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**CHELSEA SCHOOLTEACHER
INCIDENT WELL
KNOWN ACROSS CANADA**

ABACUS DATA

DETAILED RESULTS

HOW DO CANADIANS FEEL ABOUT QUEBEC'S BILL 21?

CONDUCTED FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADIAN MUSLIMS

**RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FROM CANADA'S LEADING PUBLIC
AFFAIRS AND MARKET RESEARCH EXPERTS**

METHODOLOGY

The survey was conducted with 1,911 Canadians residents from December 16 to 20, 2021. A random sample of panelists were invited to complete the survey from a set of partner panels based on the Lucid exchange platform. These partners are typically double opt-in survey panels, blended to manage out potential skews in the data from a single source.

The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is +/- 2.24%, 19 times out of 20.

The data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Canada's population according to age, gender, educational attainment, and region. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

KEY FINDINGS

I. 4 in 10 (39%) Canadians oppose Bill 21, with an additional 2 in 10 (19%) ambivalent. About a third (36%) are in support of the bill, though only 2 in 10 “strongly support” it (22%).

- Support for the bill is considerably higher in Quebec, where fully half (53%) say they are in support of Bill 21. Support is lowest among NDP voters specifically and among Liberal voters who are open to voting NDP. In the GTA, 44% of those open to voting Conservative are opposed compared with 38% who support it.

II. 4 in 10 (40%) Canadians would be more supportive of a political leader that came out against Bill 21, while 2 in 10 (20%) would be less supportive. The remaining (41%) say it would have no impact.

- In all provinces outside of Quebec, voters say opposing Bill 21 will make them more supportive of a political leader. The vote base of the NDP, LPC, and CPC are all net more likely to reward a political leader for strongly opposing Bill 21.

III. Bill 21 may be a vote driver. Half (55%) of Canadians say a party’s position on Bill 21 would strongly or somewhat influence their vote, while an additional quarter (26%) say it would have a little impact. Only 2 in 10 (19%) say it would have no impact.

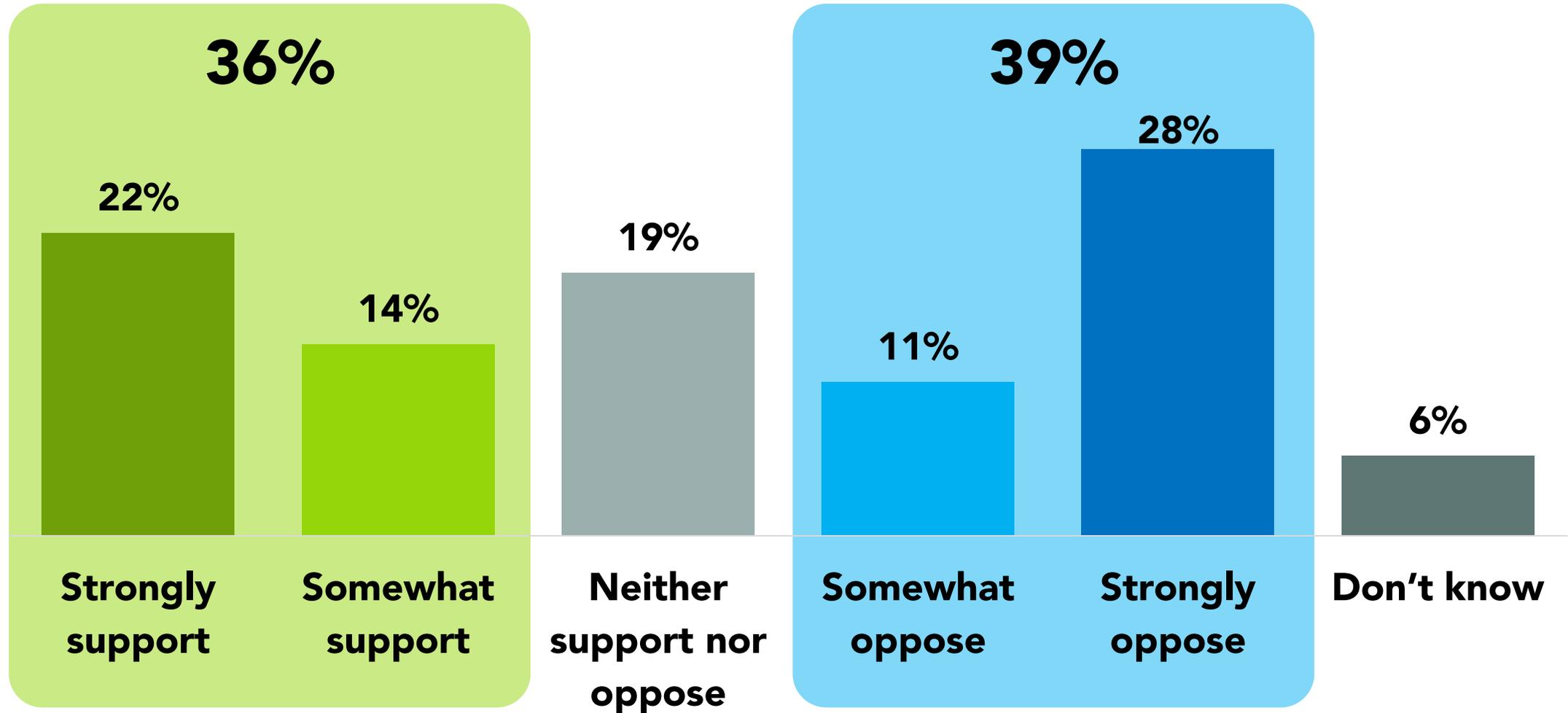
- Among those who oppose Bill 21, 66% say a party’s position would influence their support for the party. 65% who support the bill feel the same way.

IV. 7 in 10 (70%) Canadians have heard at least something about the teacher in Chelsea who was removed from her teaching post for wearing a hijab.

- Awareness is broadly based, with a majority of the public in every province having heard at least something about it.

