

Gender equality

French opinions

+ comparison with Germany, UK & USA

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Executive summary



Views on gender equality domestically and on a global level

- ✓ Women are more likely than men to acknowledge gender inequality in their own country.
- ✓ Center and left-wing supporters more or less share the same opinions and perception about gender equality issues in their own country.
- ✓ Probably due to factual differences between French, German, British and American situations, opinions and perceptions are different in the 4 countries, although general trends are the same.
- ✓ Education is a good incentive for promoting gender equality as a worthwhile or relevant investment.
- ✓ About 27% of French respondents are worried about (the perception of) ethnocentrism in tackling gender equality: a difference between a developed-country definition or implementation of gender equality compared to local cultures or practices in developing countries.
- ✓ Fighting gender-based violence and giving the same professional opportunities to women are seen as top priorities.
- ✓ There is very strong support for the (French) project of feminist diplomacy, as well as proposal to fund feminist or women's rights organisations: gender equality is a matter of diplomacy and law.

Domestic issues

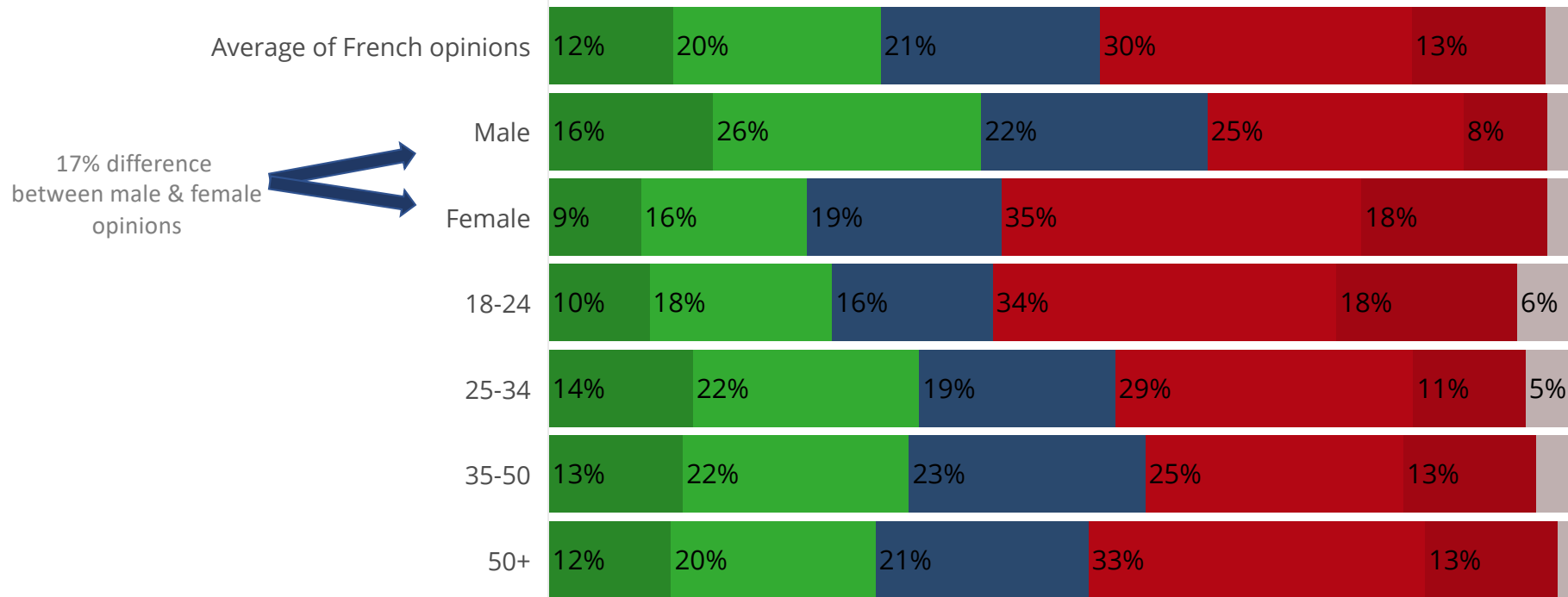
tackling gender inequality at a national level





Men and women are equal in France. Do you agree?

According to age & gender



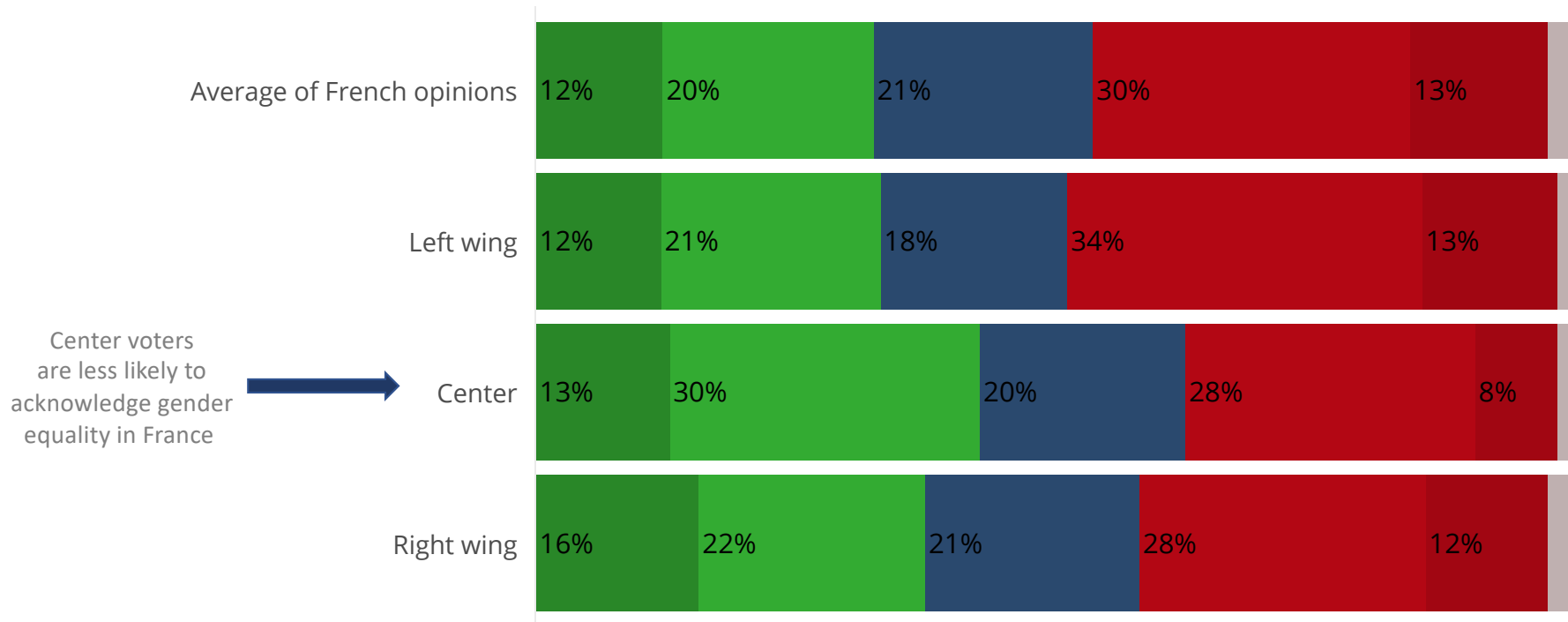
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According to political orientation



