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KEY FINDINGS

- Majorities of respondents across countries are concerned about climate change and see its impacts in the form of worsening natural disasters. Although in some countries – notably the US, Canada, Australia, and Germany – ideology tempers climate concerns among those on the right.
- Throughout the survey, respondents in South Africa express a deep concern for climate change and resentment that their government is not taking the steps to address it. While less critical of their governments, Brazilians and Mexicans are also among the most climate concerned.
- When it comes to addressing climate change, respondents view their governments and international organizations as having the most power to intervene.
- However, pluralities across countries view their government as doing “too little” to combat climate change leaving many respondents feeling that individual consumers are doing the most to combat it at the moment.
- While government bears the brunt of the responsibility, respondents also want to see corporations playing a part in the fight against climate change by providing funding.
- Aside from funding, respondents appear uncertain what role businesses should play in the fight against climate change. There is support for banks and insurance companies to disentangle themselves from fossil fuel projects, but their opinions appear malleable.

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Majorities across countries are concerned about climate change, with India, Brazil, South Africa, and Mexico expressing the strongest concern

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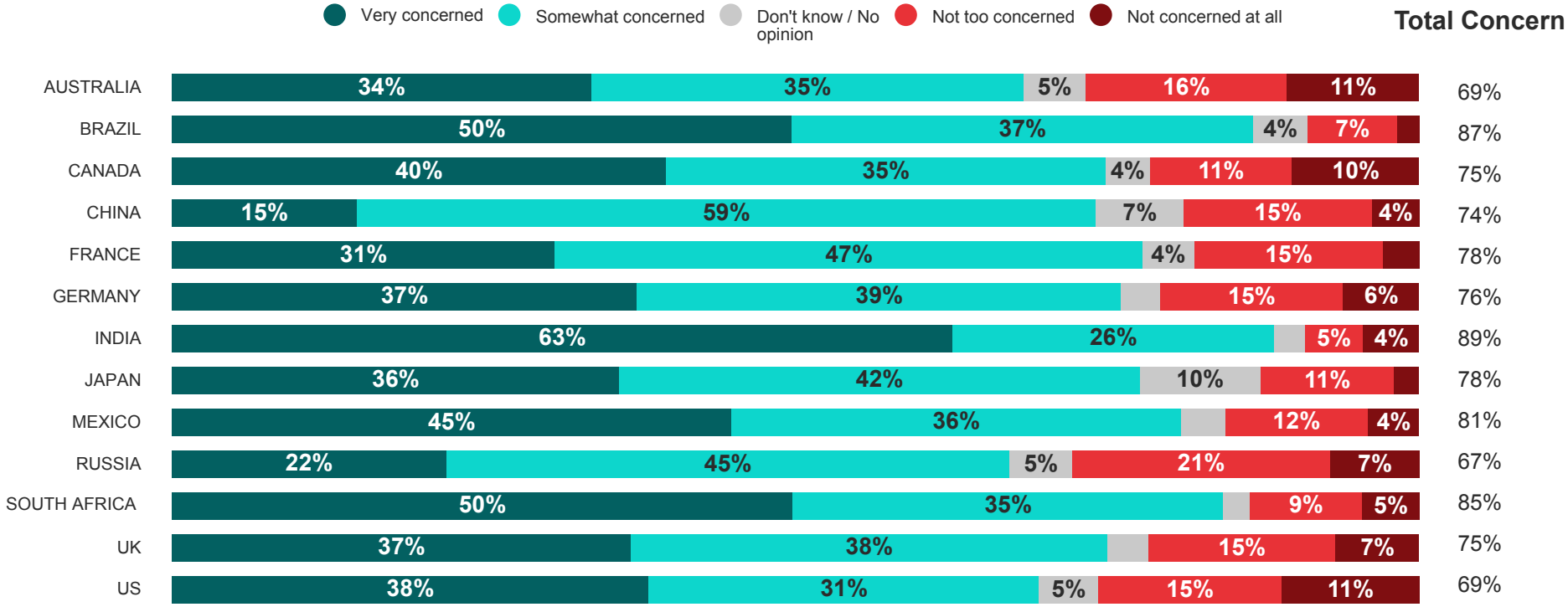

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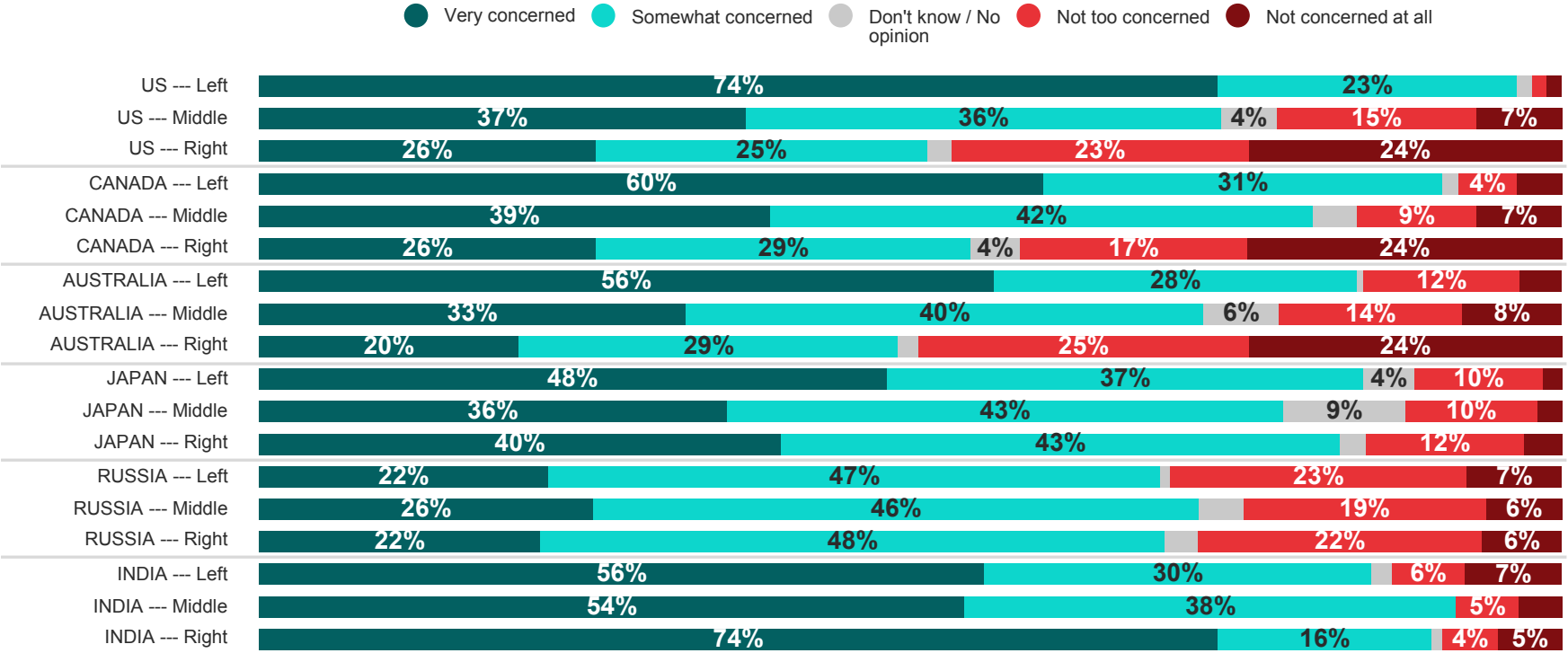

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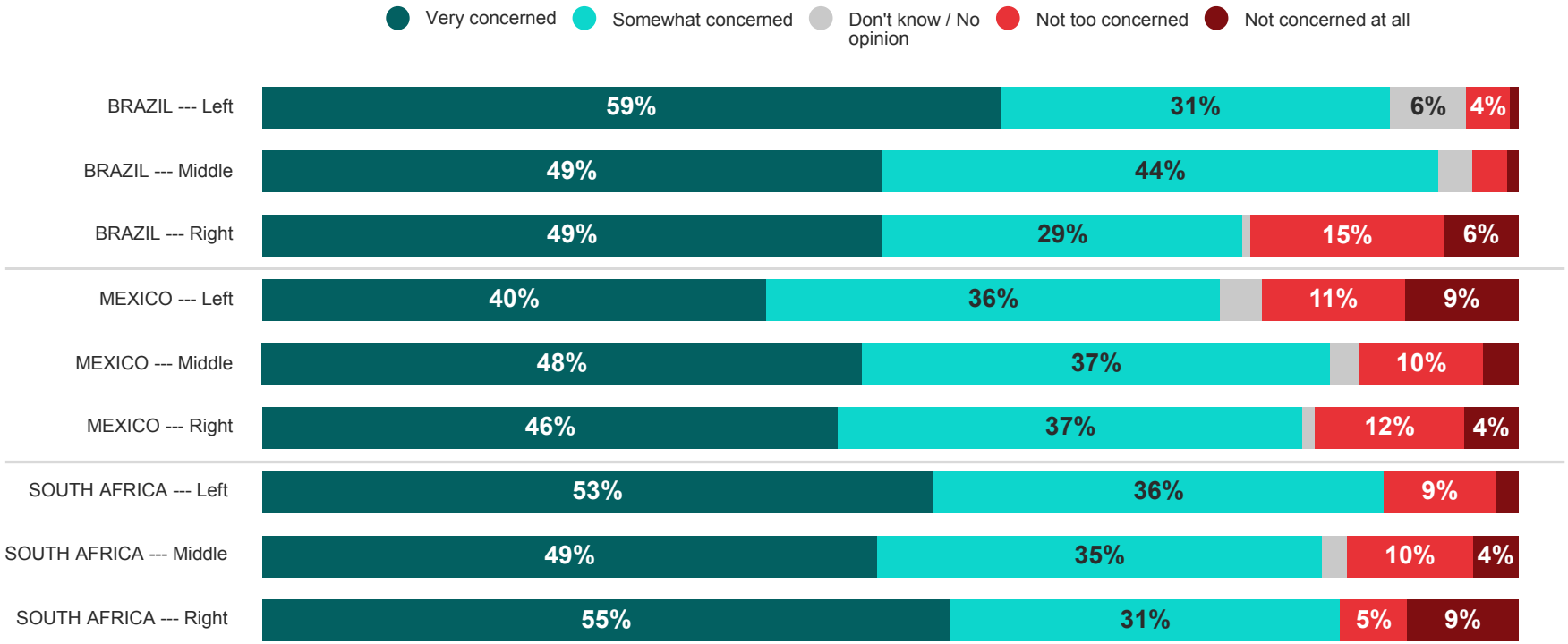

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Majorities across European countries are concerned about climate change, though there is some resistance among Germany's right

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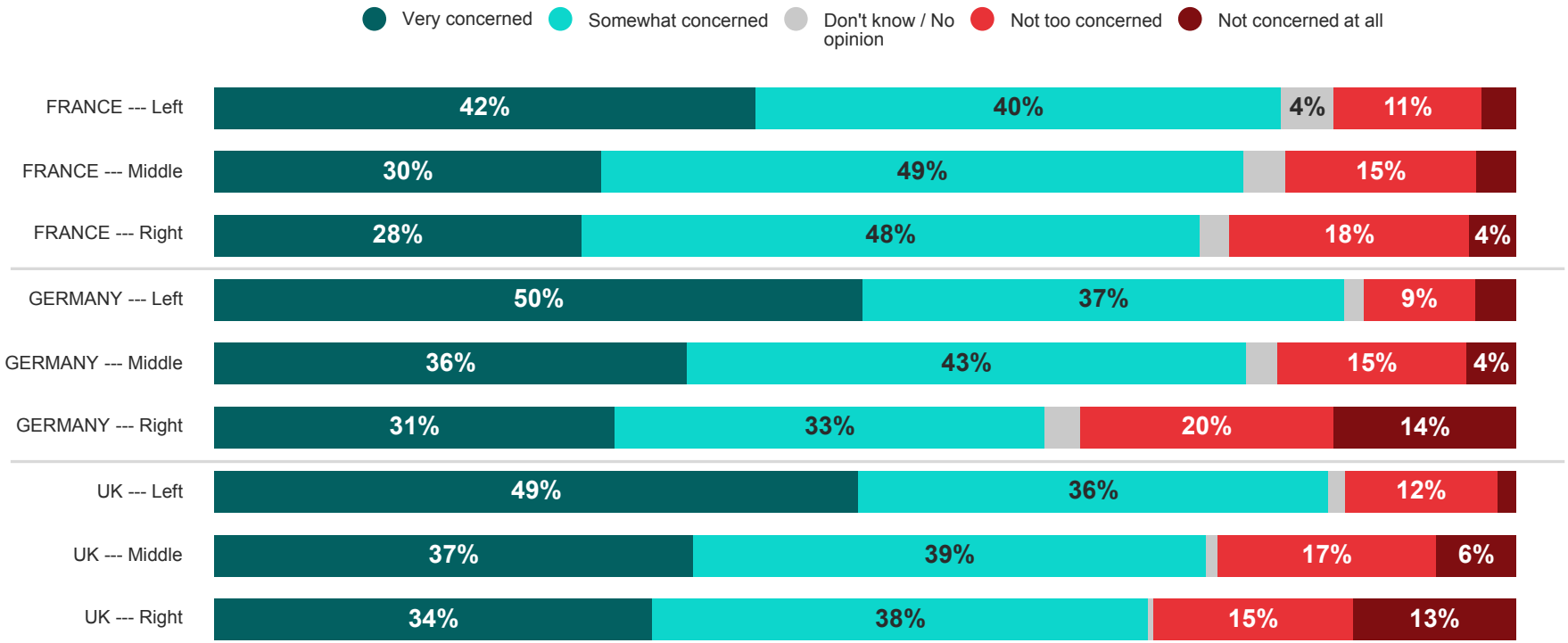

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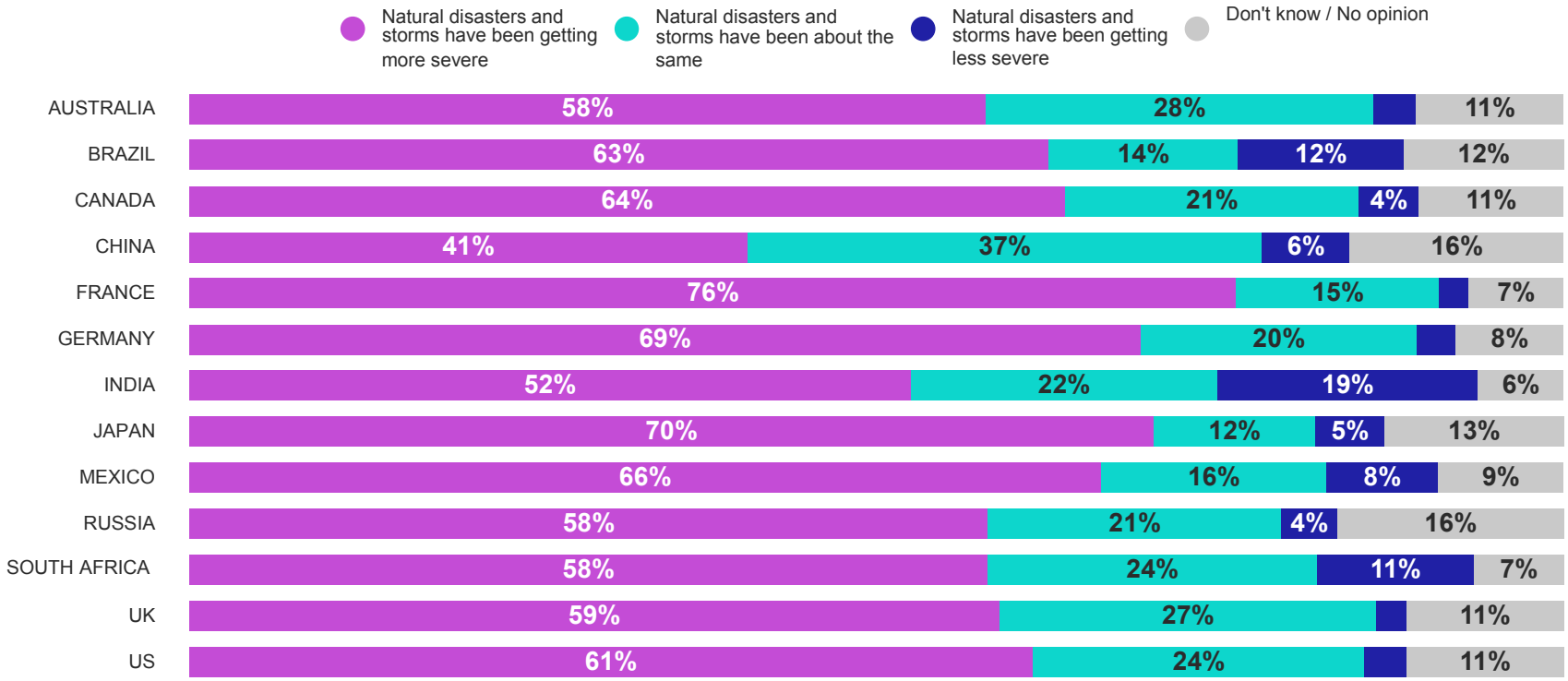

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Forest fires are most concerning across countries with fewer concerned about hurricanes or cyclones

To what extent, if at all, do you find each of the following changes associated with climate change concerning?

