

# Environics Institute

For Survey Research

## Attitudes towards the patriation of the constitution and the charter of rights, 1980-81

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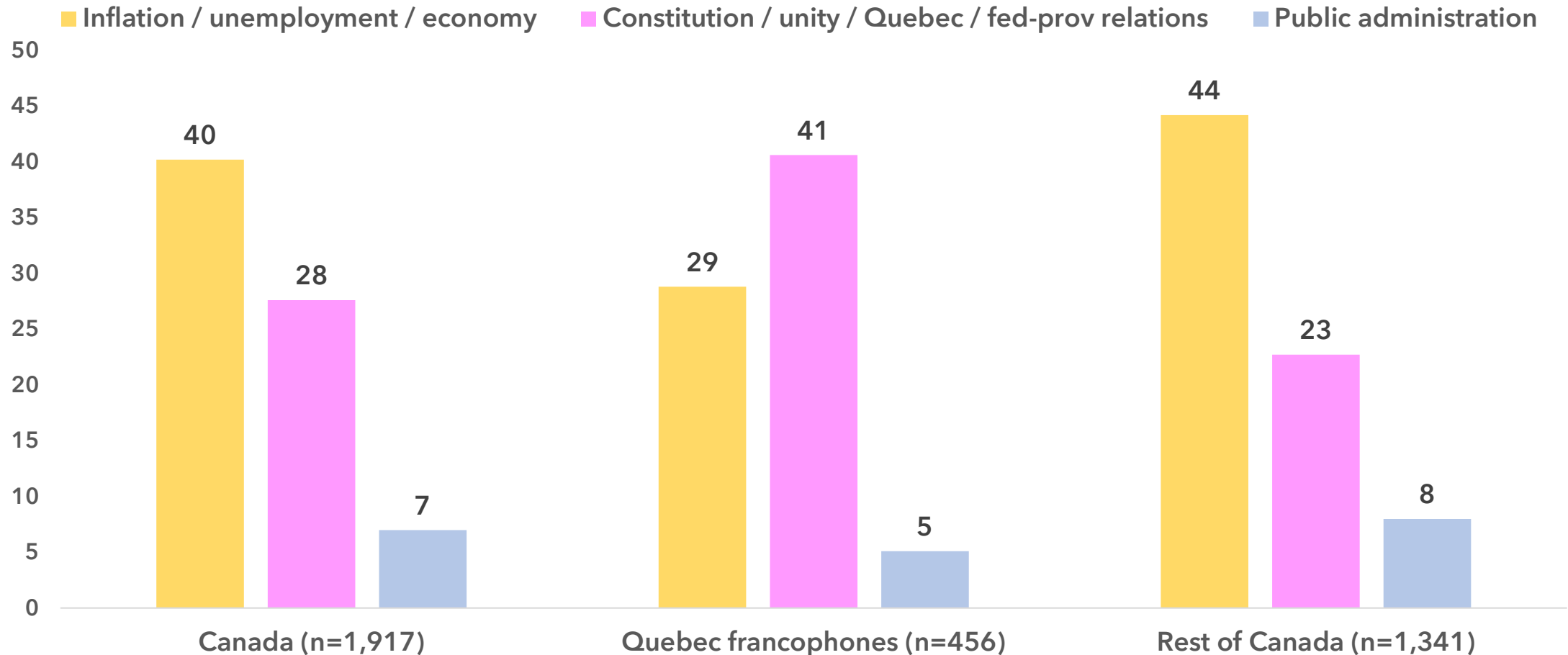
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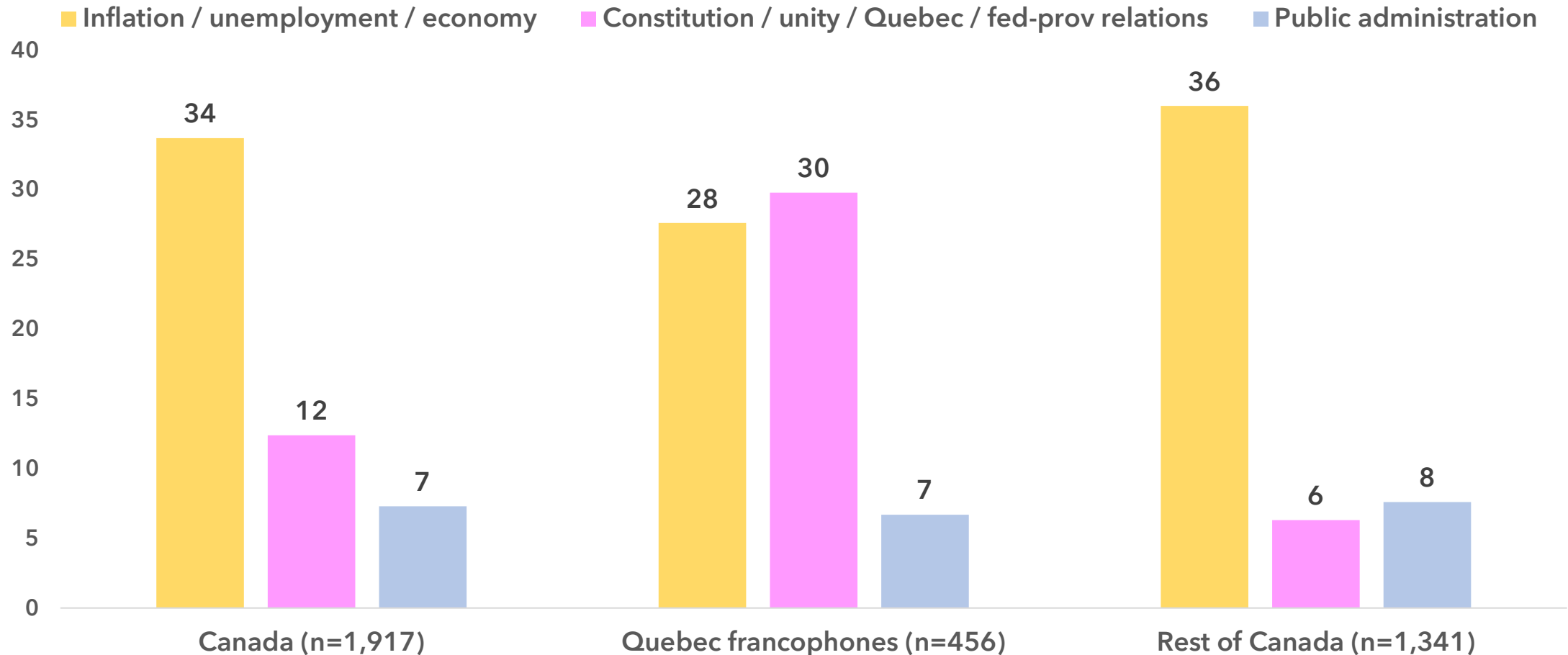
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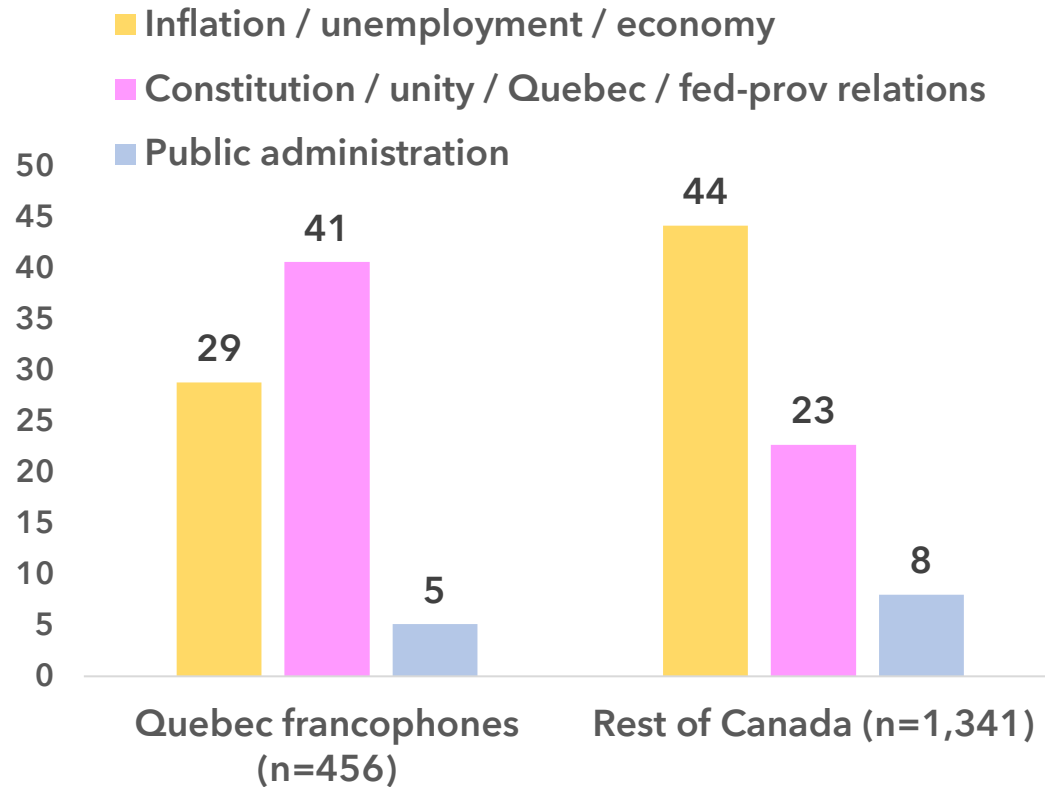
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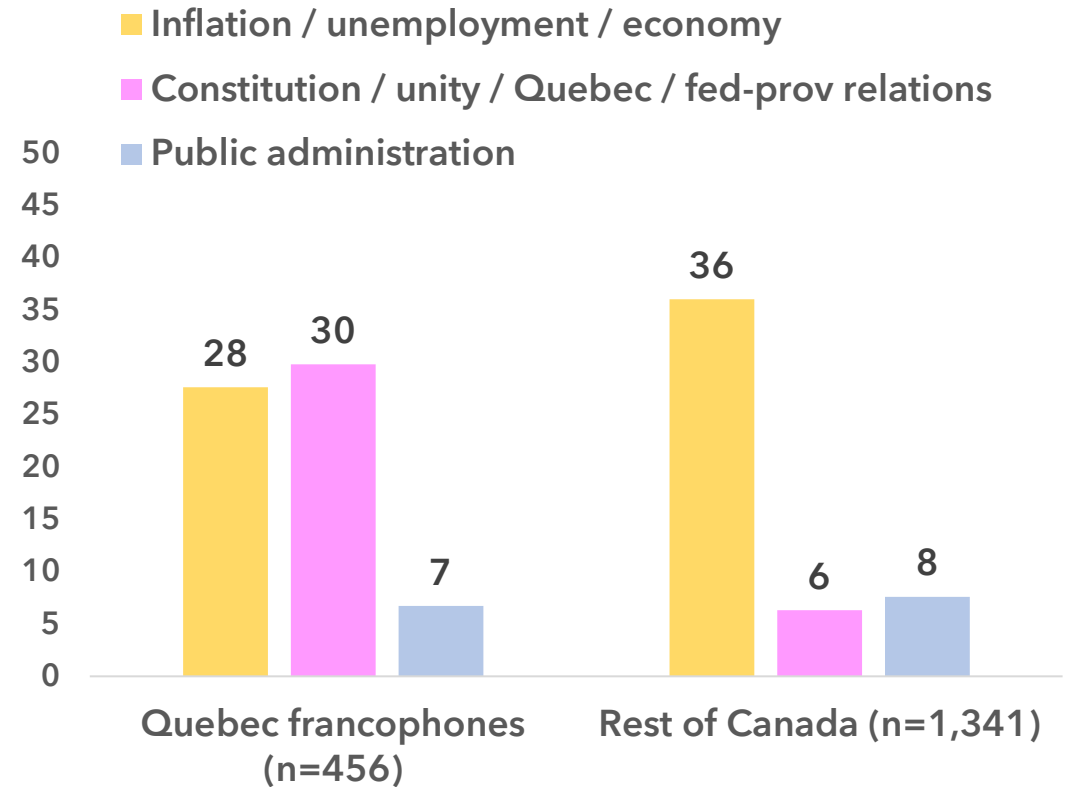


