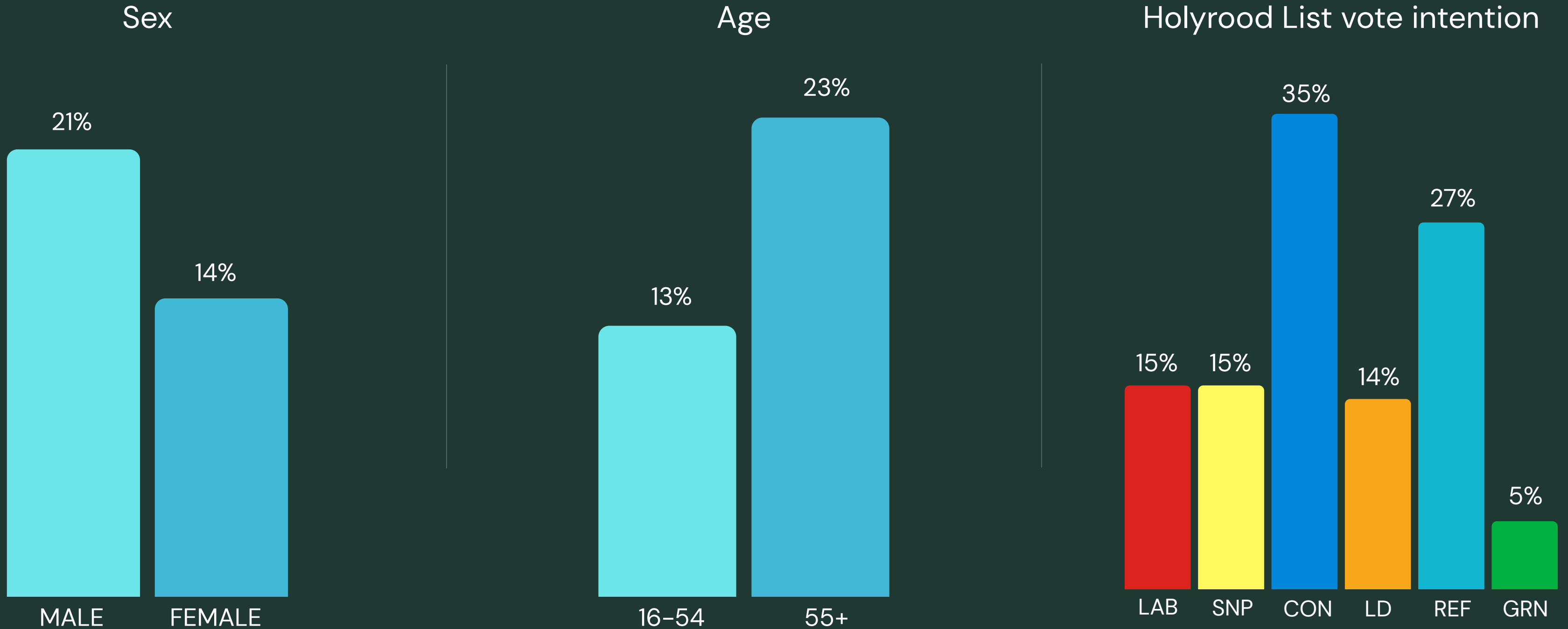
OR

The pursuit of equality and diversity gets in the way of making decisions.



