

**96% AWARE OF
DISCOVERY OF REMAINS**

**A TURNING POINT IN
PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR
ACTION FOR INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE?**

**BROAD SUPPORT FOR ACTION
TO RECOGNIZE AND
RECONCILE RESIDENTIAL
SCHOOL IMPACTS**



DETAILED PROVINCIAL RESULTS

ALBERTANS REACT TO THE DISCOVERY OF REMAINS AT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

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

ABACUS DATA

METHODOLOGY

The survey was conducted with 463 Albertan adults between the dates of June 4 to 8, 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.

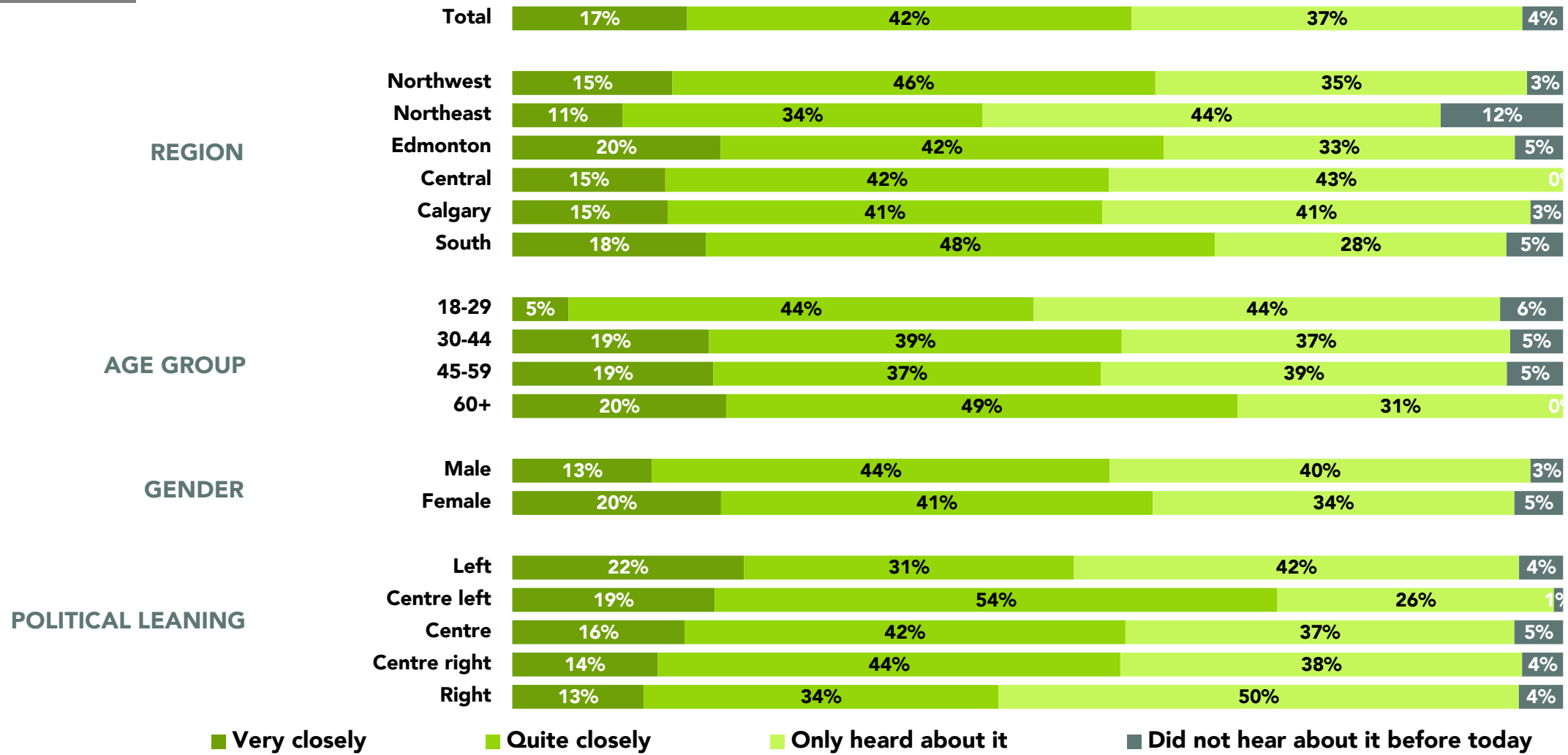
The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is +/- 4.6, 19 times out of 20.

The data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Alberta's population according to age, gender, educational attainment, and region.

The survey was commissioned by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation and the Assembly of First Nations.

ATTENTION TO NEWS ABOUT THE DISCOVERY OF THE REMAINS OF 215 INDIGENOUS CHILDREN

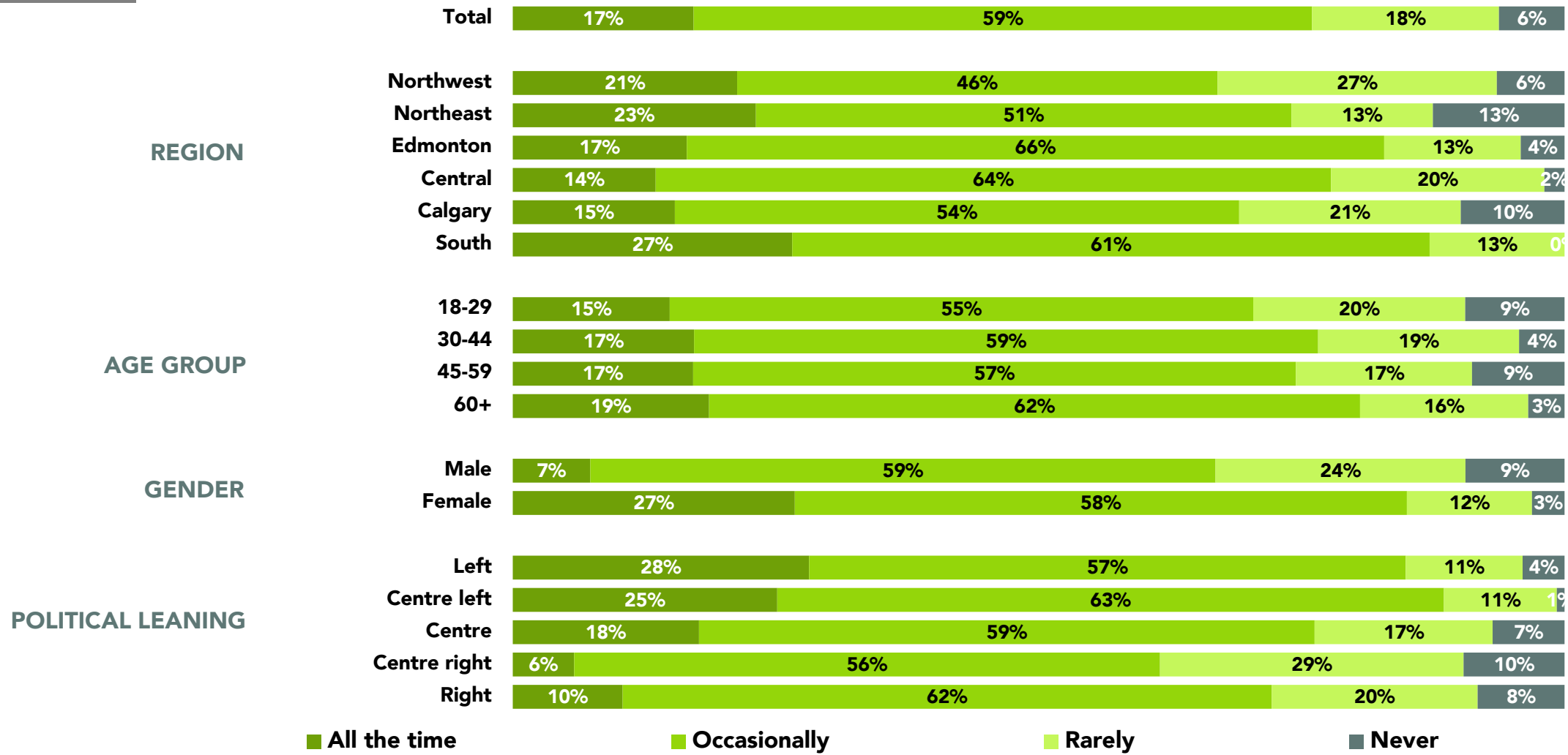
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How closely, if at all, have you been following news about the recent discovery of the remains of 215 children at an Indigenous residential school in BC?

HOW OFTEN ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THE STORY AND HOW INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TREATED?

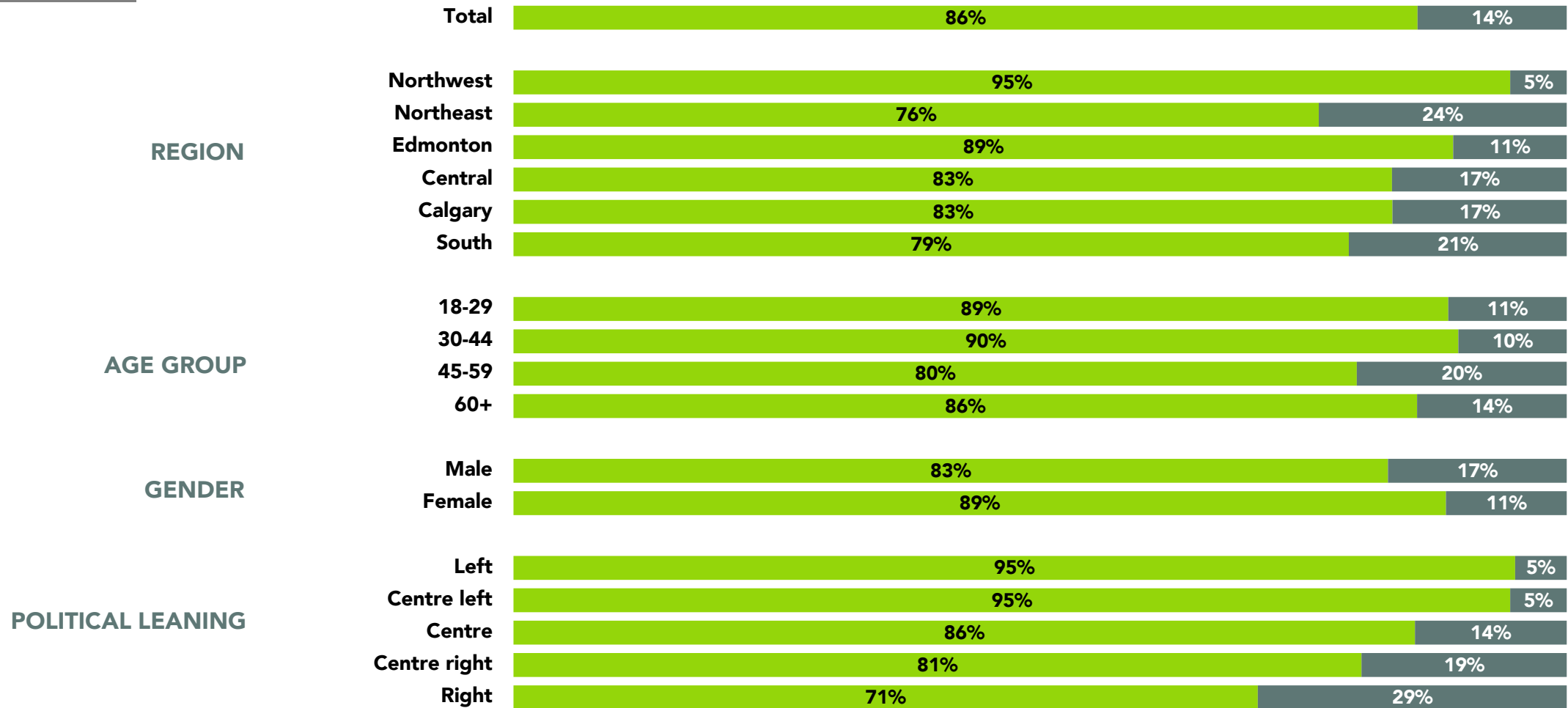
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Since hearing about the discovered remains of children at the residential school, how often do you find yourself thinking about it and how Indigenous people have been treated?

4 IN 5 EXPECT THERE TO BE MORE GRAVESITES FOUND AT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS IN THE FUTURE

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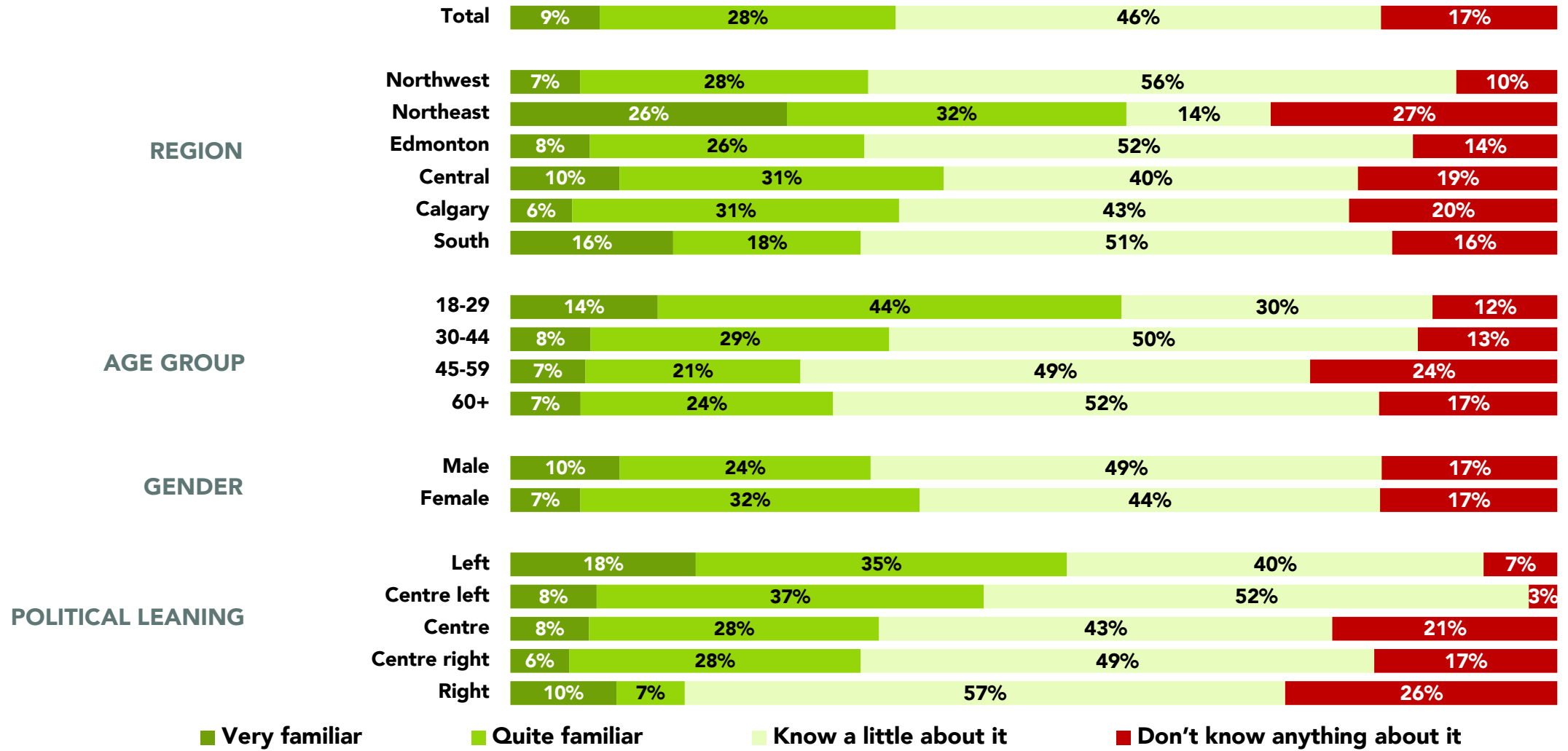


