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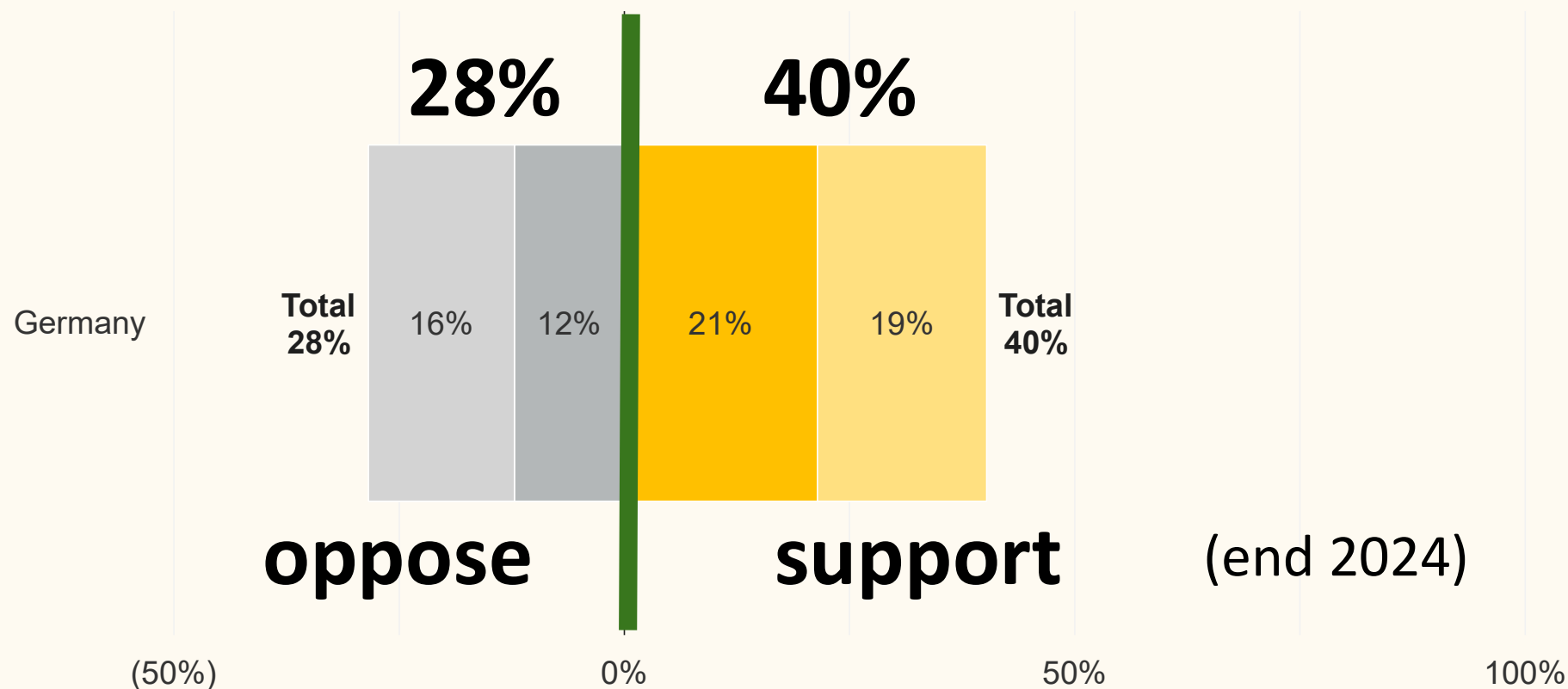
Representative data on German Opinions on Nuclear Energy

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In Germany, 40% support use of nuclear energy, 28% oppose its use

Share that say they oppose, or support nuclear energy use in Germany [%]

