



# Managing expectations on effort

Customer experience as it was meant to be

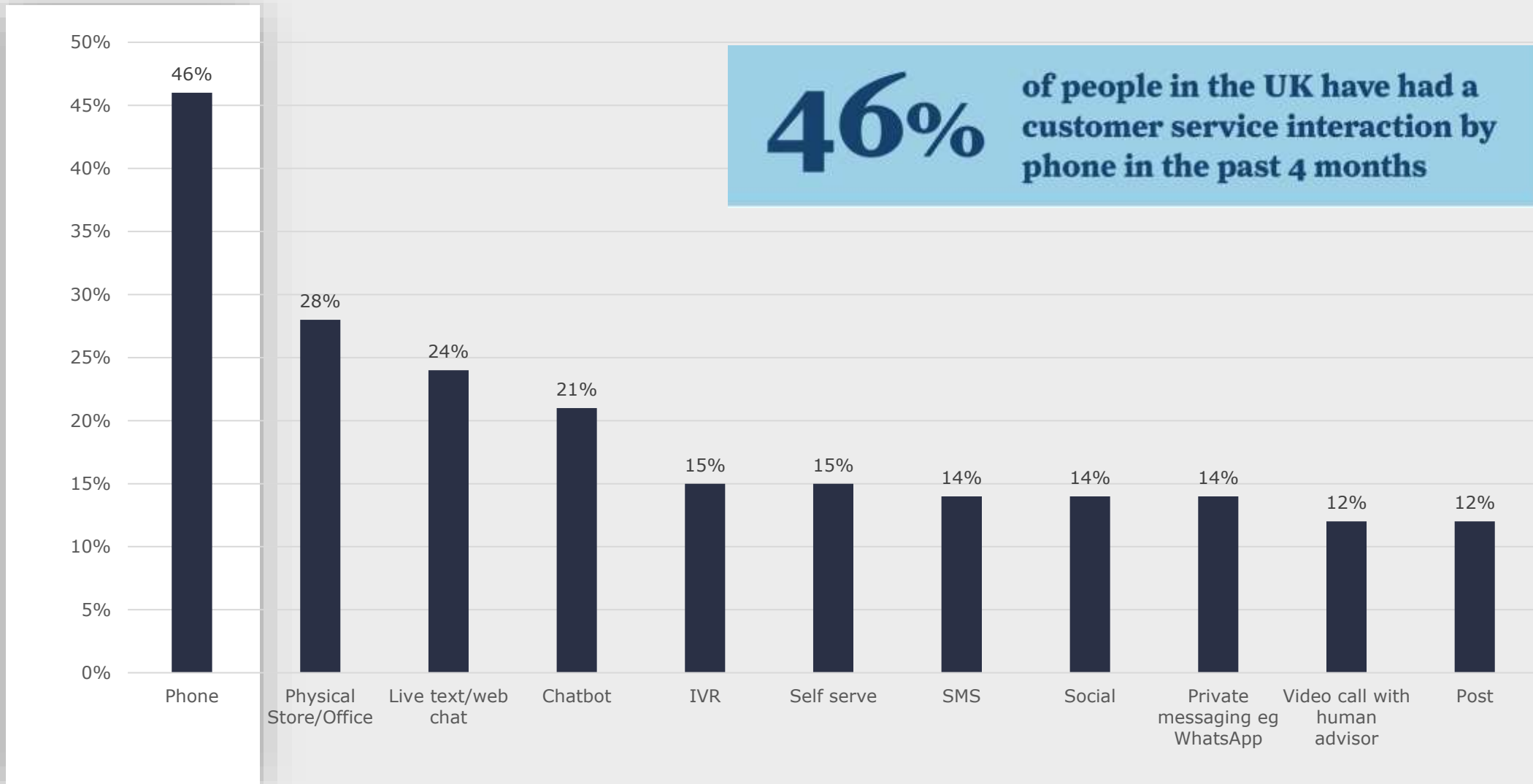


# New research...

- Nationally representative survey of 500 people 24-27 September
- Roundtable discussions with contact centre leaders 6-7 October



