

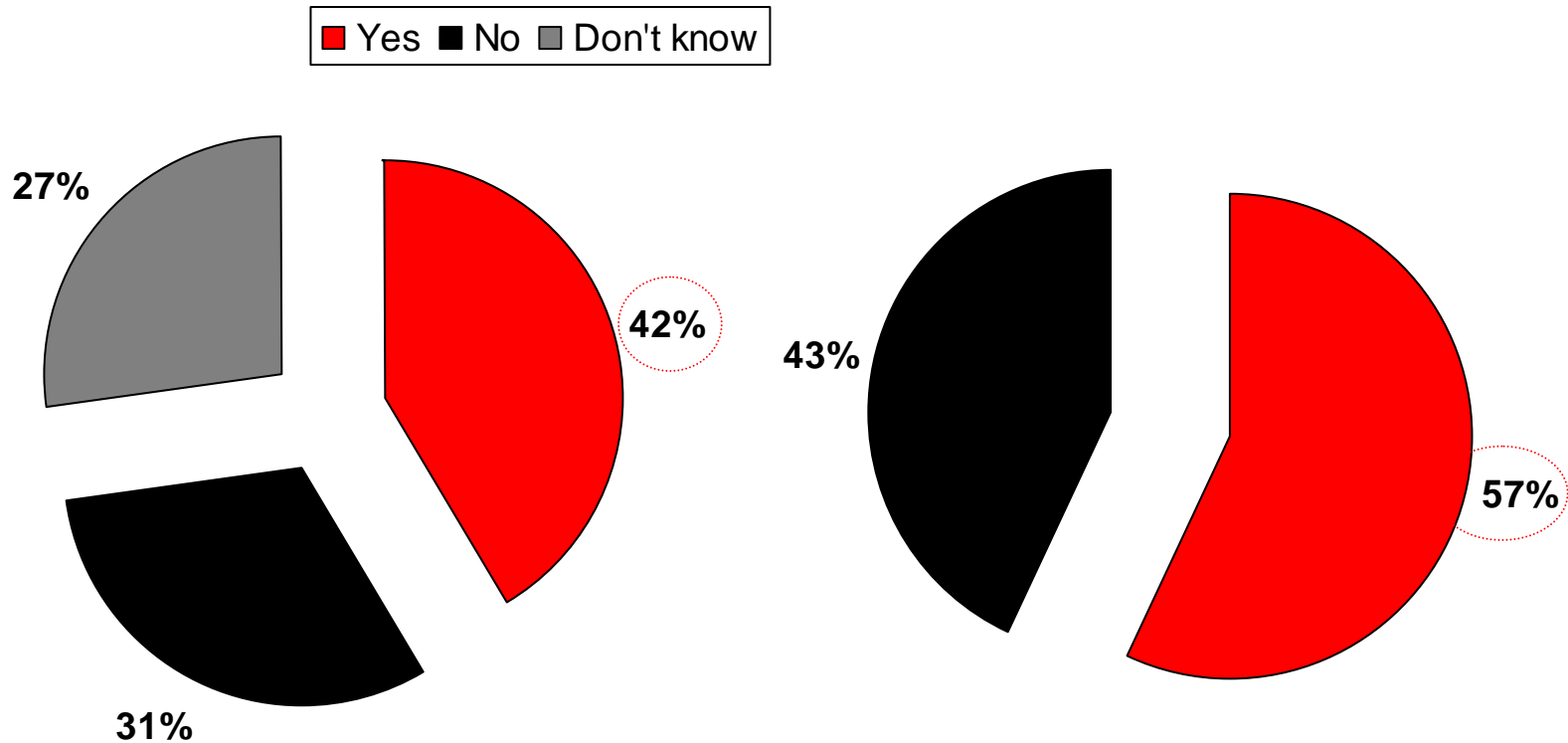


# YouGov Survey Results Grand Mufti Survey

Prepared for Bell Pottinger  
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- Final sample details
  - 622 Muslims
    - 484 Sunni Muslims
    - 59 Shia Muslims
    - 79 Muslims of “other” denomination
- Fieldwork dates 19<sup>th</sup> April – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007

