

# Survey of Chinese Influence in Four Latin American and Caribbean Countries

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## Countries Surveyed



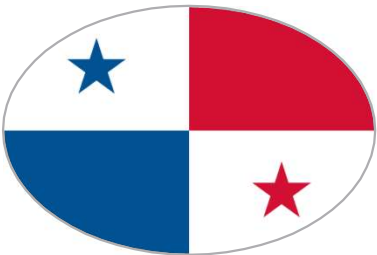
Argentina (Mobile phone, n=1,202)



Dominican Republic (Face-to-face, n=1,220)



El Salvador (Face-to-face, n=1,205)



Panama (Face-to-face, n=1,216)

## Detailed Methodology: *National Survey of Argentina*

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [CID Gallup](#).
- Data was collected between September 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI) administered via mobile phones.
- The sample consists of 1,202 resident citizens of Argentina, aged 18 and older with mobile phones.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample.
  - Mobile phone numbers were randomly generated using operator codes taken from the national telephone numbering plan. Mobile numbers were stratified by the mobile service provider distribution.
  - While the national numbering plan does not directly account for regions, a probabilistic random digit dialing (RDD) seed was used to account for the population distribution across Argentina's regions.
  - Respondents were selected directly through the RDD protocol.
- The data was weighted by age, gender, region, and urbanicity according to 2021 population estimates from the National Institute of Statistics and Census (INDEC).
- The response rate for the survey was 10%. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is  $\pm 2.8$ -points at the 95% confidence level.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Cited bases are weighted.



## Detailed Methodology:

### *National Survey of the Dominican Republic*

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [CID Gallup](#).
- Data was collected between September 11<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) conducted at respondents' homes.
- The sample consists of 1,220 resident citizens of the Dominican Republic, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to data from the Dominican Republic's 2010 census.
  - The sample was stratified proportionally by department, and primary sampling units were neighborhood census units selected via probability proportionate to size (PPS).
  - Within primary sampling units, households were selected via a random route protocol and respondents were selected via the next/last birthday method.
- The data was weighted by age, gender, region, and urbanicity according to estimates from the National Statistics Office's (ONE) 2018 multipurpose household survey.
- The response rate for the survey was 25%. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is  $\pm 2.8$ -points at the 95% confidence level.
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## Detailed Methodology: *National Survey of El Salvador*

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [CID Gallup](#).
- Data was collected between September 13<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) conducted at respondents' homes.
- The sample consists of 1,205 resident citizens of El Salvador, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to data from El Salvador's 2007 census and the 2016 National Household Survey (ENAHO).
  - The sample was stratified proportionally by departments, and primary sampling units were neighborhood census units selected via probability proportionate to size (PPS).
  - Within primary sampling units, households were selected via a random route protocol. Respondents were selected via the next/last birthday method under a gender quota.
- The data was weighted by age, gender, region, and urbanicity according to population estimates from the General Directorate of Statistics and Census's (DIGESTYC) *2020 Multipurpose Household Survey*.
- The response rate for the survey was 20%. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is  $\pm 2.8$ -points at the 95% confidence level.
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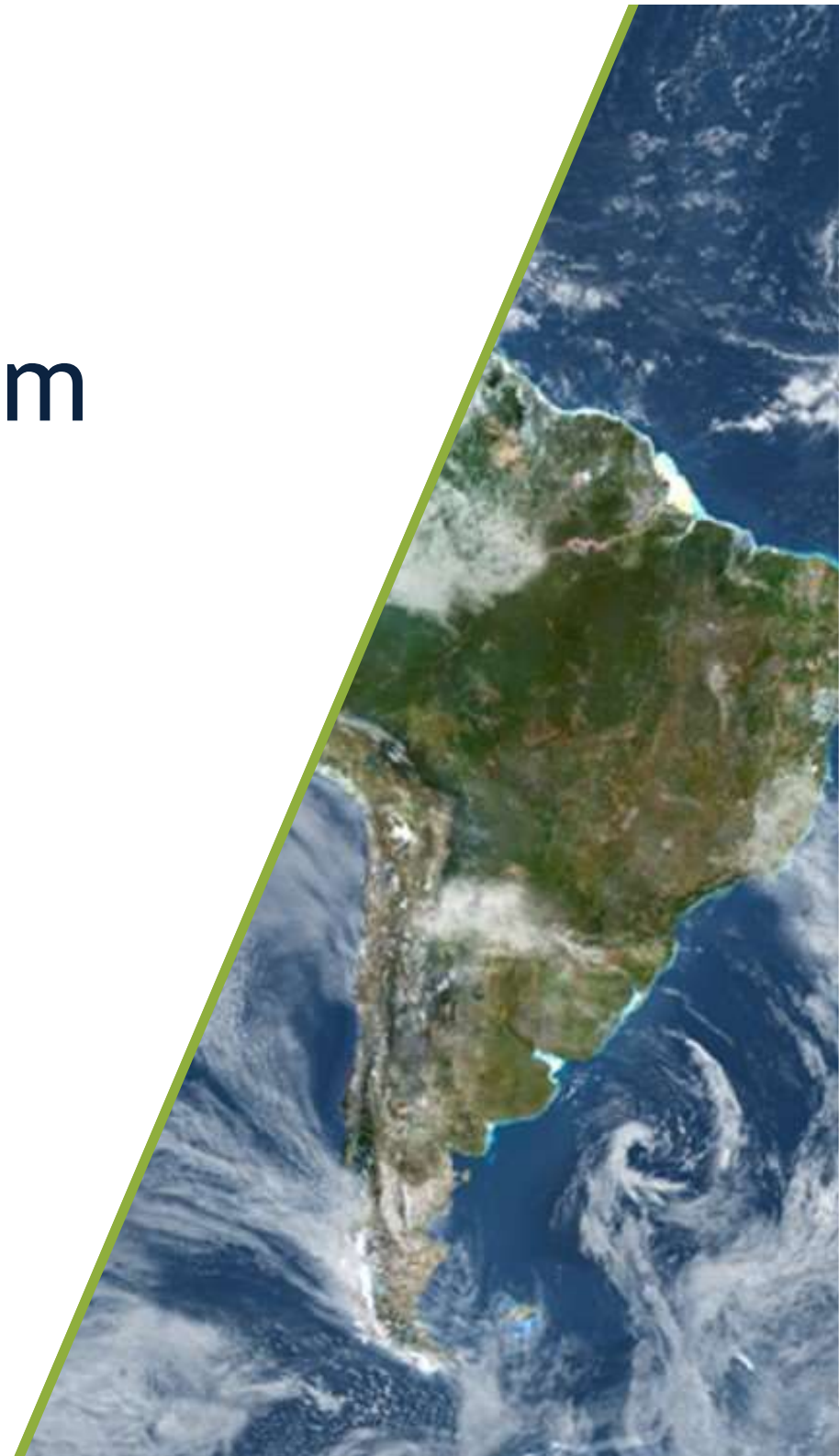


## Detailed Methodology: *National Survey of Panama*

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [CID Gallup](#).
- Data was collected between September 9<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPI) conducted at respondents' homes.
- The sample consists of 1,216 resident citizens of Panama, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to data from the Panama's 2010 census.
  - The sample was stratified proportionally by provinces, and primary sampling units were neighborhood census units selected via probability proportionate to size (PPS).
  - Within primary sampling units, households were selected via a random route protocol and respondents were selected via the next/last birthday method.
- The data was weighted by age, gender, region, and urbanicity according to 2020 population estimates from the National Statistics and Census Institute's (INEC). The data was also weighted by educational attainment according to data from the census.
- The response rate for the survey was 20%. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample is  $\pm 2.8$ -points at the 95% confidence level.
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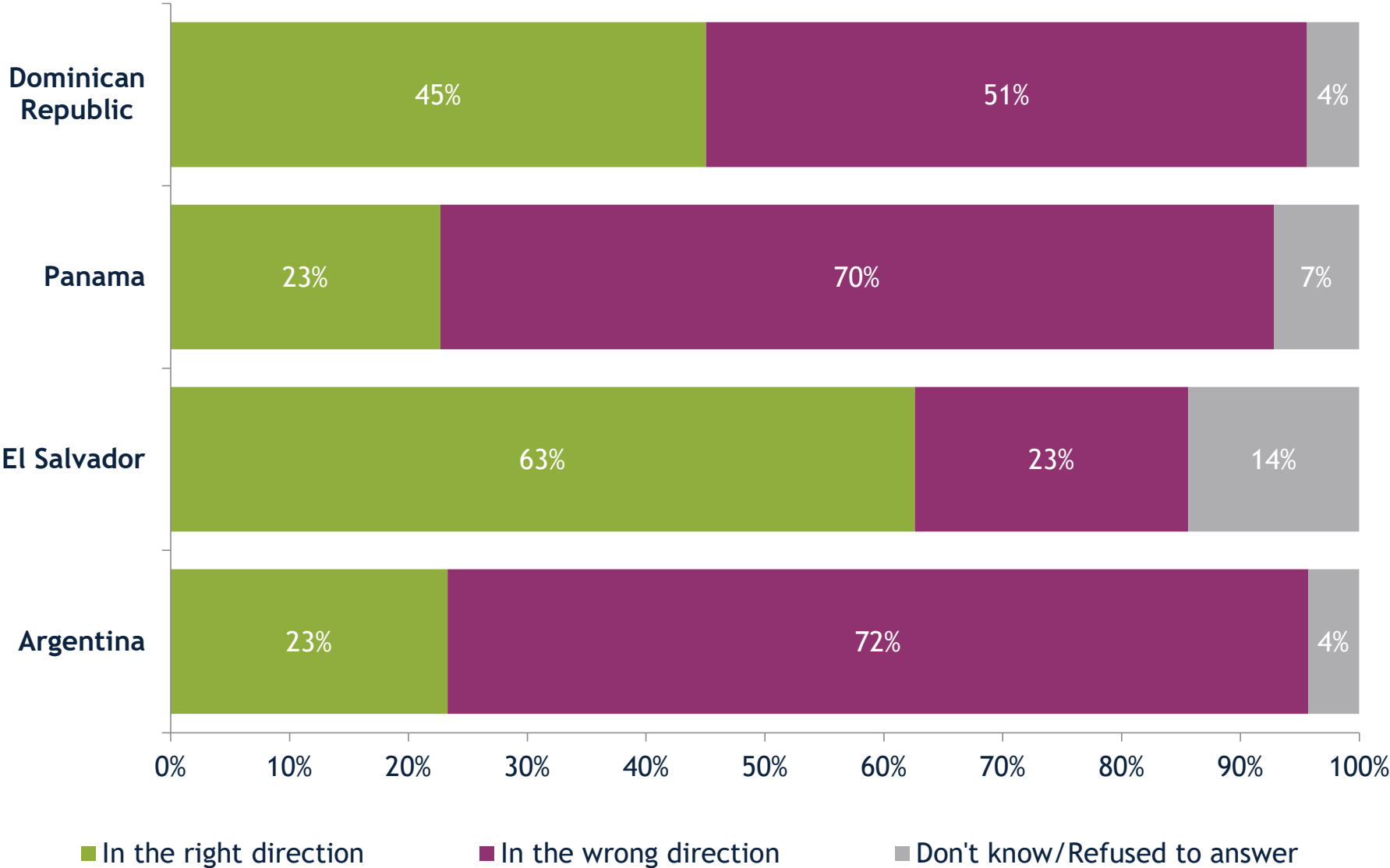


# Public Opinion from Four Countries





# In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?





# What is the most important problem facing the country today?

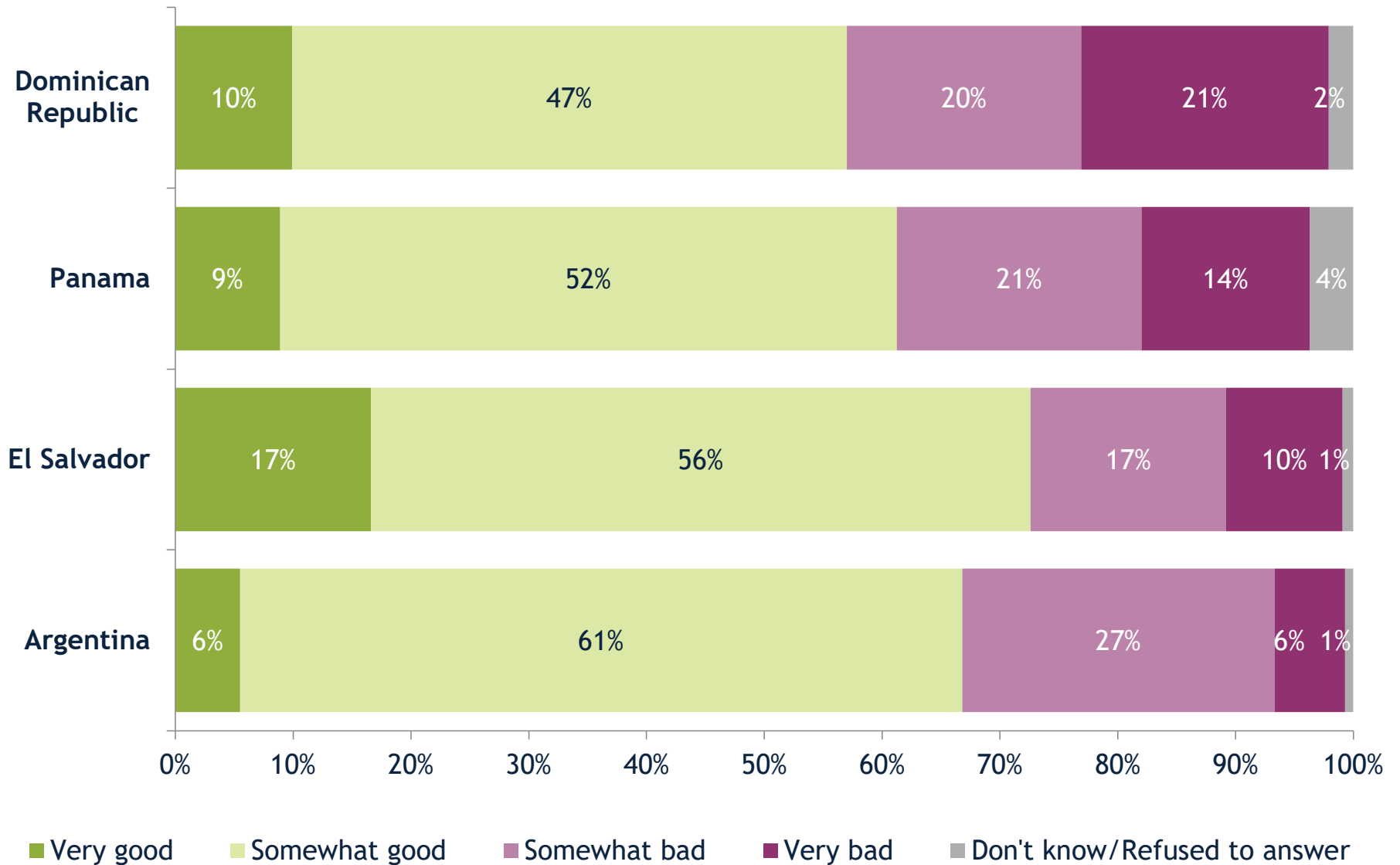
(Spontaneous response; Top 12 responses displayed)

Response	Dominican Republic	Panama	El Salvador	Argentina
Economy - unemployment	22%	39%	32%	29%
Crime/Public Security/Violence/Insecurity	21%	8%	22%	8%
COVID-19	11%	10%	10%	3%
Economy - cost of living, high prices	16%	5%	9%	18%
Corruption	11%	12%	4%	5%
Economy - other, general	6%	6%	4%	13%
*Economy - inflation/fluctuation of currency	-	-	-	4%
Health	2%	5%	3%	2%
Education	2%	4%	1%	3%
Poverty	1%	3%	3%	3%

\*Economy - inflation/fluctuation of currency measured only in Argentina.

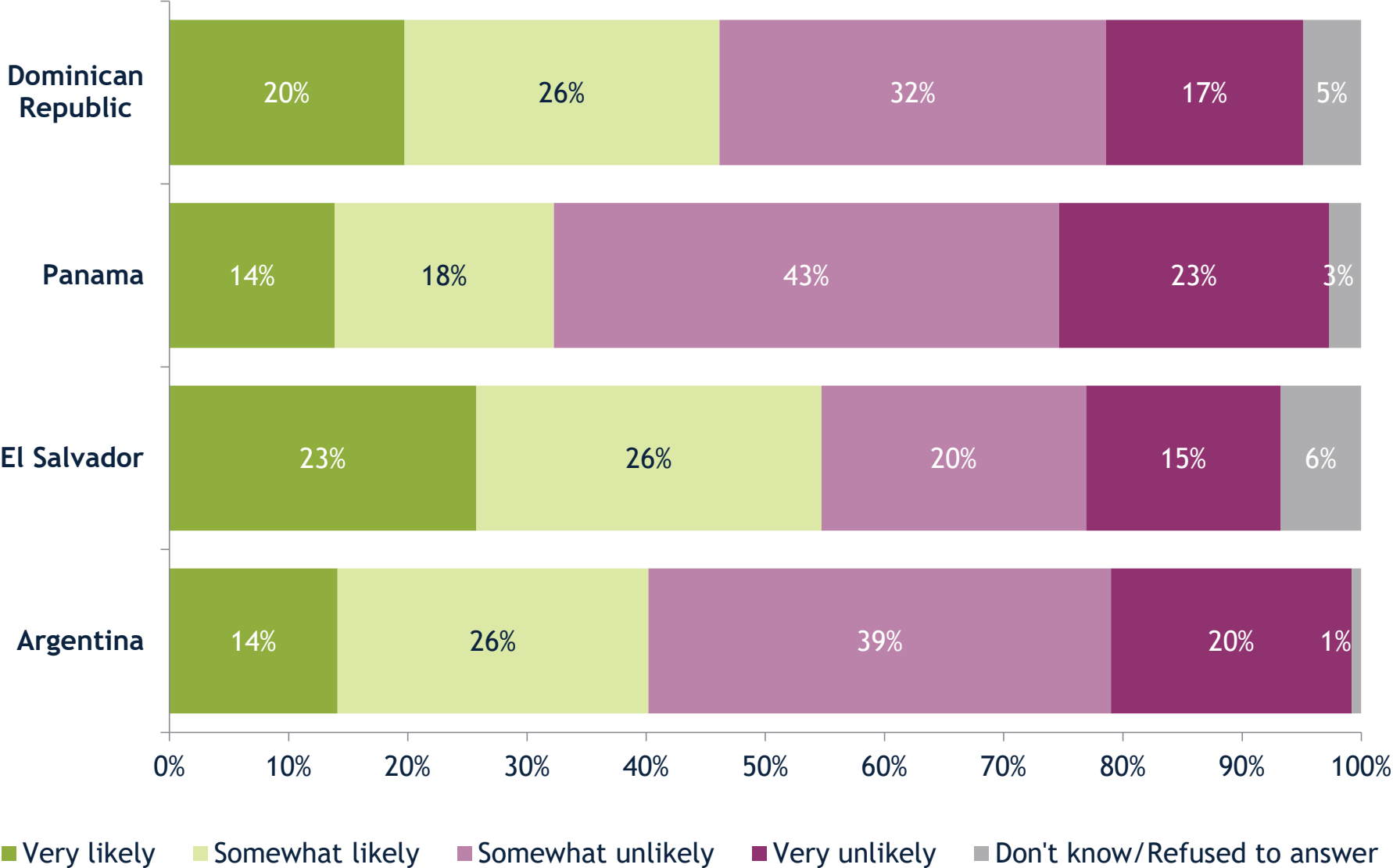
\*\*Top three responses per country are highlighted.

# How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

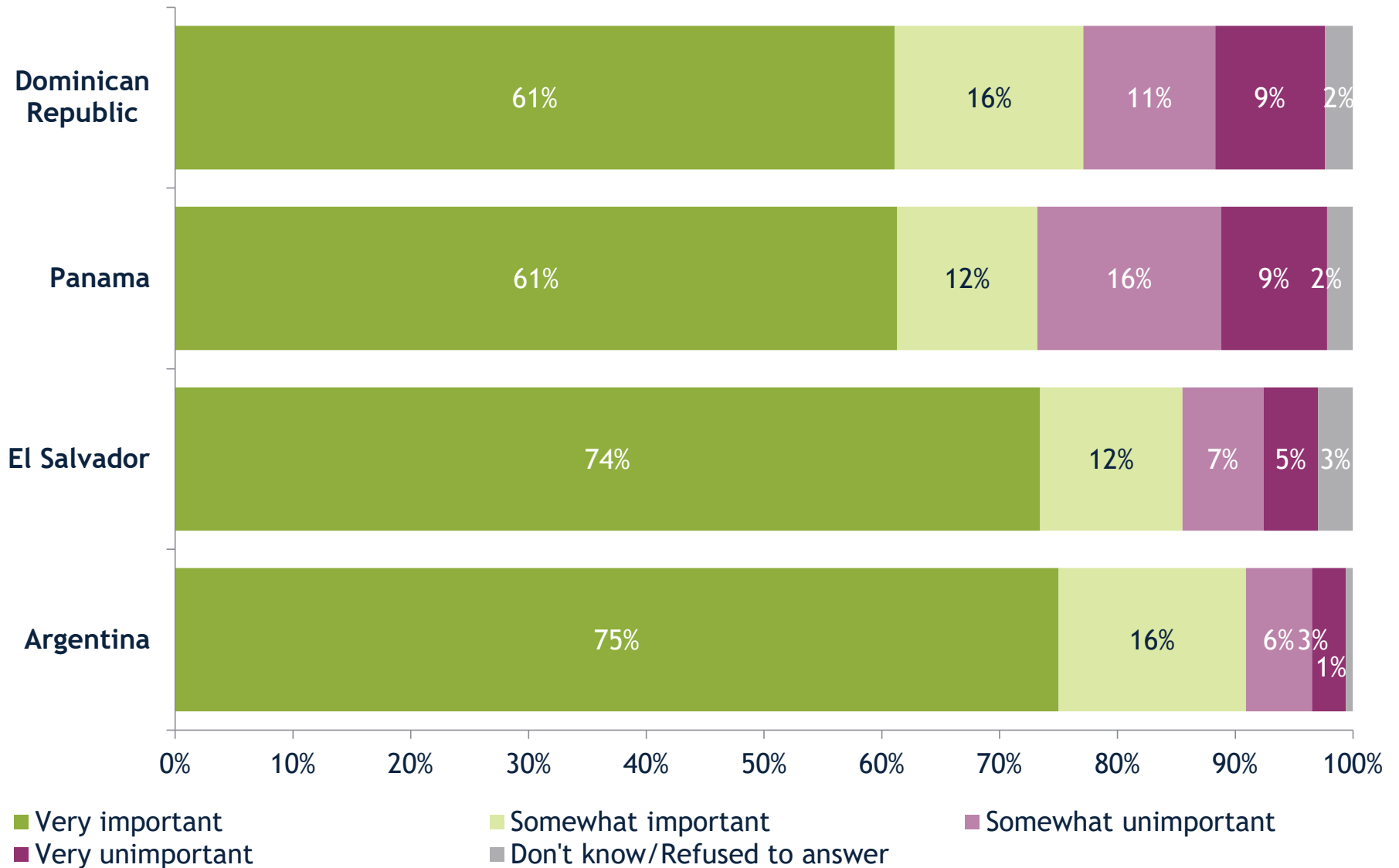




# How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions in the country?

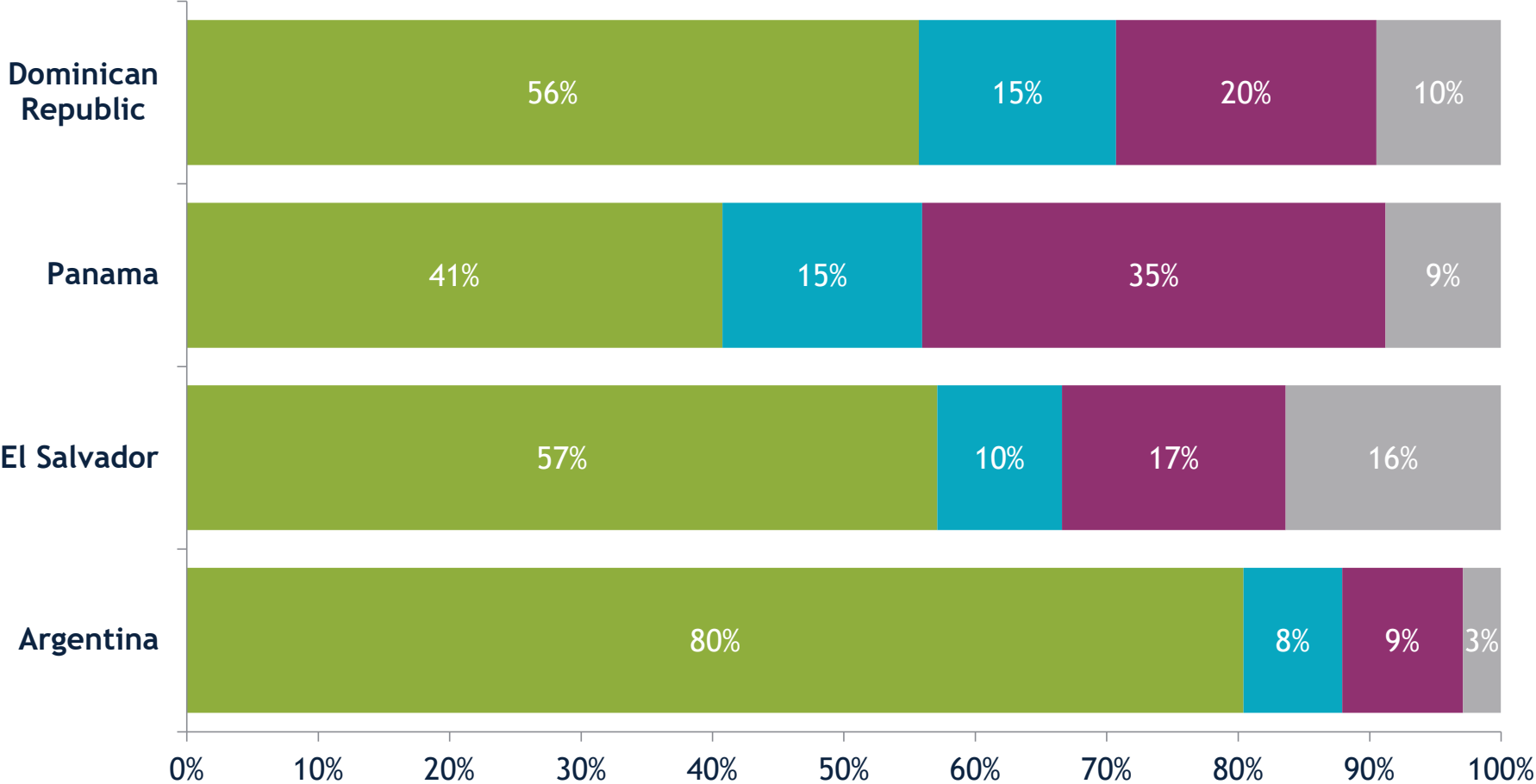


How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?





# Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



- It is the best possible form of government for our country.
- There are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country.
- There are other forms of government that are better than democracy.
- Don't know/Refused to answer



## Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political partner for [our country]?

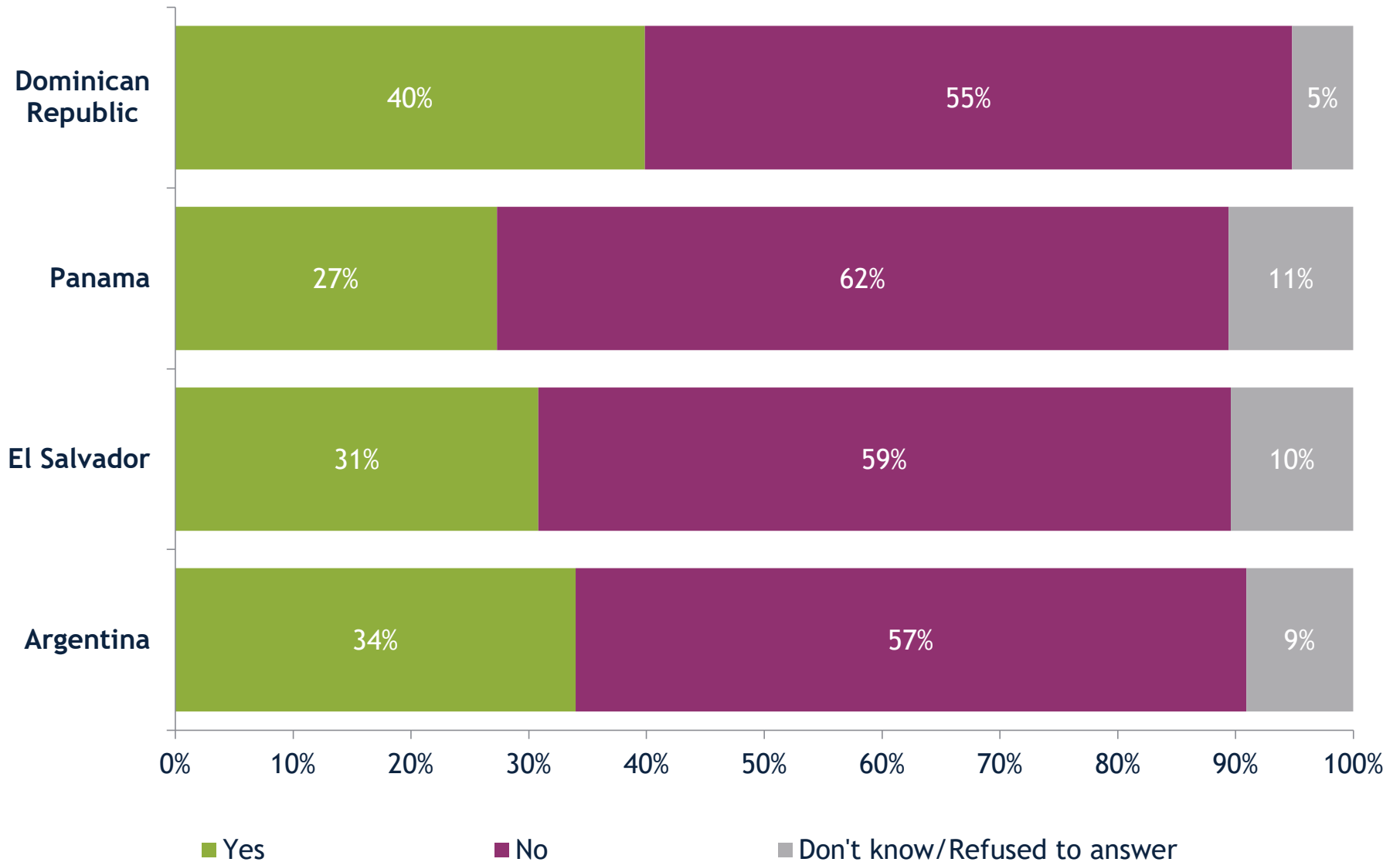
Partner	Dominican Republic	Panama	El Salvador	Argentina
European Union	5%	4%	4%	10%
Cuba	1%	1%	1%	2%
Russia	1%	3%	3%	16%
Canada	-	-	2%	<1%
Brazil	-	-	-	10%
United States	66%	62%	52%	22%
Venezuela	3%	2%	2%	8%
China	13%	22%	15%	15%
None of the above	2%	1%	7%	7%
Don't know/Refused to answer	9%	5%	15%	8%



## Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner for [our country]?

