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Ireland**

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*Headline Report
19th May 2020*

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What we did

- Online Omnibus Survey
- N=1,021 adults in Ireland
Nationally Representative
- Quota controls on Sex, Age
Social Grade and Region
- Fieldwork: 12th-18th May, 2020

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What we asked

Now that negotiations have commenced on the formation of the next government. Here are some things that other people have said about Government priorities after Covid-19. Can you please choose whether you agree or disagree with each?

- The government should be guided by science and expert advice on climate action as they have been on Covid 19
- In the economic recovery after Covid-19, it's important that government actions prioritise climate change
- The government should create jobs by supporting work to make all homes more energy efficient
- Investment in transport should prioritise safe cycling, walking and public transport over private cars
- Emissions from agriculture need to be reduced by supporting a move to more sustainable farming

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

“Negotiations have commenced on the formation of the next government and the post-Covid recovery plan. If the new government does not act now to combat climate change, it will be failing the people of Ireland”

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree Somewhat
- Agree Somewhat
- Strongly Agree
- Don't Know

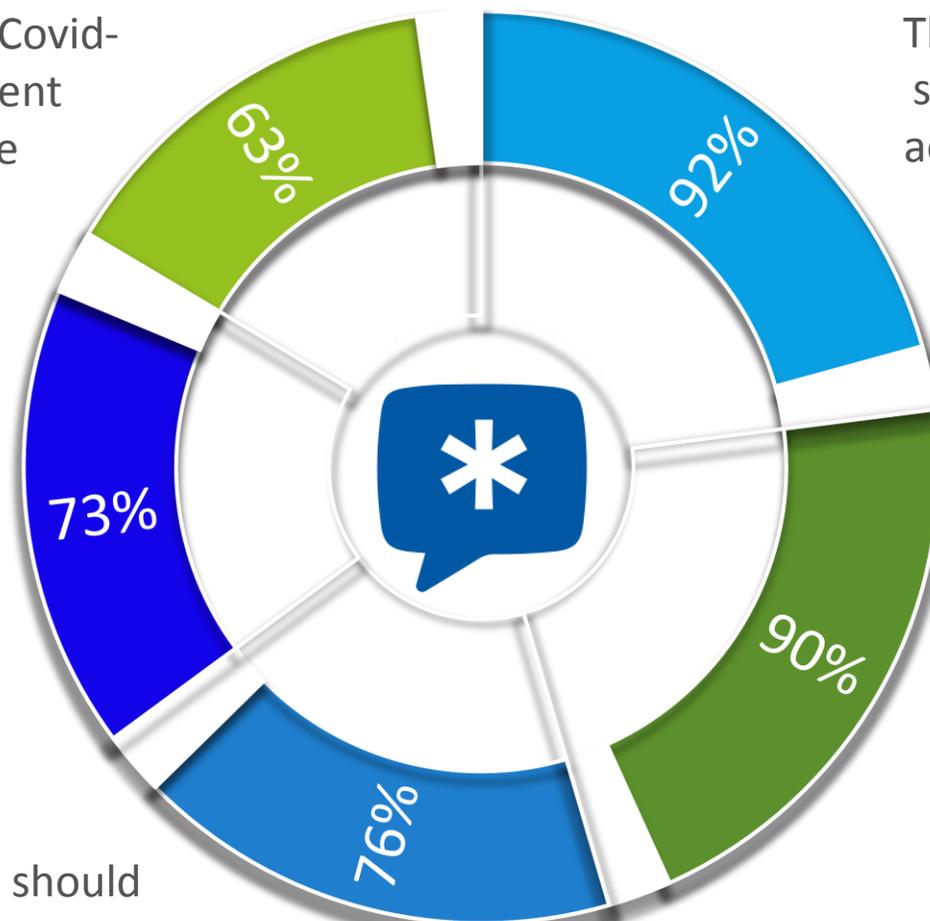


% Agree Overview

Base: All Adults, n=1,021

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Emissions from agriculture need to be reduced by supporting a move to more sustainable farming

