Antisemitism in French and German public opinion

Crossed views

IFOP survey for AJC and the Foundation for Political Innovation

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METHODOLOGY

The methodological system was constructed according to a cross-viewing logic. The survey in Germany was conducted by the Institut für Demoskopie Allensbach and in France by IFOP. The surveys have the same characteristics in terms of collection method (they were carried out via the Internet), indicators (the questions were asked identically according to the same method), sampling method (the quota method) and temporality (they were carried out at the same time).

In Germany, two samples were surveyed:

- A sample of 1025 respondents, representative of the German population over 18 years old. The representativeness of the sample was ensured according to the quota method (gender, age, level of education and region).

- A sample of 561 respondents, representative of the German Muslim population over the age of 18. The representativeness of the sample was ensured according to the quota method (gender, age, education level and region).

Both surveys were conducted via the internet from December 22, 2021 to January 18, 2022. Quotas for the sample "residents of Germany of Muslim faith" were determined from the data of the study "Muslimisches Leben in Deutschland 2020"

In France, two samples were surveyed:

A sample of 1,509 respondents, representative of the French population aged 18 and over. The representativeness of the sample was ensured according to the quota method (gender, age, profession, level of education, region and category of agglomeration)

A sample of 501 respondents, representative of the French Muslim population over 18 years old. The representativeness of the sample was ensured according to the quota method (gender, age, profession, level of degree, region and category of agglomeration).

The two surveys were conducted via the Internet from December 15, 2021 to January 4, 2022. Quotas for the sample of "residents of the Muslim faith in France" were determined using data from the IFOP/Institut Montaigne study "A French Islam is possible".

Antisemitism: opinions and perceptions of the phenomenon

The feeling that antisemitism is a widespread and growing phenomenon
Summary: Total yes

Question: In your opinion, is antisemitism today in [Germany/France] a phenomenon that is …?

60% — Widespread — **64%**

64% — On the rise *Compared to a decade ago* — **64%**

The feeling that the problem of antisemitism is talked about too much, enough or not enough

Question: In your opinion, is the problem of antisemitism in Germany/France talked about too much, sufficiently or not enough?

	Germany	France
Too much	17%	15%
Sufficiently	52%	51%
Not enough	31%	34%
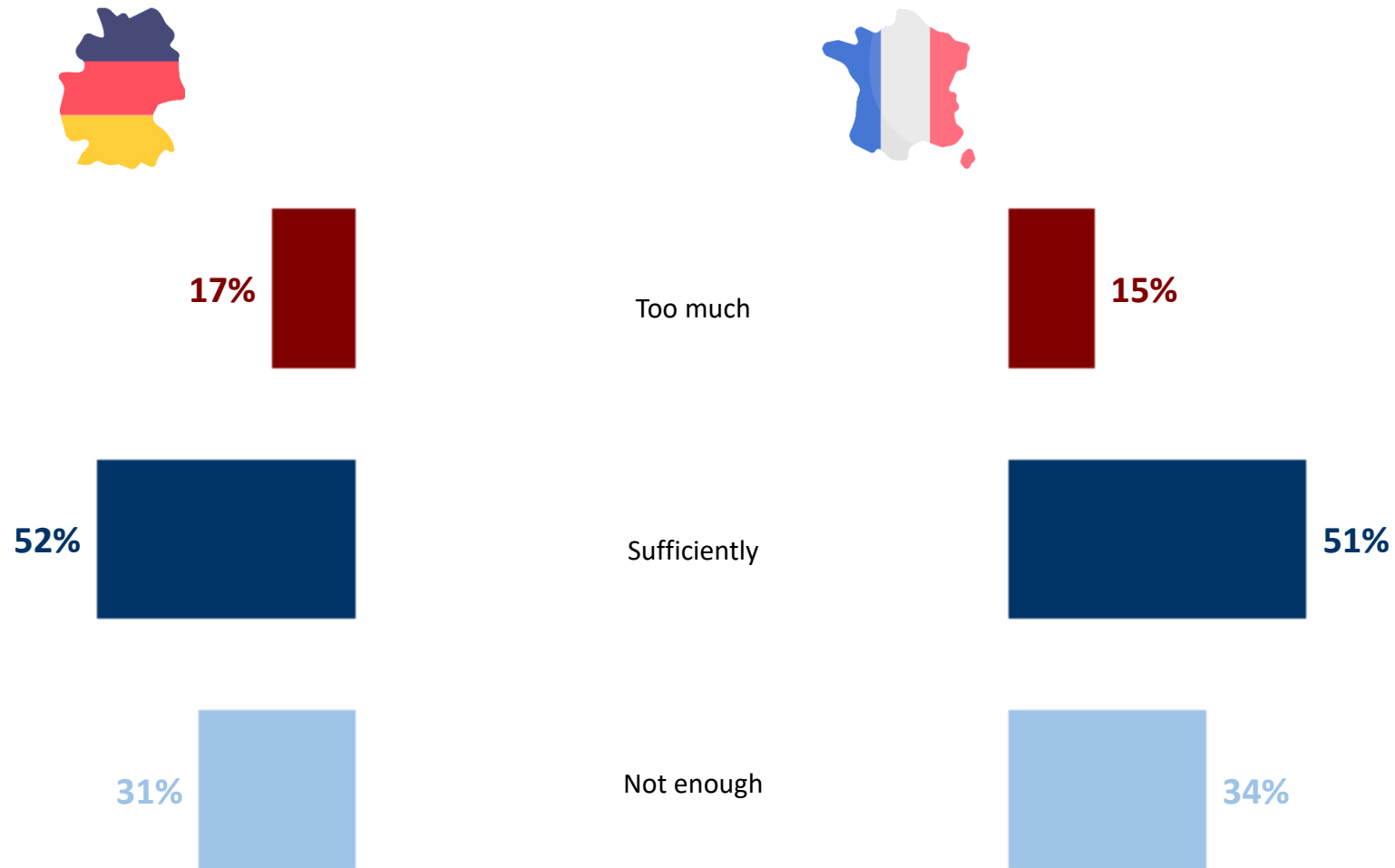
The feeling that antisemitism is only a problem for Jews or, on the contrary, for society as a whole

Question: Of these two opinions, which one do you feel closer to?

	Germany		France
Antisemitism is a problem for everyone because it concerns society as a whole	**73%**		**73%**
Antisemitism is only a problem for Jews and does not concern society as a whole	**8%**		**8%**
You do not know	**19%**		**19%**
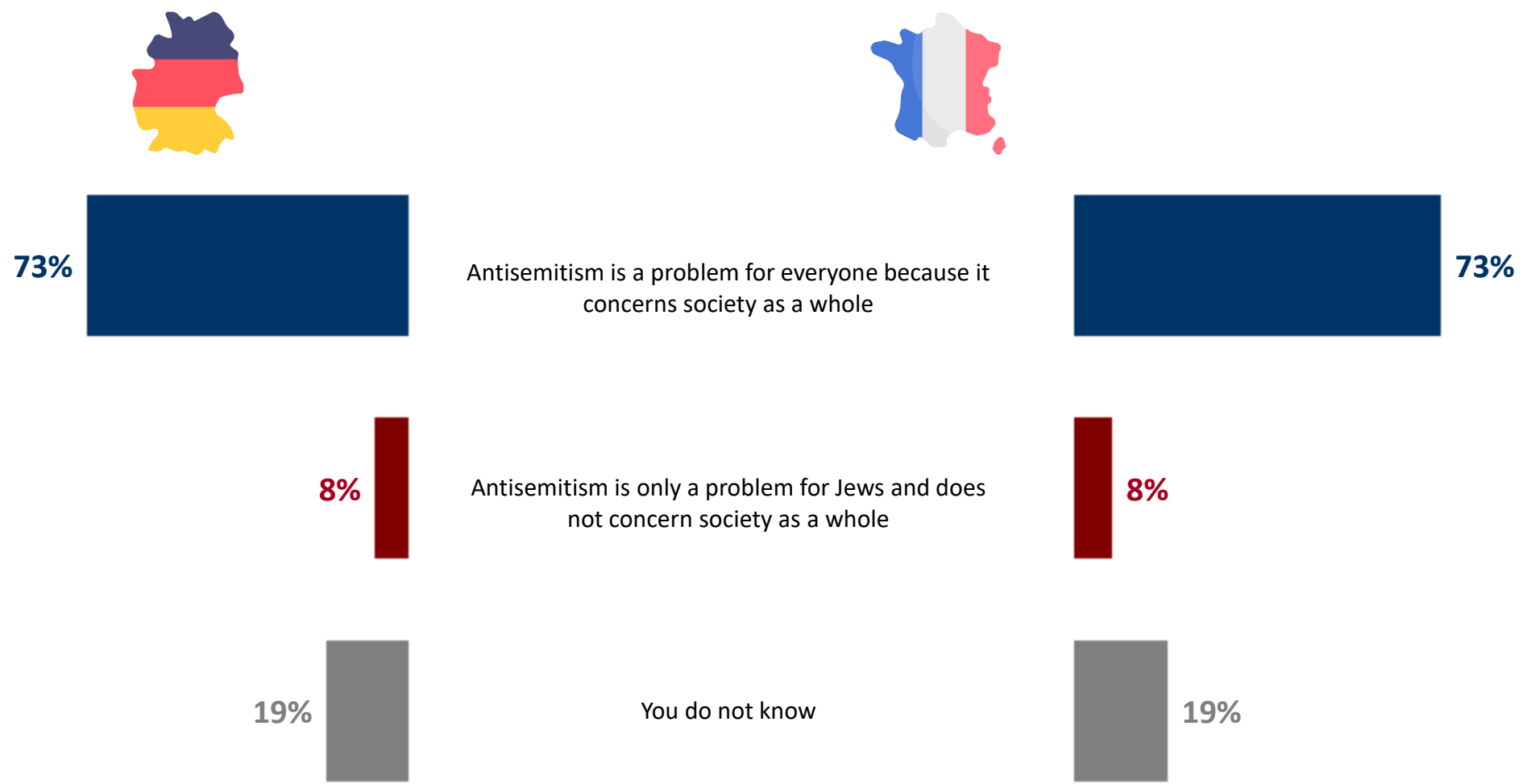
The primary perceived cause of antisemitism in Germany and France

Question: In your opinion, what is the cause of antisemitism in [Germany/France]? First? Second?

