

Public Opinion Survey on National Values and Discrimination in Belize

KEY FINDINGS

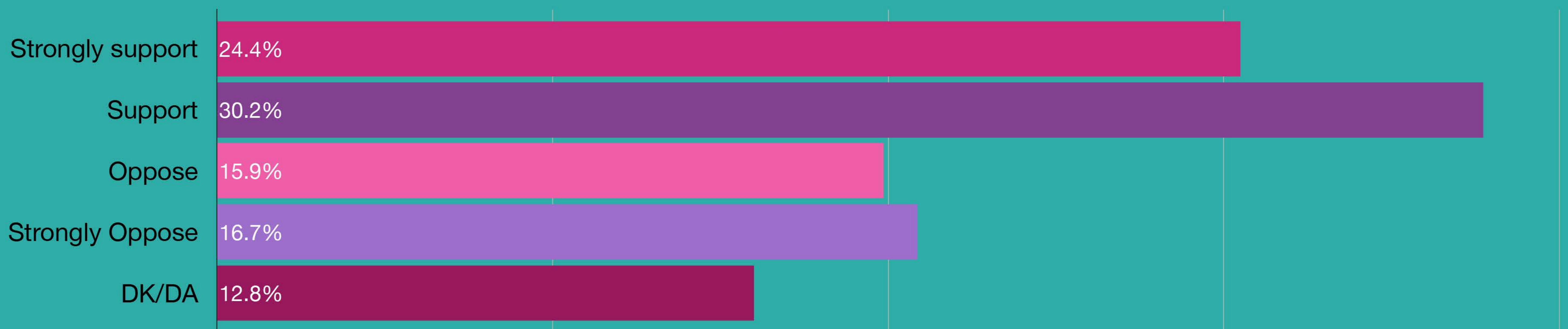
In January 2020, the Live & Let Live campaign commissioned Borge & Associates to conduct a poll of 616 Belizeans on a range of issues, including Belizean values, attitudes toward marginalised groups and attitudes toward discrimination in Belize. This document summarises some of the key findings of the research:

- A majority of respondents support legislation that prohibits discrimination in employment and public spaces on the basis of sex, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.
- An overwhelming 96% of respondents believe that treating women with respect means ensuring that all women can work and go about all aspects of their lives without fear or being subject to discrimination.
- Almost all respondents believe people with disabilities should be protected from discrimination in the workforce.
- A majority of respondents stated they were likely to support the introduction of laws banning discrimination against LGBT people.
- A plurality of respondents believed that women, people with disability and gay people in Belize are treated unfairly.
- A fifth of respondents believed that women in Belize had reason to fear for their safety at certain times. For LGBT people that figure rose to one third.

TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE

- A majority of respondents support legislation that prohibits discrimination in employment and public spaces on the basis of sex, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Belizeans are tolerant and accept others for who they are. For example, only a minority of respondents reacted negatively to the possibility of having a single mother, a person of another race or a homosexual as a neighbor.

DO YOU SUPPORT A NEW LAW PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC SPACES ON THE BASIS OF SEX, DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY?