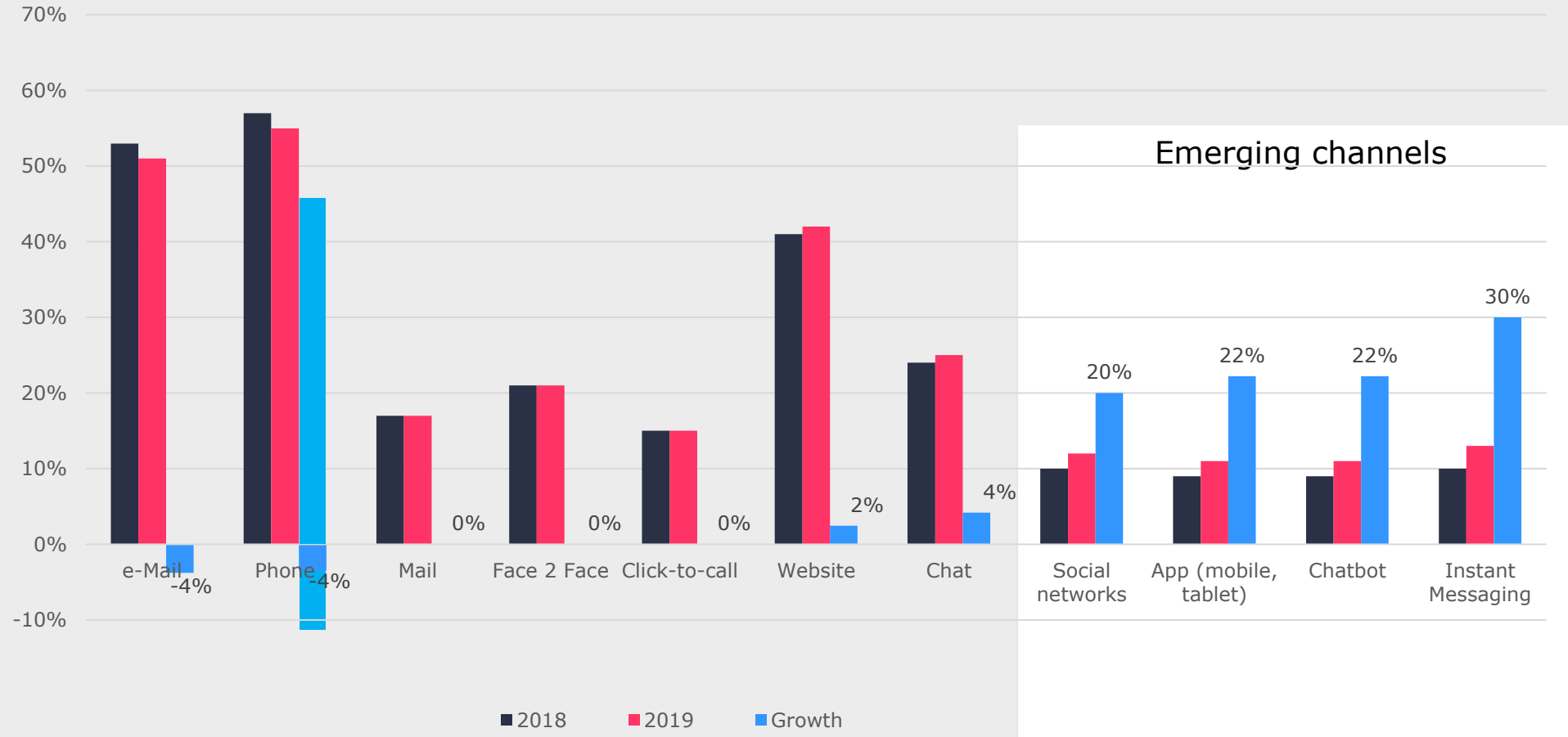
# Phone is still dominant.....



