



Post-Brexit Governance NI

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A Functioning Stormont: Engaging on the Protocol/Windsor Framework




NI Executive participation in UK Delegation to:

- UK-EU Joint Committee (16.05.24)
- UK-EU Specialised Committee on the Implementation of the Windsor Framework (25.04.24)



Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee



The Committee pictured shortly before the start of a meeting in room 30, Parliament Buildings.

From left to right: Declan Kearney MLA, Patrick Brown MLA, Emma Sheerin MLA, Philip McGuigan MLA (Chairperson), David Brooks MLA (Deputy Chairperson), Joanne Bunting MLA, Jonathan Buckley MLA, Steve Aiken OBE MLA, SORCHA EASTWOOD MLA

About the Committee

The Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) is a standing committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly established under Schedule 6B to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (PDF, 8 pages, 59KB).

The Committee's purpose is to assist with the observation and implementation of Article 13(3a) and (4) of the Windsor Framework. The Committee's functions include:

- examining and considering new EU acts and replacement EU acts;
- conducting inquiries and publishing reports in relation to replacement EU acts;
- engaging with businesses, civil society and others in relation to replacement EU acts;
- engaging with the UK Government in relation to replacement EU acts;
- engaging with Ministers of Northern Ireland departments and the NI Executive in relation to replacement EU acts;
- dealing with other matters (including legislative proposals which may become new EU acts or replacement EU acts) which the Committee considers to be connected with its purpose or other functions.

Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee	
Inquiries	
Please find a list of EU published acts in which the Democratic Scrutiny Committee is currently holding an inquiry. Click on the published act itself for further information or click on the survey link to go straight to the consultation and submit your views.	
EU Published Act	Link to survey
Regulation (EU) 2024/1252 establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and amending Regulations (EU) No 168/2013, (EU) 2018/656, (EU) 2018/1724 and (EU) 2019/1020	Survey Closed
Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 on shipments of waste, amending Regulations (EU) No 1257/2013 and (EU) 2020/1056 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006	Report published
Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 on the geographical indications for wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products, as well as traditional specialities guaranteed and optional quality terms for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2019/787 and (EU) 2019/1753 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012	Report published



The Stormont Brake

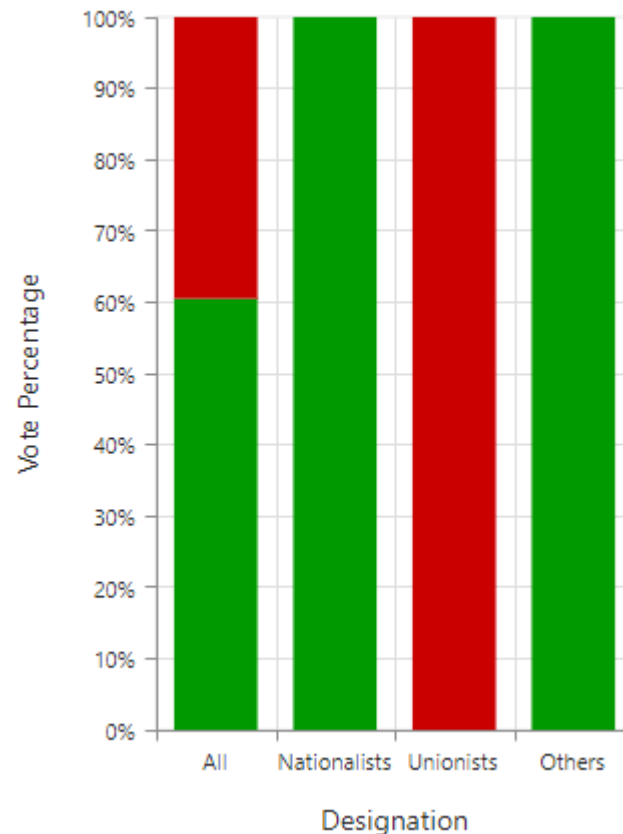
The Stormont Brake may apply to an EU act, which amends or replaces an act which already applies in Northern Ireland under the Windsor Framework. Applicability motions apply when the EU adopts a new act, which it considers to be within the scope of the Windsor Framework.

Still to be used...

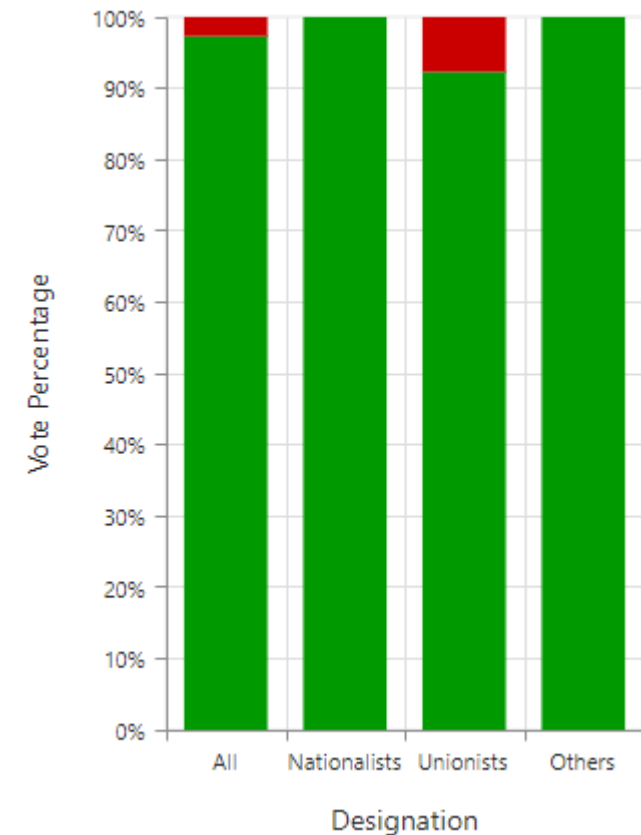
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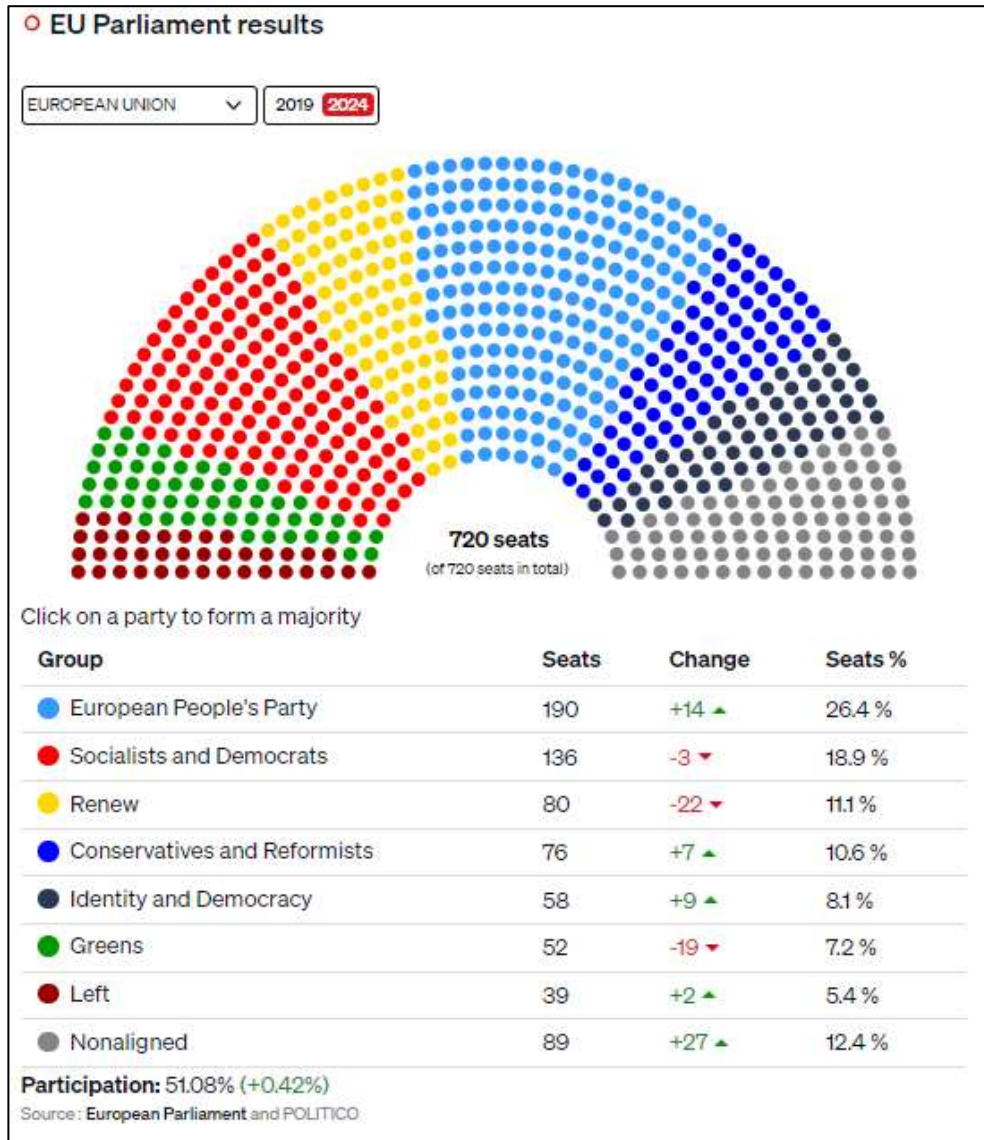
Applicability Motion - Regulation (EU)
2023/2411: Geographical Indicators
for Craft and Industrial Products
19 March 2024



