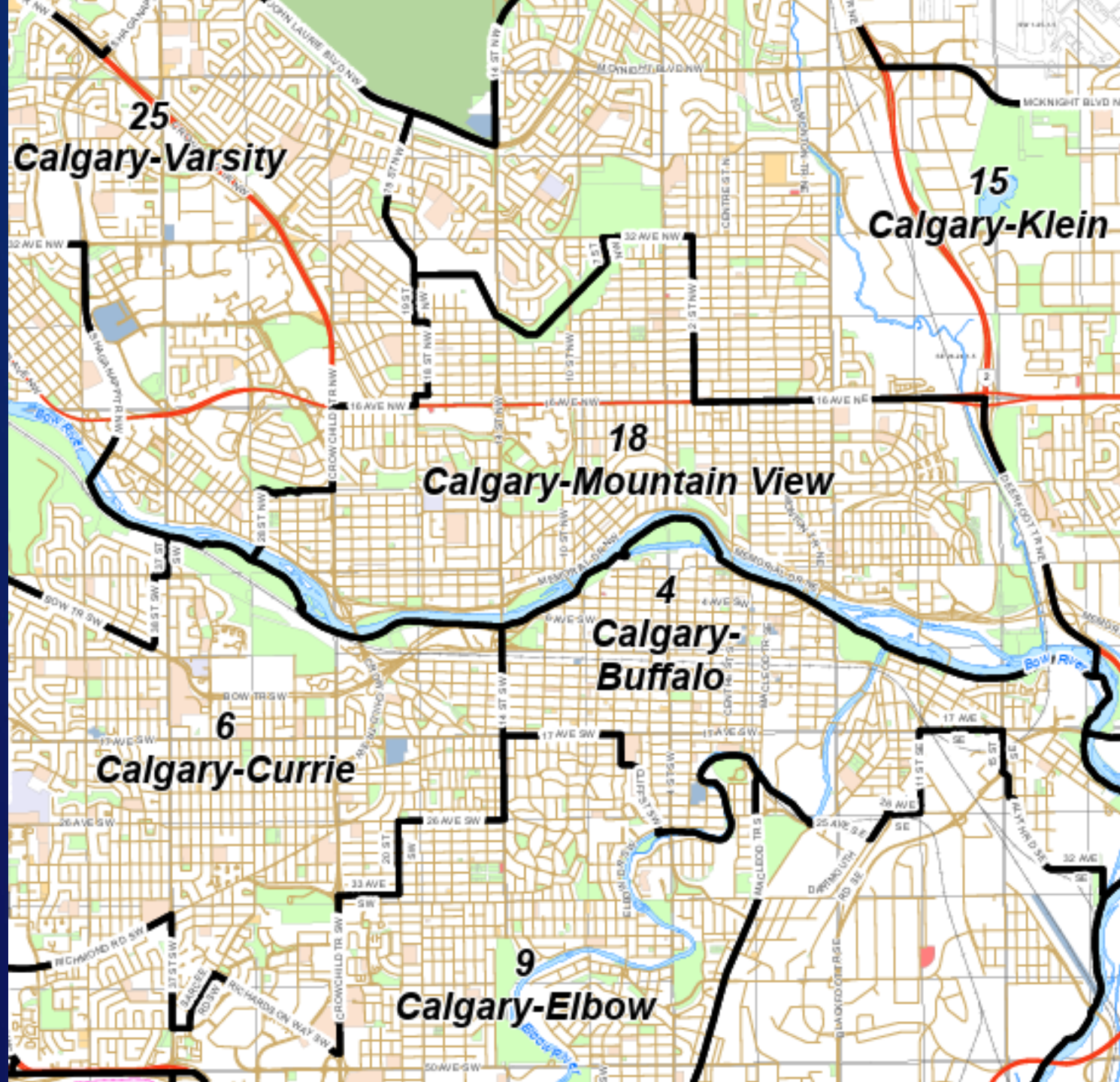


Albertans' Views on Electoral Boundaries

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Key Findings

Alberta's elected officials have been debating what the maps for the next provincial election will look like – and the public is skeptical of the approach the United Conservative Party (UCP) government is taking to setting new constituency boundaries before 2027.