Germany		France
43%	The ideas of the extreme right	20%
21%	Rejection, hatred of Israel	30%
17%	Conspiracy theories	17%
16%	Islamist ideas	27%
3%	The ideas of the extreme left	5%
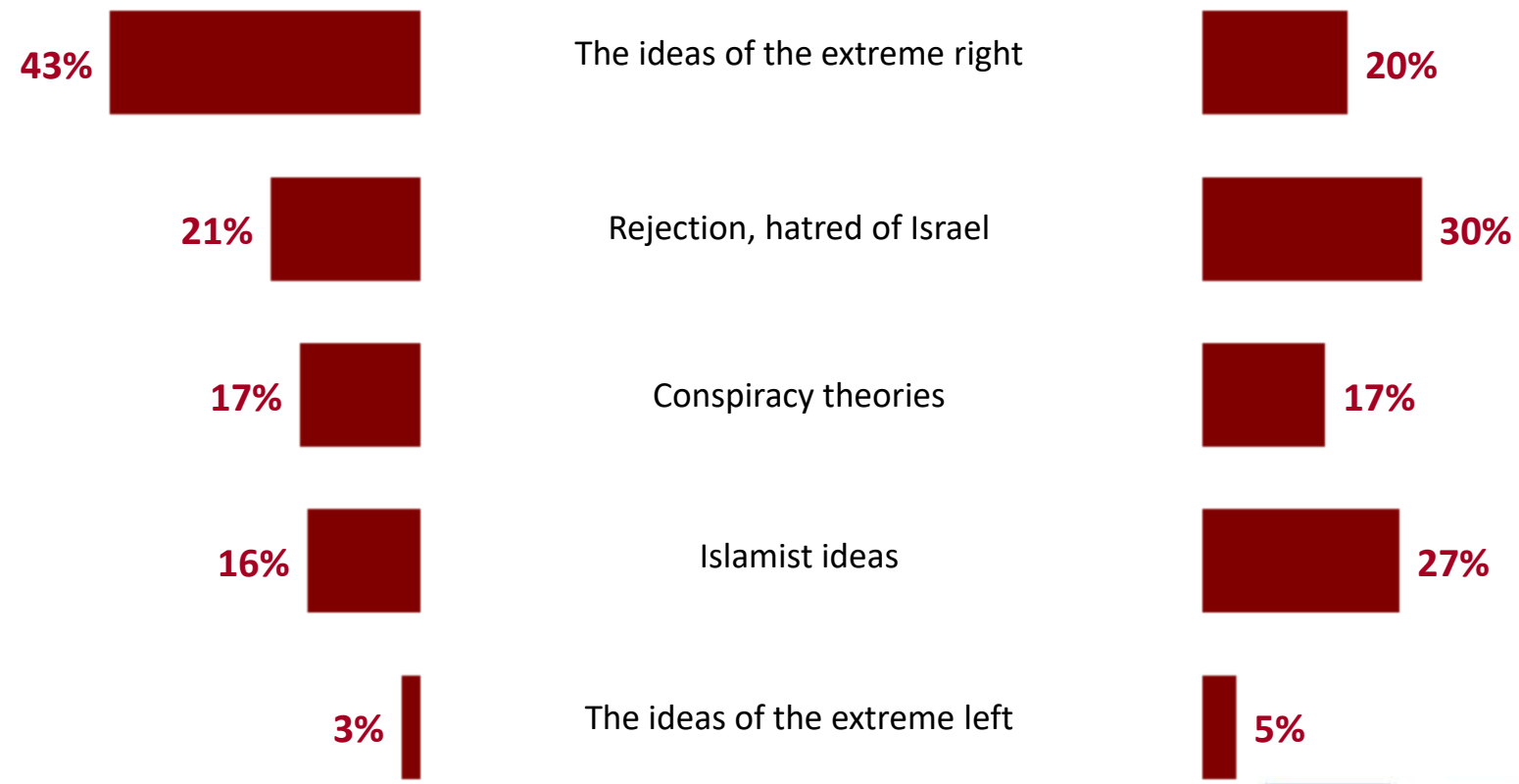
(*) Total greater than 100%, as respondents may have given two answers

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The shocking nature of the parallels made between the status of the unvaccinated against Covid 19 and World War II

Question: During the anti-vaccination protests, parallels were drawn between the status of unvaccinated people against Covid 19 and the situation of the Jews during the Second World War, notably with the wearing of yellow stars by some protesters. Would you say that these comparisons are...?
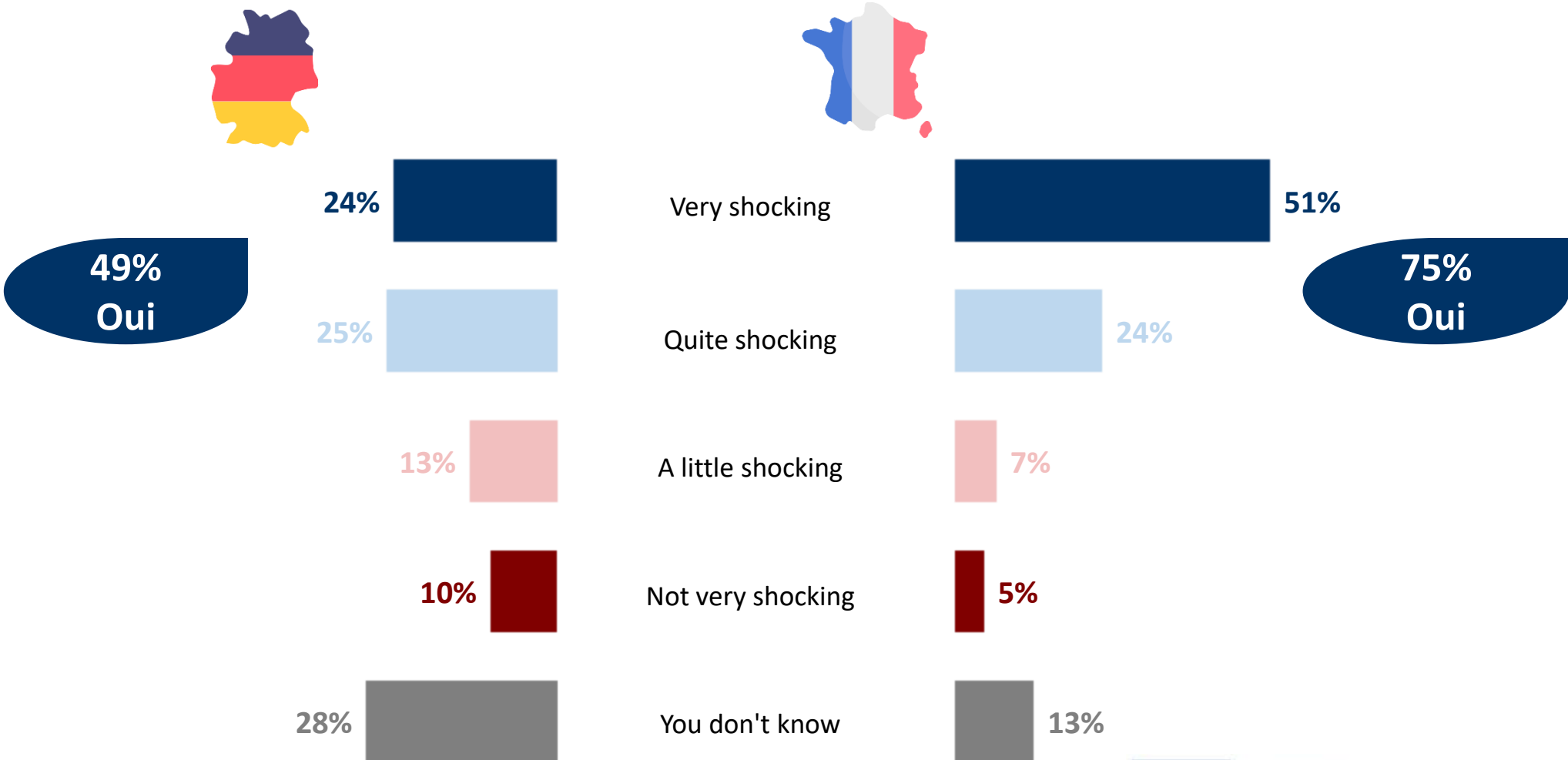
	Germany	France
Very shocking	24%	51%
Quite shocking	25%	24%
A little shocking	13%	7%
Not very shocking	10%	5%
You don't know	28%	13%

49% Oui

75% Oui

The prevalence of antisemitic views in German and French public opinions

Sympathy or antipathy toward different categories or groups of people

Question: For each of these categories or groups of people, tell me if you feel sympathy, antipathy or neither sympathy nor antipathy towards them?

Group	More like sympathy	More like dislike	No sympathy, no antipathy
Asians	50%	10%	41%
Homosexuals	46%	12%	43%
Jews	43%	7%	51%
Foreigners in general	41%	12%	48%
Black people	40%	13%	47%
Protestants	36%	11%	53%
Turkish people	31%	25%	44%
North Africans	27%	27%	46%
Muslims	25%	31%	45%
Roma	20%	36%	44%

■ **More like sympathy** ■ **More like dislike** ■ No sympathy, no antipathy

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Question: For each of these categories or groups of people, tell me if you feel sympathy, antipathy or neither sympathy nor antipathy towards them?

Category	More like sympathy	More like dislike	No sympathy, no antipathy
Homosexuals	40%	7%	53%
Asians	39%	6%	55%
Jews	36%	5%	59%
Protestants	35%	4%	61%
Black people	34%	9%	57%
Foreigners in general	29%	9%	62%
Muslims	24%	21%	55%
North Africans	23%	20%	57%
Turkish people	23%	19%	58%
Roma	12%	34%	54%

■ **More like sympathy**　■ **More like dislike**　■ No sympathy, no antipathy

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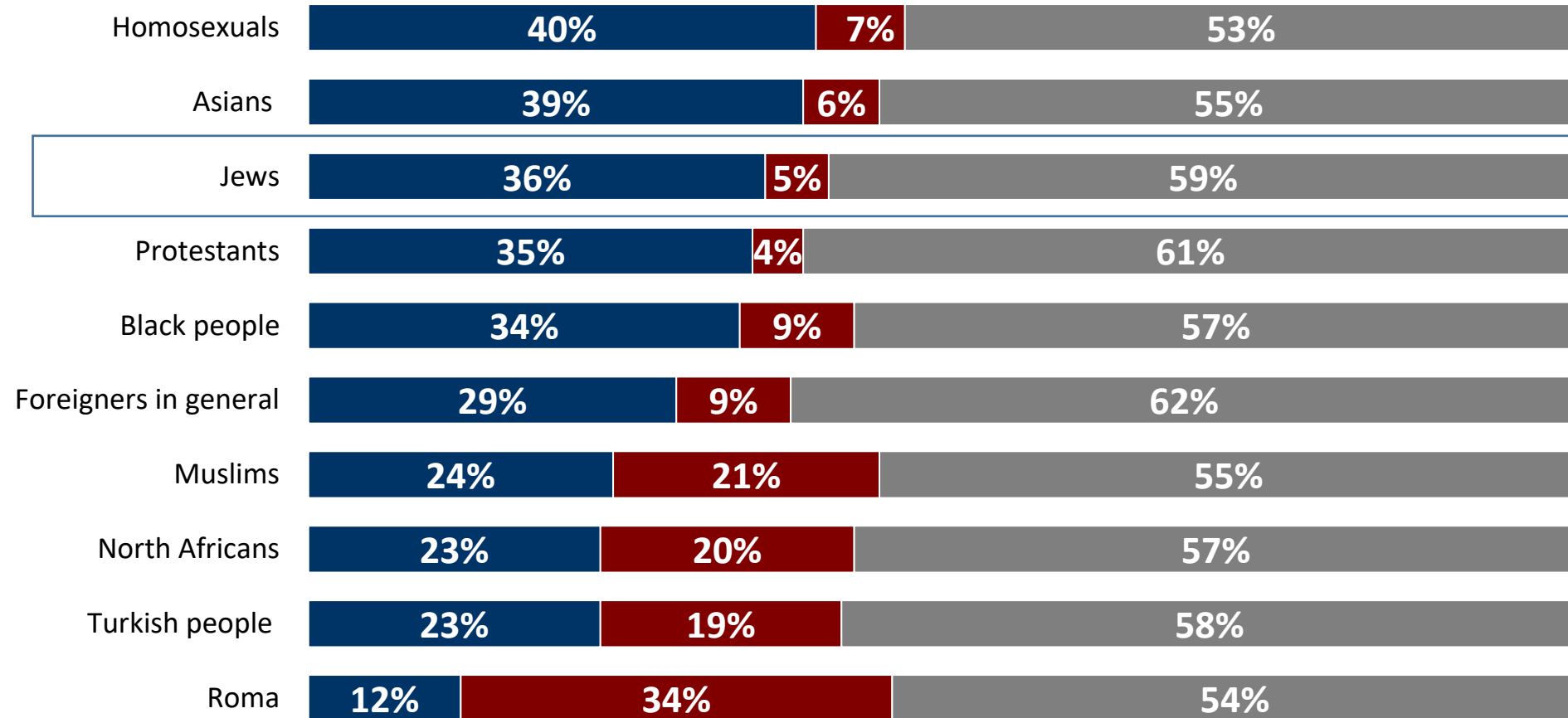
Sympathy or apathy toward different categories or groups of people
Rather "dislike"

