

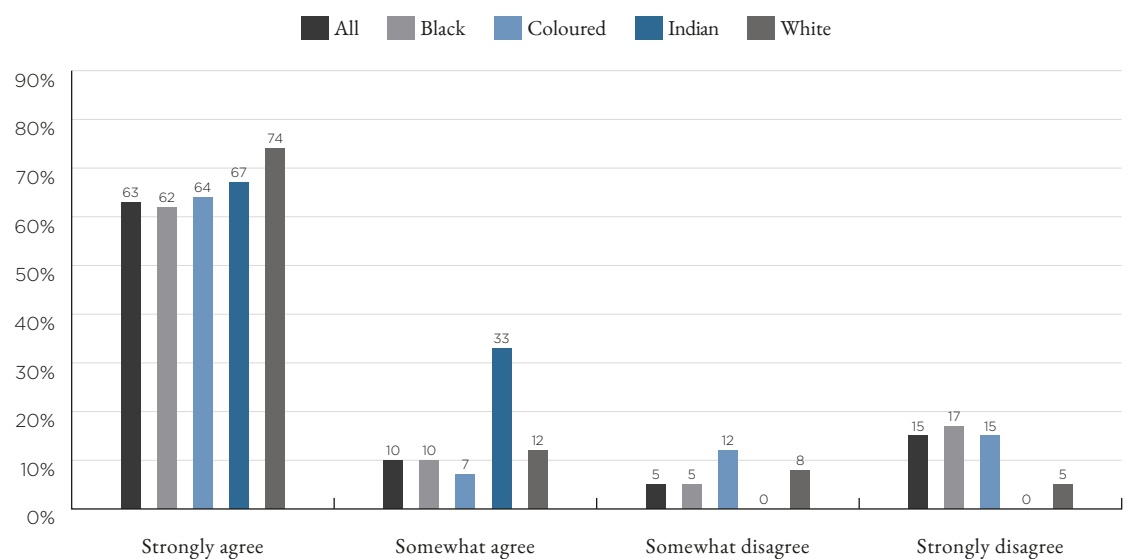
SUPPORT FOR FEDERALISM IN SOUTH AFRICA

This report examines the perceptions of registered South African voters towards federalism.

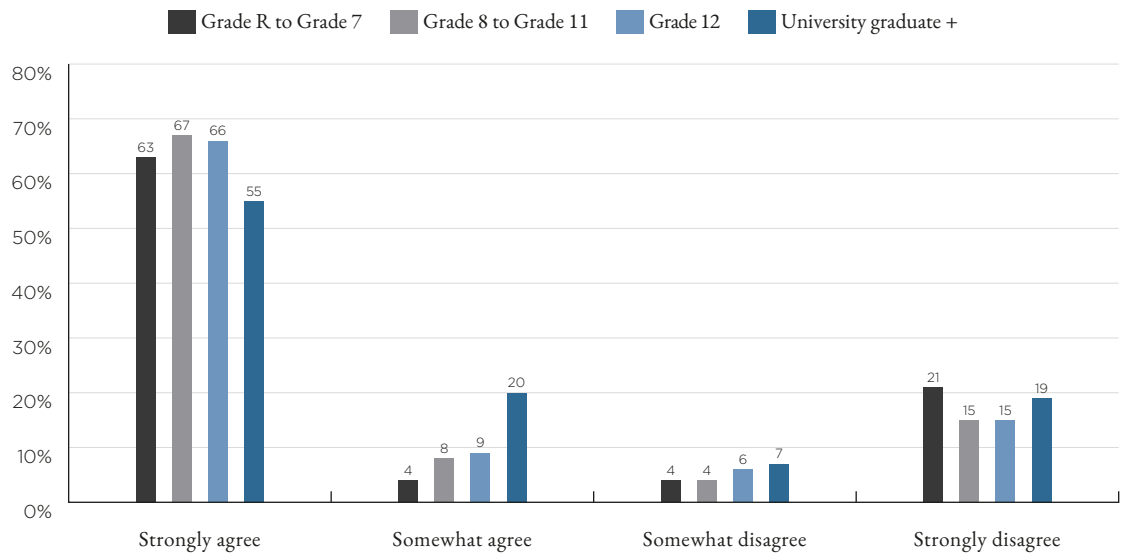
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IF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FAILS TO PROVIDE A SERVICE, THEN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THAT SERVICE OVER FROM THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?