A high proportion of Albertans are paying attention to this issue, including one-third who are definitely aware of it and another three in 10 who have some familiarity with it.

More than six in 10 Albertans – including one-half of UCP supporters – agree the government decided to scrap the first set of proposed boundaries to give itself a better chance of winning the next election. A new group of MLAs has been struck to design a new set of provincial constituency boundaries, and these results suggest Albertans expect their work to produce boundaries that favour the UCP in the next election.

A similar proportion agree constituency boundaries for urban ridings should remain within city limits. The minority group of MLAs on the previous redistricting committee proposed seats that would blend urban voters in smaller cities like Lethbridge with rural voters in outlying communities. A majority of Albertans do not agree with this approach, including six in 10 UCP supporters and more than three-quarters of NDP supporters. Nearly two-thirds of those who live in these smaller cities also agree the boundaries for urban seats should remain in city limits and not be melded with rural areas.

More than two-thirds also agree independent commissioners should be tasked with drawing these boundaries rather than elected officials, which is how provincial constituency boundaries are drawn in other provinces. This includes two-thirds of UCP supporters and eight in 10 NDP supporters.

Methodology

Probe Research conducted an online survey with a representative sample of 1,484 Alberta adults between April 27 and May 6, 2026. This included an oversample of 598 Calgary adults.

All respondents were recruited from a national online panel (LEO). The sample has been weighted slightly by age, gender, region, educational attainment and provincial voting behaviour so it properly reflects Alberta's population, based on Census data. The totals calculated in this report are based on weighting back oversampled groups to the correct proportions within the overall population.

Because an online survey is a sample of convenience, no margin of error can be ascribed. For the purposes of comparison, a probabilistic sample of 1,484 would have a margin of error of ± 2.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error would be higher within each of the survey's population sub-groups.

Data analysis was performed using SPSS, with coding/analysis of open-ended responses completed with MQO A.I. Hub, a Canadian-hosted AI platform. All coding was tested and verified with experienced human coders.

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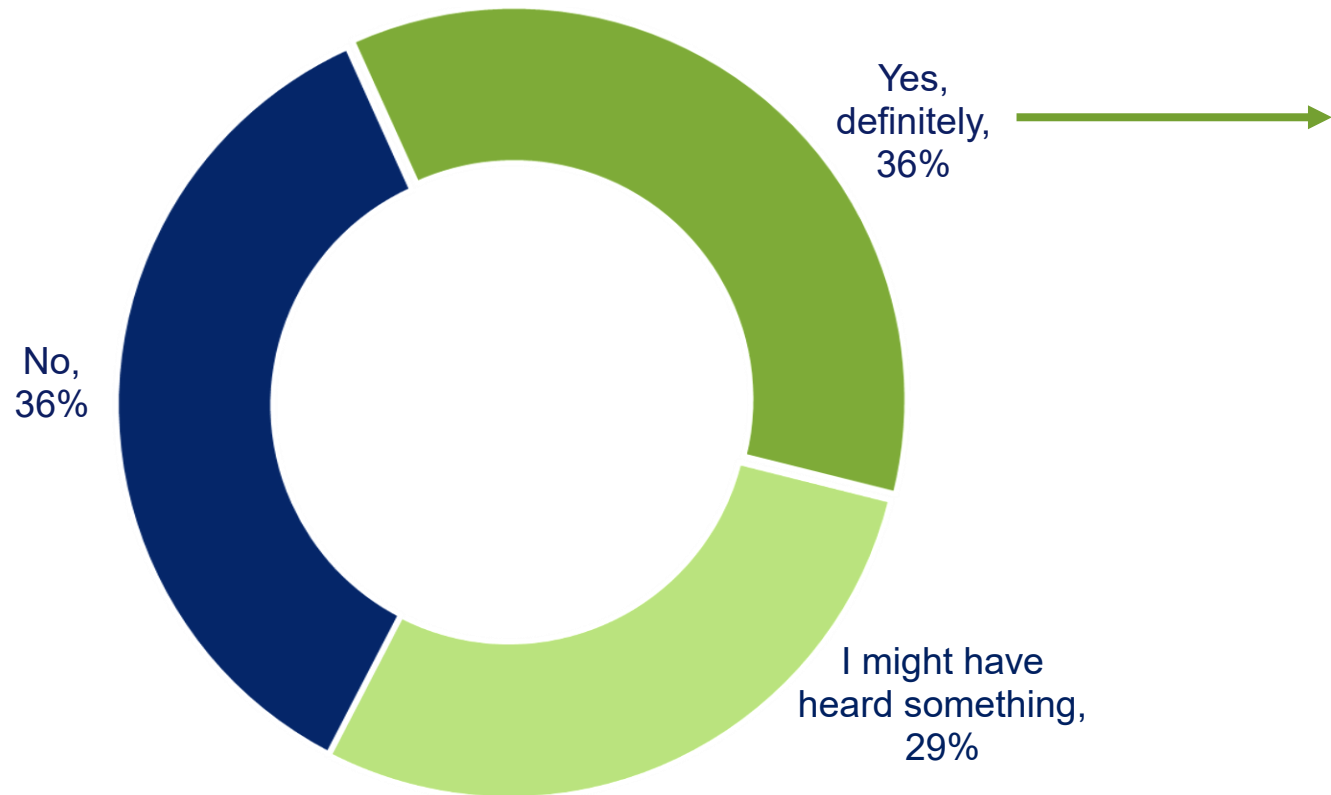
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Notes on this Report