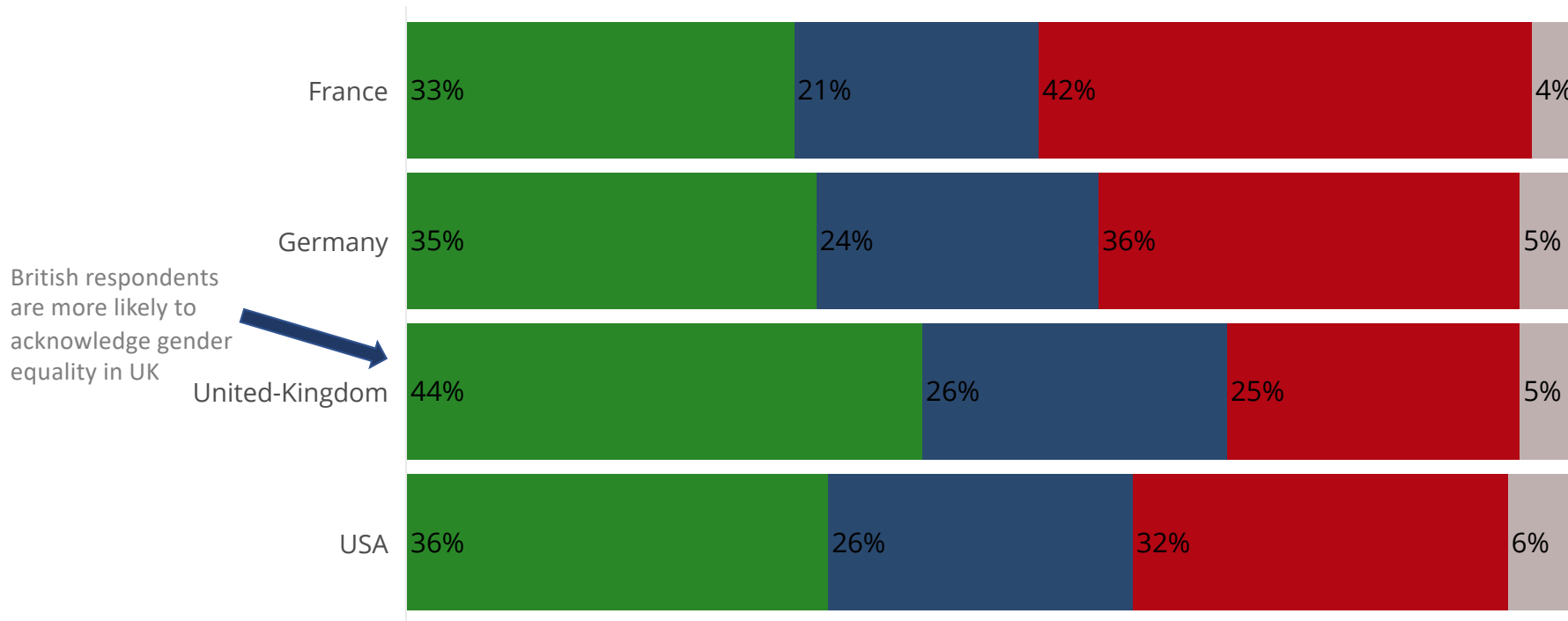
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Comparison between French, German, British and American opinions



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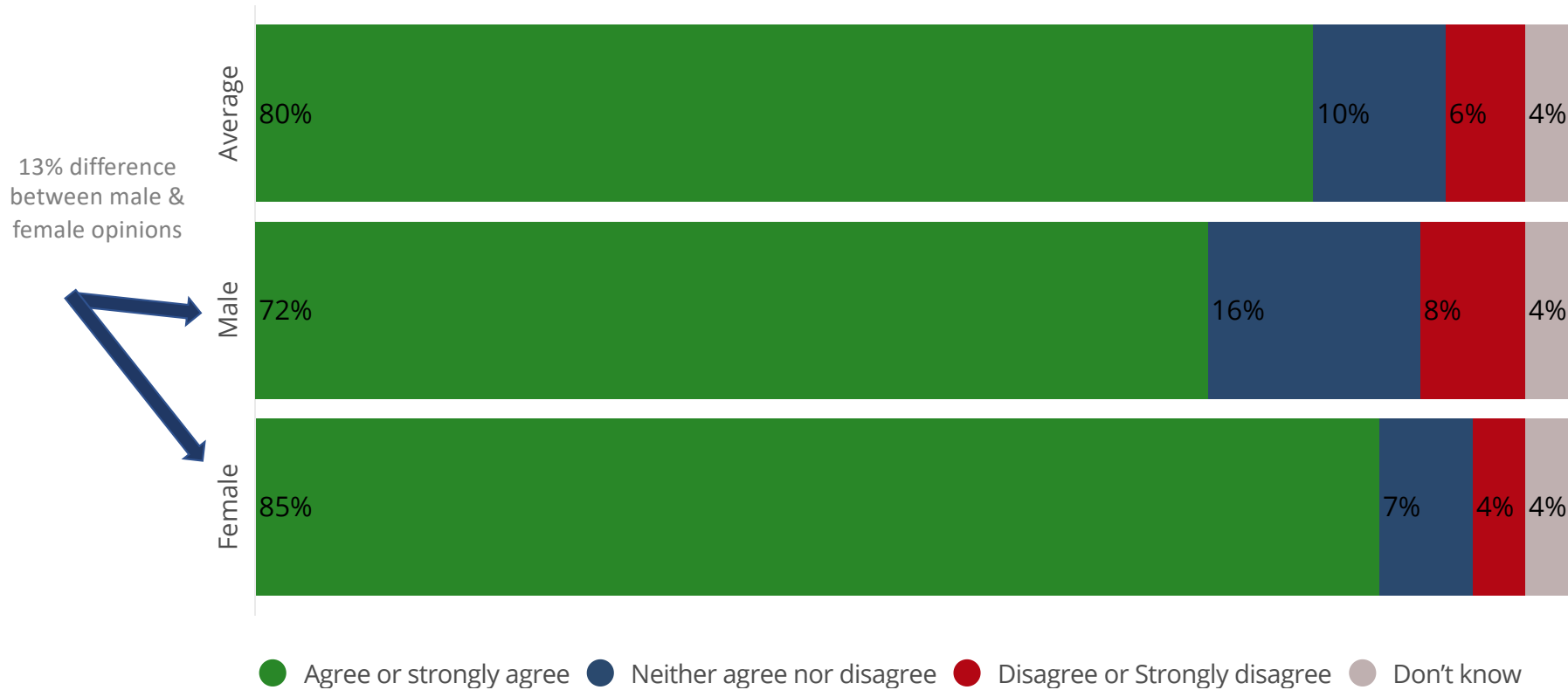
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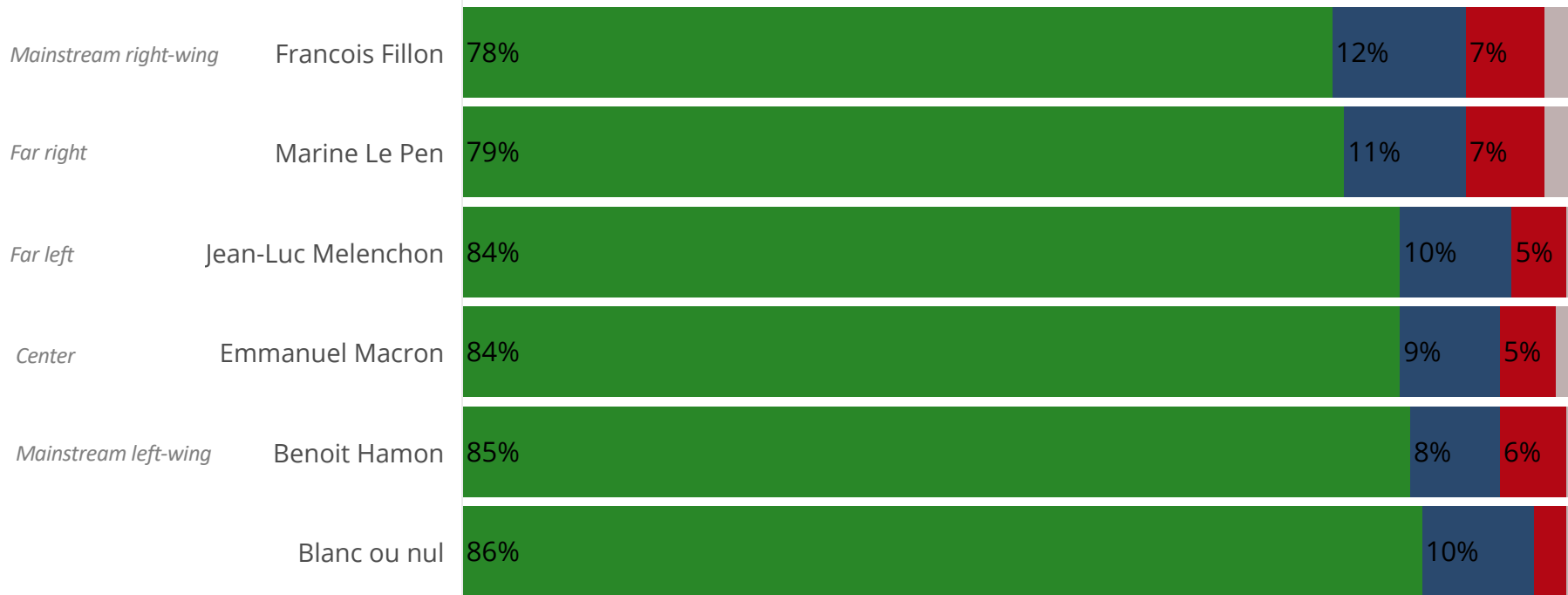


