

Building public trust in migration systems

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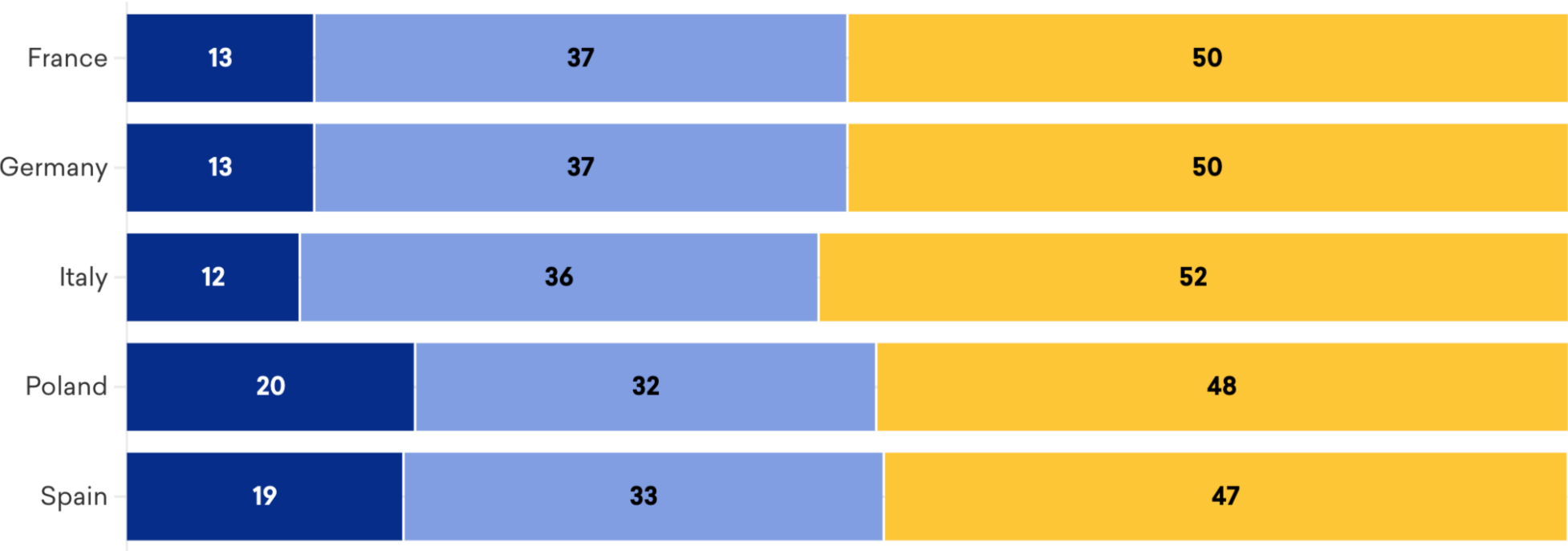


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People are more likely to believe that immigration brings greater costs than benefits

On the whole, immigration brings...

- ...more benefits than costs
- ...an equal mix of costs and benefits
- ...more costs than benefits





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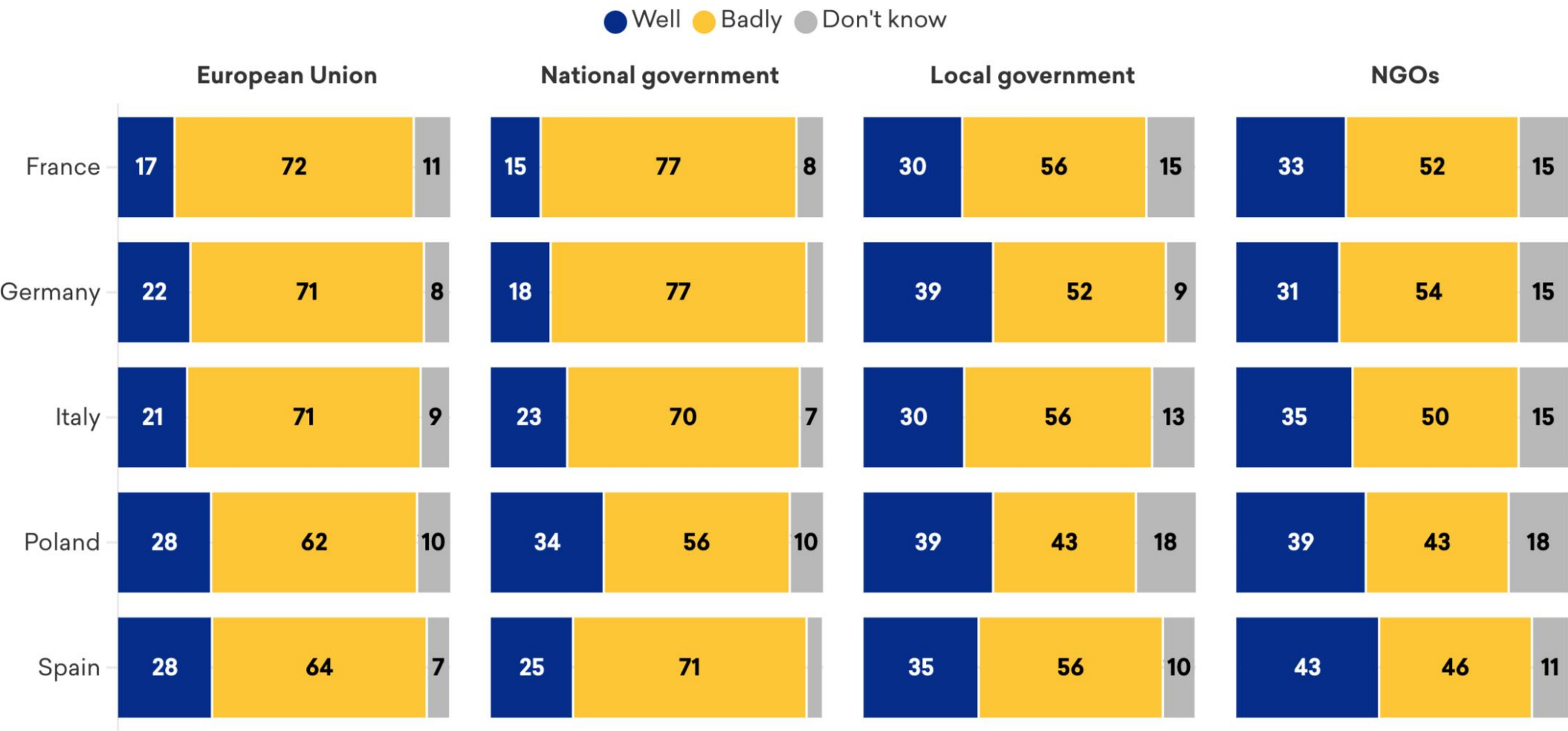
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Low confidence in how migration is managed

