

Attacks on Indian Students in Australia

Attitudes in India and Australia

Methodology

- This report is based on two online surveys in India and Australia conducted jointly by UMR Research (Australia) and Blackbox (Singapore)
- India
 - The sample size is n=400
 - Interviews conducted with a sample of 18-49 year old Indians from the higher socio-economic classes (SEC A & SEC B)
 - Fieldwork was conducted from the 28th to 29nd June 2009
- Australia
 - The sample size is n=1000
 - Nationally representative sample of Australians aged 18 years or over
 - Fieldwork was conducted from the 25th to 30th June 2009

Key Findings - India

- Australia's image has suffered in India with 61% saying they have a worse opinion of Australia because of the attacks
- 47% think the attacks are racially motivated whilst 23% think Indians are attacked because they are easy targets for crime
- There is a great deal of concern about the attacks amongst the interviewed Indians with 90% being worried about the attacks
- Only 22% agree that Australia is a safe place for overseas students
- 2 in 3 think that Australian police are not doing enough to stop the attacks
- 62% are less likely to consider Australia as a place to travel

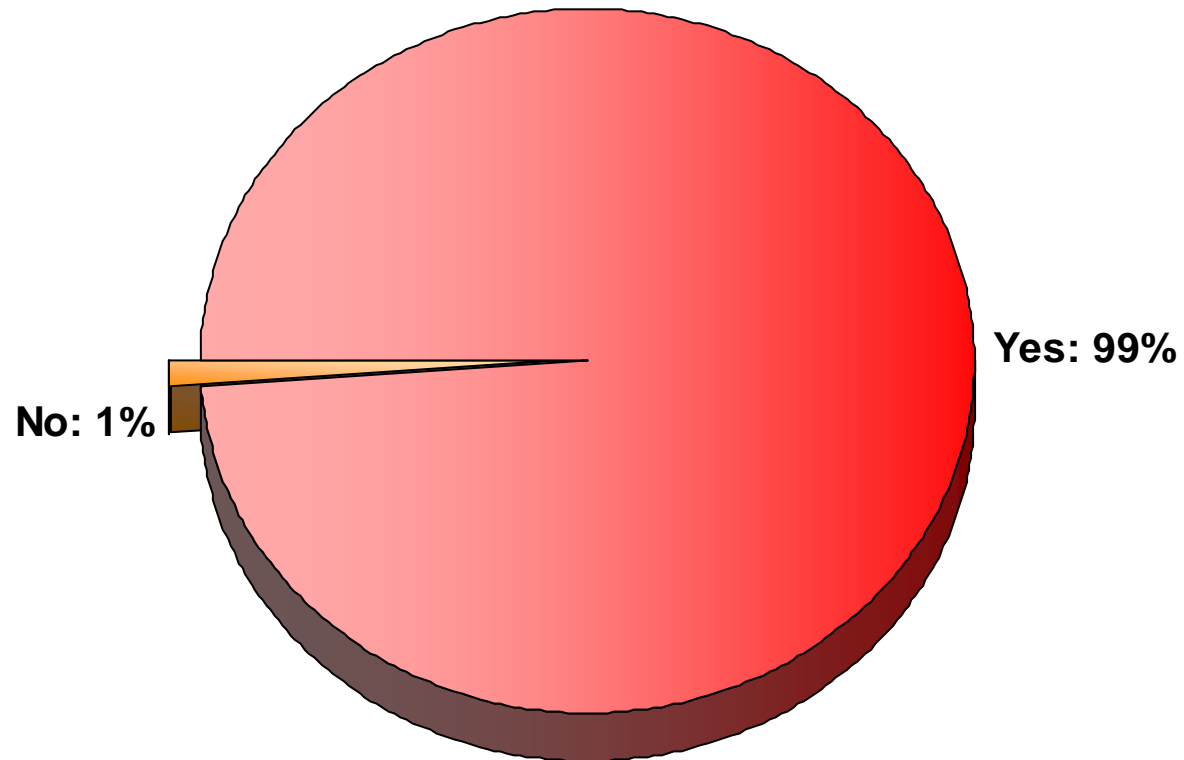
Key Findings - Australia

- In contrast to the public opinion in India 32% of Australians think that Indian students are attacked because they are easy targets for crime with 'Race' being only the second most important reason (27%)
- A large majority of 83% think that Australia is safe for overseas students
- 57% agree that racism is an issue in Australia and 77% support a zero tolerance policy on racist attacks
- But more than half say Indians should look at their racist caste system themselves instead of blaming Australians
- Only 40% think that the attacks damage Australia's global image and even less are concerned about a worsening of race relations in Australia

The Indian perspective

Very high awareness of attacks in India

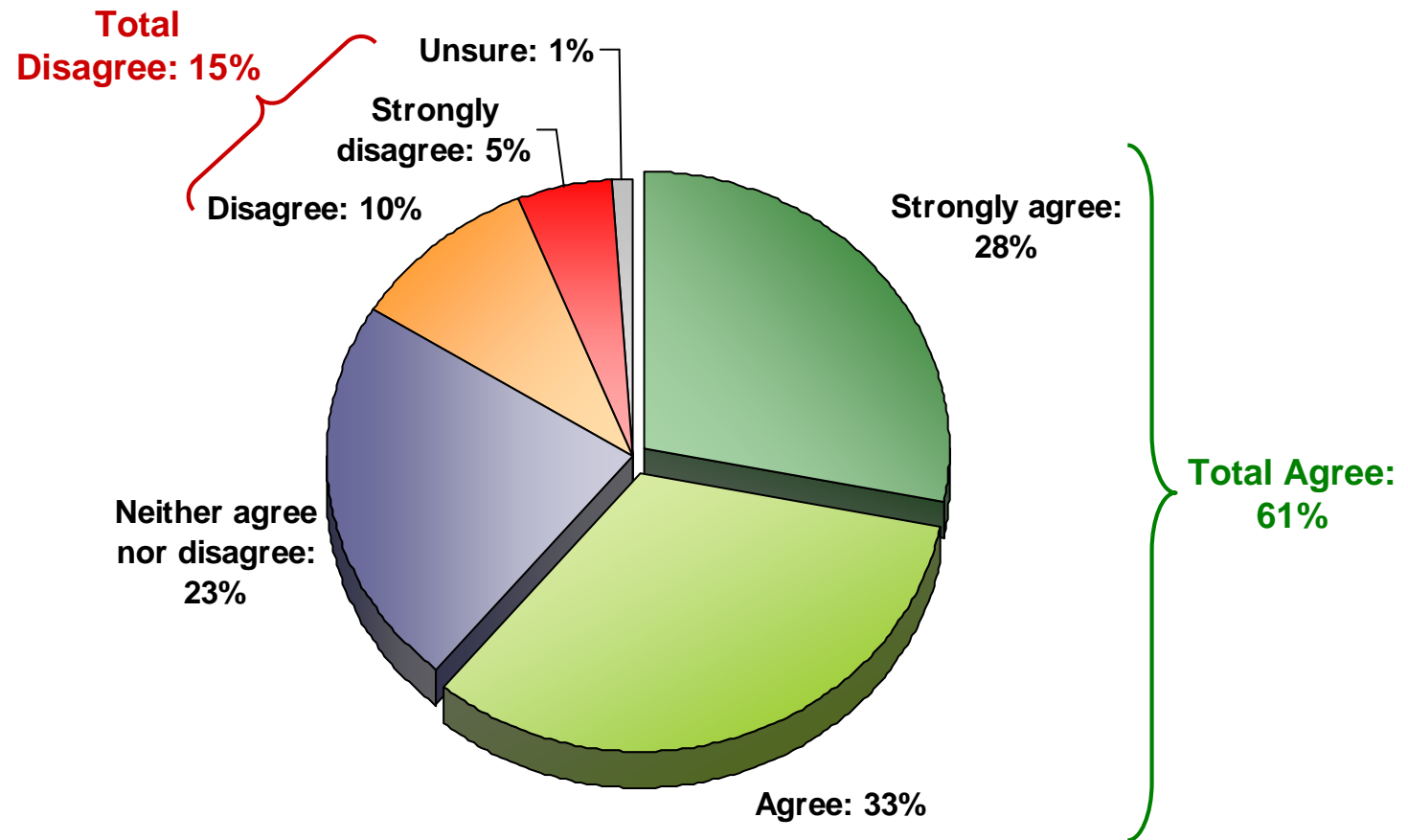
Have you heard anything about recent attacks on Indian students in Australia?