Applicability Motion - Regulation
(EU) 2023/2419: Labelling of
Organic Pet Food
29 April 2024



European Parliament Elections... and key appointments



<https://www.politico.eu/europe-poll-of-polls/european-parliament-election/>



Next steps...

- European Parliament convenes...
 - Committees: chairs and membership
 - EP Delegation to the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly
- New European Commission: nominations, EP hearings, approval

Consensus on key posts?

European Commission President
Ursula von der Leyen

European Council President
António Costa

European Parliament President
Roberta Metsola

High Representative for EU
Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Kaja Kallas

<https://www.ft.com/content/b93e0be9-6e96-432c-8958-a17f2954172e>

The 2024 UK General Election



The election campaigns

- Protocol/Windsor Framework as election issue

A new UK government

- Minister(s) responsible for Protocol/Windsor Framework
- Implementation of Windsor Framework... and Safeguarding the Union
- Attention to Protocol/Windsor Framework
- Ambitions for UK-EU relationship

A new UK Parliament

- A government majority
- Representation from Northern Ireland
- Interest in the Protocol/Windsor Framework
 - European Scrutiny Committee?
 - House of Lords Subcommittee on the Windsor Framework?
- NI representation on EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

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Opinion of the Protocol/Windsor Framework

The Protocol with WF and DUP deal provides unique economic opportunities for NI

Brexit is on balance a good thing for the UK

Particular arrangements are necessary

The Protocol with the Windsor Framework & DUP deal is on balance a good thing for NI

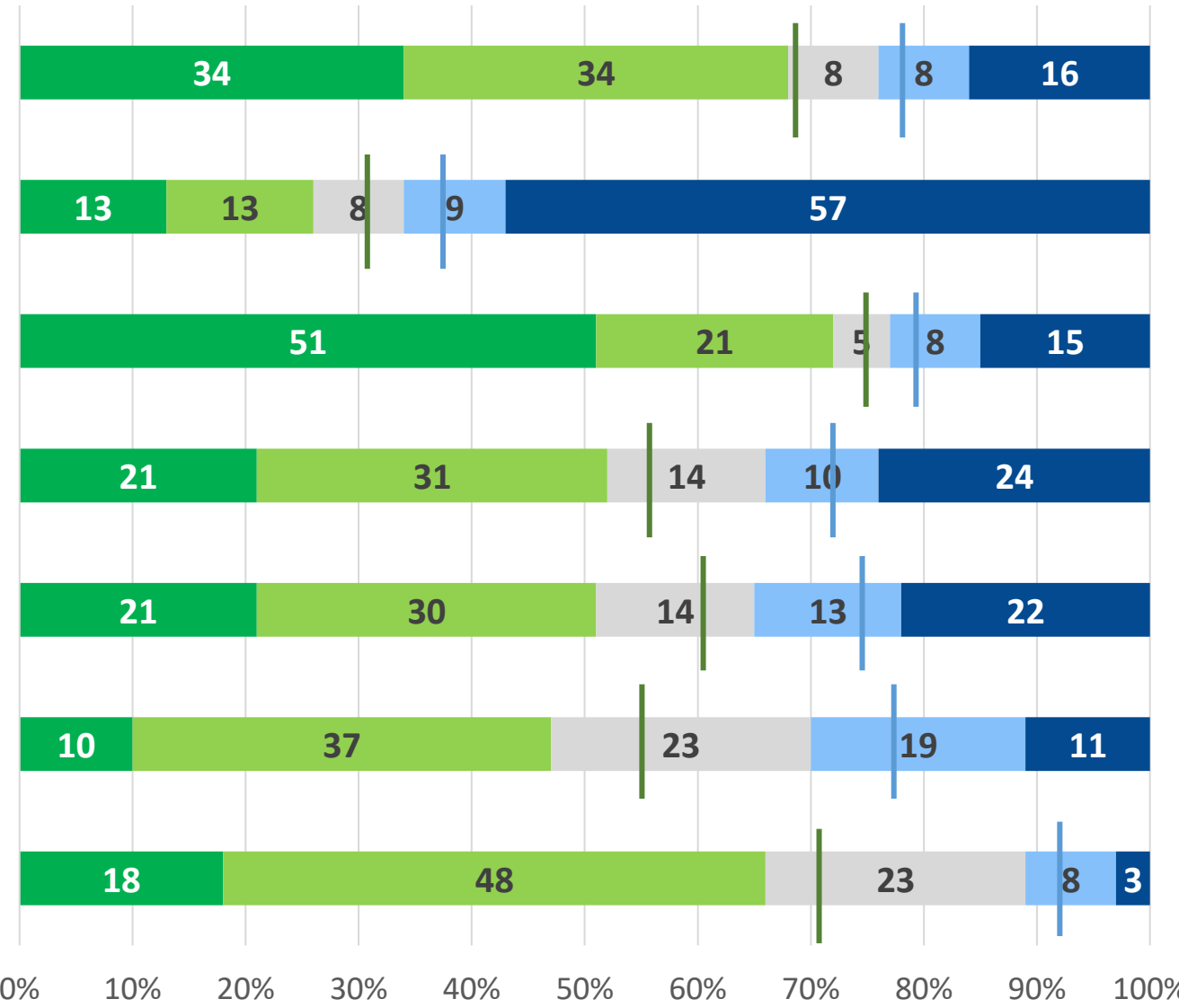
With the WF & DUP deal, the Protocol provides appropriate means for managing Brexit in NI

