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Views on Crime and Law Enforcement Around the World

A 29-country Global Advisor survey

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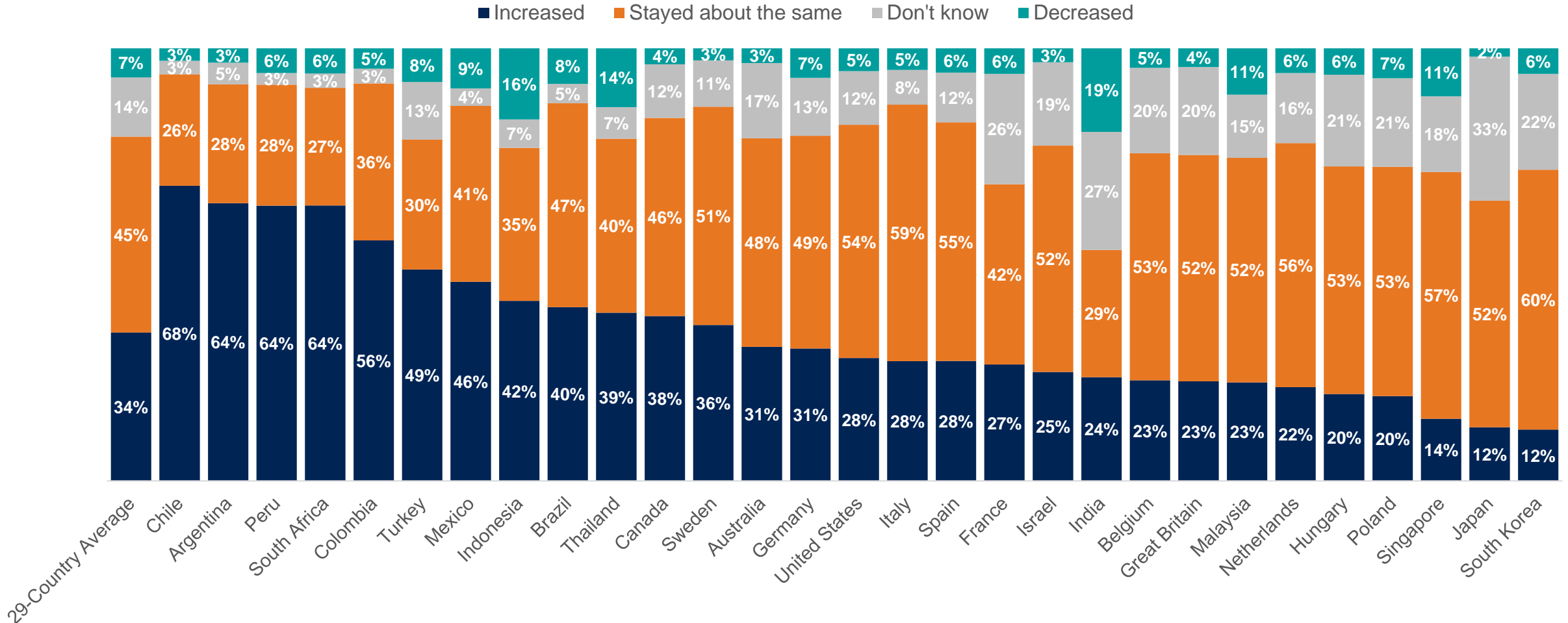


Findings by country

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One in three report rising crime, violence in their neighborhood

Q2. In the past 12 months, has the amount of crime or violence in your neighborhood increased, decreased, or stayed about the same as the previous year?



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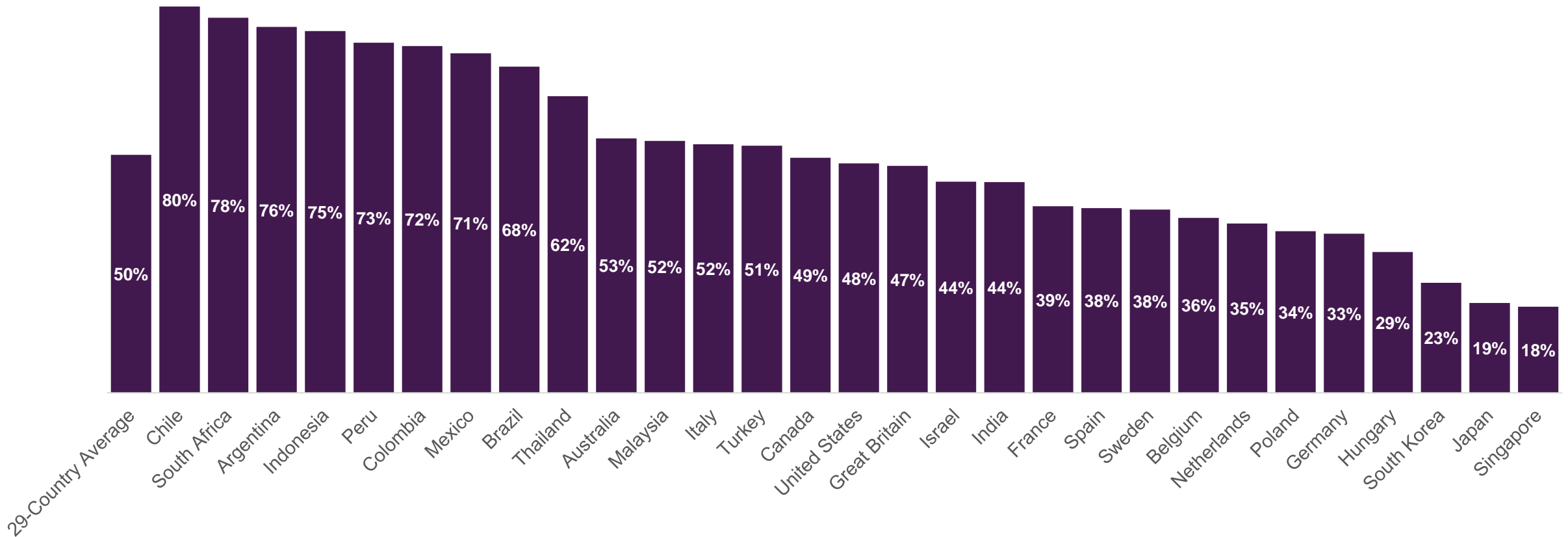
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Half report vehicle thefts in their neighborhood

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■ Vehicle thefts (cars, motorcycles, etc.)



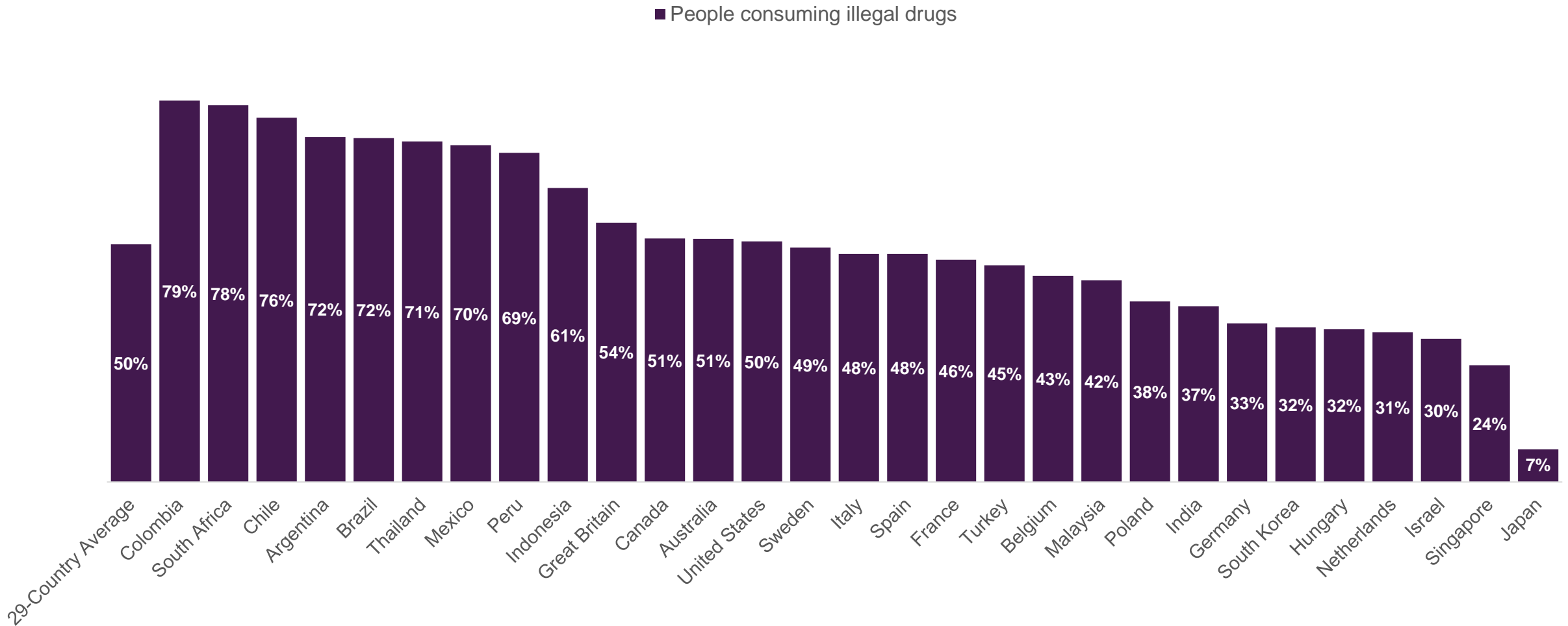
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Half report illegal drug use in their neighborhood

