

# Covid-19: Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices Impacts of Covid-19



CRRC-Georgia

# Public opinion

- The public is aware of the virus. Most are **very concerned** about it and have already been impacted by it in some way or another.
- However, views over the future of the virus suggest (potentially) unwarranted optimism – **one in seven think the worst is behind us**, and about **quarter** of the public think the virus is not likely to be a major problem.

# Attitudes towards institutional response

- Doctors and medical institutions have the confidence of **almost everyone** in society;
- Government actors have **high levels of confidence** in them as well as trust in what they are saying;
- The Georgian Orthodox Church has **the lowest** overall confidence in it of institutions asked about;

# Behavior

- **Half** the public reported leaving the house the day before the survey was conducted.
  - **Men and people in urban areas** are significantly more likely to be leaving the house.
- Most people are going out for essential purposes.
  - **Men are twice as likely** as women to go out to spend time with others.

# Economic impacts

- More than **one in three employed people** are unable to work;
  - People with **lower levels of education**, and those who are already more likely to have low financial reserves are less likely to be able to work.
- People's perceptions of the current and future economic situation tend towards either **uncertainty or pessimism**.

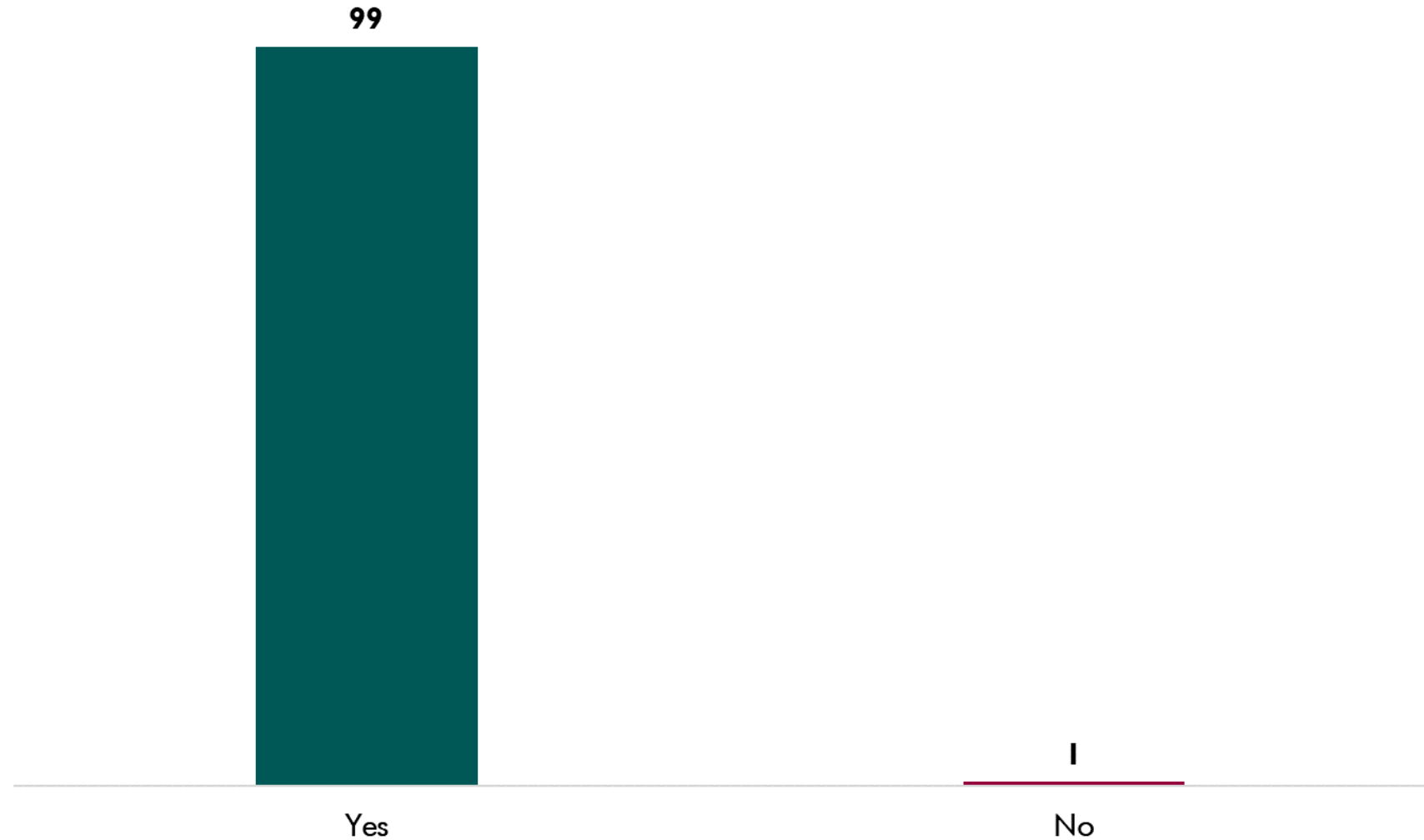
# Methodology: CRRC-Georgia's Omnibus

- Data was collected between April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, using Random Digit Dial (RDD) method, via cell phones. Overall, 1,351 respondents were interviewed; the minimum response rate was 32.6%;
- Data are representative of the adult population of Georgia, excluding Abkhazia and South Ossetia. The theoretical margin of error does not exceed 2.67%;
- Interviews were conducted in Georgian, Armenian, and Azerbaijani languages;
- Results are weighted using demographic information from the 2014 Georgian National Census adjusting on respondents' gender, age, ethnic identity, education, and residence.

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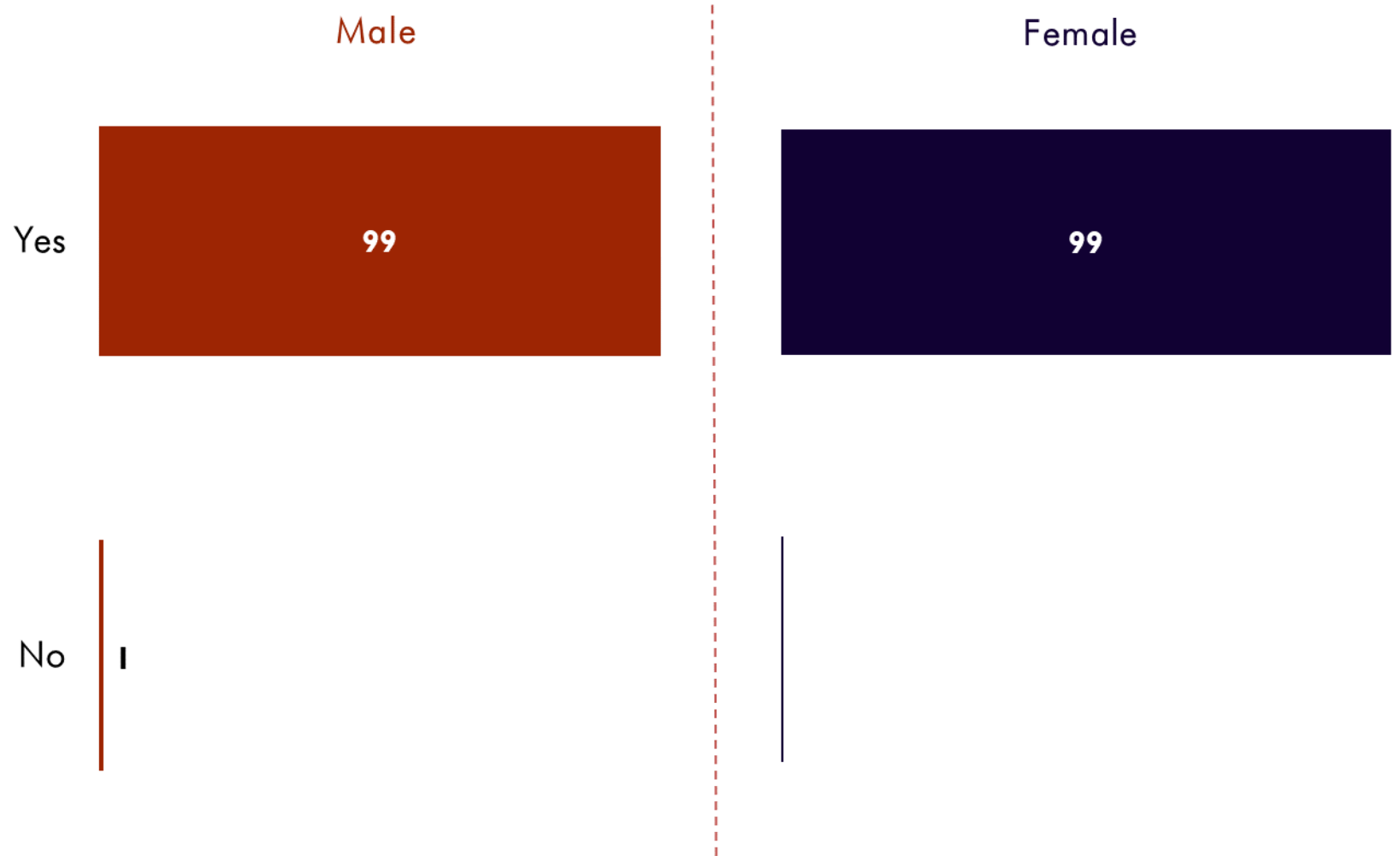




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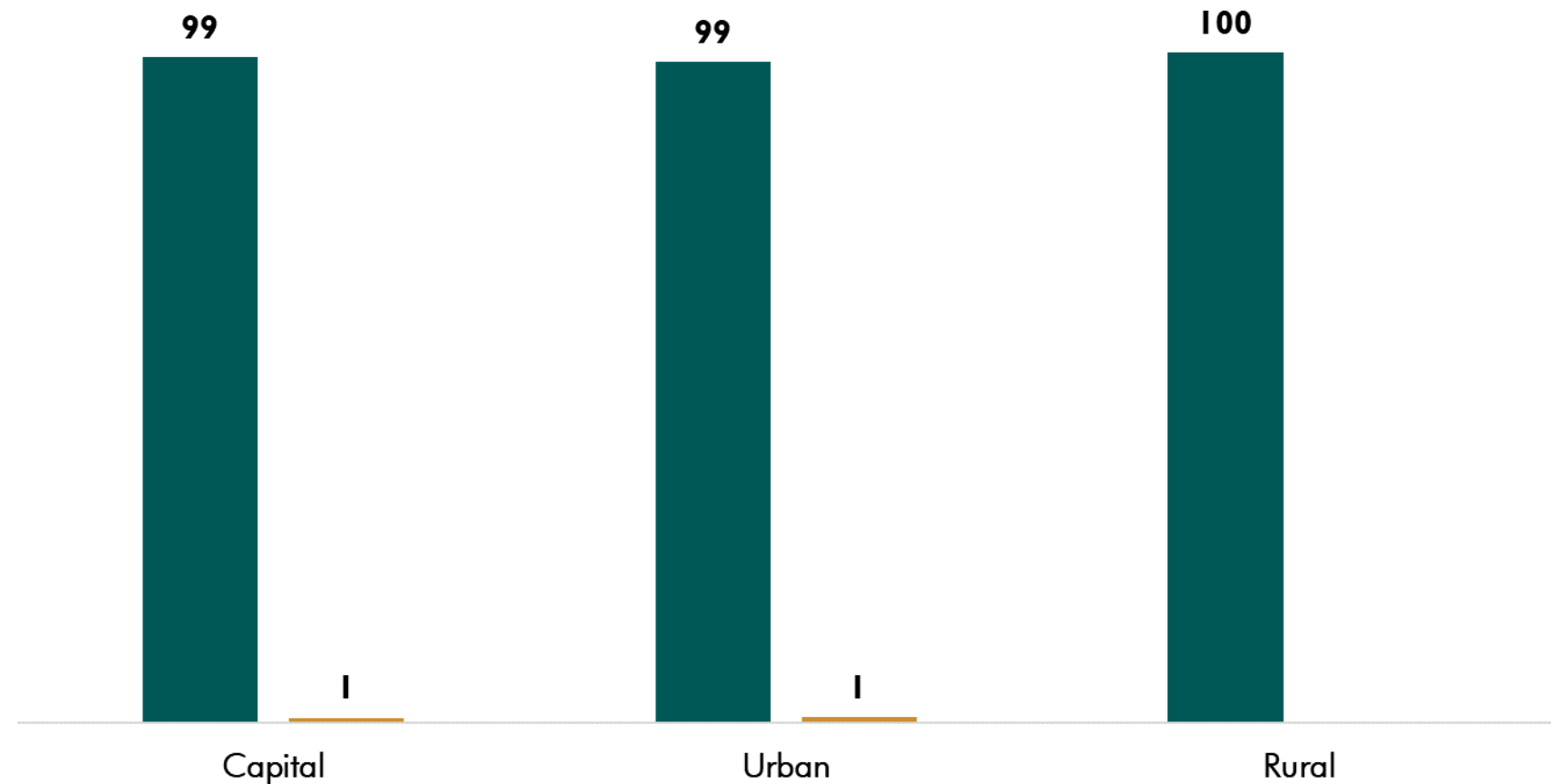


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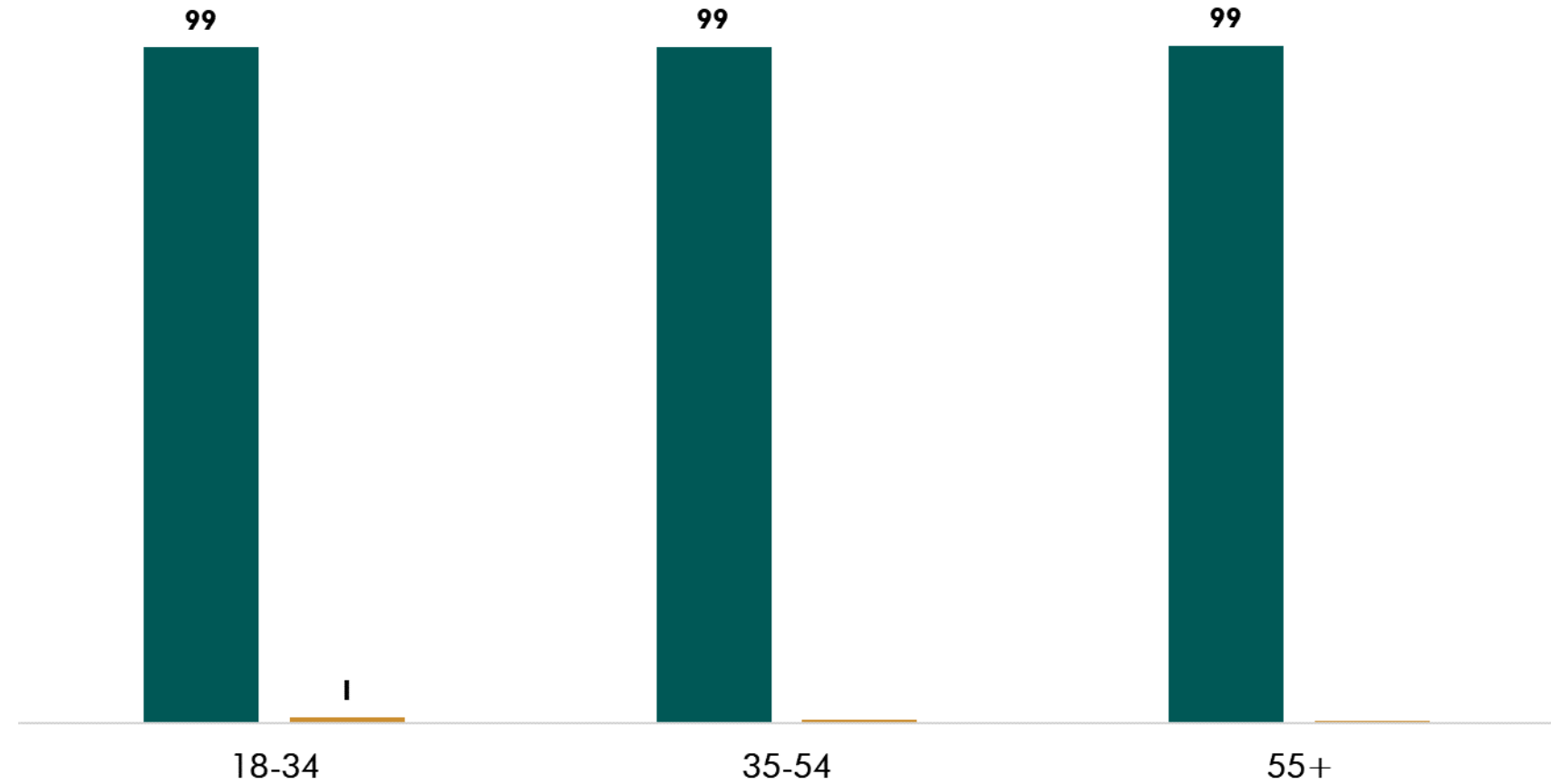


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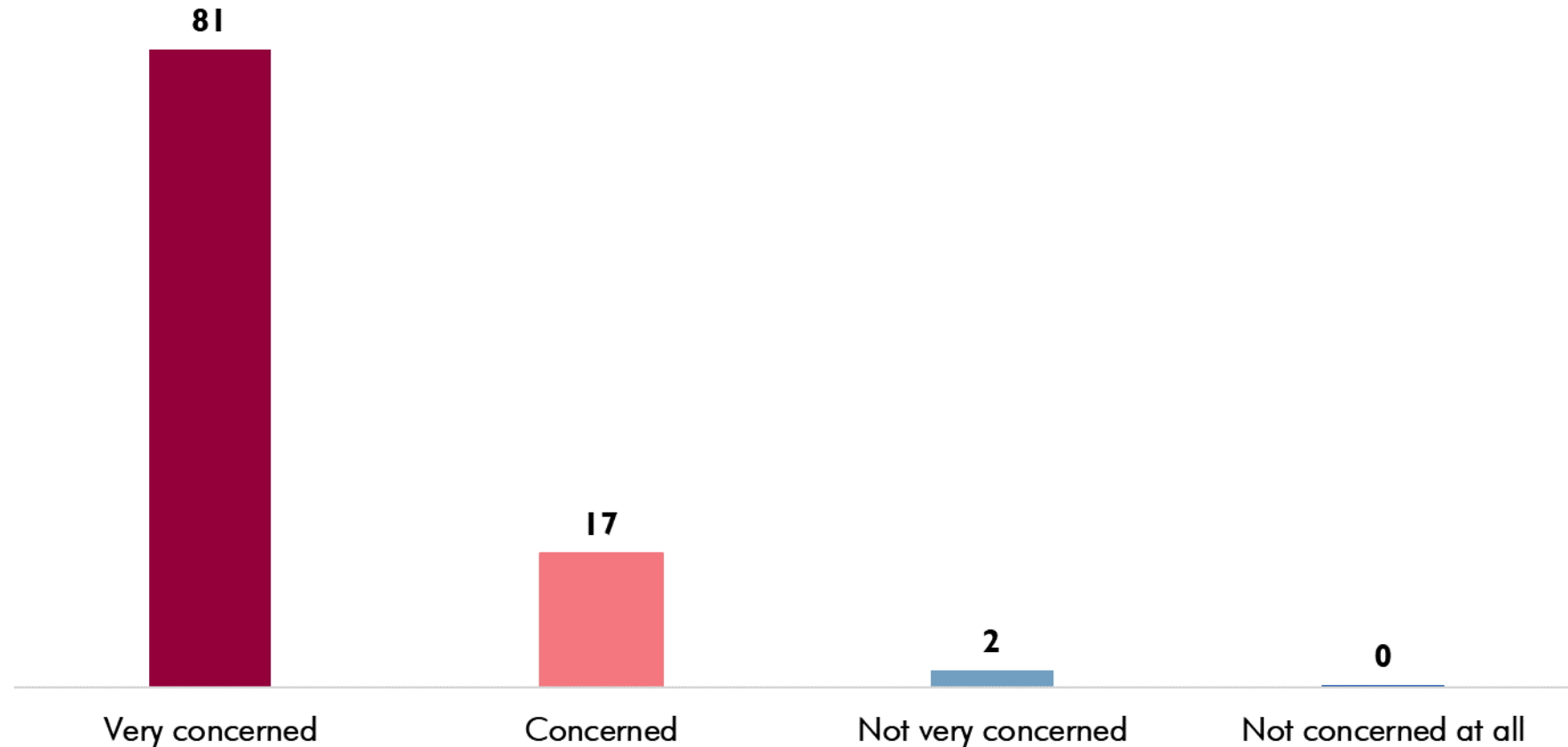
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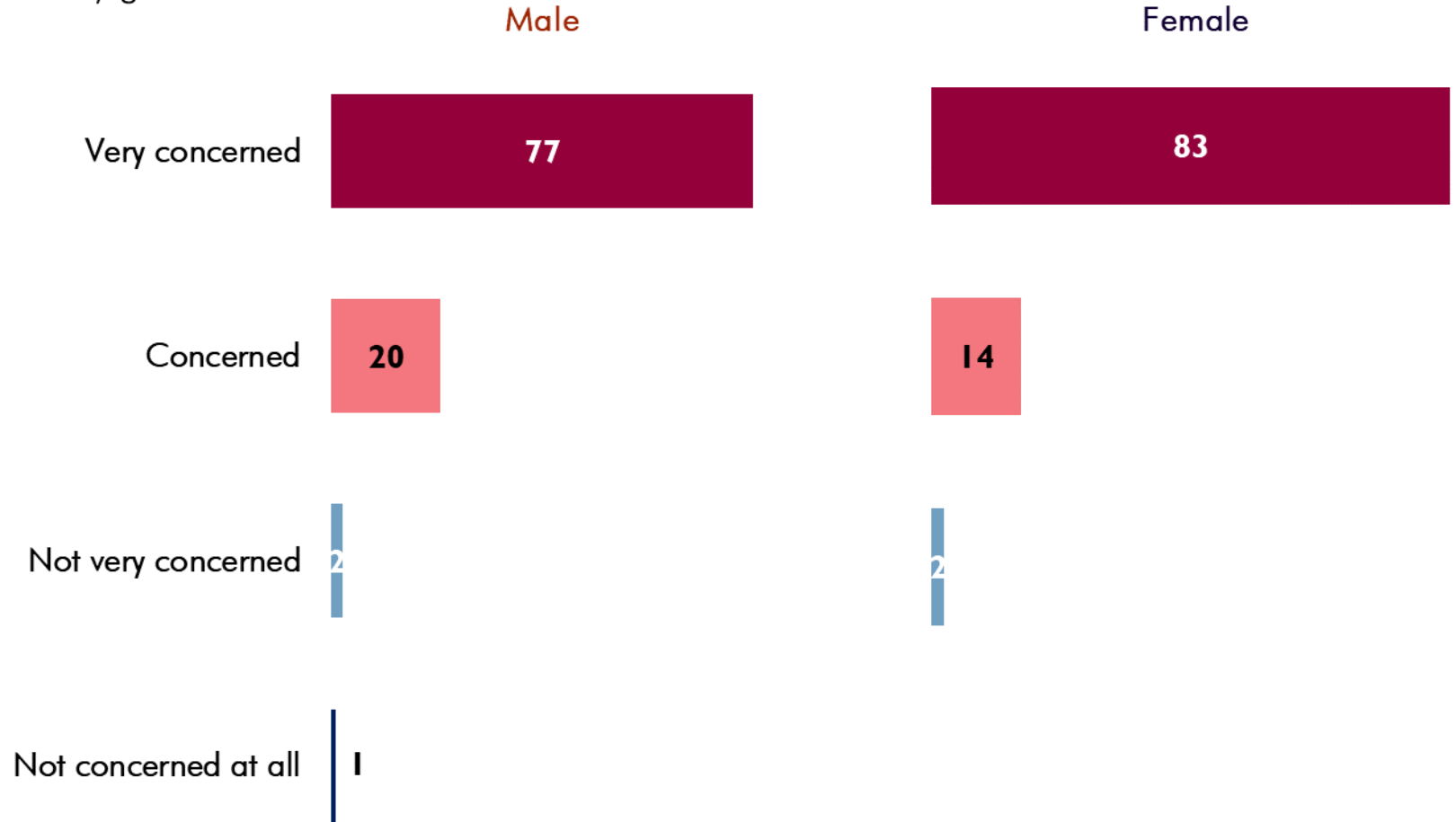
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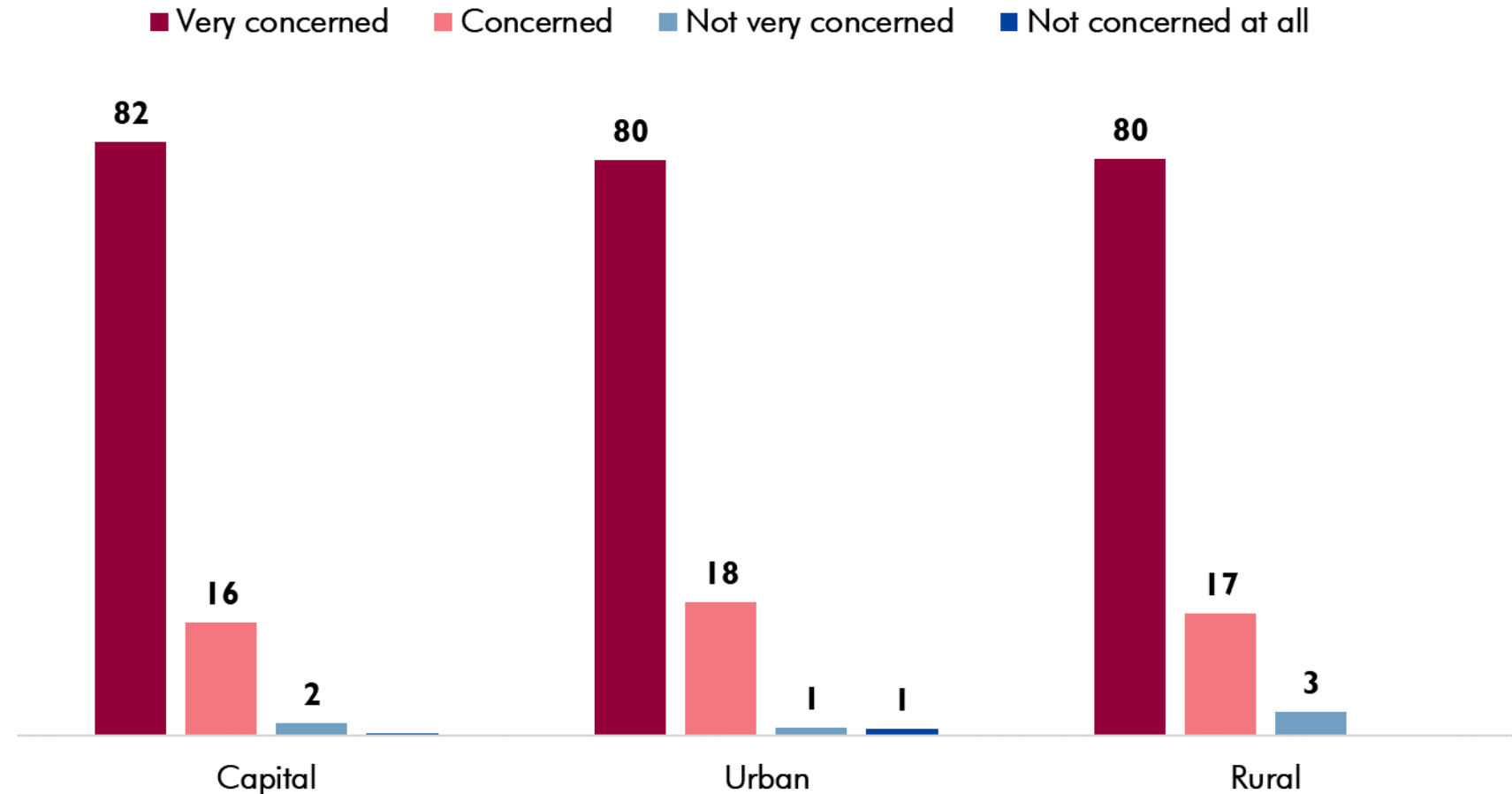
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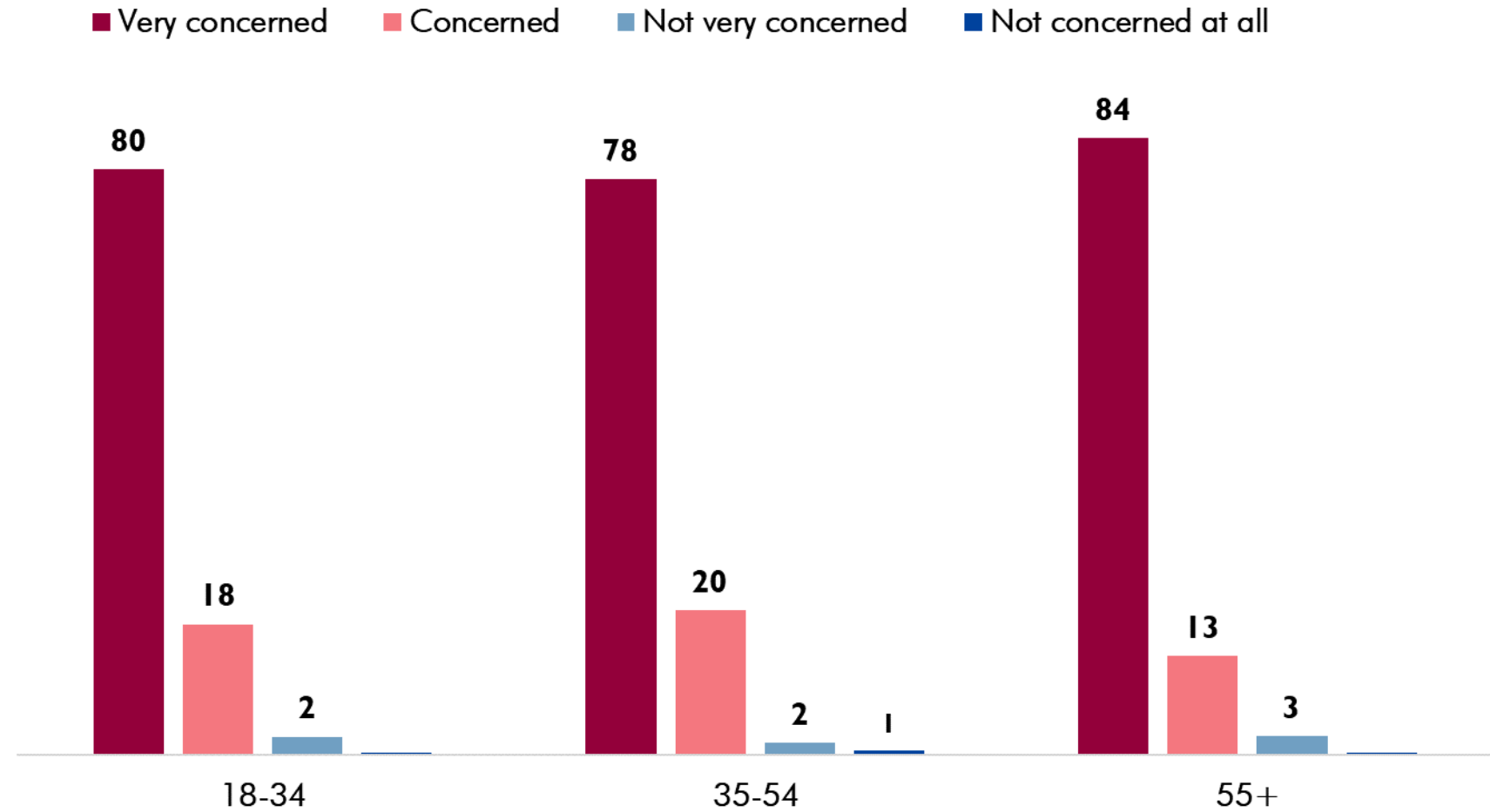
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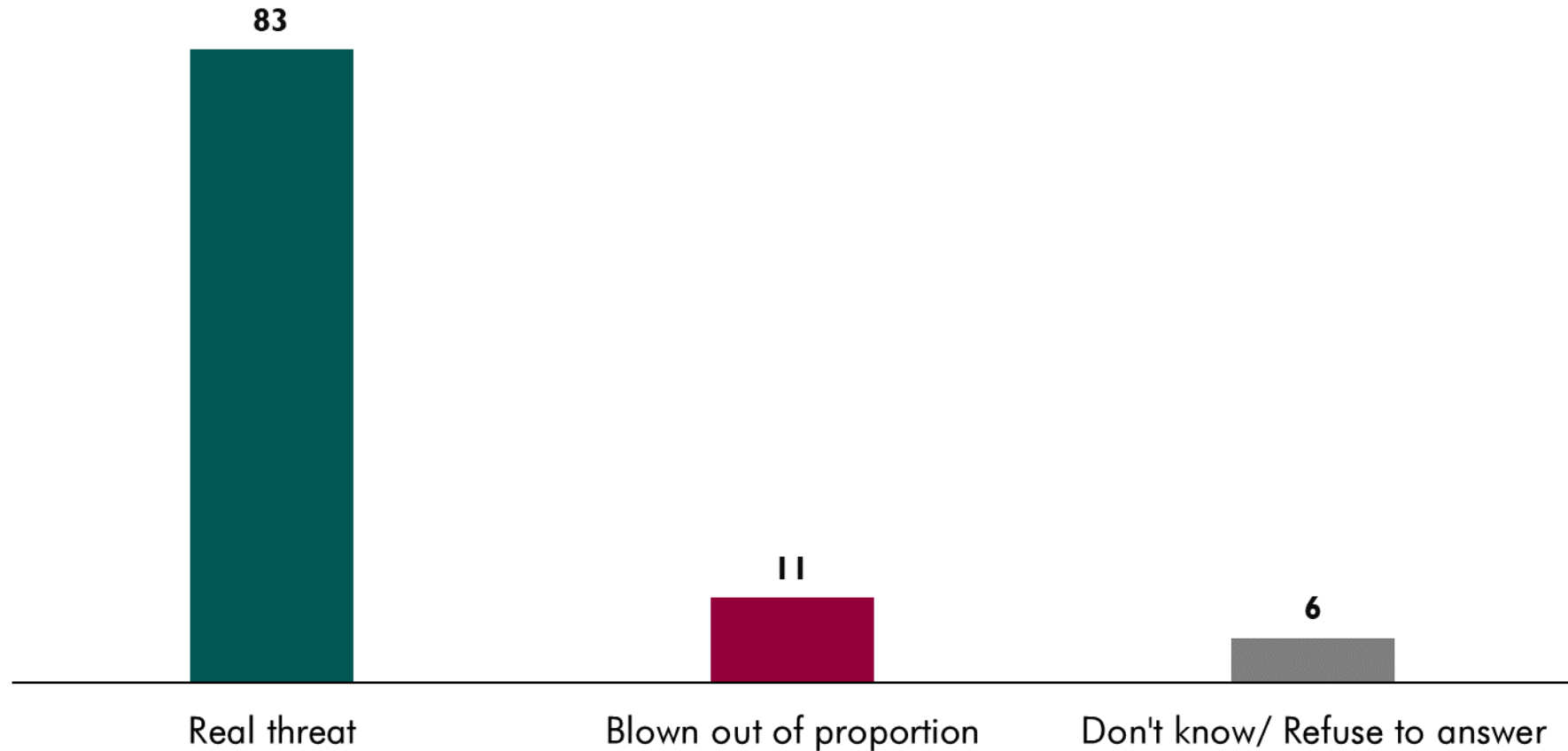
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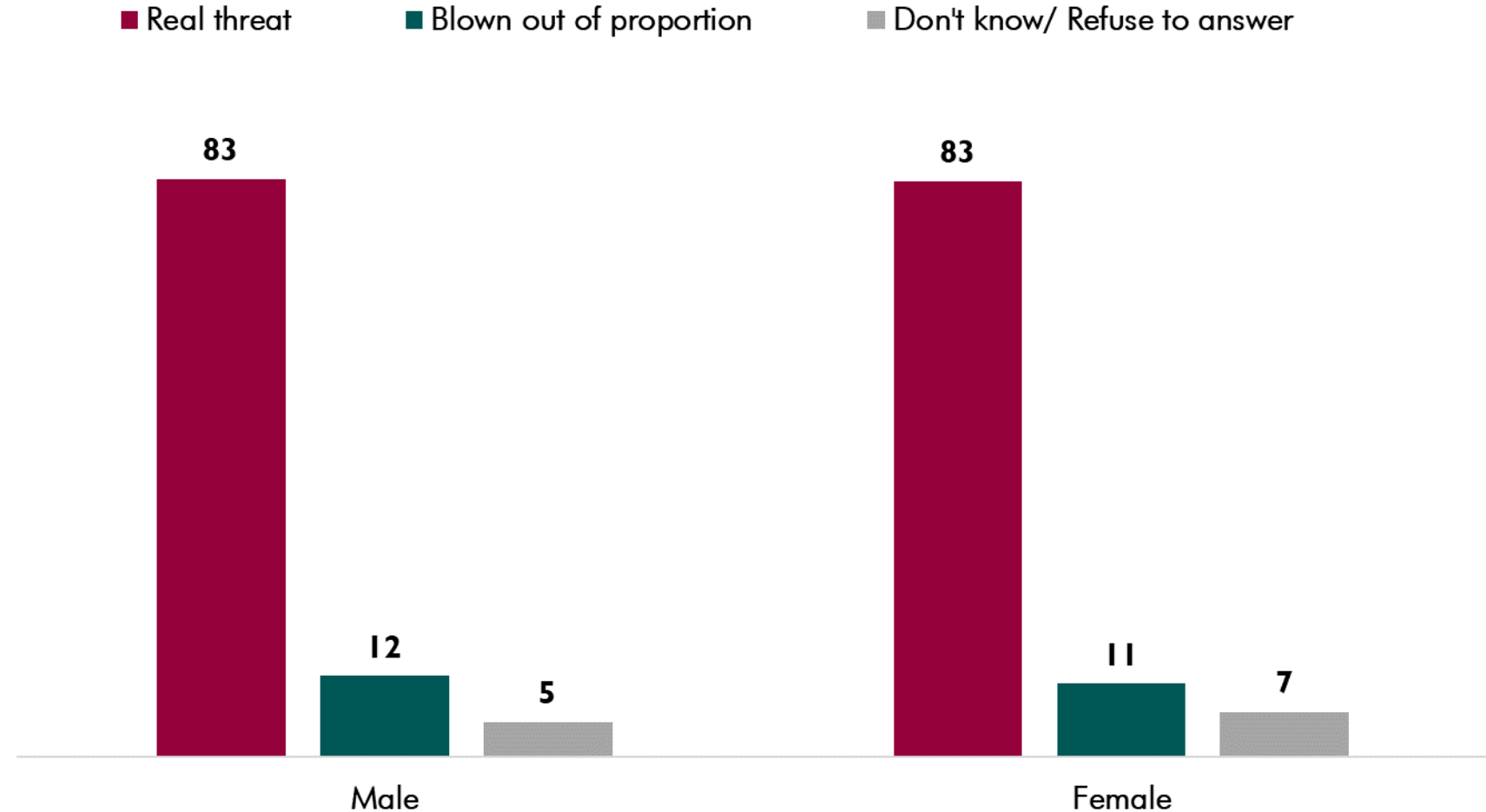




