



Global Issues Survey

Foreign Affairs & International Development Priorities

A look at public opinion in Canada

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The Global Issues Survey 2026 was conducted by the Environics Institute for Survey Research in partnership with UNICEF Canada.

The survey was conducted online between May 7 and 14, 2026 with a sample of 1,500 adult residents of Canada. The survey data are weighted by age, gender, region and education so as to be representative of the actual composition of the adult Canadian population.

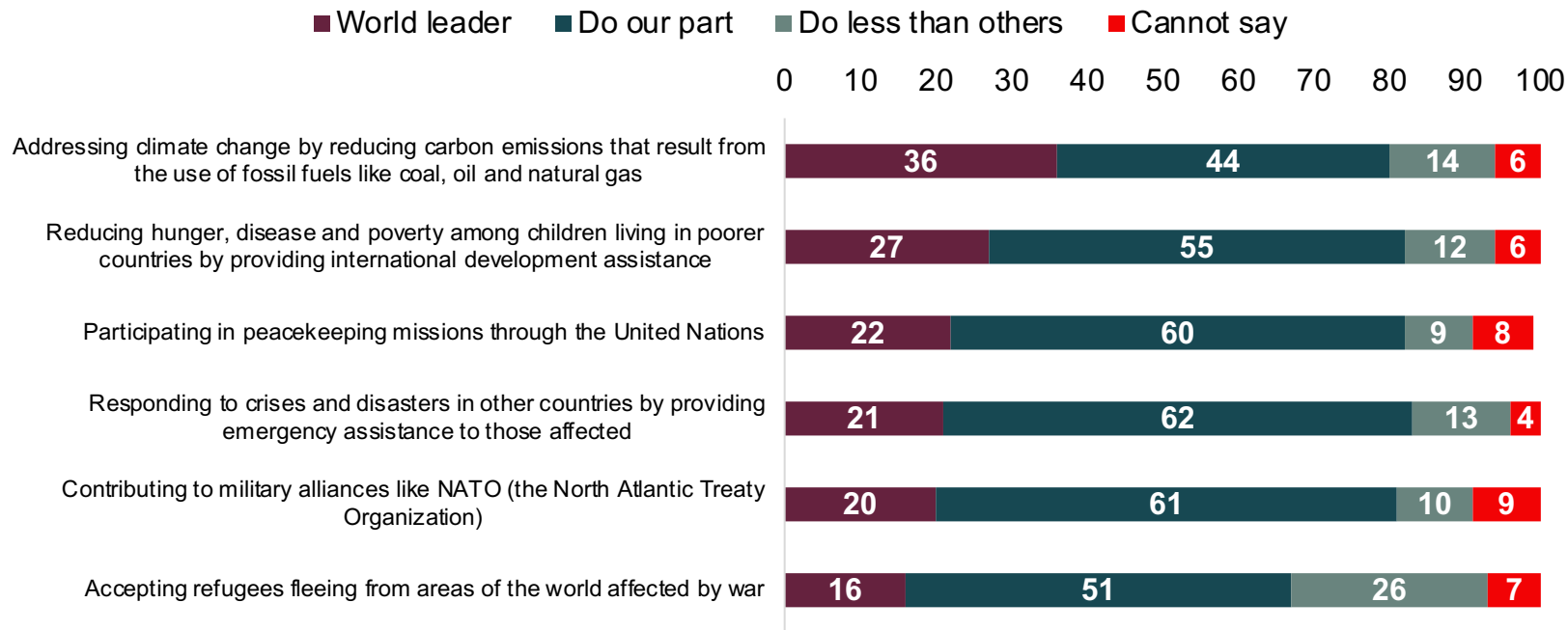
It was administered by Elemental DCI and the sample was drawn from the LEO panel.

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The background is a complex, abstract composition. It features a stylized world map in dark blue and black, with some landmasses highlighted in light blue. Overlaid on the map are numerous colorful, geometric shapes in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue. These shapes are arranged in a way that suggests movement and connectivity, with some resembling arrows or paths. The overall style is modern and graphic, with a focus on bold colors and sharp lines.