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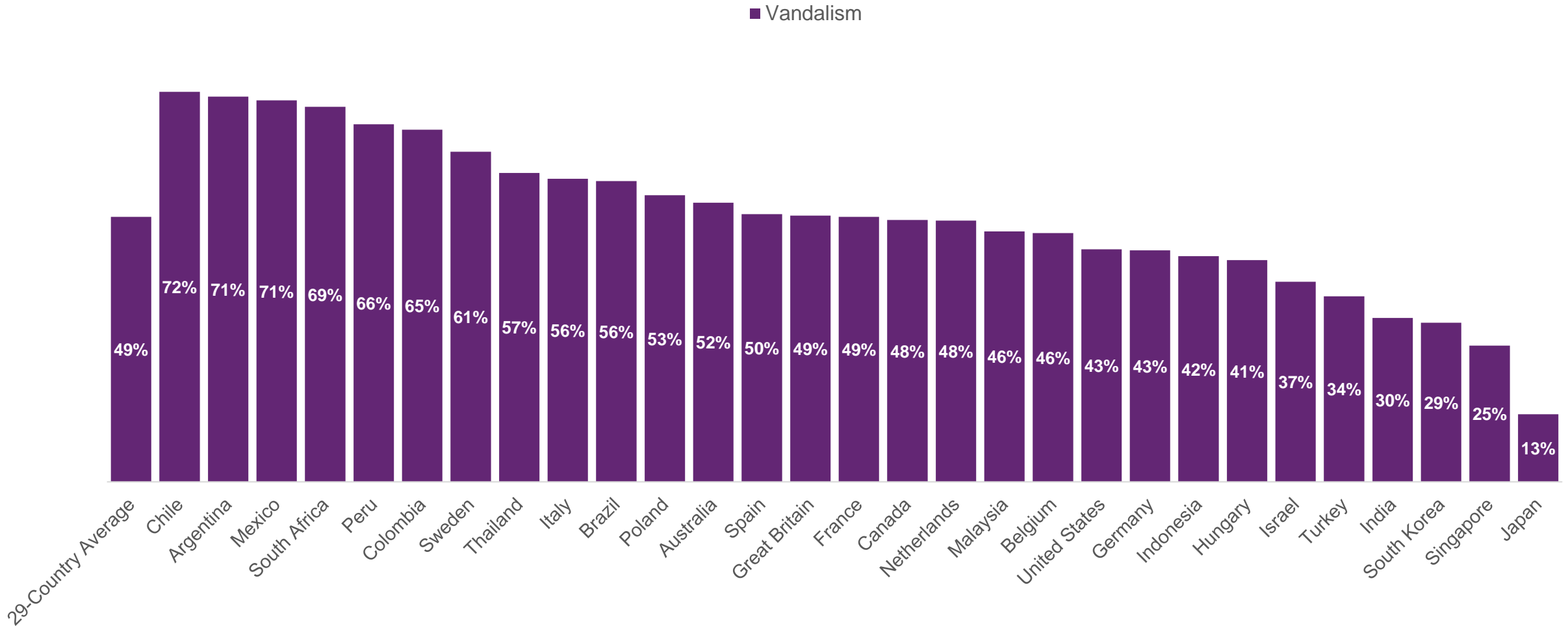
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Half report vandalism occurring in their neighborhood

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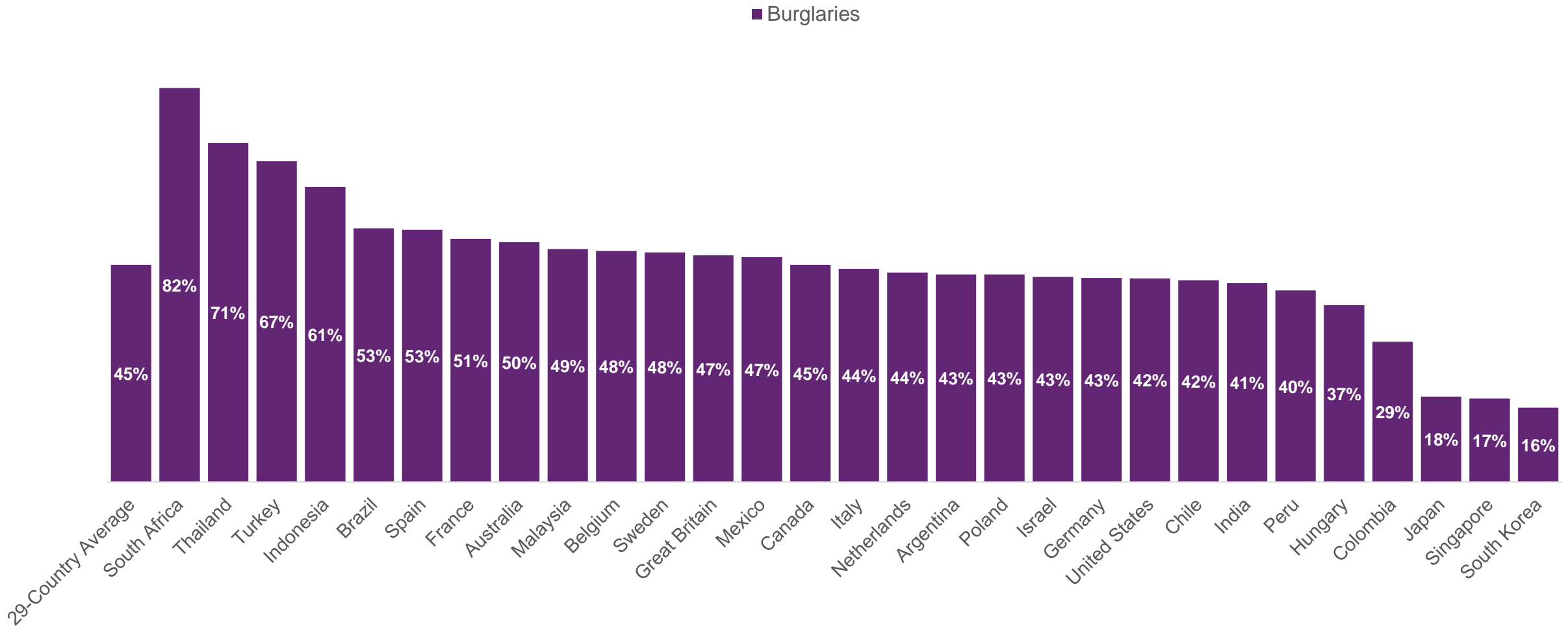
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Slightly under half report burglaries in their neighborhood

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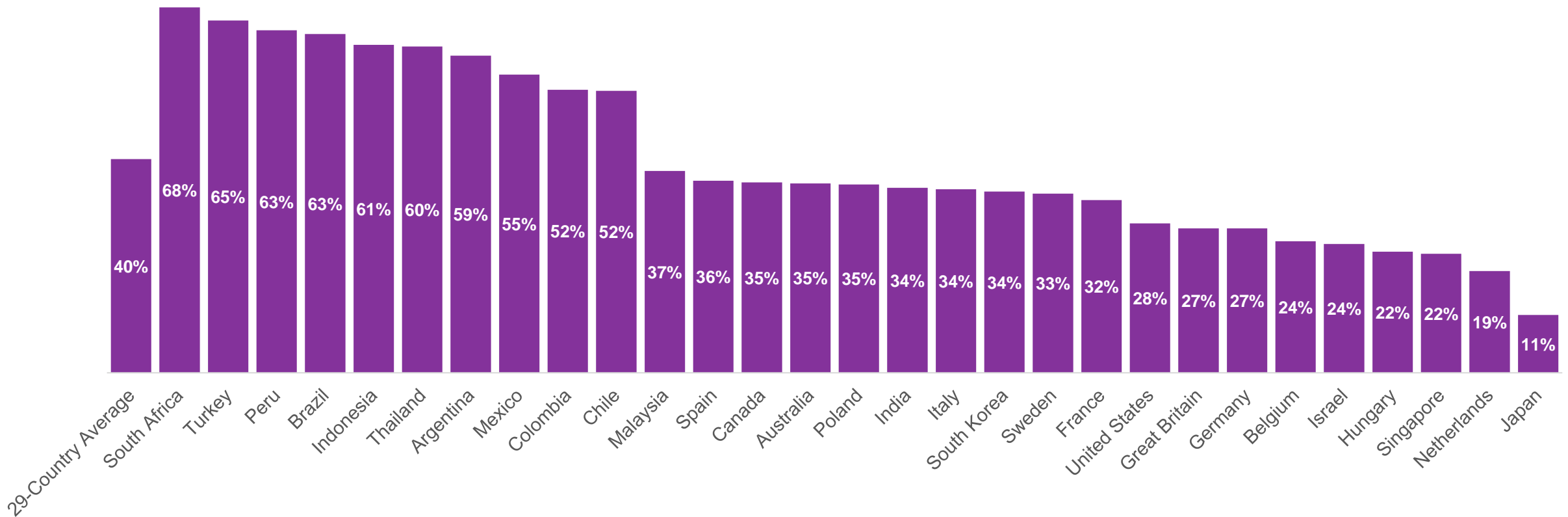
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Globally, there's a gap in reported levels of violence against women

Q3: In the past 12 months, have you seen or heard about the following happening in your neighborhood

