



Ontario Politics

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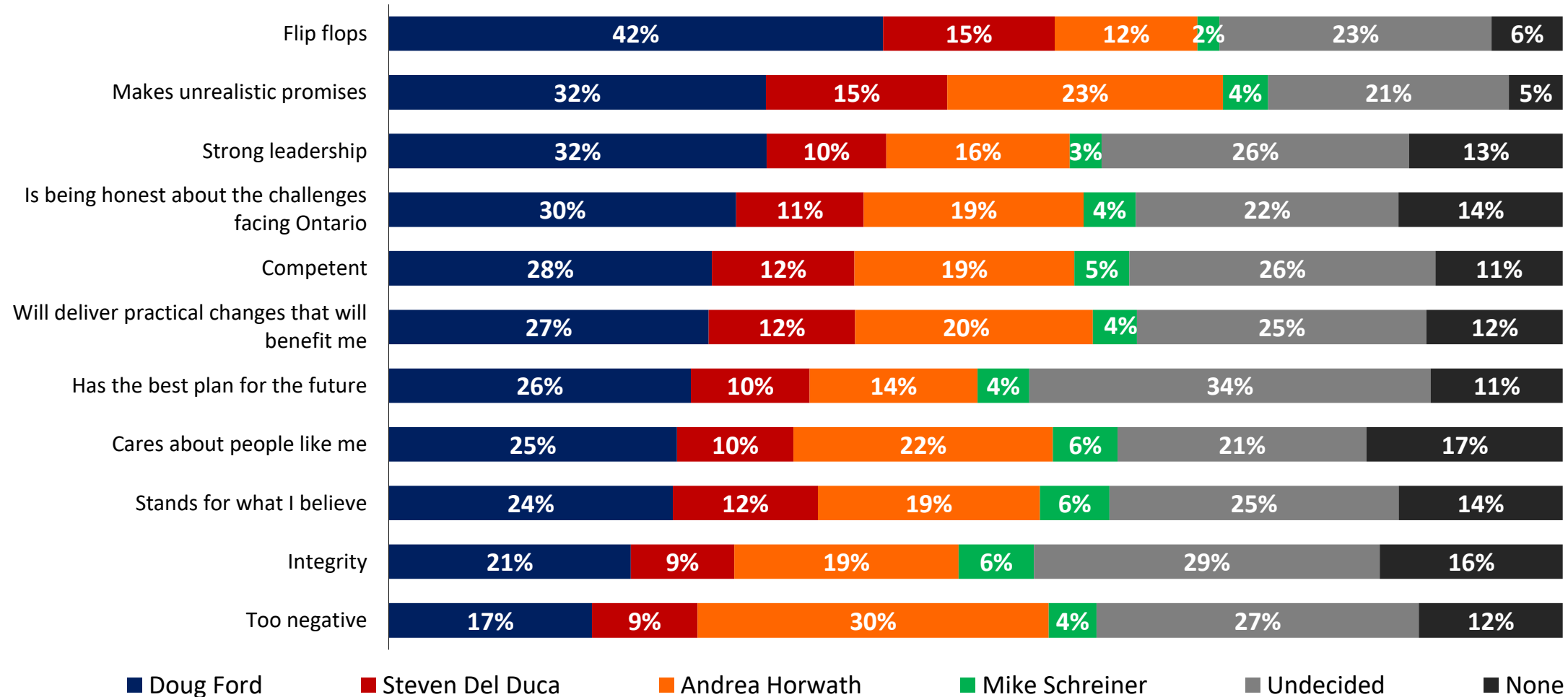
Leadership Attributes

Leadership Attributes: Ford leads Horwath on “caring” and “change that benefits me”, Horwath seen as too negative



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[asked of all respondents; n=1,000]



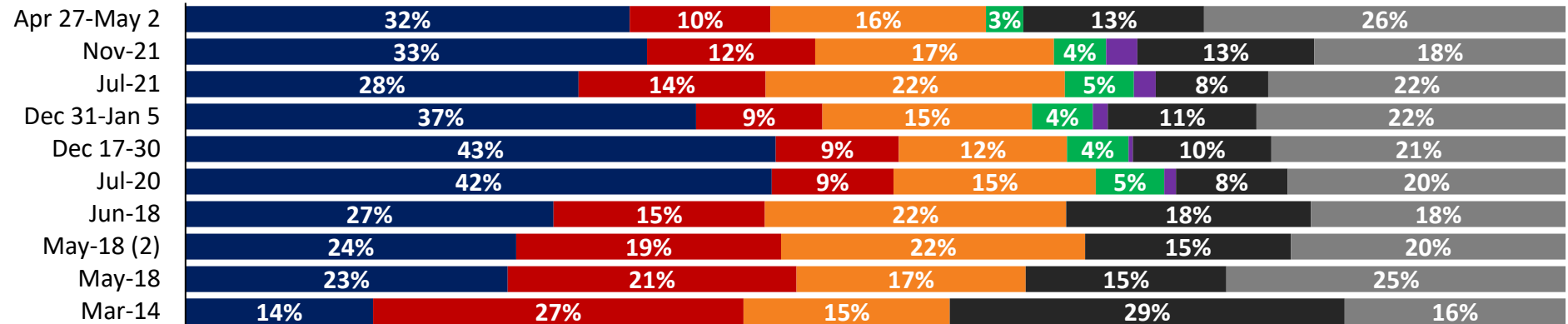
Leadership Attributes: Ford and Horwath down (-4 pts.) on “stands for what I believe in” but Ford still leads



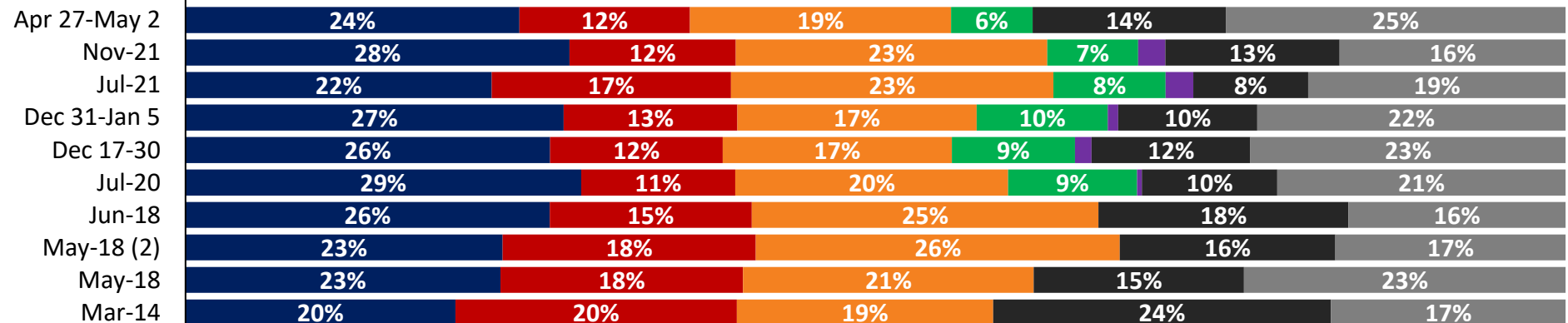
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Strong leadership



Stands for what I believe in



■ Doug Ford/Tim Hudak, PC
 ■ Andrea Horwath, NDP
 ■ Other
 ■ Undecided

■ Steven Del Duca/Kathleen Wynne, Liberal
 ■ Mike Shreiner, Green Party
 ■ None

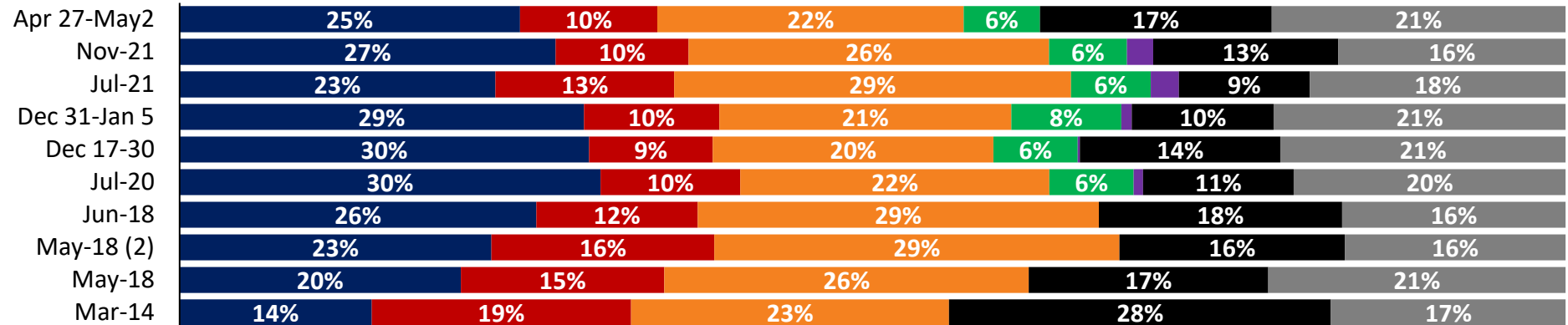
Leadership Attributes: Ford and Horwath are down on both “caring” and “competence”



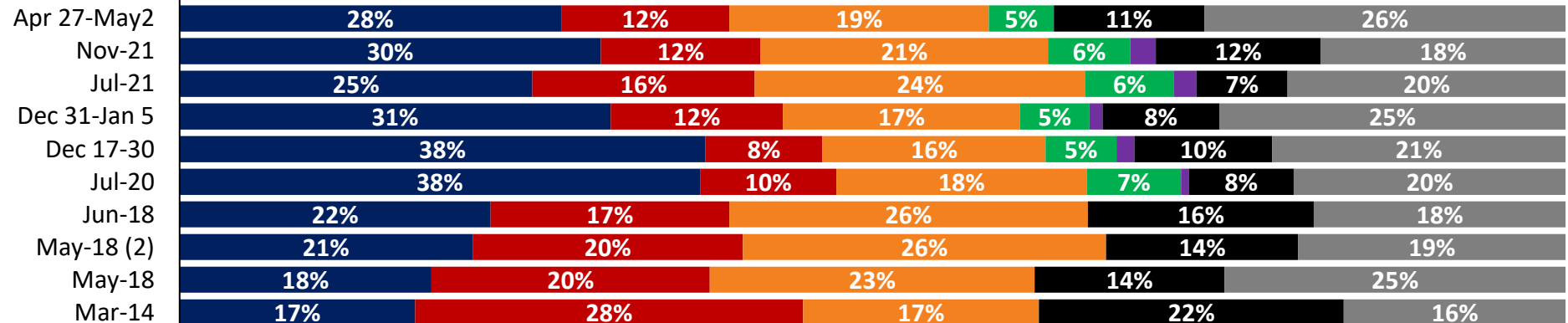
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Cares about people like me



