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Covid and trust: how the nations of the UK rate their governments

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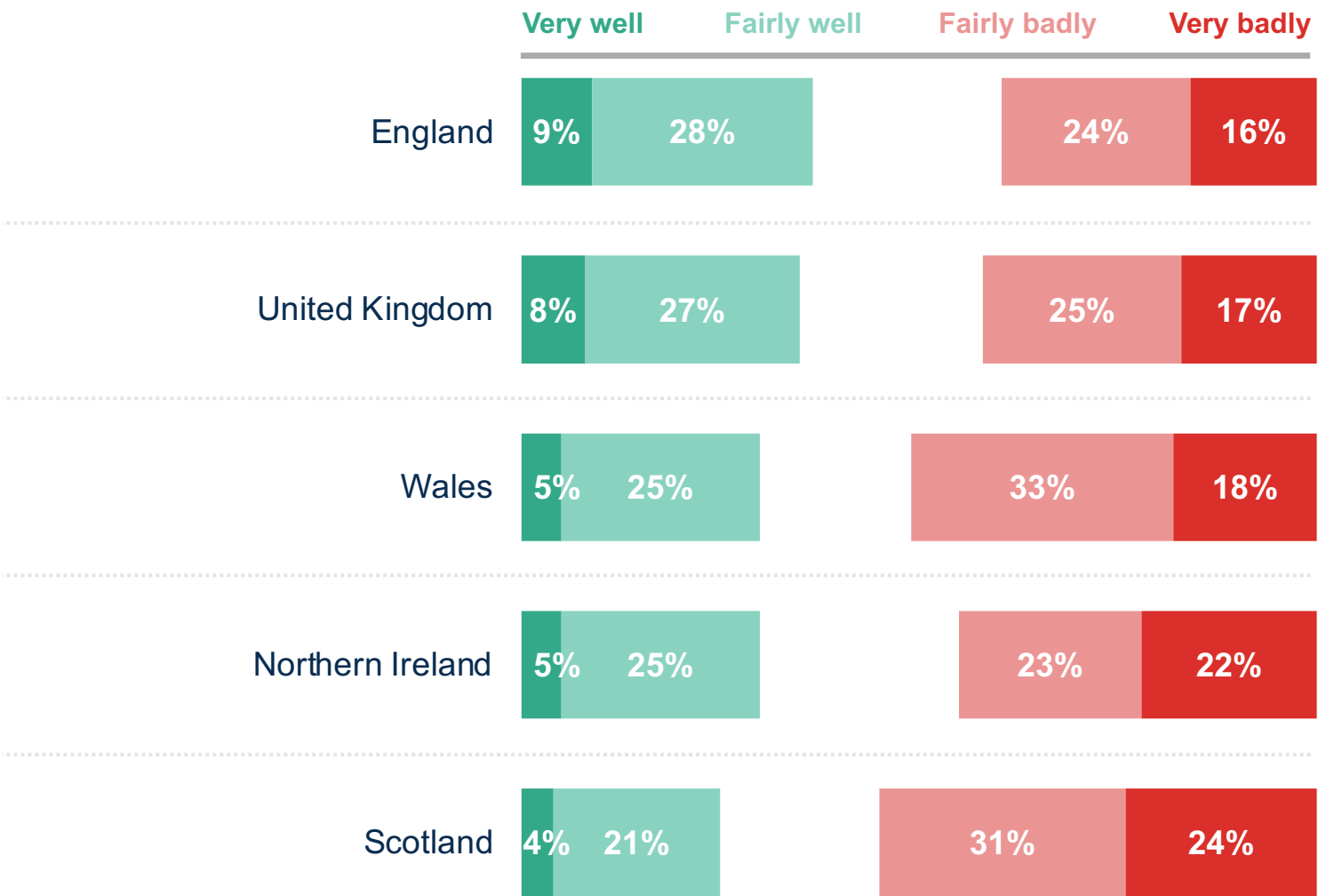
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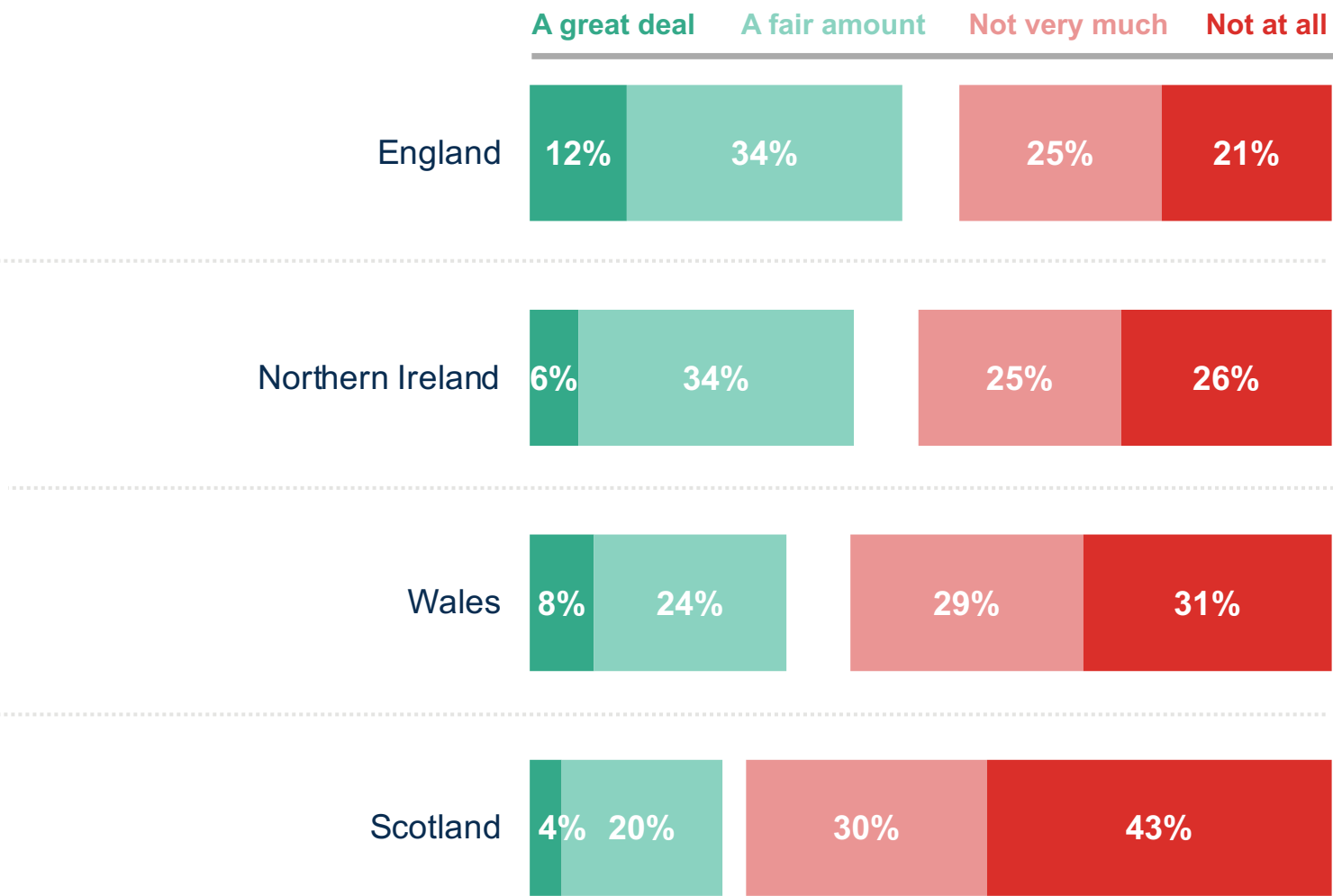
Q: Overall, how well or badly do you think the coronavirus crisis has been handled in the UK?