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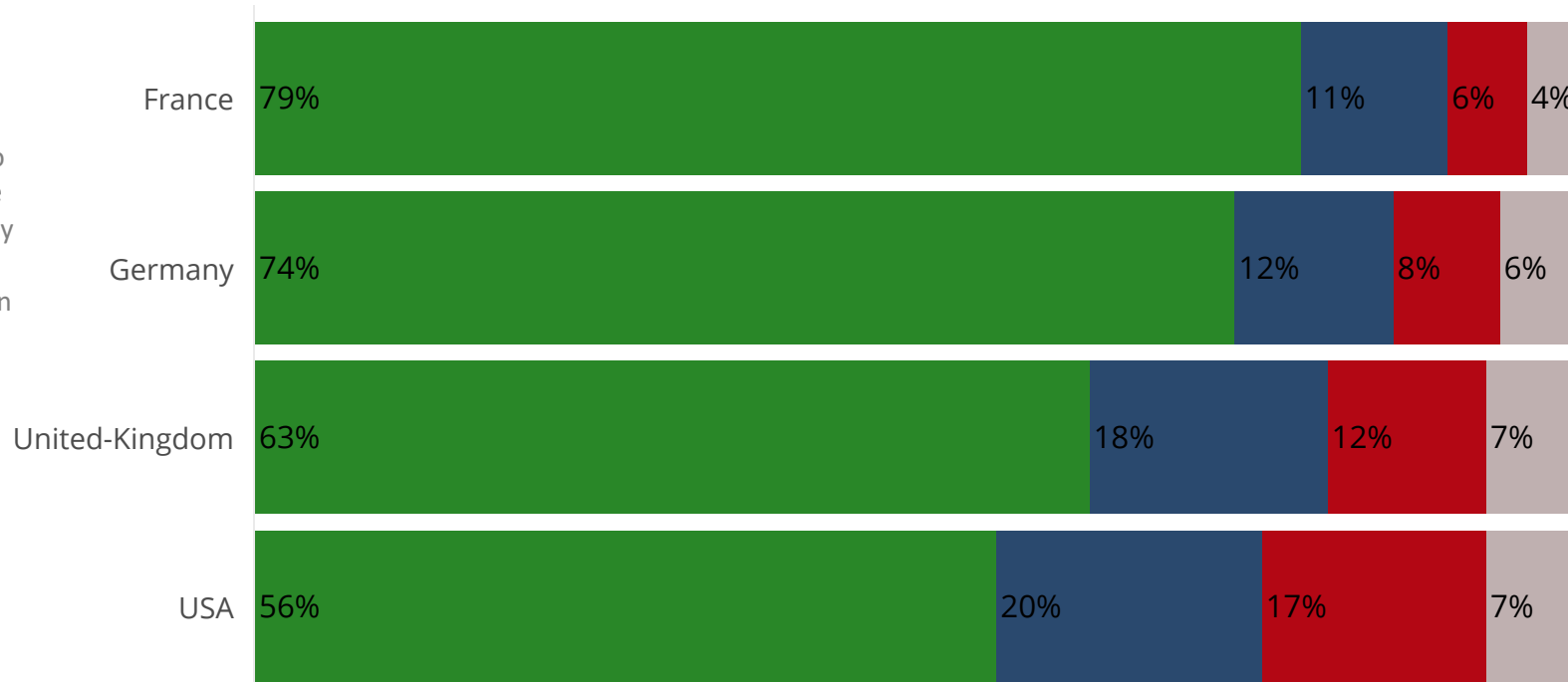
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French respondents more likely to acknowledge the gender pay gap between men & women