Partner	Dominican Republic	Panama	El Salvador	Argentina
European Union	6%	4%	6%	12%
Cuba	1%	2%	1%	2%
Russia	1%	3%	3%	11%
Canada	-	-	4%	-
Brazil	-	-	-	13%
United States	64%	59%	57%	24%
Venezuela	3%	1%	1%	2%
China	19%	28%	20%	28%
None of the above	1%	2%	2%	3%
Don't know/Refused to answer	5%	2%	7%	5%

# Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?



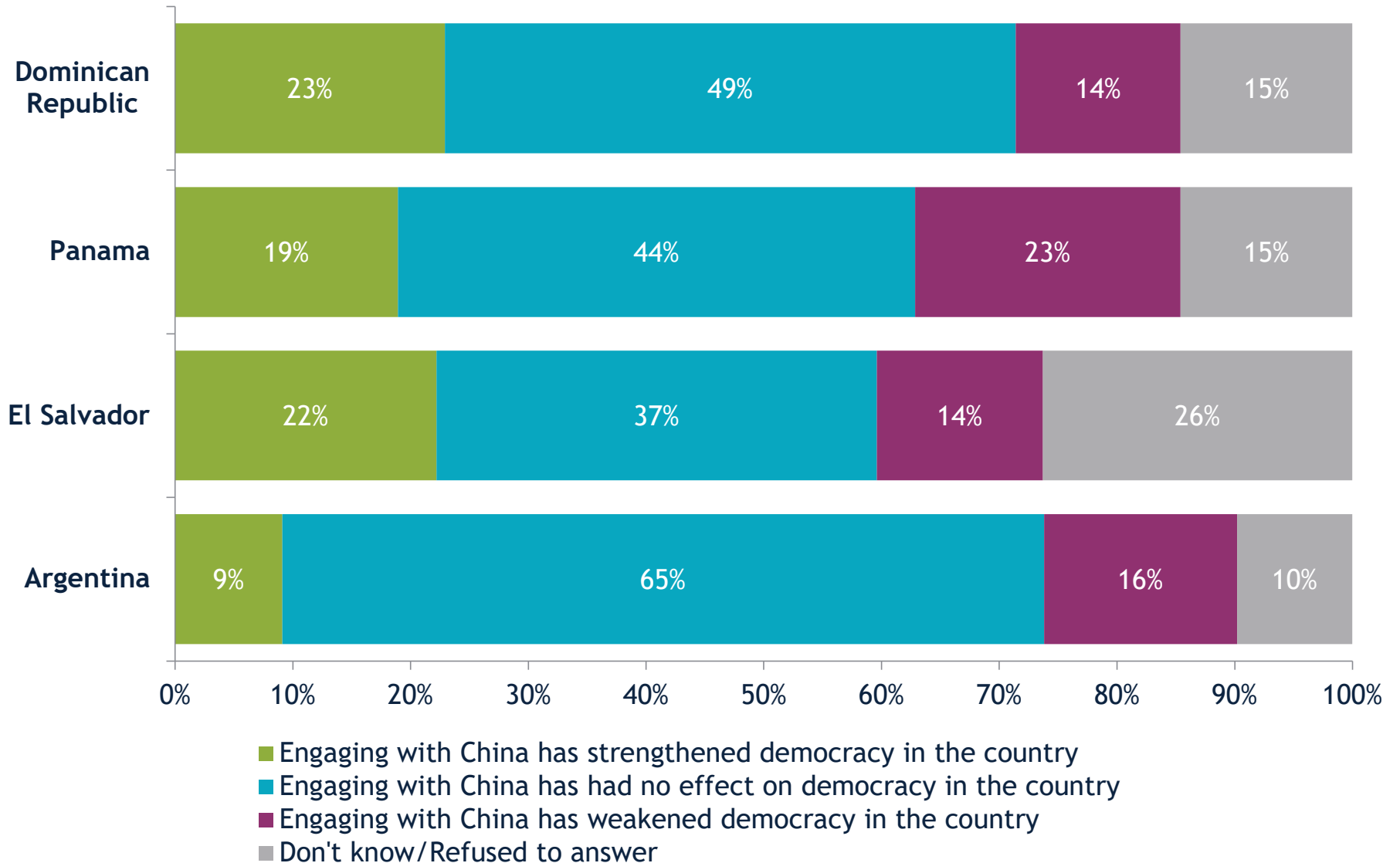


## Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; among those who are aware of Chinese investments, Top-10 responses across countries displayed)

Investment	Dominican Republic (n=486)	Panama (n=332)	El Salvador (n=371)	Argentina (n=409)
Infrastructure	6%	42%	17%	26%
Opening of companies/Job creation	40%	21%	8%	2%
COVID-19 Vaccines	19%	5%	27%	5%
Factories	4%	1%	22%	1%
Goods/Chinese products	5%	4%	4%	4%
Supermarkets	4%	5%	1%	7%
Technology	2%	3%	2%	8%
Telecommunications	2%	3%	4%	3%

To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country's engagement with China?



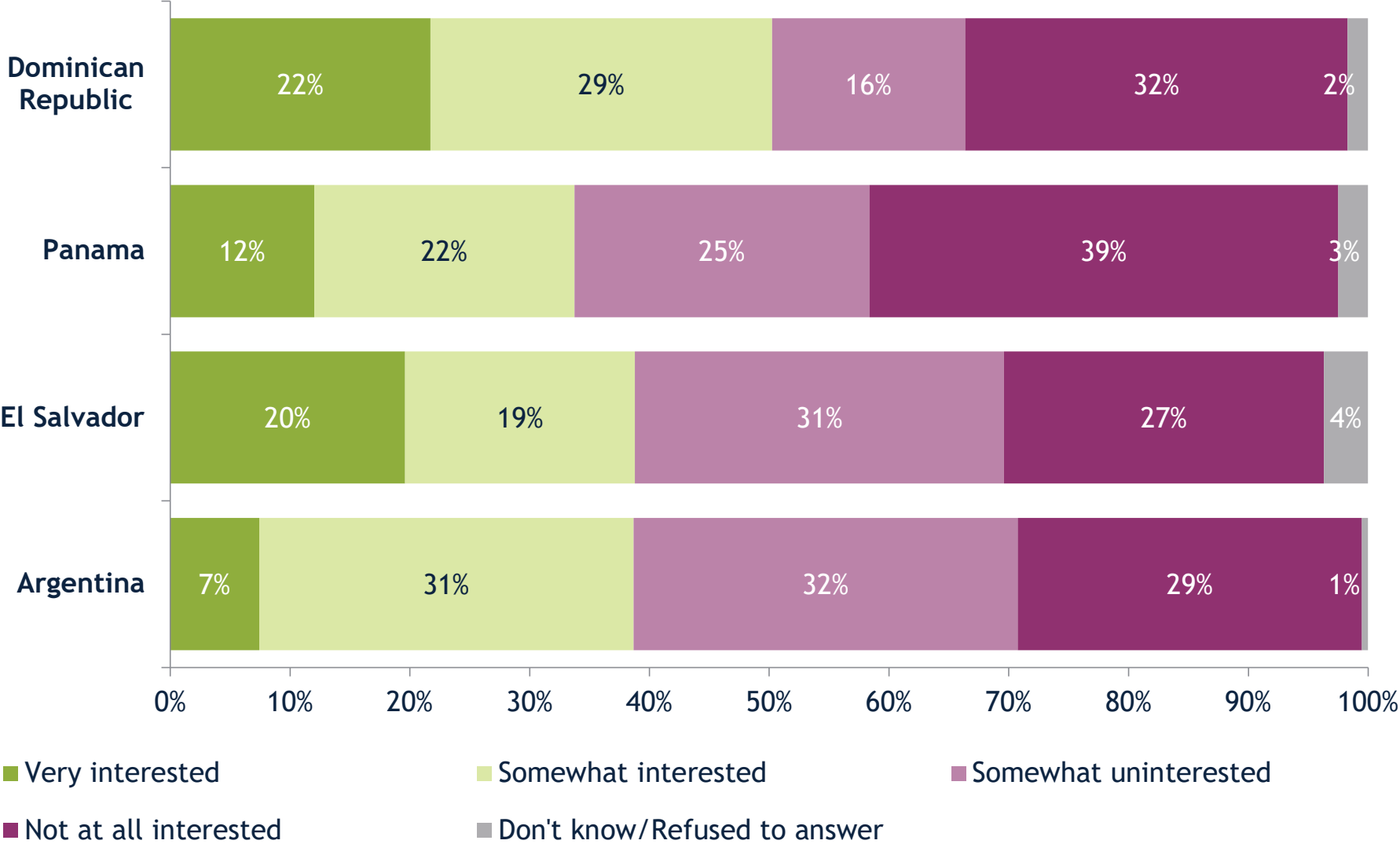
## Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political information?

(Up to three responses permitted; Cumulative response displayed)

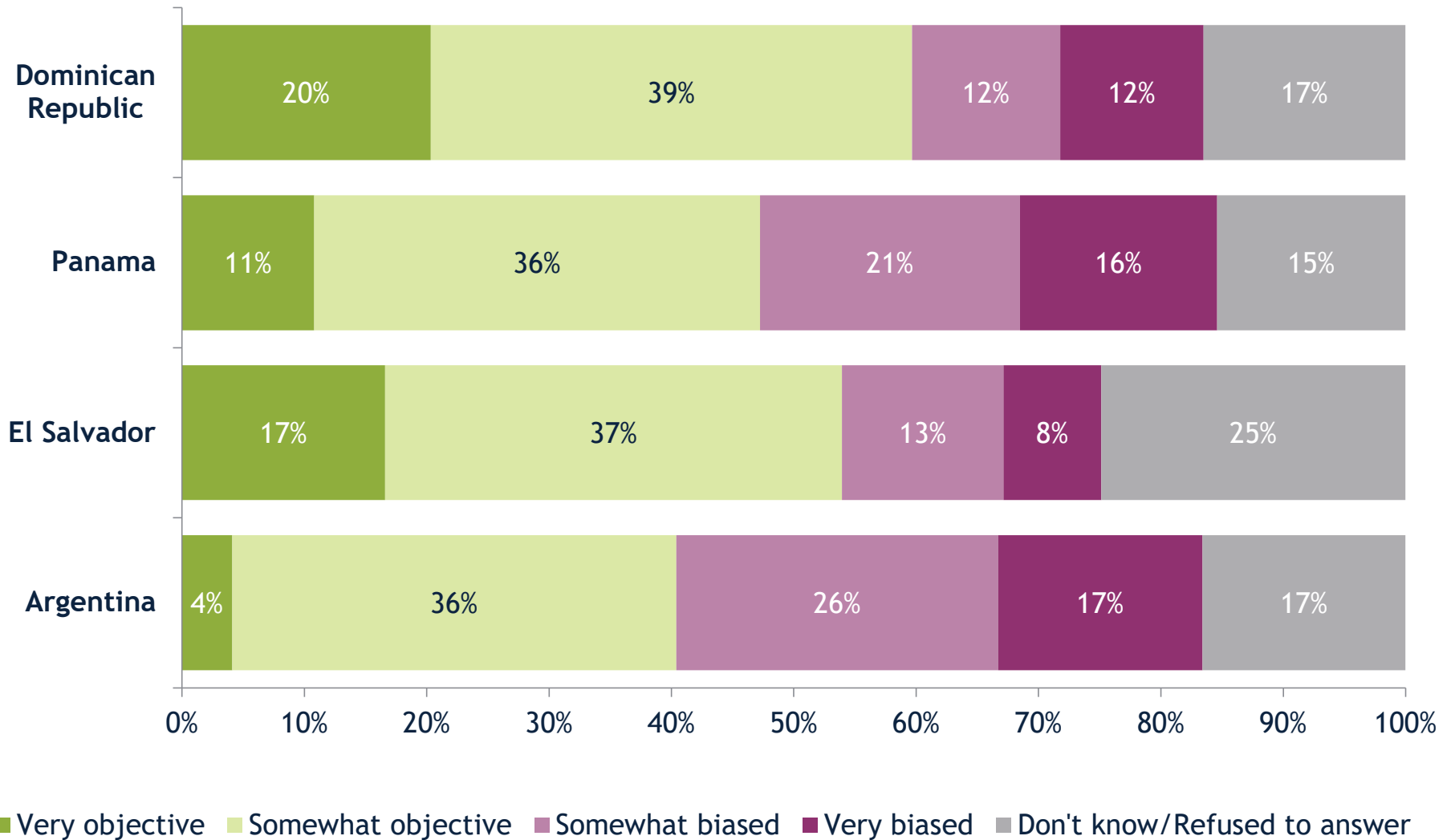
Issue	Dominican Republic	Panama	El Salvador	Argentina
Television	69%	76%	73%	71%
Social media	60%	55%	60%	64%
Internet (other than social media)	56%	46%	50%	70%
Communications platforms like WhatsApp	41%	48%	28%	21%
Radio	26%	32%	26%	30%
Print media	5%	14%	9%	12%
Other	8%	5%	3%	1%
*None	2%	2%	5%	2%
*Don't know/Refused to answer	1%	<1%	1%	<1%



# How interested are you in news about China?



## How objective do media outlets in our country cover China?

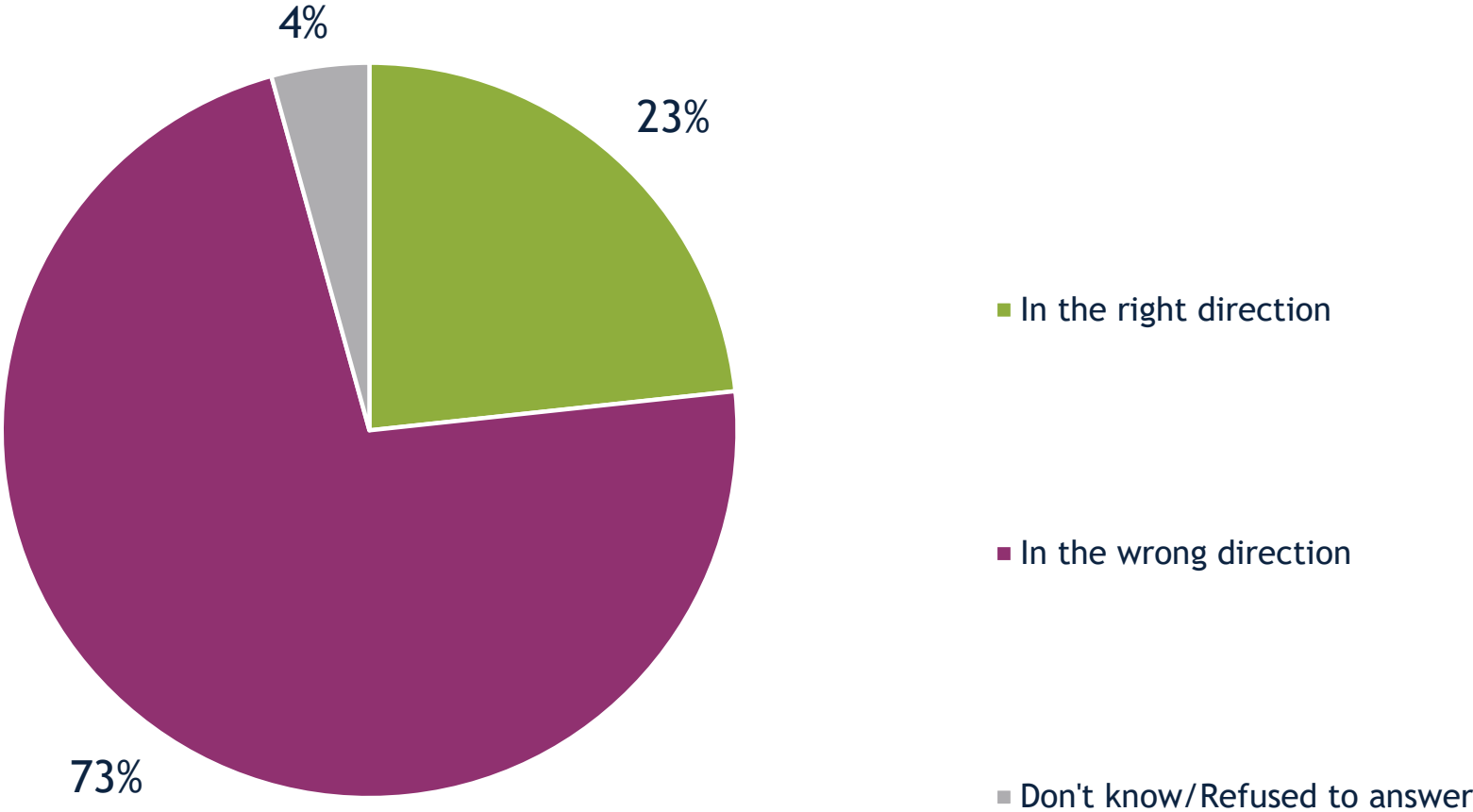


# National Survey of Argentina





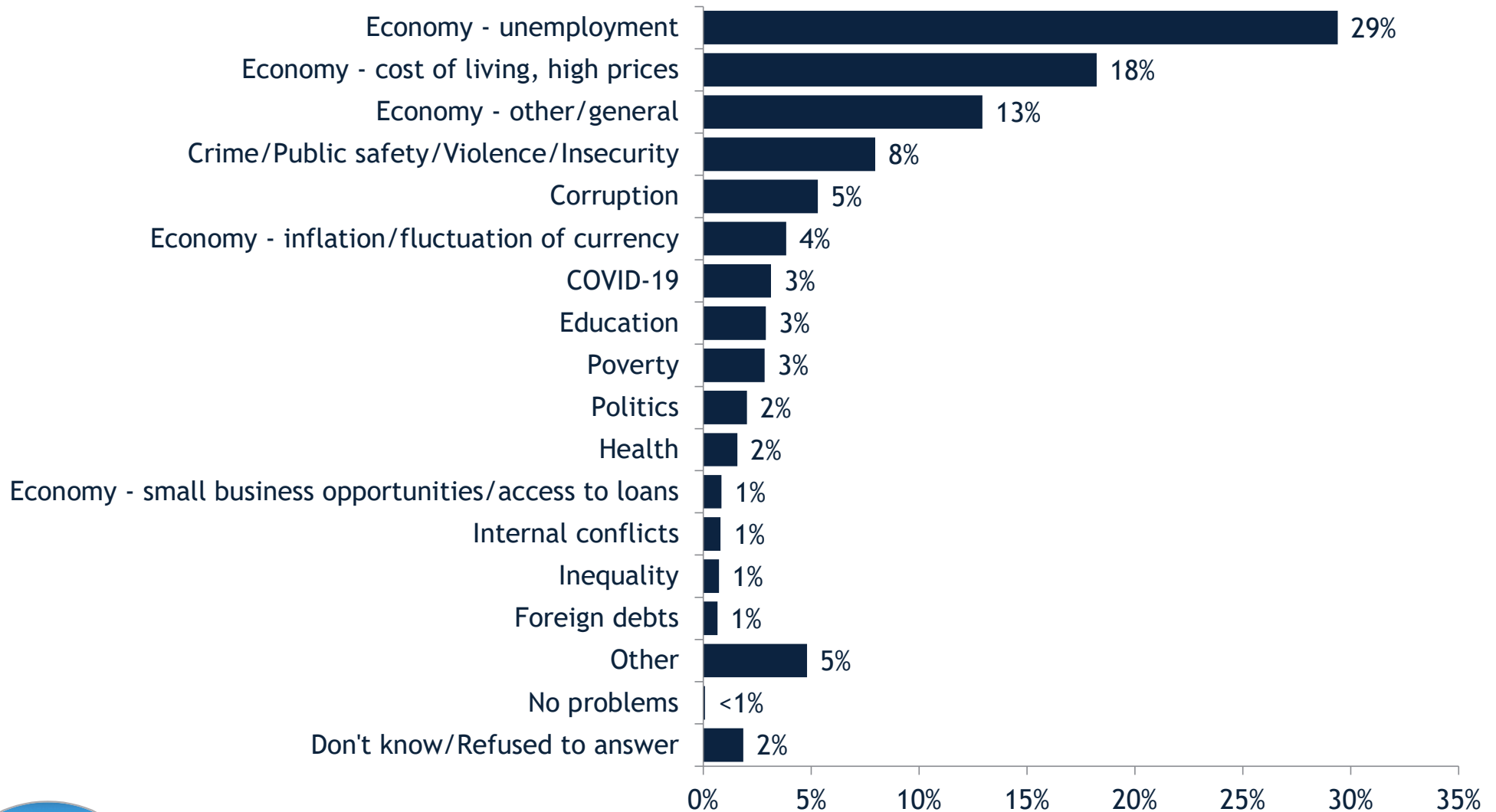
In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?





# What is the most important problem facing the country today?

(Spontaneous response)

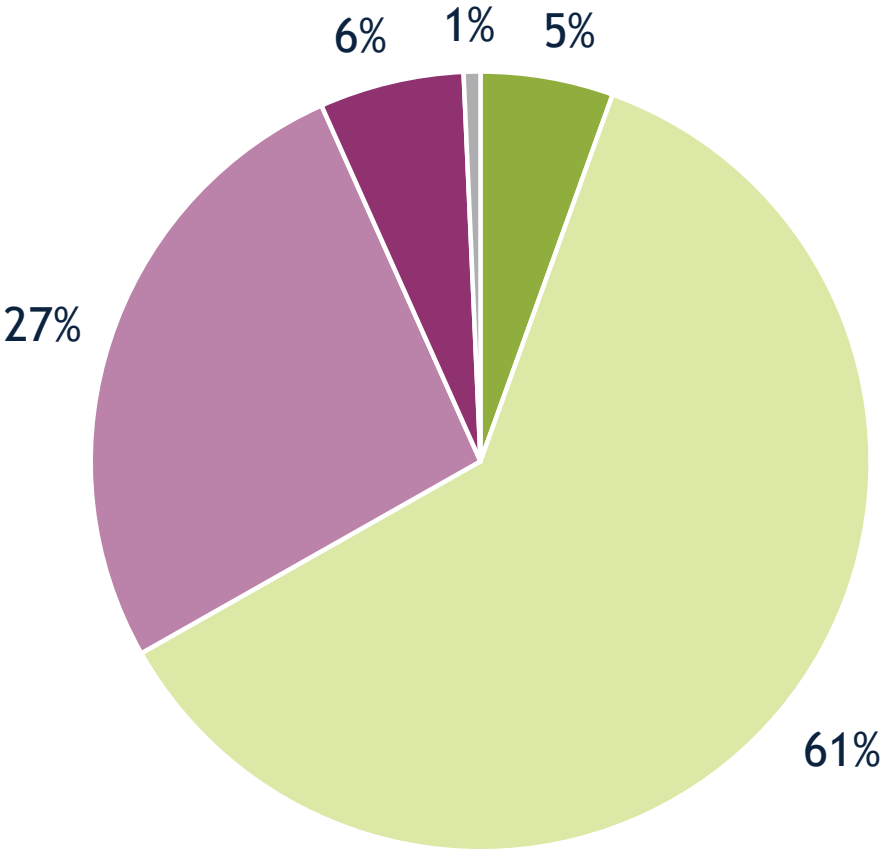


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# How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

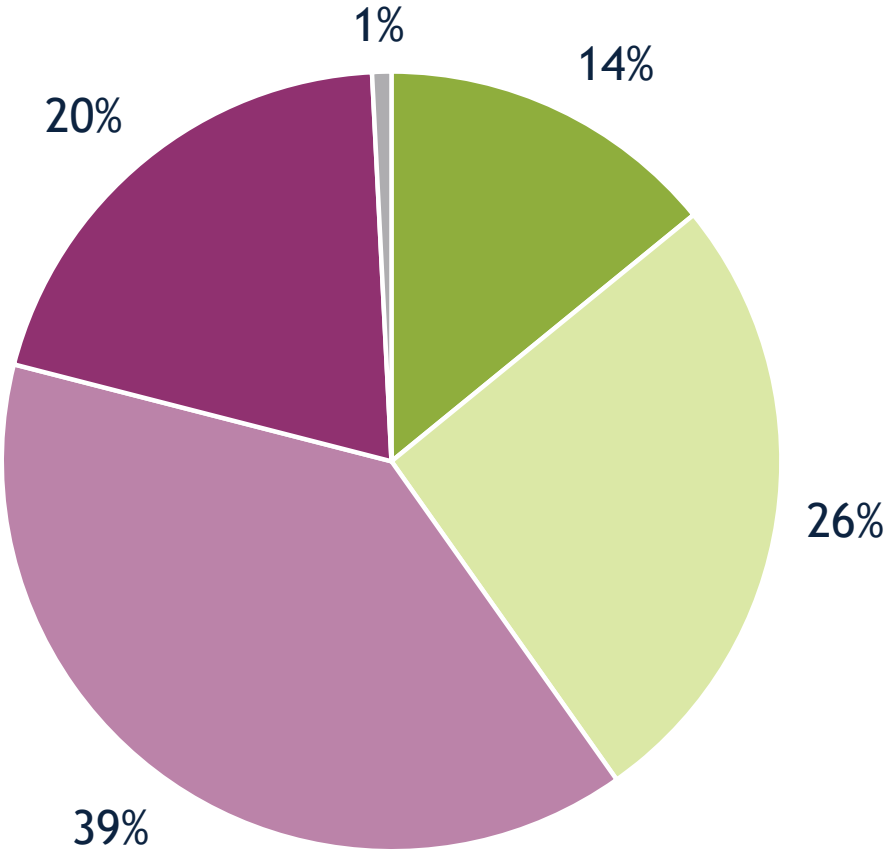


Very good   Somewhat good   Somewhat bad   Very bad   Don't know/Refused to answer





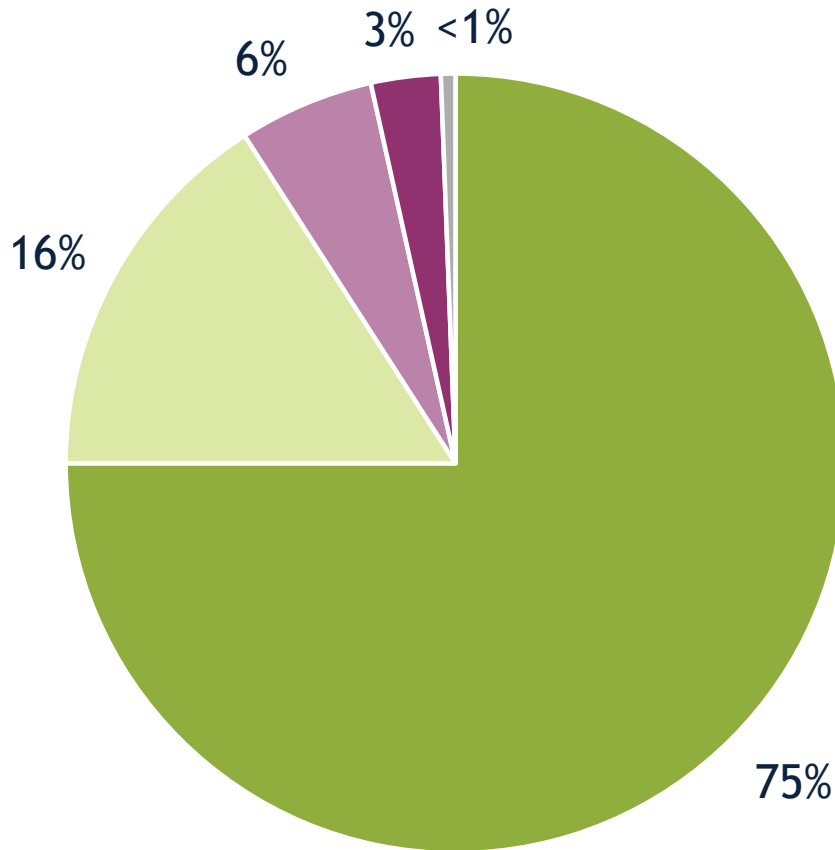
# How likely are ordinary people to influence decisions made in our country?



■ Very likely ■ Somewhat likely ■ Somewhat not likely ■ Very unlikely ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities are included in the political decision making?



