

## BELGIUM

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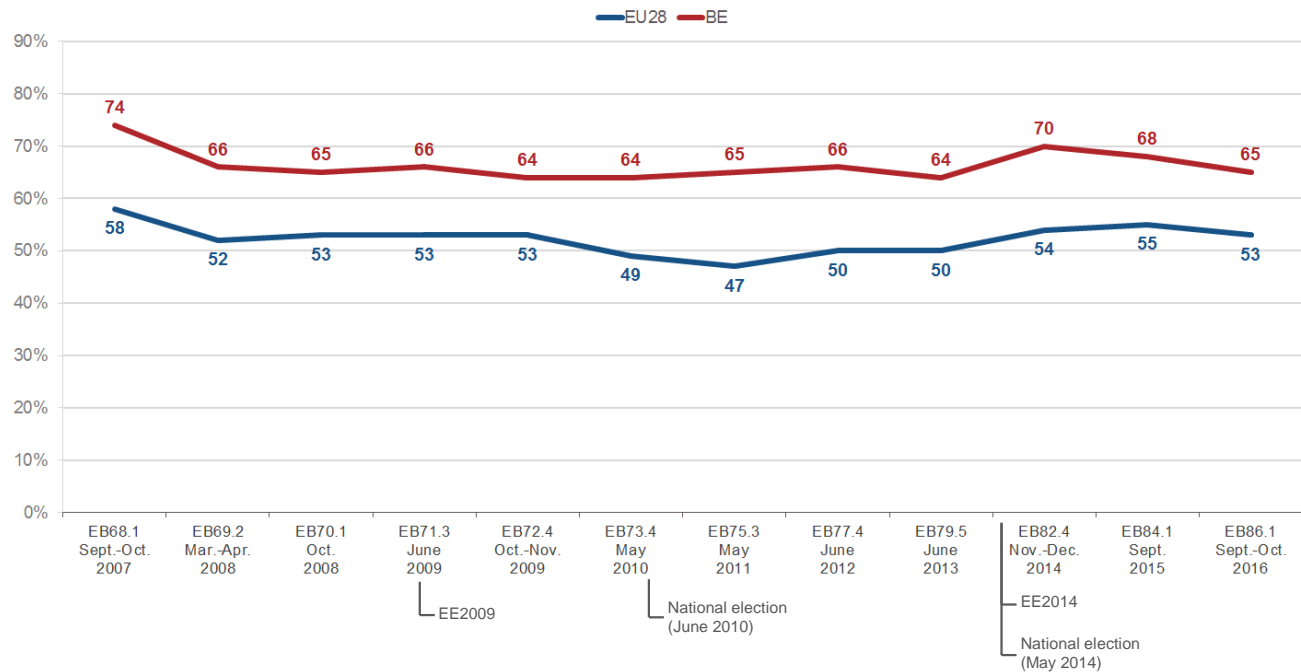
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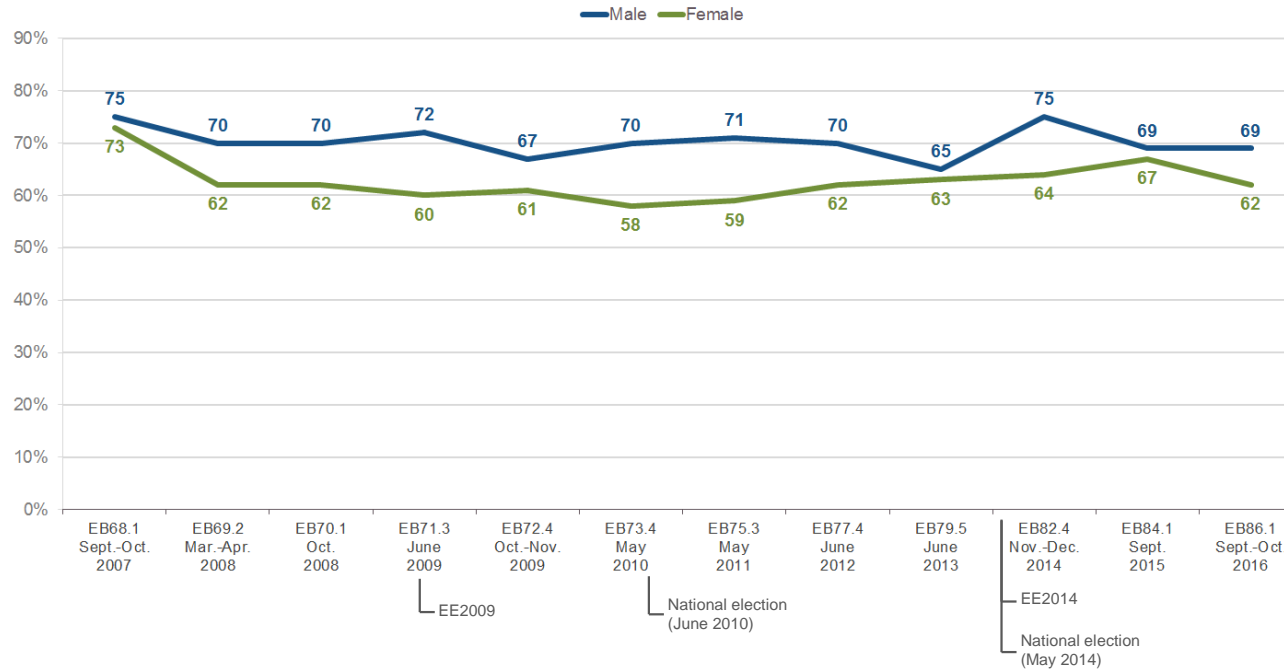
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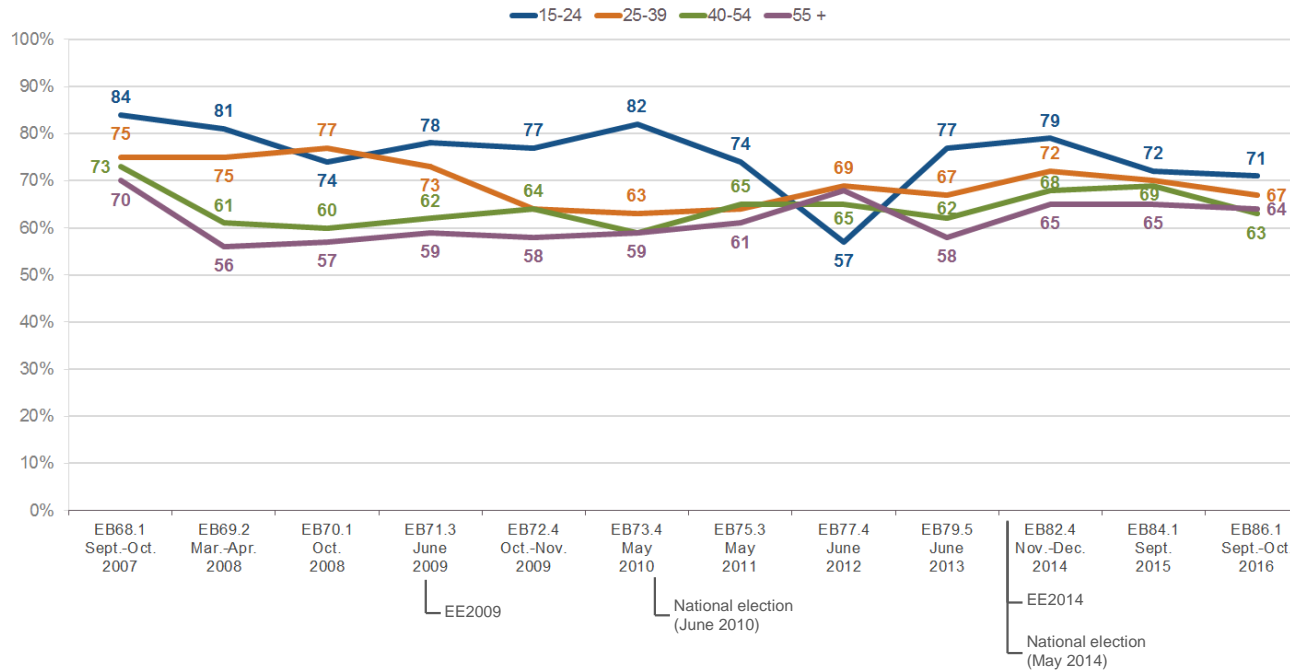




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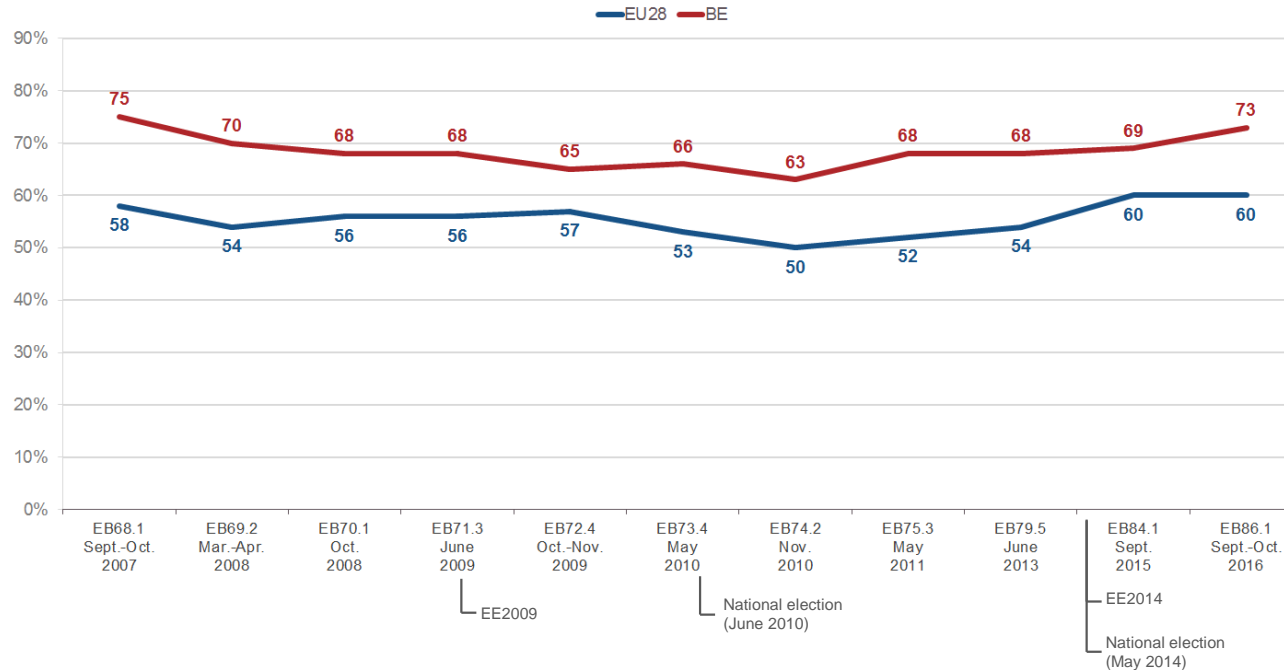
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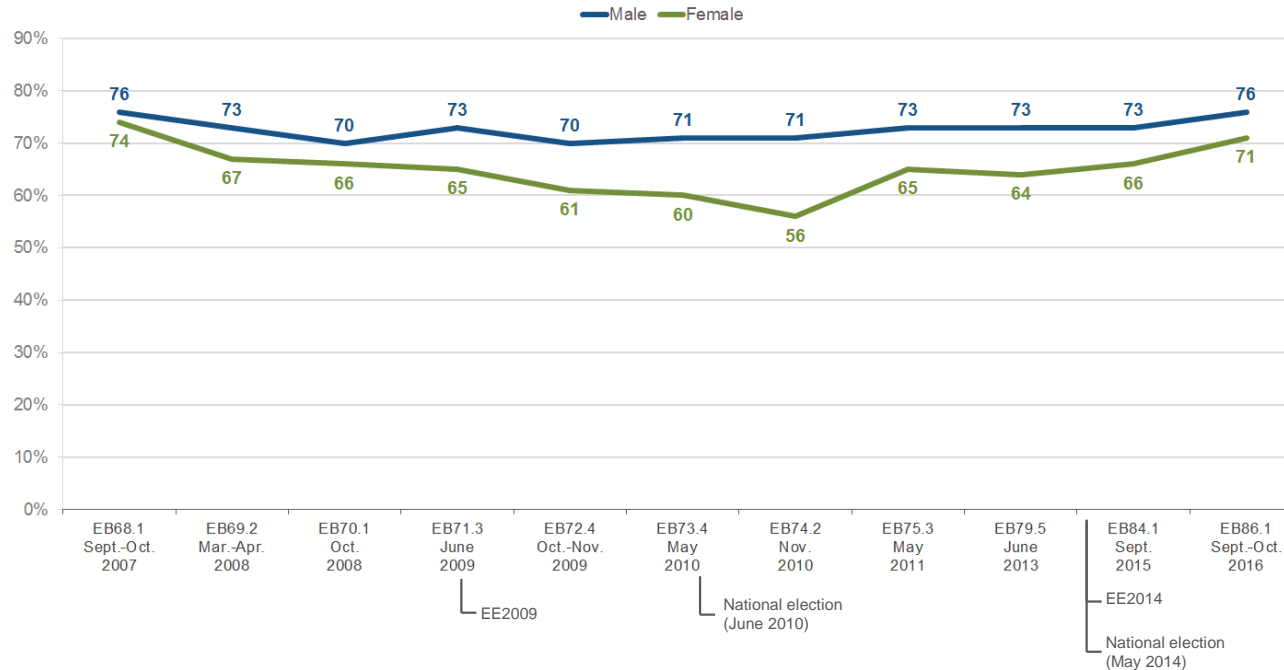




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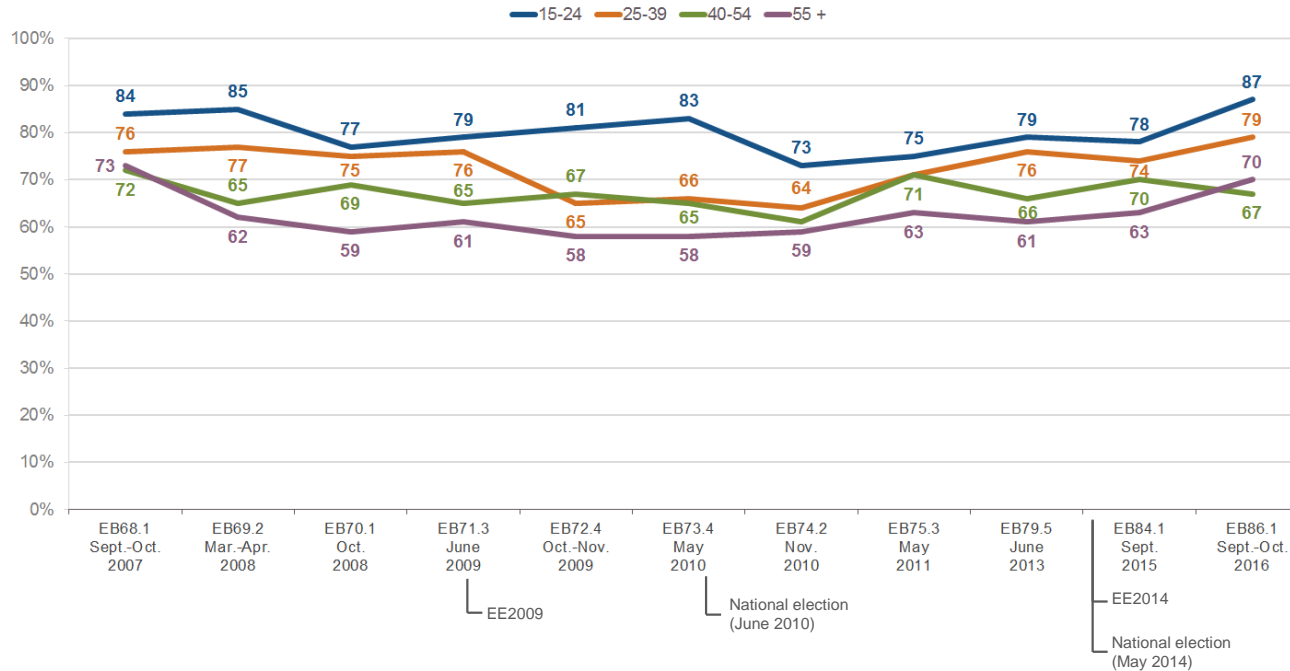




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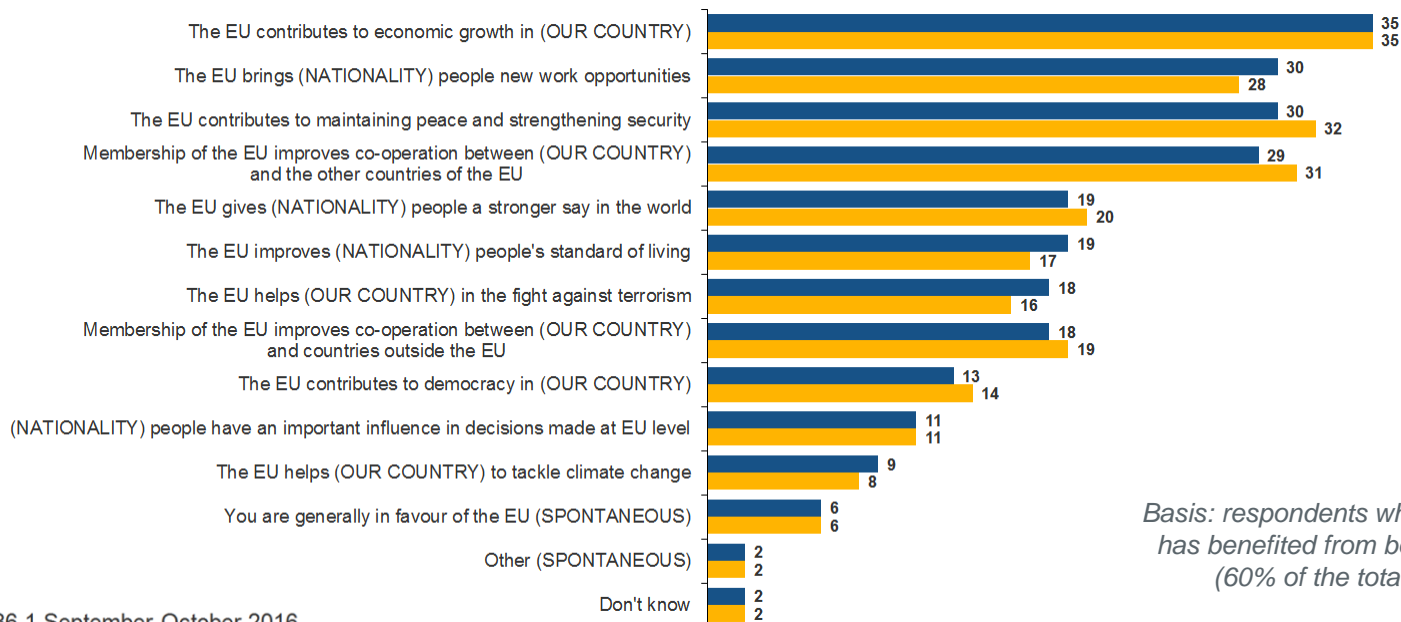