Q. How have you been contacting organisations across the last 4 months?

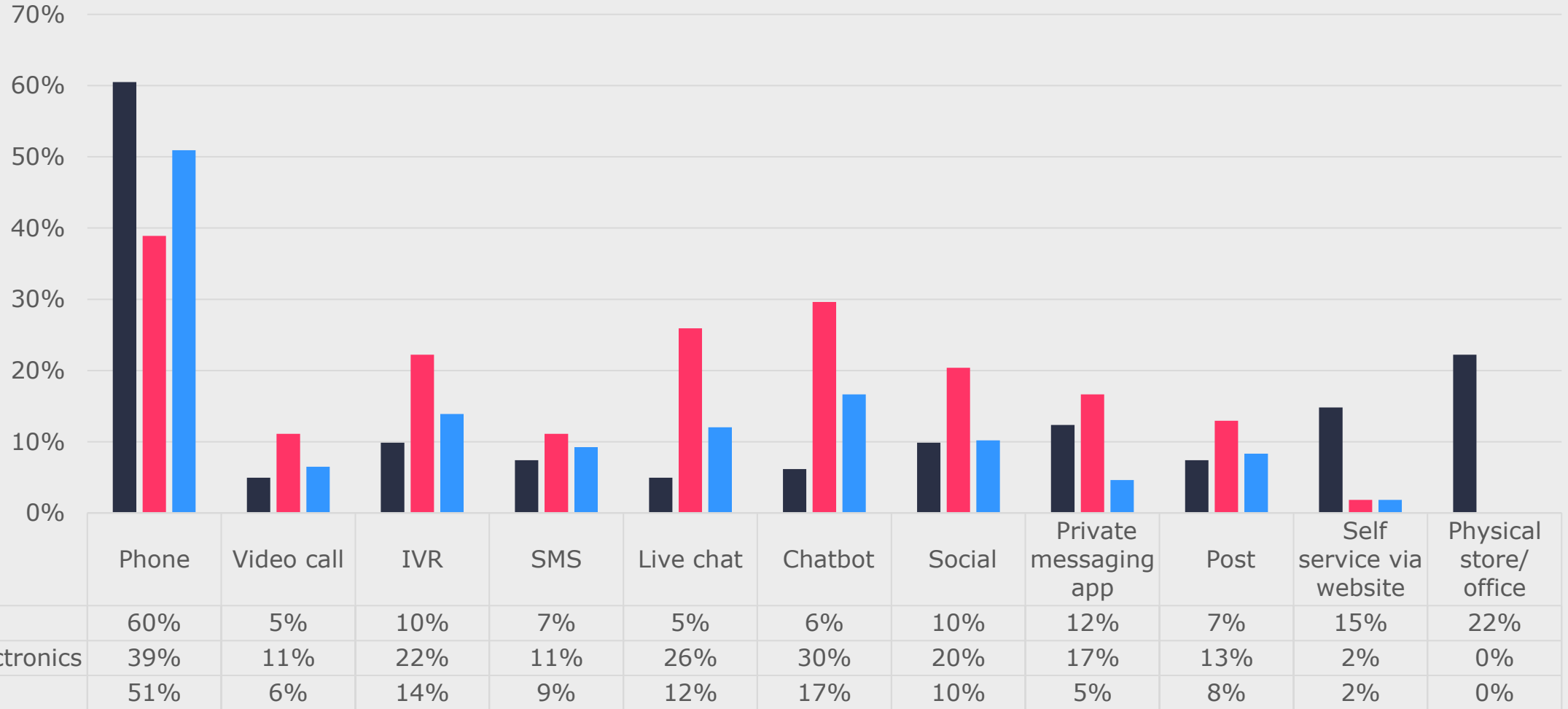
# A study from 2018 - 2019

How do you communicate with customer services ?

