

Survey: Strong Support Across Germany for Clean Energy as a National Security Priority

Background

- Over the last two months, the United States has taken unprecedented actions threatening the current global order, with the kidnapping of Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela, the threat to invade Greenland, and starting a war with Iran.
- Oil, gas, and other natural resource grabs have played a direct or indirect role in all of these actions.
- In this context, this study seeks to understand the German public's opinion on energy security.
- The study was conducted prior to the war in Iran, but clearly has implications for US actions in Iran.

Methodology (1/2)

- To understand public attitudes, Opinium was commissioned to carry out data collection with a nationally representative sample in Germany, including 1000 respondents.
- This results in a theoretical margin of error of approximately +/- 3.1%.
- This deck presents crosstabulations for a range of different groups in Germany society - the margins of error for these groups are higher than for the overall population.

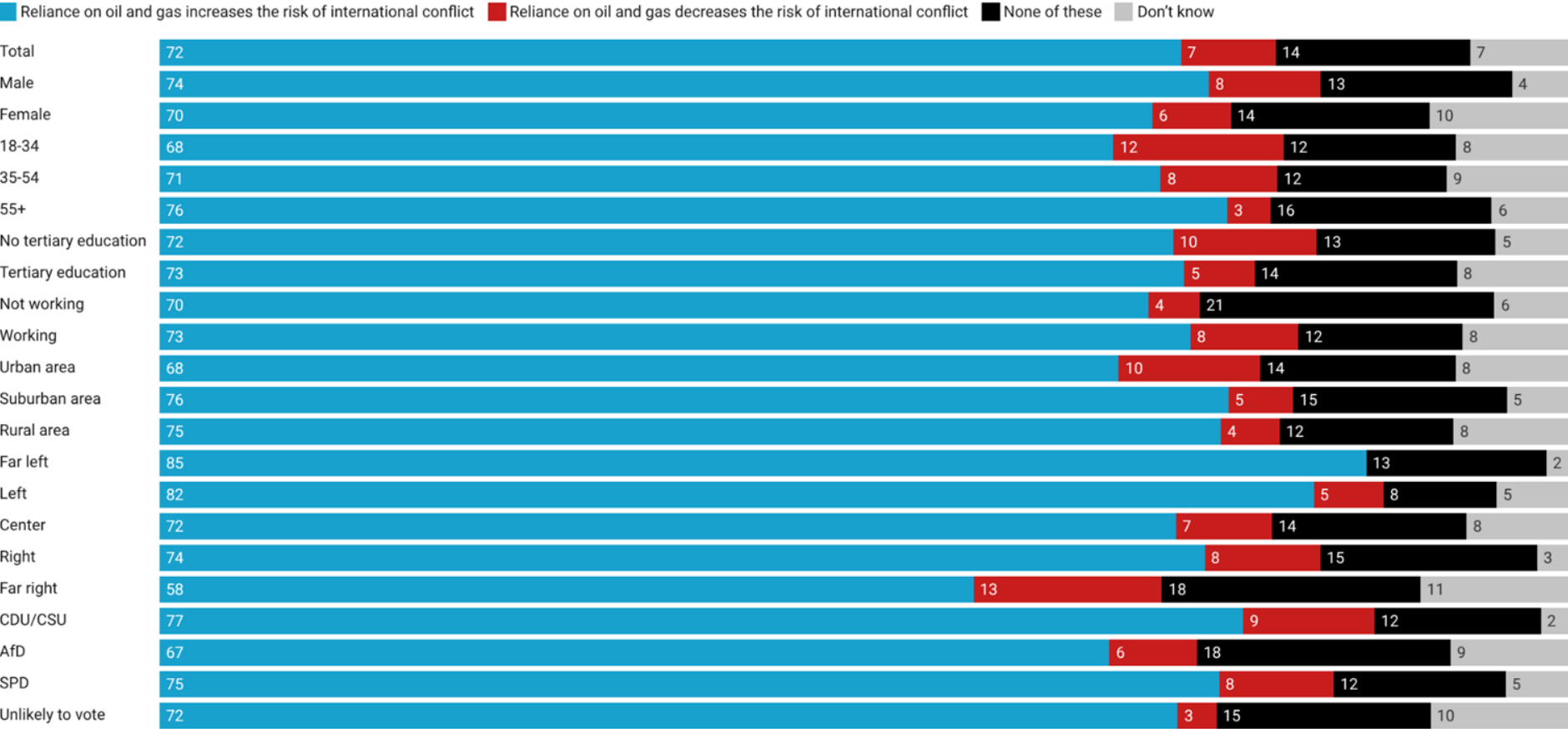
Methodology (2/2)

