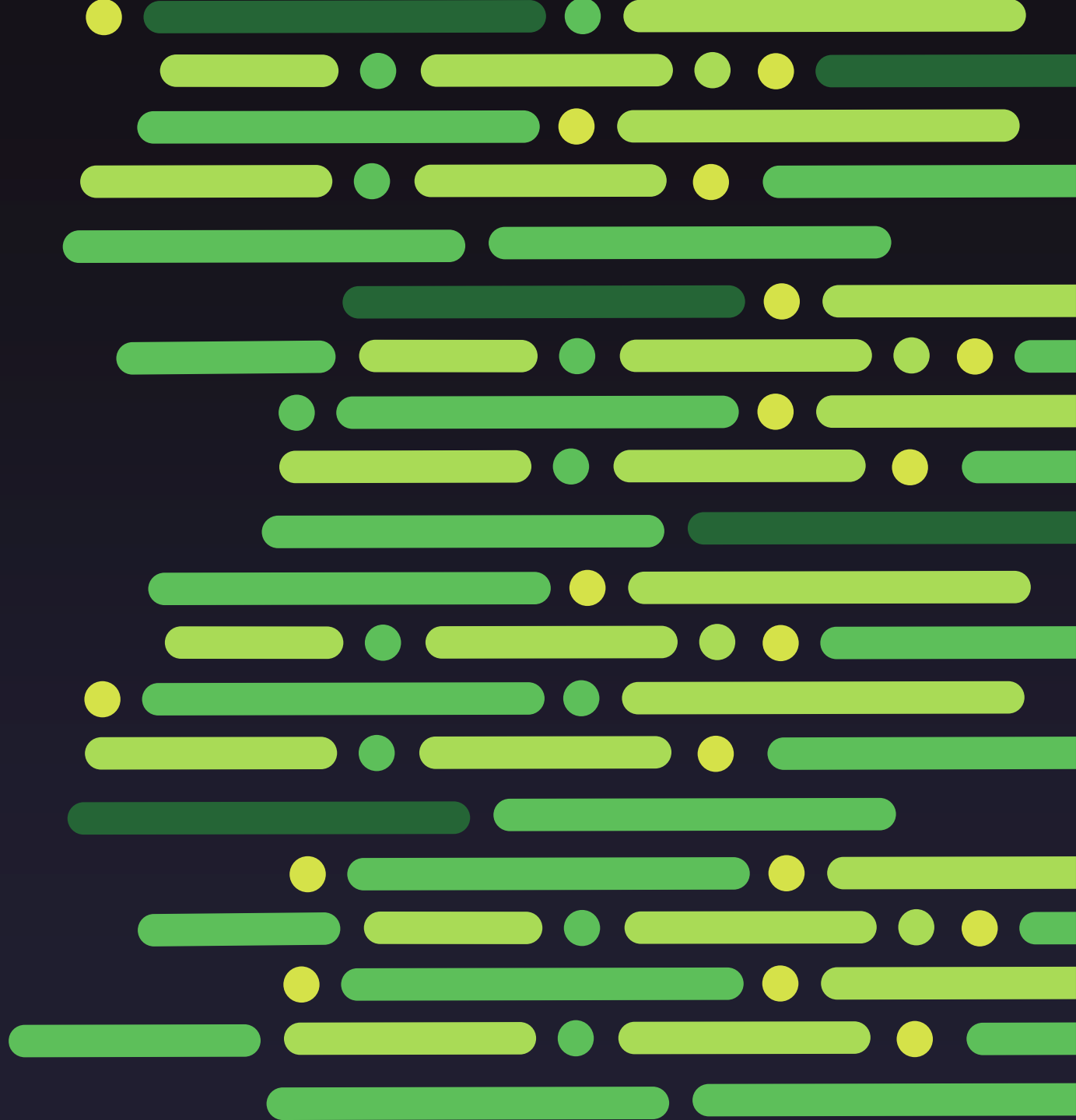abacus data

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Methodology

The survey was conducted with 2,000 Canadian adults from December 5 to 11, 2025. A random sample of panelists were invited to complete the survey from a set of partner panels based on the Cint exchange platform. These partners are typically double opt-in survey panels, blended to manage out potential skews in the data from a single source.