## MAIN BENEFITS OF THE EU



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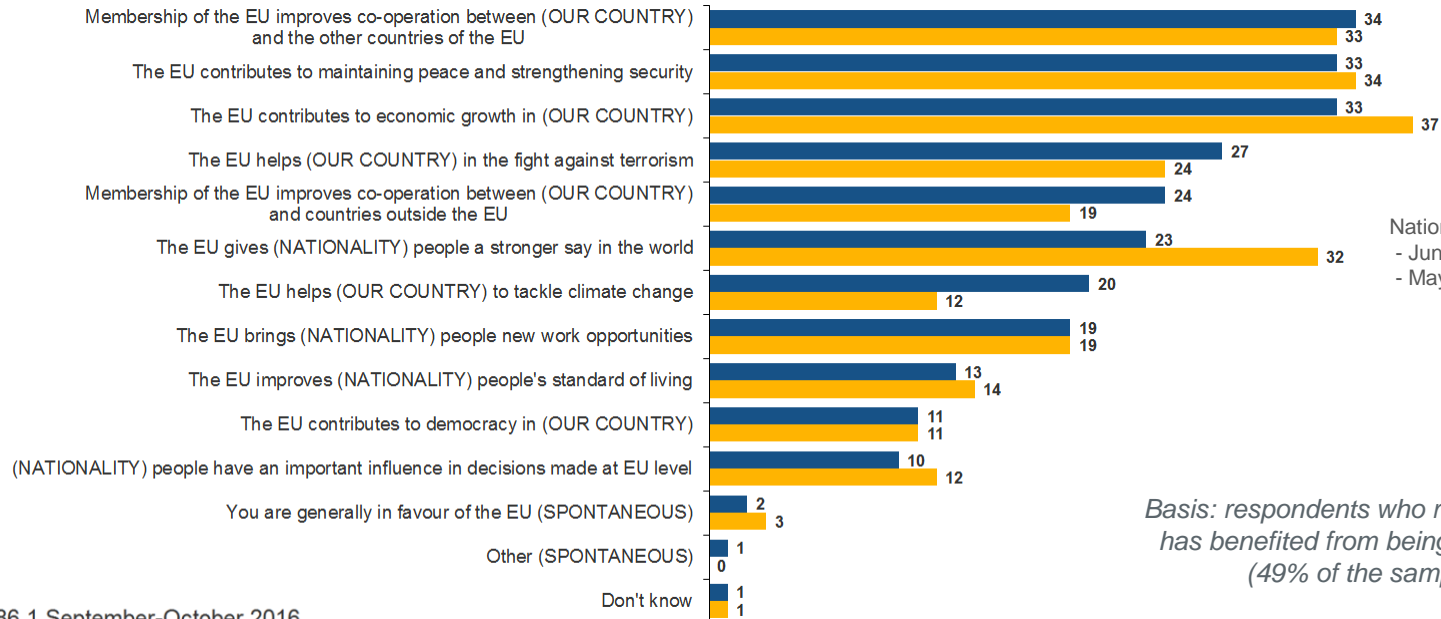
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The EU helps (OUR COUNTRY) in the fight against terrorism	27	23	31
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The EU gives (NATIONALITY) people a stronger say in the world	23	21	25
The EU helps (OUR COUNTRY) to tackle climate change	20	19	21
The EU brings (NATIONALITY) people new work opportunities	19	18	20
The EU improves (NATIONALITY) people's standard of living	13	16	9
The EU contributes to democracy in (OUR COUNTRY)	11	13	10
(NATIONALITY) people have an important influence in decisions made at EU level	10	10	9
You are generally in favour of the EU (SPONTANEOUS)	2	3	2
Other (SPONTANEOUS)	1	1	1
Don't know	1	0	1
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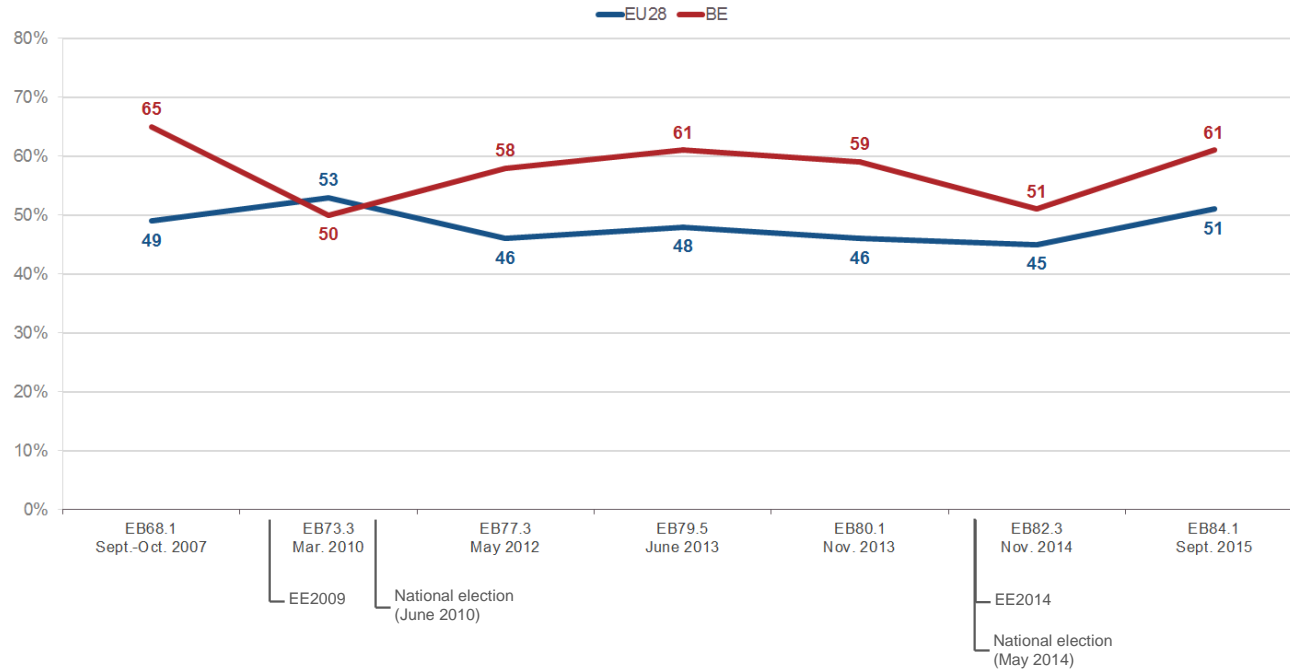
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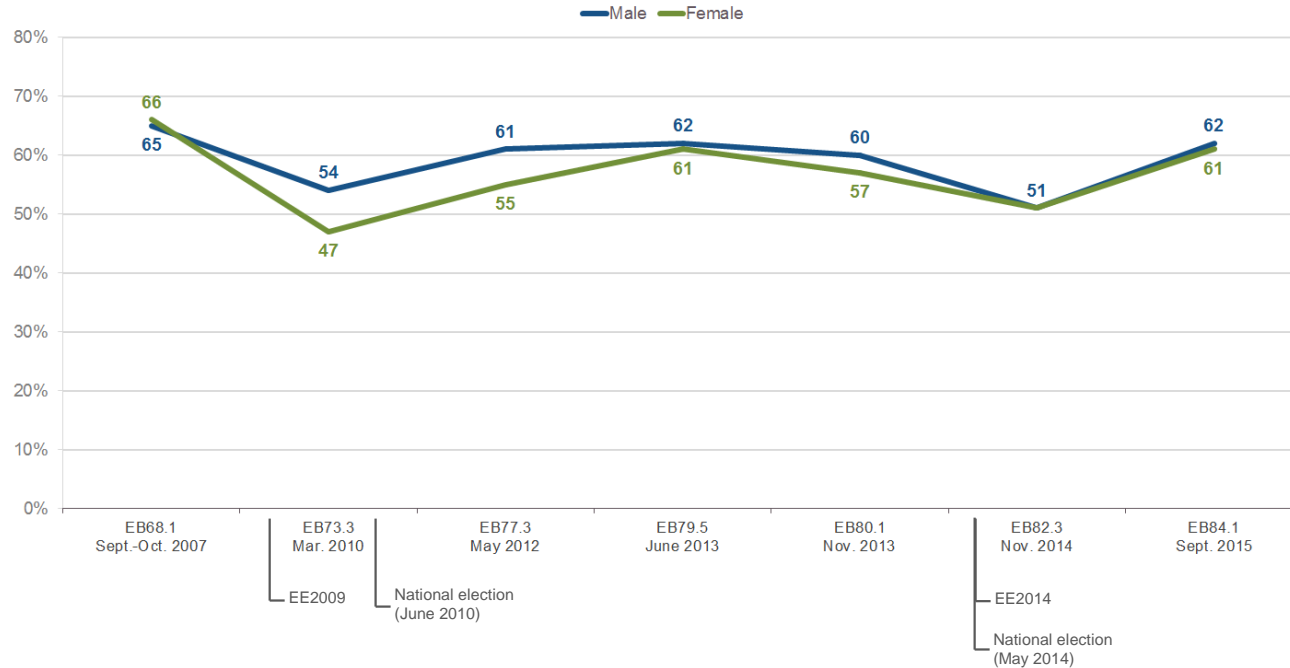




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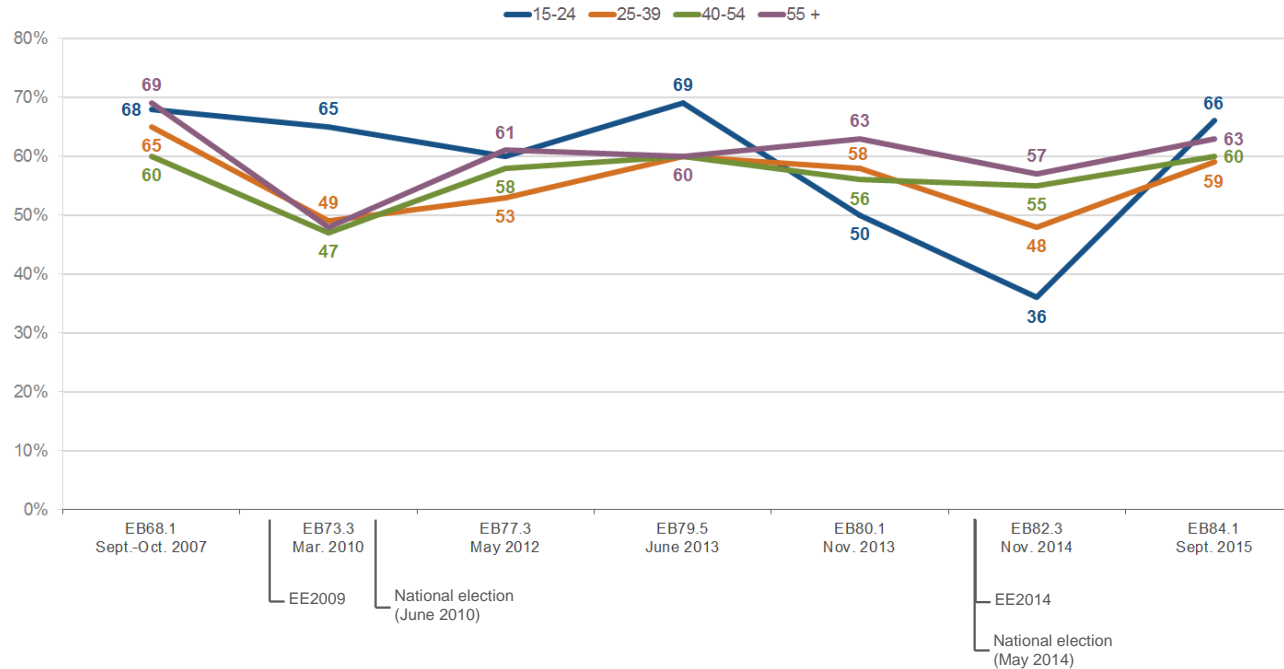




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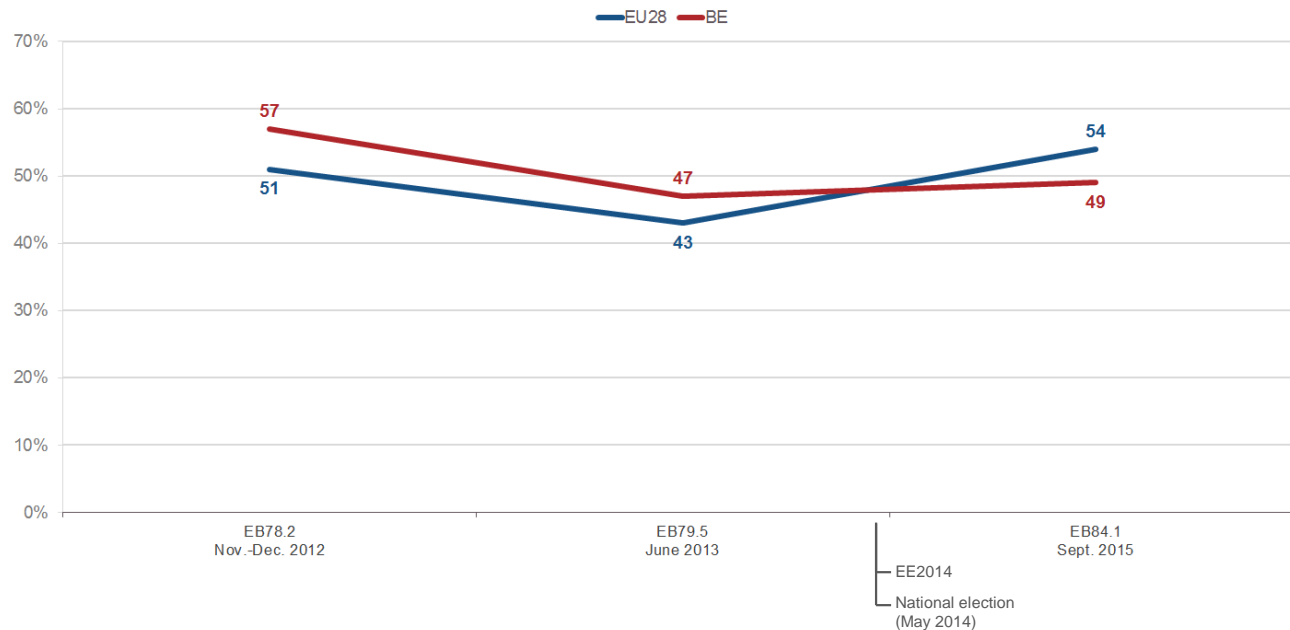
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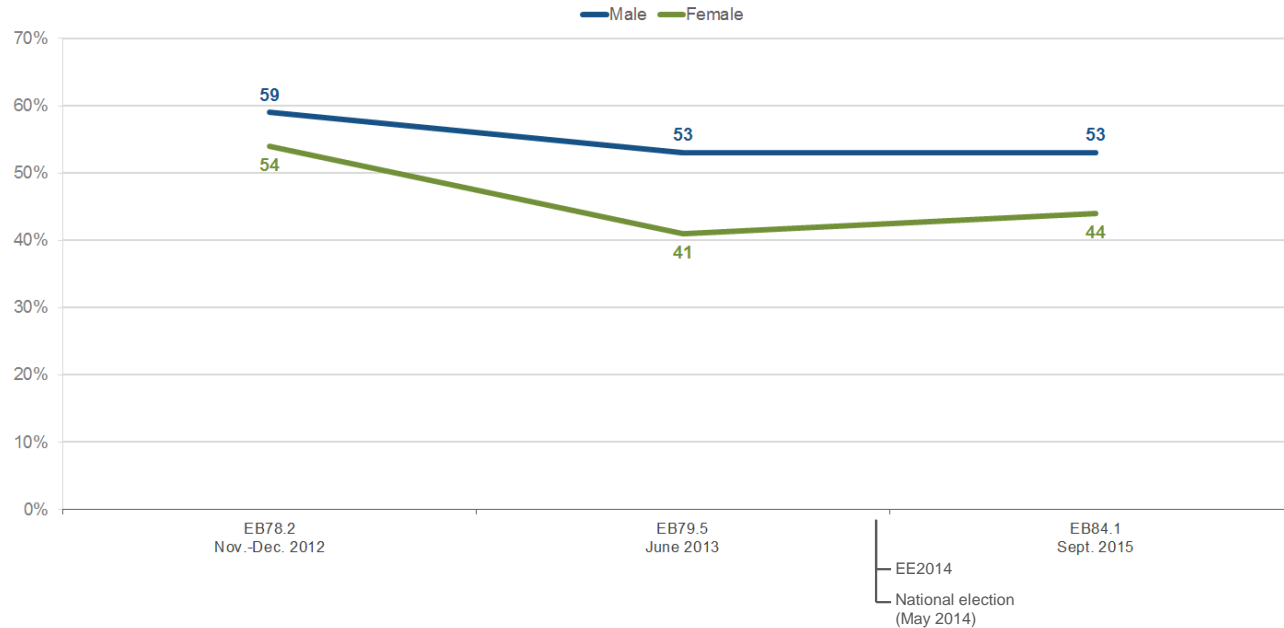




