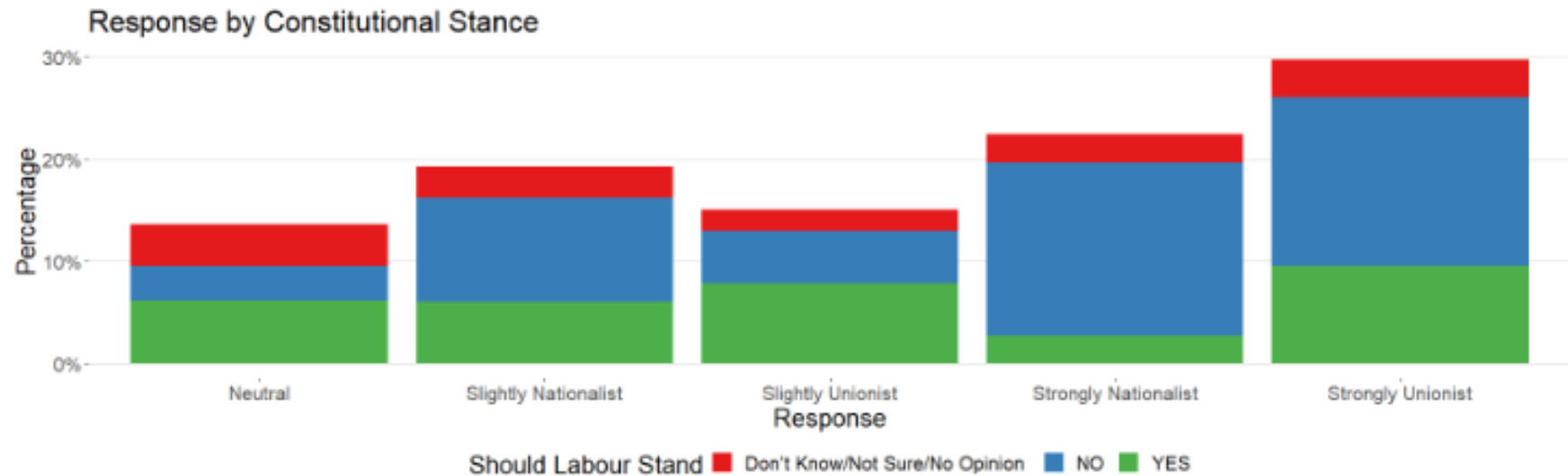


# Question 1: “Do you think the Labour Party should contest elections in Northern Ireland?”

Key points:

- 32% of people want us to stand, support from Unionist/Nationalist & Other.
- ‘Soft’ nationalists, unionists and ‘other’ all show broadly similar support.
- Amongst the “strong” Nationalists/Unionists there is a bigger split, unsurprisingly with more support from Unionists.
- Overall, the fact we can draw support from across all political traditions is something that we should be exploring in more depth.

The below chart shows support by constitutional stance.