■ Very important  
■ Very unimportant

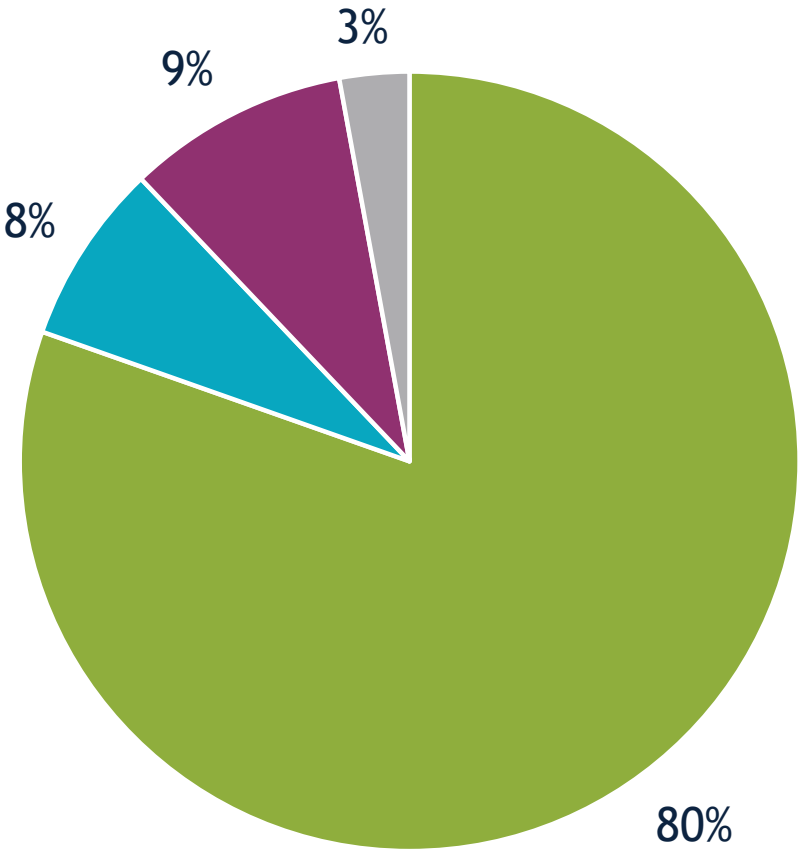
■ Somewhat important  
■ Don't know/Refused to answer

■ Somewhat unimportant





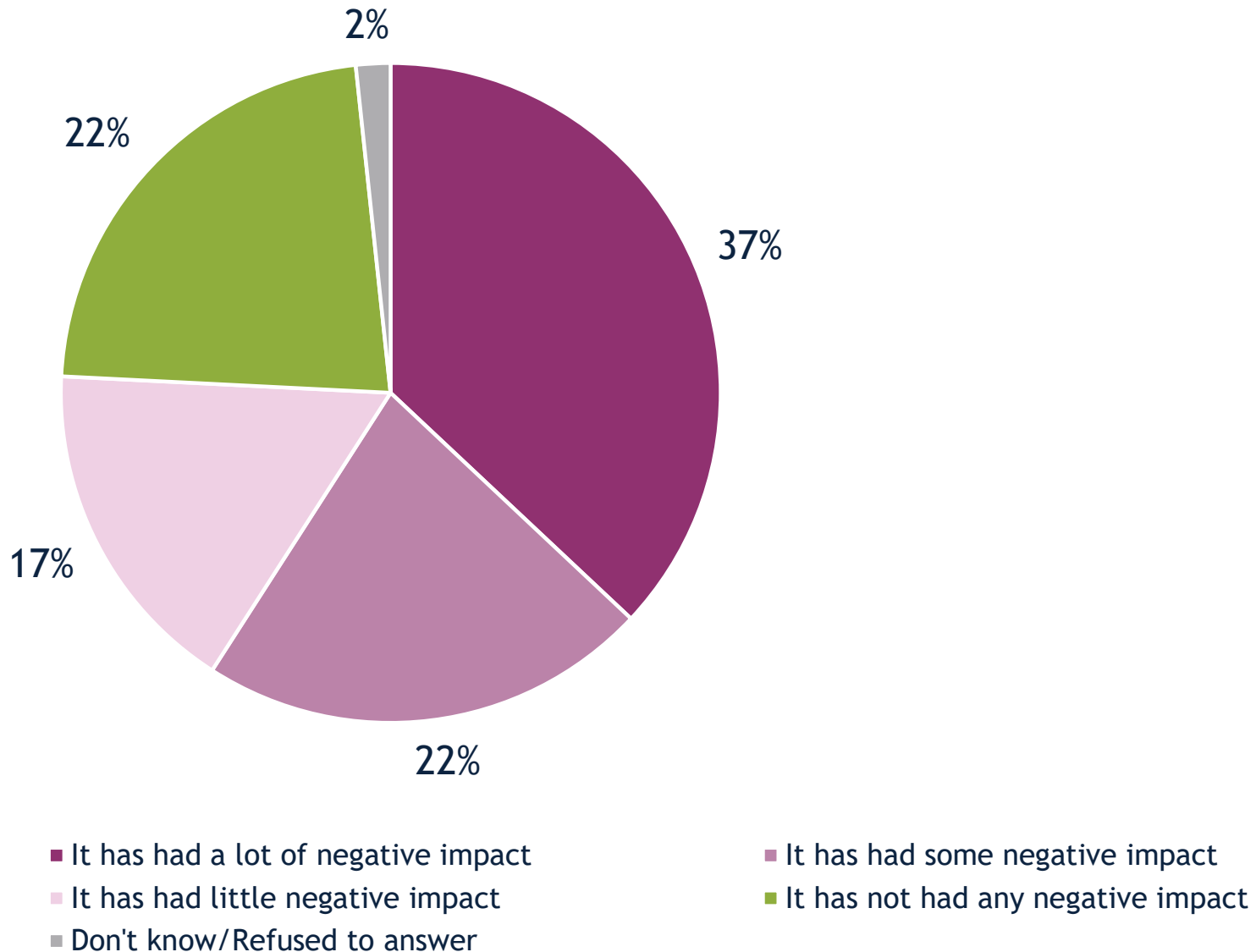
# Do you believe that democracy is the best form of government for Argentina or not?



- Democracy is the best form of government
- There are other forms of government equally best
- There are other forms of government better than democracy
- Don't know/Refused to answer

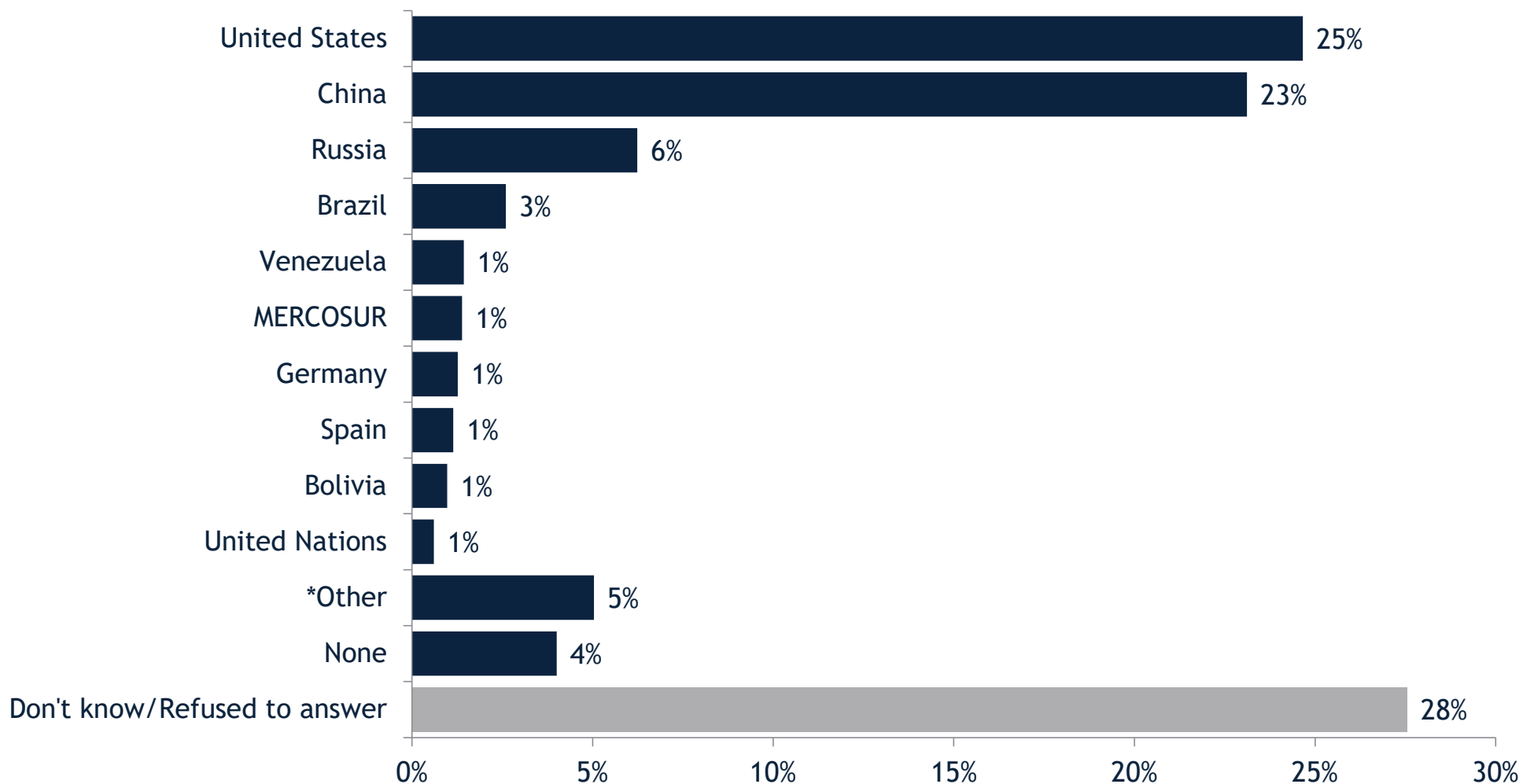


Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?





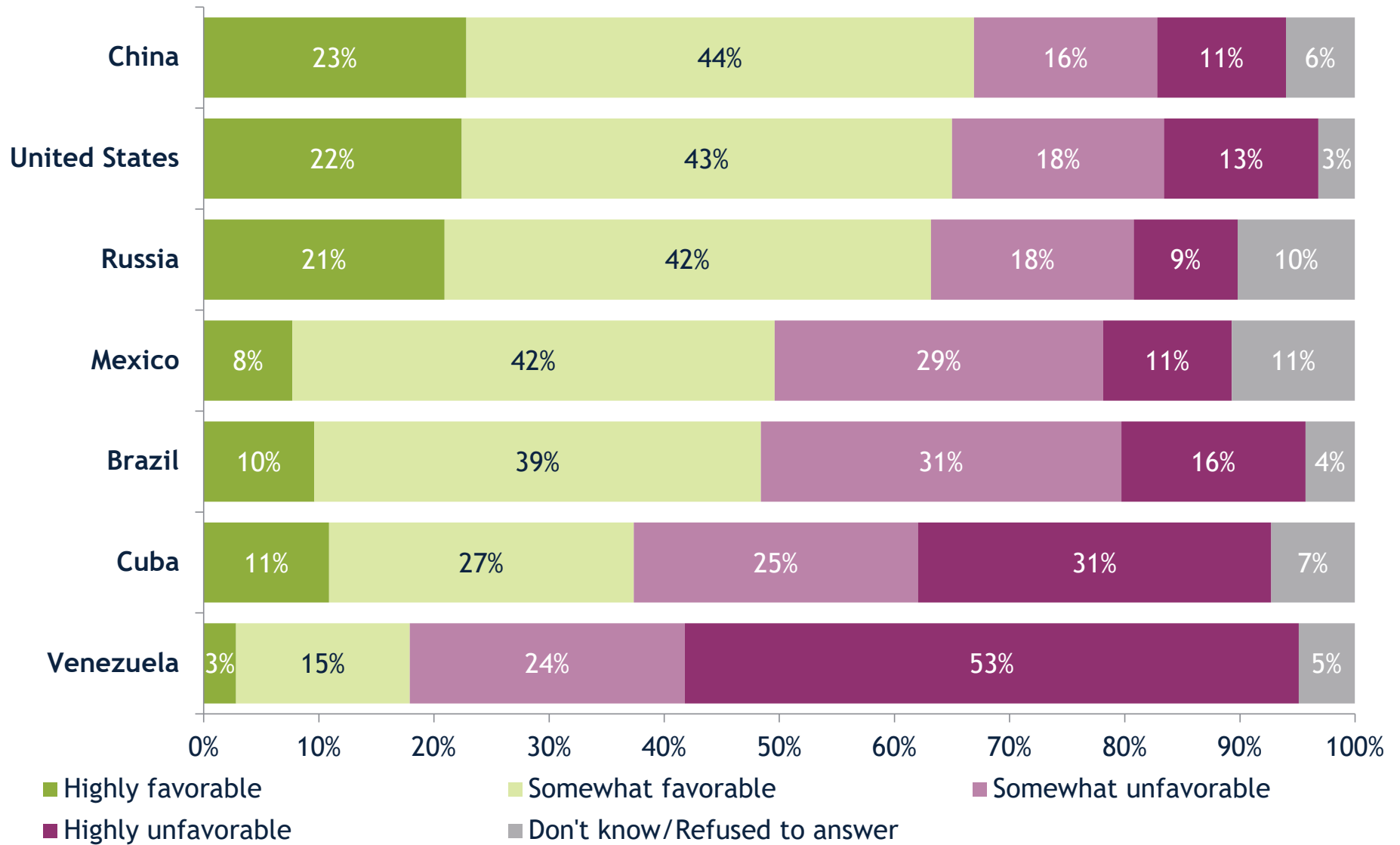
## Who would you say is the biggest donor to Argentina?



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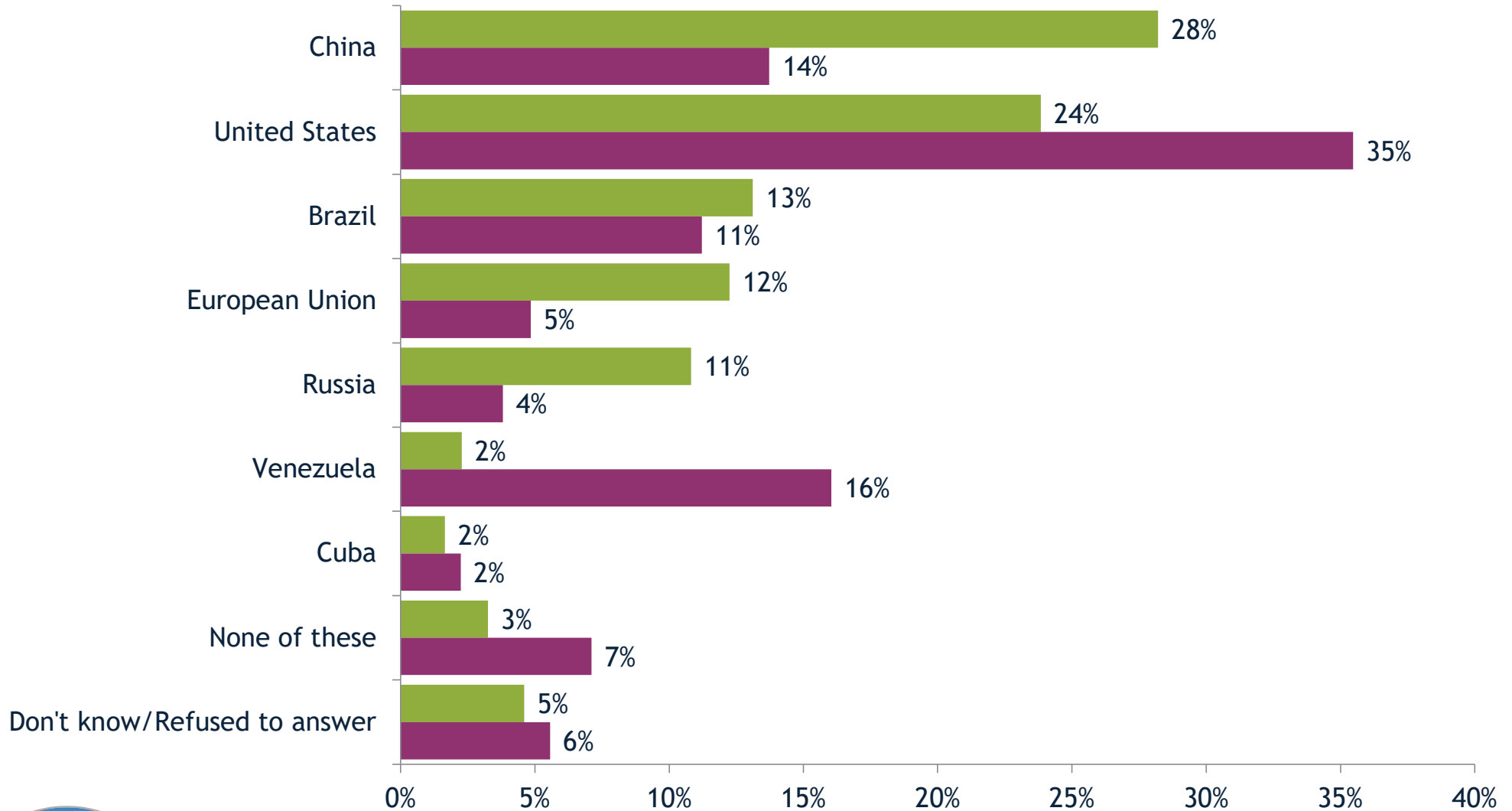


## Please tell me your opinion of each of the following countries...



Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner for Argentina?

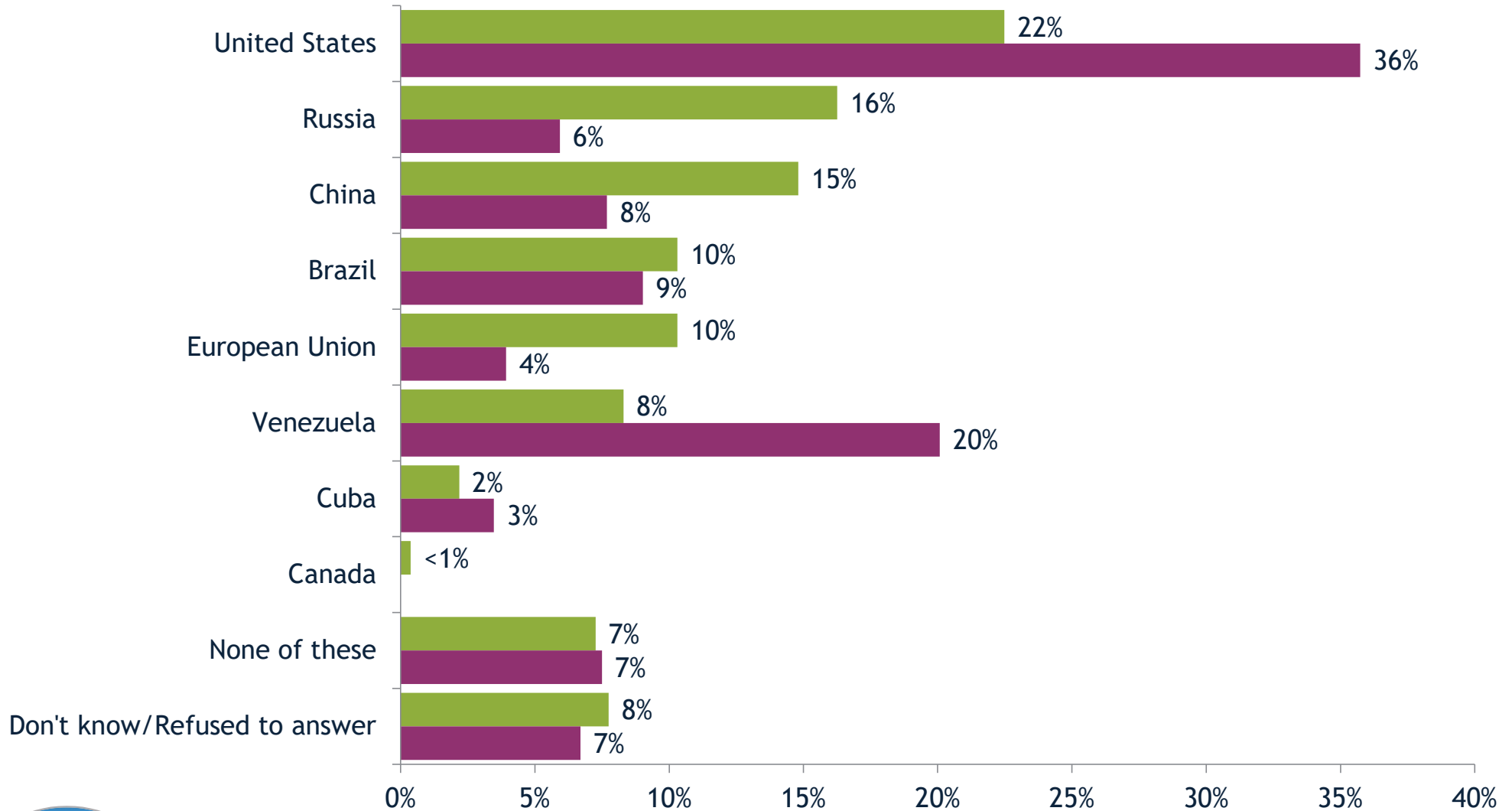
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic threat for Argentina?





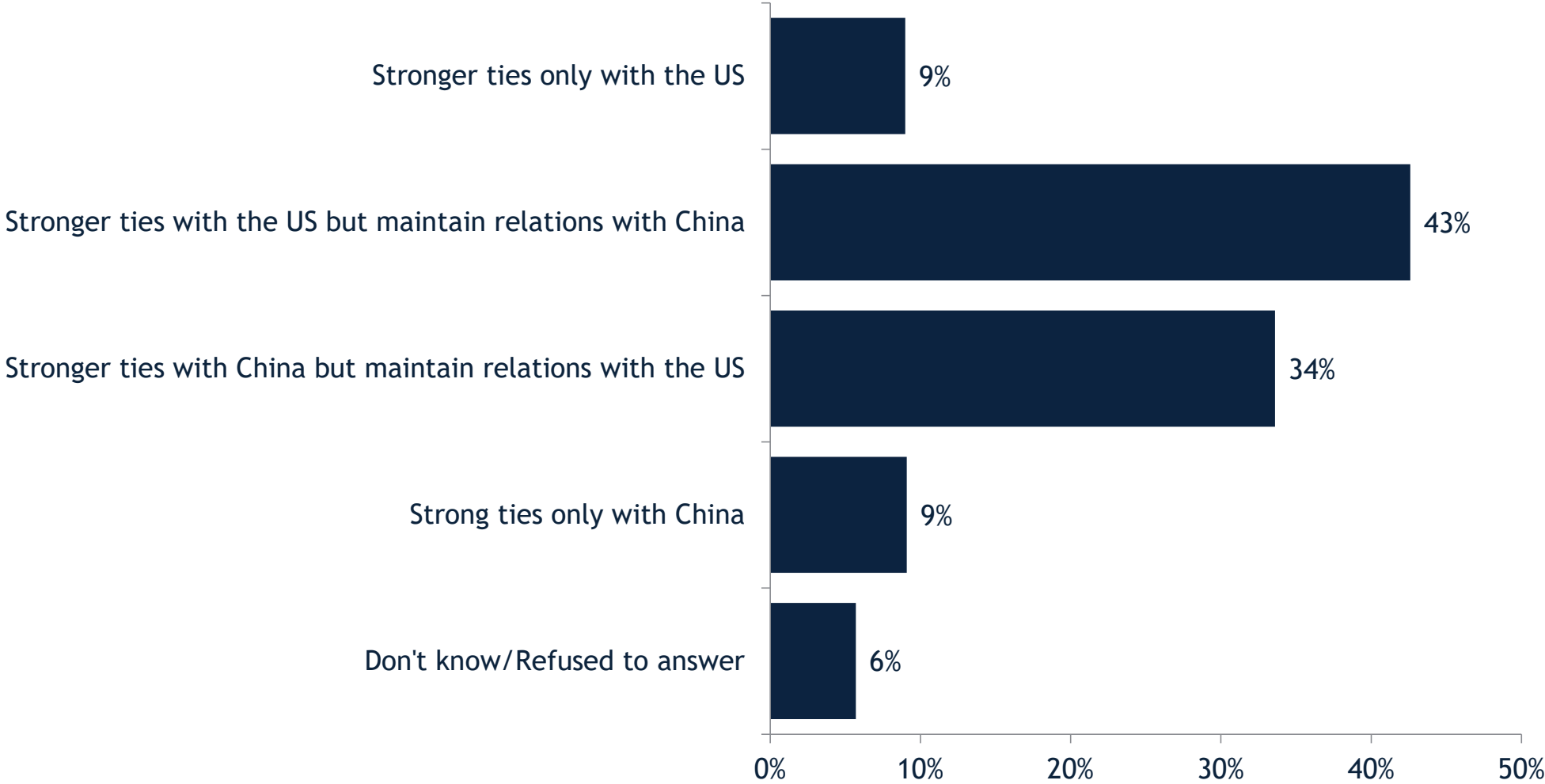
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political partner for Argentina?

Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political threat for Argentina?



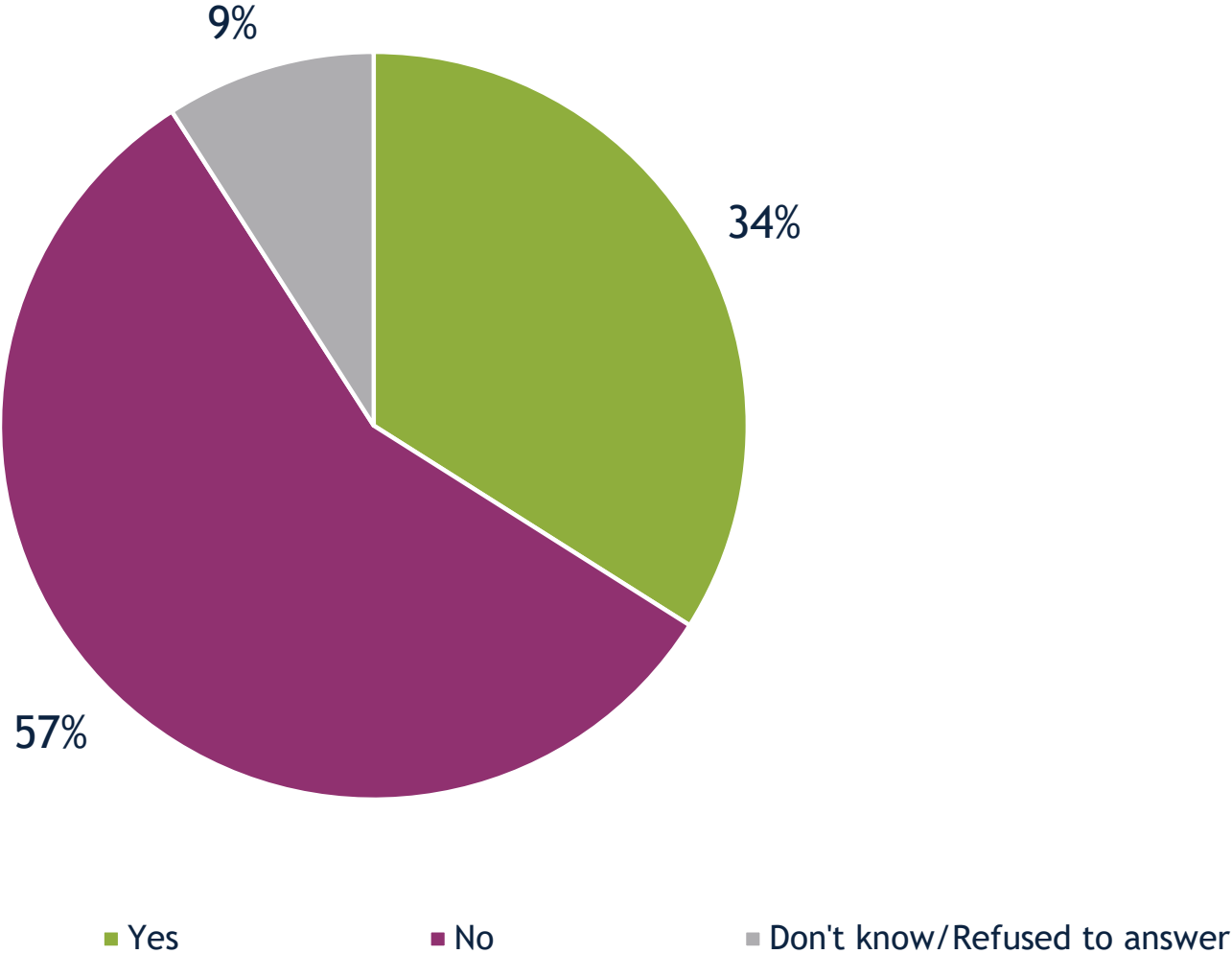


# If you were president, which of the following options would you choose?





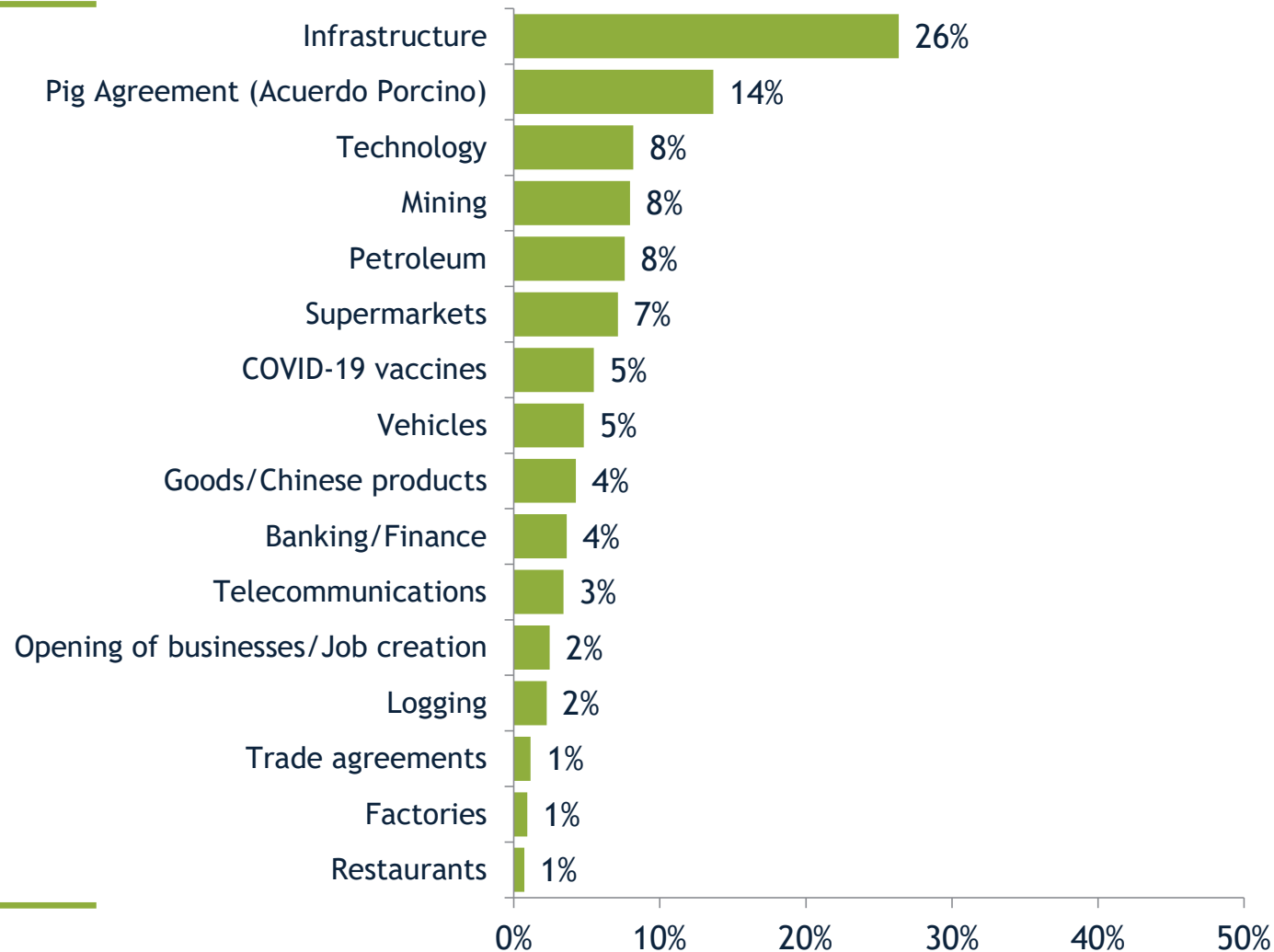
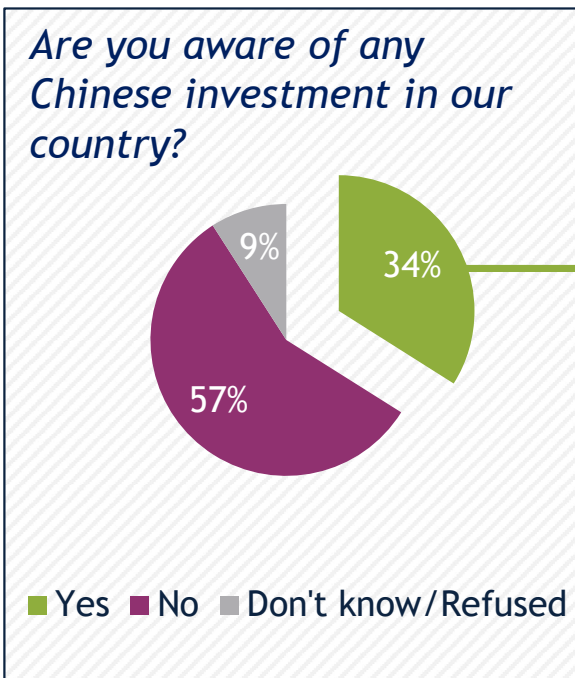
# Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?





