



COVID-19 TRACKER

April 2020

METHODOLOGY

Each week ORB International polls a **nationally representative** sample of n=2,000 adults aged 18+ throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The core tracking questions are :-

Q. When thinking about the Coronavirus here in the UK which of the following do you think is most likely to happen over the next month?

- 1 The worse is yet to come
- 2 The situation will remain largely the same as it is now
- 3 We are over the worst of it – things will begin to improve

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

- 1 I think the UK Government is handling the Coronavirus crisis well
- 2 I believe the threat from the Coronavirus is exaggerated

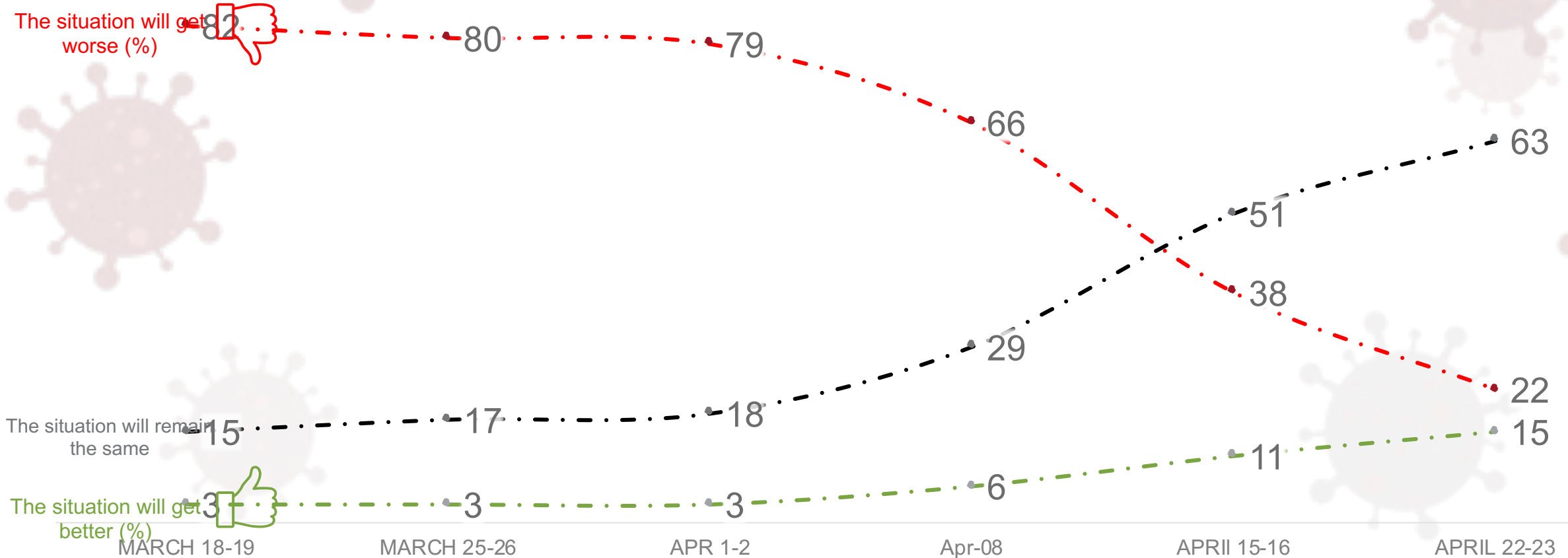
Topical questions each week are inserted and not necessarily tracked week on week.

