

How has populism disrupted the left-right divide in Western Europe?

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Methodology

- **Survey conducted across 8 European countries from October 30 to December 20, 2017**
- **16,114 total respondents**
- **Based on telephone interviews with nationally representative samples of adults 18 and older**
- **The margin of sampling error for the completed set of weighted data is $\pm 2.6\%$ - $\pm 2.9\%$**







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IDEOLOGY AND POPULISM

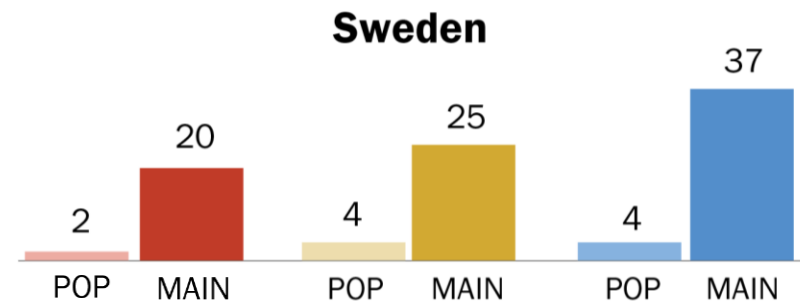
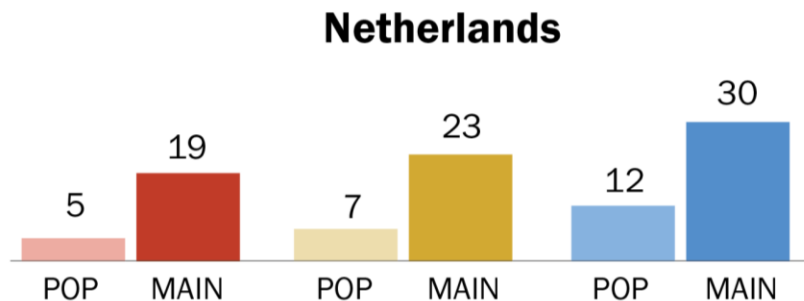
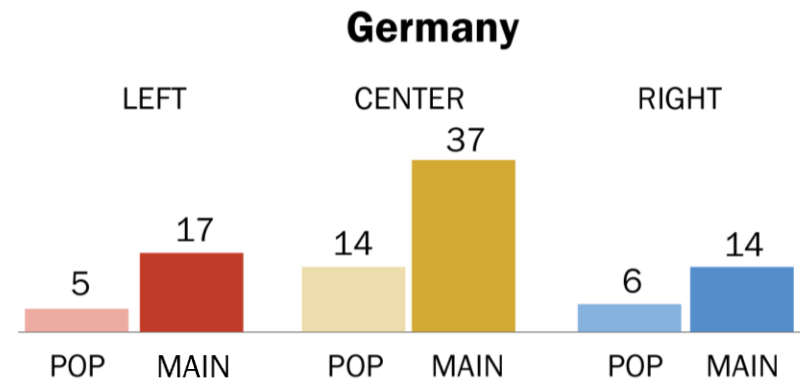
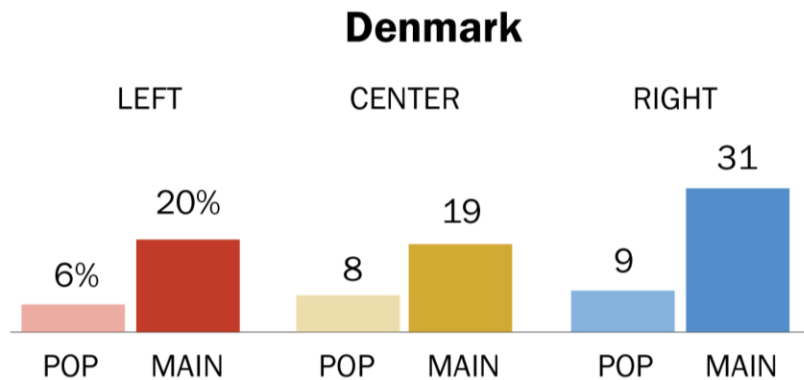
Six Key Groups

Groups based on left-right ideology and support for populist views

| | Left | Center | Right |
|----------------|---|---|--|
| Populist views |  Left Populists |  Center Populists |  Right Populists |
| Mainstream |  Left Mainstream |  Center Mainstream |  Right Mainstream |

Distribution of Groups by Country

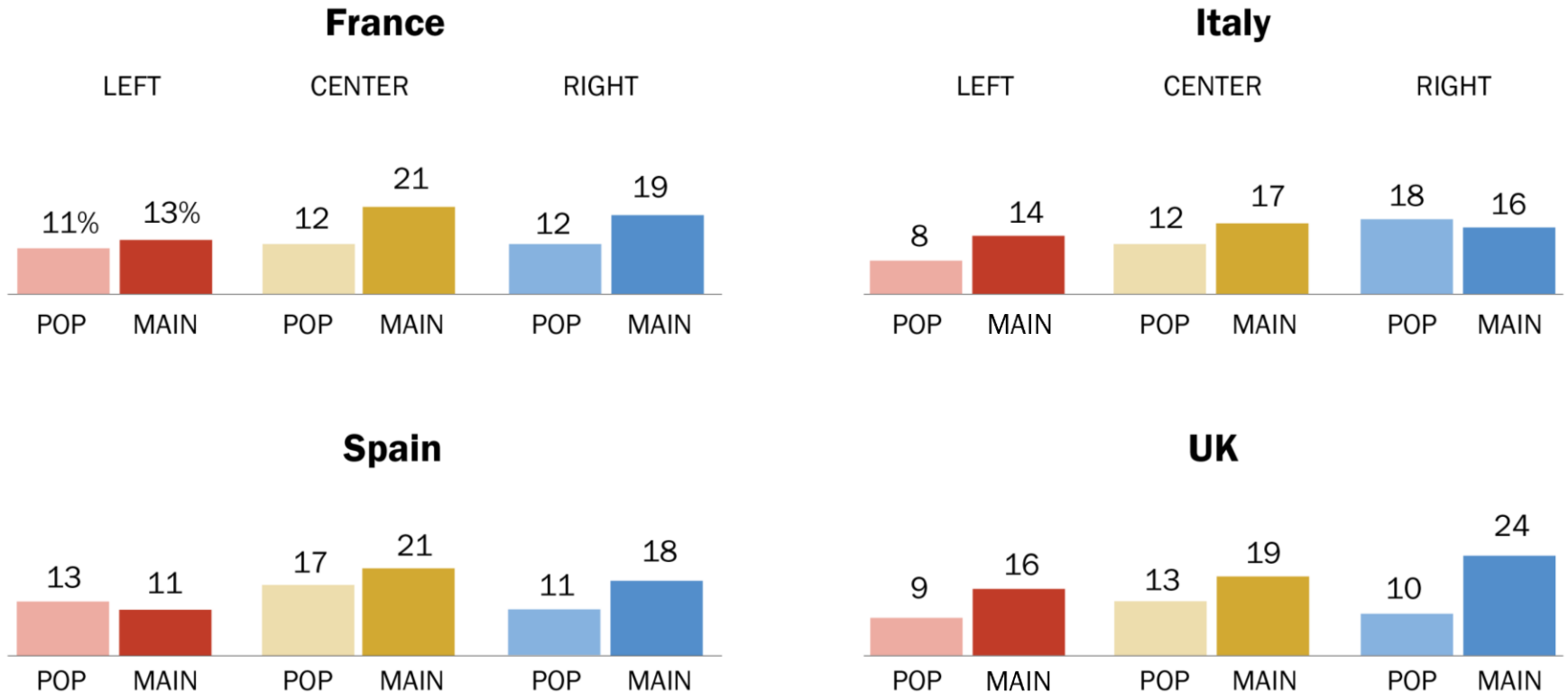
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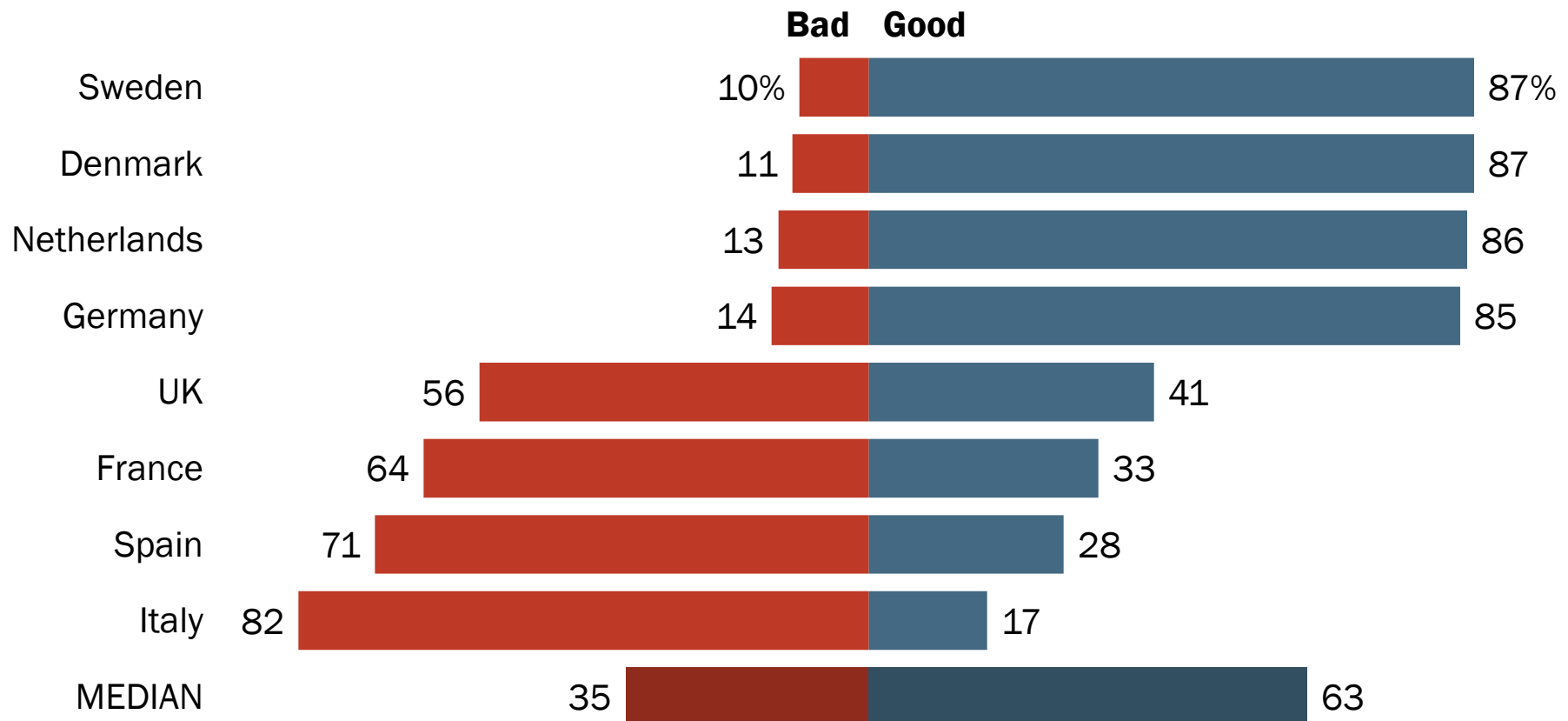