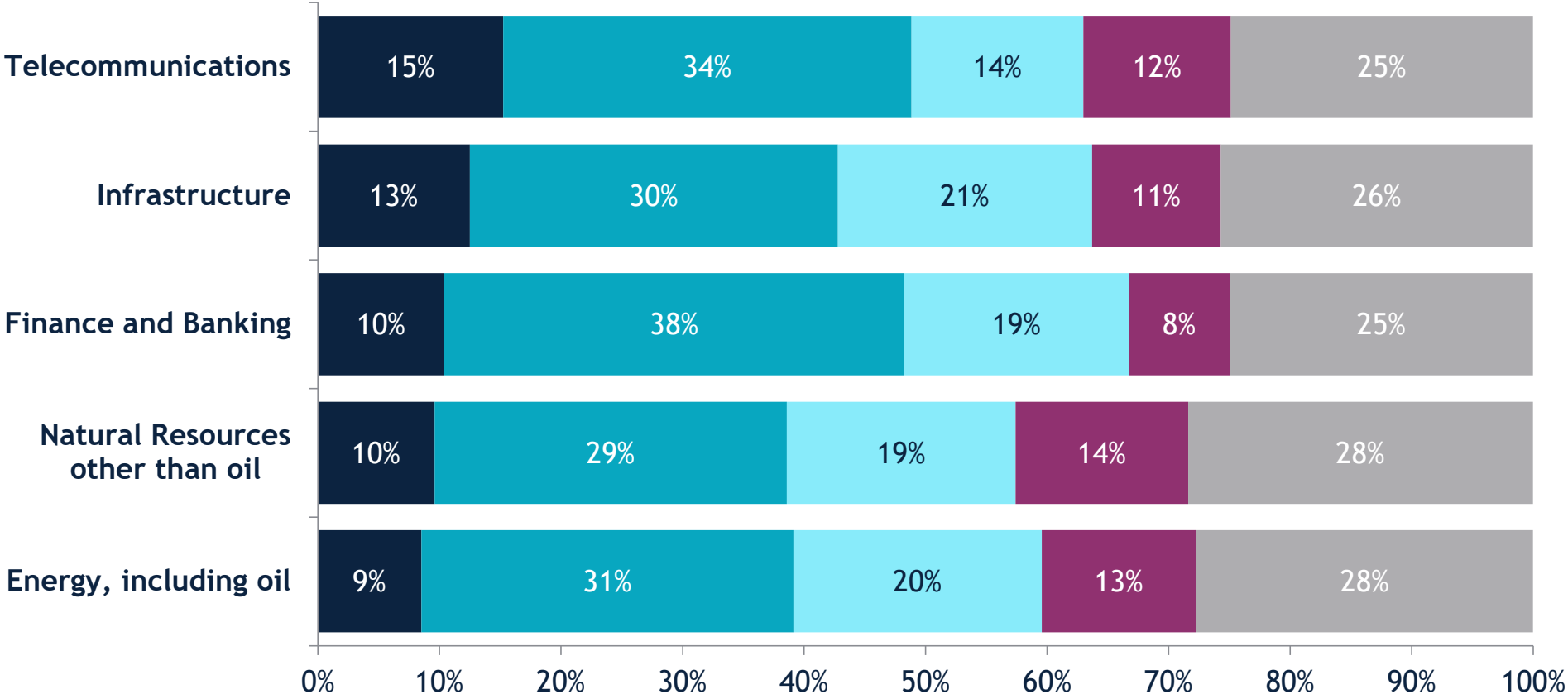
## Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who are aware of Chinese investments, n=409)





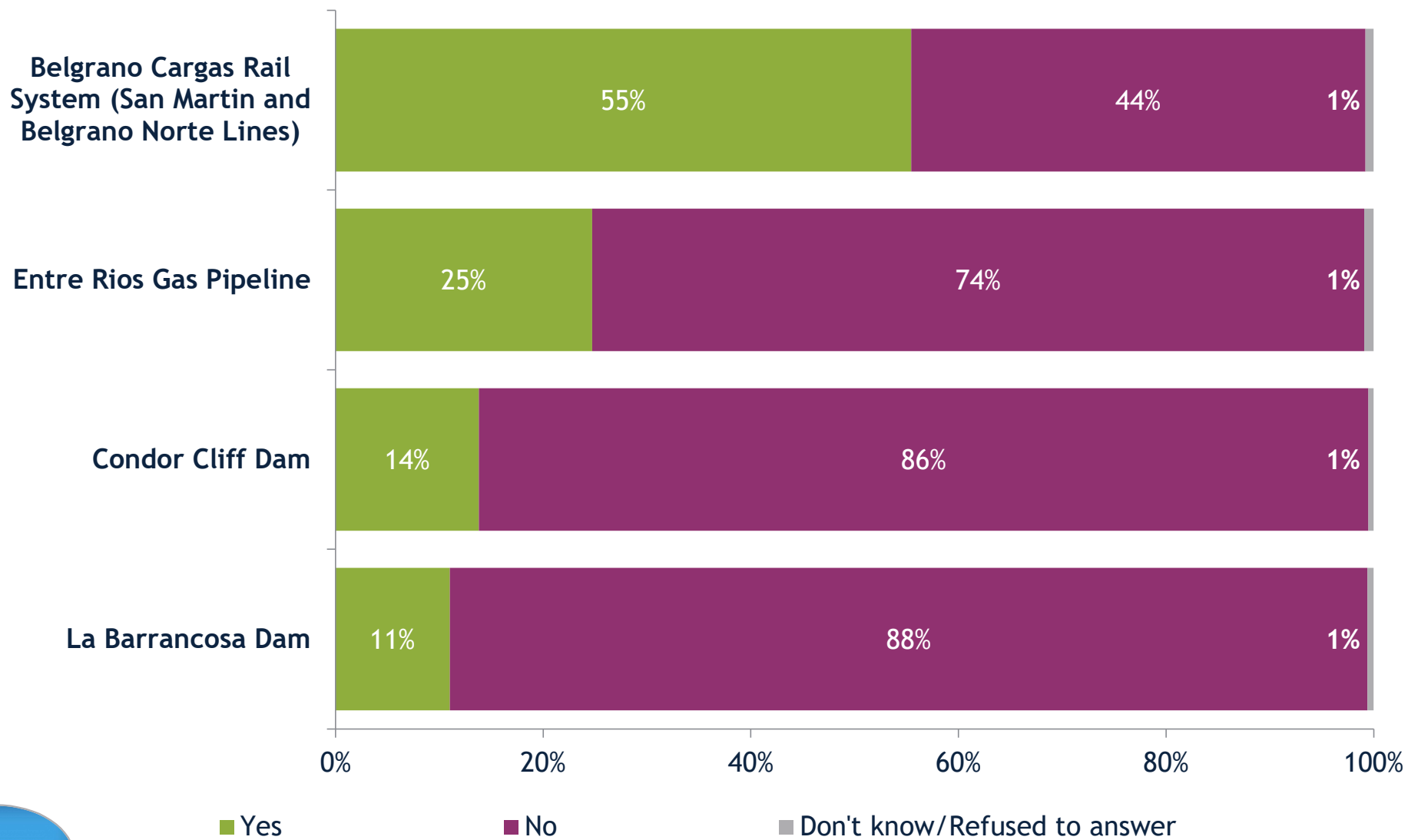
# To your best knowledge, what is the level of Chinese investment in the following sectors in our country?



- Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment
- Chinese investment is one of many sources of foreign investment
- Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment
- There is no Chinese investment in this sector
- Don't know/Refused to answer



# Are you aware of the following Chinese infrastructure projects in Argentina?



Yes

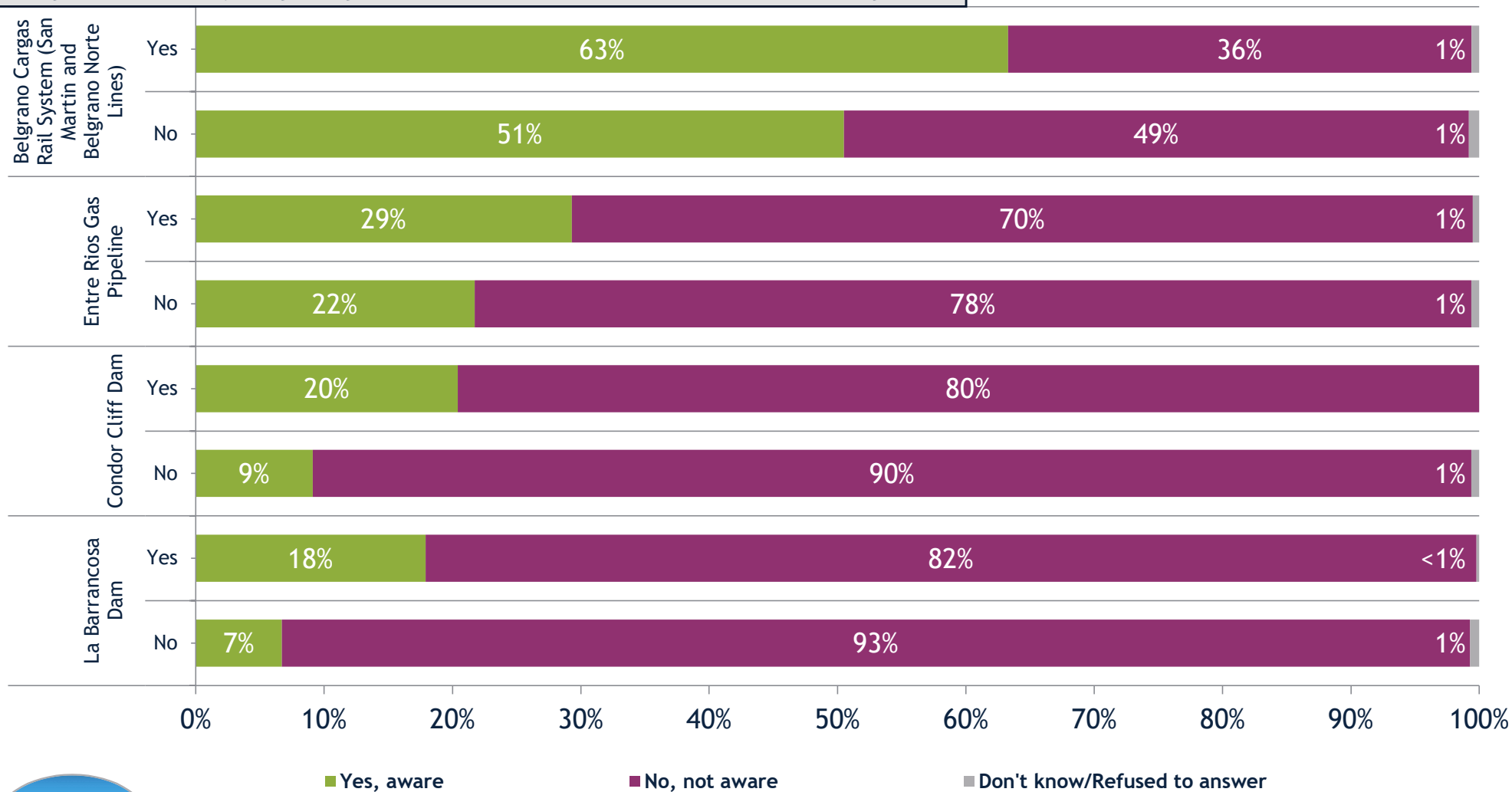
No

Don't know/Refused to answer

# Are you aware of any of the following Chinese infrastructure construction projects in our country?

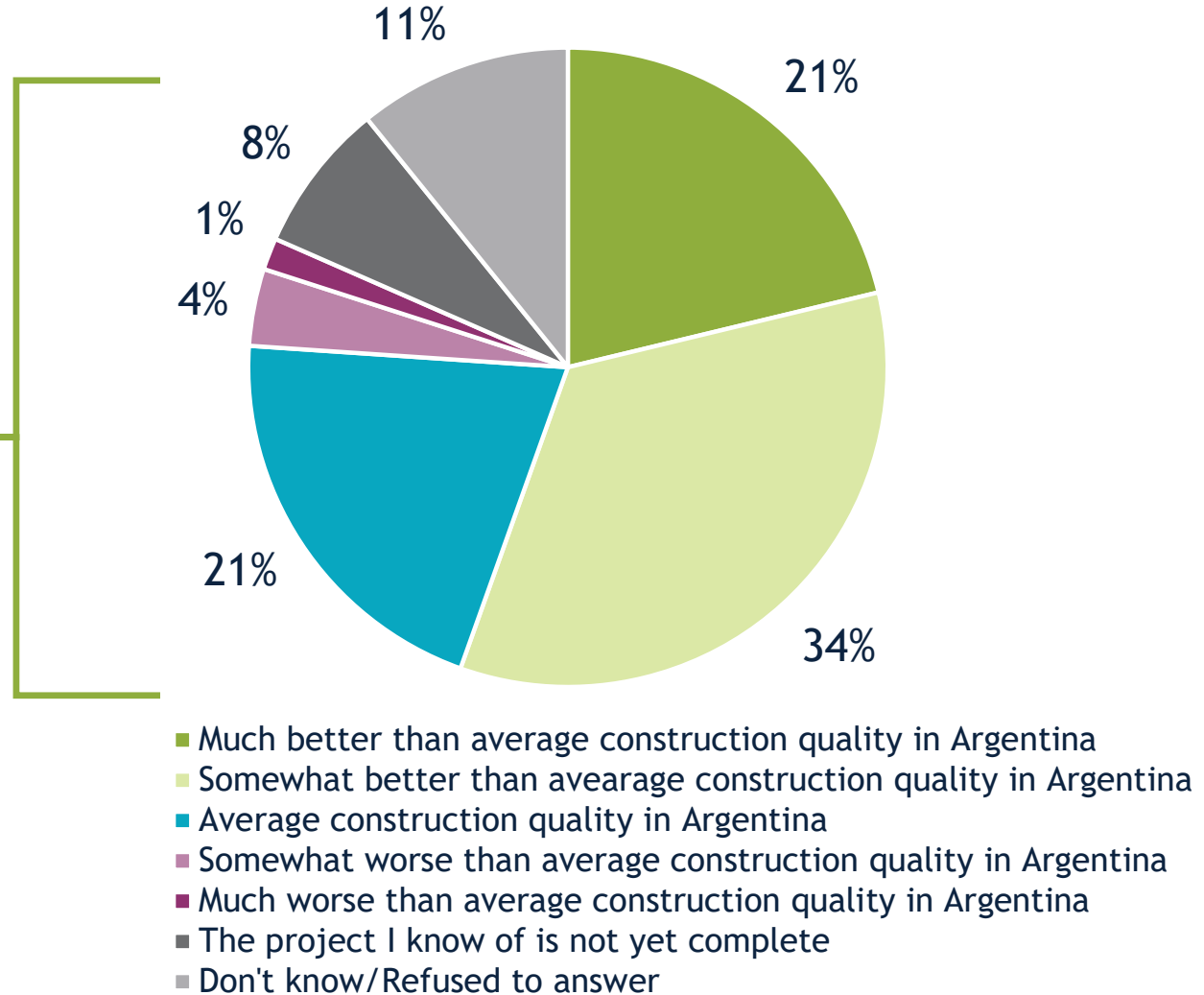
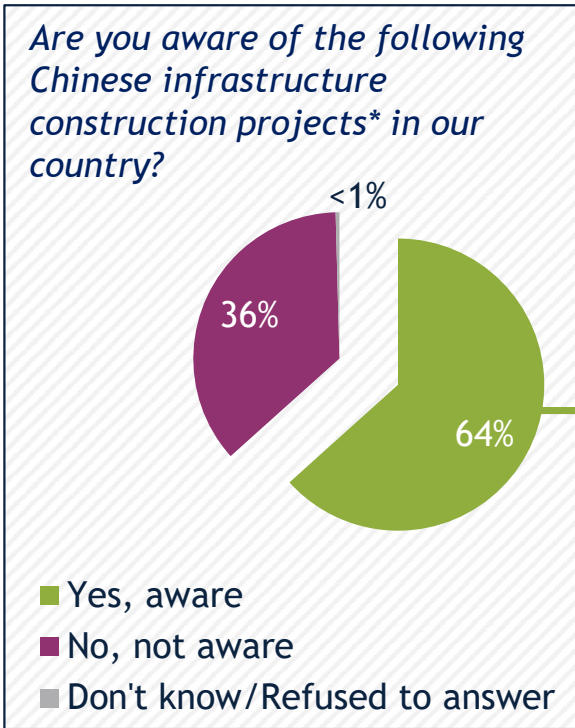
Disaggregated by...

Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?



## To your best knowledge, how would you rate the quality of these projects?

(Among those who are aware of any specific Chinese infrastructure project\*, n=765)



\*Question asked in reference to the:

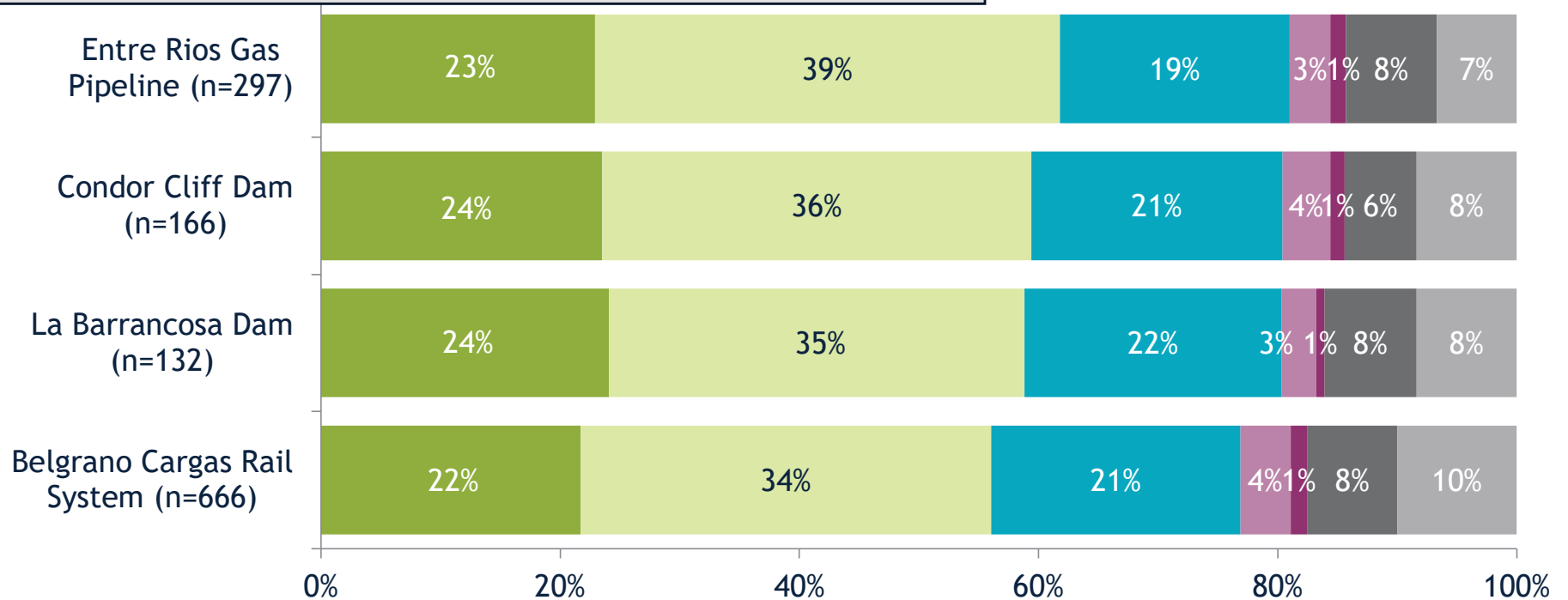
- Belgrano Cargas Rail System
- Entre Rios Gas Pipeline
- Condor Cliff Dam
- La Barrancosa Dam



## To your best knowledge, how would you rate the quality of these projects?

(Among those who are aware of any specific Chinese infrastructure project)

Disaggregated by those aware of each specific project...

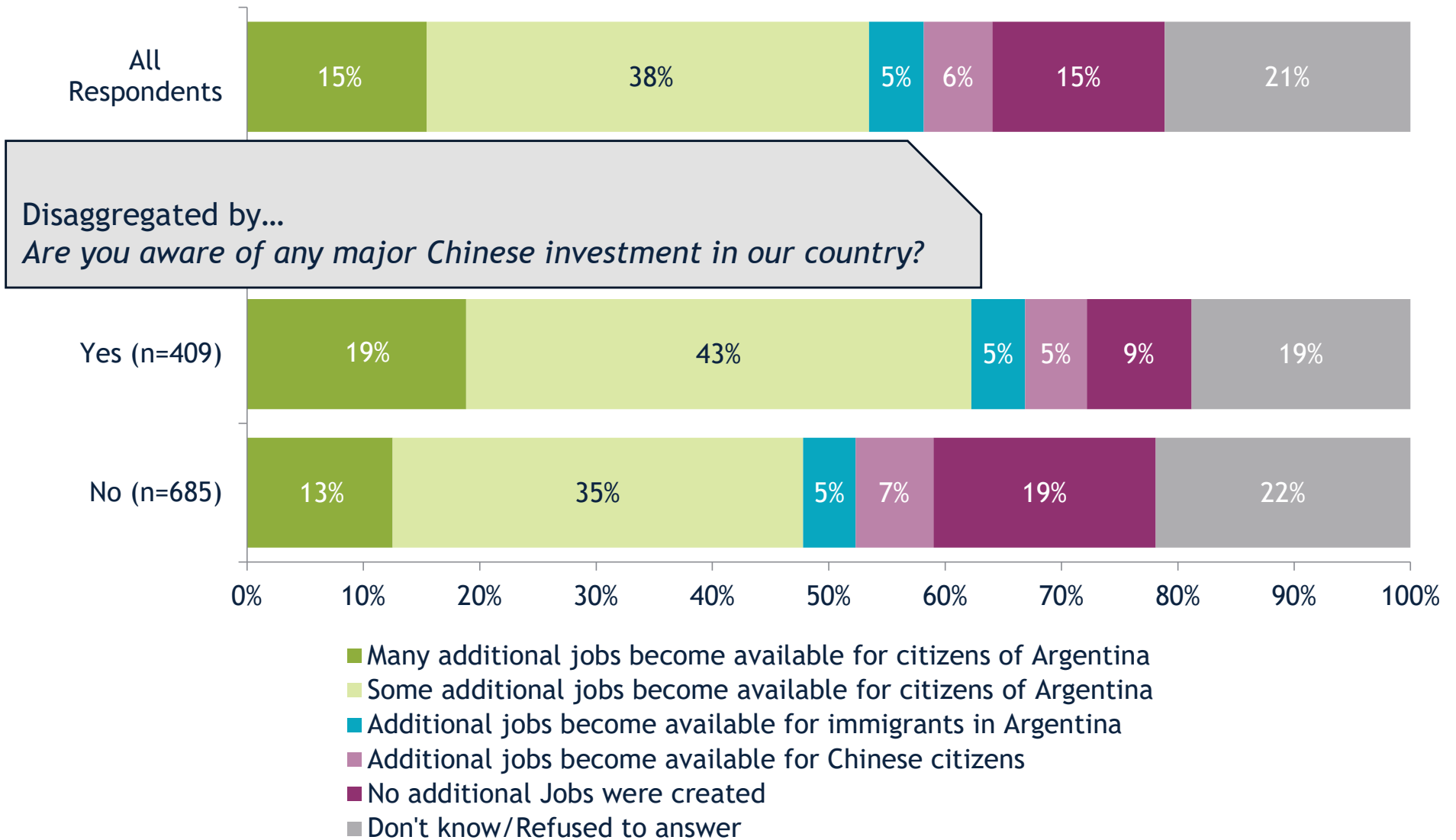


- Much better than average construction quality in Argentina
- Somewhat better than average construction quality in Argentina
- Average construction quality in Argentina
- Somewhat worse than average construction quality in Argentina
- Much worse than average construction quality in Argentina
- The project I know of is not yet complete
- Don't know/Refused to answer



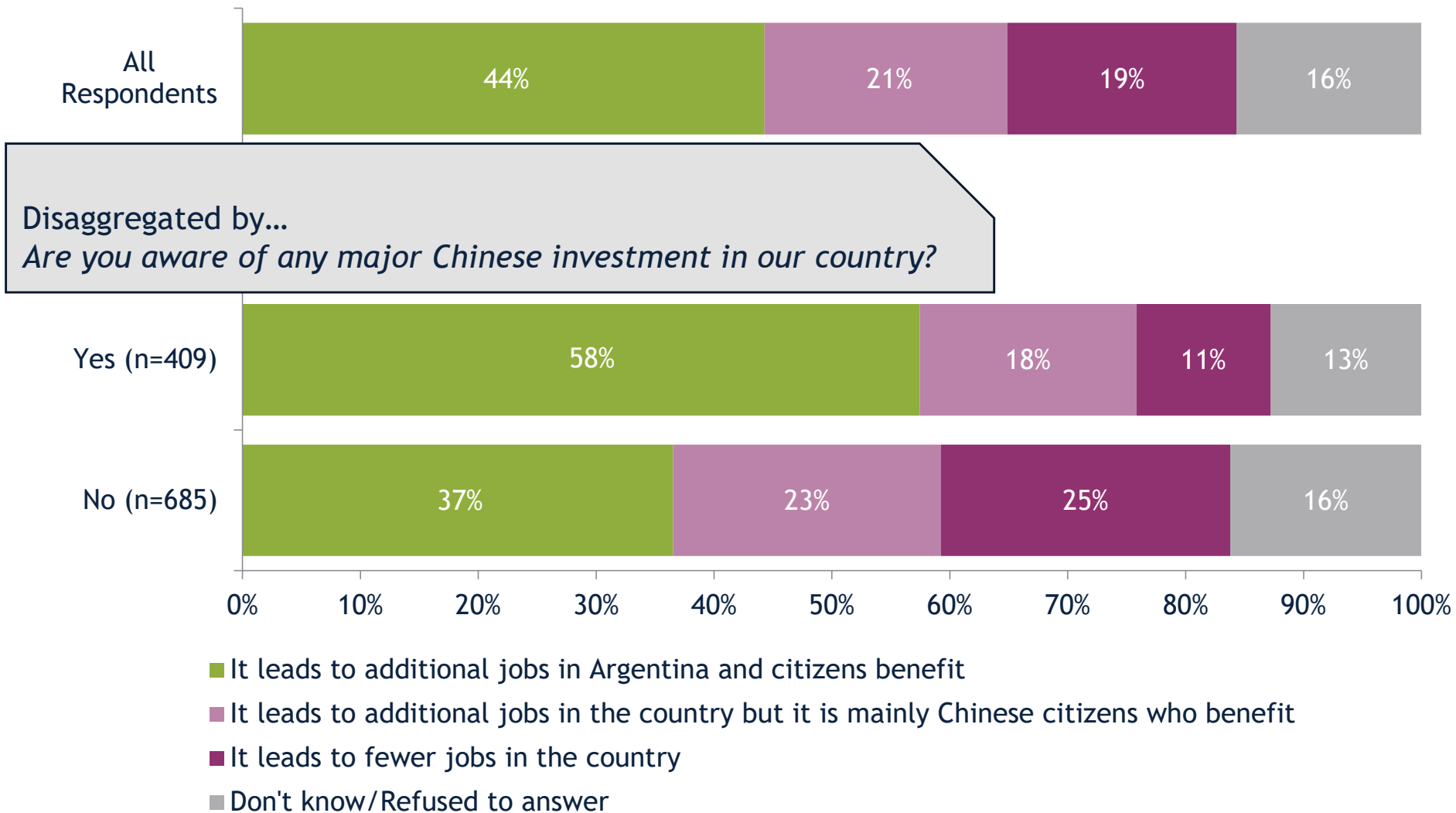


# To your best knowledge, what has the impact of such projects been on job creation?



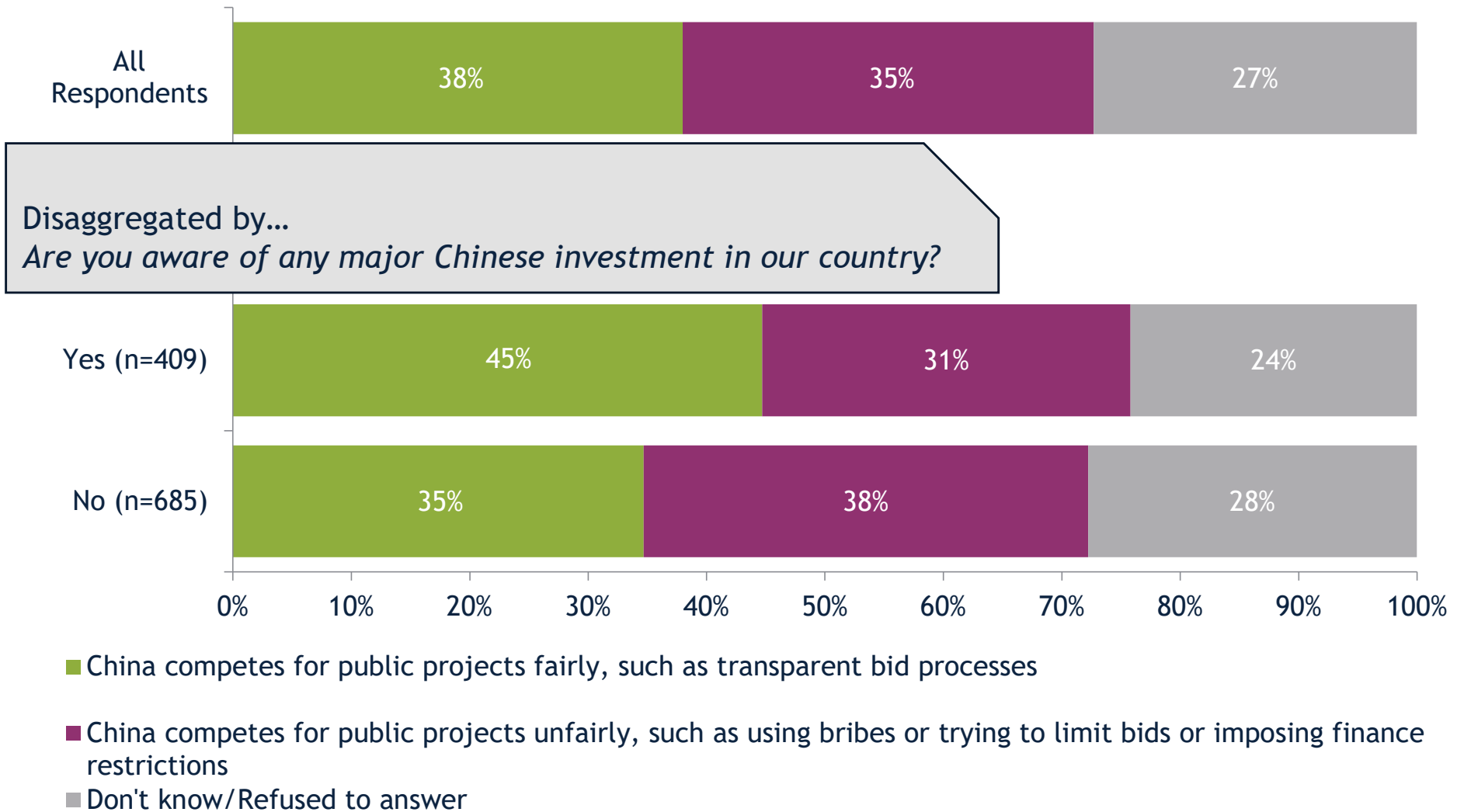


## In general, which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about the impact of Chinese investment on jobs in Argentina?



