

Bikie gang wars – Australians want stronger laws

March 2009

Nationally representative survey

UMR Research

Methodology

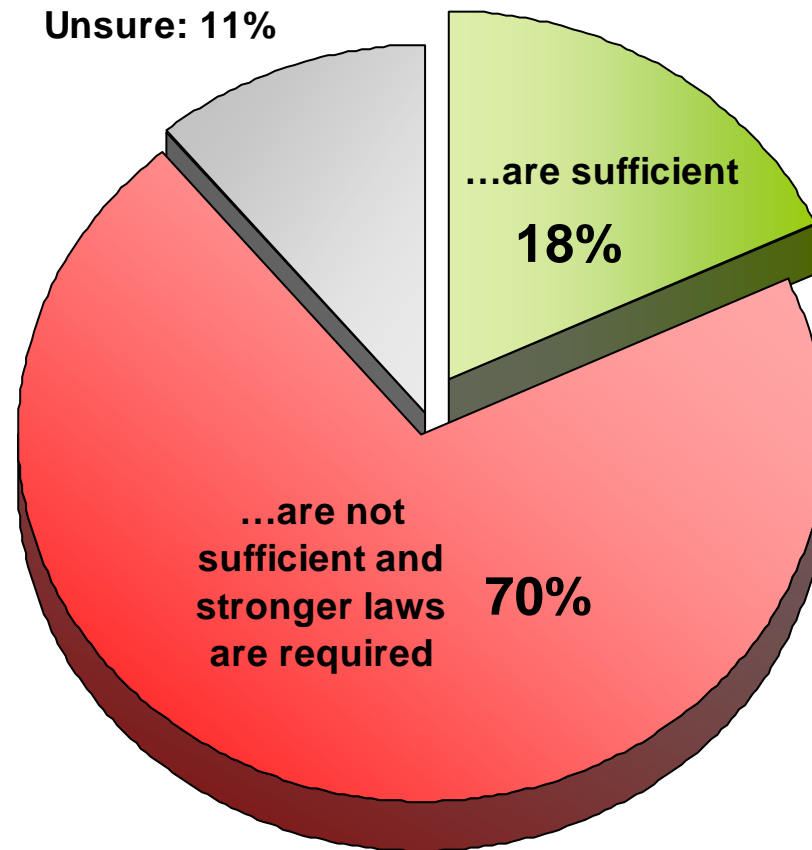
- 1,000 online interviews
- 18+ nationally representative survey
- Fieldwork: 26-30 March 2009
- Data is weighted and matched with ABS census data to ensure a nationally representative sample
- Maximum margin of error for $n=1,000$ at 95% confidence level: $\pm 3.1\%$

Key findings

- 70% of Australians think that current laws to control bkie gangs are not sufficient
- 3 in 4 support the introduction of Australia wide laws by the Federal government
- However, less than half of Australians (43%) support stronger laws if they lessen civil liberties of all Australians (32% oppose this with the rest being unsure)
- Only 1 in 3 think that bkie gang members should be legally prevented from associating with each other under threat of imprisonment

Aussies think current bikie gang legislation is not sufficient

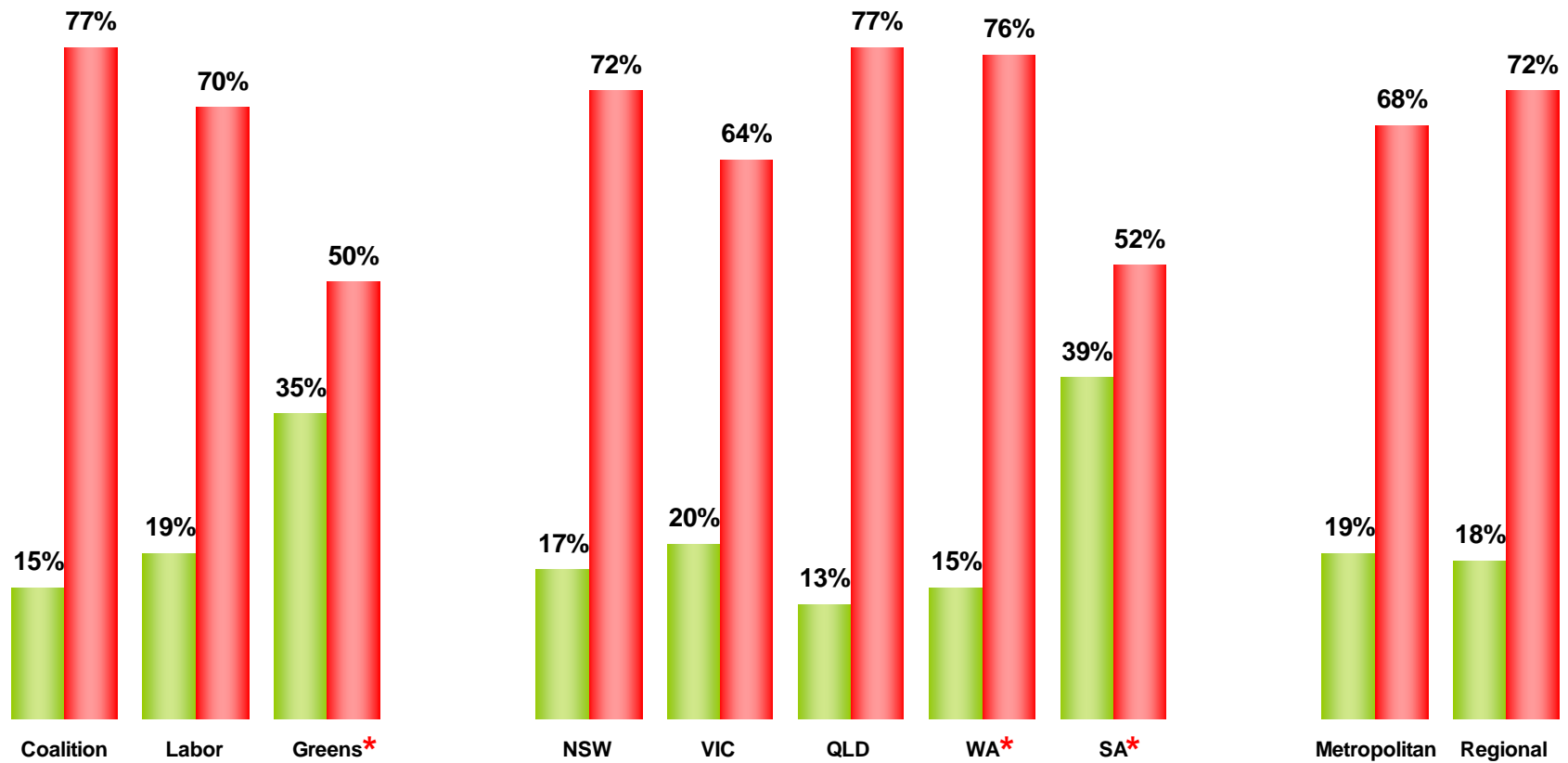
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Coalition voters most keen on stronger laws

