

Alberta and the federation

An update on Western alienation



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About the Survey



The Confederation of Tomorrow surveys give voice to Canadians about the major issues shaping the future of the federation and their political communities.

They are conducted annually since 2019 by an association of the country's leading public policy and socio-economic research organizations.

The 2026 Study

The 2026 study consists of a survey of 5,696 adults, conducted between February 14 and March 28, 2026 (92% of the responses were collected between February 19 and March 7); 91 percent of the responses were collected online.

The remaining responses were collected by telephone (both landline and cell phone) from respondents living in the North or on First Nations reserves, or from francophone respondents in New Brunswick.

Survey partners:



Alberta survey sample size

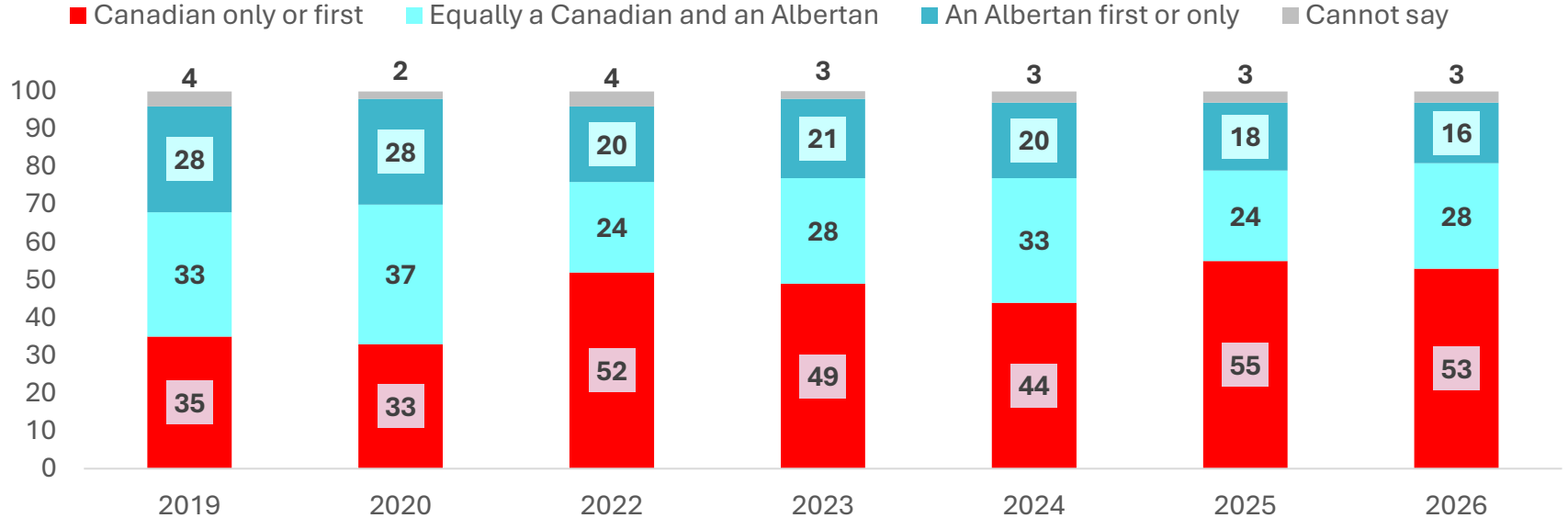
	Alberta total	Provincial vote intention		
		UCP	NDP	Other / undecided / decline
2019	544	218	119	207
2020	500	177	133	190
2021	554	148	211	195
2022	564	126	181	257
2023	533	166	173	194
2024	572	213	176	183
2025	610	213	165	232
2026	617	201	219	197

Identity



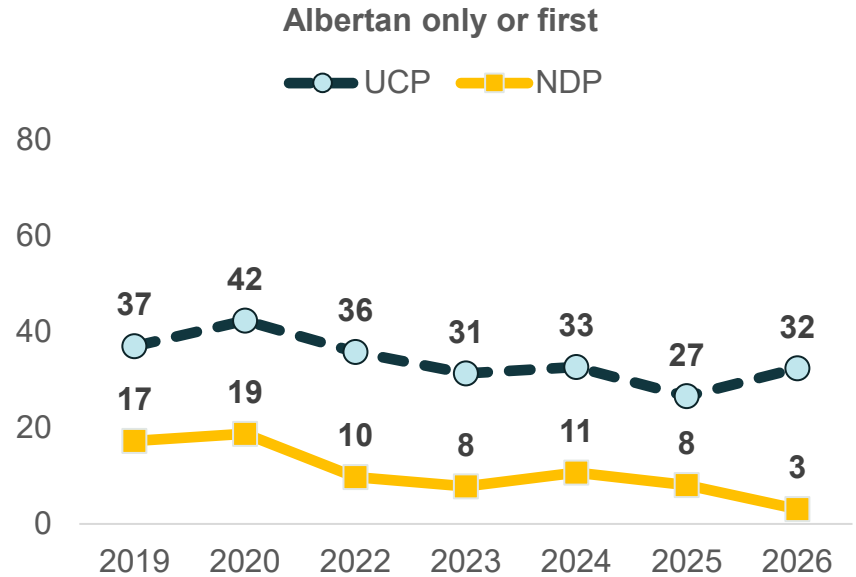
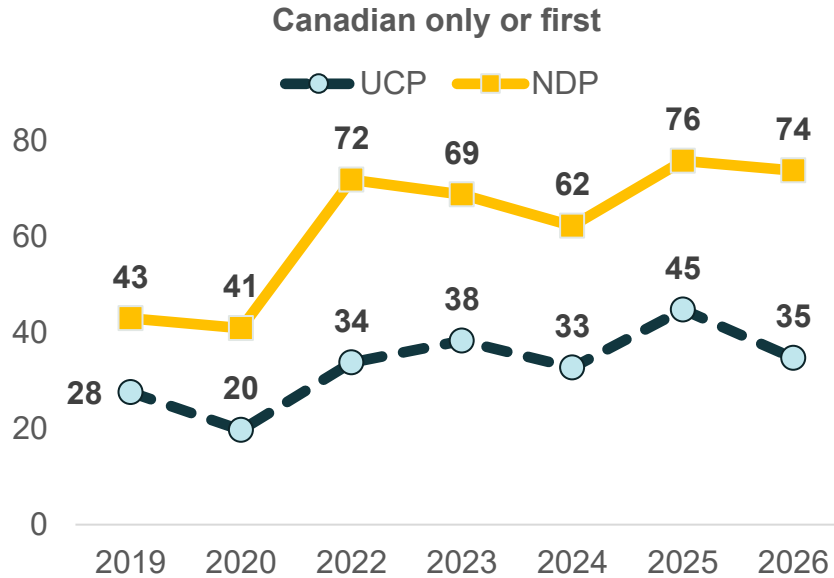
Alberta, 2019 – 2026

Identity: Canadian, provincial or both?



Alberta, 2019 – 2026, by provincial vote intention

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Respect, influence and fairness



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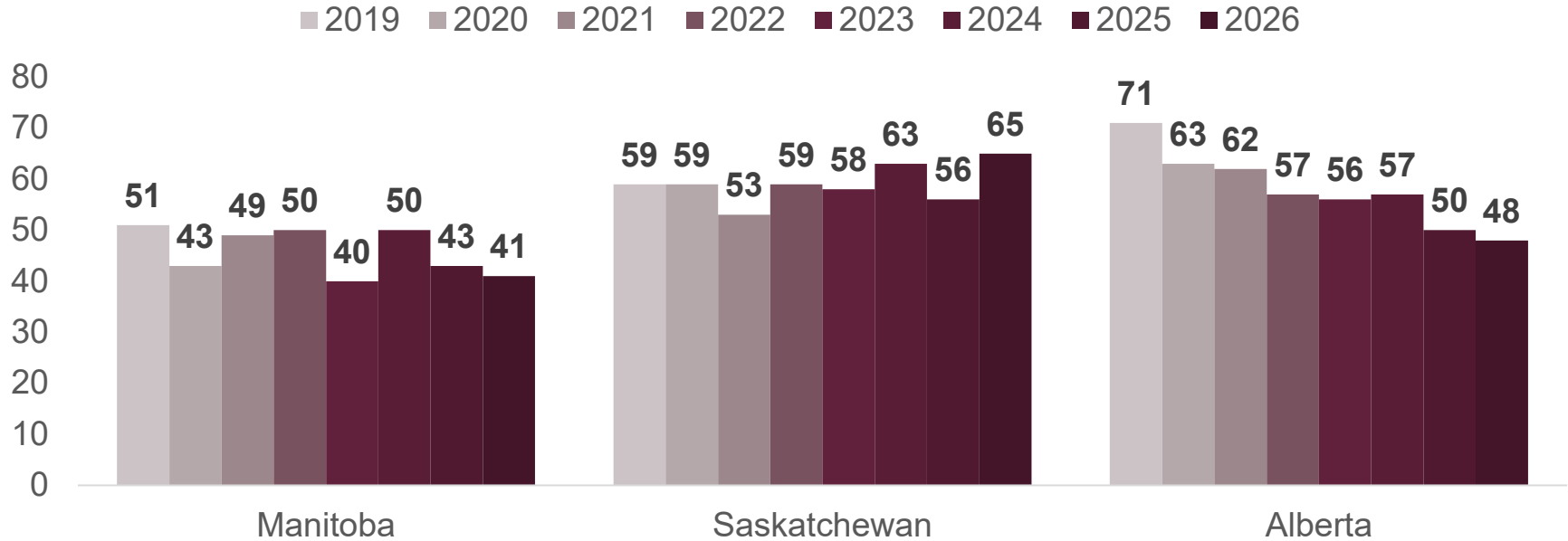


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Prairie provinces, by province, 2019 – 2026