■ Any type of violence against adult women



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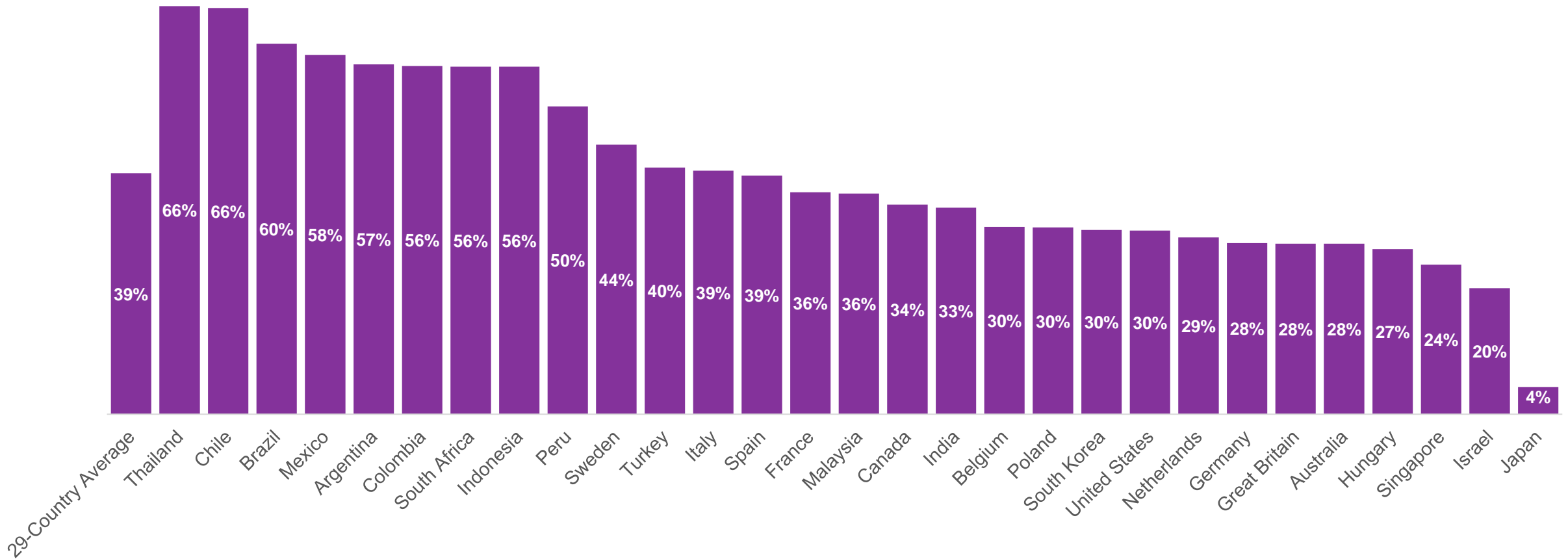
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Two in five report drug trafficking in their neighborhood

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■ Groups or people linked to drug trafficking



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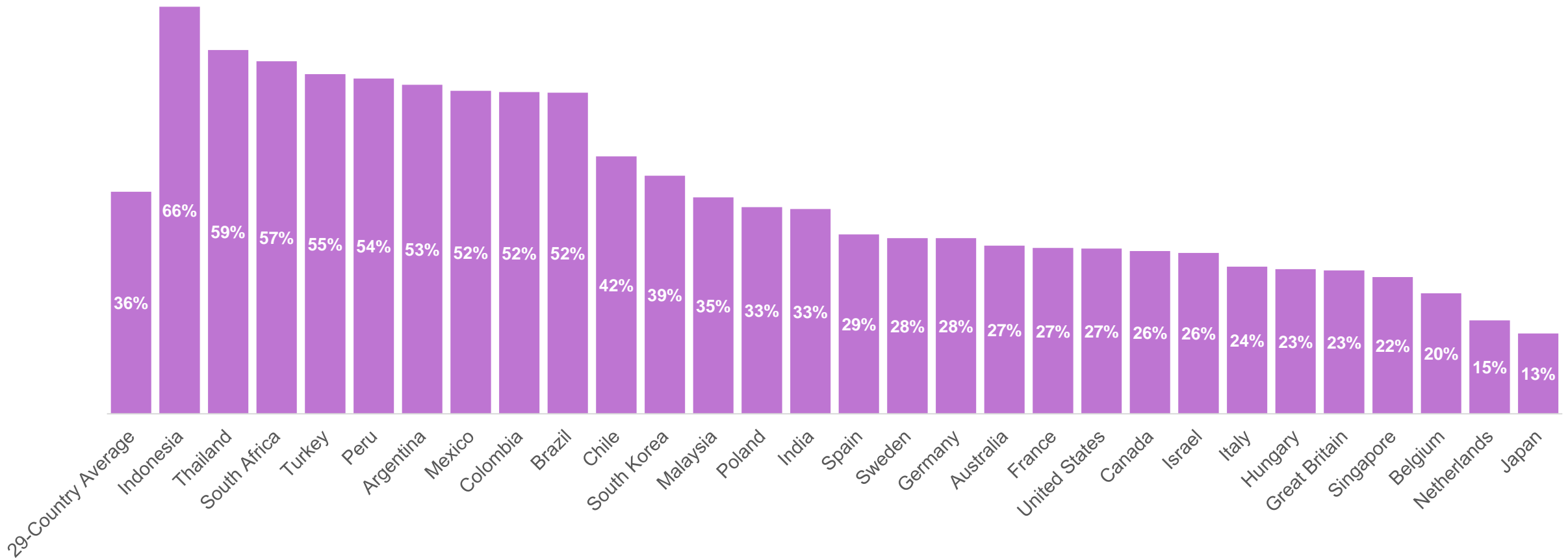
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One in three report violence against minors in their neighborhood

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■ Any type of violence against children or adolescents



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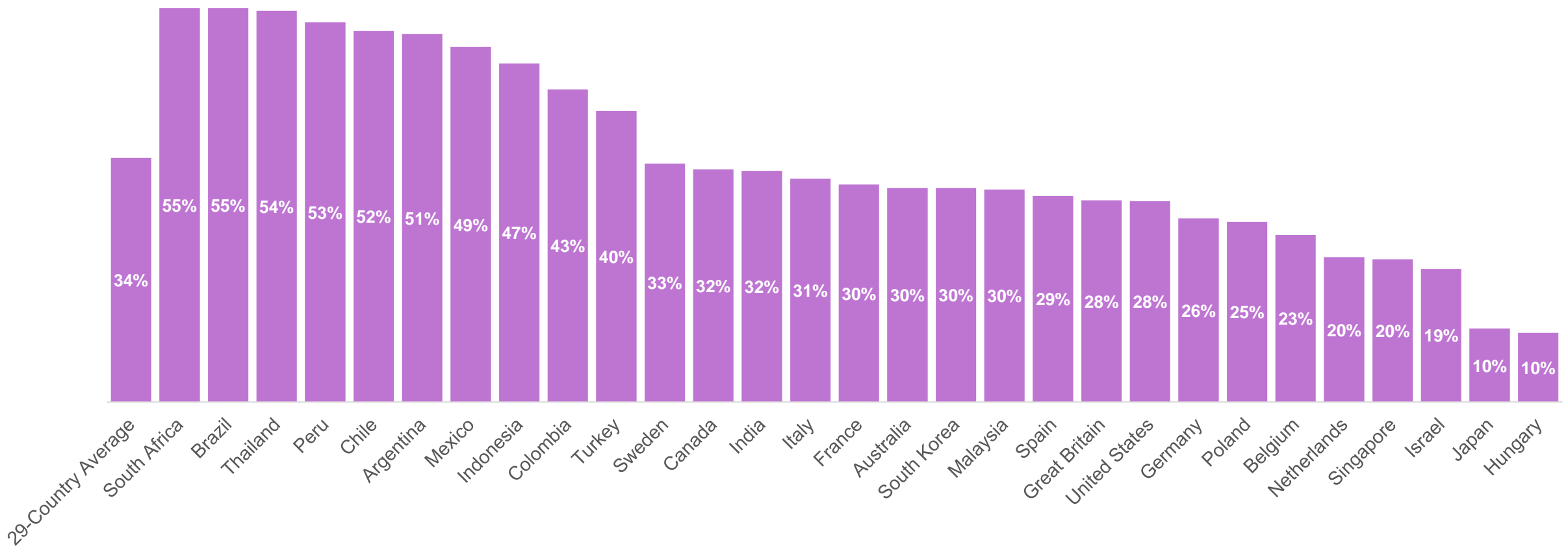
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A third report violence against men in their neighborhood

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■ Any type of violence against adult men