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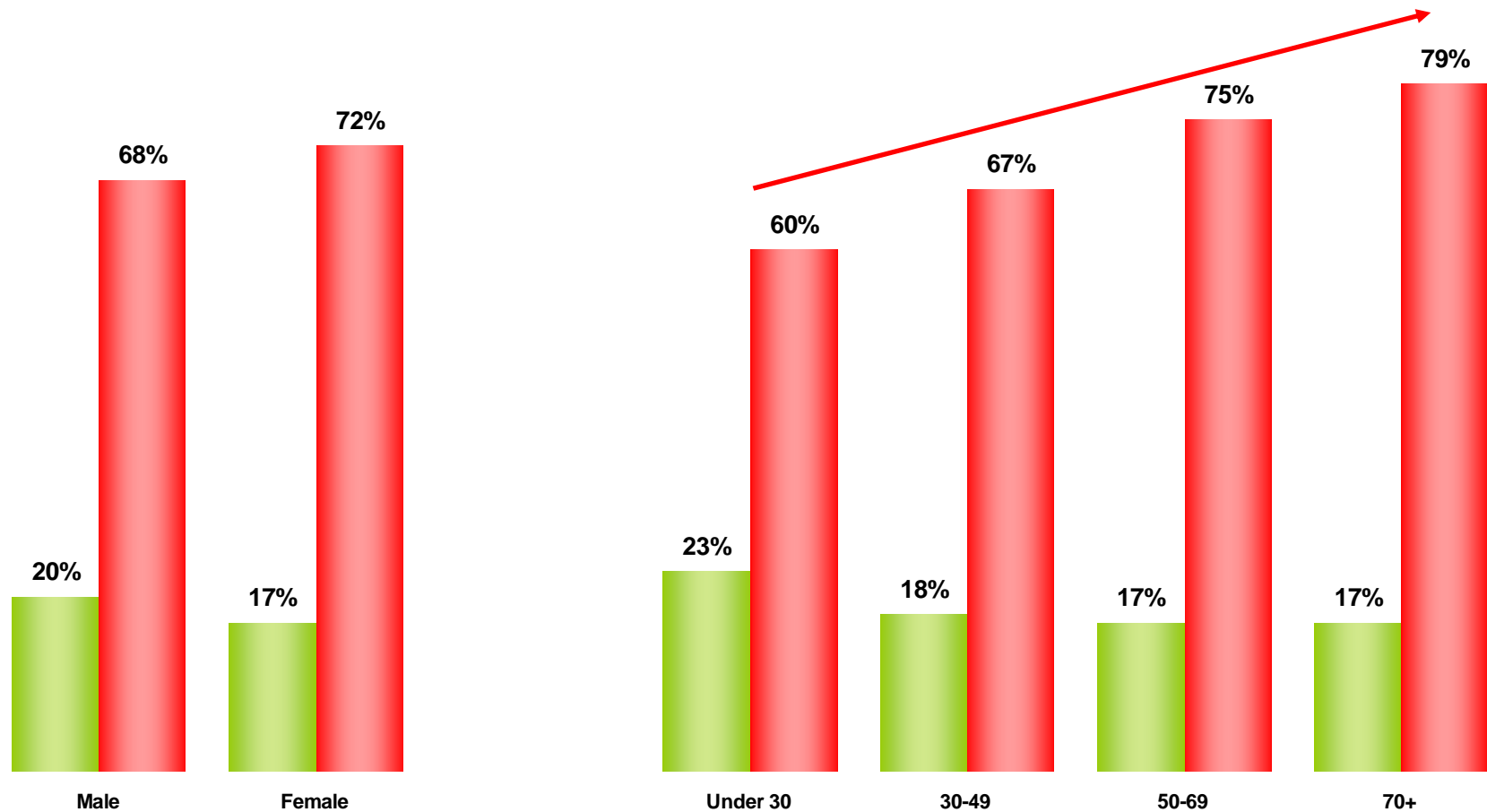
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Demand for stronger laws increases with age