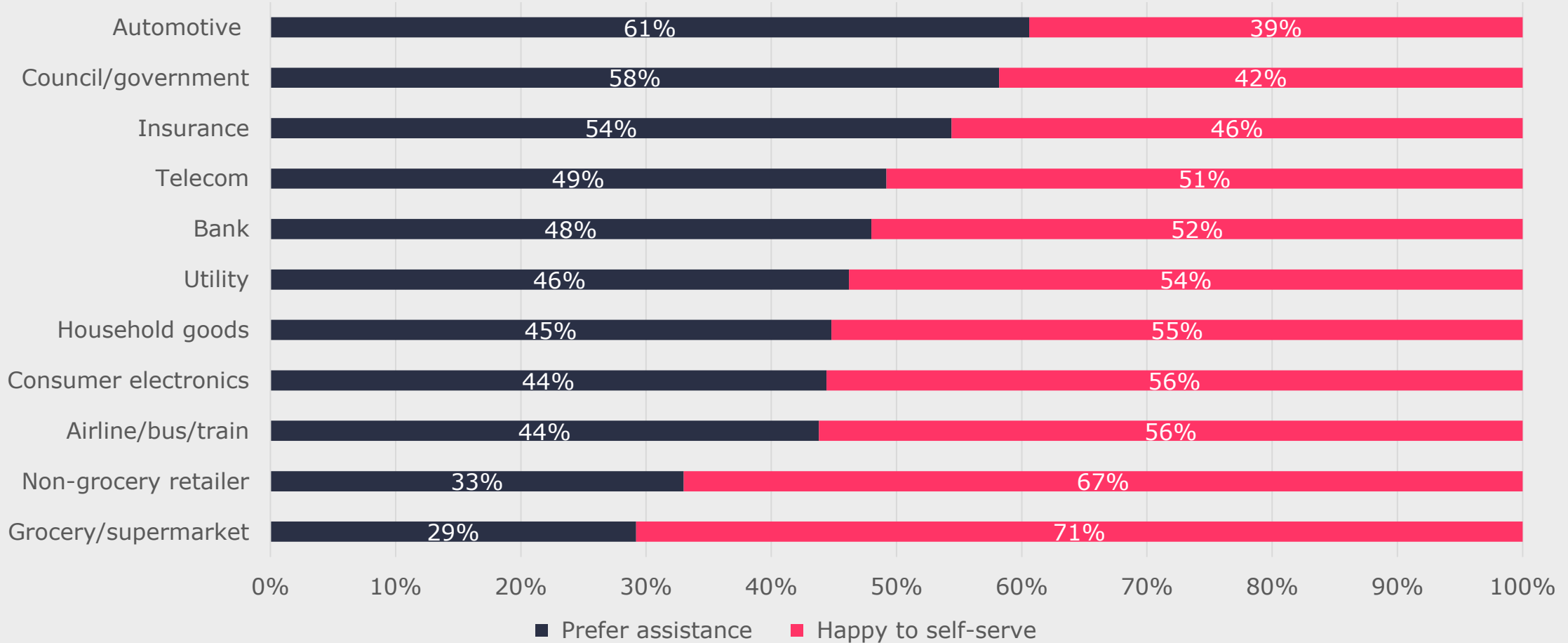


- Phone has always been dominant
- Emerging channels continue to grow

# Marked differences by sector in omni-channel usage and one approach does not fit all!



# Where is there willingness to self serve?



Generally speaking, when interacting with the following types of organisations would you prefer to be assisted, or would you be happy to serve yourself for example via information offered on the provider's website? Base: n=500 customers