My province is *not* treated with the respect it deserves



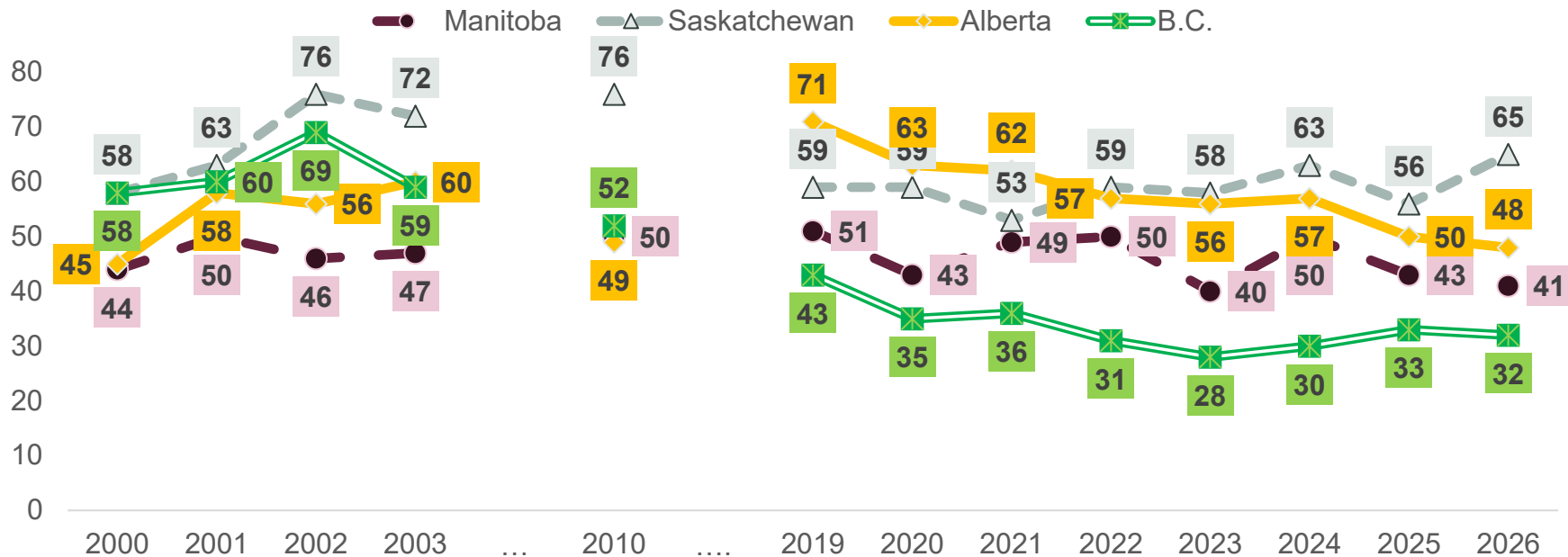
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Western provinces, by province, 2000 – 2026

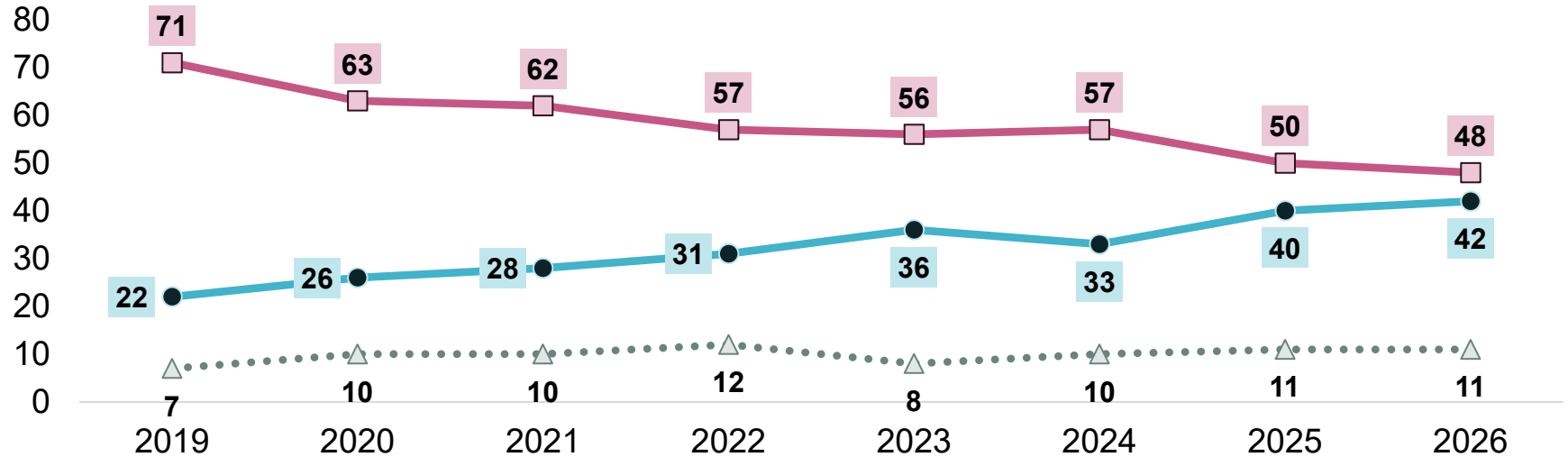
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Alberta, 2019 – 2026

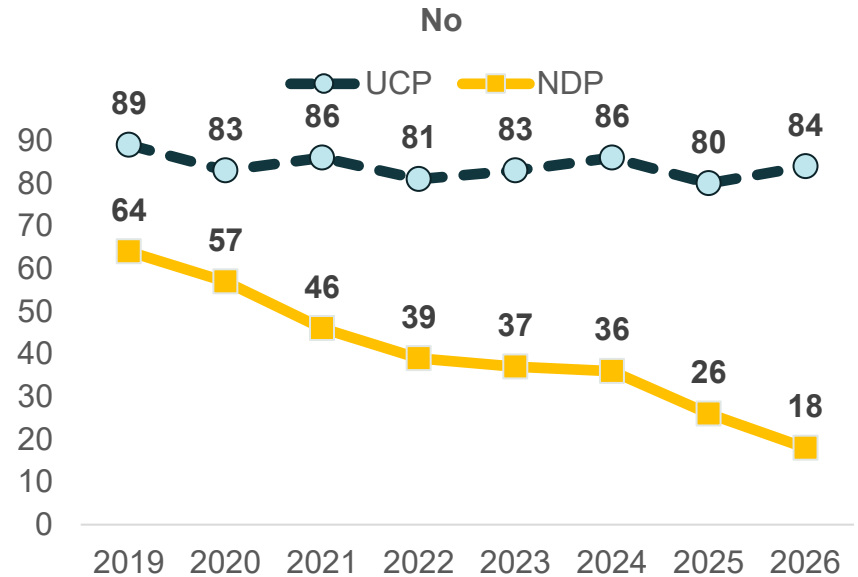
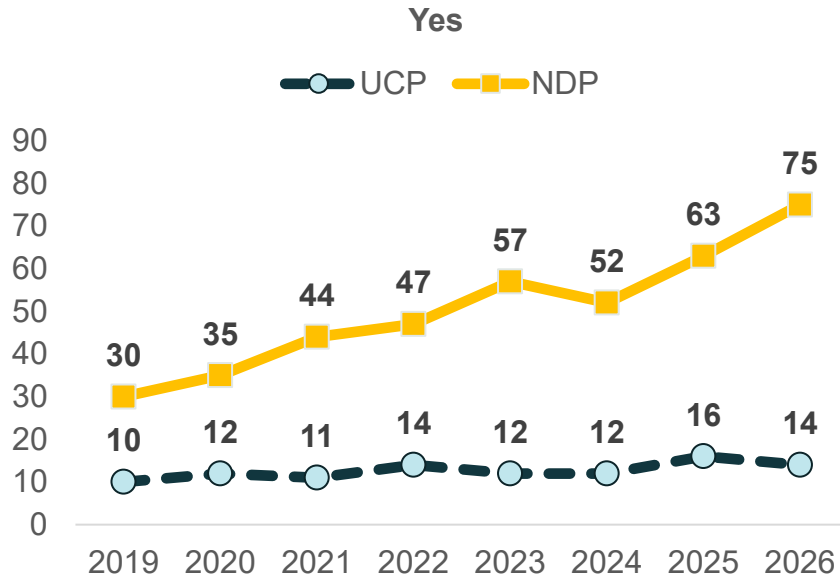
Is Alberta treated with the respect it deserves in Canada or not?

● Yes ■ No ▲ DK



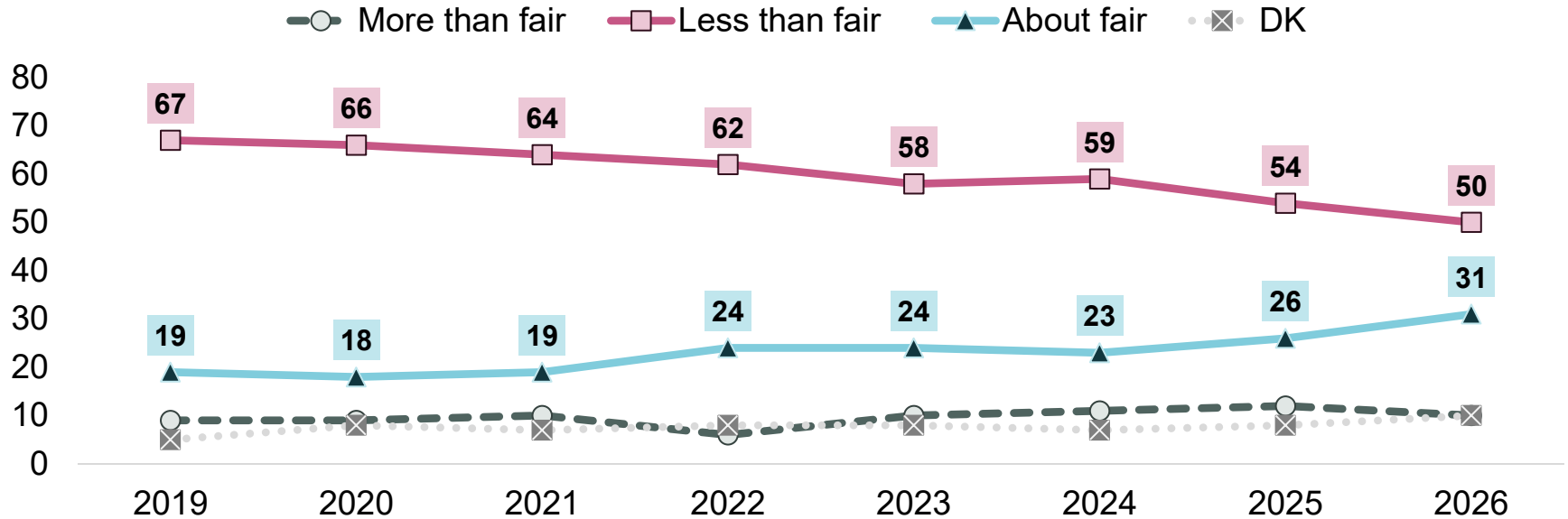
Alberta, 2019 – 2026, by provincial vote intention

Is Alberta treated with the respect it deserves in Canada or not?



Alberta, 2019 – 2026

In your opinion, how much influence does Alberta have on important national decisions in Canada?