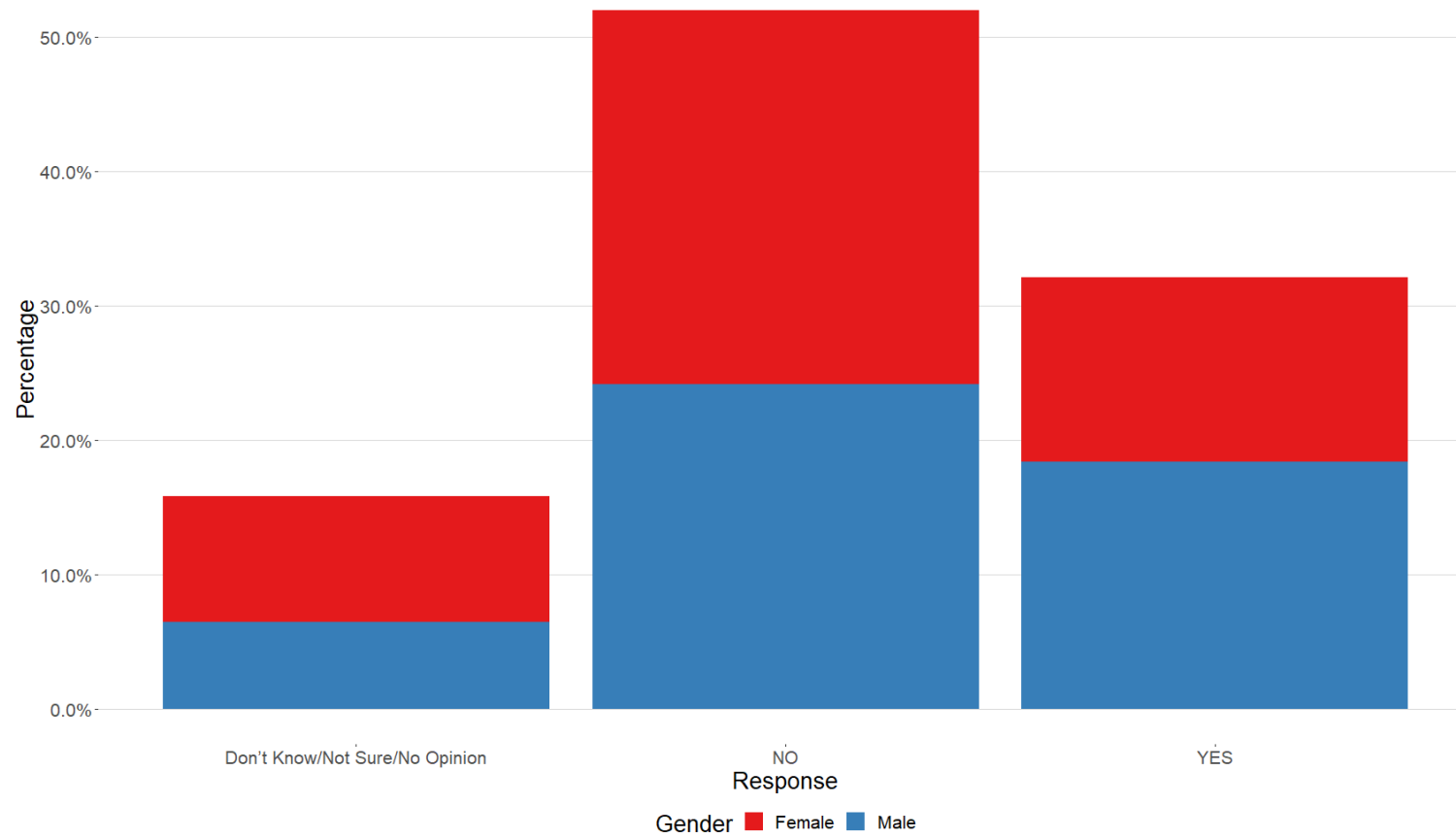


## Gender

Key Points:

- Broadly similar support across Male/Female respondents.

Response by Gender

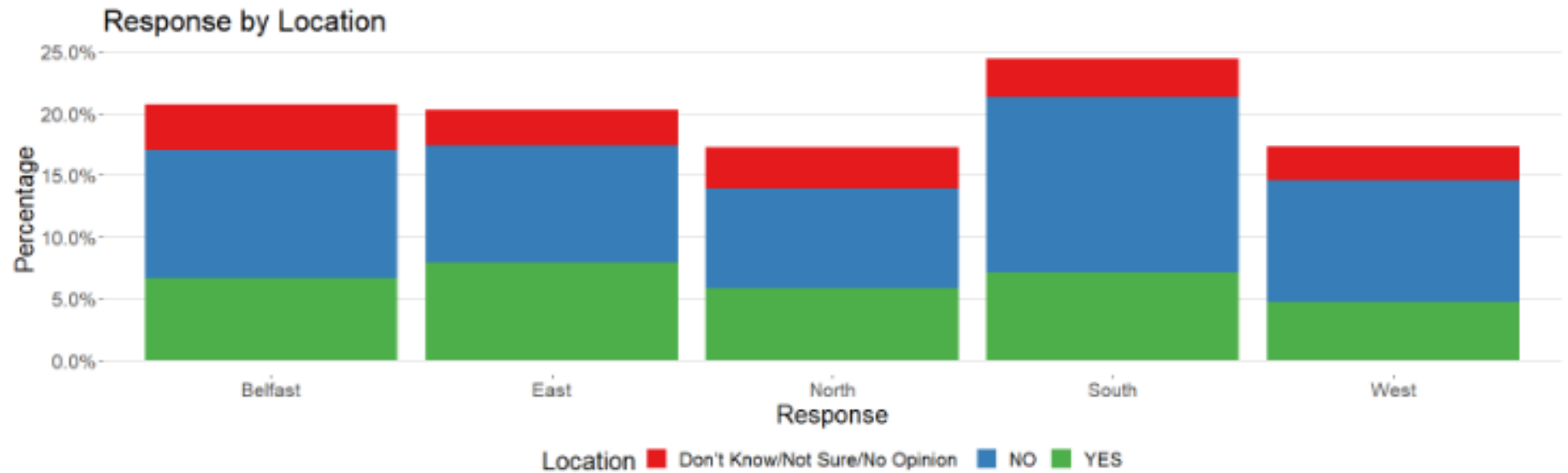


## Location

See appendix A for breakdown of regions. Due to nature of polling, it's not possible to reliably break this down into smaller district areas – further polling and canvassing would be needed to gather the full extent of potential support. However the below should be understood as very promising.

