

# **YOUNG ADULTS IN THE SCANLON FOUNDATION SURVEYS**

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# OVERVIEW

1. The Scanlon Foundation surveys
2. Politics
3. Social justice and equity
4. National identity/ belonging
5. Immigration and cultural diversity
6. Experience of discrimination

# THE SCANLON FOUNDATION SURVEYS

- **Survey reliability**
  - Random/ non-probability sample
  - Sample size
- **Mode of surveying**
  - Interviewer administered/ self-administered
  - Social Desirability Bias
- **Questions**
  - Asking the right/ appropriate/ optimal question
  - Impact of question wording/ response options
- **Patterns of response**
  - Interpretation of multiple questions/ single question

- **Nine national surveys** – 15,780 respondents (2017=10<sup>th</sup>, release 29 Nov.)
- Five local area surveys
- Four experimental online surveys, including Australia@2015
  - Open access, available online + print
  - 10,548 participants – 48% born in Australia, 52% born overseas
  - Available in 20 languages (15% completed in LOTE)
  - **+50 focus groups**

- Aggregated data file = 15,780 respondents

Age	Respondents
18-24	<b>969</b>
25-34	<b>1,682</b>
35-44	2,620
45-54	3,254
55-64	3,190
65-74	2,483
75+	1,534
Refused	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,780</b>

# POLITICS

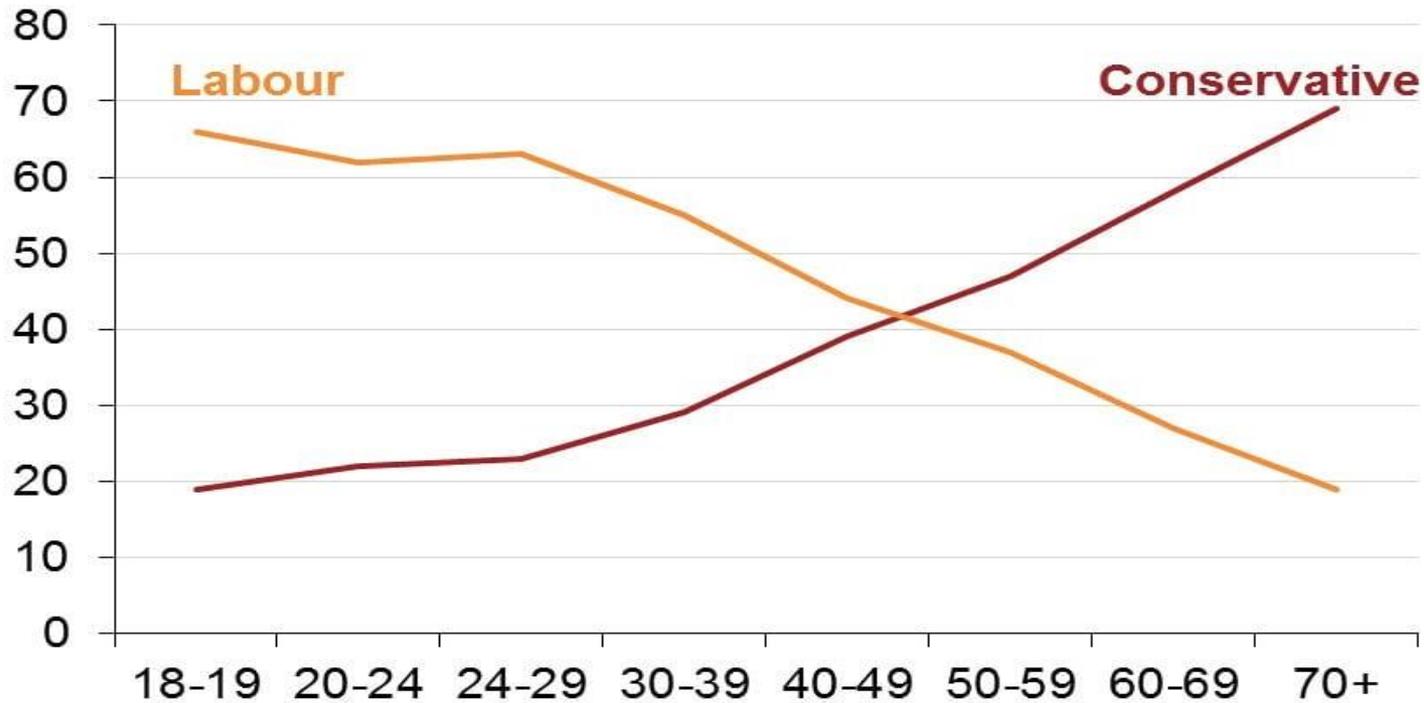
- Evidence of youth revolt, mobilisation?
- Disenchantment with democracy?

