

State of the Region Report 2025-2026

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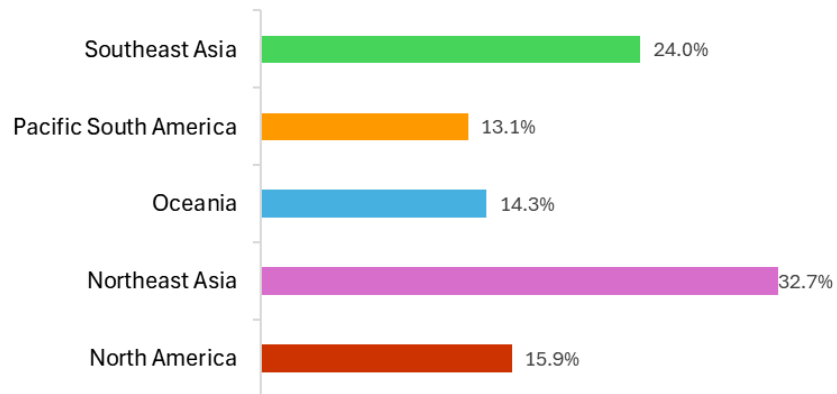
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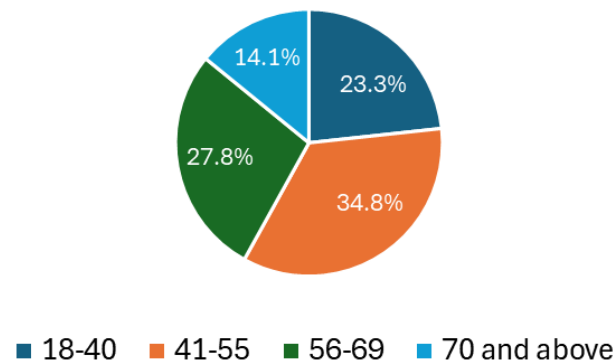
- ❖ PECC's flagship publication
- ❖ Survey of 500+ Asia-Pacific experts/leaders from business, government, academia, media, and civil society across 24 Asia-Pacific economies
- ❖ Survey conducted from June to August 2025
- ❖ **Thematic Focus: Trade Policies in A Disrupted World and the Risk of Disruption**