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## Facing the federal government



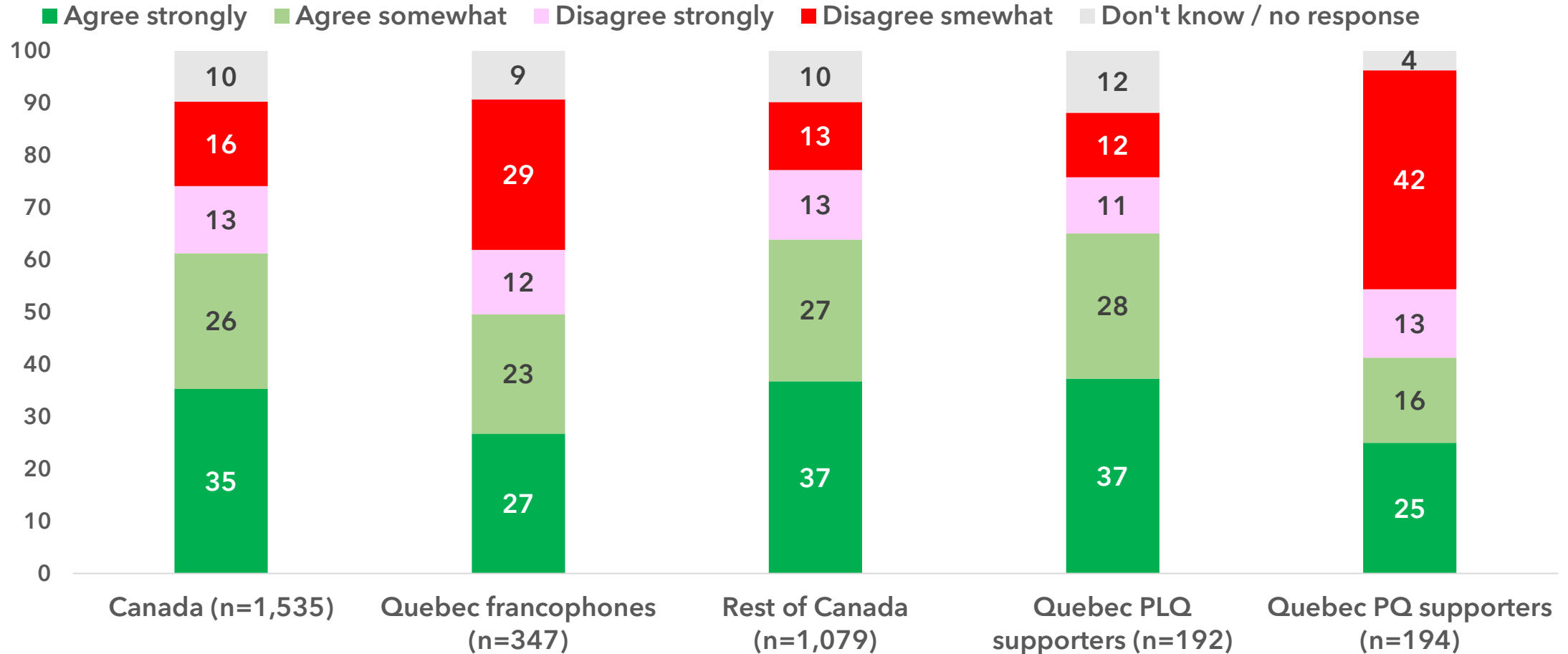
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# Support for patriation (whether or not other changes agreed to)

*Subsample: respondents who had heard of the September 1980 constitutional conference*

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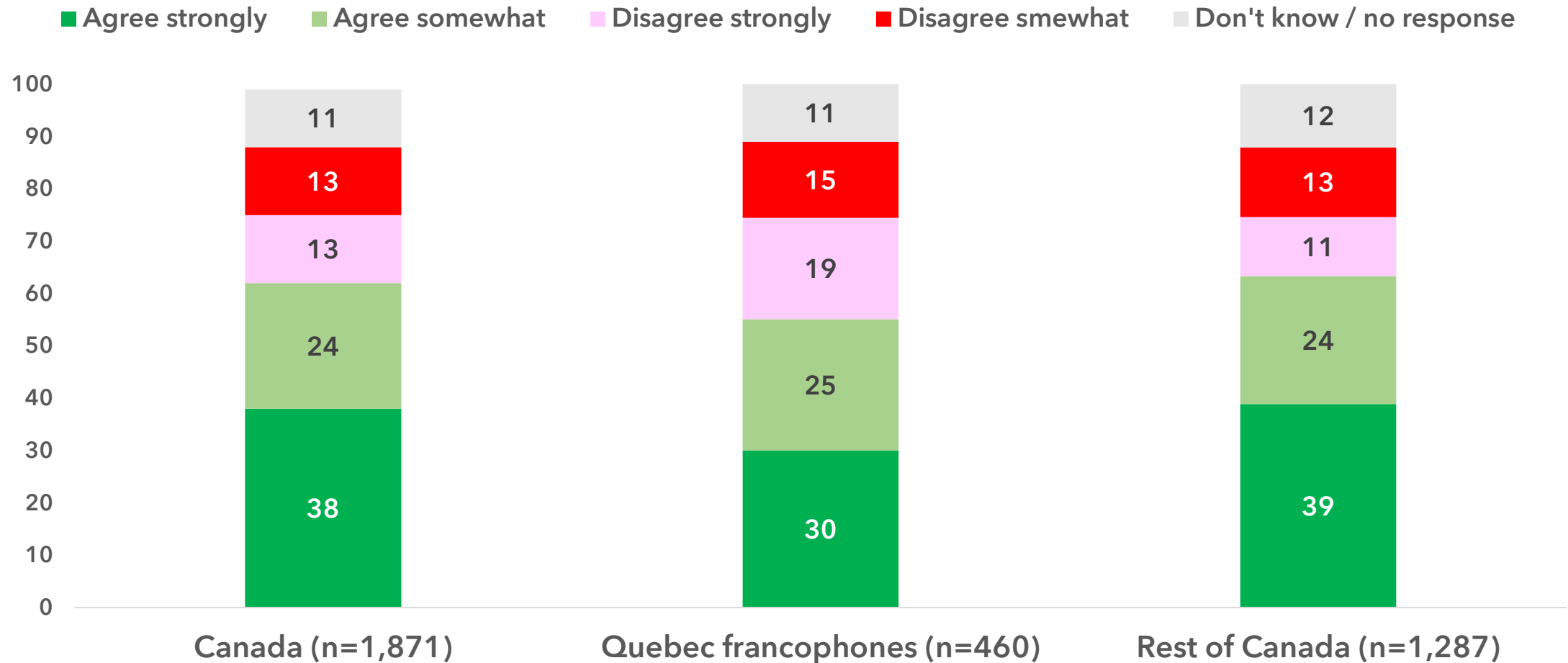


