



Survey of Canadian Jews November 2025

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La Paix maintenant

Key Findings

88%

Report following events in Israel closely or very closely.

70%

Describe Israel's actions in Gaza as legal/legitimate.

66%

Support the Israel-Hamas ceasefire.

64%

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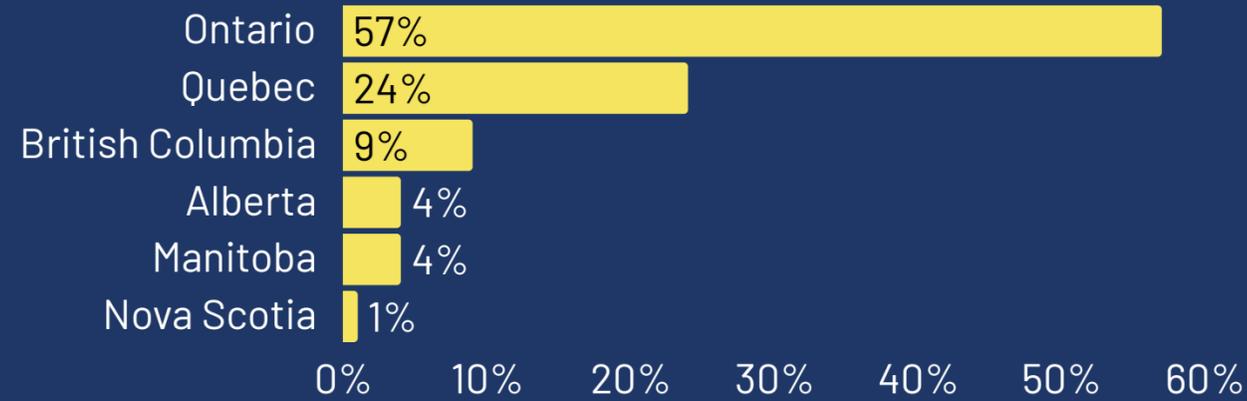
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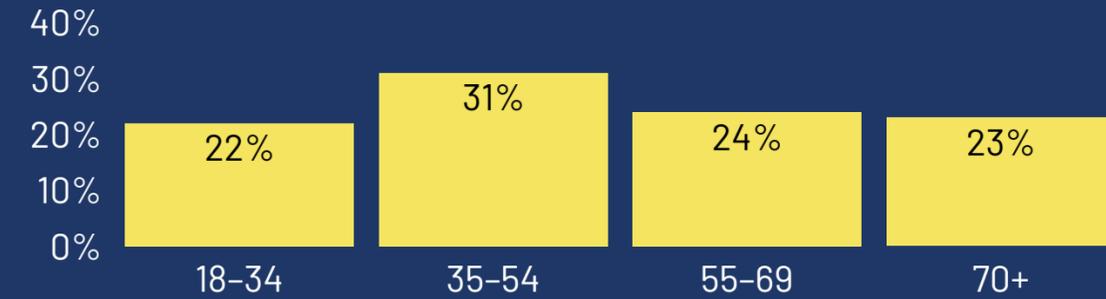
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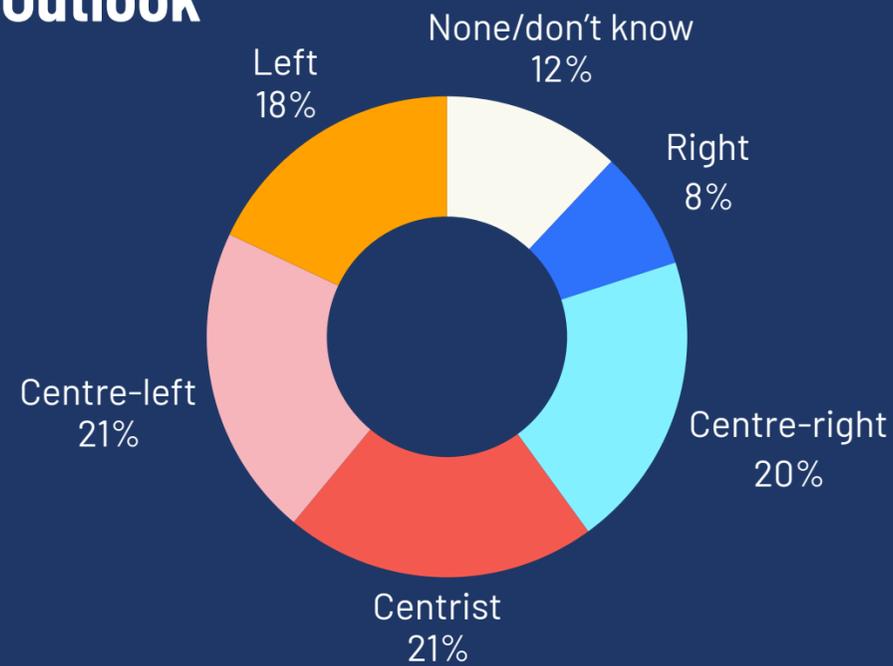
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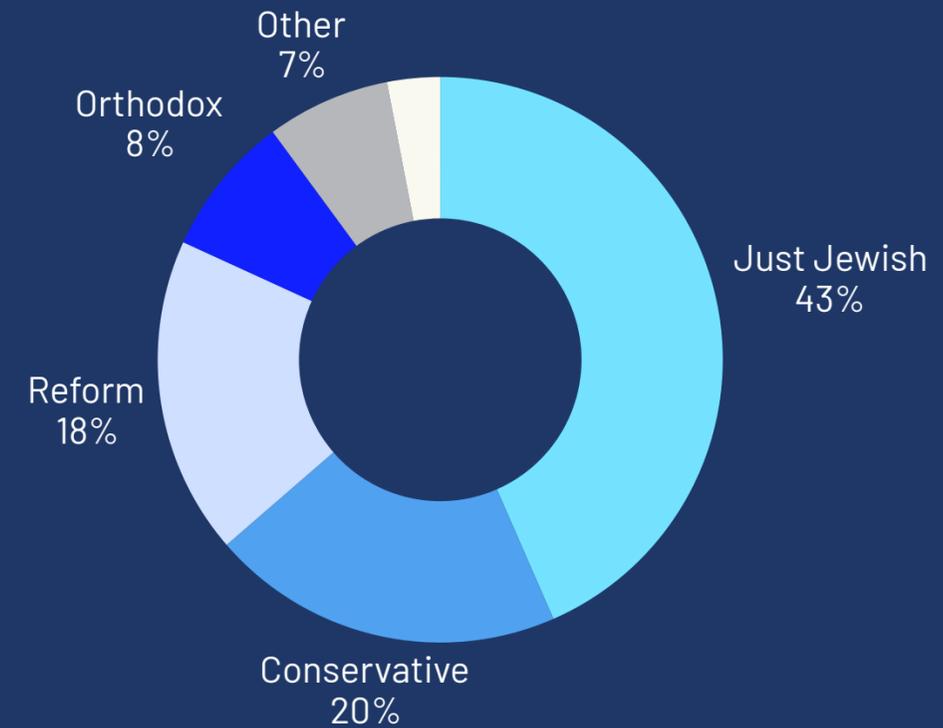
By Age



By Political Outlook



By Jewish Denomination



Canadian Jews are deeply engaged with Israel and the war in Gaza and following closely. The large majority, over 70 percent, justify the war while rejecting or deflecting blame for the most extreme consequences.

76%

Believe the war falls into one of the following categories: **self-defense (34%), hostage release (21%), or simply "war" (21%).**

24%

Chose descriptions of the war that indicate illegal or illegitimate actions: **war crimes (10%), ethnic cleansing (4%), genocide (10%).**

51%

Believe the October 7, 2023 attack mainly reflected Hamas rather than Palestinian society as a whole.

50%

Believe Israel's actions during the war mainly reflected the Israeli government led by Netanyahu rather than Israeli society as a whole.

48%

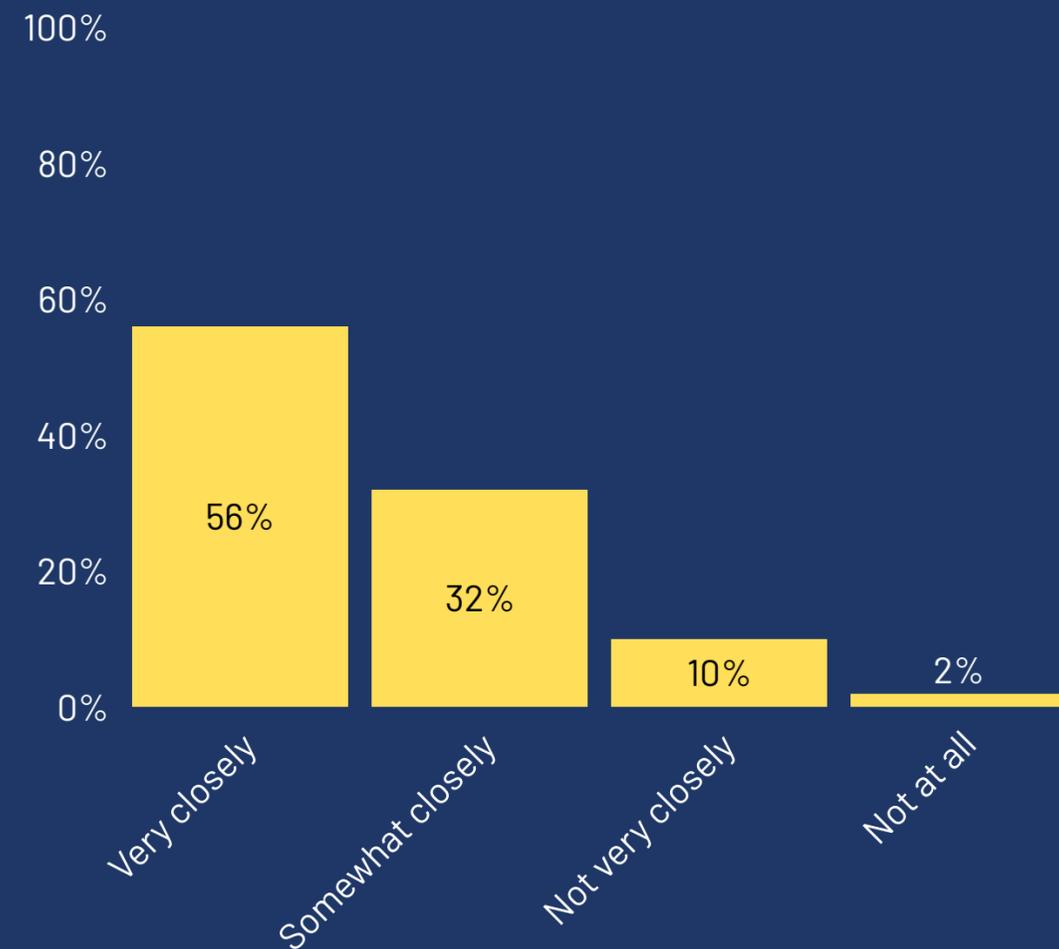
Blame Hamas for famine or widespread hunger in Gaza.

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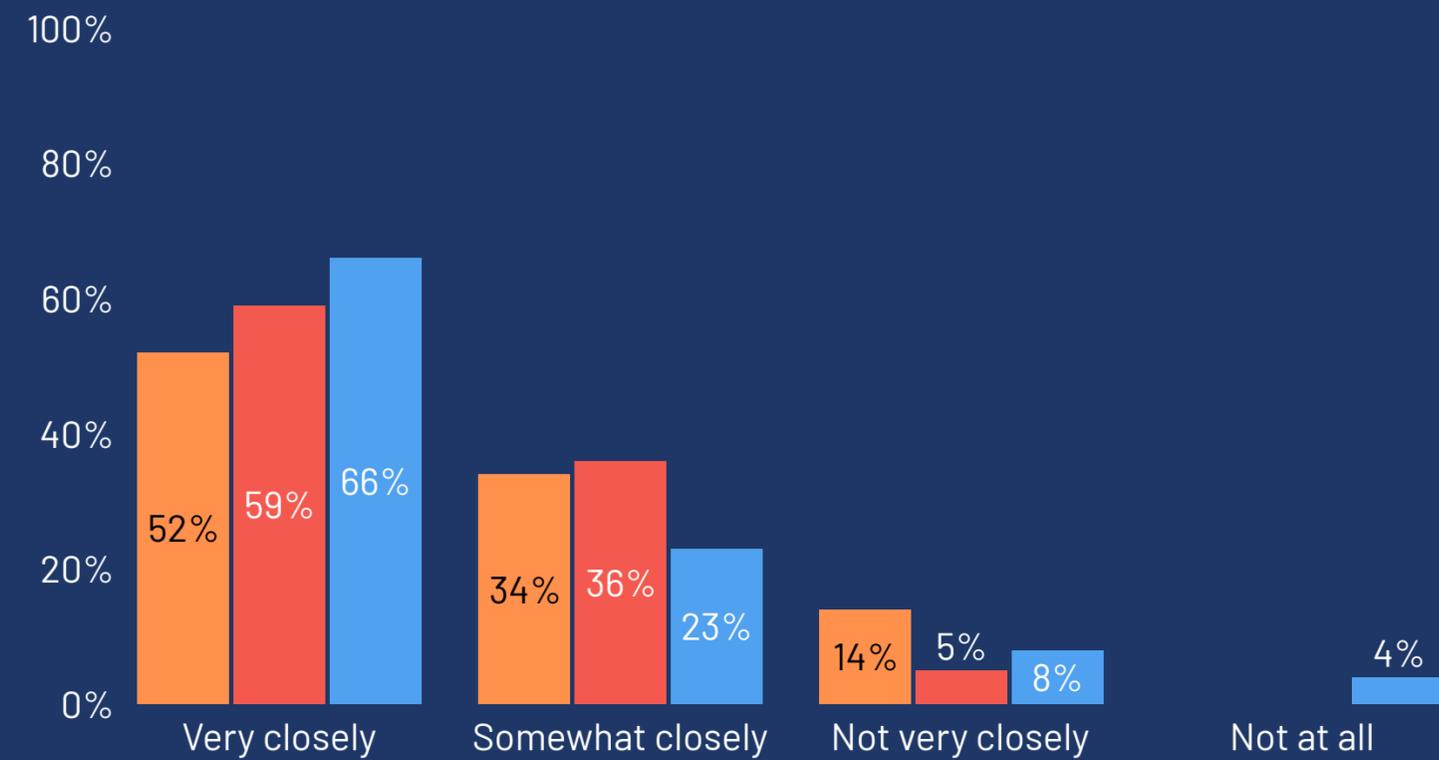
How closely have you been following the news from Israel and Gaza in recent weeks?

