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PERCEPTIONS TOWARDS ECONOMY, LEADERSHIP & CURRENT ISSUES MARCH 2026

12th March - 09th April
2026

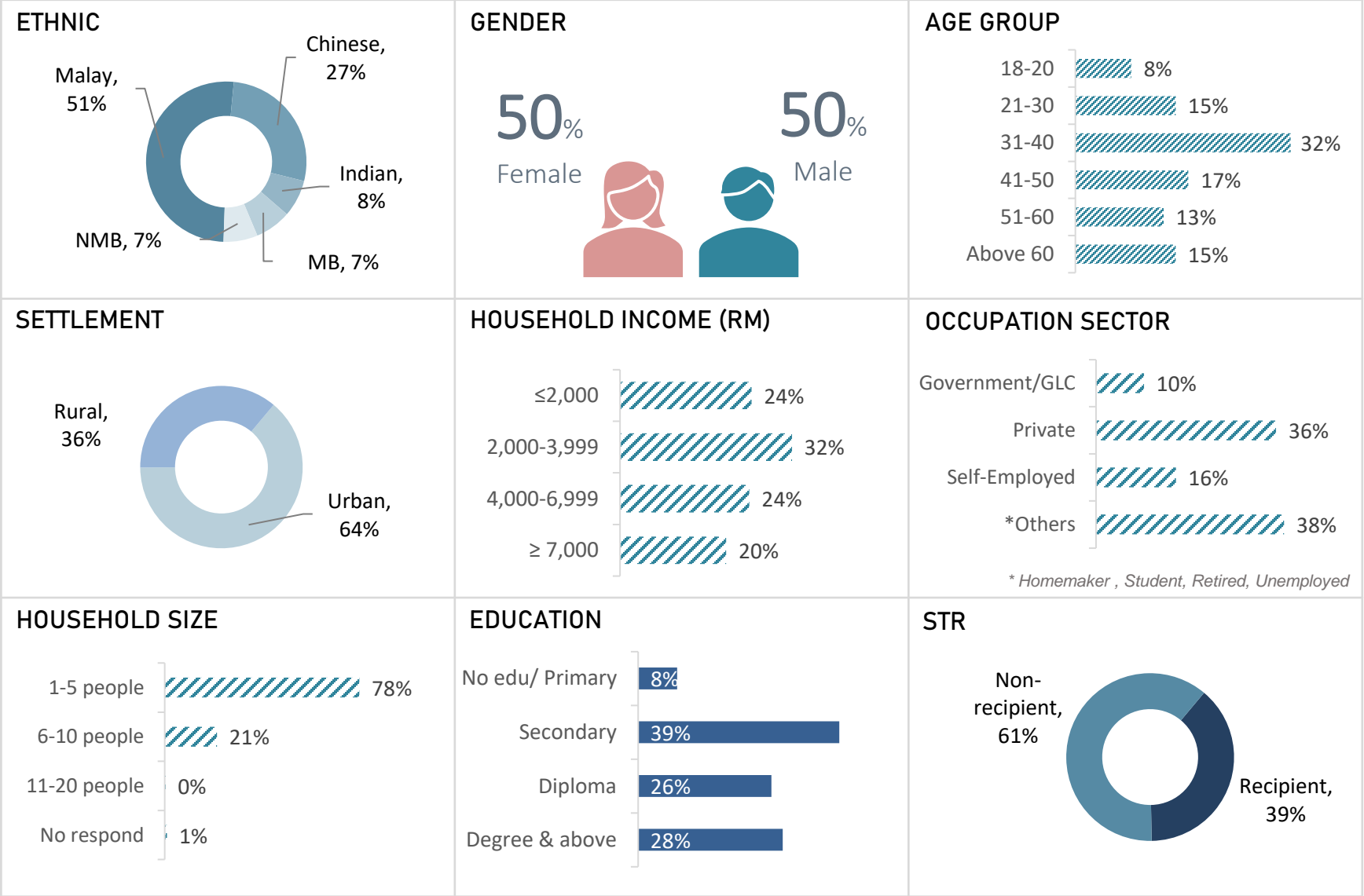


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Profile and Methodology

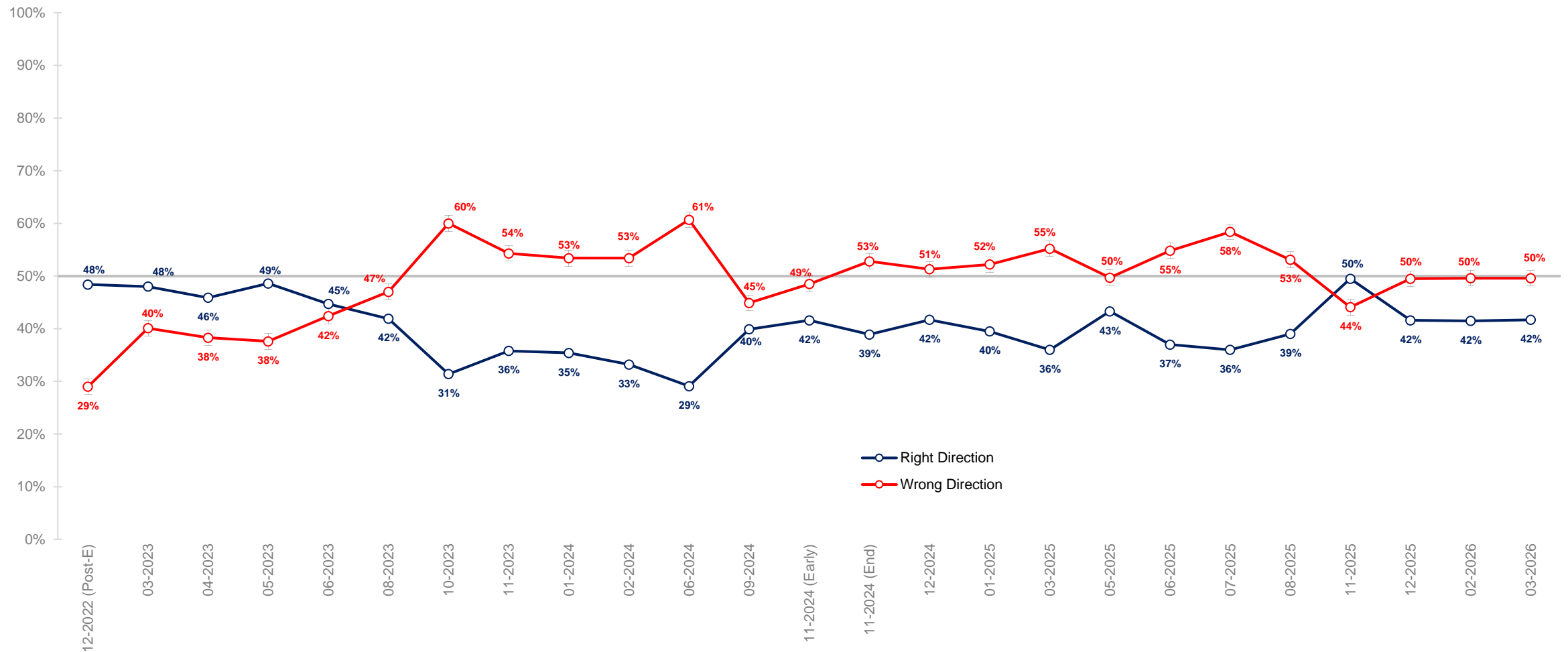


- 1,209 respondents aged 18 and above were interviewed via telephone (mobile lines)
- The survey respondents are from all states across Peninsular Malaysia includes Sabah and Sarawak
- Respondents were selected through random stratified sampling method along the lines of ethnicity, gender, age and states.
- All of the constituencies (14 states and across 222 parliament constituencies) were surveyed and the selection of the respondents is proportional with respect to the population in each parliament constituency.