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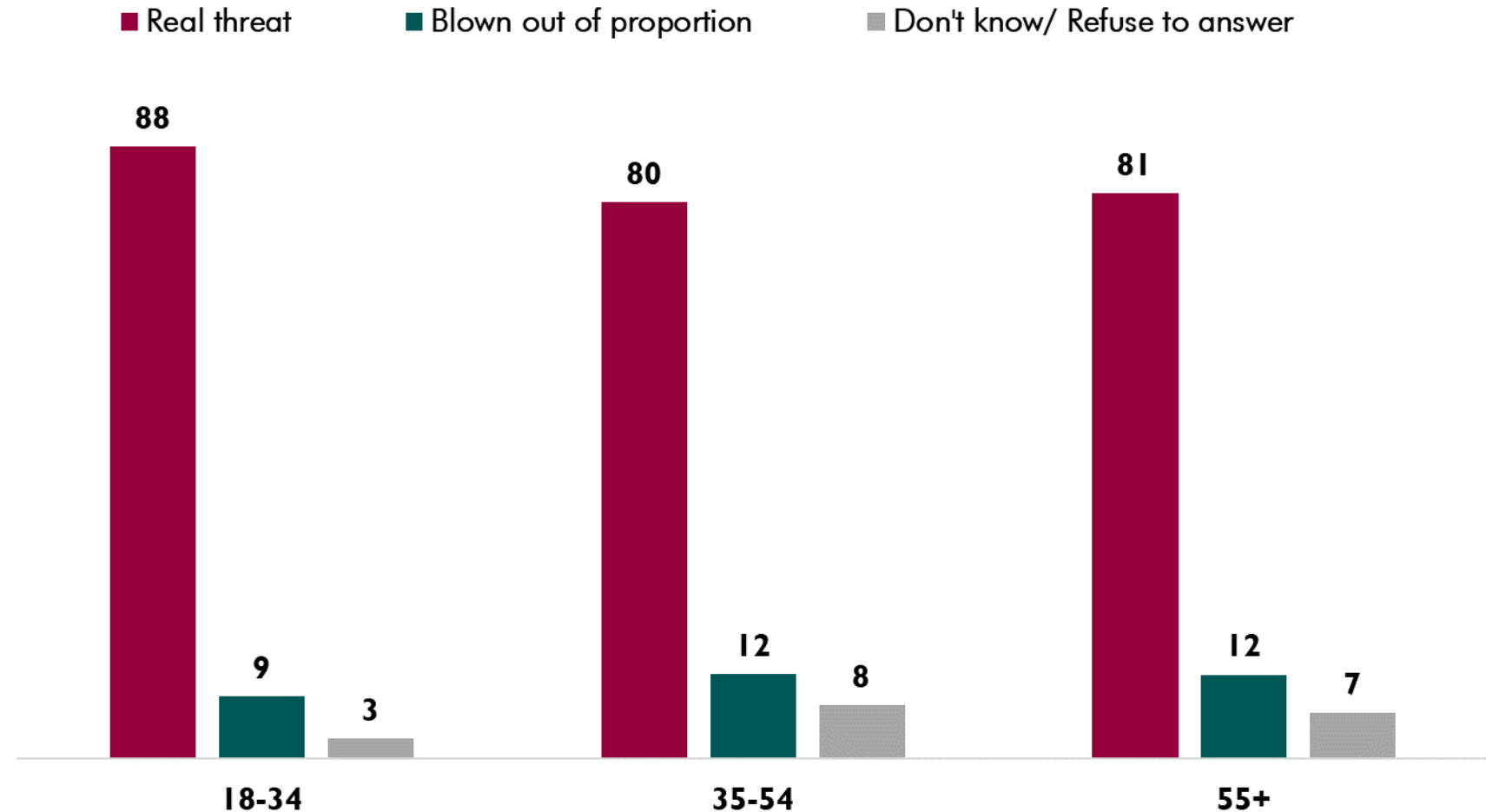
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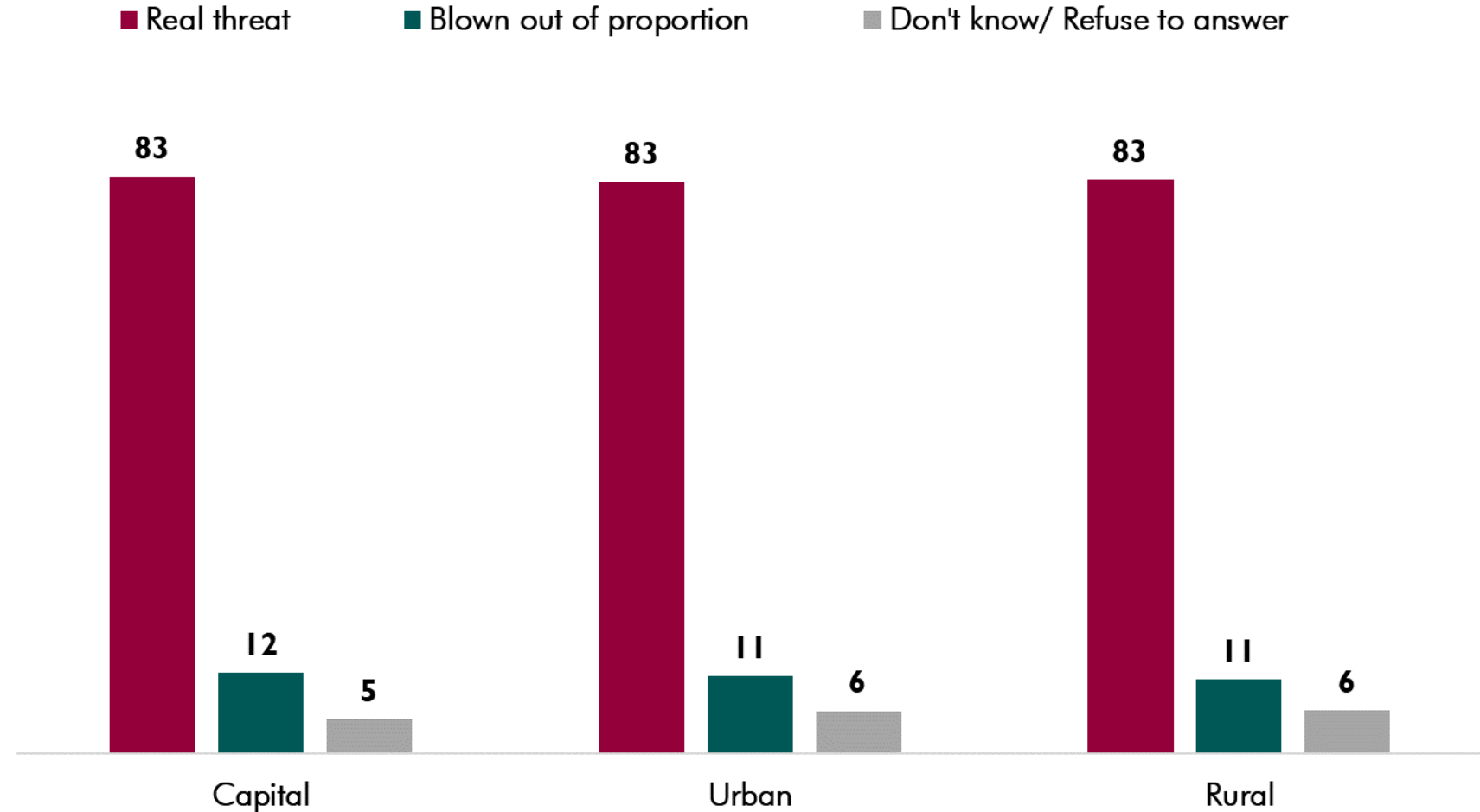
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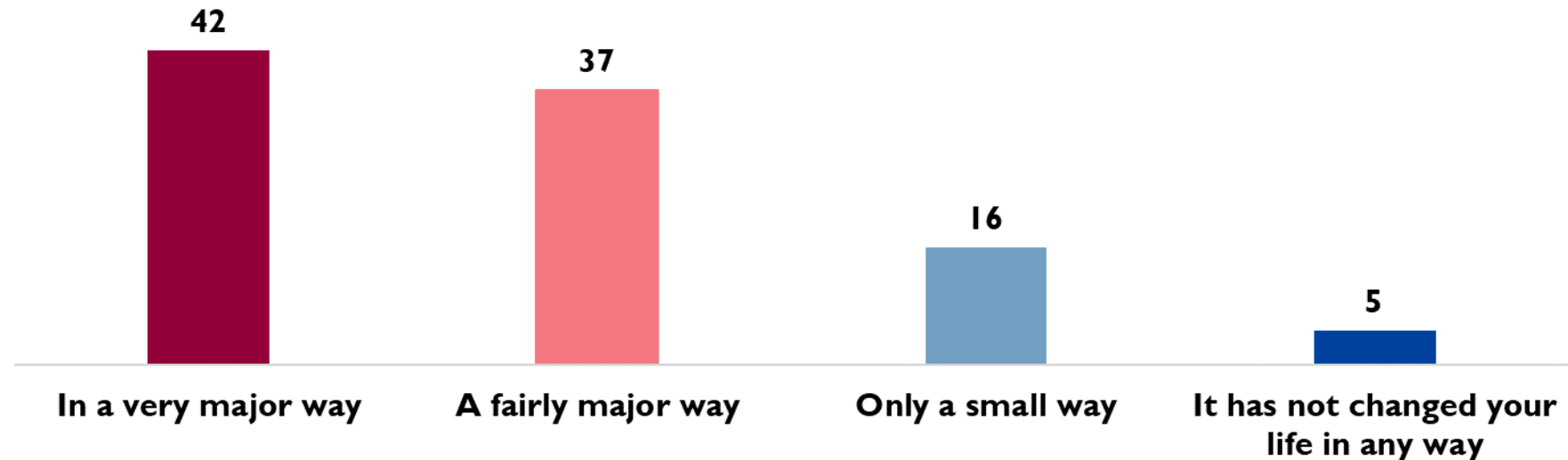
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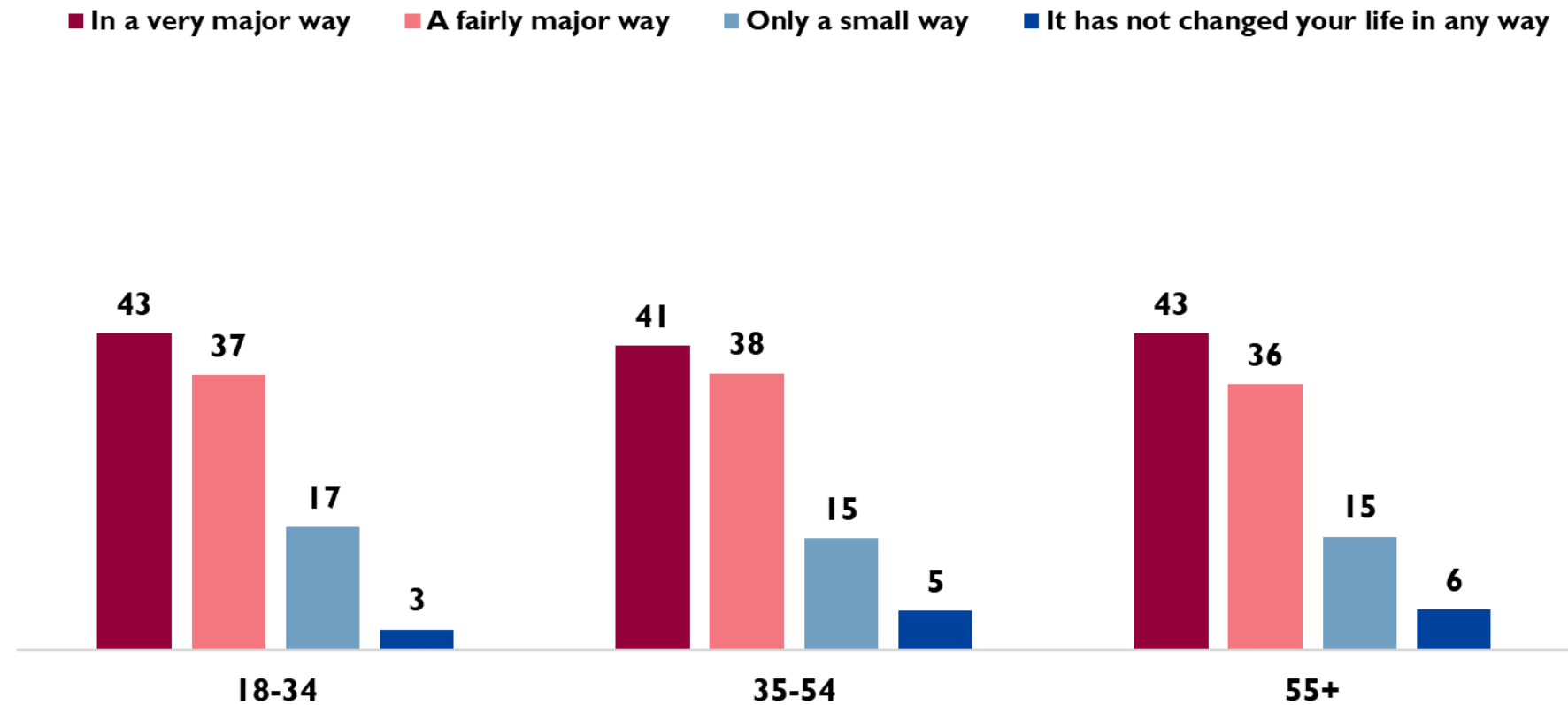
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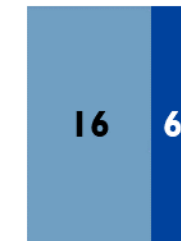
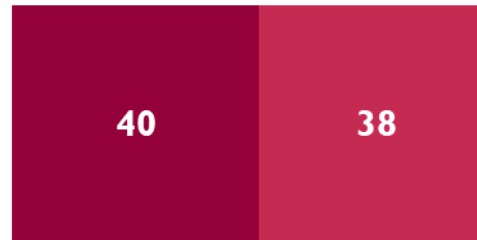
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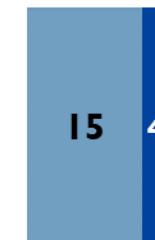
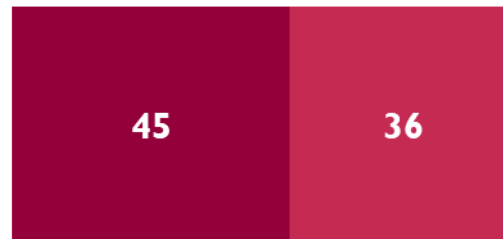
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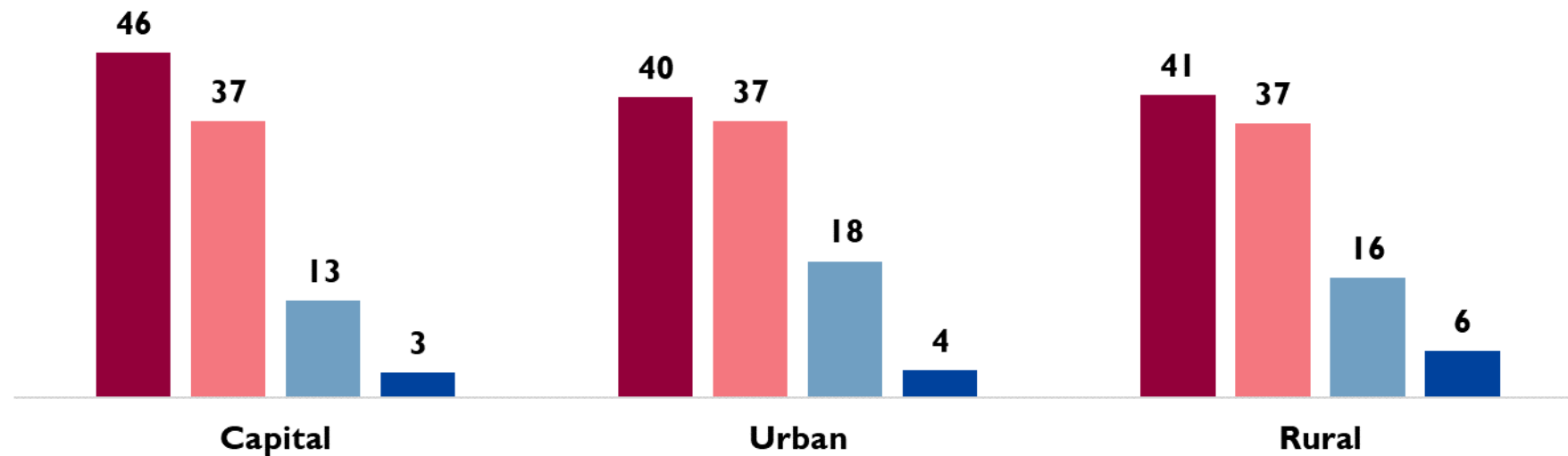


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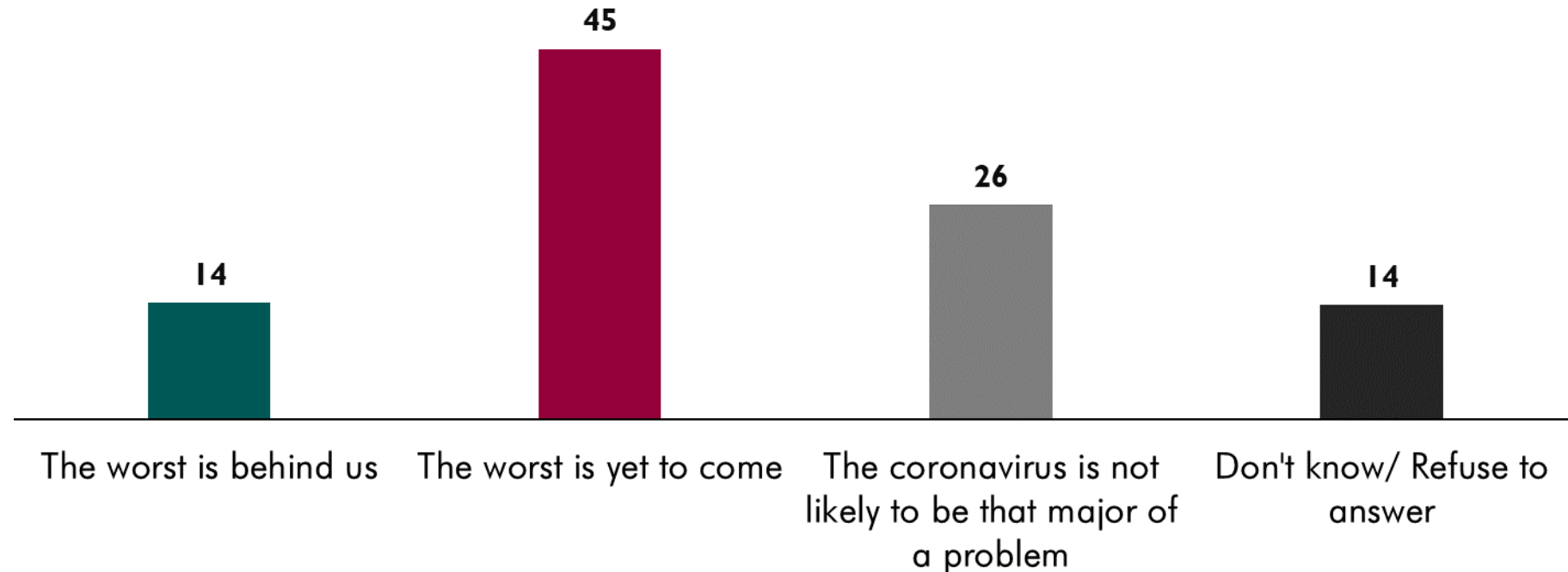
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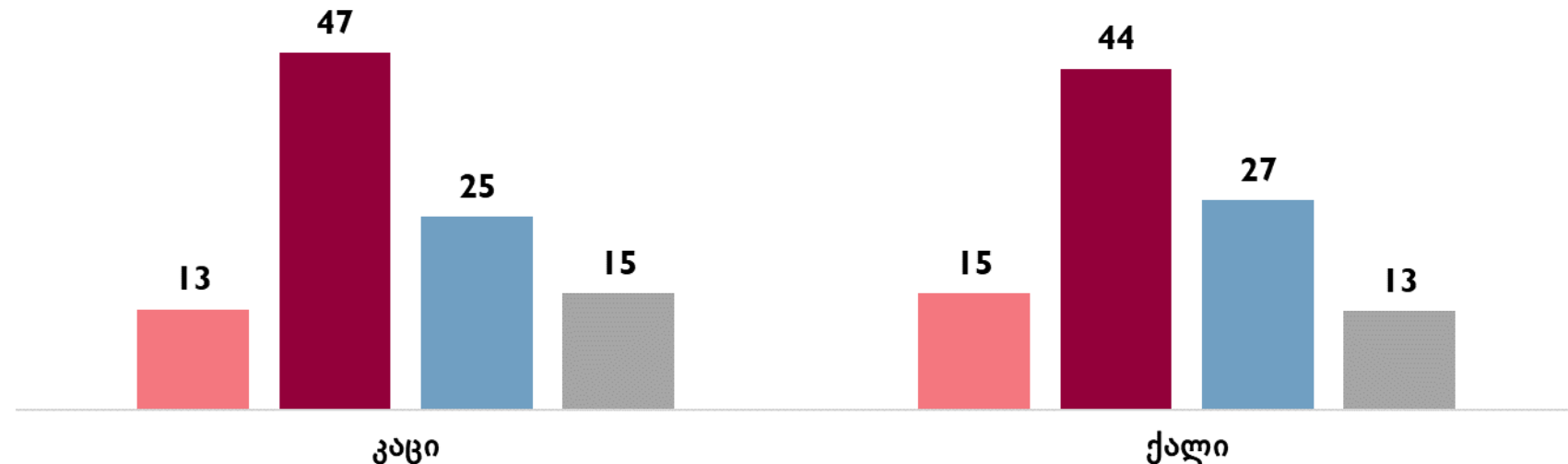


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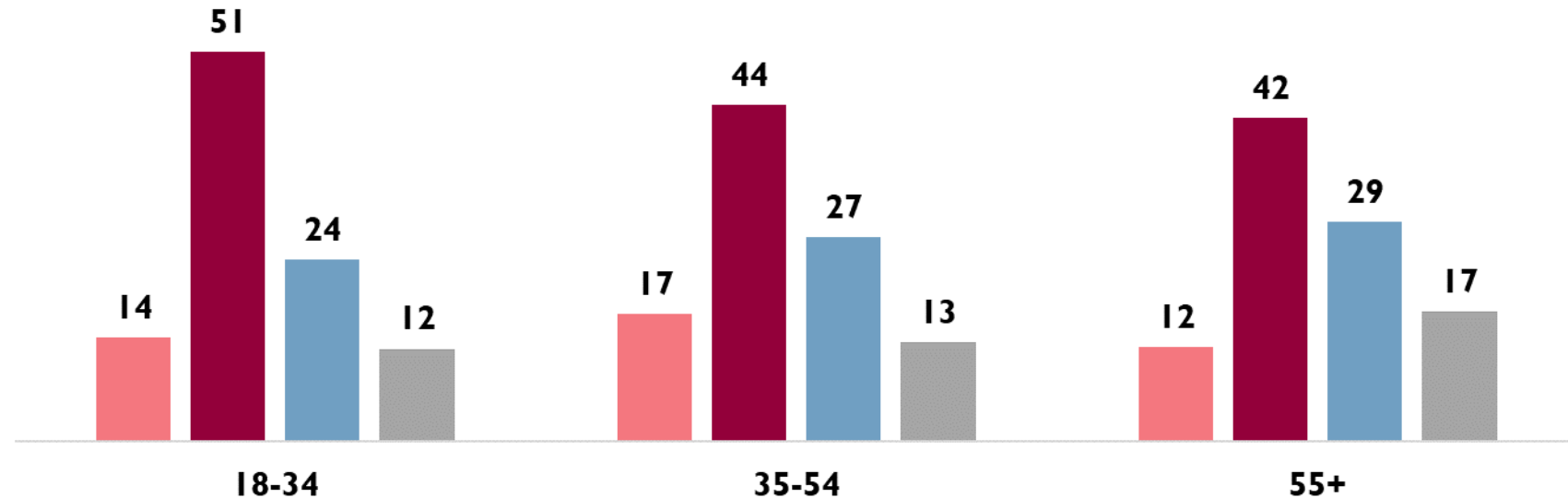


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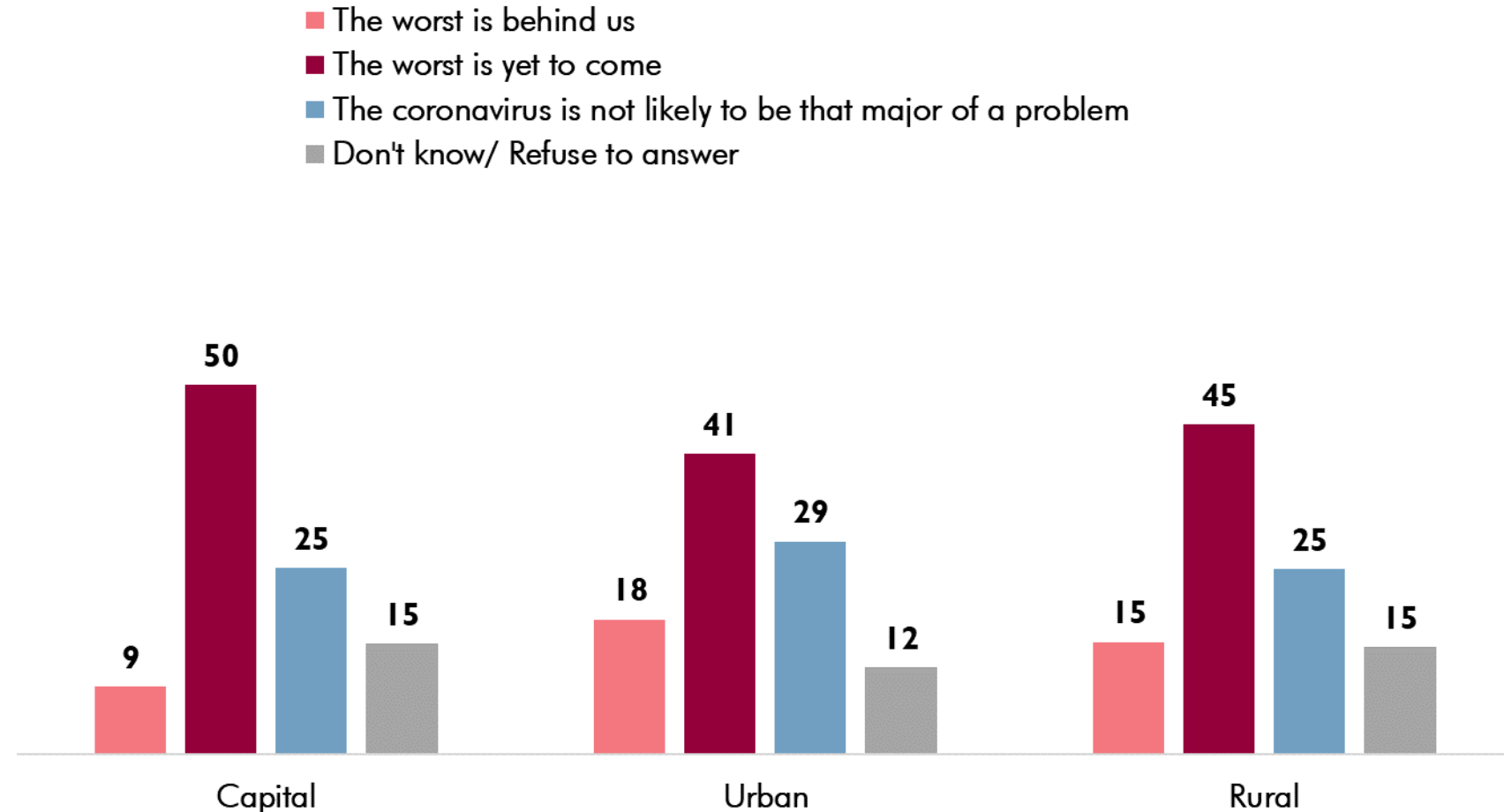
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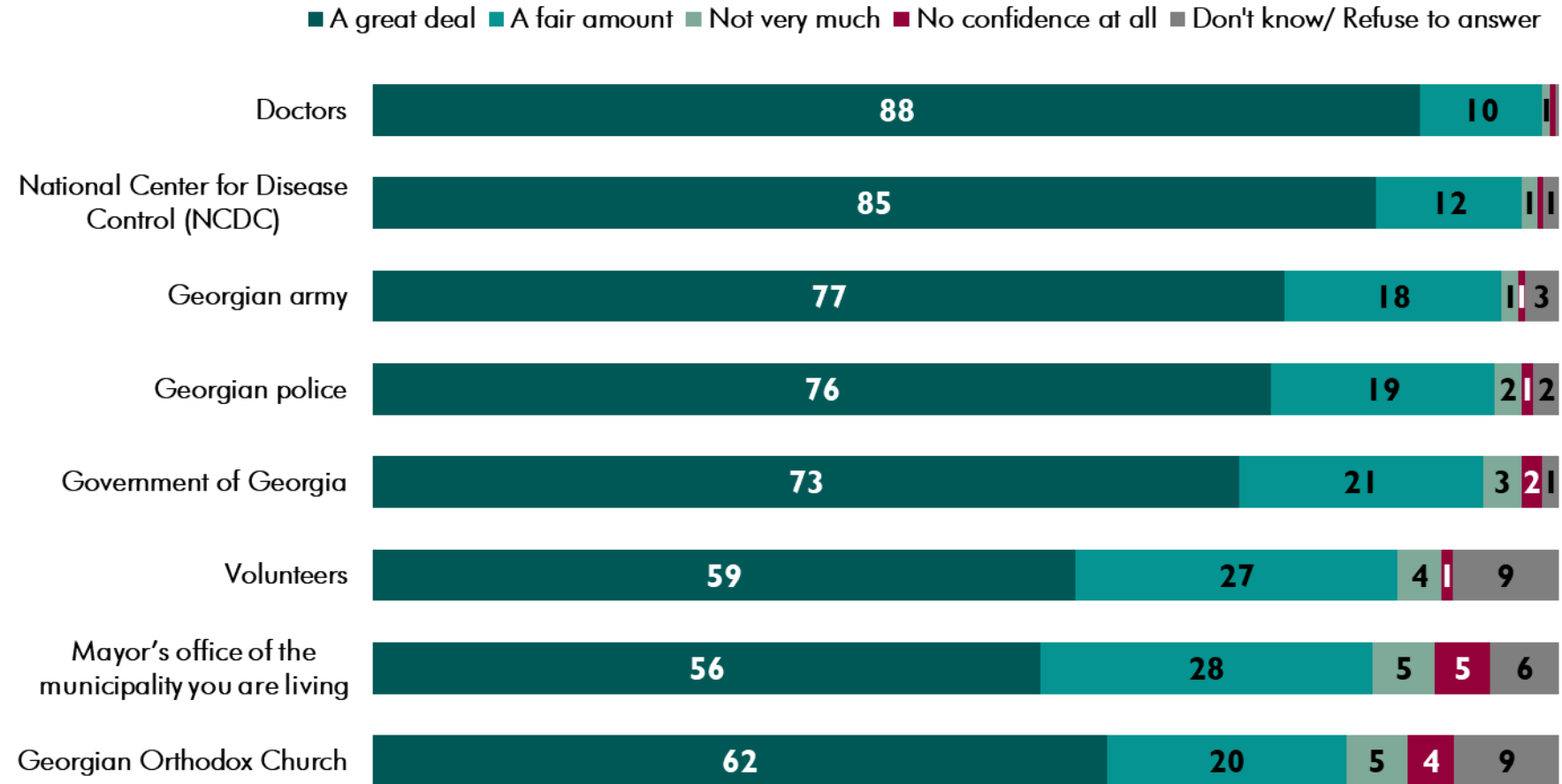