Question: For each of these categories or groups of people, tell me if you feel sympathy, apathy or neither sympathy nor apathy towards them?

Germany		France
36%	Roma	34%
31%	Muslims	21%
27%	North Africans	20%
25%	Turkish people	19%
13%	Black people	9%
12%	Homosexuals	7%
12%	Foreigners in general	9%
11%	Protestants	4%
10%	Asians	6%
7%	Jews	5%
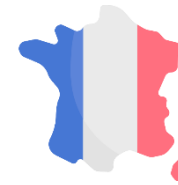
Sympathy or apathy for different categories or groups of people
Total dislike

Question: For each of these categories or groups of people, tell me if you feel sympathy, apathy or neither sympathy nor apathy towards them?

OVERALL FRENCH POPULATION		FRENCH PEOPLE OF MUSLIM FAITH
36%	Roma	33%
31%	Muslims	5%
27%	North Africans	17%
25%	Turkish people	12%
13%	Black people	9%
12%	Homosexuals	28%
12%	Foreigners in general	8%
11%	Protestants	19%
10%	Asians	14%
7%	Jews	22%

Support of various proposals concerning Jews

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
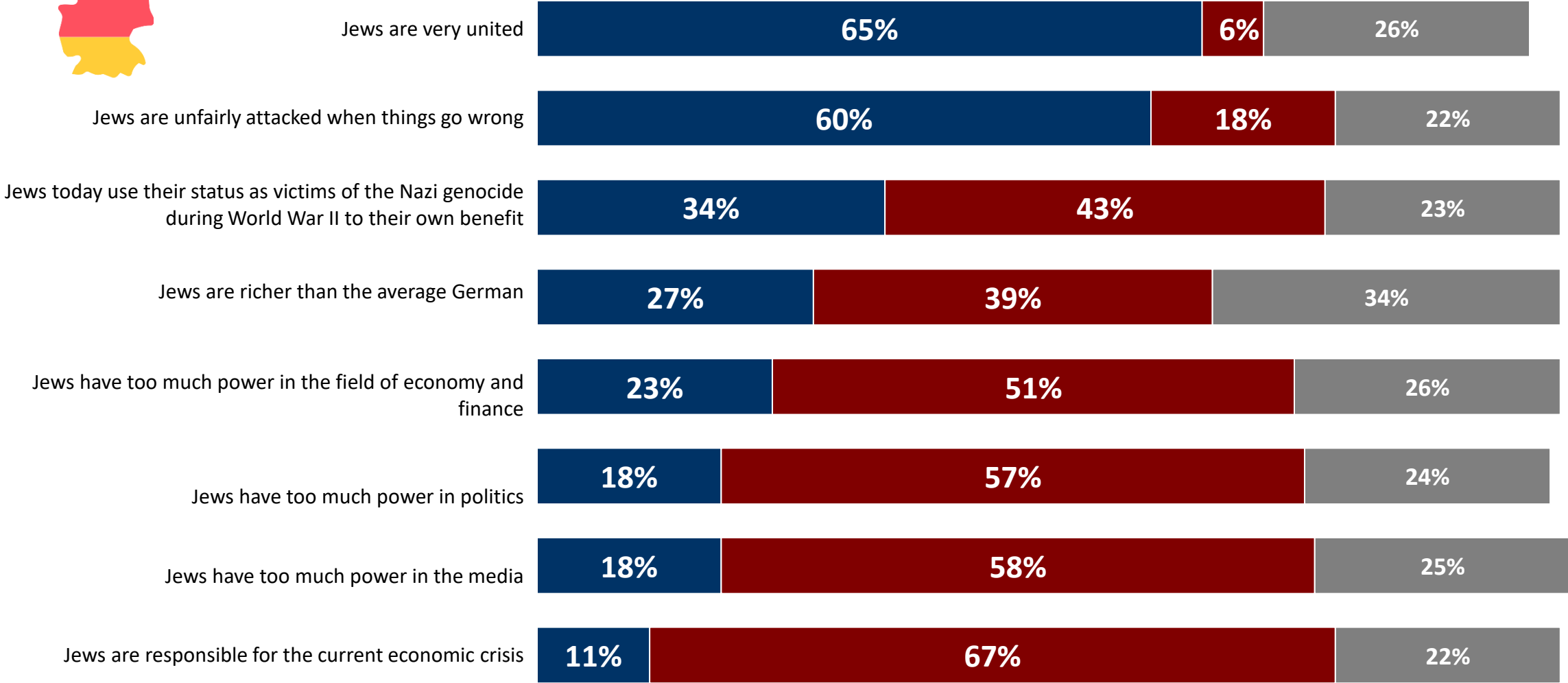
Statement	Agree with me	Not agreed	You don't know
Jews are very united	65%	6%	26%
Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	60%	18%	22%
Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II to their own benefit	34%	43%	23%
Jews are richer than the average German	27%	39%	34%
Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	23%	51%	26%
Jews have too much power in politics	18%	57%	24%
Jews have too much power in the media	18%	58%	25%
Jews are responsible for the current economic crisis	11%	67%	22%

■ Agree with me   ■ Not agreed   ■ You don't know

Agreement with several proposals concerning Jews
total agreement

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Germany	Statement	France
65%	Jews are very united	72%
60%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	57%
34%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II to their own benefit	30%
27%	Jews are richer than the average German/French person	30%
23%	Jews have too much power in the fields of economics and finance	26%
18%	Jews have too much power in politics	19%
18%	Jews have too much power in the media	24%
11%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	10%

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Support for different proposals concerning Jews
Comparison *between* German population and Germans of Muslim faith / total agreement

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

OVERALL GERMAN POPULATION		GERMANS OF MUSLIM FAITH
65%	Jews are very united	63%
60%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	39%
34%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II to their own benefit	54%
27%	Jews are richer than the average German/French person	47%
23%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	49%
18%	Jews have too much power in politics	45%
18%	Jews have too much power in the media	46%
11%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	33%

Support for various proposals concerning Jews
Comparison within the German Muslim population according to religious practice / total agreement

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

REGULAR PRACTITIONERS		NON PRACTICIONERS
68%	Jews are very united	64%
68%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	39%
64%	Jews have too much power in the media	37%
65%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II for their own benefit	50%
64%	Jews are richer than the average German	43%
60%	Jews have too much power in politics	38%
46%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	24%
39%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	37%

Support for various proposals concerning Jews
Comparison between French population and French Muslims / total agreement

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

OVERALL FRENCH POPULATION		FRENCH PEOPLE OF MUSLIM FAITH
72%	Jews are very united	68%
57%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	40%
30%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II for their own benefit	40%
30%	Jews are richer than the average French person	53%
26%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	51%
24%	Jews have too much power in the media	54%
19%	Jews have too much power in politics	42%
10%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	24%

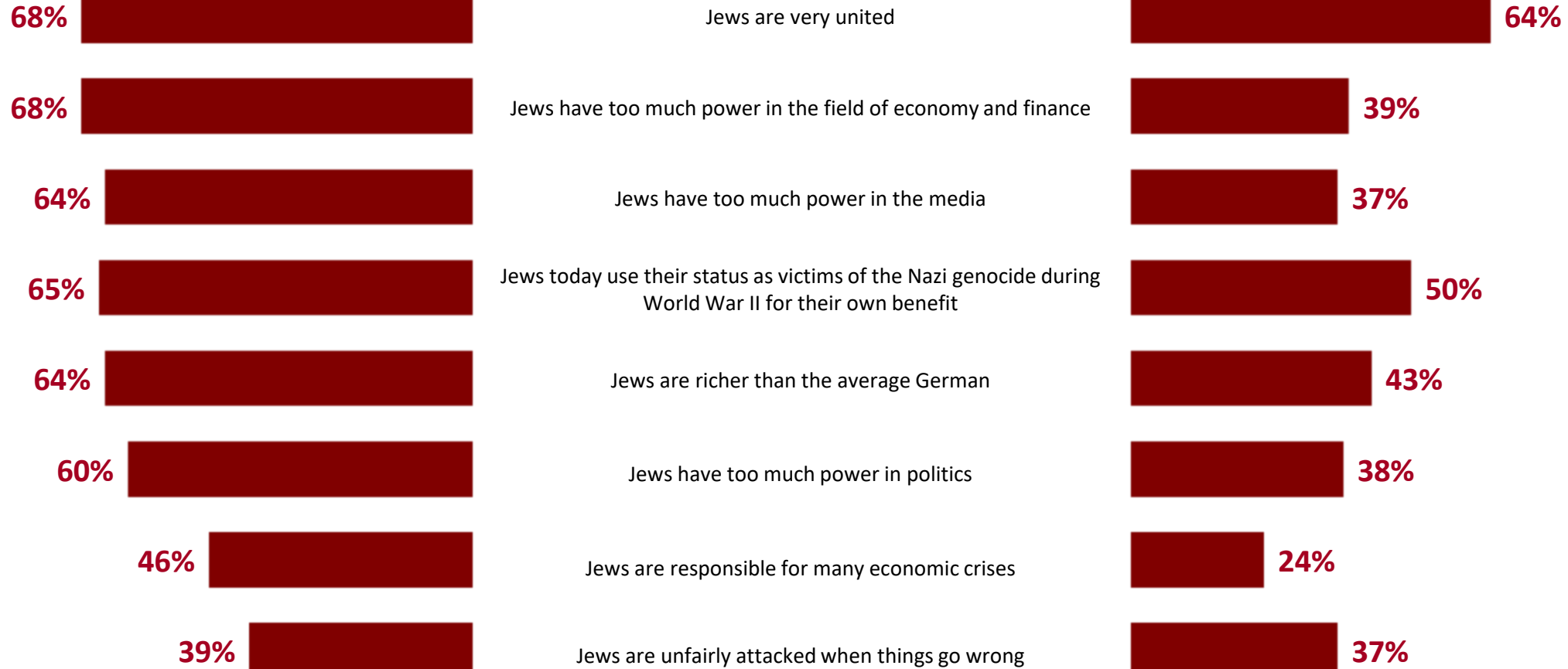# Support for various proposals concerning Jews
Comparison within the French Muslim population according to religious practice / total agreement