How would you say the following actors currently manage immigration?



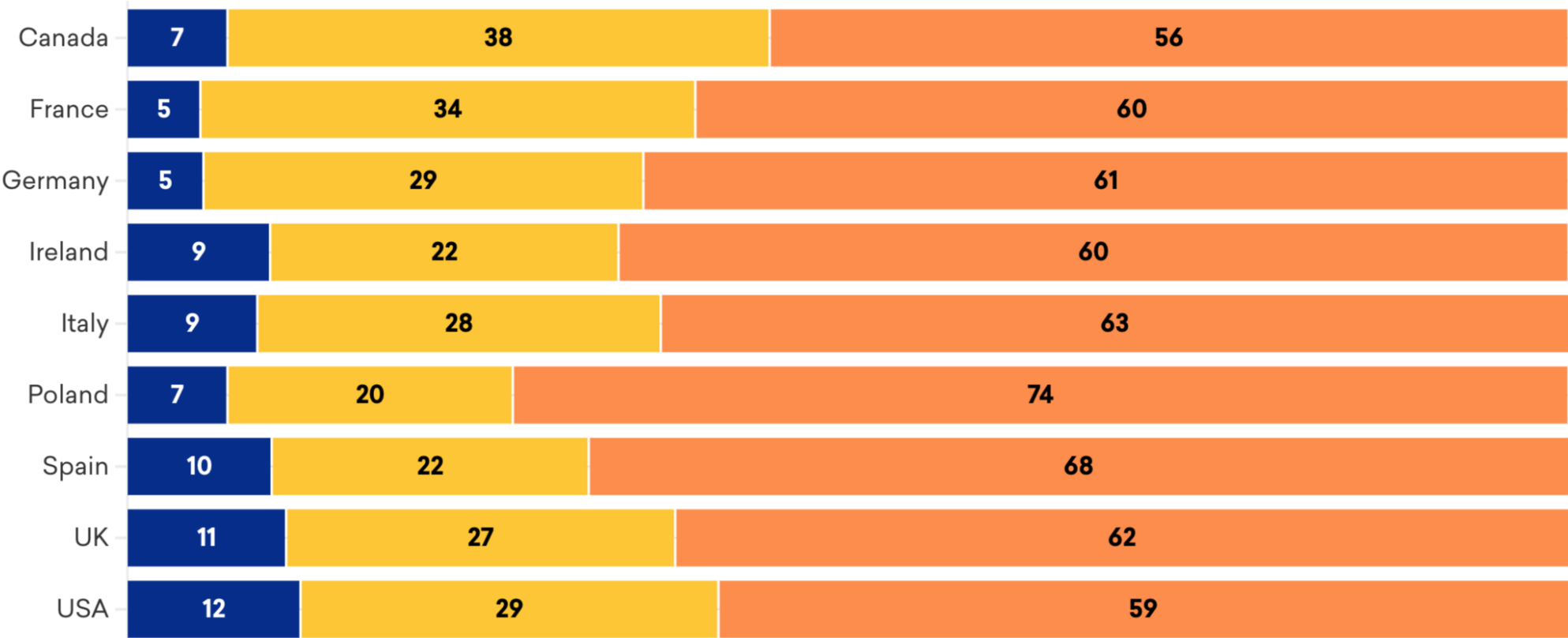
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Control is a higher priority than reduction

What is most important?