Total



By Political Outlook

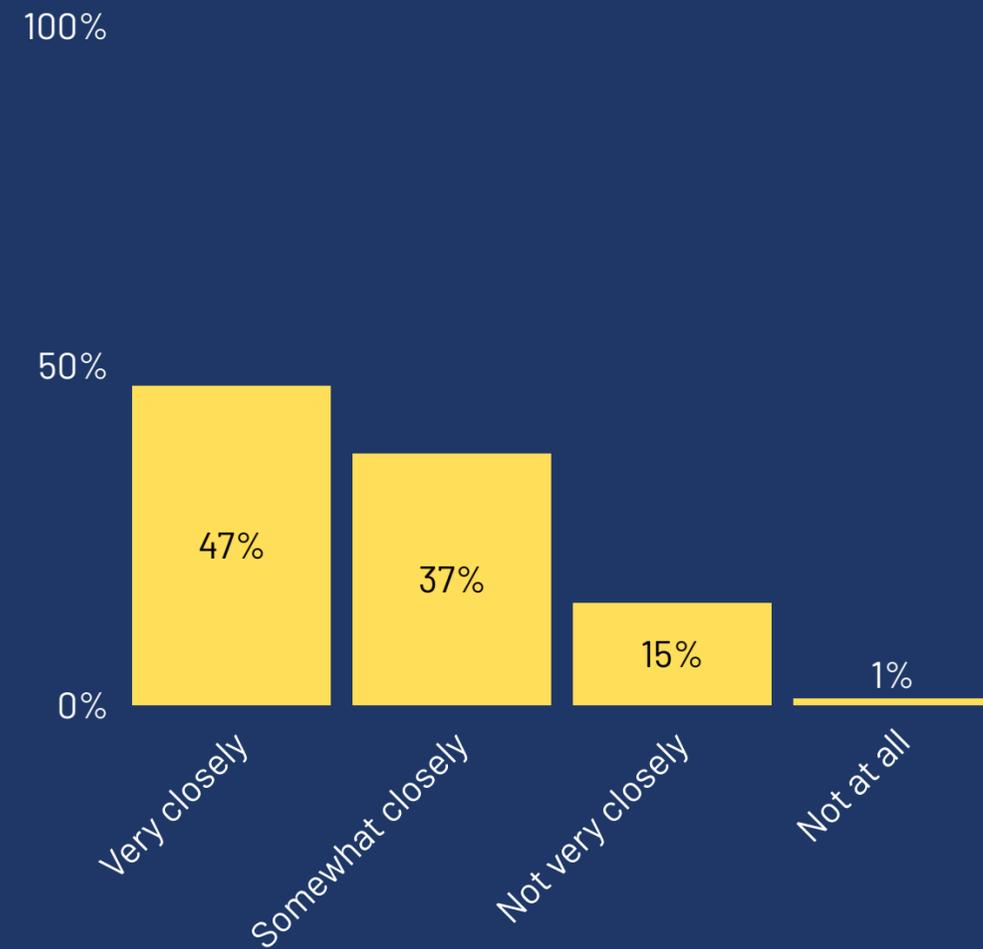
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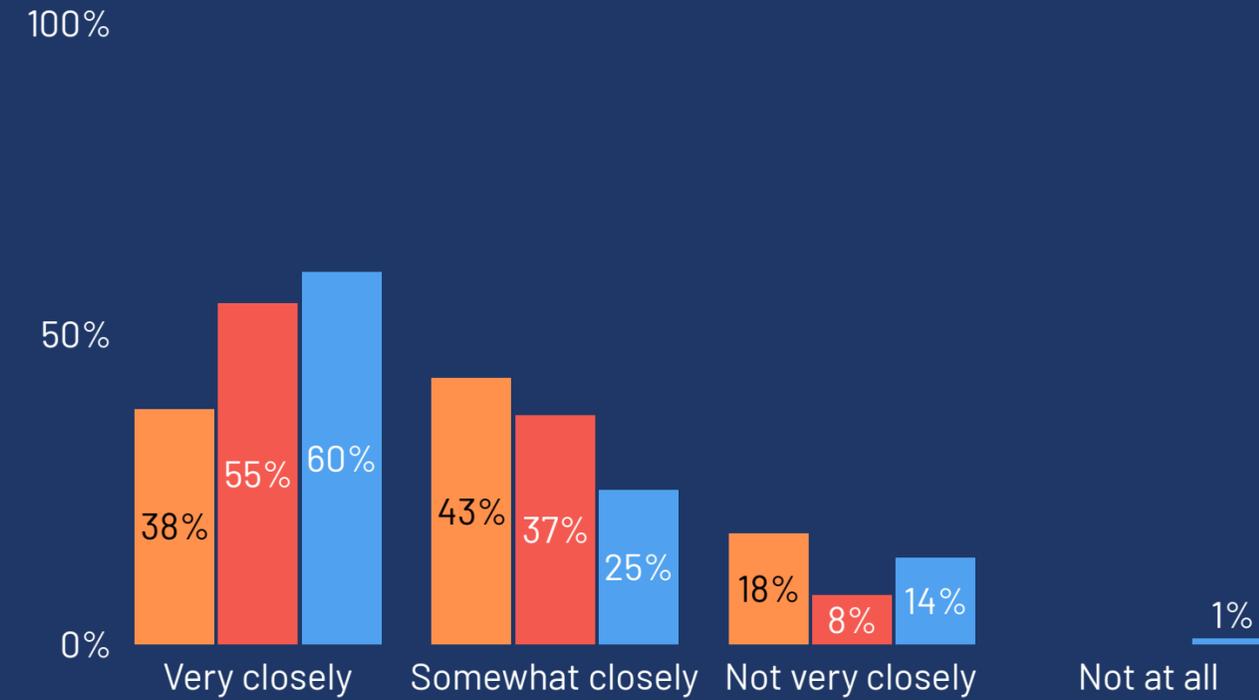
How closely have you been following the new Canadian government's policies regarding Israel and the Palestinians since the elections earlier this year?

Total



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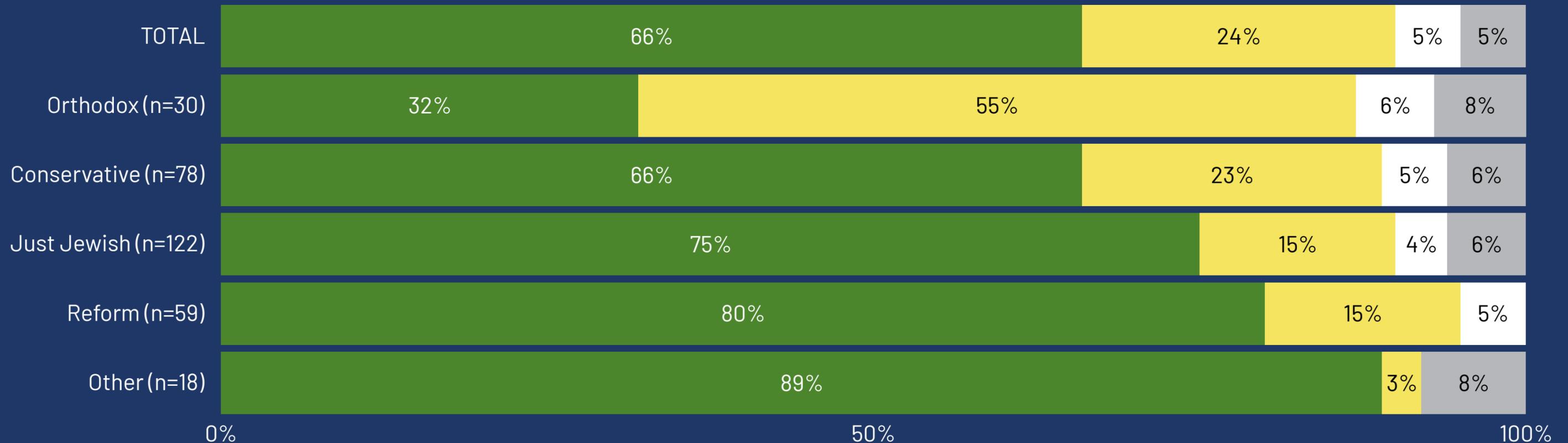
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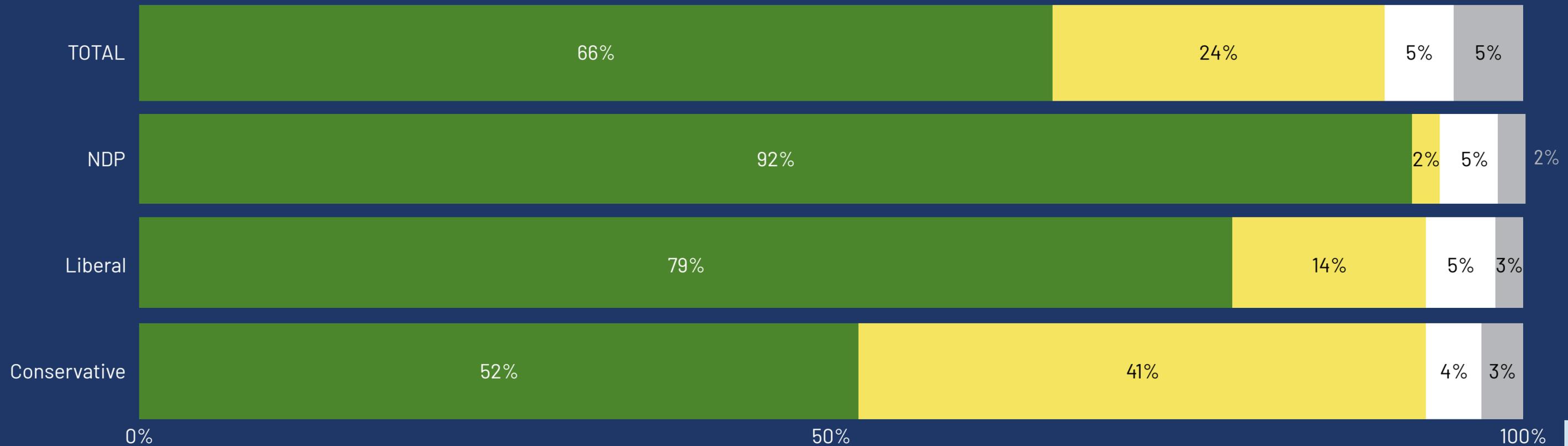
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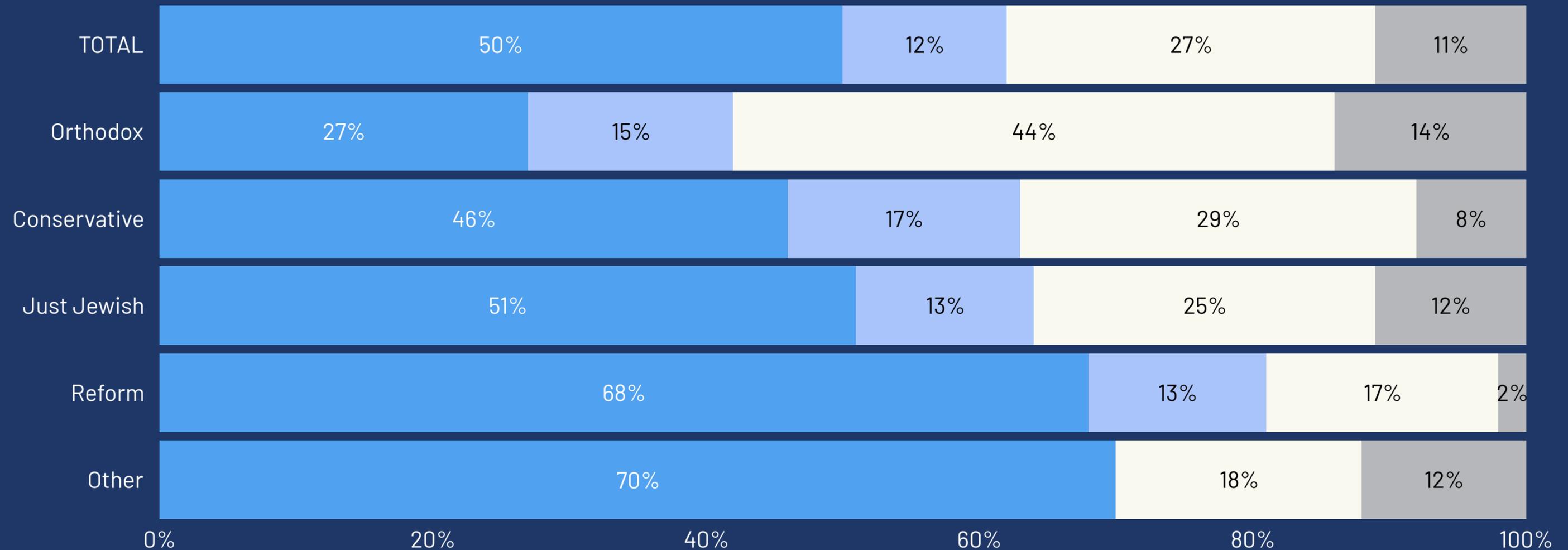
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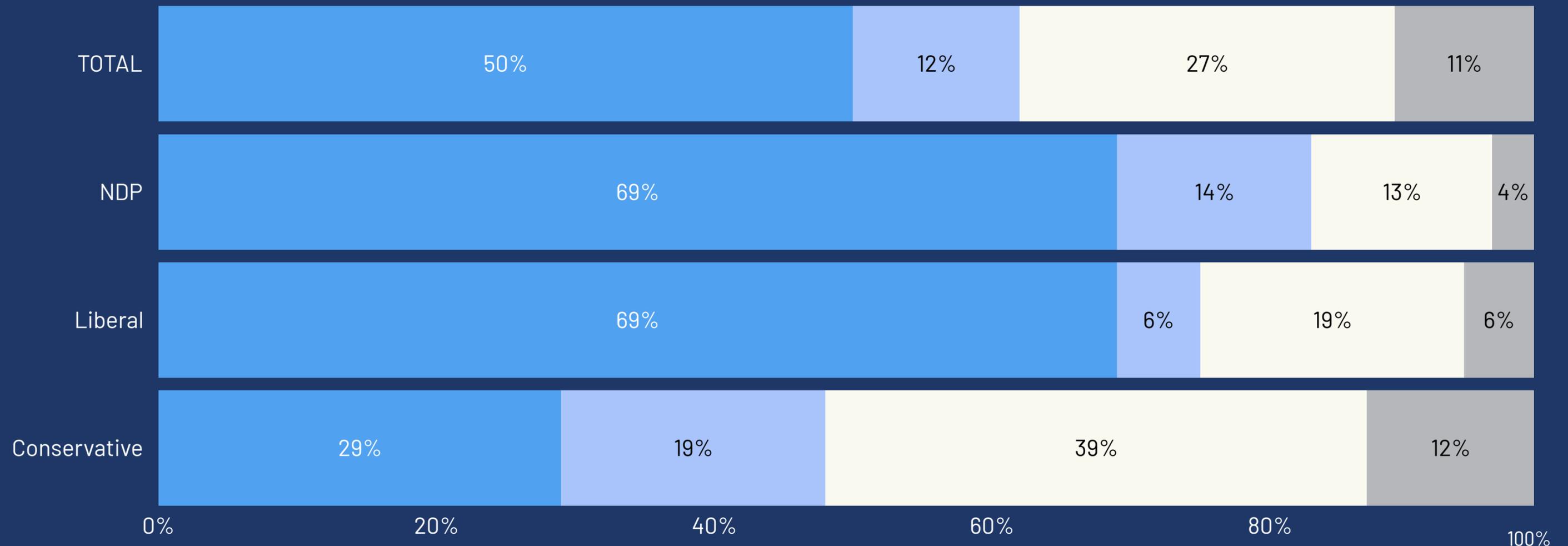
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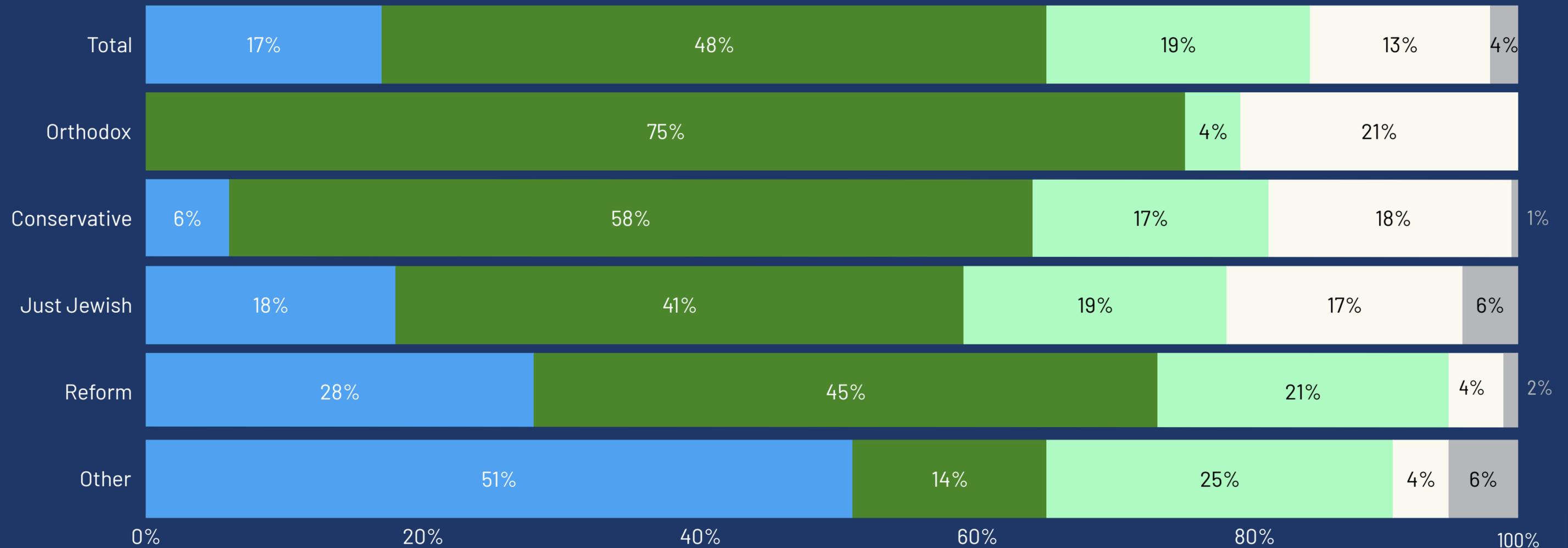
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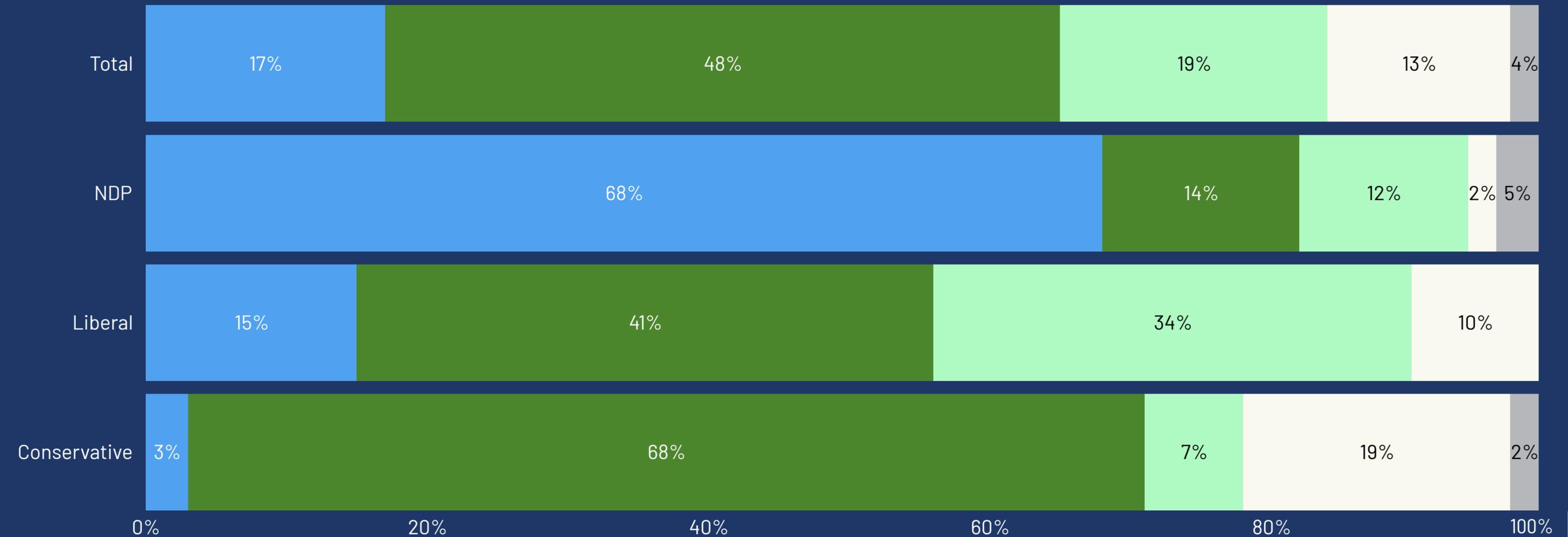
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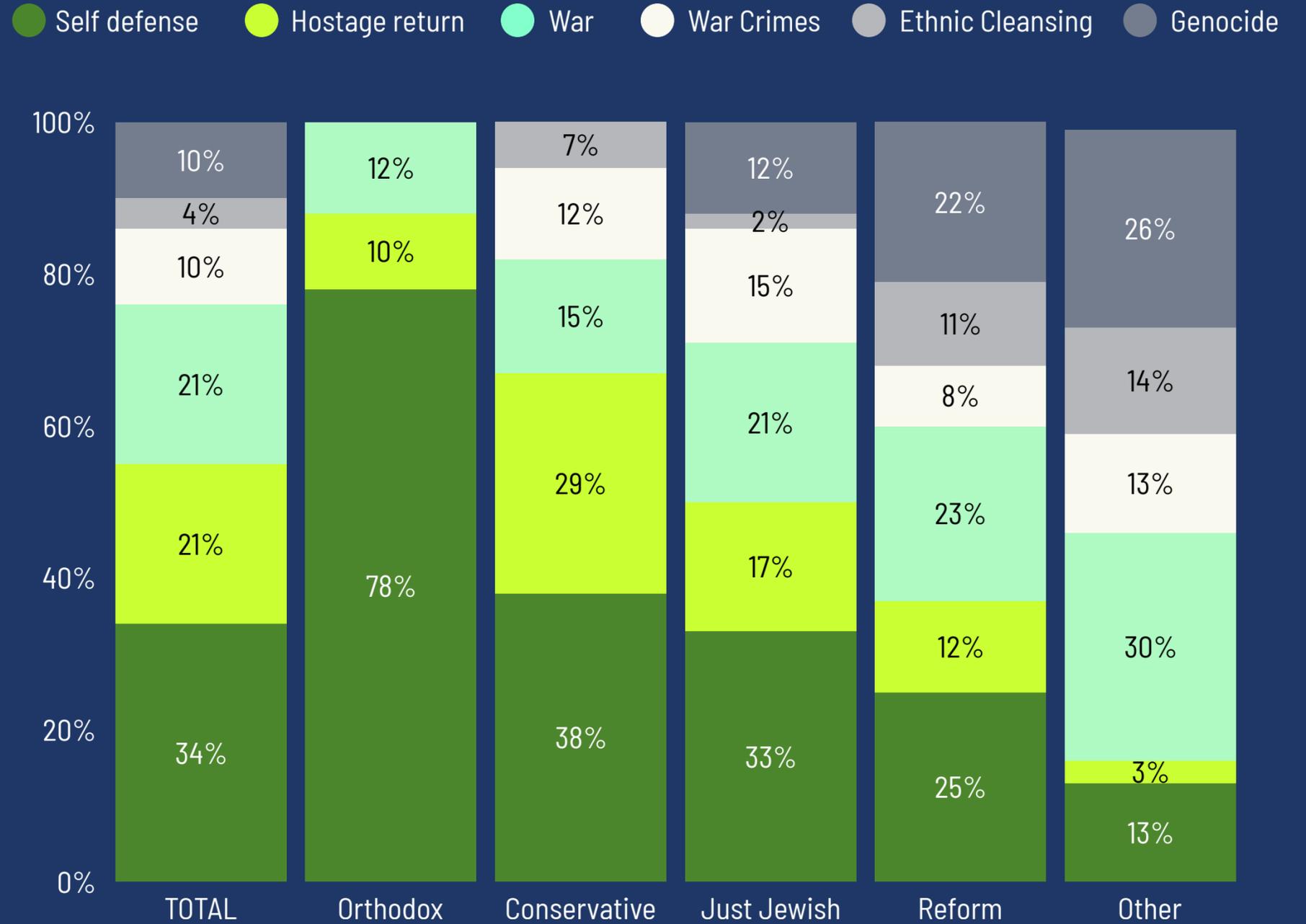
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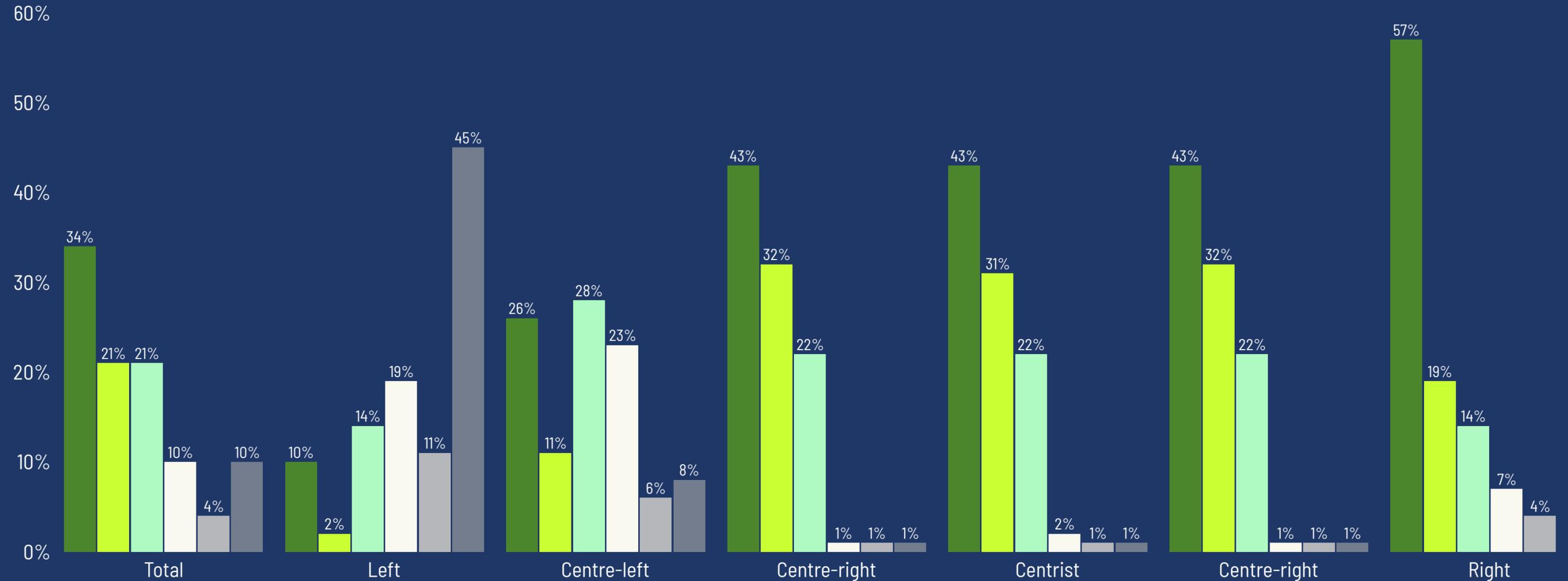
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By Political Outlook

