

EU Deforestation-Free Legislation Poll Results (Fielded by YouGov)

This is a YouGov poll commissioned for a broad coalition of environmental and consumer organizations including Fern, Ecologistas en Acción, Envol Vert, Deutsche Umwelthilfe, CECU, Adiconsum, Zero, Verdens Skove to understand consumer attitudes towards the EU Deforestation Free Law in Denmark, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. Any references to results among Europeans in this press release shows the pooled survey results across the five countries polled.

All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 5,000 adults; 1,000 in each market.

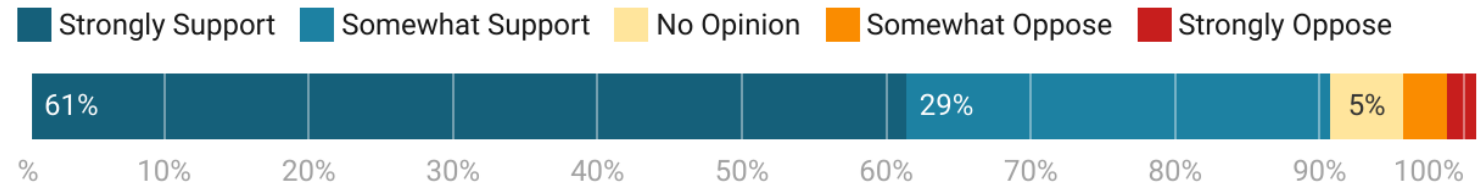
Fieldwork was undertaken between 27th May - 8th June 2022. The survey was carried out online.

The figures have been weighed and are representative of all adults in Denmark, France, Germany, Italy and Spain (aged 18+).

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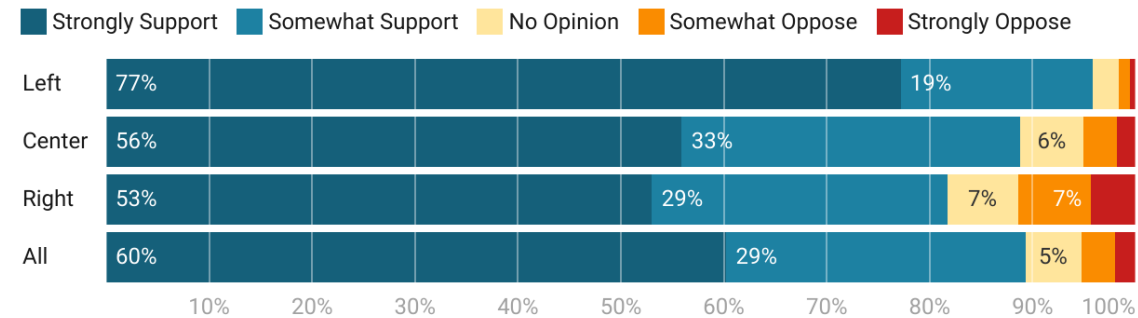
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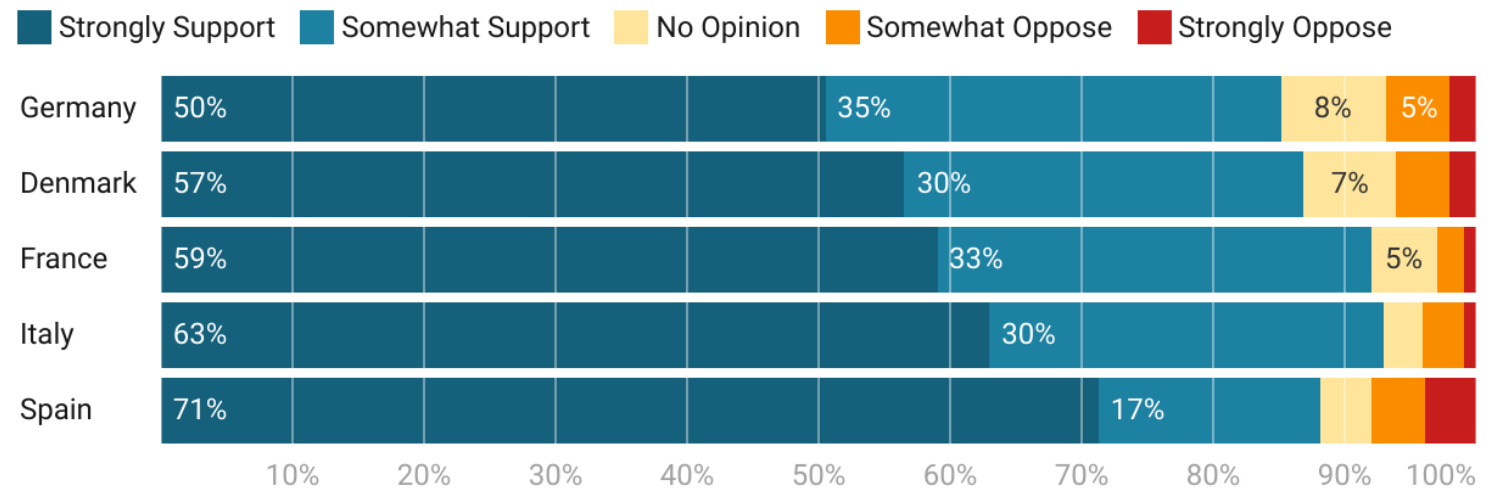


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- “Political attitudes are often referred to as "left" or "right". In general, where would you place yourself on this scale?”

... Across all
Surveyed
Countries

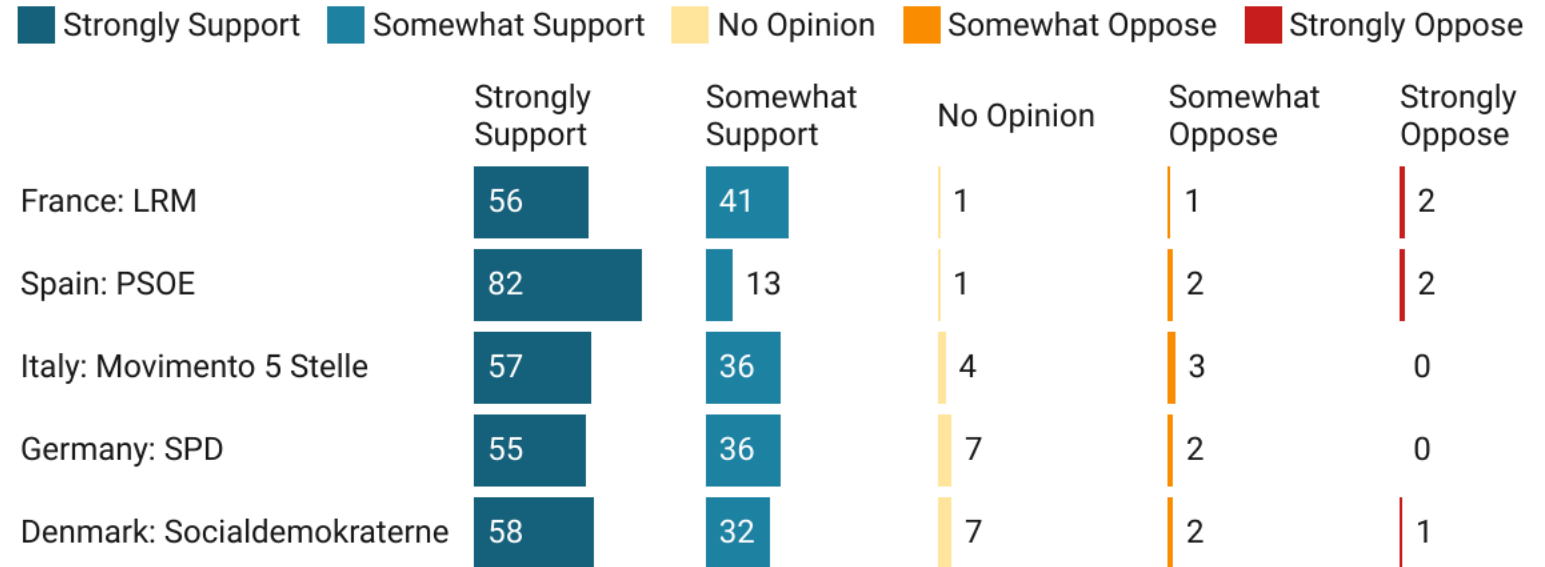
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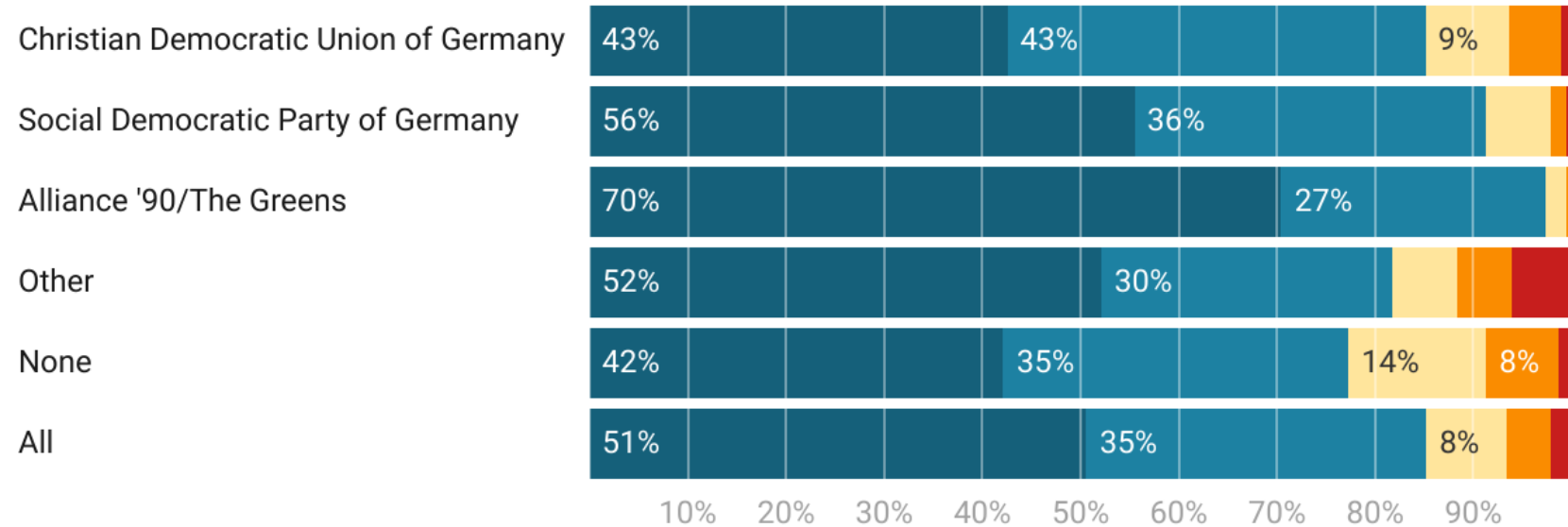