Competent



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 ■ Andrea Horwath, NDP
 ■ Other
 ■ Undecided

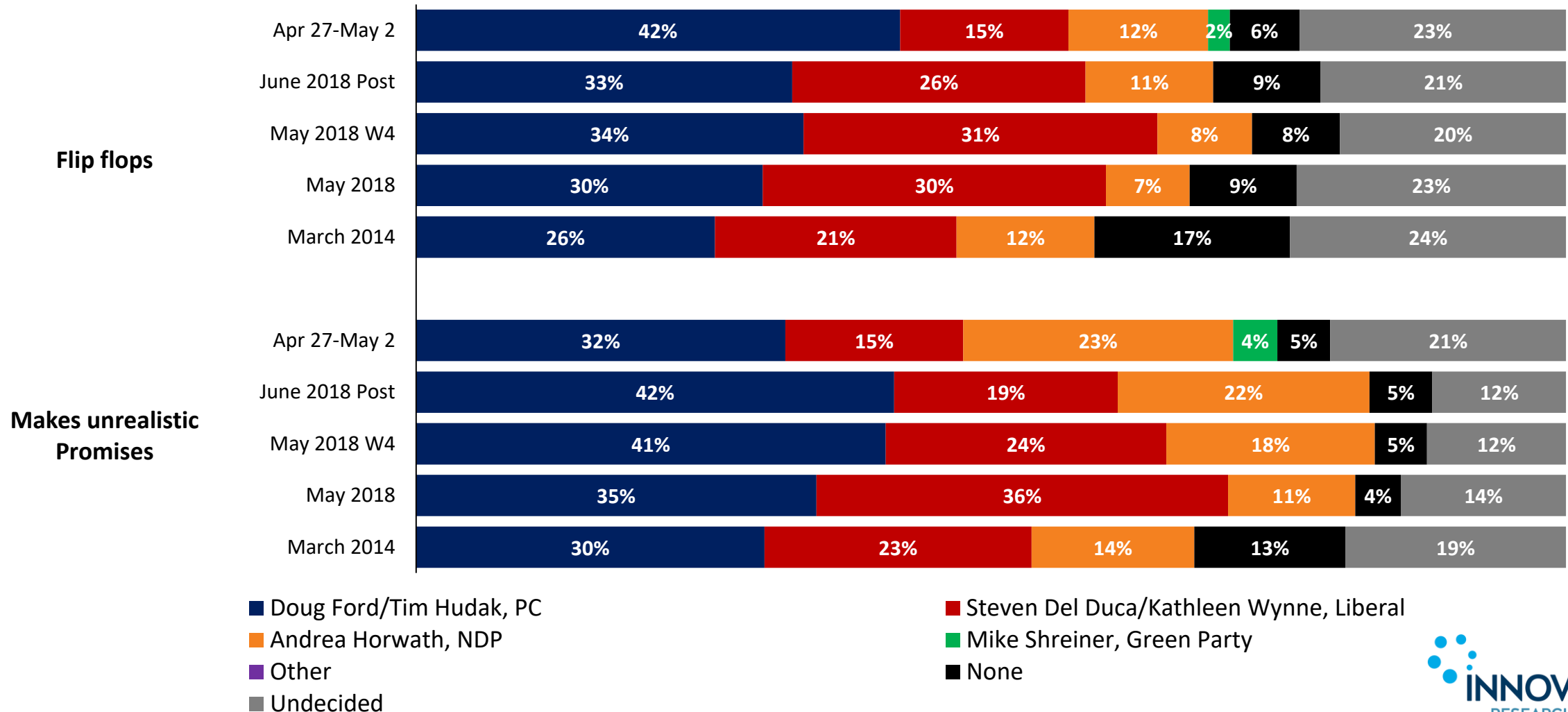
■ Steven Del Duca/Kathleen Wynne, Liberal
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 ■ None

Leadership Attributes: More Ontarians say Ford flip flops now than in 2018, while fewer say “makes unrealistic promises”



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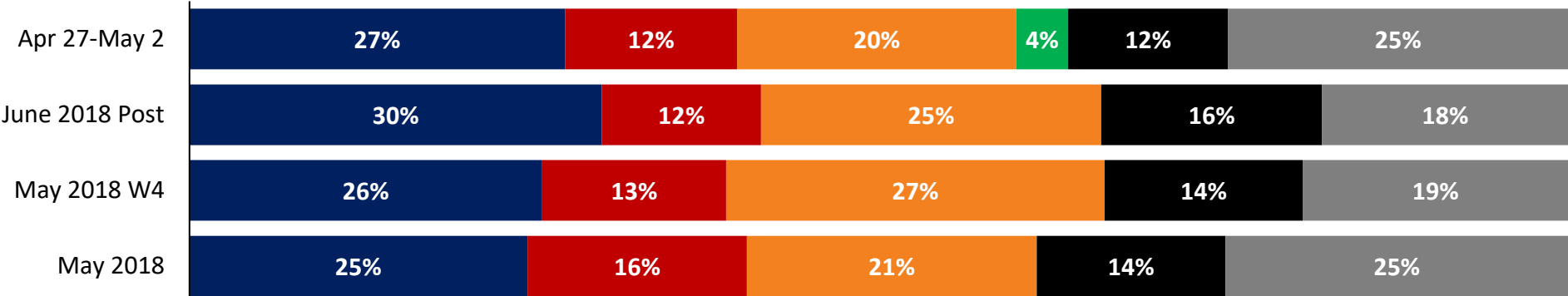
Leadership Attributes: Ford, the incumbent Premier, has 7-point lead on “delivering change”



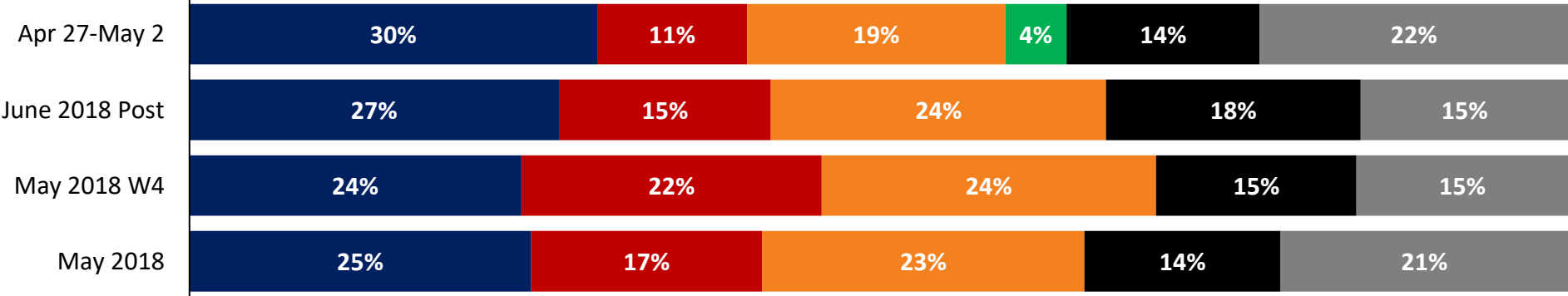
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Will deliver practical changes that will benefit me



Is being honest about the challenges facing Ontario



- Doug Ford/Tim Hudak, PC

Andrea Horwath, NDP

Other

Undecided
- Steven Del Duca/Kathleen Wynne, Liberal

Mike Shreiner, Green Party

None



Note: Prior to July 2020, the Green Party leader and “Other” were not given as options and the final options were “none of them stand out” and “don’t know”.

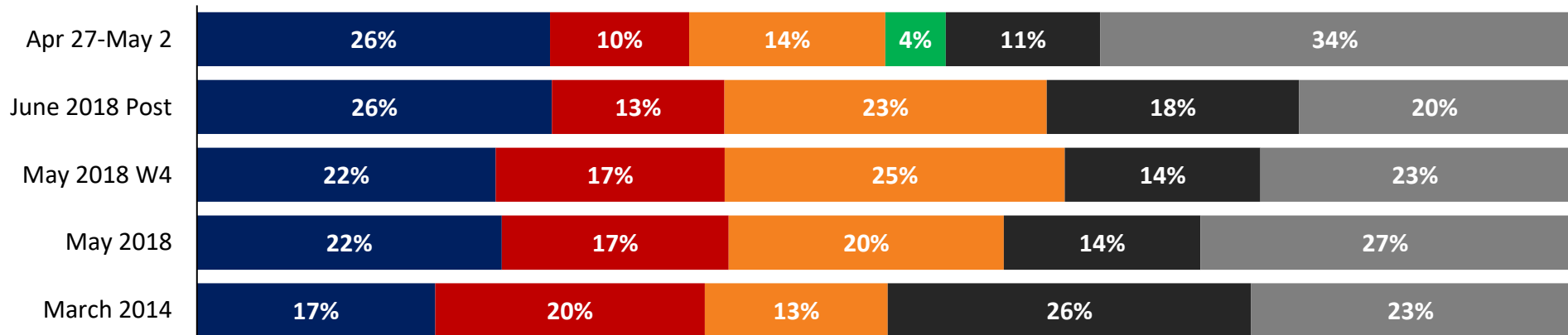
Leadership Attributes: NDP and Liberal leaders down from 2018 on “best plan” and “integrity”, particularly Horwath



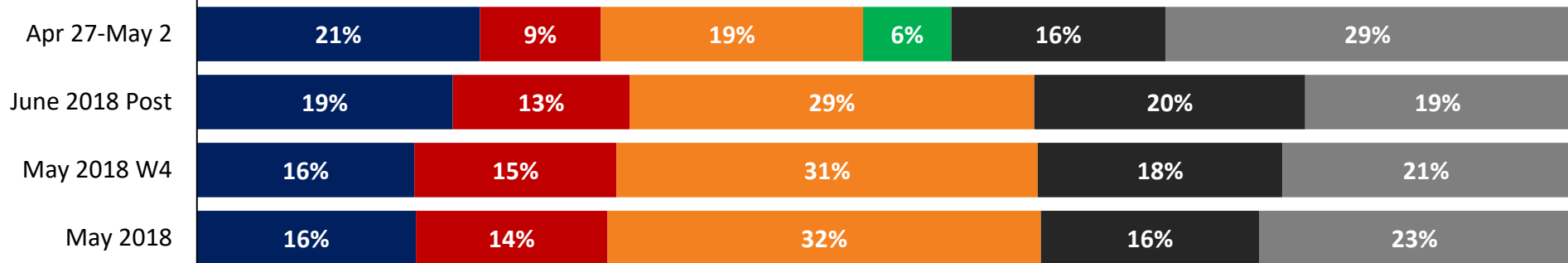
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Has the best plan for the future