People in Scotland are most likely to think the coronavirus crisis has been handled badly in the UK



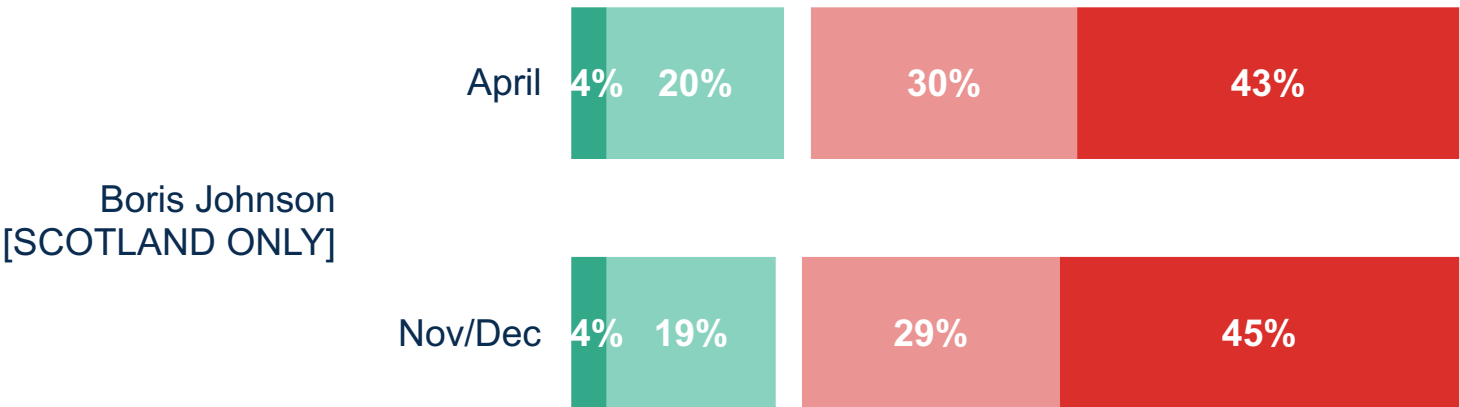
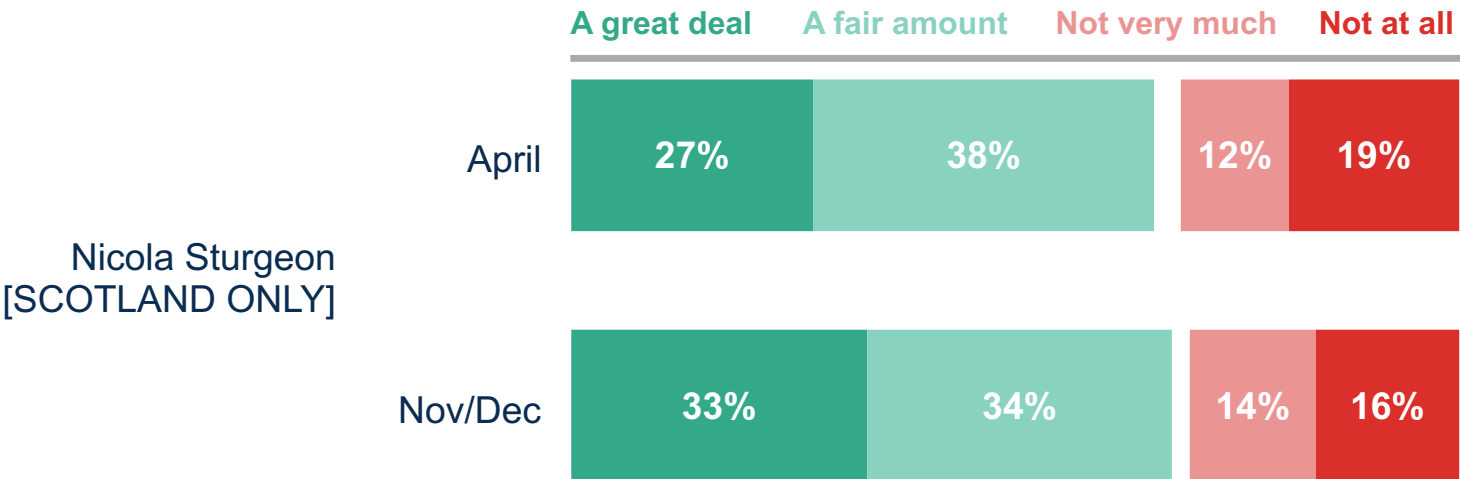
Q: To what extent, if at all, do you trust the following people on issues related to coronavirus and how we should be responding to it?
Boris Johnson

People in Scotland have the least trust in Boris Johnson’s handling of the Covid-19 crisis, while people in England have the most



Q: To what extent, if at all, do you trust the following people on issues related to coronavirus and how we should be responding to it?