- Respondents were interviewed in their own language of preferences
- Survey margin of error estimated at ±2.82%
- Survey was carried out between 12th March – 9th April 2026

PERCEPTION TOWARDS DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY, ISSUES AND ECONOMY

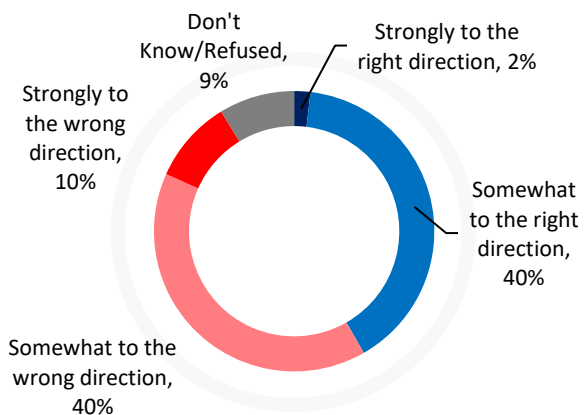
Direction of the Country

Right versus Wrong direction

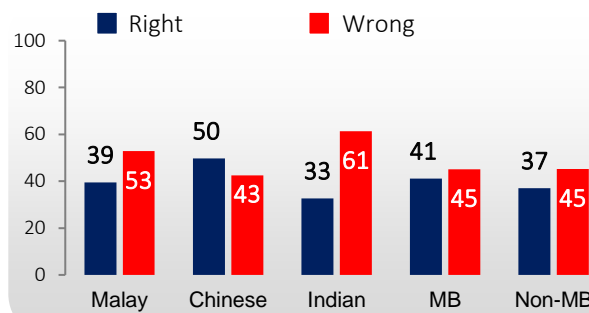


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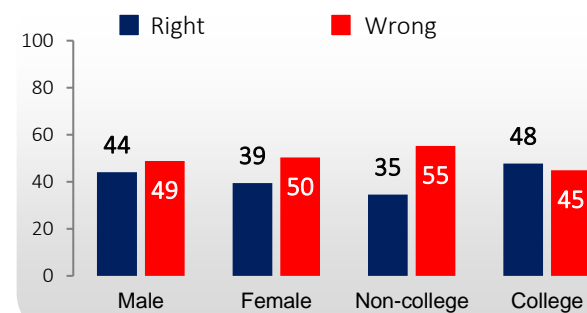
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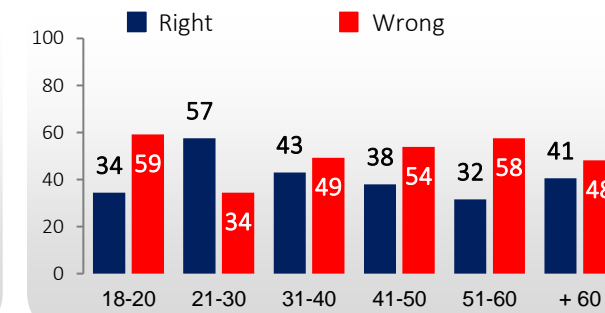
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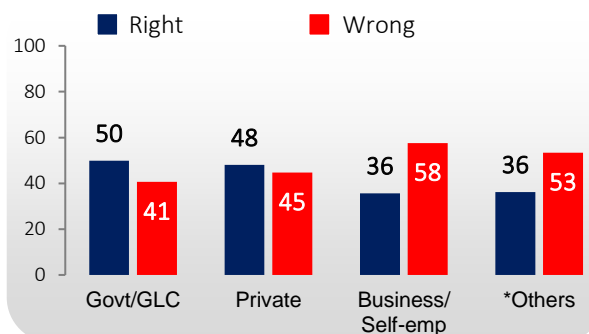
Gender/ Education



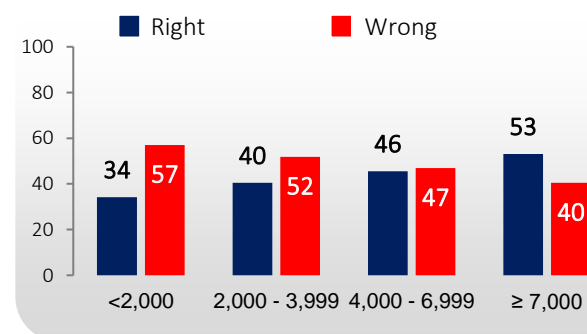
Age groups



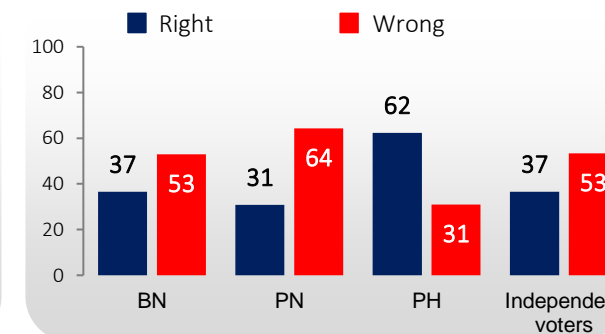
Occupation



Household Income (RM)