# YouGov survey (n=+50,000) of UK election voting for the Labour and Conservative parties by age

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## Voting patterns vary starkly with age

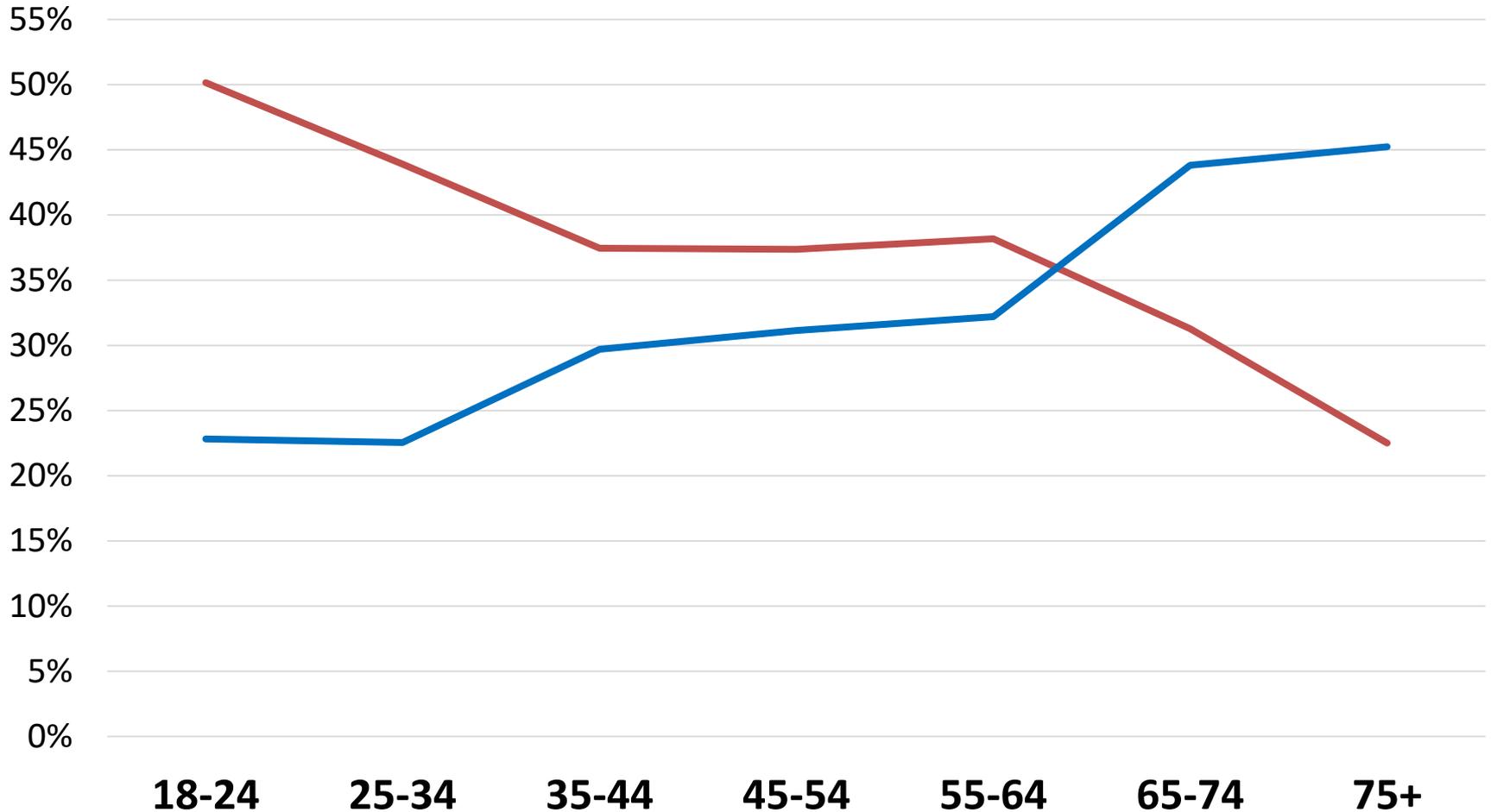
Percentage vote for the major parties by age



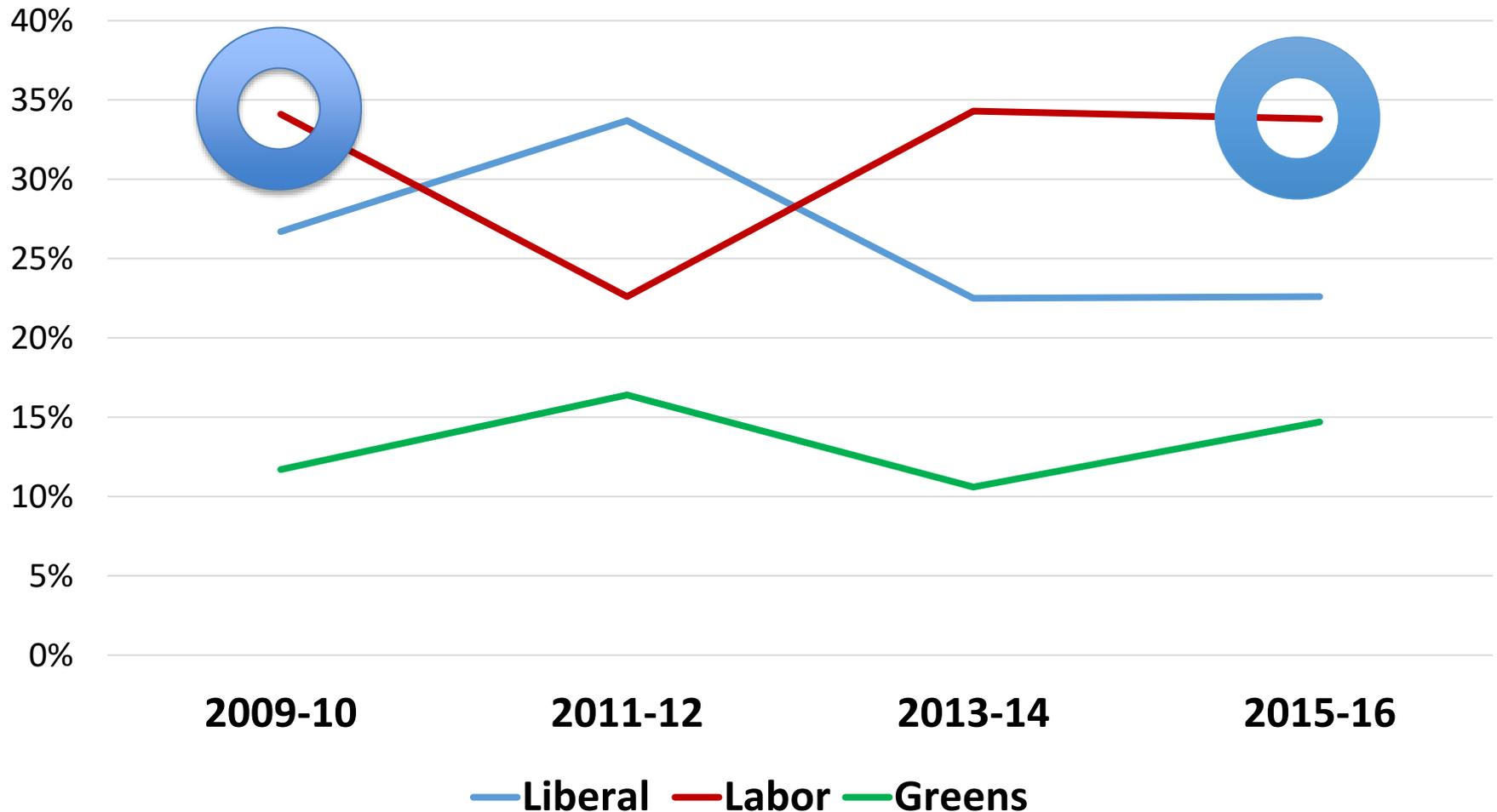
Note: Based on a survey of how 52,615 Great Britons voted in the 2017 election, June 9-13 2017  
Source: YouGov.co.uk