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 ● Hostage return
 ● War
 ● War Crimes
 ● Ethnic Cleansing
 ● Genocide

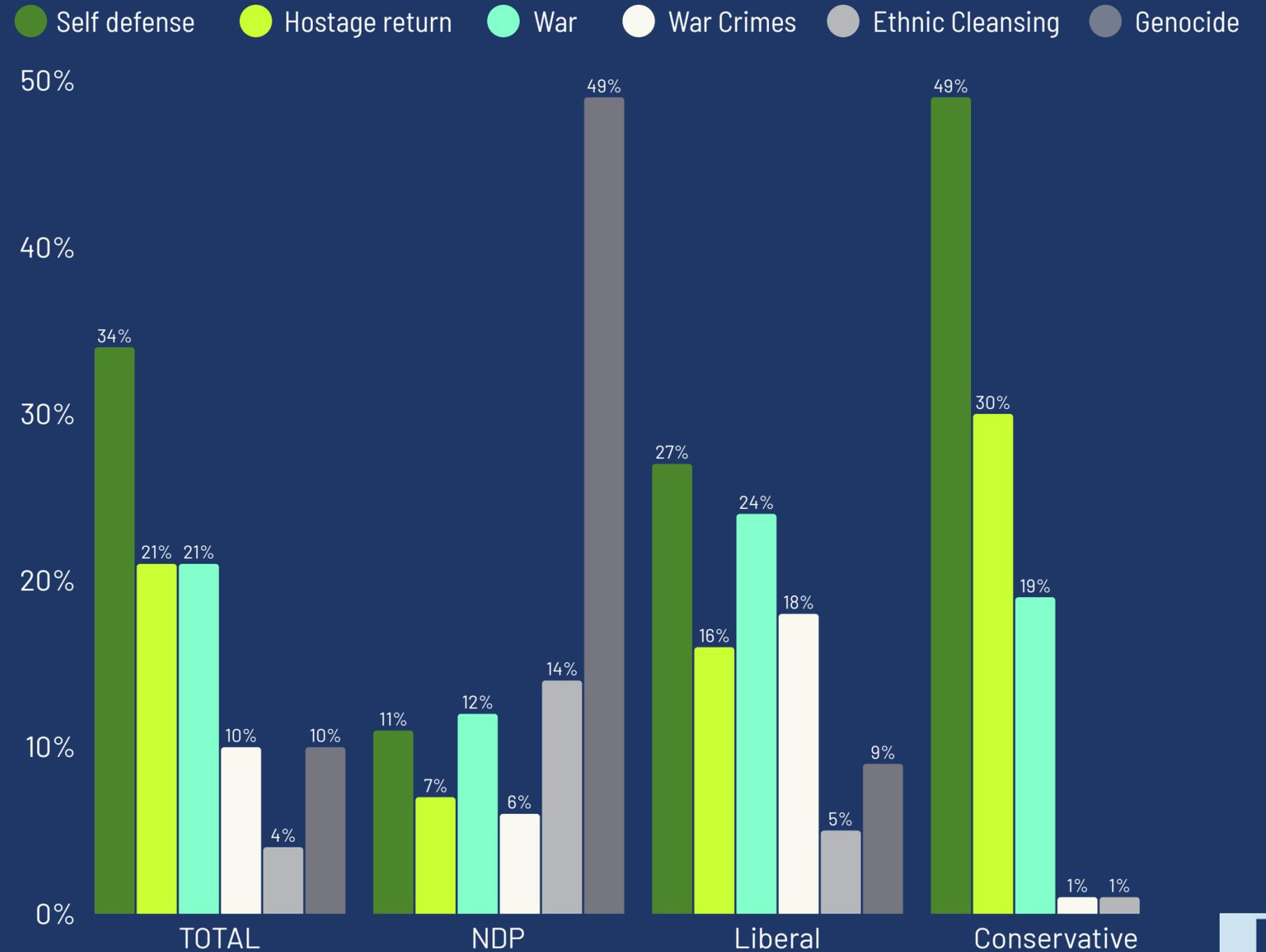


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51%

Of those who identify as either centre-left or left feel isolated in their community or in the minority regarding their views on Israel.

42%

Of Reform Jews feel isolated regarding their views on Israel.

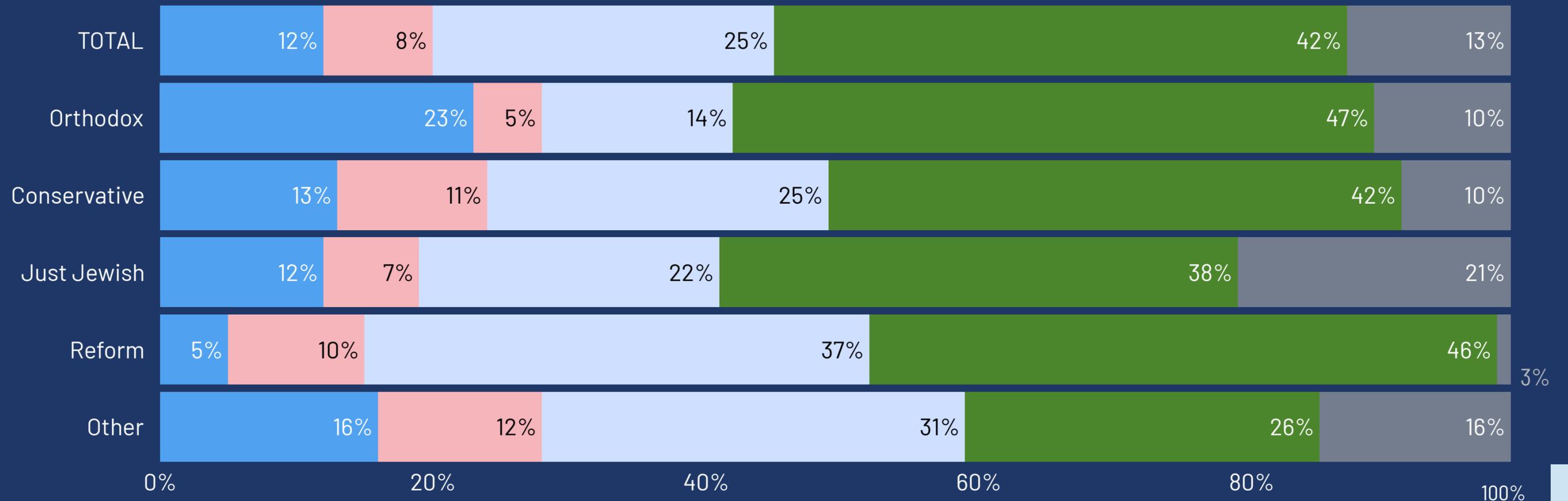
29%

Of those who identify as either centre-left or left feel similar to their Jewish community in their views on Israel.

