

No such thing as a safe seat

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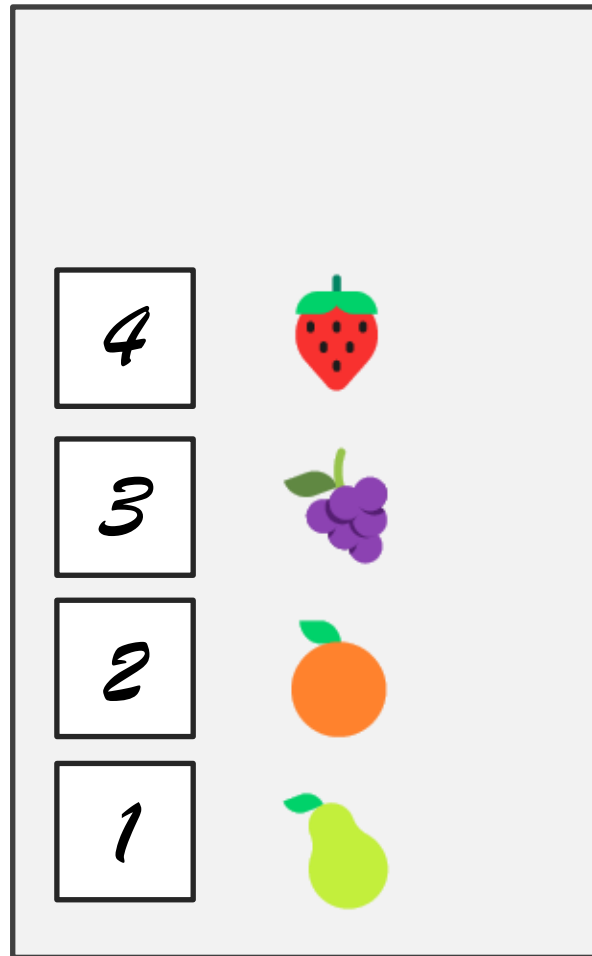
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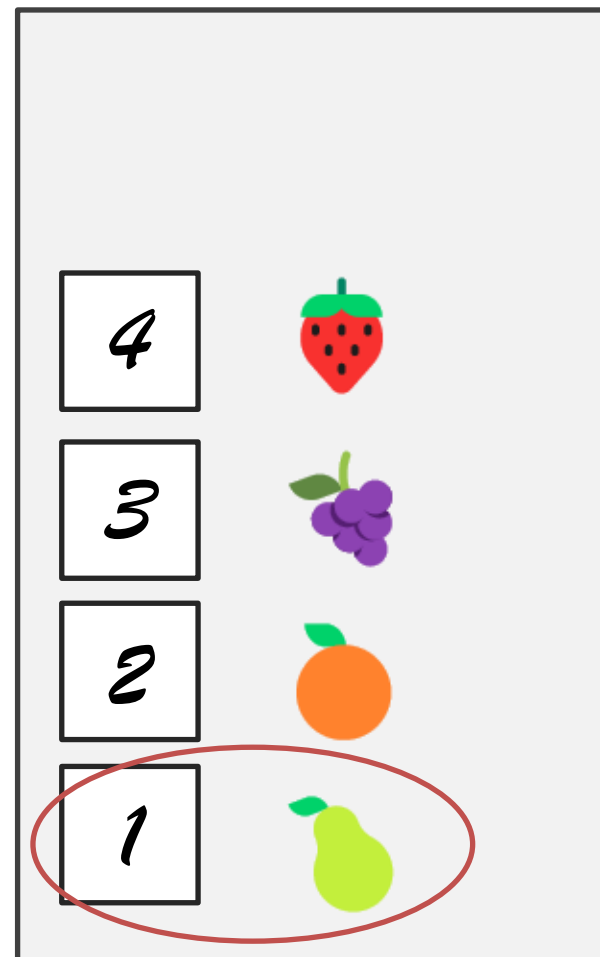
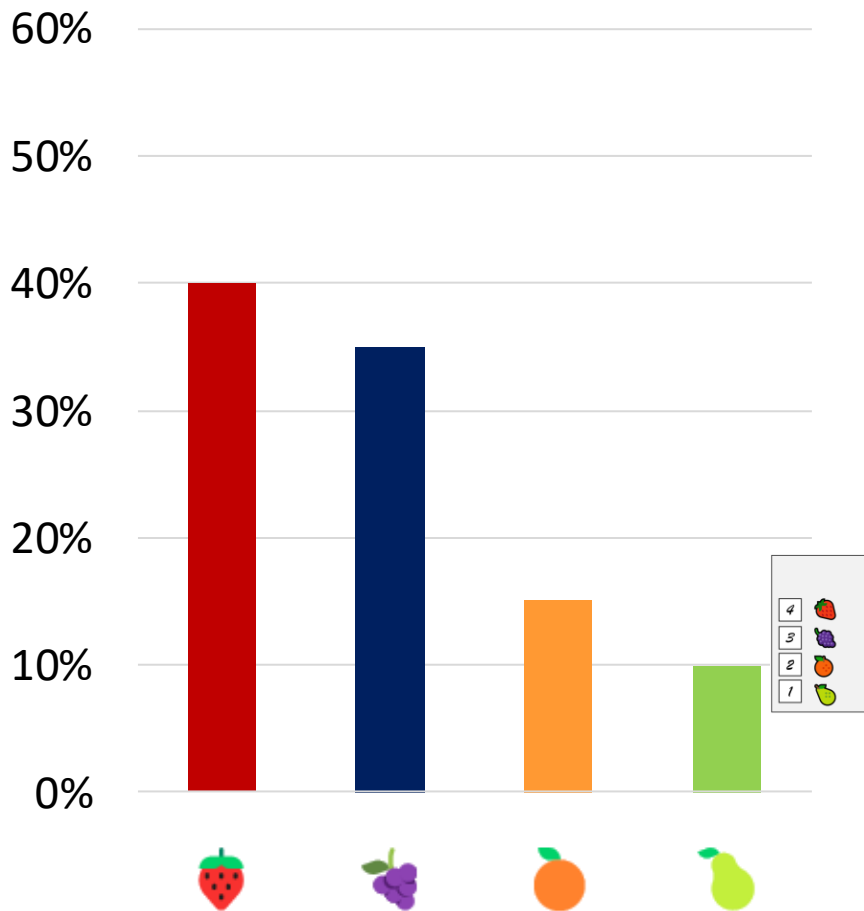
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- Understanding preferences and swings
- The major parties and elections
- Effects of the growing non-major vote
- Implications of “no safe seats”

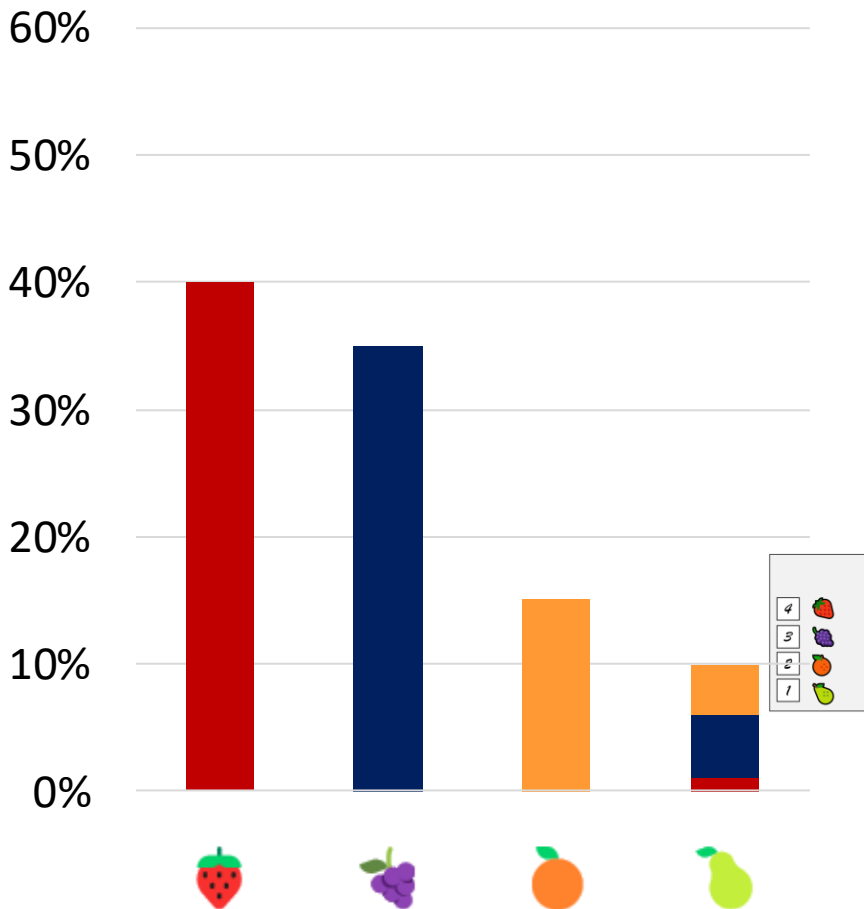
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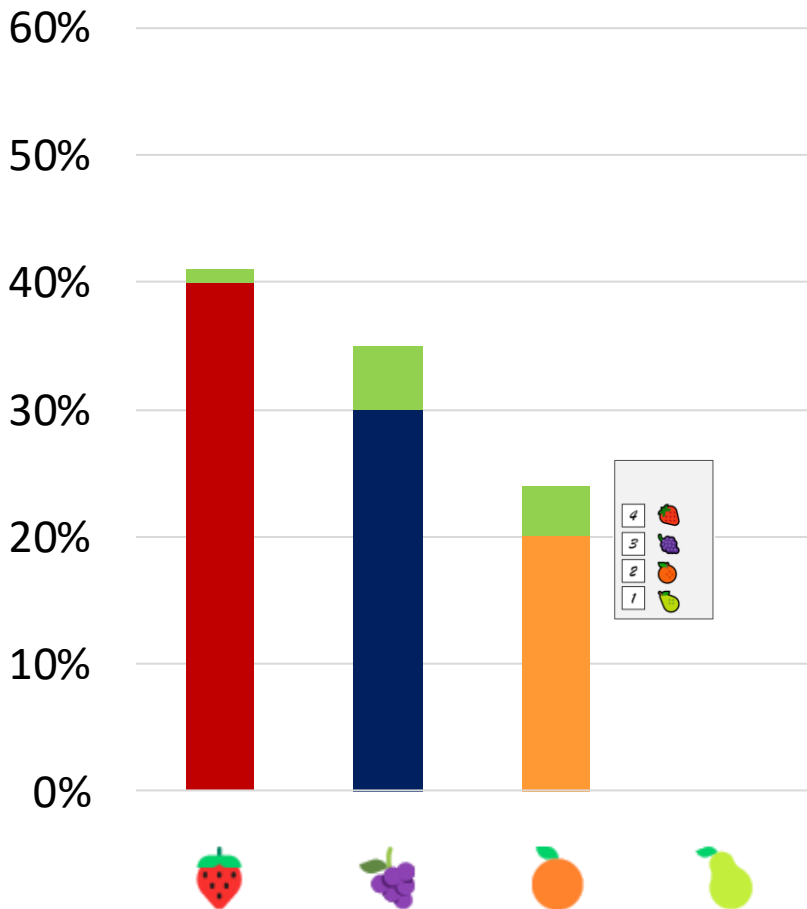
UNDERSTANDING PREFERENCES AND SWINGS

Full preferential voting







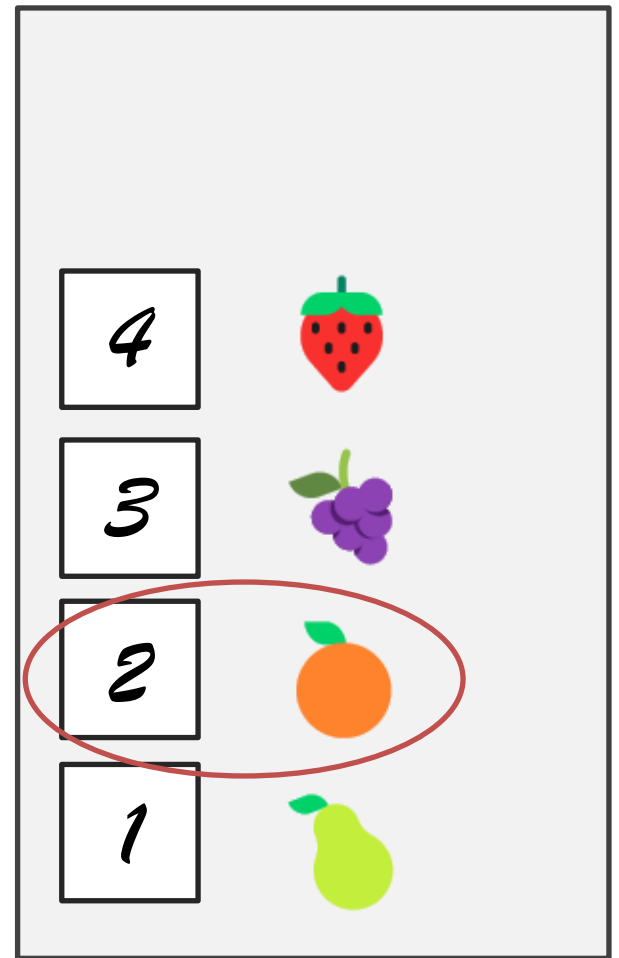
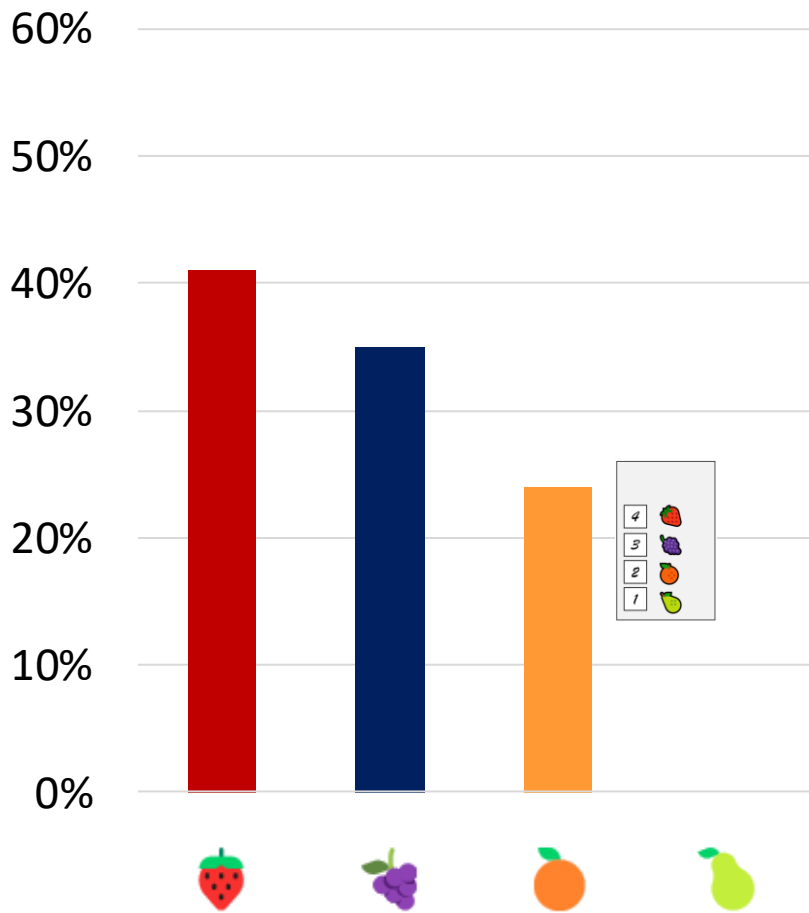


