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Canadian Attitudes Toward Infrastructure Spending

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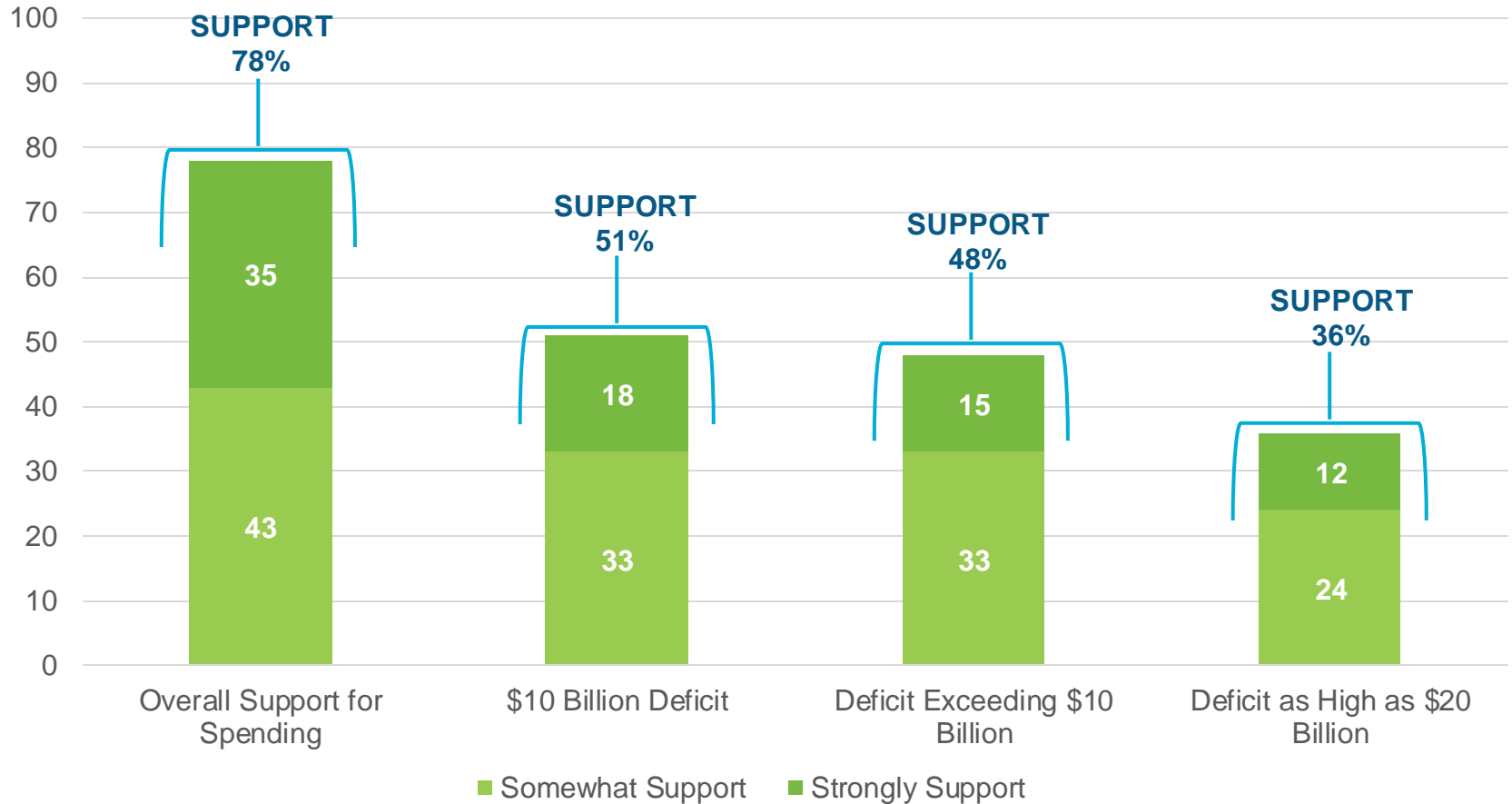
Methodology

- An online survey was conducted to understand Canadian attitudes toward federal infrastructure spending
- 1211 Canadian residents over the age of 18 completed the survey
- Quotas were utilized to ensure that the sample was representative of provincial populations and age distributions
- A random sample of this size would yield a margin of error of 2.83%
- The study was conducted between Jan 22nd to Jan 29th, 2016



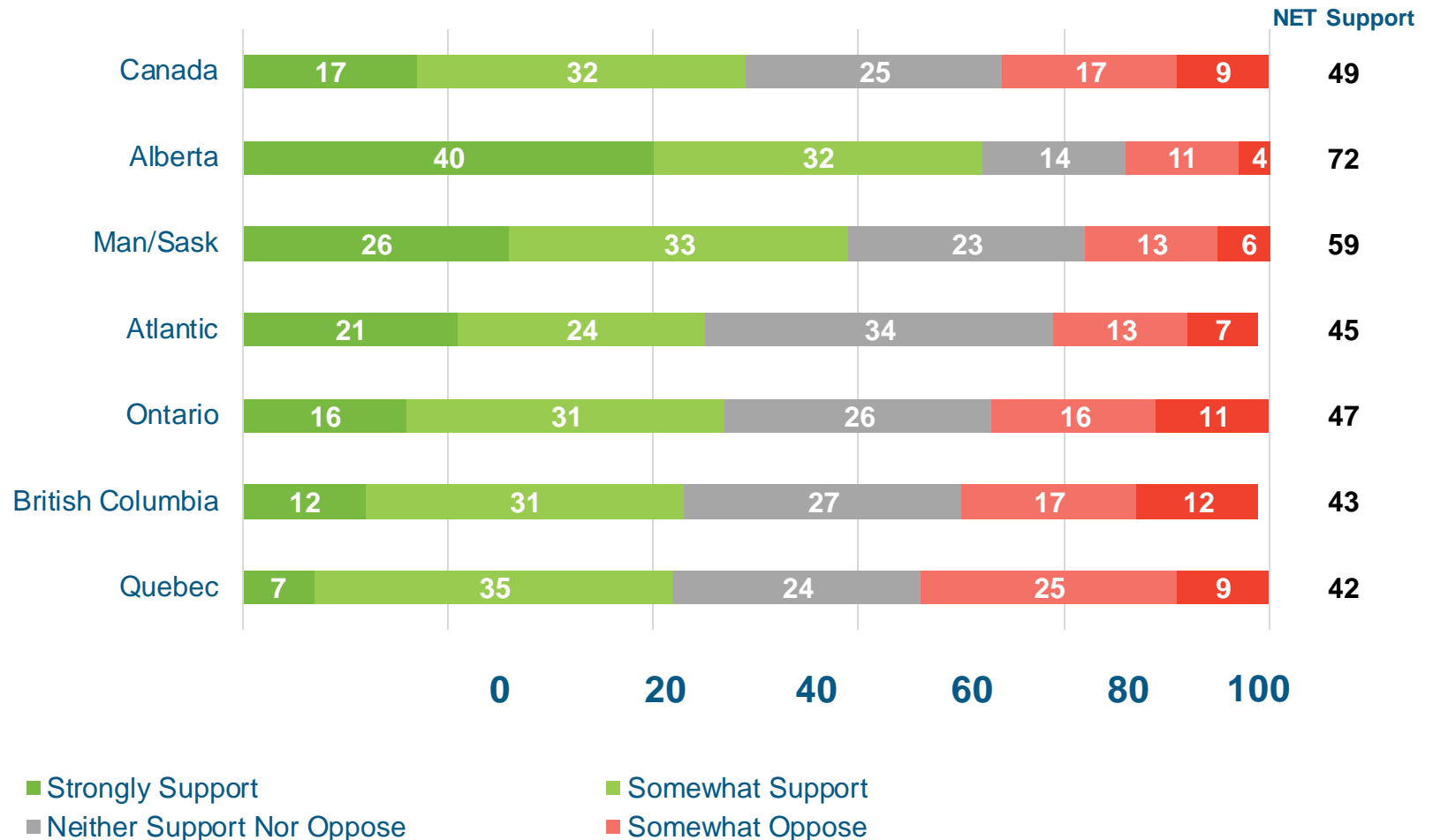
Summary

Comparison of Support for Infrastructure Spending and for Various Spending Plans



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 2. The government has indicated that in order to pay for its infrastructure projects, it expects that it will be in a budget deficit position for the next three years. The government initially indicated that the deficit would likely be about \$10 billion dollars each year. Do you support or oppose infrastructure spending that will mean that Canada will operate in a deficit of \$10 billion dollars each year for the next three years?
 3. As you may know, the federal government will table a budget in the next several weeks. Some people have suggested that because Canada's economy is experiencing a difficult period due to low oil prices and other issues, the government should do even more in its budget in terms of infrastructure spending than it has indicated. They say that the government should be spending more as a means of stimulating the economy in Canada. Would you support or oppose more infrastructure spending in the upcoming spring budget even if it means that the deficit in Canada will be more than \$10 billion dollars for the next year? Would you say you...
 4a. If the federal government decides to increase the amount that it indicated it would spend on infrastructure projects in its upcoming budget to help the economy, would you support or oppose an increase that resulted in a deficit of...Between \$10 billion and \$15 billion dollars in the next year. Base: Those who support spending even if deficits result at Q.3 (n=578) then split sample (n=282) for Q.4a—deficit between \$10 and \$15 Billion.