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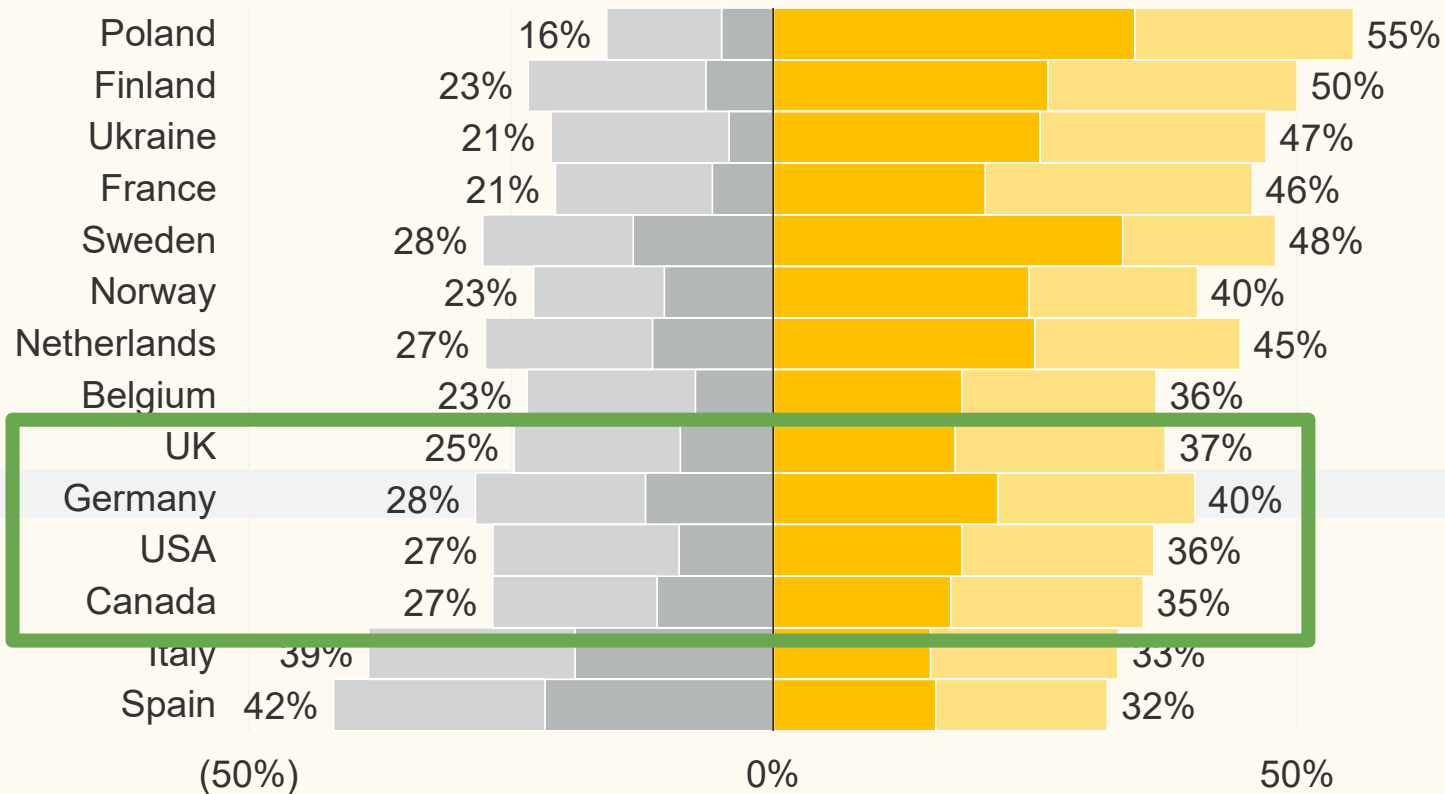
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Polling done 25th November – 20th December 2024

Q8. From what you know about [nuclear energy], to what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose using [it] to generate electricity in your country?
Not shown are the 32% who 'neither support nor oppose' or 'don't know'

Germans support for nuclear is similar to UK, US and Canada – countries building *new* nuclear power plants