# 'If there was a Federal election held today, for which party would you probably vote?' Scanlon Foundation national surveys, 2013-2016

Labor+Greens <> Liberal



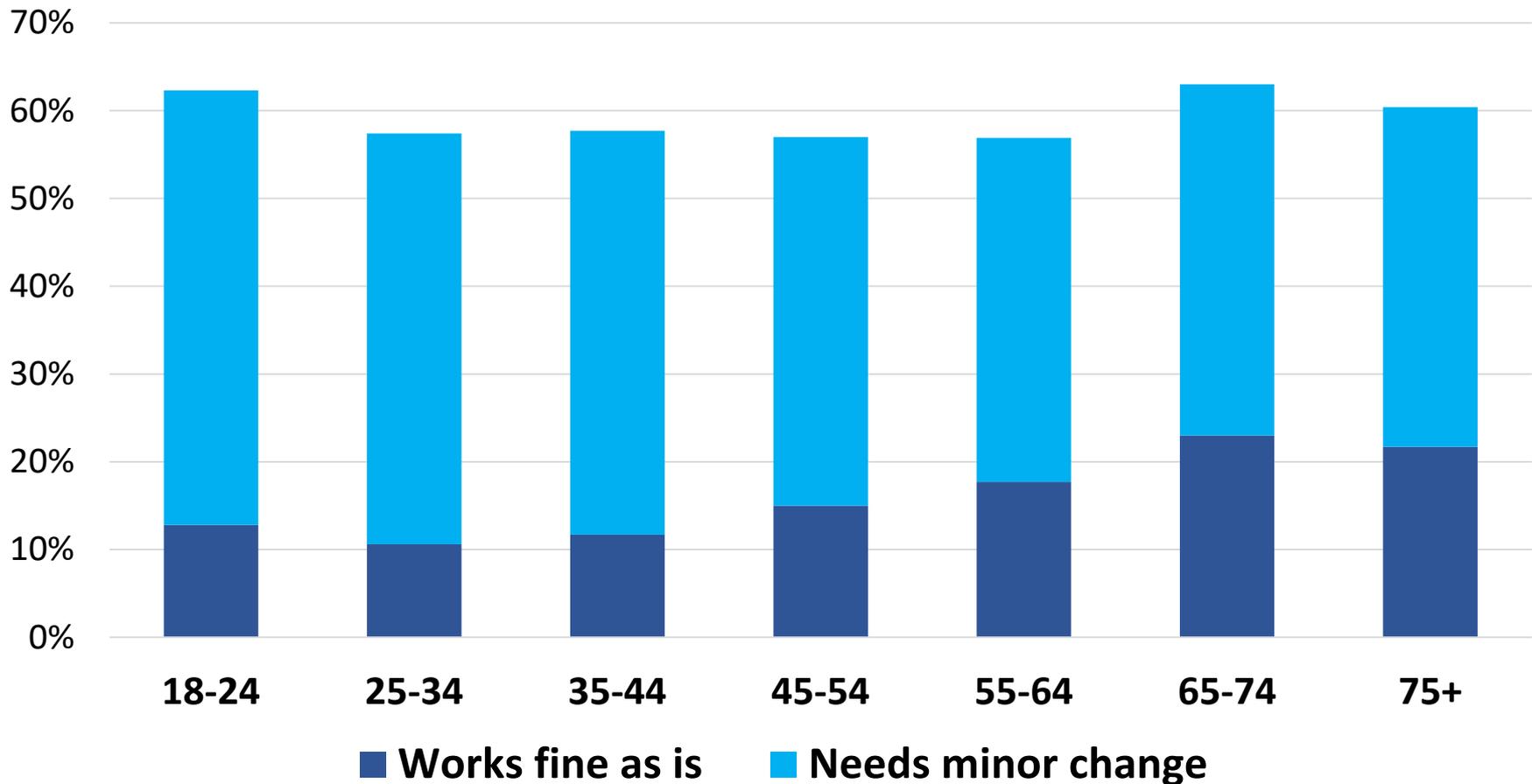
# 'If there was a Federal election held today, for which party would you probably vote?' Scanlon Foundation national surveys, 2009-2016, respondents aged 18-34