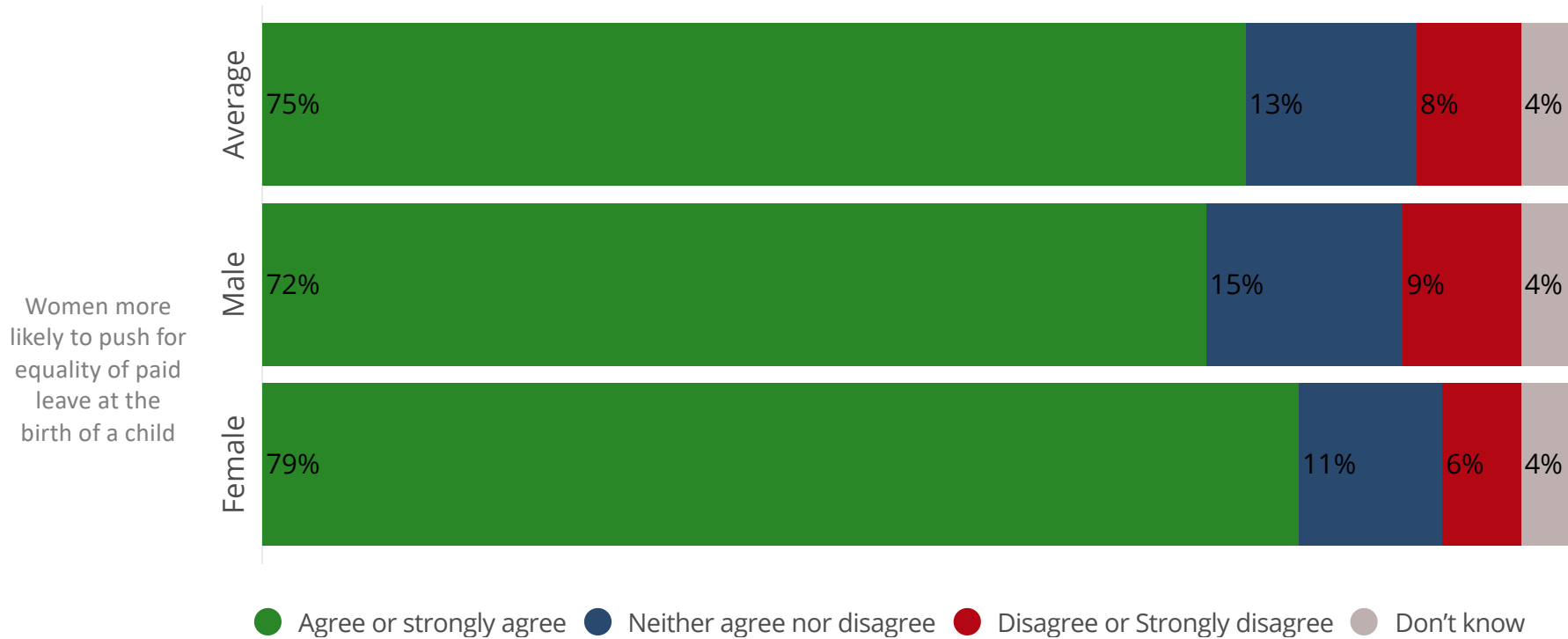
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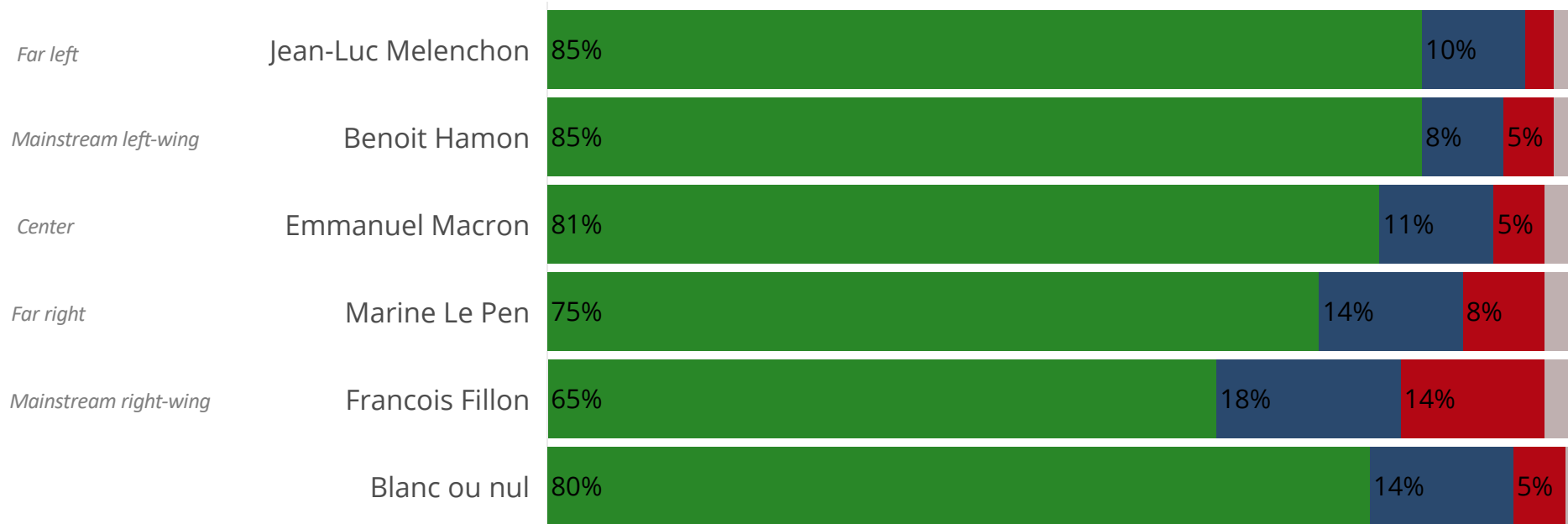


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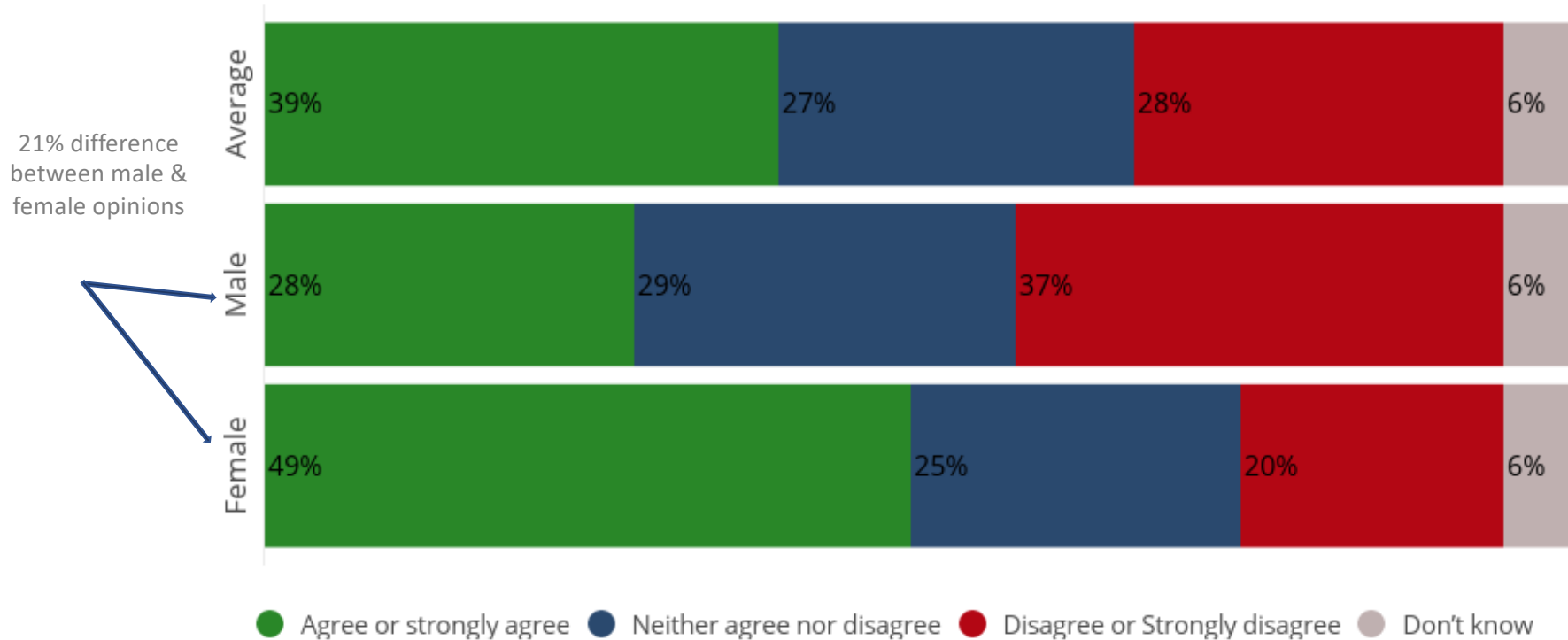
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Most men feel threatened by the capability of women. Do you agree?

According to the gender



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International issues

tackling gender inequality globally

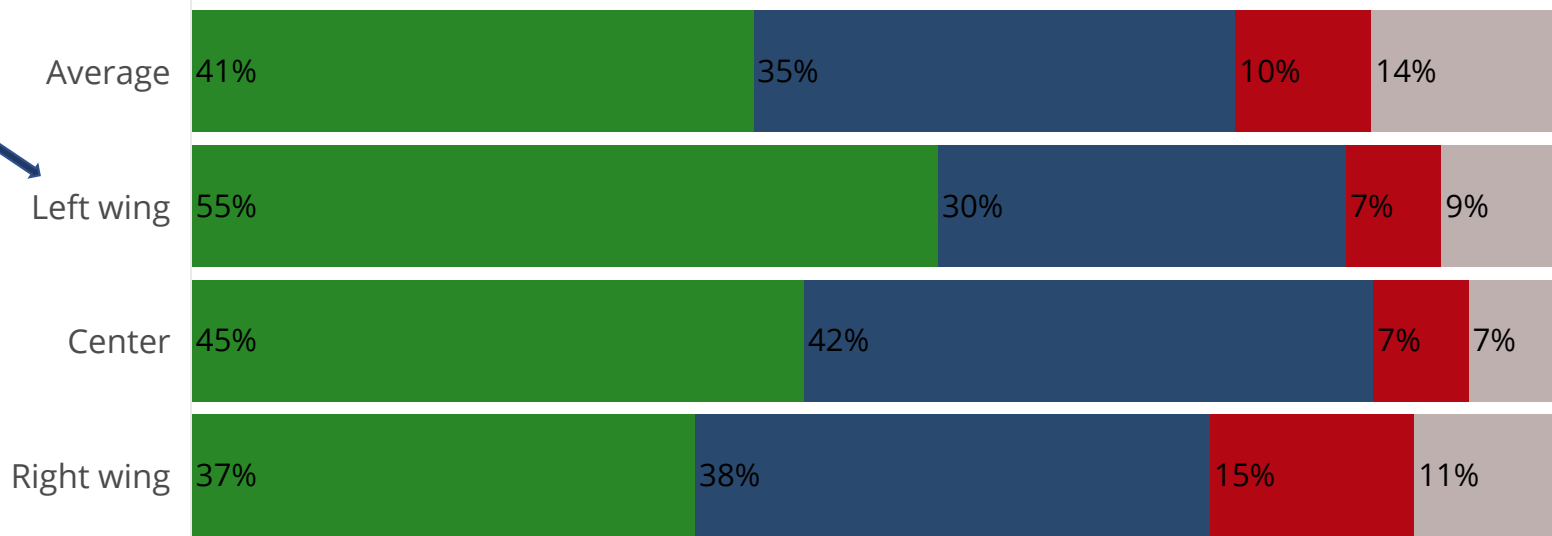
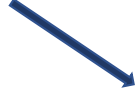