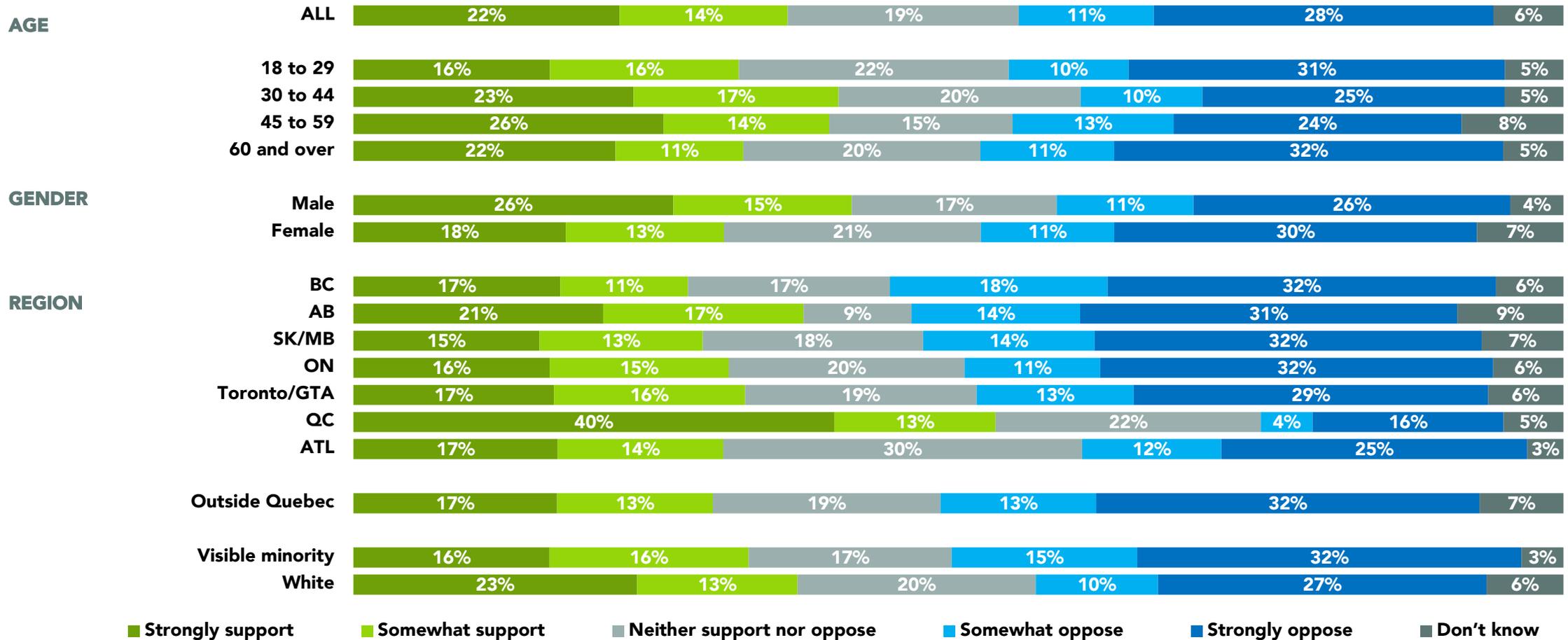
V. The firing of the teacher in Chelsea, QC is something that makes voters more opposed to Bill 21, especially those who were on the fence about the law in the first case.

