



# COVID-19 TRACKER

May 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

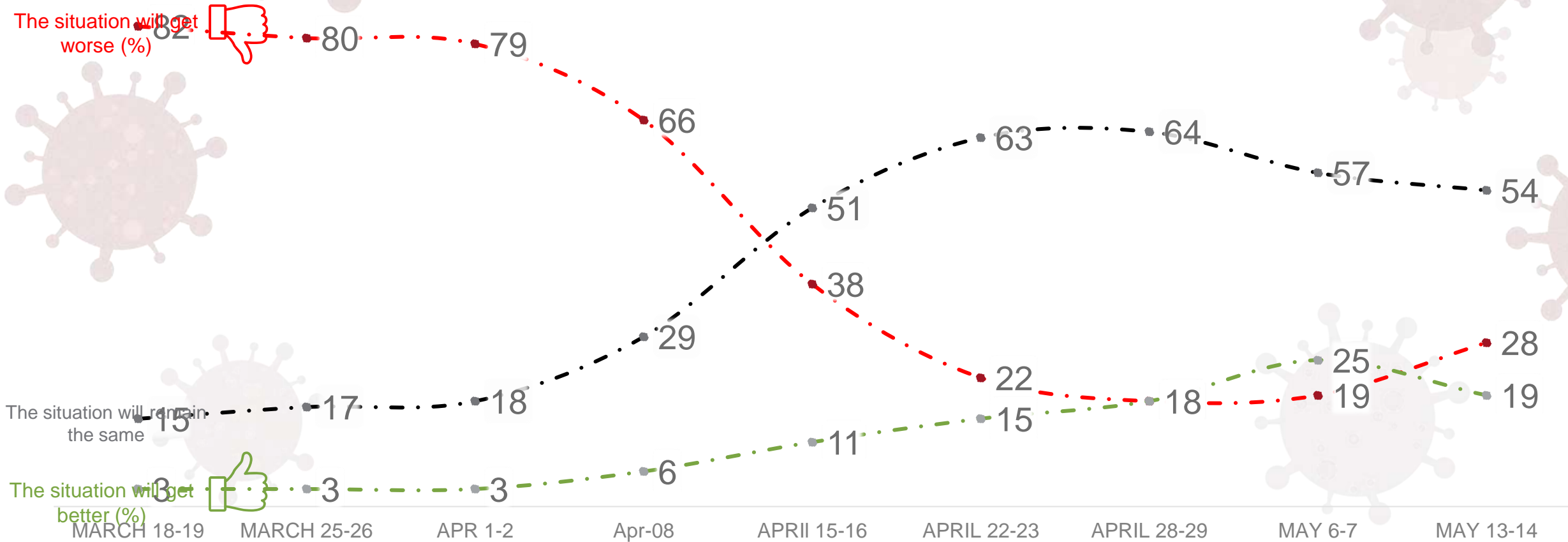
Topical questions each week are inserted and not necessarily tracked week on week.

- Sample Sizes :

March 18-20 n=2,094	March 25-26 n=2,085	April 1-2 n=2,077
April 8 <sup>th</sup> n=2,112	April 15-16 n=2103	April 22-23 n=2,095
April 29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> n=2082	May 6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> n=2,091	May 13-14. n=2095
- The statistical margin of error at the 95% confidence level is  $\pm 2.2\%$

