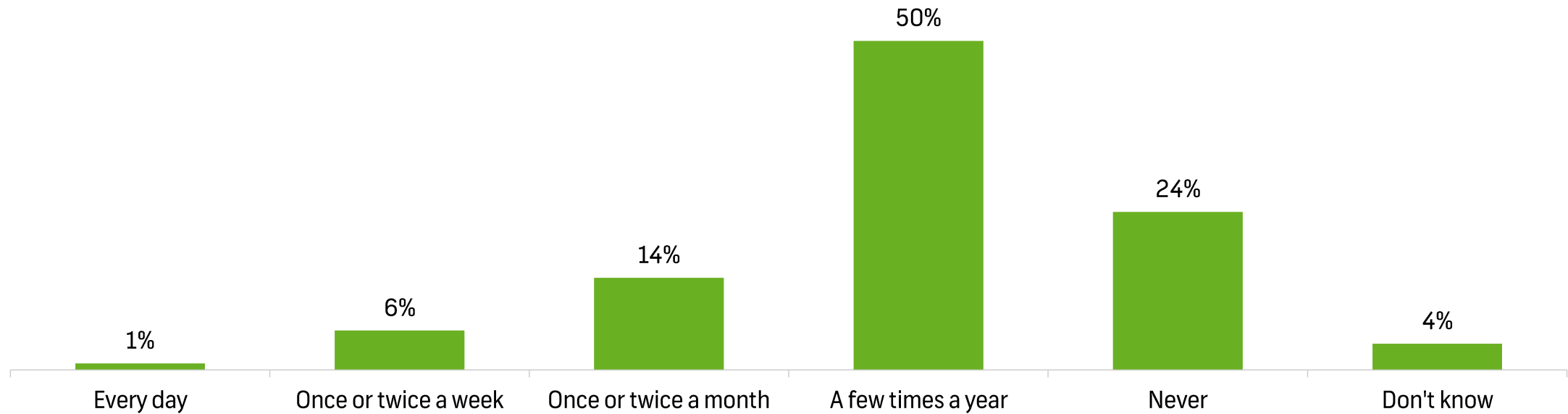


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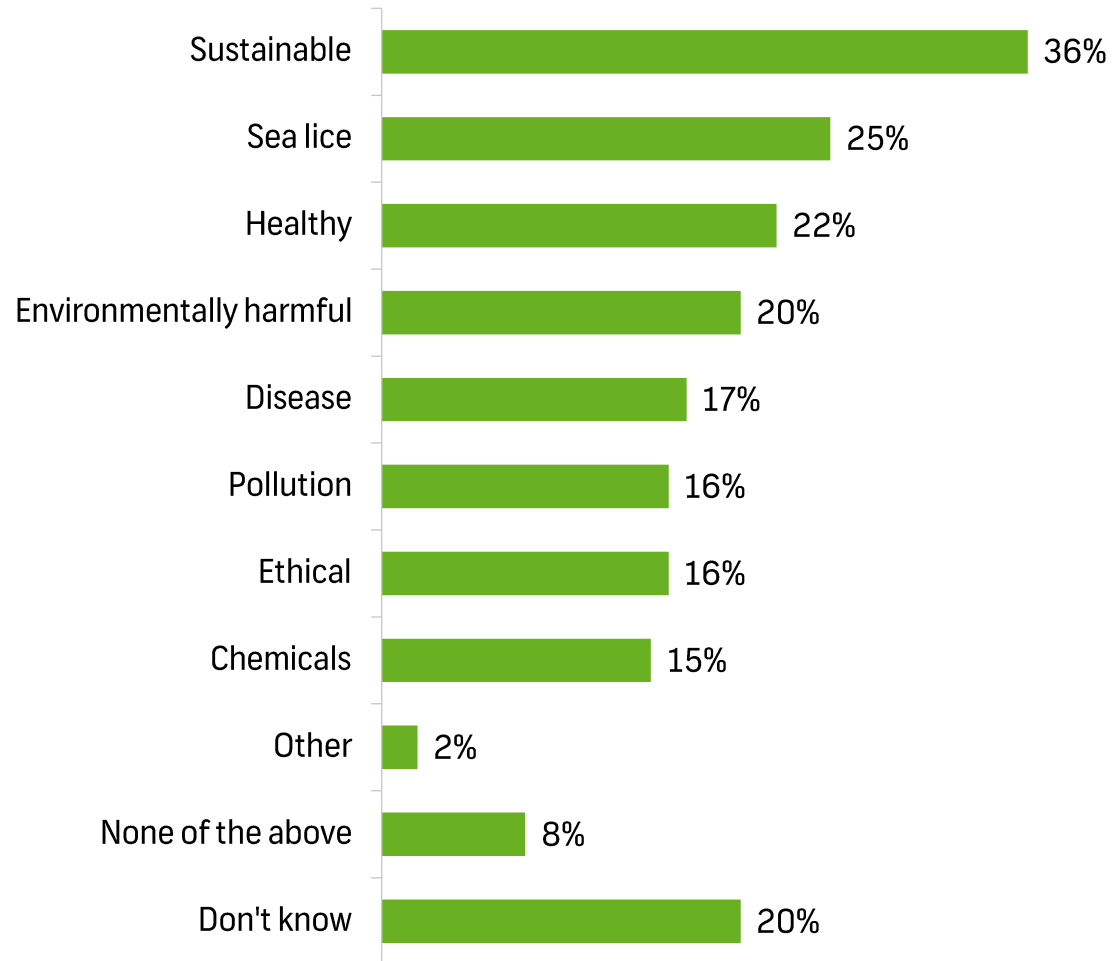
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Corin Smith