The proportion of people in Scotland who trust Nicola Sturgeon a great deal on issues relating to coronavirus and the response to it has declined since Nov/Dec last year – but the proportion who trust her a fair amount has increased slightly

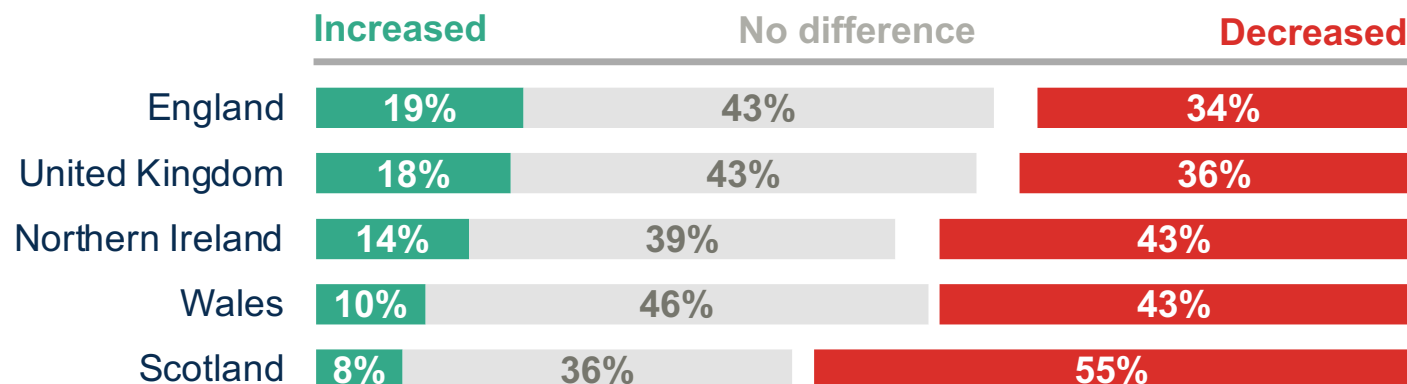


Q: Has the overall experience of the pandemic in the last year increased, decreased or made no difference to your general level of trust in the UK government?

Note small base size for NI – figures should be treated with caution

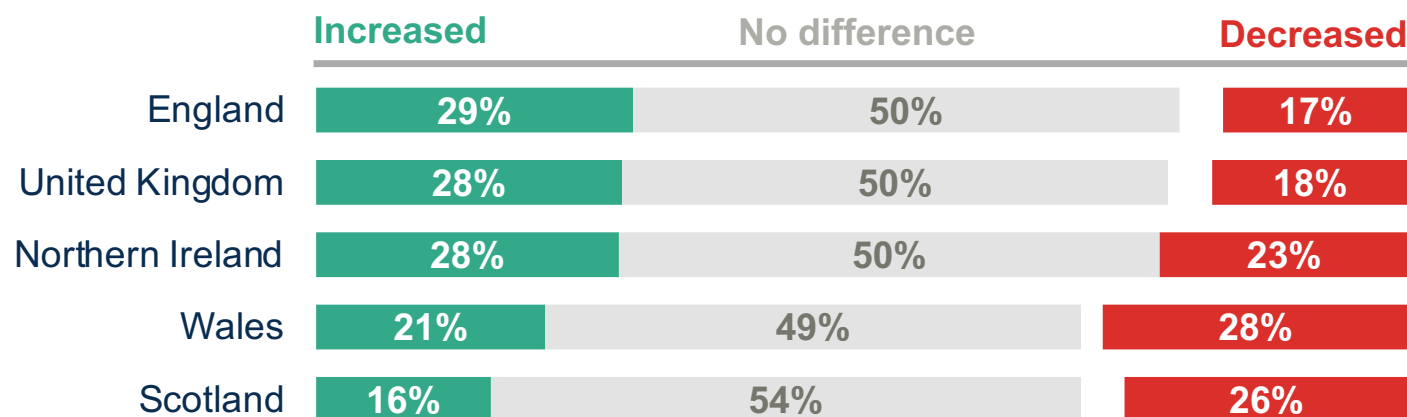
Q: Has the rollout of the vaccination programme and communications about it in the last year increased, decreased or made no difference to your general level of trust in the UK government?

People in Scotland are by far the most likely to say the overall experience of the pandemic has decreased their trust in the UK government...



Base: 2,485 UK adults, 2,076 in England, 110 in Wales, 224 in Scotland and 63 in NI, aged 18-75, interviewed online 1-16 Apr 2021

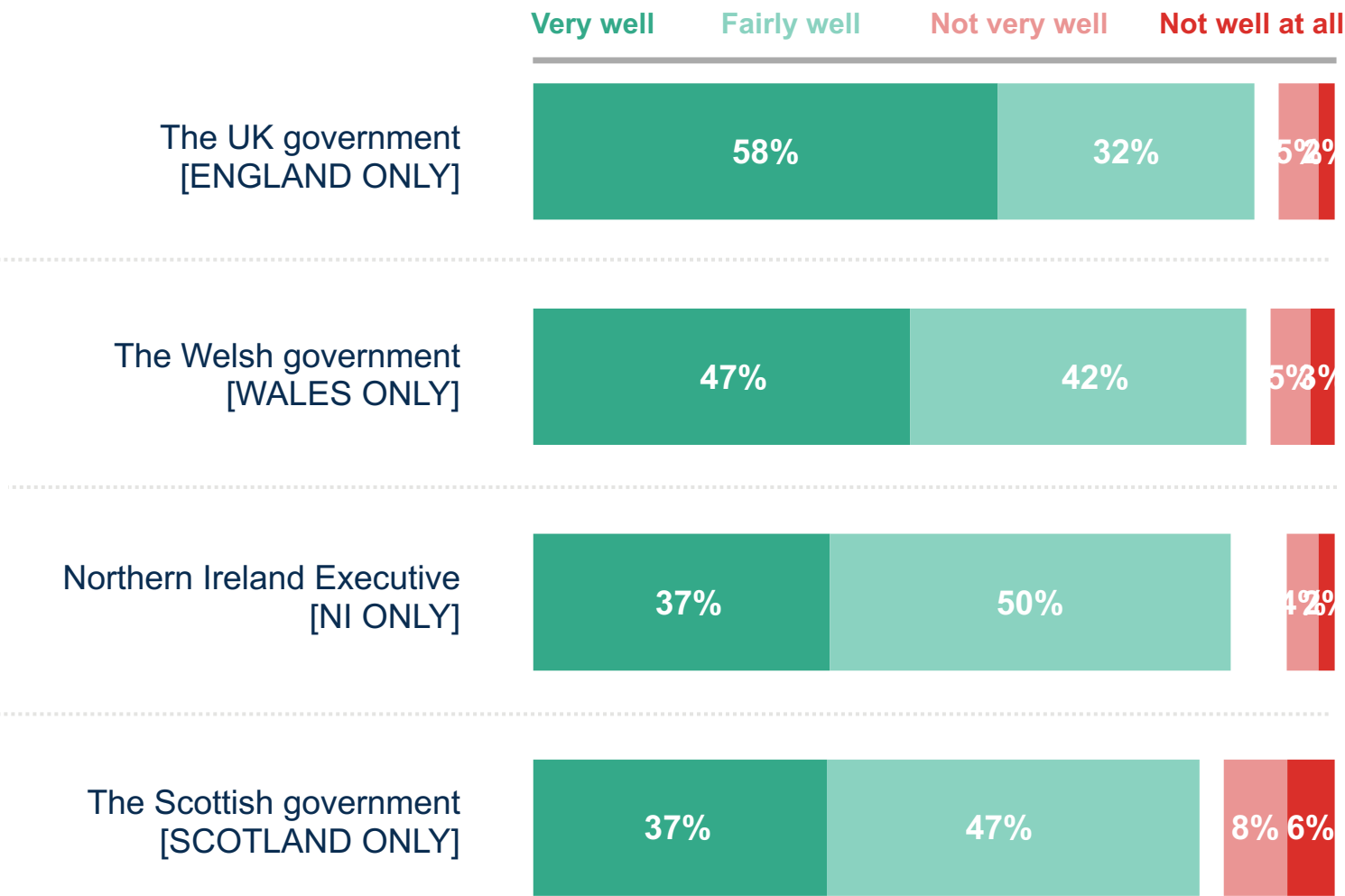
... while least likely to say the vaccine rollout has had a positive impact on how much they trust the UK government



