

# Young Life and Times (YLT)

## 2020-21 Survey Results Launch

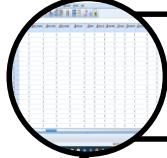
# Resources



[www.ark.ac.uk/ylt/2020-21/](http://www.ark.ac.uk/ylt/2020-21/)



[www.ark.ac.uk/ylt/results/](http://www.ark.ac.uk/ylt/results/)



[www.ark.ac.uk/ylt/datasets/](http://www.ark.ac.uk/ylt/datasets/)



[www.ark.ac.uk/nilt](http://www.ark.ac.uk/nilt), [www.ark.ac.uk/klt](http://www.ark.ac.uk/klt)



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# Topics and funders of the 2020-21 survey

	Funder	Version A	Version B
<b>Background</b>	Split among all funders	x	x
<b>Good Relations</b>	The Executive Office (TEO)	x	x
<b>Shared Education and (CRED)</b>	Department of Education (DE) - also included in KLT 2020/21		x
<b>Coronavirus, Children's Rights</b>	NI Commissioner for Children and Young People (NICCY) - also included in KLT 2020/21	x	x
<b>Mental Health</b>	Ohio University HCOM	x	x
<b>Safety and Attitudes to Paramilitaries</b>	Department of Justice (DoJ) – also asked in NILT 2020		x
<b>Attitudes to Politics</b>	ESRC grant held at QUB (PI Dr K. Hayward)	x	
<b>Coercive Control</b>	NHSCT & PHA - also included in NILT 2020	x	x

# Survey Fieldwork

Sample drawn  
from Child  
Benefit  
Register

Information  
about YLT sent  
out to all  
eligible 16 year  
olds

Online survey  
completed

Reminder sent  
to all non-  
respondents

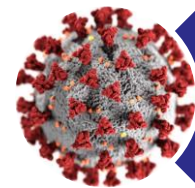
£10 gift  
voucher sent to  
all who  
completed the  
survey

# Background YLT

		(%)
<b>Gender</b>	Male	43
	Female	56
	Other	1
<b>Always lived in NI</b>	Yes	92
	No	8
<b>Disability or long-term condition</b>	Yes	16
	No	84
<b>Type of area</b>	Big city & outskirts	22
	Small town/city	42
	Rural/countryside	34

		%
<b>School type</b>	Grammar	43
	Secondary	47
	Formally Integrated	7
	Other	3
<b>Religion</b>	Catholic	34
	Protestant	21
	No religion	40
	Other	2
<b>Family financial situation</b>	Well-off	34
	Average	48
	Not well-off	11