Fieldwork conducted: 29th January– 2nd February 2021
Population sampled: All residents aged 16+ living in Scotland
Sample size: 1,012 respondents

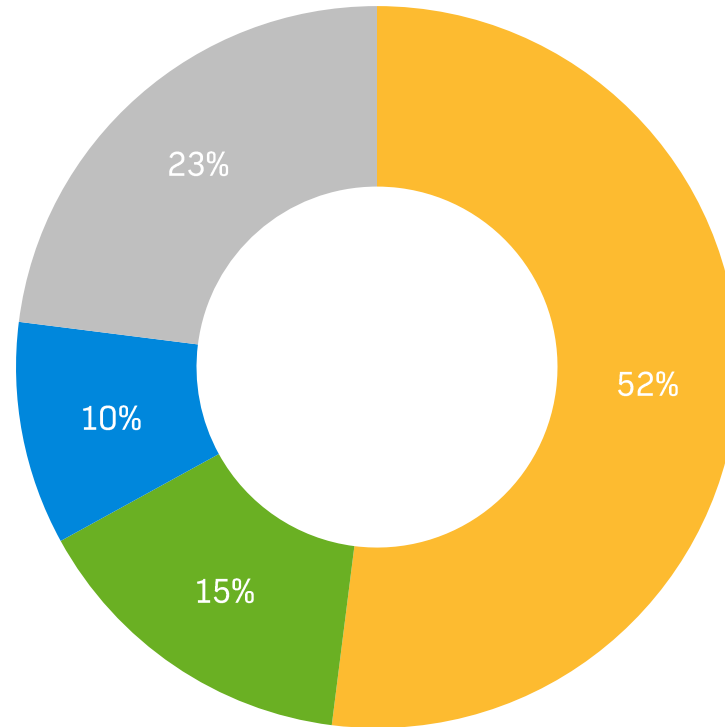
Q1. How often if at all do you hear about salmon farming in Scotland?



Q2. Which of the following terms do you associate with salmon farming in Scotland? Please select all that apply.