The deck provides breakdowns of the following groups attitudes in Germany:

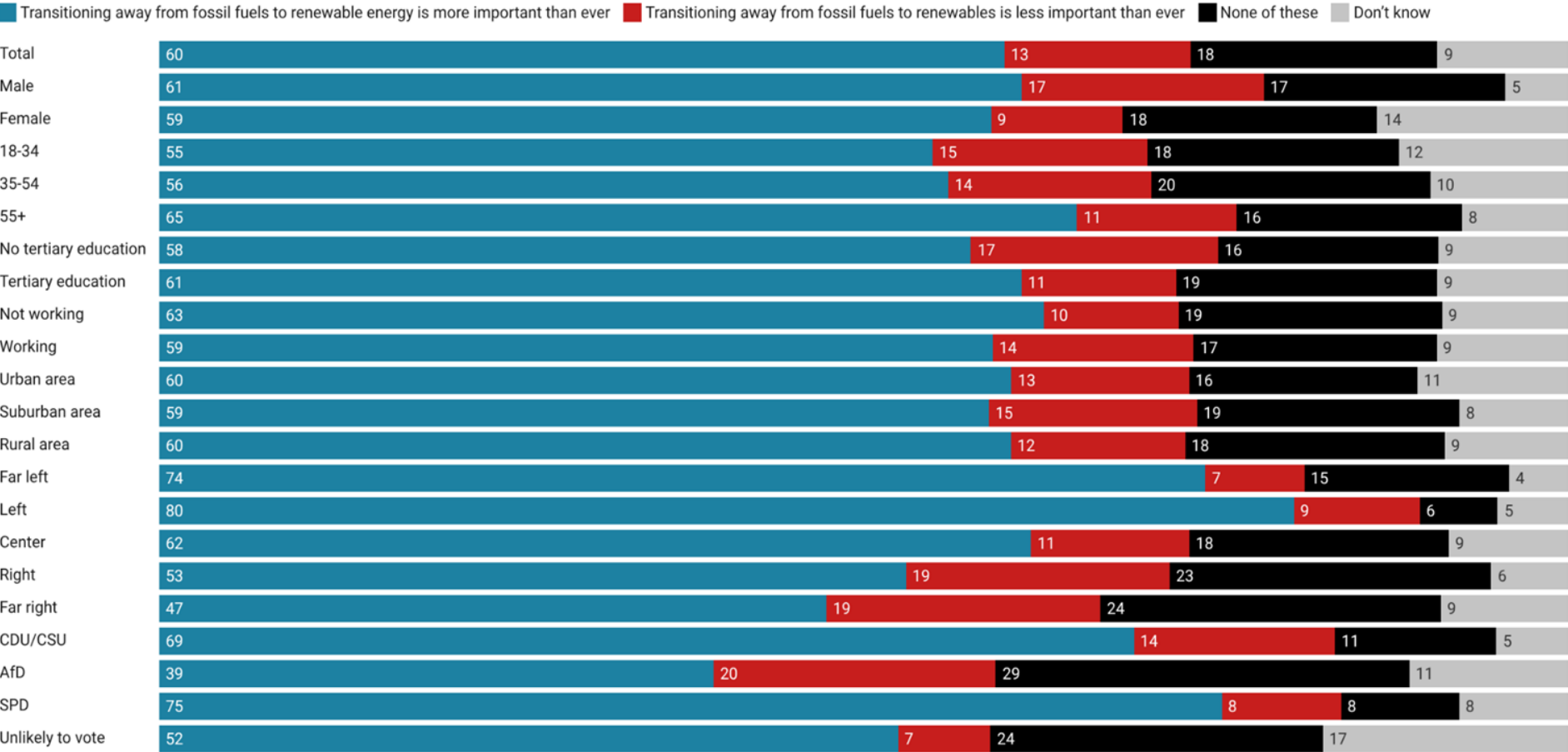
- Gender (Male or Female)
- Age group (18-34, 35-54, 55+)
- Education level (No tertiary education or tertiary education)
- Working status (Not working or Working)
- Settlement type (Urban area, Suburban area, or Rural area)
- Political self-identification (Respondent reported whether their personal political ideology was Far left, Left, Center, Right, or Far right, using a scale from 0 -10, with scores of 0,1 equal to far left, 2,3,4 left, 5 center, 6,7,8, right, and 9,10 far right)
- Voting intention in a hypothetical election taking place tomorrow (CDU/CSU, AfD, SPD, Unlikely to vote)

Political parties which had less than 100 respondents are not presented in this deck due to high margins of error.