# Key findings of the 2020-21 YLT survey



**COVID19**

Community Relations Council



**Good relations/  
community safety**

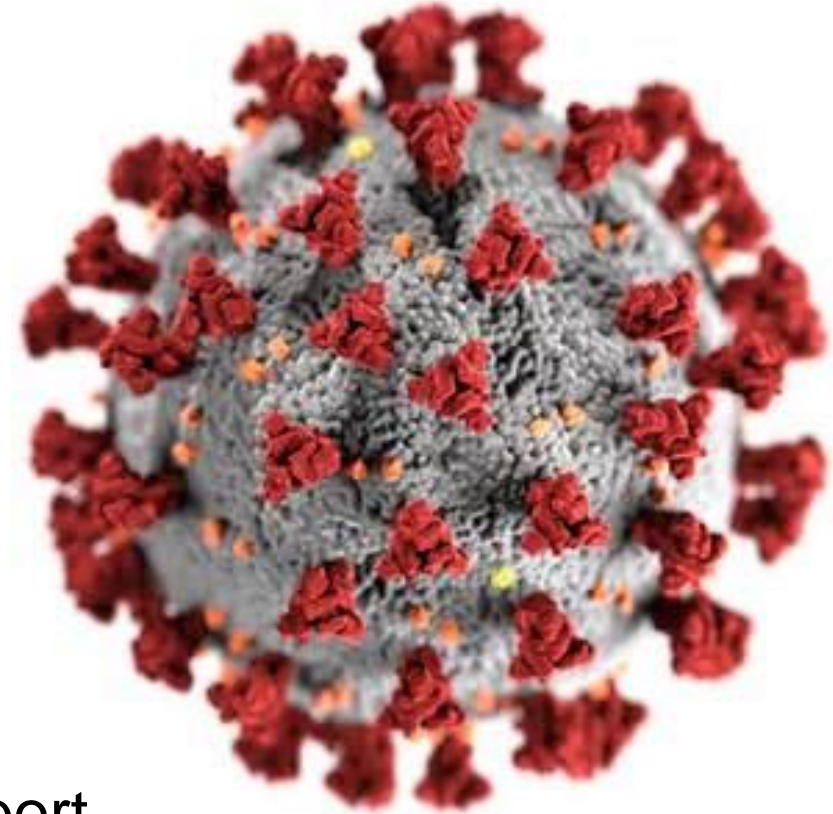


**Coercive control**



**Politics**

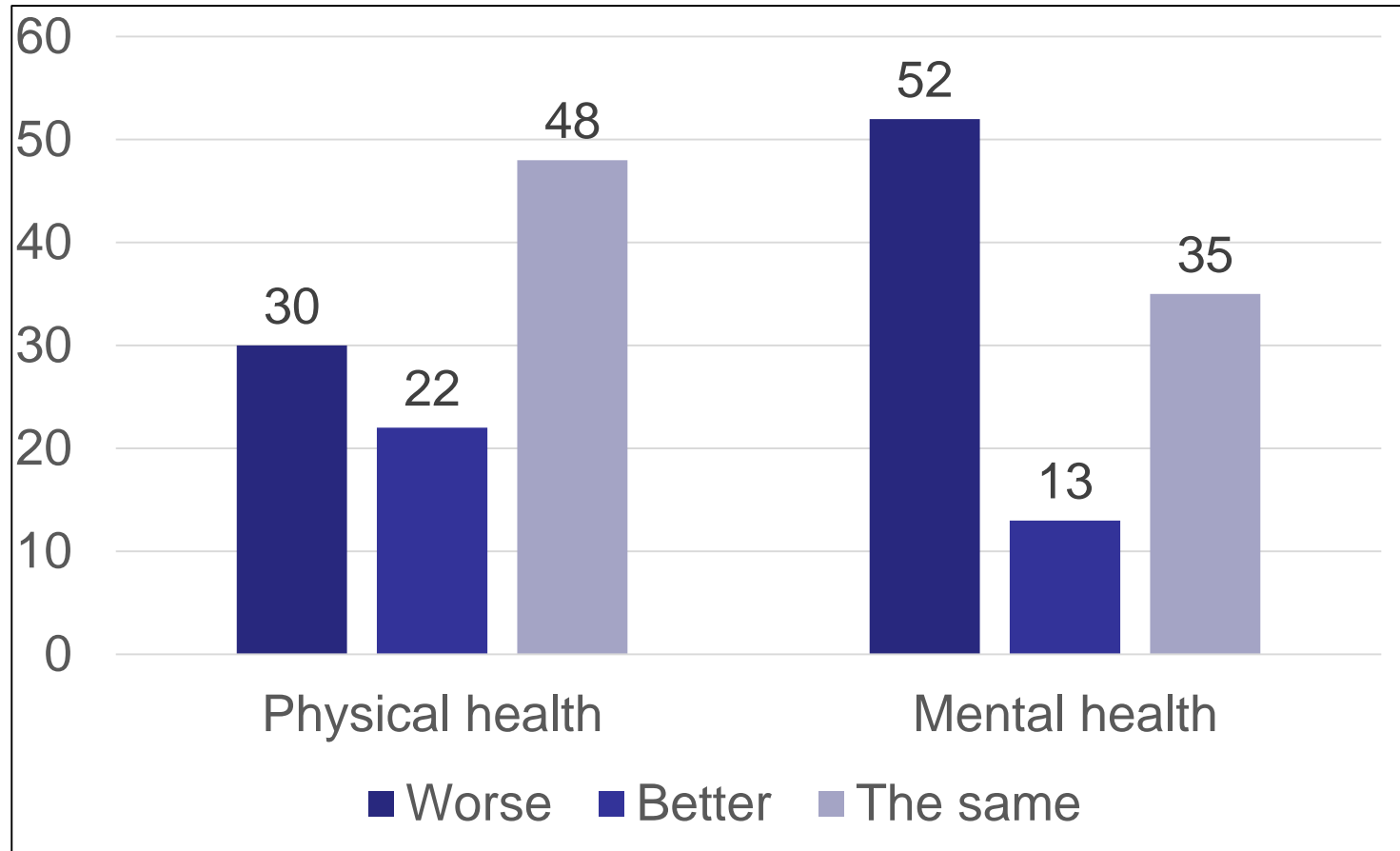
# COVID19



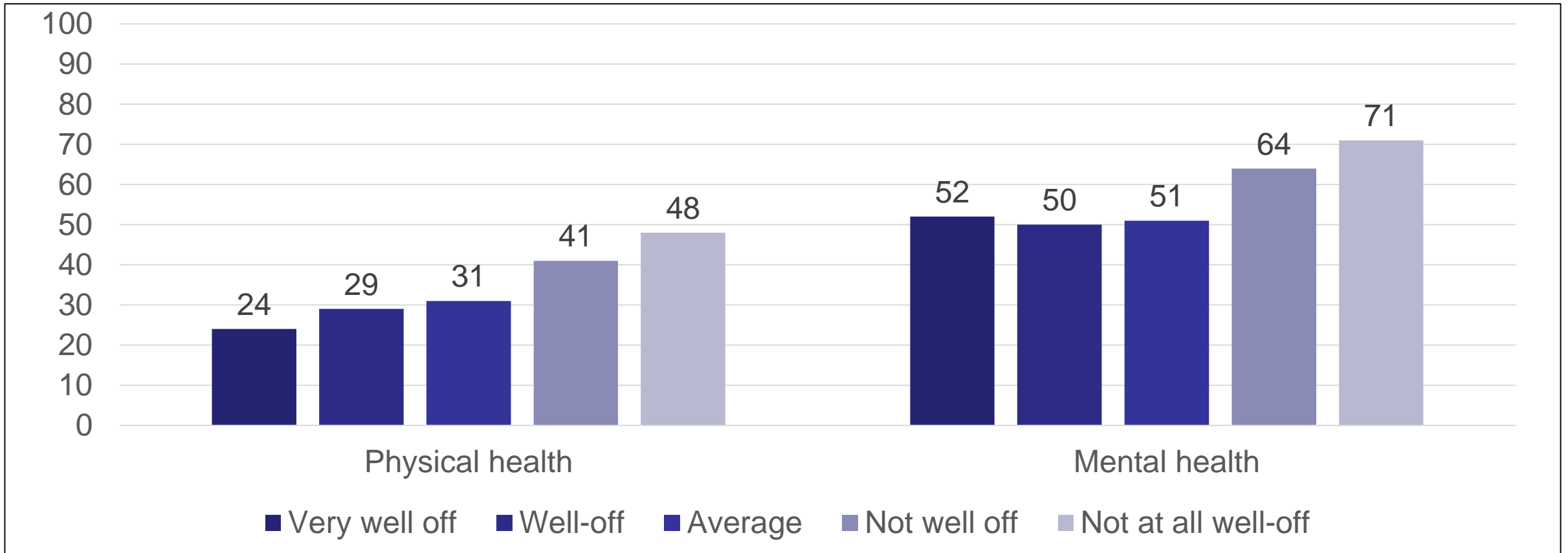
See NICCY's [\*A New and Better Normal\*](#) report  
including findings from the KLT and YLT surveys

# COVID19 – mental and physical health

Young people saying their physical and mental health during lockdown was... (%)



## Respondents saying their physical and mental health during lockdown was **WORSE**, by family-financial background... (%)



## Proportion of YLT respondents (by gender and over time) who are showing signs of a possible mental health disorder (via GHQ12)

Year	%		
	All	Males	Female
2004	23.8	15.6	29.9
2013	29.3	18.5	37.4
2020/21	45.0	30.5	55.5

Factor most associated with GHQ12 caseness in 2020/21:

- Mental health was worse during lockdown



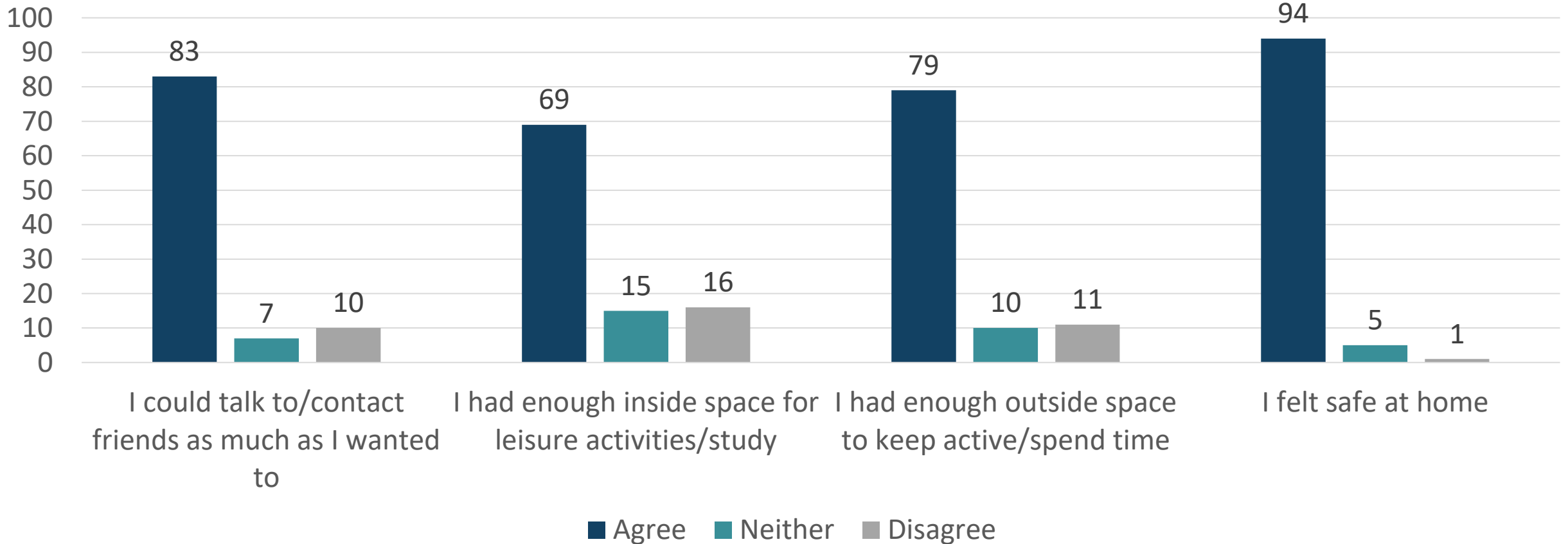
Google Classroom

- **80%** of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that their education had been negatively affected by the COVID19 pandemic
- **56%** of respondents did **not** go to school throughout lockdown, **36%** went to school some of the time, only **9%** attended school all the time.
- **29%** of respondents said that their parents/carers were worried about them when they returned to school after the first lockdown, whilst **44%** said they were not worried.



