

The EU's Growing Support for Basic Income

Measuring the change in European support for basic
income from April 2016 to March 2017



Key Takeaways

31% want basic income immediately, while 48% would wait until after a successful experiment

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

63% of Europeans are aware of basic income. This is an increase of **5** percentage points from last year.

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

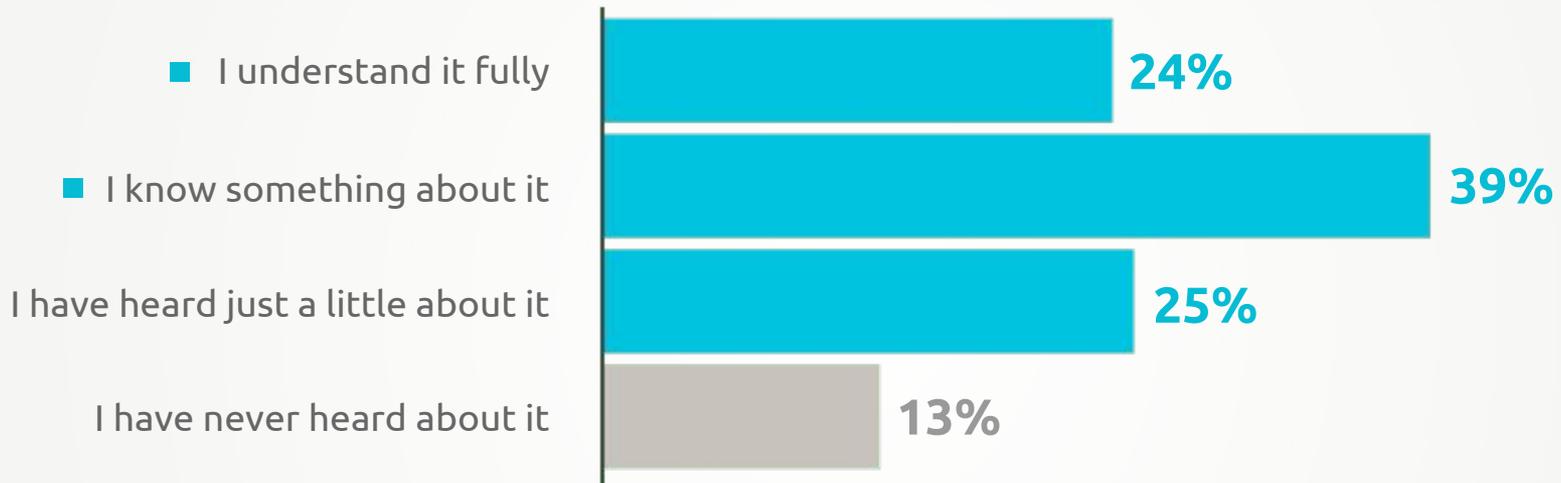
Support for basic income is highest in Italy at **75%**. Most increased growth is in the UK, where support grew by **7** percentage points in the last year.

52% 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:

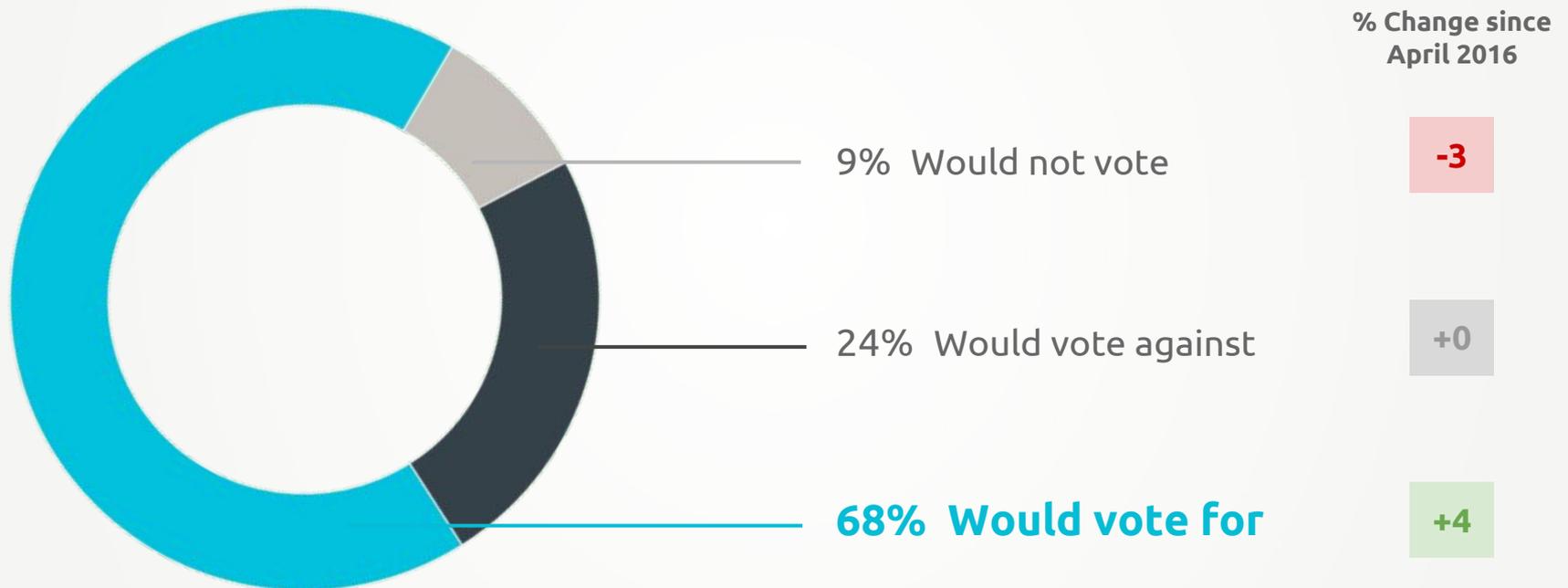
“A basic income is an **income unconditionally paid** by the government **to every individual regardless of whether they work** and irrespective of any other sources of income.

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

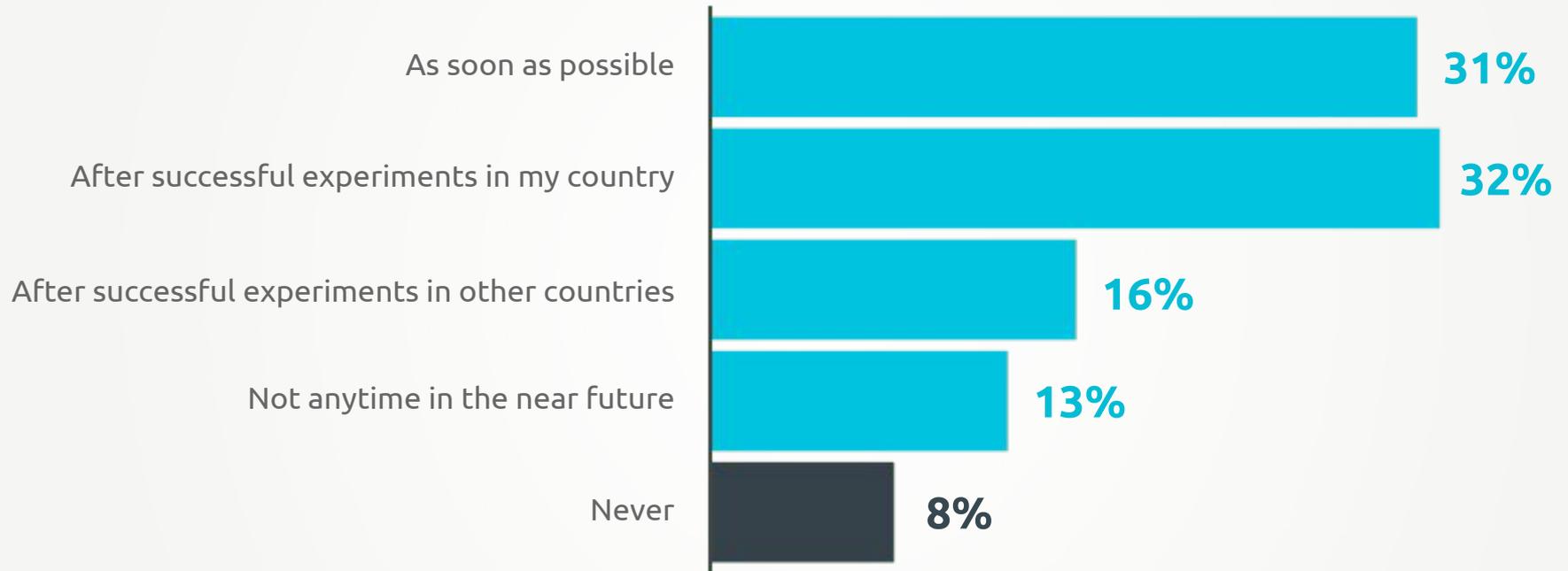
“If there would be a referendum on introducing basic income today, how would you vote?”