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By Political Party

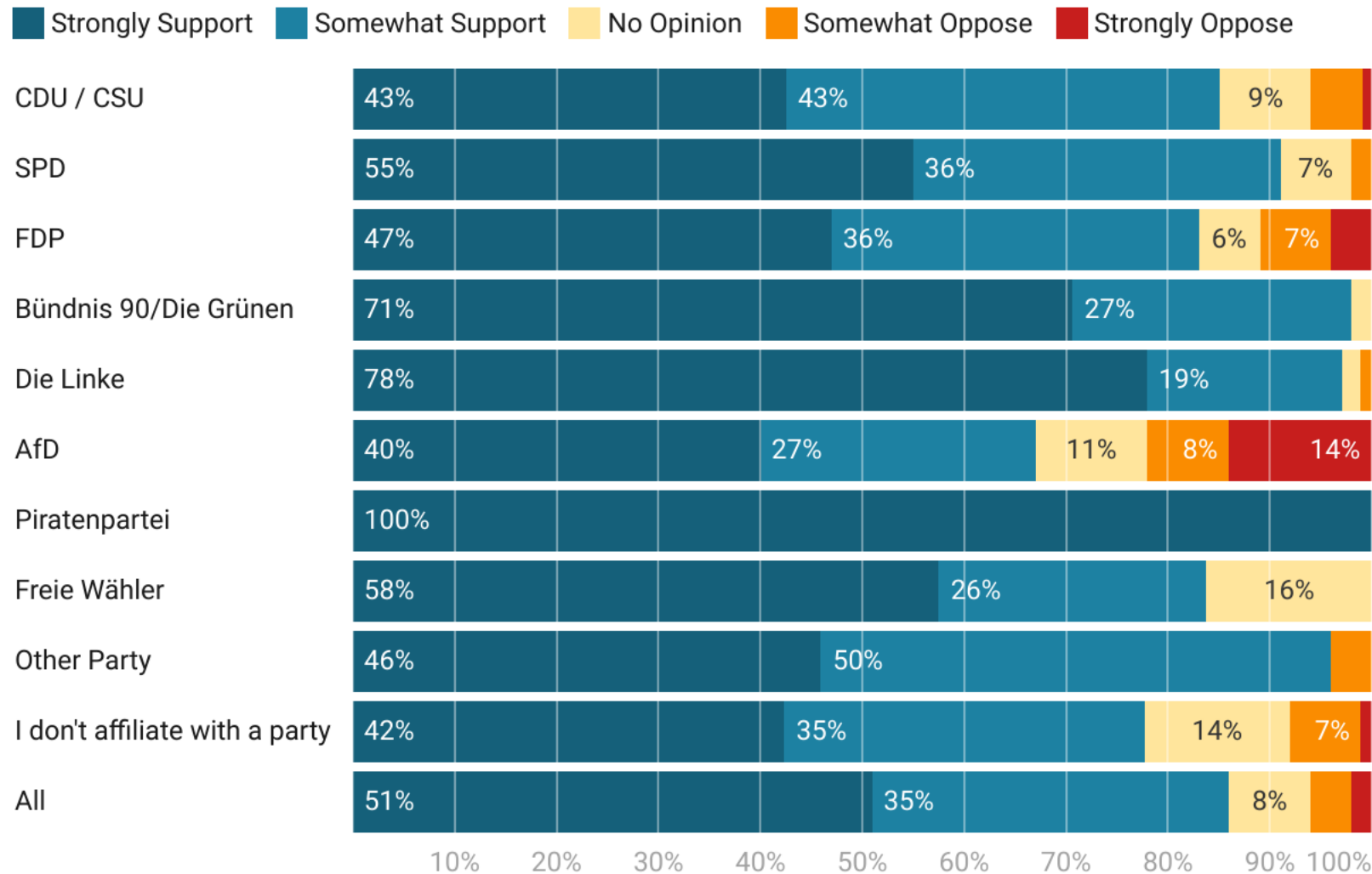
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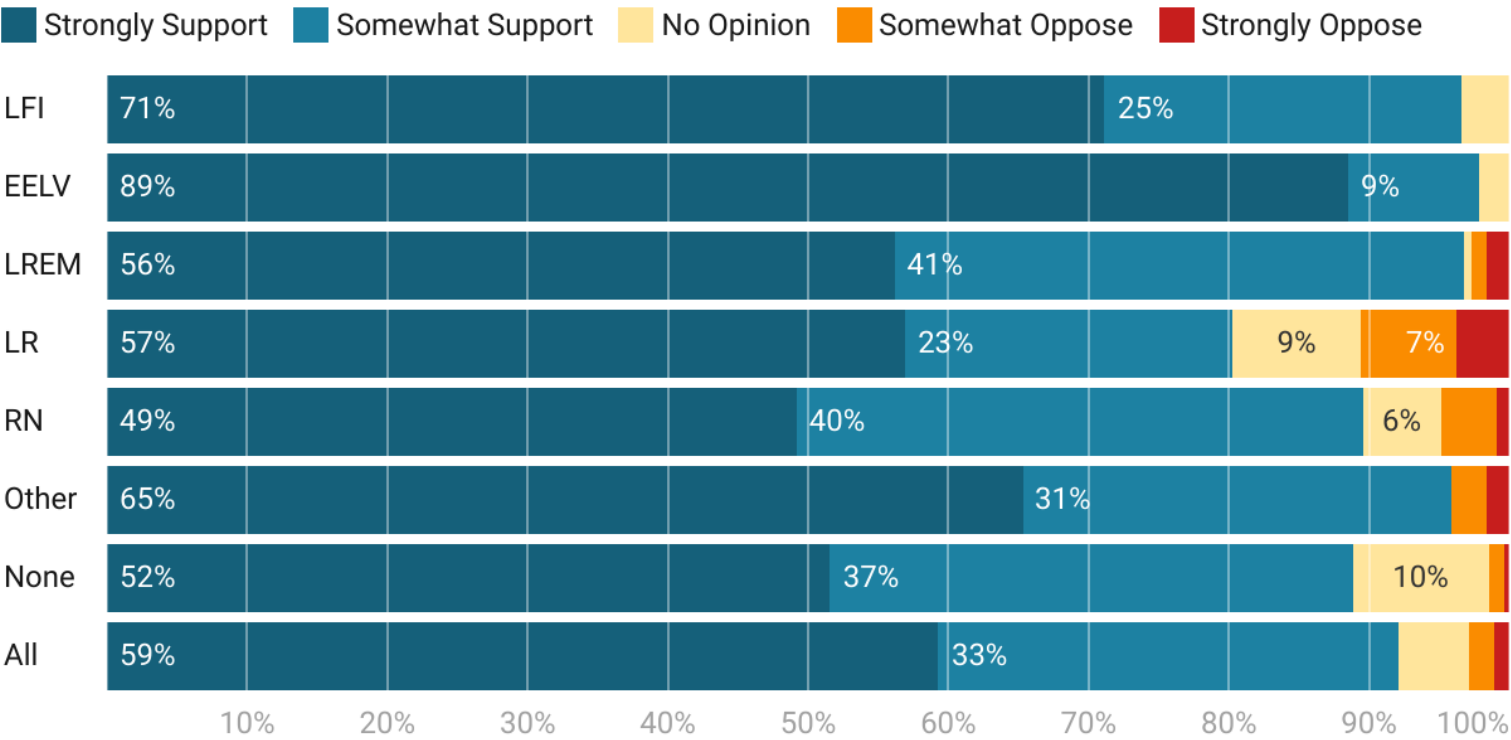
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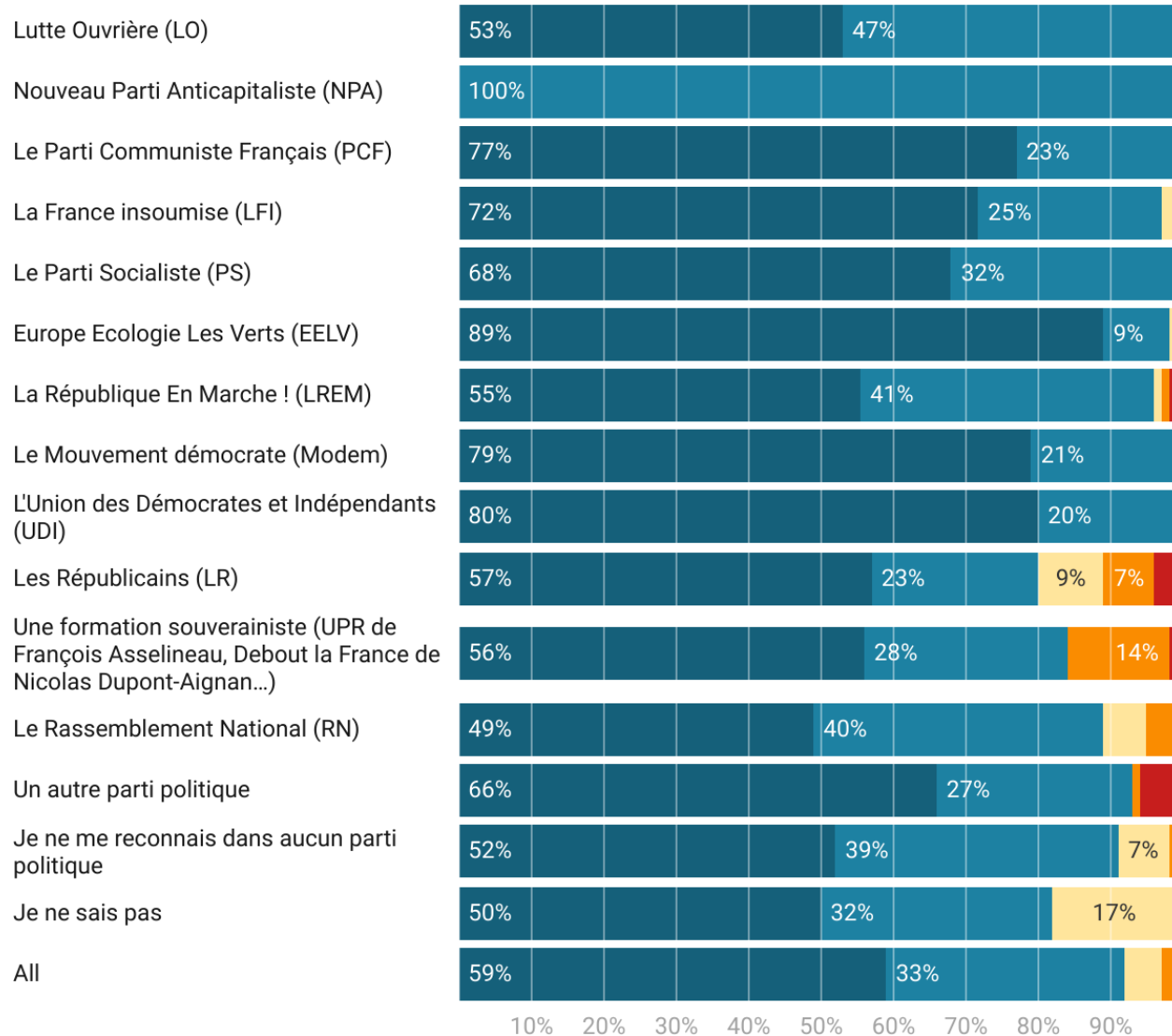