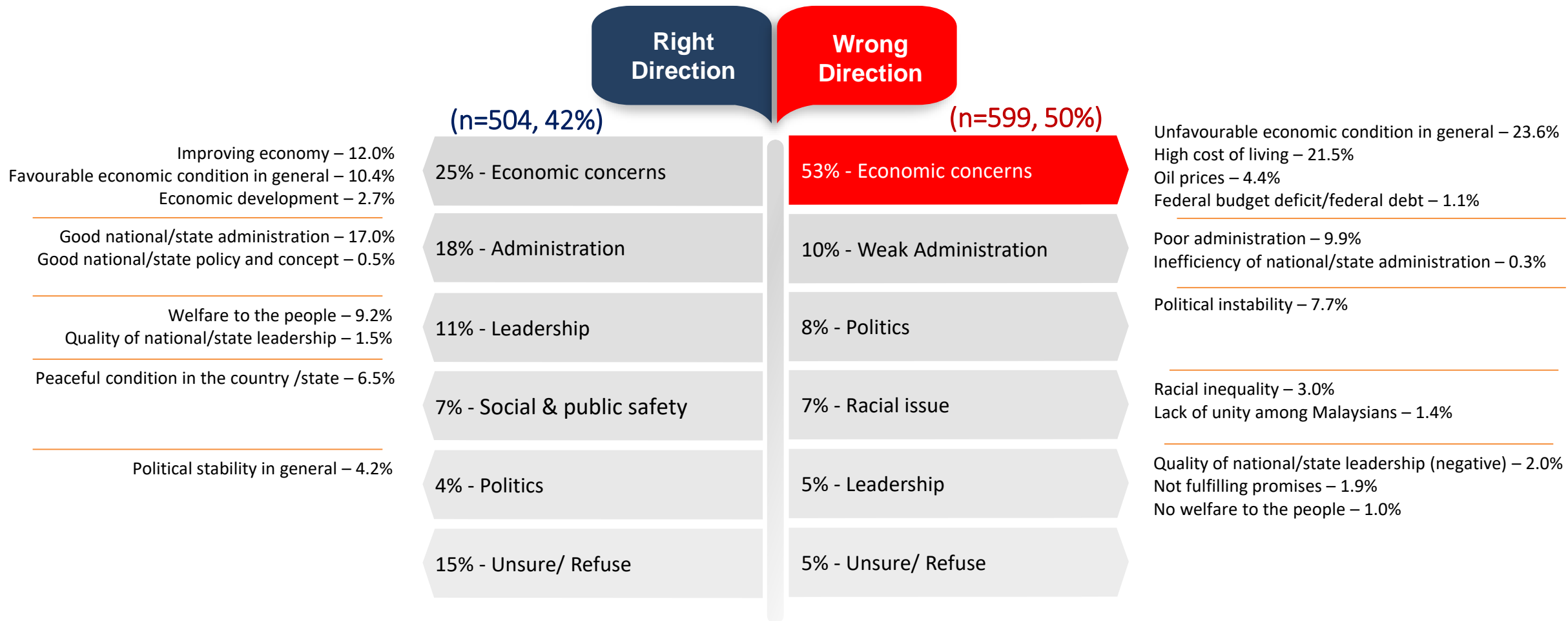
Party Affiliation



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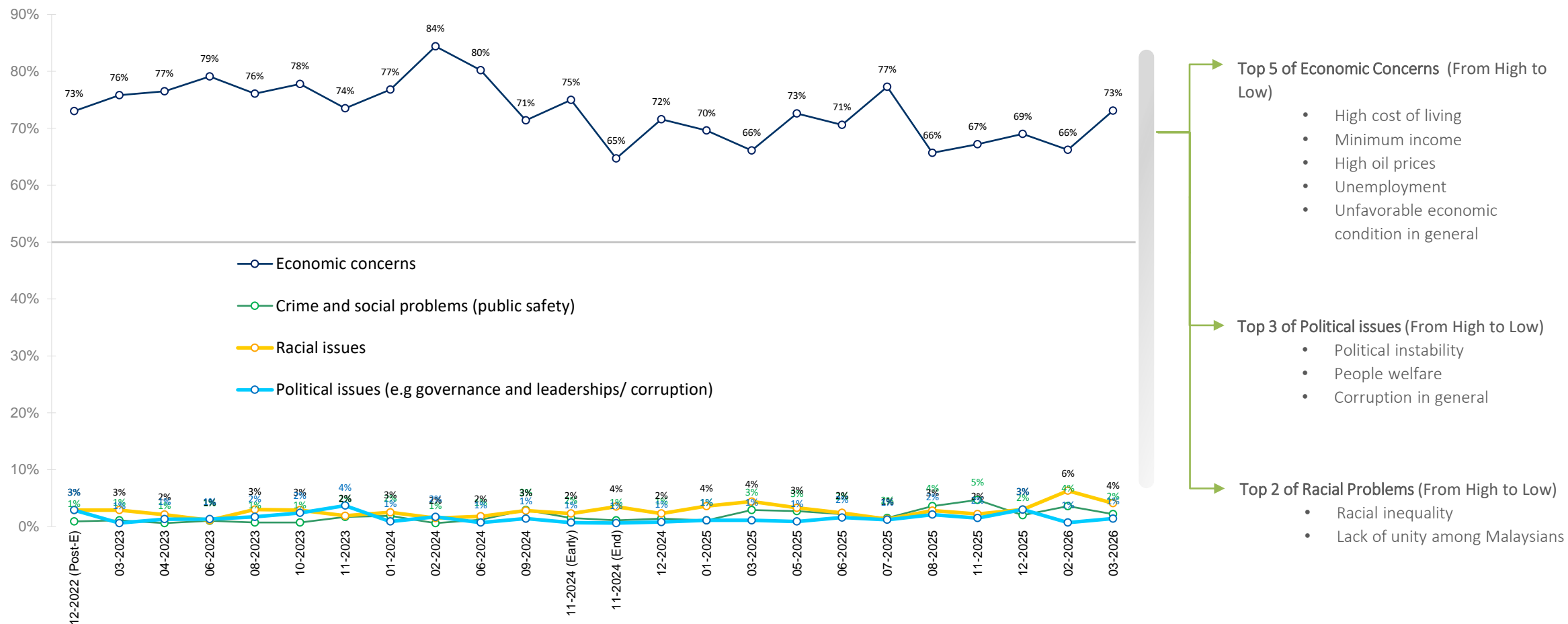
Direction of the Country



Q: Do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten on the wrong direction?
What is the reason for you to say so?