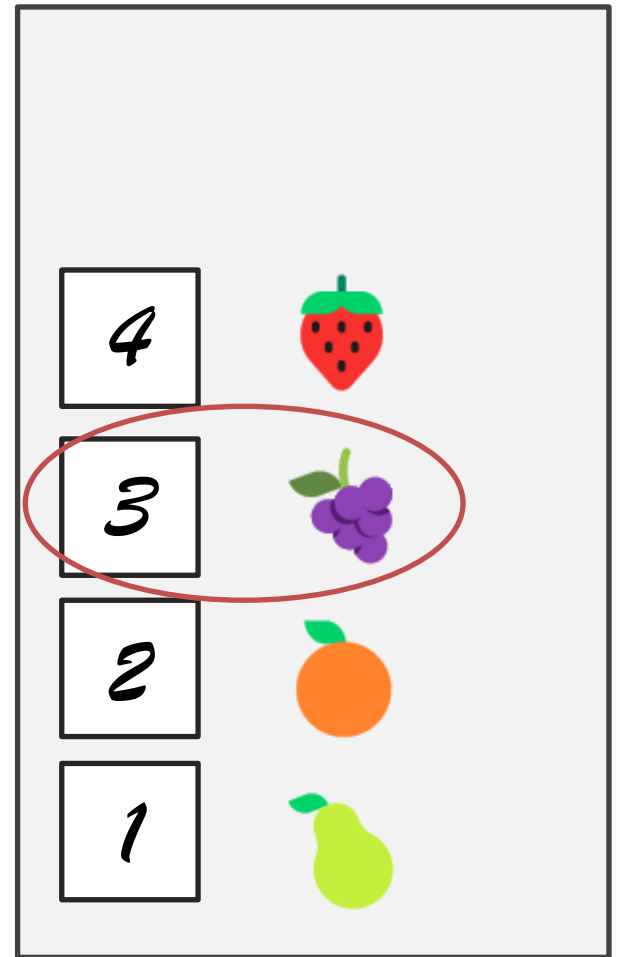
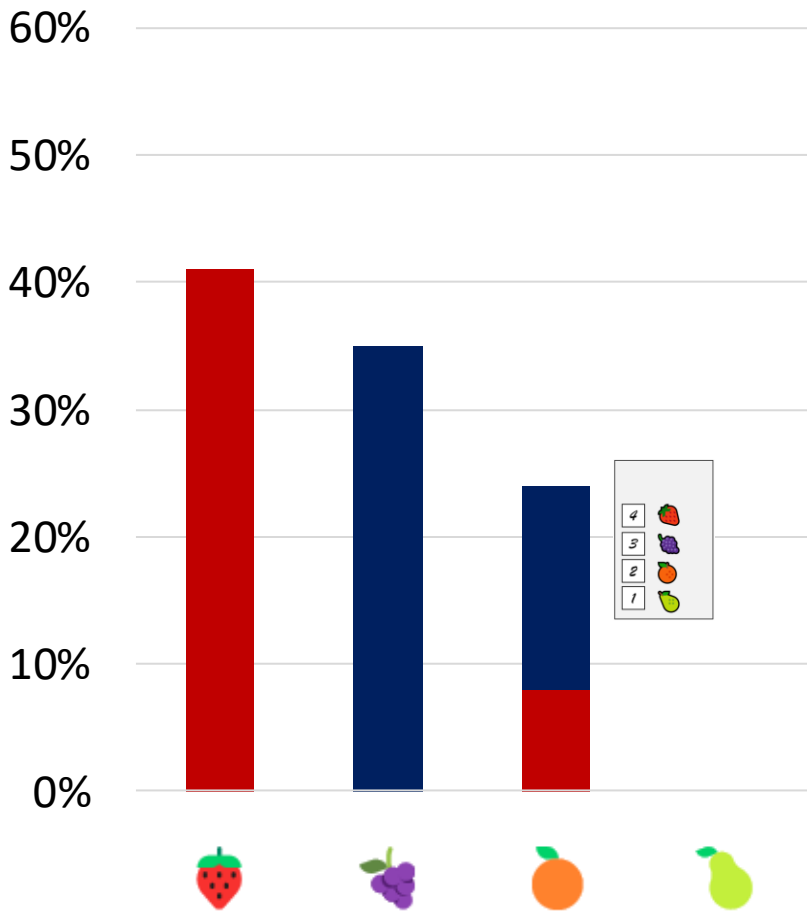
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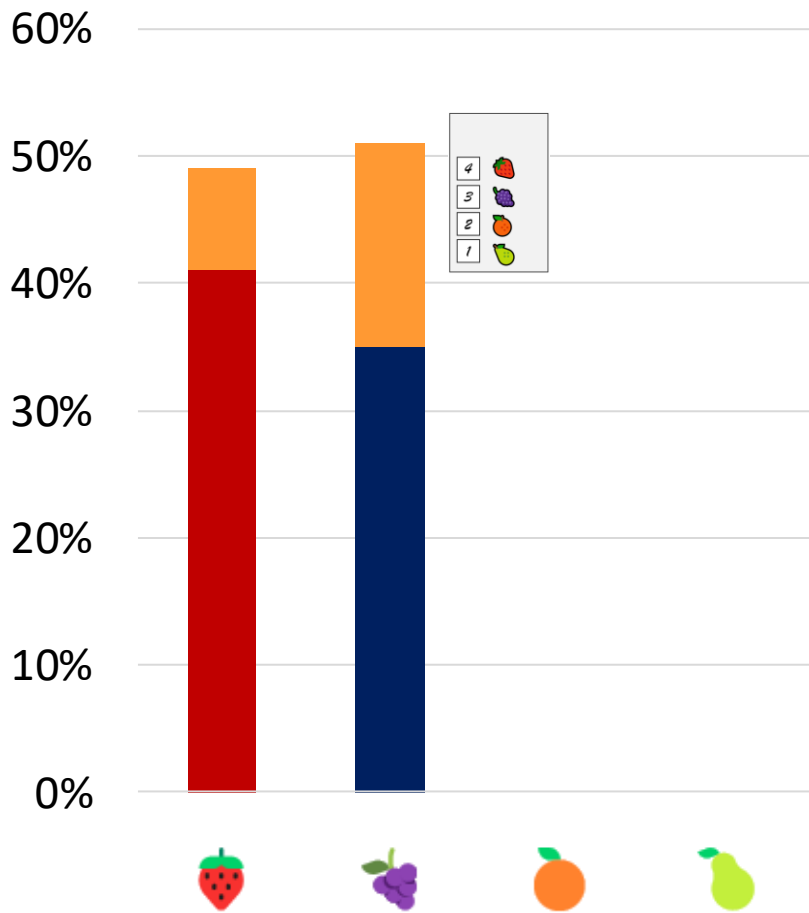
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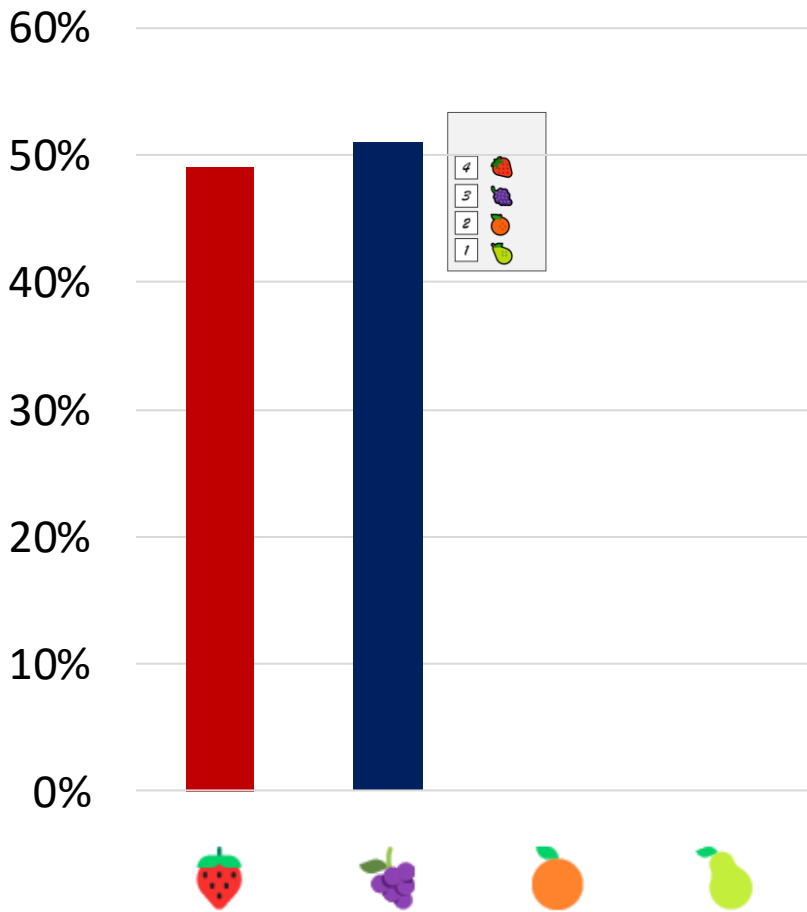
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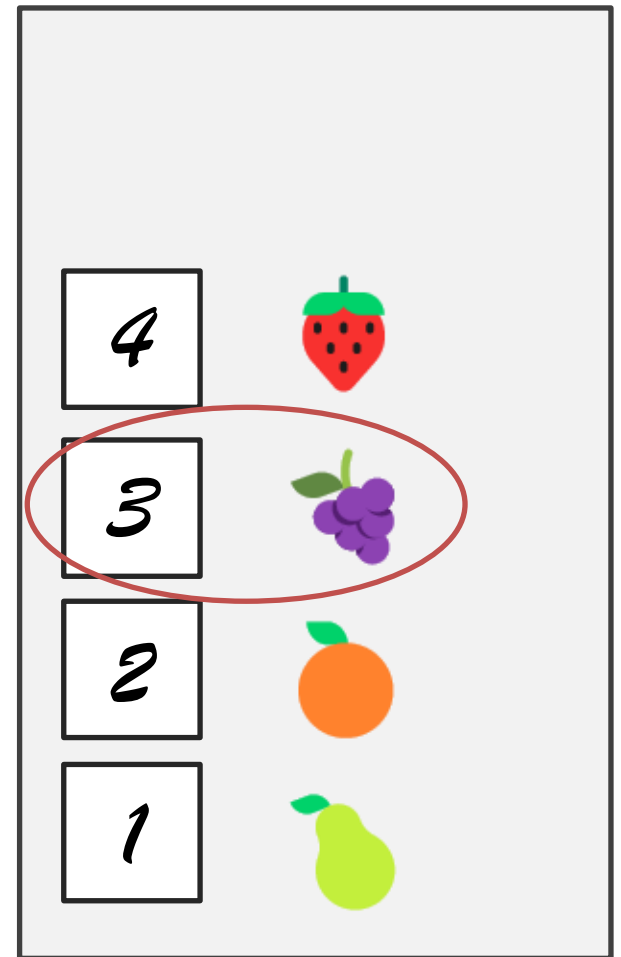
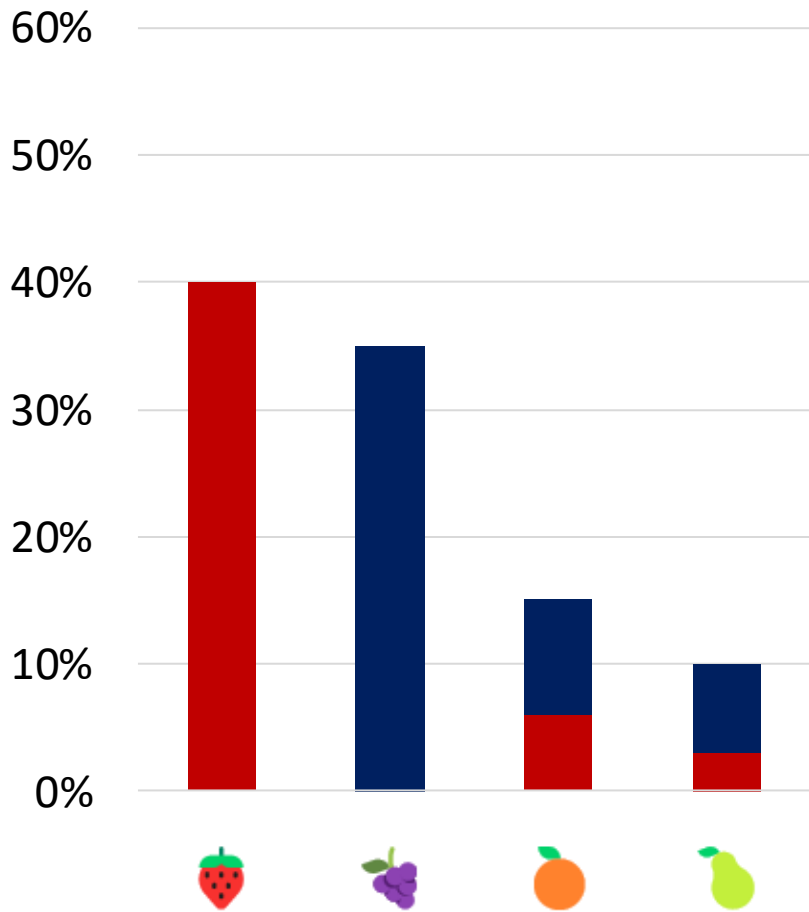