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

REGULAR PRACTITIONERS		NON PRACTICIONERS
73%	Jews are richer than the average French person	**41%**
71%	Jews have too much power in the media	**46%**
64%	Jews are very united	**71%**
61%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	**40%**
46%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	**11%**
49%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II for their own benefit	**43%**
48%	Jews have too much power in politics	**37%**
47%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	**37%**
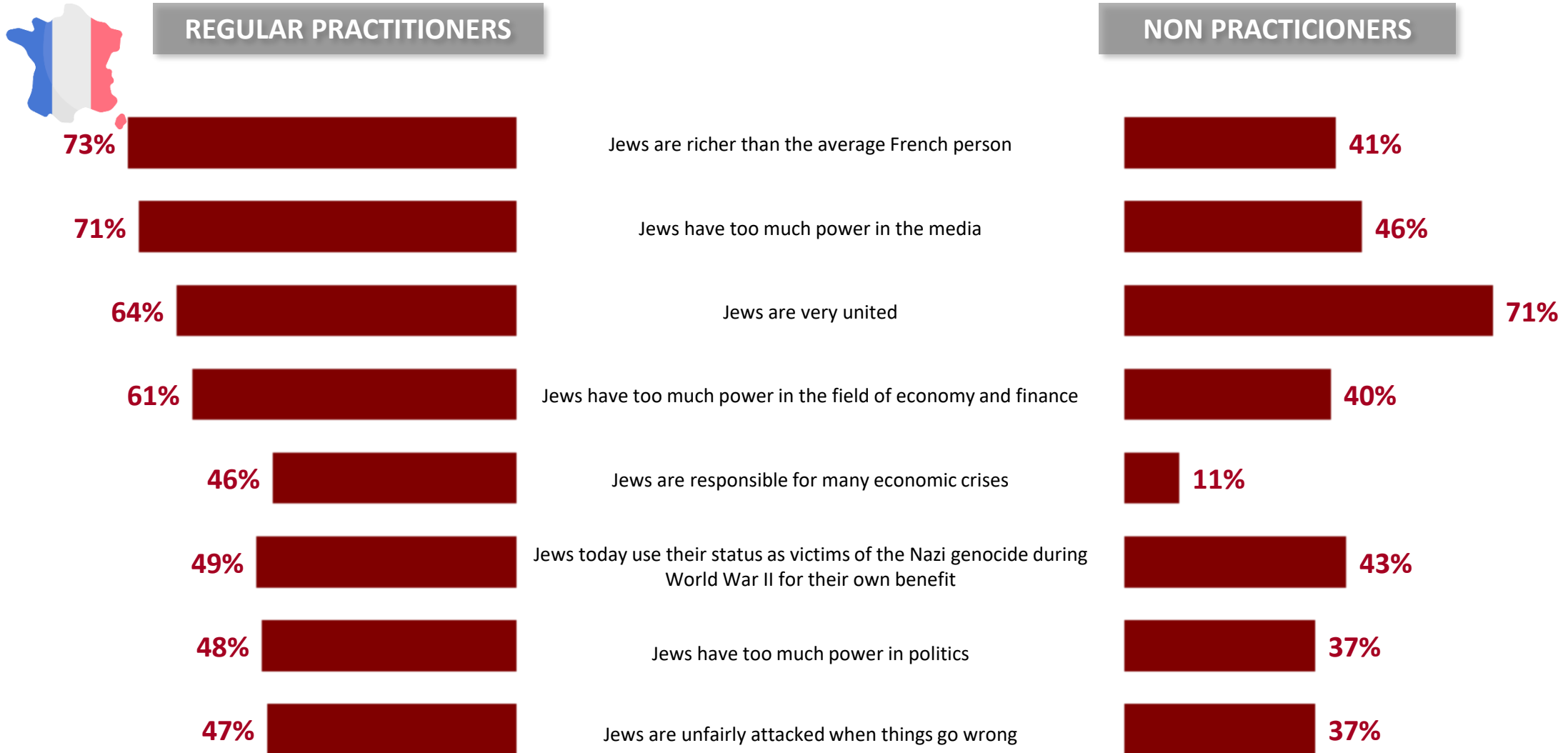
Support for various proposals concerning Jews
Comparison between German population and Germans close to AFD / total agreement

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

OVERALL GERMAN POPULATION		AFD SUPPORTERS
65%	Jews are very united	70%
60%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	47%
34%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II for their own benefit	48%
27%	Jews are richer than the average German	46%
23%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	39%
18%	Jews have too much power in politics	34%
18%	Jews have too much power in the media	31%
11%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	22%

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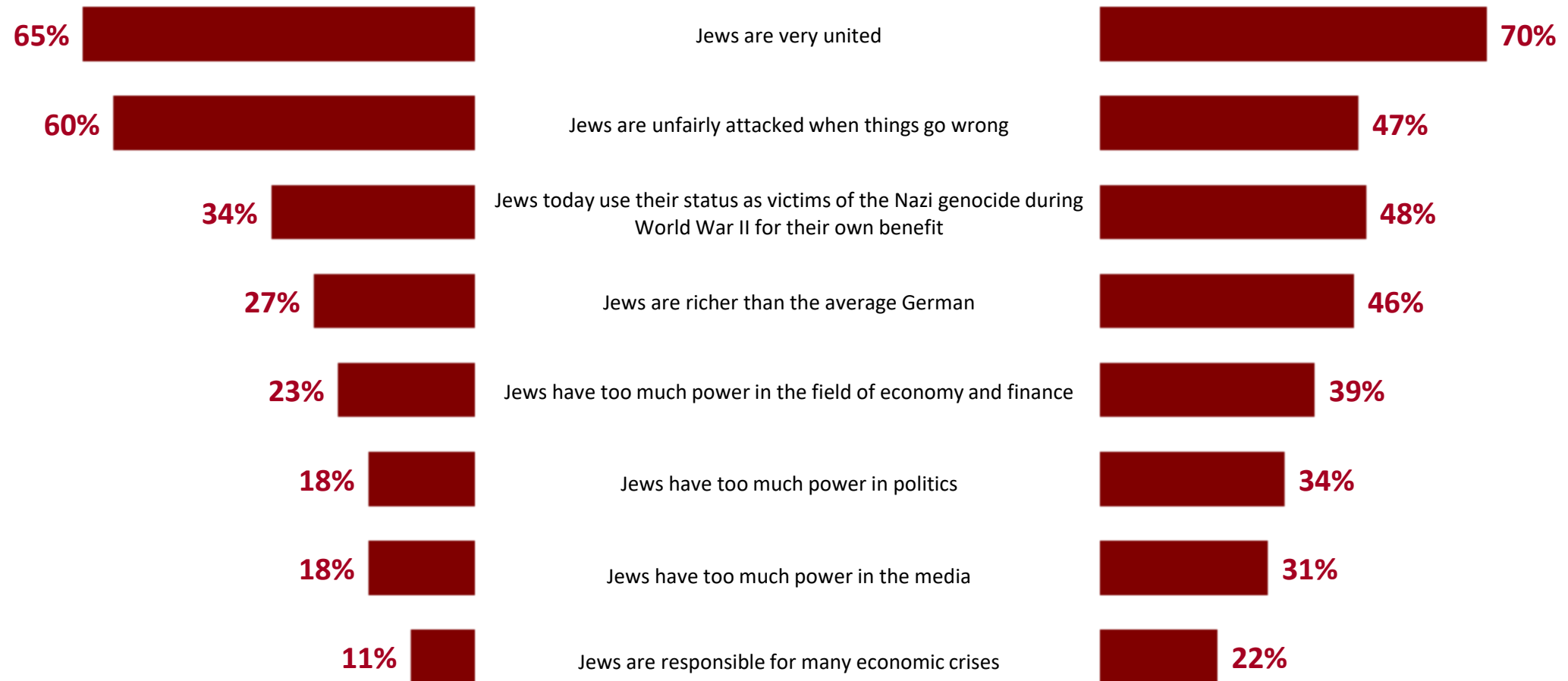
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Support for various proposals concerning Jews
Comparison between German population and Germans close to Die Linke / total agreement

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

OVERALL GERMAN POPULATION		DIE LINKE SUPPORTERS
65%	Jews are very united	76%
60%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	69%
34%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II for their own benefit	37%
27%	Jews are richer than the average German	42%
23%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	27%
18%	Jews have too much power in politics	23%
18%	Jews have too much power in the media	24%
11%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	8%

Support for various proposals concerning Jews
Comparison between French population and French people close to the RN / total agreement