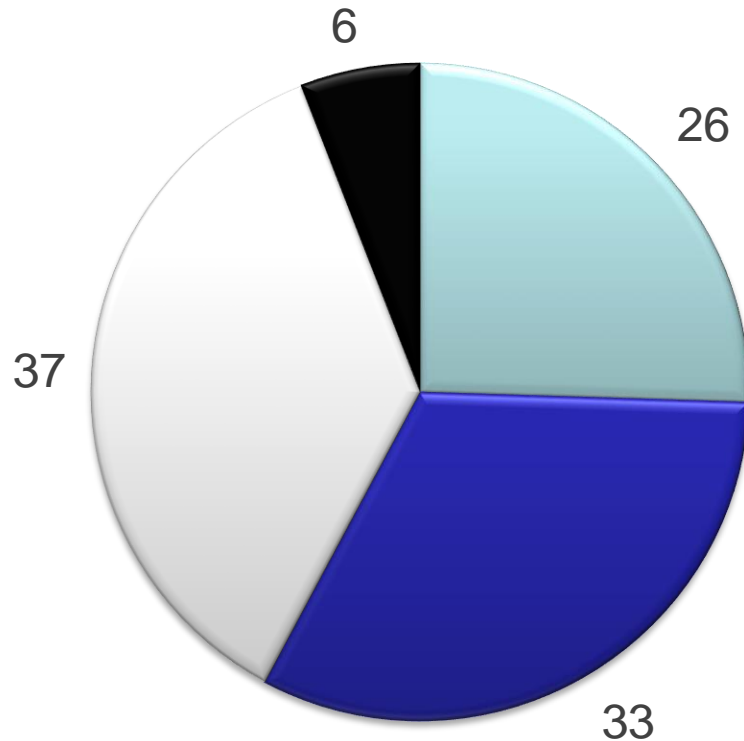
# COVID19 – friends, space & safety

## Proportion agreeing or disagreeing: During the recent COVID19 lockdown...

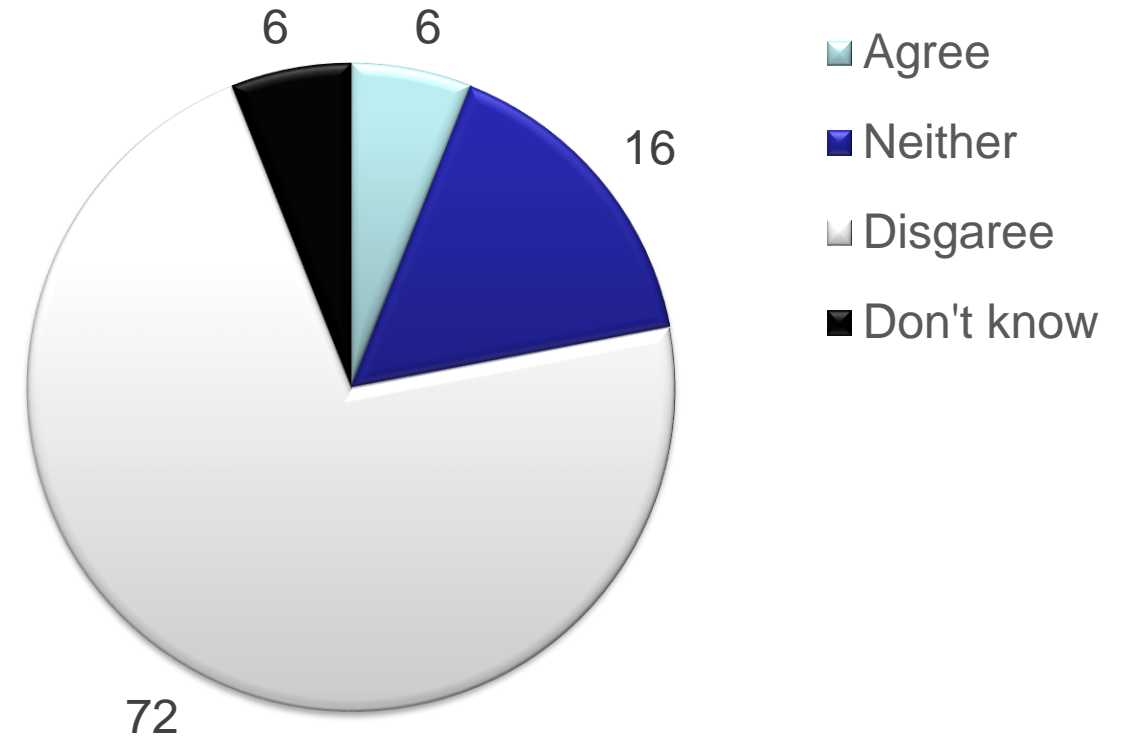


# COVID19 – Listening to young people

**Government has provided information on Corona virus in a young people-friendly way.**



**Government listens to young people when making decisions about Corona virus.**



# COVID19 – Having some say

**What actions should the Government take to make things better for children and young people as we look to move forward from the Covid pandemic period?**

Create an environment where we feel heard and understood. A lot of the time it feels as though the government and older generations, in general, look down on us and dismiss our opinions and feelings saying that were making a big deal out of it [...] it feels as though they aren't listening.

Ask young people their opinions before making decisions that will affect young people mentally

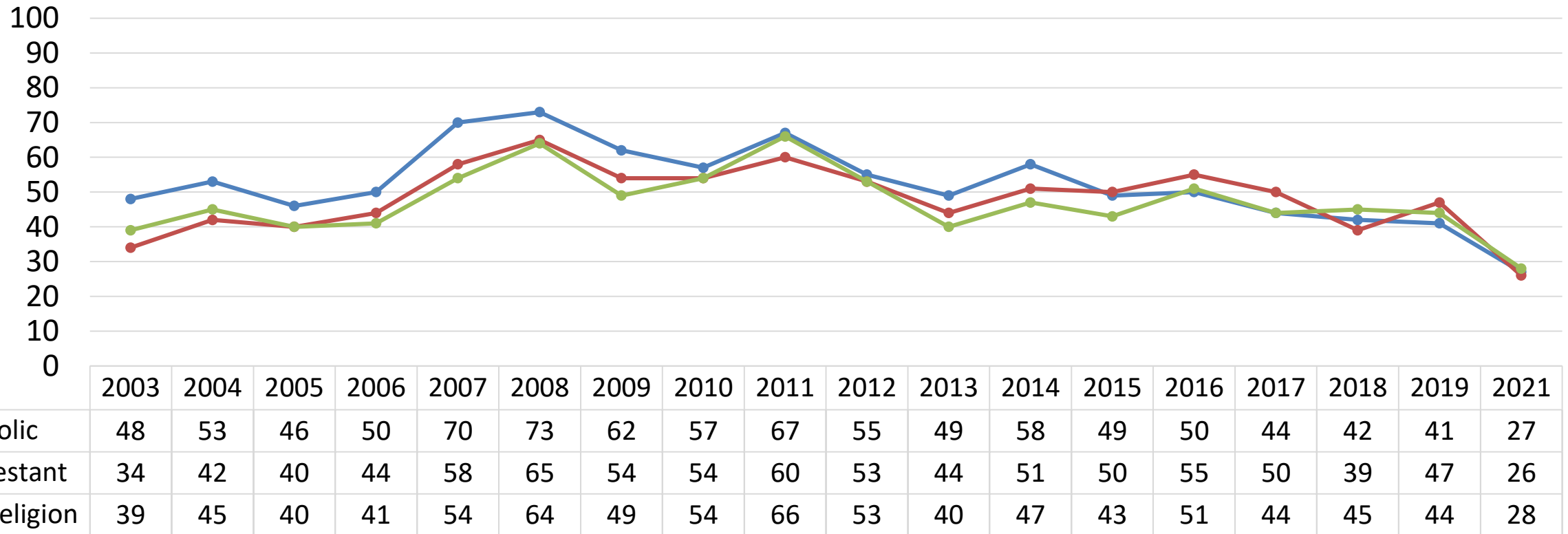
Be more clear, give more help to those who are struggling with health problems.