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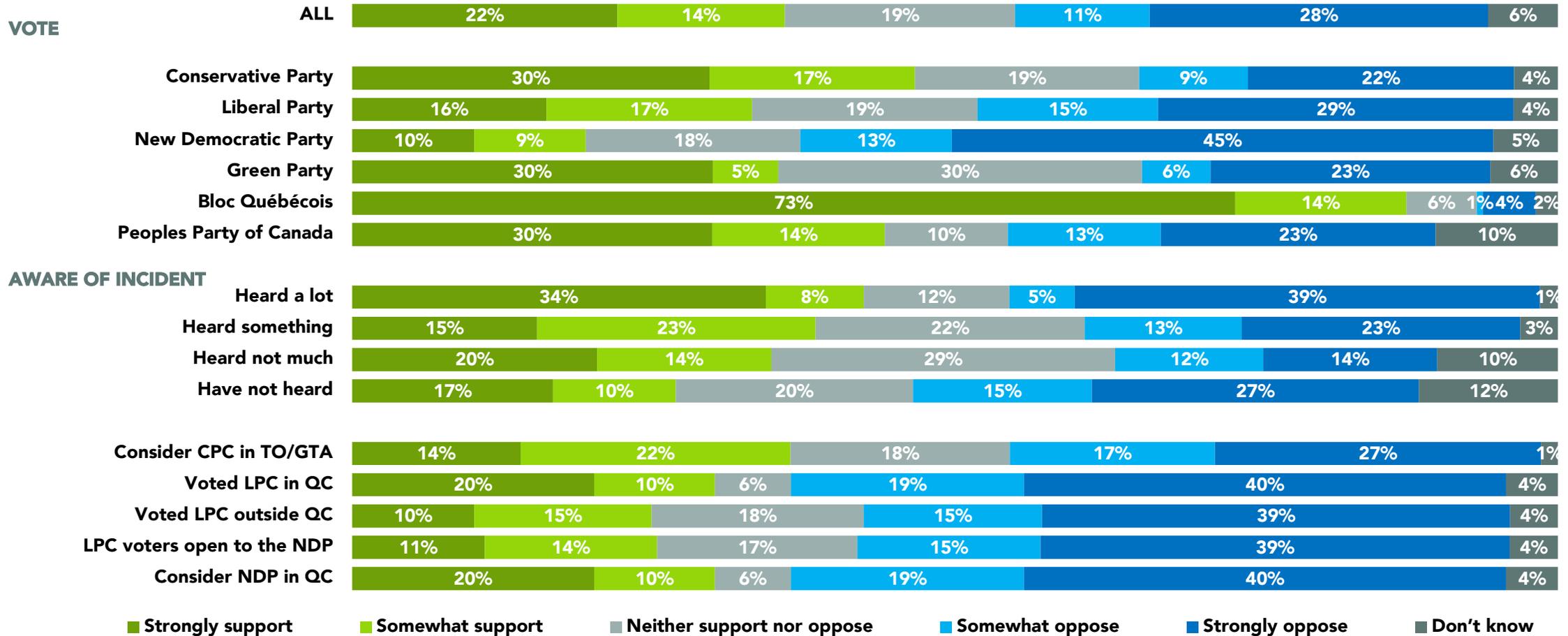
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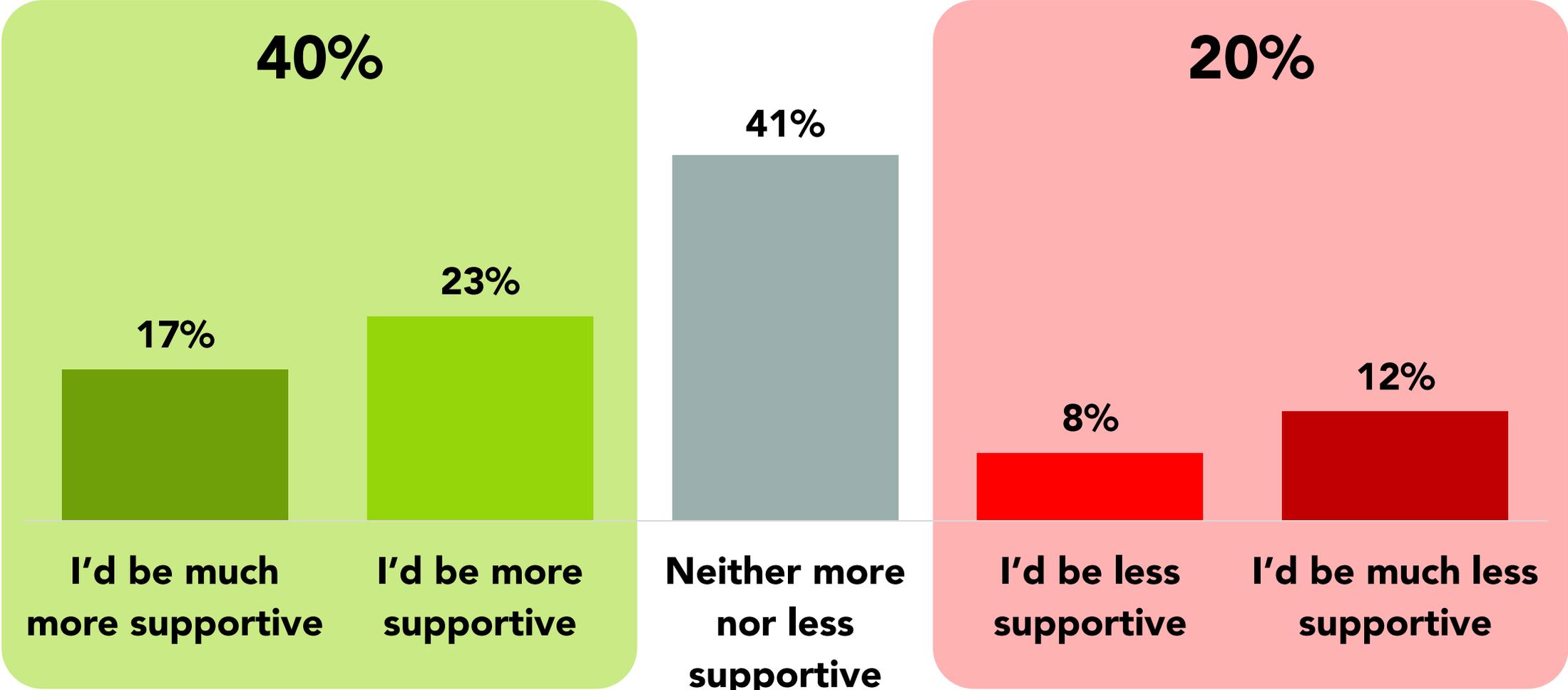
