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REFUGEES IN A PANDEMIC WORLD

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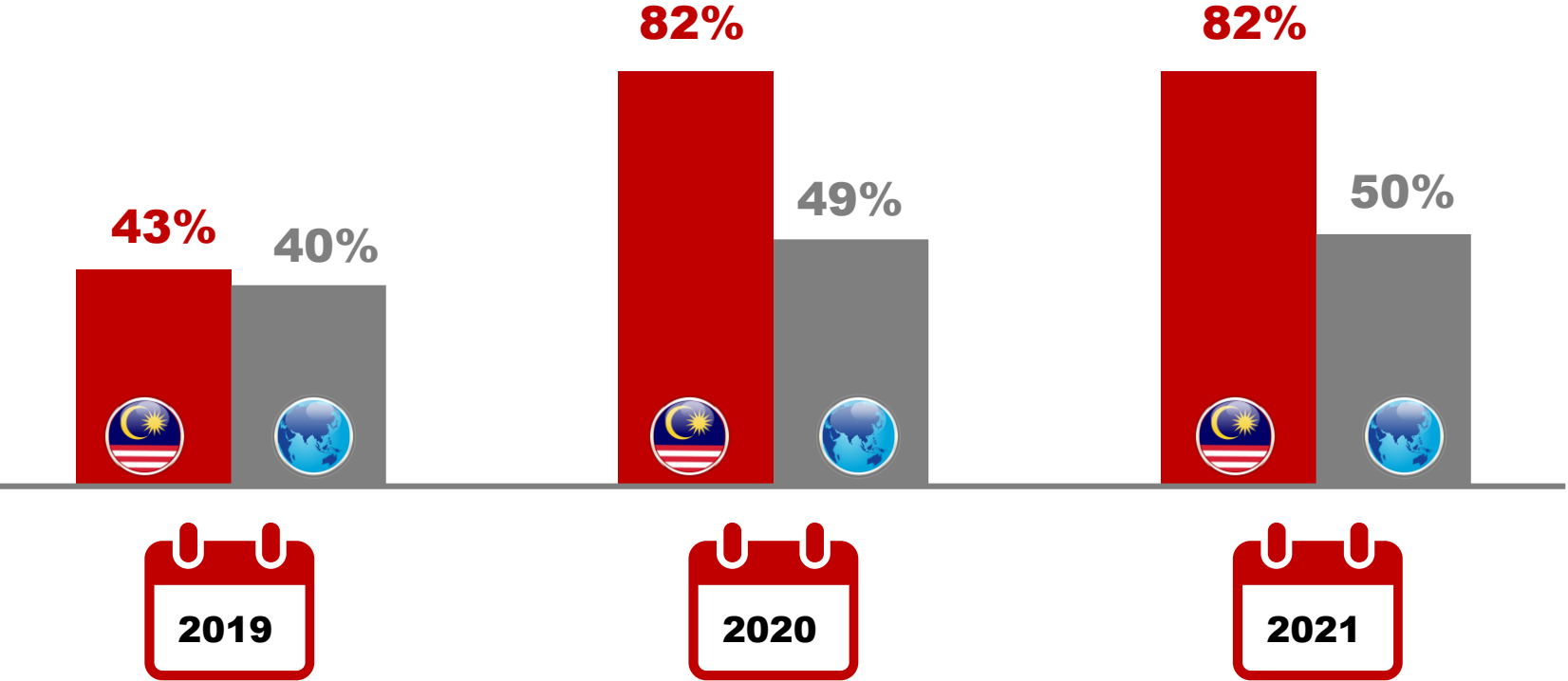


MALAYSIANS WANTS BORDERS CLOSED TO REFUGEES

The sentiment in Malaysia had swung heavily towards keeping borders completely closed for refugees, compared to pre-pandemic times

We must close our borders to refugees entirely – we can't accept any at this time
(% Very much / somewhat agree)

