Global @dvisor

Conflict in Syria

Respondents in 15 Countries Assess the Conflict in Syria for a Global Perspective

These are findings of the *Global @dvisor* wave fielded September 4th and September 18st, 2013.

•These are some of the findings of an Ipsos Global @dvisor poll conducted between September 4th and September 18st, 2013 via the Ipsos Online Panel system in the following 15 countries: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Great Britain, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and the United States of America.

•An international sample of 12,039 adults aged 18-64 in the US and Canada, and age 16-64 in all other countries, were interviewed. Approximately 1000+ individuals participated on a country by country basis except in Argentina, Belgium, Hungary, Poland, South Korea and Sweden, where each have a sample 500+. Weighting was then employed to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to the most recent country Census data.

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Analytic Components

HP1. How much, if anything, have you seen, heard or read about the current situation in Syria?

A great deal
A fair amount
A little bit
Not heard anything at all

HP2. There actually has been fighting in Syria for many months between government forces led by President Bashar al-Assad and various anti-government groups. Based on what you have seen, read or heard, who is most to blame for having caused the conflict in Syria, the government or the anti-government groups?

The government
Anti-government groups

HP3. United Nations observers have confirmed that chemical weapons have been used in Syria but have not determined which group or side is responsible. Based on what you've seen, read or heard, do you believe that the Syrian government or the anti-government groups have actually used chemical weapons that have killed many civilians?

The Syrian Government
Anti-government groups
Both
Neither
Don't Know

HP4. Do you support or oppose the United States government leading this kind of military action which could also involve the support or participation of other countries?

Support very much
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Oppose Somewhat
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Support more
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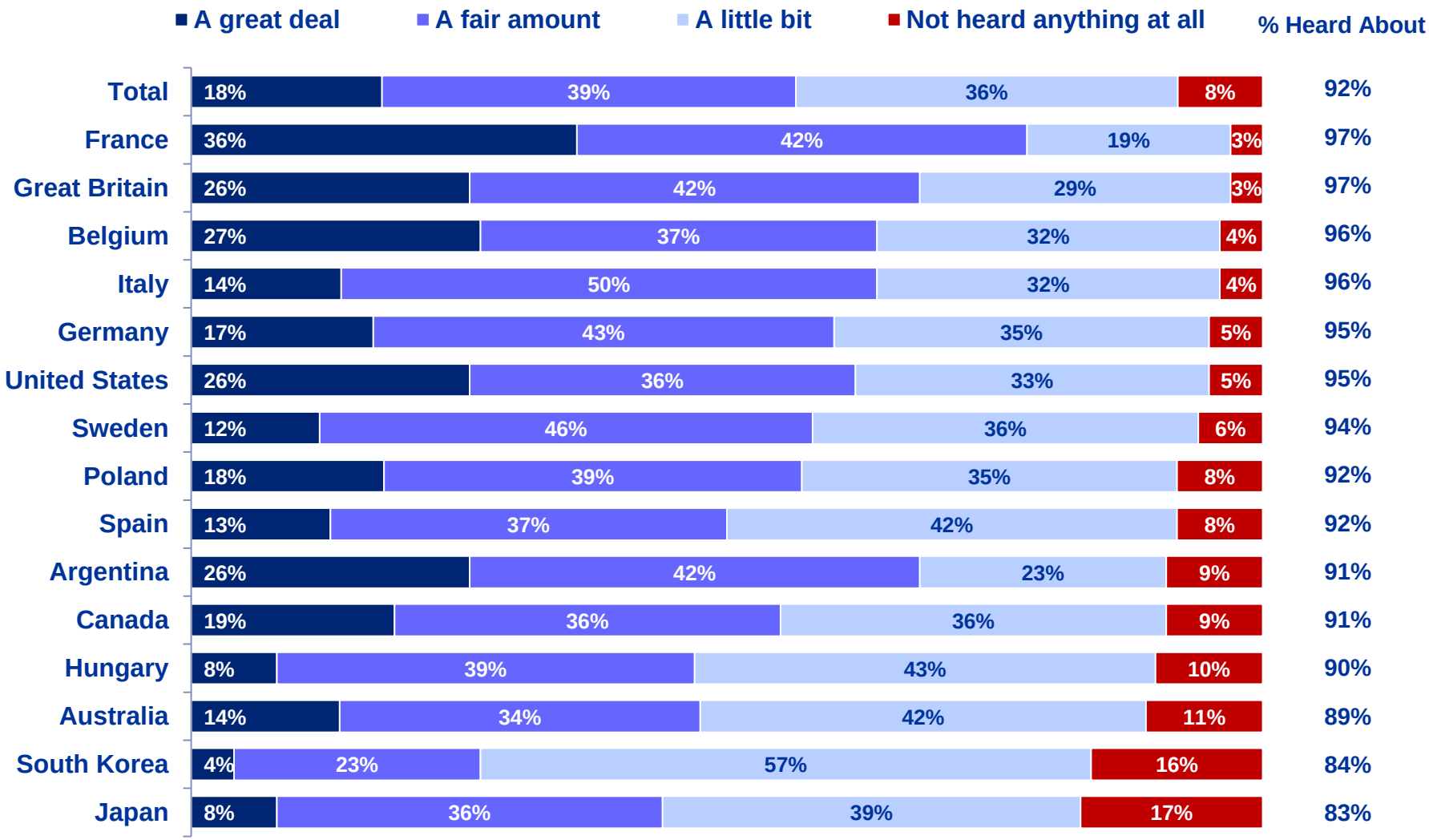

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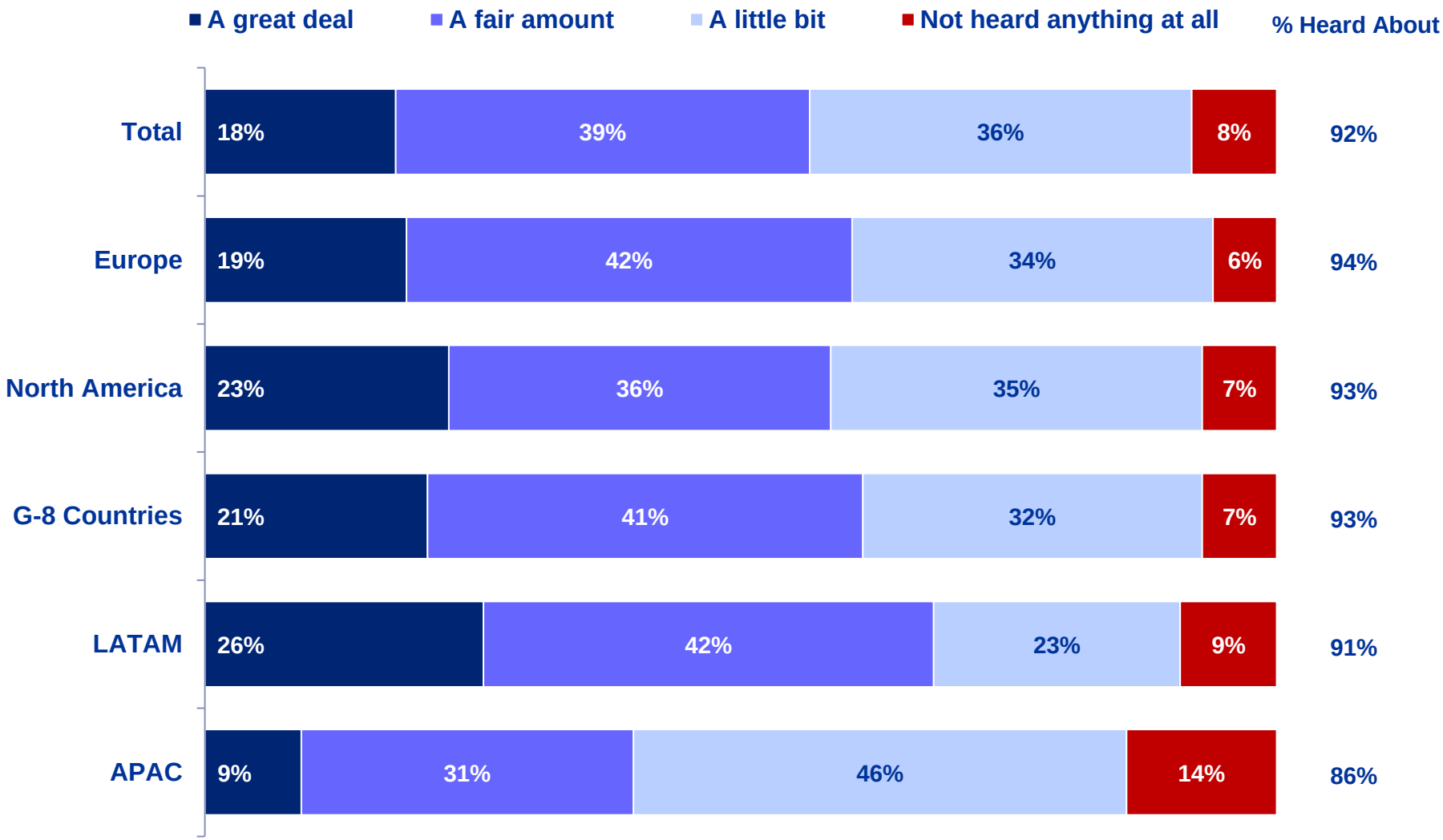