Integrity



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■ Andrea Horwath, NDP

■ None

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■ Undecided

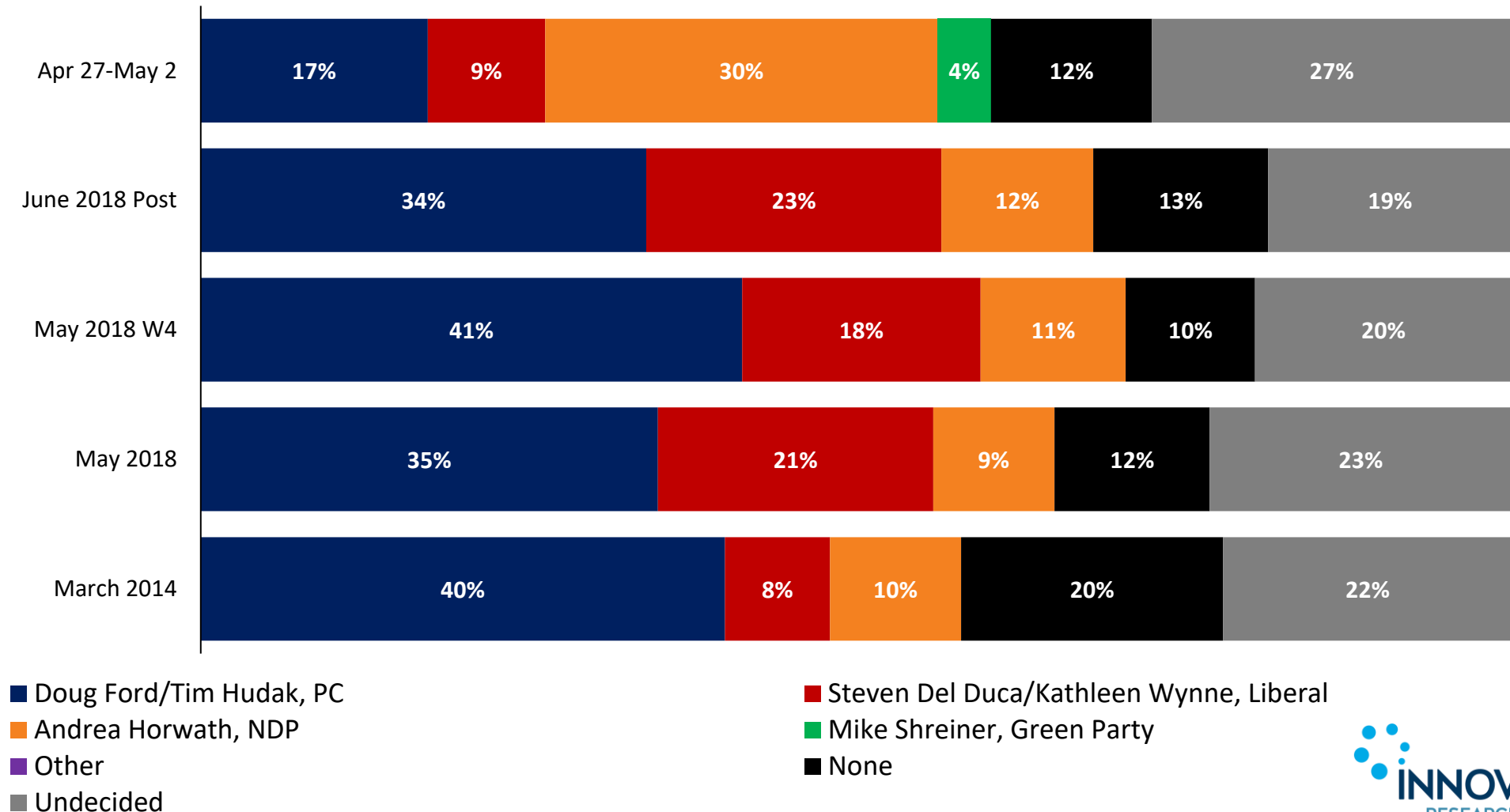
Leadership Attributes: Horwath is now viewed as the most negative leader, ahead of Doug Ford



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Too Negative

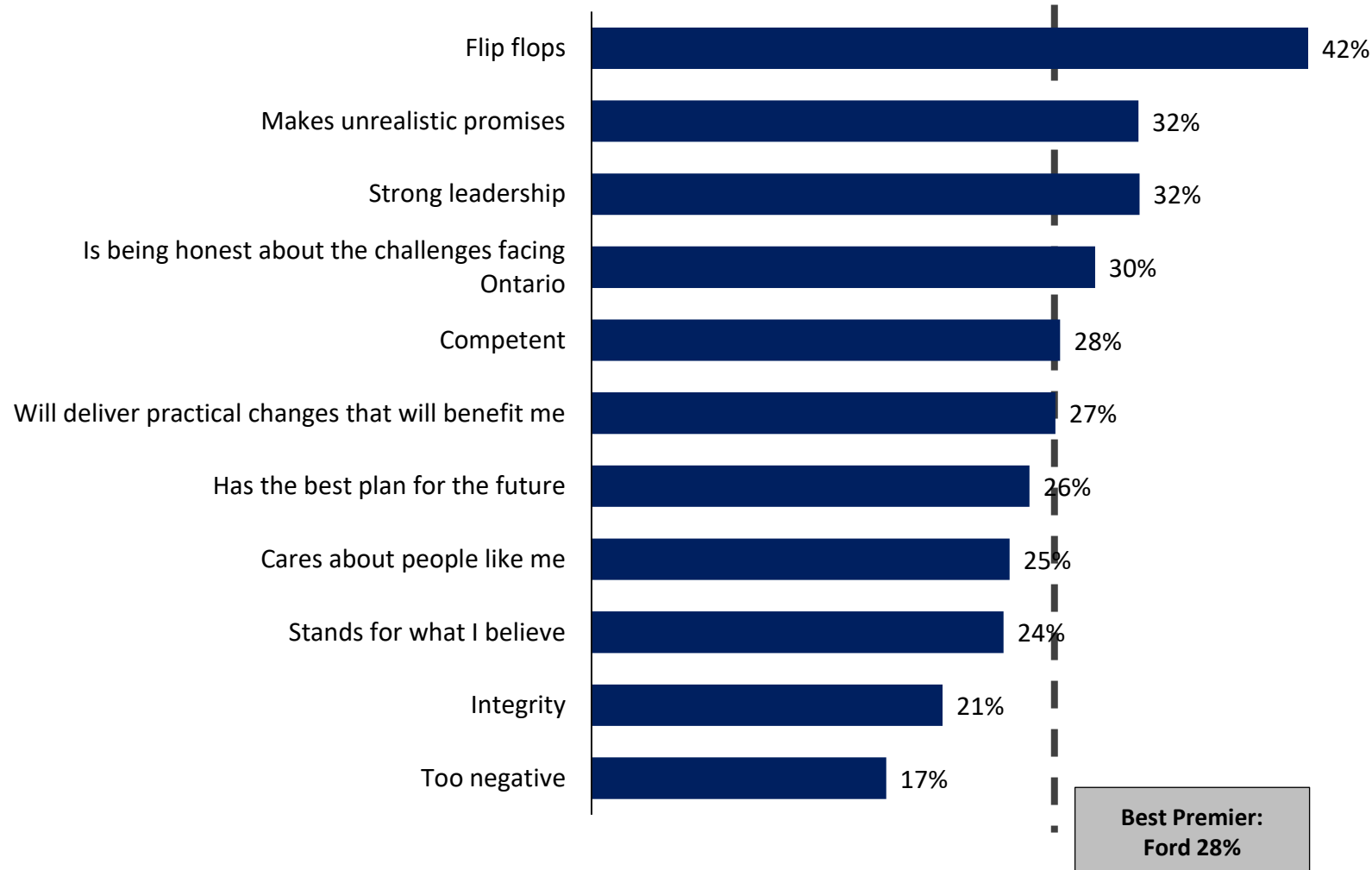


Ford Qualities: Ford best Premier numbers appears stable at the mid-point of most positive attribute scores