THE PURSUIT OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY GETS IN THE WAY OF MAKING DECISIONS

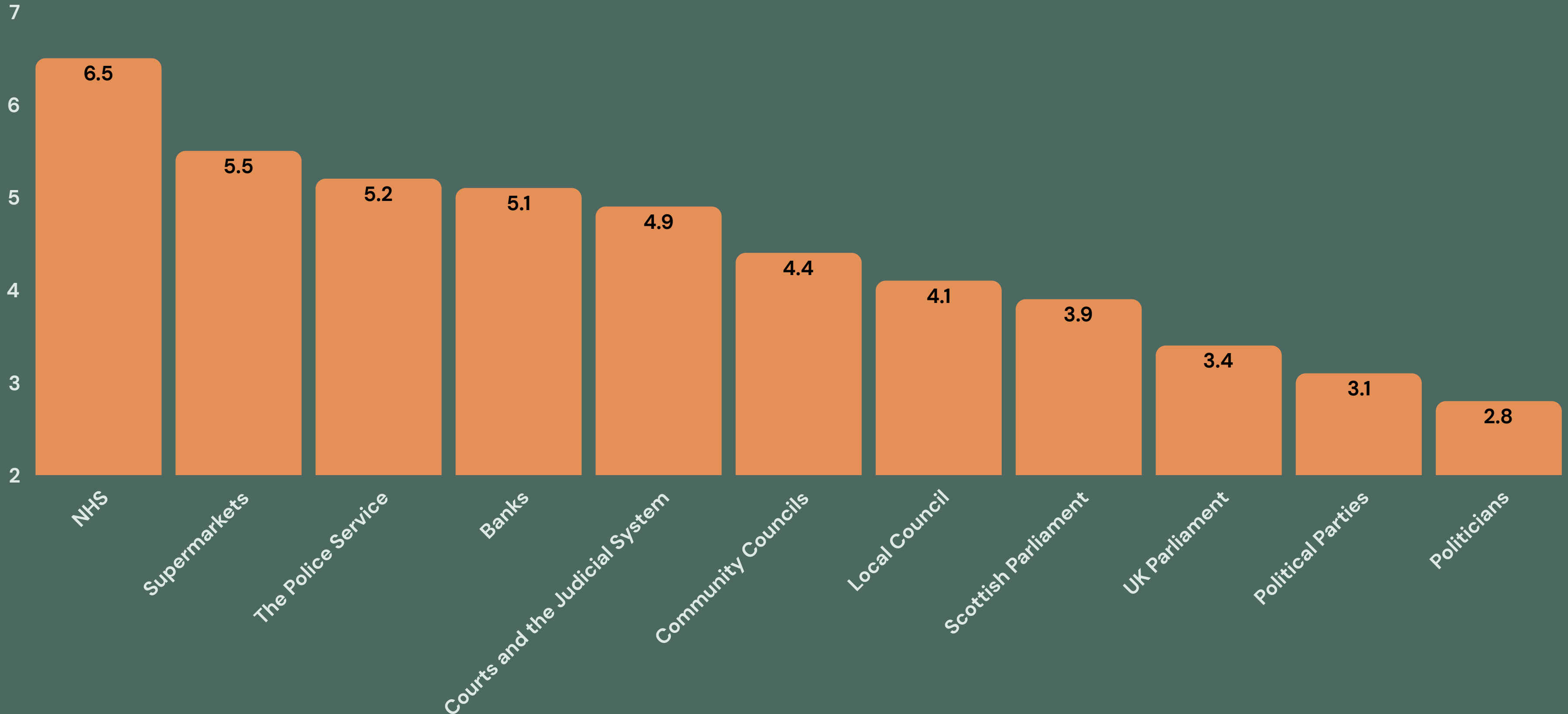
Who is likely to express more “majoritarian” views towards power?



PERCENT OF EACH DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP WHO AGREED WITH AT LEAST 3 OF THE MAJORITARIAN STATEMENTS

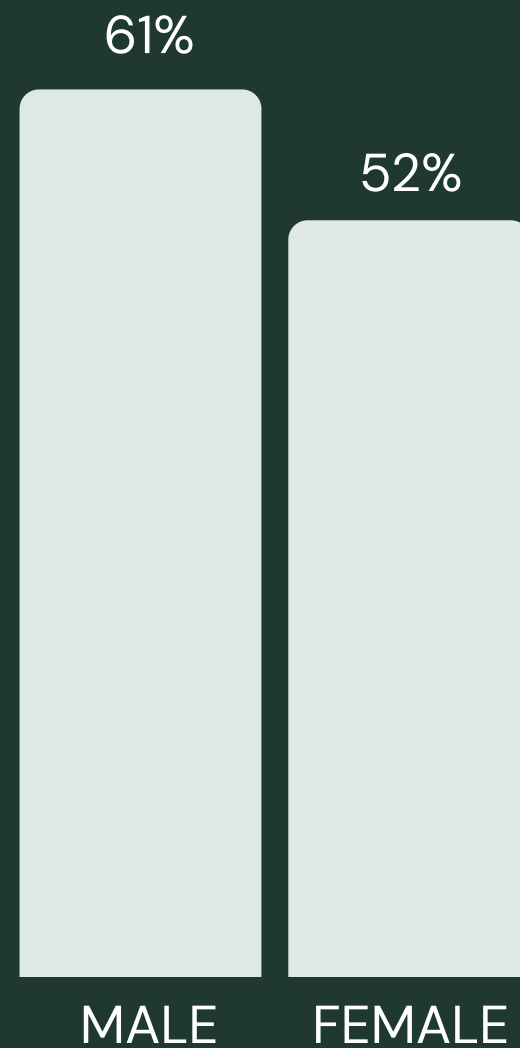
Trust in Institutions

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is do not trust at all and 10 is completely trust, how much do you trust the following groups and institutions?