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Nearly two-thirds have heard something about new provincial electoral boundaries



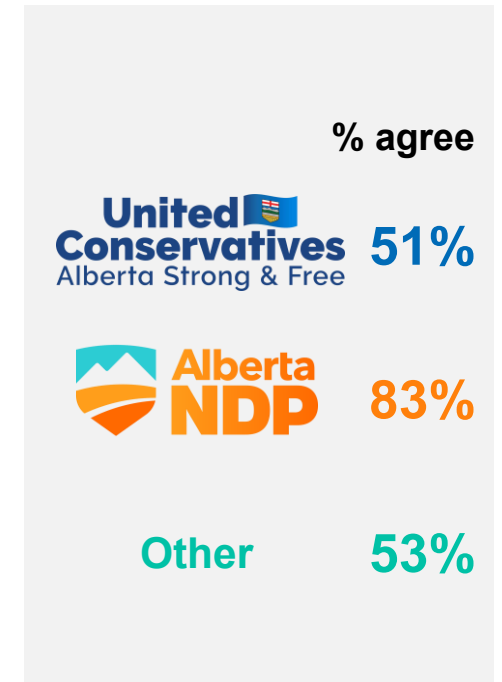
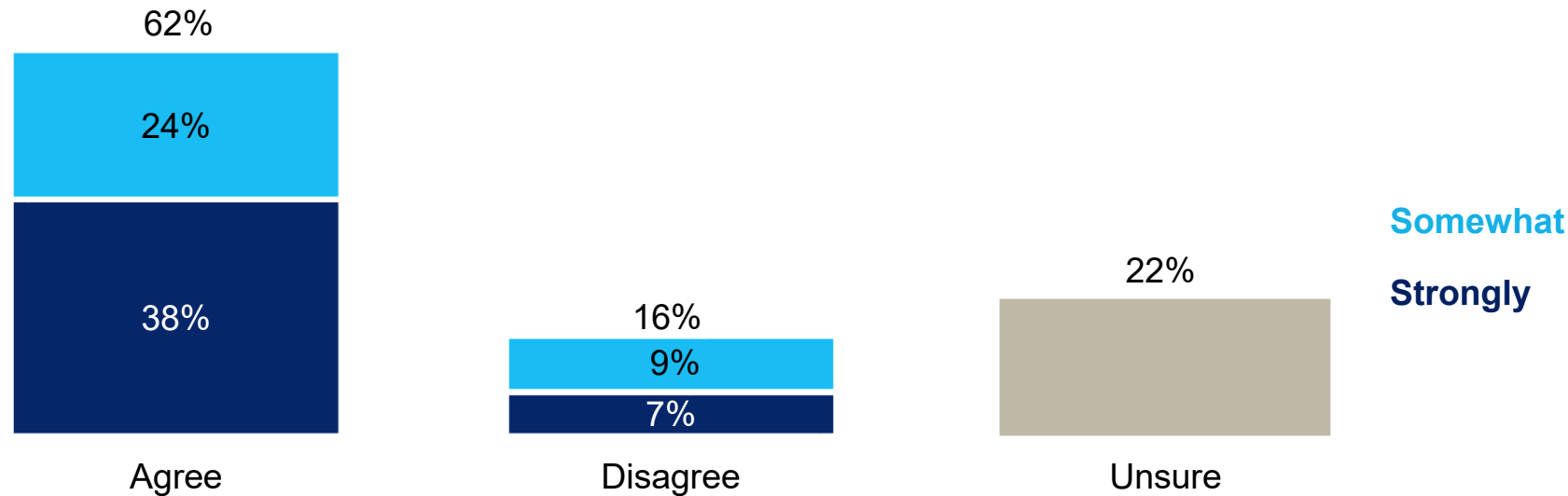
65% are at least somewhat aware of new Alberta electoral boundaries