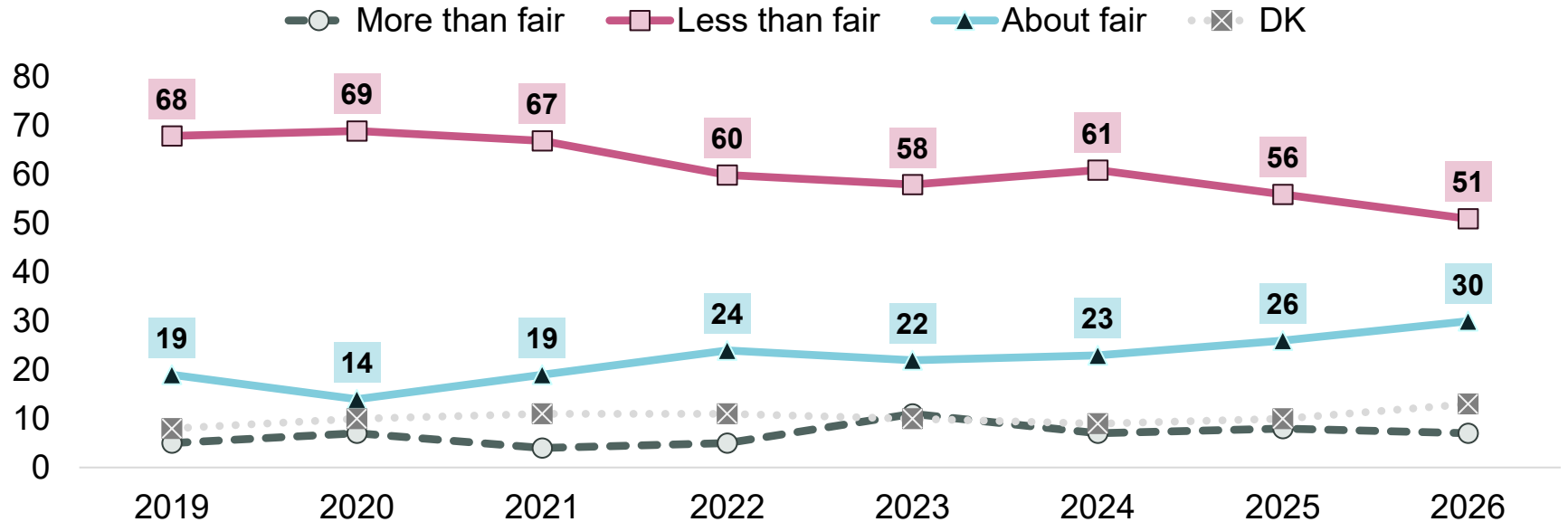
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Alberta, 2019 – 2026

Thinking about all the money the federal government spends on different programs and transfers to the provinces and territories, do you think Alberta receives...?



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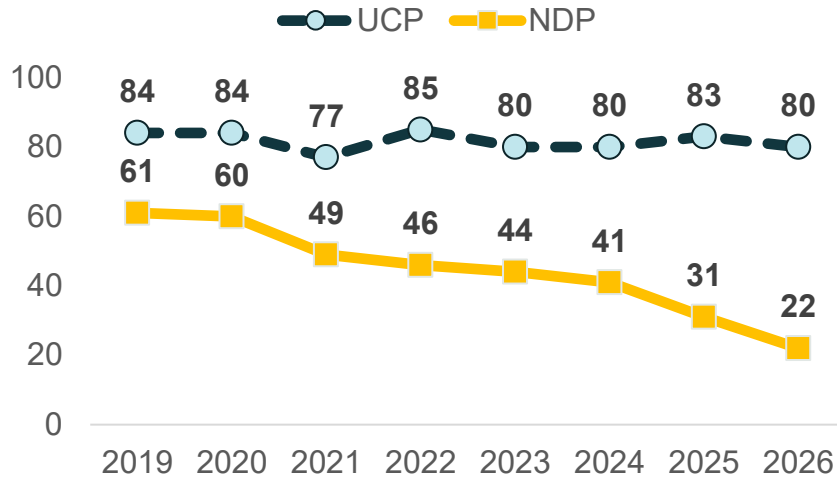


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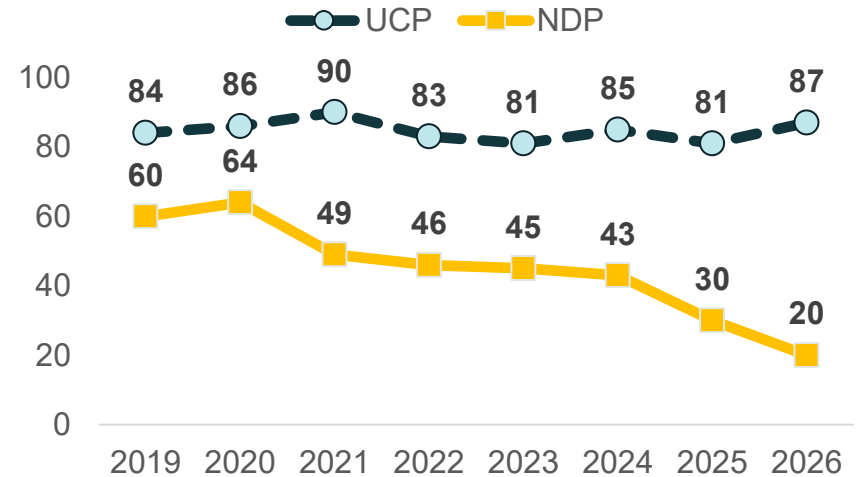
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Influence and federal spending

Less than its fair share of influence on important national decisions in Canada



Less than its fair share of the money the federal government spends

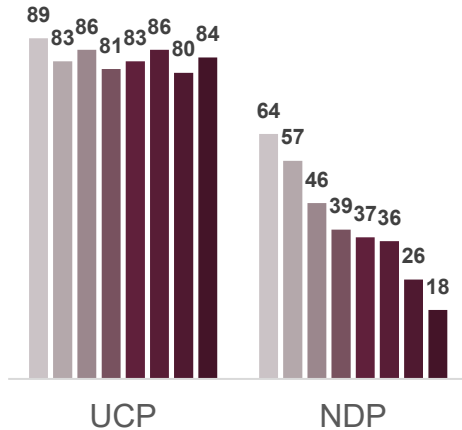


Alberta, by provincial vote intention, 2019 – 2026

Respect, influence and federal spending

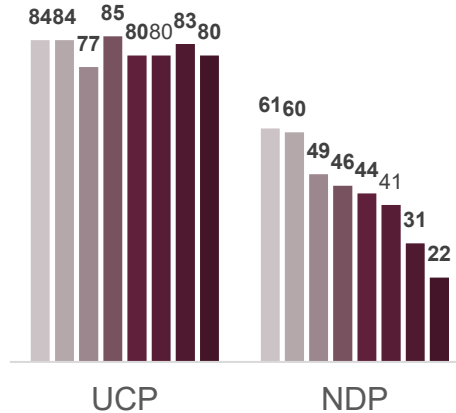
Not treated with respect

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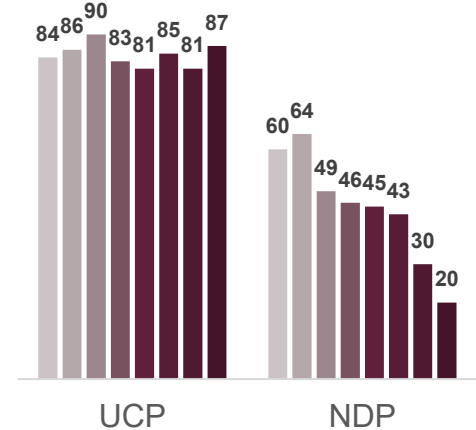
Less than fair share of influence

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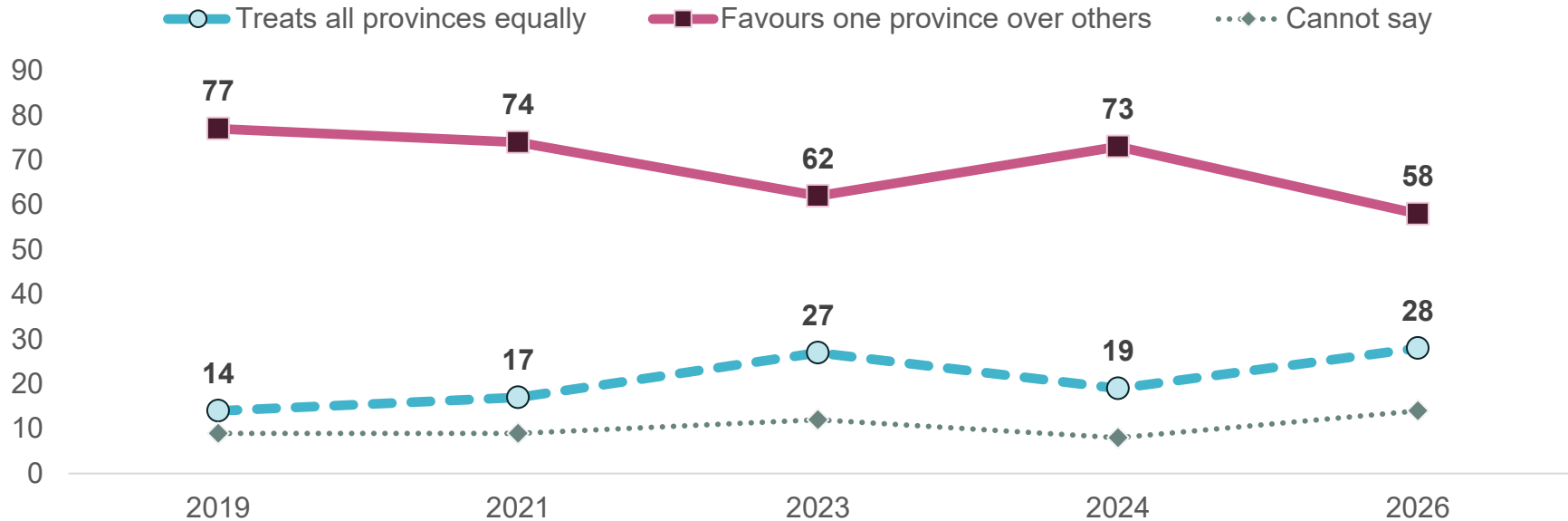
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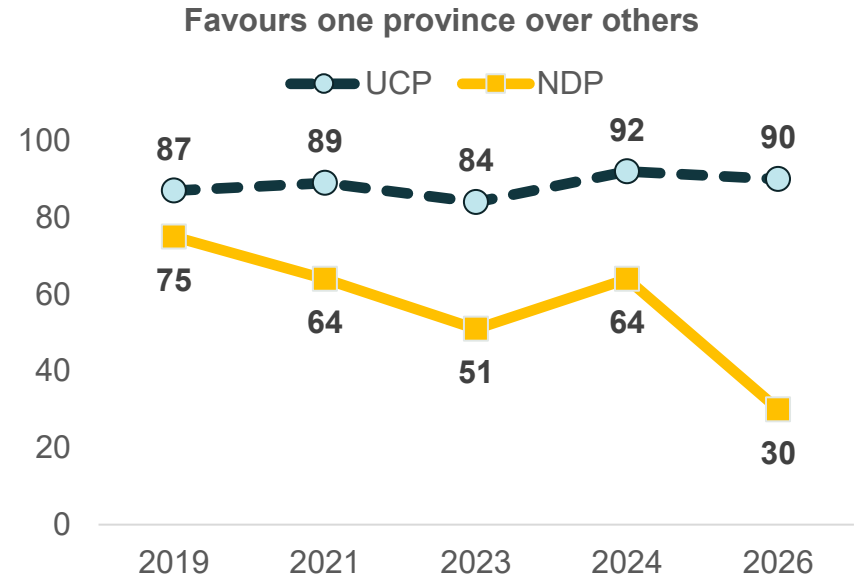
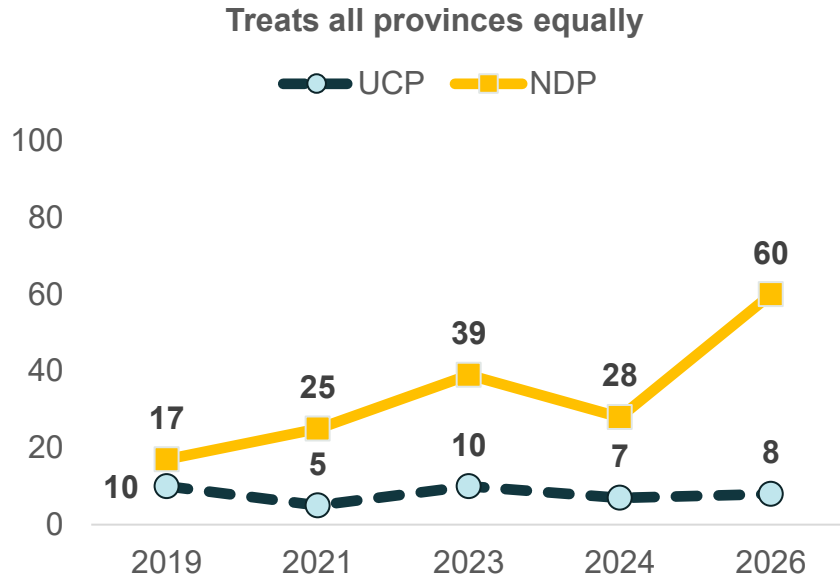
Alberta, 2019 – 2026