- Sample Sizes :

March 18-20 n=2,094	March 25-26 n=2,085	April 1-2 n=2,077
April 8 th n=2,112	April 15-16 n=2103	April 22-23 n=2,095
- The statistical margin of error at the 95% confidence level is $\pm 2.2\%$

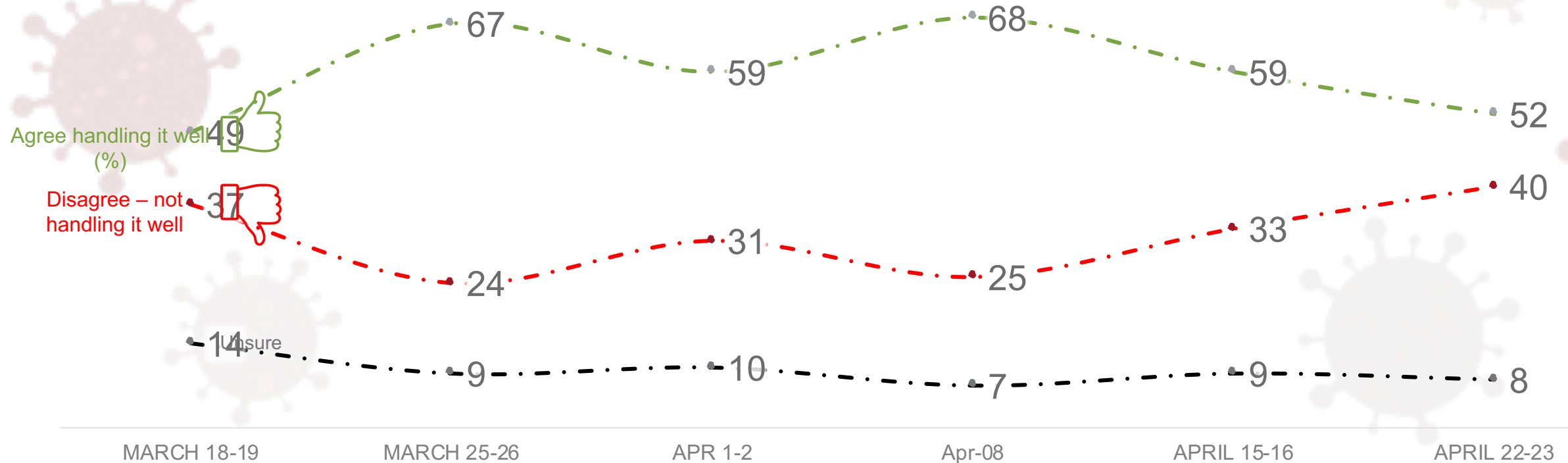


CORONAVIRUS : HOW THE PUBLIC SEE THE NEXT MONTH



Q When thinking about the Coronavirus here in the UK which of the following do you think is most likely to happen over the next month? The worse is yet to come, the situation will remain largely the same as it is now or we are over the worst of it – things will begin to improve?

CORONAVIRUS : IS THE GOVERNMENT HANDLING IT WELL?

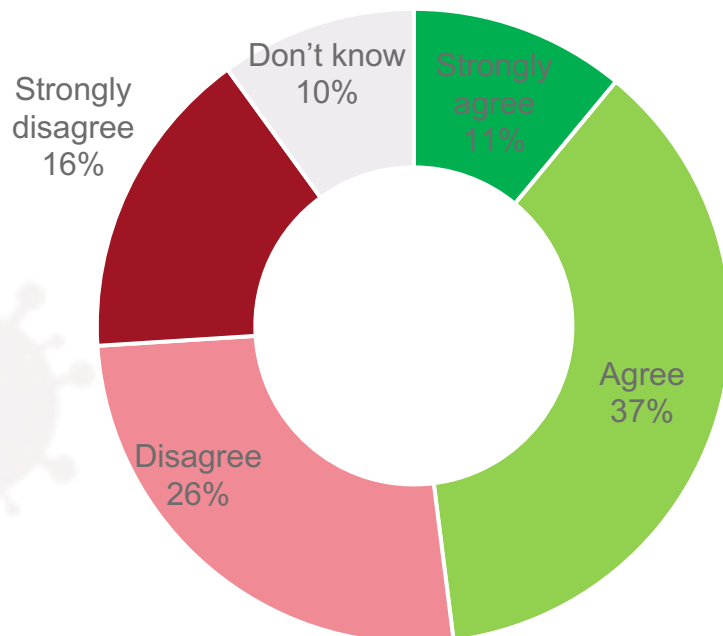


Q How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I think the UK Government is handling the Coronavirus well.