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By Jewish Denomination

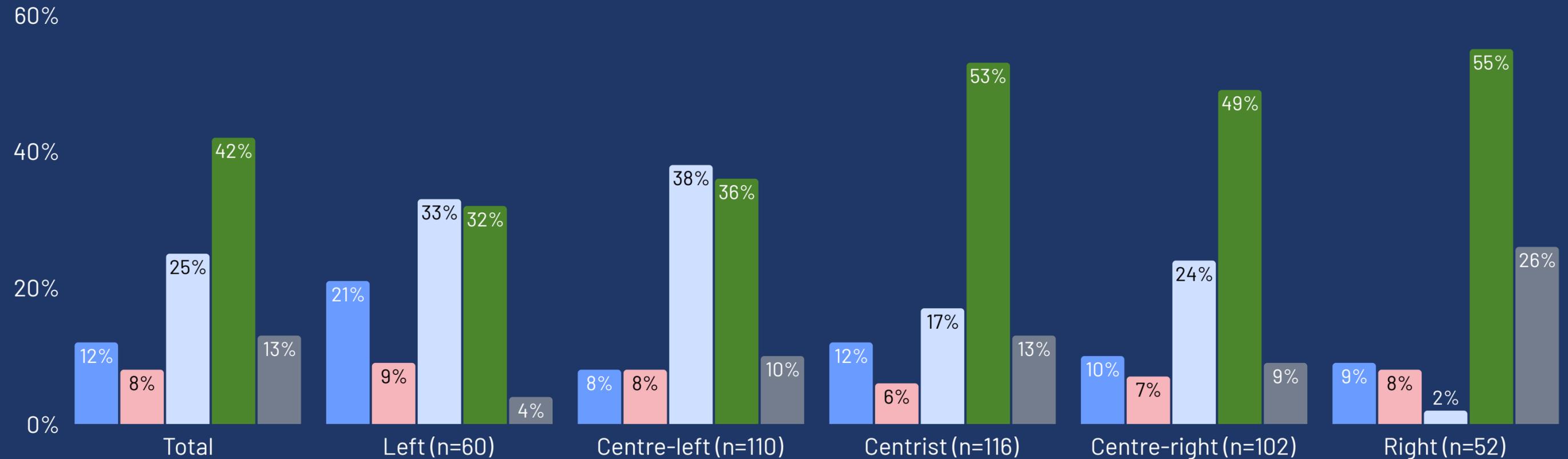
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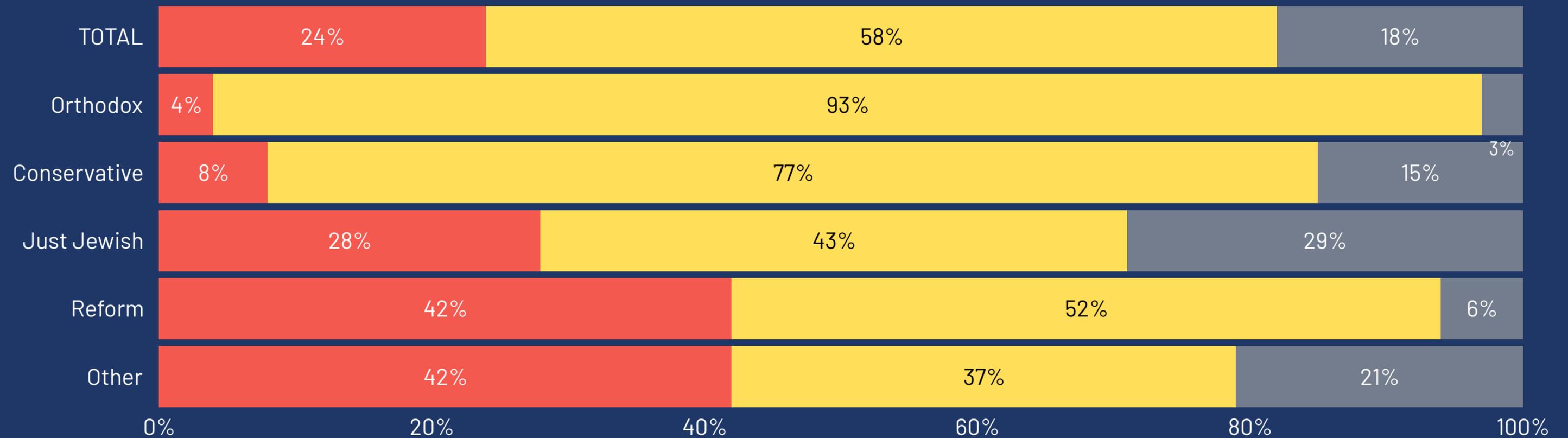
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By Jewish Denomination

● I feel mostly isolated or in the minority view about Israel in my Jewish community

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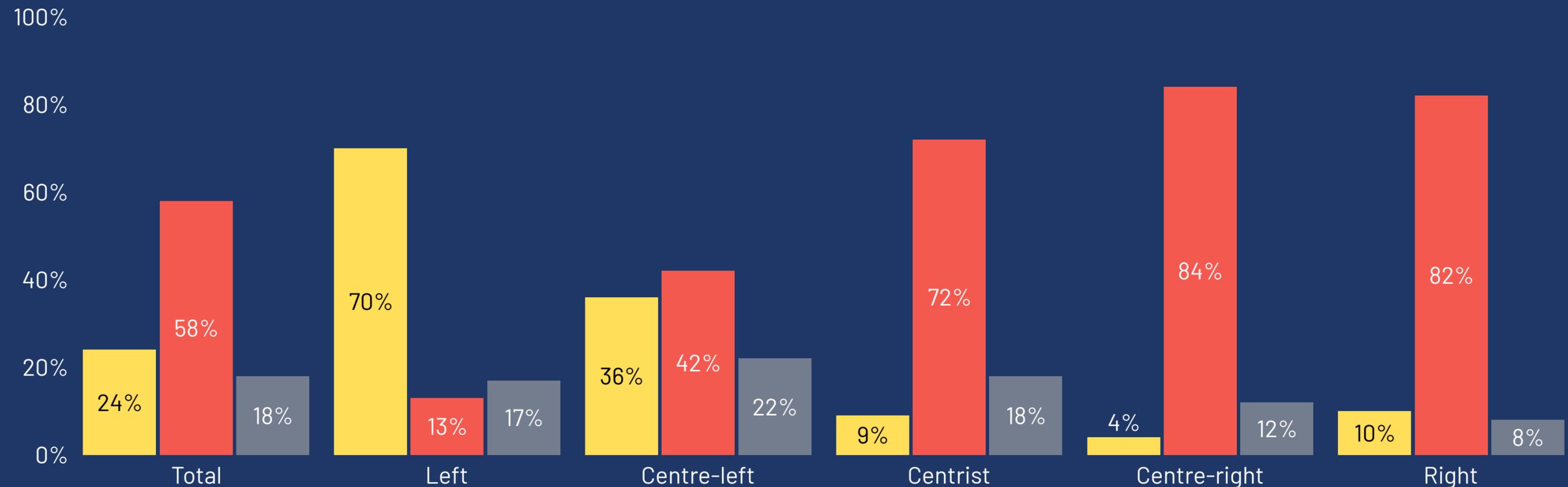
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76%

Believe Israel is either mostly/fully democratic or partly democratic.

66%

Believe Canadian Jews should support Canada openly advocating for democracy in Israel, because of our Zionist values.

49%

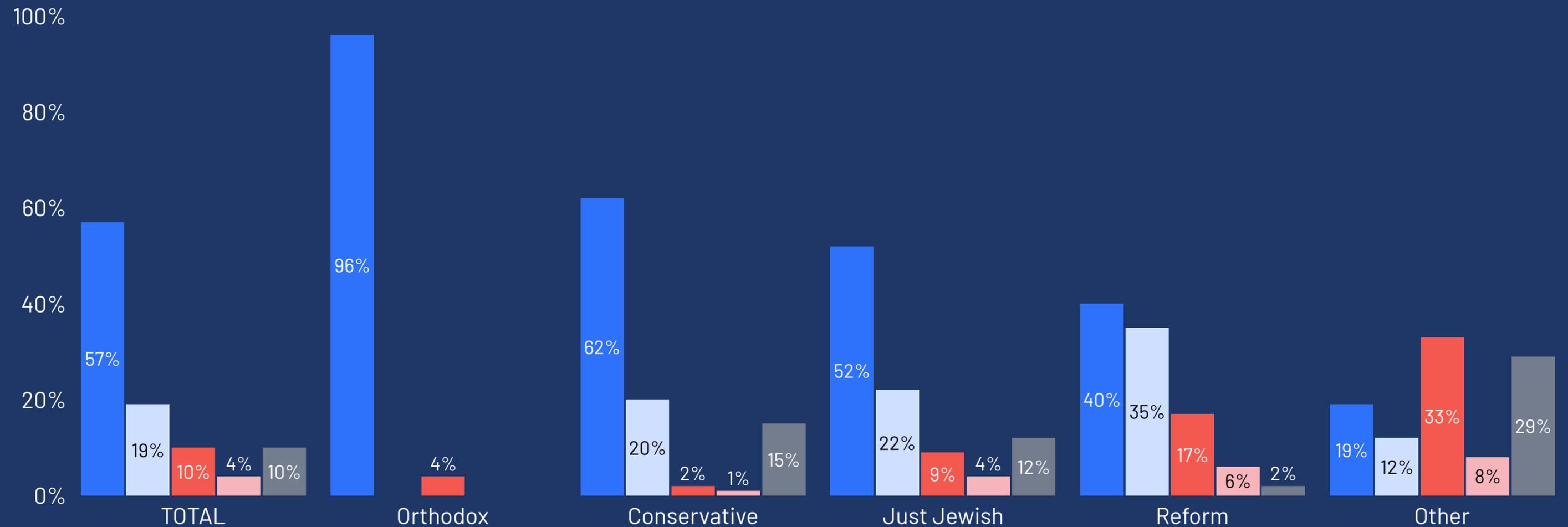
Believe the proposed reforms to the judiciary will weaken democracy.

37%

Believe that war, conflict, and occupation undermines democracy in Israel.

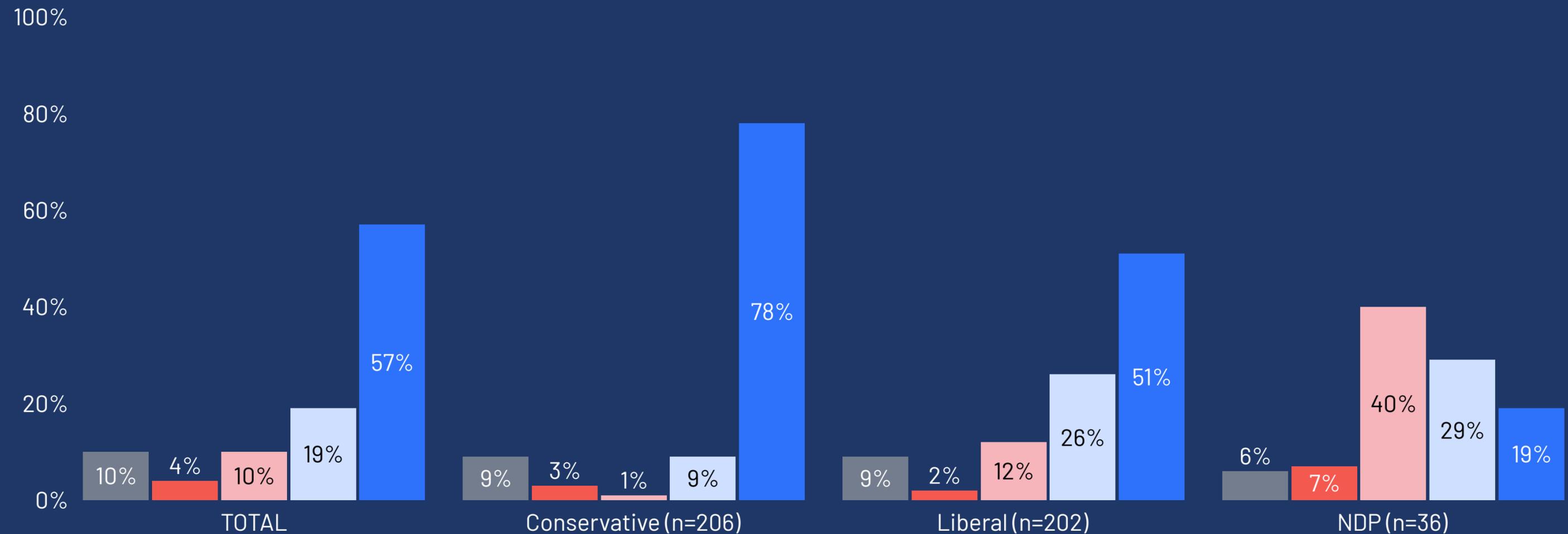
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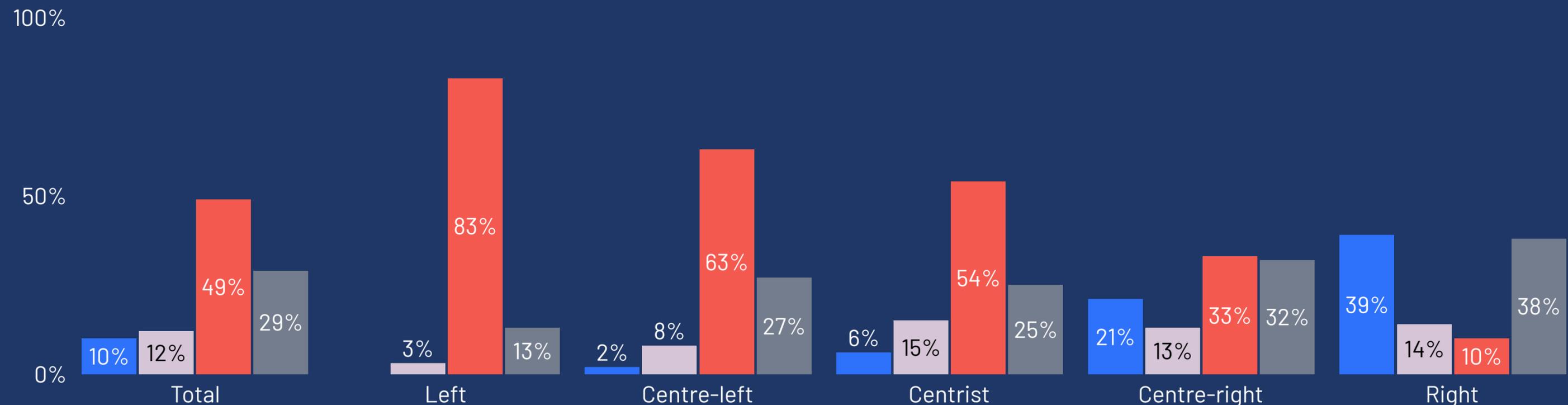
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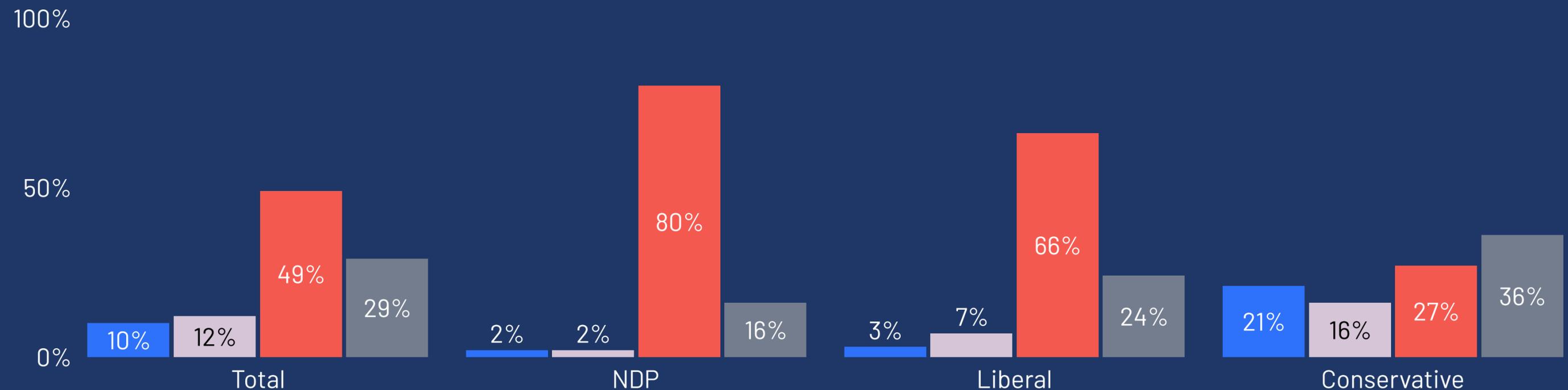
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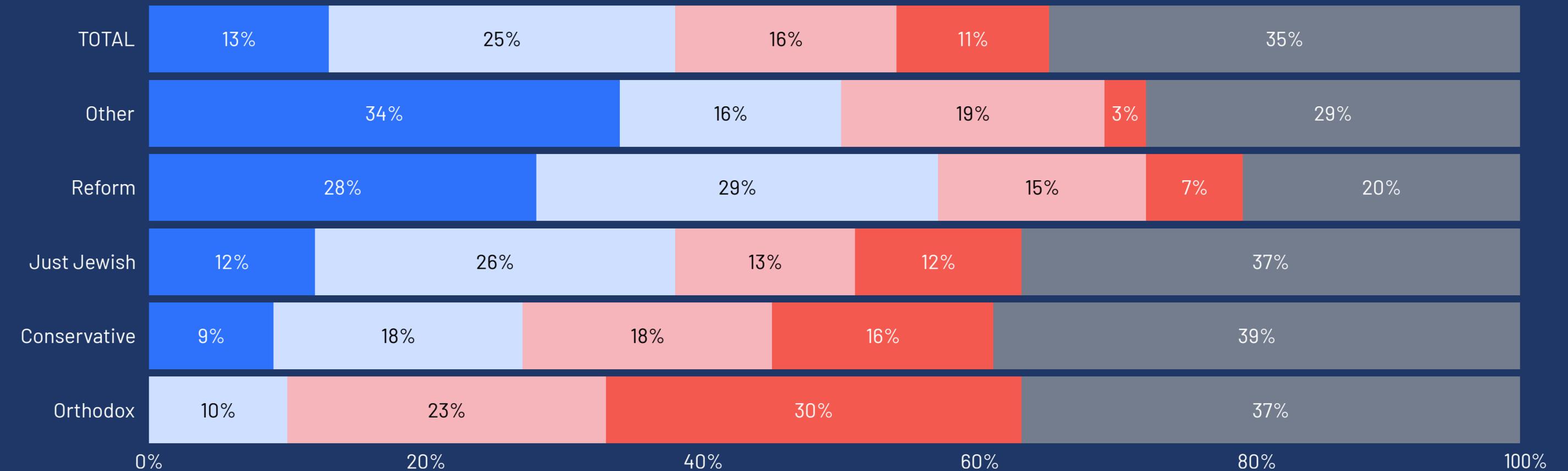
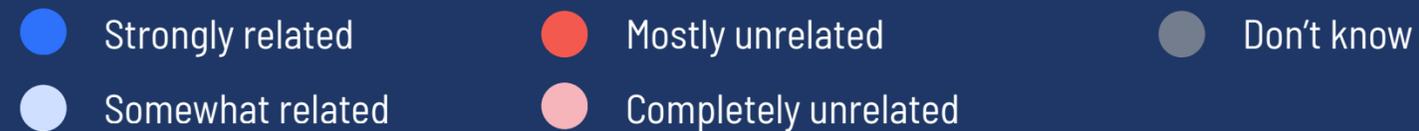
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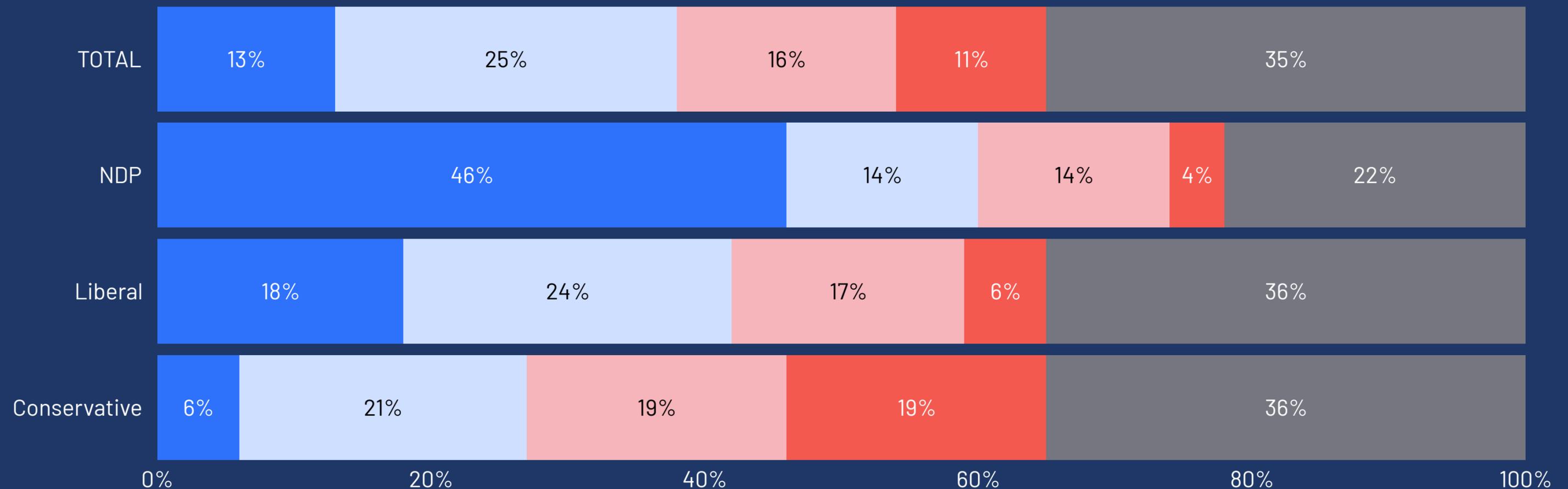
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By 2025 Federal Election Vote



