

What do Europeans think about basic income?

Survey Results from April 2016

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Survey about basic income asked to 10.000 Europeans



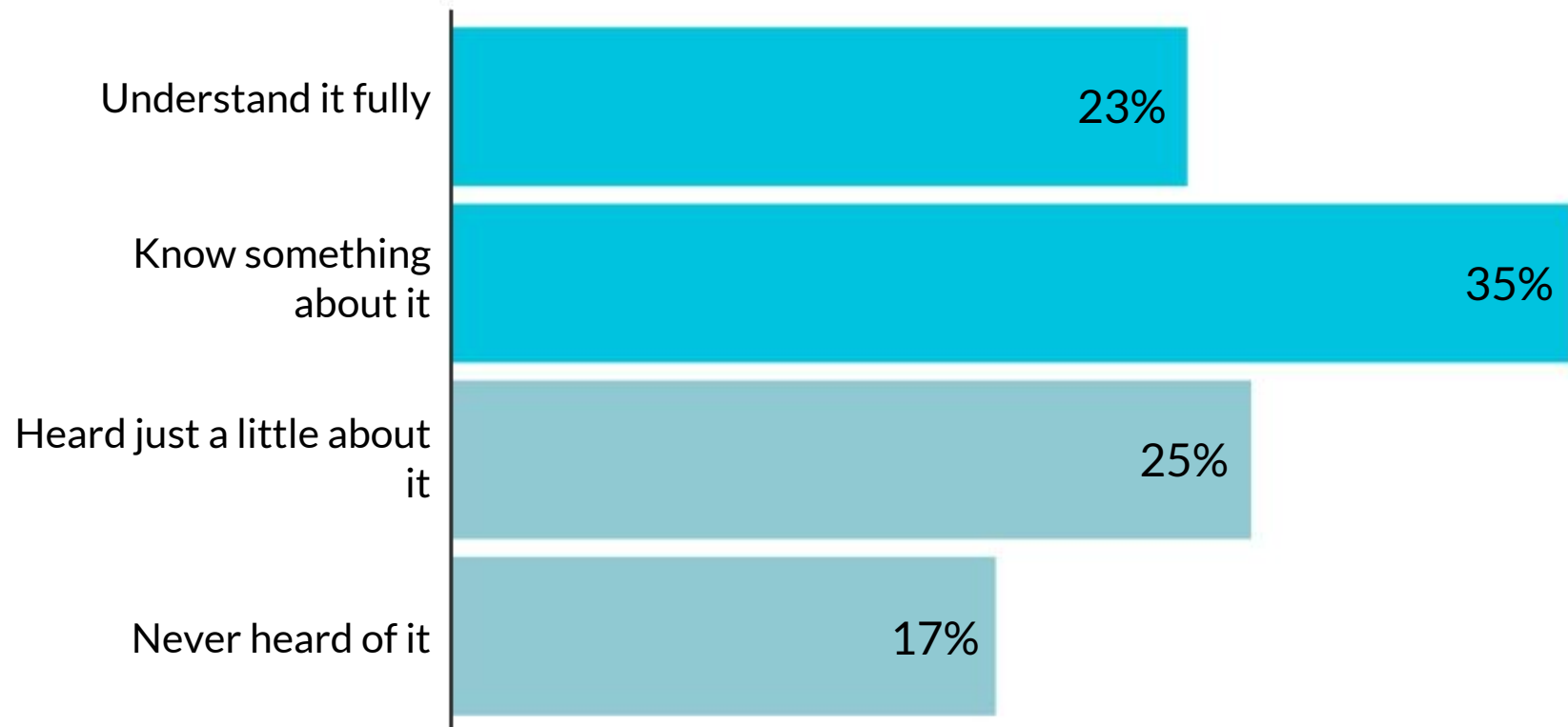
- Dalia Research regularly conducts e28™, a European-wide survey, to find out “what Europe thinks”
- e28™ takes place four times per year: each time, Dalia interviews a census representative sample of 10.000 Europeans across 28 EU countries, representing Europe “as a whole”
- Questions about basic income were a **part** of the e28™ survey, asked in March and April 2016