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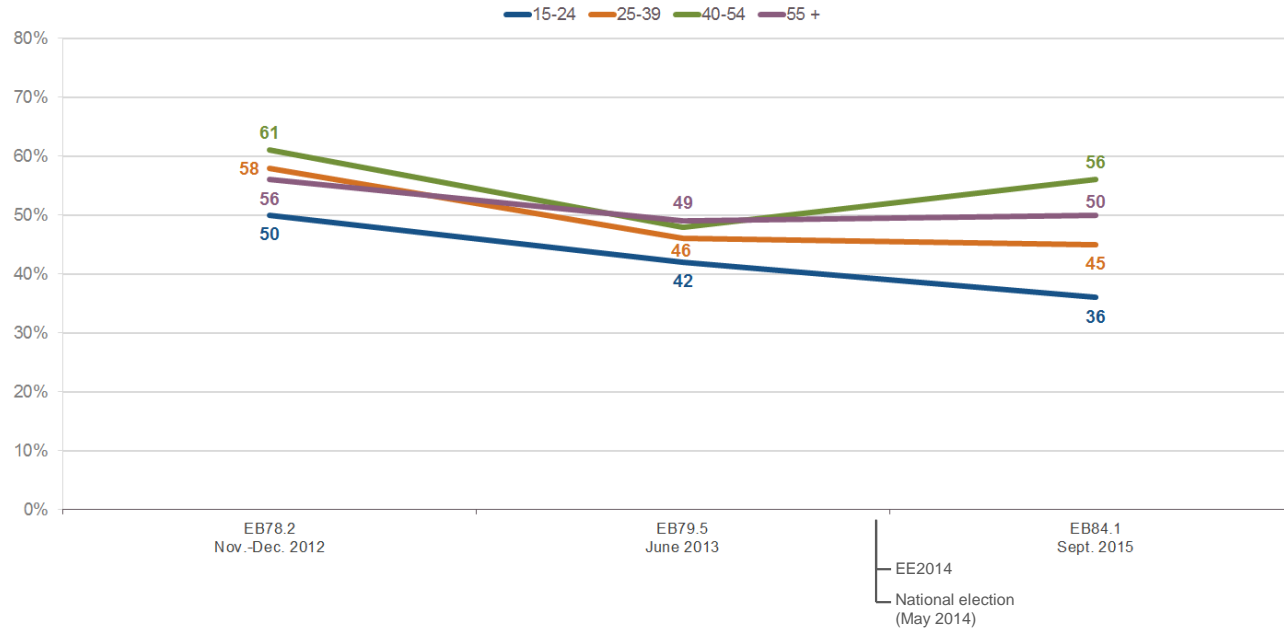




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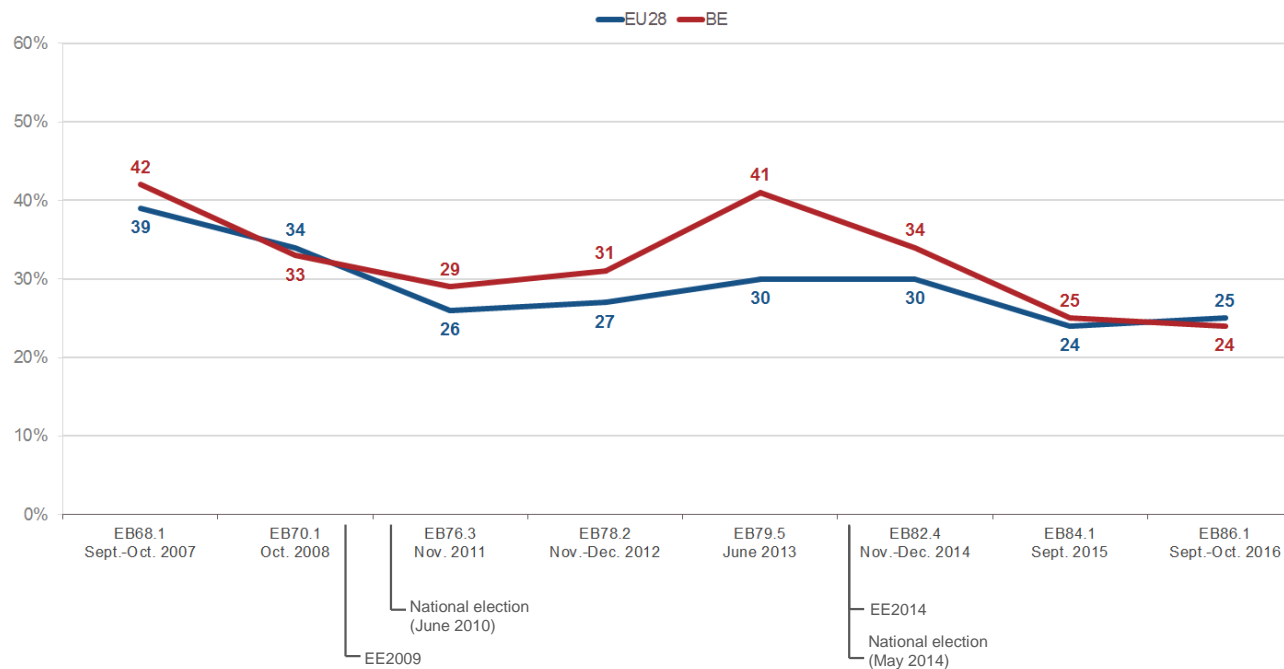


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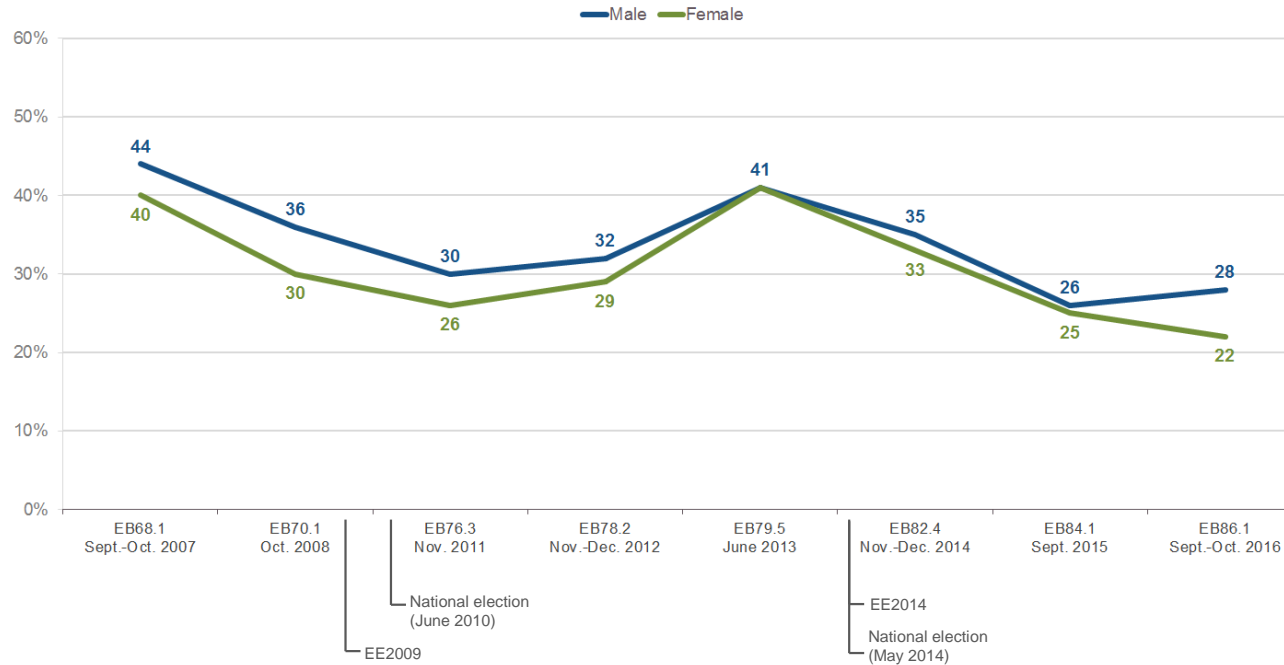




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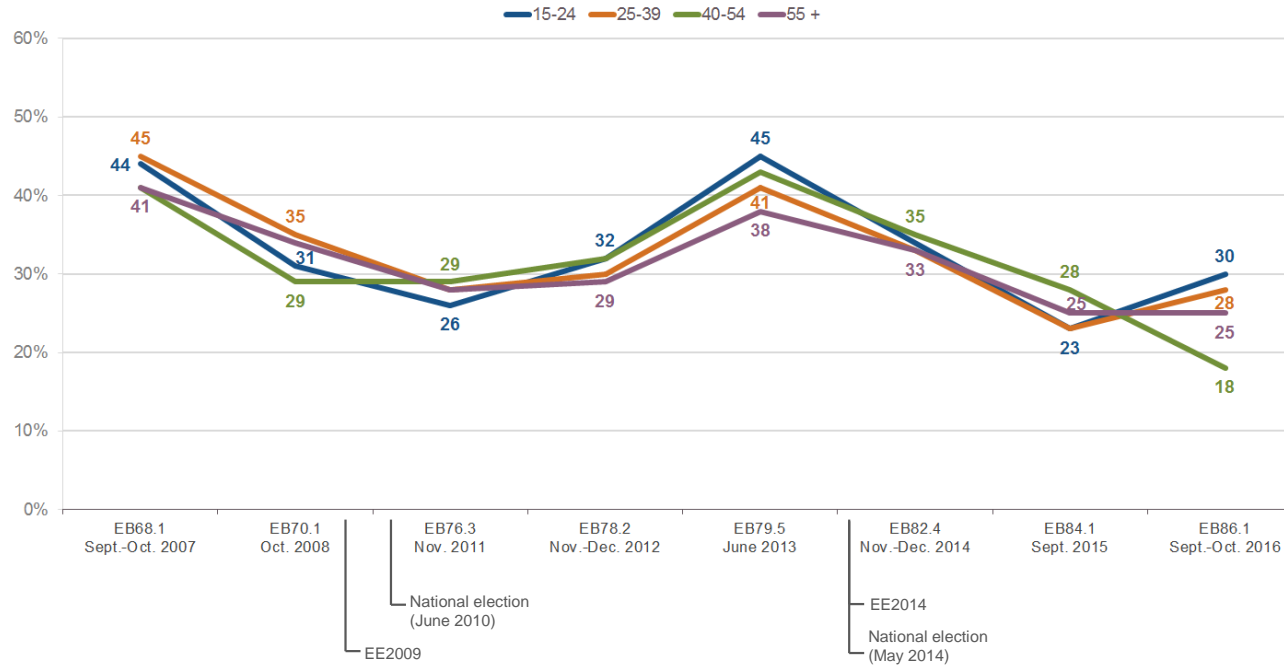




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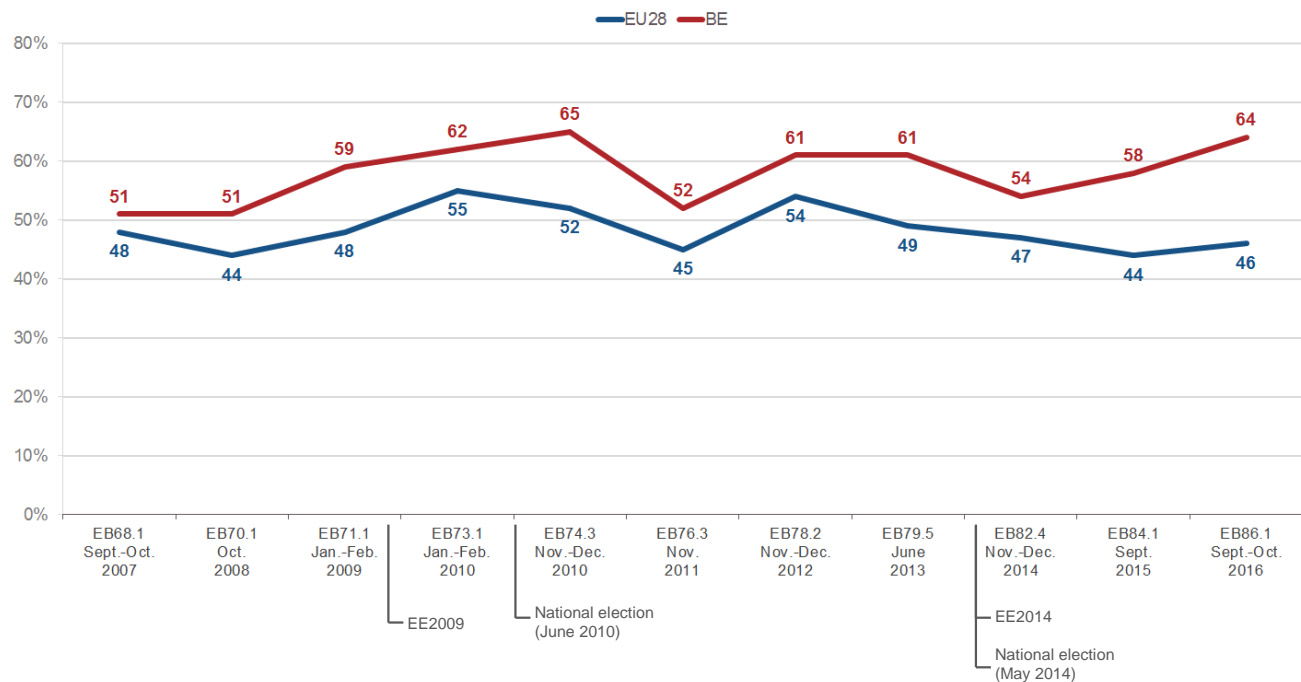
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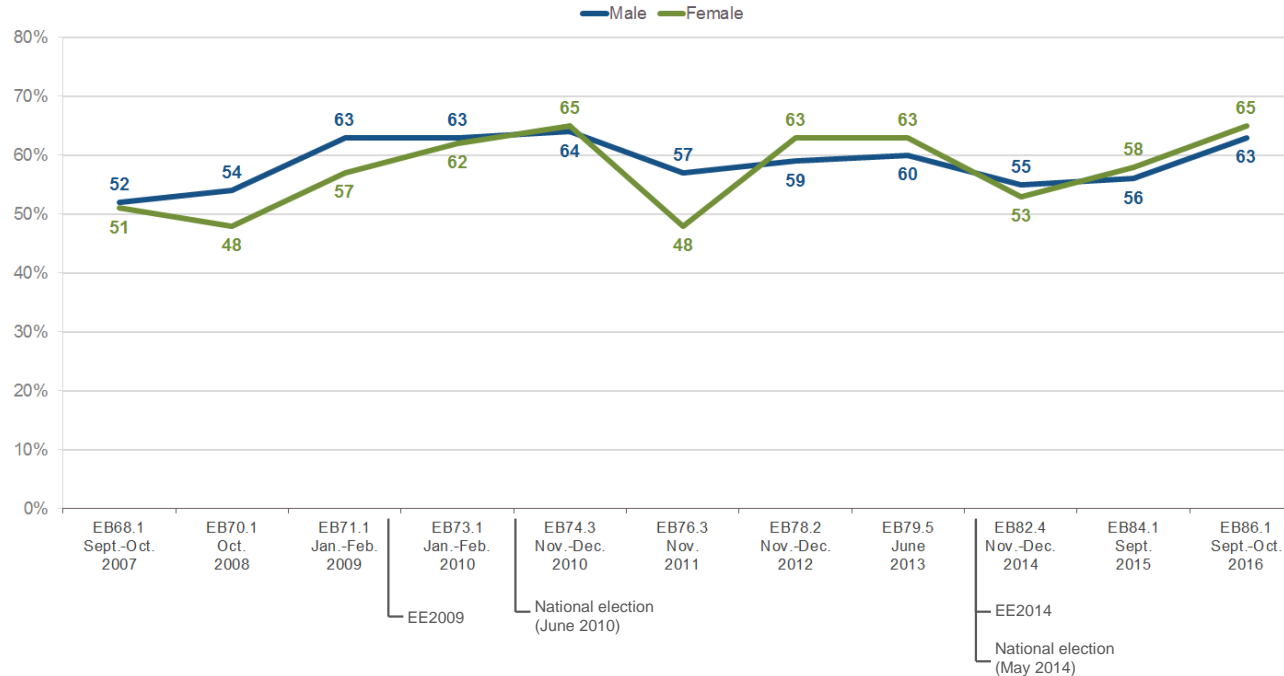




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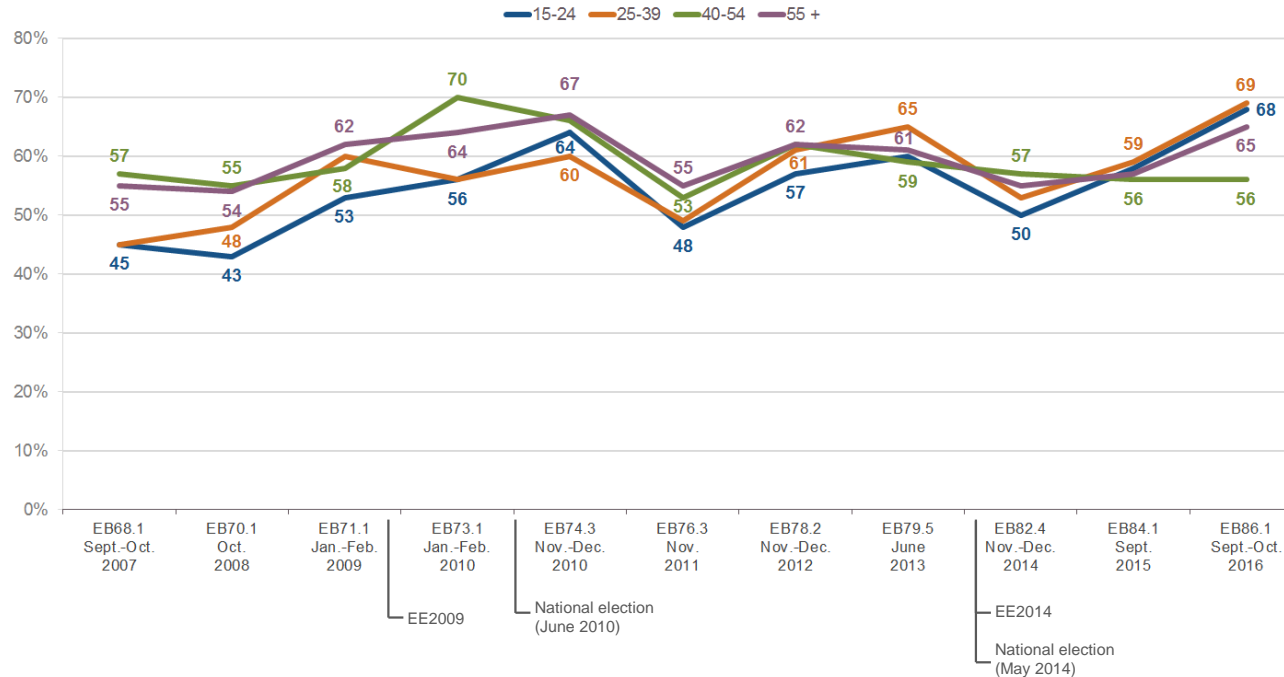




