

AFRICAN OPINIONS ON THE WAR IN UKRAINE

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OPINIONS ABOUT THE RUSSIA- UKRAINE WAR

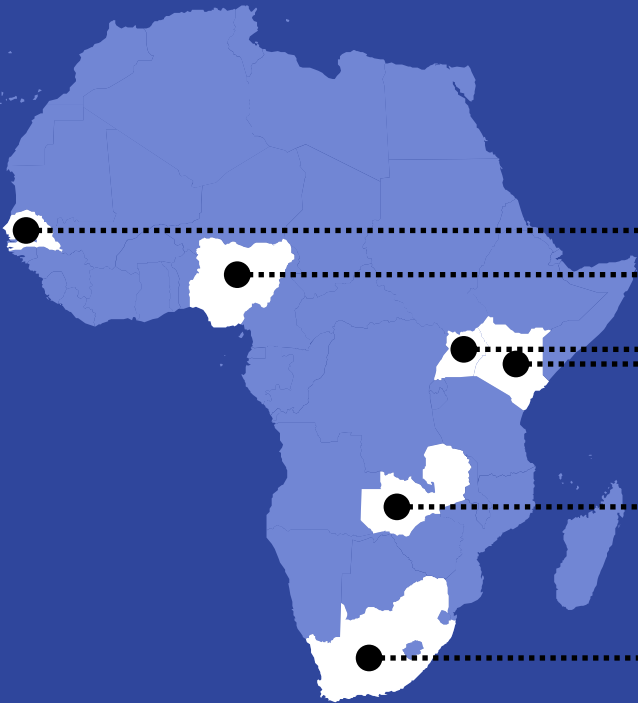
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THE CASE FOR RUSSIA: SOME QUALIFIED SUPPORT

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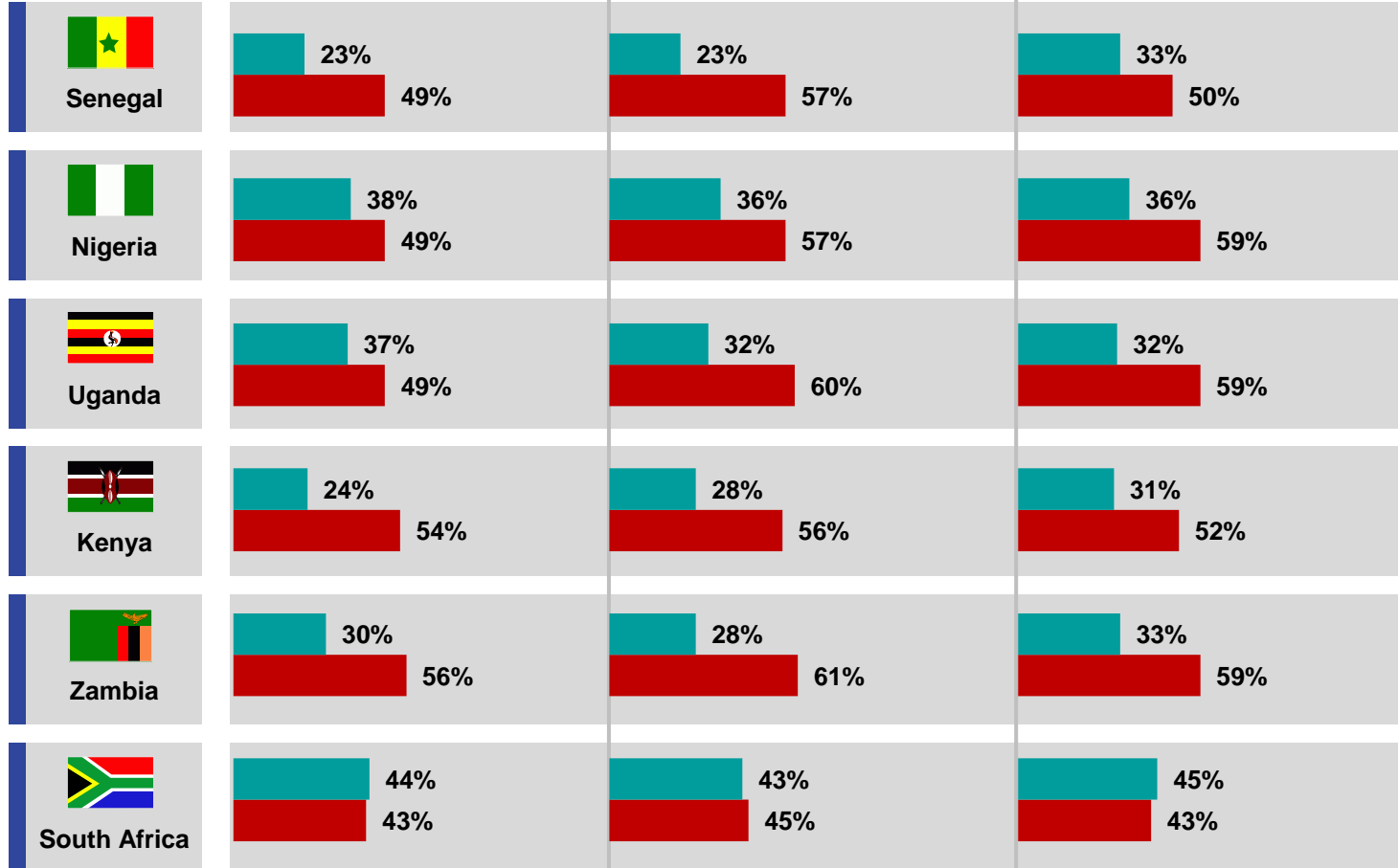
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Russia is not the aggressor in this war