■ I expect there will be far more gravesites found at the sites of residential schools in the months and years to come
■ This is an isolated case, and I don't think there will be many other gravesites found in the future

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

FAMILIARITY WITH THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM GENERALLY

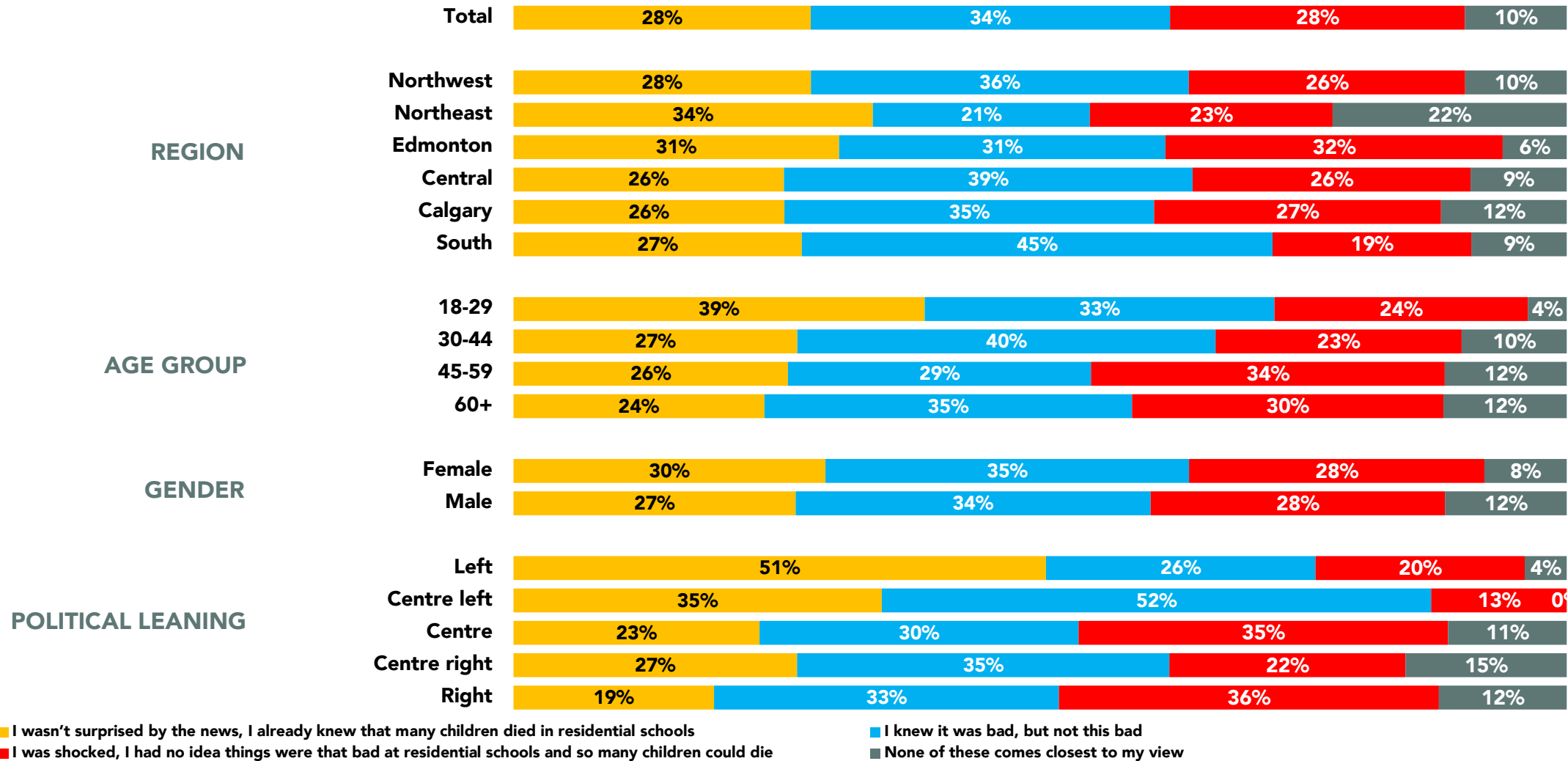
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Before today, how familiar would you say you were with the residential school system?

BASED ON WHAT YOU KNOW...

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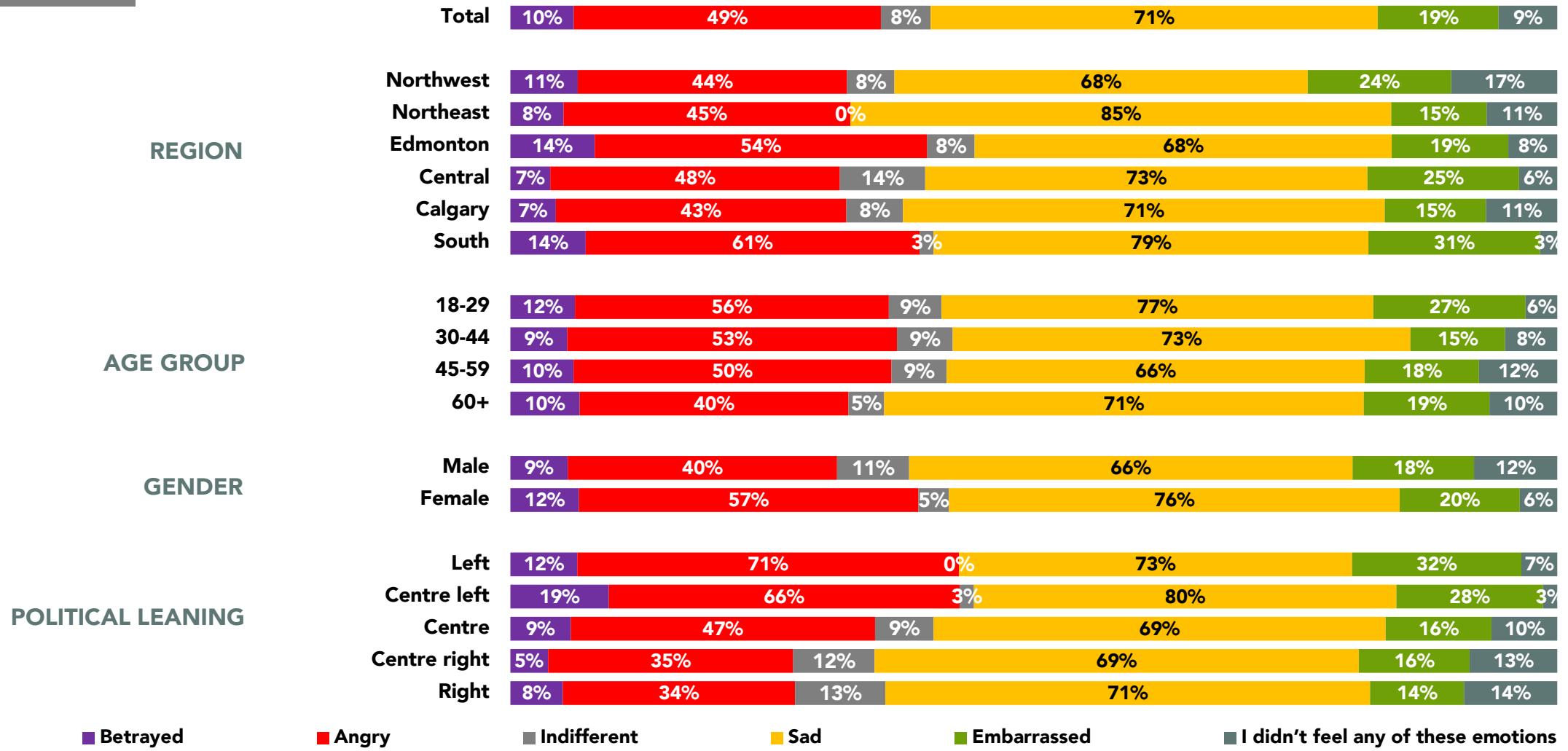
■ I wasn't surprised by the news, I already knew that many children died in residential schools
■ I was shocked, I had no idea things were that bad at residential schools and so many children could die

■ I knew it was bad, but not this bad
■ None of these comes closest to my view

Based on what you've learned about the residential school system in recent days, which best describes your view

HOW DID THE NEWS ABOUT THE REMAINS OF 215 INDIGENOUS CHILDREN MAKE YOU FEEL?

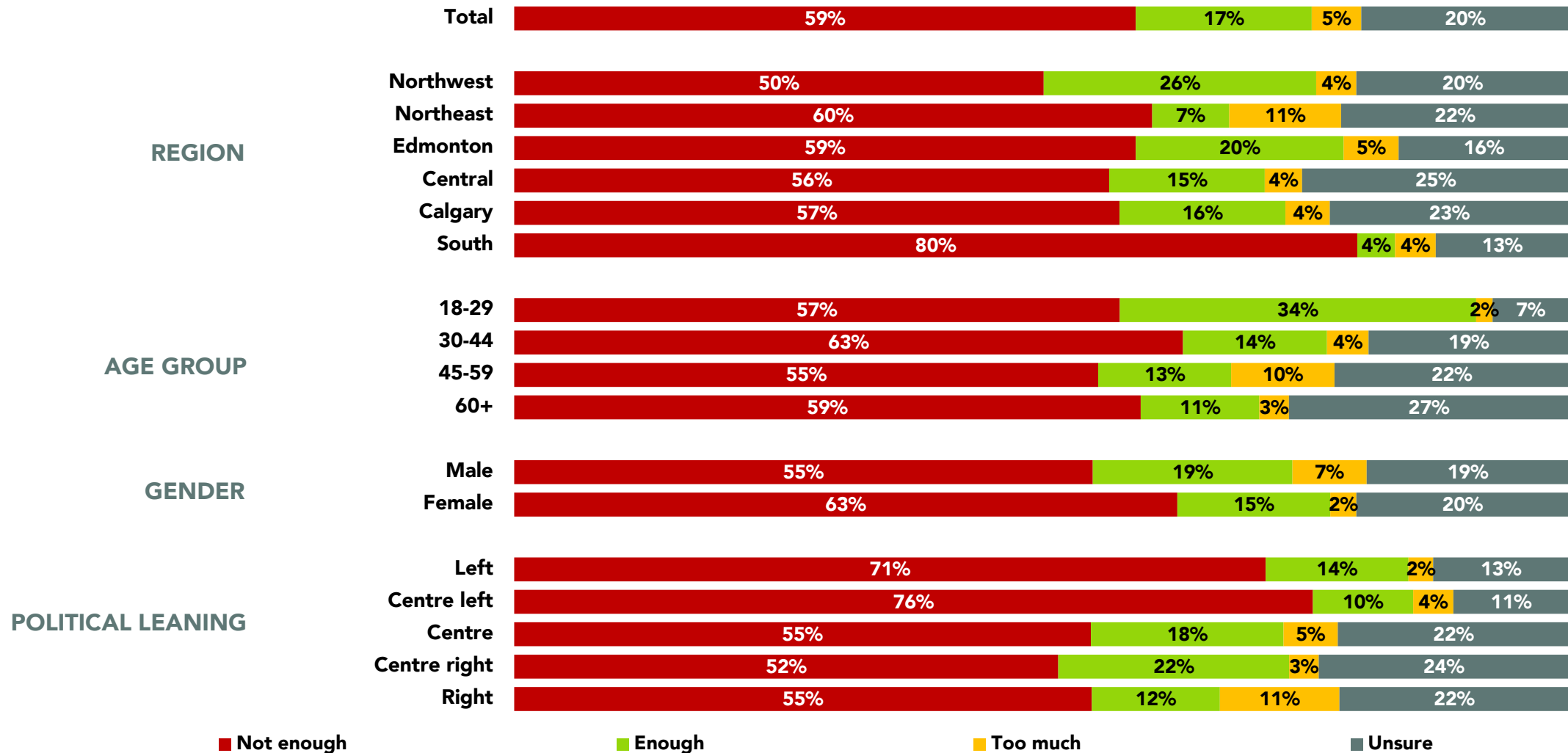
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Which of the following describes how you felt when you learned about the remains of the 215 Indigenous children found in Kamloops? Please select all that apply to you

DO STUDENTS IN YOUR PROVINCE LEARN ENOUGH OR NOT ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS?