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 4.a/b Total sample (N=1211)

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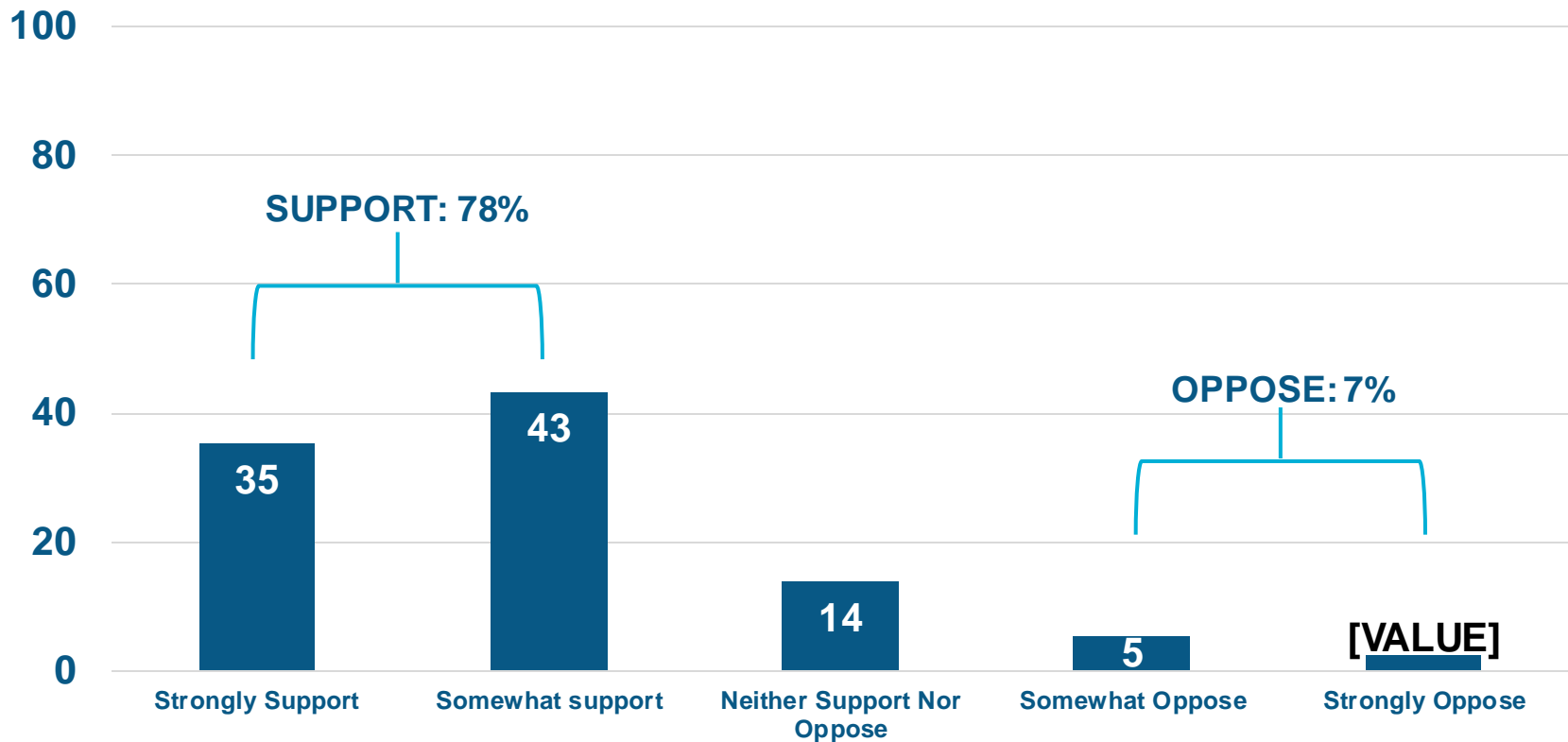
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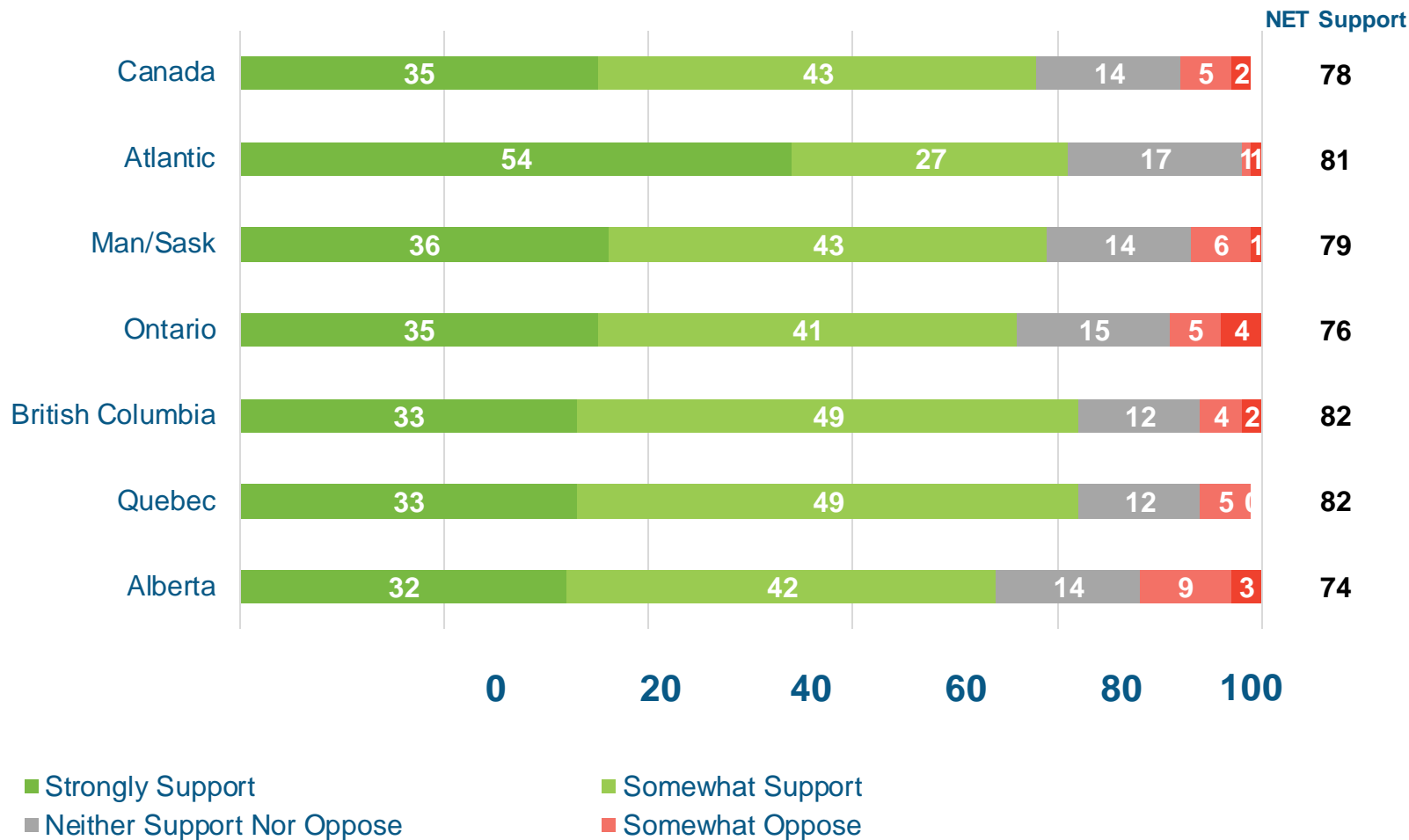
Detailed Findings