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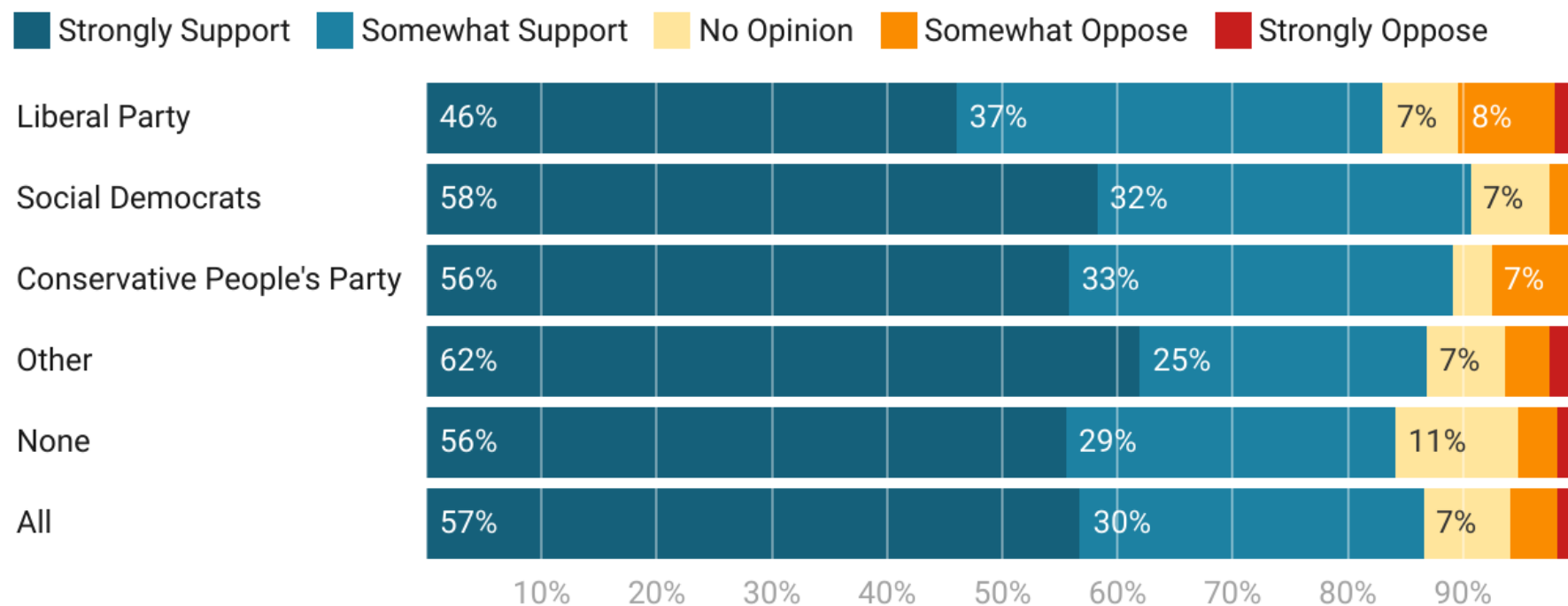
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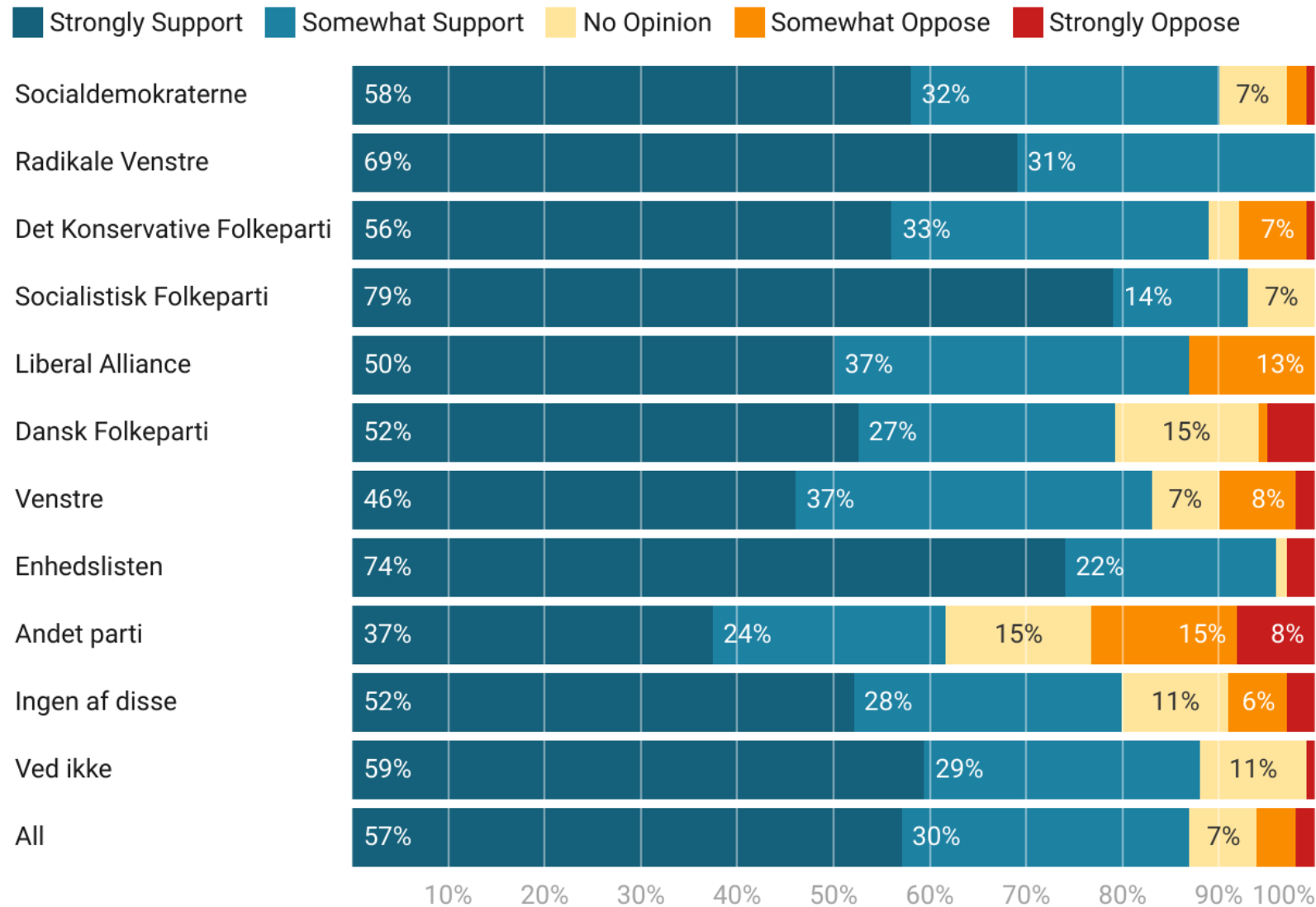
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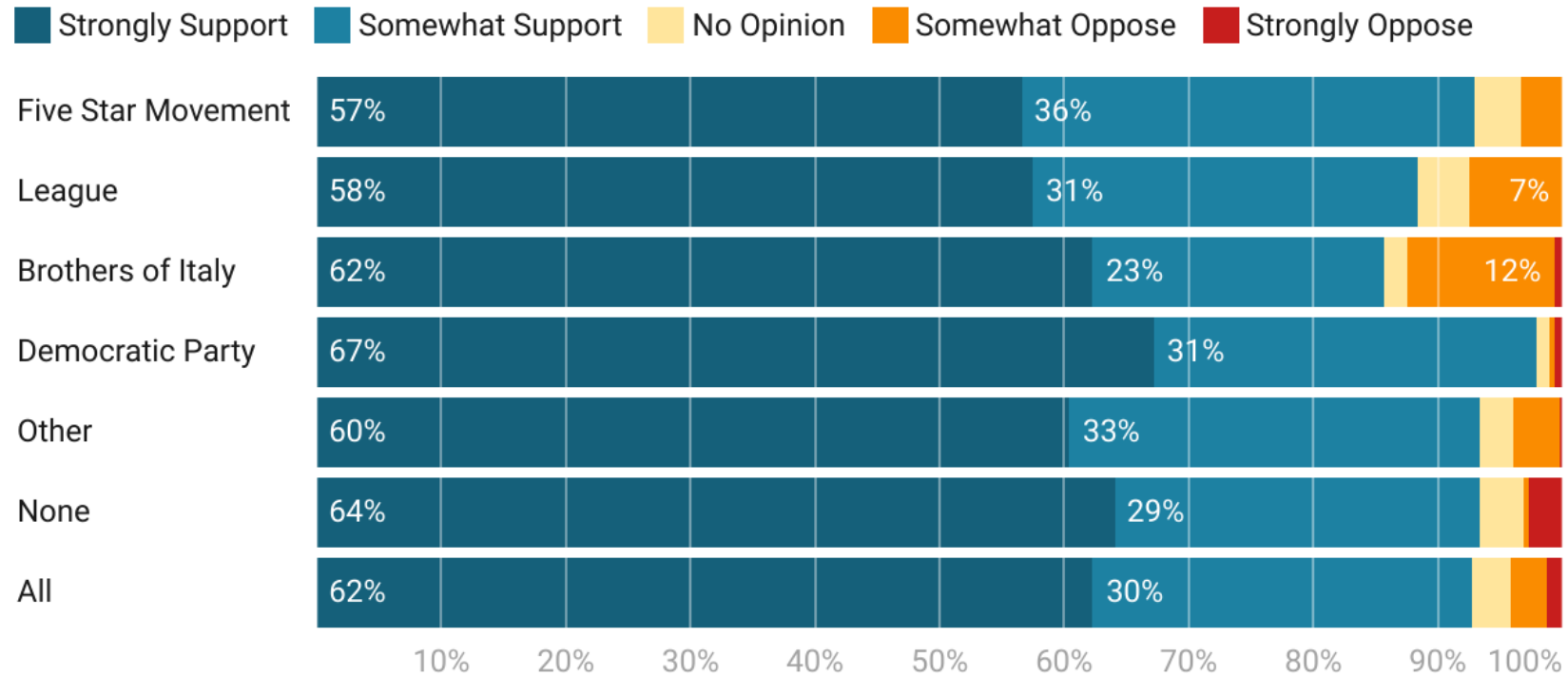
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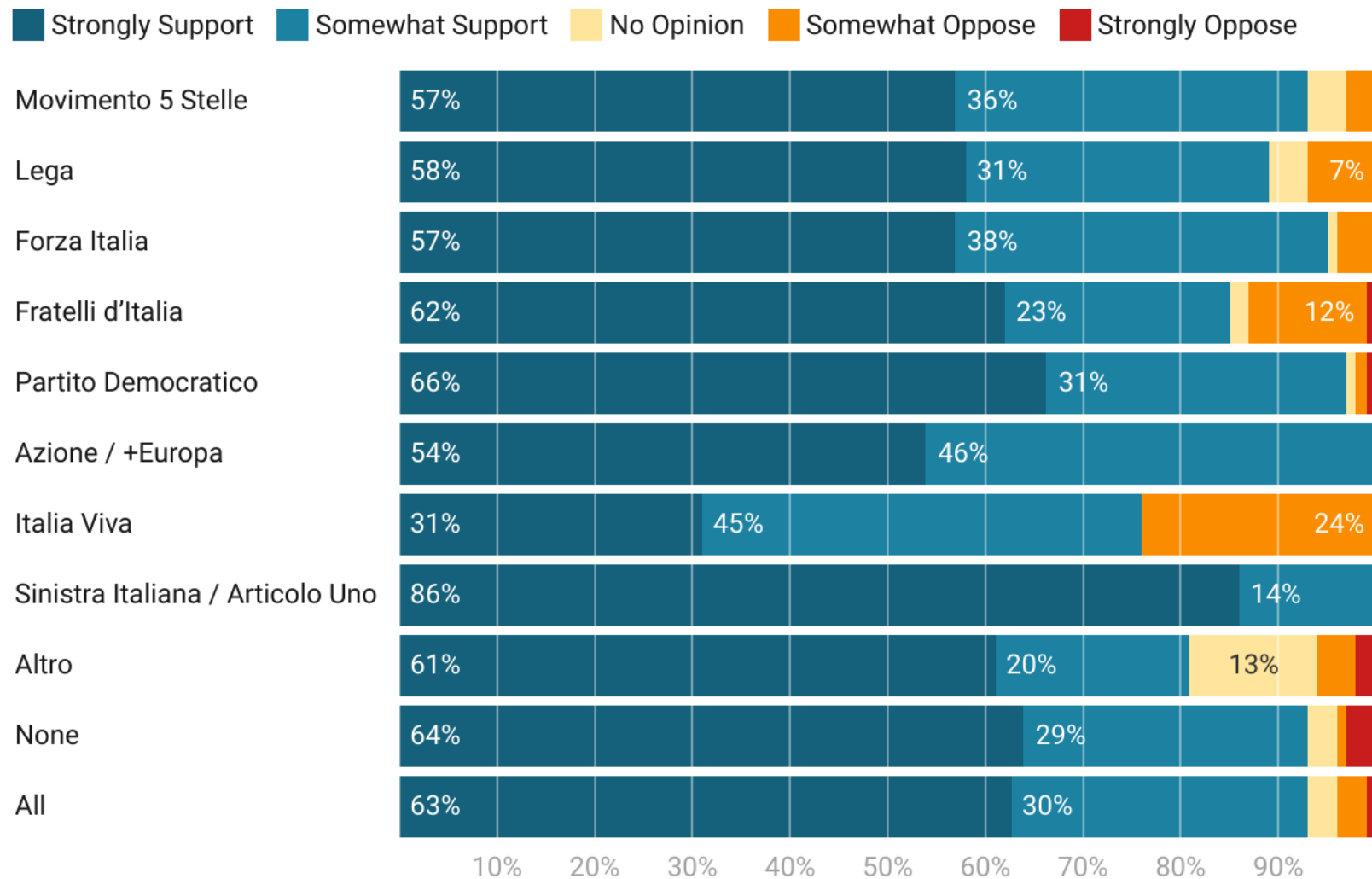