Reliable information on the Protocol & Windsor Framework is available

I have a good understanding of the Protocol

Feb '24
agree
disagree

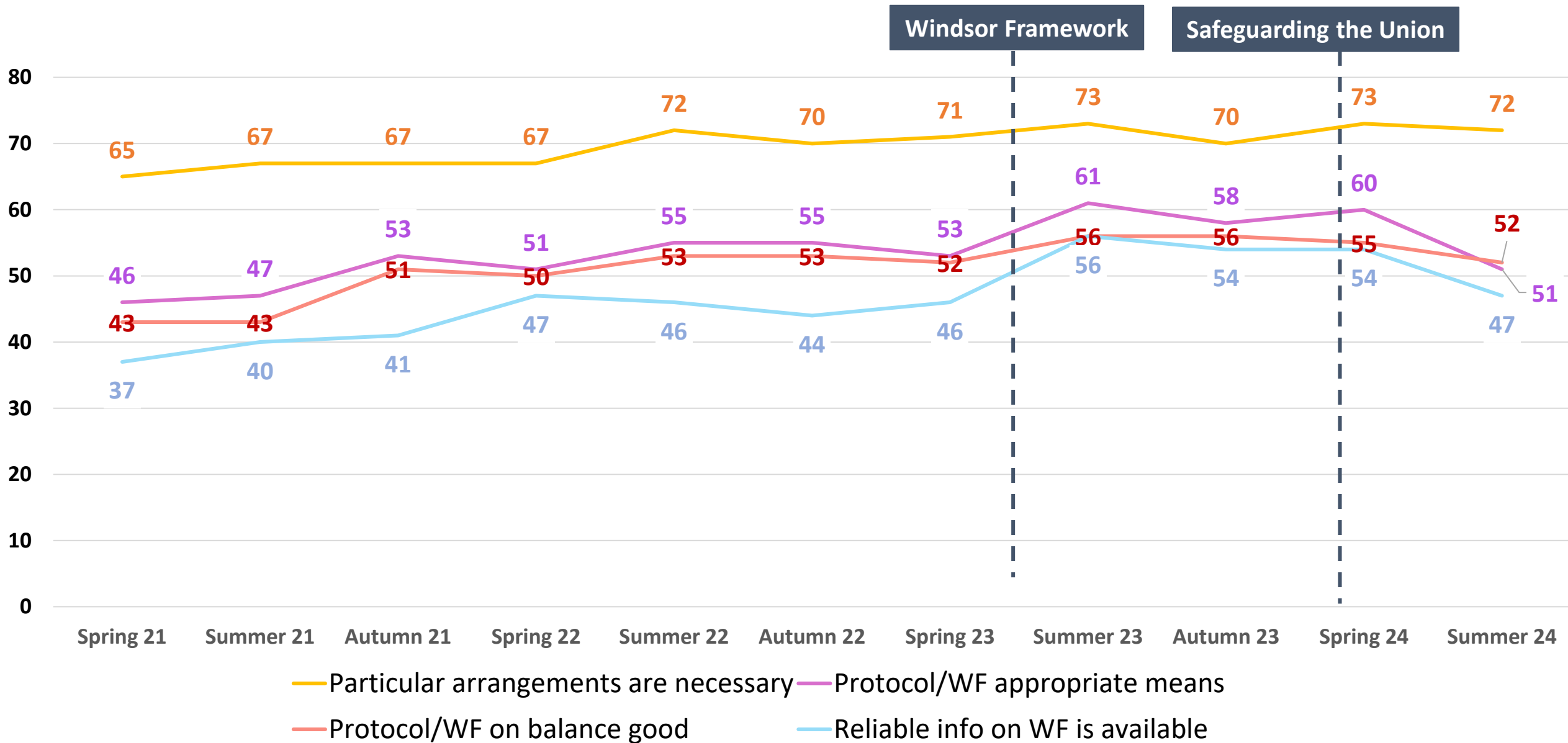
Strongly Agree Agree Neutral/DK Disagree Strongly Disagree



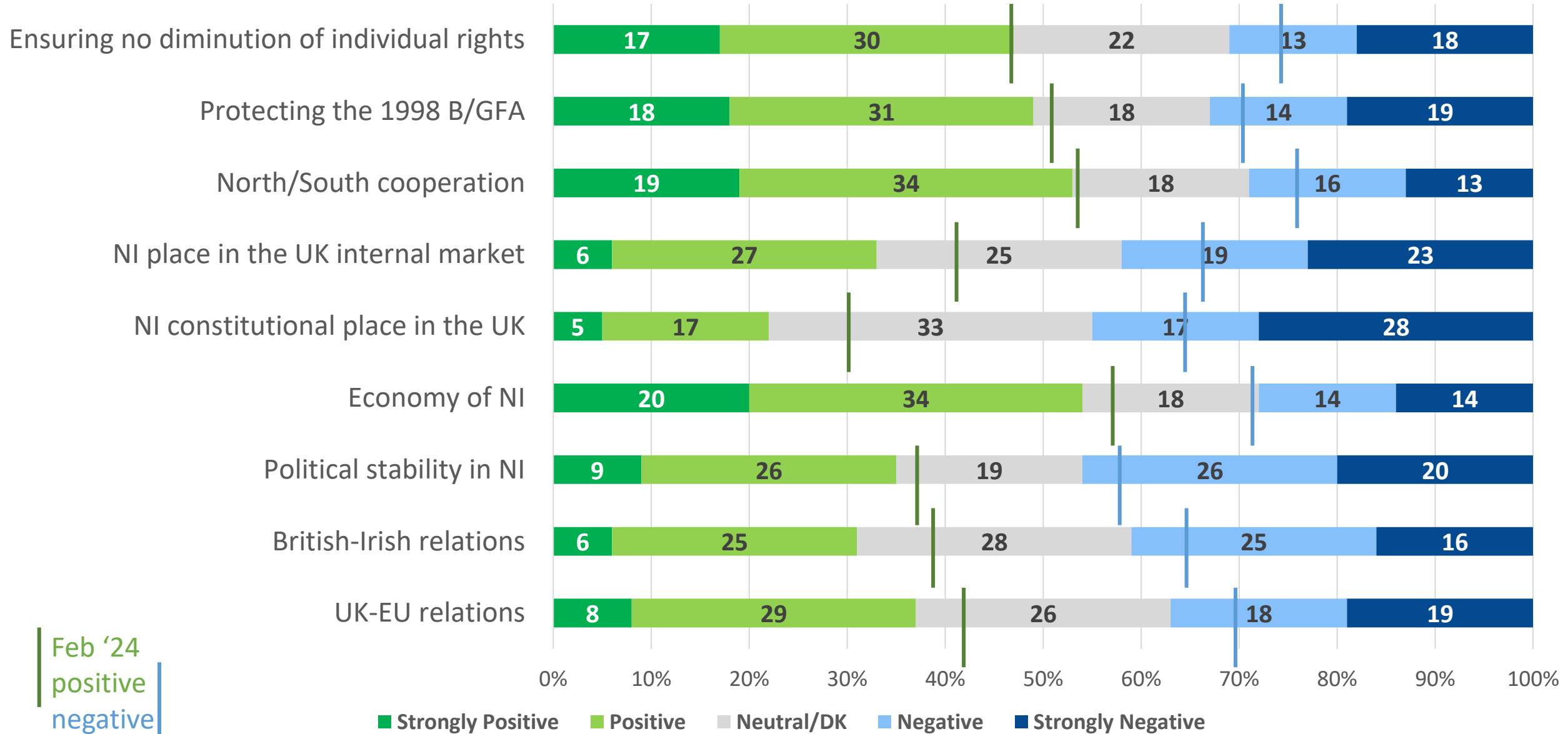
Testing the Temperature XI - What do NI Voters Think about the Protocol/Windsor Framework, 31 May – 3 June 2024. Weighted Sample: 1,016

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Views on the Protocol/Windsor Framework over time – % agree



