

SOUTH AFRICA FINDINGS 2018



GLOBAL

PARENTS' SURVEY



METHODOLOGY

On behalf of the Varkey Foundation, Ipsos MORI interviewed **27,380** parents across **29 countries** using an **online survey** via the Ipsos Online Panel system* between the 8th December 2017 and 15th January 2018. These countries were:

Argentina	Japan	United Kingdom
India	Spain	Finland
Singapore	China	Peru
Australia	Kenya**	United States
Indonesia	Turkey	France
South Africa	Colombia	Poland
Brazil	Malaysia	Vietnam
Italy	Uganda**	Germany
South Korea	Estonia**	Russia
Canada	Mexico	

- 1,000 parents took part in **South Africa**. Results contain 1,000 interviews from all other countries except Estonia (500), Kenya (501) and Uganda (371).
- Data has been weighted by age, gender and region of child and corrected for gender of parent.
- As such, the survey is representative of parents of children aged 4-18 in education, based on these characteristics, with equal views from mothers and fathers.
- All countries contribute equally to the total global average. Data has not been adjusted for the relative size of population.
- The survey was conducted online. For countries where internet penetration is low (such as India, Uganda, Kenya, Peru and Indonesia), it is important to note that the data is representative of the urban online population, which tends to be better educated and financially better off.



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Global average 37%

Global rank 1st



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Global average 24%

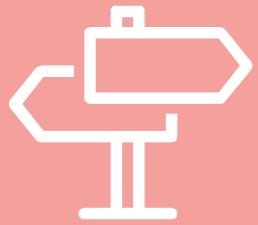
Global rank 2nd



Eighty-two percent of South African parents whose child attends a free to attend school would be likely to send their child to a fee-paying school if they could afford it and there was an appropriate place available.

Global average 55%

Global rank 2nd



South Africans are the least concerned of all the countries polled about health/disease when it comes to their children's future, with only **11%** listing it as among their top three anxieties.

Global average 26%

Global rank 29th



Almost a quarter of a century after the fall of Apartheid, **34%** of South African parents list discrimination and inequality as among their top three concerns about their child's future, the highest of any country surveyed after South Korea (**35%**).

Global average 18%

Global rank 2nd



Nearly four out of five (79%) South African parents support the government providing education vouchers - more than any other country surveyed apart from Kenya (**84%**) and India (**81%**).