Key insights from the basic income survey

- A majority of Europeans (58%) reported to have at least some familiarity with the concept of basic income
- 64% of Europeans said they would vote in favour of basic income
- Europeans who said they were aware of basic income were also more likely to report that they would vote for it
- The biggest hopes associated with introducing basic income: less financial anxiety and more equality of opportunity
- The biggest fears associated with introducing basic income: people would stop working and foreigners would come to their country to take advantage
- Only 4% of Europeans reported that the most likely effect of basic income on their work choices would be to stop working

58% of Europeans are familiar with basic income

% of respondents answering to the question: "How familiar are you with the concept known as 'basic income'?"



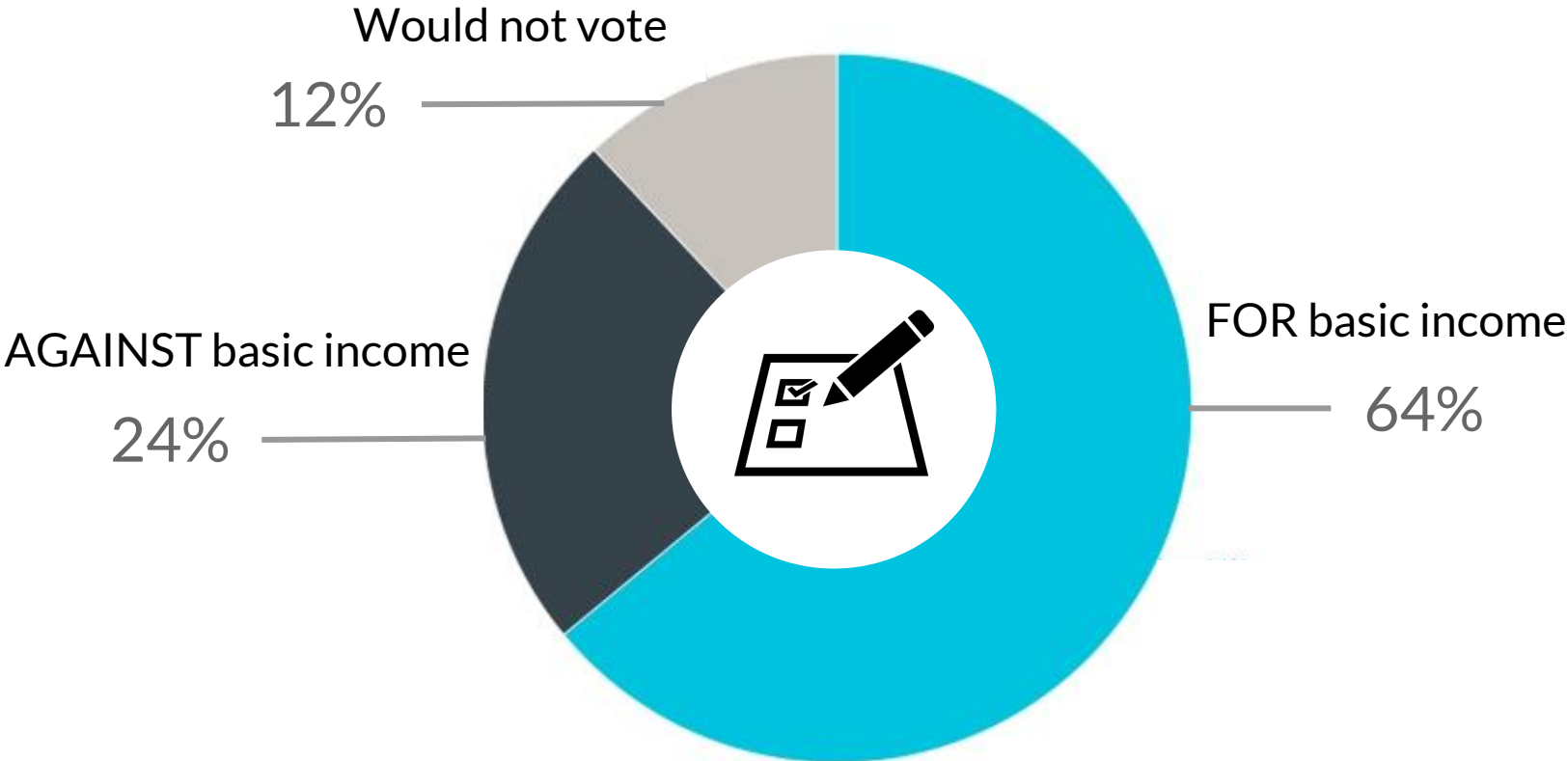
A neutral text explained basic income

After people were asked "How familiar are you with the concept known as 'basic income'?", they were shown the following text explaining basic income in a neutral way

“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.).”

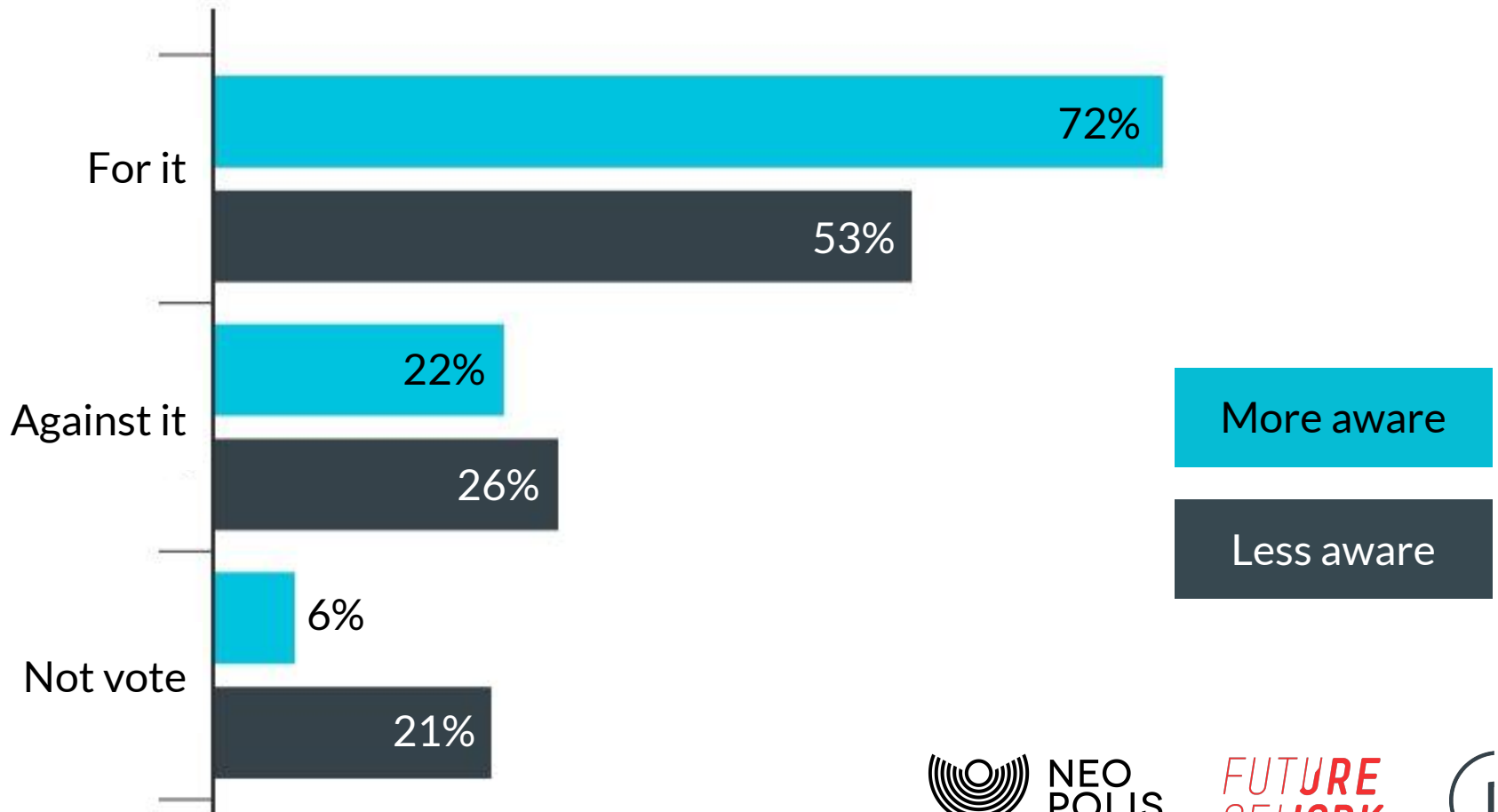
64% of Europeans would vote for basic income