The margin of error for a comparable probability-based random sample of the same size is +/- 2.19%, 19 times out of 20.
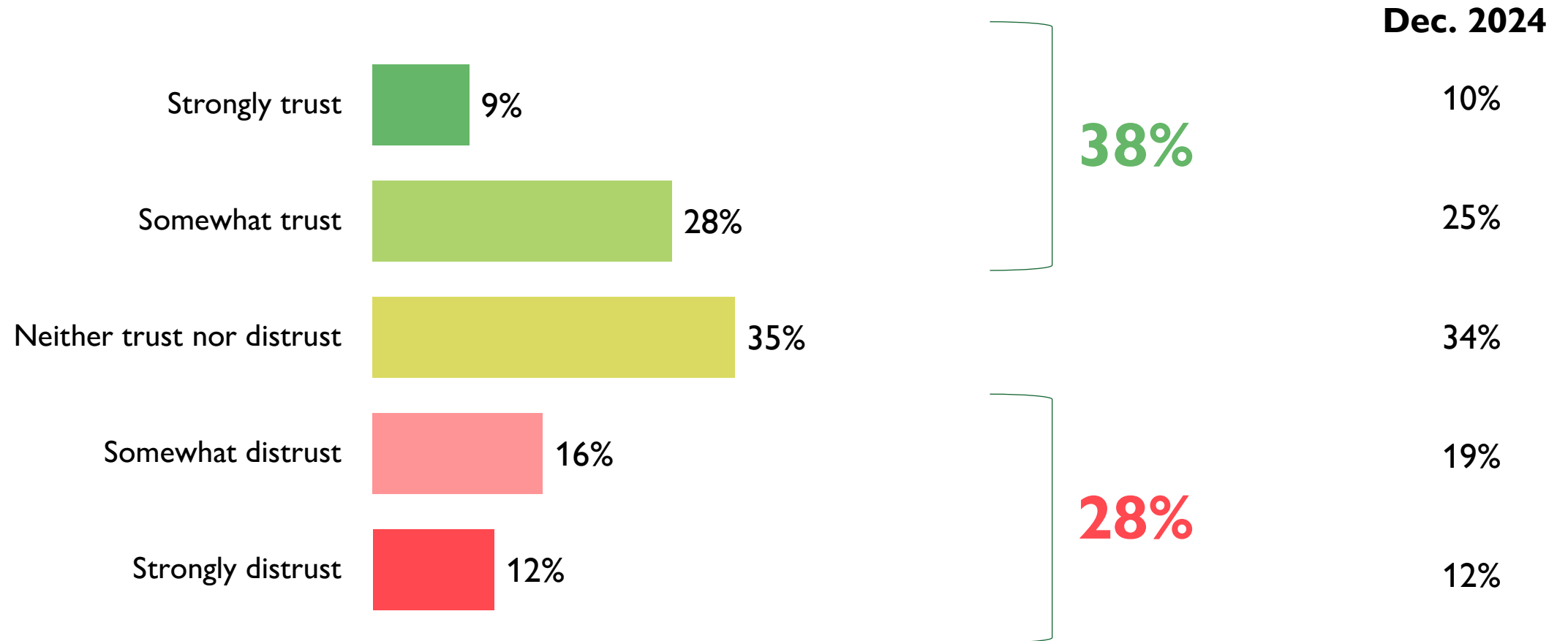
The data were weighted according to census data to ensure that the sample matched Canada's population according to age, gender, educational attainment, and region. Totals may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

4 in 10 Canadians trust oil & gas companies, while the remainder are neutral or actively distrust them. Trust levels are steady from 2024.