Be better prepared if such a situation arises again

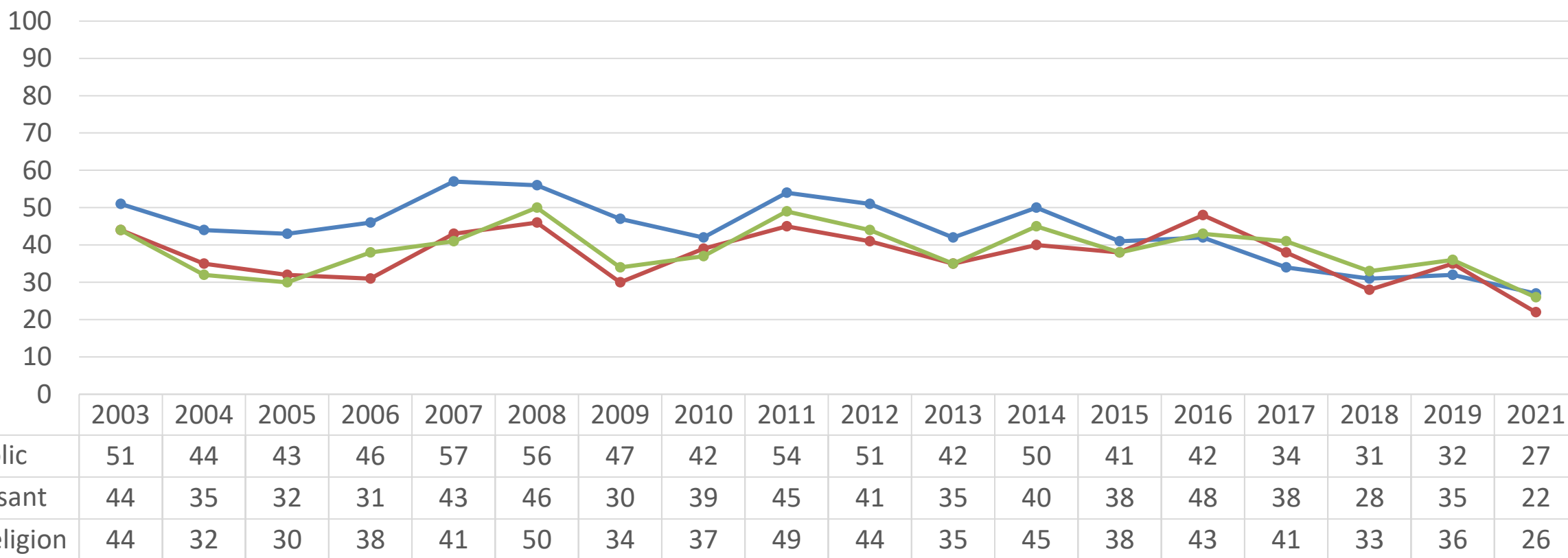
# GOOD RELATIONS & COMMUNITY SAFETY



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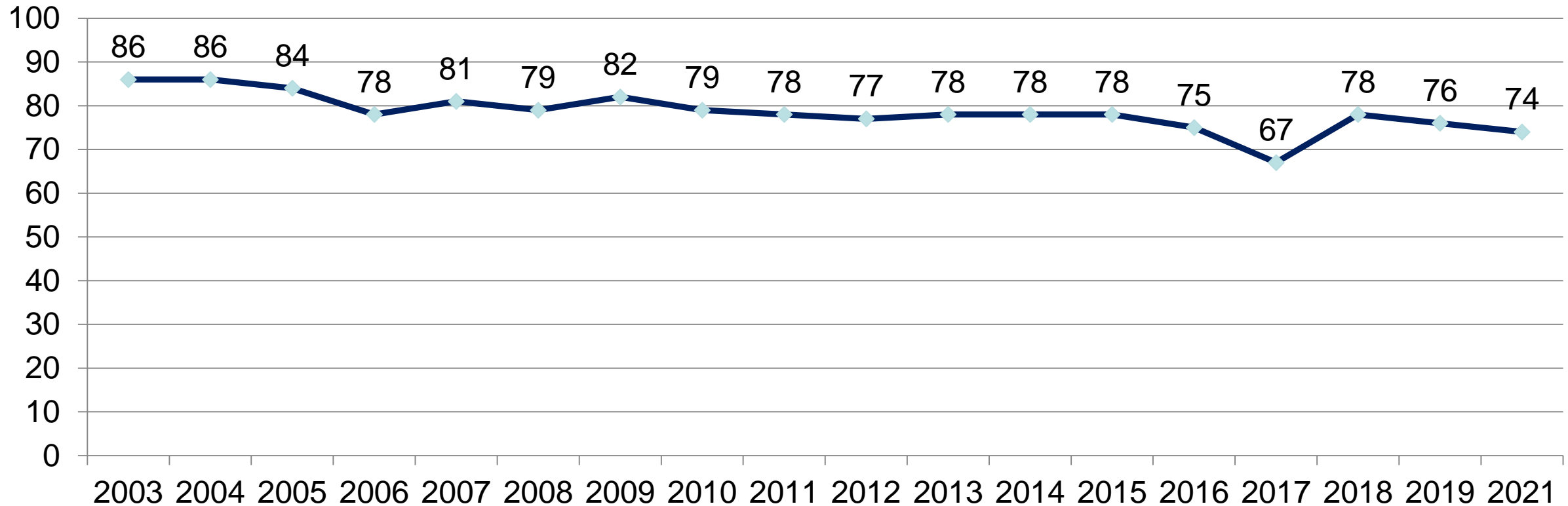


## 16-year olds saying that relationships between Protestants and Catholics will be better in five years' times (%)



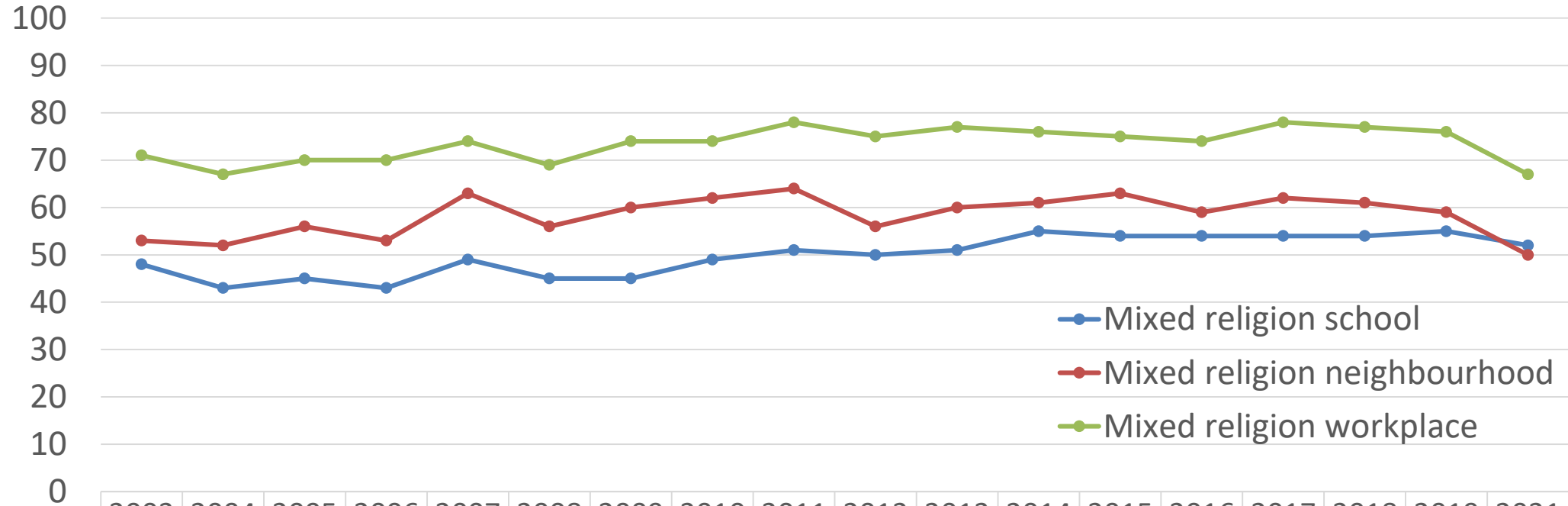
# Good relations - Perceptions

**Respondents saying religion will always make a difference to how people feel about each other in Northern Ireland (%)**