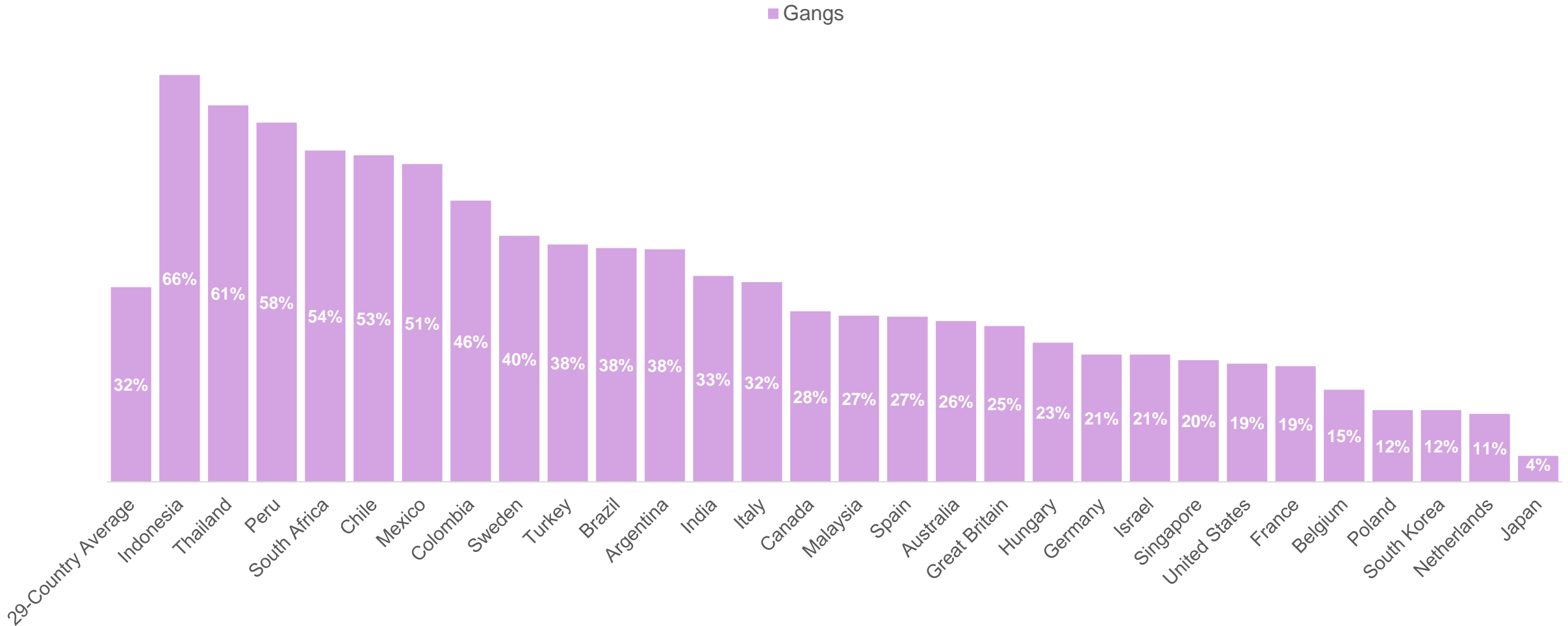
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A third report gang activity in their neighborhood

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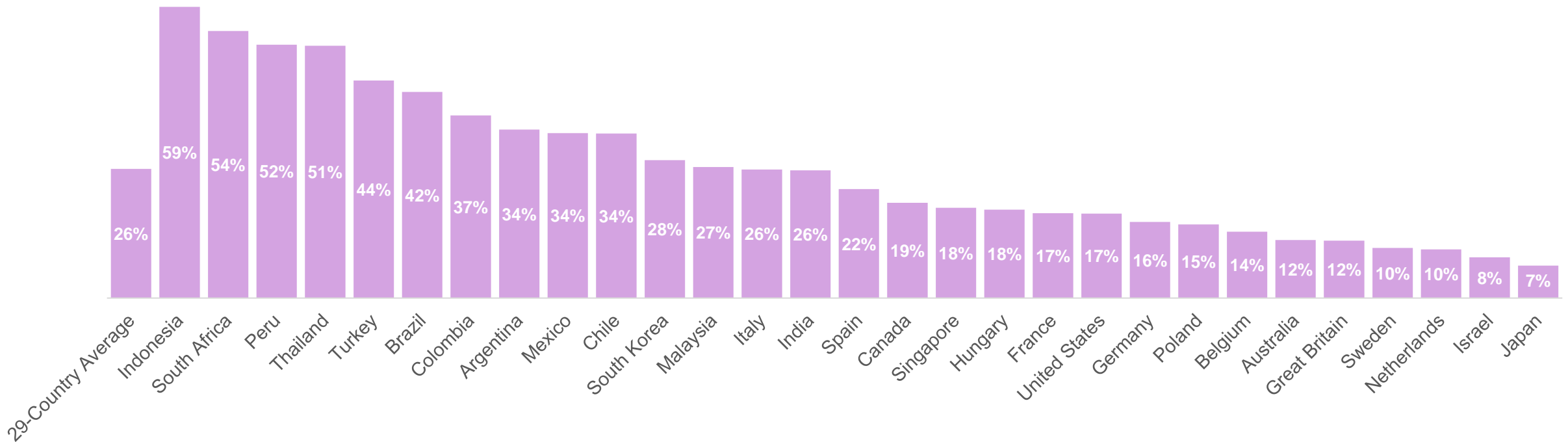
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Majorities in Indonesia, South Africa, Peru and Thailand report prostitution in their neighborhood

Q3: In the past 12 months, have you seen or heard about the following happening in your neighborhood

■ Prostitution / People prostituting themselves



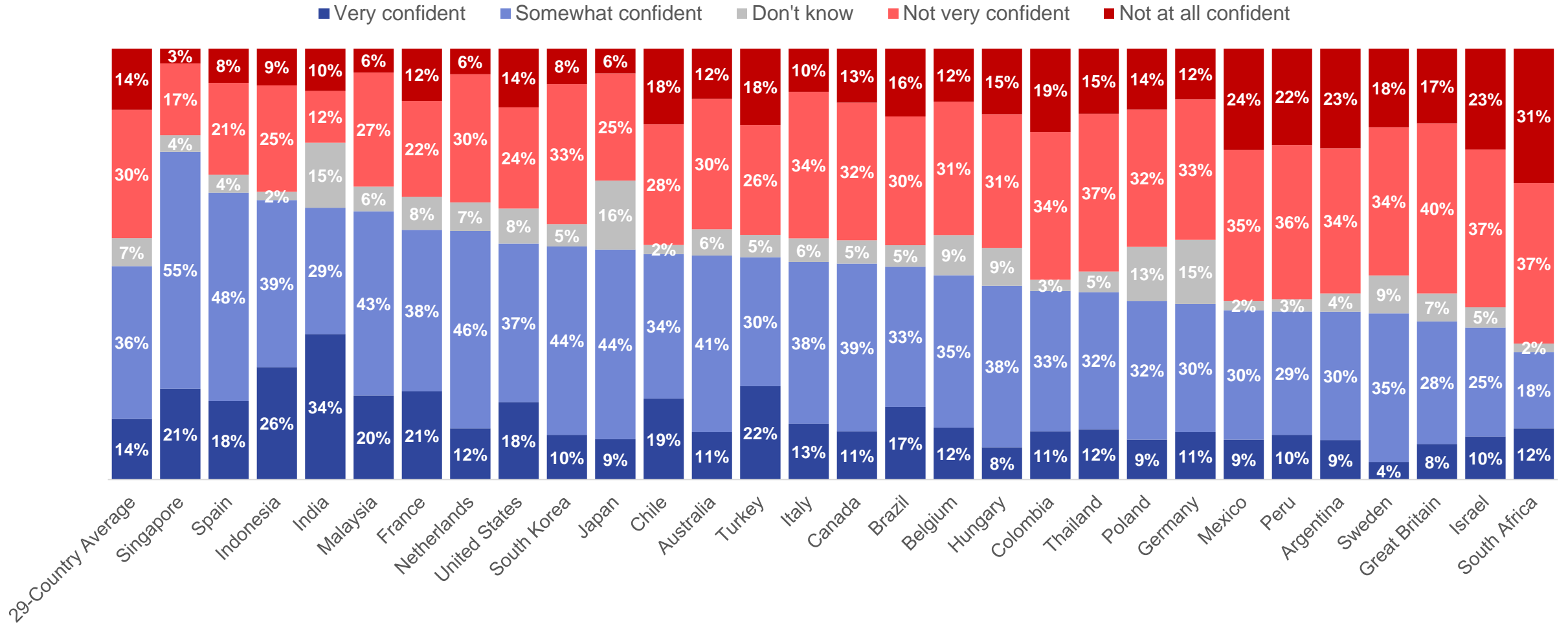
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Half confident that law enforcement can stop violent crime

Q4: How confident are you, if at all, in law enforcement (e.g., the police) to do the following in your neighborhood? -
Stopping violent crimes from happening