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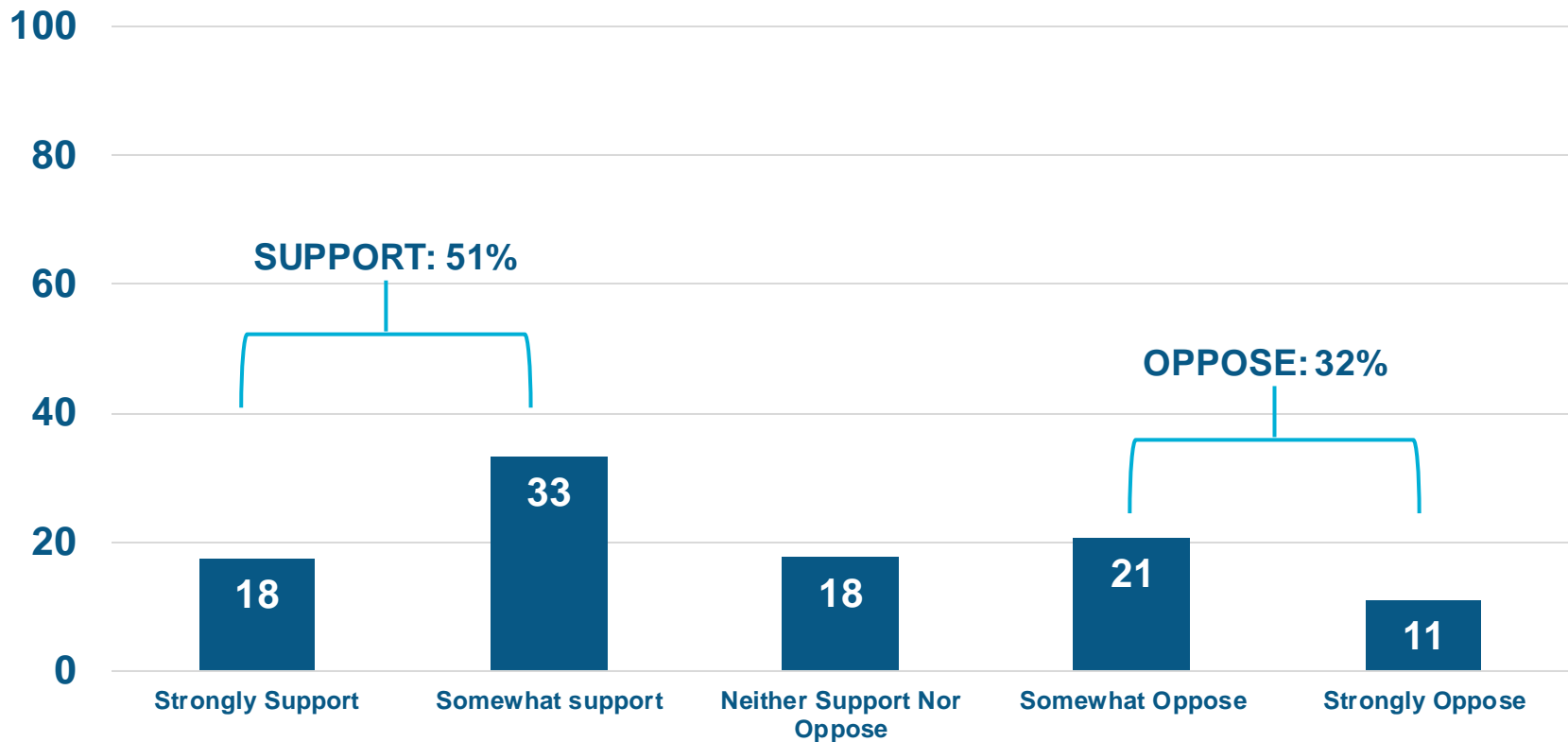
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