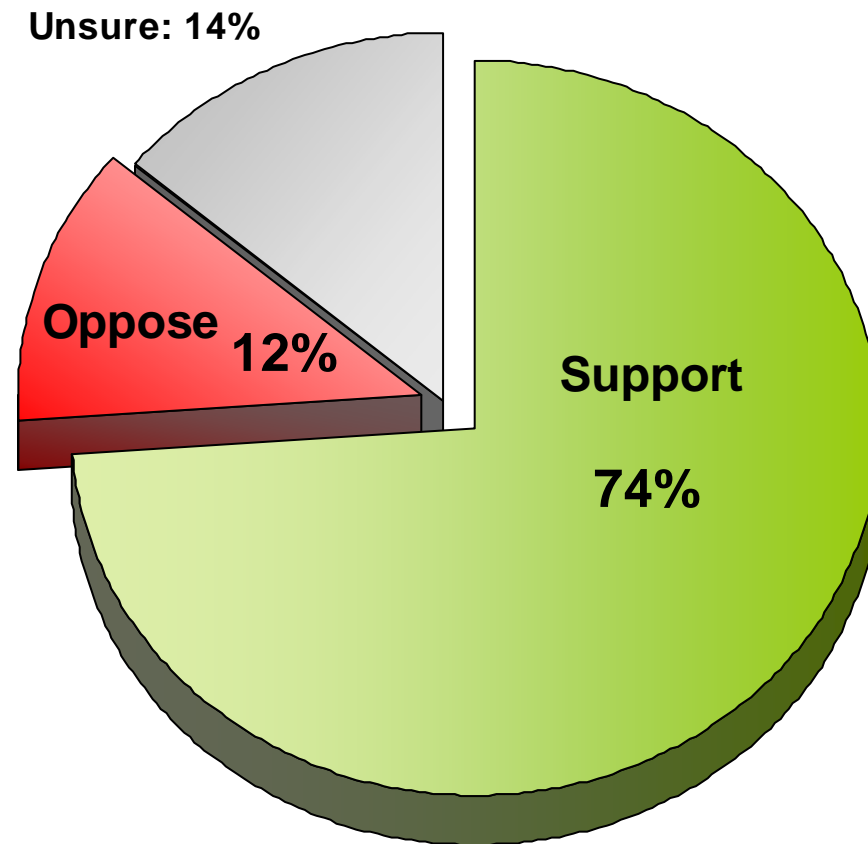
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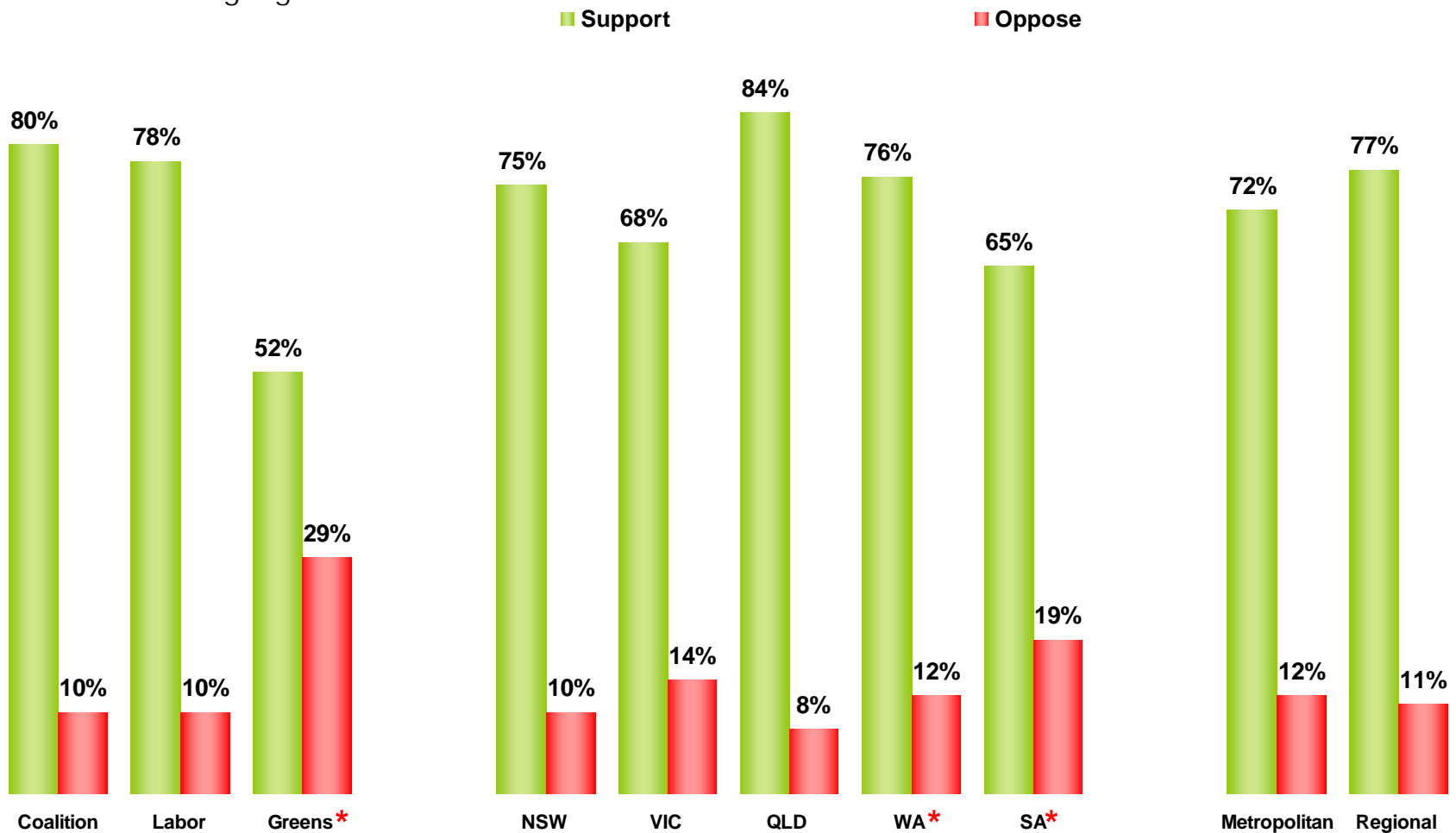
3 in 4 want the Federal government to rein in