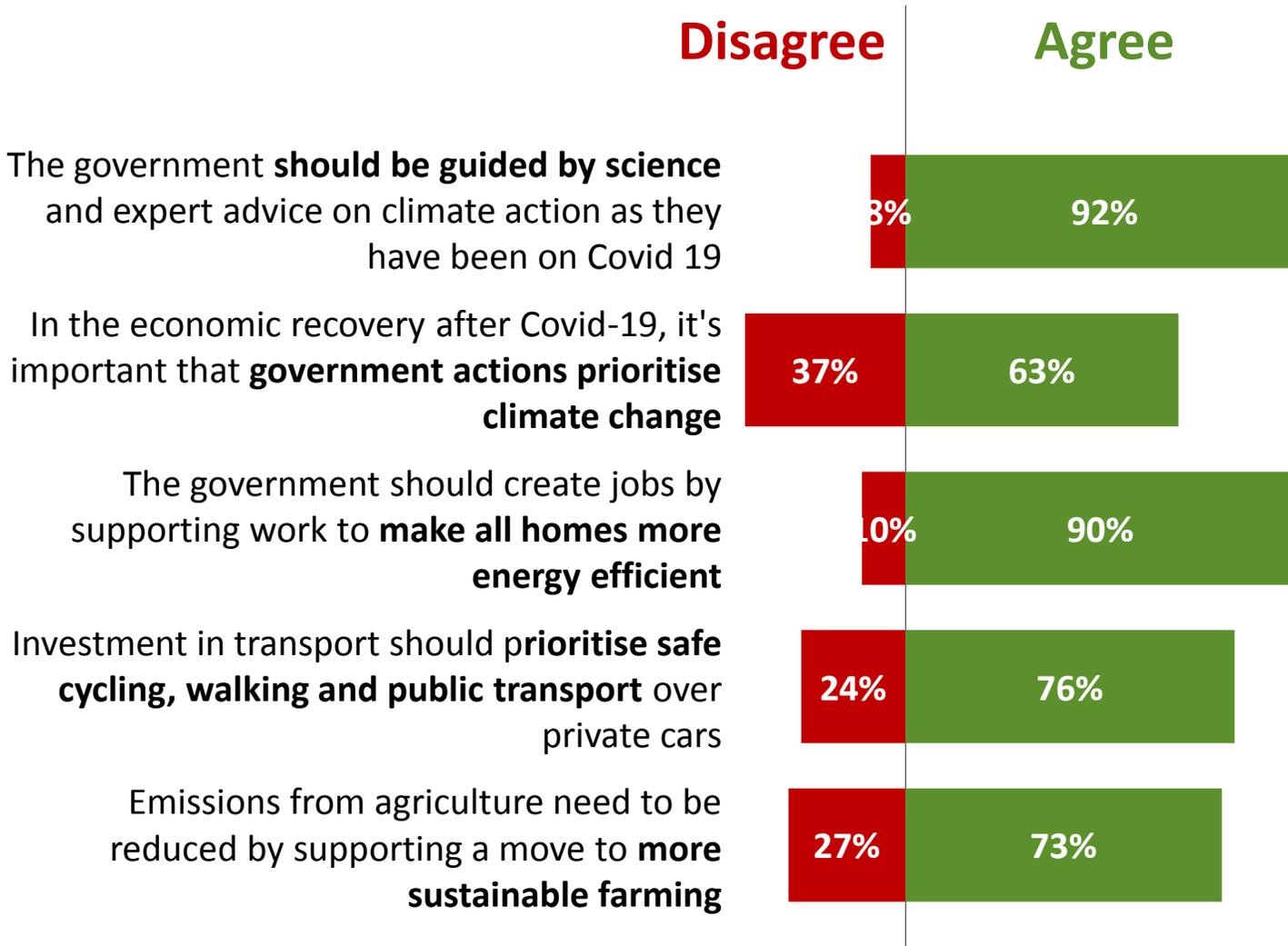
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% Agree Summary

