

# Around the World, More Say Immigrants Are a Strength Than a Burden

*But few want more immigrants*

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# About the 2018 Global Attitudes Survey

## Face-to-face countries

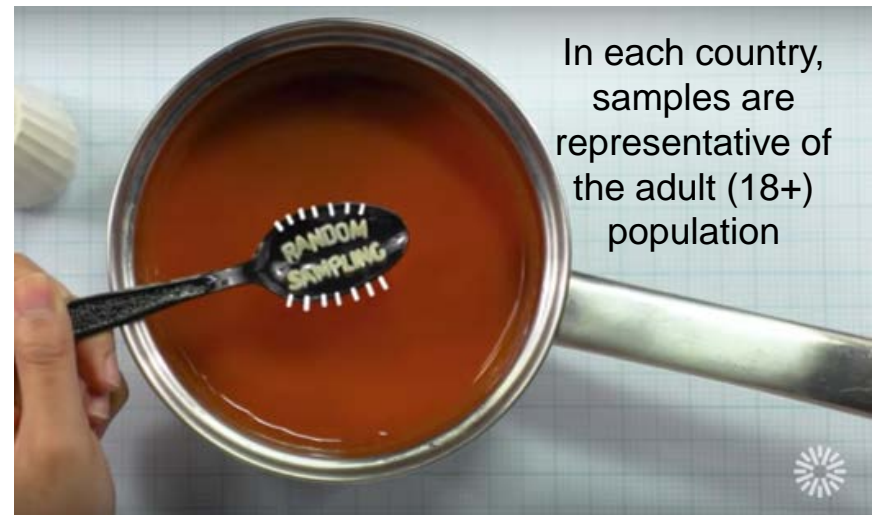
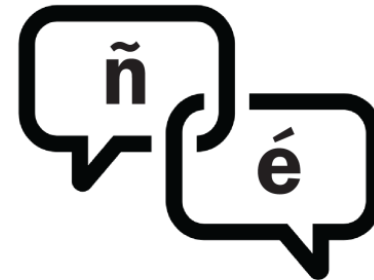
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- Brazil
- Mexico
- Greece
- Hungary
- Italy
- Poland
- Russia
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Israel
- Tunisia
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- South Africa

## Telephone countries

- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Japan
- South Korea
- Australia

Additional data from a telephone survey of 1,500 U.S. adults conducted from May 14-June 15, 2018

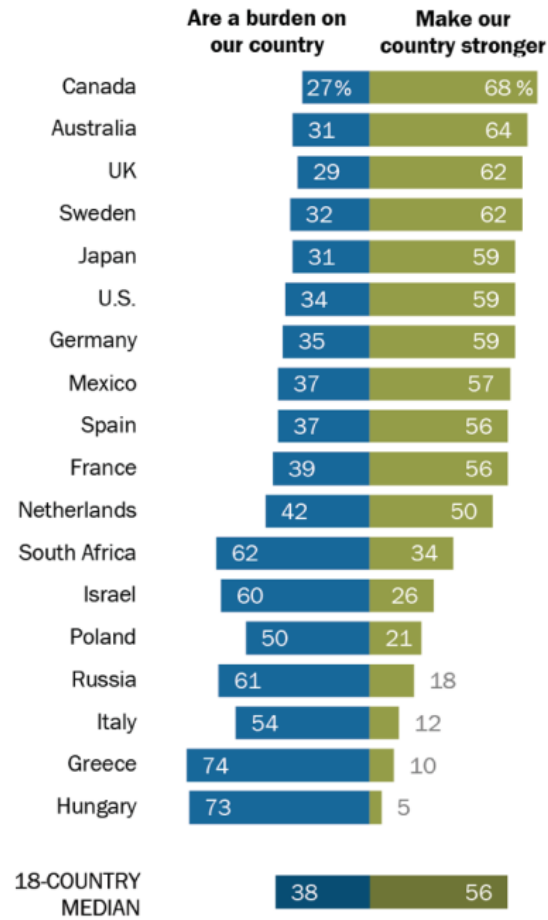
27,612 interviews conducted from May 14 to August 12, 2018 in 31 languages



In each country, samples are representative of the adult (18+) population

# Half or more in many destination countries view immigrants as a strength

*Immigrants today make our country stronger because of their work and talents OR Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs and social benefits*



Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey, Q.54a.