31% want to adopt basic income immediately

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

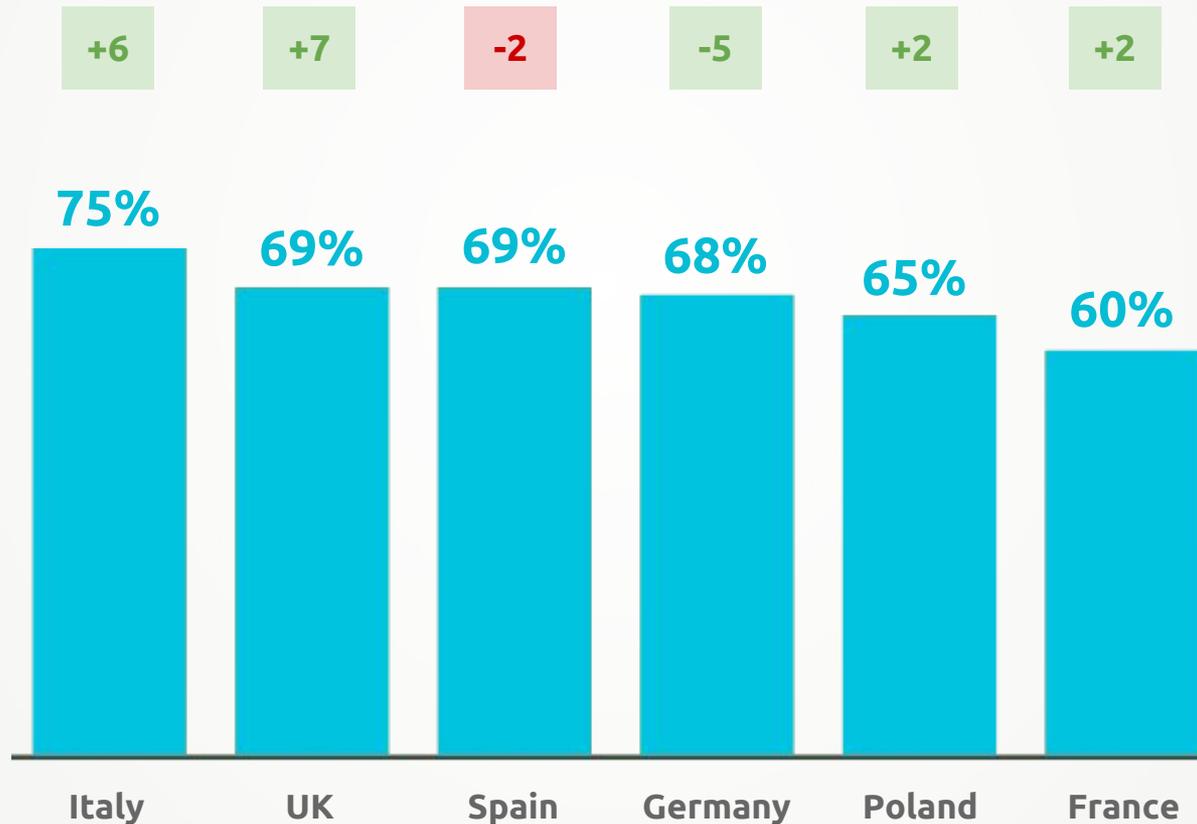




