

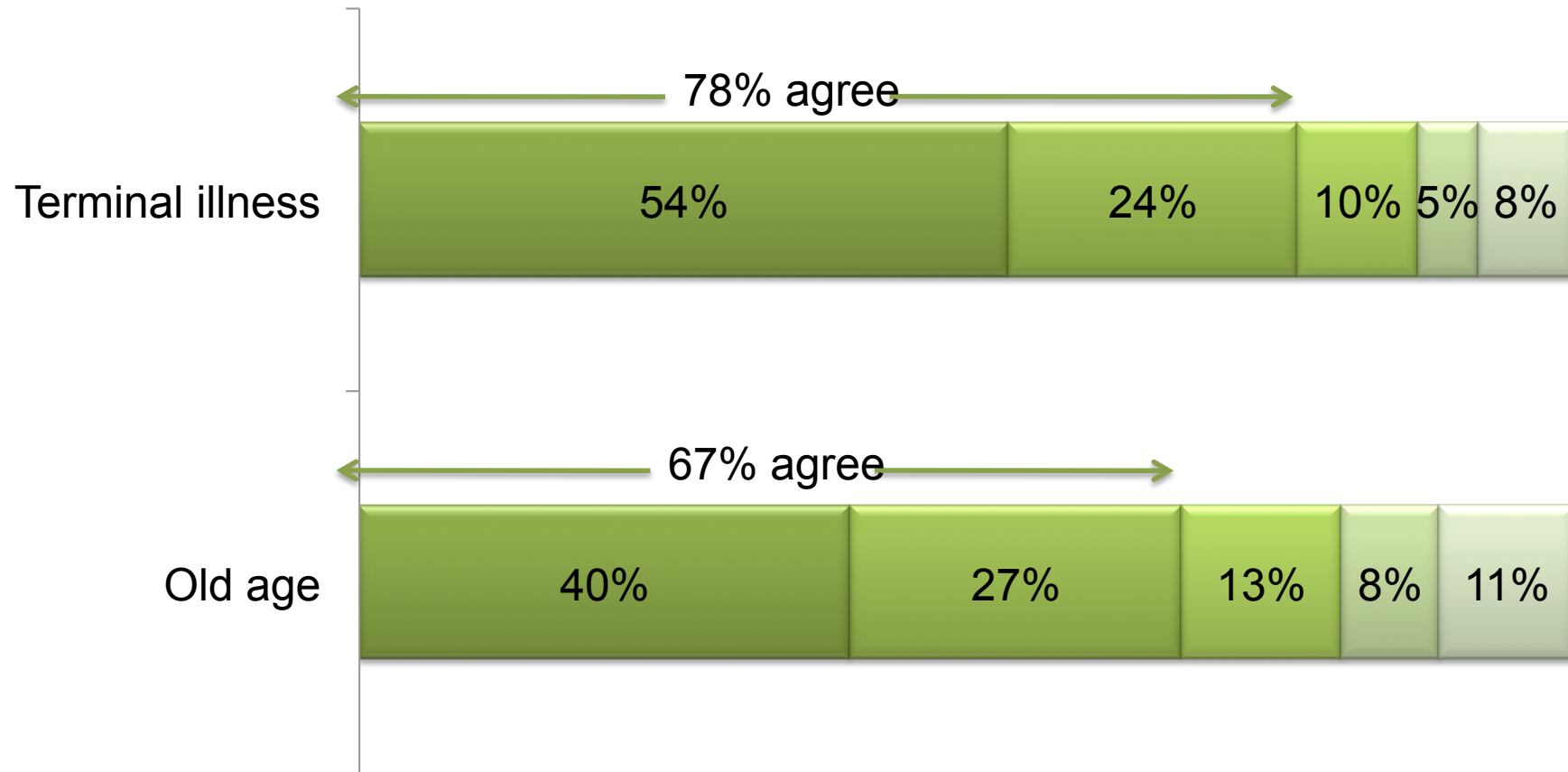
Old age rational suicide

A poll of UK adults

7 July 2010

The vast majority agree that assisted suicide should be legal, particularly in the event of terminal illness

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■ Strongly agree ■ Tend to agree ■ Neither/ DK ■ Tend to disagree ■ Strongly disagree