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THE ECONOMY

Very Different Economic Assessments in Western Europe

The current economic situation in our country is ...



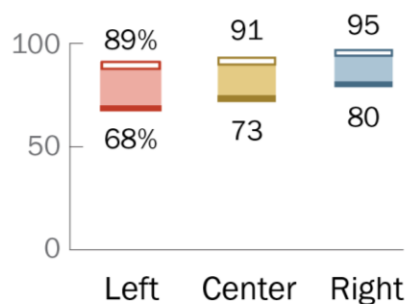
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Populist Groups Less Positive About the Economy

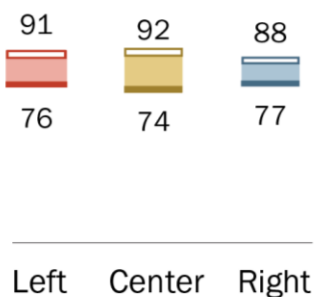
The current economic situation in our country is good

 Mainstream
 Populist

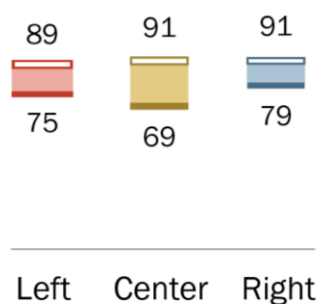
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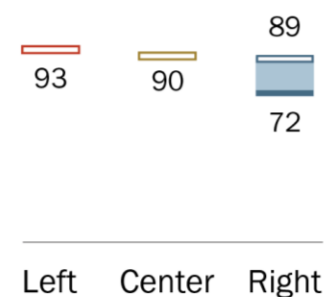
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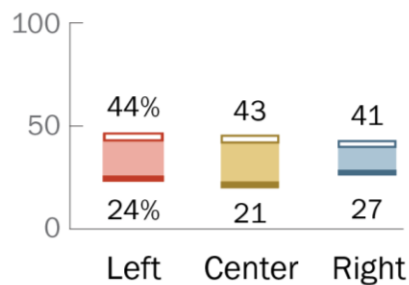
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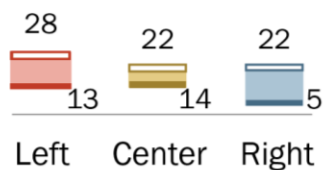
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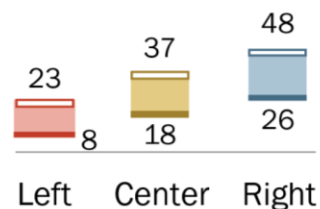
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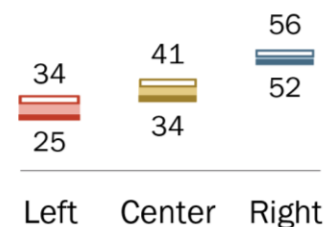
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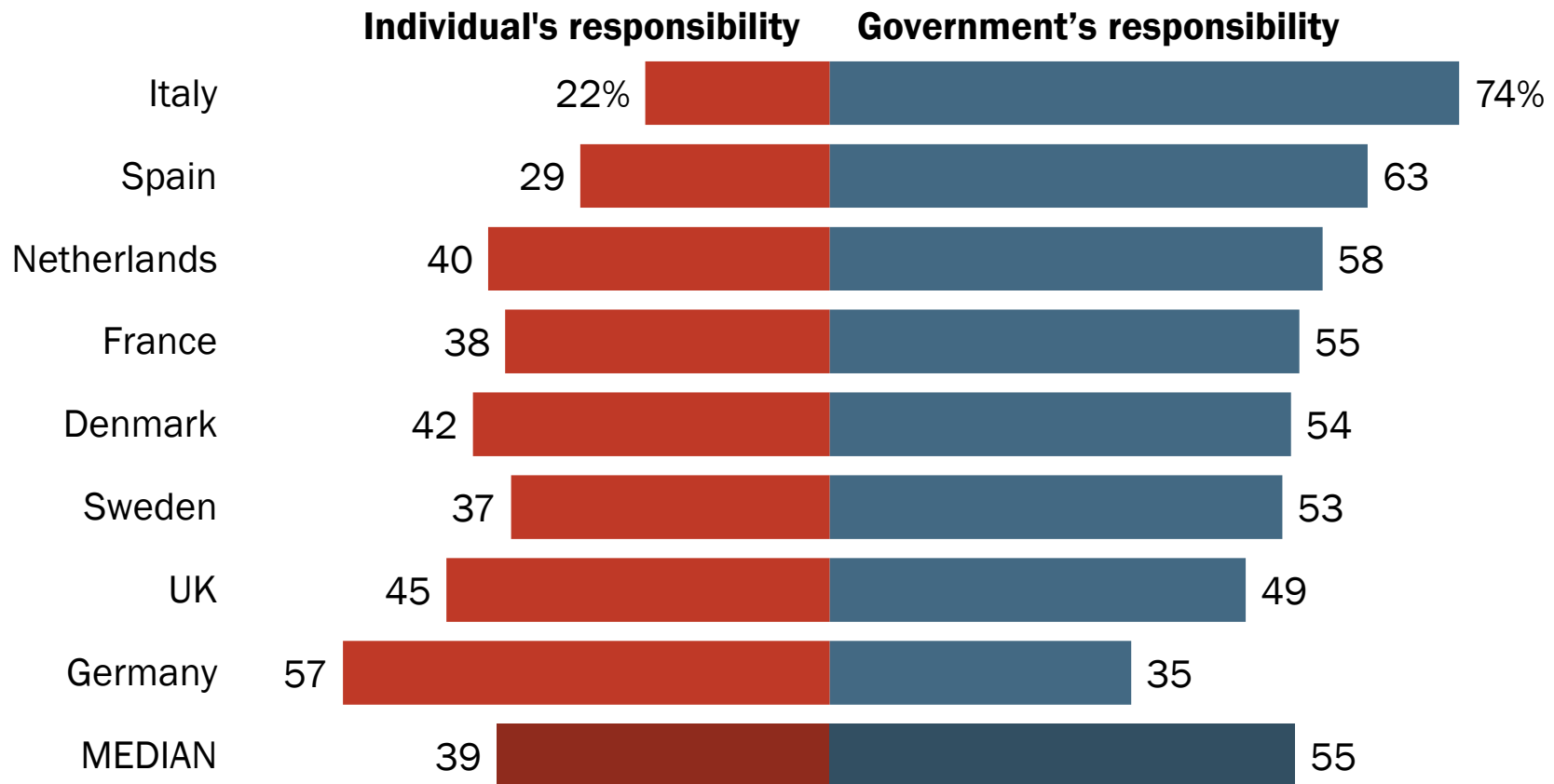
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Most Support Government Economic Assistance