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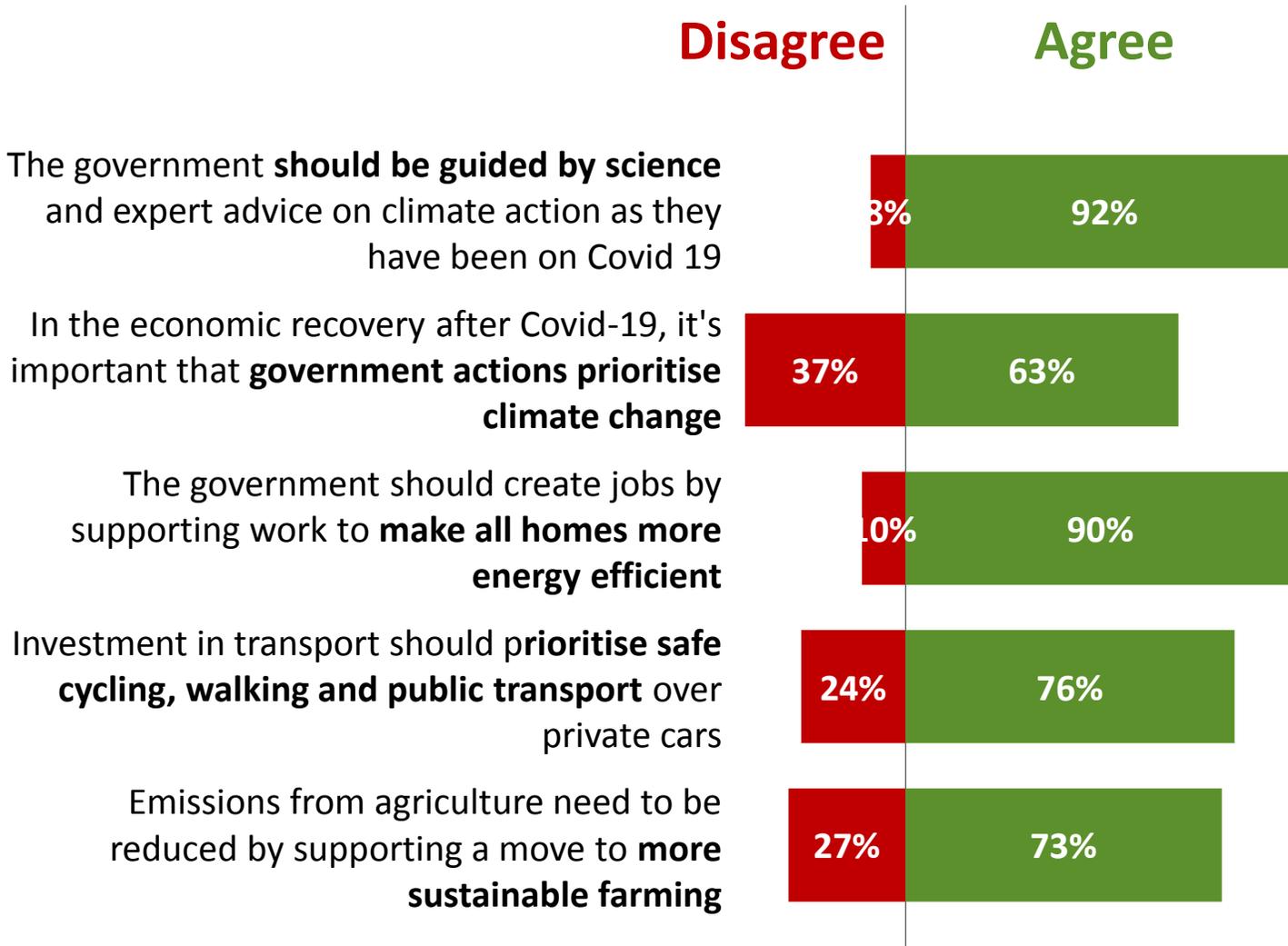


% Agree x Key Groups						
Male	Female	18-34 Years	35-54 Years	55+ Years	ABC1	C2DE
90%	94%	92%	91%	94%	92%	92%
57%	69%	68%	61%	60%	63%	64%
89%	90%	85%	90%	95%	92%	86%
72%	79%	83%	73%	71%	76%	75%
69%	76%	76%	71%	71%	73%	71%