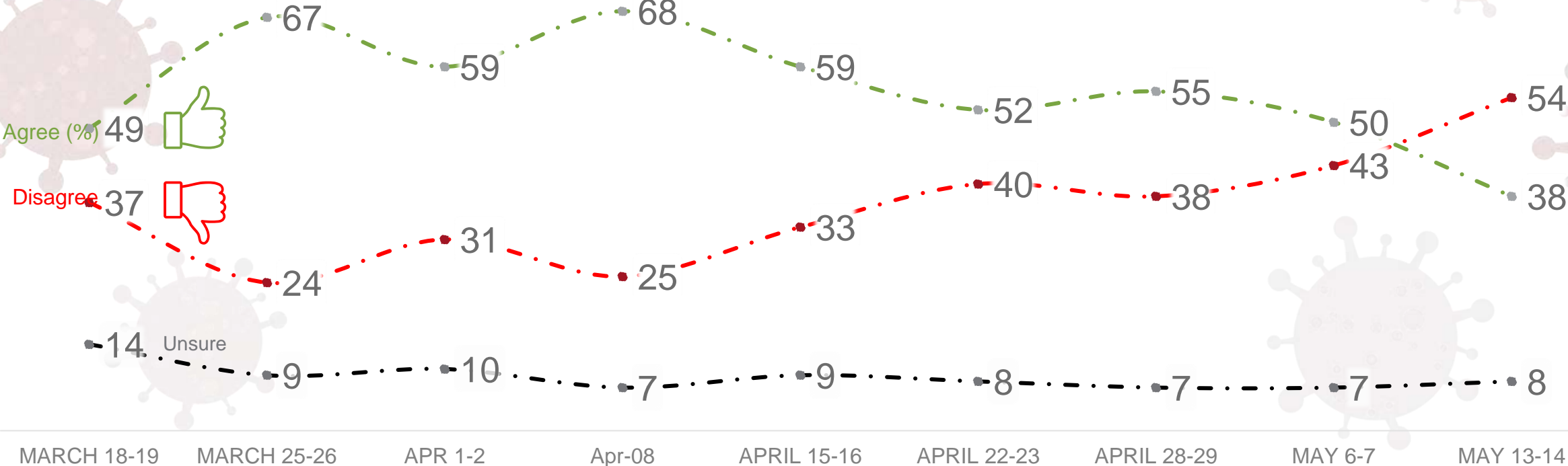


# CORONAVIRUS : HOW THE PUBLIC SEE THE NEXT MONTH



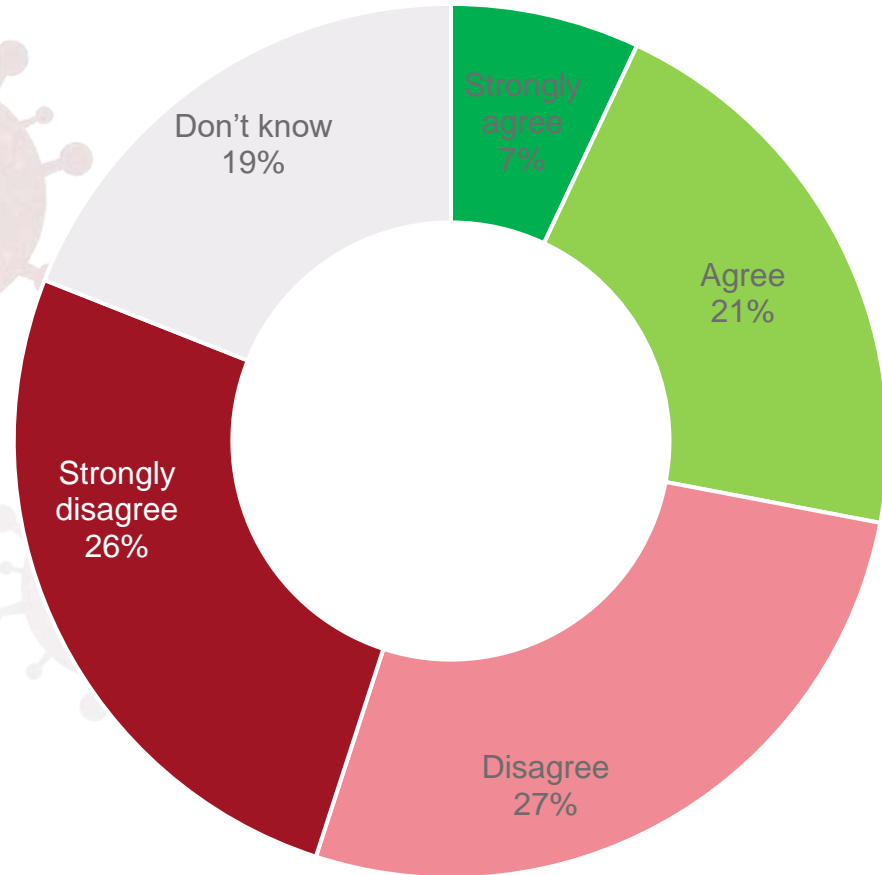
Q When thinking about the Coronavirus here in the UK which of the following do you think is most likely to happen over the next month? The worse is yet to come, the situation will remain largely the same as it is now or we are over the worst of it – things will begin to improve?