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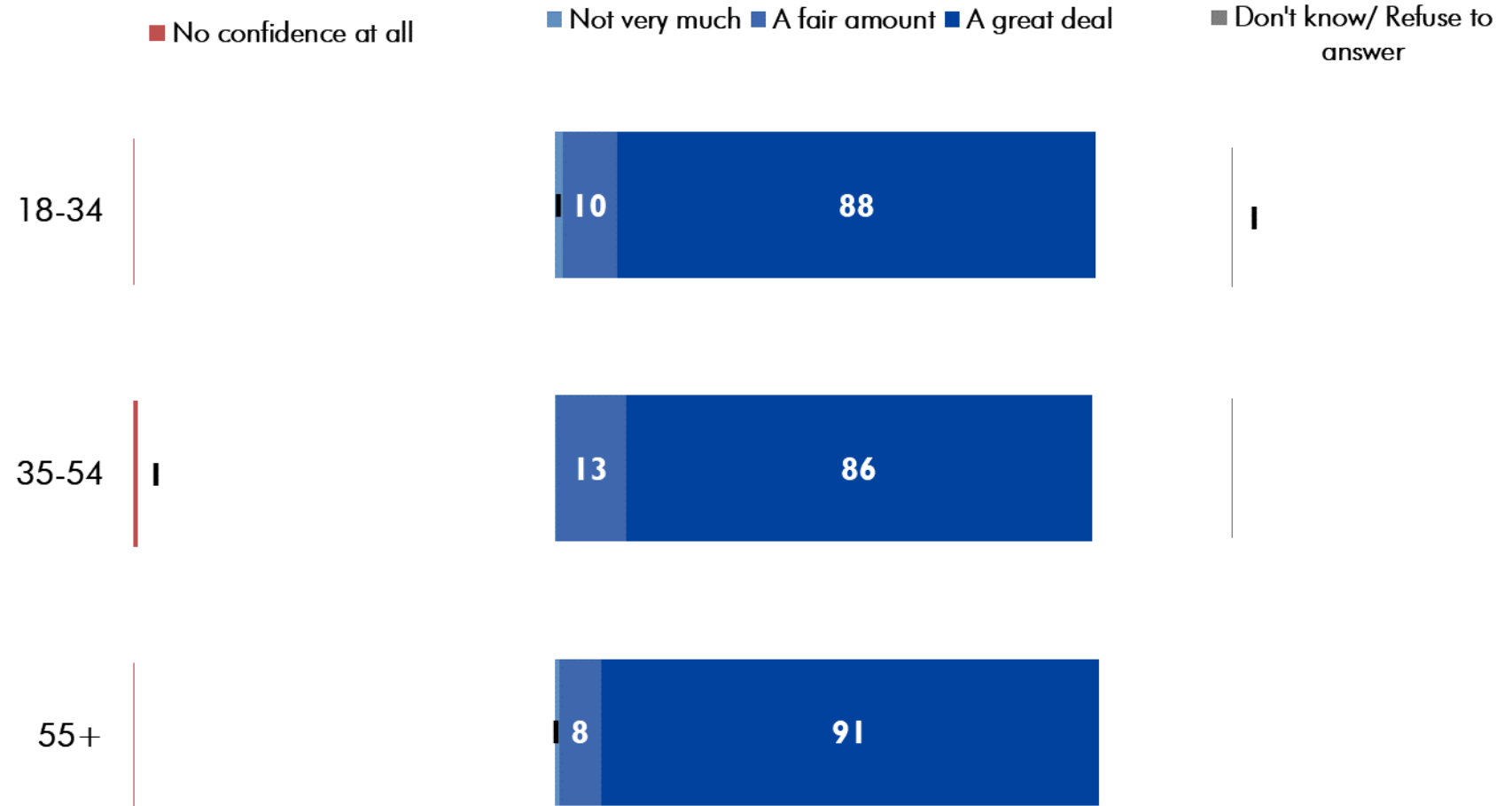
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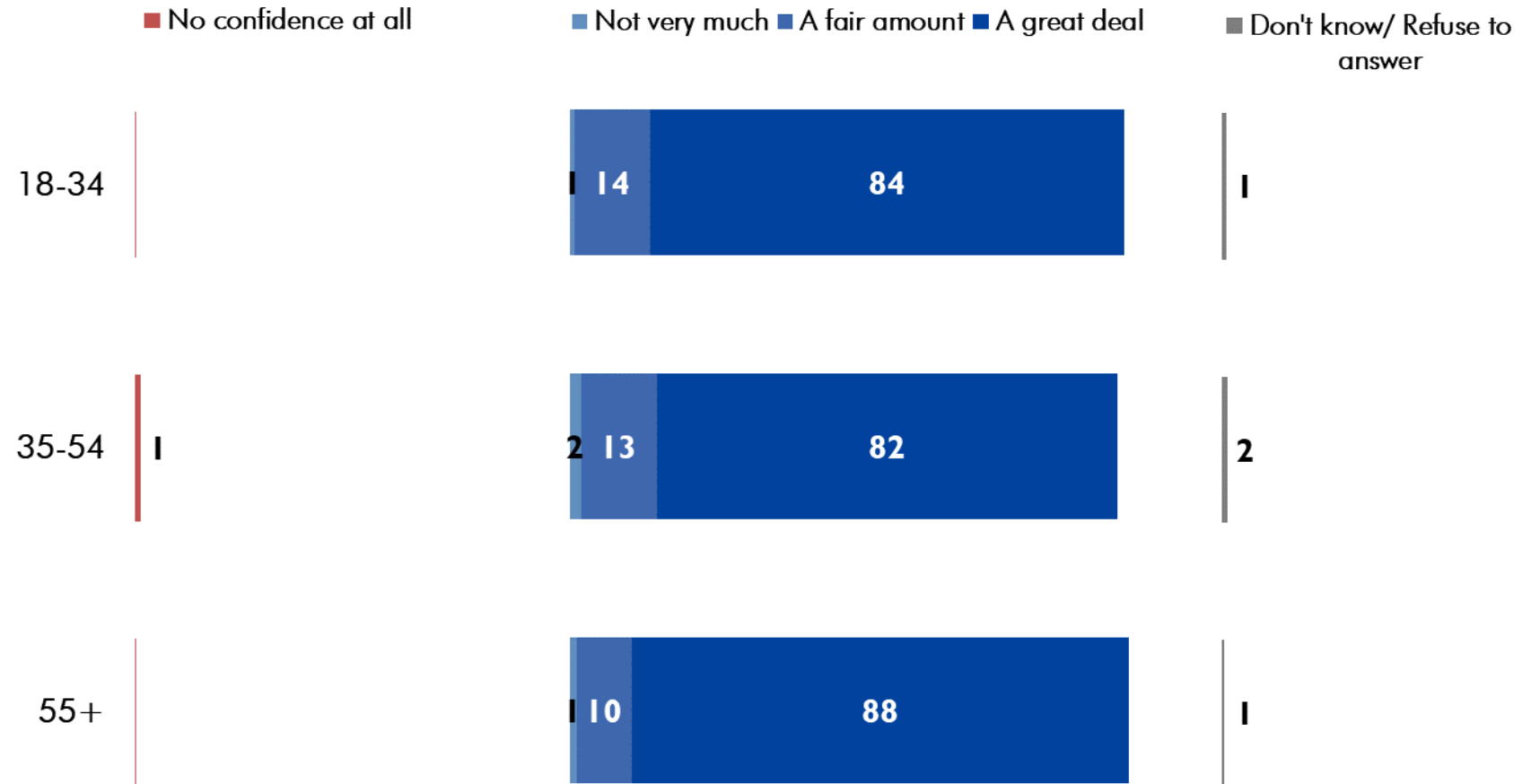




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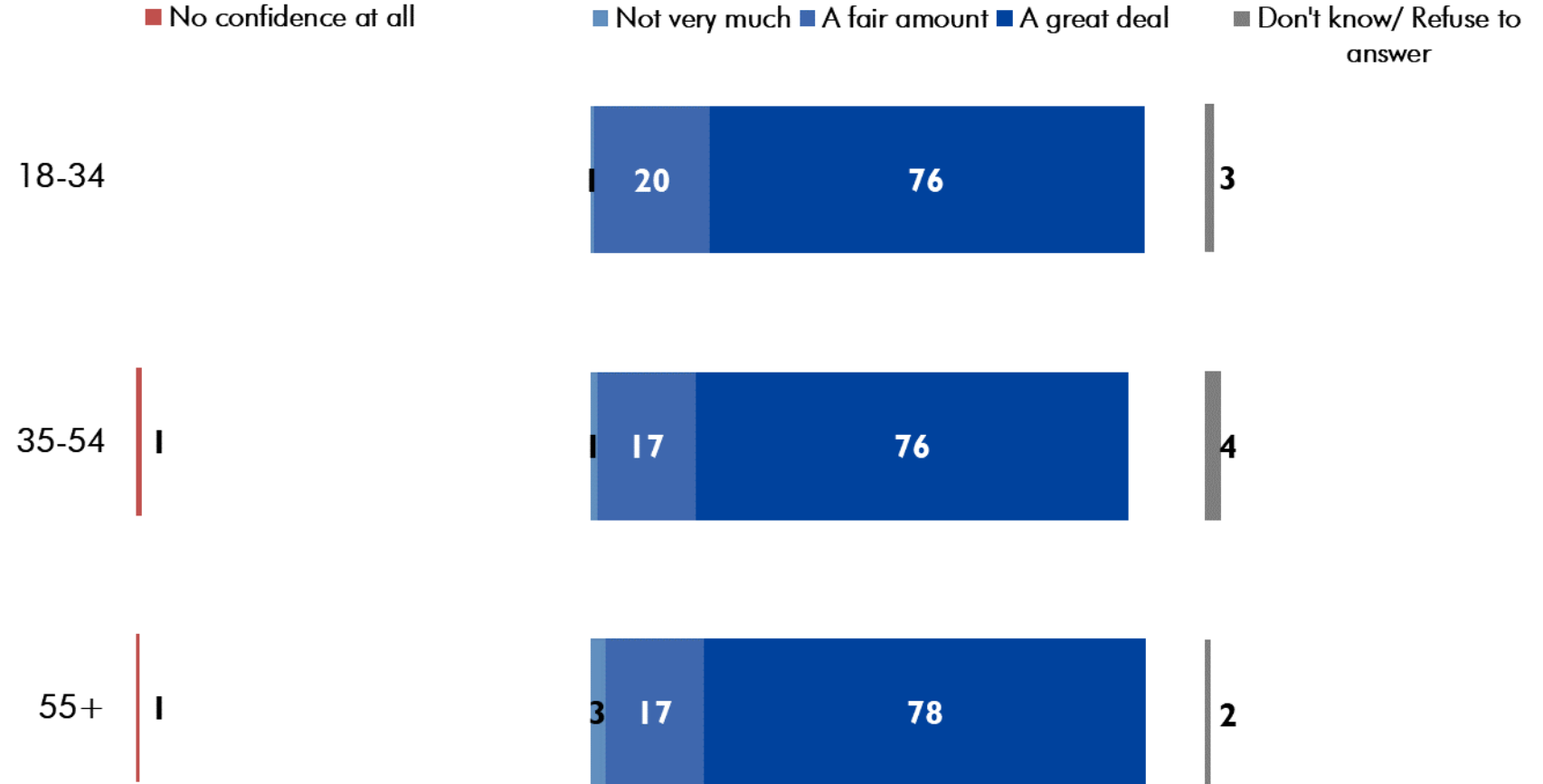
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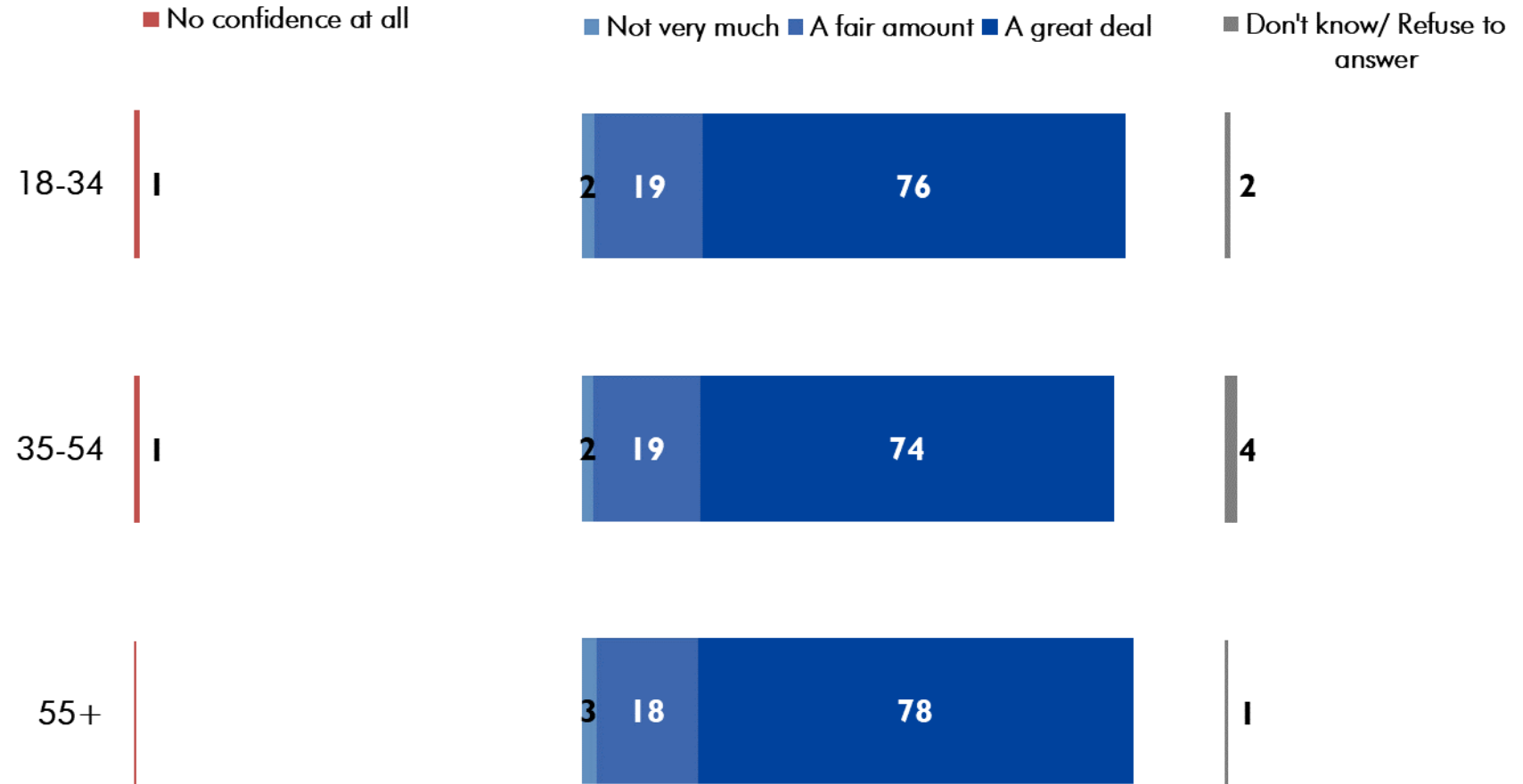




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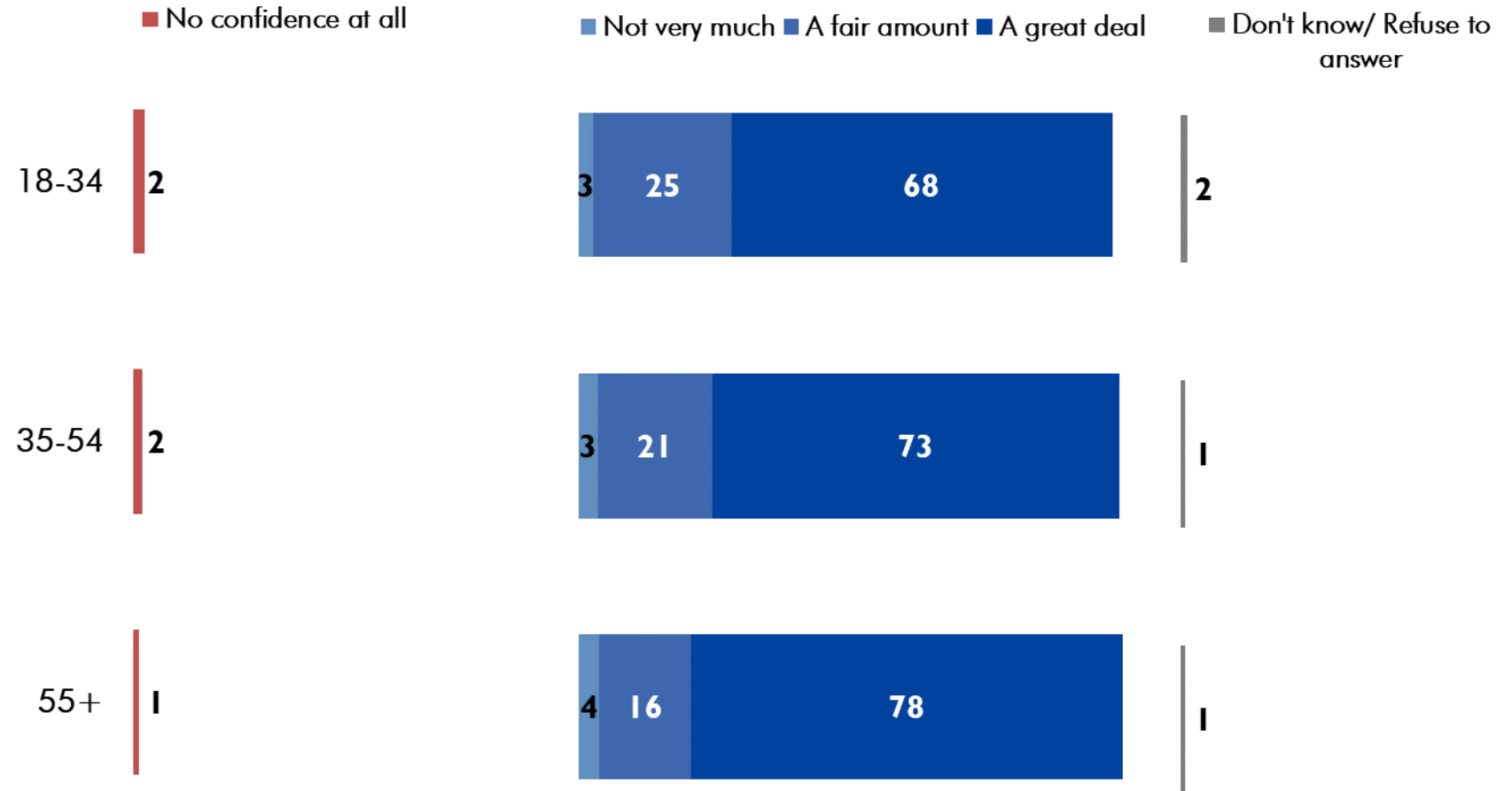
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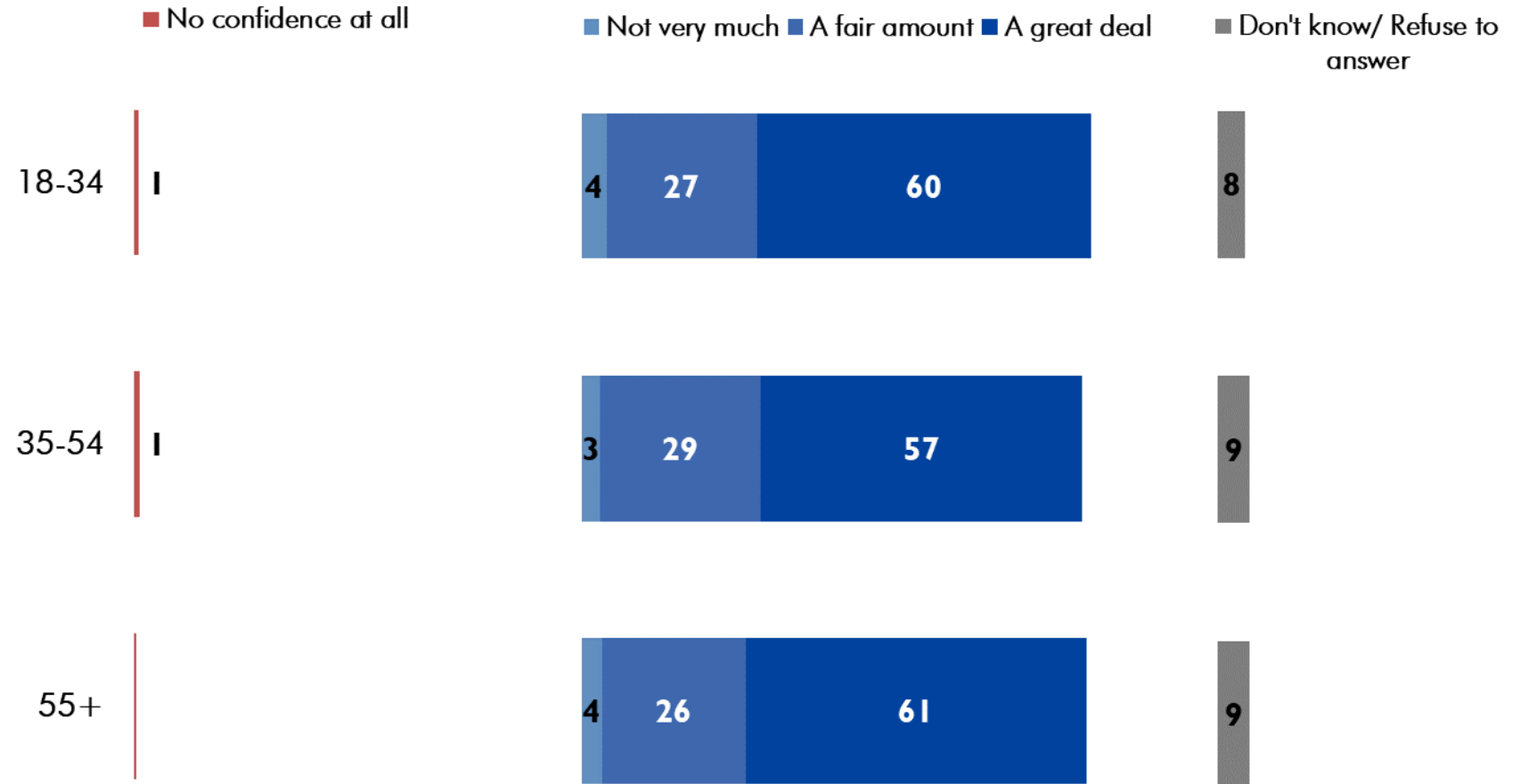
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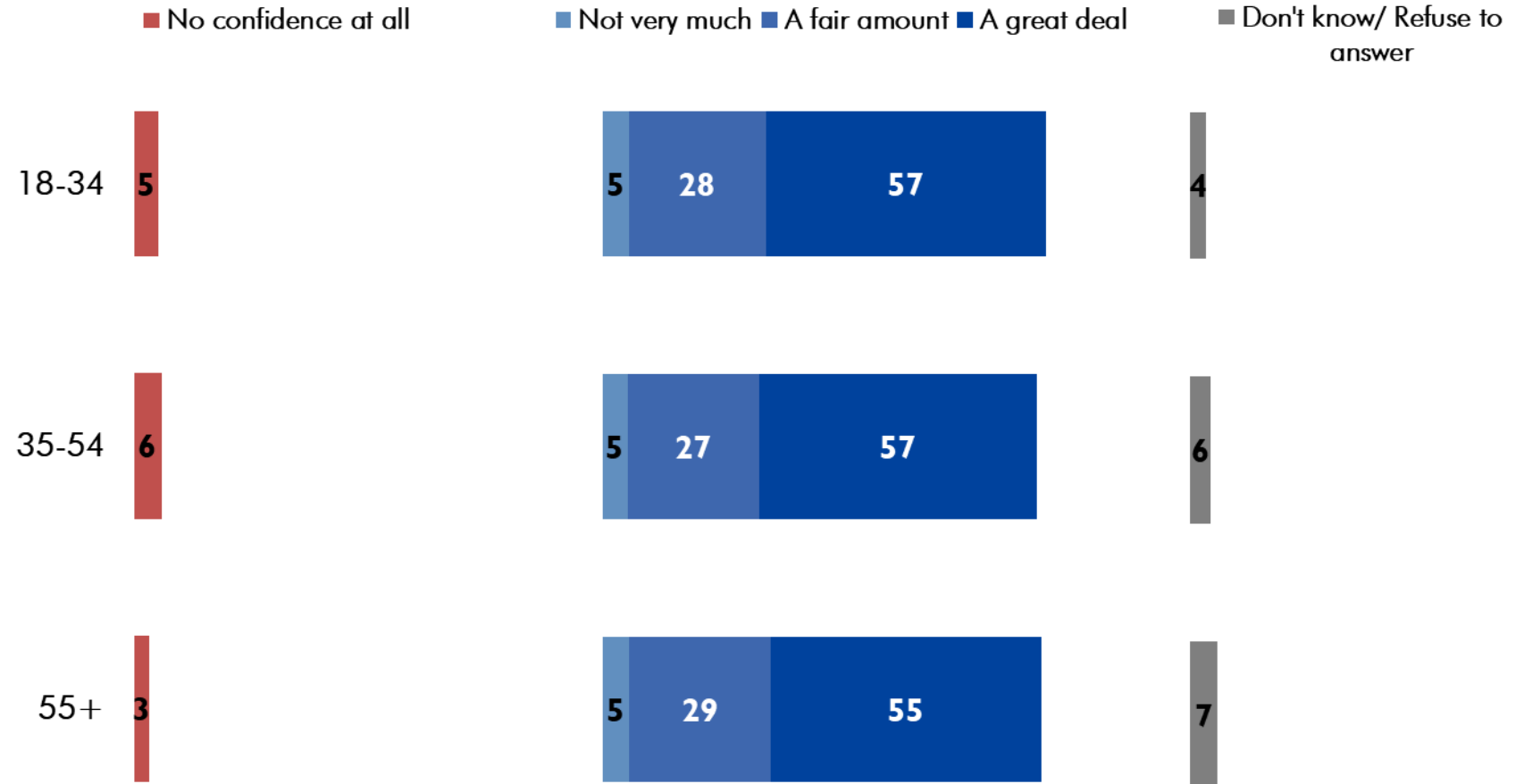
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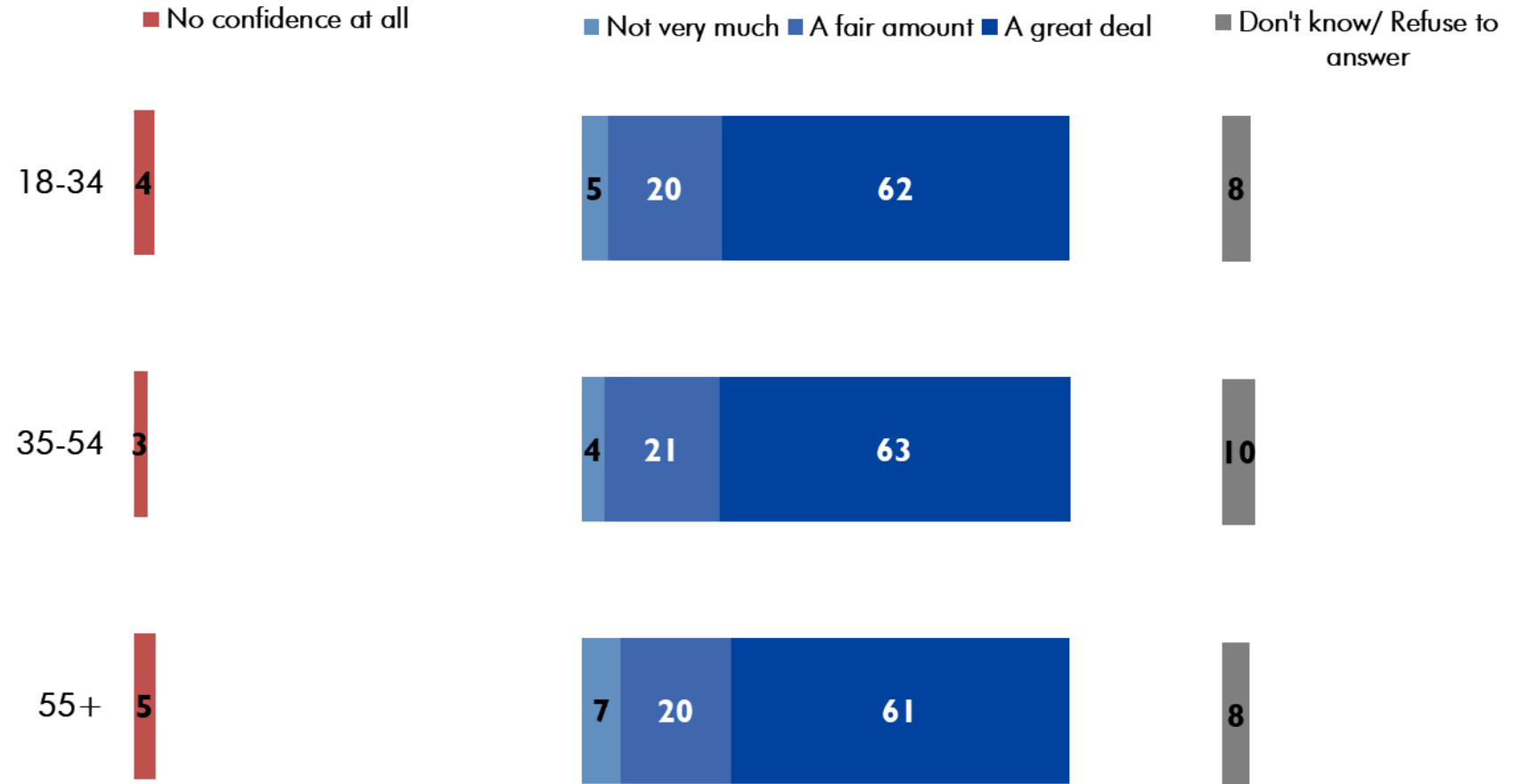
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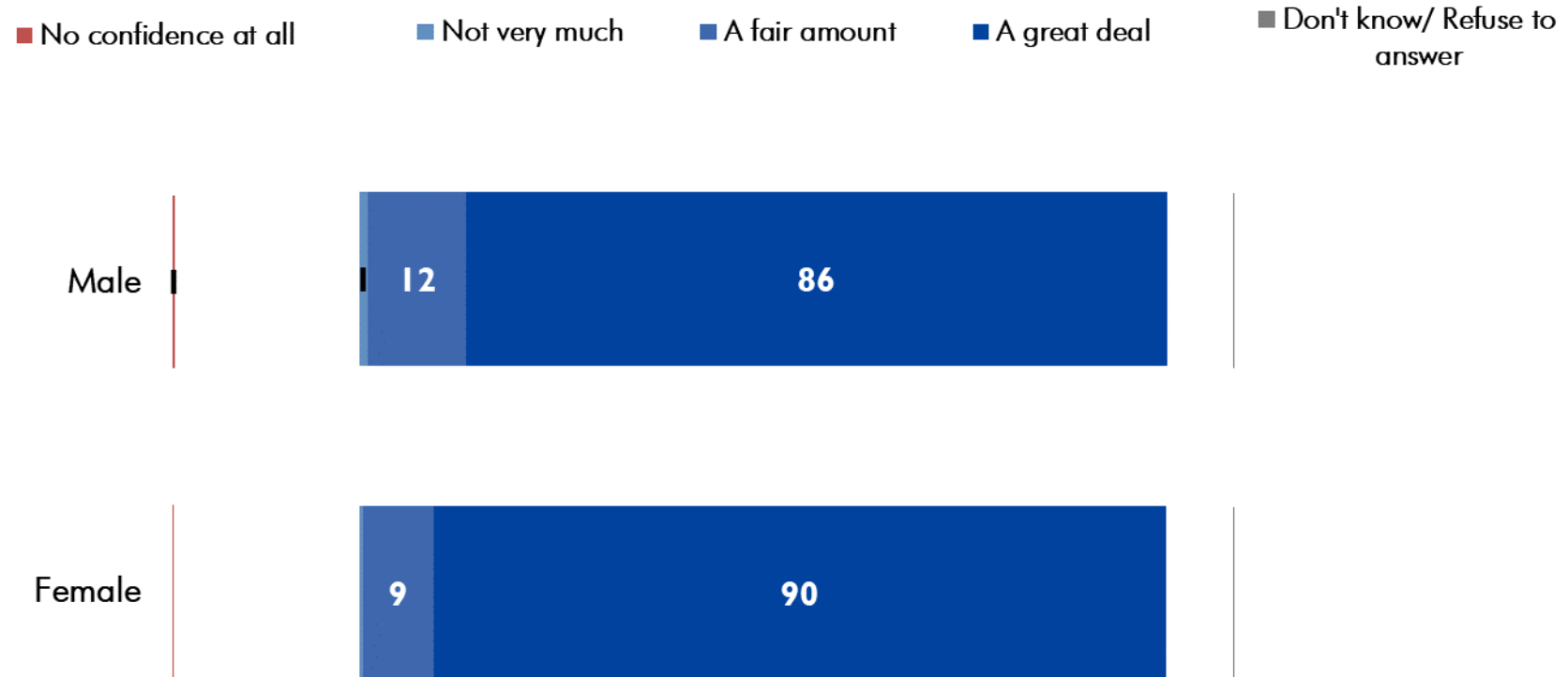