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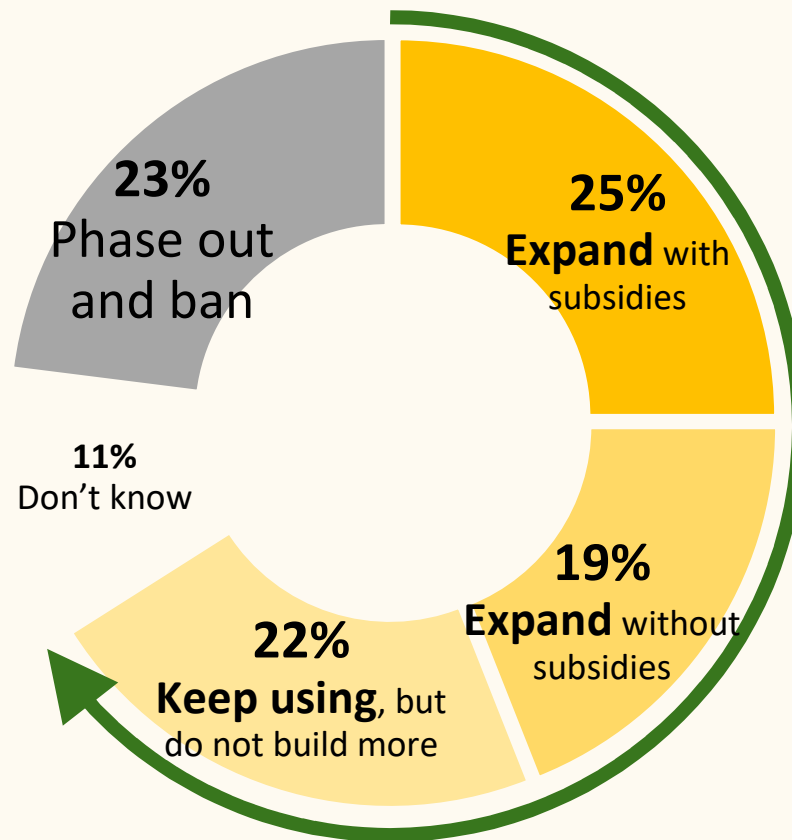
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2/3 of Germans want the country to *use or expand* nuclear energy



66%

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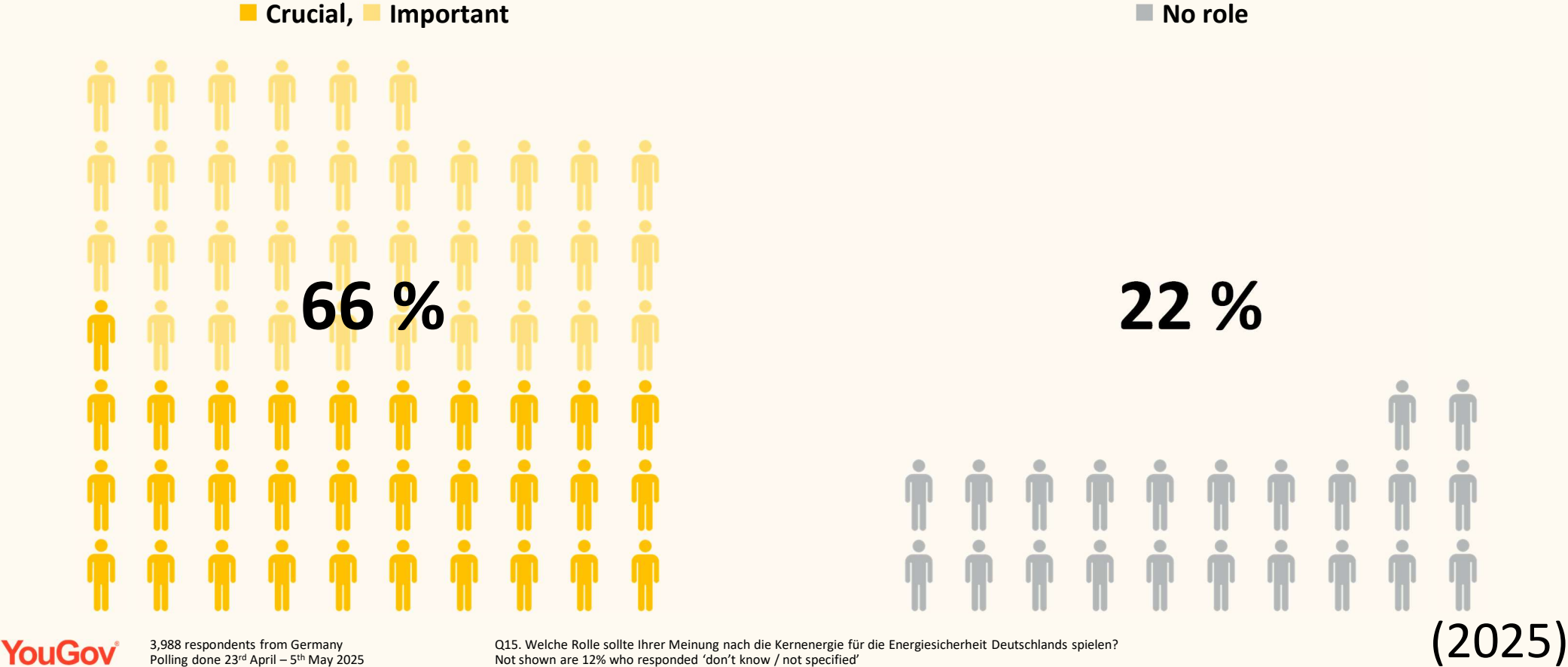
Share that say they align with each policy approach on nuclear energy use [%]