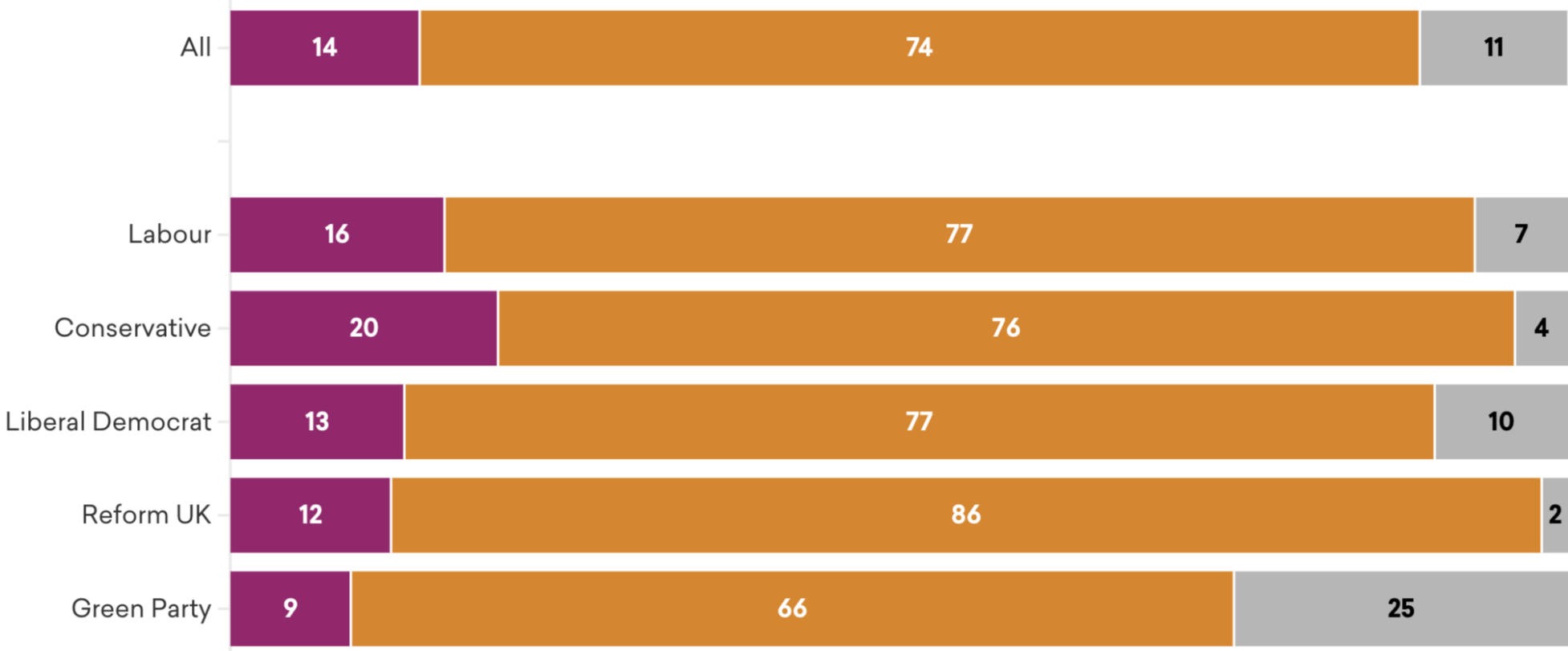
- Increasing the total number of people who migrate here
- Reducing the total number of people who migrate here
- Controlling who can and cannot migrate here



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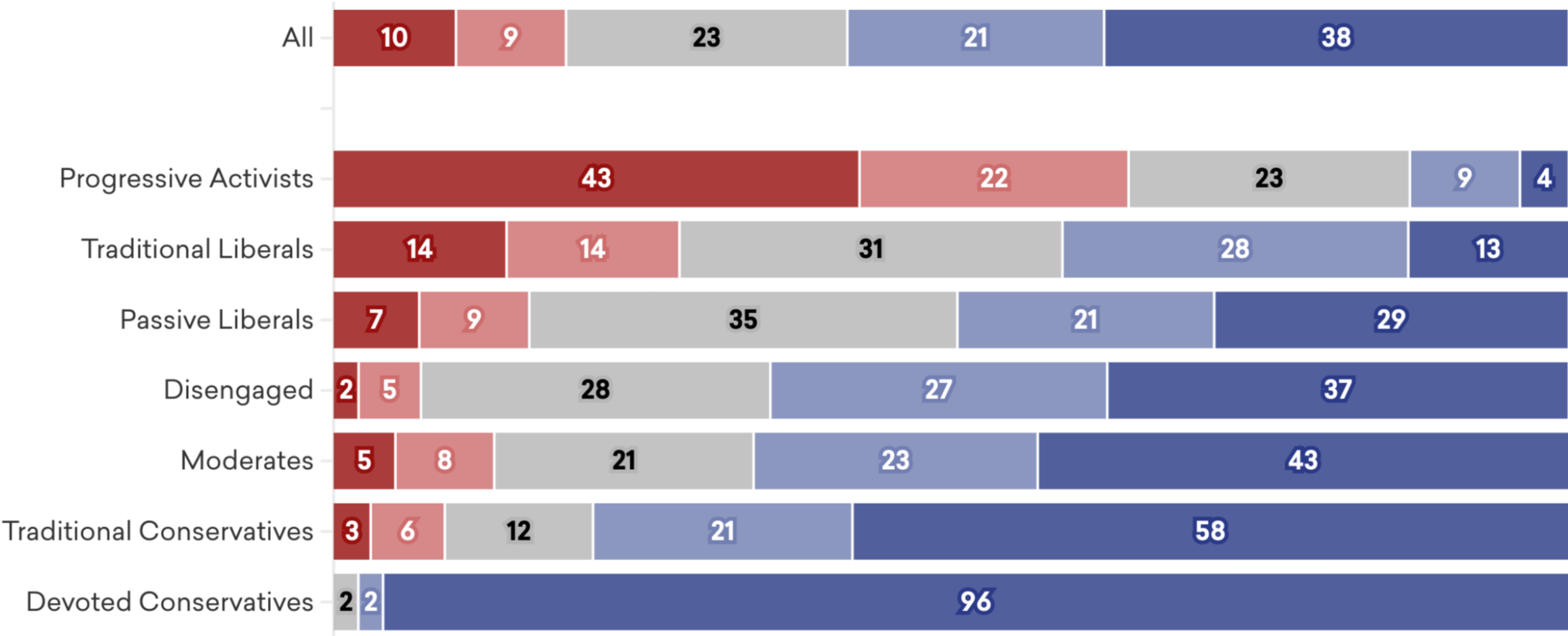
What do you think should be the higher priority for the UK government?