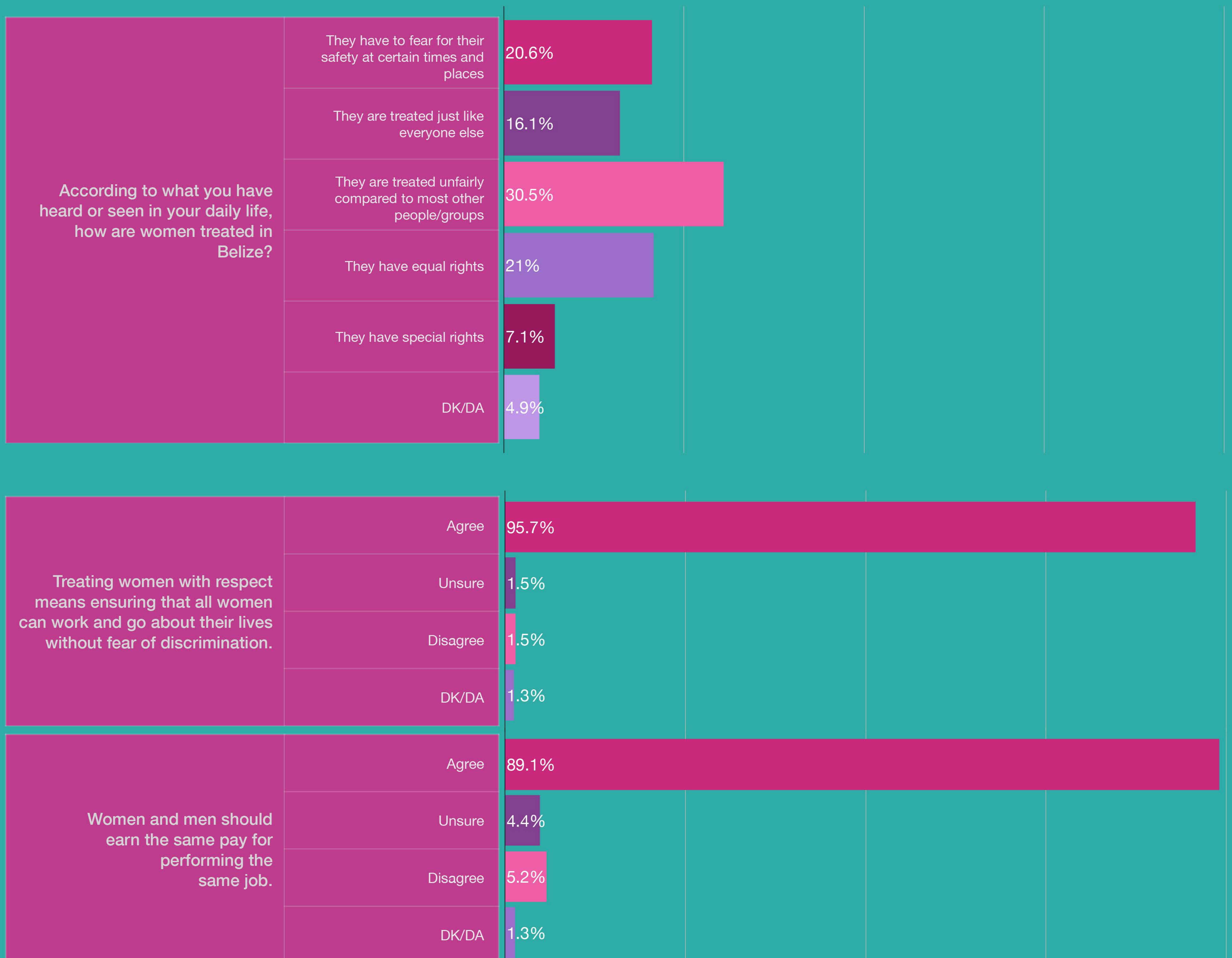


WHICH GROUP WOULD YOU NOT LIKE TO HAVE AS A NEIGHBOR?