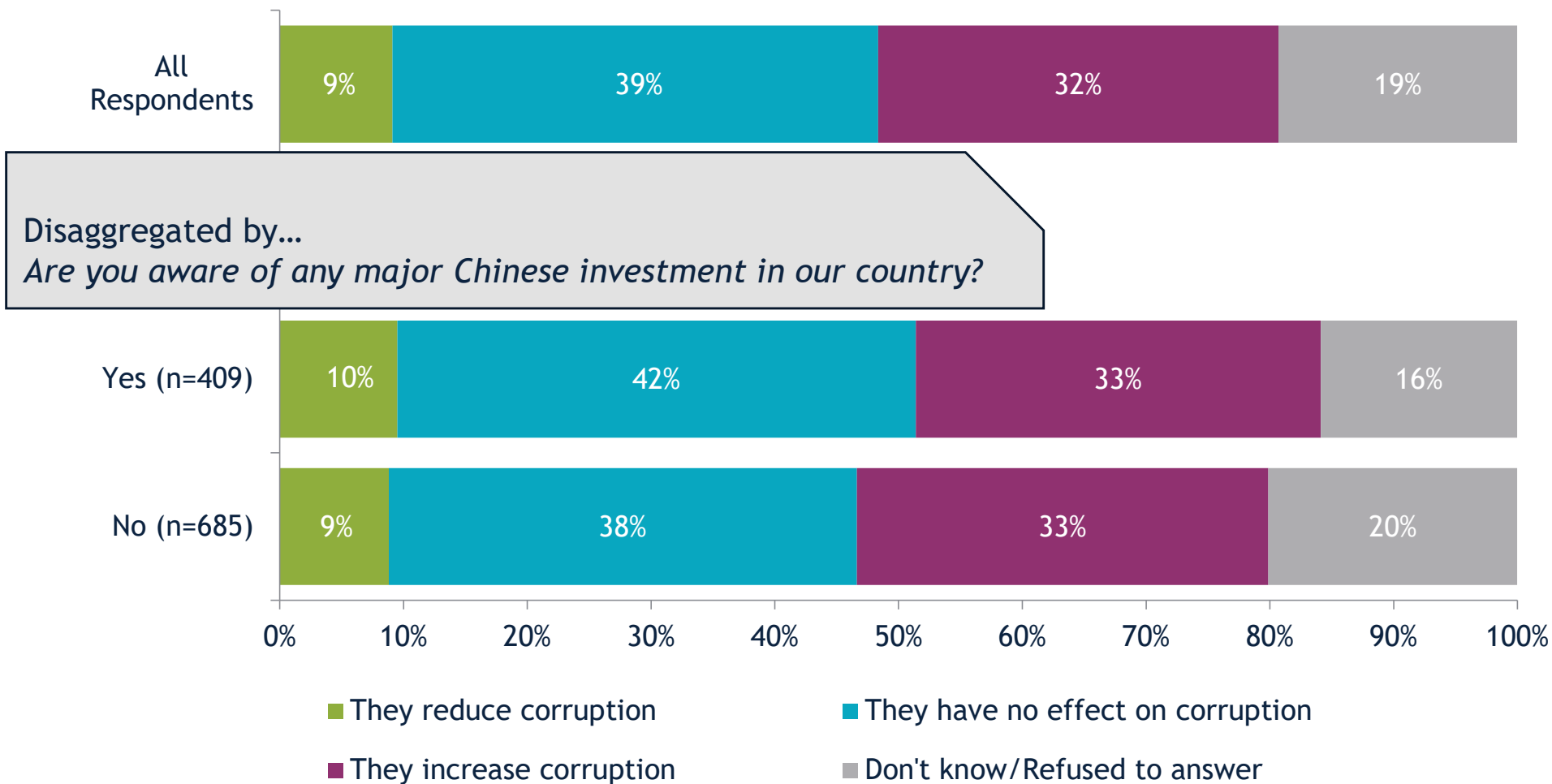


## To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how China invests in the country?





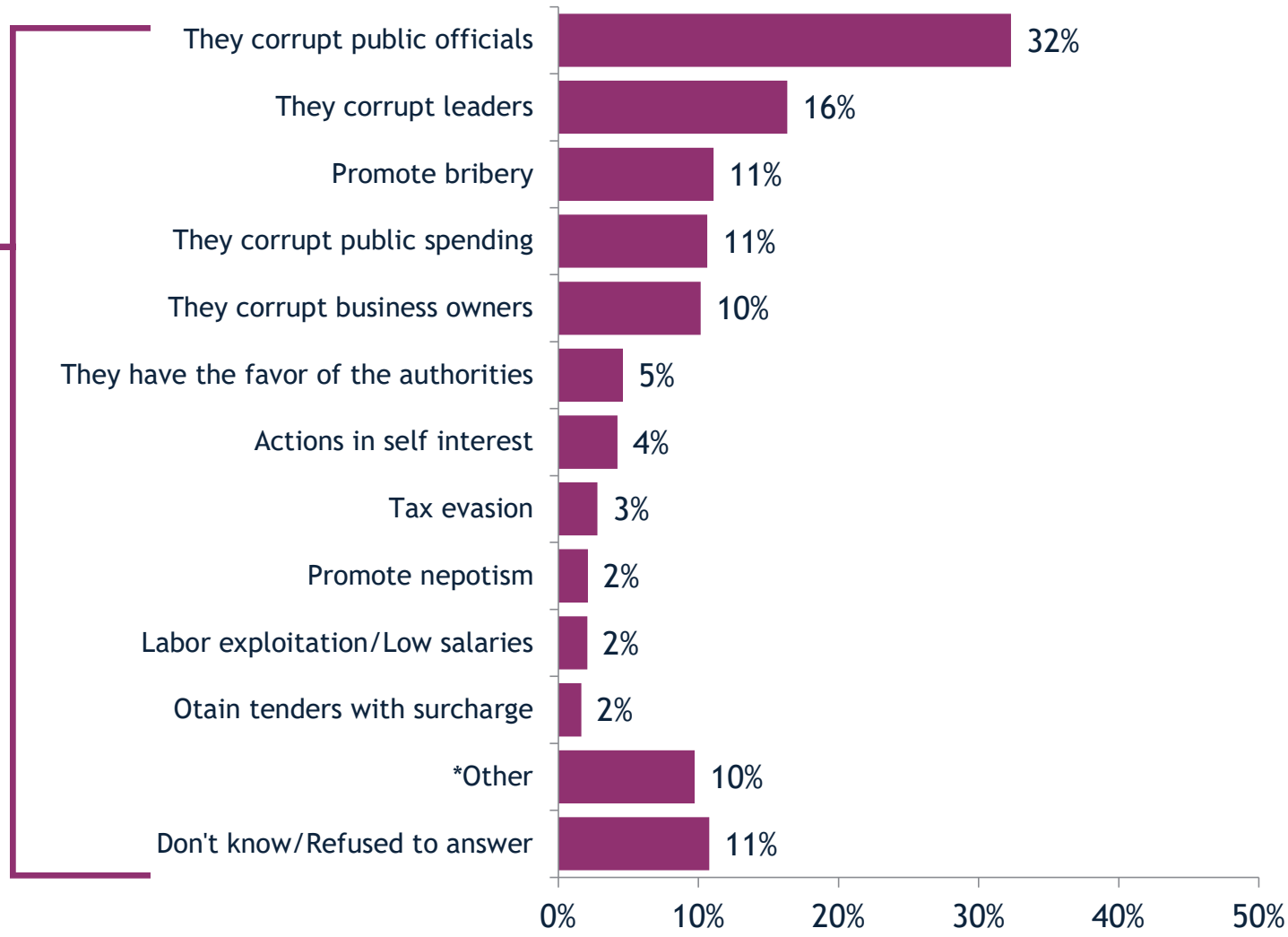
# To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how China and Chinese companies impact corruption in our country?





# How do China and Chinese companies impact corruption in our country?

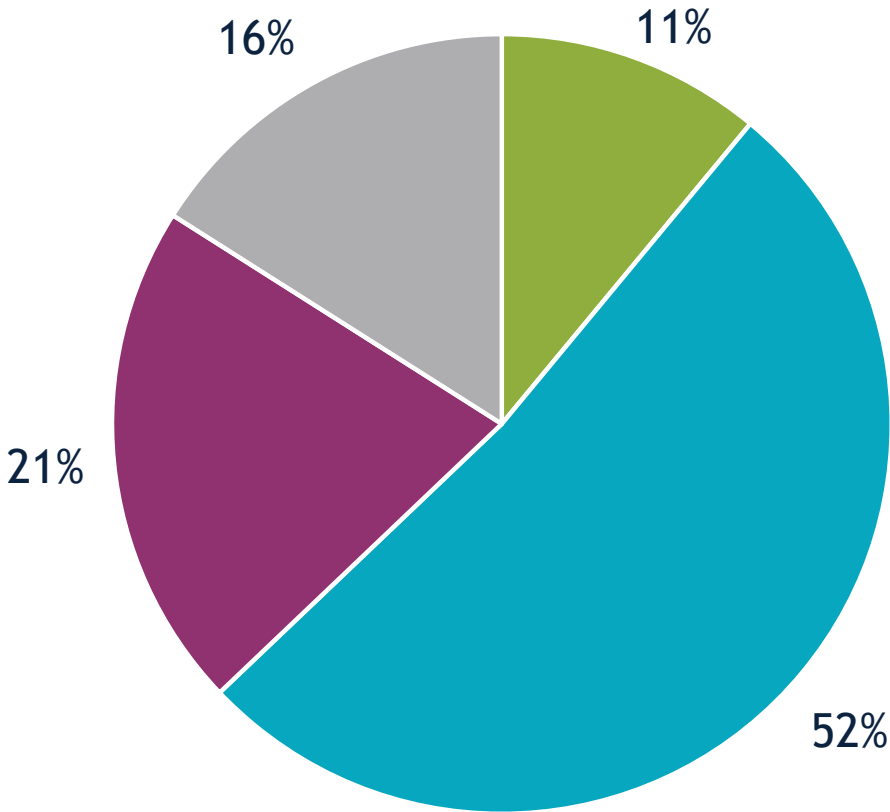
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; among those who believe China and Chinese companies *increase* corruption, n=389)



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To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflect how China and Chinese companies impact norms, laws, and rules in the country?



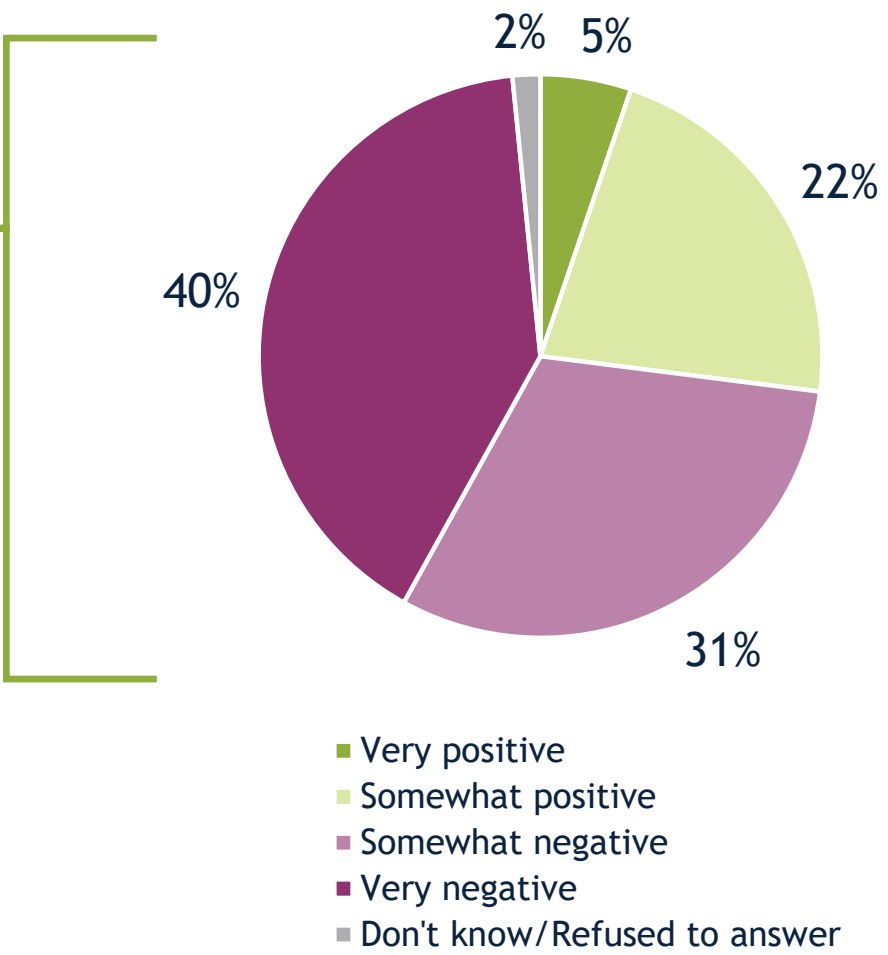
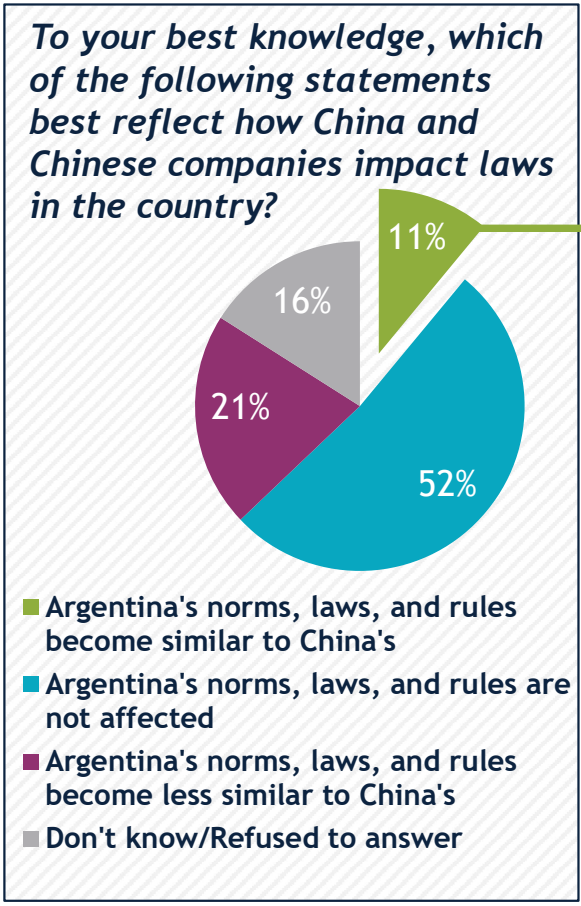
- Argentina's norms, laws, and rules become similar to China's
- Argentina's norms, laws, and rules are not affected
- Argentina's norms, laws, and rules become less similar to China's
- Don't know/Refused to answer





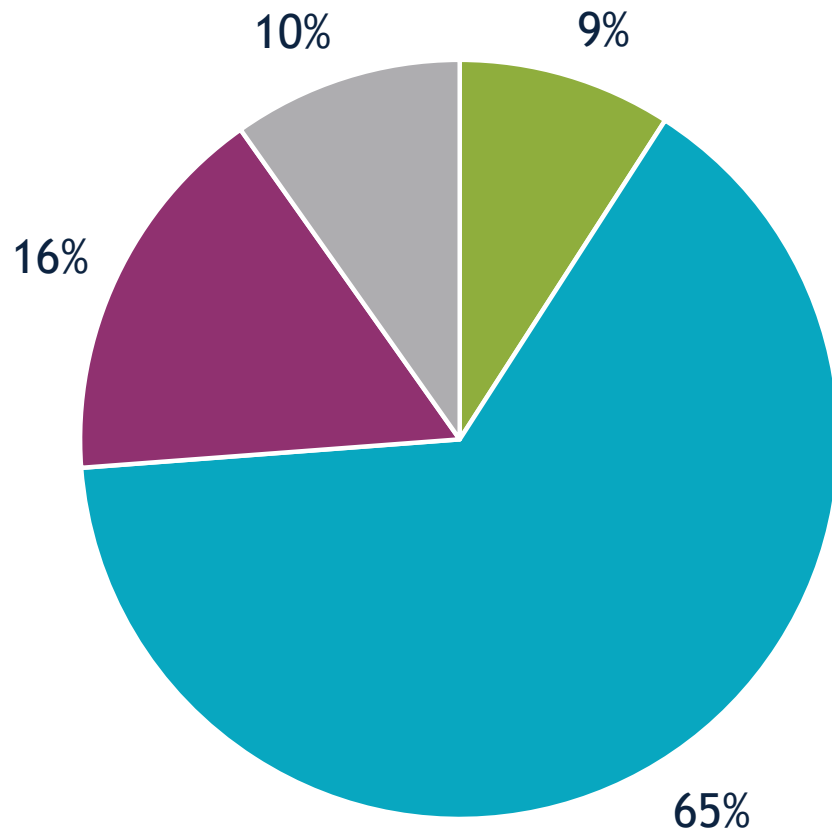
# Is it a positive or negative development that our country's norms, laws, and rules become more similar to China's?

(Among those who assert that Argentina's laws become similar to China's, n=132)





To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country's engagement with China?



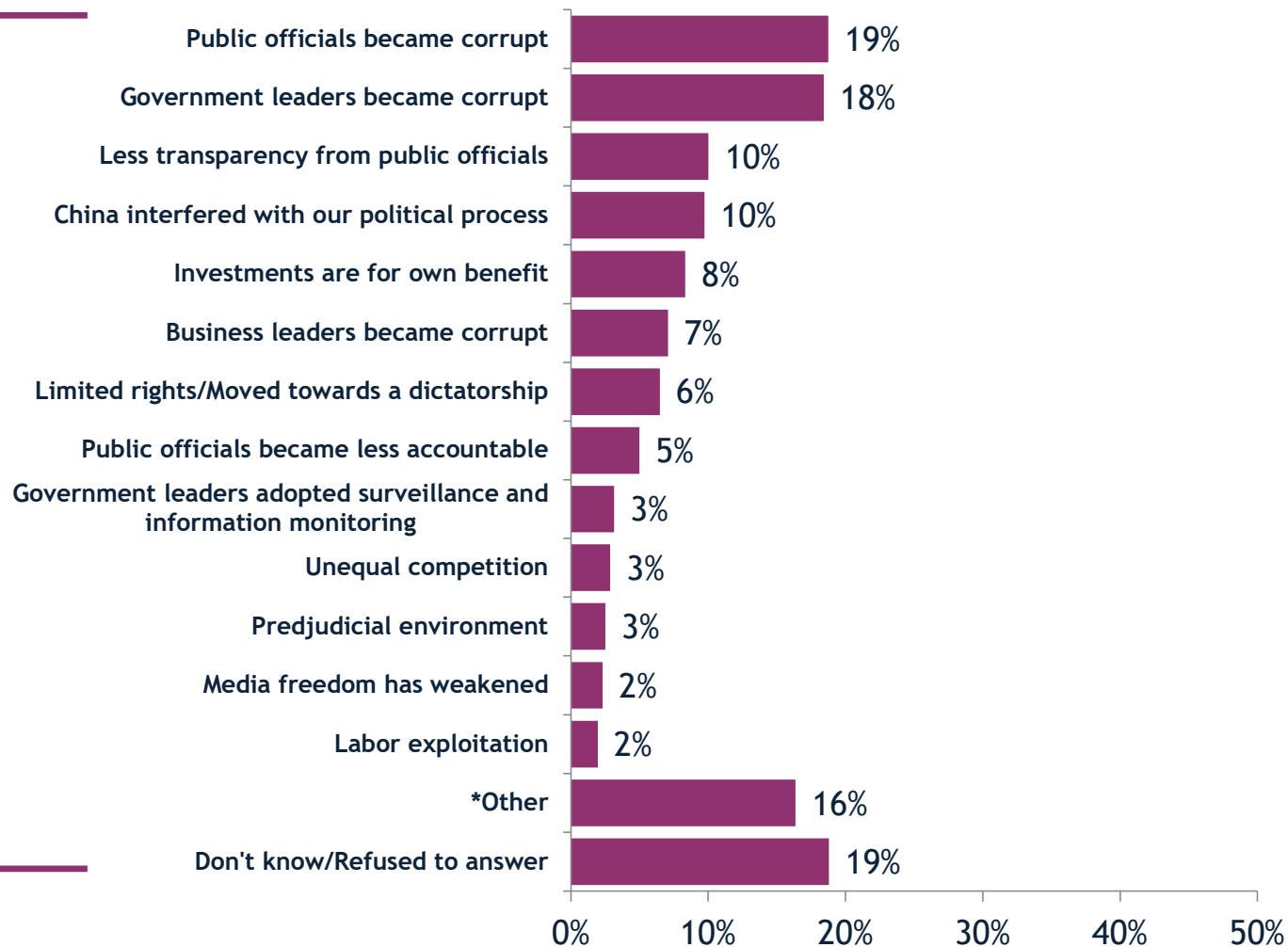
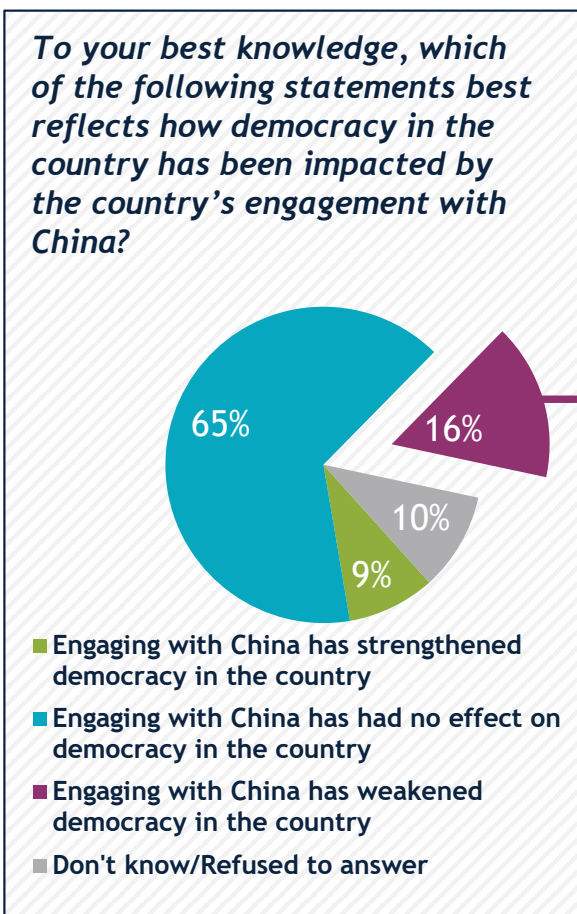
- Engaging with China has strengthened democracy in the country
- Engaging with China has had no effect on democracy in the country
- Engaging with China has weakened democracy in the country
- Don't know/Refused to answer





# How has engaging with China weakened political participation in the country?

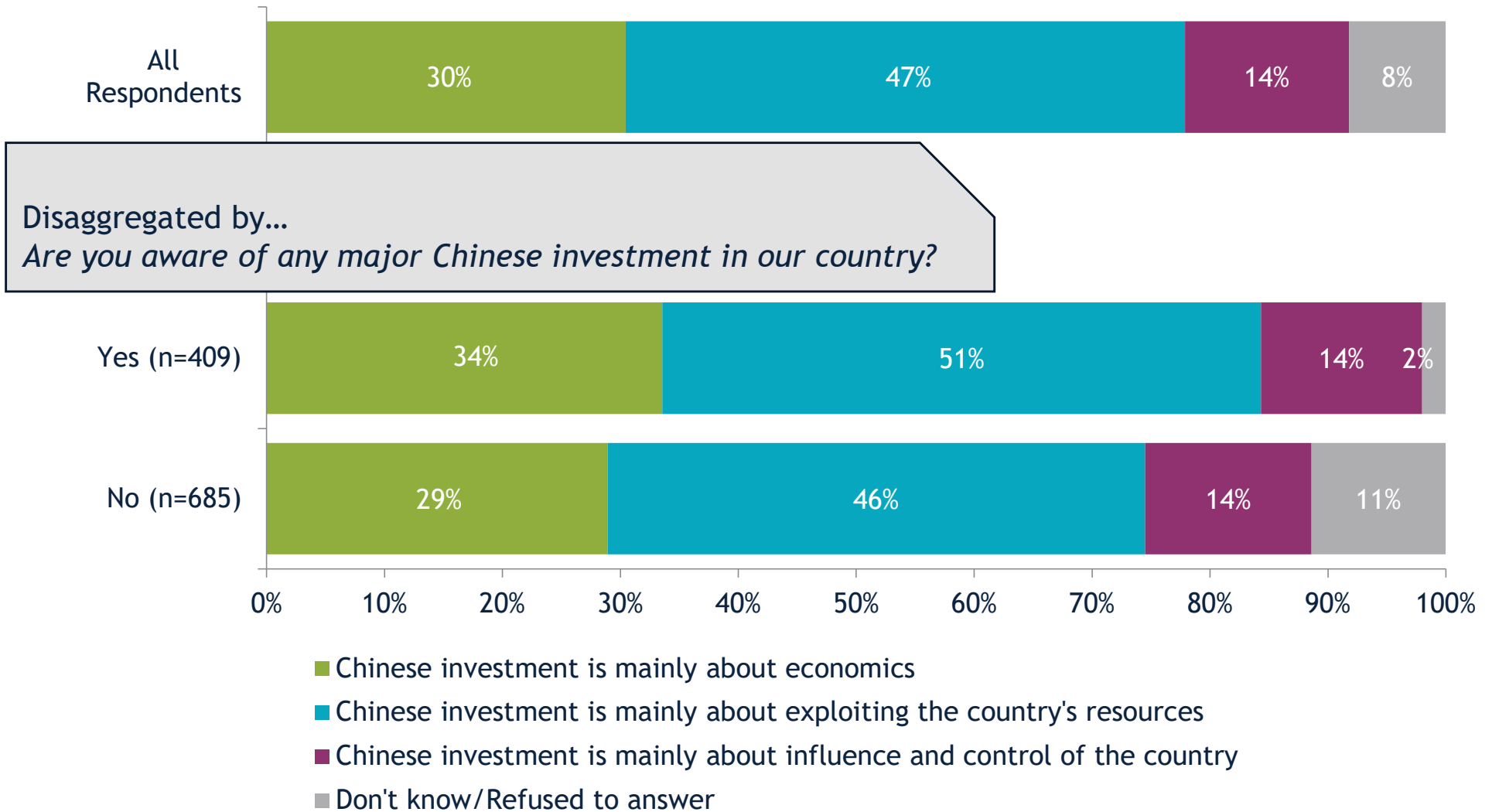
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; among those who believe that engagement with China has *weakened* democracy in the country, n=170)



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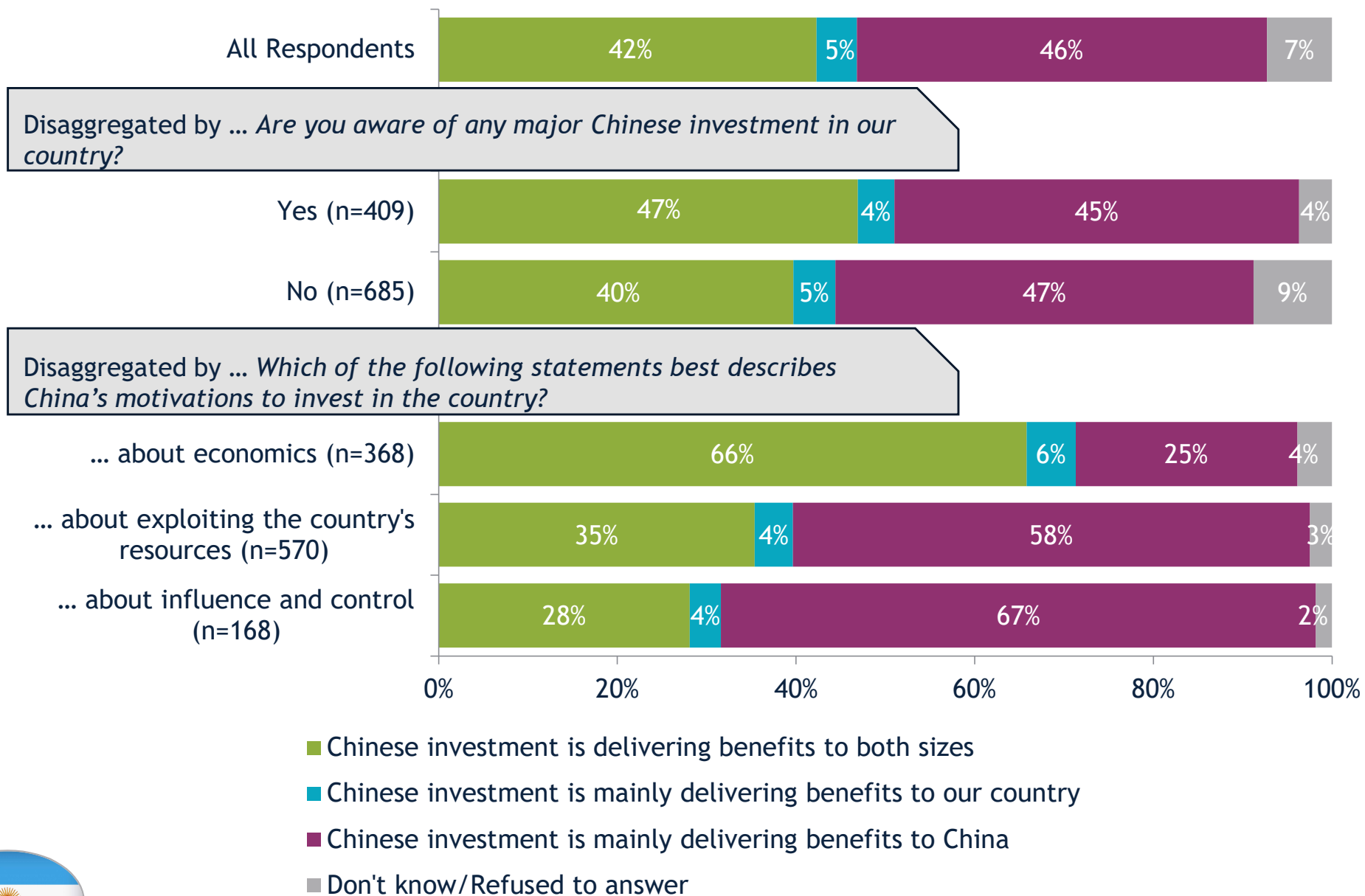