Findings

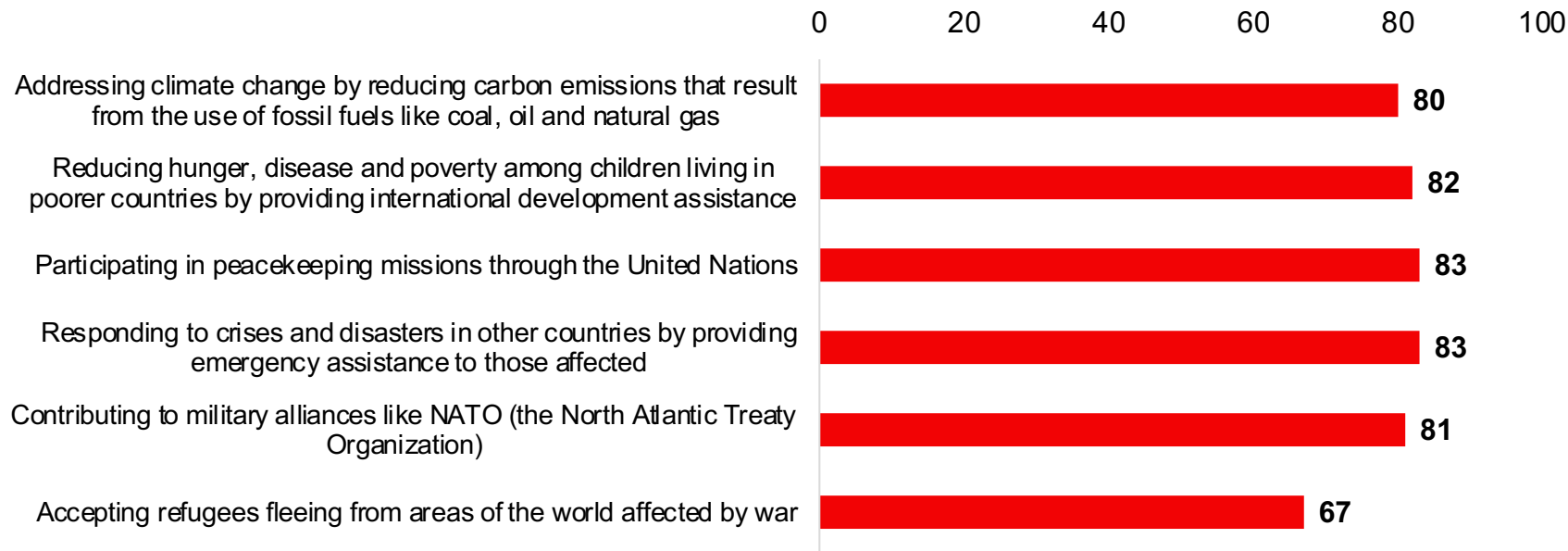
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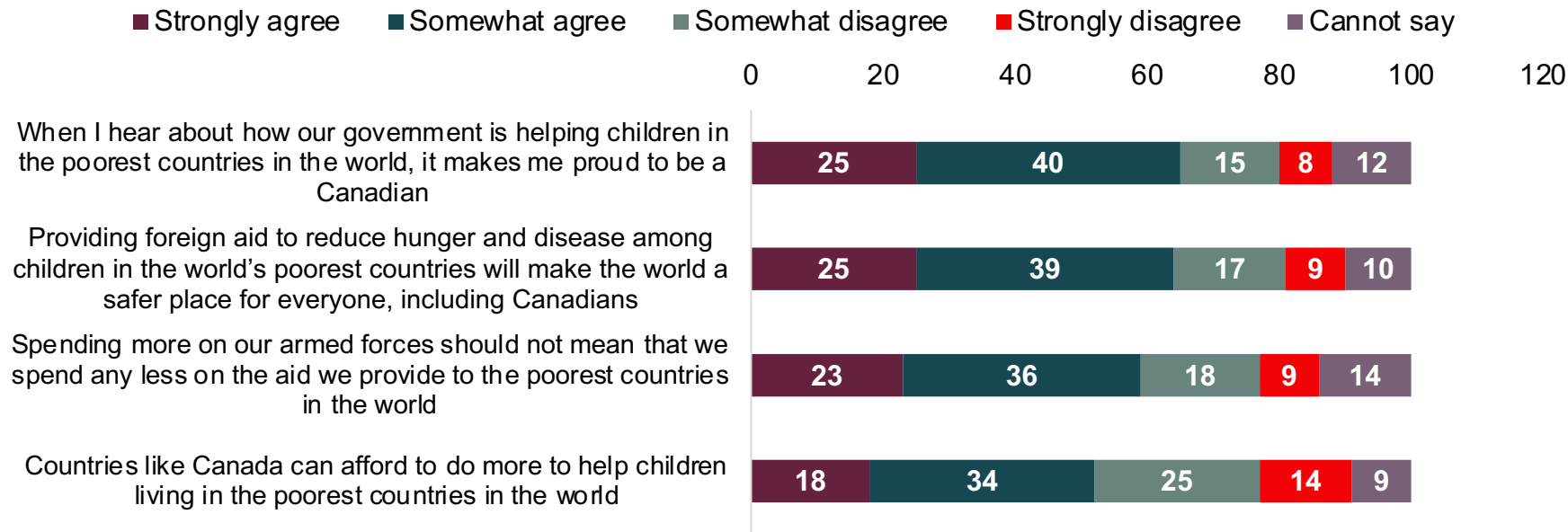
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■ World leader or do our part (at least as much as other countries)