Showing % Major concern

	AUS	BR	CA	CN	FR	DE	IN	JP	MX	RU	SA	UK	US
Forest fires	51%	79%	60%	44%	63%	75%	60%	39%	71%	84%	73%	34%	56%
Flooding	41%	76%	53%	56%	63%	75%	60%	46%	66%	63%	72%	43%	48%
Drought	52%	79%	50%	45%	63%	70%	57%	35%	77%	71%	80%	33%	54%
Rising sea levels	36%	62%	49%	50%	60%	70%	58%	48%	60%	50%	68%	43%	49%
Typhoons or tsunamis	27%	57%	35%	42%	51%	64%	58%	55%	55%	50%	65%	30%	38%
Hurricanes	24%	55%	42%	26%	49%	62%	54%	36%	58%	58%	62%	30%	48%
Cyclones	29%	56%	35%	21%	49%	51%	56%	33%	57%	49%	61%	25%	34%

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Countries who expressed the most concern about climate change (Brazil, South Africa, and Mexico) are critical of their country's efforts to combat it

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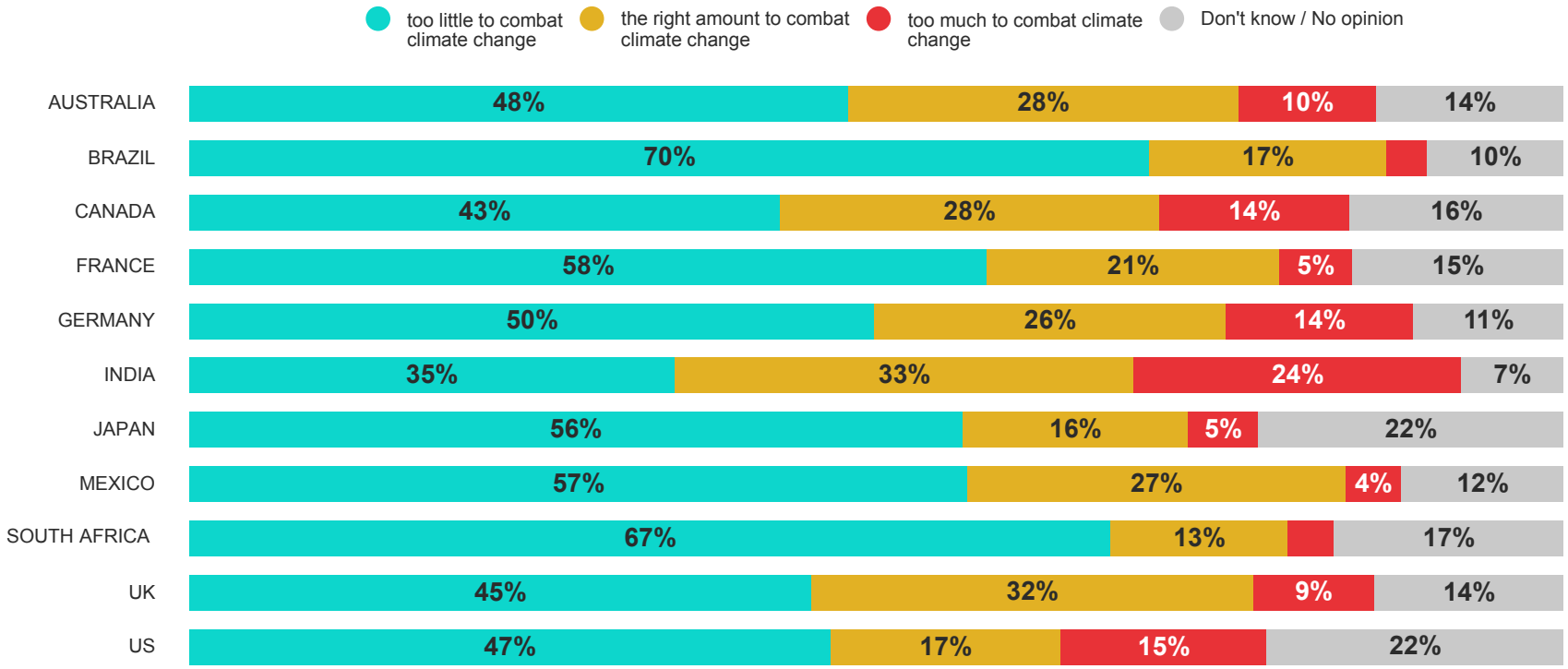

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Given the ideological cleavages, right-leaning respondents in the US and Canada feel their government is doing too much to combat climate change. While the right in Australia were less concerned about climate change, they feel their gov't is handling it properly

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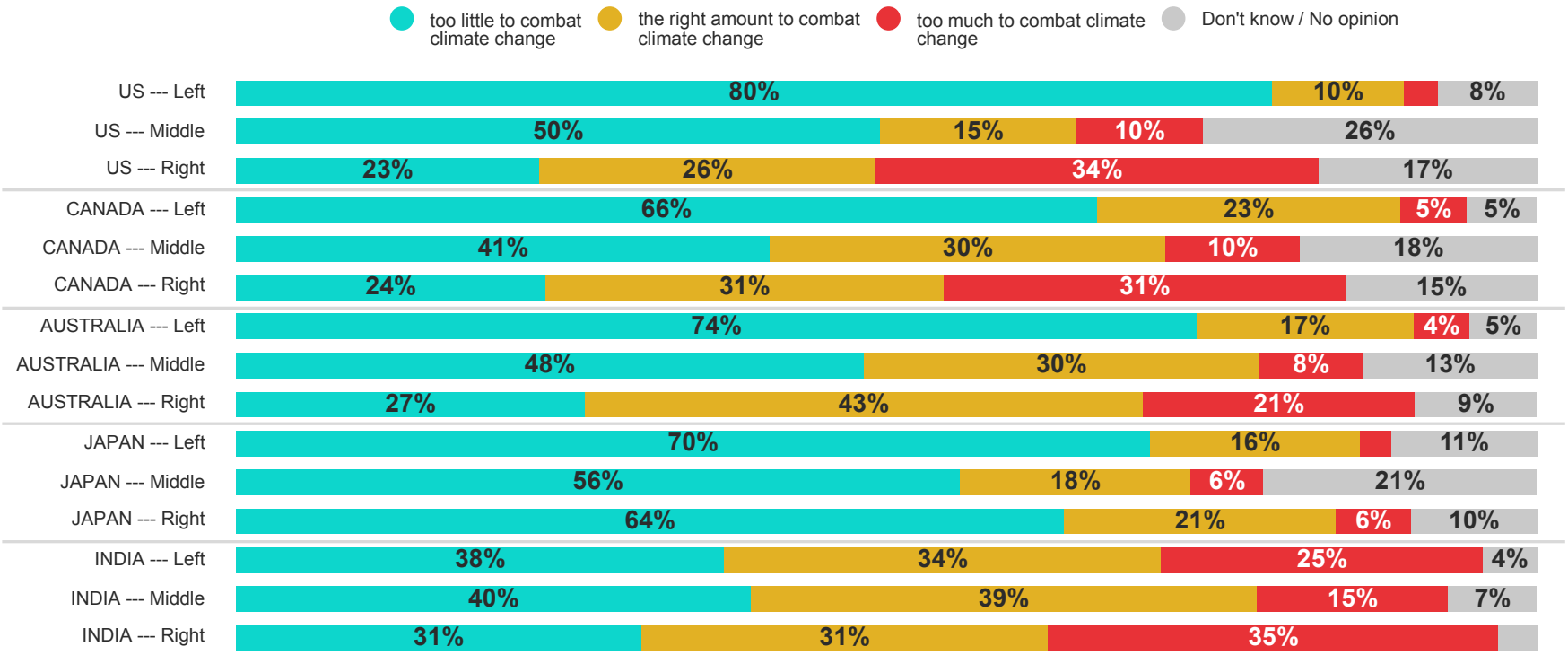

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Right-leaning respondents in more climate concerned areas feel their government is not doing enough to combat climate change

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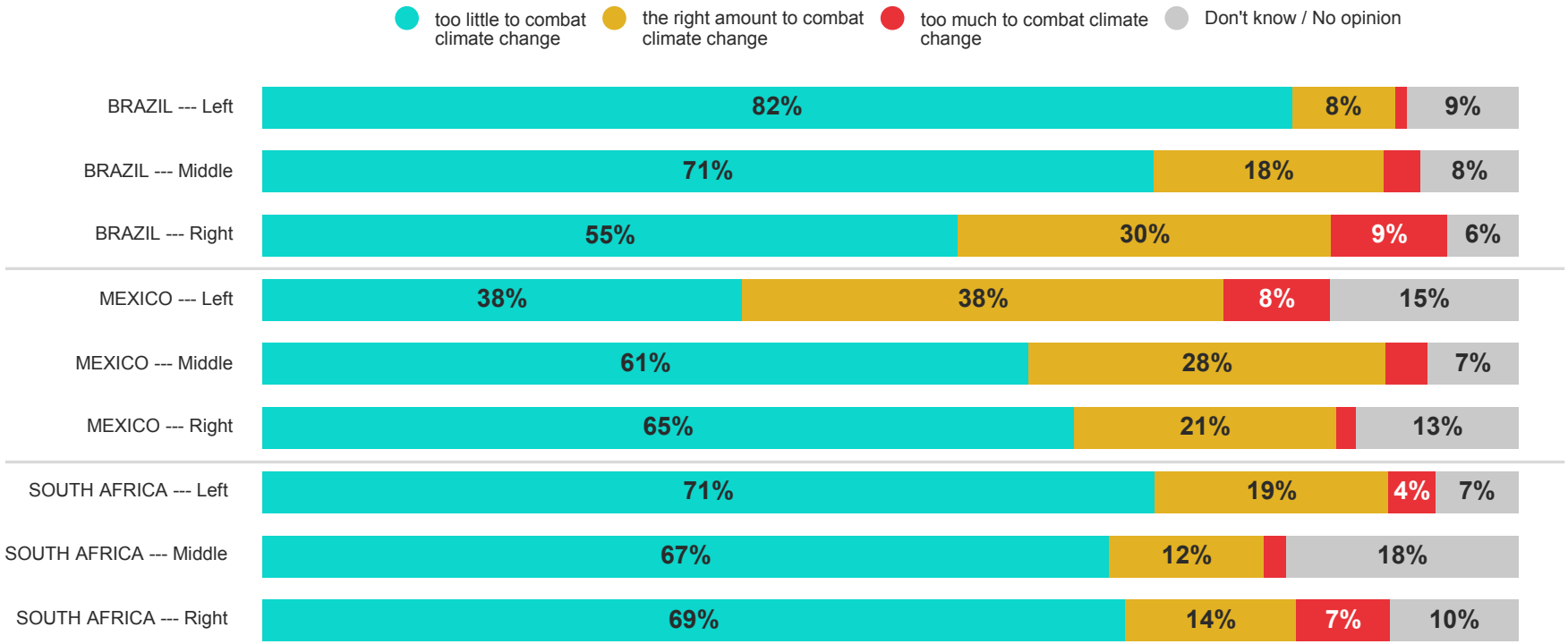

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Of the European countries surveyed, France is most critical of their government's handling

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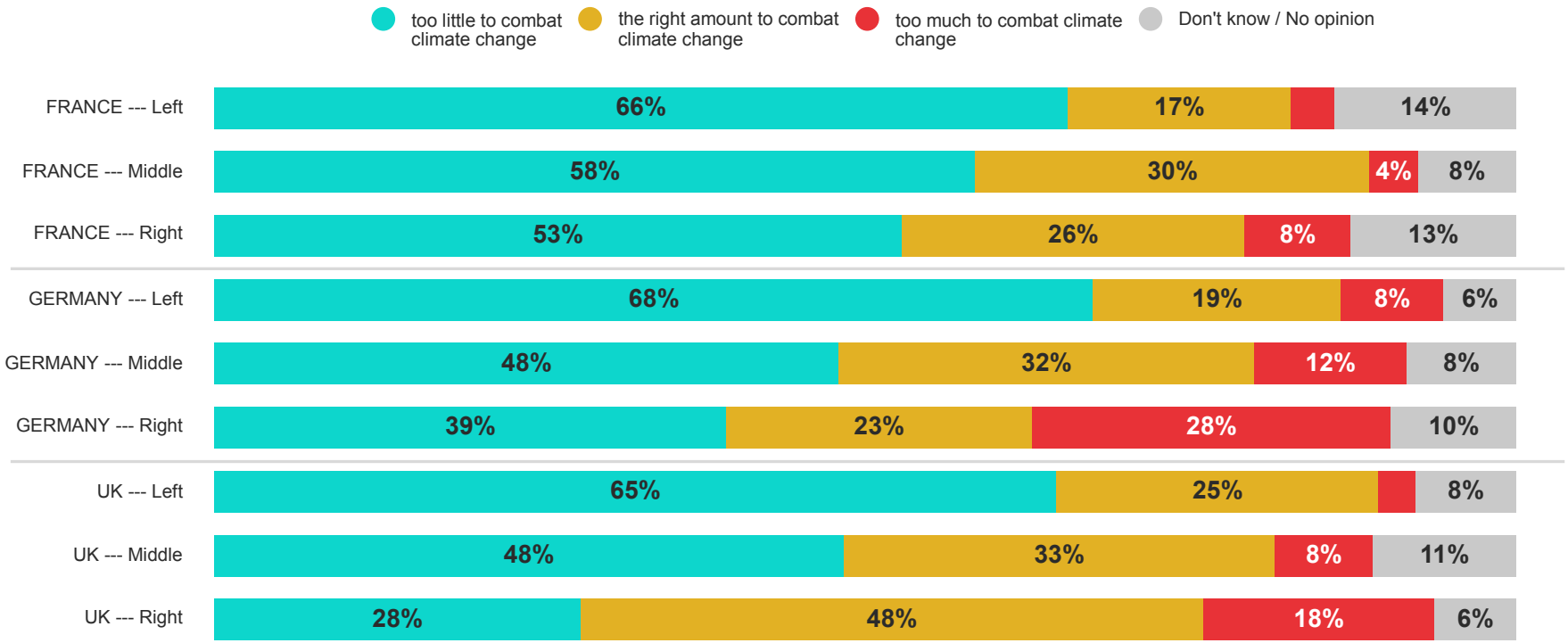