# Good relations – Preferences for mixing

## Respondents saying they prefer mixed-religion environments (%)



	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
Mixed religion school	48	43	45	43	49	45	45	49	51	50	51	55	54	54	54	54	55	52
Mixed religion neighbourhood	53	52	56	53	63	56	60	62	64	56	60	61	63	59	62	61	59	50
Mixed religion workplace	71	67	70	70	74	69	74	74	78	75	77	76	75	74	78	77	76	67

**Respondents who ‘strongly agree’ or ‘agree’ that the culture and traditions of the Catholic, Protestant and minority ethnic communities add to the richness and diversity of NI society. By religion (%)**

	( <b>%</b> )		
	<b>Catholic</b>	<b>Protestant</b>	<b>No religion</b>
<b>Catholic community</b>	62	41	50
<b>Protestant community</b>	45	55	46
<b>Minority ethnic communities</b>	58	45	51

# Community safety - Perceptions

## People agreeing or strongly agreeing...

There is a strong sense of community in the area.	55%
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People in this area generally abide by the law.	63%
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People in this area feel protected by the law and justice system.	45%
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People in this area not confident reporting crime and anti-social behaviour to the PSNI.	24%
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The PSNI keeps this area safe.	35%
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There are low levels of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour in this area.	56%
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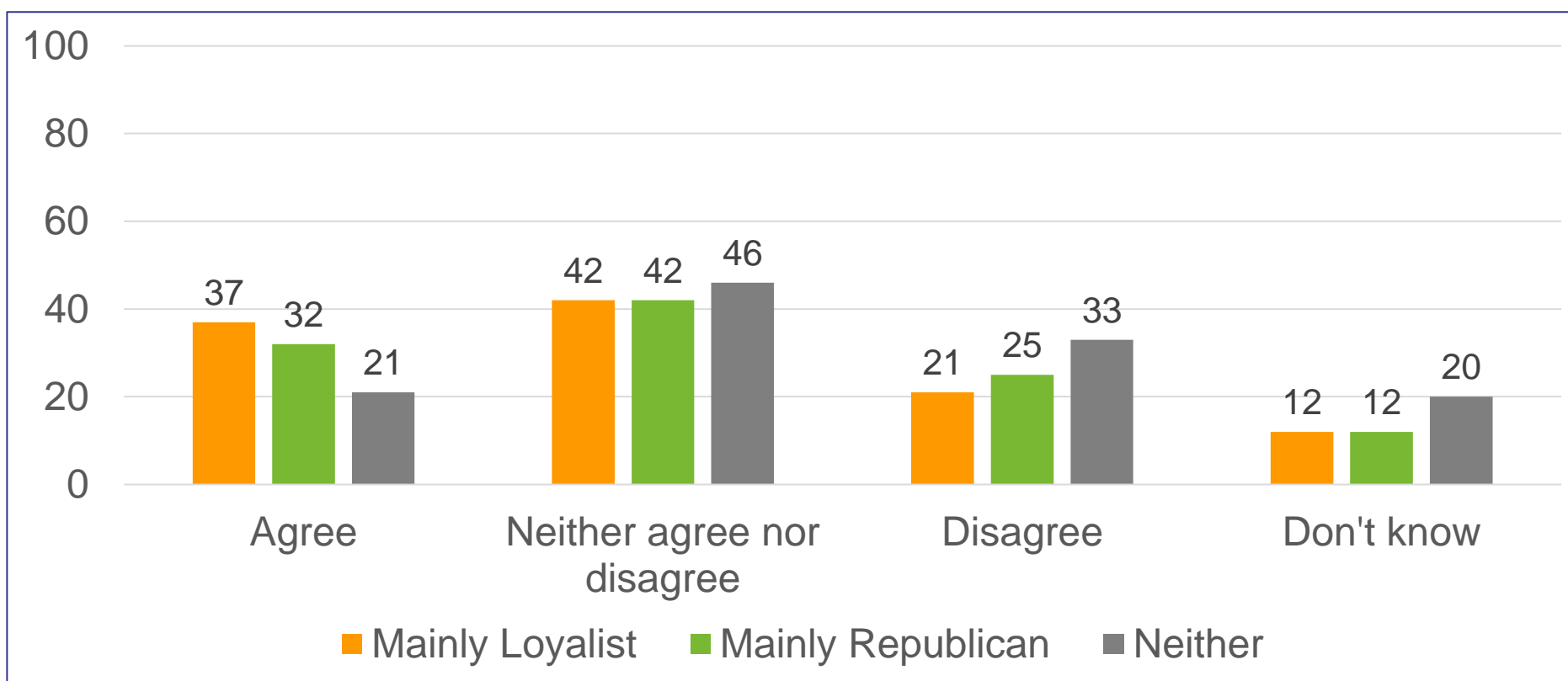
There is a lot of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour among young people in the area.	25%
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## People agreeing or strongly agreeing...



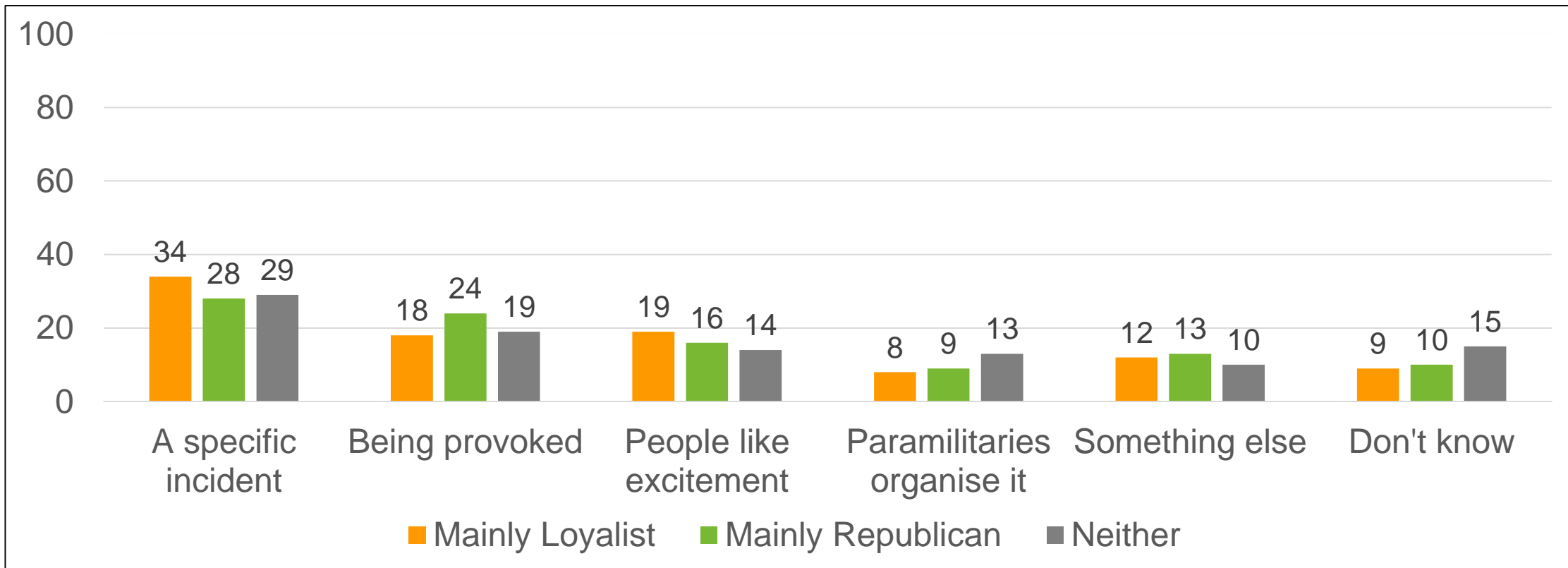
Paramilitaries have a controlling influence on their community	11%
Paramilitaries keep their area safe	5%
Paramilitaries create fear and intimidation in this area	12%
Paramilitaries contribute to crime, drug dealing and anti-social behavior	15%
Young people are influenced by paramilitaries in this area.	15%

**Respondents agreeing or disagreeing: I believe paramilitaries should look out for their own communities. By area characteristic (%)**

