

# Teaching the Future

Research with teachers in England on  
climate education and the curriculum

Subject breakdown report

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# **Climate and the curriculum**

# About the survey

Conducted by Teacher Tapp on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

4690 secondary education teachers from across England were surveyed.

Data has been weighted to reflect the national population of teachers in England.

This report provides details of the results according to the main subject taught by respondents.



Teachertapp

**Subject  
breakdown: Maths**

# Which of the following are embedded in your school's curriculum, in your subject, in a meaningful and relevant way?

**7%**

Climate change

**3%**

Ecological crisis (i.e., biodiversity decline and the collapse of systems in nature that support life on our planet)

**4%**

Challenges for humanity that result from either or both of the climate emergency and ecological crisis

**75%**

None of the above

**18%**

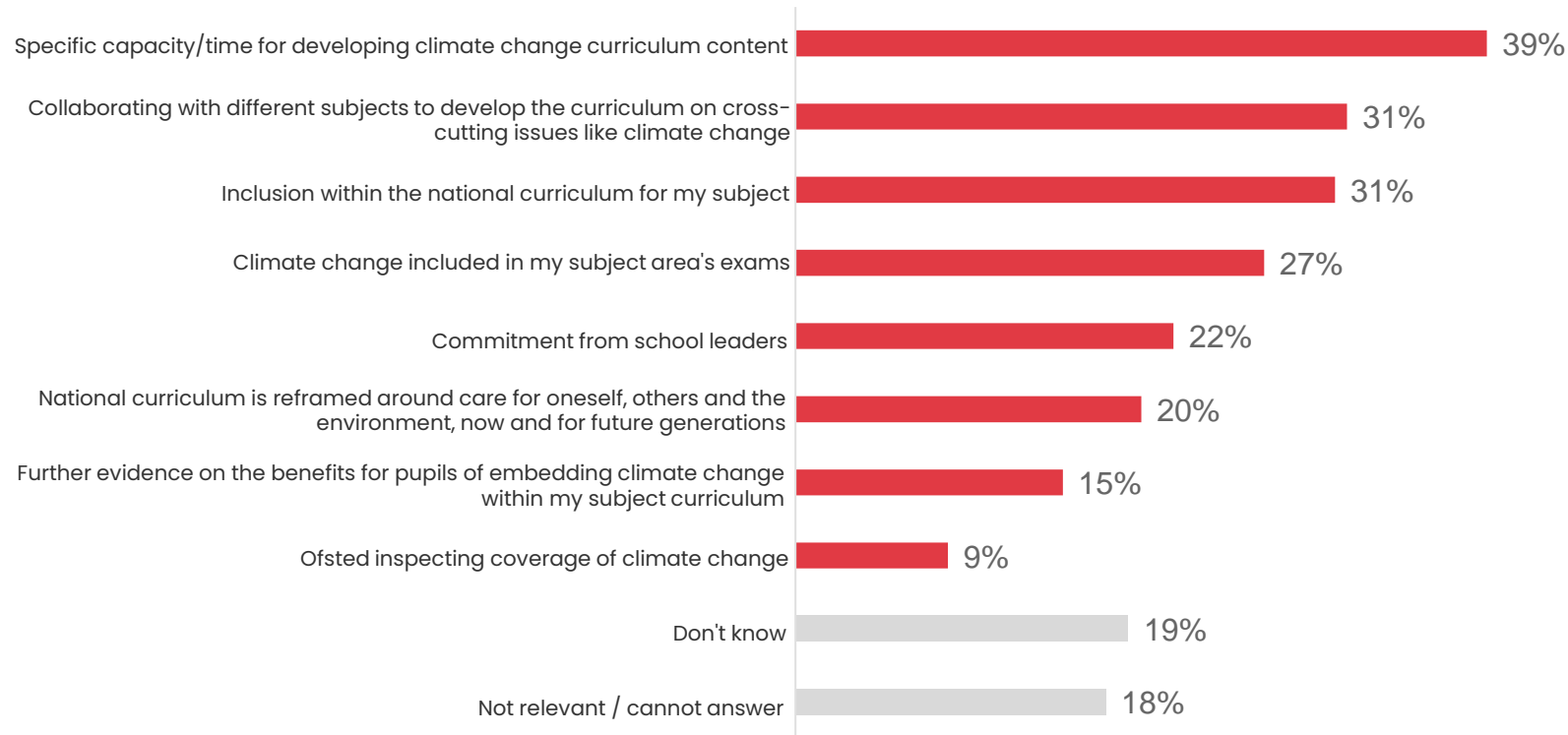
Say climate change isn't relevant to their subject

**20%**

Say the ecological crisis isn't relevant to their subject

# What would most support you to embed **climate change** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

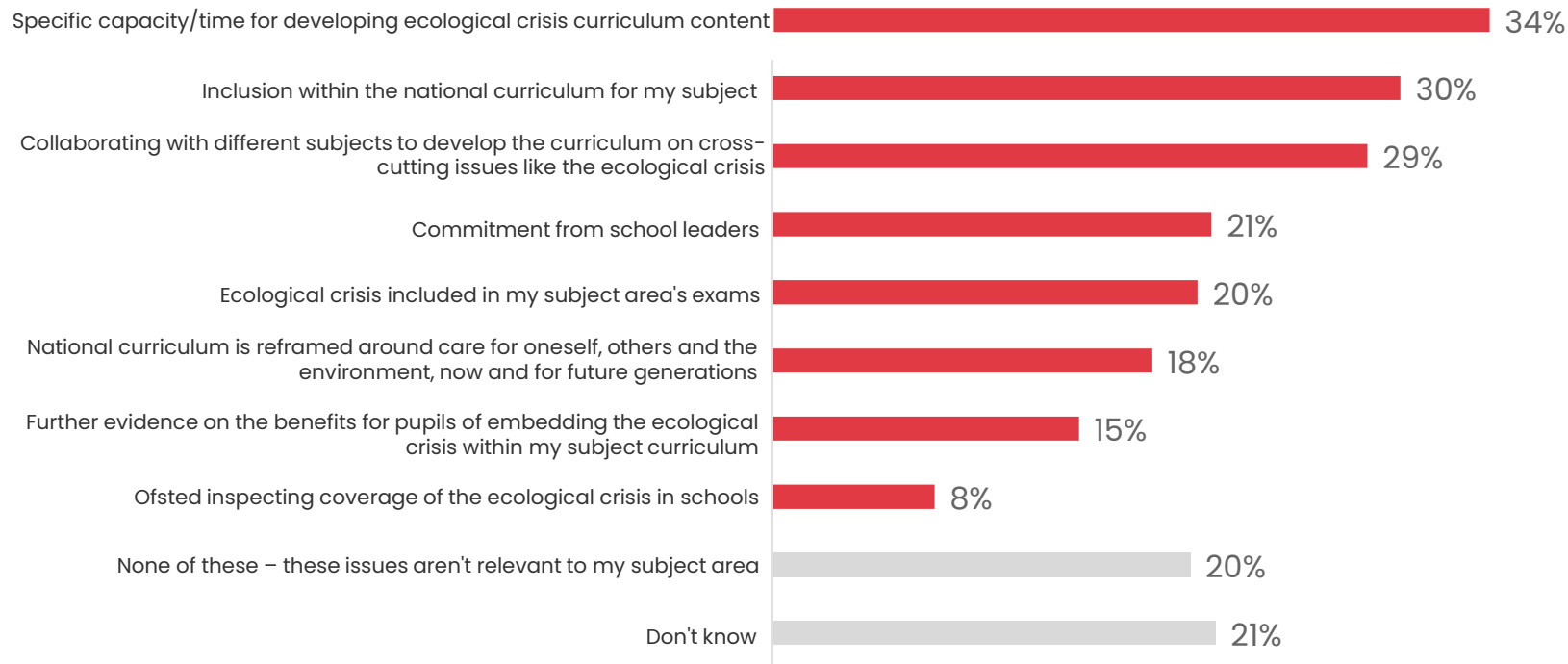
**Maths**



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Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# What would most support you to embed **the ecological crisis** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