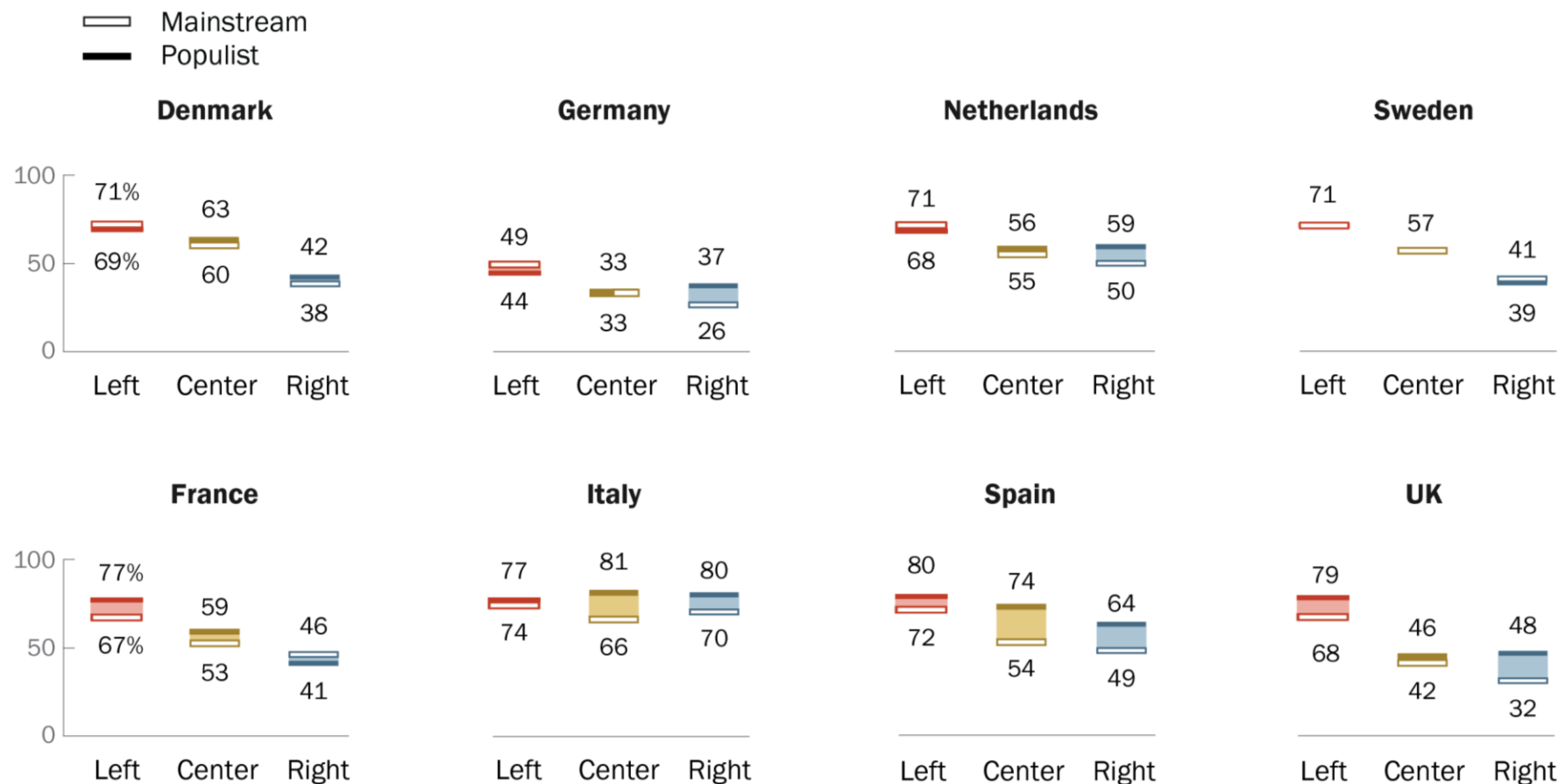
It is the individual's responsibility to earn a decent standard of living OR it is the government's responsibility to ensure a decent standard of living for all?



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Ideological Divides on Government Providing Standard of Living

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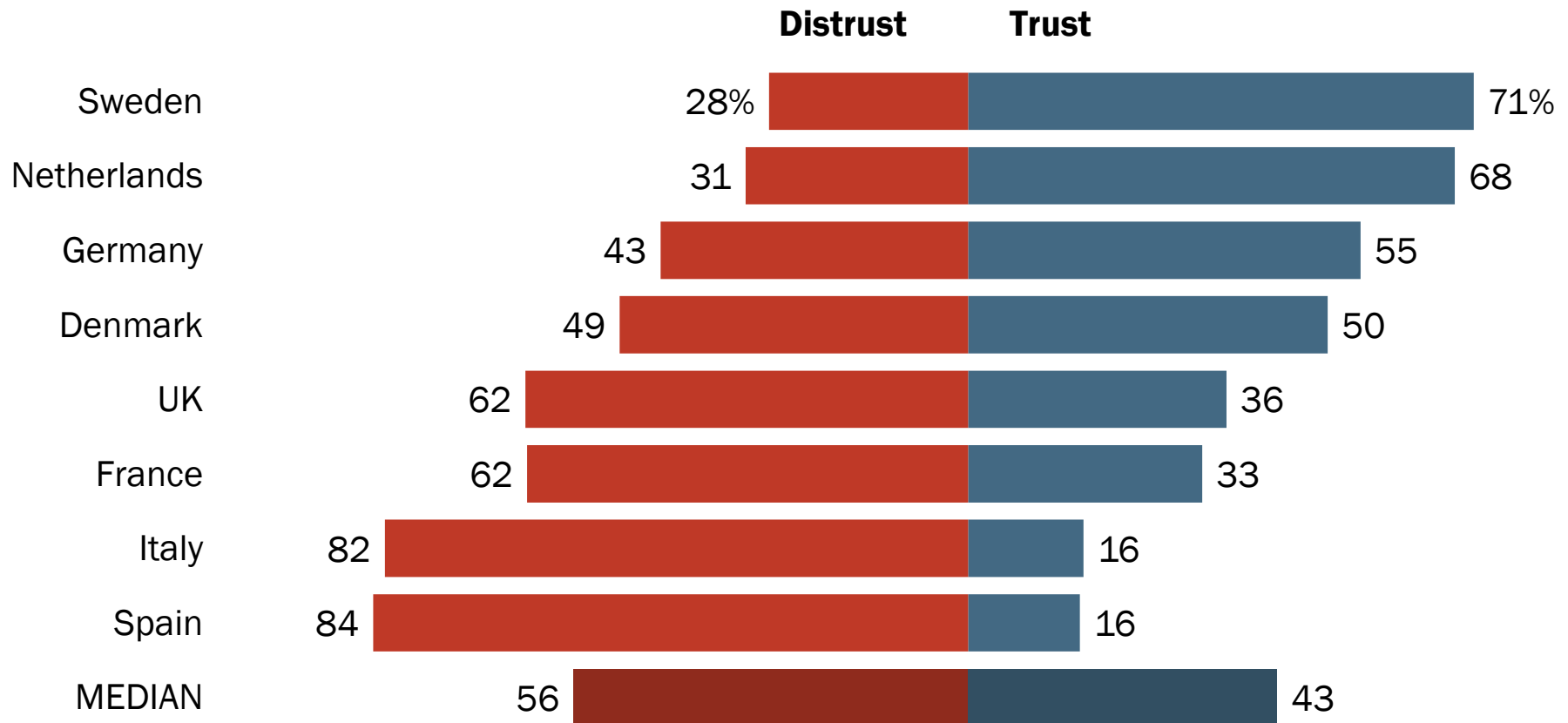


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VIEWS OF INSTITUTIONS

Majorities in Just Three Countries Trust Parliament

Adults who ___ parliament

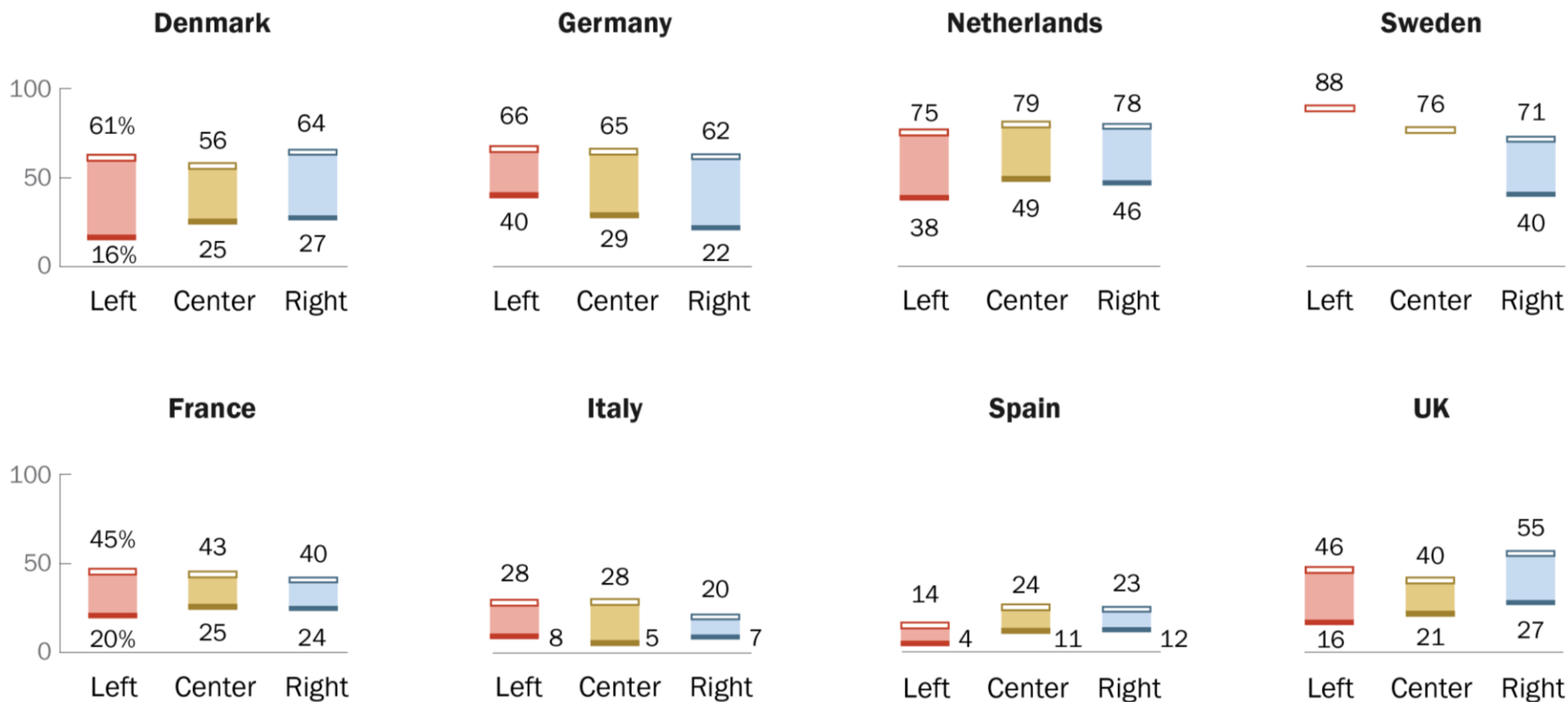


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People with Populist Views Trust Parliament Less

