

A person wearing a blue protective suit is shown from the back, sorting through medical supplies in a white tray. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a clinic or hospital. A large, semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the image, centered on the person's back. The image has a blue-to-red color gradient.

Perceptions of Safe Injection Sites

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Methodology

Online survey of randomly-selected sample of 4,020 adult (18+) Canadians

Field Window

December 8th to 20th, 2022

Reliability (*)

Online samples cannot be assigned a margin of error. As a guideline, a probability sample of this size carries a margin of error of $\pm 1.6\%$, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error is larger for sub-segments.

The data was weighted by the most current gender, age, & region Census data, to ensure the sample reflects the actual population of adult Canadians.

| Region | Number of Interviews (Unweighted) | Margin of error* |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 300 | $\pm 5.7\%$ |
| Nova Scotia | 305 | $\pm 5.6\%$ |
| Prince Edward Island | 51 | $\pm 13.7\%$ |
| New Brunswick | 300 | $\pm 5.7\%$ |
| Quebec | 701 | $\pm 3.8\%$ |
| Ontario | 807 | $\pm 3.5\%$ |
| Manitoba | 306 | $\pm 5.7\%$ |
| Saskatchewan | 298 | $\pm 5.8\%$ |
| Alberta | 451 | $\pm 4.7\%$ |
| British Columbia | 501 | $\pm 4.5\%$ |
| Canada | 4,020 | $\pm 1.6\%$ |

62%

of Canadians agree safe injection sites save lives

41%

Support a safe injection site opening in their community

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Key Findings

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- A majority of Canadians show conceptual support for safe injection sites. **Six-in-ten agree they save lives (62%) and get people with addiction problems the health and treatment resources they need (59%).** Fewer believe they lead to more drug use (41%) or more crime (33%).
- When asked about governments funding safe injection sites, half (51%) of Canadians are supportive, with one-third (33%) opposed.
 - About two-thirds of Liberal (66%) and NDP (69%) voters support governments funding safe injection sites, compared to one-third (34%) of Conservative voters.
- Despite this conceptual support for safe injection sites, **only 41% would support a safe injection site opening in their community.**
 - Quebec is the only province where a majority say they would support a safe injection site opening in their community.