For historic reasons it makes sense for my country to support Russia

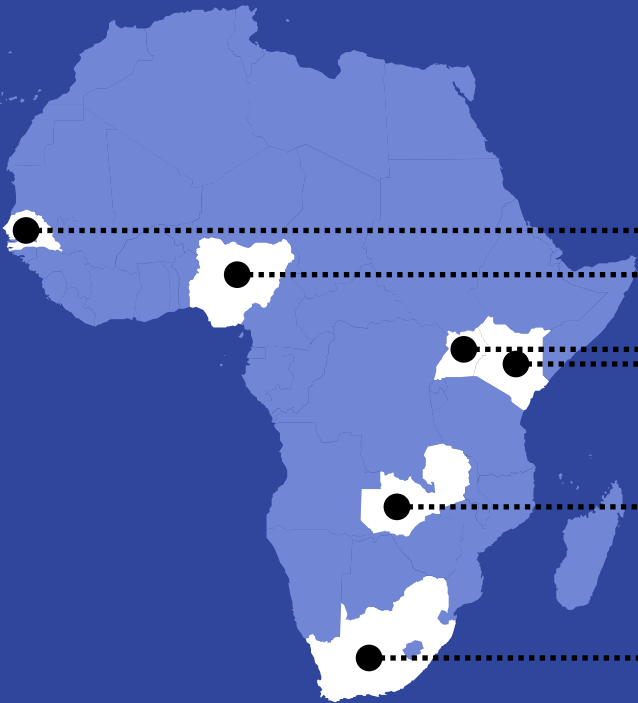
My country should support Russia, as we rely on the import of grain and fertilizer from Russia



THE CASE FOR UKRAINE: AFRICA'S POSITIVE SUPPORT

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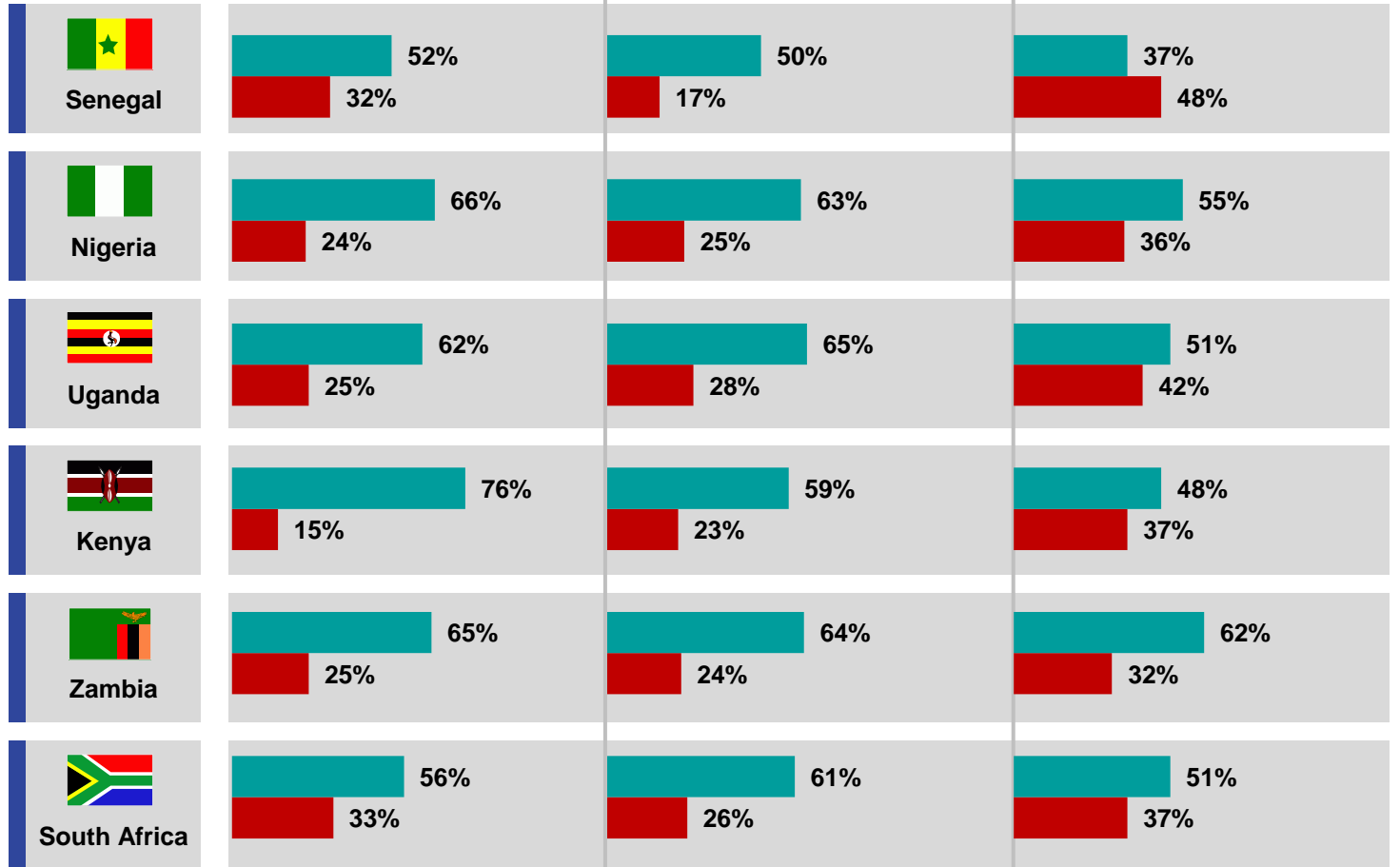
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Russia's invasion of Ukraine is against the principles of international law