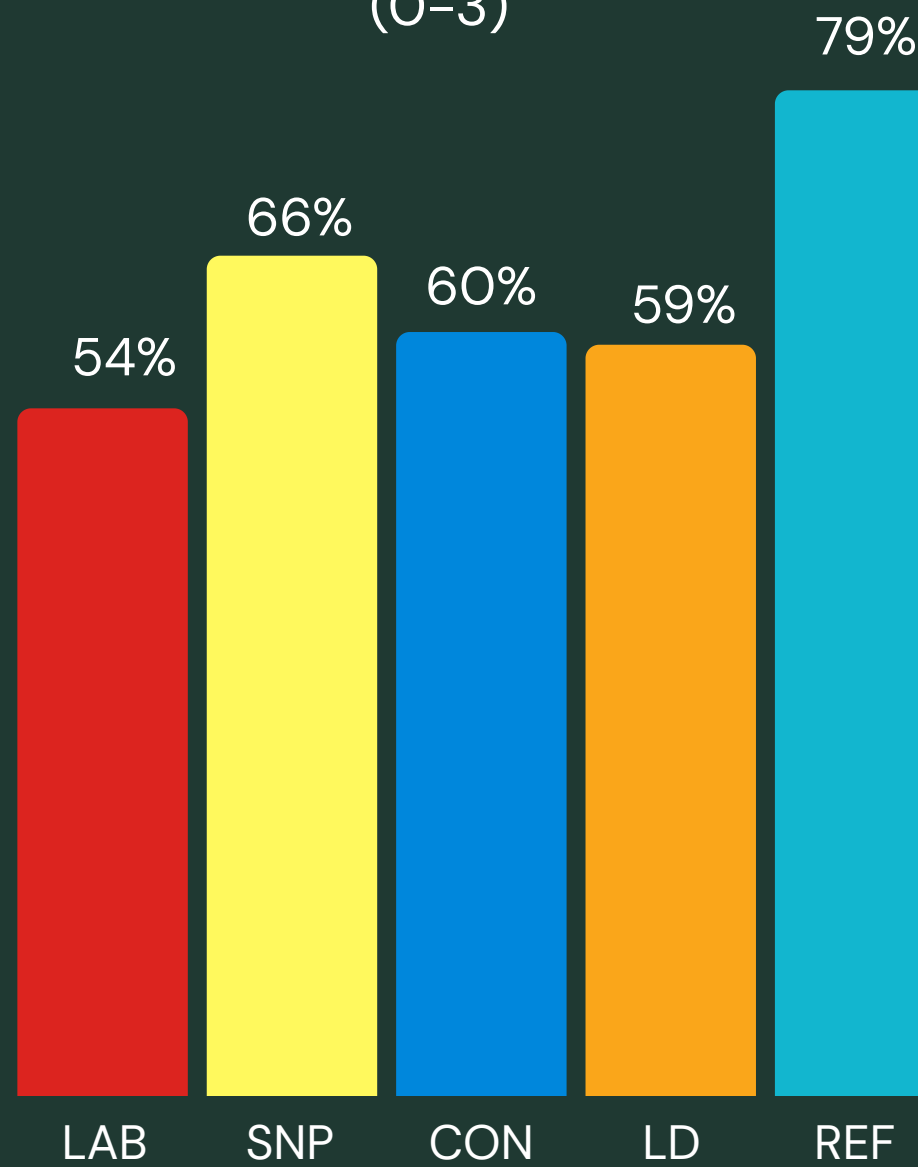
When considering associations between gender and trust, the starkest difference in trust is seen in the NHS...