Survey Respondents' Profile

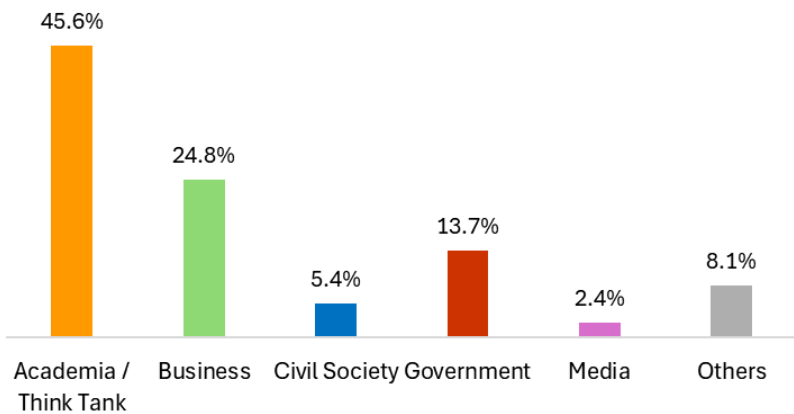
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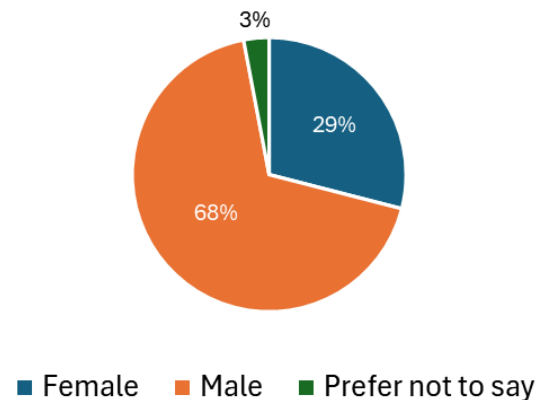
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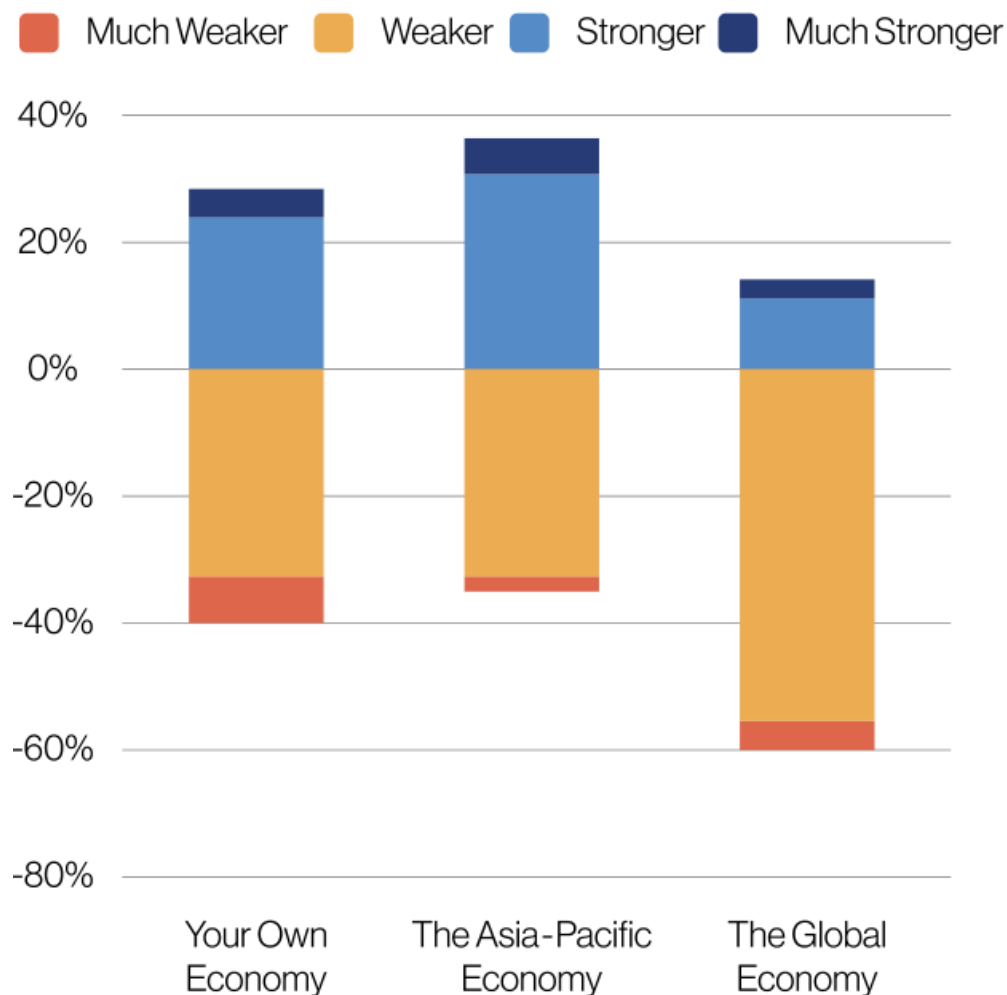
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Gender



