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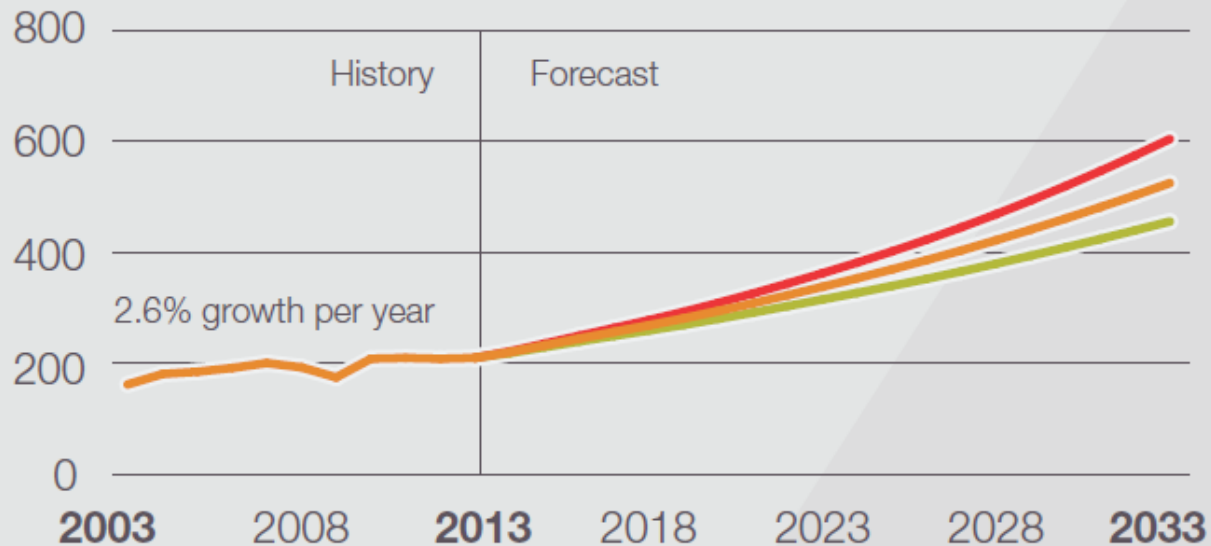
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Air Cargo growth forecast

World air cargo traffic will more than double over the next 20 years

RTKs
in billions



Average annual growth, 2013–2033

● High, 5.5%

● Base, 4.7%

● Low, 4.0%

Proposition 1

Boeing and Airbus are right. The Air Cargo volume will increase between 4 and 5.5% per year over the next 20 years...

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The Air Cargo volume will increase between 4 and 5.5% per year over the next 20 years...

- A. Yes, I agree
- B. No, but growth rates of around 3% are more realistic
- C. No, keep on dreaming!

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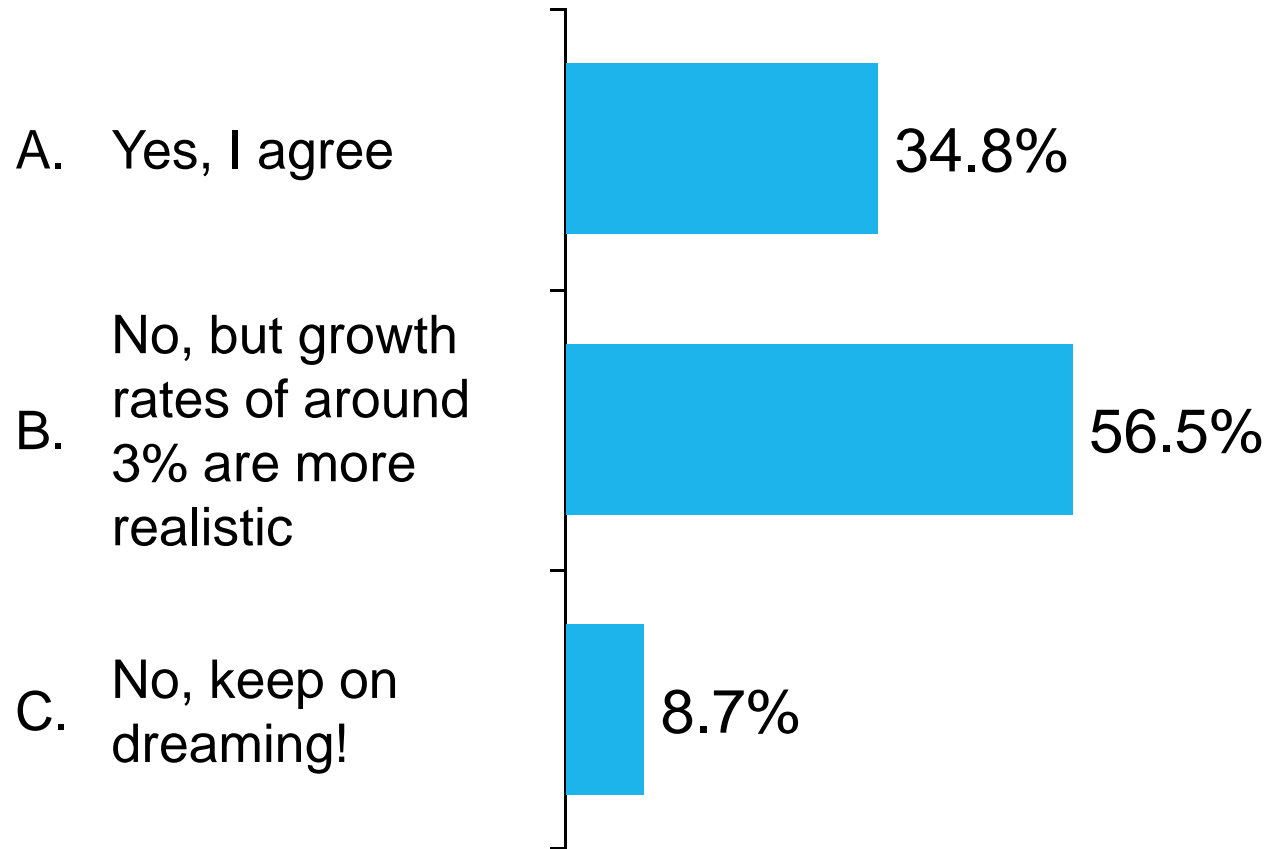
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Air Cargo Industry in "Global Crisis"

By: From Transport Intelligence/John Manners-Bell | M:

Press Release No.: 54
Date: 25 November 2010

Air France-KLM brengt aantal Full
Freighter-toestellen met de helft terug,
Martinair blijft

5 september 2014 | Redactie

Research

Two newly-published sets of **Passenger Demand Strengthens - Freight at a Turning Point?**

the slump in worldwide demand last year has continued into Geneva - The International Air Transport Association announced international traffic results for a 14.4% increase in passenger demand and a 14.4% decrease in freight.