# Views on the impact of immigrants in Europe have shifted since 2014

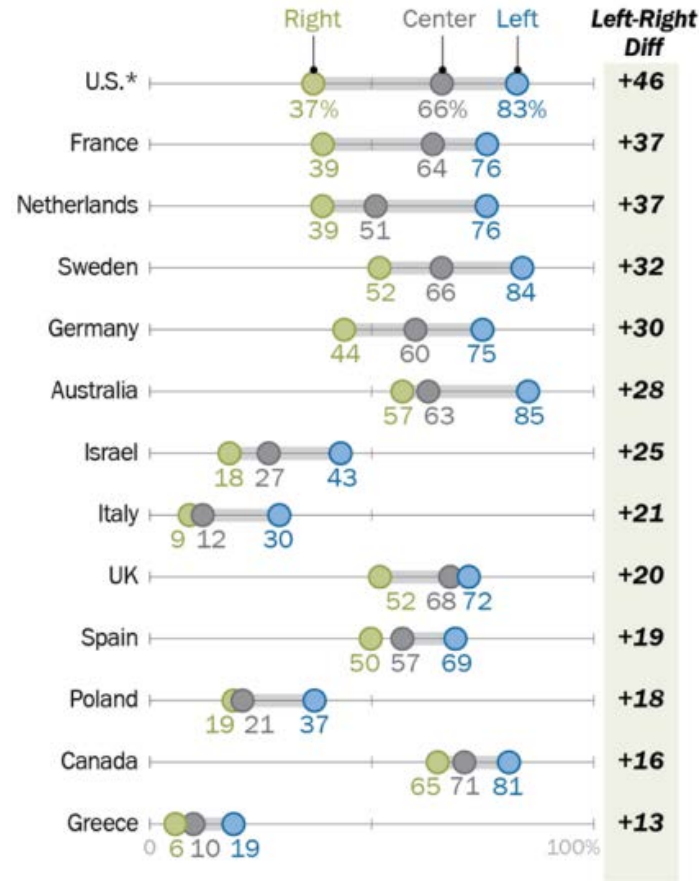
*% who say immigrants today make our country stronger because of their work and talents*

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Change</b>
Greece	19	10	<b>-9</b>
Germany	66	59	<b>-7</b>
Italy	19	12	<b>-7</b>
Poland	24	21	<b>-3</b>
Spain	47	56	<b>+9</b>
UK	52	62	<b>+10</b>
France	45	56	<b>+11</b>

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# Immigrants viewed more favorably among those on the ideological left

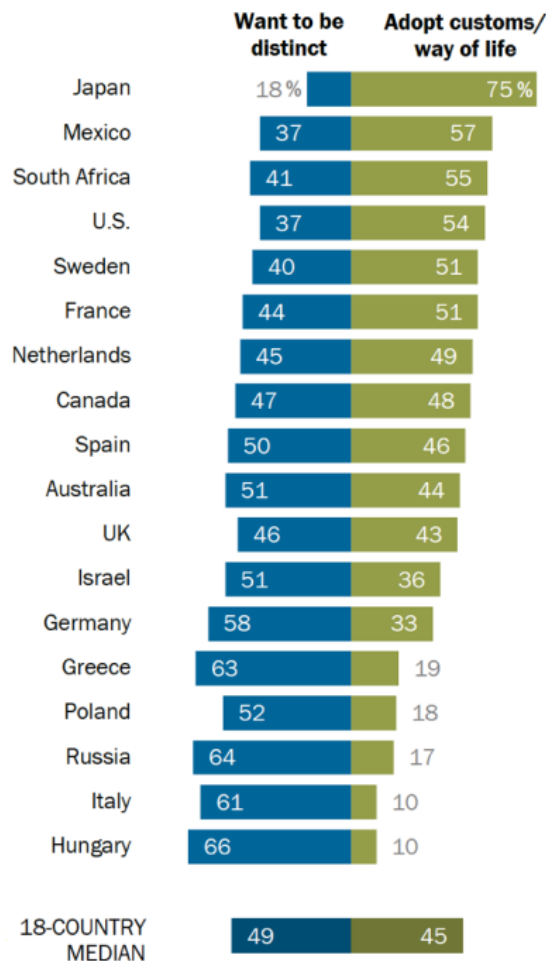
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# Views on immigrants' willingness to integrate are mixed