5 On settlement activity in the Occupied Territories

53%

Oppose settlement expansion in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

51%

Support the Canadian government sanctioning far-right Israeli ministers when the policy suggestion is paired with a policy toward Palestinian leadership.

43%

Support the Canadian government sanctioning violent settlers in the occupied West Bank, up from 35% one year ago.

36%

Of those identifying as centre-right/right oppose settlement expansion in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

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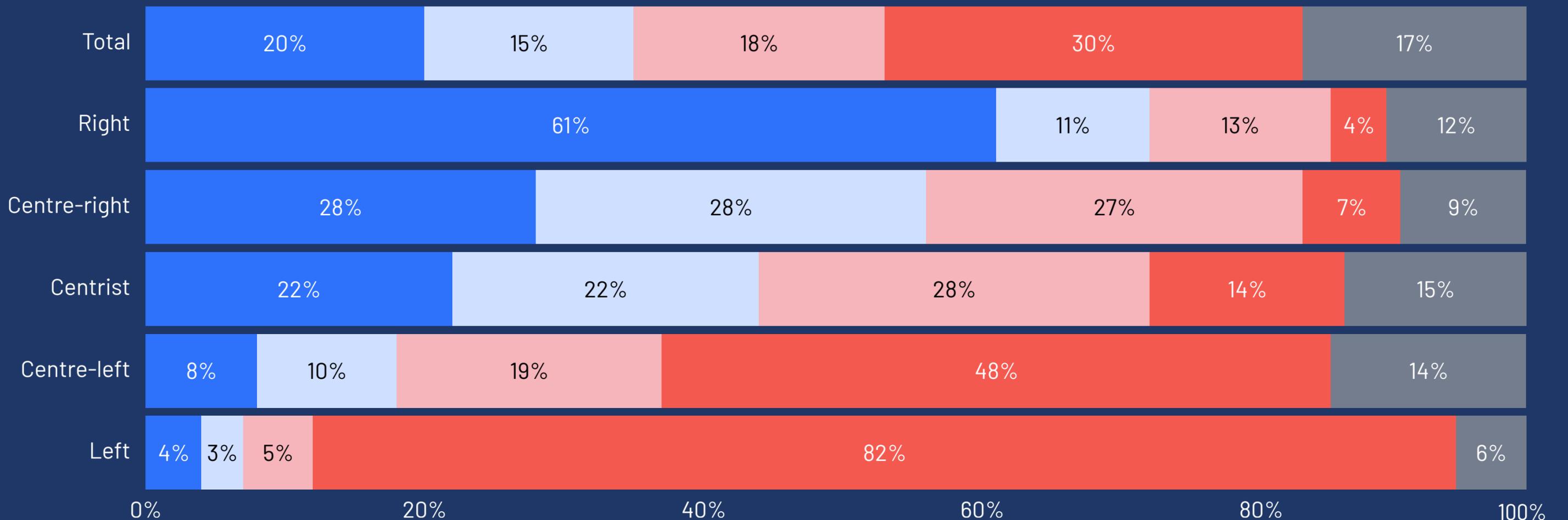
Support expanding settlements in Gaza.

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By Political Outlook

● Strongly support this position ● Somewhat support ● Somewhat oppose ● Strongly oppose ● Don't know

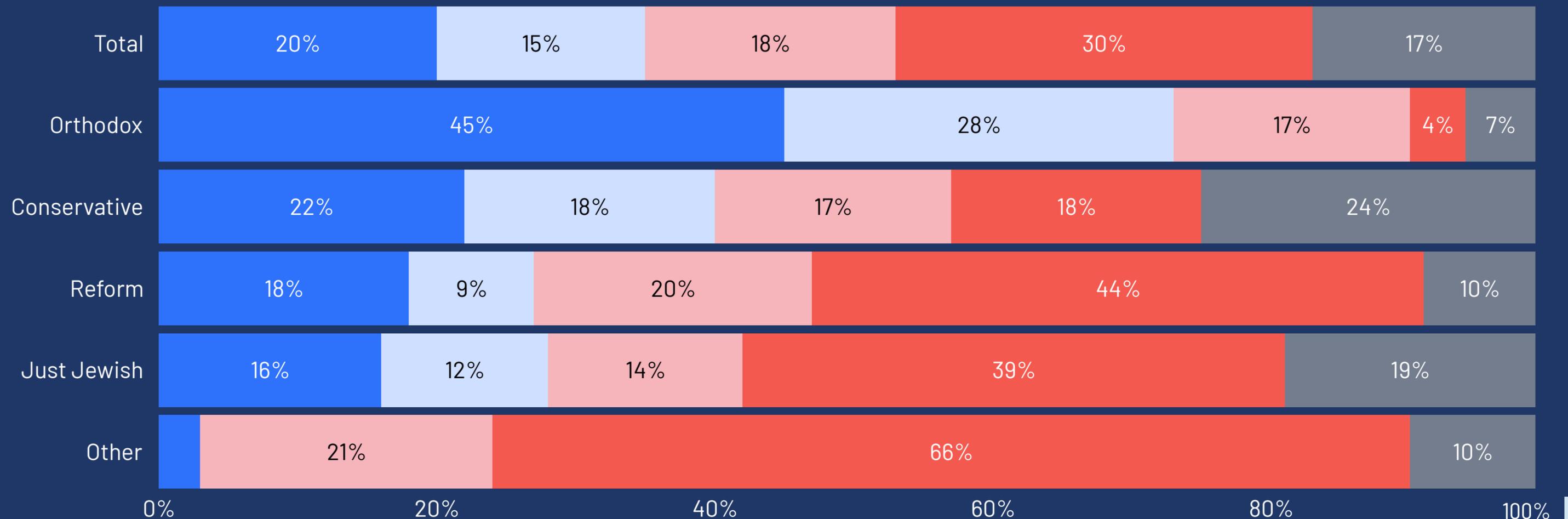


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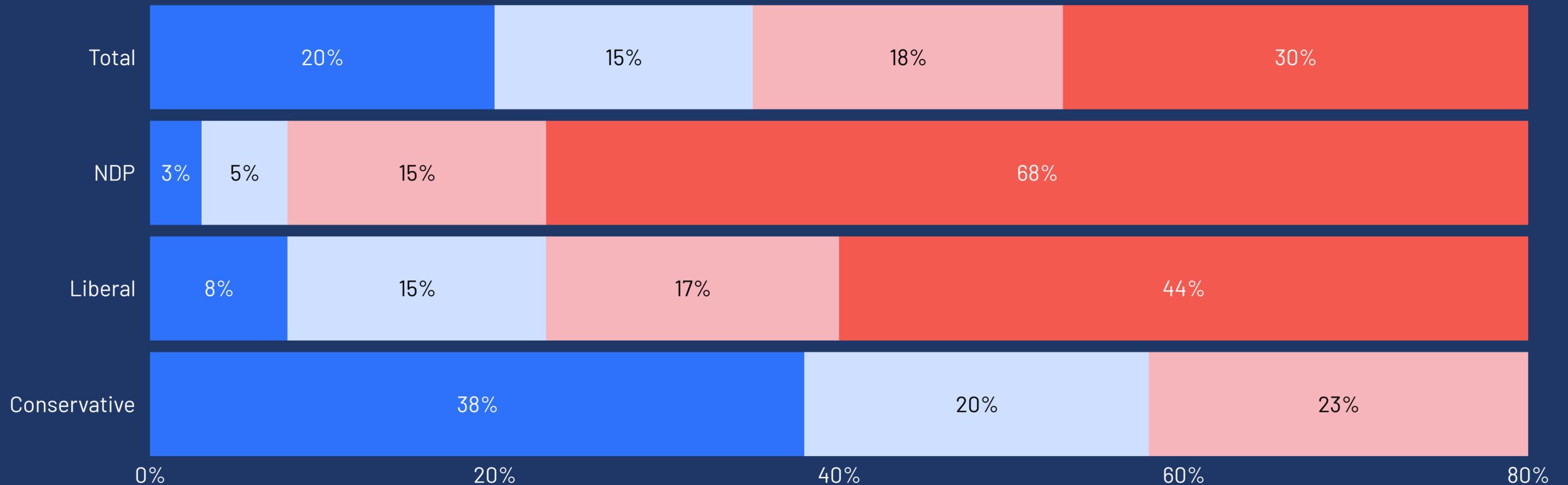


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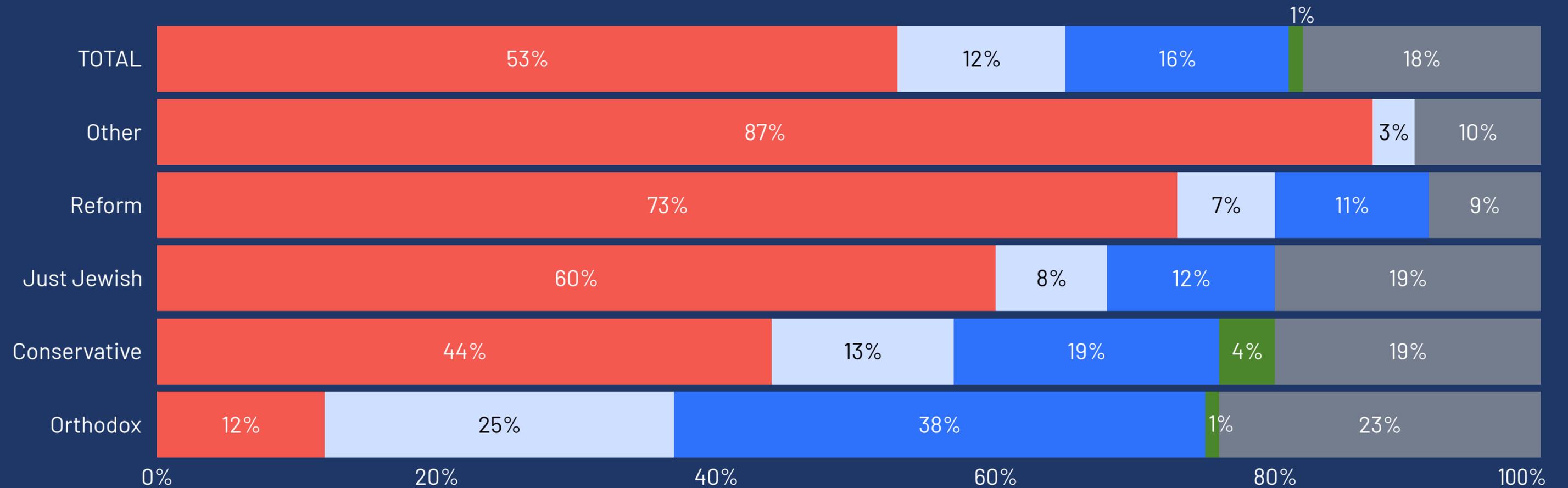


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By 2025 Federal Election Vote