Dec. 2024

Strongly trust	9%	10%
Somewhat trust	28%	25%

38%

Neither trust nor distrust	35%	34%
Somewhat distrust	16%	19%

28%

Strongly distrust	12%	12%

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Demographics: Trust In Oil & Gas Companies

	TOT.	AGE				GENDER		REGION						VOTE		
		18-29	30-44	45-59	60+	Male	Female	BC	AB	SK/MB	ON	QC	ATL	CPC	LPC	NDP
Net: Trust	**38%**	36%	34%	39%	41%	41%	35%	40%	51%	48%	38%	27%	35%	48%	39%	22%
Strongly trust	**9%**	10%	11%	7%	9%	12%	6%	7%	14%	15%	9%	6%	10%	12%	10%	5%
Somewhat trust	**28%**	26%	23%	31%	32%	29%	28%	32%	37%	33%	29%	20%	25%	35%	29%	18%
Neither trust nor distrust	**35%**	35%	36%	32%	35%	31%	38%	32%	32%	28%	36%	37%	33%	34%	36%	23%
Somewhat distrust	**16%**	14%	18%	17%	15%	16%	16%	13%	13%	18%	14%	23%	15%	12%	15%	25%
Strongly distrust	**12%**	15%	12%	12%	9%	12%	11%	15%	5%	6%	11%	13%	17%	6%	9%	30%
NET: Distrust	**28%**	28%	30%	30%	24%	29%	27%	28%	17%	24%	26%	36%	32%	18%	25%	55%

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Priorities have not shifted from last year; more Canadians prioritize developing renewable energy in varying degrees of hybridization with fossil fuels. Only ~1 in 10 want to prioritize mostly fossil fuel production.
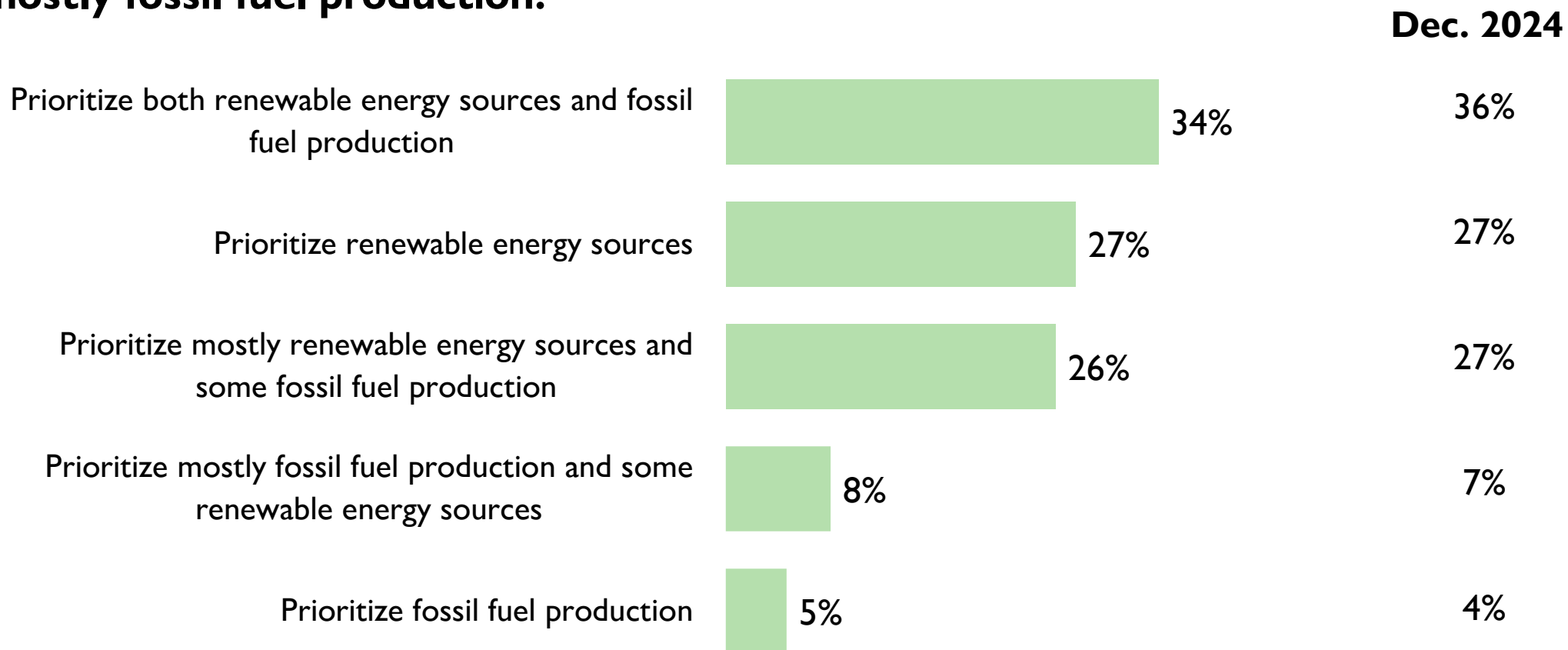
Dec. 2024