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Euro Crisis Could Reduce Global Air Cargo by \$4 Billion

Bruce Barnard and Mike King, S

Press Release No.: 2
Date: 31 January 2013

In January this year, cargo demand was compared with a 22.6% decline.

Passenger Demand Grew as Air Cargo Declined in 2012

Geneva - The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced full-year traffic data for 2012 showing a 5.3% year-on-year increase in passenger demand and a 1.5% fall for cargo.

Press Release No.: 4
Date: 29 January 2009

Cargo Plummets 22.6% in December

Geneva - The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released international scheduled traffic results for both December 2008 and the full-year.

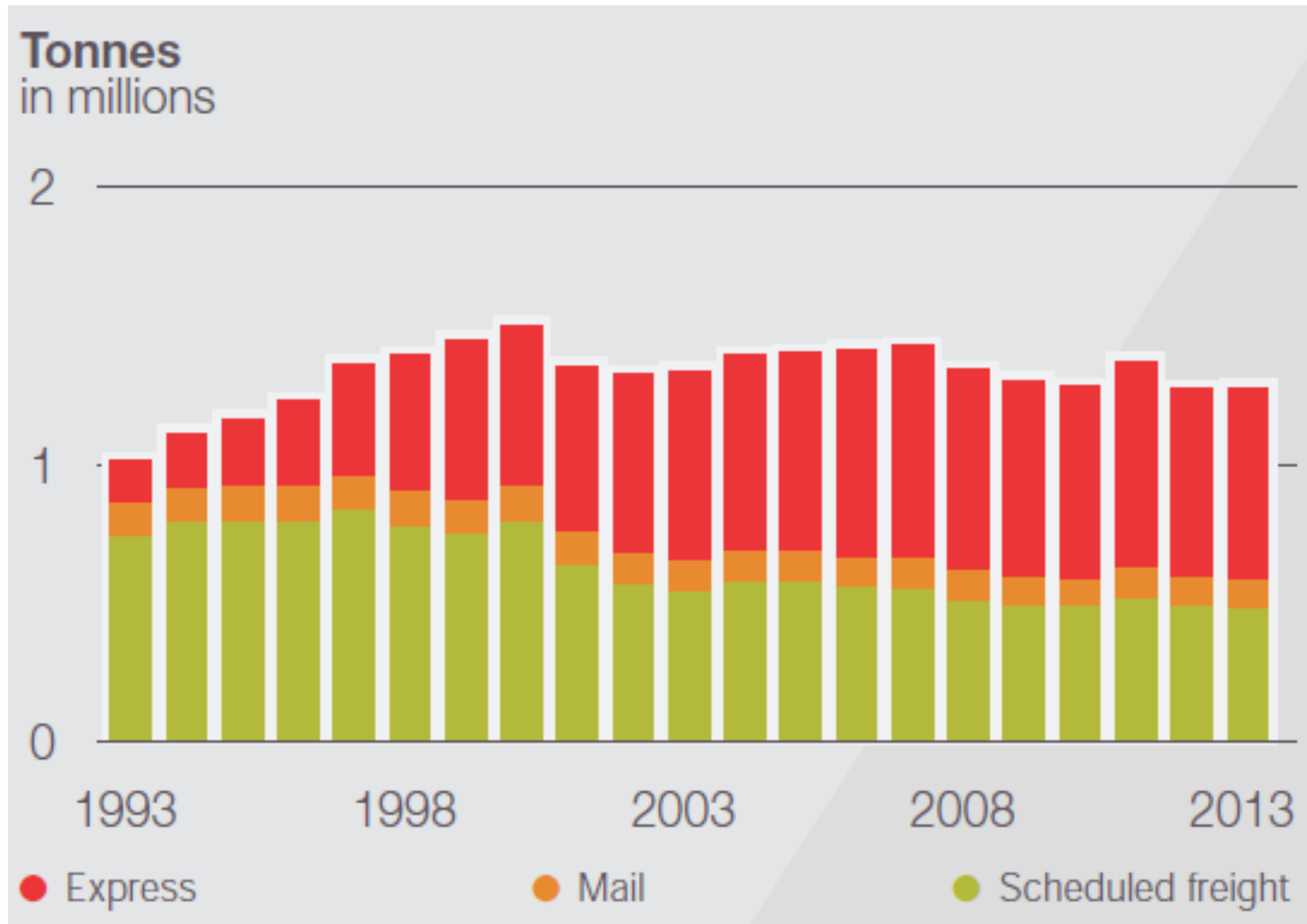
In the month of December global international cargo traffic fell 22.6% compared with December 2007. The same comparison for international passenger traffic showed a 5.3% increase. The international load factor stood at 73.8%.

