

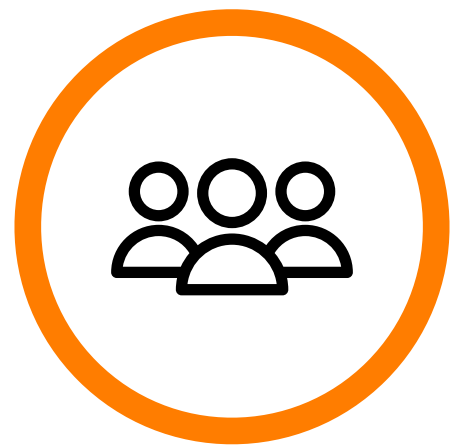
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for The Democratic Center and The Rise of
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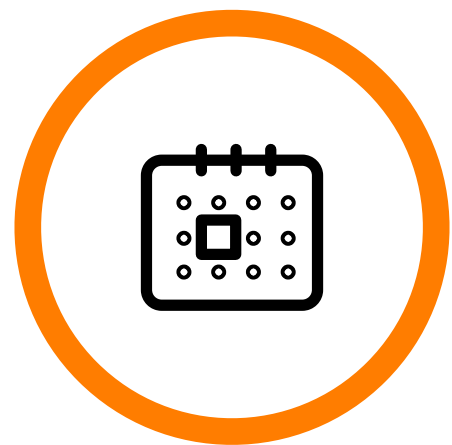
Abstract



**Sample size of
at least 500 people per country**



6 EU countries



November 2024

The research consists of 4 types of questions:







- **Single choice questions**
- **Multiple choice questions**
- **Slider questions**
- **Open questions**



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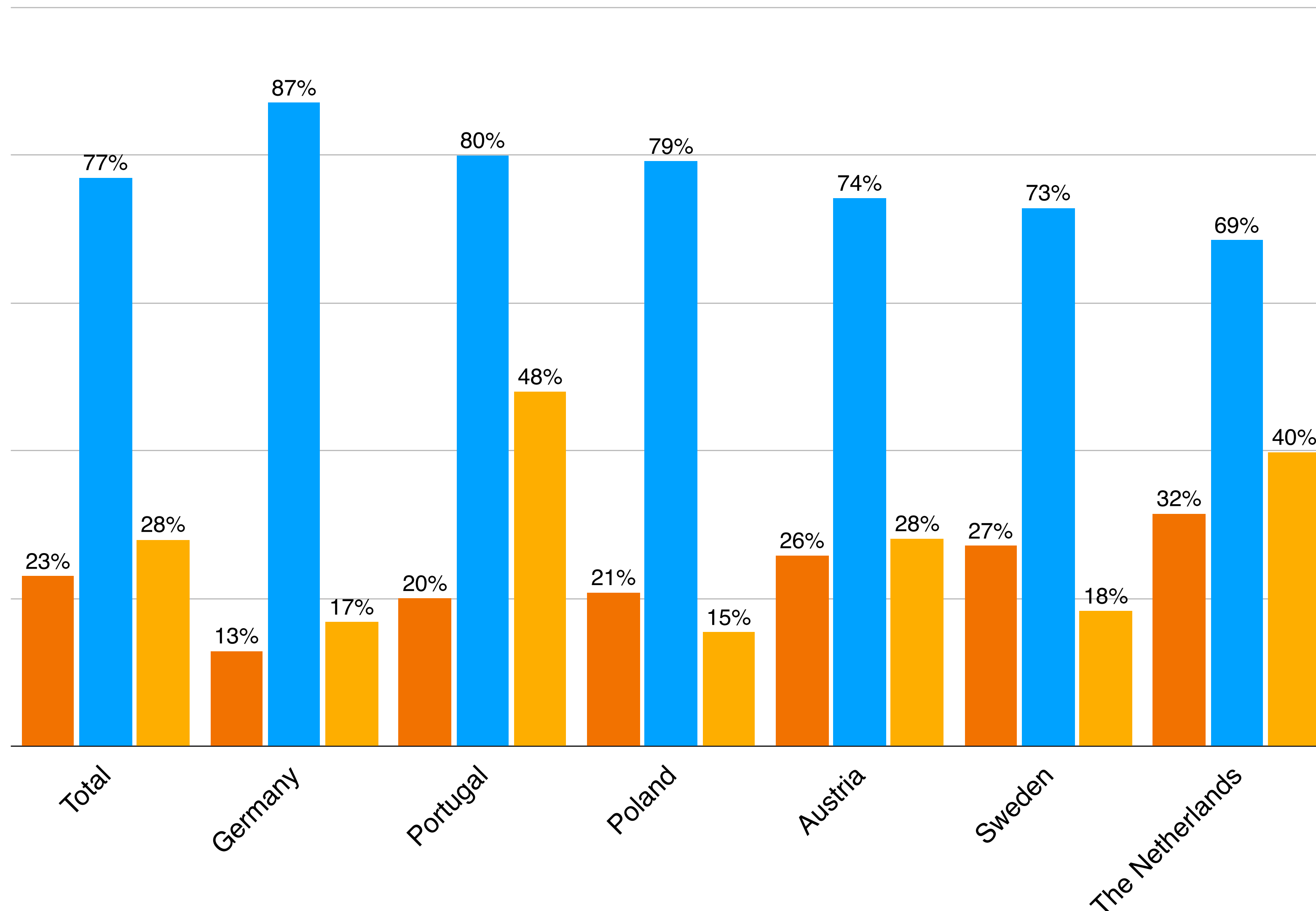
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Demographics

	Total center voters		Votes populist now		Total center voters - populist voters		Liberal (past 10 yrs)	
Total	3070	72,1%	706	16,6%	2364	55,5%	855	20,1%
The Netherlands 	515	66,1%	162	20,8%	353	45,3%	205	26,3%
Germany 	512	71,7%	66	9,2%	446	62,5%	86	12,0%
Poland 	505	69,6%	105	14,5%	400	55,1%	78	10,7%
Portugal 	521	77,8%	104	15,5%	417	62,2%	250	37,3%
Sweden 	509	77,7%	138	21,1%	371	56,6%	93	14,2%
Austria 	508	71,3%	131	18,4%	377	52,9%	143	20,1%

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- Would vote populist now
- Total center voters - populist voters
- Liberal voters



Results

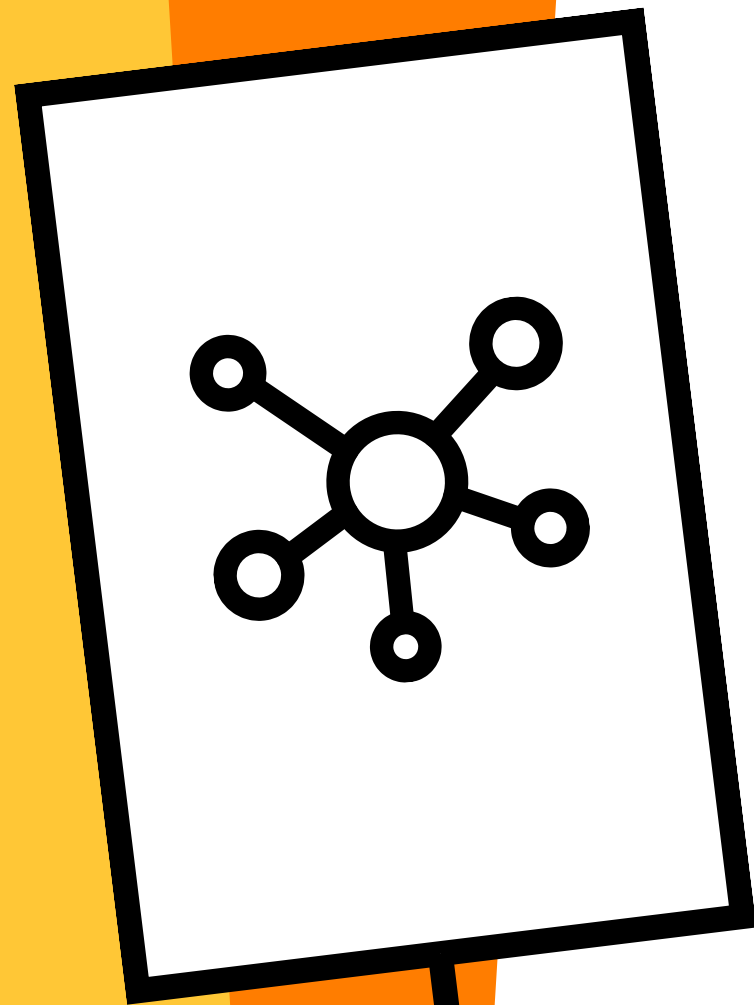
2. What are good reasons to vote for such radical right-wing populist parties?

Open Question

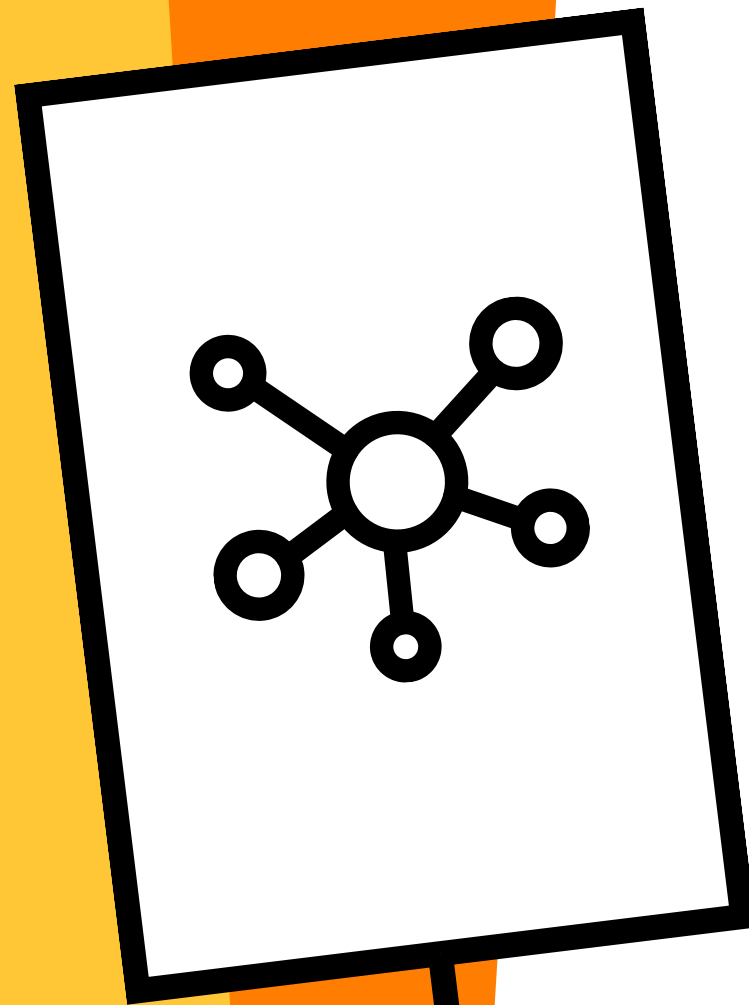


Answer	Frequency
None	240
I don't know	85
There are none	81
Don't know	62
There is none	57

All respondents



Rise of radical right-wing populism - Worries & expectations



Slider scores

We asked people to share their feelings on an affective slider from 0-100

This intuitive tool and its combination with a sense of time pressure, ensures that participants give as honest/emotional an answer as possible, with minimal bias. The scores range from 0 to 100. Participants exhibit a central tendency bias when interacting with these sliders. Values above 75 and below 61 are therefore to be interpreted as very high and very low, respectively.

Slider scores:

Very high: above 75

High: above 70

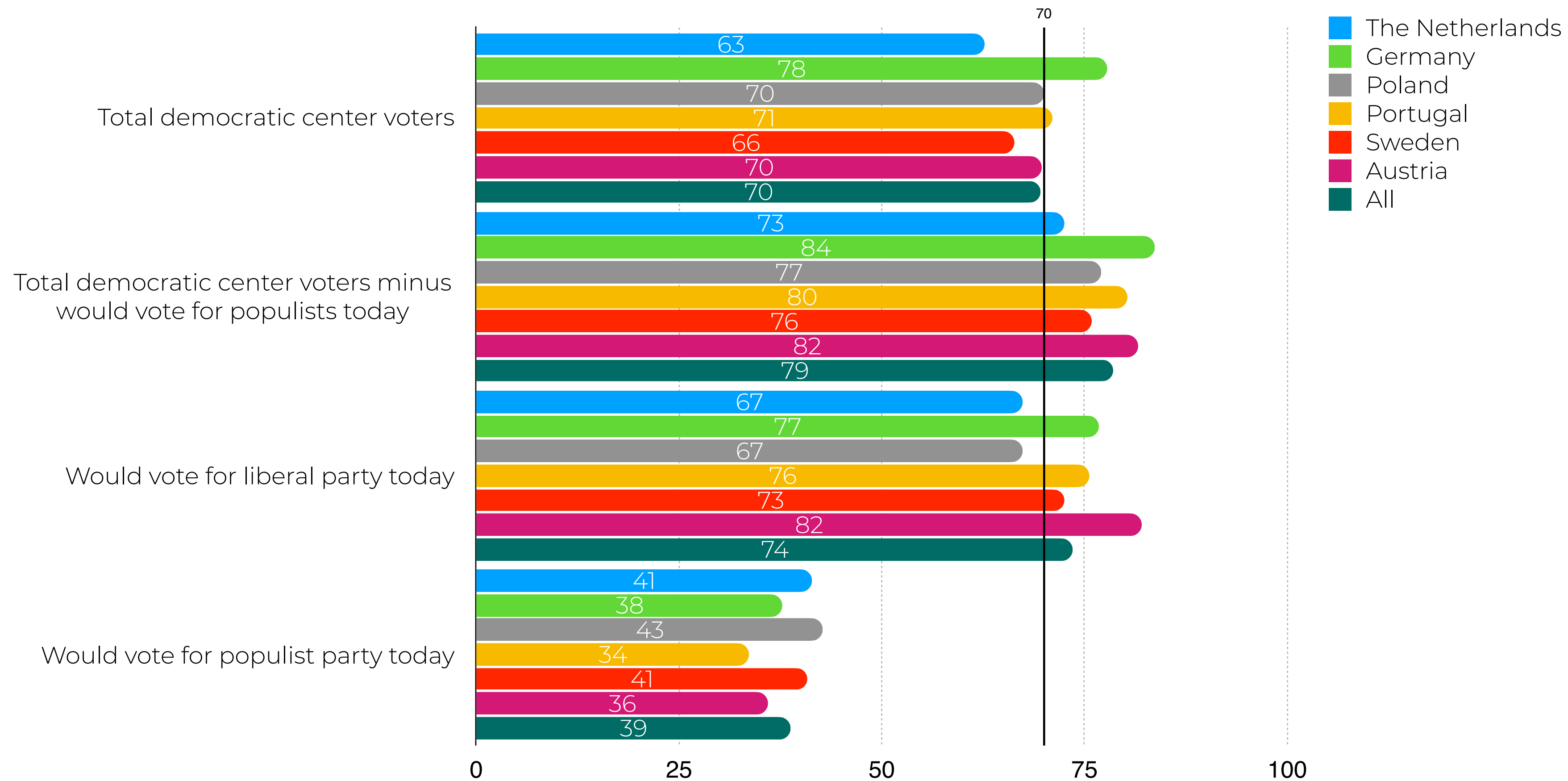
Average: 66-70

Low: 61-65

Very low: below 61

3. I am worried about the rise of radical right-wing populist parties.

Slider question: disagree-agree score on a scale of 0 to 100

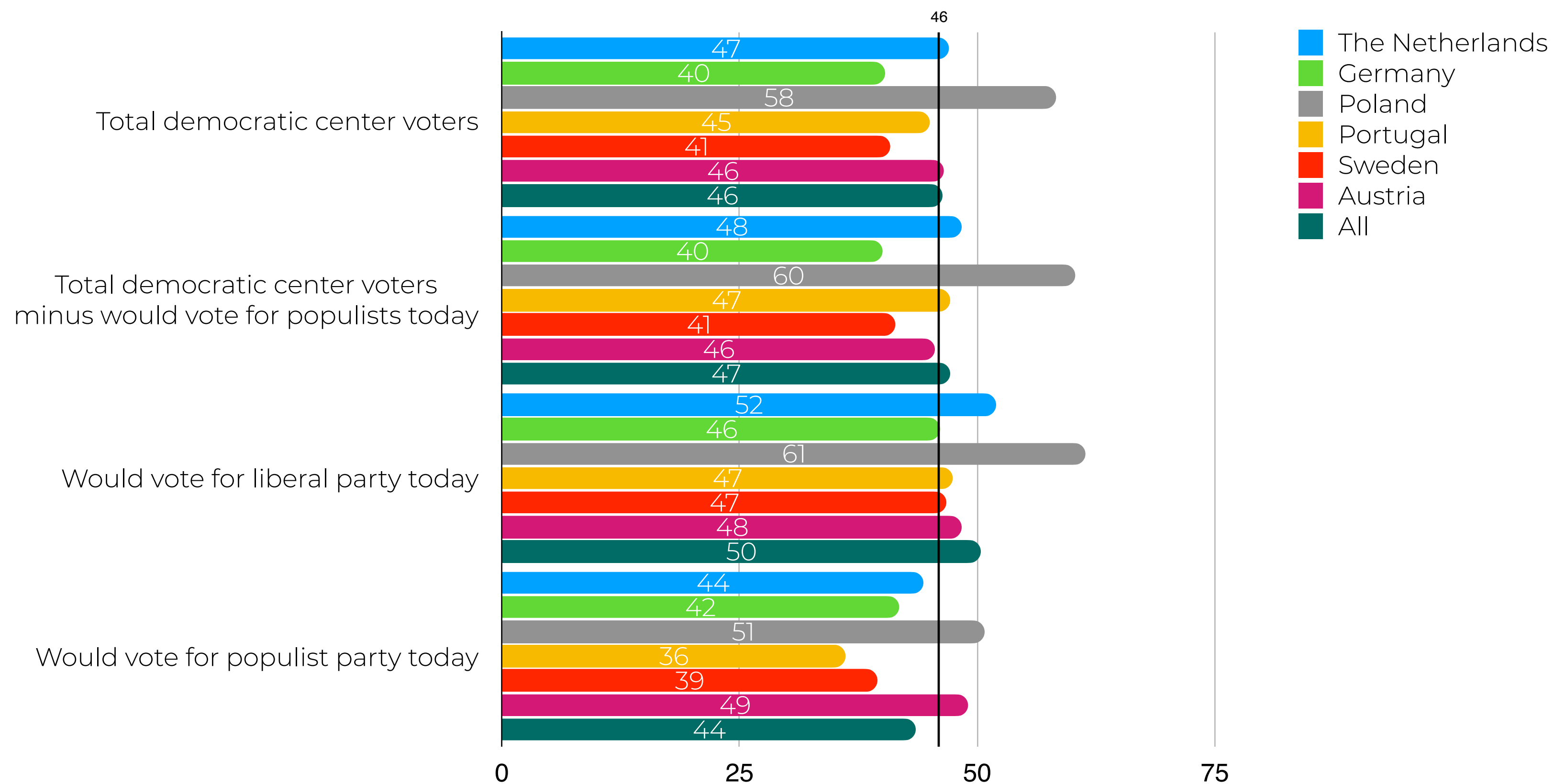


Interpreting slider scores, example

The scores are very high in the cluster of current democratic center voters. This indicates that they are very worried.

5. The rise of radical right-wing populism is temporary, they are not here to stay and things will return to normal.

Slider question: disagree-agree score on a scale of 0 to 100



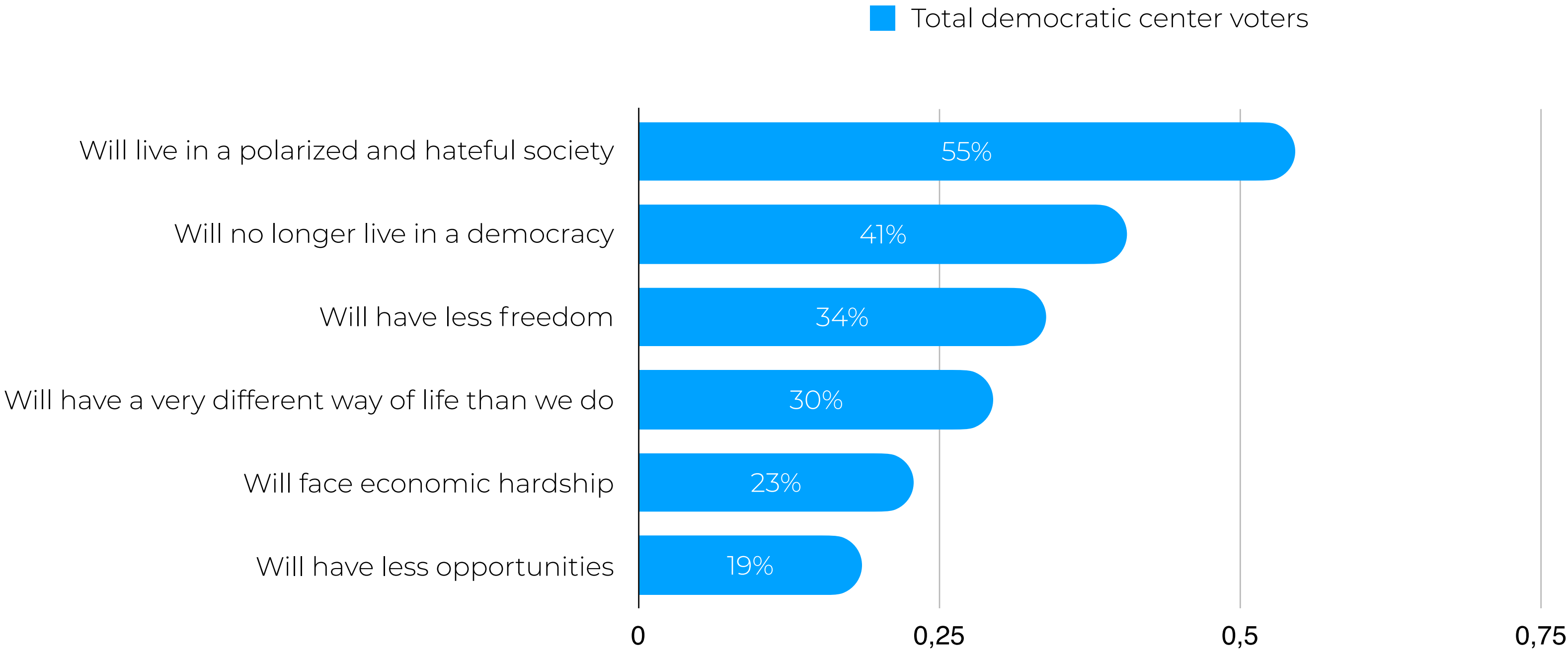
Interpreting slider scores, example

Scores are very low, meaning people do not agree with the statement at all and think that things will probably not return to normal.

Outlier is Poland, with still a low score, but more positive about the statement. Poland has seen a shift towards a more democratic center election result.

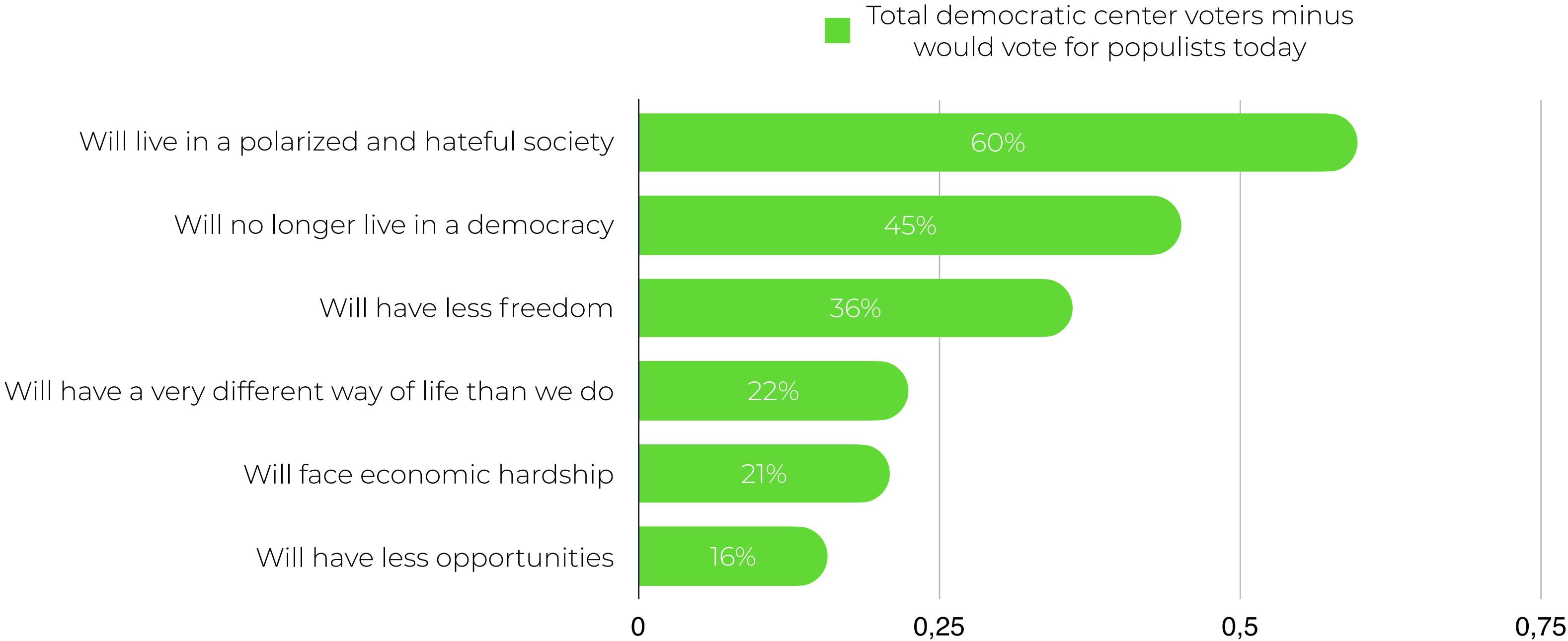
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Choose exactly 2 of the following options