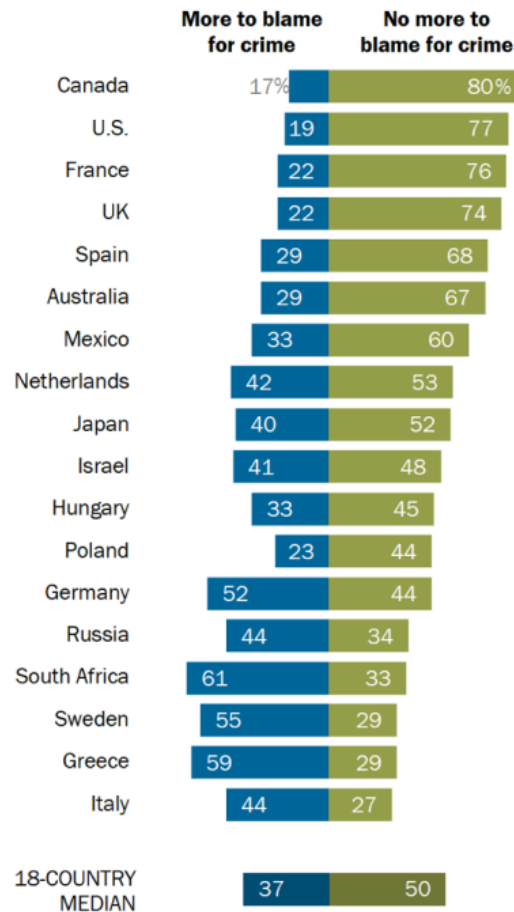
*Immigrants in our country today want to adopt our customs and way of life  
OR Immigrants today want to be distinct from our society*



Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey, Q.54c.

# In many countries, half or more say immigrants are no more to blame for crime

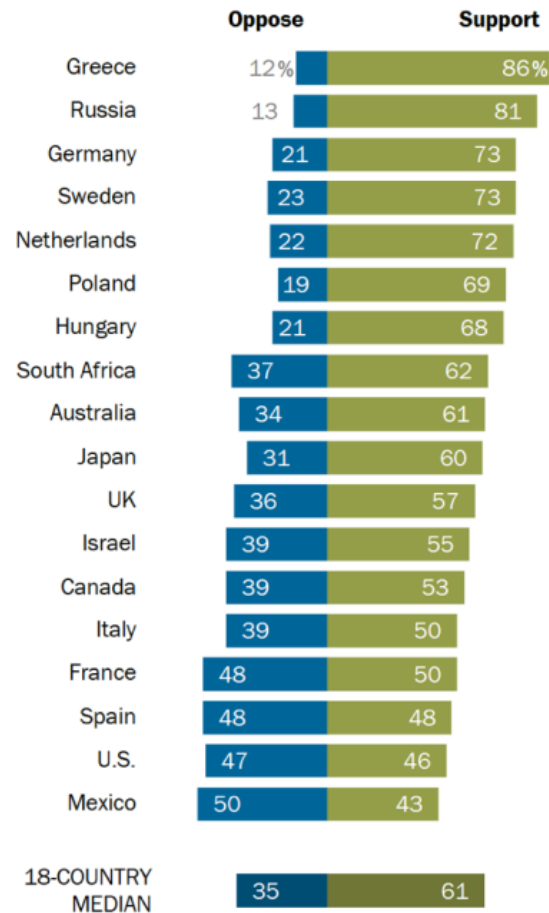
*Immigrants in our country today are more to blame for crime than other groups OR are no more to blame for crime than other groups*



Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey, Q.54b.