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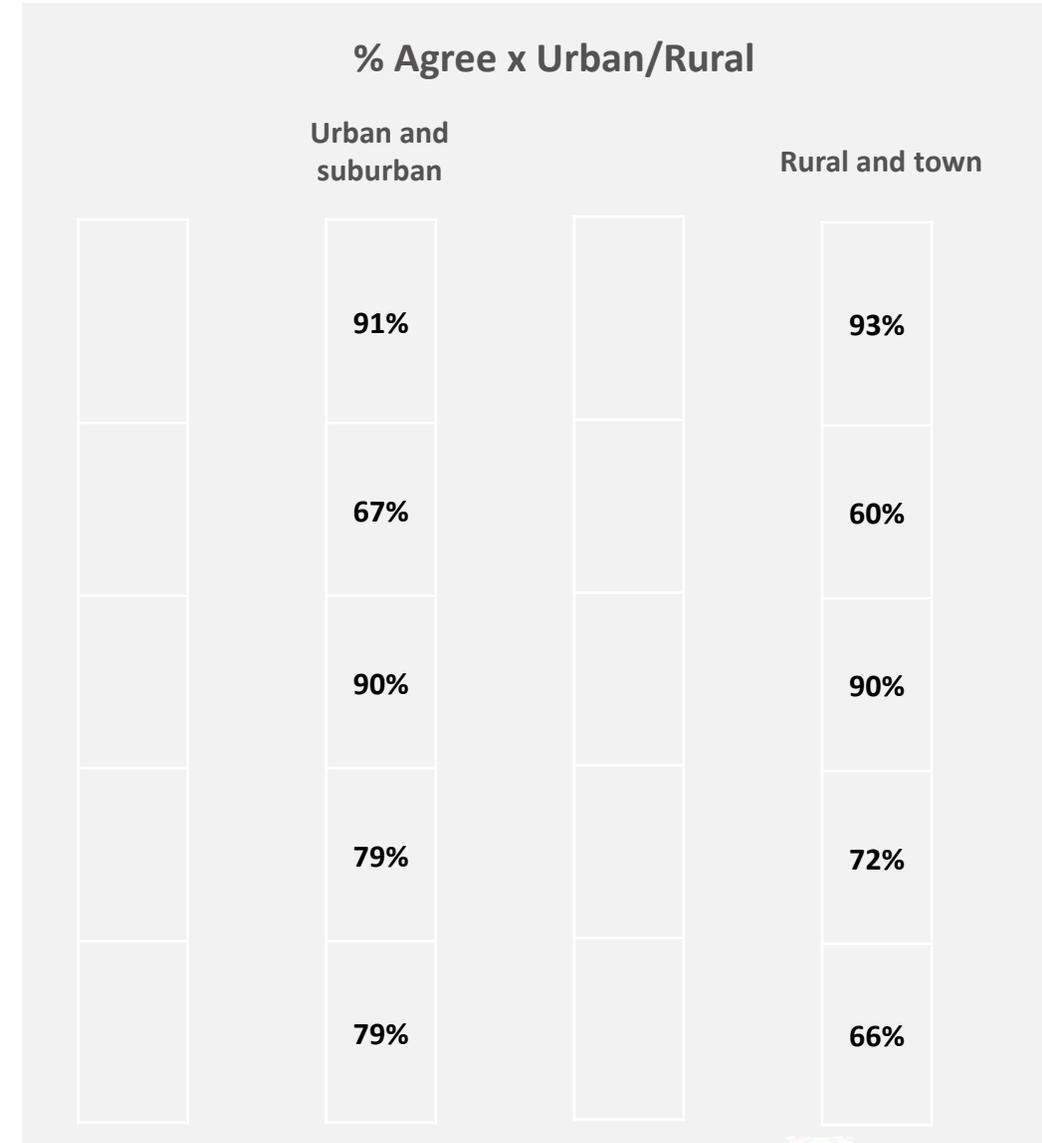