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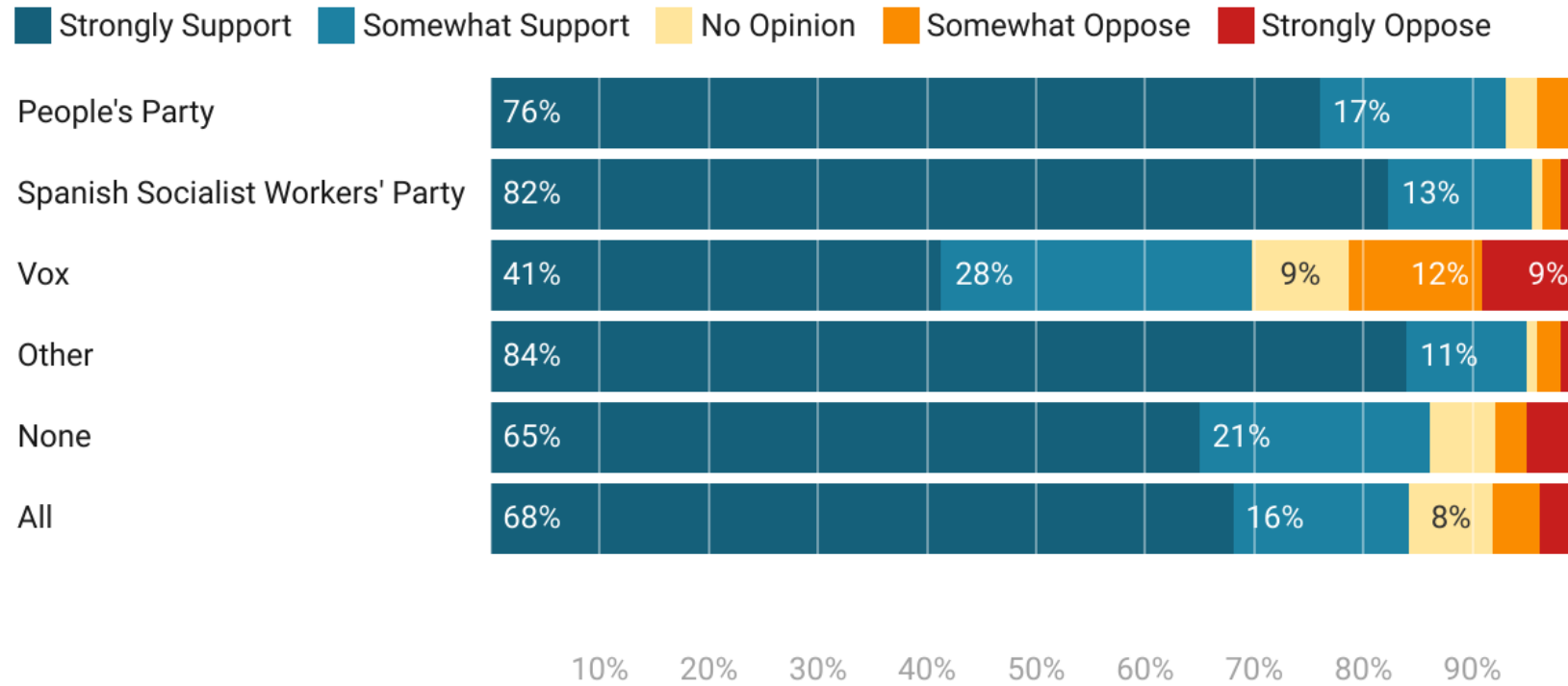
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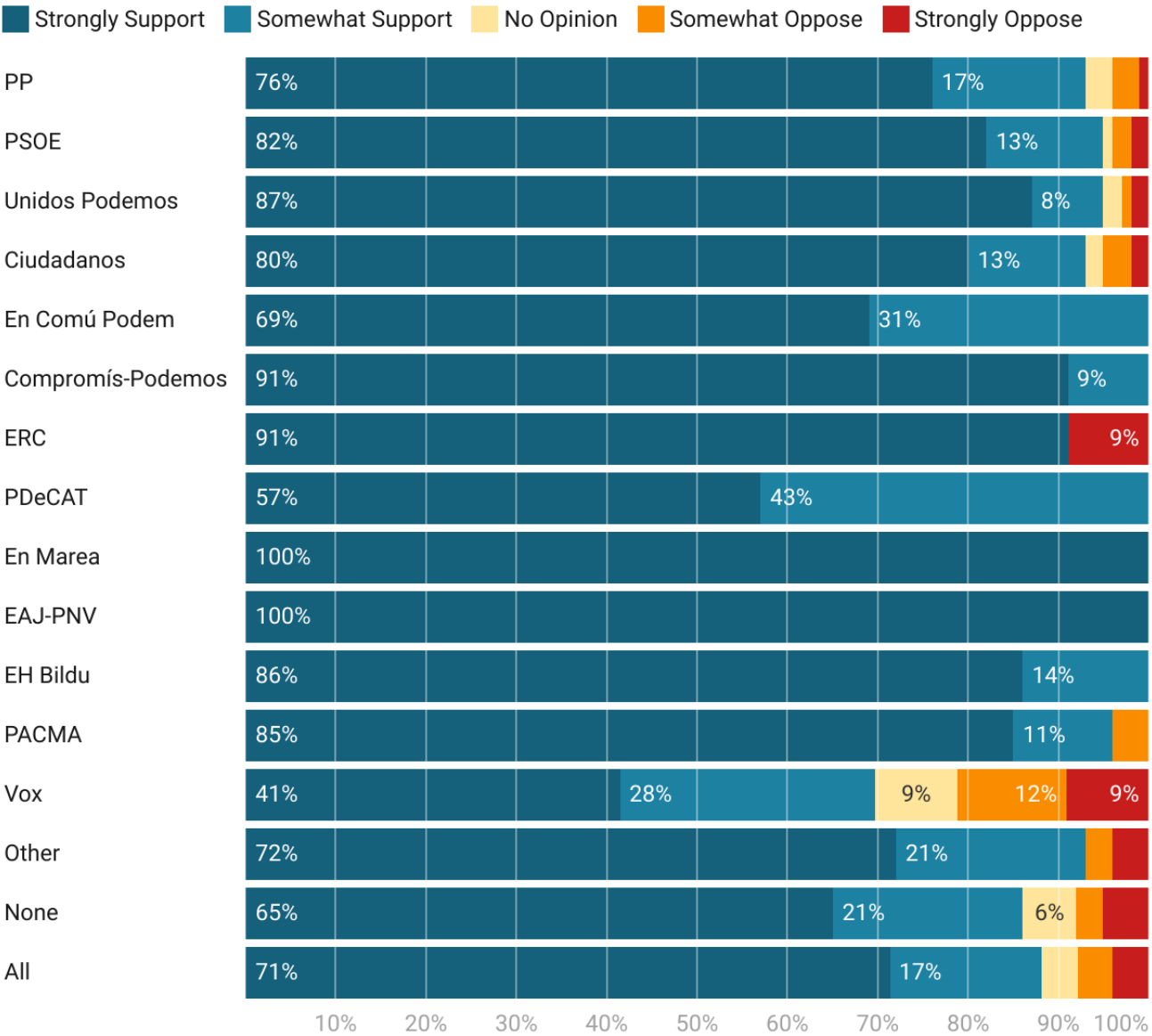
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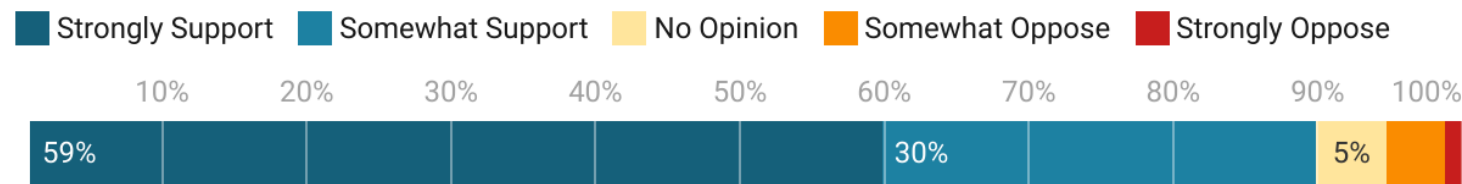
The public wants the law to
be robust and expansive.