Support is highest in Italy, most growth in UK

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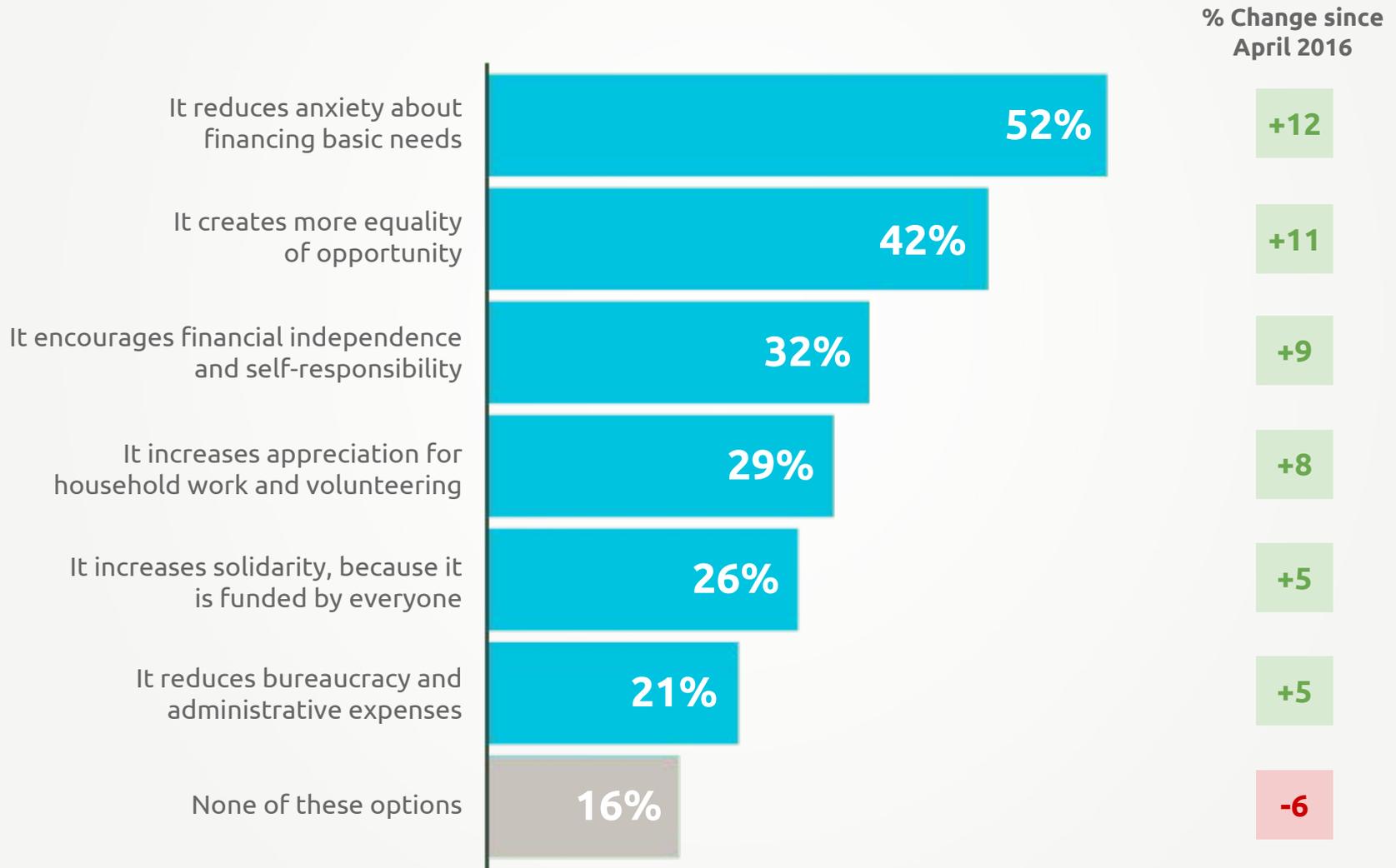
% Change since
April 2016