Awareness is higher among:

- Older adults (72% of those 55+ are aware or have heard something vs. 61% of those 18-34).
- Men (74% vs. 55% among women).
- University graduates (70%).
- NDP supporters (78%, including 53% who are definitely aware vs. 31% of UCP supporters who are definitely aware of this).

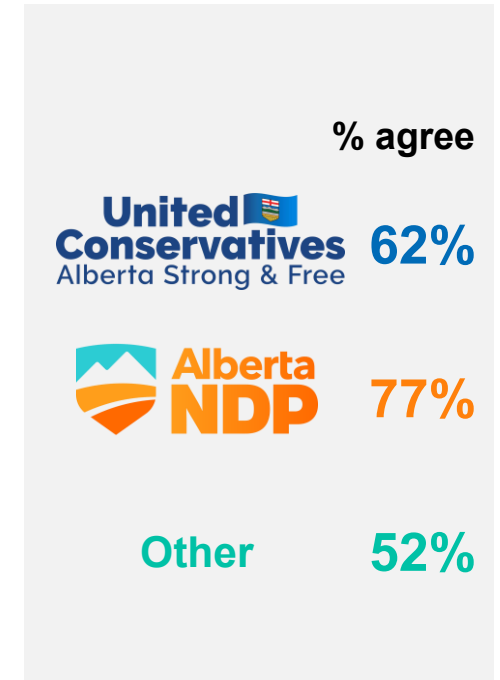
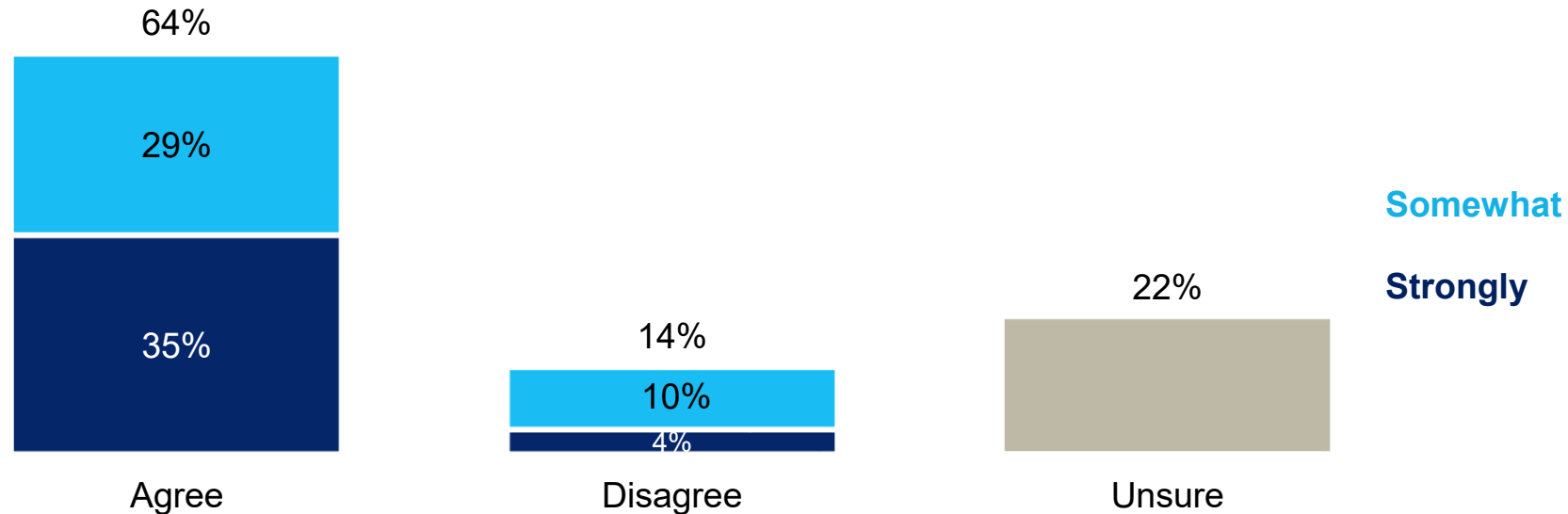
AI4. Have you seen, read or heard anything recently about new electoral boundaries being introduced in Alberta ahead of the next provincial election, which will be held in 2027? (Base: All respondents, N=1,484)