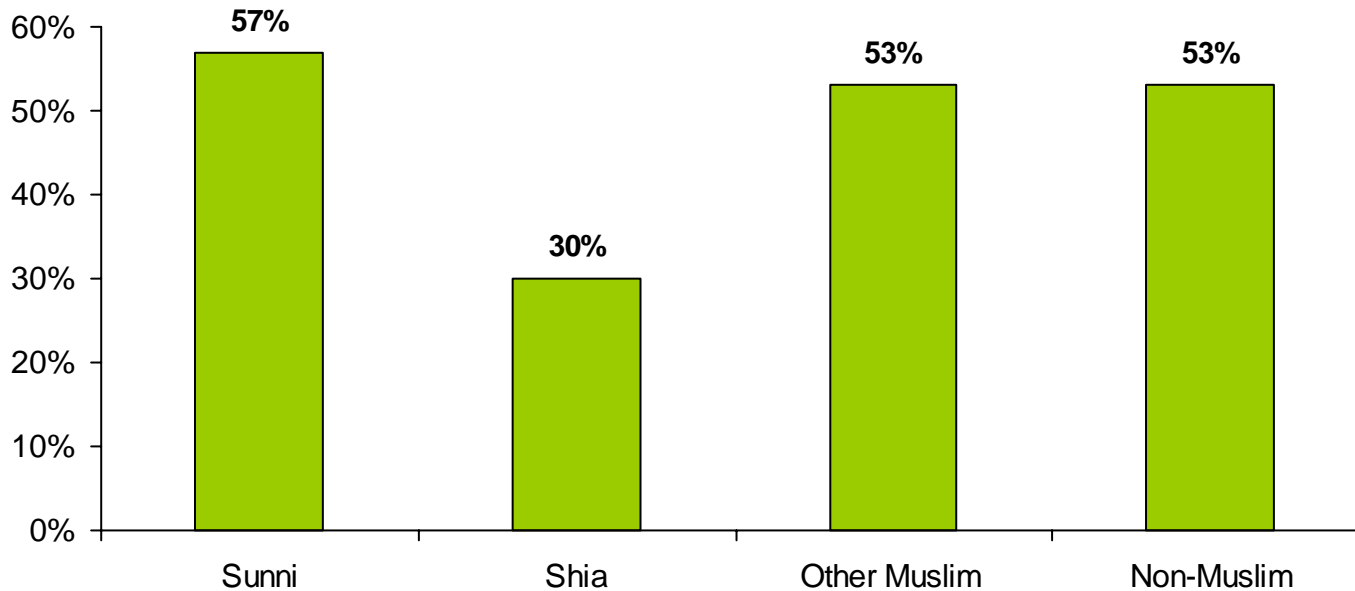
The majority of Sunni Muslims who have made up their mind, believe that the UK should have an official Sunni Muslim leader, or Mufti



**Question:** *Should the UK have an official Sunni Muslim religious leader, or Mufti?*

**Base:** *All Sunni Muslims, n = 484; Total excl "Don't Know", n = 351*

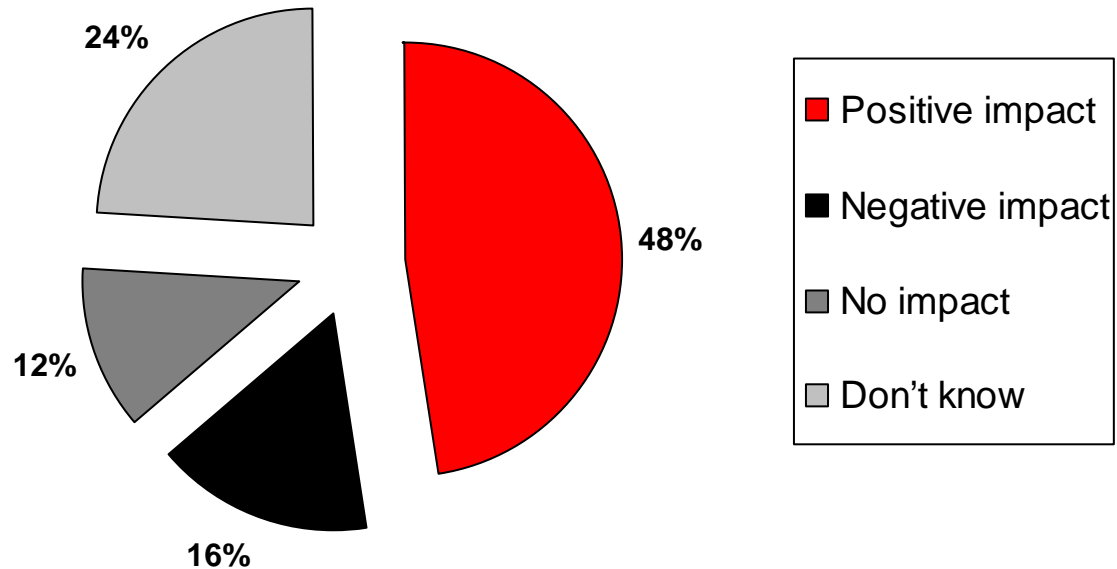
The majority of Britain's non-Muslim community supports the appointment of a Mufti in the UK



**Question:** *Should the UK have an official Sunni Muslim religious leader, or Mufti?*

**Base:** *All figures based on sample stating 'Yes' or 'No' and exclude those who answered 'Don't know'; Sunni Muslims, n = 351; Shia Muslim, n = 40; Other Muslim, n = 47, Non-Muslim, n = 242*