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Q9. Assuming all these energy options were viable for your country, which policy approach, if any, do you think your country should take on [nuclear energy]?

2/3 of Germans see nuclear energy as (crucially) important for *energy security*



Half of Germans are, in principle, open to reprocessing nuclear fuel; 2/3 want alternatives to deep storage.

52%

■ Reprocessing of the fuel within the nuclear power plant



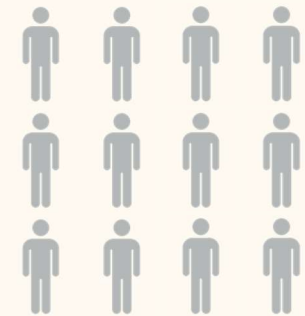
15%

■ Storage in a nuclear power plant until further research and discussion



12%

■ Storing waste in a deep geological repository



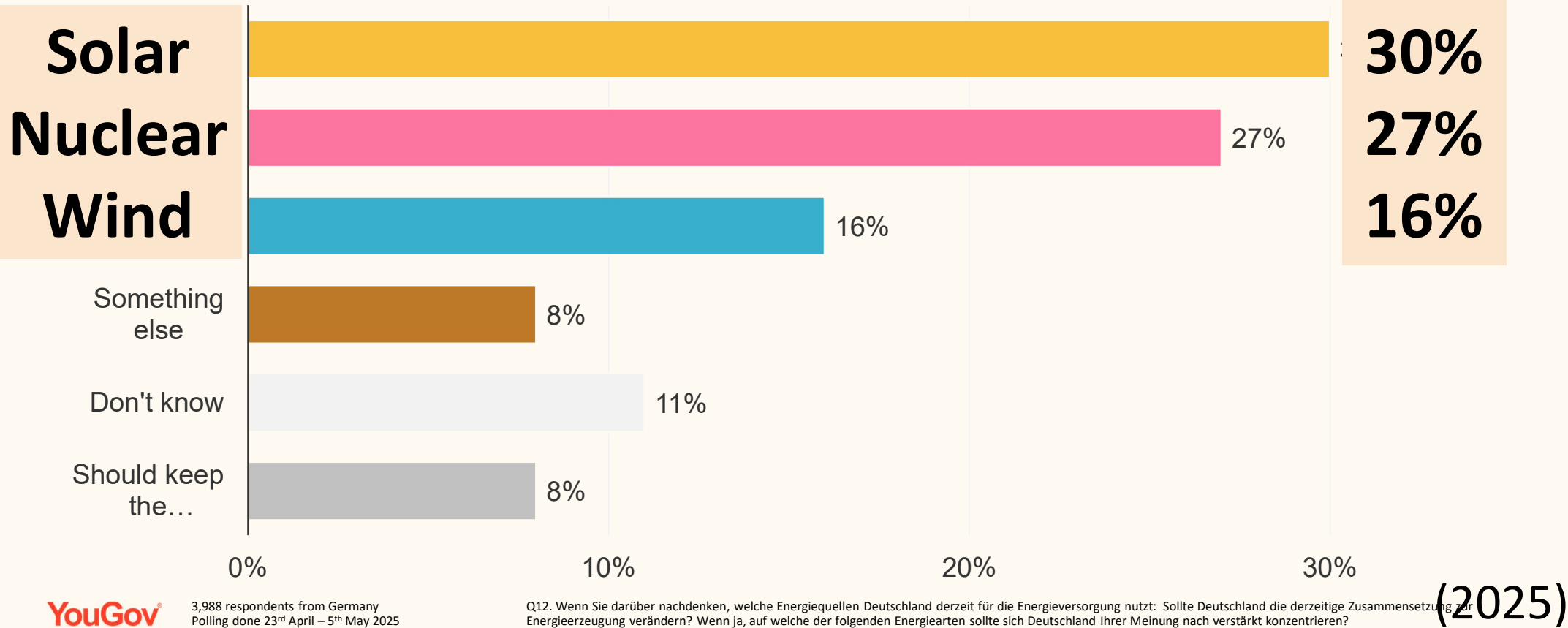
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3,988 respondents from Germany
Polling done 23rd April – 5th May 2025