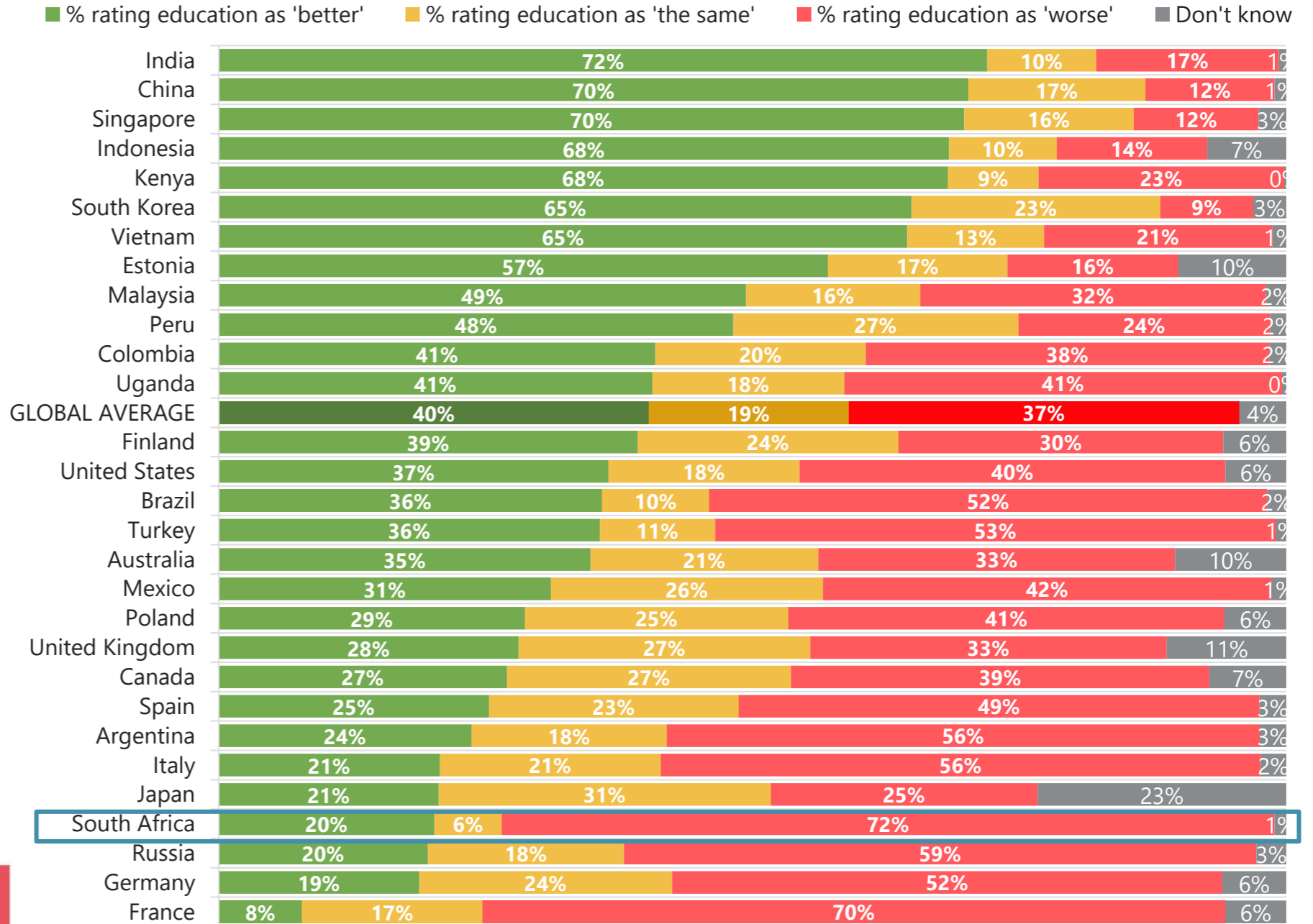
Global average 61%

Global rank 3rd

Do you think the standard of education in your country has become better or worse over the last 10 years?

Almost three-quarters (72%) of South African parents think standards of education have got worse in the last 10 years, higher than any other country surveyed. South Africa also had the highest proportion (50%) who thought education had got a lot worse in the last 10 years.

