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# B'nai B'rith World Center Seventh Annual Survey on Contemporary Israeli Attitudes Toward Diaspora Jewry

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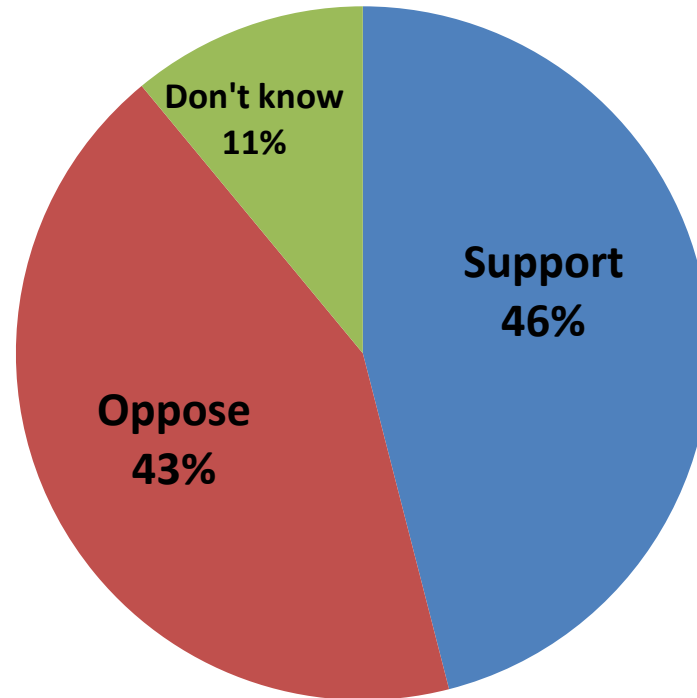
# Survey Methodology

- 507 Respondents
  - Jewish population
  - Over 18 years of age
- + / - 4.5% margin of error
- National, representative sample
- Internet panel
- Data collected on June 20, 2012

# Key Findings

- An overwhelming 80% support using taxes to fund Diaspora Jewish youth visiting Israel
- Less willingness to fund those communities during financial crisis (only 46% support)
- 34% believe U.S. has impeded progress on the peace process; 33% say the U.S. has promoted progress; and 33% replied that they “don’t know”
- Most Israelis (52%) believe that Israel should be a “Jewish Democratic State”
- “Encouraging Aliya” is the best government response to Anti-Semitism
- Majority of Israelis (56%), SUPPORT creating a “Jewish Parliament” elected by Diaspora Jews but are NOT willing to give them representation in the Knesset
- Overwhelming majority of Israelis (76%), DISAGREE with Peter Beinart’s call on American Jews to “boycott the settlements”
- Only 31% of Israelis agree with Beinart’s statement that **“liberal ideals outlined by Israel's founders were brutally flouted.”**

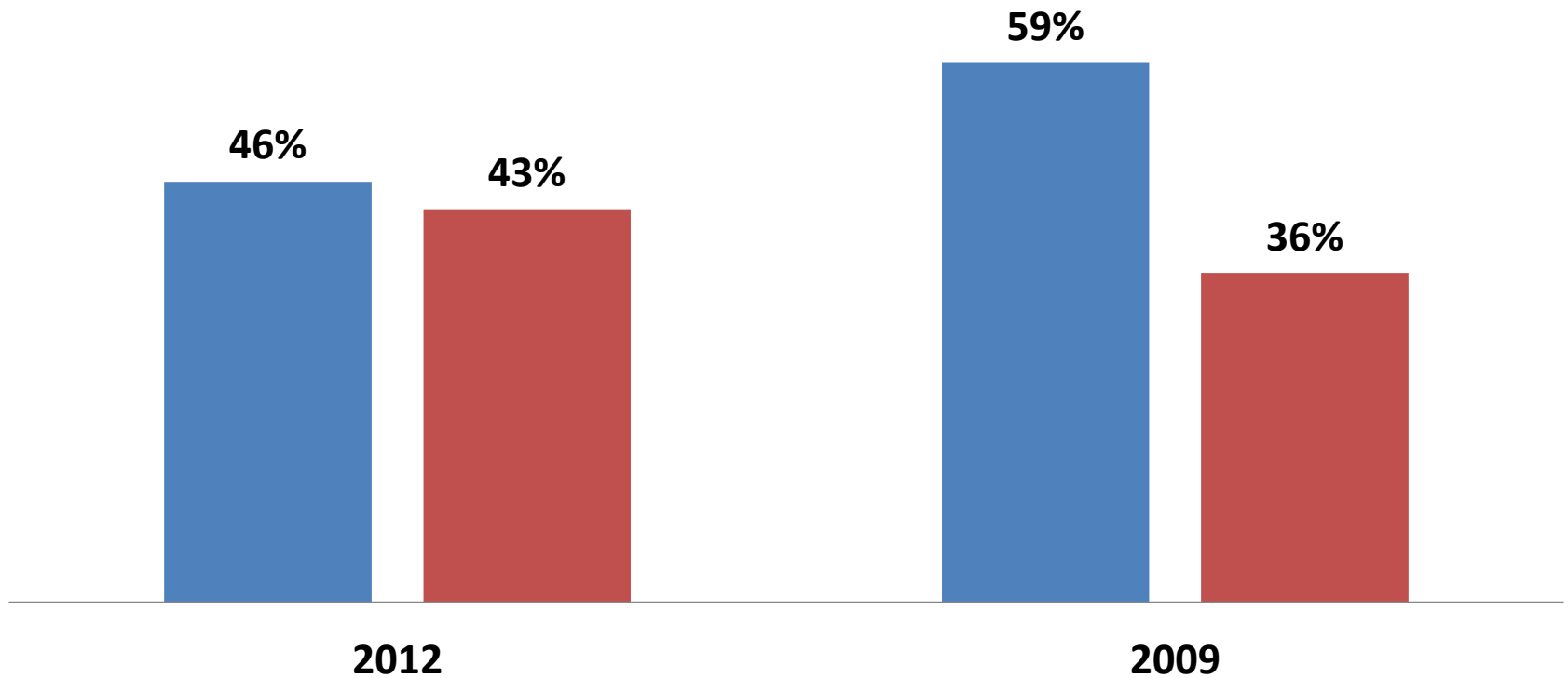
In light of the recent global economic situation, there are some Diaspora Jewish communities that are struggling to provide basic services like education, healthcare, and food to their members. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE your tax money being used to help members of Diaspora Jewry during this crisis?



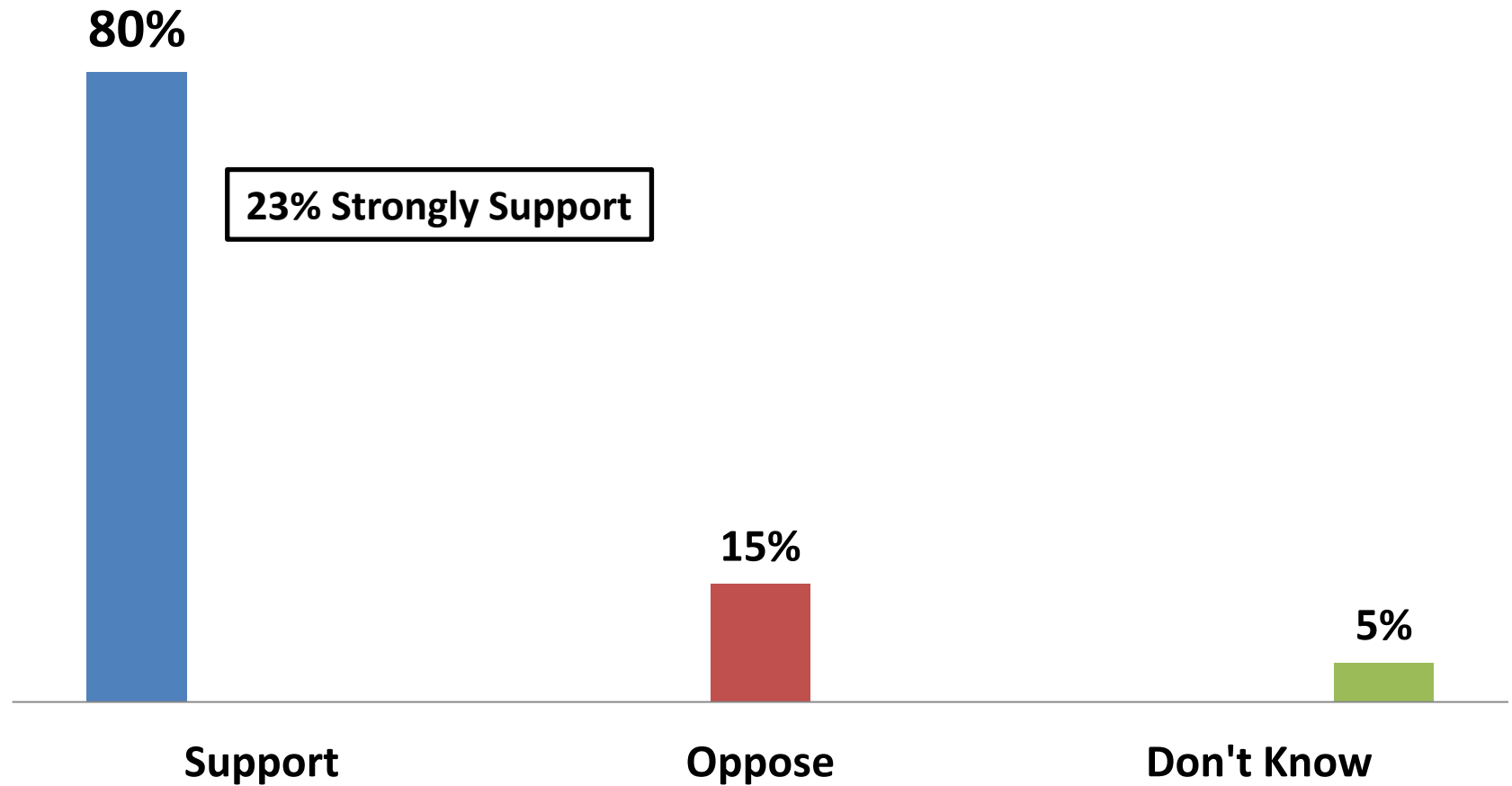
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2012 vs. 2009