# Omni-channel adoption is being driven by phone wait times

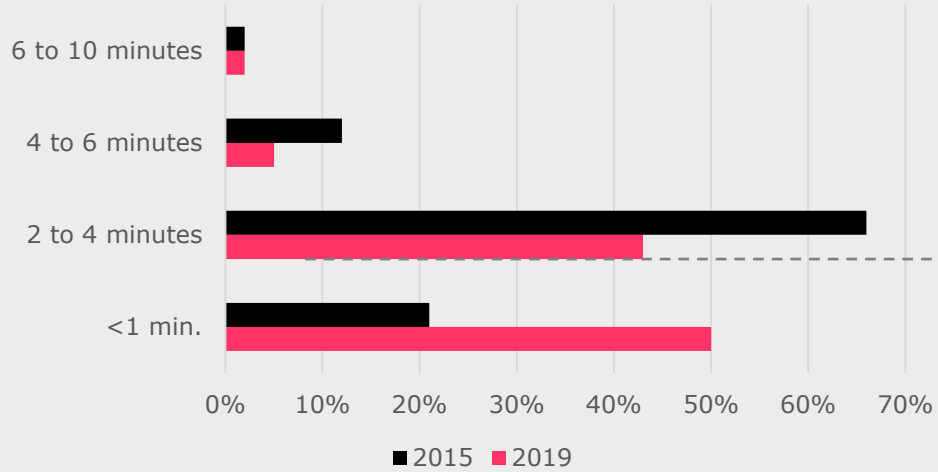
**30%**

**of customers using the phone had to wait too long to be connected.**

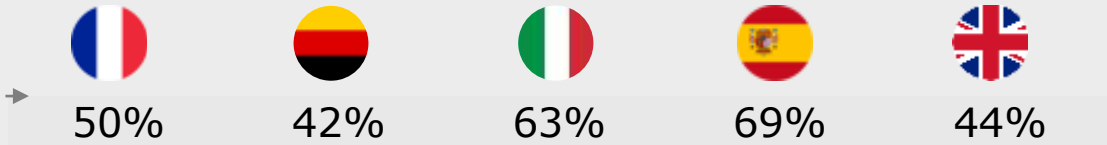
# Are we more impatient?



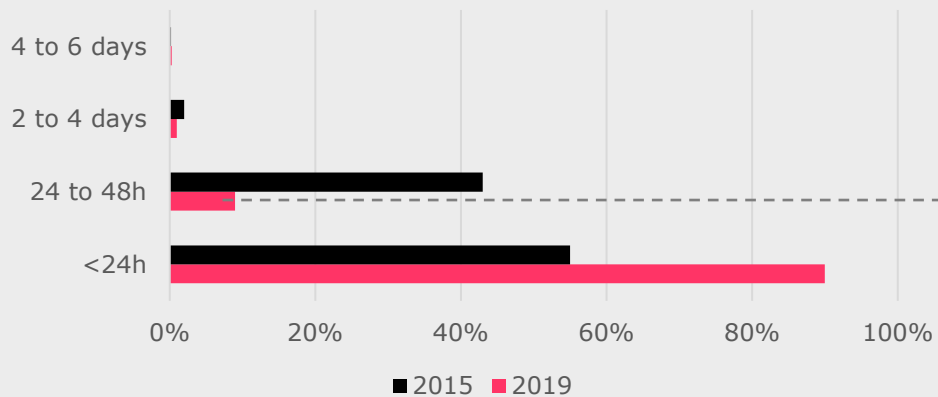
Acceptable response time by phone 'AAT'



3 minutes 17 sec.