- Reducing net legal migration into the UK
- Stopping illegal migration into the UK, including via small boats across the Channel
- Don't know



On this, progressives can be outliers in their perceptions

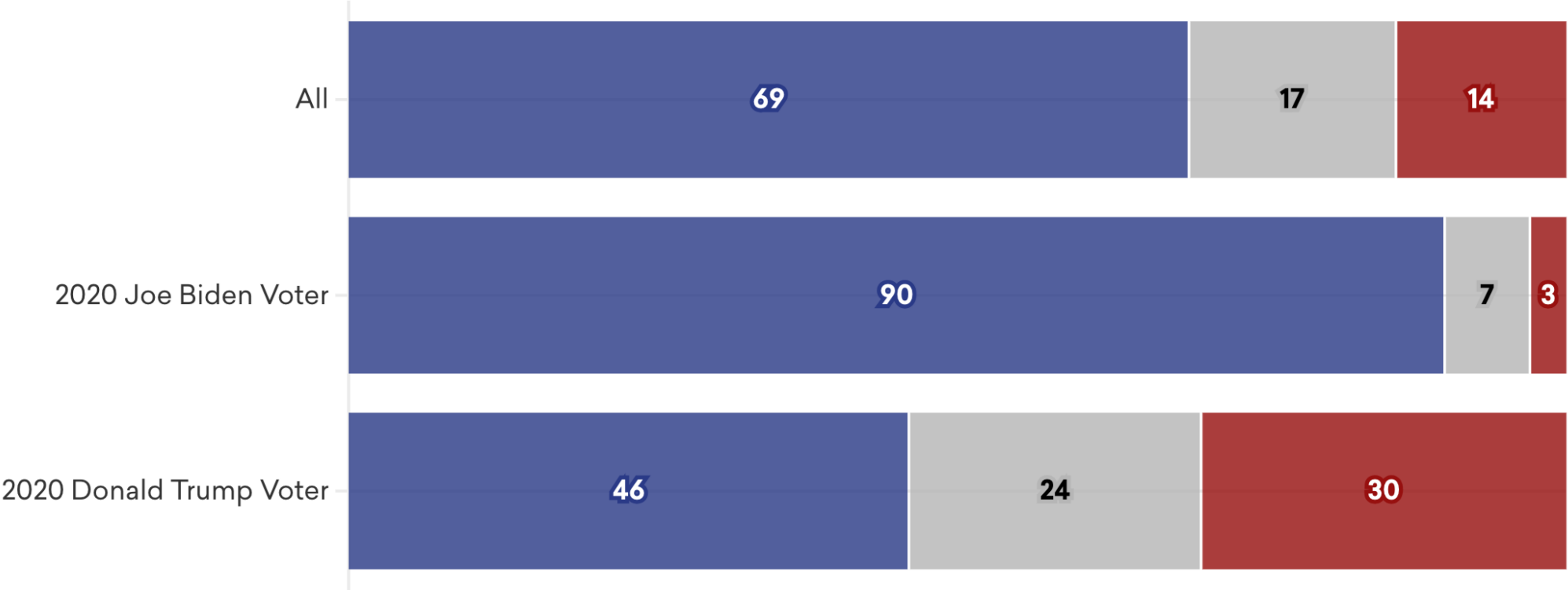
"I worry that immigration right now is out of control." ● Strongly disagree ● Somewhat disagree ● Neither agree nor disagree ● Somewhat agree ● Strongly agree



Desire for control rarely implies support for cruel measures

"It is wrong to separate children from their families just because of their immigration status."