Russia is guilty of committing war crimes in Ukraine

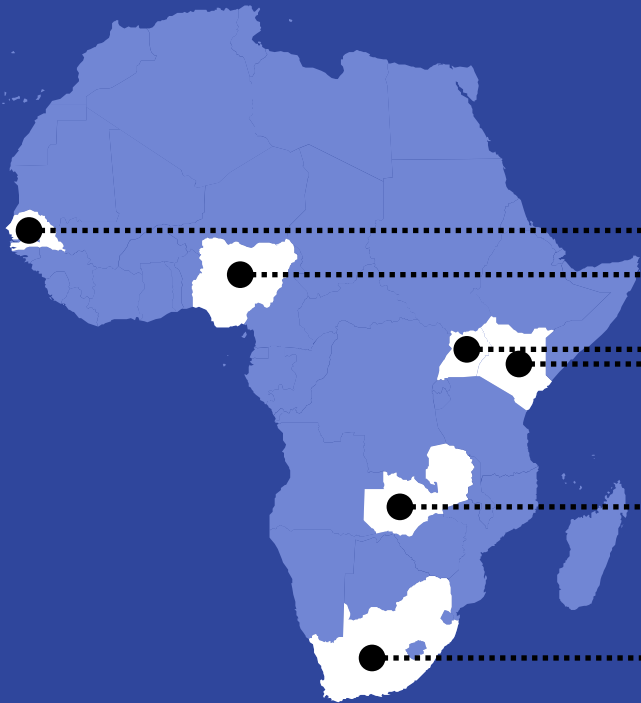
My own government should care about Russia's occupation of parts of Ukraine and should insist on the withdrawal of the Russian forces



BUT EXPRESSING AN OPINION THAT AFRICA SHOULD NOT TAKE SIDES

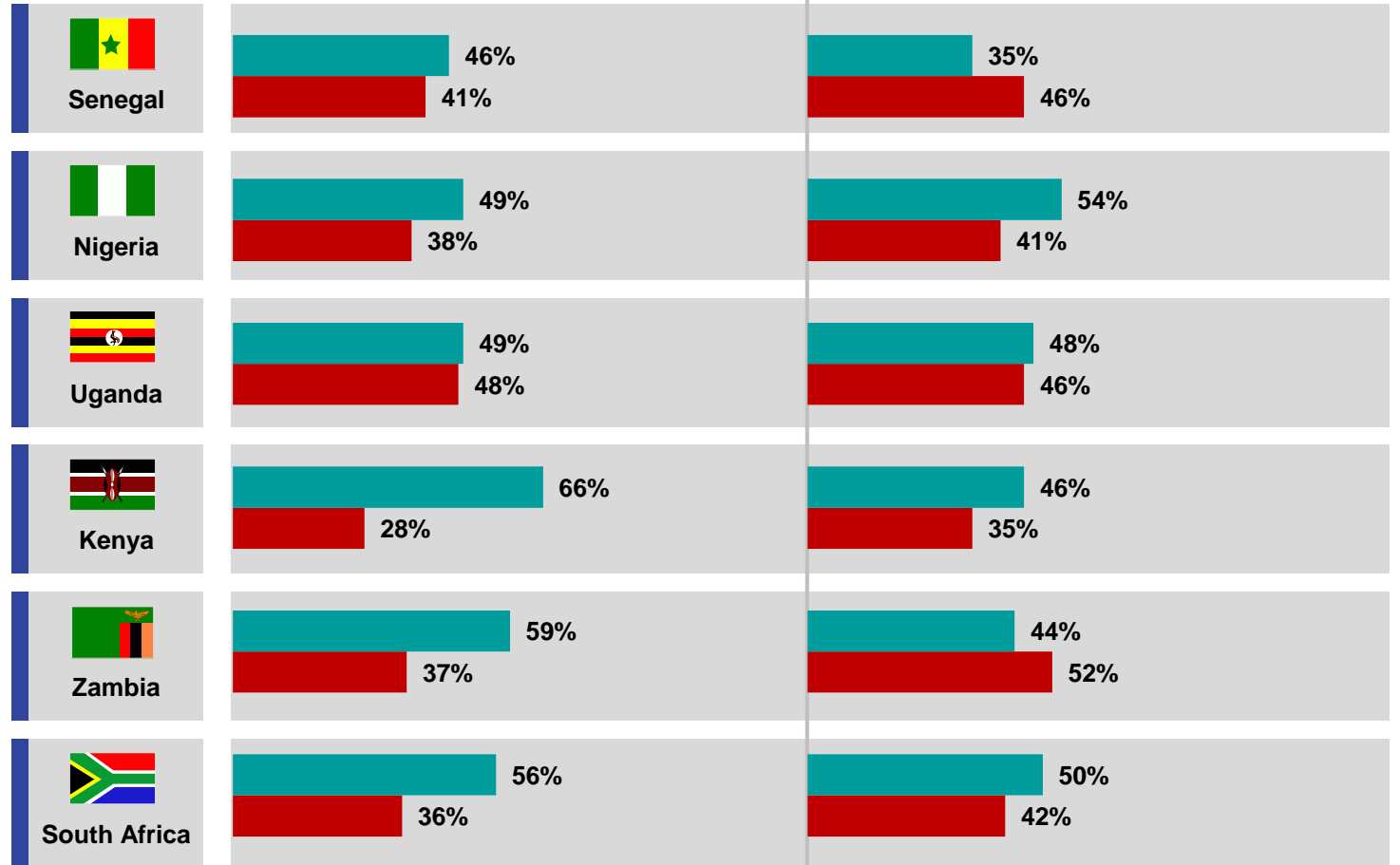
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All African countries should not take sides in this war