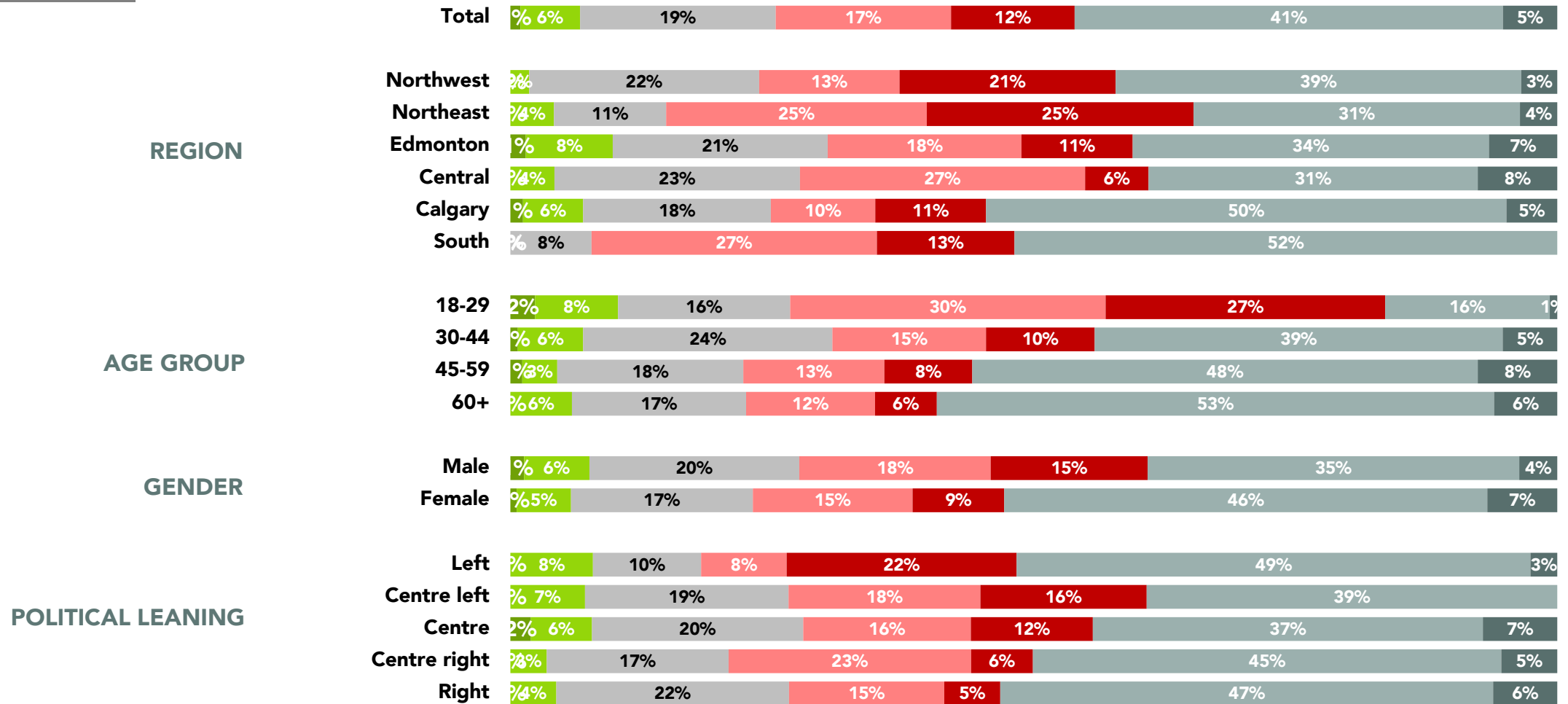
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Thinking about schools and the education system in your province, do you think students learn enough, not enough, or too much about what happened at residential schools?

WHEN YOU WERE TAUGHT ABOUT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS, WAS IT FRAMED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY?

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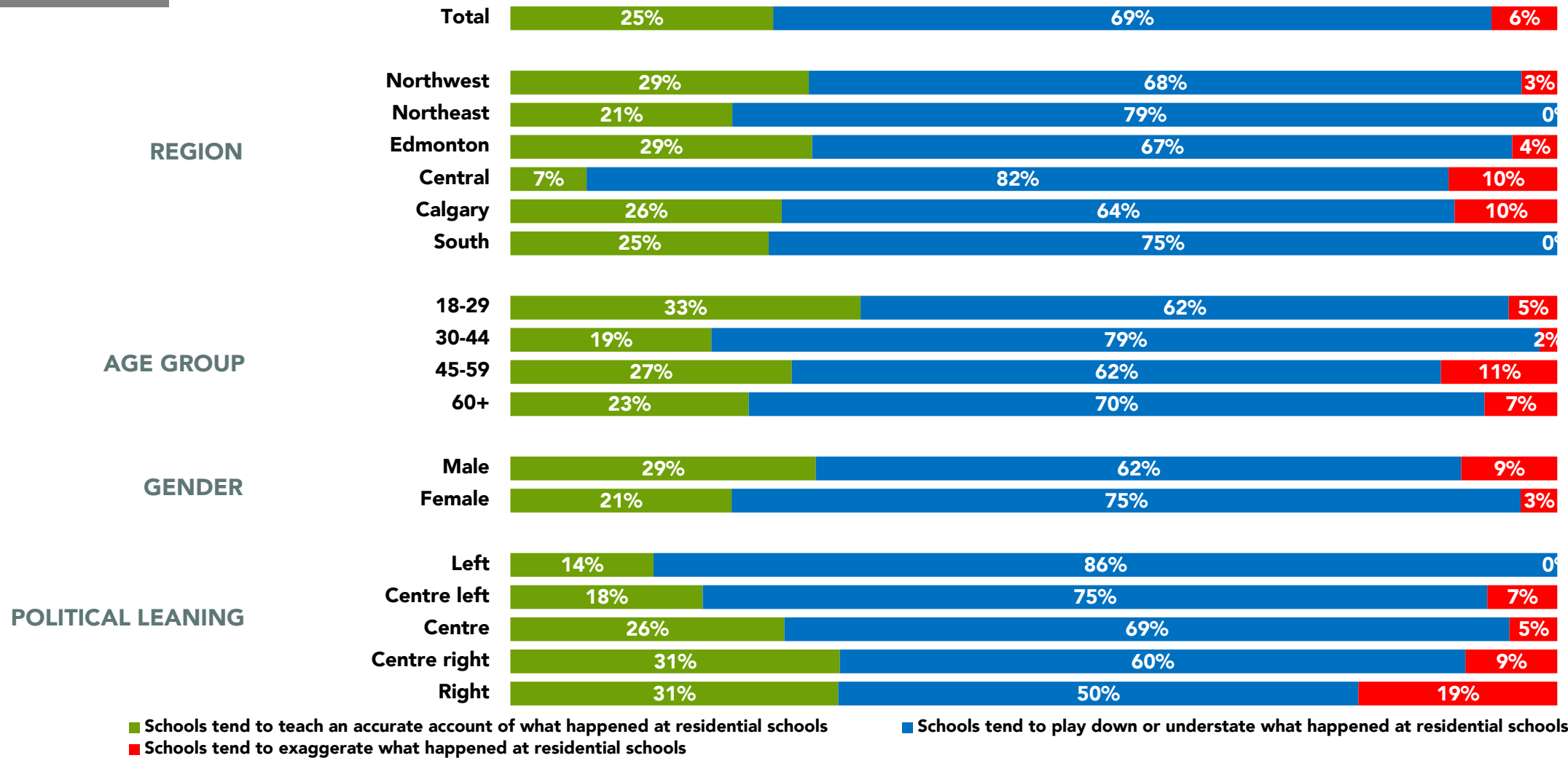


■ Very positive
 ■ More positive than negative
 ■ Neutral
 ■ More negative than positive
 ■ Very negative
 ■ Can't recall - didn't learn about it
 ■ Not applicable - I did not attend school in Canada

Thinking back to when you learned about residential schools as a child, would you say what you learned framed residential schools in a positive or negative light, or would you say it was neutral?

70% BELIEVE SCHOOLS IN THEIR PROVINCE TEND TO PLAY DOWN OR UNDERSTATE WHAT HAPPENED AT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

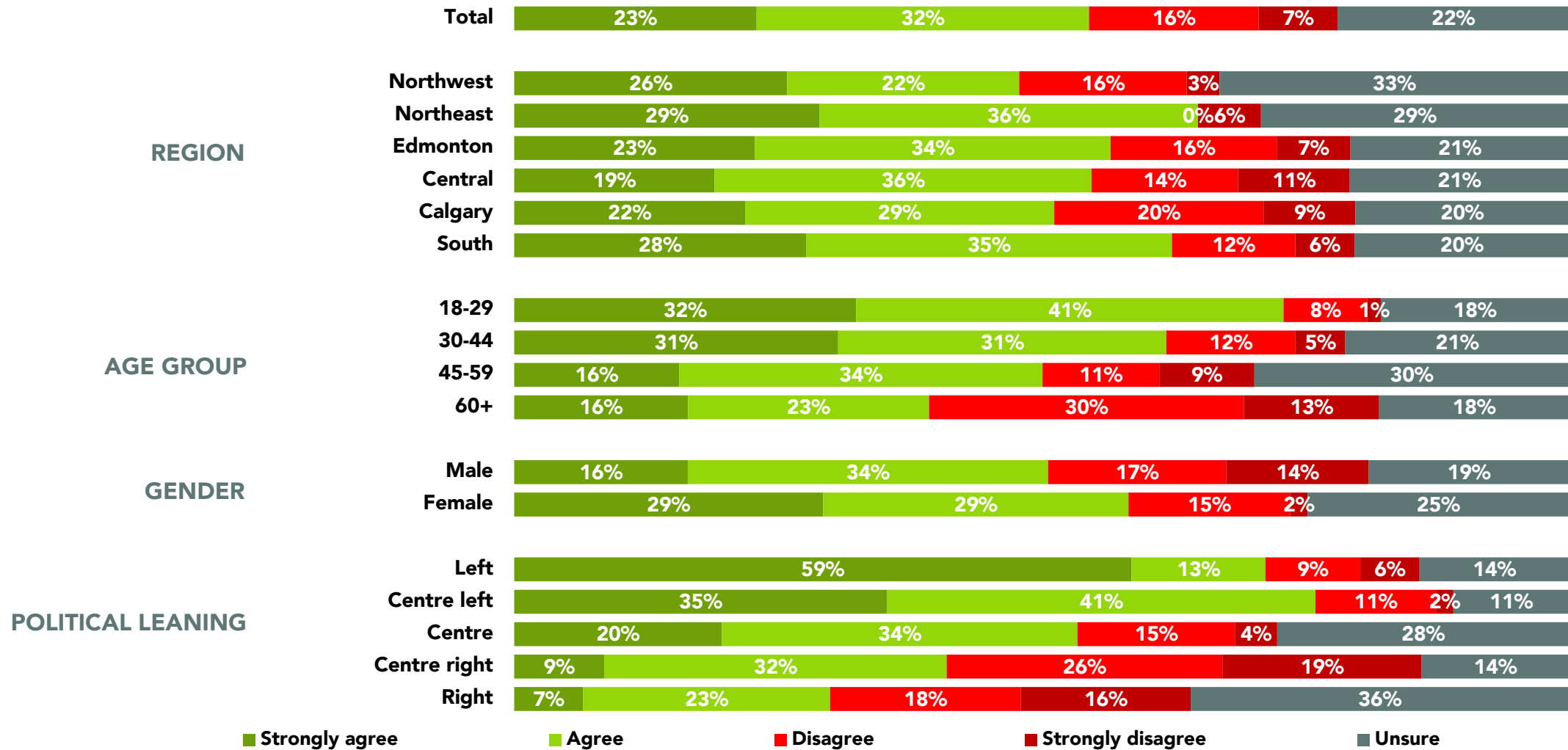
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Which of the following best describes the approach you think schools in your province take, to teach the history of residential schools in Canada?

WAS THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL POLICY "GENOCIDE"?

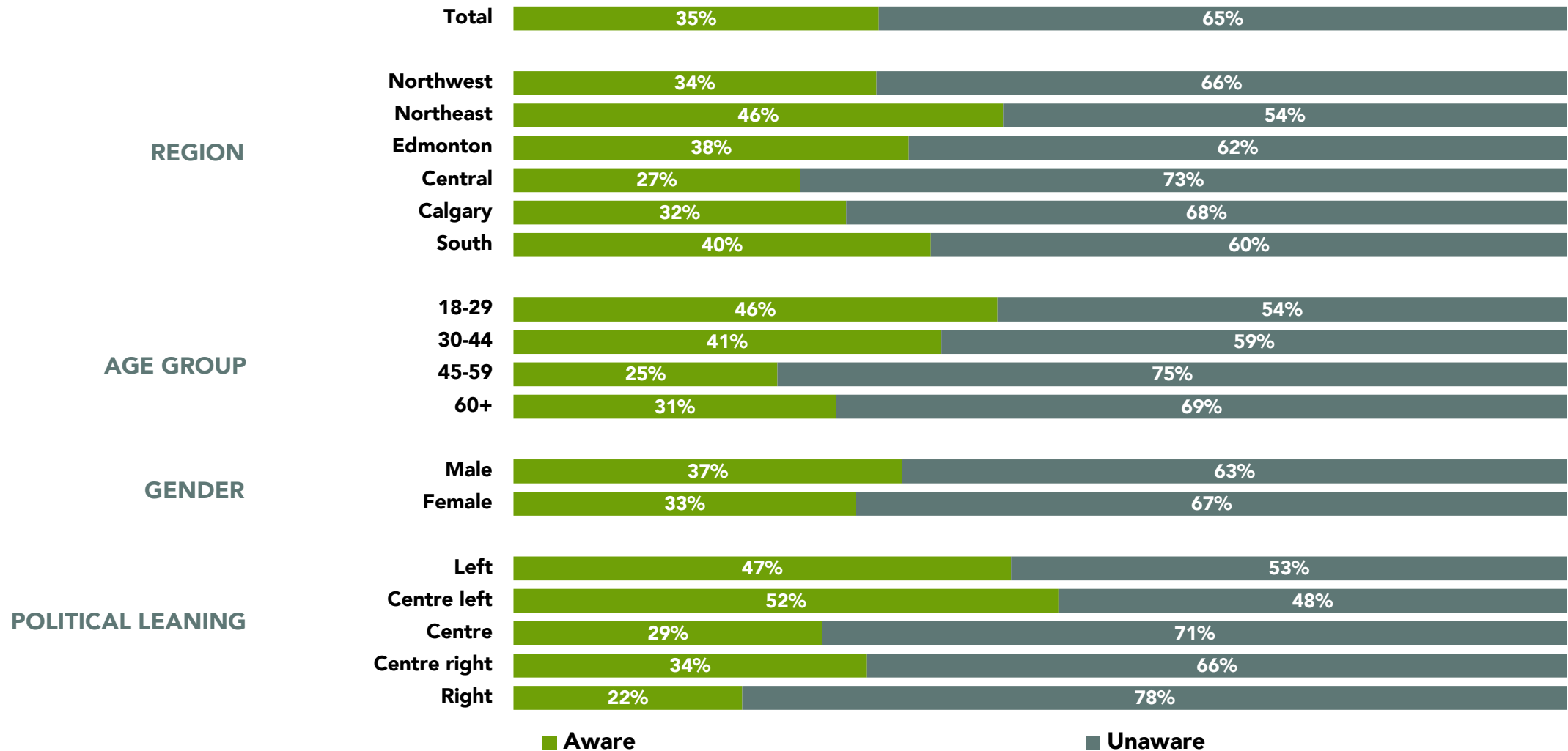
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Some have described the residential school policy and the way it was carried out as "genocide" Do you agree or disagree with this view?