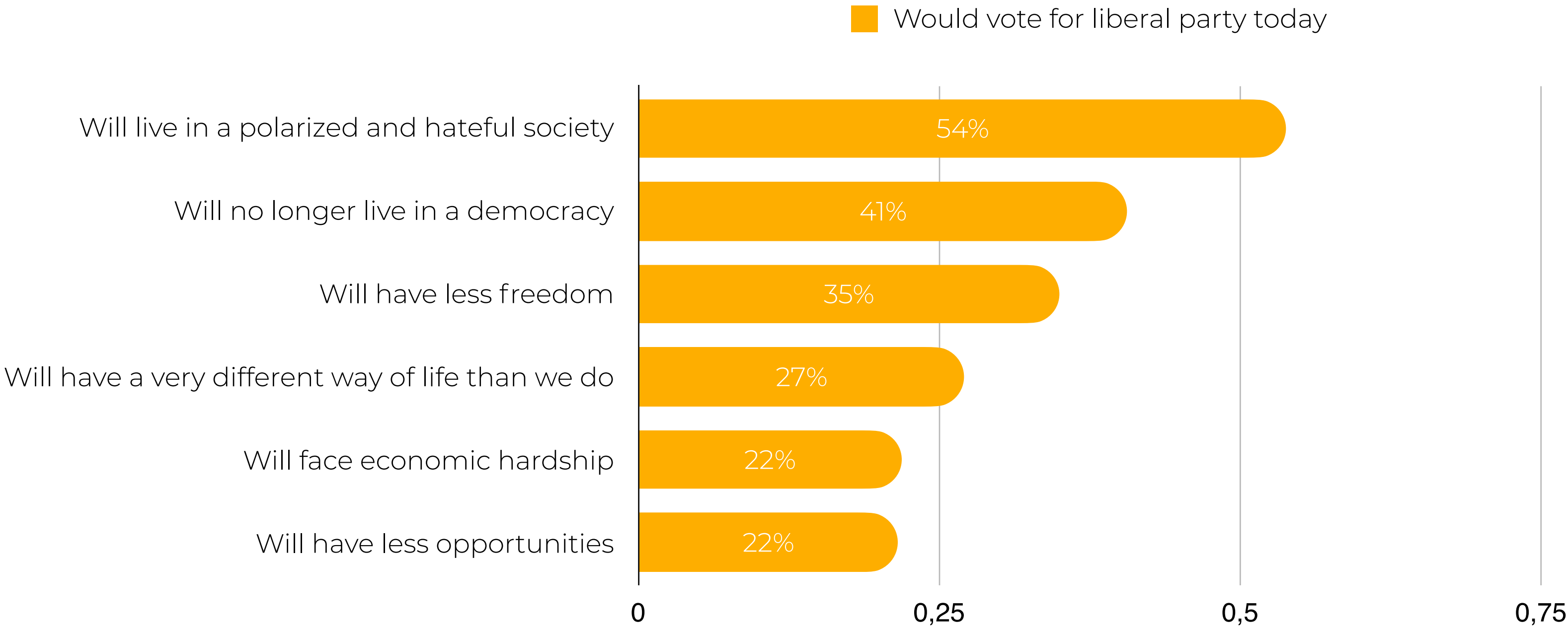
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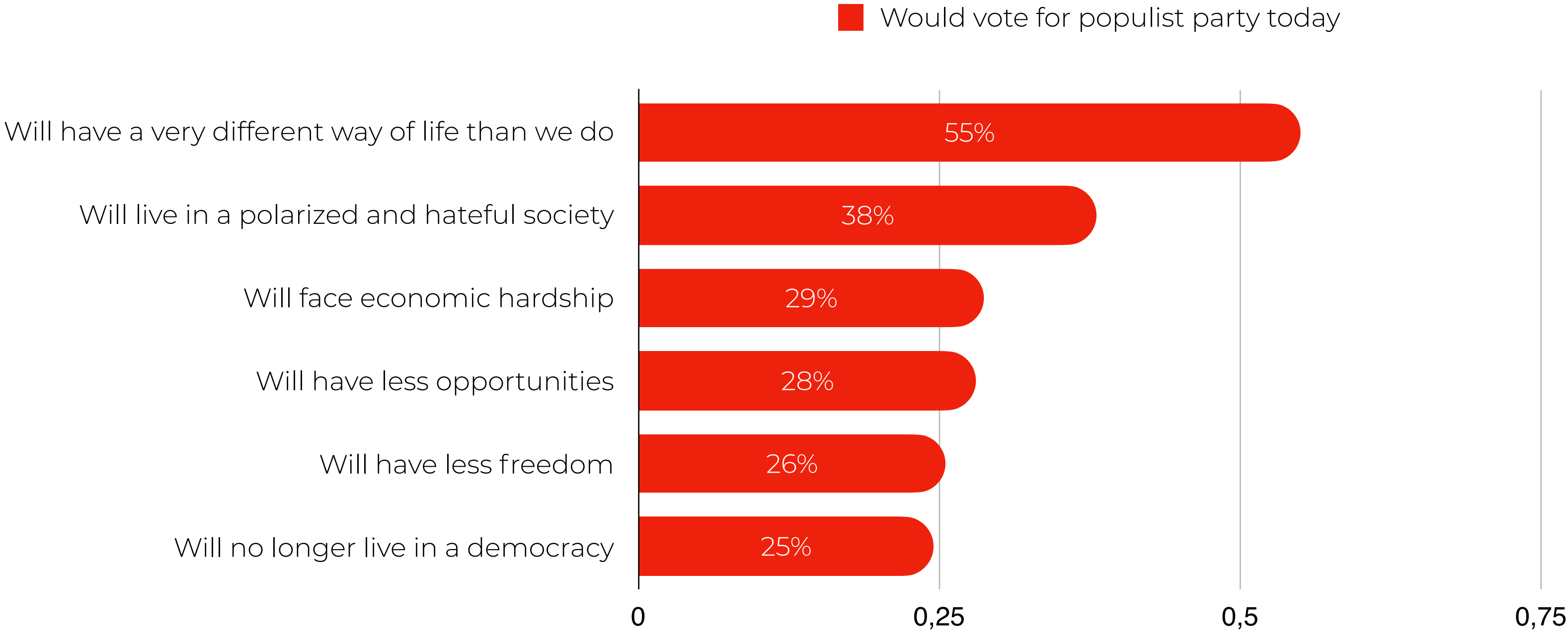
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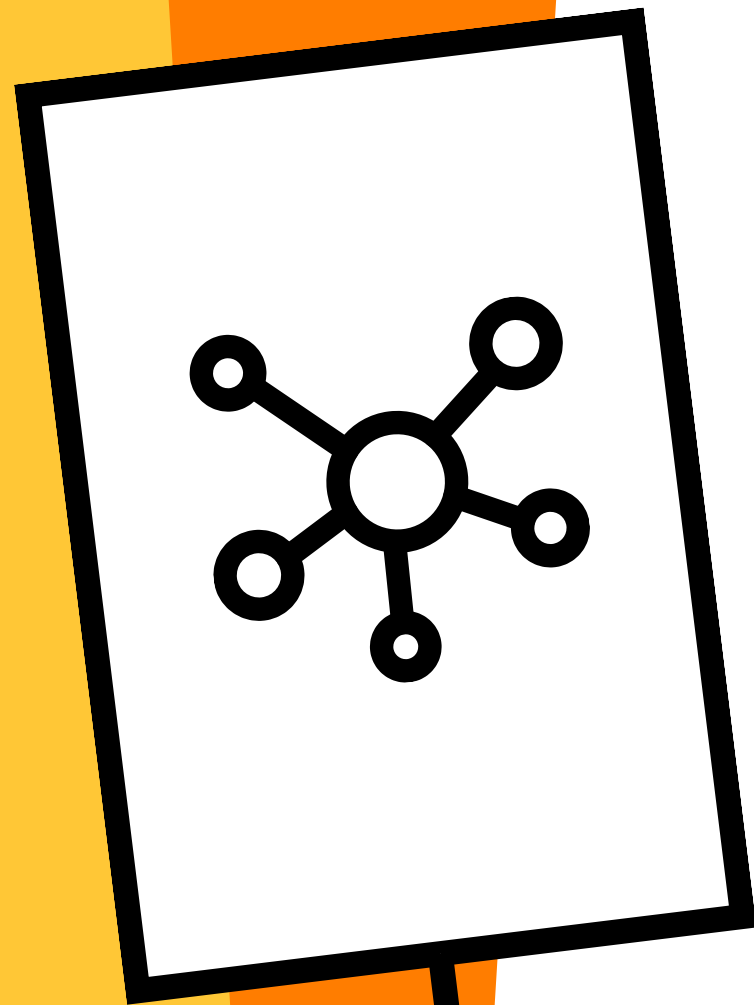
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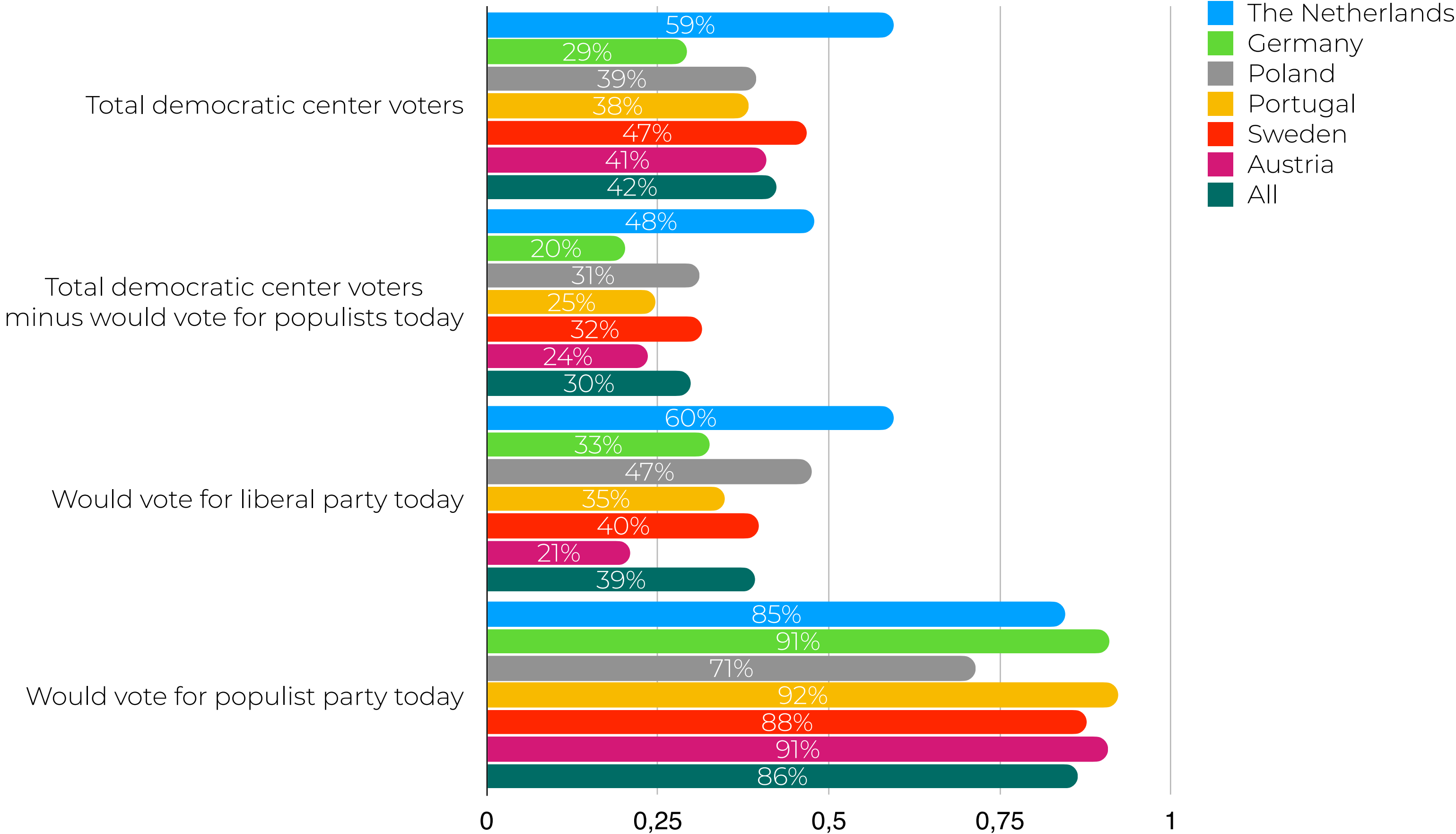




Cooperation with radical right-wing populists

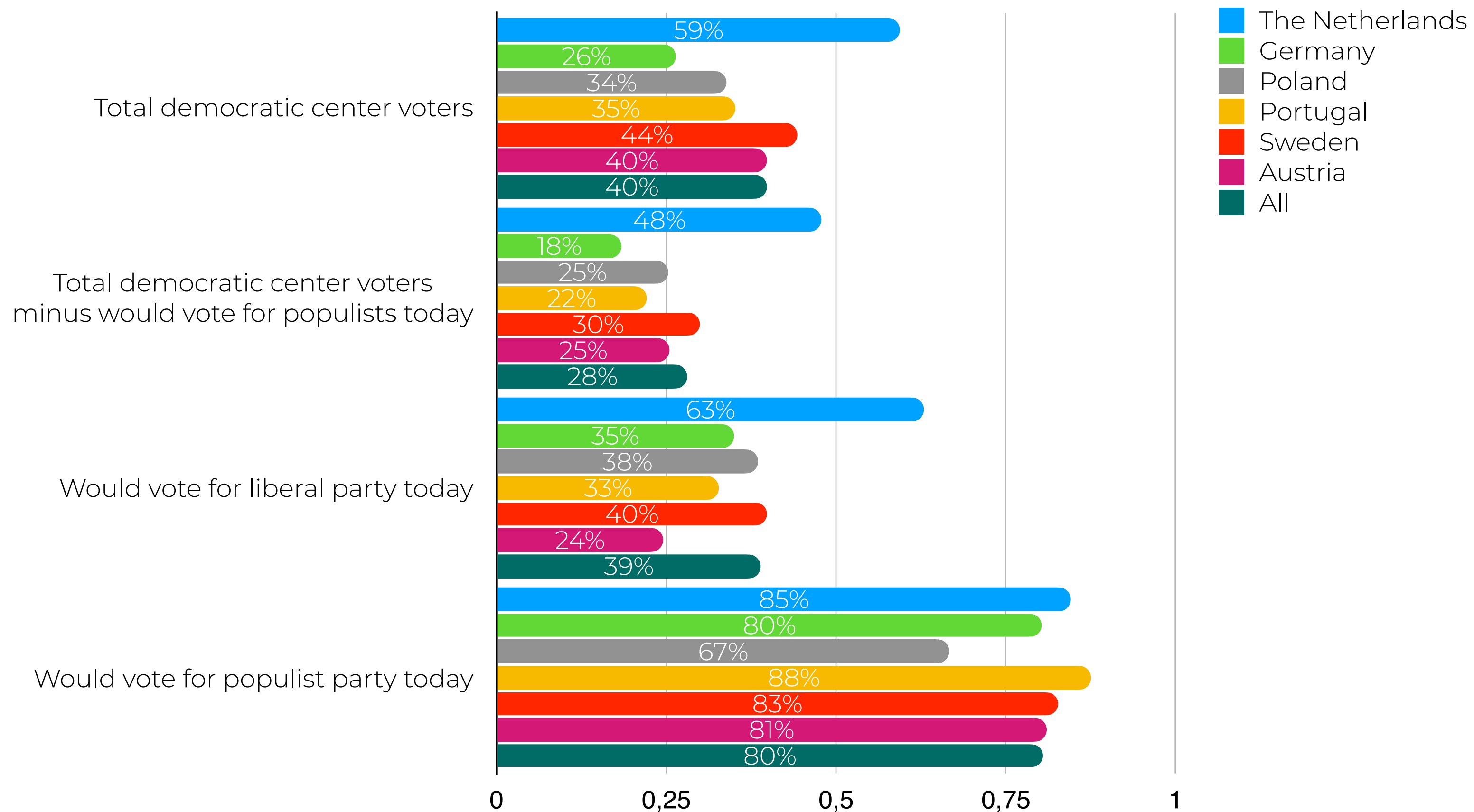
7. I think political parties from the center should cooperate with right-wing populist parties such as ... in a government

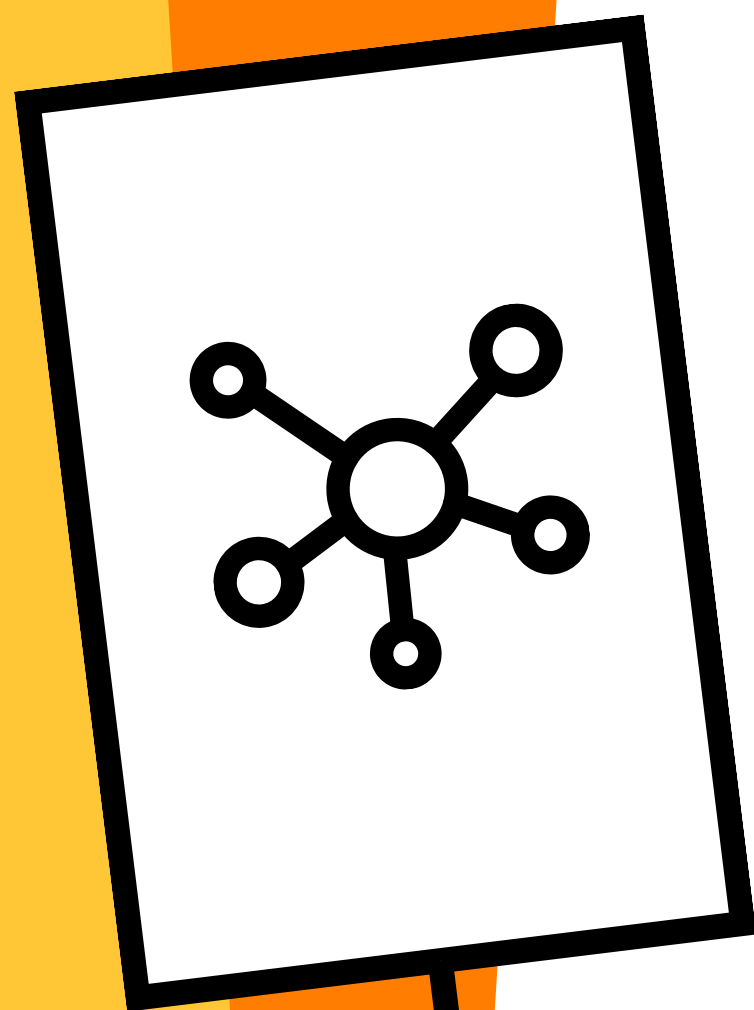
Yes/No question: scores are percentage 'Yes'



8. I would still vote for a party that has gone or wants to go into government with a radical right-wing populist party

Yes/No question: scores are percentage 'Yes'





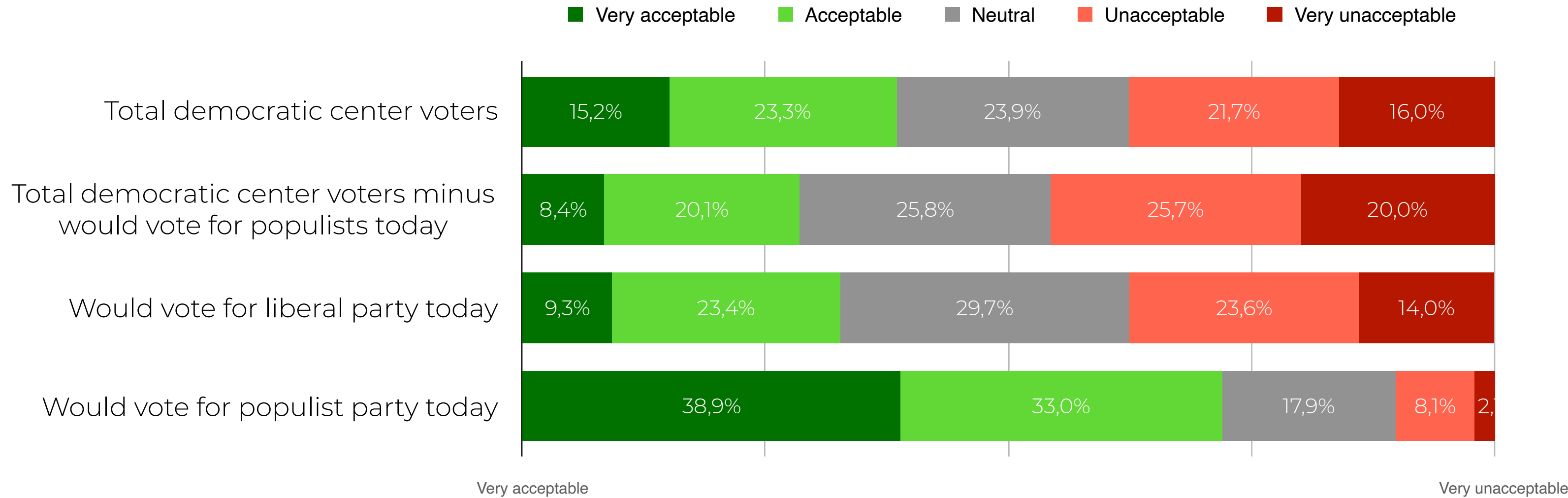
**Red lines for cooperating with
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Introductory Question

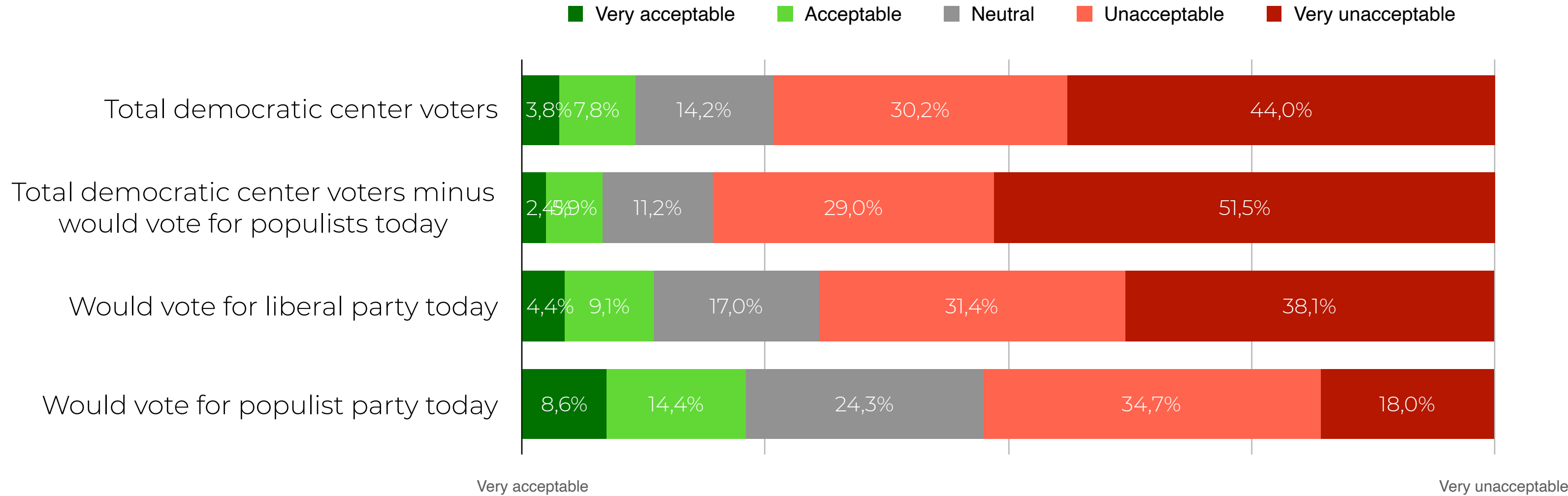
Imagine the party you voted for is going into government with a right-wing populist party.

Which of these actions of such a party would be acceptable or unacceptable to you?

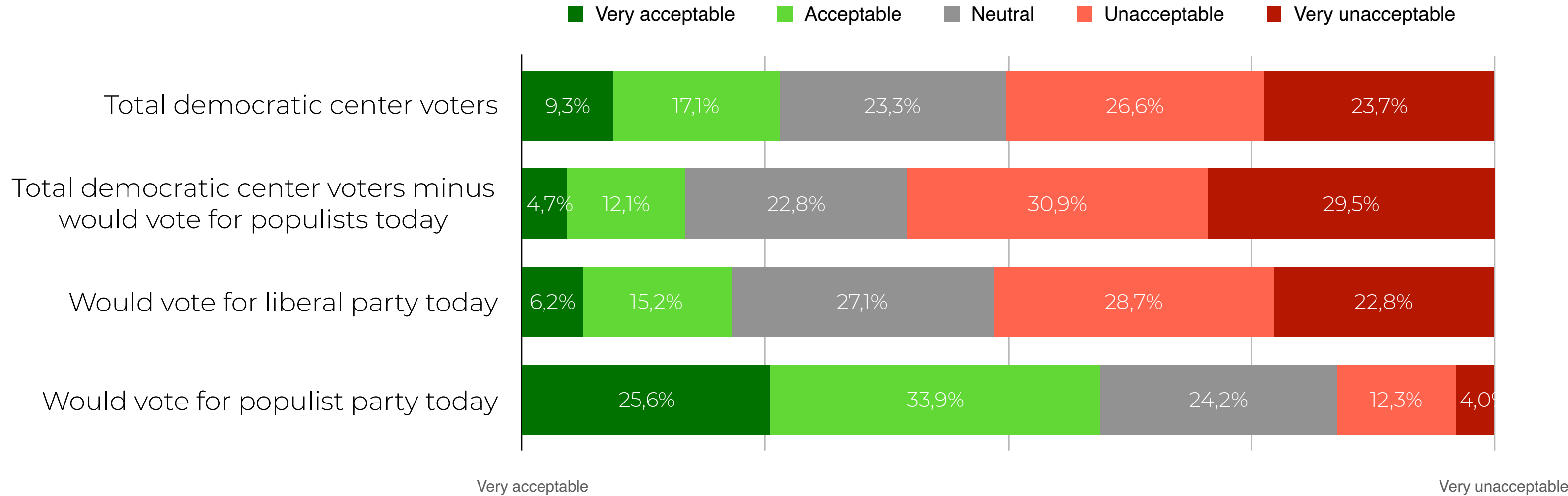
9. They want to close the borders to immigrants.



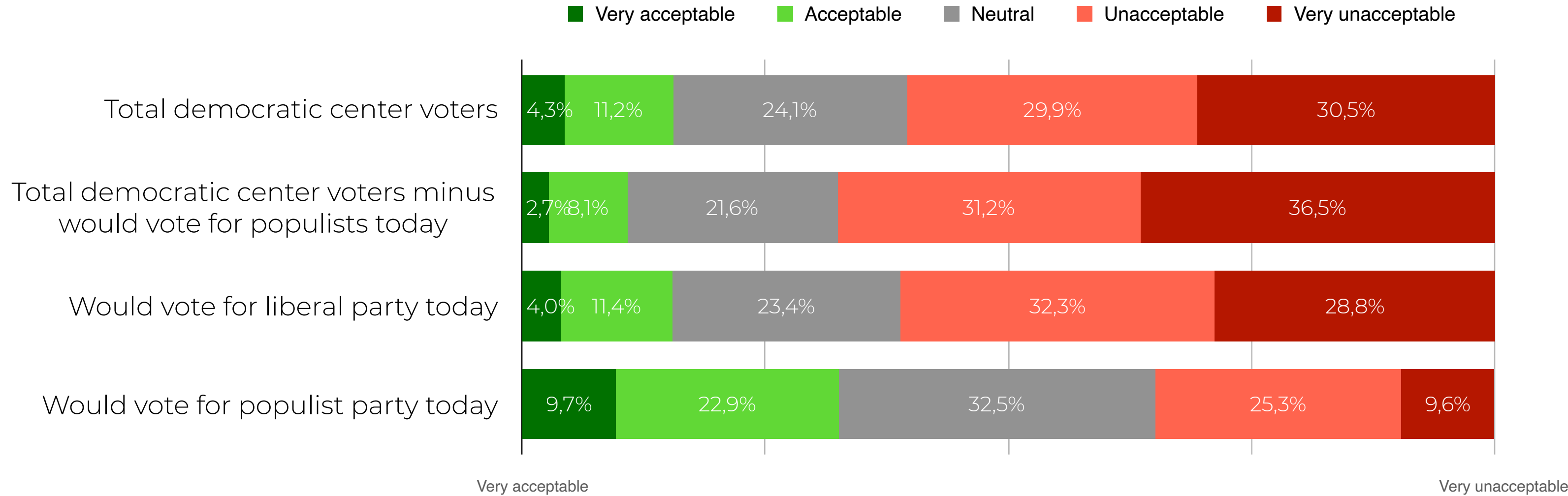
10. They vocally intimidate journalists, for example by saying they are the enemies of the people.



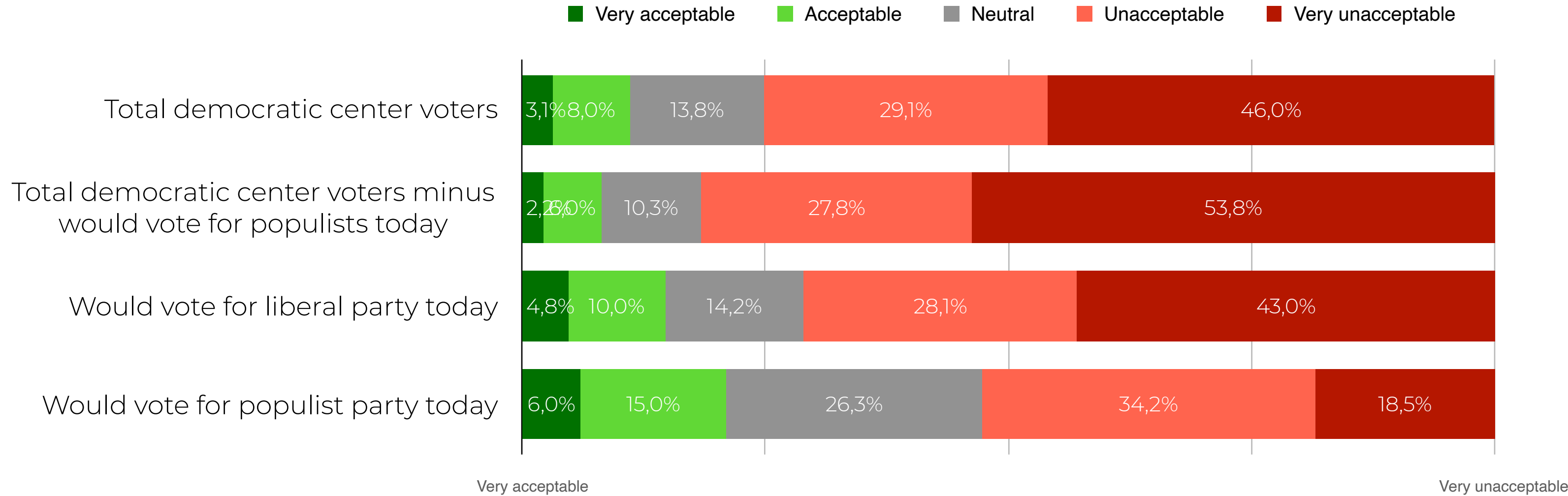
11. They keep portraying immigrants as a threat to our way of life.



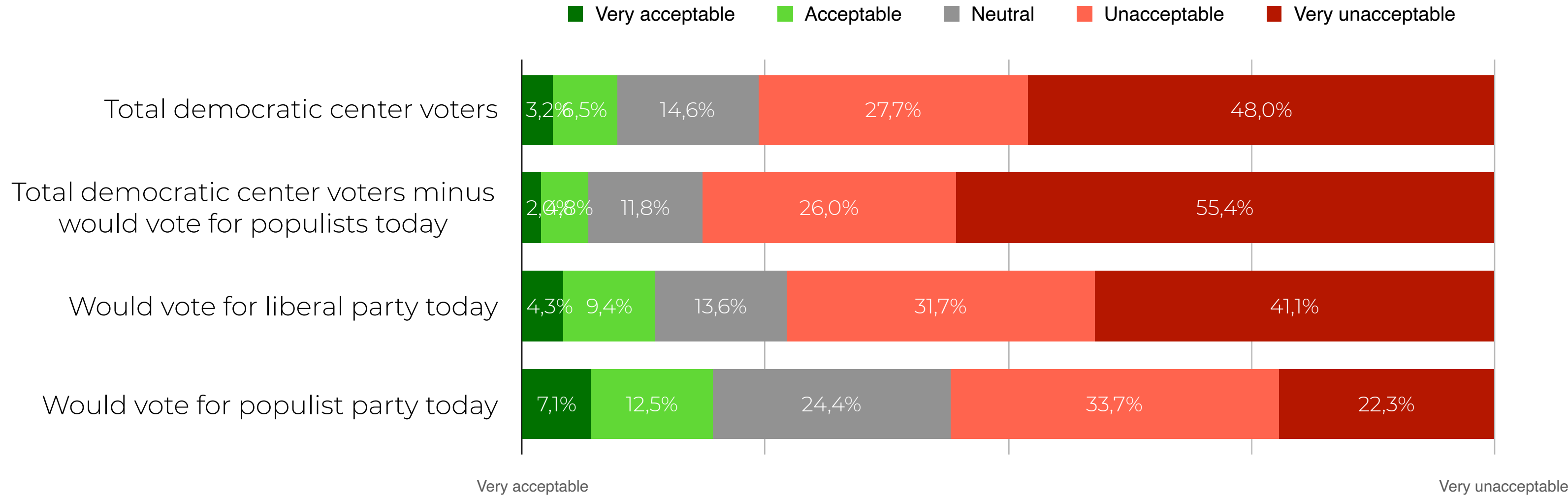
12. They threaten their opponents with legal action.



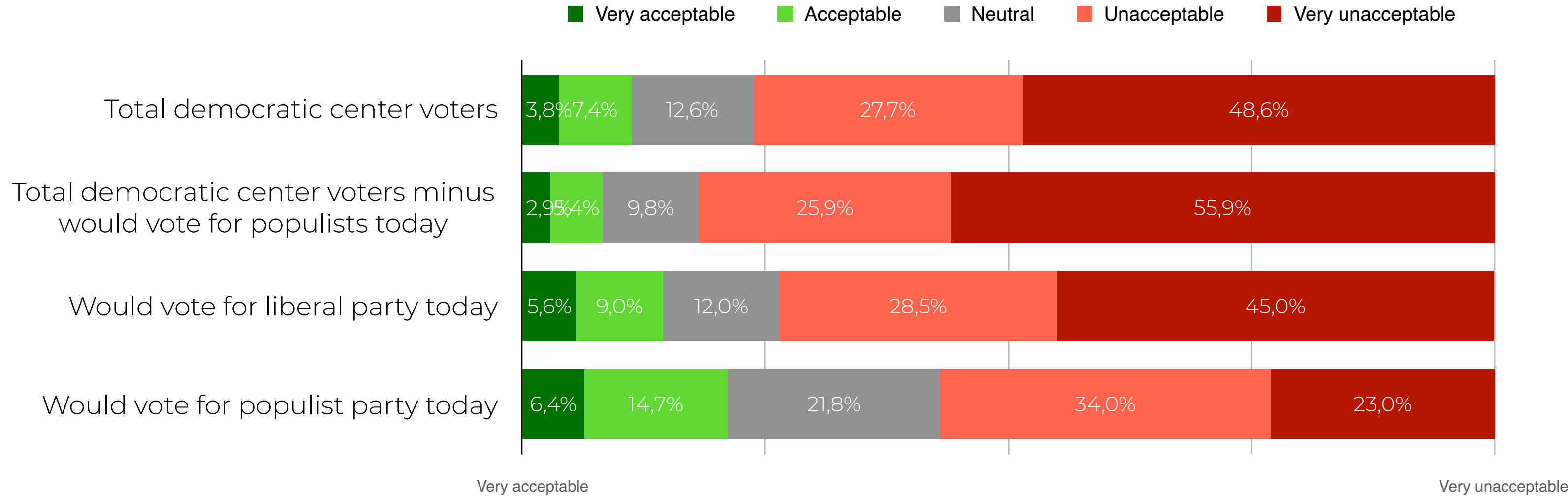
13. They try to bypass the democratic system in order to get their way.