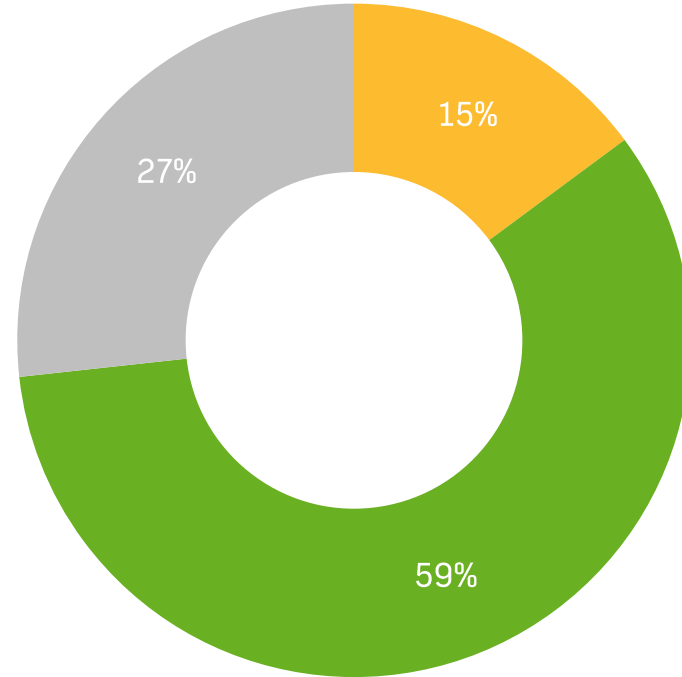


Q3. Currently, all Scottish salmon sold in shops and supermarkets throughout the UK is farmed rather than fished. Salmon farming is a process in which millions of salmon are raised in pens suspended in open sea for up to two years before being harvested. The pens which keep the fish enclosed allow parasites to get in and multiply, for which the salmon are treated with pesticides. These parasites along with chemicals from the pesticides and waste from the salmon are discharged into the surrounding water where they can infect wild salmon and affect other wildlife. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?