In light of recent events in Greenland and Venezuela, which of the following statements do you agree with more? (%)

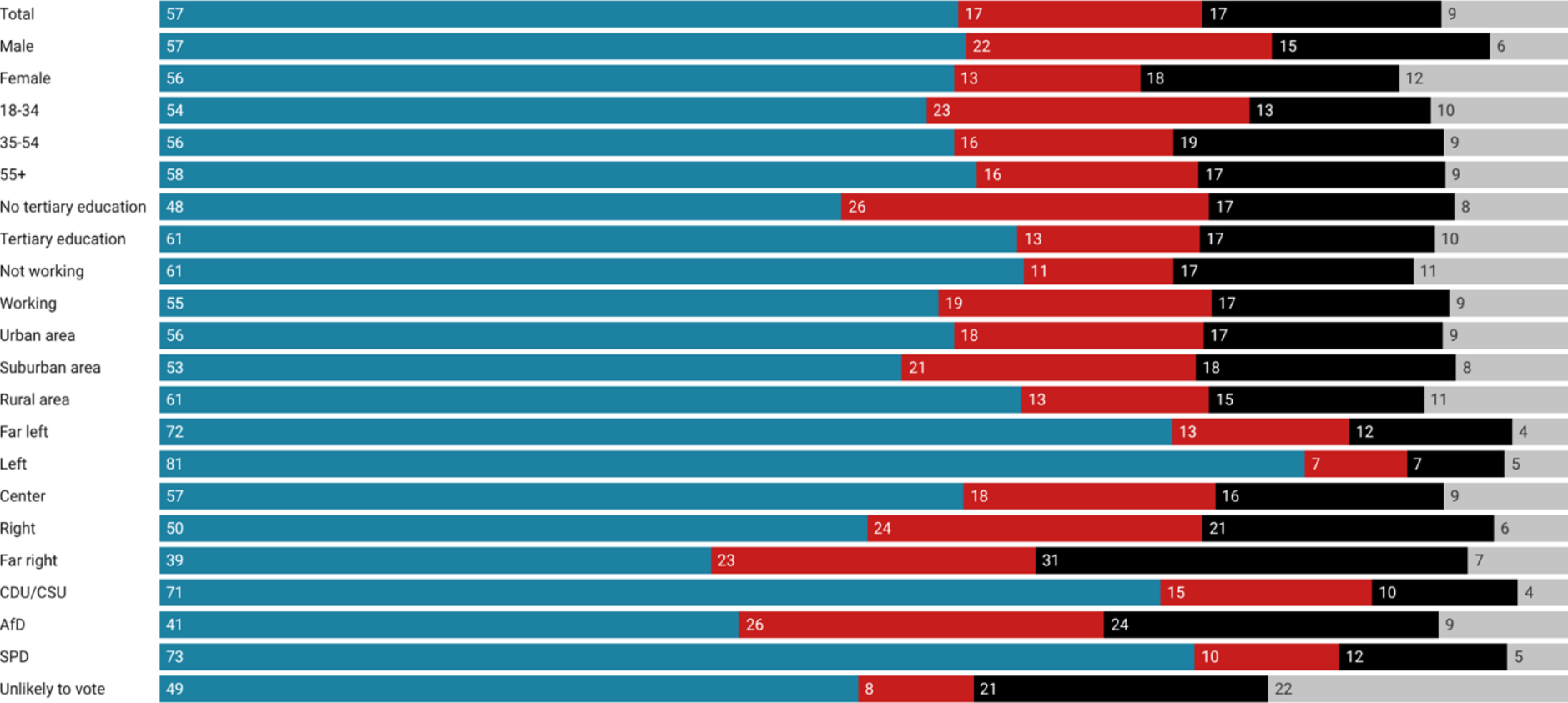


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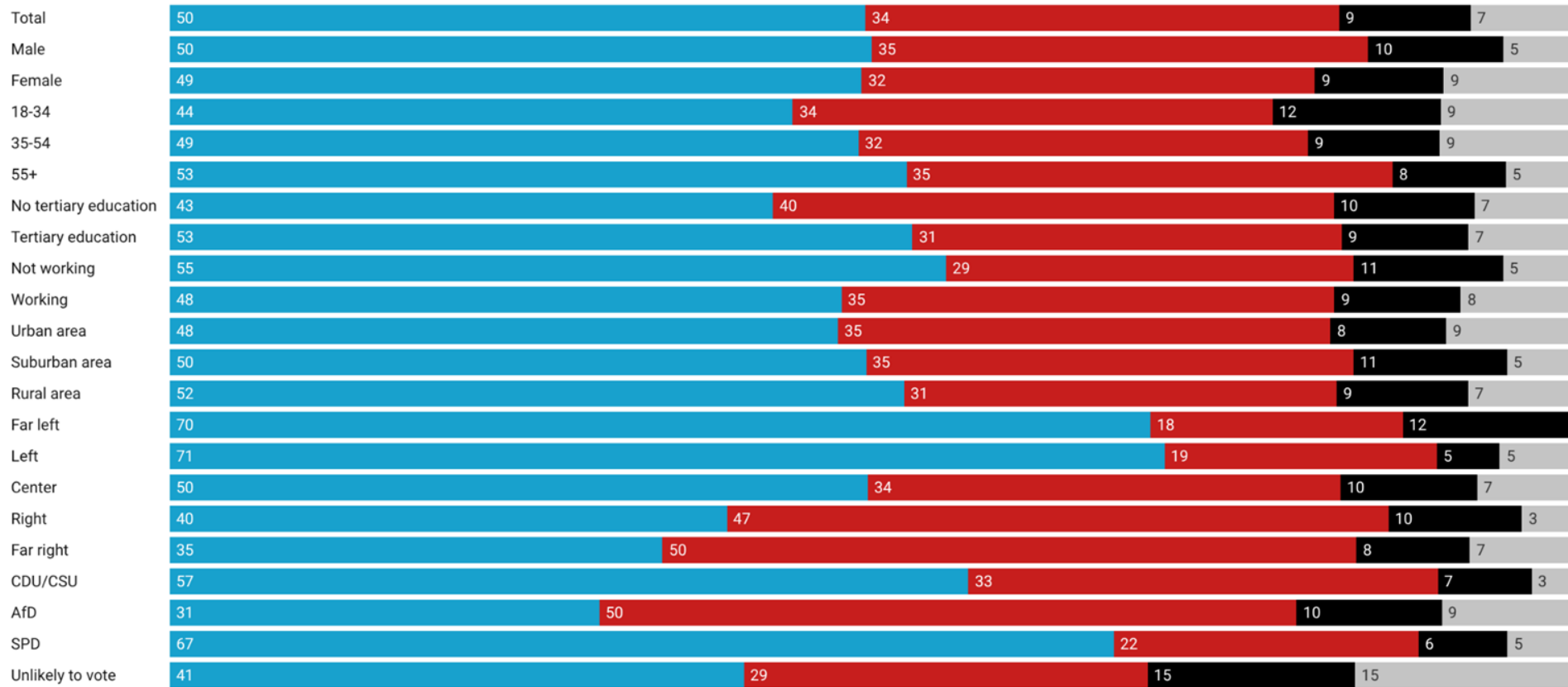
In light of recent events in Greenland and Venezuela, which of the following statements do you agree with more? (%)

■ Transitioning to domestic renewable energy such as solar and wind would strengthen national security these
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 ■ None of these
 ■ Don't know