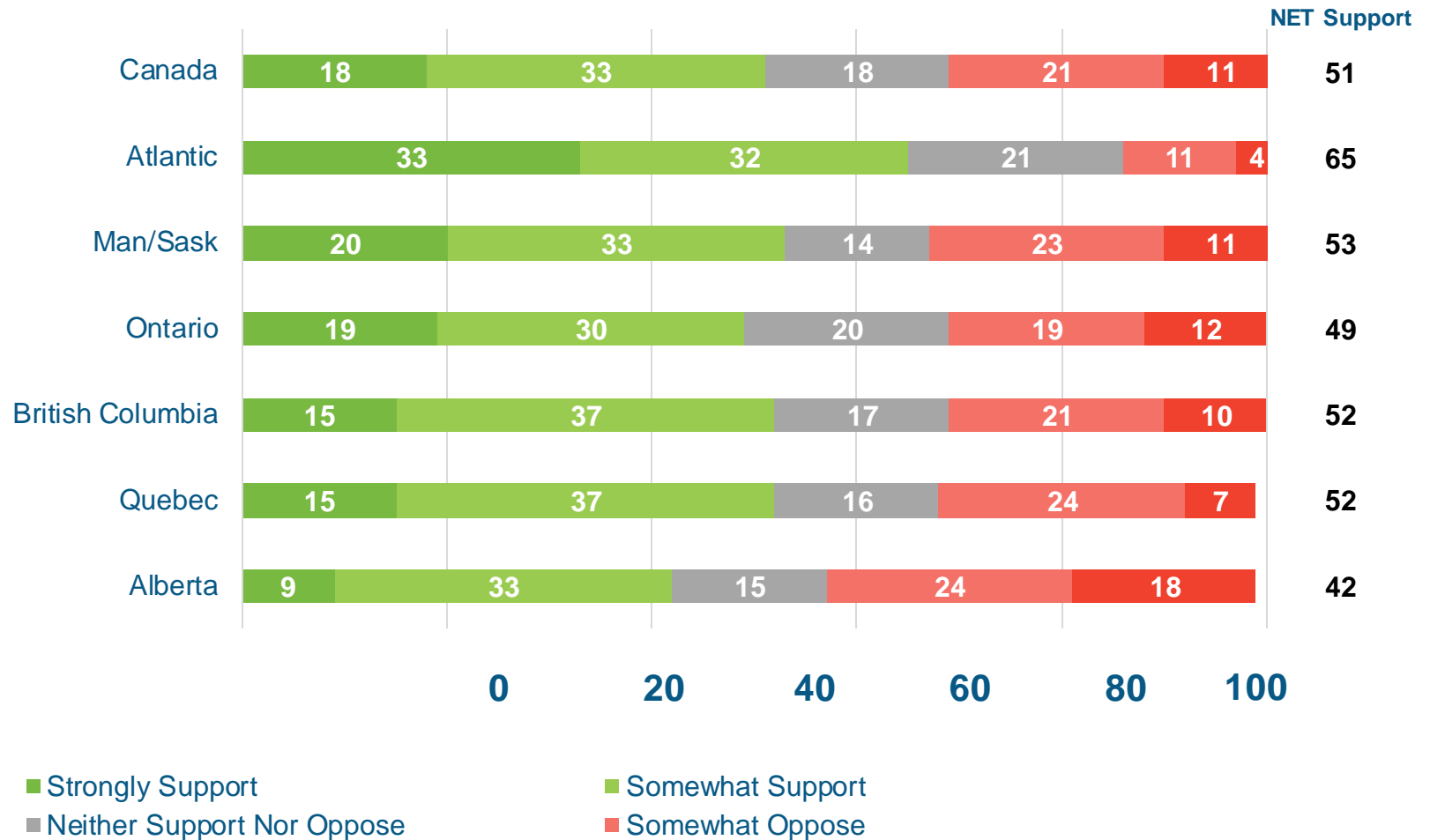
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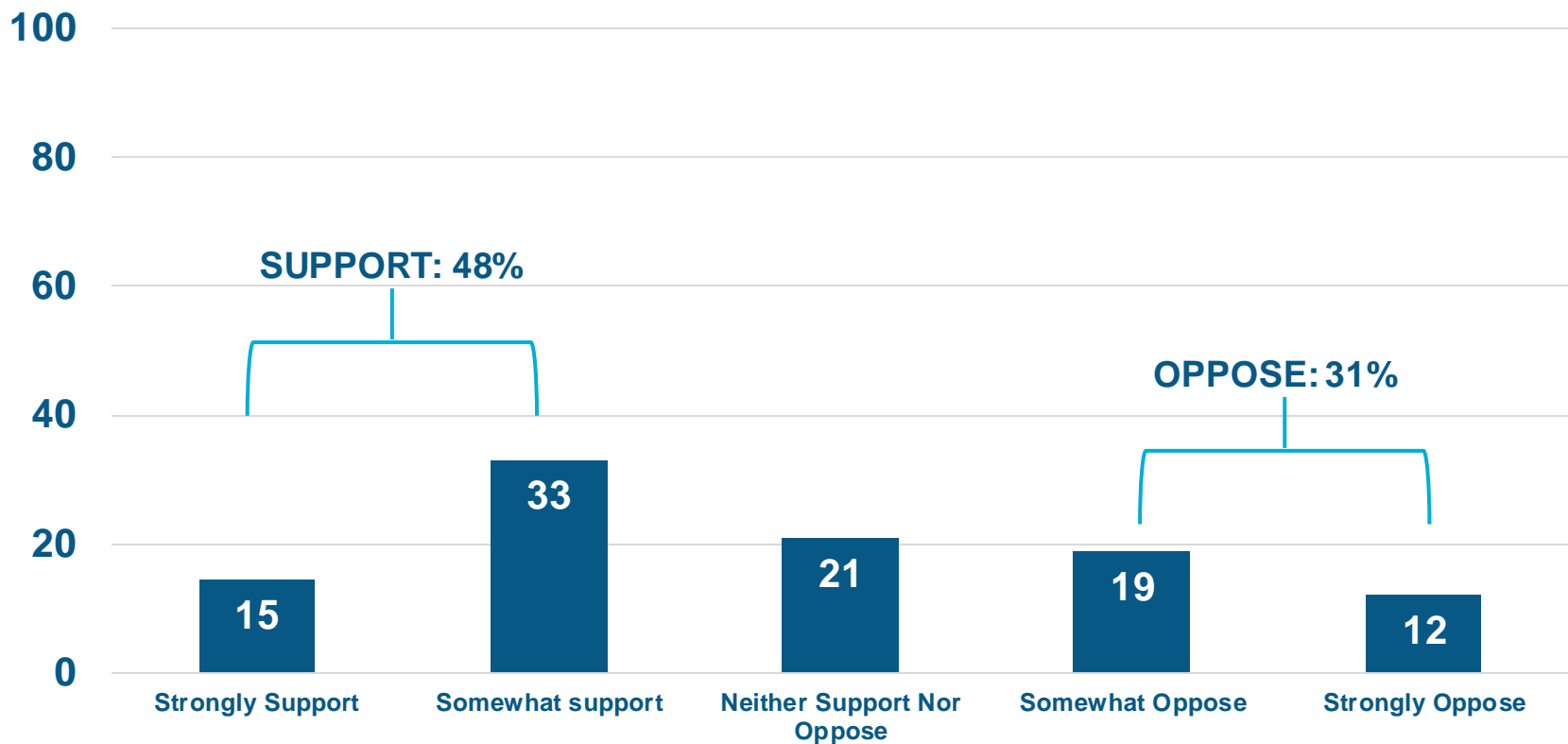
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