CORONAVIRUS : PPE AND TESTING



TESTING AND PPE DELIVERY “GOVT DOING ALL THEY CAN”



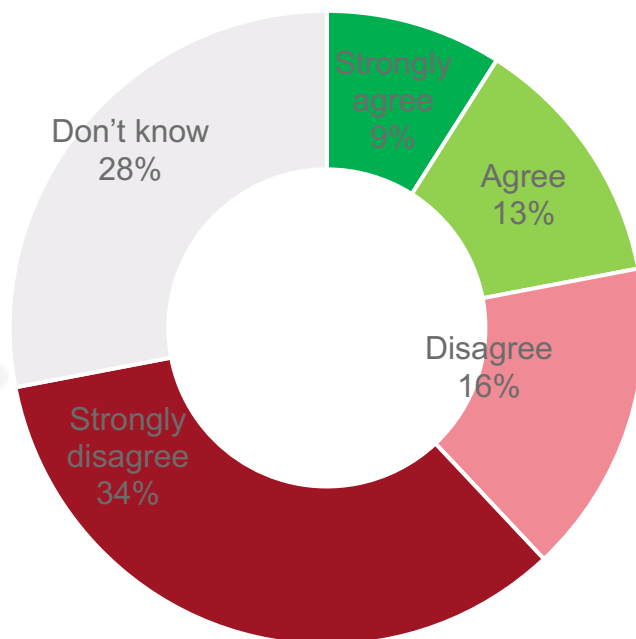
- The nation is split specifically on the topic of testing and PPE delivery. 48% agree that the Government is doing all they can to increase testing and deliver PPE – while 42% disagree.
- Disagreement is higher the younger people are; disagreement is also higher in Scotland (50%) and Northern Ireland (53%). There is no significant difference of opinion by those working in the private/public sector.



CORONAVIRUS : WOULD LABOUR DONE BETTER JOB?



Labour would have done better job



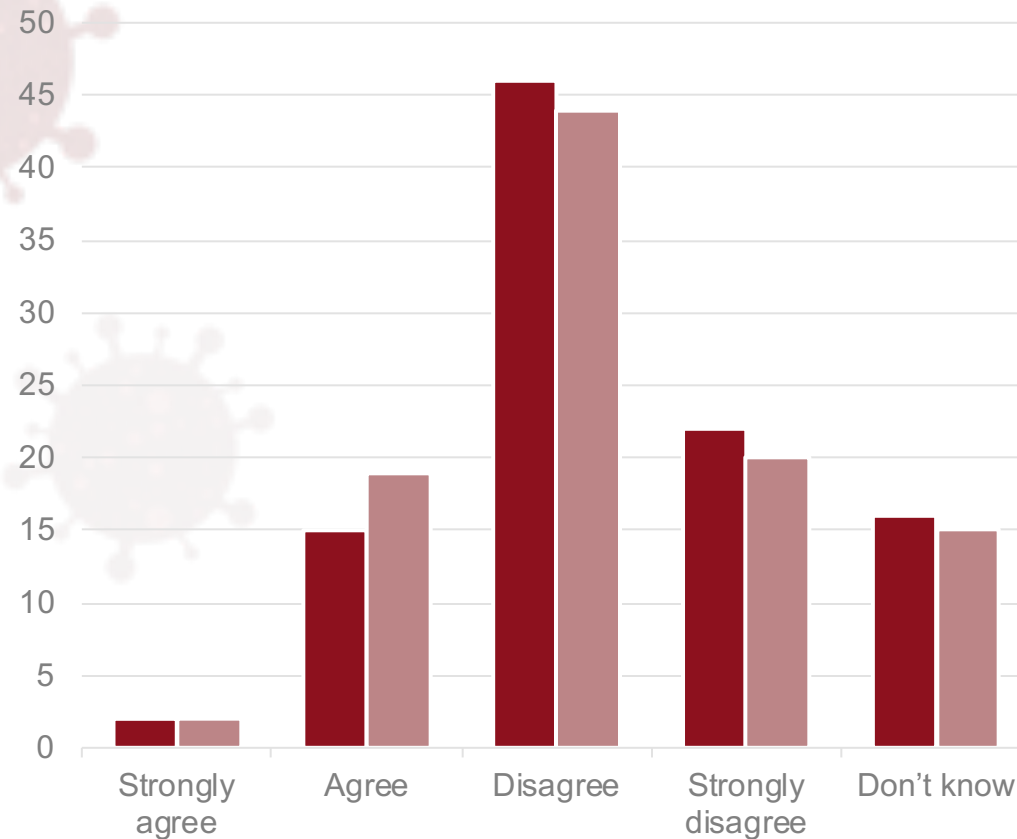
- One in five (20%) feel Labour would have done a better job dealing with the pandemic – 50% argue they would have not. It is 18-24 year olds who mainly share this view (47%) and those in London (32%) and the North West (31%).
- Interestingly those who work in the public sector share similar views – 26% feeling Labour would have done a better job but 42% disagreeing with the statement.