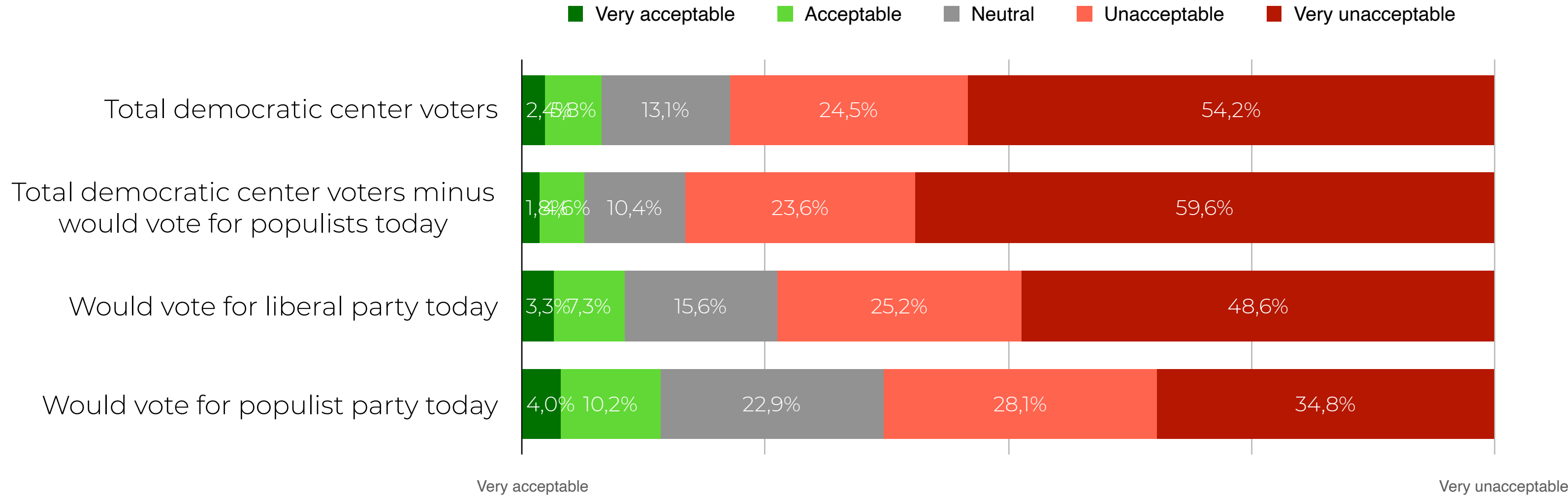
14. They threaten the judiciary.



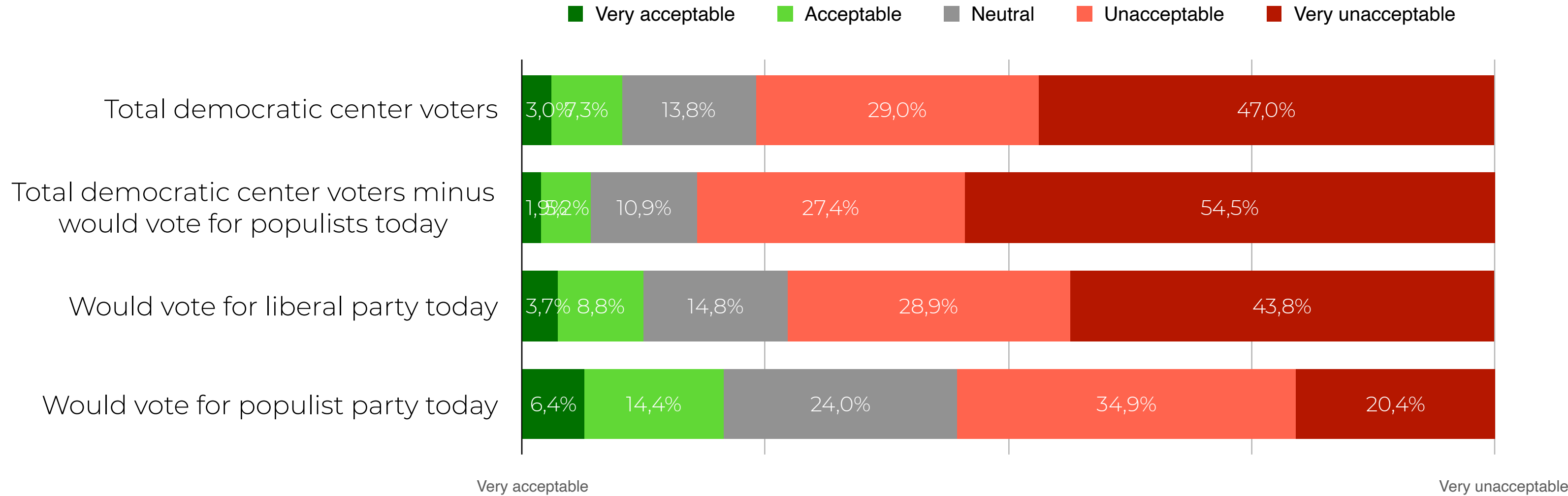
15. They try to erode civil liberties such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion.



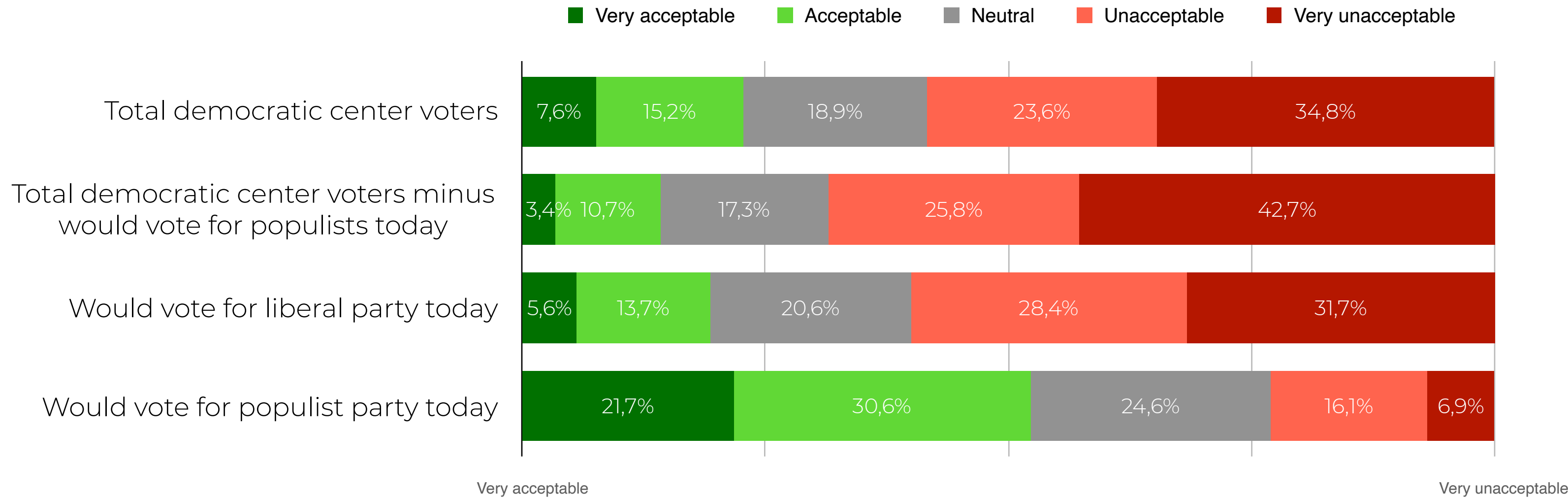
16. They engage in corruption and/or nepotism.



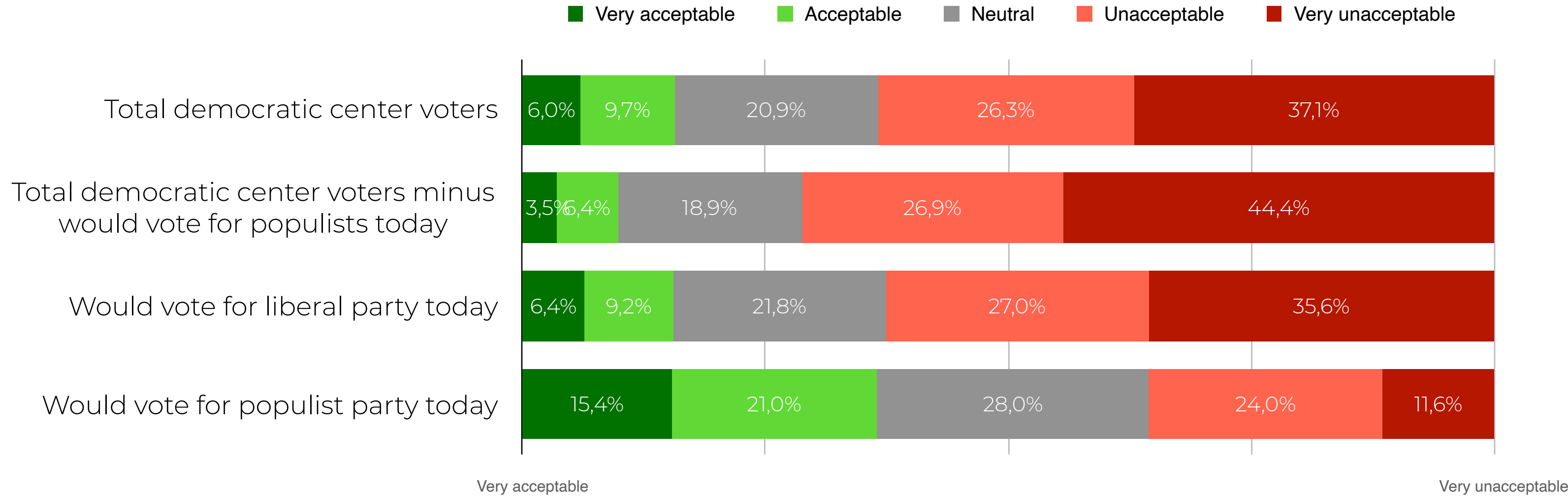
17. They make an attempt to curb free media.



18. They force a state of emergency to pass through legislation - for example to stop immigration - without democratic approval.



19. They try to legislate against minorities such as the LGBTQI community.



20. What is the biggest issue you have with radical right-wing parties and politics?

Open Question: answer with a maximum of 2 words

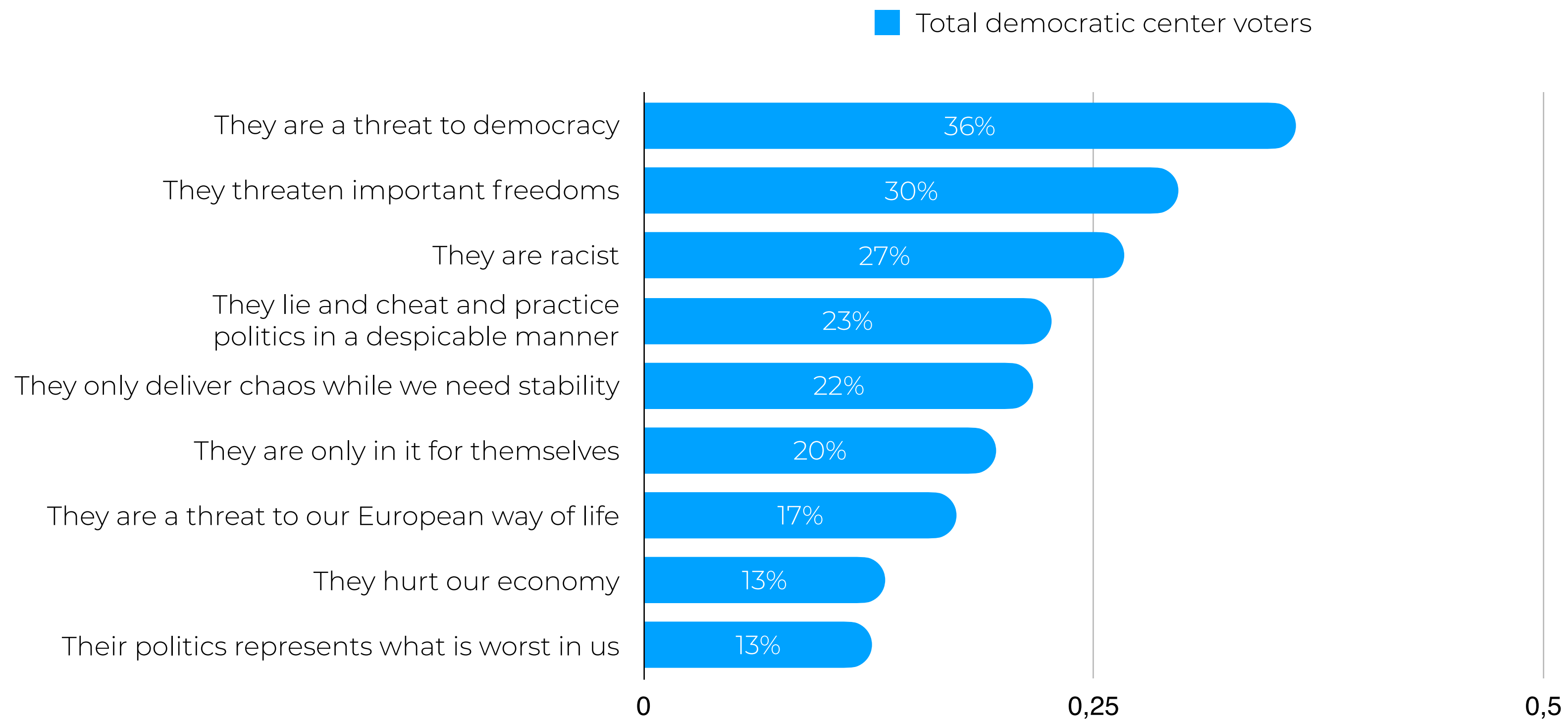


Answer	Frequency
None	71
Nothing	57
Racism	49
Don't know	49
Radicalism	43

All respondents

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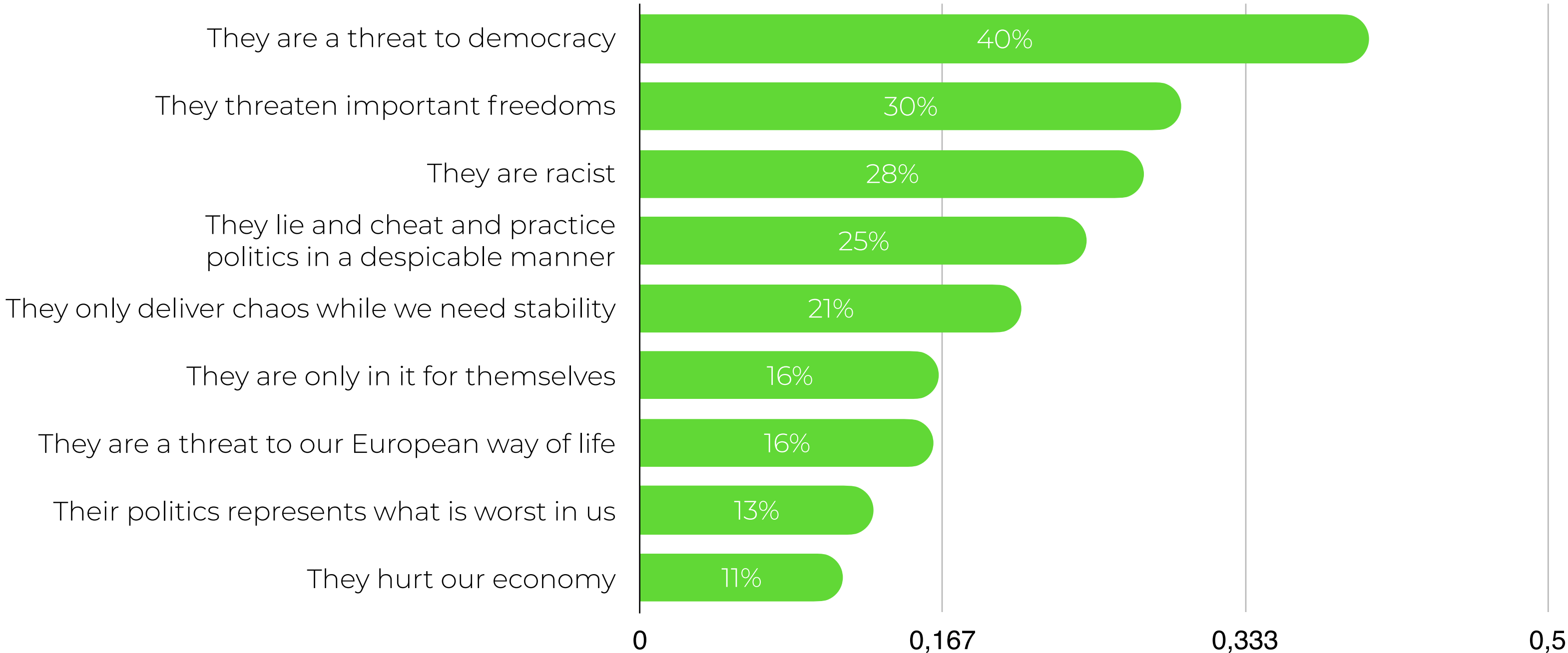
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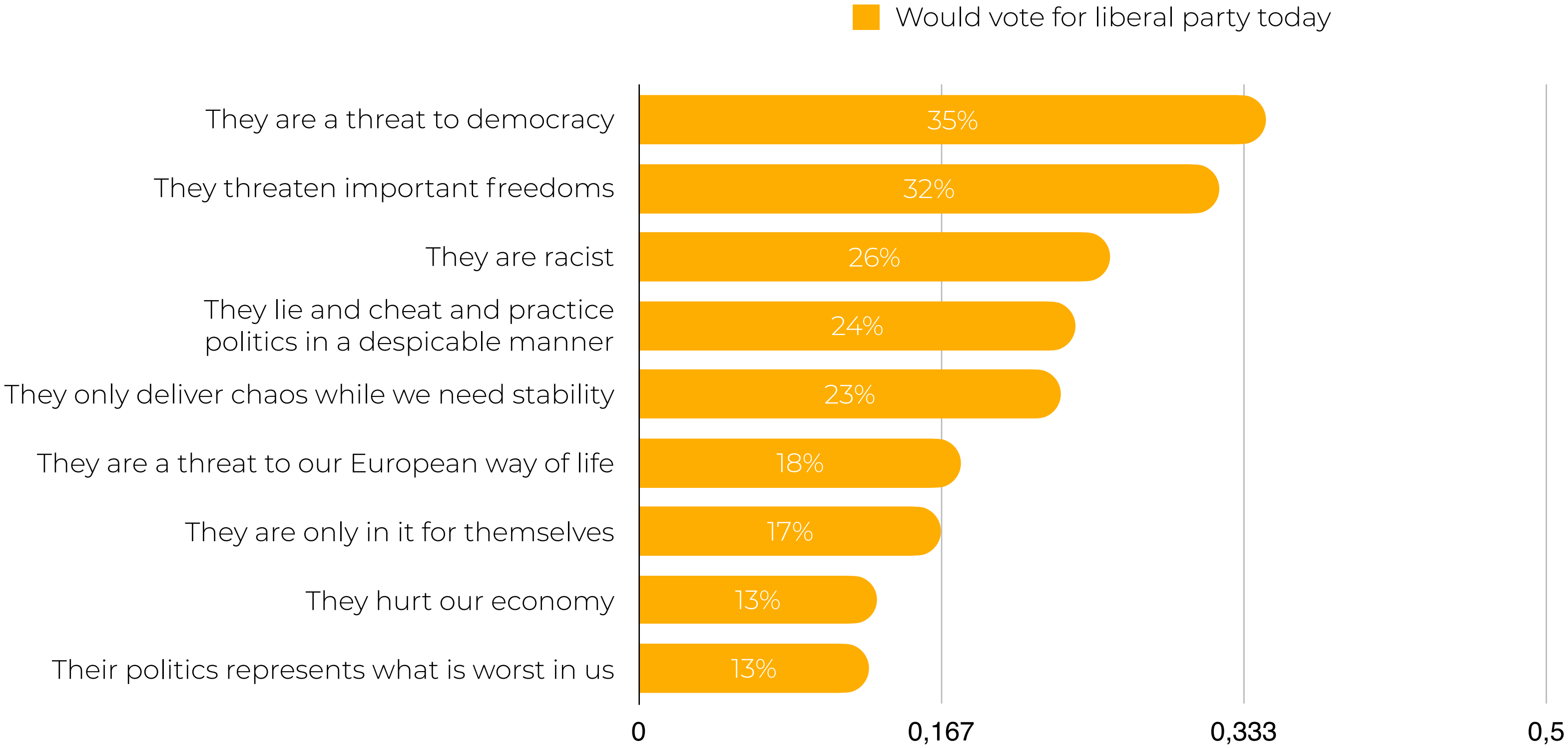
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■ Total democratic center voters minus would vote for populists today



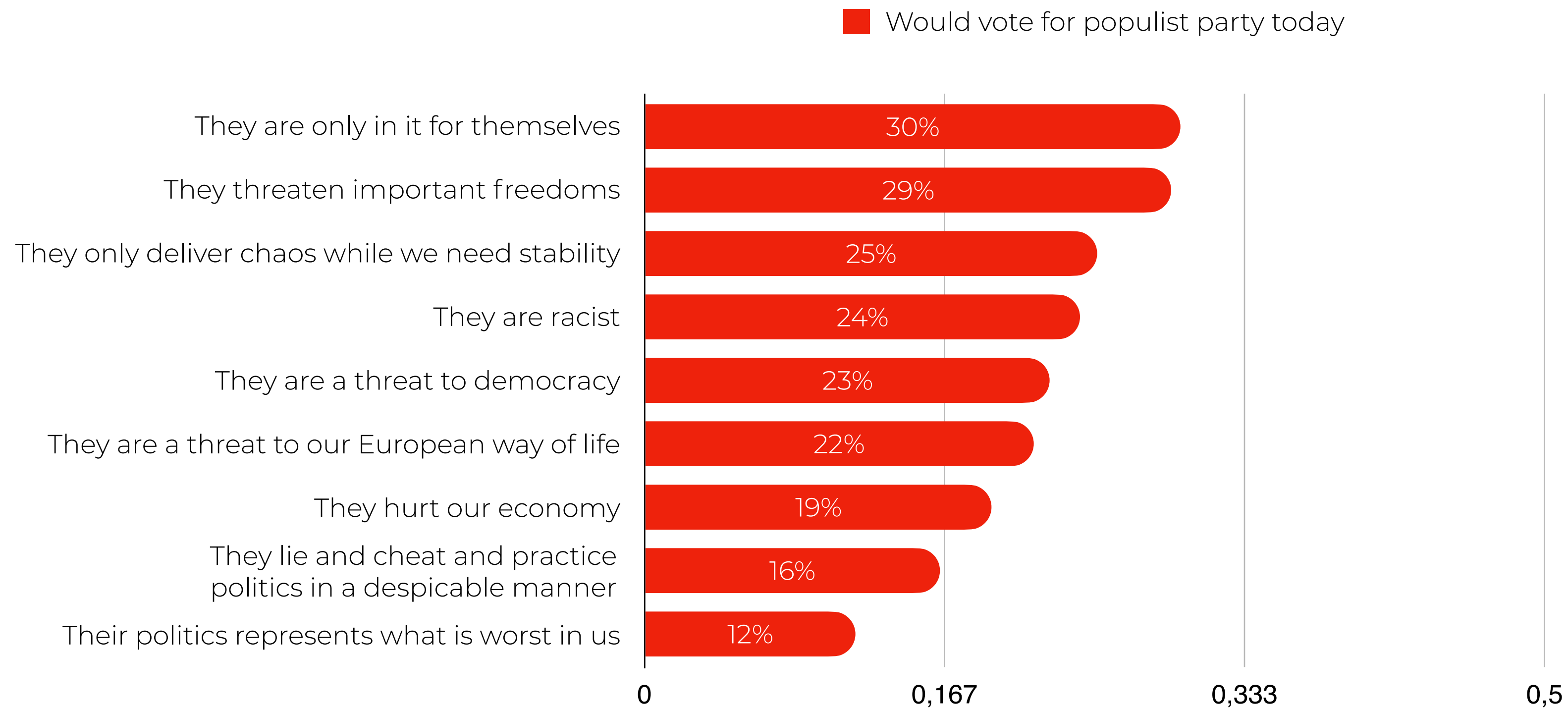
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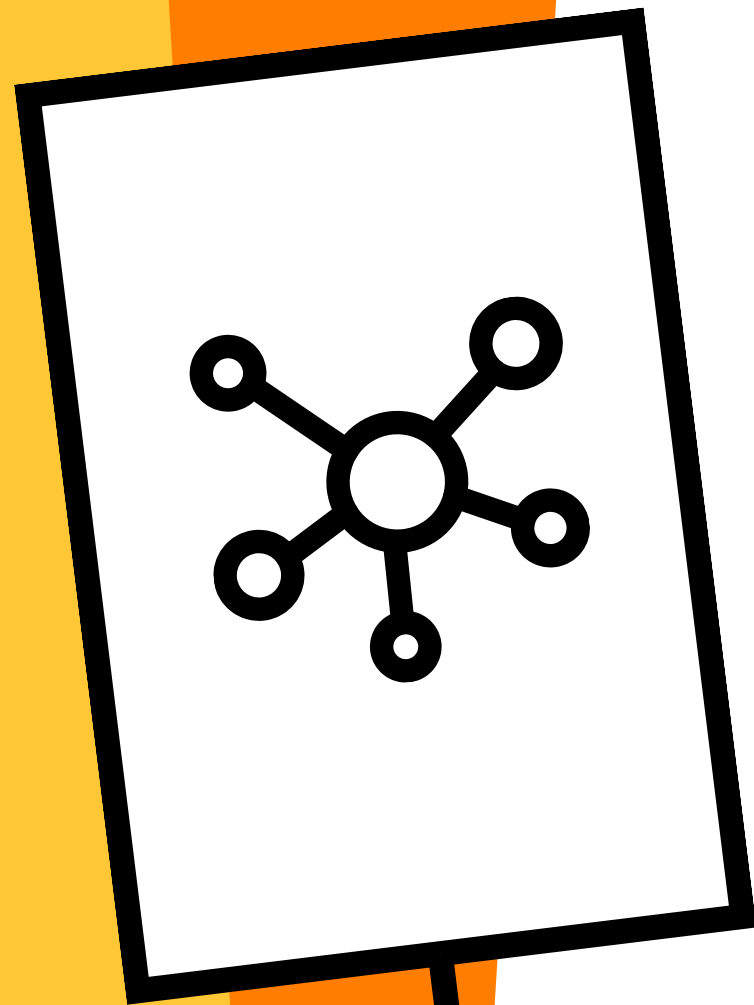
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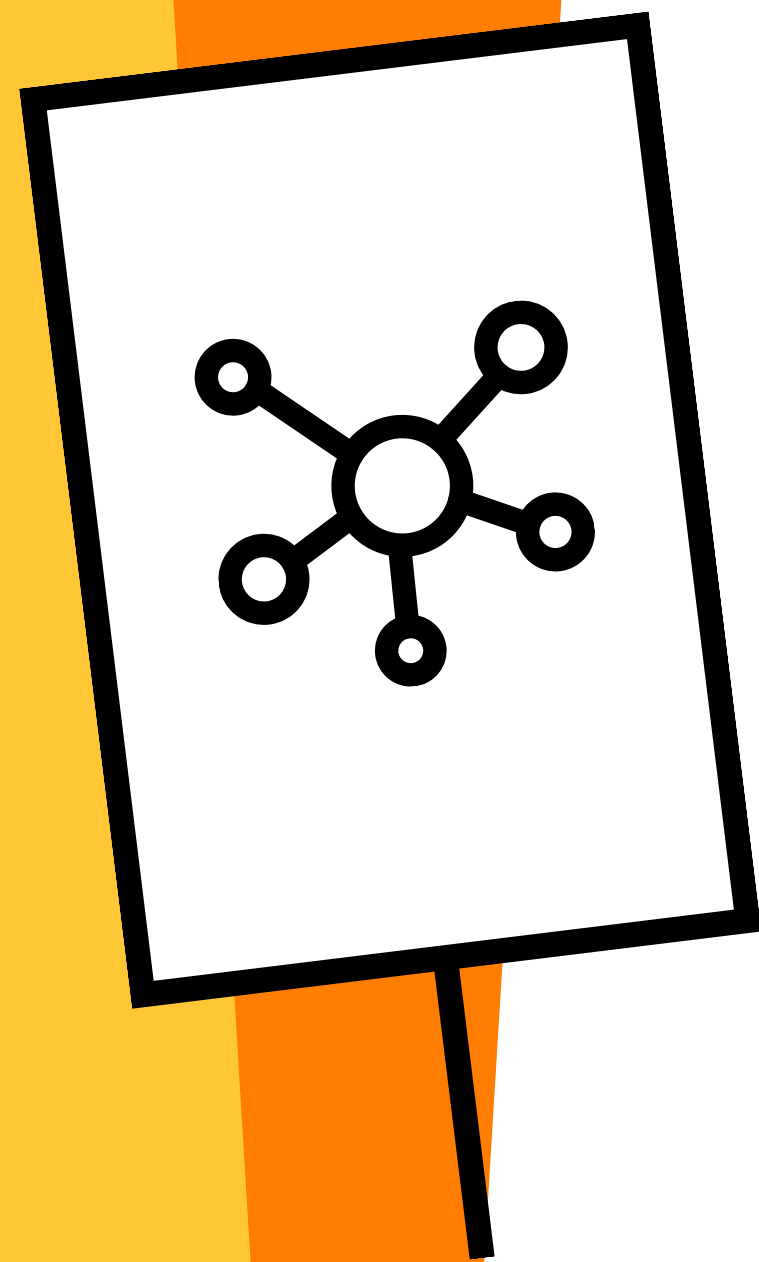


**To which communication frames
about radical right-wing
populists do voters respond to
most?**

Introductory Statement

Below you will find a number of statements about radical right-wing populism and politics. You can share your feeling about the statement by sliding between 0-100.

