

What do Europeans Think About Basic Income?

Survey results from March 2017



Key Takeaways

63% are familiar with basic income, a 5 percentage point increase since last year.

68% would vote for basic income, a 4 percentage point increase since last year.

Support for basic income is highest in Italy at **75%**. Most increased growth is in the UK, where support grew by **7** percentage points in the last year.

52% of people think basic income would help alleviate financial insecurity and **42%** think it would create more equality of opportunity.

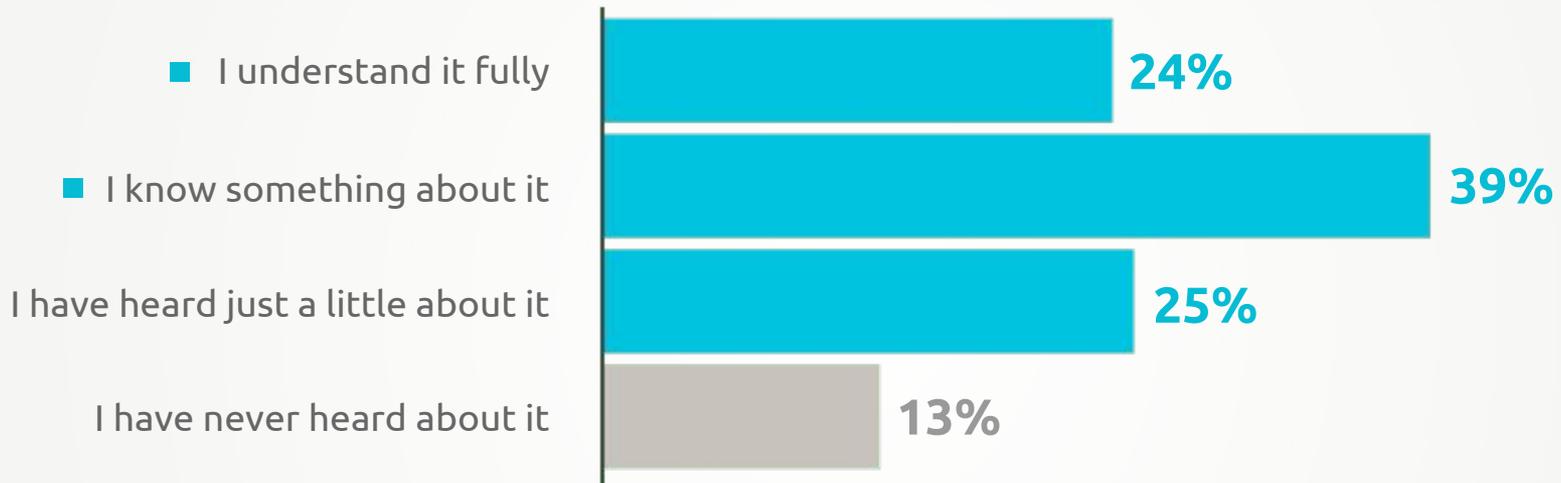
31% would want basic income adopted without waiting for successful experiments. **48%** would prefer to wait until after an experiment in their country, or another country

52% think basic income might encourage people to stop working. But **37%** say a basic income would not affect their work choices and **8%** say they would work less.



63% of Europeans are familiar with basic income

“How familiar are you with the concept known as basic income?”



Change in awareness of basic income since April 2016 :

+5



After the previous question, Dalia provides all survey takers with the following definition of basic income:

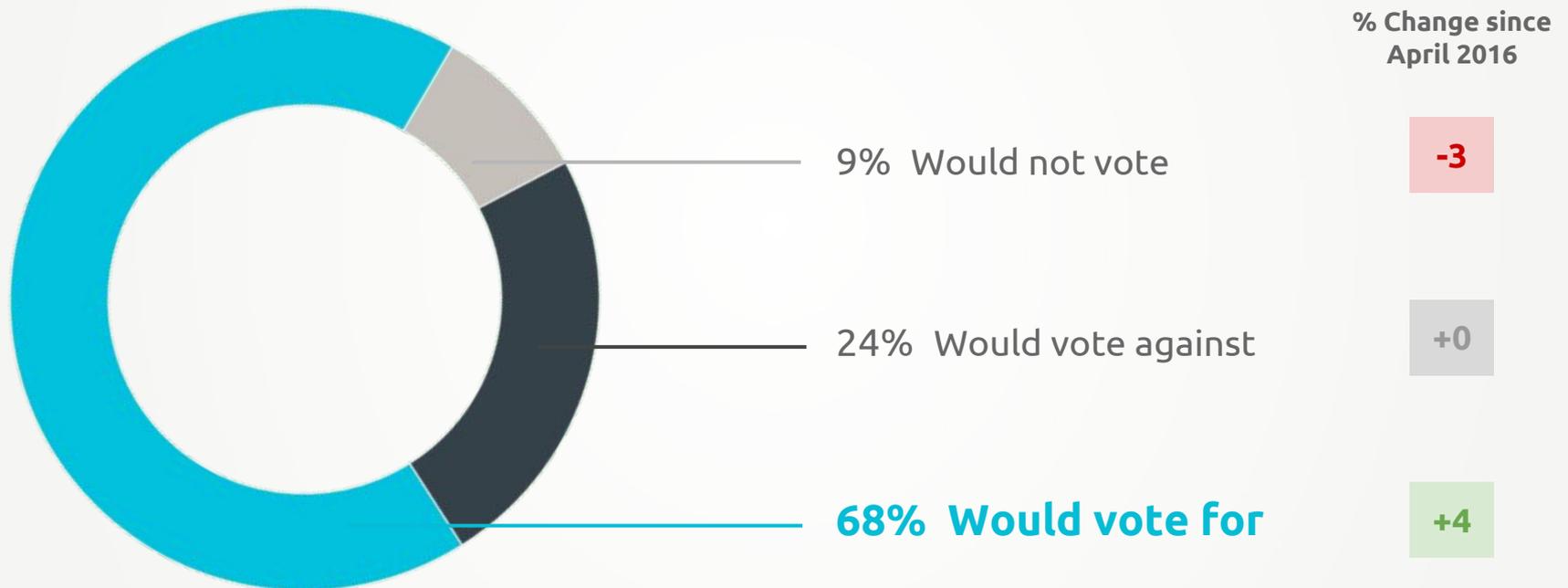
“A basic income is an **income unconditionally paid** by the government **to every individual regardless of whether they work** and irrespective of any other sources of income.

It replaces other social security payments and is high enough to cover **all basic needs** (food, housing etc.).”