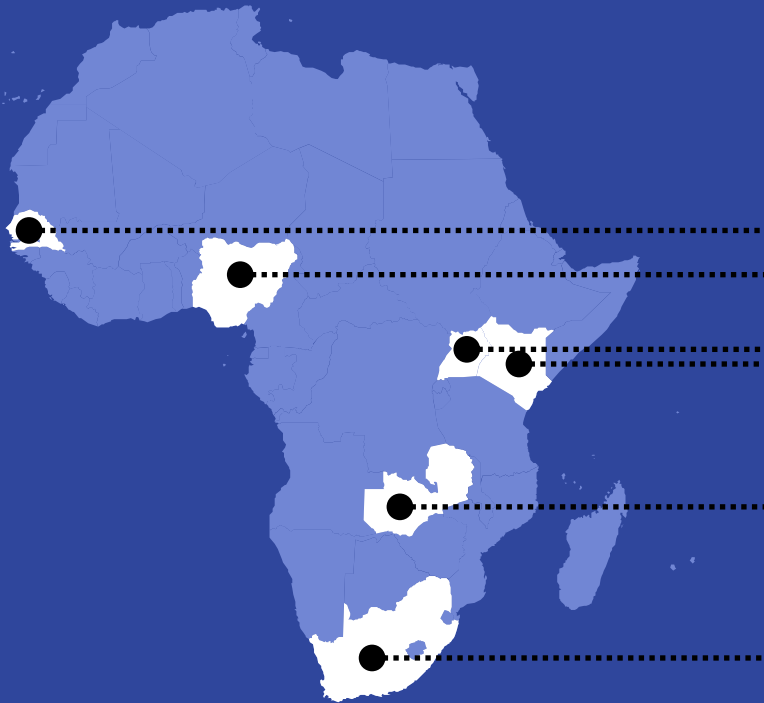
Africa cannot afford to remain neutral in this war