# 'How interested are you in politics?', Scanlon Foundation survey 2014, by age

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
<b>Very interested</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Somewhat interested</b>	50%	50%	52%	51%	49%	49%	43%
<b>Sub-total Interested</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>64%</b>	72%	73%	<b>83%</b>	<b>84%</b>	76%
<b>Not interested</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Not at all interested</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Sub-total not interested</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>20%</b>

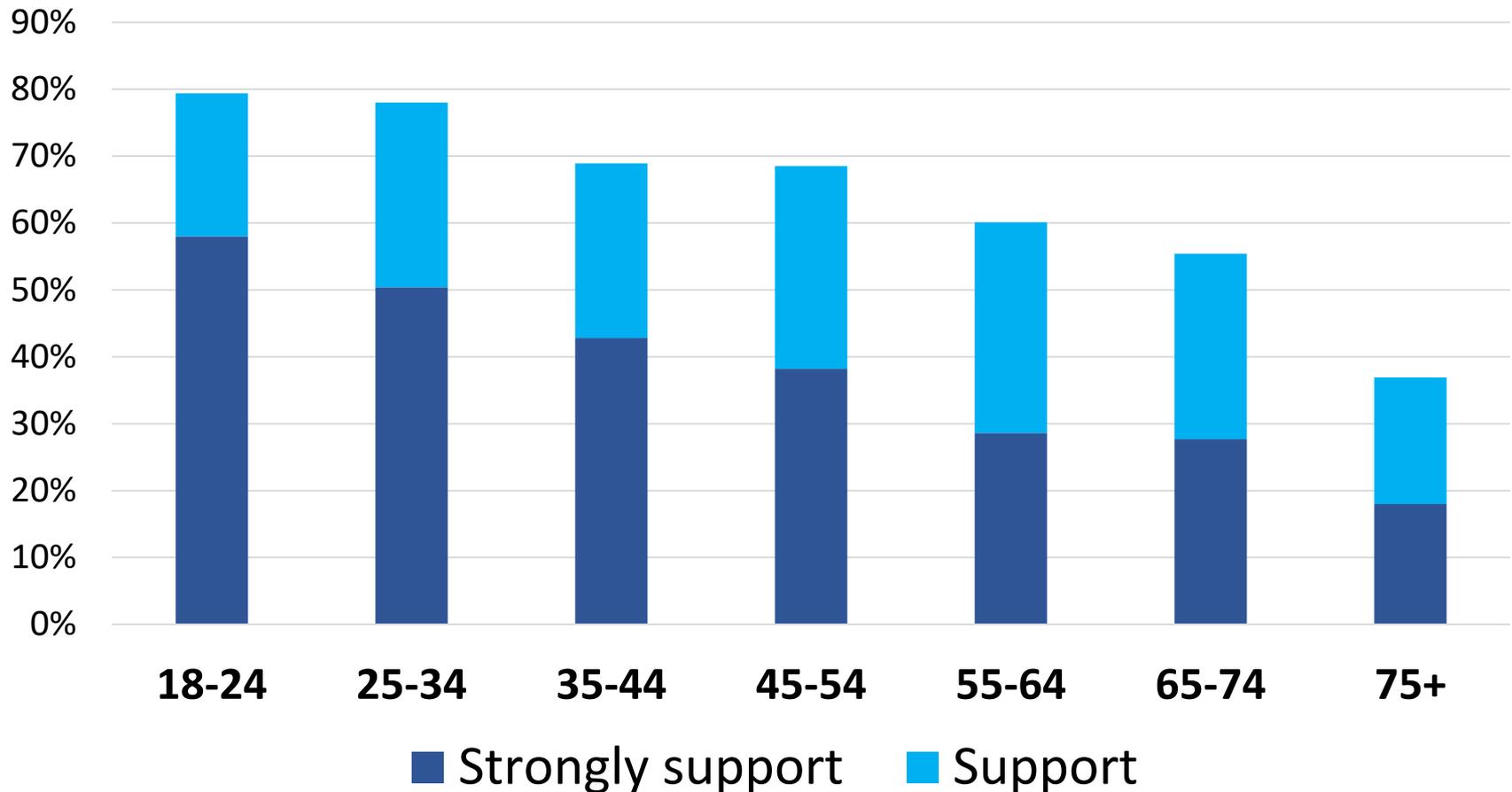
# 'Would you say the system of government we have in Australia works fine as it is, needs minor change, .....'. Response: 'works fine as is' or 'needs minor change,' Scanlon Foundation surveys, 2013-2016, by age



# 'Democracy may have its problems, but it is still the best form of government,' Scanlon Foundation surveys, 2007-2016, by age