Biggest Problems Facing the Country

Top of Mind Concern: Its still the Economy but marked reduction in mentions



- Top 5 of Economic Concerns (From High to Low)
 - High cost of living
 - Minimum income
 - High oil prices
 - Unemployment
 - Unfavorable economic condition in general
- Top 3 of Political issues (From High to Low)
 - Political instability
 - People welfare
 - Corruption in general
- Top 2 of Racial Problems (From High to Low)
 - Racial inequality
 - Lack of unity among Malaysians

Q: Being as specific as you can, what is the number one problem facing the people of this country today?

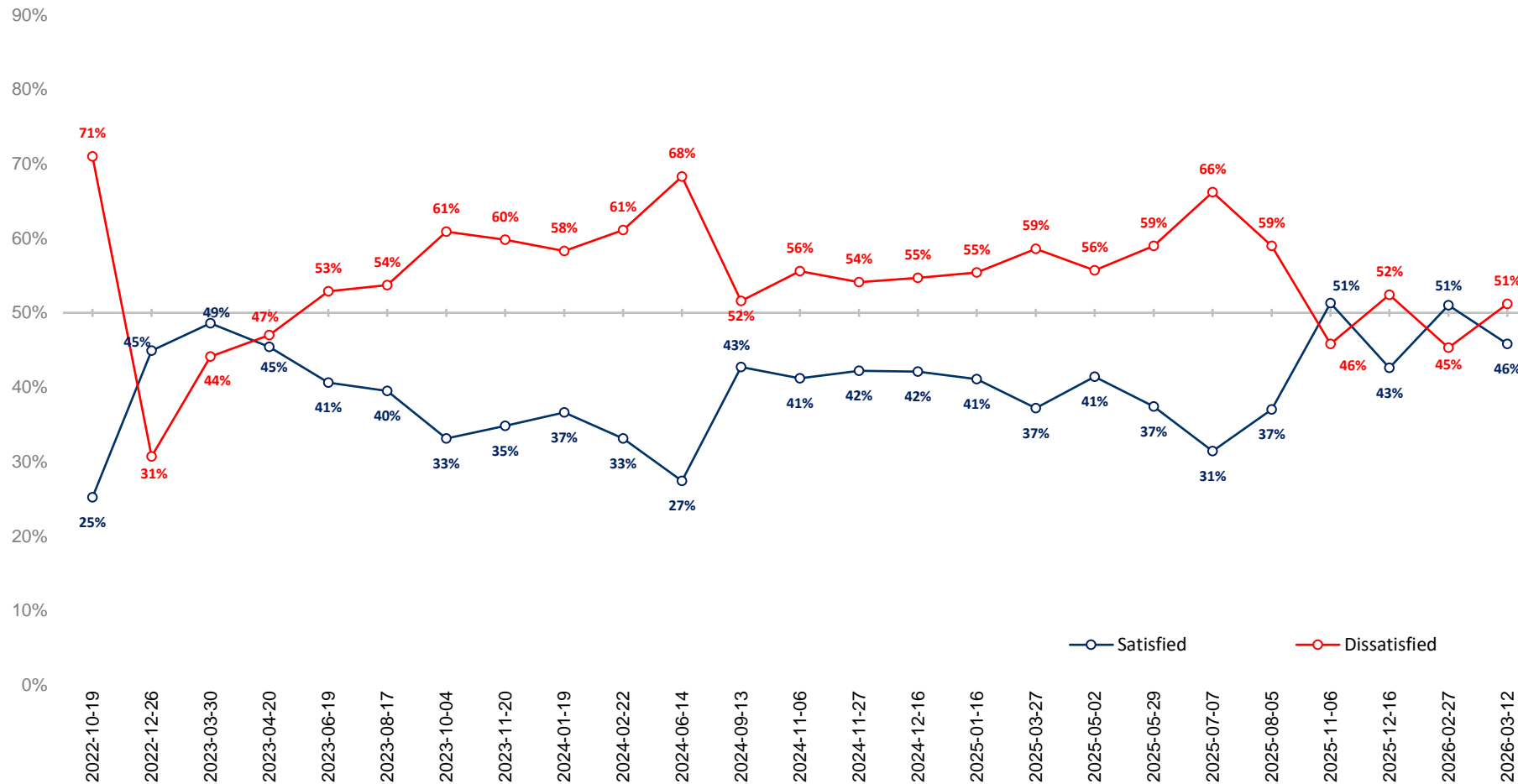
Biggest Problems Facing the Country

	Total	Malay	Chinese	Indian	Muslim Bumiputera	Non-Muslim Bumiputera
<i>Economy Concerns</i>	73%	76%	64%	76%	81%	77%
<i>Racial</i>	4%	4%	4%	11%	2%	3%
<i>Socials & Public safety</i>	2%	3%	2%	2%	-	1%
<i>Politics</i>	1%	2%	0.3%	2%	2%	2%
<i>Leadership</i>	1%	1%	2%	3%	-	-
<i>Education</i>	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	2%
<i>Corruption</i>	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	3%
<i>Development & infrastructure</i>	1%	0.3%	1%	-	3%	3%
<i>Administration</i>	1%	1%	0.3%	-	-	-
<i>Religion issues</i>	0.3%	1%	-	-	-	-
<i>Environmental</i>	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	-	-	-
<i>None</i>	8%	2%	22%	4%	6%	5%
<i>Others</i>	3%	5%	2%	1%	-	1%
<i>Unsure/Don't know</i>	3%	3%	1%	-	6%	4%