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

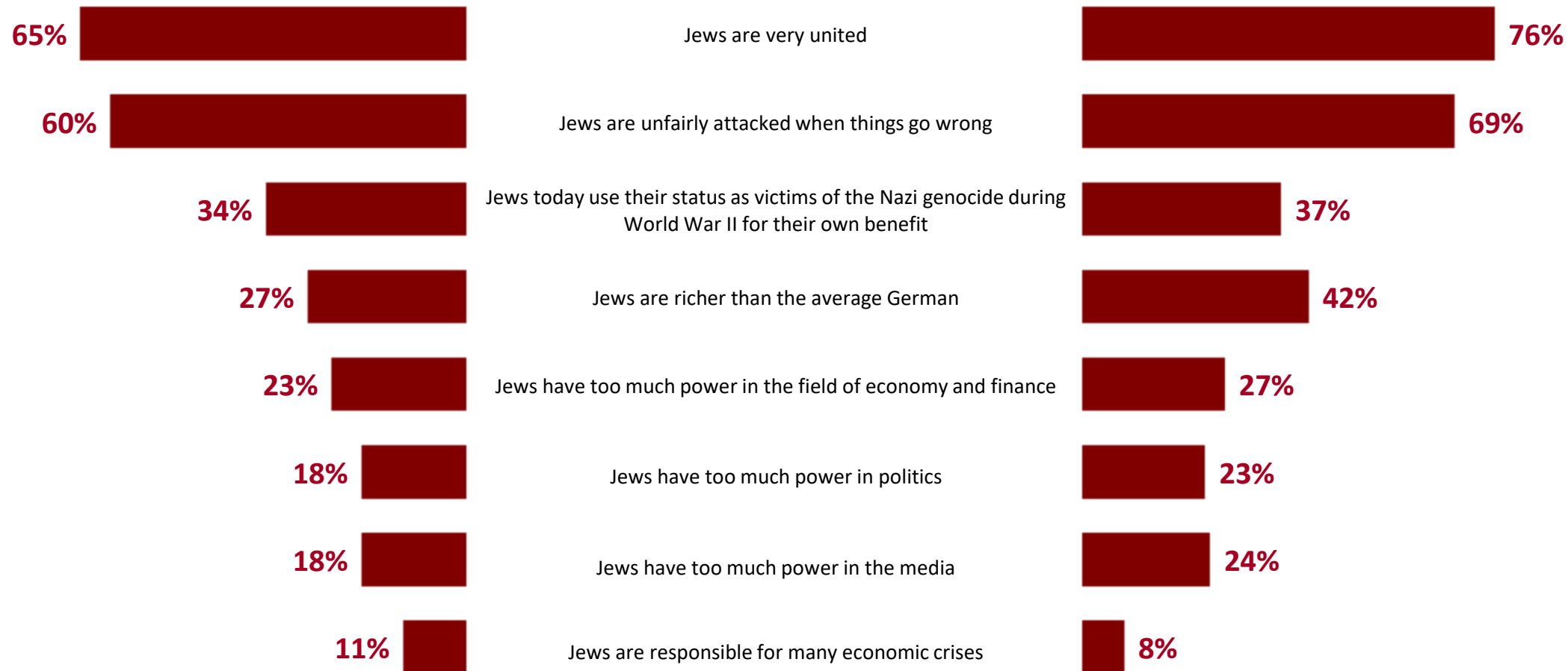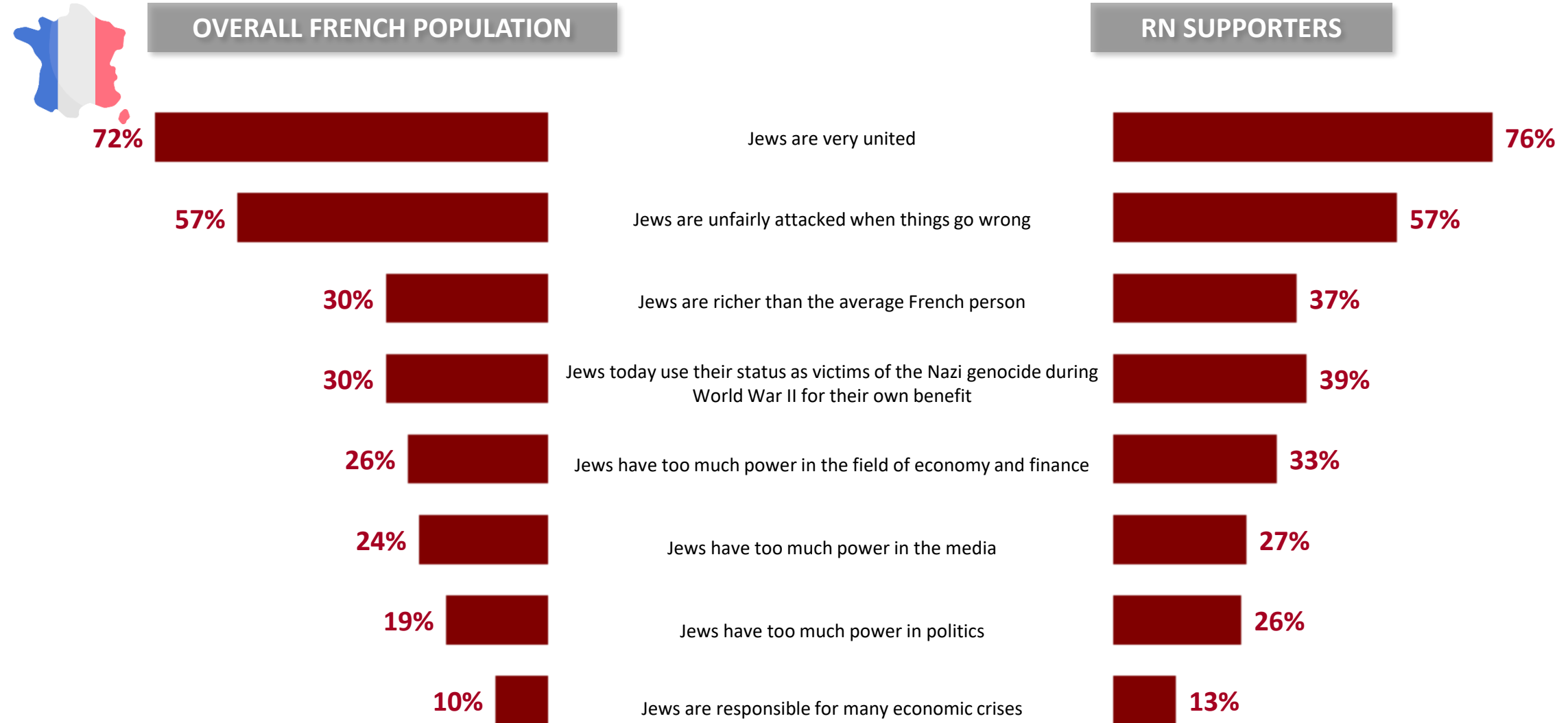| OVERALL FRENCH POPULATION		RN SUPPORTERS
72%	Jews are very united	76%
57%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	57%
30%	Jews are richer than the average French person	37%
30%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II for their own benefit	39%
26%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	33%
24%	Jews have too much power in the media	27%
19%	Jews have too much power in politics	26%
10%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	13%

Support for various proposals concerning Jews
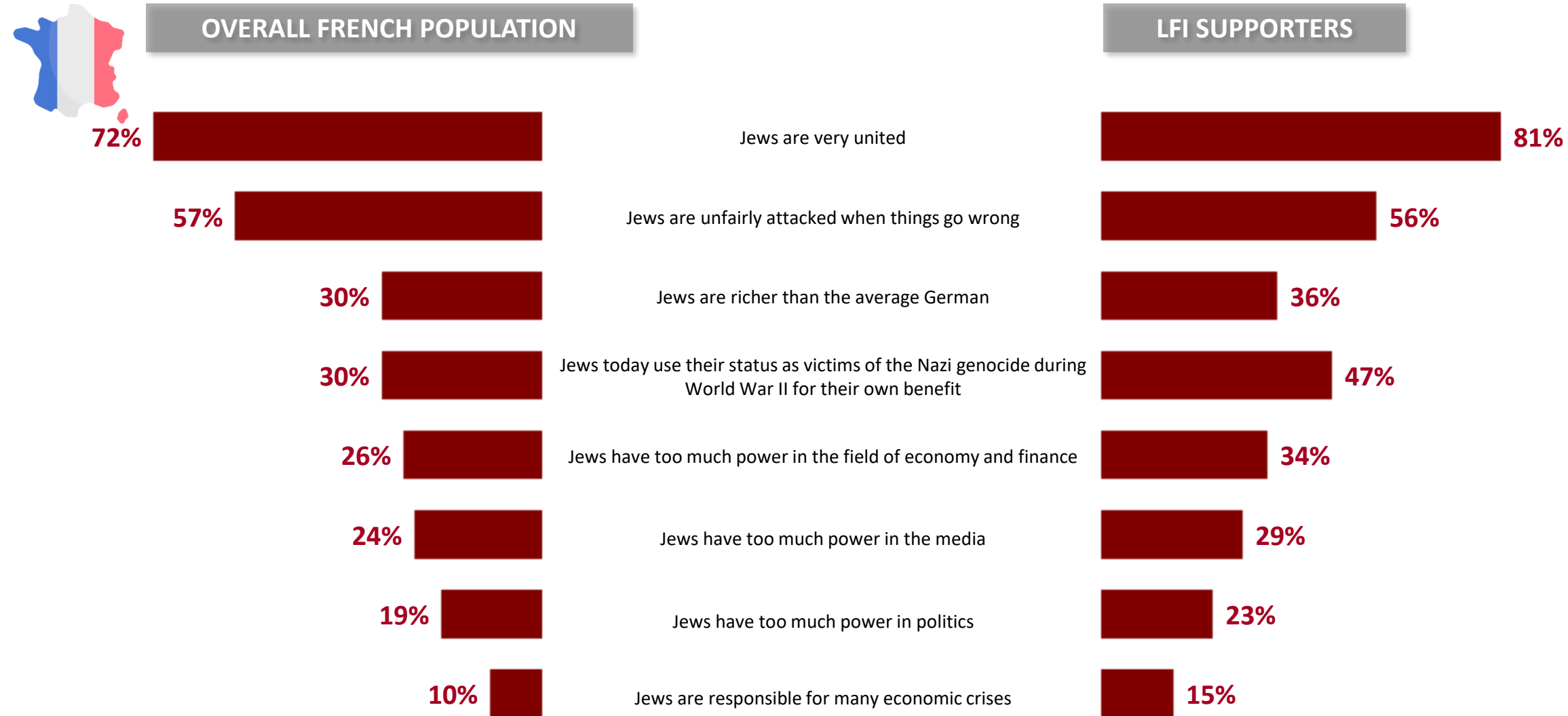## Comparison between French population and French people close to LFI / total agreement

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

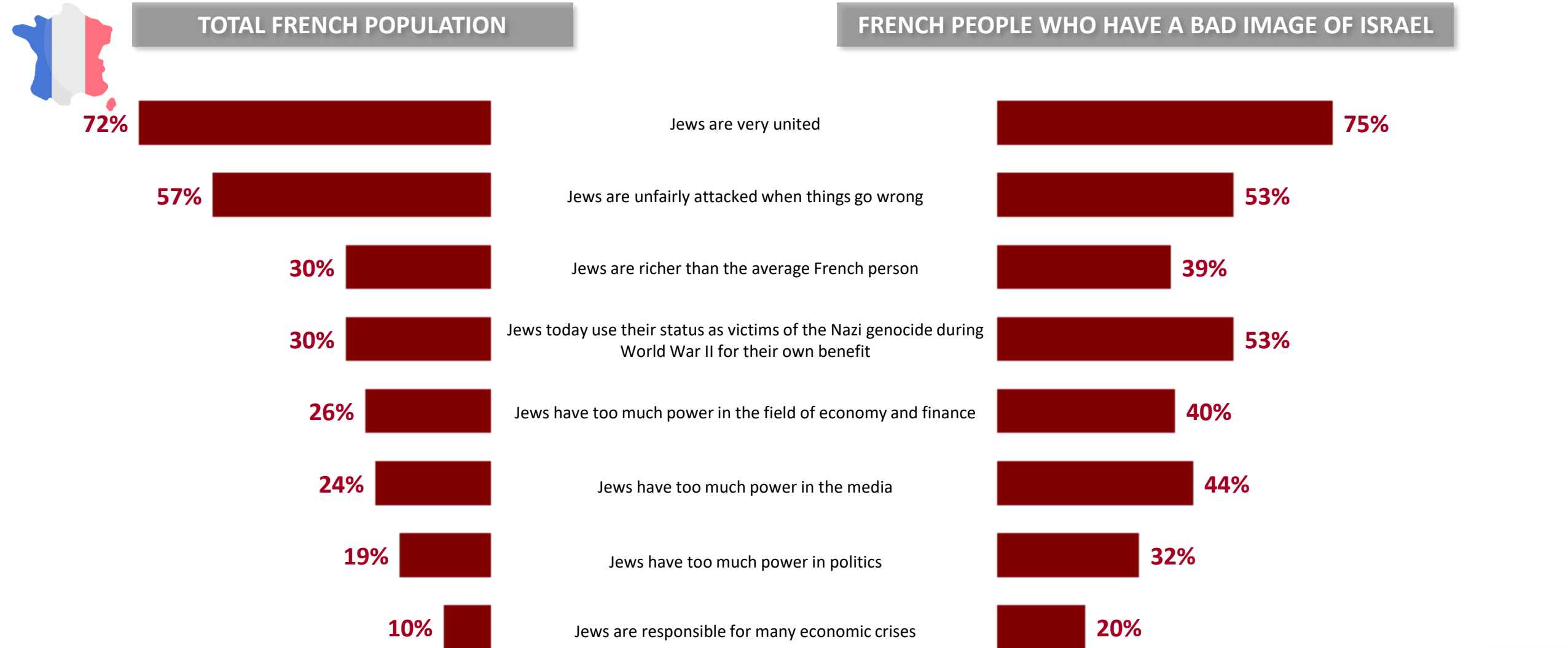| OVERALL FRENCH POPULATION		LFI SUPPORTERS
72%	Jews are very united	81%
57%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	56%
30%	Jews are richer than the average German	36%
30%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II for their own benefit	47%
26%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	34%
24%	Jews have too much power in the media	29%
19%	Jews have too much power in politics	23%
10%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	15%