Perceived Impact of the Protocol/Windsor Framework

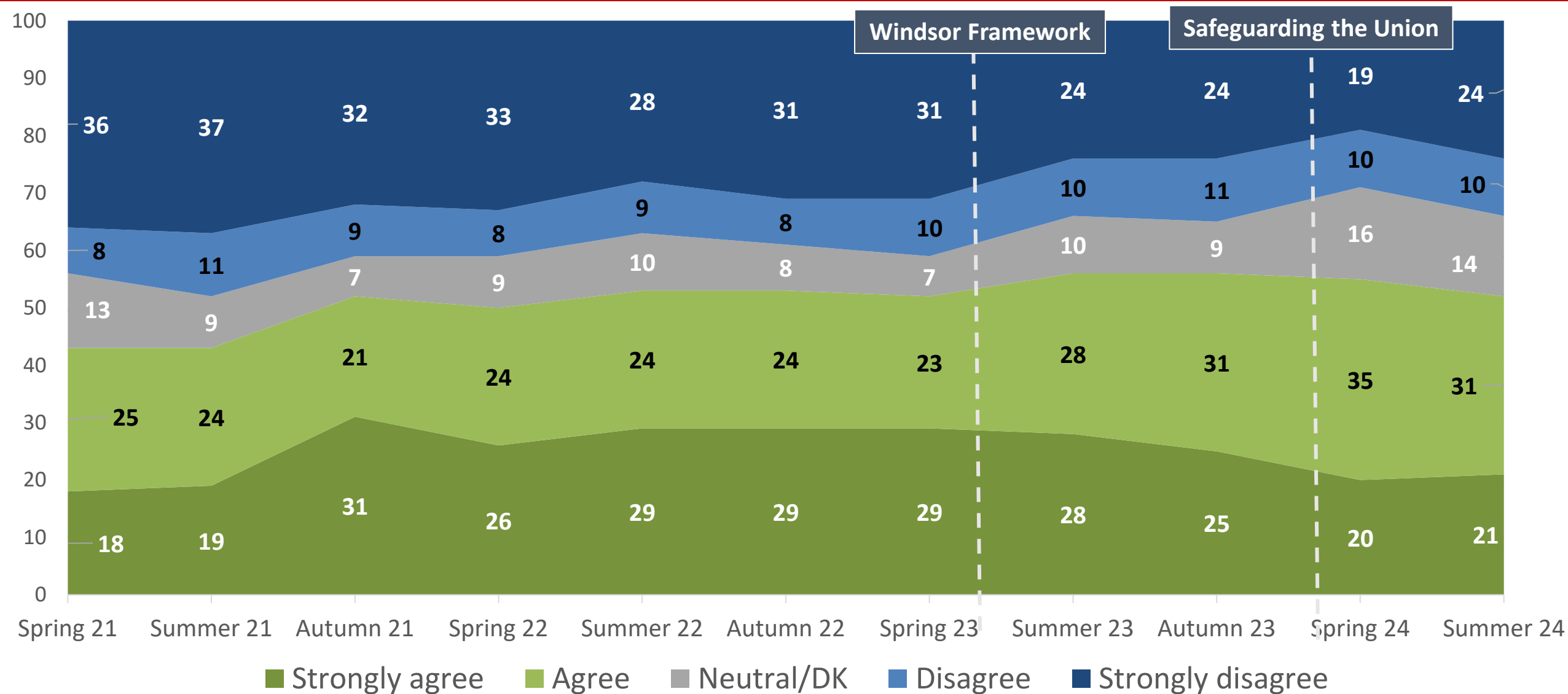


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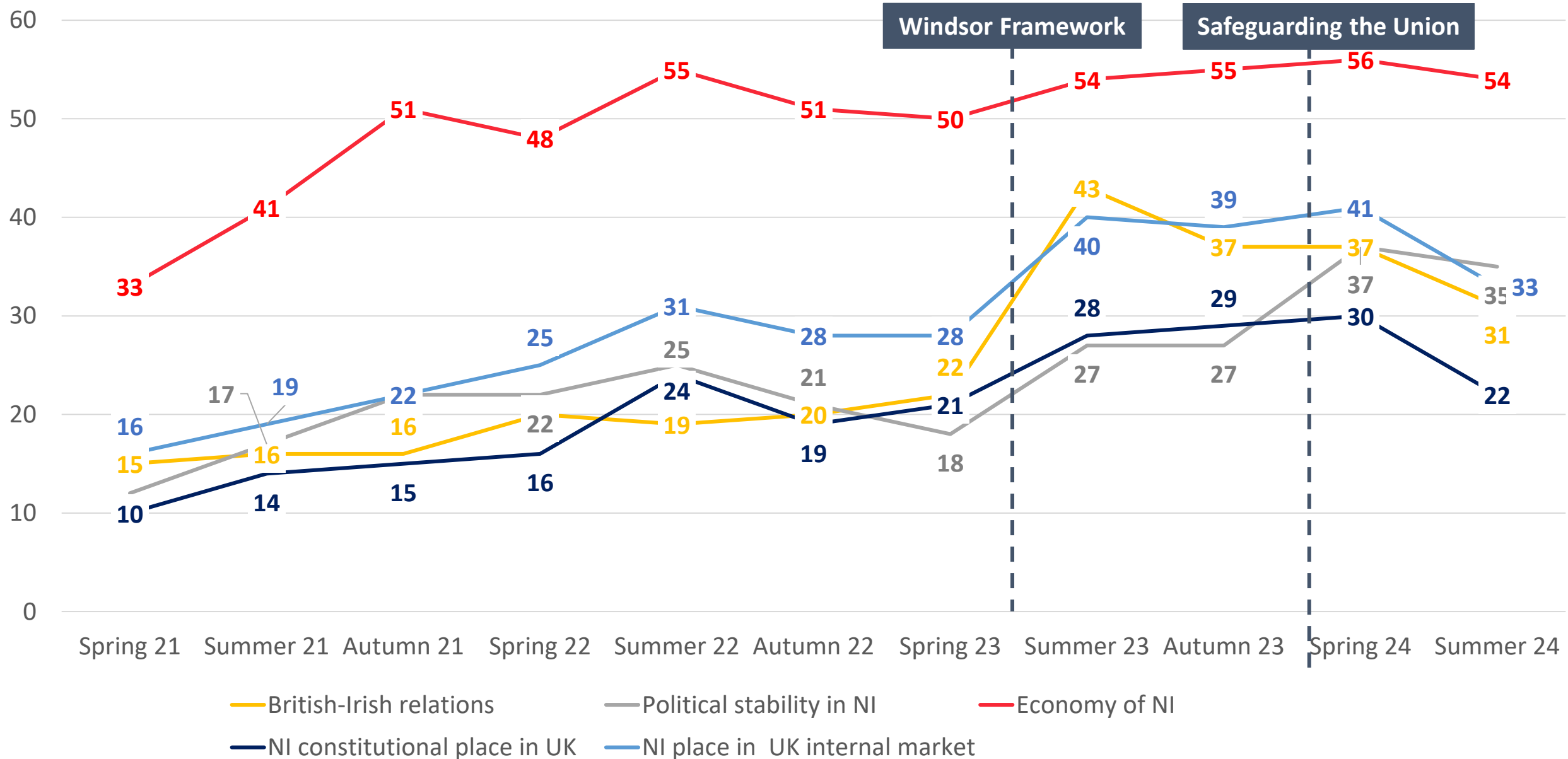
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Protocol with WF and DUP deal 'on balance a good thing' for Northern Ireland (%)

(March 2021-Jun 2024)



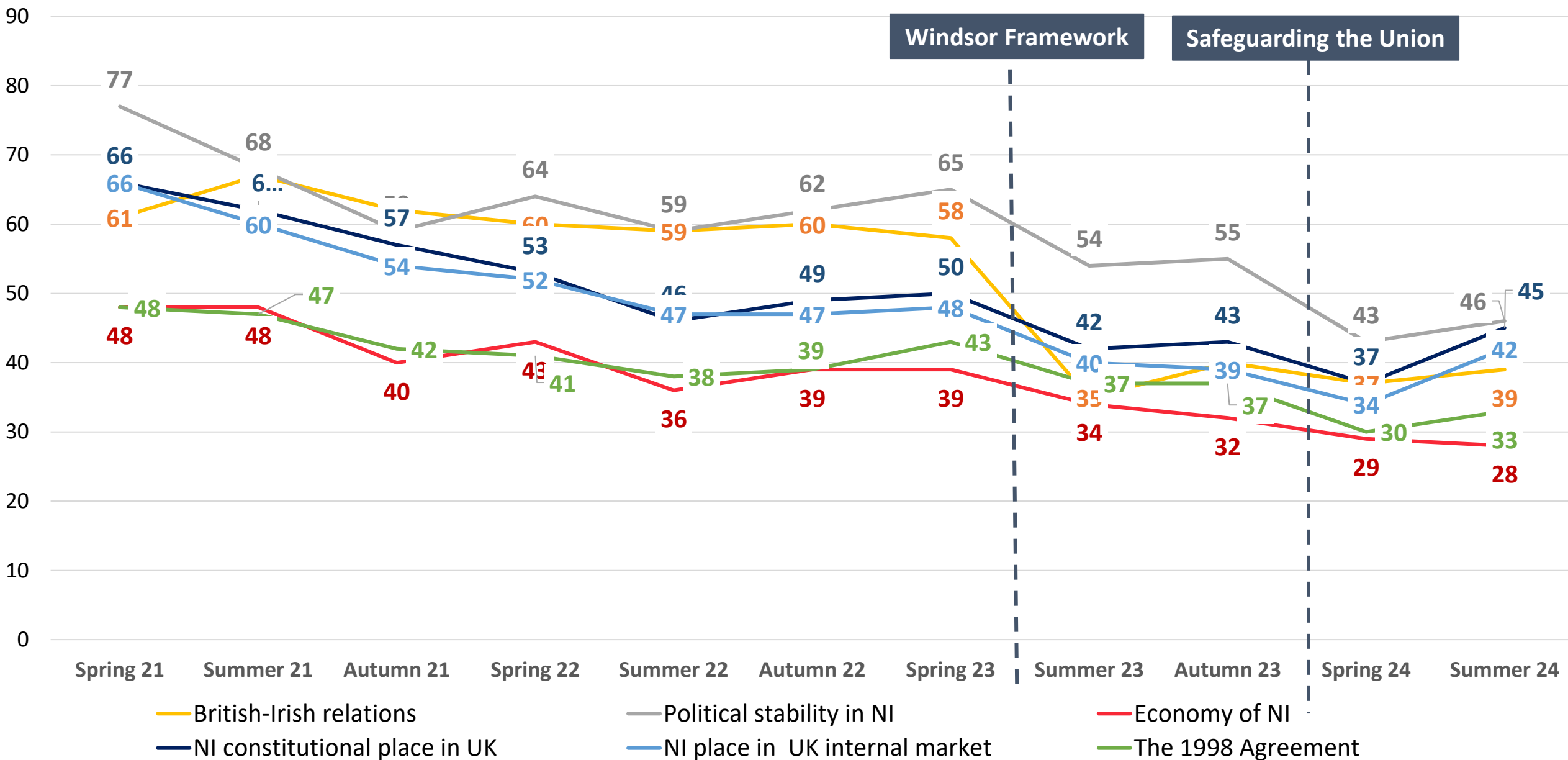
% Thinking the Protocol/WF has a positive impact on...