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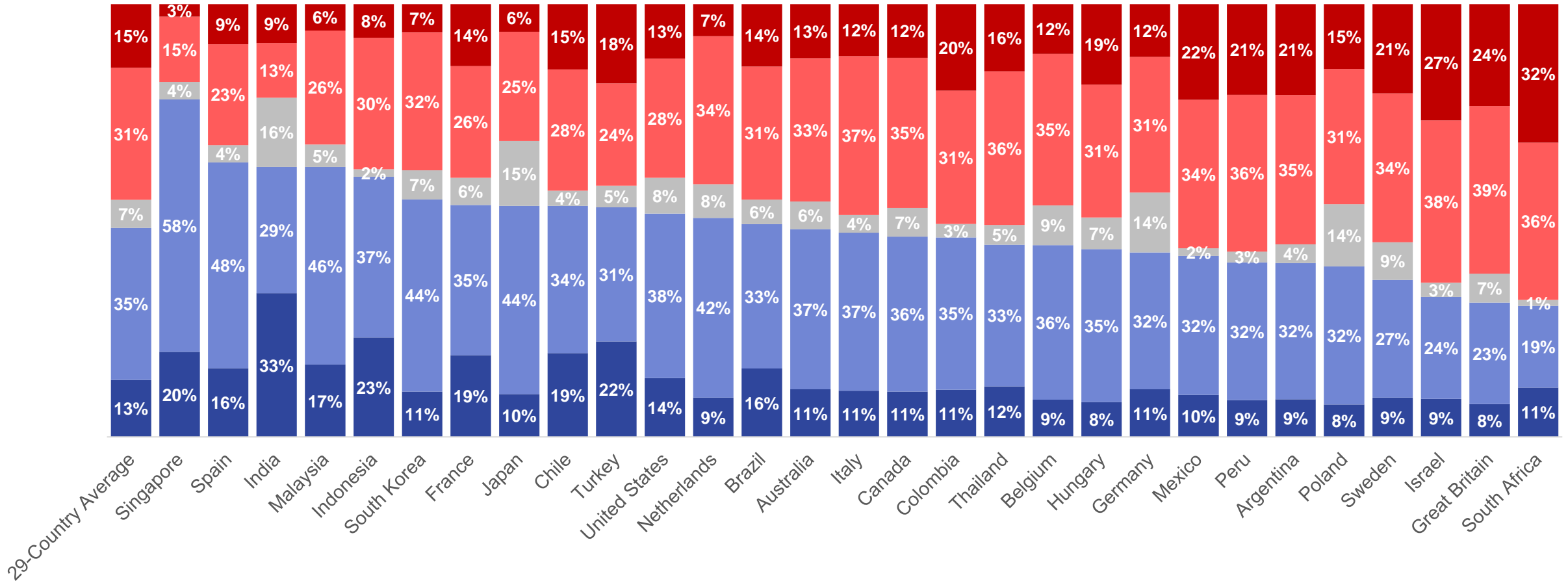
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Under half confident law enforcement can stop non-violent crime

Q4: How confident are you, if at all, in law enforcement (e.g., the police) to do the following in your neighborhood? - Stopping non-violent crimes (e.g., burglaries, thefts or fraud) from happening

Very confident Somewhat confident Don't know Not very confident Not at all confident



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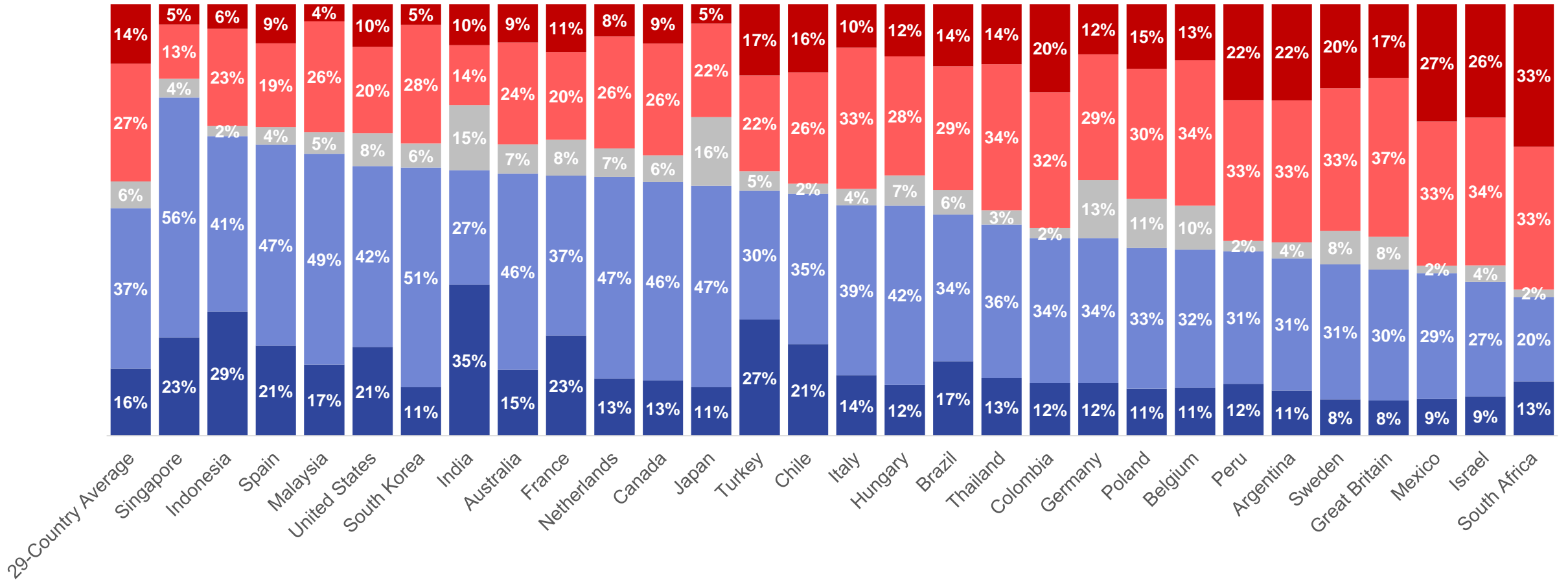
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Half are confident in law enforcement arresting correct perpetrators

Q4: How confident are you, if at all, in law enforcement (e.g., the police) to do the following in your neighborhood? - Finding and arresting the correct criminal after a crime

■ Very confident ■ Somewhat confident ■ Don't know ■ Not very confident ■ Not at all confident



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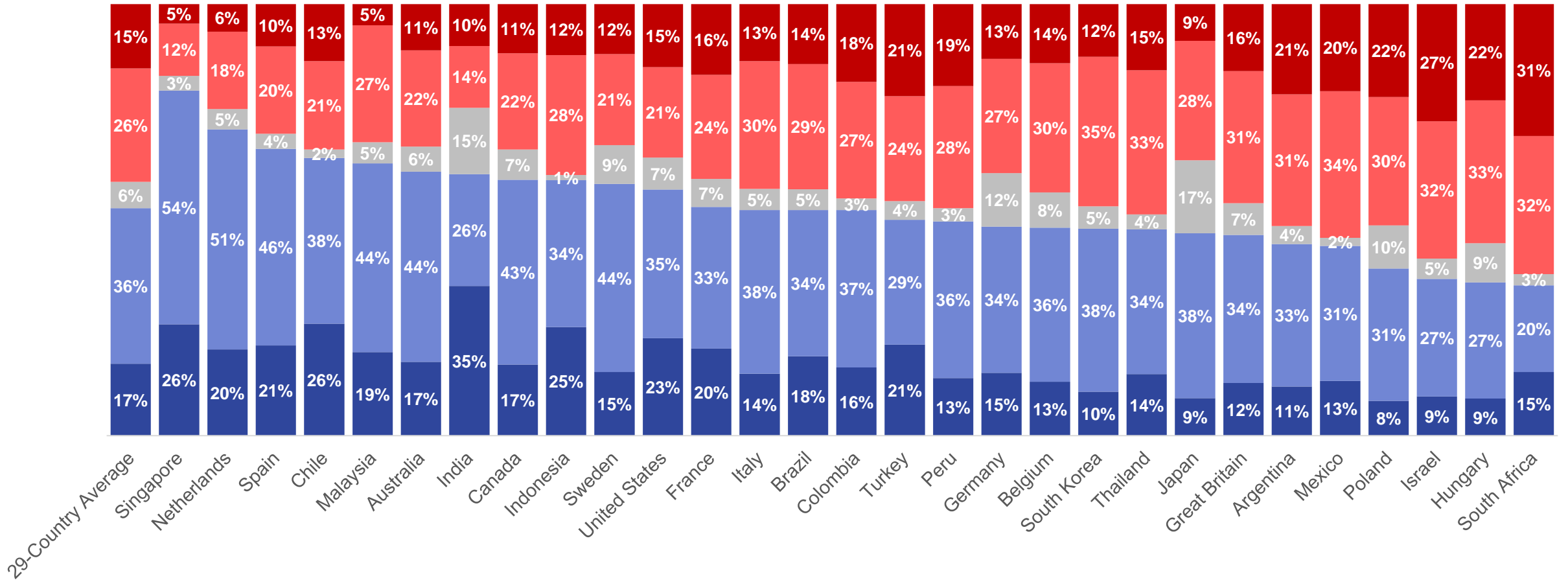
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Half are confident law enforcement can treat all with respect

Q4: How confident are you, if at all, in law enforcement (e.g., the police) to do the following in your neighborhood? - Treating all citizens with the same level of respect

■ Very confident ■ Somewhat confident ■ Don't know ■ Not very confident ■ Not at all confident