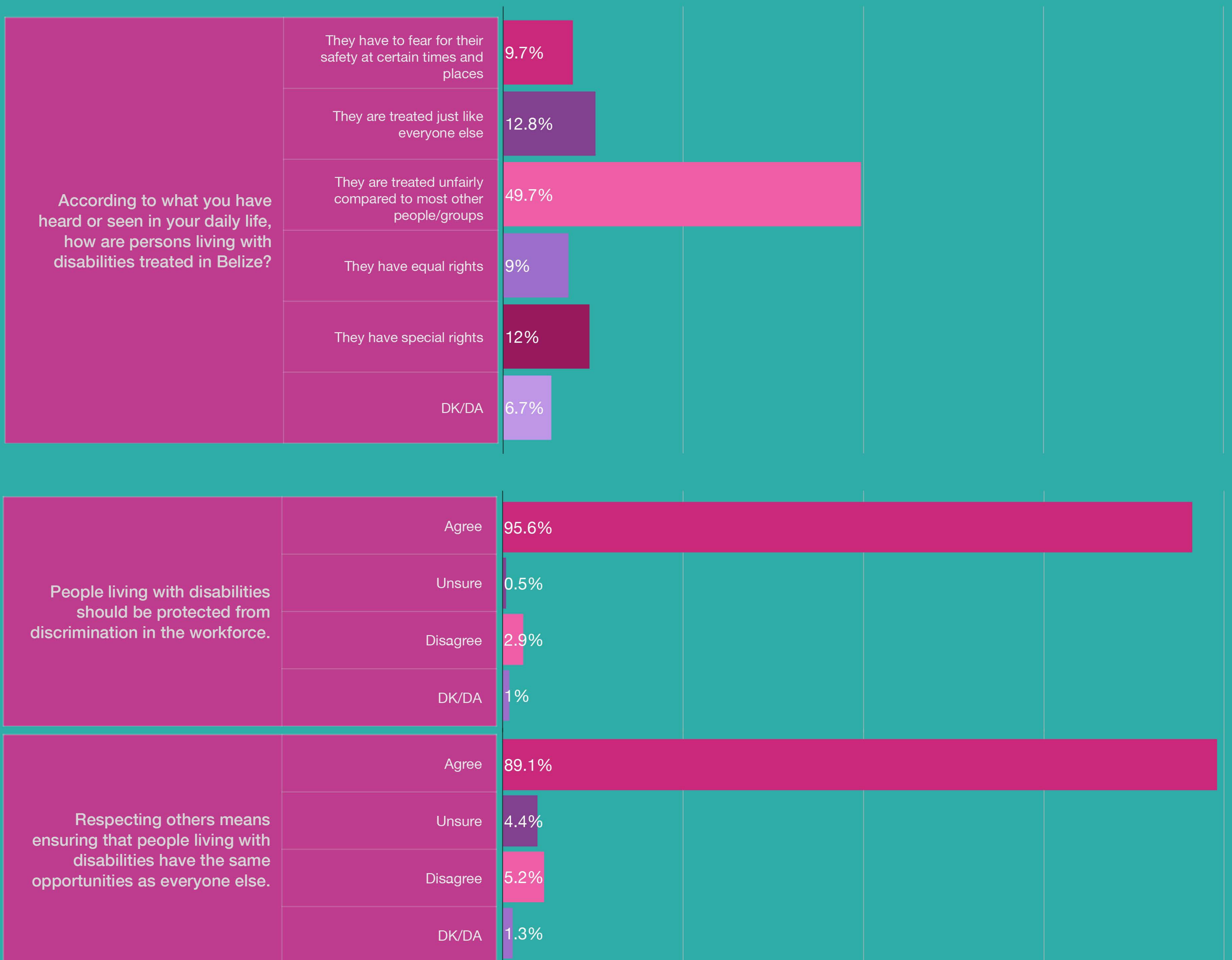
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

- An overwhelming 96% of respondents believe that treating women with respect means ensuring that all women can work and go about all aspects of their lives without fear or being subject to discrimination.
- Only half of respondents felt that women have sufficient protection from discrimination under current laws in Belize, whilst almost half believe women are paid unfairly compared to men.



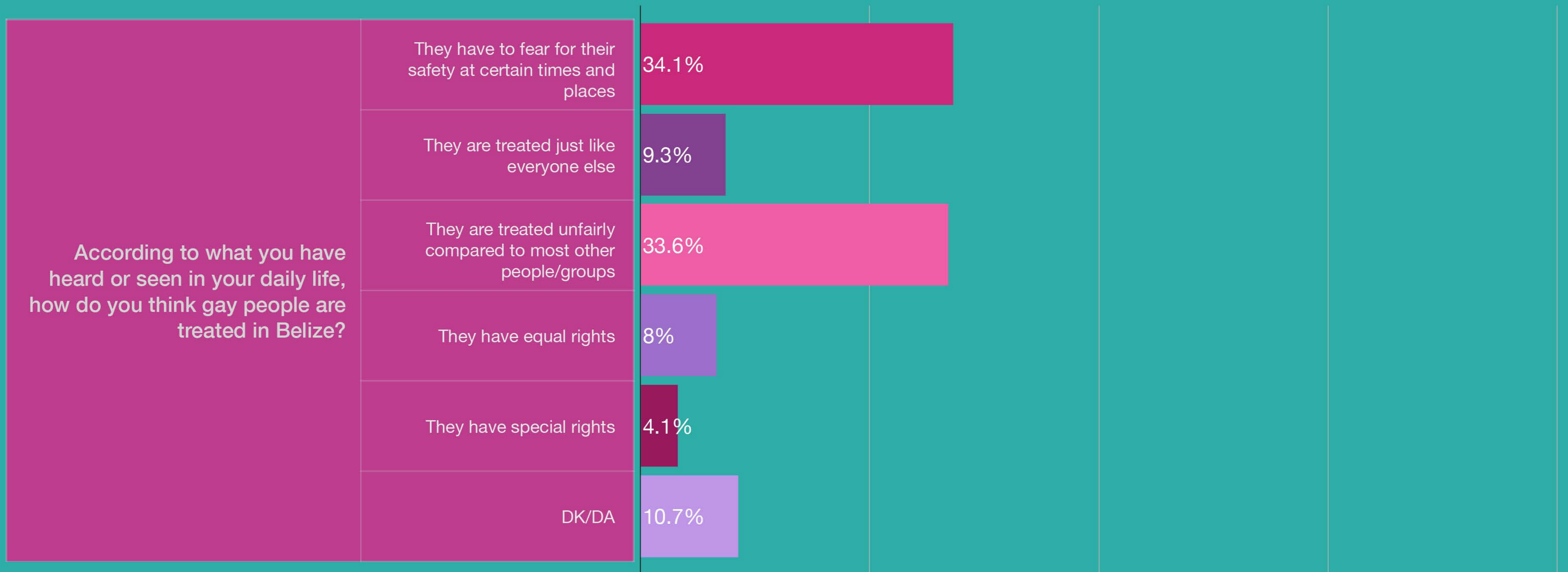
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