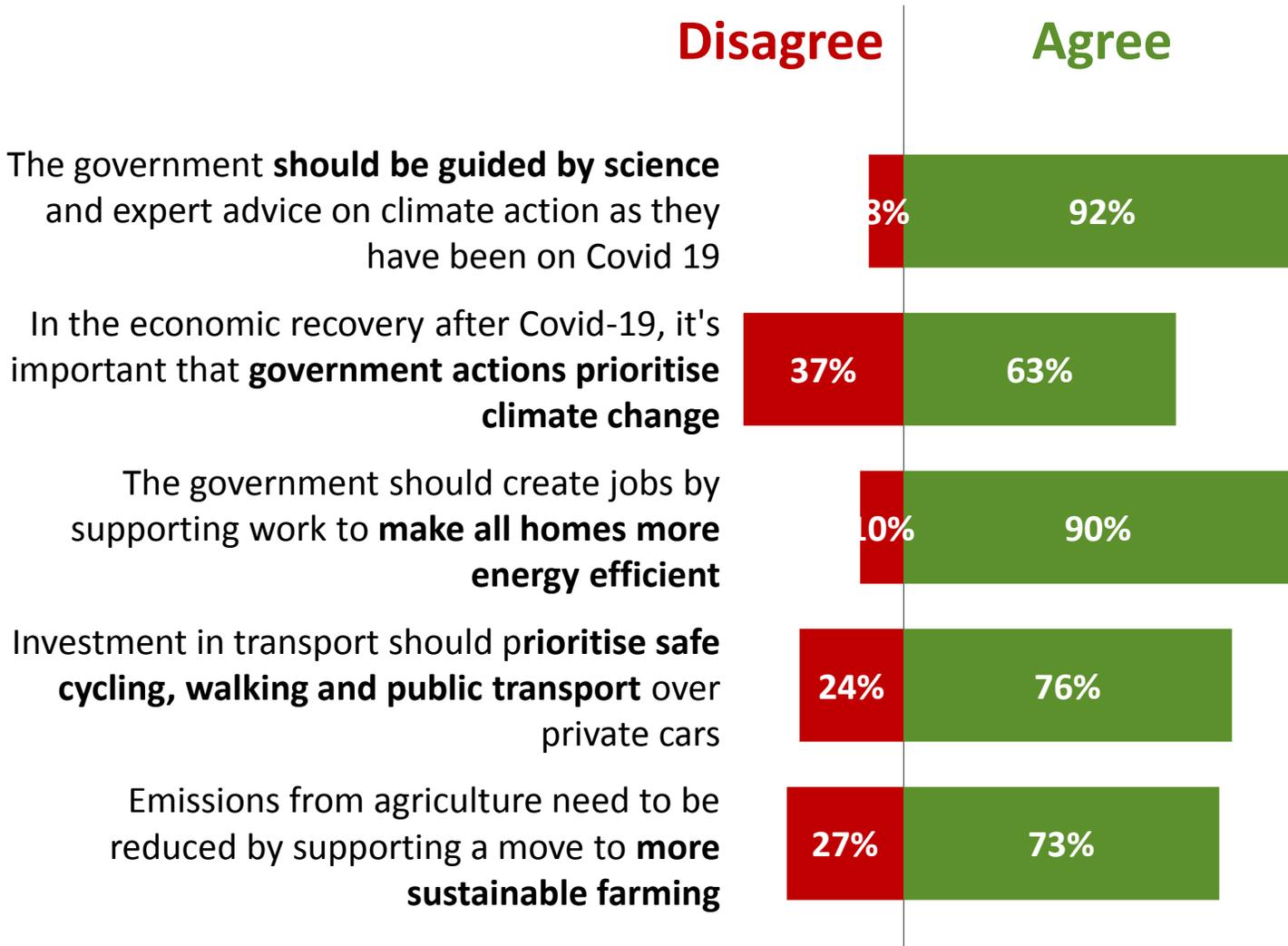
% Agree x Region