(disagree - agree, unimportant - important)



Slider scores

We asked people to share their feelings on a slider from 0-100

We asked respondents two things about each question:

- 1) how much do you agree?
- 2) How important is this to you?

Slider scores:

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High: above 70

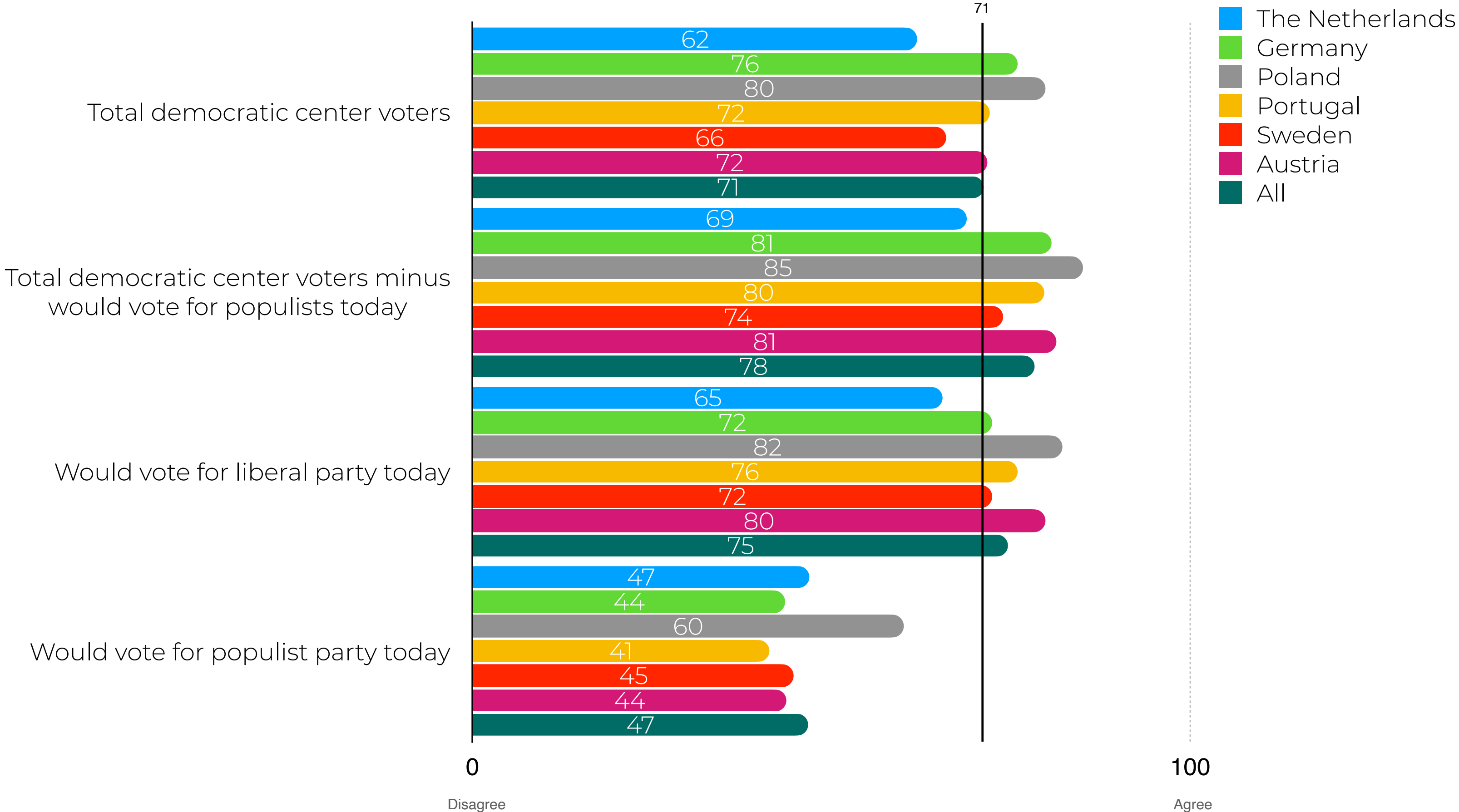
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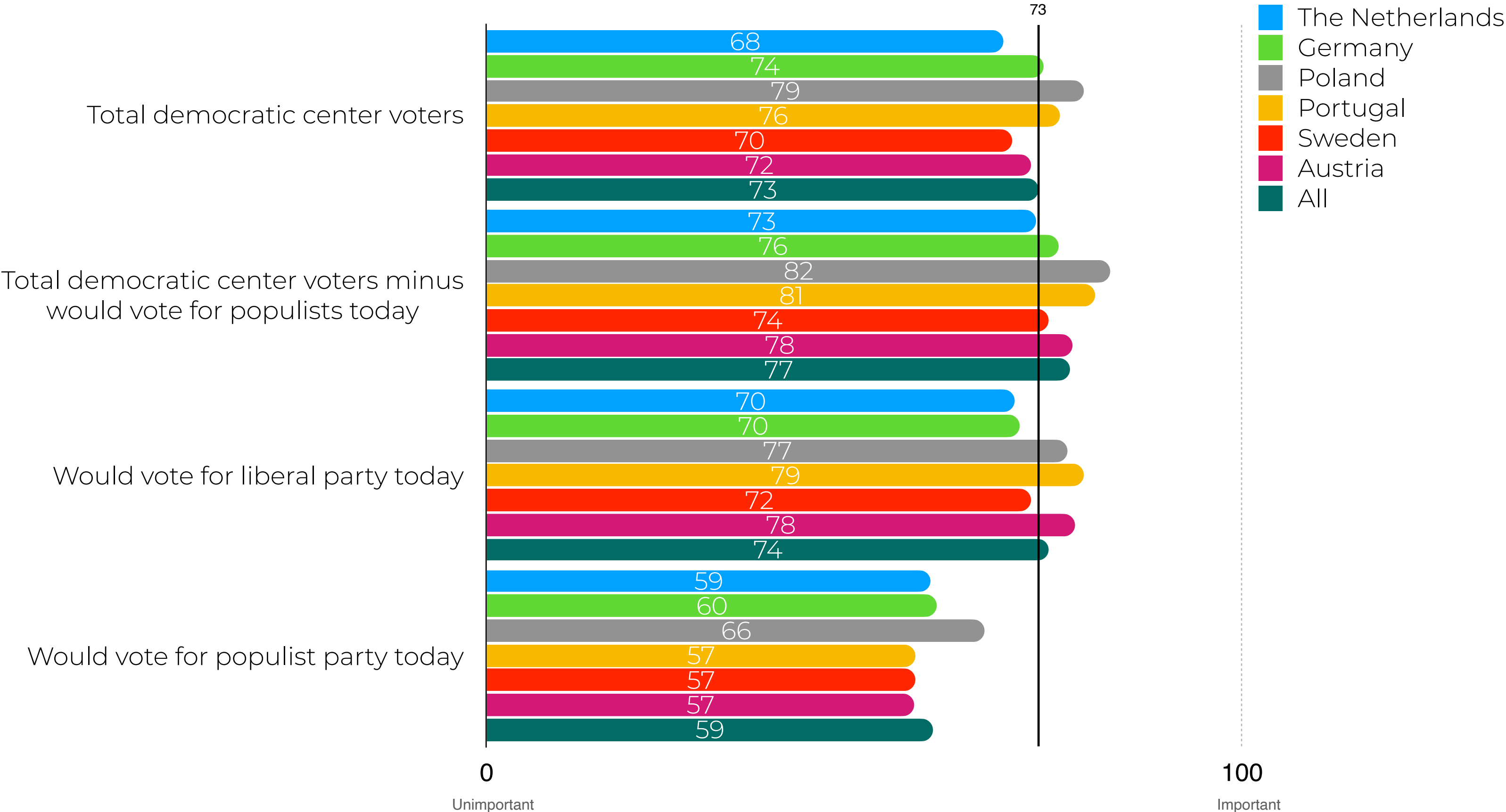
22. They claim to represent the people, but they are only in it for themselves and their own interests.

Slider question: disagree-agree score on a scale of 0 to 100



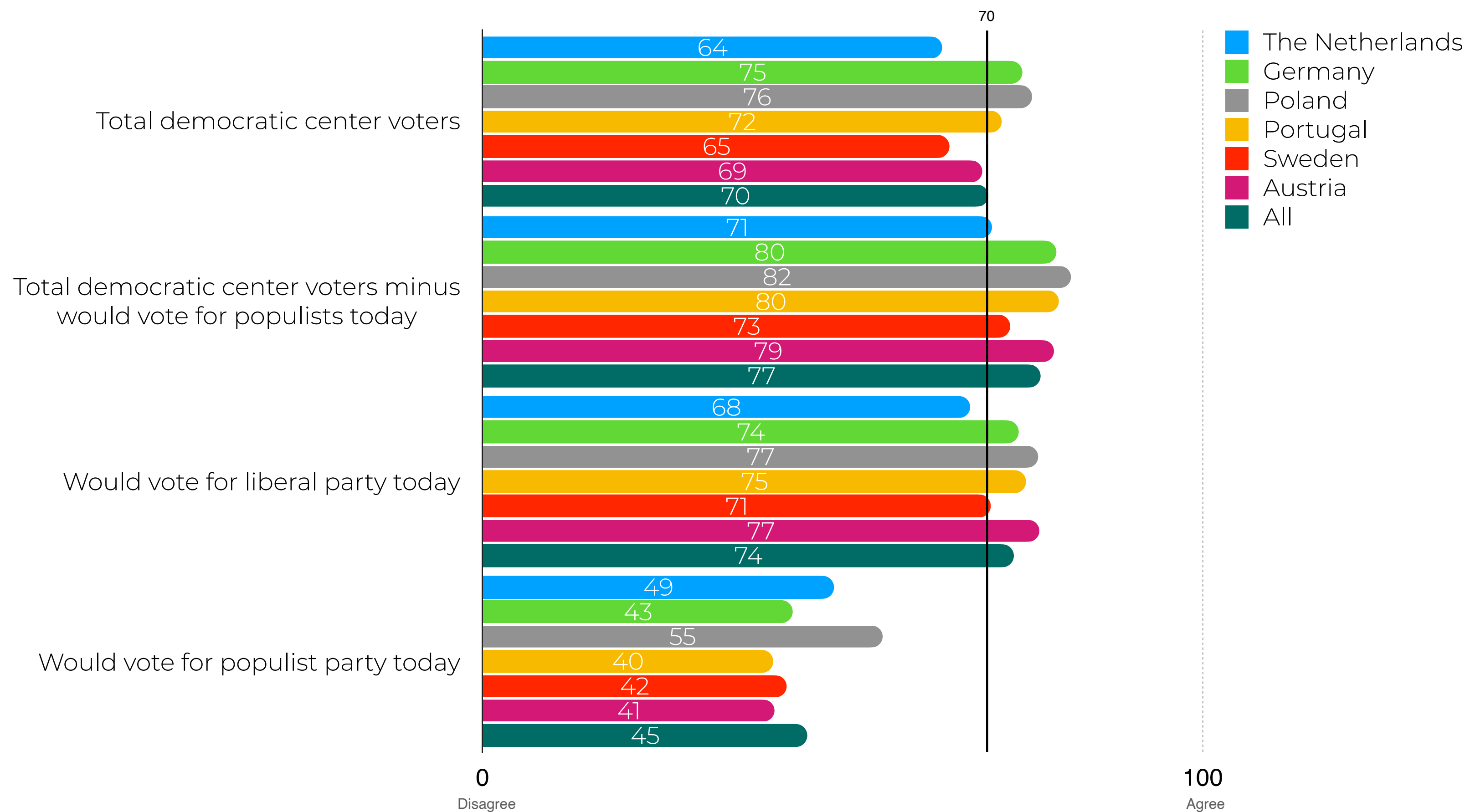
22. They claim to represent the people, but they are only in it for themselves and their own interests.

Slider question: unimportant-important score on a scale of 0 to 100



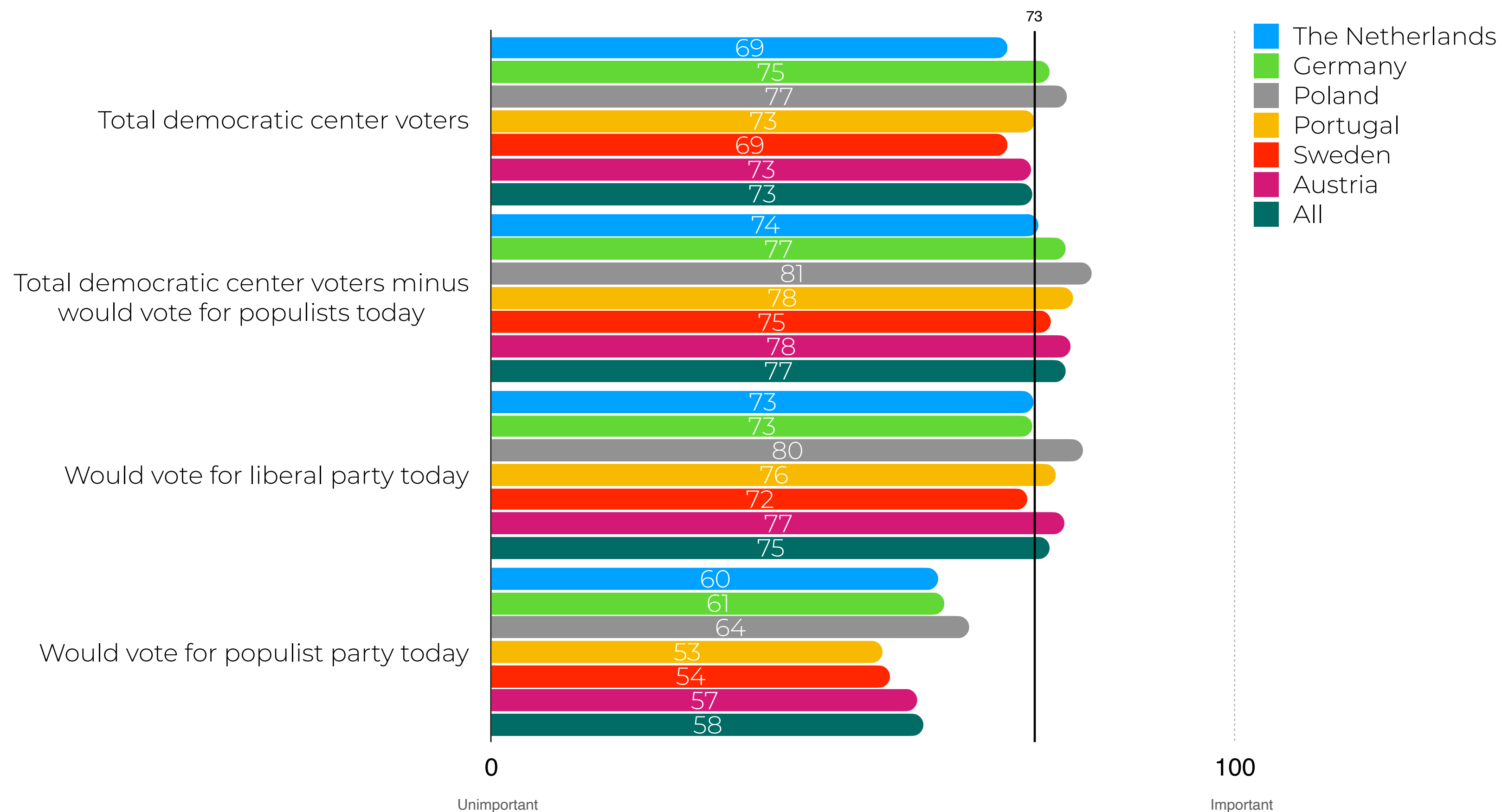
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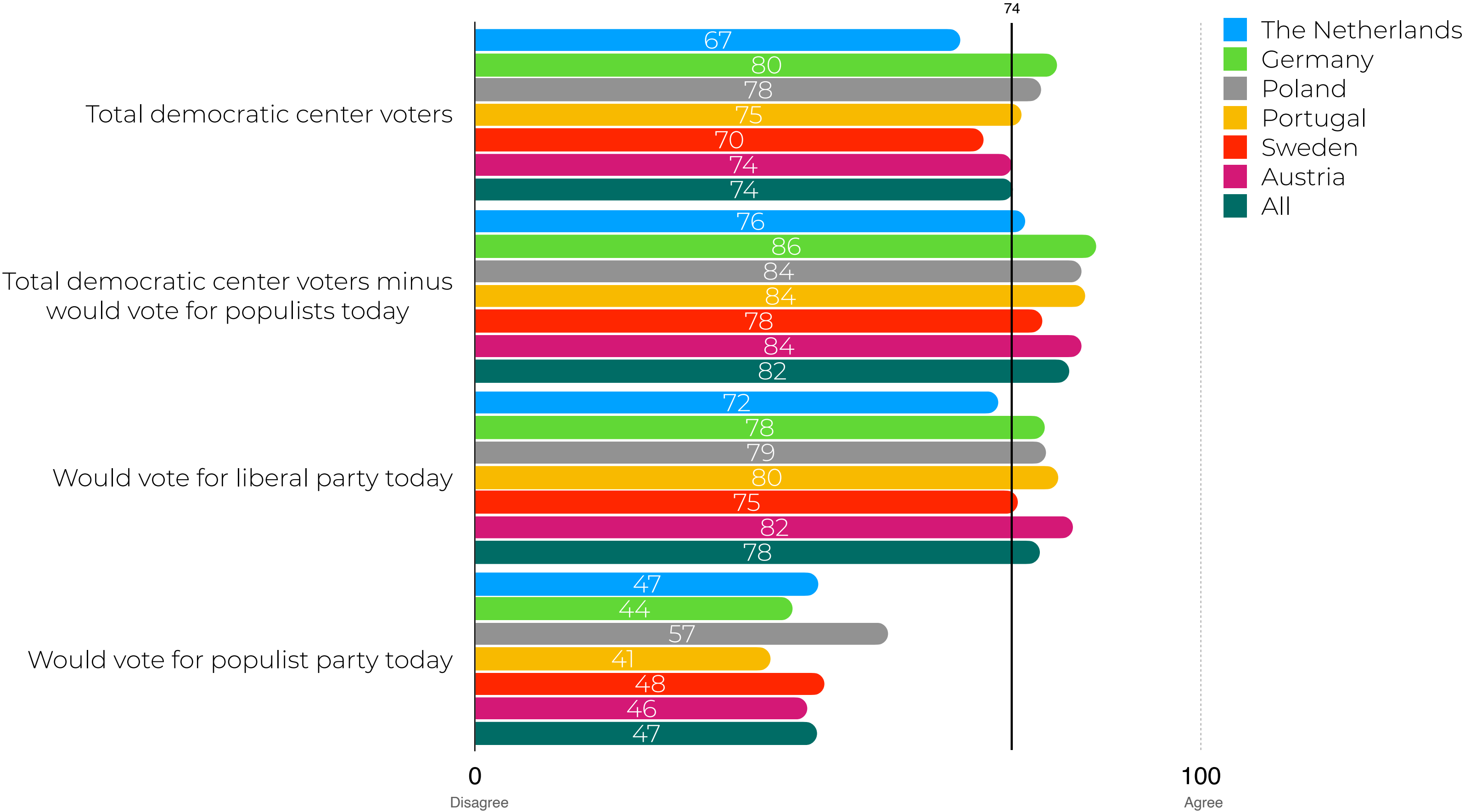
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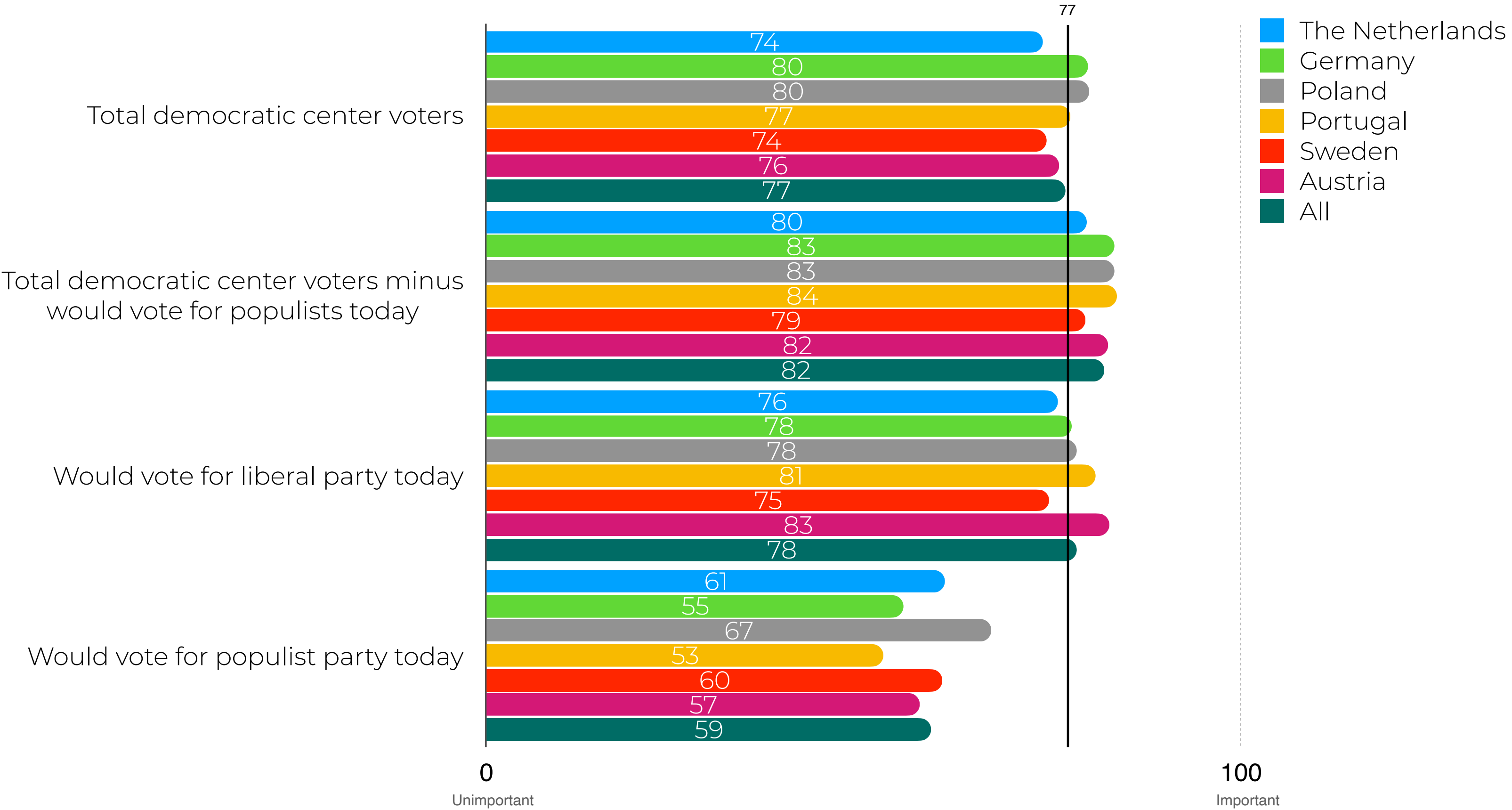
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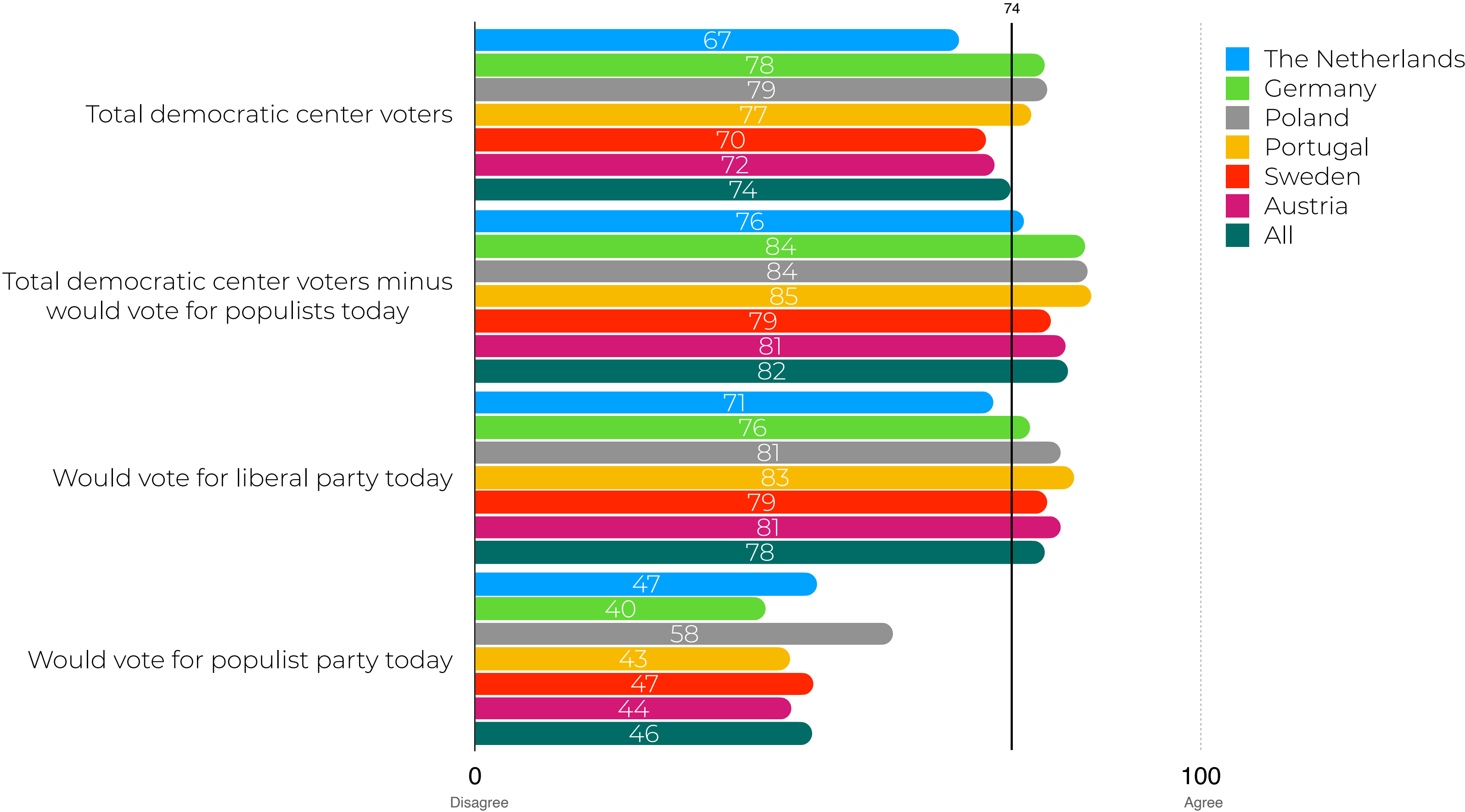
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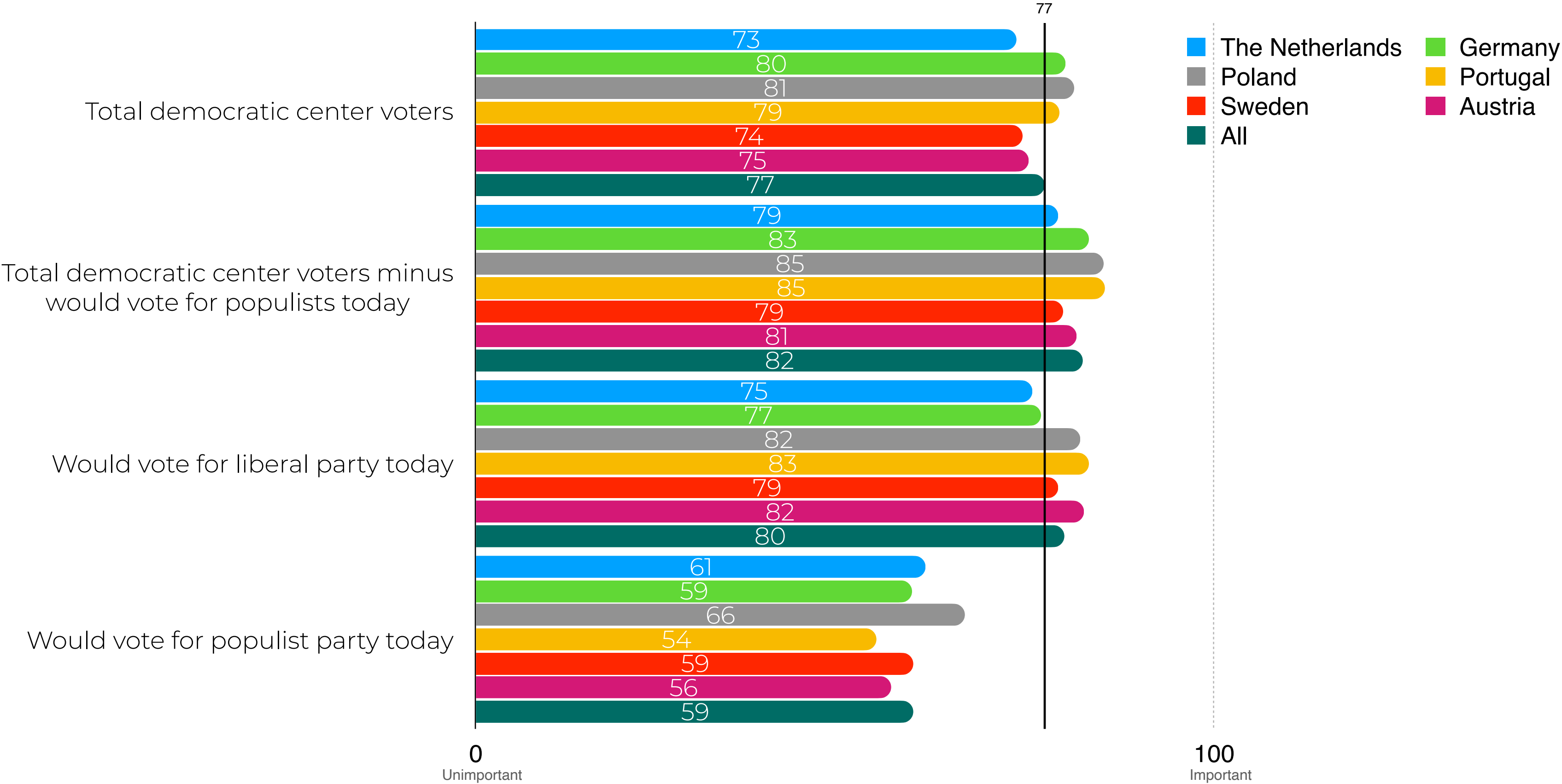
25. The rise of radical right-wing populism is a threat to our freedoms.