- Don't support expanding in either area
- Support expanding settlements in the West Bank & Gaza
- Don't Know
- Support expanding only in West Bank
- Support expanding only in Gaza

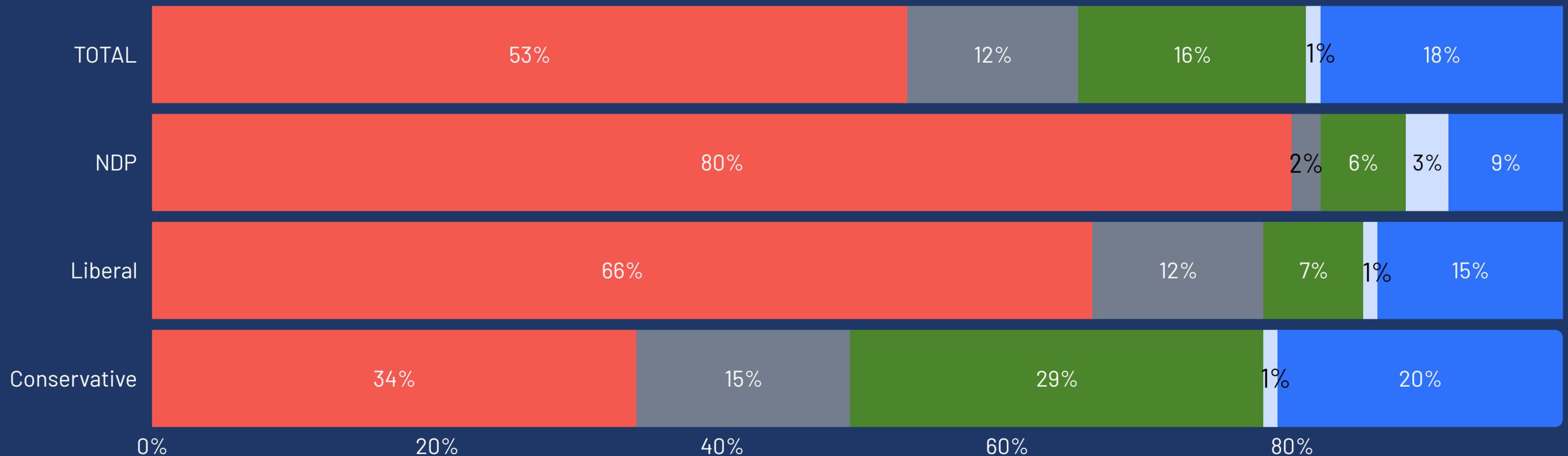


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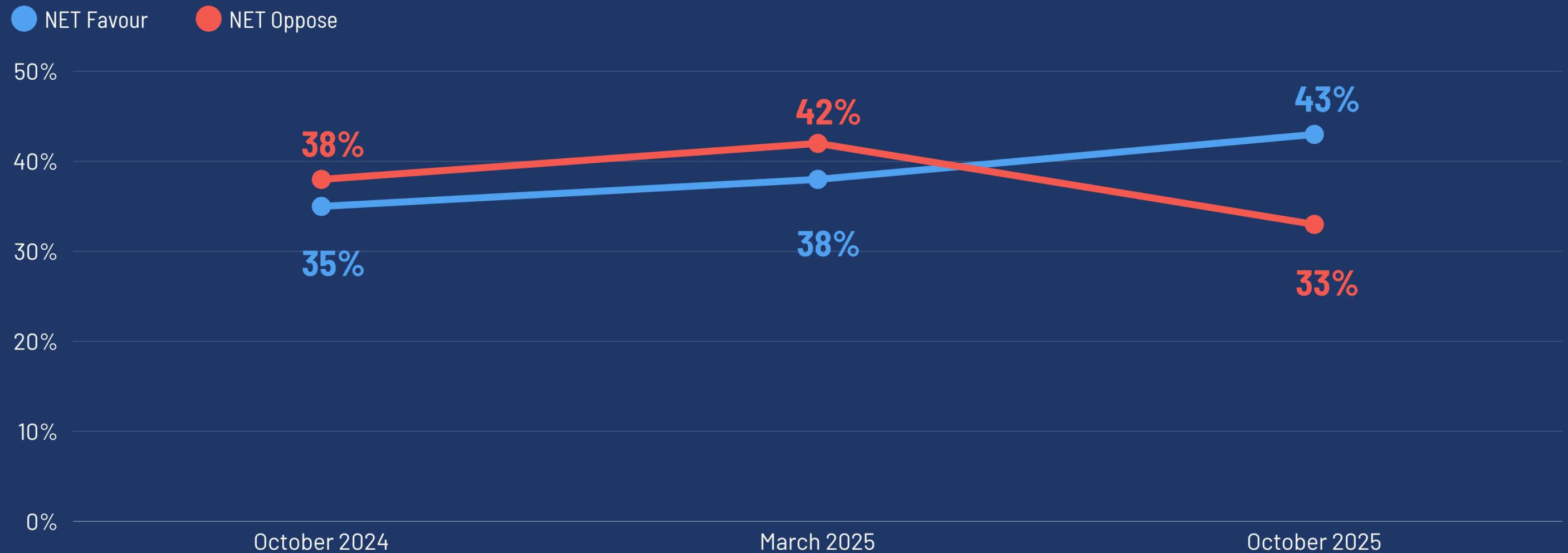
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5 On settlement activity in the Occupied Territories

Those who favour increasing sanctions on Jewish settlers in the West Bank who engage in acts of vigilante violence against Palestinian civilians over time*:



*Remaining responses were either "neither favour nor oppose" or "don't know". Responses in 2025 based on split test, group B. See slide 38 for further details.

6 On a solution to the Israeli - Palestinian conflict

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Support the establishment of a Palestinian state next to Israel, known as the two-state solution.

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62%

Support a two-state solution when offered within a regional normalization and security package.

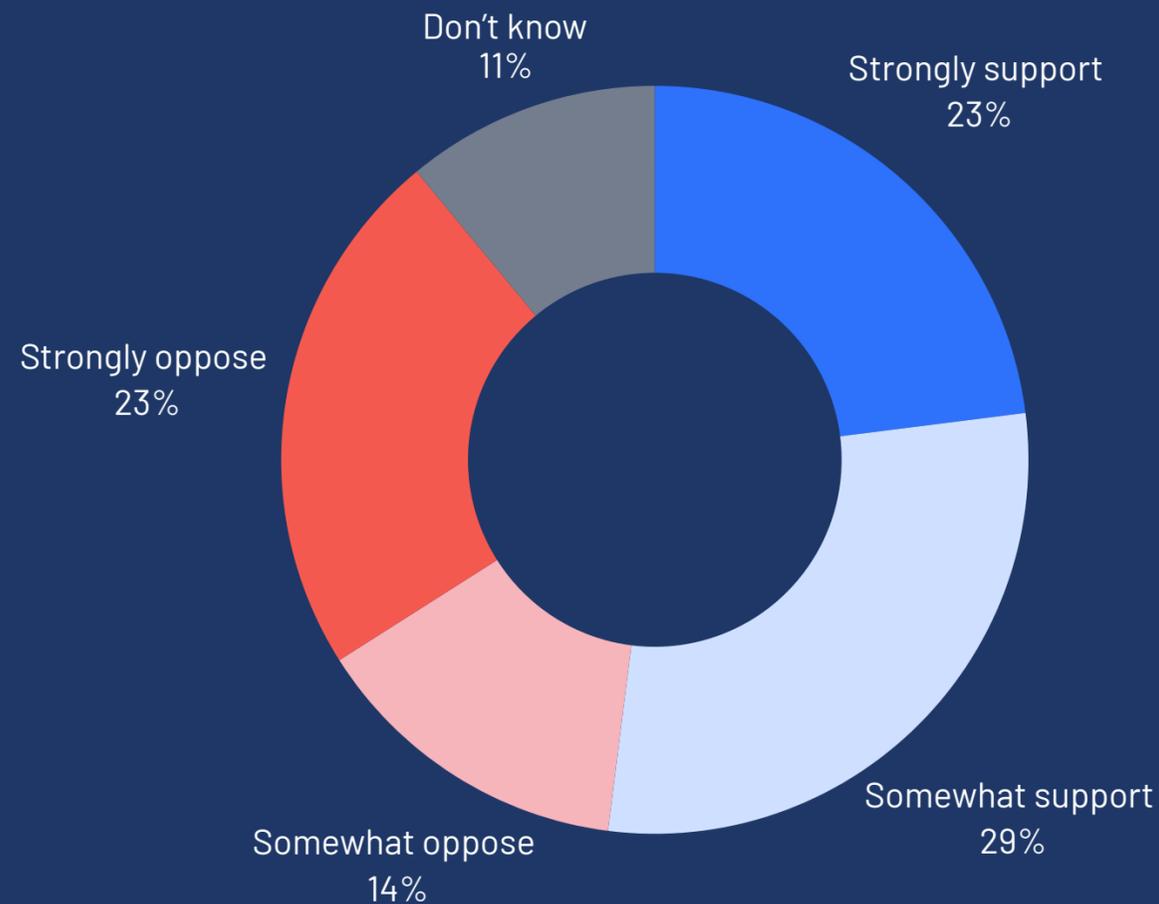
45%

Of those who opposed the establishment of a Palestinian state next to Israel, known as the two-state solution, supported such a solution when included within a broader regional normalization agreement.

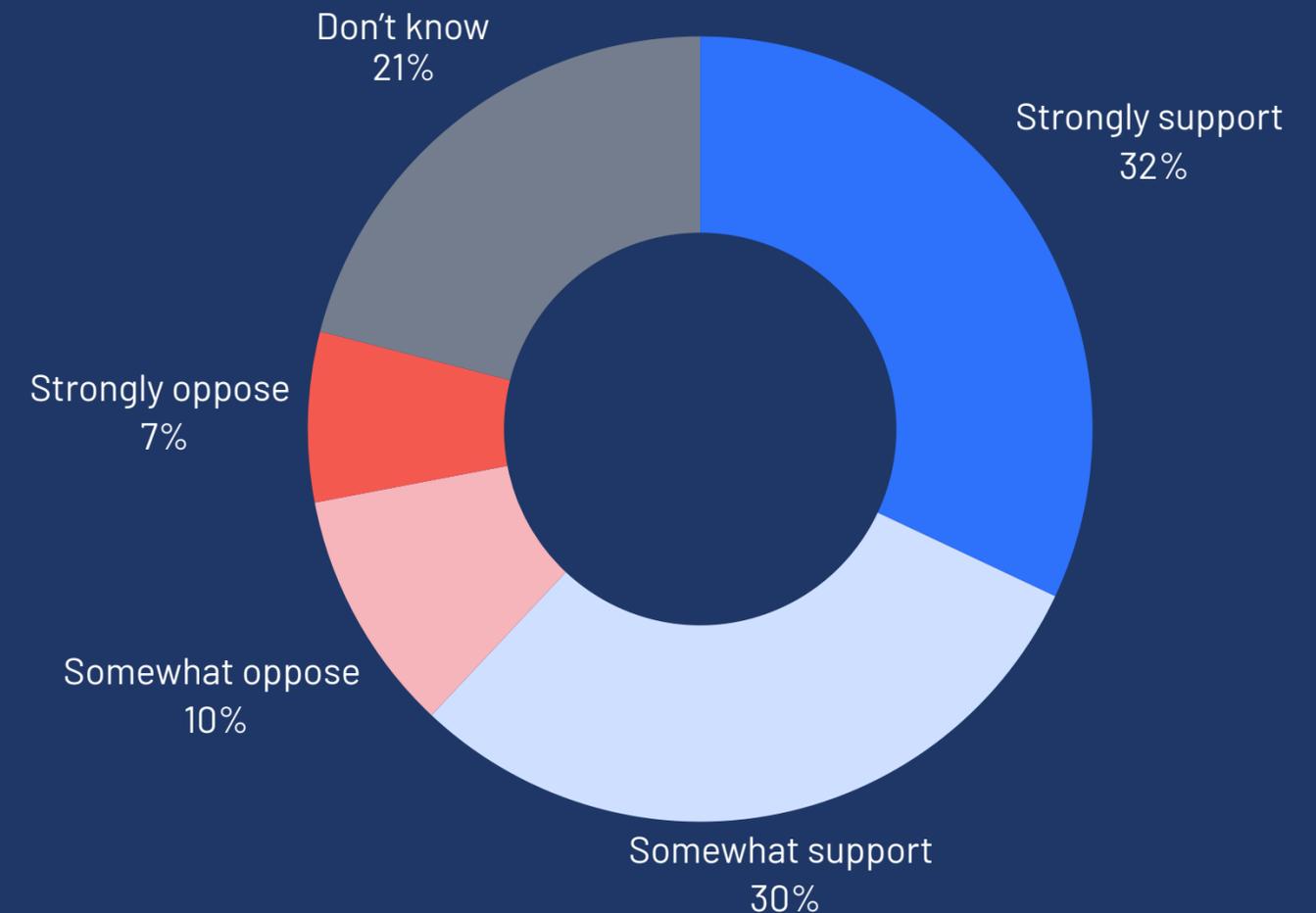
55%

Of those who identify as right in political outlook support a regional normalization agreement including a Palestinian state.

Do you support or oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state next to Israel, known as the two-state solution?



Do you support or oppose Israel forging regional normalization agreements with additional Arab states in return for a multi-lateral regional security framework for implementing a peace agreement with the Palestinians which includes the establishment of a Palestinian state?

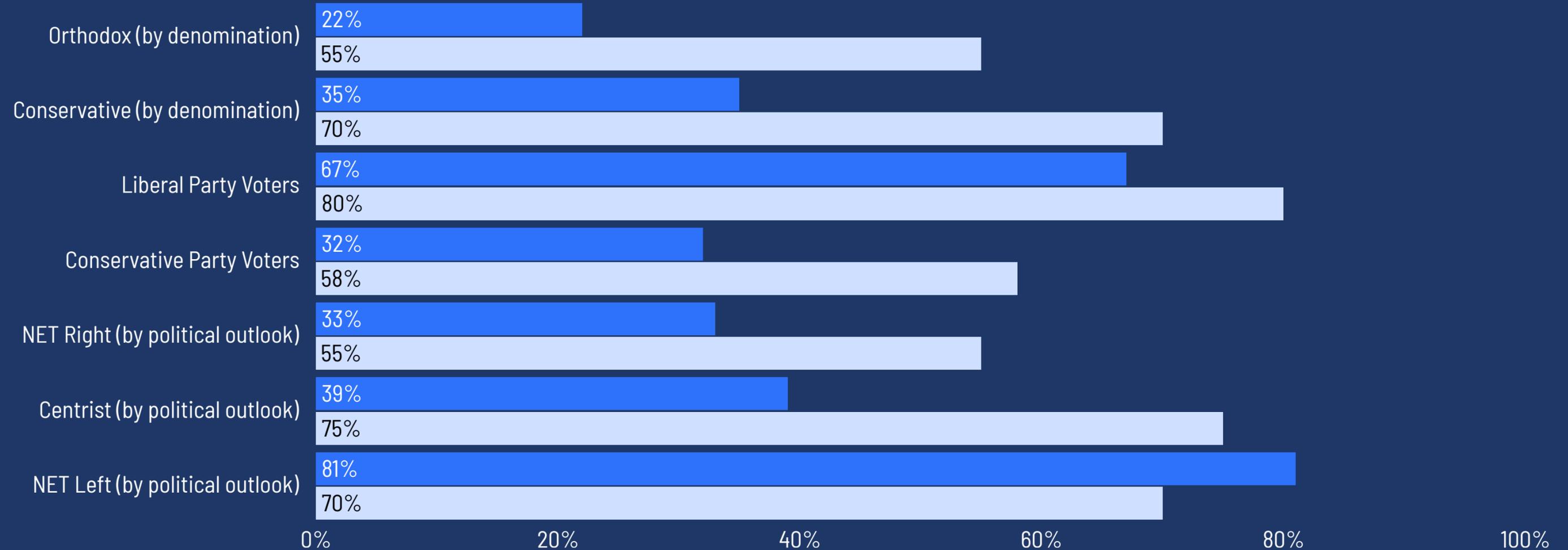


Difference in support for a diplomatic solution when referencing a two state solution vs a regional normalization agreement which includes a Palestinian state.

By Select Indicators

● Support two-state solution

● Support regional normalization agreement



7 Support for Canadian government policies

For the following questions, we did a split sample experiment.

For one half of the sample, we tested a number of policies the Canadian government could take to try to change Israeli policy.