68% of Europeans would vote for basic income

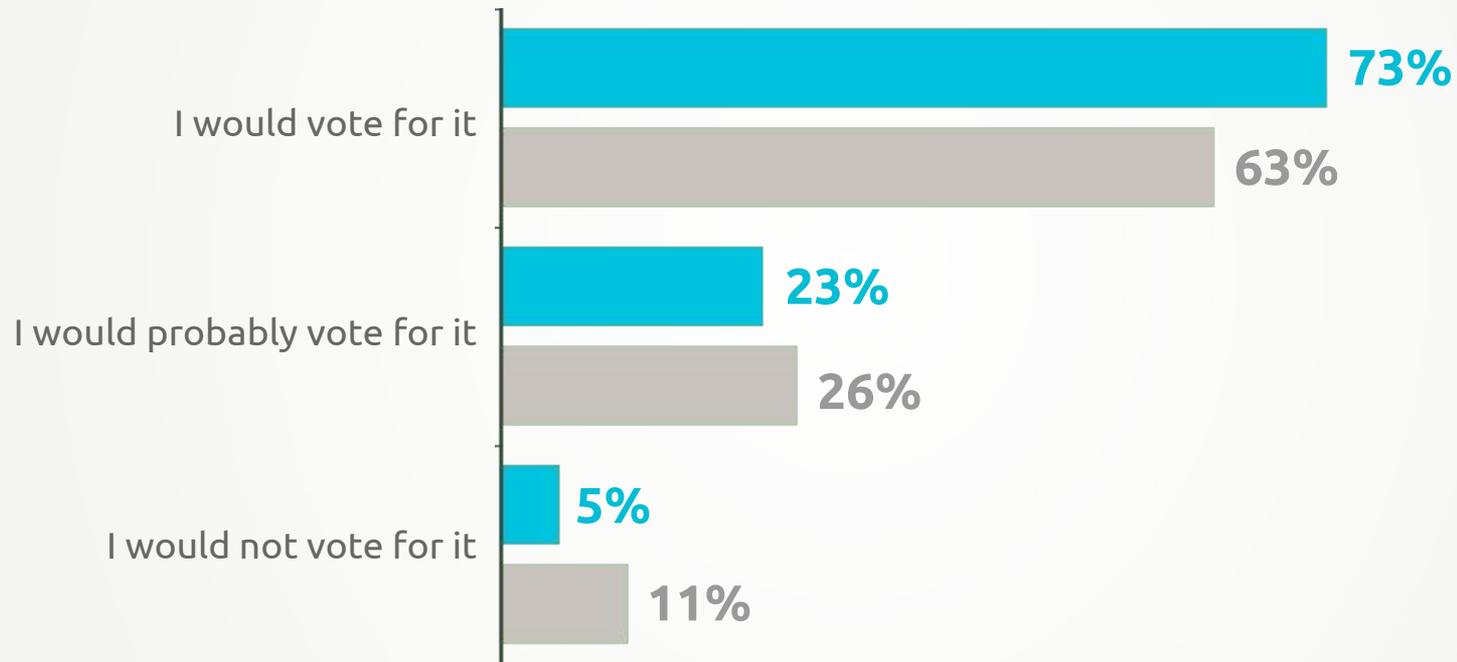
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Support for basic income increases with awareness



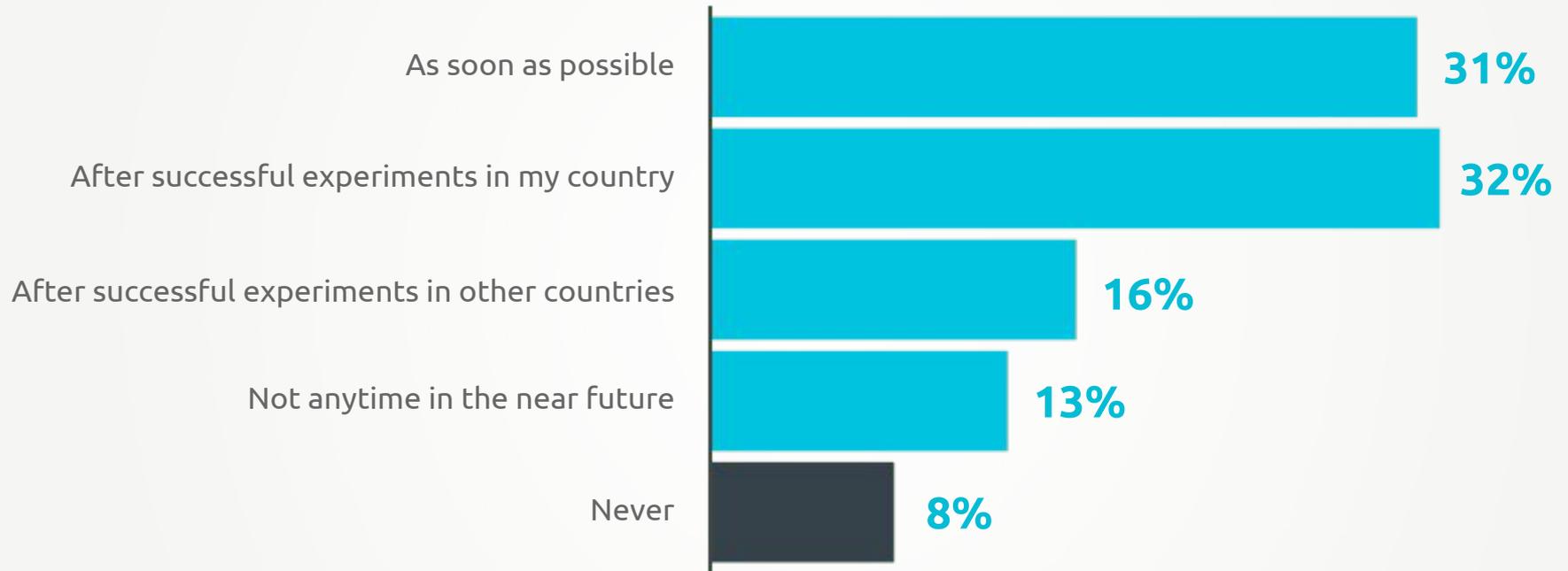
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31% want to adopt basic income immediately