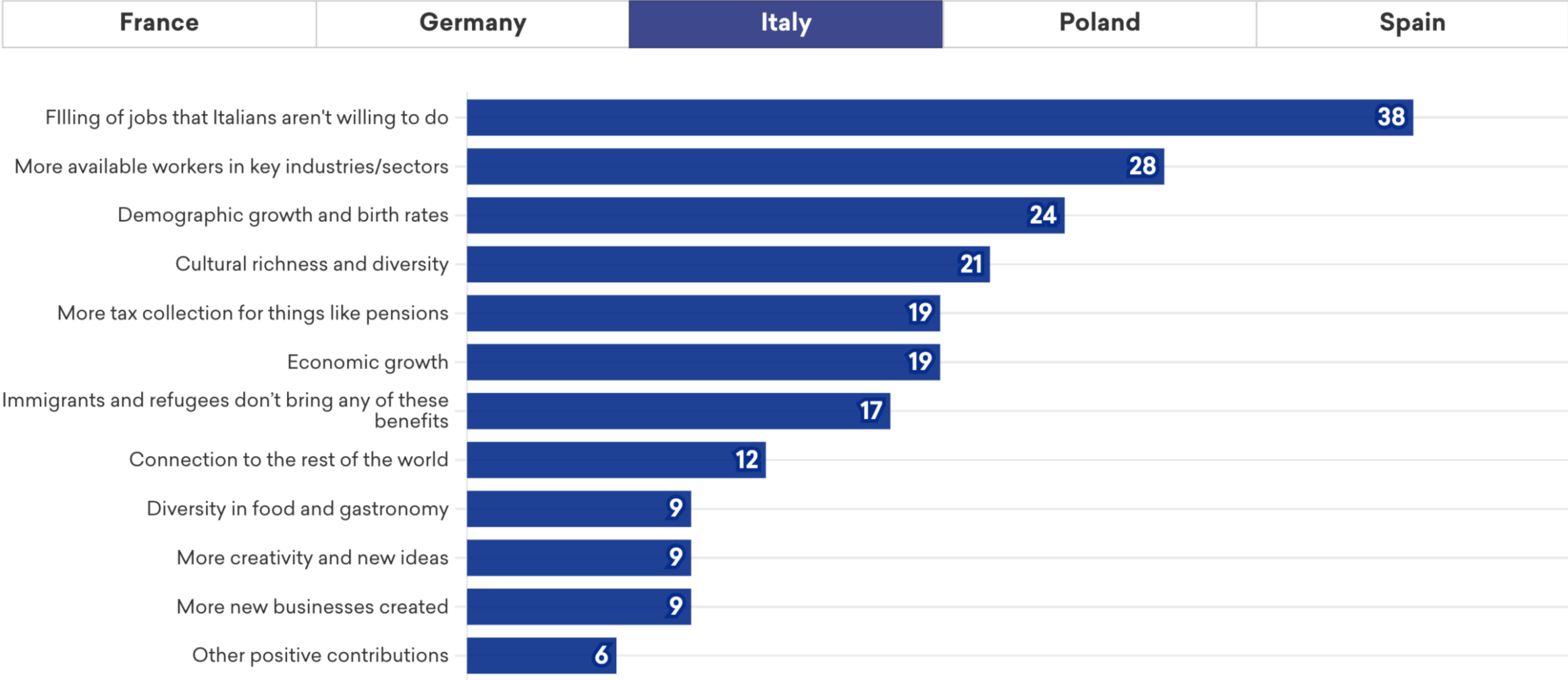
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree



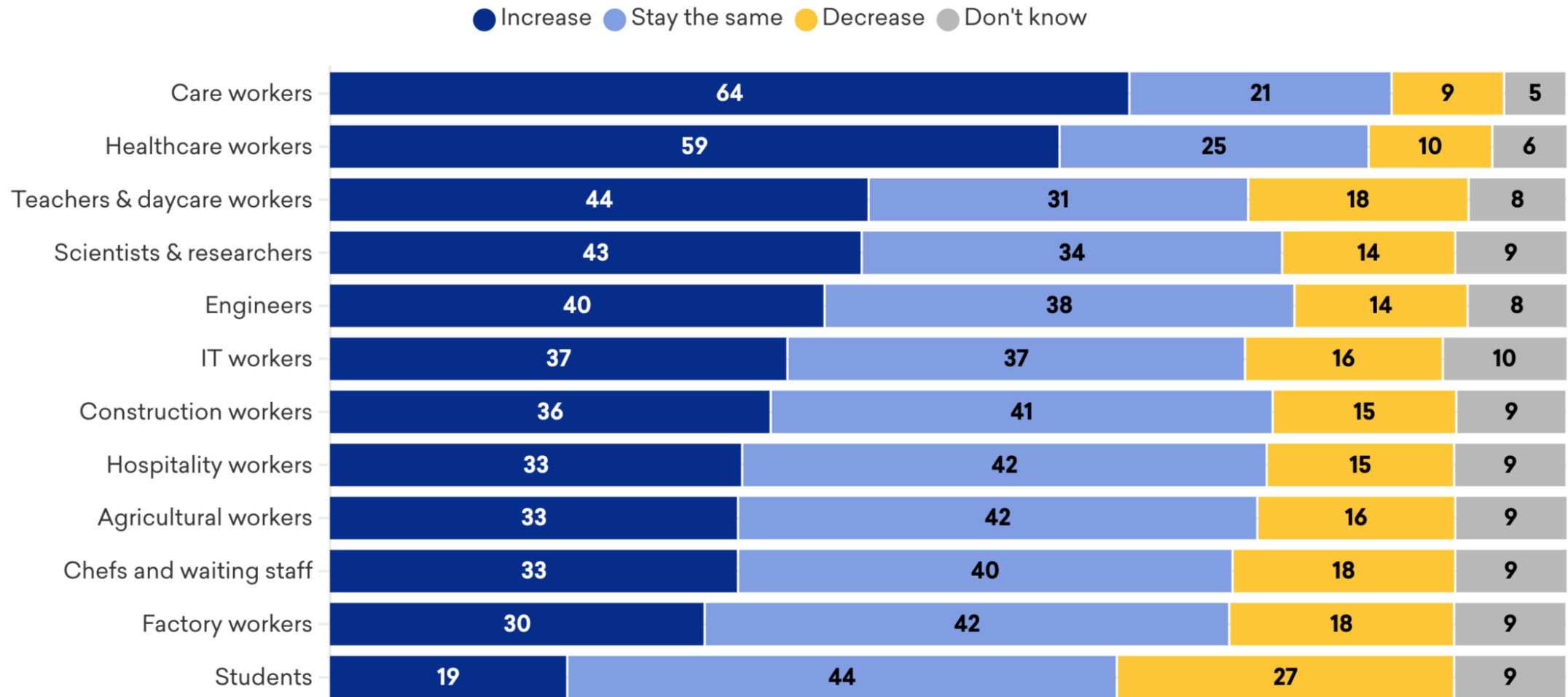
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Contribution: economy outweighs culture