- Almost all respondents believe people with disability should be protected from discrimination in the workforce.
- Half of respondents believe that people with disability are treated unfairly in Belize.
- Less than 1 in 10 respondents believe that people with disability in Belize have equal rights.

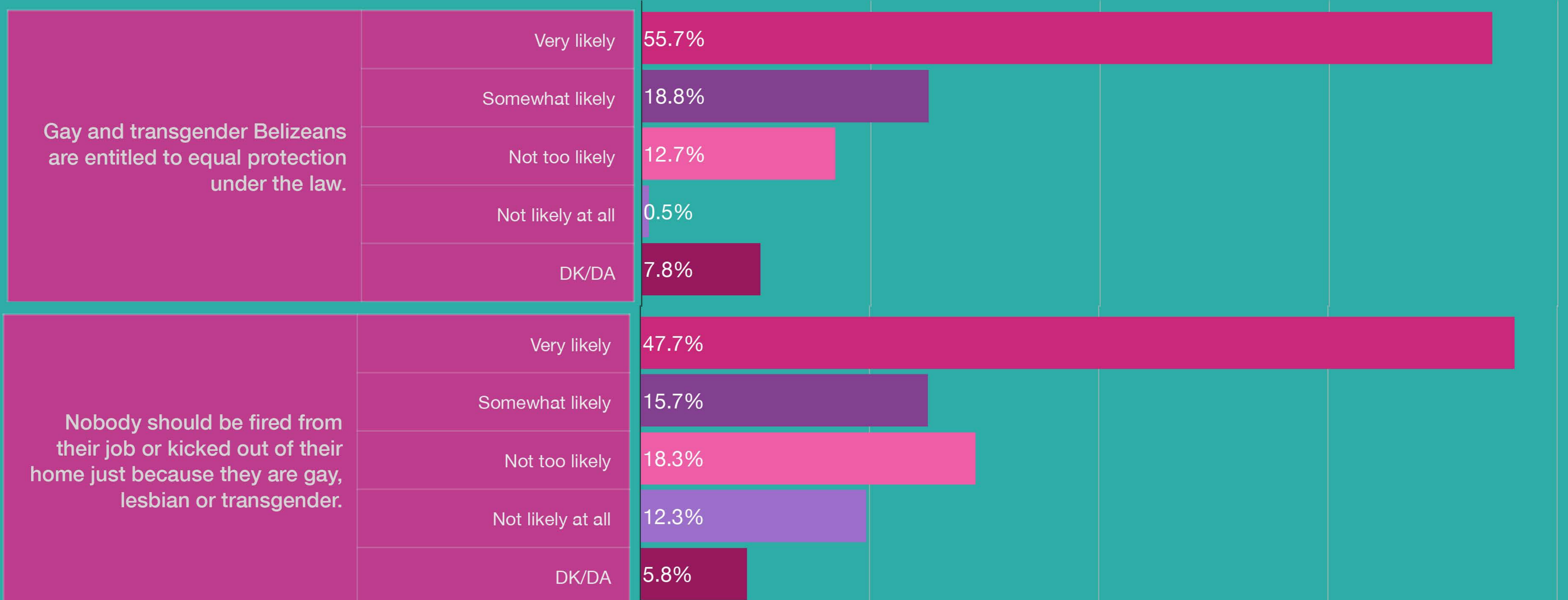


DISCRIMINATION AGAINST LGBT PEOPLE

- A majority of respondents stated they were likely to support the introduction of laws banning discrimination against LGBT people.
- A third of respondents believe gay and transgender people have reason to fear for their safety.
- A third of respondents believe gay and transgender people are treated unfairly compared to other groups.