# 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 : RETURNING TO WORK

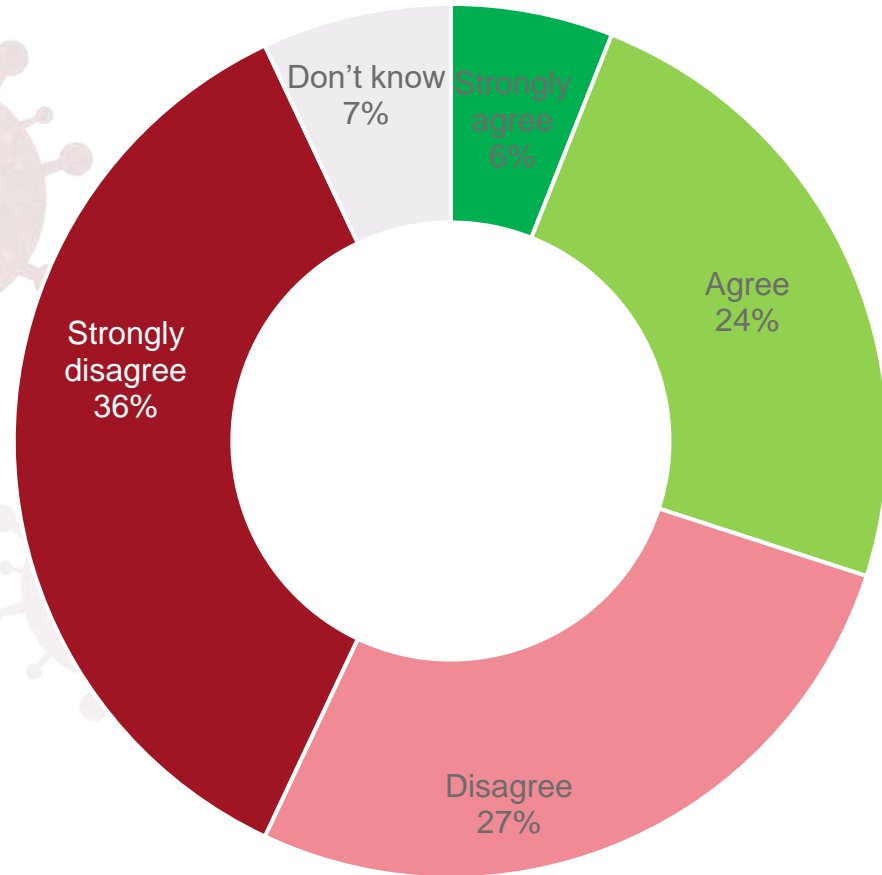


- A majority of people (53%) **wouldn't** feel safe returning to work, just 28% have said that they **would** feel safe to do so.