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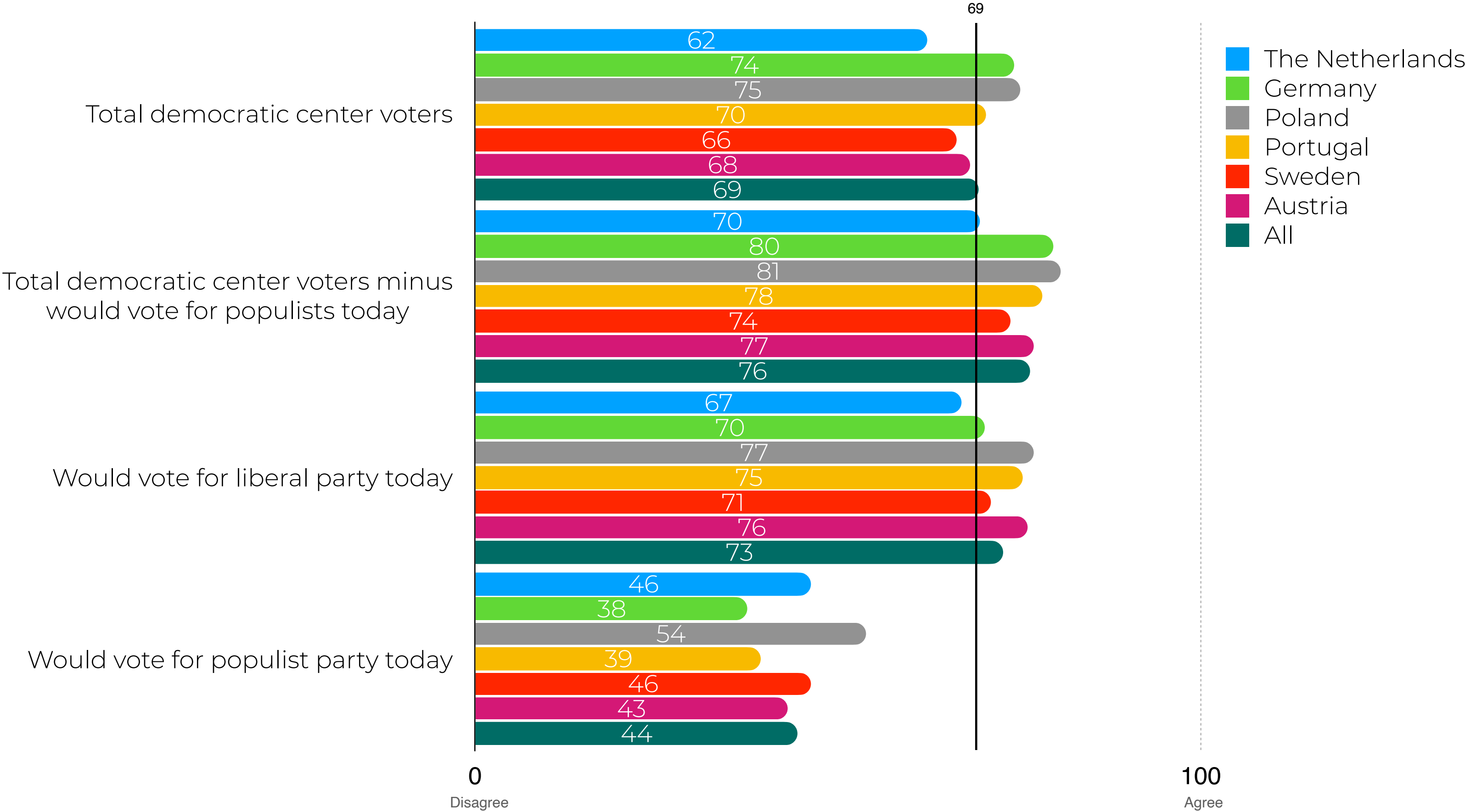
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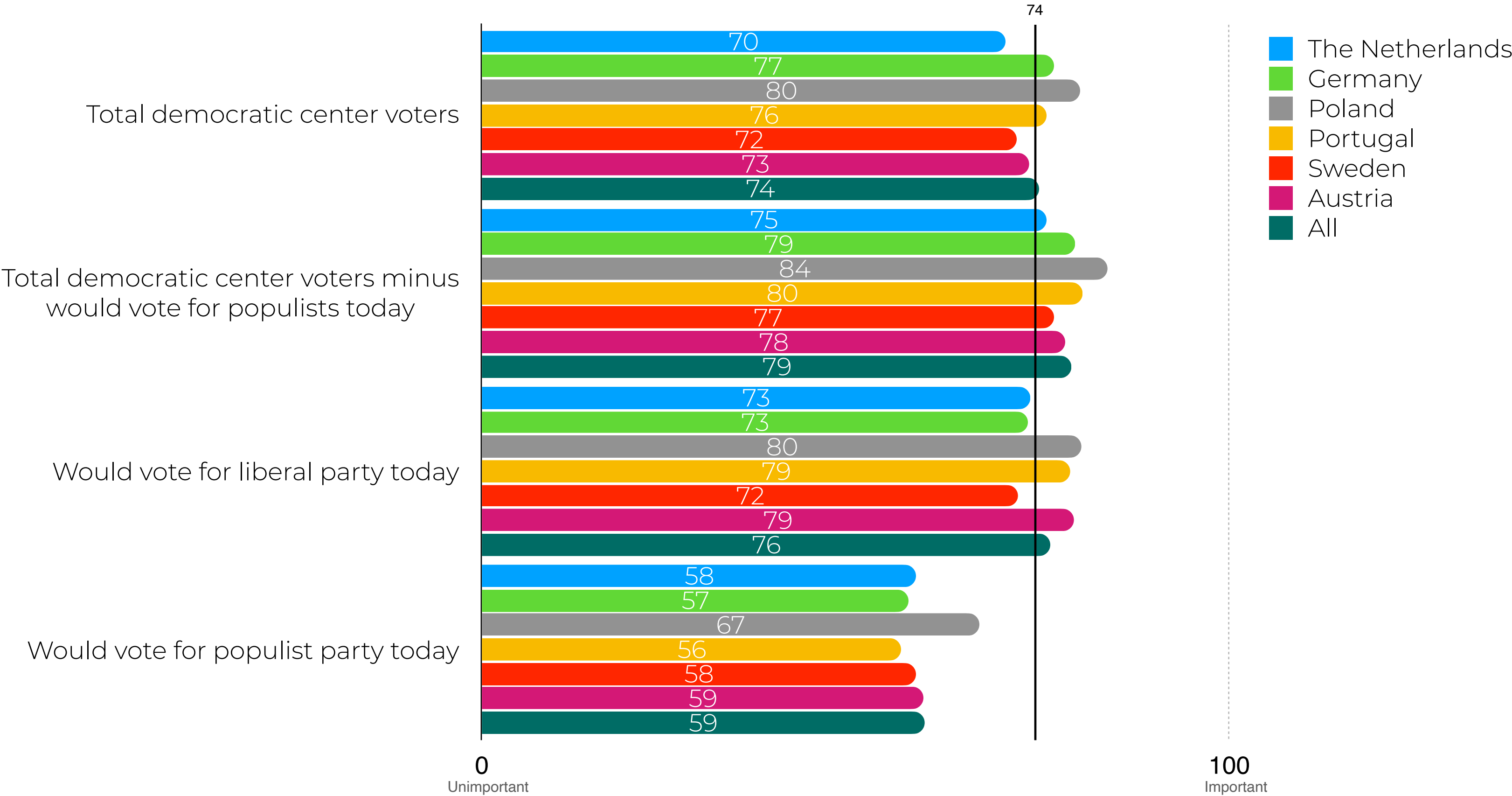
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Slider question: disagree-agree score on a scale of 0 to 100



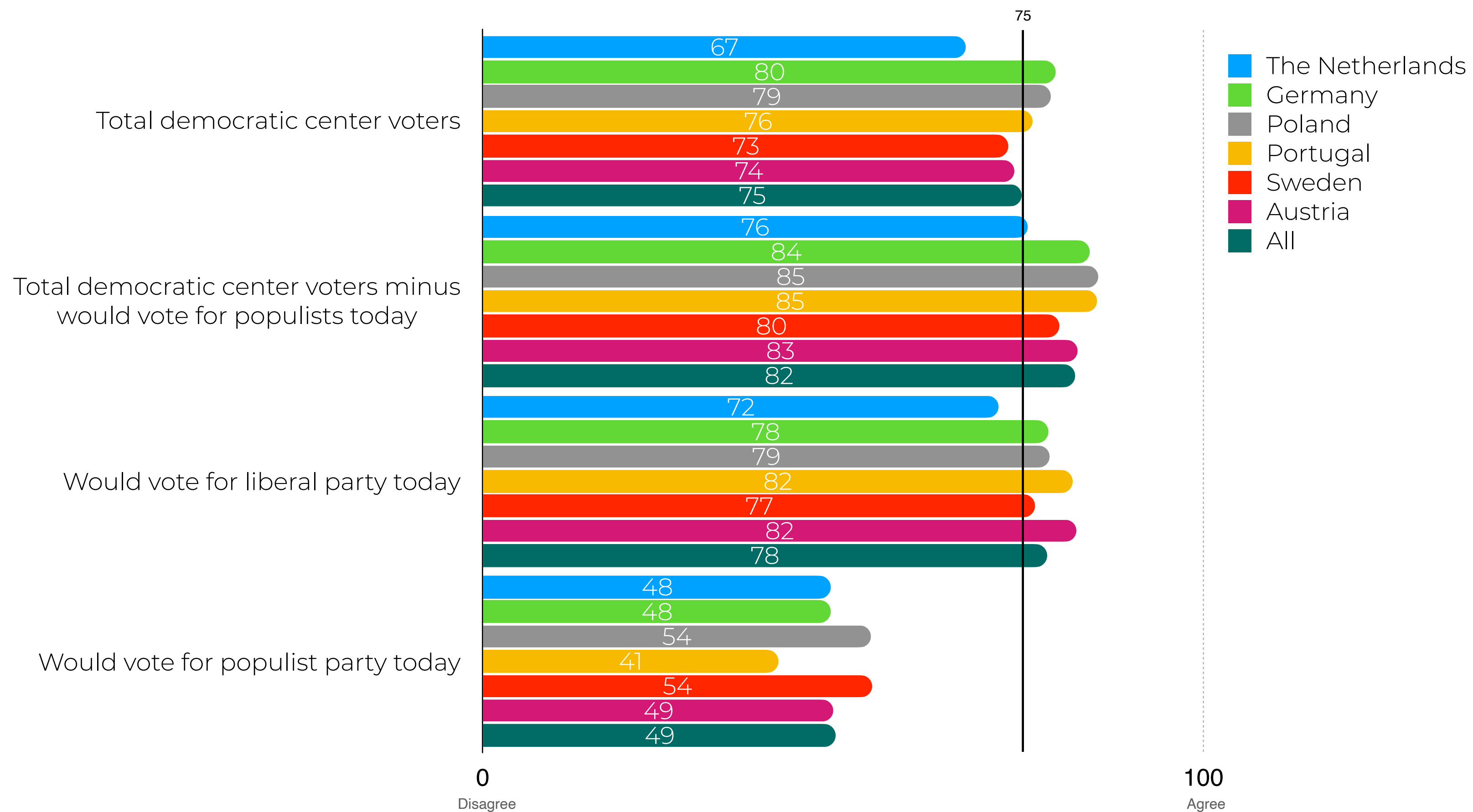
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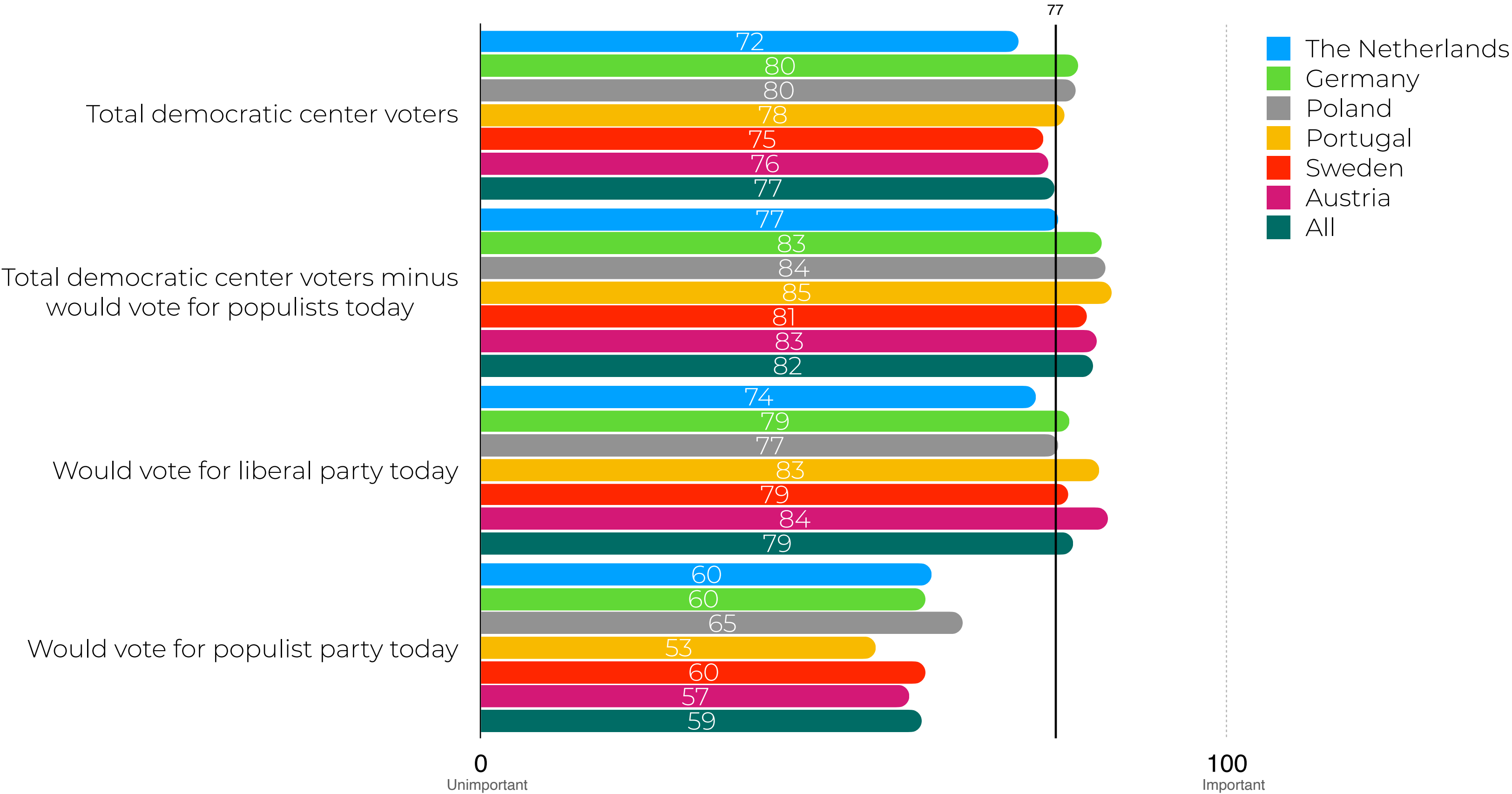
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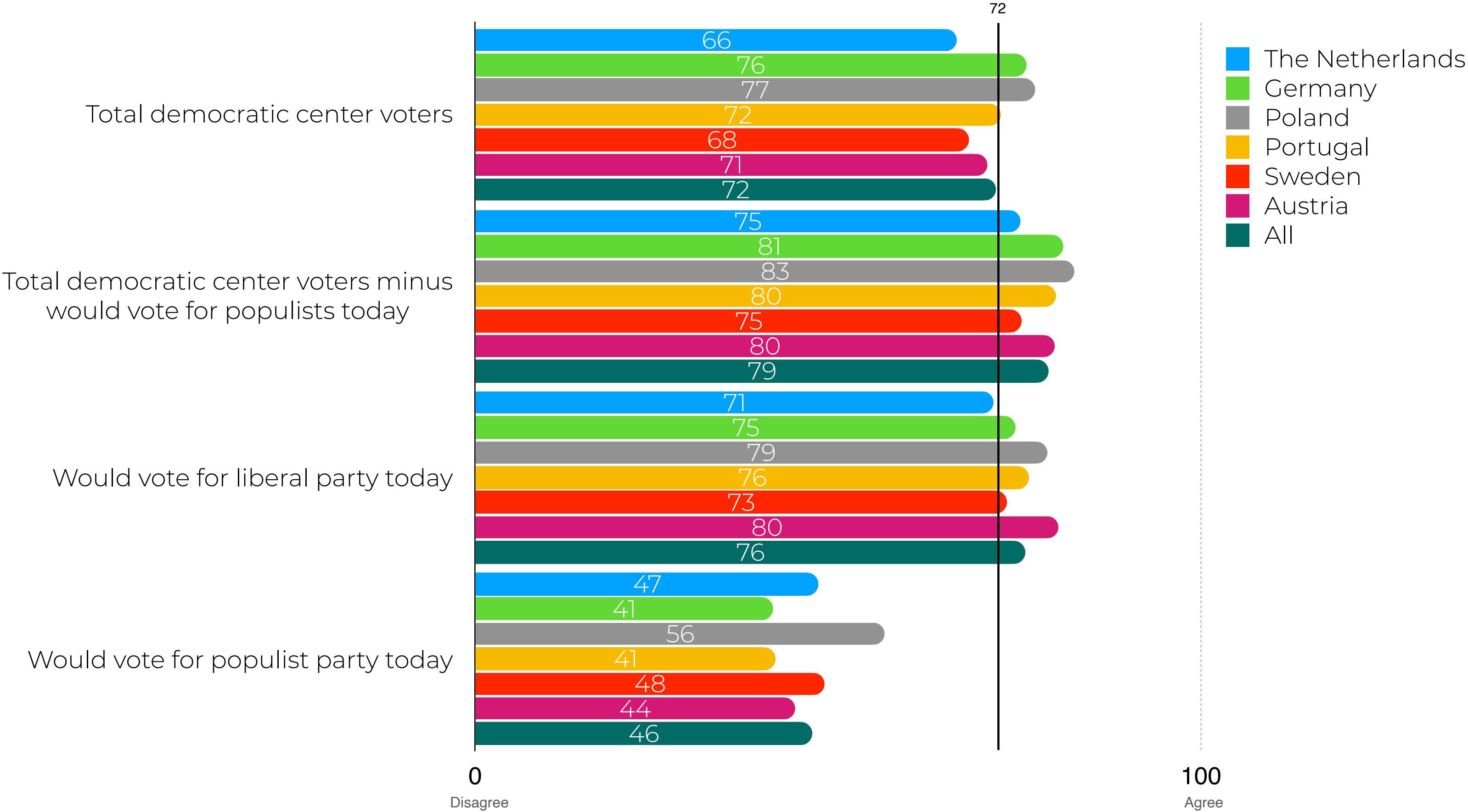
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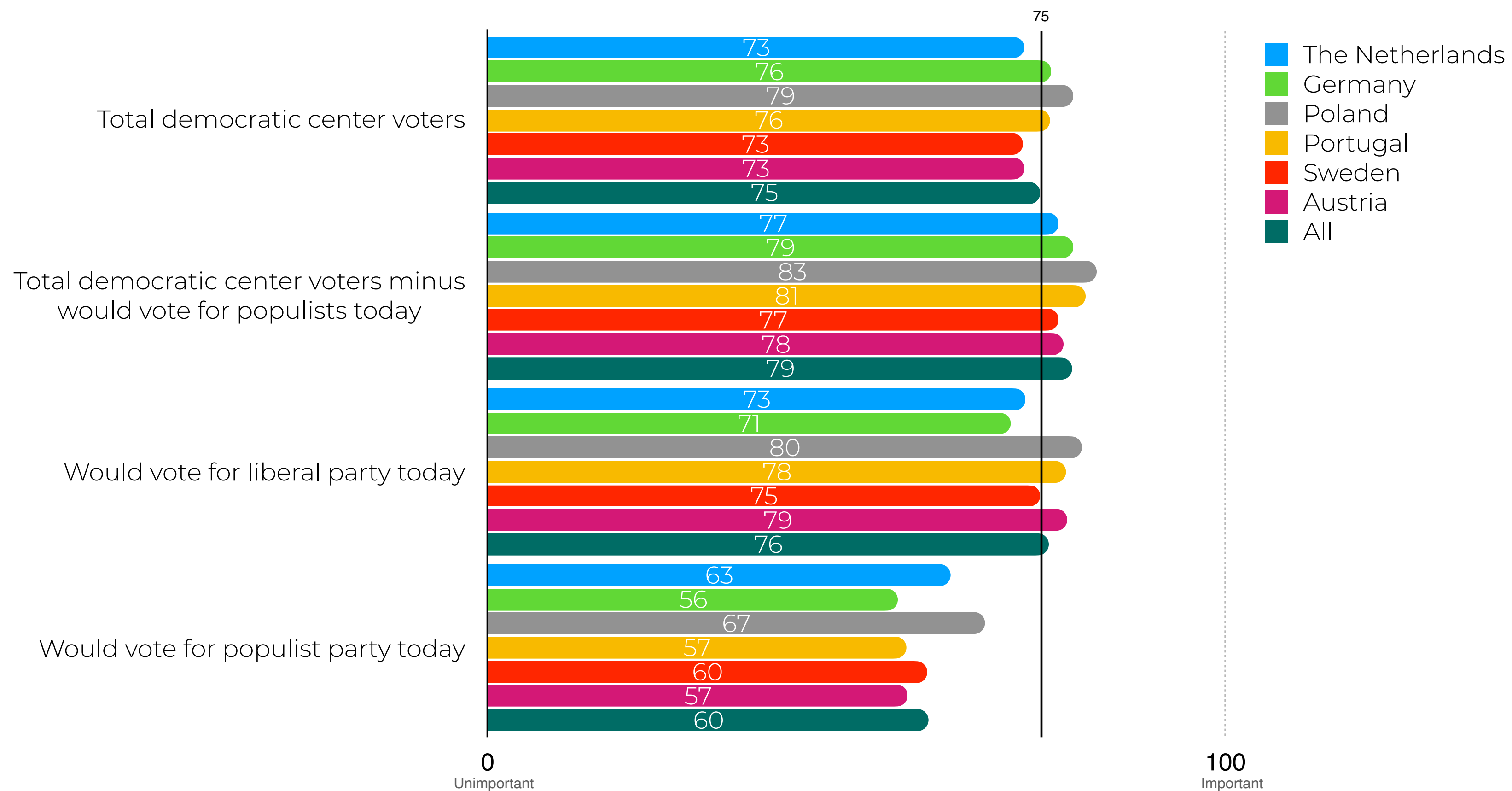
28. They only deliver more chaos, while we need stability.