# Which of the following statements best describes China's motivations to invest in the country?



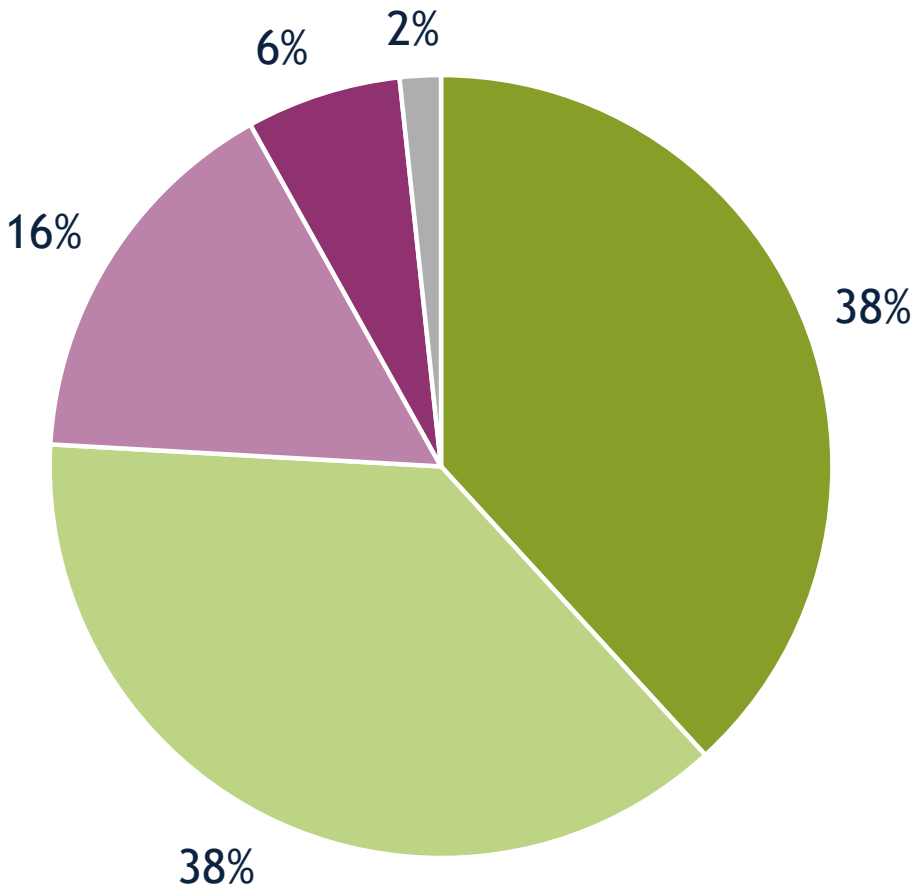


# Which of the following statements best describes the effect of China's investments in Argentina?





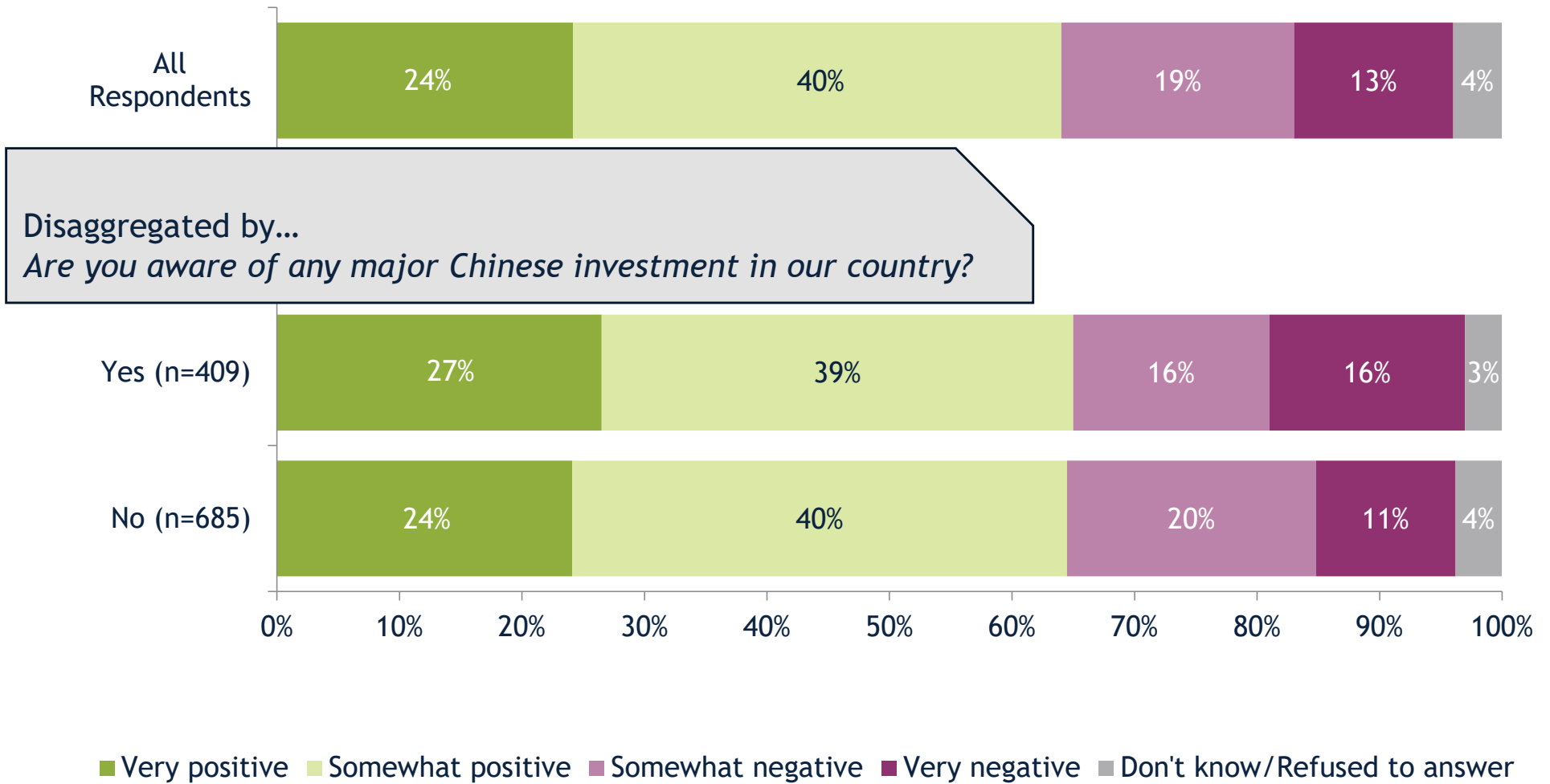
# Some people believe that China could emerge as a global leader in the world following the COVID-19 Pandemic. How likely do you think this is?



Very likely   Somewhat likely   Less likely   Not likely   Don't know/Refused to answer

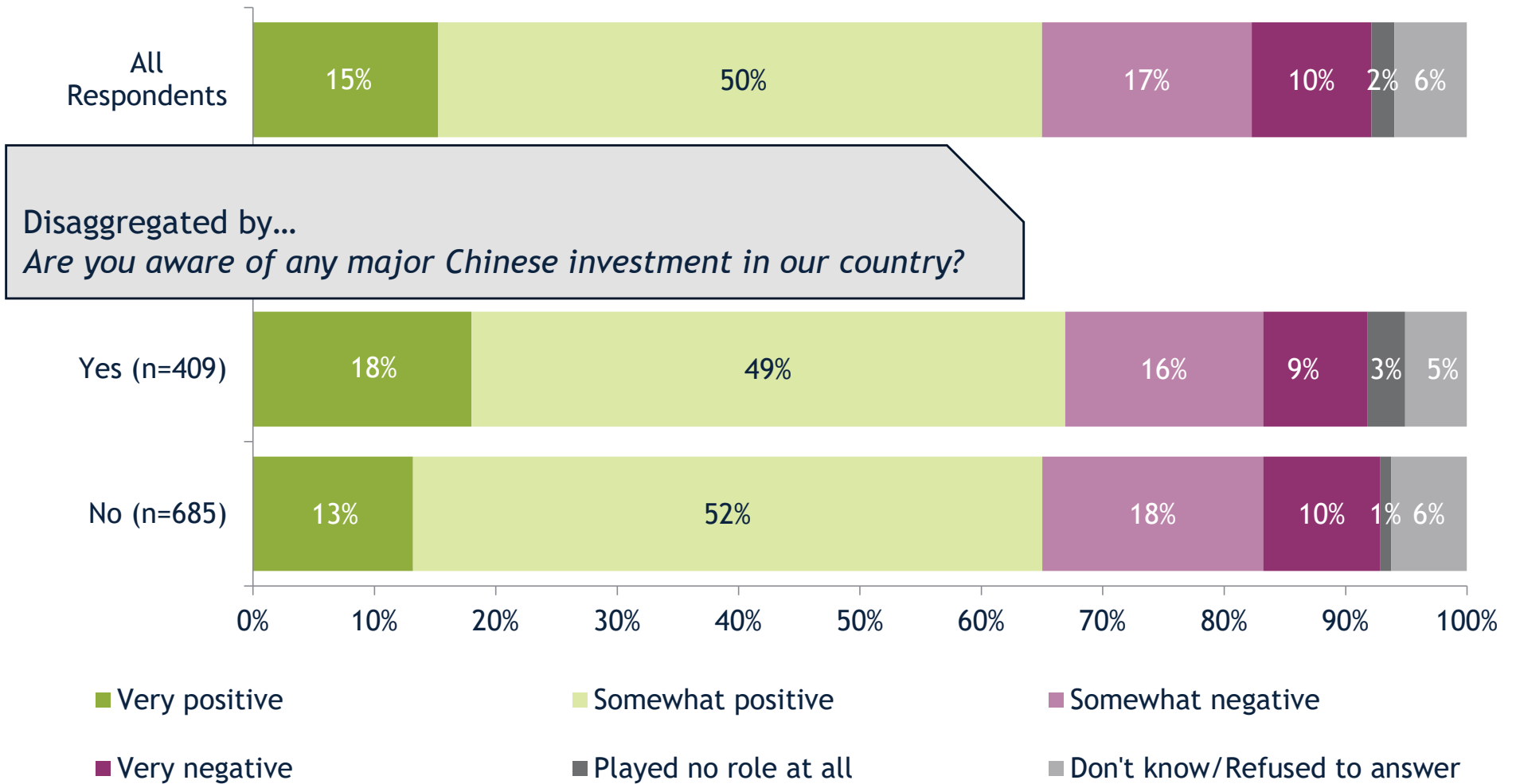


# How would you evaluate the overall performance of China in respect to the COVID-19 pandemic?



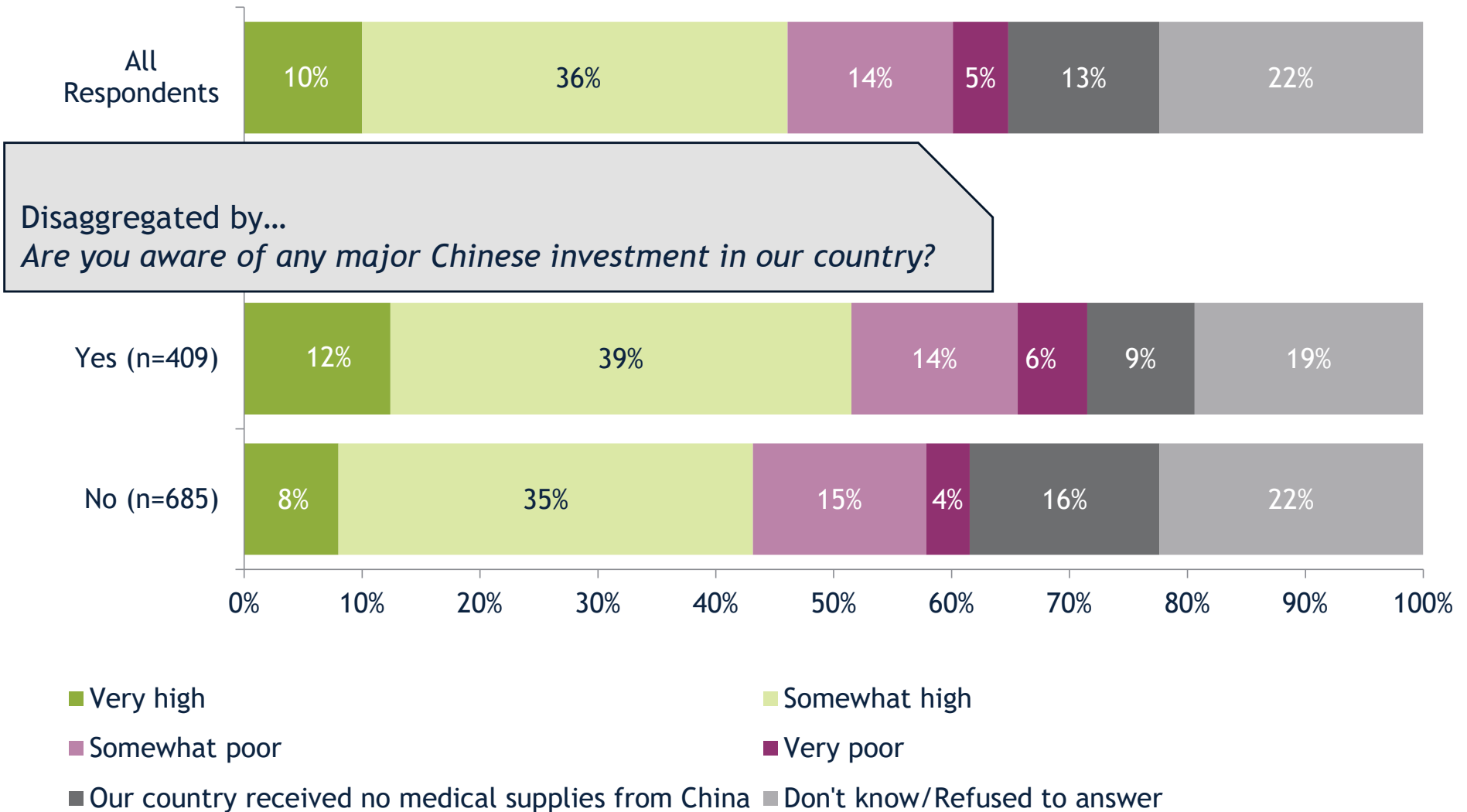


# How would you evaluate the role of China in helping Argentina to fight the COVID-19 pandemic?





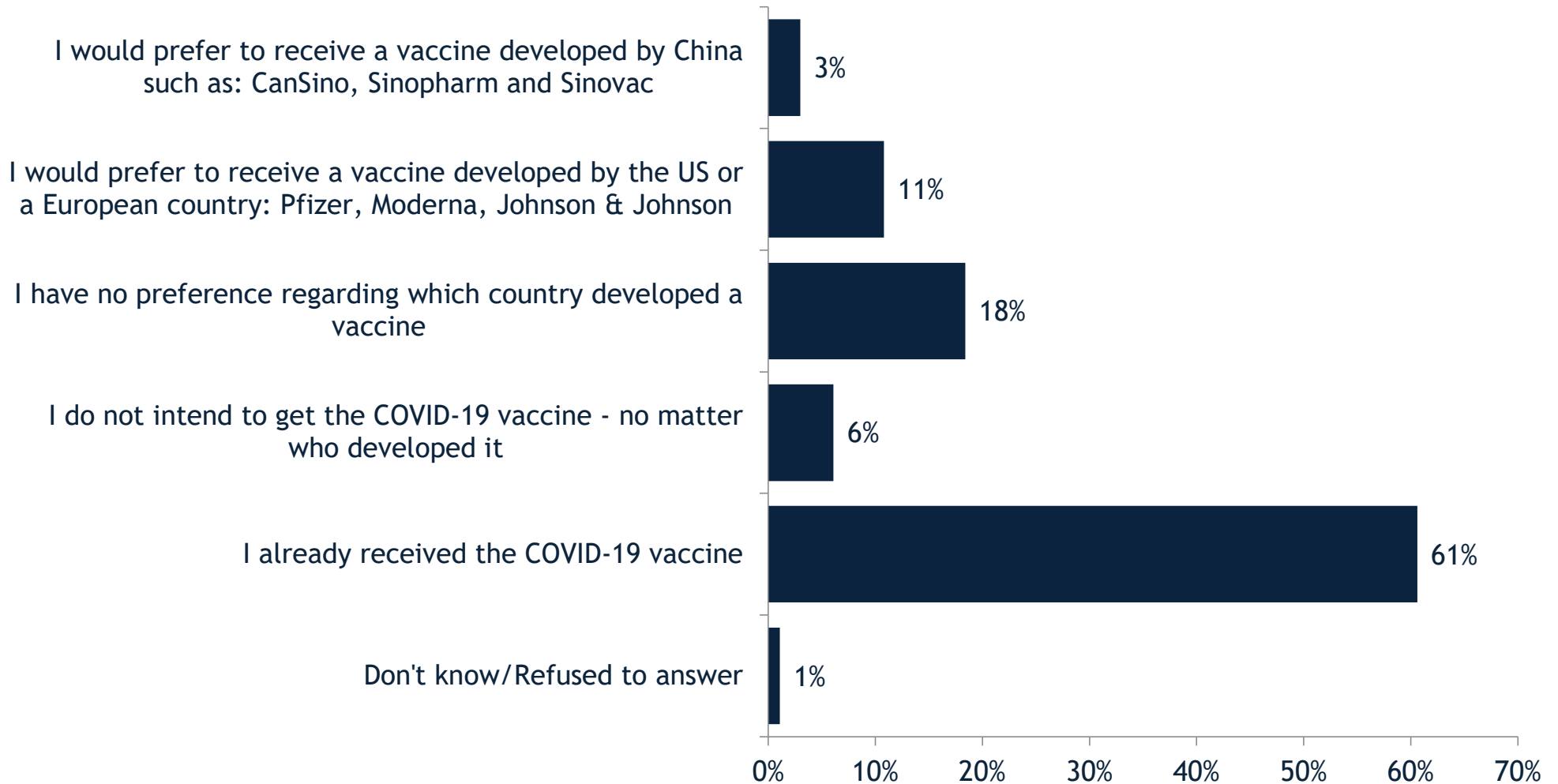
# How would you rate the quality of medical supplies, such as masks and ventilators, that the country obtained (donated or bought) from China during the COVID-19 pandemic?







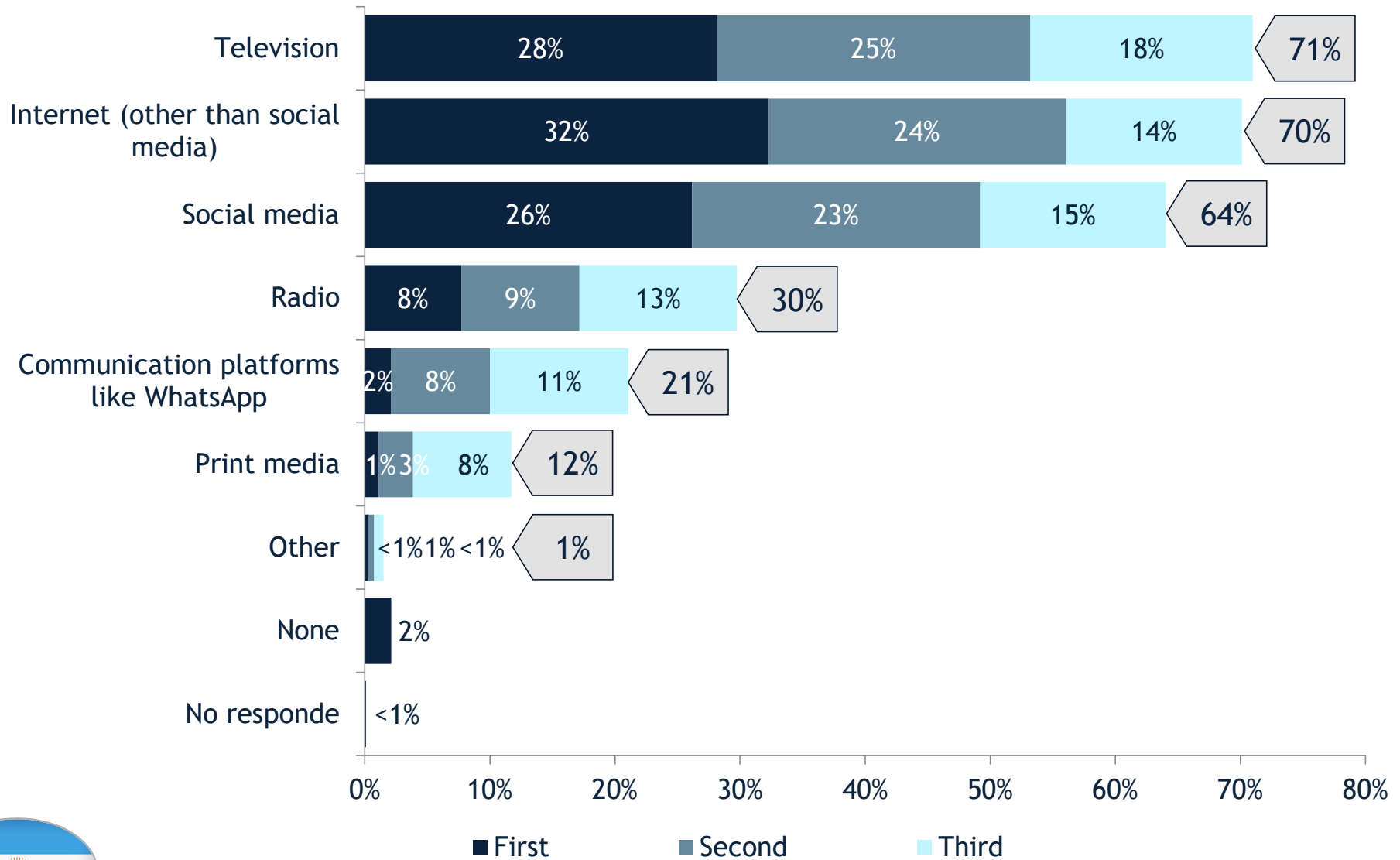
## Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion regarding a COVID-19 vaccine?





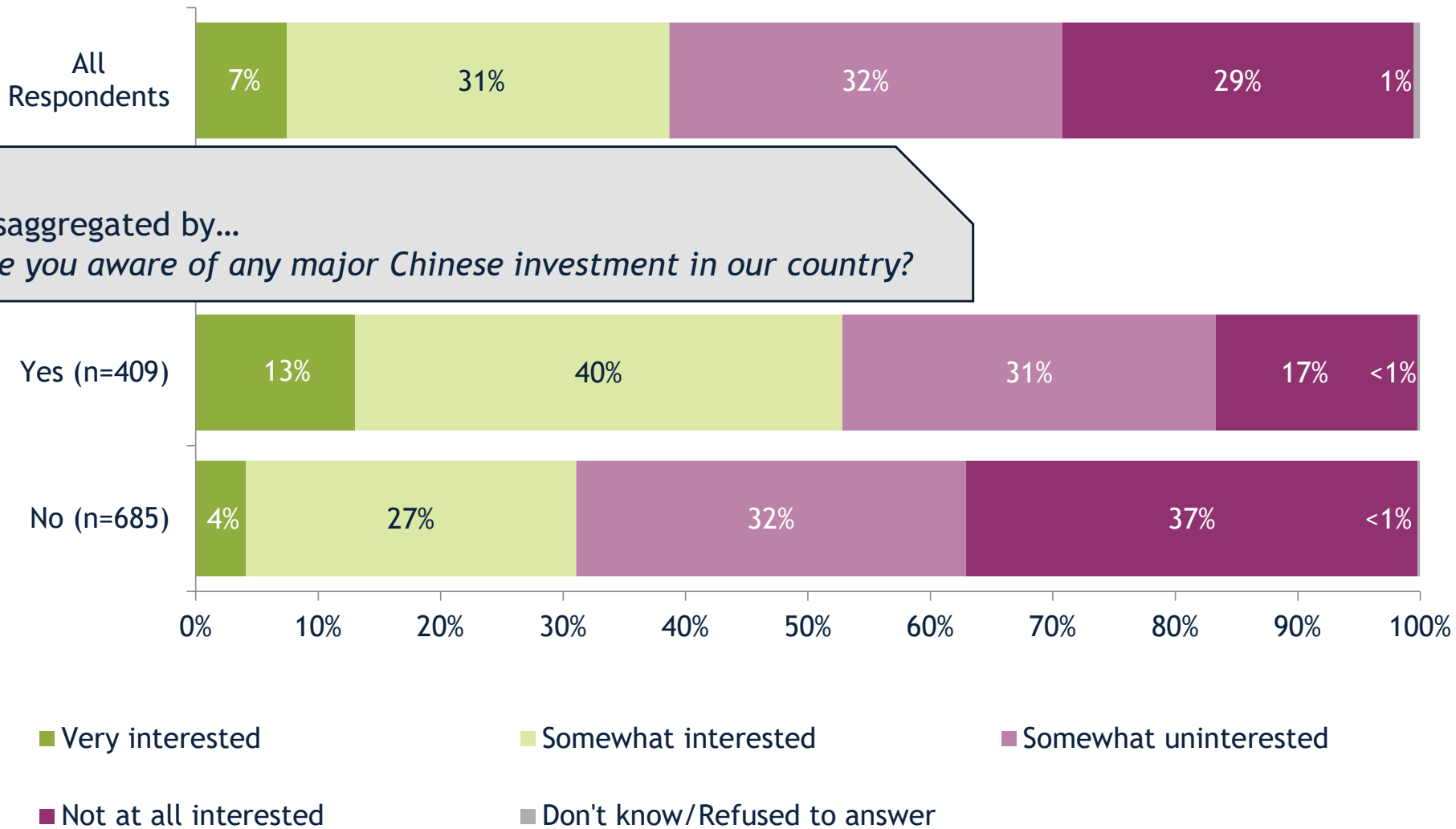
# Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

(Up to three responses permitted)



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# How interested are you in news about China?