# Half or more in several countries support deporting immigrants living in their country illegally

*Thinking about immigration, would you \_\_\_ deporting immigrants currently in the country illegally?*

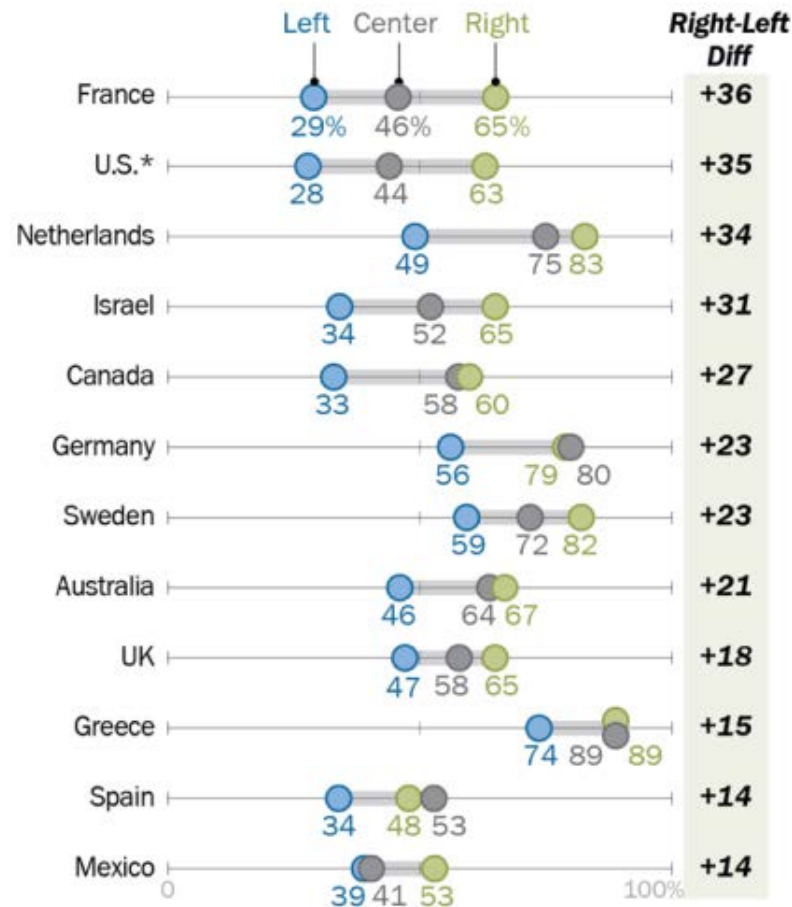


Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey, Q.53b.



# More people on the ideological right support the deportation of immigrants living in their country illegally

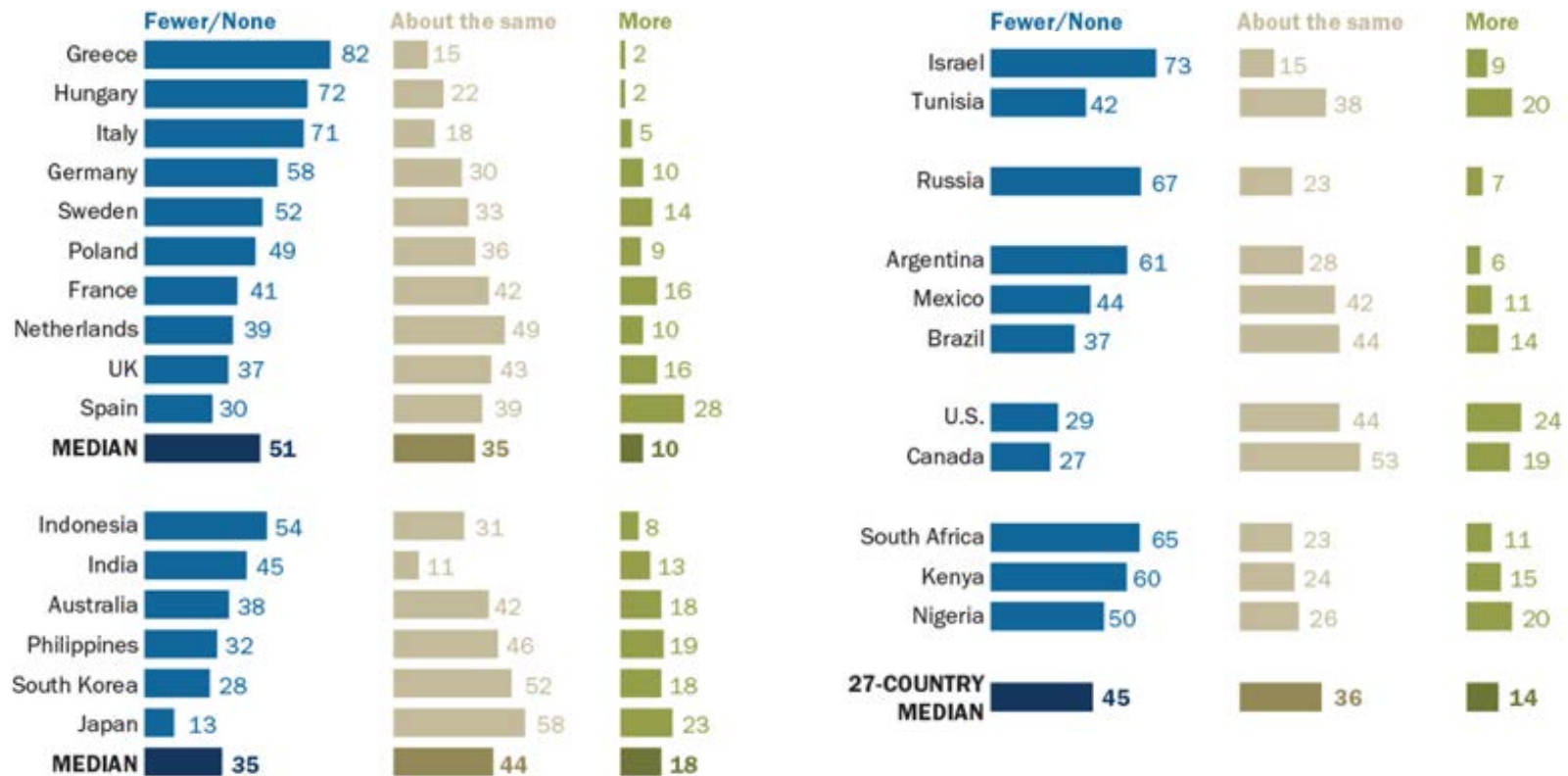
*% who support deporting immigrants currently in the country illegally*



Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey, Q.53b.

# Around the world, few want more immigration

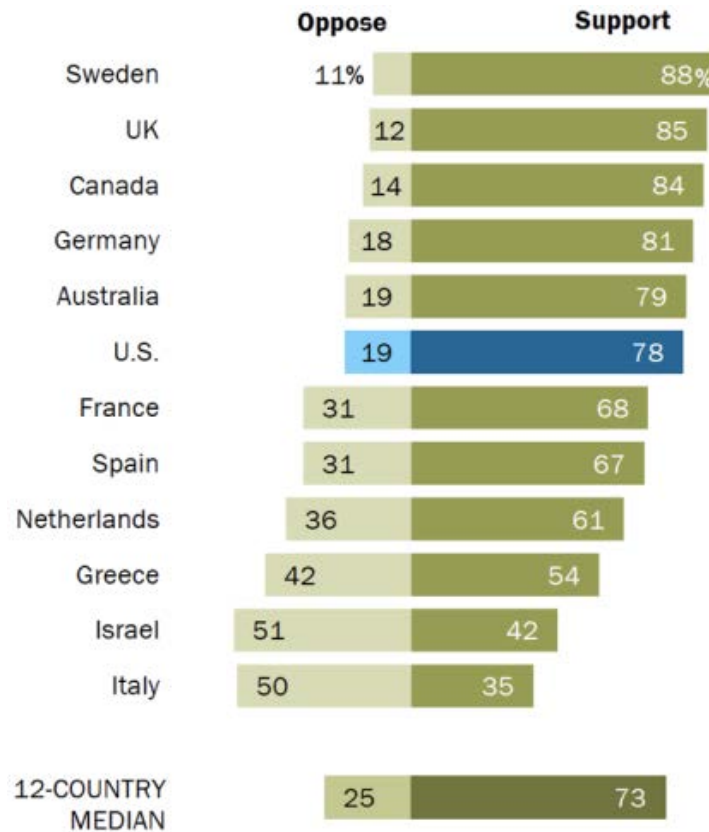
*In your opinion, should we allow more immigrants to move to our country, fewer immigrants, or about the same as we do now? (%)*



Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey, Q.52.