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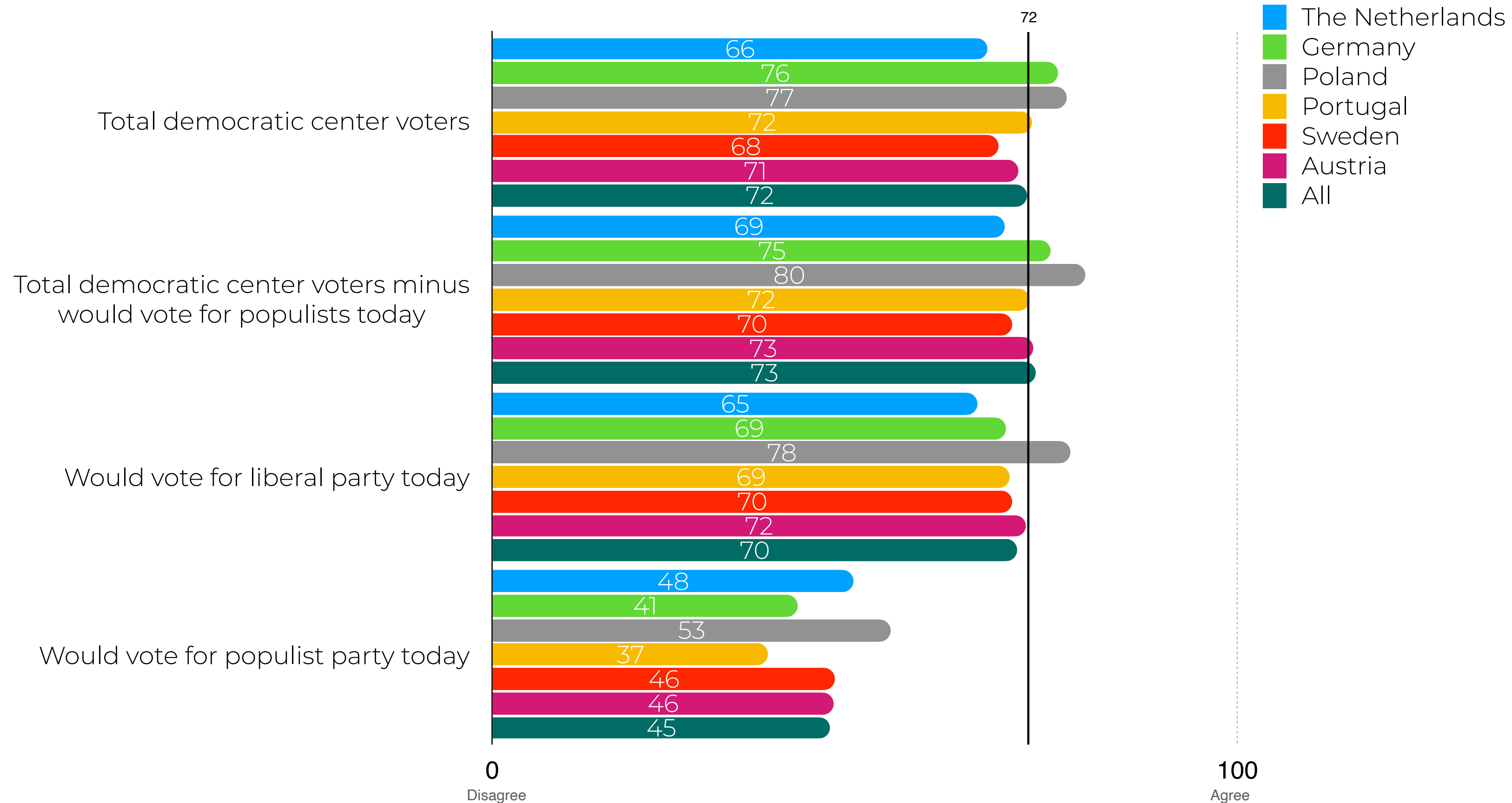
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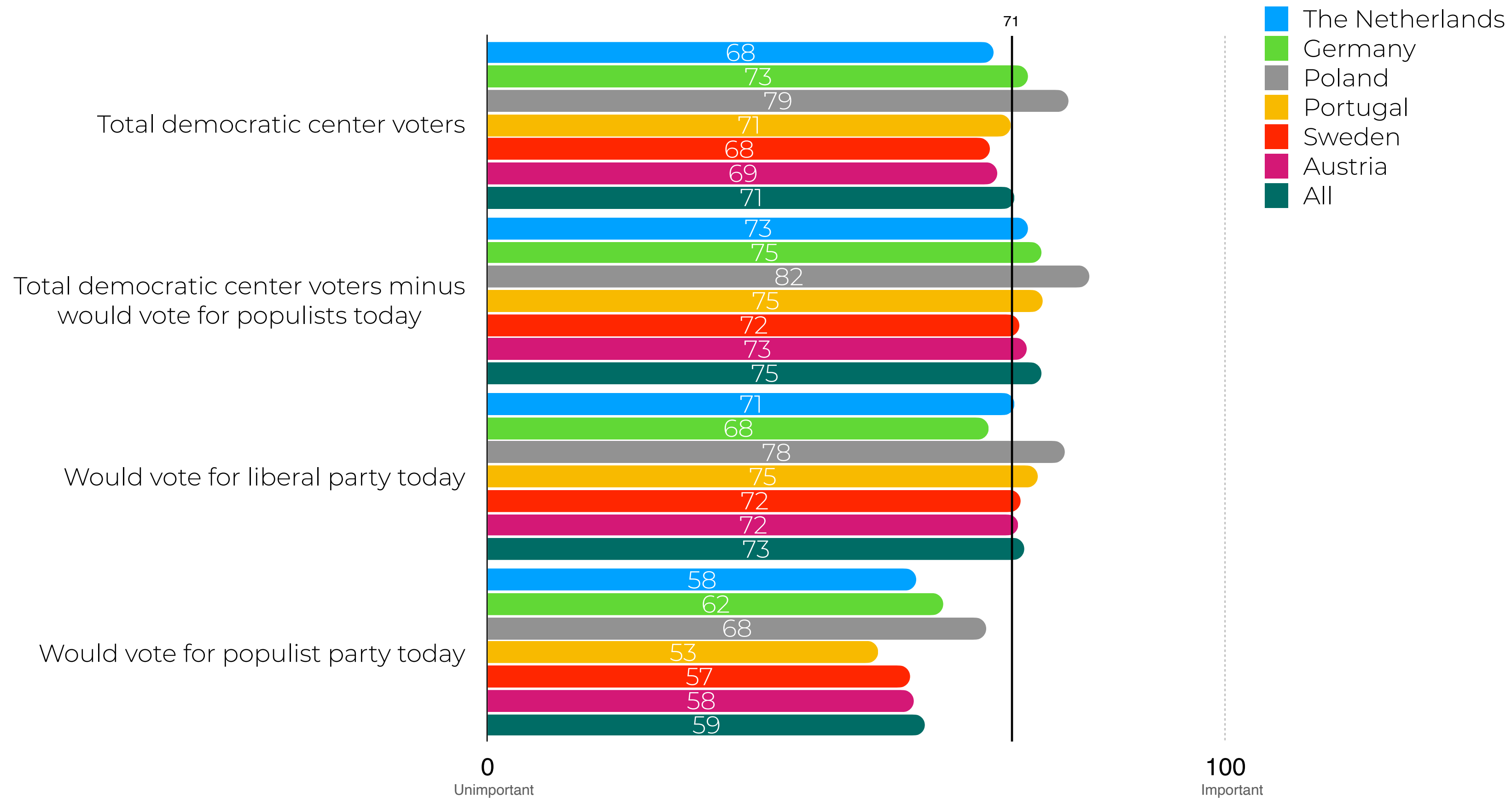
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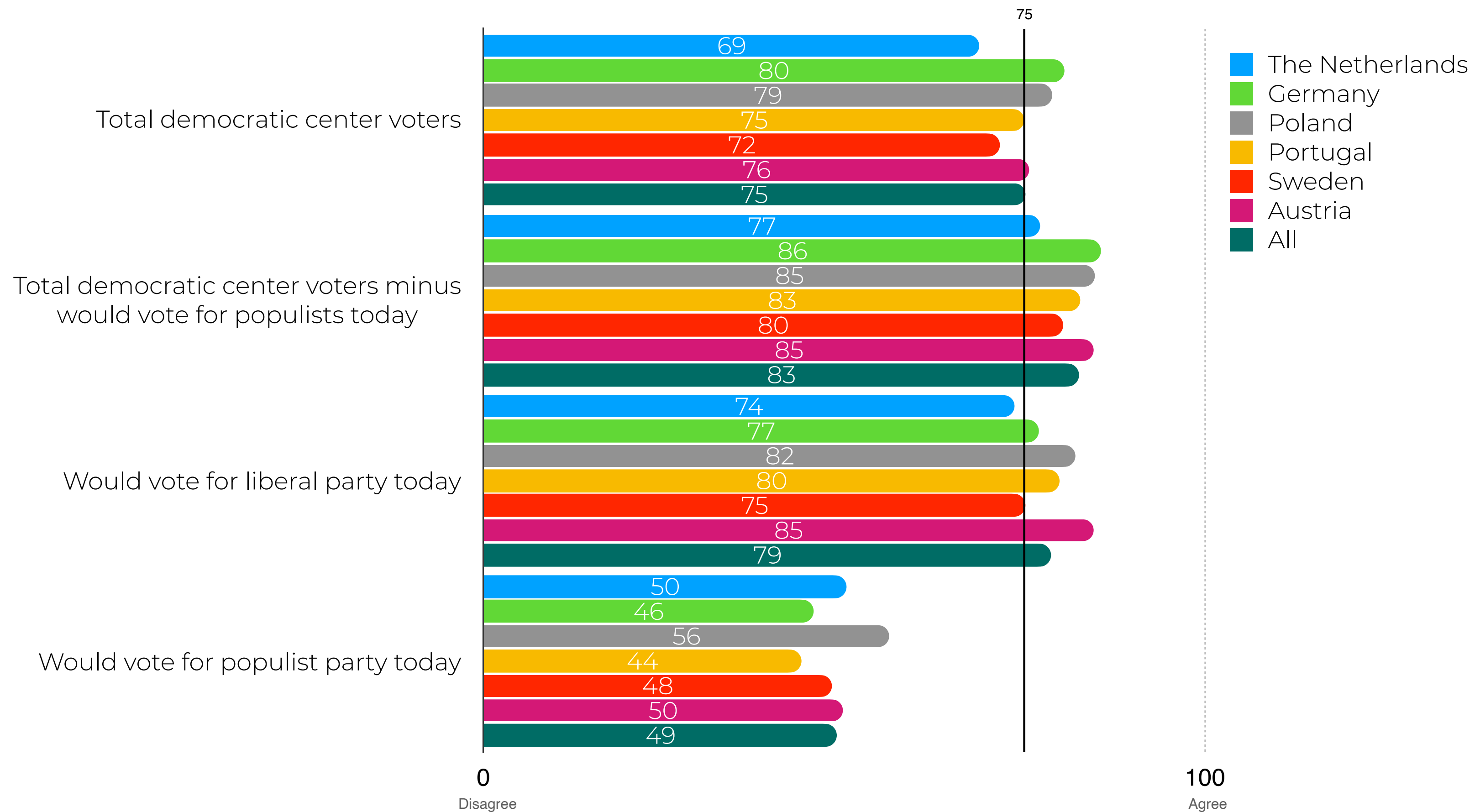
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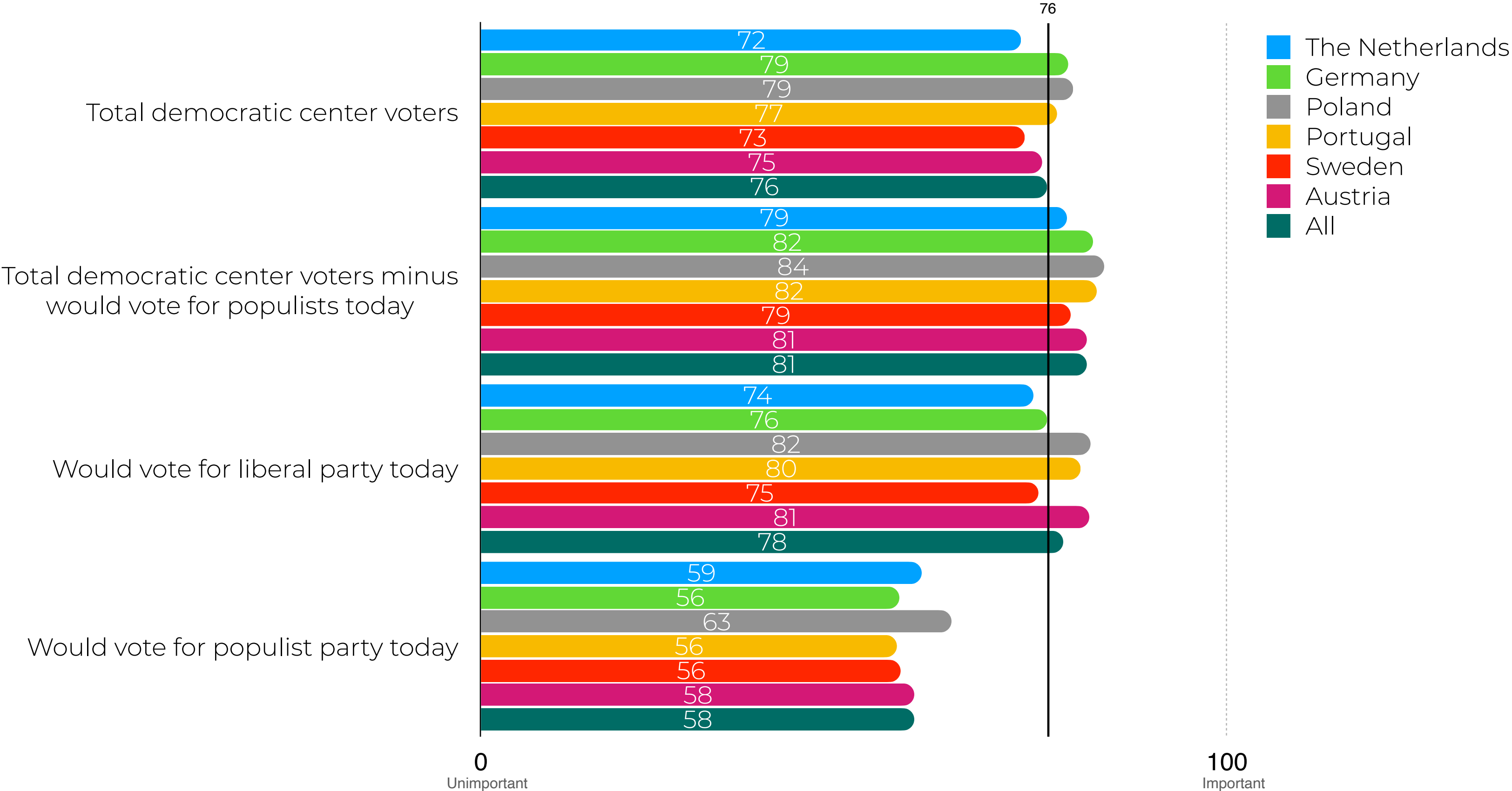
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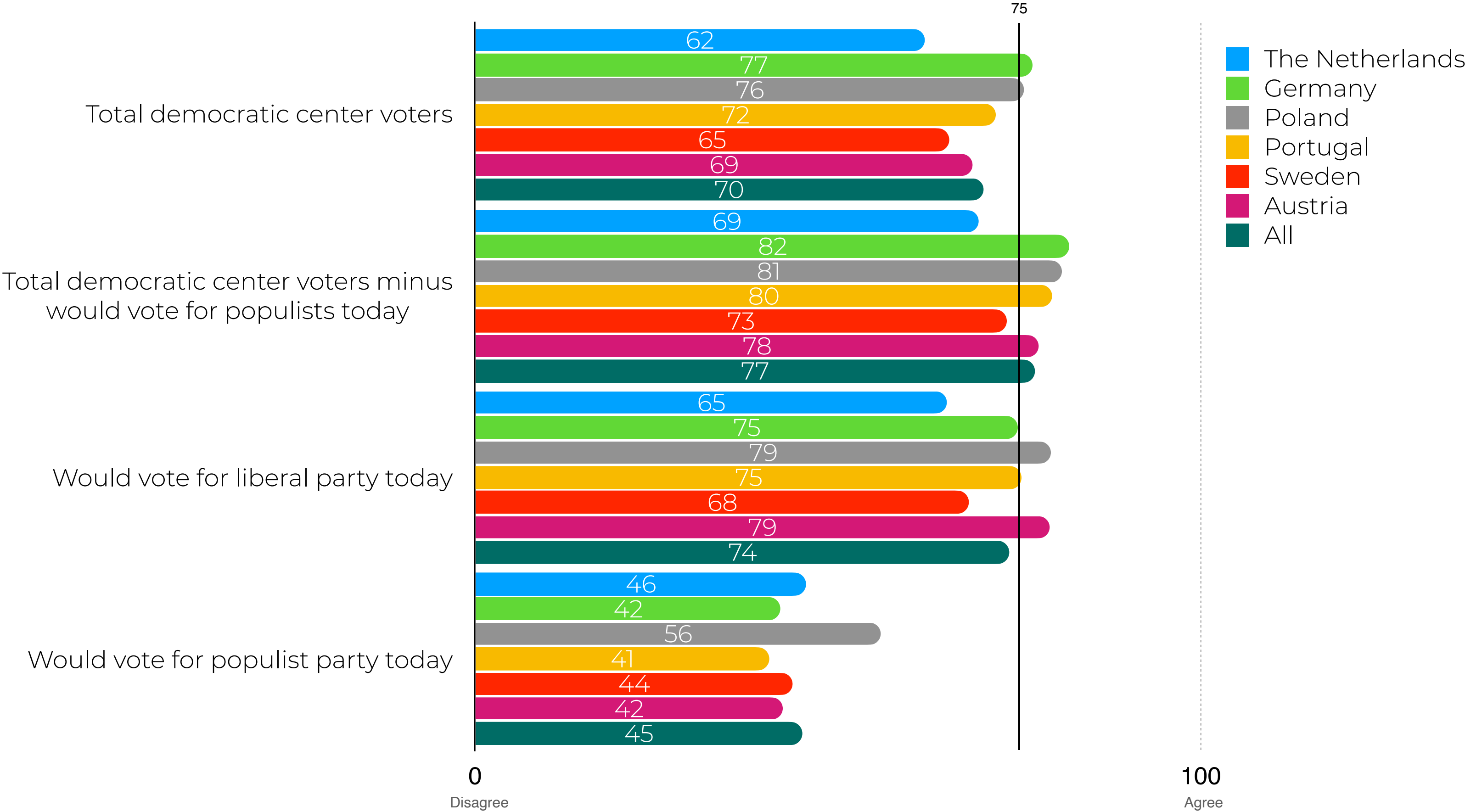
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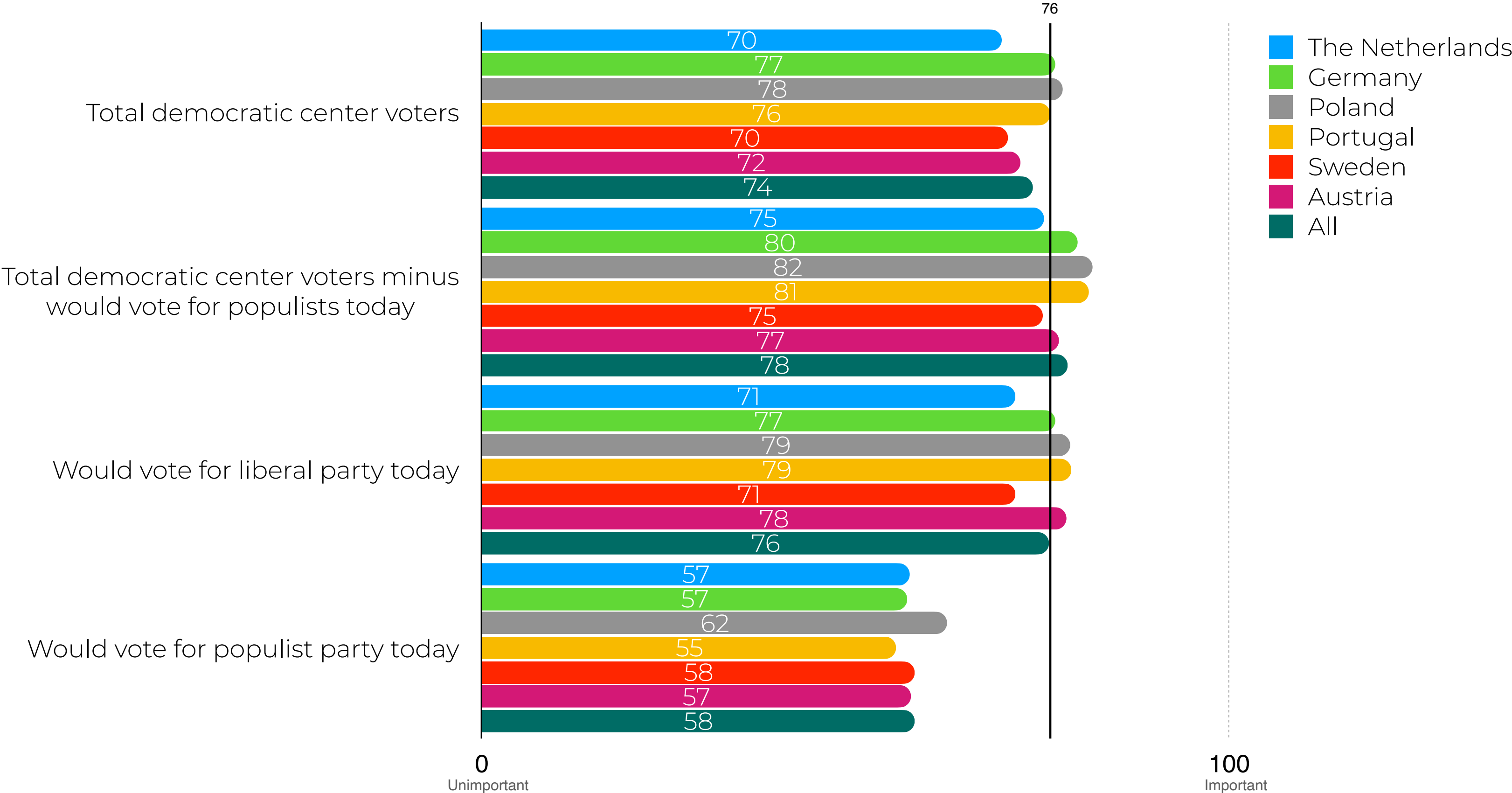
31. They will destroy our open societies and turn them into closed ones.

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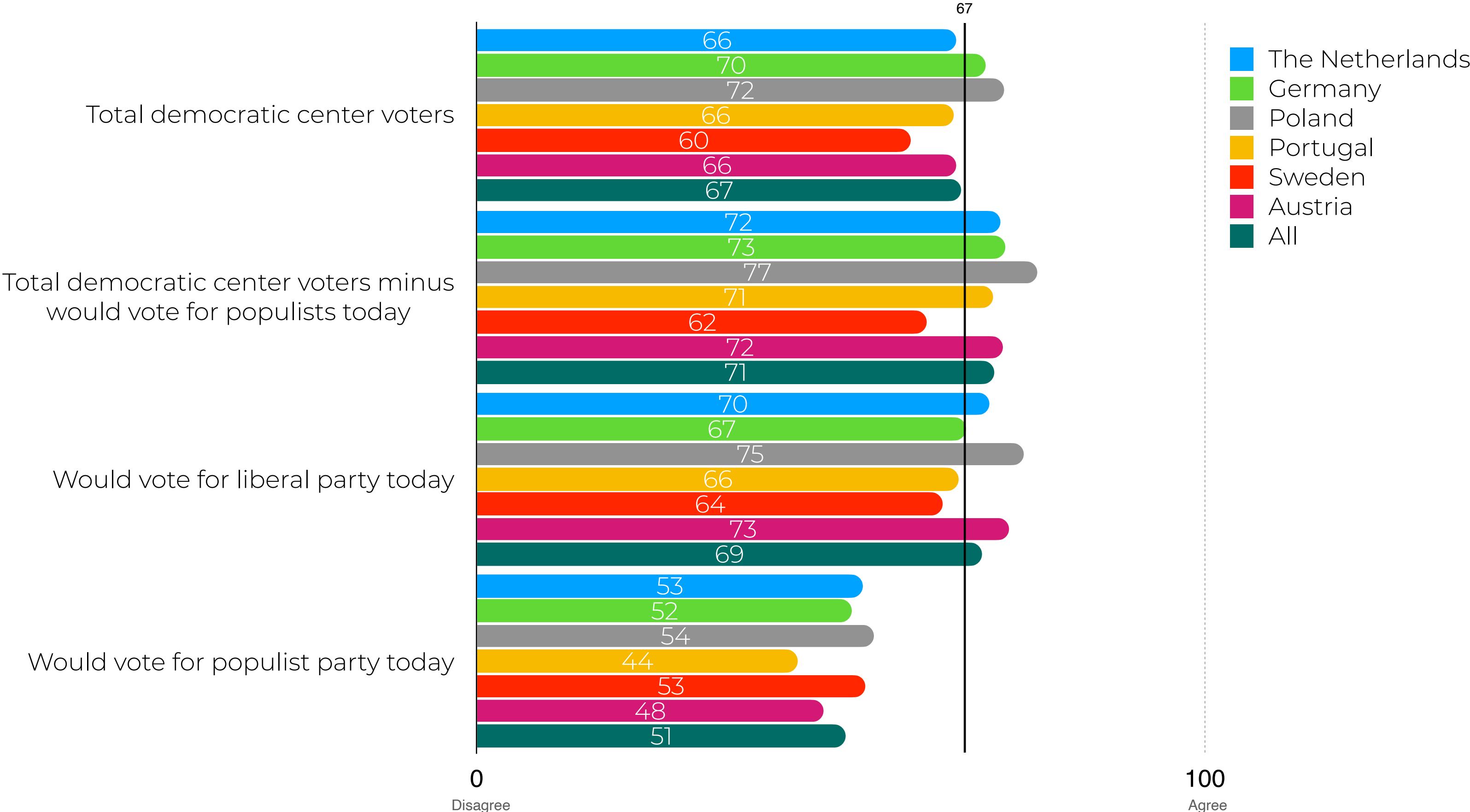
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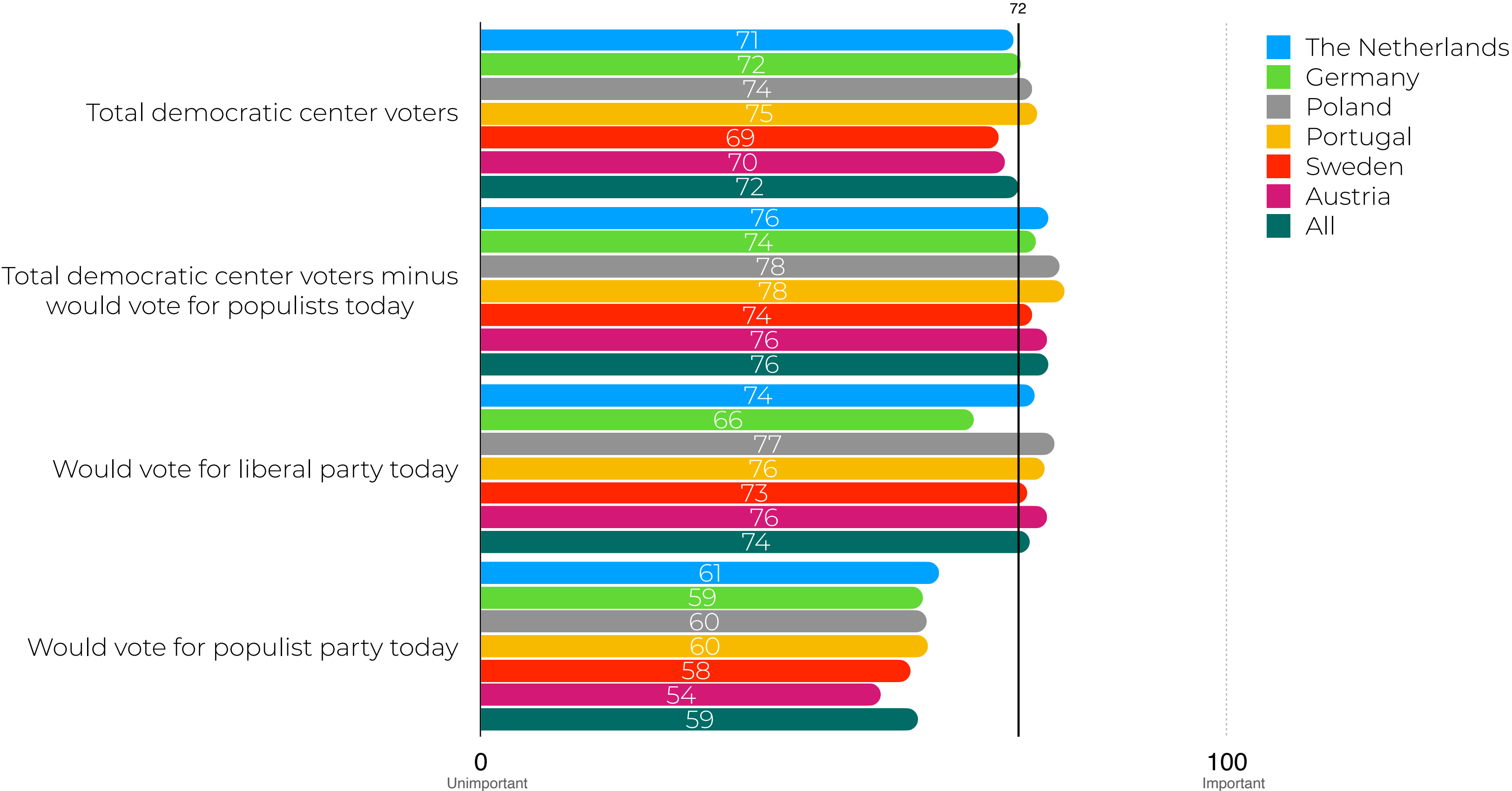
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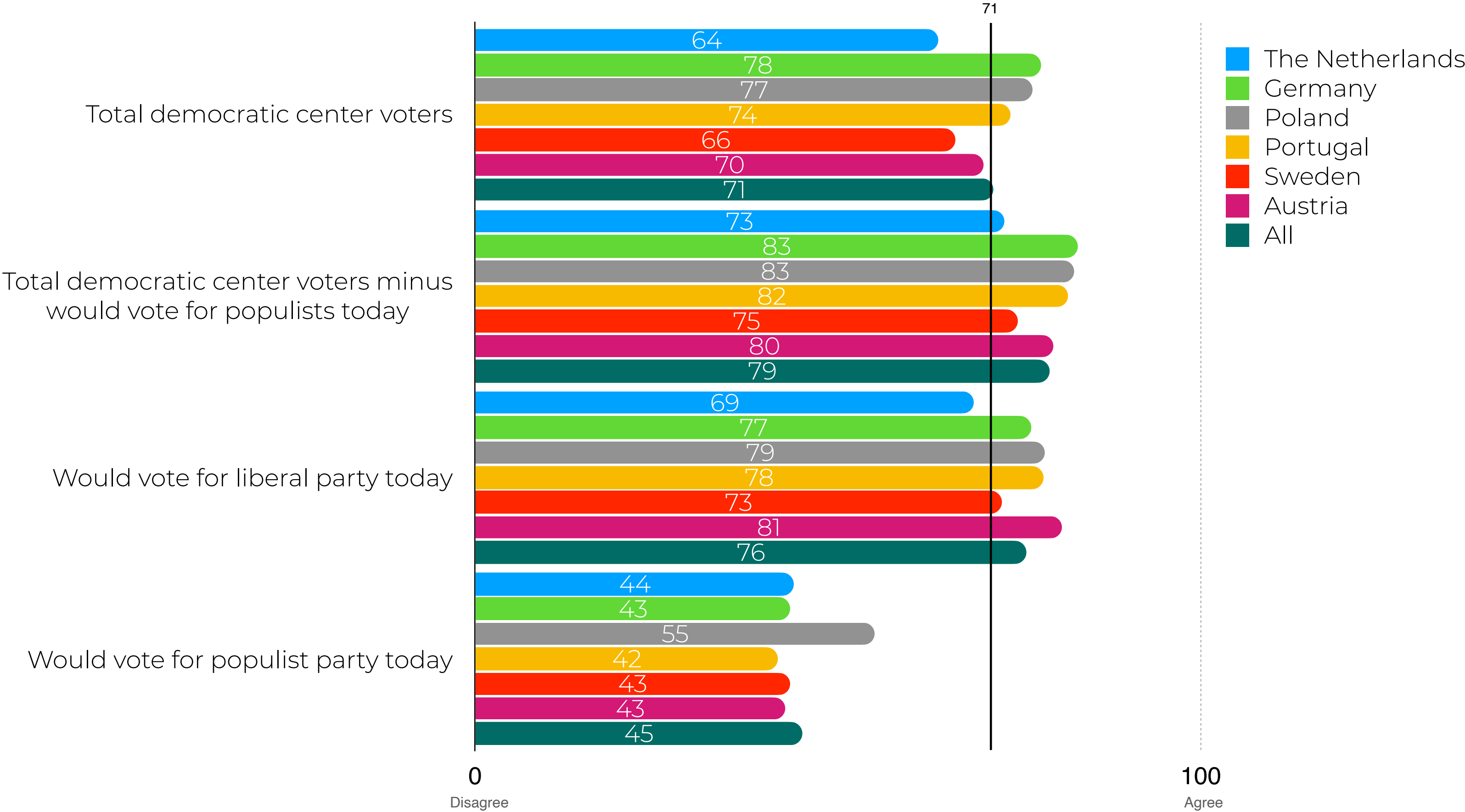
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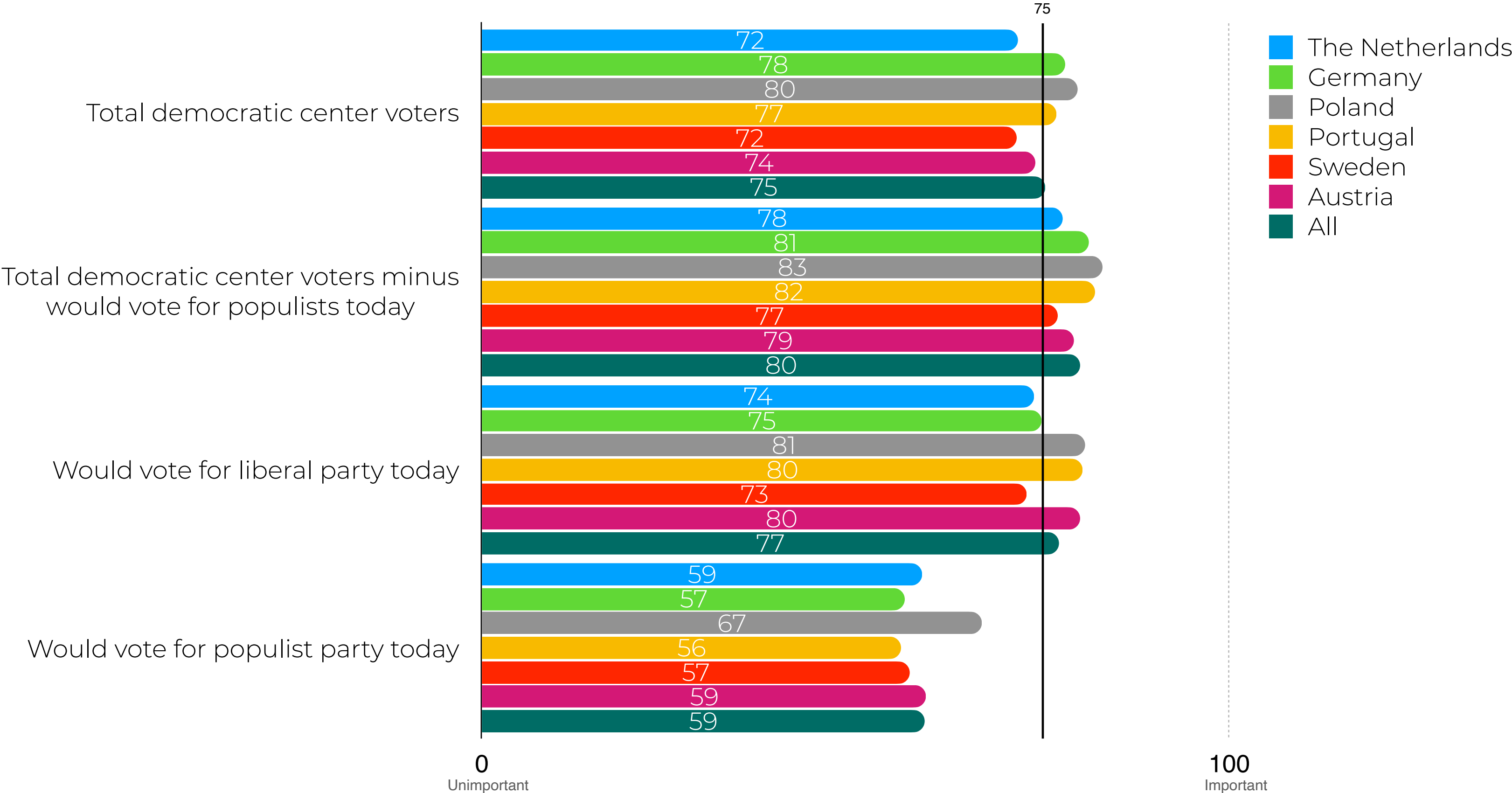
33. They threaten the rule of law.