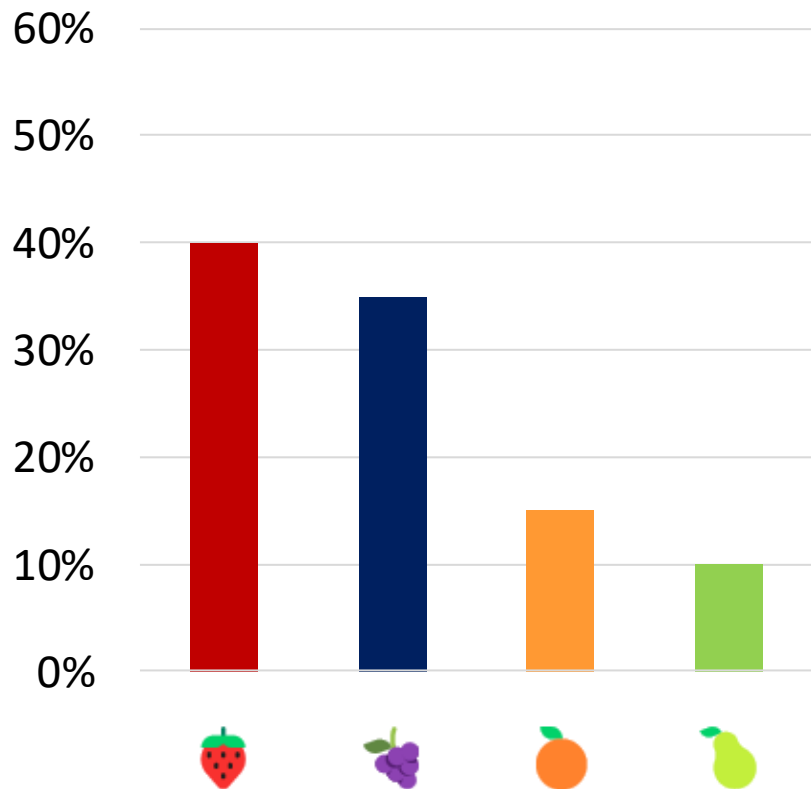


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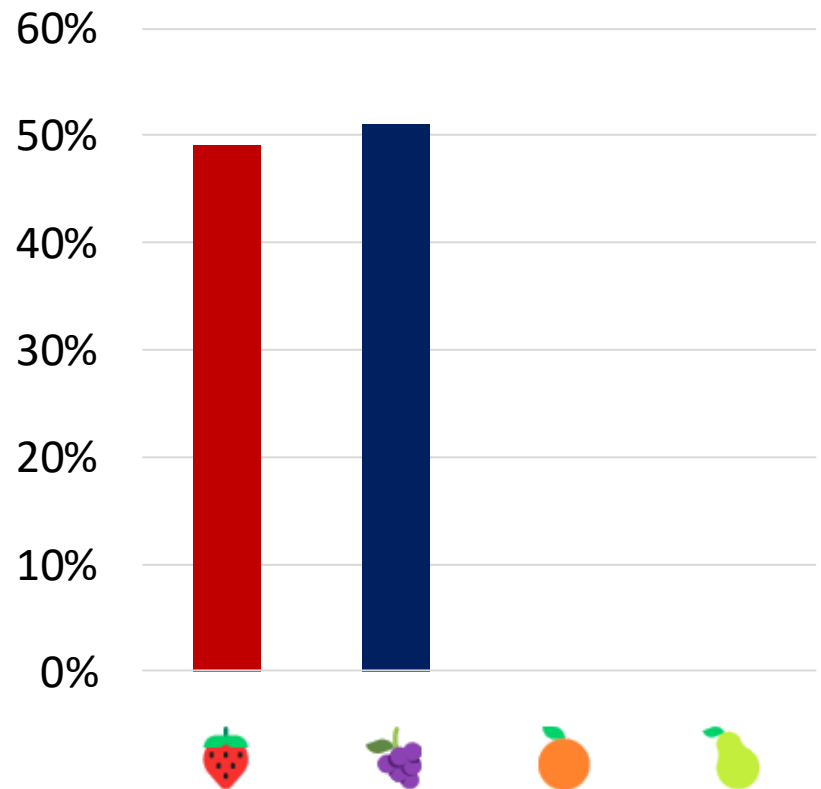




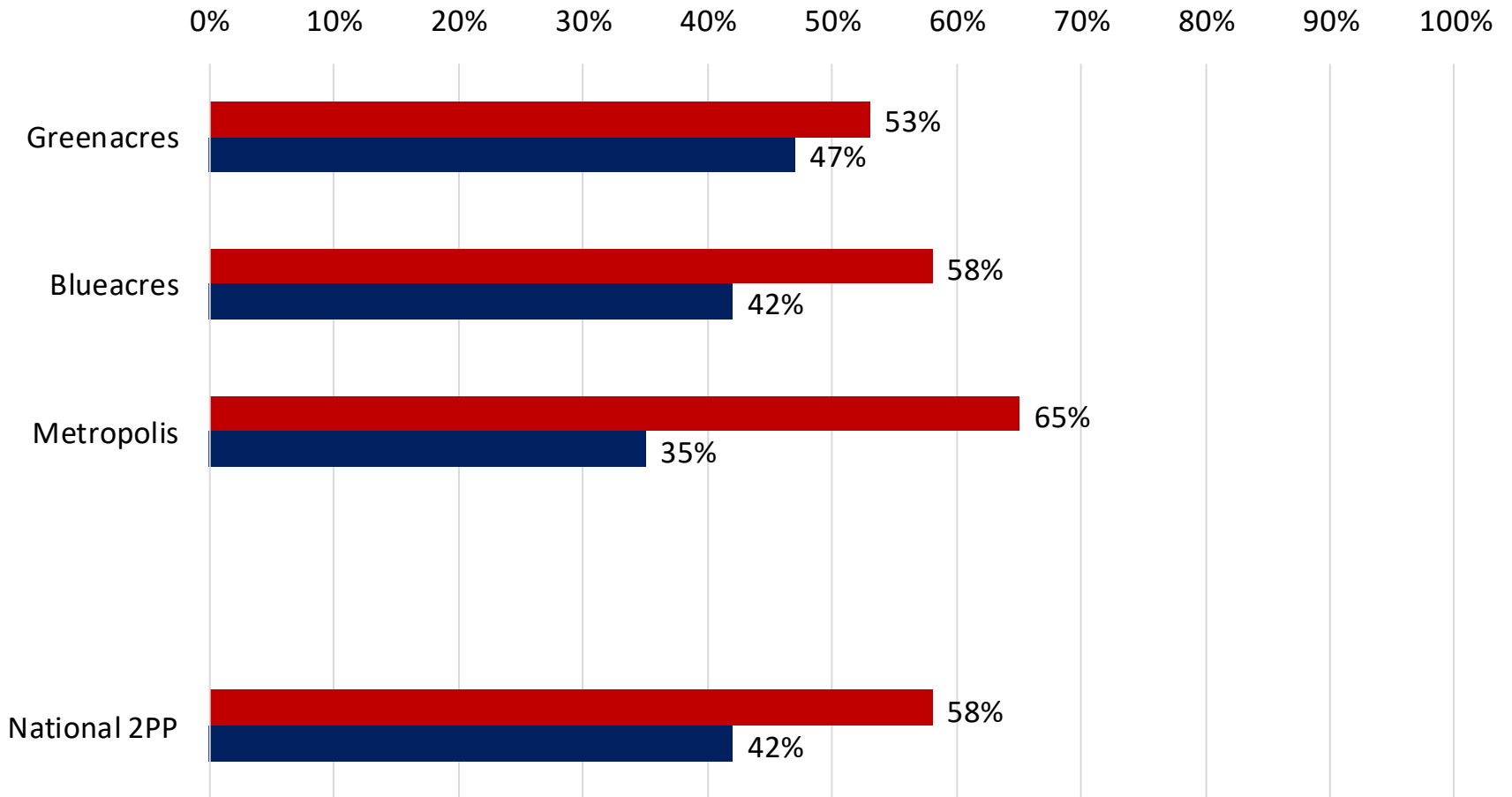
Primary/First preference vote



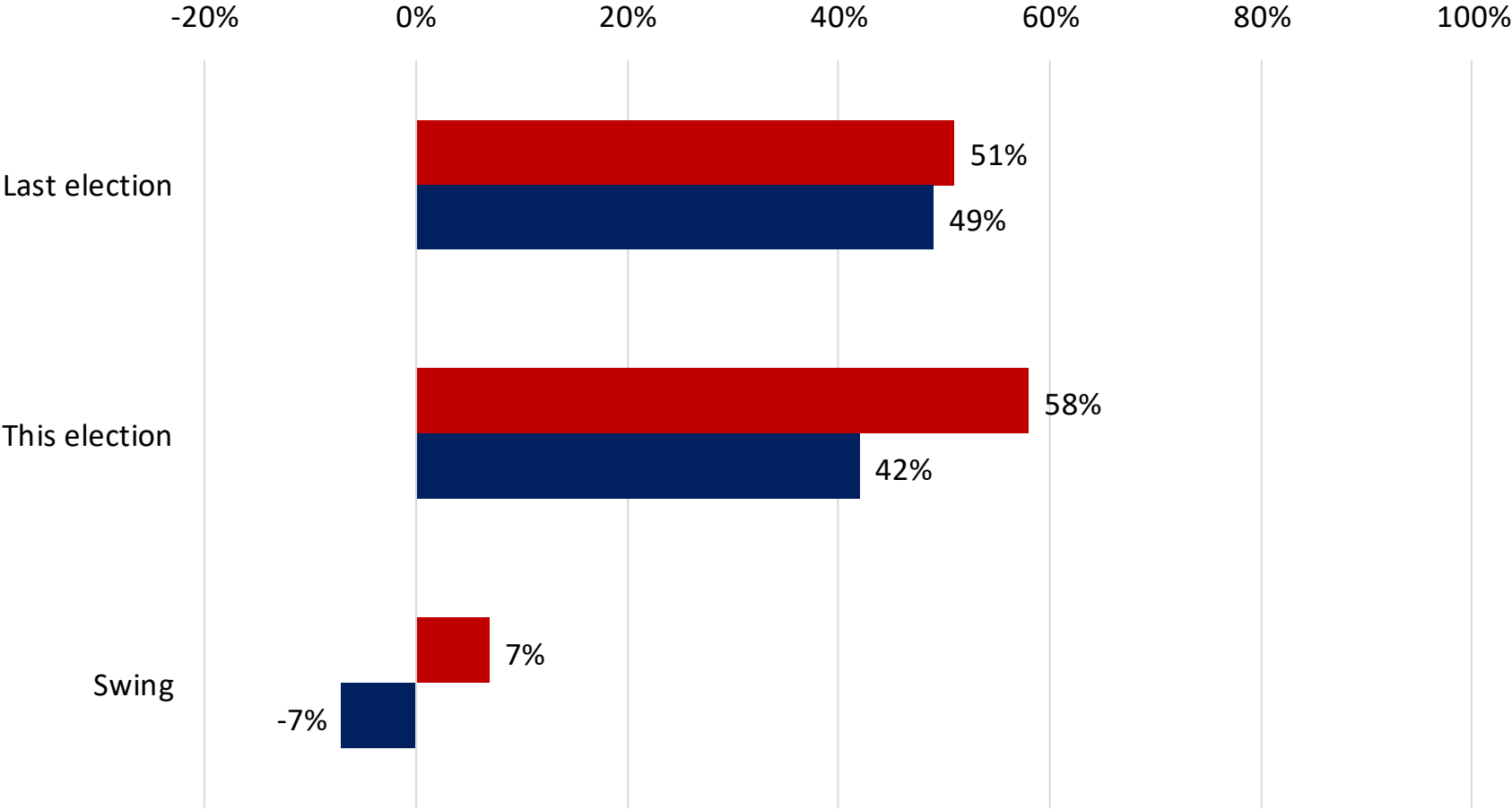
Two-party preferred vote (2PP)