The Public
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Robust Law
that Also
Applies to....

Financial Institutions

The law should require financial institutions to stop investing in companies that destroy forests

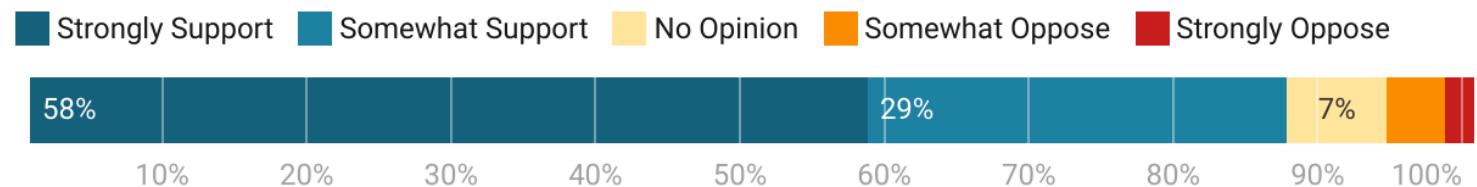


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Indigenous Rights

The law should require companies to stop selling products that violate the land rights of Indigenous Peoples

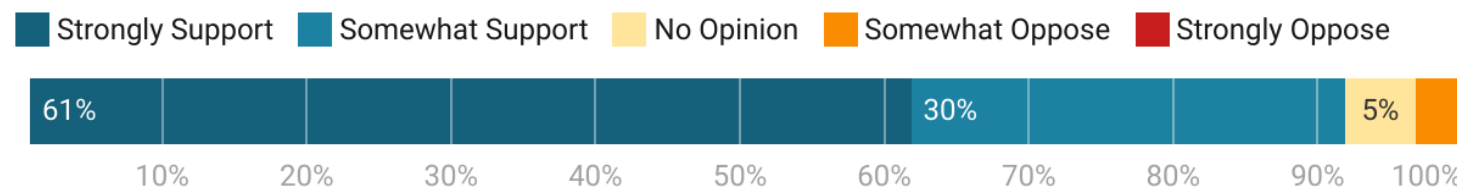


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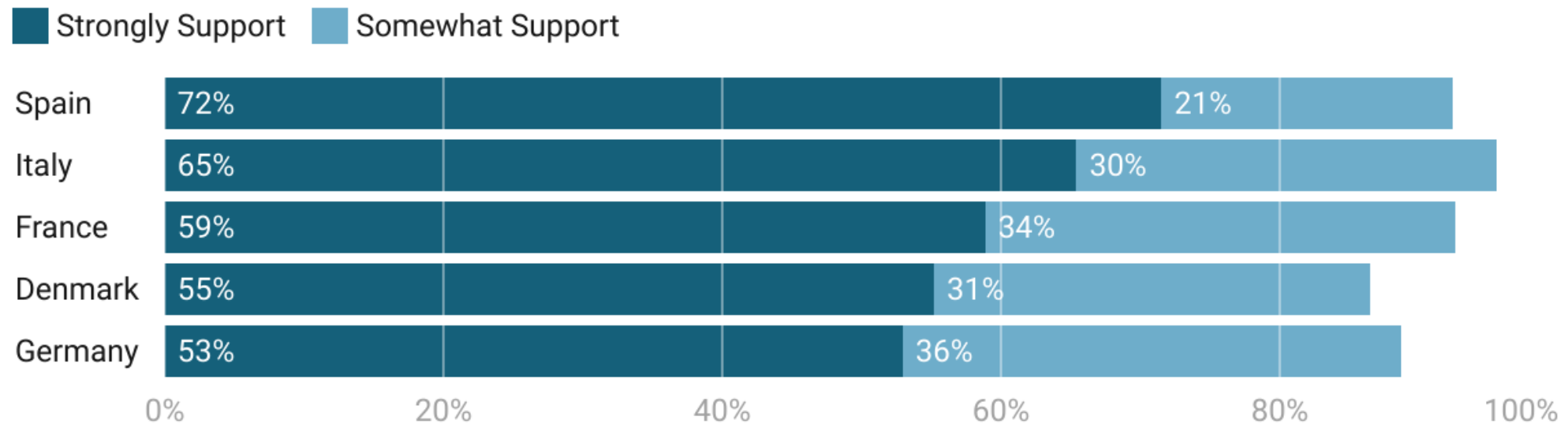
Critical Ecosystems Other Than Forests

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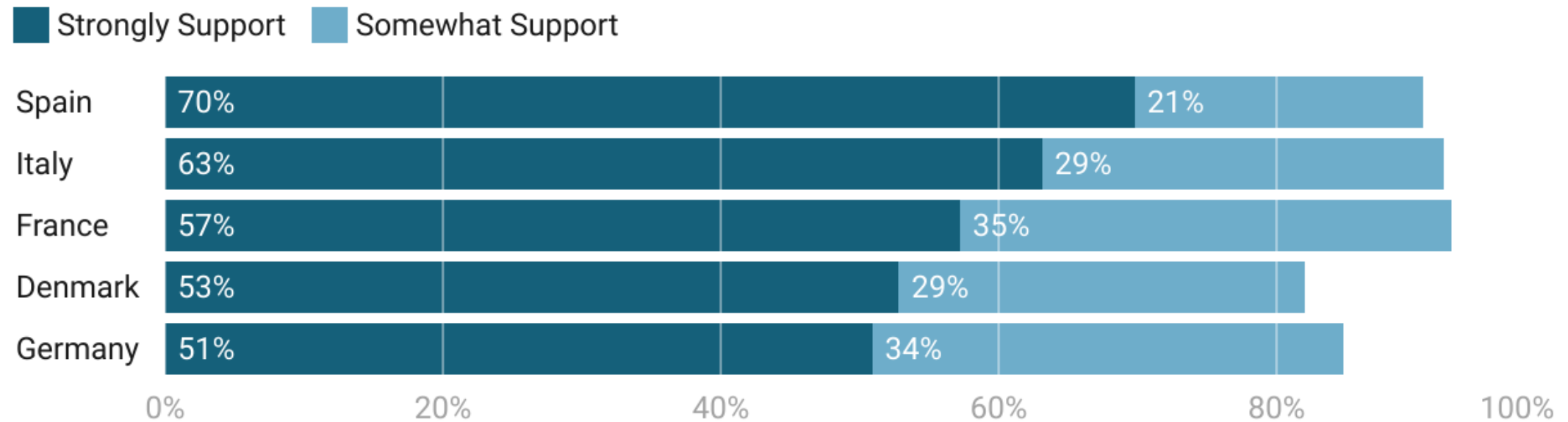
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9 in 10 (91%) Europeans support a Deforestation-Free Law that would require companies to stop selling products that destroy other critical ecosystems such as savannahs and wetlands as well as forests



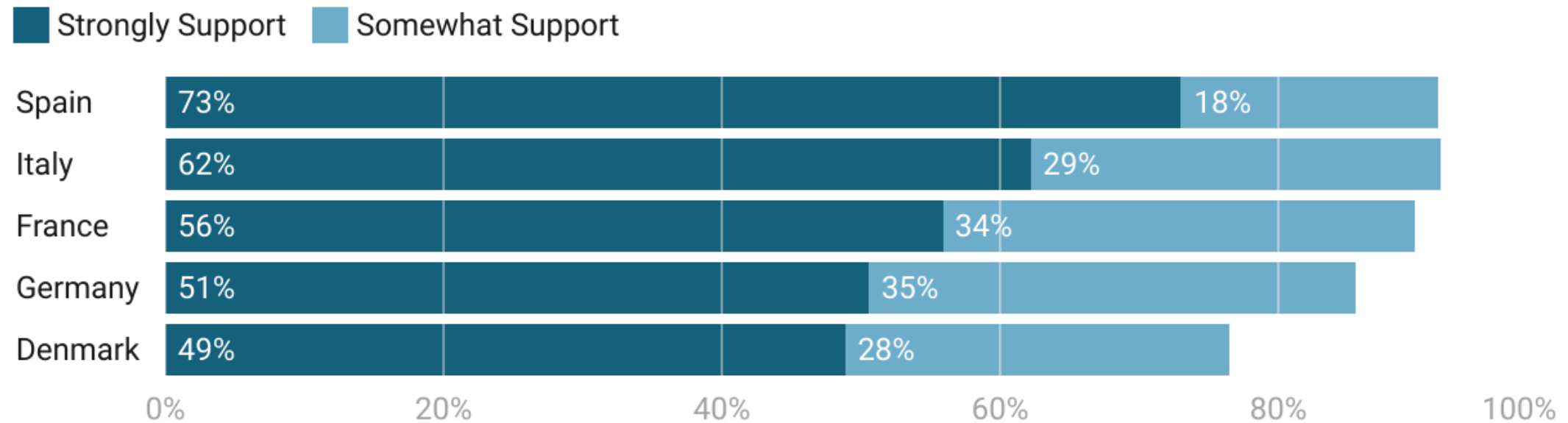
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Almost 9 in 10 (87%) Europeans support a Deforestation Free Law that would require companies to stop selling products that violate the land rights of Indigenous Peoples



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The public isn't buying
industry push-back.



Industry is Pushing Back

Members of the food and agriculture industries are asking to delay implementation of the EU law until 2030, partly to avoid global supply chain disruptions such as “the current war in Ukraine and its effects on global food security.”

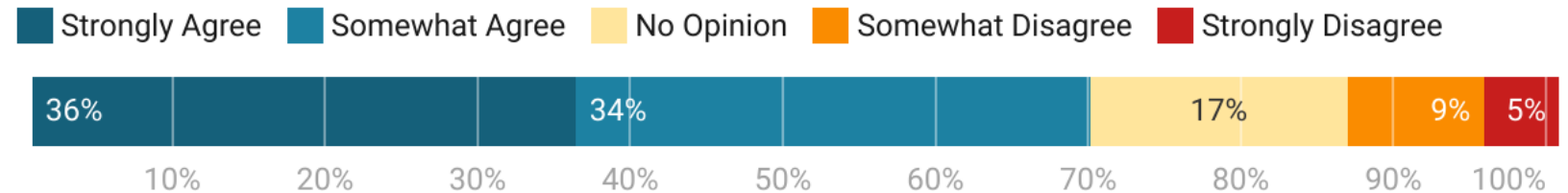


7 in 10 Europeans think industry is using the crisis in Ukraine as an excuse to continue buying and selling products that destroy forests:

But the
Public Isn't
Buying It

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Industry is using the crisis in Ukraine as an excuse to continue buying and selling products that cause deforestation



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Caving to industry pressure will
undermine political credibility
and support for MEPs.

“If I found out my MEP is working to weaken the EU Deforestation-Free Law it would make me...”

Caving to industry pressure will undermine credibility—and votes—for MEPs.

The data below represents voters across political ideologies:

If I found out my MEP is working to Weaken the EU Deforestation-Free Law it would make me:

More likely to vote for them in the next election

10%

Less likely to vote for them in the next election

58%

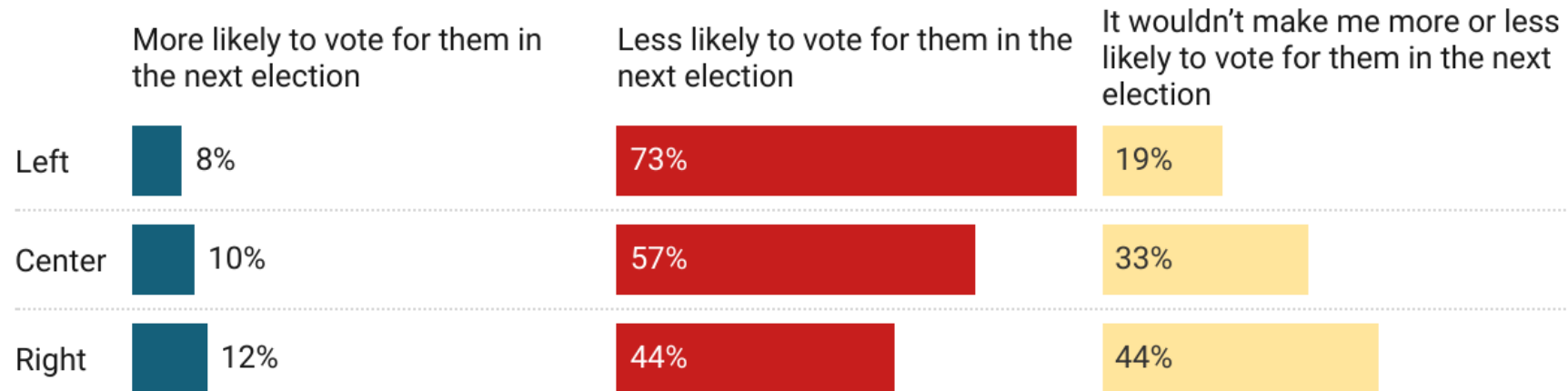
It wouldn't make me more or less likely to vote for them in the next election