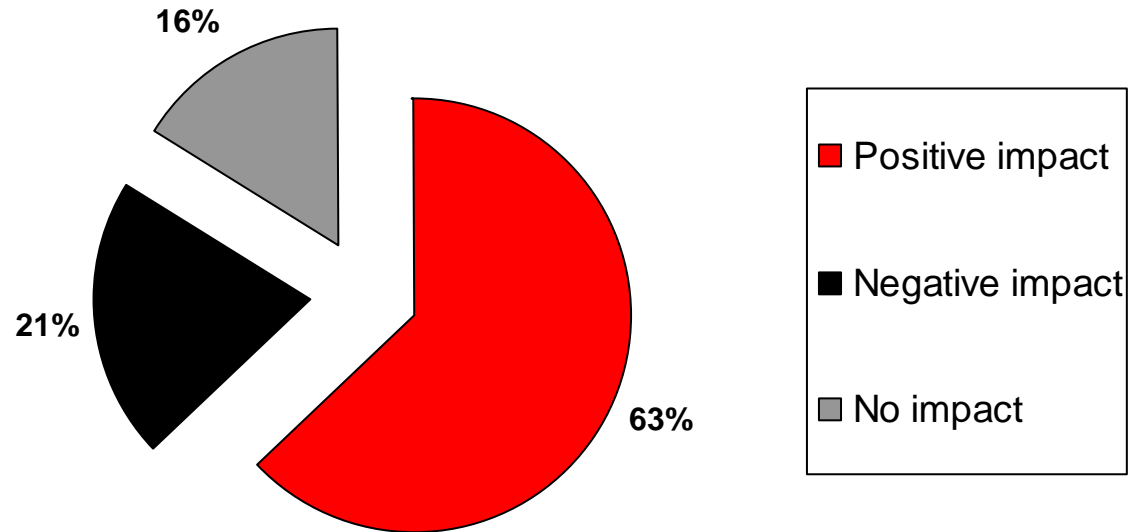
- Nearly half of all Sunni Muslims believe that a UK Mufti will have a positive effect
  - Over a quarter believe that a UK Mufti will have a negative impact or no impact at all
  - Nearly a quarter “Don’t know”



**Question: Generally speaking, what effect do you think the introduction of an officially recognized Mufti will have in the UK?**

**Base: All Sunni Muslims, n = 484**

- The majority of Sunni Muslims have made up their minds about the effect of a UK Mufti believe the impact will be POSITIVE