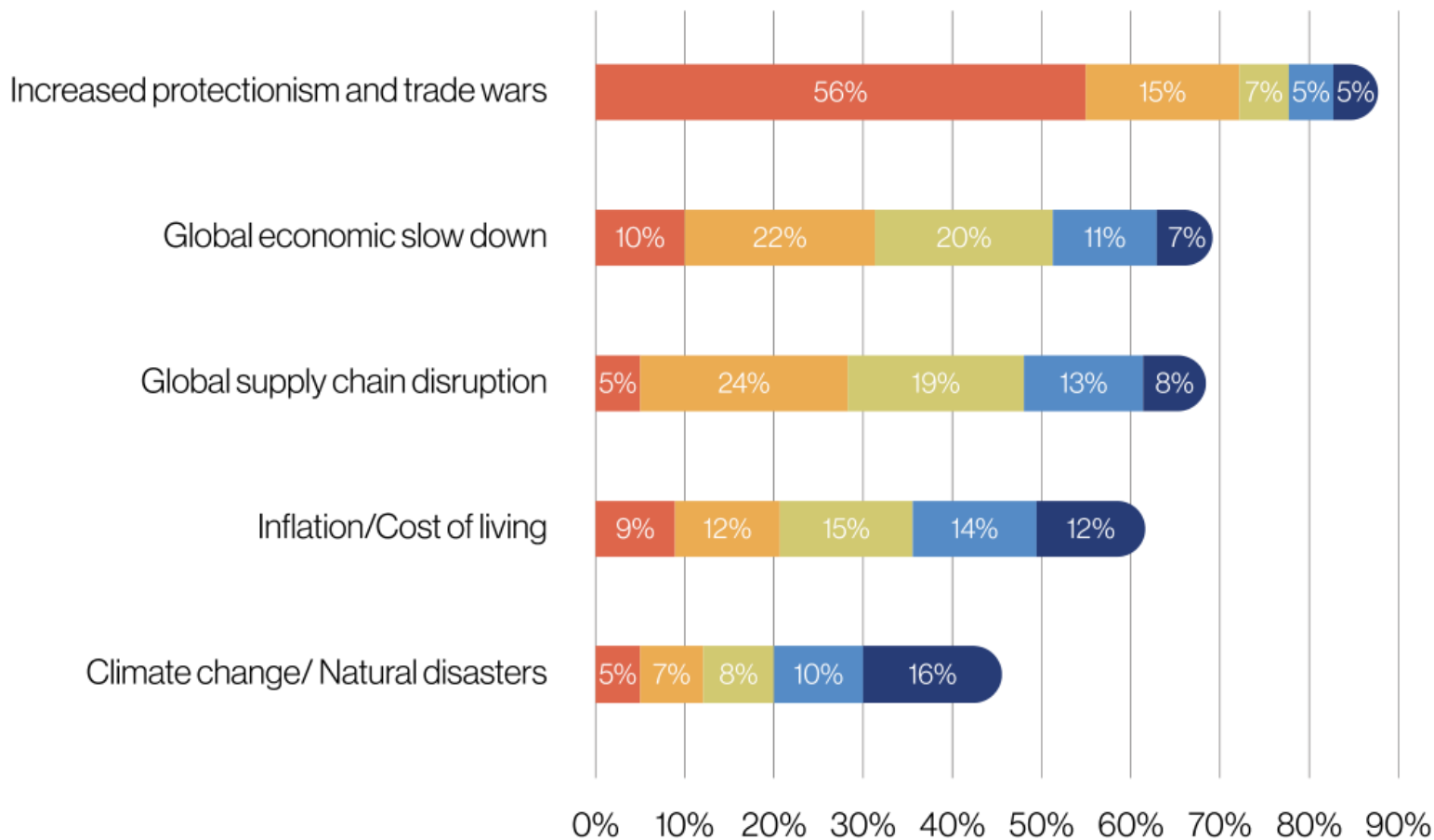
Growth Expectations in the Next 2-3 Years