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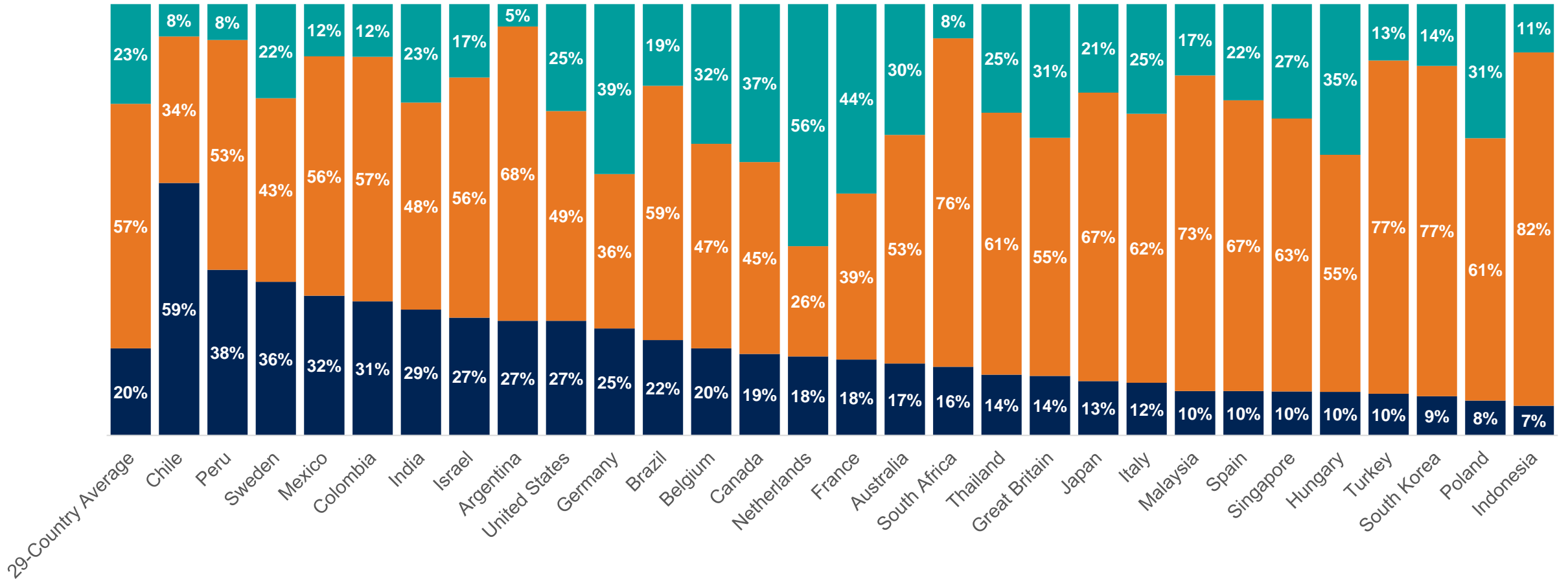
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Most don't want to prioritize fighting crime over the economy

Q1. Which of the following should be the government's main priority for the people who live in your neighborhood?

■ Stopping or reducing crime ■ Creating jobs and boosting the economy ■ Protecting local citizens' health and environment



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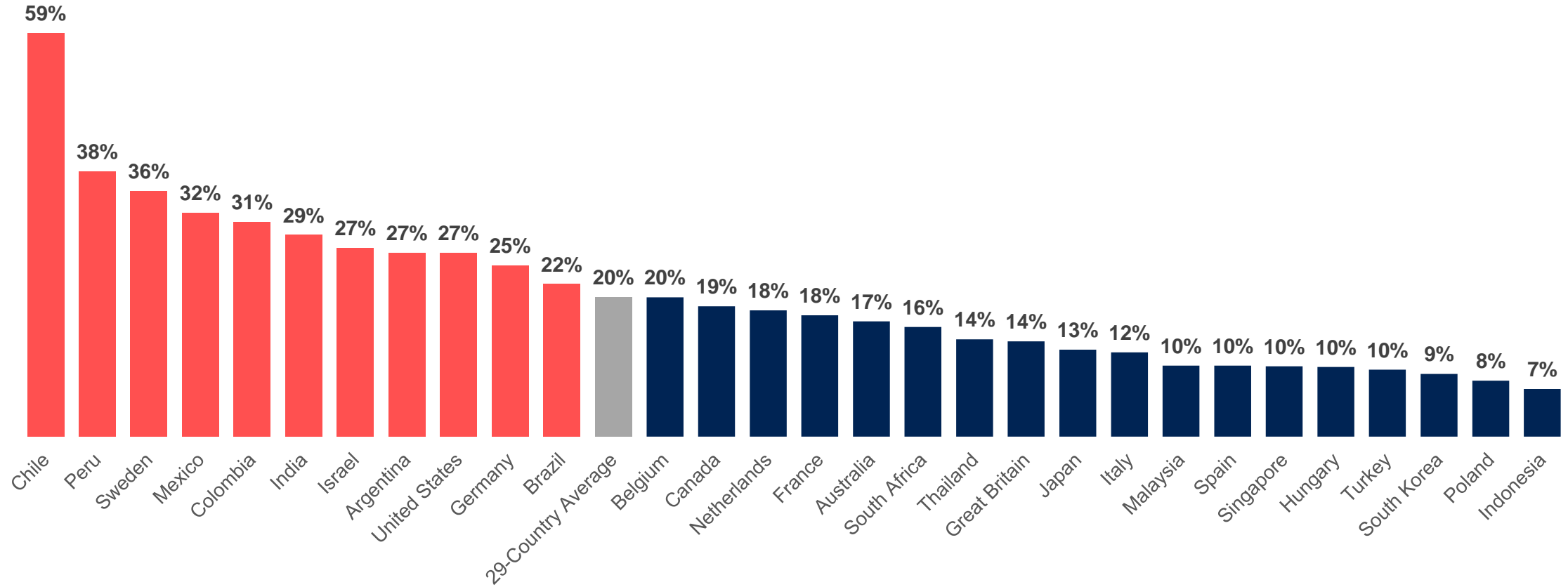
Analysis

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Crime as governments' main priority

Chile tops the list with a 39-point gap above Global Average

% of respondents who say government should focus on combatting crime



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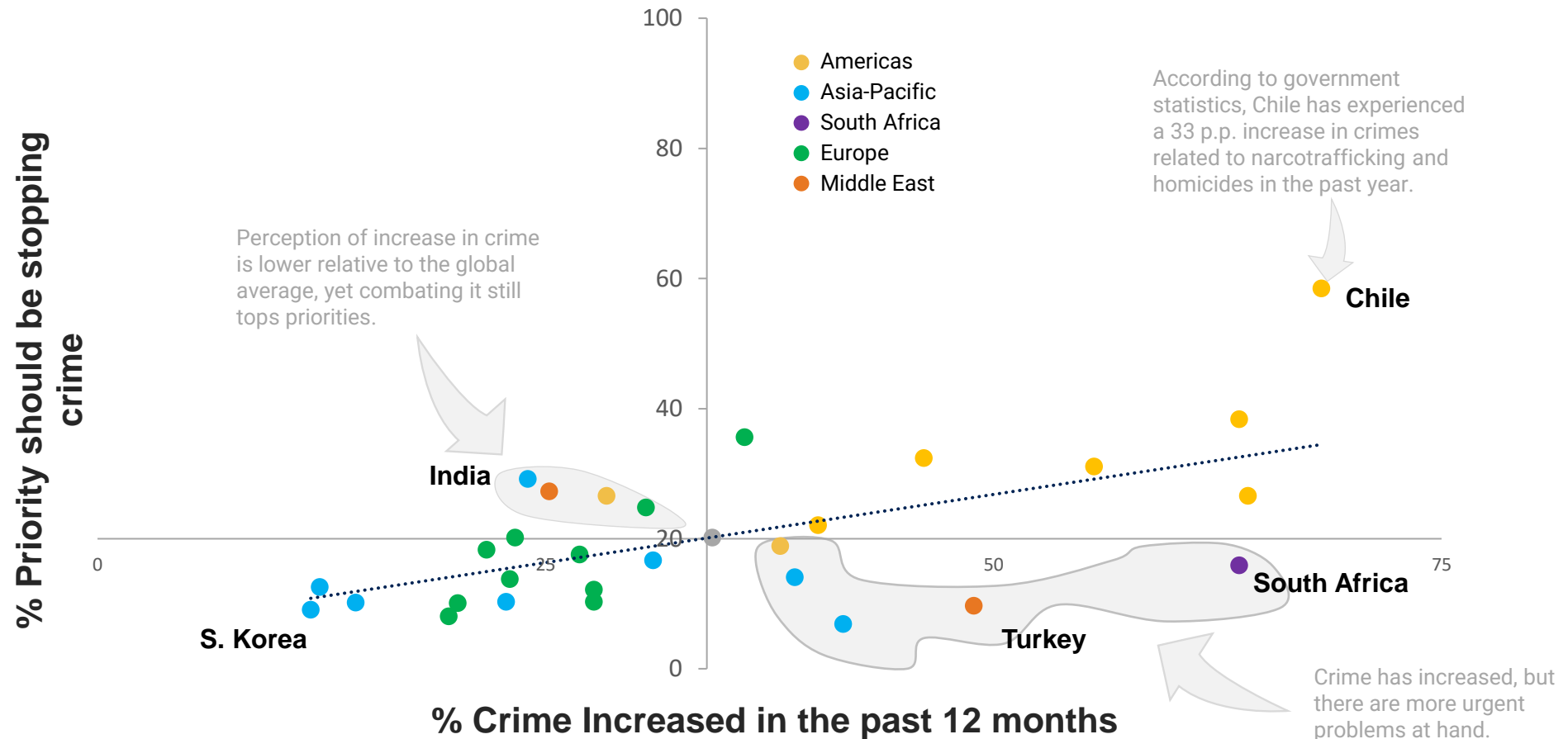
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Countries that report increase in crime levels are more likely to demand government action

% crime has increased in past 12 months vs. % that say the government should prioritize stopping crime

- **European** and **Asian** nations are less likely to feel that crime increased recently, and relatedly, they also have a weak appetite for government action on the issue.
- The **Americas** register higher crime perception and signal a need for the government to prioritize the issue.
- Countries like **Turkey** and **South Africa** have perceived an increase in crime in the past 12 months but aren't prioritizing government action on the issue. These tend to be countries with ongoing economic crises, such as rampant inflation in Turkey and unemployment in South Africa.