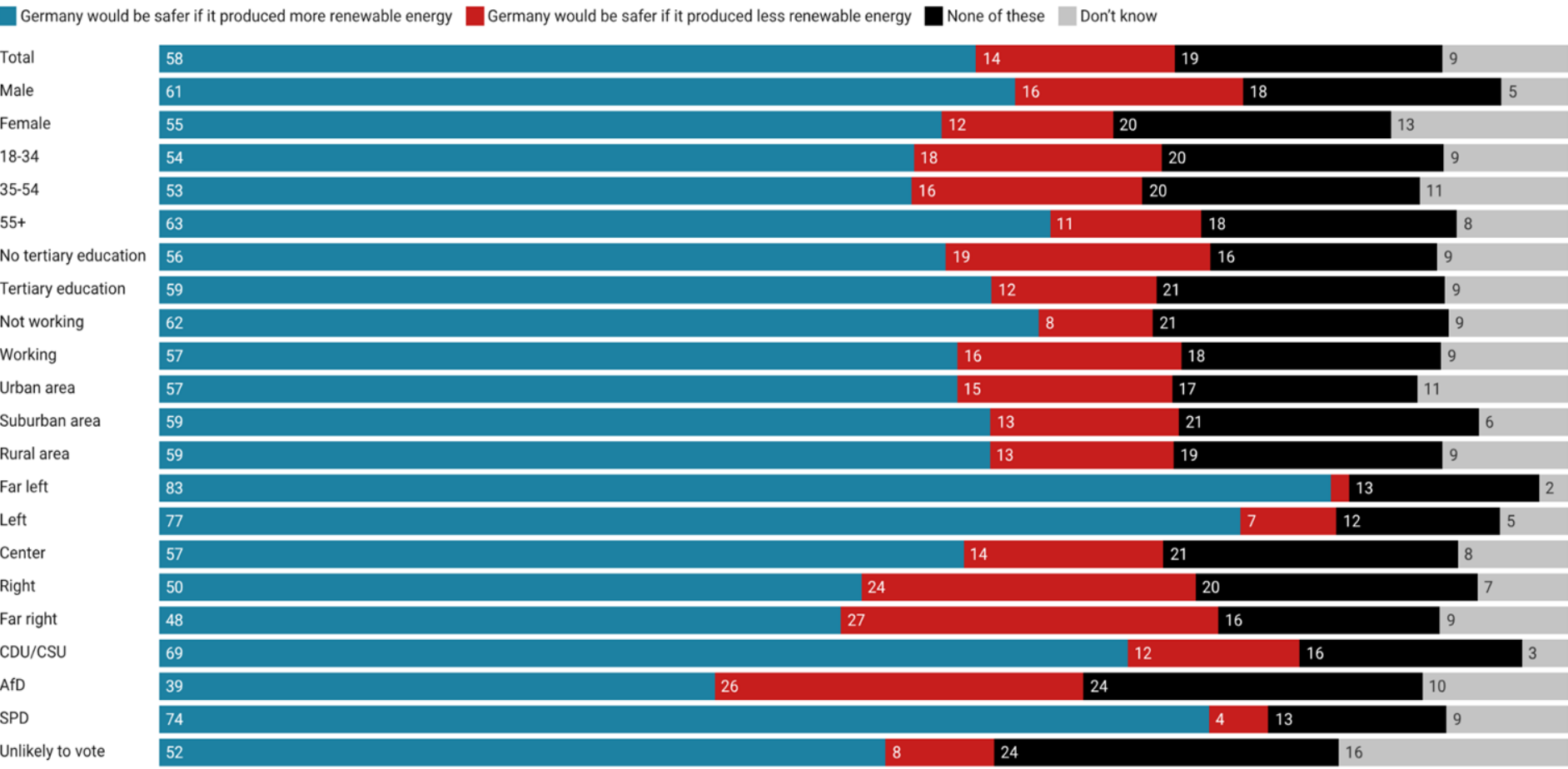


In light of recent events in Greenland and Venezuela, which of the following statements do you agree with more? (%)

■ Our country needs to think seriously about the need to transition away from fossil fuels to renewable forms of energy
 ■ Our country needs to think seriously about securing our oil and gas supplies
 ■ None of these
 ■ Don't know