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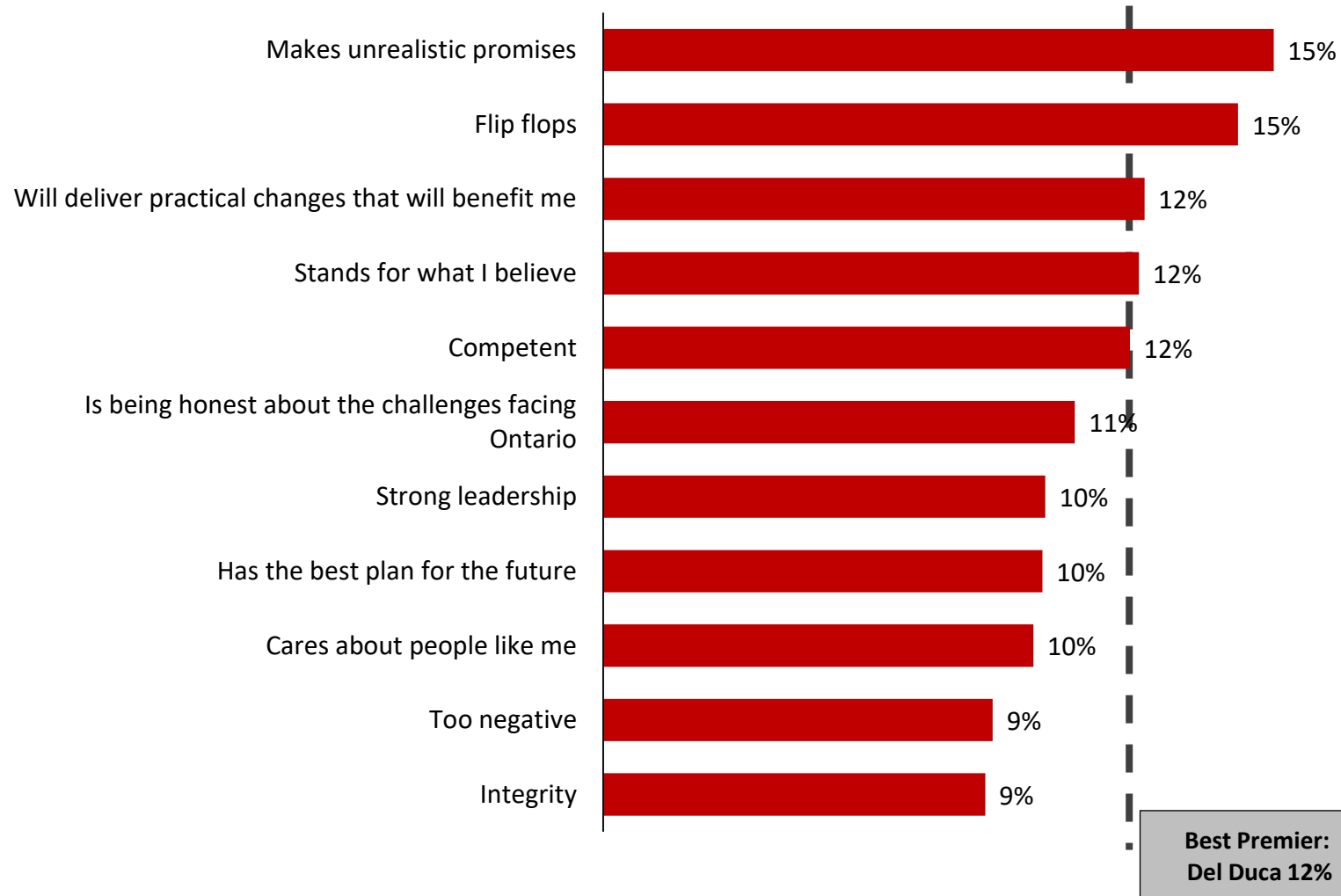


Del Duca Qualities: Del Duca performance on underlying attributes show little hope of gains on best Premier

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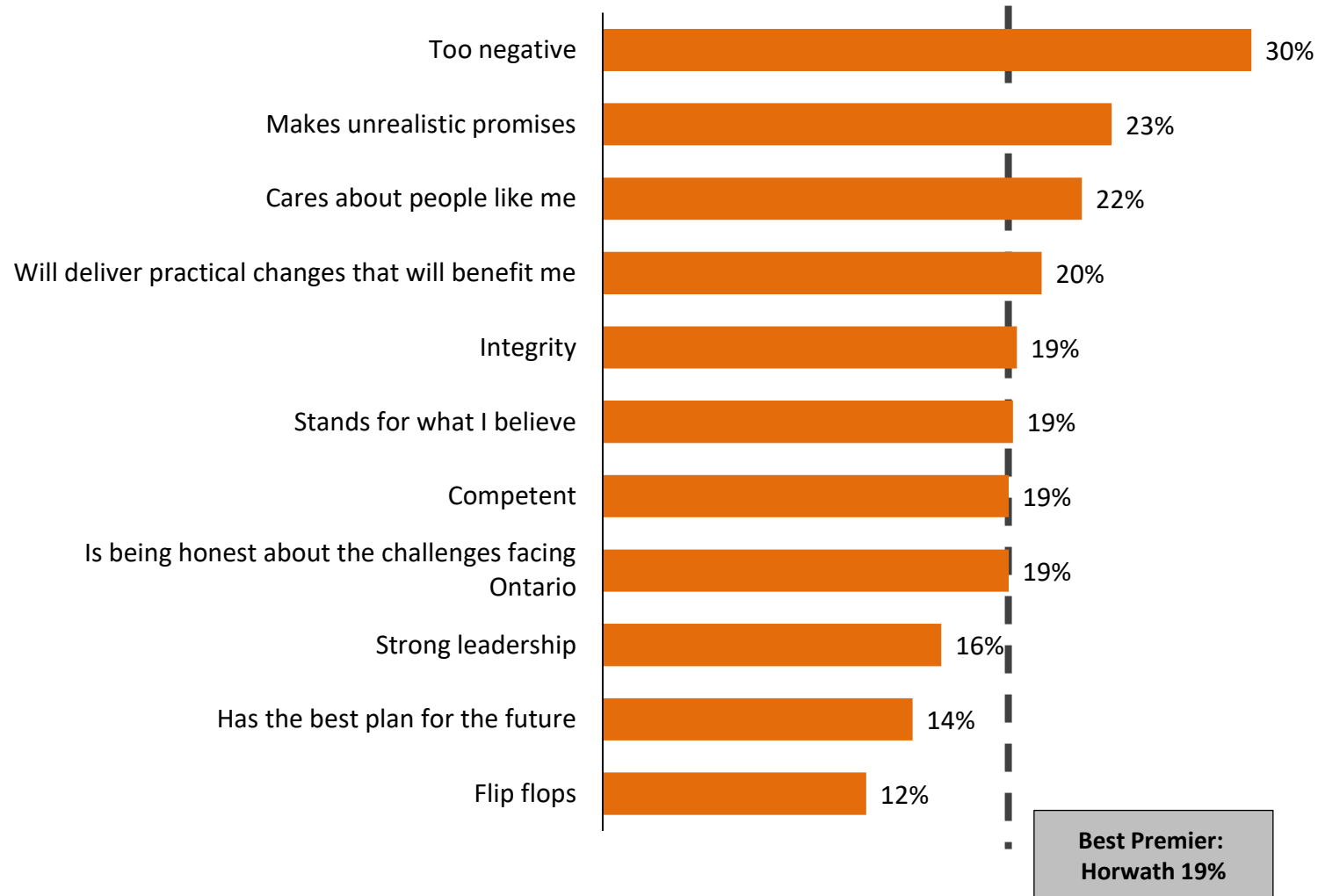


Horwath Qualities: Horwath's underlying attributes consistent with best Premier number



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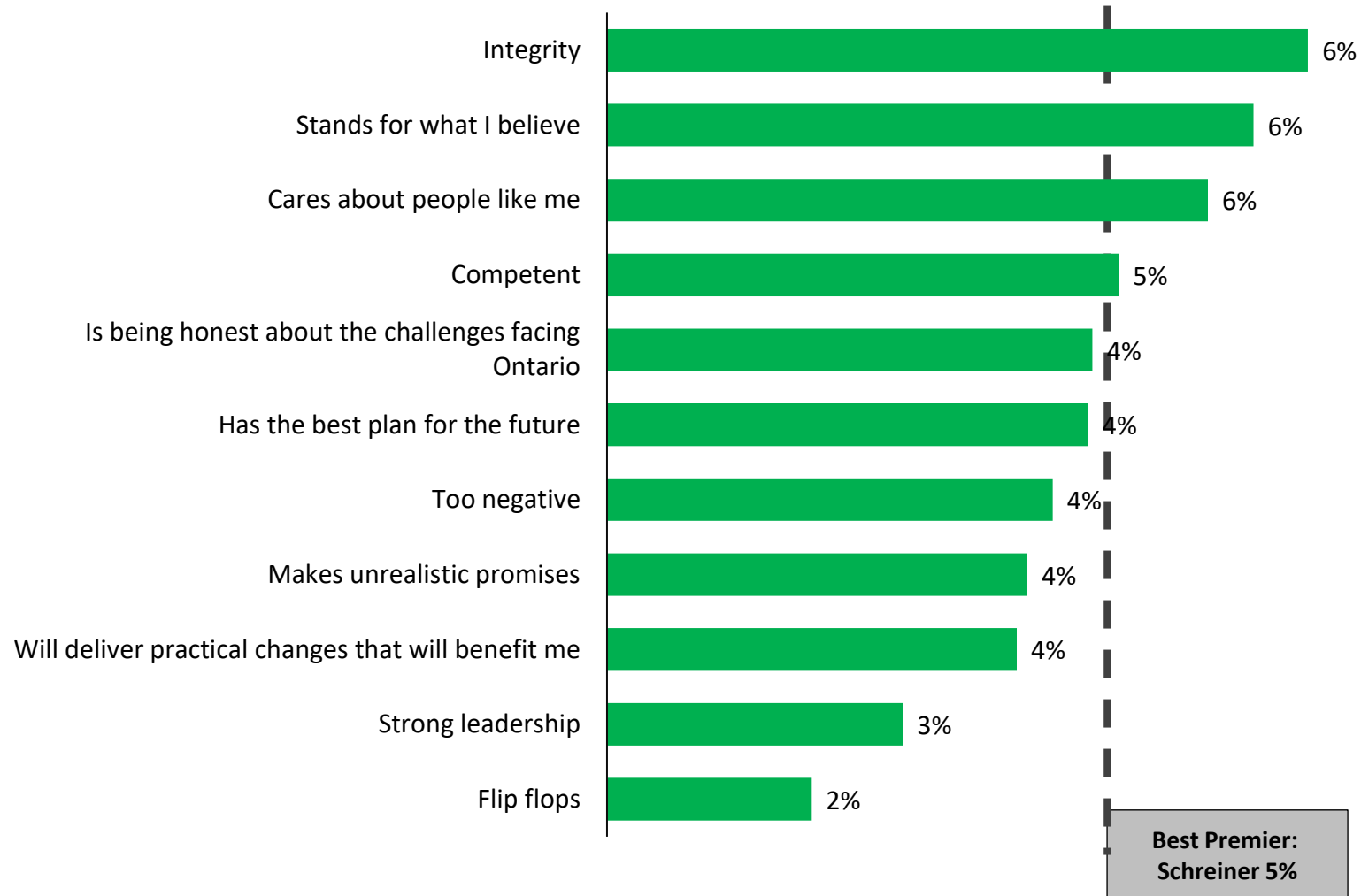


Schreiner Qualities: Schreiner performs best on “integrity” and “stands for what I believe”