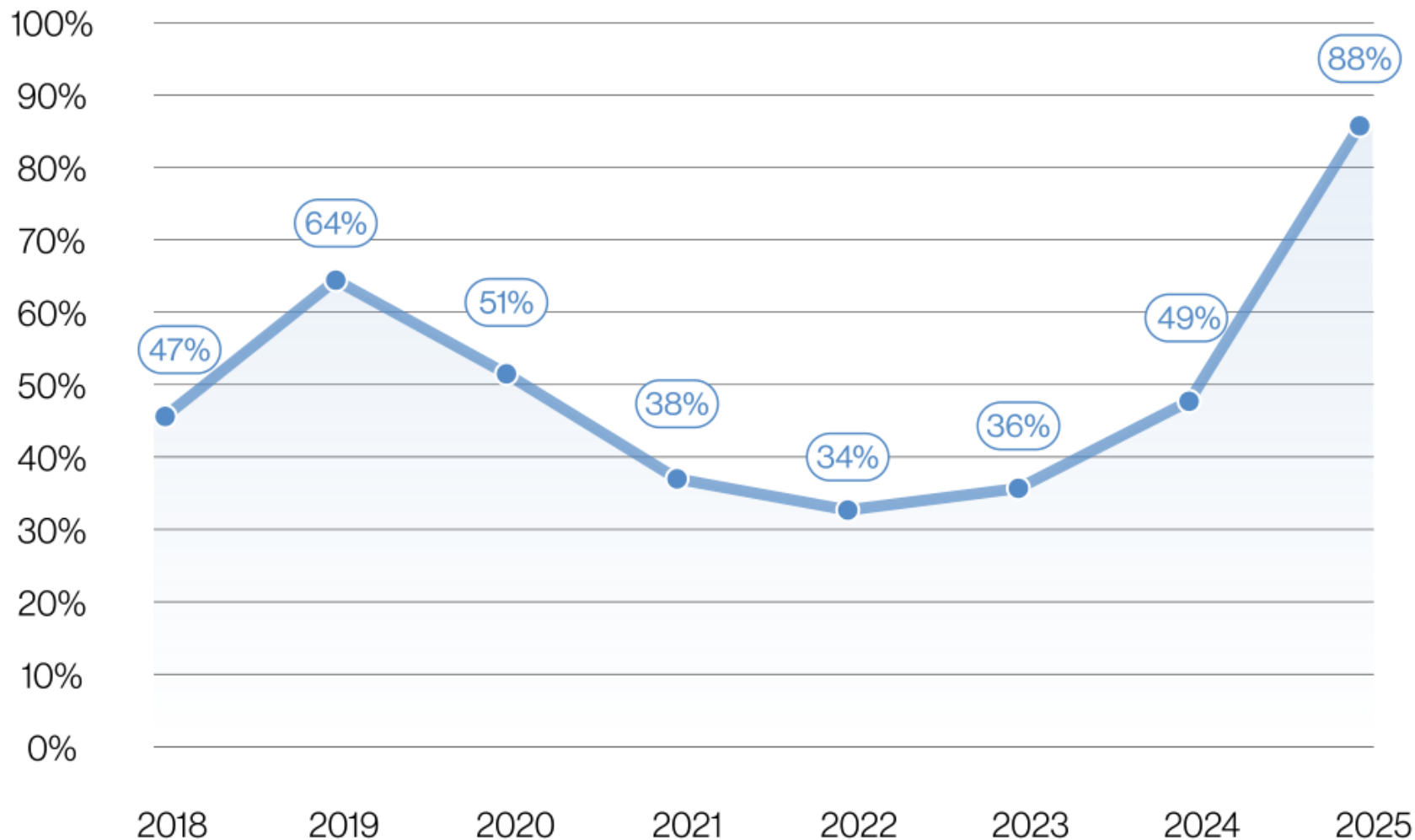
- More than half of respondents expect subdued growth for the global economy
- Respondents hold a balanced outlook for growth for their own economies and Asia-Pacific