% of respondents answering to the question: "If there would be a referendum on introducing basic income today, how would you vote?"



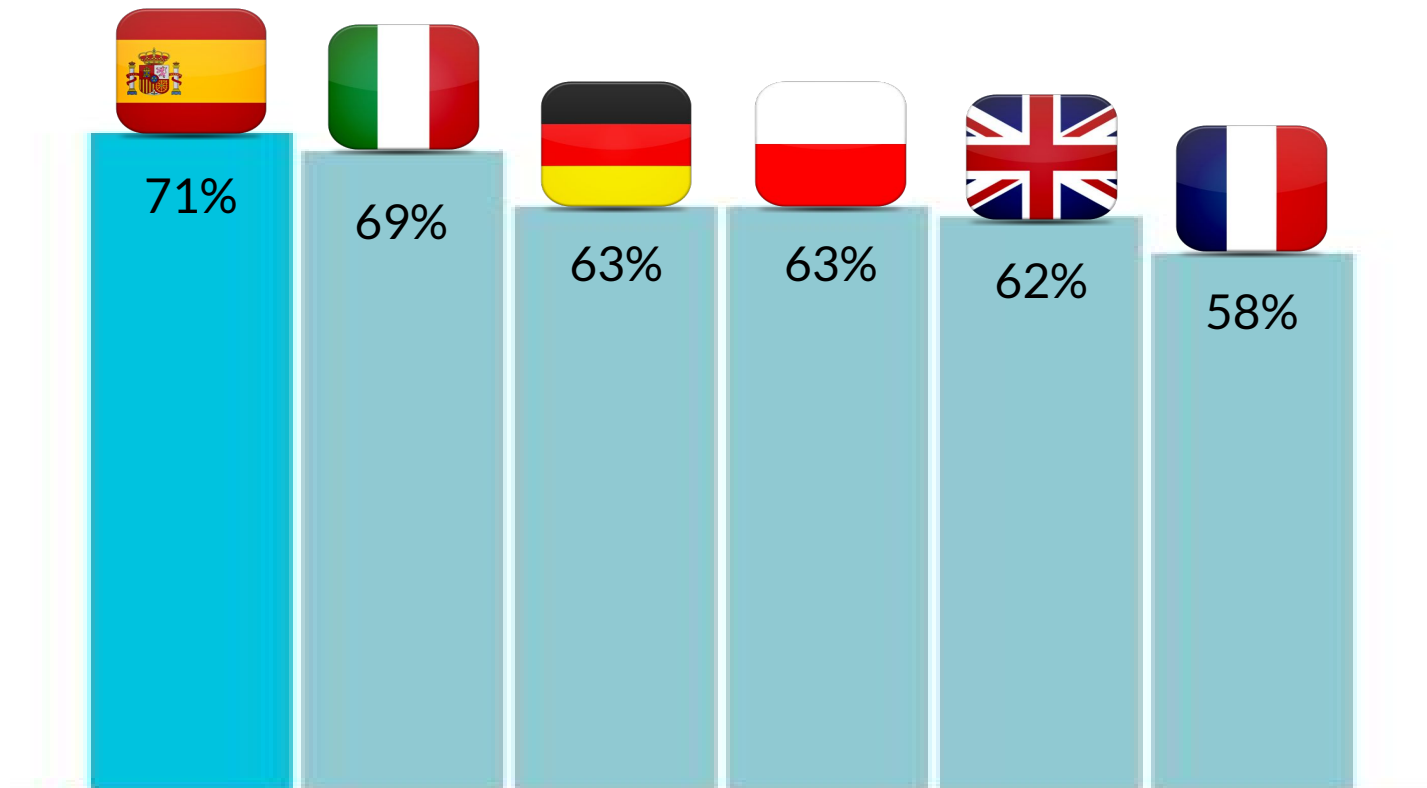
Awareness and support for basic income are linked