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Federalism



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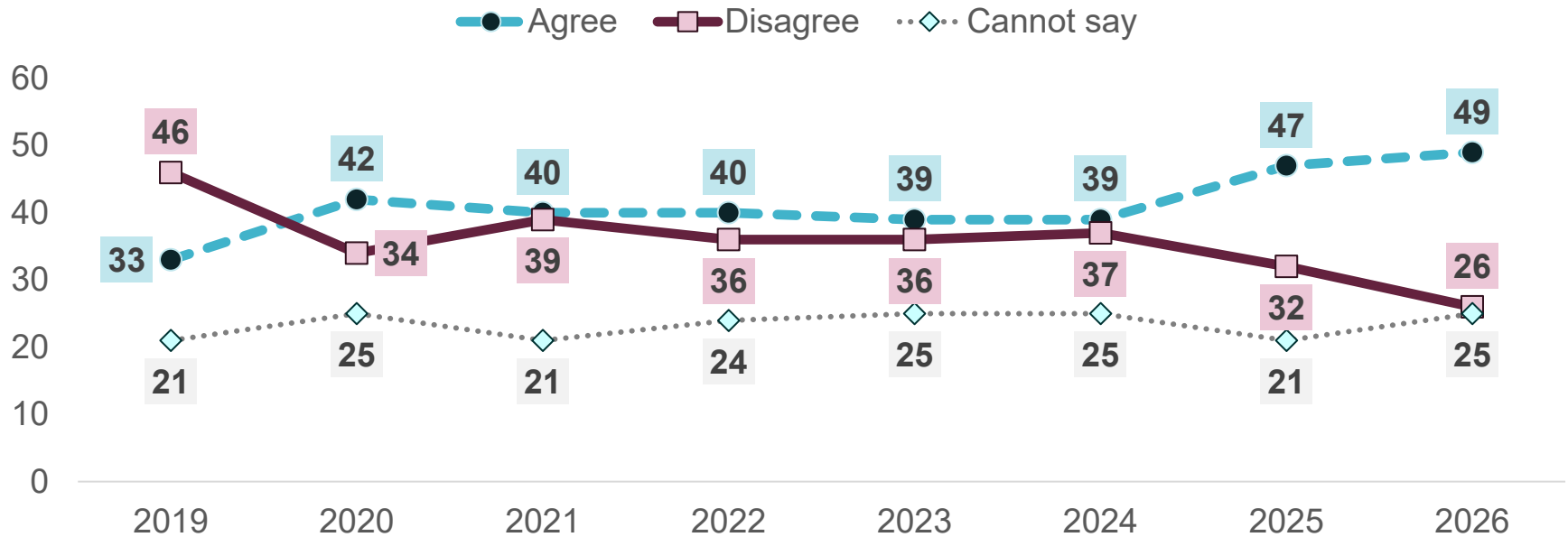


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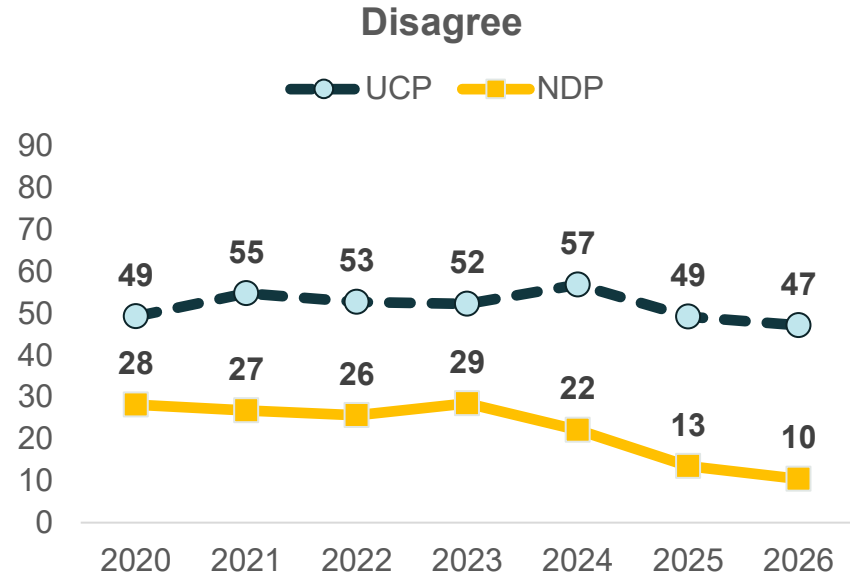
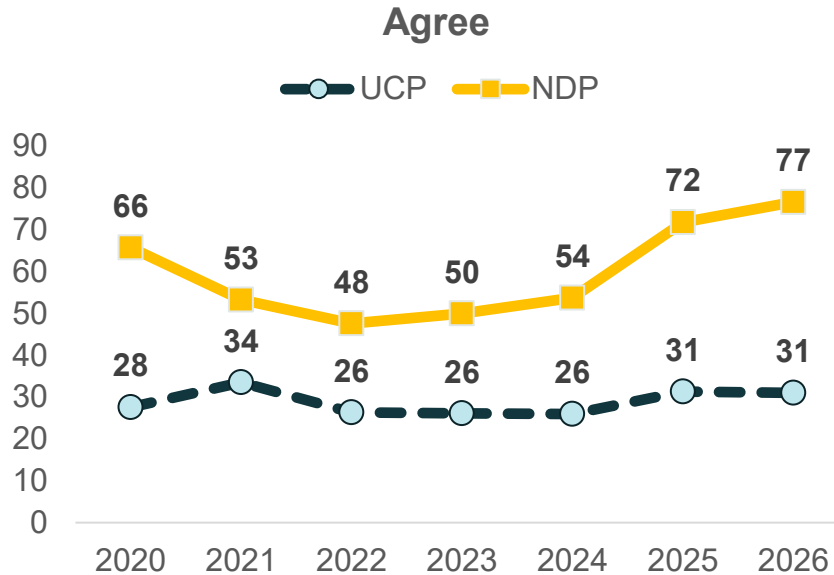
Alberta, 2019 – 2026

Agree or disagree: Canadian federalism has more advantages than disadvantages for your province



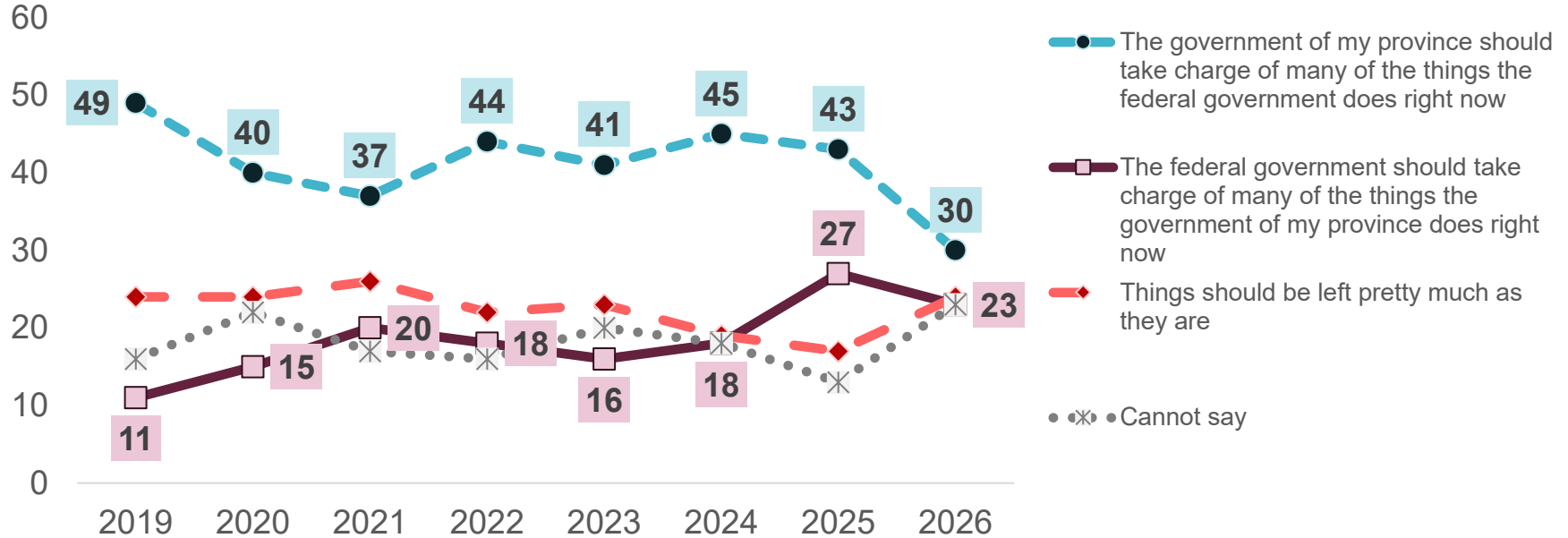
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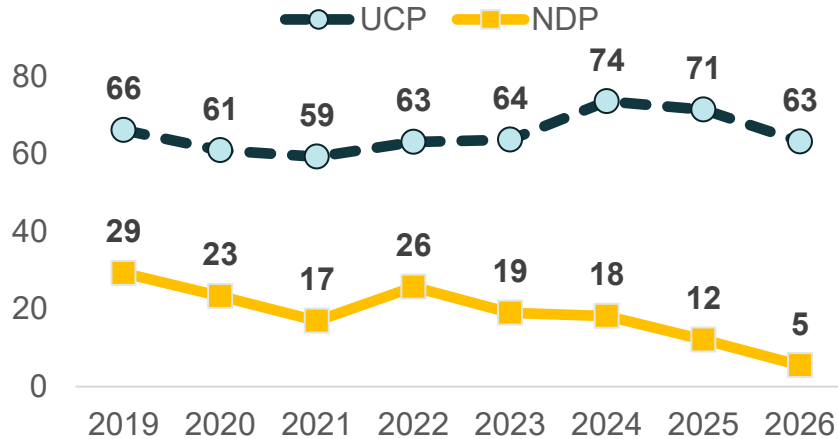
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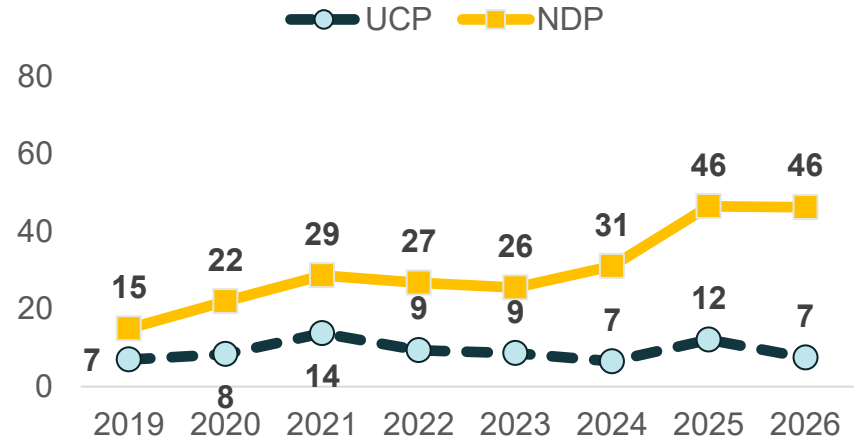
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Which of the following statements is closest to your own view of how governments should work in Canada?