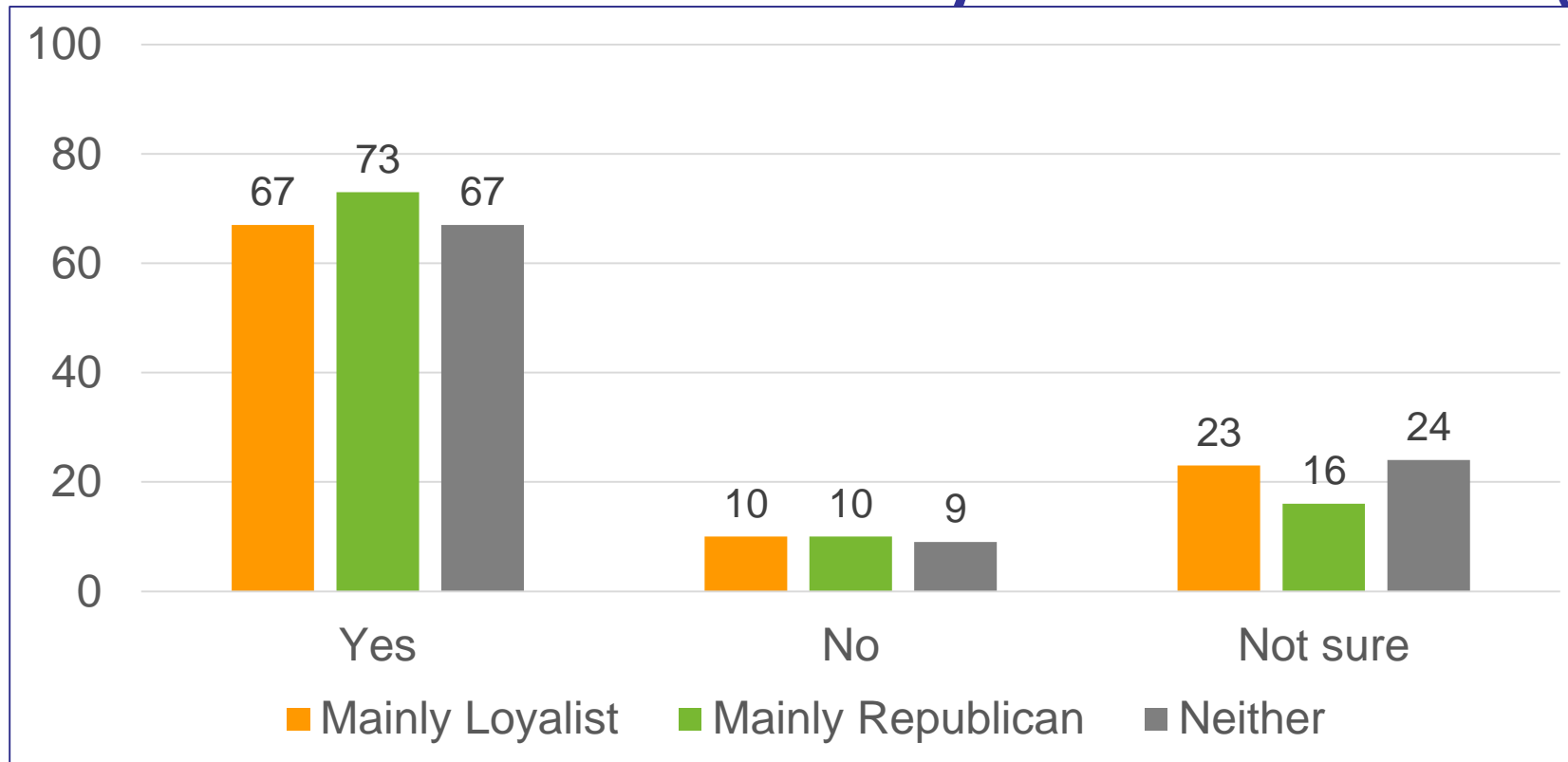


# Community Safety - Rioting

**In your opinion, what is the main reason that some people in Northern Ireland get involved in rioting or sectarian trouble? By area characteristic (%)**



**Do you think the debates over BREXIT have contributed to the rioting in Northern Ireland in the last 12 months? By area characteristic (%)**