THERE IS IMPLICIT SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE, BUT AFRICAN LEADERS SHOULD SHAPE UP

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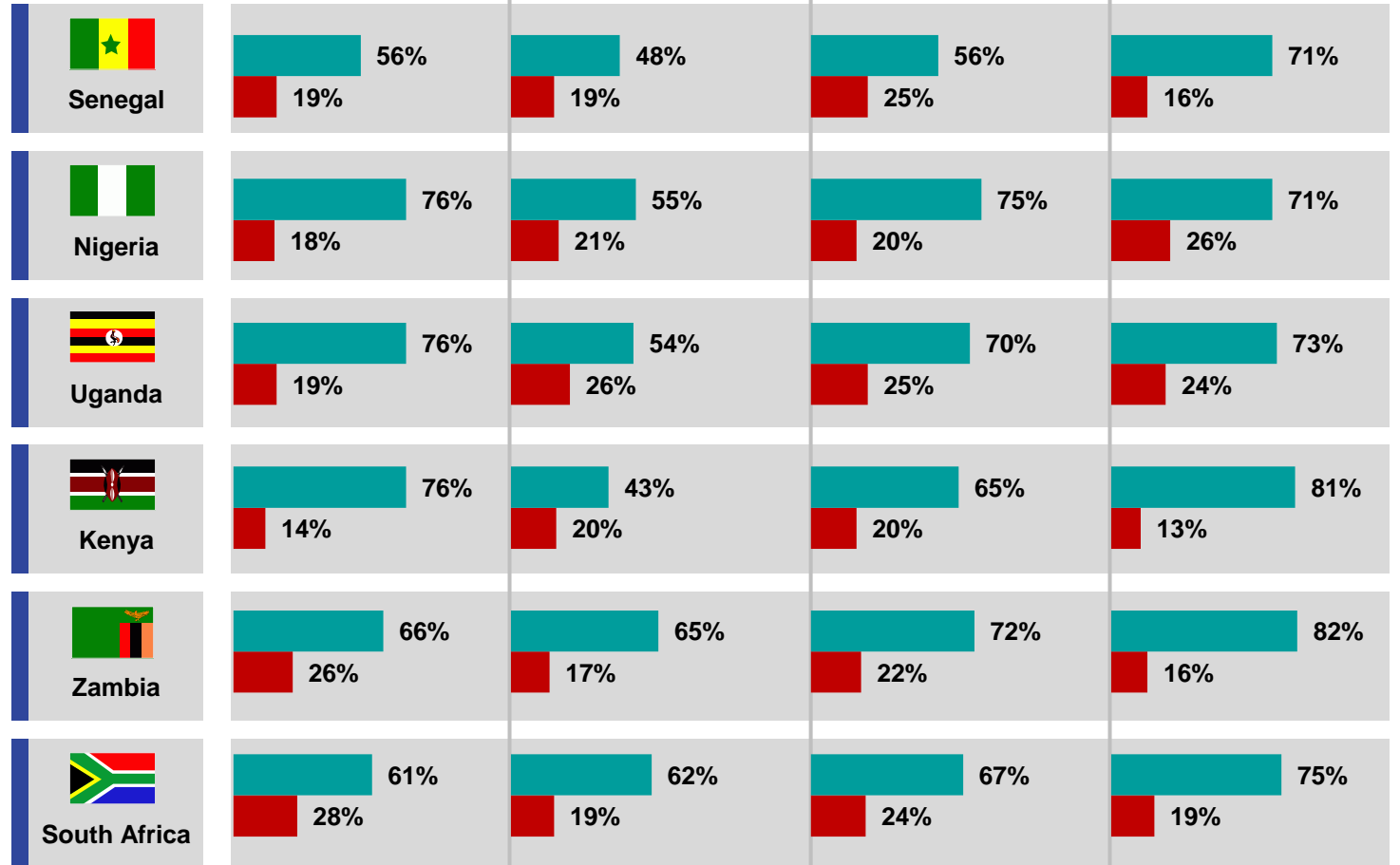


Both the Ukrainians and the Russians are victims in this war

I am aware that Ukraine, while it was a part of the Soviet Union, supported many African countries during their liberation struggles

Having lived through colonialism, conflict and forced occupations, we should not support any country in their attempts to illegally annex parts of another country without consequences

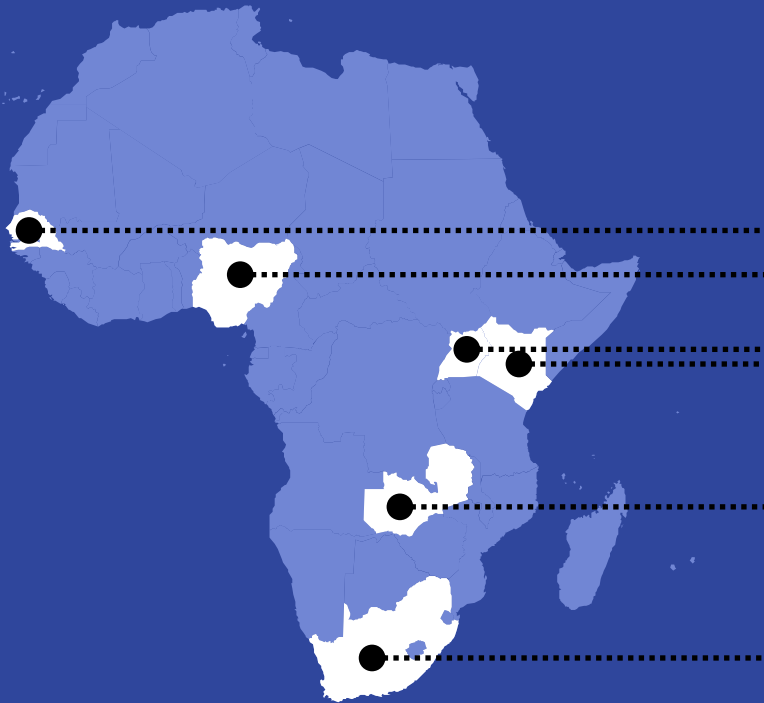
The Russian-Ukrainian war is bad for my country – we are experiencing food shortages and high energy costs because of the war