Acceptable response time by email



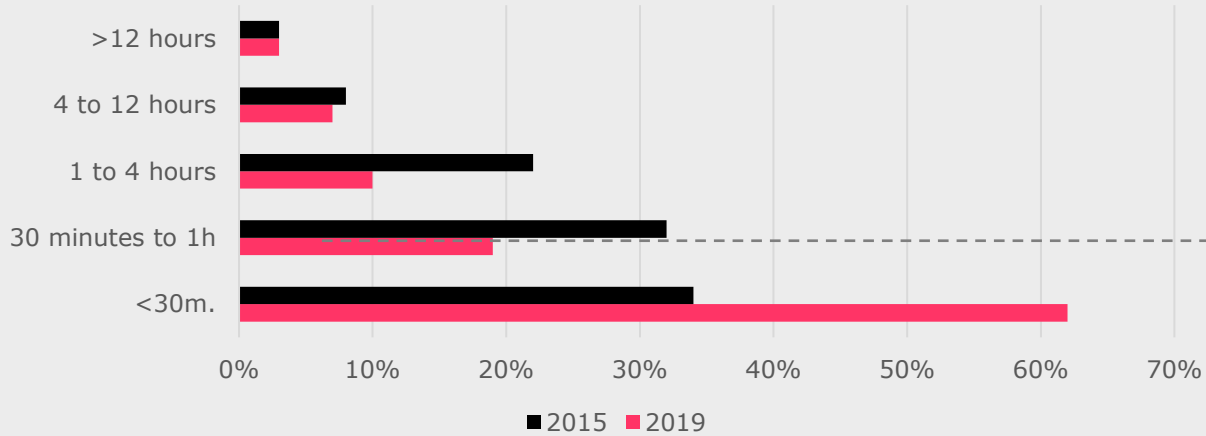
6 hours





# Ever changing expectations in emerging channels...

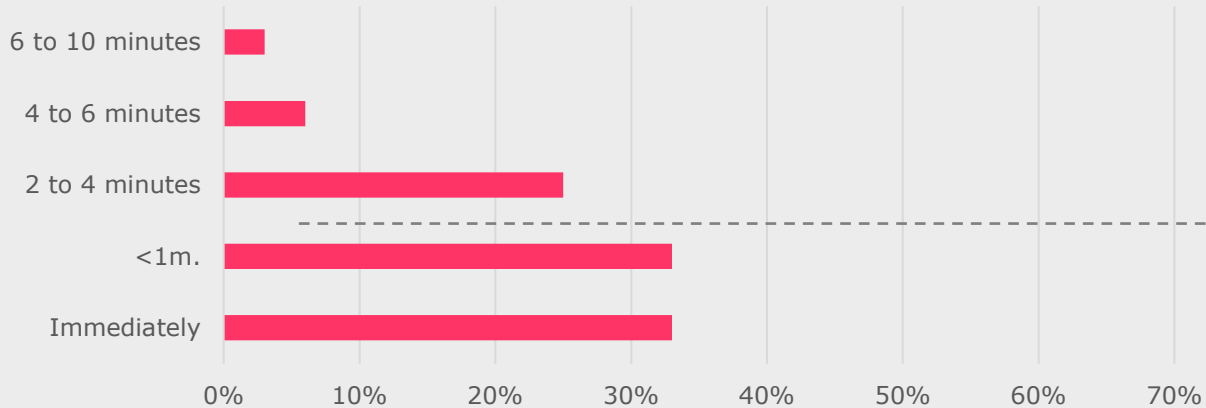
Acceptable response time by social networks, Twitter



2 hours 51 min.



Acceptable response time by chat



49 sec



# Each generation has a different emotional bias towards effort



## Baby Boomers

- Will ask why is it useful?
- Typically non-habitual users
- In general, tech does not change their life

## Gen X

- First to assimilate the WWW and computers
- Generally adopt new channels but...
- Social channels are for personal use