In the other half of the sample we tested pairs: the exact same policies Canada could take to change Israeli policy, but each item was paired with a corresponding step Canada's government could take to change Palestinian actions. The aim was to see if respondents who received "balanced" proposals – for each one directed at Israel, one directed at Palestinians – would be more likely to support those directed at Israel.

In each pair, the policy targeting Palestinian actions was read first, to see if "priming" the respondent would affect support for Canadian government policy targeting Israeli actions.

On a methodological level, we made sure the two half-samples were both roughly representative of the Canadian Jewish population, and not significantly different from one another on key indicators.

The next series of slides will show **split A**, referred to as "Paired Policies", alongside **split B**, referred to as "Israeli Policies."

● Split A

● Split B

47%

43%

Expand sanctions on Jewish settlers in the West Bank who engage in acts of vigilante violence against Palestinian civilians.

22%

24%

Canada's formal recognition of the State of Palestine at the UN a few weeks ago.

51%

39%

Place economic, travel sanctions and visa bans on far-right ministers, such as Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, and settler leaders who have aided and incited Jewish settlers who commit violent attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank.

49%

48%

Increase humanitarian aid to Gaza.

20%

23%

Institute an embargo on the purchase of arms manufactured in Israel and the sale of Canadian manufactured arms to Israel.

7 Support for Canadian government policies

Policies Canada's government could take to change Palestinian actions for the paired policies split sample experiment.

The following results are total net favour for these proposed policies.

81%

Pressure the Palestinian Authority to ensure that social welfare payments are not made as incentives to militants convicted of terror attacks against Israeli civilians

85%

Place economic and travel sanctions/visa bans on Palestinian individuals who publicly call to commit specific violent acts against Jewish or Israeli civilians

82%

Implement tougher additional sanctions against entities and financial institutions involved in international funds transfer to Hamas or Palestinian militias

46%

Canada should have formally recognized a Palestinian state only after negotiations between Israel and the recognized Palestinian leadership reach a final peace agreement for a two state solution.

71%

Increase aid to Israeli civil society for social services to help Israeli civilian victims of October 7 and the war.

96%

Believe it is important to support Canadian Jewish groups combating antisemitism in Canada.

82%

Believe it is important to support the Israeli democracy movement.

81%

Believe Canada should take an open position in support of democracy in Israel.

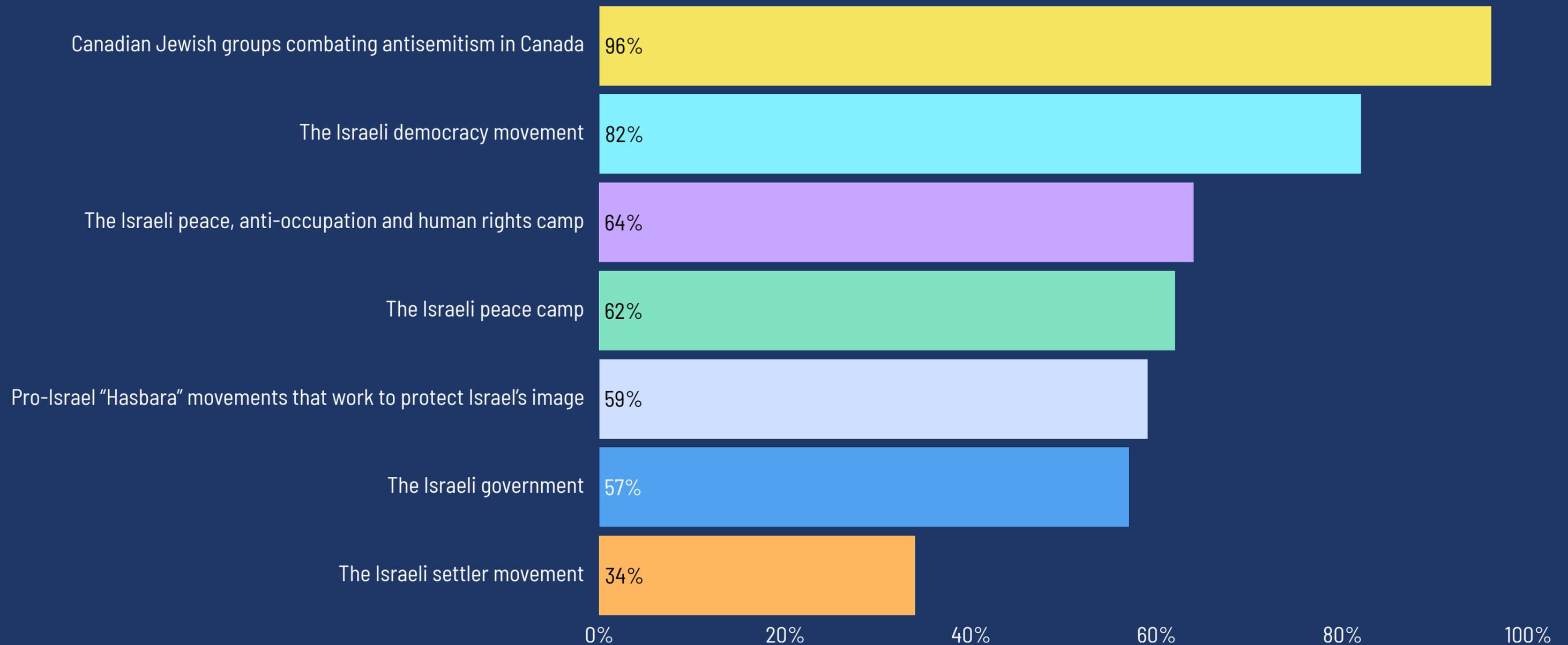
64%

Believe it is important to support the Israeli peace, anti-occupation, and human rights camp.

59%

Believe it is important to support pro-Israel "Hasbara" movements that work to protect Israel's image.

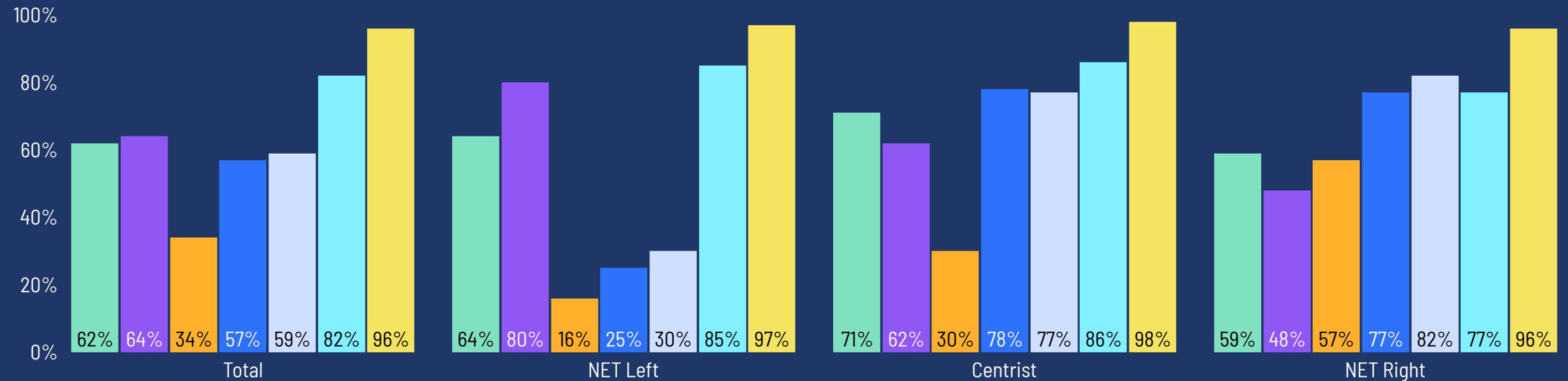
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By Political Outlook

- The Israeli peace camp
- The Israeli peace, anti-occupation and human rights camp
- The Israeli settler movement
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- The Israeli democracy movement
- Canadian Jewish groups combating antisemitism in Canada



When asked if Canadian Jews should support Canadian efforts to protect civilians in Gaza because of our Jewish Values:

61%
Agree

51%

agree with the statement "I support Israeli security, but oppose settlements as a violation of international law, which also makes a two-state solution impossible."

38%

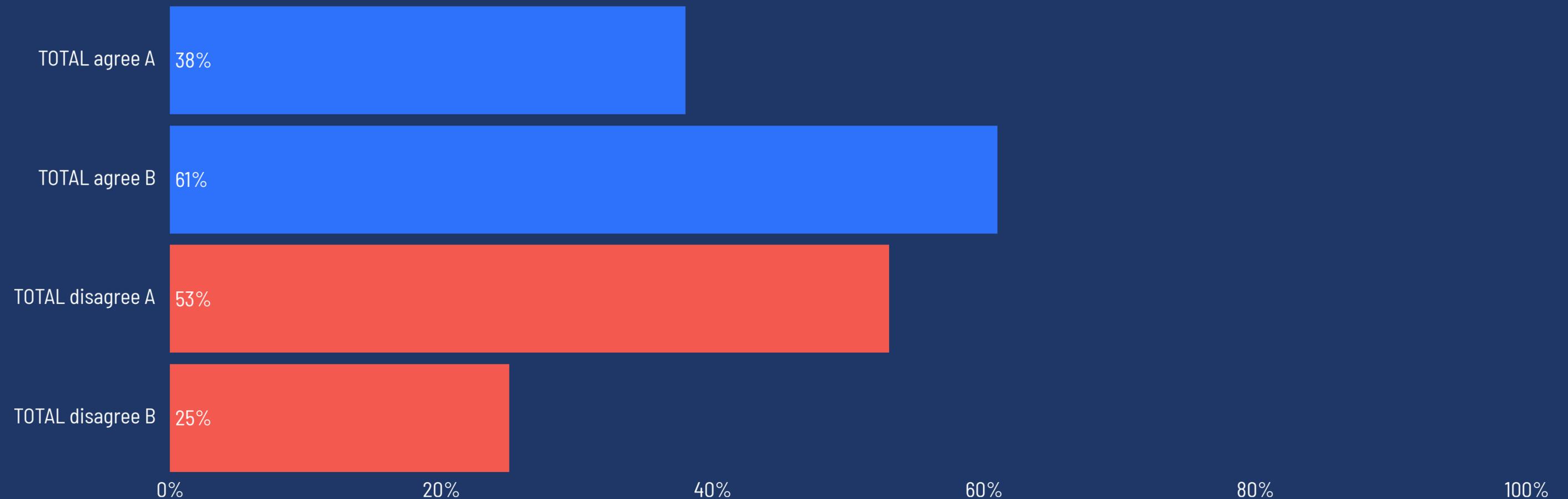
believe Canada should do more to protect civilians in Gaza.*

**Half sample as part of split sample experiment.*

On Canada's role in protecting civilians in Gaza, we conducted a split sample experiment.

Split A was asked if they agree that "Canada should do more to protect civilians in Gaza"

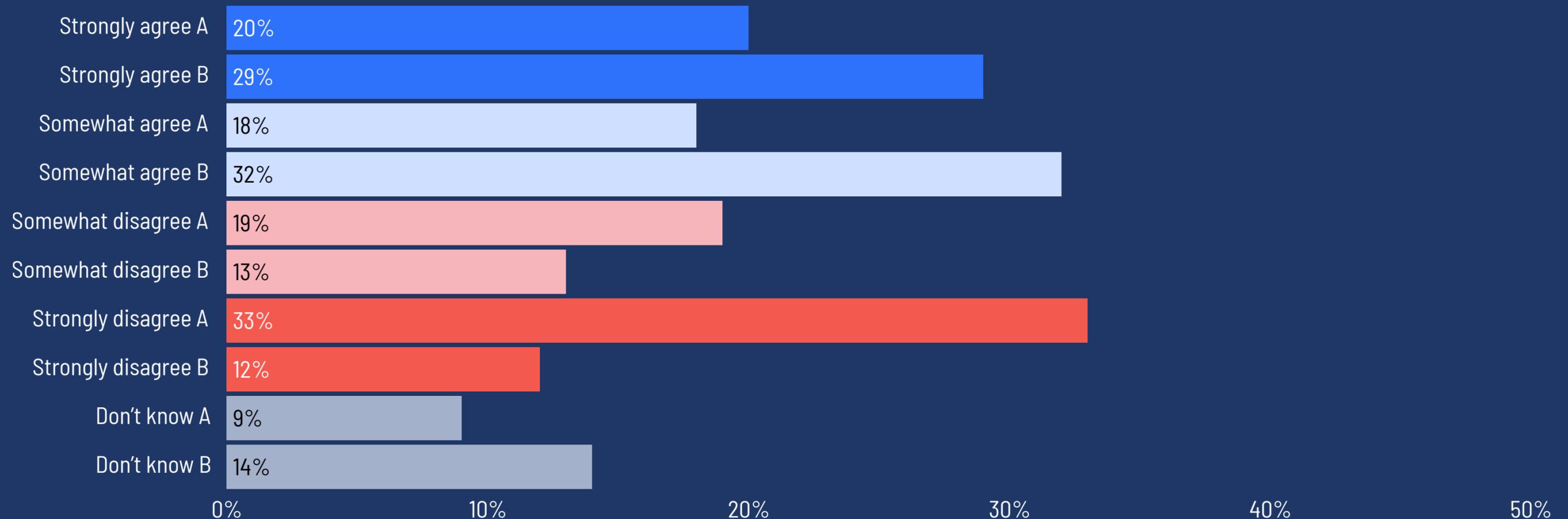
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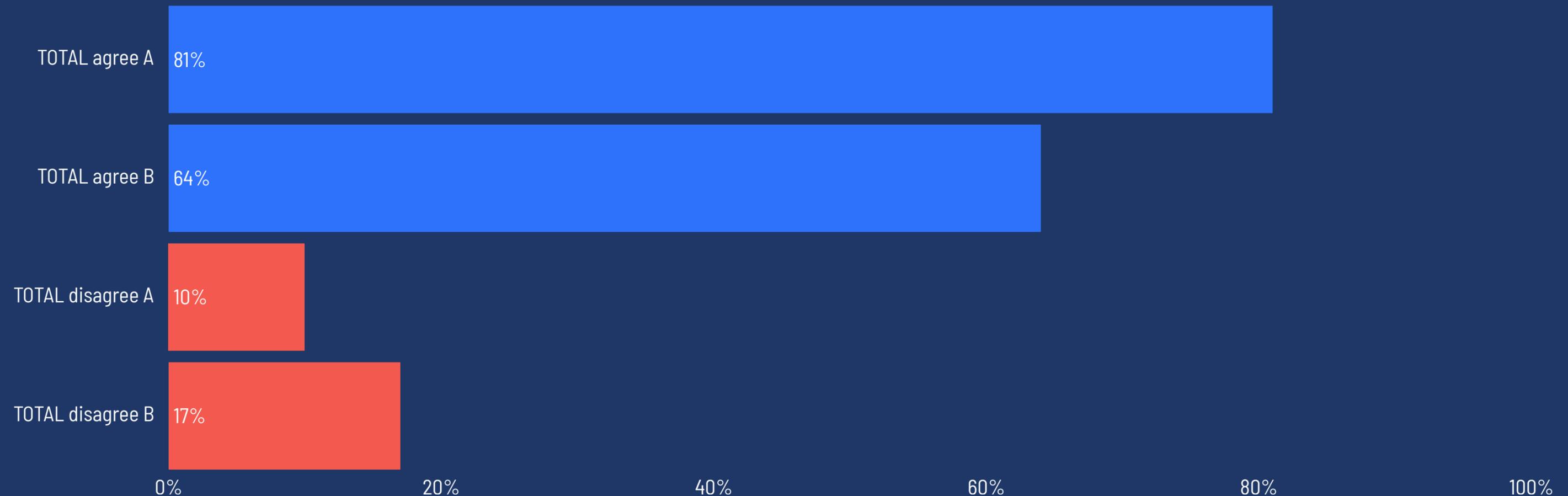
Split B was asked if they agree that "Canadian Jews should support Canadian efforts to protect civilians in Gaza because of our Jewish values."



On Canada's role in taking an open position in support of democracy, we conducted a split sample experiment.