Press Release No.: 33
Date: 2 August 2012

Slowing Passenger Growth Trend Continues - Cargo Markets Remain Weak

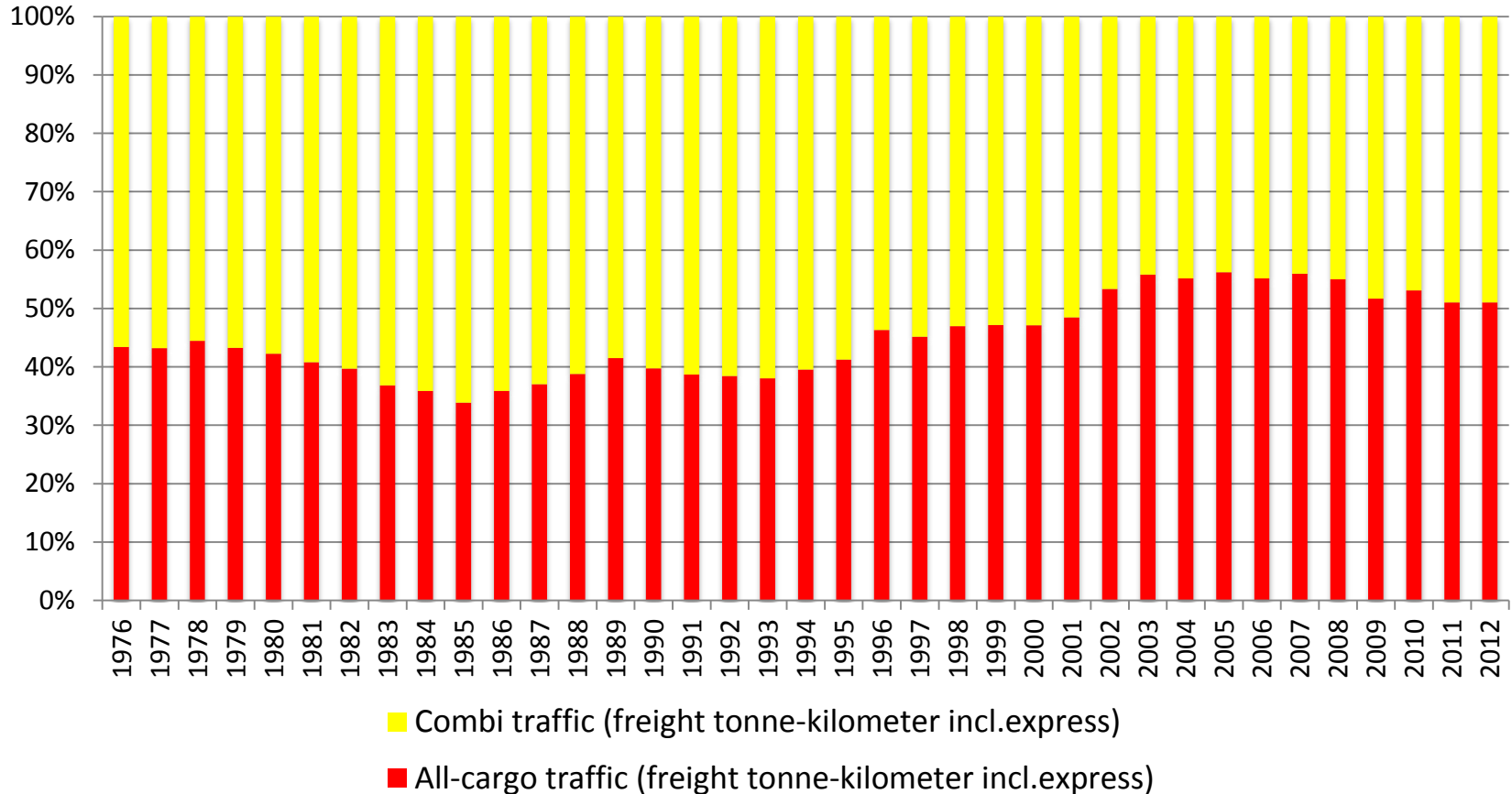
Geneva - The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced global traffic results for June showing a continued slowing of growth in the demand for air transport. This is in line with weakness in business and consumer confidence.

Intra-European market is stagnating



Source: Boeing World Air Cargo Forecast, 2014/15

Cutting down all-cargo capacity



Proposition 3

Integrators will be the only successful full freighter-only operators of the future



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A. Agree

B. Disagree

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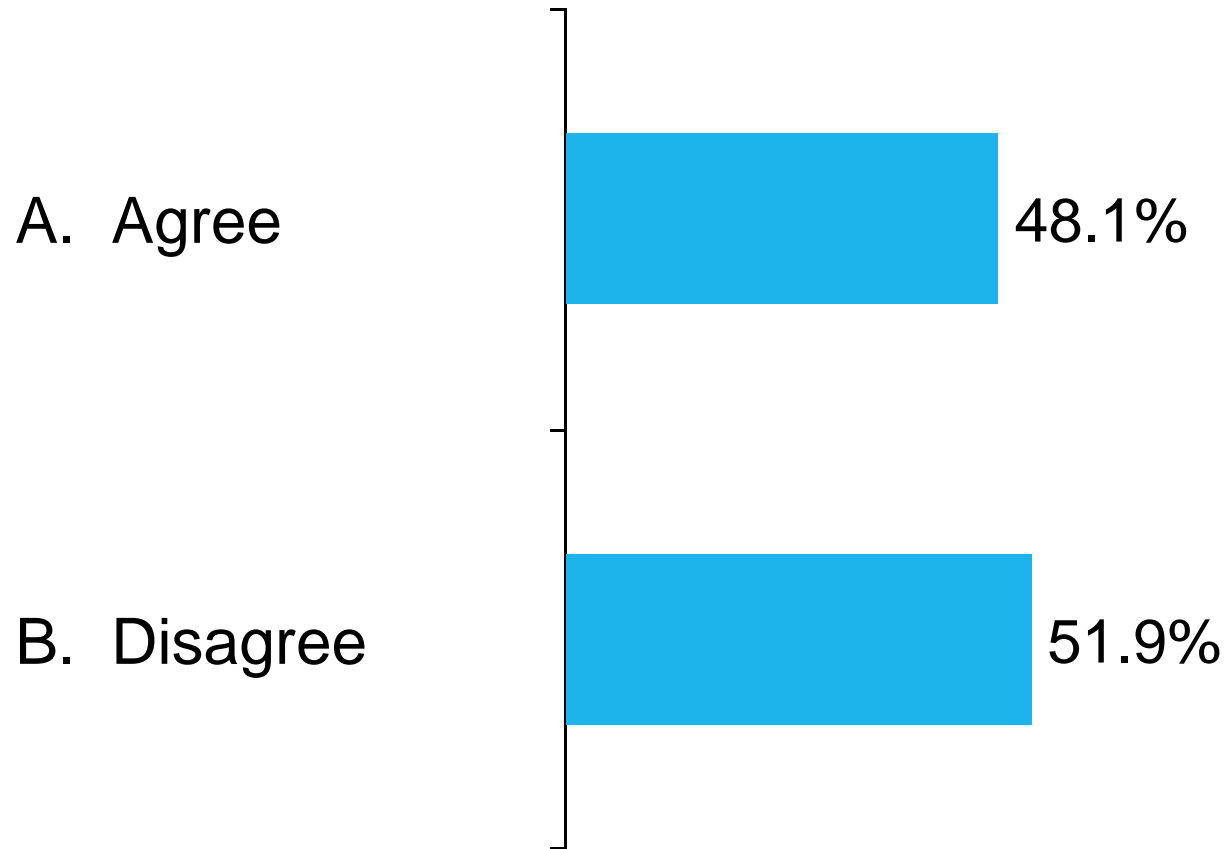
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Challenges

Nobody is interested in the “flying part” of the air cargo industry, nobody is leading...