*Whether or not basic constitutional reform is agreed upon, the federal government has indicated it would go to London to at least bring Canada's constitution home from England. Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat or disagree strongly that the federal government should at least bring Canada's constitution home from England, whether or not there is constitutional reform?*

# Support for elements of proposed Constitutional package: patriation

*Subsample: eligible voters*

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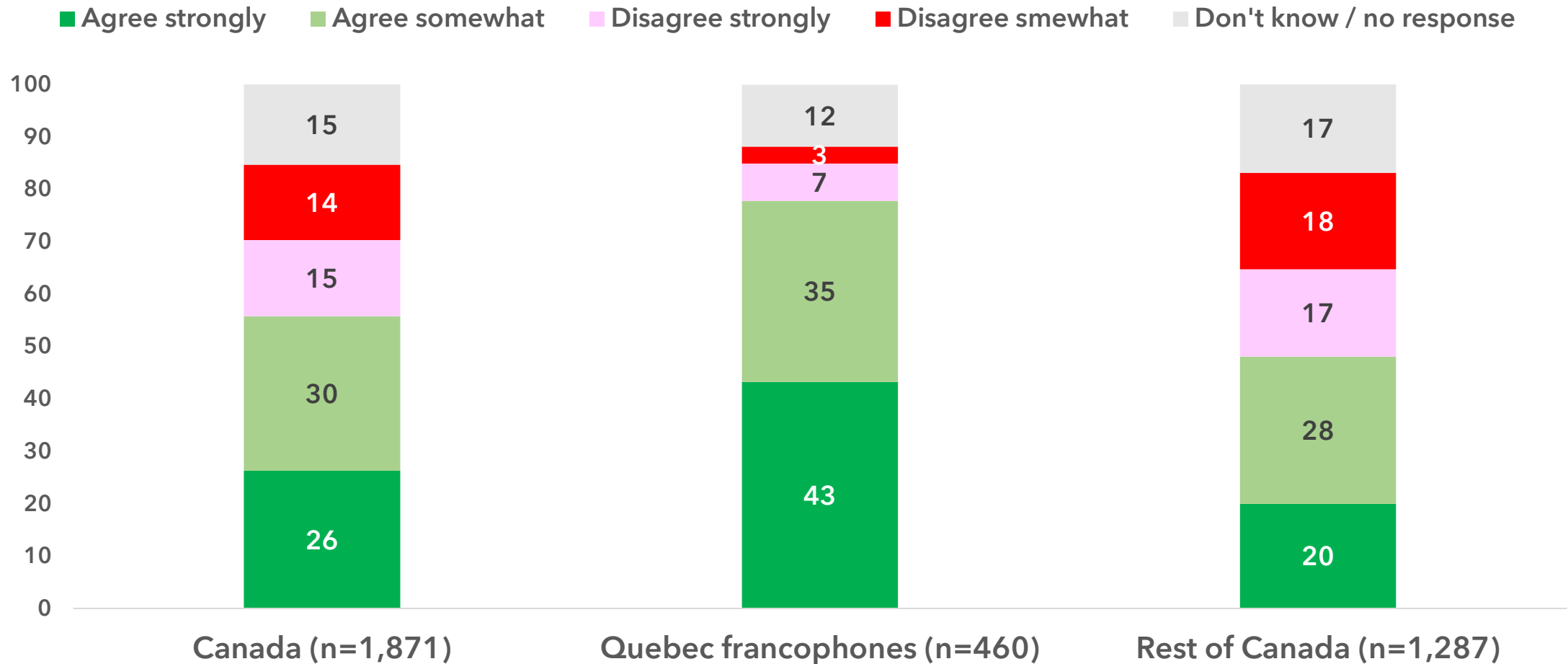


For each of the following three basic parts of the Constitutional proposals, please tell me whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose it. Patriation of the Constitution, that is, bringing it home from England

# Support for elements of proposed Constitutional package: amending formula

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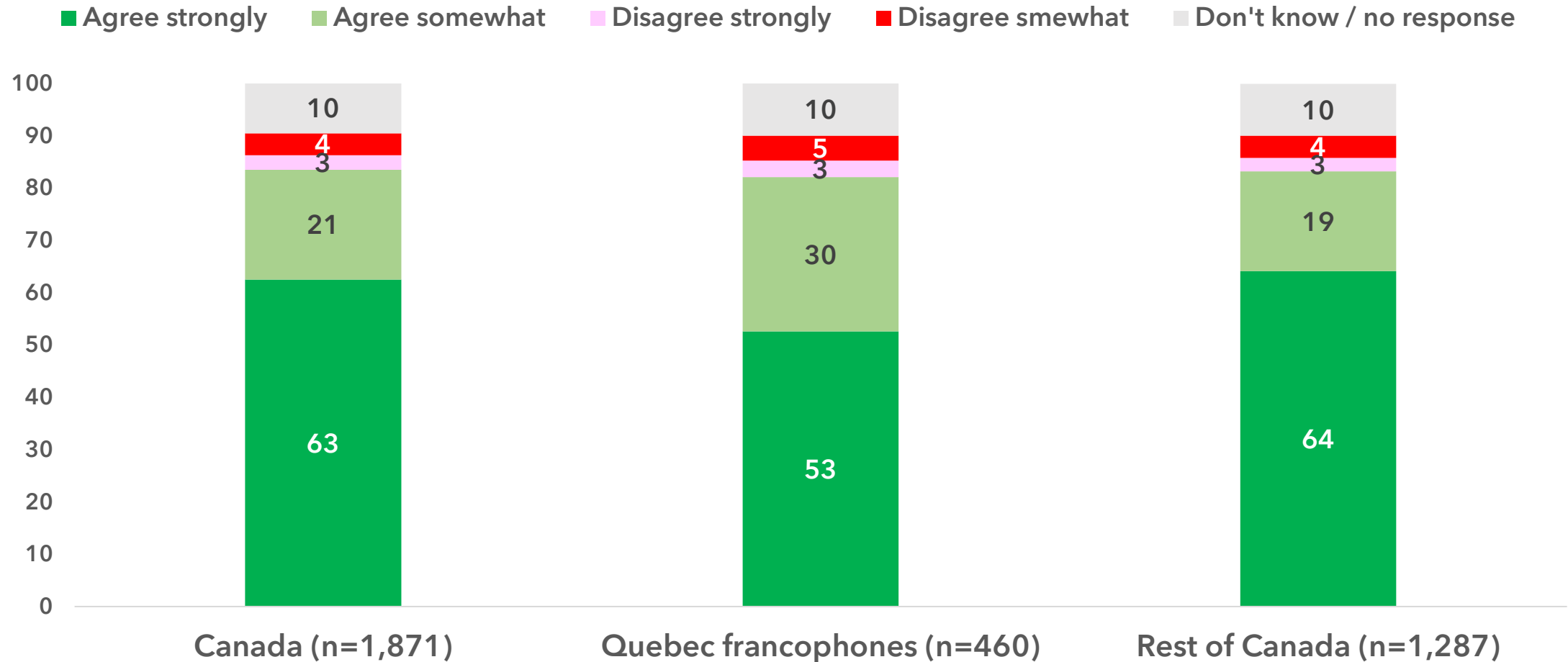


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# Support for elements of proposed Constitutional package: Bill of Rights