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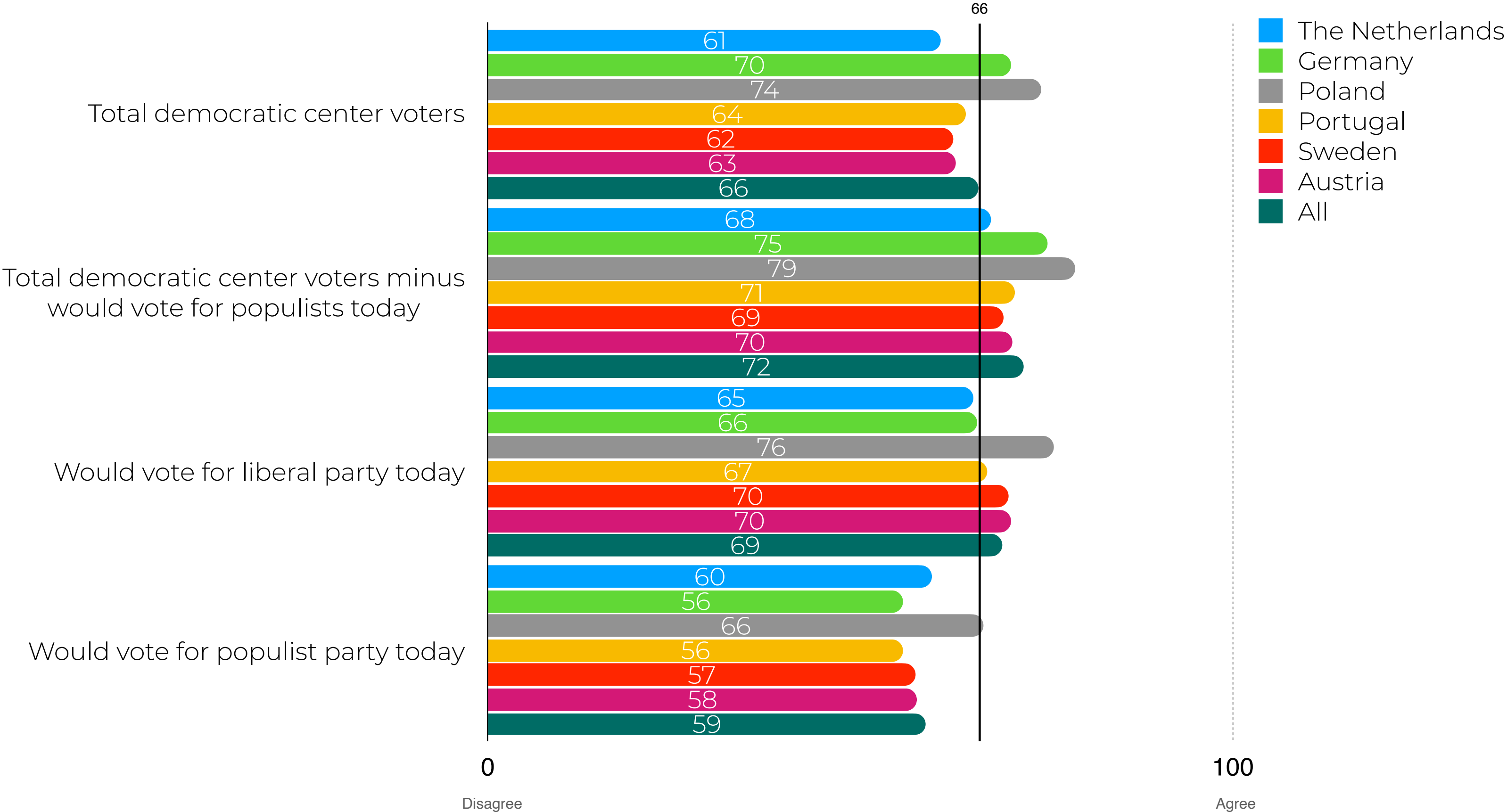
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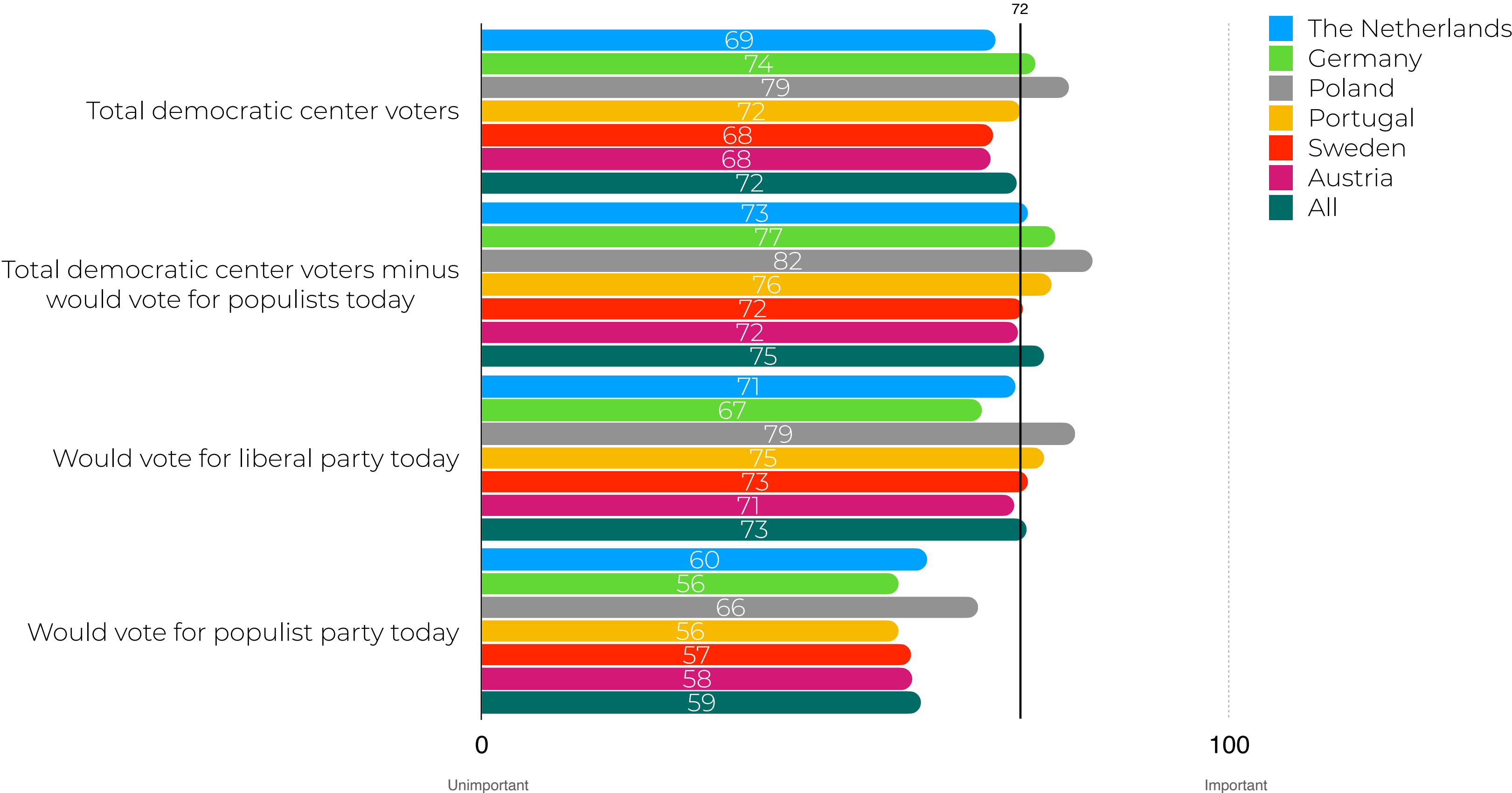
34. Their policies will make everything more expensive and Europe will lose its economic position in the world.