61% have a worse opinion of Australia because of the attacks

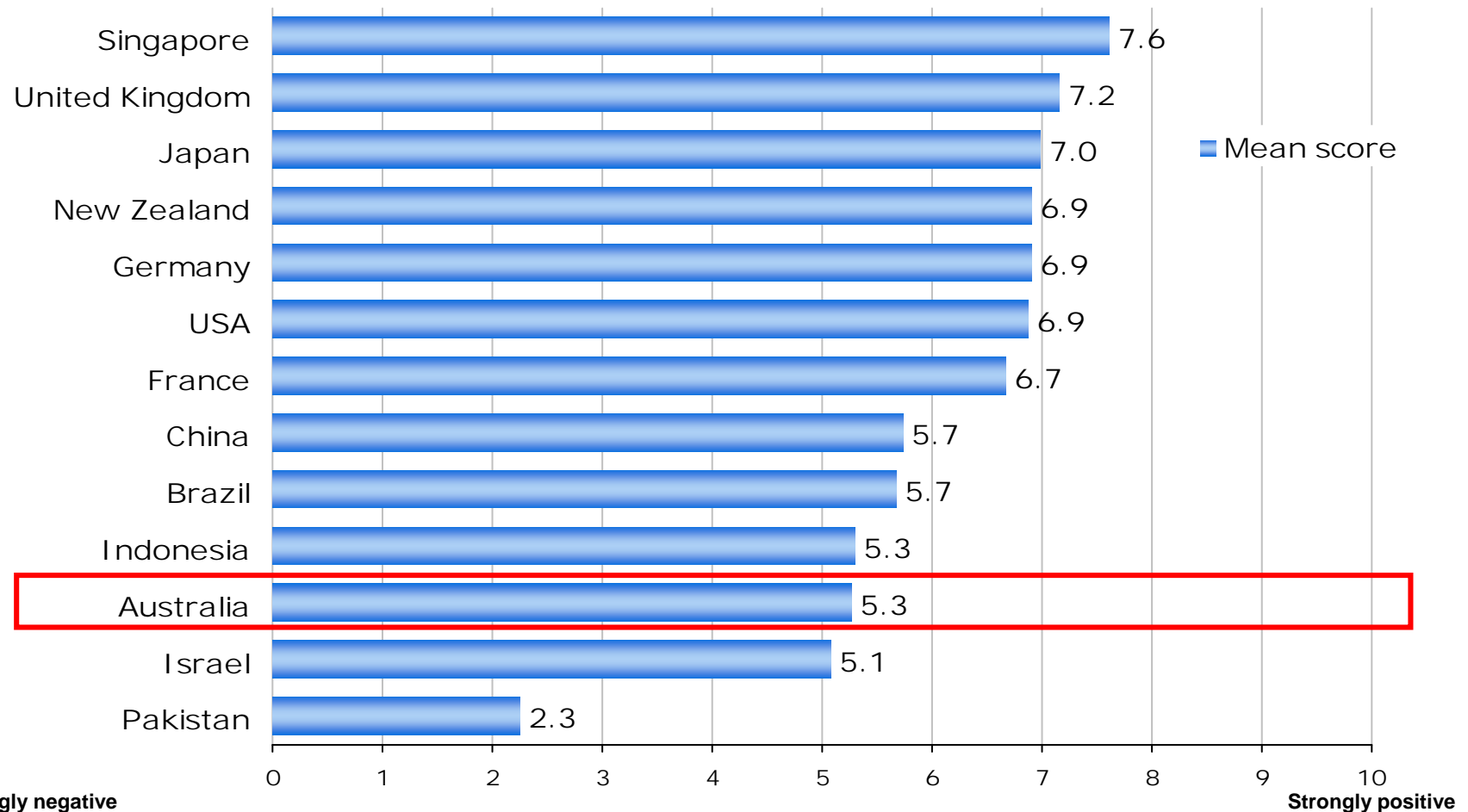
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Before these attacks, I had a positive opinion of Australia but now I have a negative opinion.



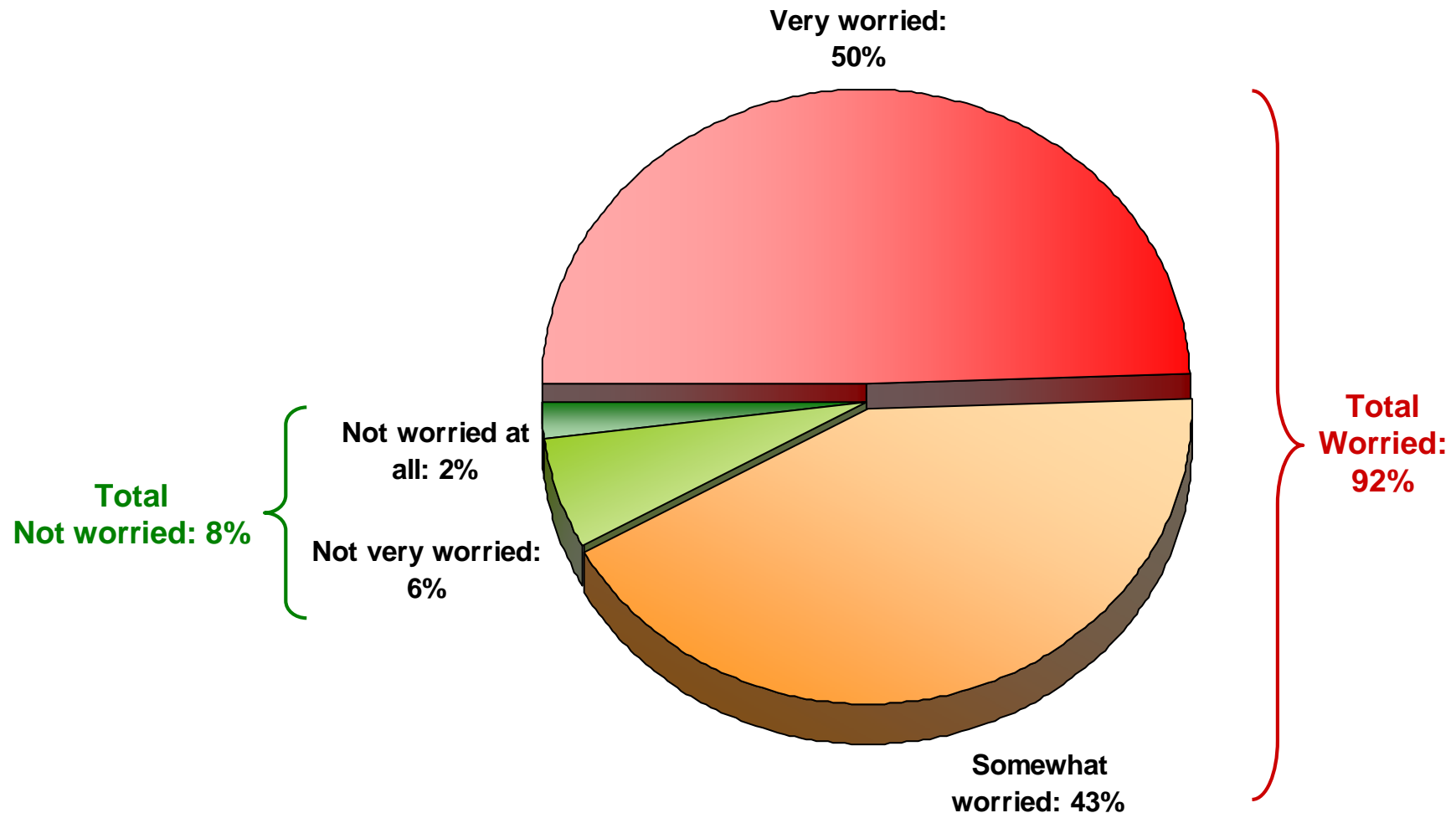
Australia not very popular amongst Indians at the moment