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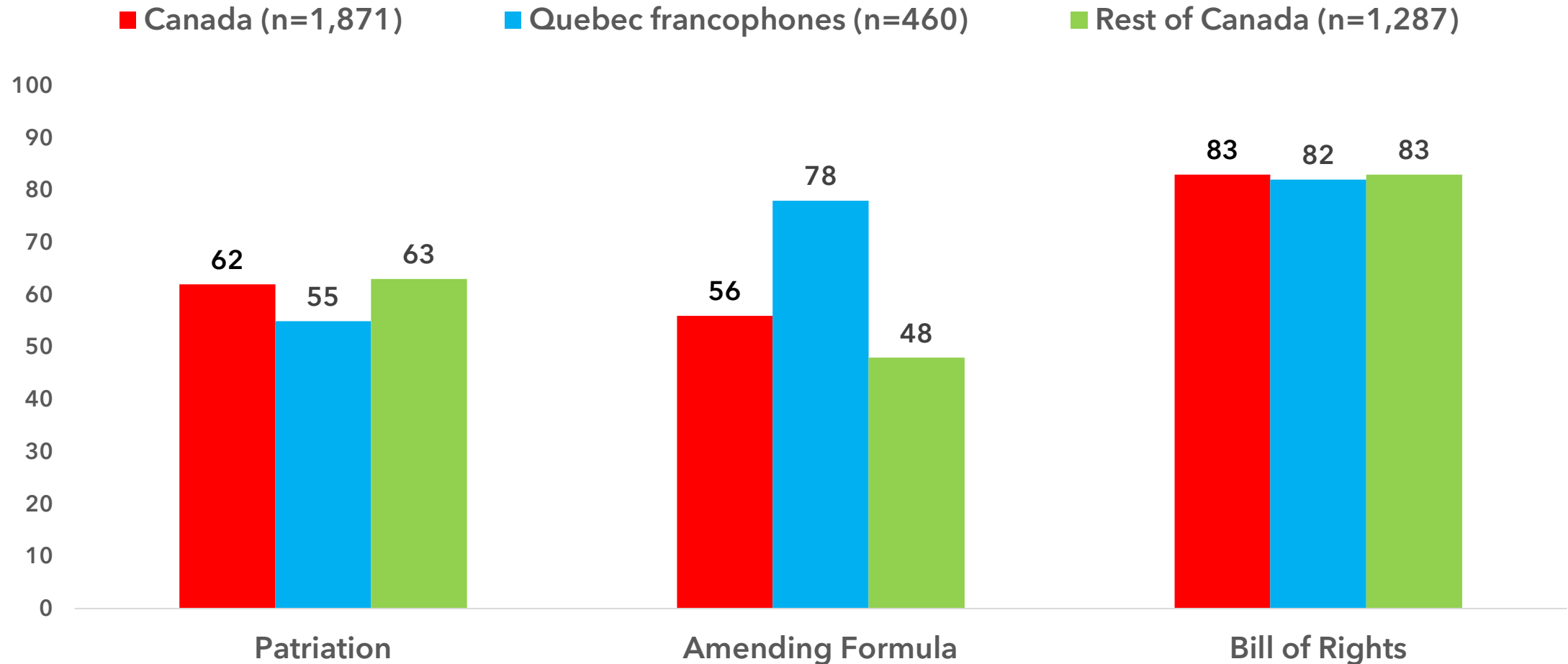
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# Support for elements of proposed Constitutional package: agree

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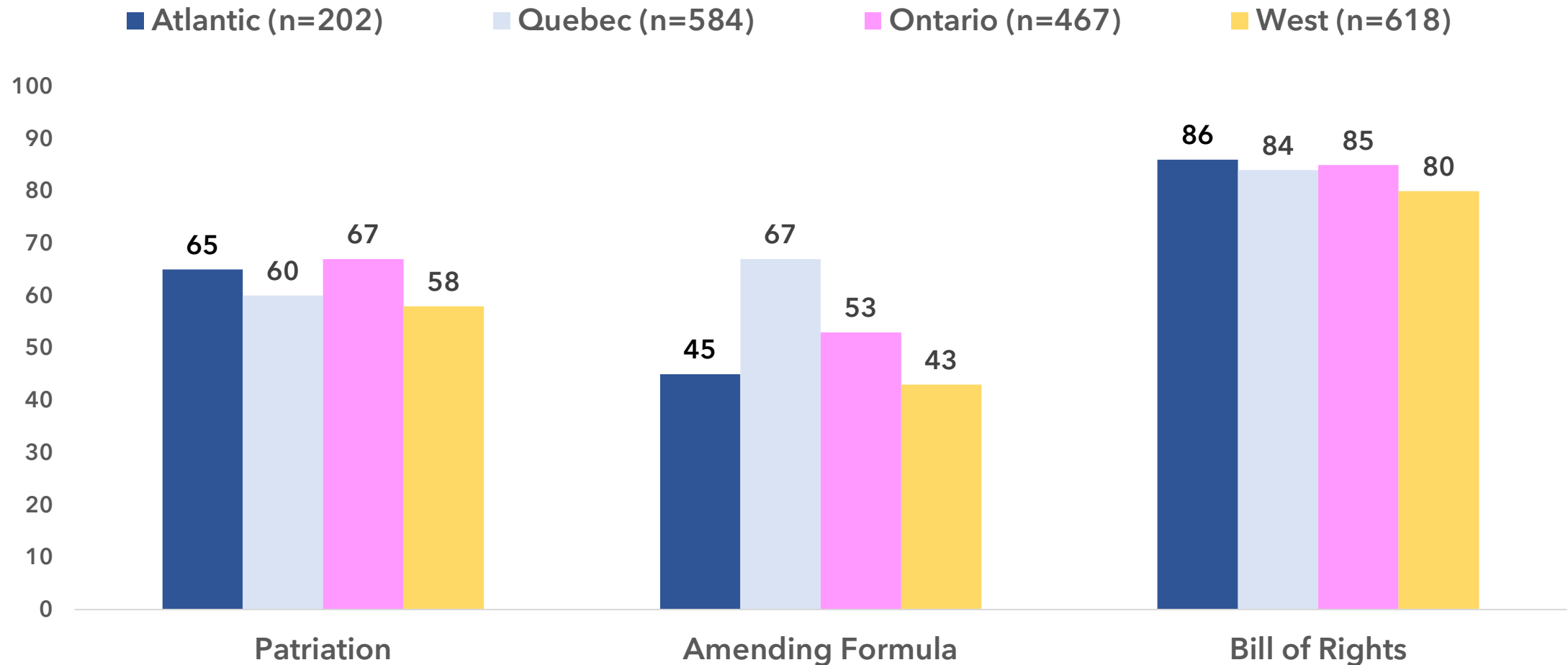


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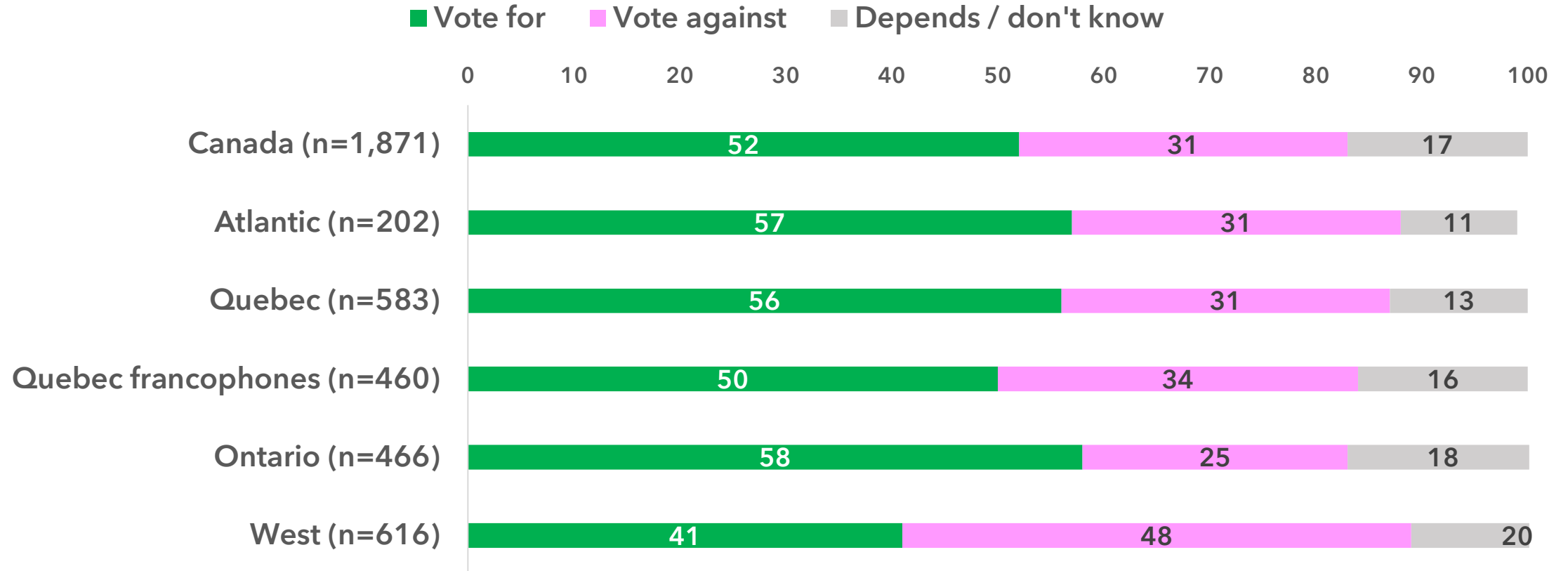