**Maths**



Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer



**Subject**  
**breakdown: English**

# Which of the following are embedded in your school's curriculum, in your subject, in a meaningful and relevant way?

**17%**

Climate change

**7%**

Ecological crisis (i.e., biodiversity decline and the collapse of systems in nature that support life on our planet)

**12%**

Challenges for humanity that result from either or both of the climate emergency and ecological crisis

**63%**

None of the above

**10%**

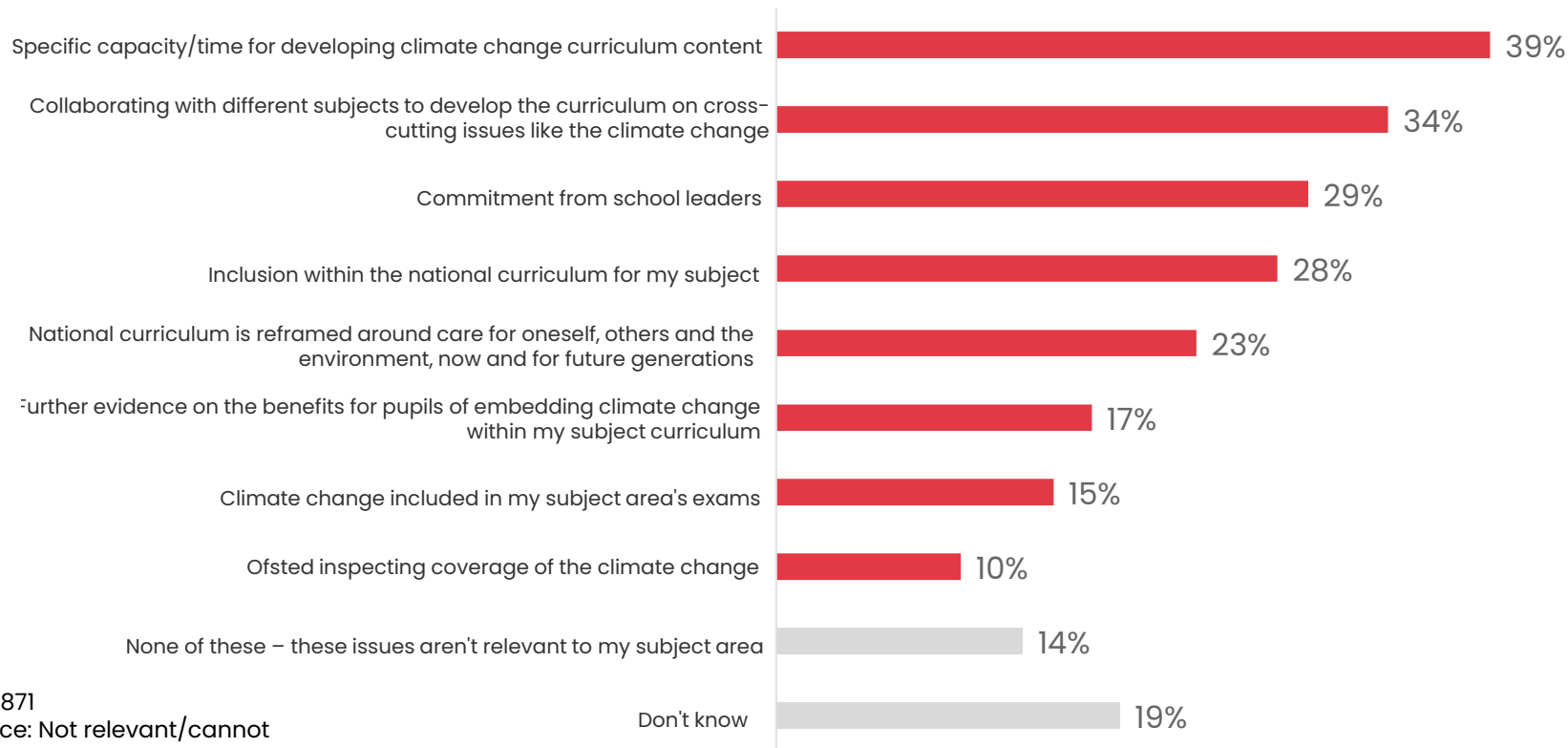
Say climate change isn't relevant to their subject

**14%**

Say the ecological crisis isn't relevant to their subject

# What would most support you to embed **climate change** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

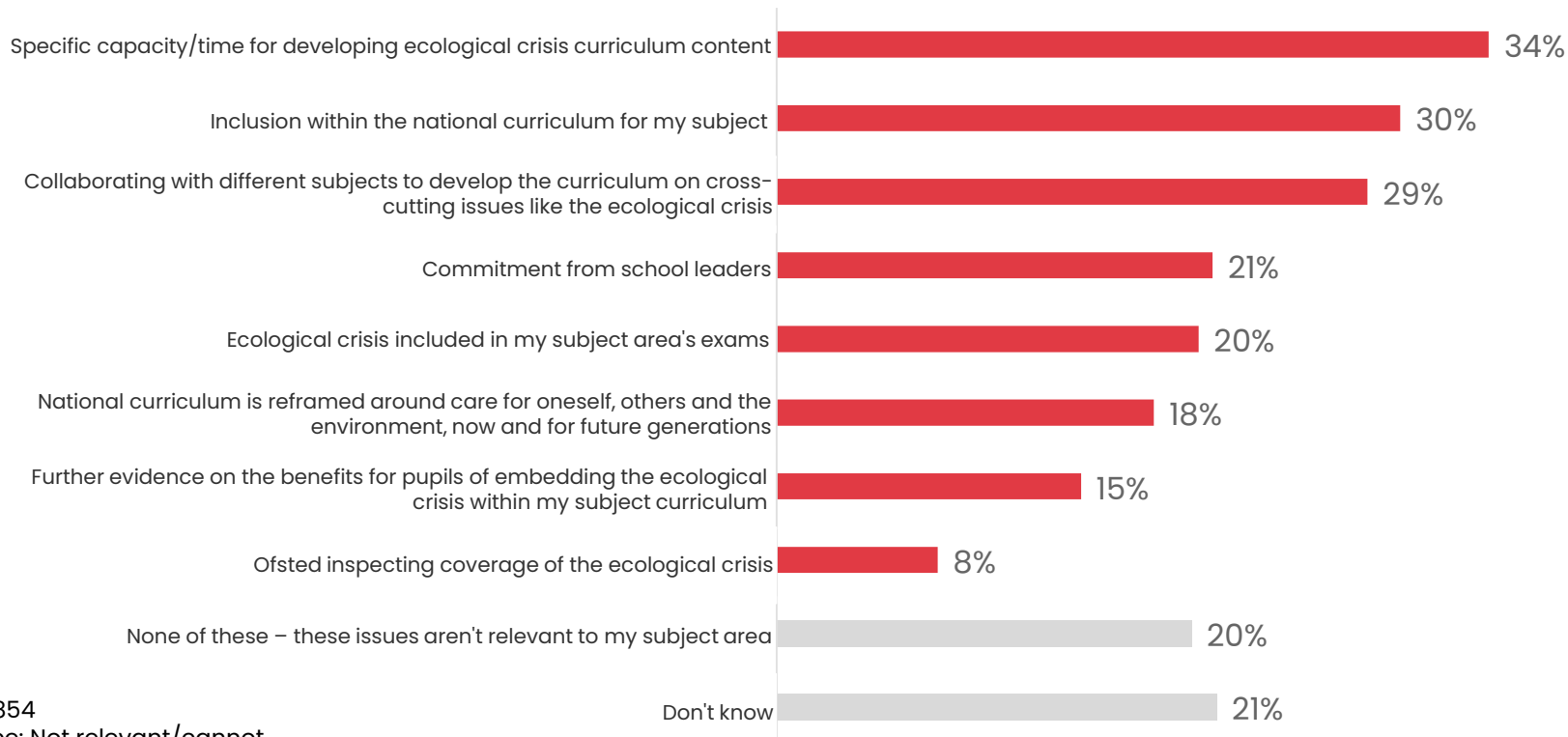
English



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Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# What would most support you to embed **the ecological crisis** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