- Most airlines focus on pax, not cargo
- External investors → air cargo market too small to make return
- Full cargo airlines → no margin to invest, too local: no real market leader covering the world
- Power is with the forwarders, not the airlines
- Integrators → no airline, but logistical companies (and closed systems)
- Middle East power
- Air cargo industry: divided and not managing to make it work
 - No big leaders that can set the tone
 - Niche market (only 0,5% of transport is done by air)
 - Different local regulations worldwide



Opportunities

Although the airlines struggle, the air cargo industry has some opportunities:

- Integrators are doing a good job and show the way forward
- Middle East growth offers more opportunities for logistical companies
- More than ever need and demand for those willing to make a difference → anybody in the logistical chain can do this
- Crisis is doing a “clean up” of the air cargo industry
- Not aiming for 48 transit of shipments should be the aim. Better integration should be the aim and this will result in a 48 hours transit time
- More customer tailored service is needed: 48 or 96hours, what the customer wants



Proposition 4

Air Cargo as a niche commodity in total transportation is not managing to structure the business

- **... due to the many different stakeholders, legislative differences in the world, regulations etc...**
- **but also internally they are not able to tackle the right problems**

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- A. Agree
- B. Don't agree
- C. Agree, but the air cargo community will not be able to follow

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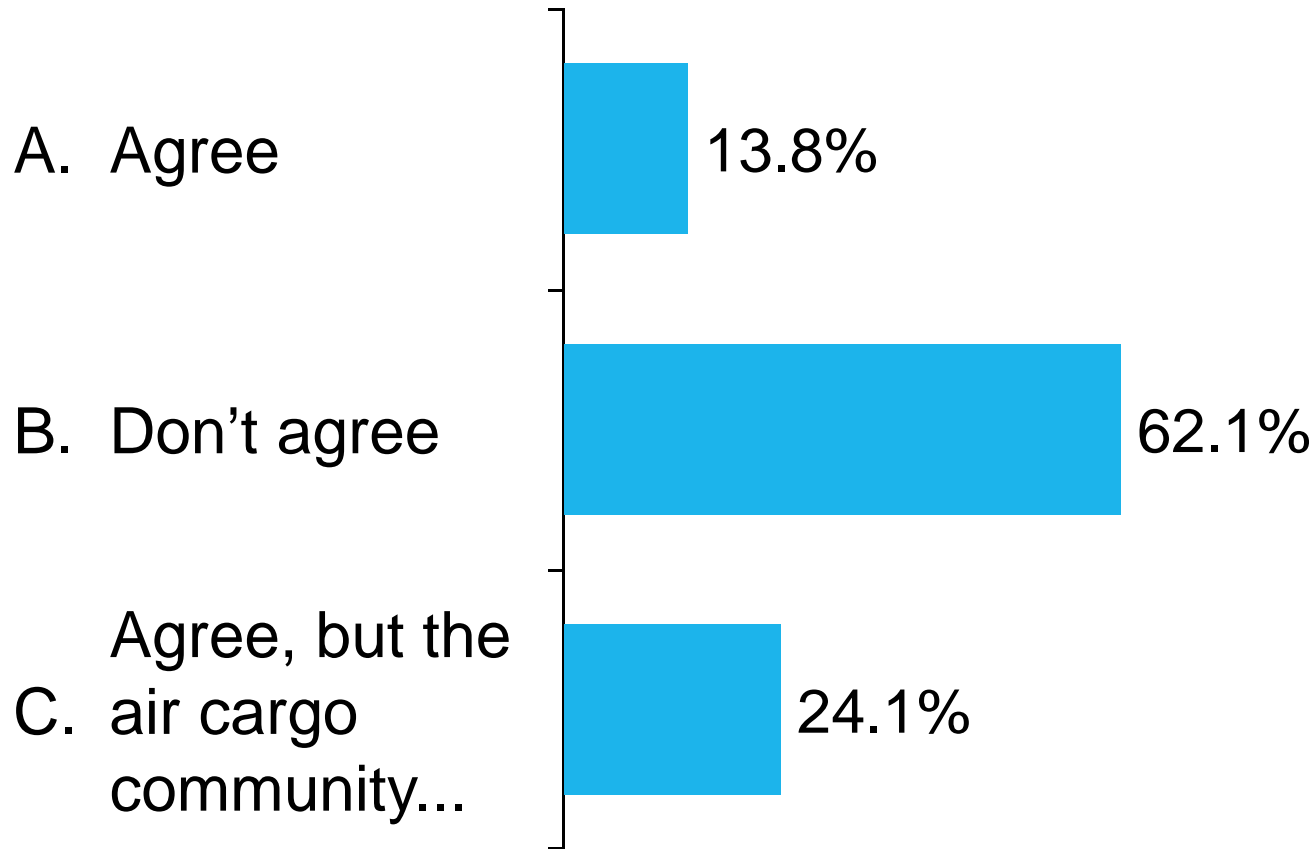
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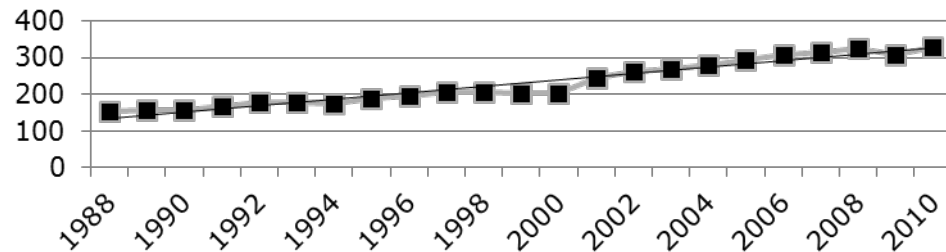
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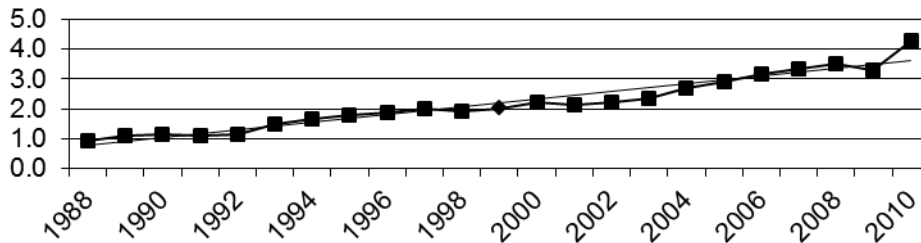
Some Evidence from the German Market 1988-2010