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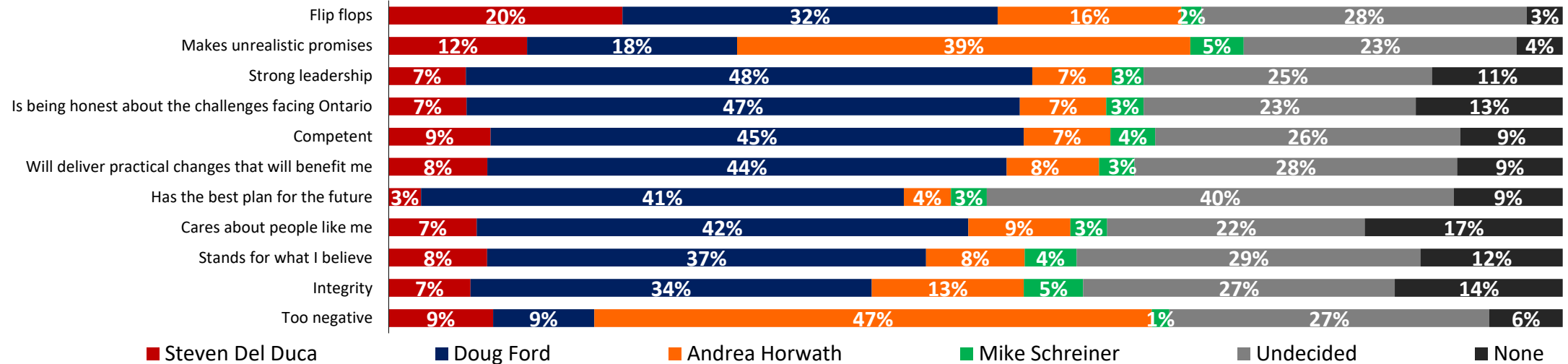
Leader Attributes by Values: Ford has strong lead among Deferential Conservatives and Populist Conservatives with room to grow



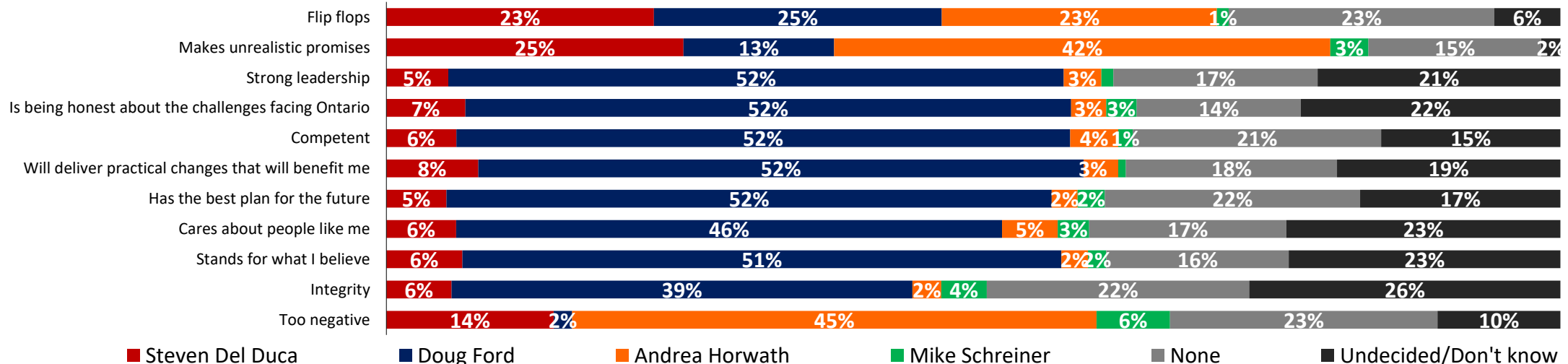
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Deferential Conservatives



Populist Conservatives



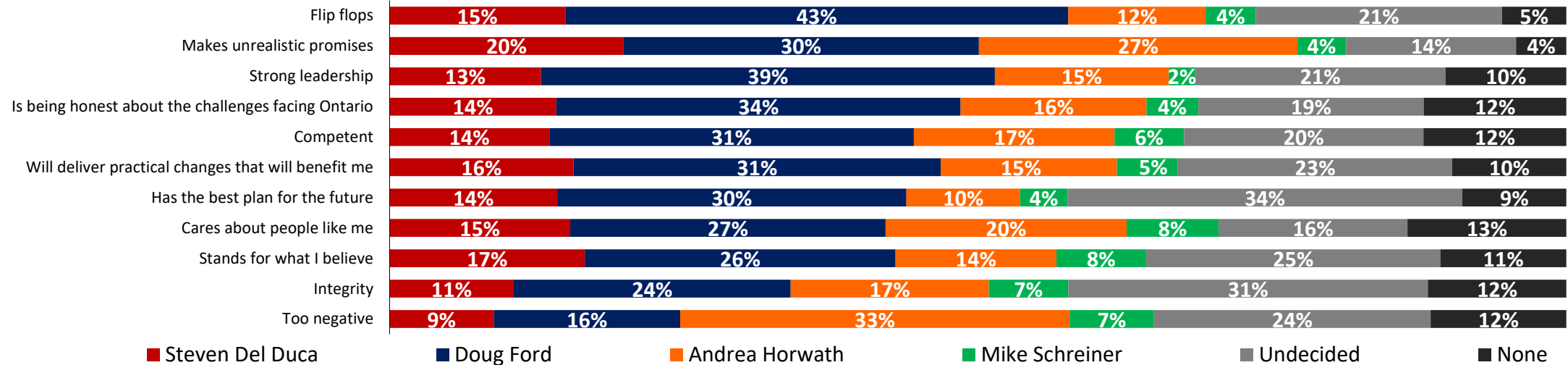
Leader Attributes by Values: Business Liberals believe Ford flip flops, but also the strongest leader and honest about Ontario's challenges



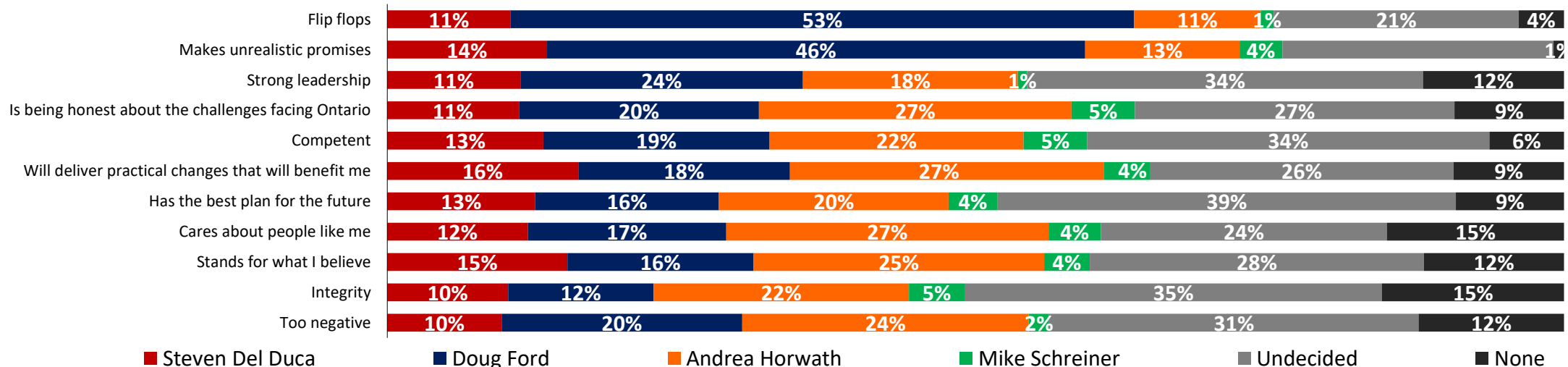
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Business Liberals



Left Liberals



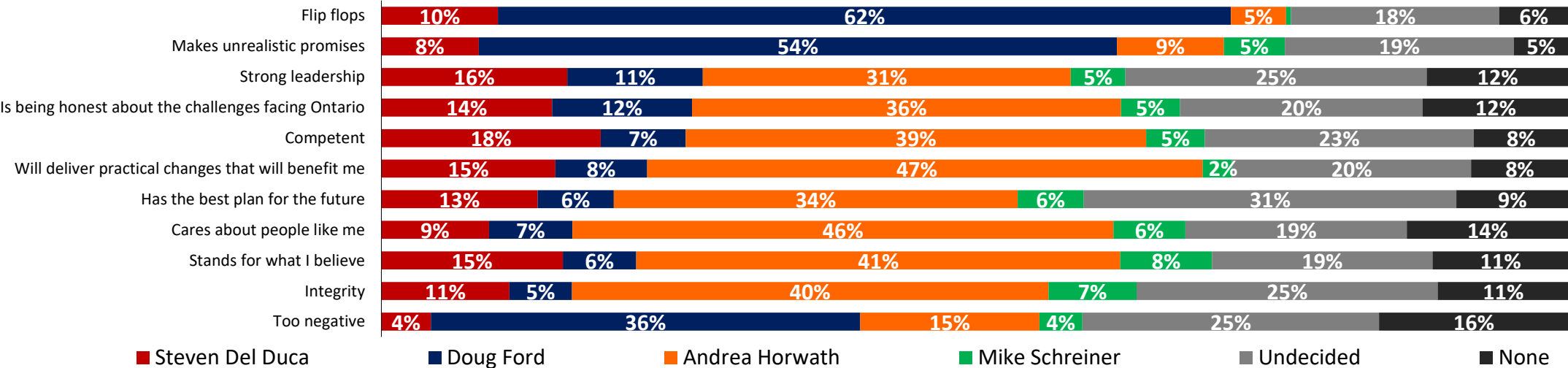
Leader Attributes by Values: Horwath enjoys strong support from Core Left, many Thrifty moderates uncertain on leadership



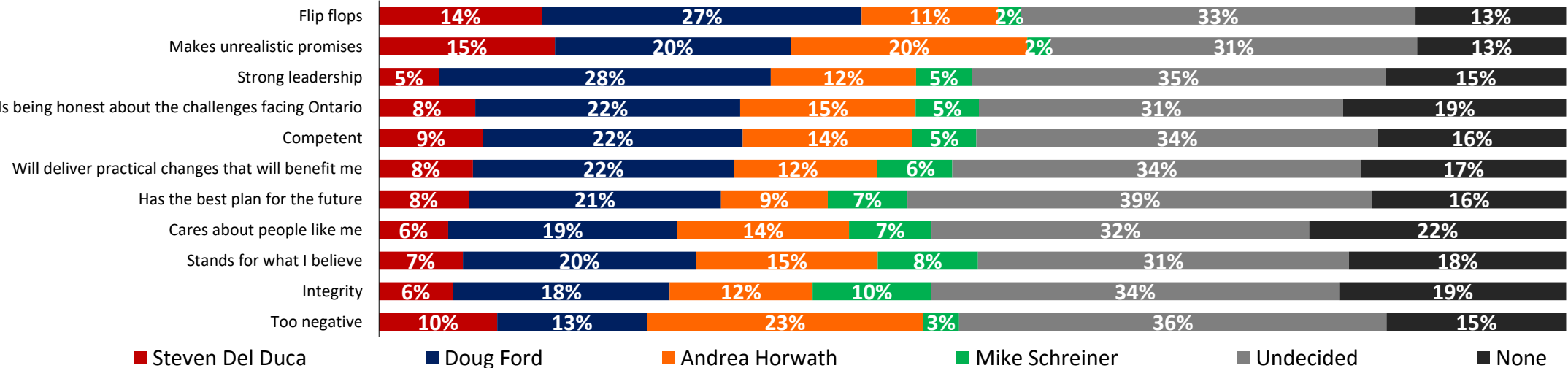
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Core Left