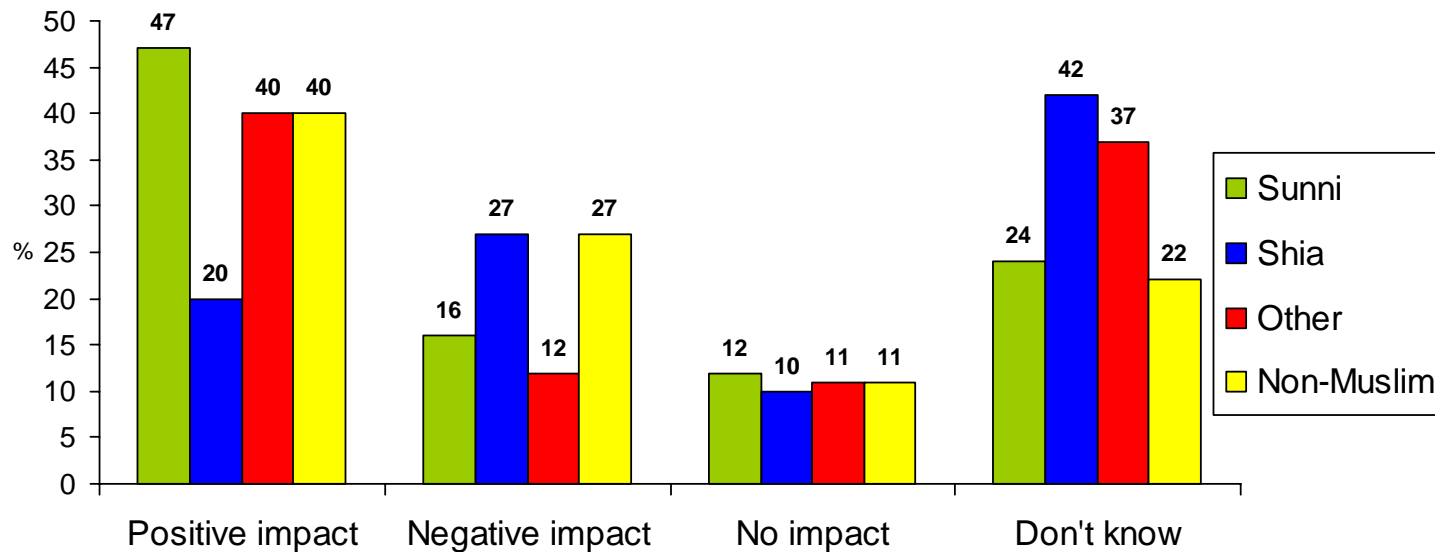


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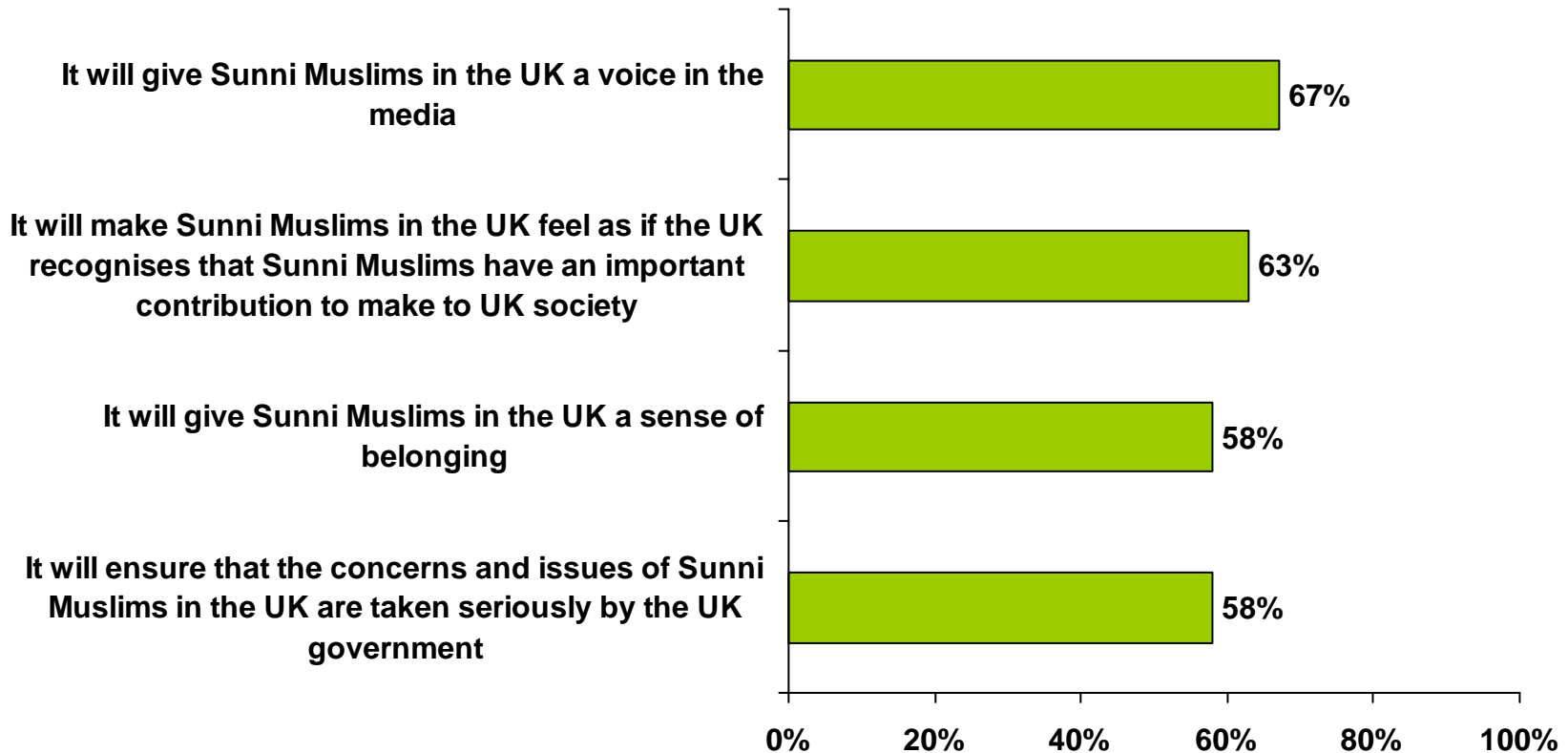
- What type of impact will a Mufti have?
  - Nearly half of Sunni Muslims think a UK Mufti will have a positive impact
  - Four out of ten non-Muslims think a UK Mufti will have a positive impact