Base: 2,411 UK adults, 2,027 in England, 126 in Wales, 195 in Scotland and 63 in NI, aged 18-75, interviewed online 1-16 Apr 2021

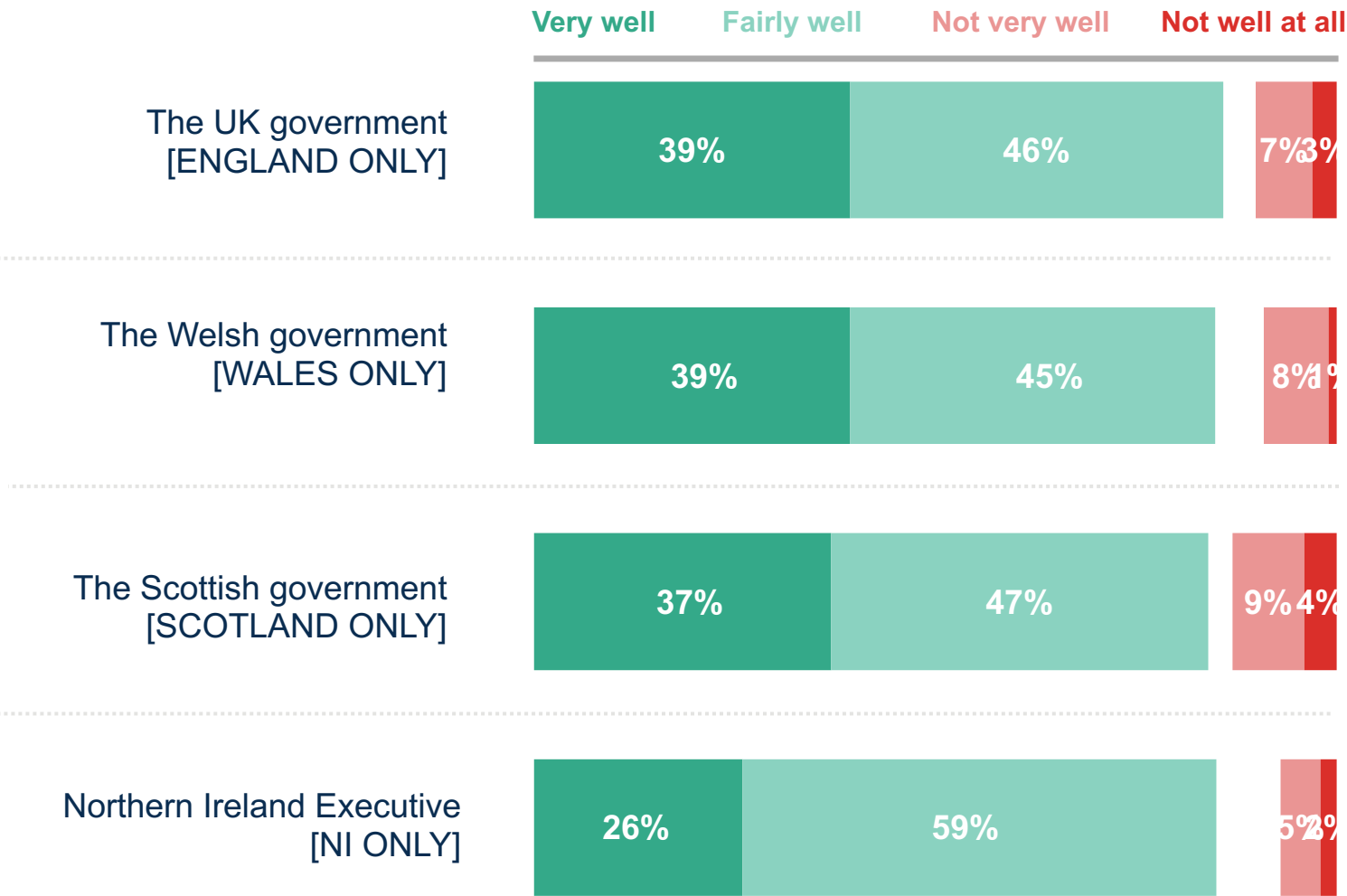
Q: How well, if at all, have the following handled vaccinating people as quickly as possible?

Nine in 10 people in England think the UK government has done well in vaccinating the public as quickly as possible, including six in 10 who think it has done very well



Q: How well, if at all, have the following handled making sure the right people get the vaccination first?