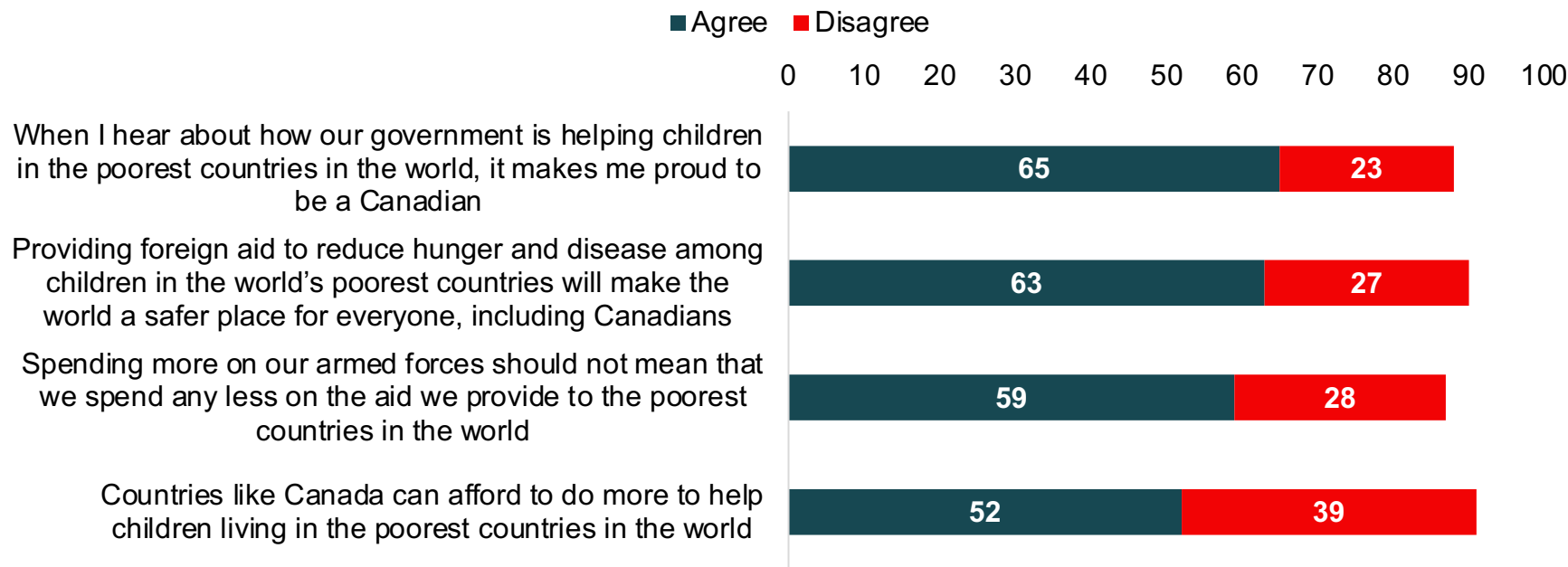


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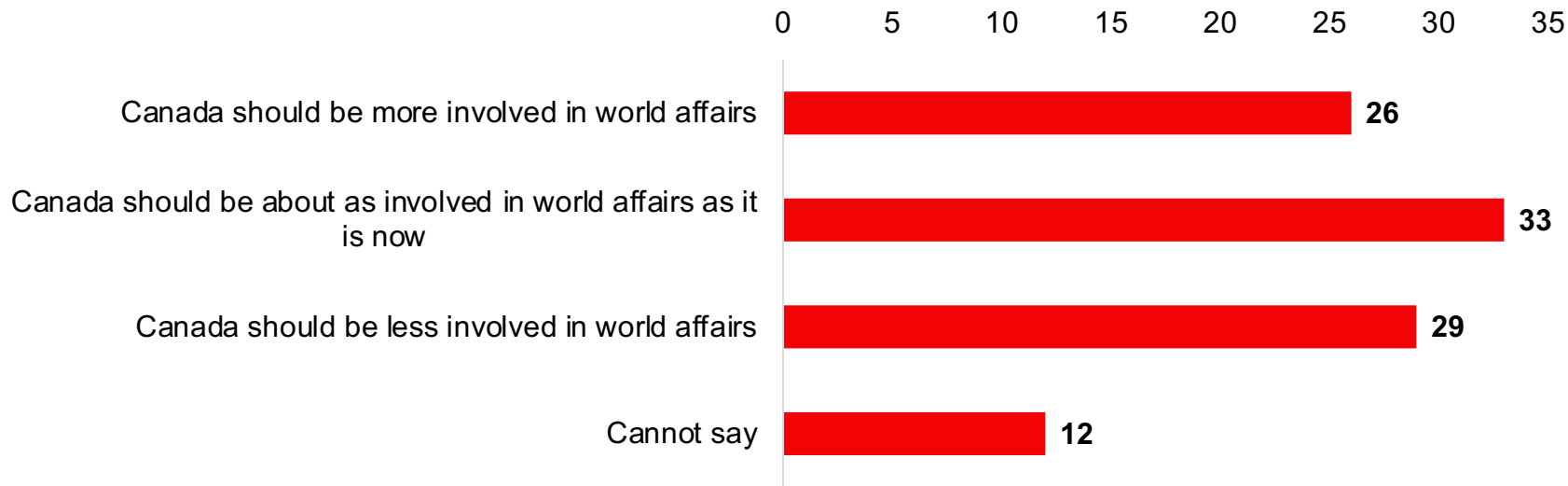
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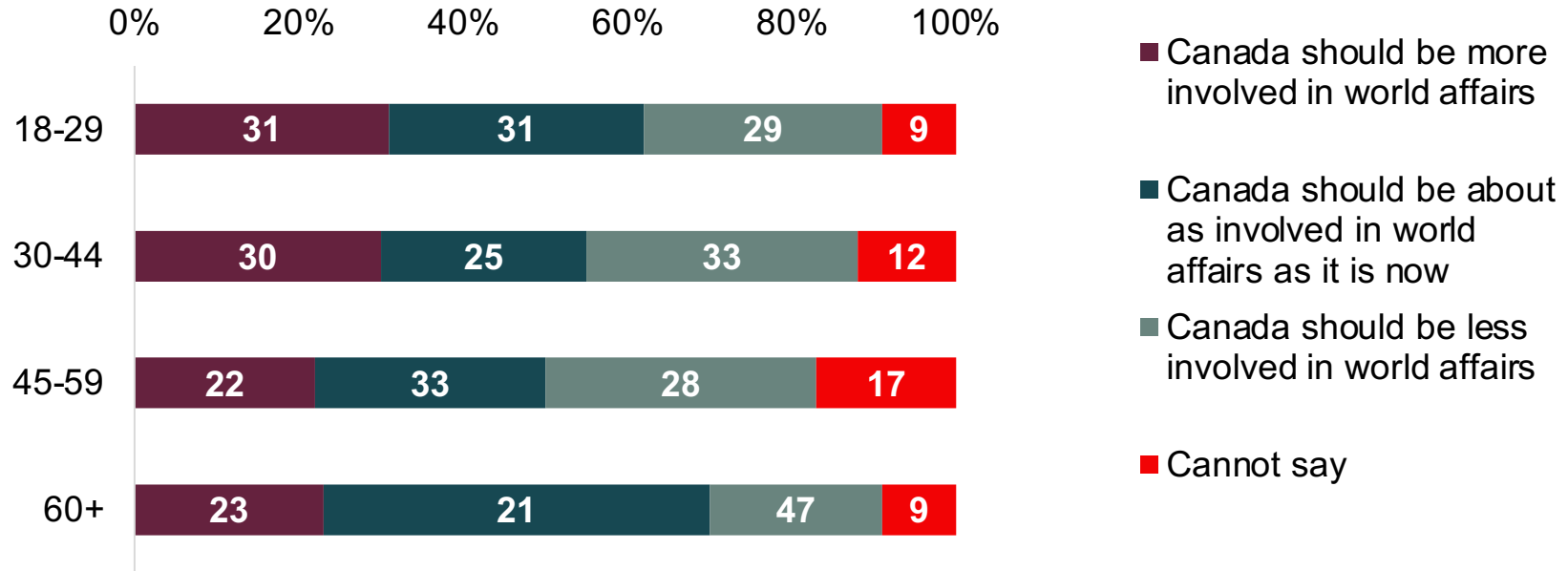
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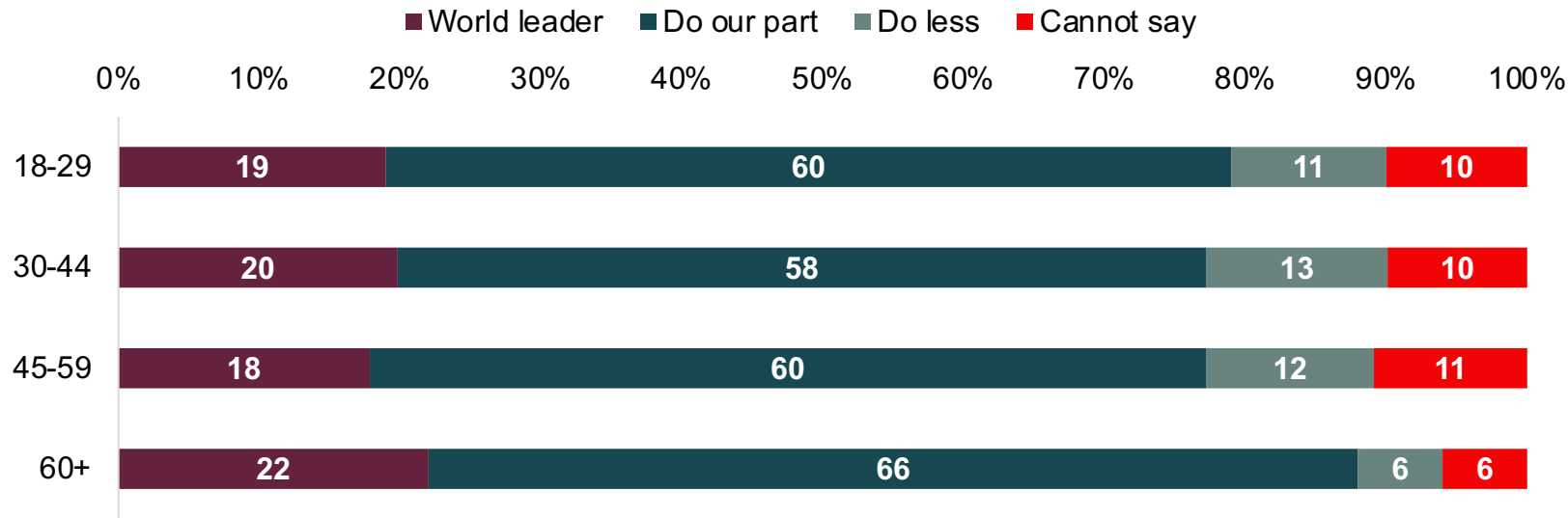
