

Leger

Number of
Federal Government
Employees

Canadian
Taxpayers
Federation



Government
of Canada

Gouvernement
du Canada

Canada



Methodology



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Canadian online survey via Leger's LEO panel, with n=1601 Canadian residents aged 18+.

When

26th to 28th of July 2024, inclusive

Margin of error

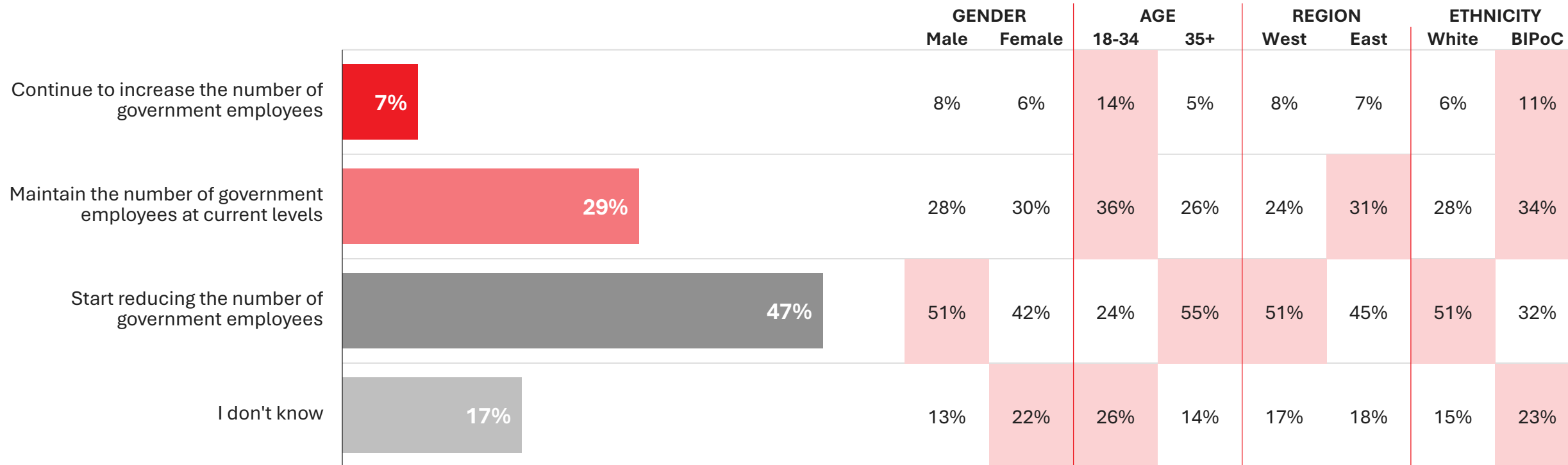
For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than $\pm 2.5\%$, (19 times out of 20)

Detailed Results



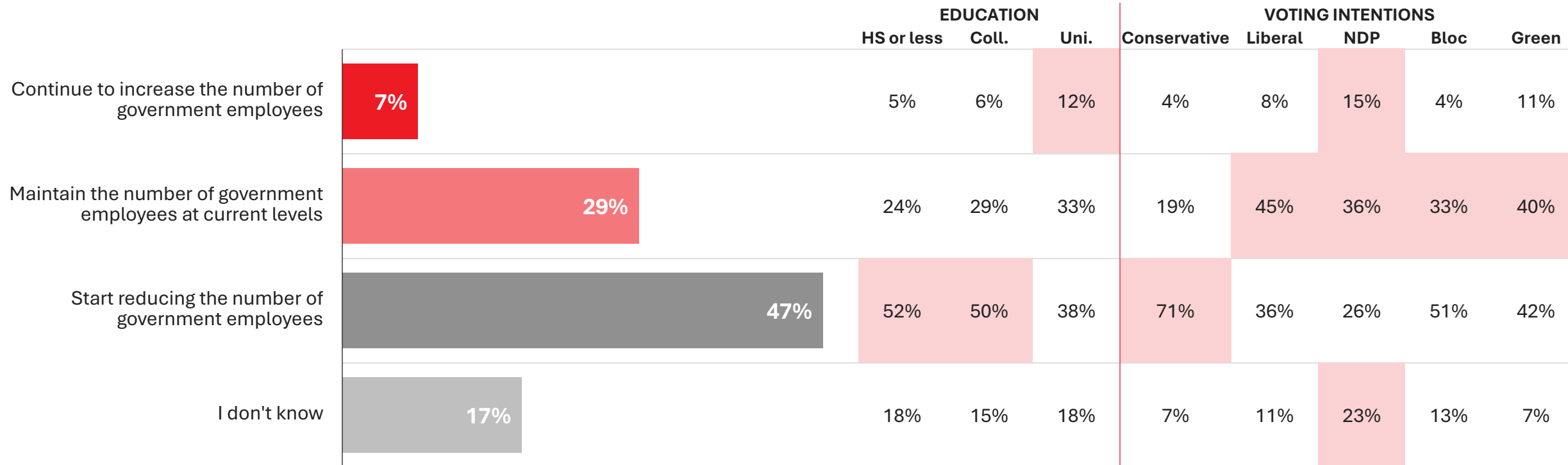
Nearly half (47%) believe the number of federal government employees should be reduced.

Three-in-ten (29%) feel the number of government employees should be maintained at current levels and 7% say the number should continue to increase. Eastern Canadians believe the number of employees should stay the same, and those aged 18-34 and who identify as BIPOC say the number should remain static or grow.