English



Base: 854

Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# **Subject breakdown: Science**

# Which of the following are embedded in your school's curriculum, in your subject, in a meaningful and relevant way?

67%

Climate change

49%

Ecological crisis (i.e., biodiversity decline and the collapse of systems in nature that support life on our planet)

34%

Challenges for humanity that result from either or both of the climate emergency and ecological crisis

24%

None of the above

3%

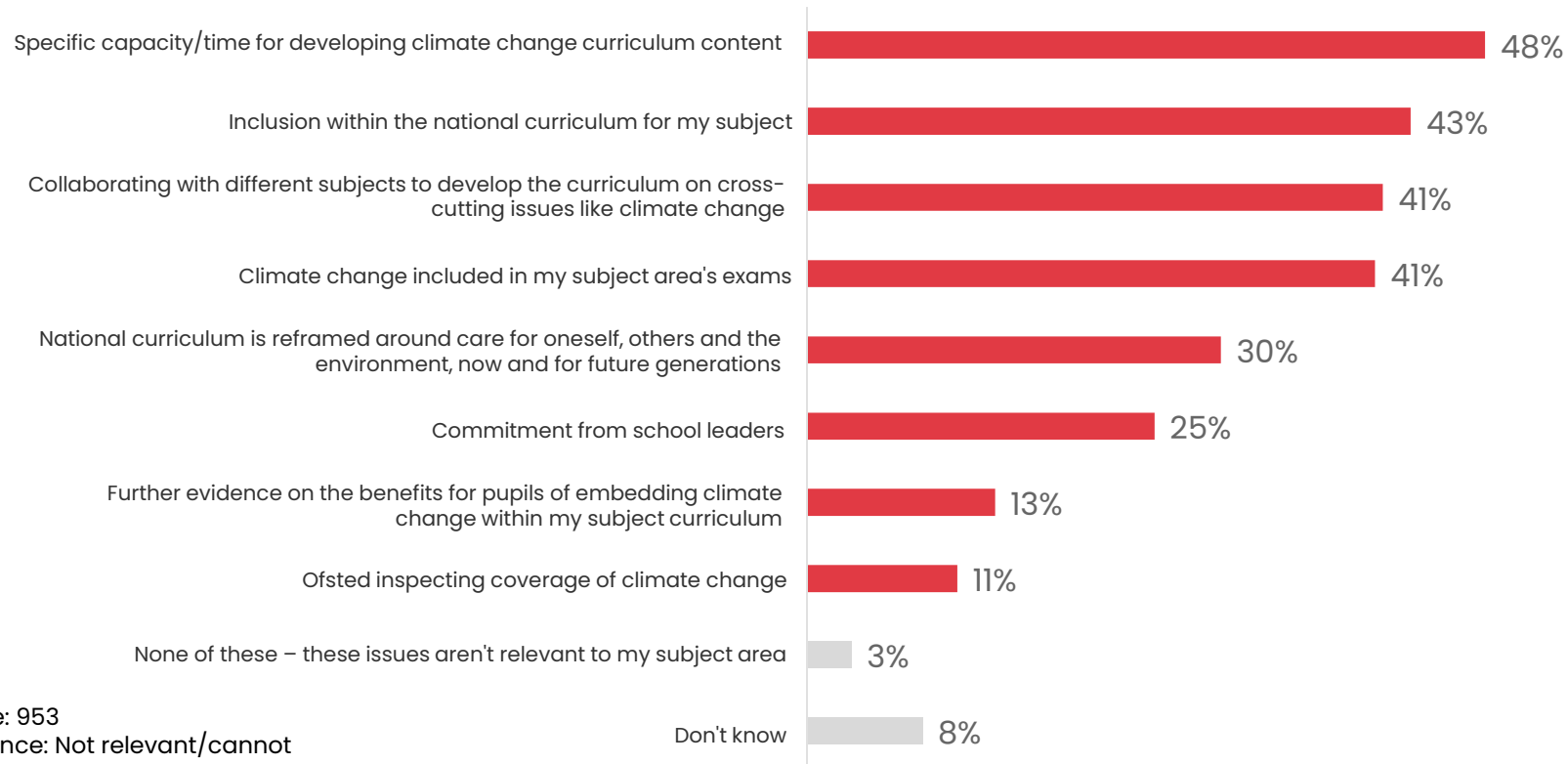
Say climate change isn't relevant to their subject

4%

Say the ecological crisis isn't relevant to their subject

# What would most support you to embed **climate change** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

**Science**

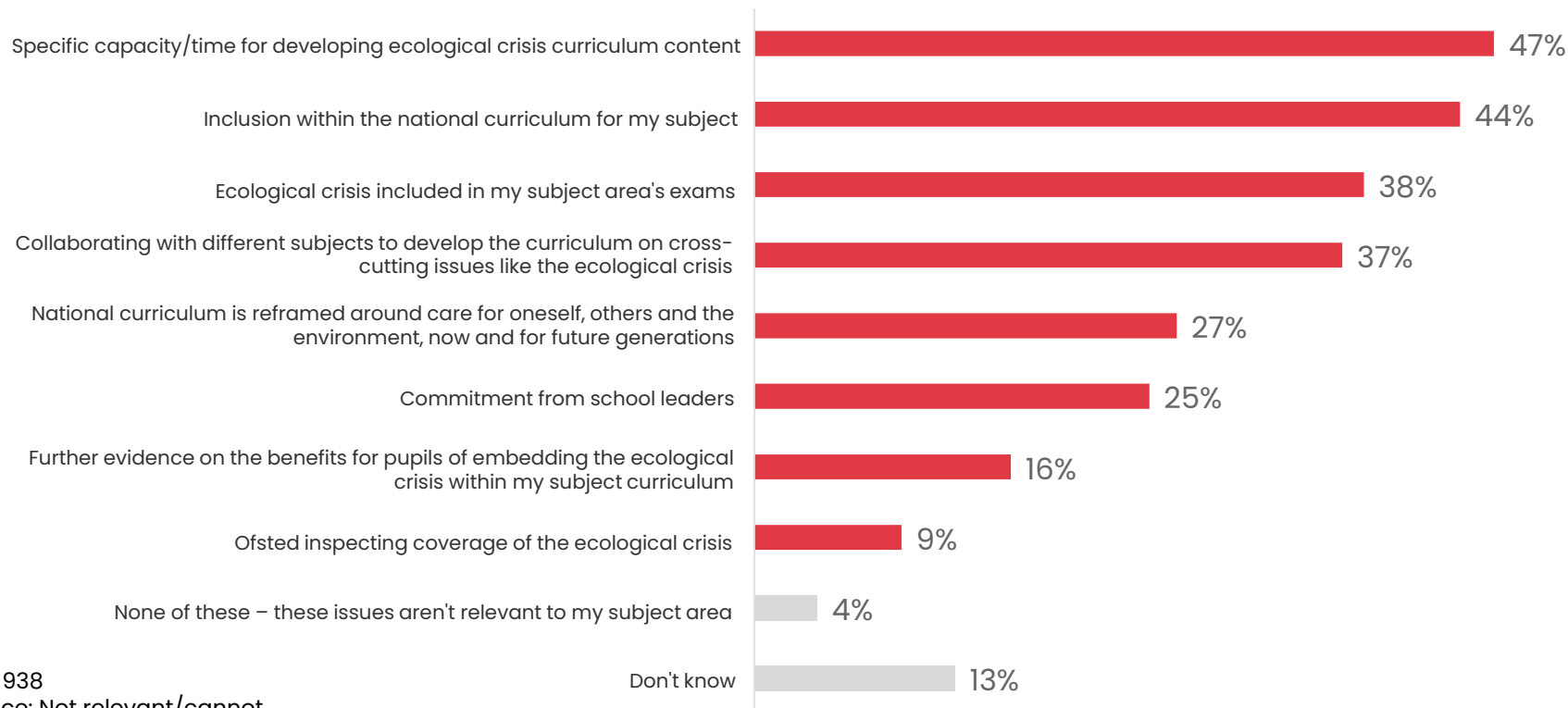


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Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# What would most support you to embed **the ecological crisis** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