**Generally speaking, what effect do you think the introduction of an officially recognized Mufti will have in the UK?**



**Base: Sunni Muslims, n = 484; Shia Muslims, n = 59; Other Muslims, n = 79, Non-Muslims, n = 321**

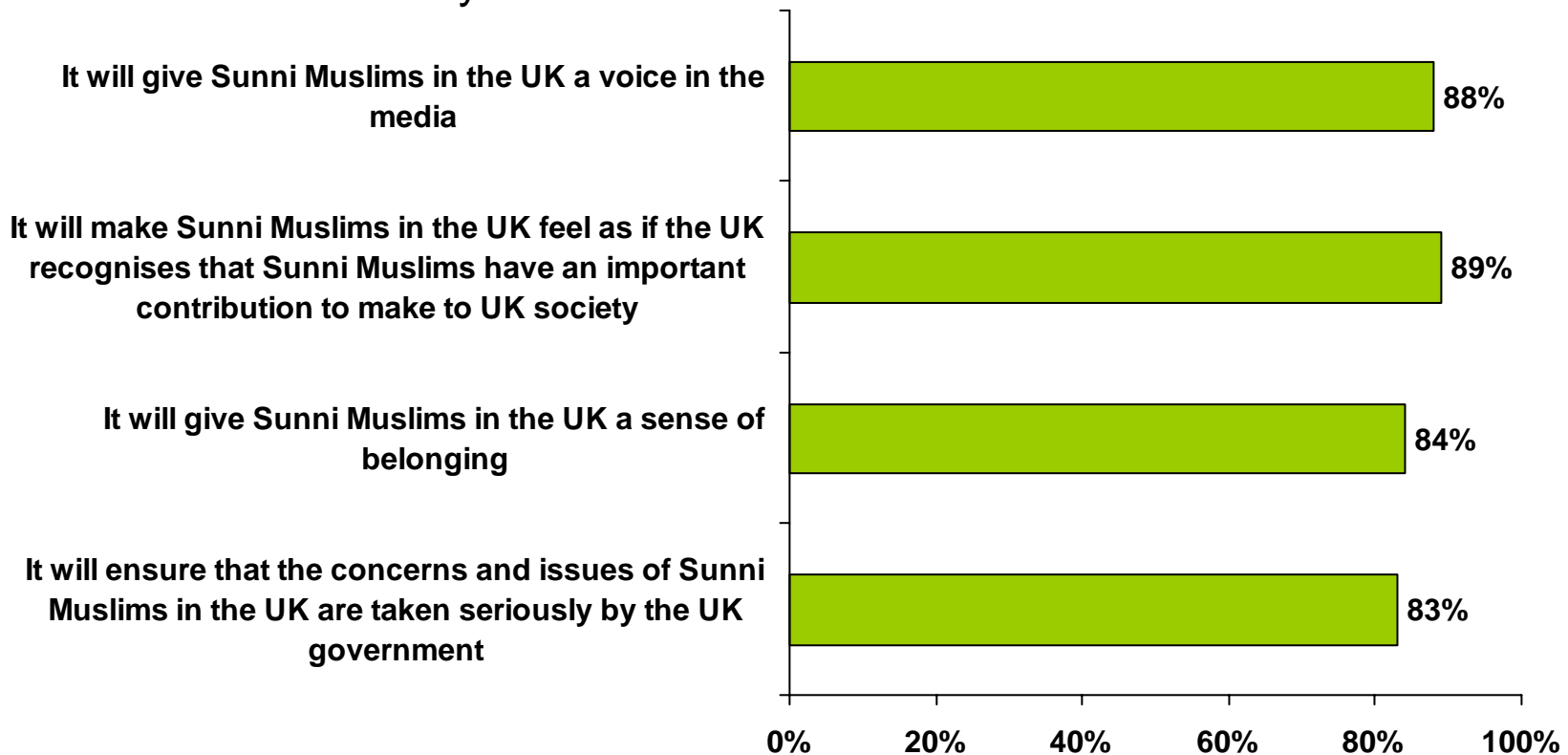
- Sunni Muslims believe the strongest positive effect a UK Mufti would have, is to give them a “voice”



**Q: To what extent do you think each of the following will be a POSITIVE effect of having an officially recognized Mufti for Sunni Muslims in the UK?**

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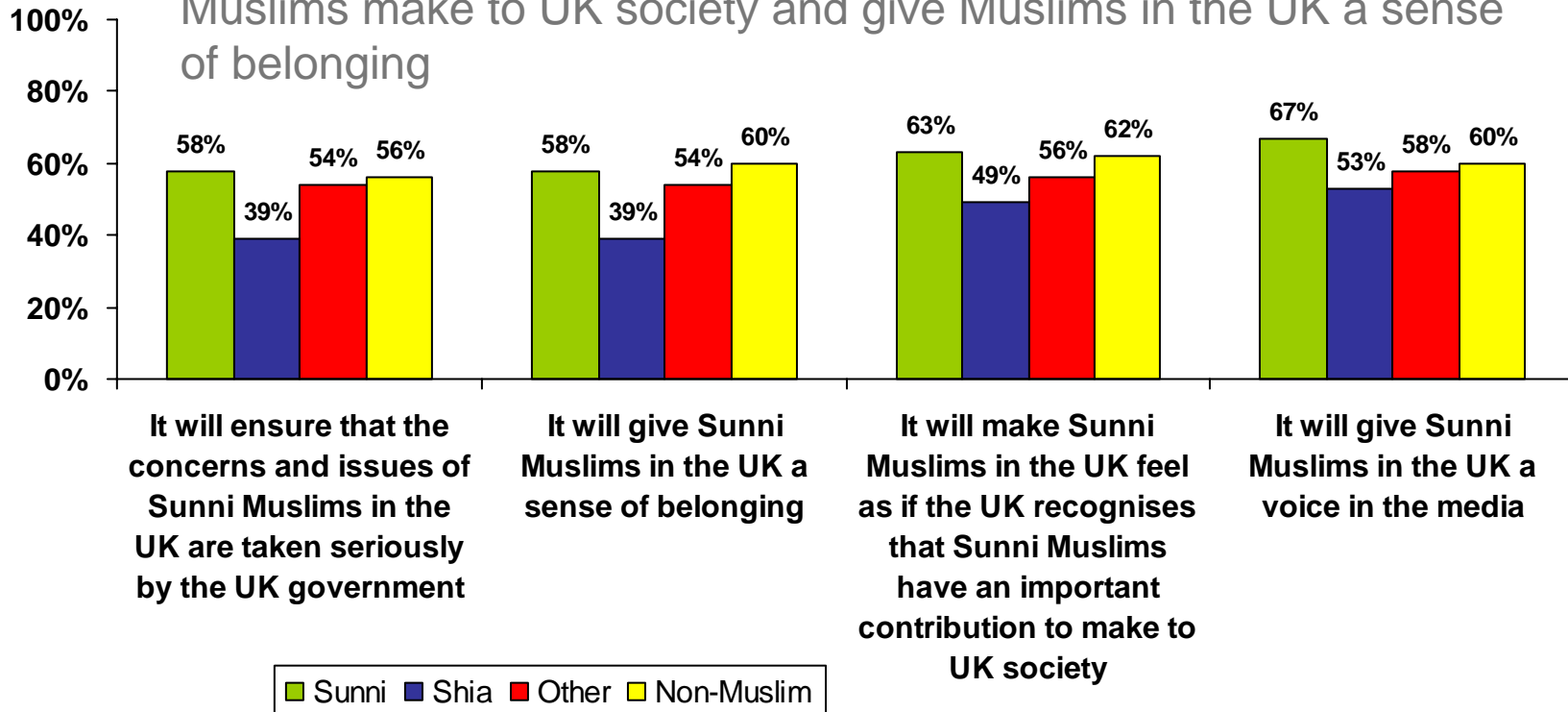
- And those who believe the UK Mufti will have a positive effect – generally – focus on the “voice” a UK Mufti would provide and that the appointment would acknowledge the contribution Sunni Muslims make to UK society