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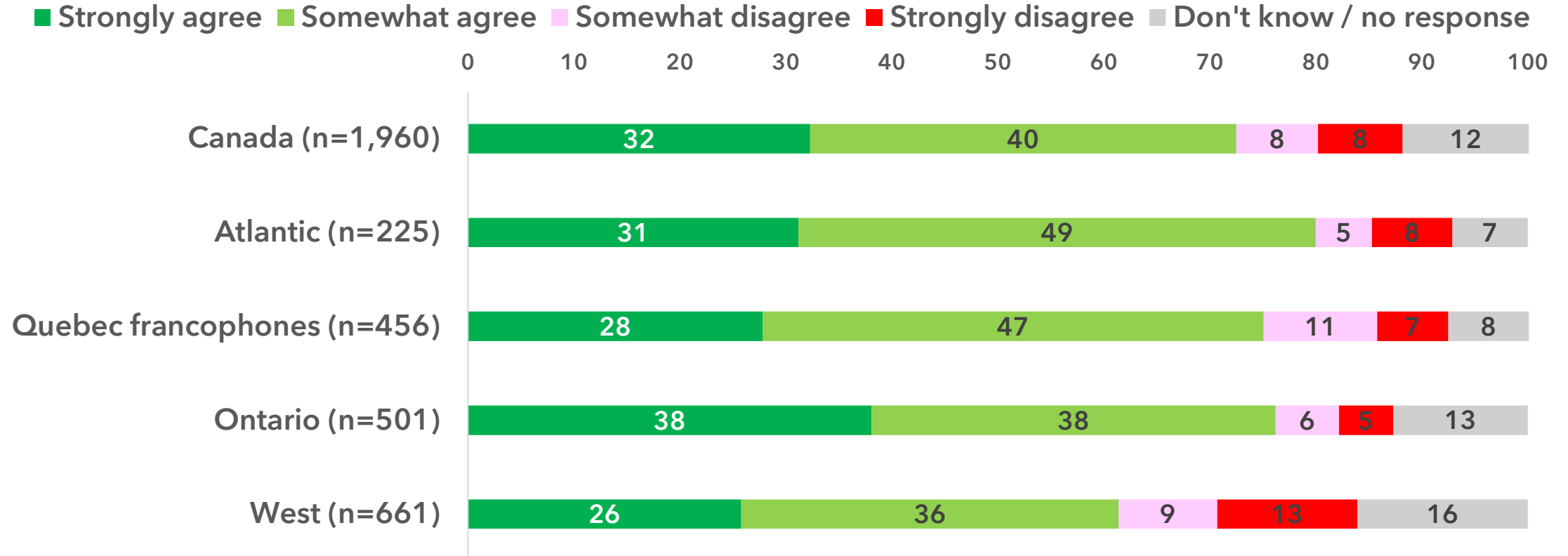
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# Support for a Charter of Human Rights

CROP Report 1981-4 (June 4 to 25, 1981)

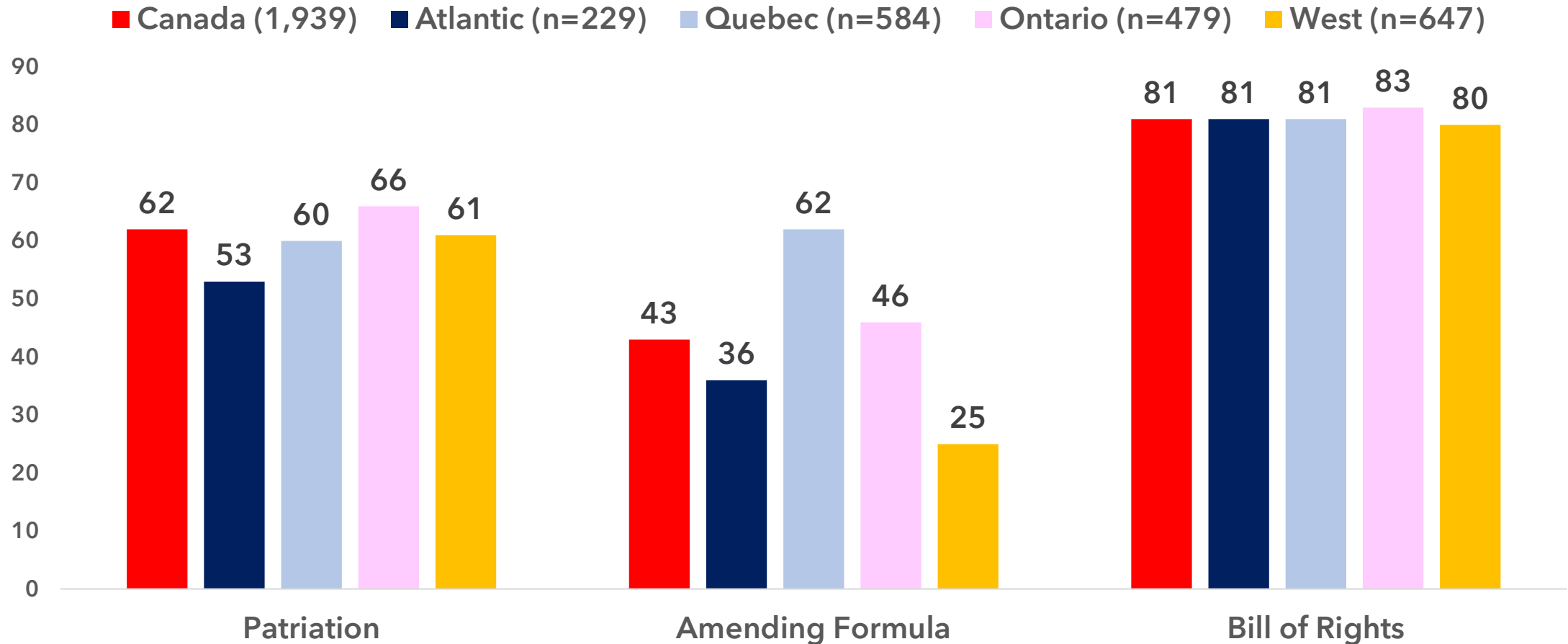


As you may know, the federal government is proposing to include a Charter of Human Rights in the new Constitution. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