31%

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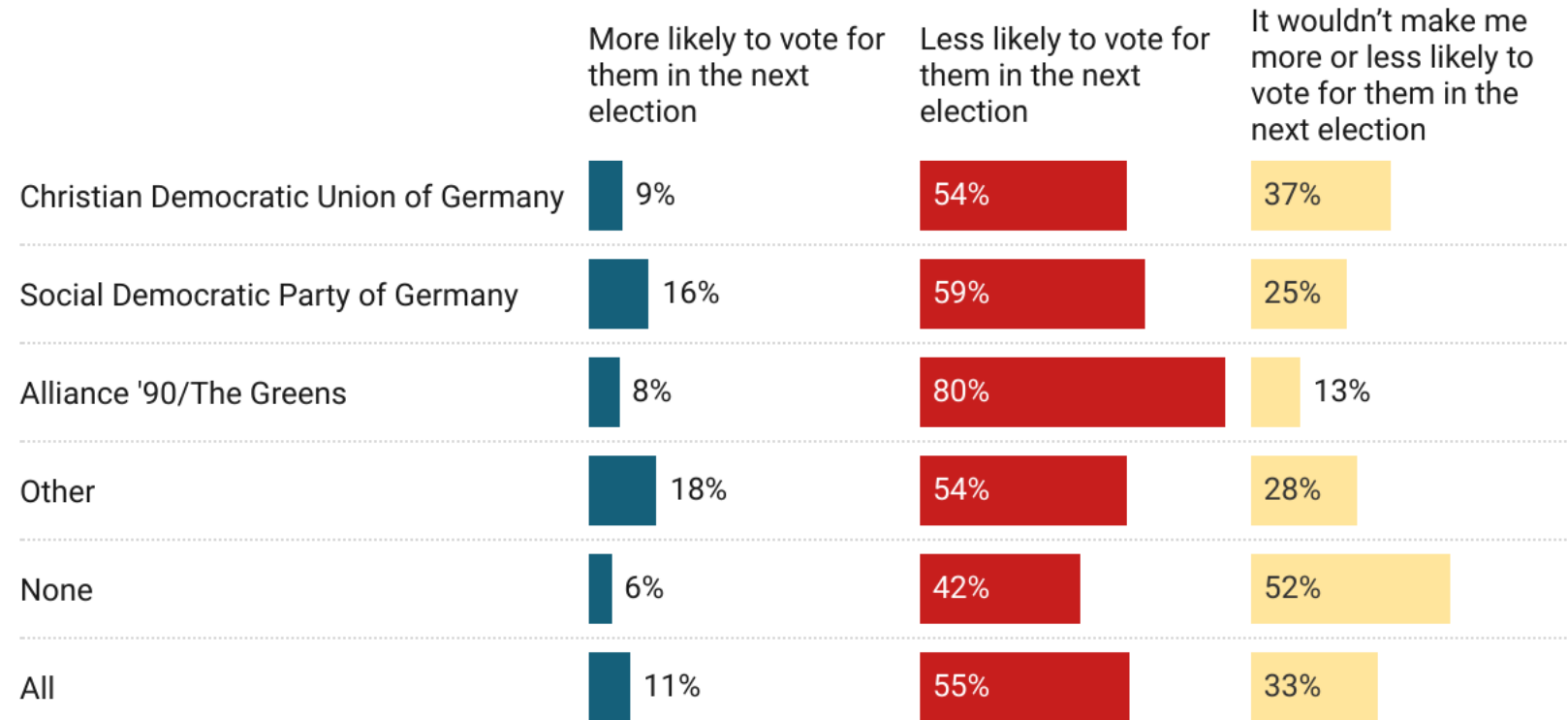
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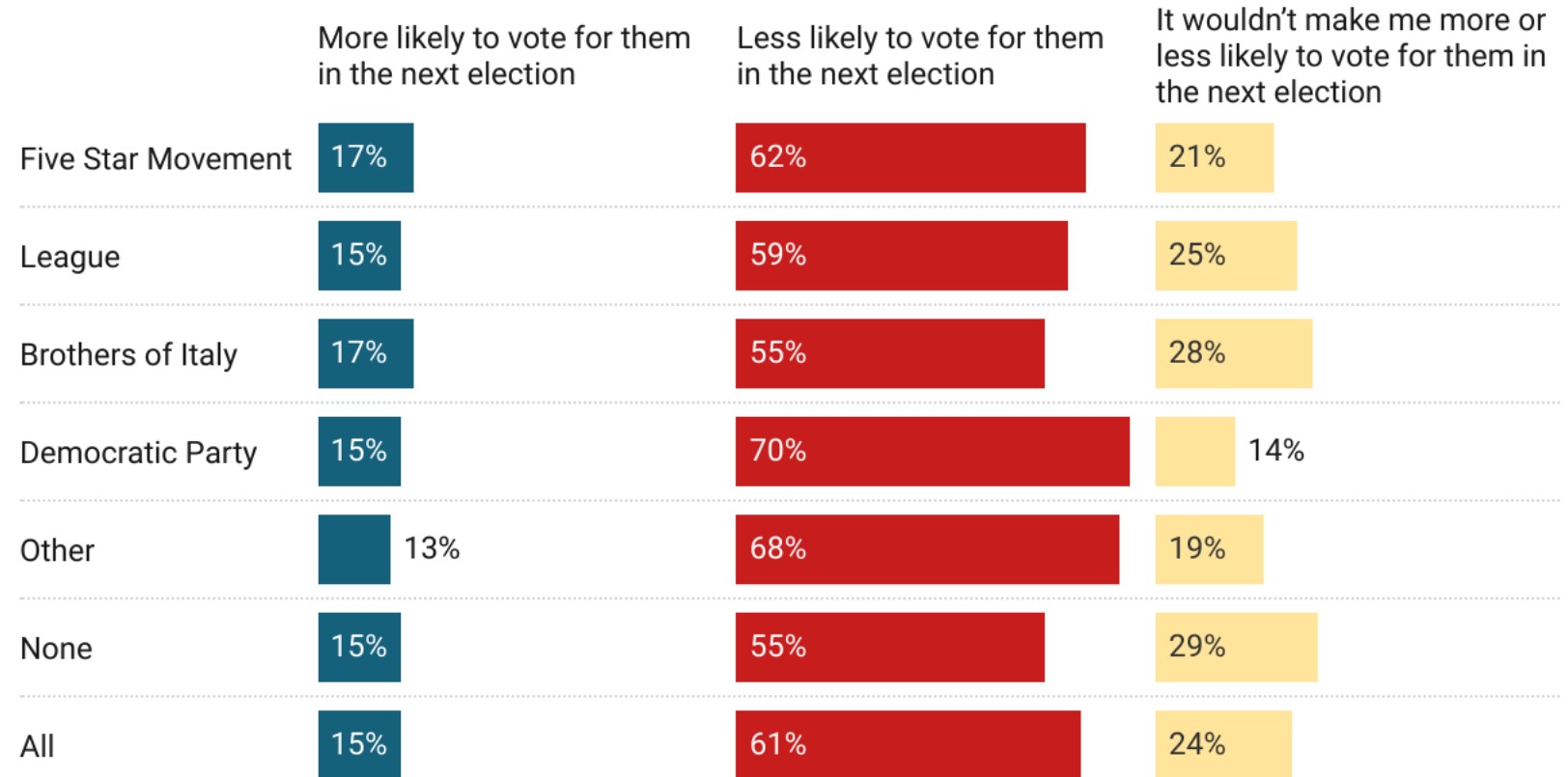


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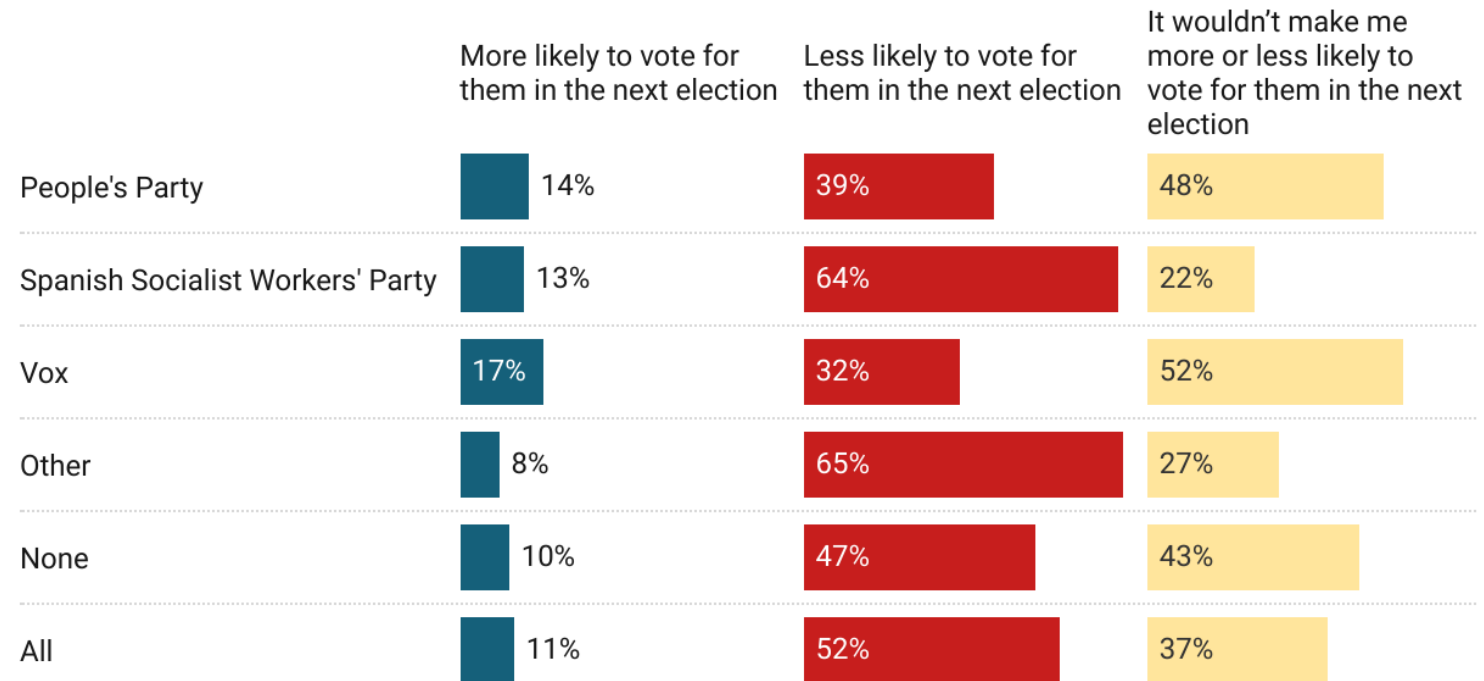


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Spain

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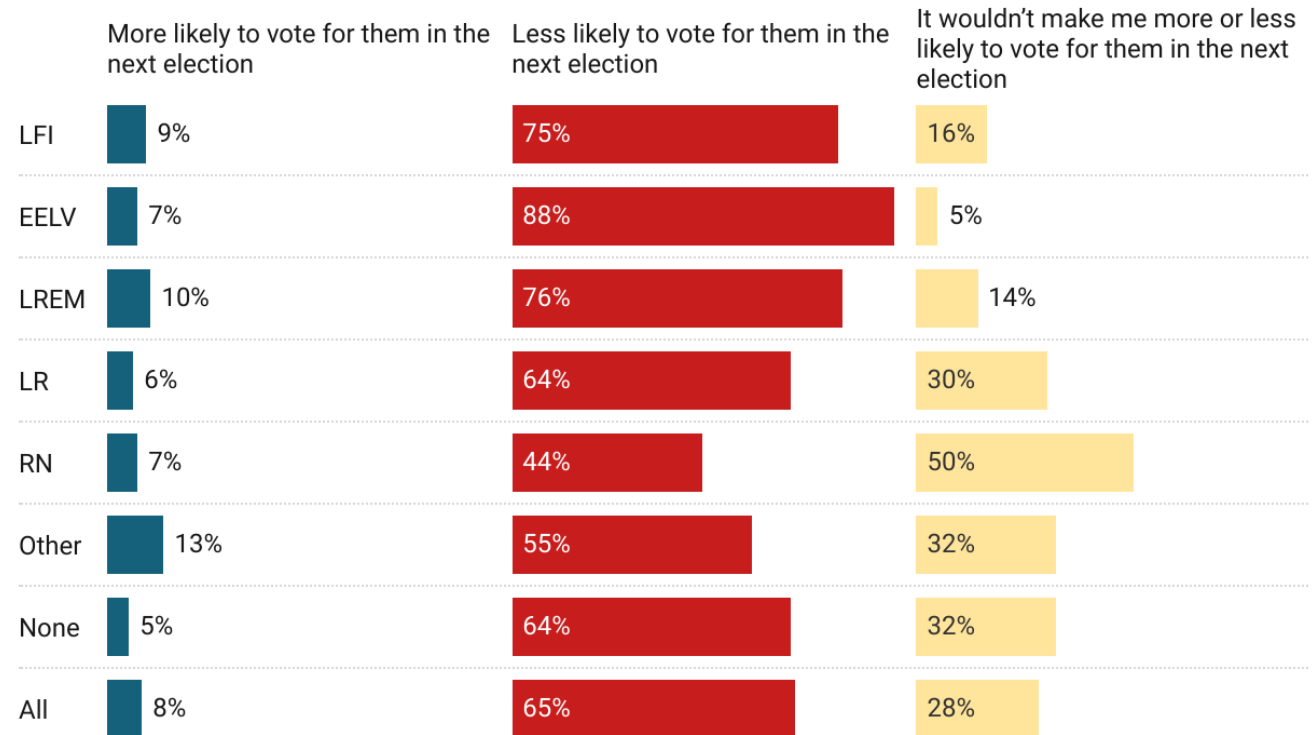