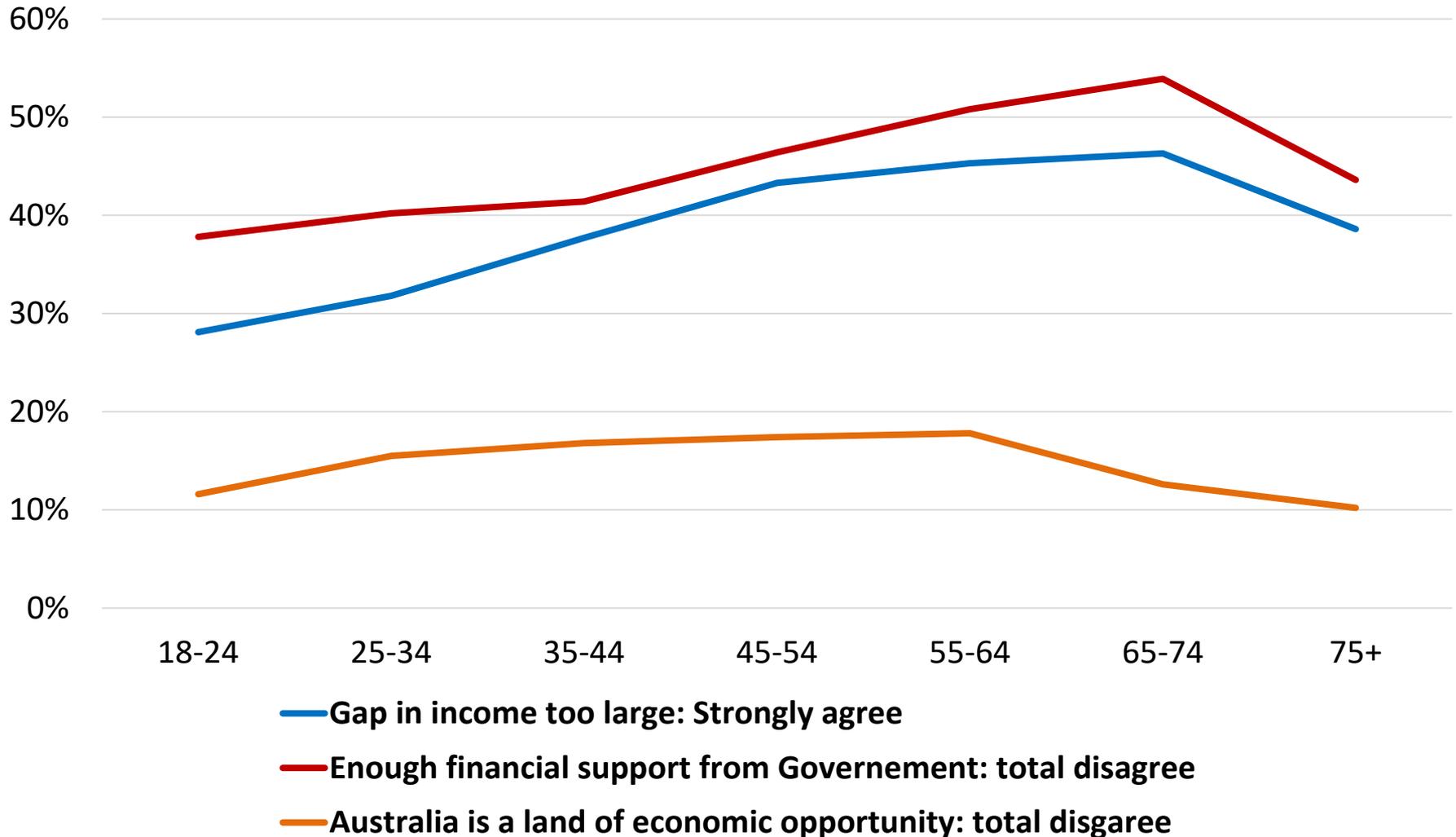
	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
Strongly agree	38%	34%	47%	53%	55%	53%	49%
Agree	47%	48%	39%	38%	38%	40%	40%
Sub-total agree	85%	82%	86%	91%	93%	93%	89%

# 'Do you support or oppose legislation for marriage equality for same sex couples?', Response: 'strongly support' or 'support,' Scanlon Foundation survey, 2016, by age