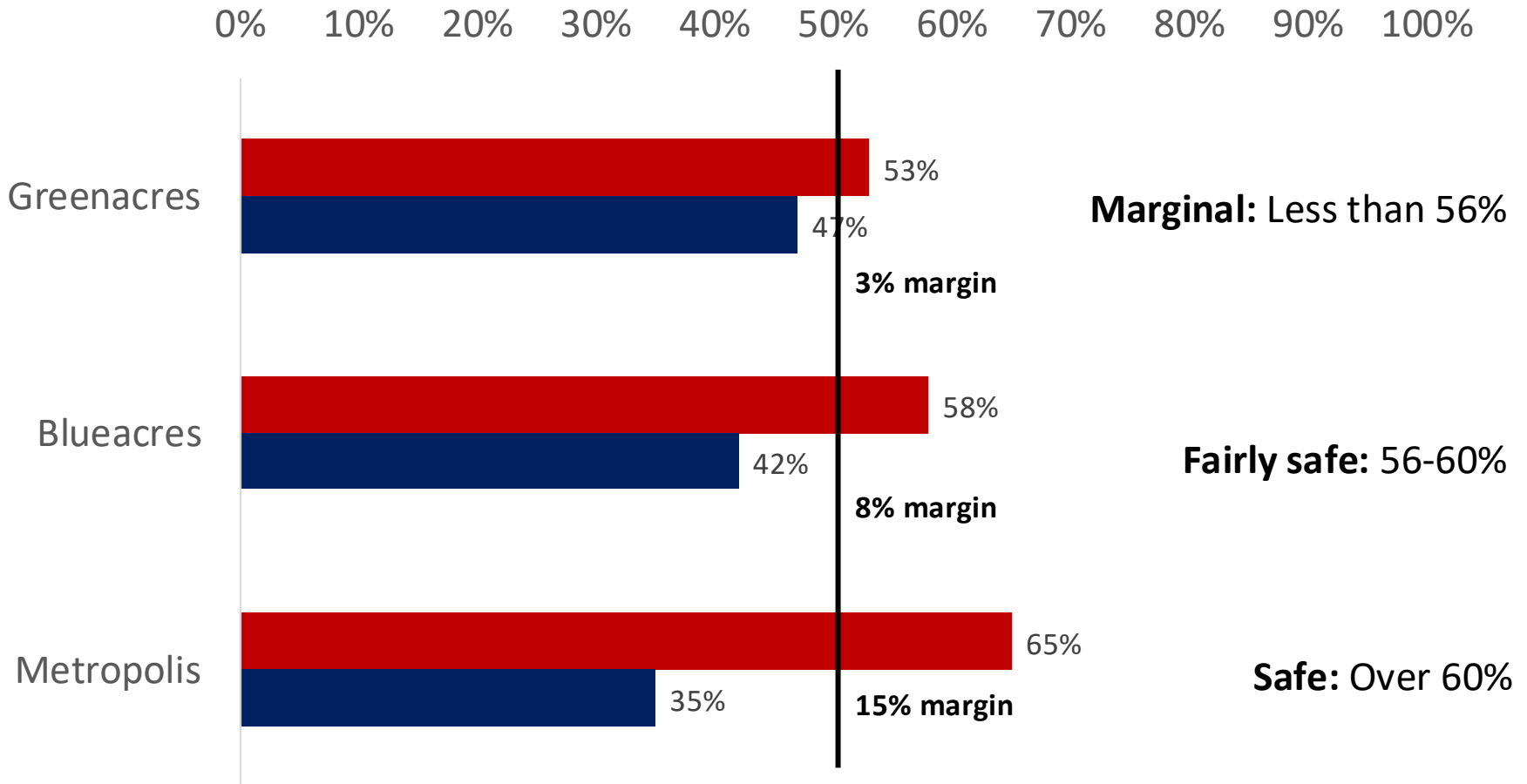
National 2PP



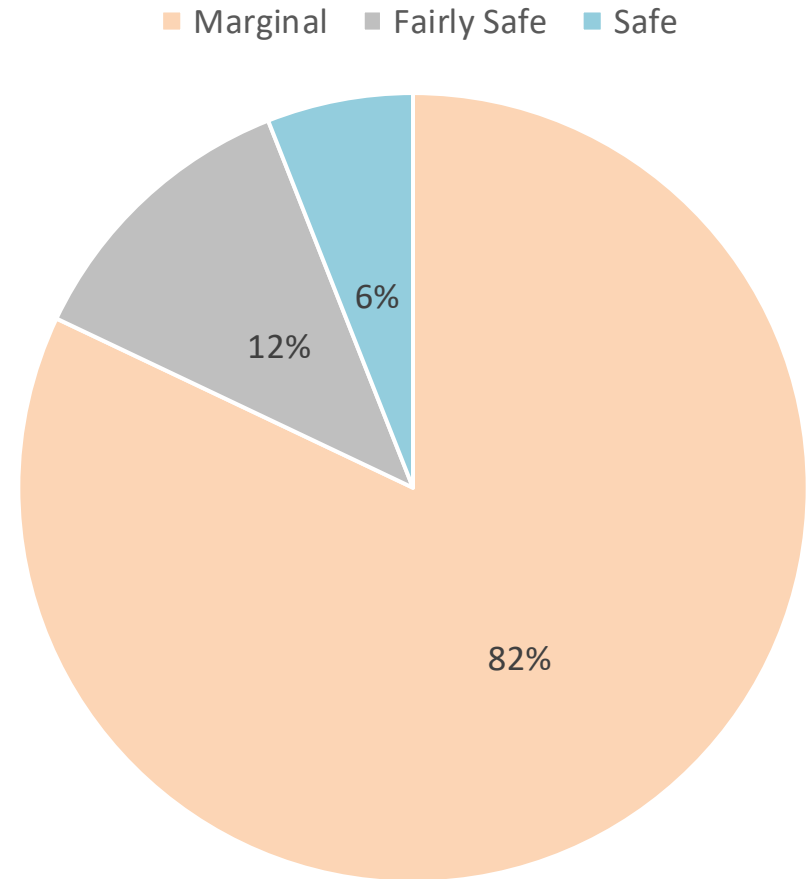
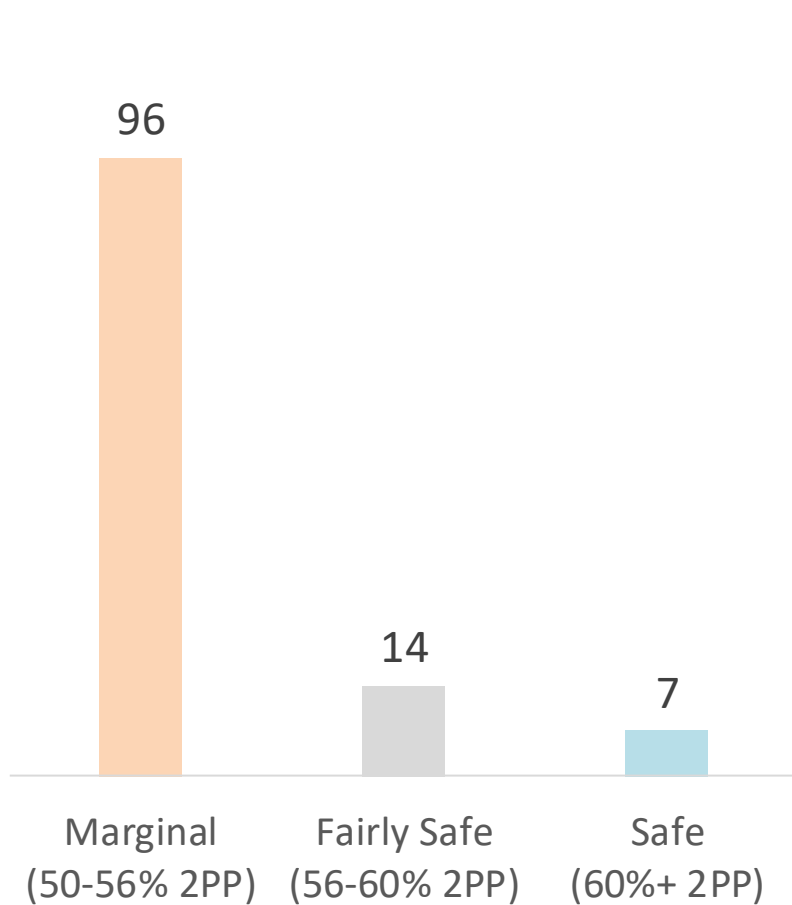
National swing (2PP)