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Additionally, a majority in South Africa also believe the government is doing less than their fair share

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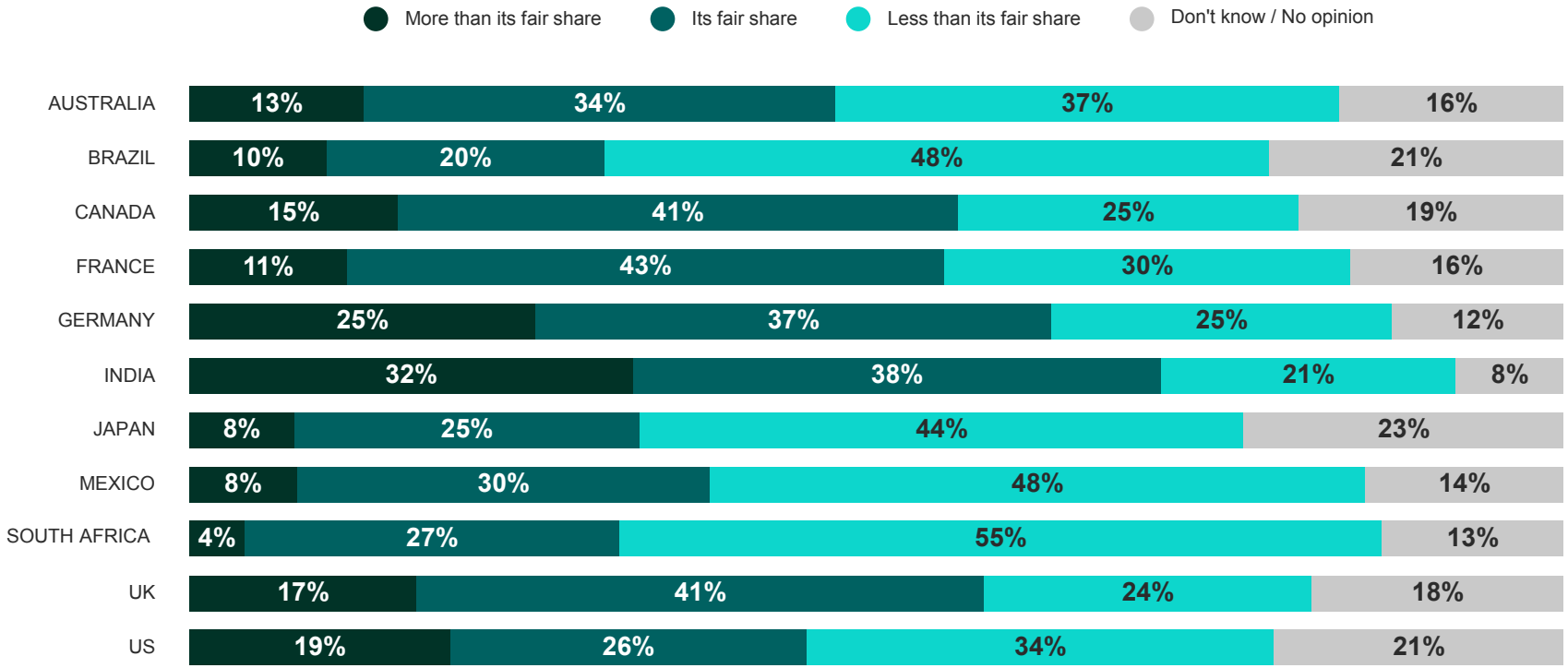

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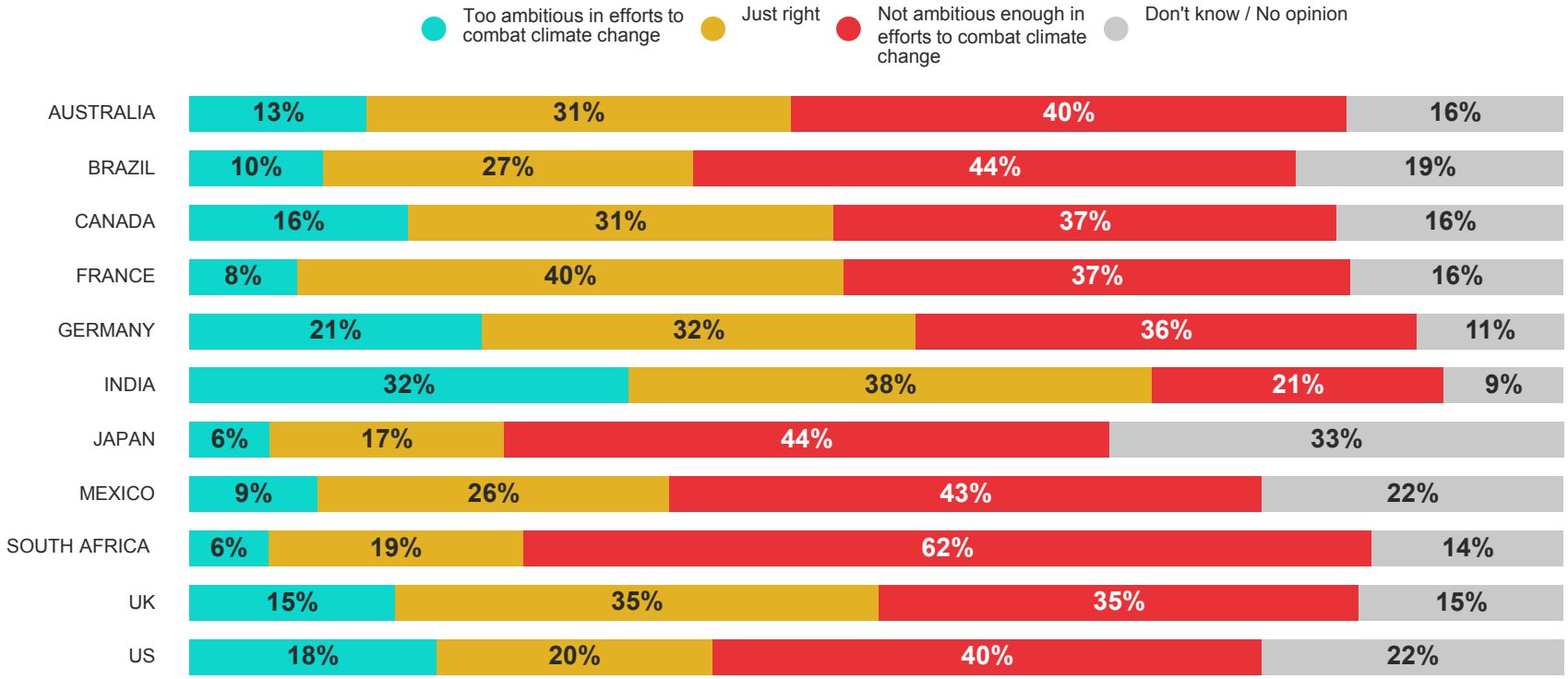
Given their strong climate change concern, South Africans are most likely to say their country's efforts to combat it are not ambitious enough

And would you say your country's efforts to combat climate change are too ambitious, not ambitious enough, or just right?



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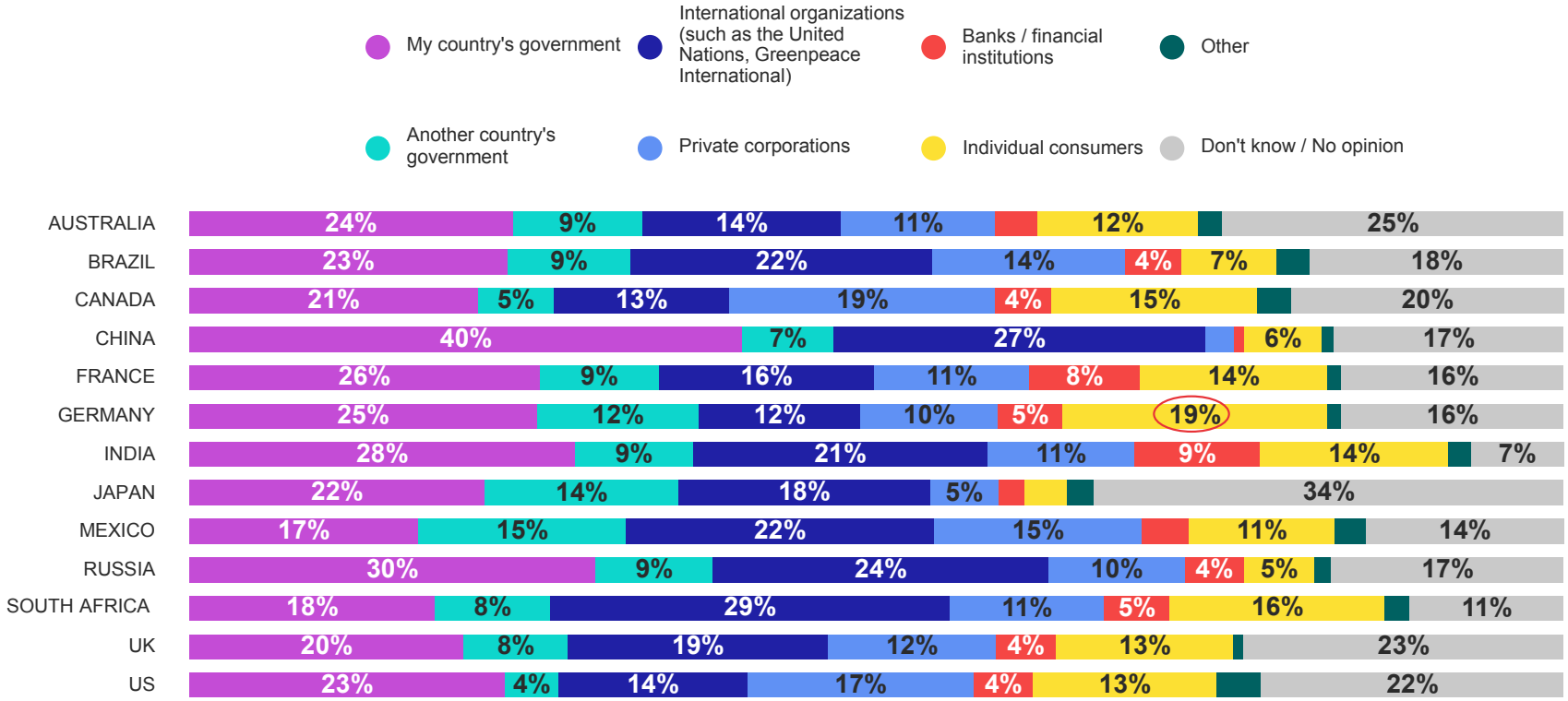
Respondents generally believe their government, followed by international organizations have the most power to combat climate change

Who do you believe has the most power to combat climate change?



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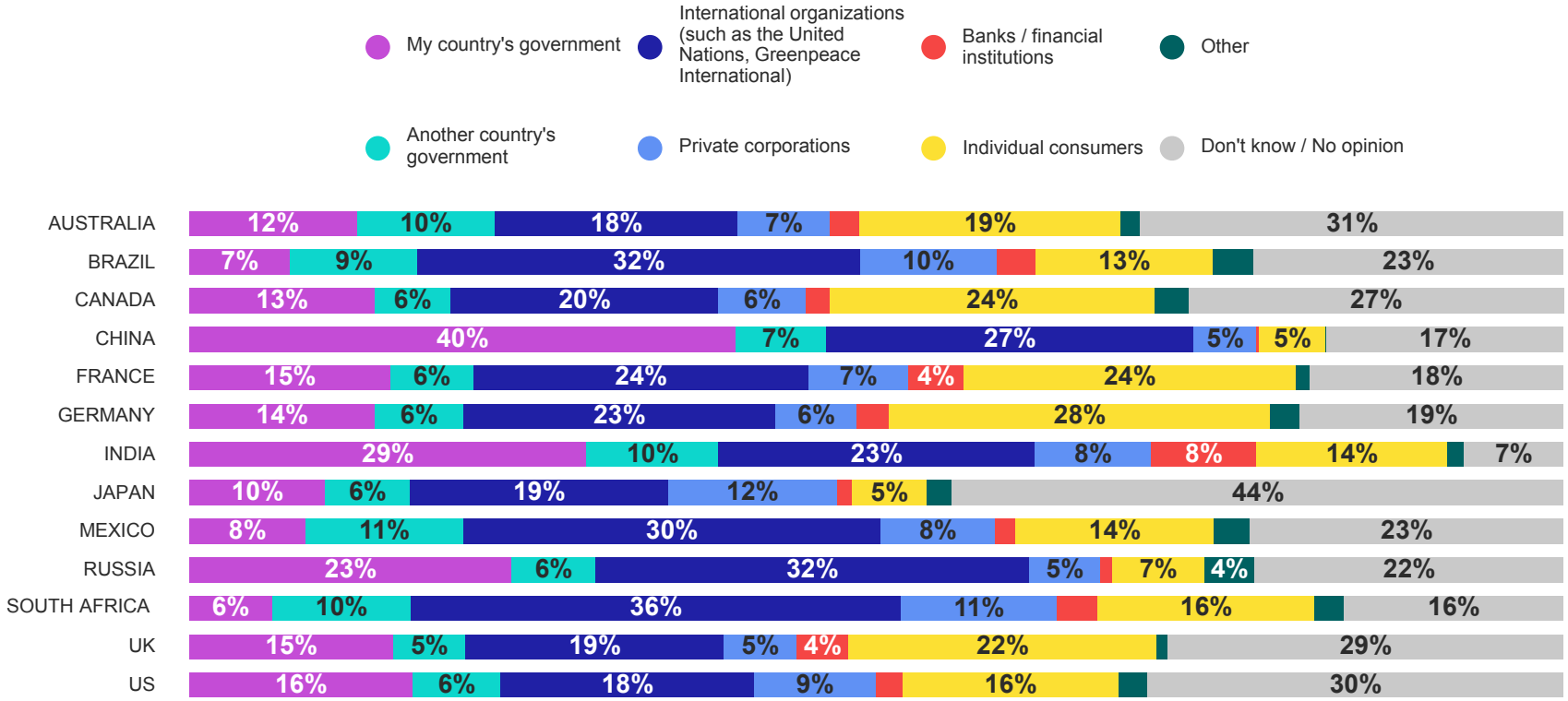
Few believe their country is leveraging their power to combat climate change, while international orgs and individual consumers step up

Who do you believe is doing the most to combat climate change?