Science



Base: 938

Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer



# **Subject breakdown: Geography**

# Which of the following are embedded in your school's curriculum, in your subject, in a meaningful and relevant way?

**92%**

Climate change

**64%**

Ecological crisis (i.e., biodiversity decline and the collapse of systems in nature that support life on our planet)

**69%**

Challenges for humanity that result from either or both of the climate emergency and ecological crisis

**6%**

None of the above

**4%**

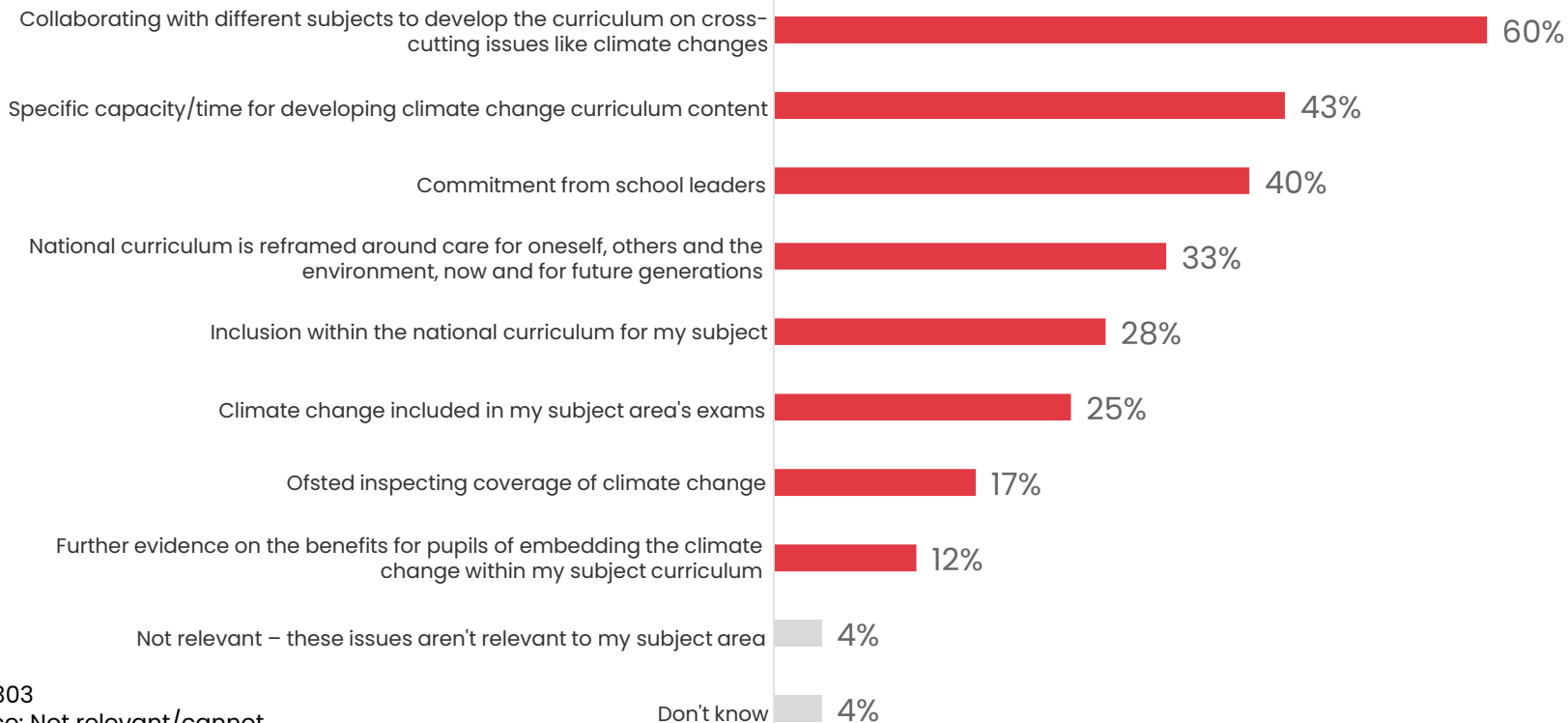
Say climate change isn't relevant to their subject

**3%**

Say the ecological crisis isn't relevant to their subject

# What would most support you to embed **climate change** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

## Geography

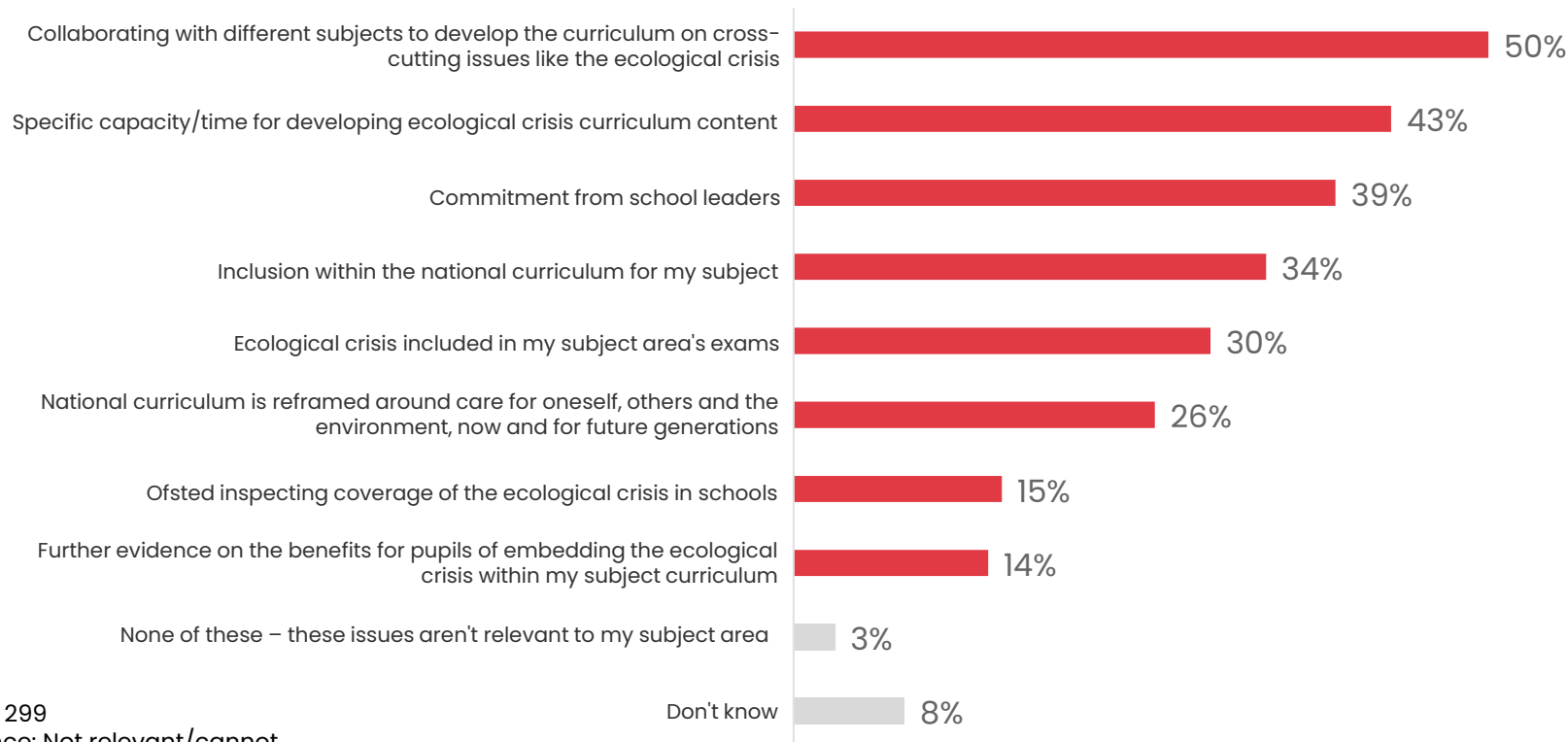


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# What would most support you to embed **the ecological crisis** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