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Antonio Garrastazu, 2023-01-26T20:13:56.274

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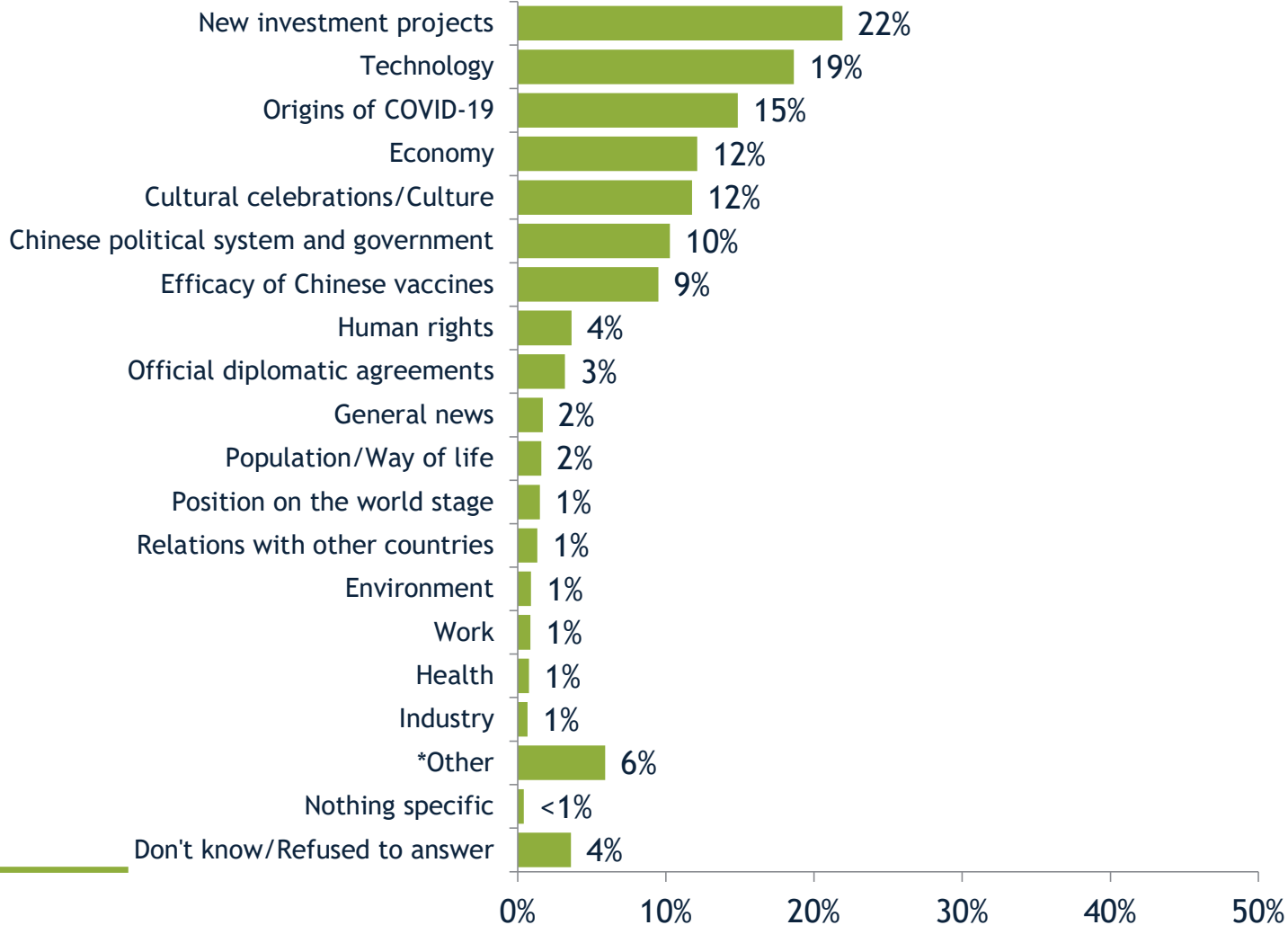
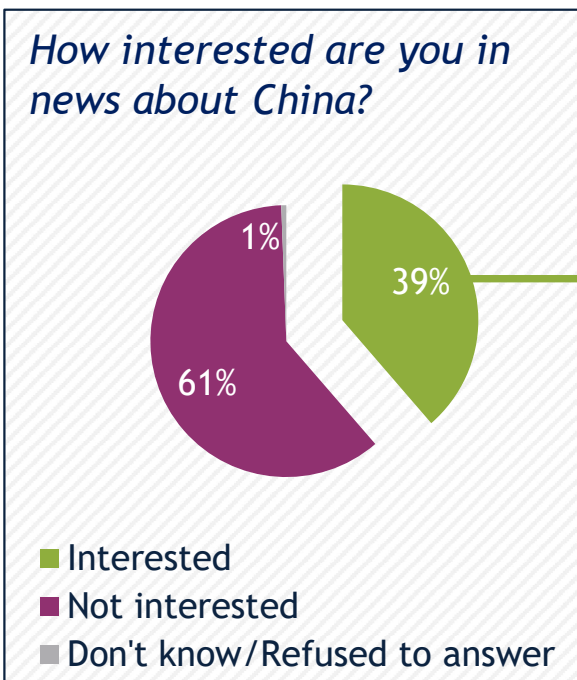
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# Which topics about China are you most interested in?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Among those interested in news about China, n=465)



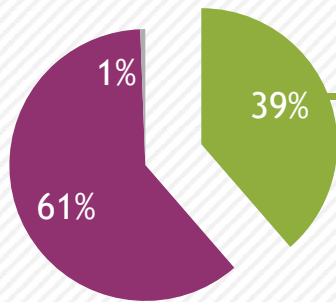
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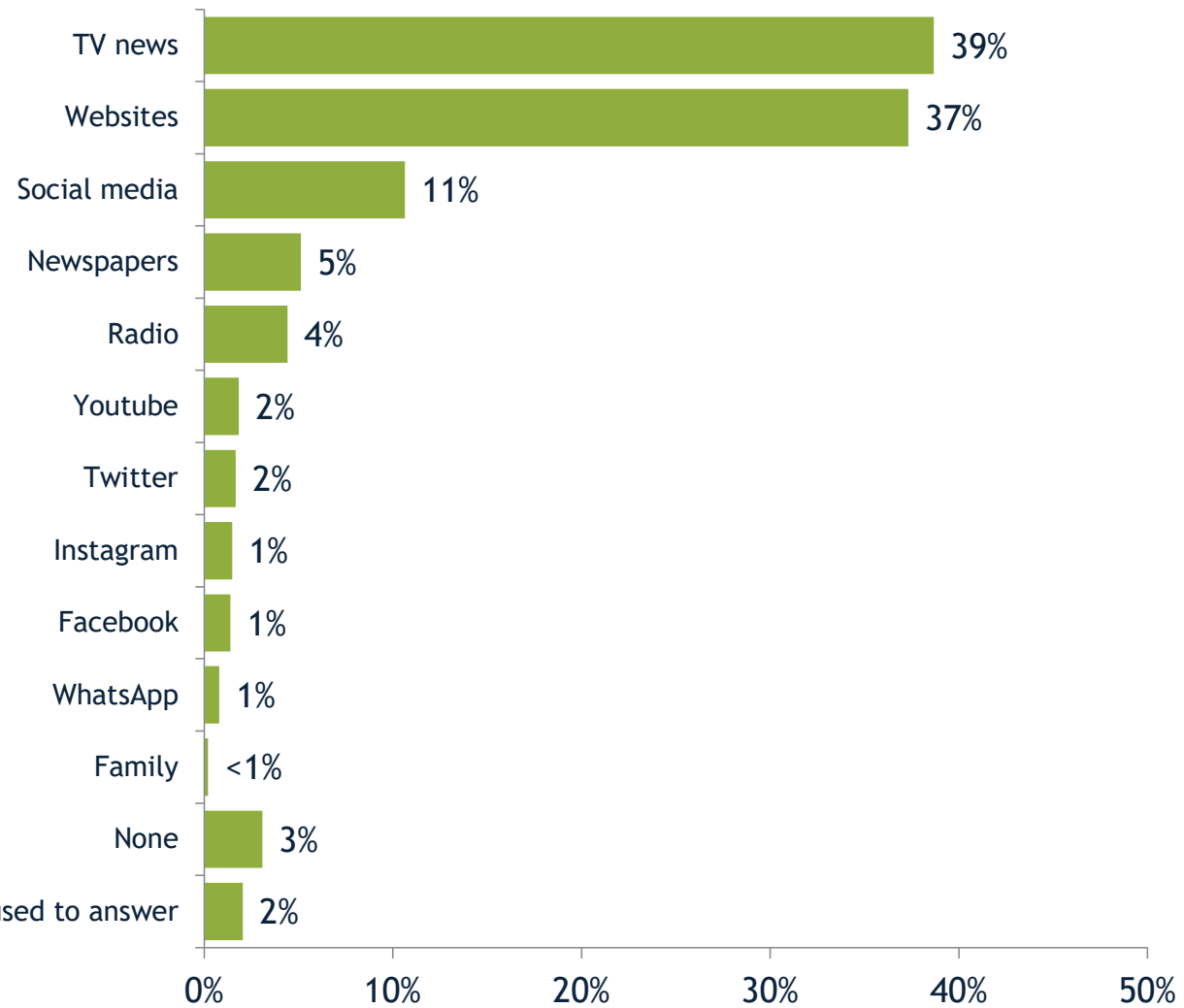
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*How interested are you in news about China?*

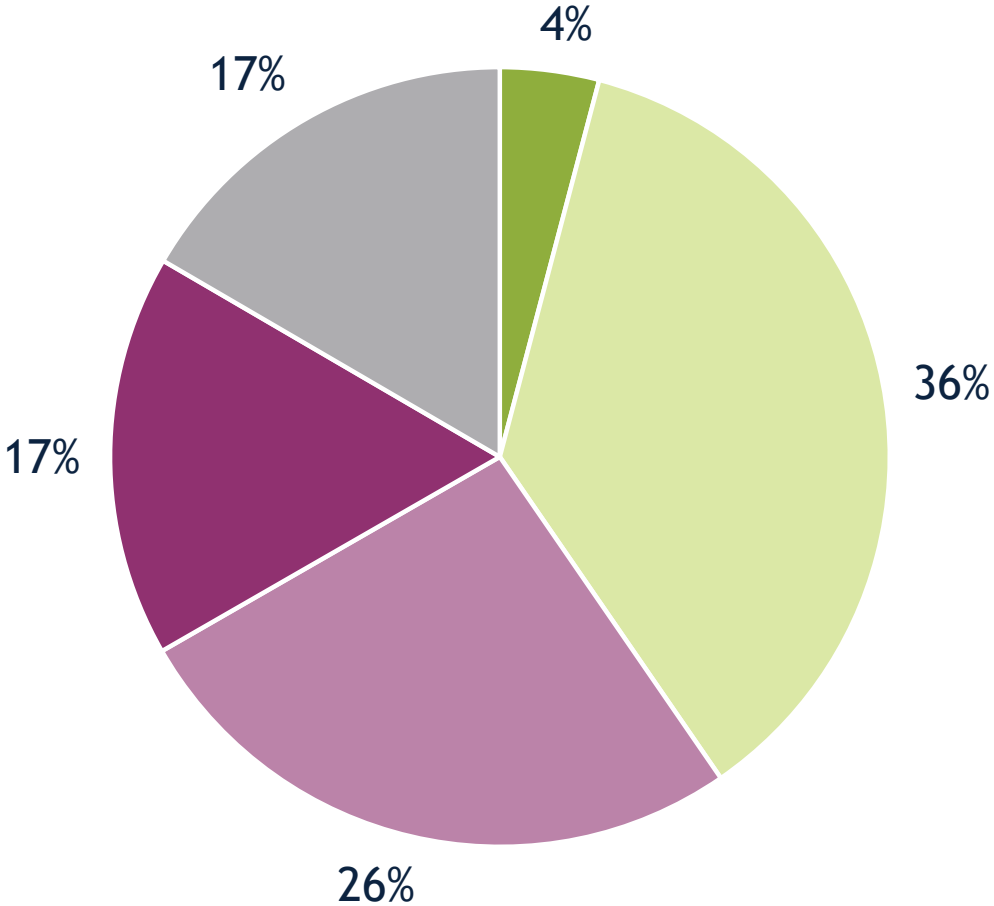


■ Interested  
■ Not interested  
■ Don't know/Refused to answer





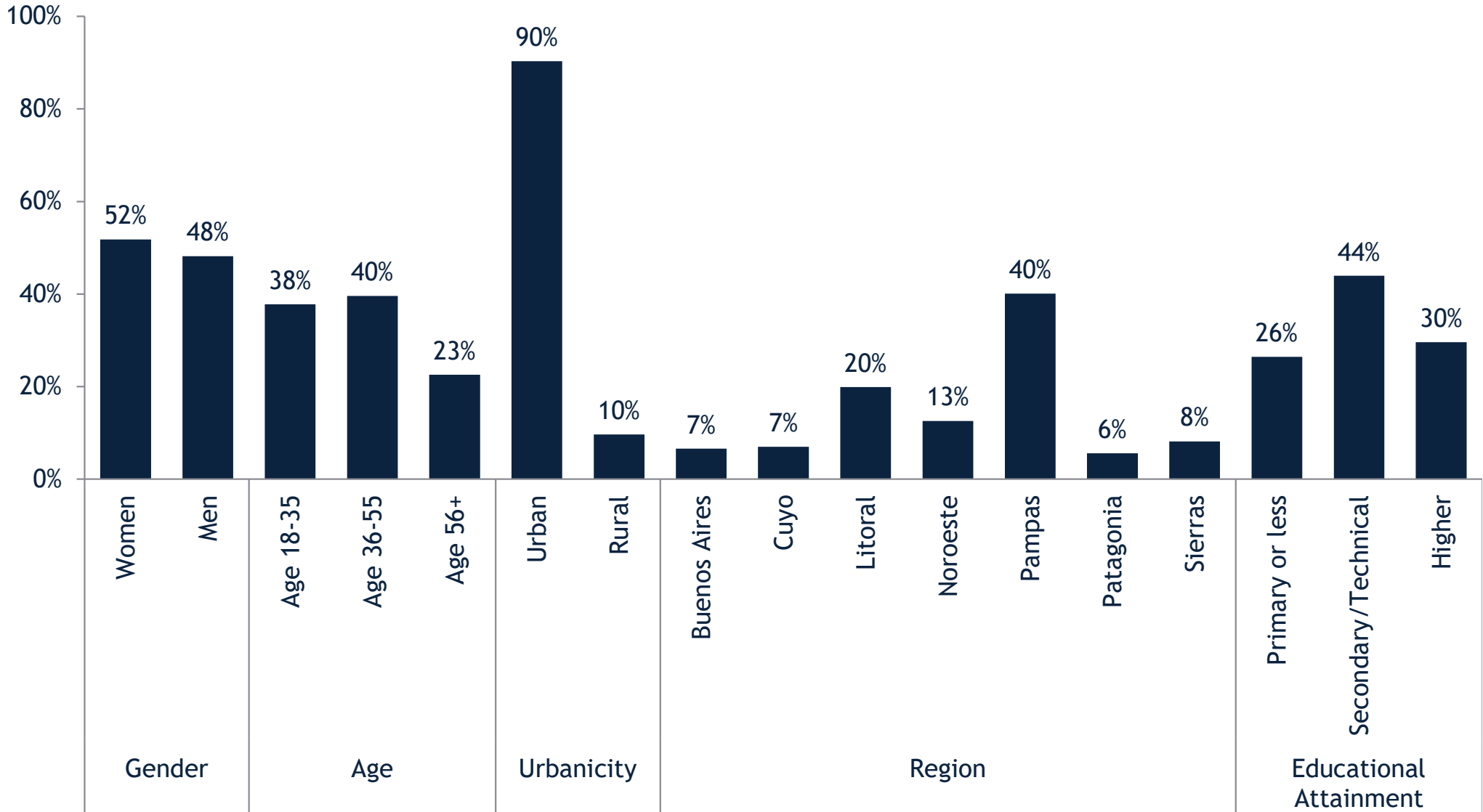
# How objective do media outlets in our country cover China?



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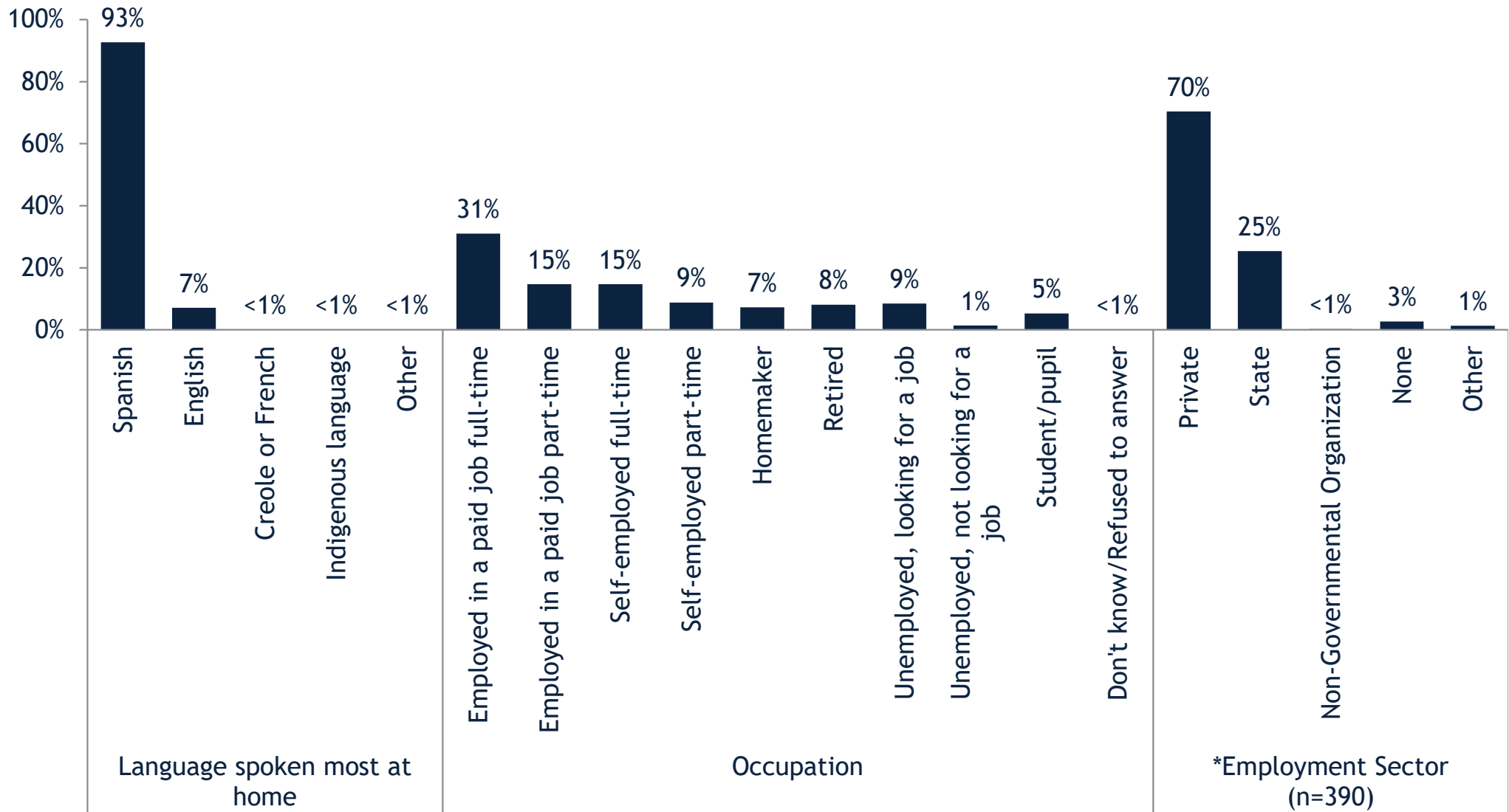


# Demographics





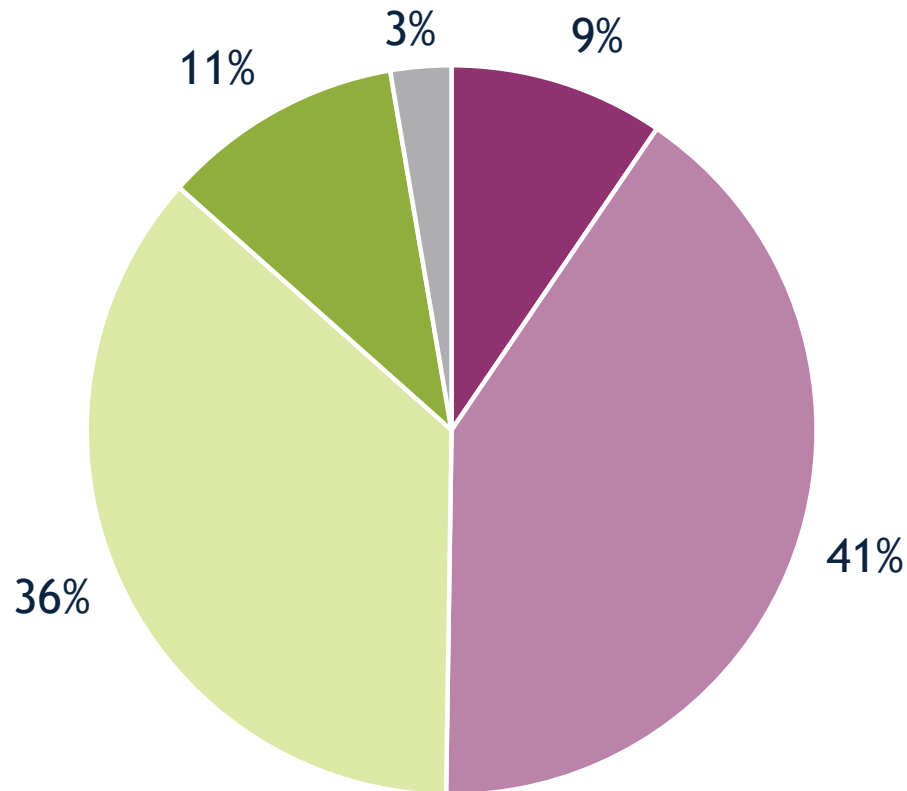
# Demographics



\*Among those employed in a paid job full or part-time.

## Demographics

Please, keep in mind that you are free to answer or not any questions. Considering this, could you tell us which answer best describes your current economic situation?



- I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival
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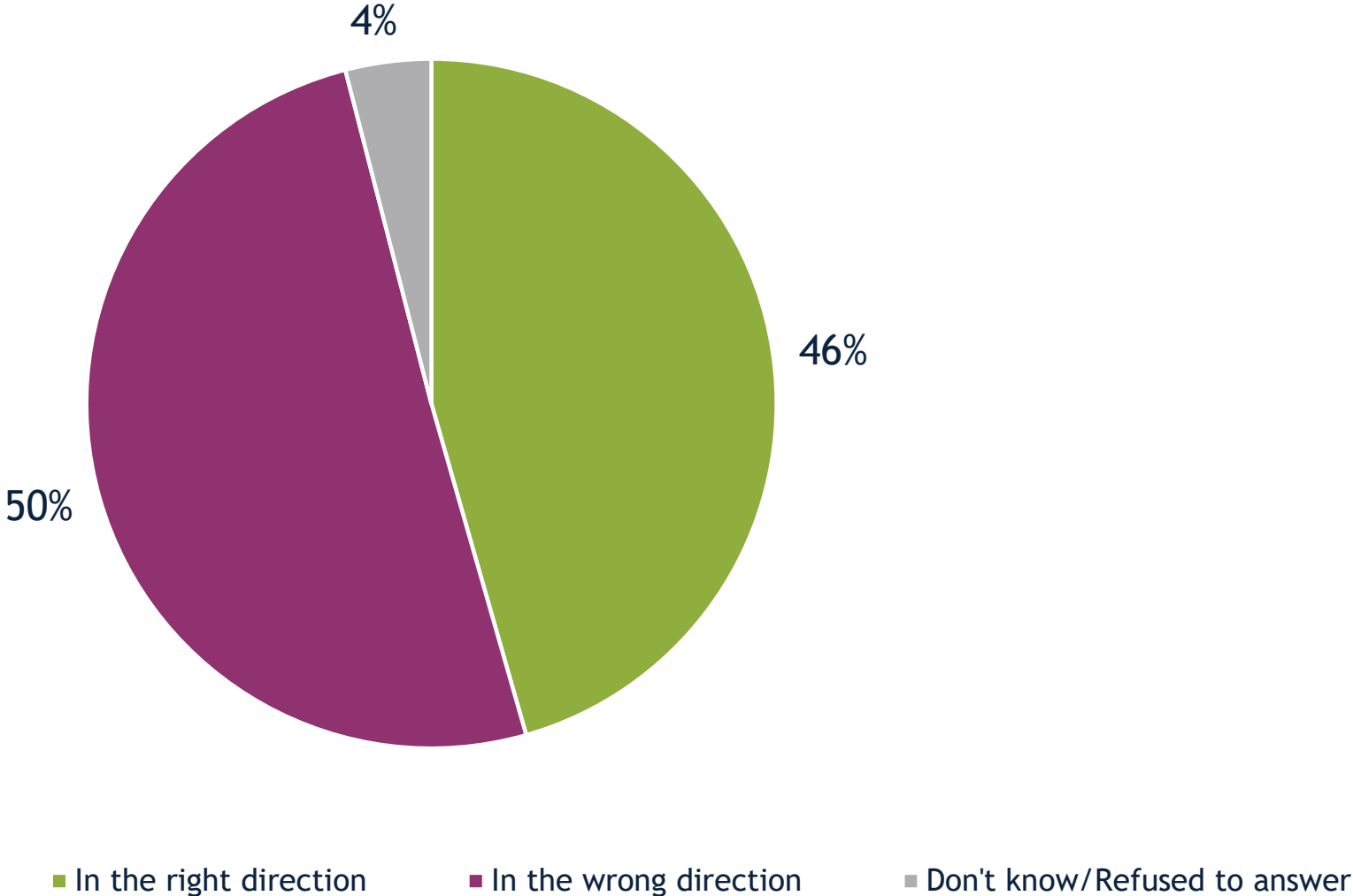


# National Survey of the Dominican Republic





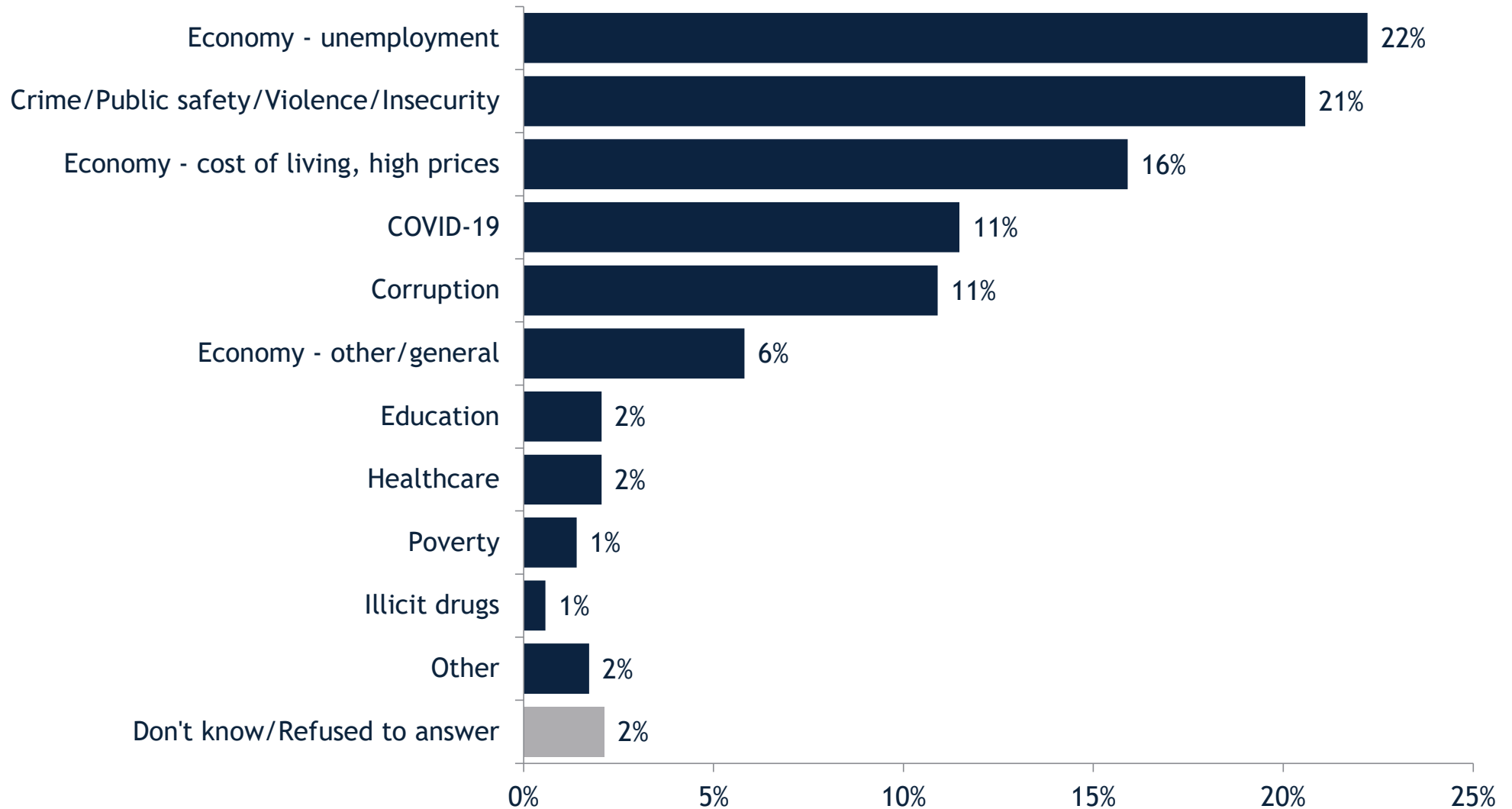
In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?





# What is the most important problem facing the country today?

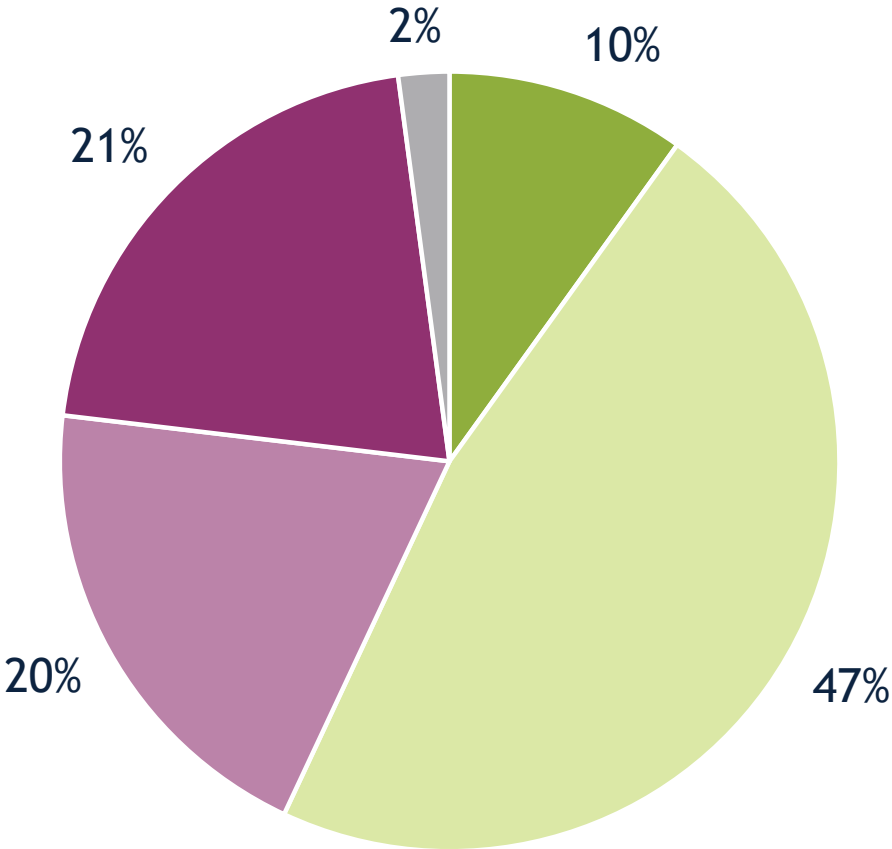
(Spontaneous response)



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# How would you describe the economic situation of your household?