“At what point do you think your country should introduce basic income?”

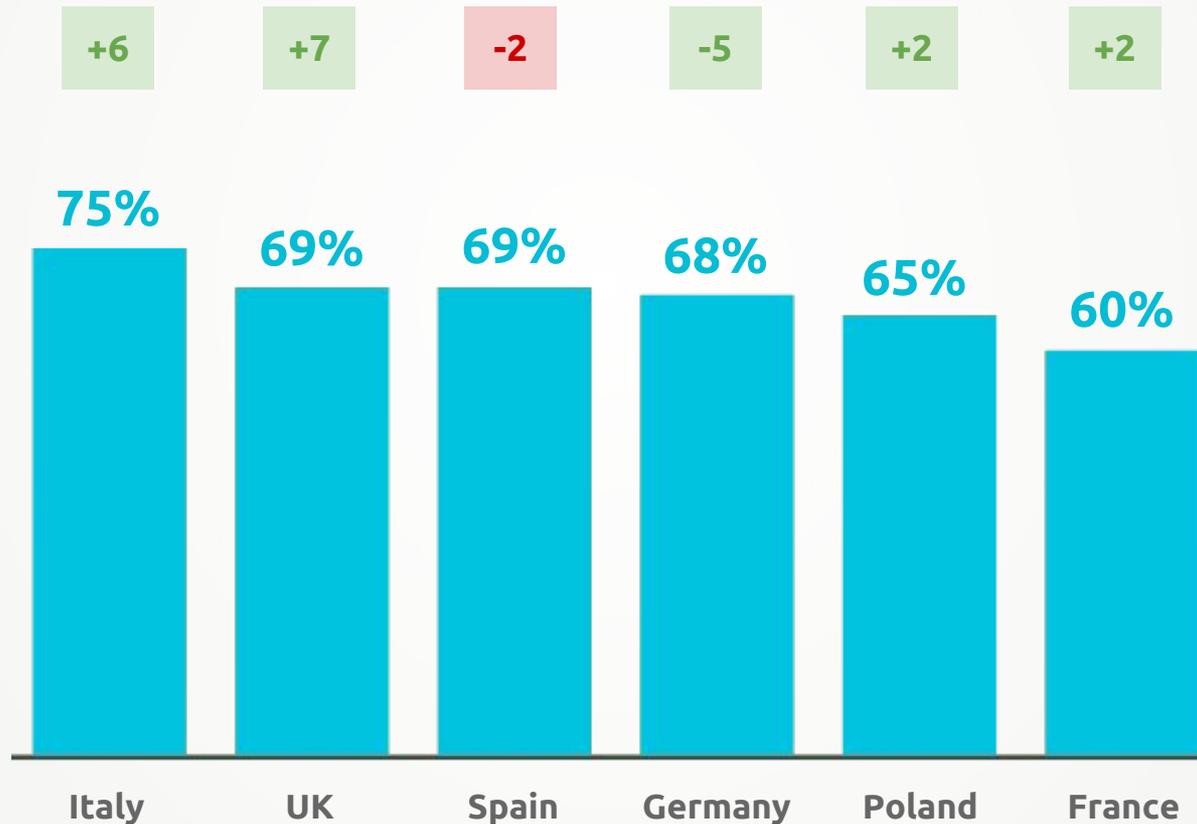




Support is highest in Italy, most growth in UK