Q How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? BASE : n=2095 MAY 13-14  
"If I was asked to return to work I would feel safe doing so"

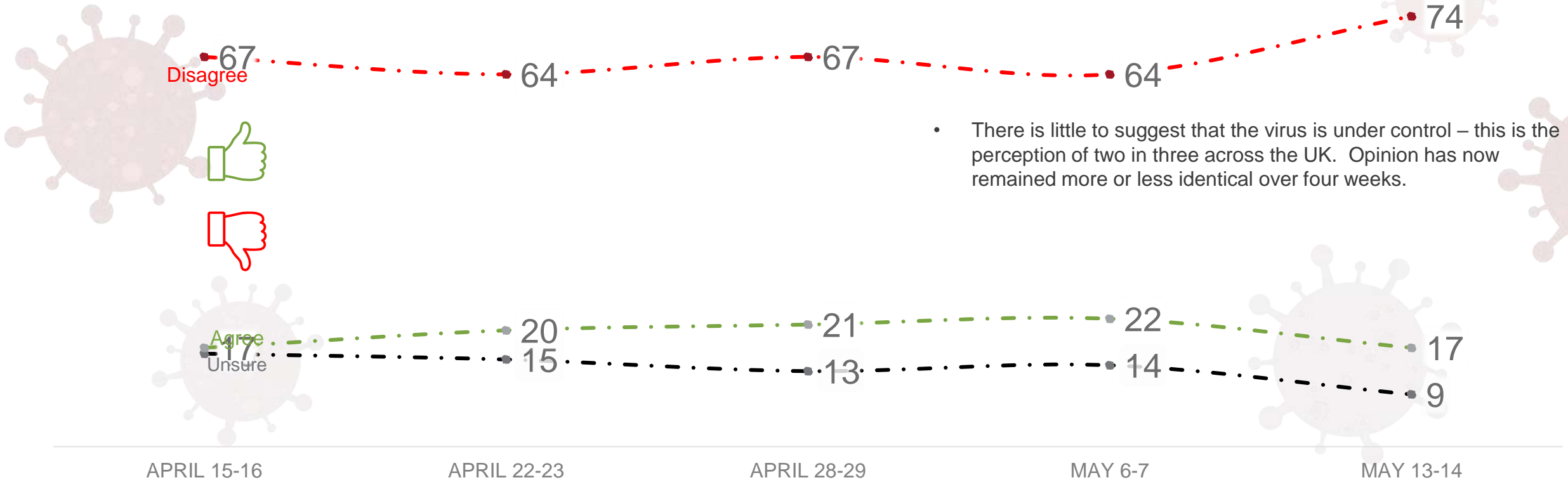
# CORONAVIRUS : PUBLIC TRANSPORT



- If public transport was the sole option to travel next week, two thirds (63%) would still be **unwilling** to use it. Under a third (30%) **would** use public transport.

Q How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? BASE : n=2095 MAY 13-14  
"If I had no other choice of transport, I would be willing to take public transport next week"