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is strongly negative and 10 is strongly positive, please indicate how you feel about each of the following countries and organizations.



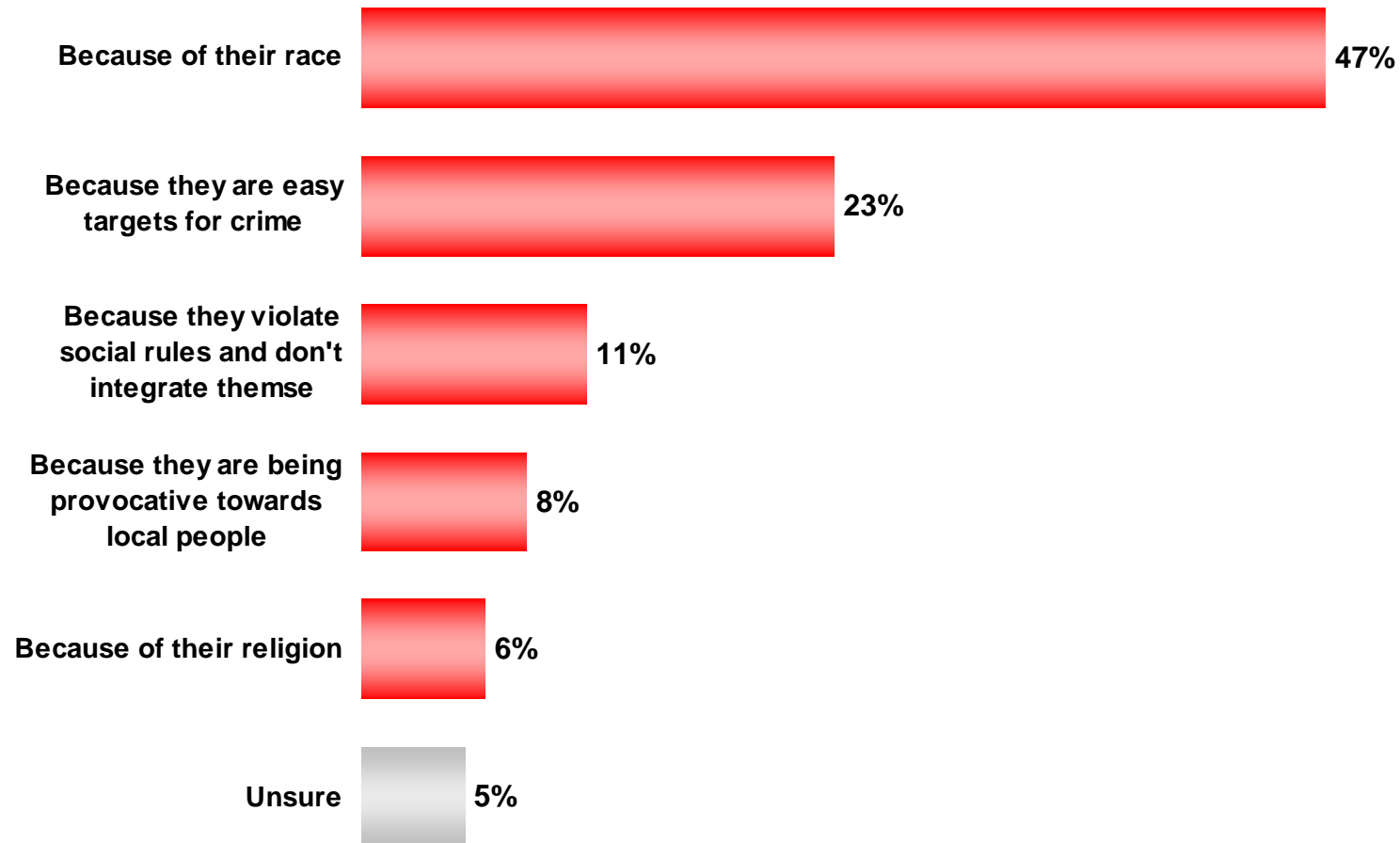
A great deal of concern about the attacks

From all you've heard or seen, how worried are you about these attacks?