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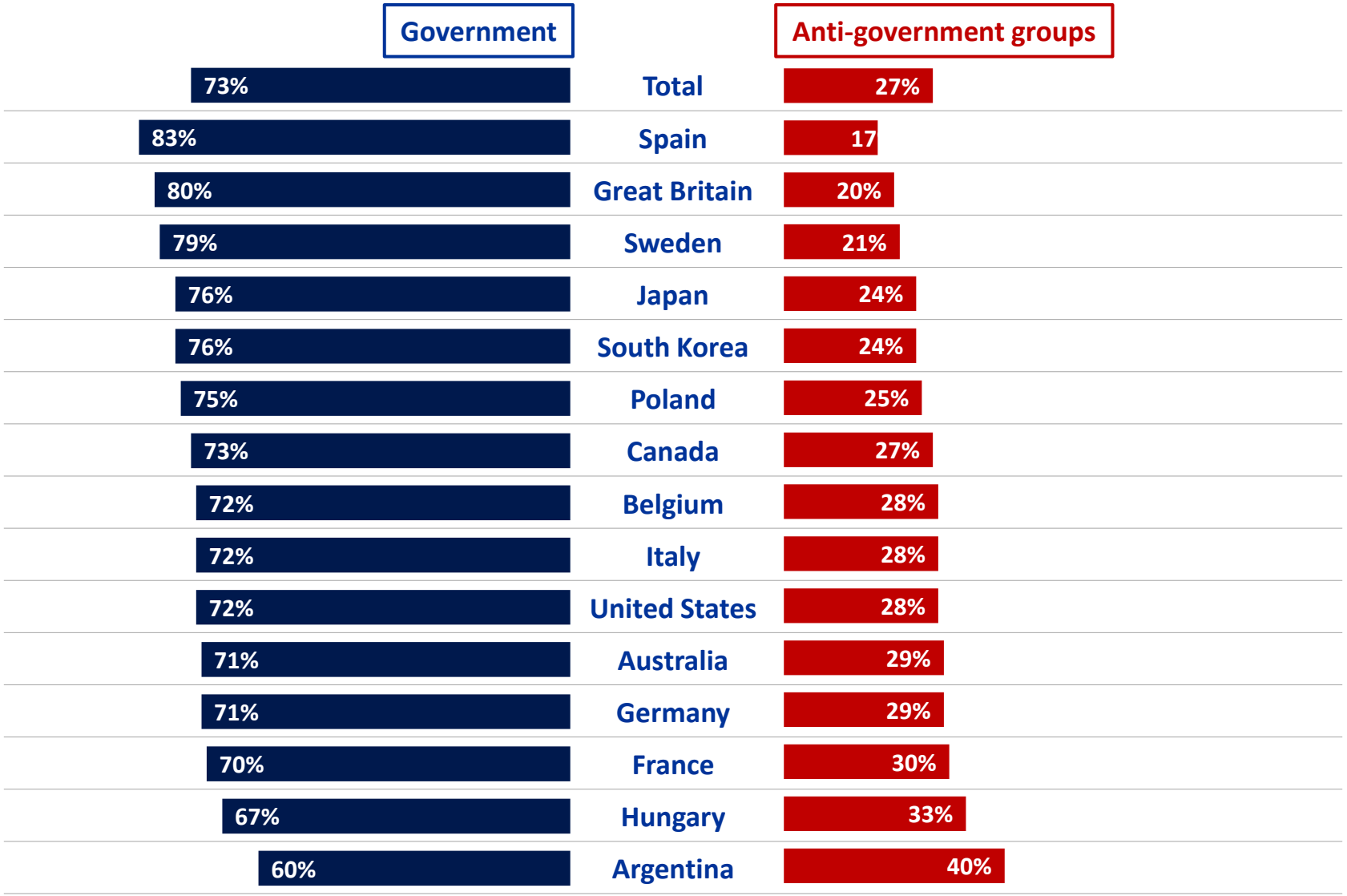

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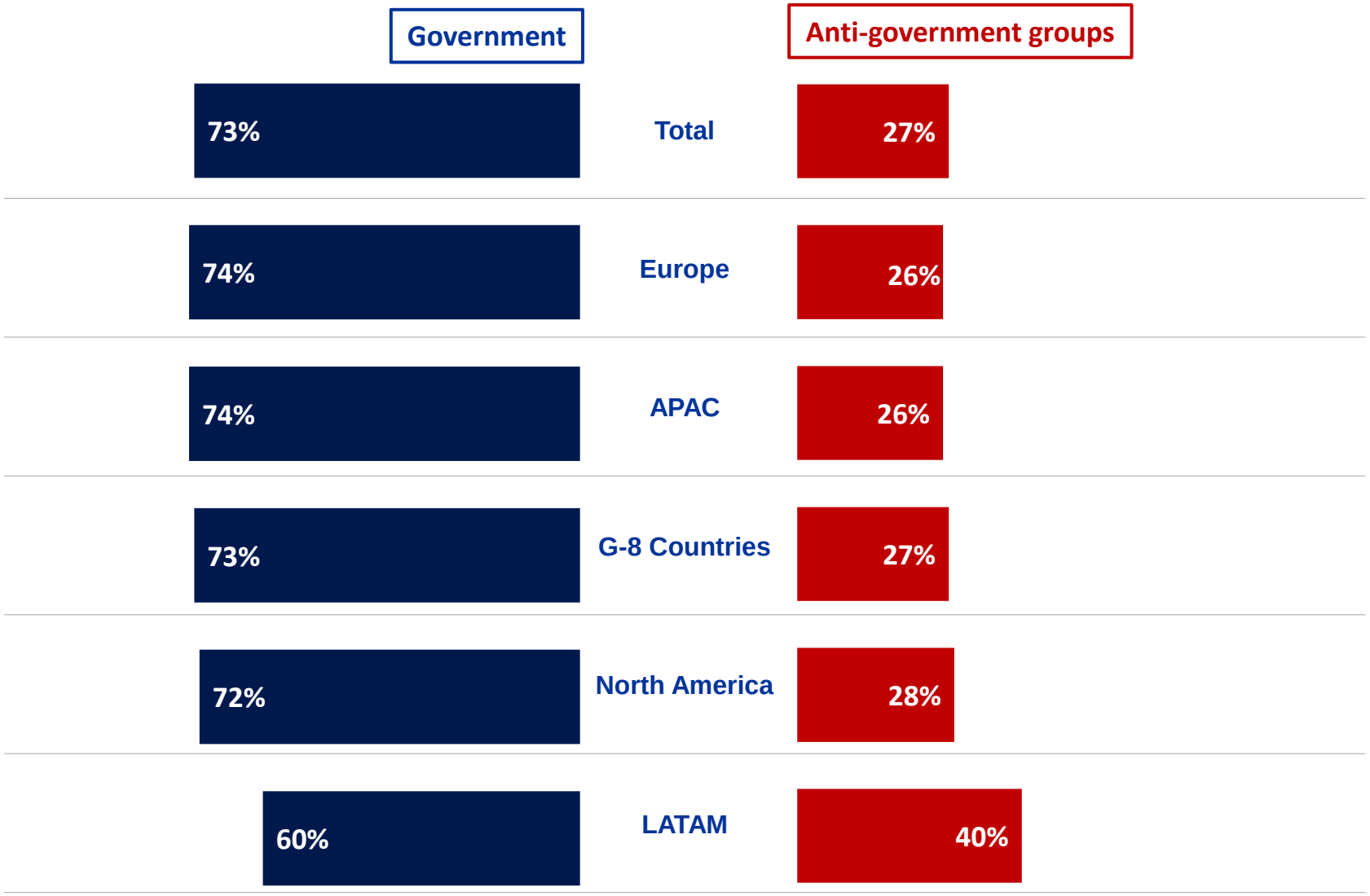