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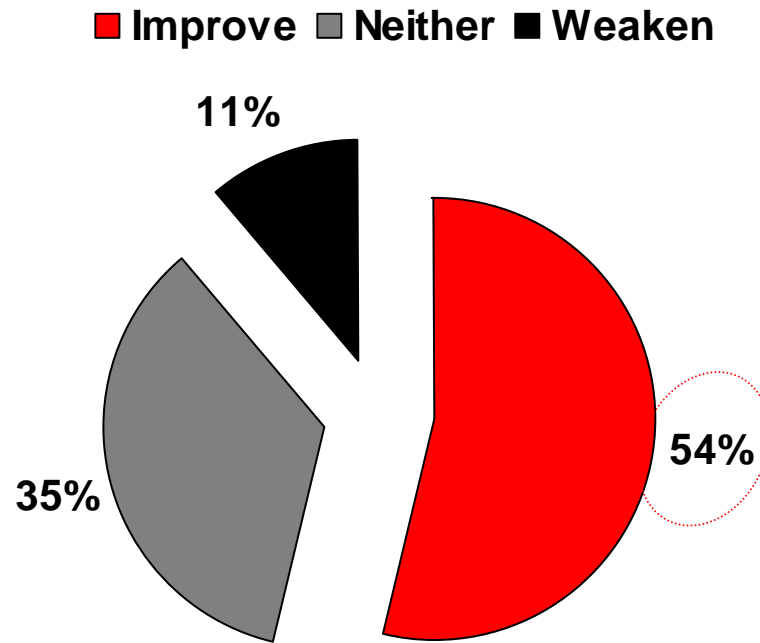
- Non-Sunni Muslims and non-Muslims...
  - also think a UK Mufti would provide a “voice” for Muslims in the UK, and that
  - the appointment would acknowledge the contribution Sunni Muslims make to UK society and give Muslims in the UK a sense of belonging



**Q: To what extent do you think each of the following will be a POSITIVE effect of having an officially recognized Mufti for Sunni Muslims in the UK?**

**Base: All Sunni Muslims (excluding those who think Mufti would “make no difference”), n = 426; Shia Muslims, n = 59; Other Muslims, n = 79, Non-Muslims, n = 321**

- The majority of Sunni Muslims believe a UK Mufti would improve relations with non-Muslims in the UK



*Q: What effect do you think having an officially recognized Mufti will have on relations with non-Muslims in the UK?*