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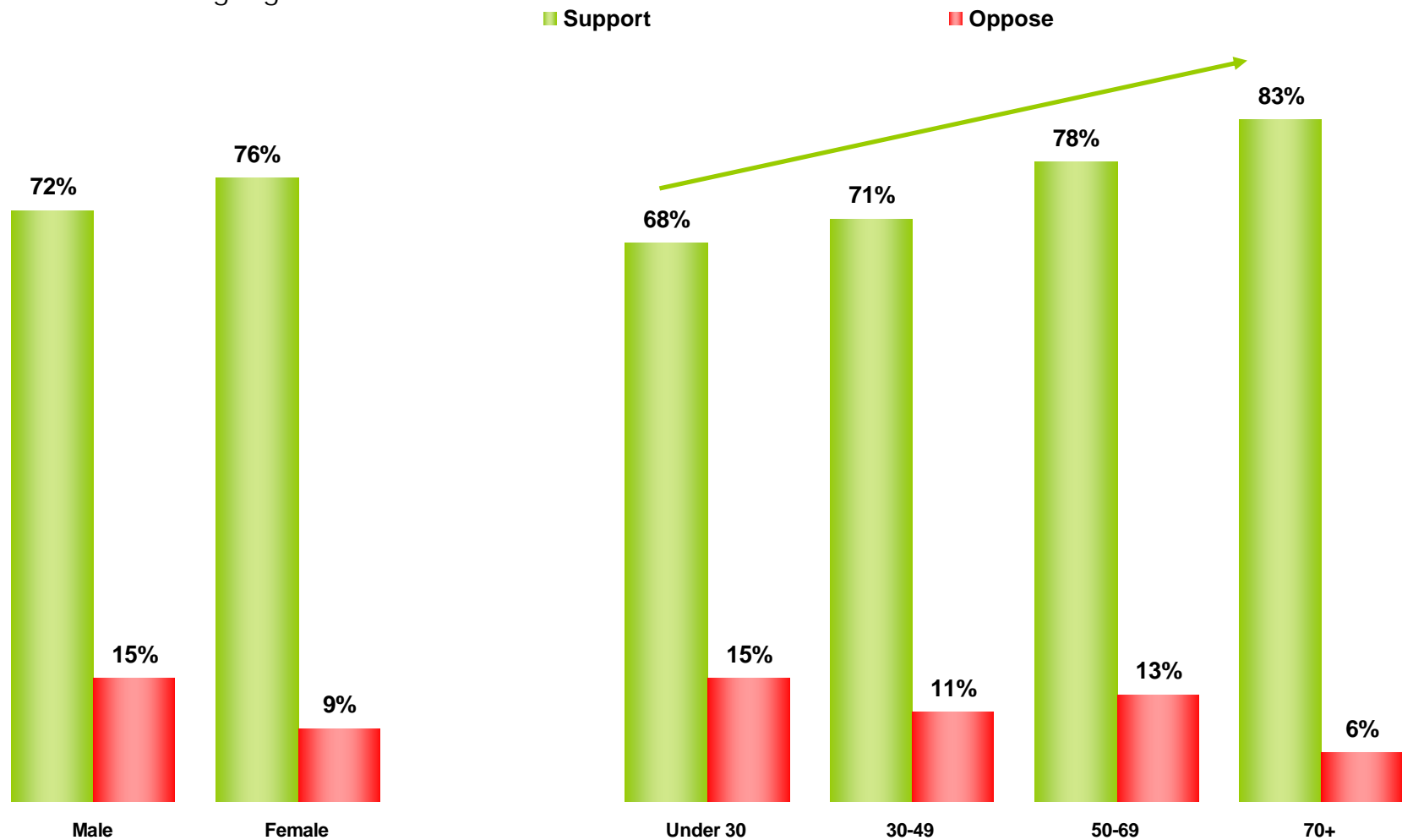
Support for Federal laws highest in QLD and regional Australia