Top 5 Risks to Growth

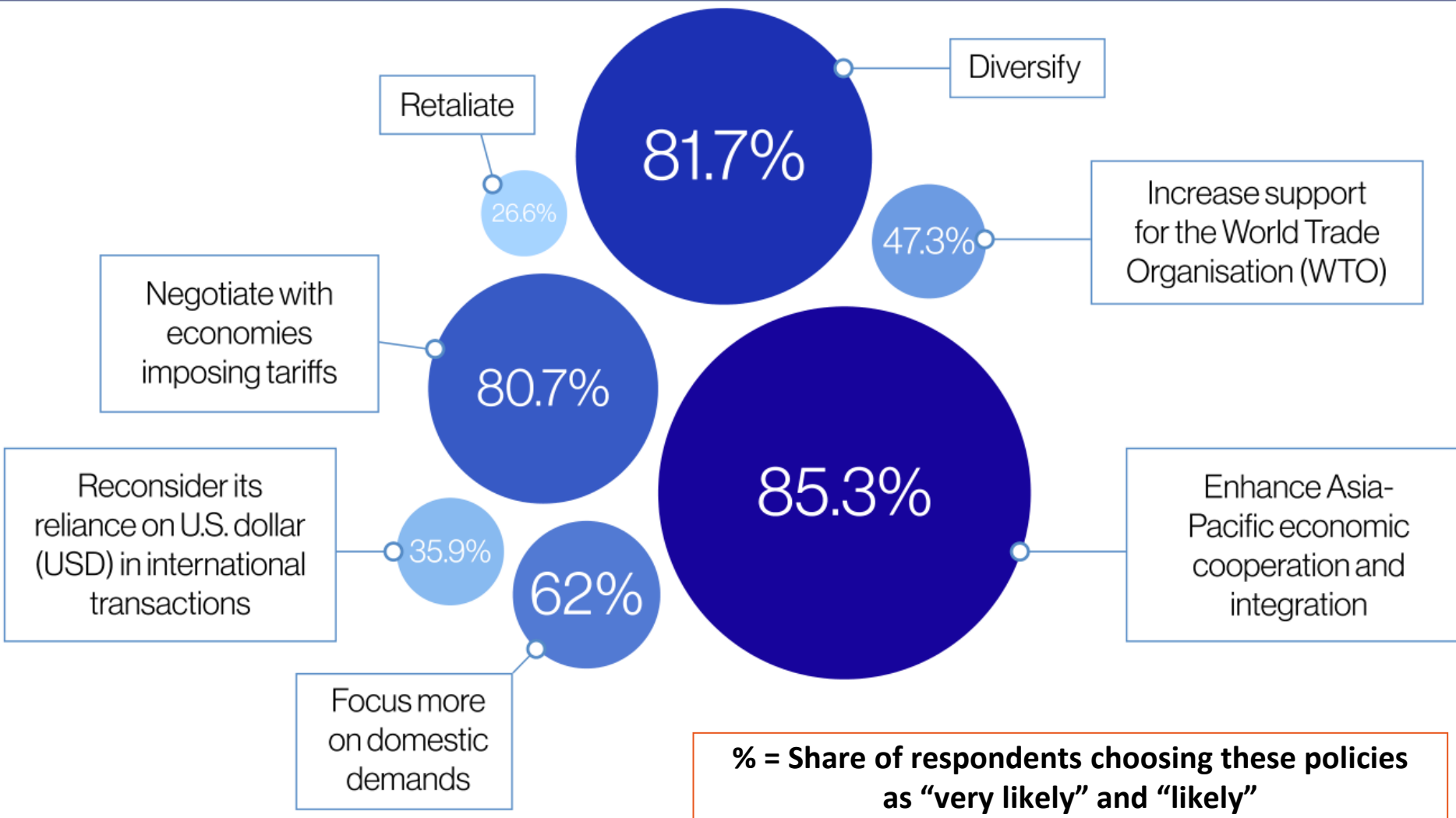
■ 1- Most Serious
 ■ 2
 ■ 3
 ■ 4
 ■ 5- Least Serious



Share of Respondents Citing “Increased Protectionism and Trade Wars” as Risk to Growth over Time