Almost 1 in 2 think Indian students are attacked because of their race

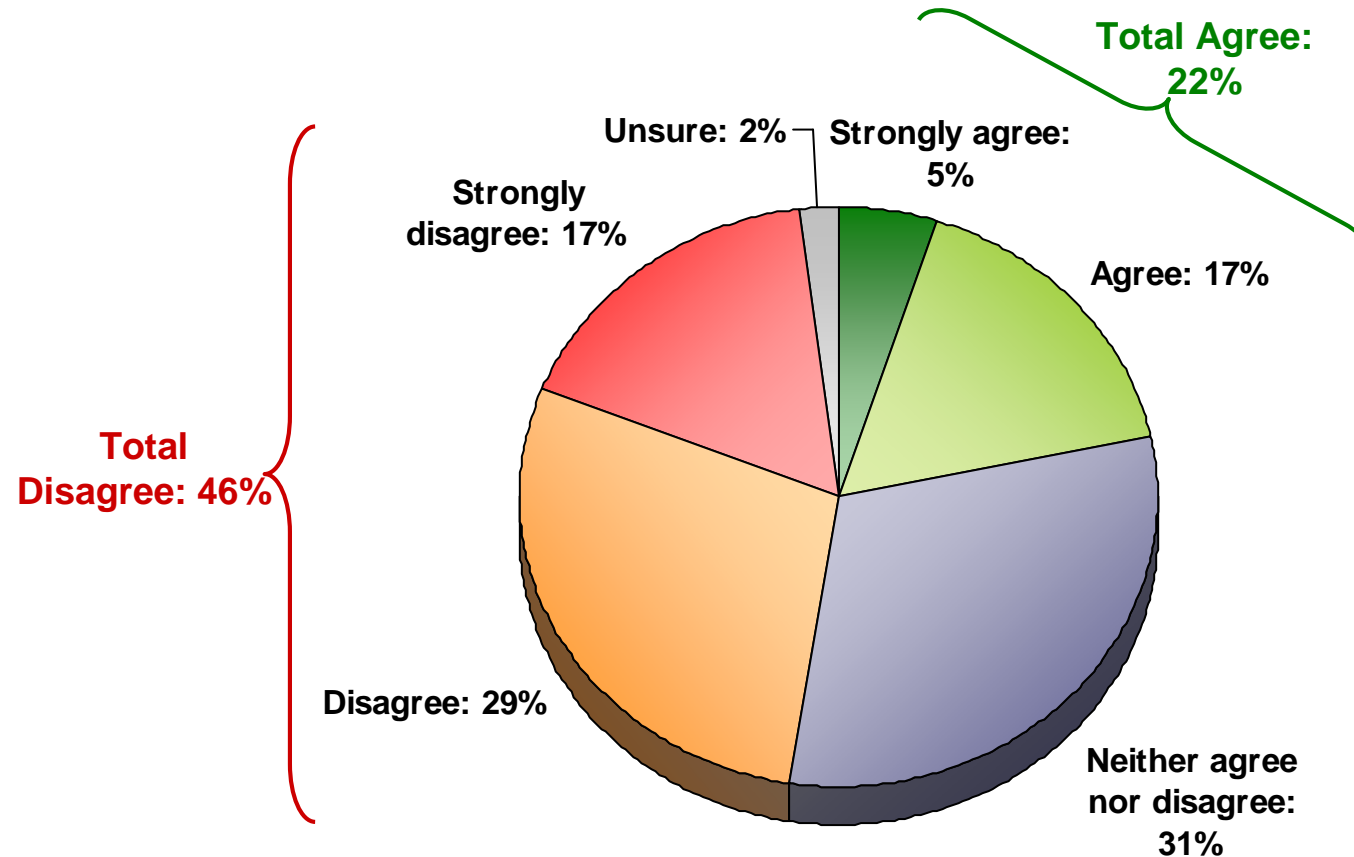
What do you think is the main reason why Indian students are being attacked?