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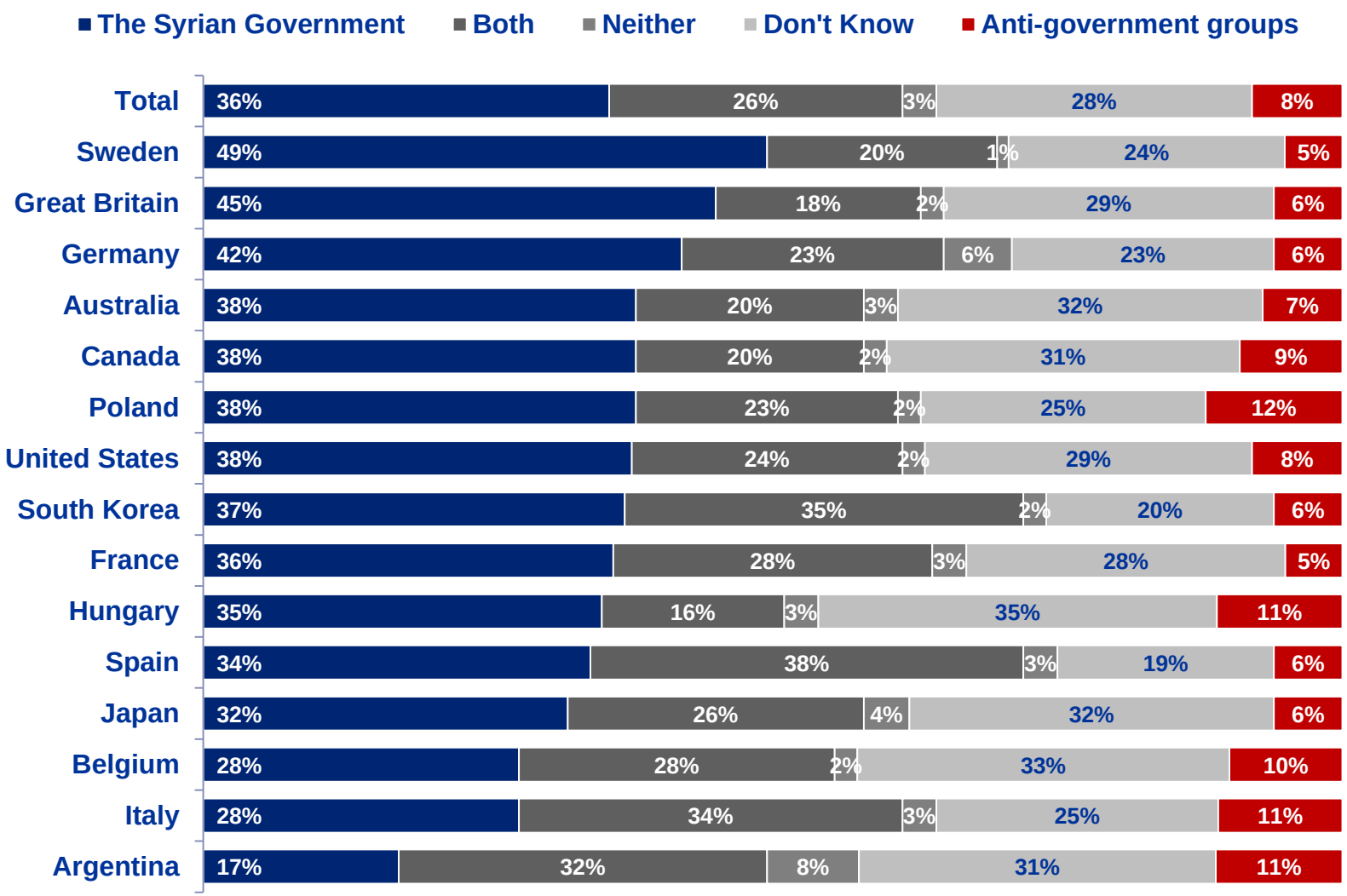

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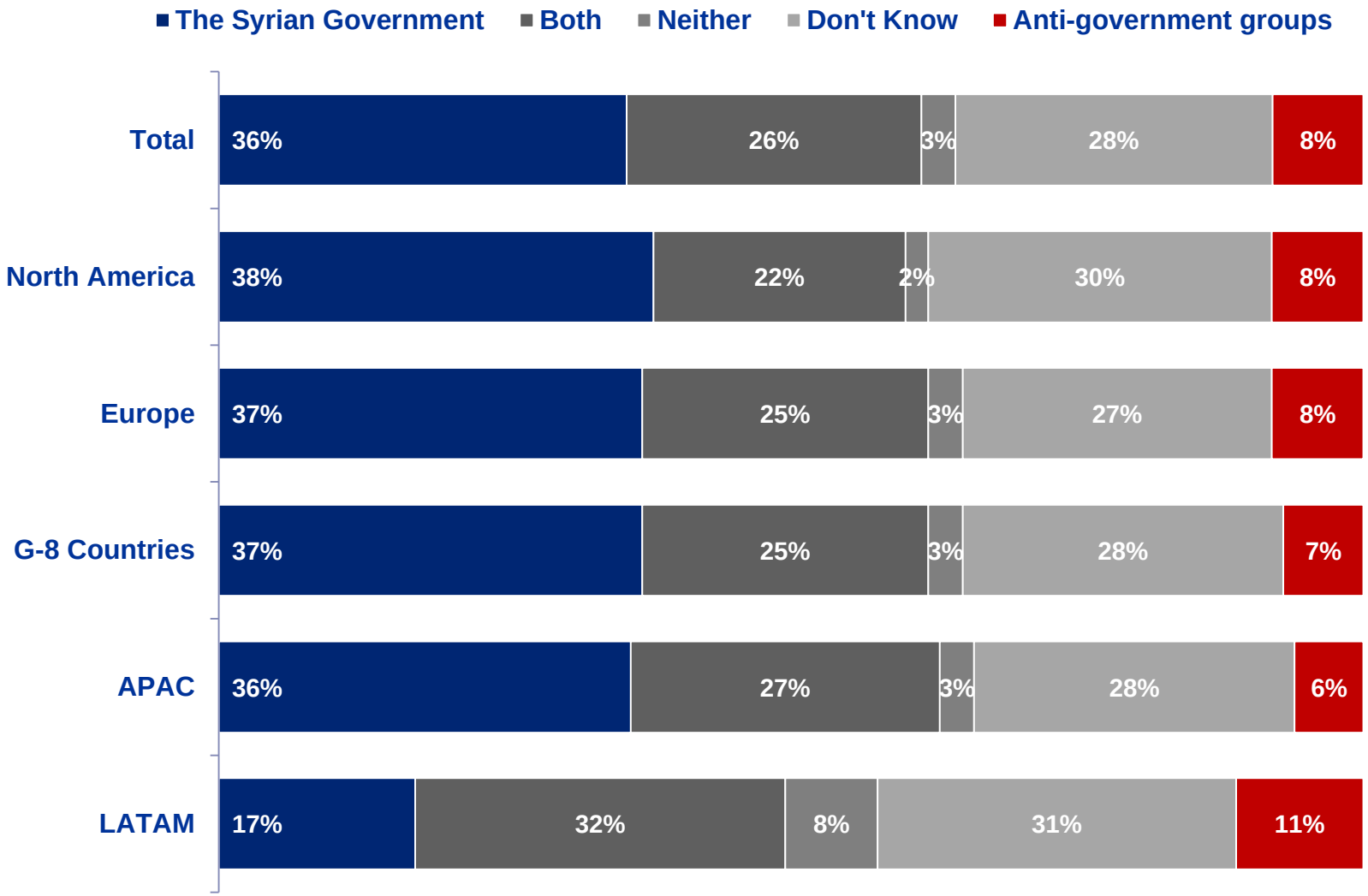