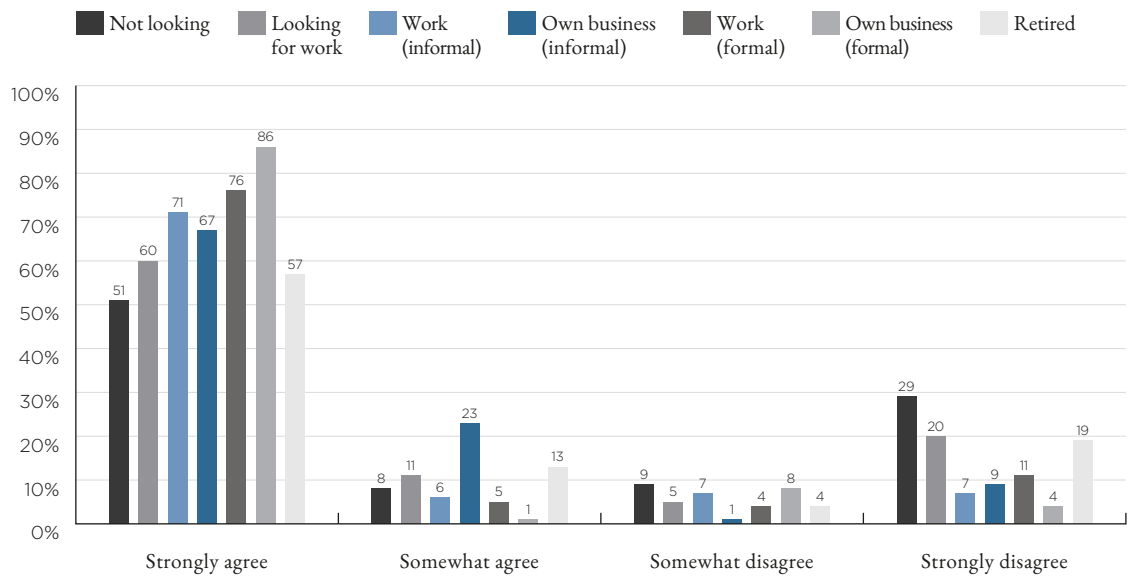
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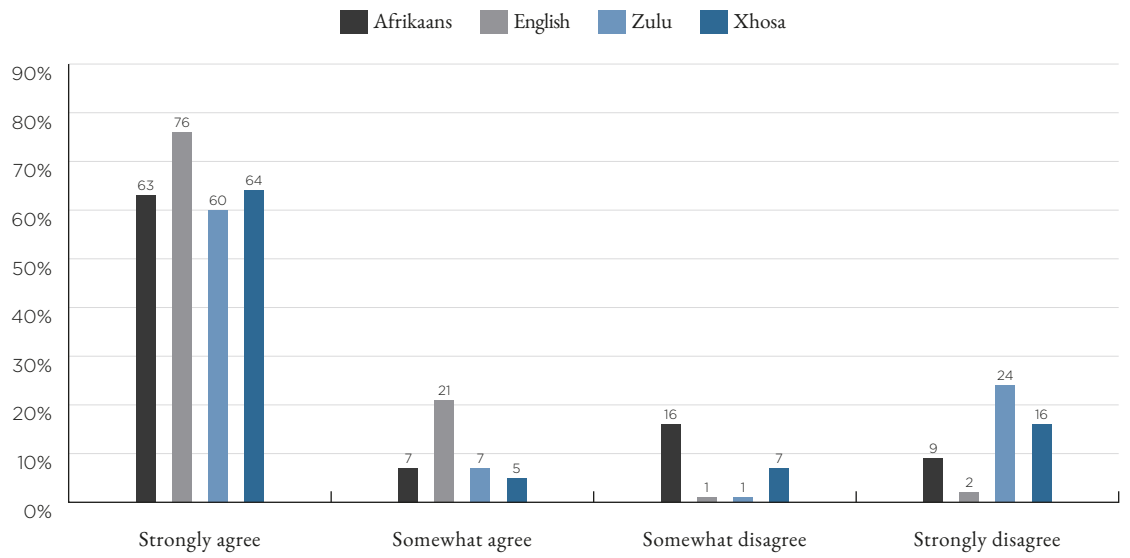
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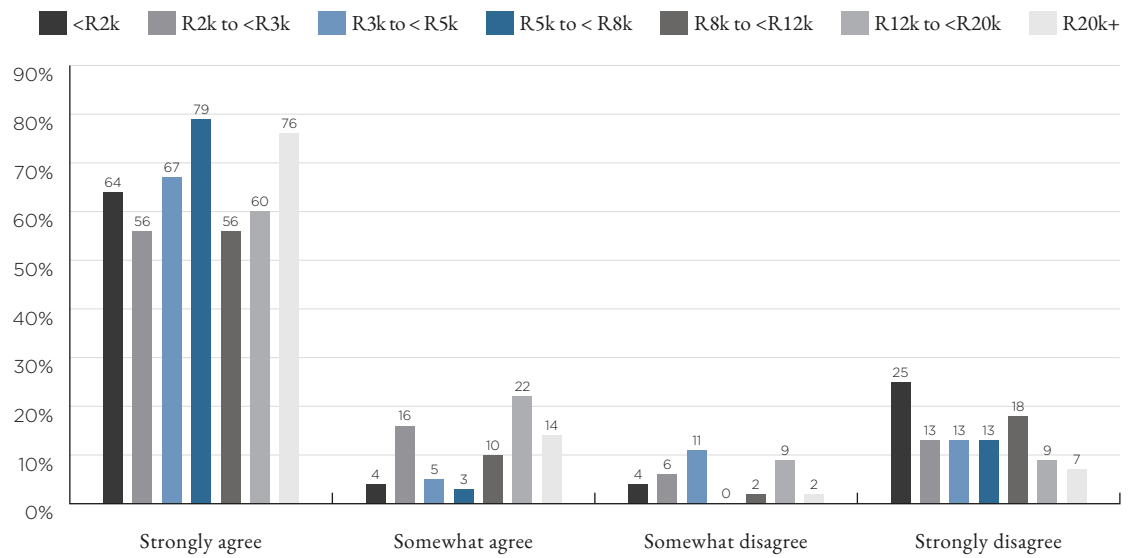
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