## Geography



Base: 299  
Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# **Subject breakdown: History**

**Which of the following are embedded in your school's curriculum, in your subject, in a meaningful and relevant way?**

**28%**

Climate change

**13%**

Ecological crisis (i.e., biodiversity decline and the collapse of systems in nature that support life on our planet)

**18%**

Challenges for humanity that result from either or both of the climate emergency and ecological crisis

**54%**

None of the above

**17%**

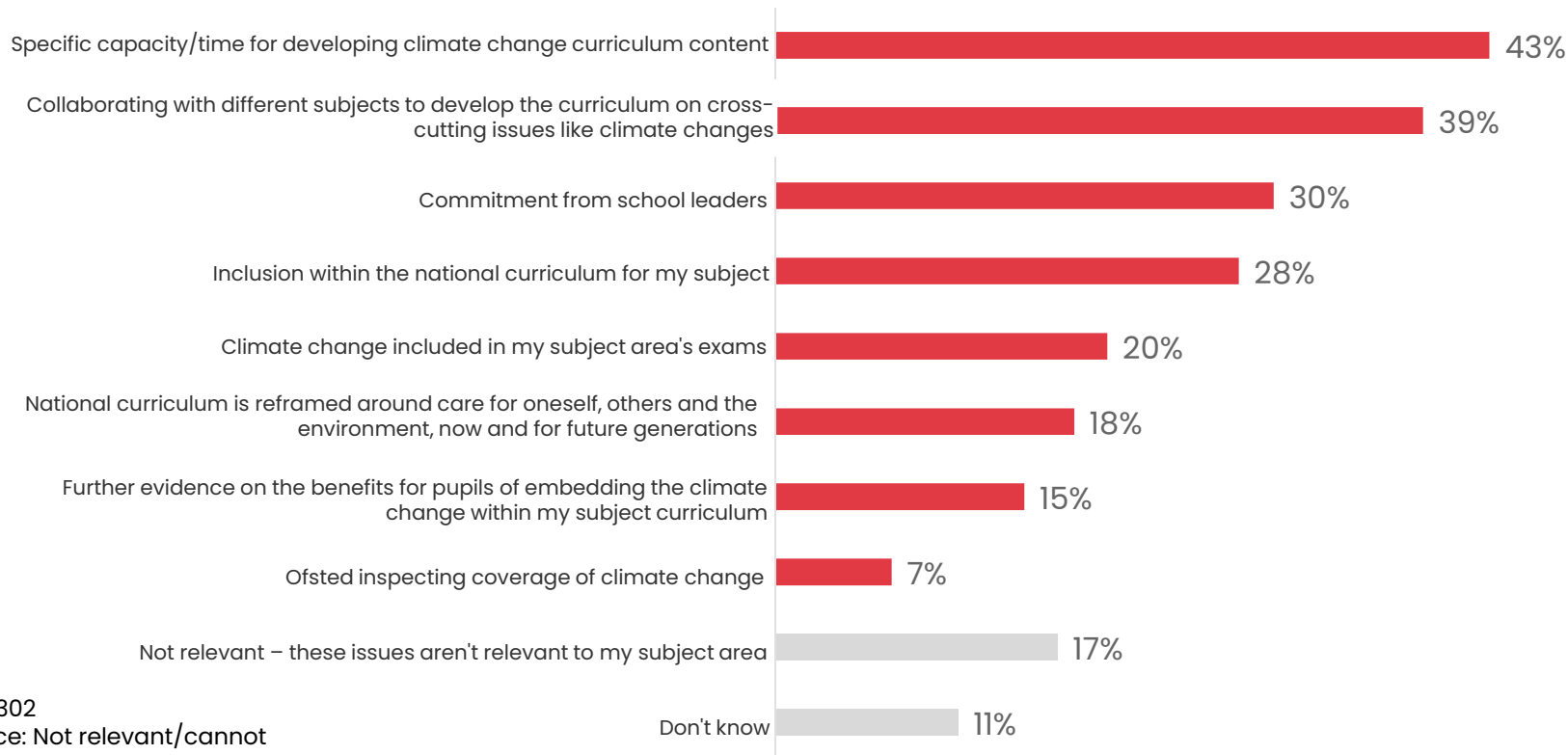
Say climate change isn't relevant to their subject

**23%**

Say the ecological crisis isn't relevant to their subject

# What would most support you to embed **climate change** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

## History

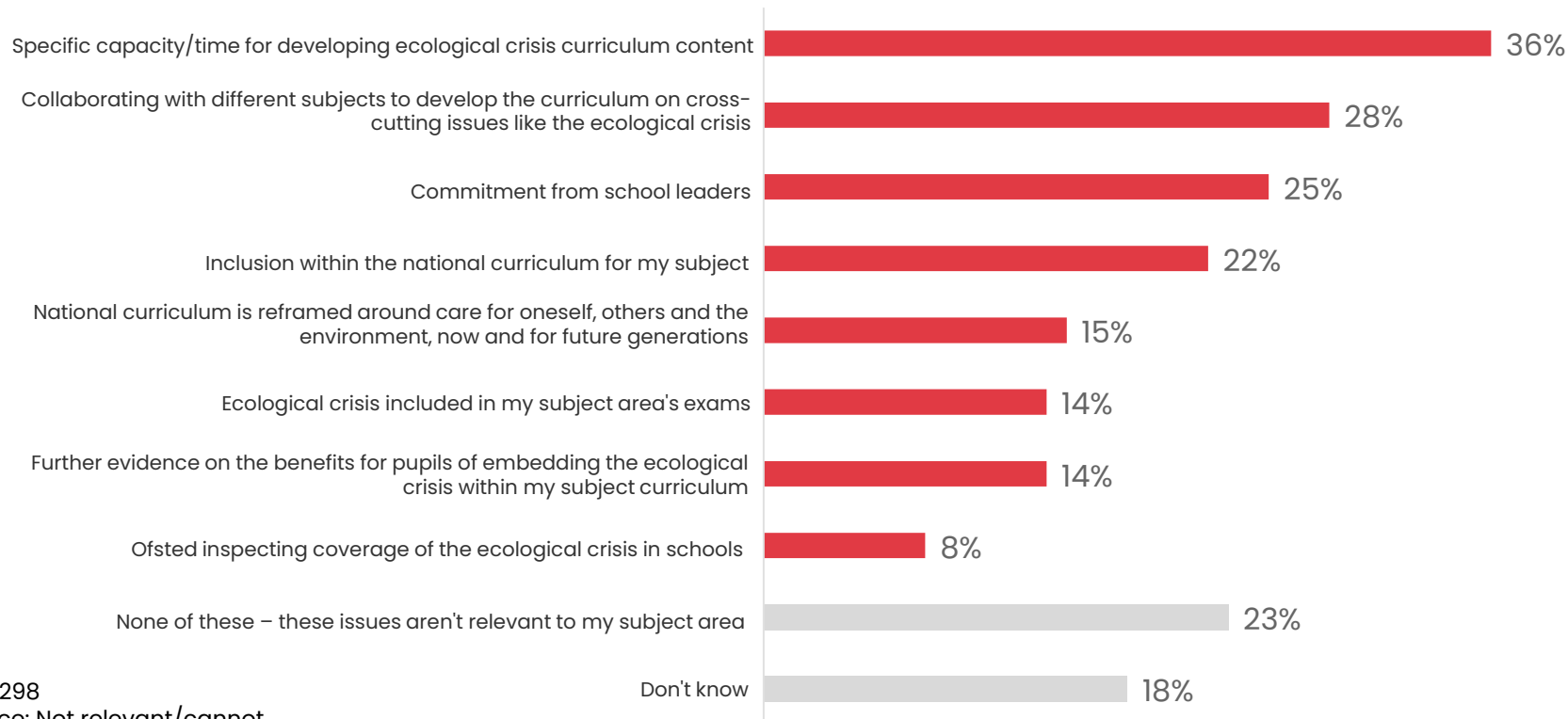


Base: 302

Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# What would most support you to embed **the ecological crisis** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