The government of my province should take charge of many of the things the federal government does right now



The federal government should take charge of many of the things the government of my province does right now



Best representative



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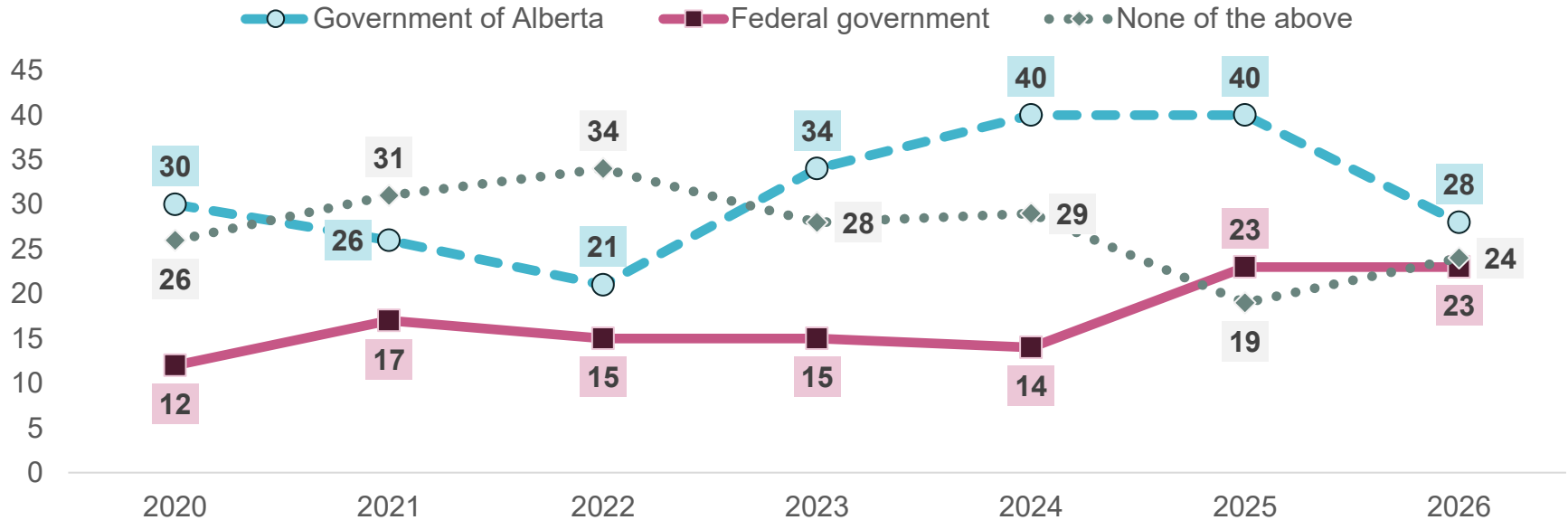


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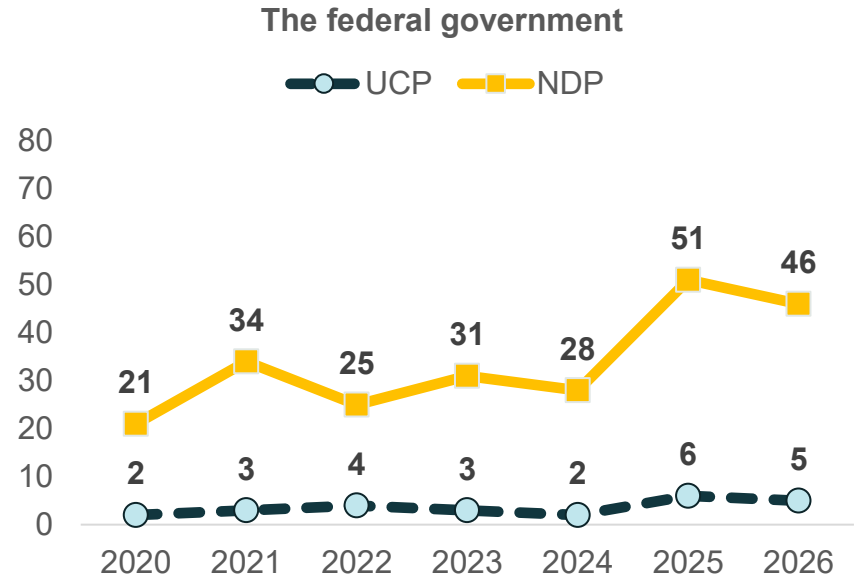
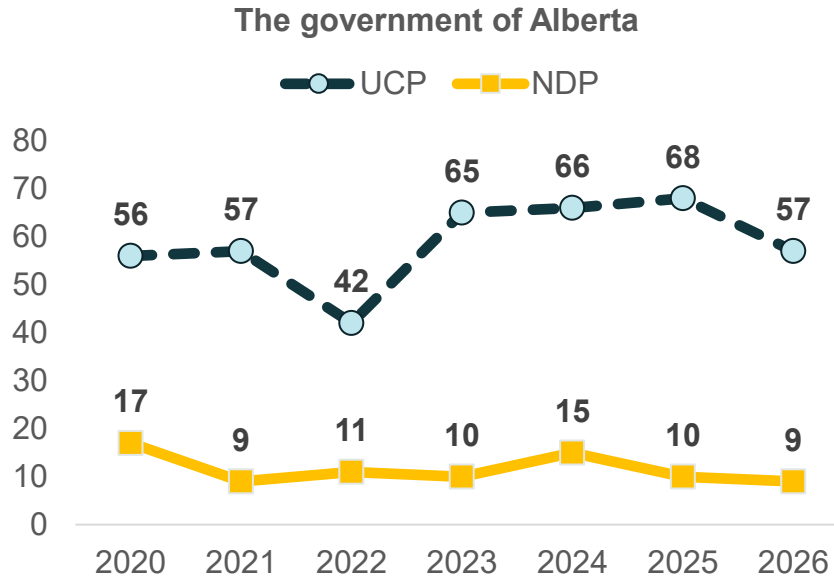
Alberta, 2020 – 2026

Which government do you believe best represents your interests?



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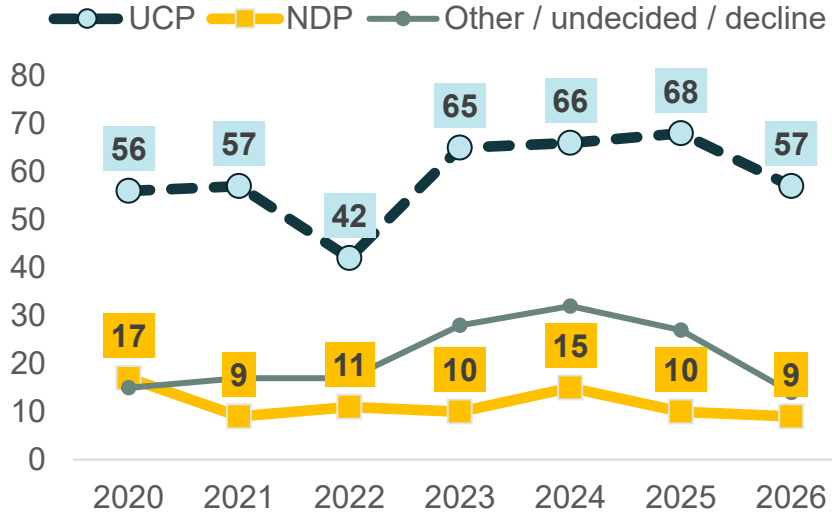
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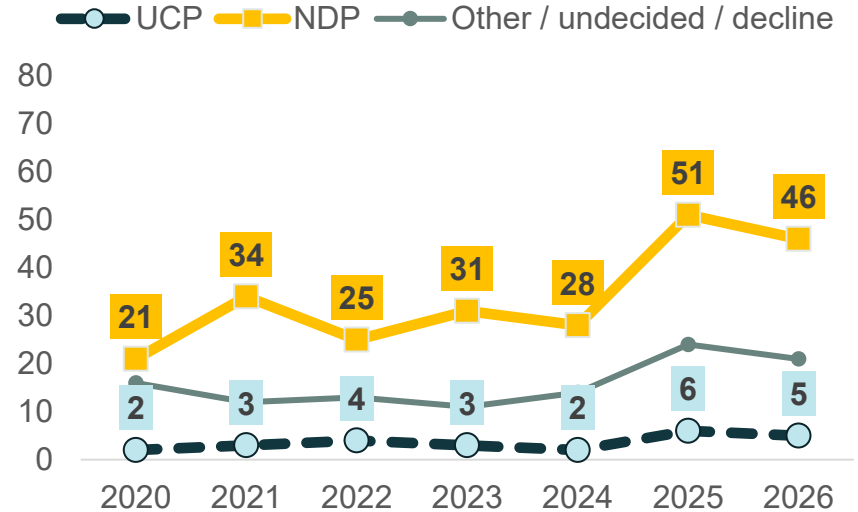
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The government of Alberta