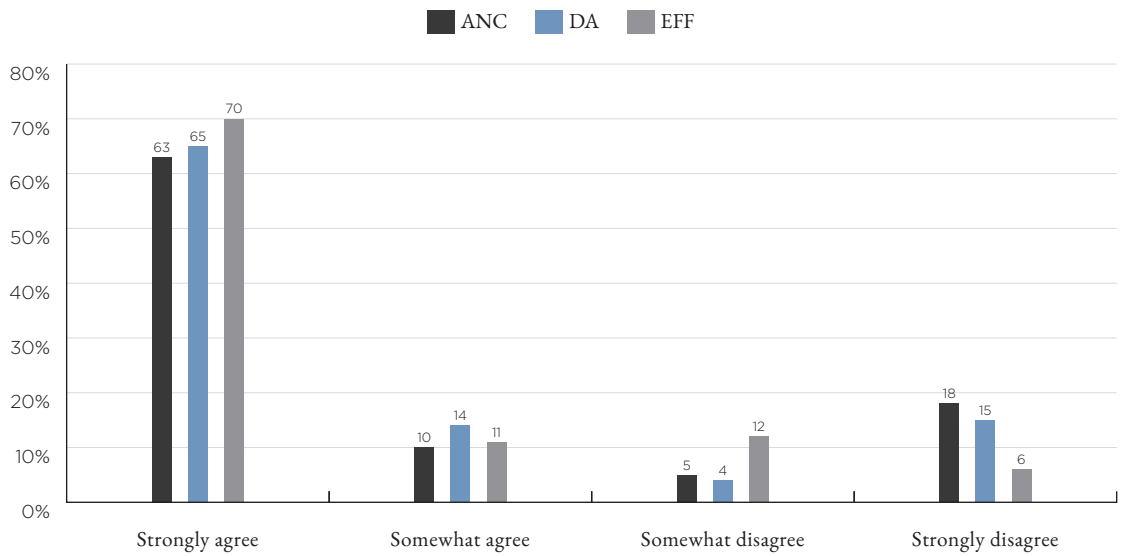
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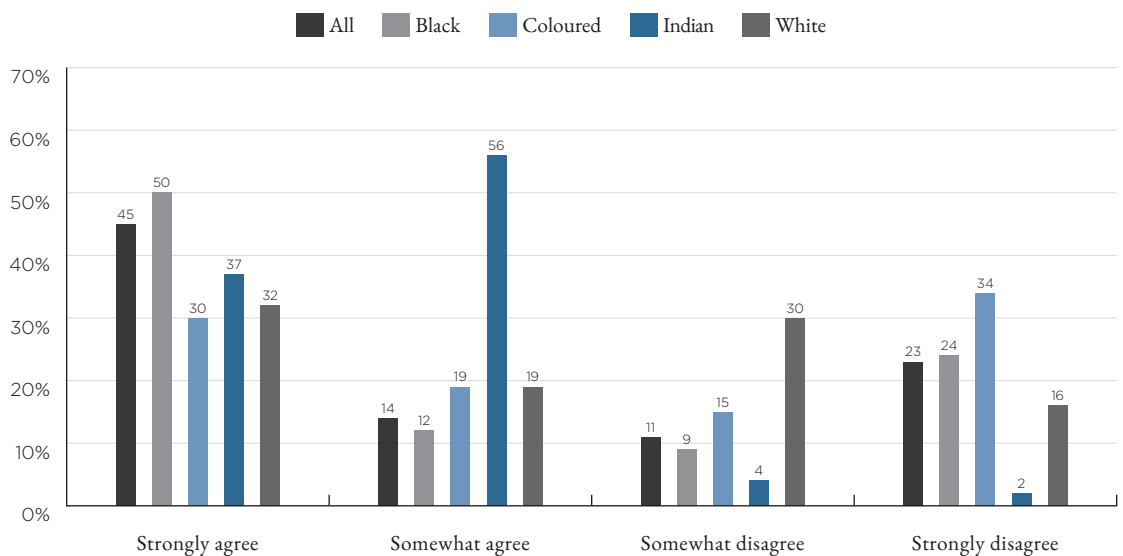


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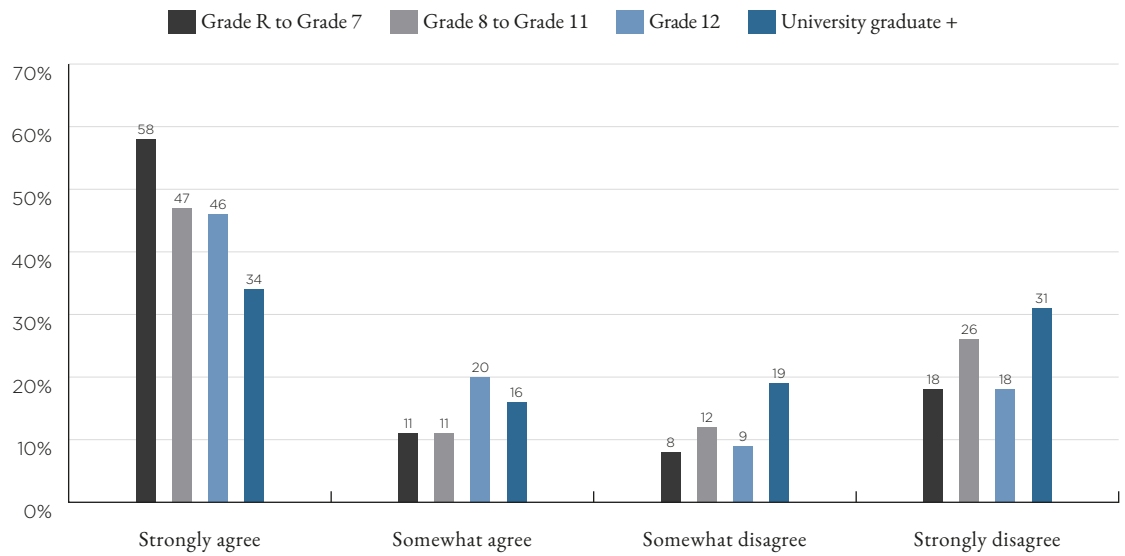


A NEW SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN WHICH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS COULD DECIDE ON MORE OF THEIR OWN LAWS AND POLICIES WOULD BE BETTER THAN THE THE CURRENT SYSTEM WHERE MOST LAWS AND POLICIES ARE MADE BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?