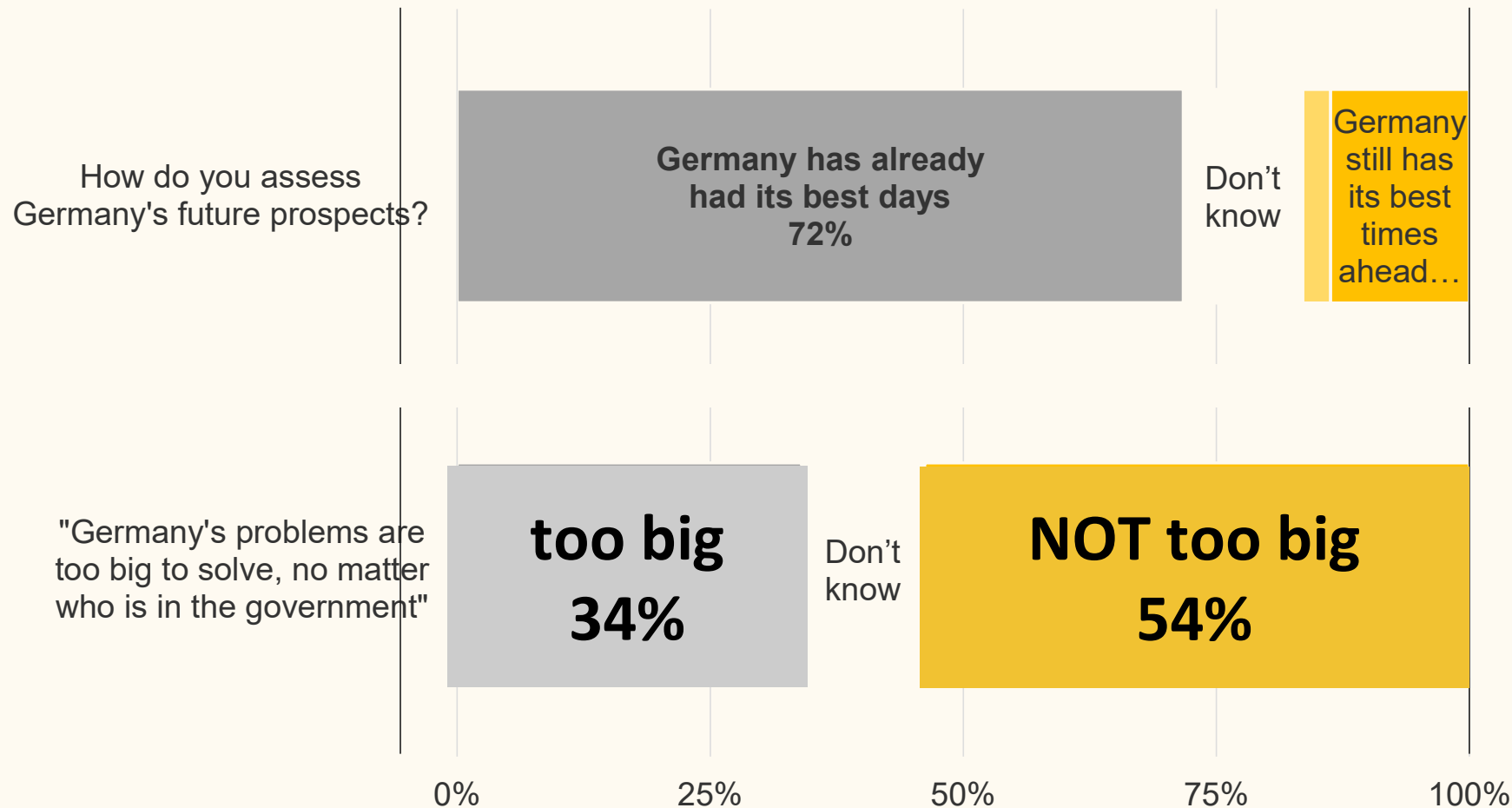
Q17. In Bezug auf die Lagerung von Atommüll: Nach allem, was Sie darüber wissen, welche der folgenden Optionen würden Sie für Deutschland bevorzugen?
Not shown are 21% who responded 'other' or 'don't know / not specified'

More Germans want *stronger* focus on nuclear than wind energy; nearly as much as on solar energy!