THERE WERE 140 RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS ACROSS CANADA

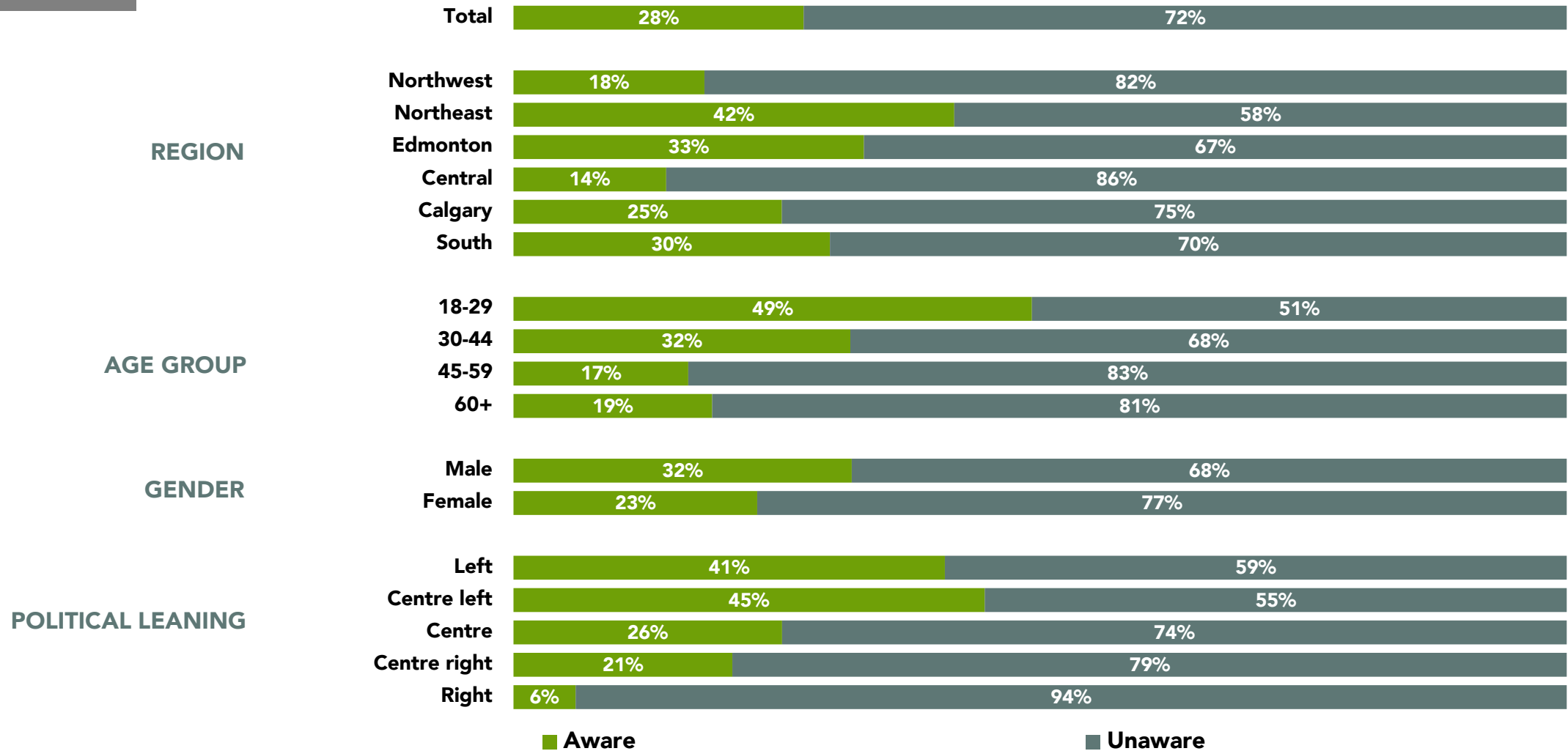
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Before today, were you aware or unaware that...

BETWEEN 3000 AND 6000 INDIGENOUS CHILDREN DIED AT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

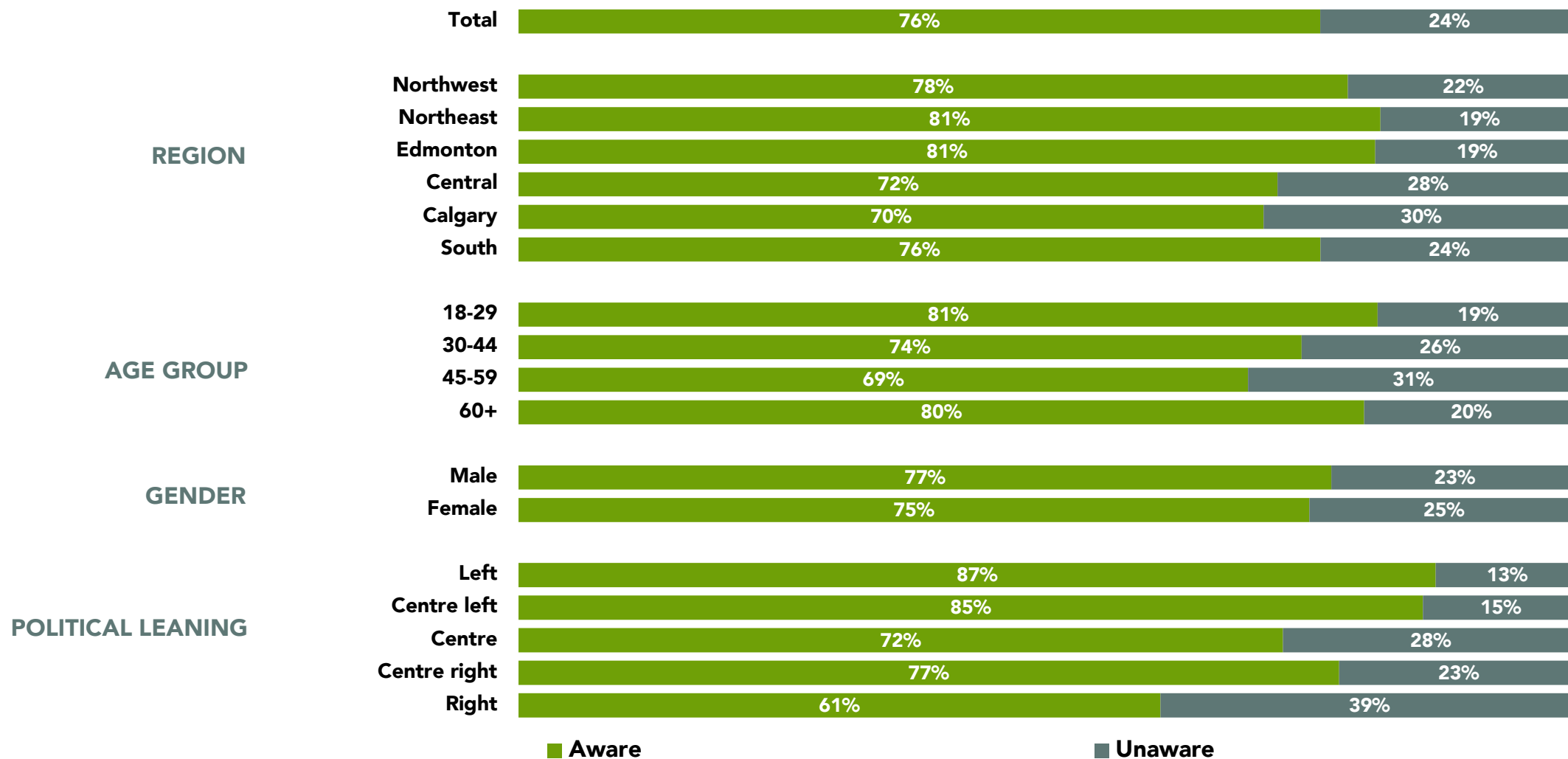
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Before today, were you aware or unaware that...

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS WERE FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

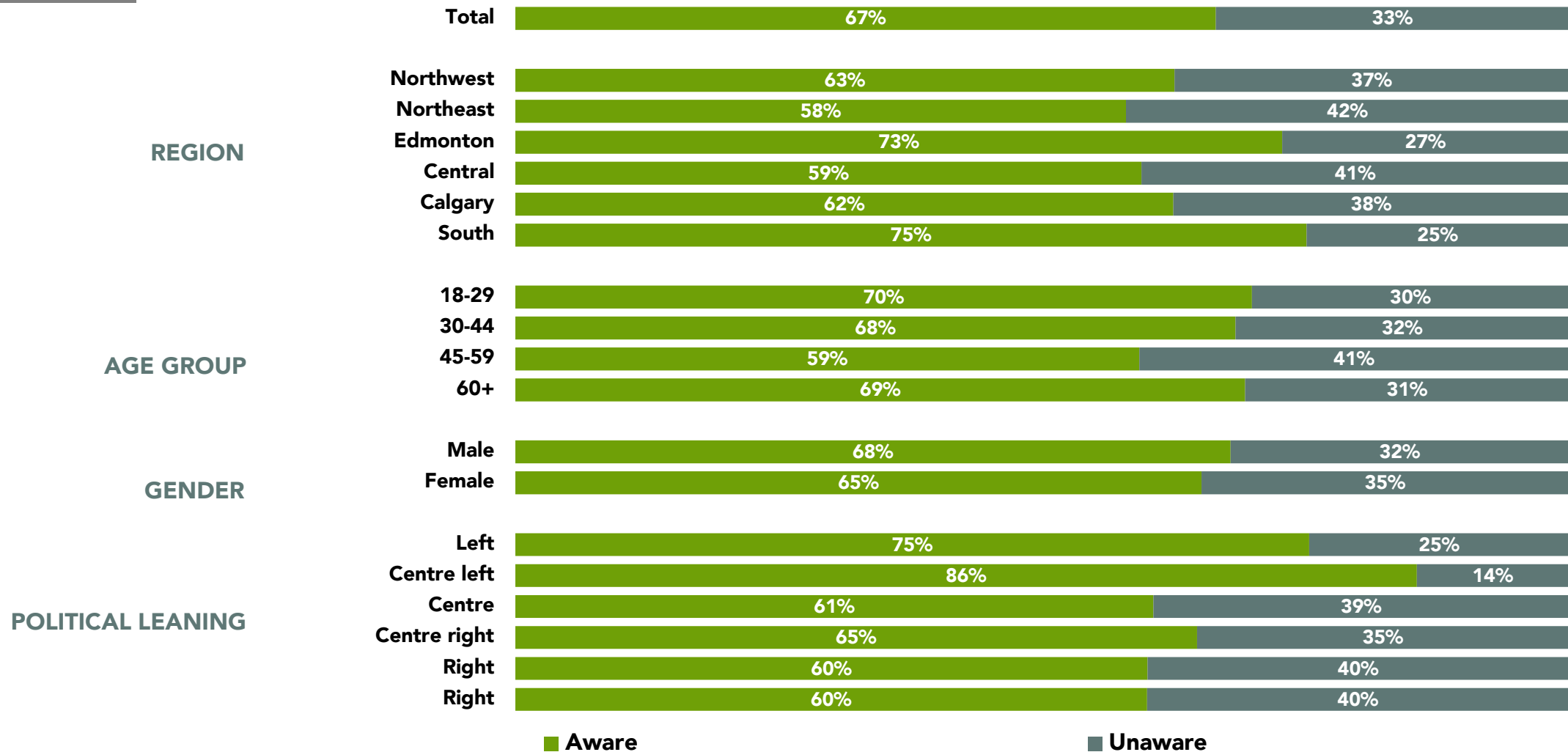
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Before today, were you aware or unaware that...

THE RCMP FORCIBLY REMOVED CHILDREN FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND PUT THEM IN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

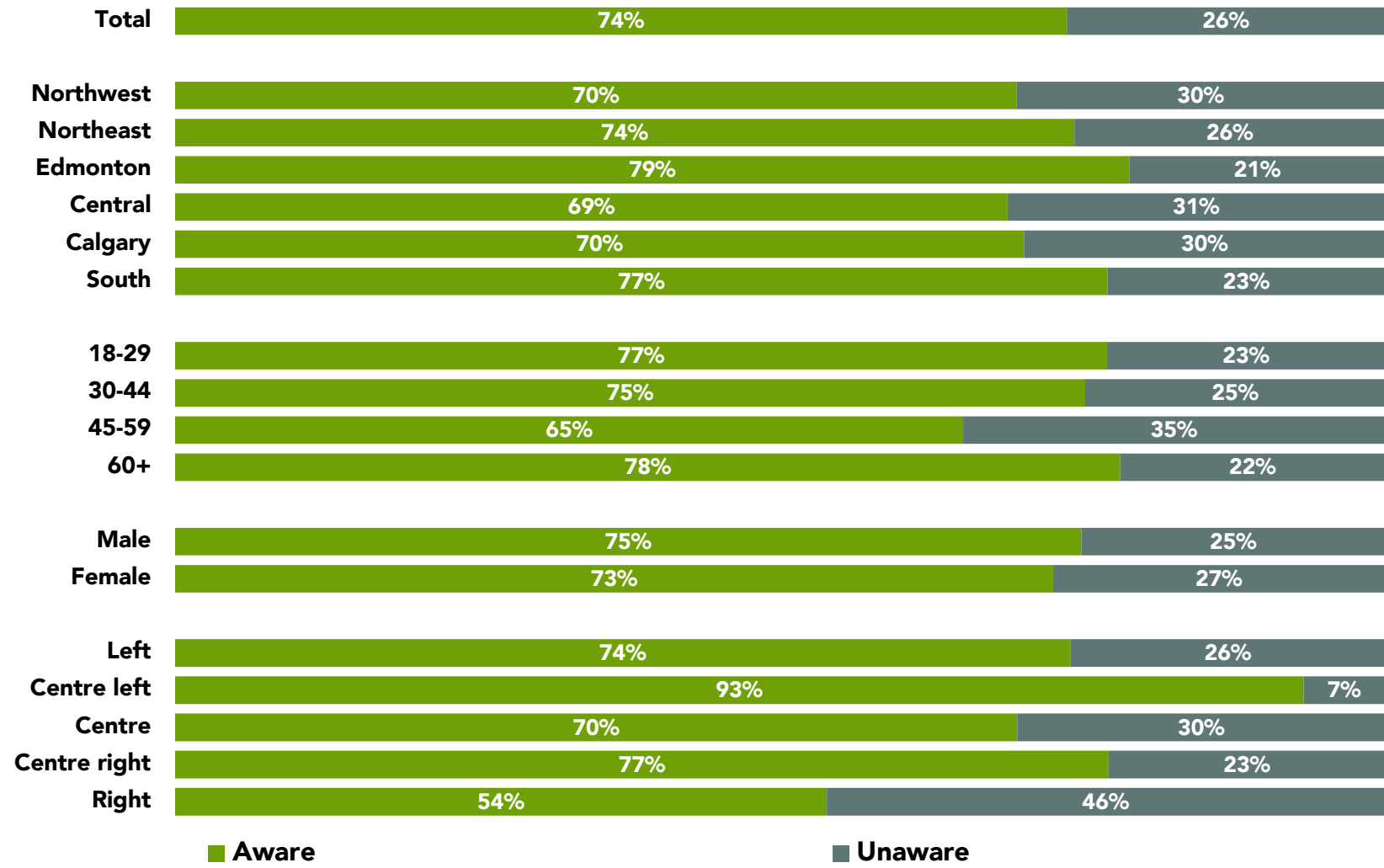
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RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS WERE MOSTLY RUN BY CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