Support for various proposals concerning Jews
Comparison between French population and French people who have a bad image of Israel

Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

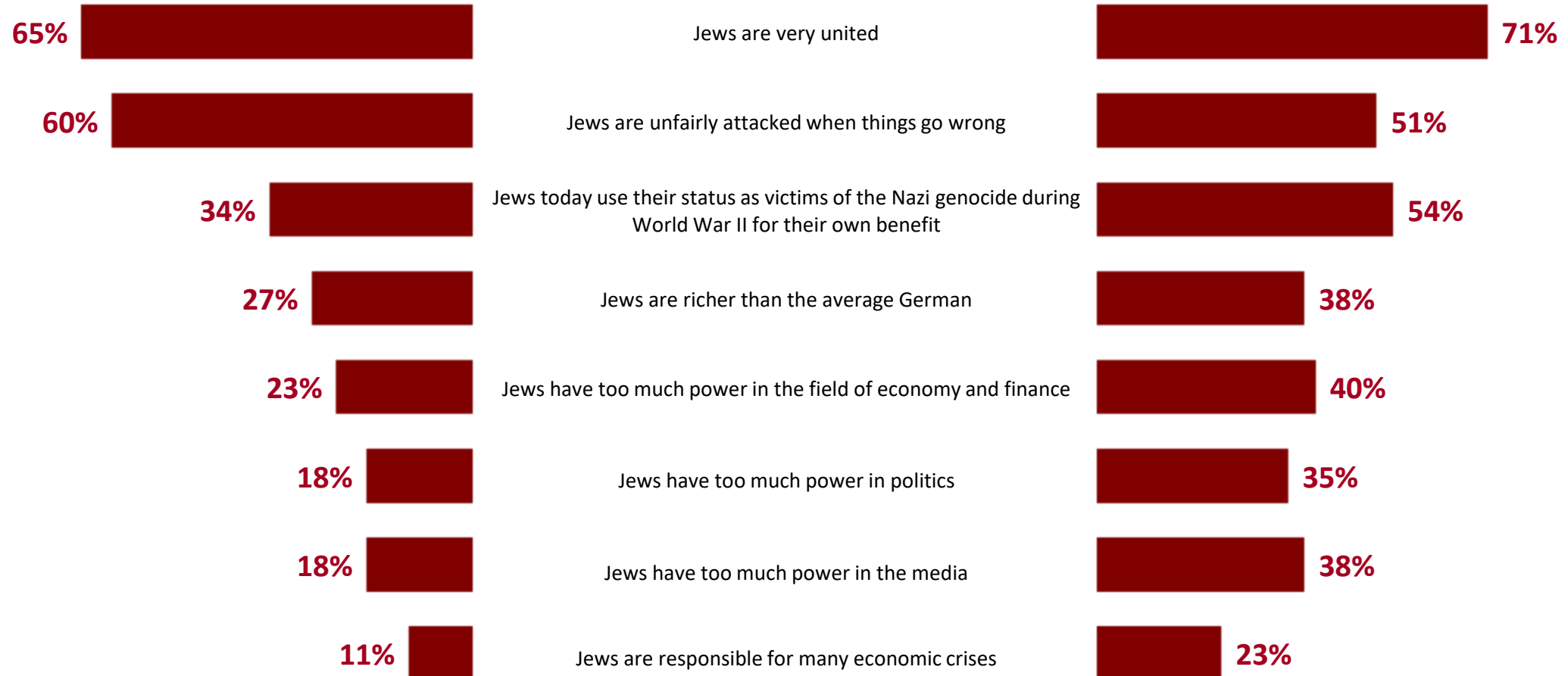| TOTAL FRENCH POPULATION		FRENCH PEOPLE WHO HAVE A BAD IMAGE OF ISRAEL
72%	Jews are very united	75%
57%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	53%
30%	Jews are richer than the average French person	39%
30%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II for their own benefit	53%
26%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	40%
24%	Jews have too much power in the media	44%
19%	Jews have too much power in politics	32%
10%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	20%

Support for various proposals concerning Jews
Comparison between German population and Germans who have a bad image of Israel

**Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

TOTAL GERMAN POPULATION		GERMANS WHO HAVE A BAD IMAGE OF ISRAEL
65%	Jews are very united	71%
60%	Jews are unfairly attacked when things go wrong	51%
34%	Jews today use their status as victims of the Nazi genocide during World War II for their own benefit	54%
27%	Jews are richer than the average German	38%
23%	Jews have too much power in the field of economy and finance	40%
18%	Jews have too much power in politics	35%
18%	Jews have too much power in the media	38%
11%	Jews are responsible for many economic crises	23%

The importance given to the commemorations of the Holocaust

Question: Personally, would you say that commemorating (in school, through ceremonies...) the remembrance of the Holocaust (i.e. the genocide of the Jews) is something...?

	Germany	France
Essential	48%	39%
Important but not essential	43%	45%
Less important	9%	16%
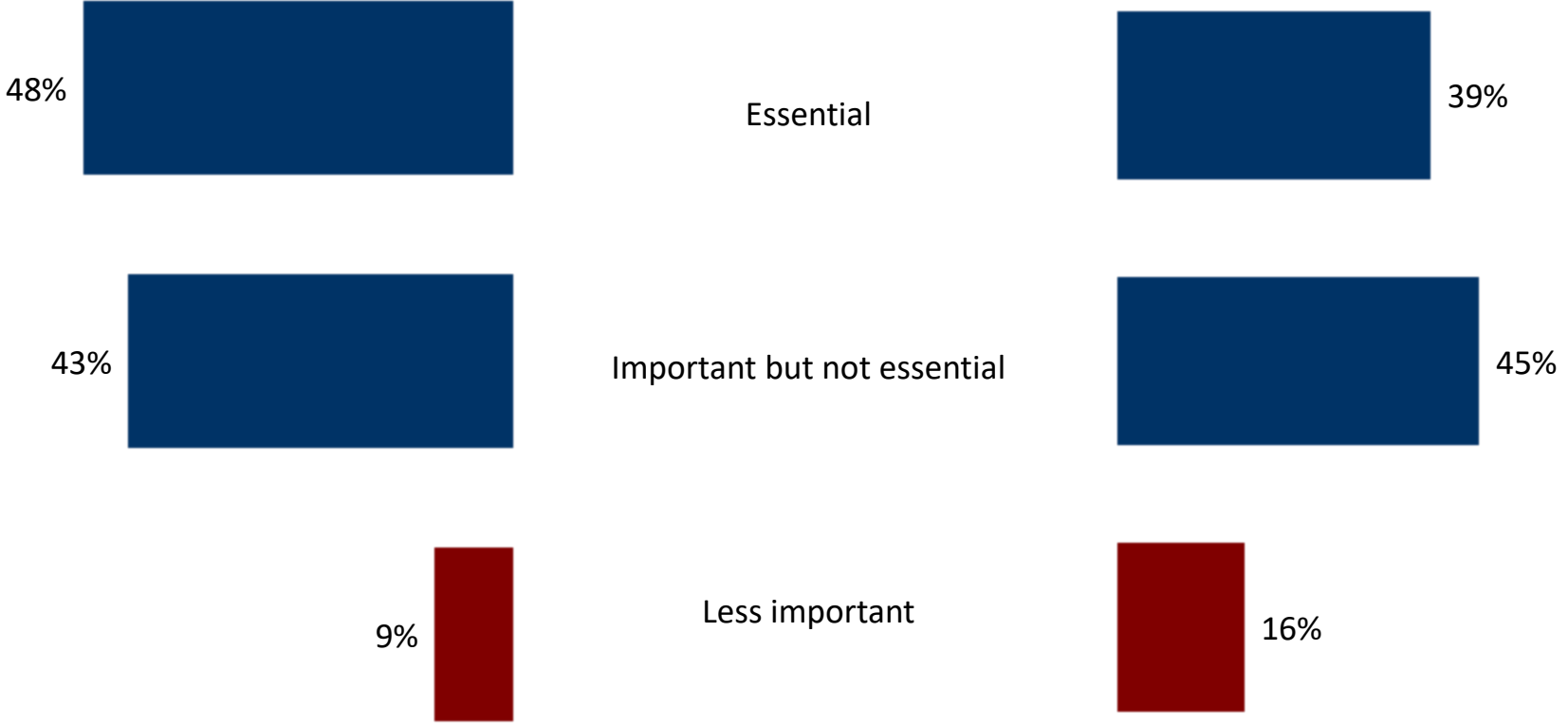
The importance given to the commemoration of the Holocaust
Detailed results by age