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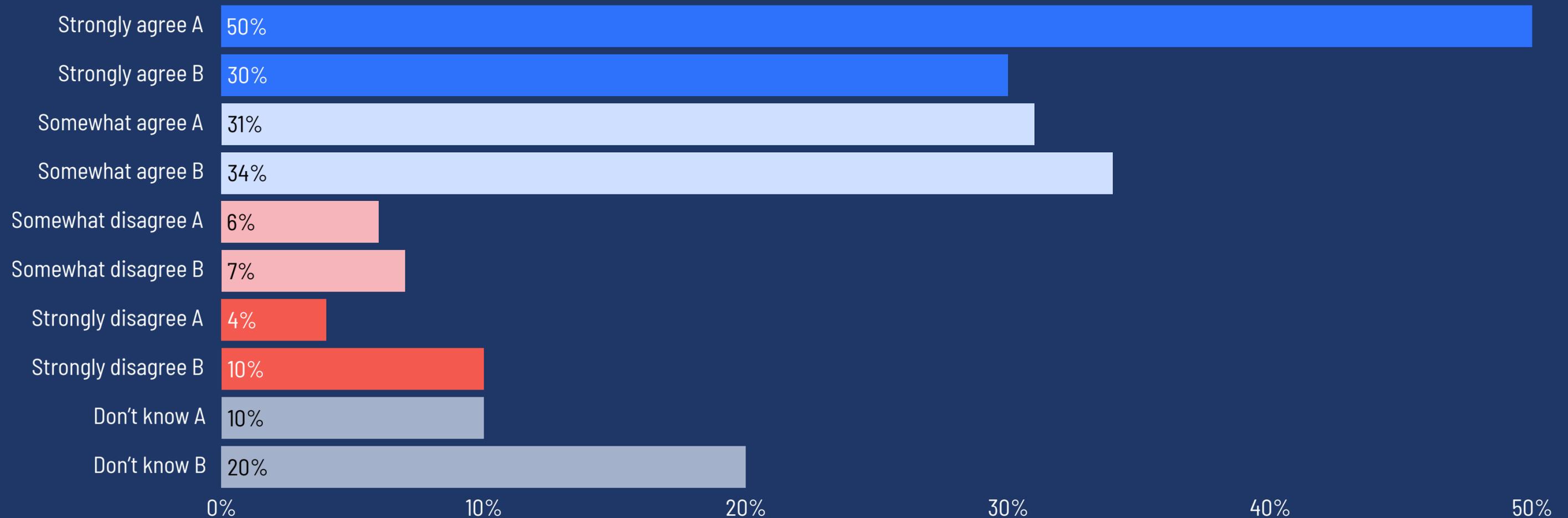
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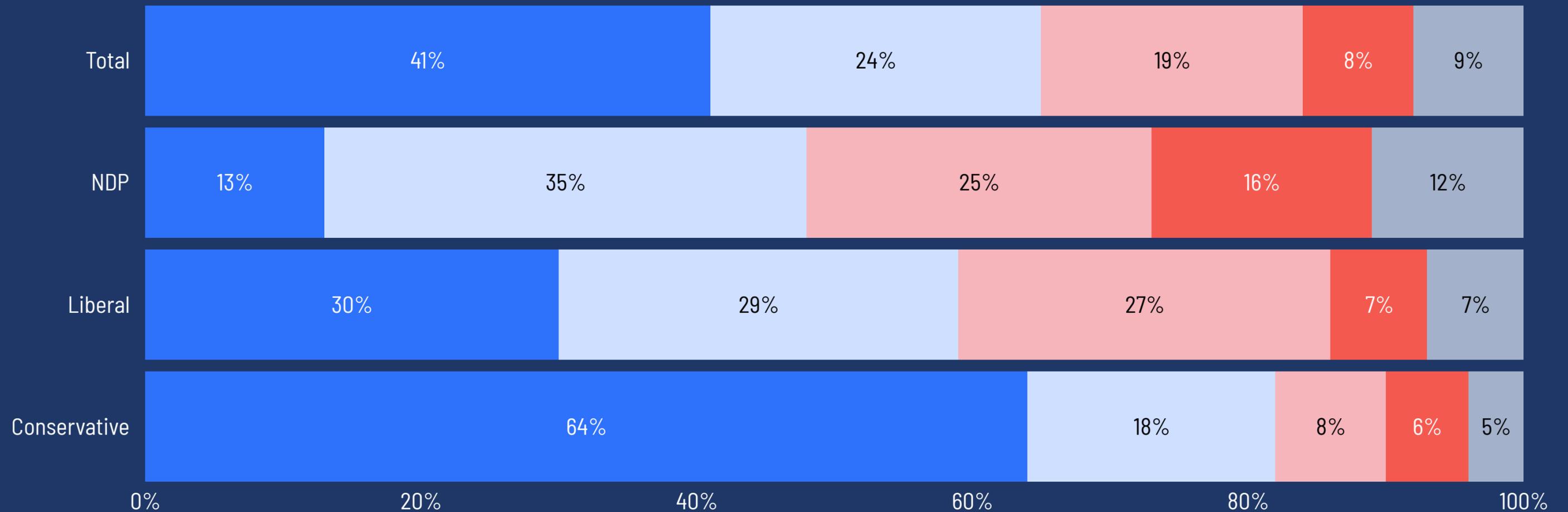
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Canada should not intervene in internal Israeli affairs.

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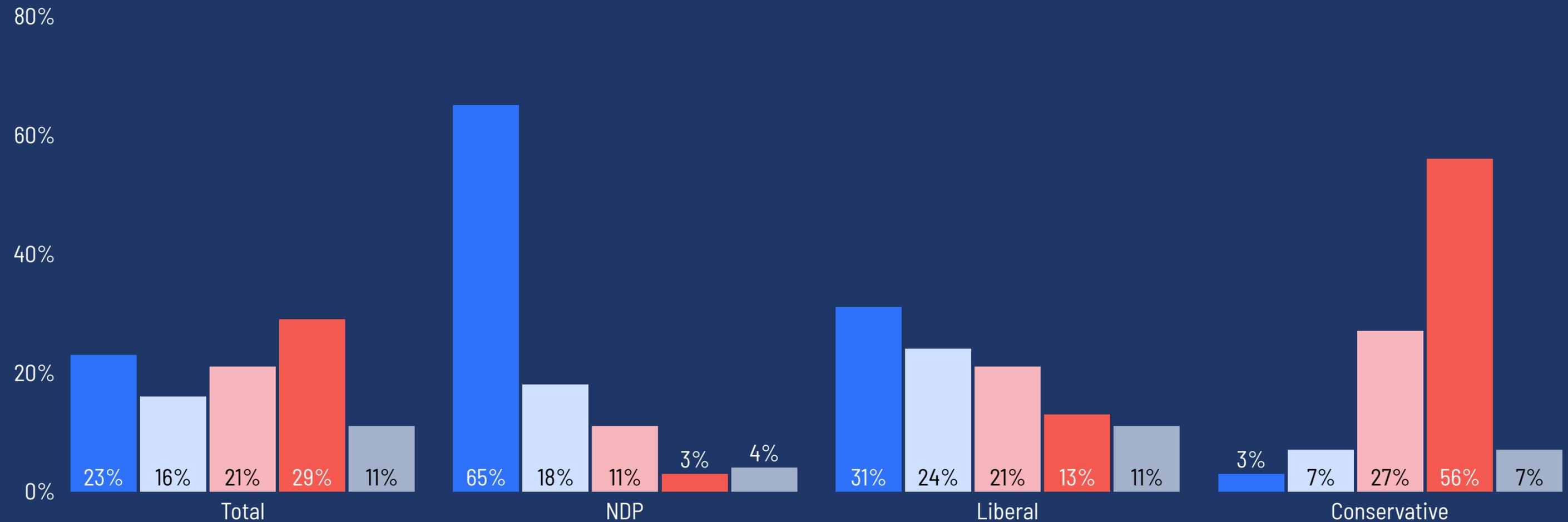
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Canada should be more critical of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

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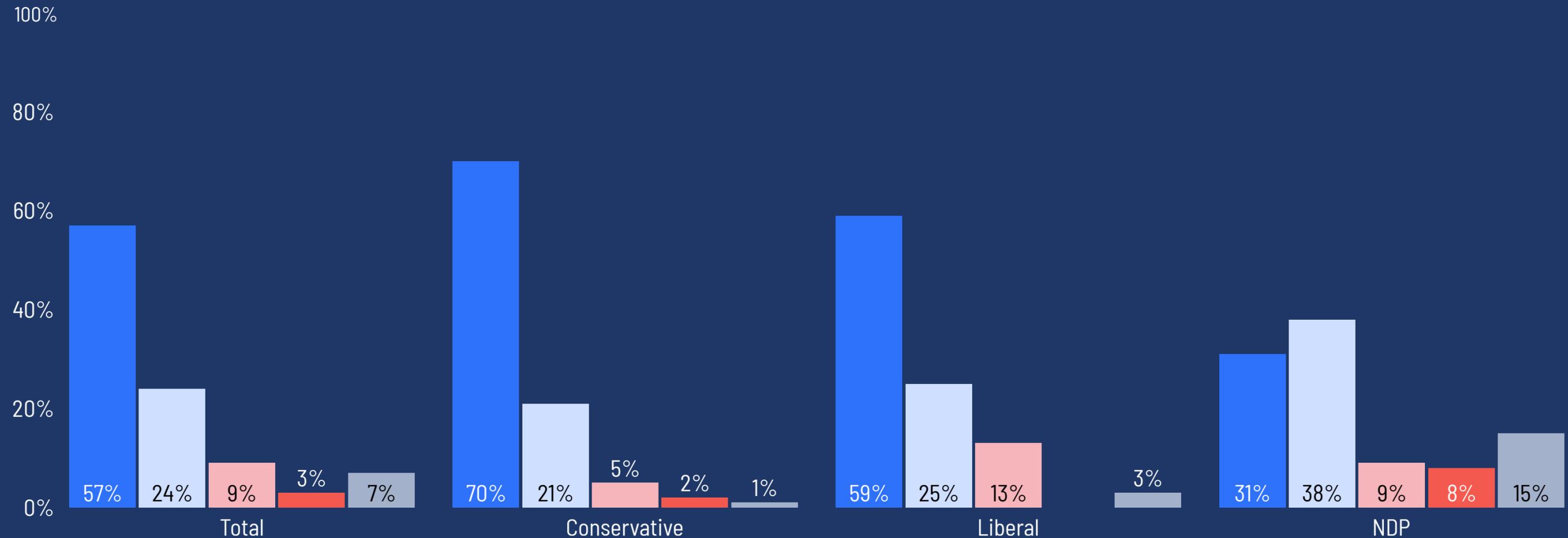
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Canada should focus on global and Canadian antisemitism more than on Israeli politics.

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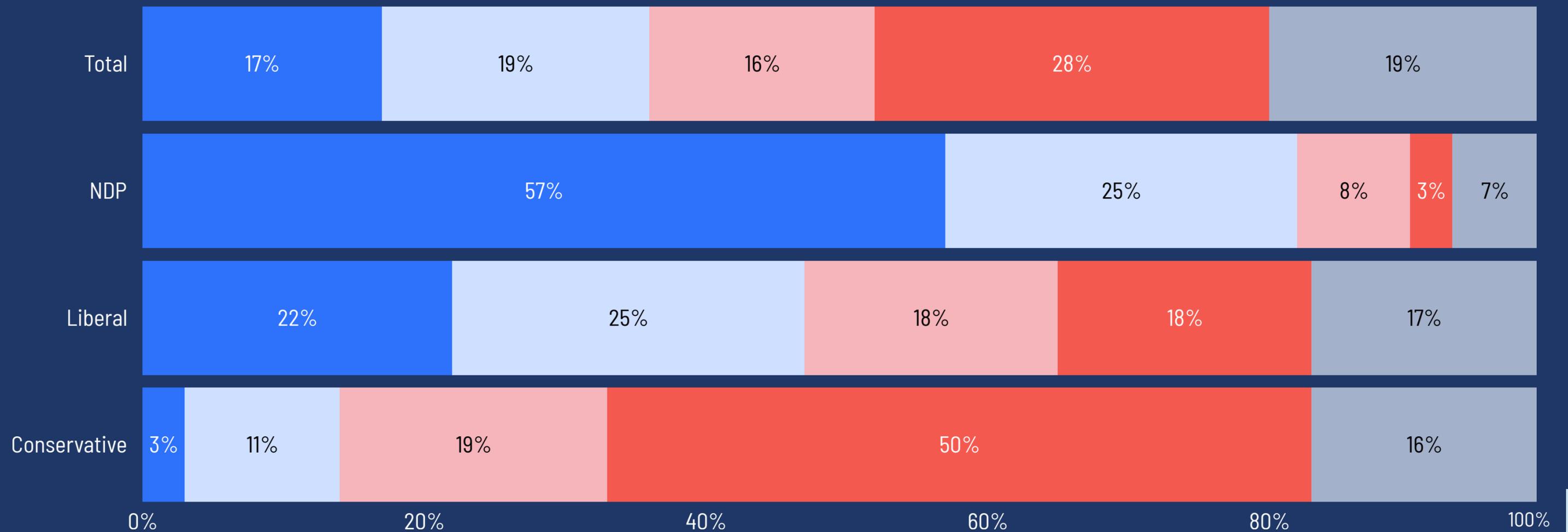
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The Gaza war, conflict and occupation undermine Israel's democracy and the country might not remain democratic.

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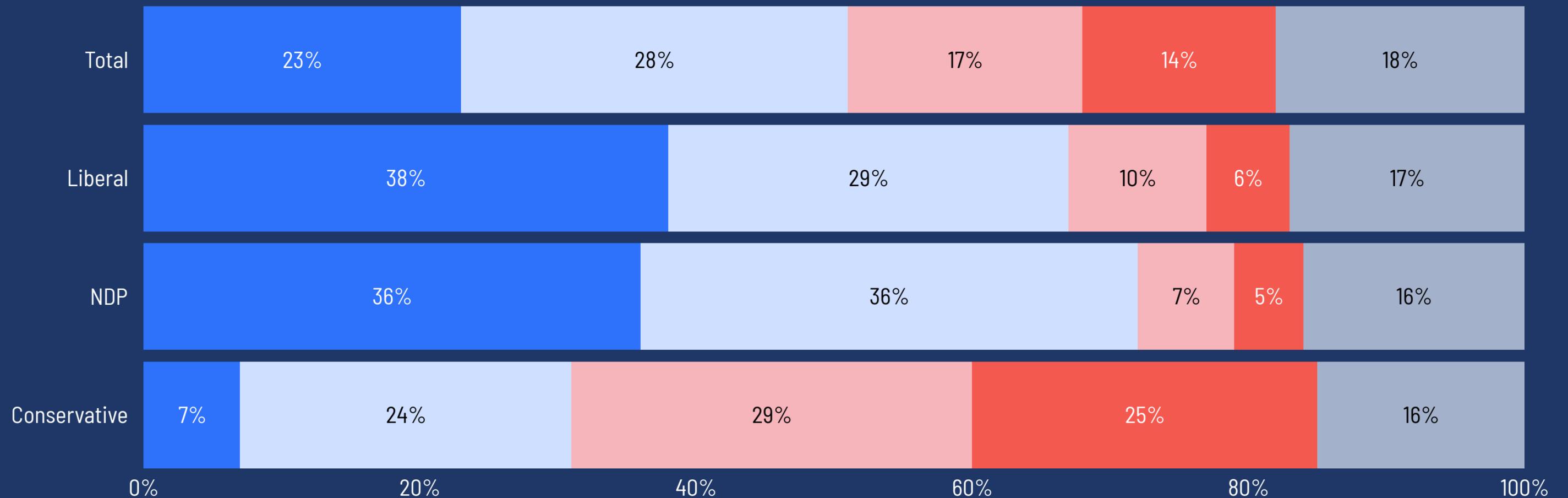
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I support Israeli security, but I oppose settlements as a violation of international law, which also makes a two-state solution impossible.

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The survey was sponsored by JSpaceCanada, the New Israel Fund of Canada, and Canadian Friends of Peace Now and administered online by Leger, between November 4 and November 19, 2025. Survey design and analysis by Dr. Dahlia Scheindlin.

The sample for this poll was drawn from a large online panel of Canadian adults. It was weighted by characteristics of the Canadian Jewish population based on the 2021 Census of Canada and the 2018 Survey of Jews in Canada: the distribution of Canadian Jews by age, gender, region of residence, and denominational affiliation. The sample is believed to be broadly representative of Canadian Jewry. A simple probability sample of 502 individuals would have a maximum margin of error of 4.0%, with the margin of error decreasing as findings exceed or subceed 50%. When statistically significant findings are reported here, they are deemed to be accurate within the margin of error in 19 of 20 similar samples. Throughout this report, percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. Some reported total percentages may not equal exactly 100 due to rounding.



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