Adults who trust parliament

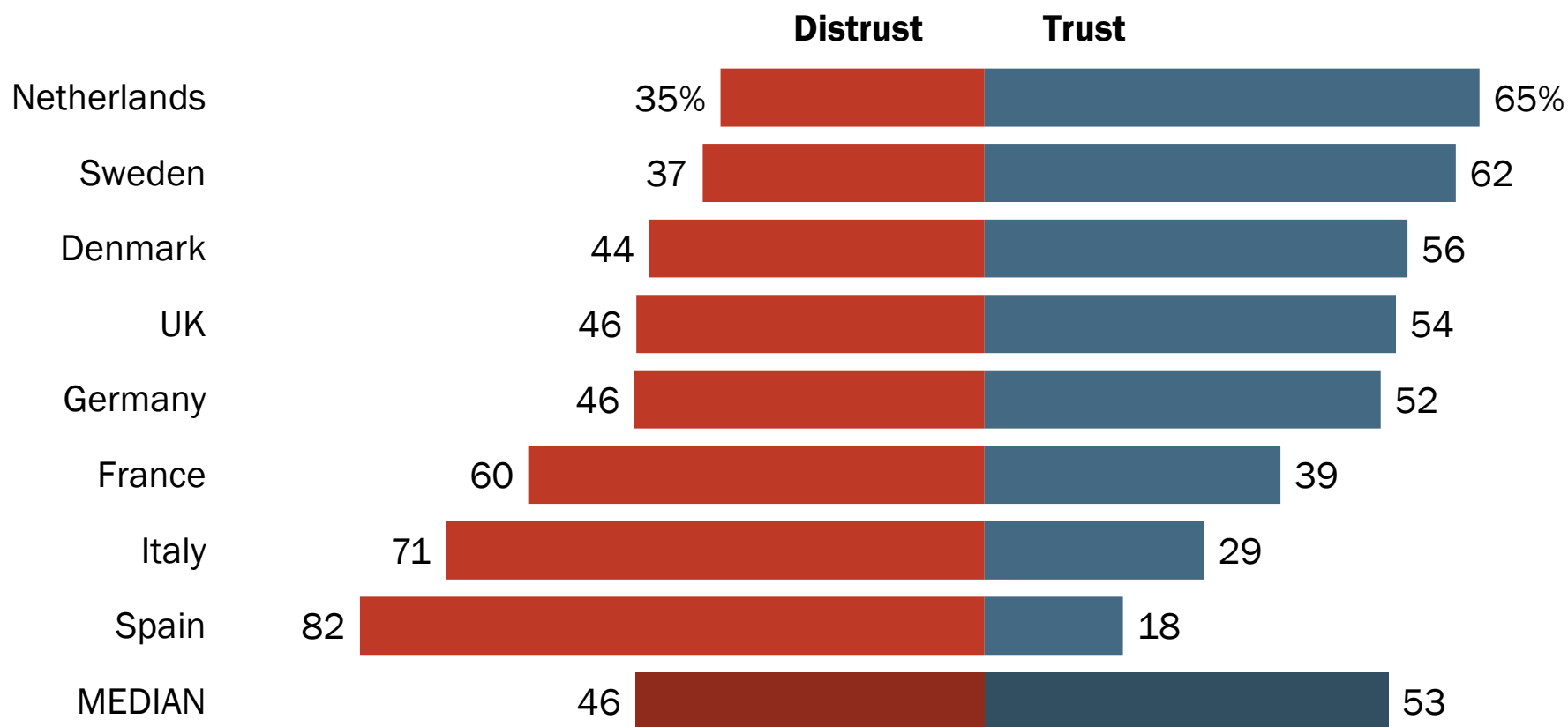
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European Publics Split on Trustworthiness of Banks

Adults who ___ banks and financial institutions

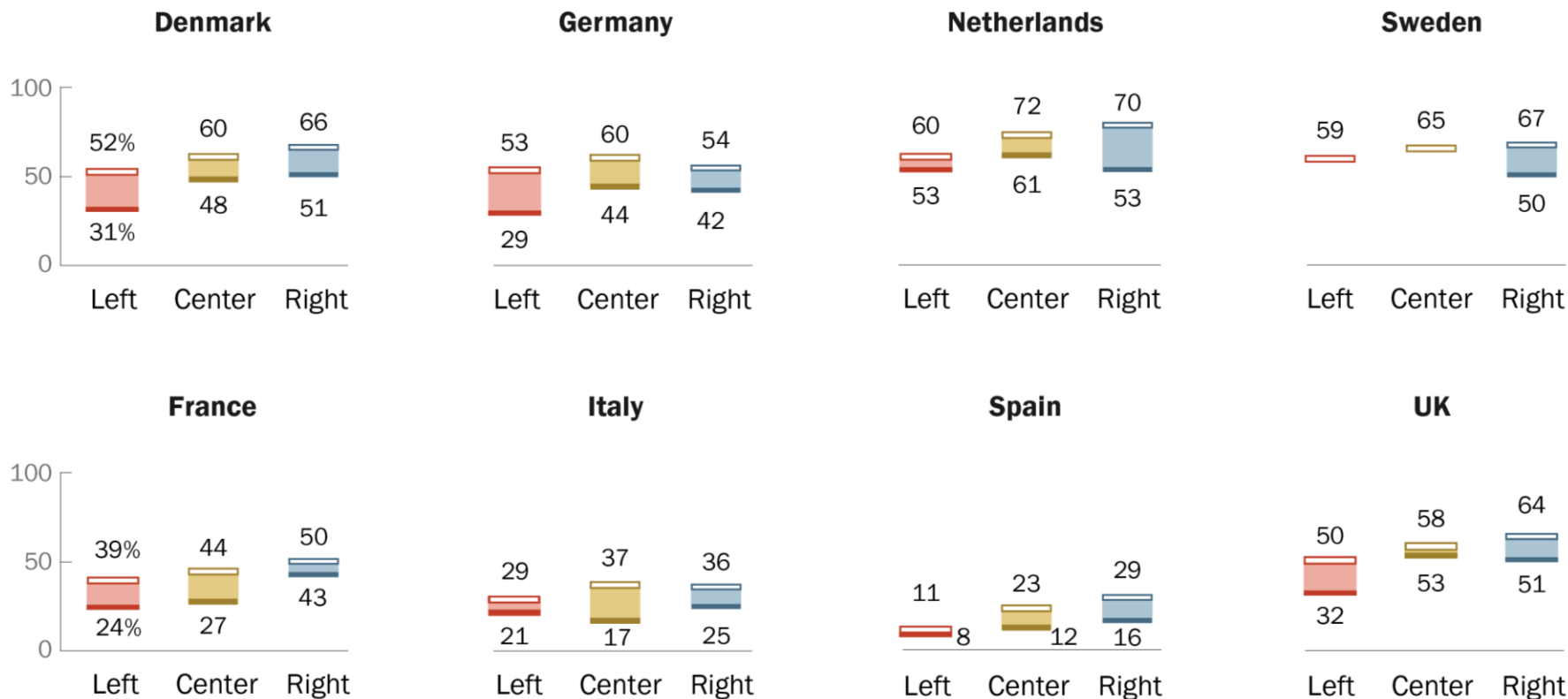


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Those With Populist Views Trust Banks Less

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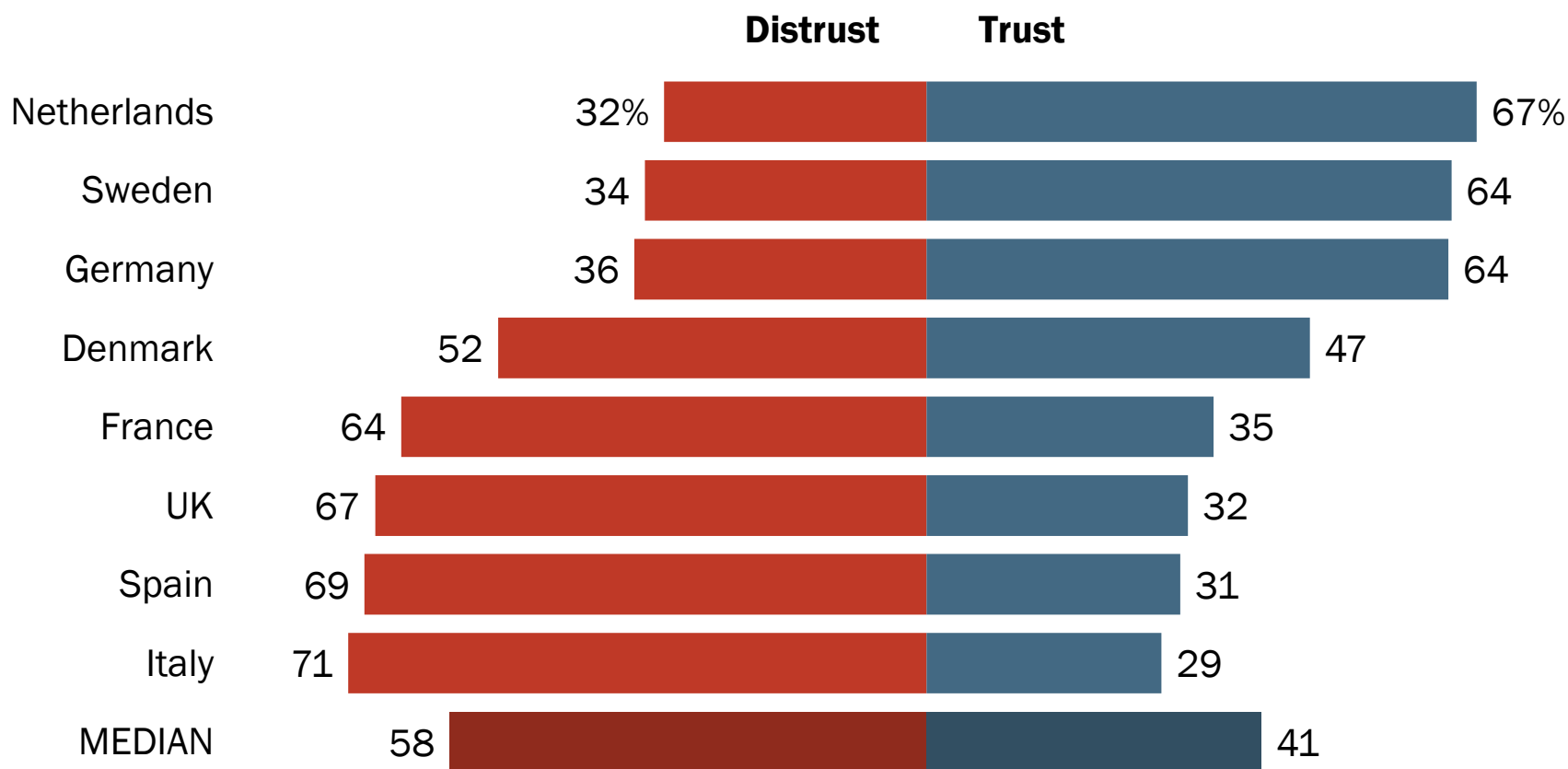
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Distrust of News Media Common in Many Nations