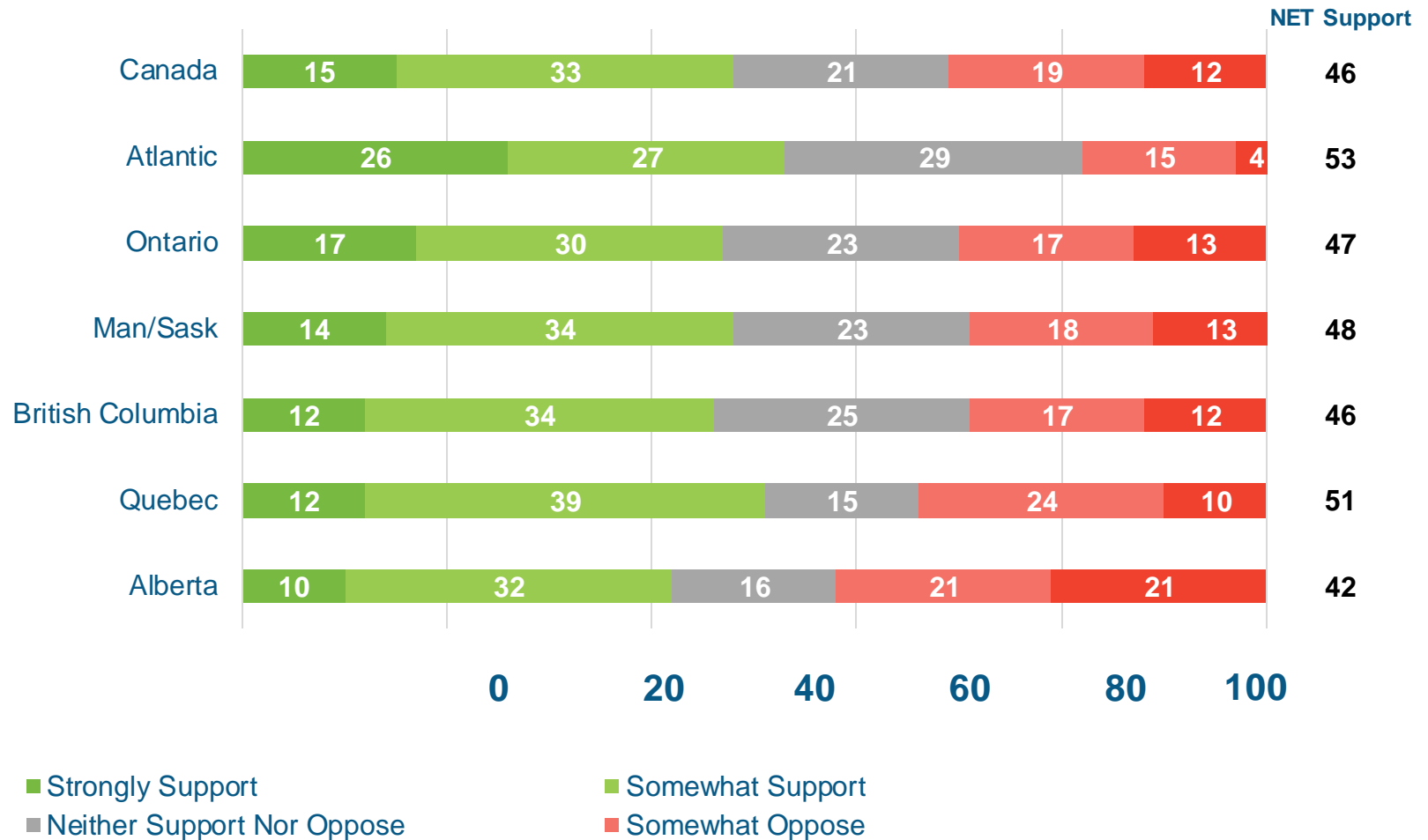
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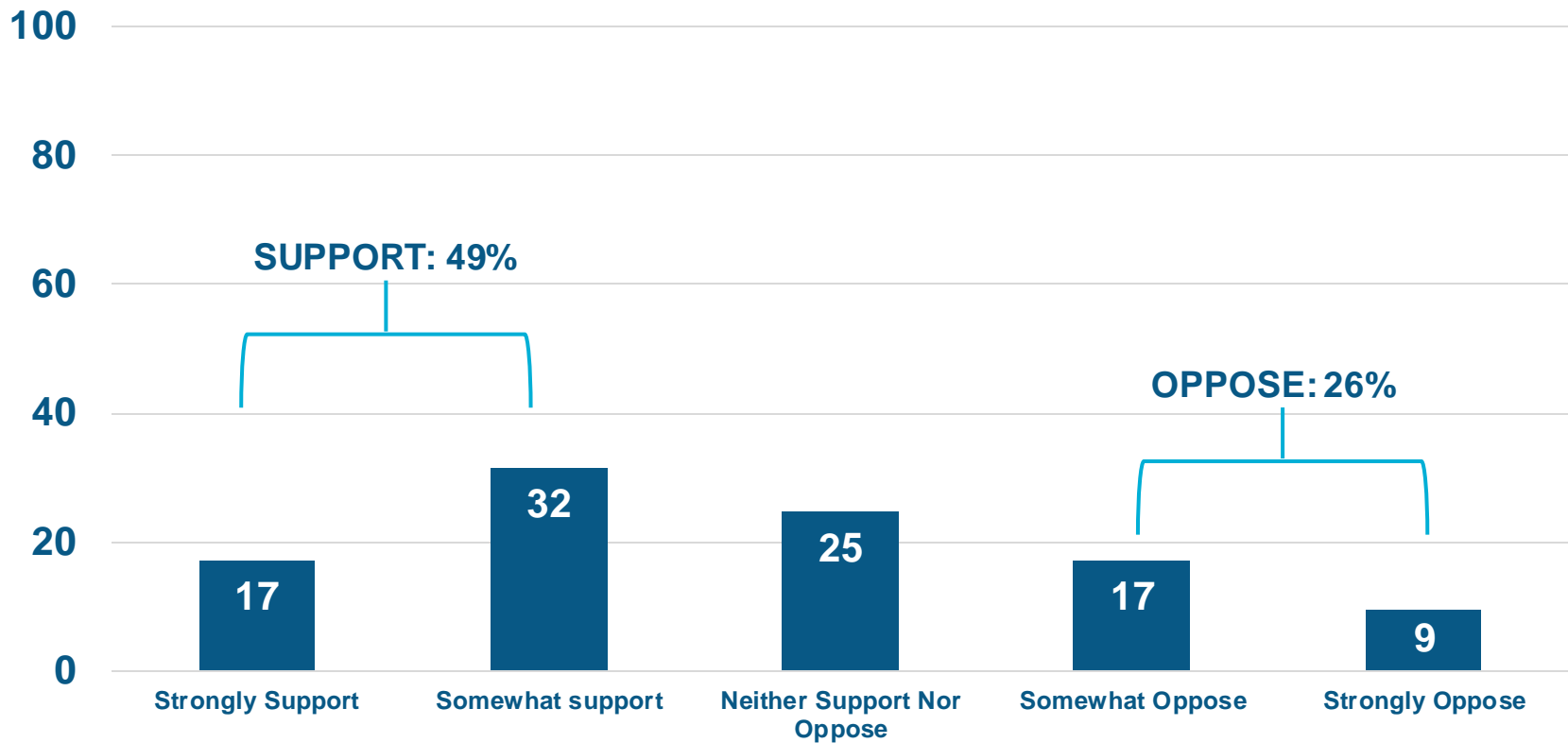