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With few believing that corporations are currently doing the most to combat climate change, respondents want to see corporations bearing the costs of combating change

How much, if at all, should each of the following fund the costs associated with combating climate change? *Showing % "A lot"*

	AUS	BR	CA	CN	FR	DE	IN	JP	MX	RU	SA	UK	US
Taxes	14%	31%	19%	16%	21%	19%	34%	11%	28%	19%	27%	14%	18%
Prices on consumer goods	10%	26%	15%	9%	21%	15%	35%	8%	27%	22%	23%	13%	15%
Corporations	34%	56%	42%	35%	42%	42%	39%	29%	44%	45%	46%	41%	41%
My generation	16%	44%	21%	19%	29%	22%	43%	15%	40%	29%	35%	18%	23%
The next generation	15%	41%	22%	20%	31%	22%	43%	11%	45%	26%	35%	15%	19%
My country	27%	53%	29%	30%	37%	35%	47%	24%	47%	39%	46%	26%	31%
Other countries	26%	49%	30%	25%	39%	38%	40%	20%	42%	36%	42%	31%	29%

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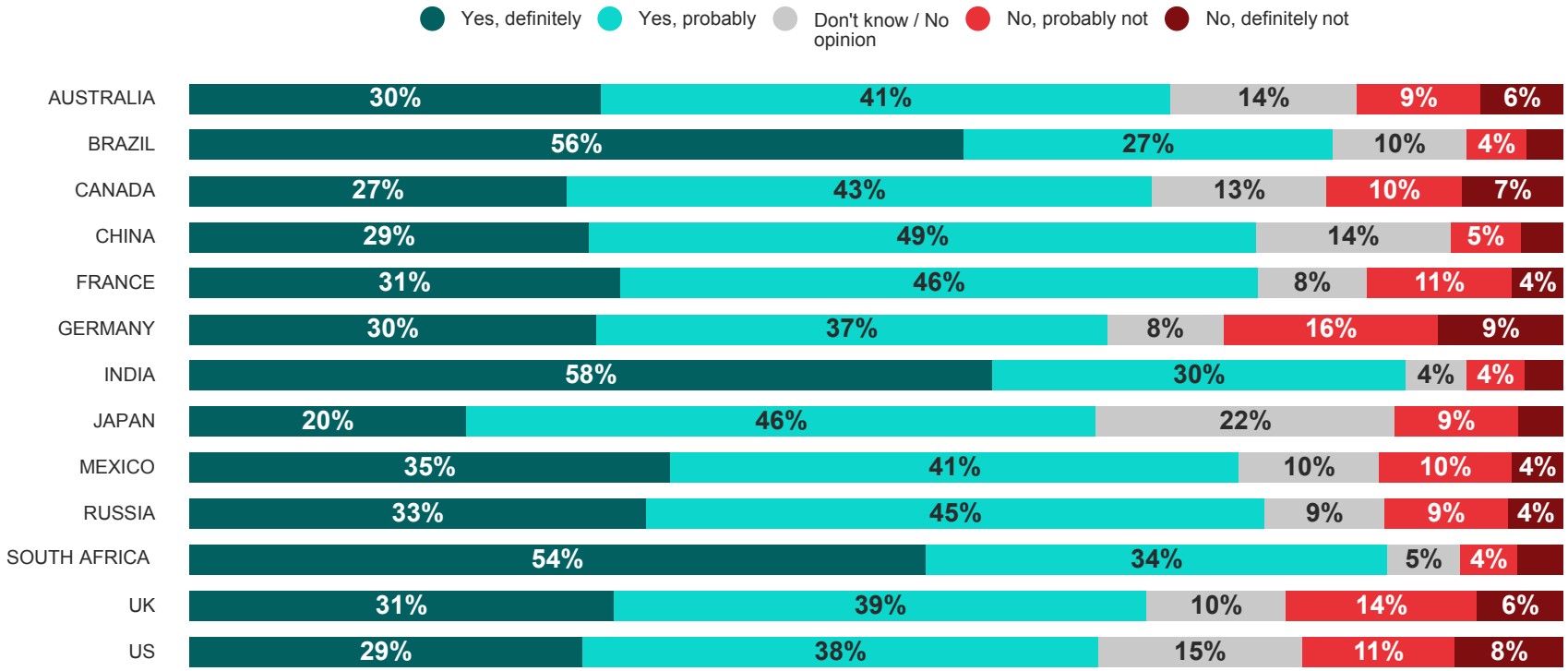
Strong majorities believe that wealthier countries should support lower income countries to combat climate change with particularly strong support in Brazil and SA

Should wealthy countries pay to help lower-income countries combat climate change?



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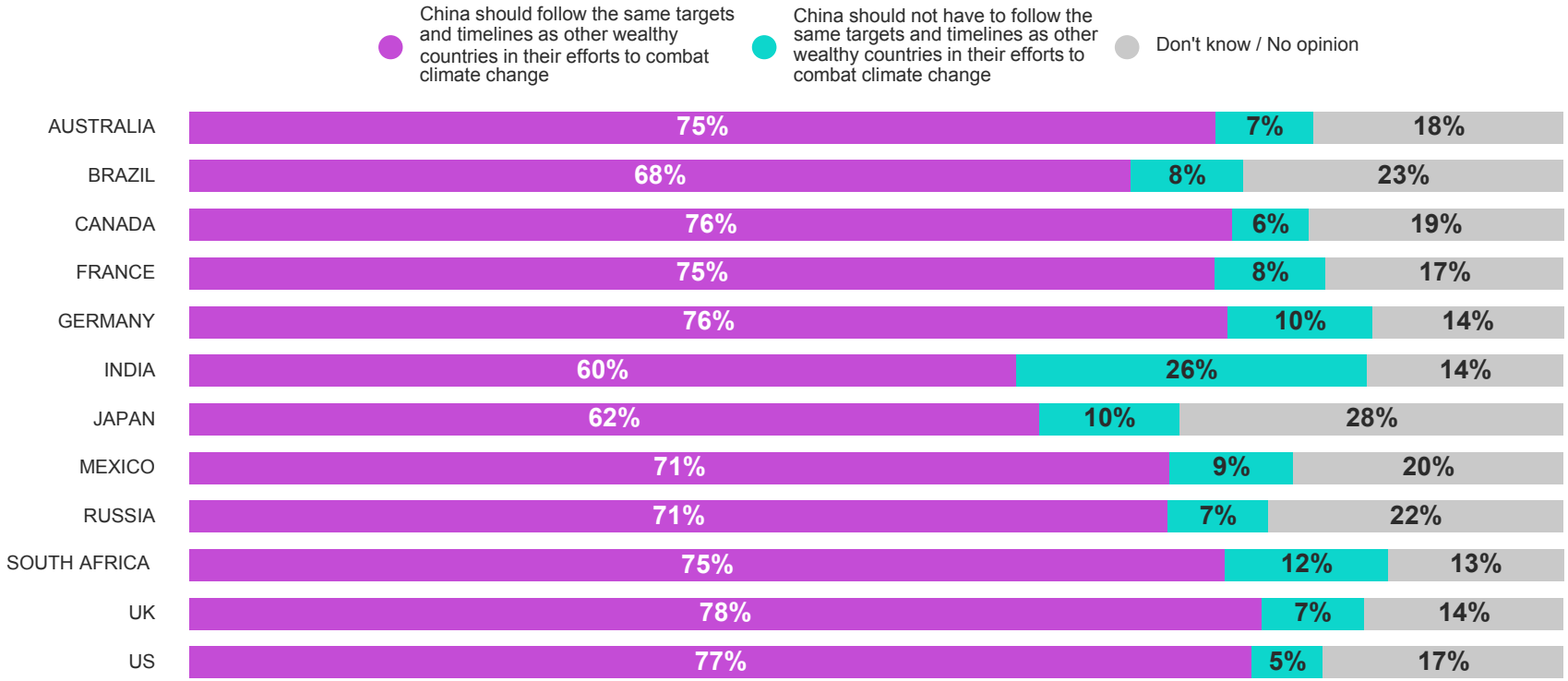
The belief that wealthier countries should support lower-income ones in their quest to combat climate change leads respondents to say China is a wealthy country and should follow the same targets as others

Which of the following comes closest to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right?



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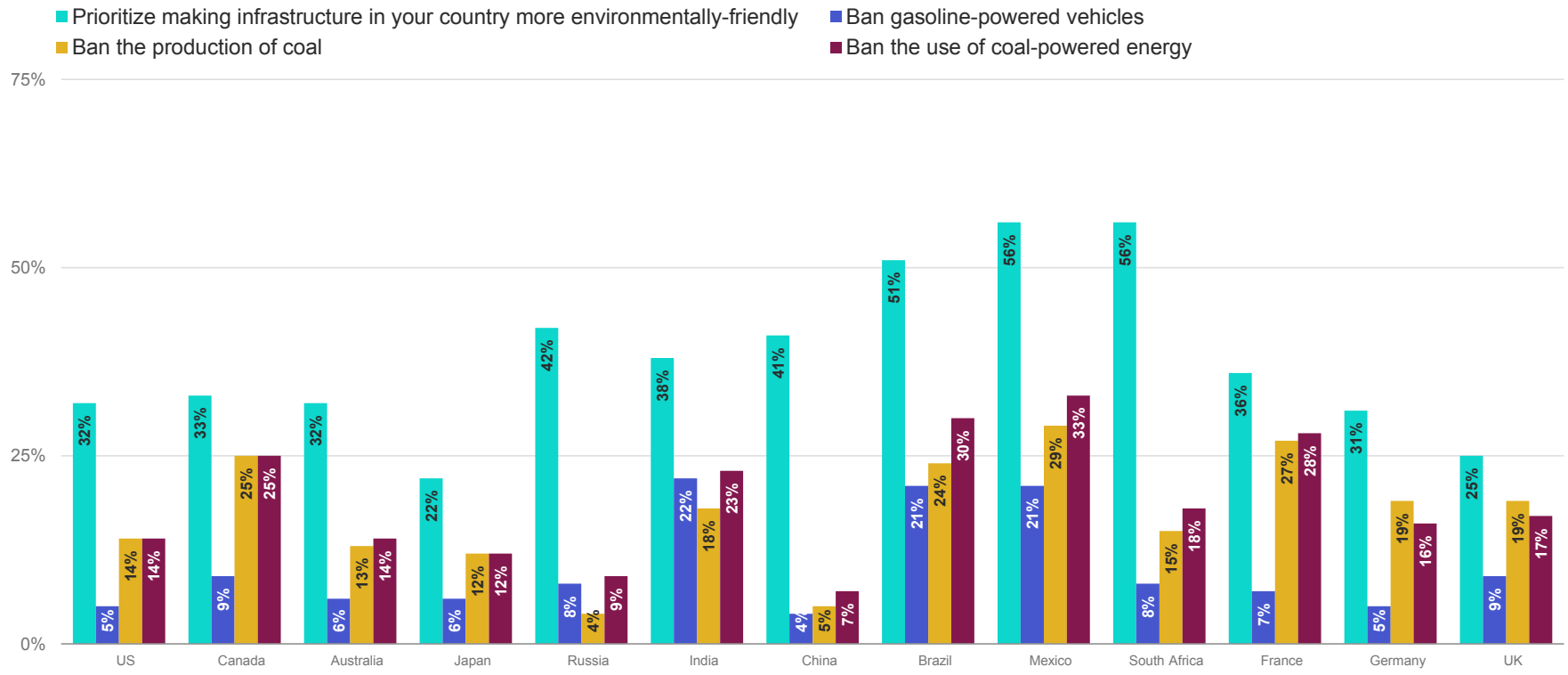
Across countries, respondents want to see their government immediately make infrastructure more environmentally-friendly

Should your government do the following? *Showing % "Yes, immediately"*



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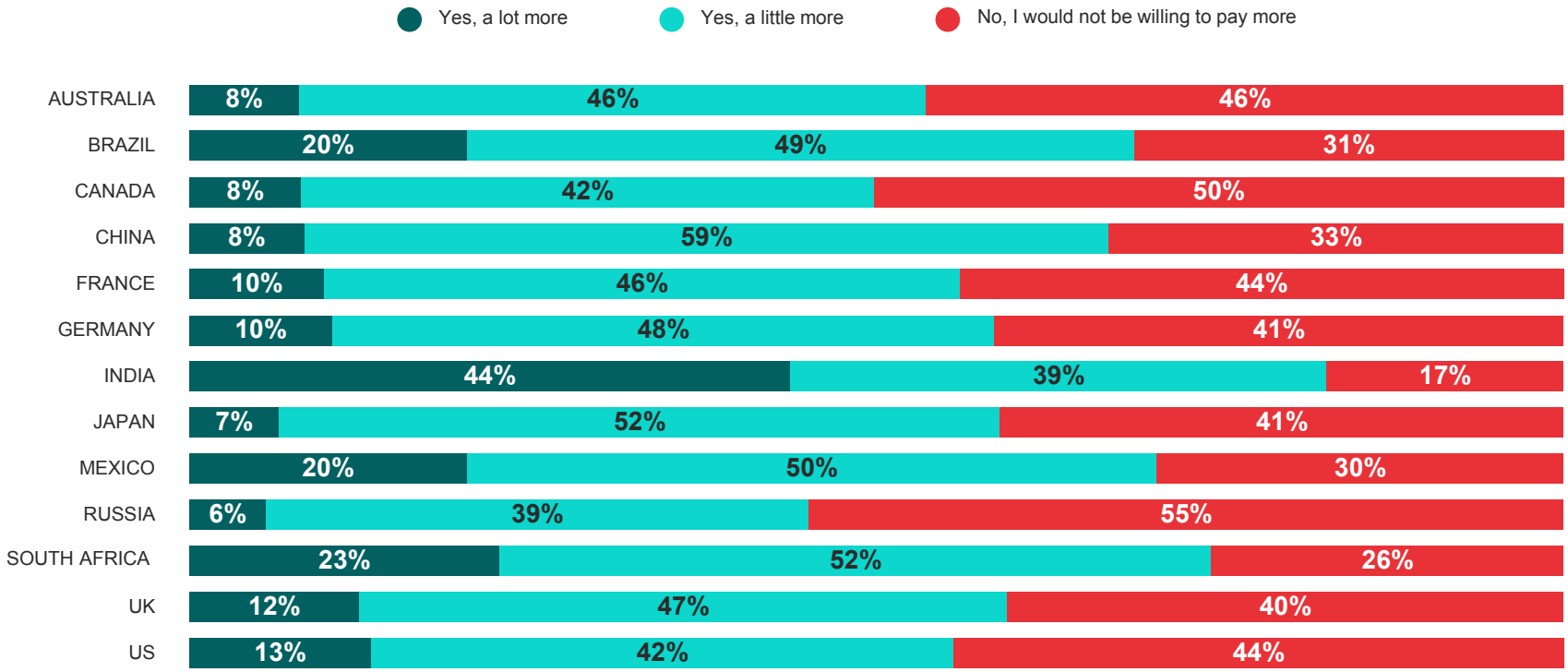
There's an appetite among consumers to fly with a climate conscious airline, but the data suggests few would be willing to pay much more to do so

Would you be willing to pay more to fly with an airline that takes consistent measures to reduce their carbon footprint?