Hopes: reducing financial anxiety, equality

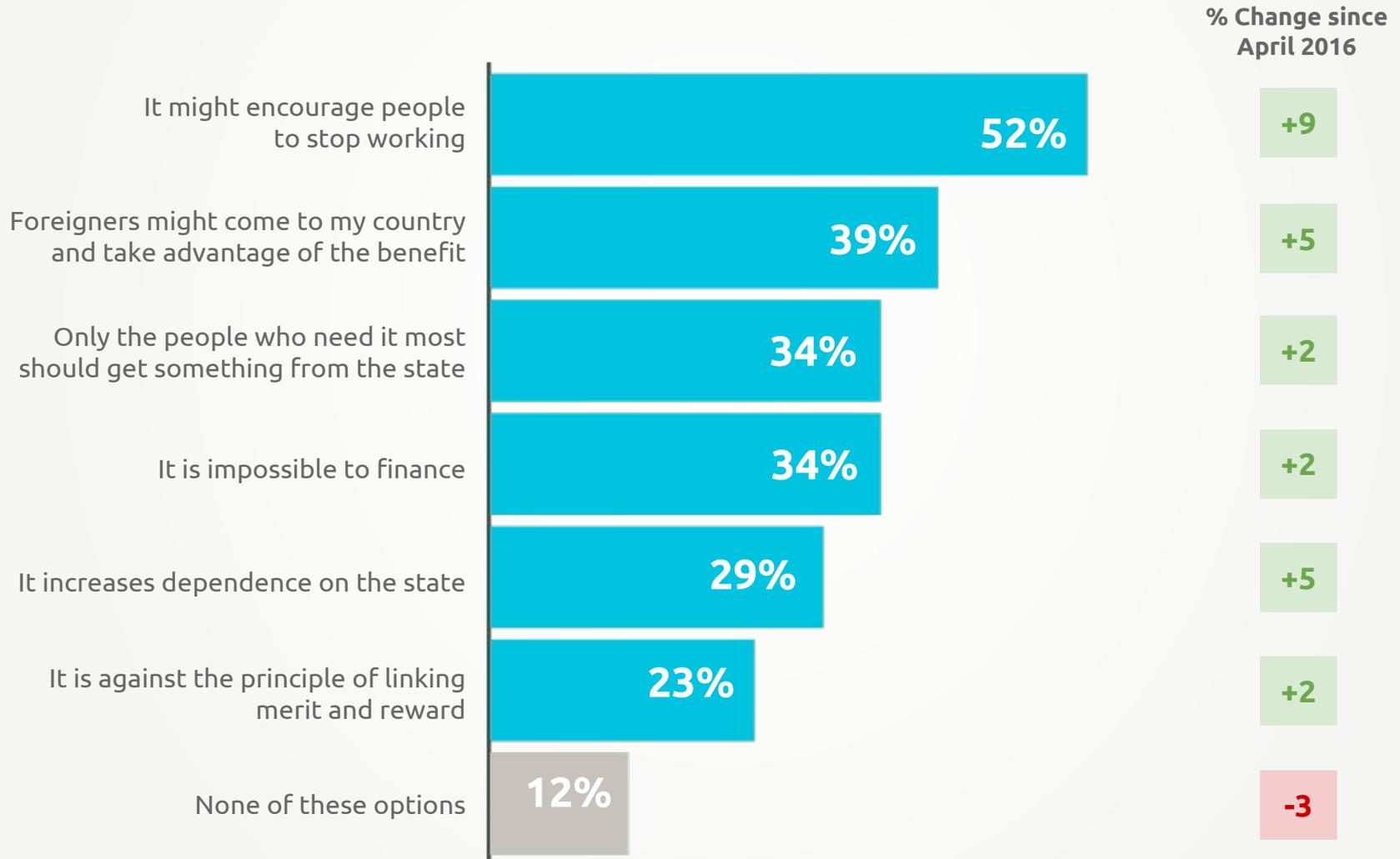
“Which of the following arguments FOR basic income do you find convincing?”