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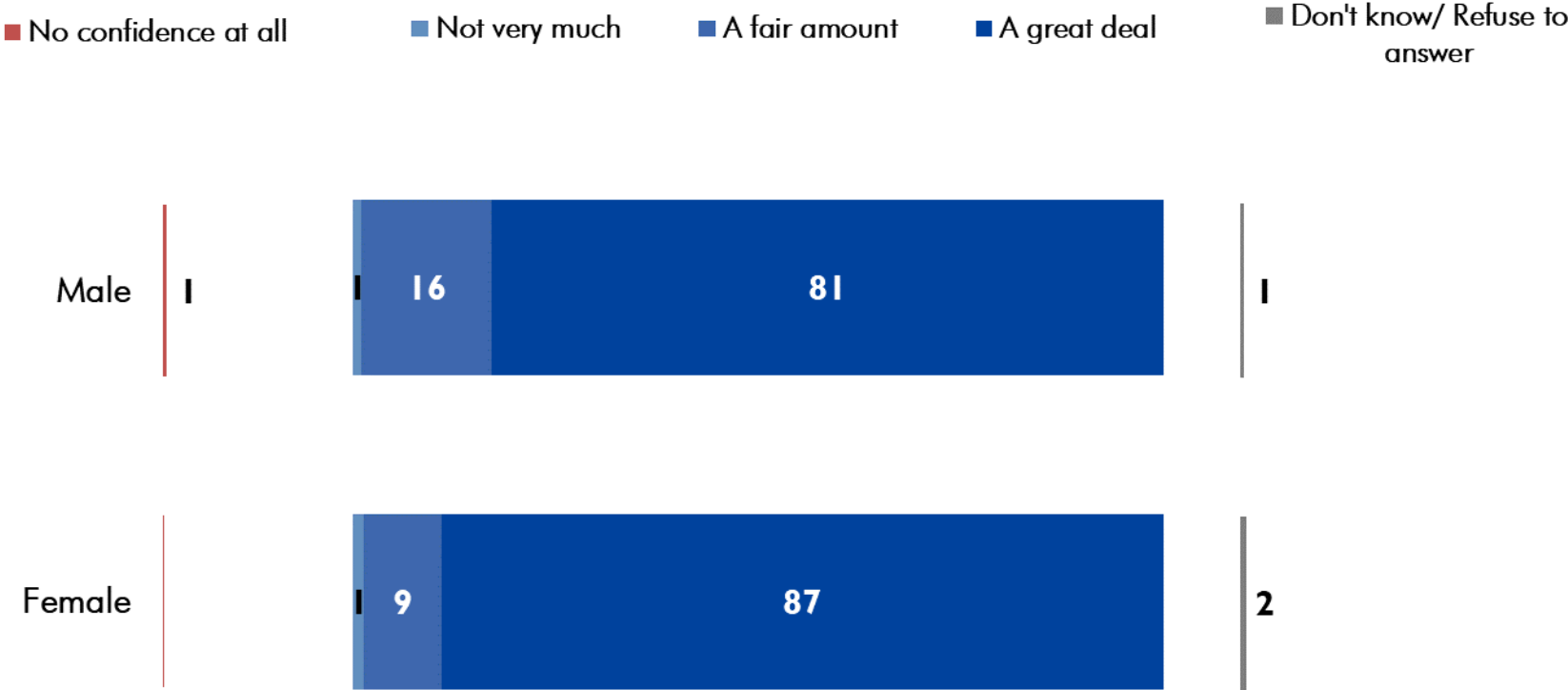
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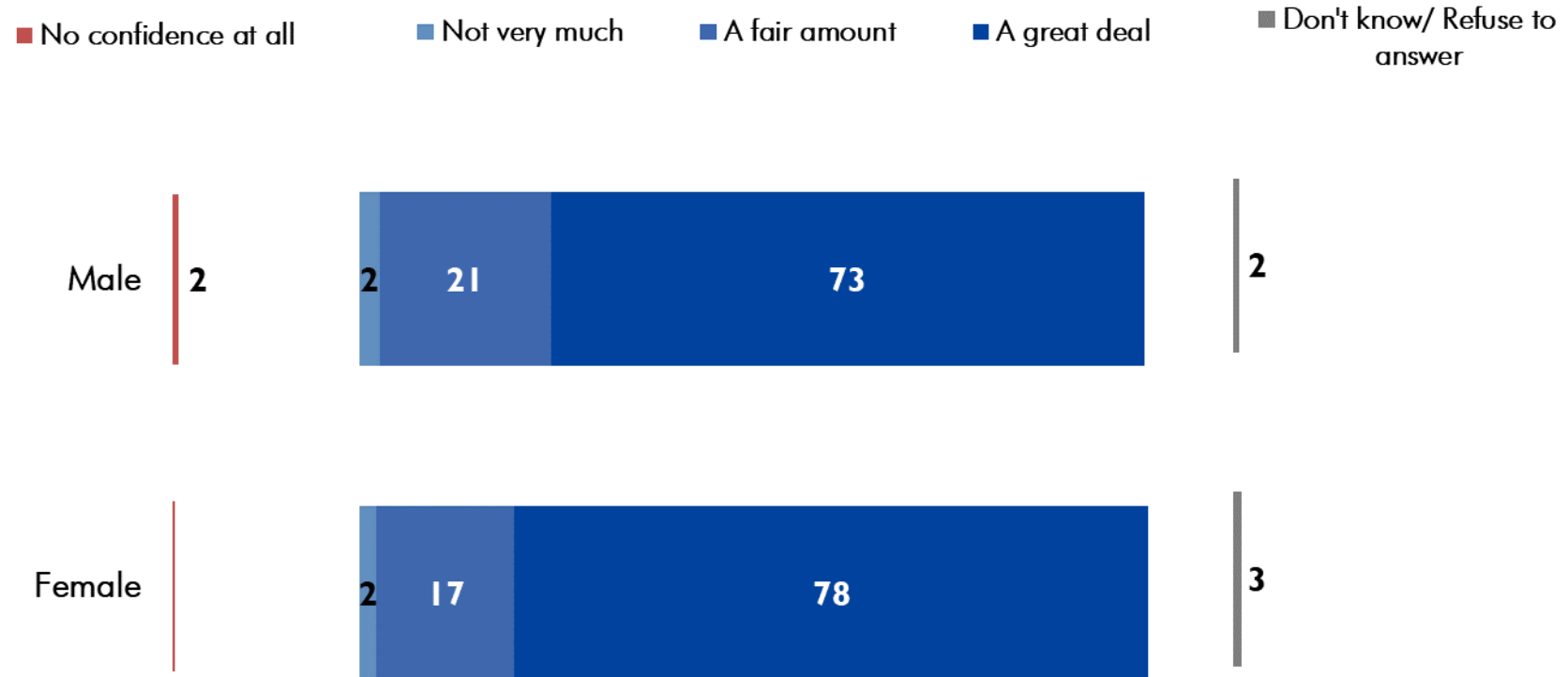
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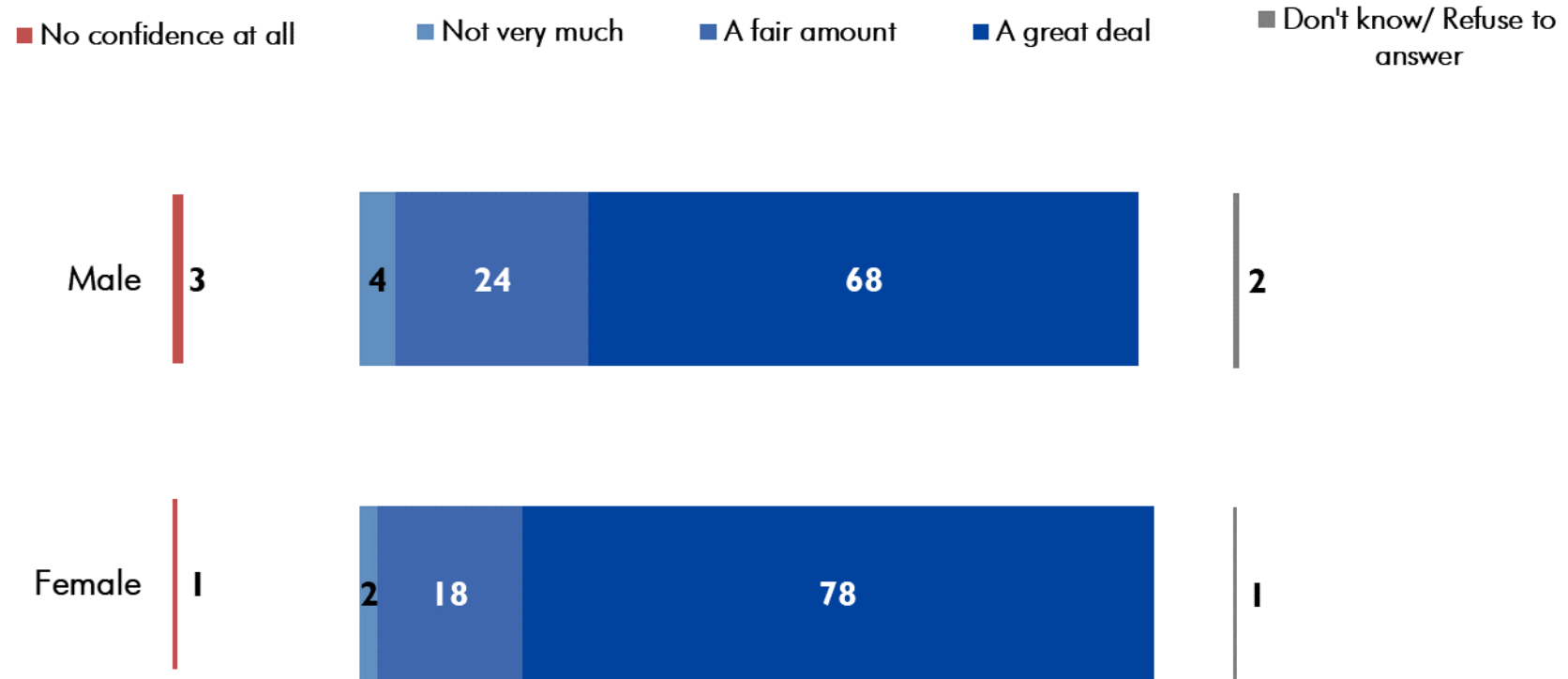
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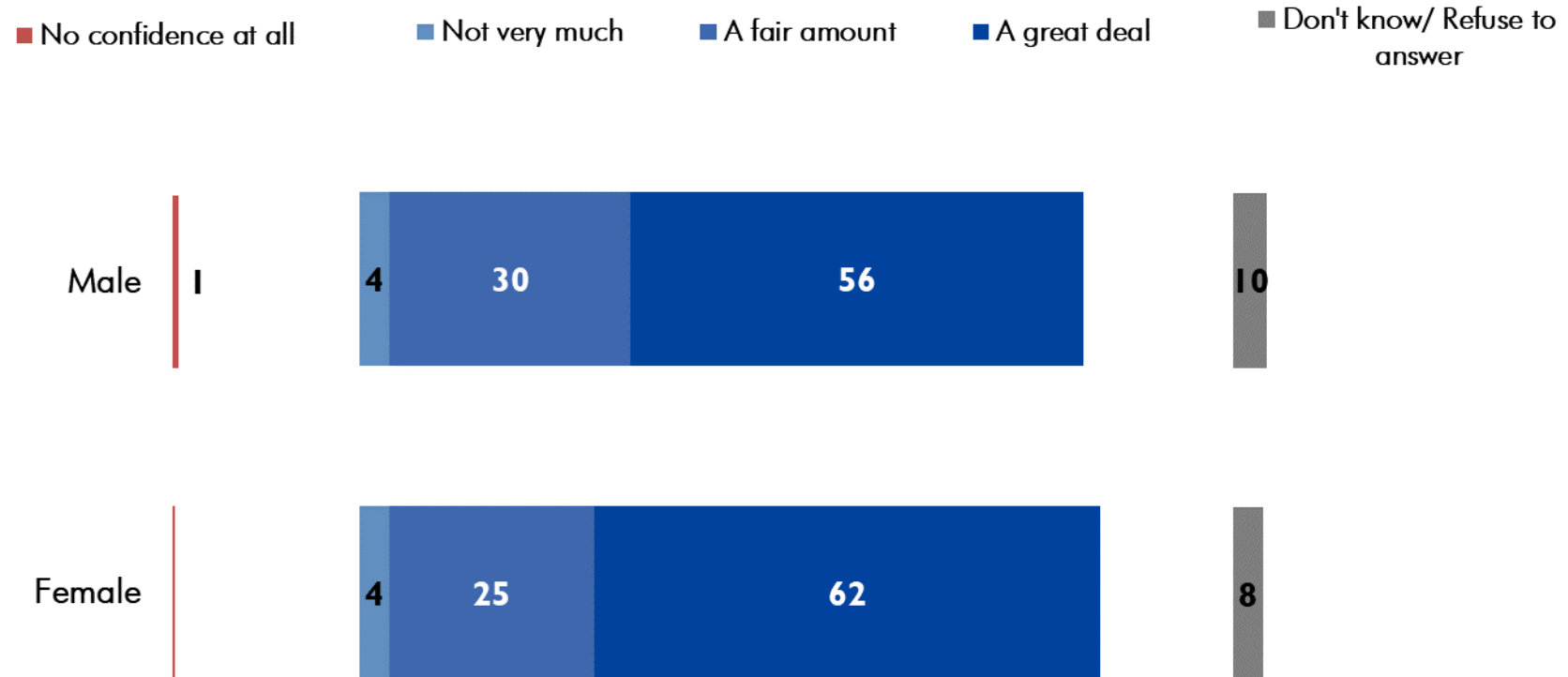
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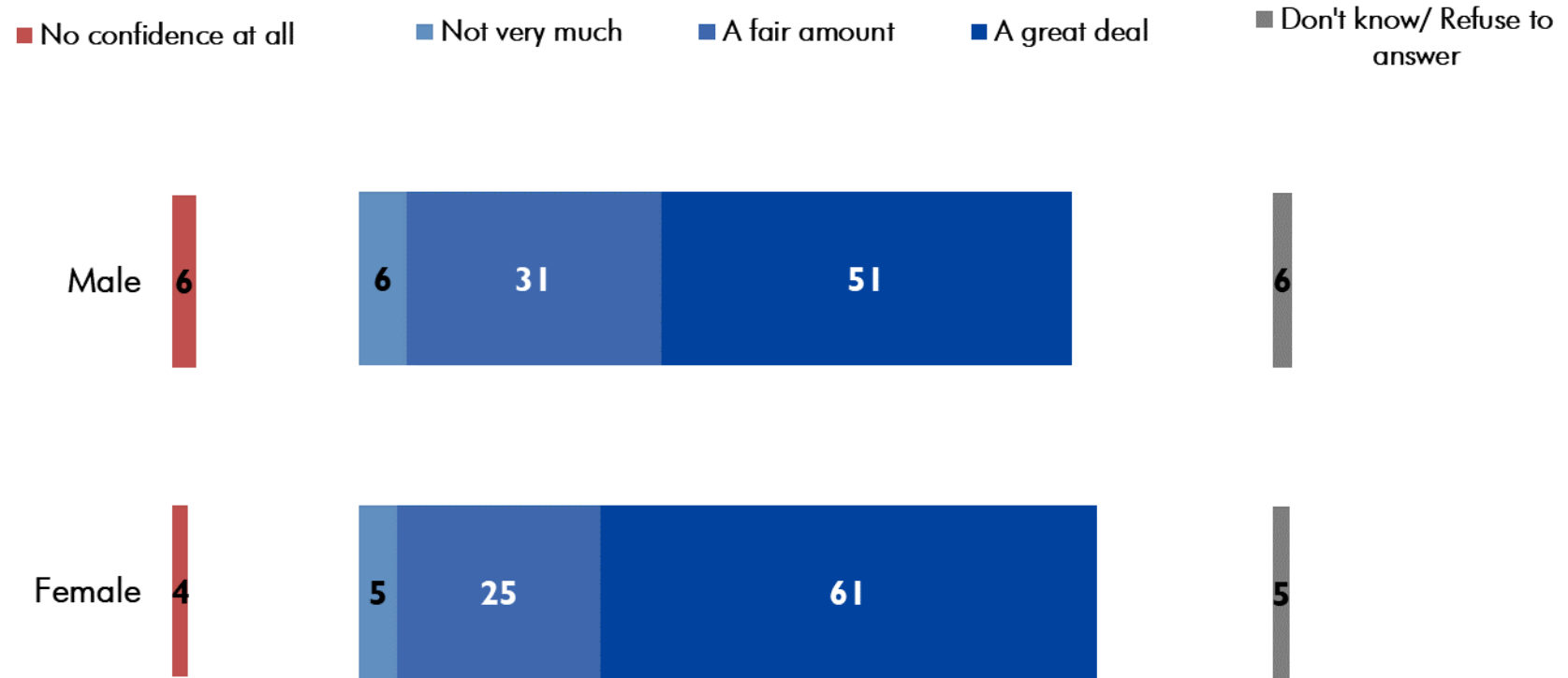
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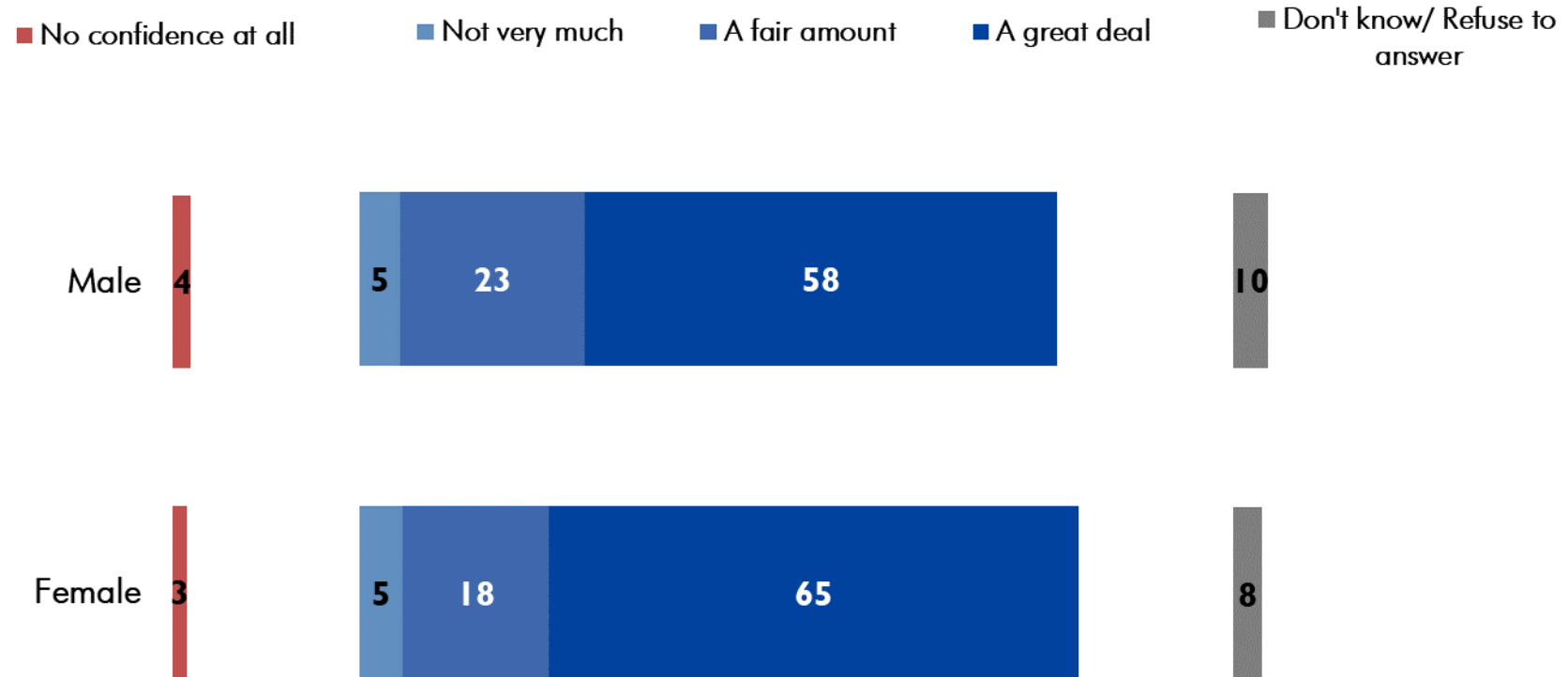
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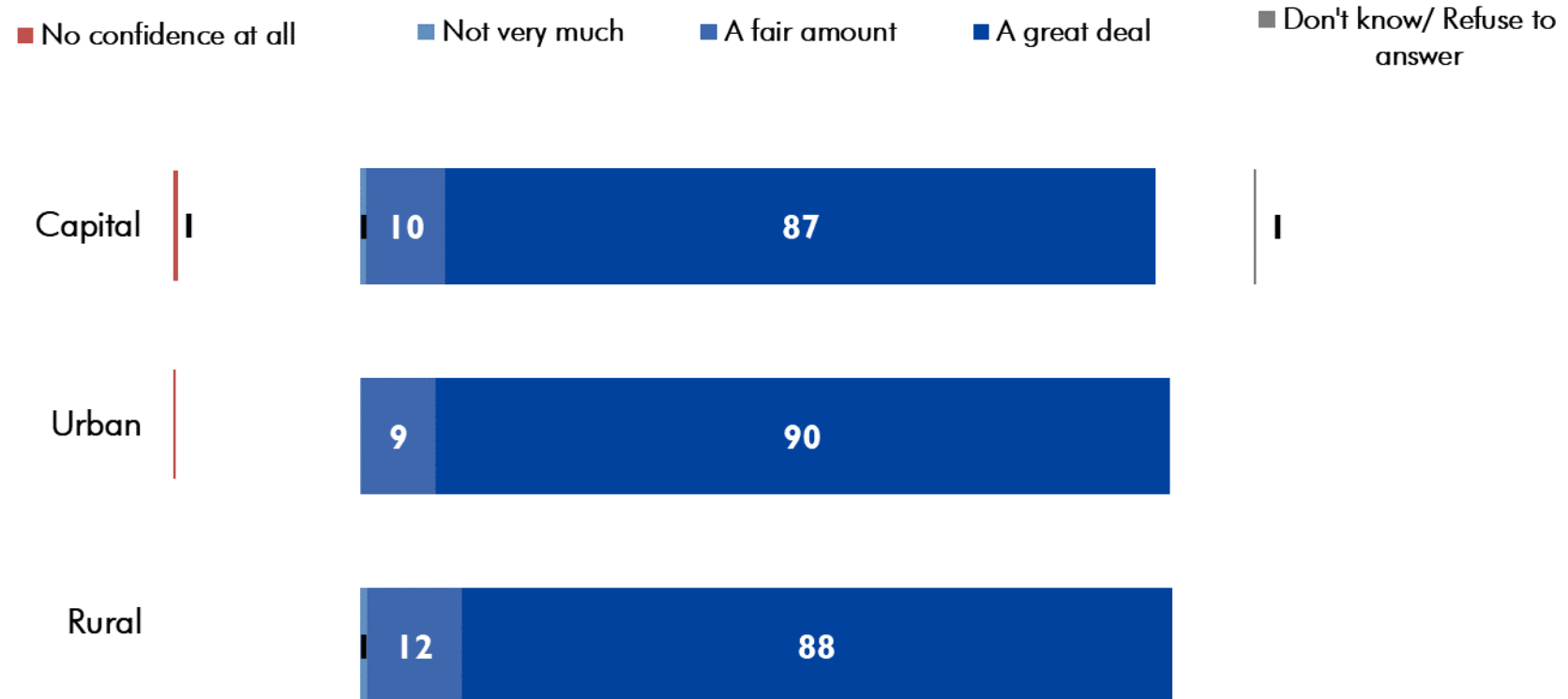
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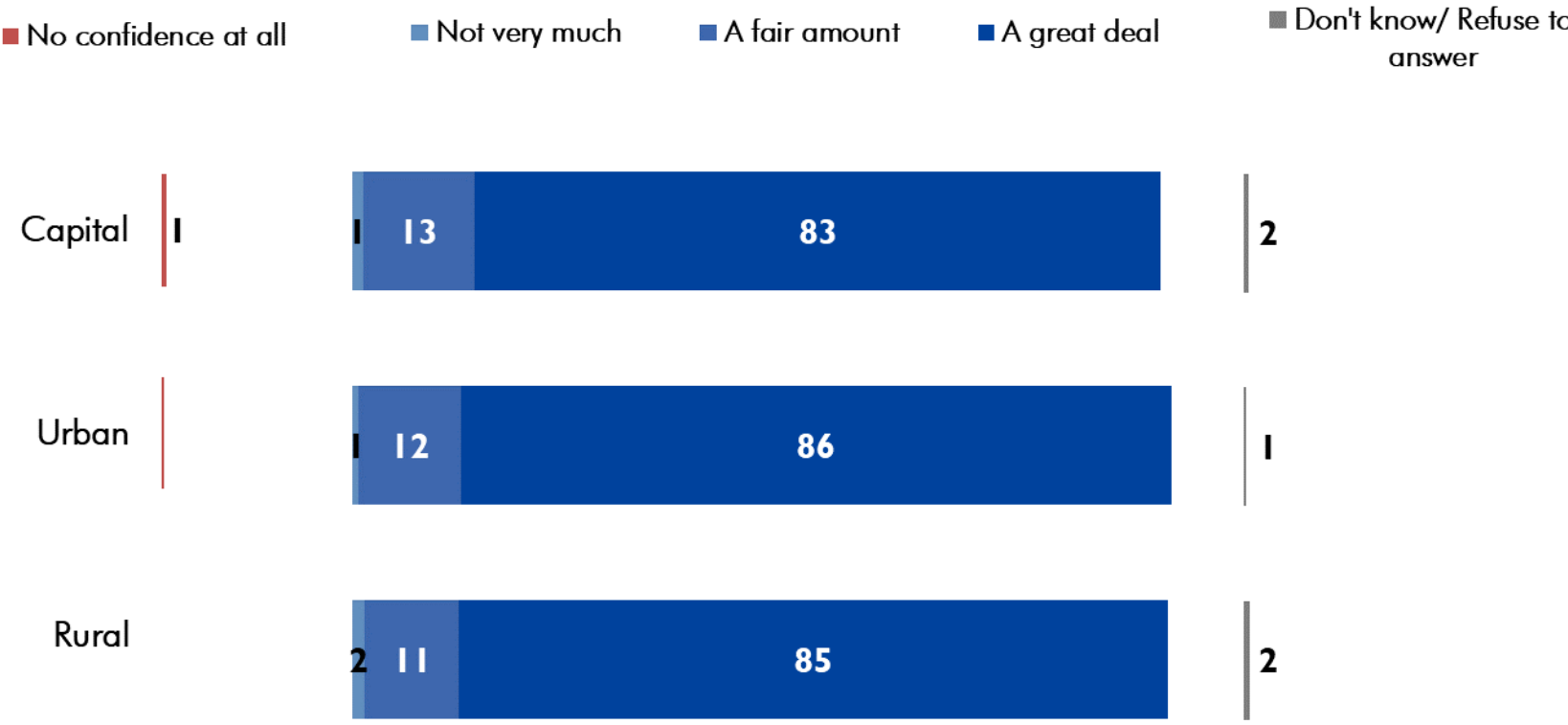
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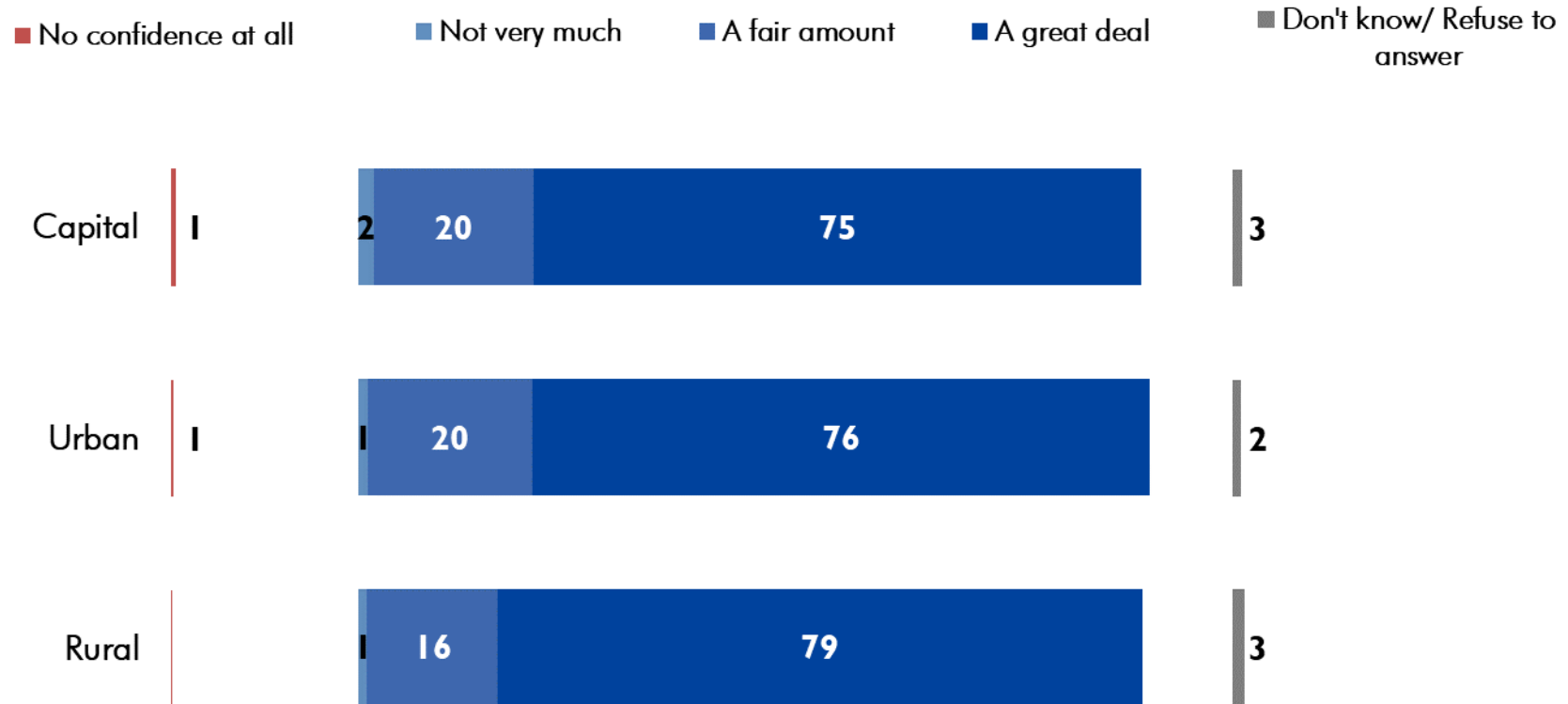
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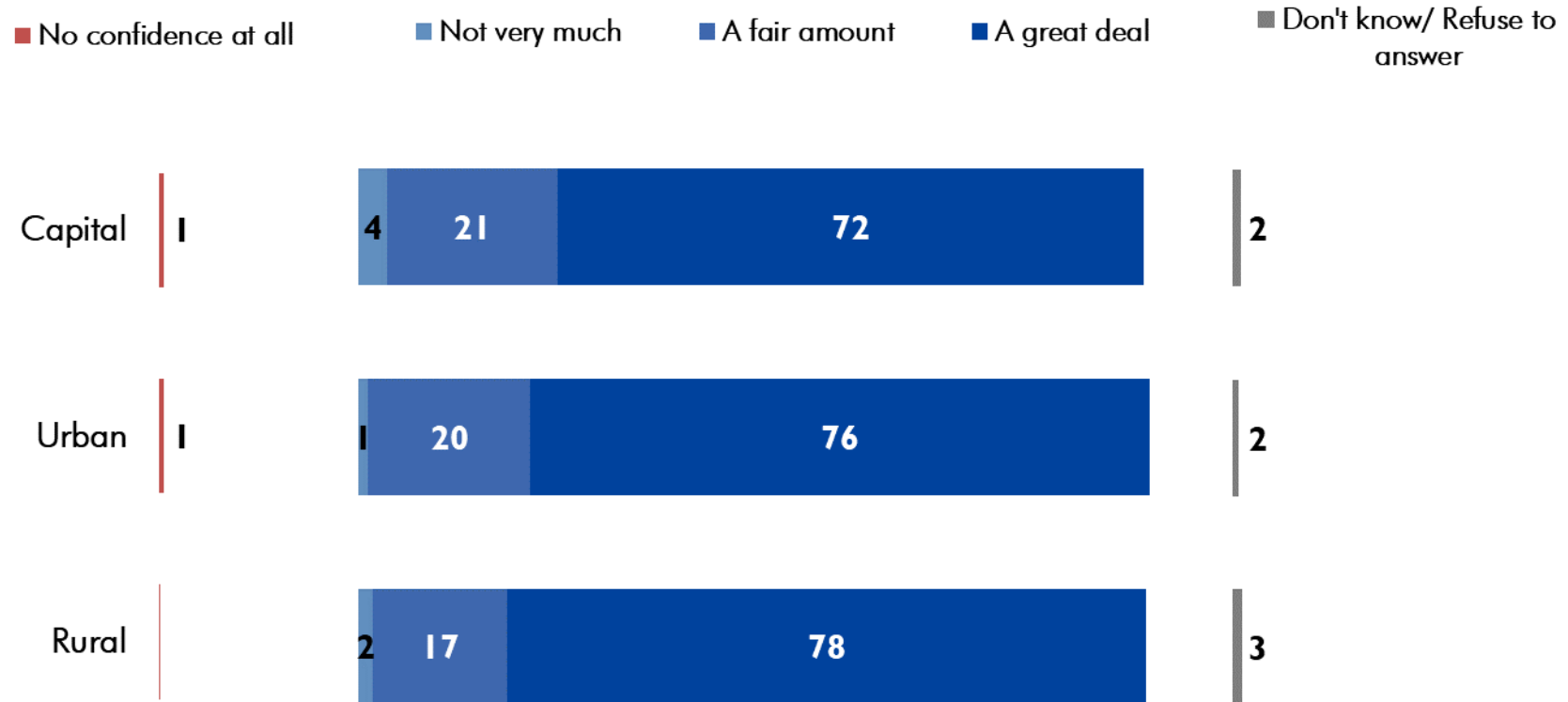




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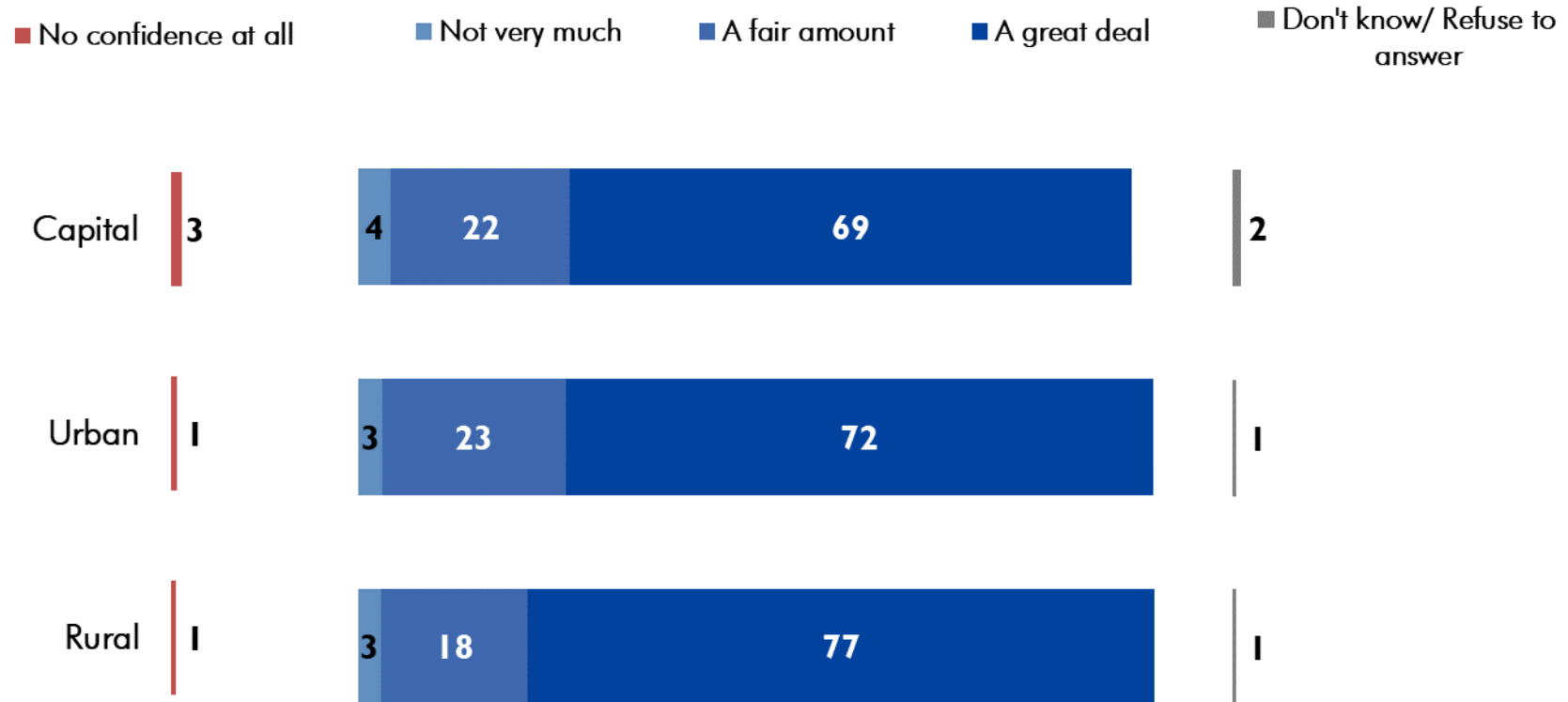
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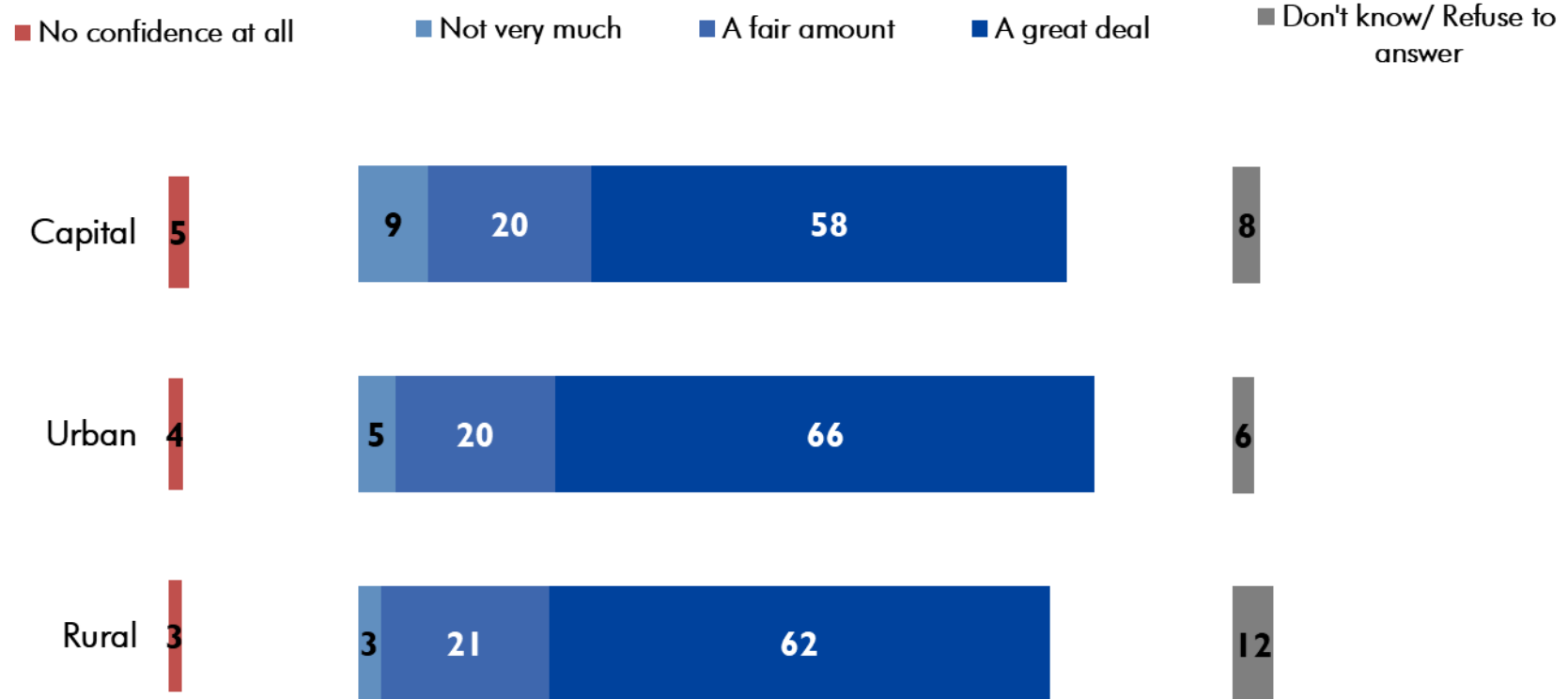
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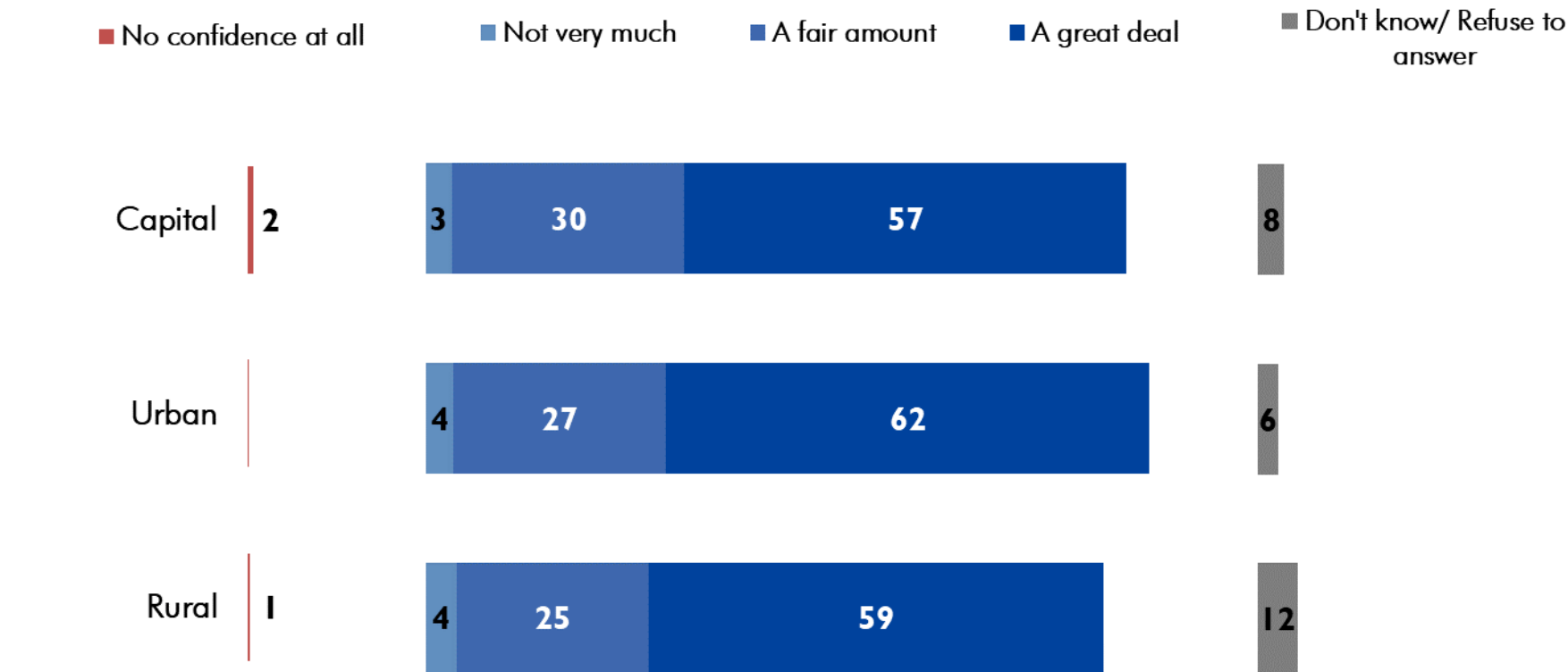
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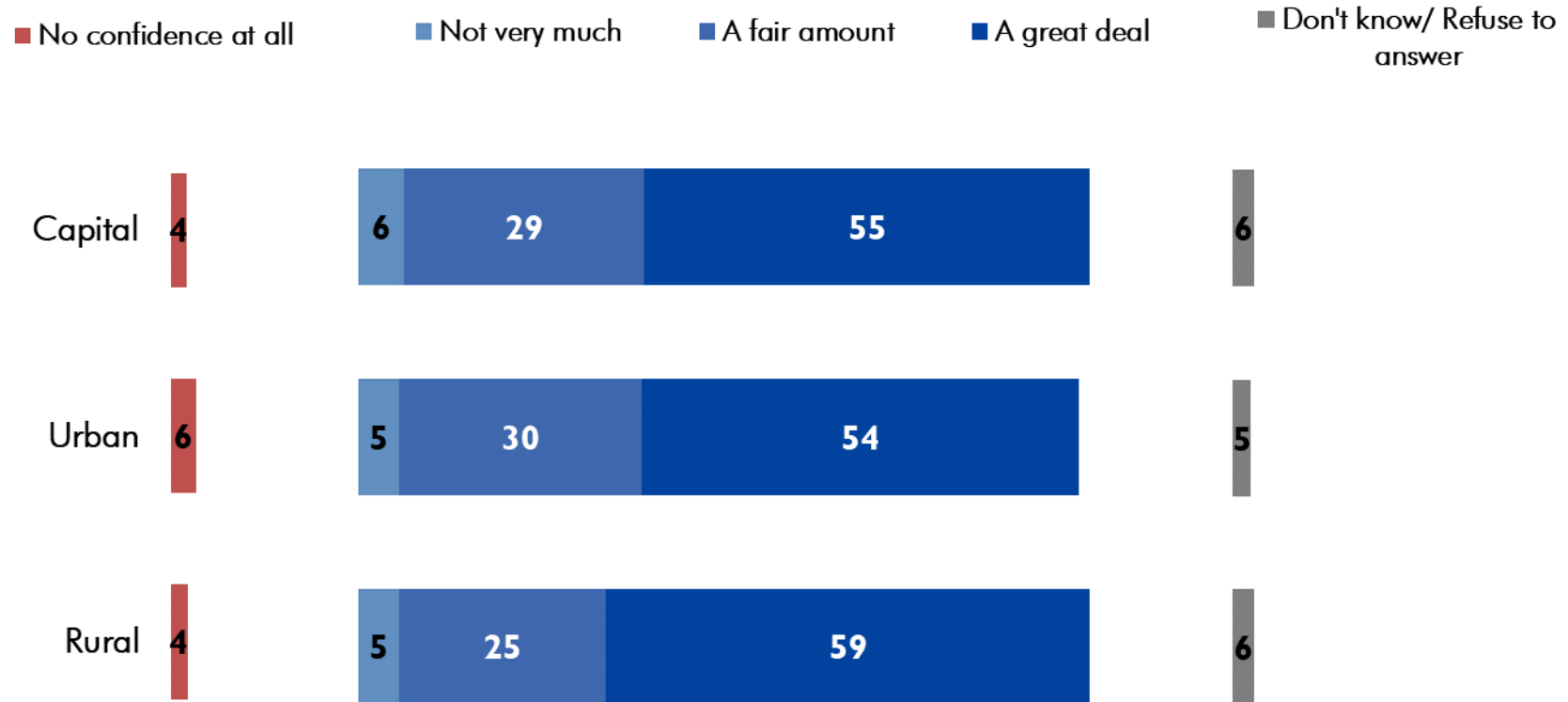