# CORONAVIRUS : UNDER CONTROL?

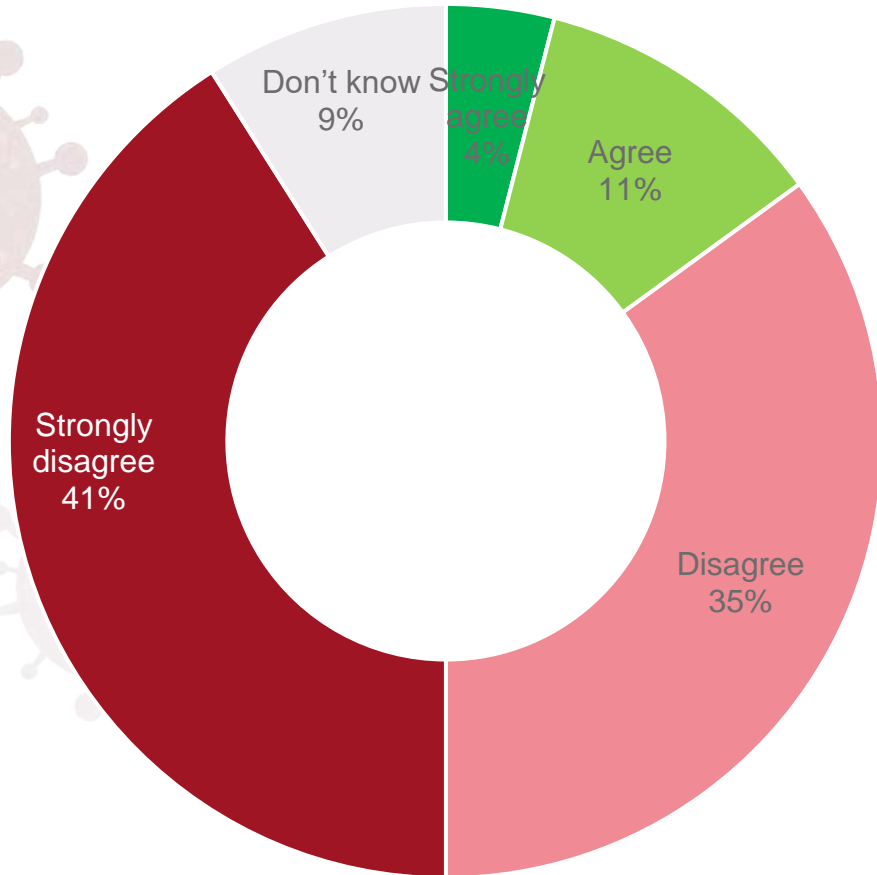


- There is little to suggest that the virus is under control – this is the perception of two in three across the UK. Opinion has now remained more or less identical over four weeks.

Q How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? I think the spread of the virus in the UK is under control



# CORONAVIRUS : LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS



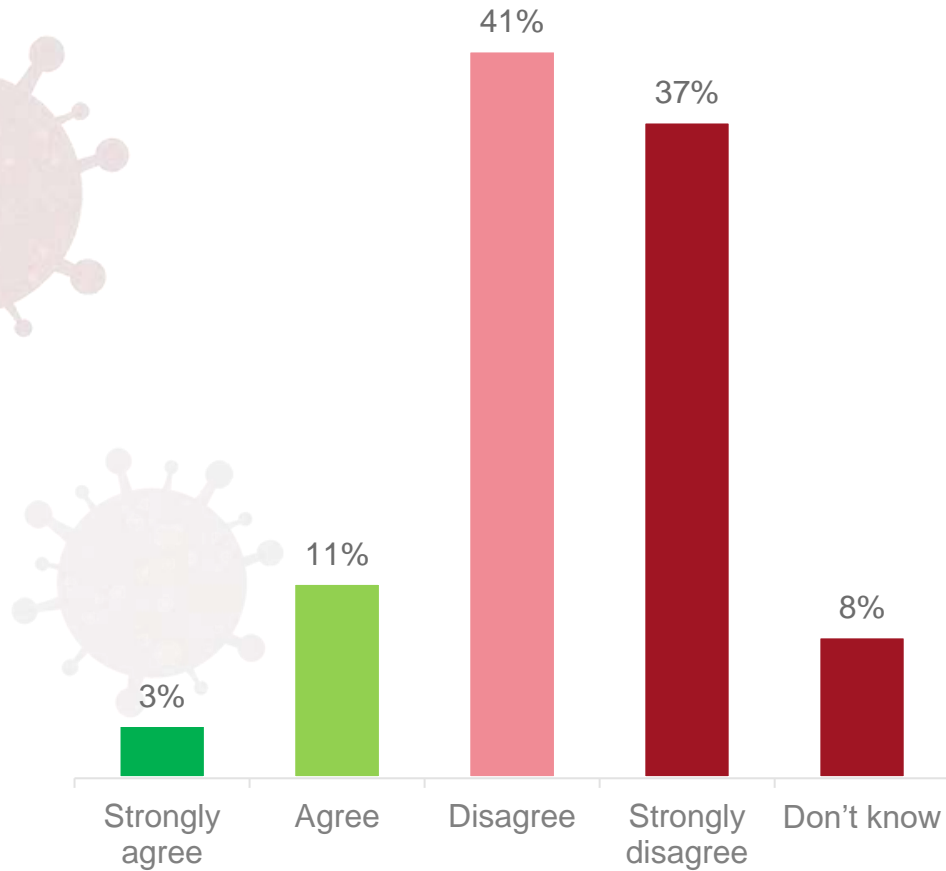
- There is **little** appetite to lift restrictions on restaurants, bars and cinemas, just 15% believe the government should do so. Just over three quarters (76%) believe they **should be maintained**.