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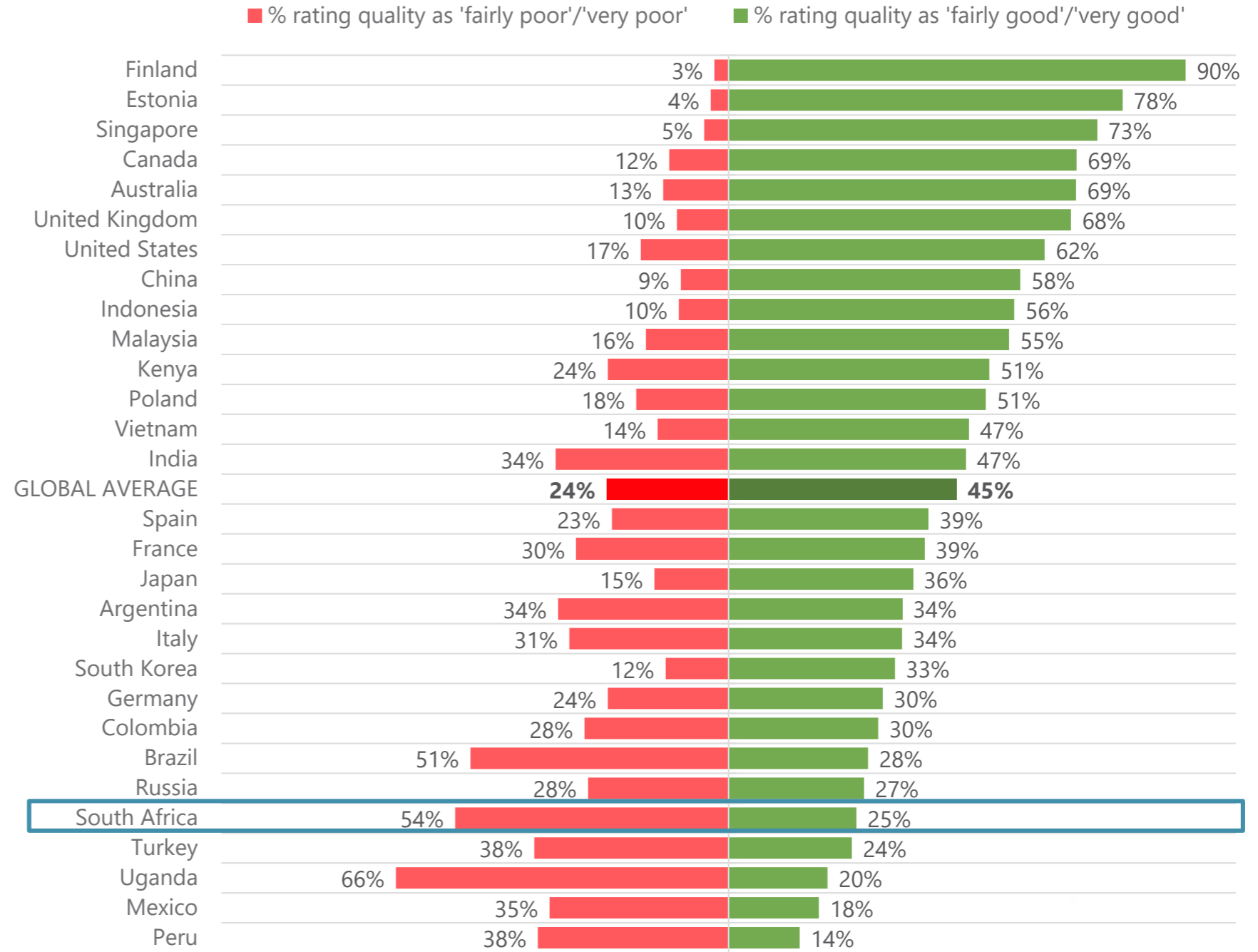
Base: All parents (27380). Research commissioned by the Varkey Foundation, conducted by Ipsos MORI between 8th December 2017 - 15th January 2018.

How would you rate the quality of free to attend government-funded schools in your country?

More than half (54%) of South African parents rate free to attend schools in their country as fairly poor or very poor – higher than any other country surveyed apart from Uganda (66%).

Only a quarter (25%) of South African parents rated free to attend schools as good, well below the global average of 45%. However, when asked about the quality of teaching at their child's school, 84% of South African parents rated it as good.