## History



Base: 298

Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer



**Subject  
breakdown:  
Religious studies**

# Which of the following are embedded in your school's curriculum, in your subject, in a meaningful and relevant way?

**45%**

Climate change

**17%**

Ecological crisis (i.e., biodiversity decline and the collapse of systems in nature that support life on our planet)

**30%**

Challenges for humanity that result from either or both of the climate emergency and ecological crisis

**40%**

None of the above

**2%**

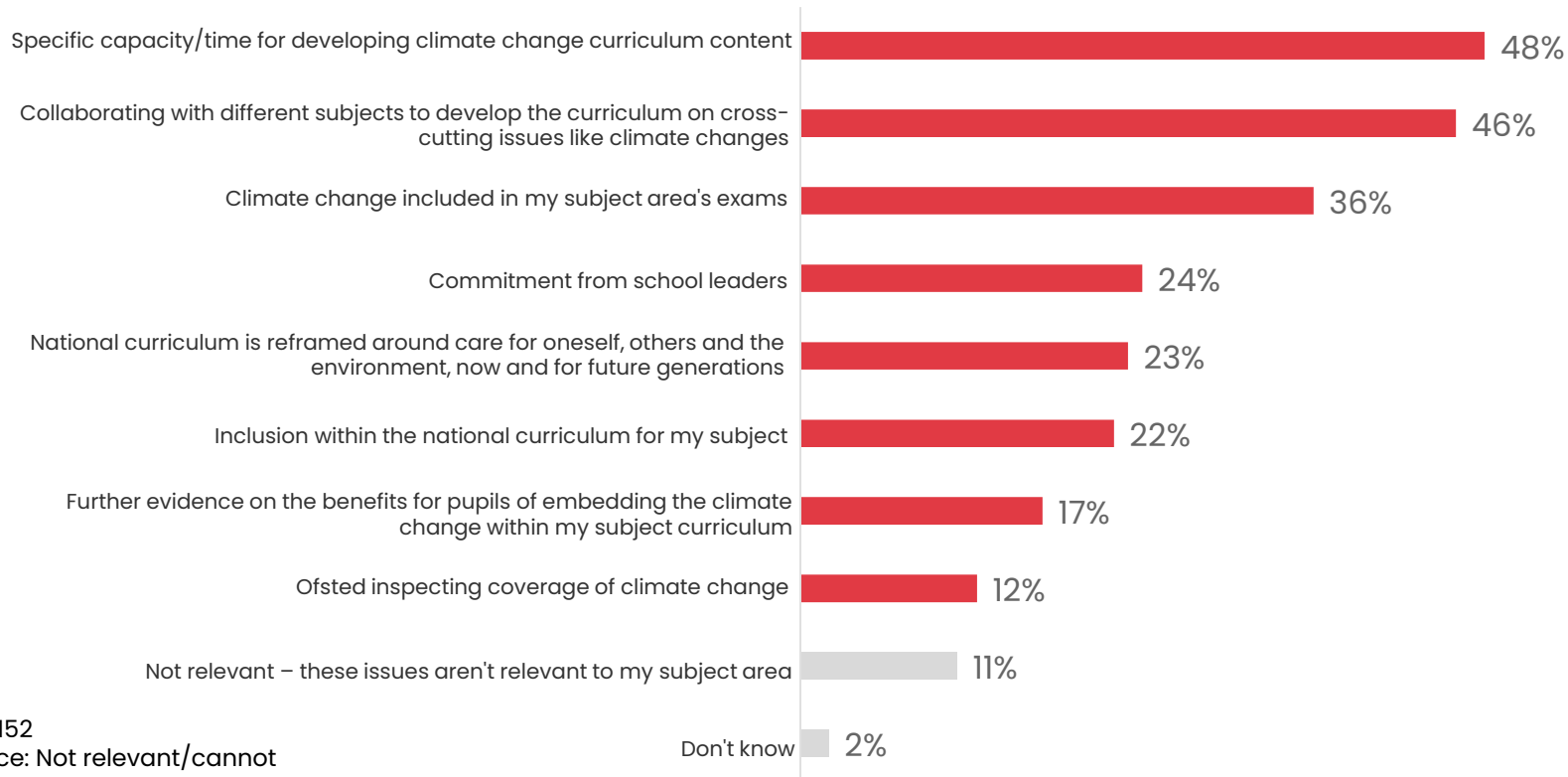
Say climate change isn't relevant to their subject

**6%**

Say the ecological crisis isn't relevant to their subject

# What would most support you to embed **climate change** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

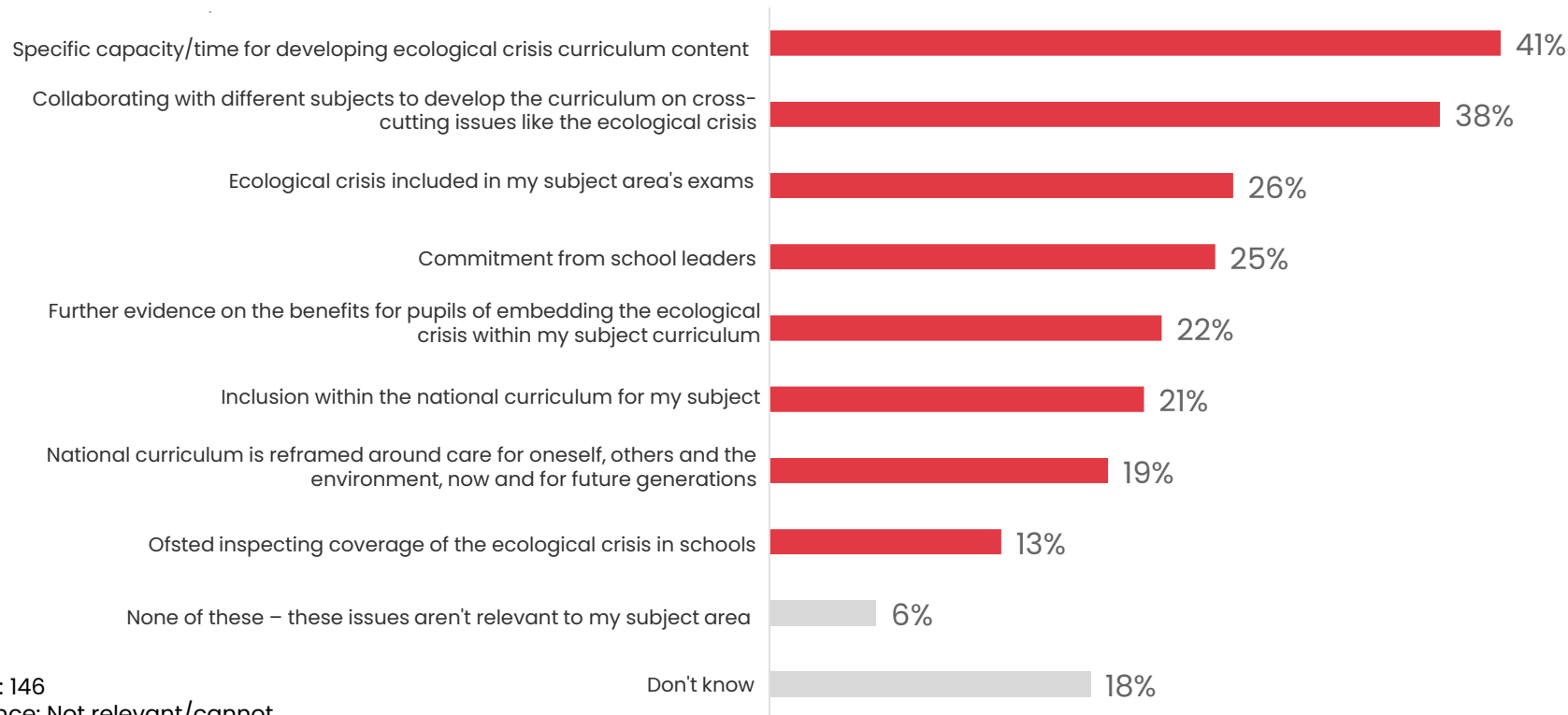
Religious studies



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Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# What would most support you to embed **the ecological crisis** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