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Govt Managing the Economy

Satisfaction towards govt managing the economy

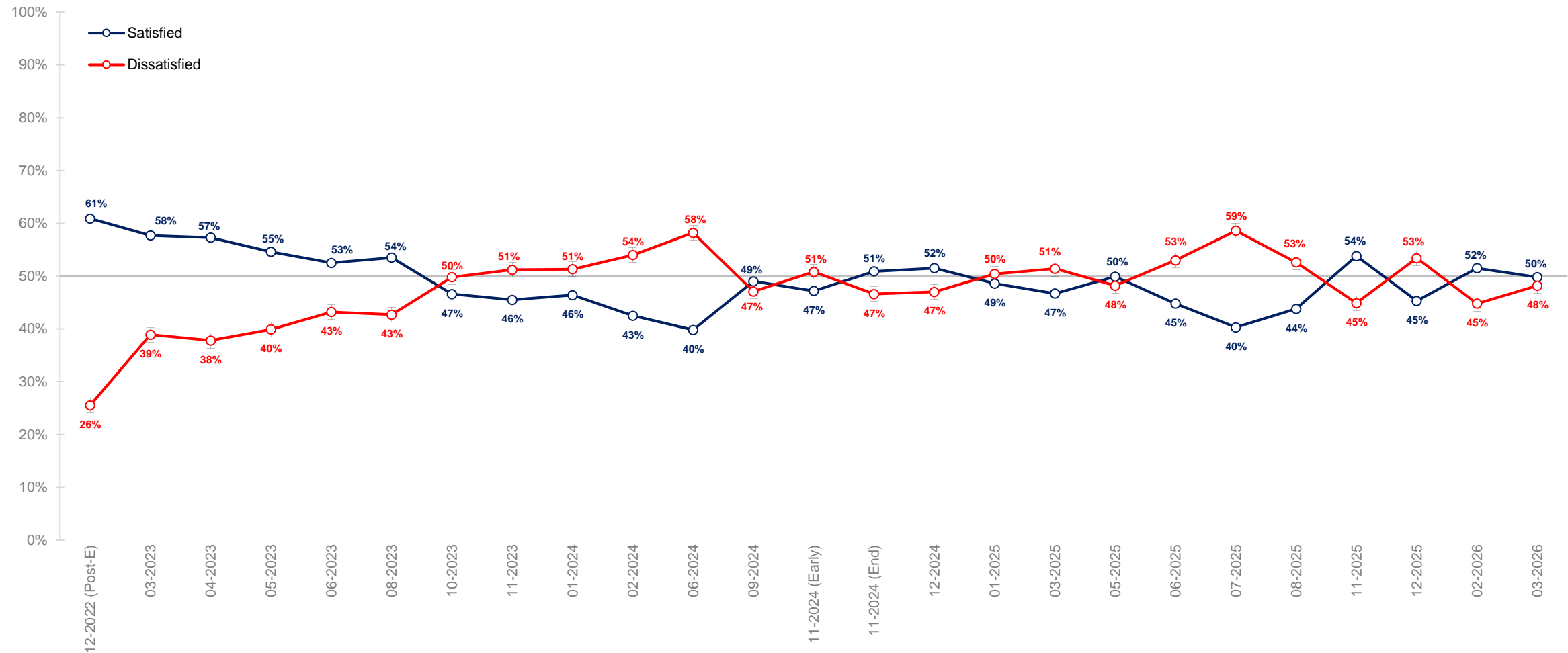


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Q: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way the government is managing the economy at present?

Satisfaction towards Federal Government

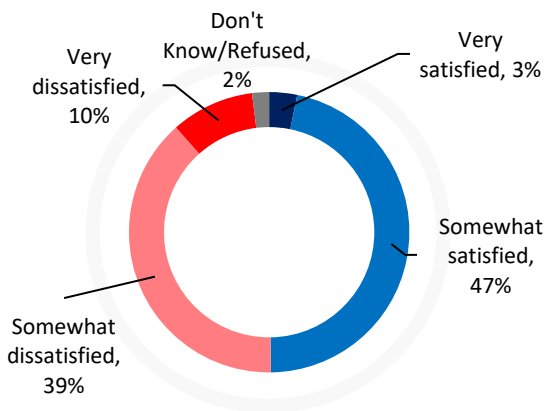
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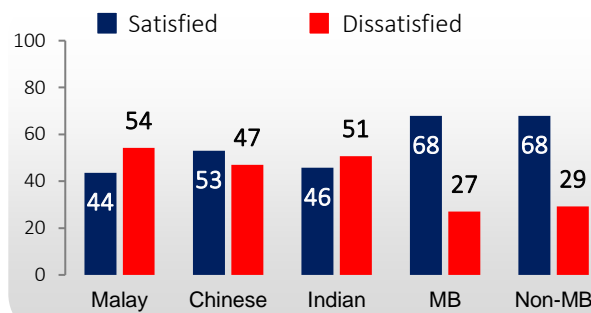
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Satisfaction towards Federal Government