Key Points:

- Support is broadly similar across all NI 'regions'

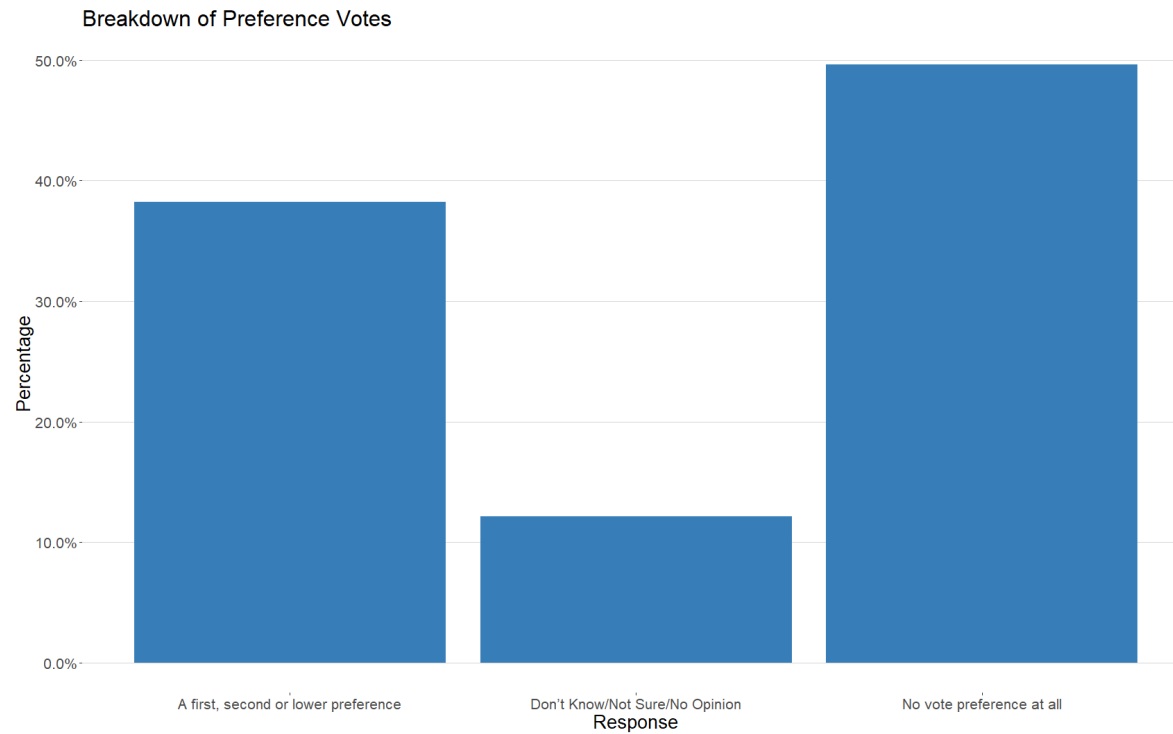


Question 2: “In a NI Assembly, or local government (council) election, would you give Labour Party candidates a first preference, or a 2nd or lower preference vote, or no preference?”

Northern Ireland operates on a PR-STV system- this means that the electorate can opt to give a ranked preference to a given candidate. There is no requirement to give every candidate a preference - indeed this question explicitly allowed the respondent to select “No Preference at all” or “Don’t Know/Not Sure/No Opinion”.

Key Points:

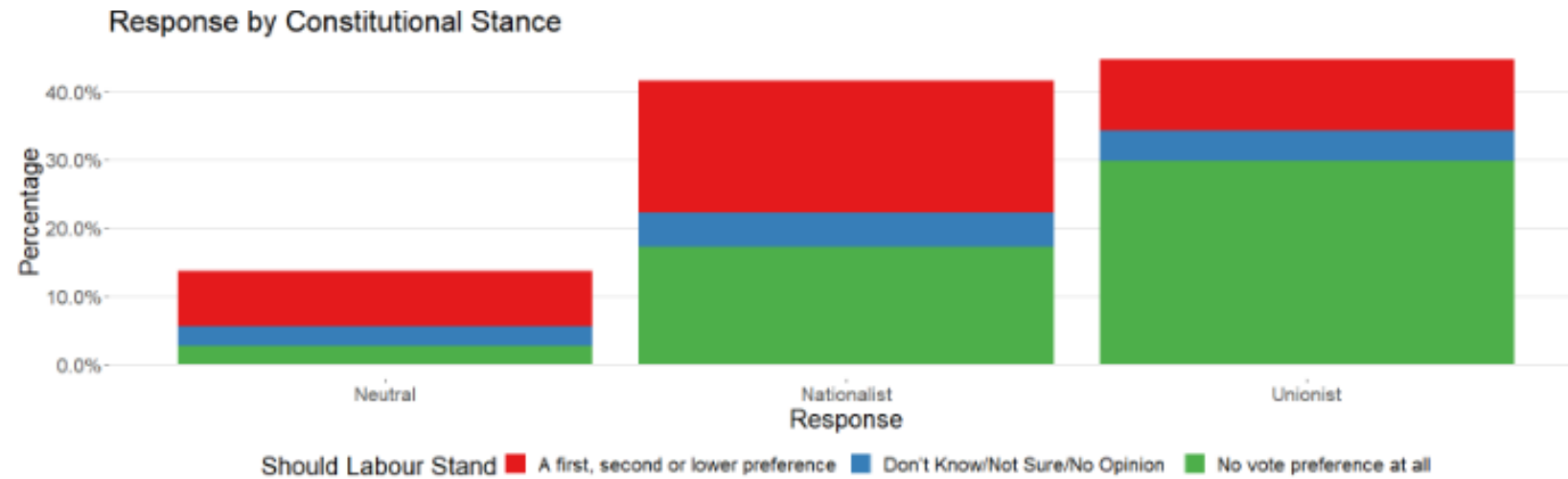
- As should be obvious, Labour achieving 38% support amongst the voting base should be seen as a real appetite for Labour politics in N. Ireland.
- 6% of people said they would give us a first preference! This is huge. For example, PBP get 1.1%, and have a number of councillors and MLA’s. Similarly, the Green Party get 1.9% and also had an MLA and some councillors.
- Unlike PBP and the Greens we are very transfer friendly, with 32% of people saying they’d transfer to Labour. NI Tories in contrast pull 0.0% of the vote.



## Responses by constitutional Stance

### Key Points:

- More unionists than Nationalists think we should stand, but more nationalists than unionists state they would give us a vote. This is potentially linked to Unionists typically being associated with the Conservative Party. Indeed, the DUP/Tory working together in Westminster shows this to be the case.



### Selection of “Qualitative” responses.

A small selection of the responses some users provided in the “other” field. There were a number of comments critical of Keir Starmer, Jeremy Corbyn, and Brexit. Reflecting the fact NI is a mature polity that holds people of the same political persuasions as the rest of the UK.

1. “The Labour Party should stand candidates. I don't know why they won't. With the cost of living and the DUP working with the Tories to create a mess we really need Labour to stand up for working people in Northern Ireland”
2. “I would rather vote for a candidate that would take their seat in Westminster.”
3. “The Labour Party should contest elections here but unattached to any political or religious grouping in Ireland or NI”
4. “Keep voting for the same people, keep getting the same horrendous results. Over the 15 years this assembly of fools has delivered nothing but more poverty, pain and deprivation.”
5. “The Labour movement needs to be more coherent in Northern Ireland be that a stronger SDLP or an agreed Labour movement to represent both traditions.”
6. “There are more important things like cost of living, hospitals and education that the Executive should prioritise”
7. “It is the only way forward. Political Parties here are far too politically naive focusing on squabbling with the opposition and contributing nothing to the health and prosperity of the N.I. people.”
8. “We need the same old parties removed from Stormont and replaced by new parties. A change needs to happen if we are to move forward.”
9. “It is necessary for Labour to offer an alternative.”
10. “I would love Labour to stand in NI. At 65 years of age I would finally feel that I had a vote that had an impact at Westminster.”
11. “The sooner the Labour party field candidates in Northern Ireland the better.”
12. “Labour should stand in N.I. as the SDLP has a one sided view and does not represent both communities.”

13. "It is about time that Labour stands candidates in Northern Ireland. Long overdue!"
14. "People from northern ireland should be allowed to join uk labour. And not continually pushed to the sdlp."
15. "Labour party needs to stand as OK labour and not und er the wing of SDLP."
16. "I think there is a desire for mainstream politics rather Orange vs Green in NI. Perhaps this explains the surge in support for the Alliance party. It also points to a missed oppertunity for the mainstream parties. Both Labour and Lib Dems should field candidates in N. Ireland. I find their failure to do so somewhat disrespectful"

**Appendix A: N.I district areas.**

- Belfast/Belfast area
  - the 4 Belfast constituencies (North, South, East, and West)
- East NI
  - North Down
  - Lagan Valley
  - South Antrim
  - East Antrim
- North NI
  - Foyle
  - East Londonderry
  - North Antrim
- South NI – South Down
  - Strangford
  - Newry
  - Armagh
  - Upper Bann
- West NI
  - Fermanagh and South Tyrone
  - Mid-Ulster
  - West Tyrone