Marginal vs safe seats



Majors mostly take marginals



THE MAJOR PARTIES AND ELECTIONS

EFFECTS OF THE GROWING NON-MAJOR PARTY VOTE

2PP 50% vote
5 seats



Pendulum



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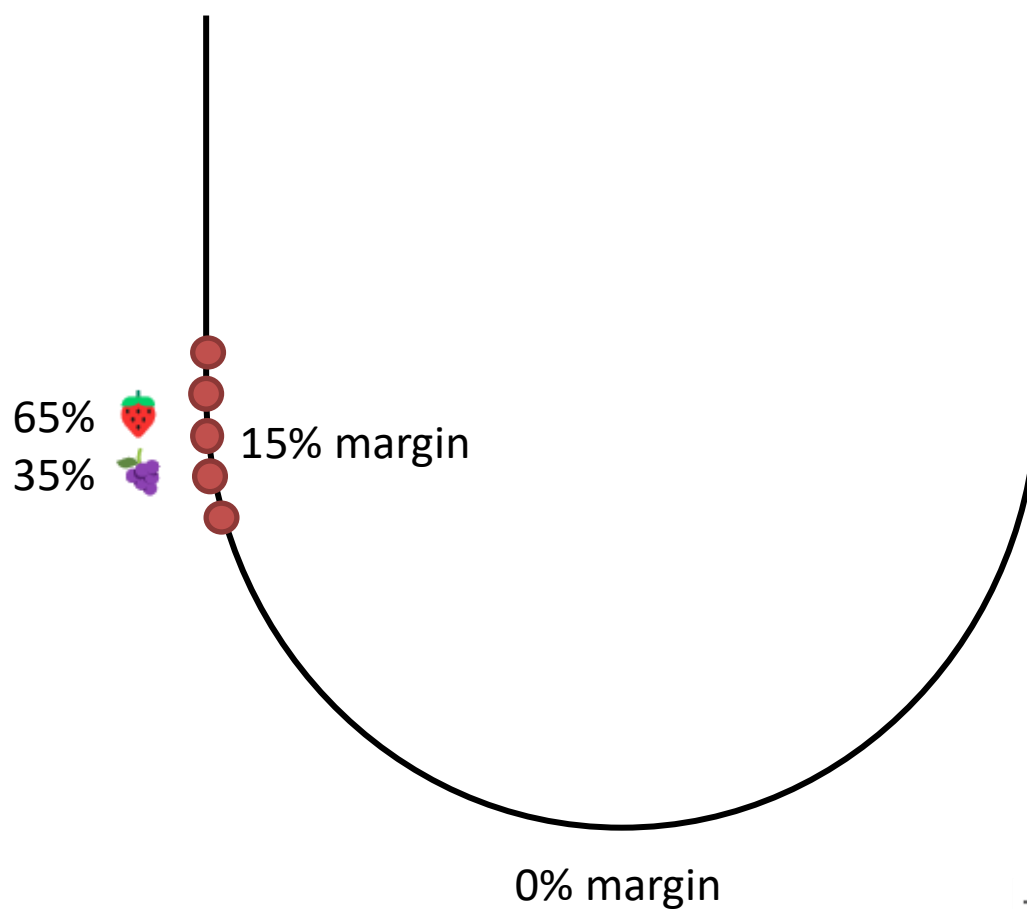
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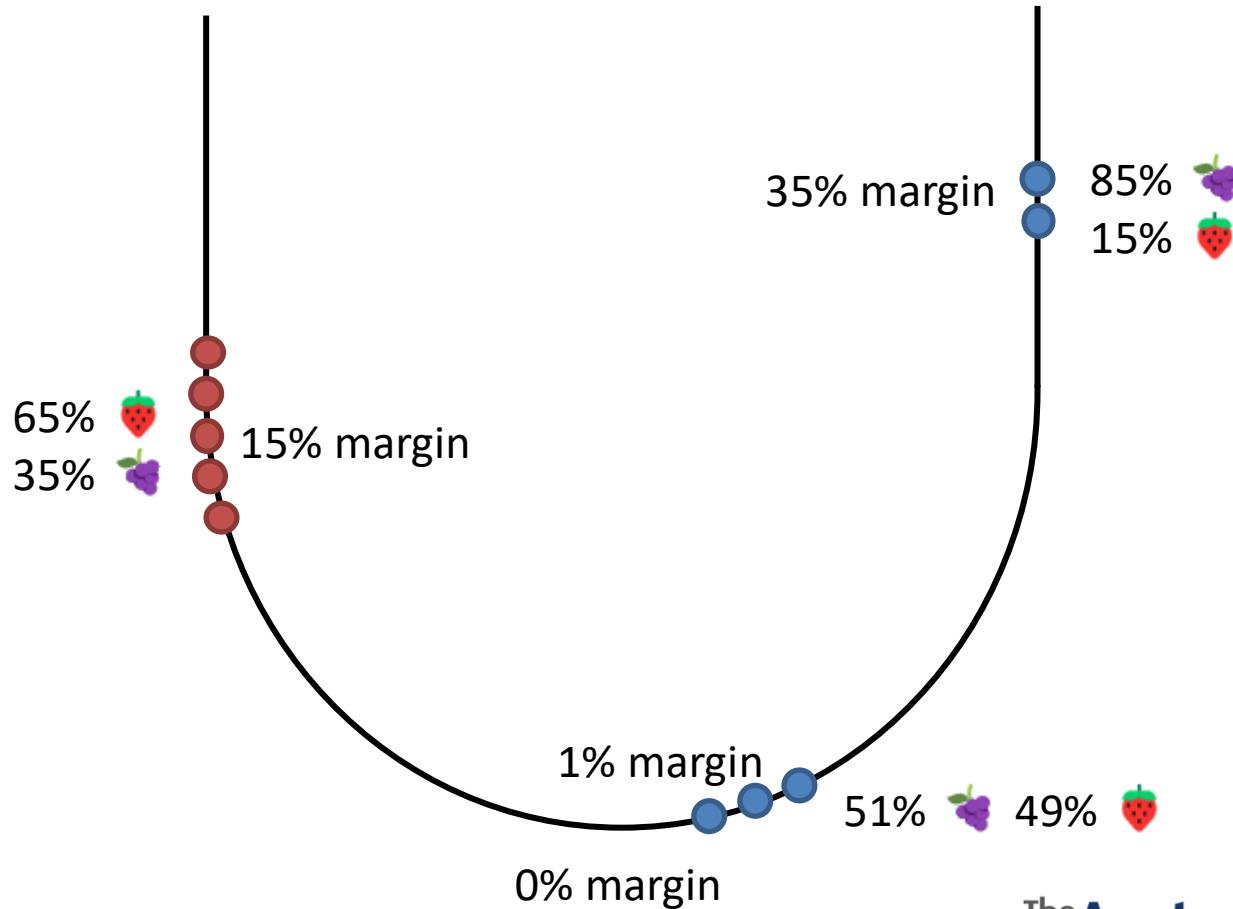
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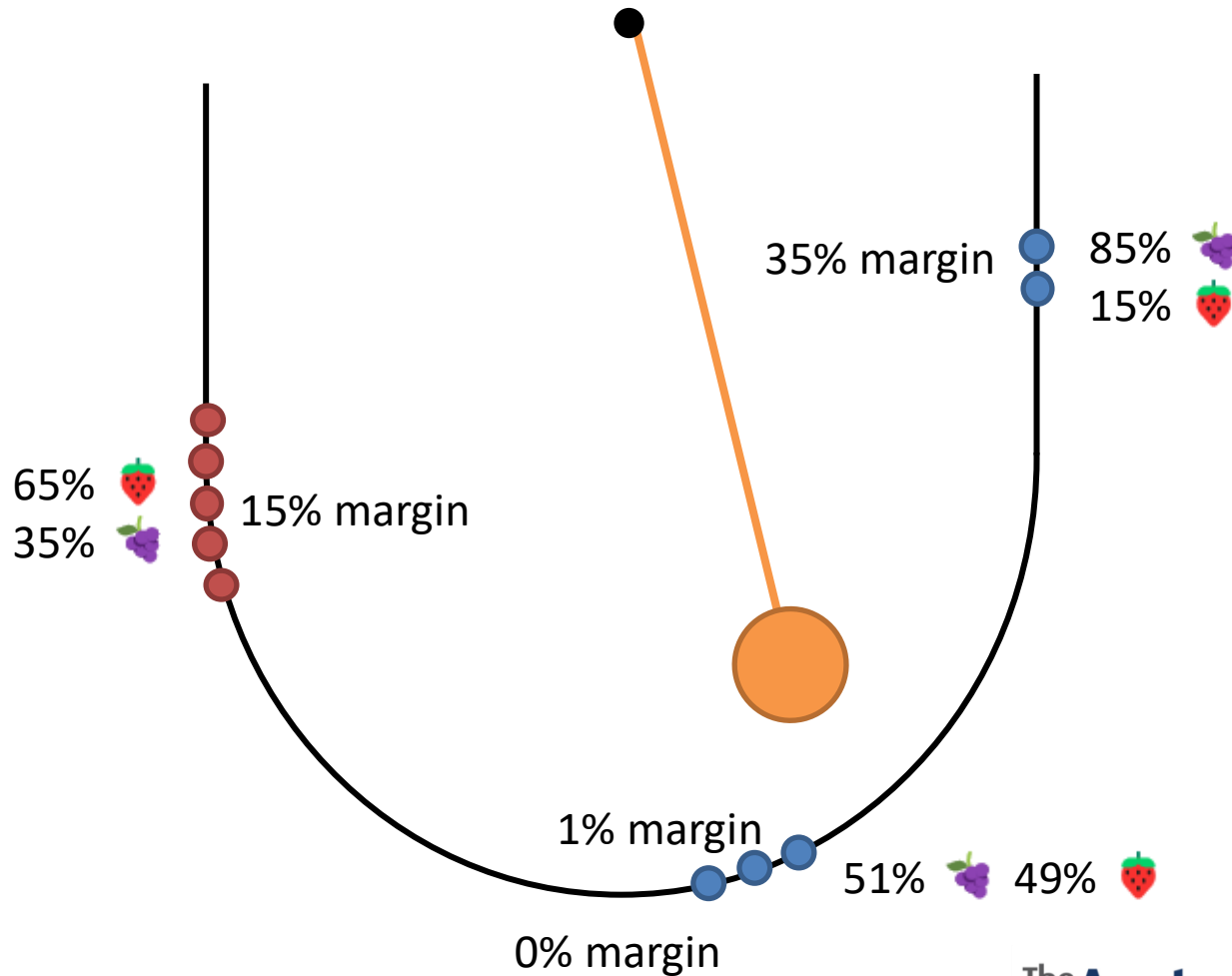
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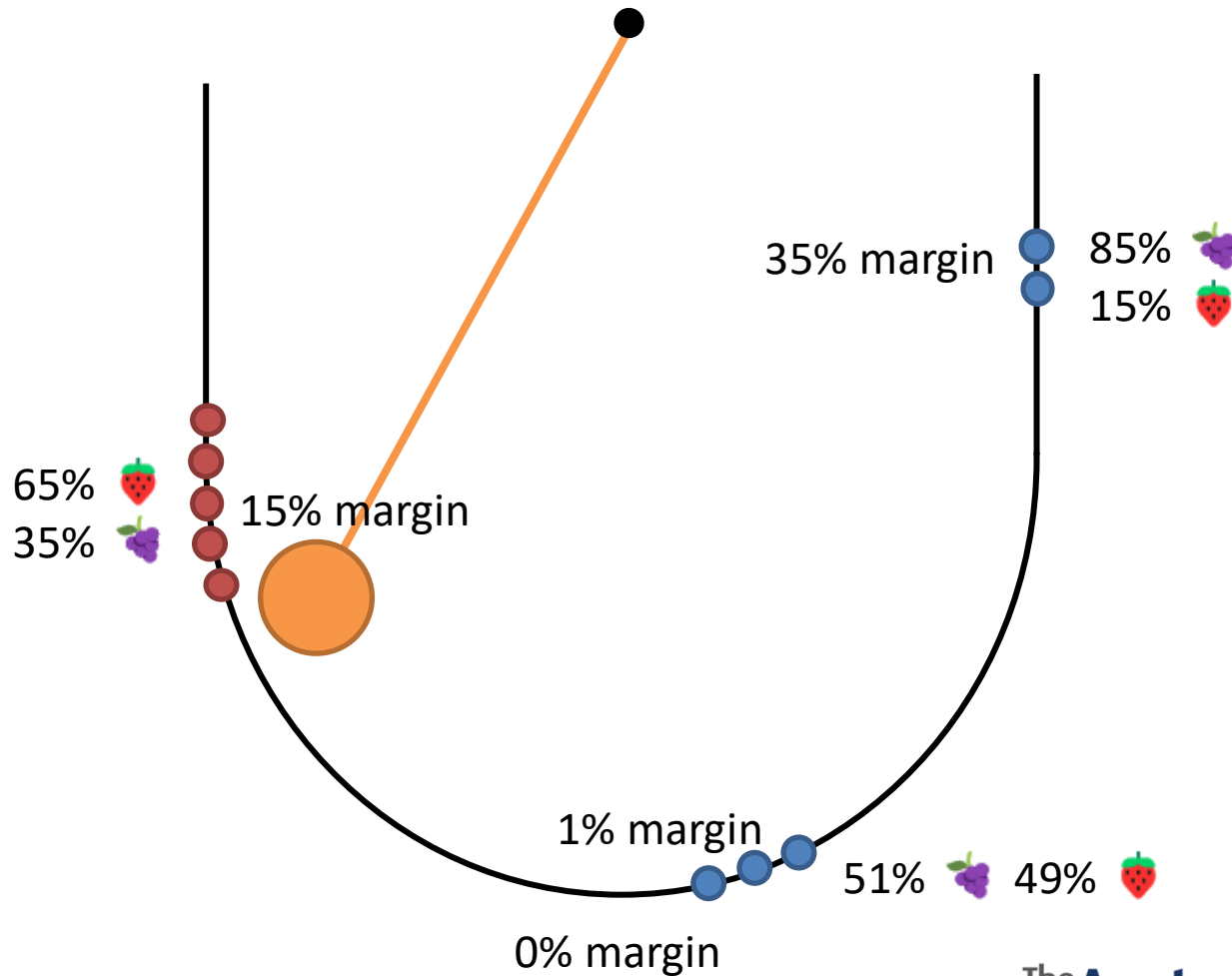
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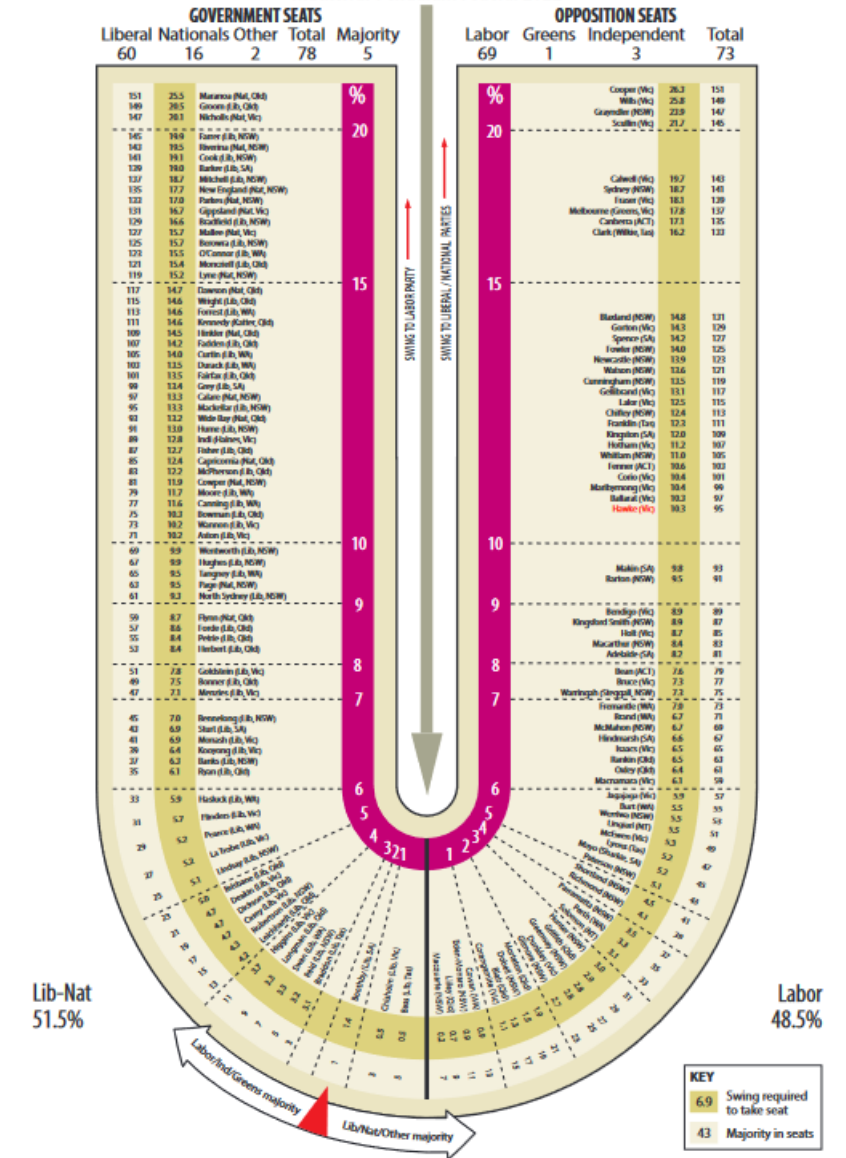
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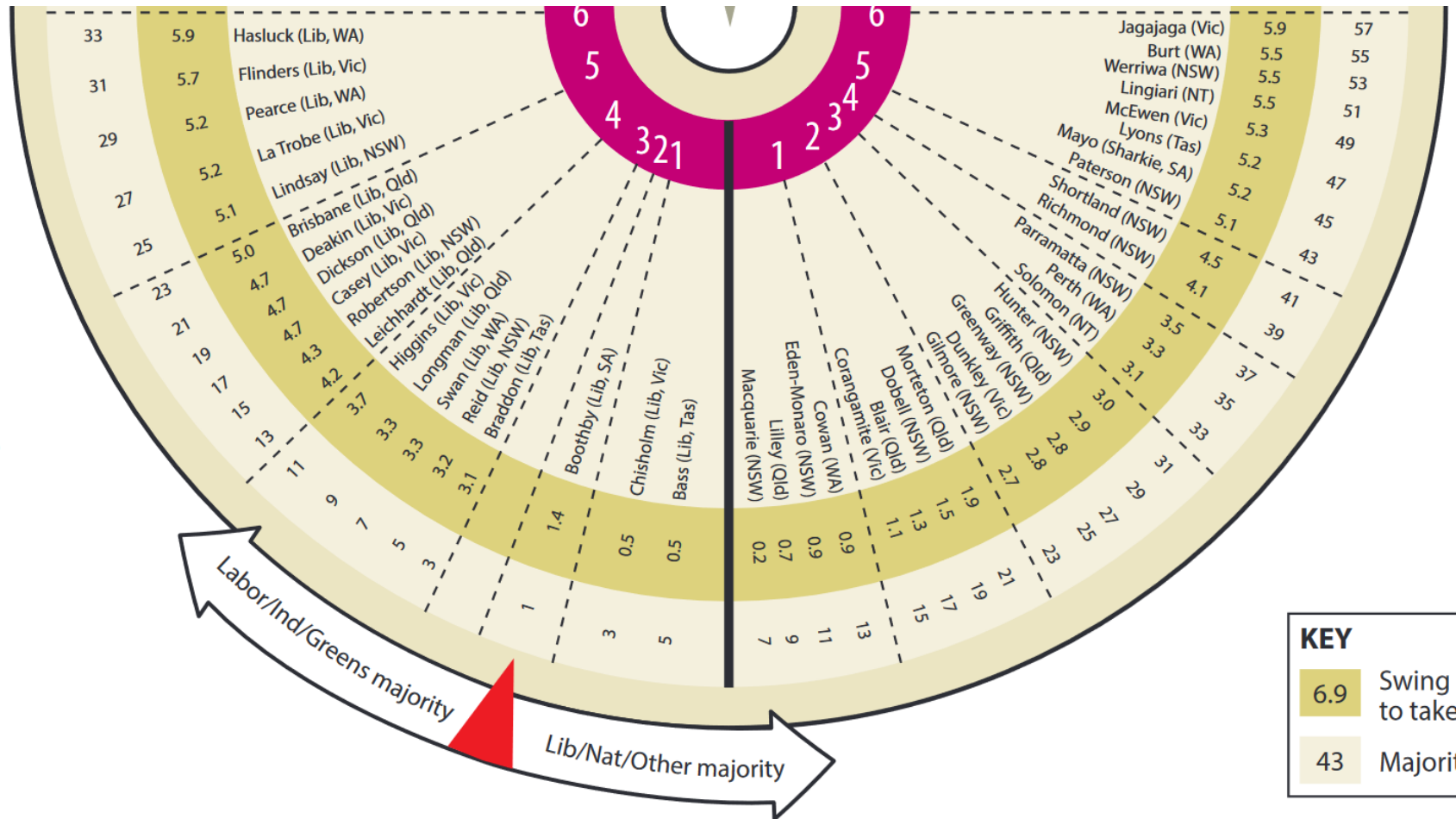
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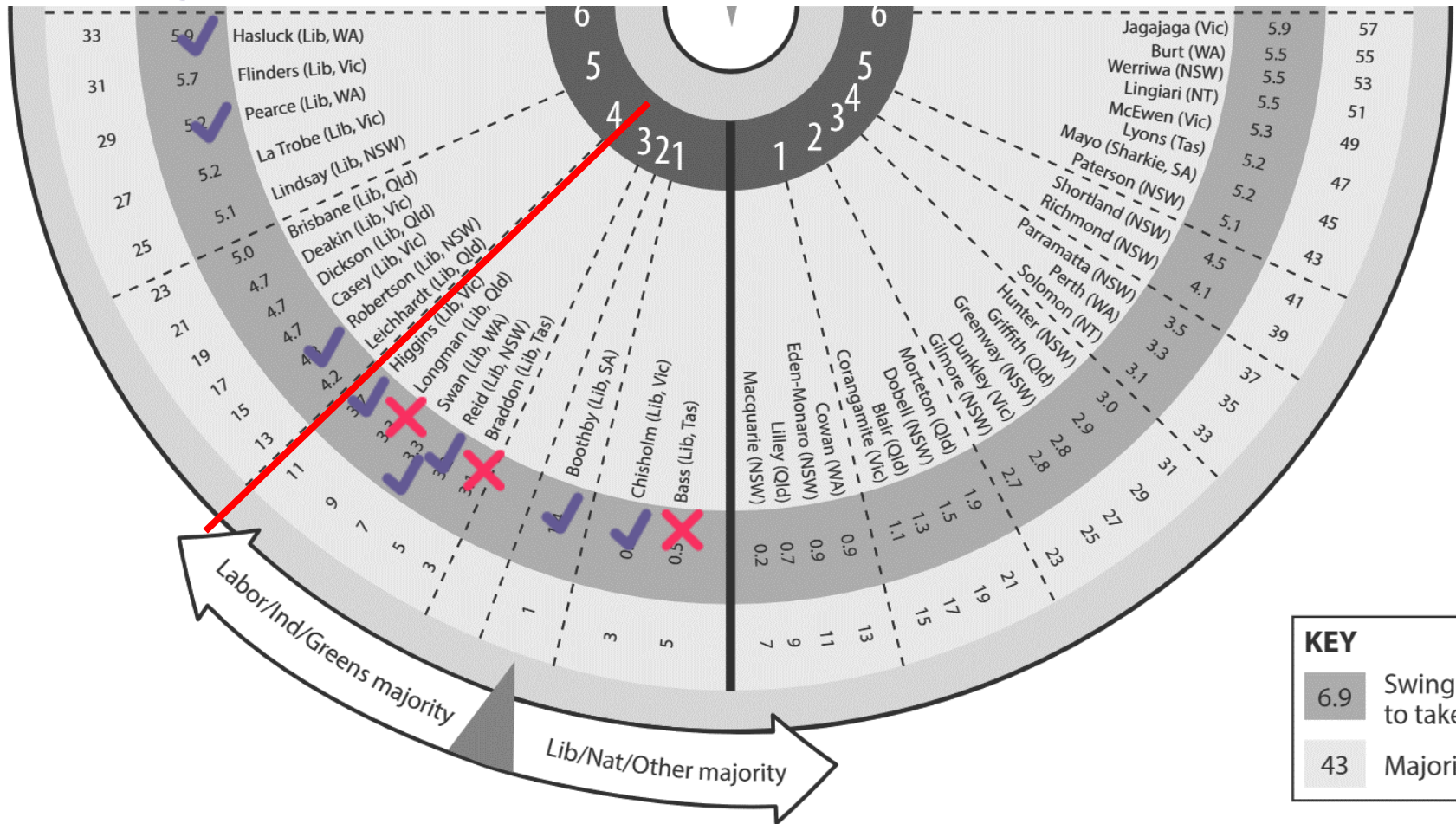
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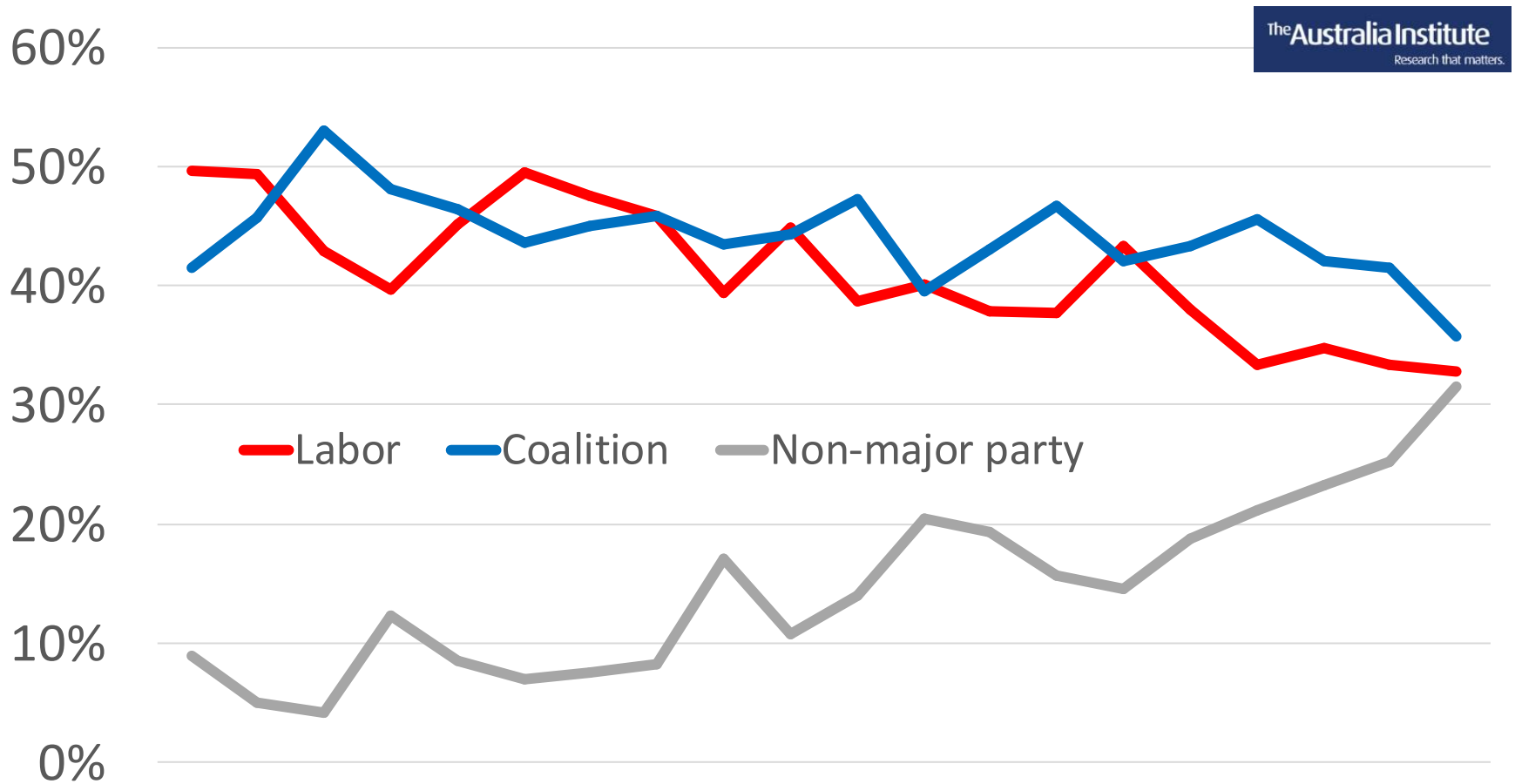
Marginal (2PP below 56%)