Number of IATA Cargo Agents



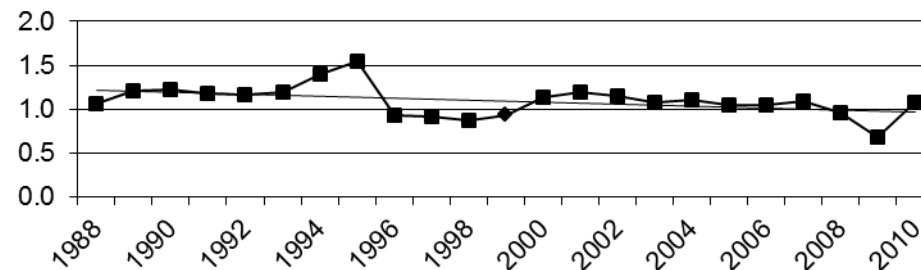
Market got more concentrated
(in terms of annual turnover):
e.g. CR4: 30.8 % => 40.6%
or CR8: 44.9 % => 53.3%

Total Freight in Mio. Tons



**At the same time, number of agent in
the market doubled:**
154 => 329

Turnover total in Mio. EUR

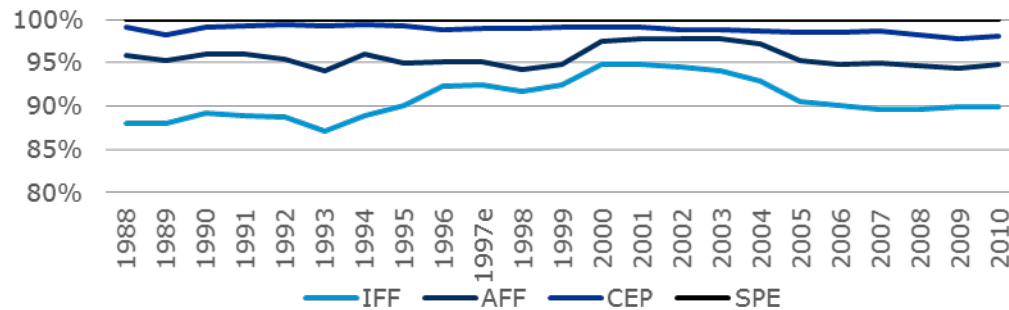


**Growing air cargo market
by tonnage (w/o Post):**
0.917 => 4.295 Mio. tons

**But slightly decreasing total market
turnover of agents:**
1.057 => 1.083 Bio EUR p.a.

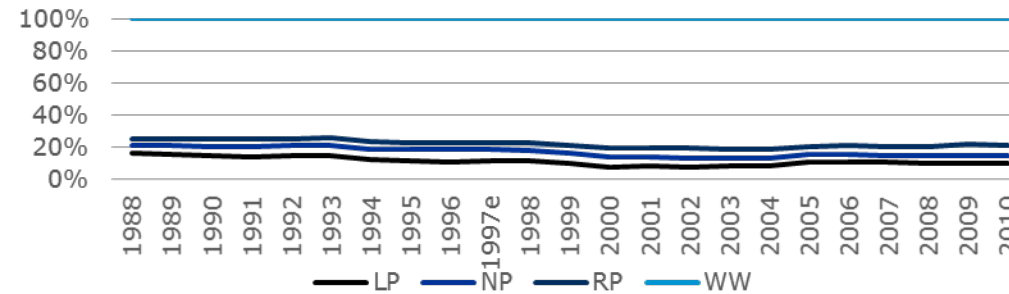
A Closer Look at the Market Segments

Turnover Share by Segment



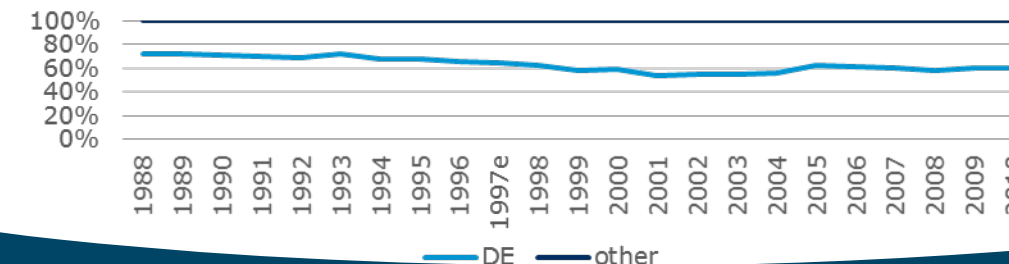
IFF: Int. freight forwarders
 AFF: Air cargo agency focus
 CEP: Courier-express-parcel
 SPE: Specialists

Turnover Share by Range of Operations



LP: Local player
 NP: National player
 RP: Regional player (e.g. countries)
 WW: World-wide presence

Turnover by Nationality (Headquarter)



DE: Headquartered at Germany
 Other: Headquarter somewhere else



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Comments are Welcome!



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Proposition 5

Liberalization resulted in an overall increasing market concentration with global freight forwarding companies dominating the market.