Only 22% agree that Australia is a safe place for overseas students

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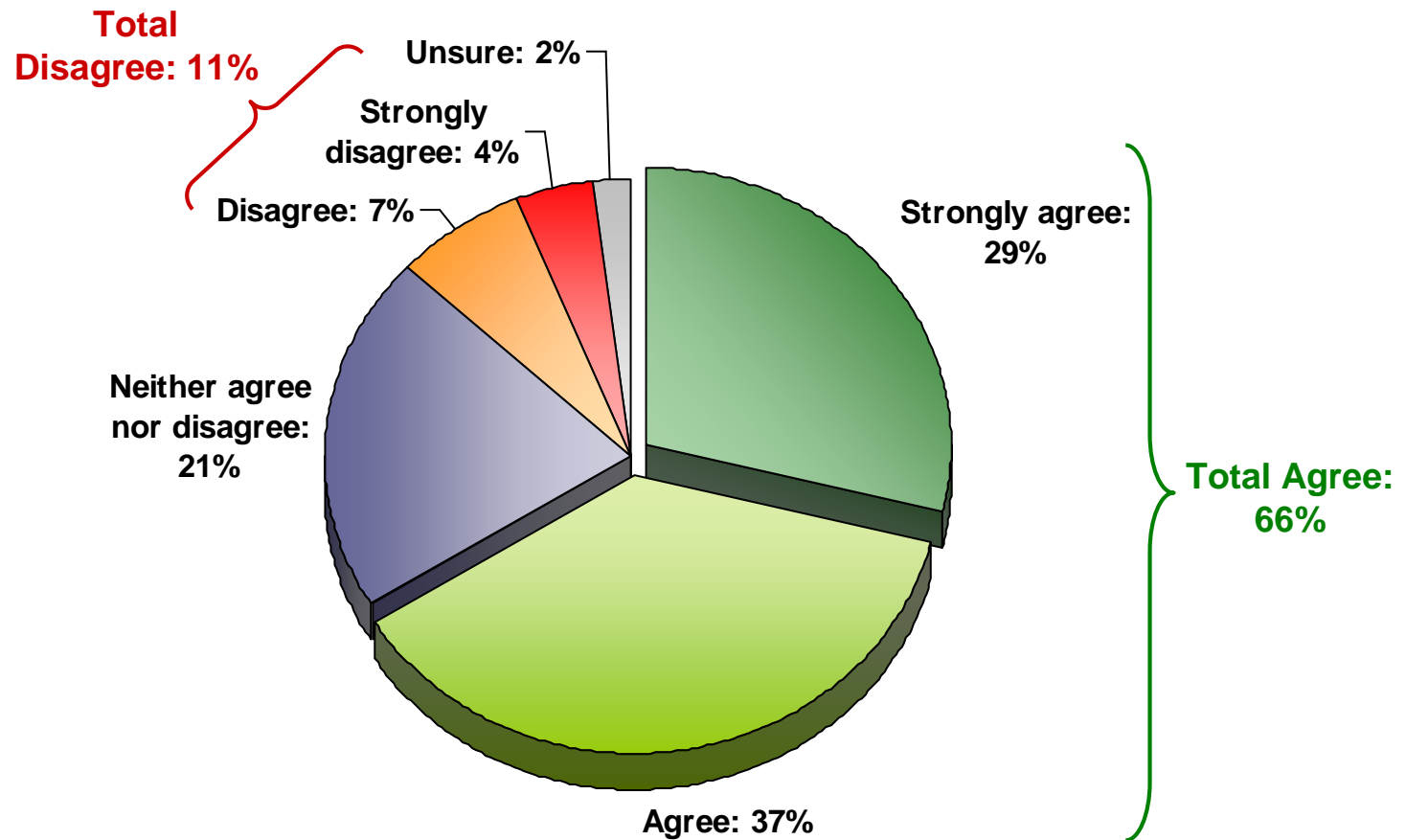
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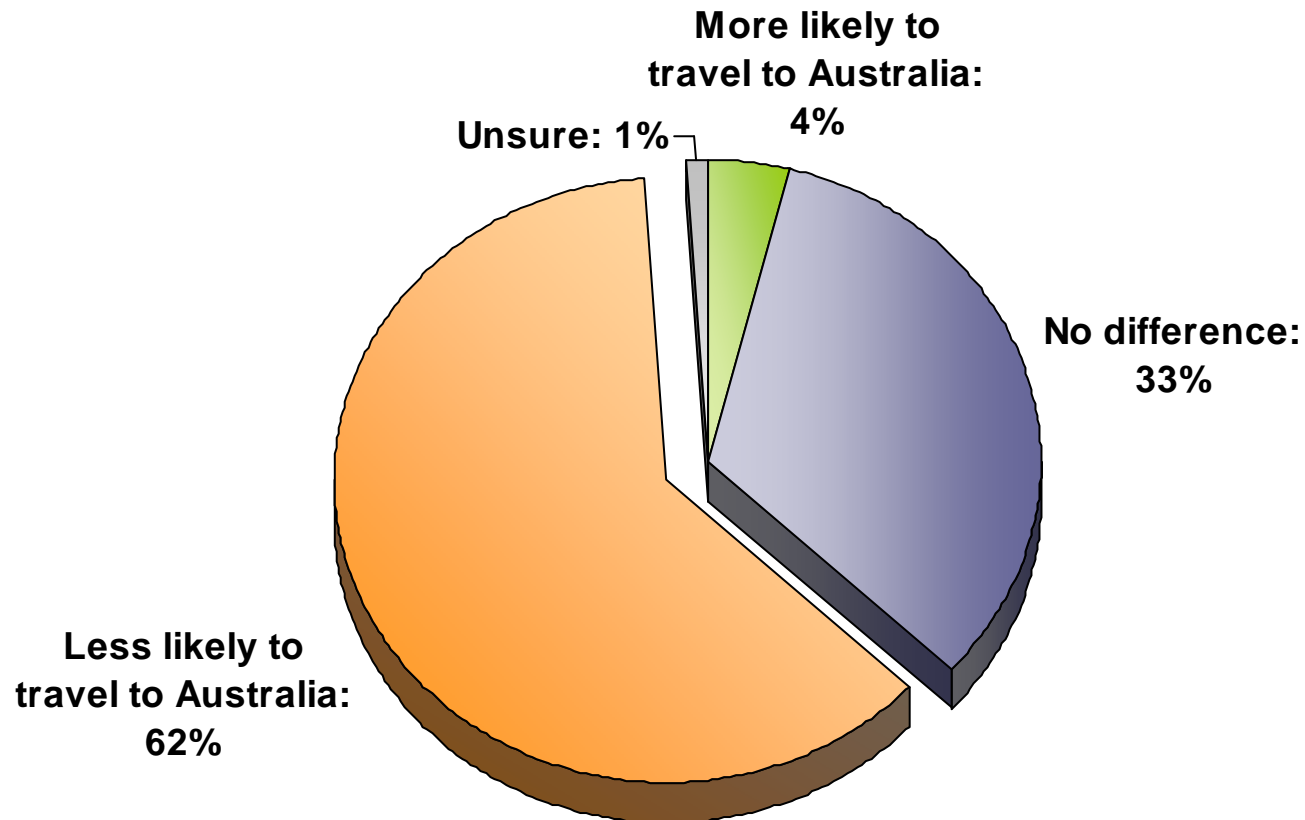
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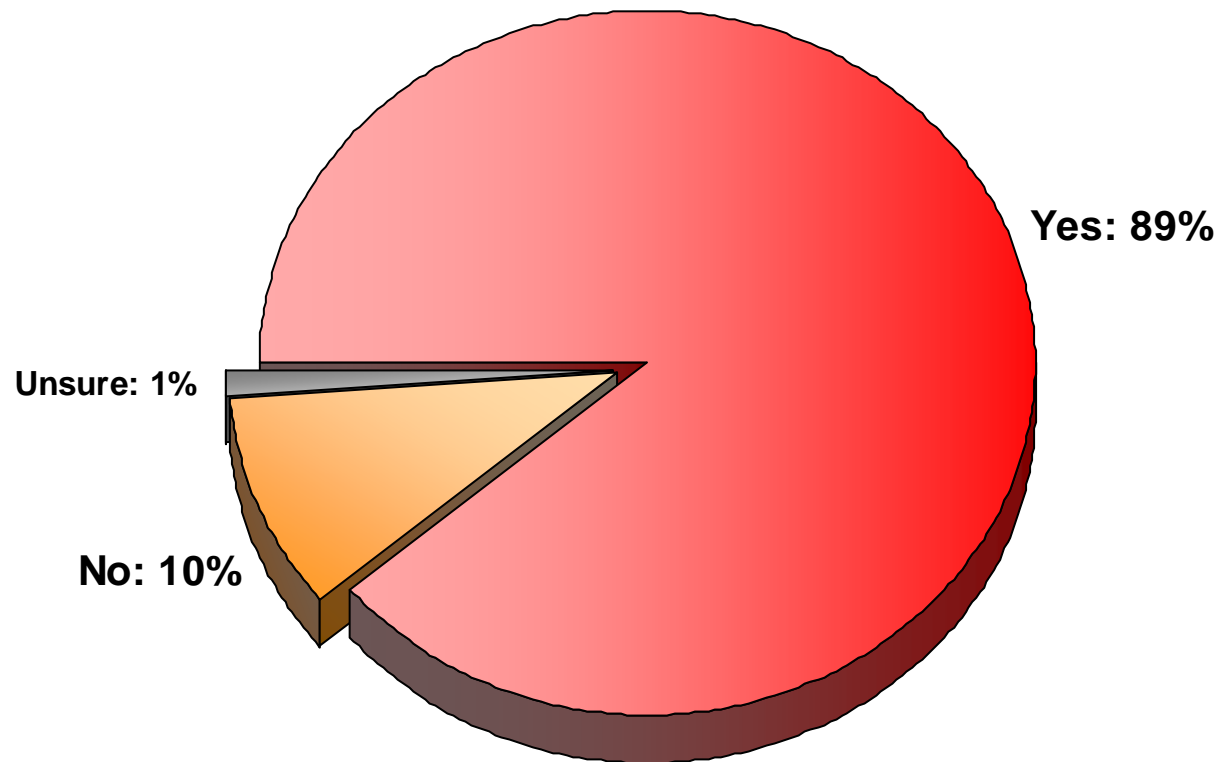
Do the recent attacks make you more or less likely to consider Australia as a place to travel?



