

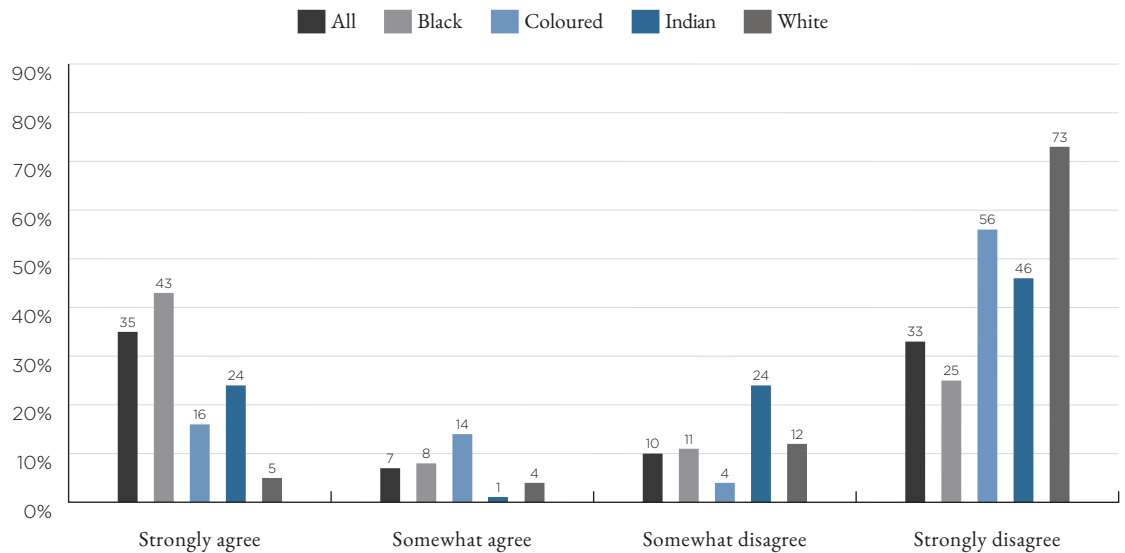
PERCEPTIONS OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN SOUTH AFRICA ON WHETHER THE COUNTRY SHOULD ALIGN ITS FOREIGN POLICY WITH RUSSIA AND CHINA AND AGAINST THE WEST

This report examines the opinions of registered voters in South Africa on whether South Africa should align its foreign policy with Russia and China and against the West.

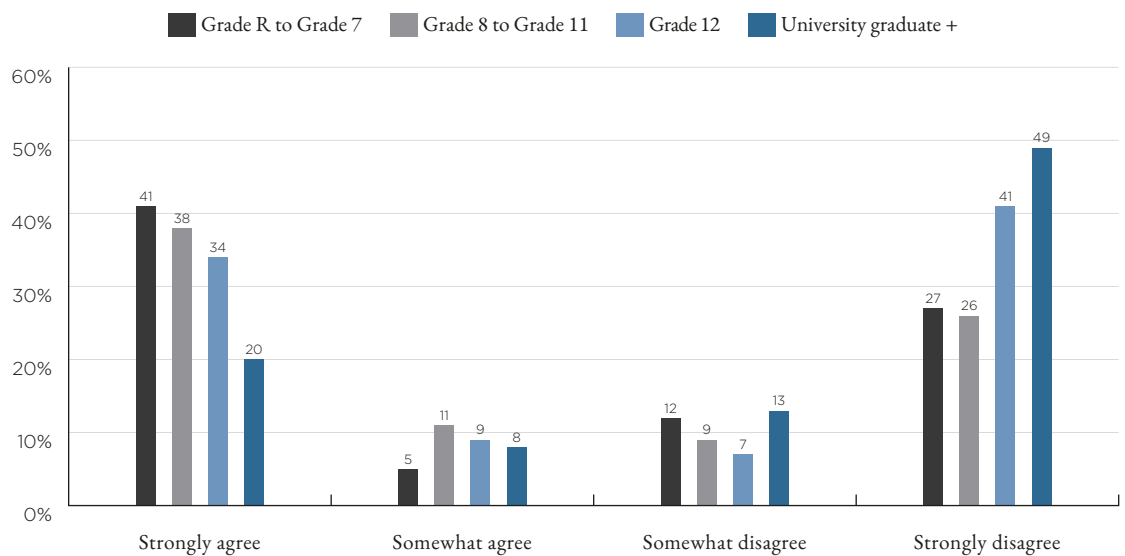
It is based on a survey of 1412 geographically and demographically representative registered voters commissioned by the Foundation in October 2023. That survey had a national margin of error of 5%. Totals may not add up to 100% where respondents could not answer a question or where rounding has occurred.

SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD ALIGN ITS FOREIGN POLICY WITH RUSSIA AND CHINA AND AGAINST THE USA AND EU. DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?

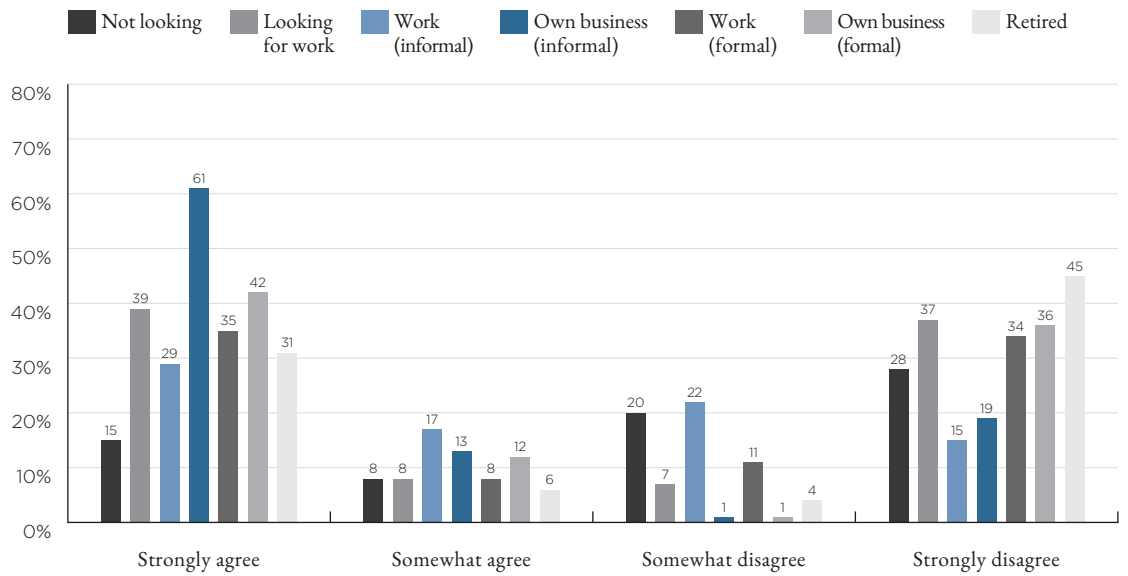
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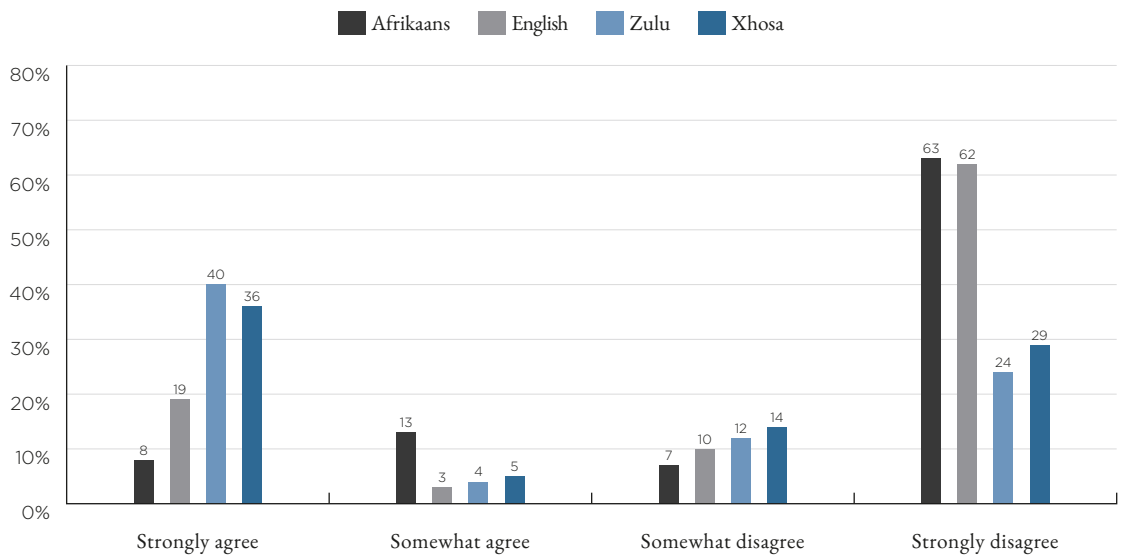
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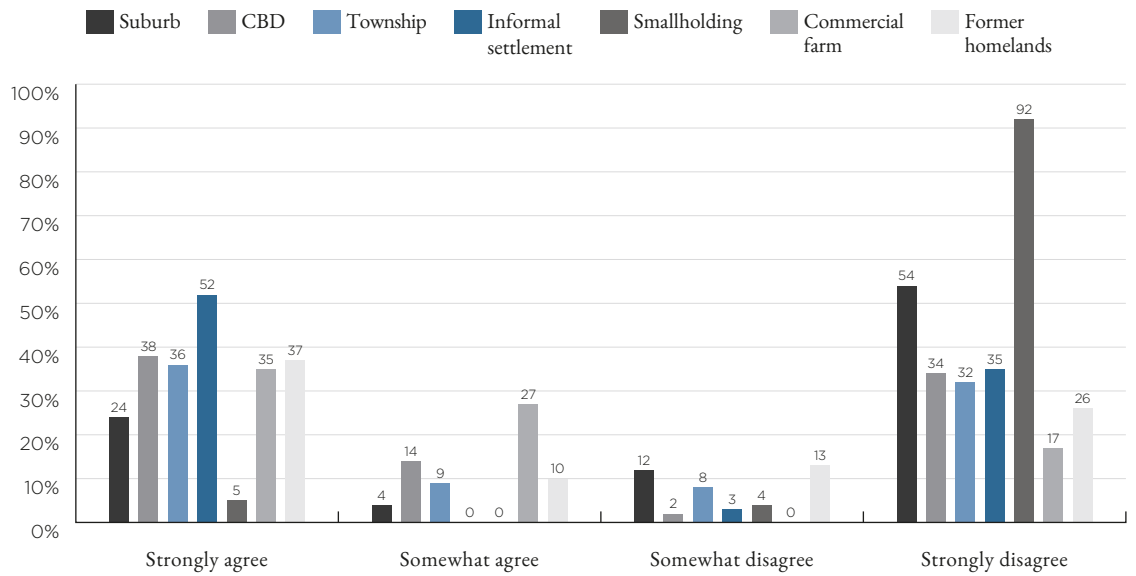
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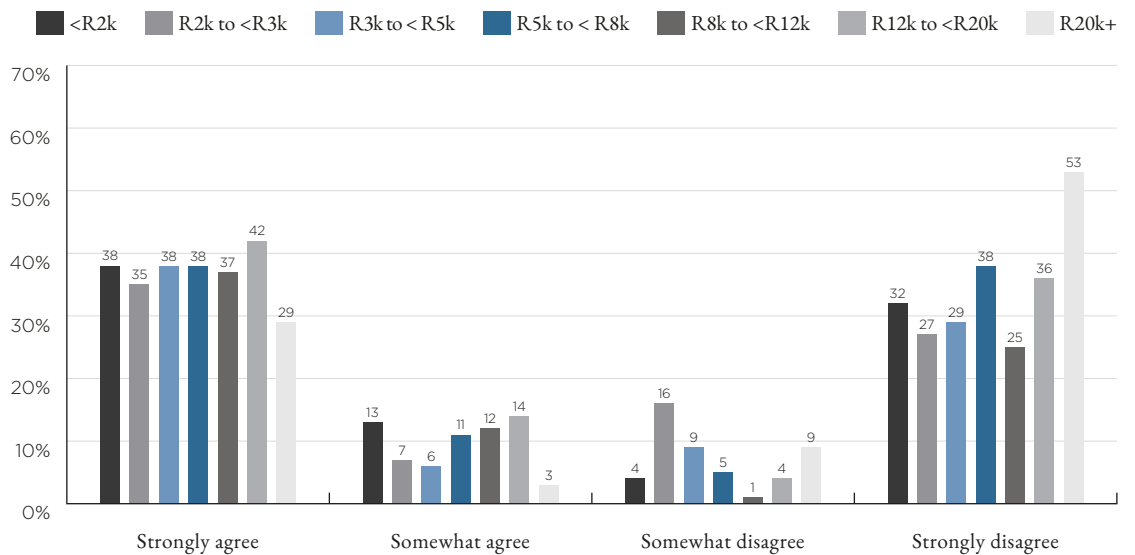