*Malaysia vs Global country average**



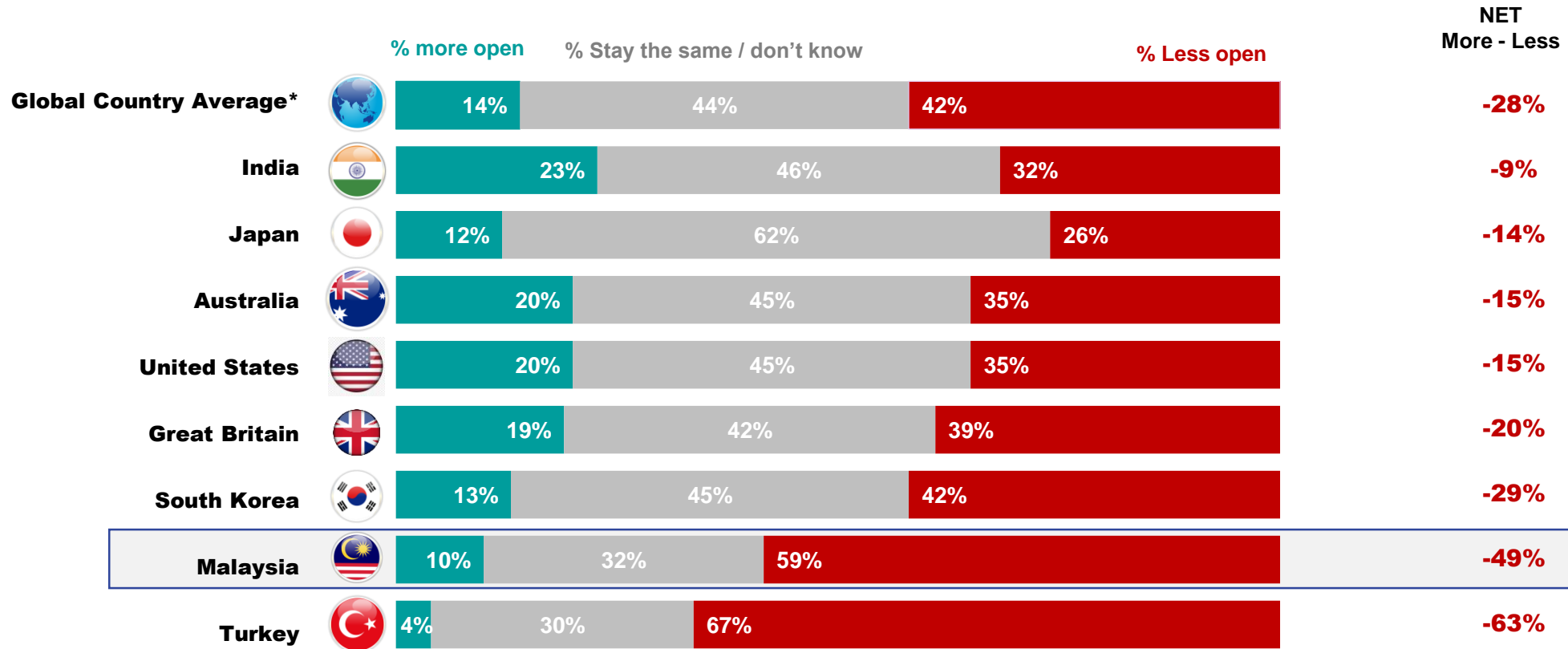
2 – 28-market survey conducted among 19,510 online adults aged 16-74 on Ipsos online panel between May 21 - June 4, 2021.

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THE PANDEMIC WORLD IS LESS OPEN TO REFUGEES

The world is now a less welcoming place for refugees. Across the world, people favor less openness – this sentiment is stronger in Malaysia than in most other countries, but surpassed by Turkey, which host the most refugees in the world

Should your country be more or less **open to refugees** compared to before pandemic?