NET: Trust (7-10)



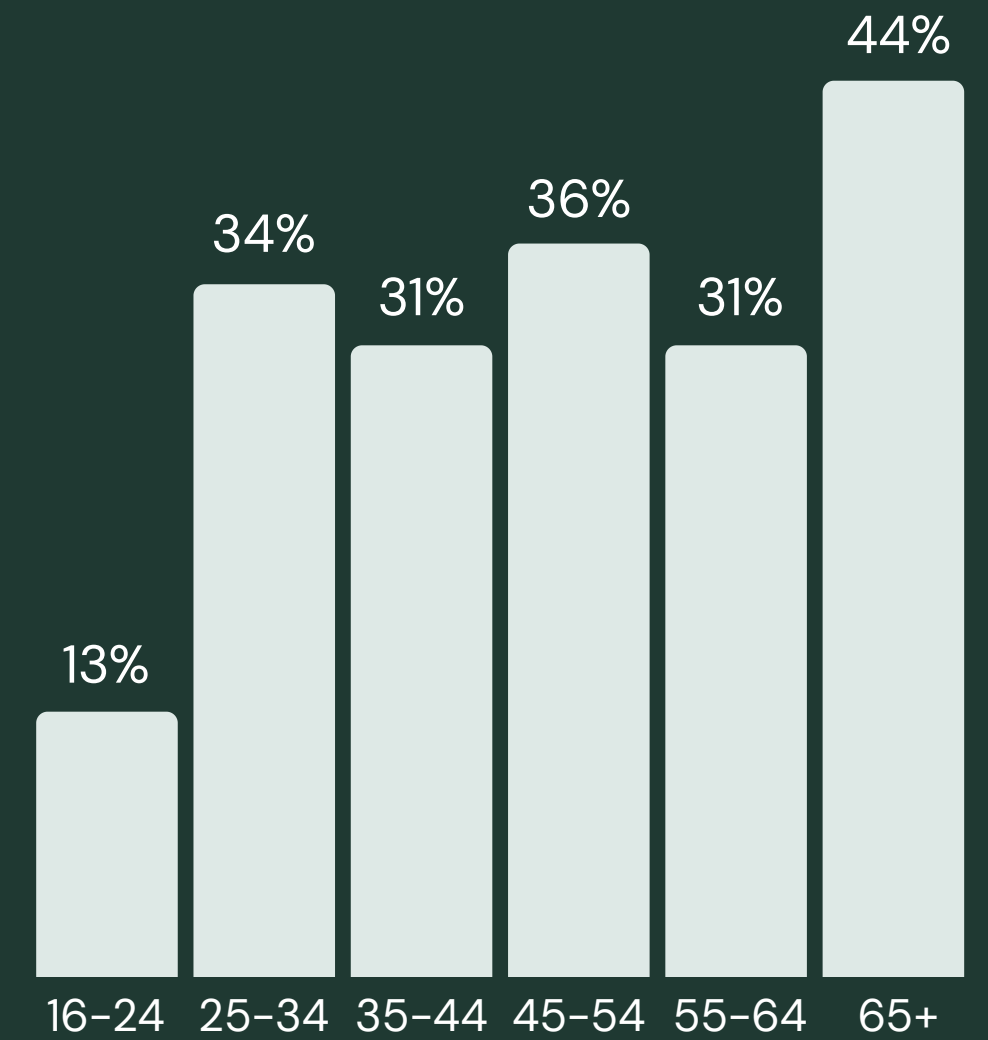
2024 Reform UK voters showed the greatest distrust in politicians...

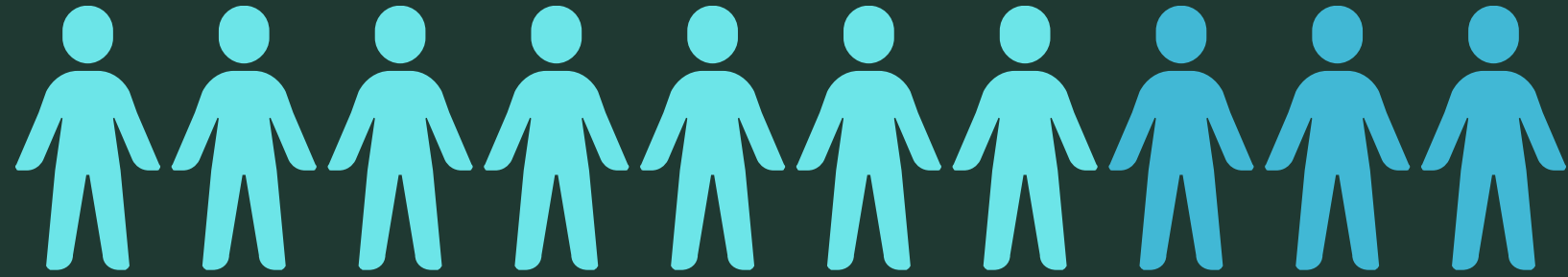
NET: Distrust (0-3)