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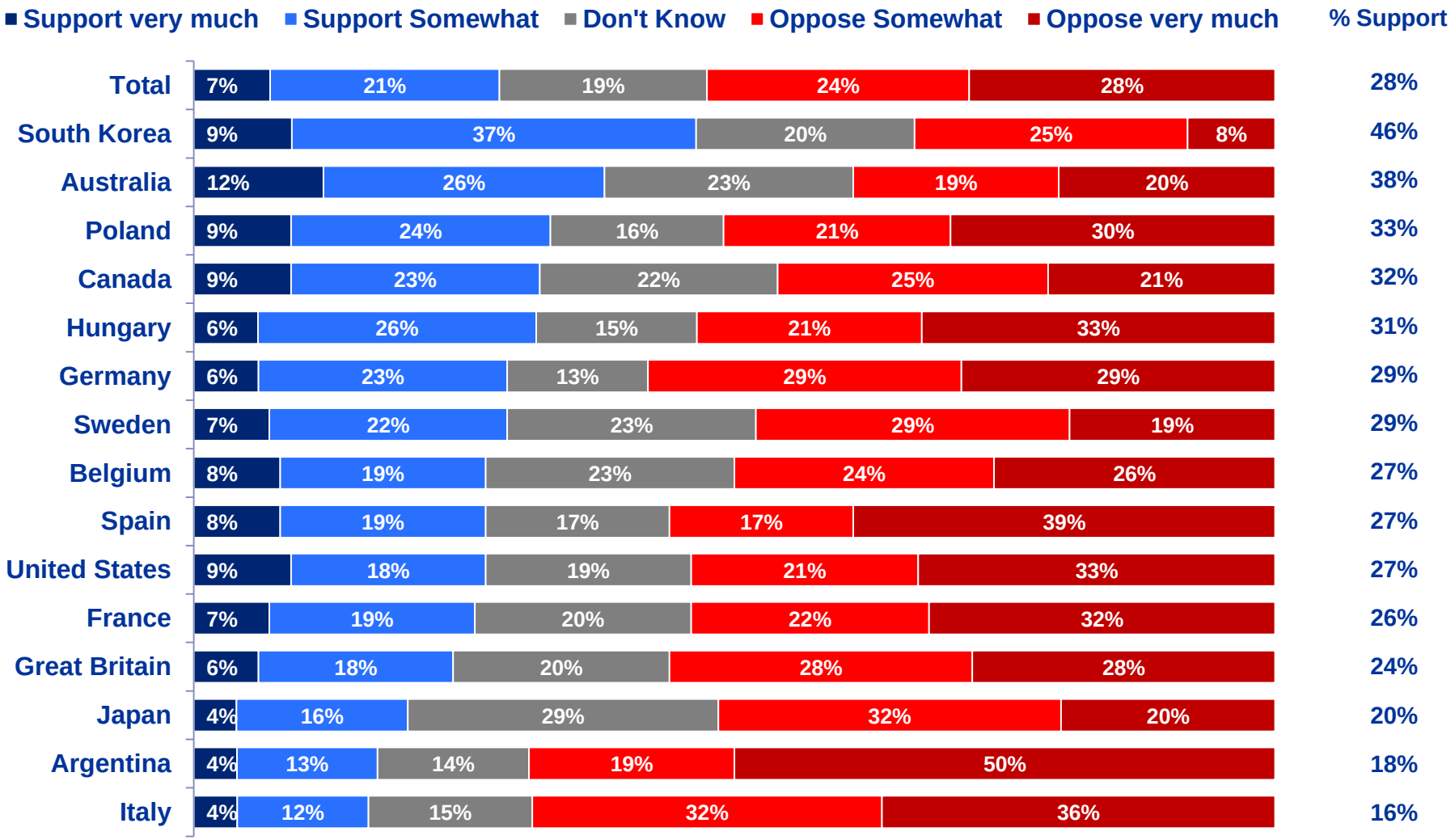

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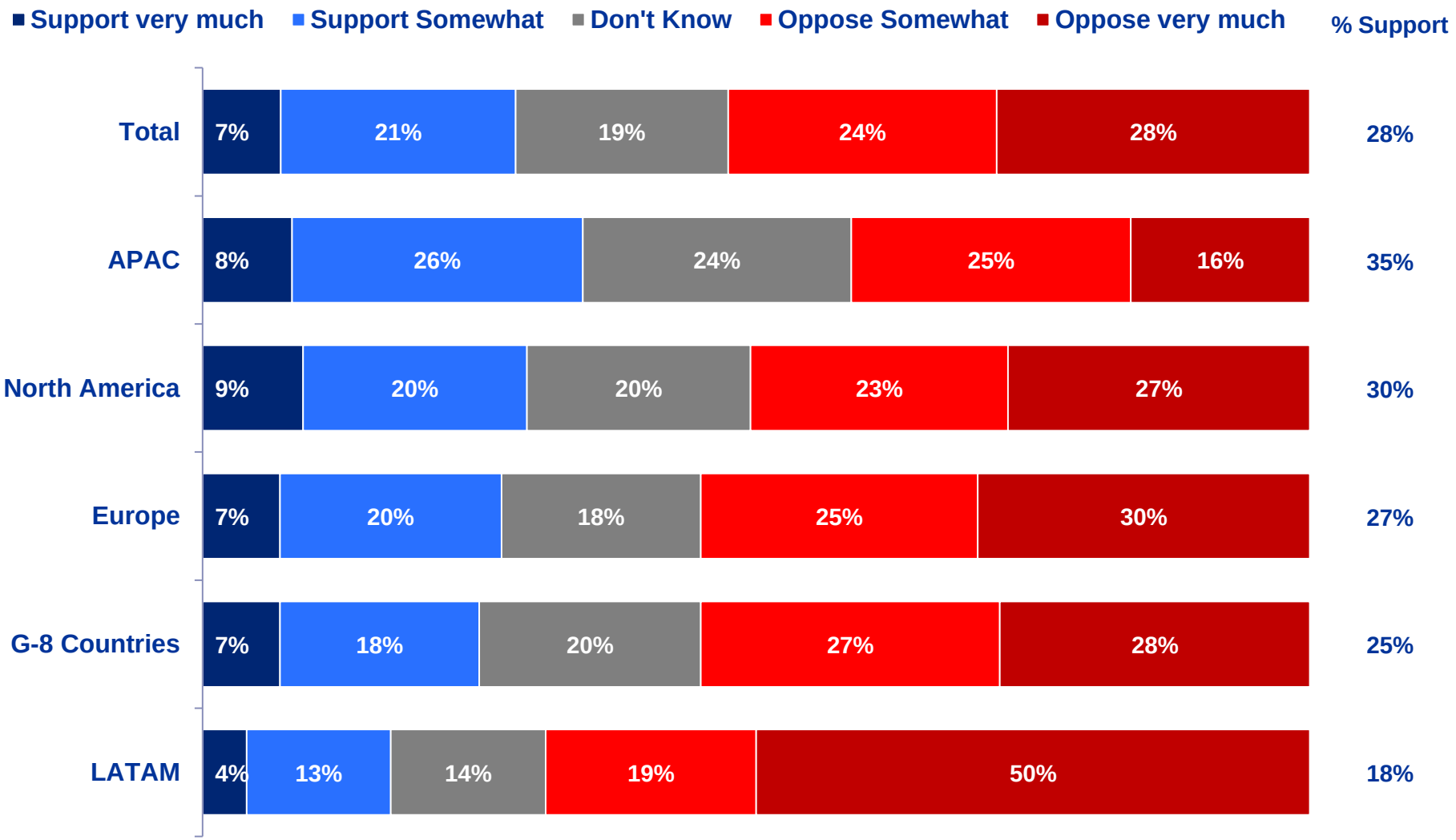

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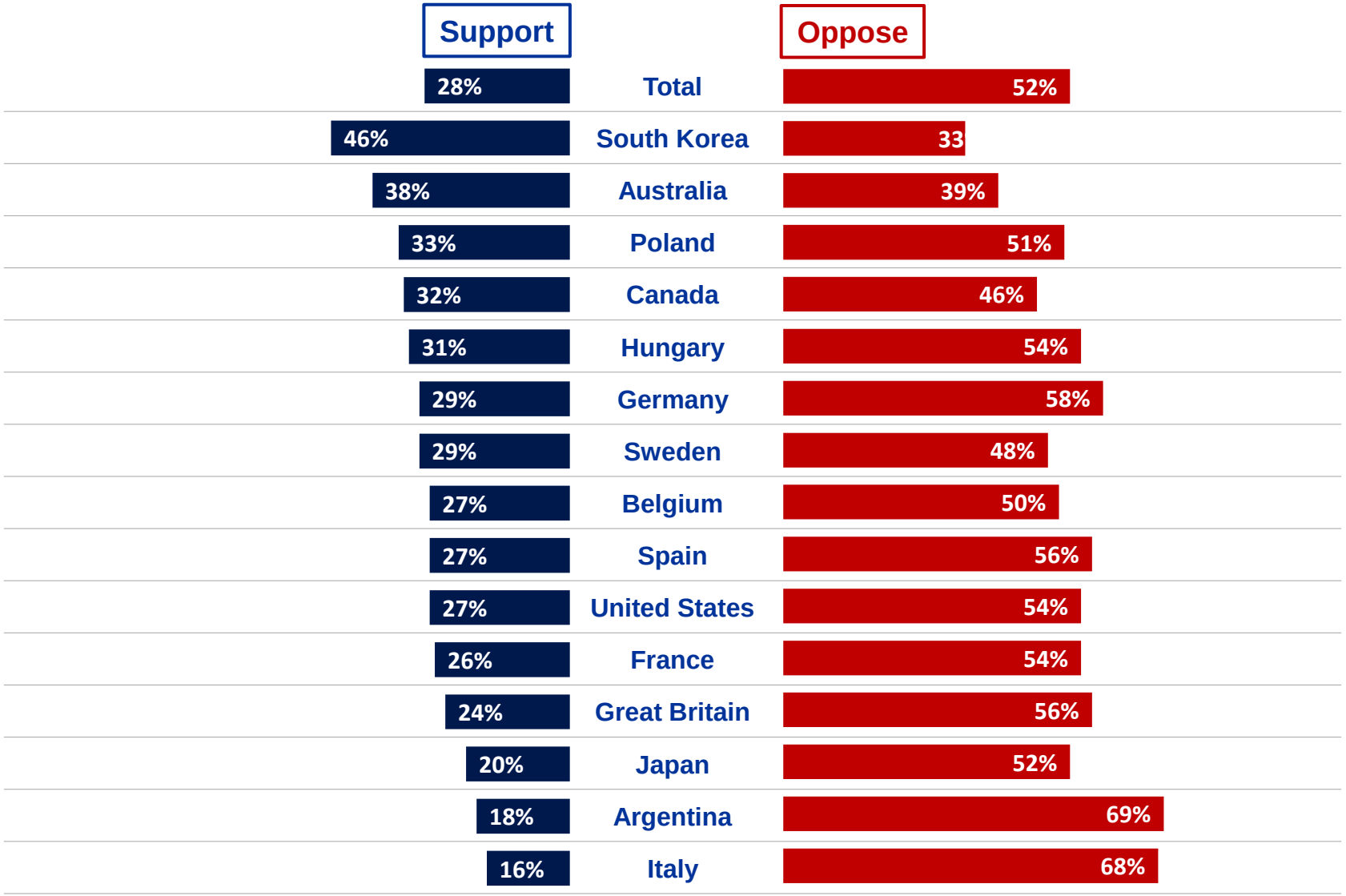