# In several economically advanced nations, majority of public supports high-skilled immigration

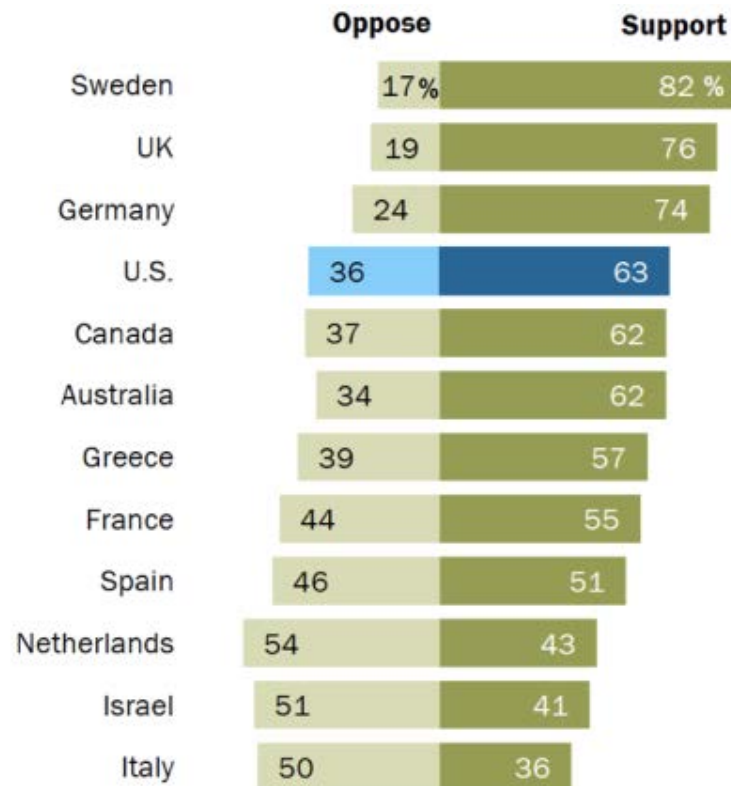
*Thinking about immigration, would you \_\_\_ encouraging highly skilled people to immigrate and work in our country?*



Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey, Q.53c.

# Many who want fewer immigrants support high-skilled immigration

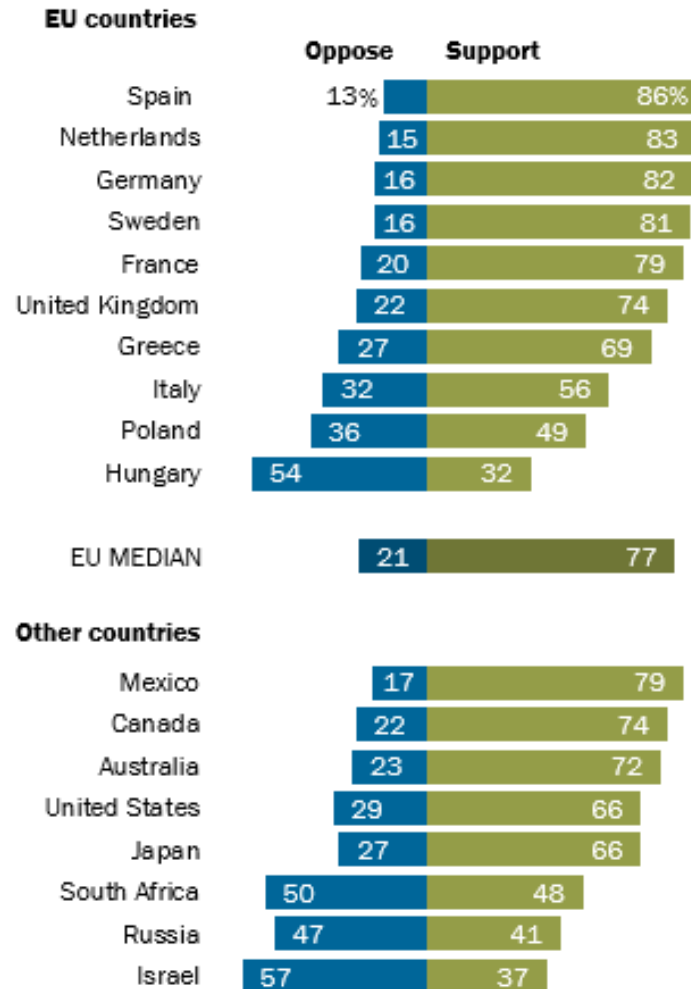
*Among those who say their country should allow fewer or no immigrants, % who \_\_\_ encouraging highly skilled people to immigrate and work in our country?*



Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey, Q.53c.