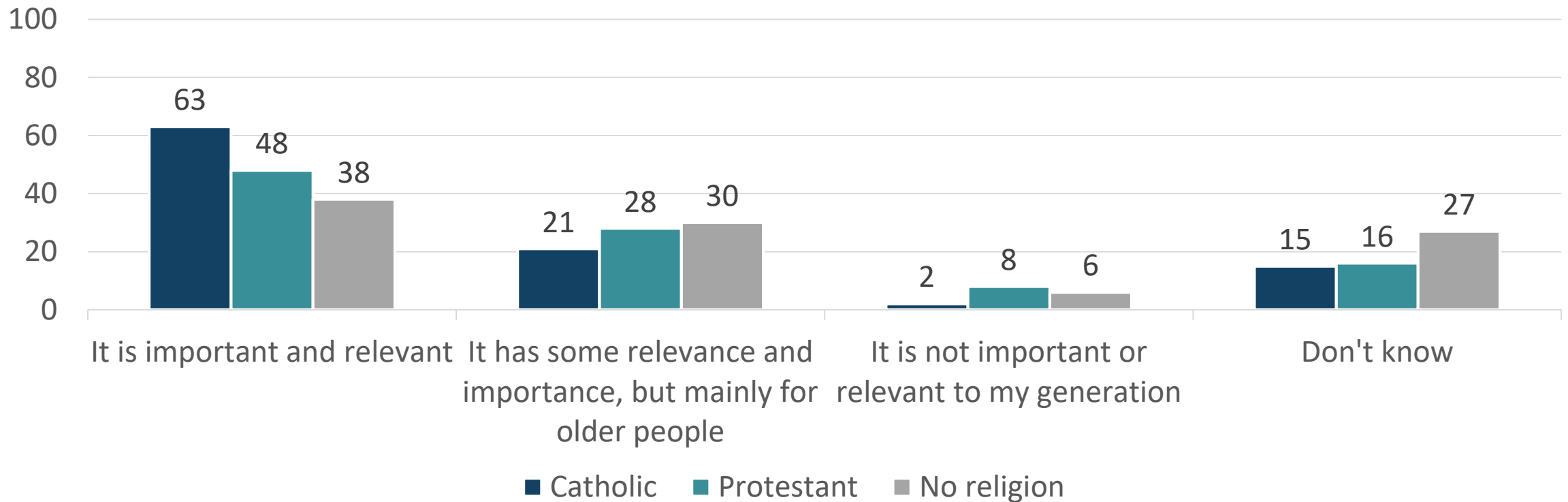


# POLITICS

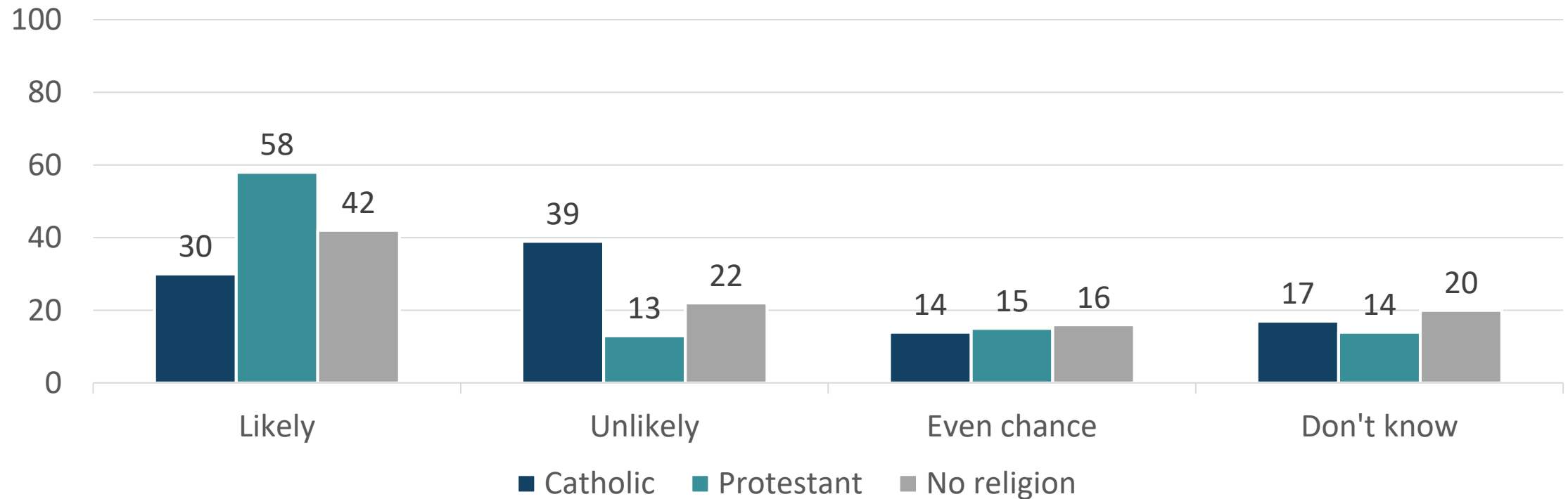


## Political attitudes - GFA

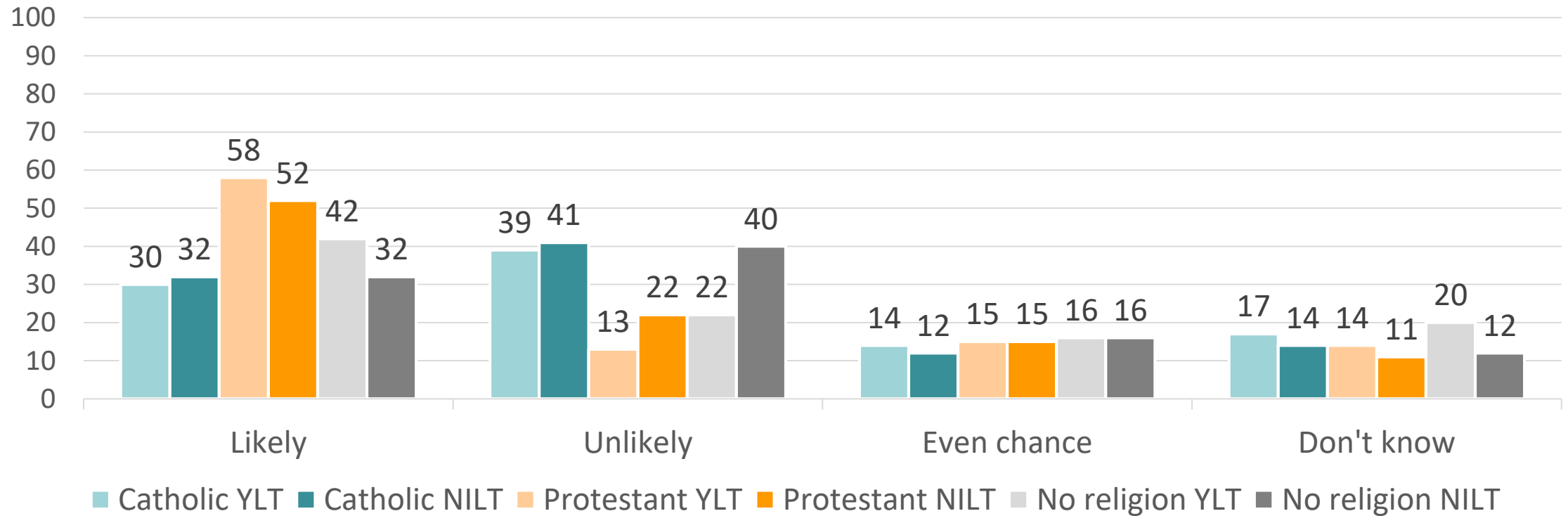
**Do you think the Good Friday Agreement is still important and relevant for your generation? By religious background of respondents (%)**



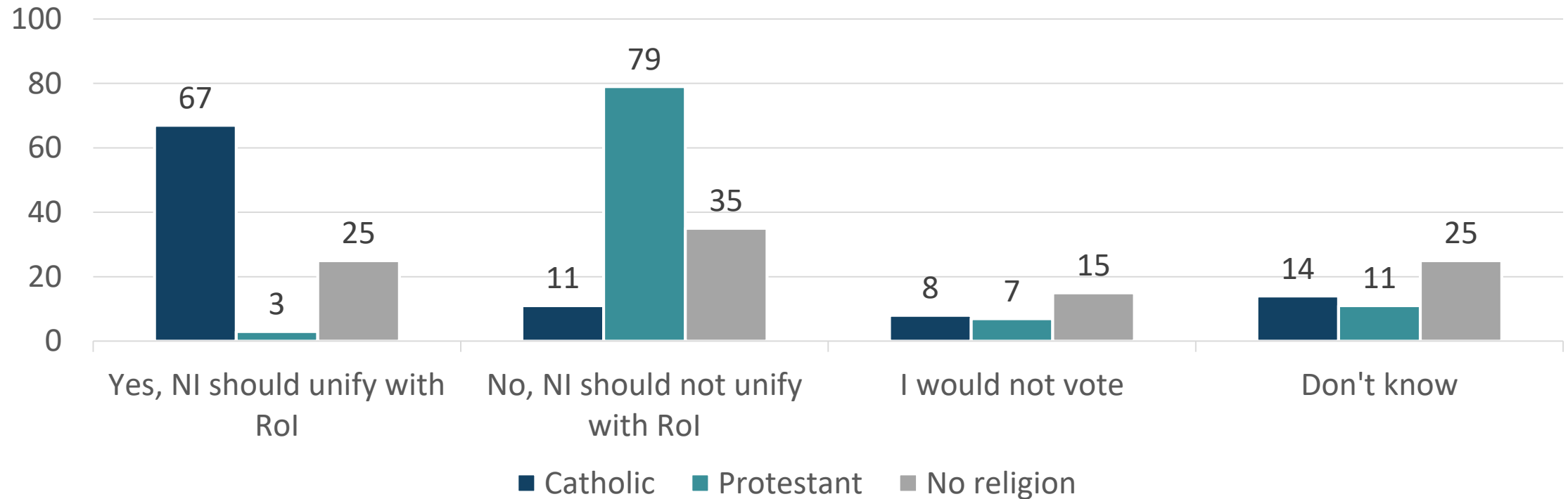
**Do you think it is likely that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will still exist in 20 years' time? By religious background of respondents**