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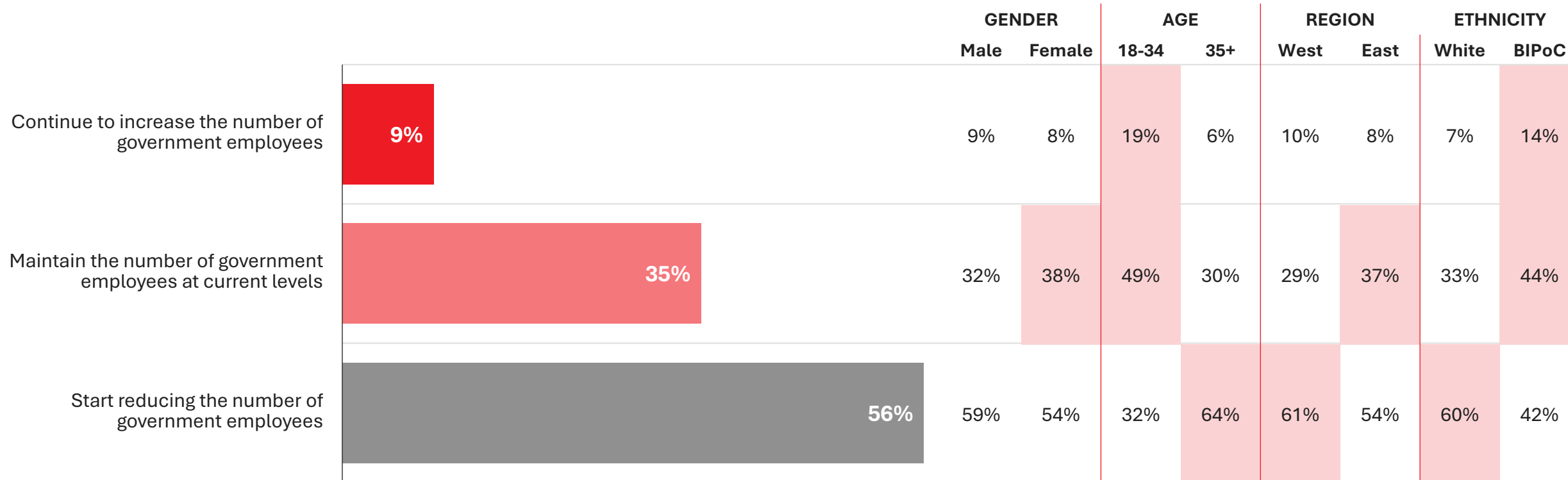
University-educated Canadians and those whose intentions are to vote NDP believe we should continue to increase the number of government employees, while those with a lesser education and/or planning to vote Conservative feel the number should be reduced.



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When those who don't know are excluded, responses rise across the board, with 56% saying they want the number of government employees to be reduced; however, a third wish to maintain the number.

Those aged 35+, Western Canadians, and those who identify as white believe the government should start reducing the number of employees. Women and Eastern Canadians believe the number of employees should stay the same, while those aged 18-34 and who identify as BIPOC say the number should remain static or grow.

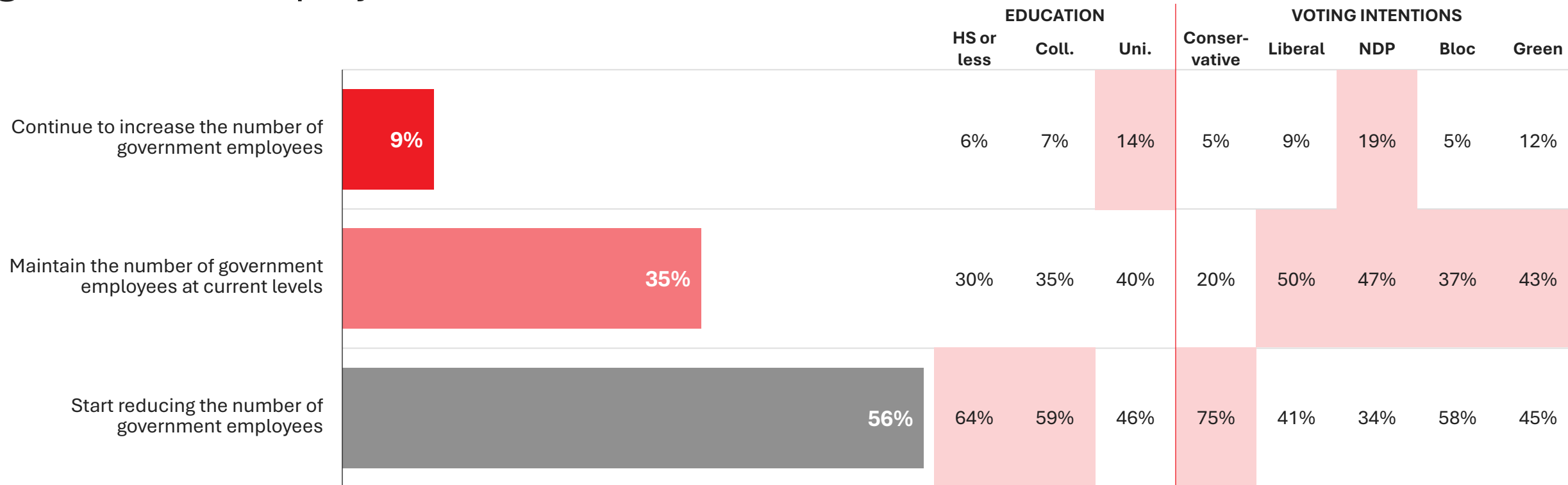


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After excluding those who don't know, those with a college or high school education and/or planning to vote Conservative feel the number of employees should be reduced. University-educated Canadians and those whose intentions are to vote NDP remain in the belief the number of government employees should increase.



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