Religious studies



Base: 146  
Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# **Subject breakdown: Languages**

# Which of the following are embedded in your school's curriculum, in your subject, in a meaningful and relevant way?

**27%**

Climate change

**13%**

Ecological crisis (i.e., biodiversity decline and the collapse of systems in nature that support life on our planet)

**16%**

Challenges for humanity that result from either or both of the climate emergency and ecological crisis

**56%**

None of the above

**12%**

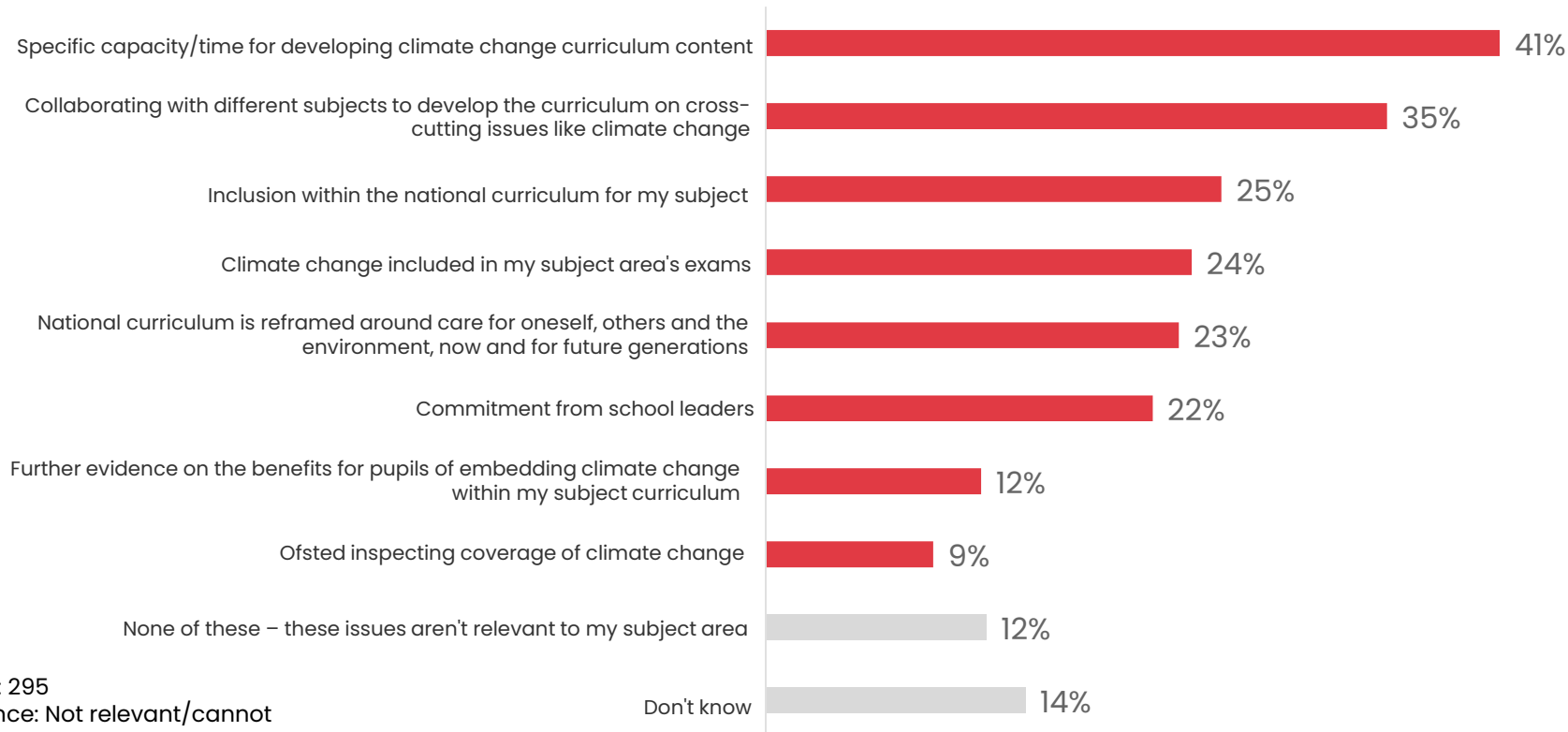
Say climate change isn't relevant to their subject

**17%**

Say the ecological crisis isn't relevant to their subject

# What would most support you to embed **climate change** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

Languages

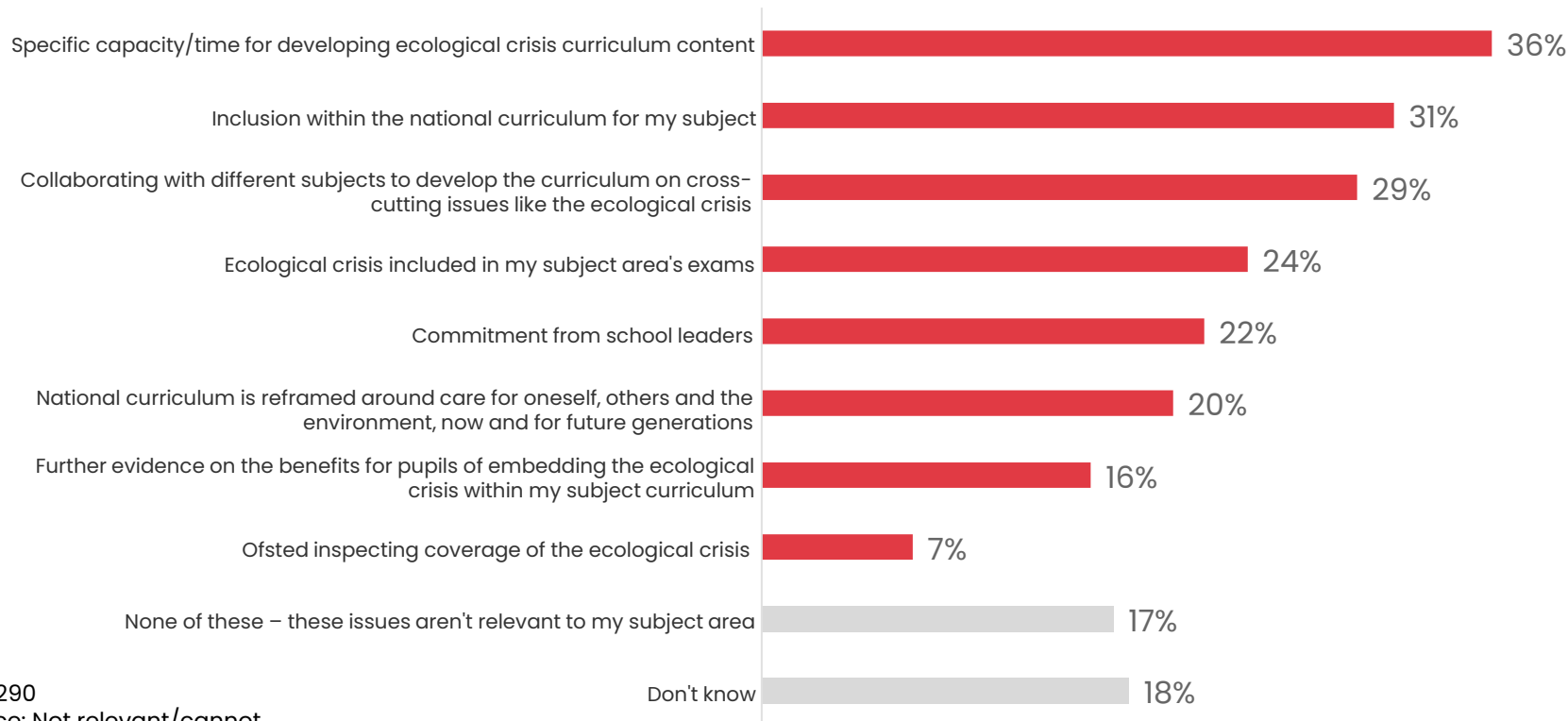


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Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# What would most support you to embed **the ecological crisis** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