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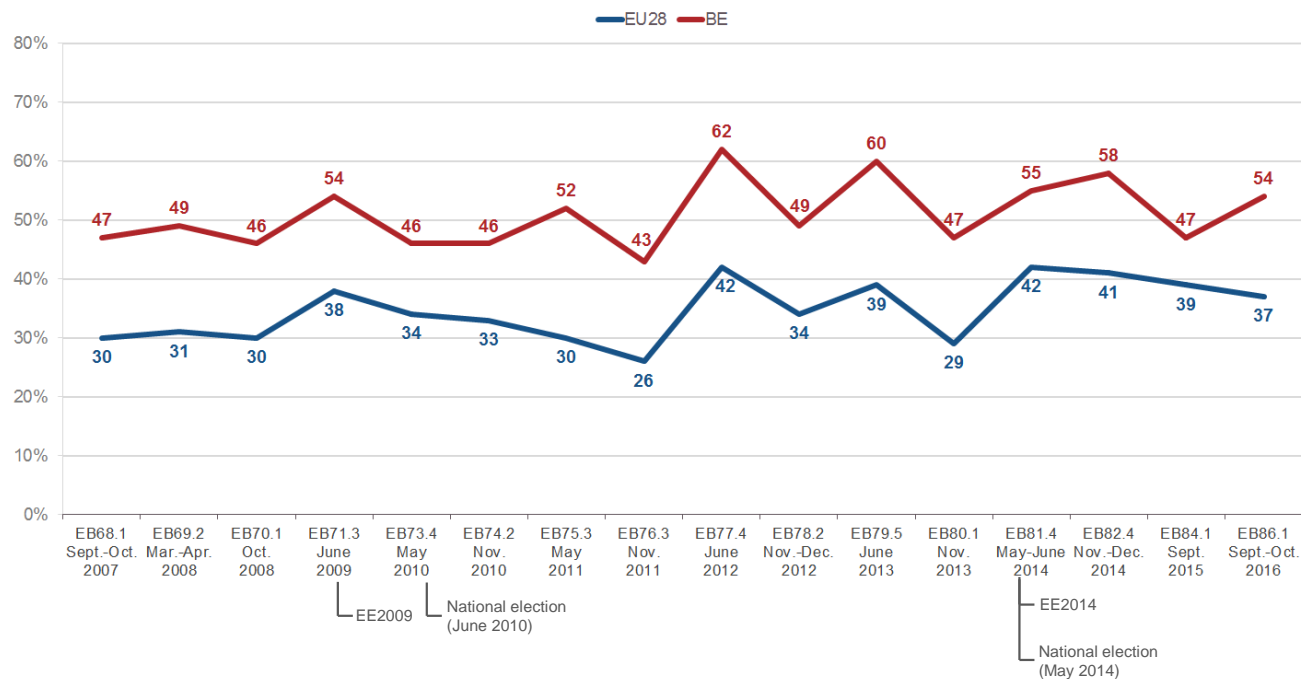


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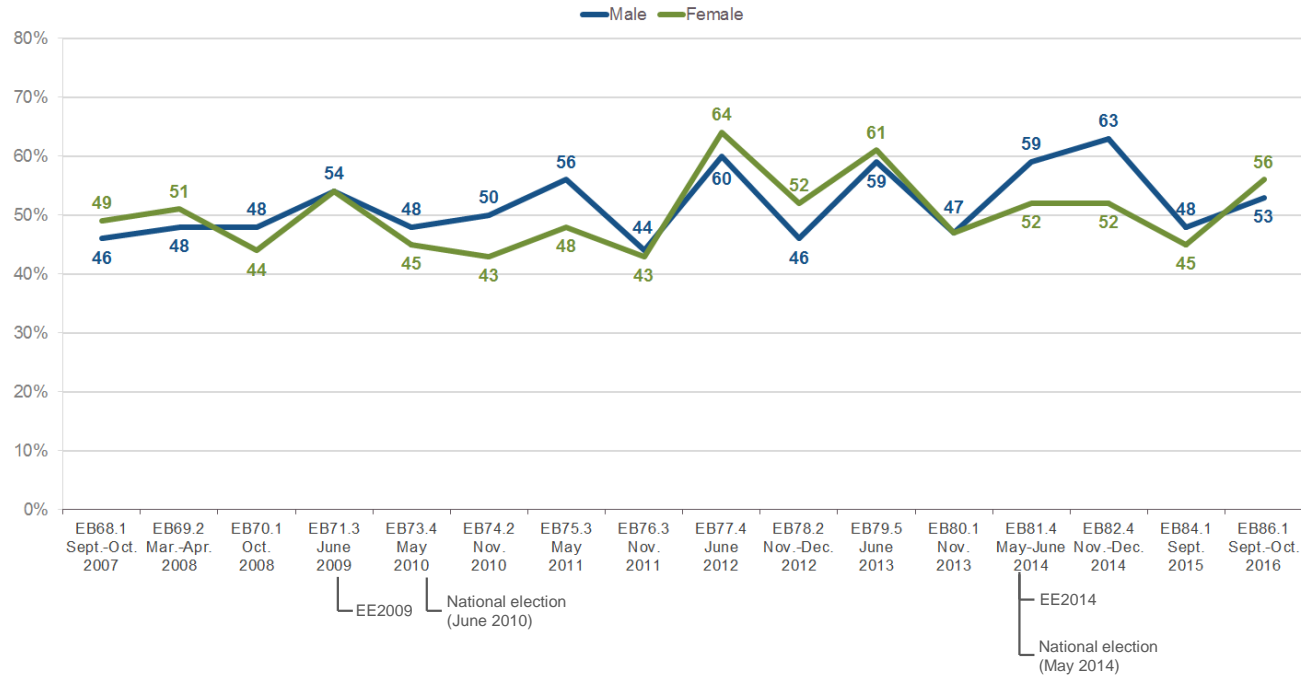


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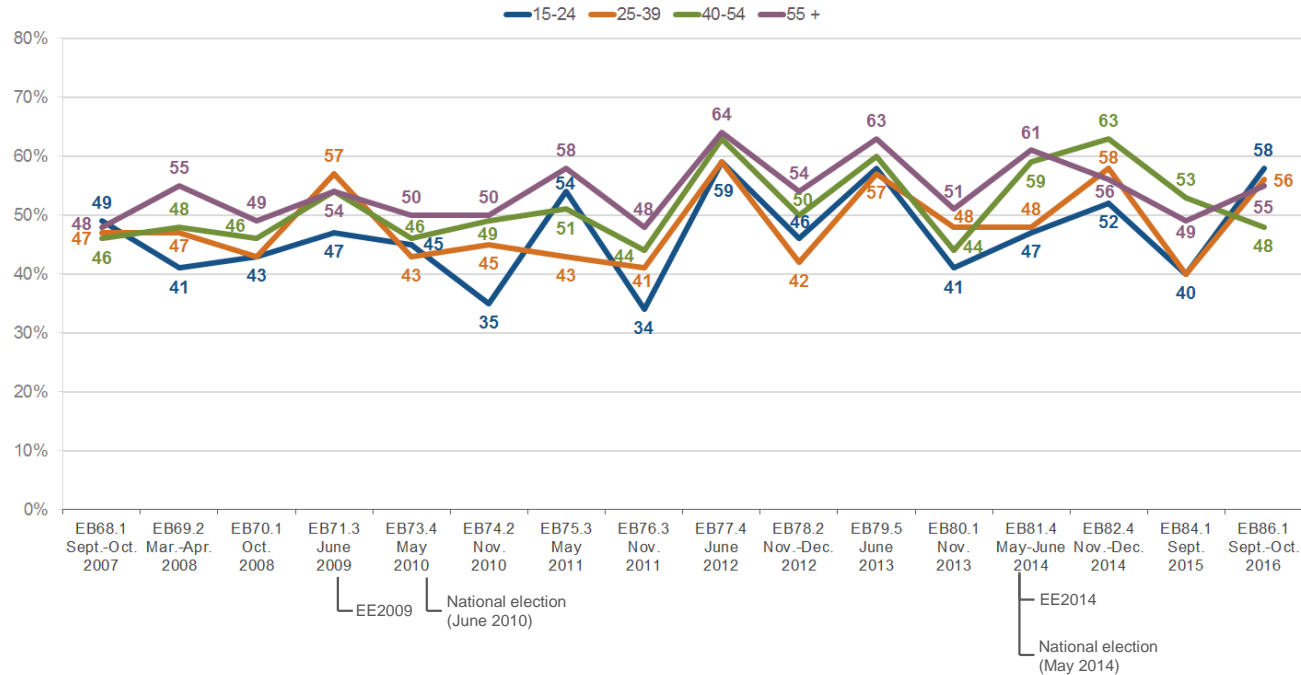


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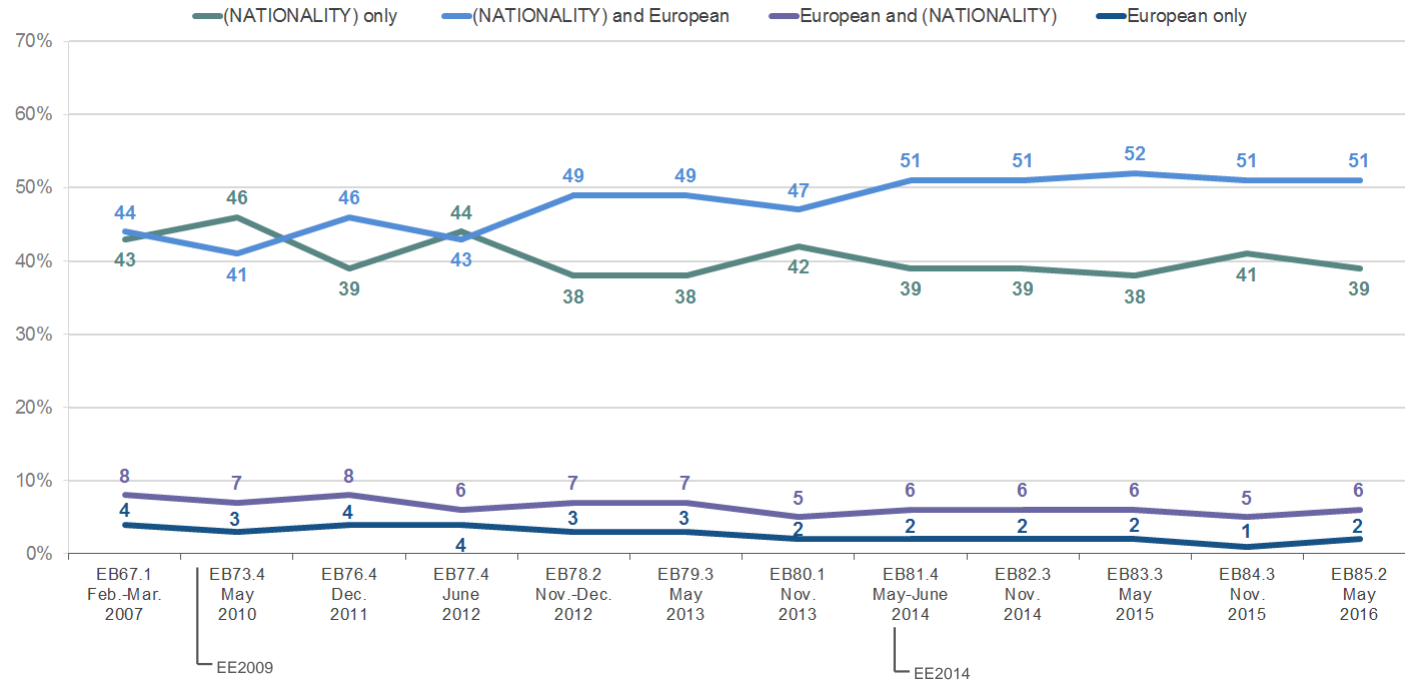


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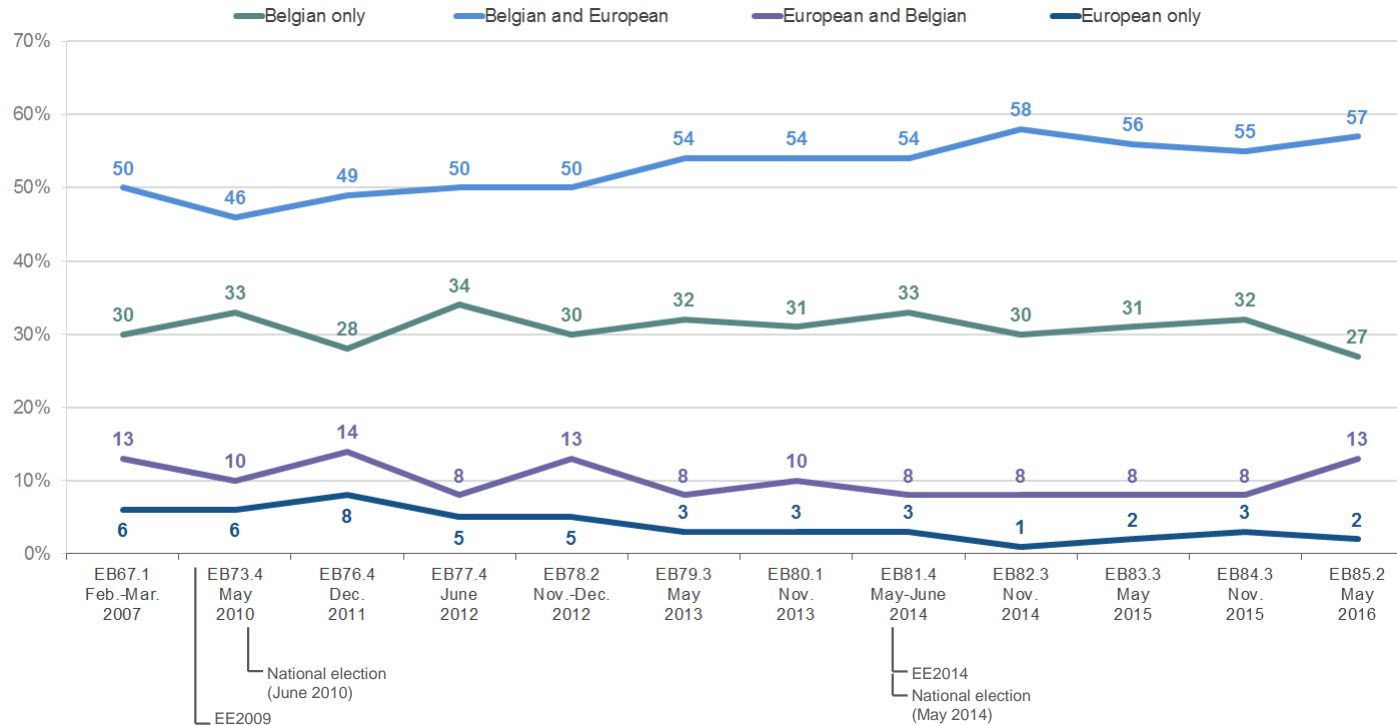
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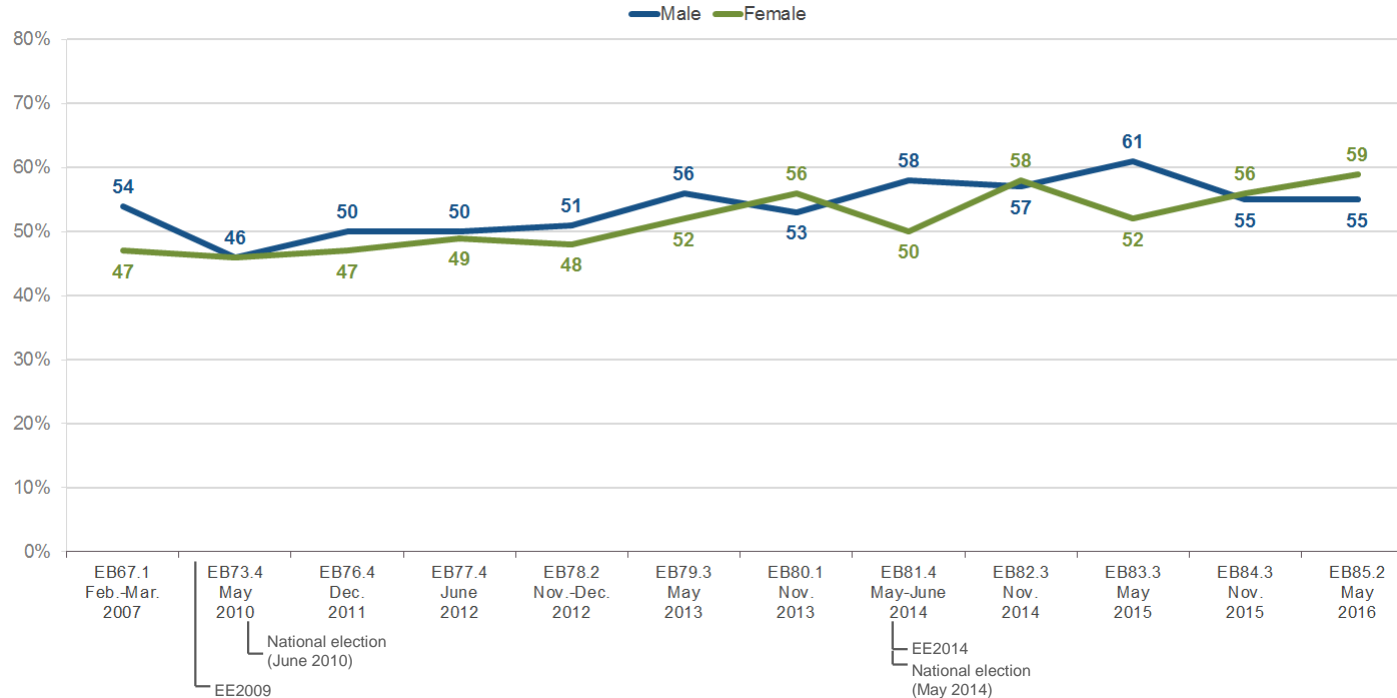