The Australian perspective

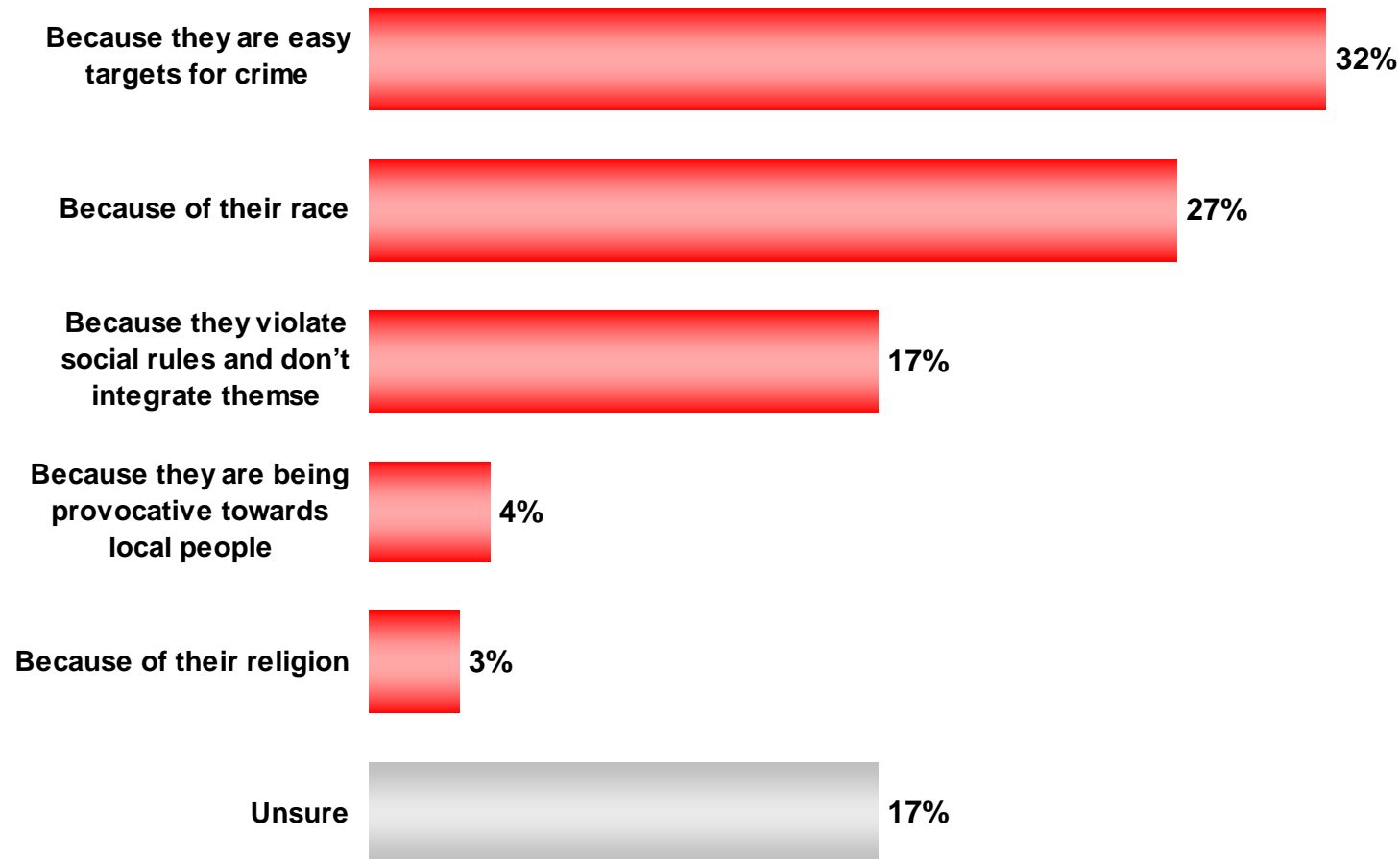
Most Australians have heard of the attacks

Have you heard of the recent attacks on Indian students in Australia?



Australians think Indian students are attacked because they are easy targets; Race only secondary reason

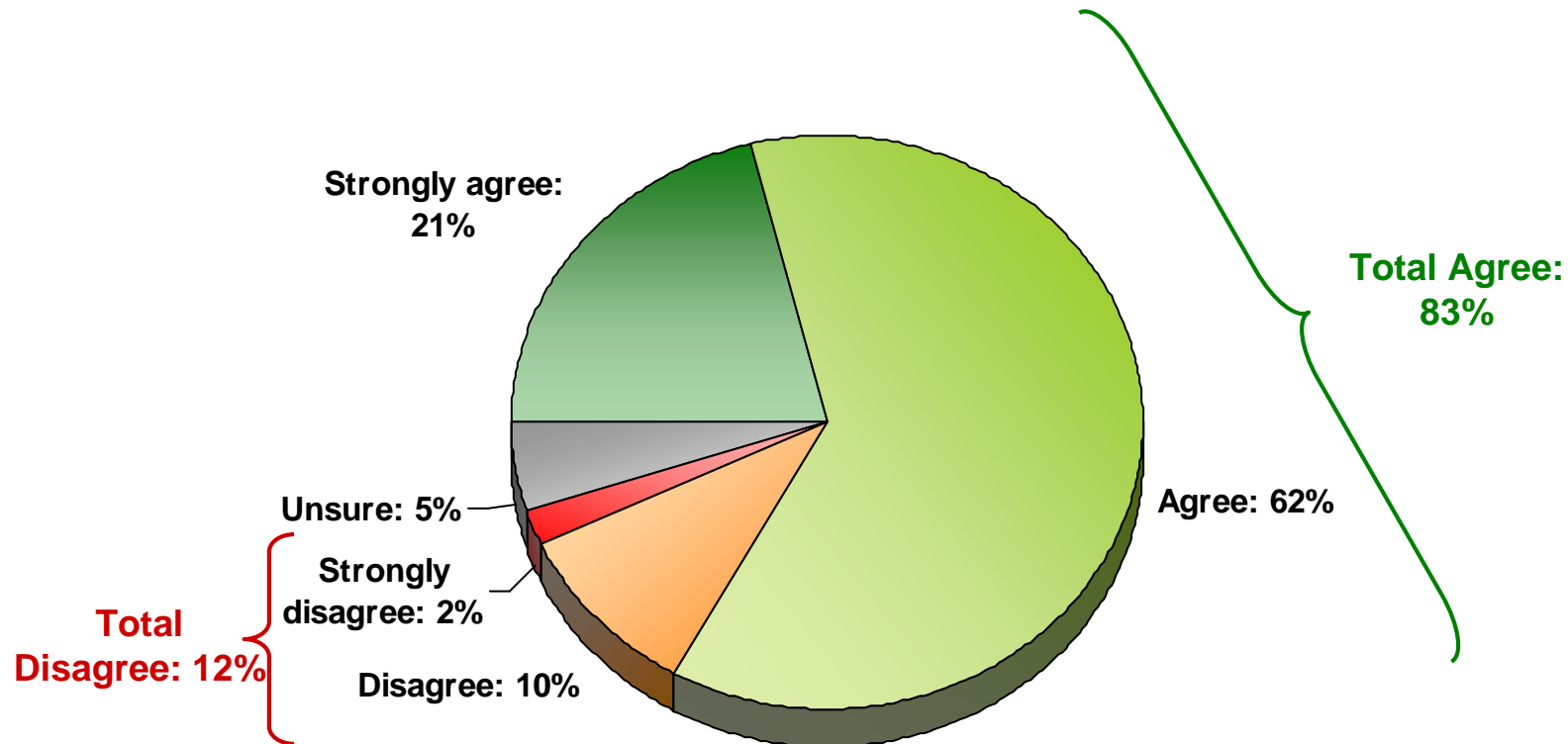
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Aussies think Australia is safe for overseas students