AND THE AU SHOULD STICK TO THEIR OWN PRINCIPLES AND BE UNITED

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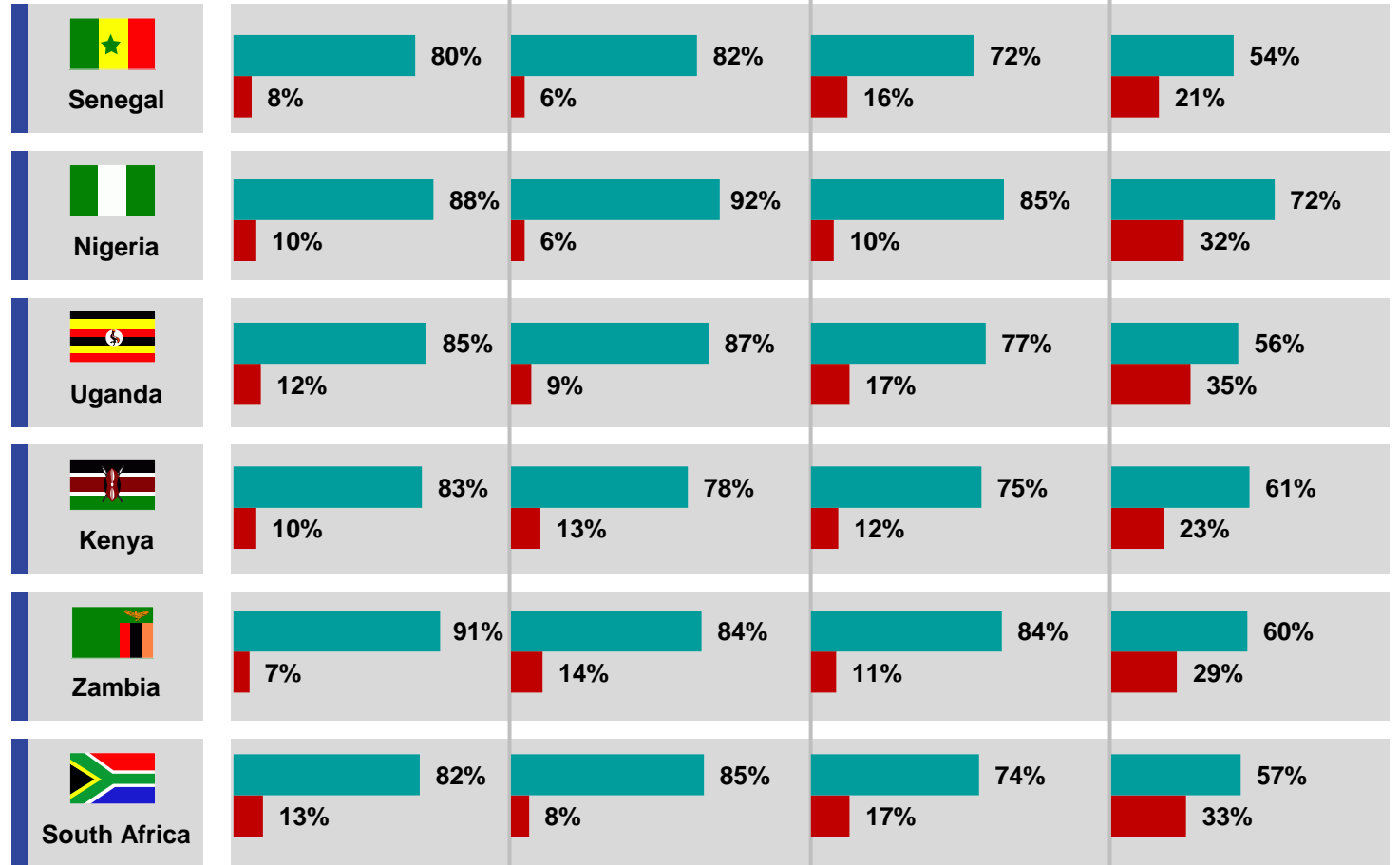


African countries should stick together when it comes to foreign policy issues

It is time for the African Union to stand on its own and represent the continent's best interests on global issues

My country supports the principles of the African Union guaranteeing territorial integrity and country borders

In an increasingly global and complicated world, Africa stands to lose the most by doing nothing or supporting the countries disregarding international laws