% of respondents, grouped by their reported awareness of basic income, answering to the question: "If there would be a referendum on introducing basic income today, how would you vote?"



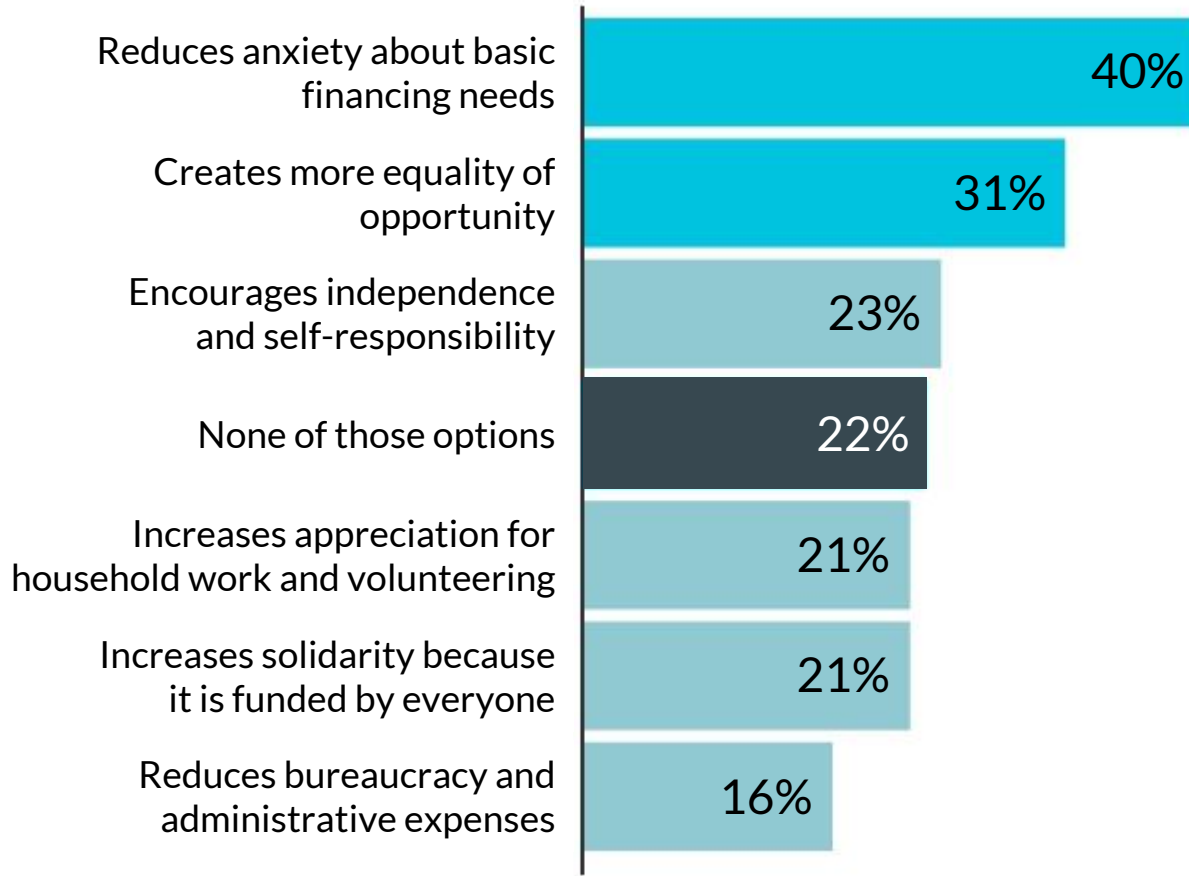
Support highest in Spain

% of respondents by country who would vote in favour of basic