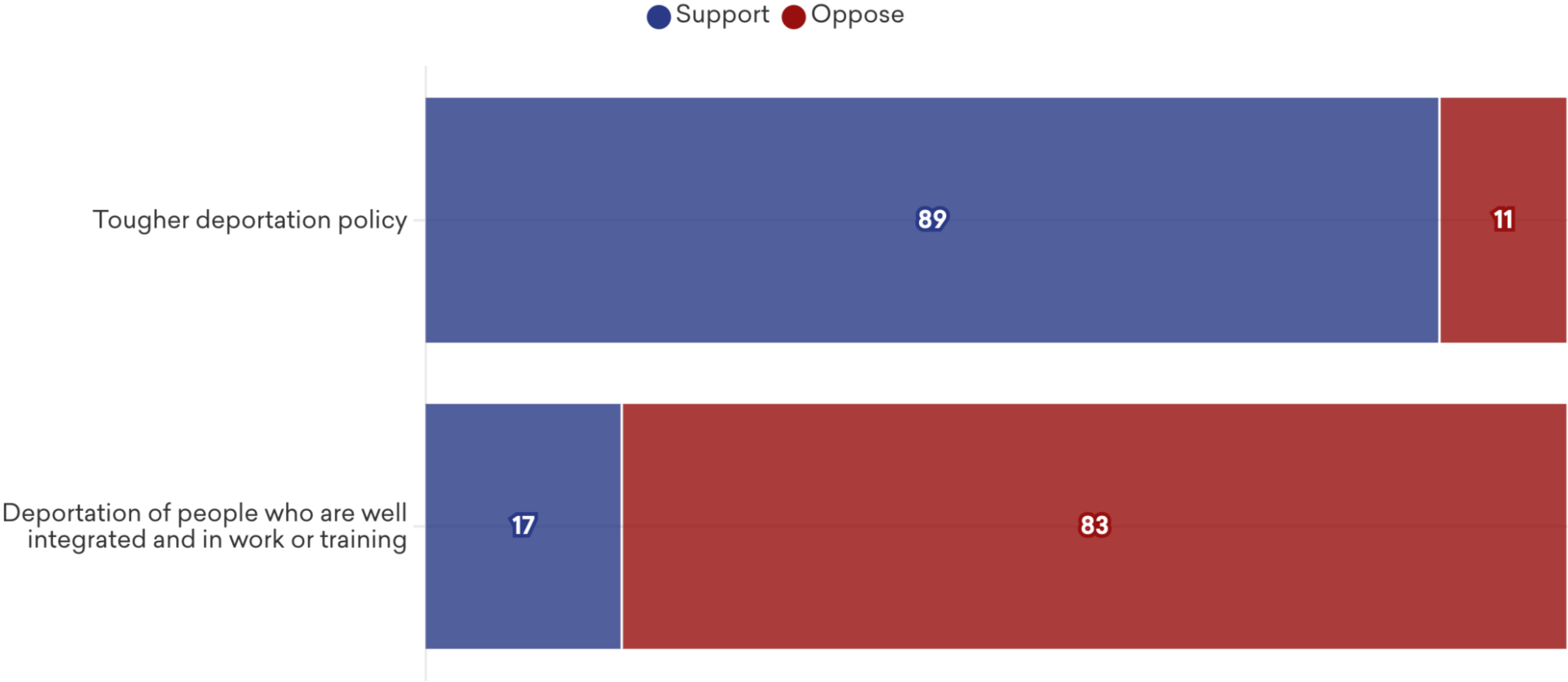
For specific professions, people want immigration levels to stay the same or increase



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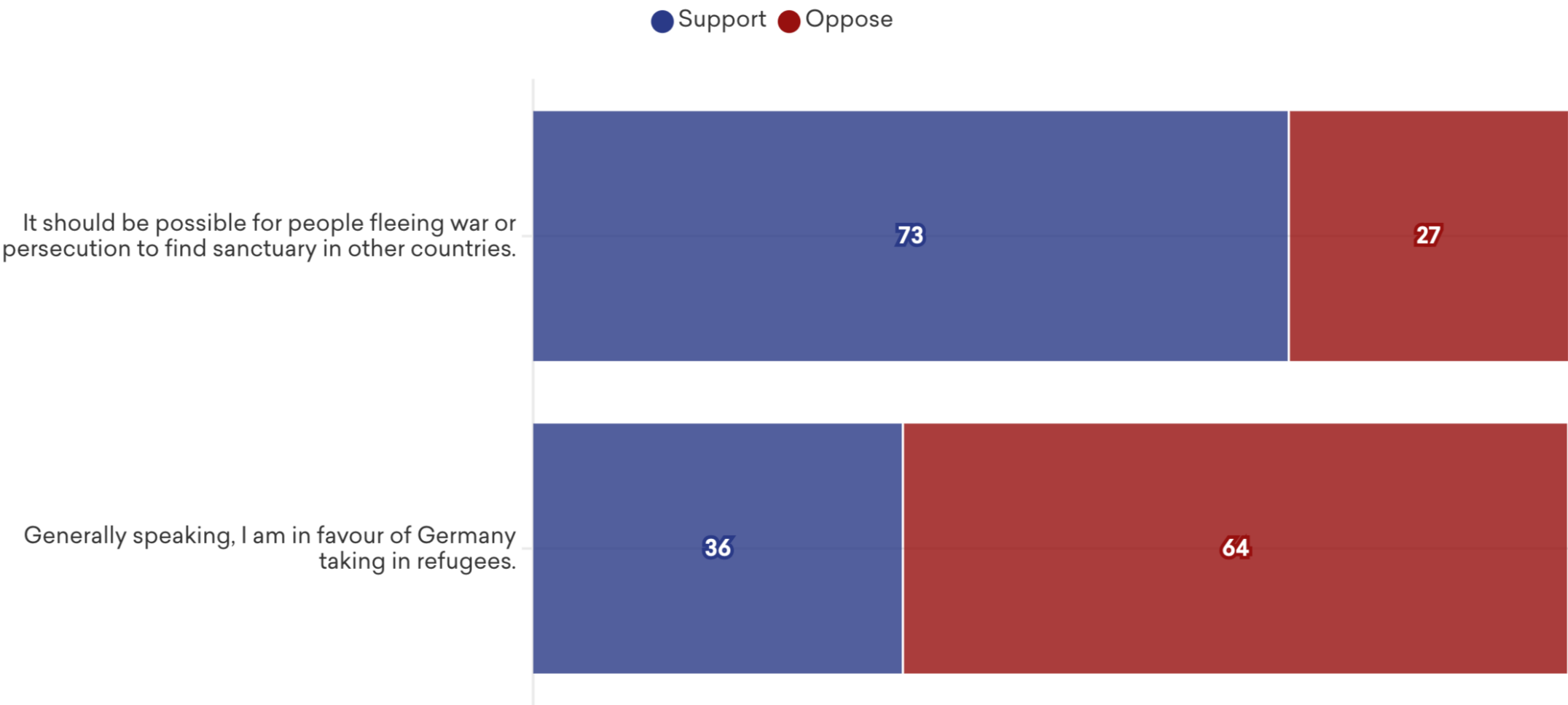
For most people, integration is more important than legal status