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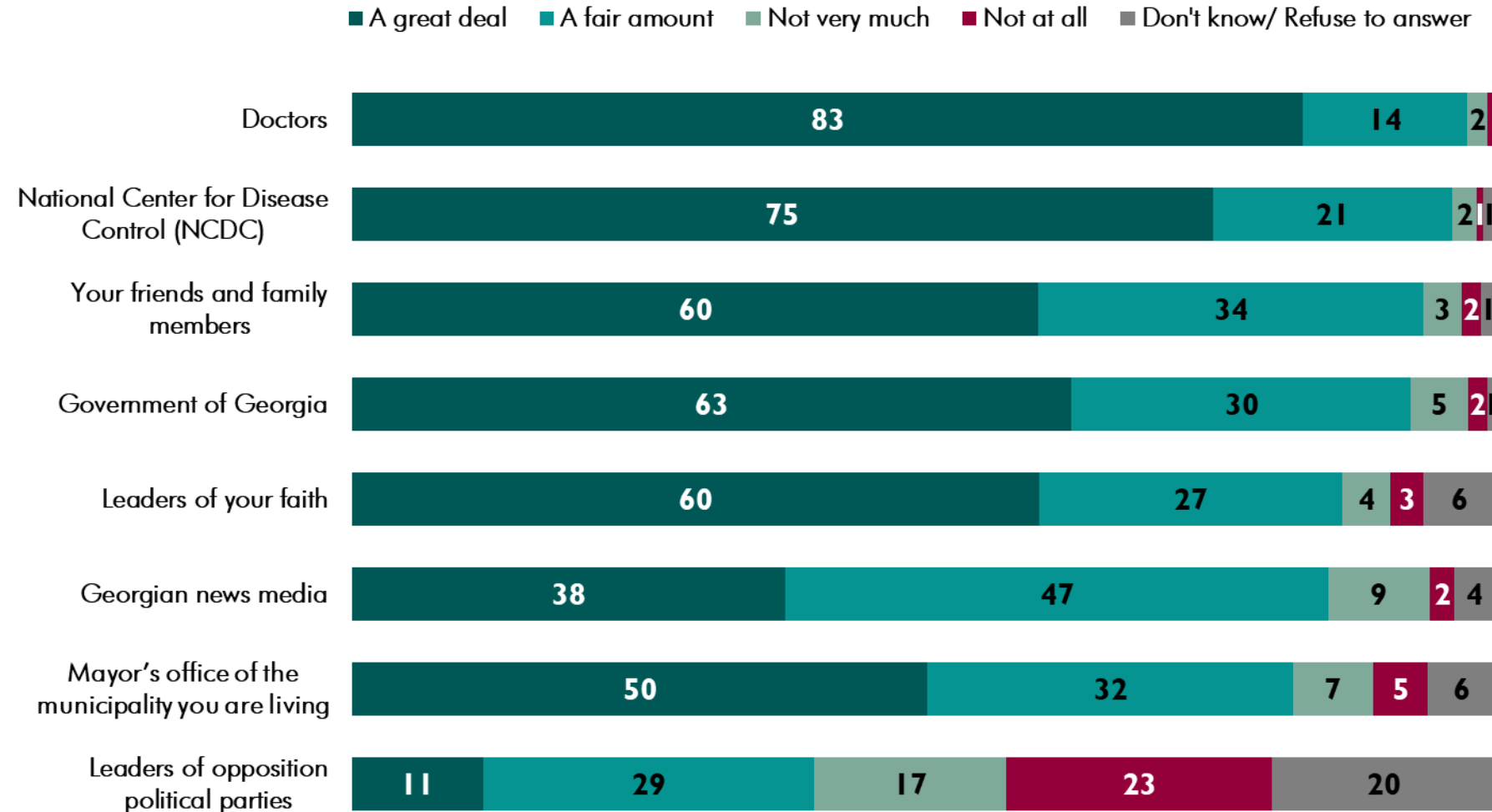
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Respondents trust the information received from doctors and NCDC the most. Information from oppositional politicians is trusted the least



## How much do you trust the information you hear about coronavirus from - Doctors

The question was asked to those respondents (99%) who have heard of Corona virus By age

■ Do not trust at all   ■ Trust a little   ■ Trust a fair amount   ■ Trust very much   ■ Don't know/Refuse to answer

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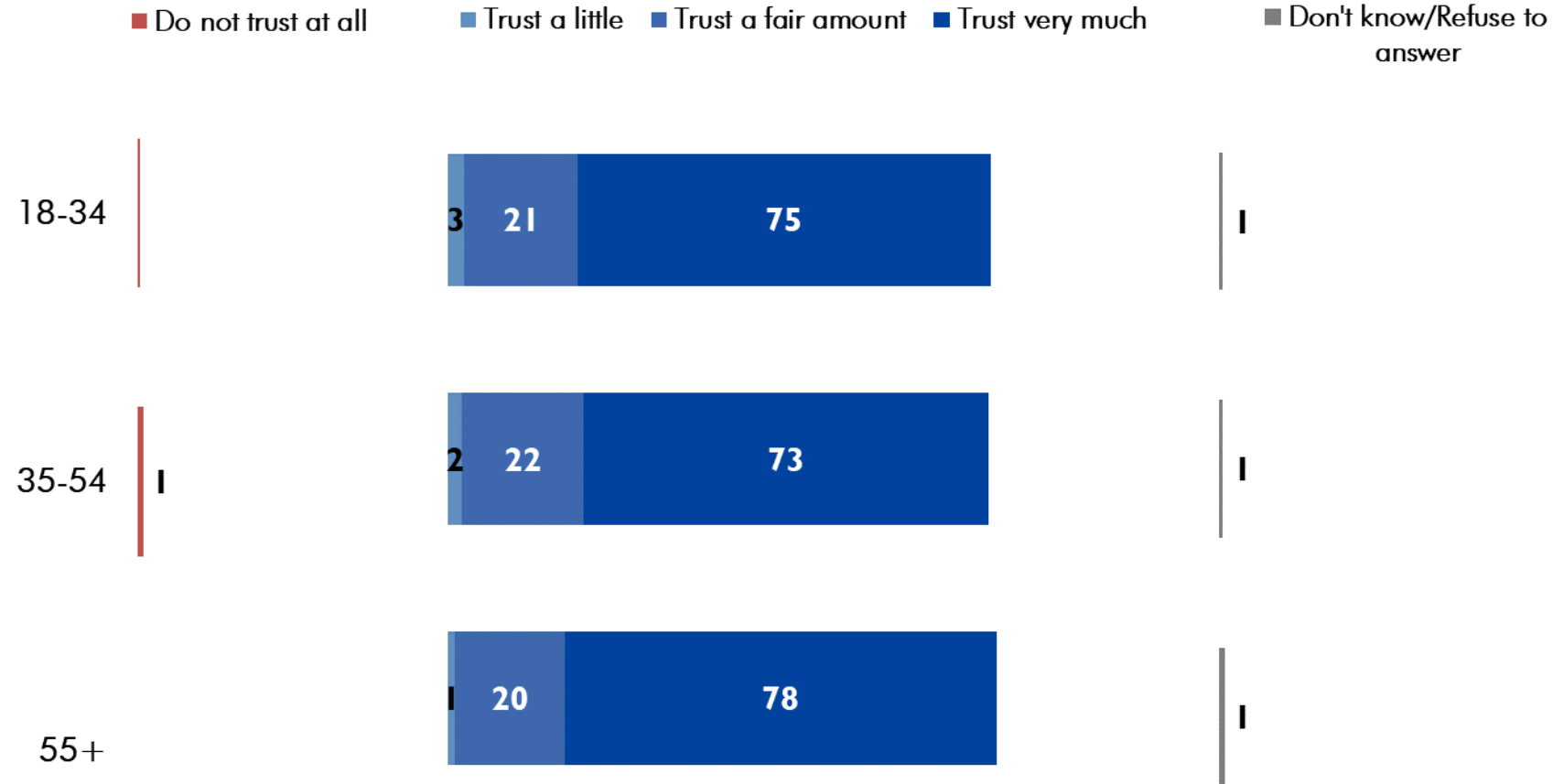
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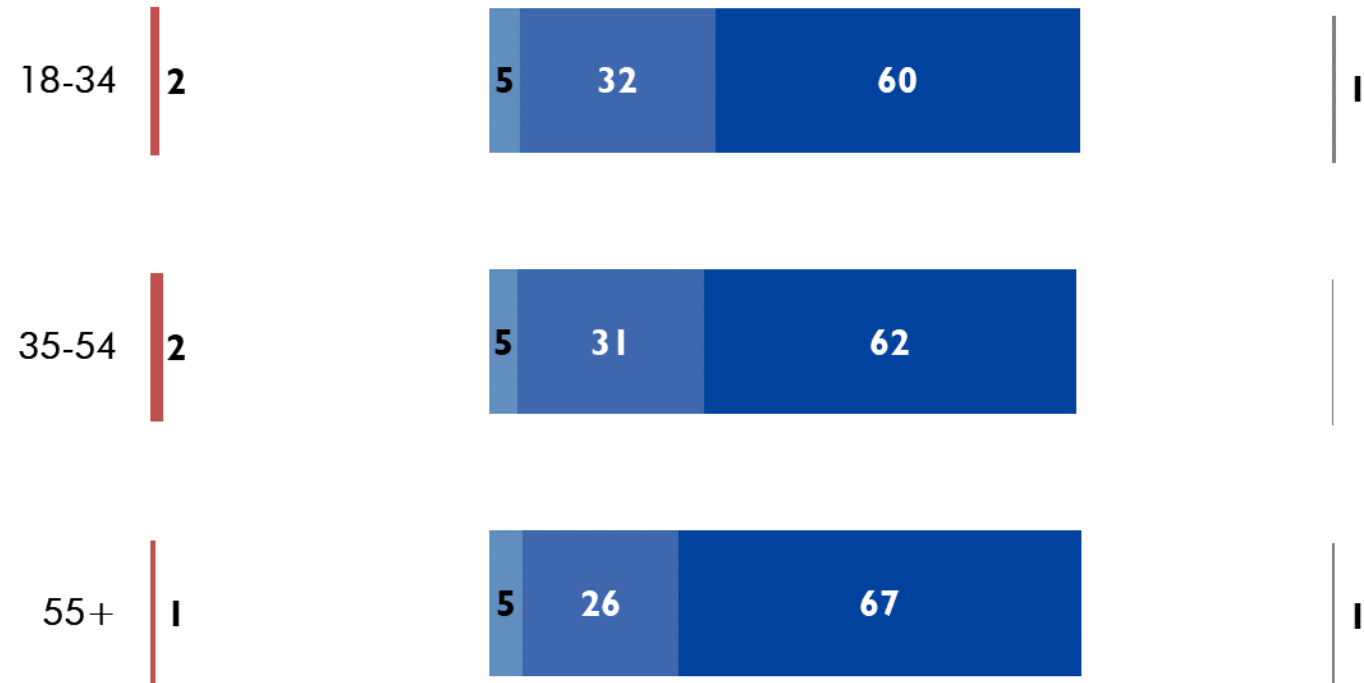


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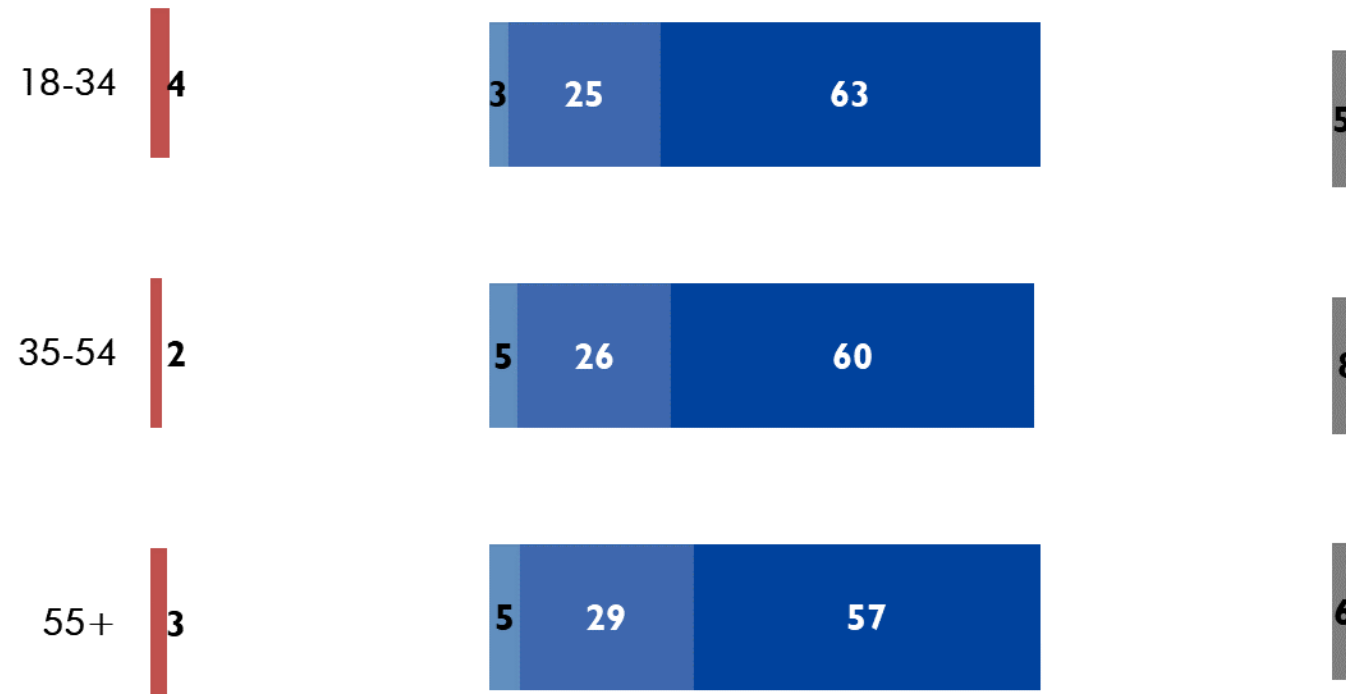
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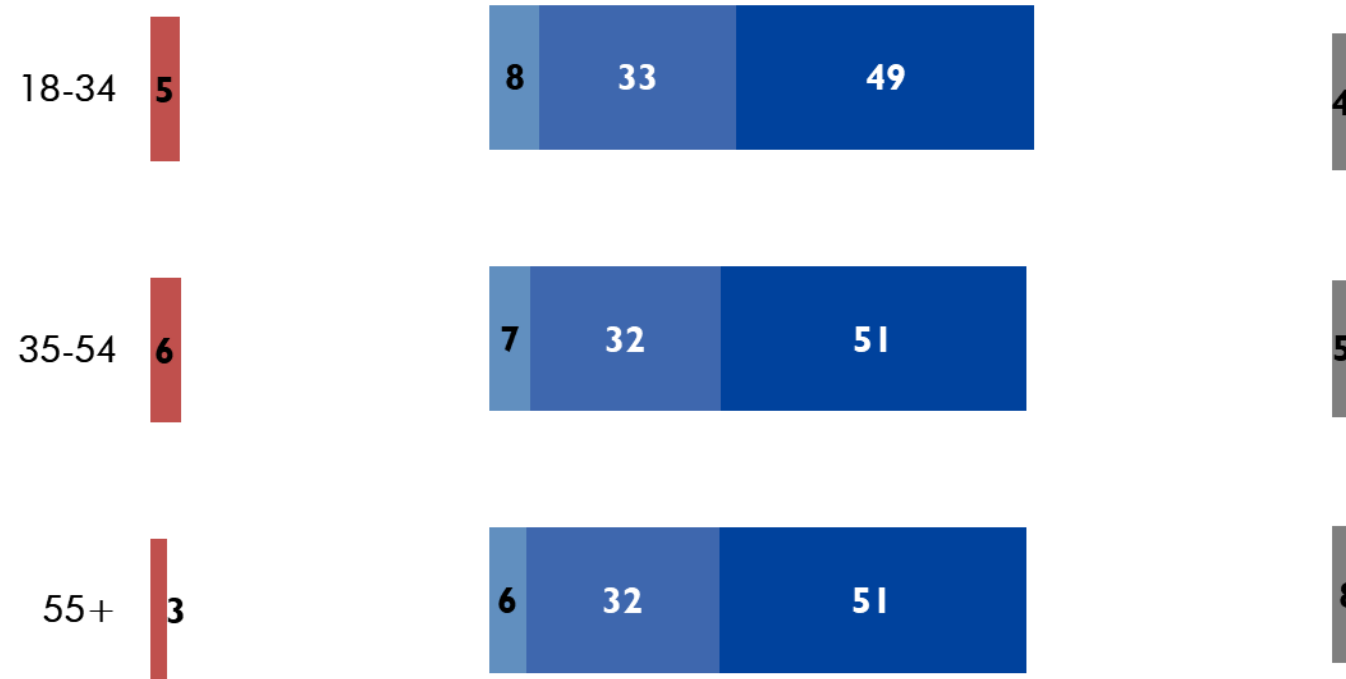


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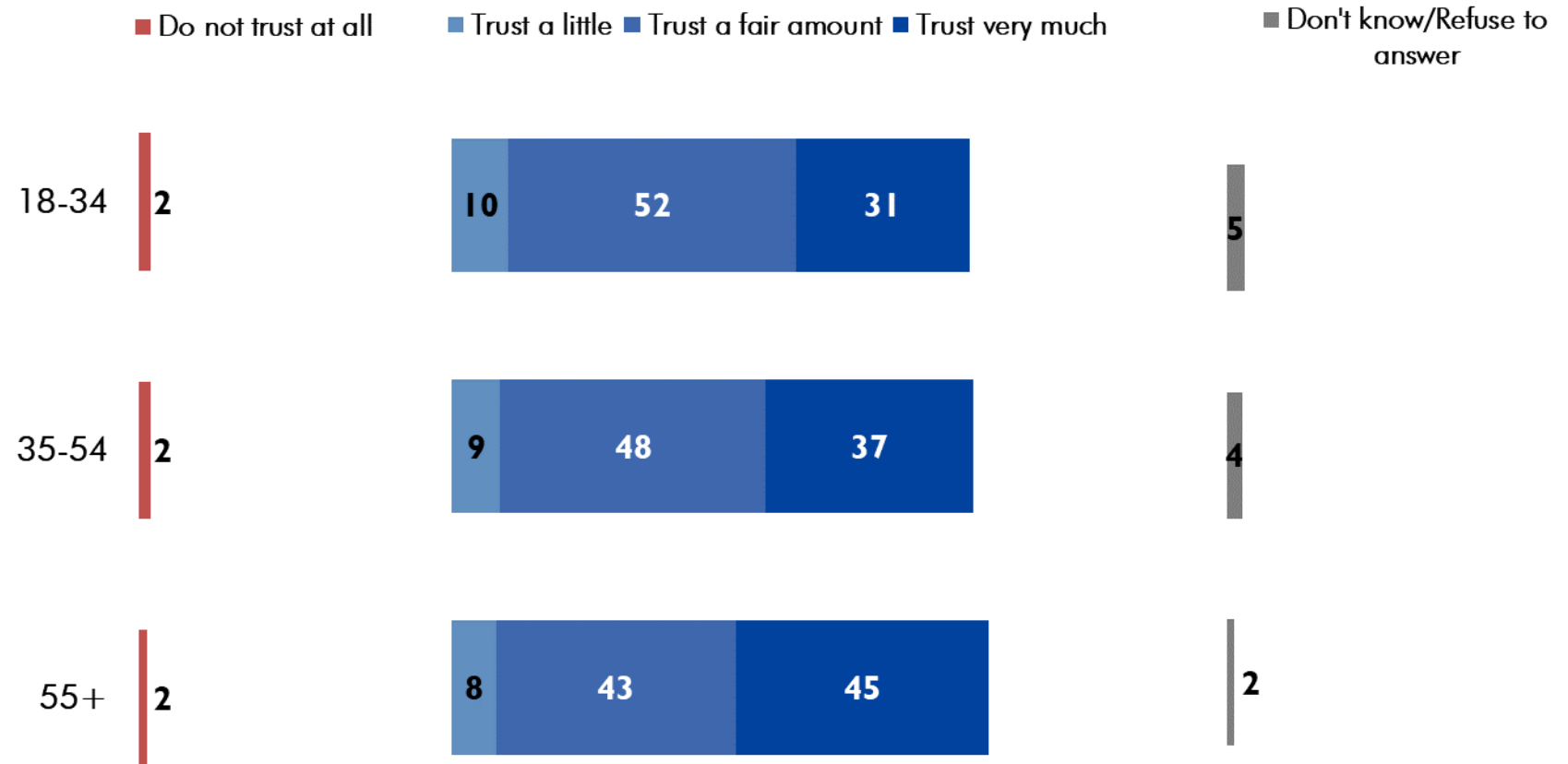


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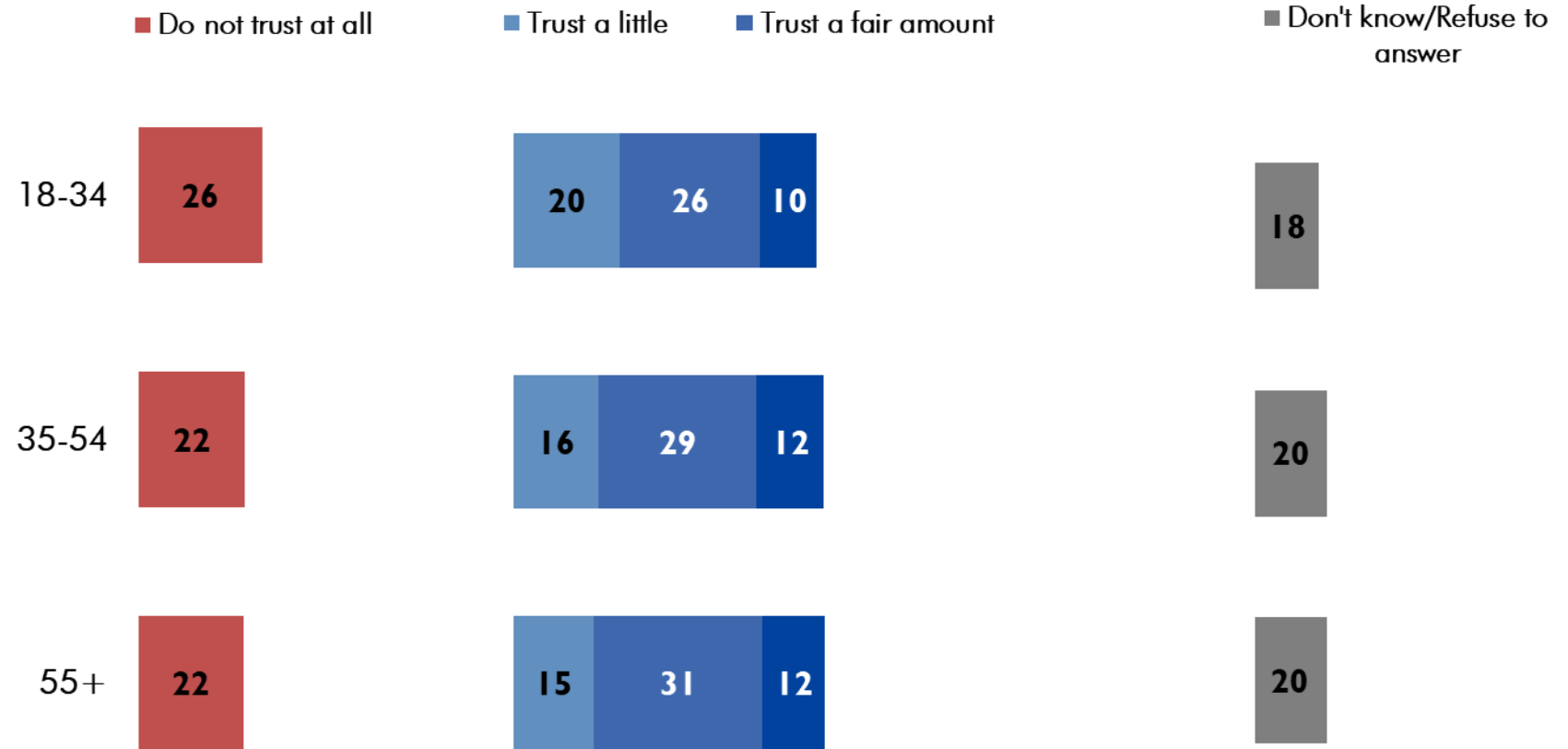
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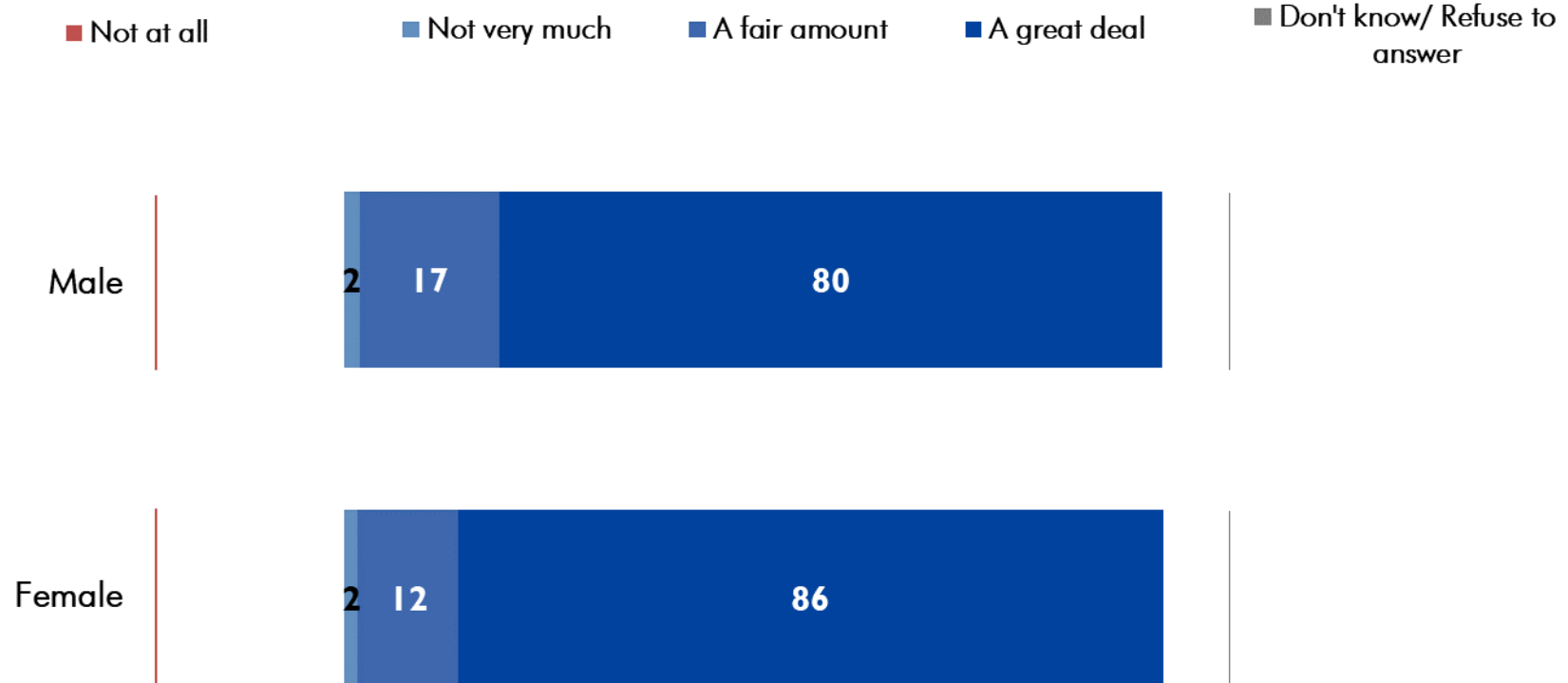
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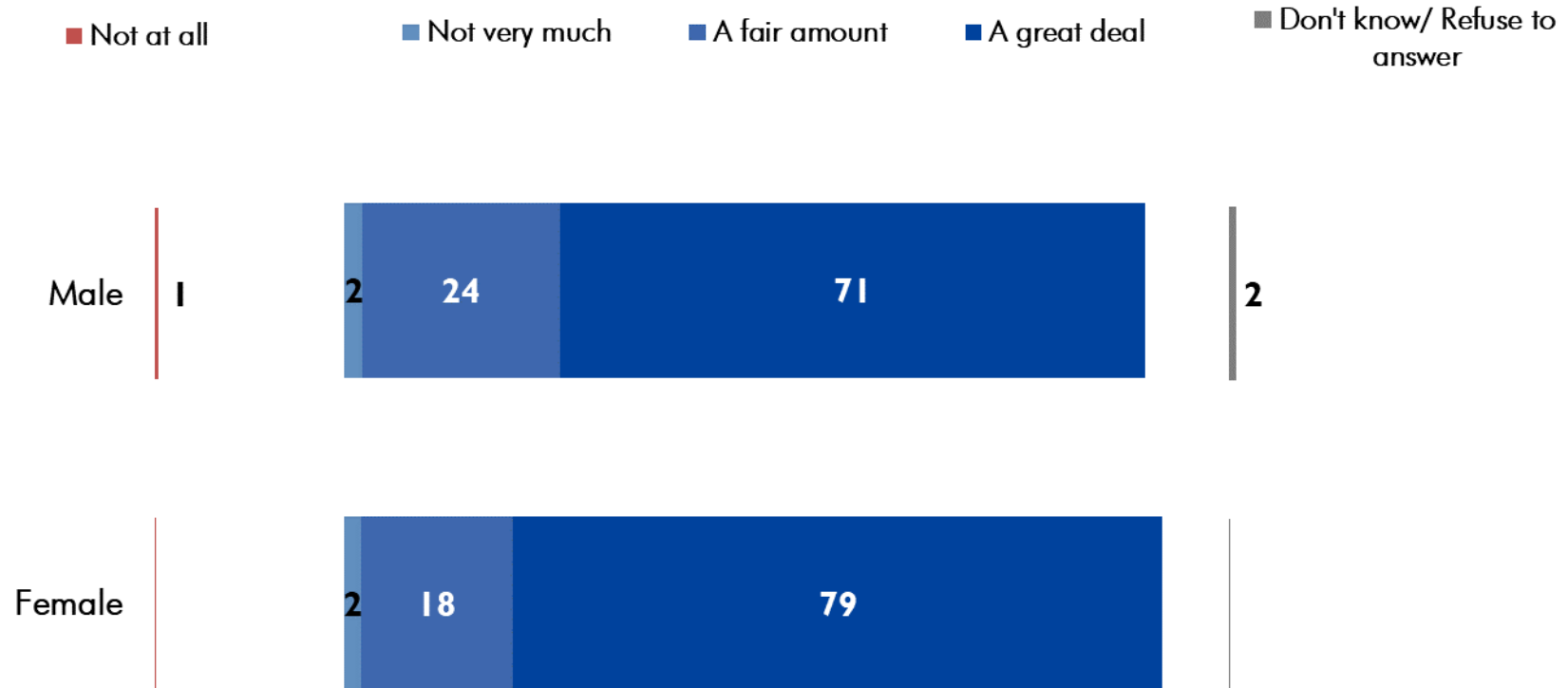
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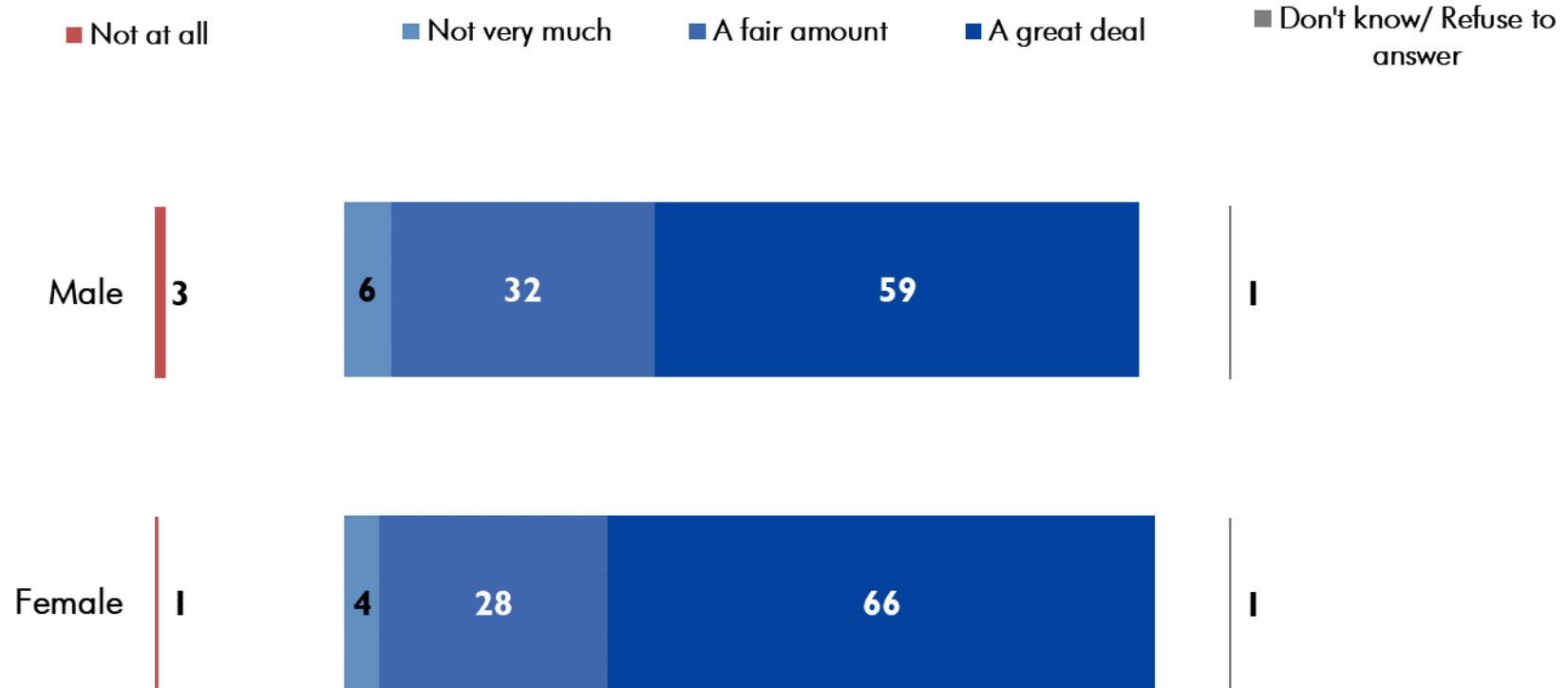