Share that want Germany's energy mix to increasingly focus on selected energy source ,%



**nearly 3/4: "Germany has already had its best days"
but majority: "problems NOT too big to solve"**

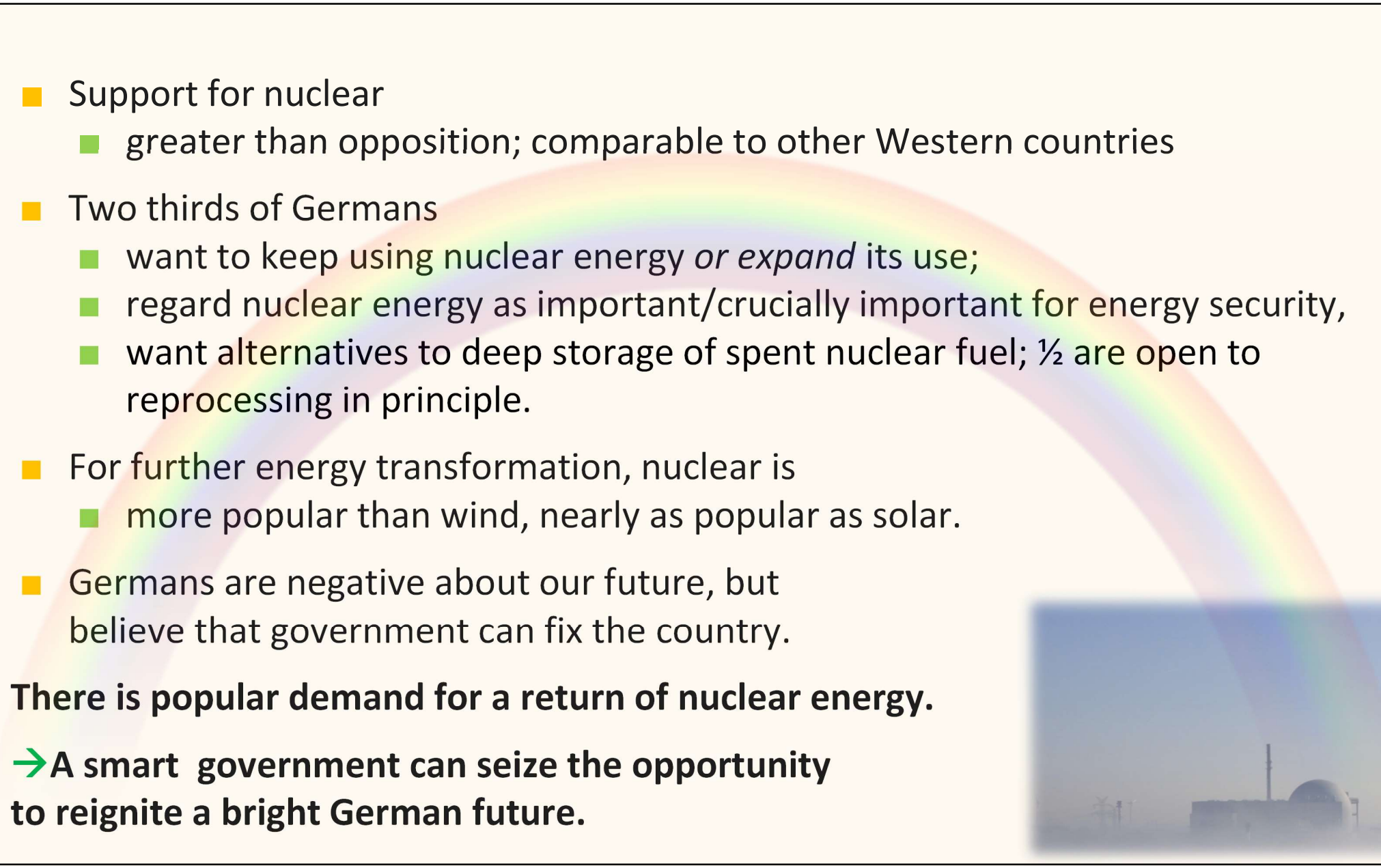