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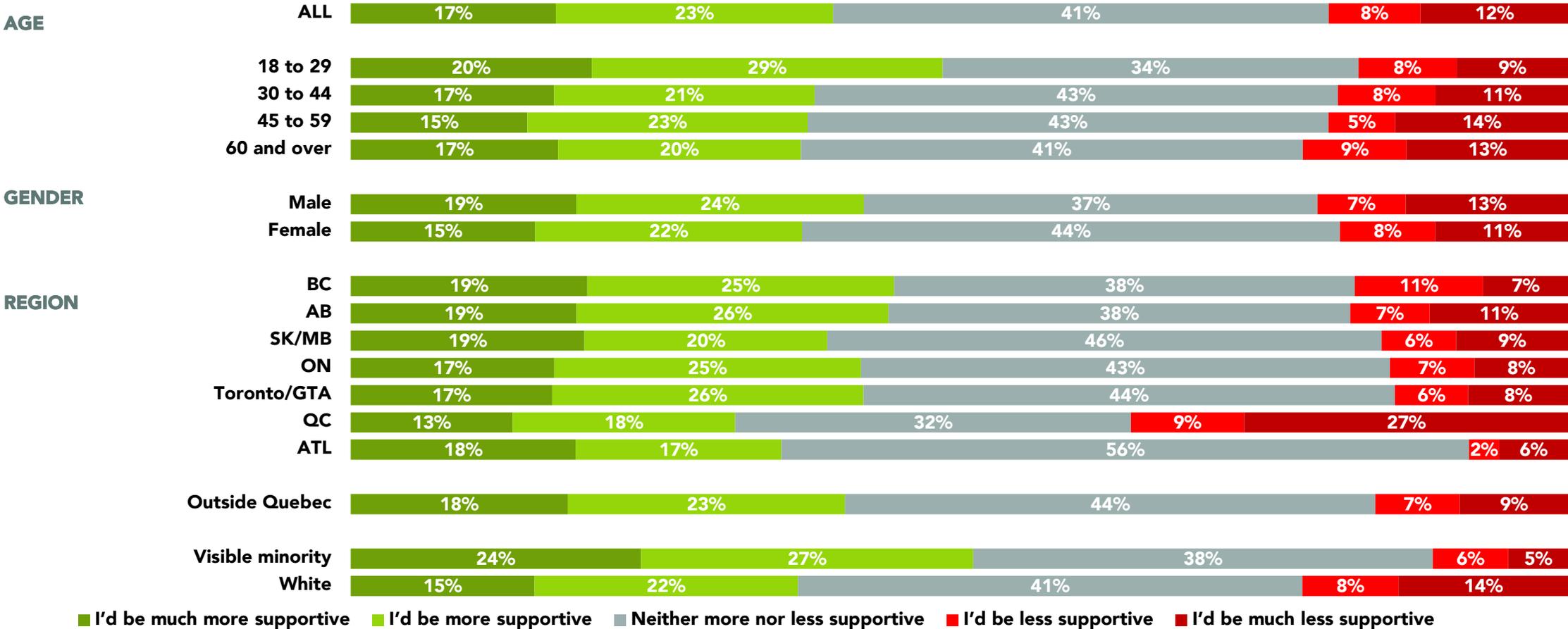
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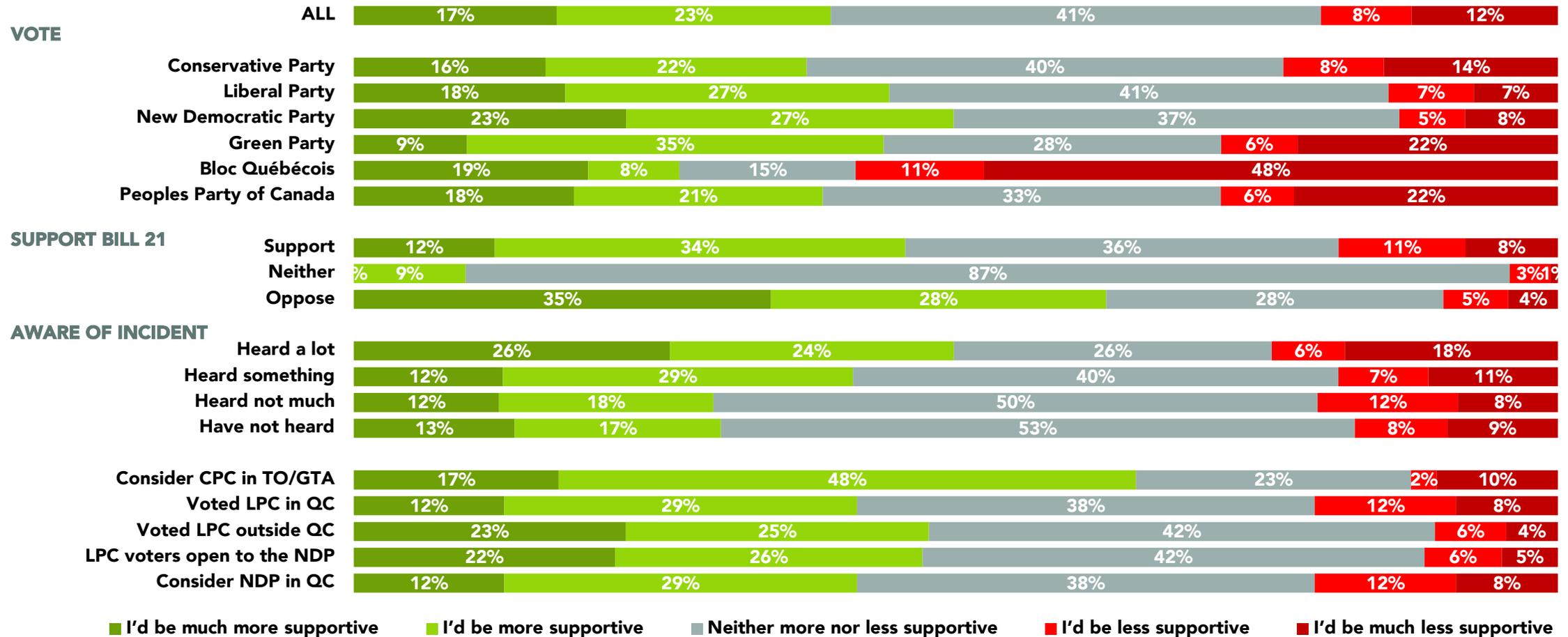
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