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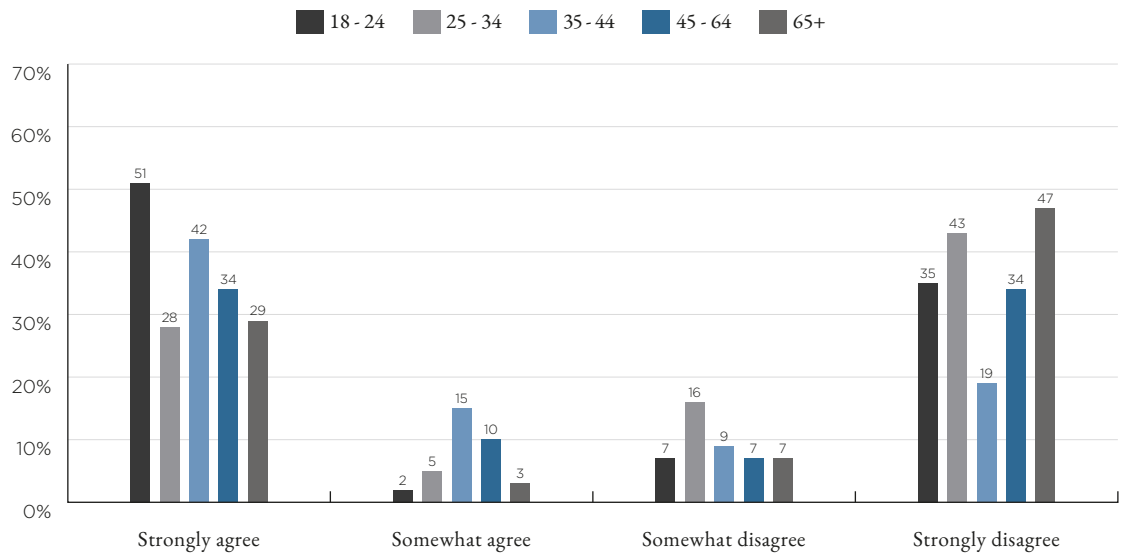
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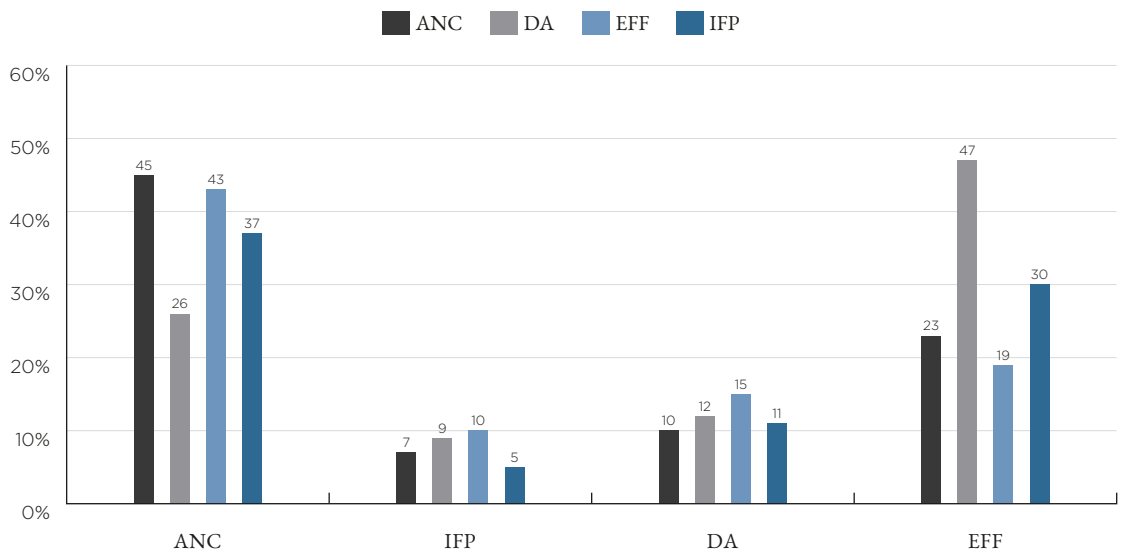
By monthly income



By age



By party affiliation



TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS

The data reveals a fairly even split of opinion. However, amongst black and ruling party voters that split leans against the West, whilst for white, coloured, Indian and opposition voters it leans in favour of the West. The Foundation has been investigating the foreign policy perceptions of South African voters from various angles. One of the emerging findings is that voters are very open to suggestion. Where that suggestion is framed to indicate that a bias for or against the West may be either to South Africa's benefit or to its disadvantage voter opinion tends to drift in the direction of that framing. What this suggests is that the foreign policy opinion market has yet to crystallize.

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