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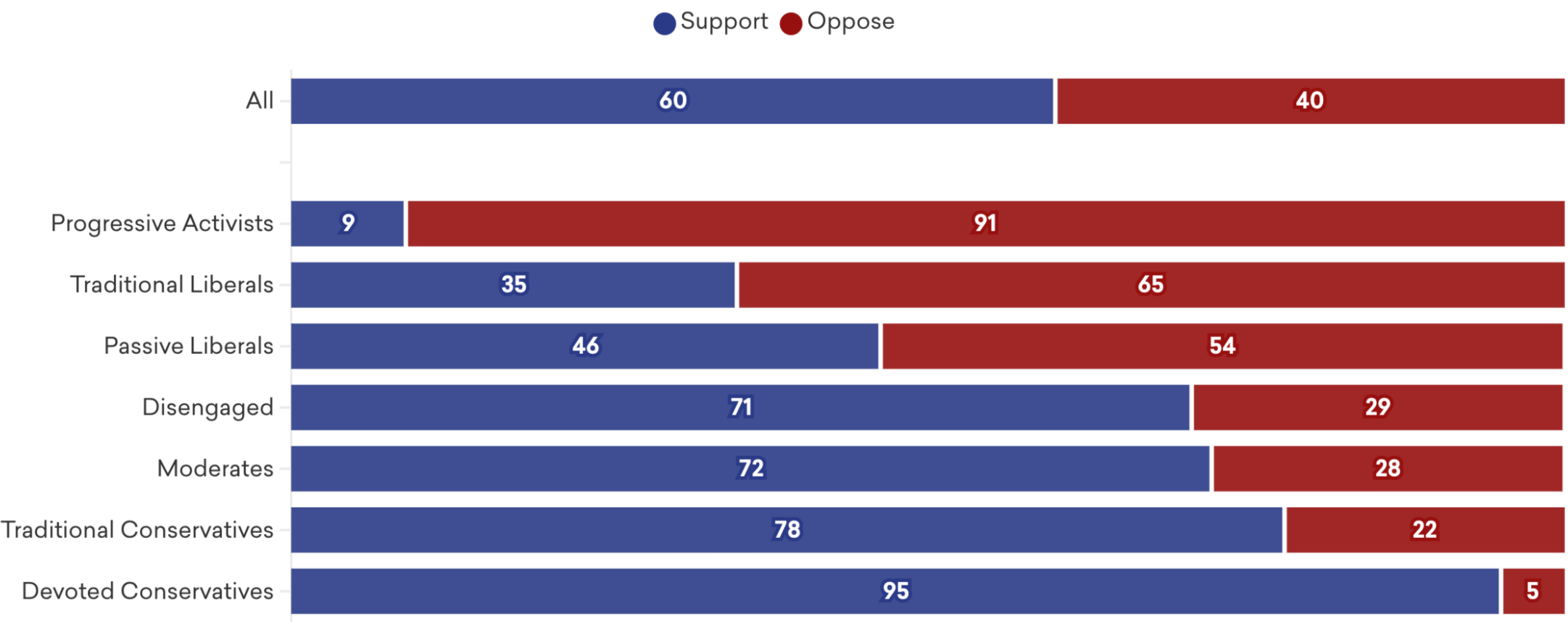
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Gap between theory and practice when it comes to refugees



A majority believes that restoring control needs to come ahead of allowing any humanitarian admissions

Do you support or oppose shutting down the US program of taking in refugees until the crisis at the US border is solved?