	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Conn/Ulster
The government should be guided by science and expert advice on climate action as they have been on Covid 19	94%	94%	90%	89%
In the economic recovery after Covid-19, it's important that government actions prioritise climate change	67%	66%	58%	61%
The government should create jobs by supporting work to make all homes more energy efficient	91%	90%	89%	88%
Investment in transport should prioritise safe cycling, walking and public transport over private cars	80%	73%	73%	76%
Emissions from agriculture need to be reduced by supporting a move to more sustainable farming	79%	72%	70%	68%

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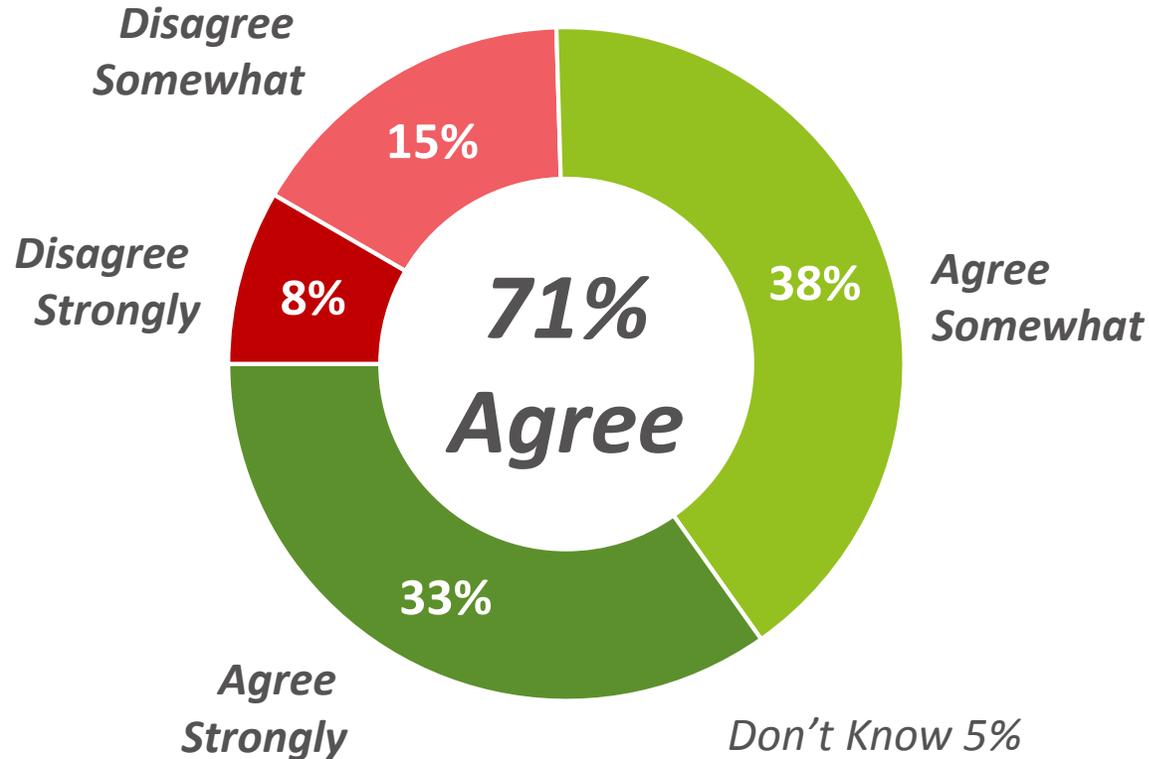
Some Key Messages

- 9 in 10 believe that our climate change policies should be guided by science and expert advice, as was the case with Covid-19.
- There is near-universal support for government initiatives to support jobs by encouraging home improvements for energy efficiency.
- 3 out of every 4 citizens in Ireland believe that investment in transport should favour safe walking, cycling and public transport ahead of private cars. It hits 80% in Dublin, but is still 72% outside cities and suburbs.
- Even with very difficult economic times ahead, almost two-thirds of adults in Ireland believe that it remains important that the government prioritises action on climate change.
- Two-thirds of people living outside cities and suburbs believe emissions from agriculture need to be reduced by supporting a move to more sustainable farming. Nationally it is three-quarters.

Government Focus on Climate Change

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Sex	% Agree
Male	66%
Female	77%

SEG	% Agree
ABC1	72%
C2DE	71%

Region	% Agree
Dublin	71%
R.O.L.	74%
Munster	70%
Conn/Ulst	70%

Sex	% Agree
18-34	76%
35-54	70%
55=	67%

7 in 10 Irish citizens feel that a failure to act on climate change is a failure to act in the best interests of the people of Ireland.

This view is held most strongly among those aged under 35, with 76% agreement in that cohort.



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Thank You!

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