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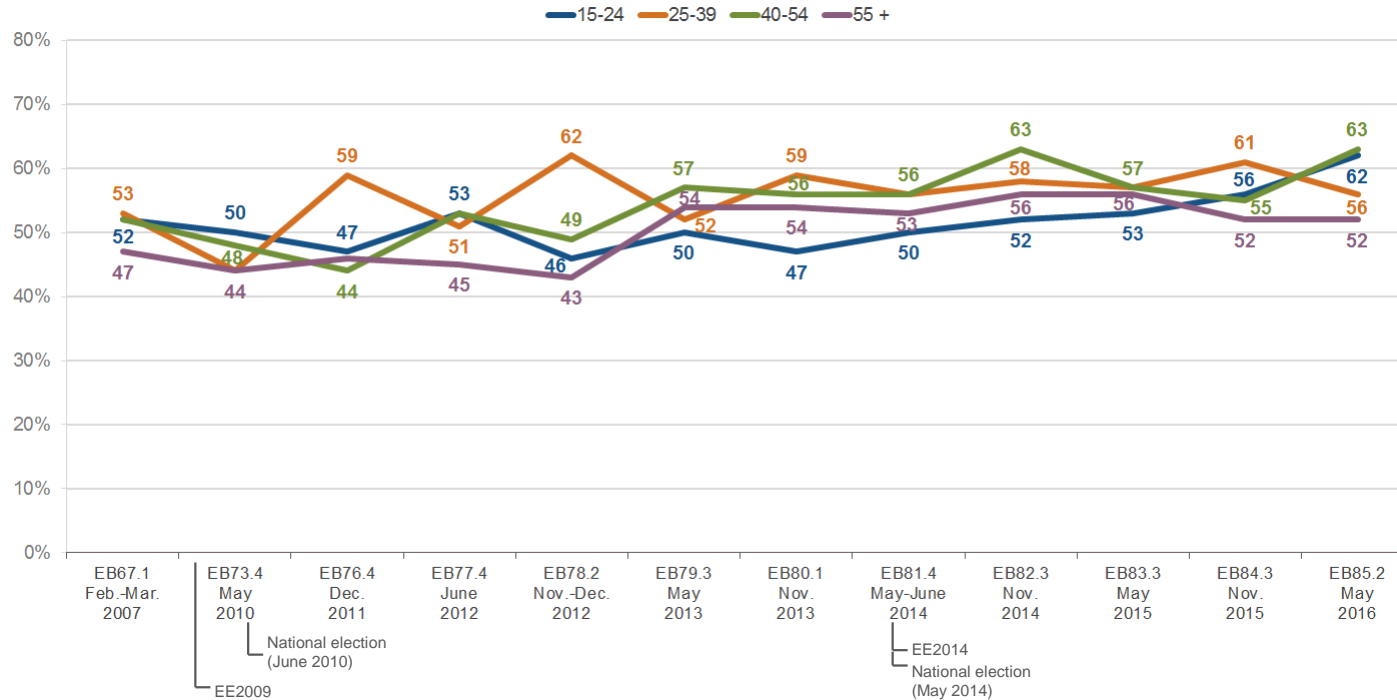




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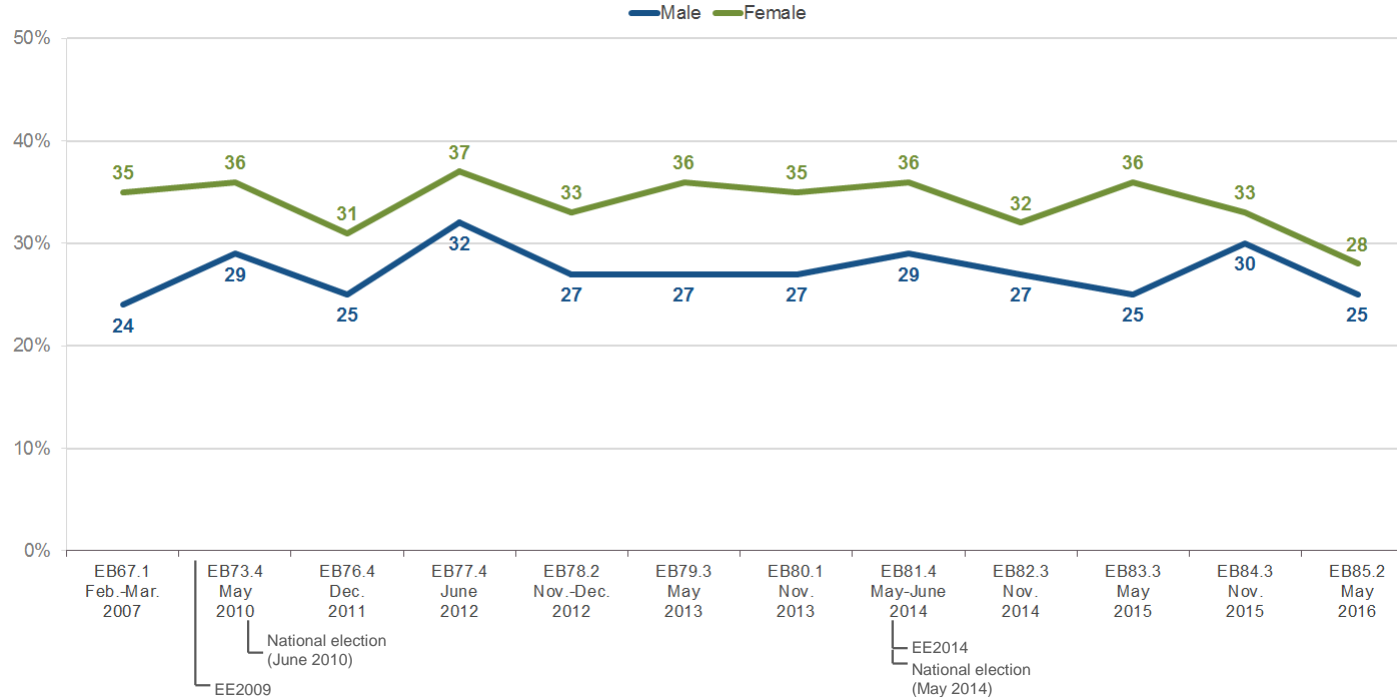




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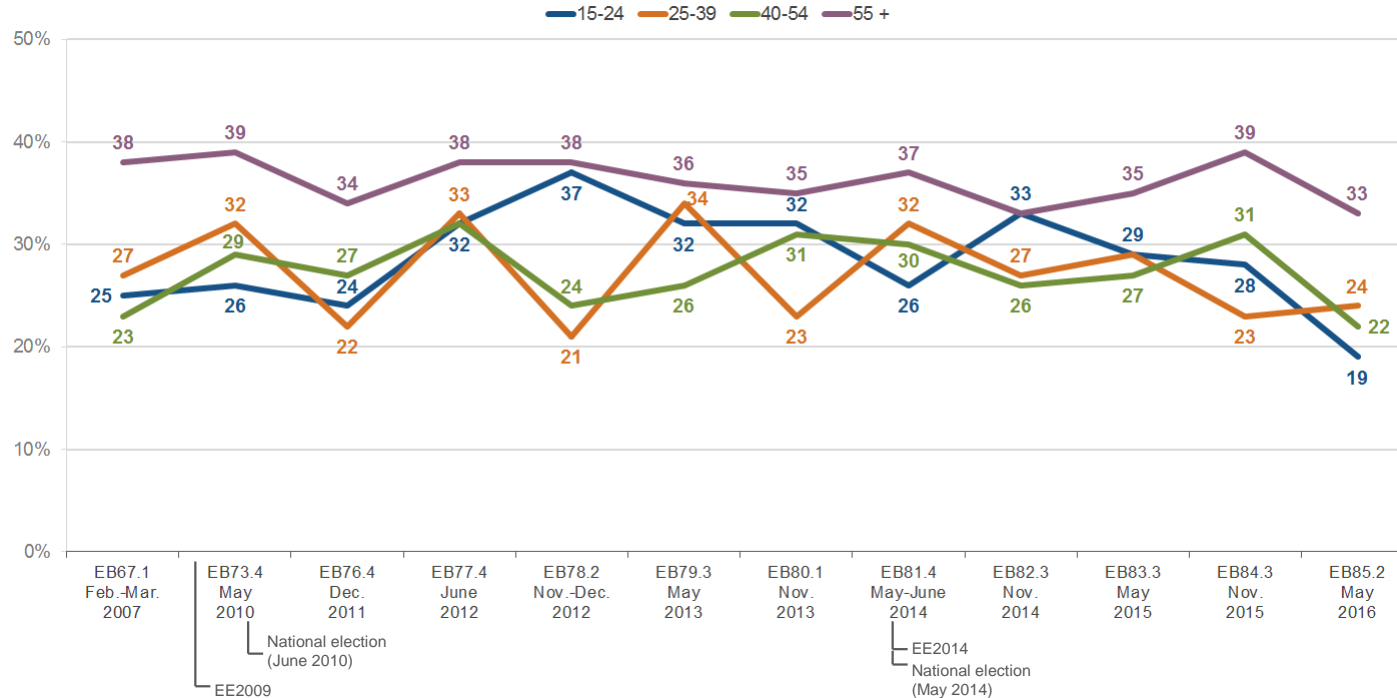
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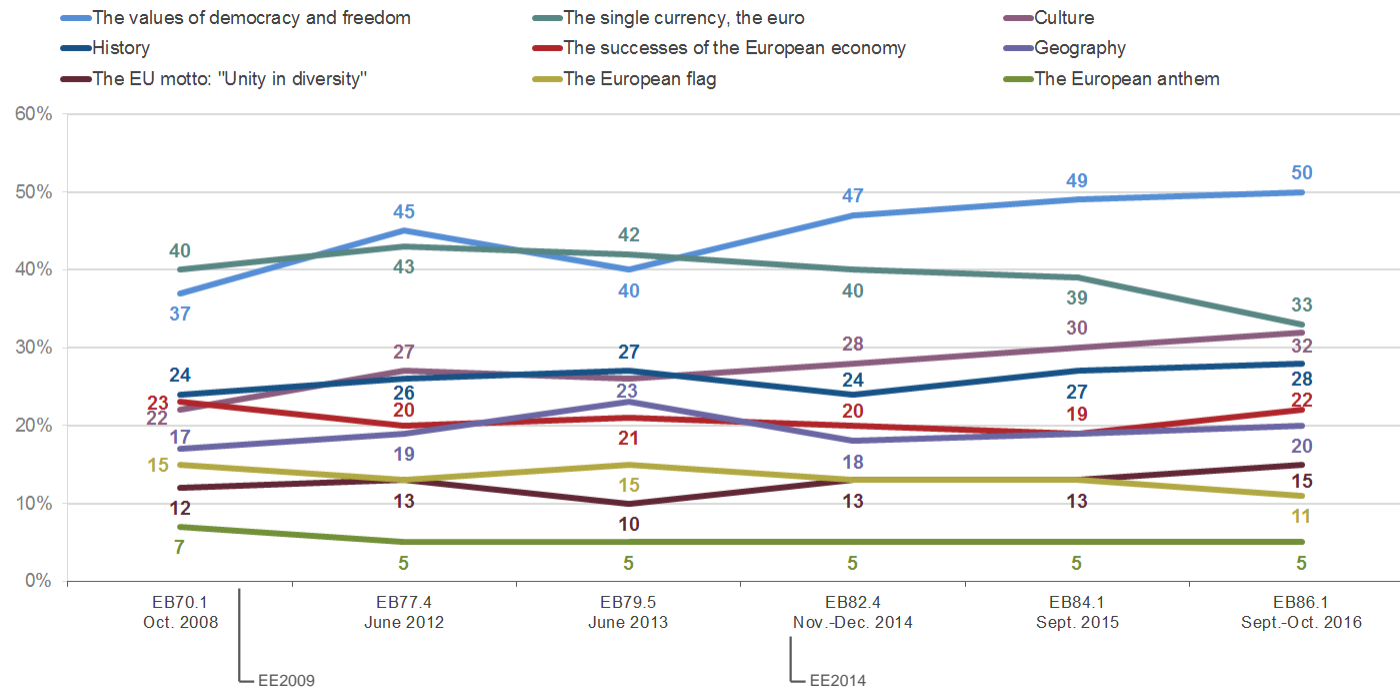


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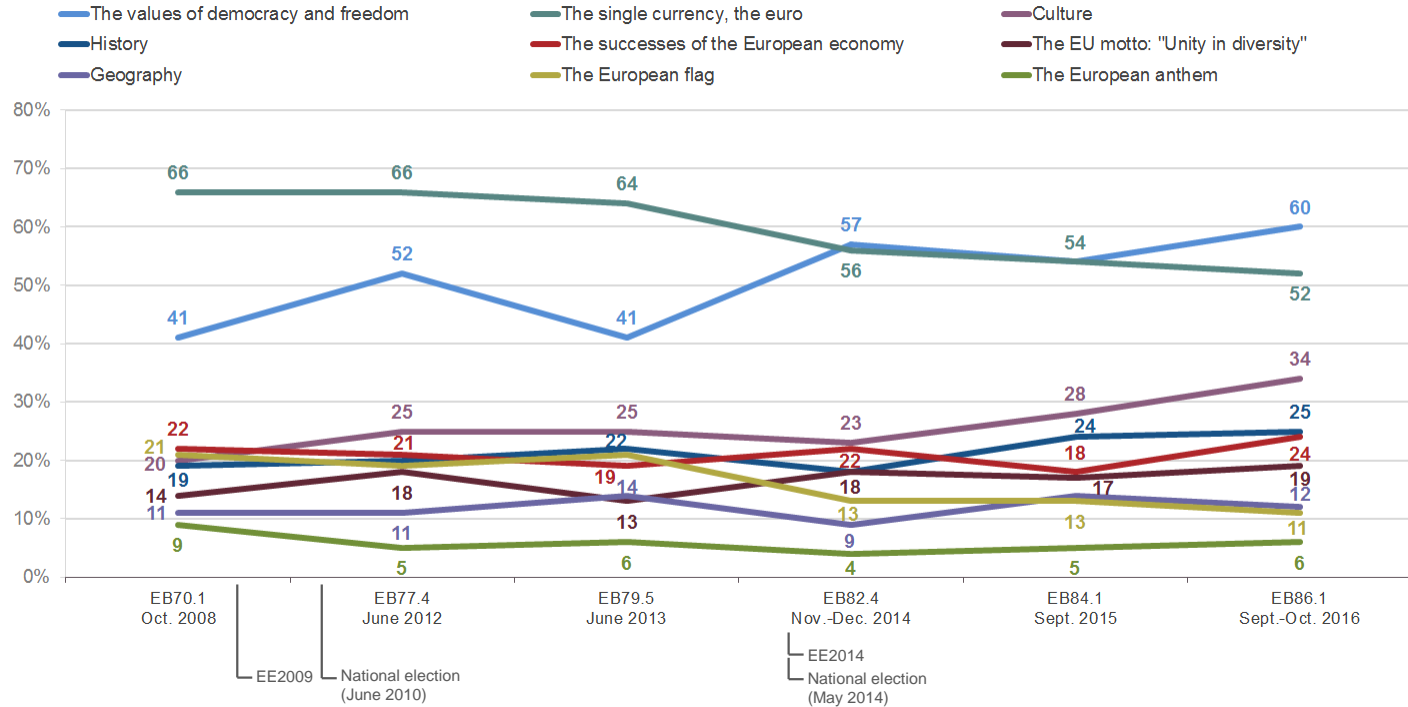
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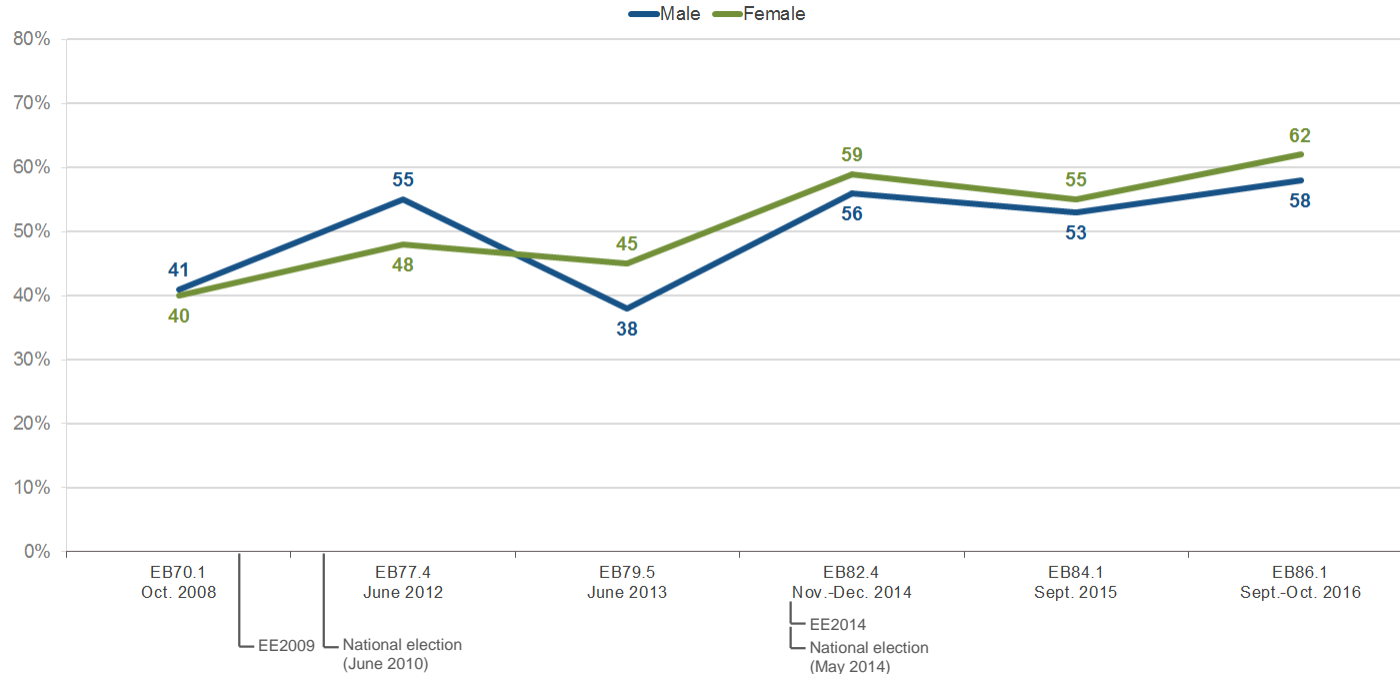