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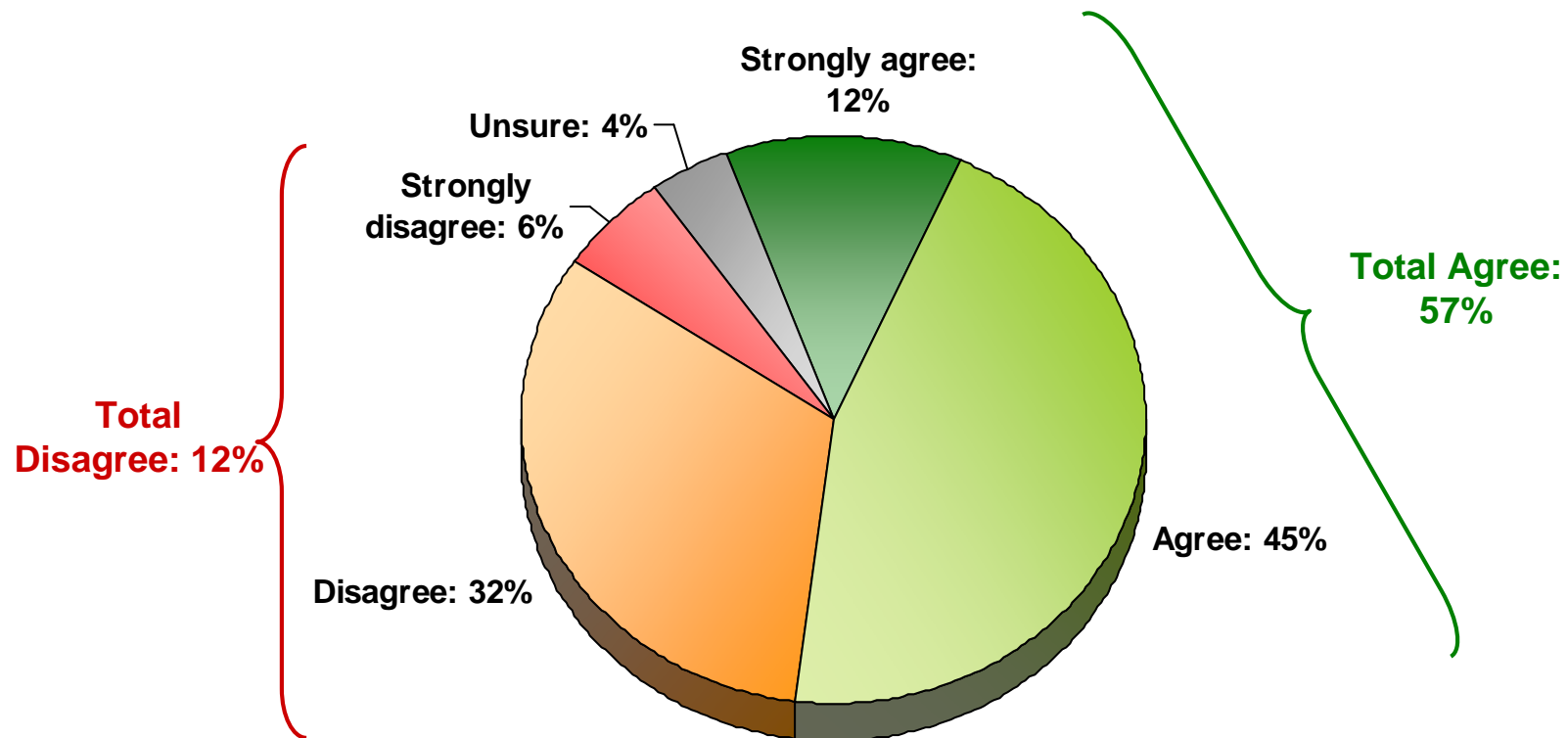
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57% agree that racism is a problem in Australia...

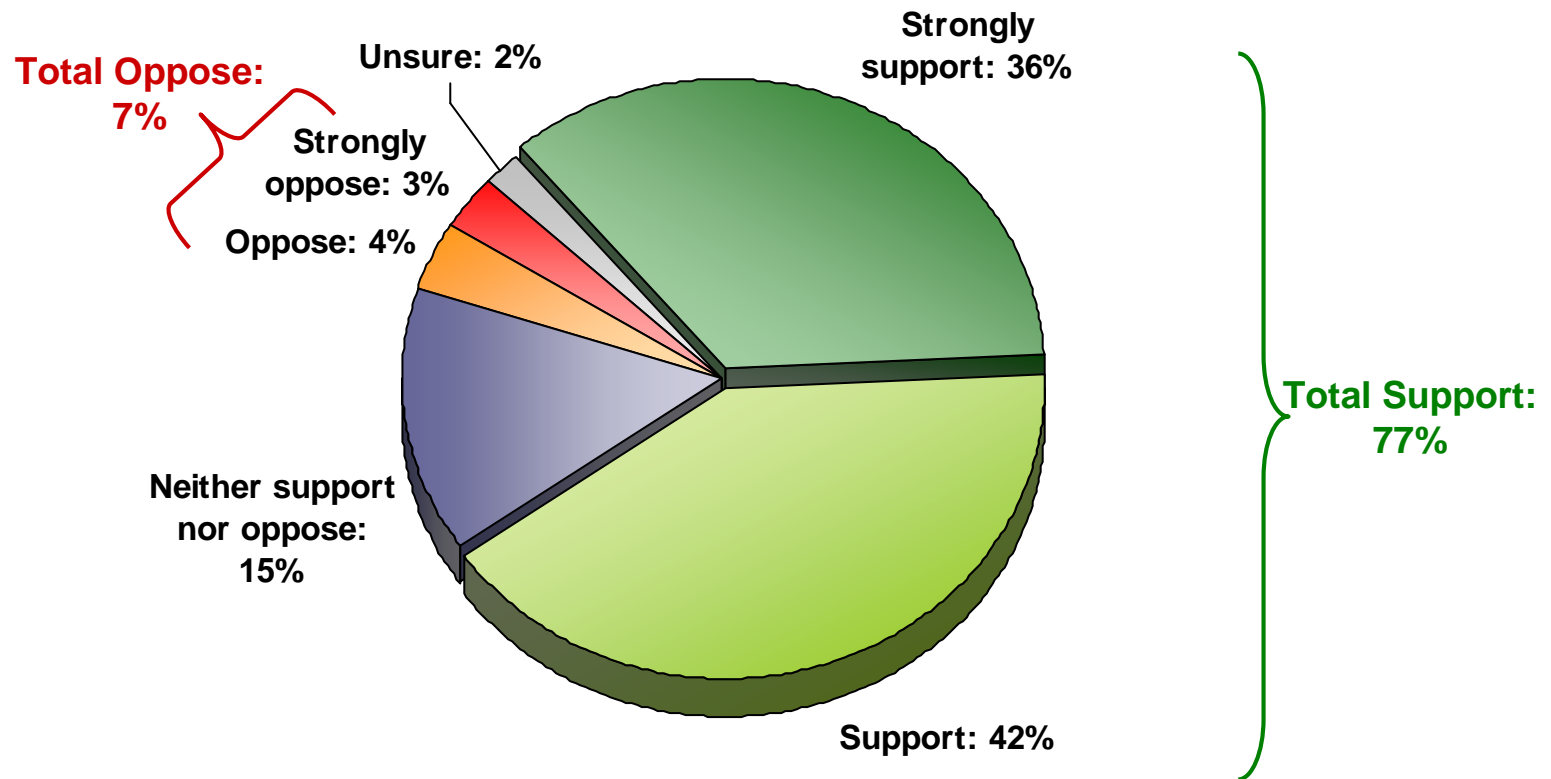
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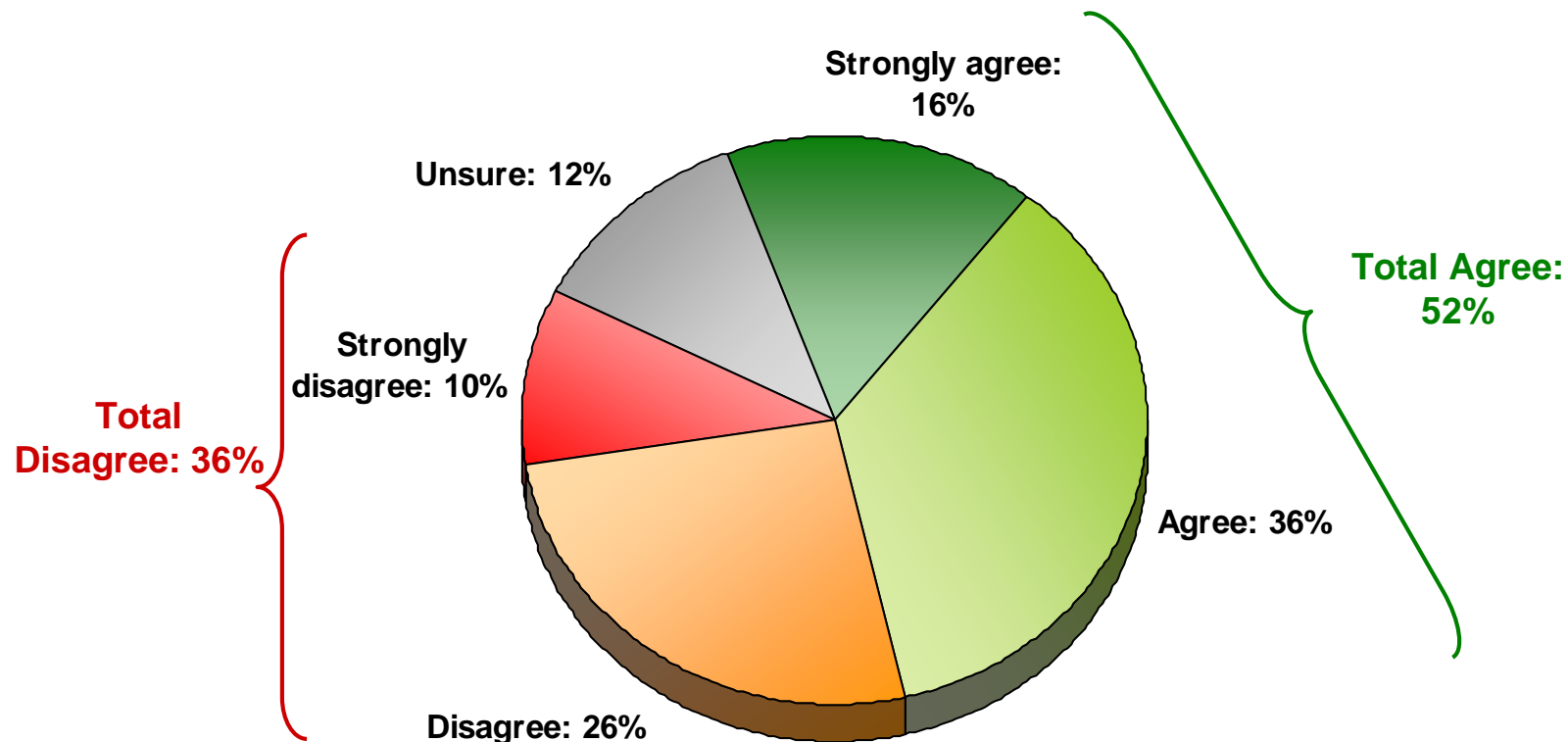
Do you support or oppose a zero tolerance policy on racist attacks such as harsher penalties for offenders