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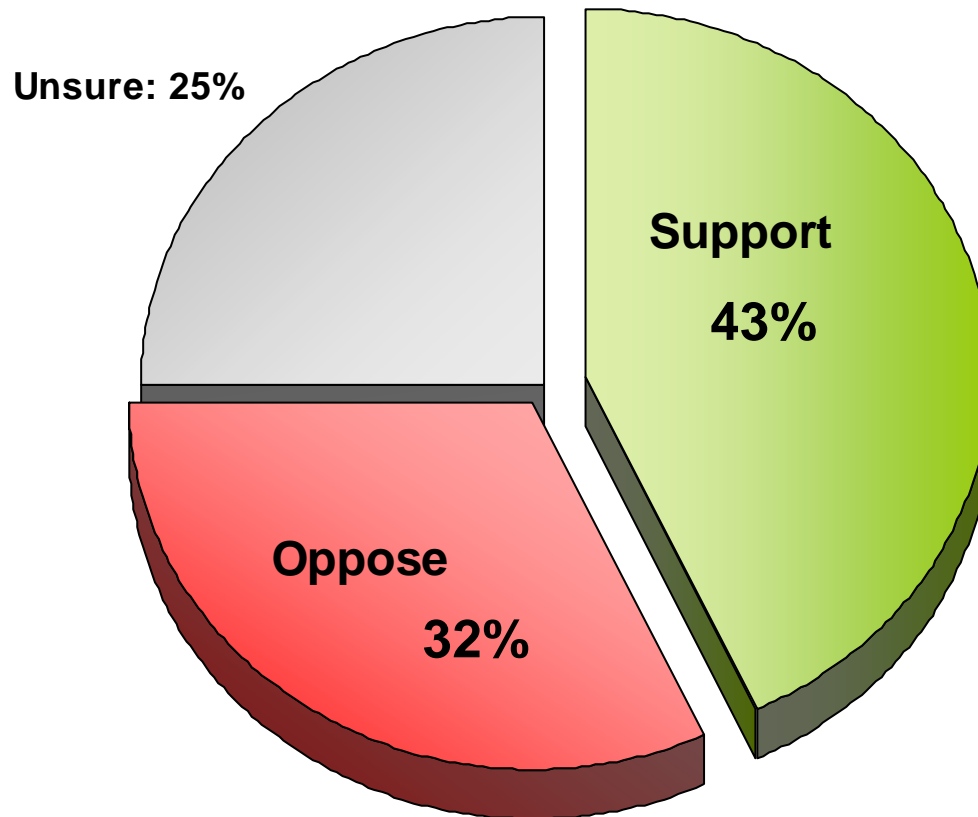
Stronger support amongst women and older Australians

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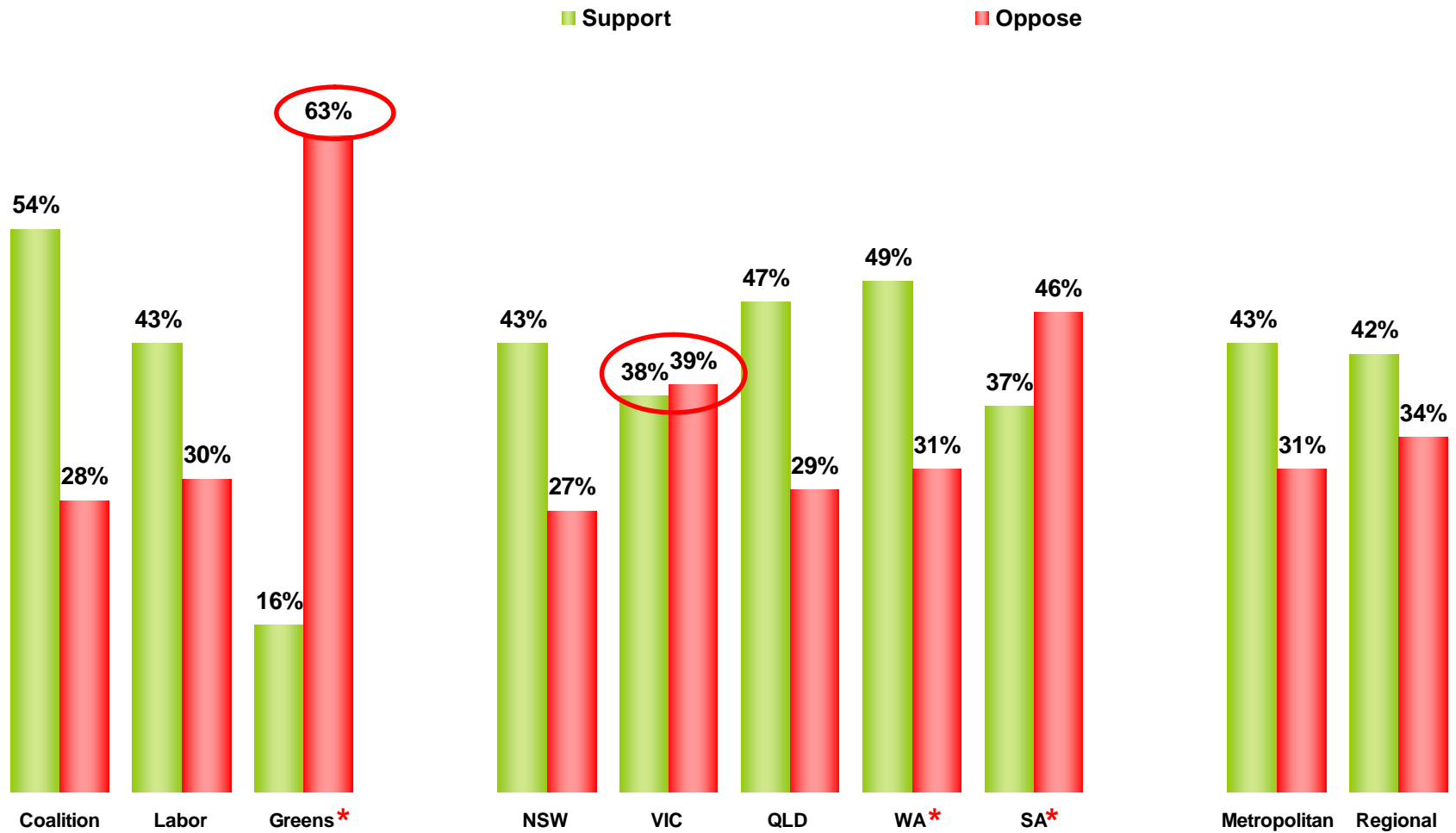
Less than half support stronger laws if they lessen civil liberties for all Australians