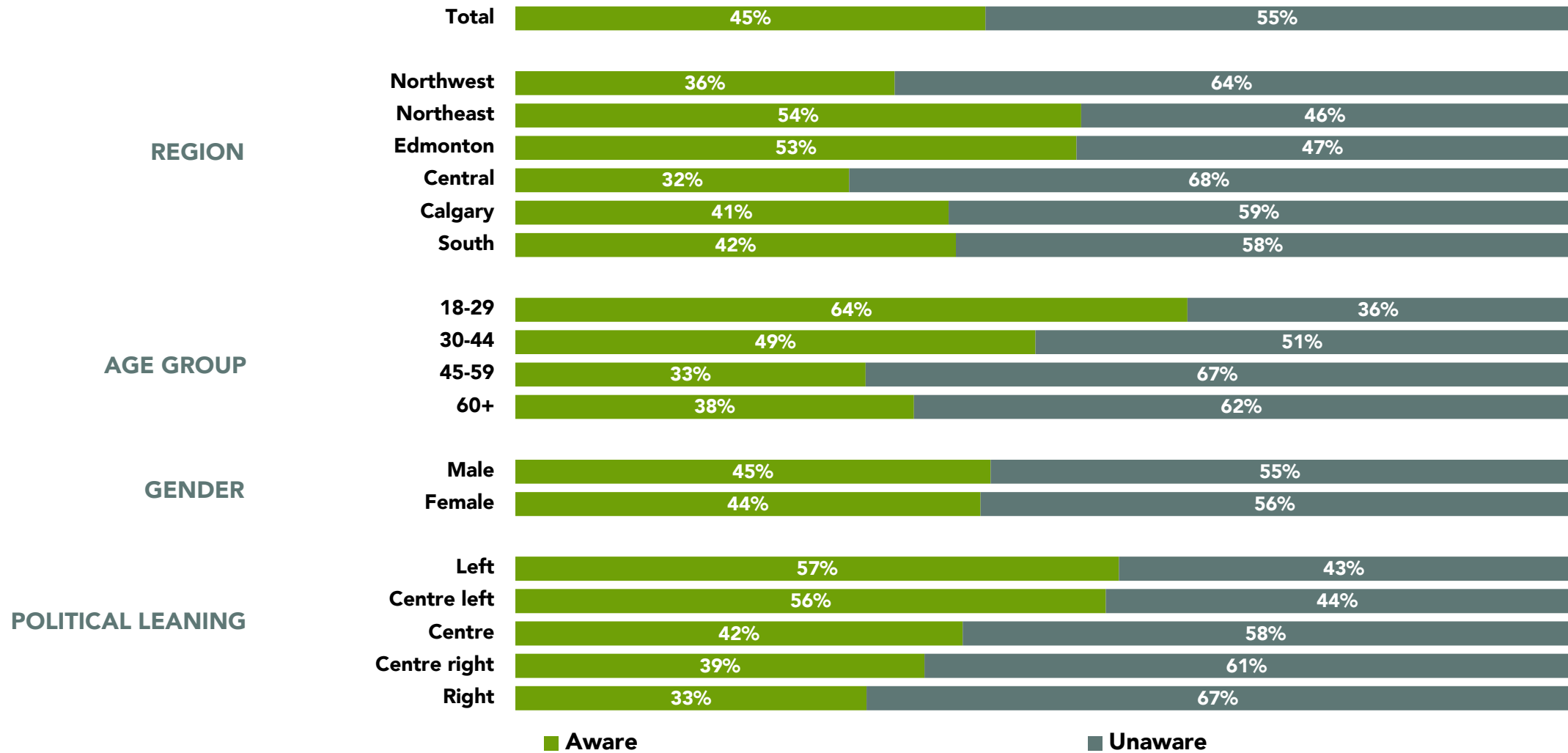
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THE LAST RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL CLOSED IN 1996

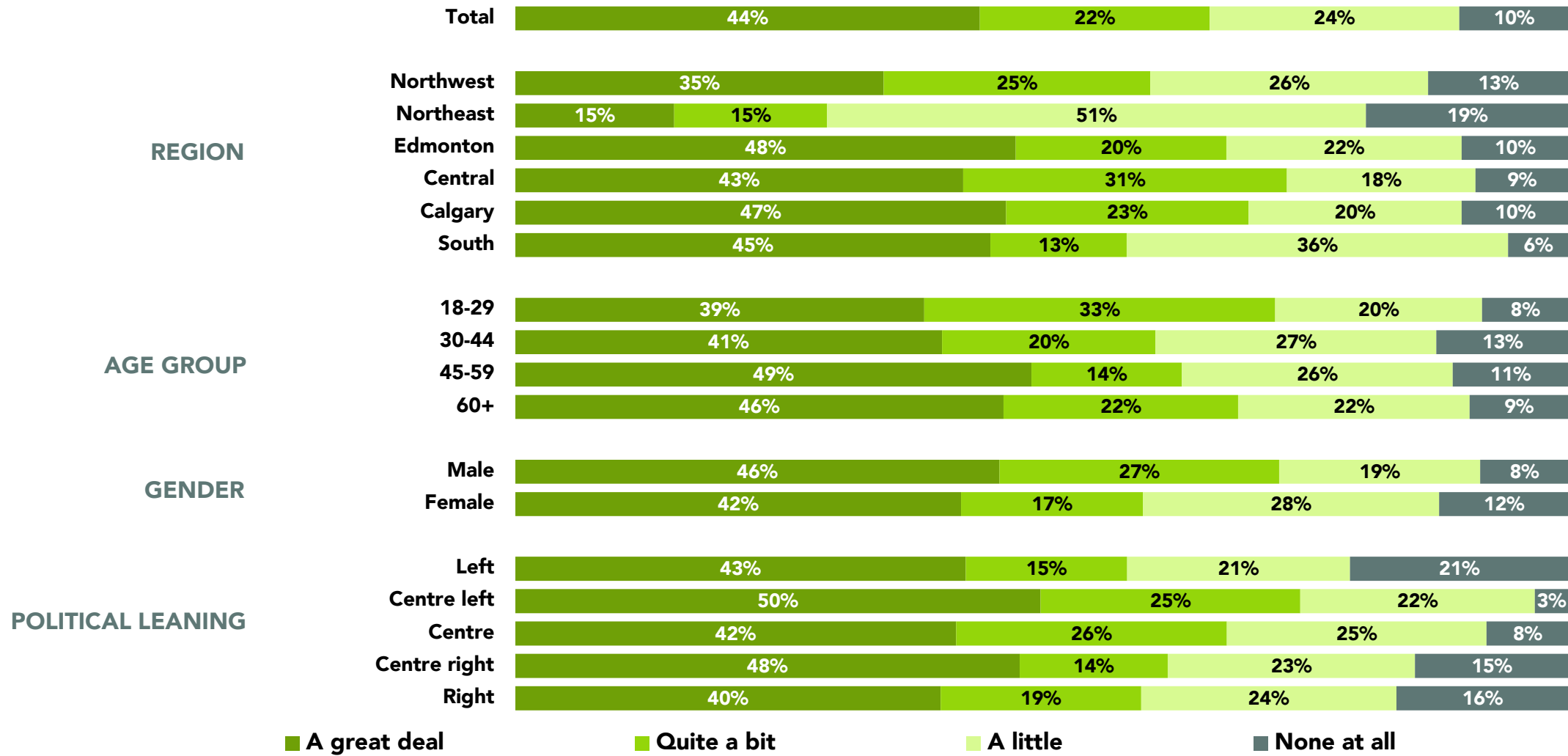
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RESPONSIBILITY: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

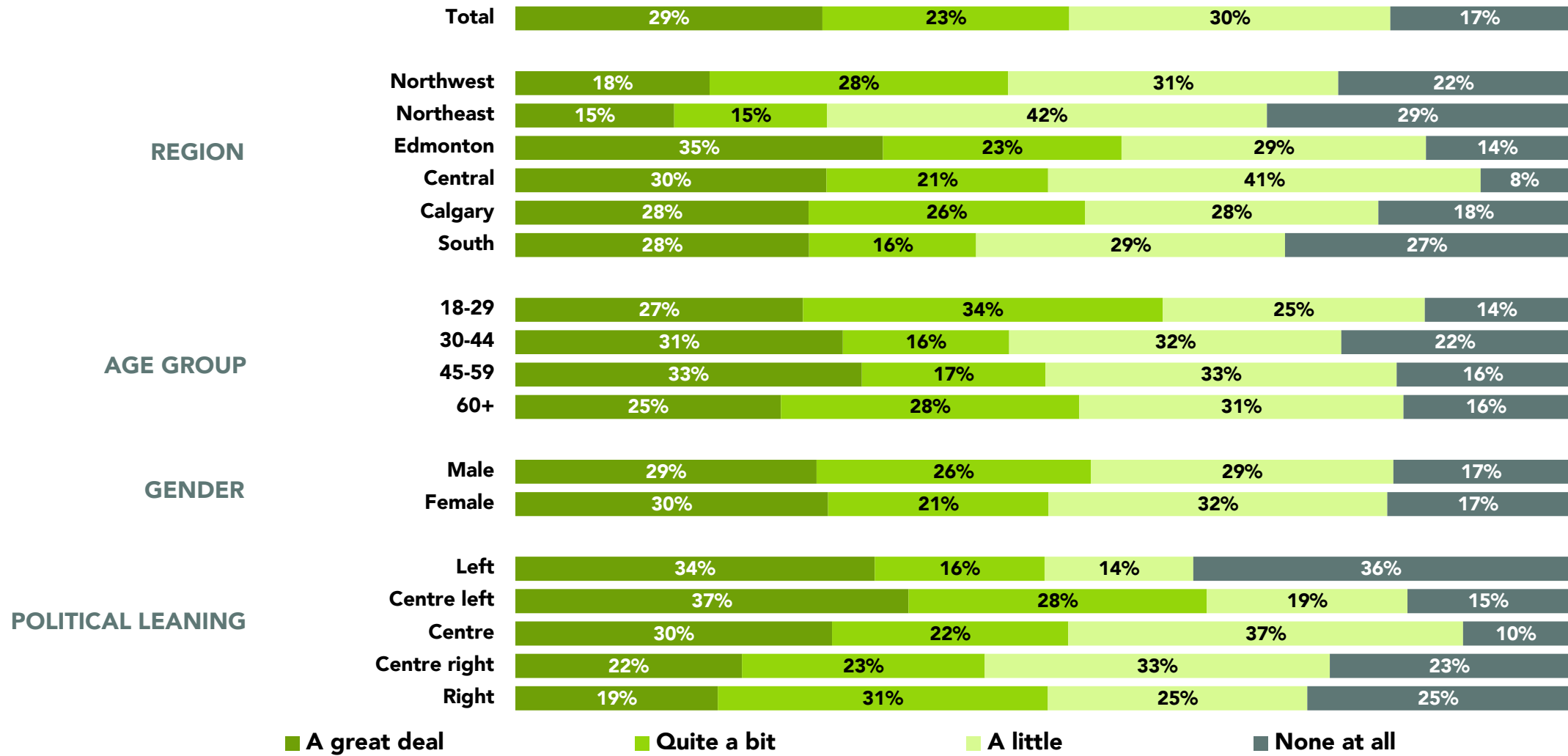
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RESPONSIBILITY: YOUR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