income: "If there would be a referendum on introducing basic income today, how would you vote?"



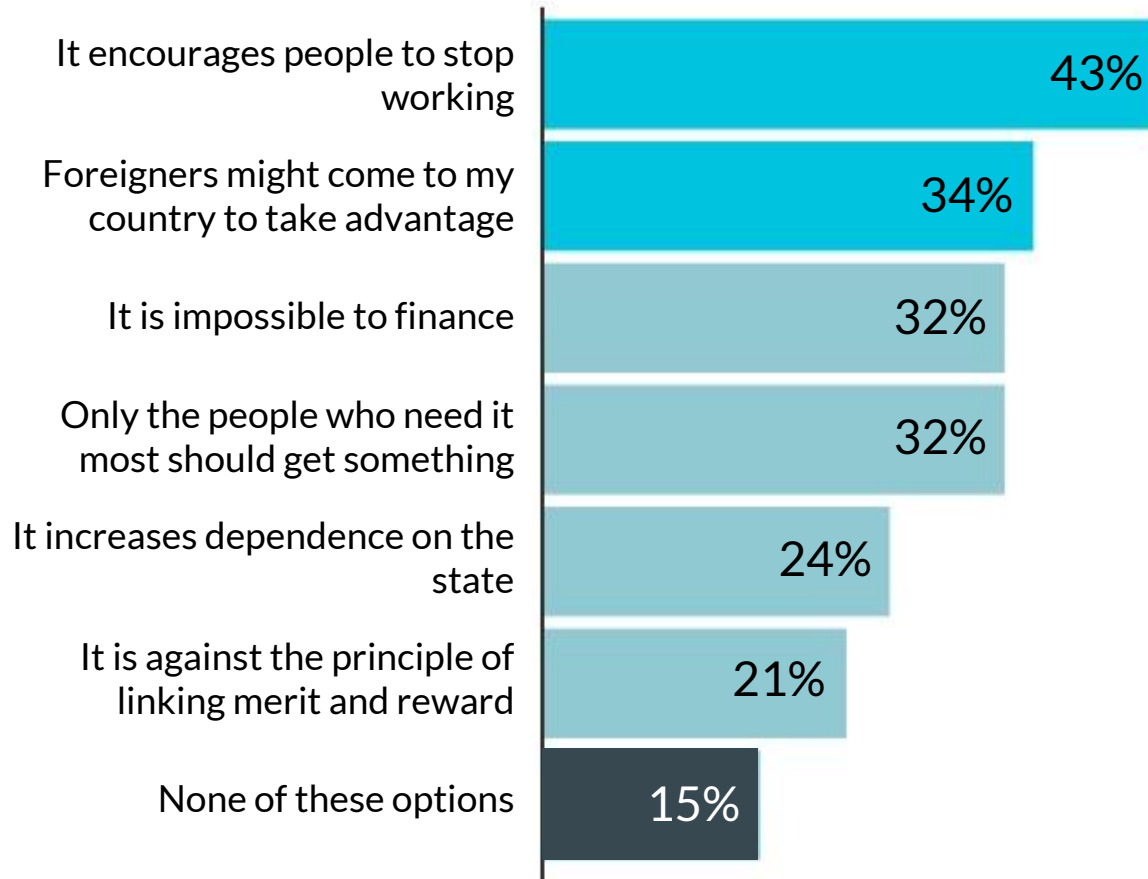
Biggest hope: less anxiety about financing basic needs

% of respondents answering to the question: "Which of the following arguments FOR the basic income do you find convincing?"