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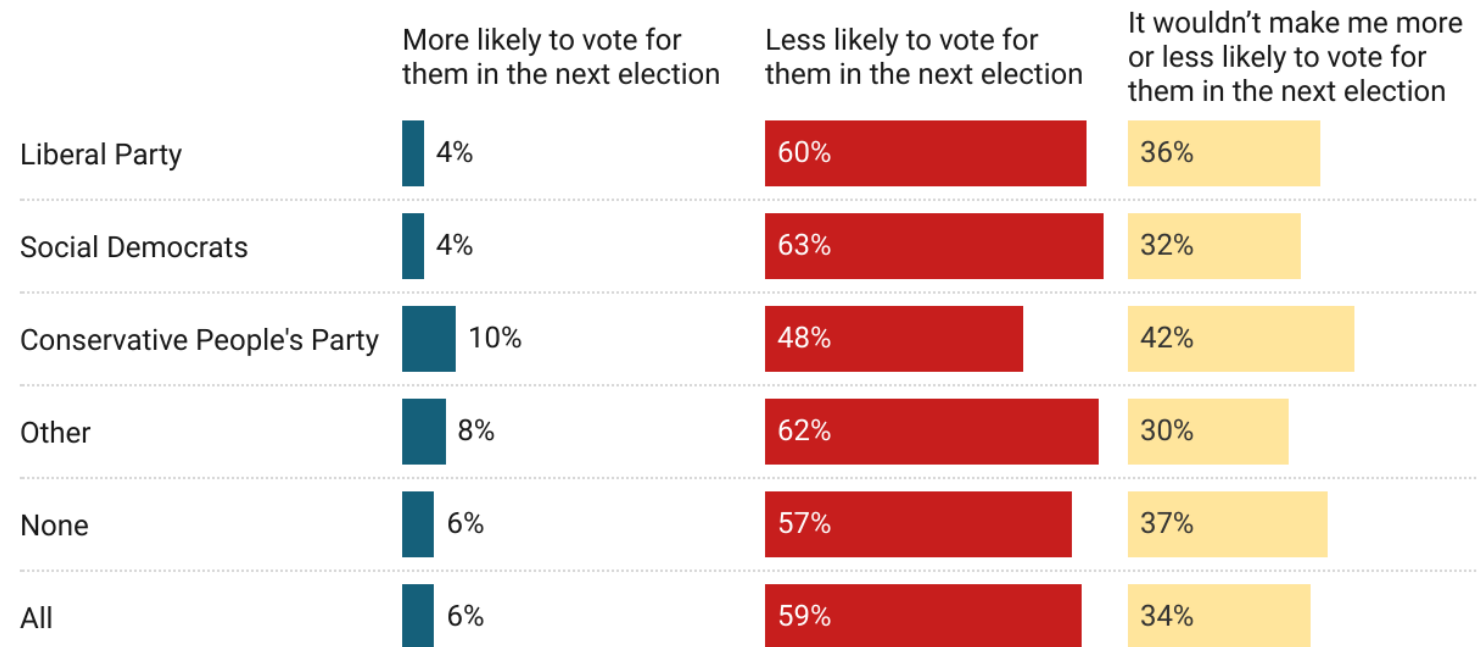


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Denmark

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“If I found out my MEP is
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EU Deforestation-Free Law
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Resisting industry pressure will earn credibility—and votes—for MEPs.

If I found out my MEP is working for a Strong EU Deforestation-Free Law it would make me:

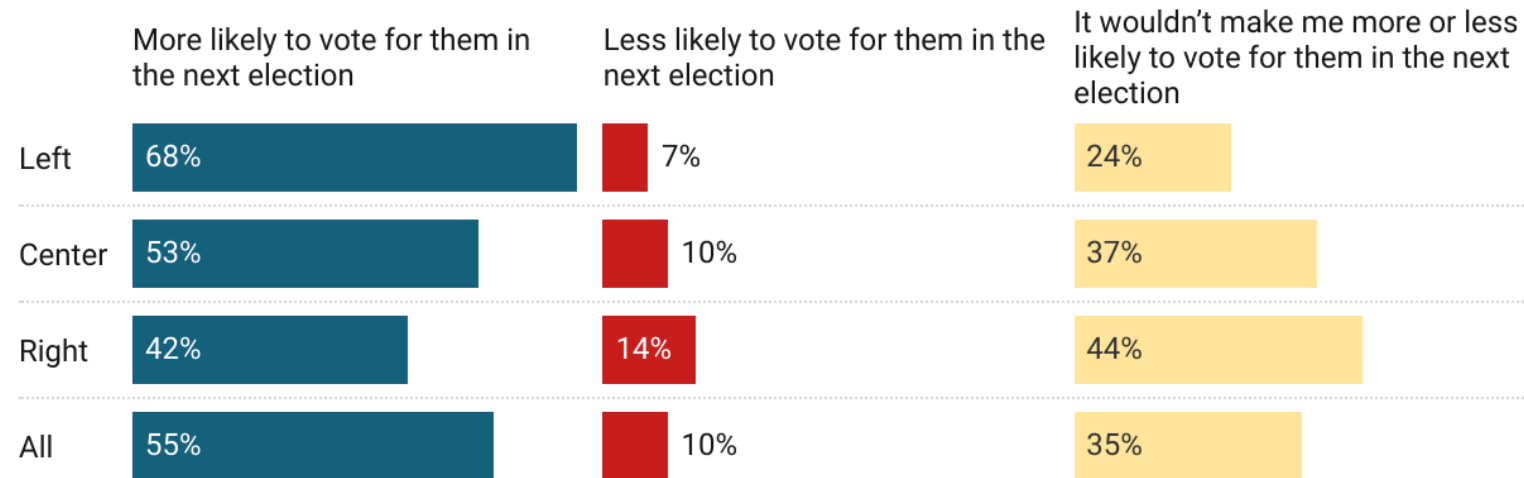


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Filters: Political Ideology: All

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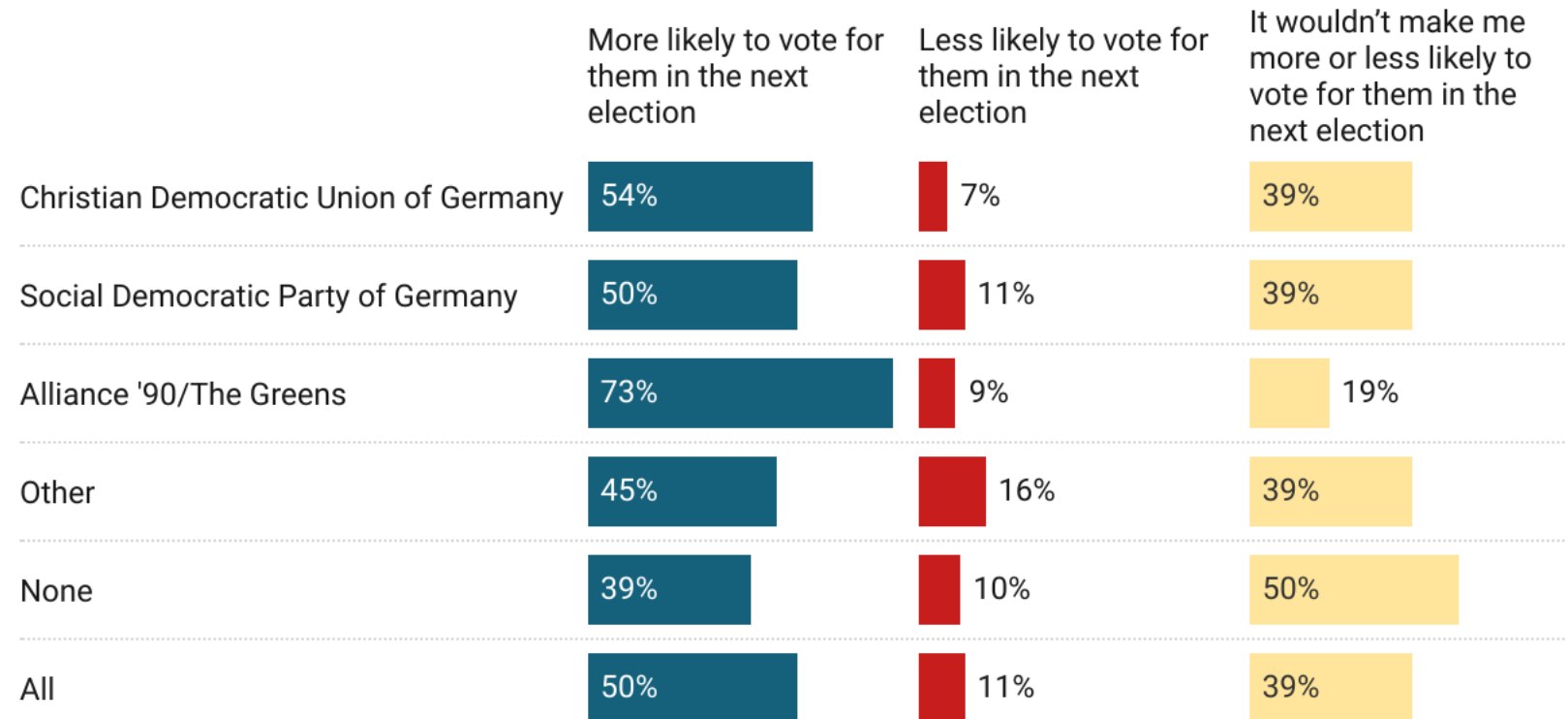
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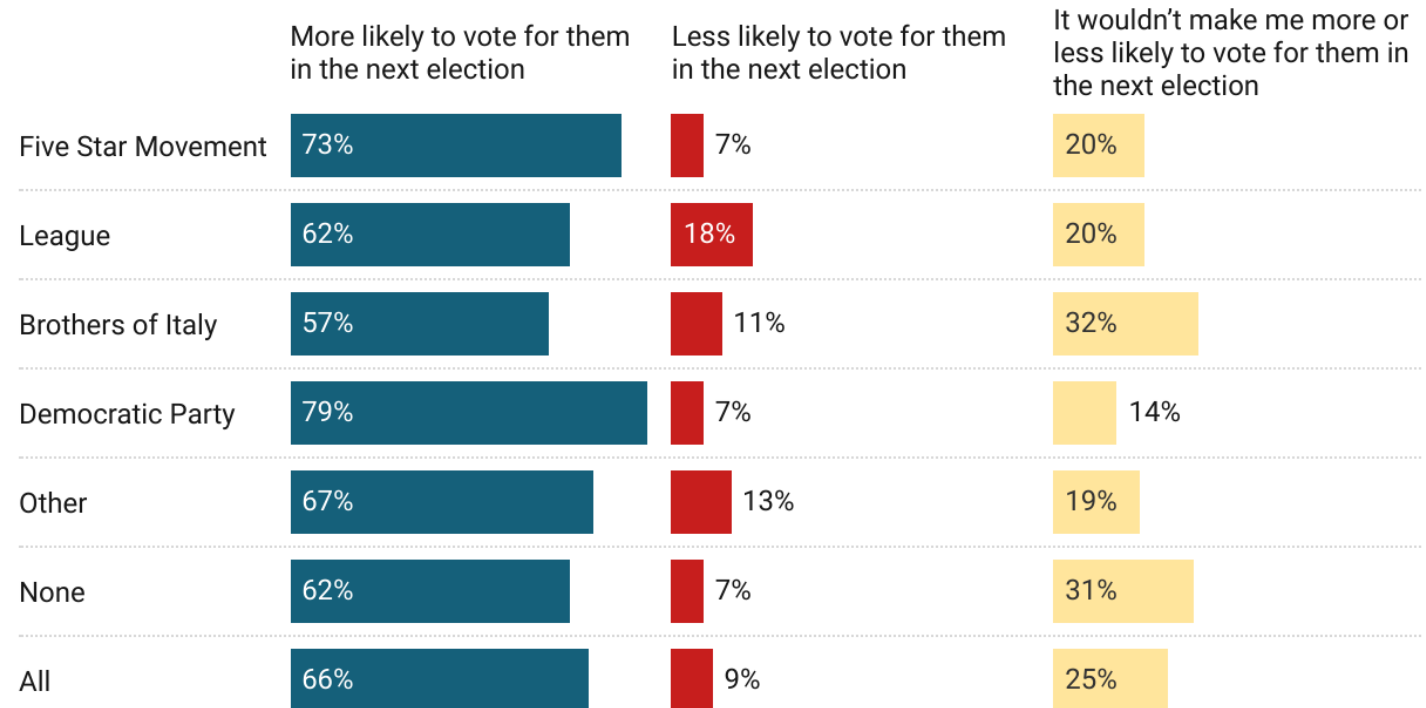