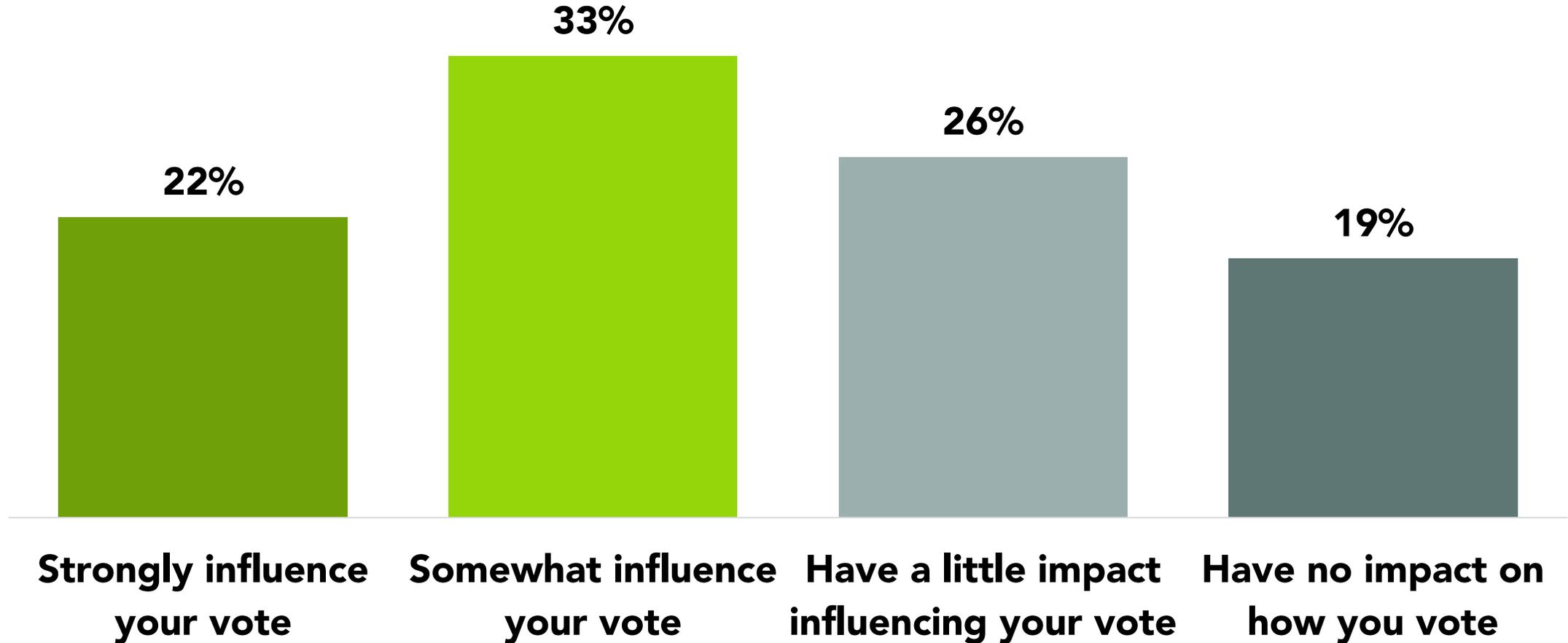
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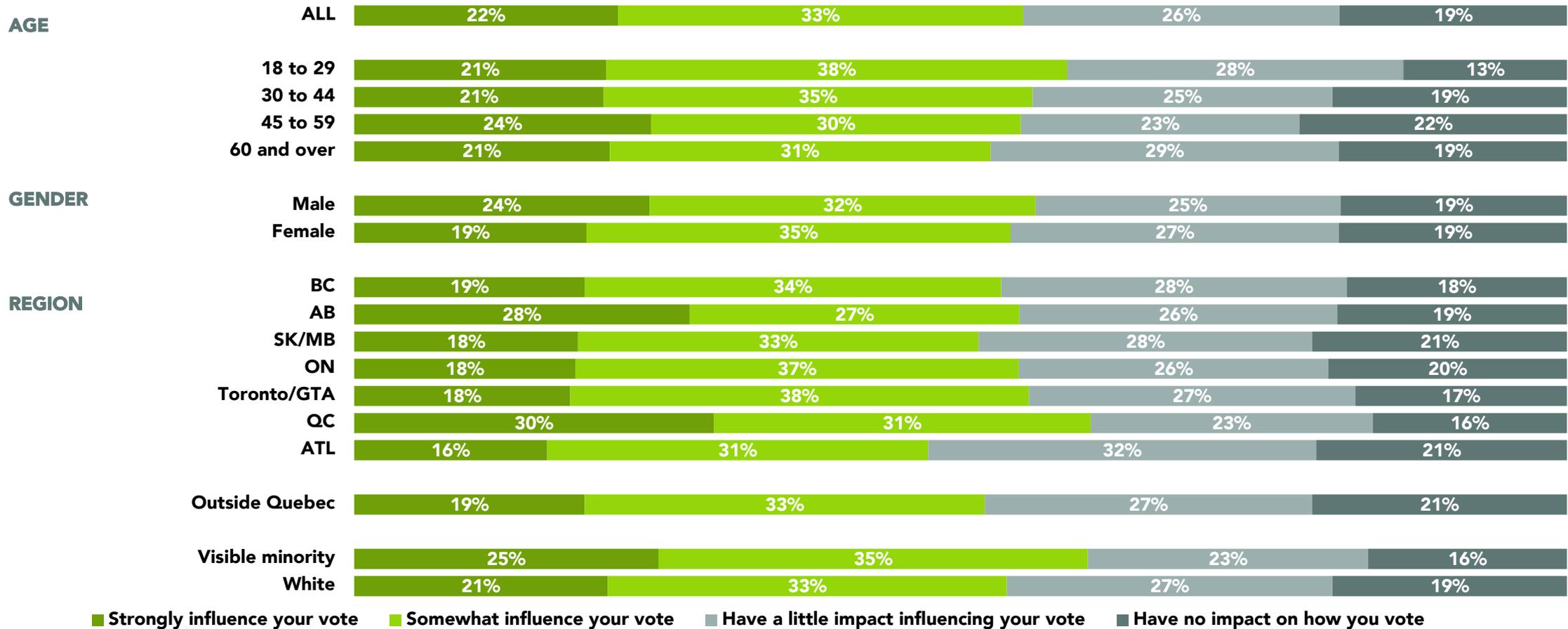
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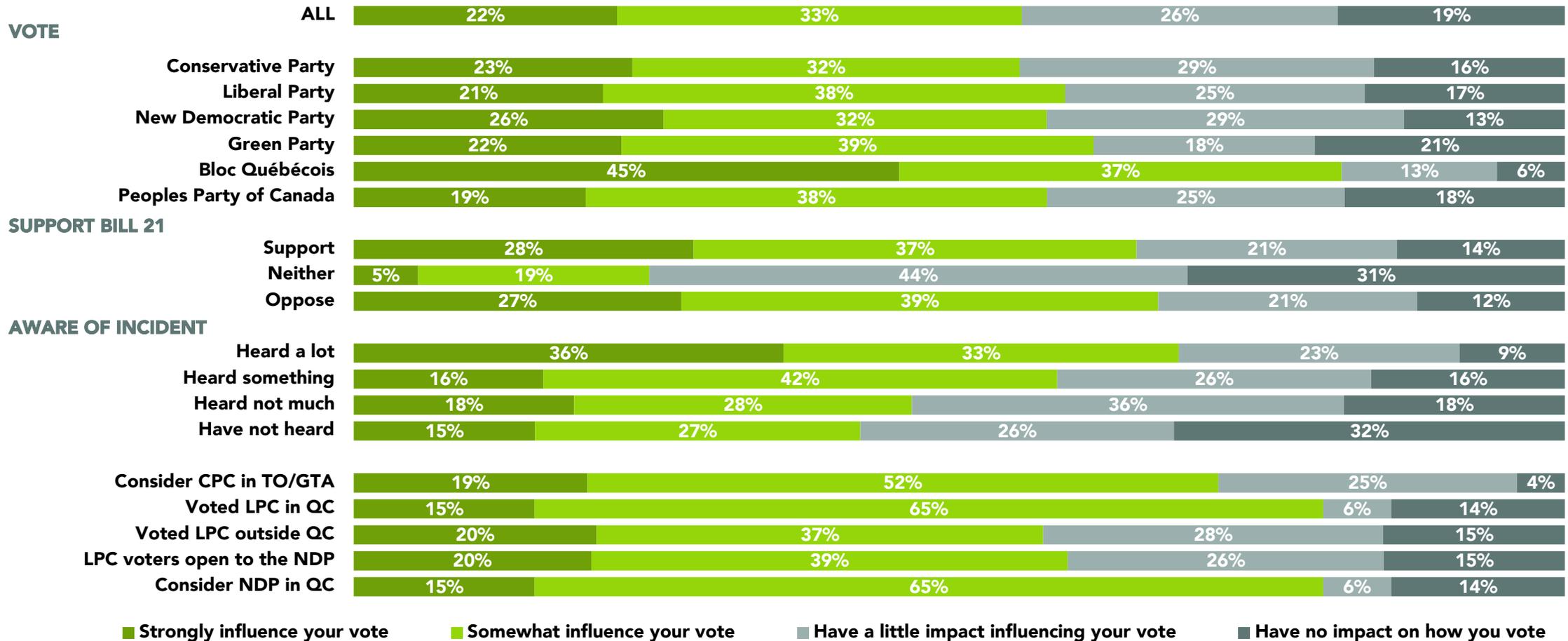