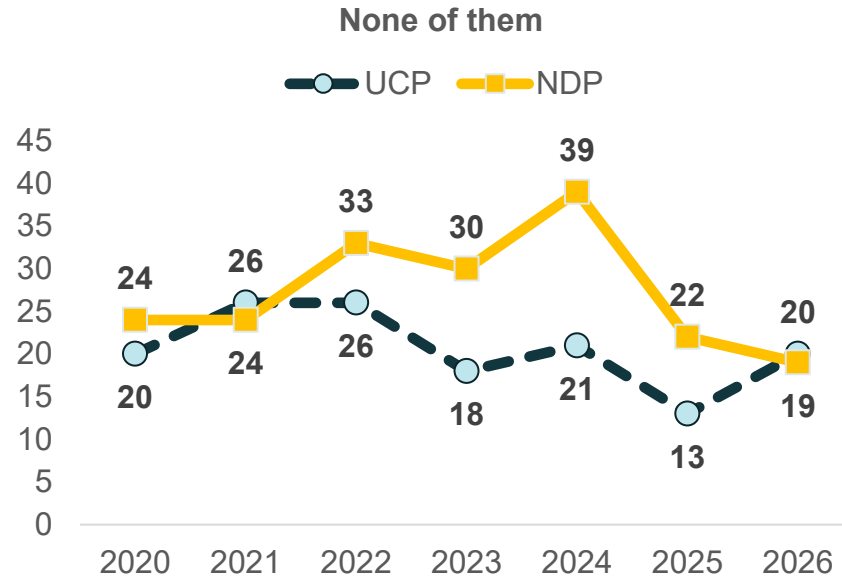


The federal government



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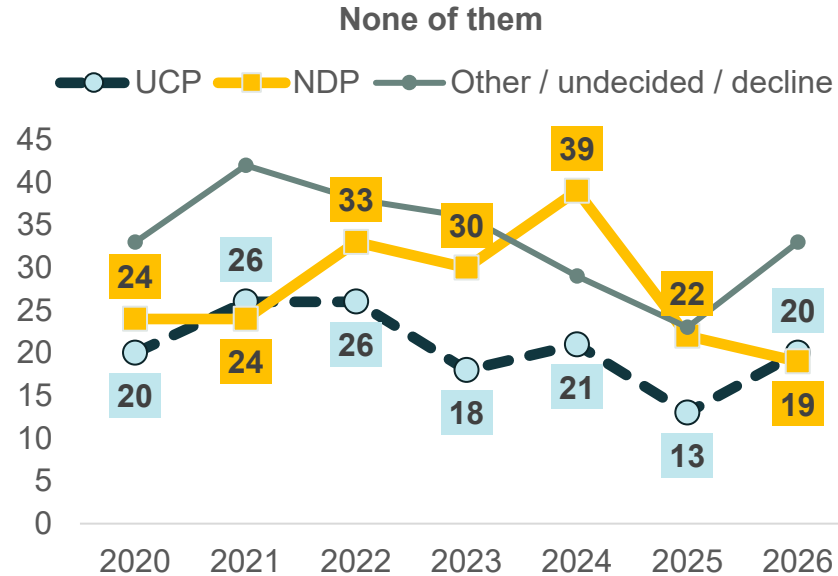
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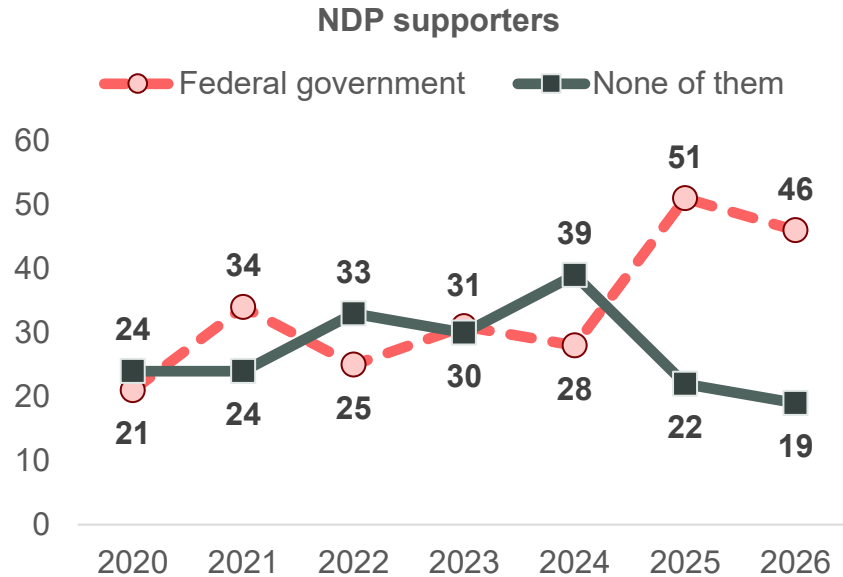
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Independence



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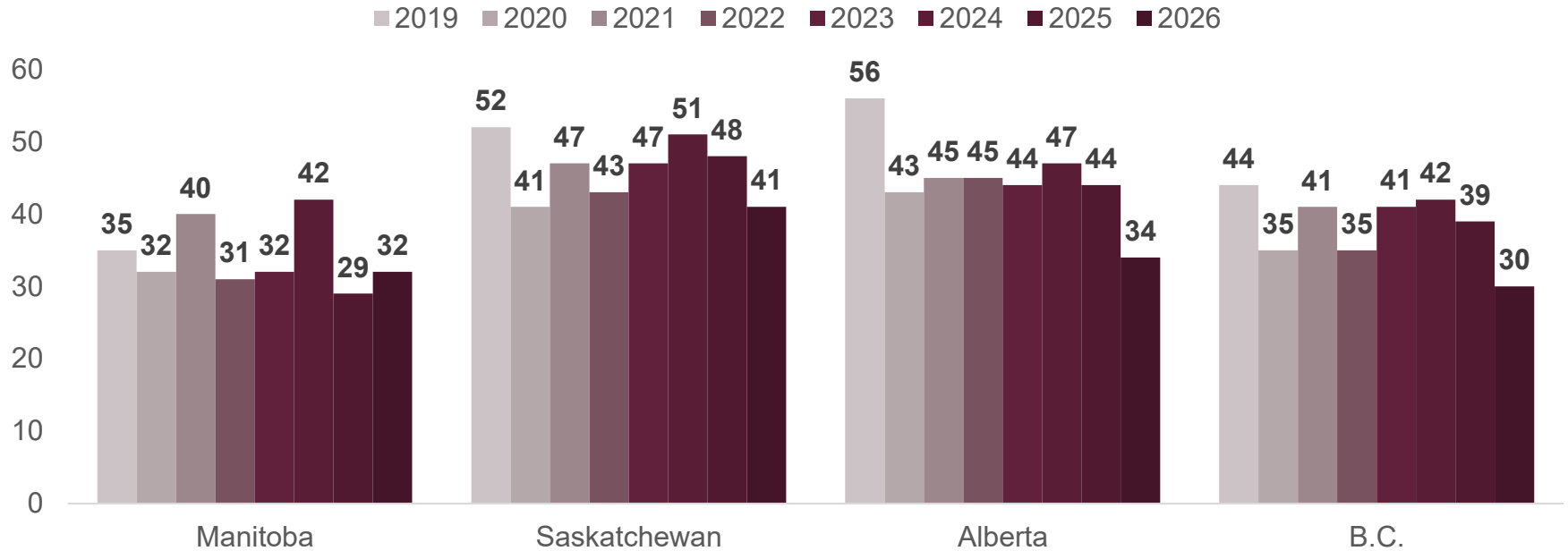


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Western Canada, by province, 2019 – 2026

Agree: Western Canada gets so few benefits from being part of Canada that they might as well go it on their own