# Support for elements of proposed Constitutional package: agree

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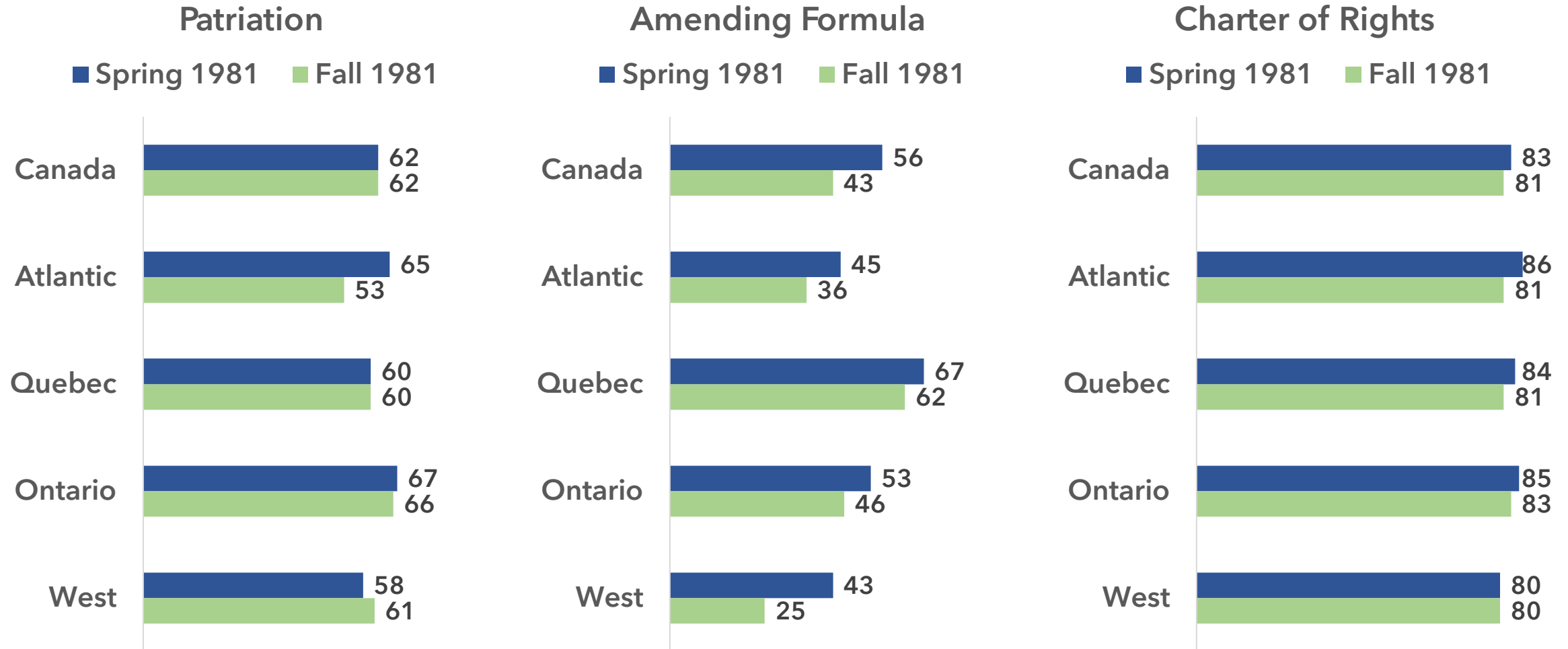
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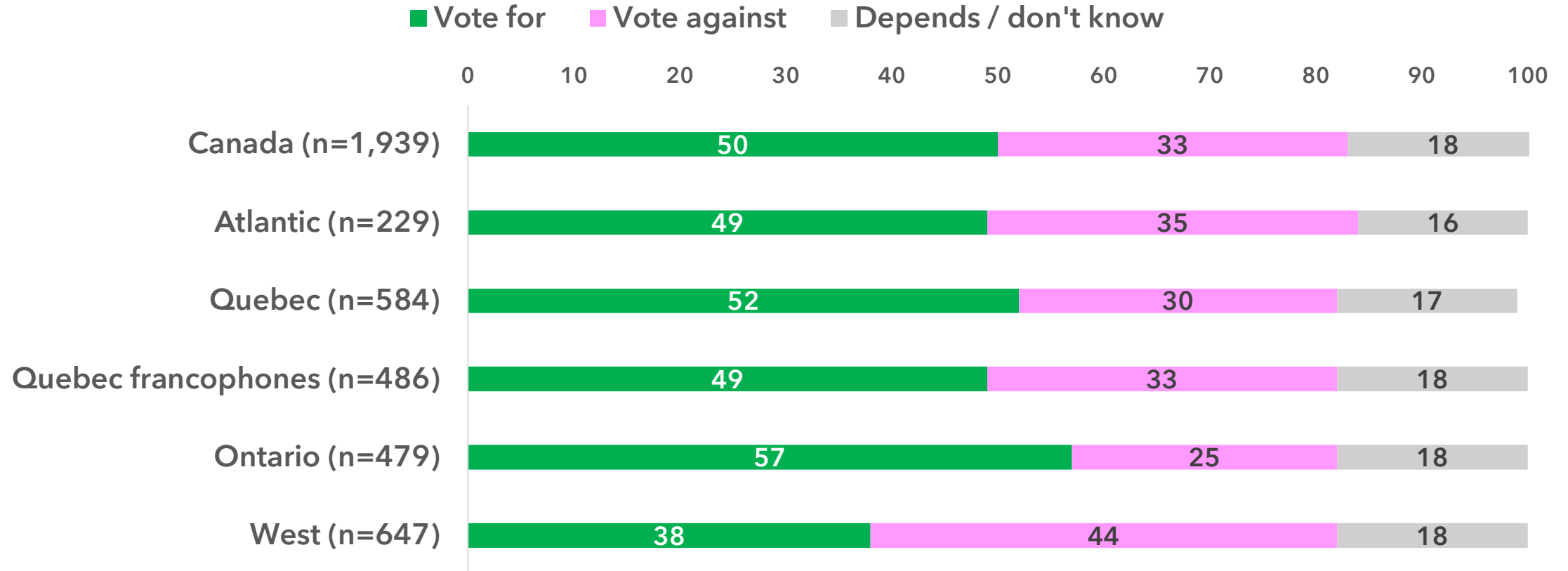