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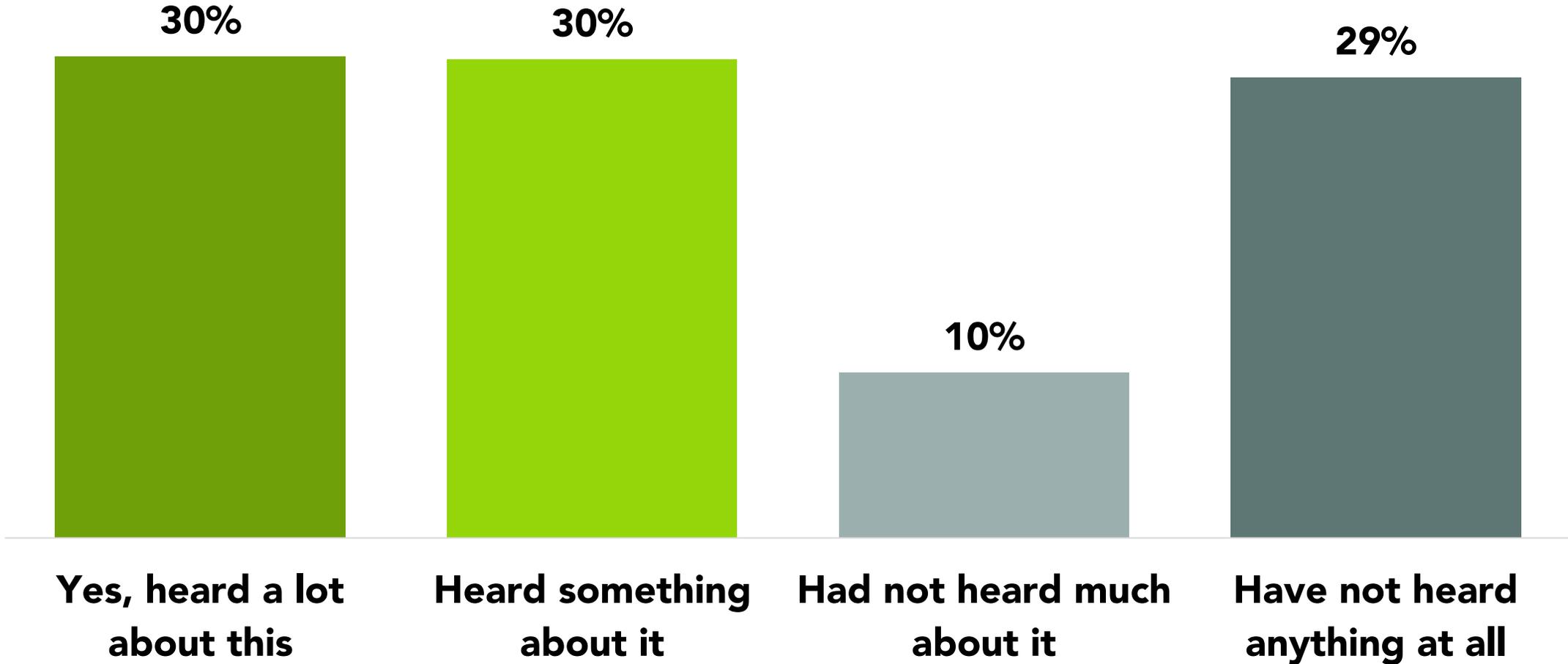
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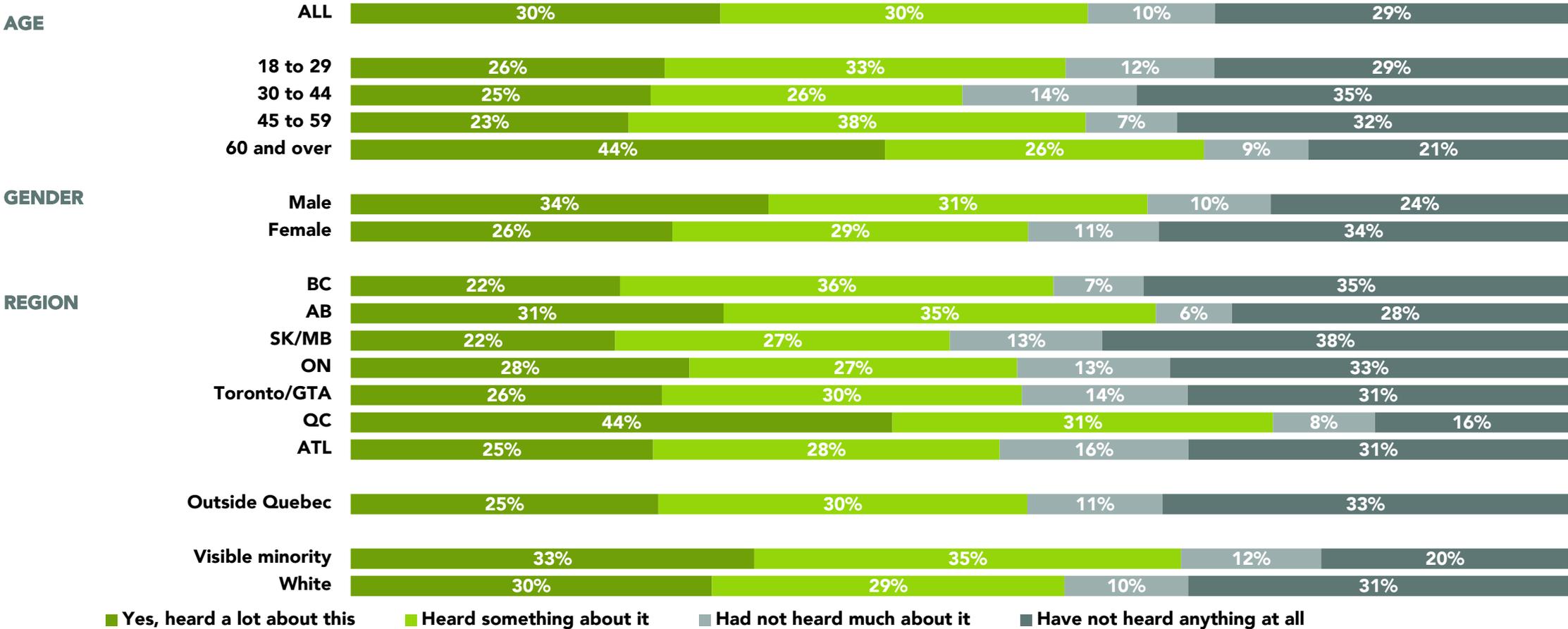