Thrifty Moderates



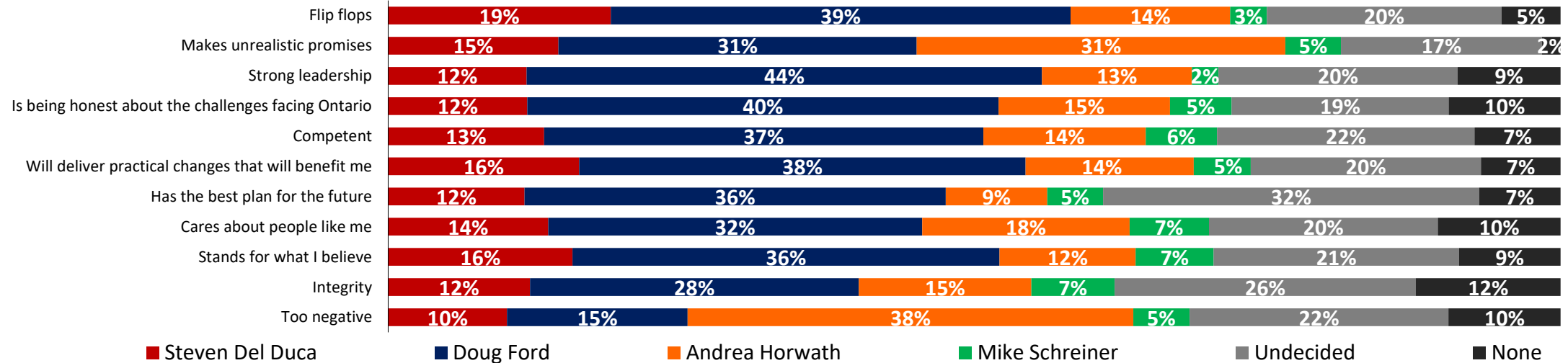
Leader Attributes by Gap: Ford holds strong leads among both Achievers and Strugglers, Horwath ahead of Del Duca with Strugglers



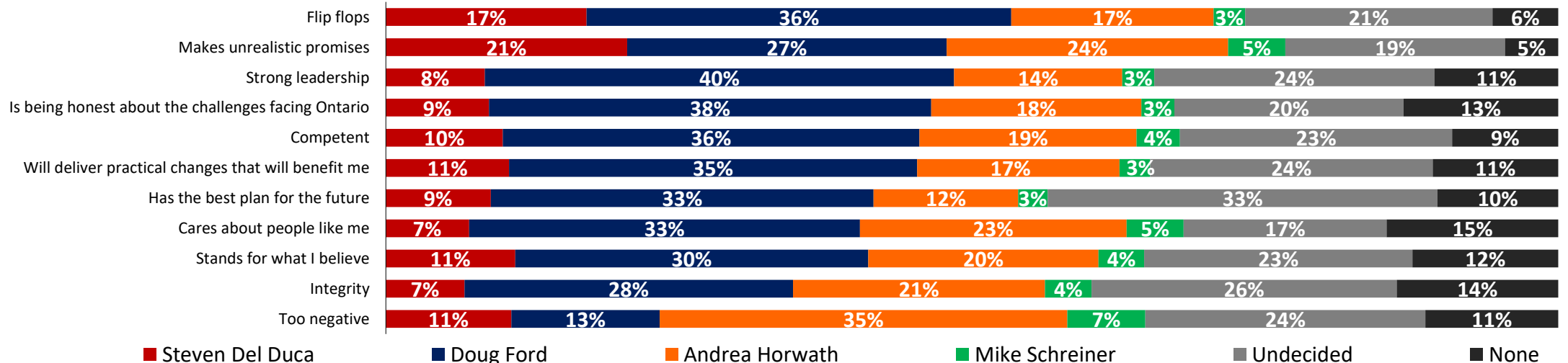
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Achievers



Strugglers

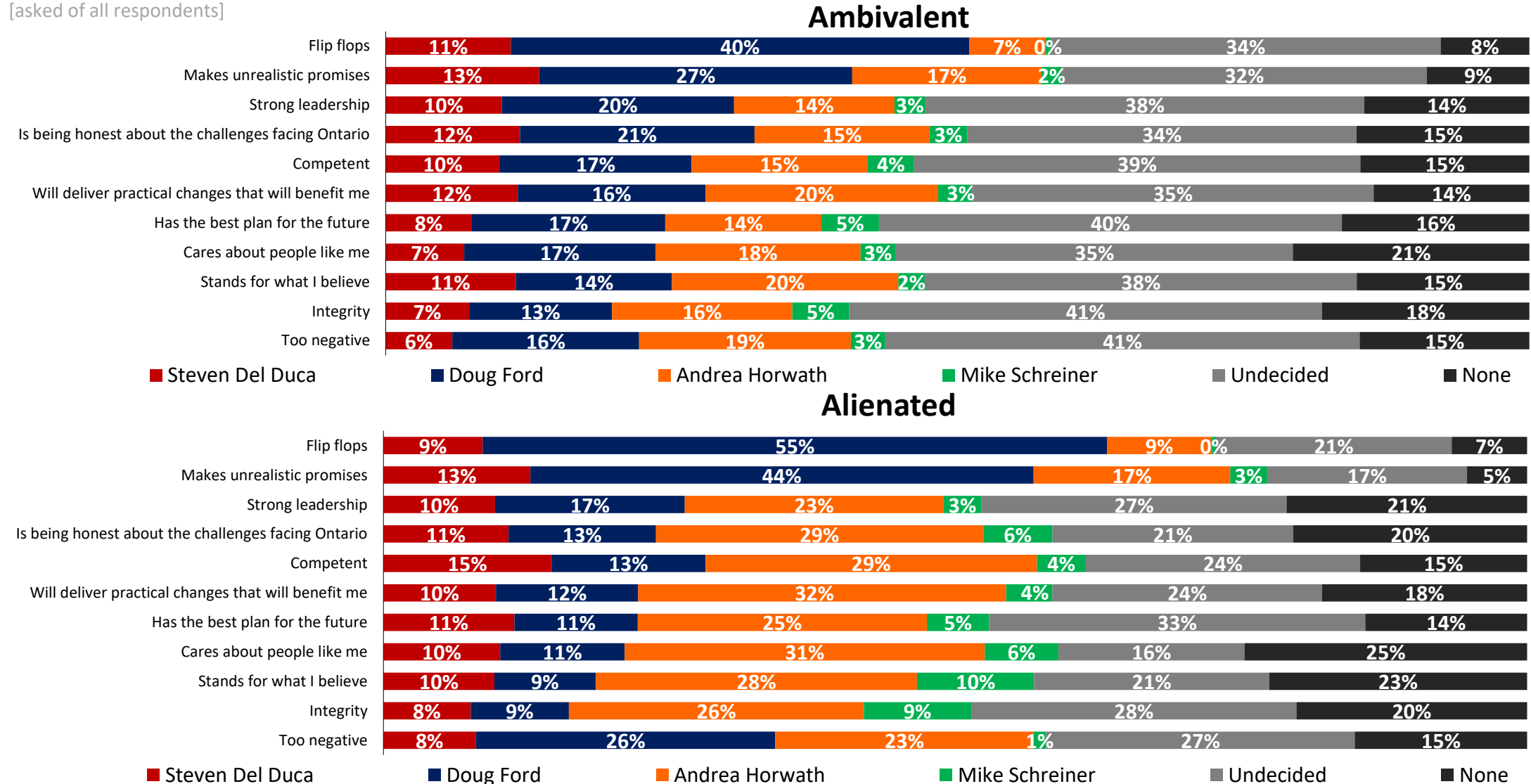


Leader Attributes by Gap: Horwath leads among Alienated voters, many of whom believe Ford flip flops and makes unrealistic promises



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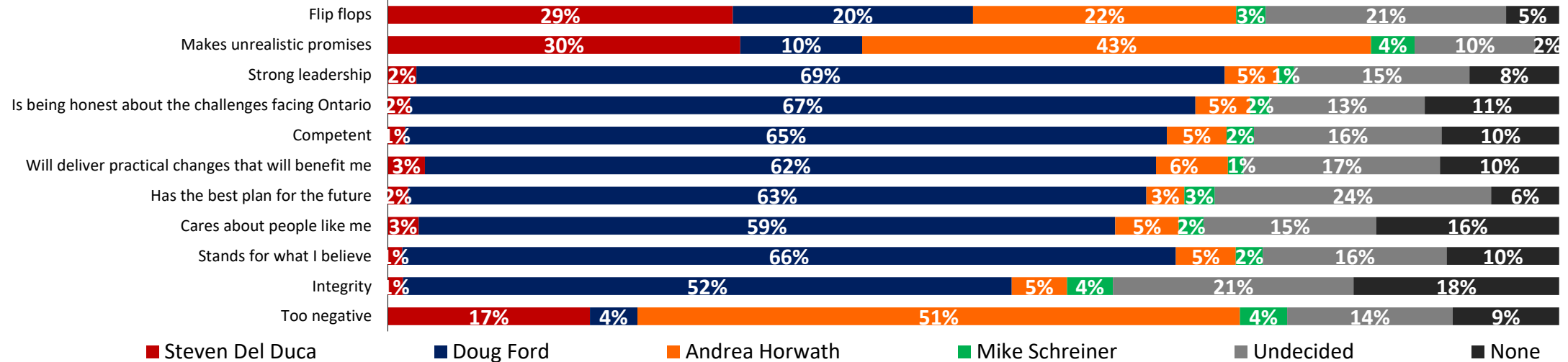
Leader Attributes by Ford Segment: Among non-PC Ford supporters, Ford viewed as strong, honest leader who will deliver practical change