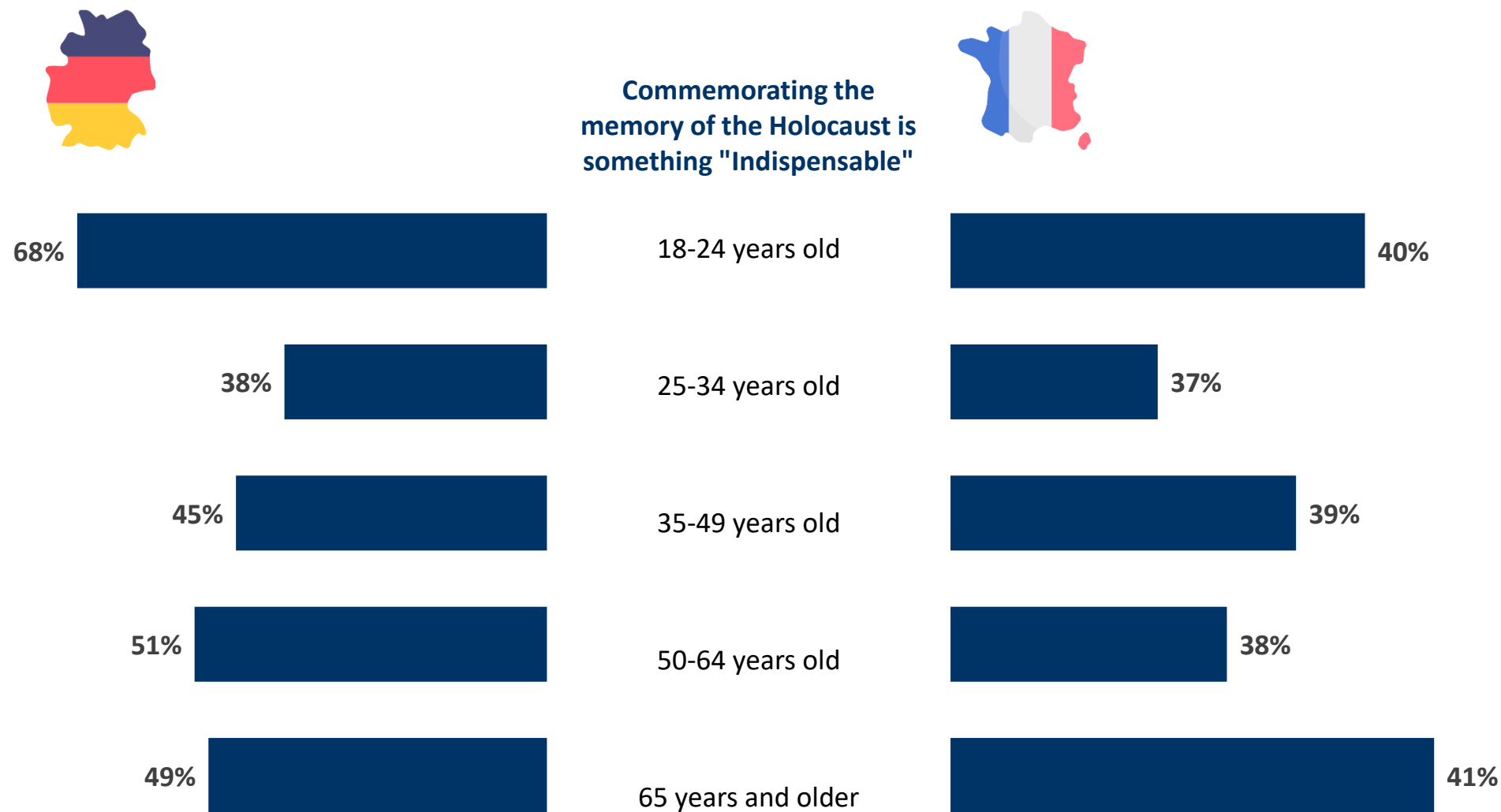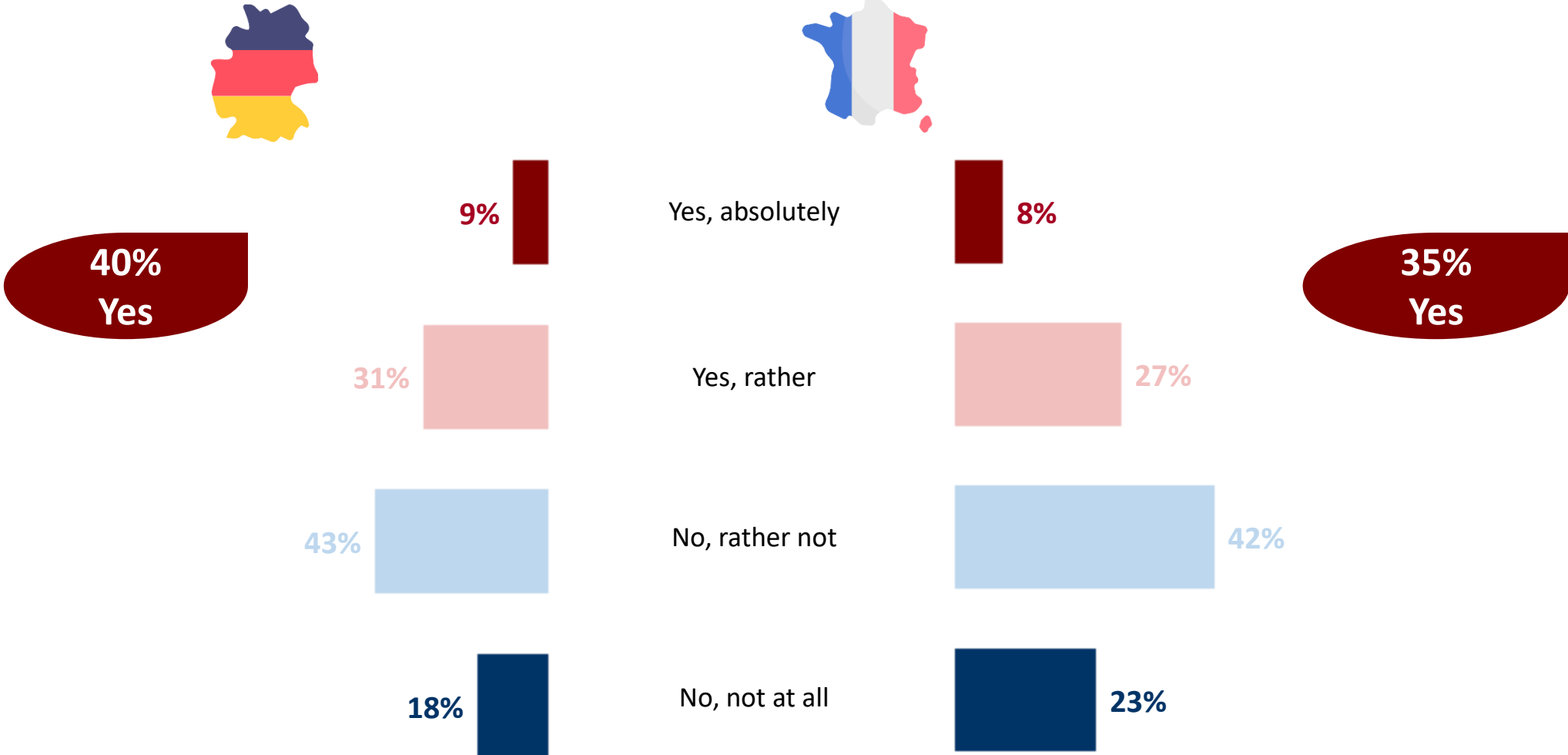**Question: Personally, would you say that commemorating (in school, through ceremonies...) the memory of the Holocaust (i.e. the genocide of the Jews) is something...?**

Commemorating the memory of the Holocaust is something "Indispensable"

Germany	Age	France
68%	18-24 years old	40%
38%	25-34 years old	37%
45%	35-49 years old	39%
51%	50-64 years old	38%
49%	65 years and older	41%

The feeling that the commemoration of the Holocaust prevents the expression of other tragedies of history

Question: And would you say that in Germany, in France, the commemoration of the Holocaust prevents the expression of the memory of other tragedies of history (such as the slave trade, the Algerian war or the genocide in Rwanda)?

	Germany		France
Yes, absolutely	9%		8%
Yes, rather	31%		27%
No, rather not	43%		42%
No, not at all	18%		23%

40% Yes (Germany)

35% Yes (France)

The feeling that the commemoration of the Holocaust prevents the expression of other tragedies of history
Detailed results by age

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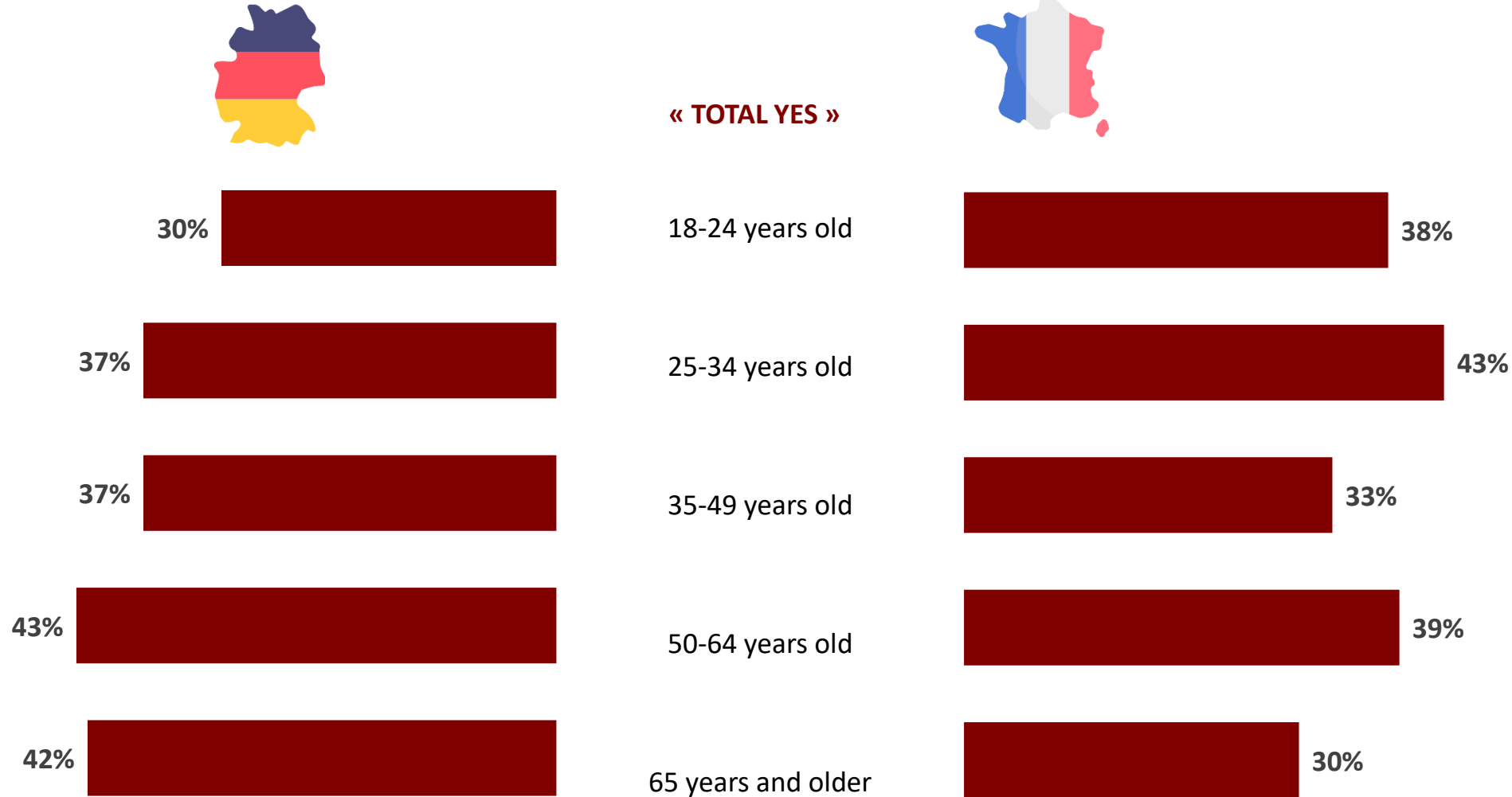
« TOTAL YES »

	Germany	France
18-24 years old	30%	38%
25-34 years old	37%	43%
35-49 years old	37%	33%
50-64 years old	43%	39%
65 years and older	42%	30%

Observation of antisemitic comments by people in the environment

Question: Have you ever heard people around you say bad things about Jews?