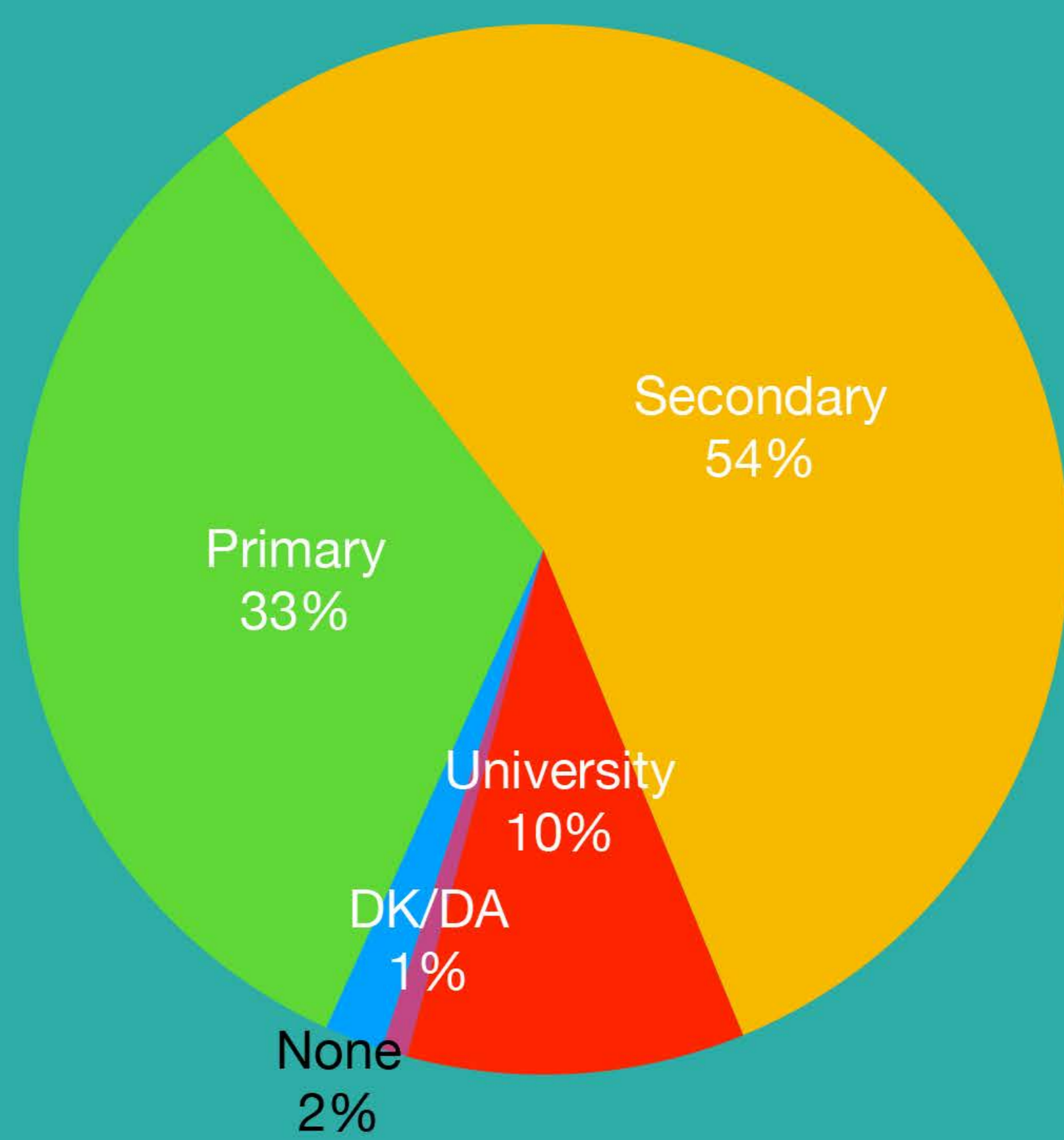


How likely are you to support a law that bans discrimination against gays and transgender people, based on the following statements?