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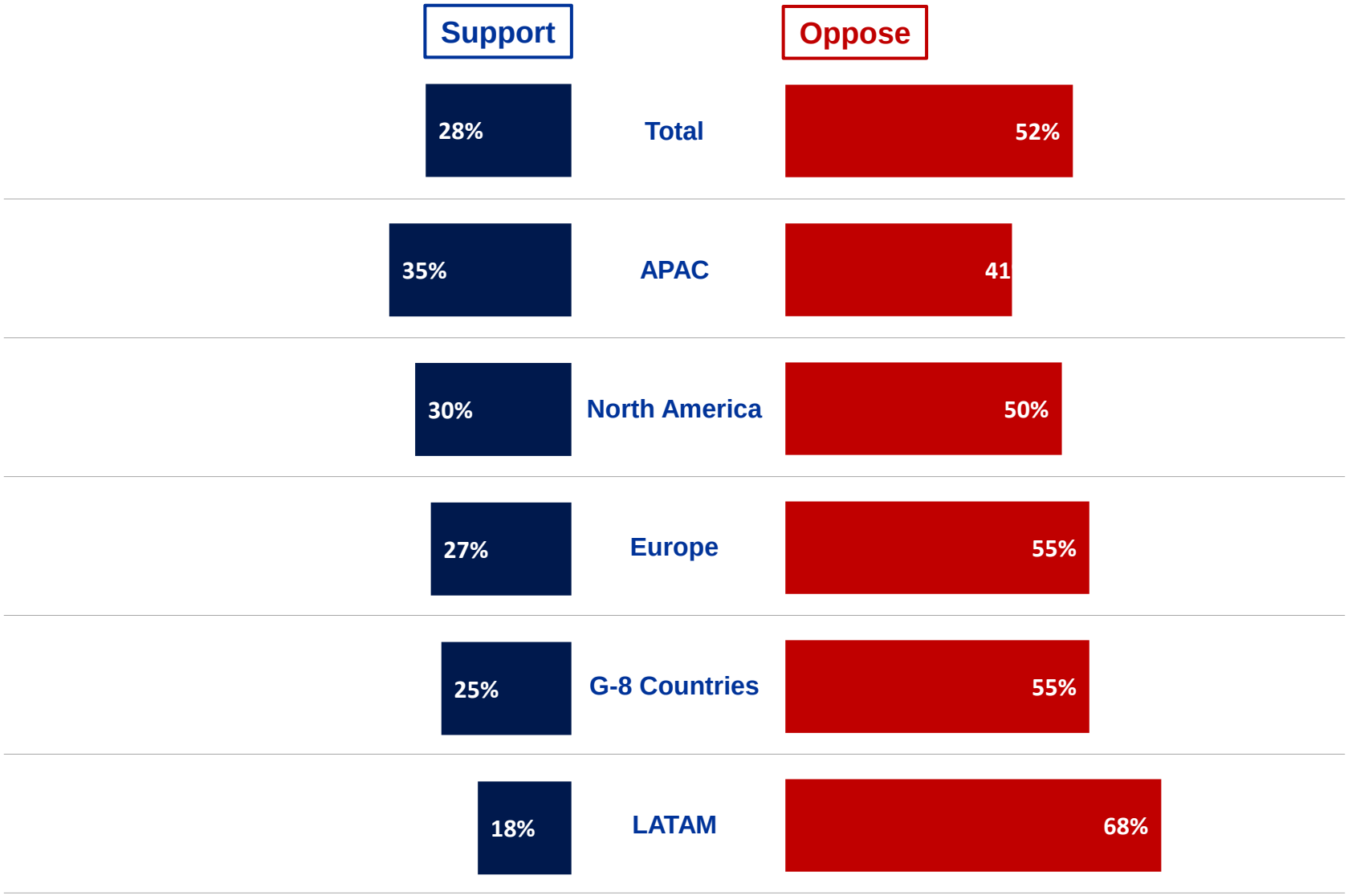

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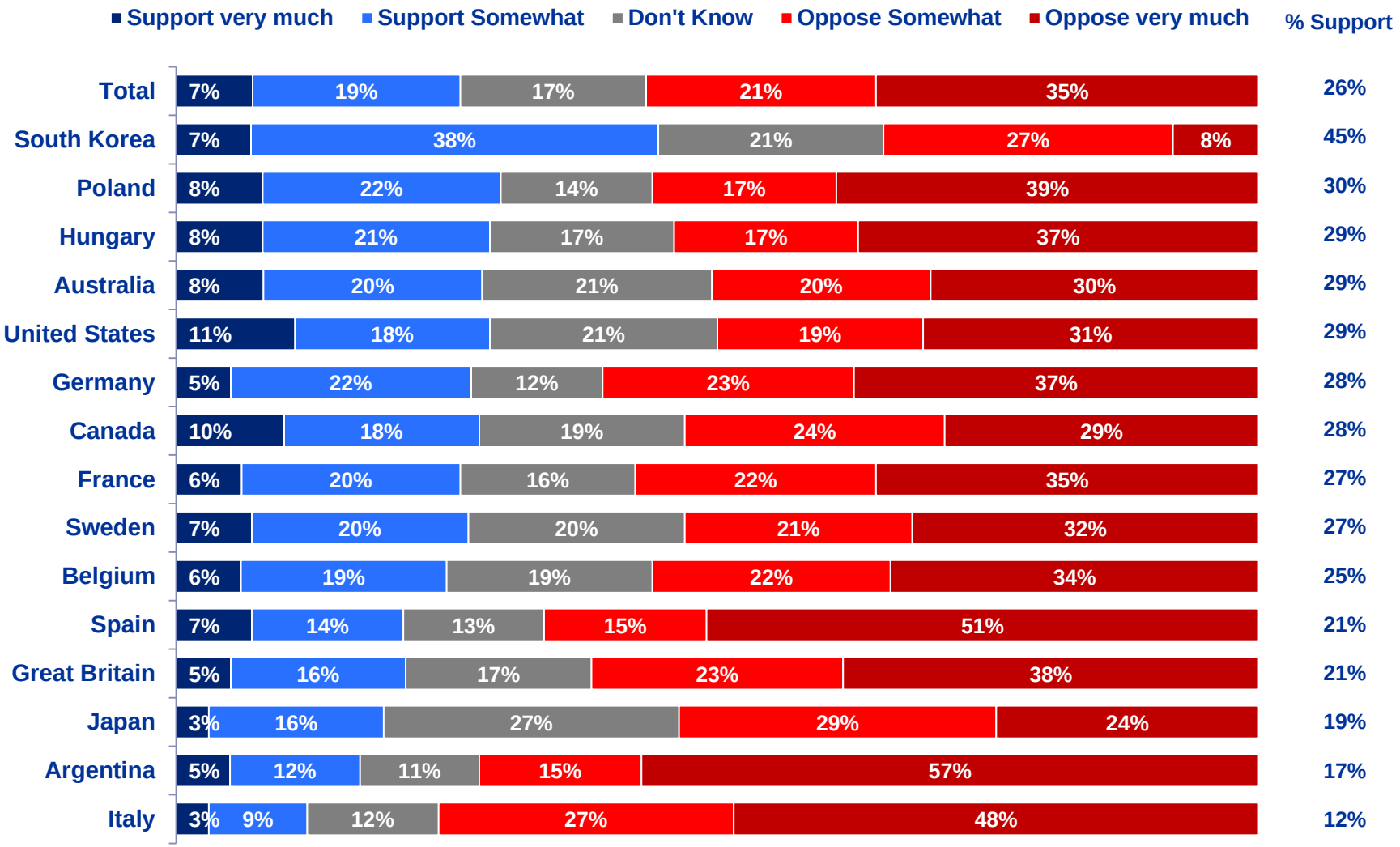