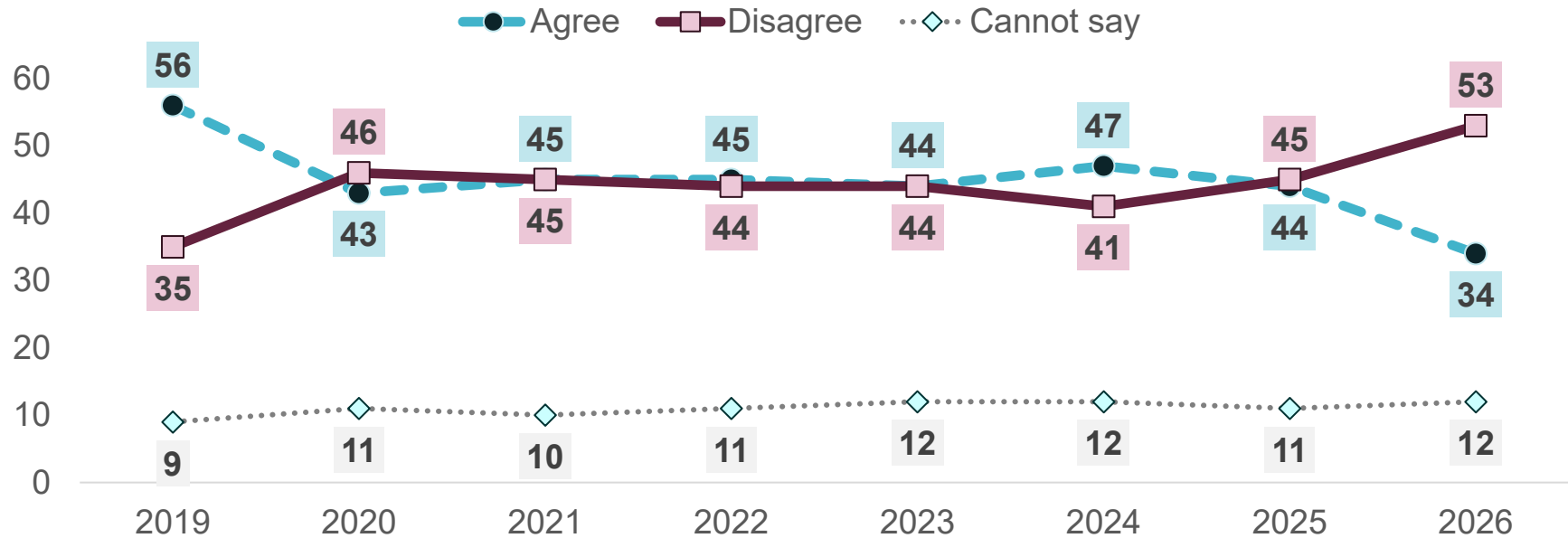
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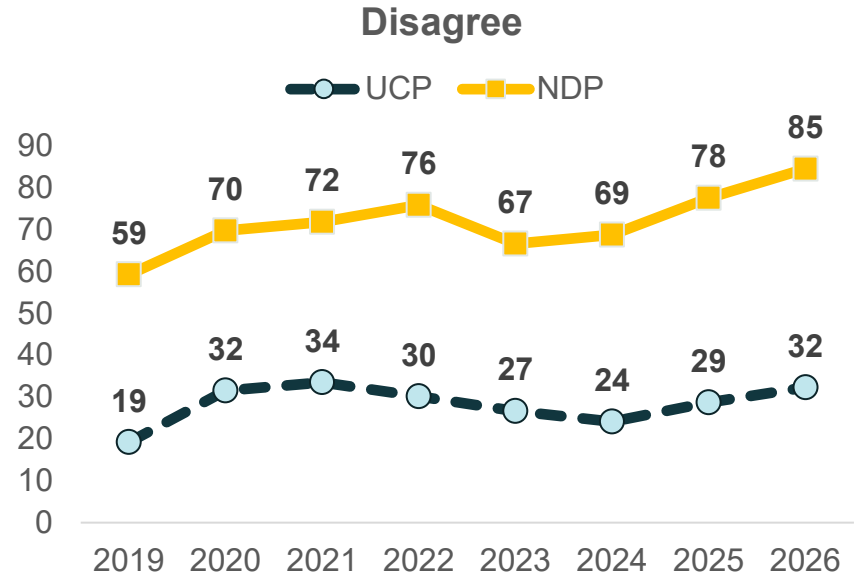
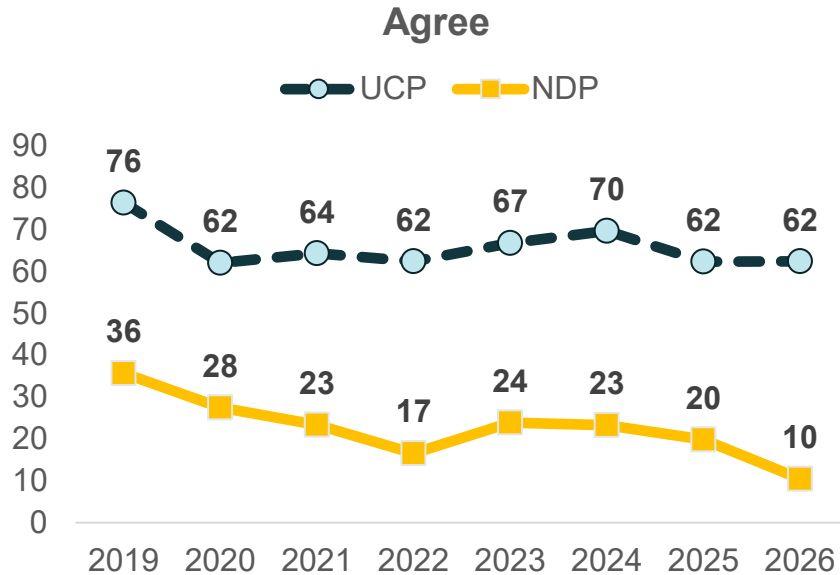
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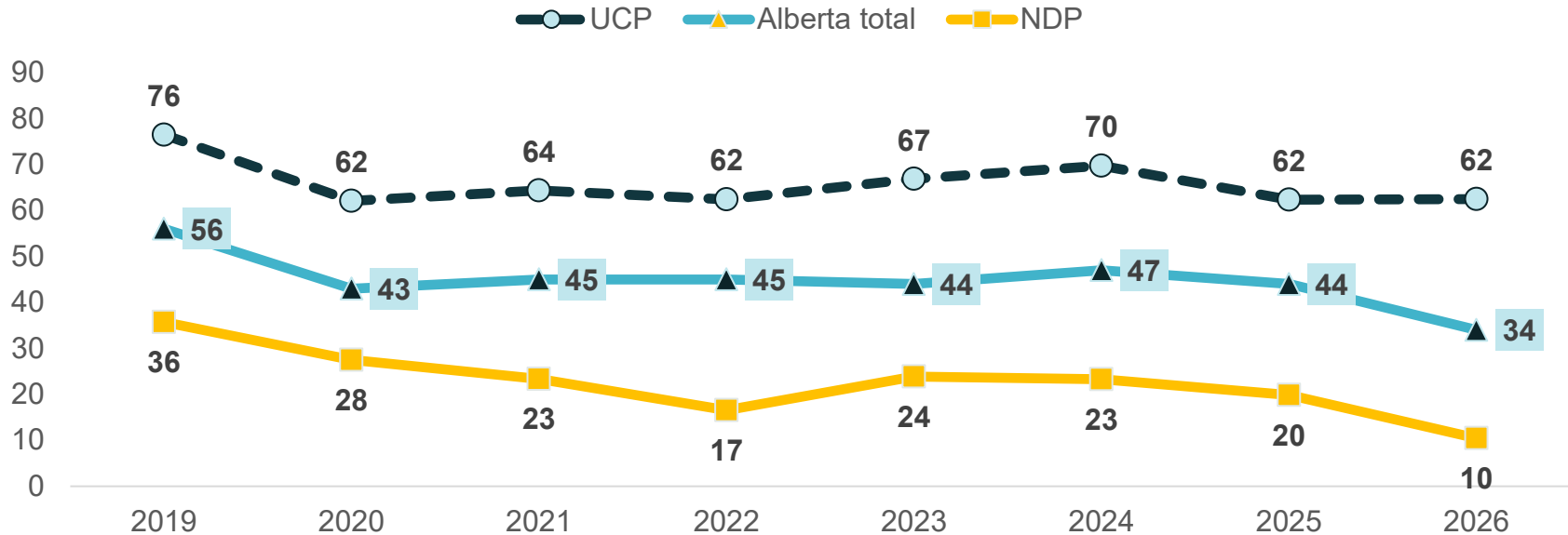
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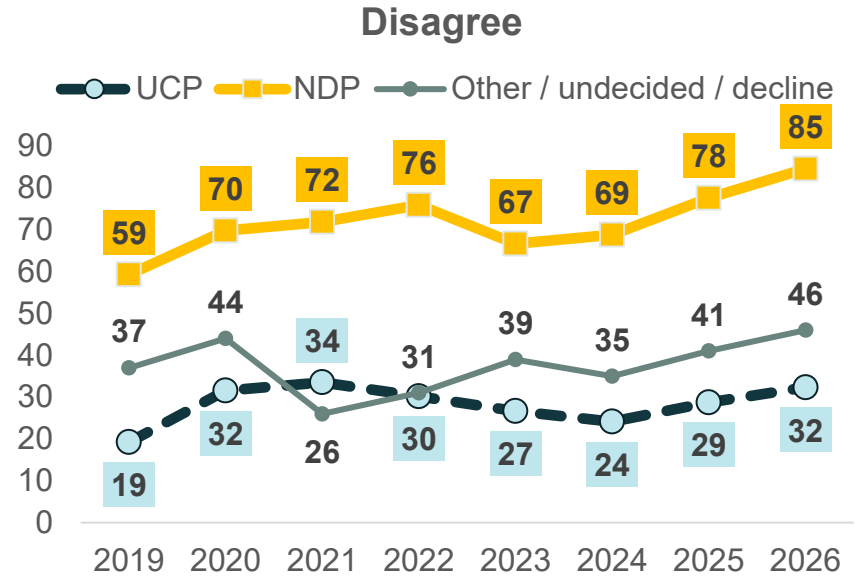
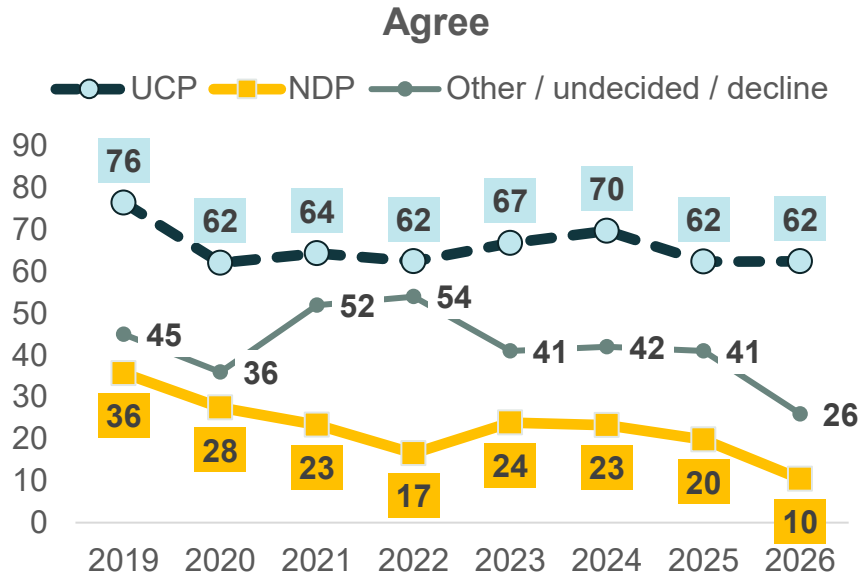
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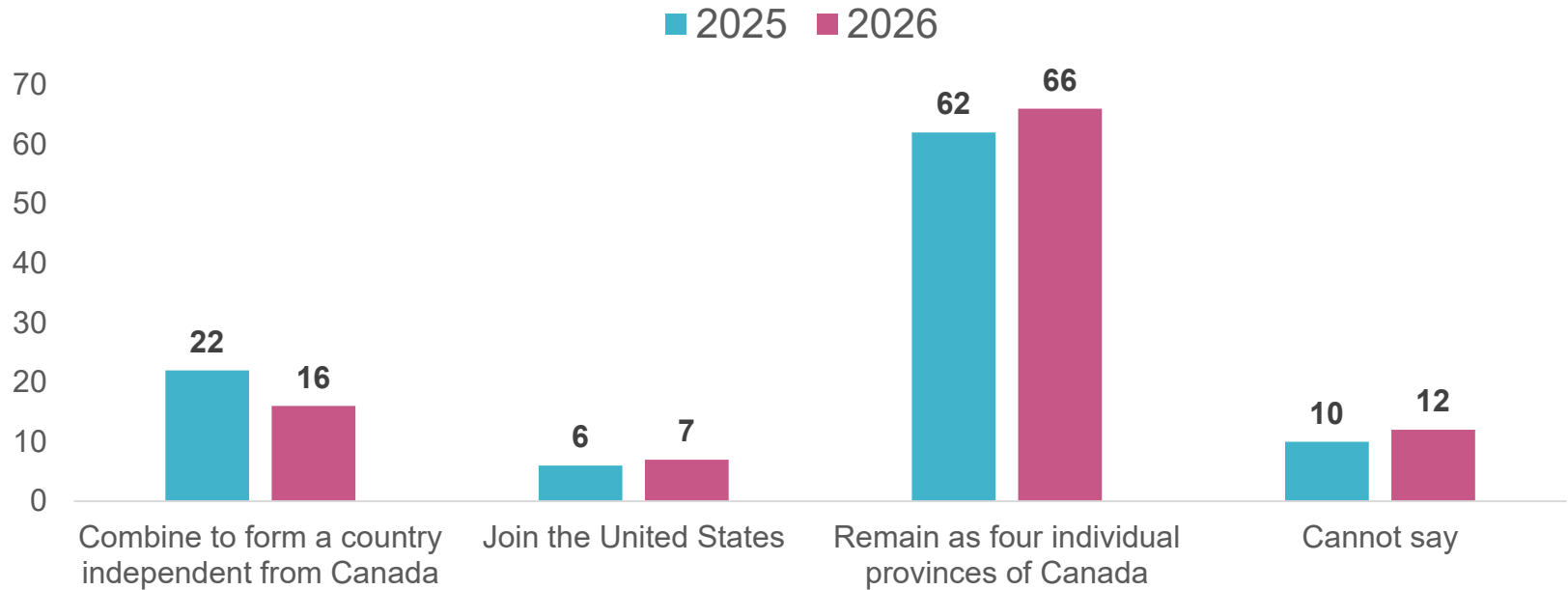
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Alberta, 2025 – 2026

Personally, would you prefer that the four provinces of Western Canada...?