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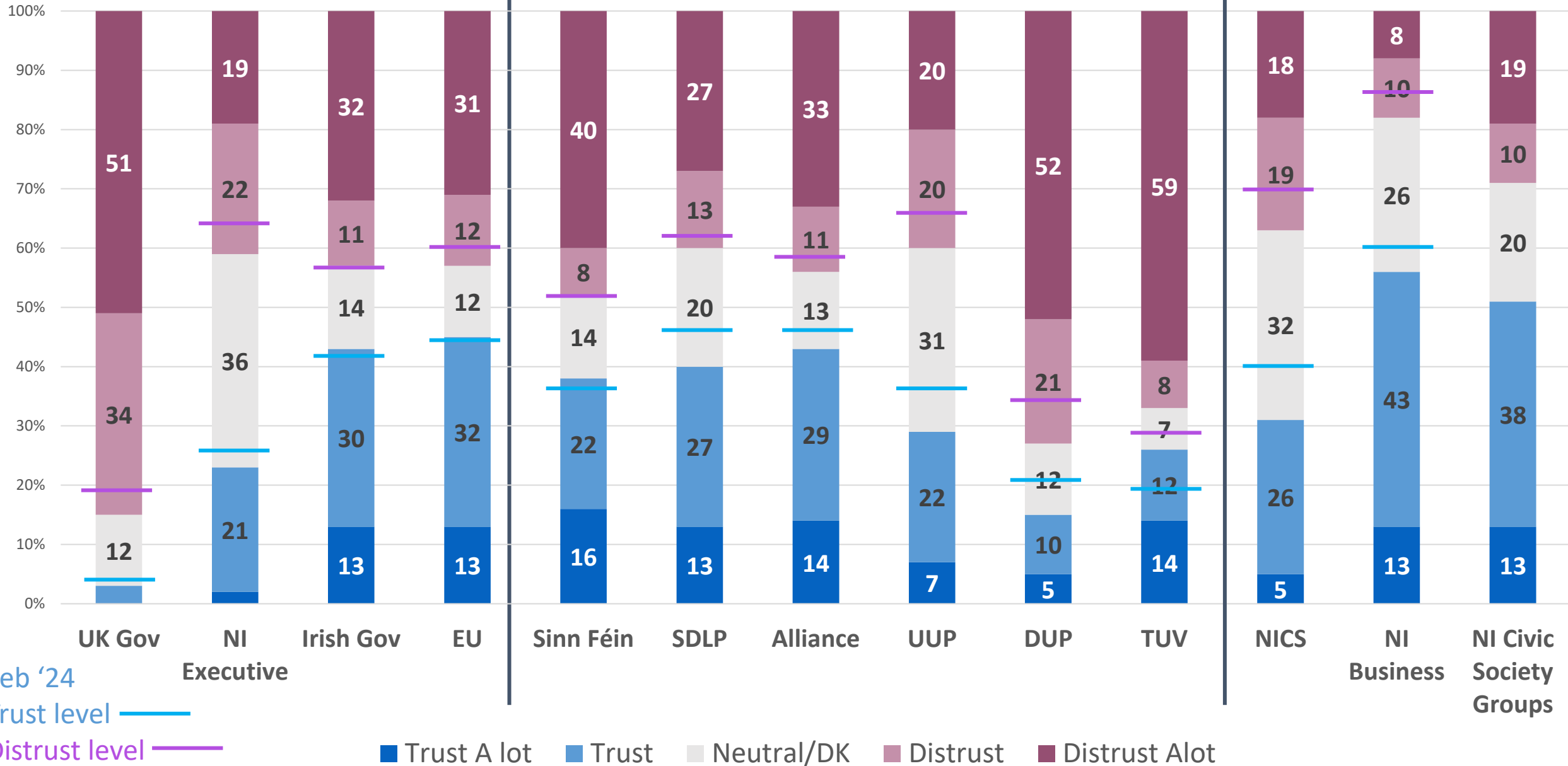
% Thinking the Protocol/Windsor Framework has a **negative** impact on...



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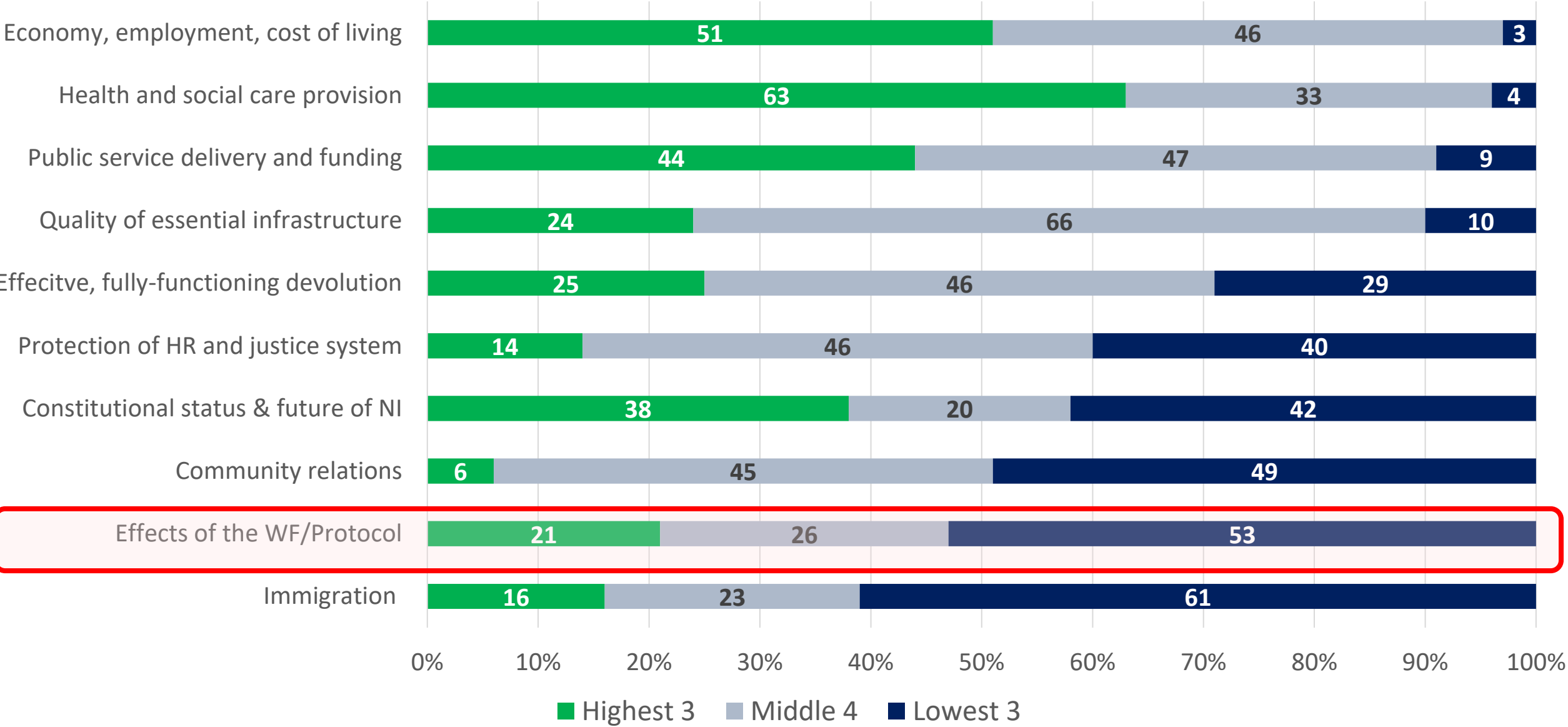
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Trust in Managing NI Interests in Relation to the Protocol/Windsor Framework (%)