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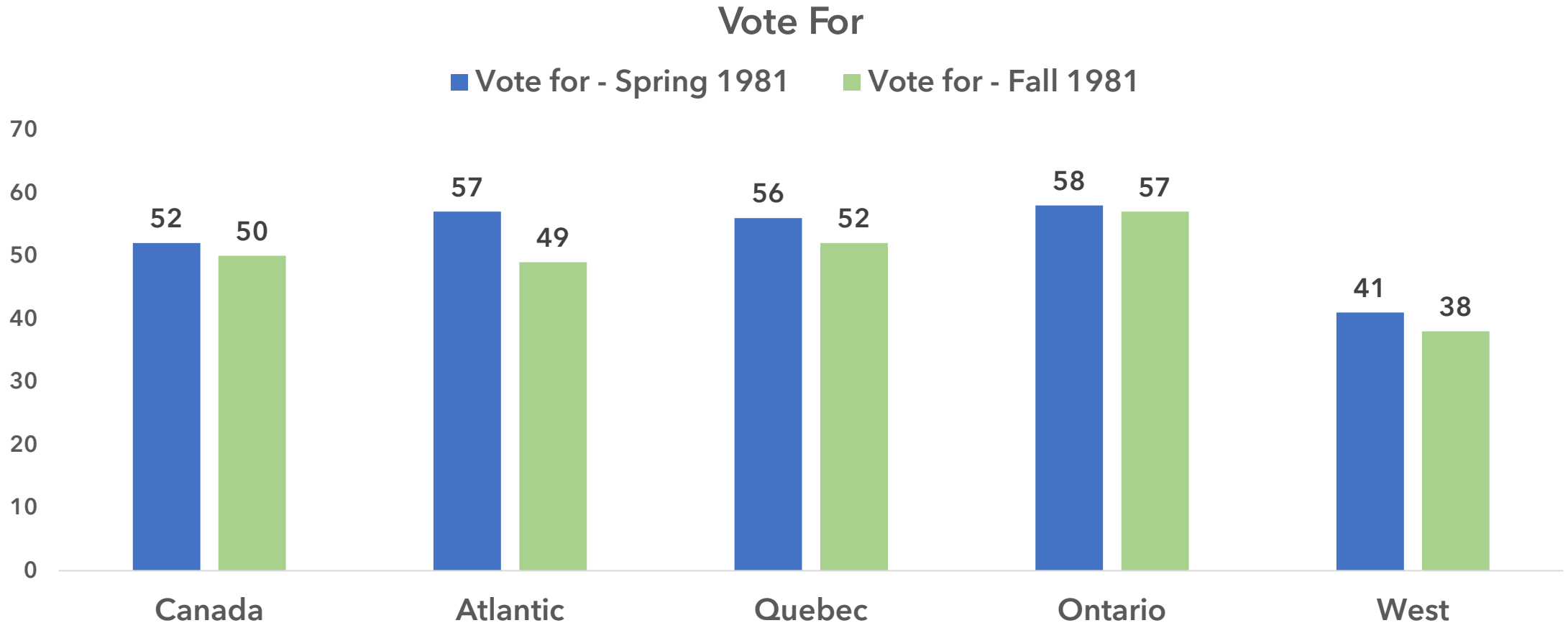
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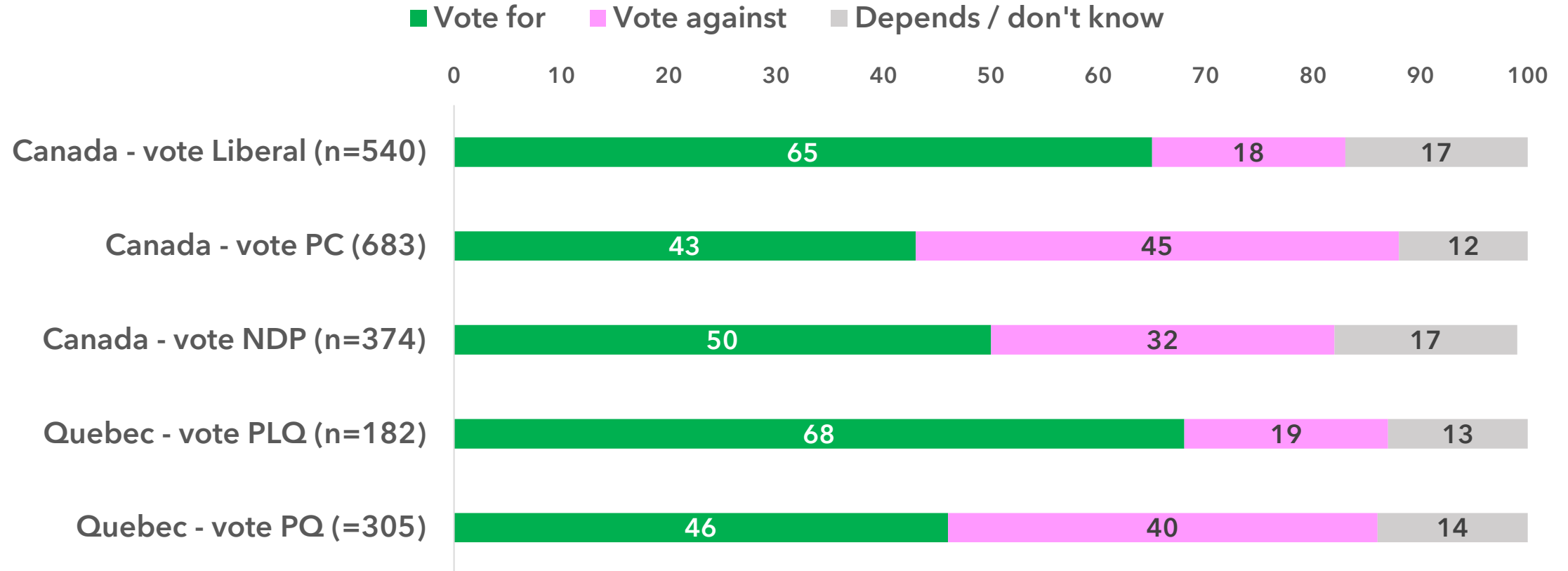
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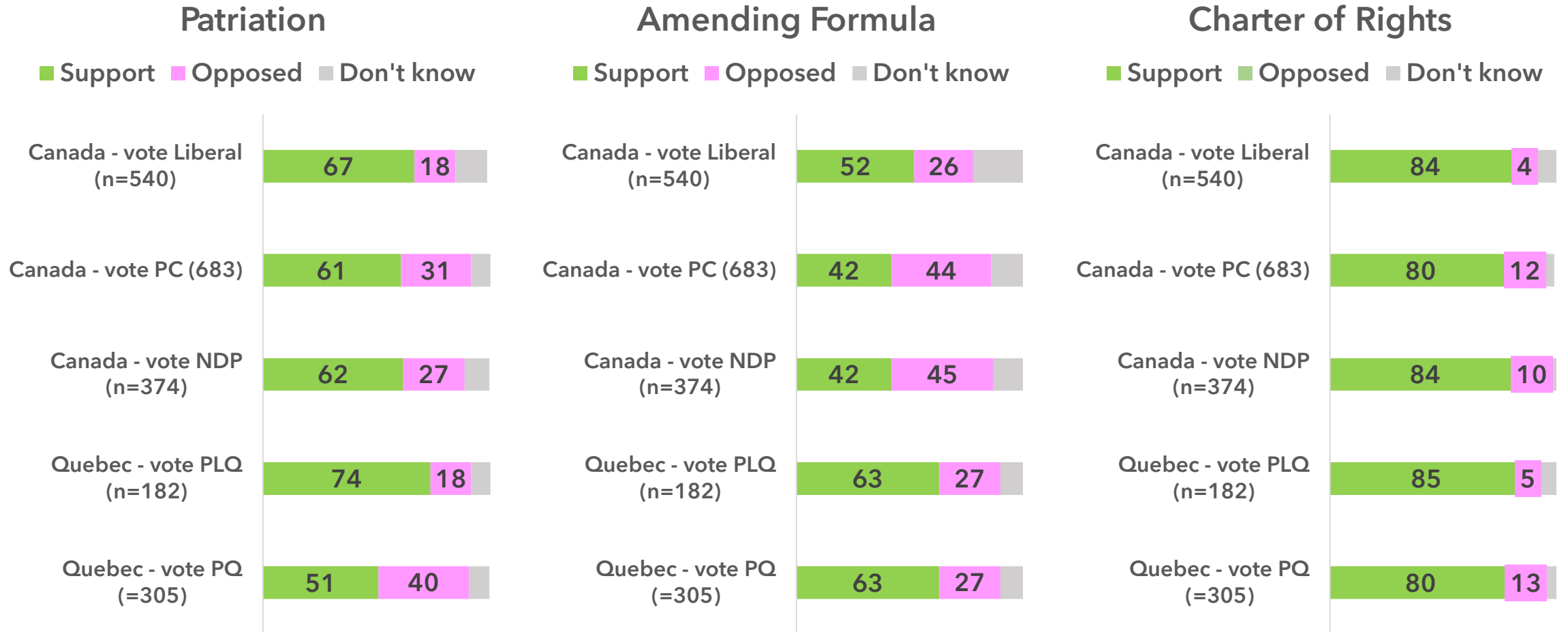


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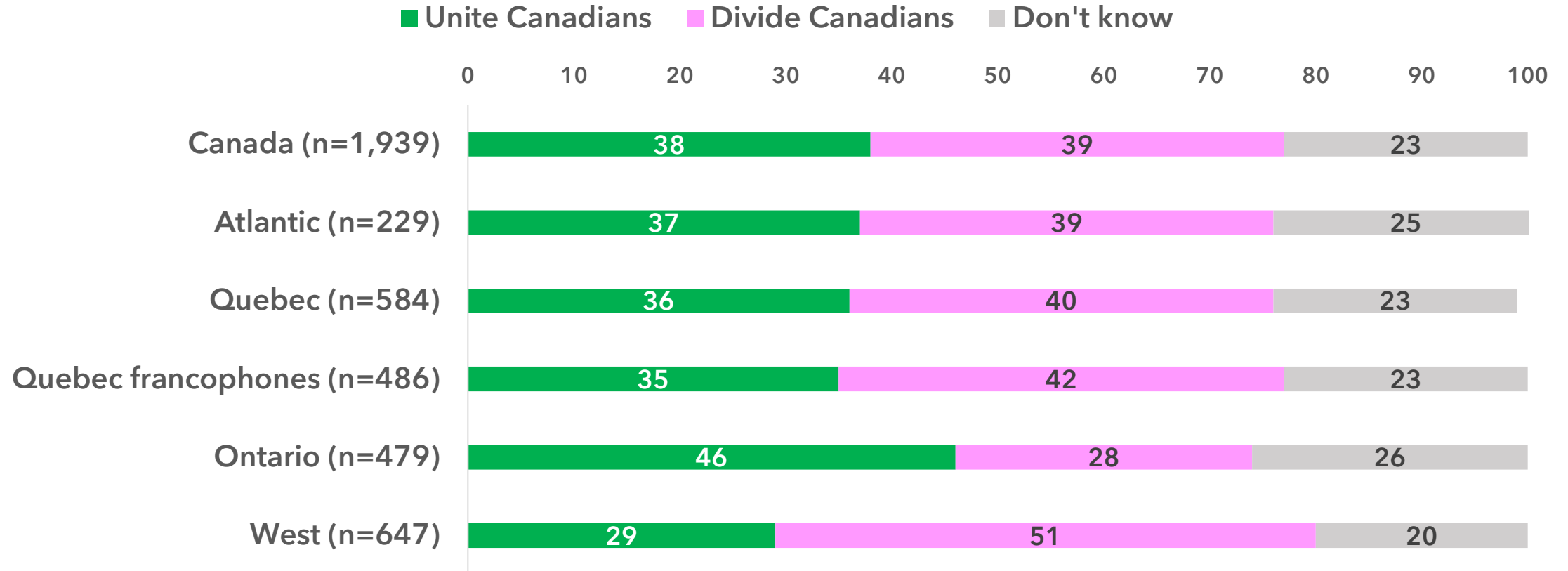


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# Impact of Constitutional package on national unity