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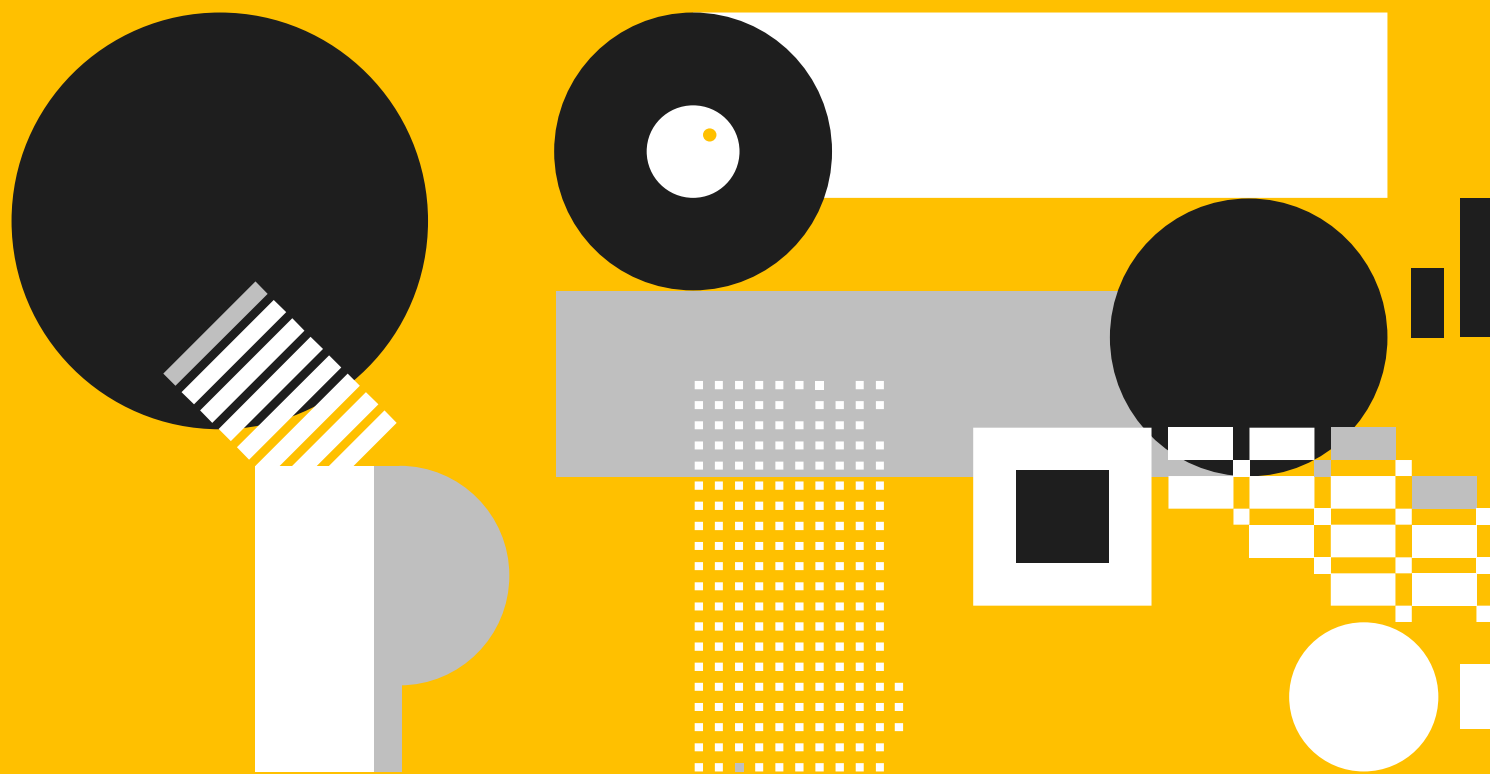
Q7. Wie beurteilen Sie die Zukunftsaussichten Deutschlands?
Q8. Ist die folgende Aussage Ihrer Meinung nach richtig oder falsch: "Deutschlands Probleme sind zu groß, um sie zu lösen, egal wer in der Regierung ist."?