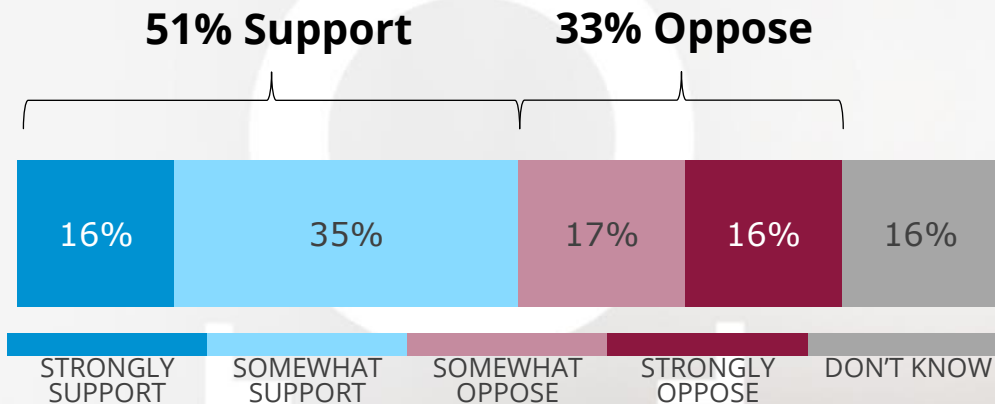
51%

of Canadians support governments funding safe injection sites

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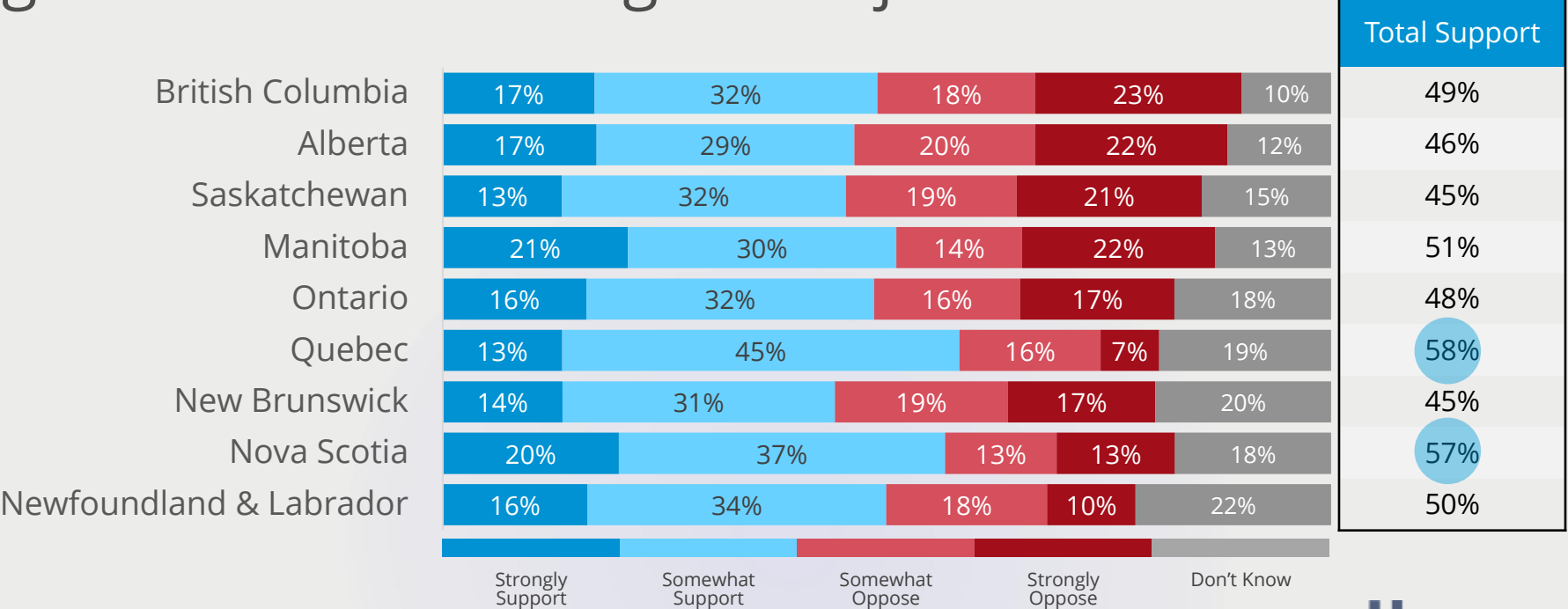
Half support and one-third oppose governments funding safe injection sites

- Support levels are similar among men (51% / 35%) and women (50% / 31%).
- Canadians 18-34 are the most supportive (55% / 22%).
- Support levels are similar among white (51% / 34%) and racialized (53% / 30%) people.



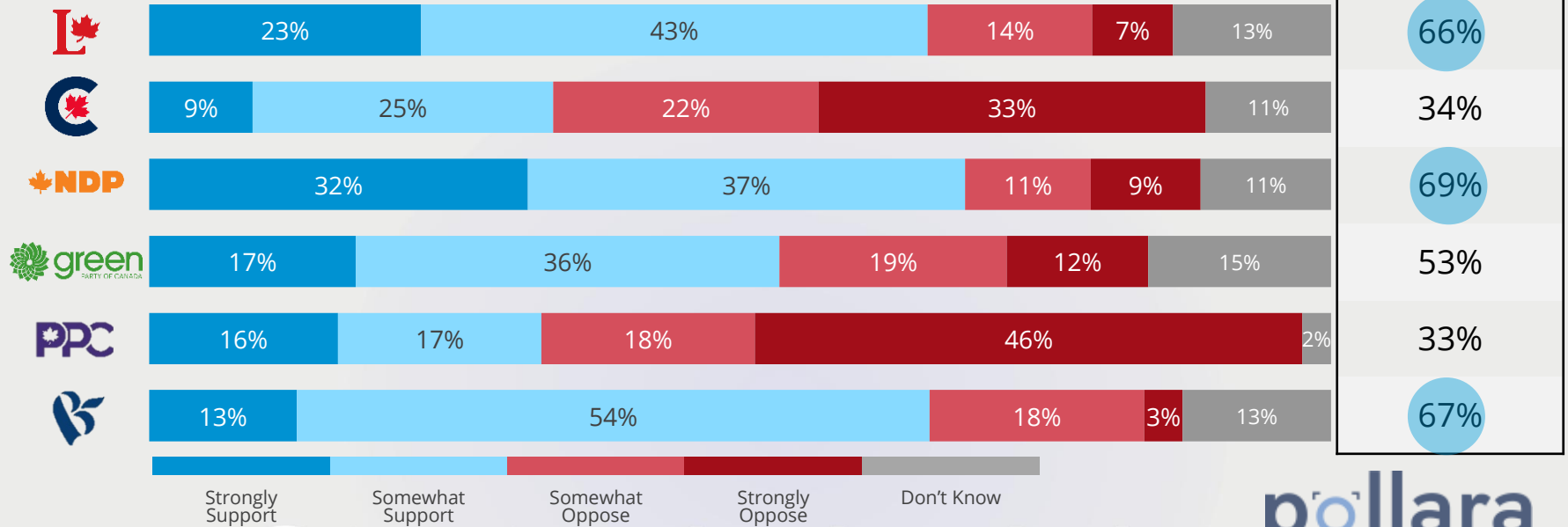
Do you support or oppose governments funding safe injection sites?