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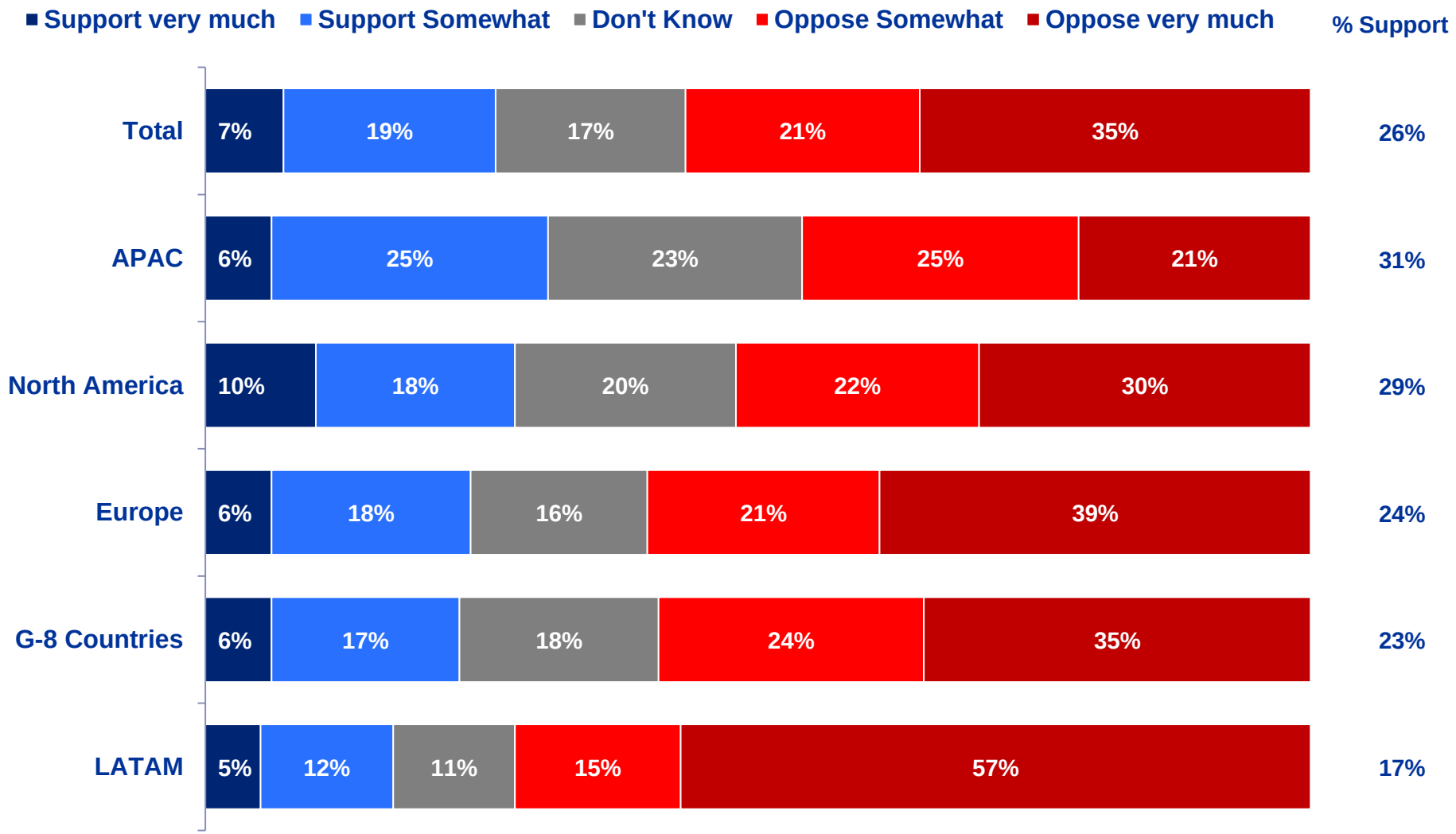

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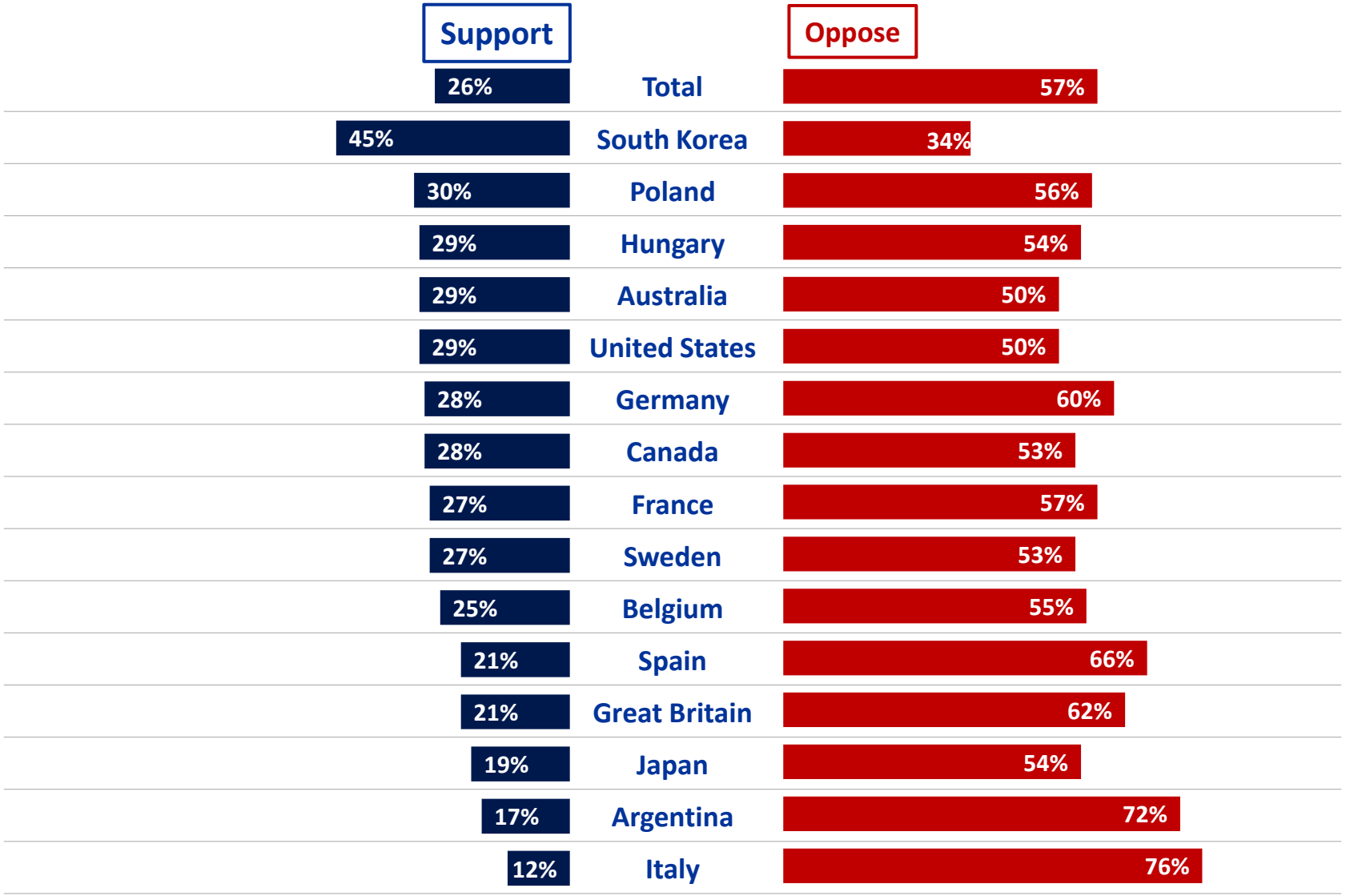