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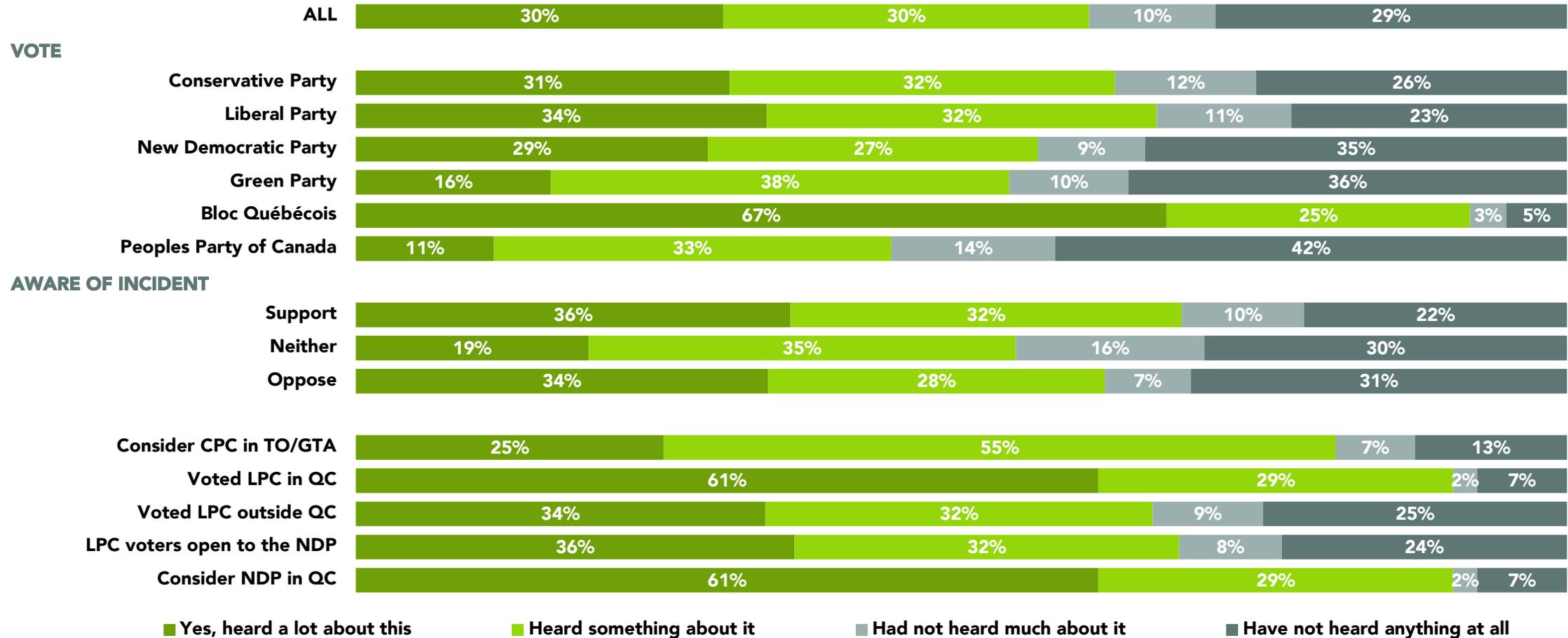
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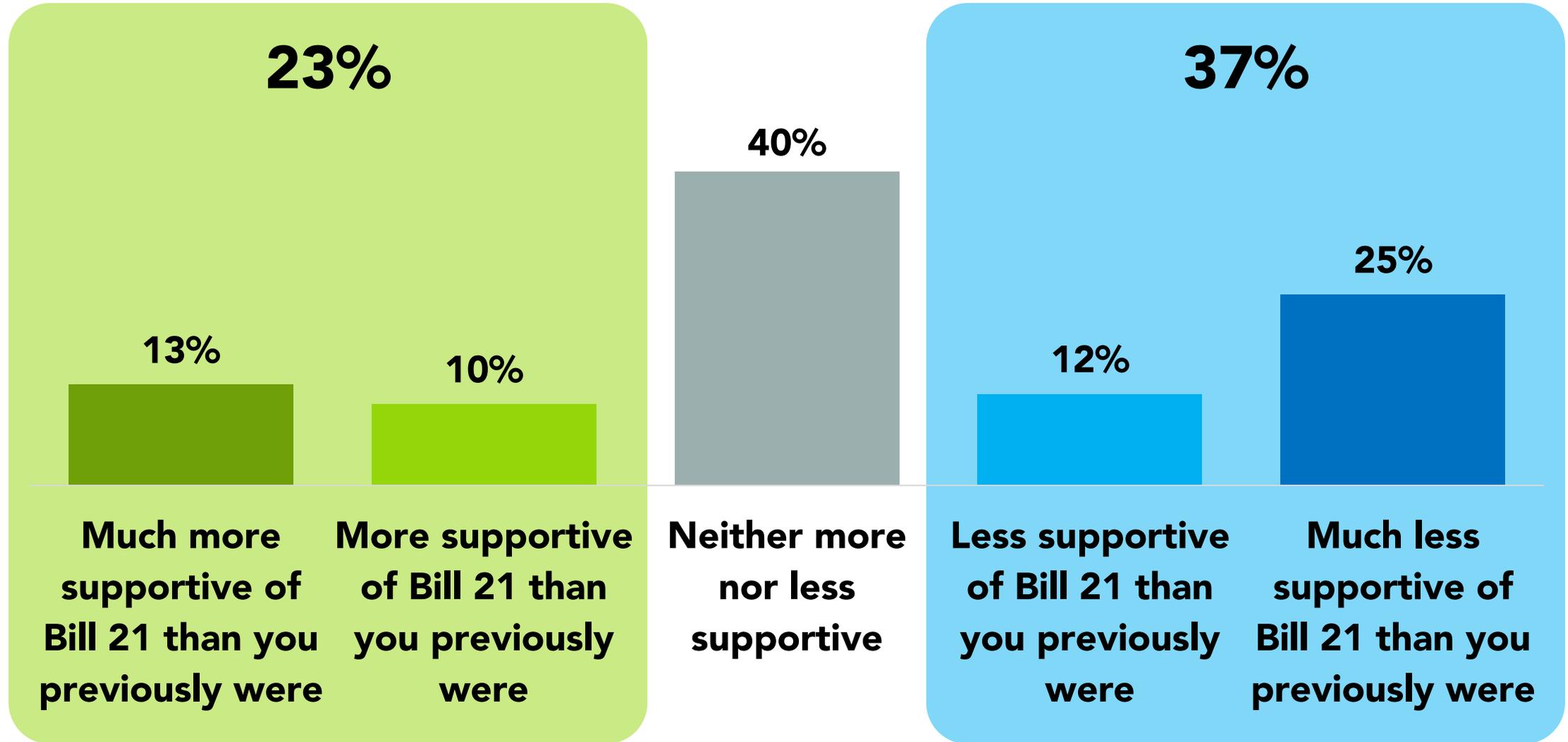