CORONAVIRUS : UNDER CONTROL?



I think the spread of the virus in the UK
Is now under control



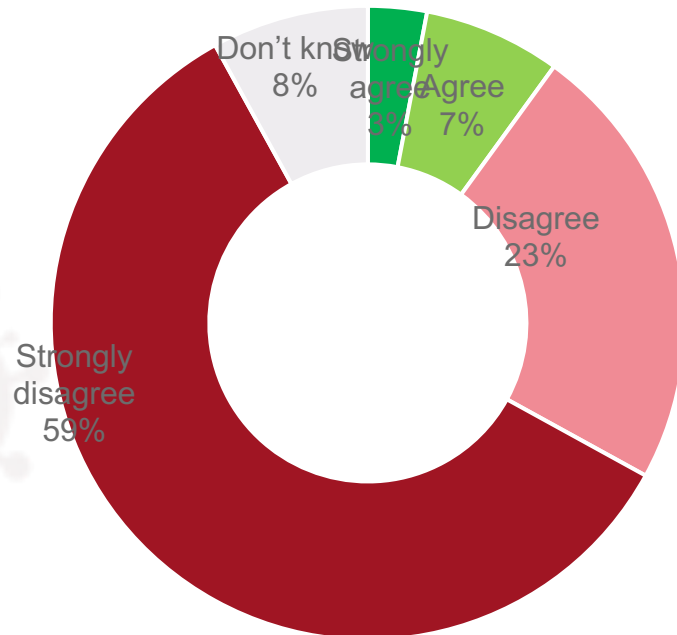
- Last week less than one in five (17%) of the UK population feel that the spread of the coronavirus is under control. This week this figures is slightly up at 20%
- Younger people are increasingly believing it to be under control, something which should be a worry given social distancing rules



CORONAVIRUS : SUPPORT FOR A PROTEST



Support a protest against impact of COVID



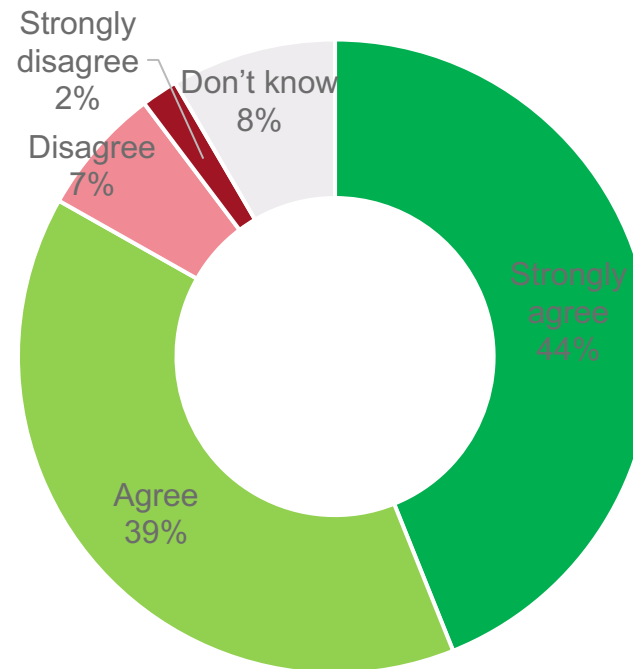
- One in ten people across the country are bold enough to tell us that they would support a protest against social distancing rules and the economic hardship associated with them.
- Those under the age of 35 are significantly more likely to support it (15%).