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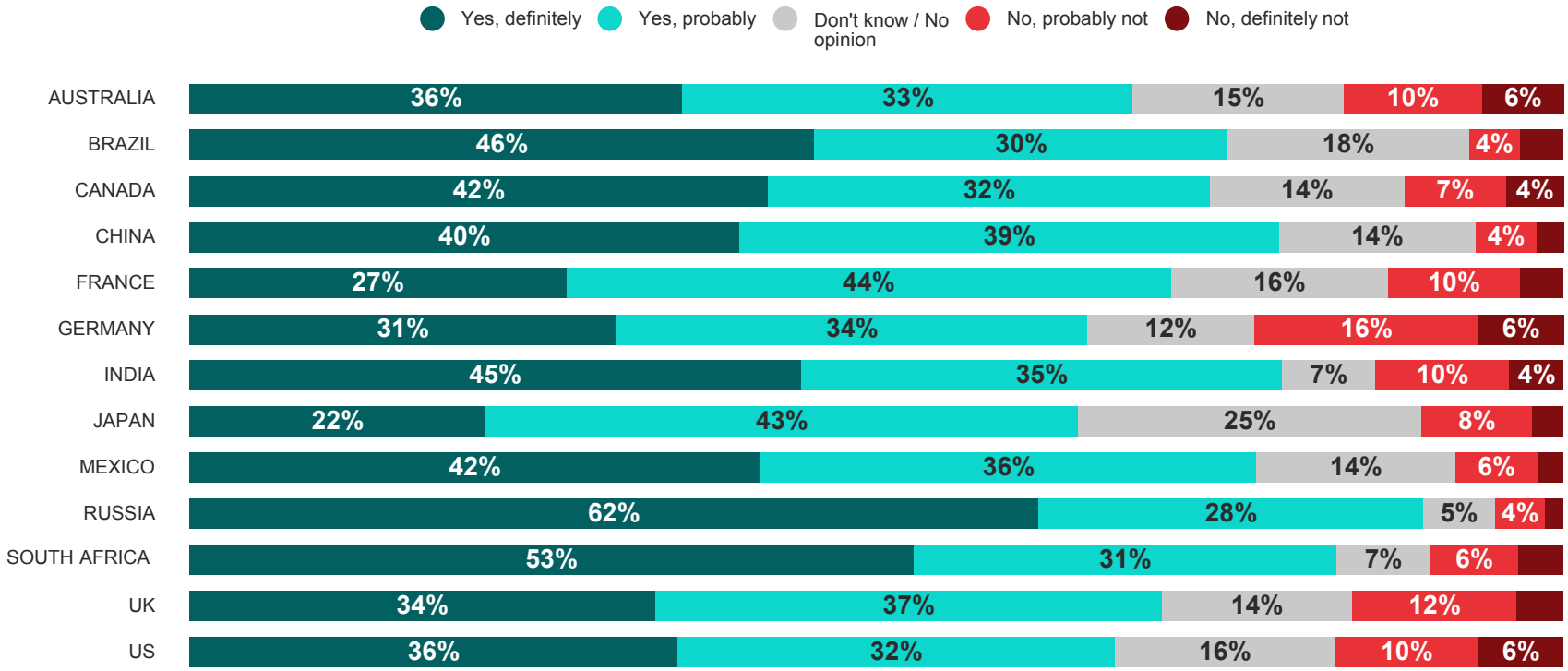
While not the most climate conscious country, Russia strongly believes that fossil fuel companies should be held responsible for their environmental impacts

Should fossil fuel companies be held responsible for the impacts their products have on the environment?



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With limited background on bank funding for fossil fuel projects, respondents are split as to whether they should continue funding them

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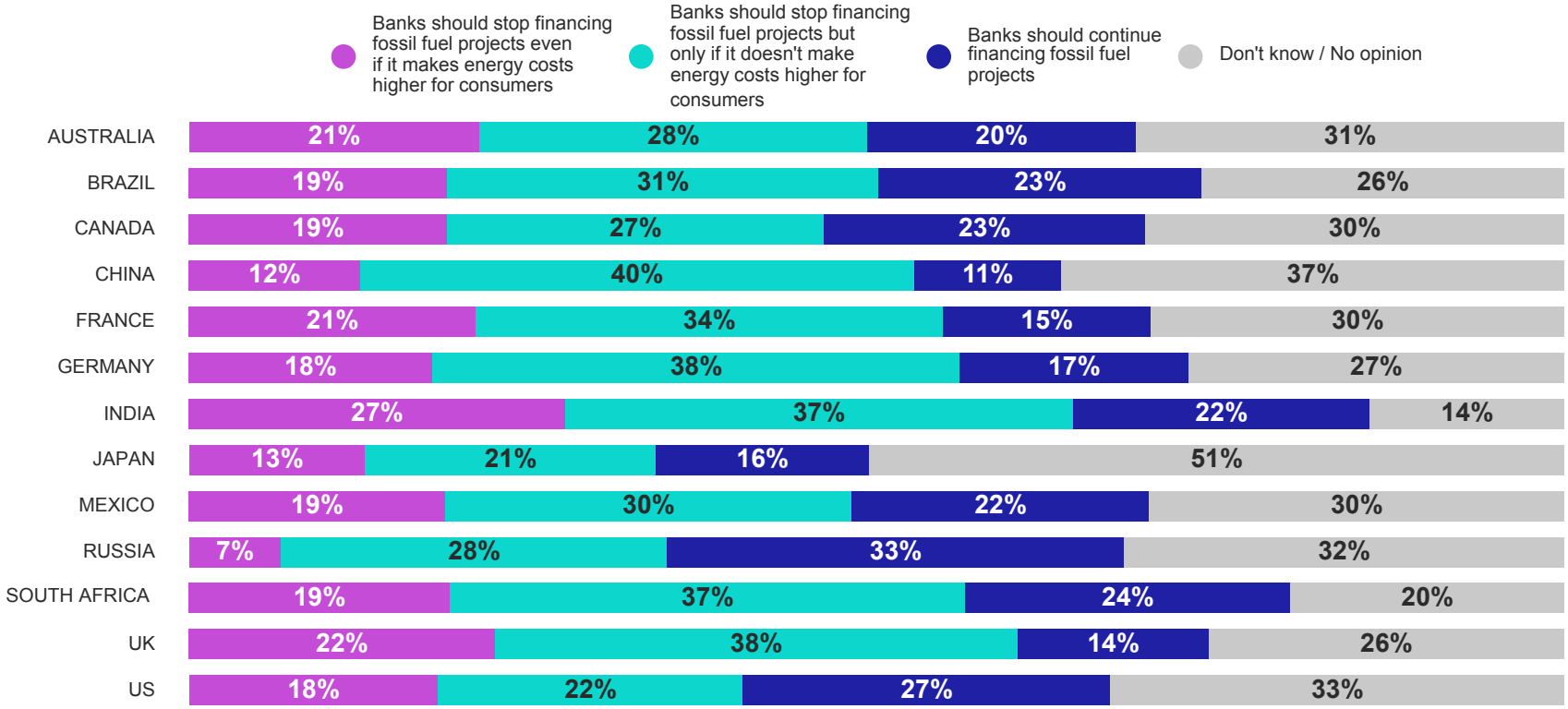

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They are equally split on the role of insurance providers, but respondents tend to err on the side of avoiding higher costs for consumers

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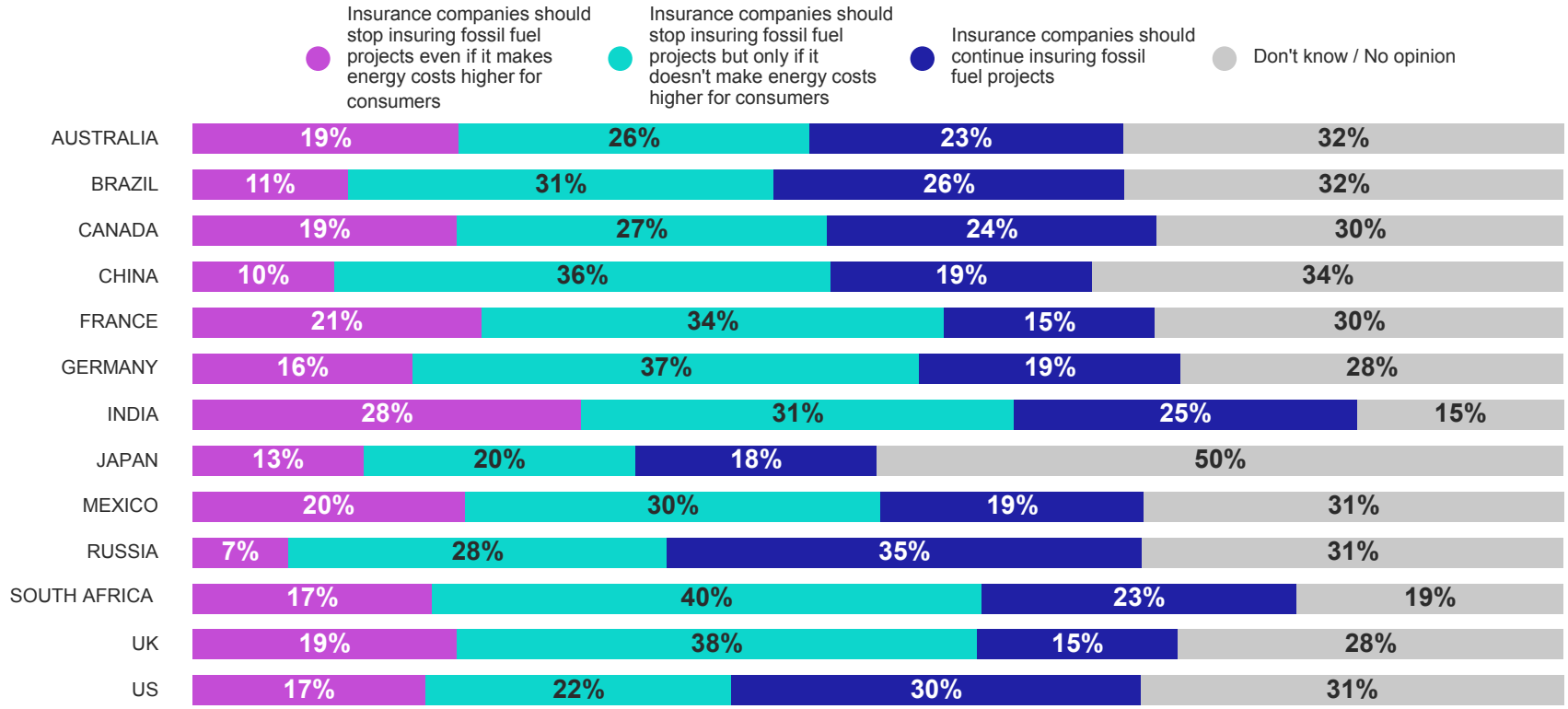

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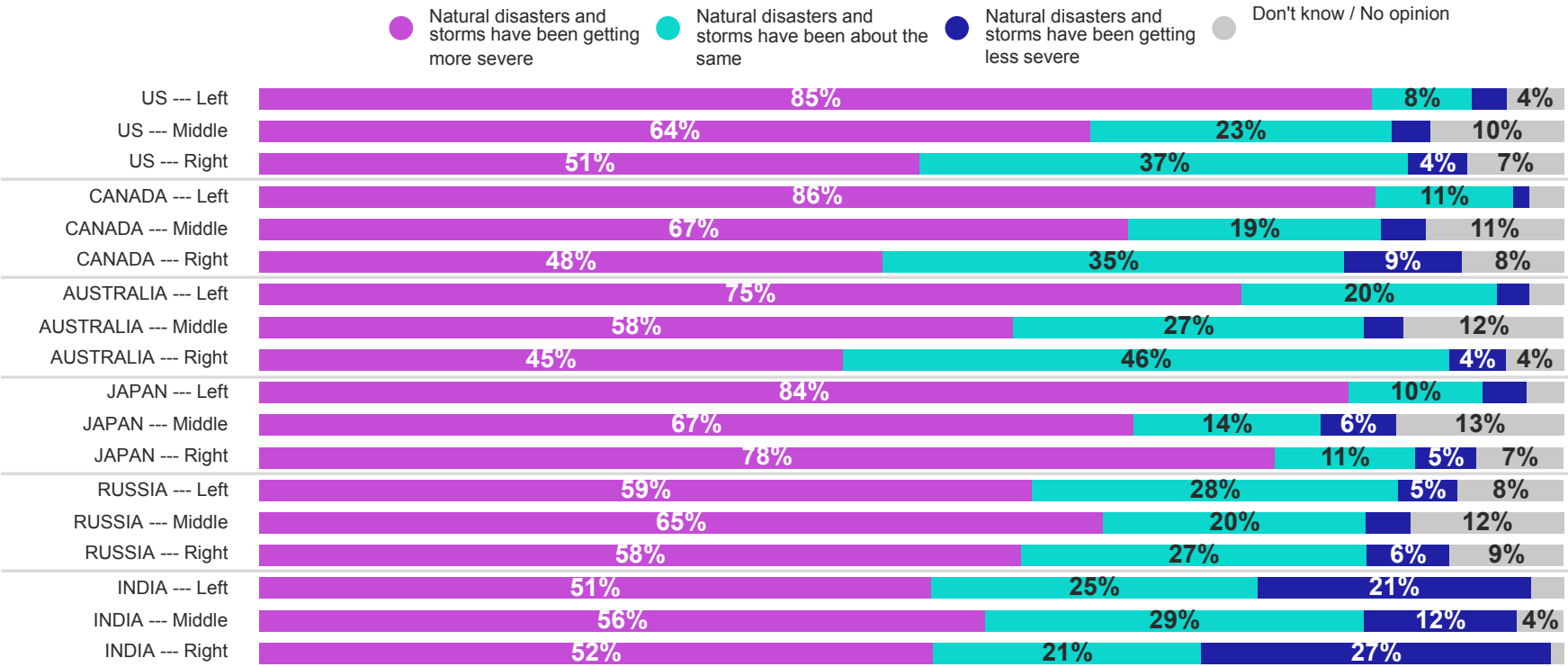

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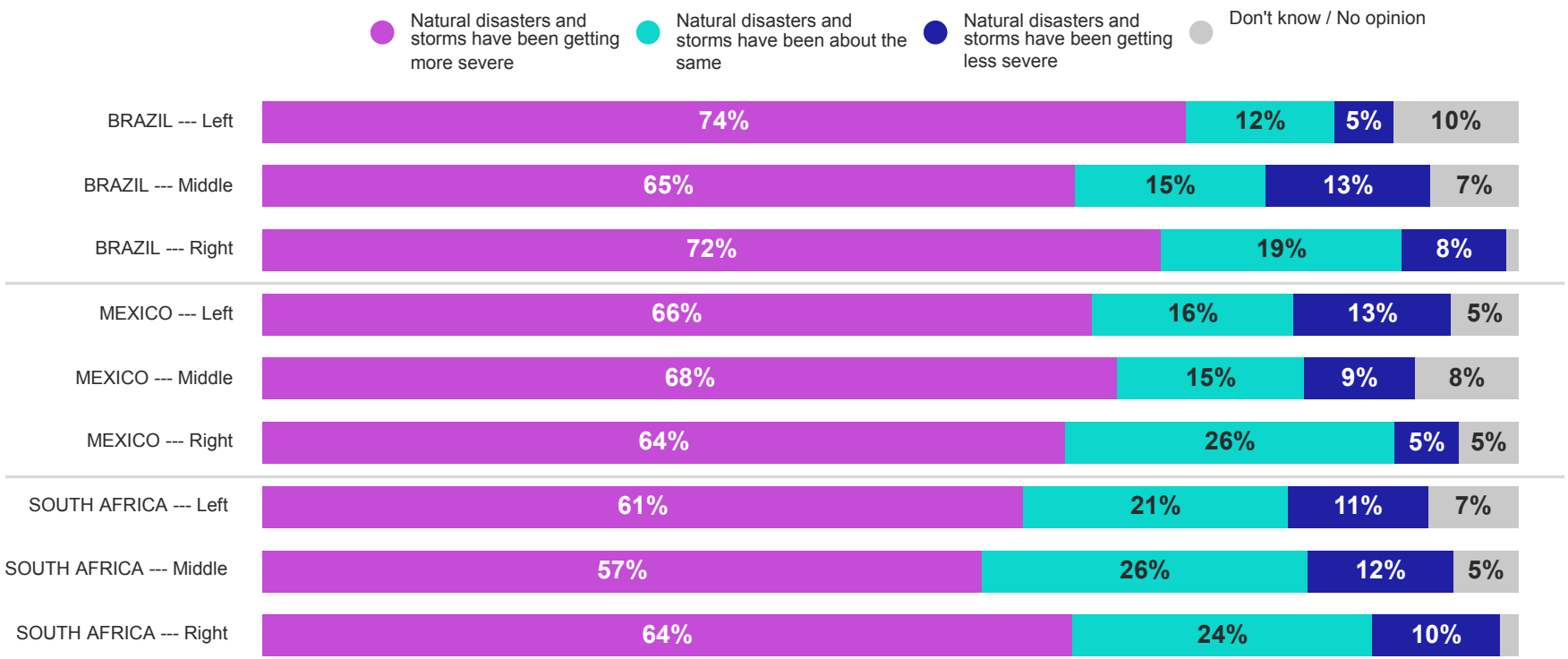