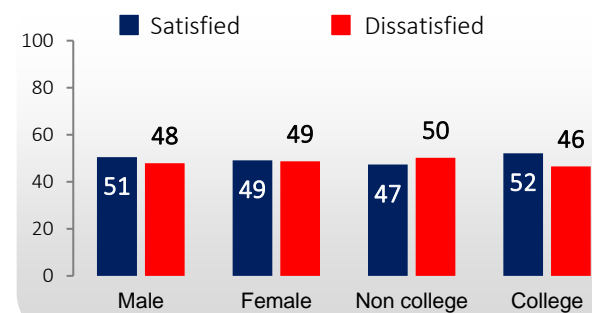
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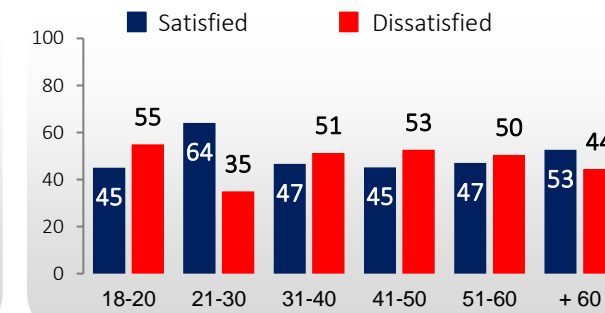
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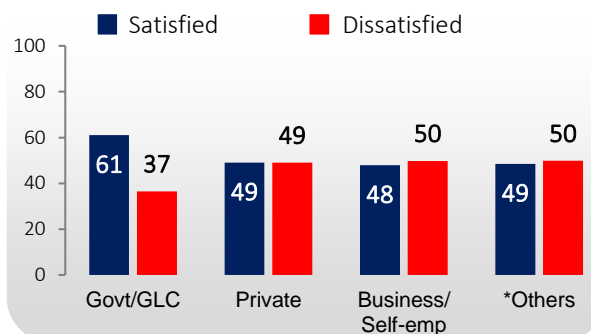
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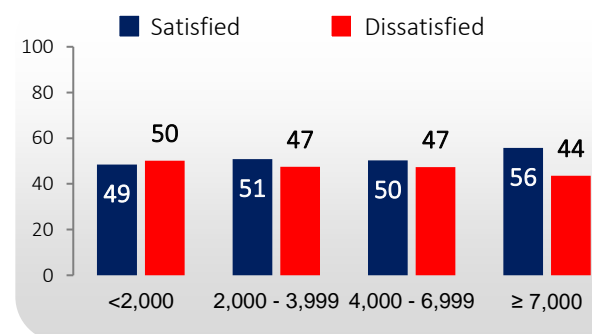
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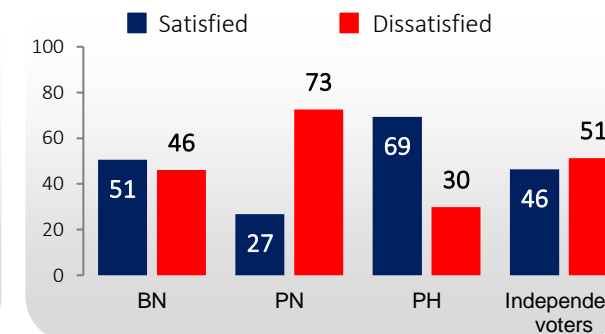
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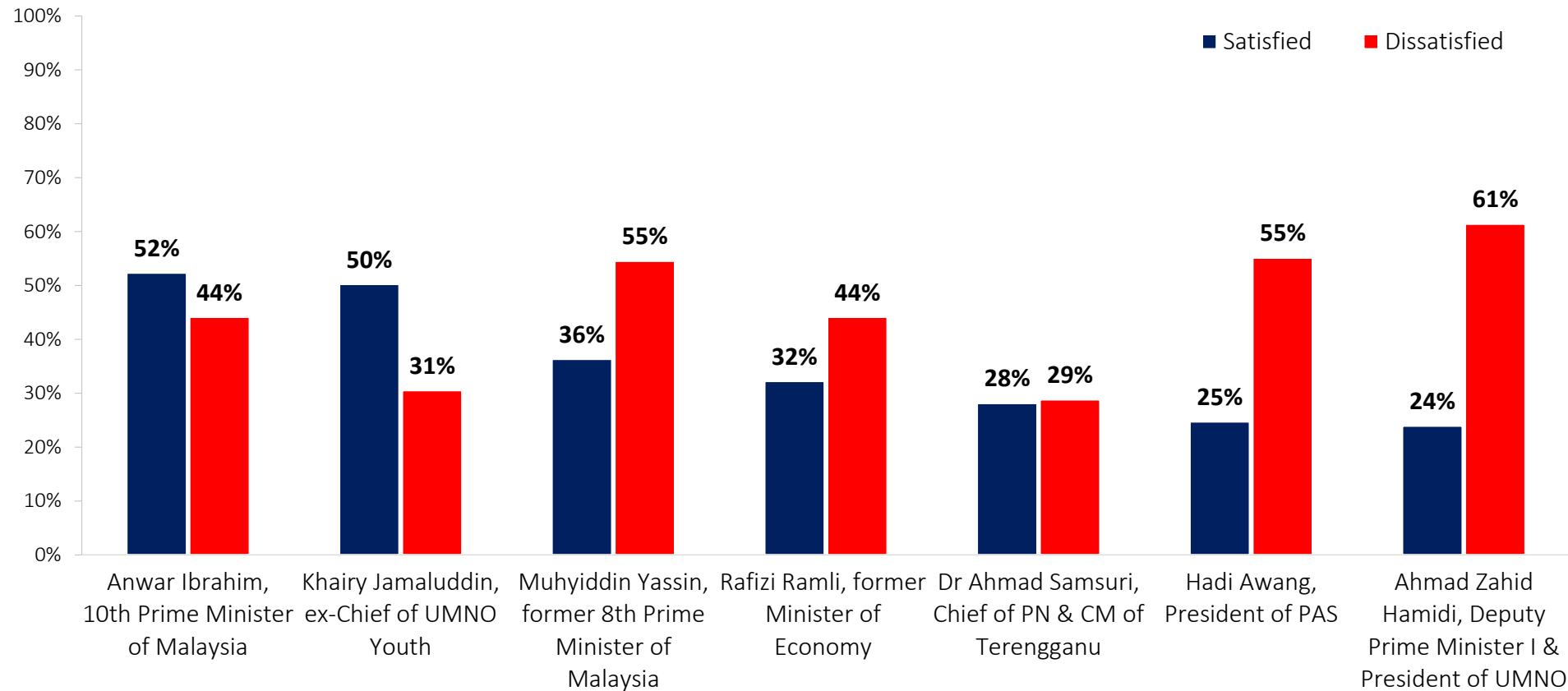
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GOVERNMENT RATINGS & LEADERSHIP

