

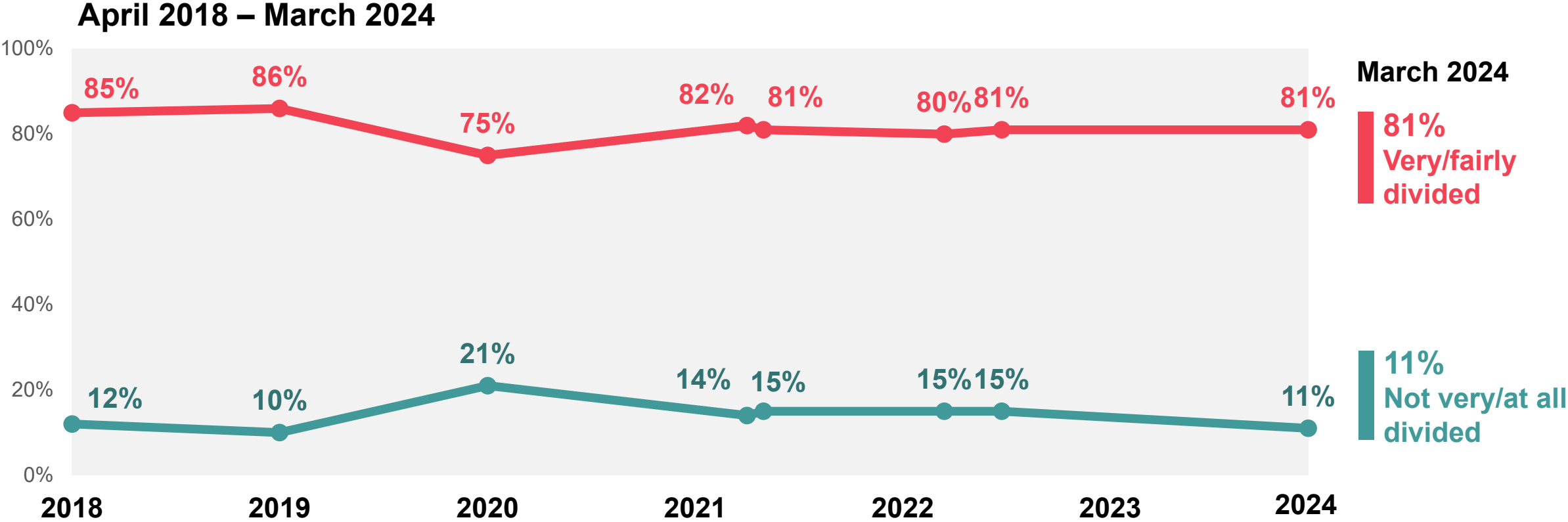


# Ipsos Public attitudes toward protest

March 2024

# Perceptions of how divided British society is remains consistent with 2022, with slightly fewer saying Britain is not divided.

Overall, how divided do you think British society is these days? *Long term trend*

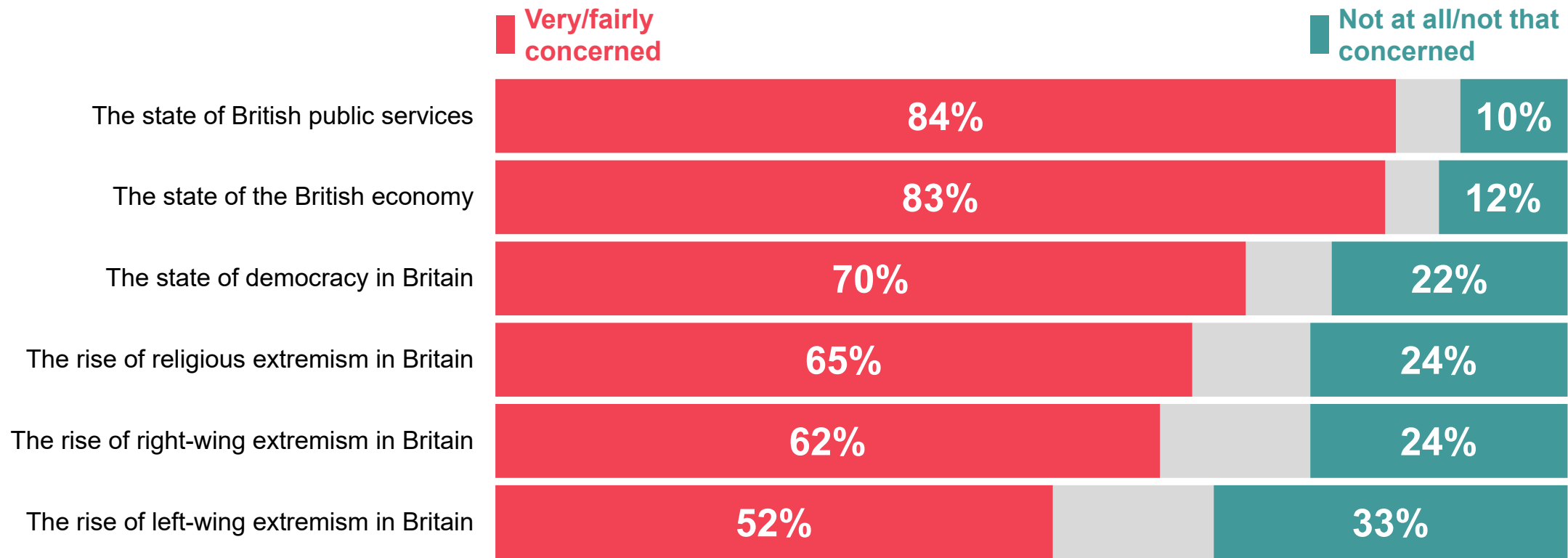


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# A larger share of the public is concerned about the state of British public services and the British economy than about the state of democracy or the rise of extremism – though at least half are concerned about all

How concerned or not concerned are you about each of the following?