Six in 10 Albertans agree the UCP wants to re-draw the electoral map to improve its chances



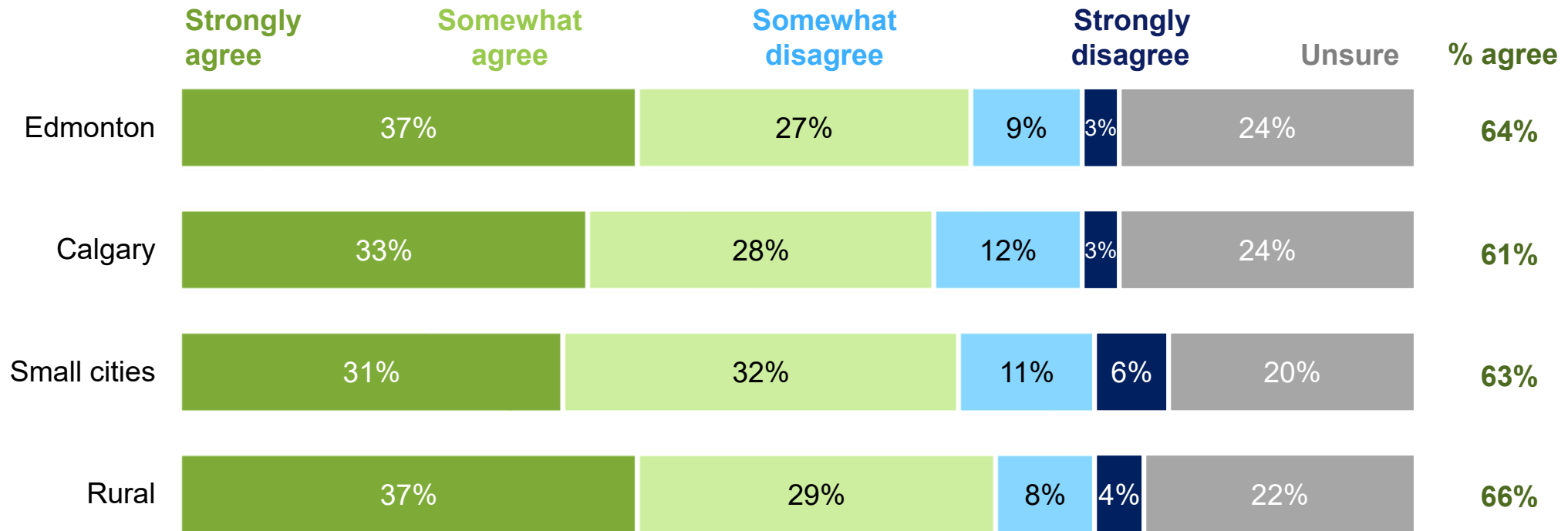
AI5a. The Alberta government recently rejected the boundaries proposed by an independent commission and is forming a new committee of provincial MLAs to develop a new set of boundaries for electoral districts. Regardless of what you have heard about the issue, do you agree or disagree that ... **The governing United Conservative Party (UCP) wants a new set of boundaries so that it has a better chance of winning more seats in the next election.** (Base: All respondents, N=1,484)