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B. Don't agree

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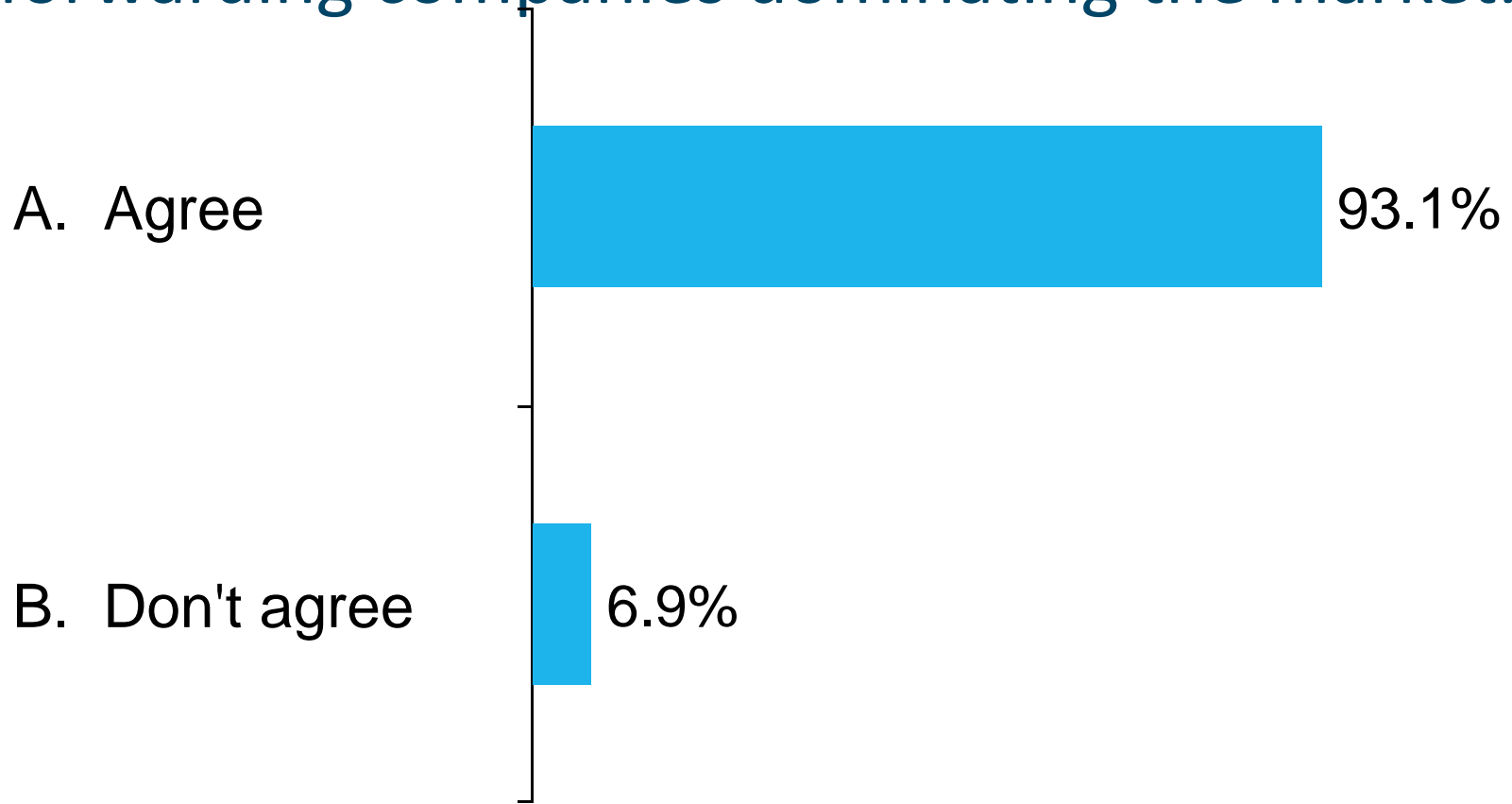
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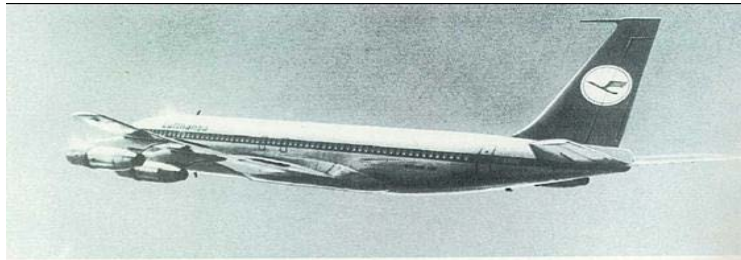
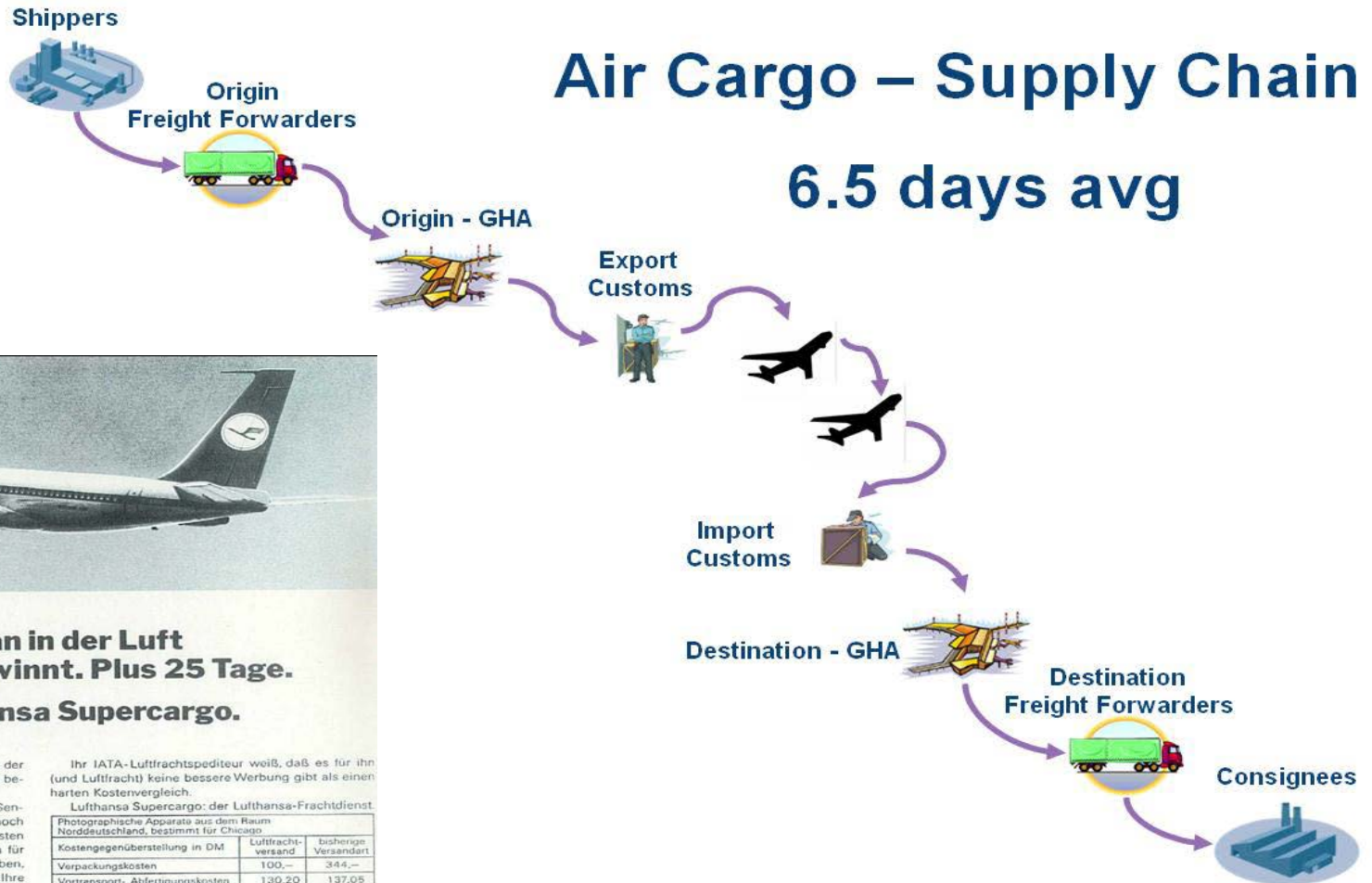
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Air Cargo – Supply Chain

6.5 days avg



**Wie man in der Luft
671,85 DM gewinnt. Plus 25 Tage.
Per Lufthansa Supercargo.**

Es gilt umzulernen. Oder draufzuzahlen. Denn der Spruch „Luftfracht nur wenn's brennt“ kann heute bereits bares Geld kosten.