Should international organizations give more or less priority to gender inequality?

According to political orientation

Mostly supported by left-wing voters



- Give more priority to gender inequality
- Don't change anything
- Give less priority to gender inequality
- Don't know

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Tackling gender inequality across the world is the right thing to do. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

According to political orientation

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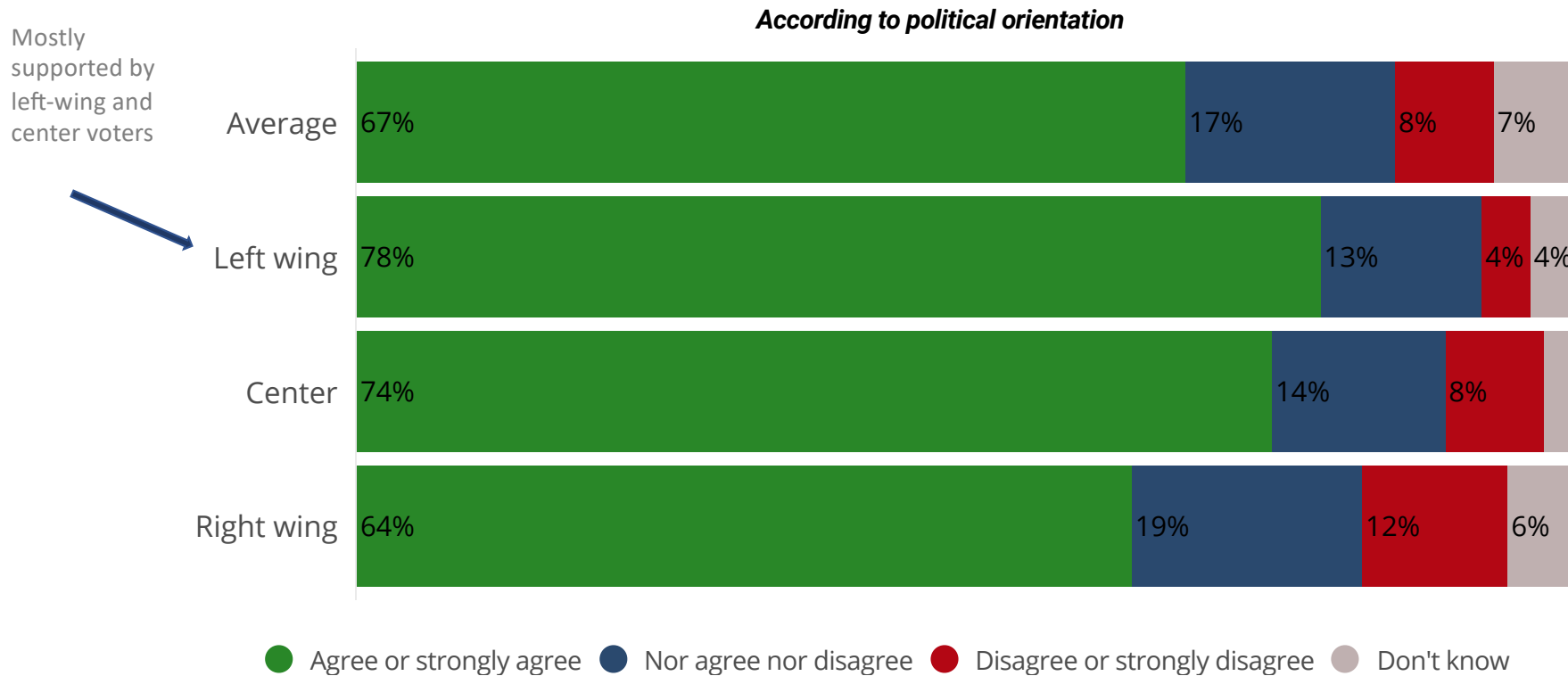


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Tackling gender inequality across the world is a smart investment. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