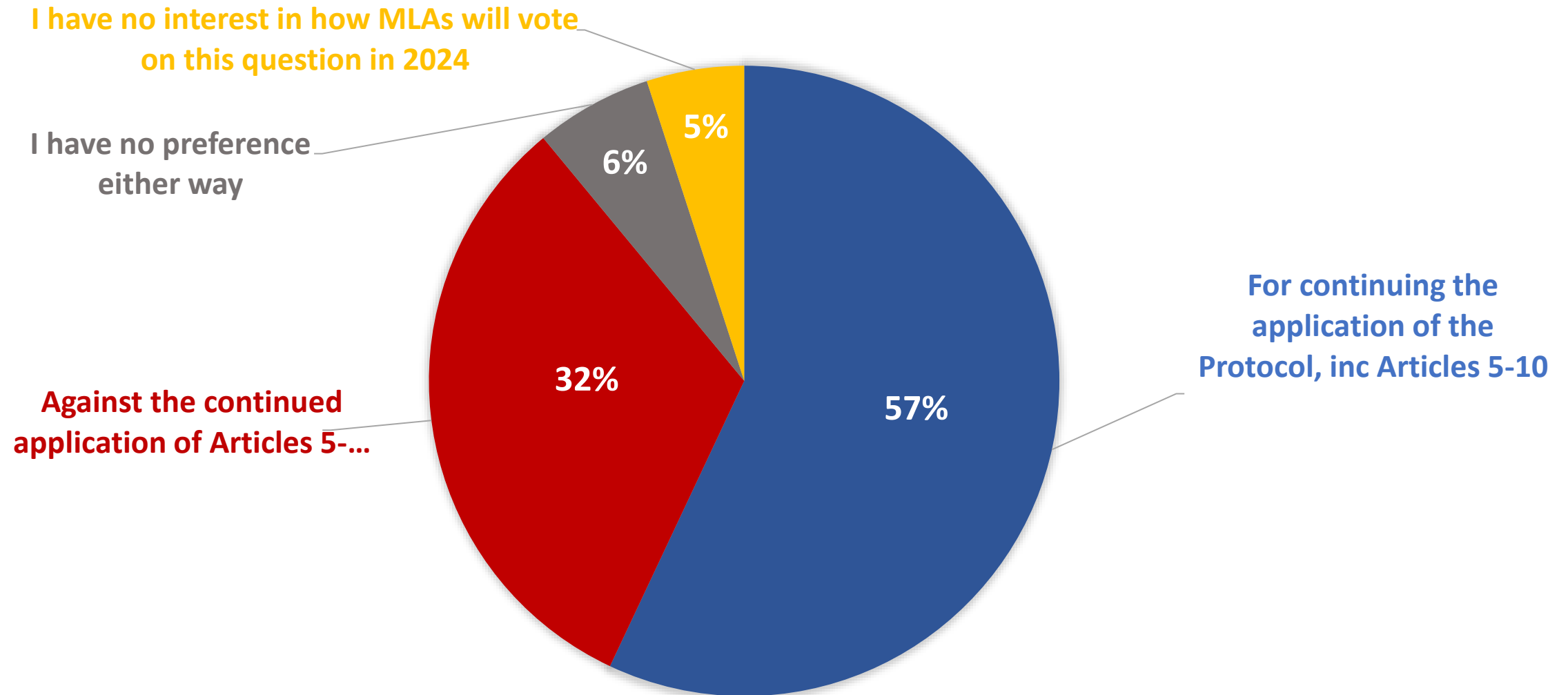
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Rank the following issues in terms of how important they are to you at present (out of 10) (%)



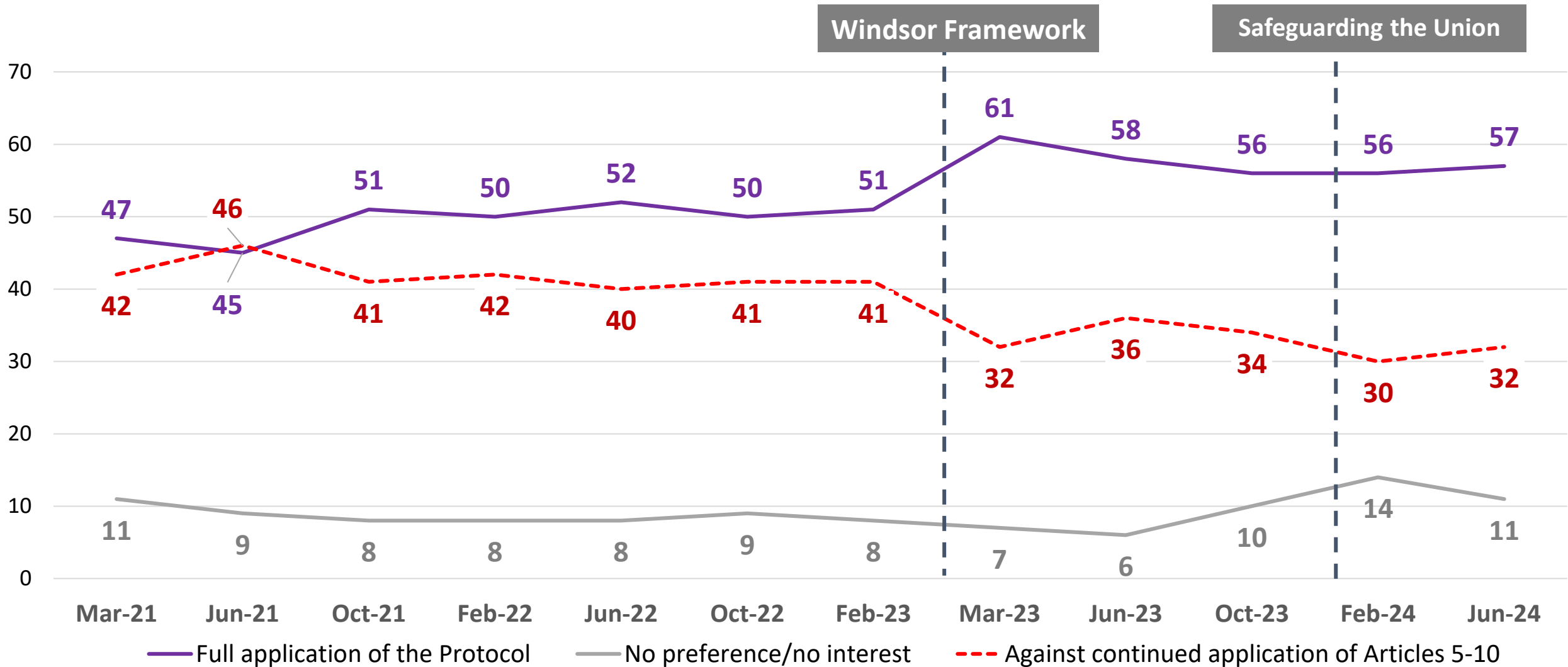
Democratic Consent Vote - 2024

Based on what you currently know, and are experiencing now, how would you like the MLAs for whom you voted in the 2022 NI Assembly election to vote on the Windsor Framework at the end of this year?