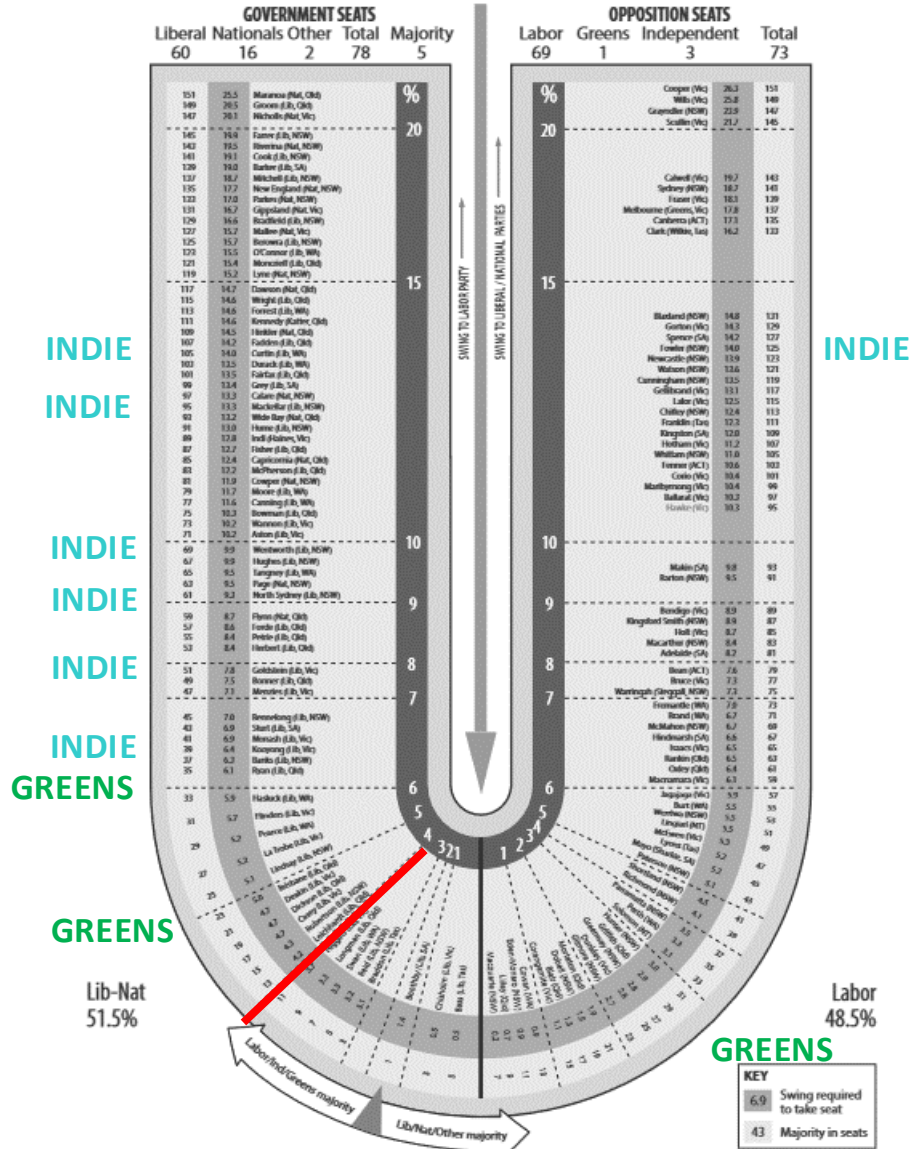
- ✓ Tangney (WA)
- ✓ Bennelong (NSW)



Primary votes, 1972 to 2022

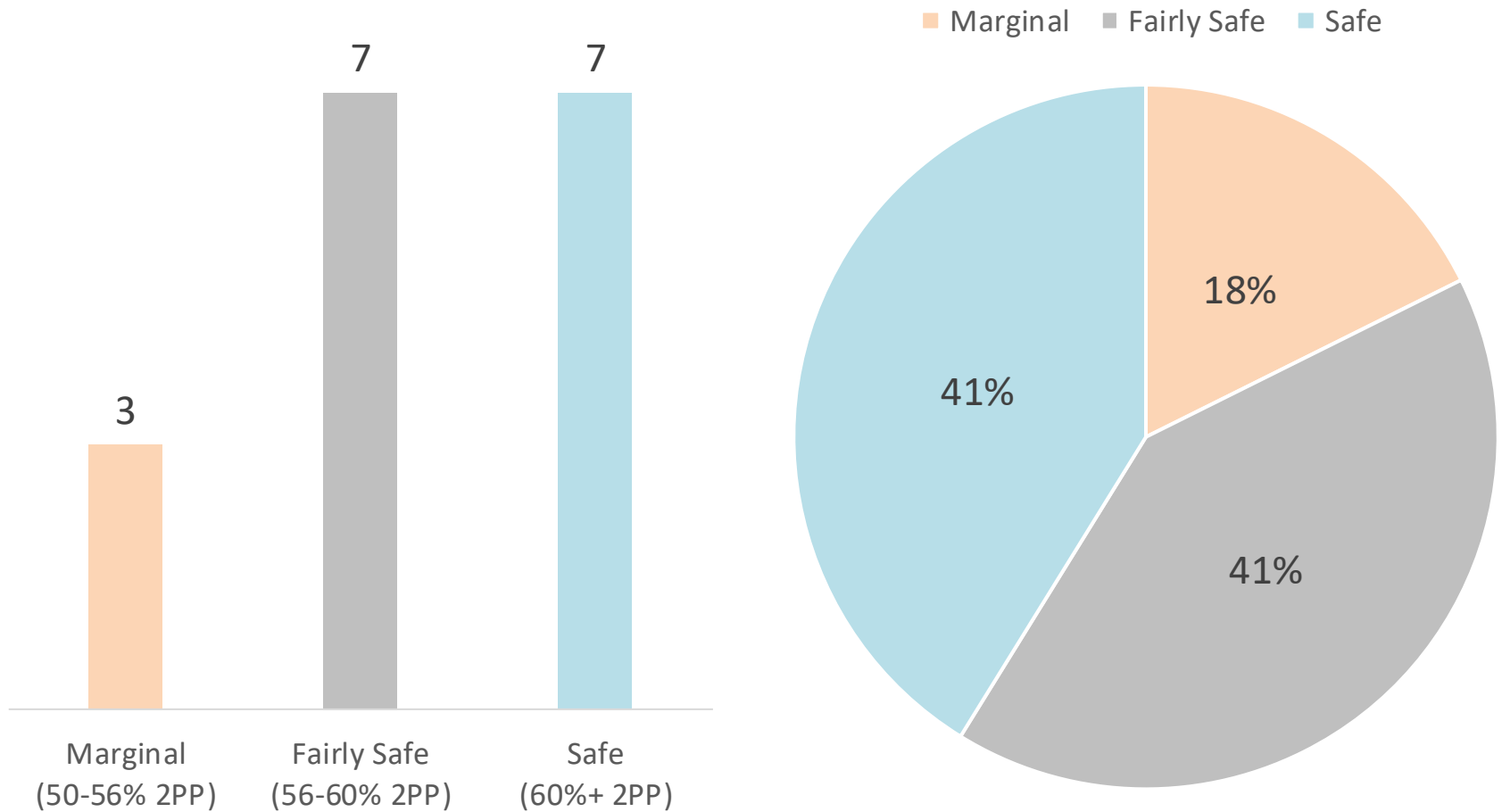


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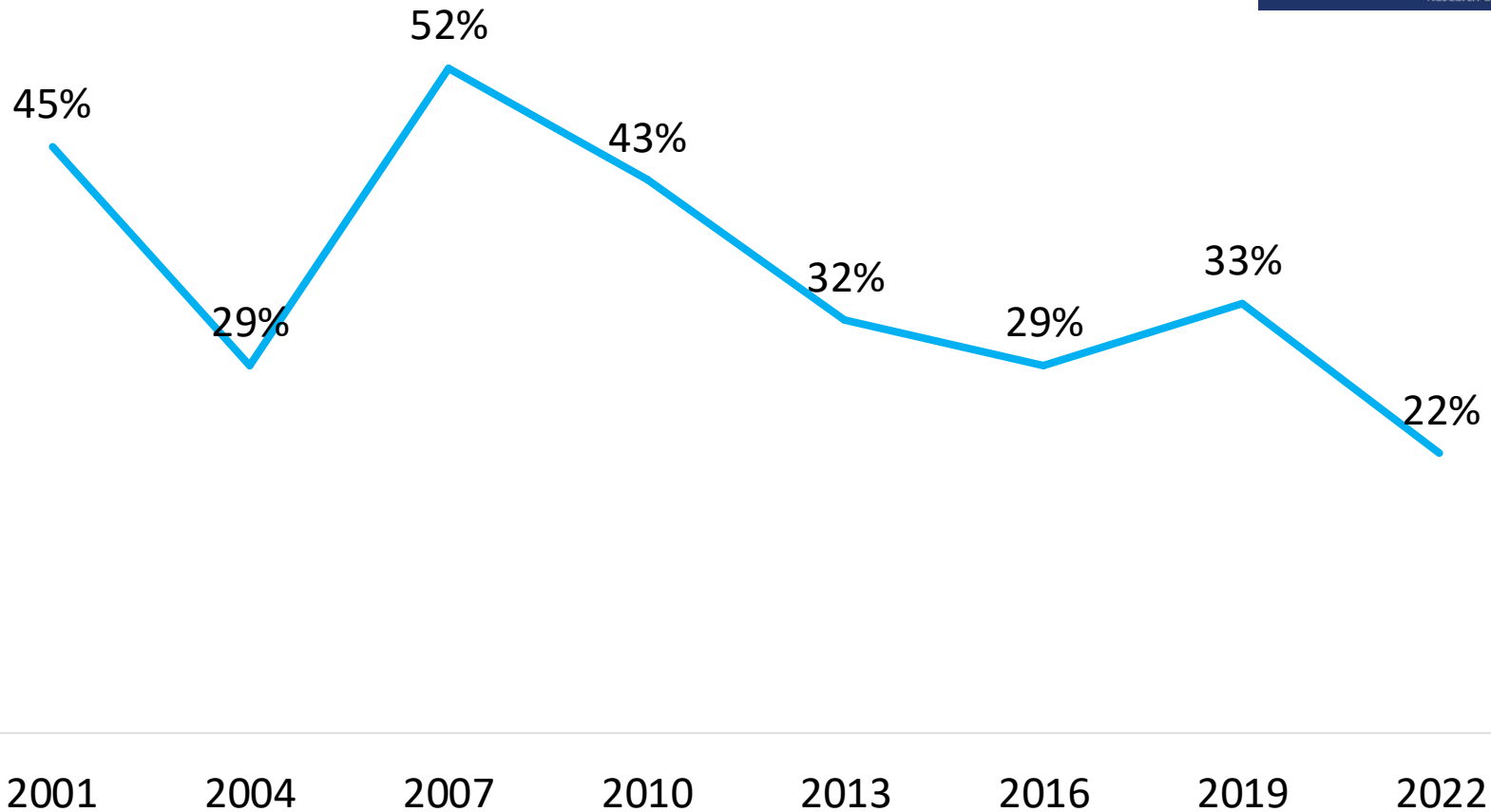


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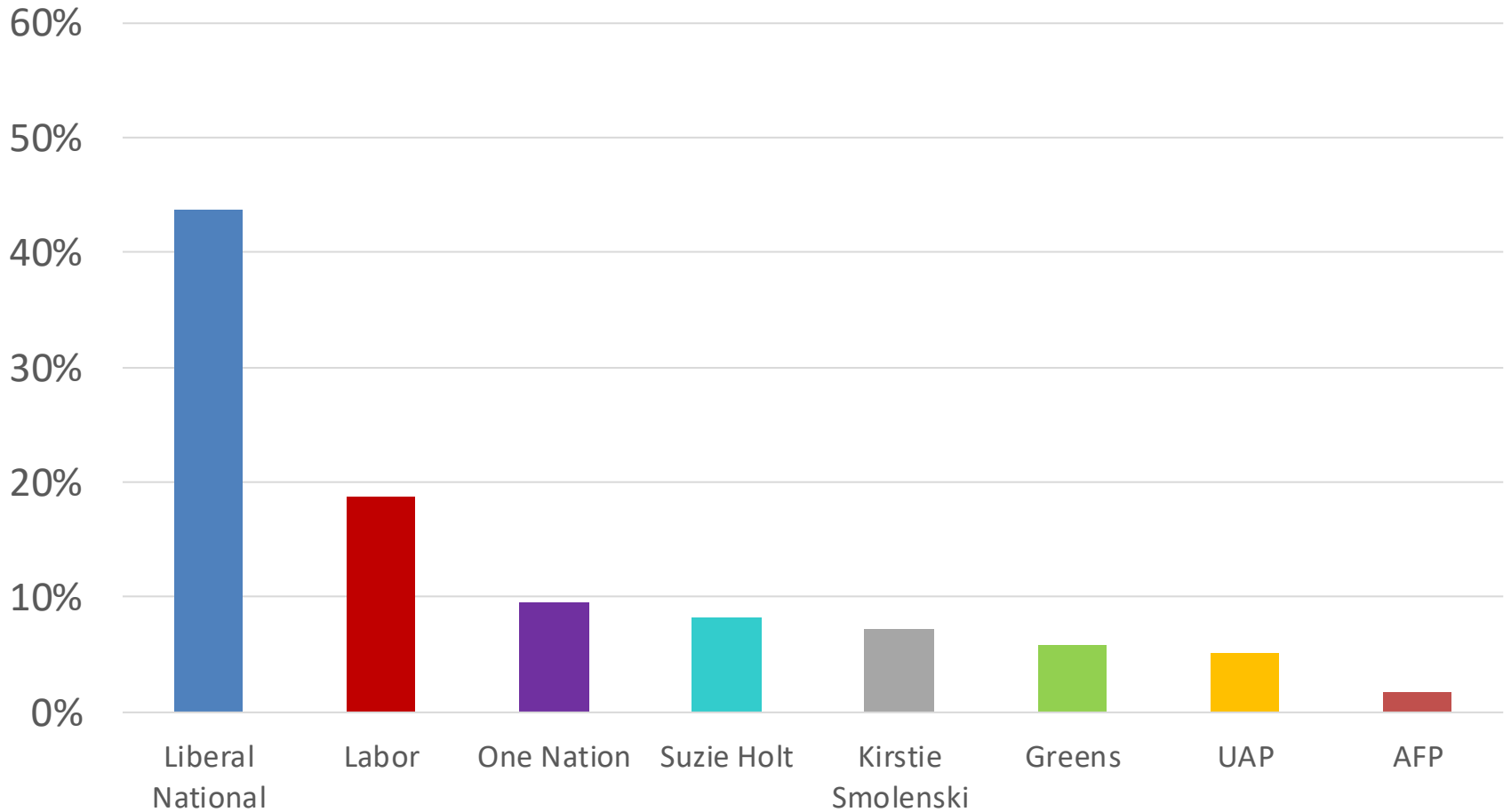
Crossbenchers mostly take safe and fairly safe seats