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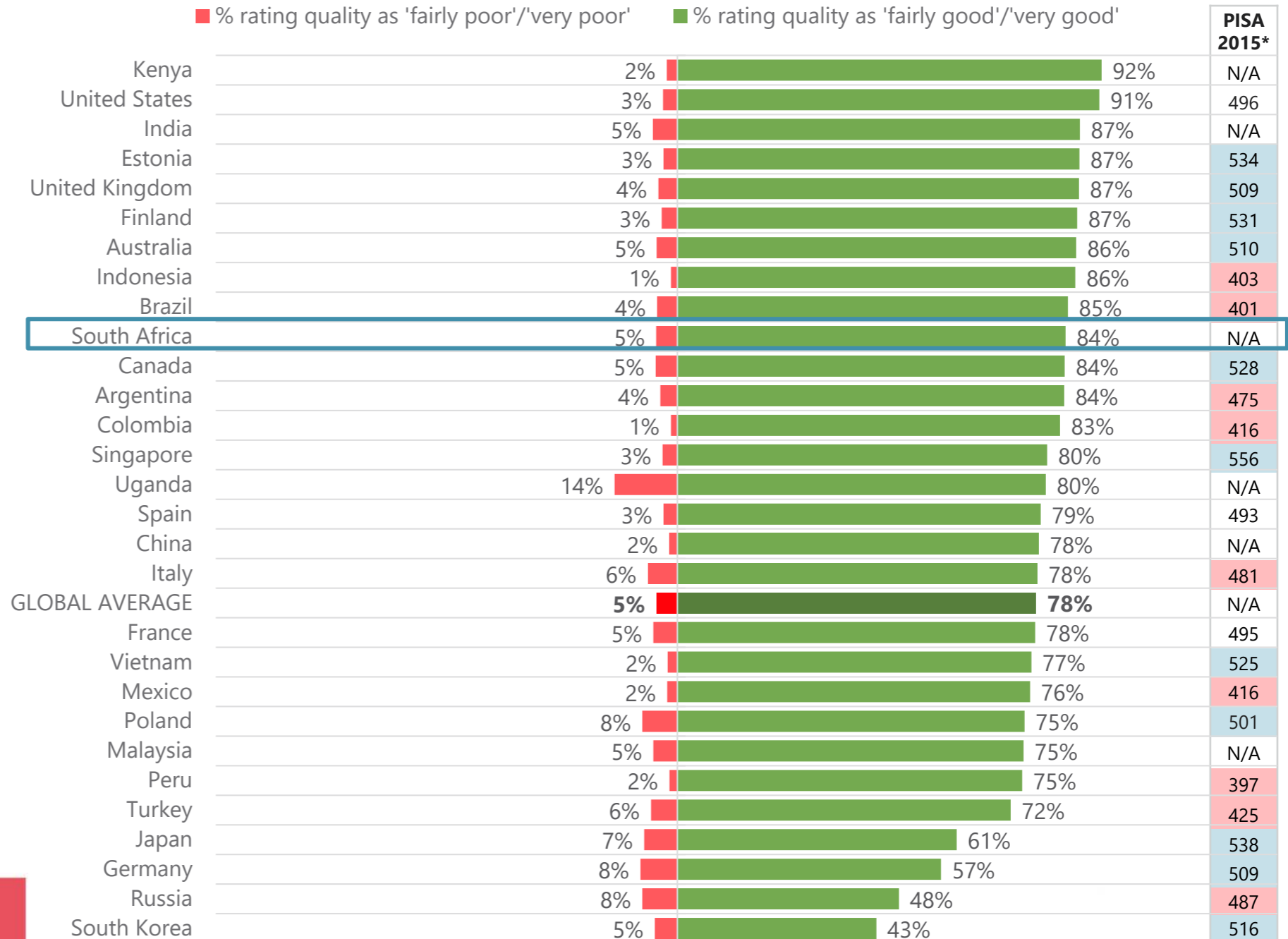
*Mean science score in PISA Science 2015

Countries/economies with a mean performance/share of top performers above the OECD average; countries/economies with a share of low achievers below the OECD average

Countries/economies with a mean performance/share of top performers/share of low achievers not significantly different from the OECD average

Countries/economies with a mean performance/share of top performers below the OECD average; countries/economies with a share of low achievers above the OECD average