Q How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? BASE : n=2095 MAY 13-14  
"I think the restrictions placed on restaurants, bars and cinemas should be lifted over the next few weeks"



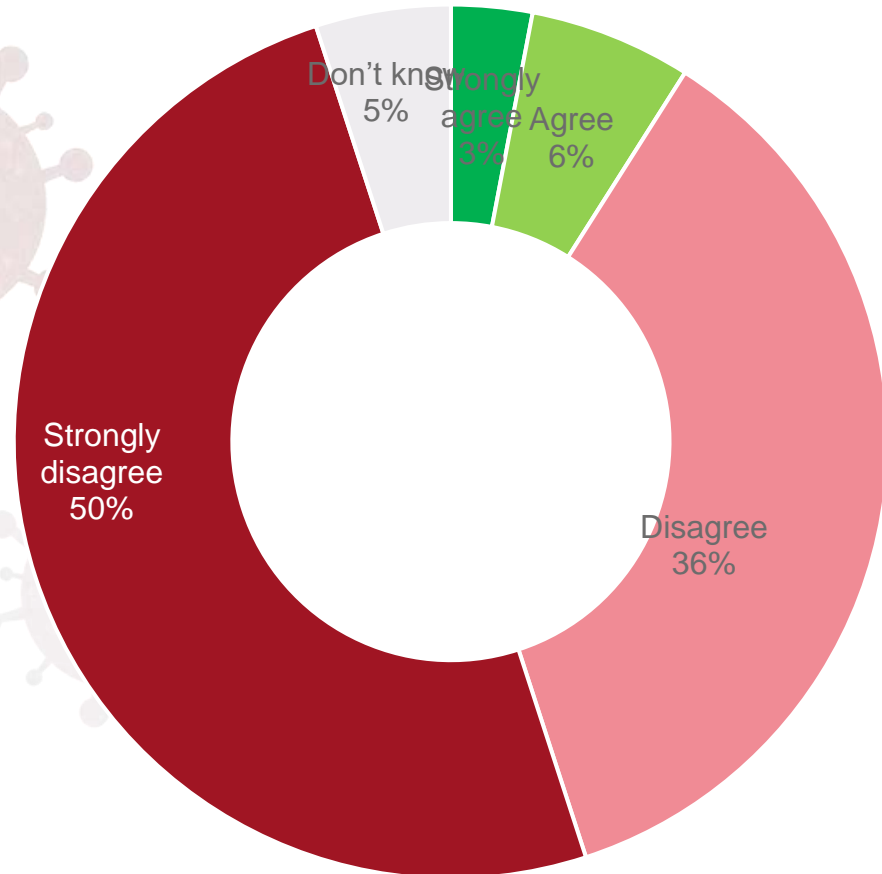
# CORONAVIRUS : SOCIALISING FRIENDS/FAMILY



- Vast majority believe socialising **is a risk** to their health (78%), while few (14%) believe it **doesn't pose a risk**.



# CORONAVIRUS : MEASURES



- Support for the lockdown measures is high. Just under one in ten (9%) believe they have gone too far while an overwhelming majority (86%) see them as necessary.



**ORB International** has been working in partnership with the **LSHTM** as part of The Vaccine Confidence Project exploring global perceptions towards vaccines to inform policy.



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