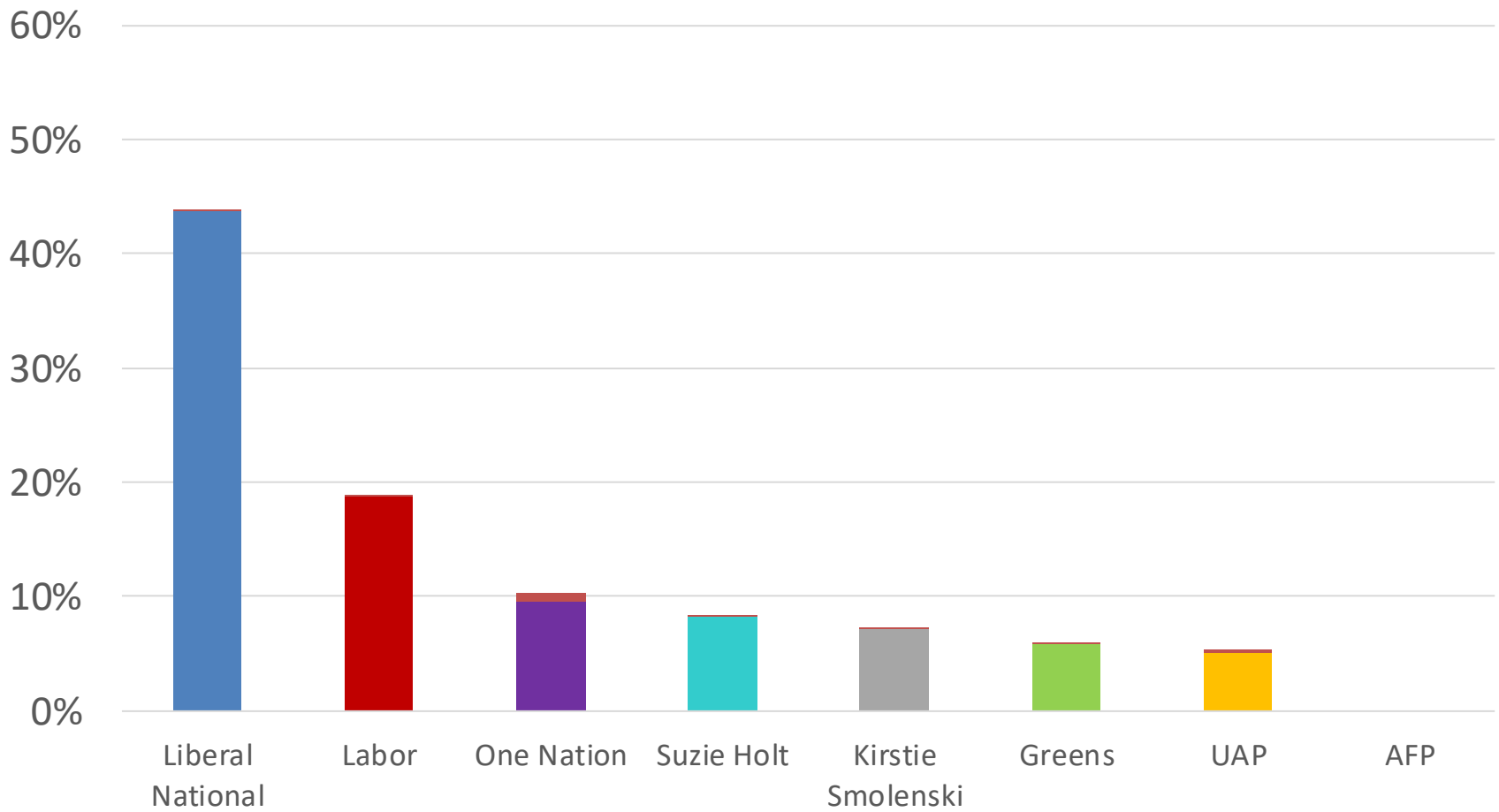


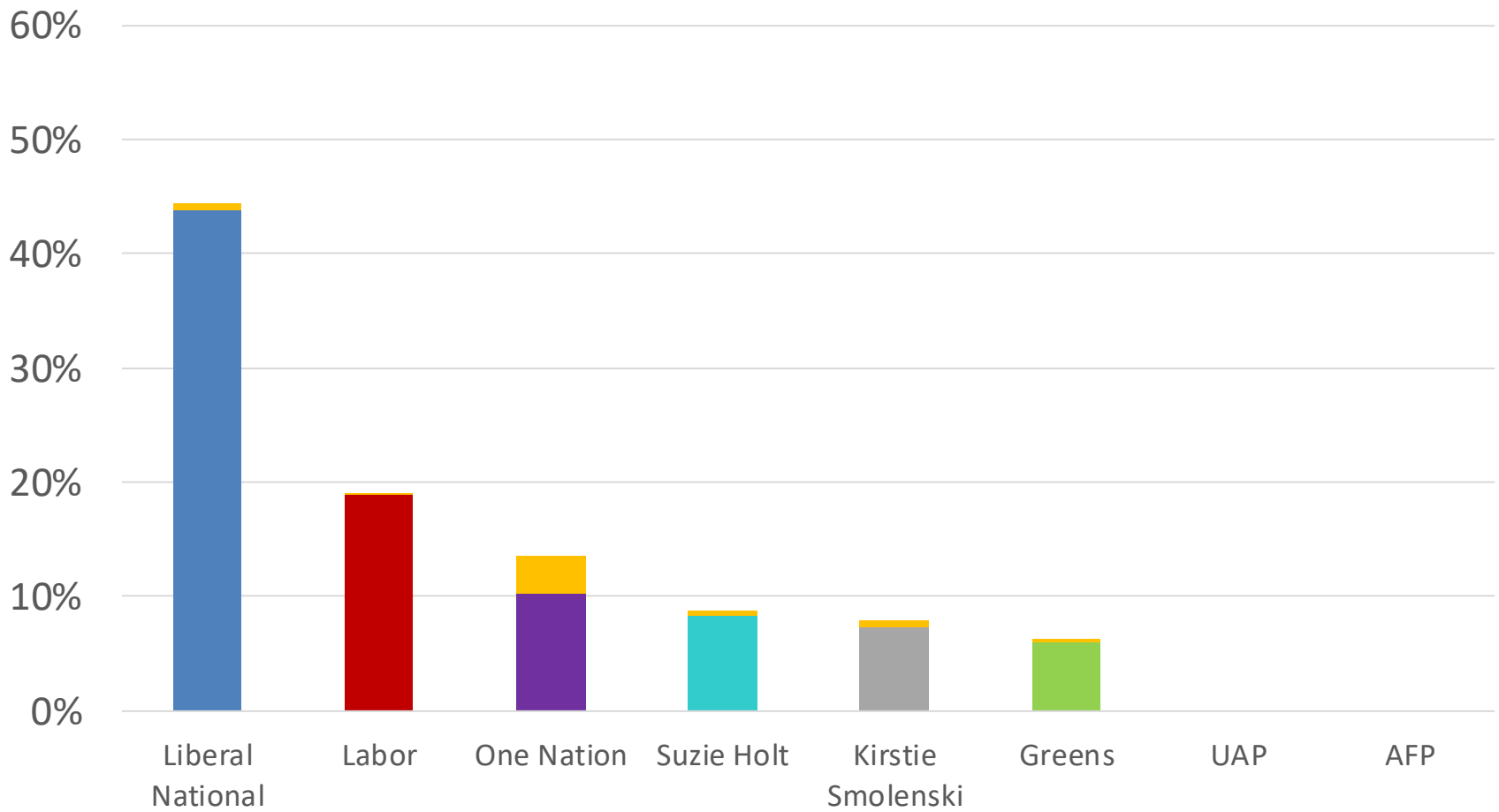
Seat changes predicted by pendulum

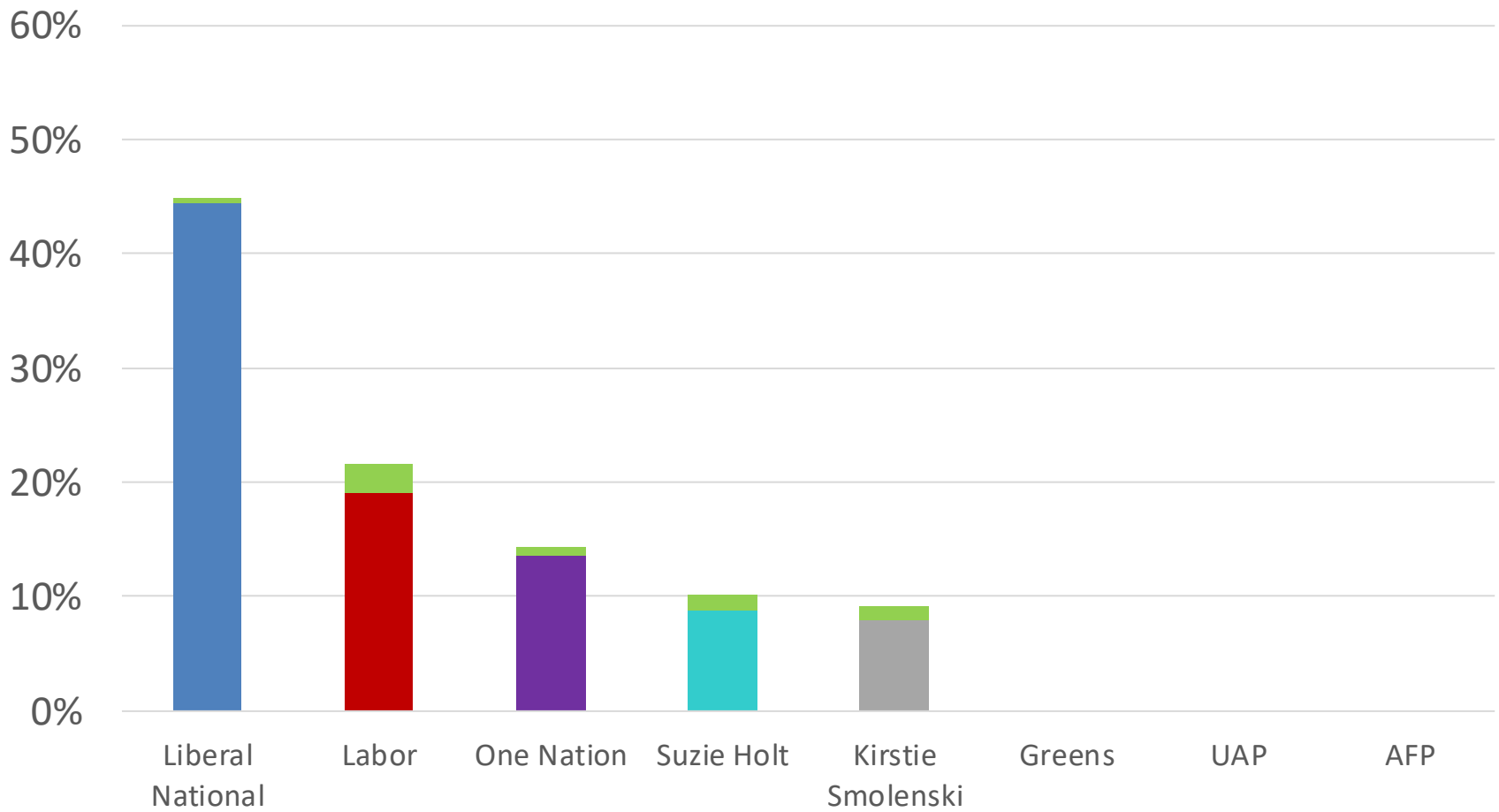


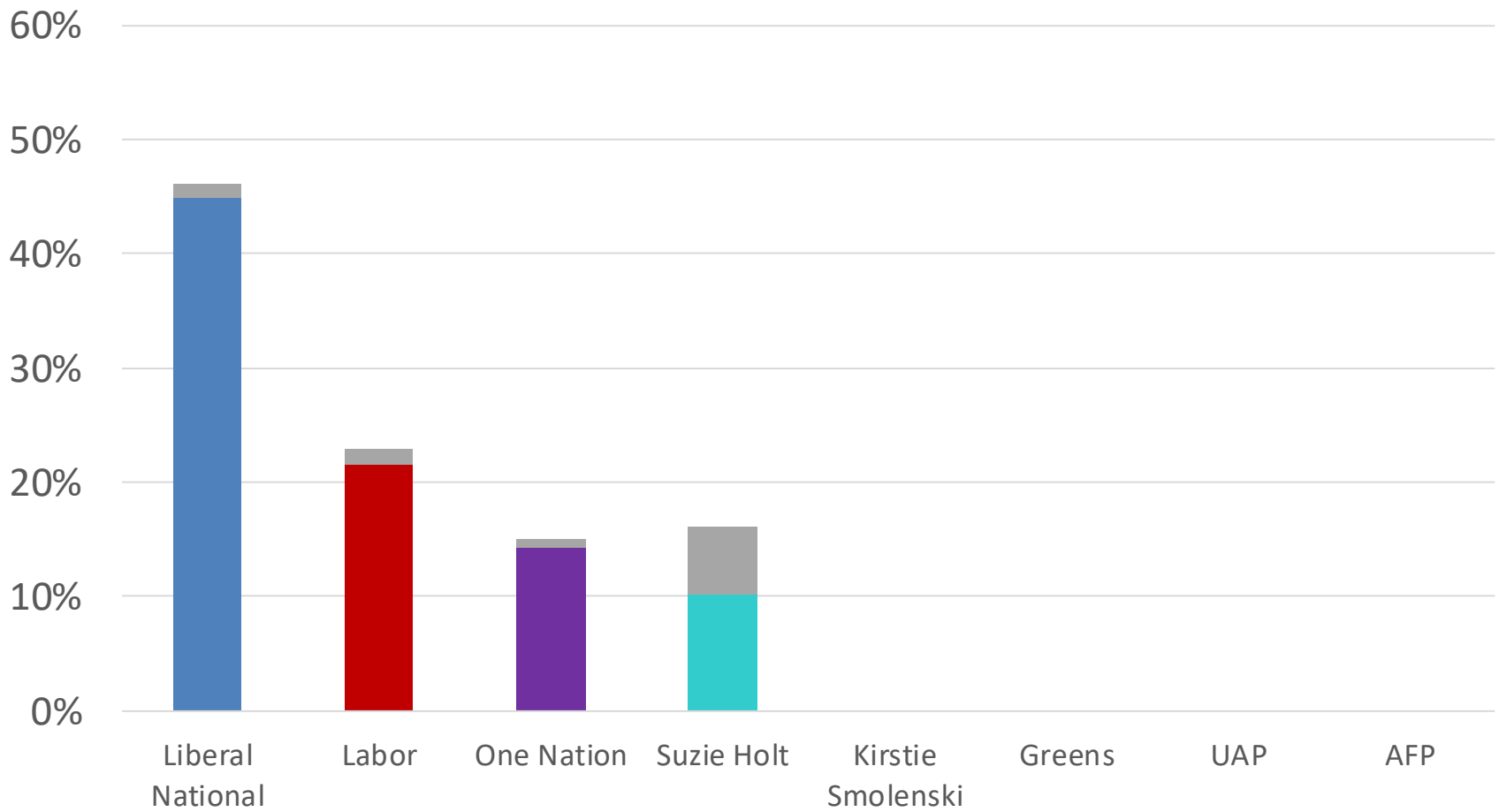
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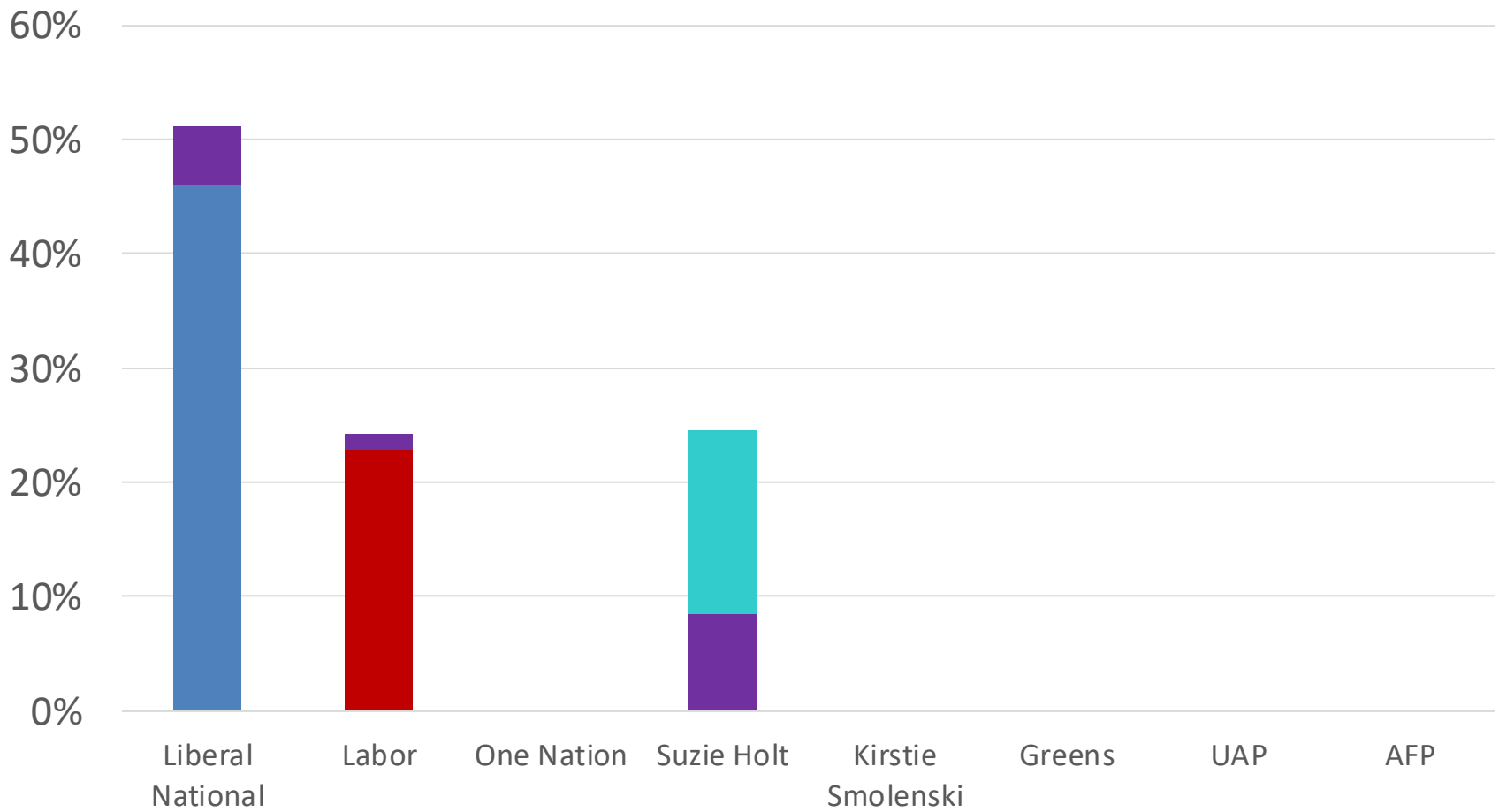