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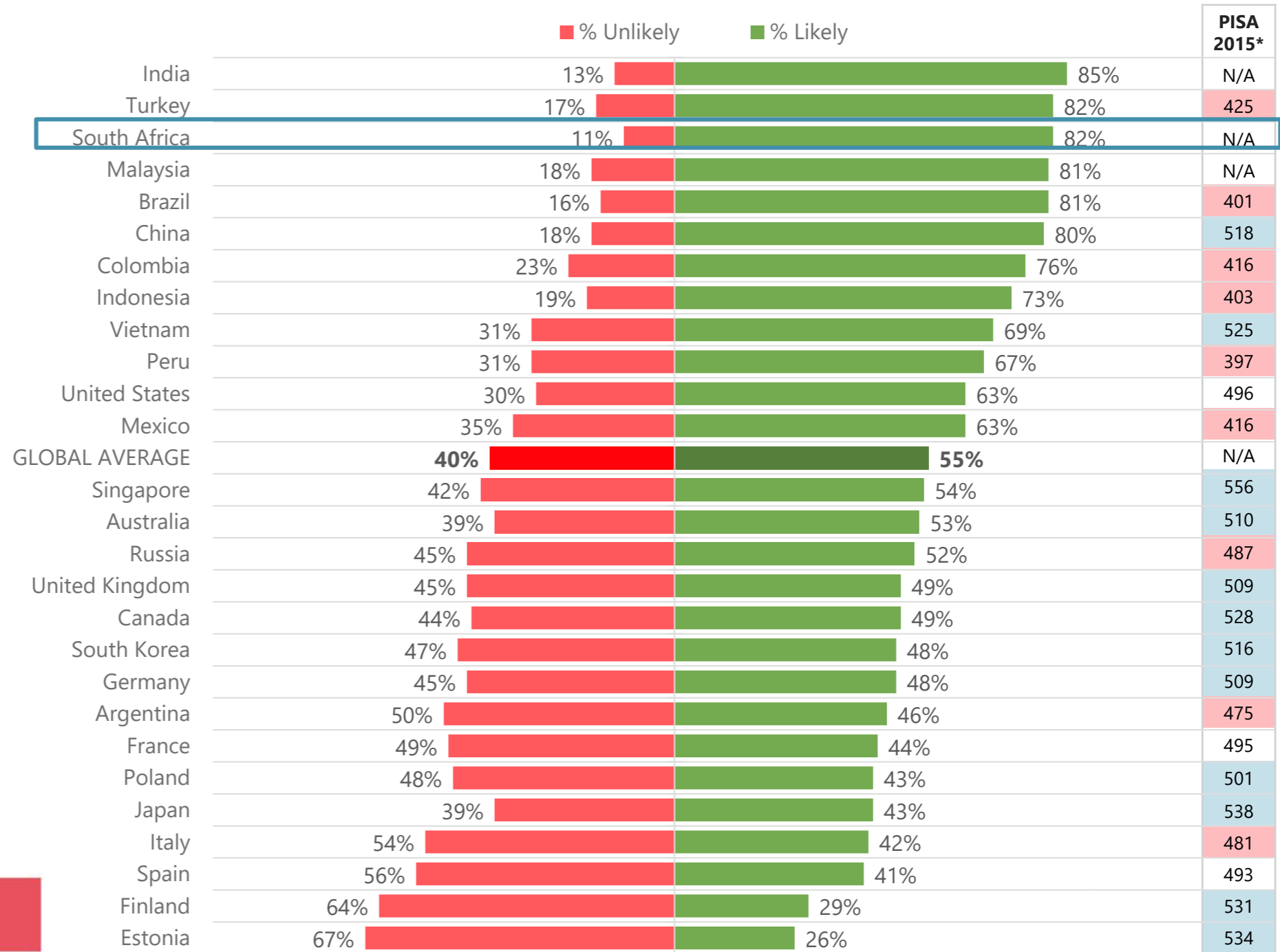


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If it was affordable for you, and if there was an appropriate local place available, how likely would you be to send your child to a fee paying school?

Eighty-two percent of South African parents whose child attends a free to attend school would be fairly likely or very likely to send their child to a fee-paying school if they could afford it and there was an appropriate place available, the second highest of any country surveyed after India (85%), and equal with Turkey (82%).

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NB: For this filtered question, Uganda and Kenya excluded due to a base size of below 100. Base: Parents of children who attend free to attend government funded schools (16767). Research commissioned by the Varkey Foundation, conducted by Ipsos MORI between 8th December 2017 - 15th January 2018.

What, if any of the following, causes you the most anxiety about your child's future?