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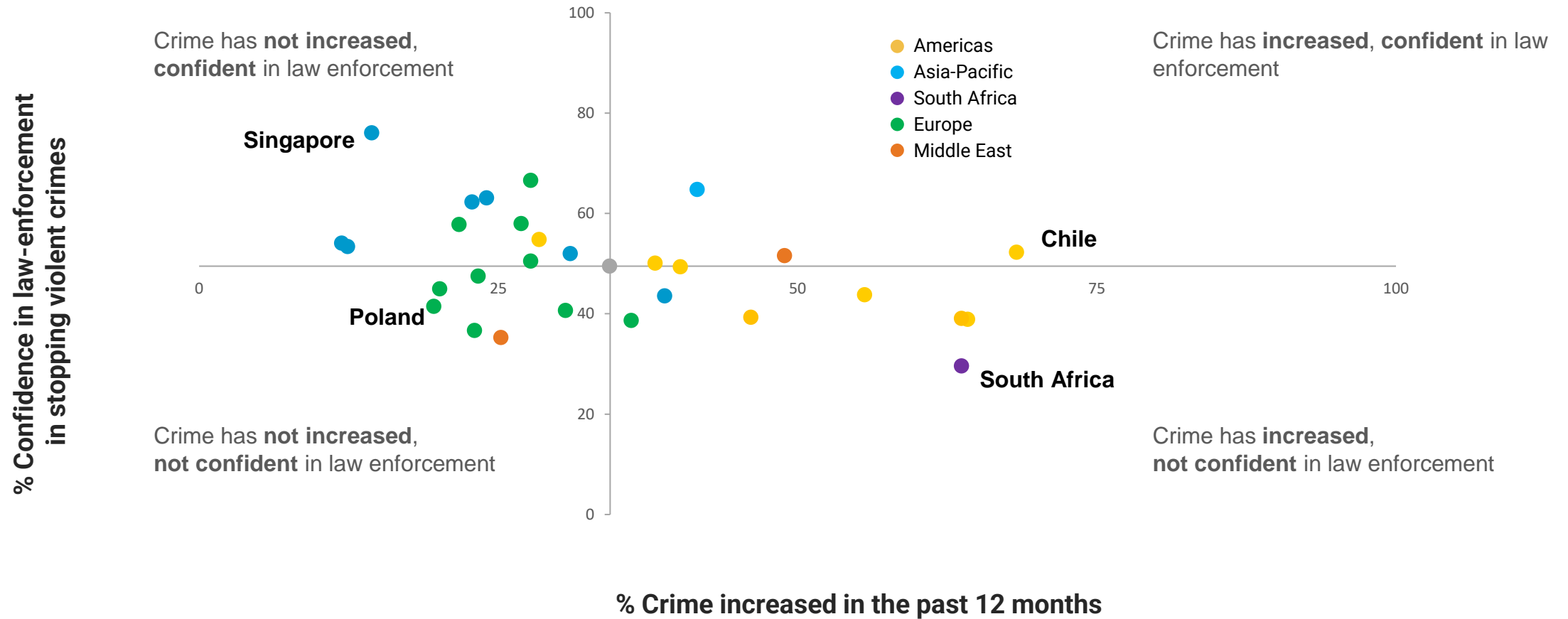
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Confidence in Law Enforcement vs. Perceived Increase in Crime

Comparison matrix

% crime has increased in past 12 months vs. % who are very or somewhat confident in law-enforcement in stopping violent crimes



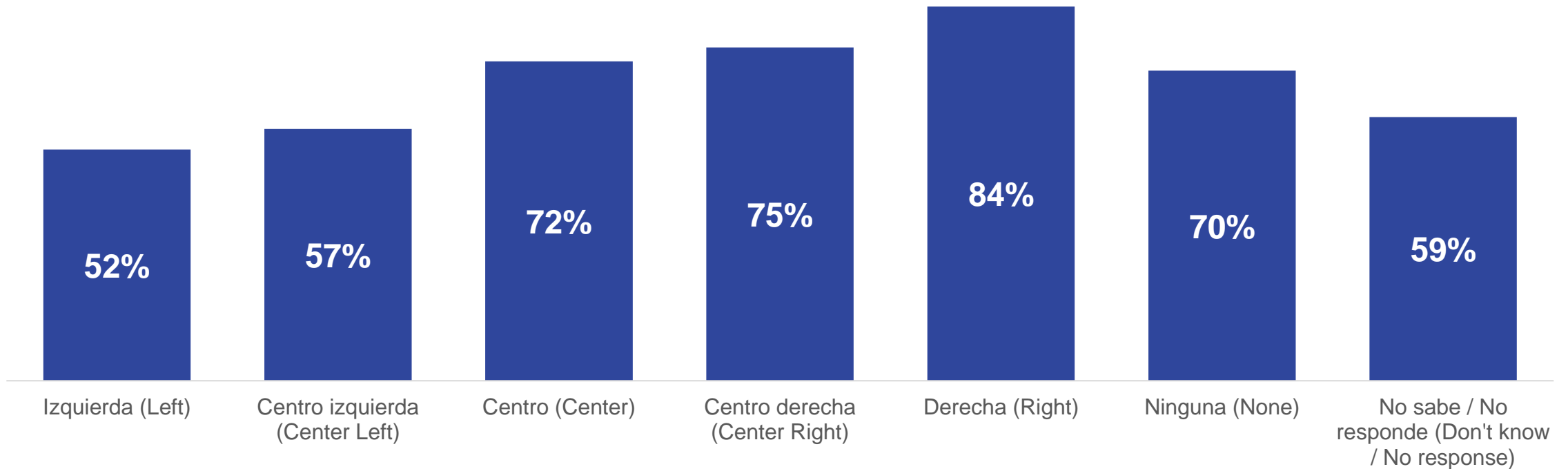
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Chile Case Study: Political right are more likely to perceive increase in crime

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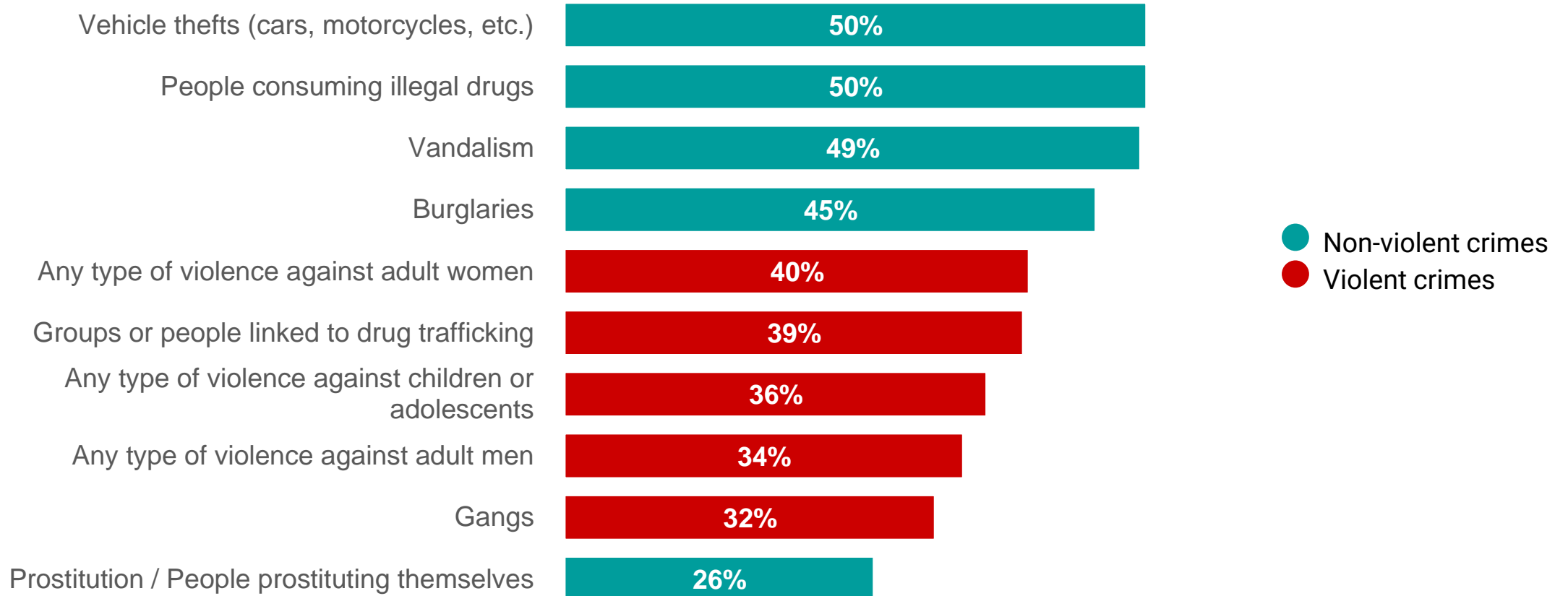
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Violence against women is the most reported violent crime

Percent of respondents reporting each crime

% of people globally who in the past 12 months, have you seen or heard about the following happening in their neighborhood