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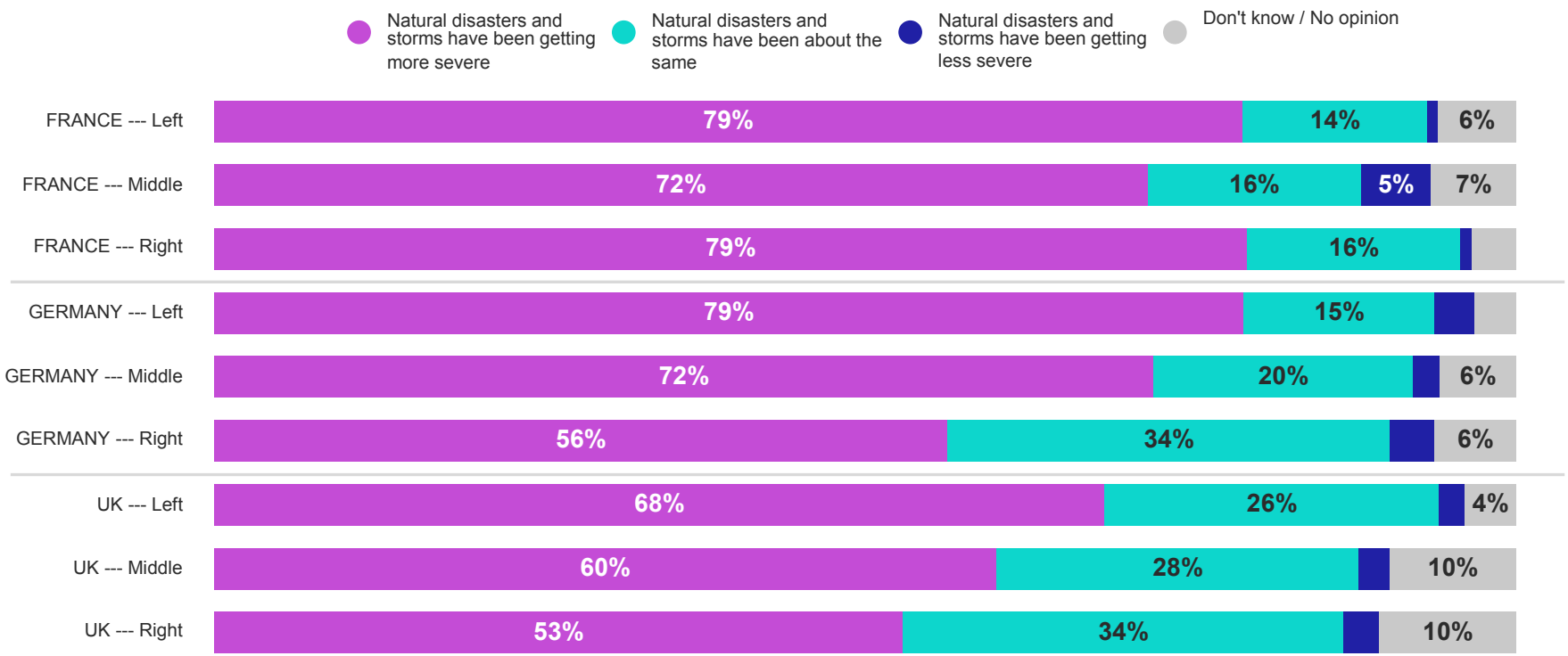

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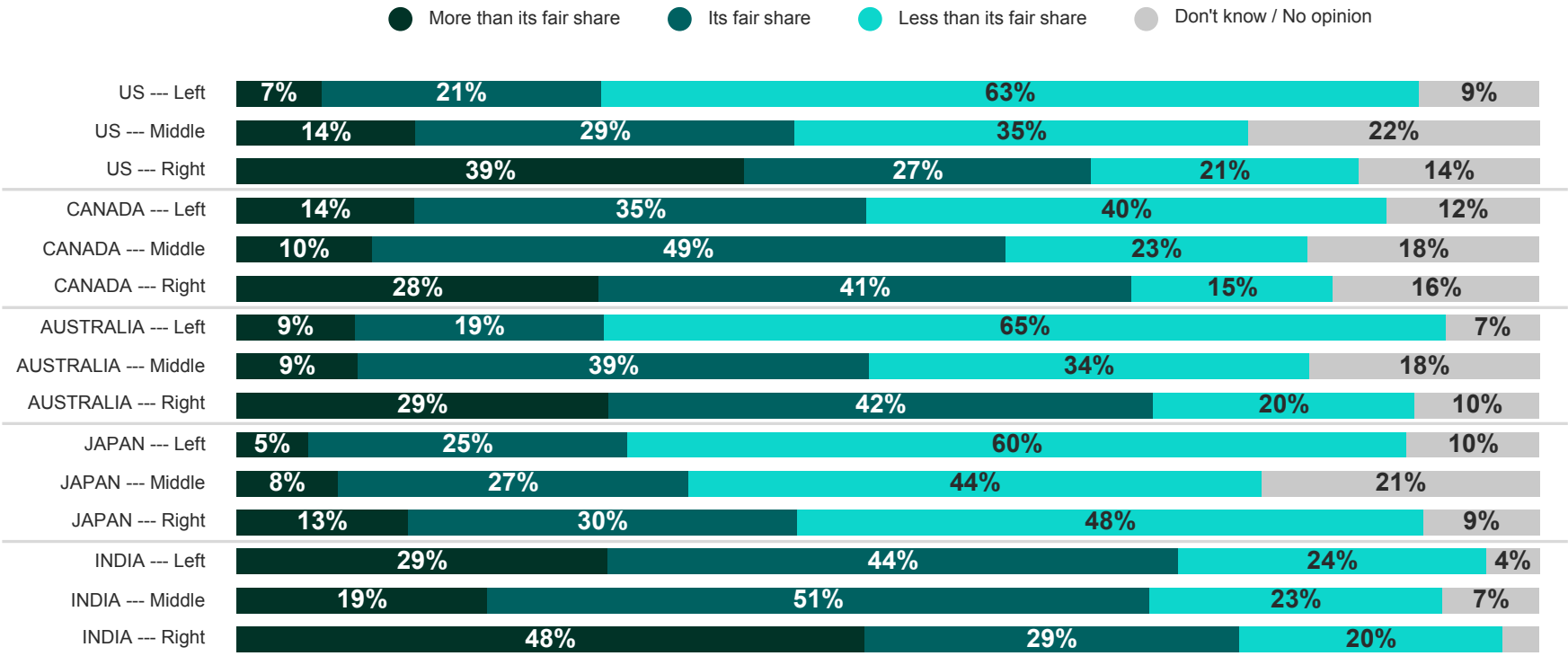

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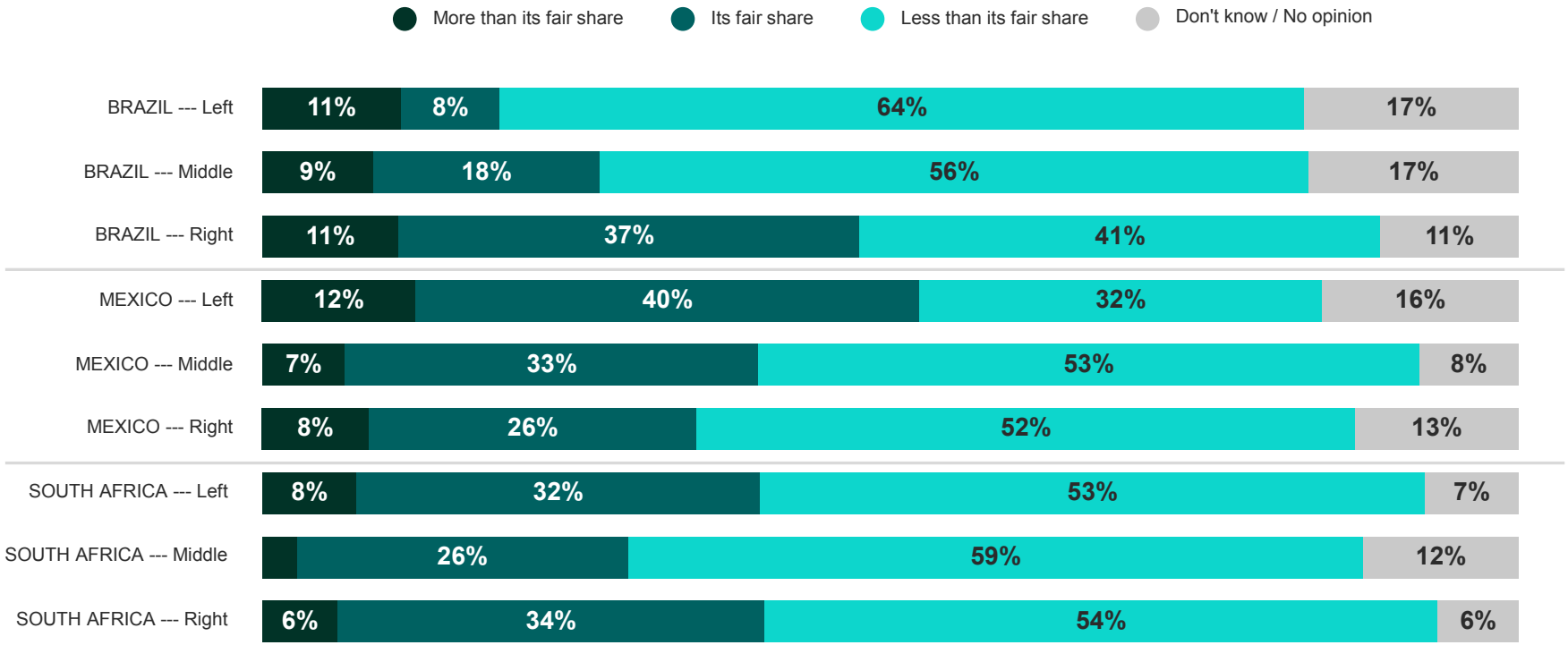

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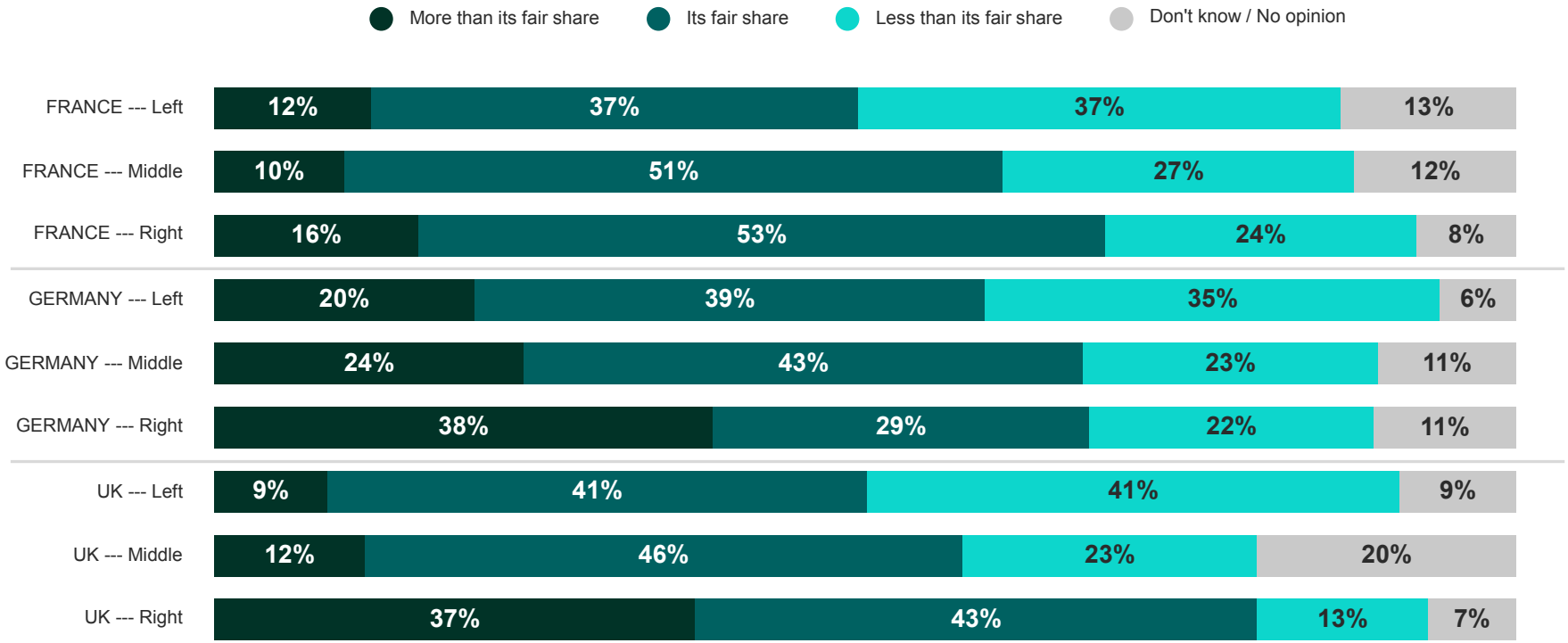

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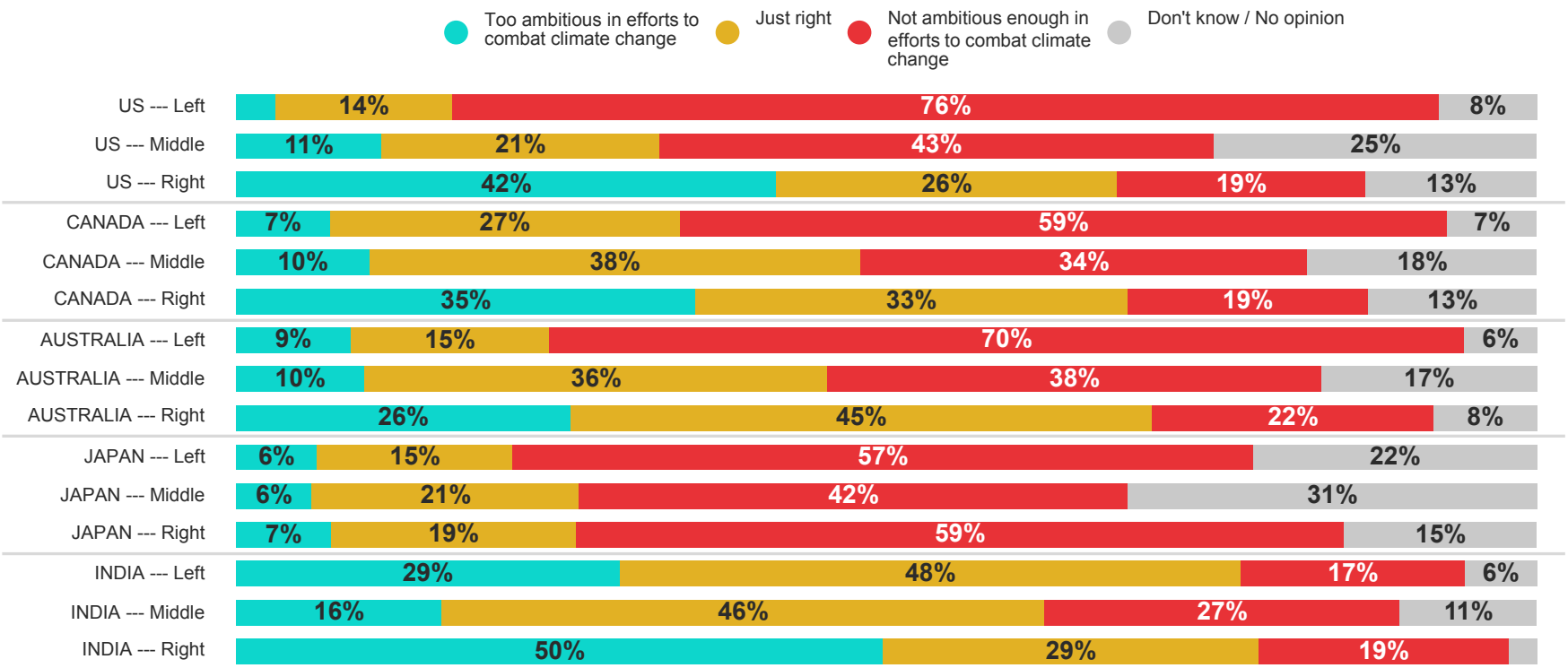