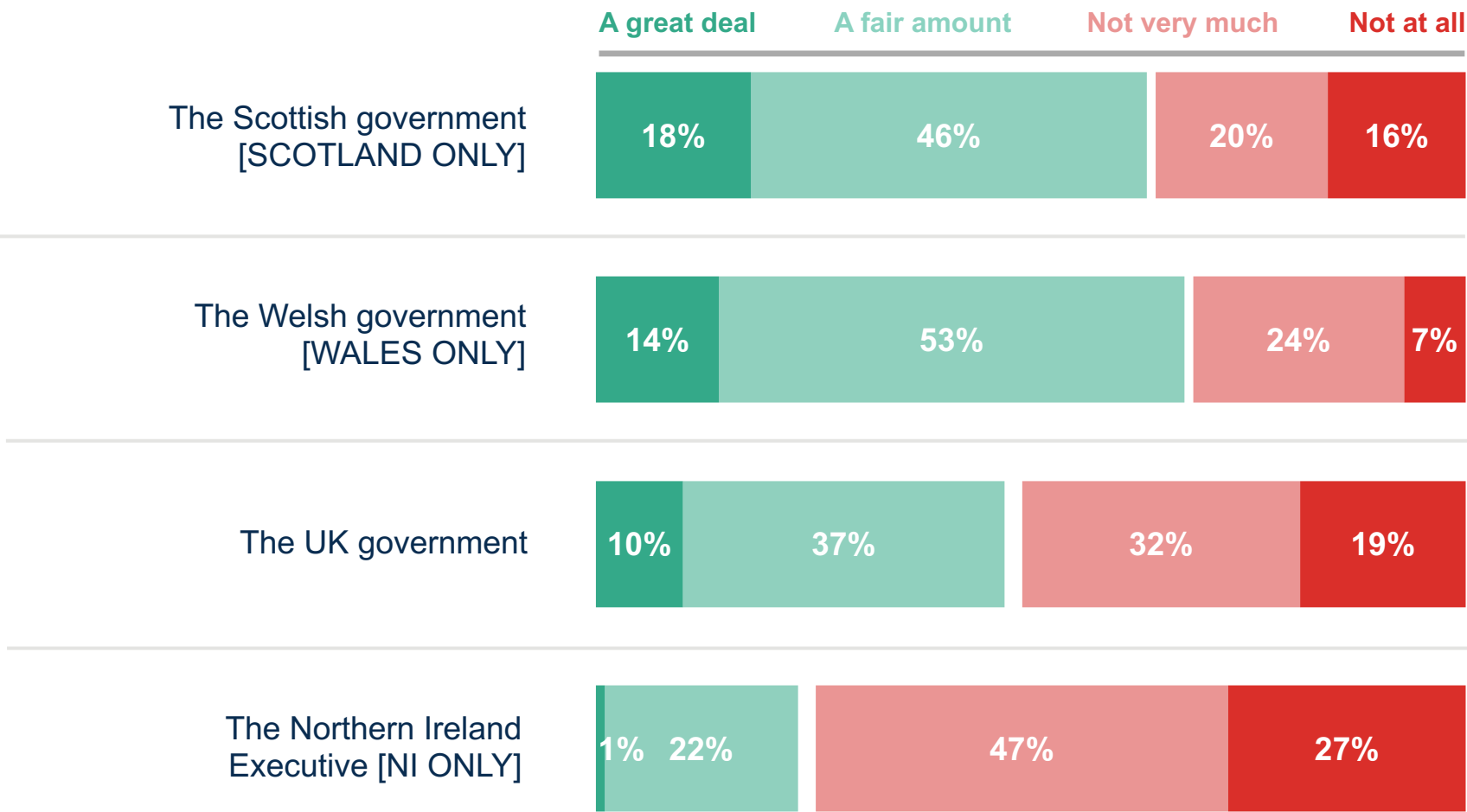
Large proportions of people in each of the UK's constituent nations think their government has done a good job of prioritising the right people for Covid-19 vaccinations



General trust

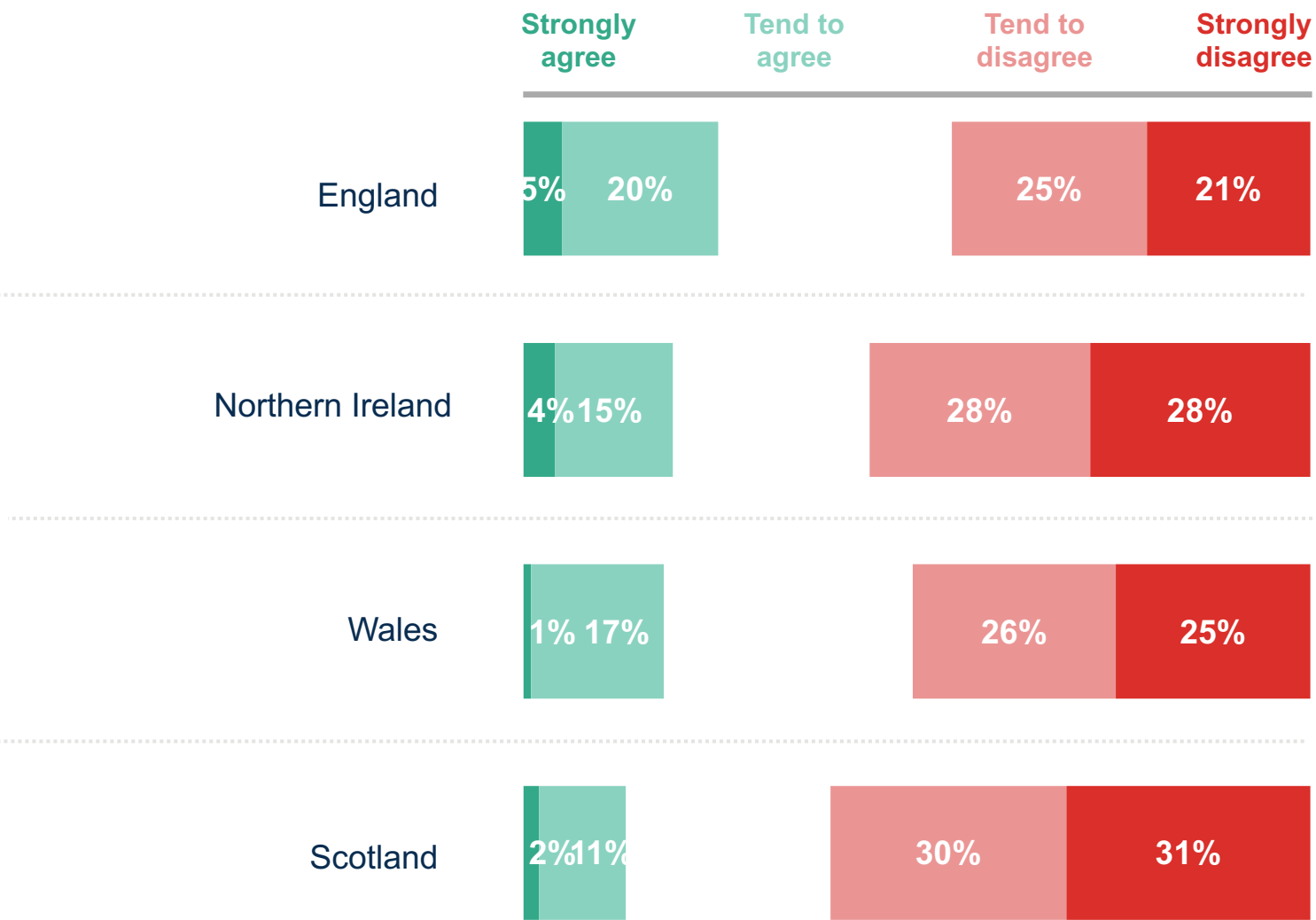
Q: To what extent, if at all, do you trust the following?