Plurality support in all provinces for governments funding safe injection sites



Q Do you support or oppose governments funding safe injection sites?

Around two-thirds of Liberal, NDP and Bloc voters support safe injection sites, compared to one-third of CPC and PPC voters

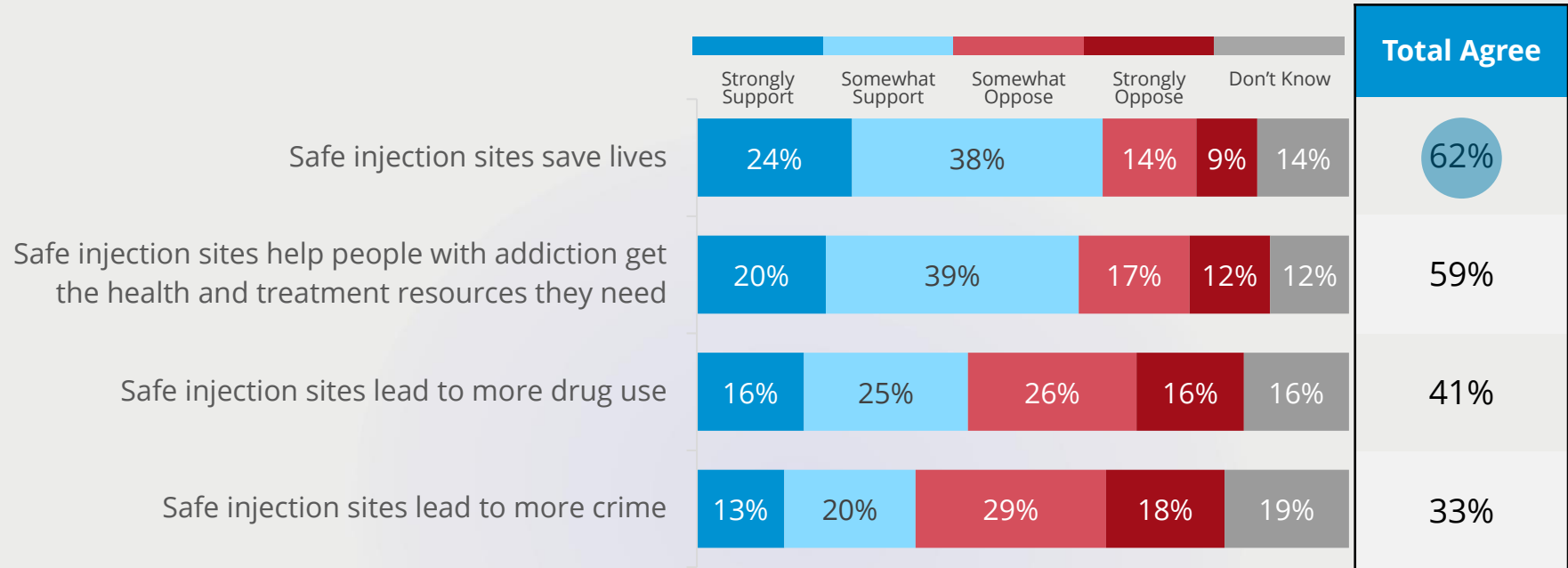


Q Do you support or oppose governments funding safe injection sites?

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Majority agree with conceptual arguments for safe injection sites



Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about safe injection sites?

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Despite conceptual support for safe injection sites, Canadians hold mixed feelings about one opening in their community

Nationally, 41% would support and 44% would oppose a safe injection site opening in their community

Alberta

36% Agree
50% Disagree

Manitoba

40% Agree
48% Disagree

Quebec

53% Agree
30% Disagree

Newfoundland & Labrador

47% Agree
33% Disagree

British Columbia

37% Agree
54% Disagree

Saskatchewan

35% Agree
51% Disagree

Ontario

37% Agree
47% Disagree

New Brunswick

39% Agree
39% Disagree

Nova Scotia

45% Agree
36% Disagree

Q Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about safe injection sites? | I would support a safe injection site opening in my community



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