Fears: abandoning work, foreigners taking advantage



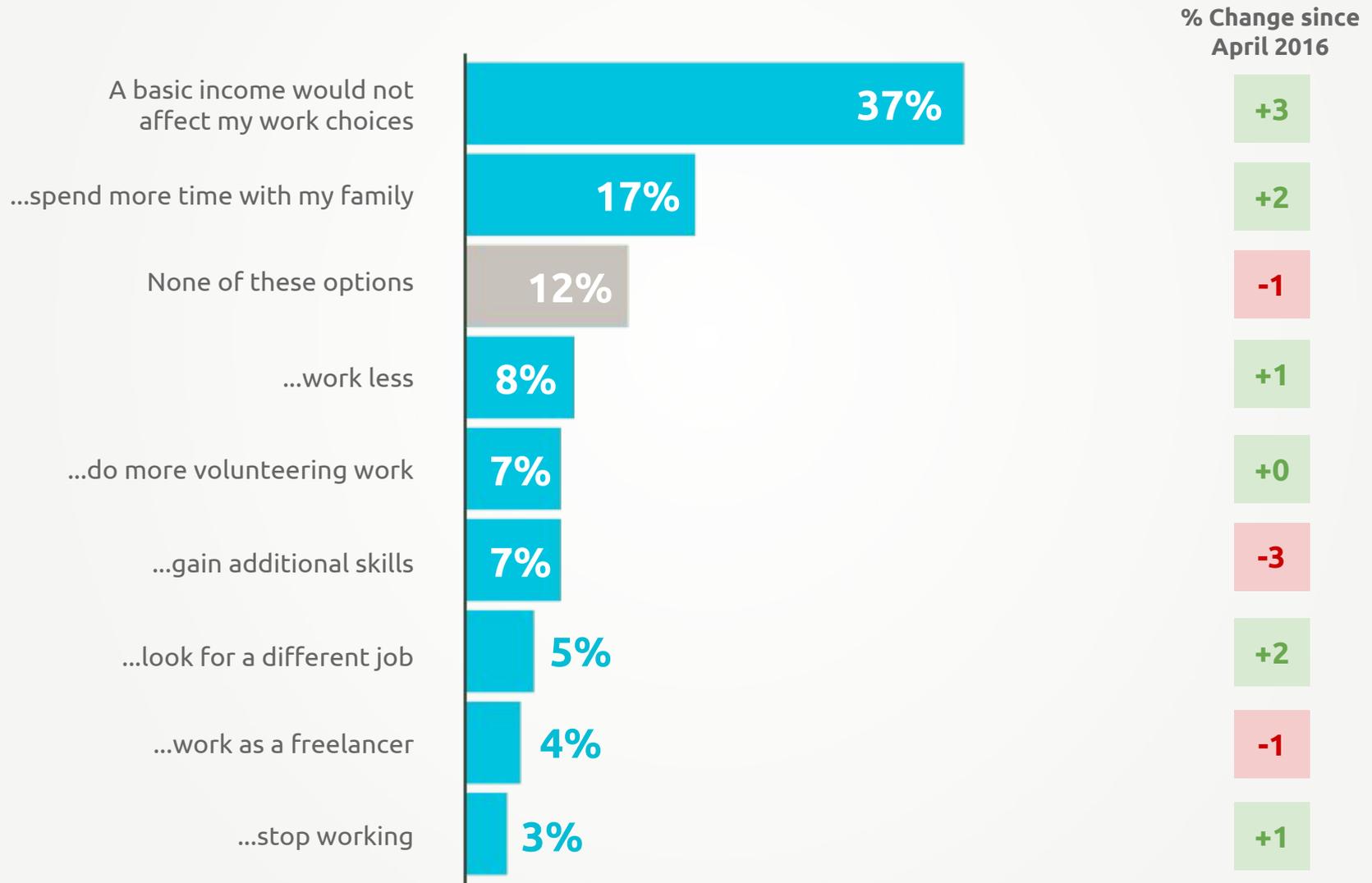
“Which of the following arguments AGAINST the basic income do you find convincing?”





Basic income's effect on workers

“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%.

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