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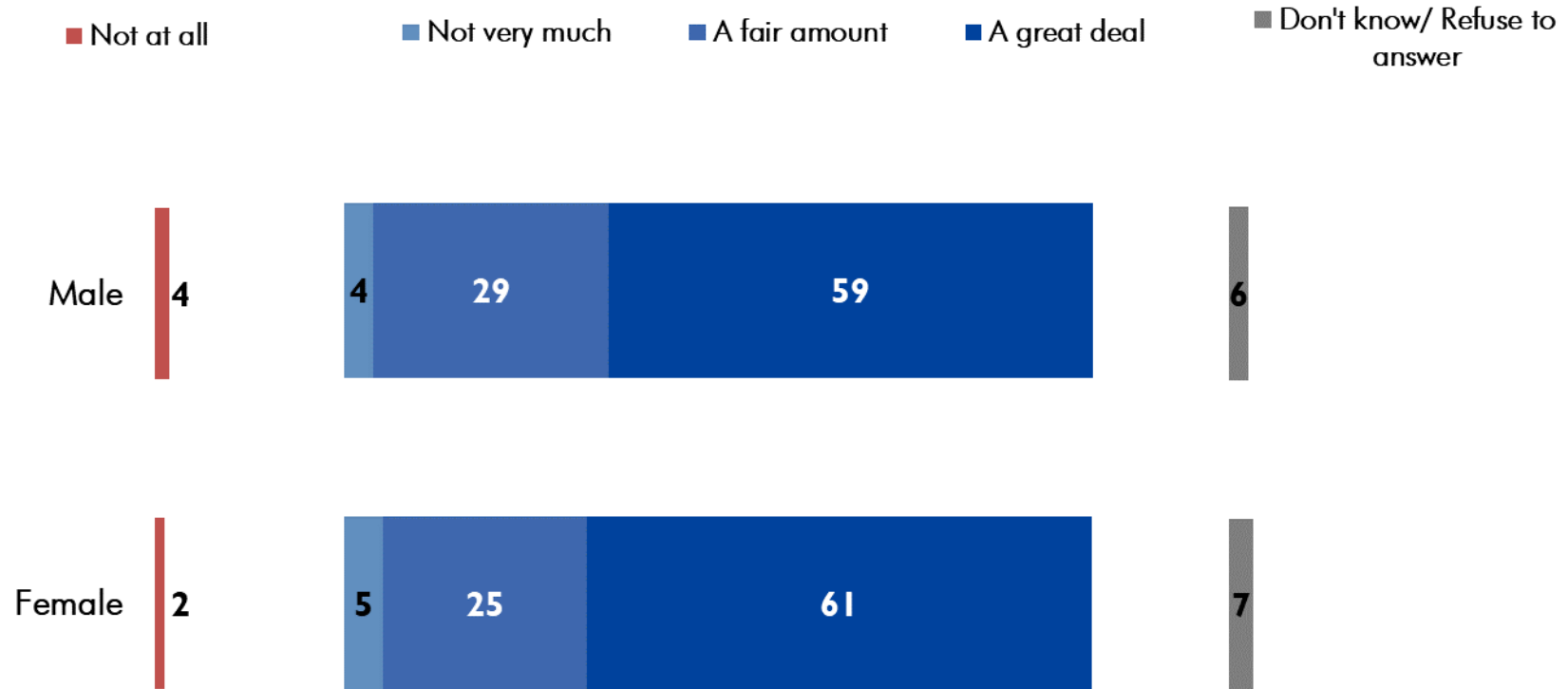


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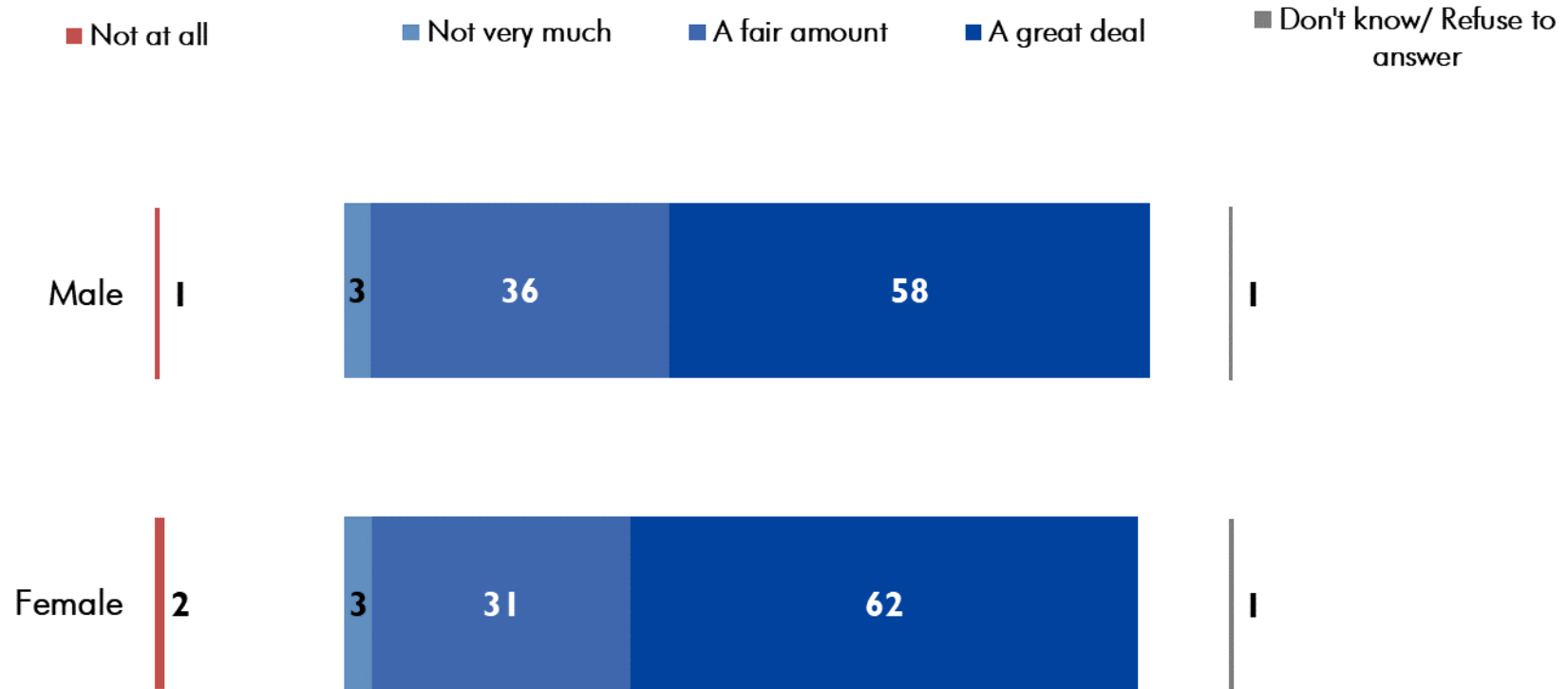


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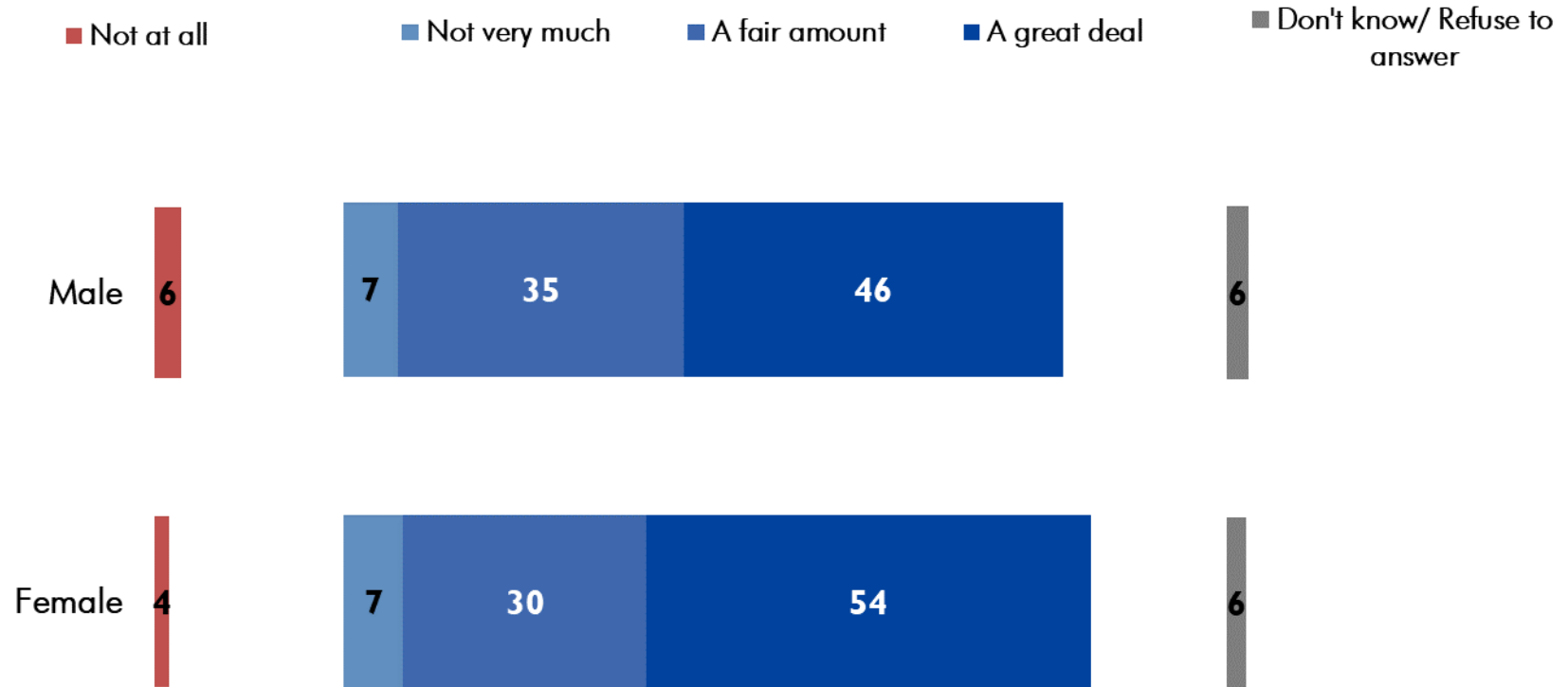


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By gender

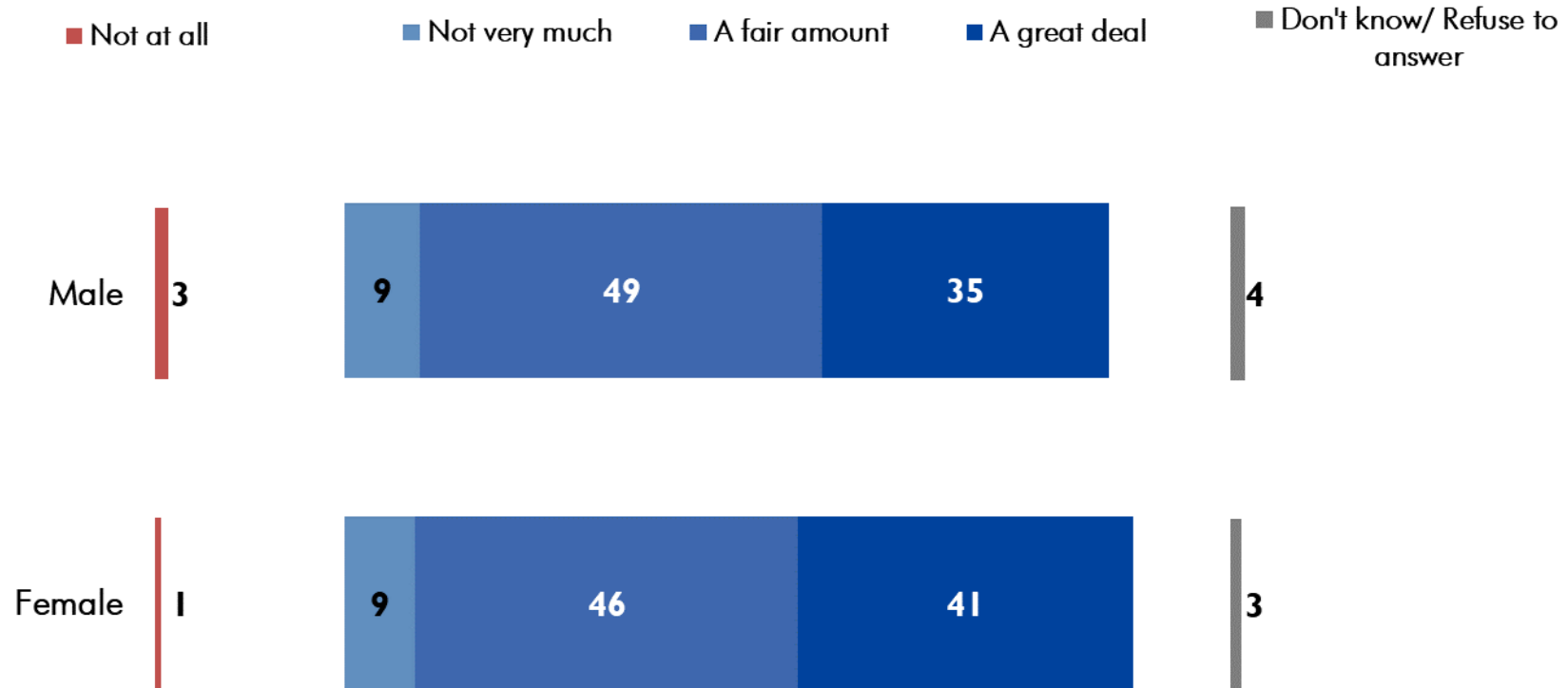


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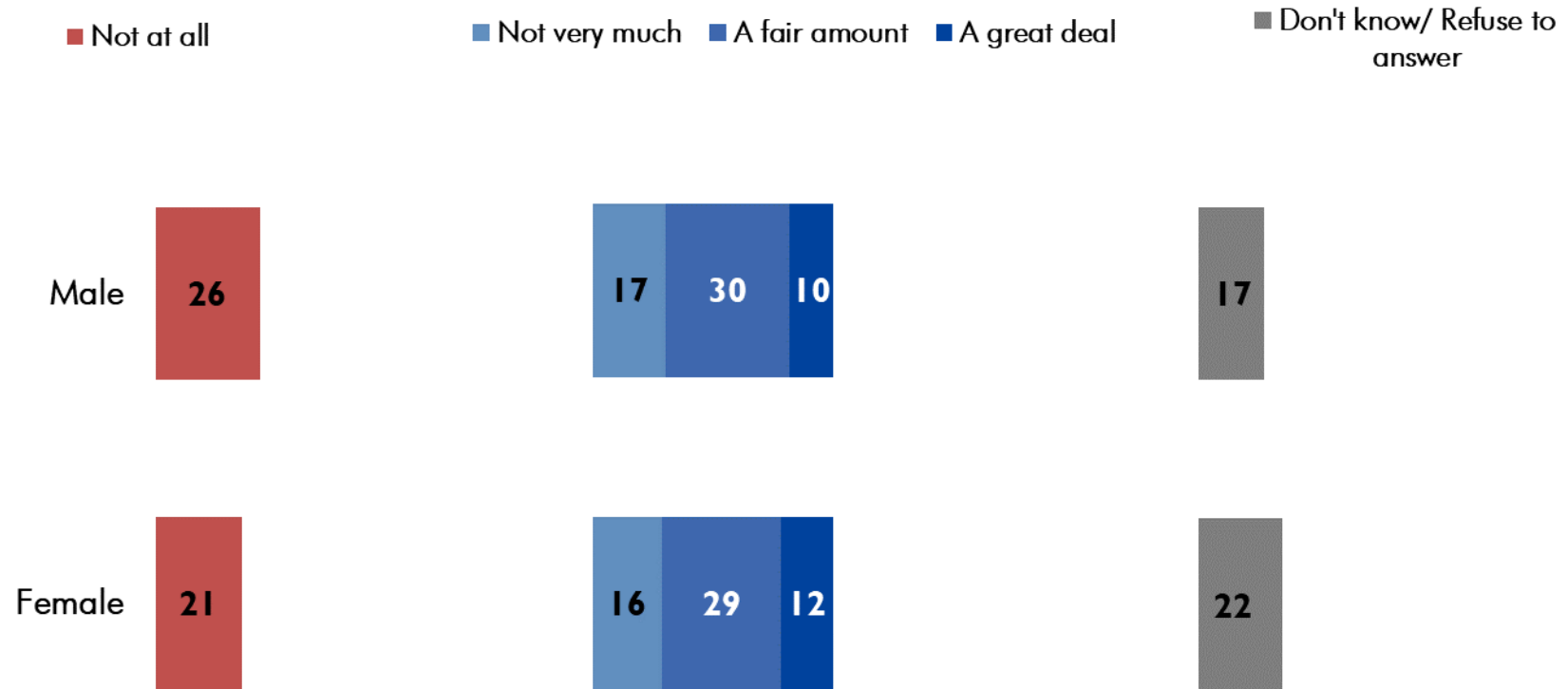


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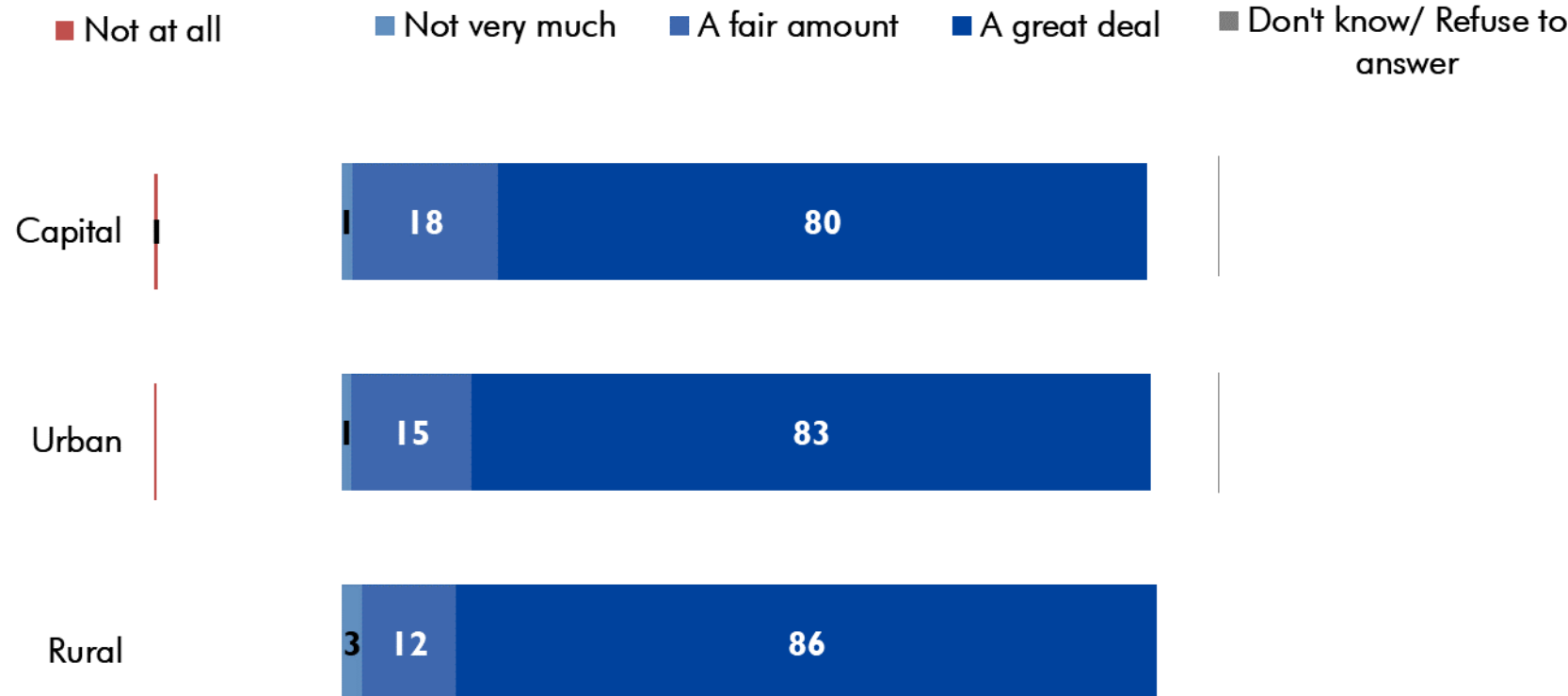
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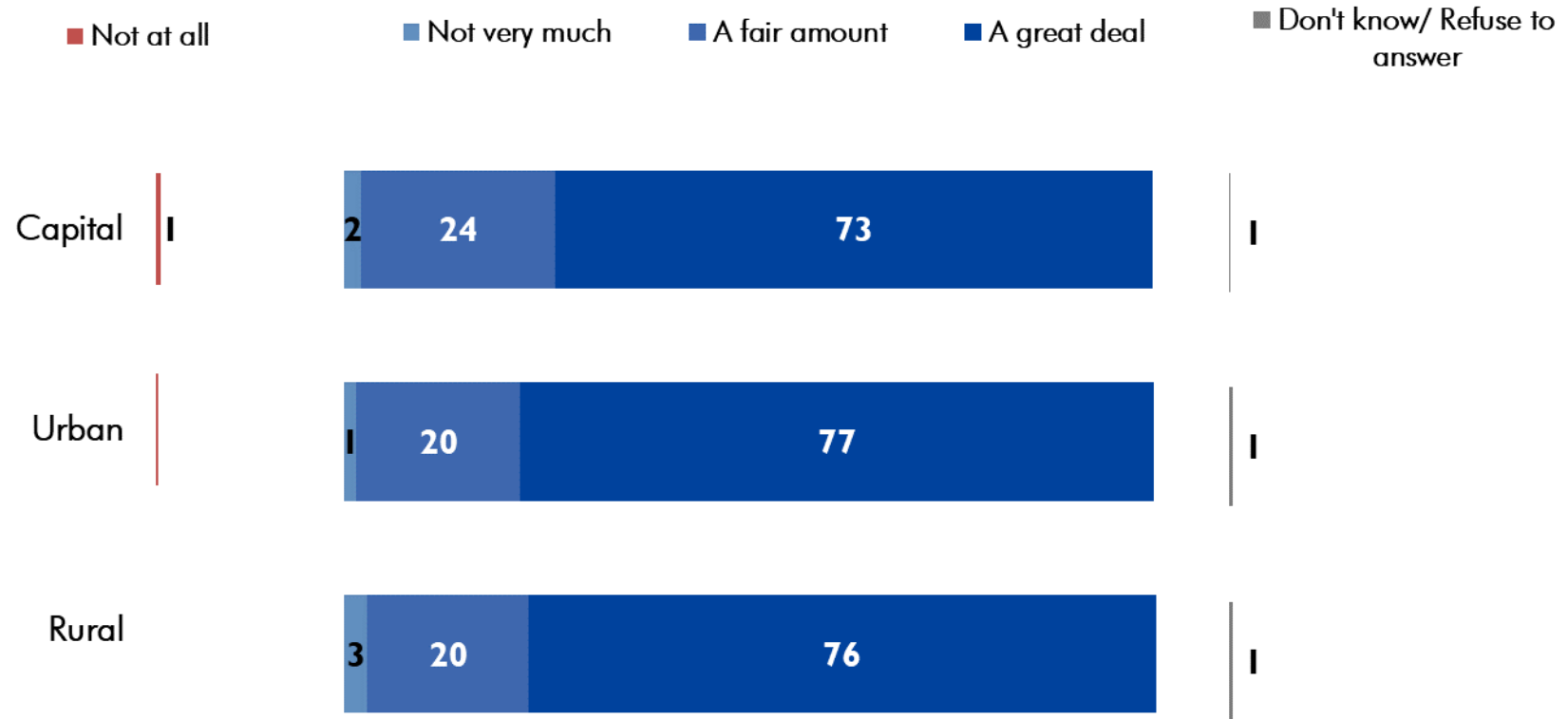
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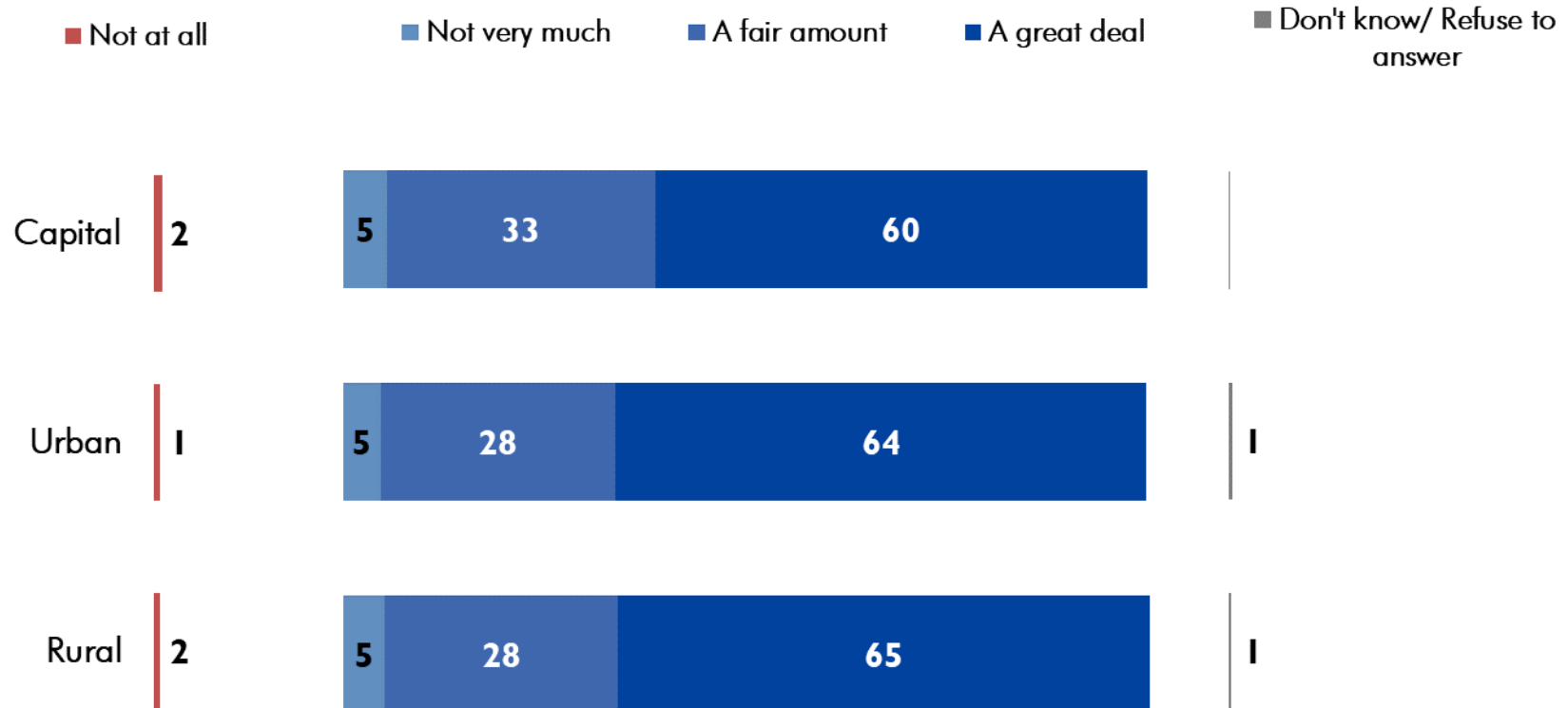