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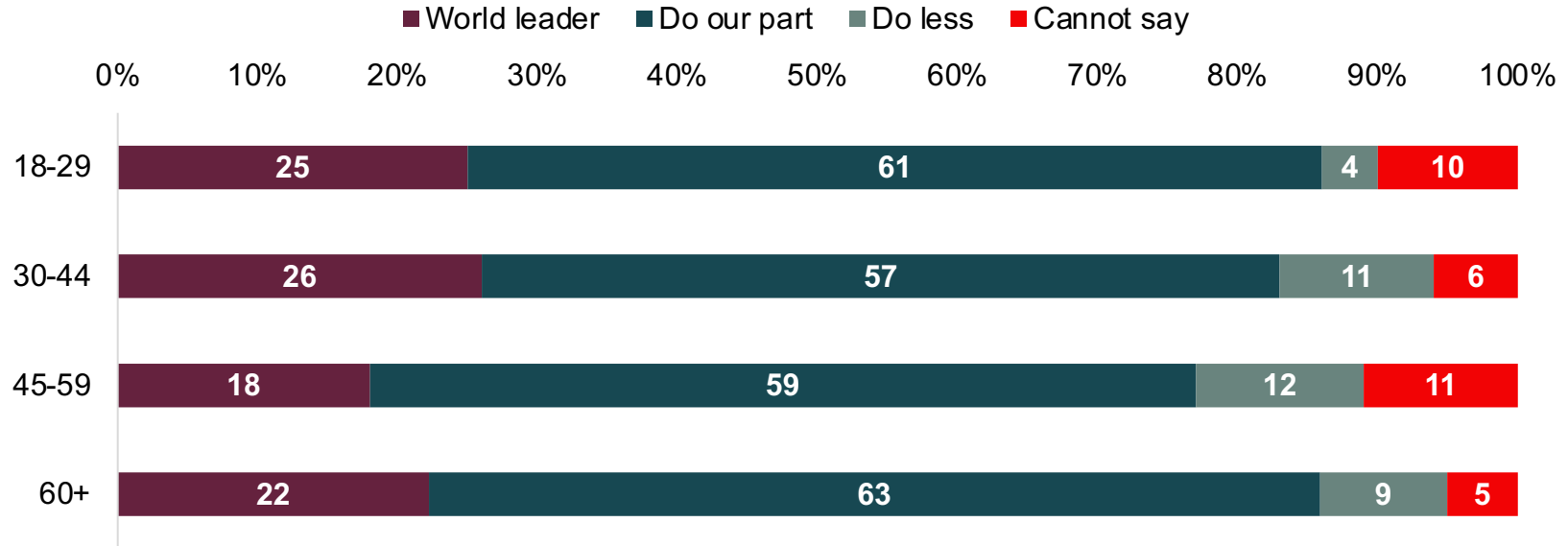
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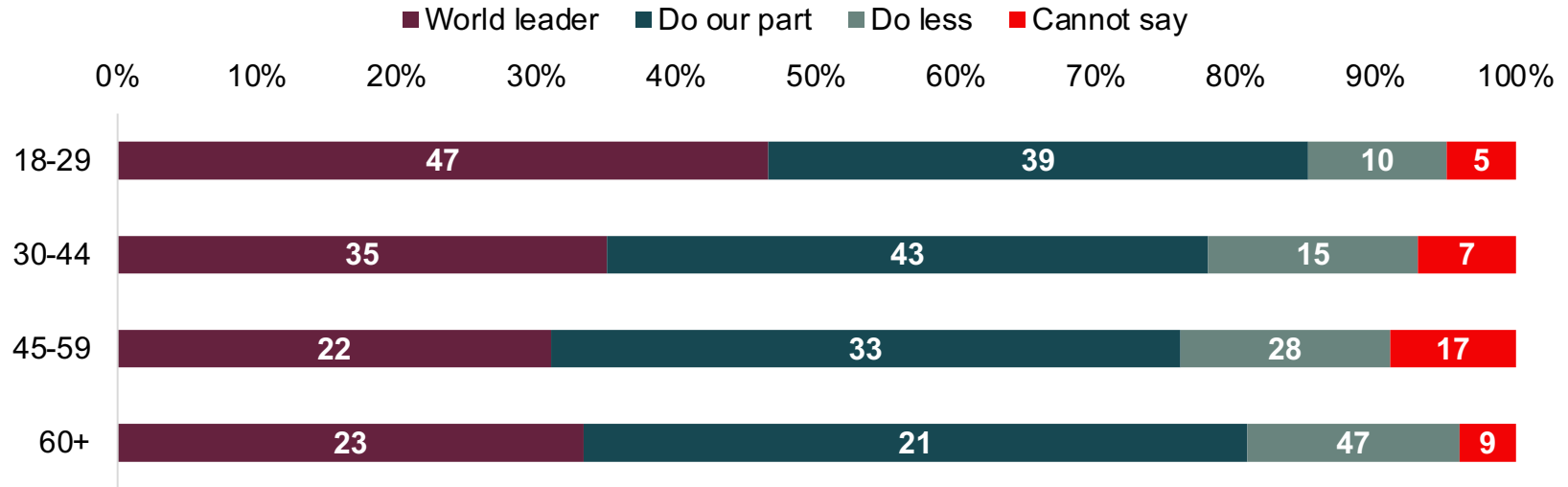
How involved should Canada be in world affairs: Contributing to military alliances like NATO?