(2025)

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- Support for nuclear
 - greater than opposition; comparable to other Western countries
 - Two thirds of Germans
 - want to keep using nuclear energy *or expand* its use;
 - regard nuclear energy as important/crucially important for energy security,
 - want alternatives to deep storage of spent nuclear fuel; ½ are open to reprocessing in principle.
 - For further energy transformation, nuclear is
 - more popular than wind, nearly as popular as solar.
 - Germans are negative about our future, but believe that government can fix the country.

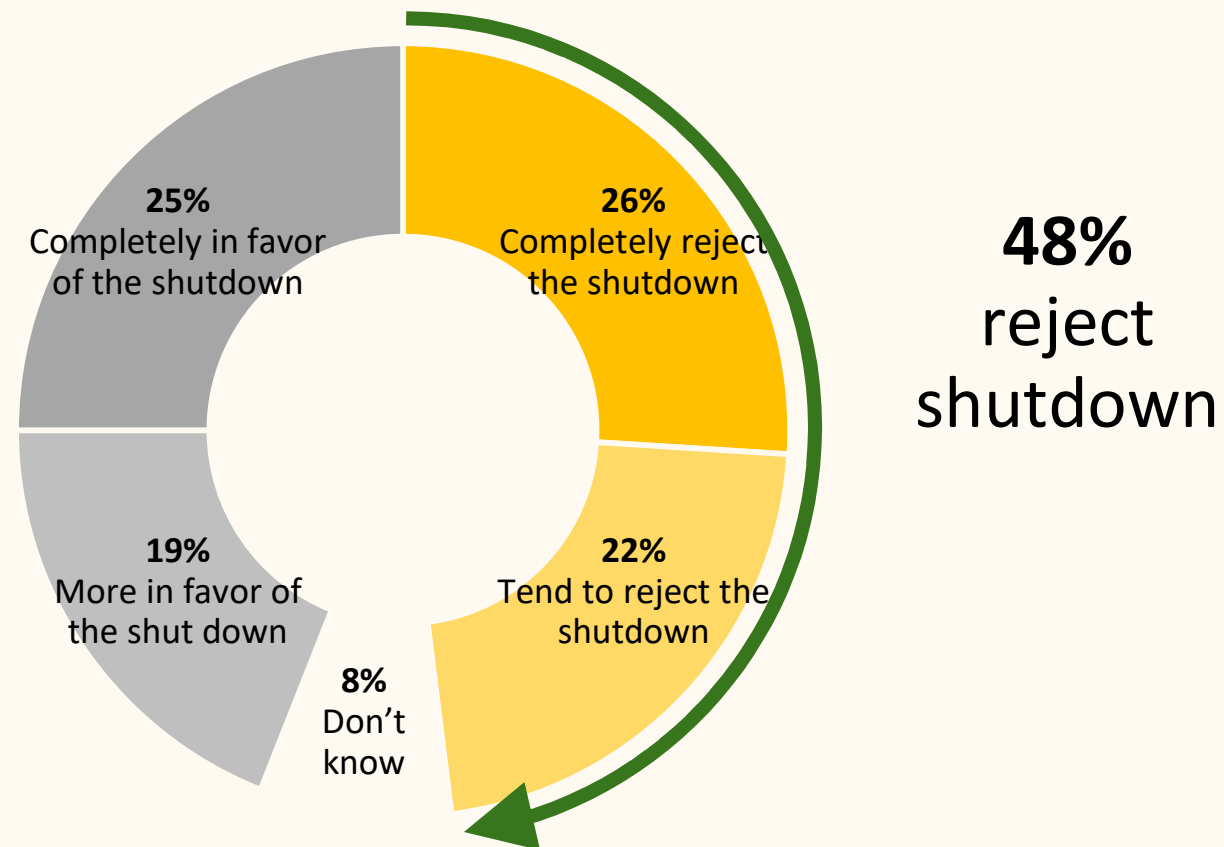
There is popular demand for a return of nuclear energy.

→ A smart government can seize the opportunity to reignite a bright German future.



In a different survey, half of Germans rejected the shutdown of the last German nuclear power plants (2025)

Share expressing each view on the shutdown of the last German nuclear power plants, %



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Q14. Wie stehen Sie zur Abschaltung der letzten deutschen Atomkraftwerke?