In general, people in Scotland are most likely to trust their government a great deal, while those in Northern Ireland have the least trust in theirs



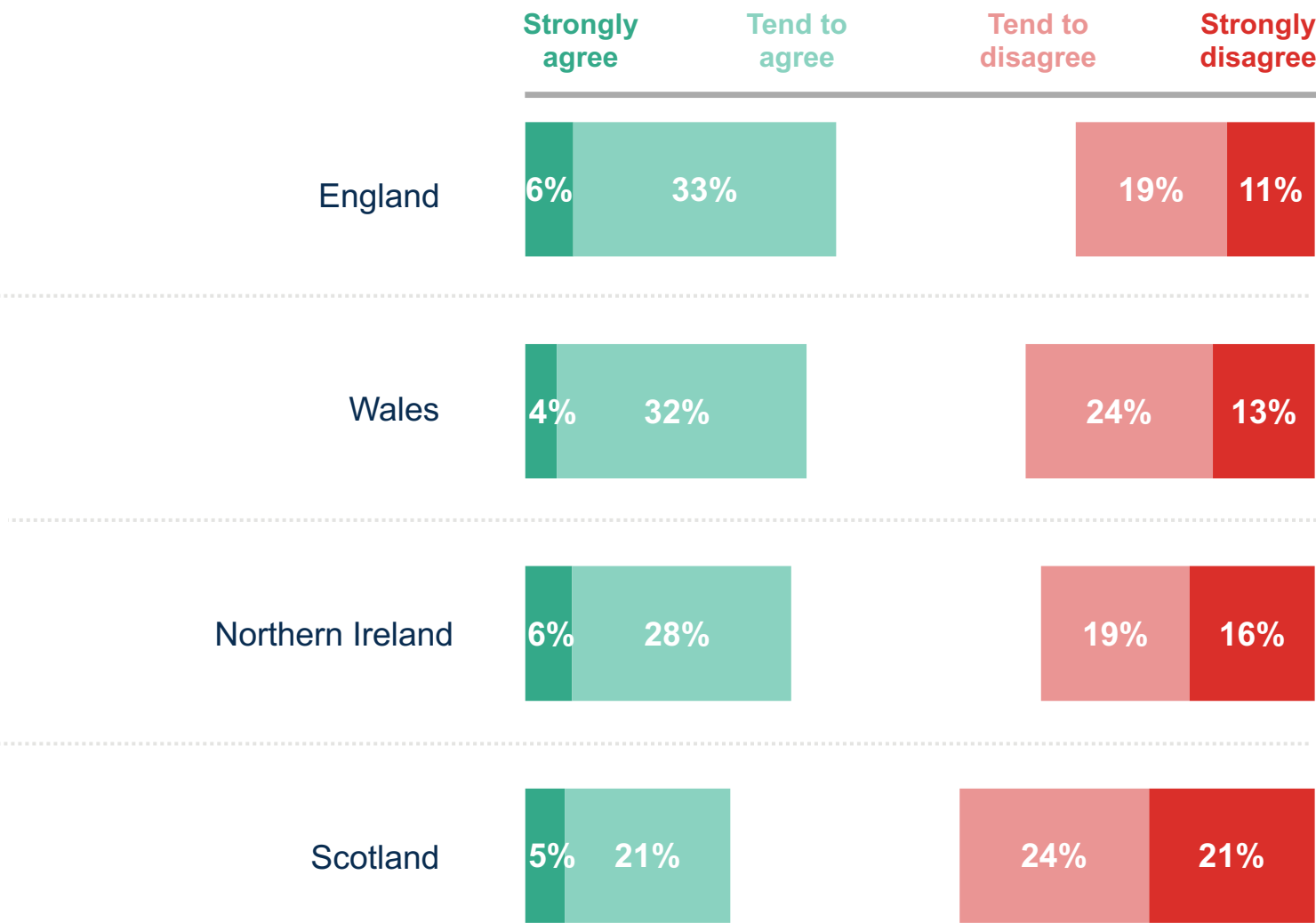
Q: To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that... the UK government is honest and truthful?

Perceptions of the UK government's truthfulness and honesty are most negative among people in Scotland



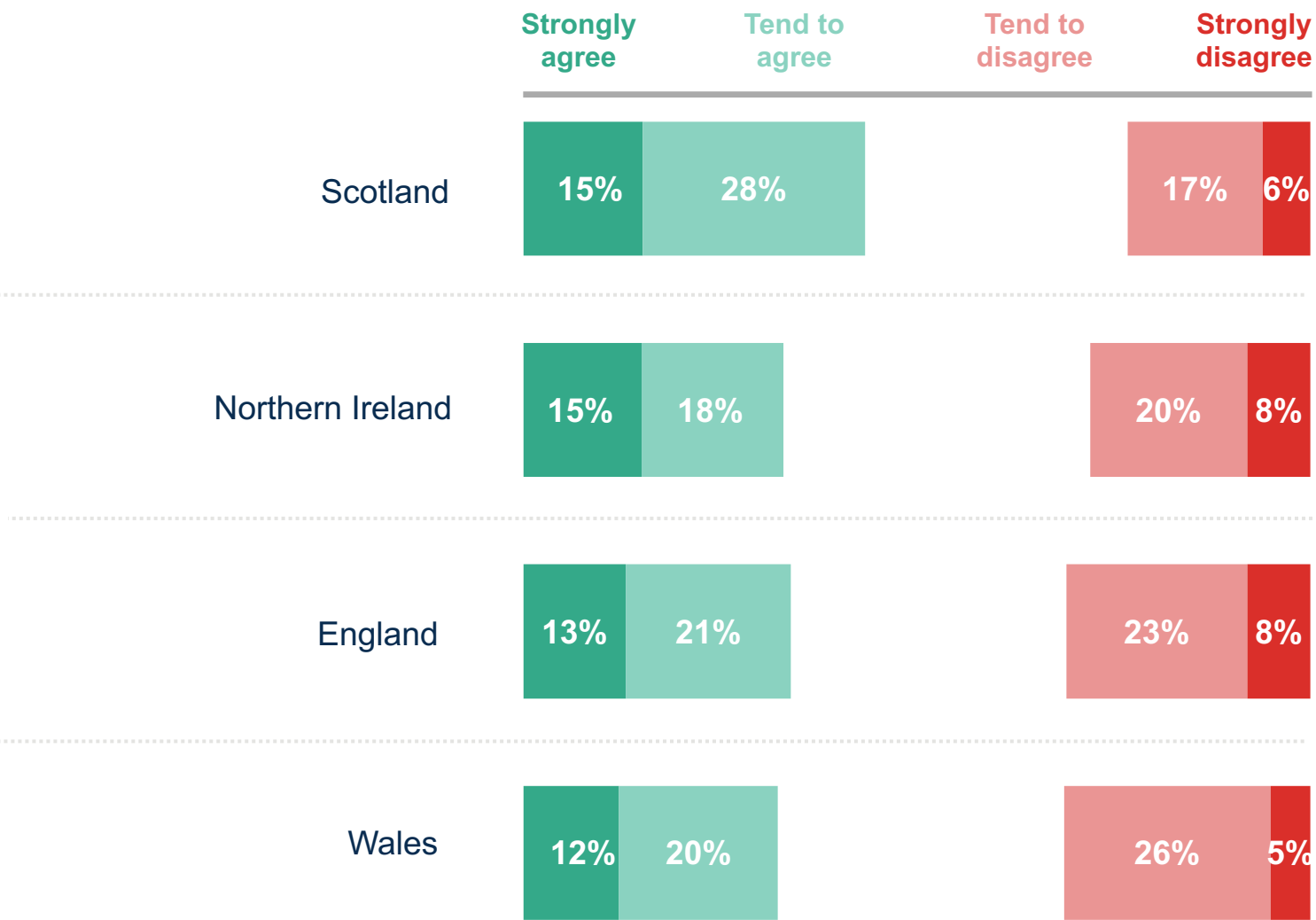
Q: To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that... in general, the UK government usually does the right thing?