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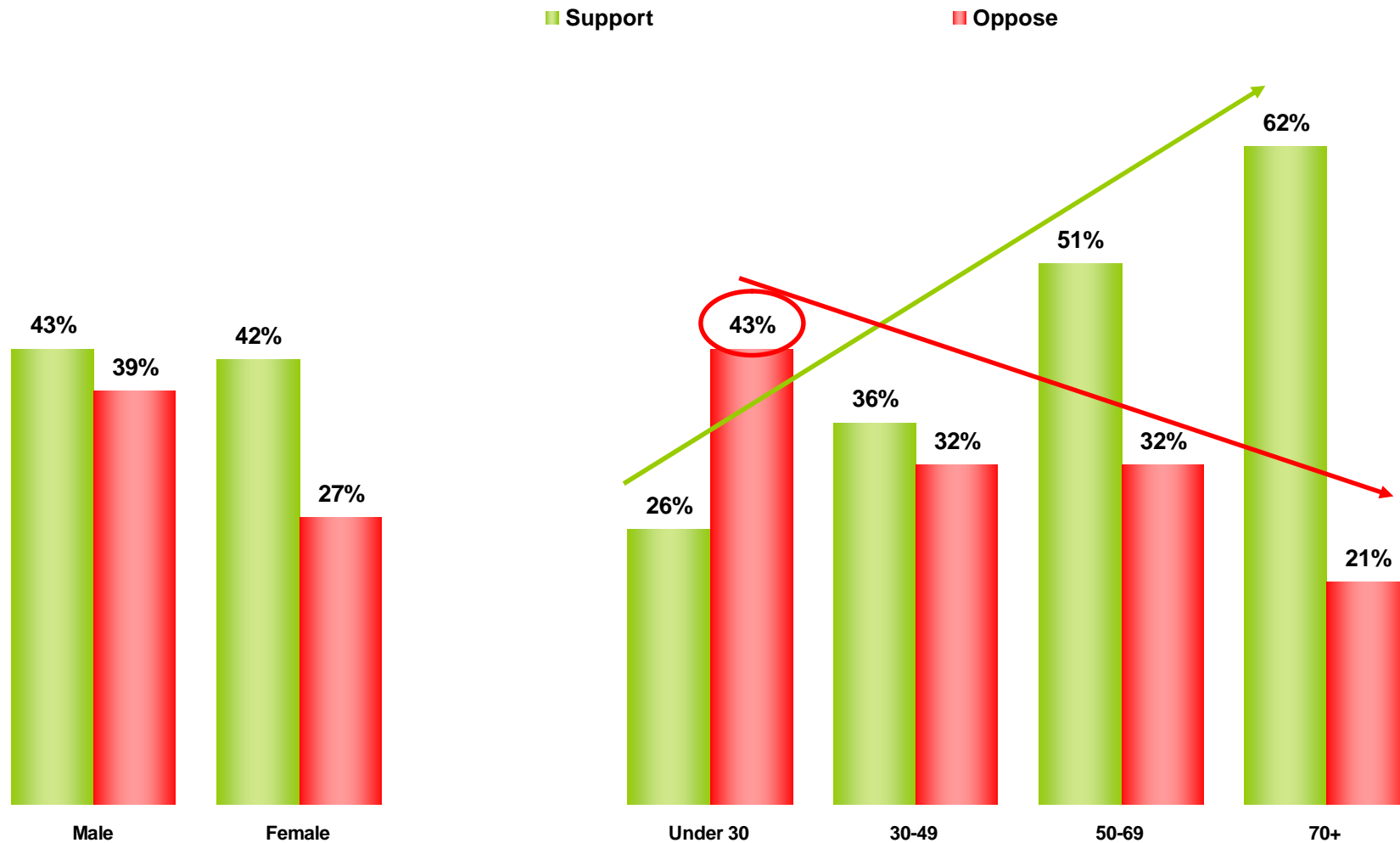
Support from Coalition voters; Opposition from green voters; Victorians split