Democratic Consent

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Views on the Windsor Framework

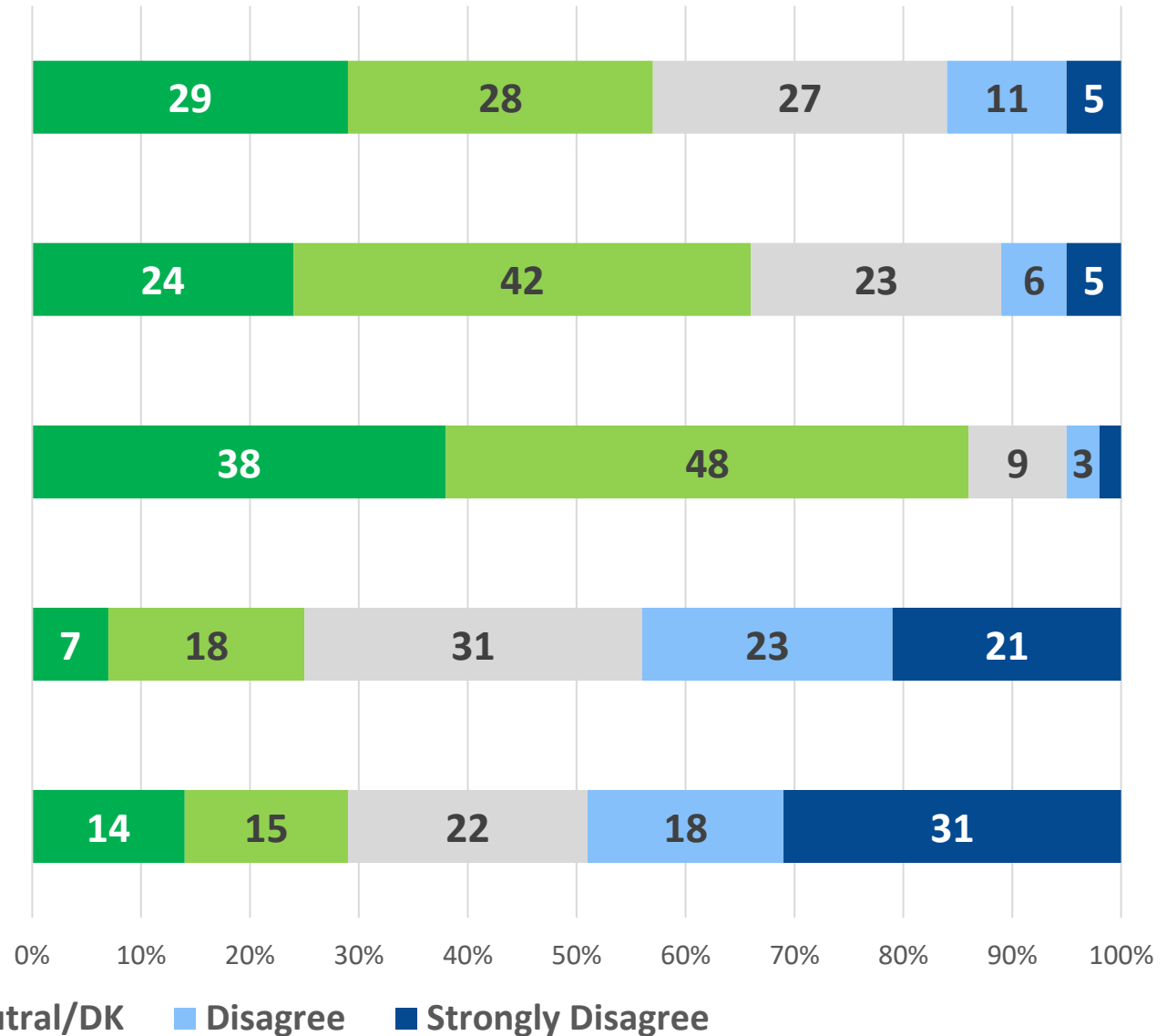
The WF and Safeguarding the Union deals have been oversold

It is important that civic society groups have their voices heard in the implementation of the WF

It is important that business representatives have their voices heard in the implementation of the WF

The UK Govt is effectively ensuring no diminution of rights under the 1998 Agmt

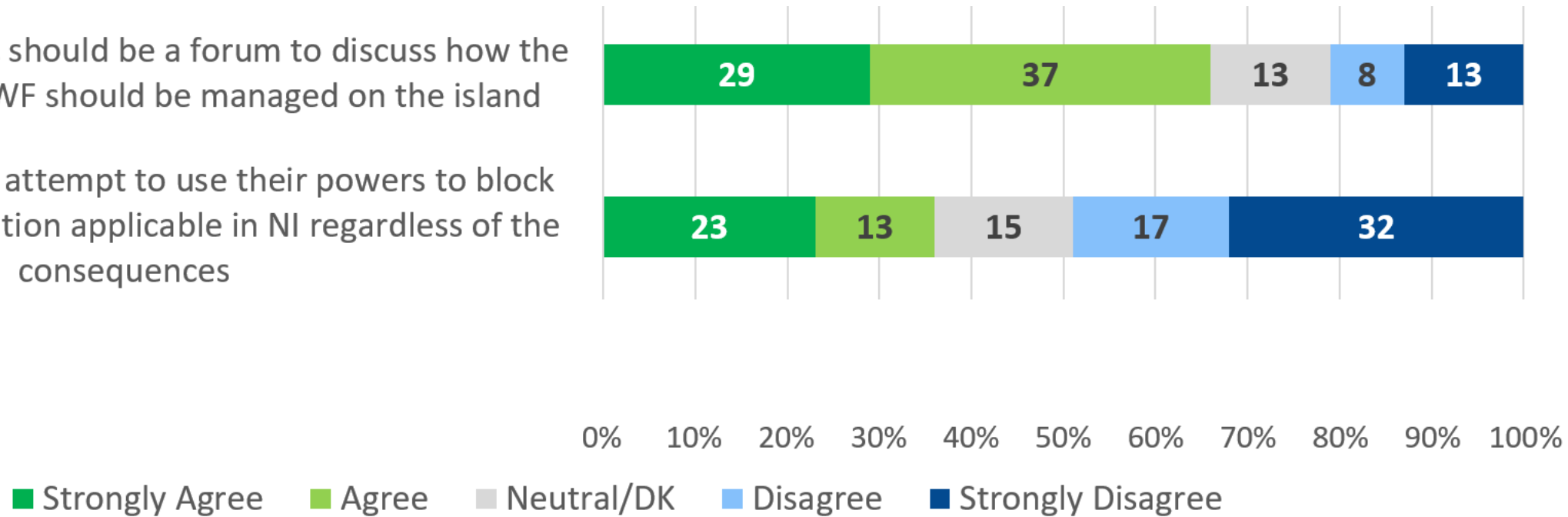
It bothers me to see 'not for EU' labelling under the WF



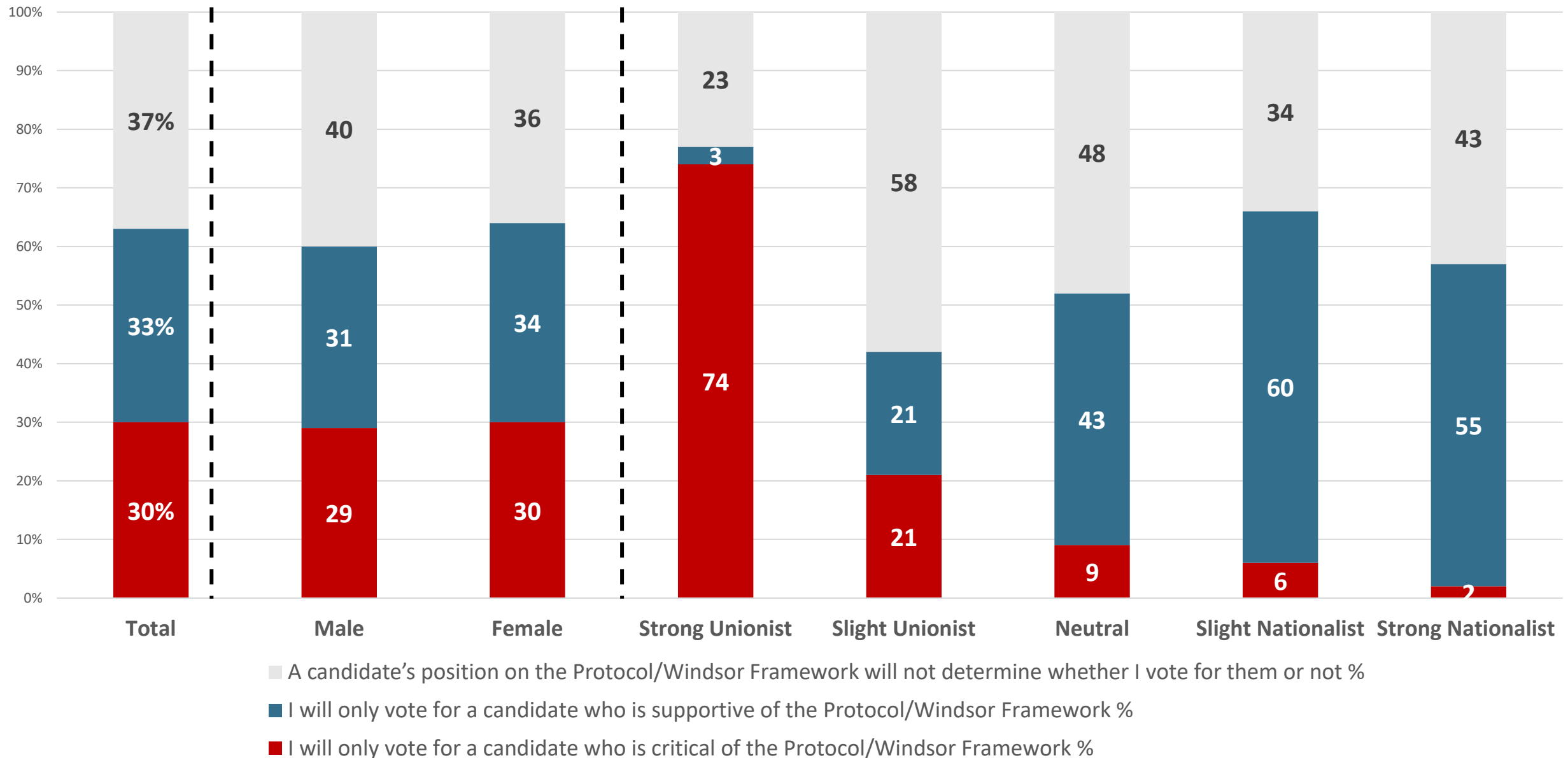
Views on the Governance of the Protocol/Windsor Framework