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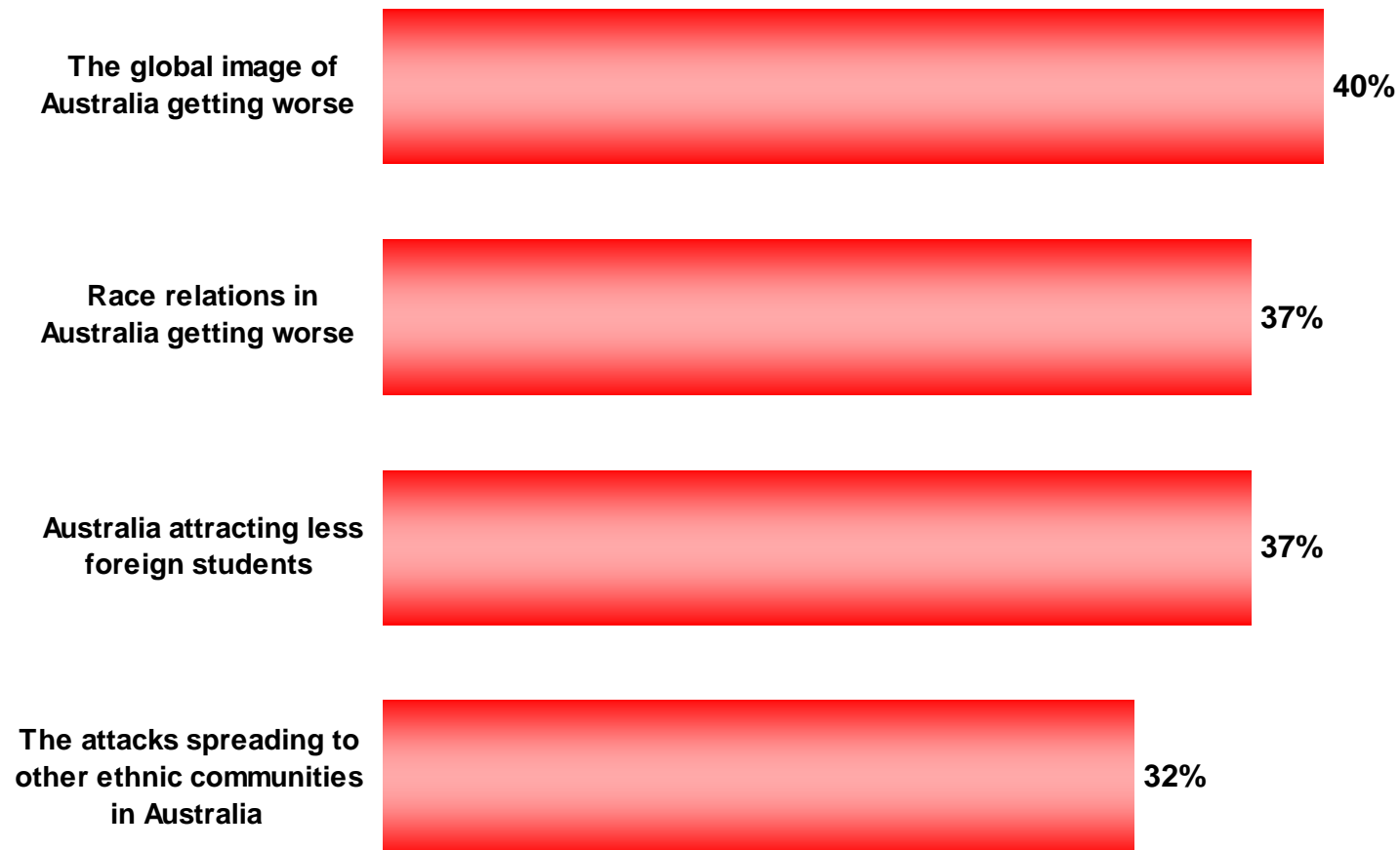
Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Indians should look at their racist caste system instead of blaming Australians for being racist



...and not many expect the attacks to have further negative impacts

Do you think the recent attacks on Indian students will lead to...



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