■ SUPPORT ■ OPPOSE

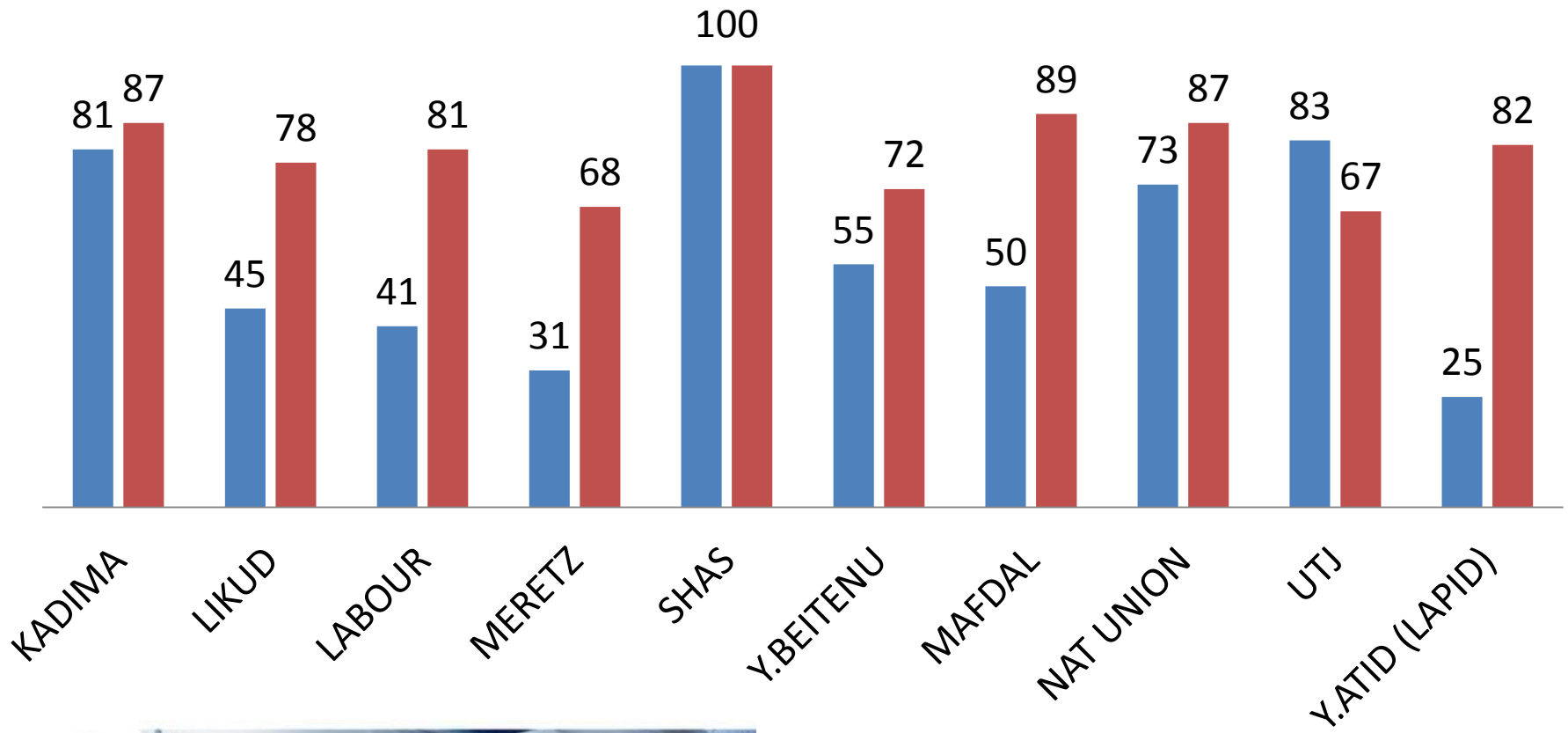


In recent years, the Israeli government has provided financial support for programs such as "Masa" and "Birthright" that have brought thousands of young Diaspora Jews to Israel for educational purposes. For most this was their first visit to Israel. Do you support or oppose your tax money being used to support these programs?



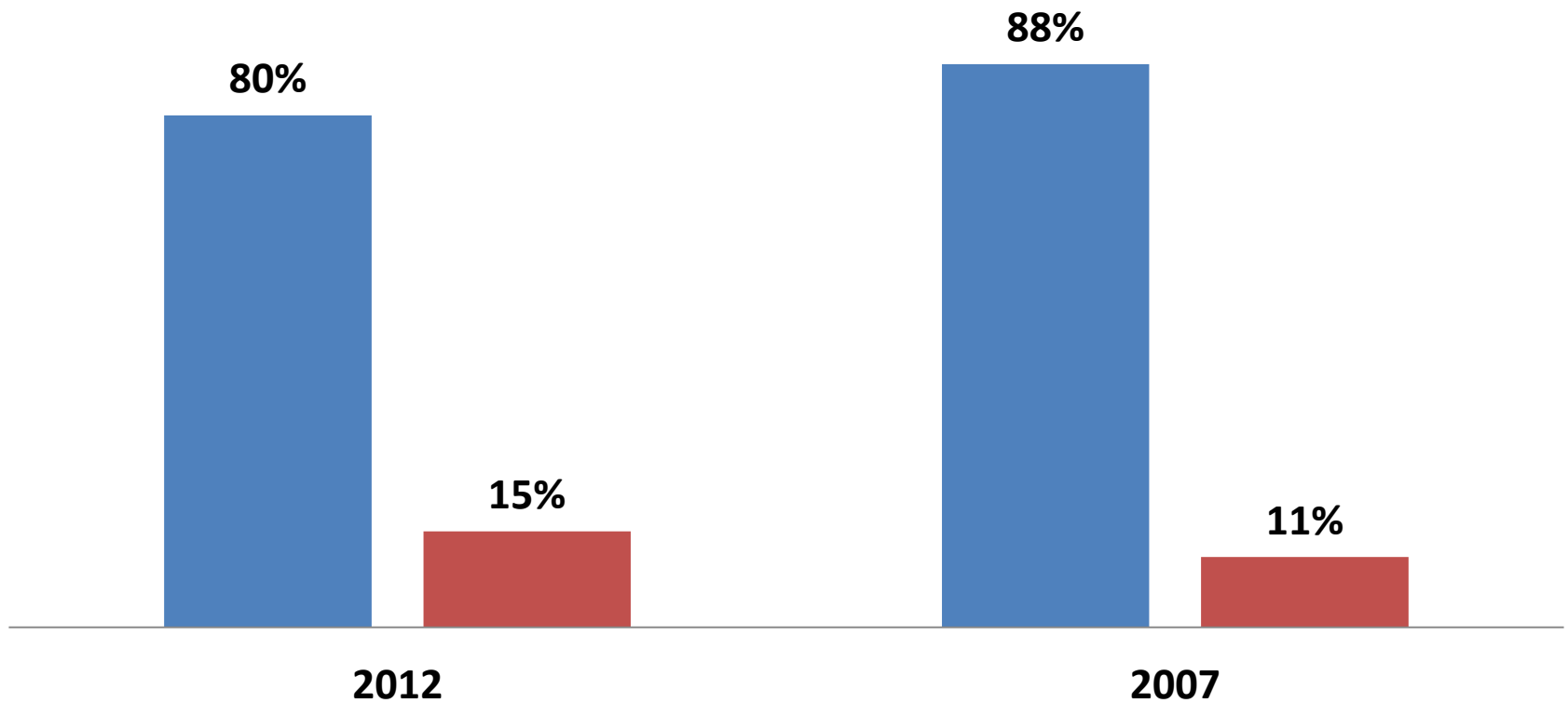
# Financial Support of Diaspora Communities and Birthright – By Voting if Elections Were Held Today (by %)