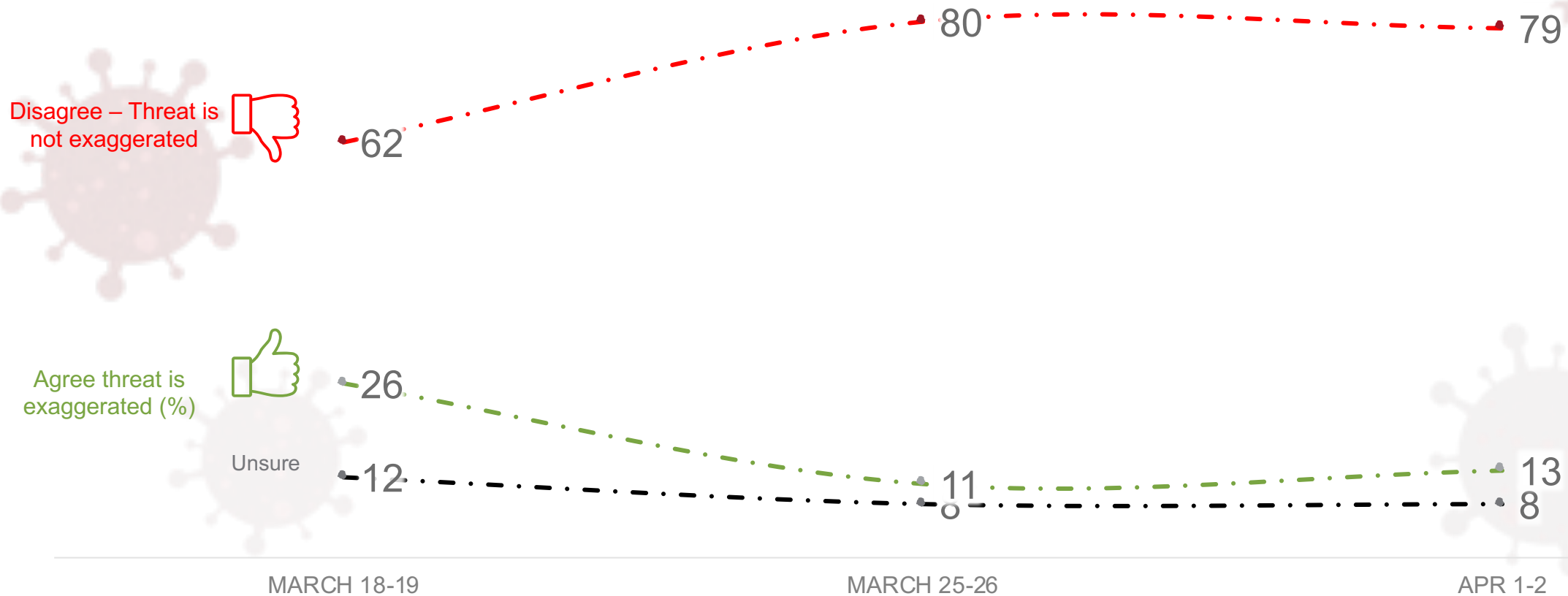
CORONAVIRUS : GUIDANCE CLEAR AND EASY



Government guidance on social distancing is
clear and easy to understand



CORONAVIRUS : IS THE THREAT EXAGGERATED?