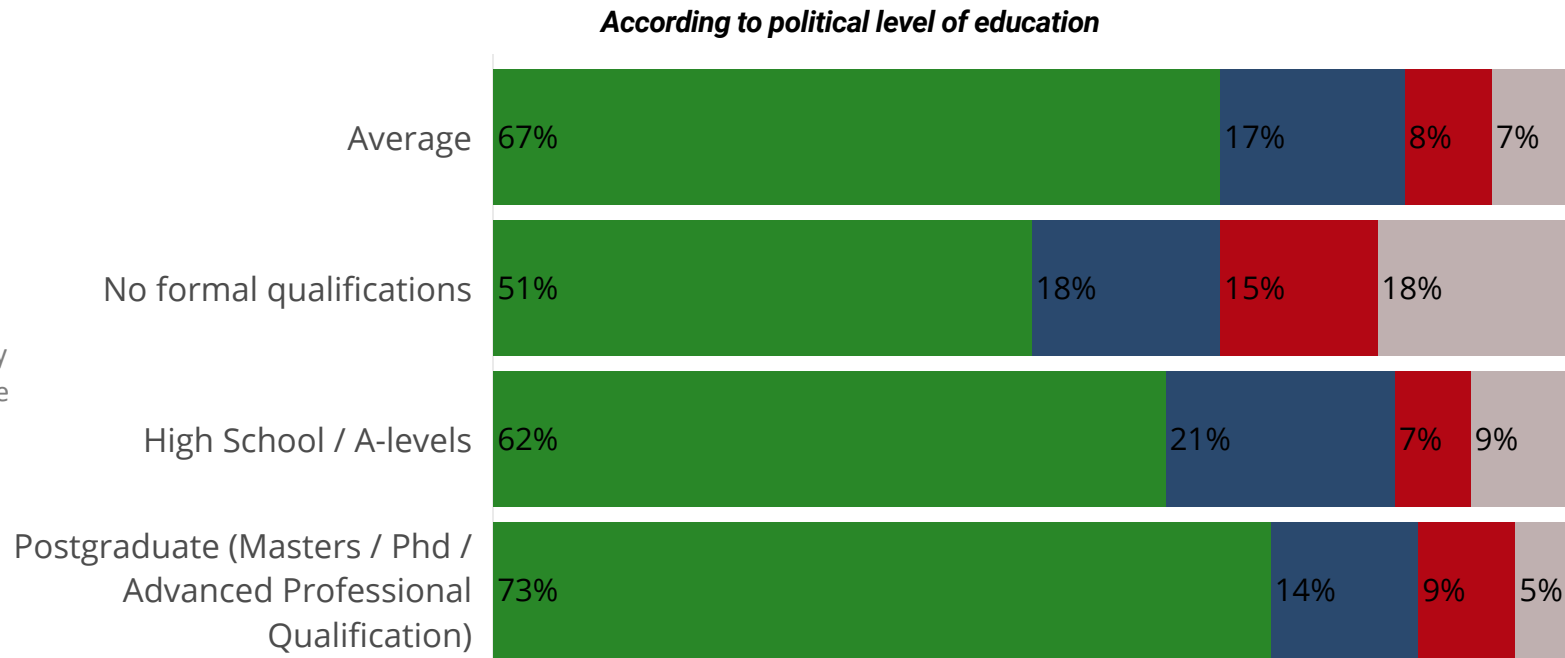


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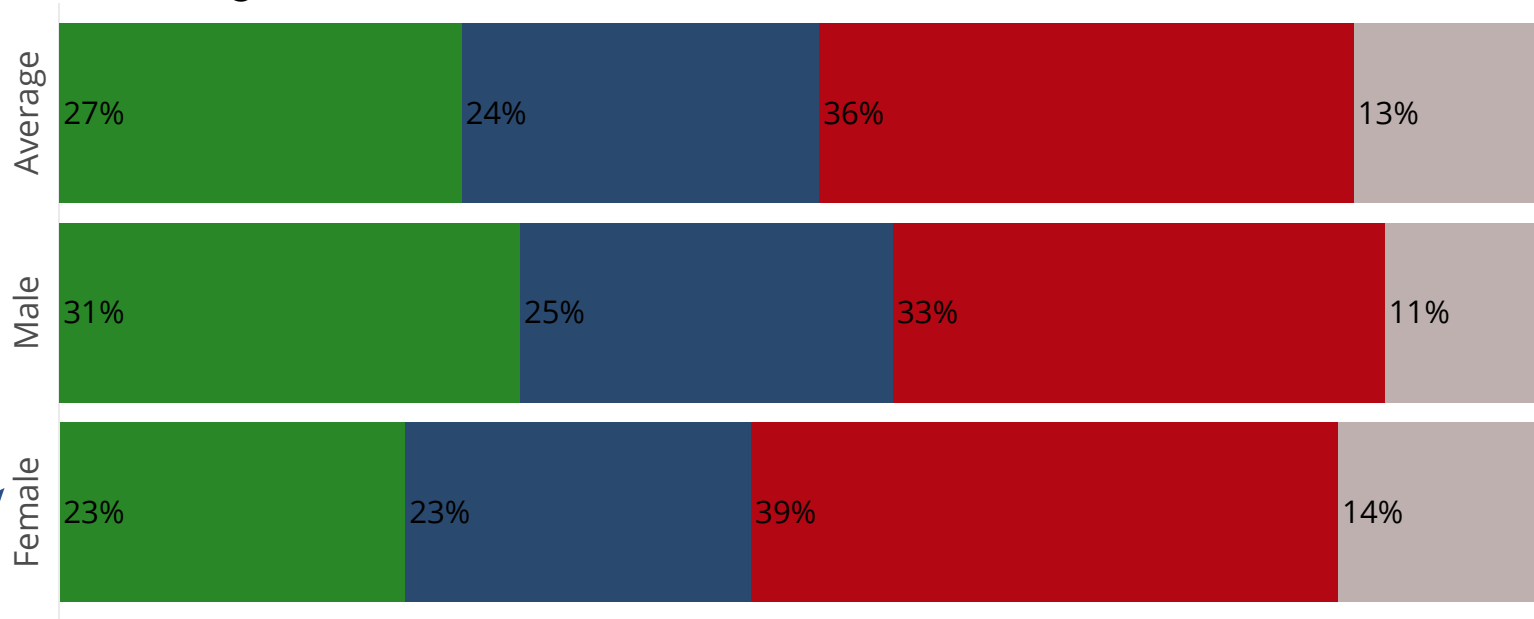
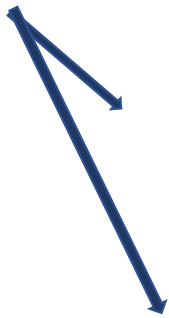
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According to gender

Men are more likely to acknowledge a risk of ethnocentrism.



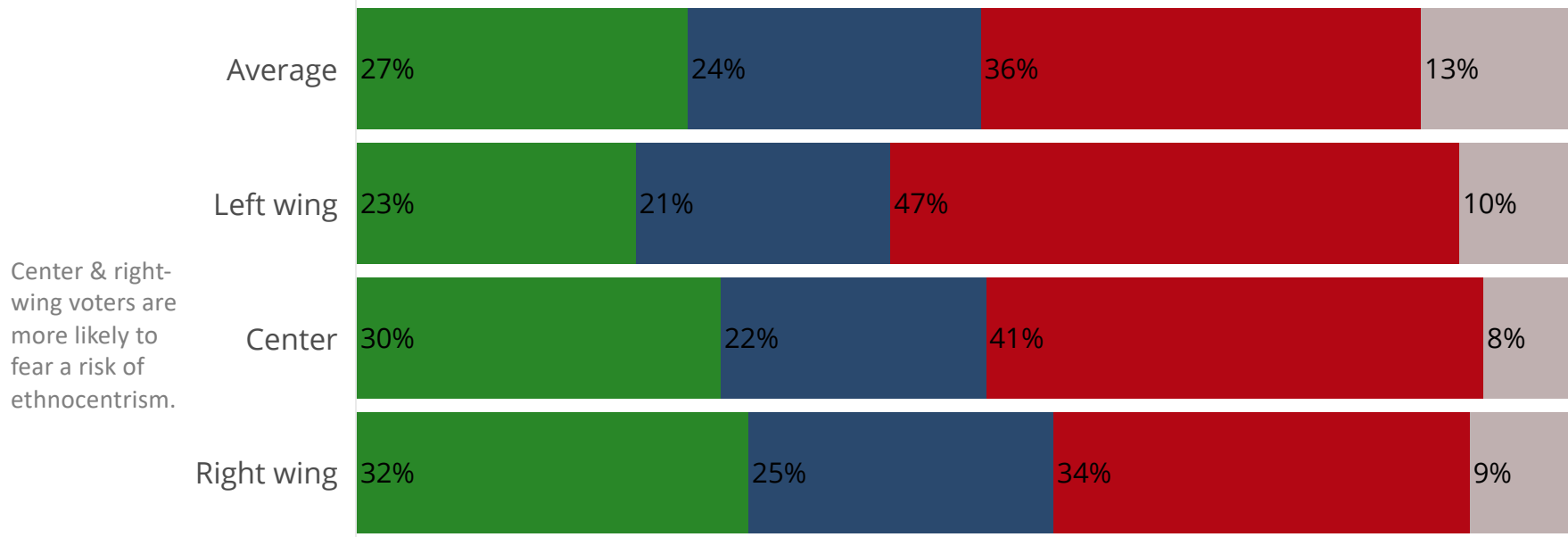
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According to political orientation



Center & right-wing voters are more likely to fear a risk of ethnocentrism.

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A core focus of many international organizations is to address gender inequalities. Please list the following statements about gender equality in order of importance.

Violence against women & labor issues are top priorities

Equality in politics is barely seen as an issue.

Changing mentalities by teaching men about gender equality is not seen as important.