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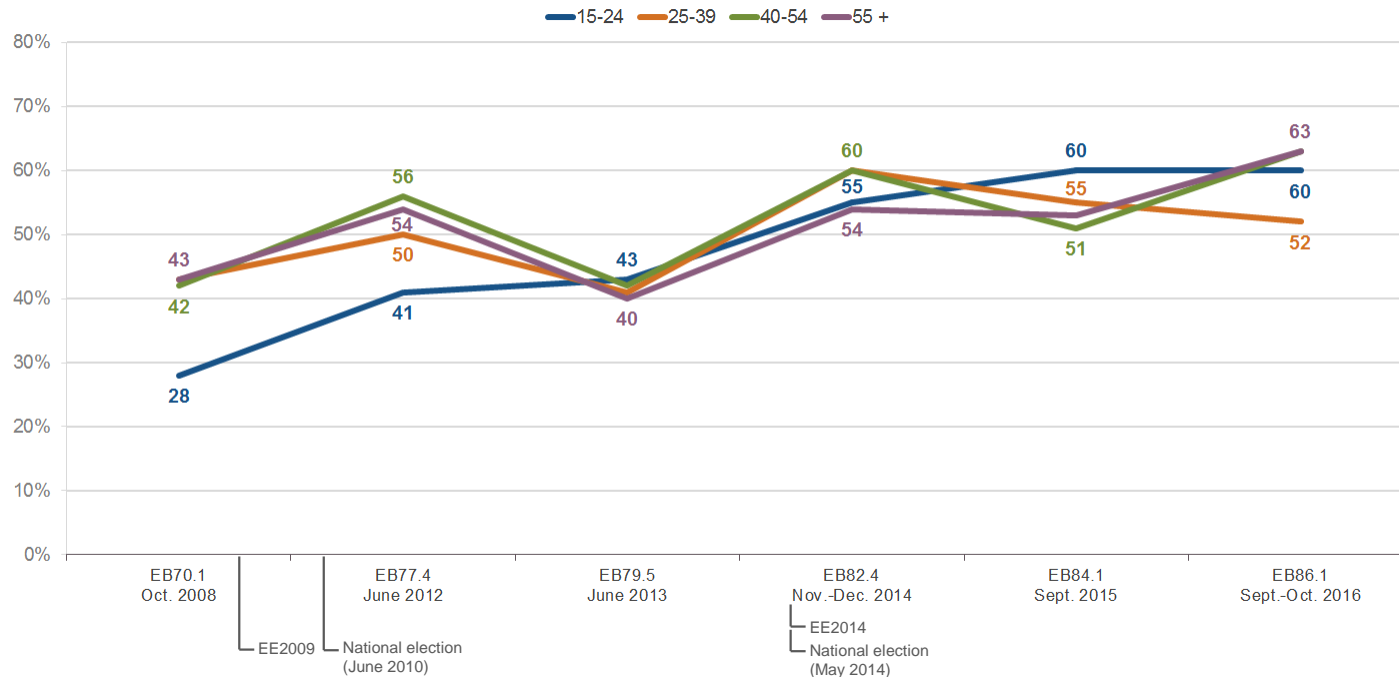




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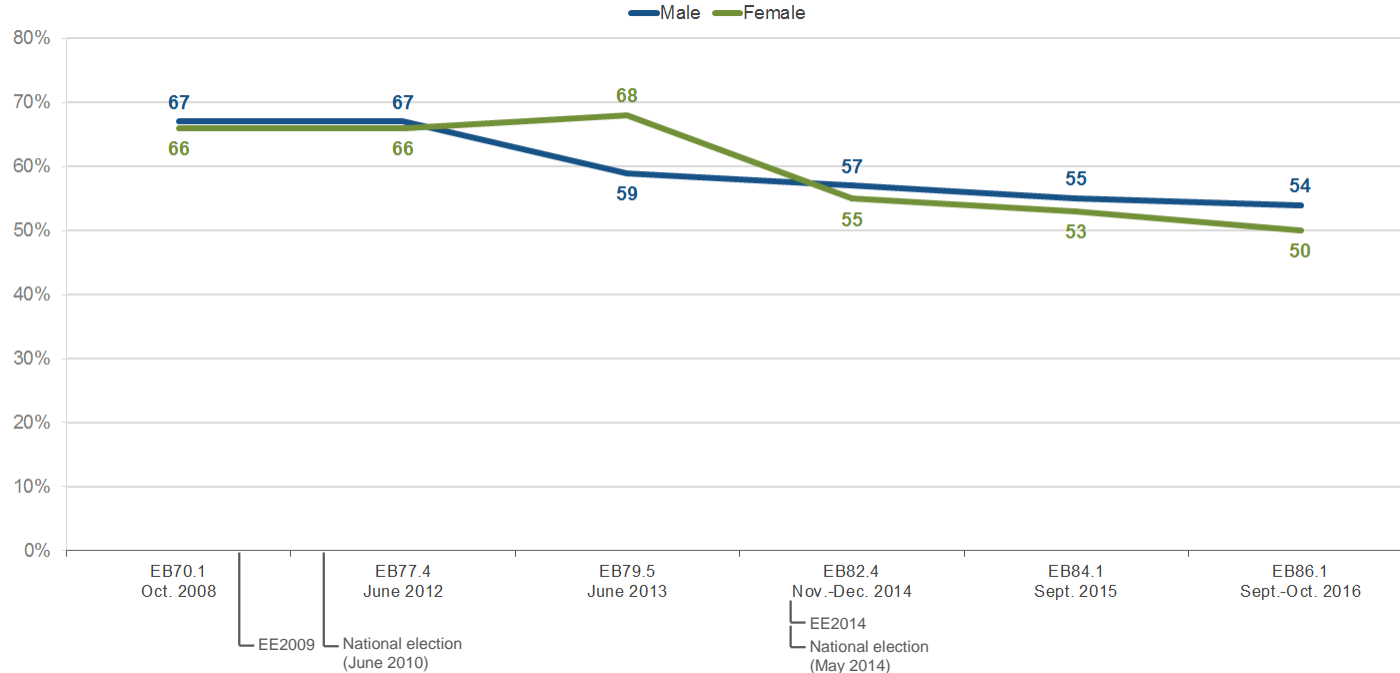




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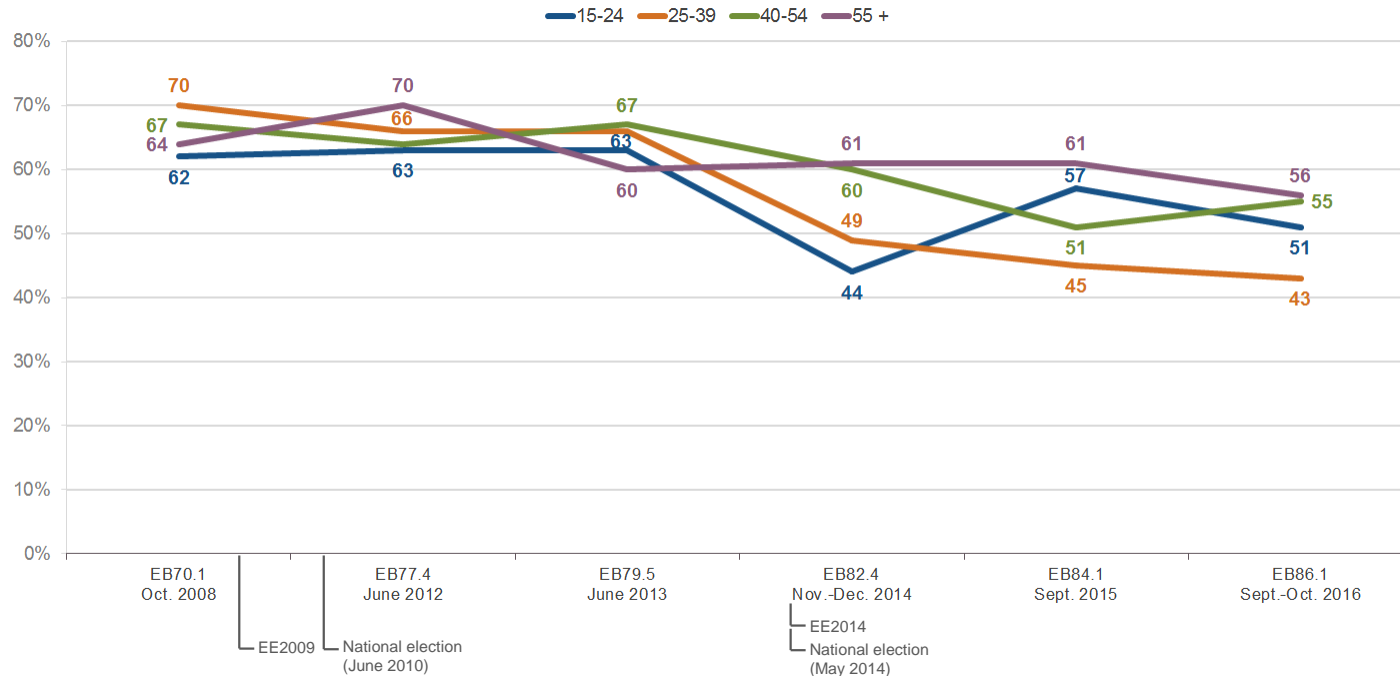




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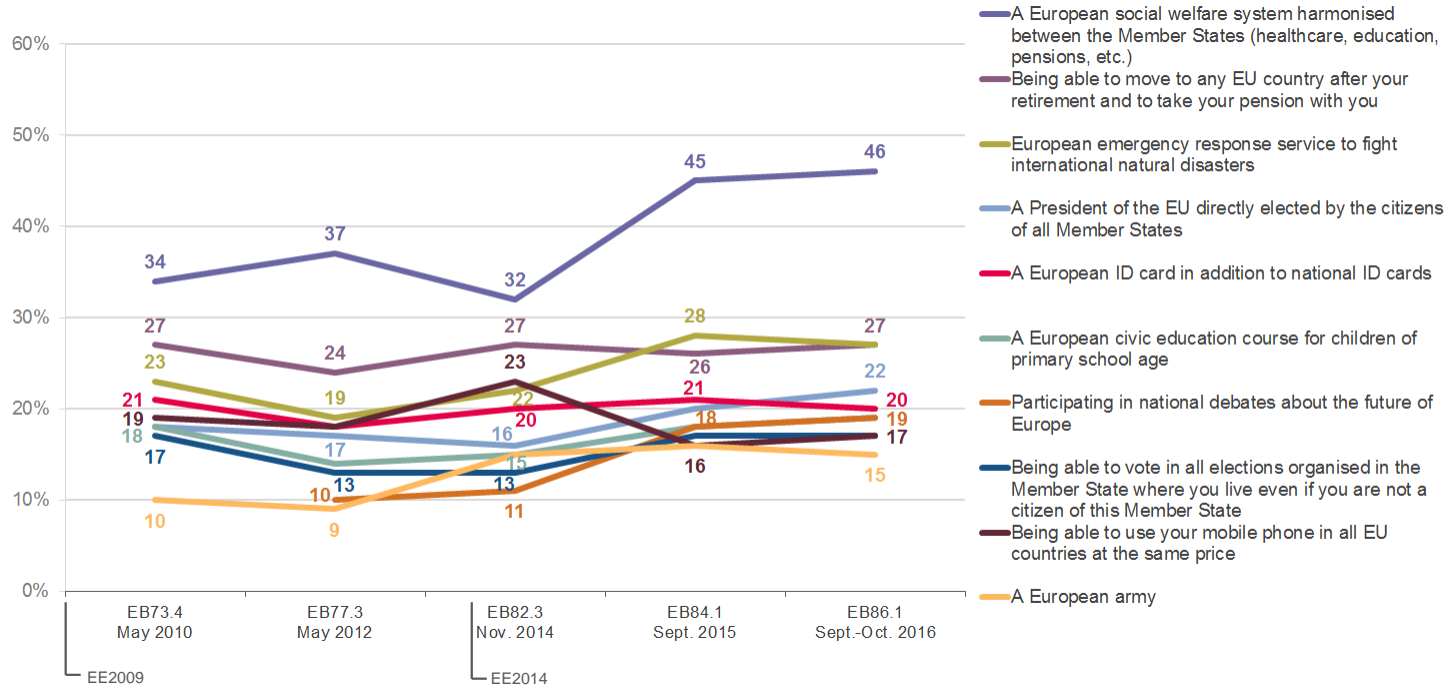


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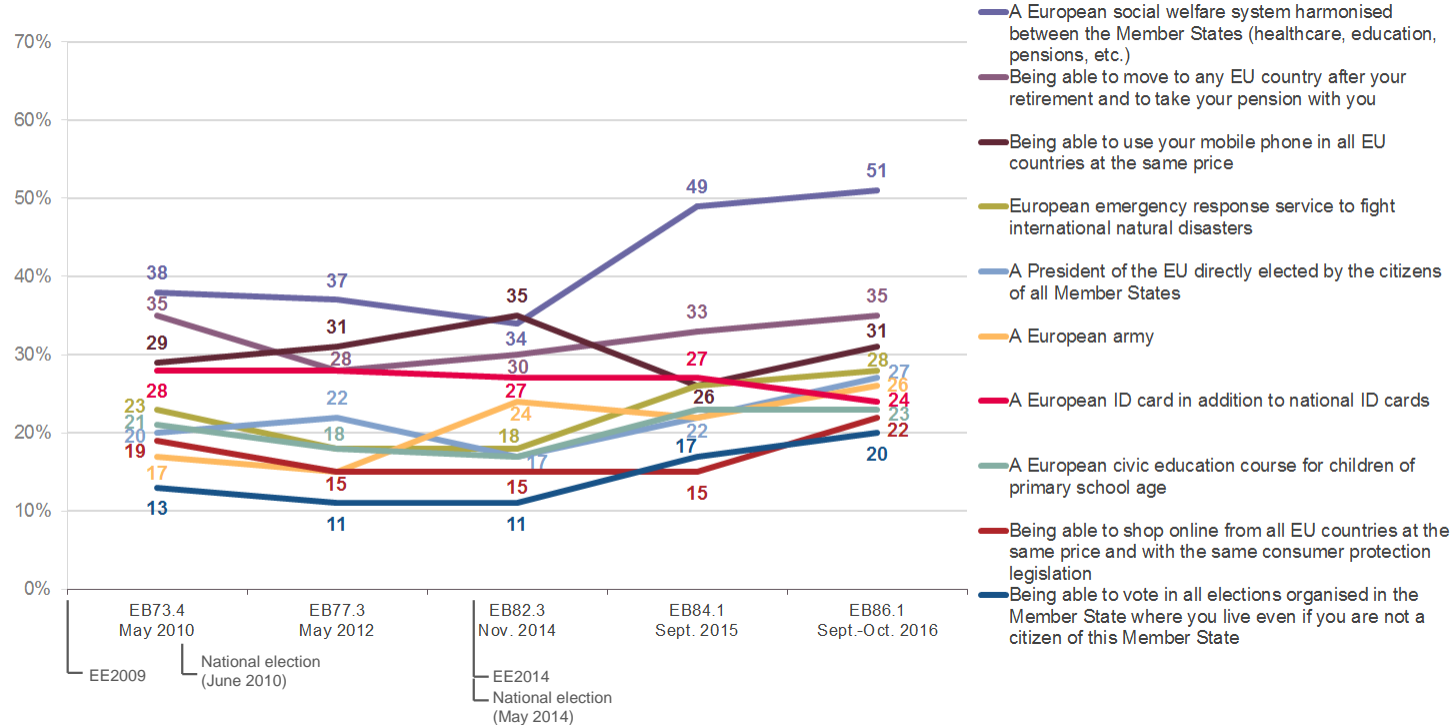
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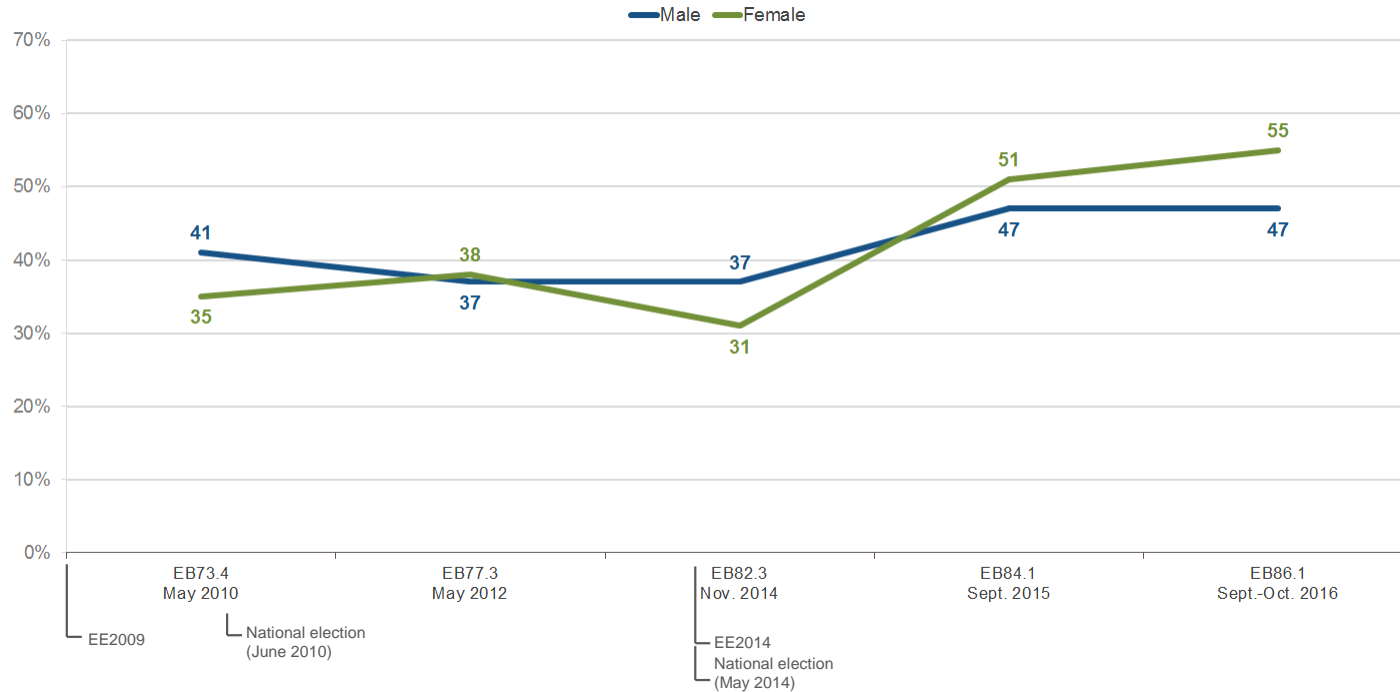