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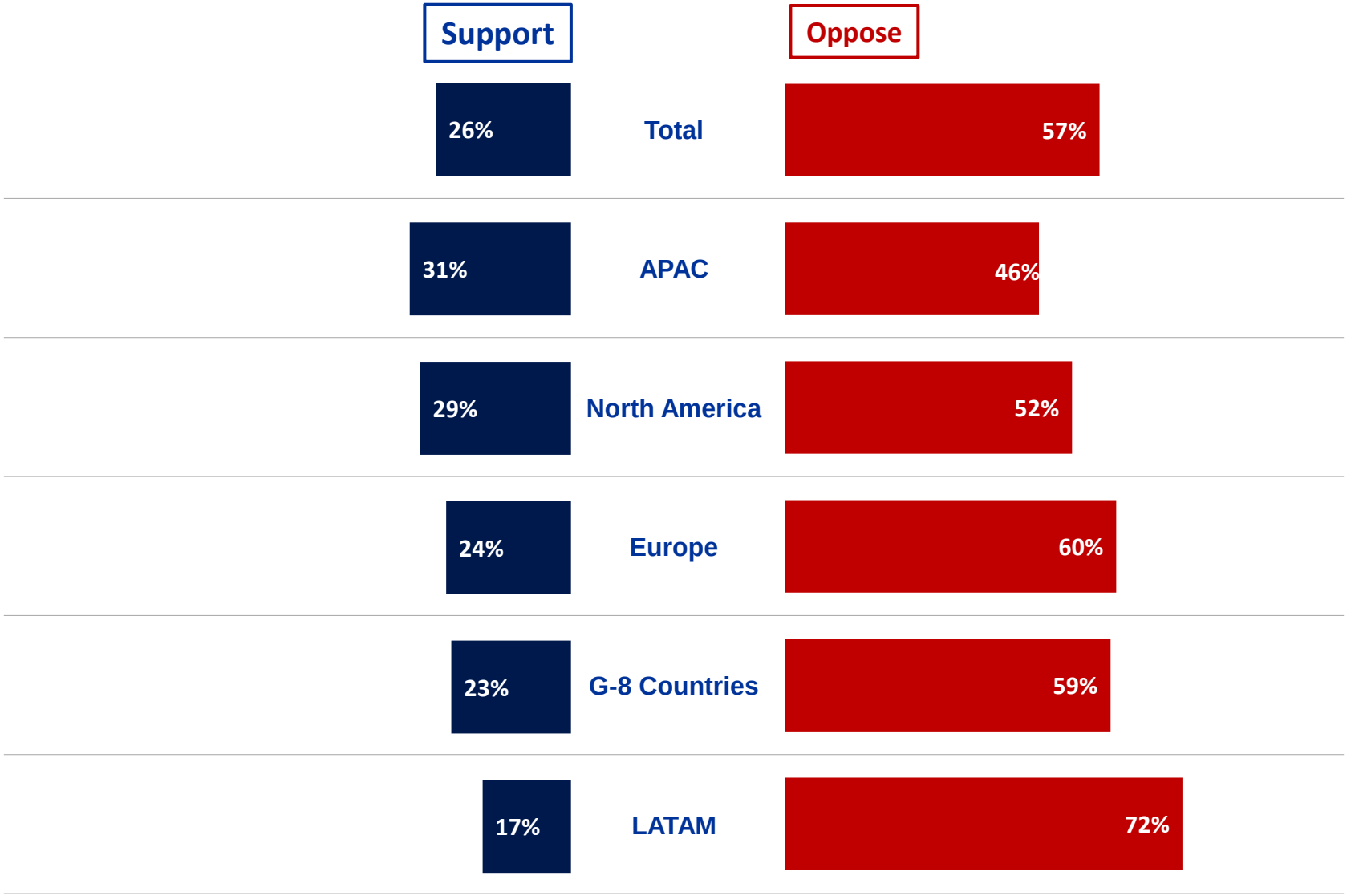

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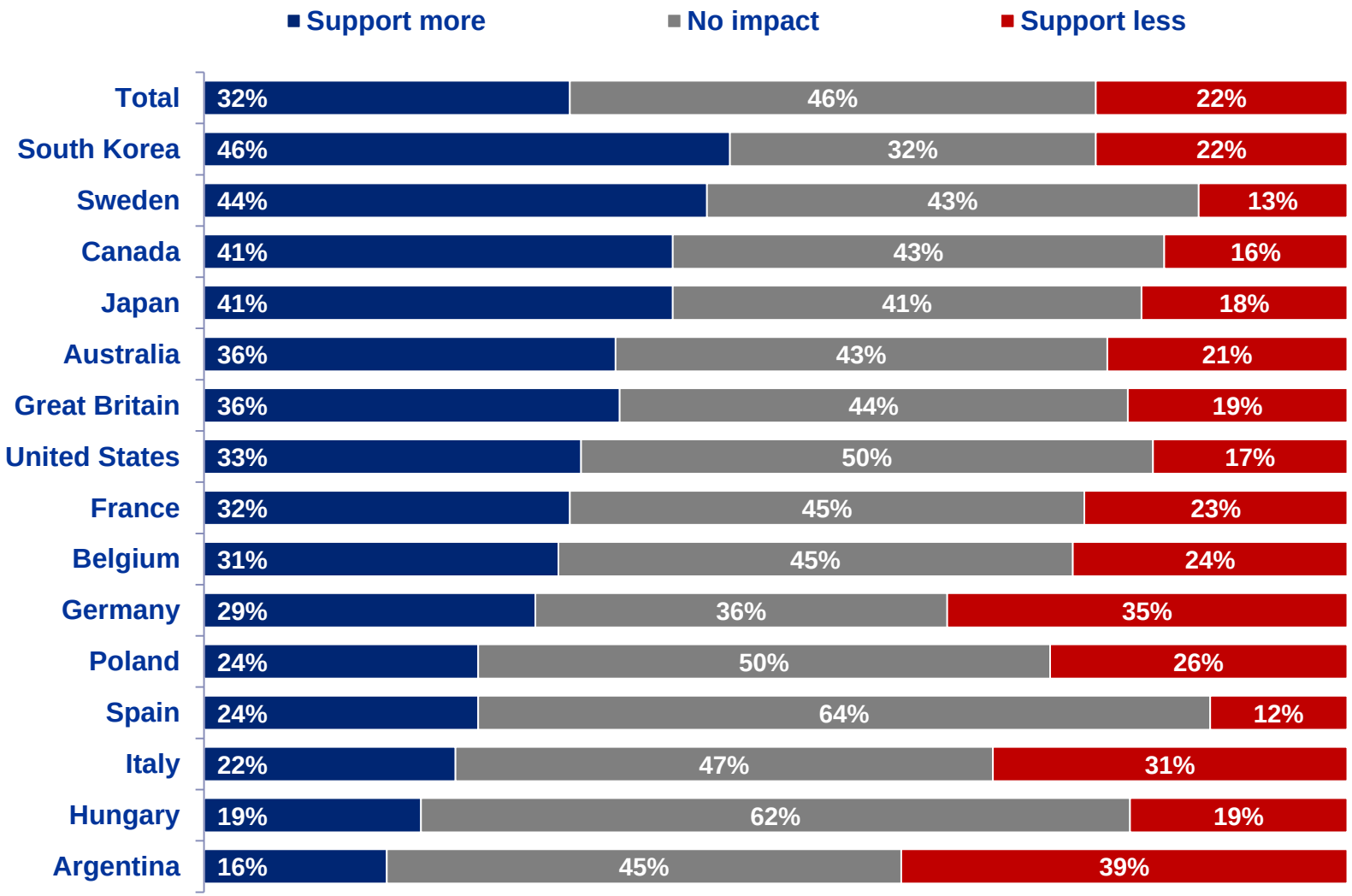

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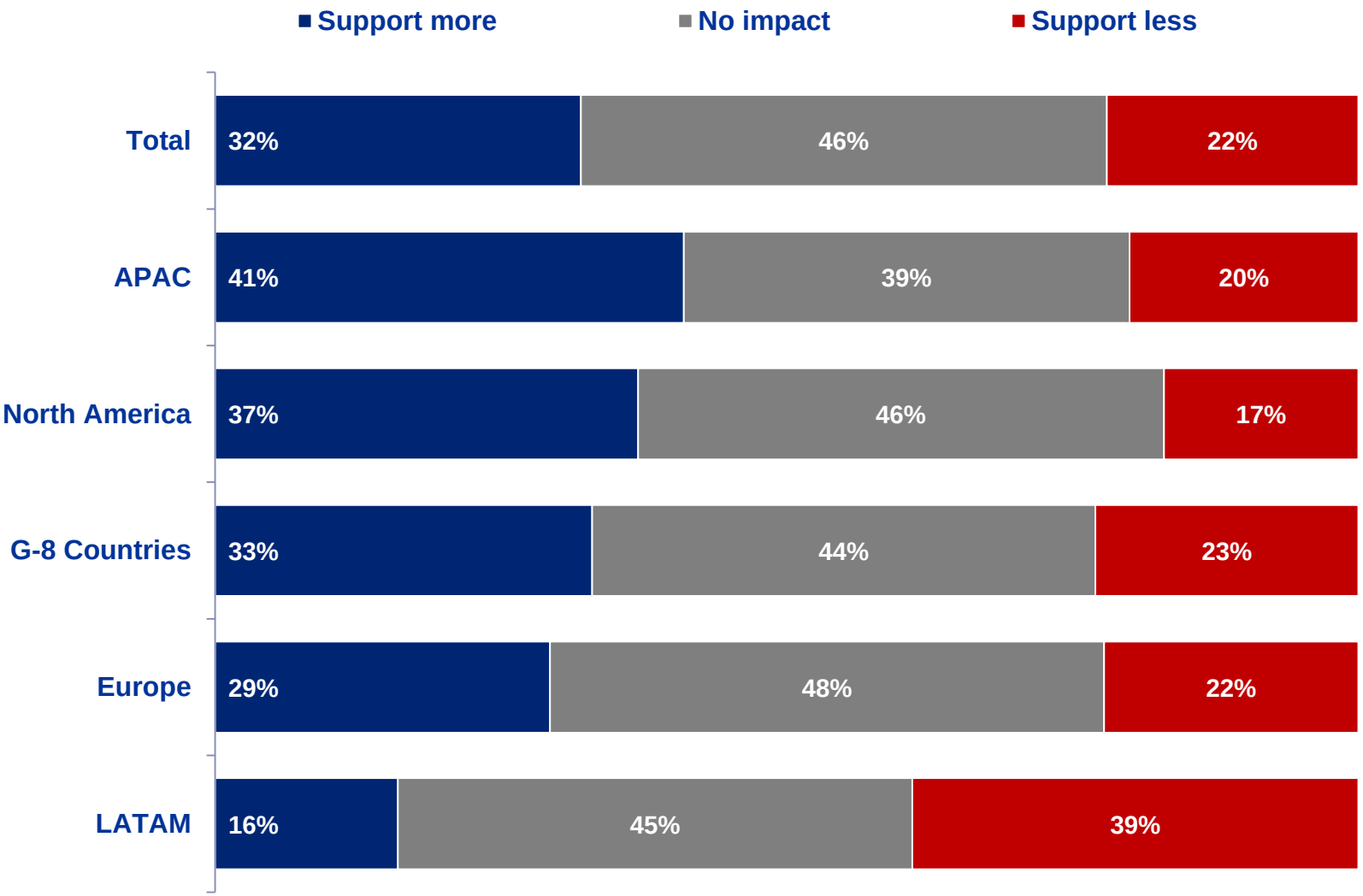