■ DIASPORA ■ BIRTHRIGHT



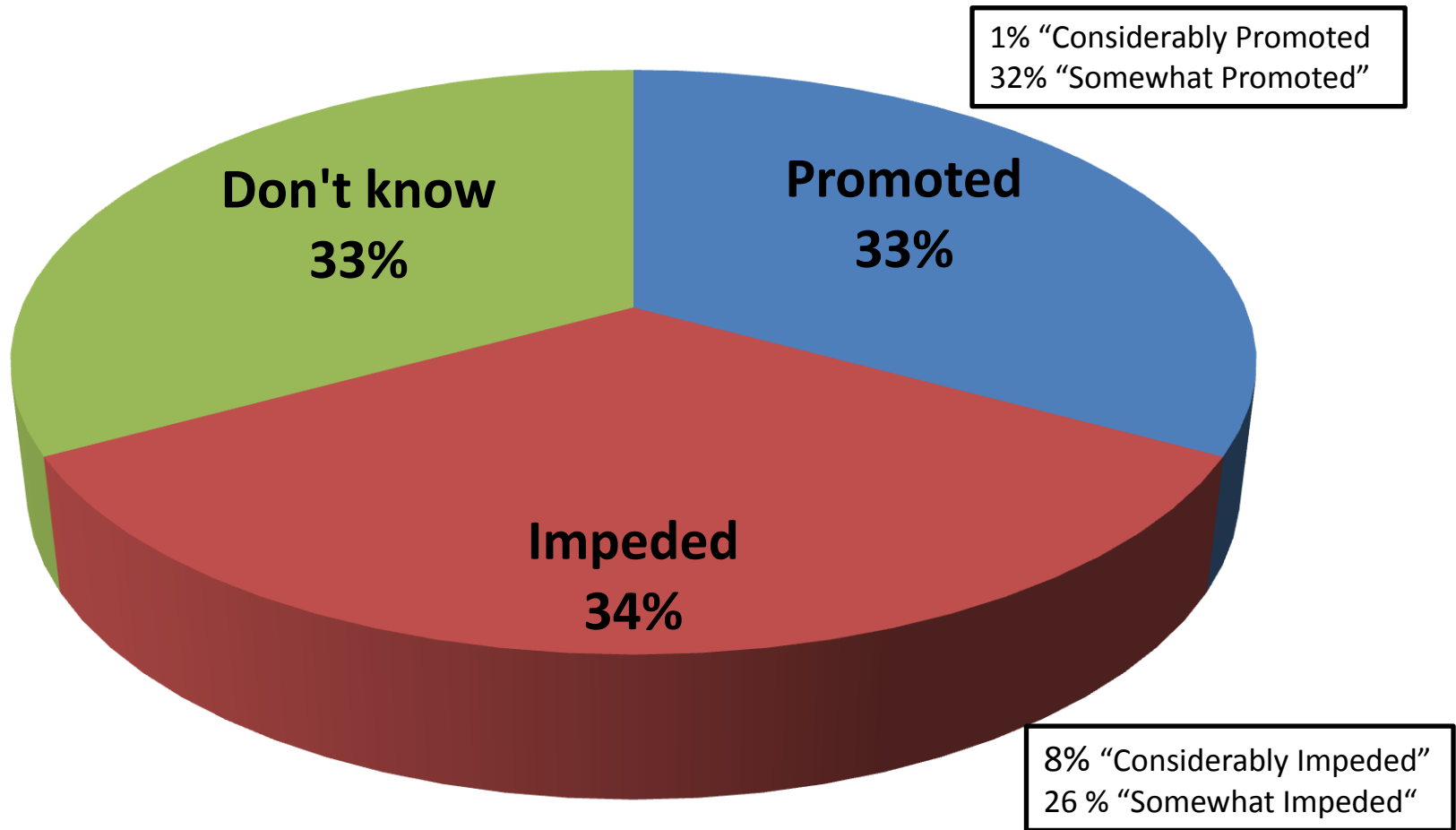
# Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE your tax money being used to support Birthright and MASA? 2012 vs. 2007