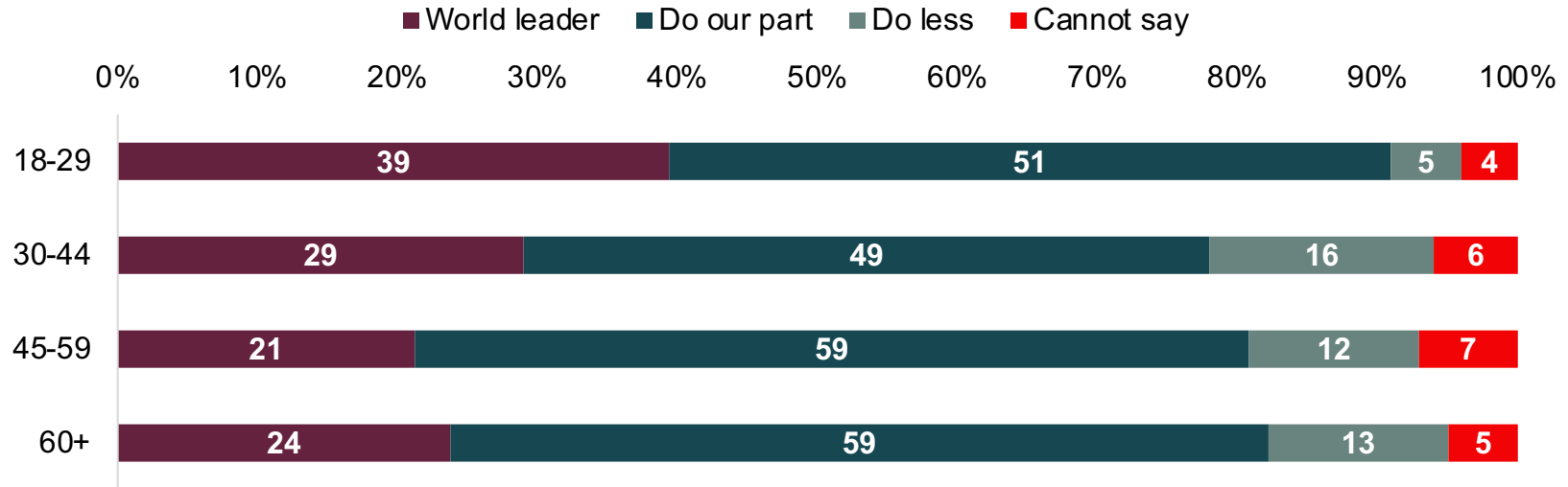
How involved should Canada be in world affairs: Participating in peacekeeping missions through the United Nations?