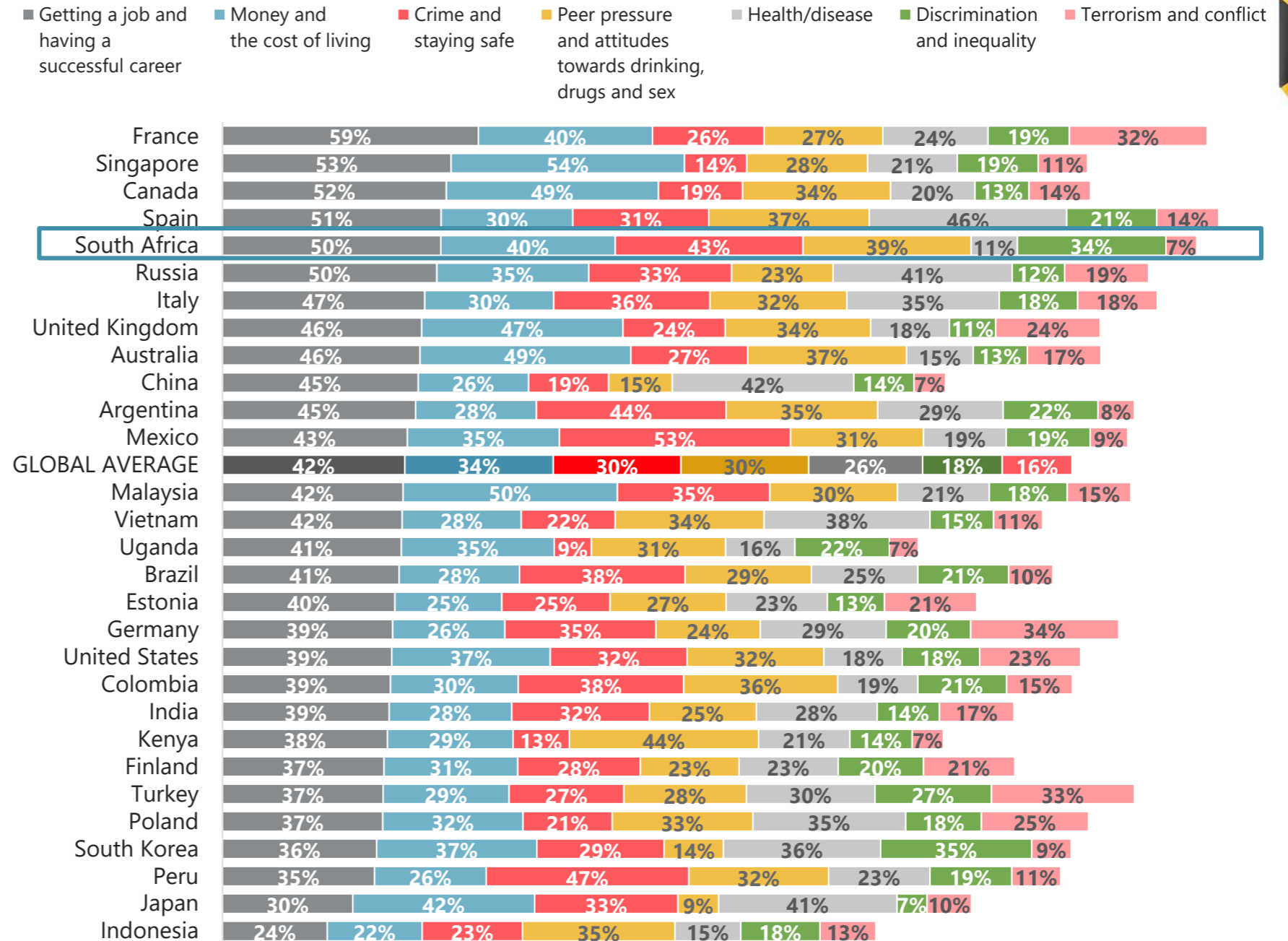
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Thirty-nine percent of South African parents are concerned, however, about peer pressure and attitudes towards drugs, drinking and sex – the second highest of any country surveyed after Kenya (44%).