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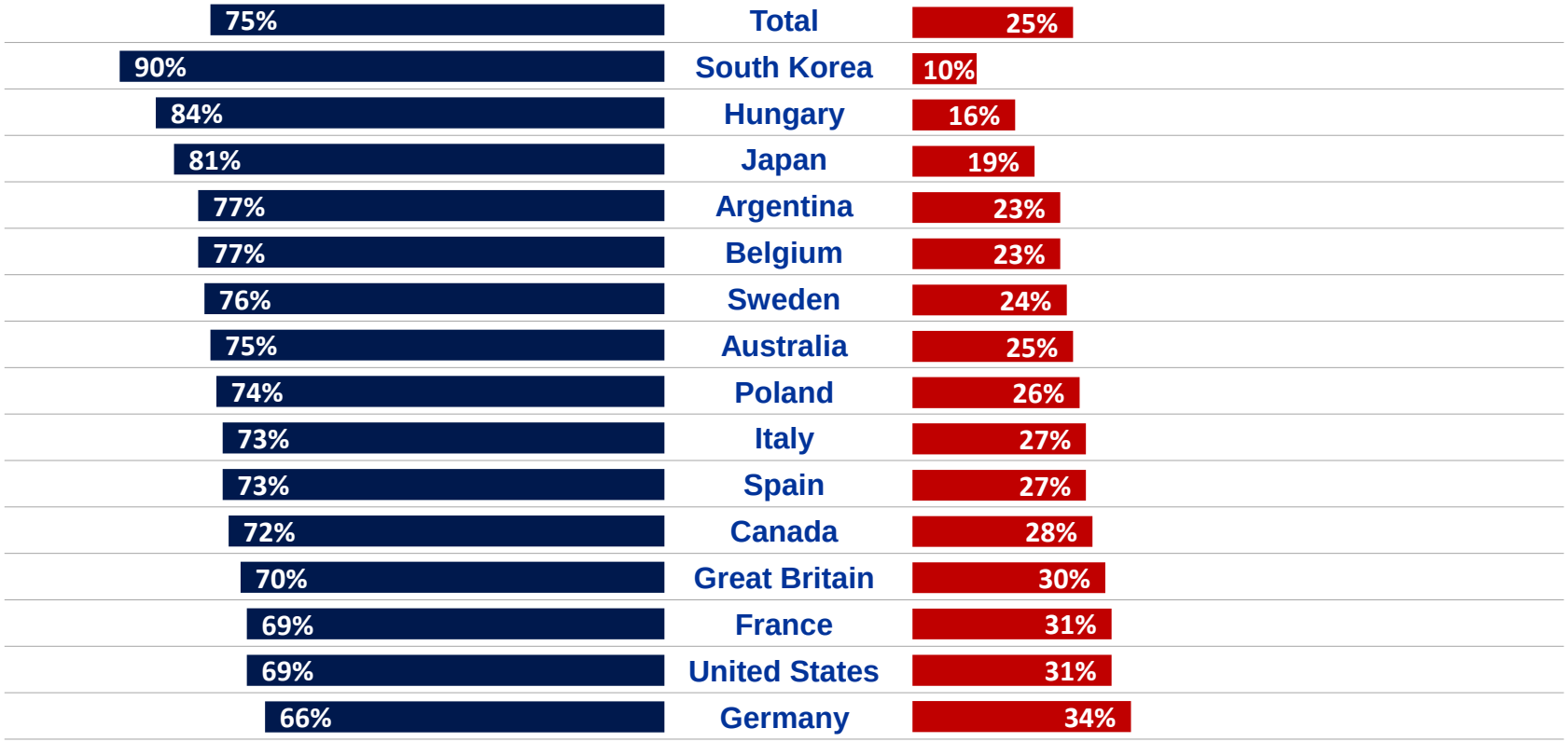

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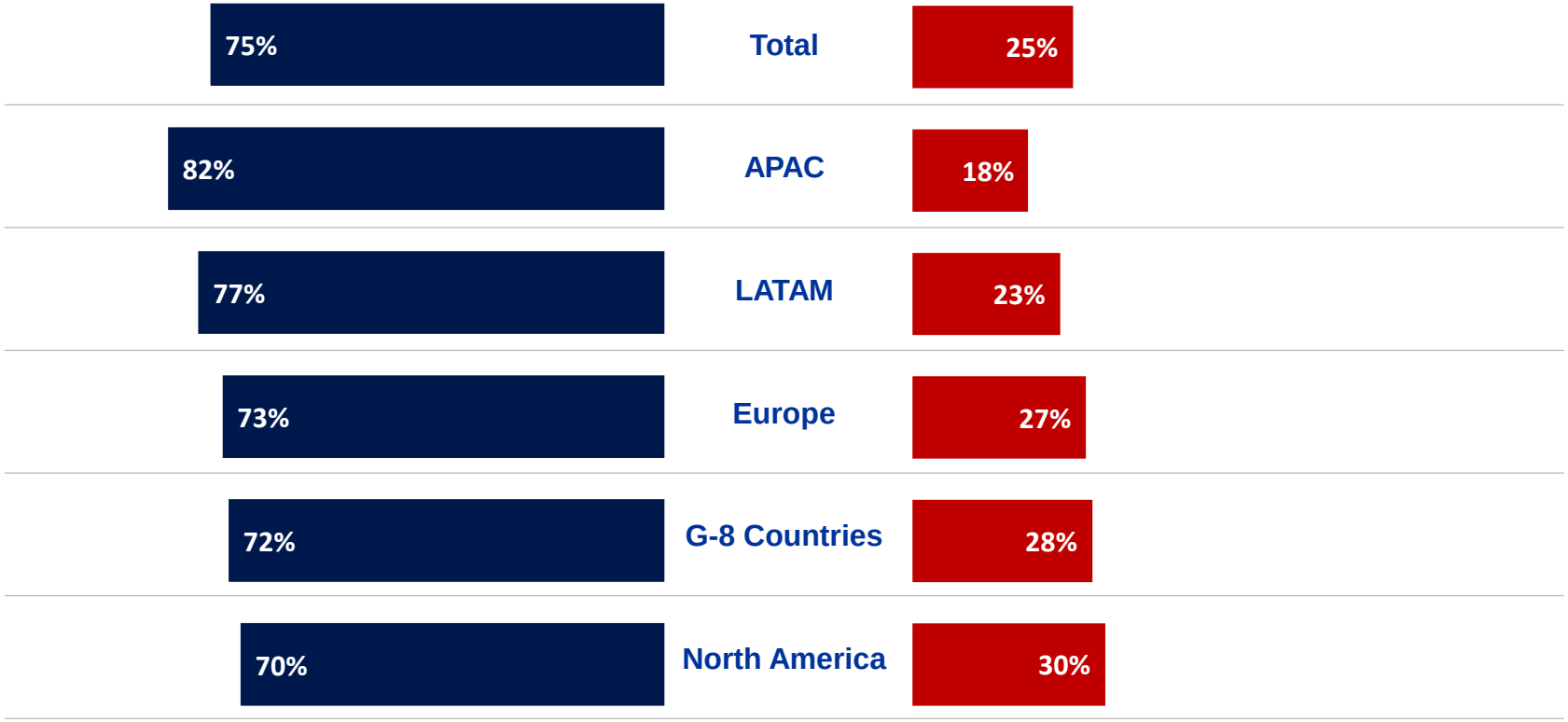

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