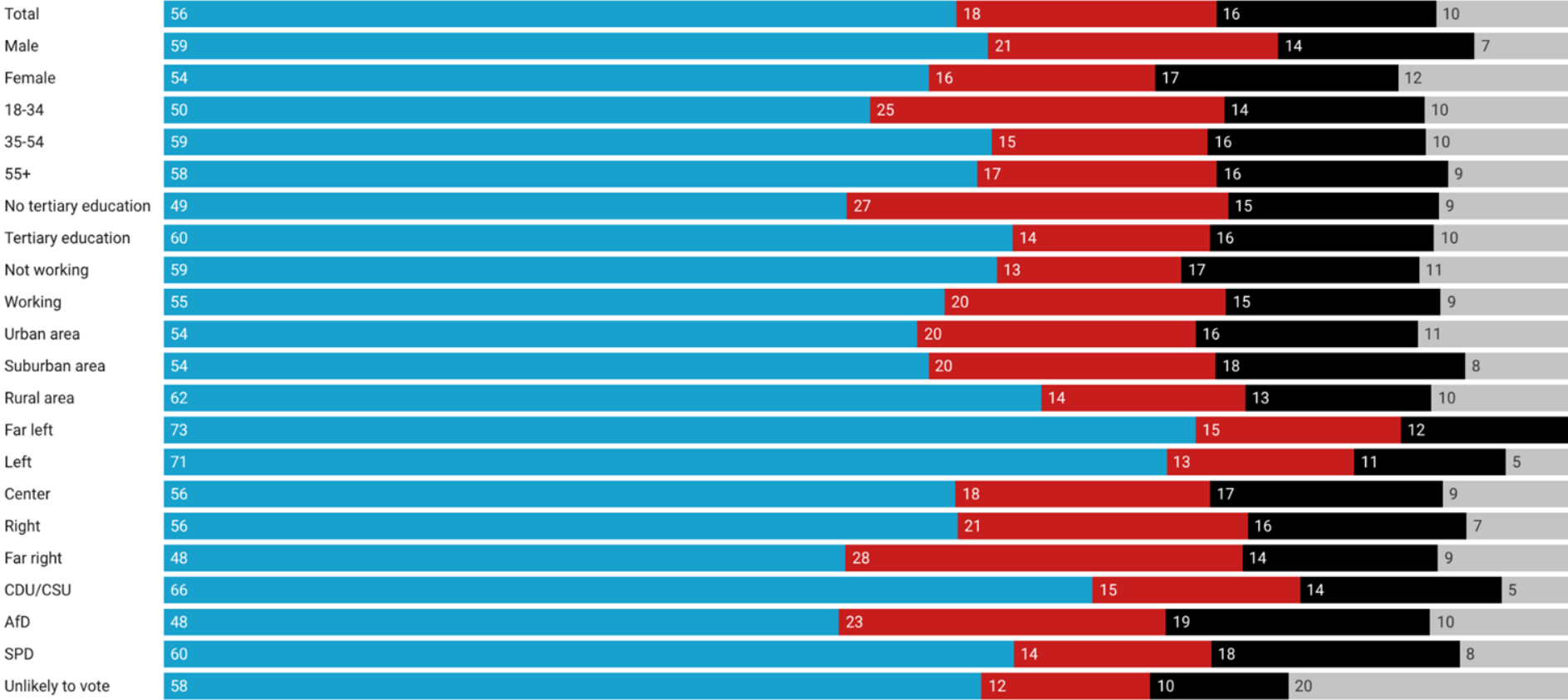


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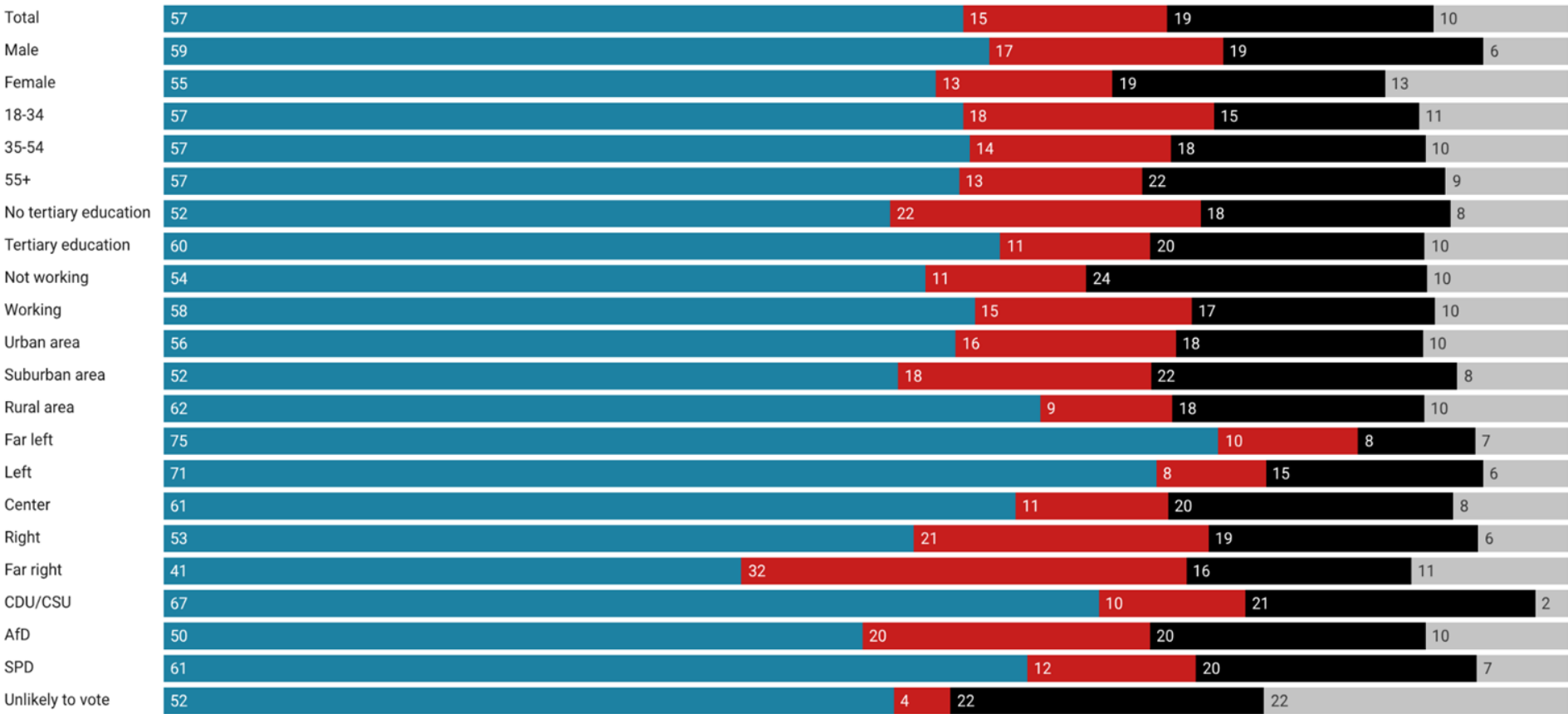
Which of the following statements best reflects your view? (%)