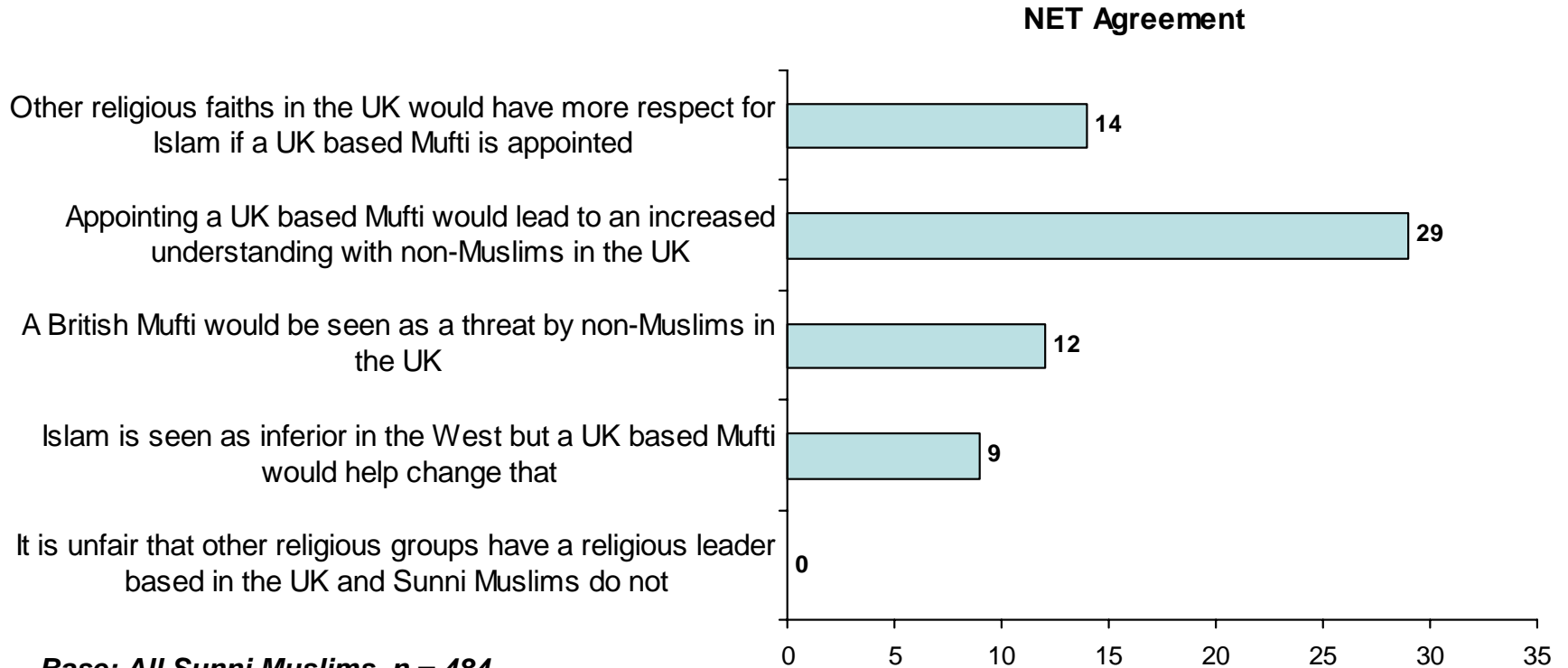
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**Sunni Muslims believe that a UK Mufti would improve perceptions of the Islamic faith in the UK AND increase understanding between faiths in the UK**

**BUT**

**Sunni Muslims also believe a UK Mufti would be seen as a threat by non-Muslims**

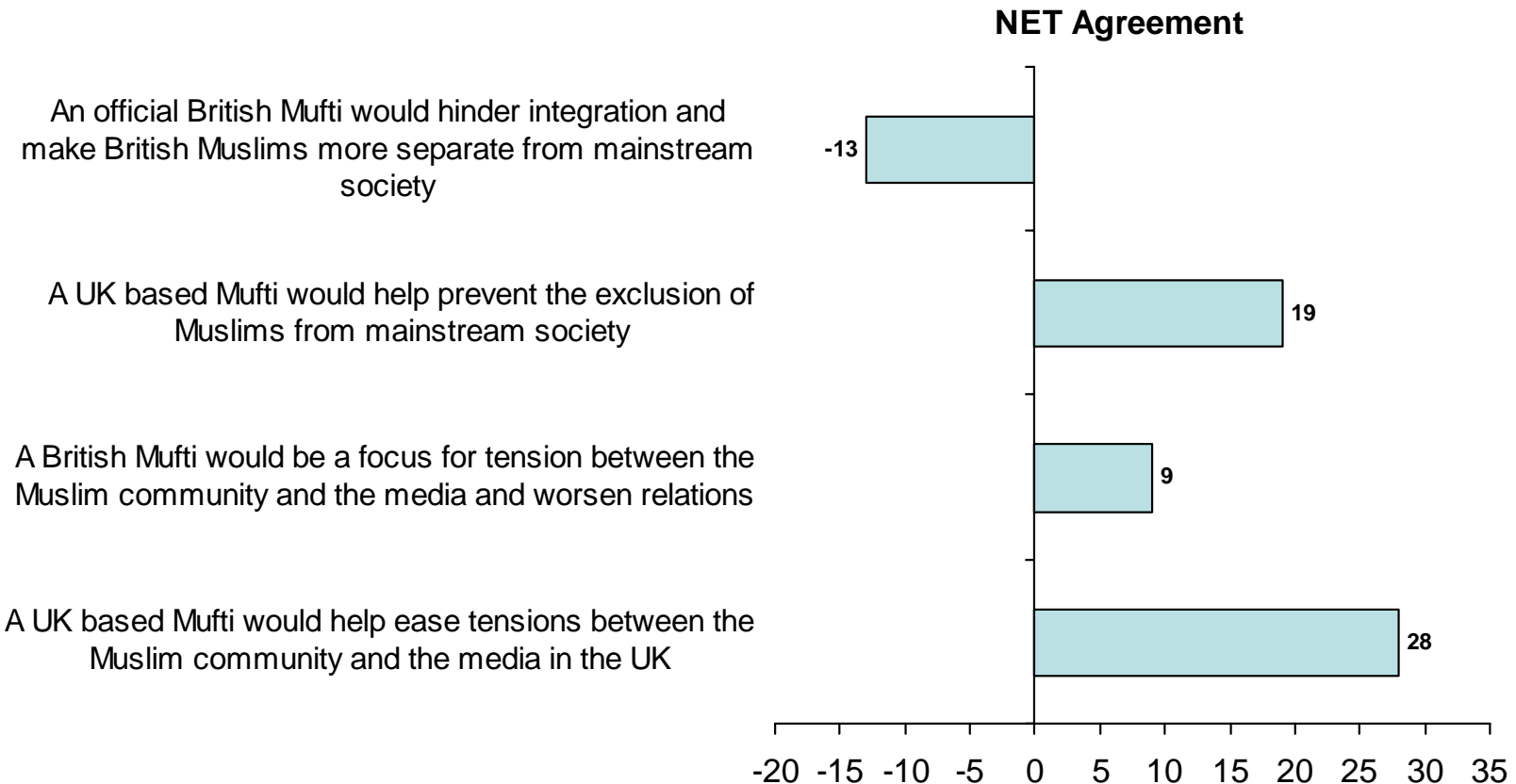
**To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?**