■ SUPPORT ■ OPPOSE

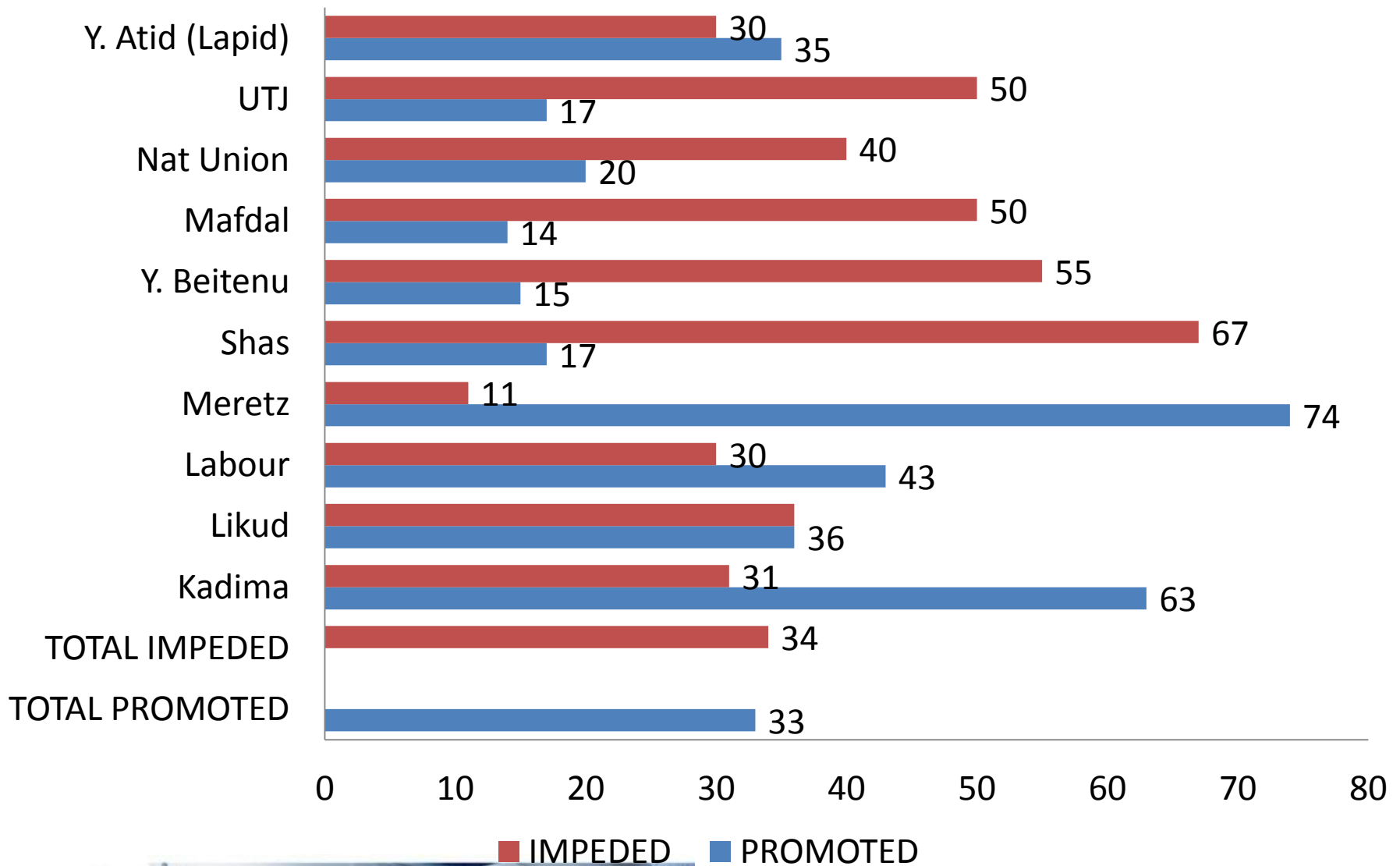




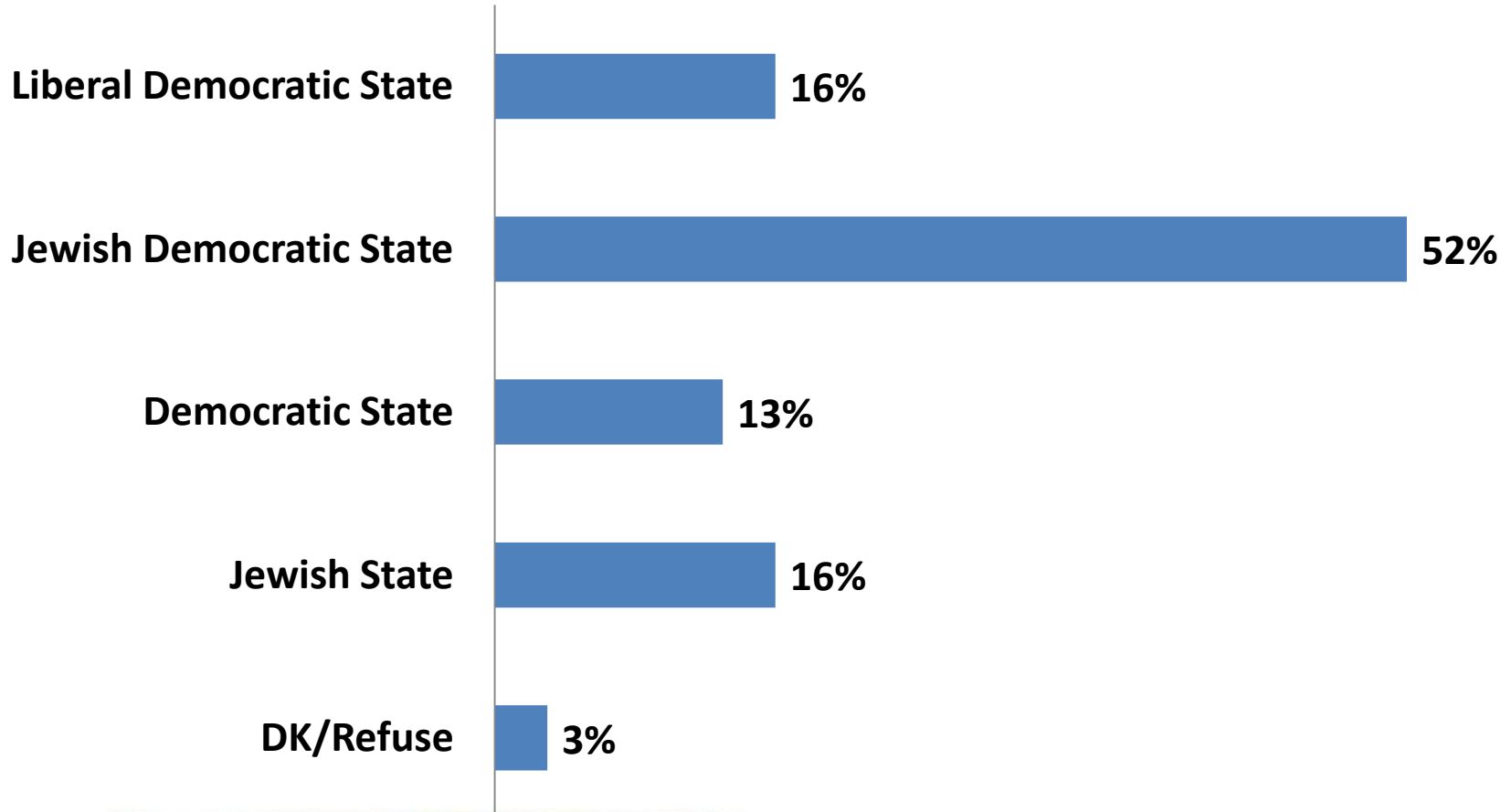
# Do you think the United States has PROMOTED or IMPEDED progress in the Peace Process over the last few years?



## US: Promoted or Impeded Peace Process by Vote (Today) – by %



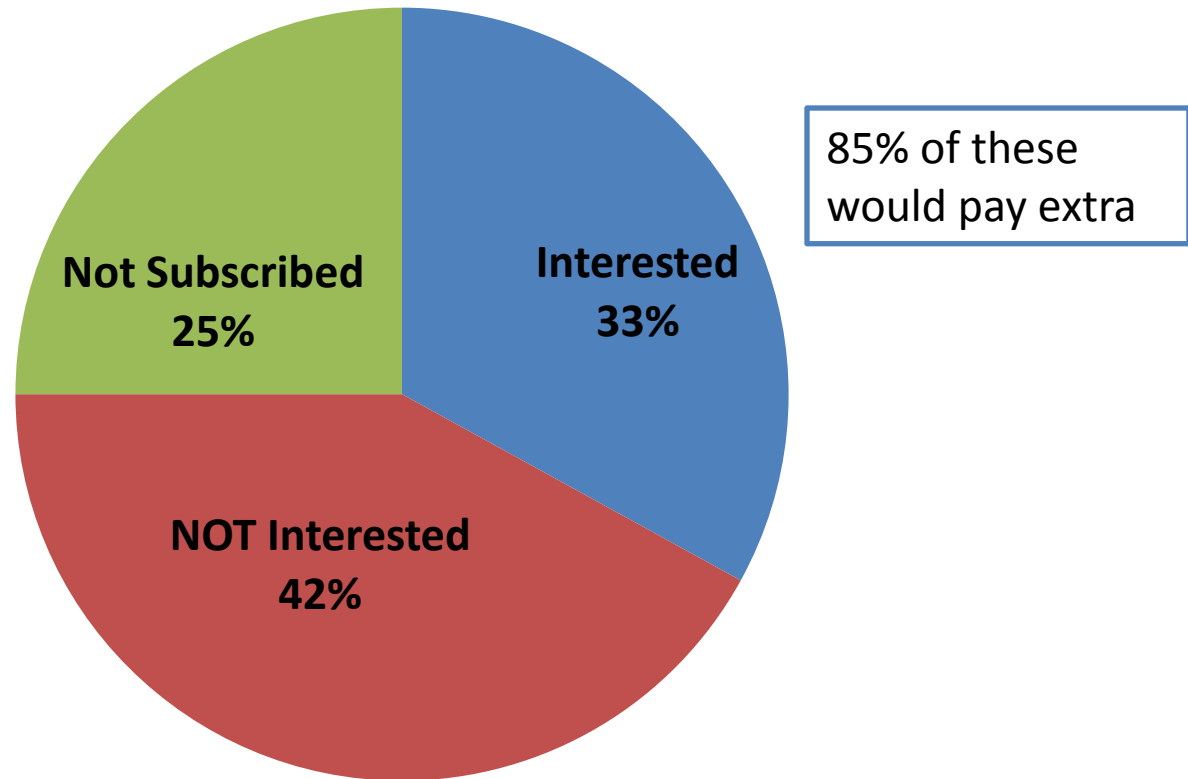
While Israel is many things to many people, what, in your opinion Israel should strive MOST to be:



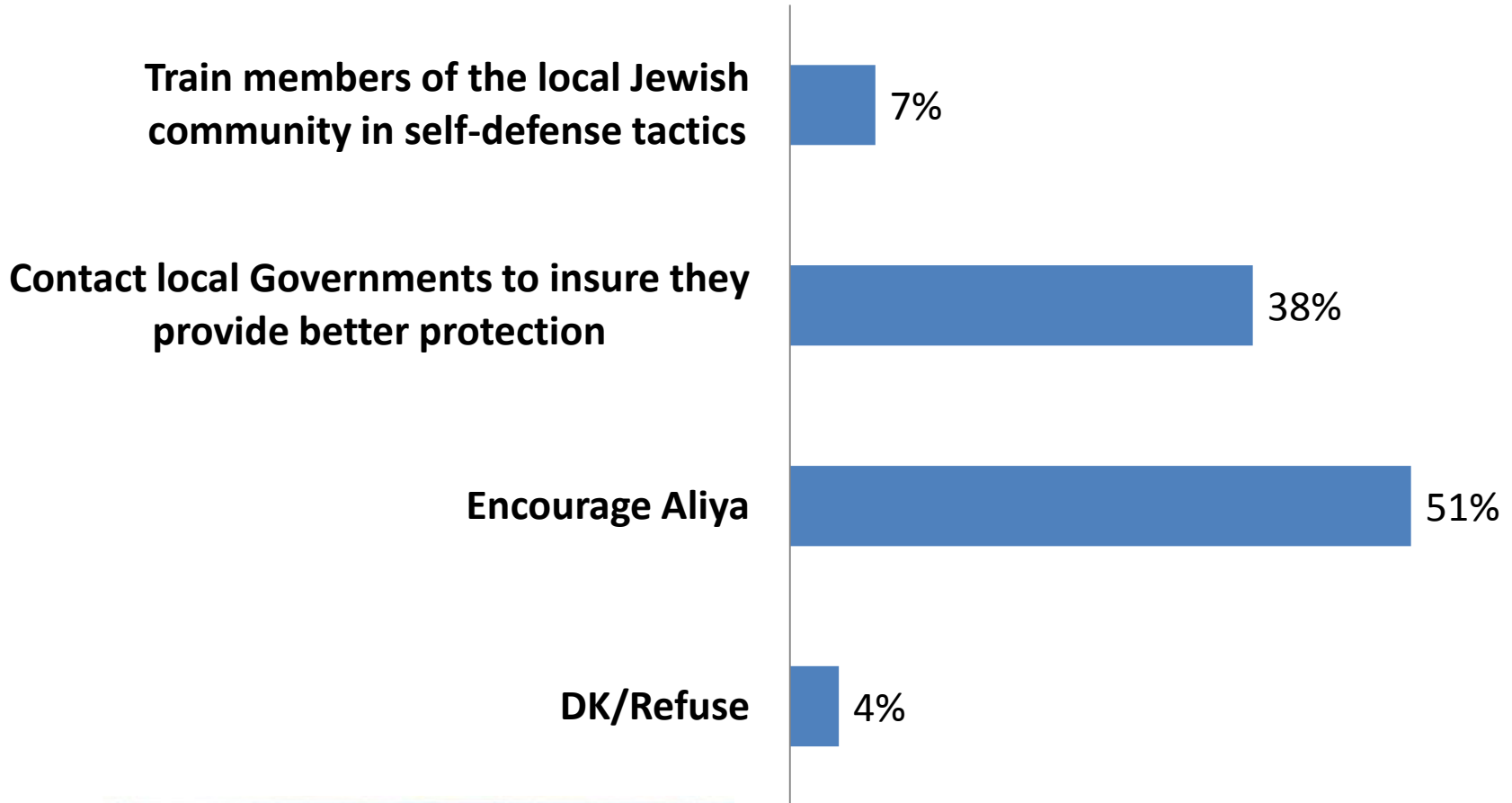
# State of Israel by Religiosity

	Jewish State	Jewish Democratic State	Democratic State	Liberal Democratic State
Secular	5%	<b>49%</b>	17%	27%
Traditional	20%	<b>60%</b>	11%	6%
Religious	36%	<b>56%</b>	4%	3%
Ultra-Orthodox	<b>93%</b>			

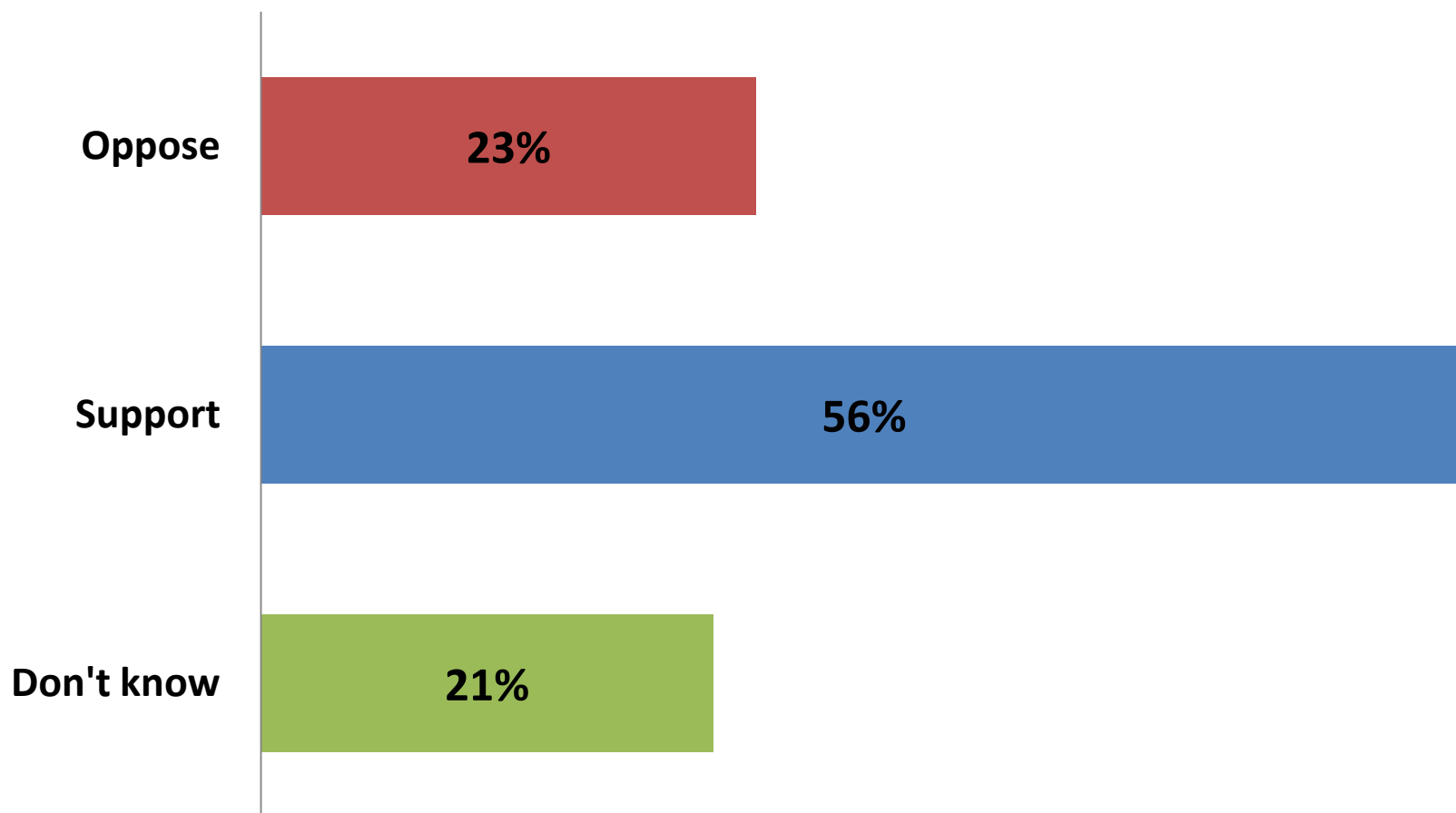
If you are subscribed to HOT or YES: Would you want to include in your HOT or YES subscription a channel dedicated to programs about the Diaspora and Israel-Diaspora relations?



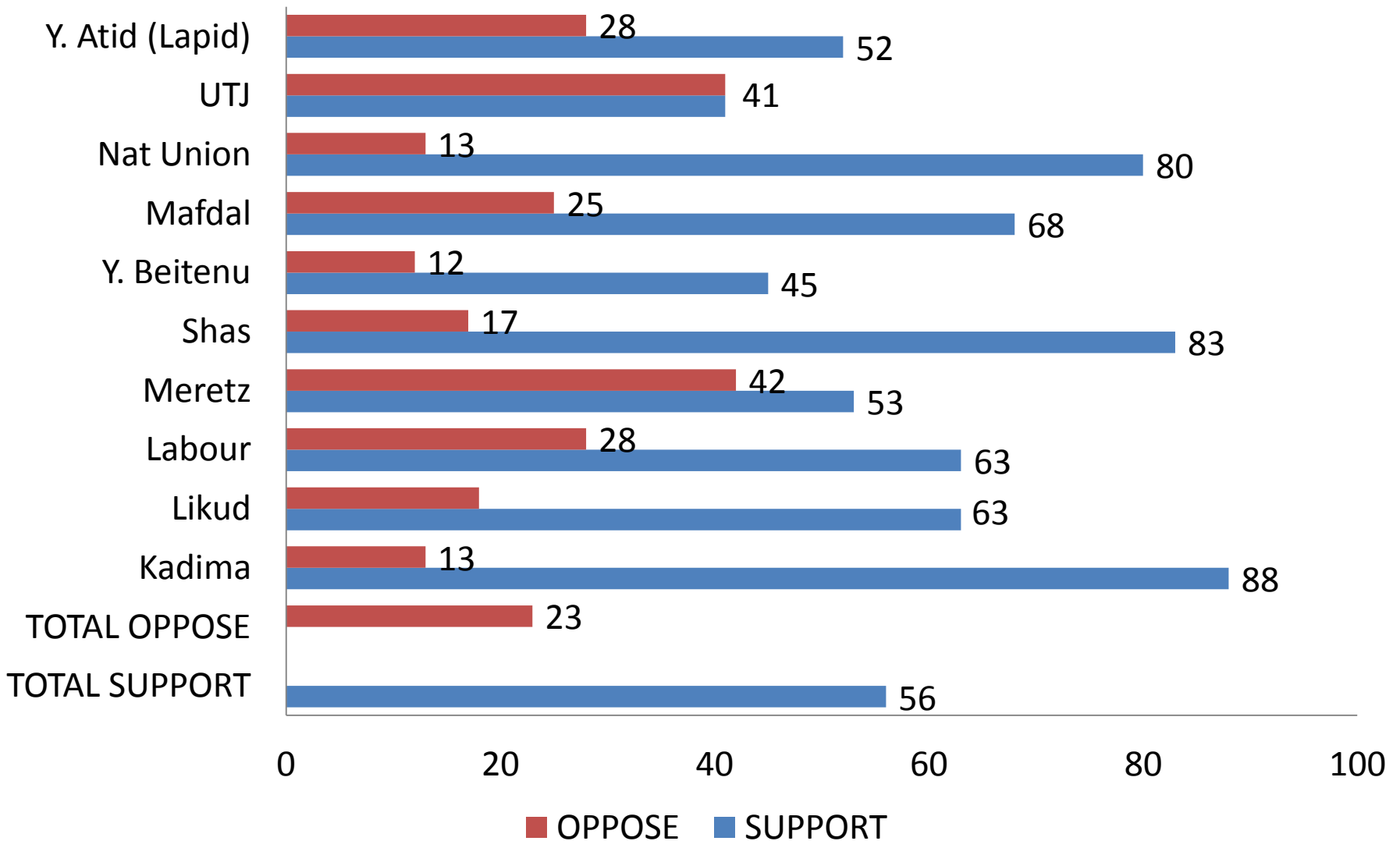
Reports indicate that there is a rise in violent acts against Jews in Europe, such as the murders in a Jewish school in Toulouse, a brutal attack of Jews near Lyon, glorification of Holocaust-era fascist leaders in Hungary, etc. What do you think the Israeli government should do to MOST help these communities?



Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE the creation of a “Jewish Parliament” - a new statutory body located in Israel that would represent the Jewish people in the Diaspora?

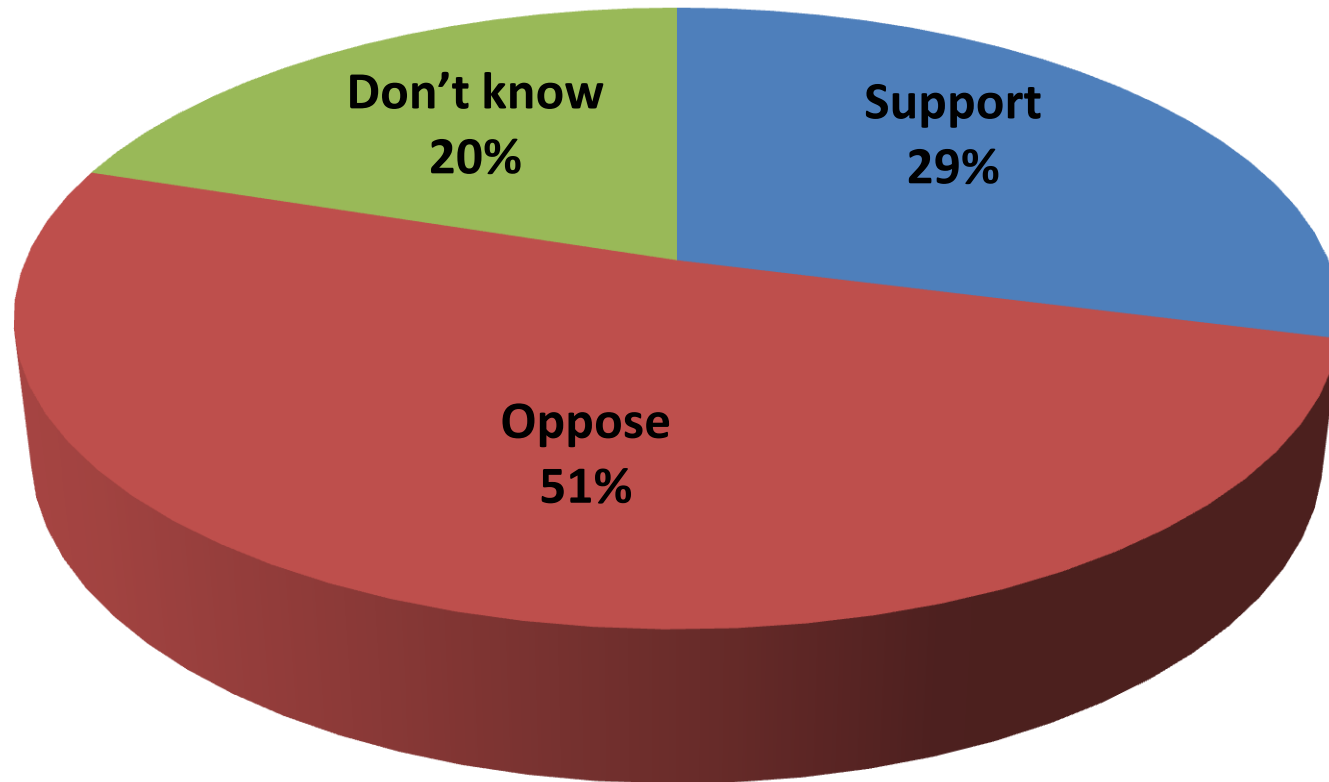


## SUPPORT or OPPOSE Jewish Parliament by Vote (Today) – by %

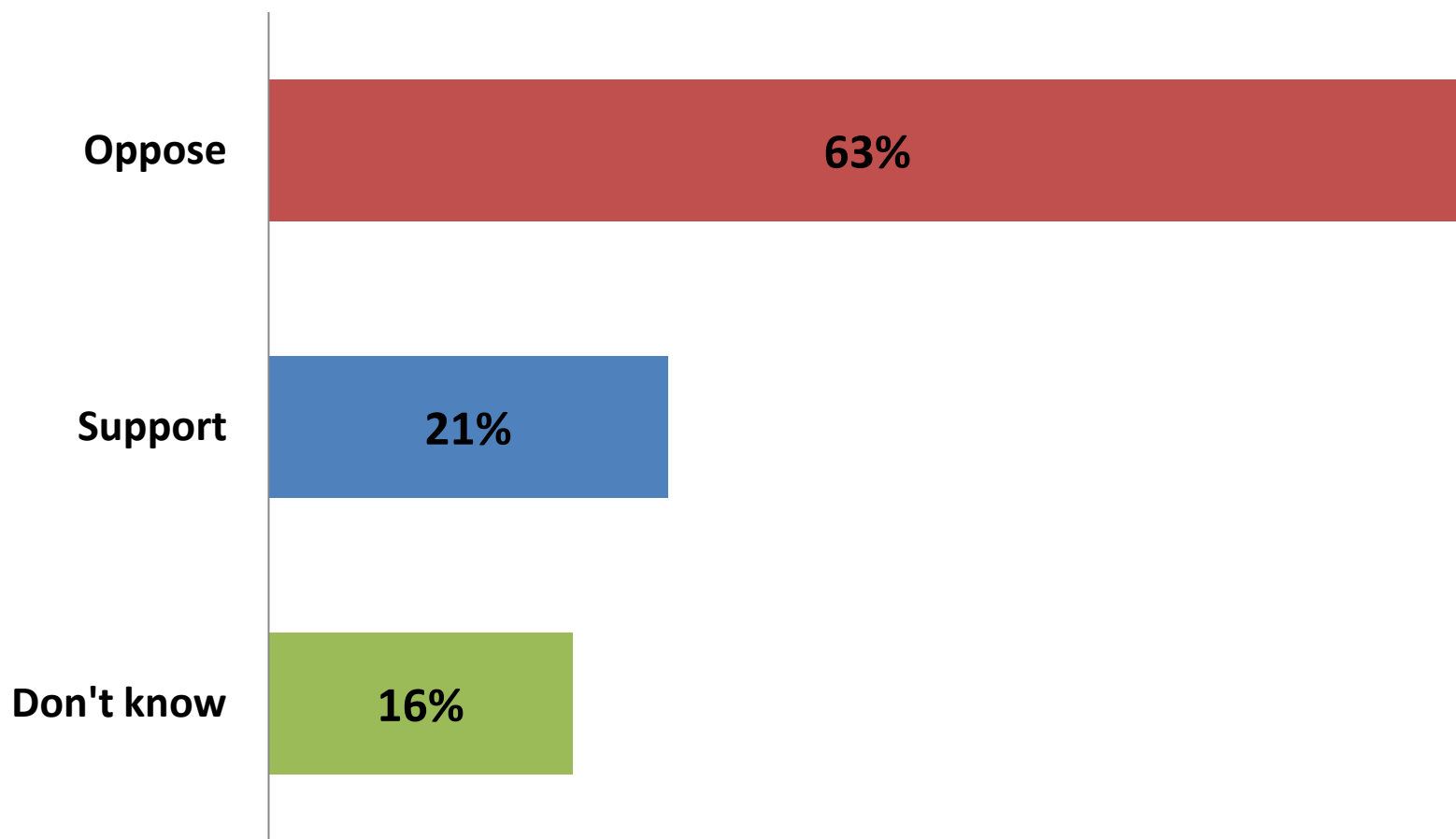




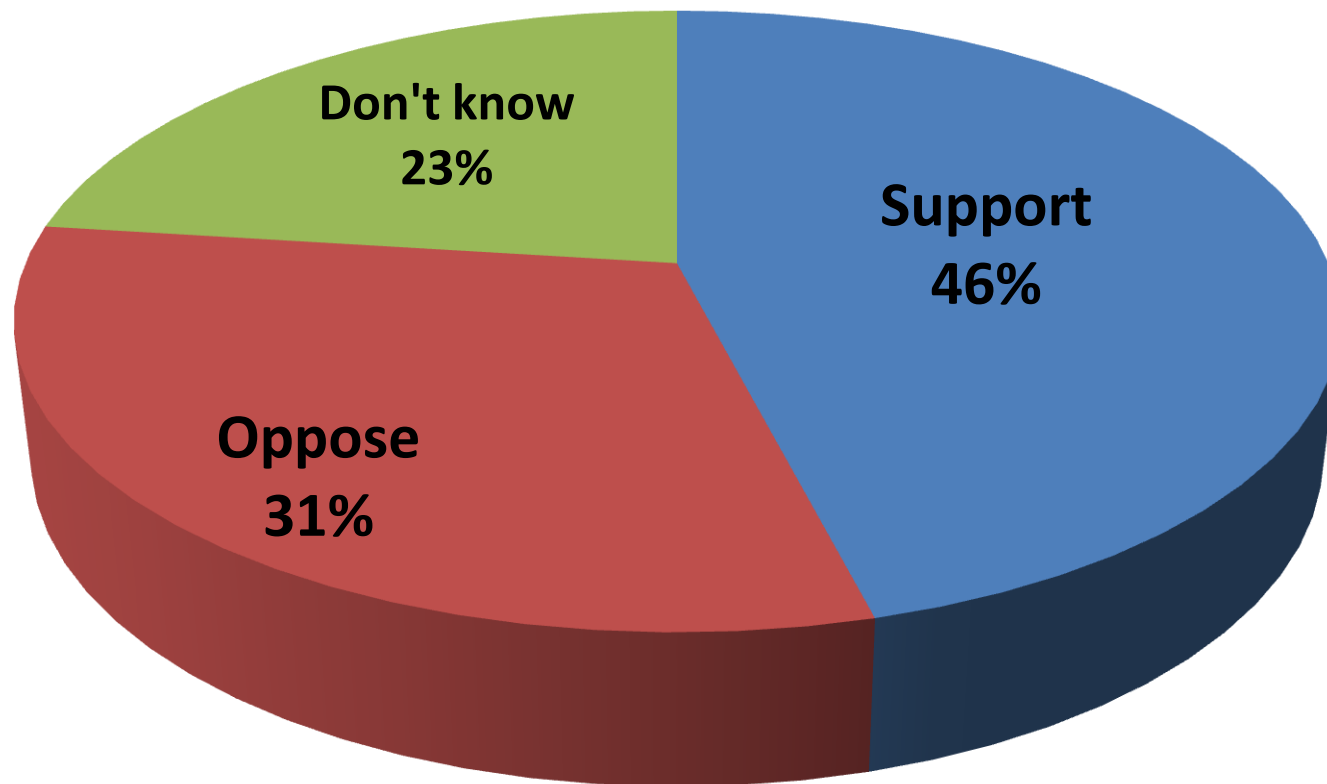
A member of the French Parliament was just elected for the first time to represent French citizens in Israel and other countries in the region, in addition