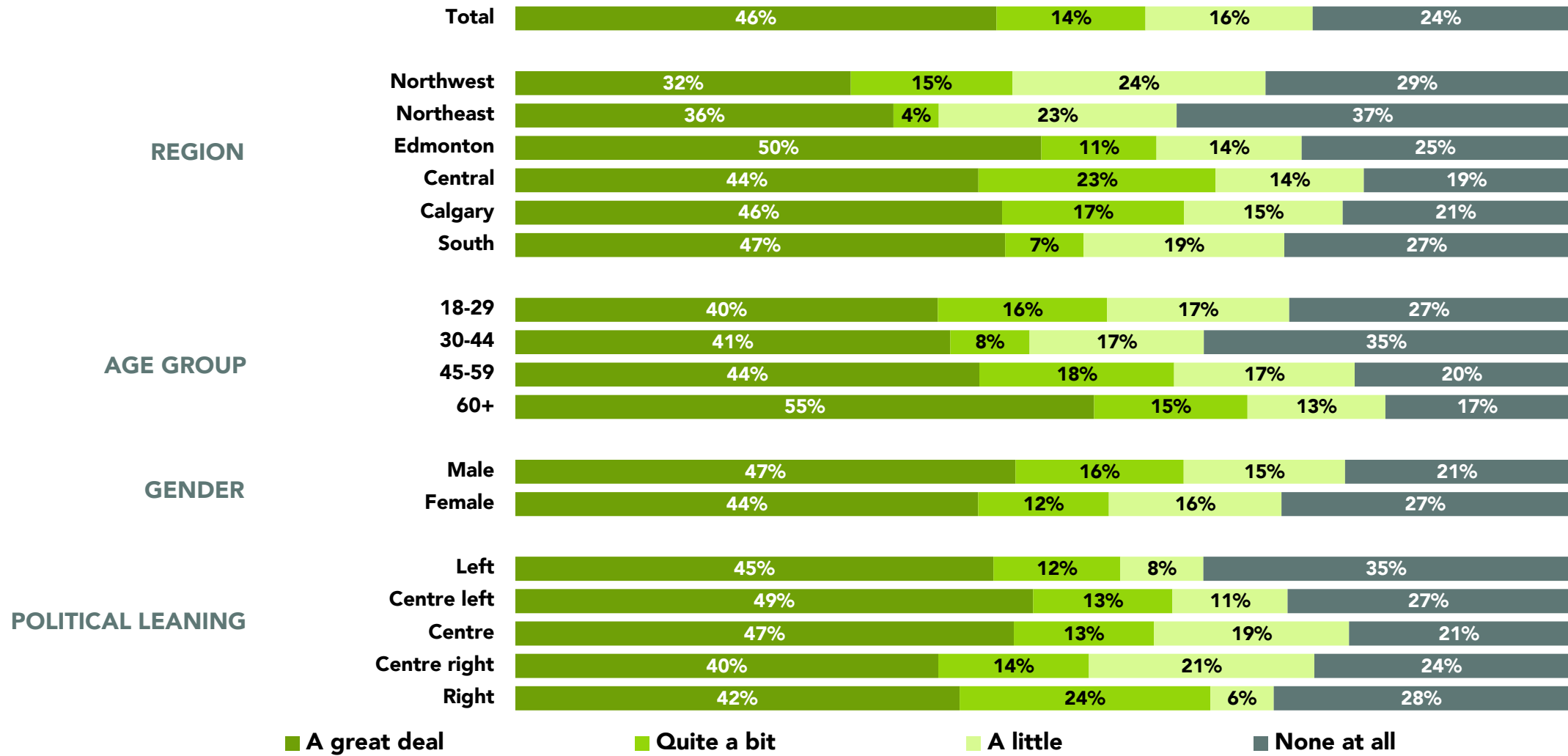
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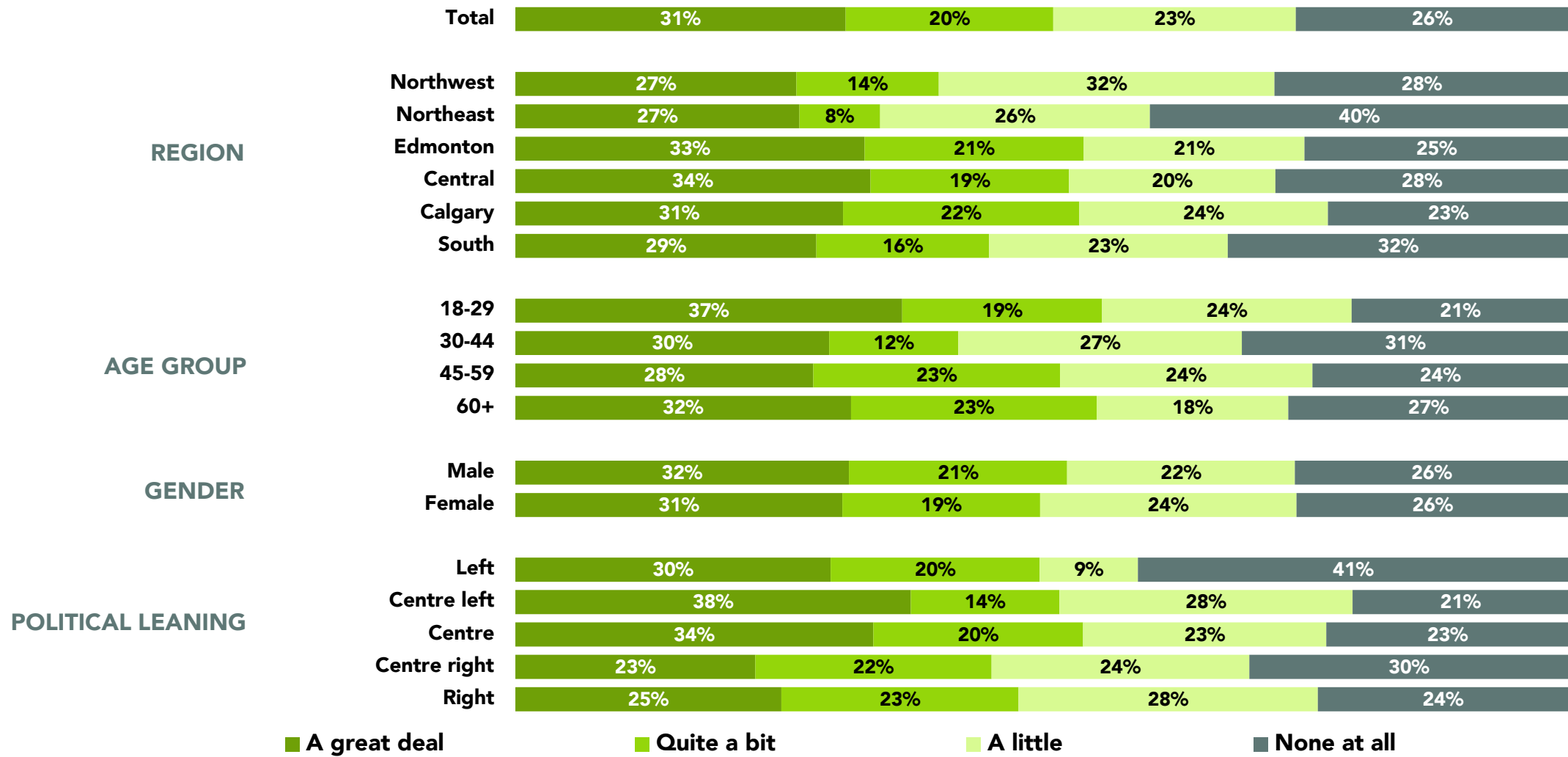
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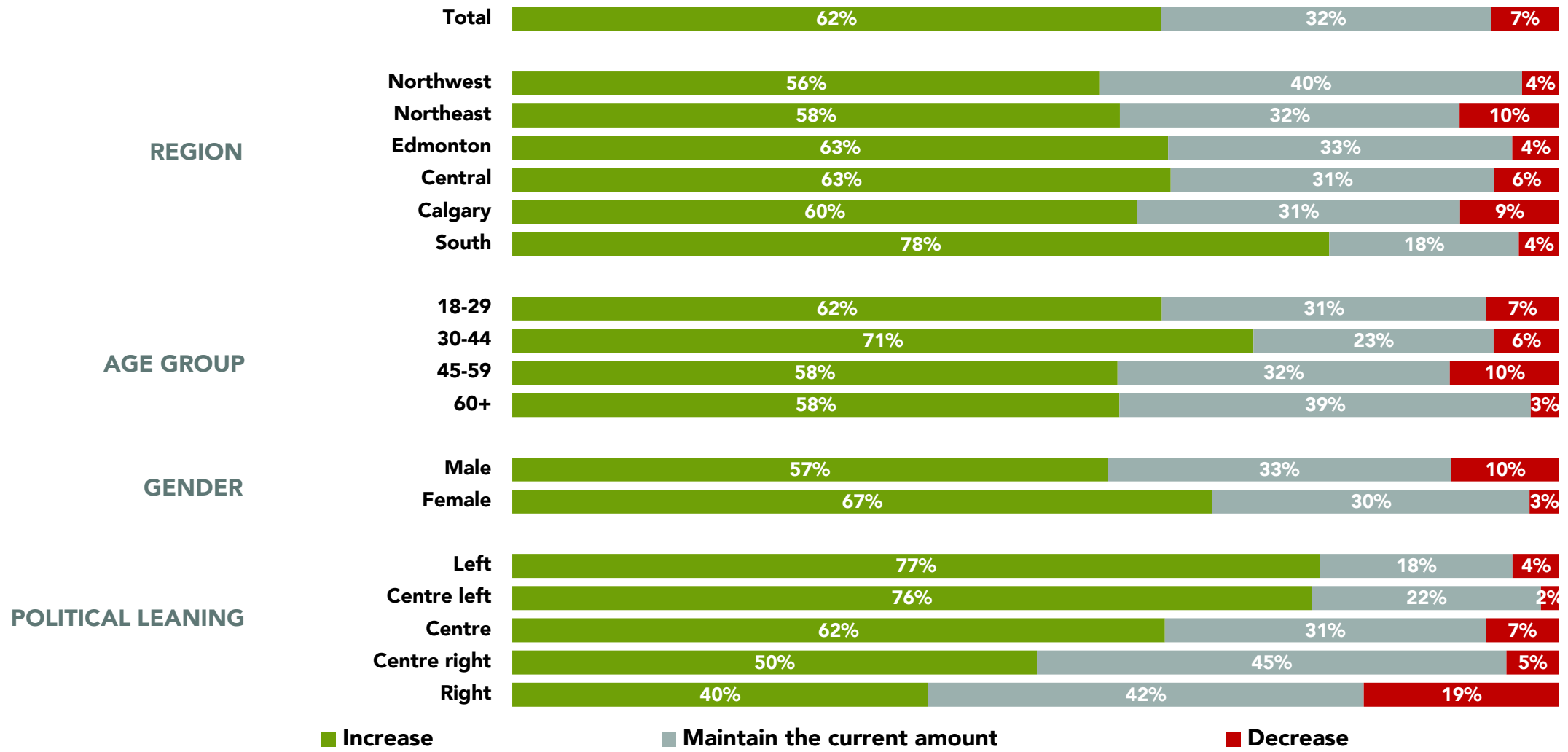
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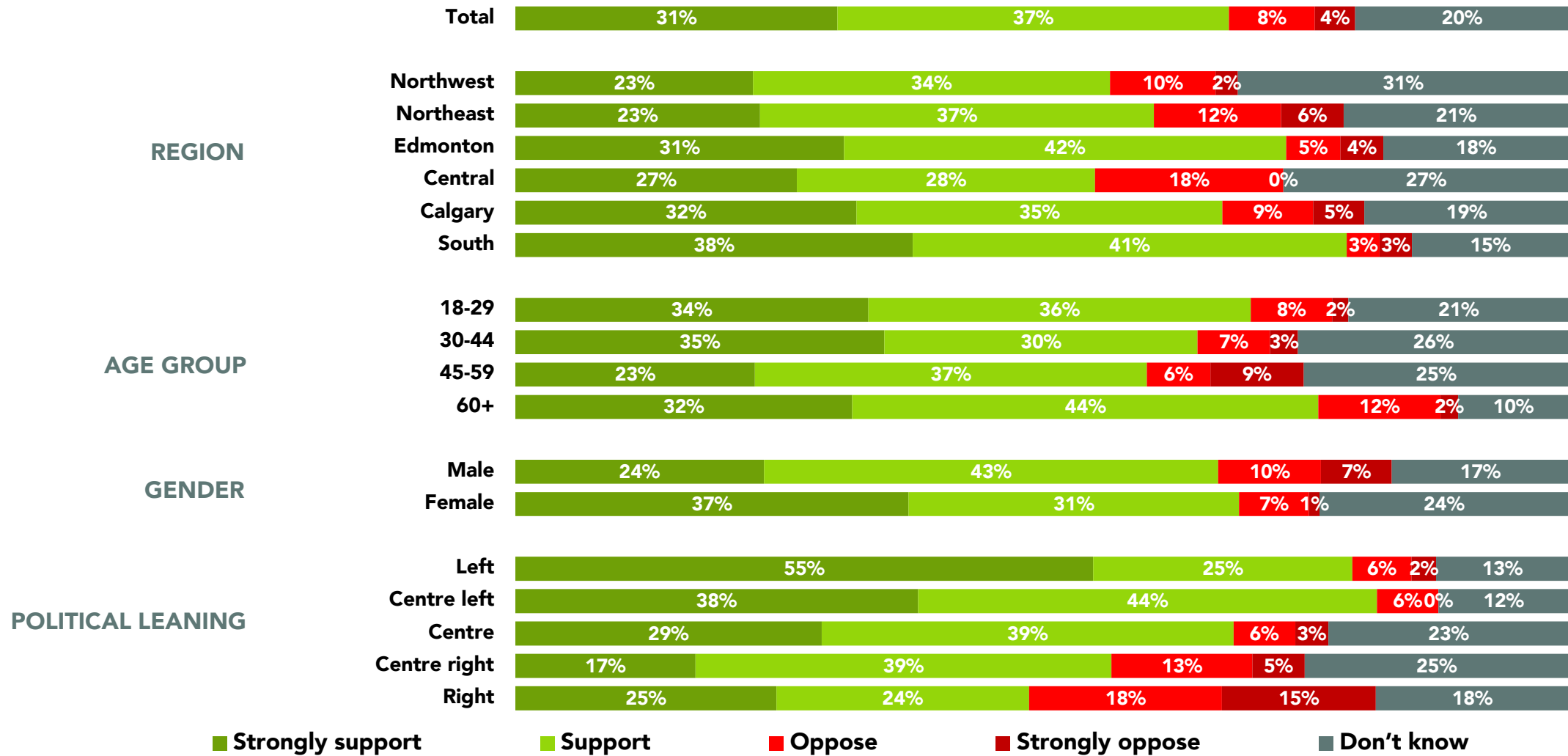
SHOULD PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS INCREASE, DECREASE, OR MAINTAIN THE AMOUNT STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS?