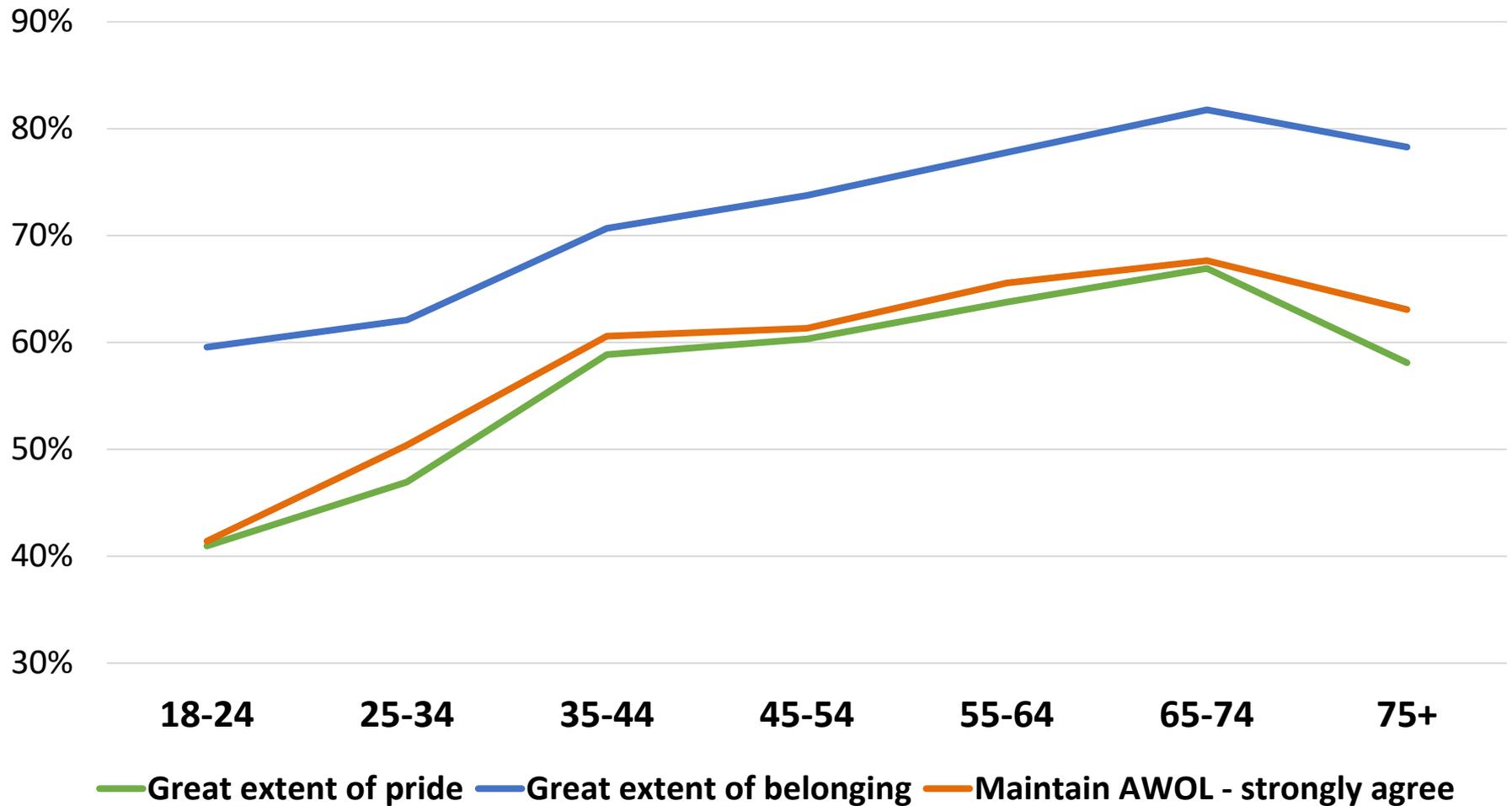
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

# Selected questions on social justice and equity, **negative opinion**, Scanlon Foundation surveys, 2007-2016, by age



# NATIONAL IDENTITY/ BELONGING

# Sense of belonging, **strong positive** response, Scanlon Foundation surveys, 2007-2016, by age



# 'To what extent do you have a sense of belonging in Australia?', Scanlon Foundation surveys, 2007-2016, by age

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
To a great extent	<b>60%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>78%</b>
To a moderate extent	31.6%	28.6%	23.6%	20.6%	18.0%	14.9%	15.2%
Sub-total, great + moderate	<b>91%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>94%</b>

# IMMIGRATION AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

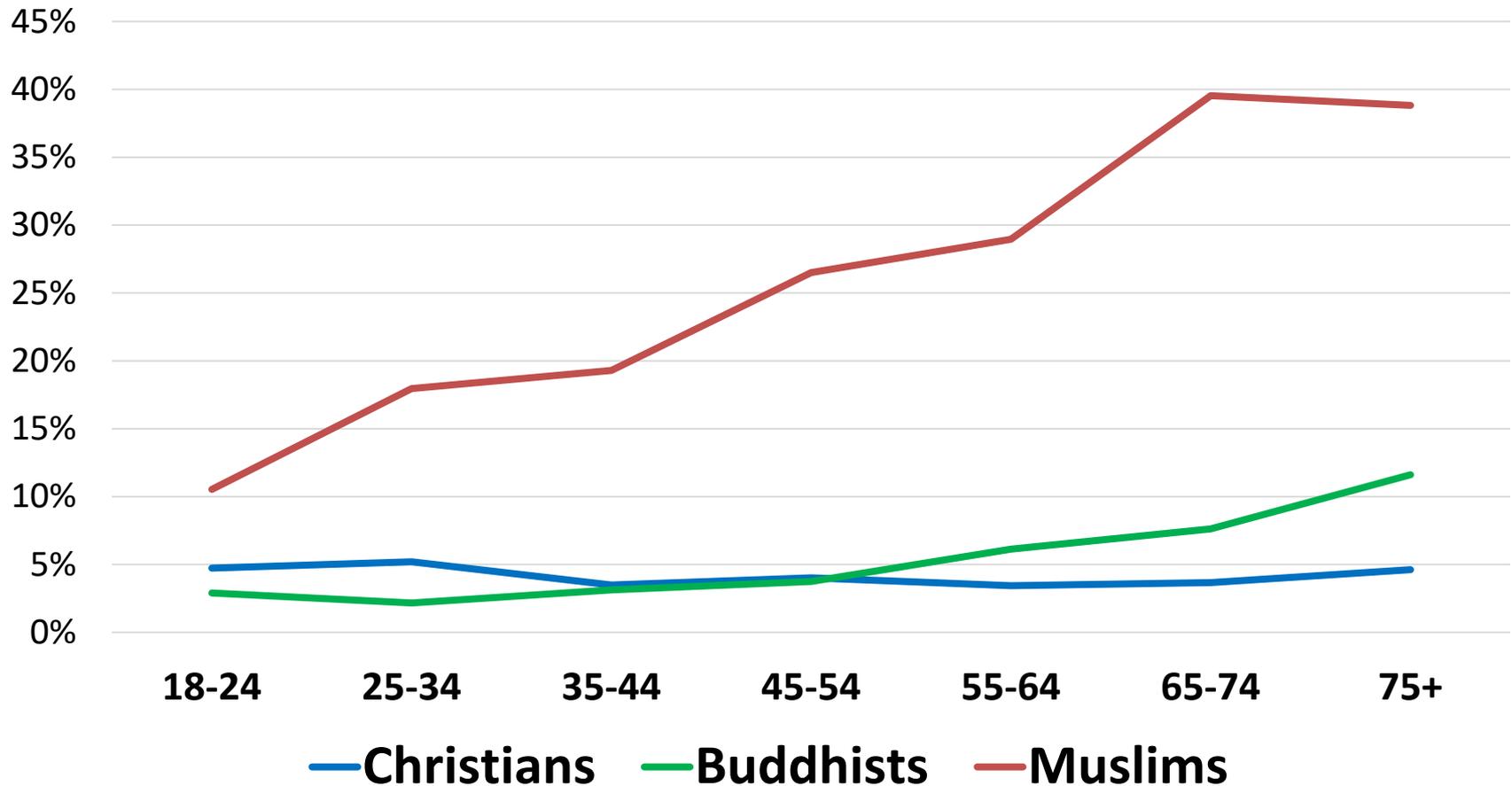
# Immigration and cultural diversity: Positive response ('strongly agree' + 'agree')