Fliegen ist billiger geworden. Auch für Ihre Sendungen. Und selbst dann, wenn Luftfrachttarife noch etwas höher liegen, können niedrigere Nebenkosten ein Plus für Luftfracht ergeben. Denn die Kosten für Verpackung, Versicherung, Zinsen, Einfuhrabgaben, Vor- und Nachtransport sinken sehr oft, sobald Sie Ihre Waren fliegen lassen.

Wenn Sie auf Mark und Pfennig wissen wollen, ob und wieviel Luftfracht Ihnen bringt, verlangen Sie bei Ihrem Spediteur einen Kostenvergleich. Nach unserem Muster aus der Praxis:

Nur durch Rechnen sparte dieser Kunde bei einer einzigen Sendung 671,85 DM. Nebenbei stellte er seinen Kunden 25 Tage eher zufrieden. Vielleicht geht es Ihnen ähnlich?

Ihr IATA-Luftfrachtspediteur weiß, daß es für ihn (und Luftfracht) keine bessere Werbung gibt als einen harten Kostenvergleich.

Lufthansa Supercargo: der Lufthansa-Frachtdienst

Kostengegenüberstellung in DM	Luftfracht- versand	bisherige Verandart
Verpackungskosten	100,—	344,—
Vortransport-, Abfertigungskosten	130,20	137,05
Frachtkosten	2950,30	2223,—
Abfertigungs-, Nachtransportkosten	349,60	361,20
Einfuhrabgaben	10711,—	10758,—
Zinsen	59,40	556,30
Versicherung	114,10	706,90
	14414,60	15086,45
Differenz		671,85
Laufzeit von Haus zu Haus	3 Tage	28 Tage

3 days in the 1960s

Lufthansa Supercargo

Proposition 6

Air Cargo's Business Proposition is losing ground in the battle against sea- and rail transport...

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- A. Agree, fast sea transport is the biggest threat
- B. Agree, transcontinental rail links and sea/air sea/road are the biggest threats
- C. Don't agree

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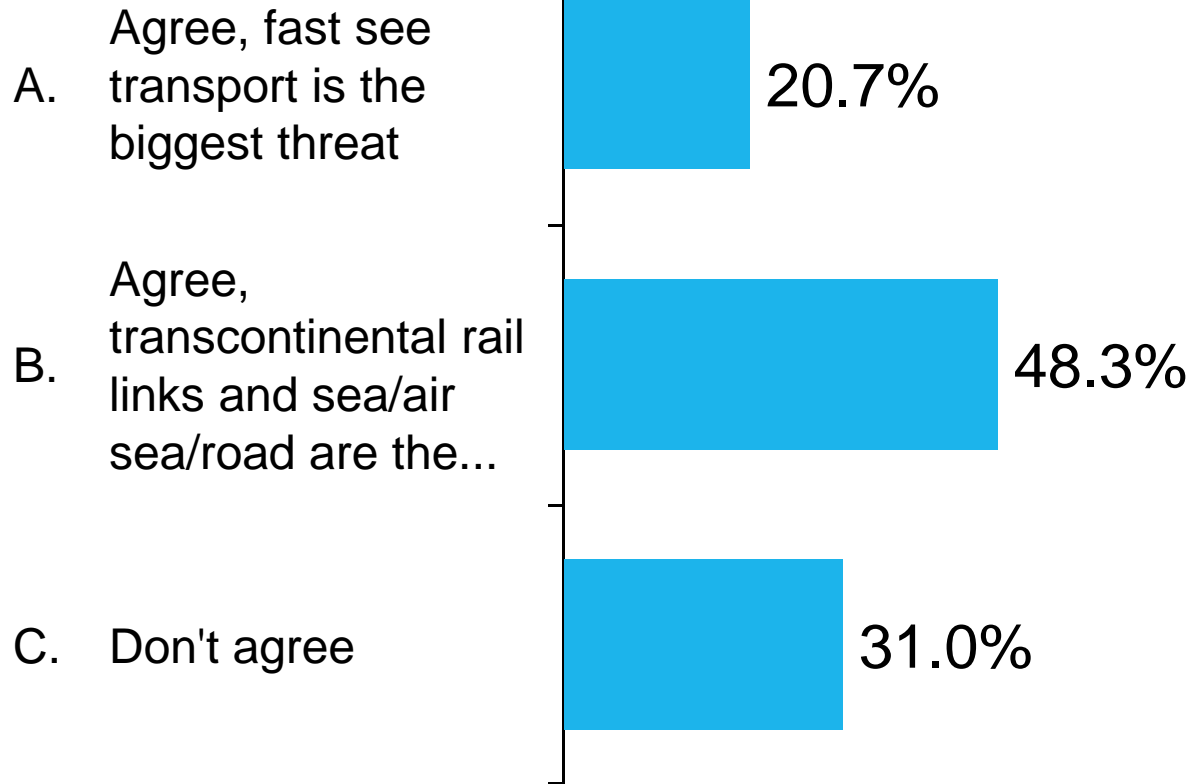
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Proposition 7

The biggest threat to the European Cargo Airlines are...

- A. The Middle Eastern carriers
- B. The slow economic growth in Europe
- C. The alternatives to air cargo
- D. The lack of consolidation of airlines in Europe