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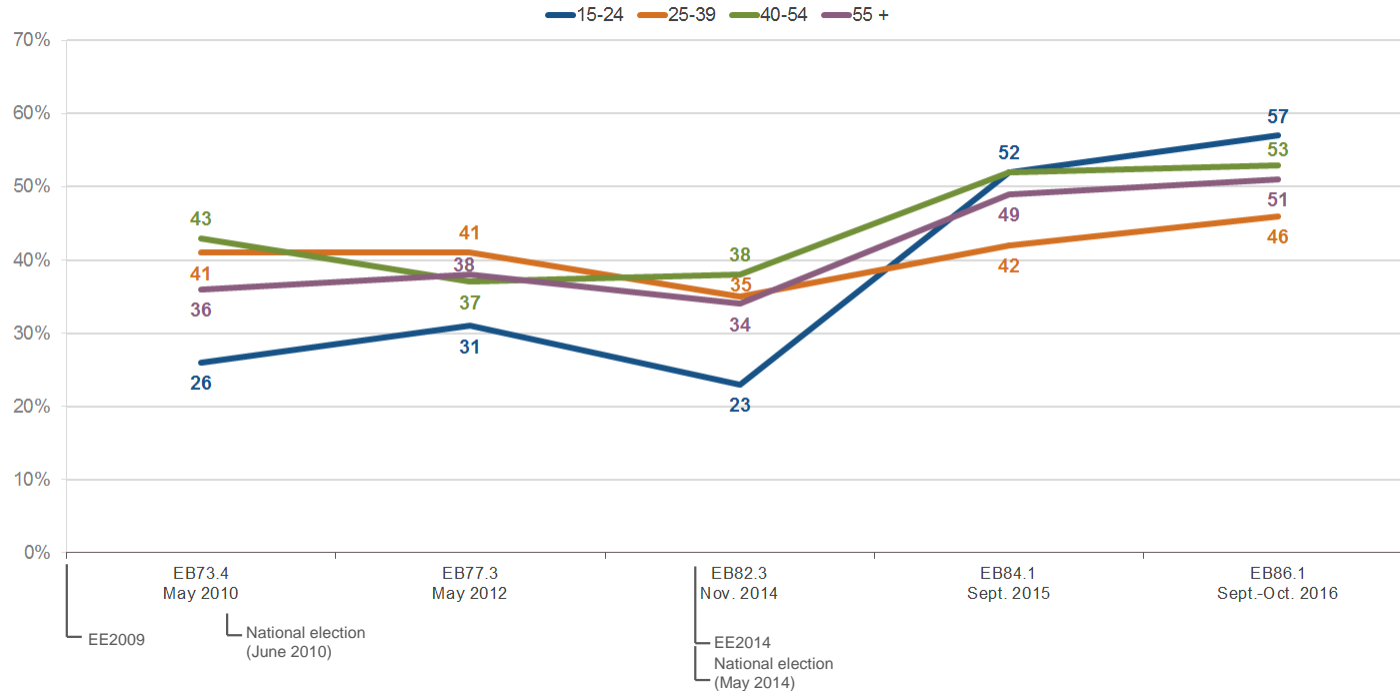




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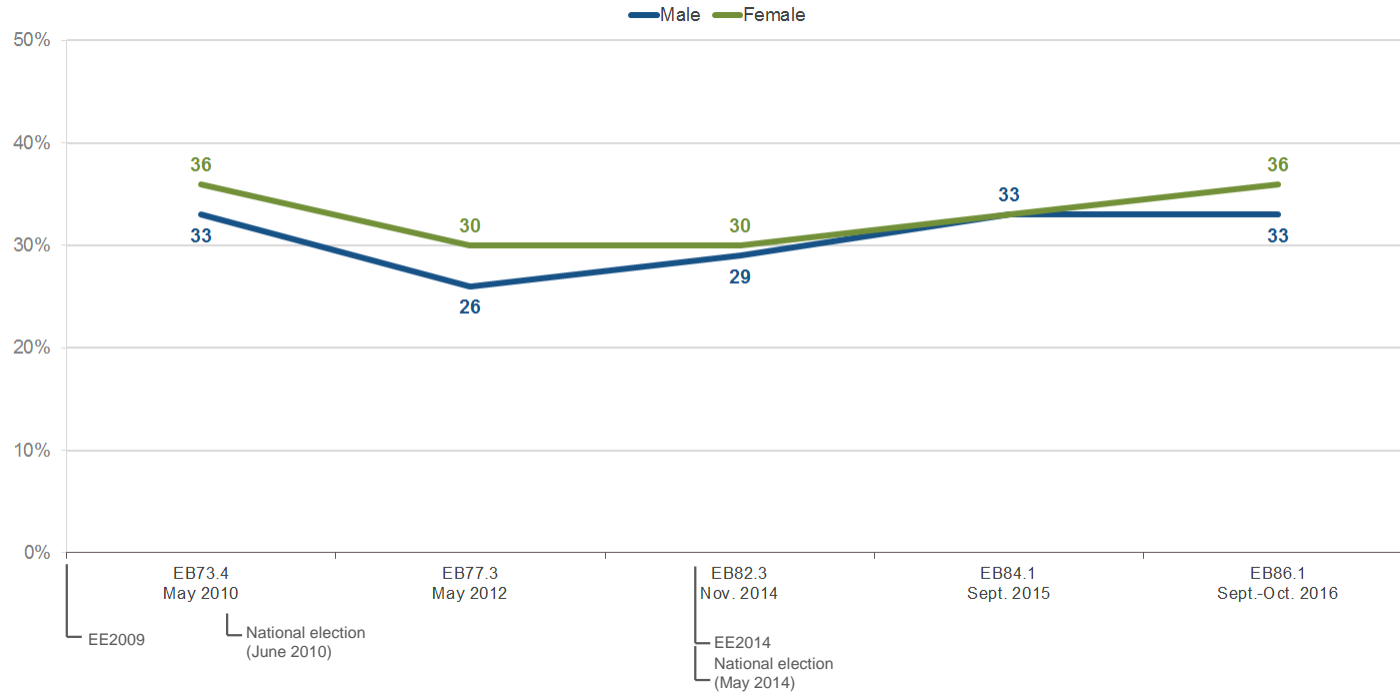




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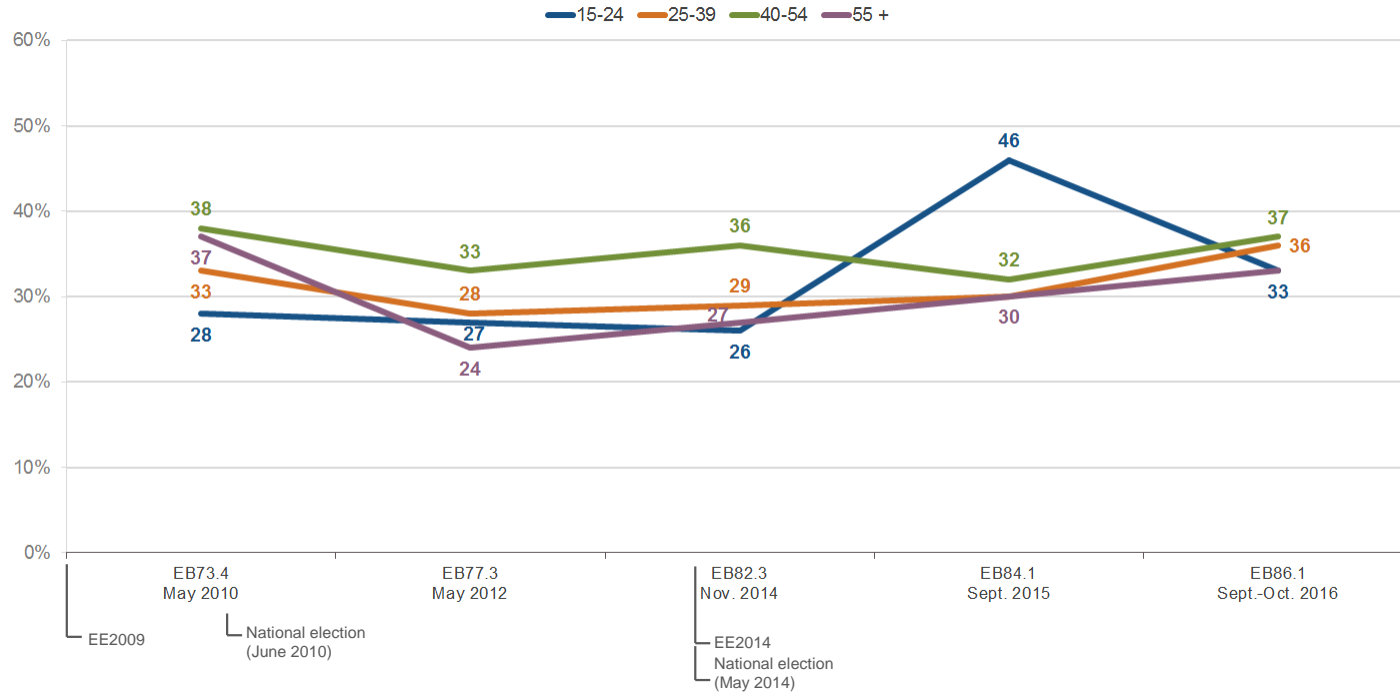




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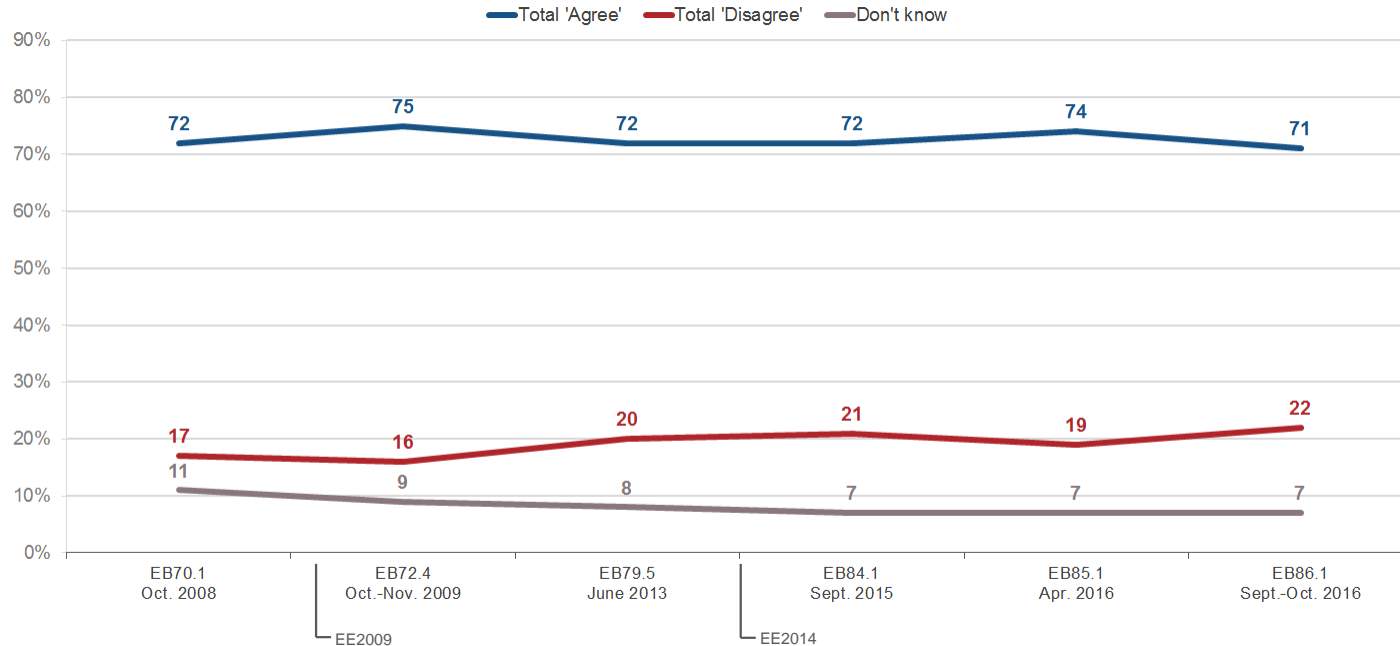


**WHAT BRINGS EU CITIZENS TOGETHER IS MORE IMPORTANT  
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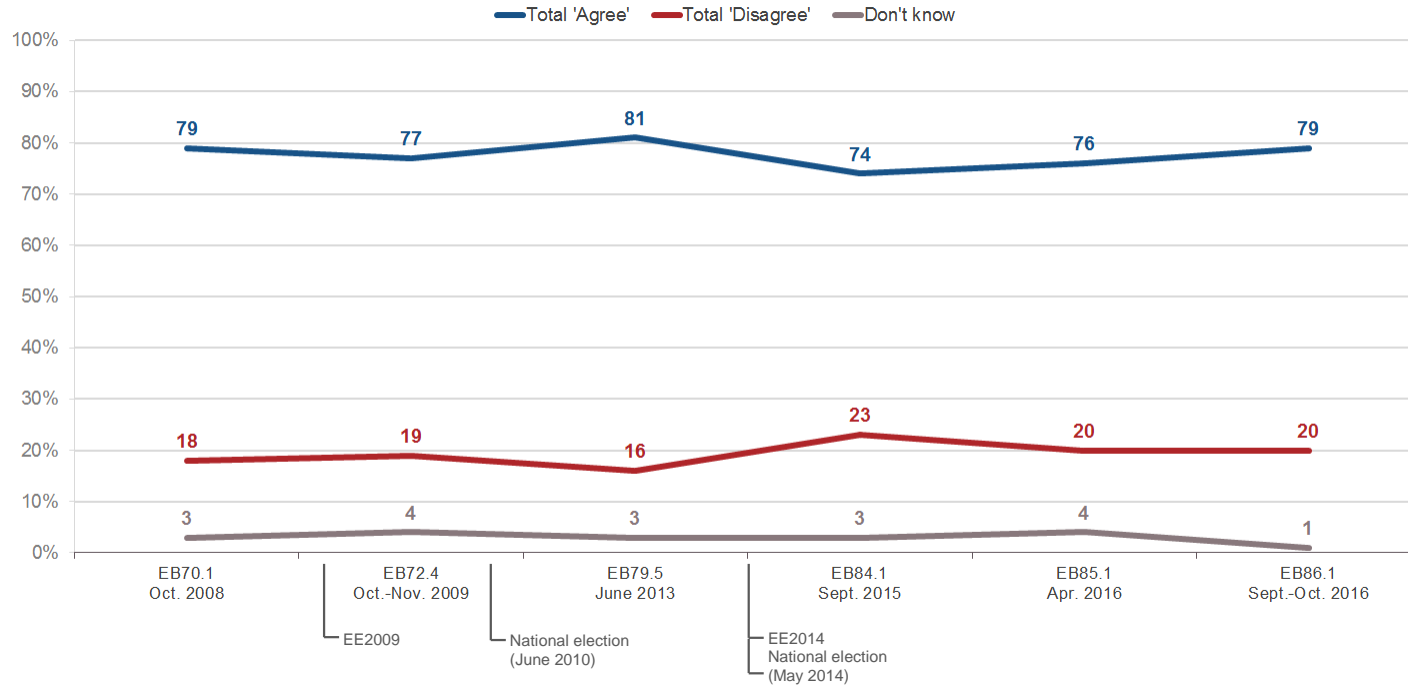
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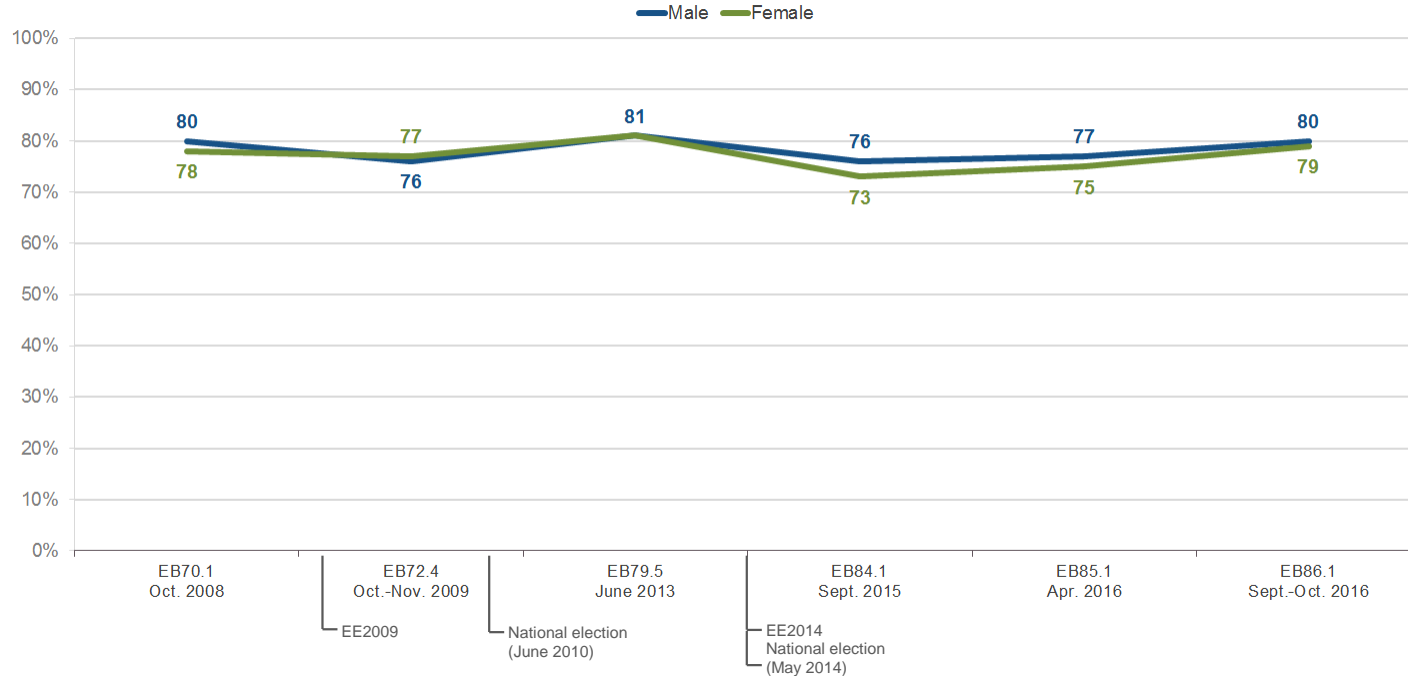