Category	Dec. 2024	Prior
Prioritize both renewable energy sources and fossil fuel production	34%	36%
Prioritize renewable energy sources	27%	27%
Prioritize mostly renewable energy sources and some fossil fuel production	26%	27%
Prioritize mostly fossil fuel production and some renewable energy sources	8%	7%
Prioritize fossil fuel production	5%	4%

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Demographics: Energy Development Priorities

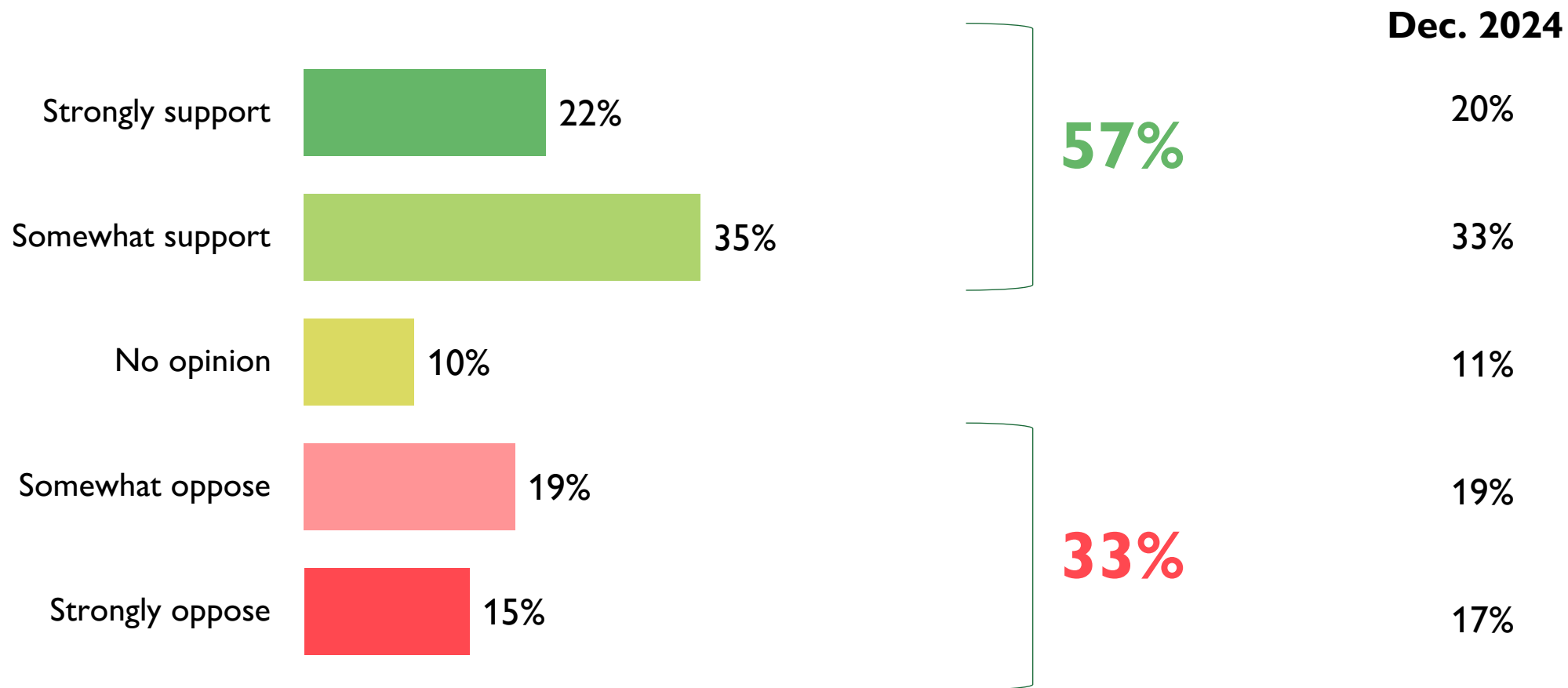|	TOT.	AGE				GENDER		REGION						VOTE		
		18-29	30-44	45-59	60+	Male	Female	BC	AB	SK/MB	ON	QC	ATL	CPC	LPC	NDP
Prioritize both renewable energy sources and fossil fuel production	**34%**	29%	32%	34%	38%	34%	33%	38%	42%	43%	34%	24%	36%	41%	28%	30%
Prioritize renewable energy sources	**27%**	36%	24%	28%	24%	25%	30%	26%	12%	26%	25%	39%	27%	15%	32%	42%
Prioritize mostly renewable energy sources and some fossil fuel production	**26%**	28%	31%	21%	24%	25%	27%	26%	24%	19%	27%	27%	21%	22%	34%	23%
Prioritize mostly fossil fuel production and some renewable energy sources	**8%**	5%	6%	11%	10%	10%	7%	6%	15%	10%	7%	6%	12%	13%	5%	3%
Prioritize fossil fuel production	**5%**	2%	7%	6%	4%	6%	3%	3%	6%	3%	6%	4%	3%	9%	1%	1%