More than six in 10 agree urban constituencies should not be blended with rural areas



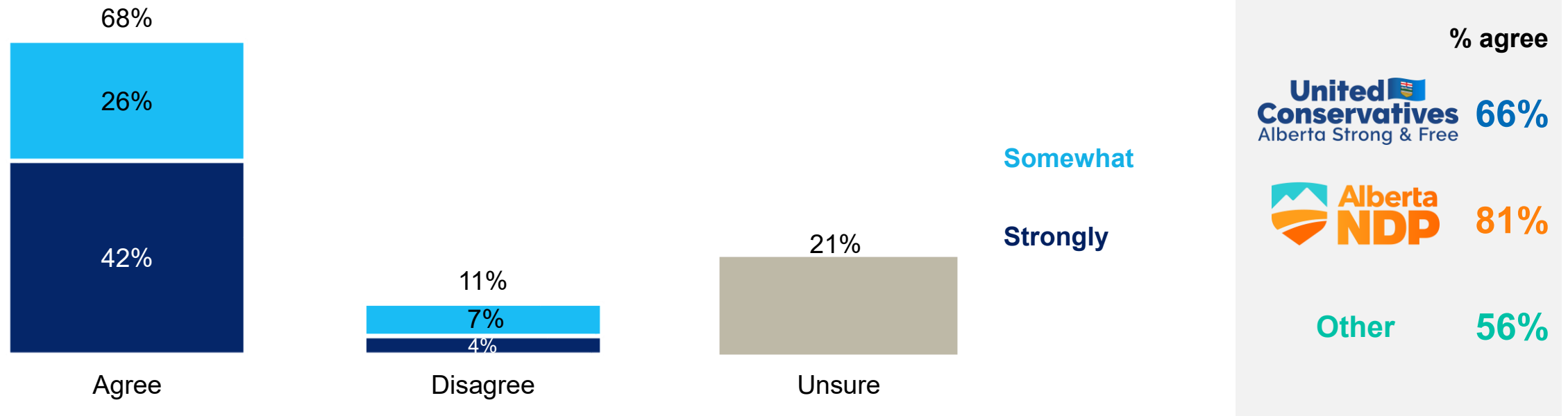
AI5c. The Alberta government recently rejected the boundaries proposed by an independent commission and is forming a new committee of provincial MLAs to develop a new set of boundaries for electoral districts. Regardless of what you have heard about the issue, do you agree or disagree that ... **Electoral district boundaries for cities should stay within city limits and not extend outward into surrounding areas.** (Base: All respondents, N=1,484)

Nearly two-thirds of those in small Alberta cities agree boundaries should remain in city limits



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Two-thirds agree independent commissioners should be the ones to draw electoral maps



AI5b. The Alberta government recently rejected the boundaries proposed by an independent commission and is forming a new committee of provincial MLAs to develop a new set of boundaries for electoral districts. Regardless of what you have heard about the issue, do you agree or disagree that ... **Independent commissioners, not elected officials, should set the boundaries used in provincial elections.** (Base: All respondents, N=1,484)

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