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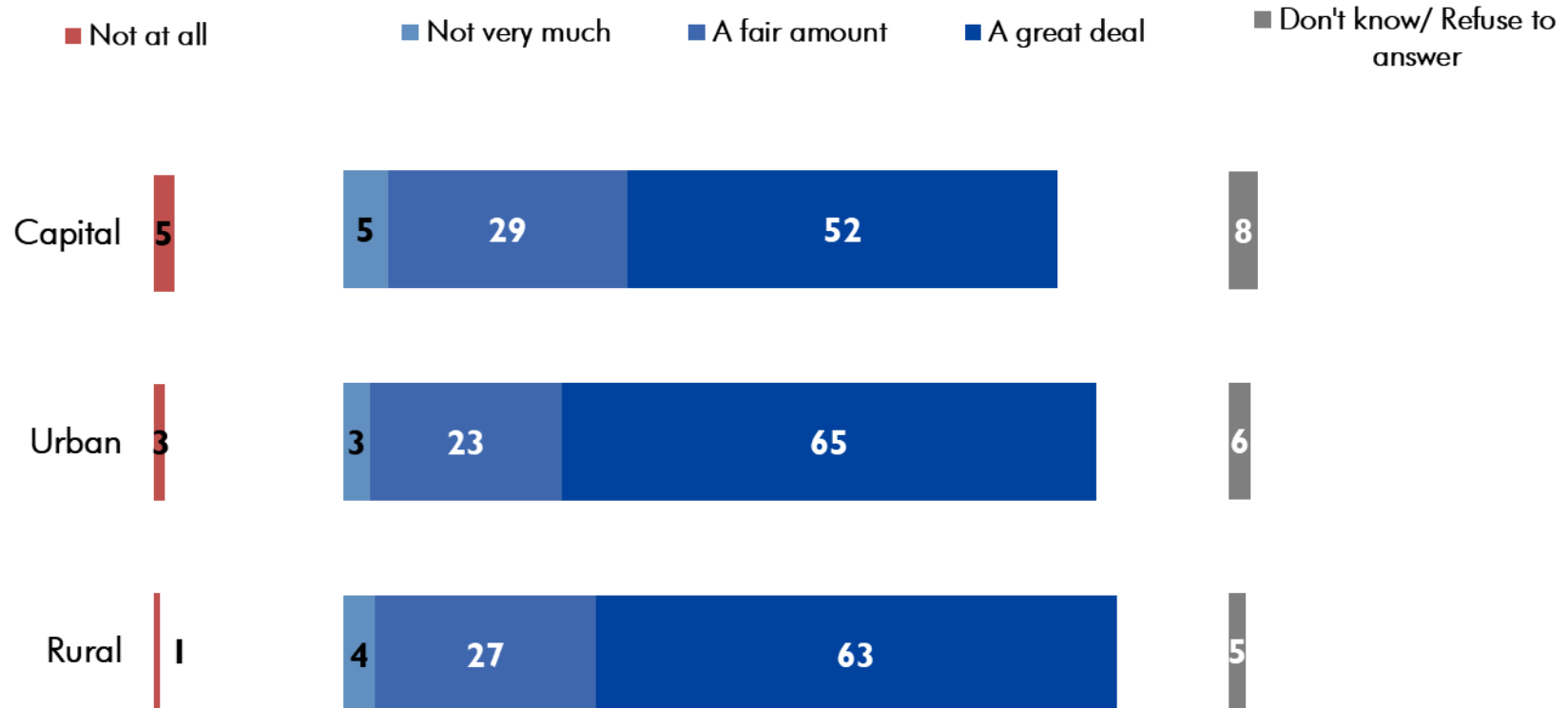
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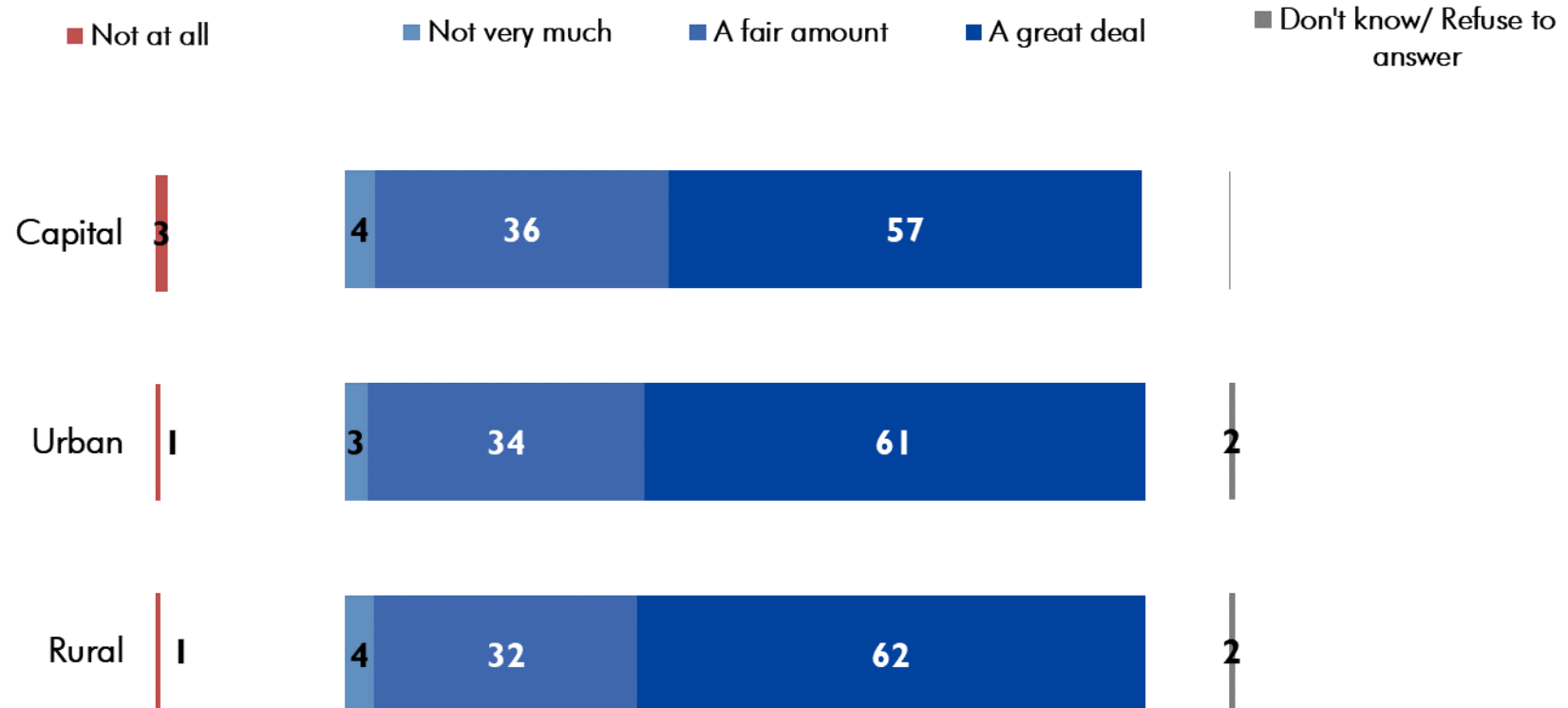
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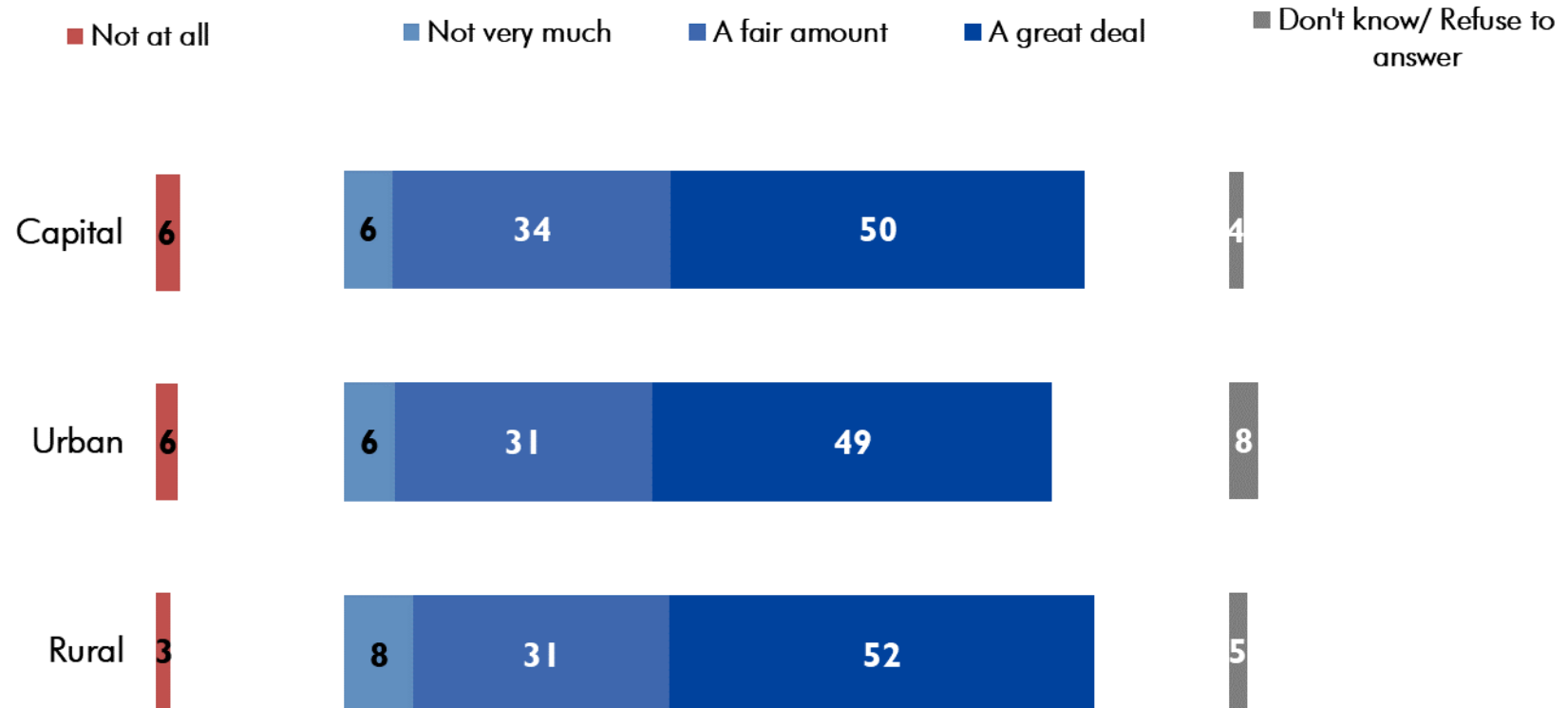
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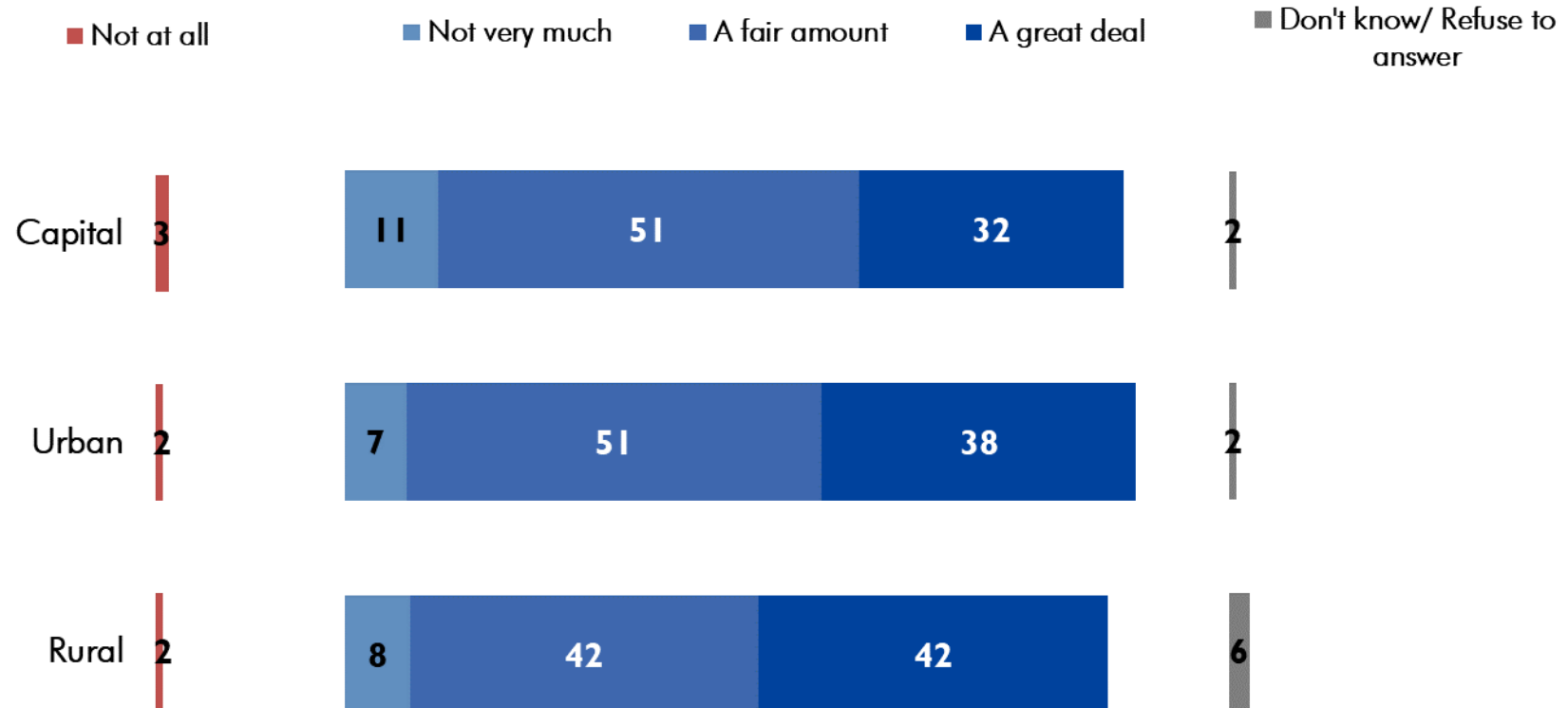
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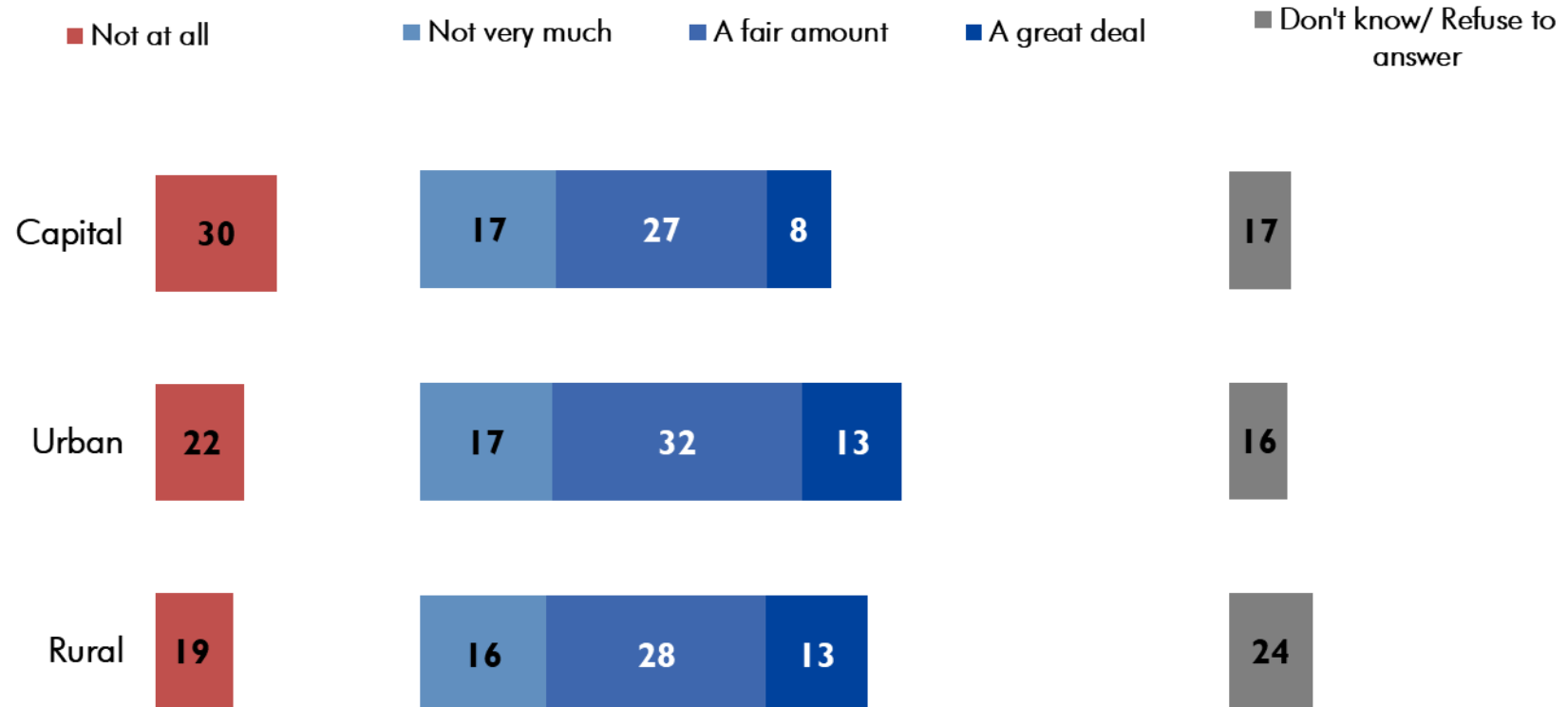
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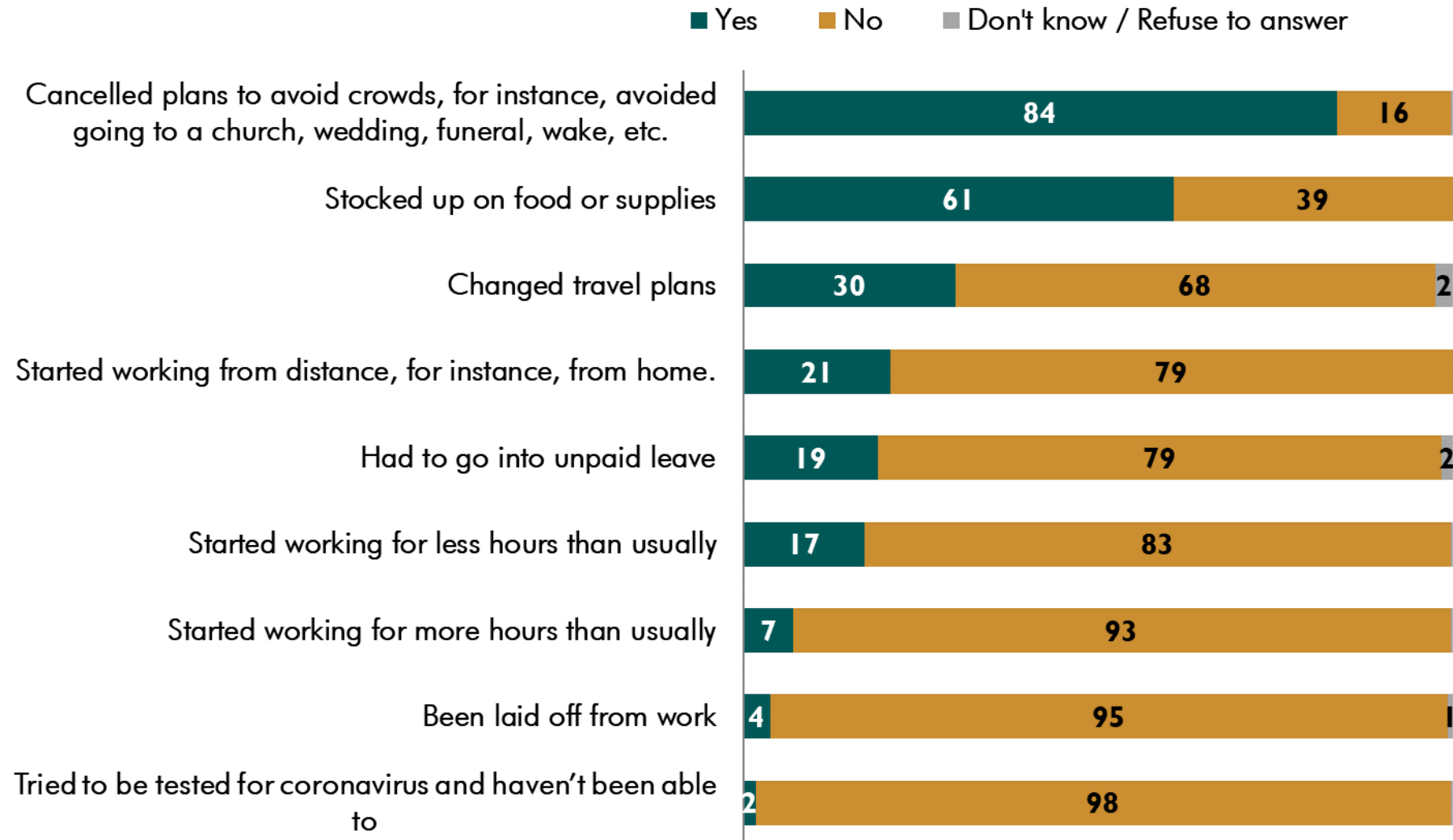


**Behavior**

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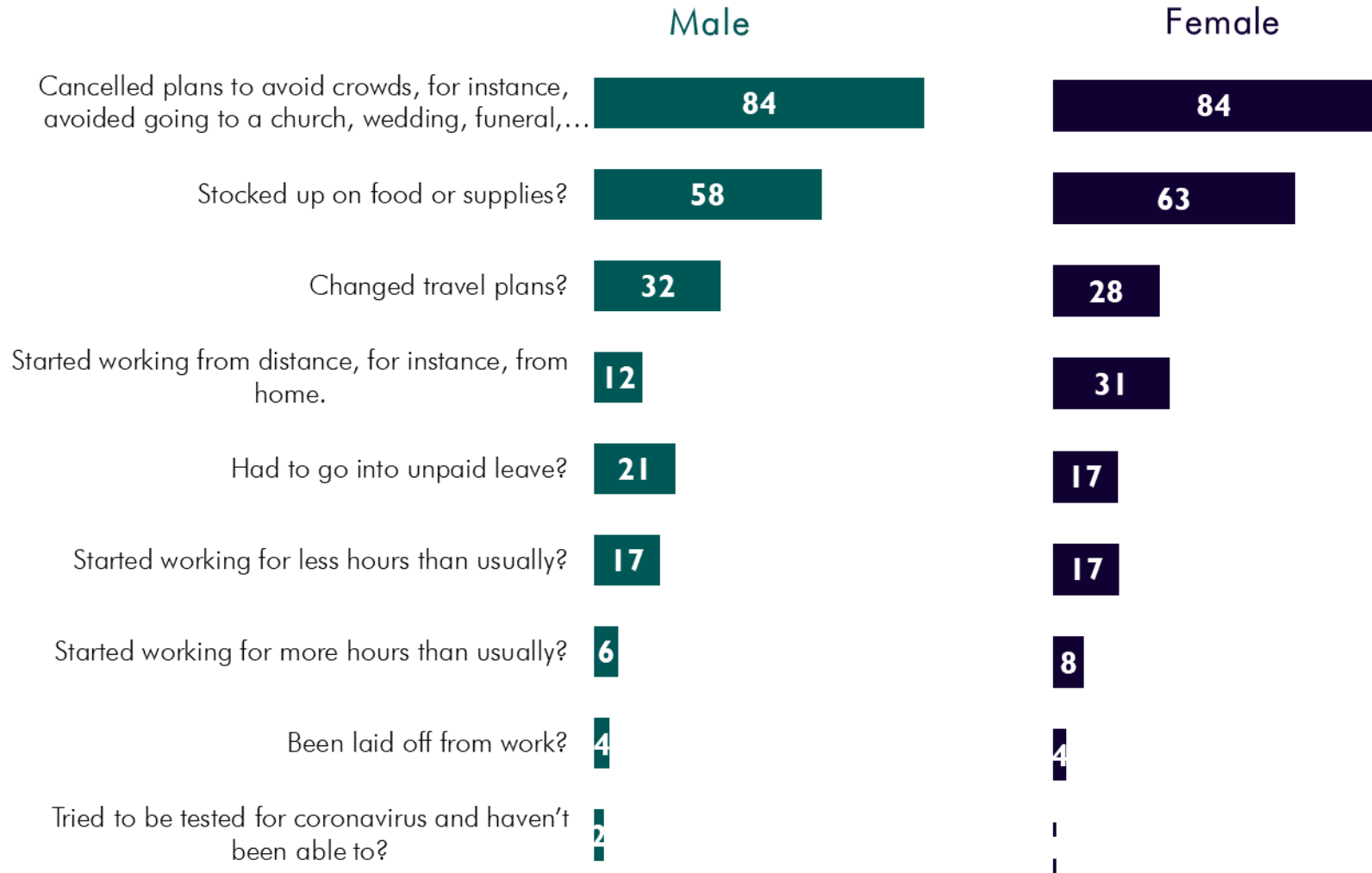




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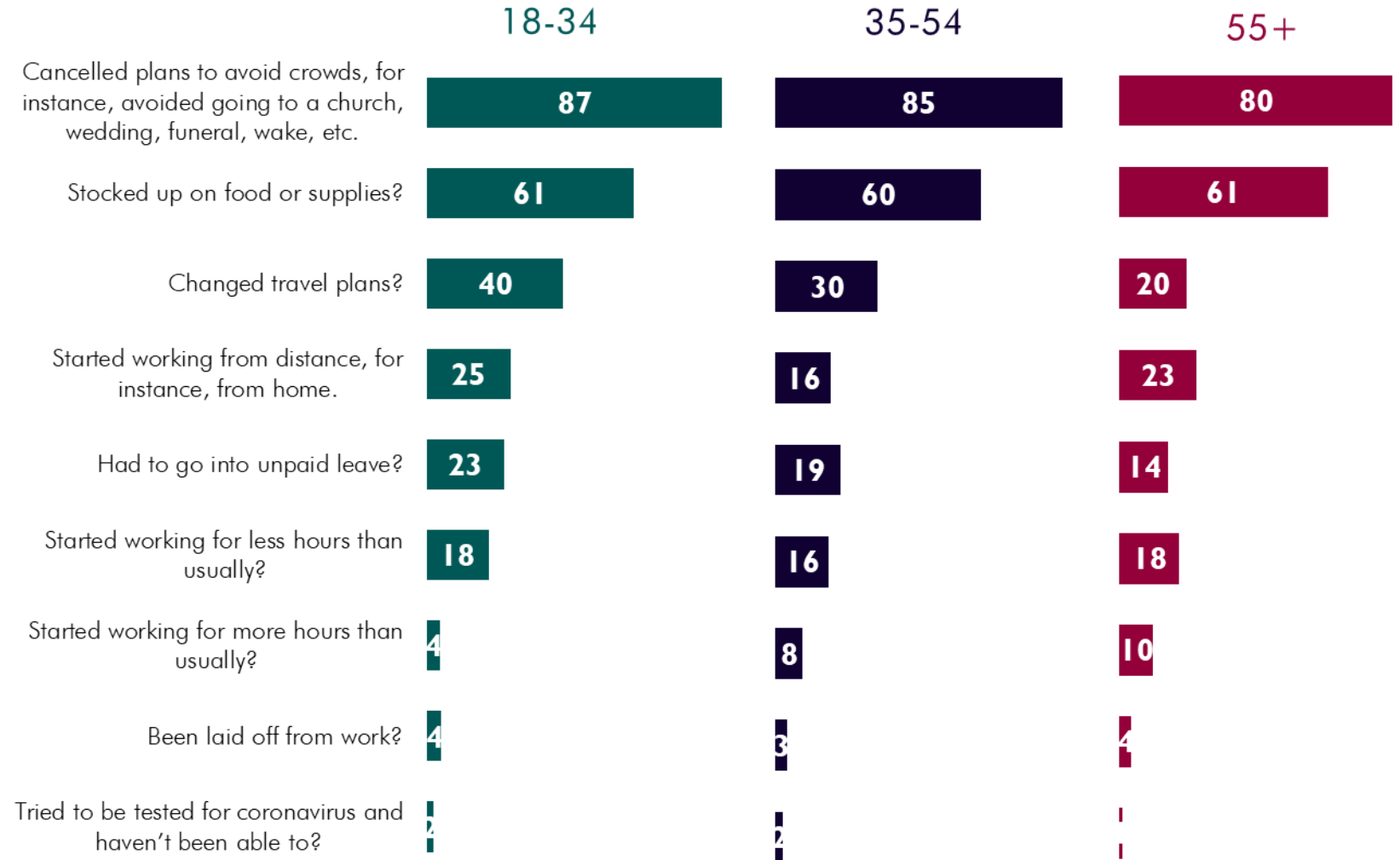
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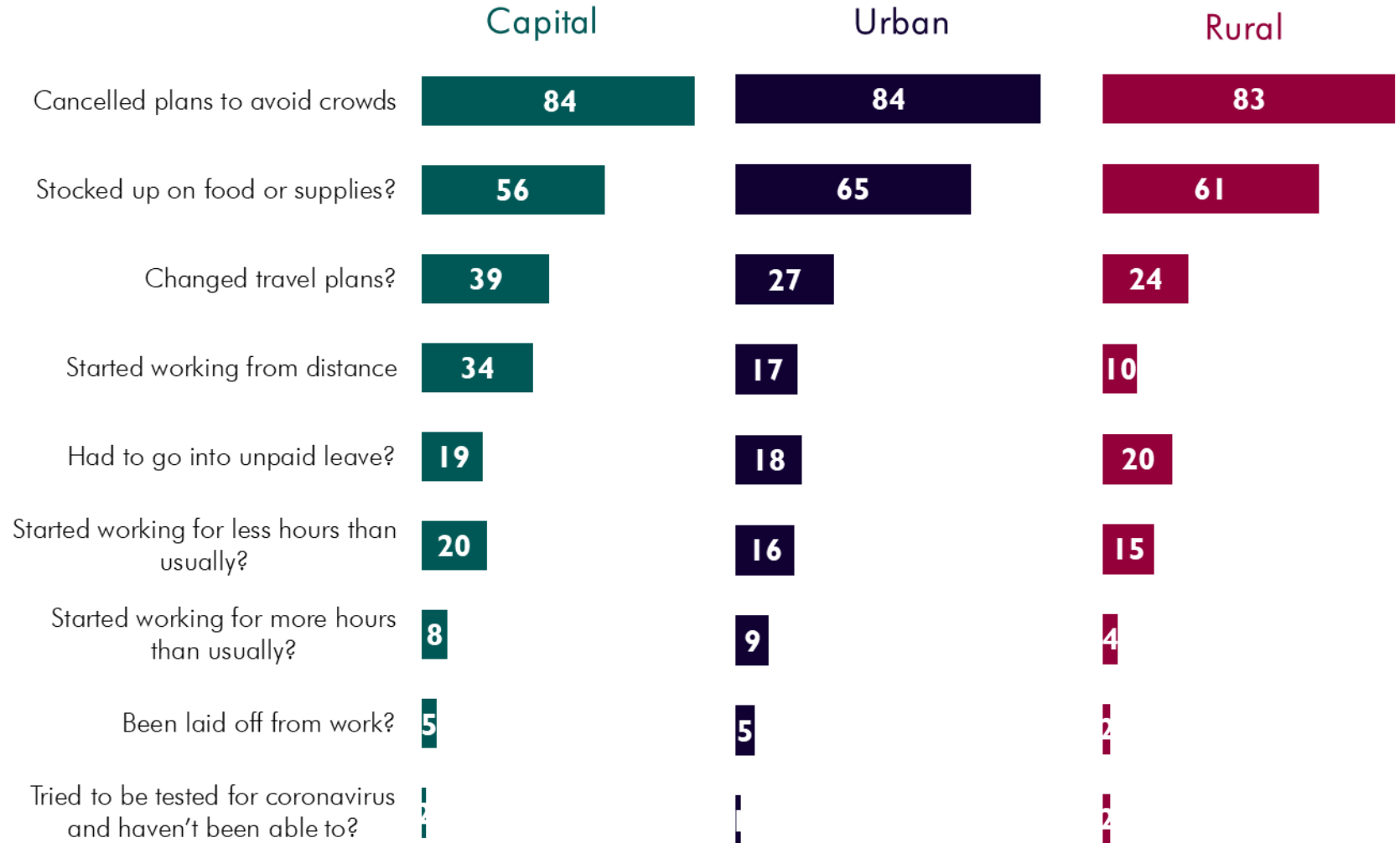
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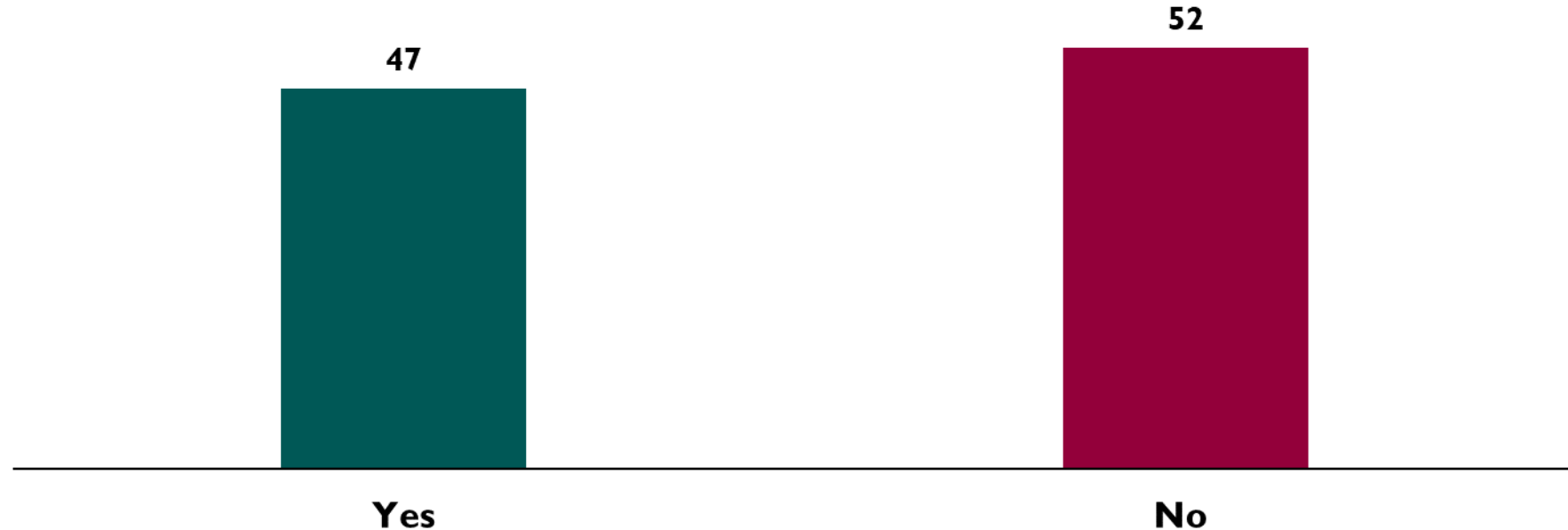
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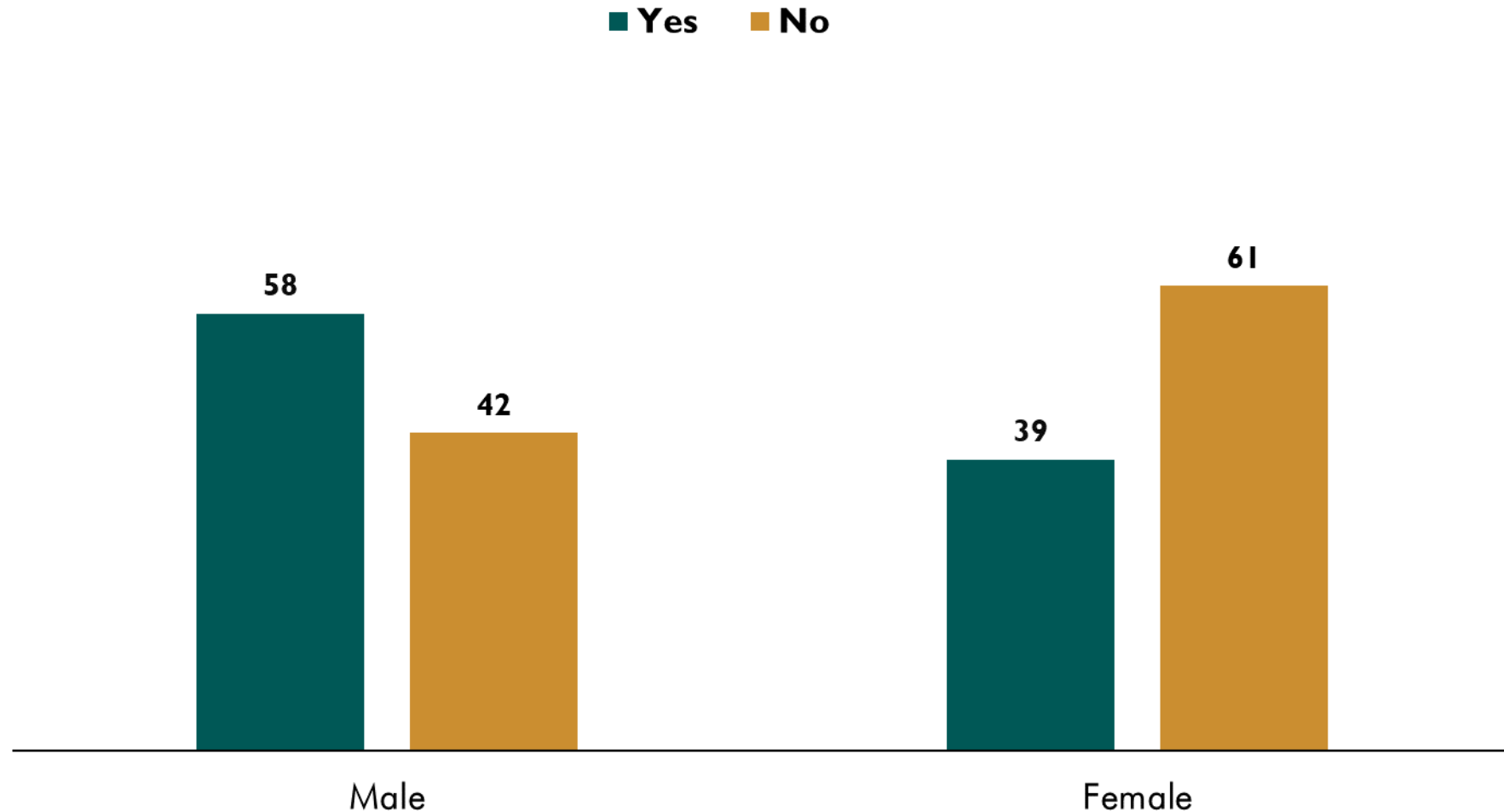
More than half of the population has not left the house during the last twenty-four hours



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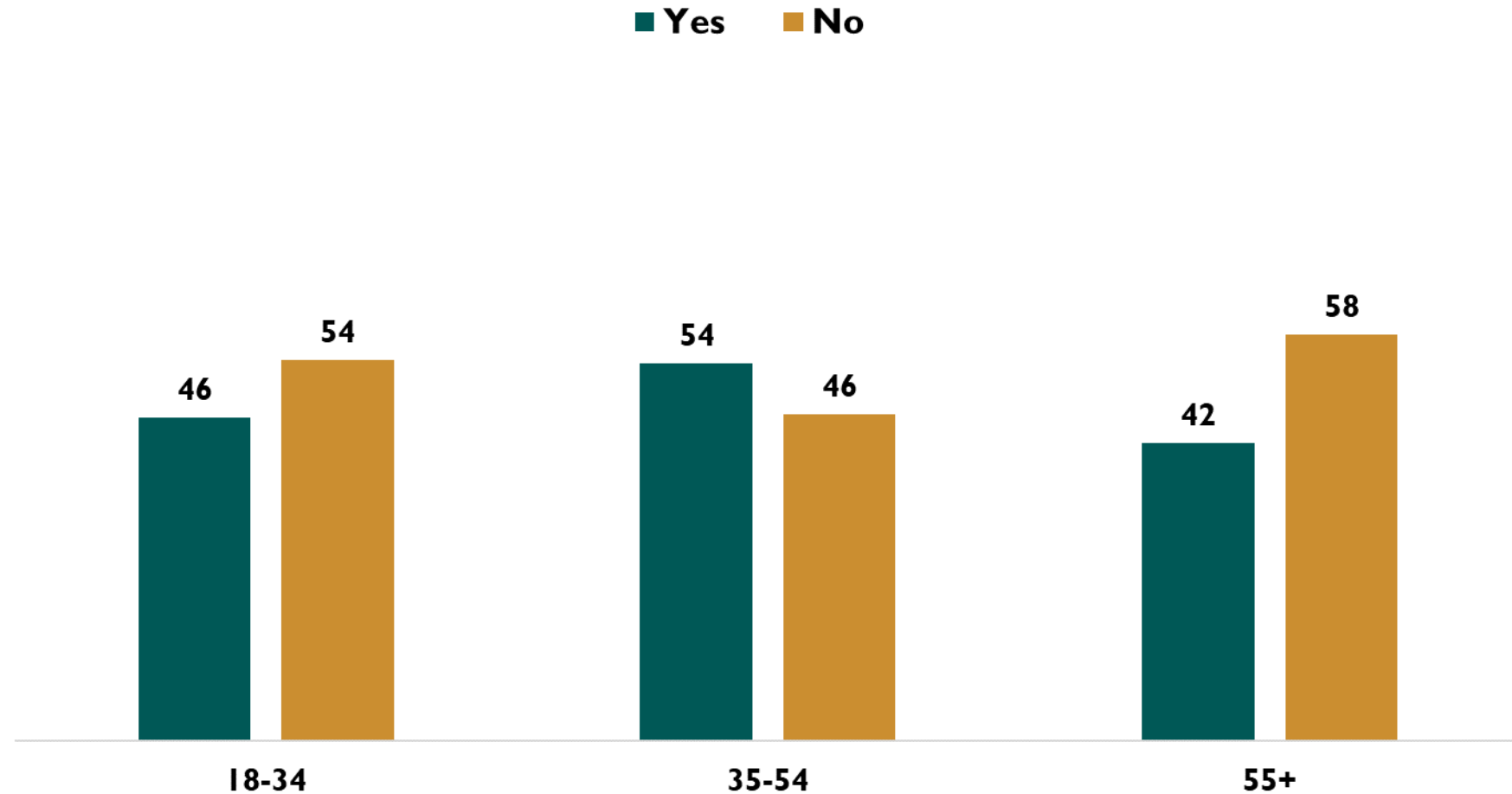
Men were more likely to leave the home than women



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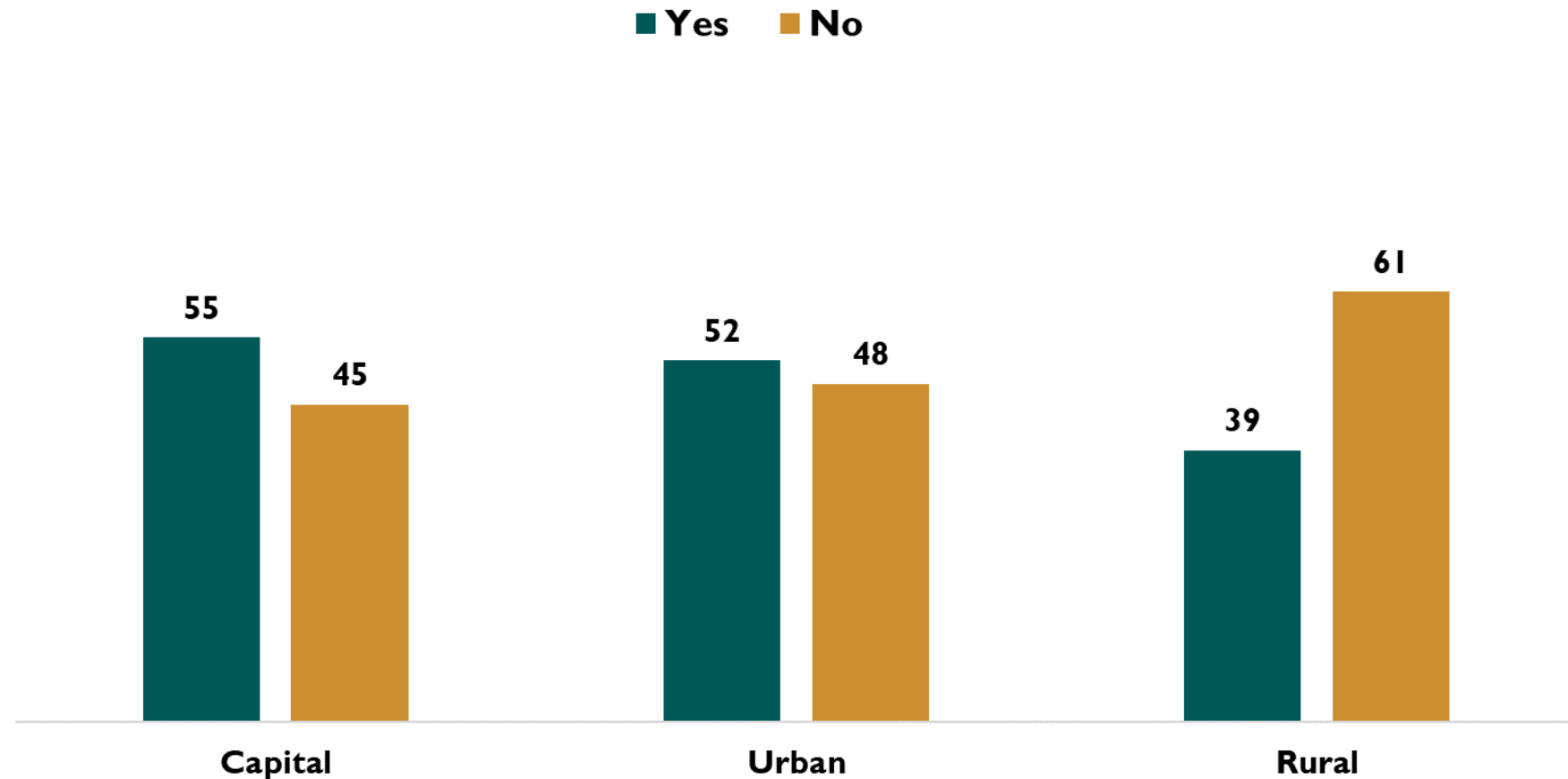


People in the middle age group (35-54) report leaving the house more than other groups

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By settlement

Residents of Tbilisi and other urban areas reported leaving homes more than those living in rural areas