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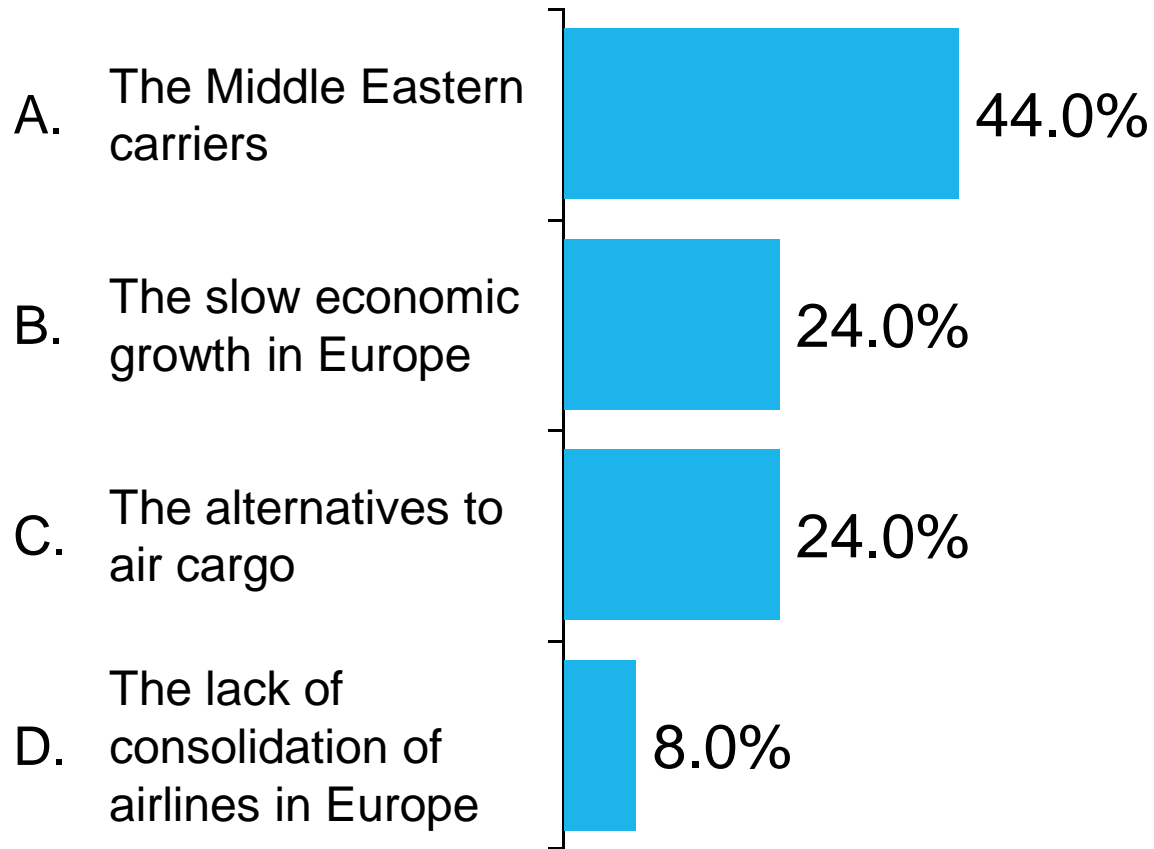
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- A. Agree
- B. Don't agree

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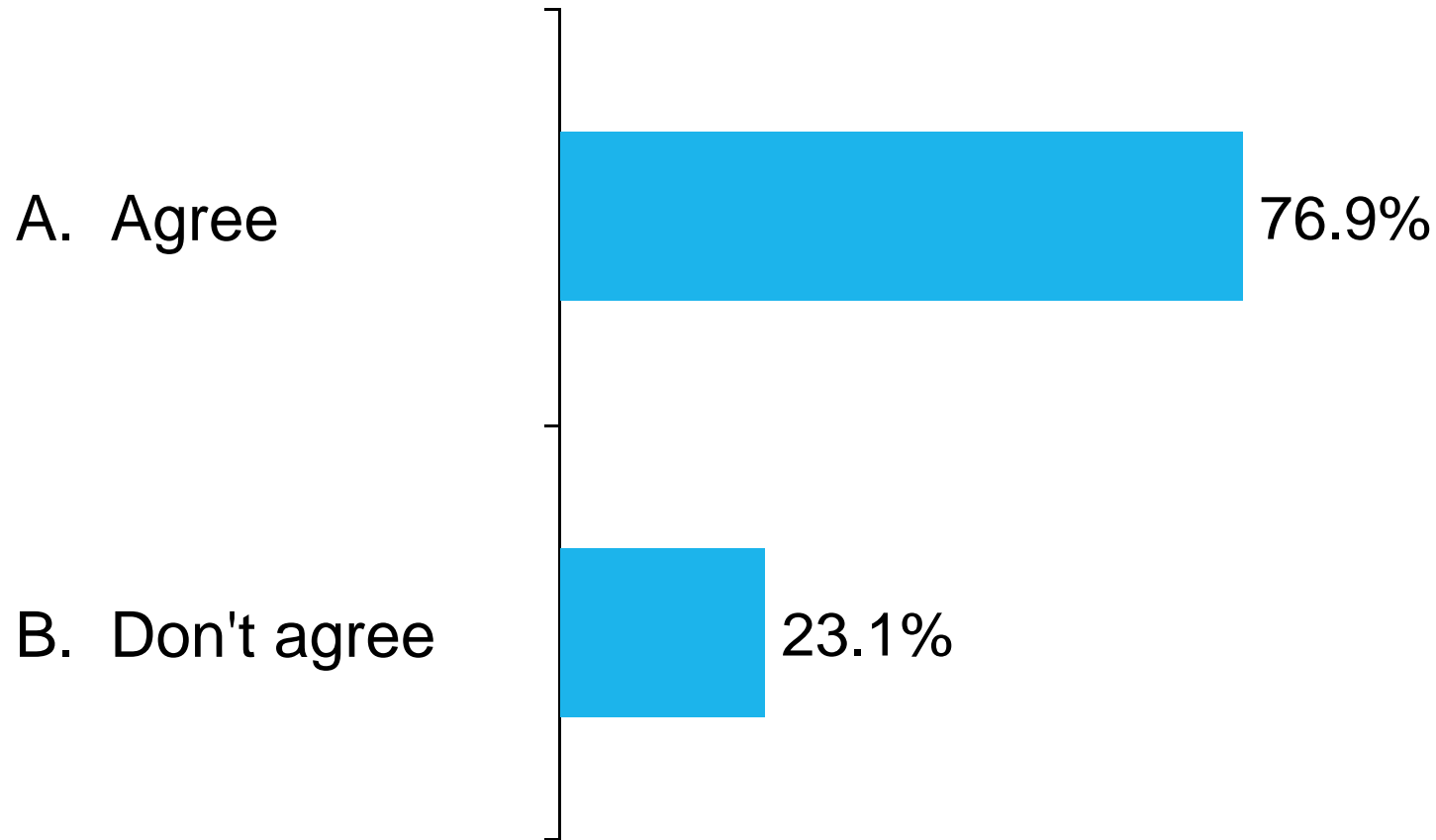
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Business Models are blurring... Southwest already is a cargo operator. Easyjet and Ryanair will follow soon...

- A. Yes, I agree
- B. Yes, I agree but only when they will start long haul operations
- C. No, I don't agree

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