Leaders' Approval Ratings

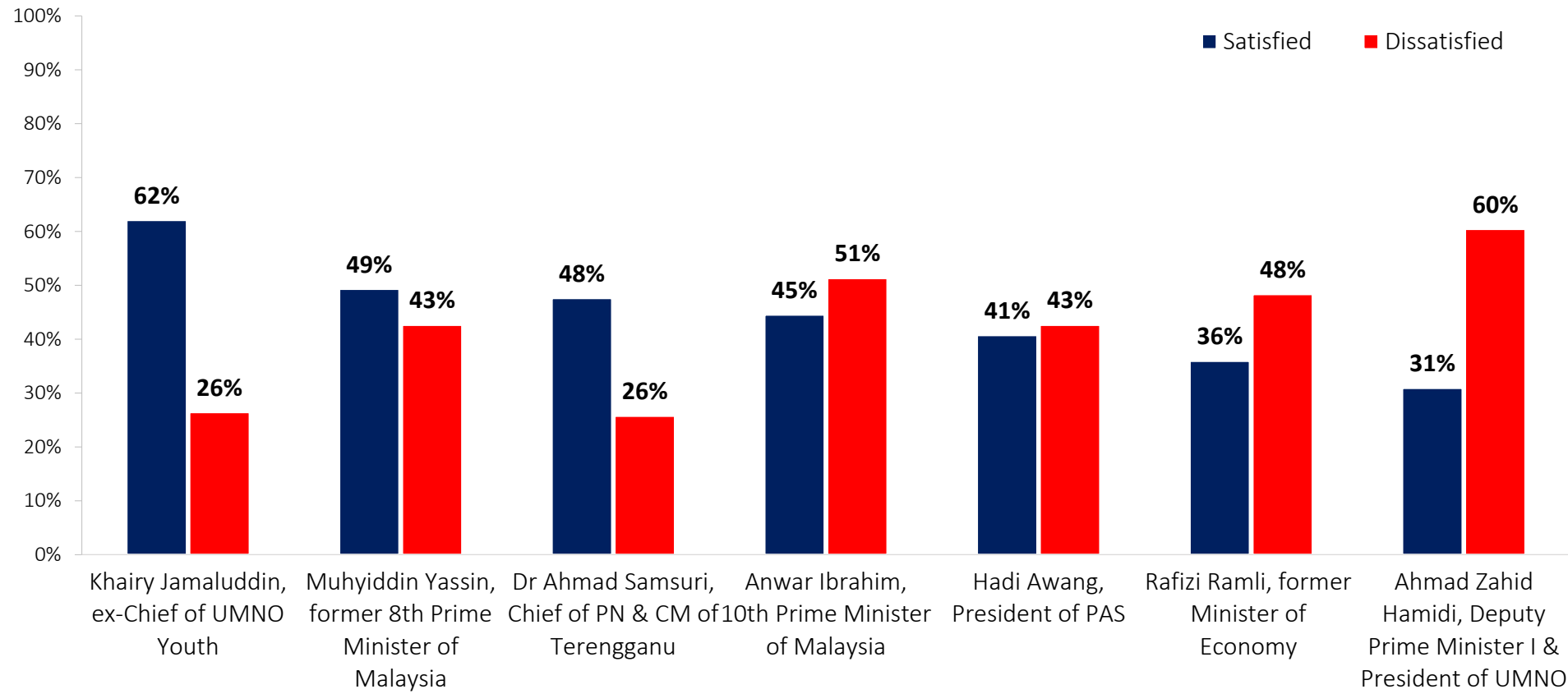
Overall



Q: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the performance of ... ?

Leaders' Approval Ratings

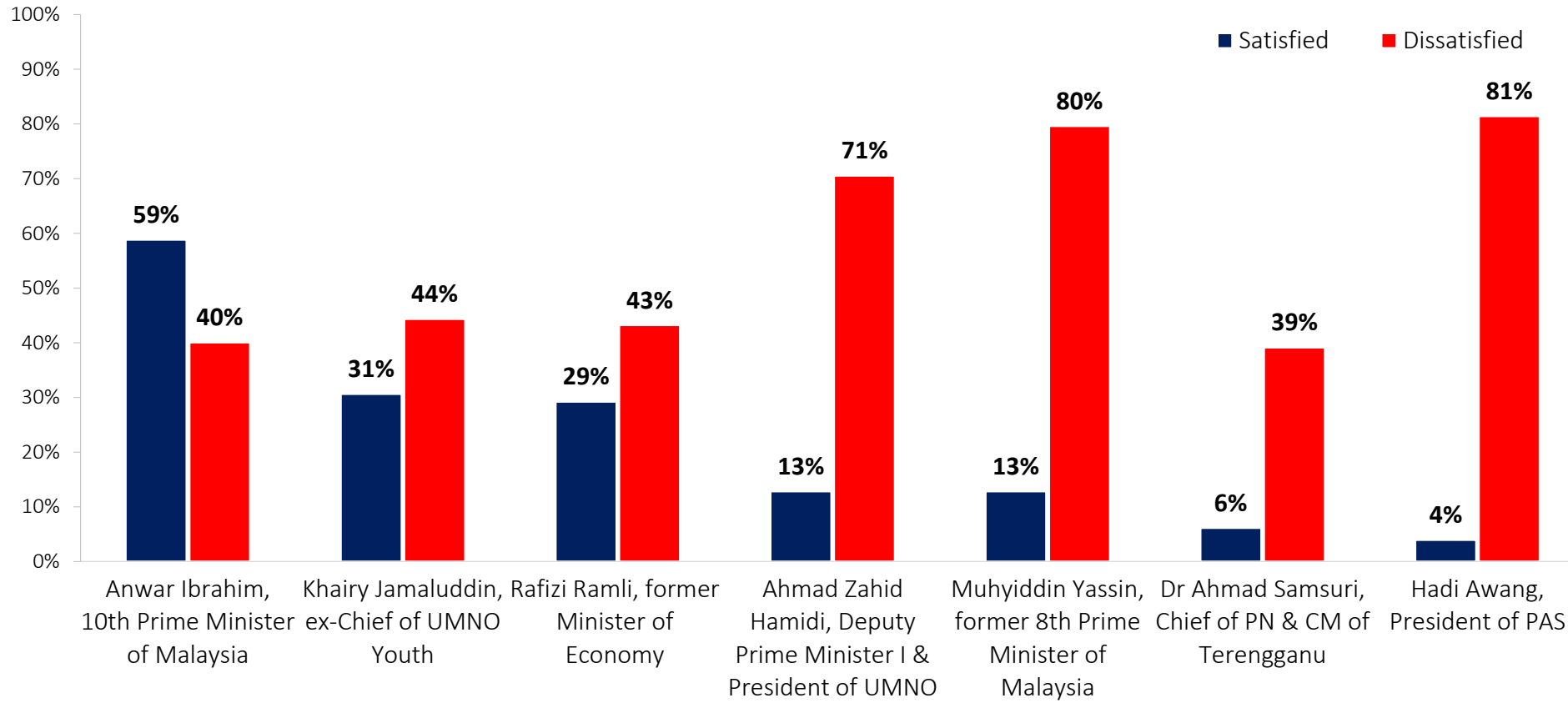
Among Malay respondents



Q: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the performance of ... ?