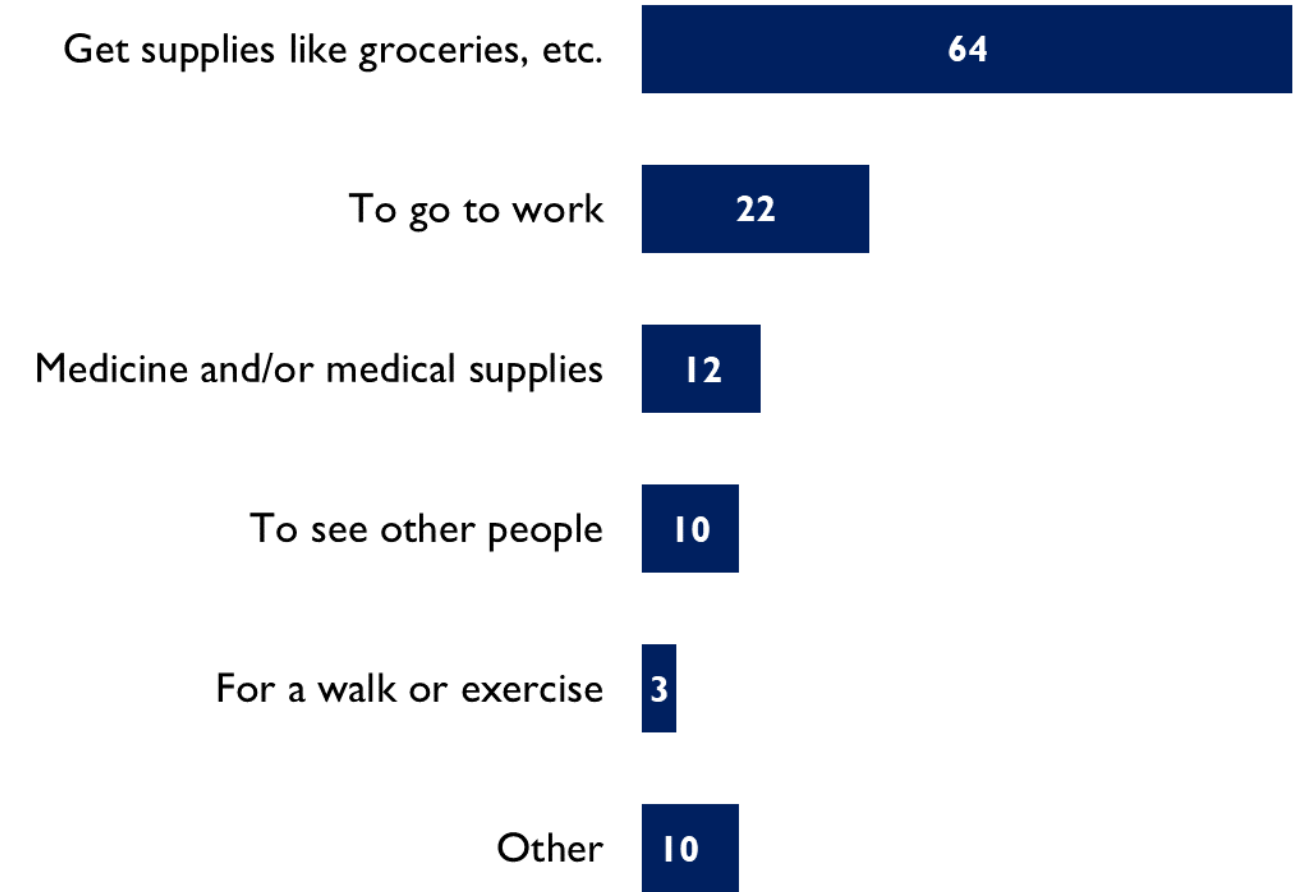




Those who have left the house substantiate this action due to a necessity. Although about 10% reported unnecessary activities such as seeing other people

# What was the purpose of going out?

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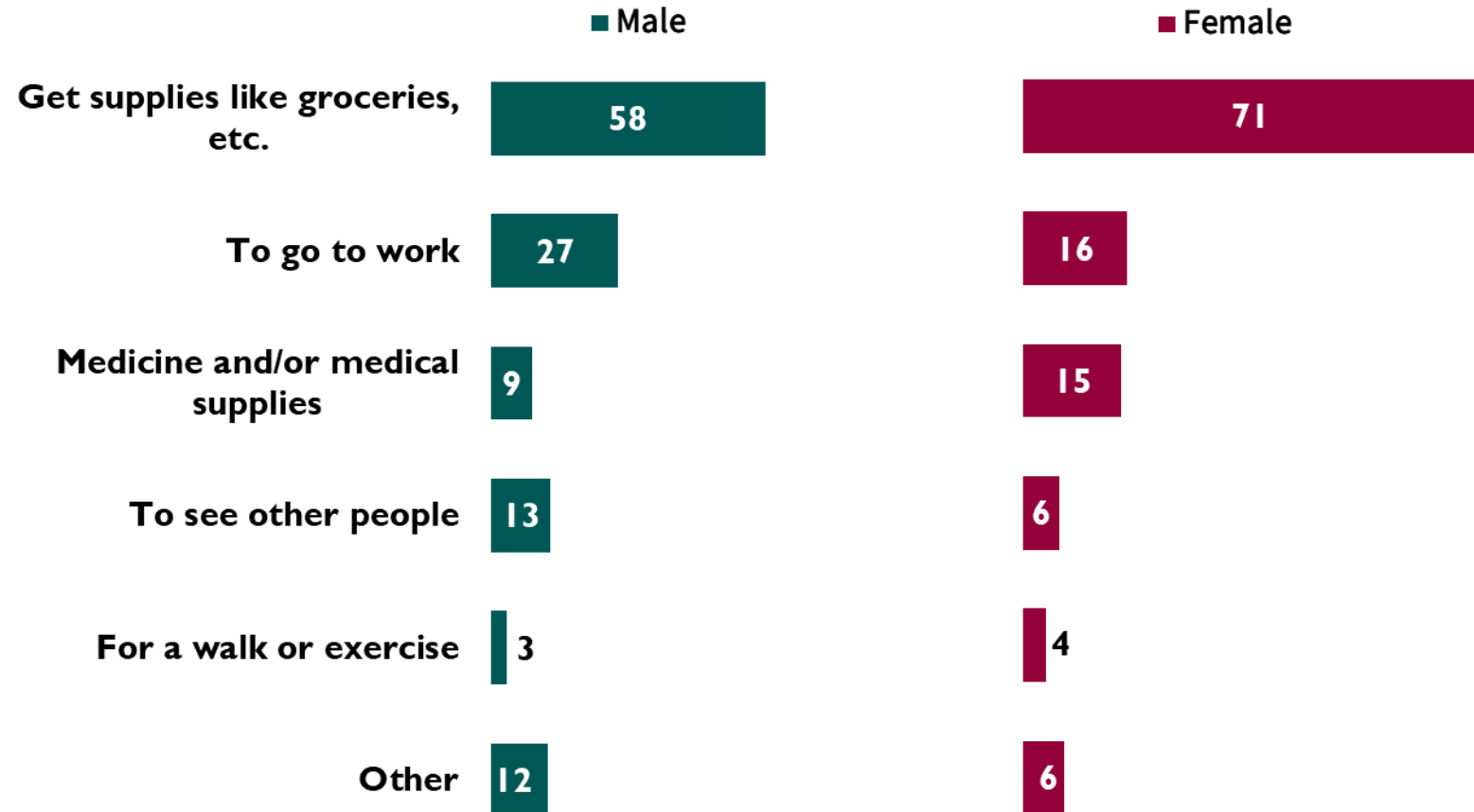




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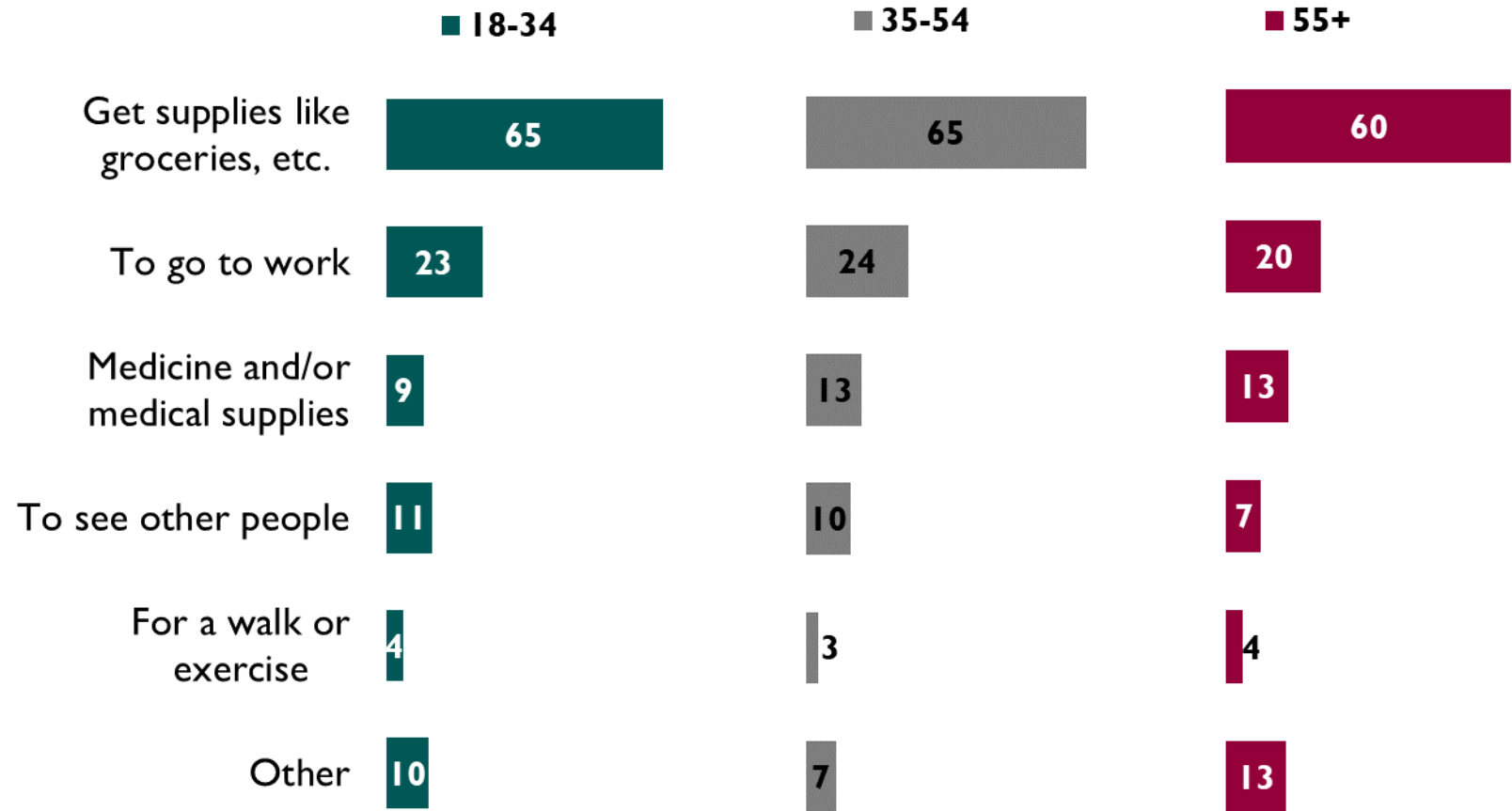
Men are twice as likely to leave the home for seeing other people than women



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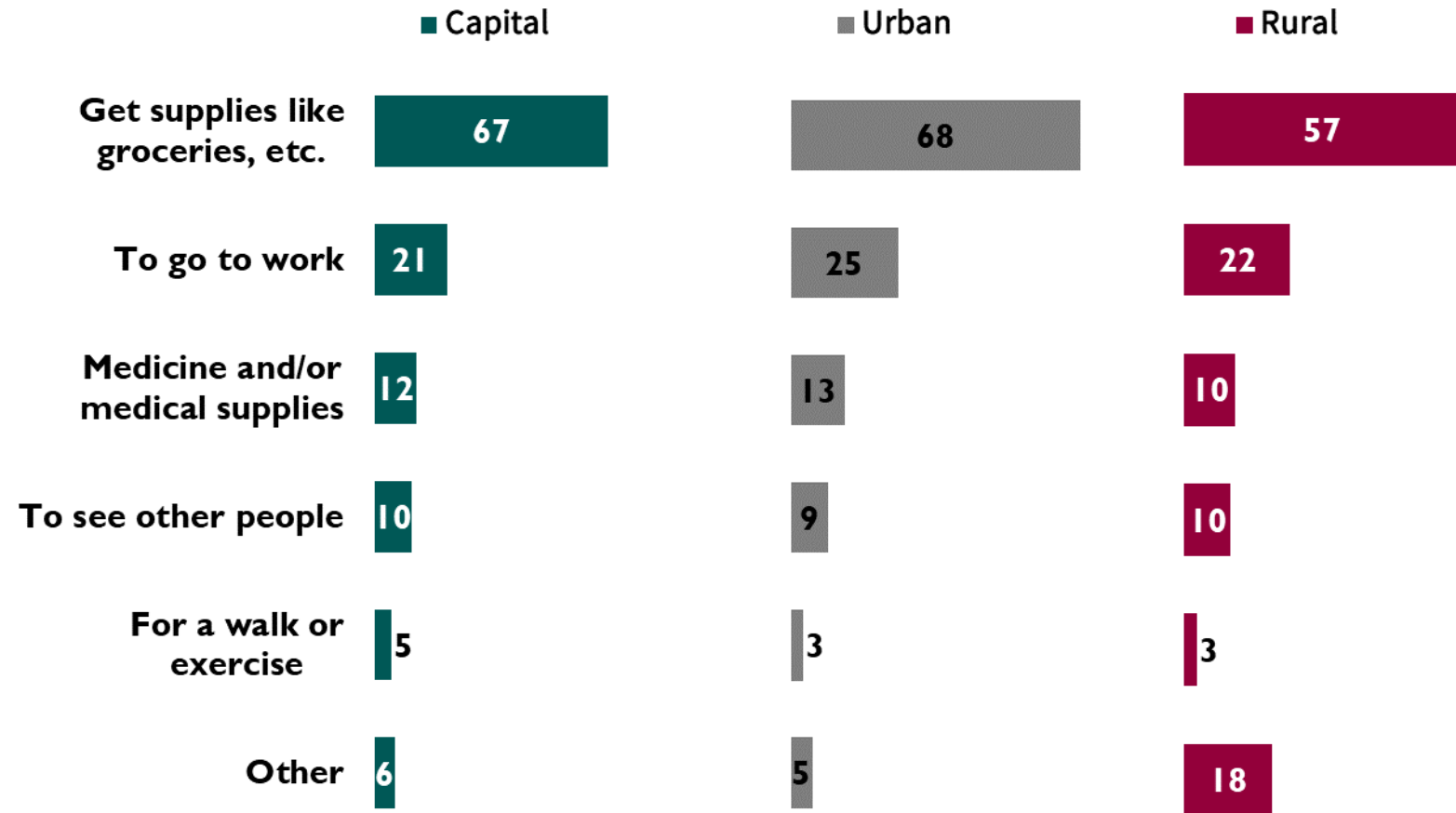
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Other option mostly lists people going out for agricultural work



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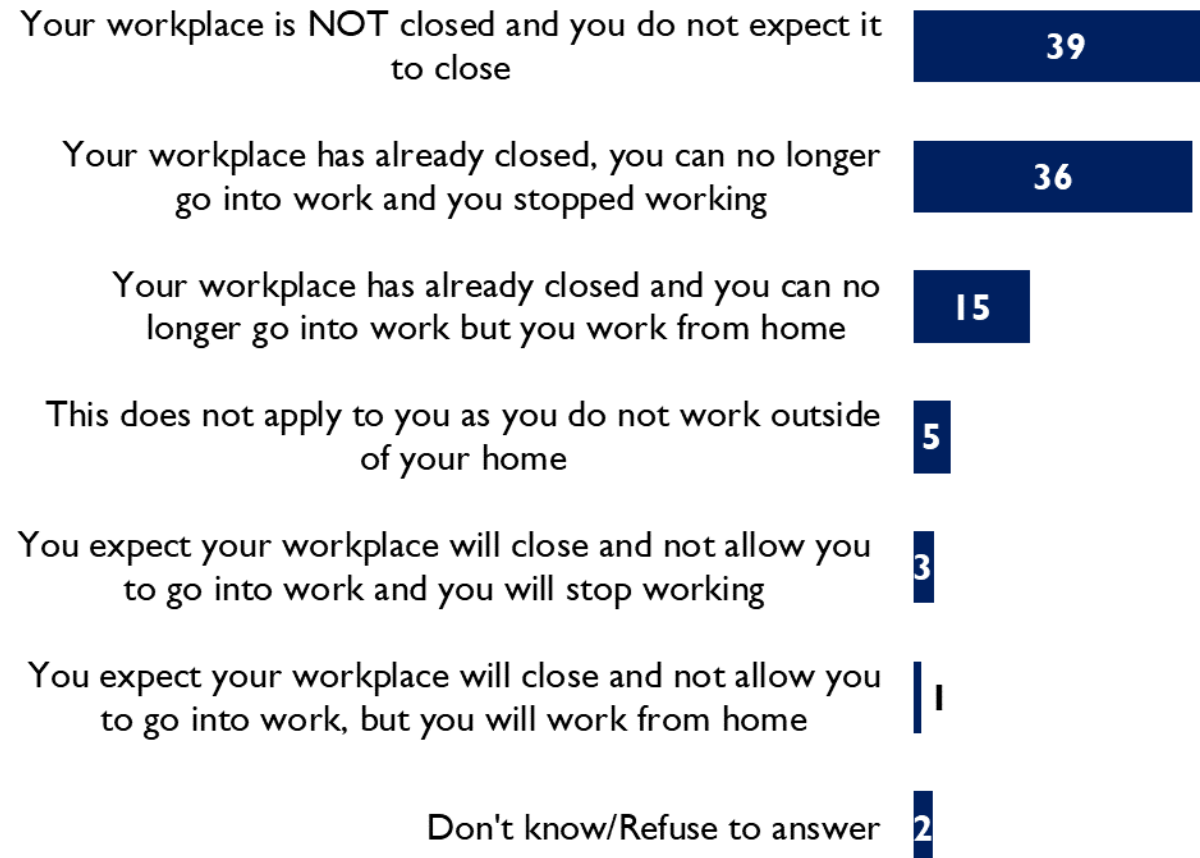


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This is especially high among those with lower educational attainment (44%)

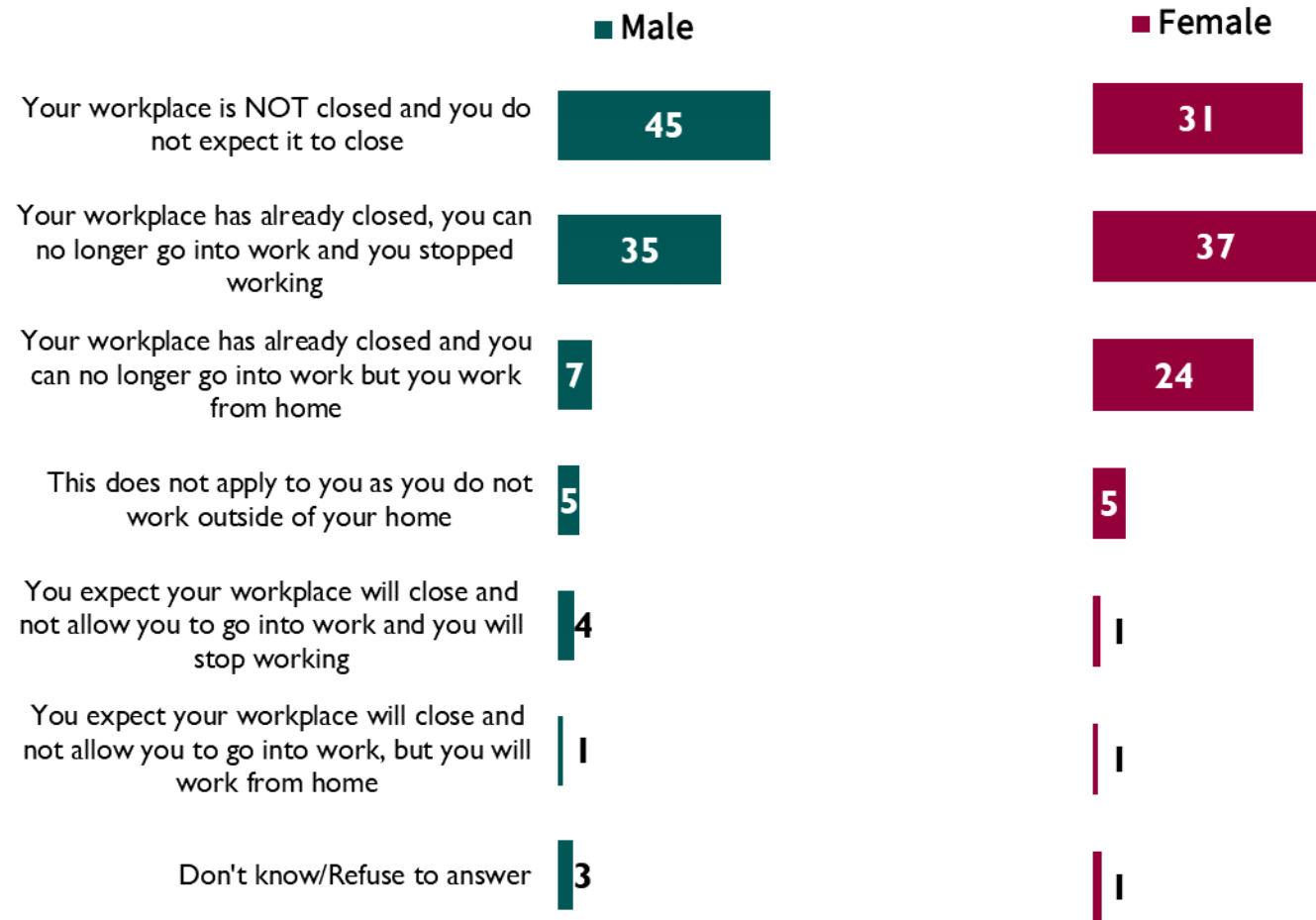


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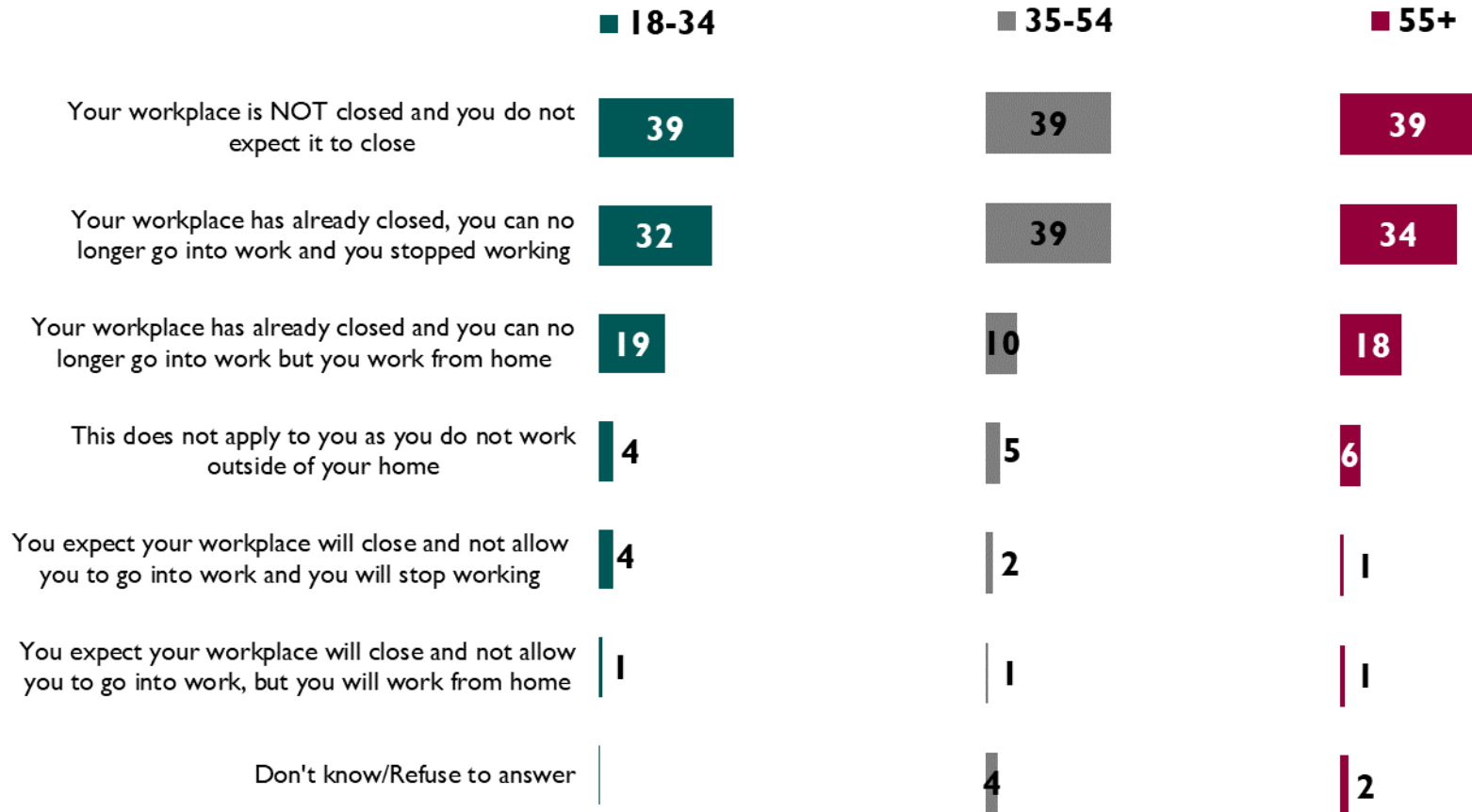


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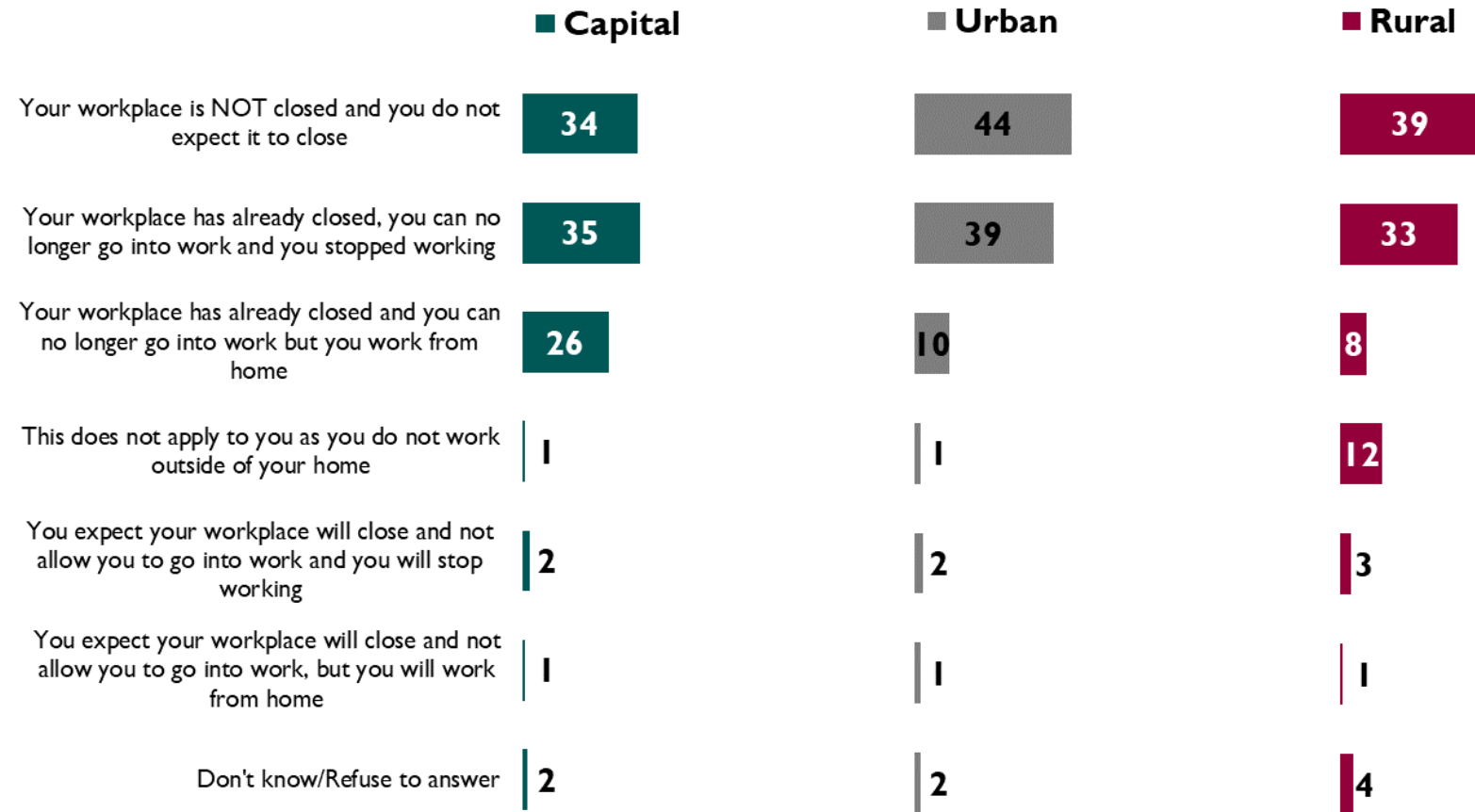


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Do you think now is a good or bad time for people to buy major household items?



In the next 5 years will we have continuous good times or periods of unemployment?



We will have good/bad times for business in the next 12 months in Georgia?



Will you/your family be better off/worse off/same financially a year from now?



Are you/your family better off/worse off financially than you were a year ago?



■ Positive response   ■ Neutral response   ■ Negative response   ■ Don't know/Refuse to answer

# Consumer confidence

By gender

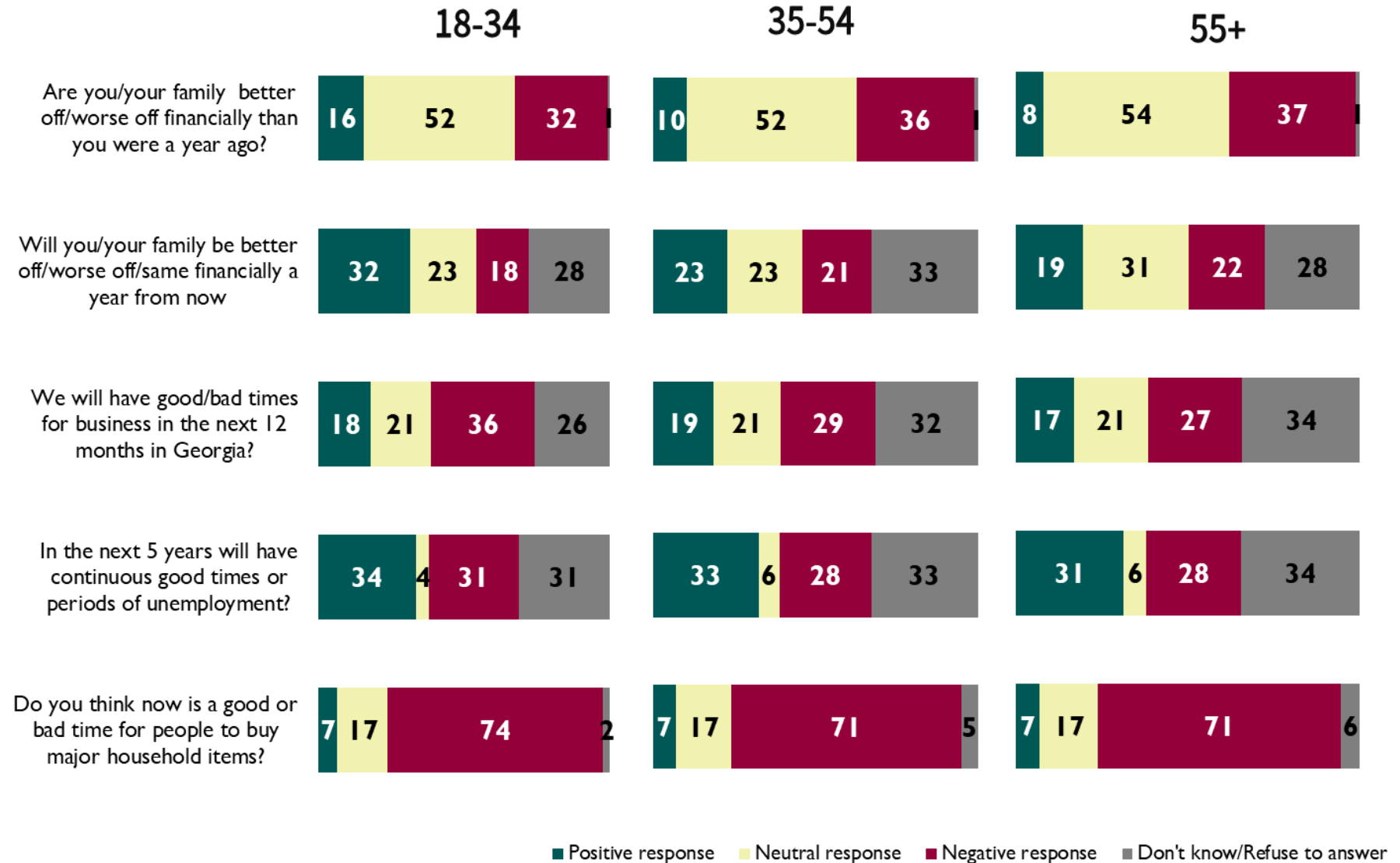
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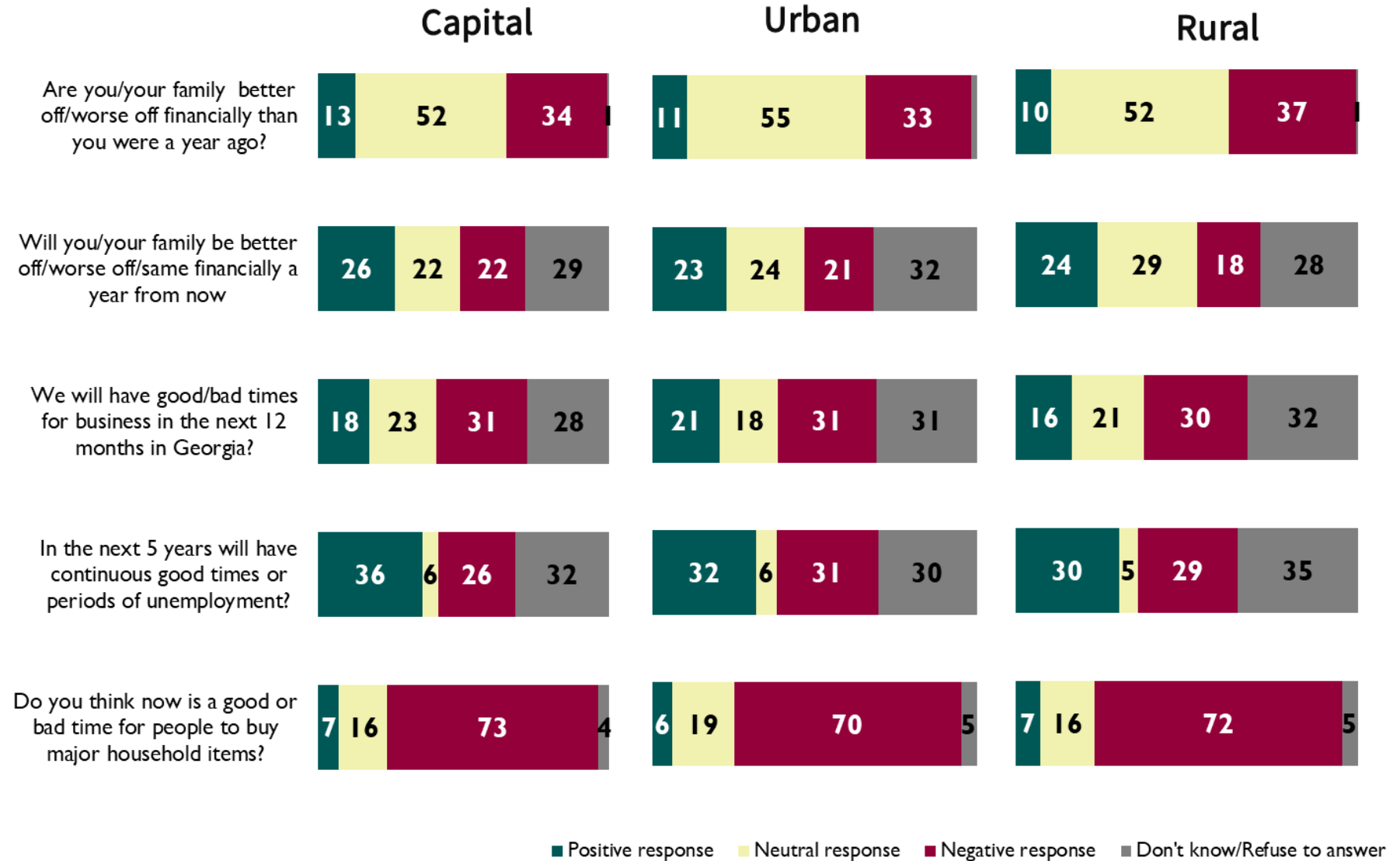
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