Fighting gender-based violence

Access to professional responsibilities

Conditions of women at work

Women's material autonomy

Helping sex workers

Women's access to water

Supporting local gender equality

Women's representation in politics

Women's access to energy

Access to a professional life

Train men in gender equality

Allow women to inherit

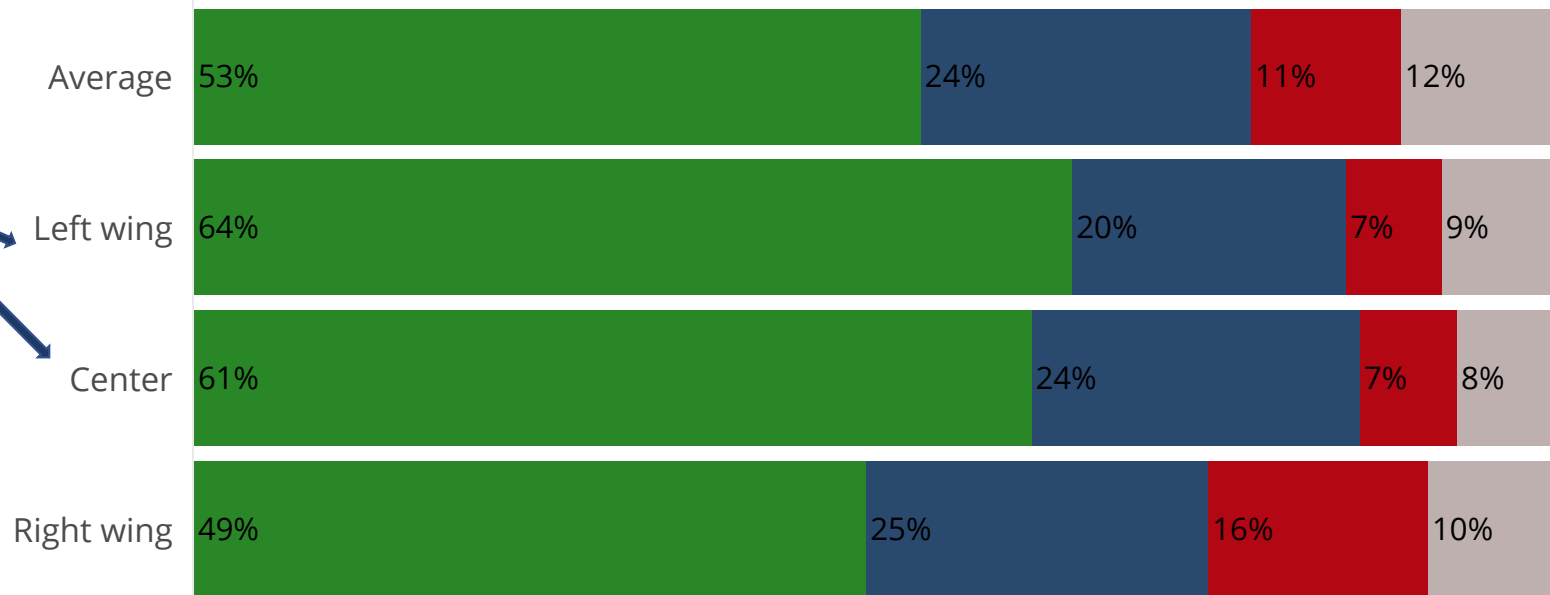
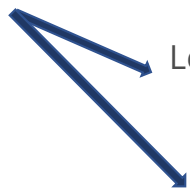
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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: promoting women's rights in the poorest countries should be a priority for French development aid.

According to political orientation

Mostly supported by left-wing & center voters



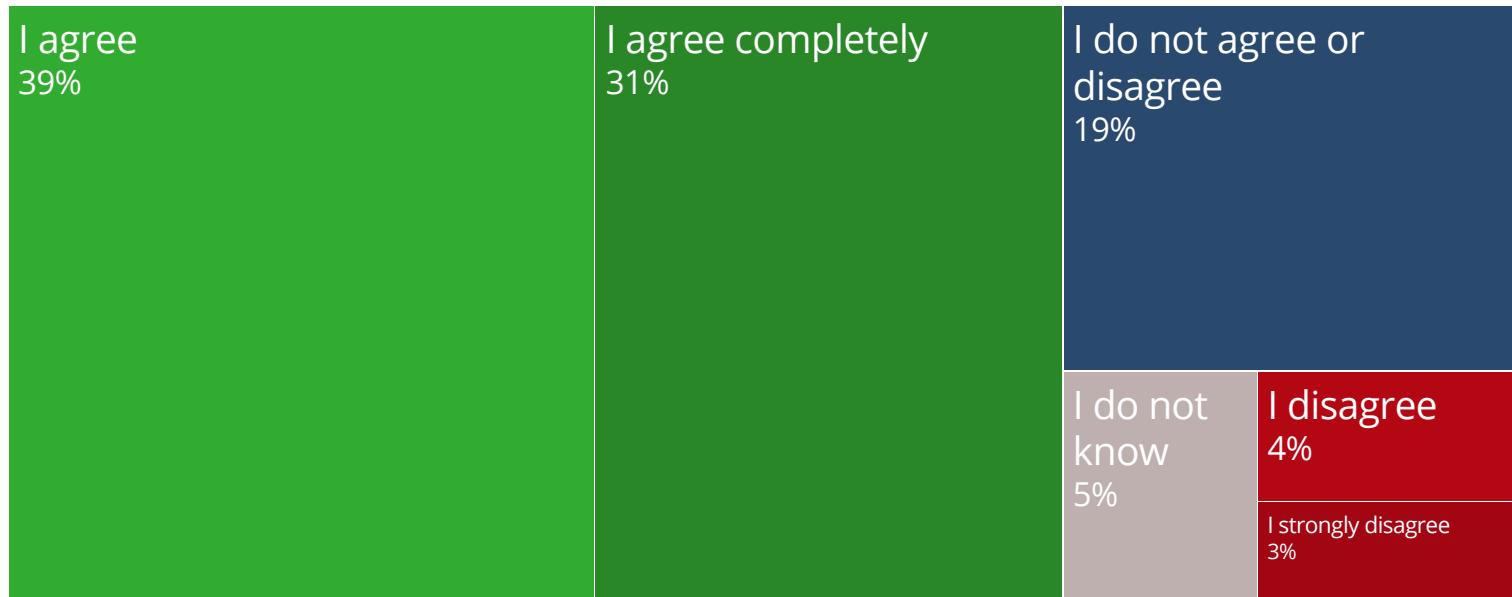
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France has decided to create a fund to support women's rights associations in poor countries. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this measure?

Strong & clear support in French opinions. Only 7% oppose this fund.



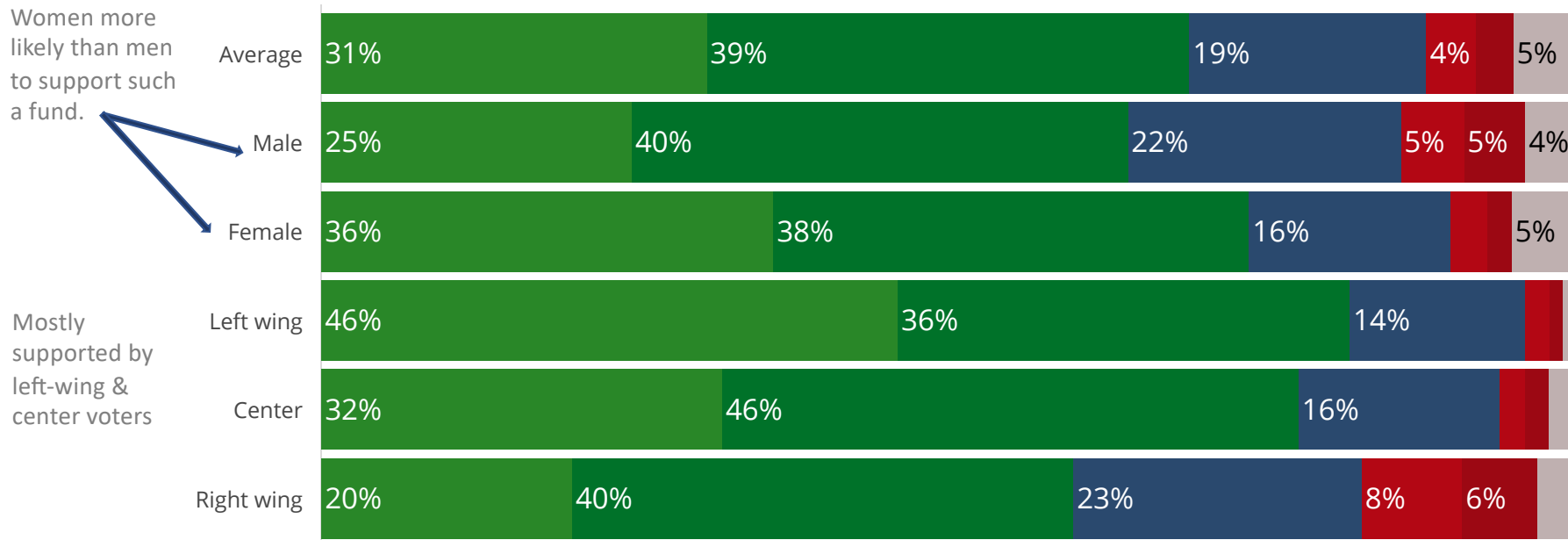
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According to gender and political orientation