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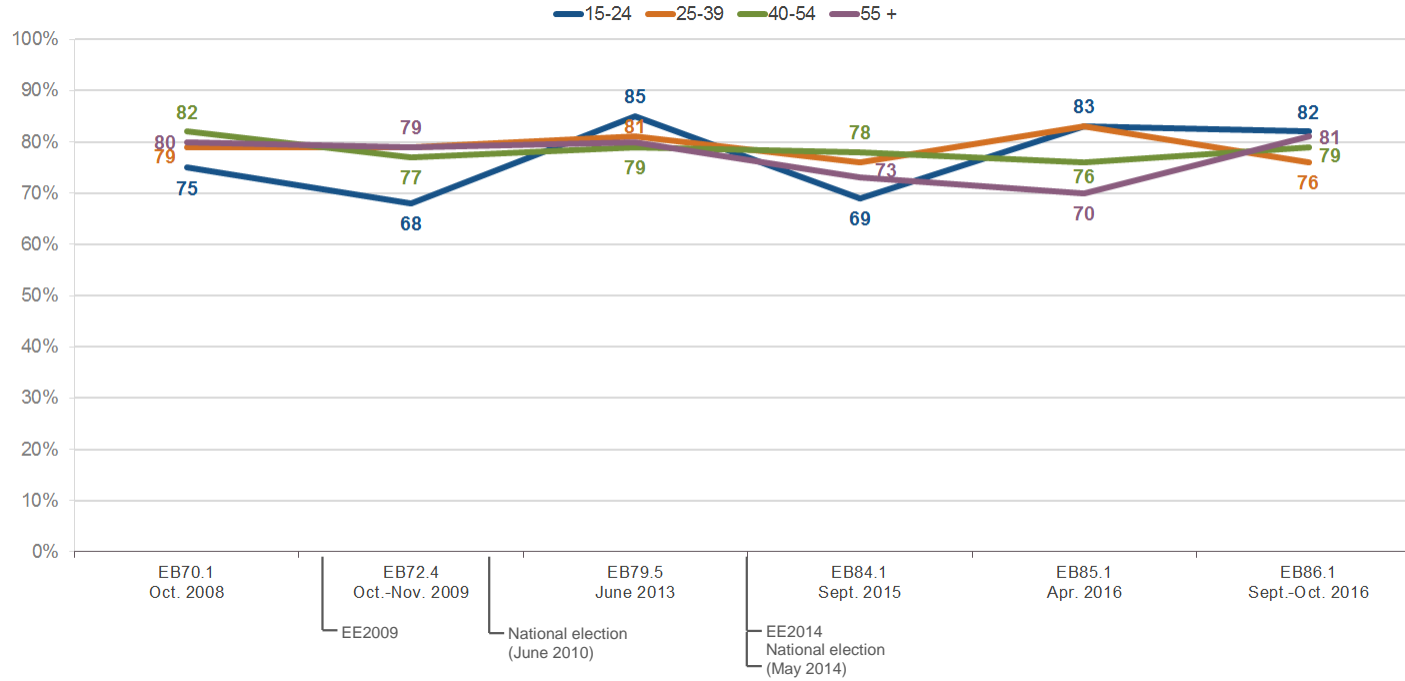




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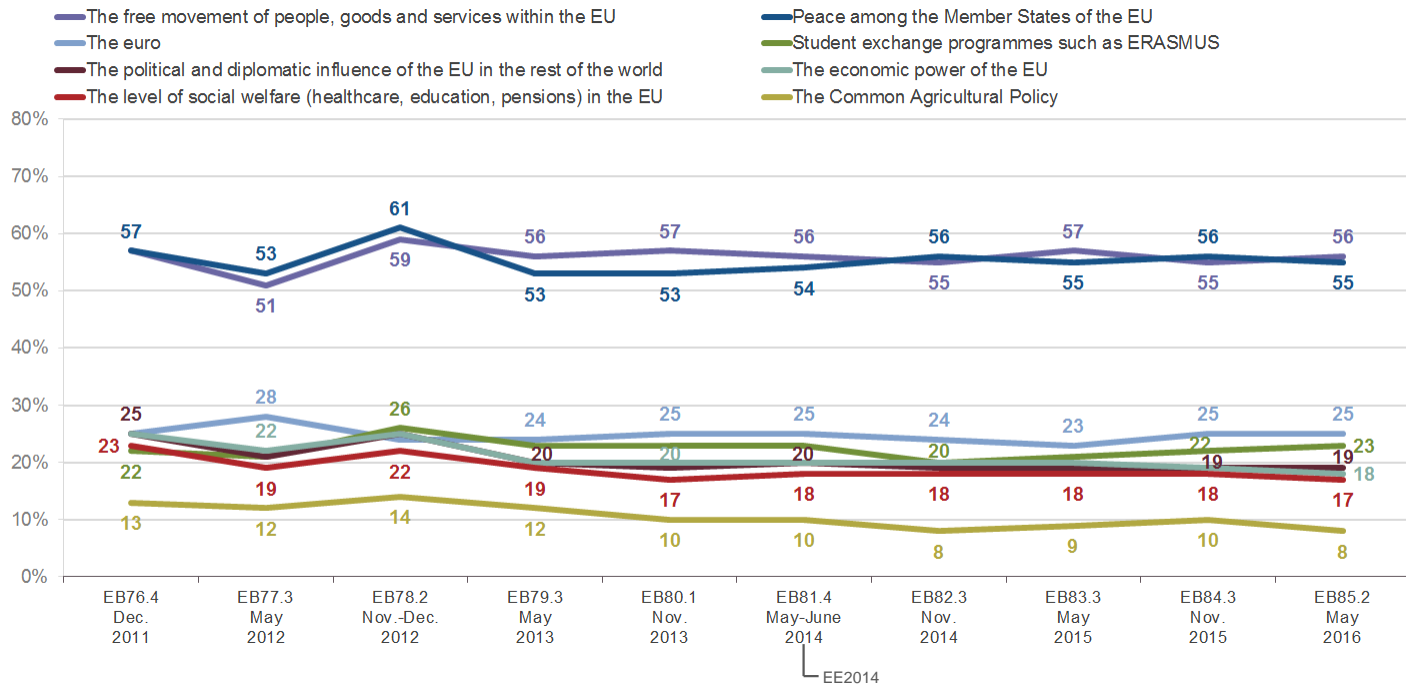


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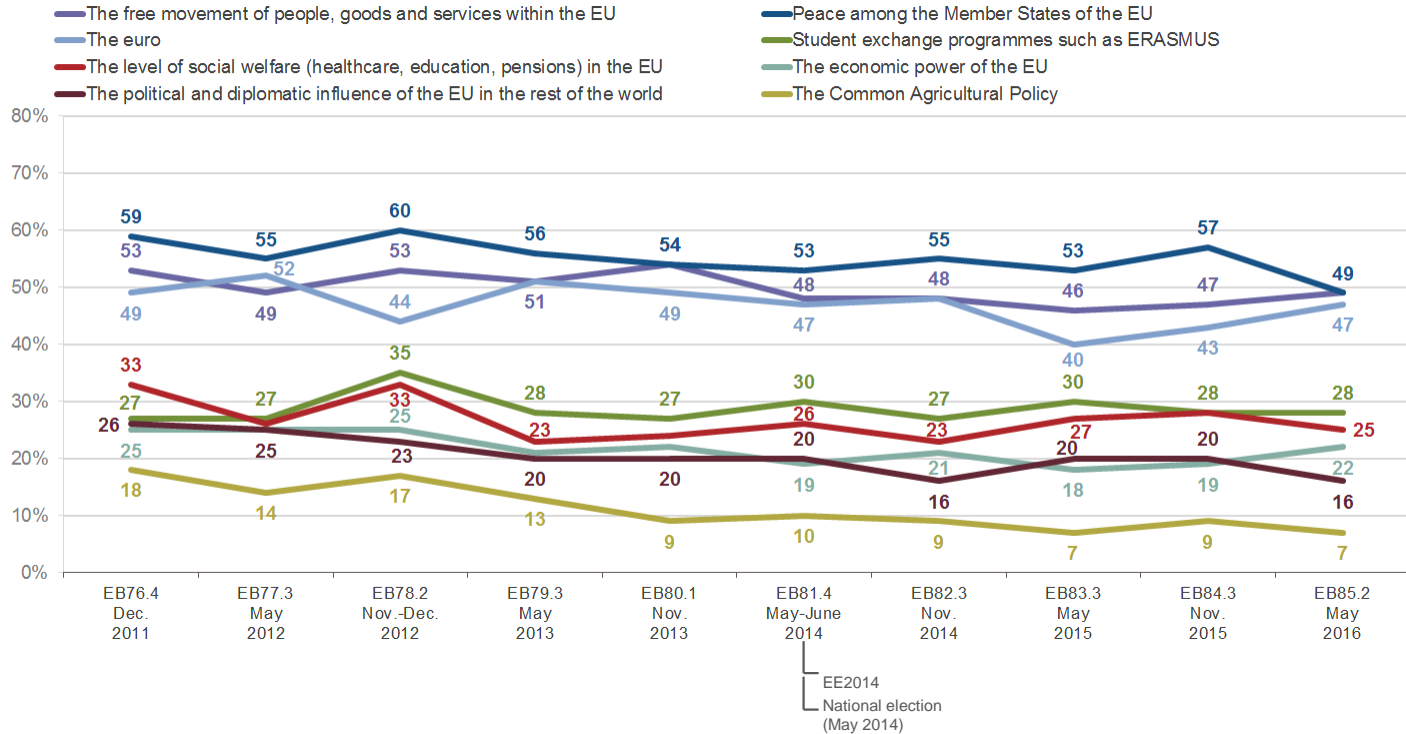
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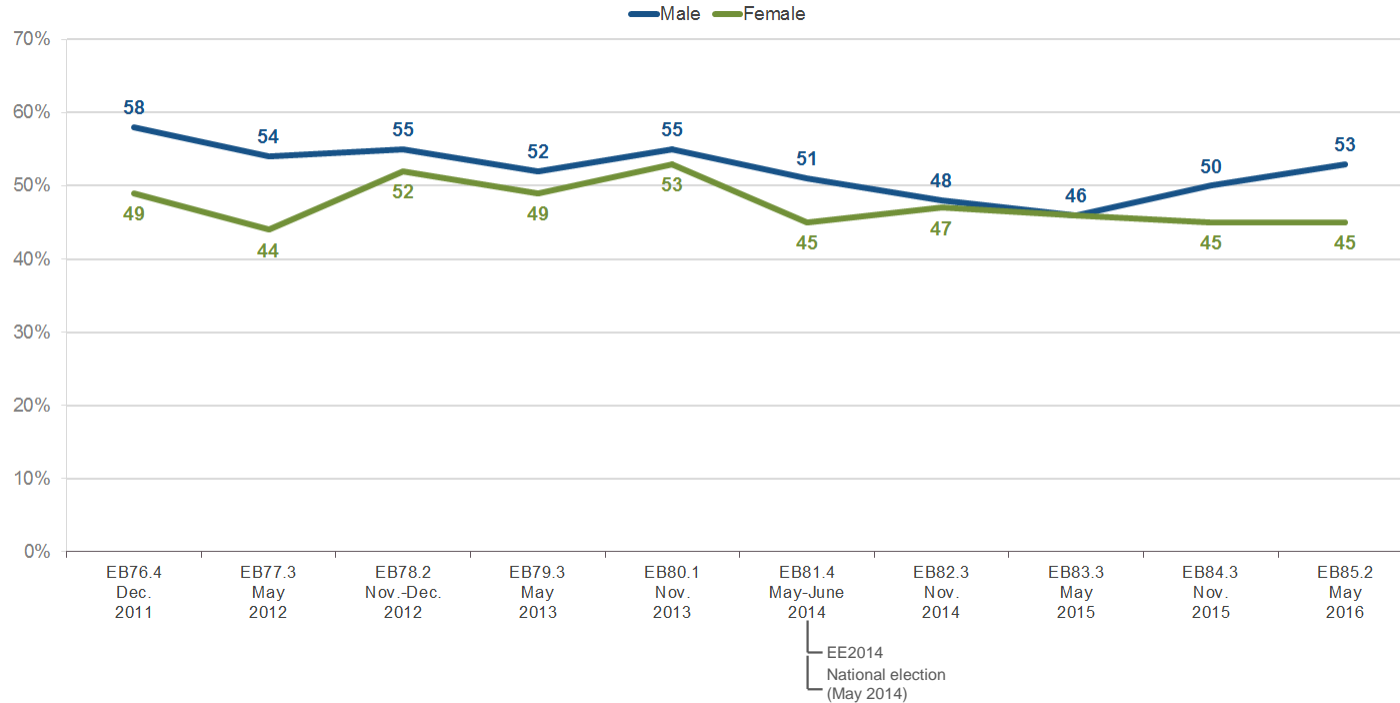




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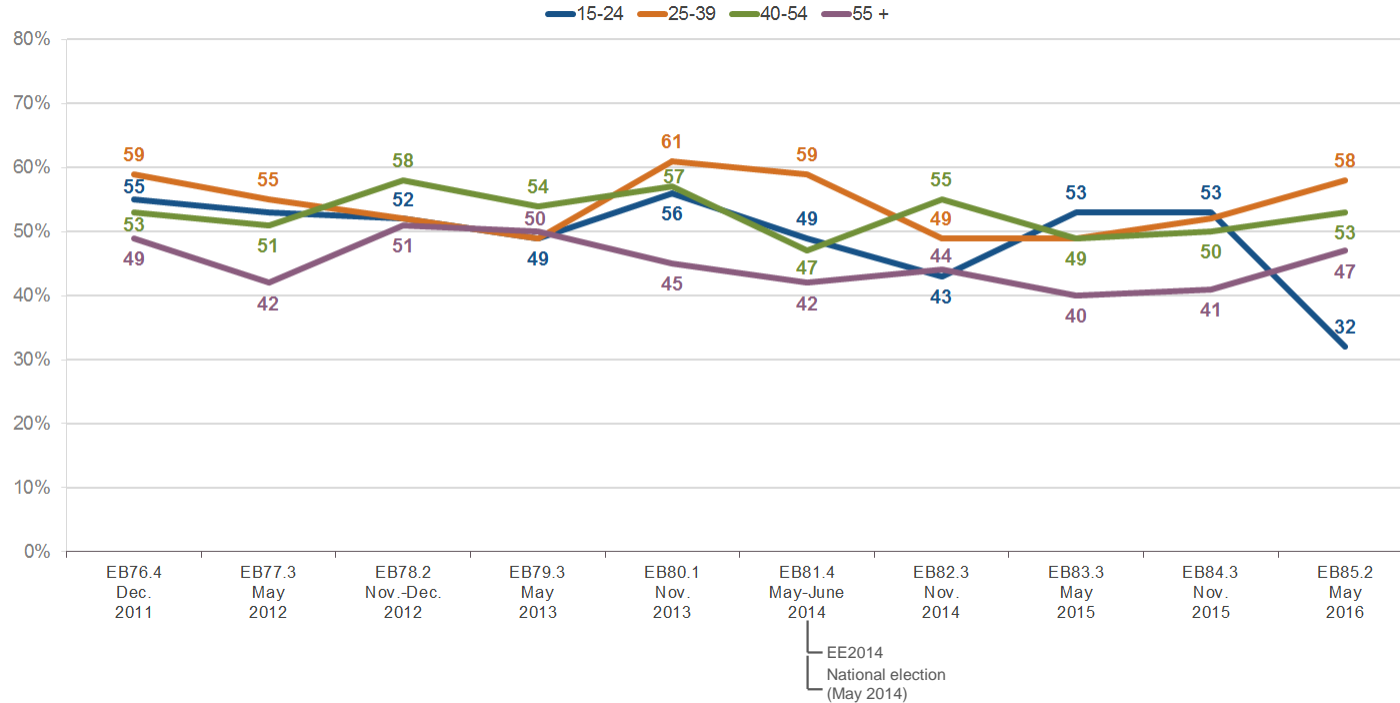




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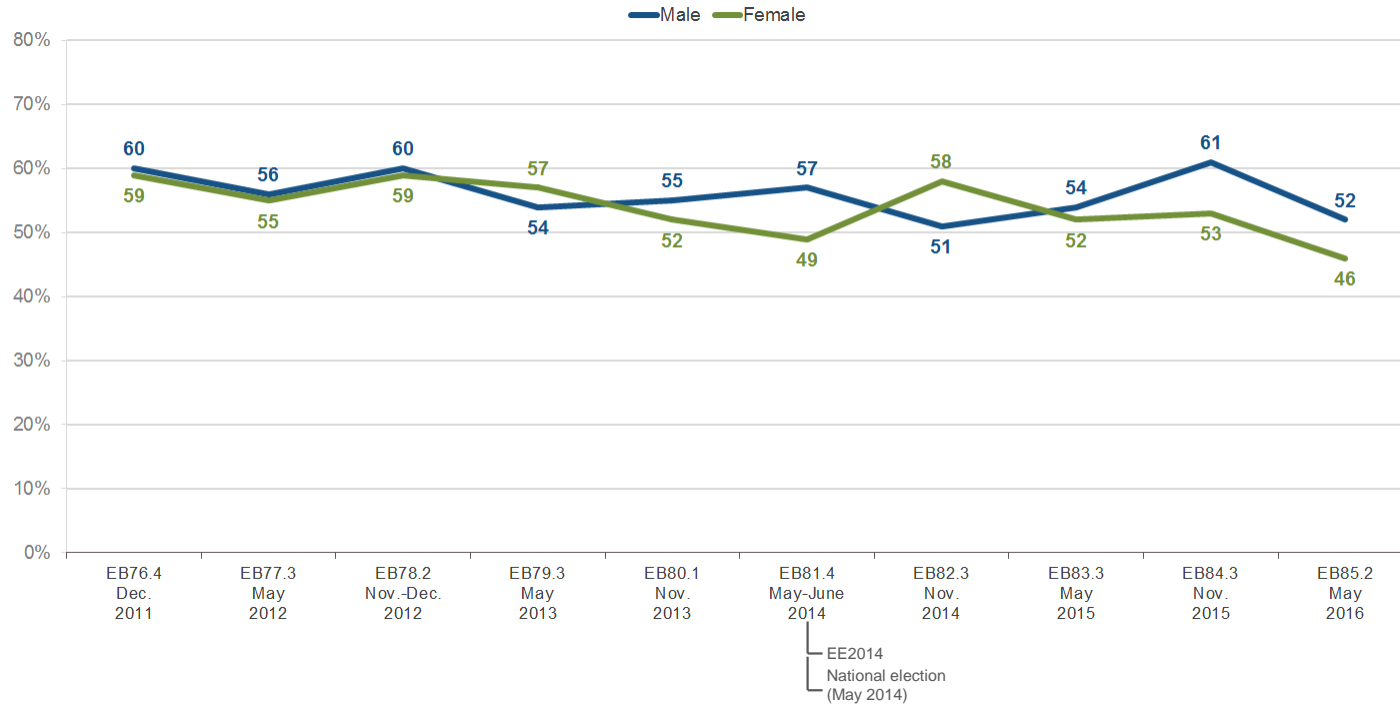




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