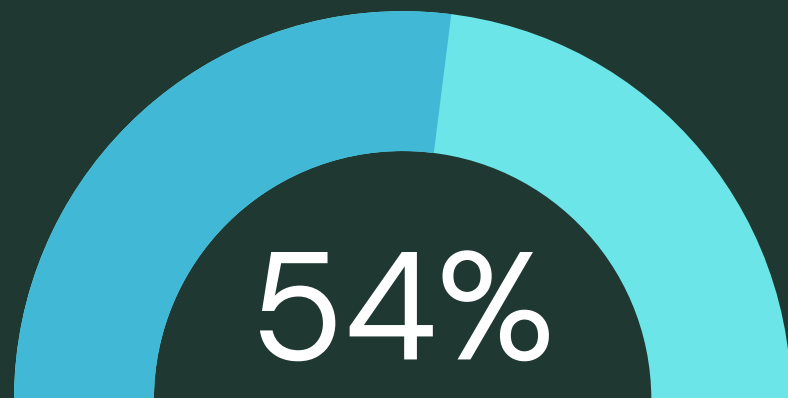
And trust in the Courts and Judicial system is lowest among the youngest respondents.

NET: Trust (7-10)

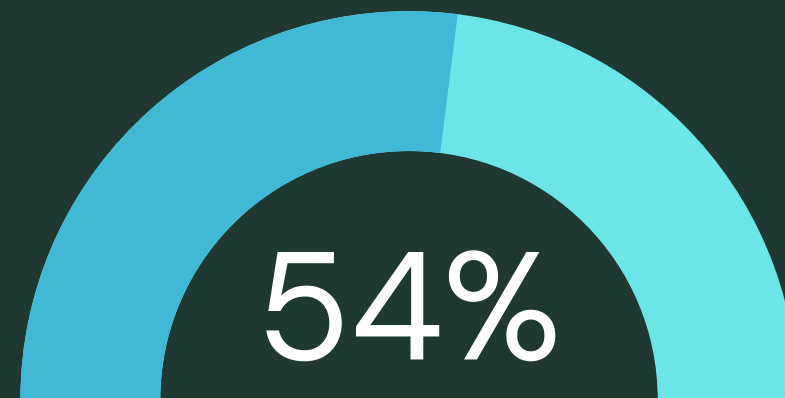




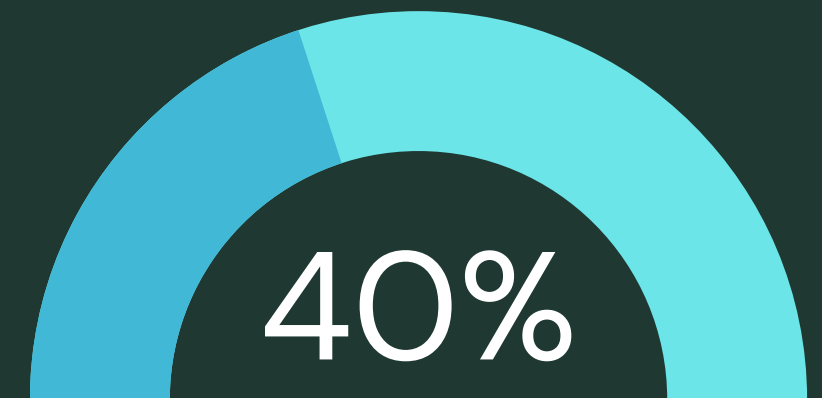
Seven in ten say that they always/often vote in elections



say that they always/often watch or listen to news about politics or government



say that they always/often read about politics or government in the news



say that they always/often talk about politics or government with their family or friends



Thank You!

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