■ Countries which rely heavily on fossil fuels are more vulnerable to international conflict than countries that don't
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 ■ None of these
 ■ Don't know



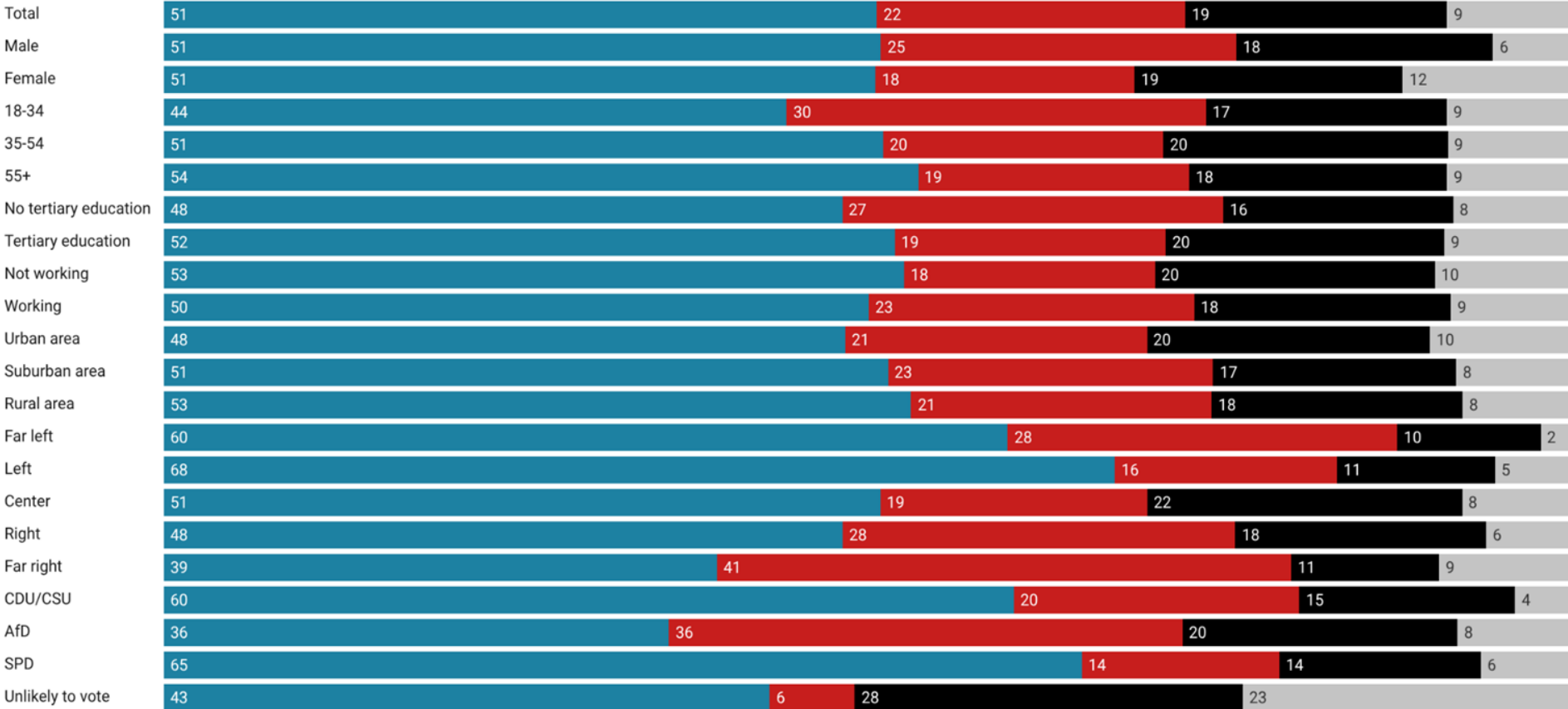
Which of the following statements best reflects your view? (%)