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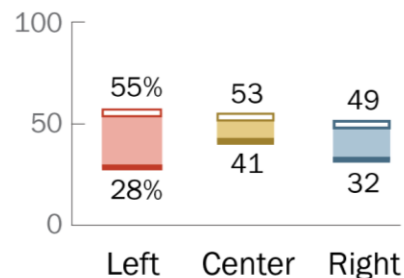
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Mainstream Groups More Likely to Trust News Media

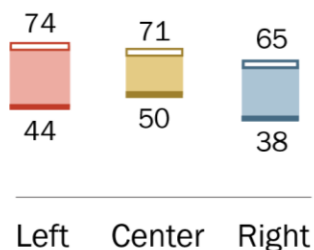
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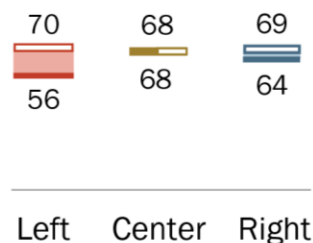
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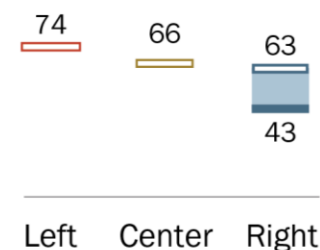
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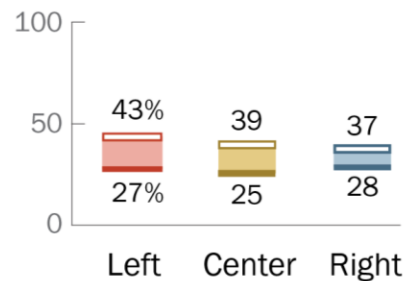
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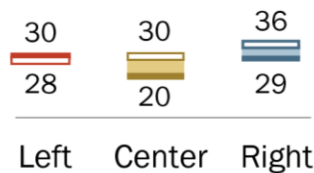
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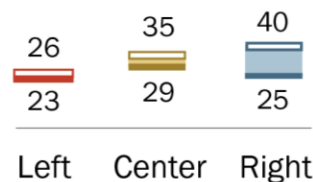
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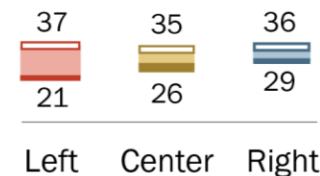
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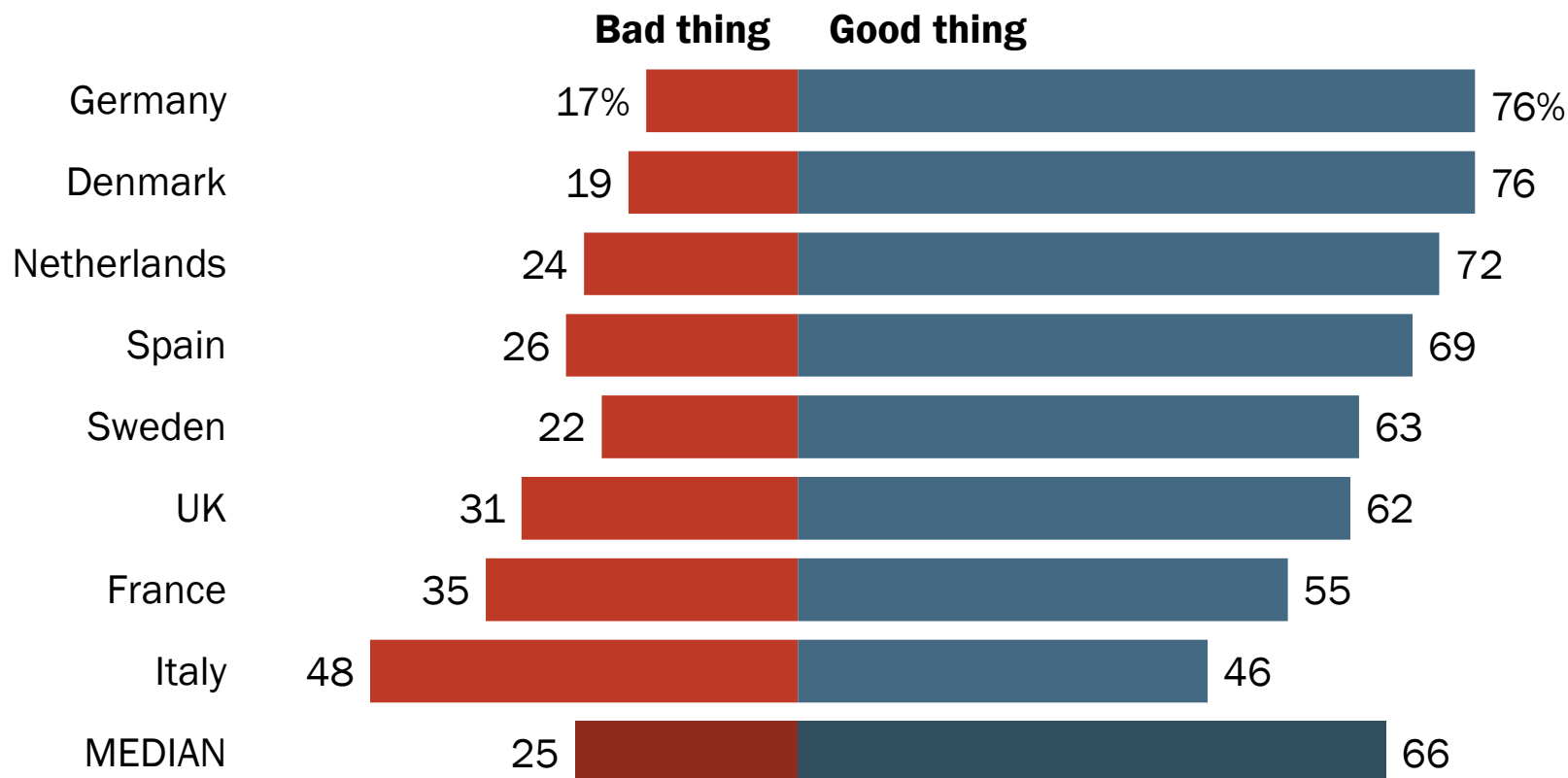
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Most Say EU Membership Has Been Good for Their Economy

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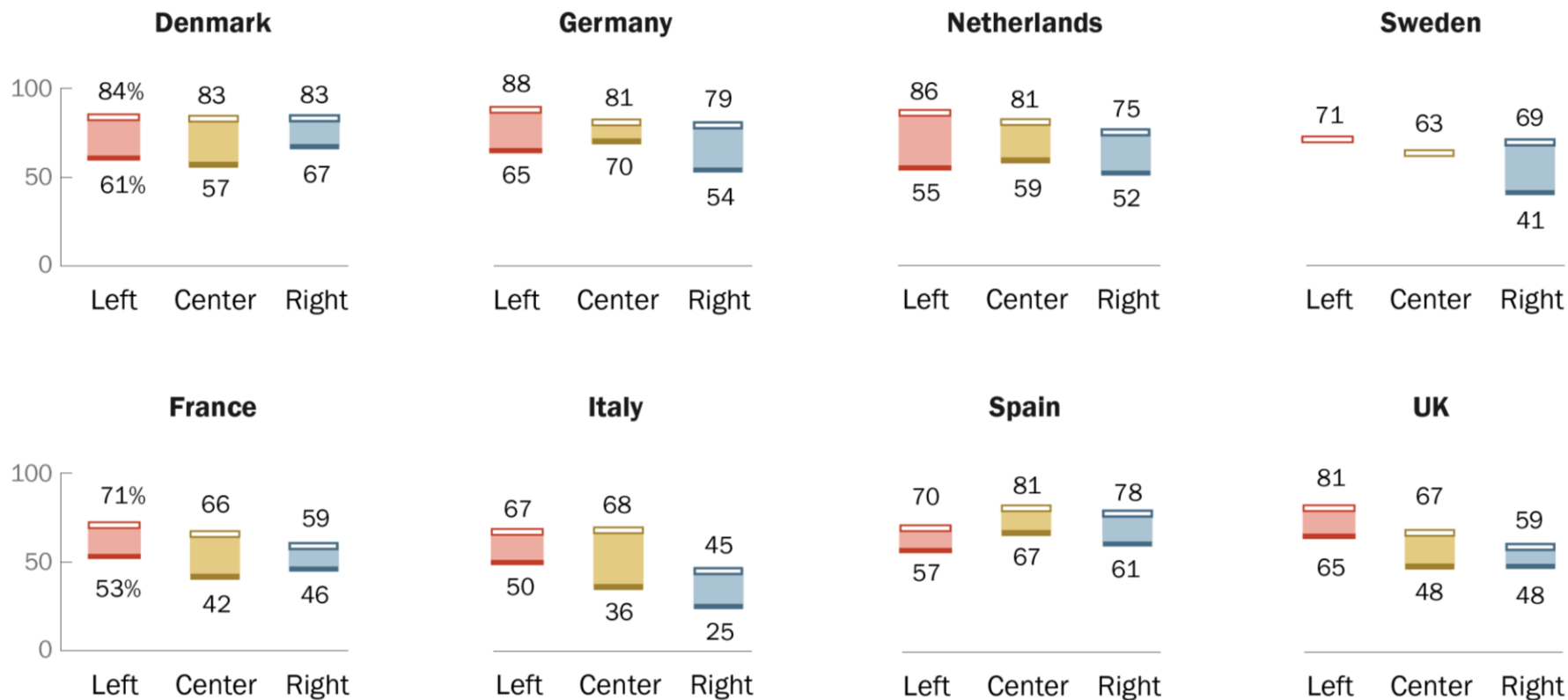