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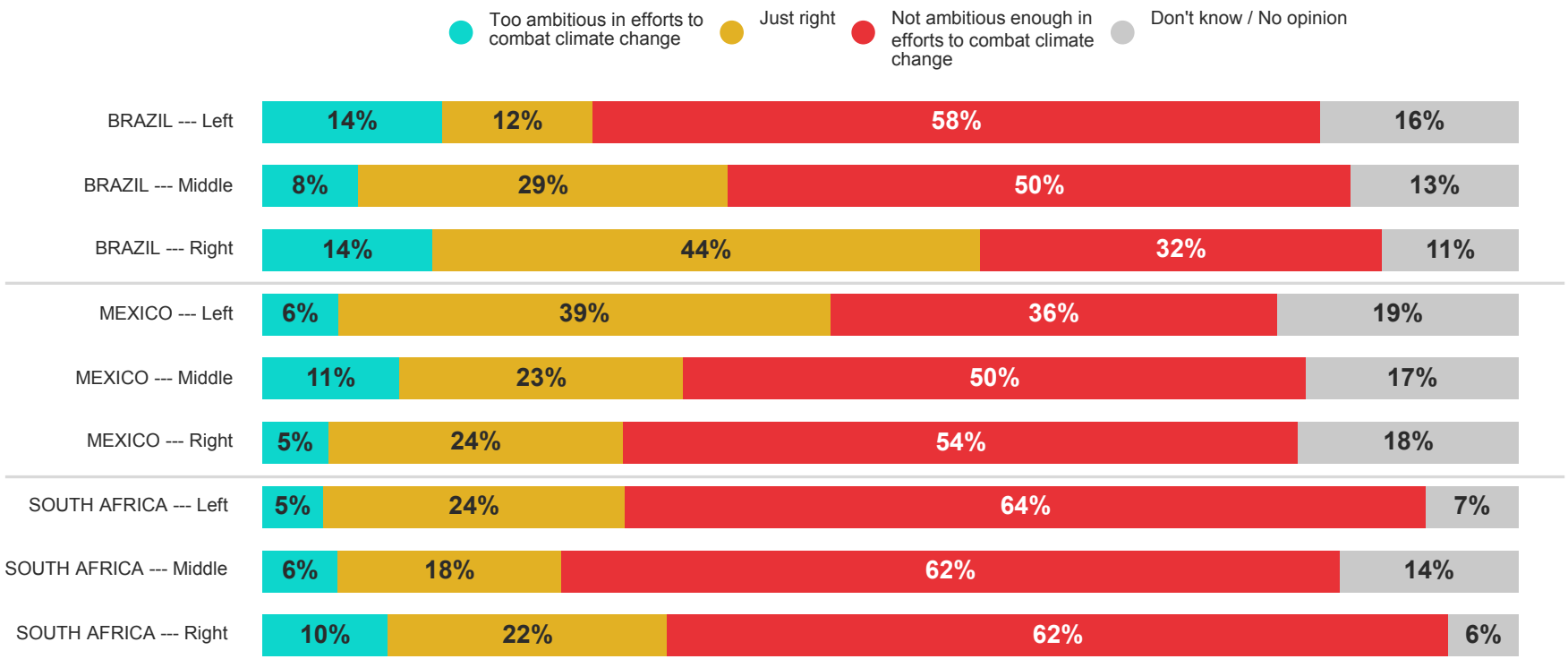

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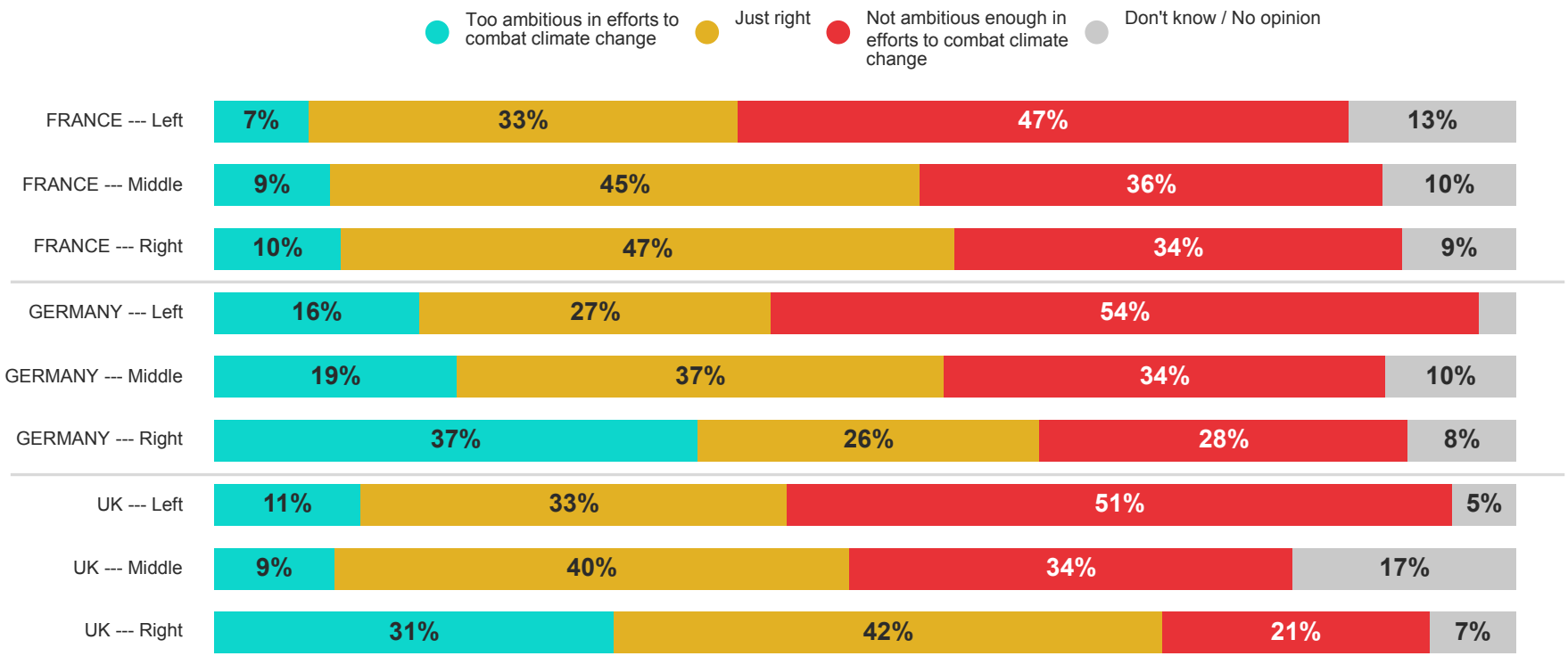

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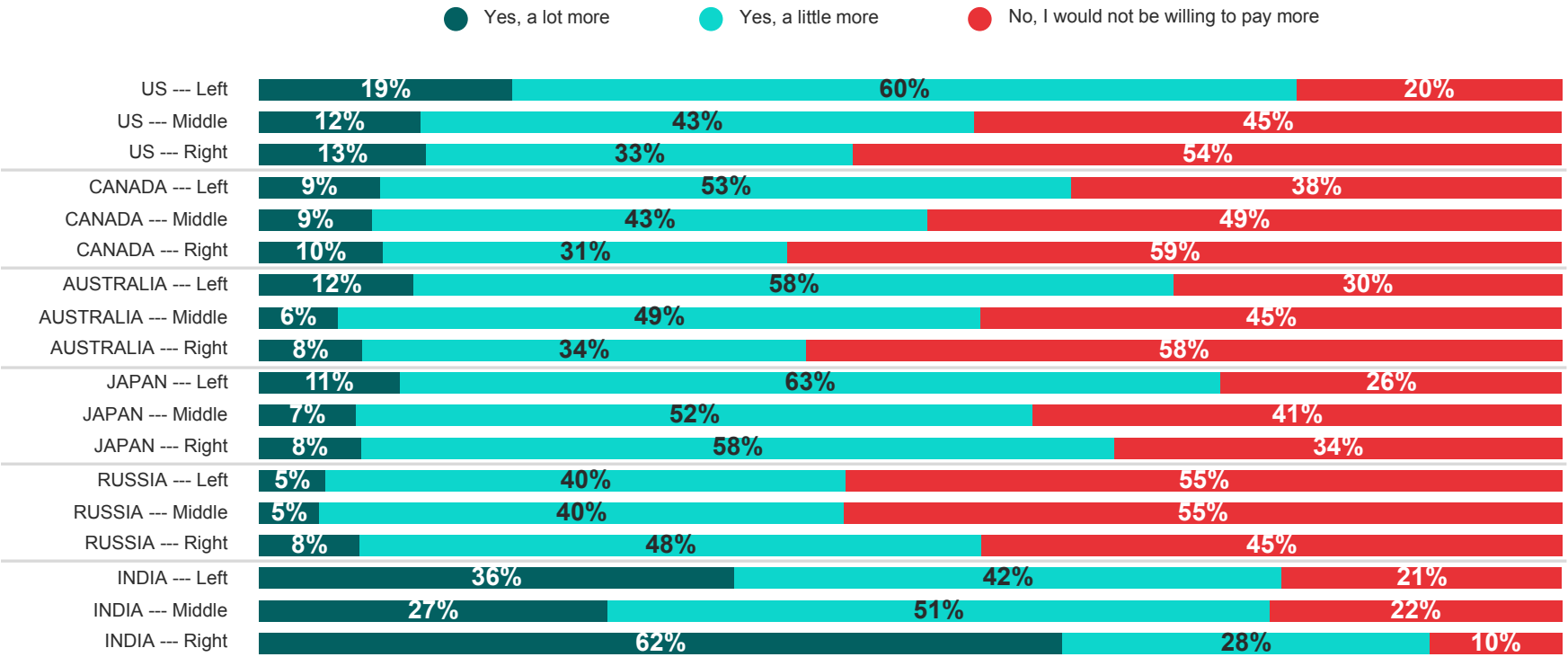

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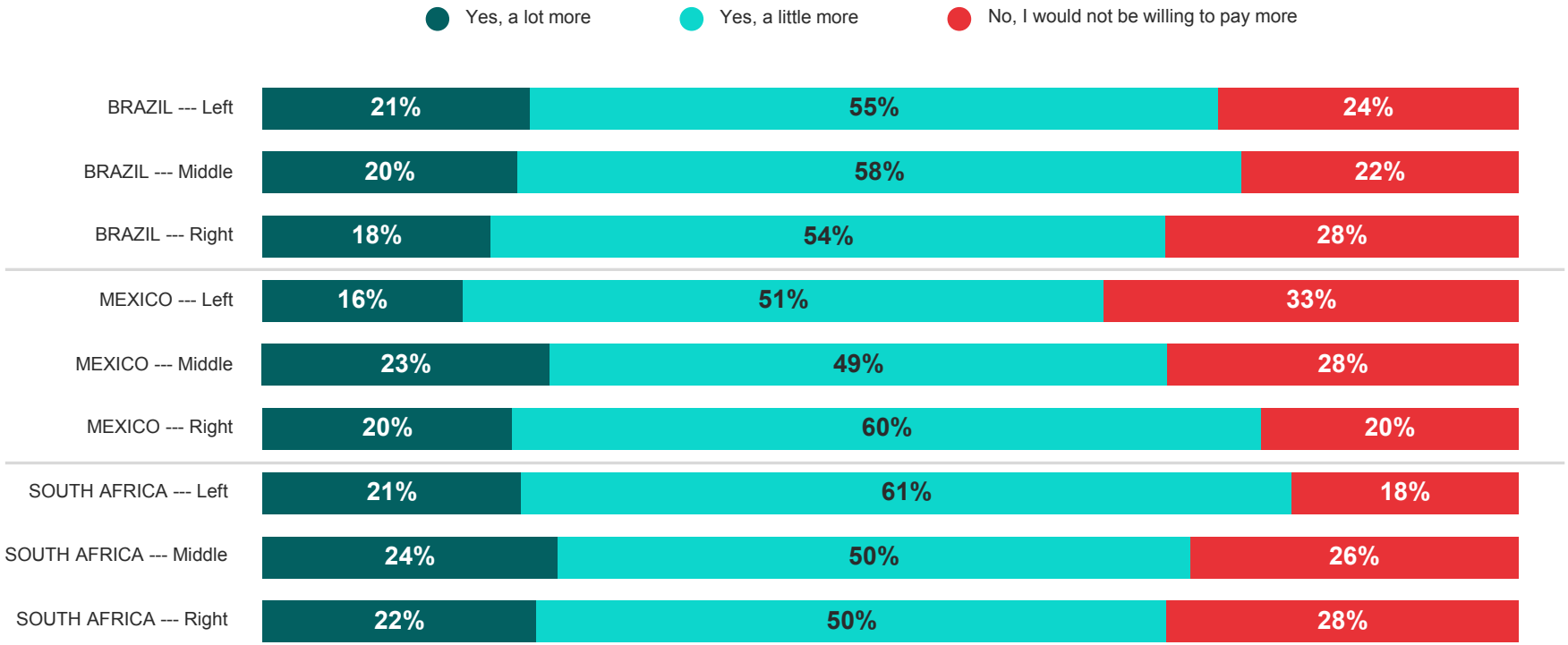