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Top 7 categories most often chosen as 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice globally



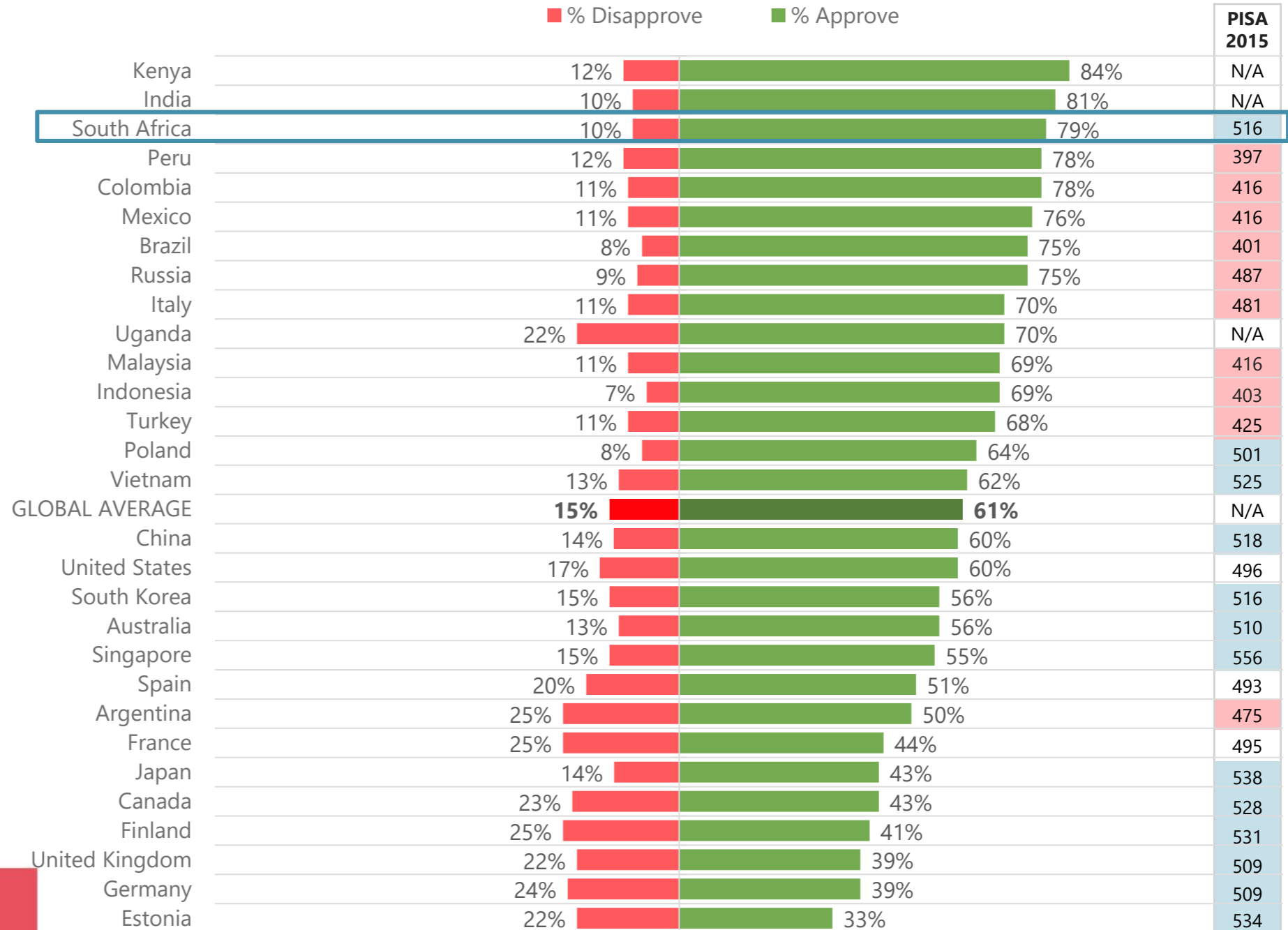
NB: 30% of parents from Indonesia gave an answer of 'don't know'

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In some countries, the government gives parents an education “voucher”, which they can use to “buy” education for their child at a school of their choice, regardless of whether the school is run by a private or public organisation. To what extent do you/would you approve or disapprove of this happening in your country?