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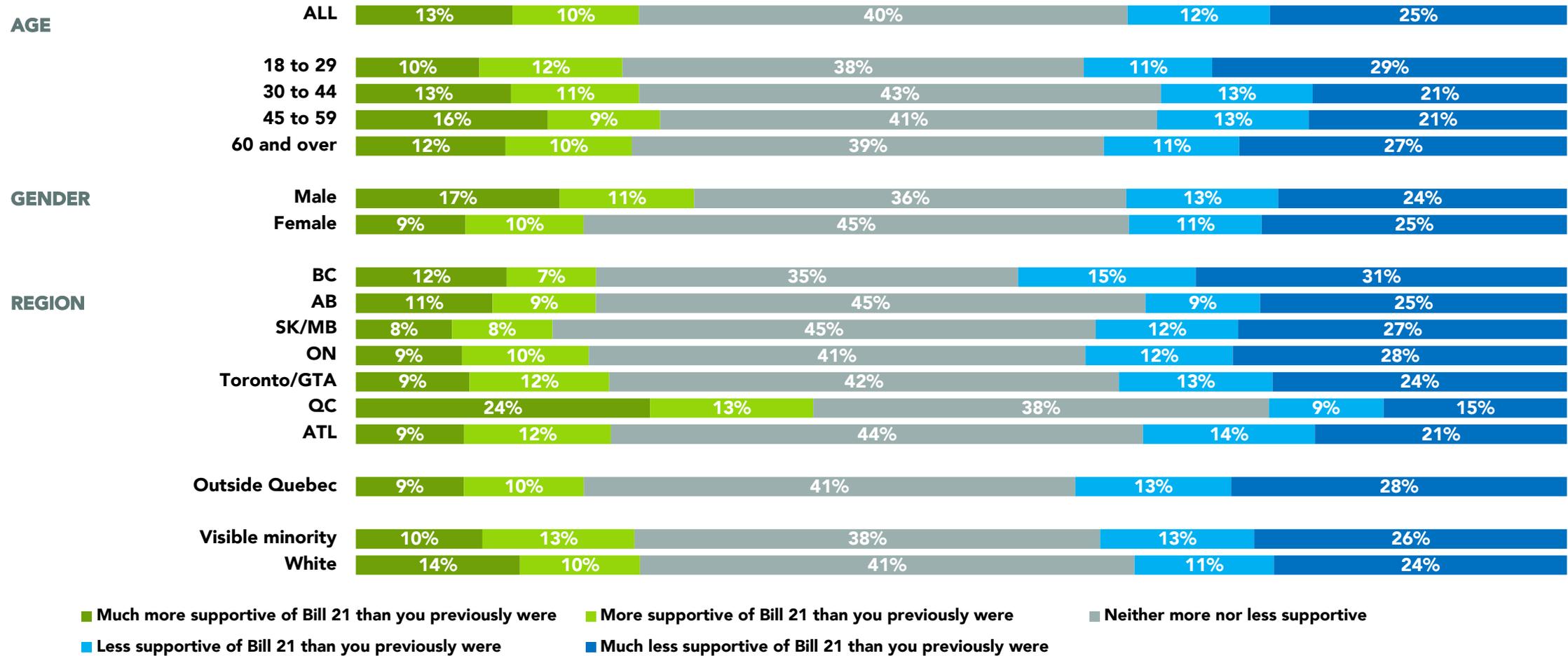
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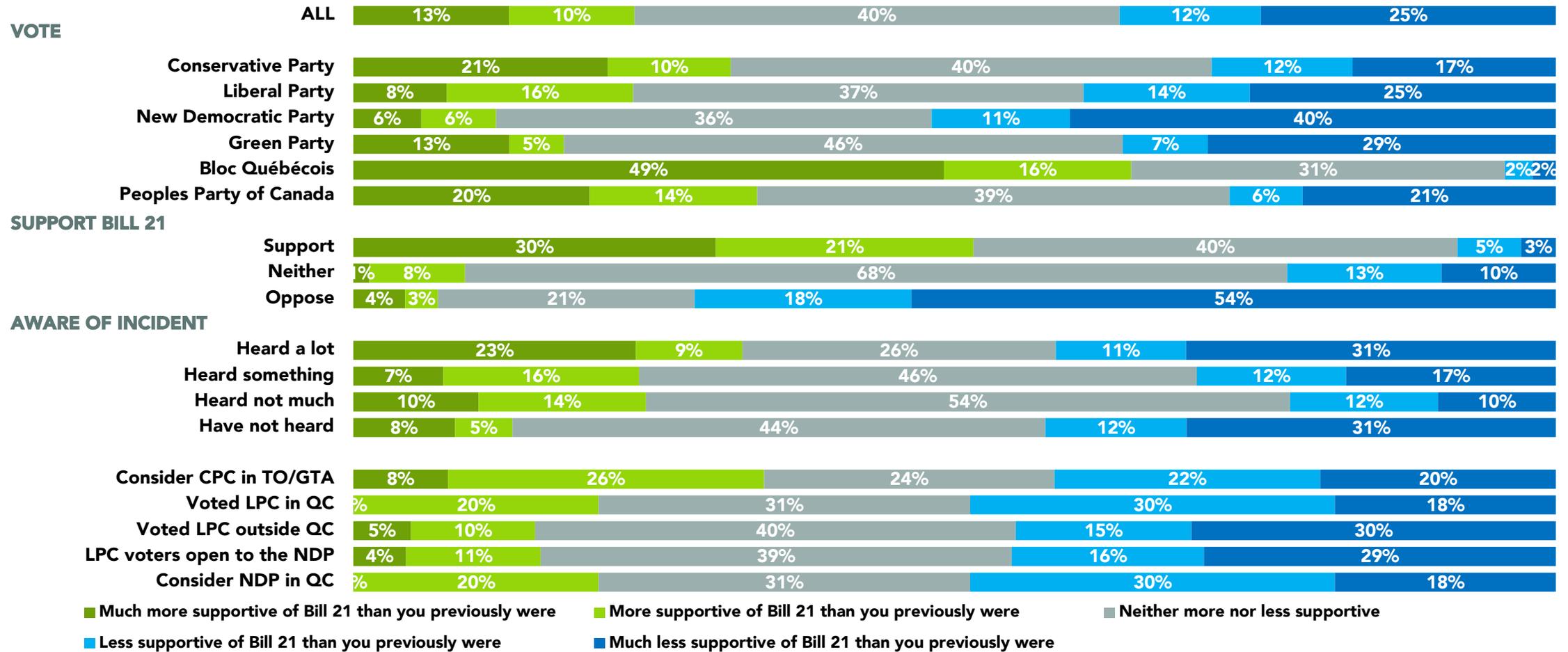
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