Q How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I believe the threat from the Coronavirus is exaggerated

CORONAVIRUS : UPTAKE OF A NEW VACCINE



Agree willing to be vaccinated (%)



77

80

Unsure

16

15

Disagree – not willing to be vaccinated (%)



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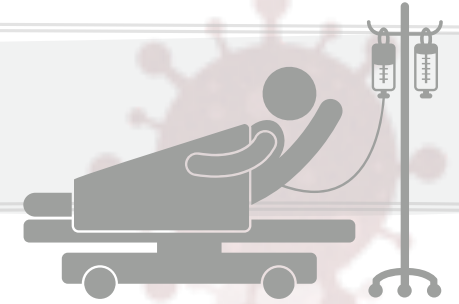
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MARCH 18-19

MARCH 25-26

Q How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? If a new Coronavirus (COVID 19) vaccine became publicly available would you be willing to be vaccinated?

CORONAVIRUS : CONCERN ABOUT INFECTION



Agree Concerned
about catching
Coronavirus (%)



78

81

Unsure

16

13

Disagree – Not
concerned about
catching coronavirus
(%)



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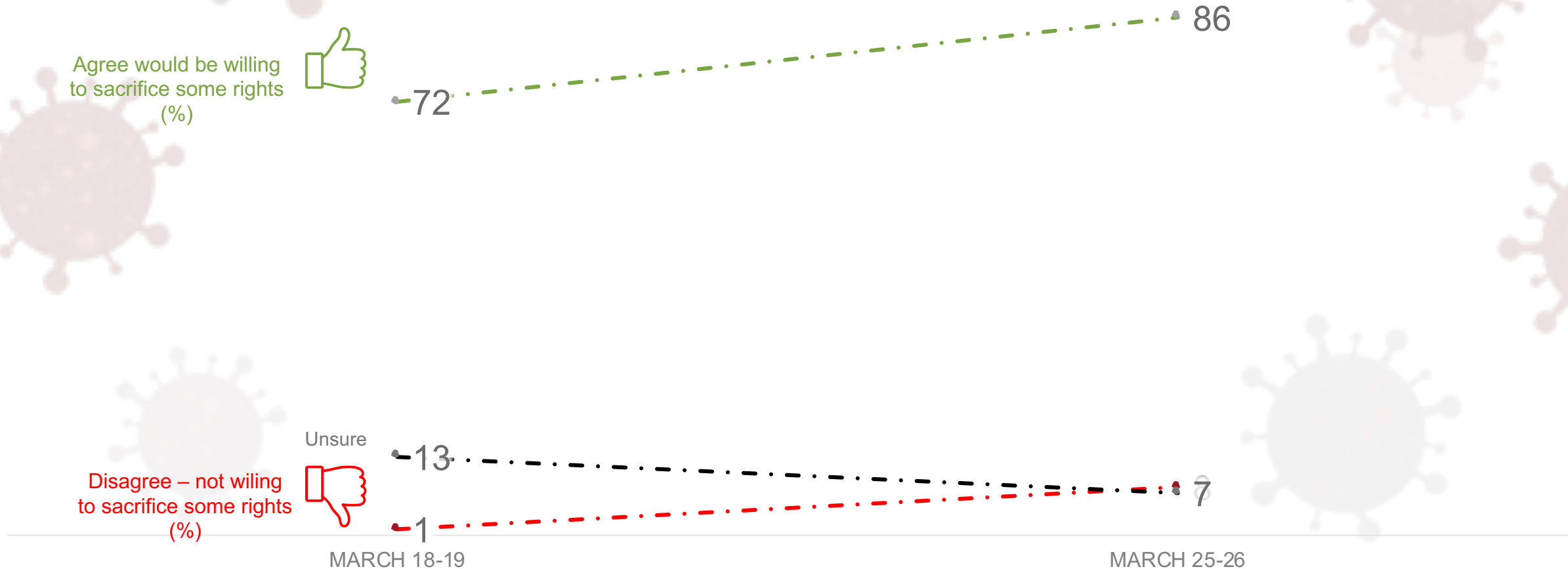
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MARCH 18-19

MARCH 25-26

Q How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I am afraid that either myself or someone in my family may actually catch the Coronavirus?

CORONAVIRUS : SACRIFICING SOME RIGHTS



Q How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I am willing to sacrifice some of my human rights if it helps prevent the spread of the virus

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