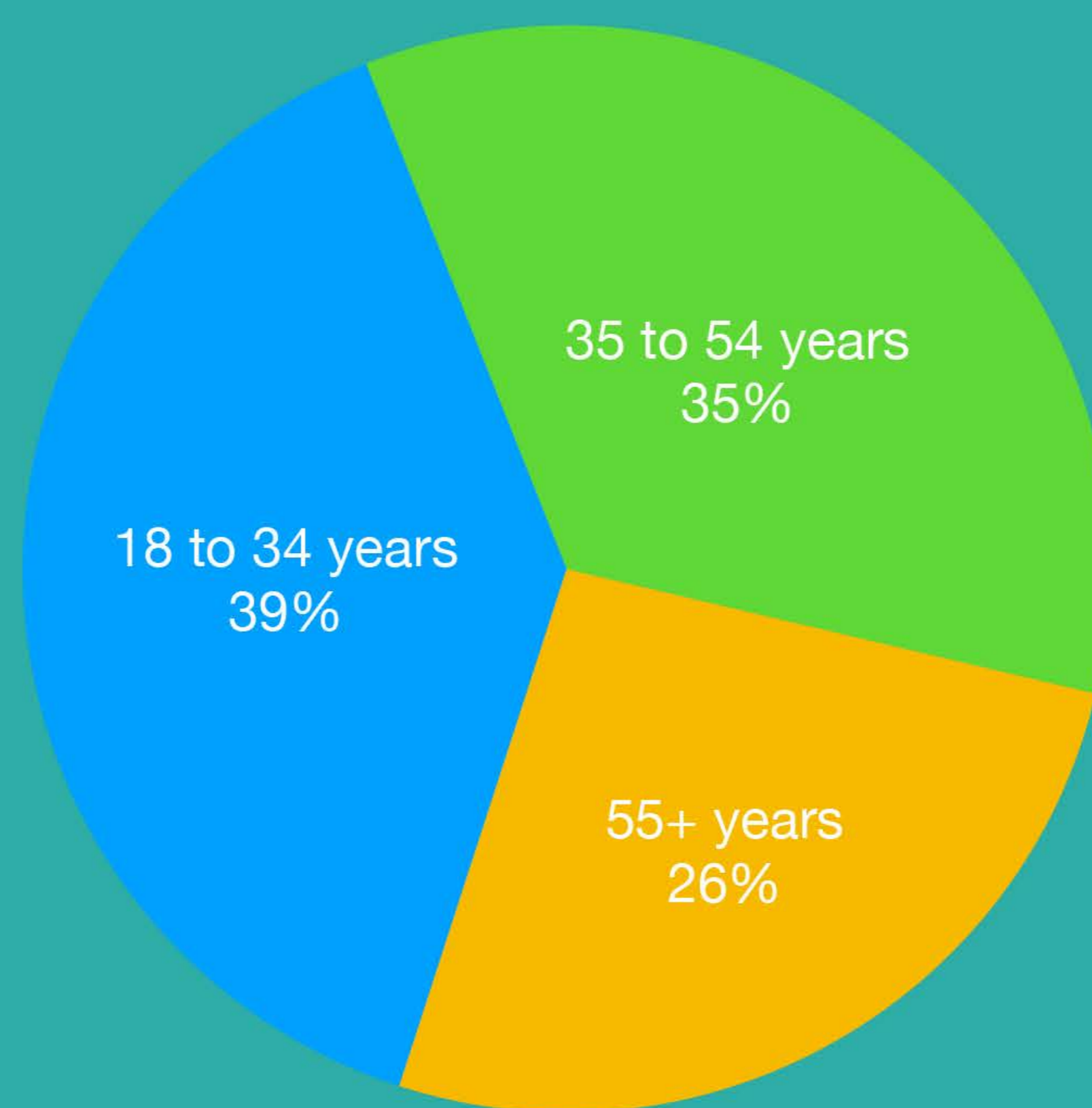


DEMOGRAPHICS OF SURVEY GROUP

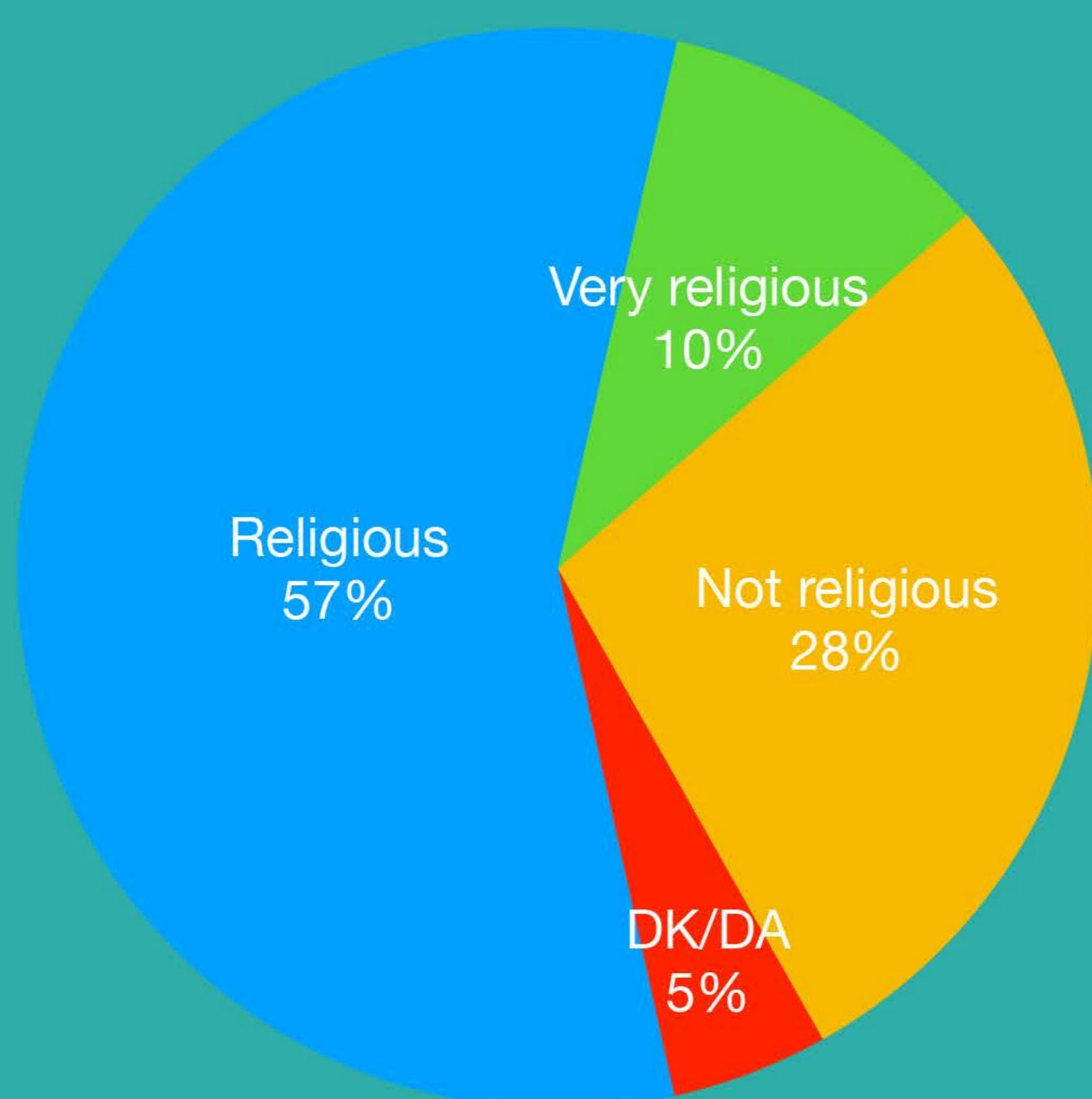
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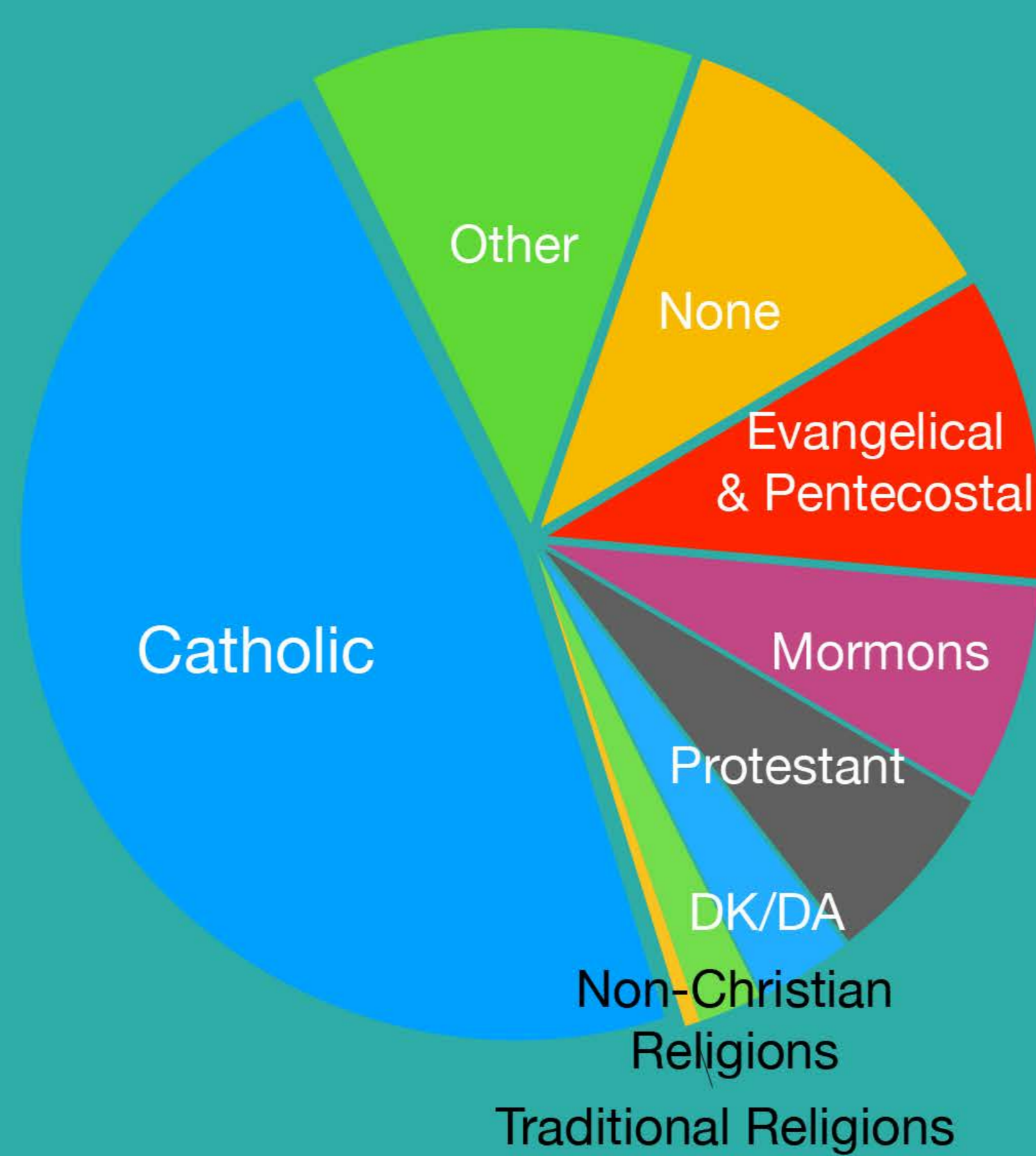
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RELIGIOUS SENTIMENT



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Polling organisation

Borge Y Asociados – a Central American research and social science agency with over 25 years of experience in the region.

Commissioned by

Live & Let Live - a campaign rooted in national values that aims to spark a conversation about the importance of treating all Belizeans with respect.

Date of survey

January 16-25 2020

Survey topics

Demographic, Belizean values, tolerance and acceptance of marginalised groups, discrimination against specific groups (women and girls, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people [LGBT] people, people living with disability [PLWD]).

Study population

Men (301) and women (315) over 18 years of age residing in Belize.

Sample size

616 interviews in total, spread across the most densely populated districts (Belize City, Cayo, Orange) and taken from the list of registered voters obtained from the Supreme Electoral Council.

Sampling method

Household survey, random probability proportional to size sampling of voting centres.

Collection technique

Face to face, mobile device.