# Majorities in many countries support taking in refugees

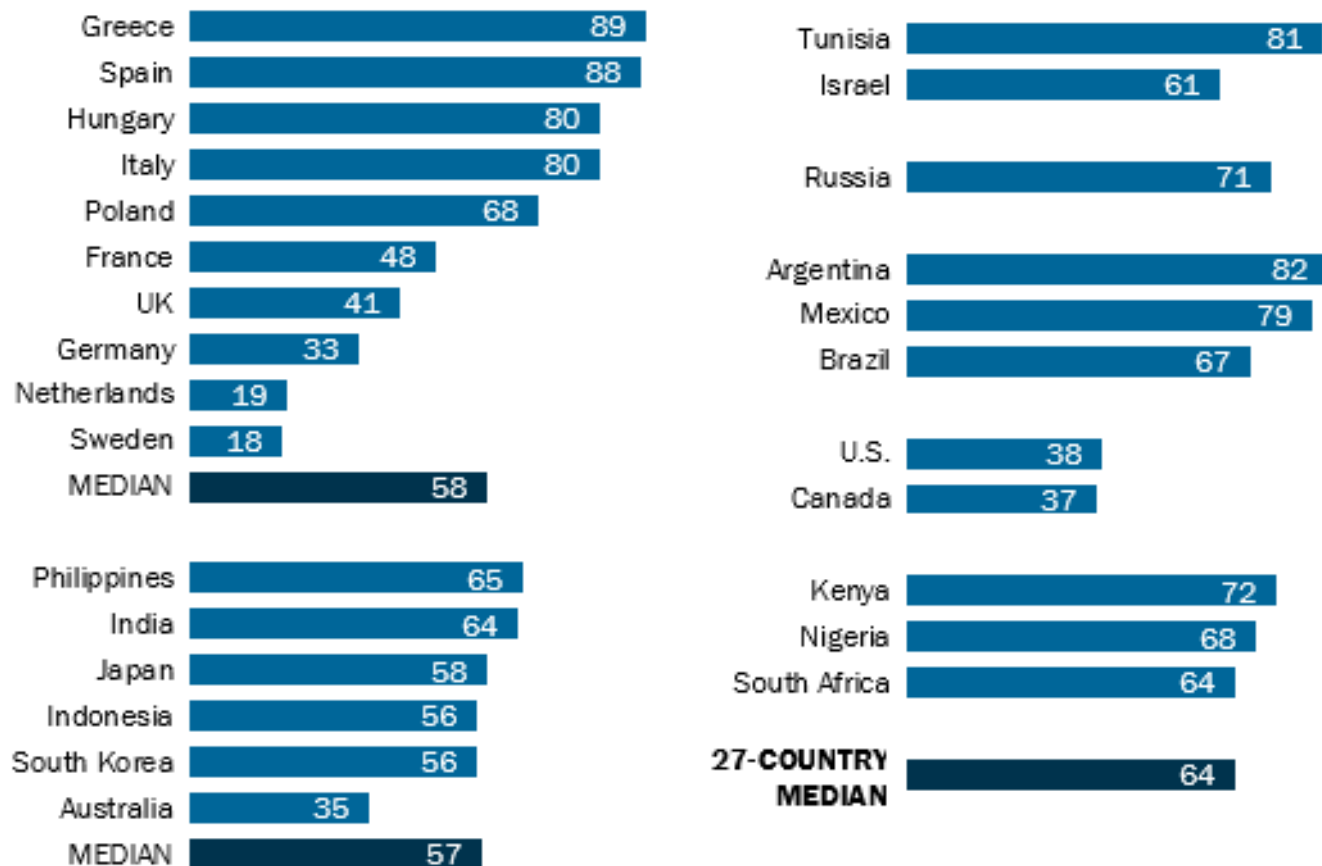
*Talking about immigration, would you \_\_\_ taking in refugees from countries where people are fleeing violence and war?*



Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey. Q53a.

# Majorities in many countries think outmigration is a big problem

*% who say people leaving their country for jobs in other countries is a very or moderately big problem*



Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey, Q.52.

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