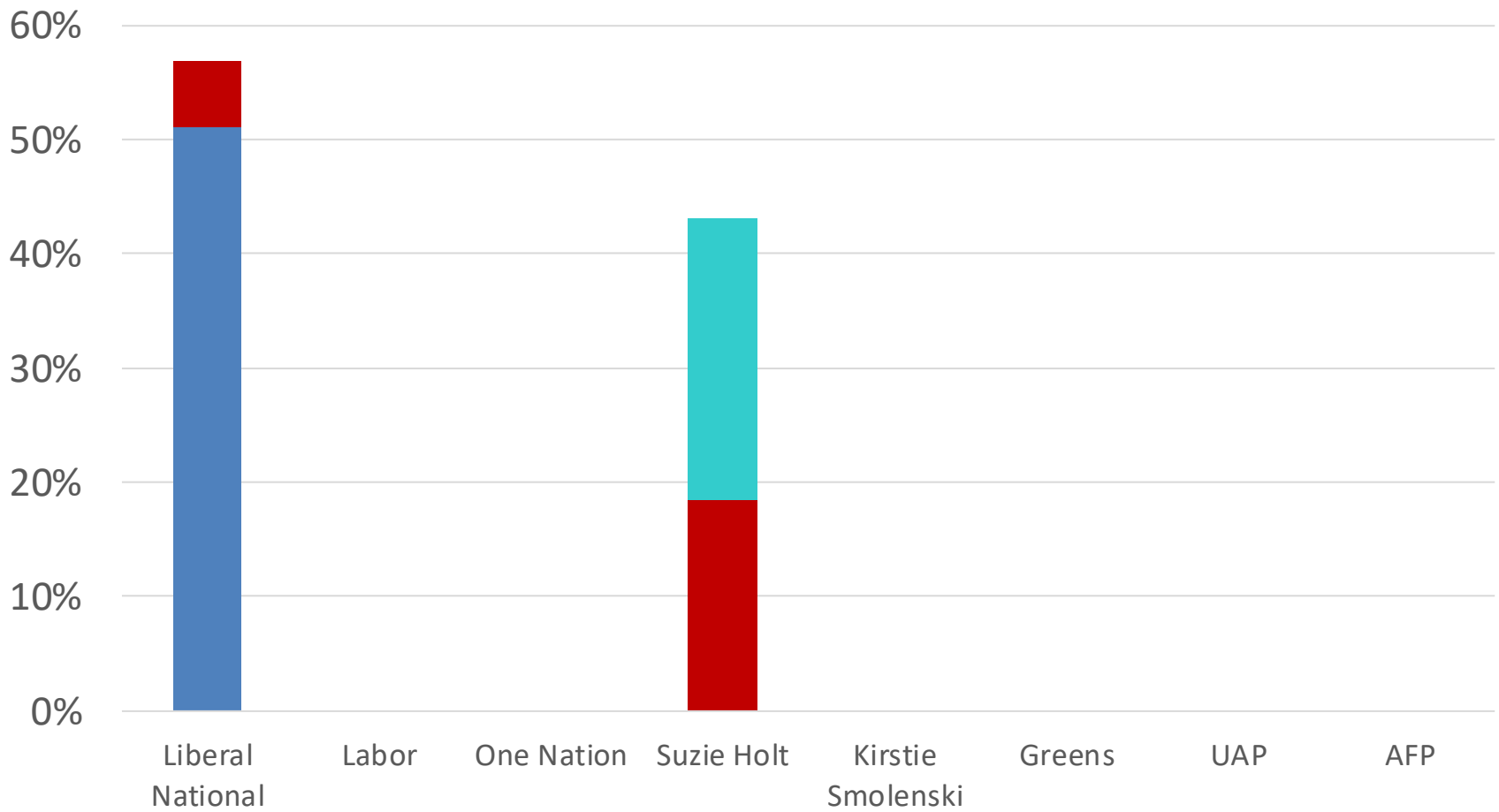




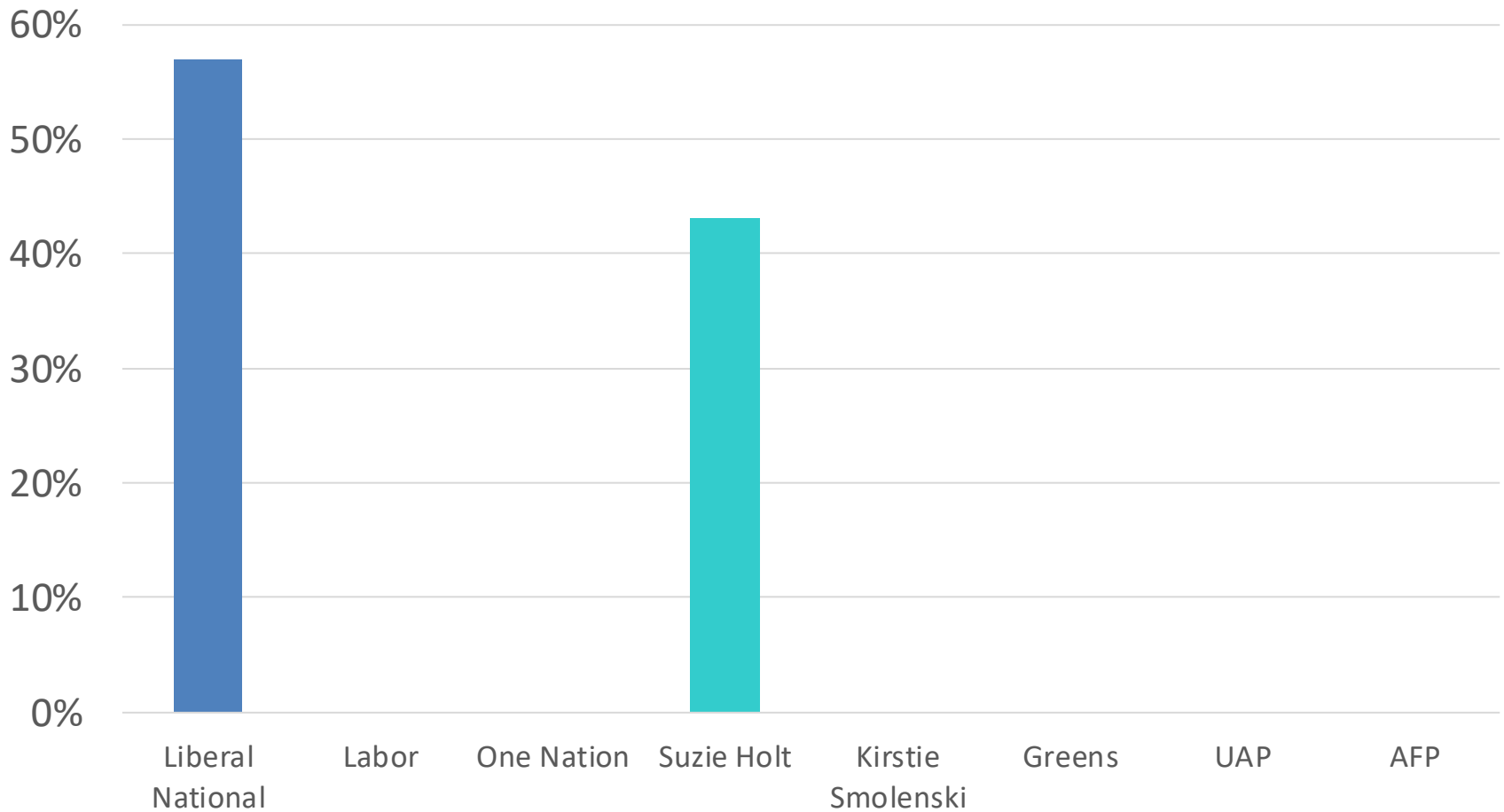








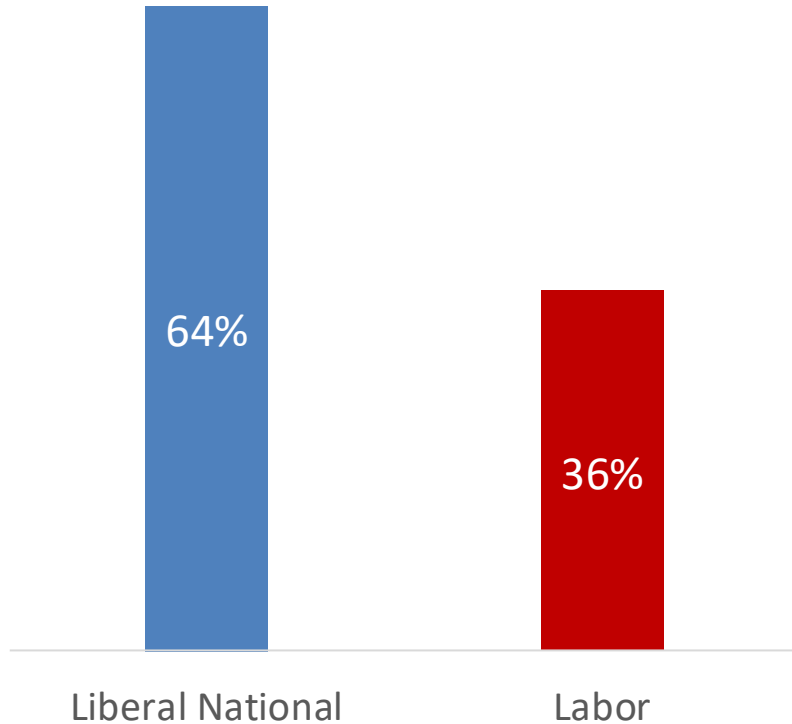
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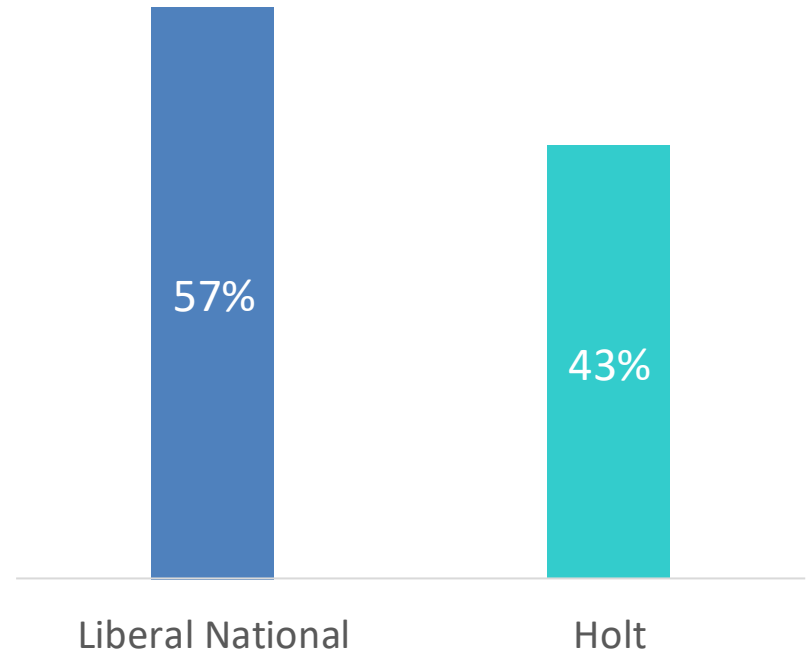


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