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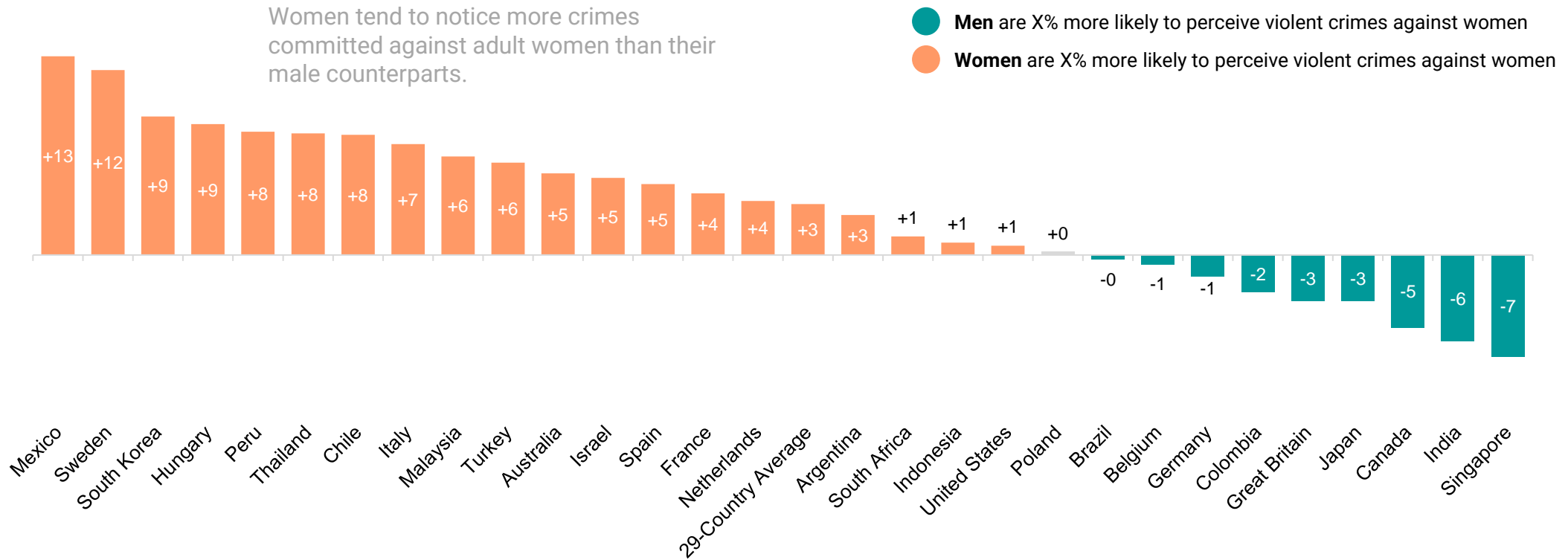
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Women are more likely than men to report having seen or heard about violence against women in their community

Difference in reported level of violence against adult women, between men and women

In the past 12 months, have you seen or heard about the following happening in your neighborhood - Any type of violence against adult women



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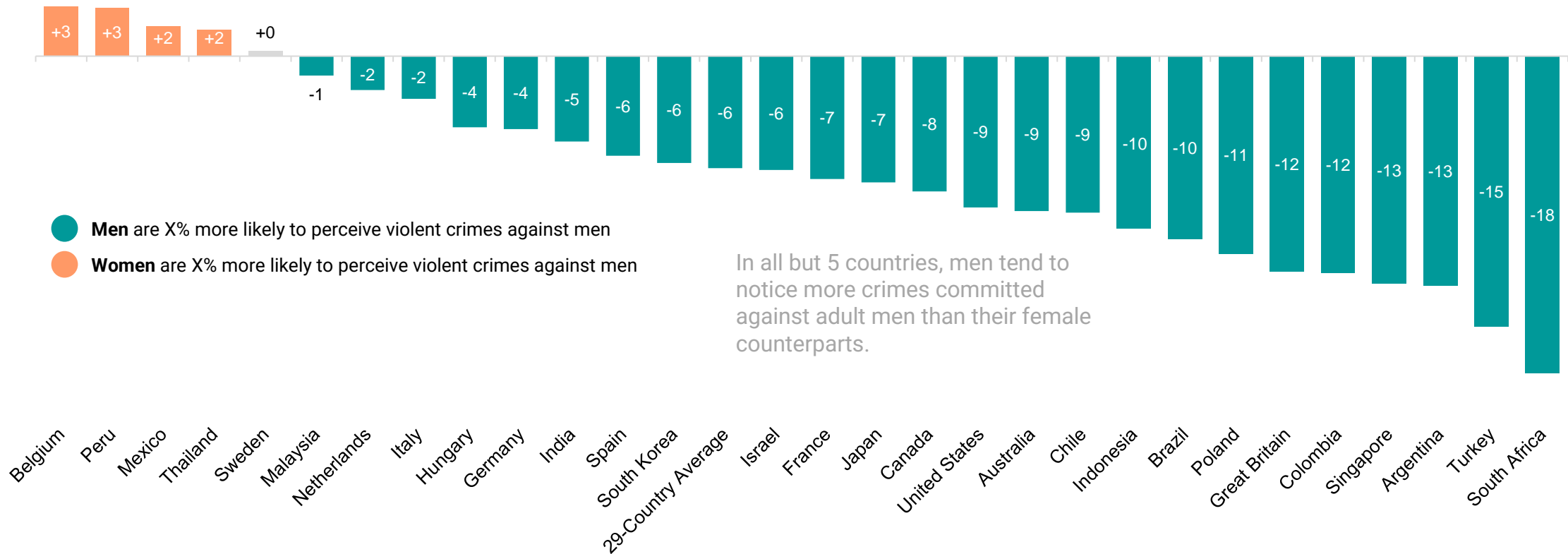
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Men are more likely than women to report having seen or heard about violence against men in their community

Difference in reported level of violence against adult men, between men and women

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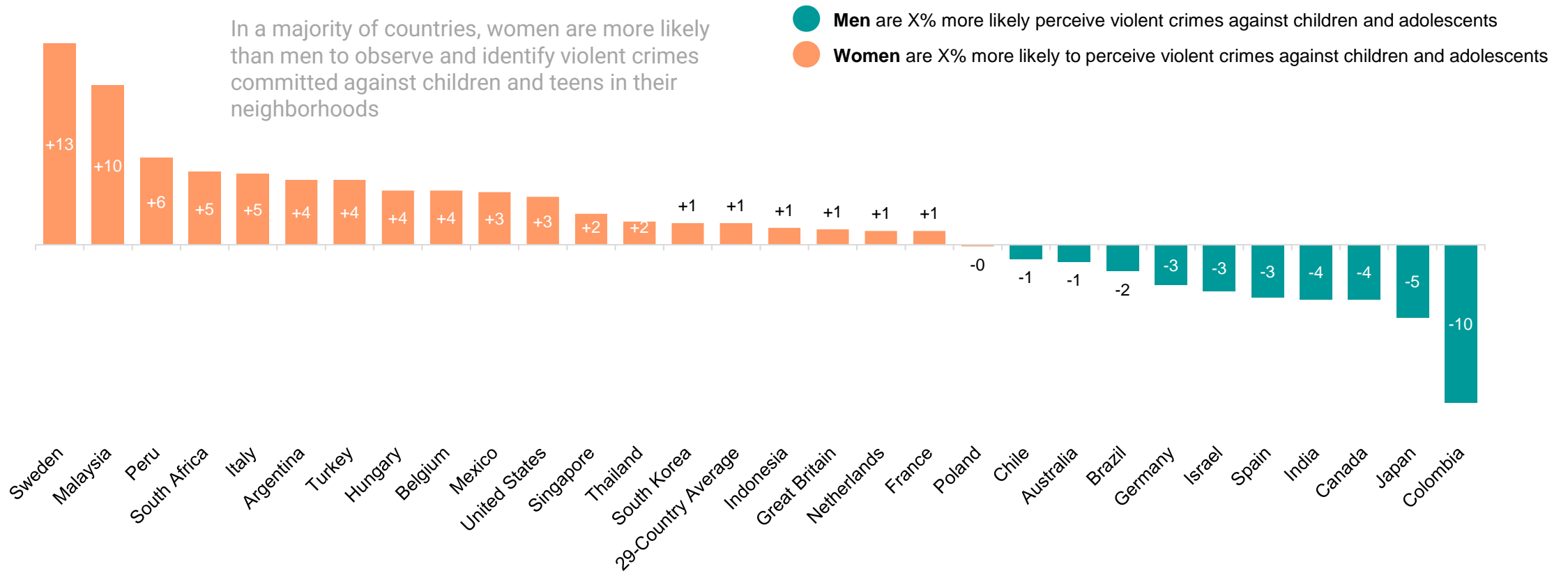
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Women are more likely to report violent crimes against children in their communities

Difference in reported level of violence against children and teens, between men and women
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Any type of violence against children or adolescents



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Methodology

- These are the results of a 29-country survey conducted by Ipsos on its Global Advisor online survey platform and, in India, on its IndiaBus platform, between Friday, March 24 and Friday, April 7, 2023. For this survey, Ipsos interviewed a total of 23,039 adults aged 18 years and older in India, 18-74 in Canada, Israel, Malaysia, South Africa, Turkey, and the United States, 20-74 in Thailand, 21-74 in Indonesia and Singapore, and 16-74 in all other countries.
- The sample consists of approximately 2,000 individuals in Japan, 1,000 individuals each in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Mexico, Spain, and the U.S., and 500 individuals each in Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Thailand, and Turkey. The sample in India consists of approximately 2,200 individuals, of whom 1,800 were interviewed face-to-face and 400 were interviewed online.
- Samples in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the U.S. can be considered representative of their general adult populations under the age of 75.
- Samples in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, and Turkey are more urban, more educated and/or more affluent than the general population. The survey results for these countries should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more “connected” segment of their population.
- India’s sample represents a large subset of its urban population – social economic classes A, B and C in metros and tier 1-3 town classes across all four zones.
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