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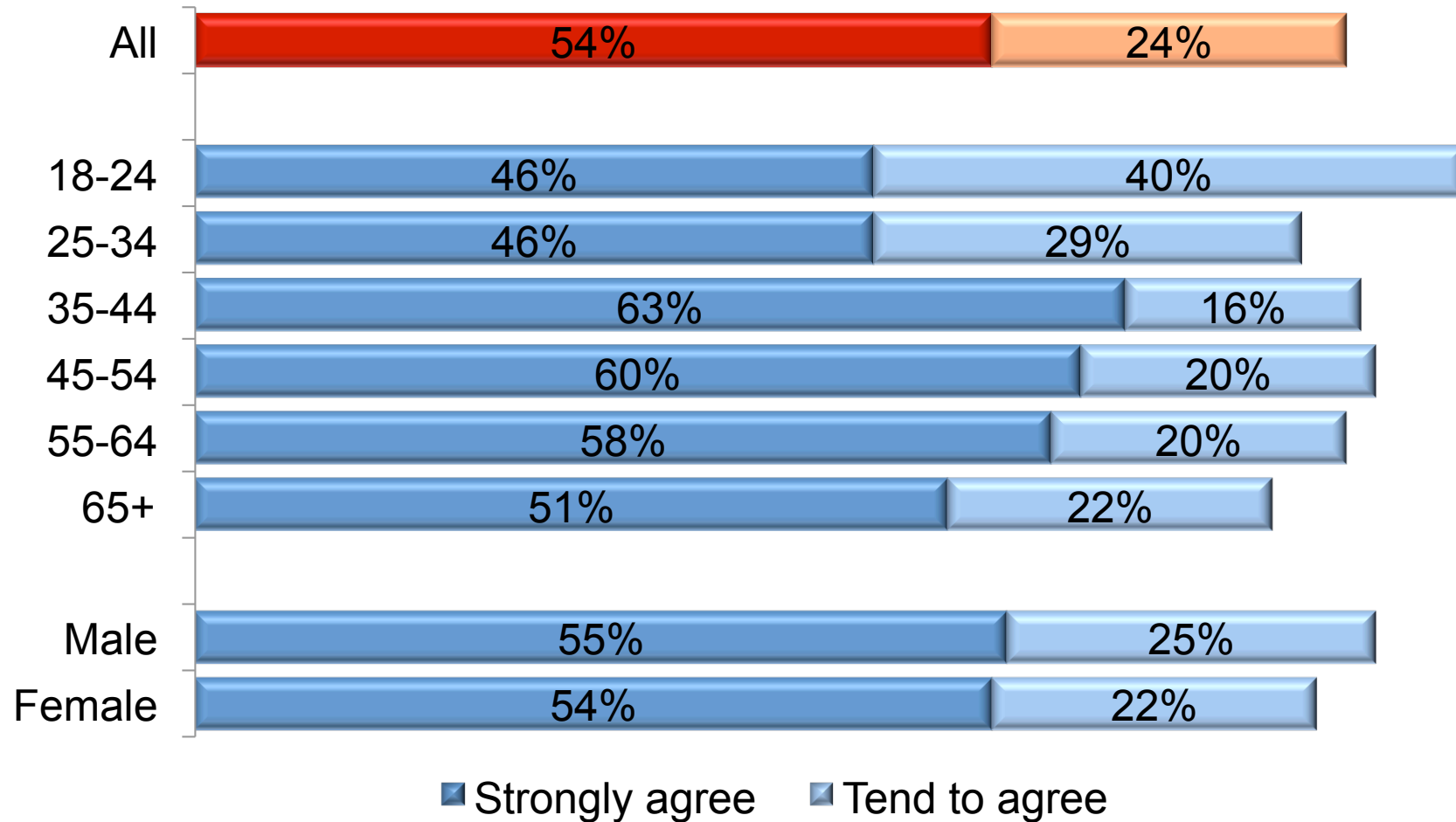
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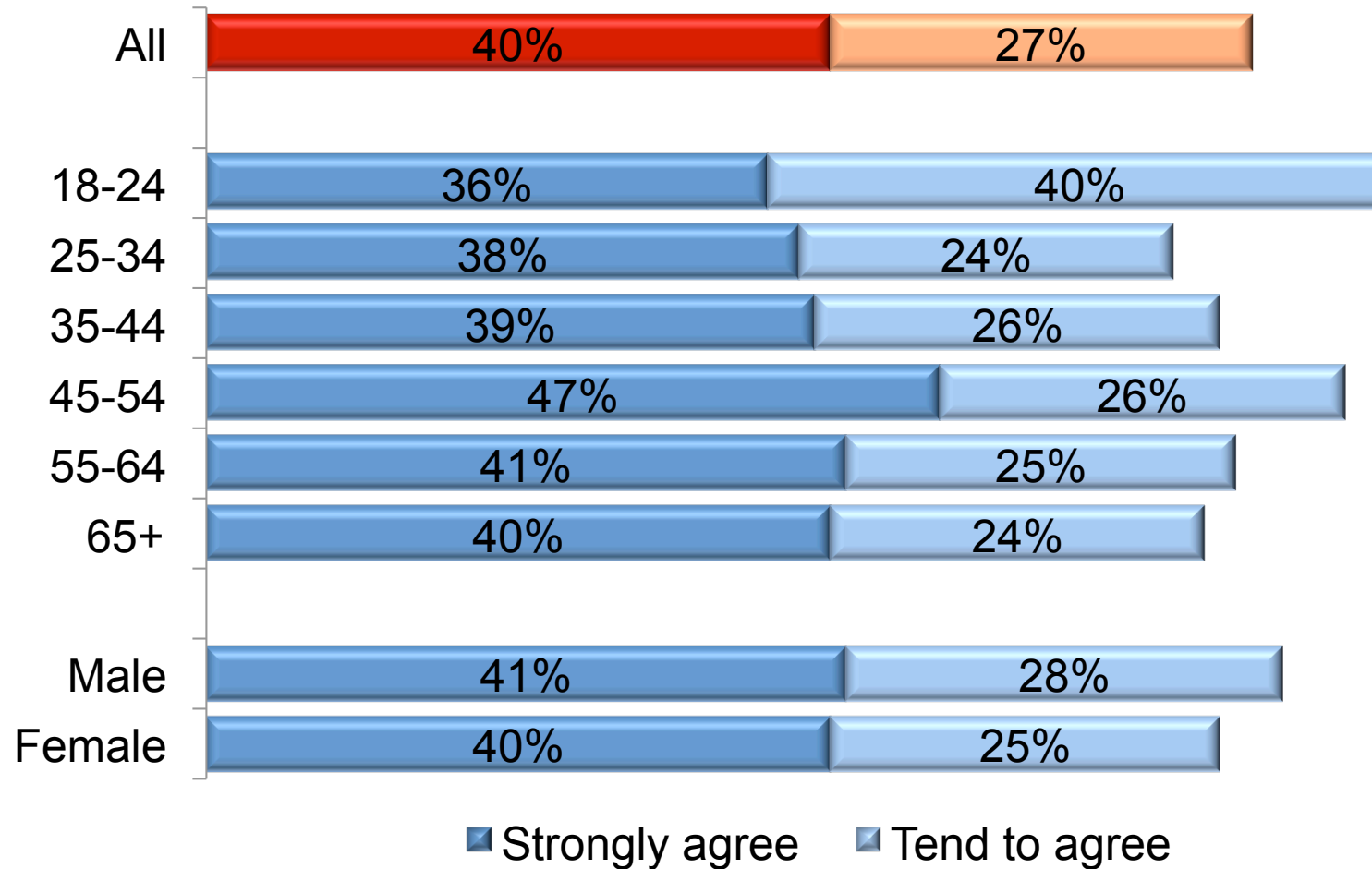
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Support for legal assistance to die in the event of **old age** when someone is suffering unbearably, has stronger support among the 45-54 year olds



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Technical note

- A total of 1,009 interviews were completed between 2-4 July 2010 with UK adults aged 18+.
- Interviews were conducted by telephone and the data was collected by ICM Omnibus.
- Quotas were set by age, gender and region then weighted to achieve a nationally representative sample of UK adults based on the National Readership Survey. Data was further weighted to the national profile using housing tenure, working status, holidays taken and car ownership in addition to the quota variables.
- This report is accompanied by data tables.
- The research was commissioned by the Society for Old Age Rational Suicide: www.soars.org.uk
- Any reporting of poll findings needs to include the details of this technical note and credit Kindle Research and the Society for Old Age Rational Suicide.