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Those with Populist Views Less Likely to Say EU Helps Economy

Membership in the EU has been a good thing for our country's economy

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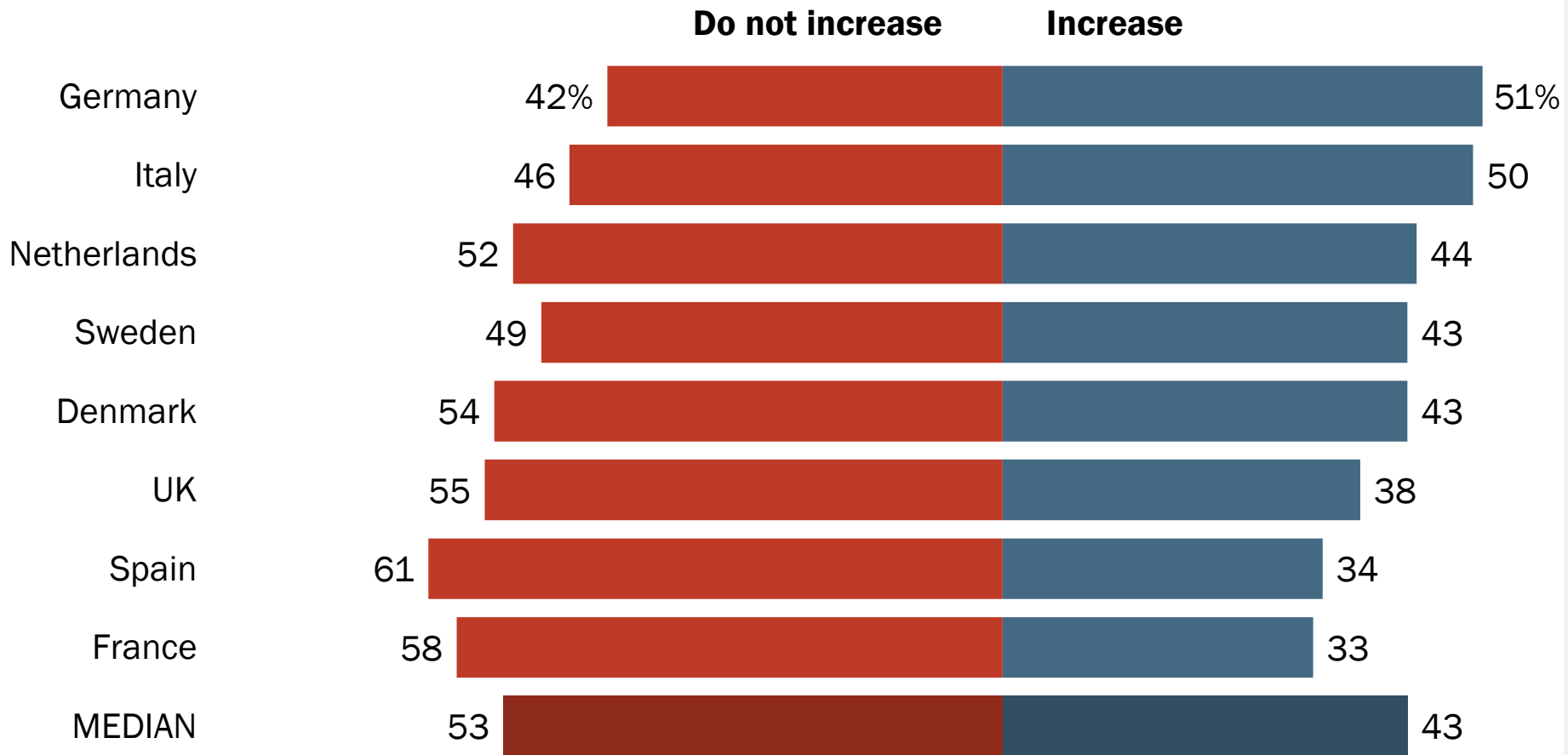


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IMMIGRATION

Do Immigrants Increase Terror Risk?

Immigrants ___ the risk of terrorist attacks in our country

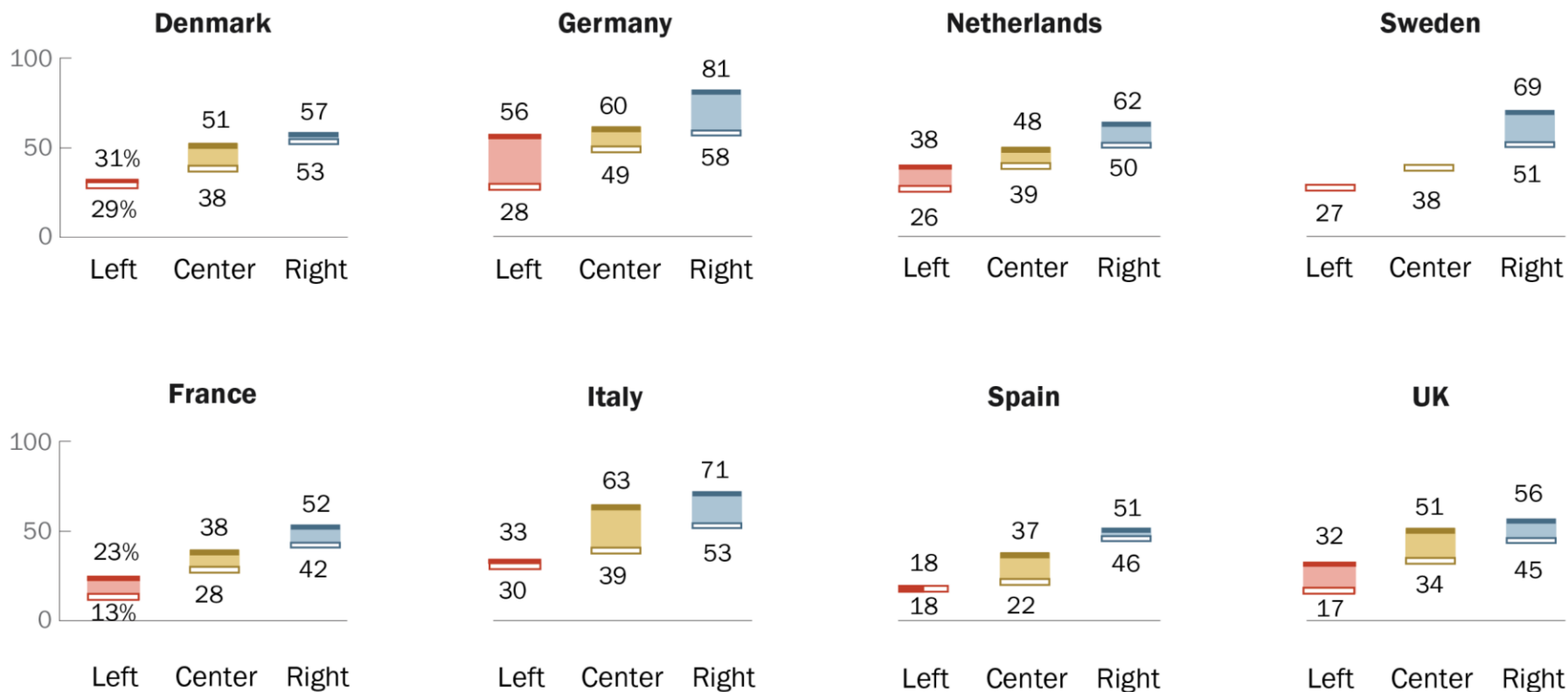


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Right Populists Most Concerned about Immigration and Terrorism