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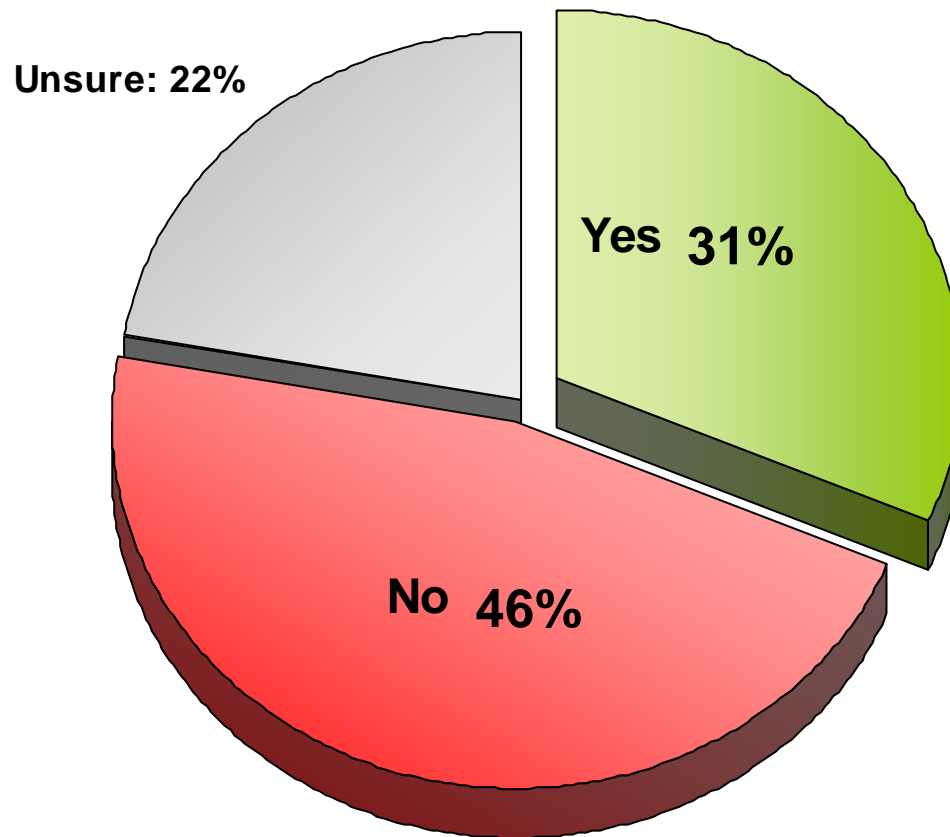
Young voters against restriction of civil liberties

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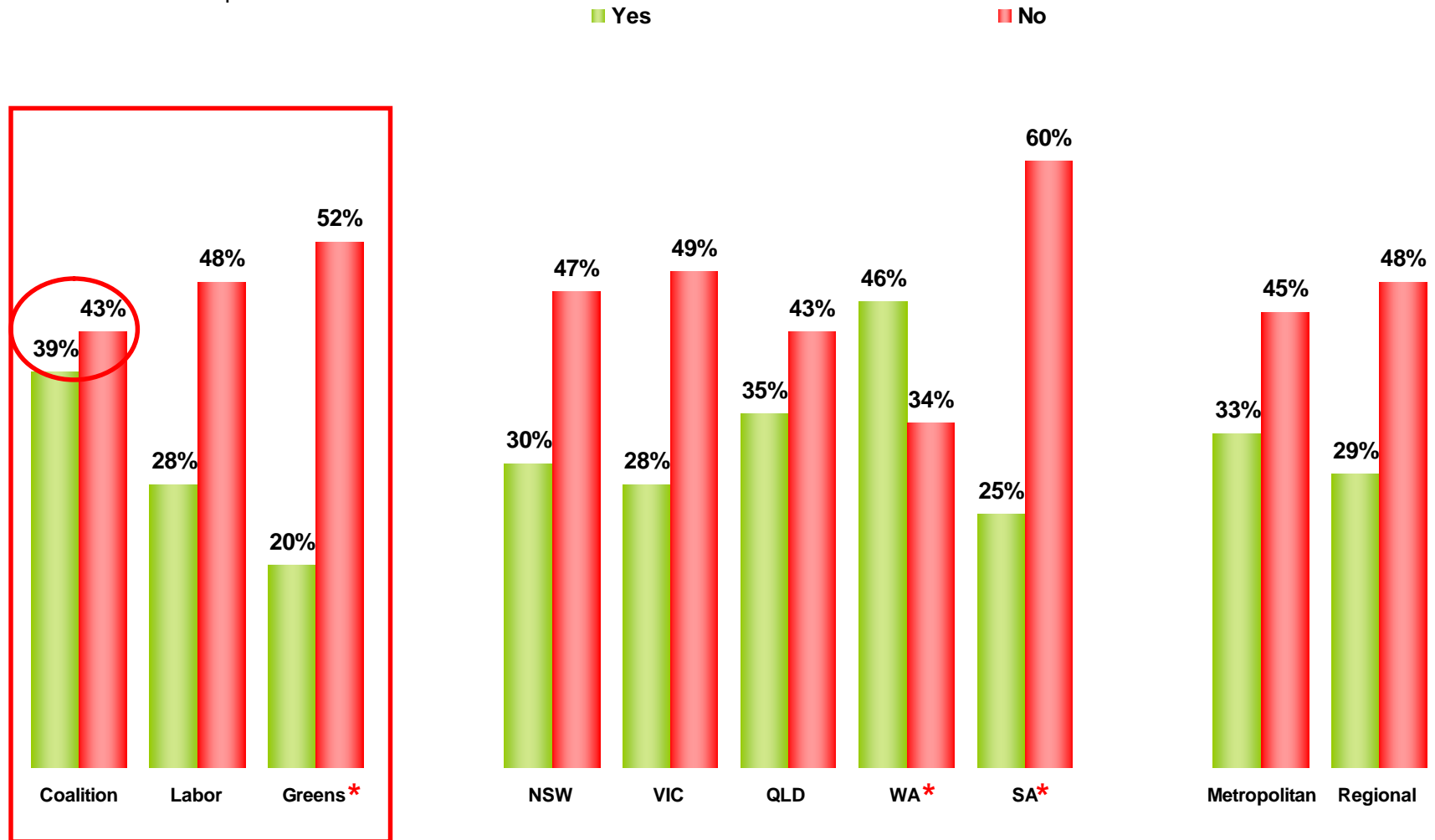
Bikies should be allowed to associate with each other