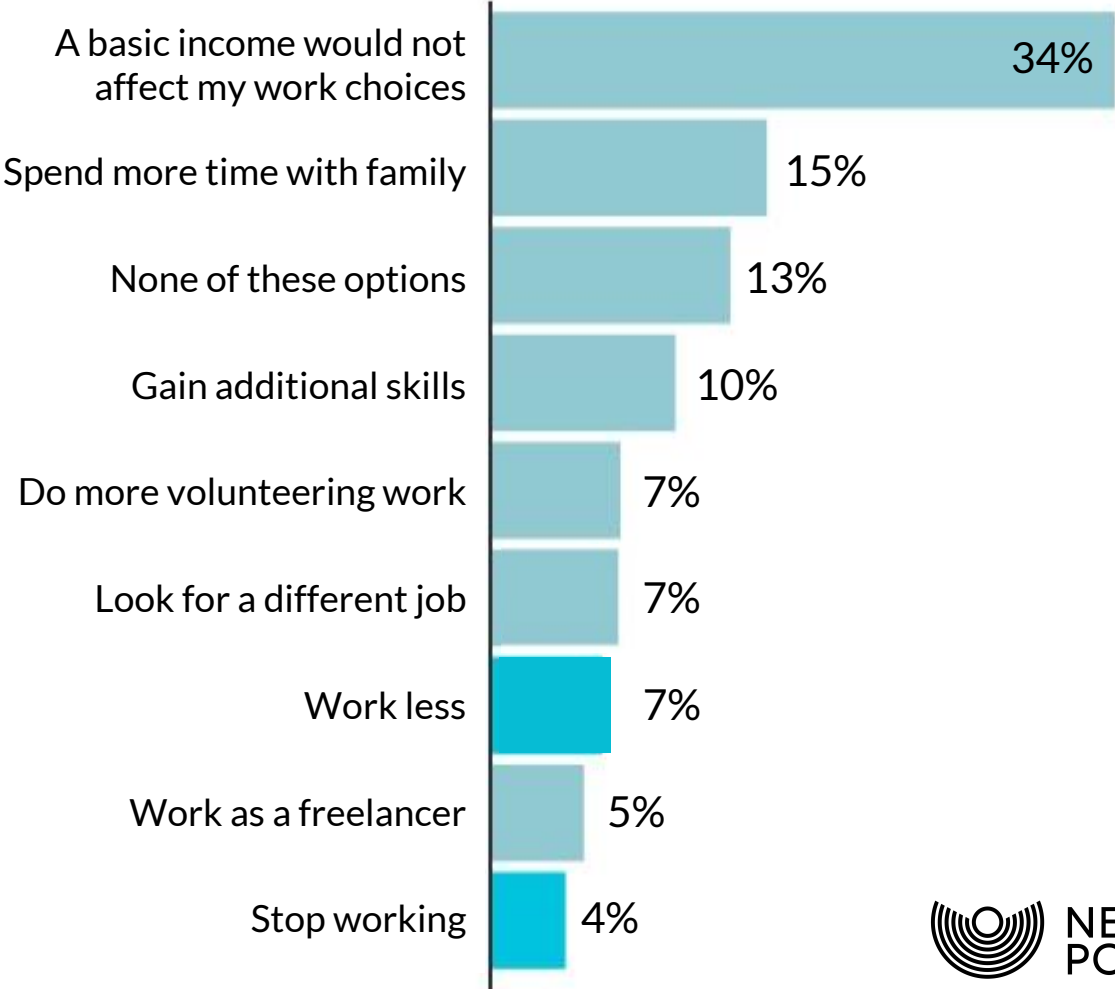
Biggest fear: people stop working

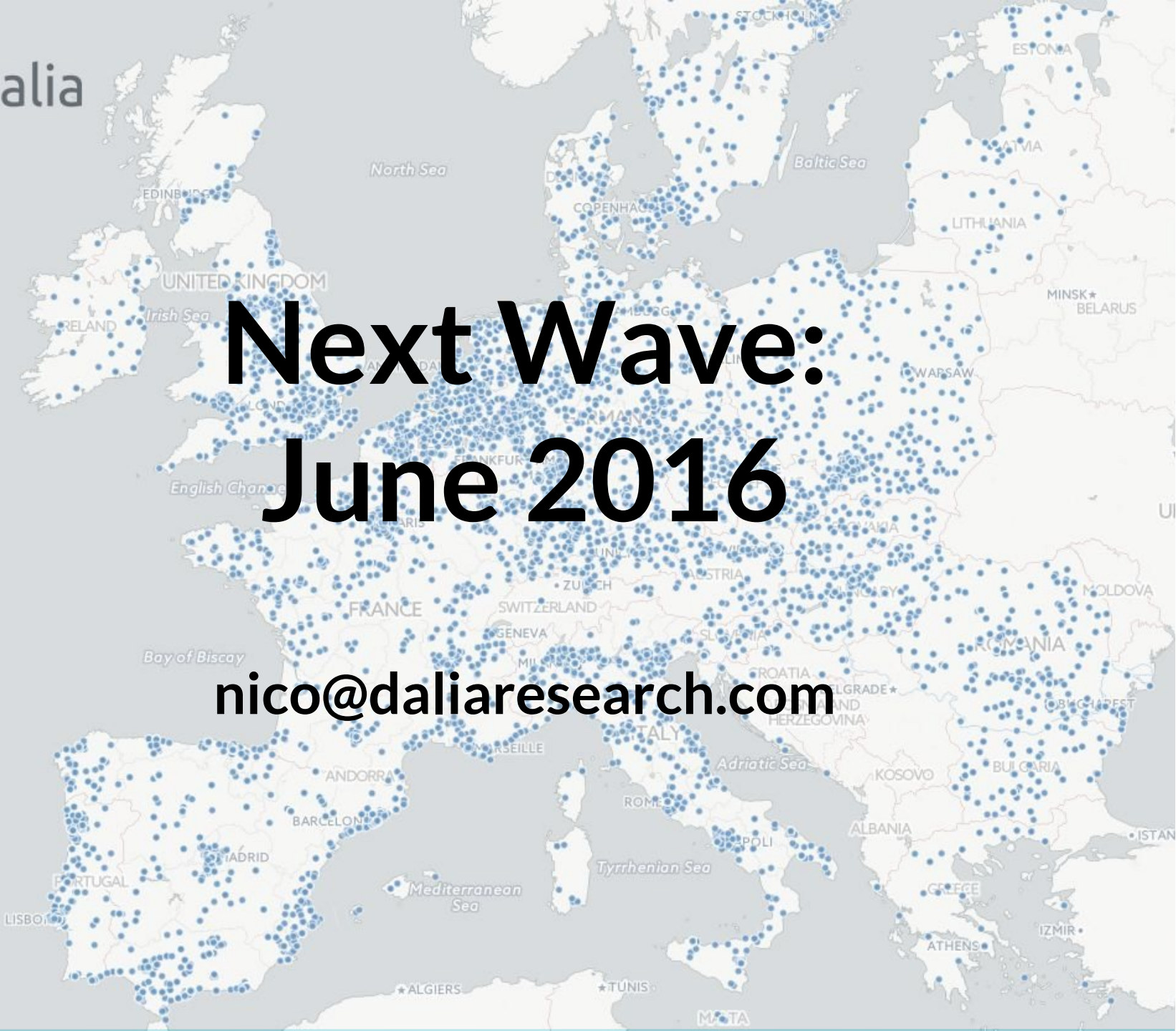
% of respondents answering to the question: "Which of the following arguments AGAINST the basic income do you find convincing?"



Most likely effect of BI: only 4% would stop working

% of respondents answering to the question: "What could be the most likely effect of basic income on your work choices? I would..."





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