Nearly half the Scottish public disagree that the UK government generally does the right thing, compared with three in 10 who say the same in England



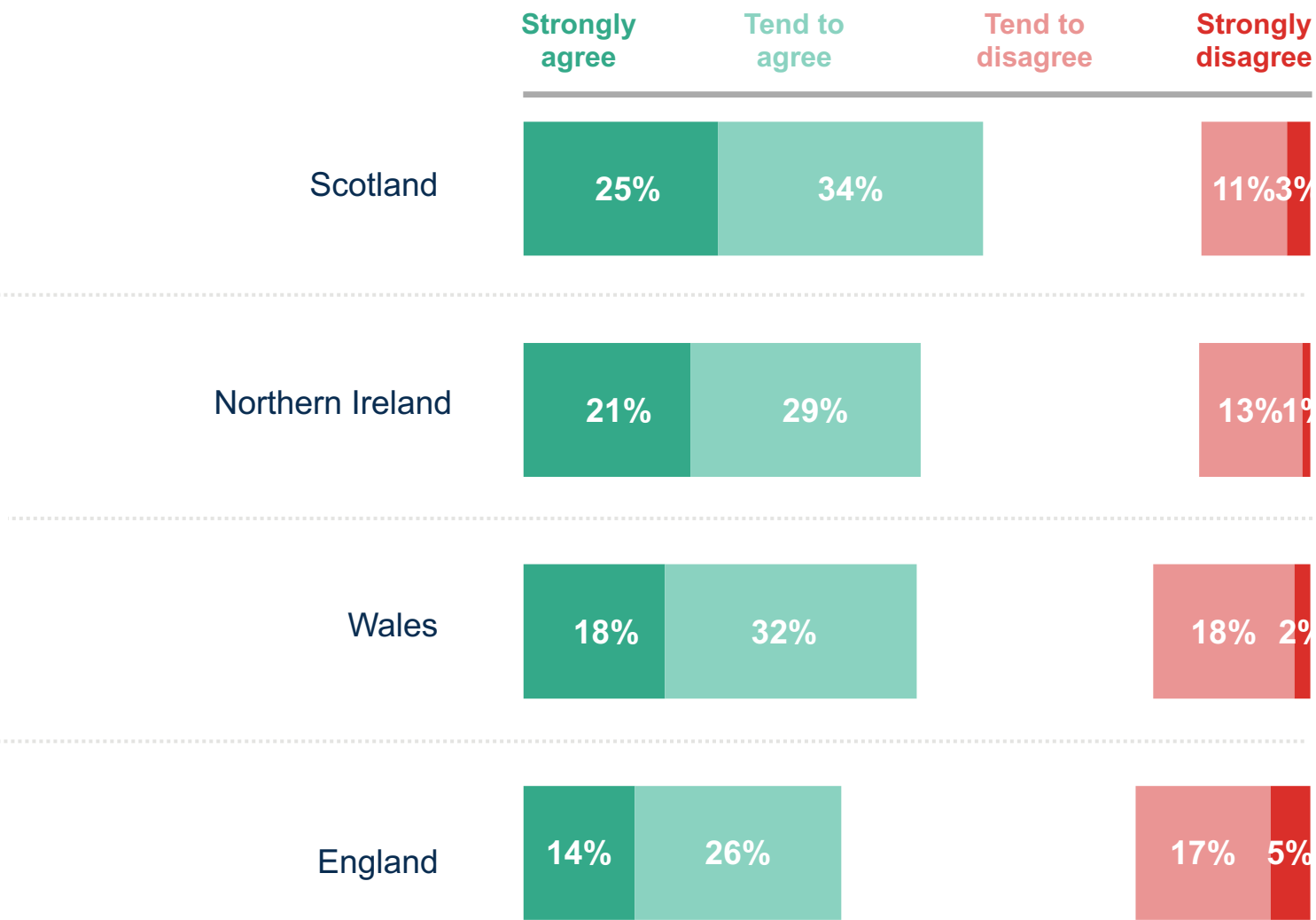
Q: To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that... the UK government acts unfairly towards people like me?

People in Scotland are most likely to think the UK government acts unfairly towards people like them, while those in Wales are least likely to feel this way