to ten other members of Parliament who will represent French citizens in other geographic regions of the world in Parliament. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE instituting a similar system in the Knesset whereby a few Knesset members would be elected by Israeli citizens living abroad?



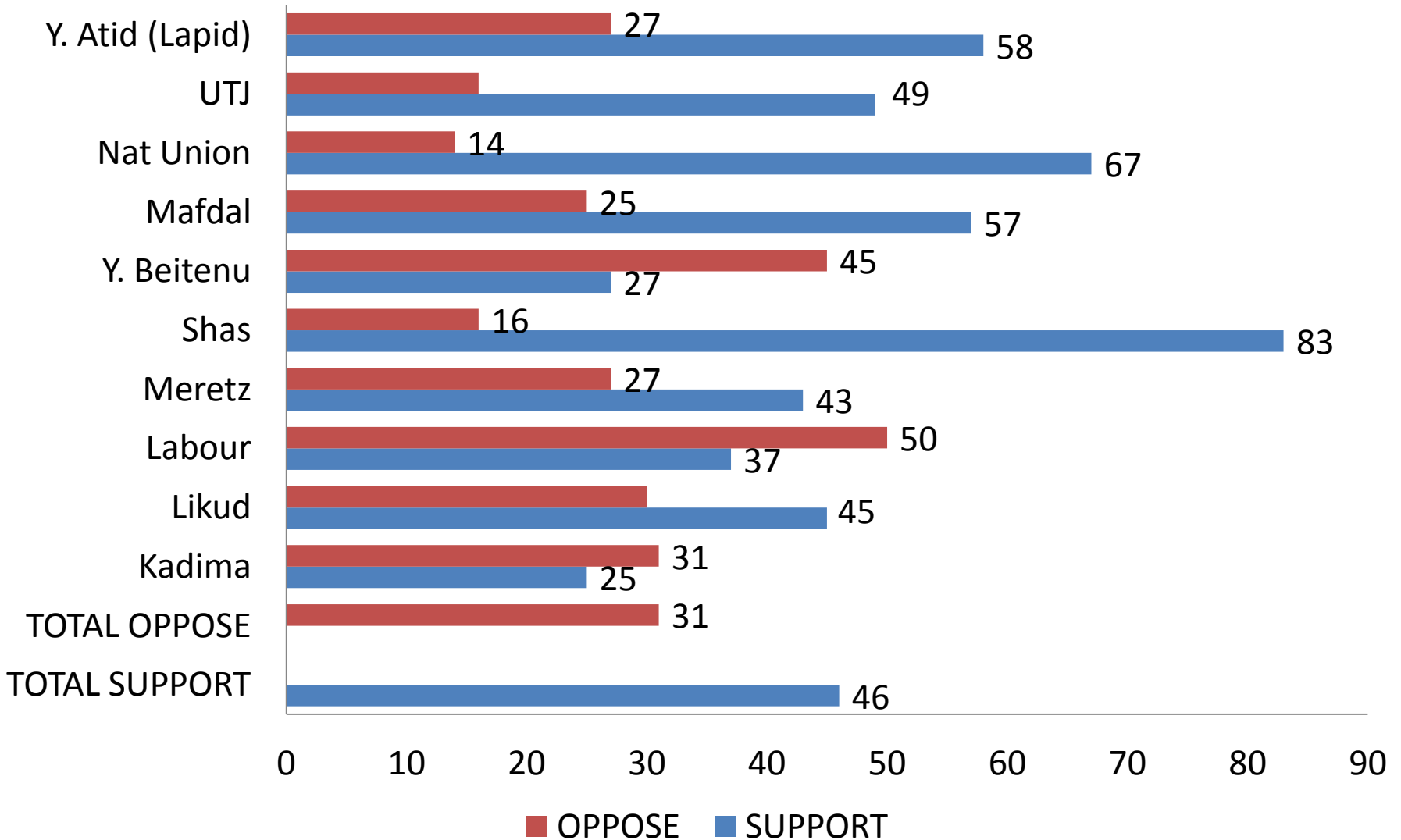
Do you **SUPPORT** or **OPPOSE** instituting a similar system in the Knesset whereby a few Knesset members would be elected by Diaspora Jews to represent their interests in Israel?