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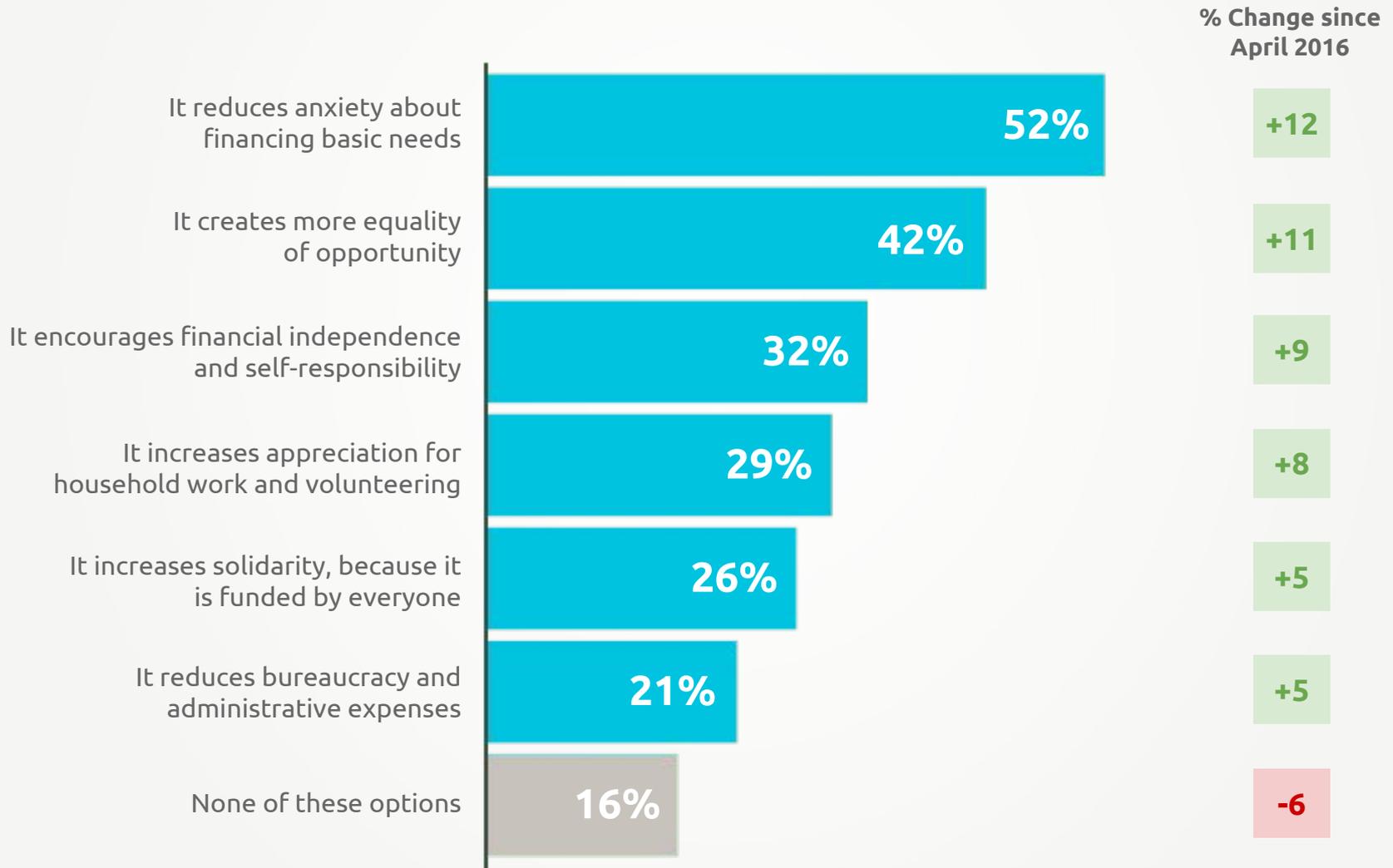
% Change since
April 2016