## Millennials

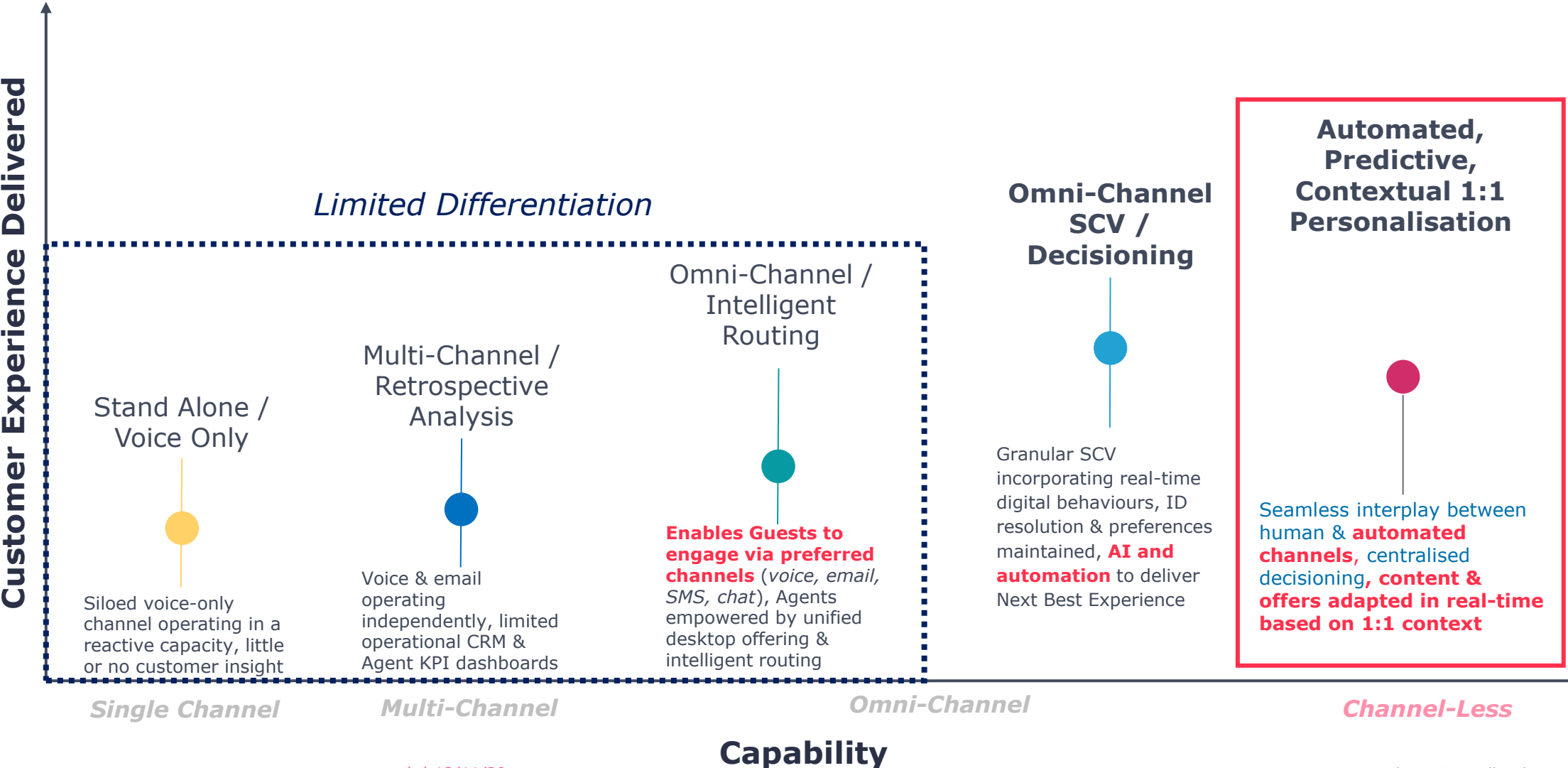
- Evolved with technology
- Resourceful and often lead disruption
- Embrace all channels with business and personal overlap

## Gen Z

- Only knows technology
- Tend be consumed in a digital world
- Take it all for granted