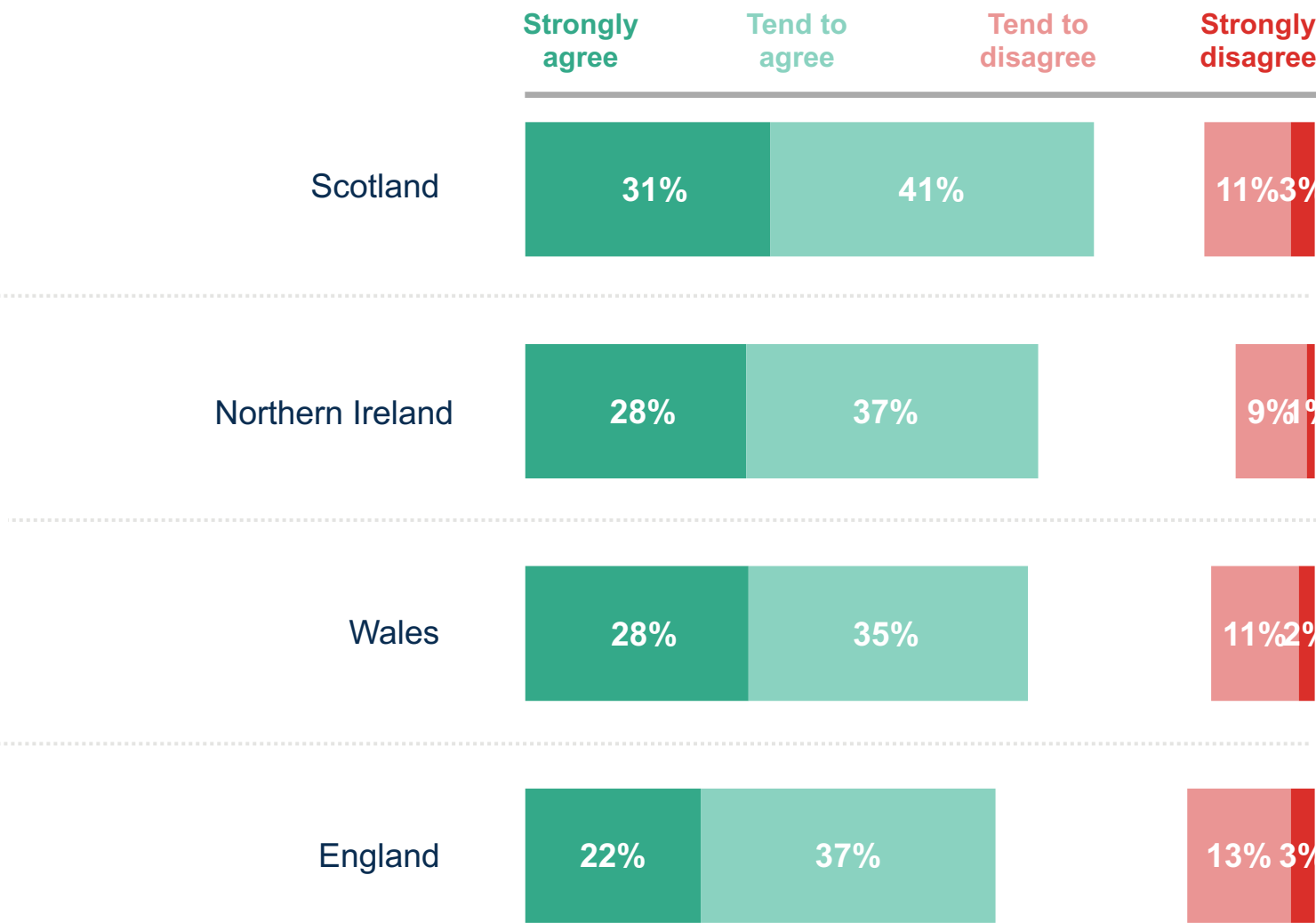
Q: To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that... the UK government usually ignores my community?

Half the public in Wales and Northern Ireland feel the UK government usually ignores their community, while nearly six in 10 feel this way in Scotland



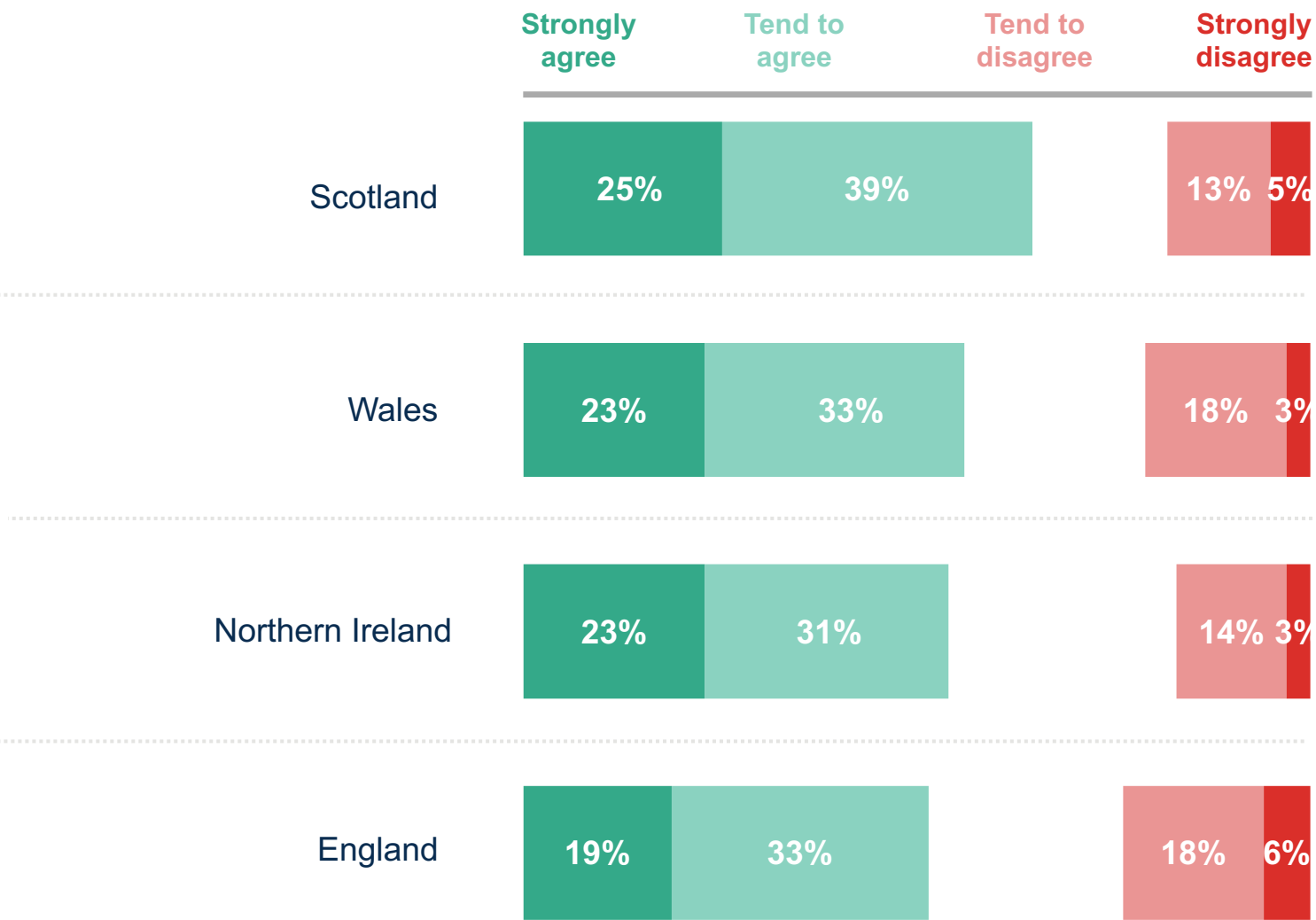
Q: To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that... I am usually cautious about trusting the UK government?

Seven in 10 people in Scotland say they're usually cautious about trusting the UK government – the highest proportion among all four nations



Q: To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree that... I am unsure whether to believe the UK government?

Nearly two-thirds of people in Scotland say they're unsure whether to believe the UK government



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