	[1] 18-24	[2] 25-34	[2] 45-54	[3] 65-74	[4] 75+
'Immigration from many different countries makes Australia stronger'	74%	69%	65%	57%	48%
'Ethnic minorities in Australia should be given Australian government assistance to maintain their customs and traditions'	64%	45%	28%	21%	24%
'Multiculturalism has been good for Australia'	90%	90%	84%	79%	77%
'We should do more to learn about the customs and heritage of different ethnic and cultural groups in this country'	86%	72%	62%	59%	53%
'People who come to Australia should change their behaviour to be more like Australians' (disagree)	55%	38%	24%	17%	13%
'It is best for Australia if all people forget their different ethnic and cultural backgrounds as soon as possible' (disagree)	76%	77%	68%	52%	36%
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>42%</b>

# Is your personal attitude positive, negative or neutral towards Muslims?', Scanlon Foundation surveys, 2010-2016, by age

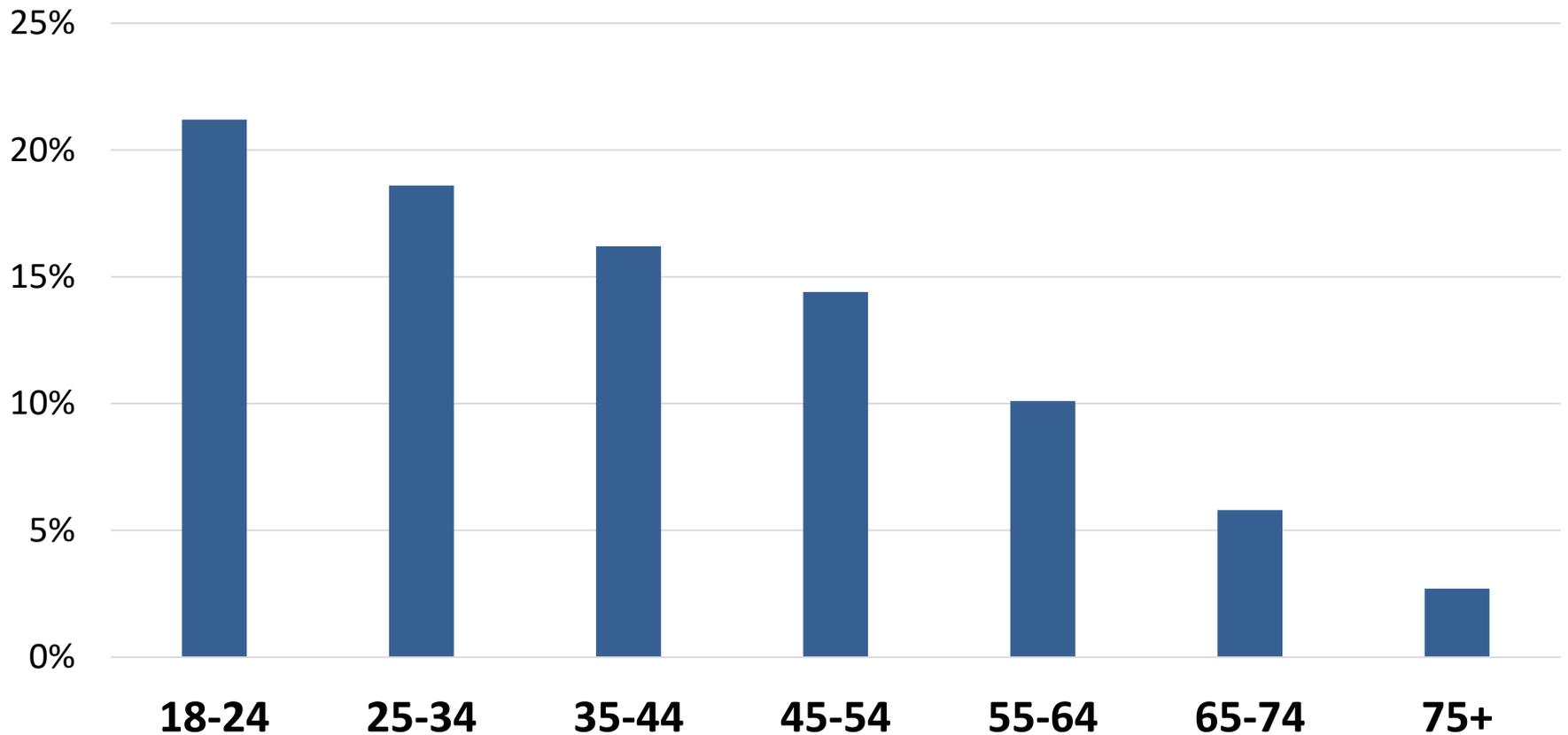
	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
Very positive	14.0%	12.4%	11.7%	9.1%	8.8%	6.5%	4.6%
Somewhat positive	23.0%	17.5%	20.4%	22.4%	21.7%	20.7%	16.9%
<b>Subtotal positive</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Neutral	52%	52%	46%	41%	38%	31%	31%
Somewhat negative	4.9%	9.7%	10.5%	13.5%	14.3%	17.3%	14.9%
Very negative	5.6%	8.3%	8.8%	13.1%	14.6%	22.3%	23.9%
<b>Subtotal negative</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>39%</b>