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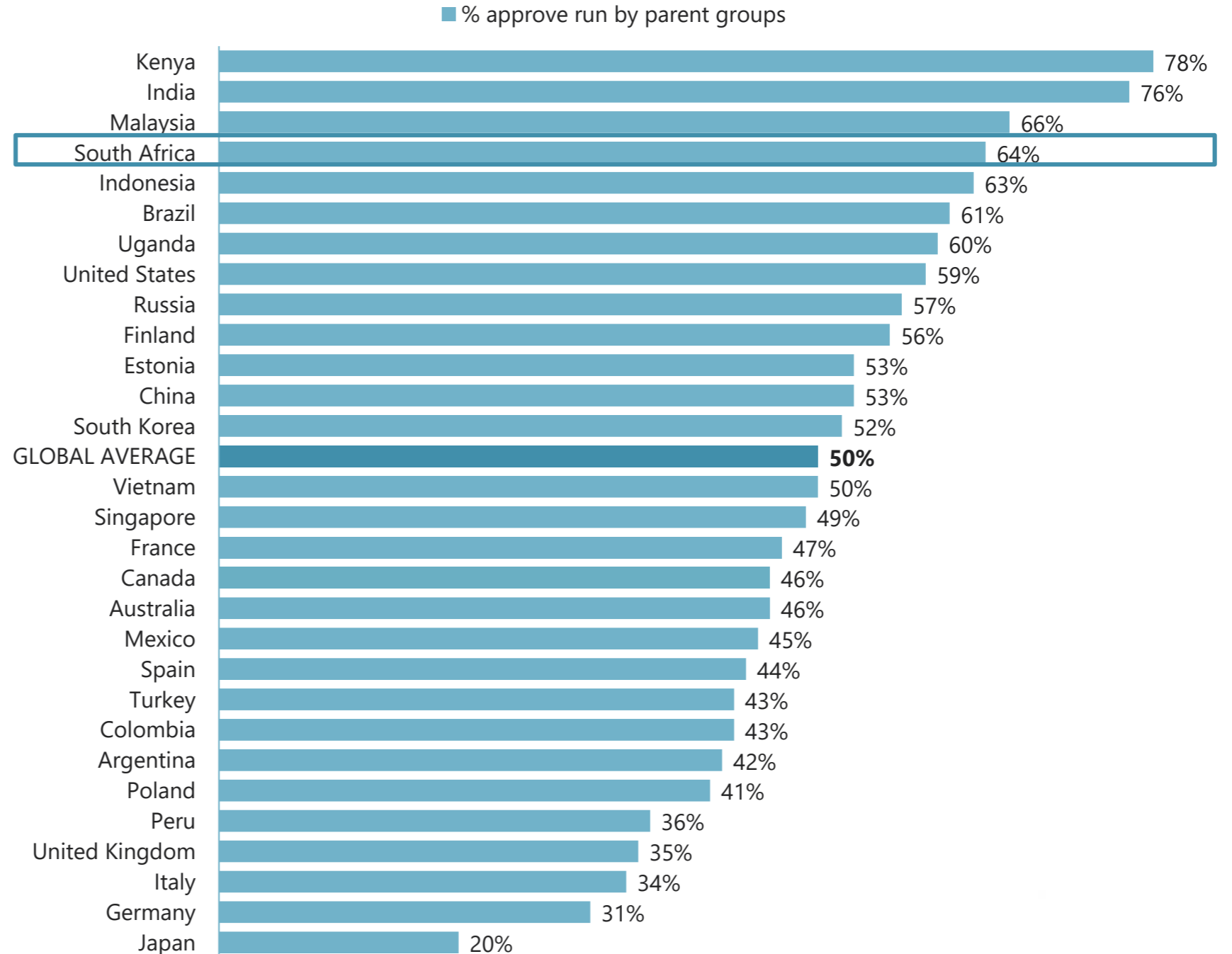
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To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the following organisations running free to attend schools?

Parent groups

Parent groups are popular choices for running free to attend schools, with **almost two-thirds (64%)** of parents happy to give their blessing, well above the global average (50%).

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To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the following organisations running free to attend schools?

Groups of teachers

More parents (73%) would prefer groups of teachers to run free to attend schools however.

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