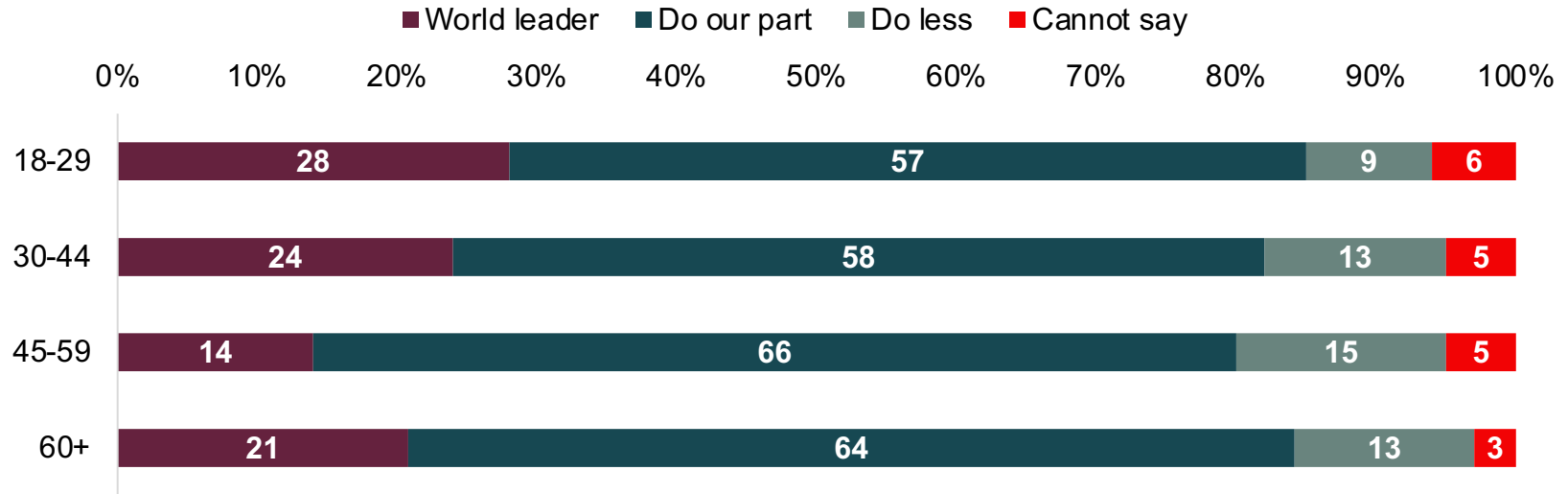
How involved should Canada be in world affairs: Addressing climate change by reducing carbon emissions that result from the use of fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas?



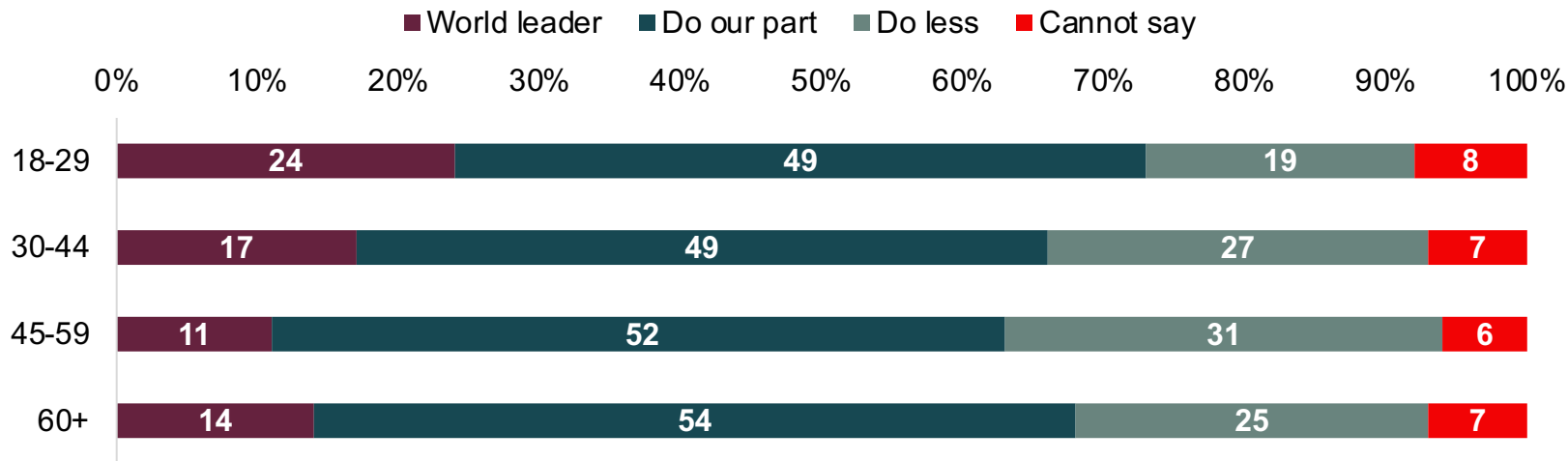
How involved should Canada be in world affairs: Reducing hunger, disease and poverty among children living in poorer countries by providing international development assistance?