## Languages



Base: 290

Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer



**Subject  
breakdown: Arts  
inc. D&T**

# Which of the following are embedded in your school's curriculum, in your subject, in a meaningful and relevant way?

**19%**

Climate change

**12%**

Ecological crisis (i.e., biodiversity decline and the collapse of systems in nature that support life on our planet)

**13%**

Challenges for humanity that result from either or both of the climate emergency and ecological crisis

**60%**

None of the above

**18%**

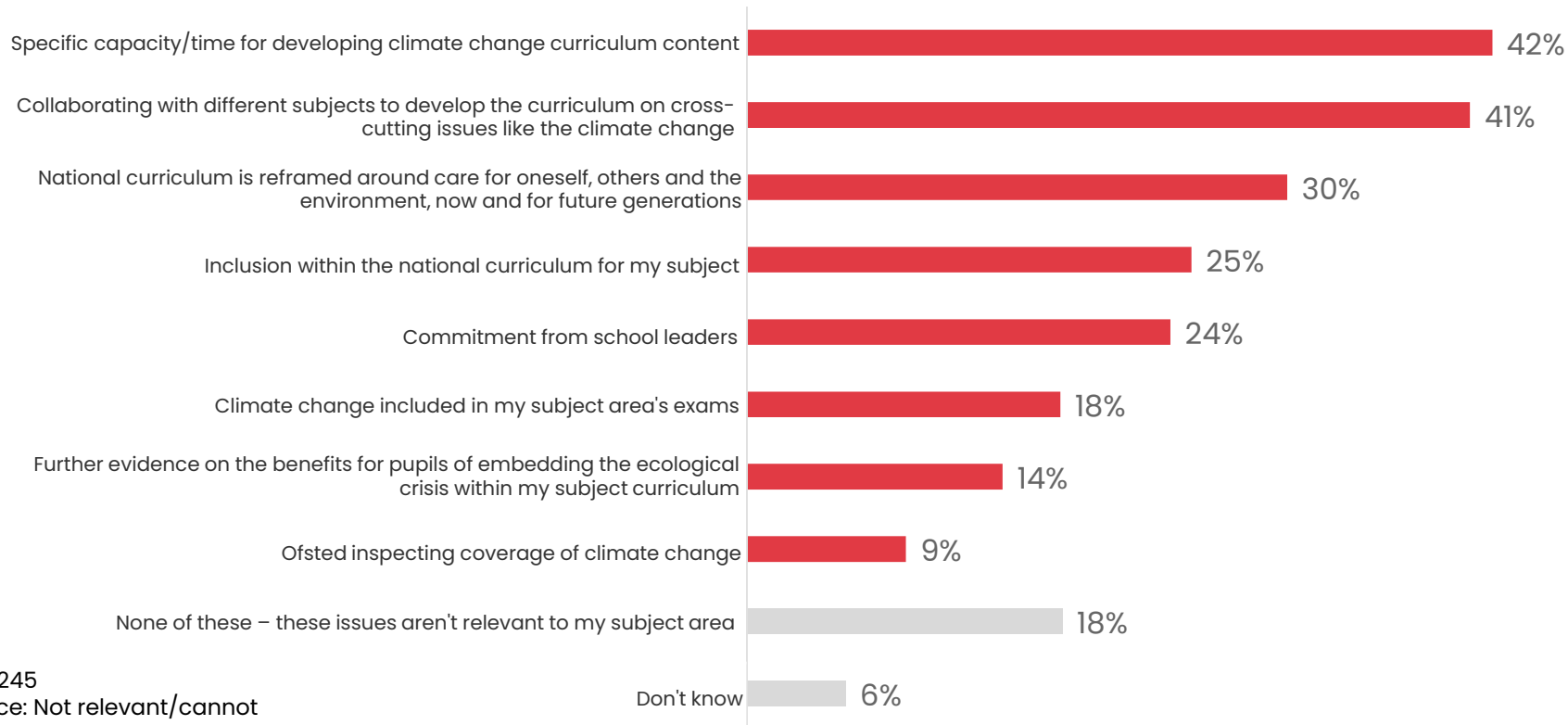
Say climate change isn't relevant to their subject

**22%**

Say the ecological crisis isn't relevant to their subject

# What would most support you to embed **climate change** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

Arts/D&T

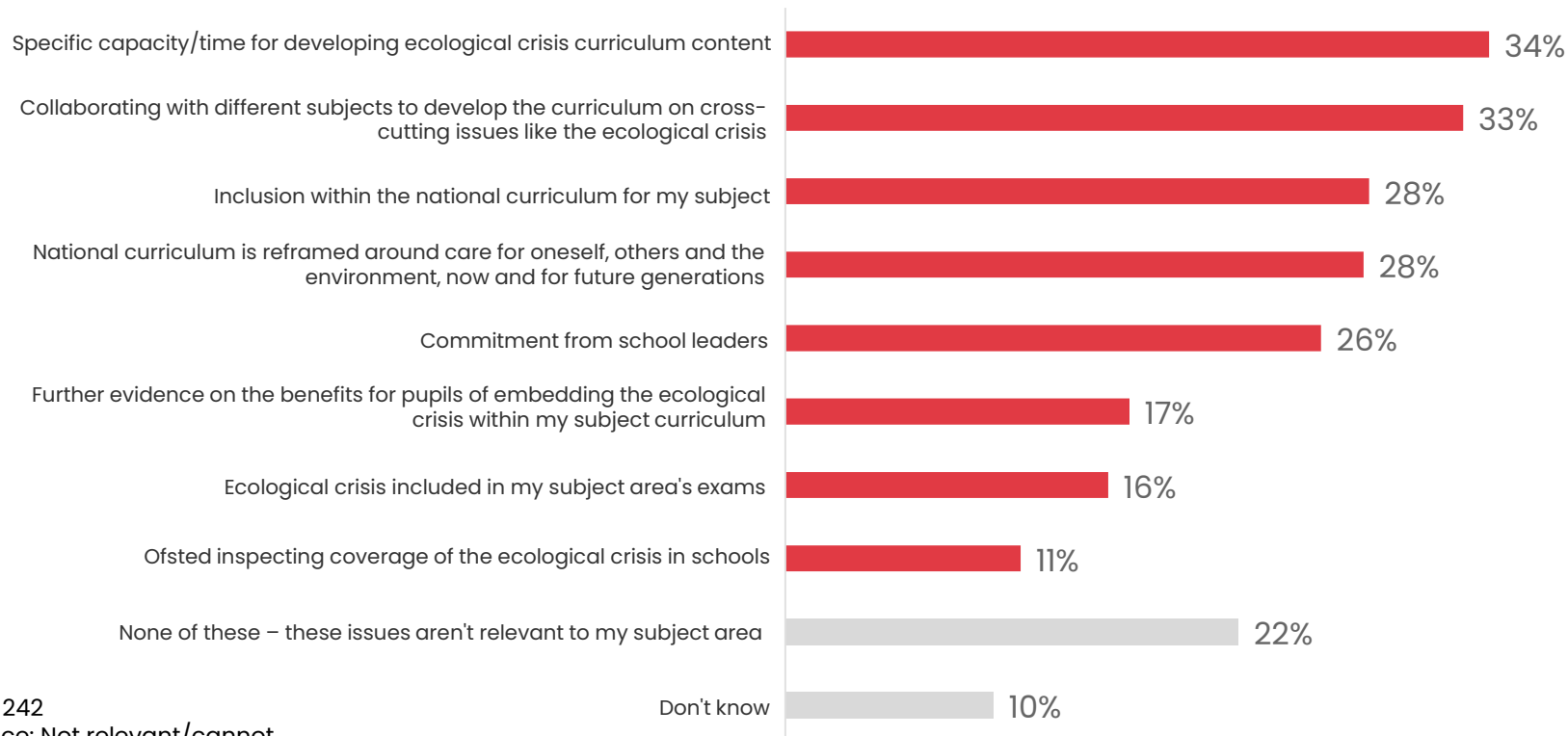


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Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

# What would most support you to embed **the ecological crisis** within the curriculum for your subject at your school? [top 5 choices]

Arts/D&T



Base: 242

Balance: Not relevant/cannot answer

Full research at:

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