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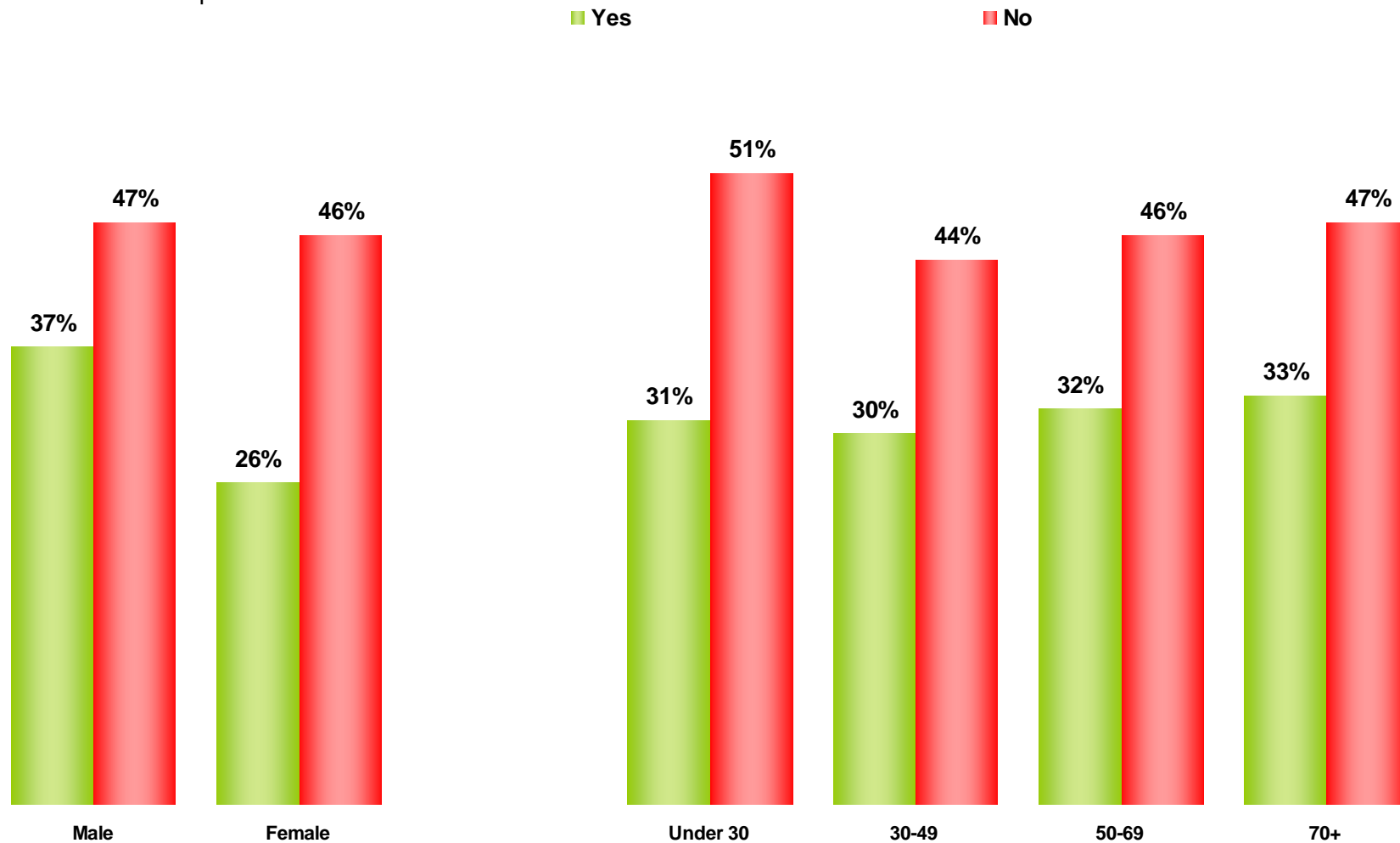
Significant differences in party support

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No segment in favour of preventing bikies from associating

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