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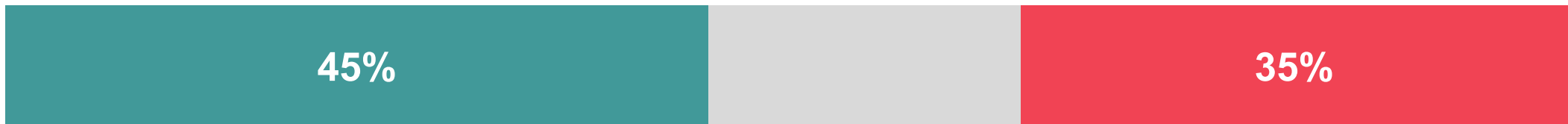


**Regardless of whether or not the statement was attributed to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, 45% of Britons feel that it's accurate to say that "In Britain today, mob rule is replacing democratic rule," while about 1 in 3 say it's inaccurate.**

To what extent, if at all, do you think the below statement provides an accurate or inaccurate description of Britain today?  
"In Britain today, mob rule is replacing democratic rule."



As you may know, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said in a speech on Saturday, 2nd March, that 'mob rule is replacing democratic rule' in Britain. To what extent, if at all, do you think that statement provides an accurate description of Britain today?

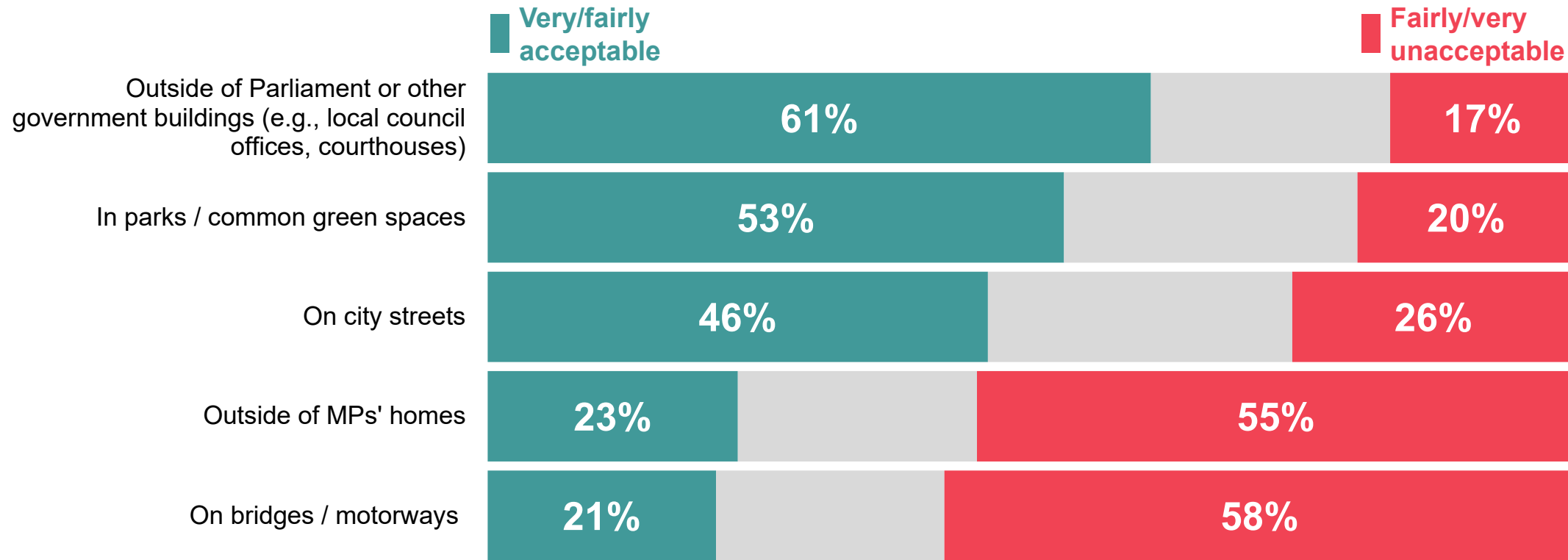


*\*Sample was split such that half saw each framing of this question*  
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# 3 in 5 Britons (61%) think it's acceptable to protest outside Parliament or other government buildings, while only 1 in 5 (23%) think it's acceptable to protest outside of MPs' homes or on bridges / motorways.

In general, how acceptable or unacceptable do you think it is for citizens to carry out acts of protest in each of the following environments?



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