- Salmon farms are bad for the environment in Scotland
- Salmon farms are good for the environment in Scotland
- Salmon farms have no effect on the environment in Scotland
- Don't know

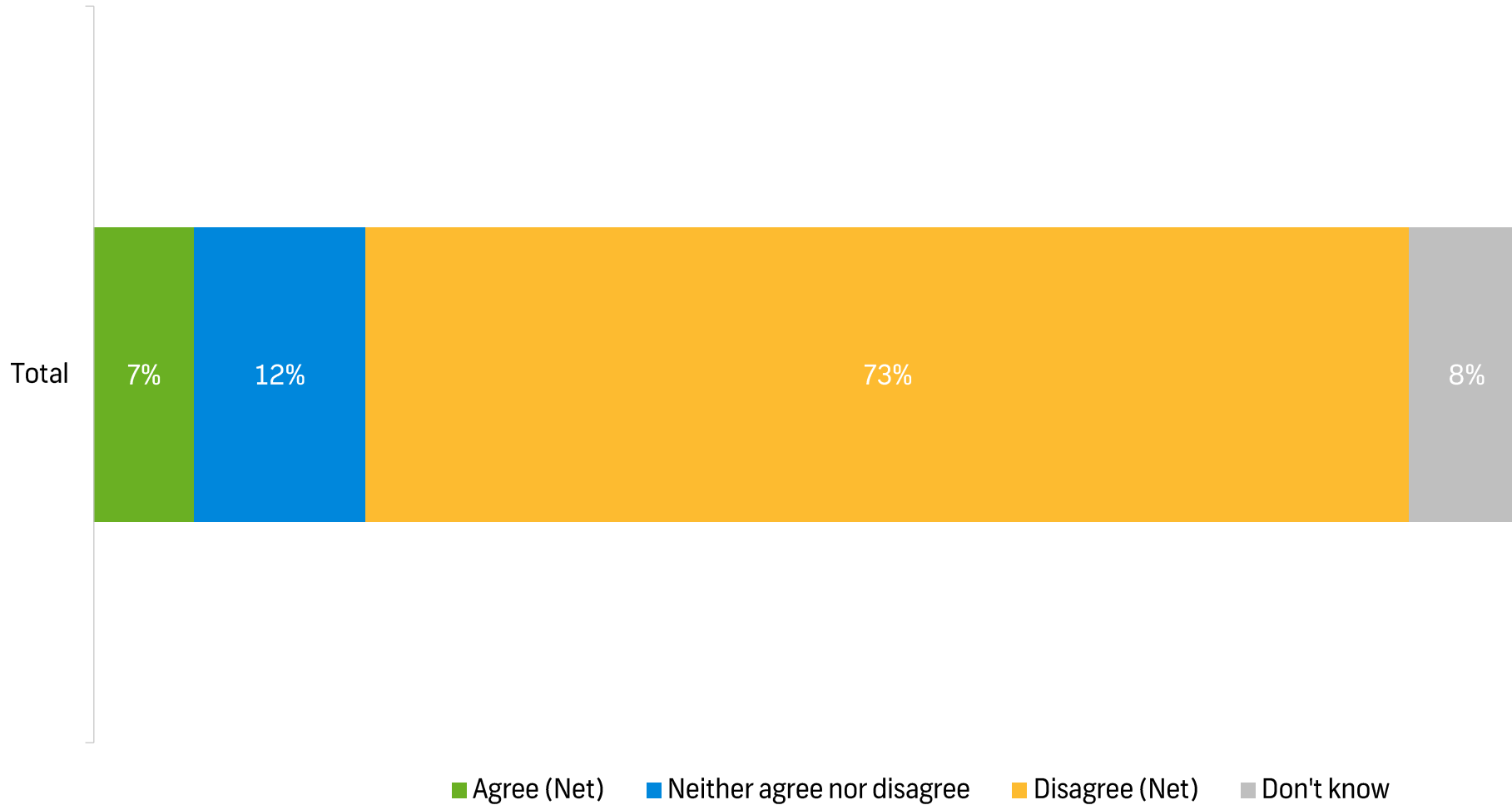
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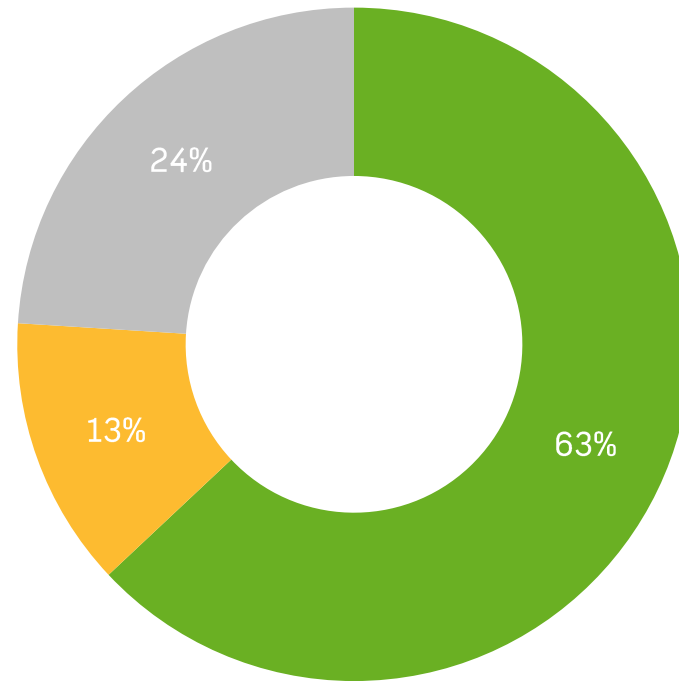
- Jobs on salmon farms are more important than wild salmon and a healthy environment
- Wild salmon and a healthy environment are more important than jobs on salmon farms
- Don't know

Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Salmon farms should be allowed to dump all of their waste at sea.



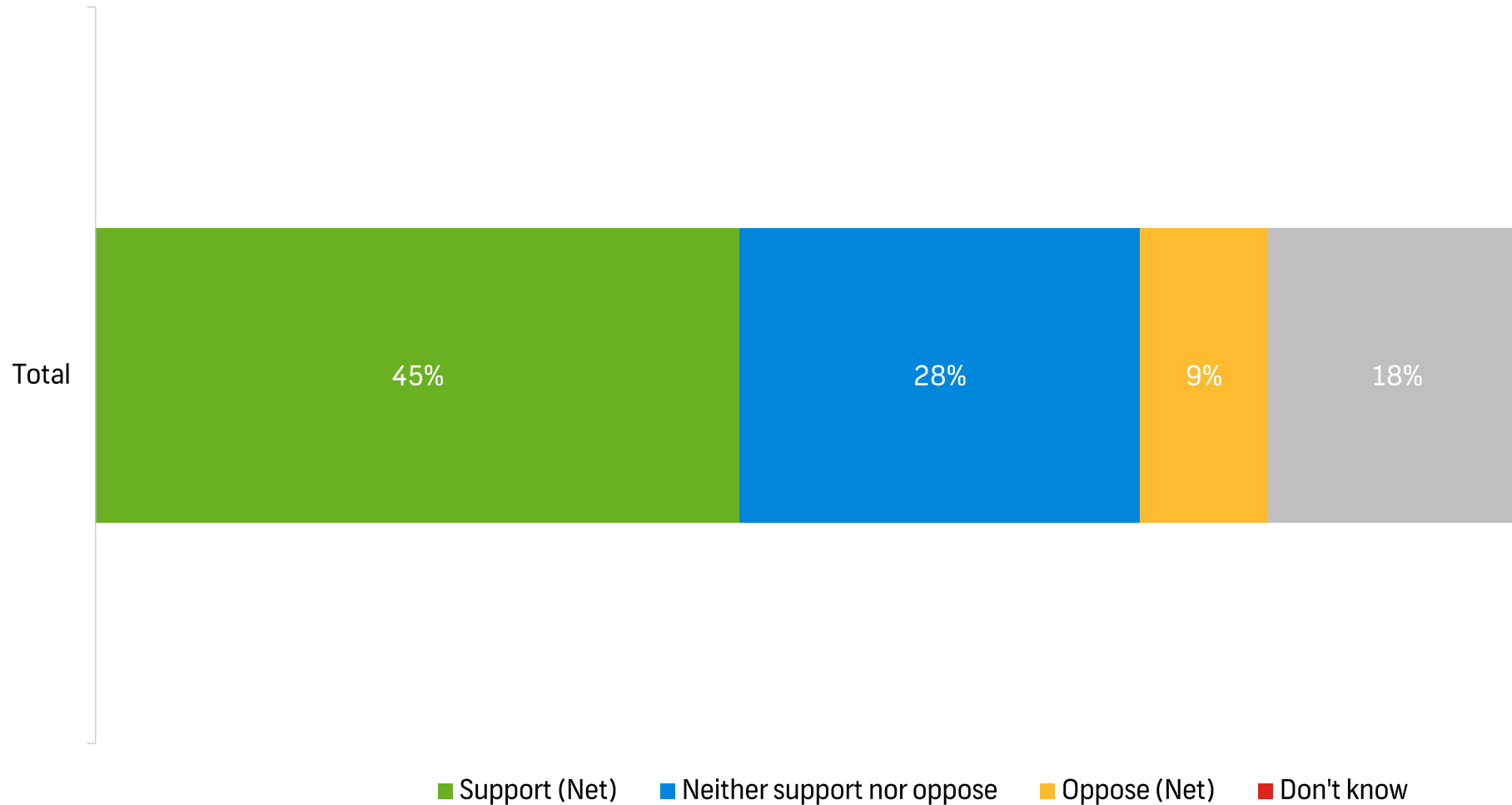
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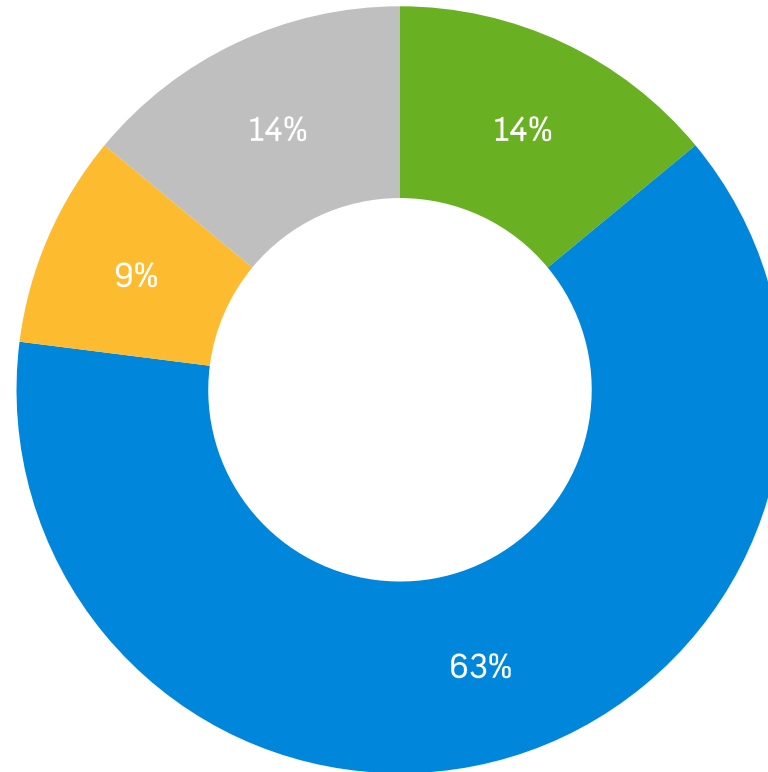
- The Scottish government should protect wild Atlantic salmon from any harm caused by salmon farming, even if it means job losses
- The Scottish government should protect jobs in salmon farming, even if it causes harm to wild Atlantic salmon
- Don't know

Q7. Some people say that moving salmon farms on land in Scotland would improve sustainability, while others say that this would lead to job losses.

To what extent would you support or oppose moving salmon farms on land in Scotland, even if this meant some job losses?



Q8. To what extent would the Scottish Government's support of salmon farming make you more or less likely to vote for independence?



■ More likely (Net) ■ No more or less likely ■ Less likely (Net) ■ Dont know

Q9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Local communities that live next to salmon farms should have the final say on whether salmon farms are permitted.