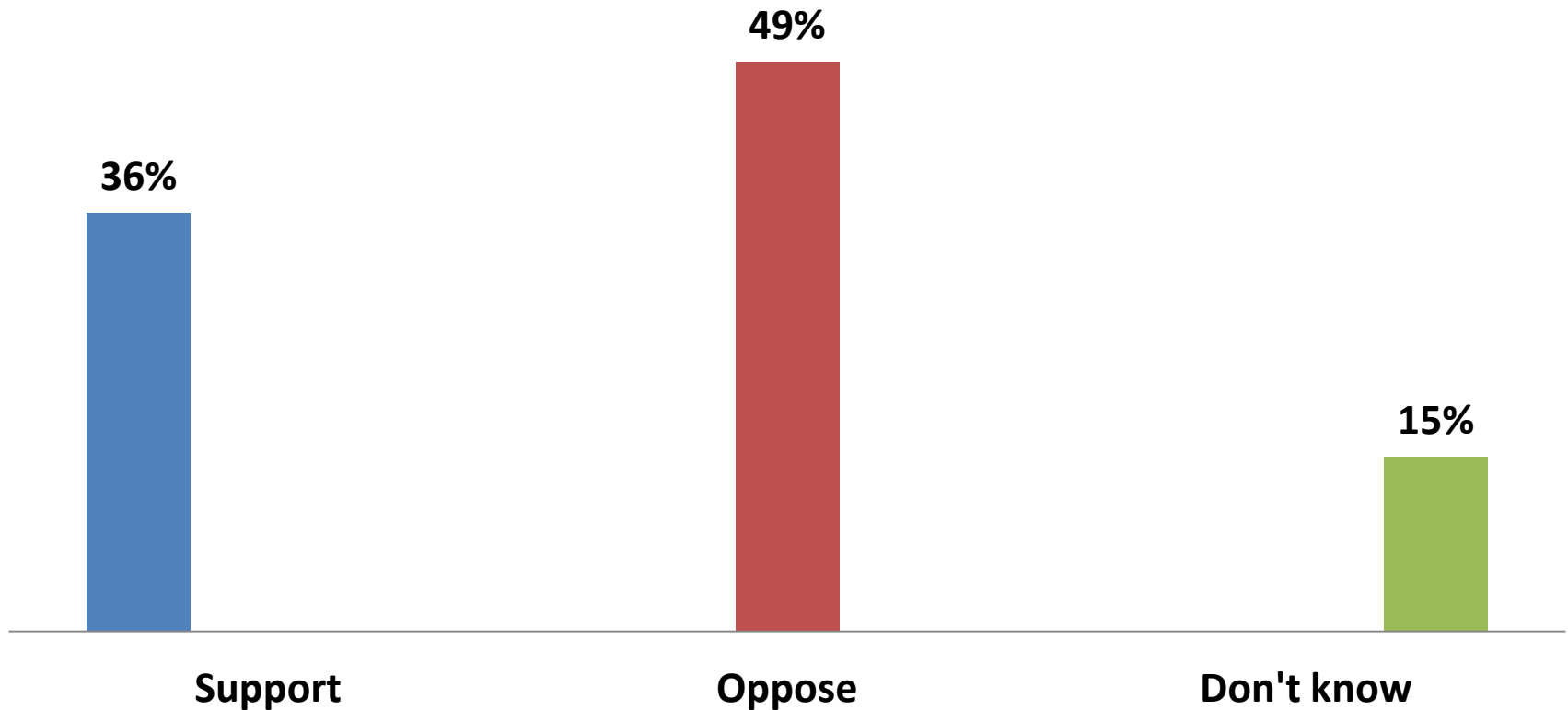
The Chair of the Knesset Sub-Committee on Ties between Israel and the Jewish People, MK Einat Wilf, announced this week a new initiative that when she receives a request by a few thousand Jews, from at least three different Jewish communities, via email or “Likes” on Facebook, she will lead initiate a debate by the sub-Committee on the requested issue. Do you SUPPORT or OPPOSE this initiative?



## SUPPORT or OPPOSE MK Wilf's Initiative by Vote (Today) – by %

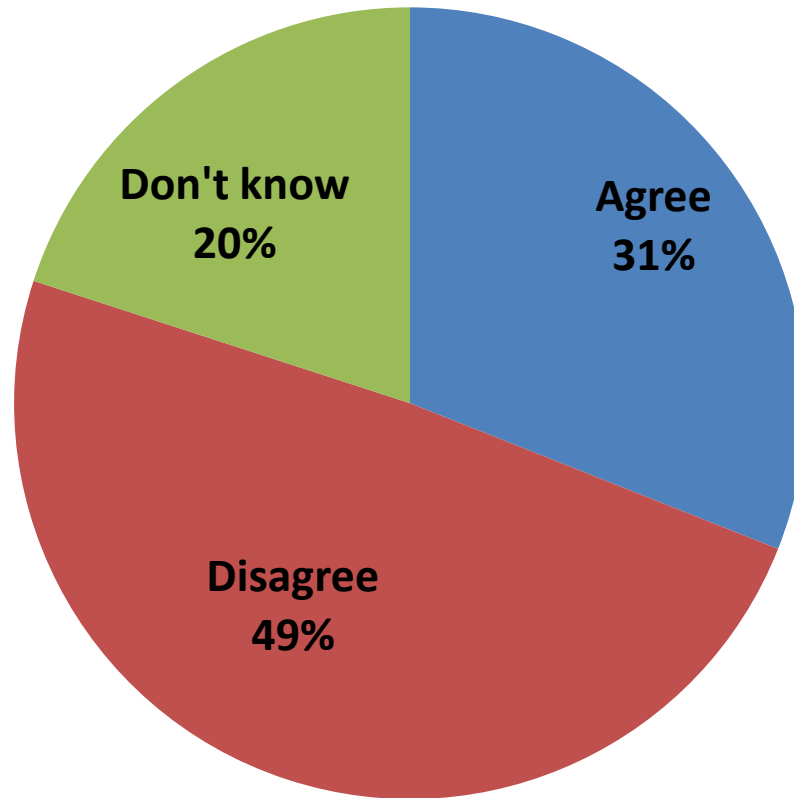


In your view, would you SUPPORT or OPPOSE a mechanism that would allow Diaspora Jews to oblige the Knesset to hold a debate on an issues relevant to Diaspora Jewry?

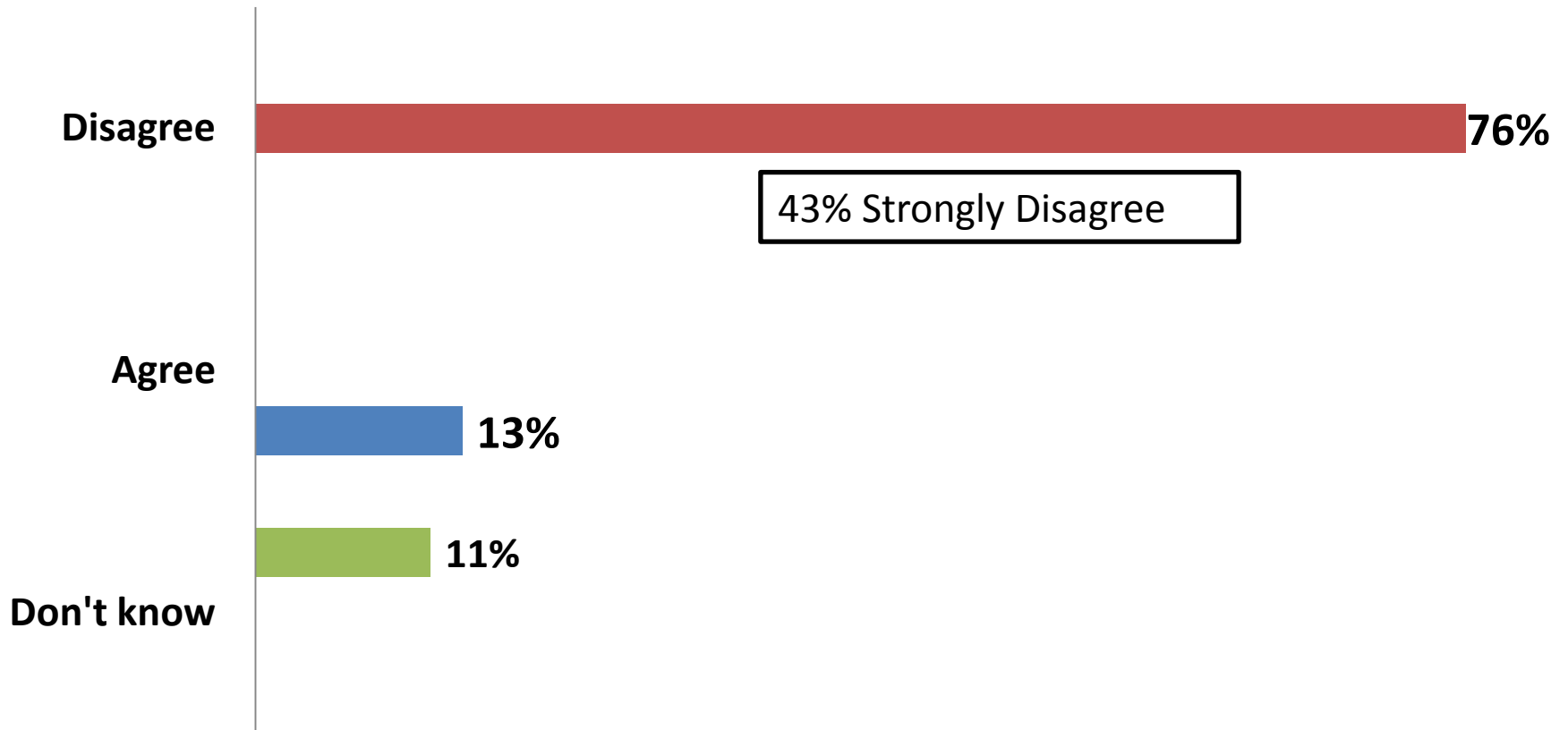


Now, I am going to read you a quote from a recently-published book on Israel-Diaspora relations by a Jewish American author. Please tell me whether you AGREE or DISAGREE with it.

**"In the struggle to build a Jewish State in the face of implacable foes, the liberal ideals outlined by Israel's founders were brutally flouted."**



The author advocates the implementation of what he terms a "Zionist boycott" against the settlements by American Jews. Do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the author that American Jews should boycott the settlements?



# Thank You!!

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