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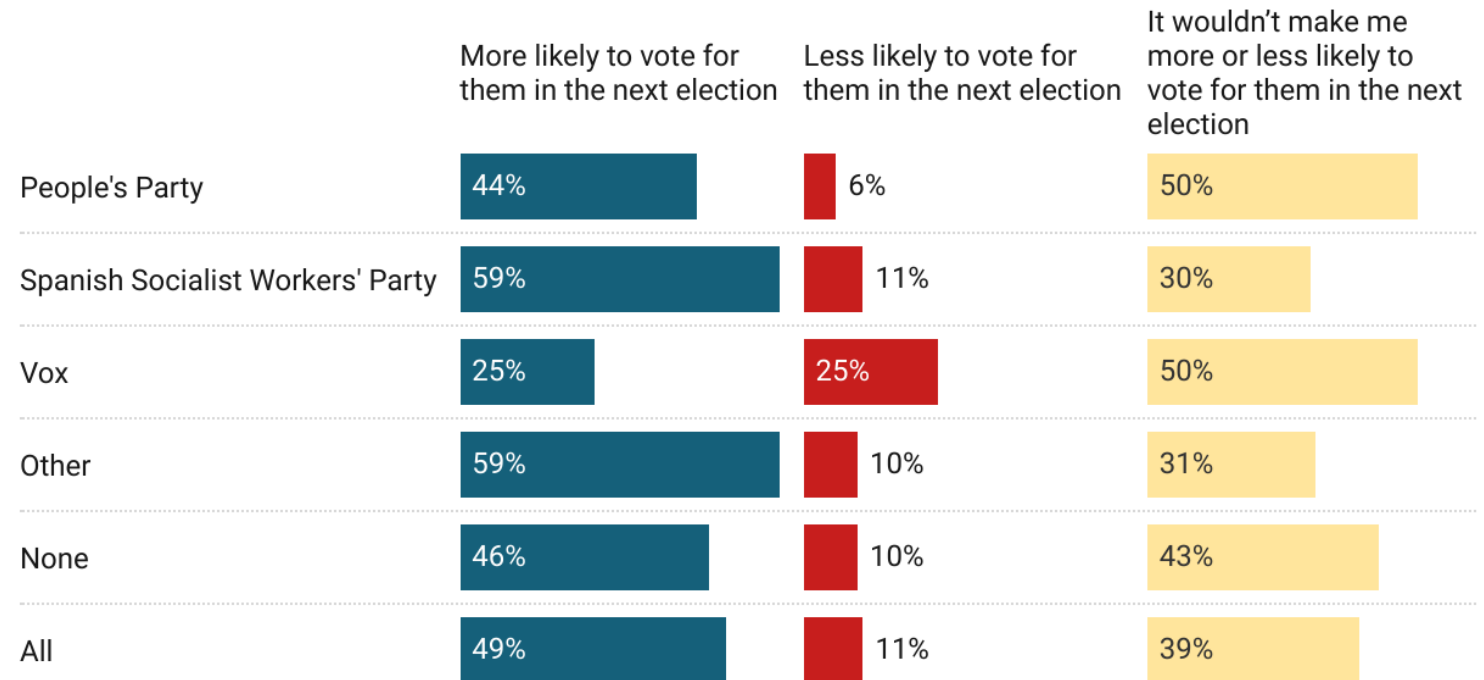


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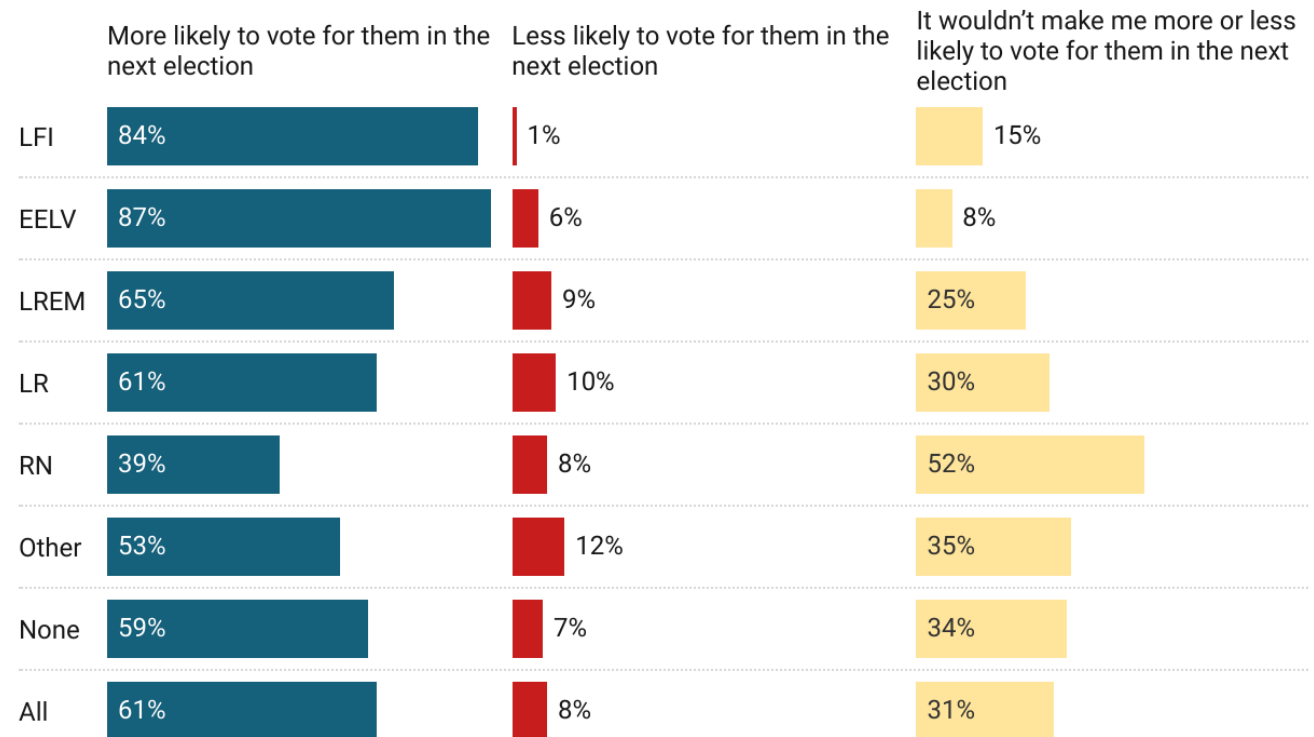


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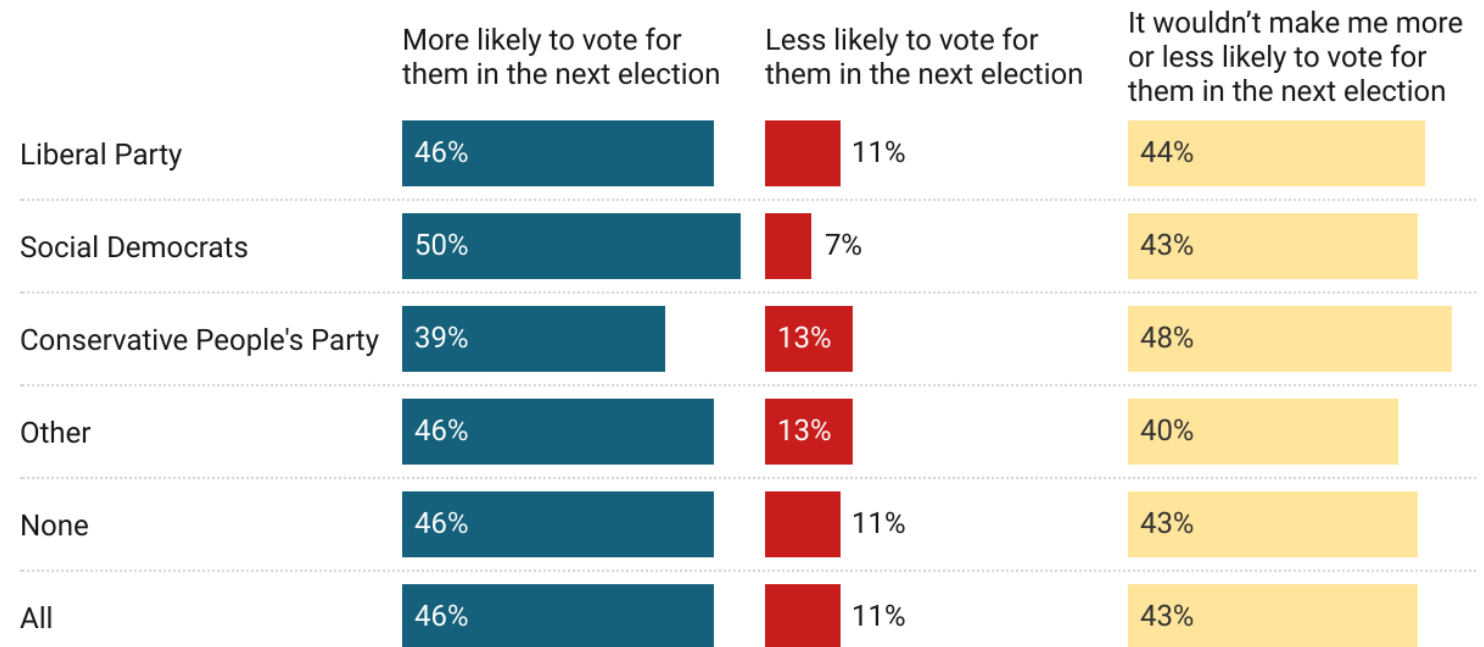


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Summary

EU voters don't buy industry scaremongering on the EU deforestation law and are more likely to vote for MEPs & parties that support a stronger law.

- **There is overwhelming support** for a law to ensure Deforestation-Free products in the EU, across five key EU markets, across political ideologies and across political parties
- There is overwhelming **support for strengthening the law** to:
 - include financial institutions
 - protect Indigenous Peoples rights
 - cover critical ecosystems other than forests
- 7 in 10 Europeans believe that **industry is using the crisis in Ukraine as an excuse** to continue buying and selling products that destroy forests!
- **Voters will reward MEPs and parties** working to pass a strong EU law