**Base: All Sunni Muslims, n = 484**

Sunni Muslims are overwhelmingly positive about the effect a UK Mufti would have on social integration of the Muslim community and relations with the British Media.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

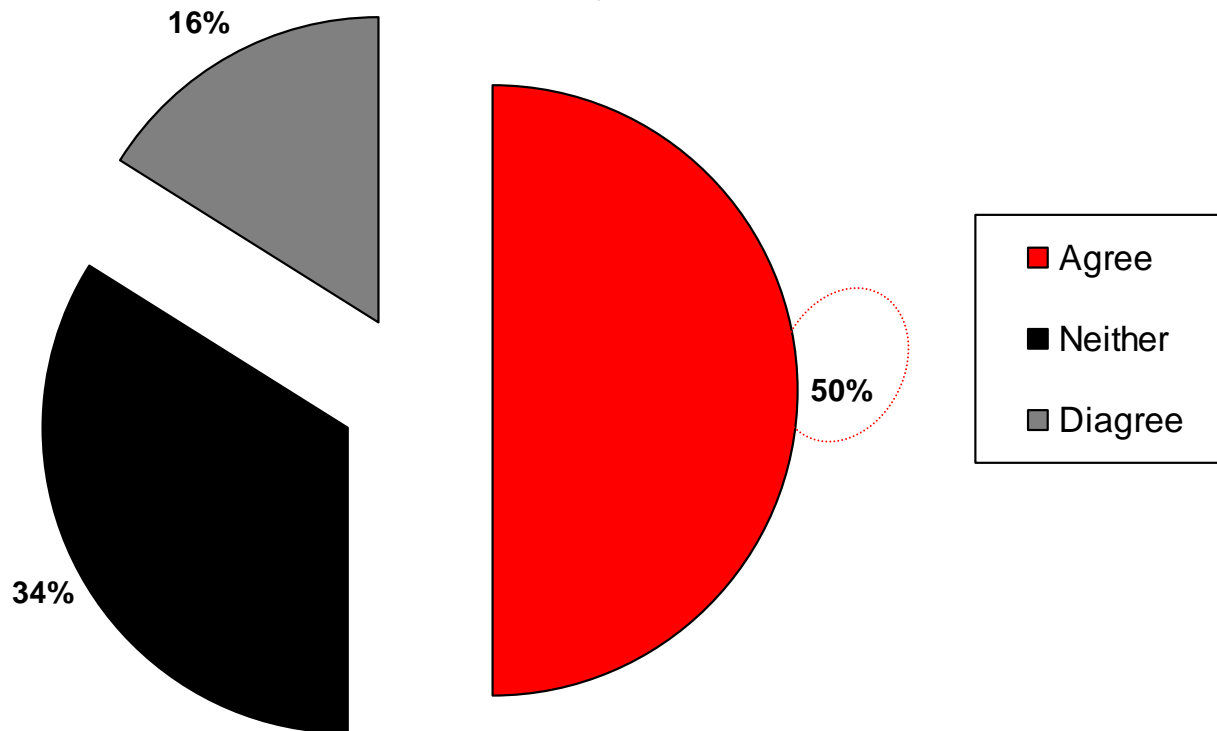


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# The Sunni Muslim Community – in different camps?

Half of Sunni Muslims believe that the appointment of a UK Mufti would divide the Muslim community in Britain.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
 ‘Not all Sunni Muslims in the UK would support the appointment of a Mufti and  
 It would lead to divisions within the Muslim community’



Base: All Sunni Muslims, n = 484

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