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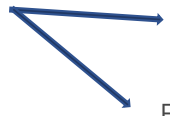
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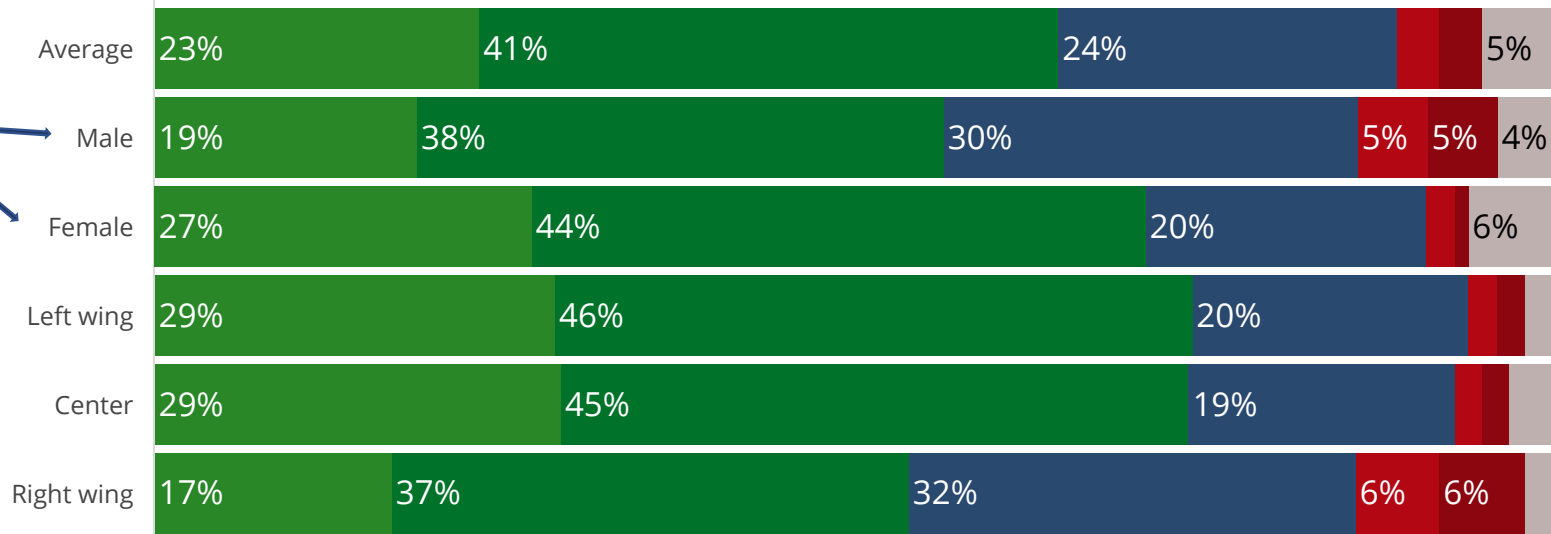


France has decided to adopt a feminist diplomacy to promote the rights of women on the international scene. To what extent do you agree or disapprove of this decision?
 according to gender and political orientation

14% difference between male & female opinions



Equal support both from both left-wing & center voters.



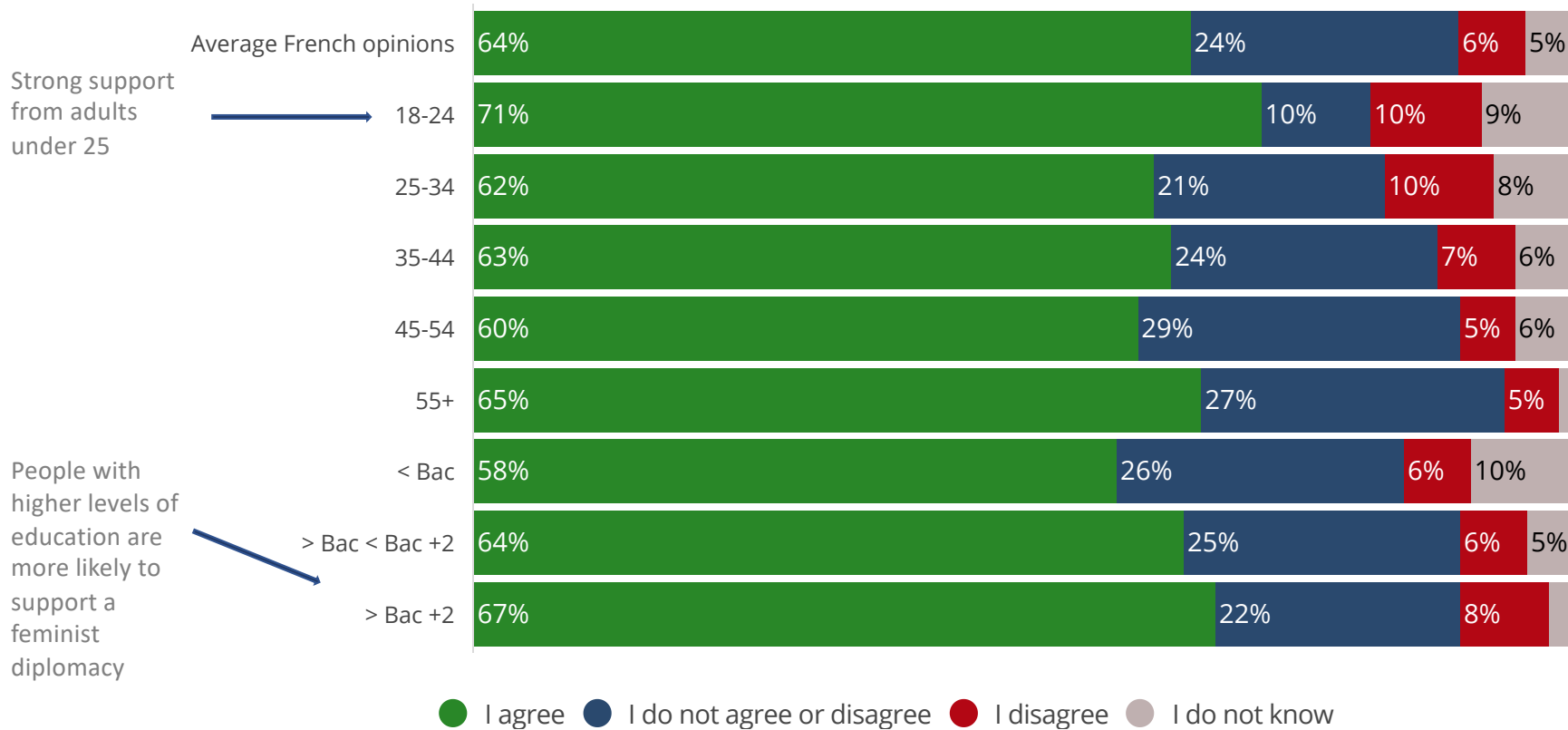
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