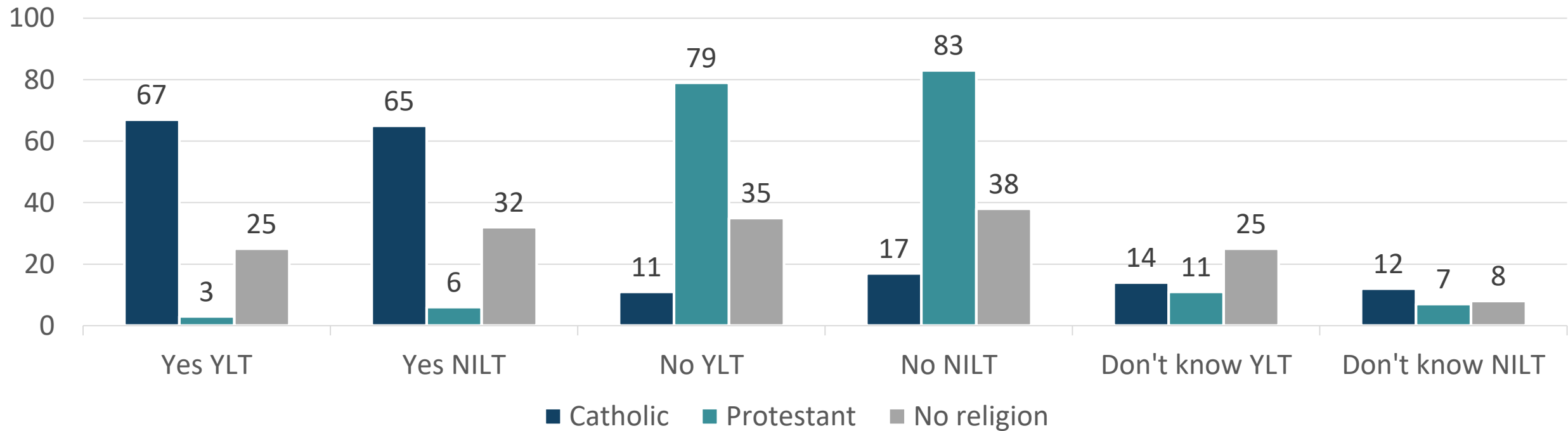
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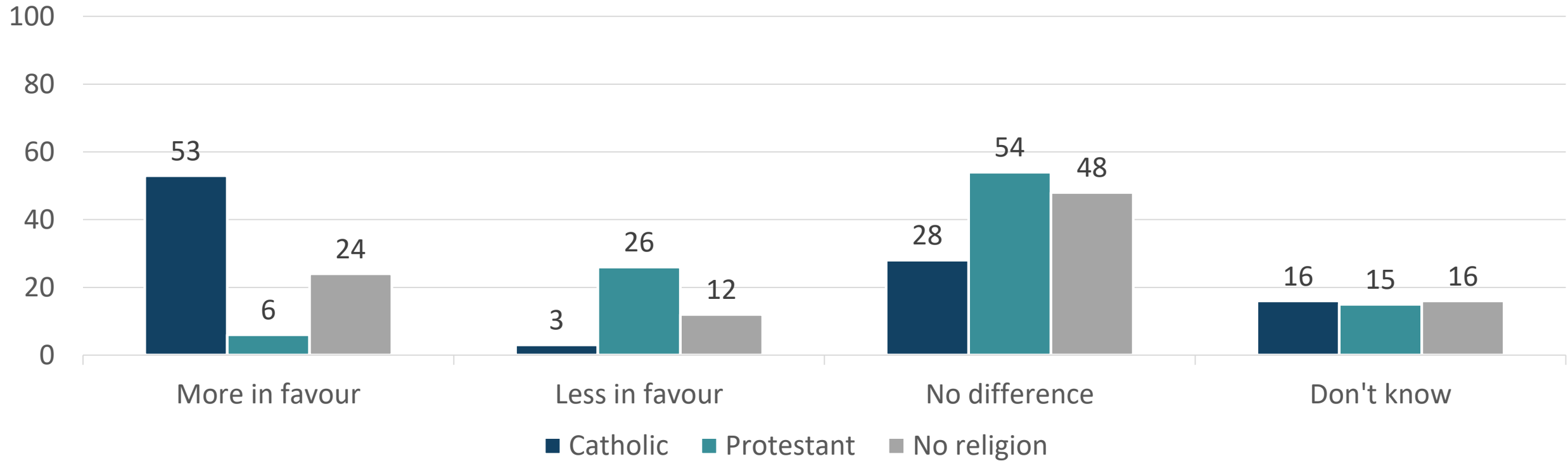


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# Attitudes to Brexit

**Now that the UK (including NI) has left the EU, does it make a difference to how you feel about a united Ireland? (%)**



# COERCIVE CONTROL

[https://www.ark.ac.uk/ARK/sites/default/files/2021-08/update143\\_0.pdf](https://www.ark.ac.uk/ARK/sites/default/files/2021-08/update143_0.pdf)



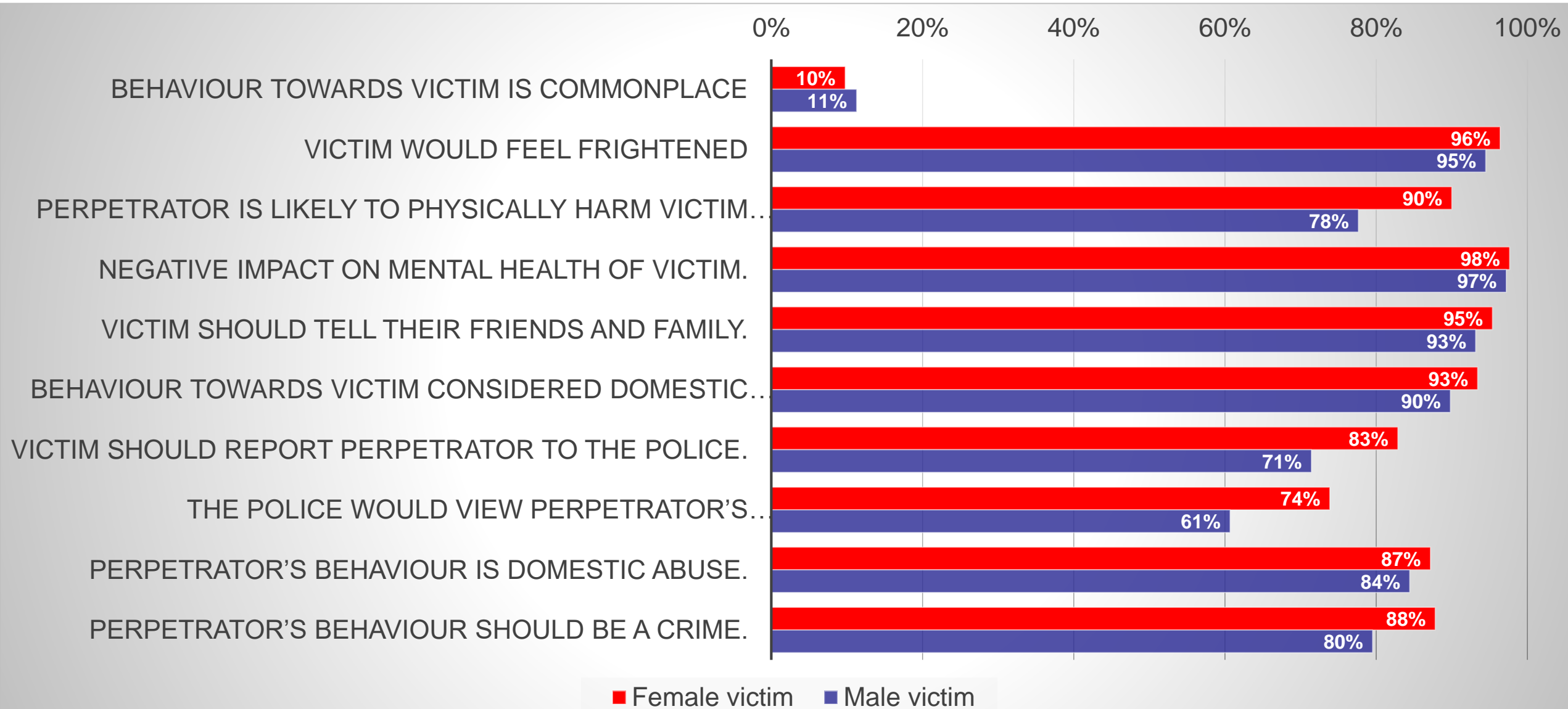
# Coercive Control - Understanding

- Two coercive control scenarios presented to respondents – one featuring a male victim and female perpetrator, one with a female victim and male perpetrator
- Young women less likely to say that they understand the term
- Young men perceived to be at lower risk from coercive control

## Have you heard of the term ‘coercive control’?

	YLT females	YLT males	NILT females	NILT males
Yes, and I know what it means	13	19	63	62
Yes, but I am unsure what it means	27	20	19	22
No	60	61	17	15
Don't know	n/a	n/a	1	1

# Coercive Control - Understanding



# Contacts, further activities and news

- Planning of next YLT survey underway
- Research Update on Coercive Control published
- Research Update on Good Relations to be published this autumn
- Further engagement activities and publications – watch the space...
- Keep up-to-date on our website and on Facebook/Twitter
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