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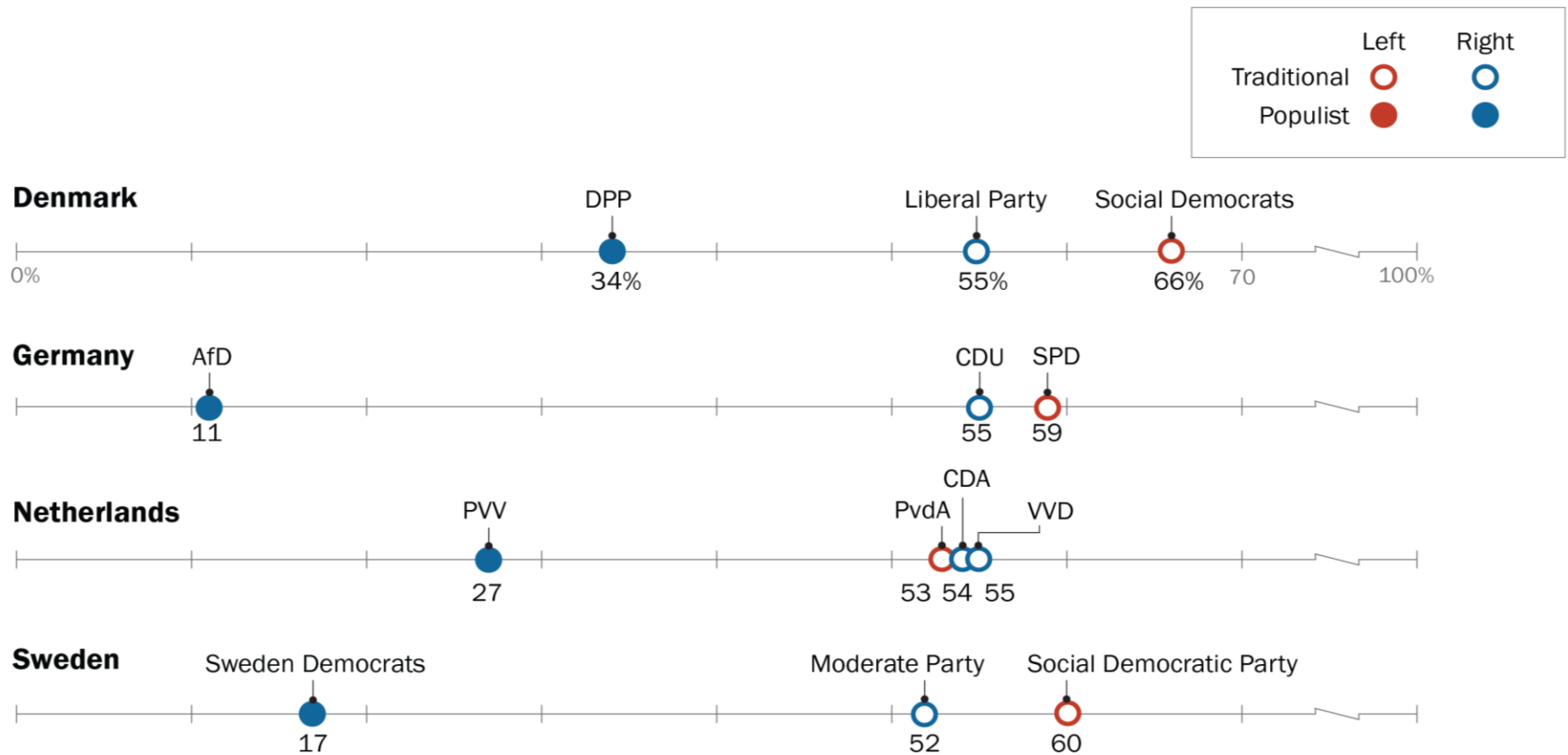


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RATING POLITICAL PARTIES

Relatively Low Ratings for Populist Parties

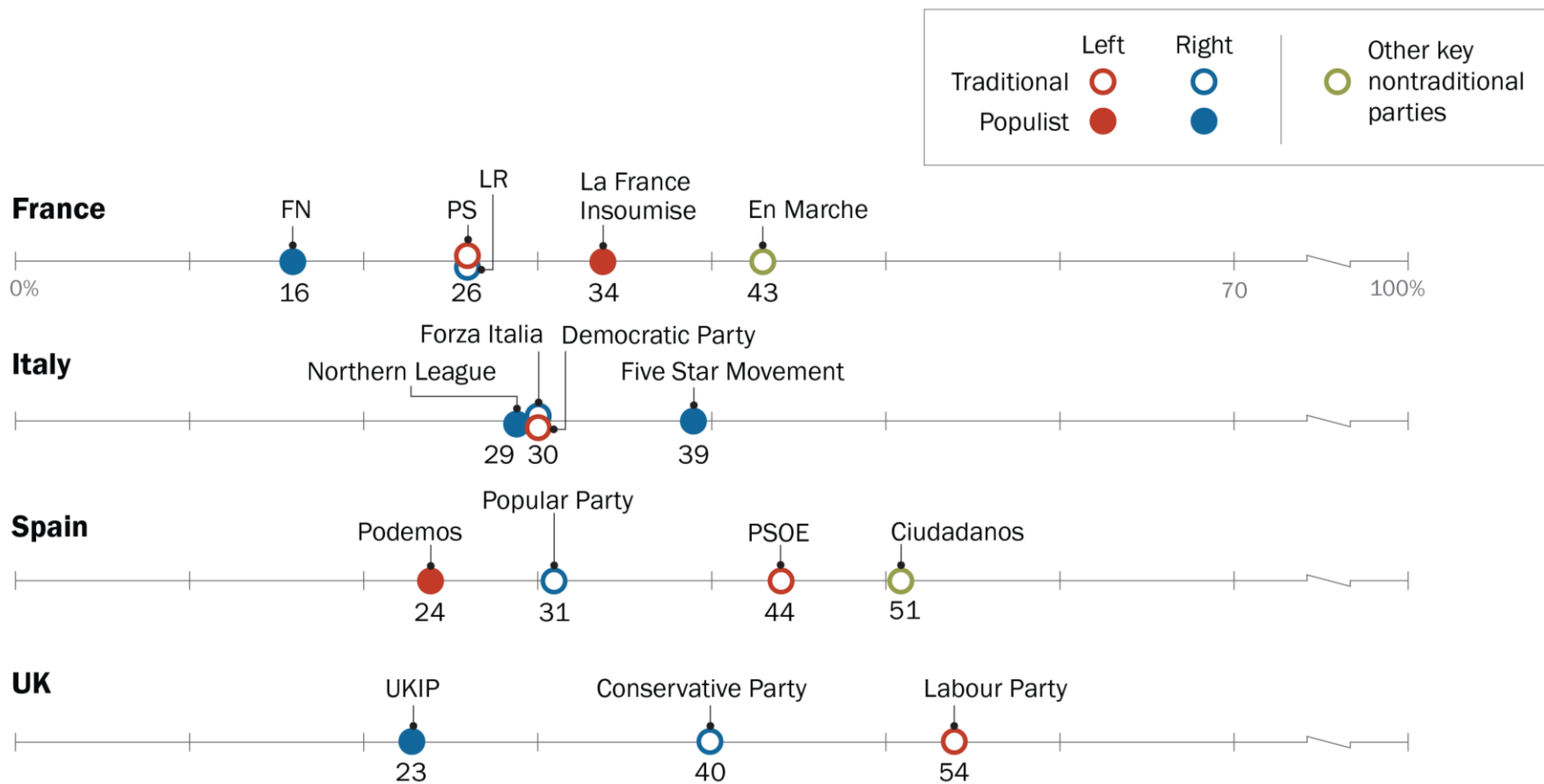
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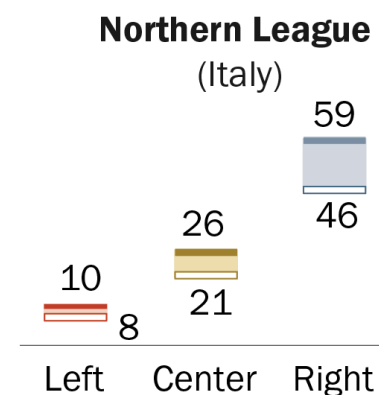
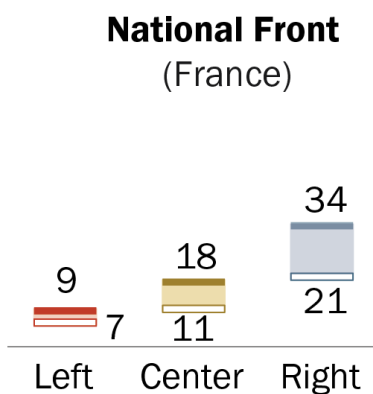
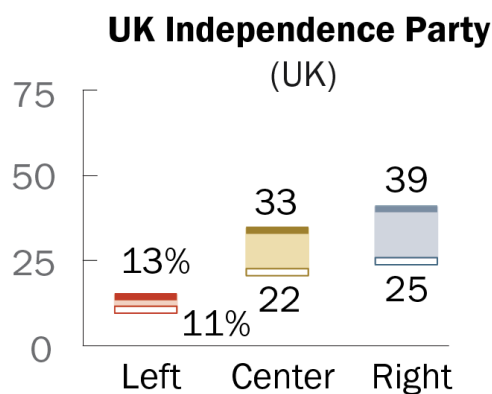
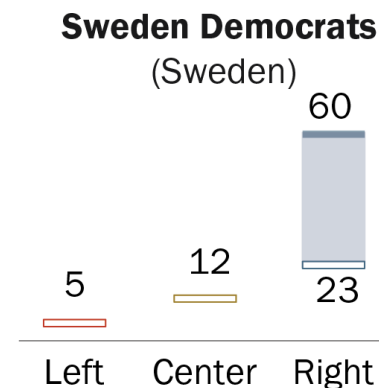
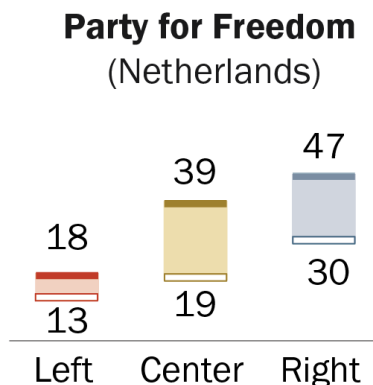
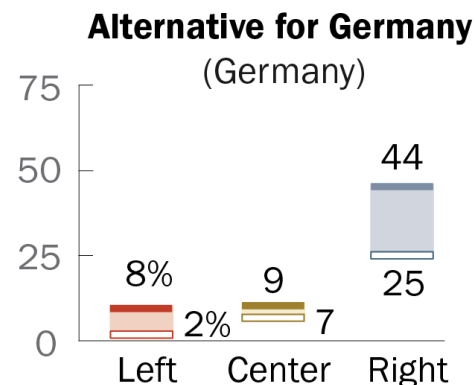


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Right Populist Parties Get Highest Ratings from Right Populists

Adults with favorable views of ...