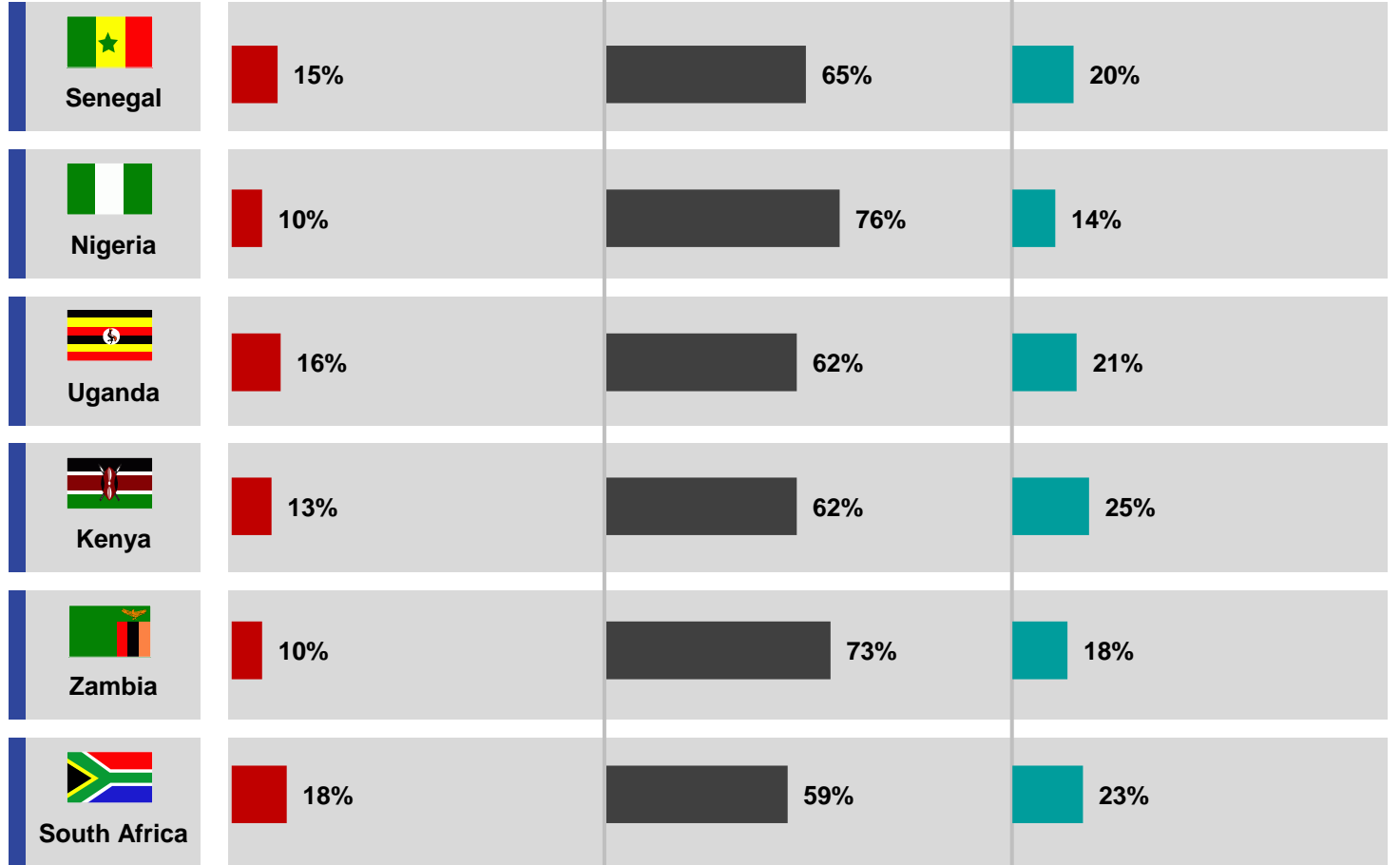
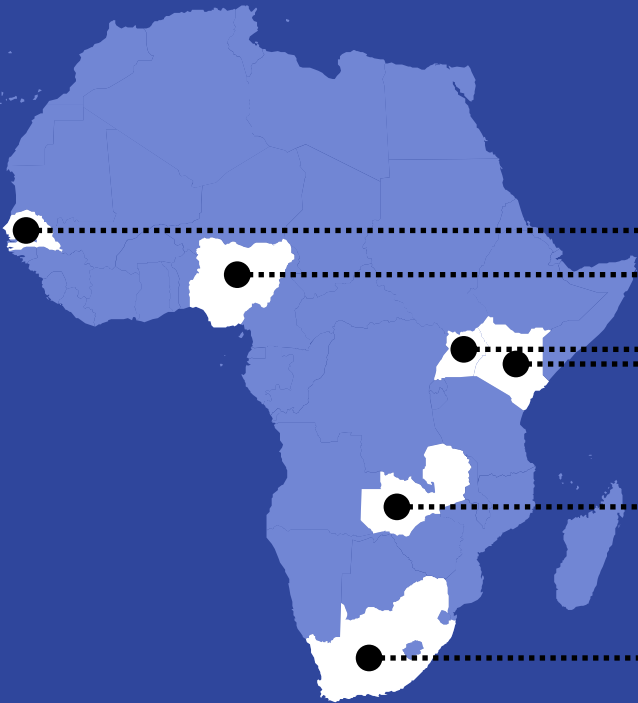
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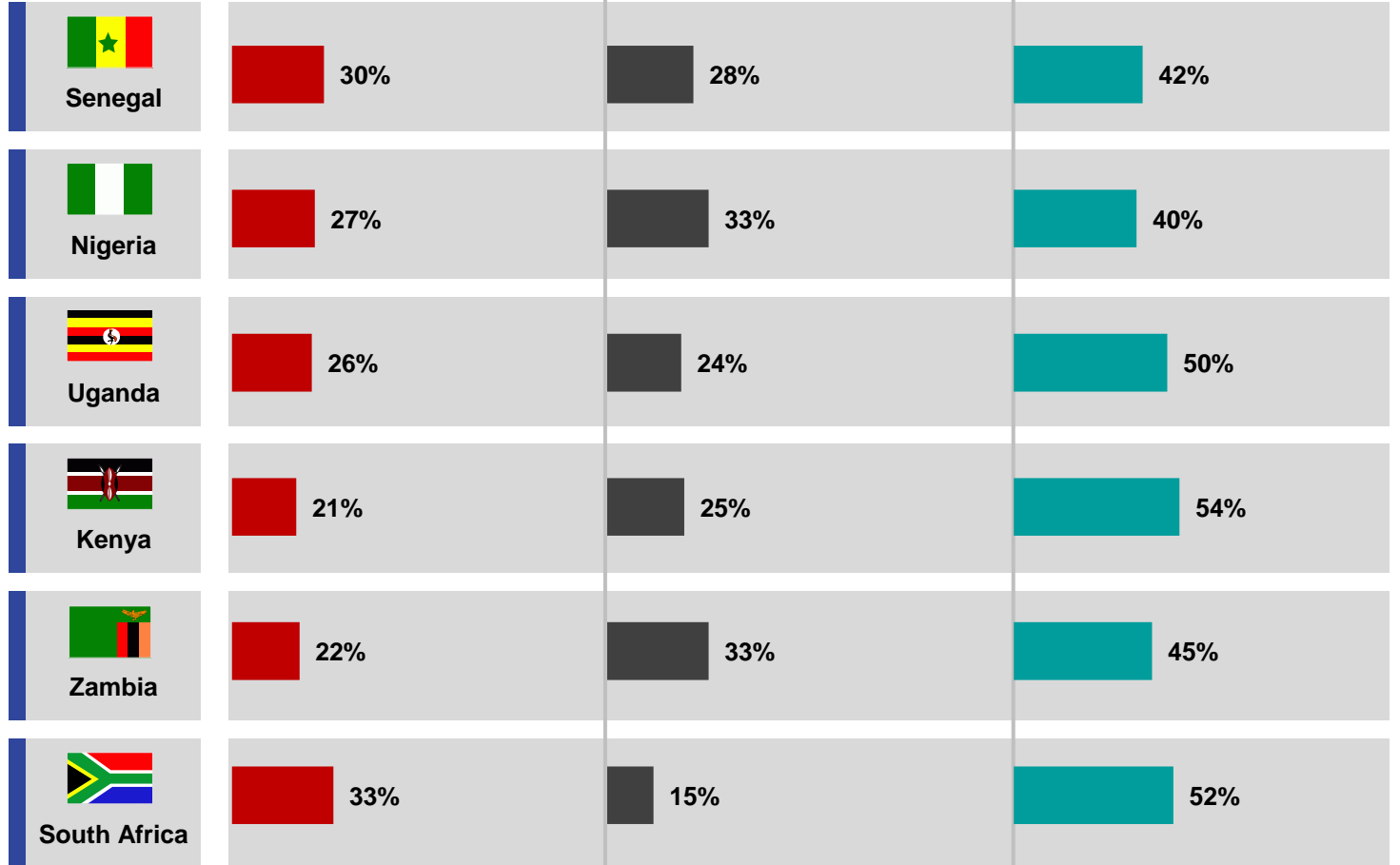
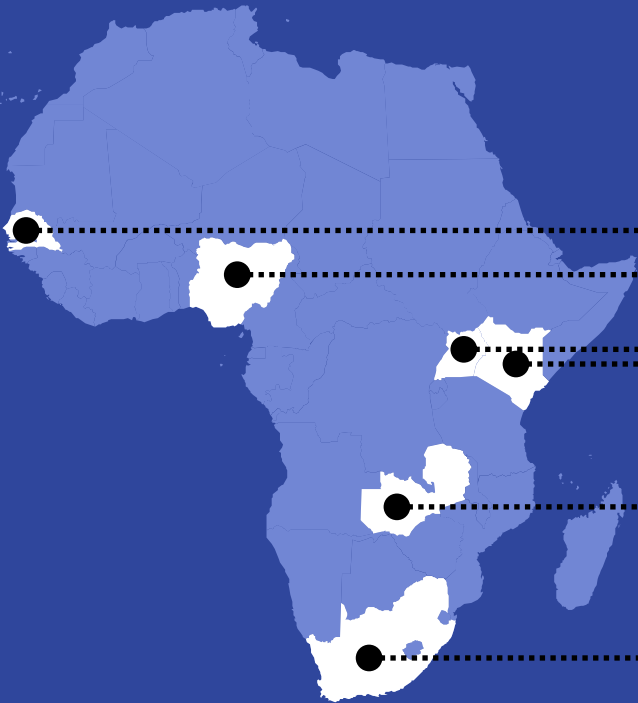
Do you think it is in the best interest of [YOUR COUNTRY] to support Russia or support Ukraine or is the solution somewhere between these two extremes?



PERSONAL OPINIONS ARE IMPLYING STRONGER SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

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If you must choose, will you personally support Ukraine or will you personally support Russia?



THANK YOU

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