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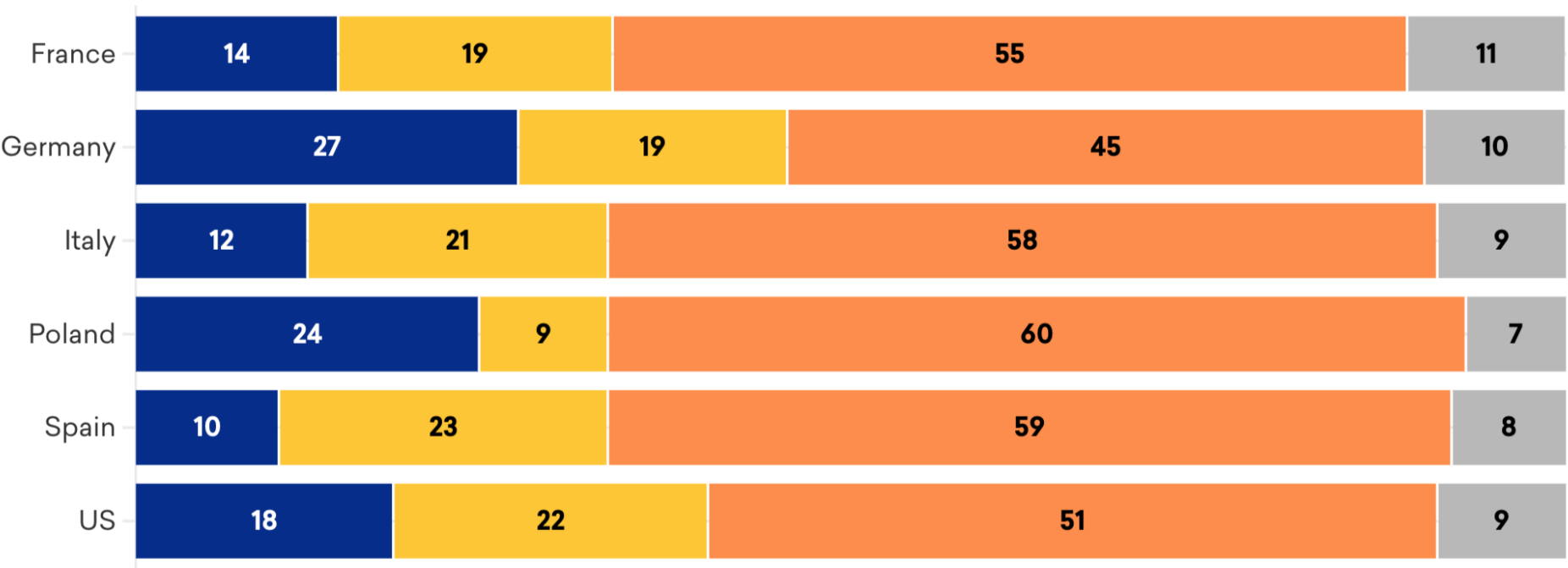


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Majorities support improving legal pathways when combined with border enforcement

Which approach would you support?

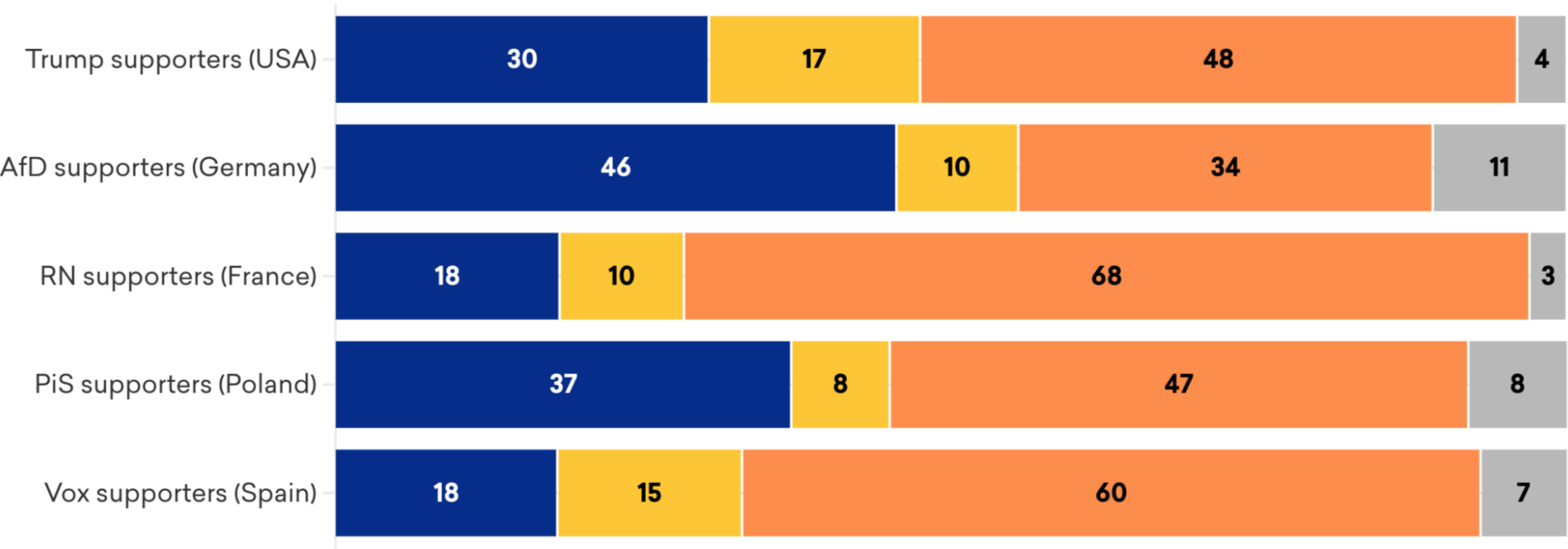
- Border enforcement only
- Improved legal pathways only
- Both border enforcement and improved legal pathways
- None of these



Support for a mixed approach is significant even amongst supporters of right-wing populists

Which approach would you support?

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- Improved legal pathways only
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- None of these



Thank you

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