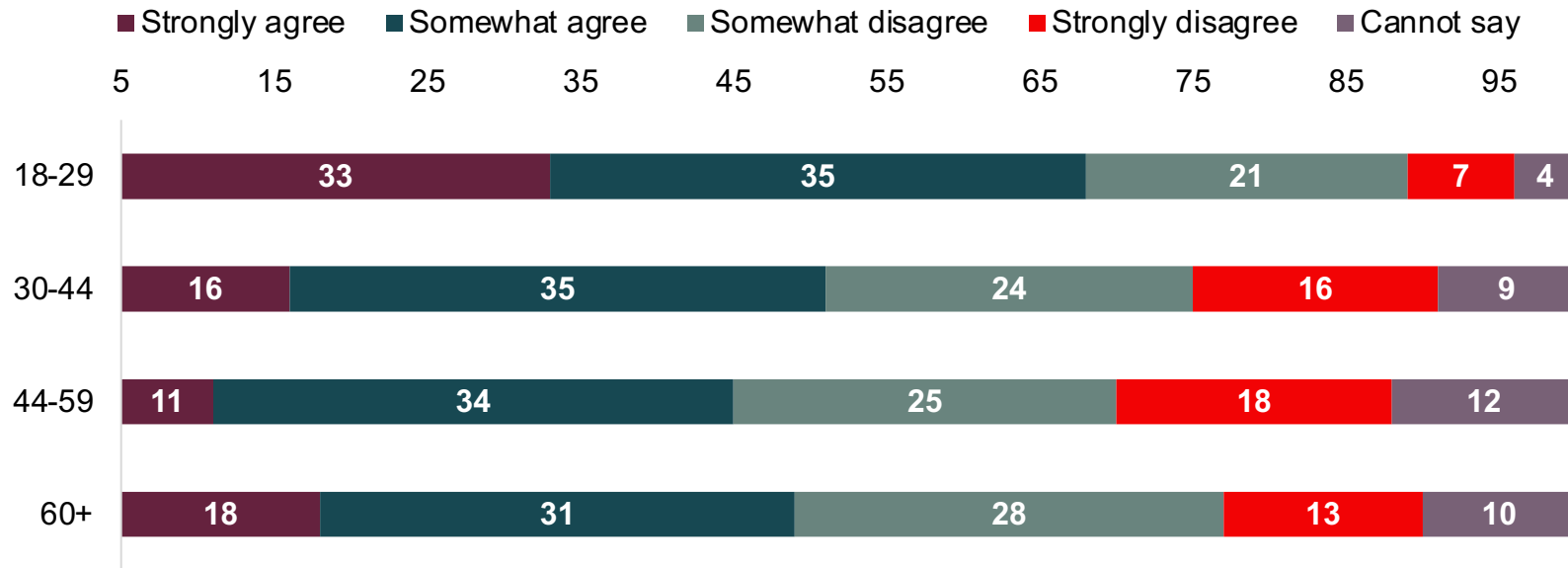
How involved should Canada be in world affairs: Responding to crises and disasters in other countries by providing emergency assistance to those affected?



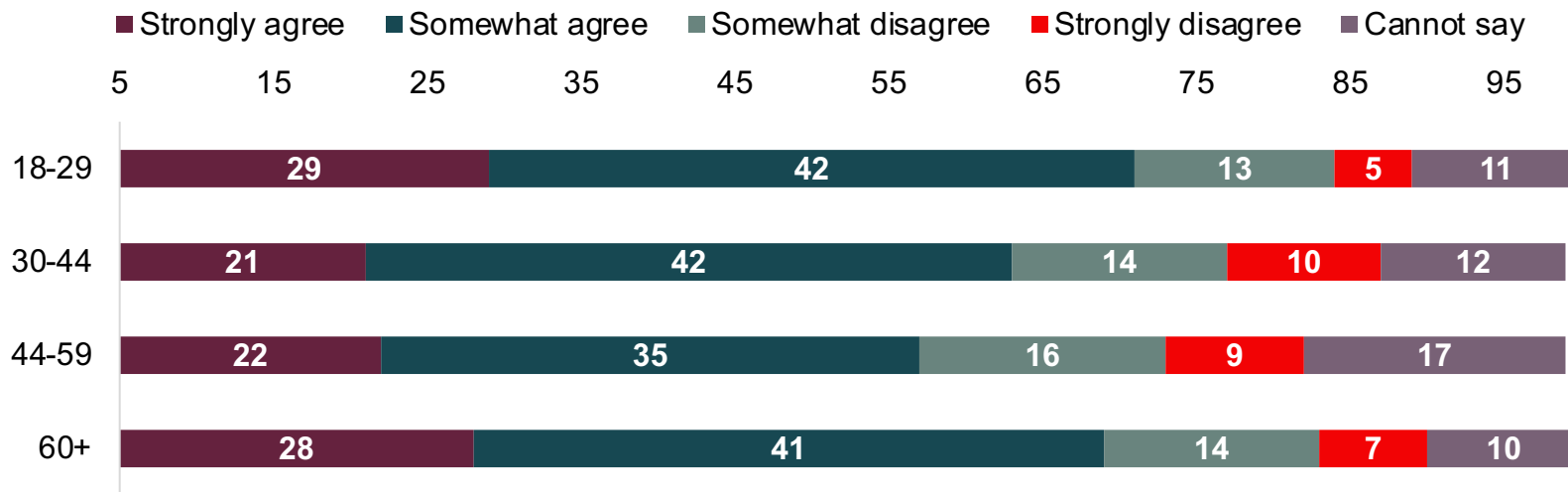
How involved should Canada be in world affairs: Accepting refugees fleeing from areas of the world affected by war?