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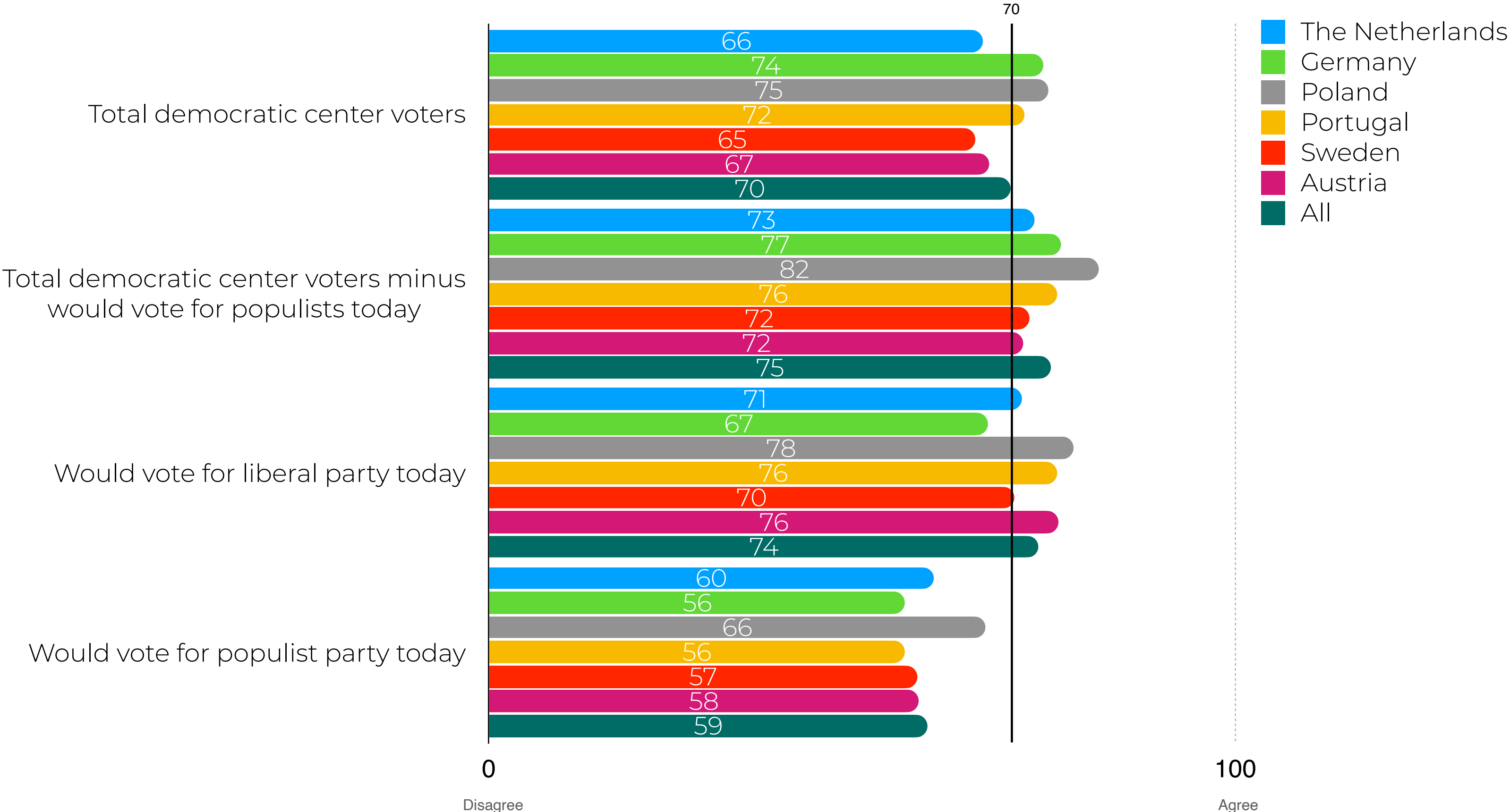
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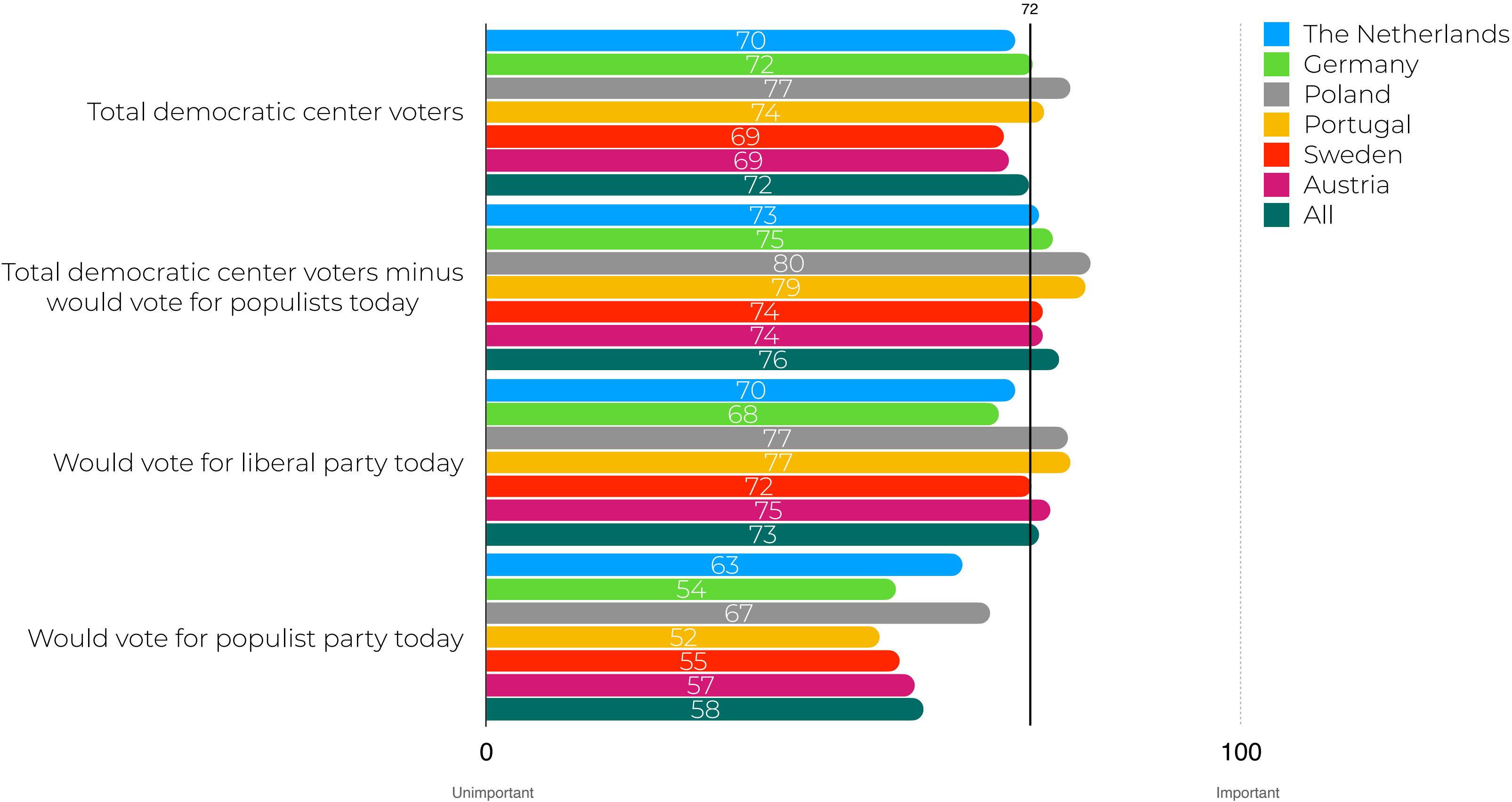
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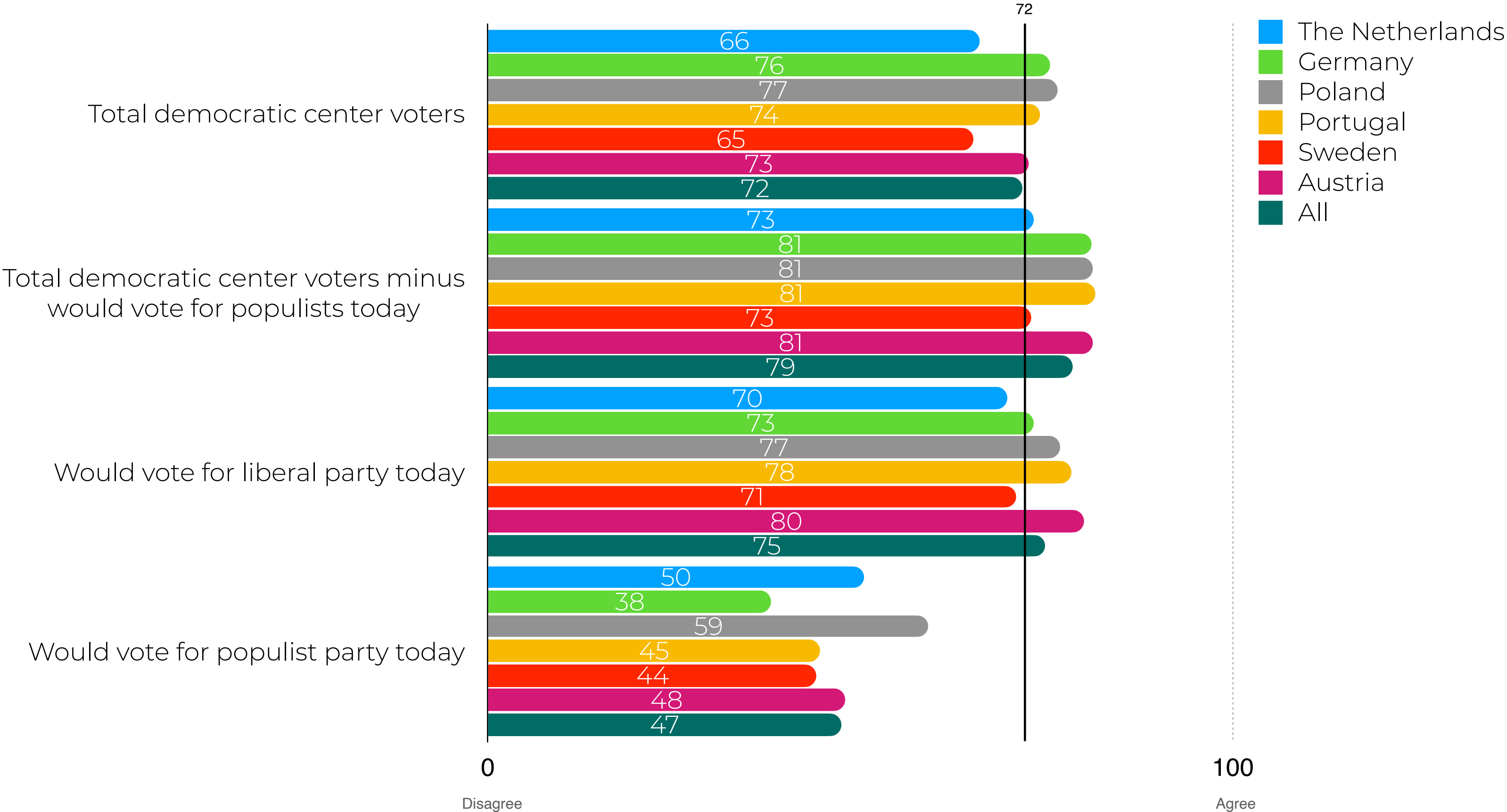
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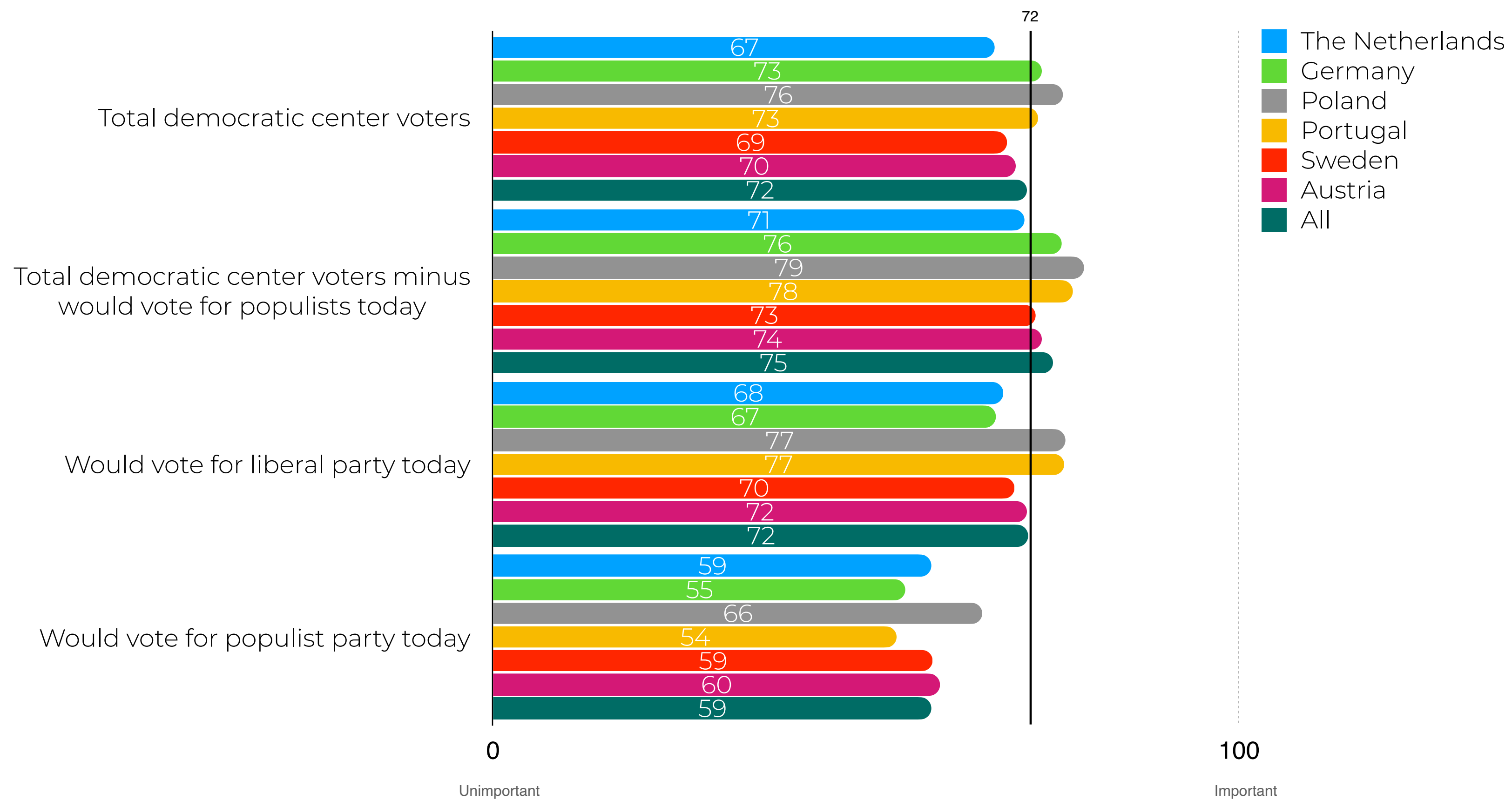
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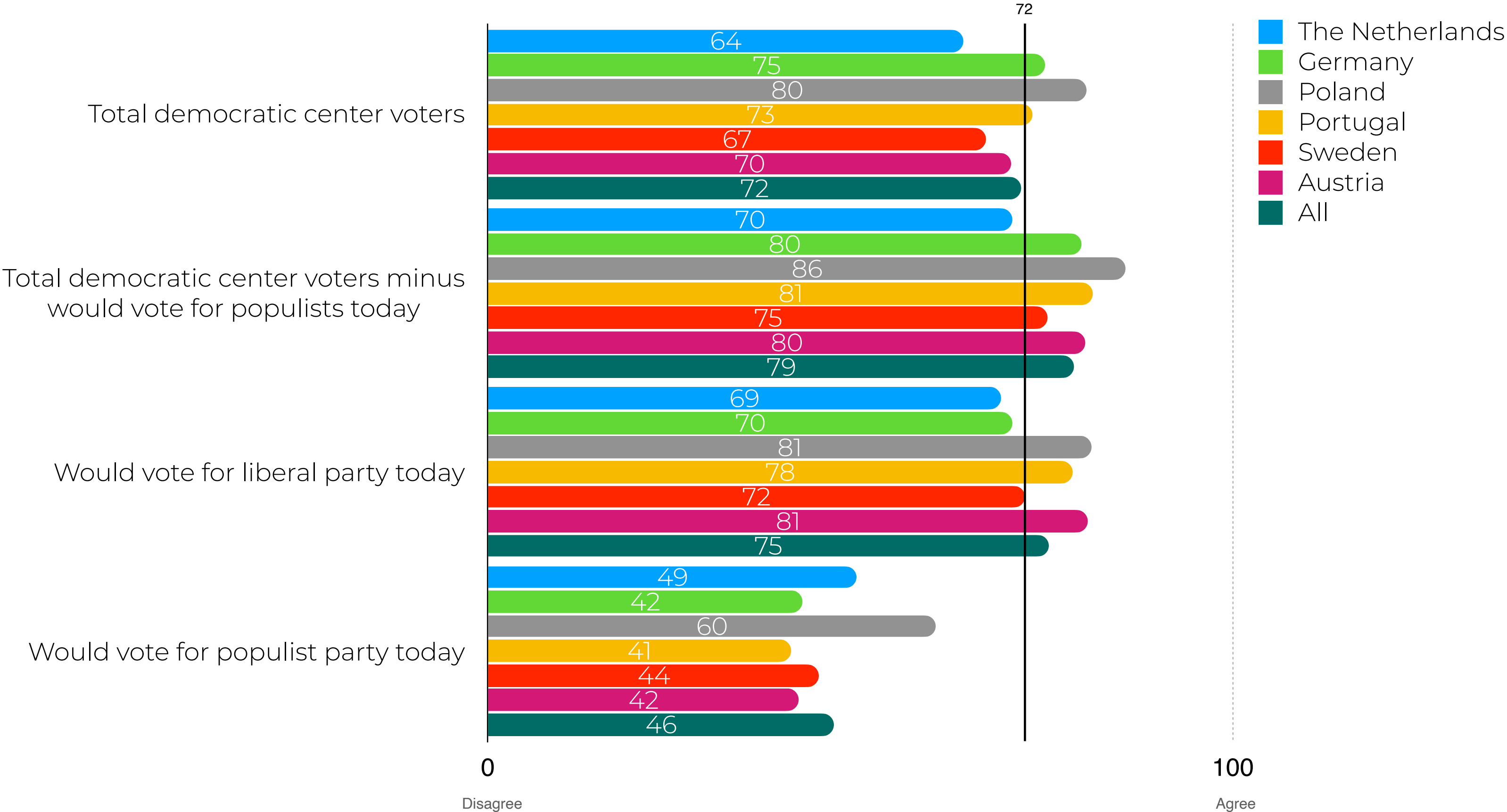
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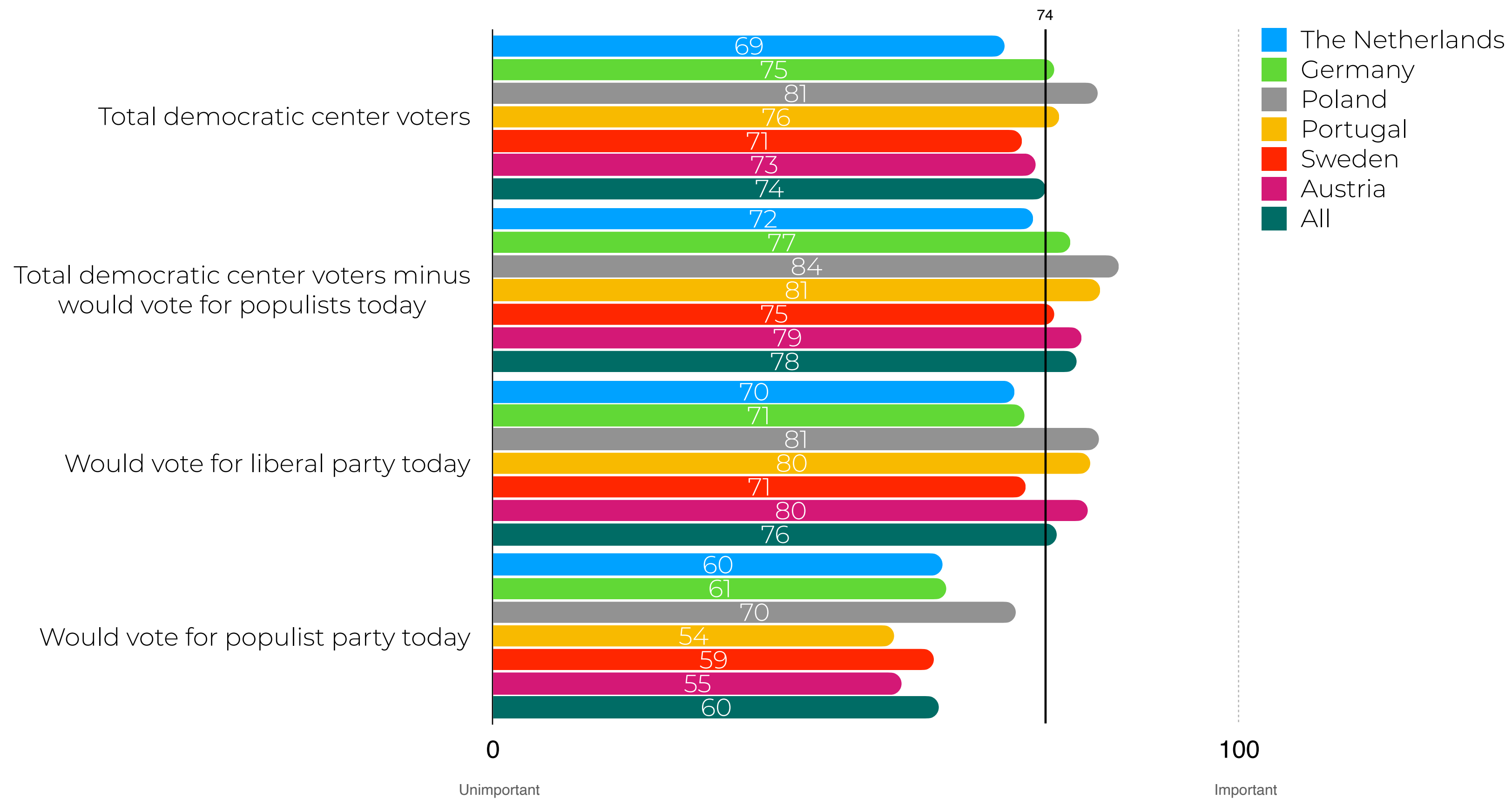
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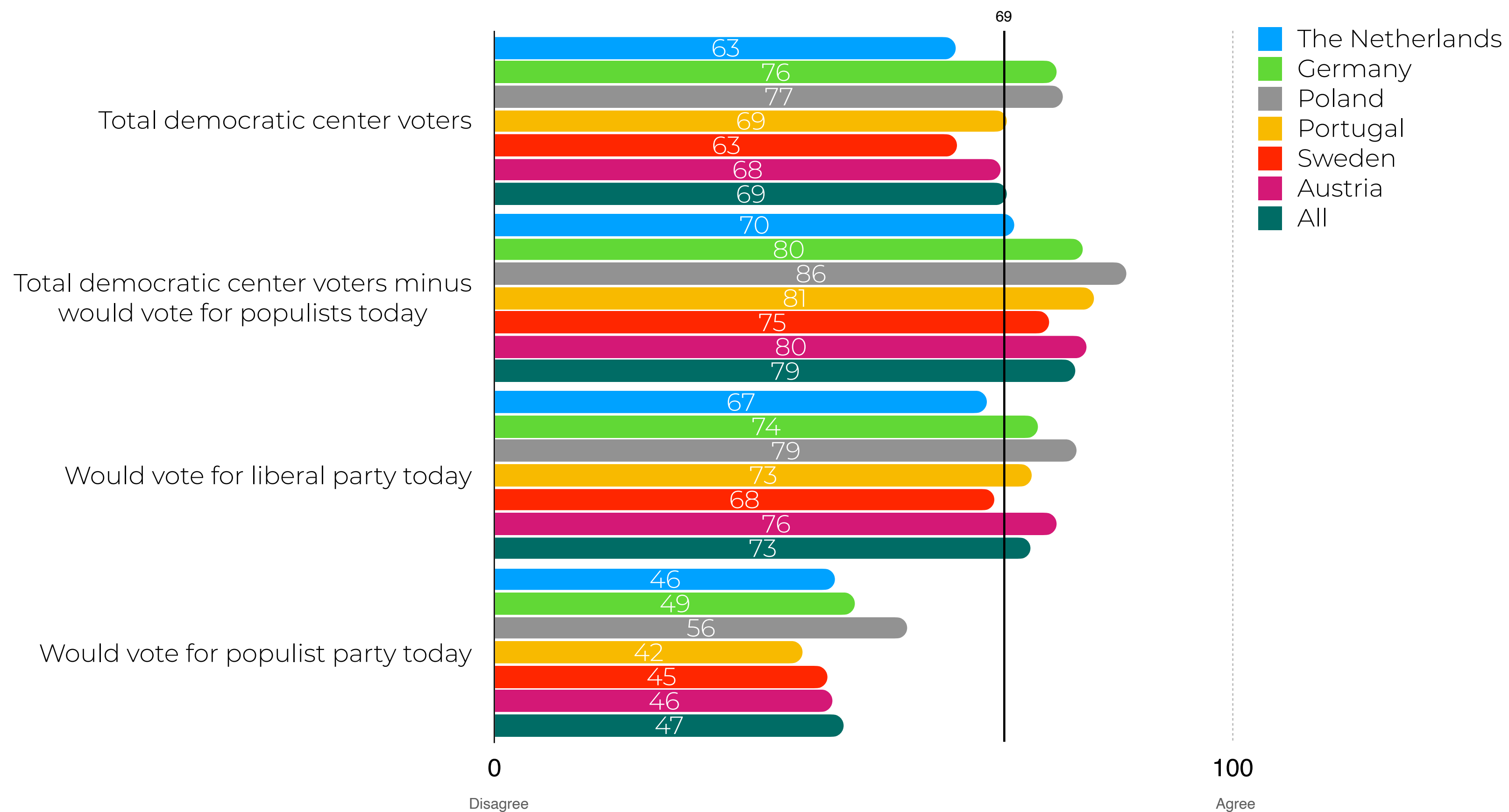
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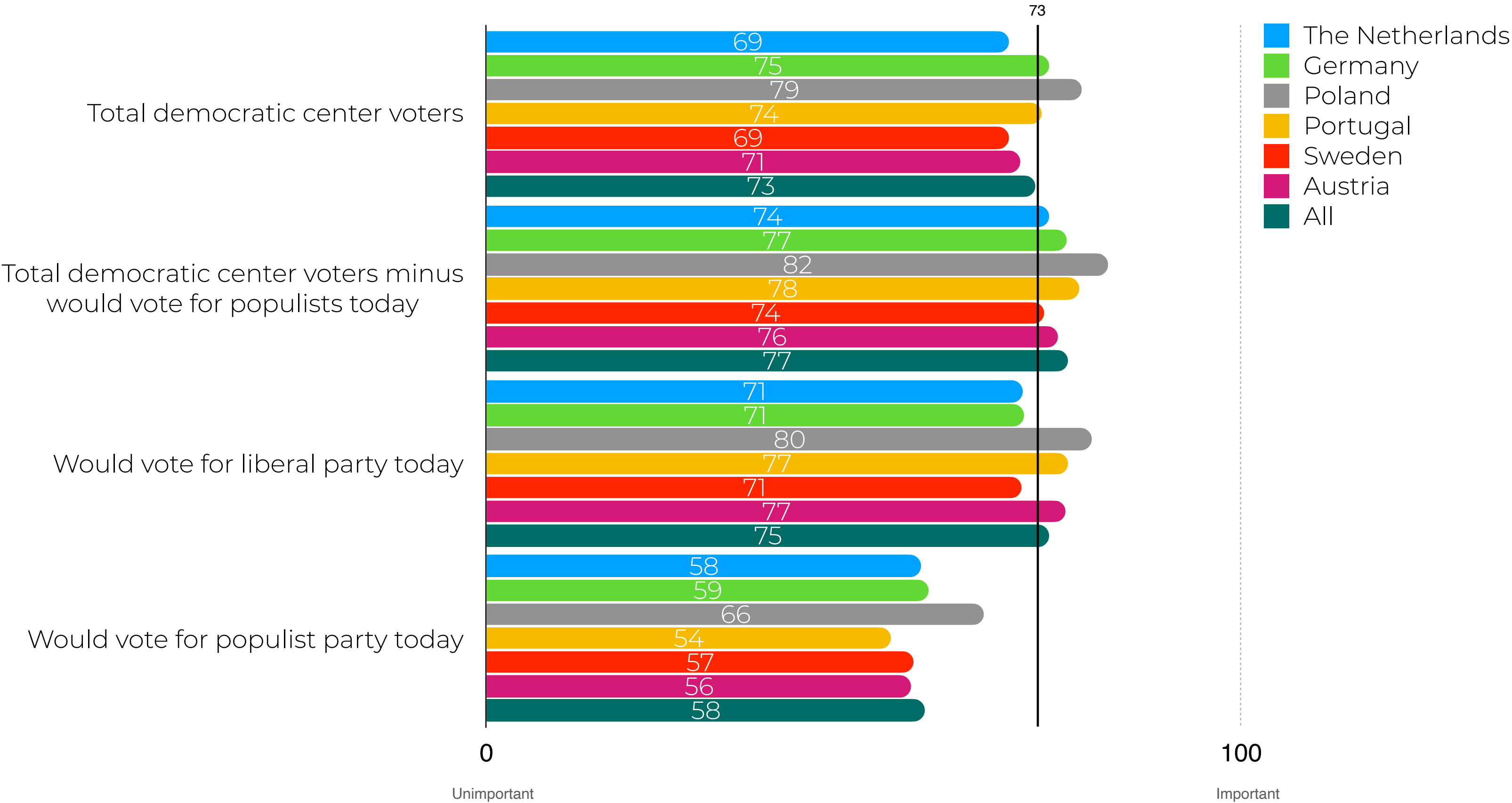
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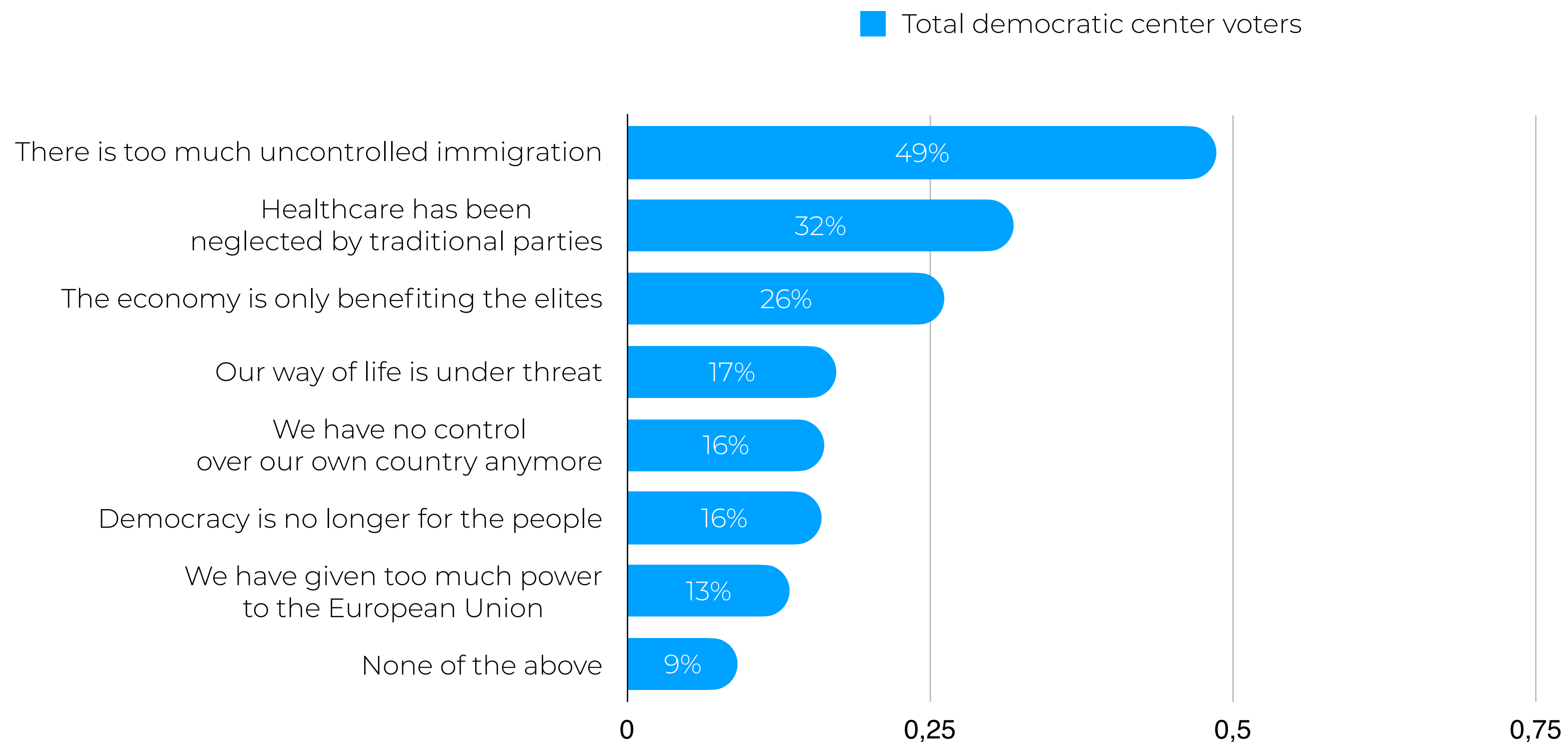
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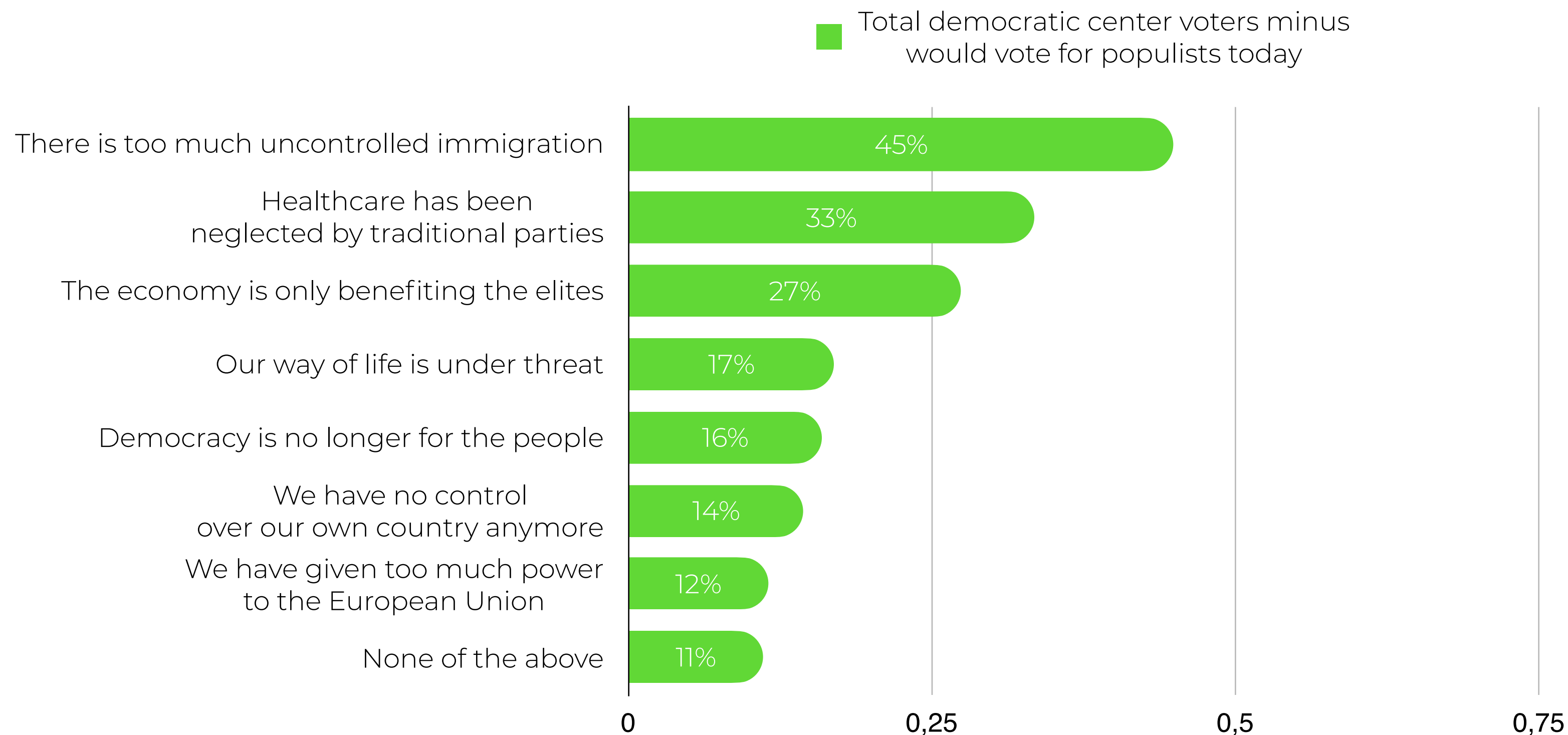
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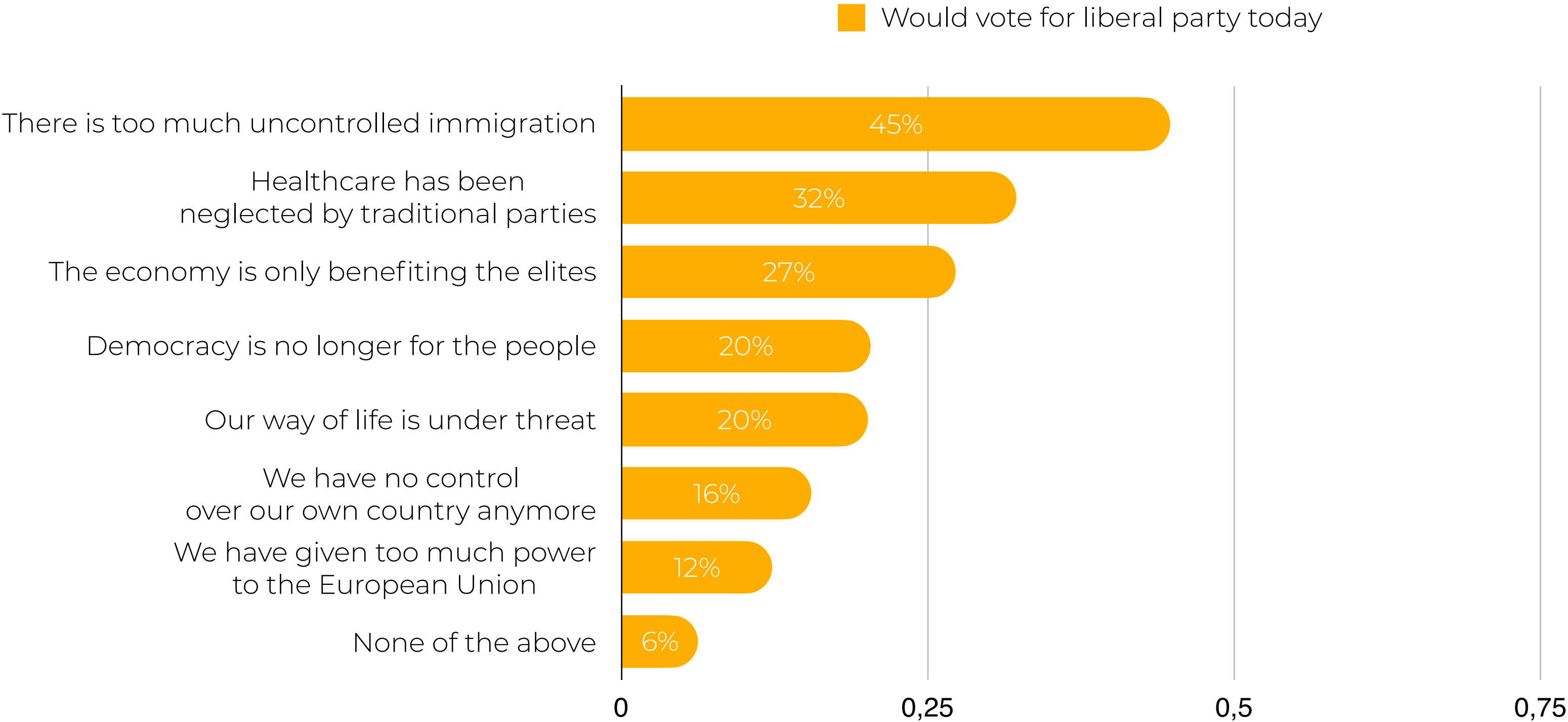
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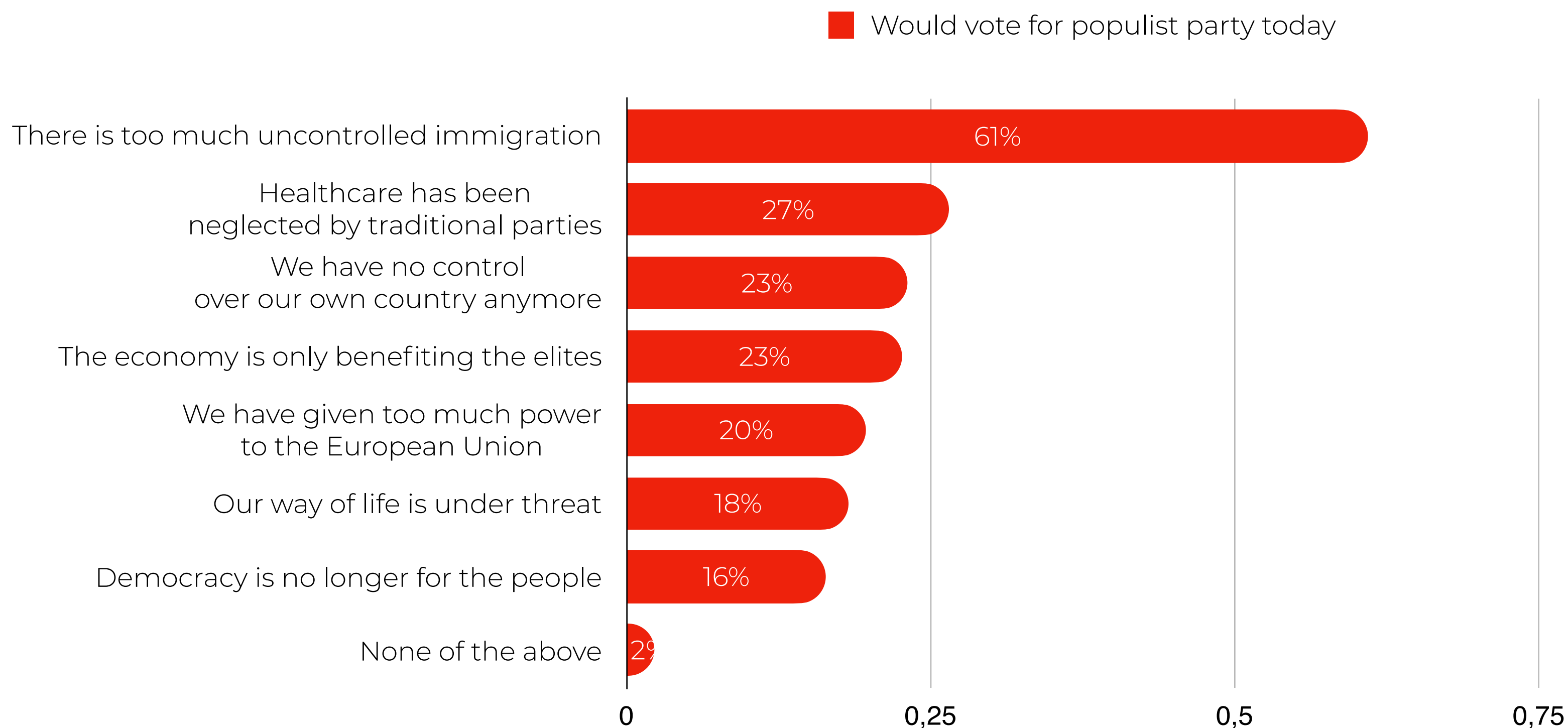
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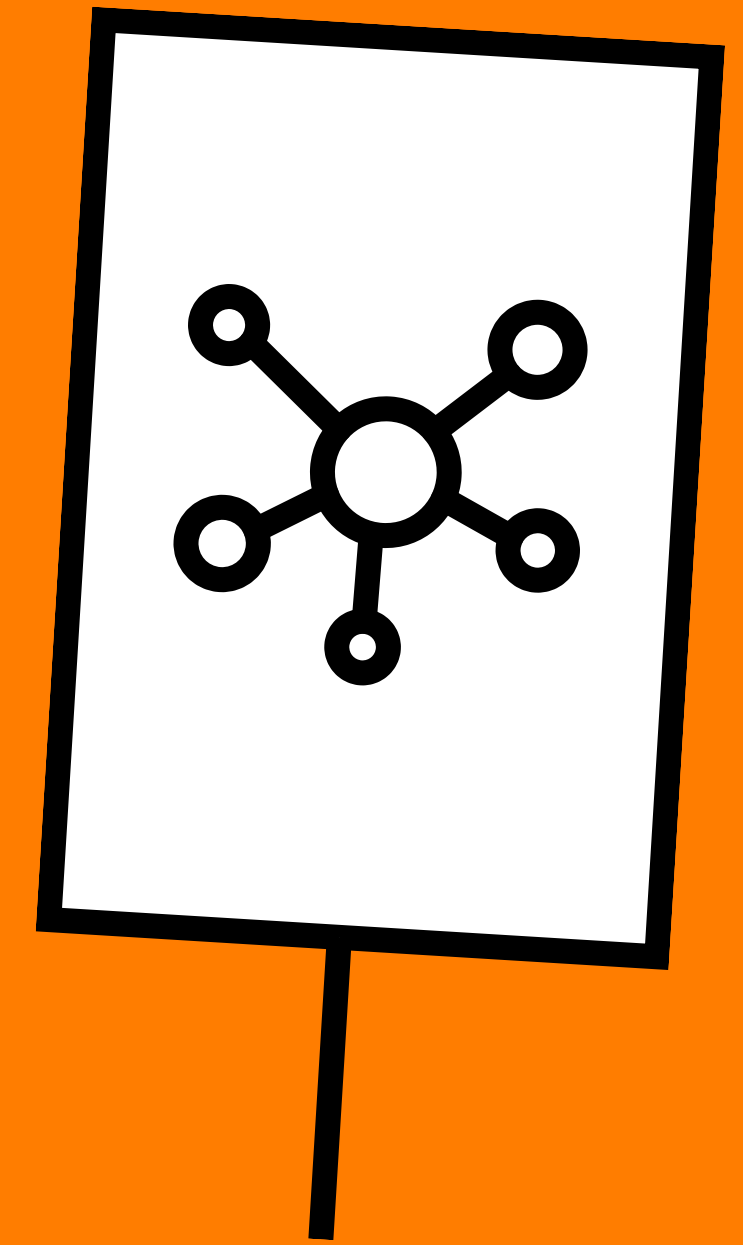


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6. When the far right comes into power, I fear that future generations:	Total center voters	Votes populist now	Not populist now	Liberal
Will live in a polarized and hateful society	54,5%	38,1%	59,7%	53,9%
Will no longer live in a democracy	40,6%	24,5%	45,2%	40,6%
Will have less freedom	33,9%	25,5%	36,1%	35,0%
Will have a very different way of life than we do	29,5%	55,0%	22,4%	27,1%
Will face economic hardship	22,9%	28,7%	20,9%	21,9%
Will have less opportunities	18,6%	28,1%	15,7%	21,6%

	'Yes'	Total center voters	Votes populist now	Not populist now	Liberal
7	Do you think political parties from the center should cooperate with right-wing populist parties in a government?	42,3%	86,3%	29,8%	39,2%
8	Would you still vote for a party that has gone or wants to go into government with a radical right-wing populist party?	39,8%	80,4%	28,2%	38,9%

	Which of these actions of a right-wing populist party would be acceptable or unacceptable to you?	Total center voters		Votes populist now		Not populist now		Liberal	
		(Very) acceptable	(Very) unacceptable	(Very) acceptable	(Very) unacceptable	(Very) acceptable	(Very) unacceptable	(Very) acceptable	(Very) unacceptable
9	They want to close the borders to immigrants	38,5%	37,6%	71,9%	10,2%	28,6%	45,6%	32,7%	37,6%
10	They vocally intimidate journalists, for example by saying they are the enemies of the people	11,6%	74,2%	23,0%	52,6%	8,3%	80,4%	13,5%	69,5%
11	They keep portraying immigrants as a threat to our way of life	26,4%	50,3%	59,5%	16,3%	16,8%	60,4%	21,4%	51,5%
12	They threaten their opponents with legal action	15,5%	60,4%	32,5%	35,0%	10,8%	67,6%	15,5%	61,1%
13	They try to bypass the democratic system in order to get their way	11,1%	75,1%	21,0%	52,7%	8,1%	81,5%	14,7%	71,0%
14	They threaten the judiciary	9,7%	75,7%	19,6%	56,0%	6,8%	81,4%	13,7%	72,8%
15	They try to erode civil liberties such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion	11,2%	76,2%	21,1%	57,0%	8,3%	81,8%	14,5%	73,5%
16	They engage in corruption and/or nepotism	8,2%	78,7%	14,2%	62,9%	6,4%	83,2%	10,5%	73,8%
17	They make an attempt to curb free media	10,3%	75,9%	20,8%	55,3%	7,1%	82,0%	12,5%	72,7%
18	They force a state of emergency to pass through legislation - for example to stop immigration - without democratic approval	22,8%	58,4%	52,3%	23,1%	14,2%	68,5%	19,3%	60,0%
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They are a threat to democracy	36,2%	22,5%	40,1%	34,6%
They threaten important freedoms	29,7%	29,3%	29,8%	32,0%
They are racist	26,7%	24,2%	27,8%	25,9%
They lie and cheat and practice politics in a despicable manner	22,6%	16,4%	24,6%	24,1%
They only deliver chaos while we need stability	21,7%	25,2%	21,0%	23,2%
They are only in it for themselves	19,6%	29,8%	16,5%	16,7%
They are a threat to our European way of life	17,4%	21,6%	16,2%	17,8%
They hurt our economy	13,4%	19,3%	11,2%	13,1%
Their politics represents what is worst in us	12,7%	11,7%	12,8%	12,7%

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		Agree	Important	Agree	Important	Agree	Important	Agree	Important
22	They claim to represent the people, but they are only in it for themselves and their own interests	71,2	73,1	46,7	59,0	78,2	77,2	74,7	74,4
23	They claim to represent the people, but they only represent an angry and vocal minority	70,2	72,8	45,1	58,1	77,4	77,1	73,8	75,0
24	The rise of radical right-wing populism is a threat to democracy	74,1	76,8	47,1	58,9	81,8	81,9	77,8	78,2
25	The rise of radical right-wing populism is a threat to our freedoms	73,8	77,0	46,4	59,3	81,6	82,2	78,5	79,6
26	The rise of extreme right-wing populism threatens our prosperity and economic future	69,4	74,5	44,4	59,2	76,5	78,9	72,8	76,1
27	I don't want my children to live in a country where the extreme right is in charge	74,8	76,9	49,0	59,1	82,1	82,1	78,2	79,4
28	They only deliver more chaos, while we need stability	71,7	75,0	46,4	59,8	79,0	79,3	75,8	76,0
29	A government led by extreme right-wing parties will be too weak to make us competitive on the global stage, especially against rising powers such as China	66,9	71,4	45,3	59,2	73,0	75,0	70,4	72,7
30	They increase polarization and hate in our societies	75,1	75,9	49,0	58,0	82,5	81,1	78,7	78,0
31	They will destroy our open societies and turn them into closed ones	70,0	73,8	45,0	57,9	77,1	78,3	73,6	75,9
32	They will reverse highly necessary measures to fight climate change and stop global warming	66,5	72,0	50,6	58,6	71,1	76,0	69,3	73,6
33	They threaten the rule of law	71,4	75,3	45,0	59,2	79,1	80,0	75,9	77,1
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<p>Healthcare has been neglected by traditional parties</p>	<p>31,9%</p>	<p>26,6%</p>	<p>33,4%</p>	<p>32,2%</p>
<p>The economy is only benefiting the elites</p>	<p>26,2%</p>	<p>22,7%</p>	<p>27,4%</p>	<p>27,3%</p>
<p>Our way of life is under threat</p>	<p>17,3%</p>	<p>18,3%</p>	<p>17,0%</p>	<p>20,1%</p>
<p>We have no control over our own country anymore</p>	<p>16,3%</p>	<p>23,1%</p>	<p>14,5%</p>	<p>15,6%</p>
<p>Democracy is no longer for the people</p>	<p>16,0%</p>	<p>16,4%</p>	<p>16,0%</p>	<p>20,3%</p>
<p>We have given too much power to the European Union</p>	<p>13,4%</p>	<p>19,7%</p>	<p>11,5%</p>	<p>12,3%</p>
<p>None of the above</p>	<p>9,2%</p>	<p>2,3%</p>	<p>11,1%</p>	<p>6,3%</p>

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