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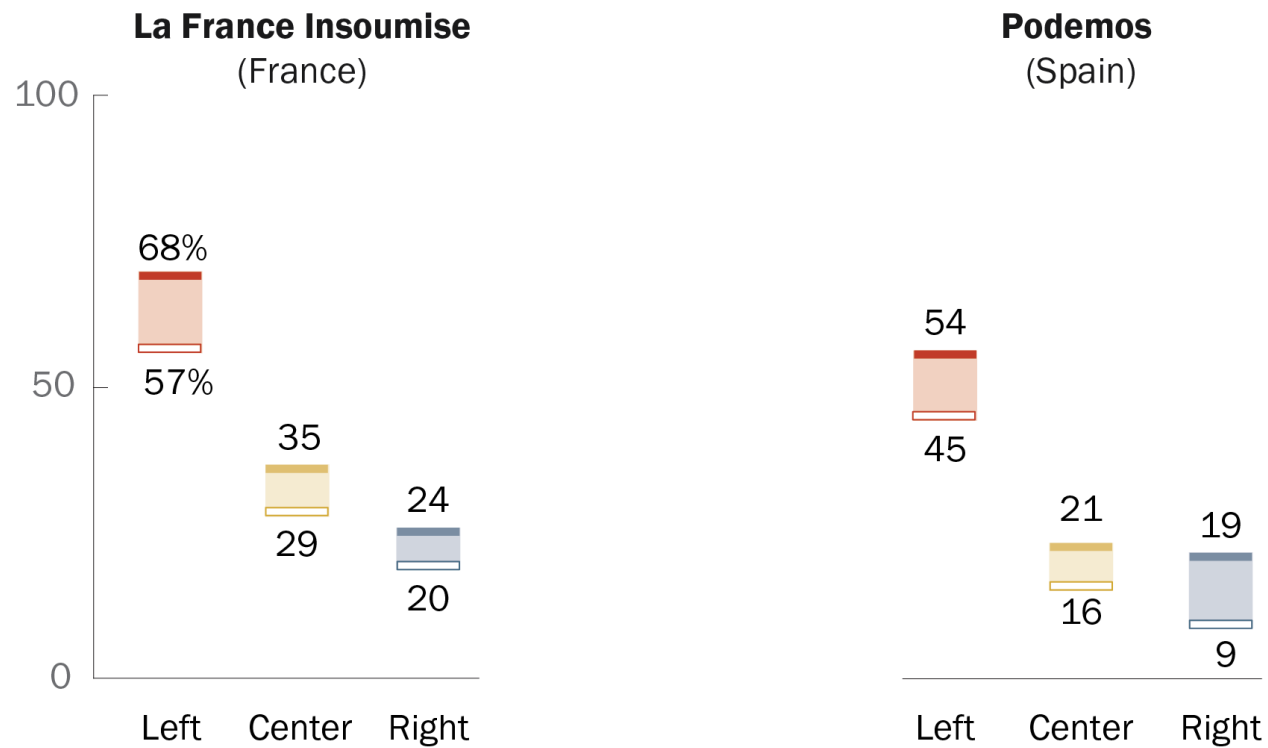


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Left Populists Most Favorable of Left Populist Parties

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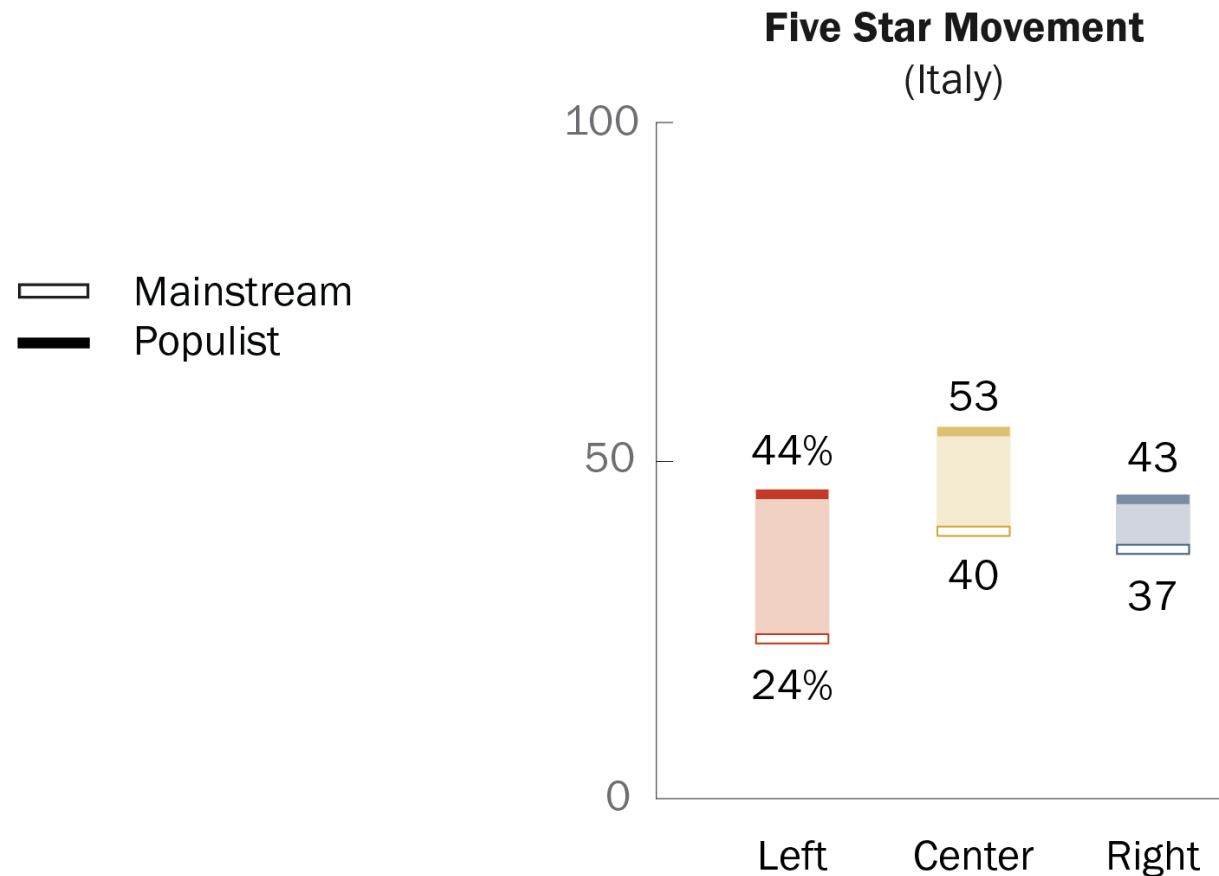
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Populist Groups View Italy's Five Star More Positively

Adults with favorable views of Five Star Movement

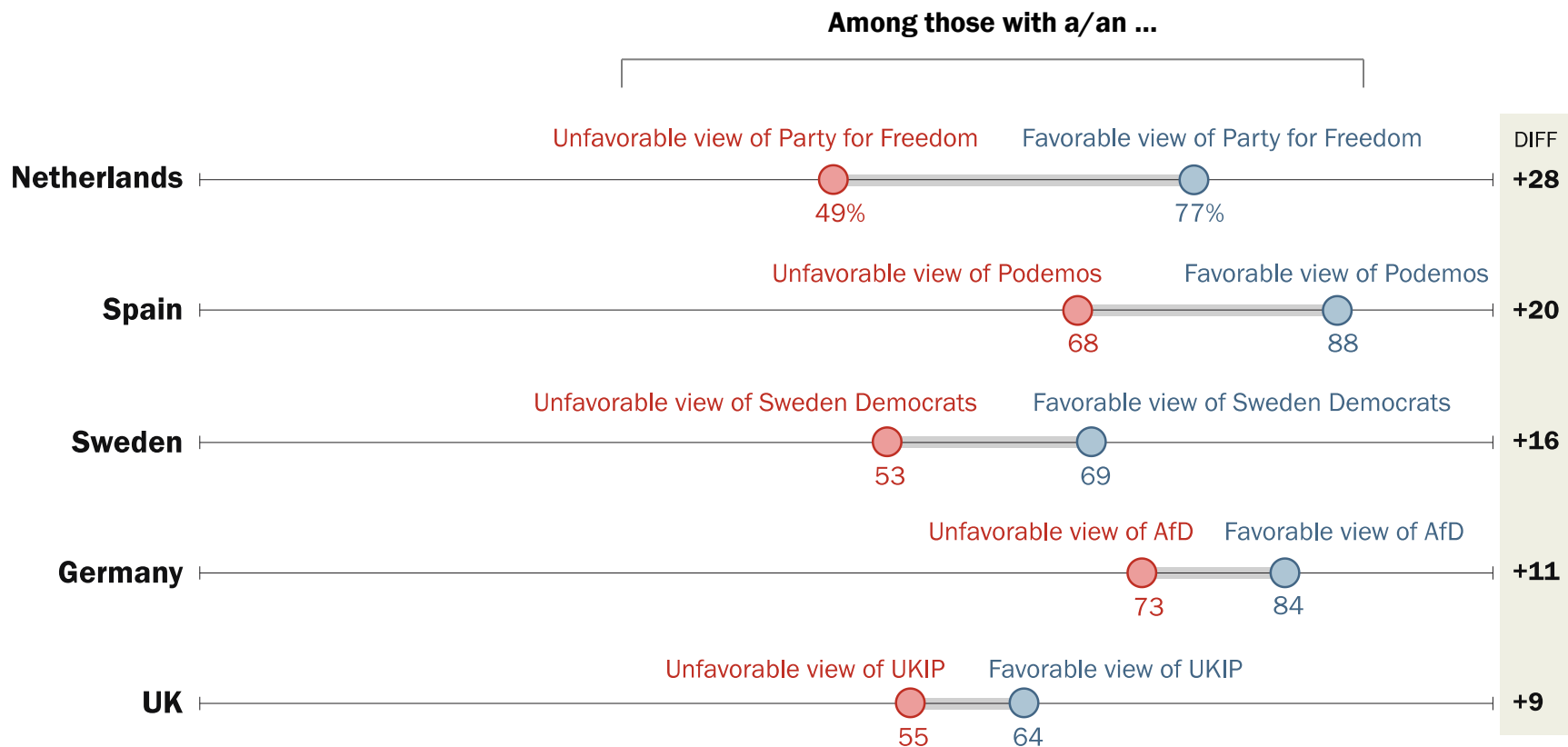


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DIRECT DEMOCRACY

Those Who Favor Populist Parties View Direct Democracy Positively

A democratic system where citizens, not elected officials, vote directly on major national issues to decide what becomes law would be a good way of governing our country



Note: Only statistically significant differences shown.
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