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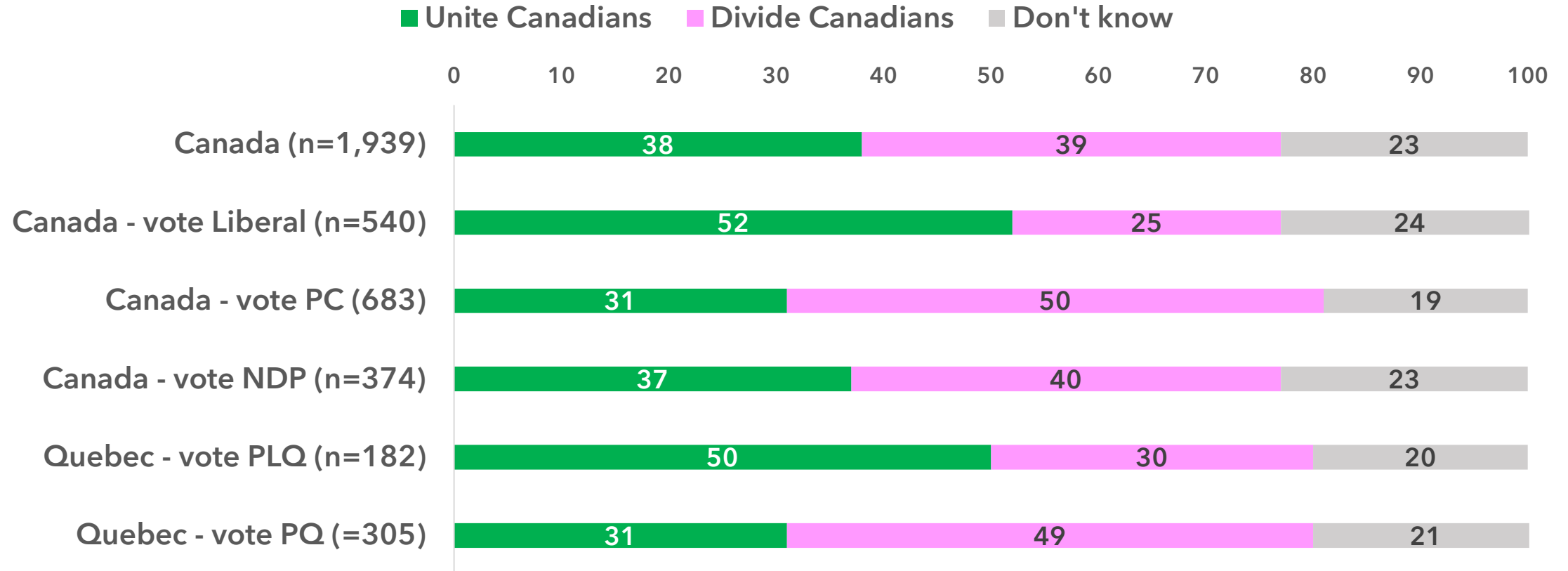


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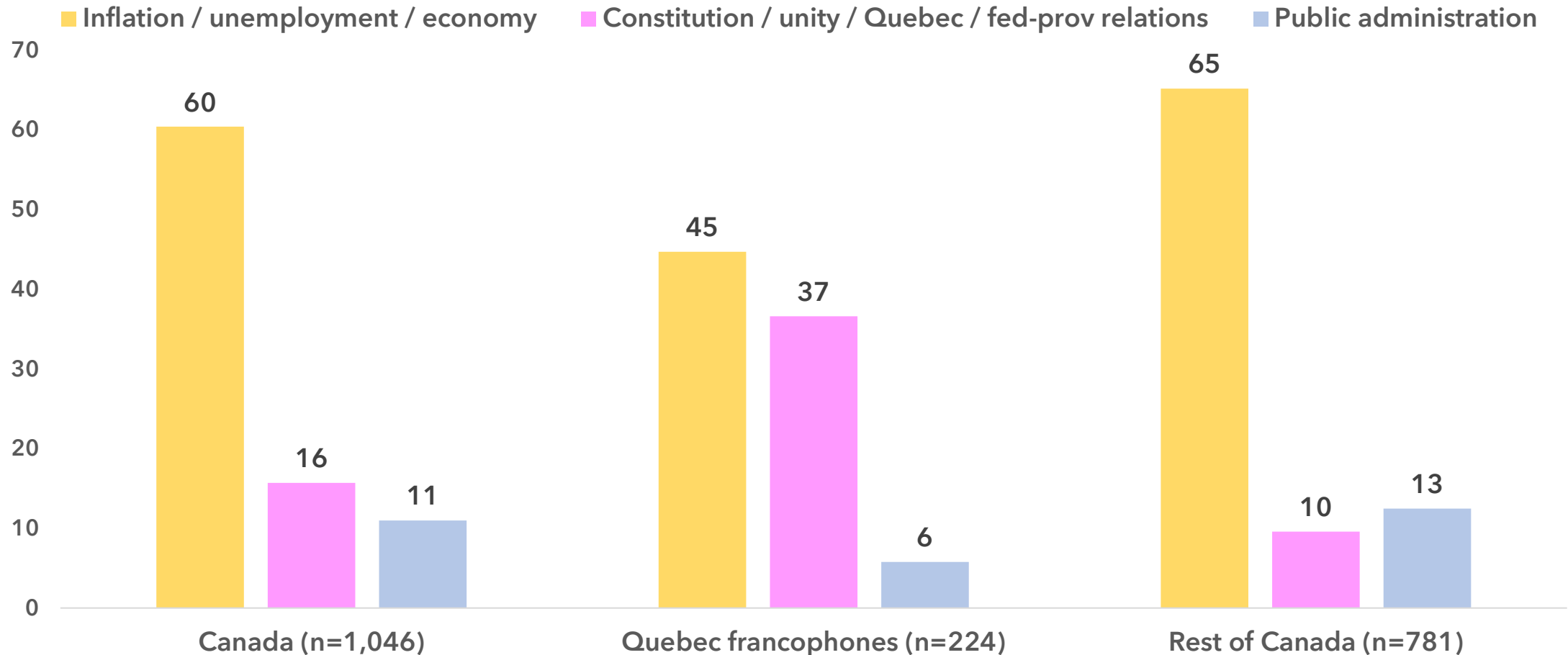
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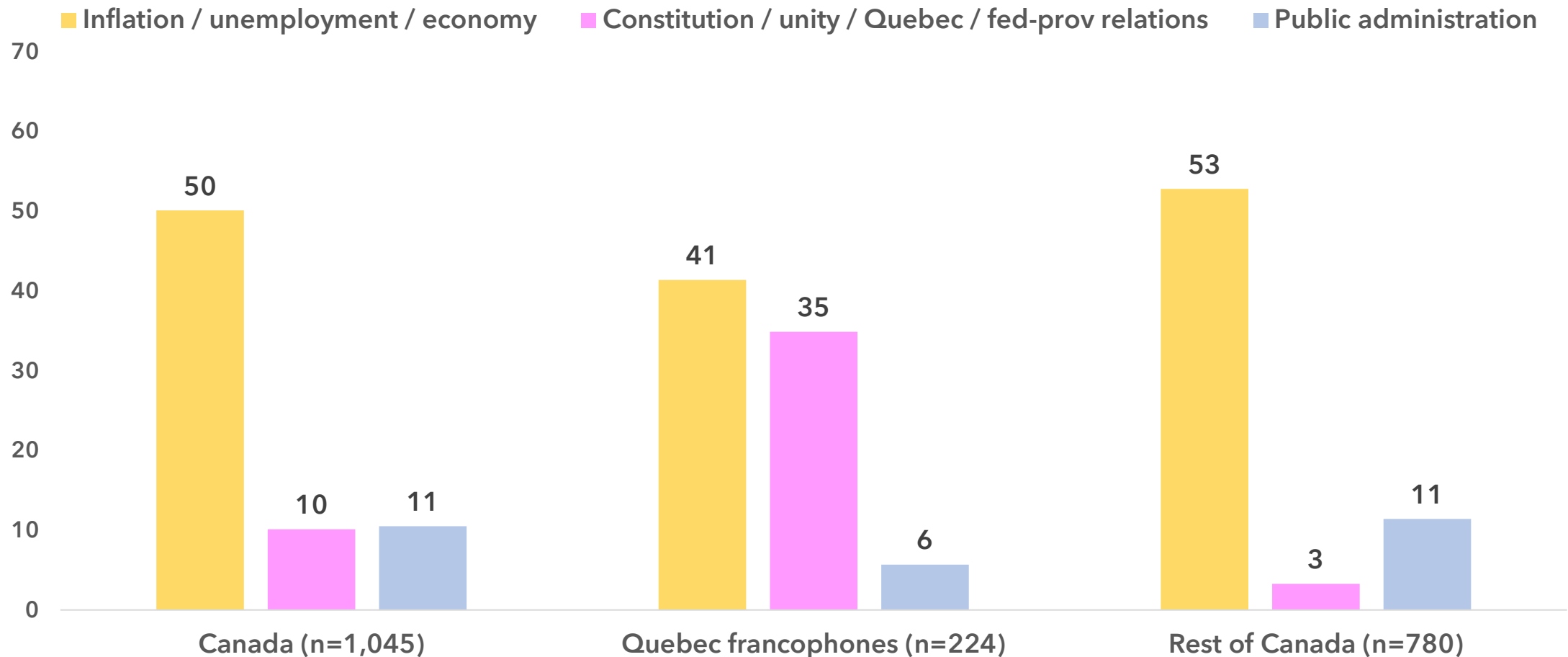
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CROP Report 1982-1 (Nov. 18 to Dec. 16, 1981)



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