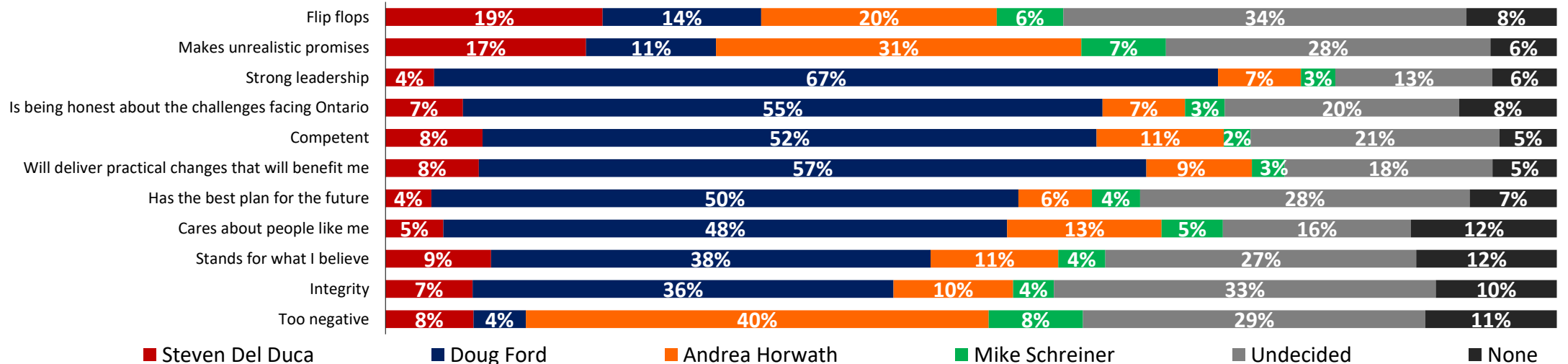
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[asked of all respondents]

Core PCs



Non-PC Ford Supporter



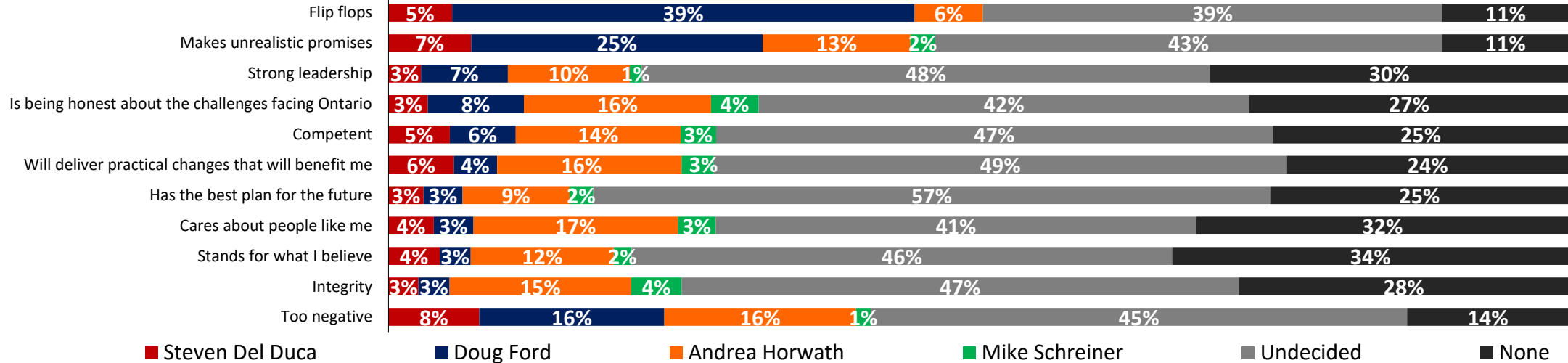
Leader Attributes by Ford Segment: Horwath leads Del Duca among other voters



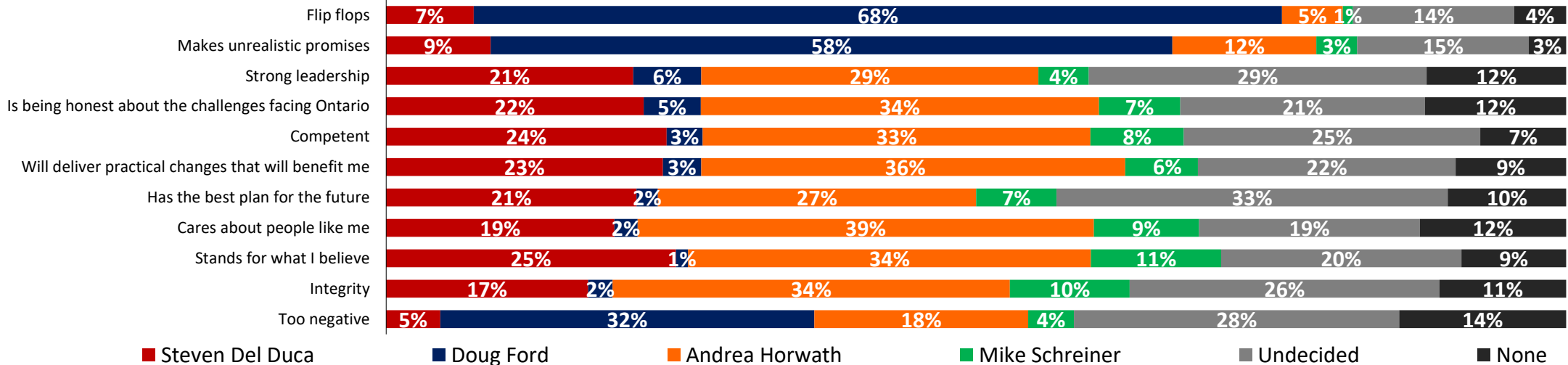
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[asked of all respondents]

Unaligned



Other Supporters

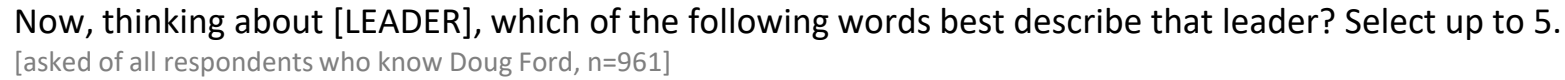


Leader Personality

Brand personality is a way to humanize brands, even in politics. This month's INNOVATIVE combined items from the classic Aaker brand personality scale, the Saucier scale based on the Big 5 personality literature, and some work applying those scales in India which identified a potential secular/religious dimension in political branding.

Looking at brands this way, Ontarians see:

- Doug Ford as practical and hardworking, but also careless and temperamental
- Steven Del Duca as hardworking and intelligent, but also careless
- Andrea Horwath as hardworking but careless and temperamental



A word cloud of personality traits. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with 'careless' and 'intelligent' being the largest and most central. Other prominent words include 'organized', 'confident', 'hardworking', 'withdrawn', 'friendly', 'cold', 'kind', 'reliable', 'tough', 'cheerful', 'temperamental', 'cool', 'original', 'secular', 'quiet', 'religious', 'practical', 'daring', 'wholesome', 'imaginative', 'honest', 'exciting', 'relaxed', 'drugged', 'unique', 'cruel', 'mean', and 'cold'.

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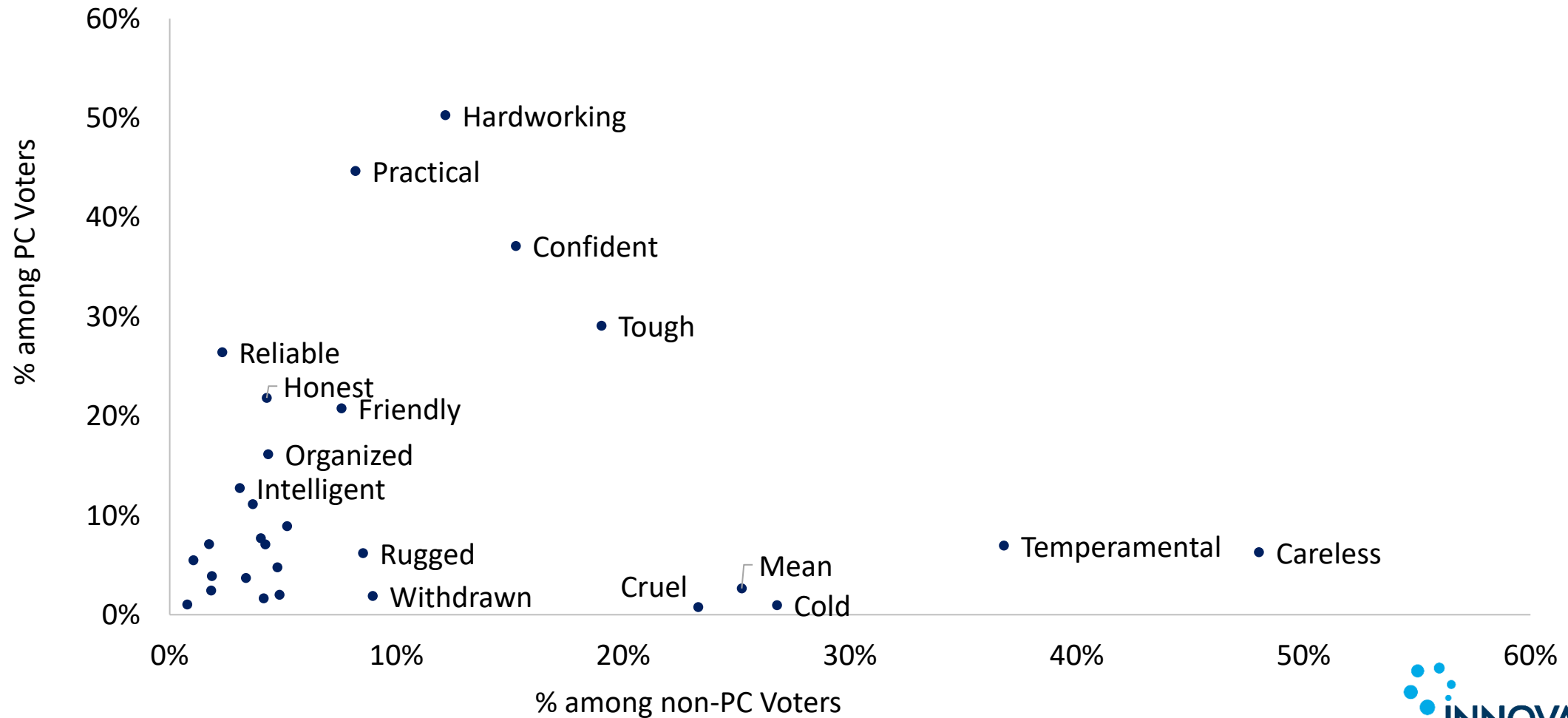
honest

Ford Personality: PC voters think Ford is hardworking and practical, while non-PC voters say he is temperamental and careless



Now, thinking about Doug Ford, which of the following words best describe that leader? Select up to 5.