■ Relying on fossil fuels weakens national security
 ■ Relying on fossil fuels strengthens national security
 ■ None of these
 ■ Don't know



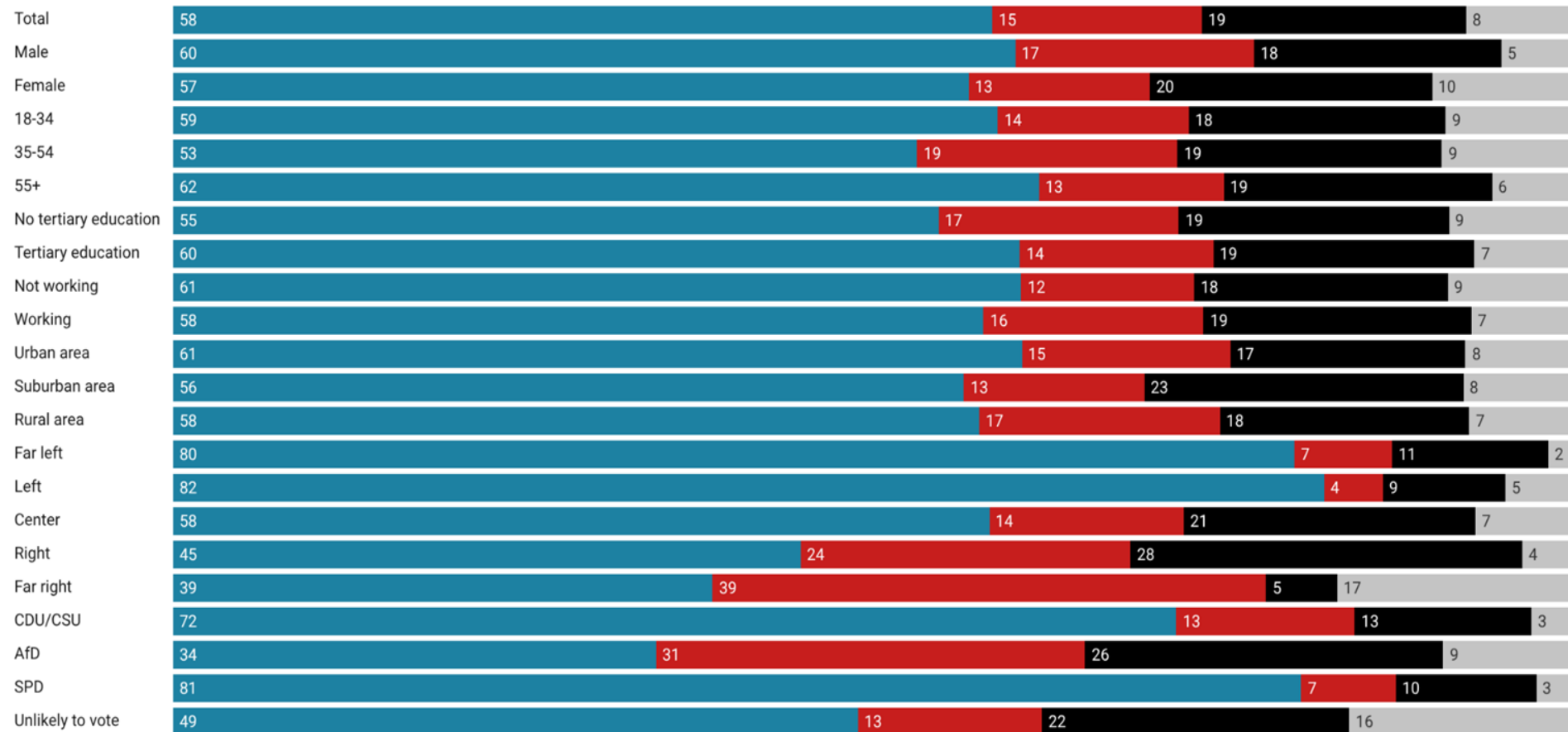
Which of the following statements best reflects your view? (%)

■ Germany would improve its national security by prioritizing renewable energy
 ■ Germany would improve its national security by prioritizing expanded access to fossil fuels
 ■ None of these
 ■ Don't know



Which approach do you personally prefer more? (%)

■ Prioritizing the clean energy transition **■** Prioritizing expansion of fossil fuel resources **■** None of these **■** Don't know



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