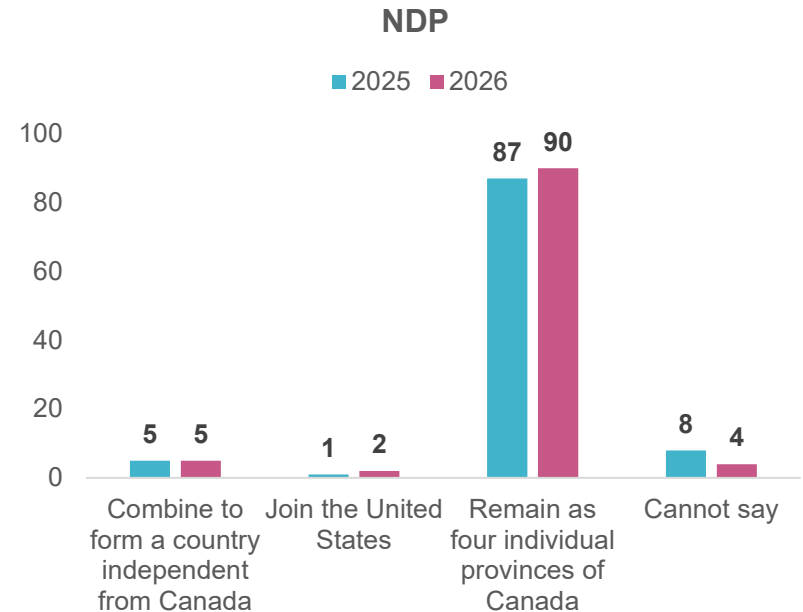
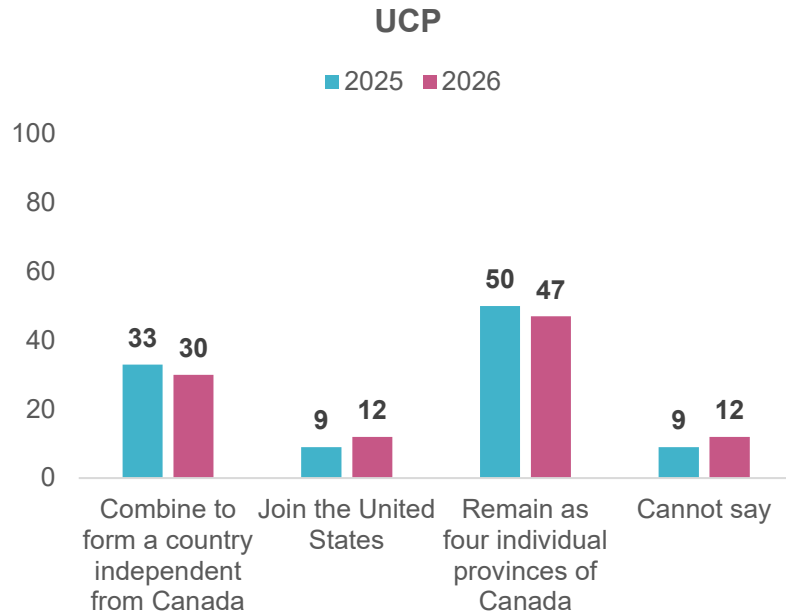
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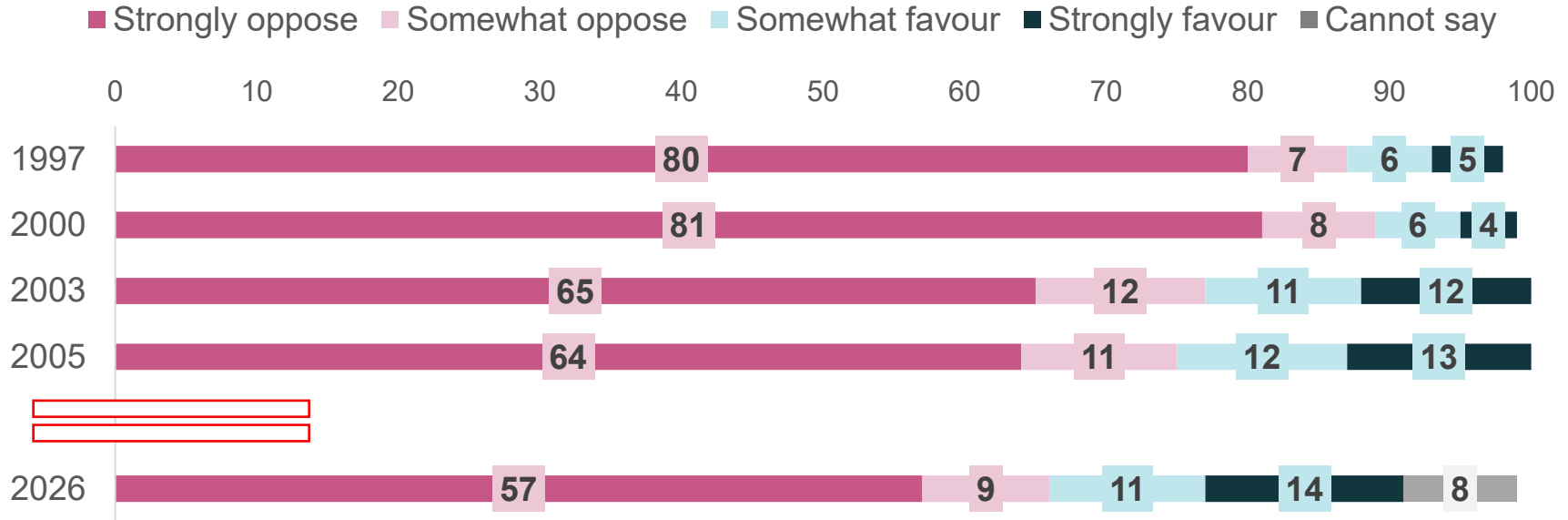
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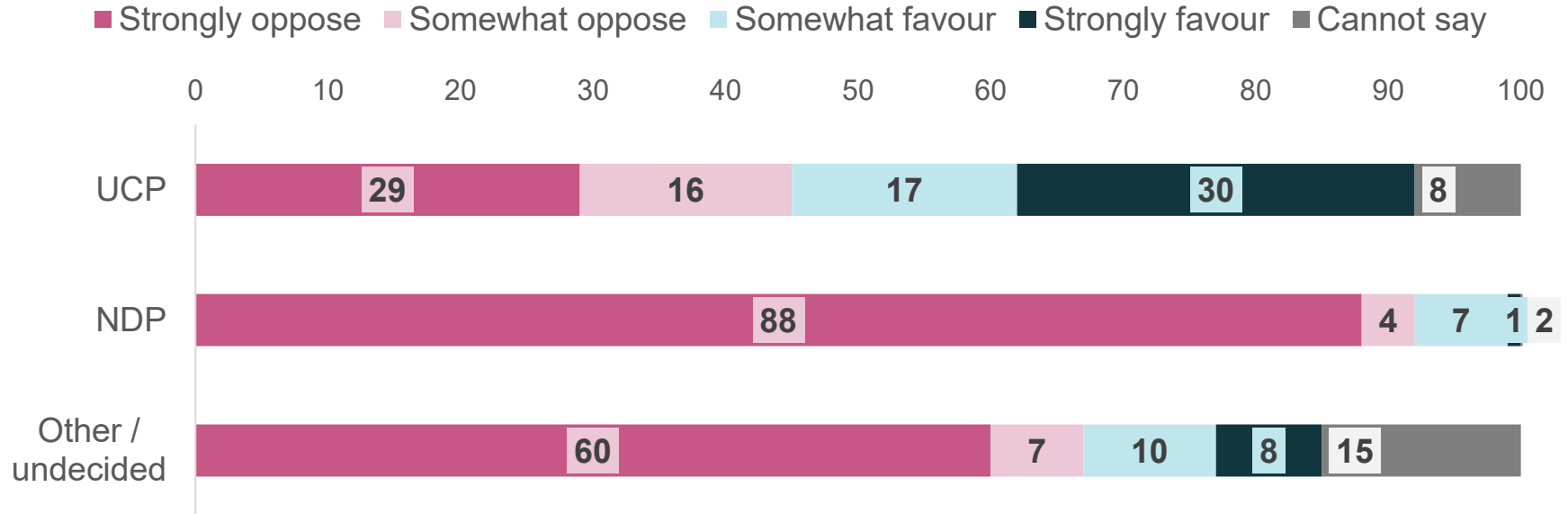


Alberta: Favour or oppose independence



Alberta, 2026, by provincial vote intention

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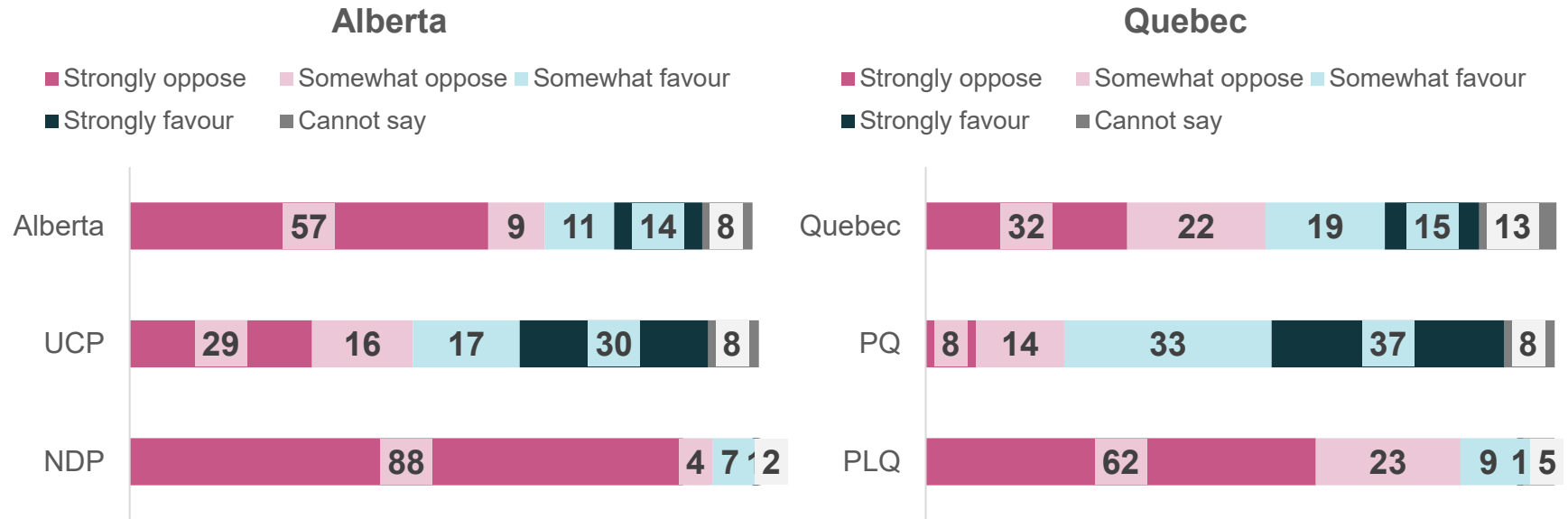


Thinking about your own province, do you strongly favour, somewhat favour, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose Alberta becoming an independent country?

Source: Environics Institute, Confederation of Tomorrow (2026); Environics, Focus Canada (earlier years).

Alberta and Quebec, 2026, by provincial vote intention

Favour or oppose independence



Thinking about your own province, do you strongly favour, somewhat favour, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose Alberta / Quebec becoming an independent country?
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Thank You

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