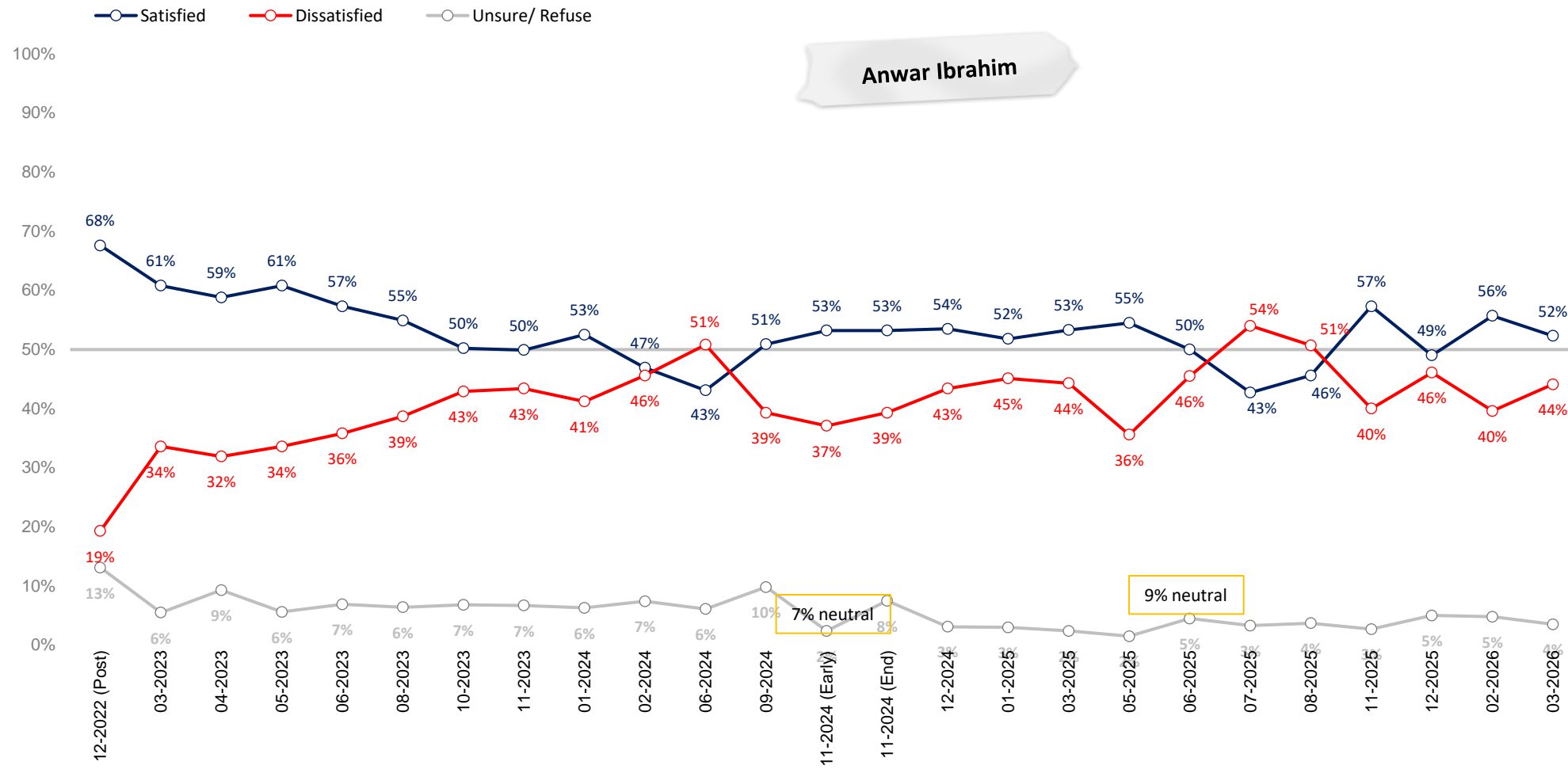
Leaders' Approval Ratings

Among Non-Malay respondents



Q: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the performance of ... ?

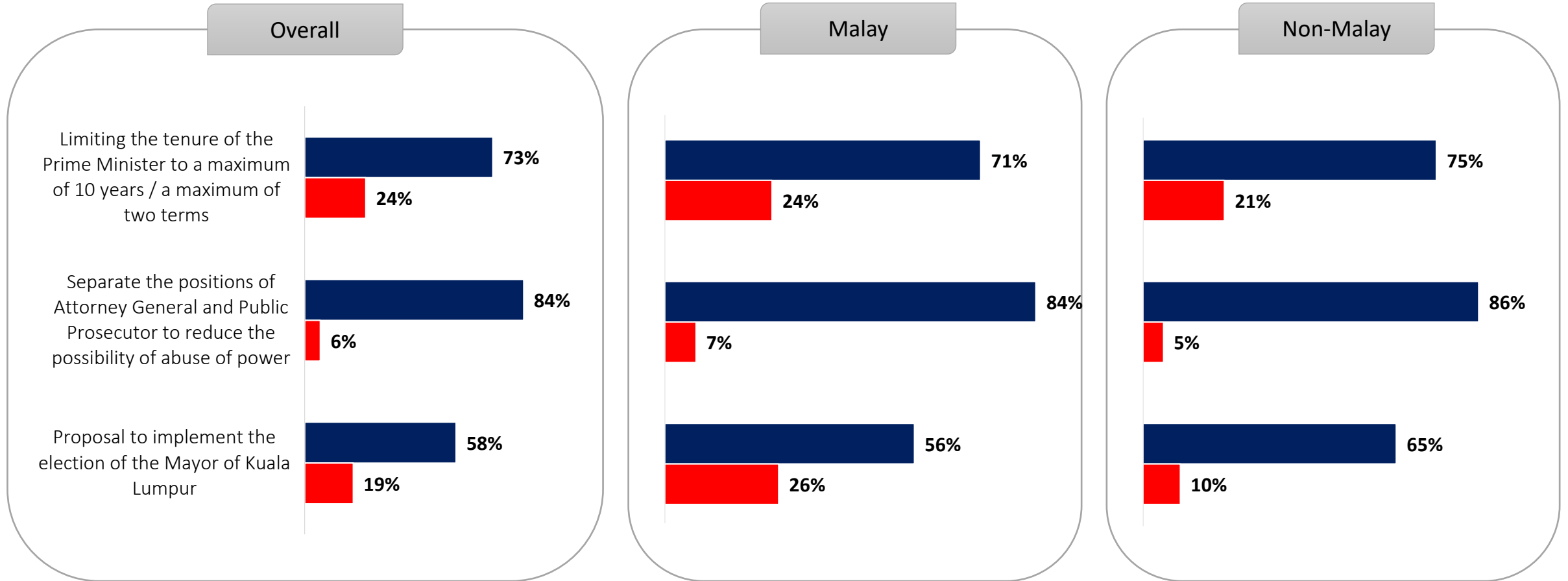
Prime Minister Approval Rating



Q: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the performance of ... ? Anwar Ibrahim as 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia

Support for Proposed Reforms

■ Agree
■ Disagree



Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?