Hopes: reducing financial anxiety, equality

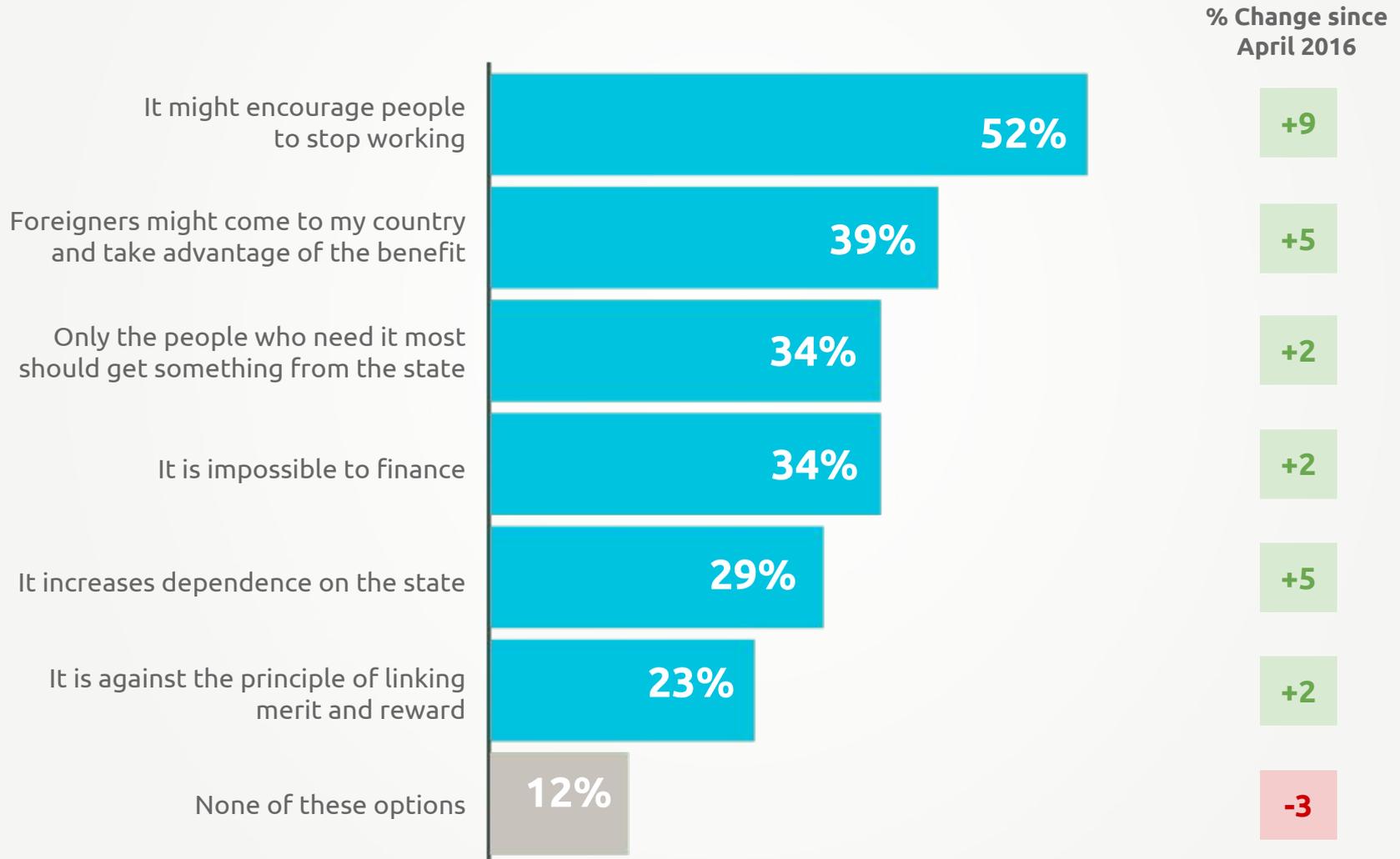
“Which of the following arguments FOR basic income do you find convincing?”