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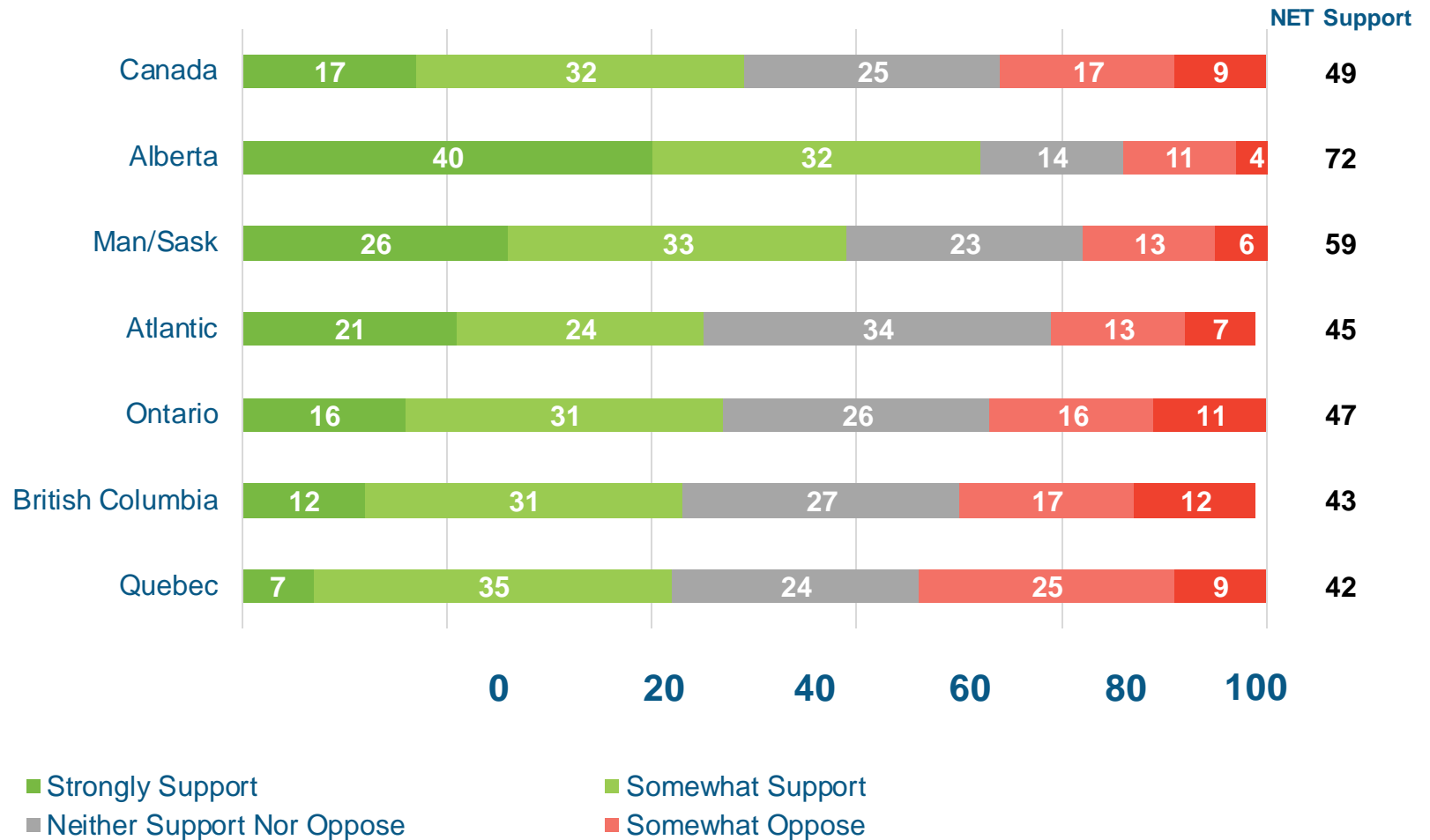
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