	Germany		France
Yes, absolutely	3%		5%
Yes, rather	15%		18%
No, rather not	26%		34%
No, not at all	56%		43%

18% Yes (Germany)

23% Yes (France)
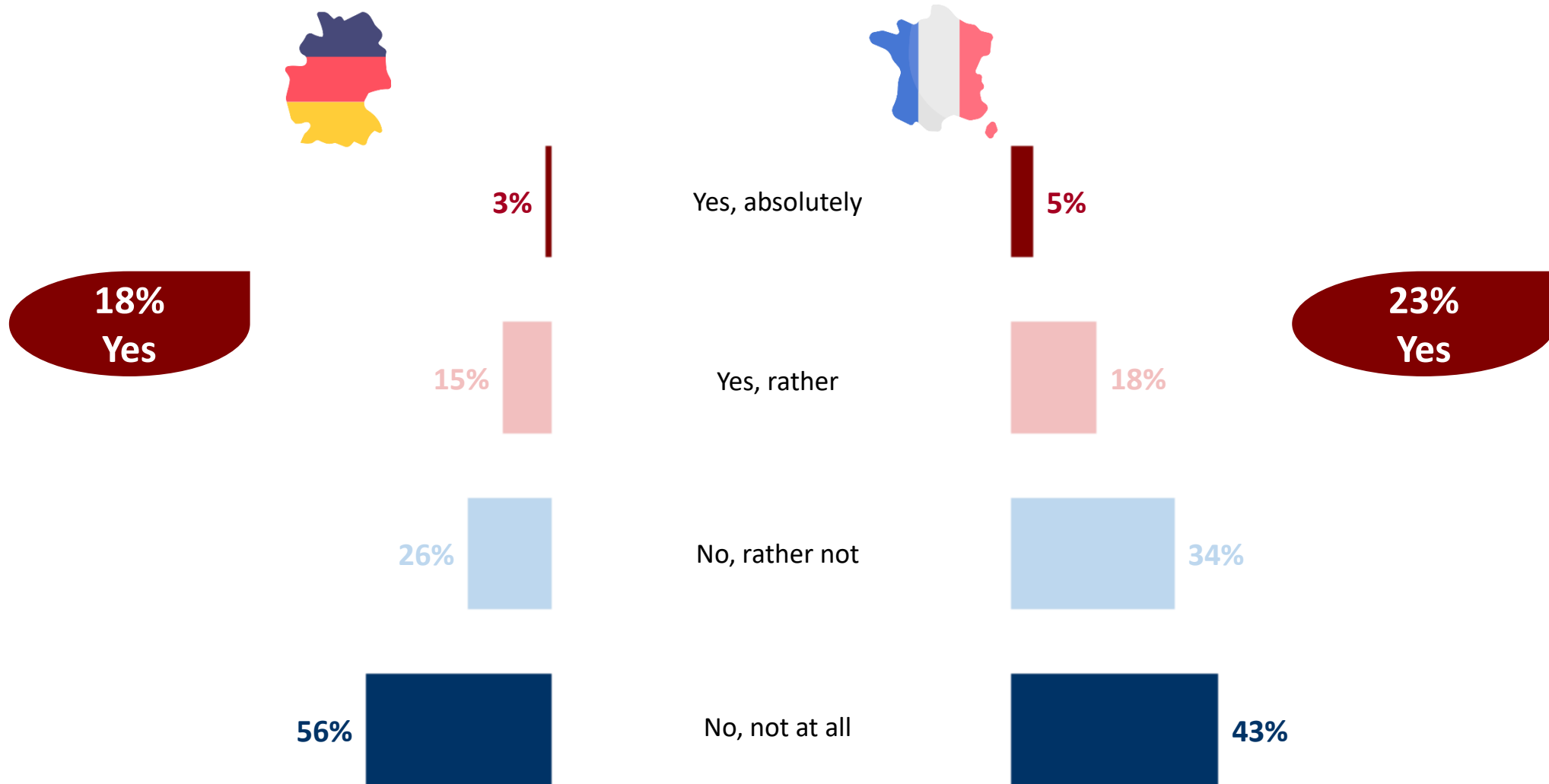
The observation of antisemitic acts

Question: In your lifetime, have you ever witnessed each of the following acts and behaviours?
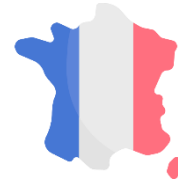
Germany		France
41%	Jokes and discussions that are prejudicial or question the Jews or the existence of the Holocaust	**42%**
22%	Verbal aggression against a person of Jewish faith or culture (insults, derogatory mockery, threats or intimidation) <u>because of their identity or religion</u>	**17%**
14%	An attack on property committed against a person of Jewish faith or culture (theft, tagging or destruction of property) <u>because of their identity or religion</u>	**10%**
10%	A physical aggression committed against a person of Jewish faith or culture (slapping, hitting, shoving, grabbing...) <u>because of their identity or religion</u>	**8%**

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The place of observation of an aggression or an antisemitic comment
TOTAL Yes

Question: Specifically, have you ever witnessed an antisemitic joke, verbal assault, property damage, or physical assault in each of the following locations?

Germany		France
61%	On social media	48%
44%	At school or during after-school activities	30%
40%	On the street	38%
37%	In public places (i.e. parks, squares, gardens...)	27%
35%	On public transportation (i.e. bus, metro, streetcar, train...)	26%
33%	In another place	28%
32%	At your workplace or in your professional environment	36%
32%	In a bar, pub, restaurant or nightclub	28%
22%	Within your family (for example, during a discussion or a meal)	37%
14%	In a place of worship	6%
11%	During a sporting event (i.e.: match, competition...)	14%
11%	During sports activities (i.e.: sports club...)	12%

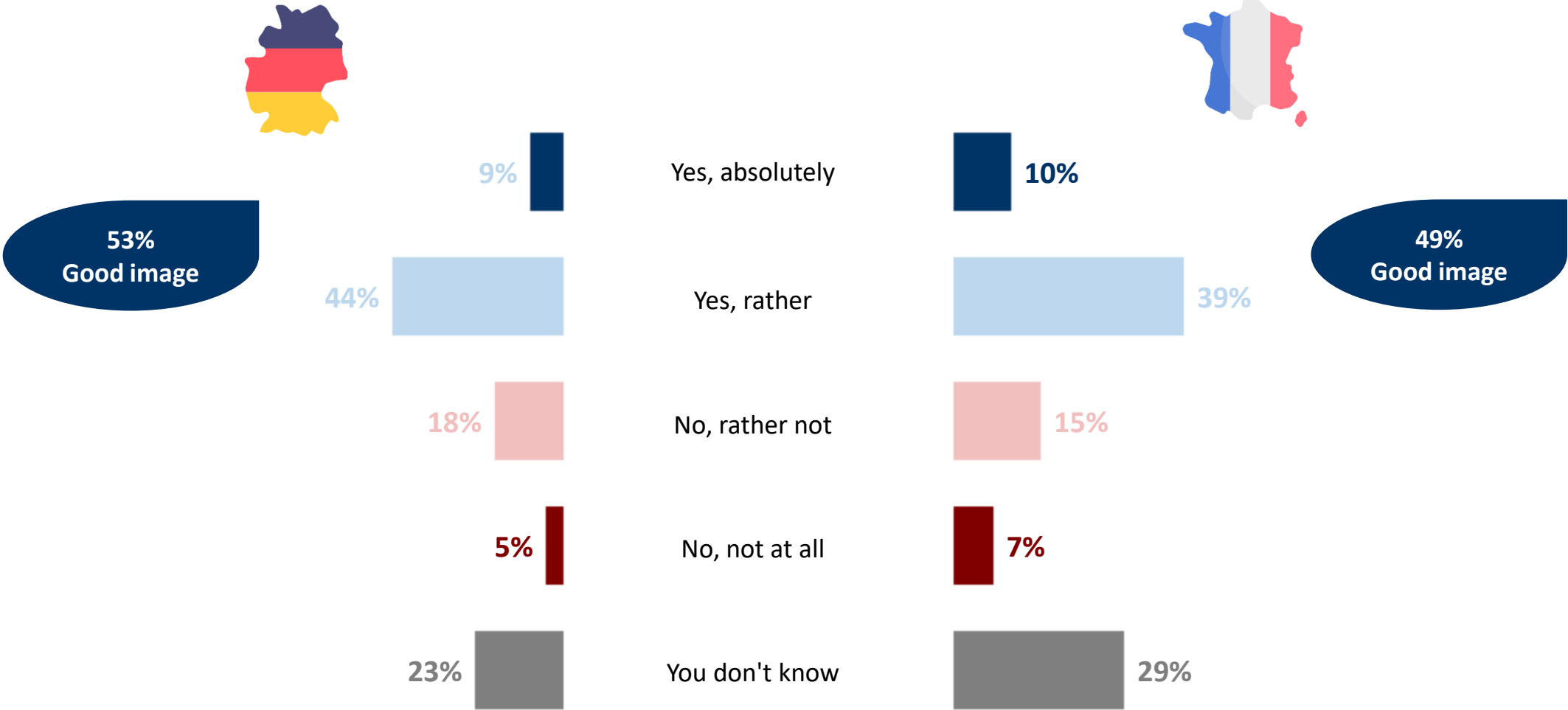AJC Paris • FONDATION POUR L'INNOVATION POLITIQUE fondapol.org • IfD Allensbach Institut für Demoskopie Allensbach • ifop

The image of Israel

The image of Israel

Question: In general, do you have a good or bad image of the State of Israel?

	Germany		France	
Yes, absolutely	9%		10%	
Yes, rather	44%		39%	
No, rather not	18%		15%	
No, not at all	5%		7%	
You don't know	23%		29%	

53% Good image (Germany)

49% Good image (France)

The feeling that different opinions related to Israel or Jews are antisemitic or antizionist
it is an opinion that is critical of Israel and has nothing antisemitic about it

Question: For each of the following behaviors, would you say that it is antisemitism (i.e. hatred of Jews) or simply criticism of the State of Israel?

"It is an opinion that is critical of Israel and has nothing antisemitic about it".

	Germany	France
Considering Israel as a racist State	42%	35%
Comparing Israeli policies to Nazi policies	32%	25%
Blaming Jews for Israel's policies	26%	36%
Blaming Jews for being more attached to Israel than to Germany, France	16%	42%
Characterizing Israelis by repeating old antisemitic prejudices ("child killers", "bloodthirsty", "responsible for the death of Christ", etc.)	13%	17%

Note for the reader: 35% of the French believe that considering Israel as a necessarily racist state is a criticism of Israel and is not antisemitic. This opinion is shared by 42% of Germans