Fears: abandoning work, foreigners taking advantage



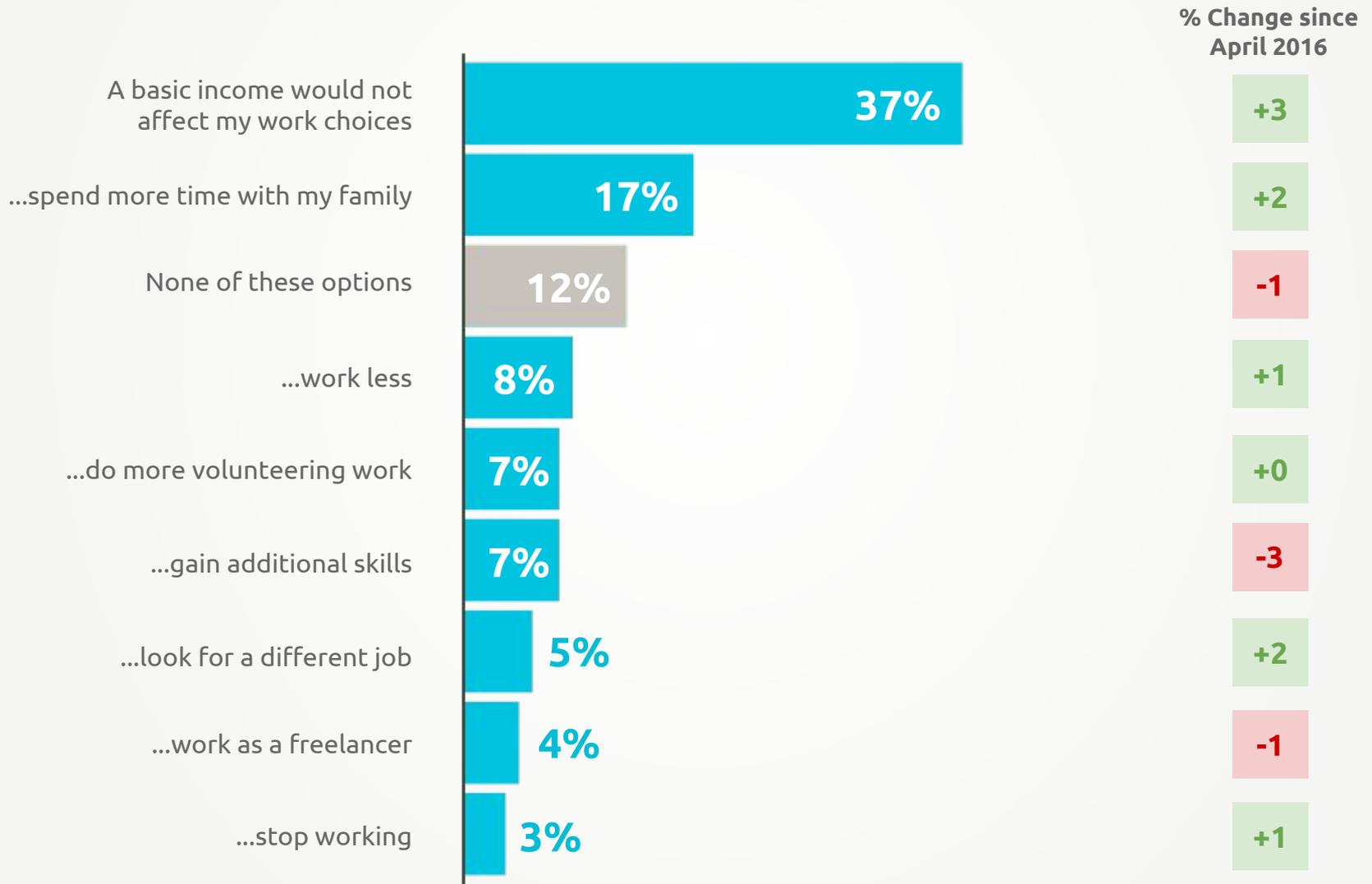
“Which of the following arguments AGAINST the basic income do you find convincing?”





Support by Country

“What could be the most likely effect of basic income on your work choices? I would... “





About the Survey

We asked 11.021 respondents across 28 EU member states what they think of universal basic income via mobile phones, tablets and computers. The results were collected in March 2017. Respondents are ages 14–65. Calculated for a sample of this size and the design effect, the margin of error is at +/-1.1%.

Interested in Participating?

Interested in asking your questions to Europe? Email Niklas@daliaresearch.com to learn more about getting involved in our next survey wave.





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