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6 in 10 Canadians support government action to address climate change by phasing out the use and production of fossil fuels, in line with attitudes last year.

Dec. 2024

Strongly support	22%	20%
Somewhat support	35%	33%
	57%	
No opinion	10%	11%
Somewhat oppose	19%	19%
	33%	
Strongly oppose	15%	17%

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Demographics: Phasing Out Fossil Fuels Support

	TOT.	AGE				GENDER		REGION						VOTE		
		18-29	30-44	45-59	60+	Male	Female	BC	AB	SK/MB	ON	QC	ATL	CPC	LPC	NDP
NET: Support	**57%**	67%	55%	56%	53%	55%	58%	60%	39%	40%	58%	68%	55%	36%	75%	74%
Strongly support	**22%**	21%	21%	23%	21%	22%	21%	19%	11%	15%	22%	27%	27%	9%	31%	39%
Somewhat support	**35%**	46%	34%	32%	32%	33%	37%	41%	27%	25%	35%	40%	28%	28%	45%	35%
No opinion	**10%**	8%	12%	9%	9%	7%	13%	7%	9%	9%	12%	9%	11%	9%	7%	5%
Somewhat oppose	**19%**	17%	19%	19%	20%	19%	18%	21%	24%	27%	16%	17%	18%	26%	13%	16%
Strongly oppose	**15%**	7%	14%	16%	18%	19%	11%	12%	29%	24%	14%	7%	17%	28%	4%	6%
NET: Oppose	**33%**	25%	33%	35%	38%	38%	29%	33%	53%	51%	31%	24%	35%	54%	17%	21%

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