[asked of all respondents who know Doug Ford, n=961]

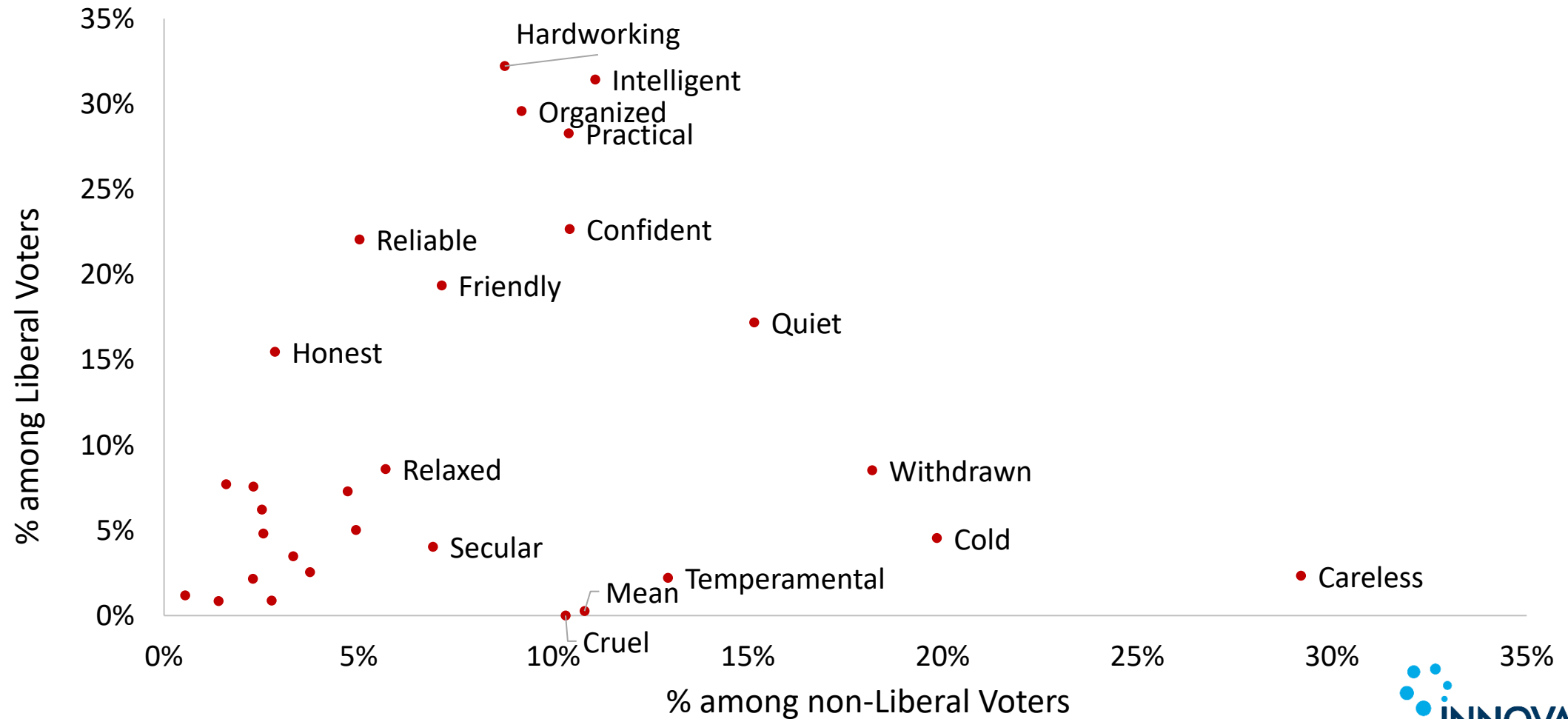


Del Duca Personality: Liberal voters say Del Duca is hardworking and intelligent, while non-Liberals believe he is careless, cold and withdrawn



Now, thinking about Steven Del Duca, which of the following words best describe that leader? Select up to 5.

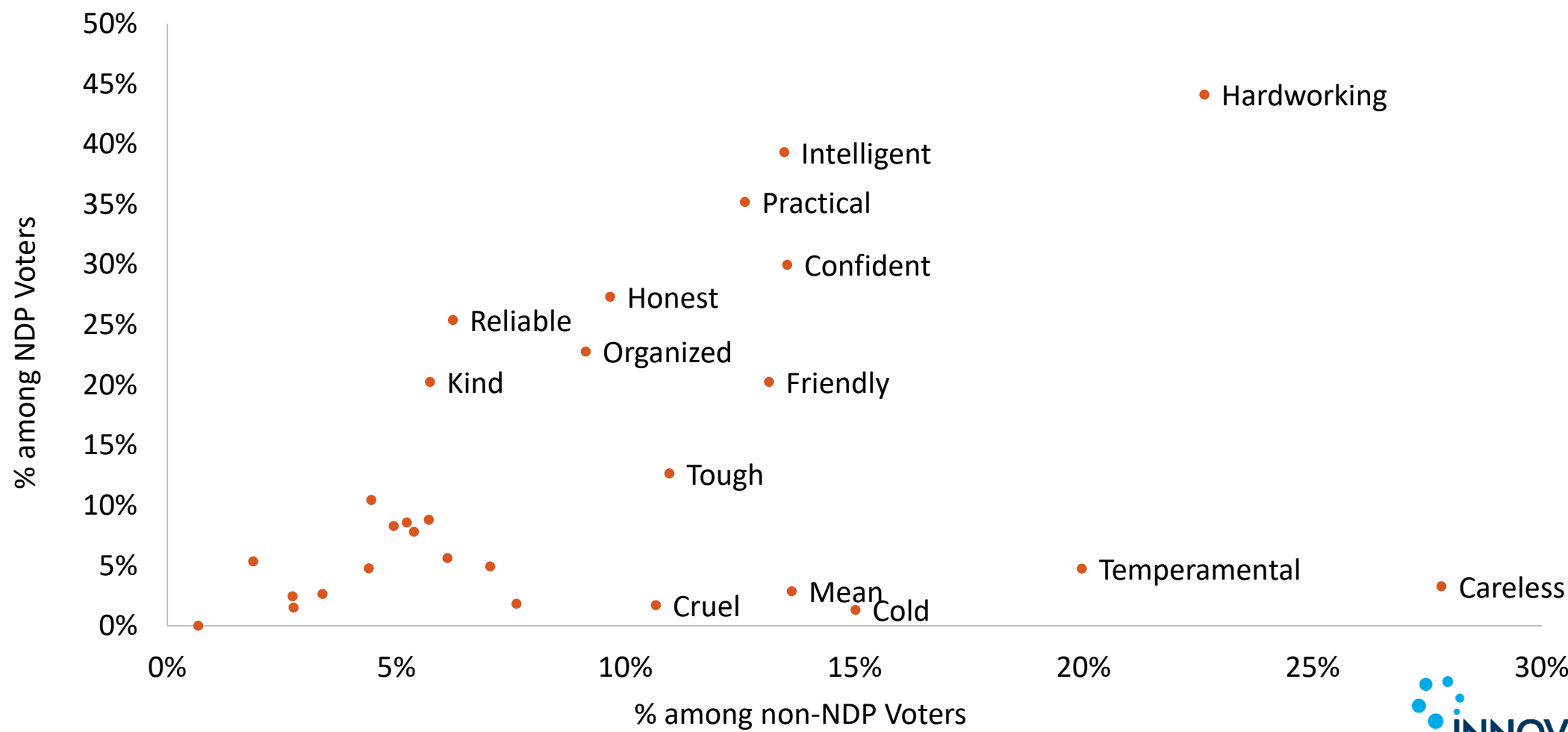
[asked of all respondents who know Steven Del Duca, n=824]



Horwath Personality: Both NDP voters and other voters say Horwath is ²⁵hardworking, but non-NDP voters also think she is careless



Now, thinking about Andrea Horwath, which of the following words best describe that leader? Select up to 5.
[asked of all respondents who know Andrea Horwath, n=917]



Methodology

Survey Methodology

These are the results of an online survey conducted between April 27th and May 2nd, 2022.

Method: This online survey was conducted using Asking Canadians, a leading provider of online sample. Each survey is administered to a series of randomly selected samples from the panel and weighted to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual Ontario population according to Census data to provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample. More details about Asking Canadians can be found [here](#).

Sample Size: n=1409 Ontario residents, 18 years or older. The results are weighted to n=1000 based on Census data from Statistics Canada.

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Weighting: Results for Ontario are weighted by age, gender, and region to ensure that the overall sample's composition reflects that of the actual population according to Census data; in order to provide results that are intended to approximate a probability sample. Results are additionally weighted by party ID to match a six-month rolling average from live caller telephone surveys (both landline and cellphone). Weighted and unweighted frequencies are reported in the table. The design effect from this weighting procedure is 1.19. The design effect is an estimate of the effect of the weighting procedure on the sampling error.

Margin of Error: This is a representative sample. However, since the online survey was not a random probability based sample, a margin of error cannot be calculated. Statements about margins of sampling error or population estimates do not apply to most online panels.

Full disclosure standards can be found [here](#).

Note: Graphs may not always total 100% due to rounding values rather than any error in data. Sums are added before rounding numbers.

	Unweighted (n)	Unweighted (%)	Weighted (n)	Weighted (%)
Men 18-34	127	9.1%	138	13.8%
Men 35-54	229	16.3%	166	16.6%
Men 55+	389	27.7%	176	17.7%
Women 18-34	144	10.3%	137	13.8%
Women 35-54	233	16.6%	177	17.8%
Women 55+	280	20.0%	202	20.3%
Toronto	281	19.9%	208	20.8%
Rest of GTA	323	22.9%	264	26.4%
South/West	277	19.7%	254	25.4%
North/East	528	37.5%	274	27.4%

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