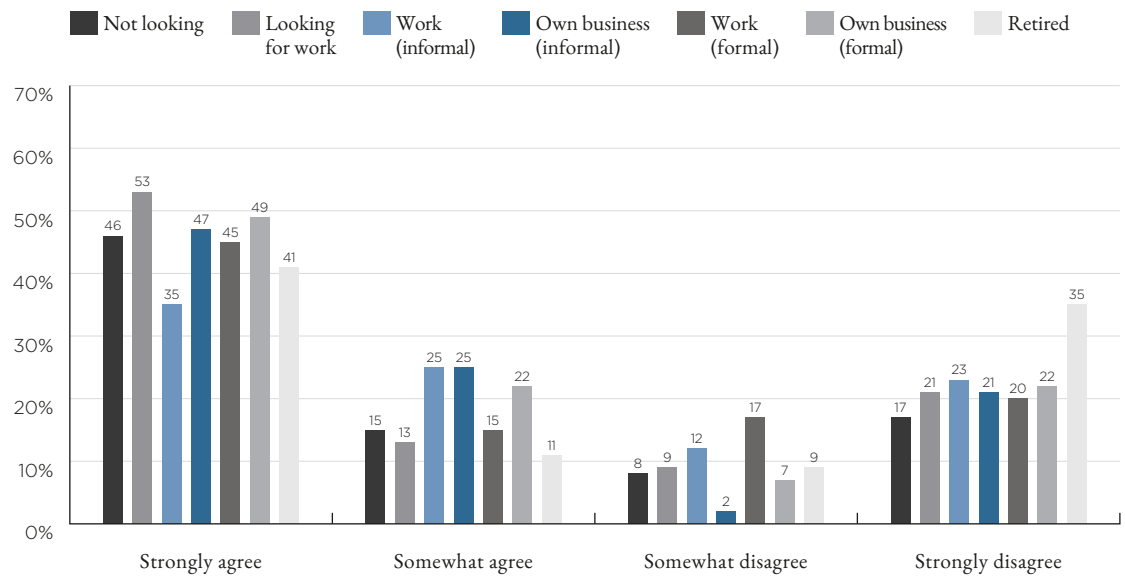
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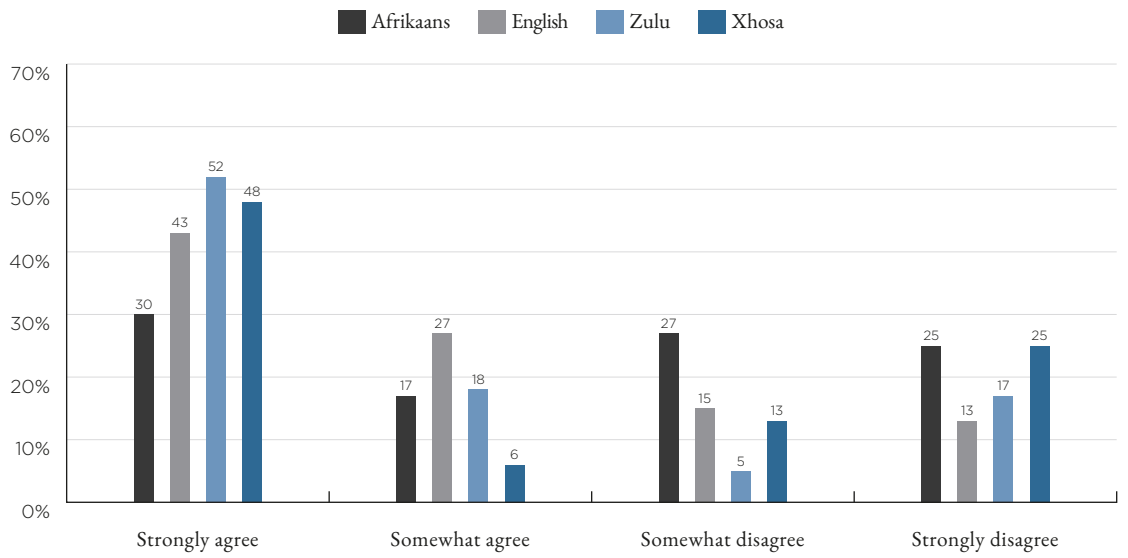
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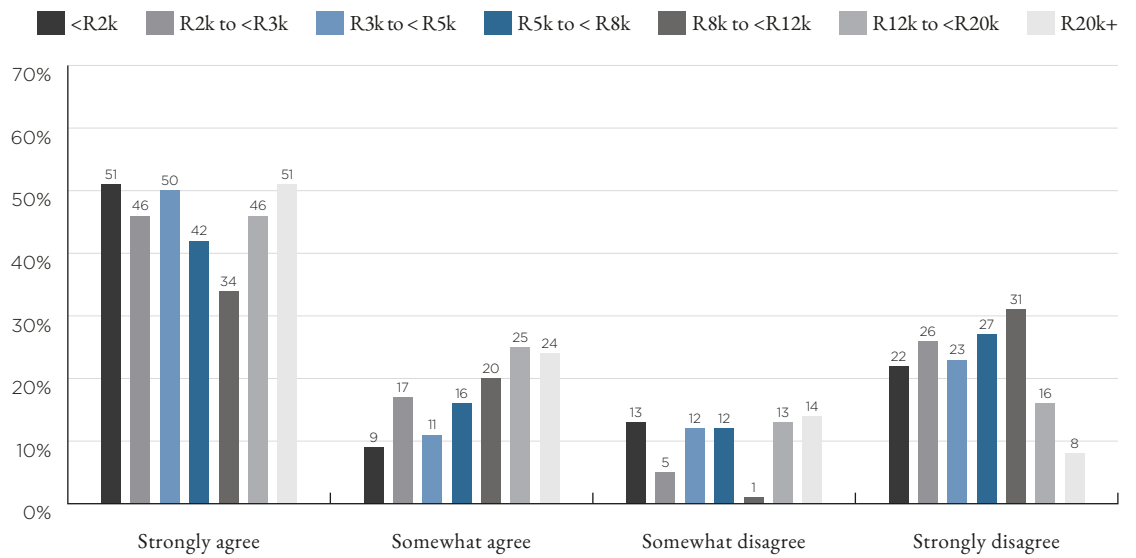
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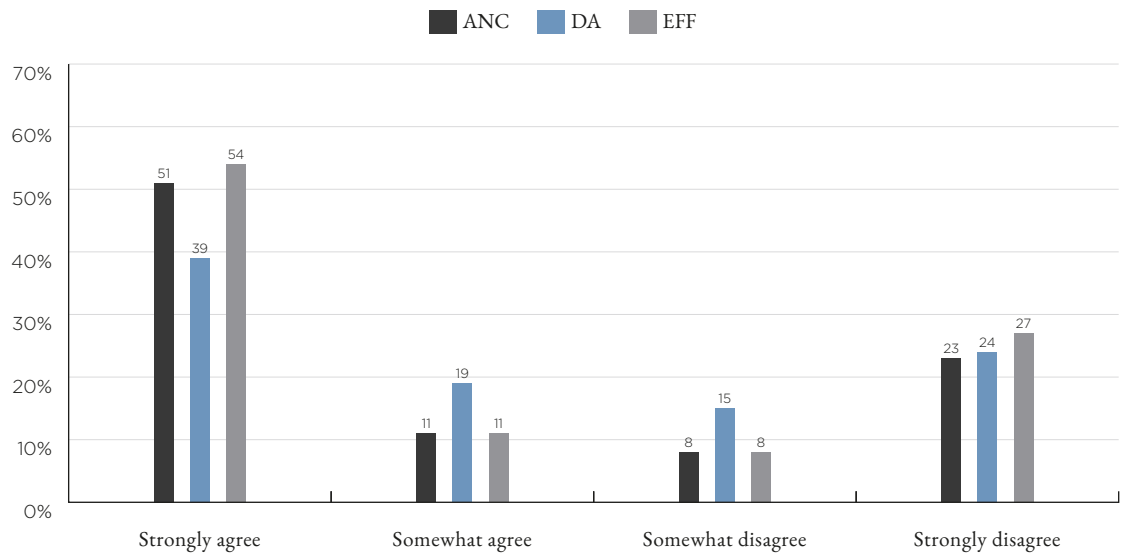
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TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS

The data reveals that about three quarters of registered voters believed that if the national government fails to provide a service then provincial governments should be allowed to take that service over from them. This finding holds across lines of race, education level, employment status, home language, income and party affiliation. Just under 60% of voters believed that a more federal system of government based upon increased provincial powers would be better than the current system.

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