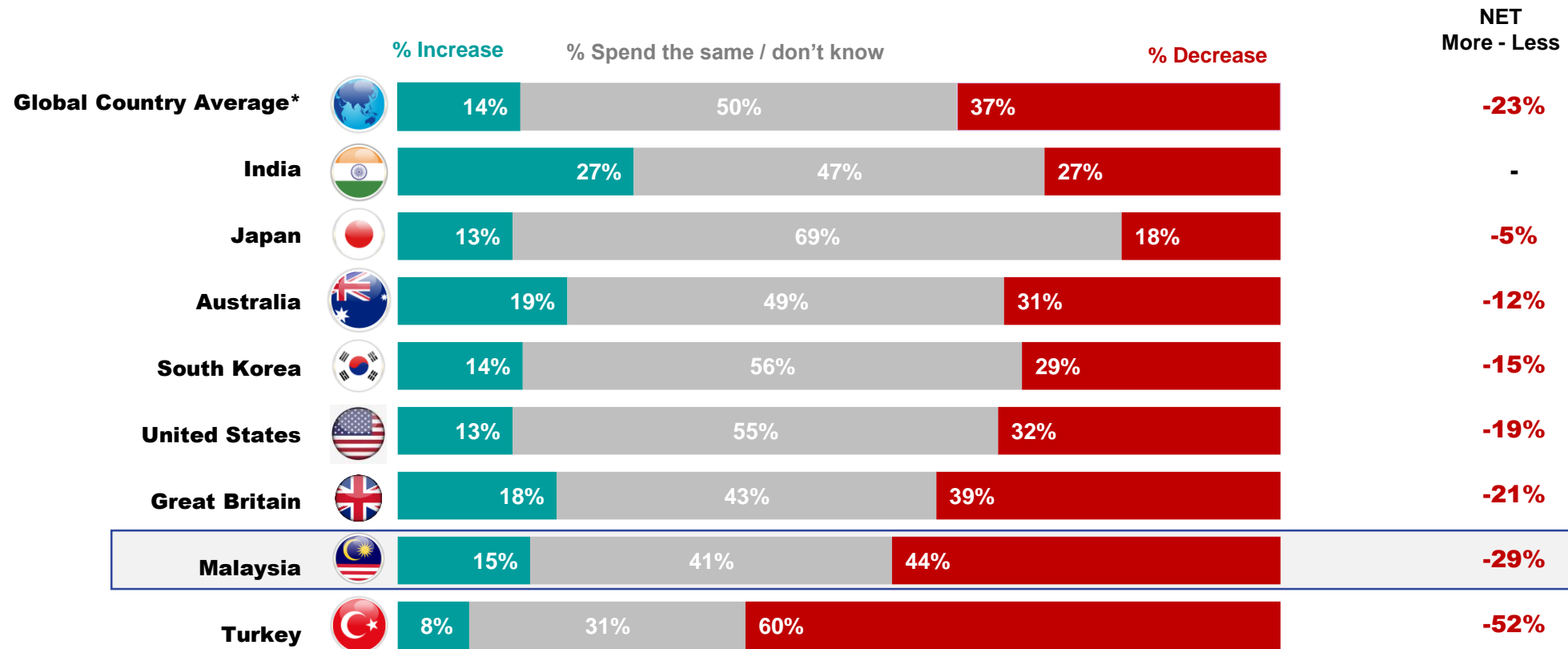


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SPENDING MONEY TO SUPPORT REFUGEES NOT A PRIORITY

With governments across the world fighting to limit the financial impact of the pandemic, citizens across the world do not consider spending on supporting refugees a priority

Should your country spend more or less **to support refugees around the world** compared to before pandemic?



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Refugees in the pandemic world

Accepting refugees is a highly contentious issue in most countries even during normal times – with the world being defined by closed borders and a near-halt in international travel, the world has become an even less welcoming place for refugees.

Malaysians are strongly in favor of keeping the borders completely closed for refugees, representing a sharp shift compared to 2019, before the pandemic.

Across the world, citizens prefer their country to be less open to refugees, and the financial strains caused by the pandemic puts financial assistance to refugees lower on the agenda than before.



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