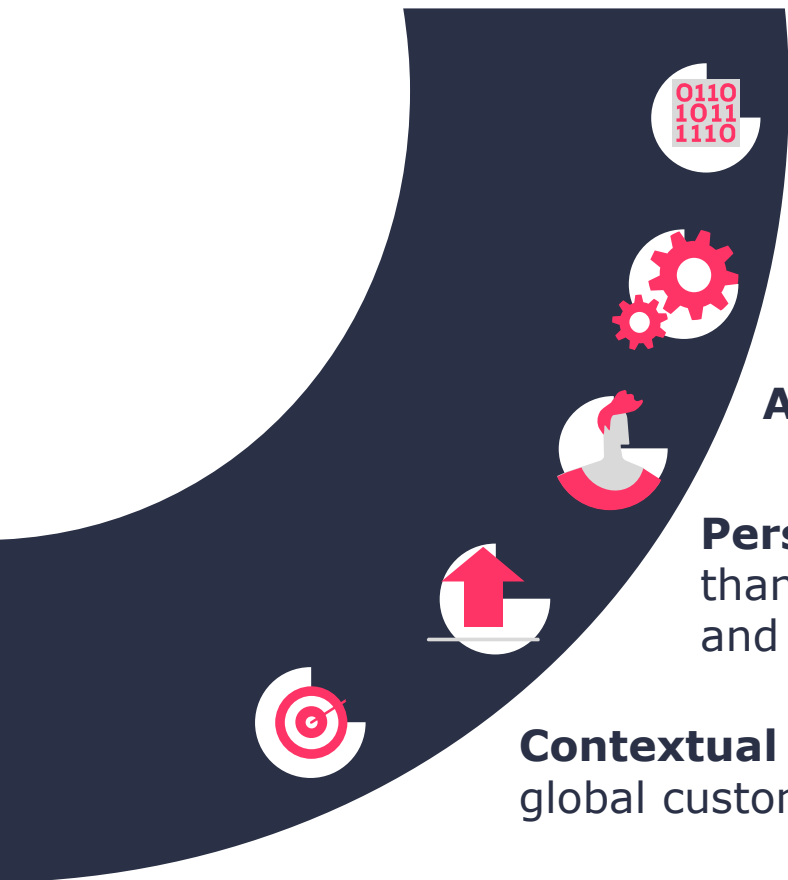
# Contact Centre – Transition and Maturity Journey

Transition from Re-Active Engagement → Pro-Active Engagement



# Match your people with the customers who will appreciate them

Match queries with the most suitable resource



**Automatisation**  
when relevant

**Integration** with CRM  
or other business tools

**AI** for smart qualification

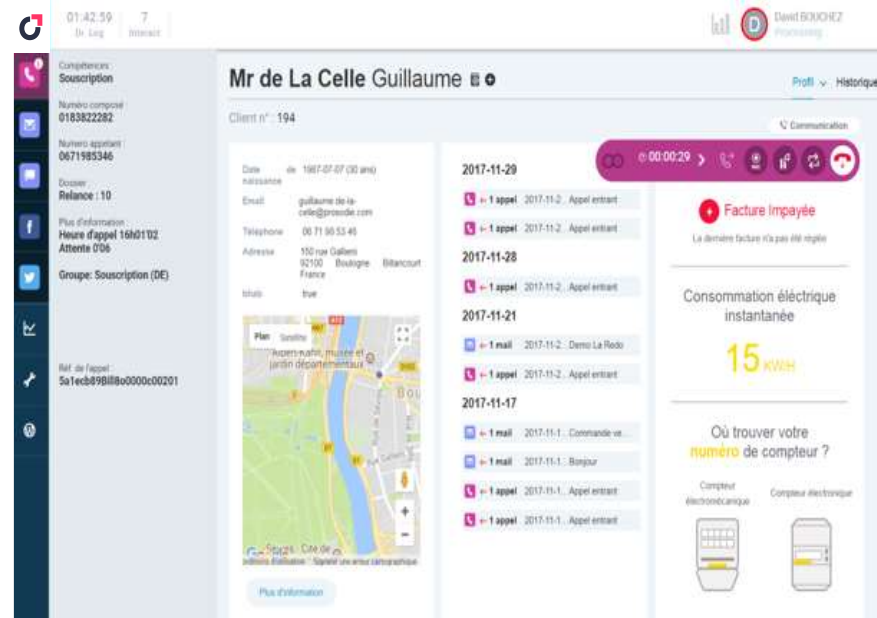
**Personalisation**  
thanks to customer card  
and interactions history

**Contextual routing** based on  
global customer knowledge

Which of the following are IMPORTANT when receiving customer service?

**65%**  
agent  
Knowledge

**47%**  
non  
repetition



## In Summary

- The phone will not go away, despite it often being a more time-consuming channel people of all ages will use it when they deem it necessary
- Digital adoption is on the rise, especially across 2020, however satisfaction is still low
- One size doesn't fit all, time, demographic, situation and channel choice will differ
- Personalise, Personalise, personalise, be reactive to customer situations, apply tools to offer what customers want
- Customer effort is key to ensure continual CSAT and loyalty across all brands