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ACCELERATE PROGRESS ON THE CALLS TO ACTION FROM THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

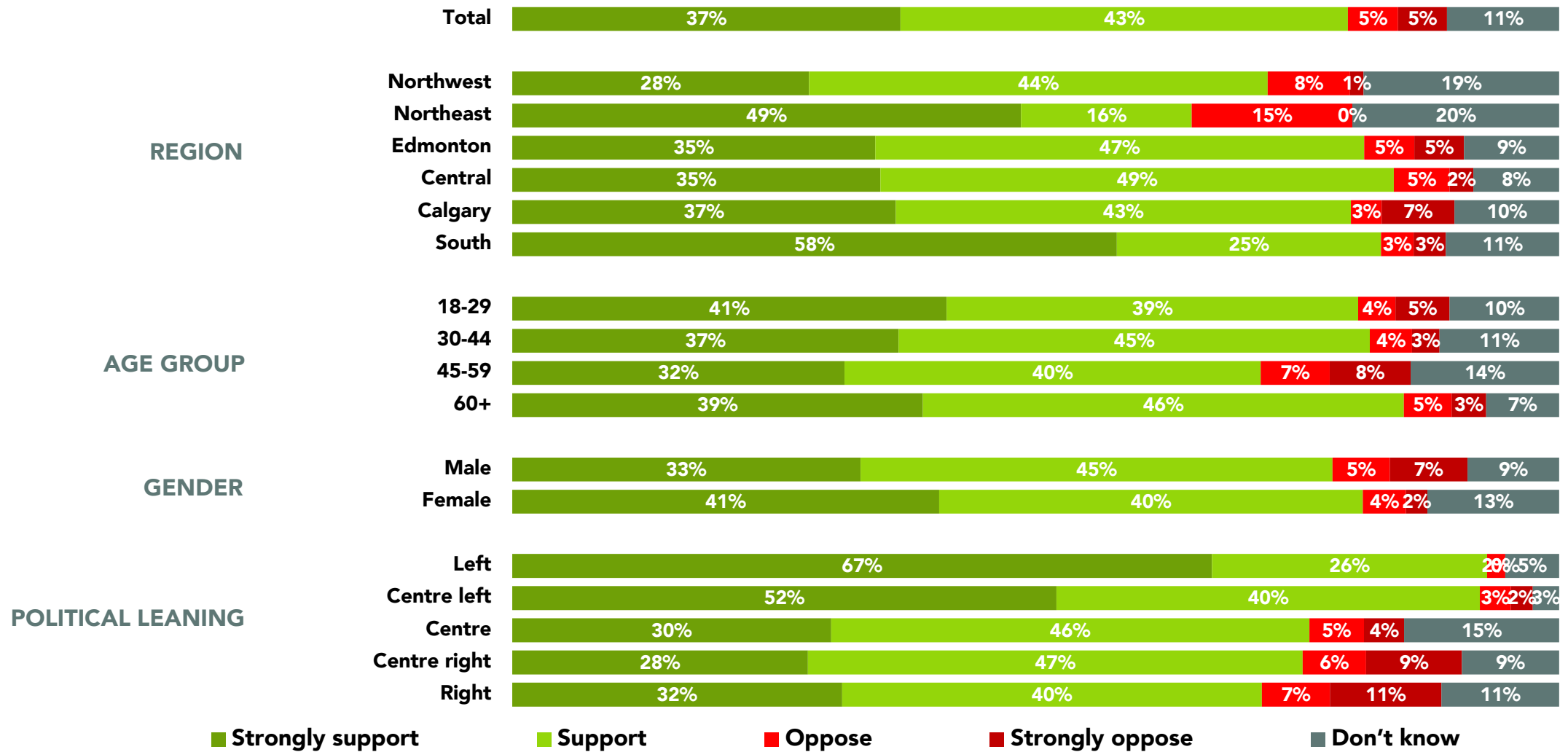
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Below are some actions that some believe should be taken to respond to those impacted by residential schools. Do you support or oppose the following?

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO IDENTIFY UNMARKED GRAVES AT ALL FORMER RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

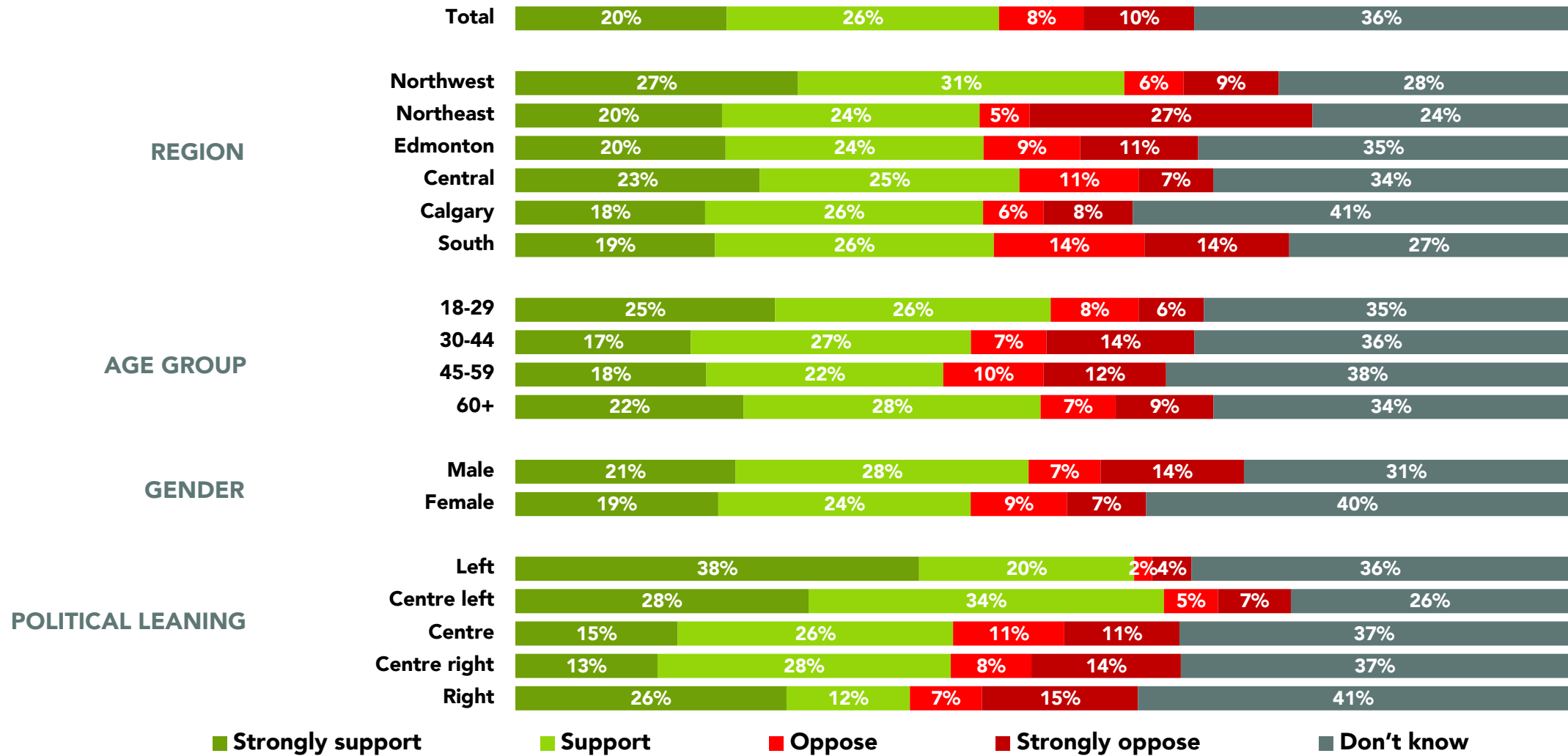
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ALL GOVERNMENTS CEASING COURT ACTIONS AGAINST RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS AND FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN

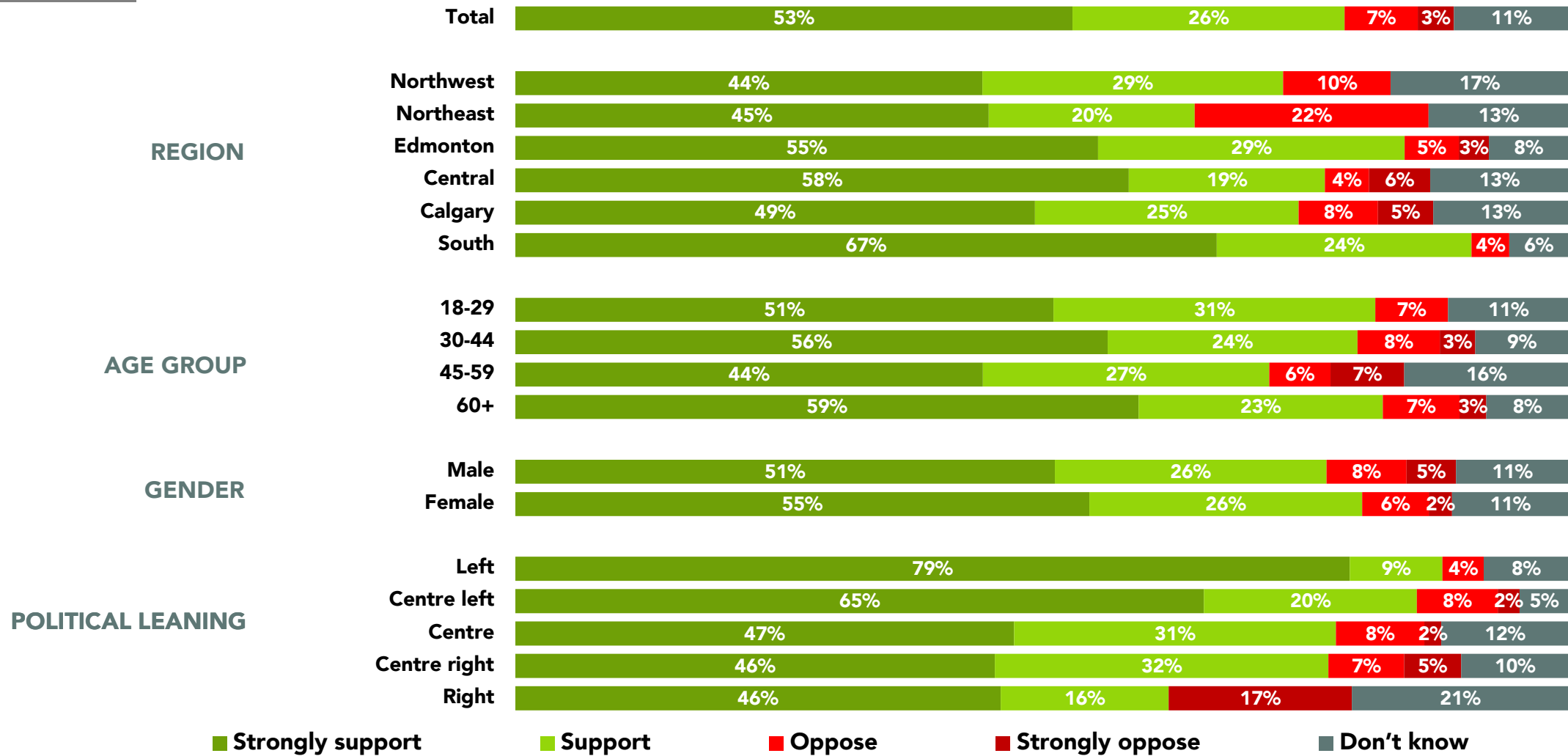
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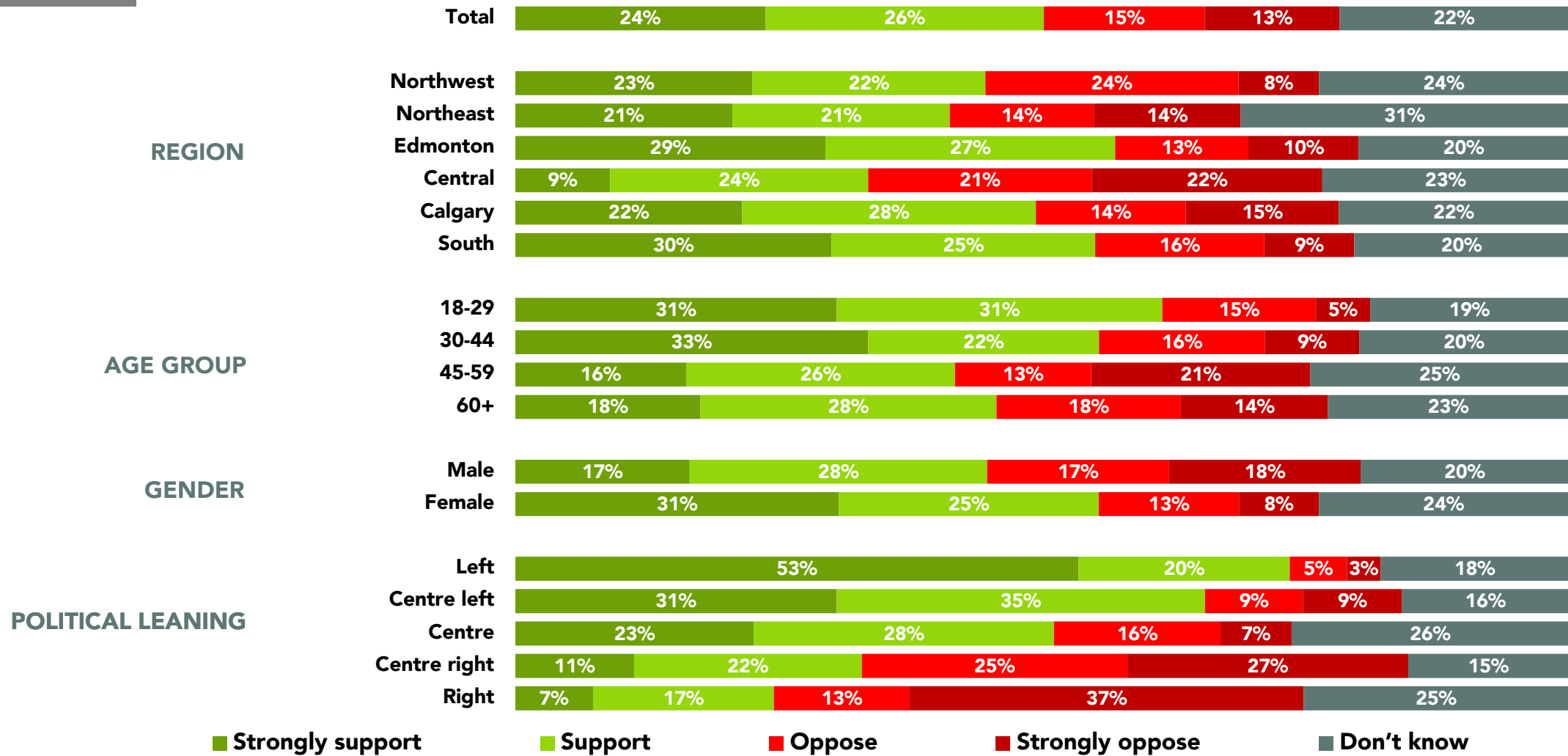
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RENAMING BUILDINGS AND INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NAMED FOR PEOPLE WHO BUILT OR RAN PARTS OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM

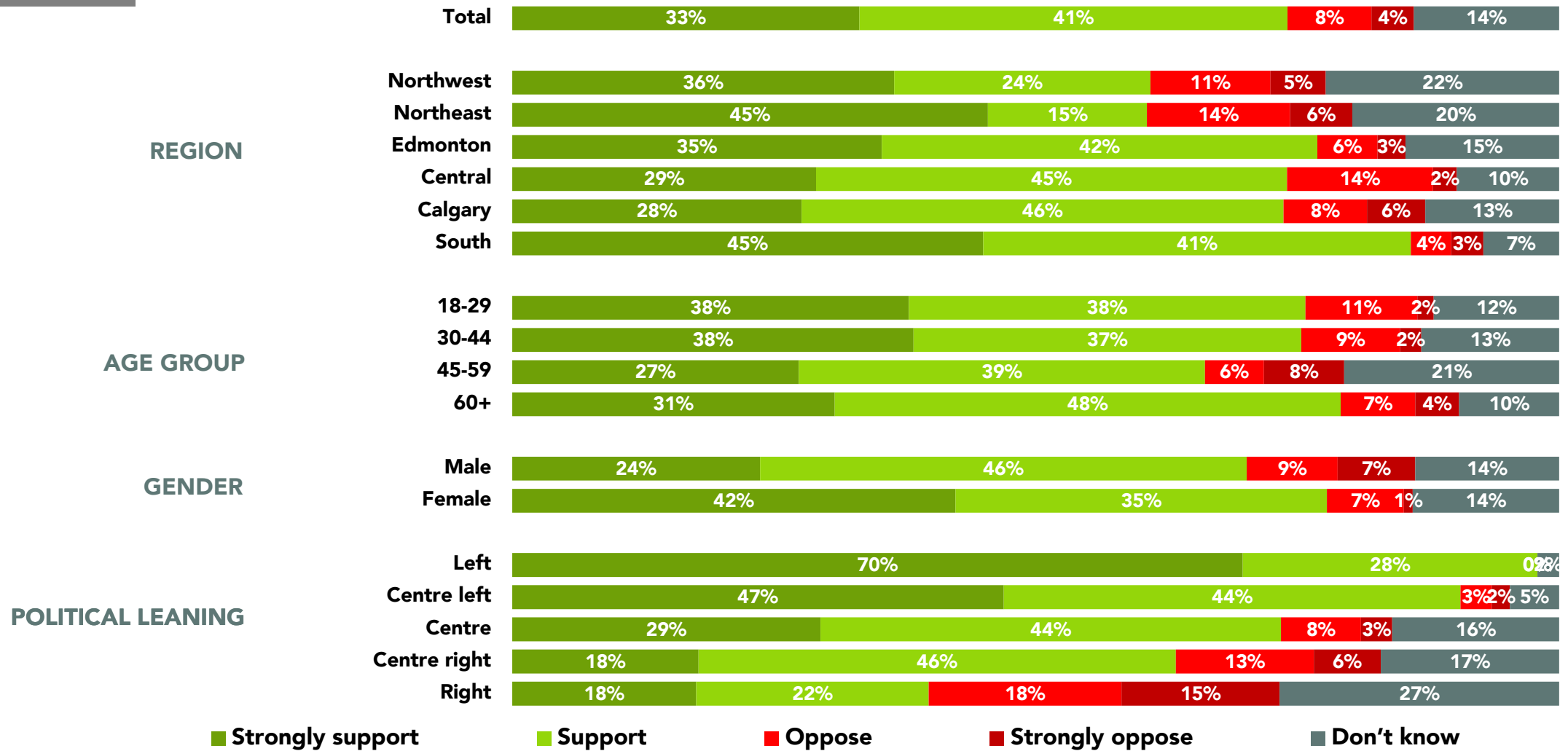
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PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS IMPROVING SCHOOL CURRICULA IN PROVINCES ON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND INDIGENOUS HISTORY

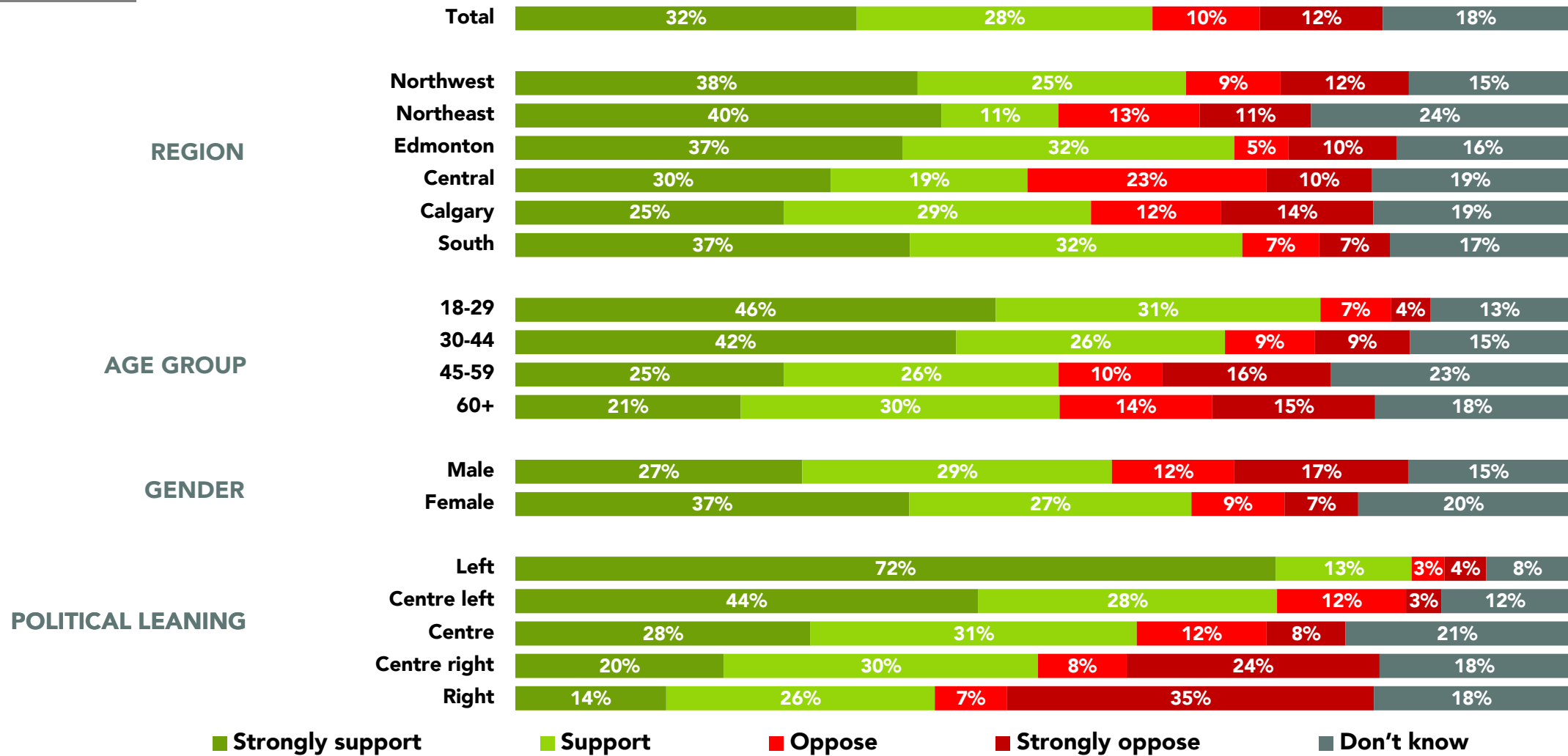
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ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL STATUTORY HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF INDIGENOUS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

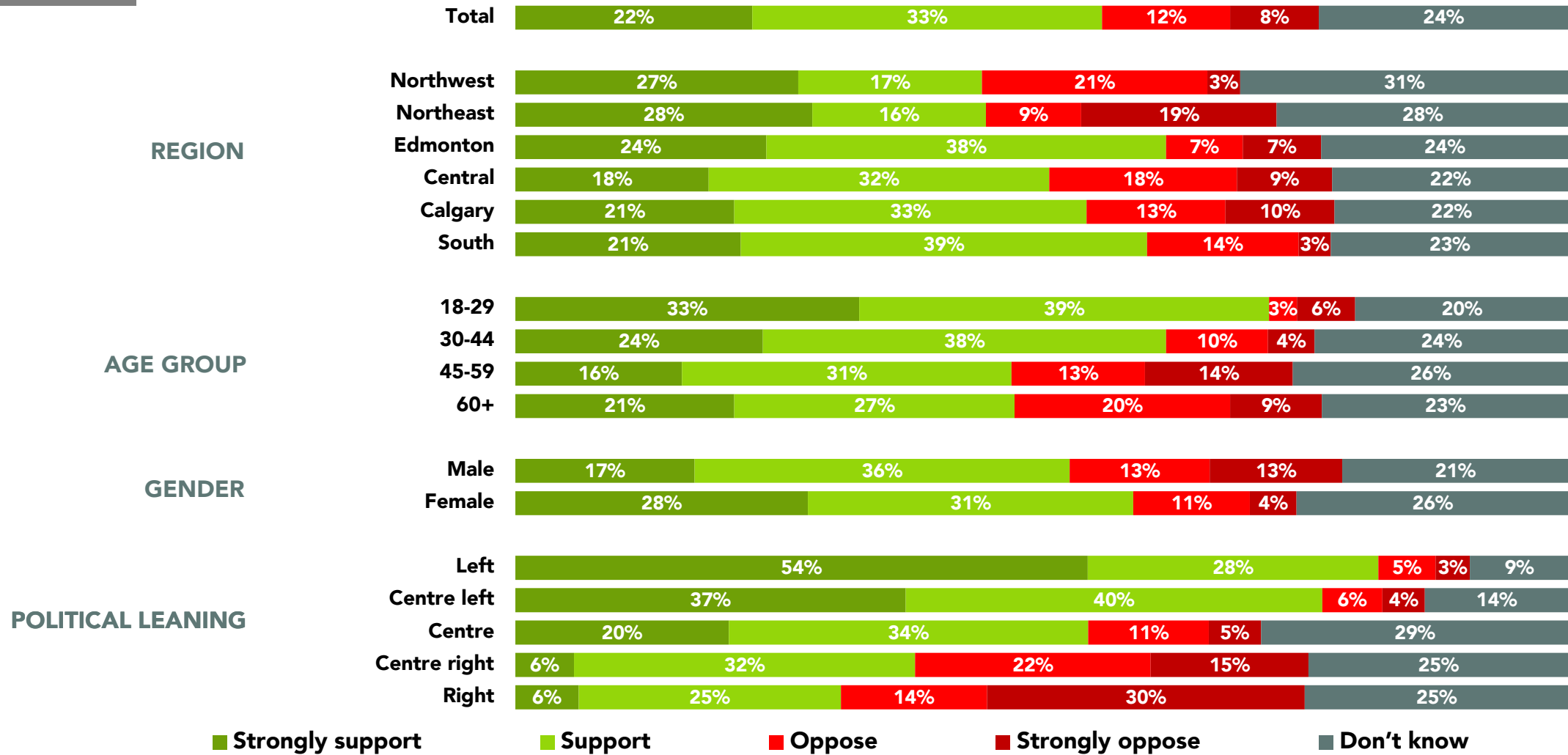
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HOLDING A LEADERS' DEBATE FOCUSED ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES DURING THE NEXT ELECTION

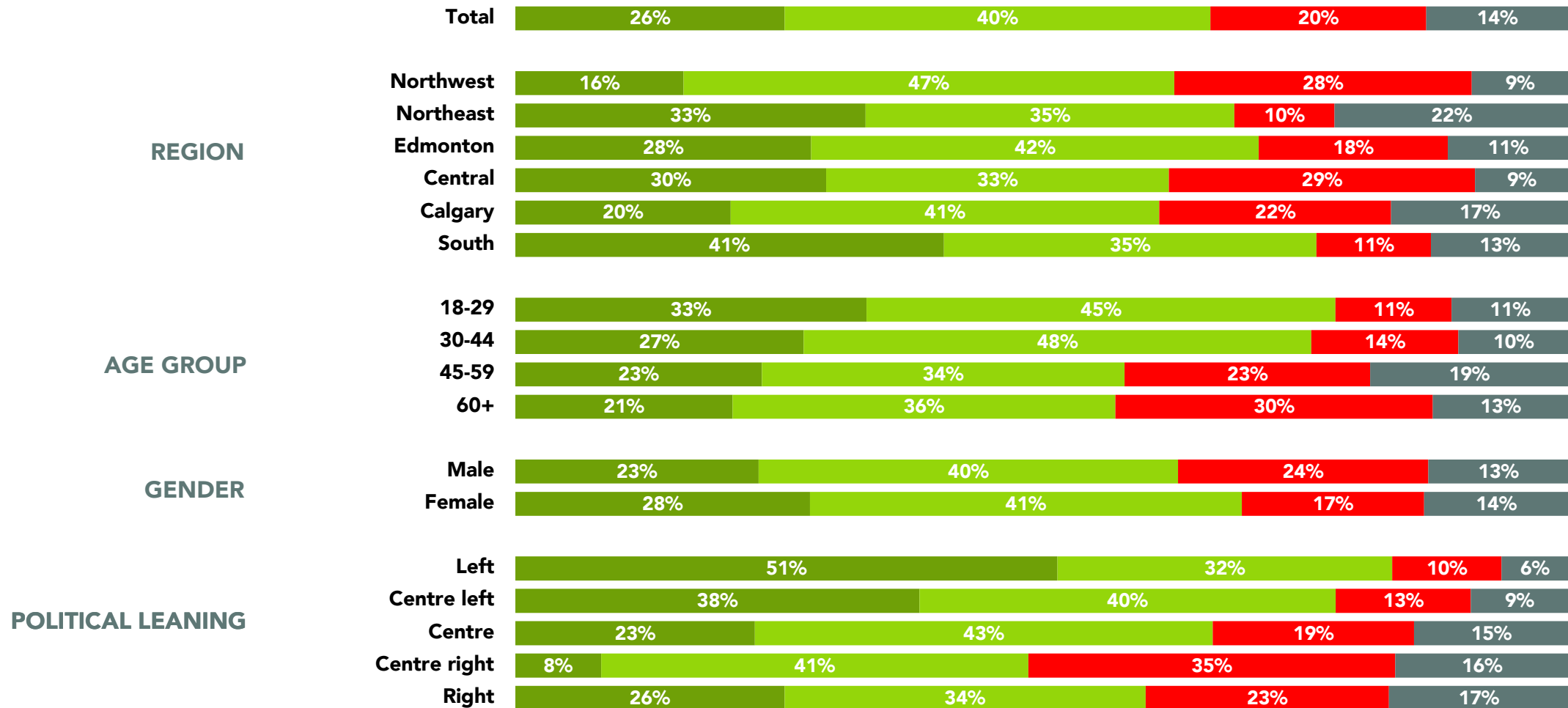
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WILL THIS NEWS CHANGE YOUR VIEWS?

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■ These events won't change my views on Indigenous issues, I already care deeply about them

■ I have a new appreciation for the damage residential schools caused Indigenous people and I'm going to care far more about it in the future

■ These events won't change my views, Indigenous issues are no more important than others affecting other Canadians

■ None of these come closest to my view

As a result of what you've learned about residential schools and the discovery of the remains of Indigenous children, which of the following comes closest to your view?