The restored NSMC should be a forum to discuss how the effects of Brexit/WF should be managed on the island

I would like MLAs to attempt to use their powers to block changes to EU legislation applicable in NI regardless of the consequences



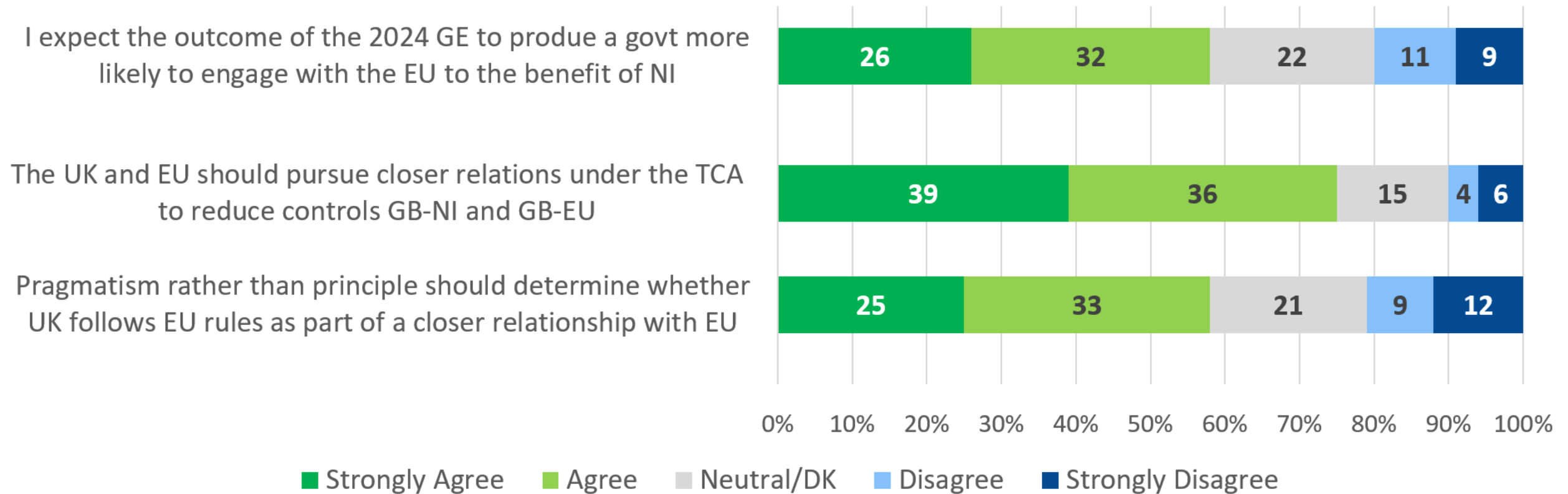
How important is the Windsor Framework in deciding whom to vote for in the GE? (%)



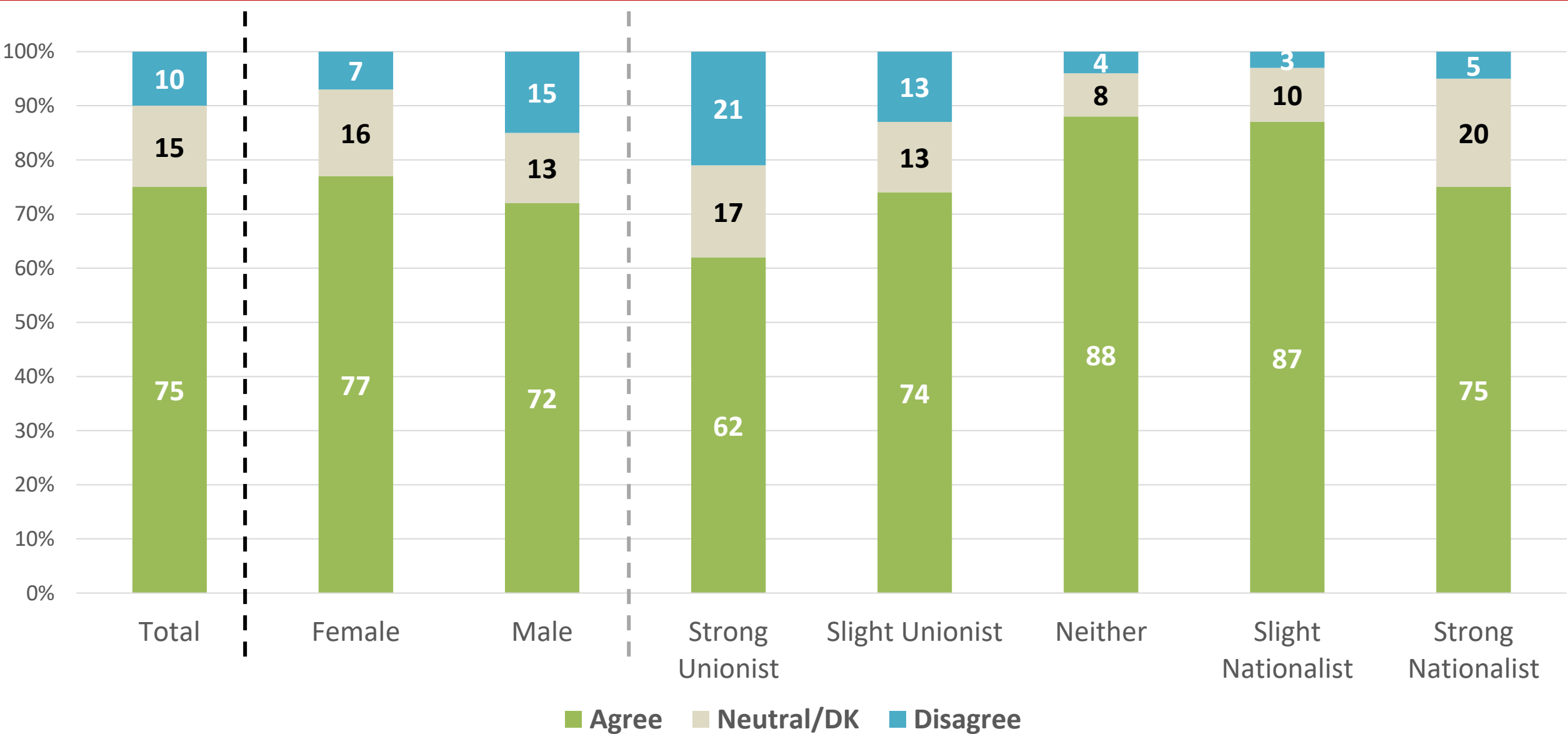
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The 2024 General Election and After



The UK and EU should pursue closer relations under the TCA to reduce further the need for formalities, checks and controls on the movement of goods from Great Britain to Northern Ireland and the EU Market (%)





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