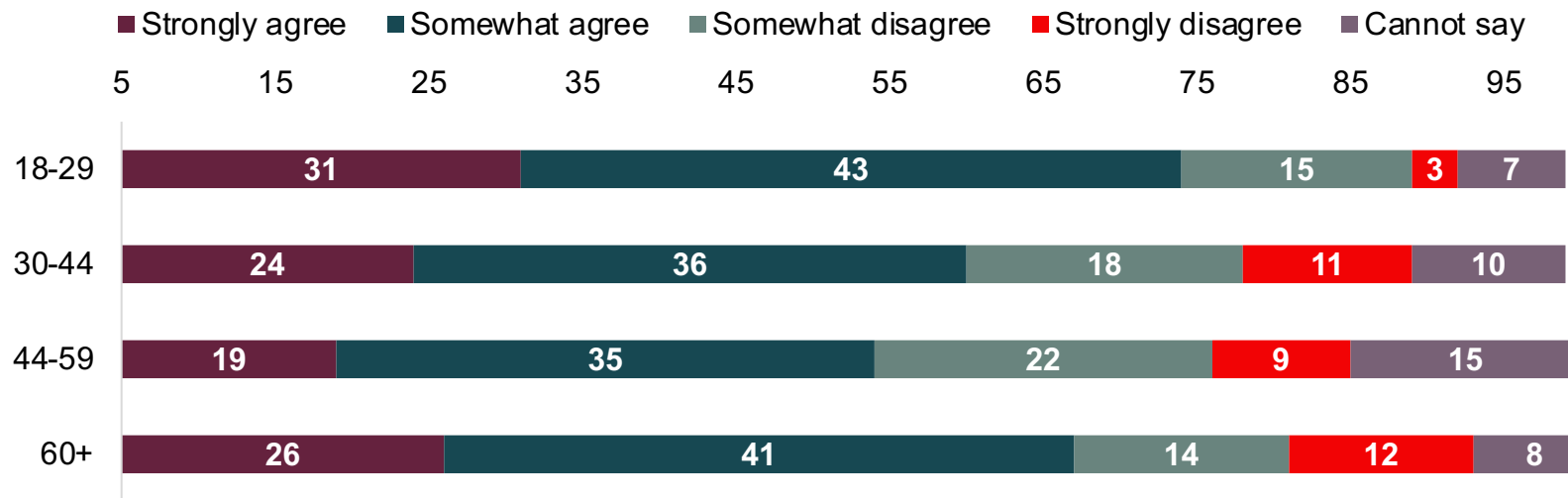
Countries like Canada can afford to do more to help children living in the poorest countries in the world



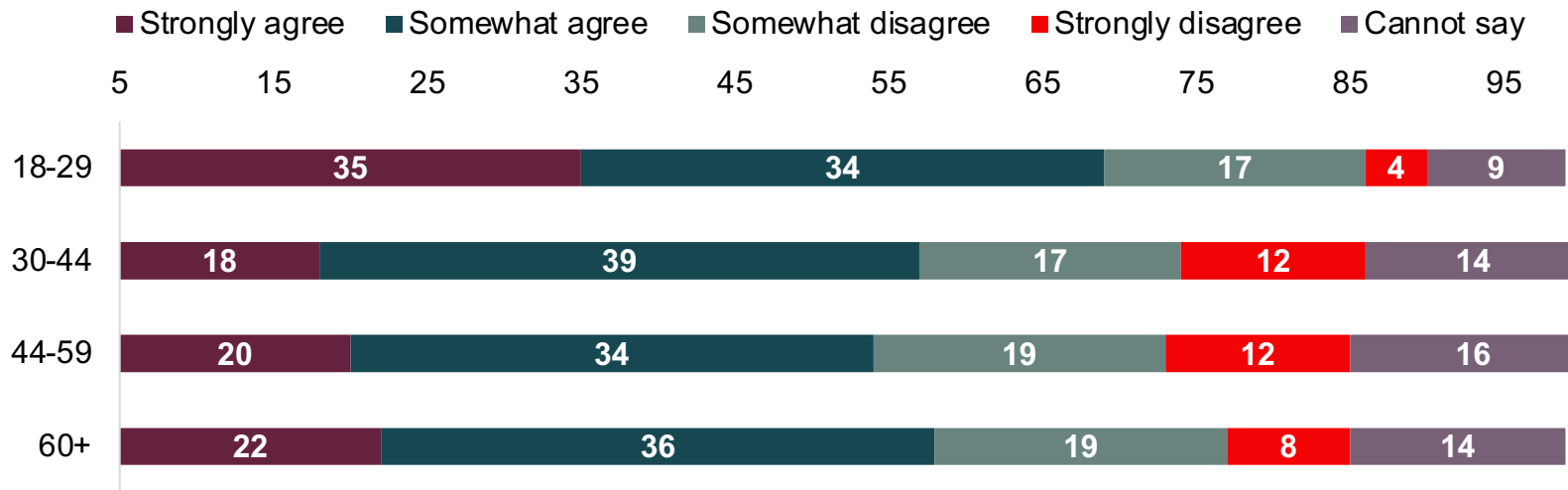
When I hear about how our government is helping children in the poorest countries in the world, it makes me proud to be a Canadian



Providing foreign aid to reduce hunger and disease among children in the world's poorest countries will make the world a safer place for everyone, including Canadians



Spending more on our armed forces should not mean that we spend any less on the aid we provide to the poorest countries in the world



Thank You



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