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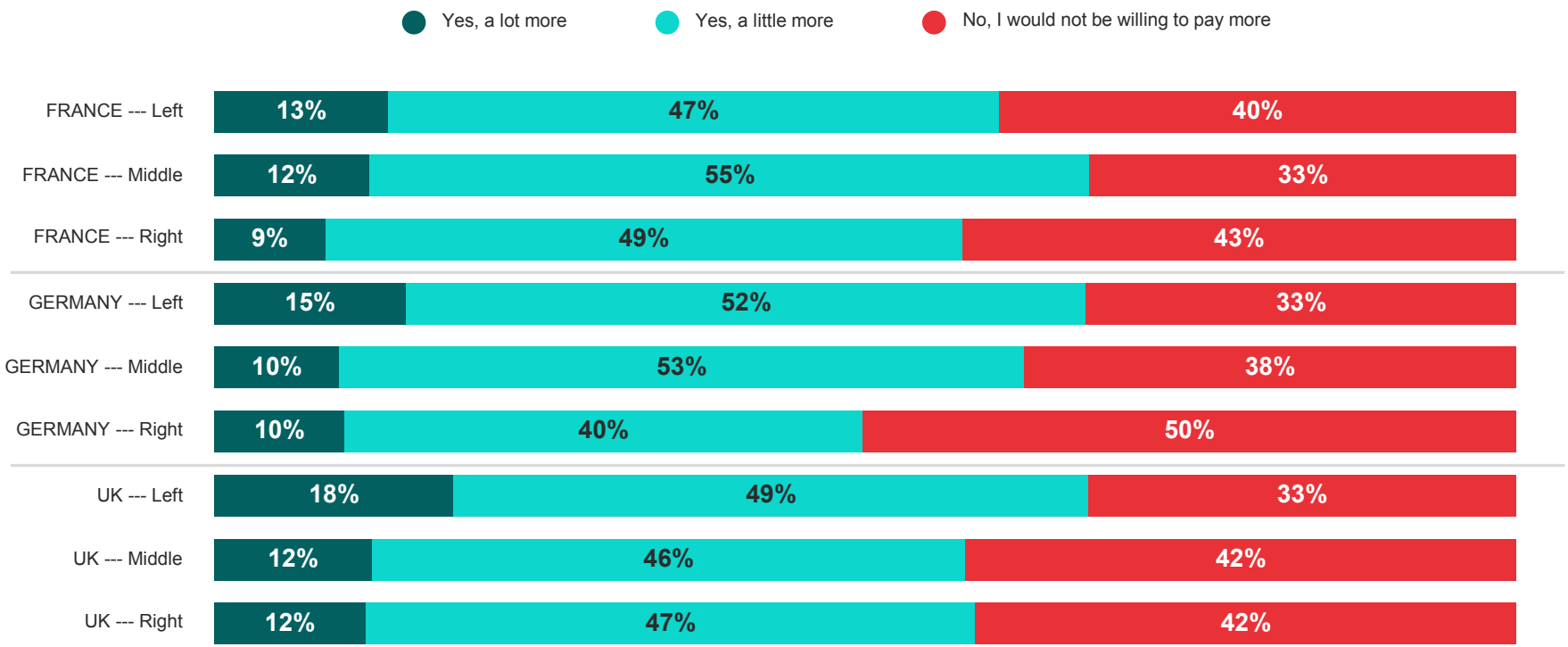

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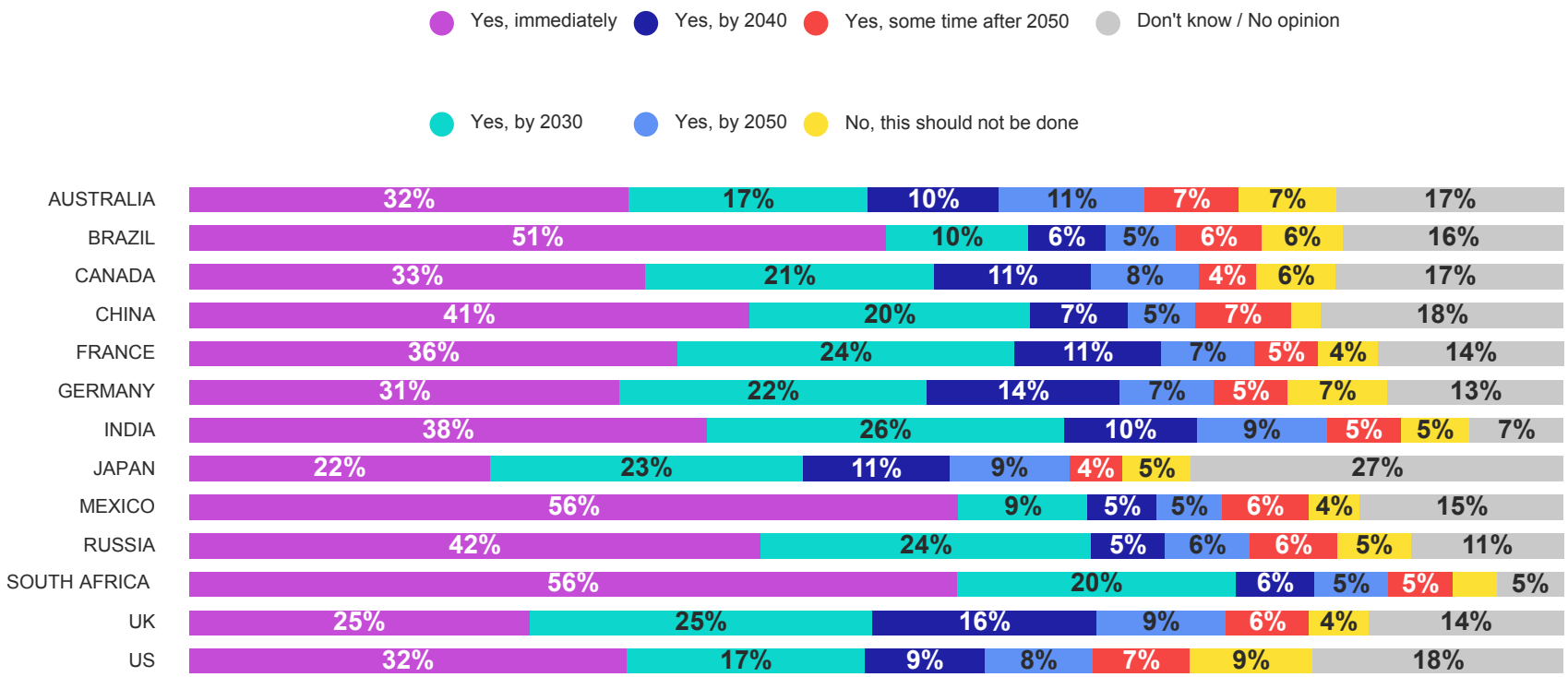

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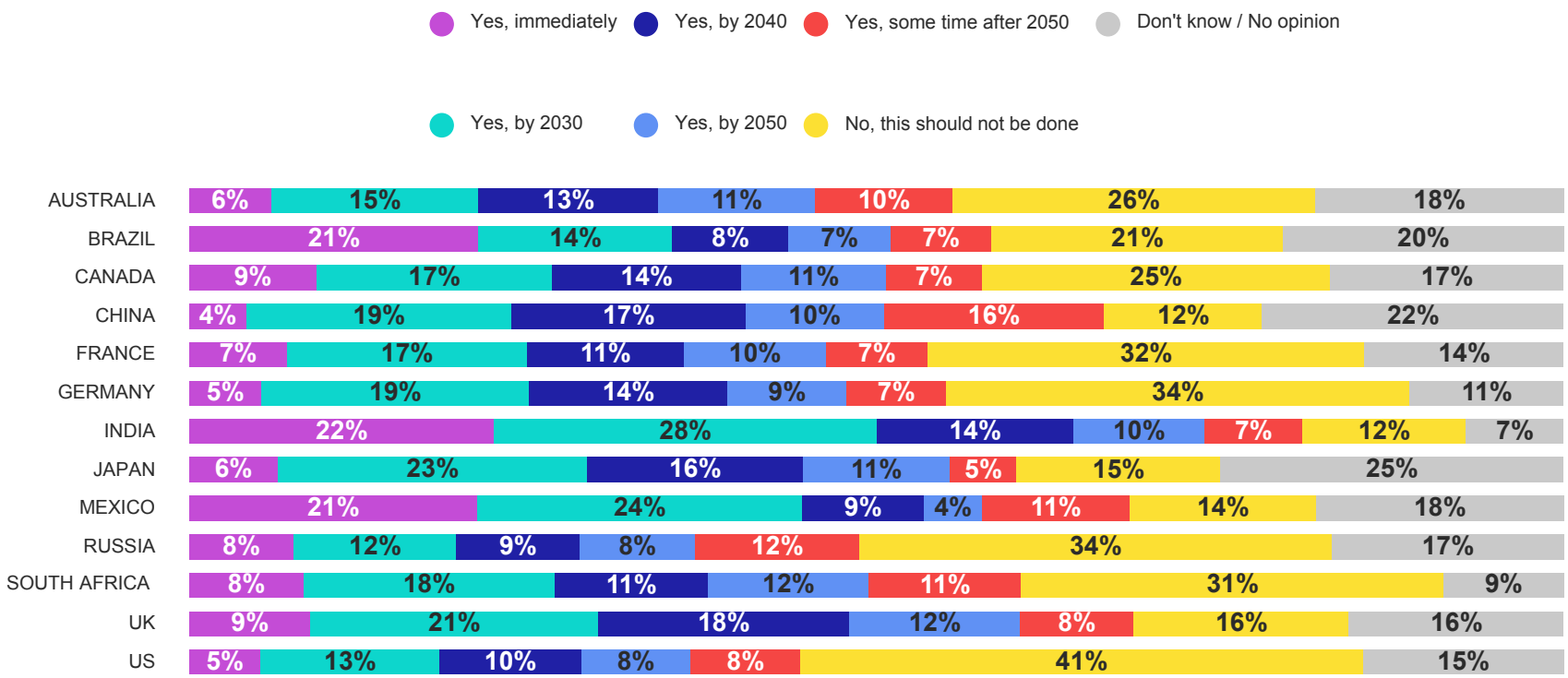

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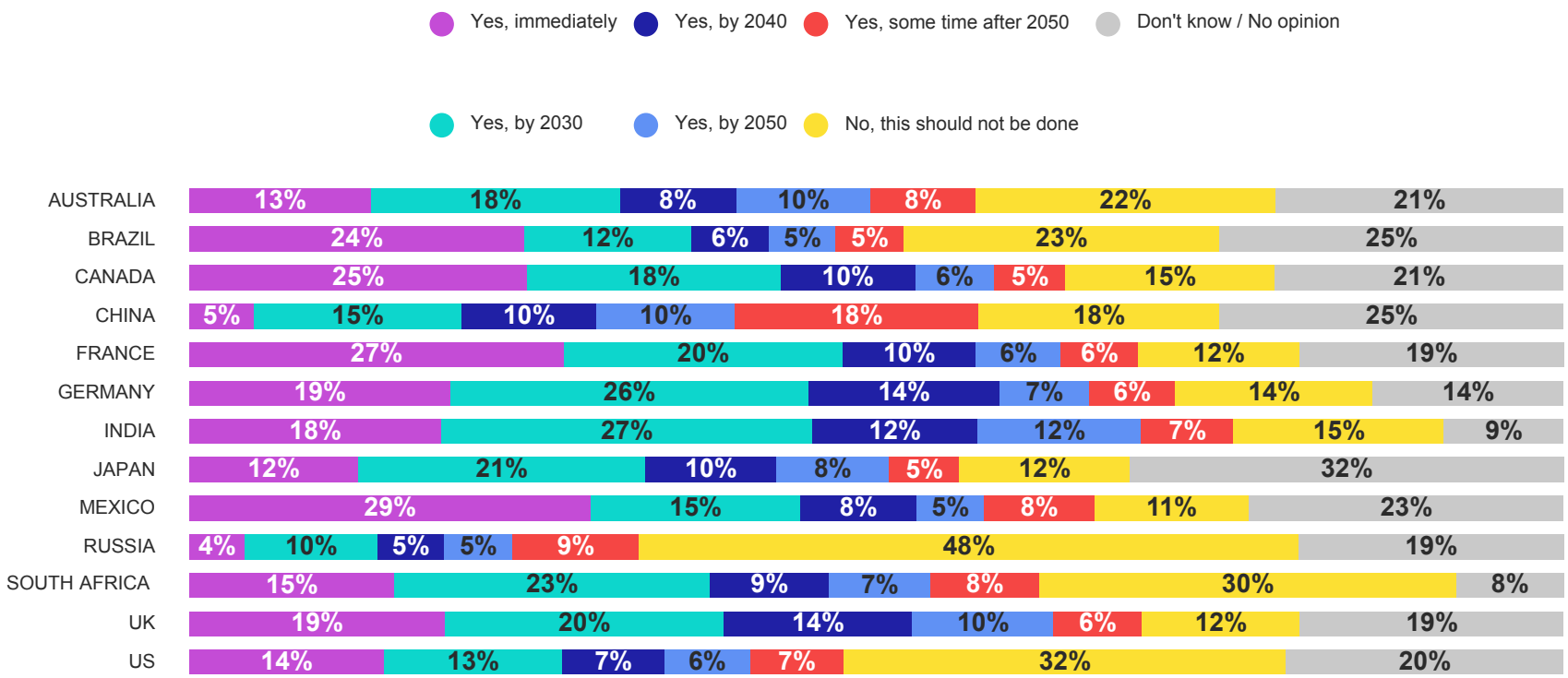

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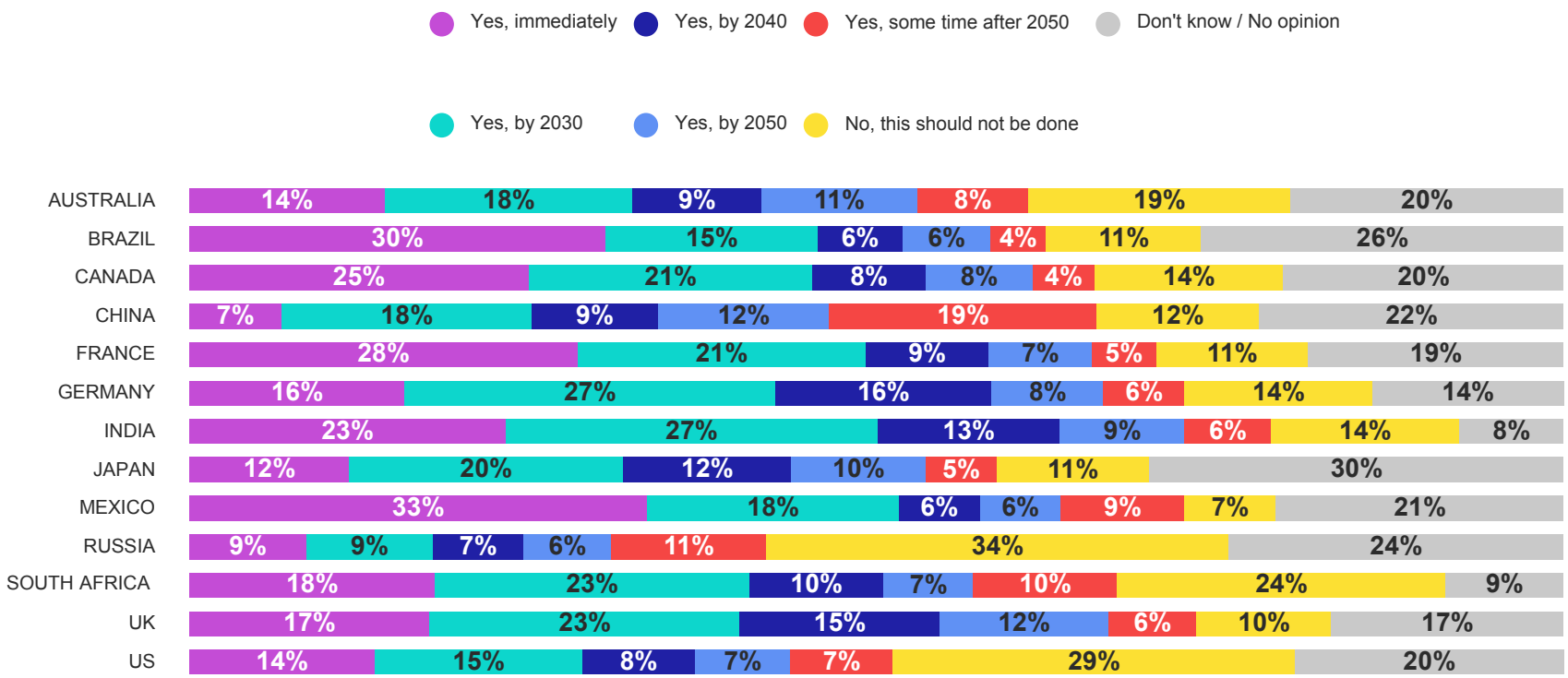
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