# Negative attitudes towards Christians, Buddhists and Muslims, Scanlon Foundation surveys, 2010-2016, by age



# EXPERIENCE OF DISCRIMINATION

# 'Have you experienced discrimination because of your skin colour, ethnic origin or religion over the last 12 months?', Scanlon Foundation surveys, 2007-2016, by age



**‘Have you experienced discrimination because of your skin colour, ethnic origin or religion over the last 12 months?’, Scanlon Foundation surveys, 2007-2016, aged 18-34**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> gen Au</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> gen Au</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> gen ESB</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> gen NESB</b>
<b>Born in Australia, and both parents born in Australia</b>	<b>Born in Australia and both parents born overseas</b>	<b>Born overseas, both parents ESB</b>	<b>Born overseas, both parents NESB</b>
<b>15%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>30%</b>

# TALKING ABOUT DIVERSITY

- Qn+: Measure change over time; distribution of attitudes within/ across sub-groups of the population
- Qn–: Simple questions; not asking the right questions; forced response options
- Qual+: Complexity, variety, richness of human experience
- Qual–: Interpretation, what is open to verification?
- **Best= multiple modes**

1. Varied experiences/ attitudes
2. Change across the generations
3. Socialisation: monocultural/ multicultural Australia
4. Regions/ boundaries of the city
5. Challenges in low socio-econ./ high immigrant areas
6. Varied experience of discrimination
7. Complexities:
  - host society + immigrant
  - ethnic group + ethnic group
  - within ethnic group
8. Gender, women's experiences – racism, sexism

- ***It's just the way I grew up, ... there was me, two doors down was the Greek boy, across the road was the Turks, two doors down from them was the Maoris, and yeah, around the block was the Asians, and we all, just because of the same age group, we all hung out together.***
- *[I] went to school with Sudanese, with Chinese, with Indians, with a lot of Albanians, Serbians, Greeks, everybody. My class alone, there was not two people that were from the same country. Maybe two, maybe three. .... ***That's how I've always grown up. I've never really thought twice about it.****

- *It's very multicultural. I feel like I fit in here, because **it's so multicultural.***
- *You learn to be tolerant. You know, you have to accept other people... You've got to learn other customs .... You learn to be street smart growing up around here ... **You've got to learn to kind of adapt around here or you won't make it.***
- *I like... always knowing what's going on in the community, and the sense of community ... I like ... when Ramadan is on, it's visible, when Eid is coming up, it's visible, ... People aren't ashamed about it, it's loud and colourful and **that's my kind of environment.***

- ***‘It’s weird ... when you go to really white places.’***
- *‘If I have to go to ... the city or ... somewhere that is ... white, ... like white-dominated Australia.... I would feel ... a bit off. I would feel like, **‘Oh my god, they’re looking at me.** They’re looking at me. What is she doing here?’*
- *Go to fucking Sunbury and ... then you’d see spot the wog or spot the Asian or Maori or spot whatever it is, because **they look at you like you’re like an alien** ... you just cop the whole lot there bro.*

- *Respondent: If you go like north Sydney and stuff, there's all rich, white old men who'll just be like, 'Oh..., ' they're going to look at you weird and stuff, especially if you go to the shopping centre, they're going to look at you weird. ... You don't belong ....*
- *Respondent: Like you don't belong there. ...*
- *Moderator: I mean, **do you think people are frightened of you?***
- *Respondent: Yes.*
- *Respondent: **They're frightened by the idea of us.***

- *It's funny though, like you know, we're Australian, sometimes **Australians can be racist towards other cultures, but then you've got those cultures that are coming here that are racist towards us.***
- *I saw an old woman, I'd say Italian or Greek, **I feel like she was Italian, yelling at a girl in a headscarf** yesterday who looked young and trendy and she was just walking down the street. I saw her take her headphones out of her ears because she thought the lady was going to talk to her, and then the woman was quite visibly angered and screaming at this girl.*

- *In this area you've got a lot of groups...like the Turks for example, **they stick together, you know what I mean**, they're just like that. There's certain groups, even the Lebos, yeah, like a lot of them they stick ... If you're not Lebanese or you're not Turkish they look at you like you're low or you're different ... **You walk through them like some Greek guy, they're like, 'Alright, get out of here'** ... [They think] **this is their country**, and it's 'So what are you doing here.'*

# BROAD PERSPECTIVE

- Balance: extent of stability <> change ?
- Minority viewpoints: confused with mainstream
- Majority viewpoints: politics; national identity; cultural diversity; discrimination
- White Australia<>Multicultural Australia – separation which is both attitudinal and spatial