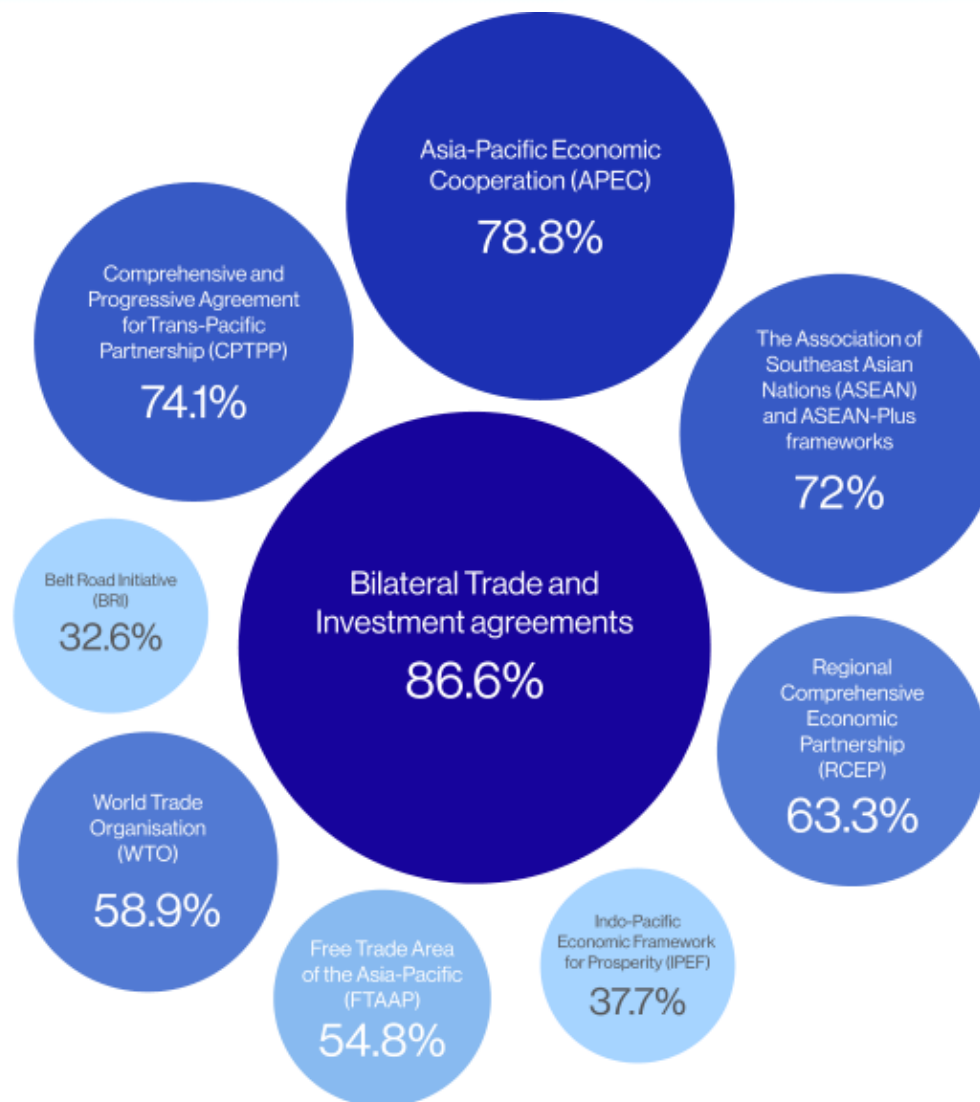


Governments' Responses to Tariffs



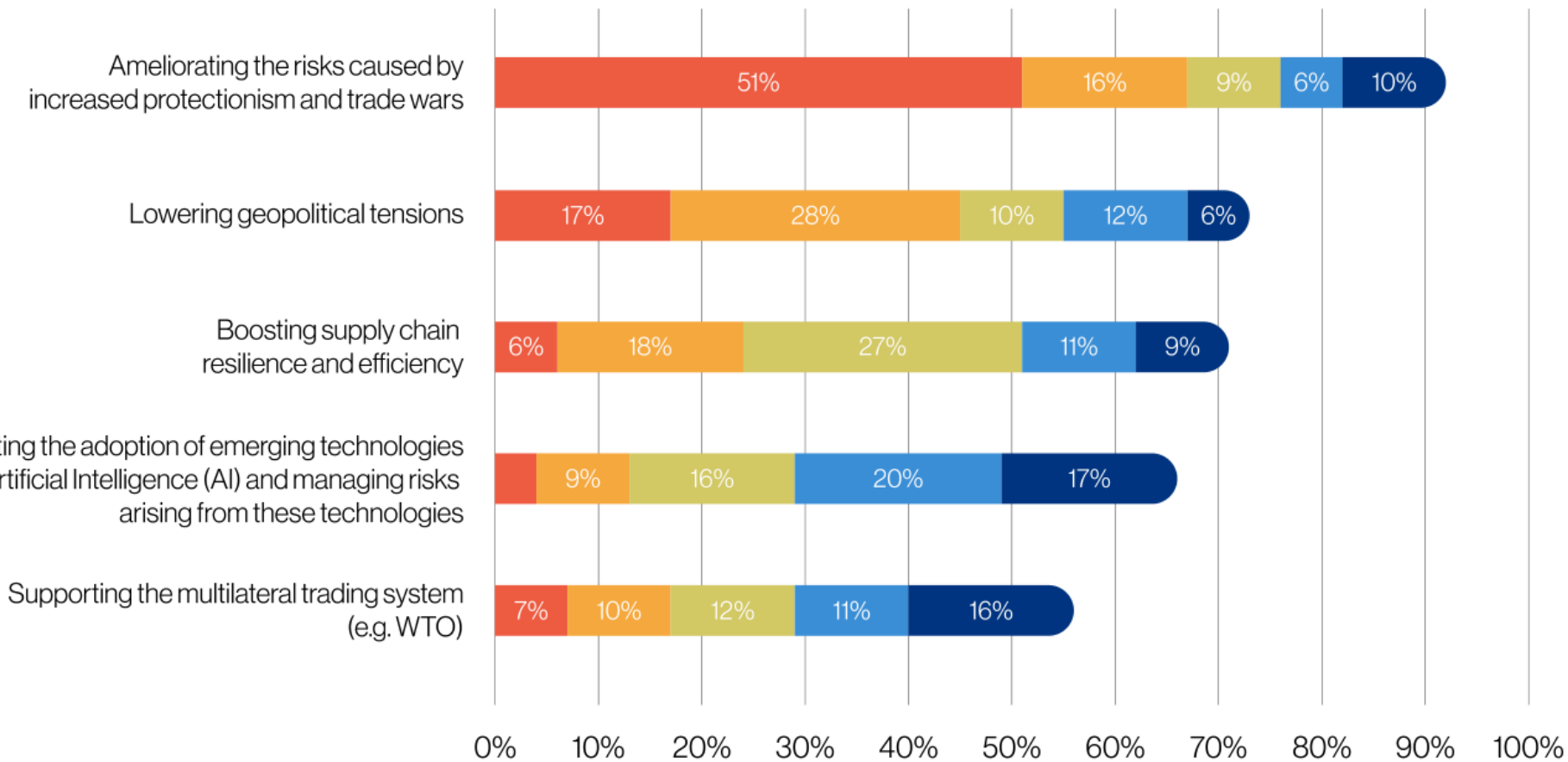
Institutions and Frameworks to be Promoted to Advance Regional Economic Cooperation

% = Share of respondents choosing these policies as “very likely” and “likely”



Top 5 Priorities for APEC Leaders

■ 1st Most Important
 ■ 2nd Most Important
 ■ 3rd Most Important
 ■ 4th Most Important
 ■ 5th Most Important



Thank you very much

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