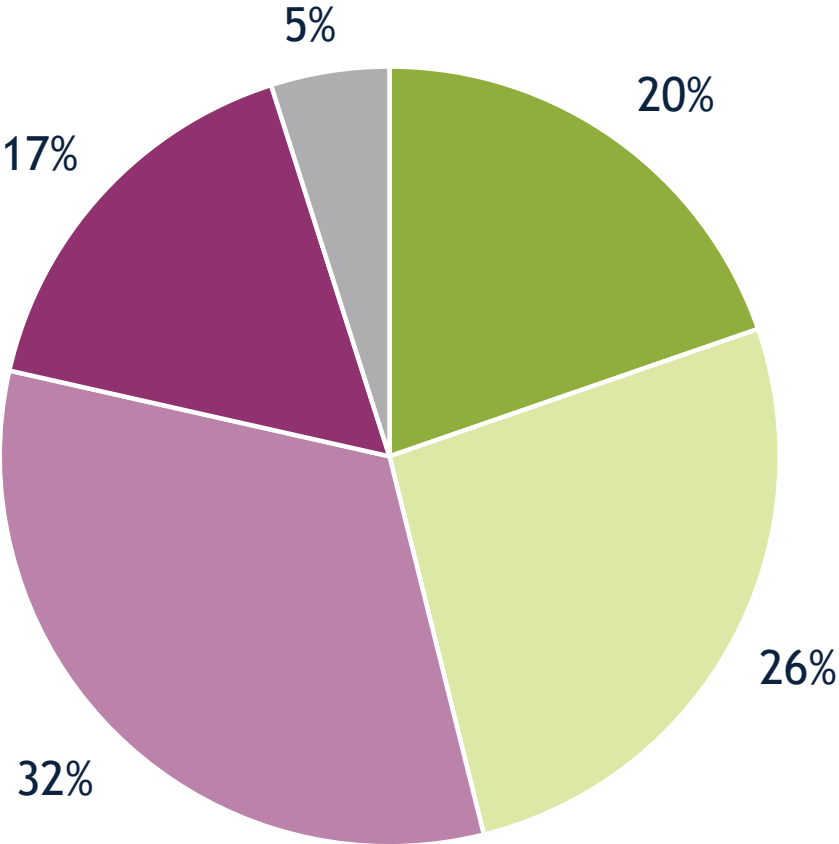


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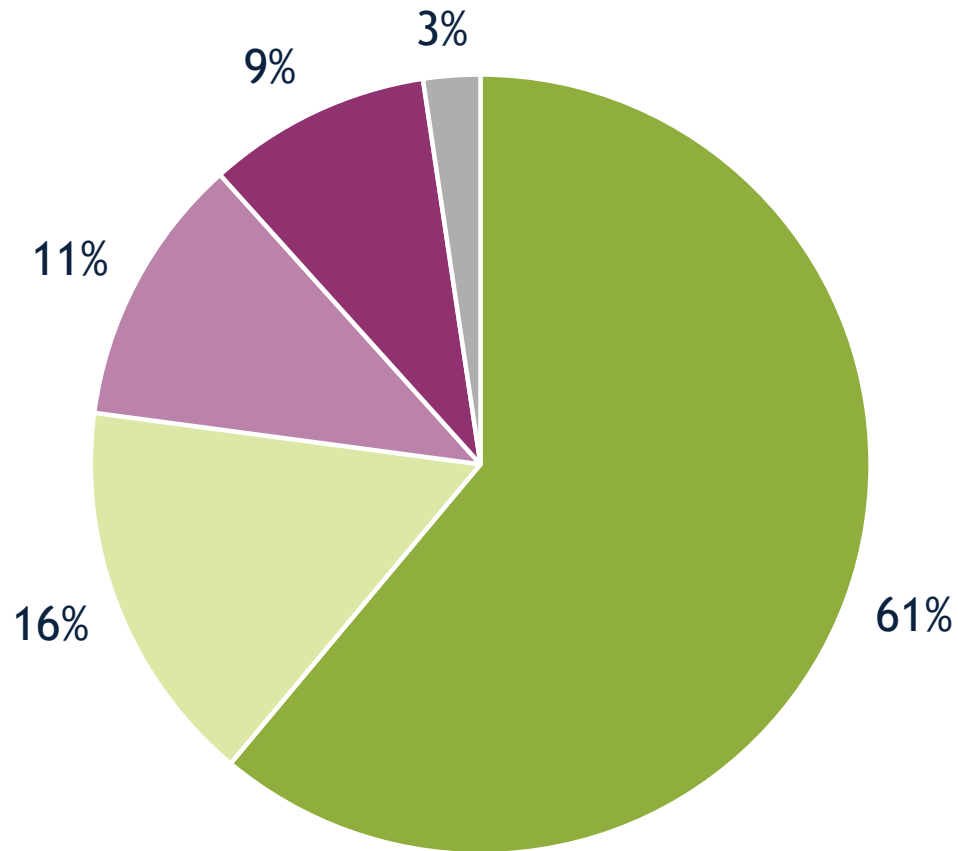
# How likely are ordinary people to influence decisions made in our country?



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How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities are included in the political decision making?



■ Very important  
■ Very unimportant

■ Somewhat important  
■ Don't know/Refused to answer

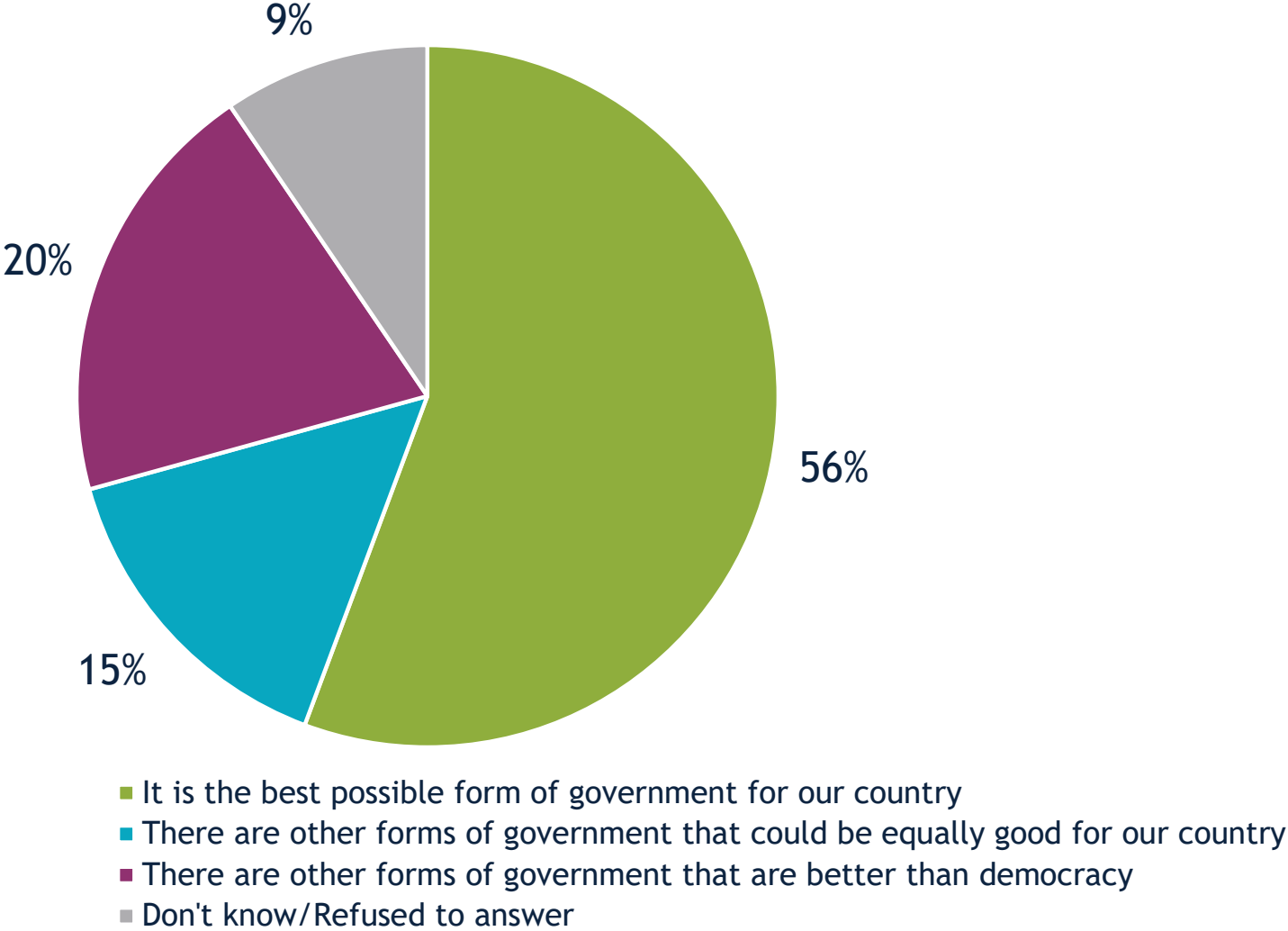
■ Somewhat unimportant





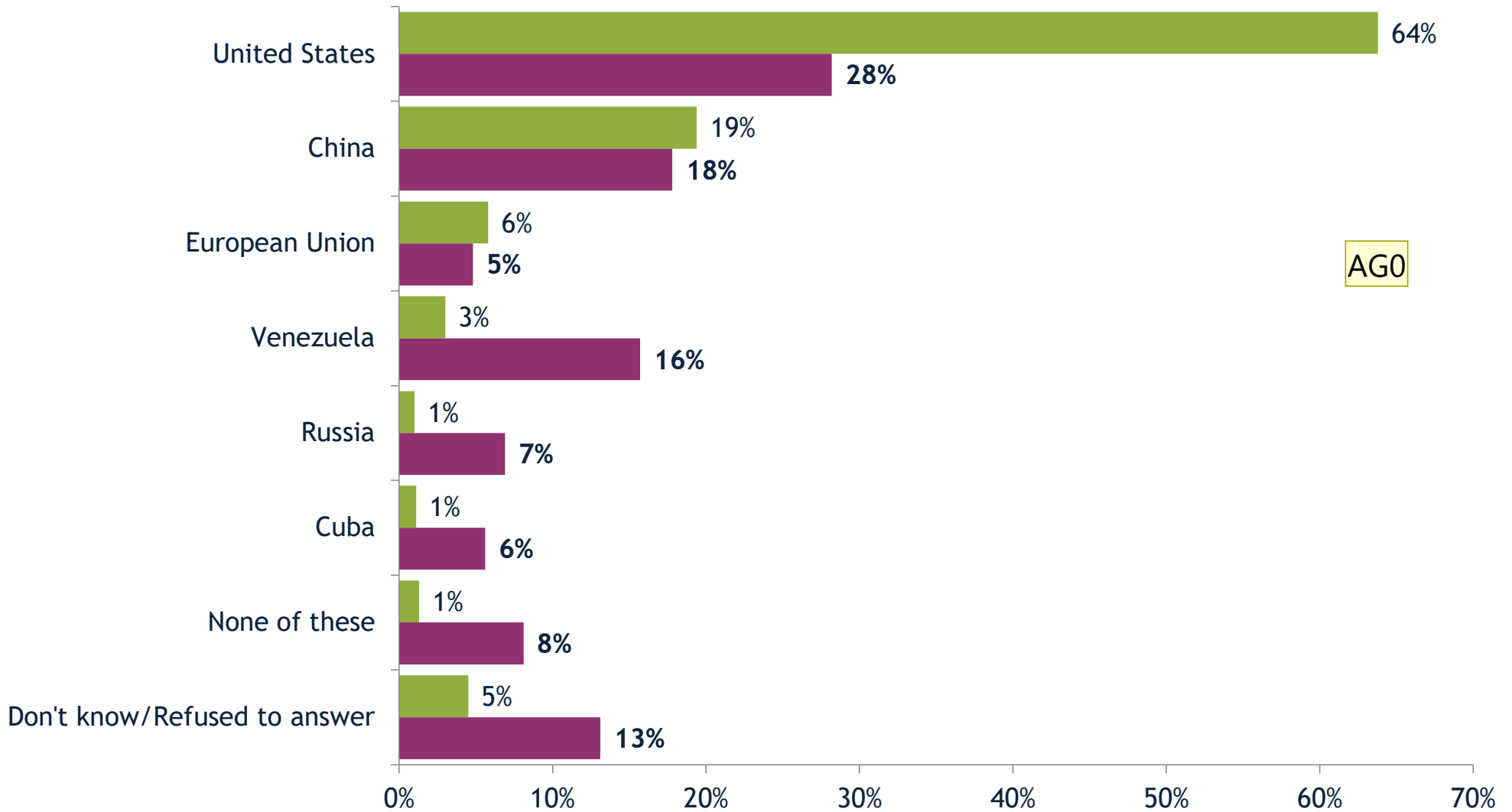


# Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for the Dominican Republic or not?



Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner for the Dominican Republic?

Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic threat for the Dominican Republic?



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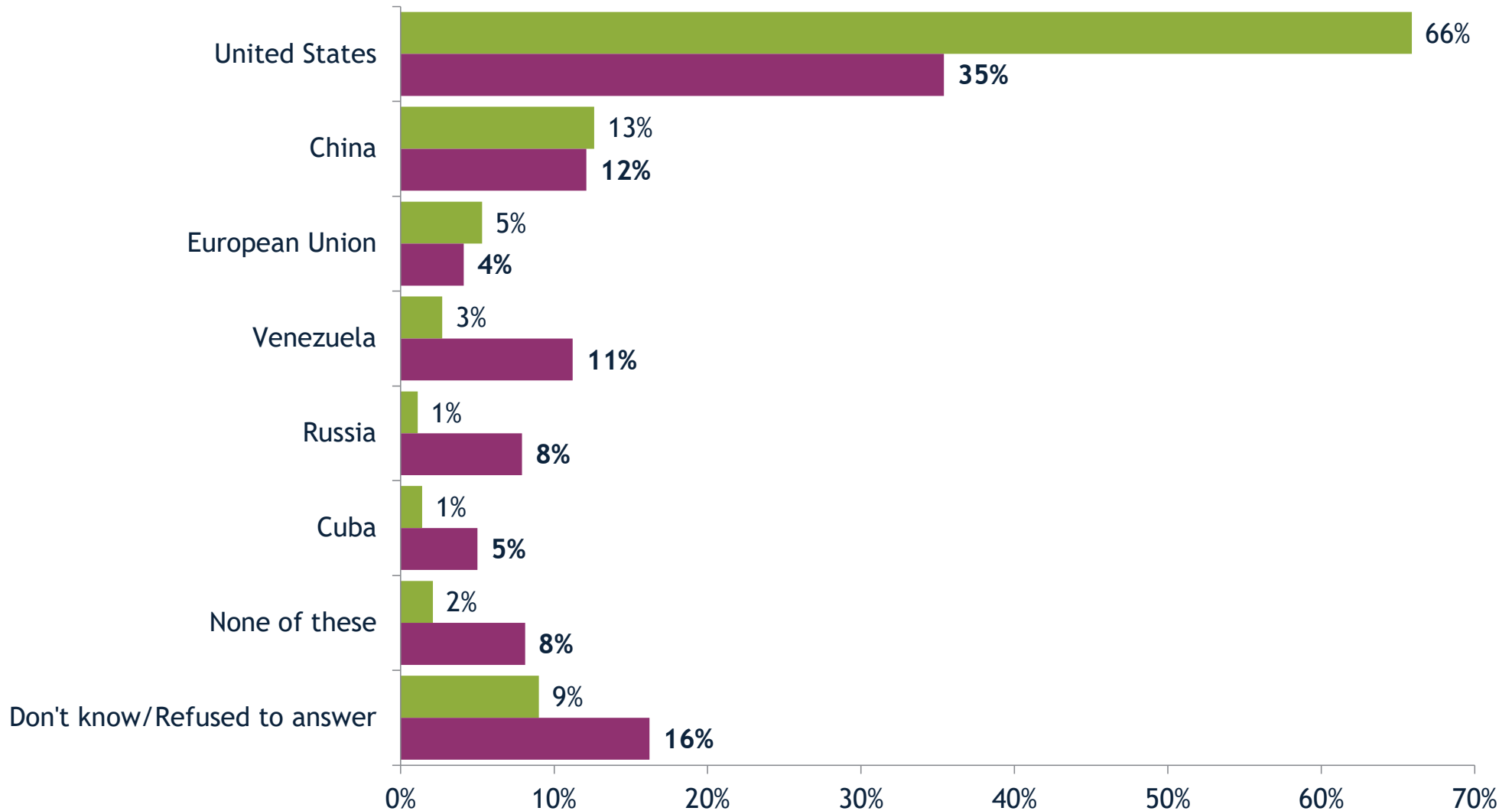
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Antonio Garrastazu, 2023-01-26T20:03:31.477

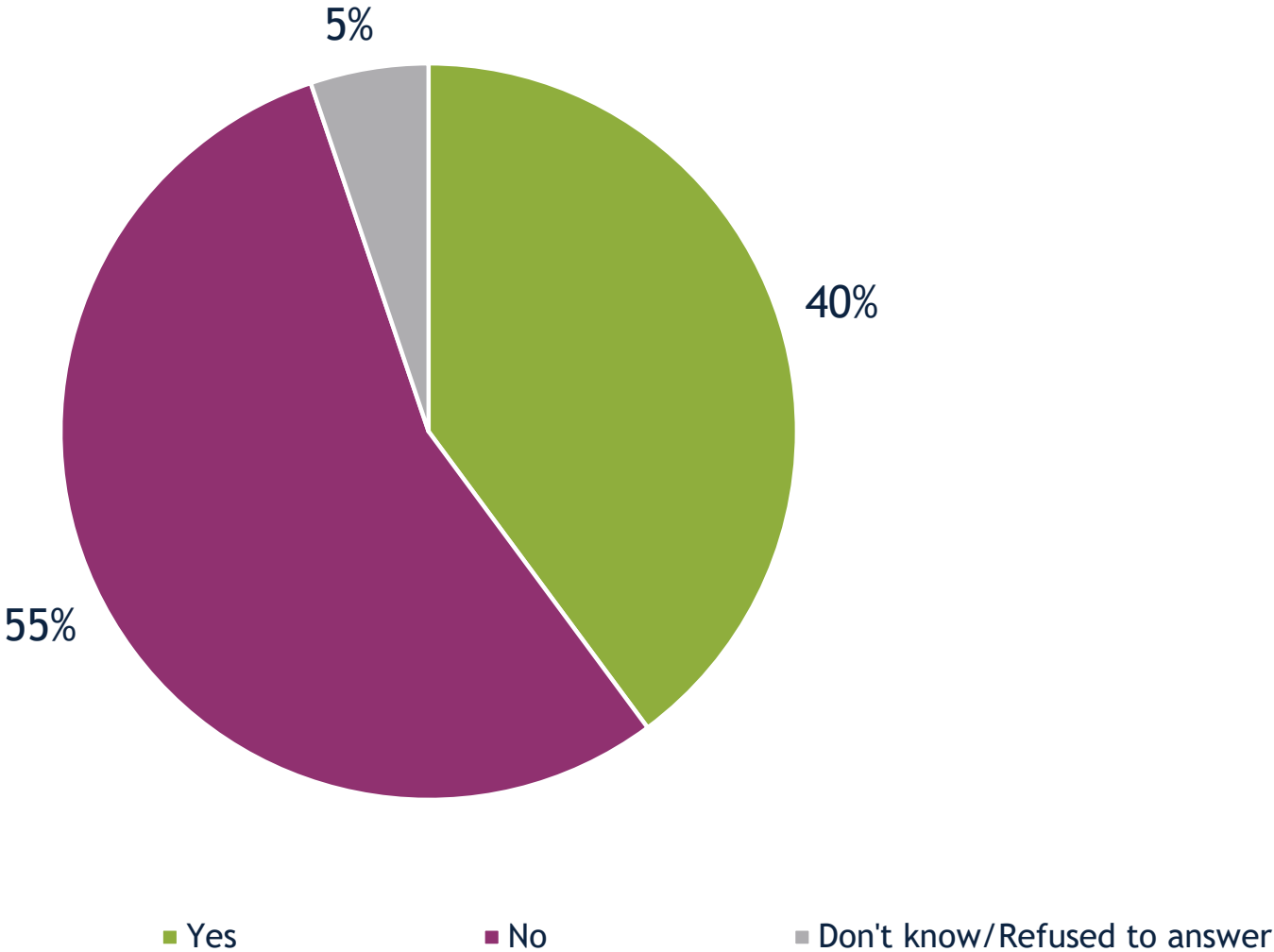
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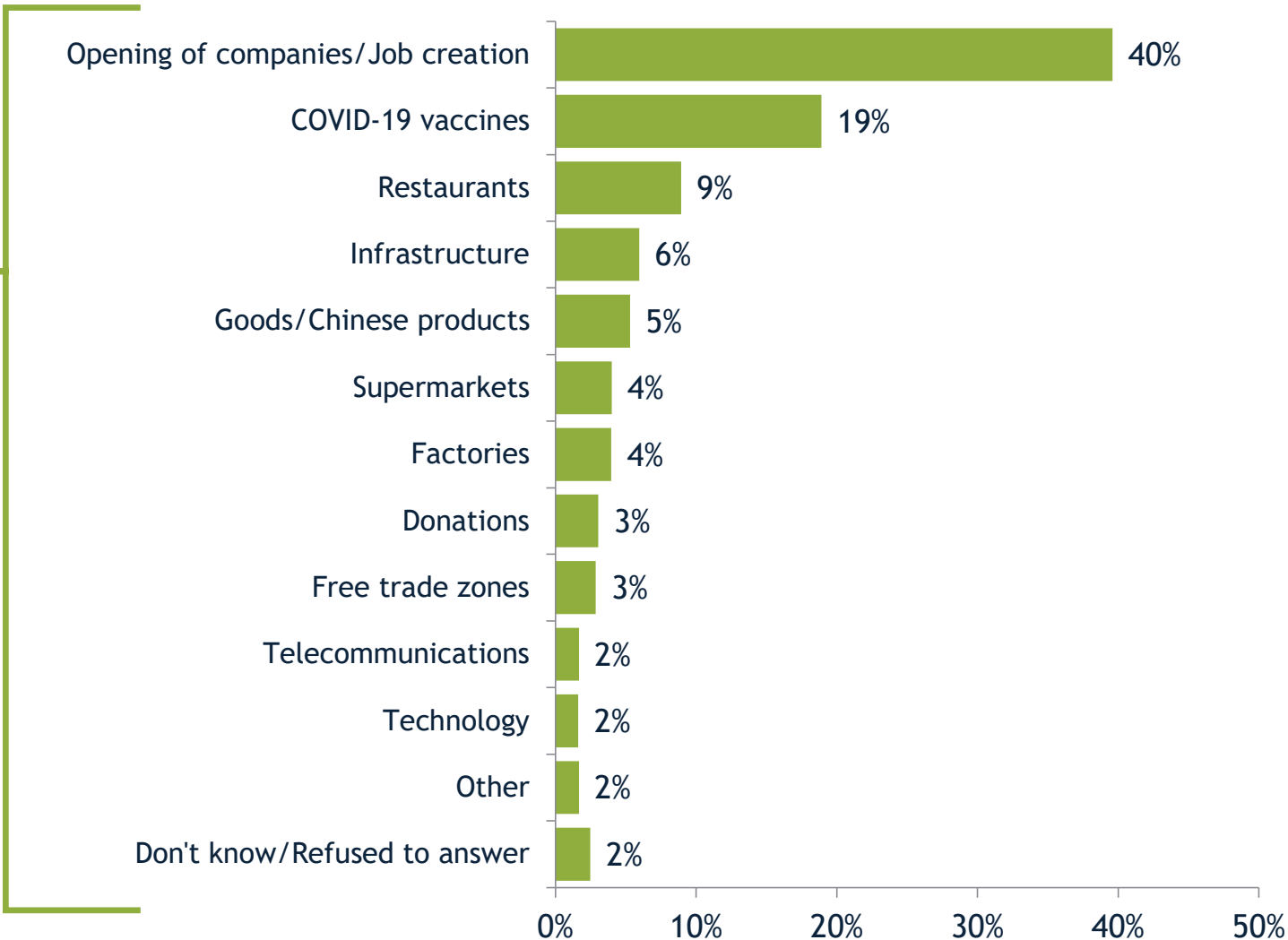
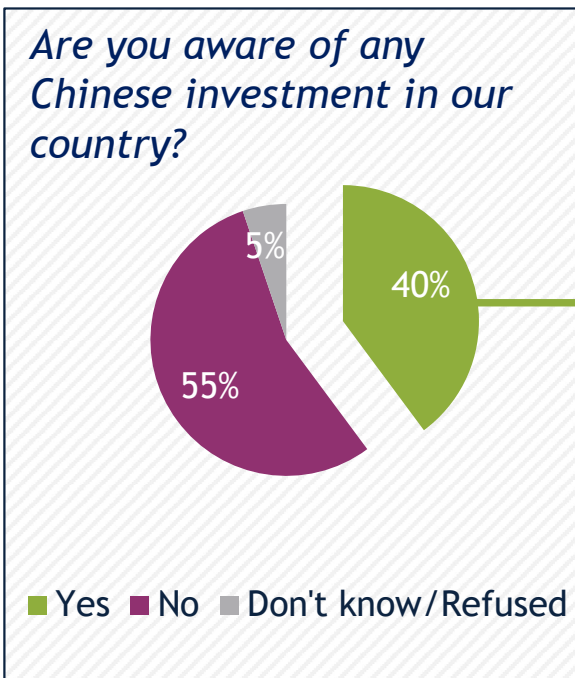
# Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?





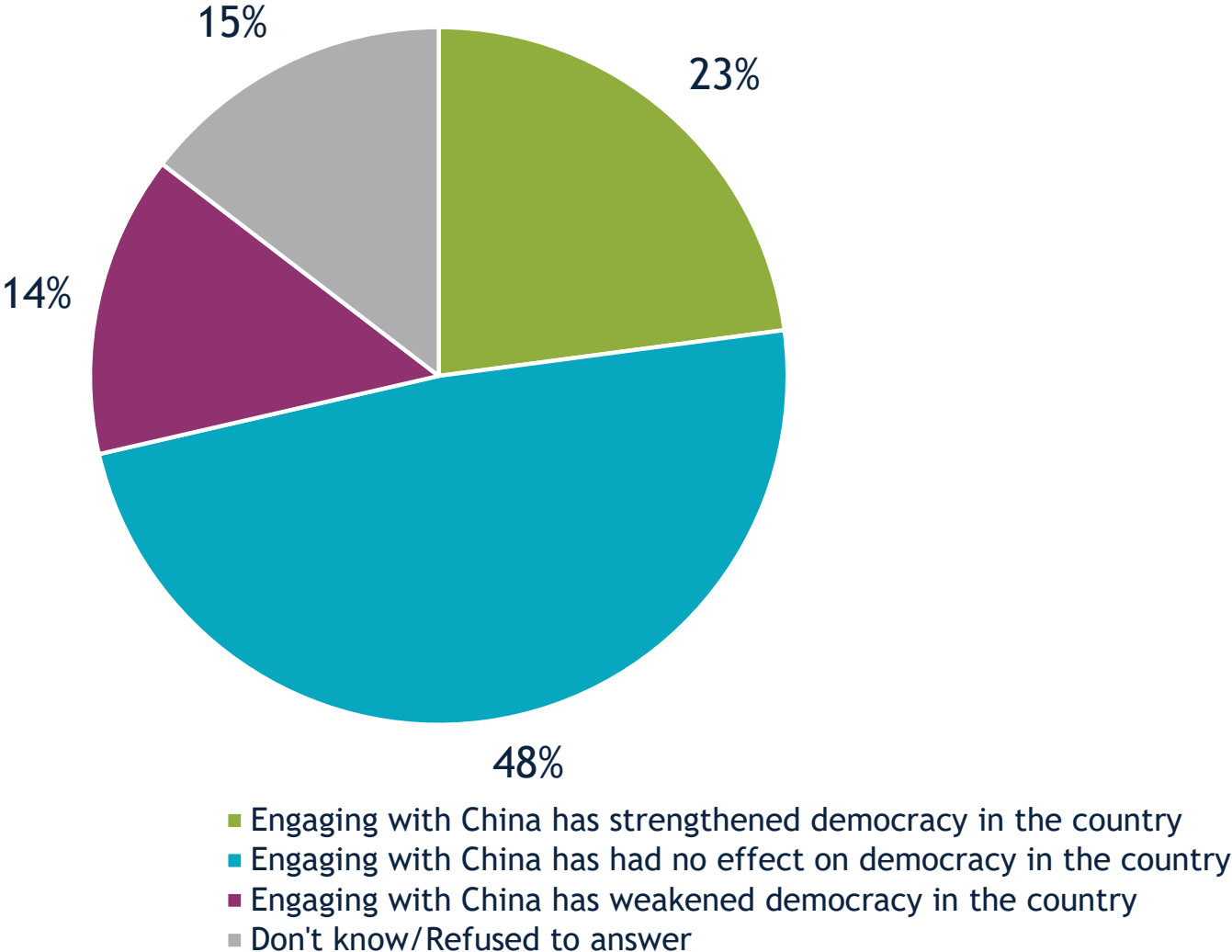
# Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who are aware of Chinese investments, n=486)





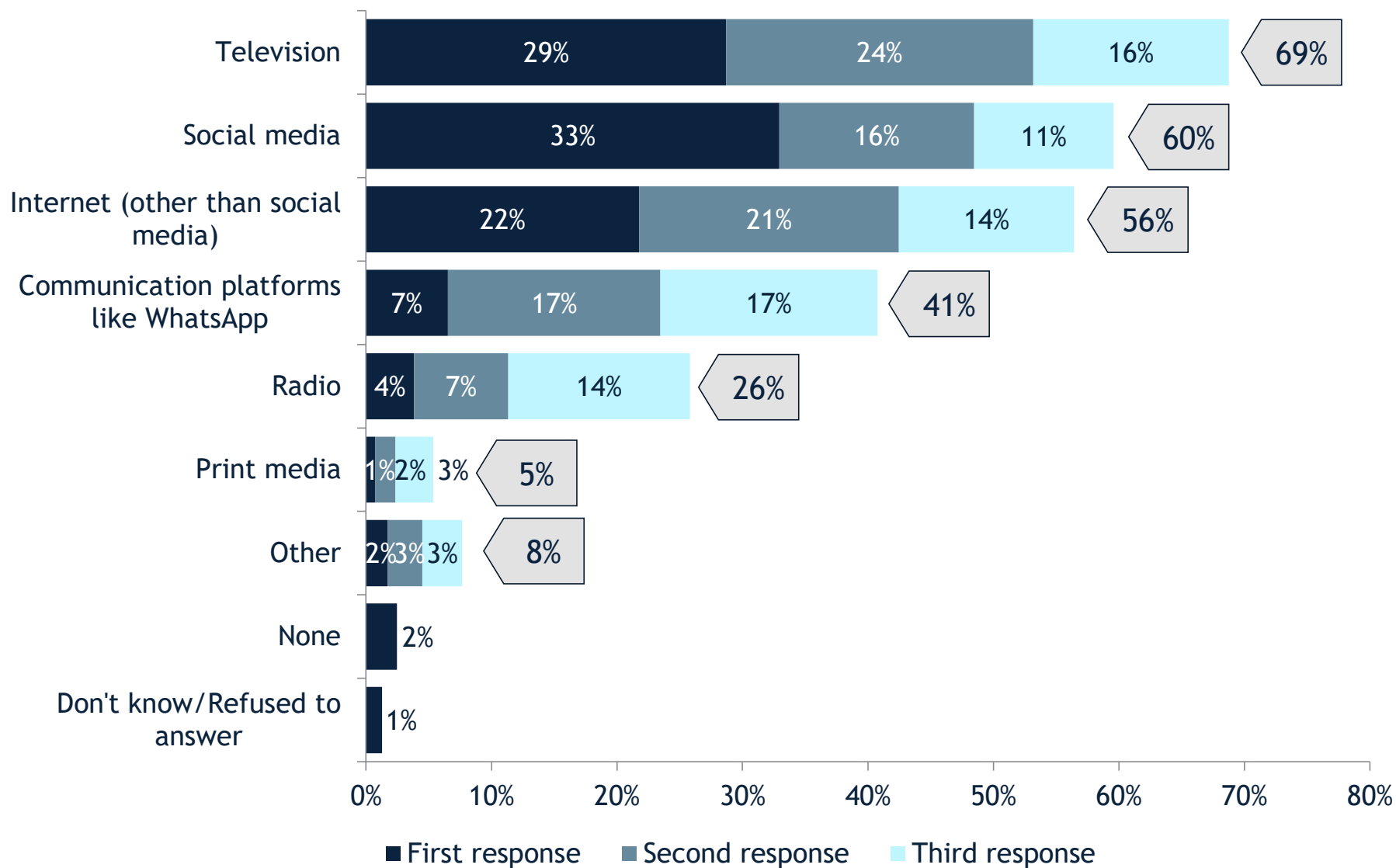
To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country's engagement with China?





# Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

(Up to three responses permitted)

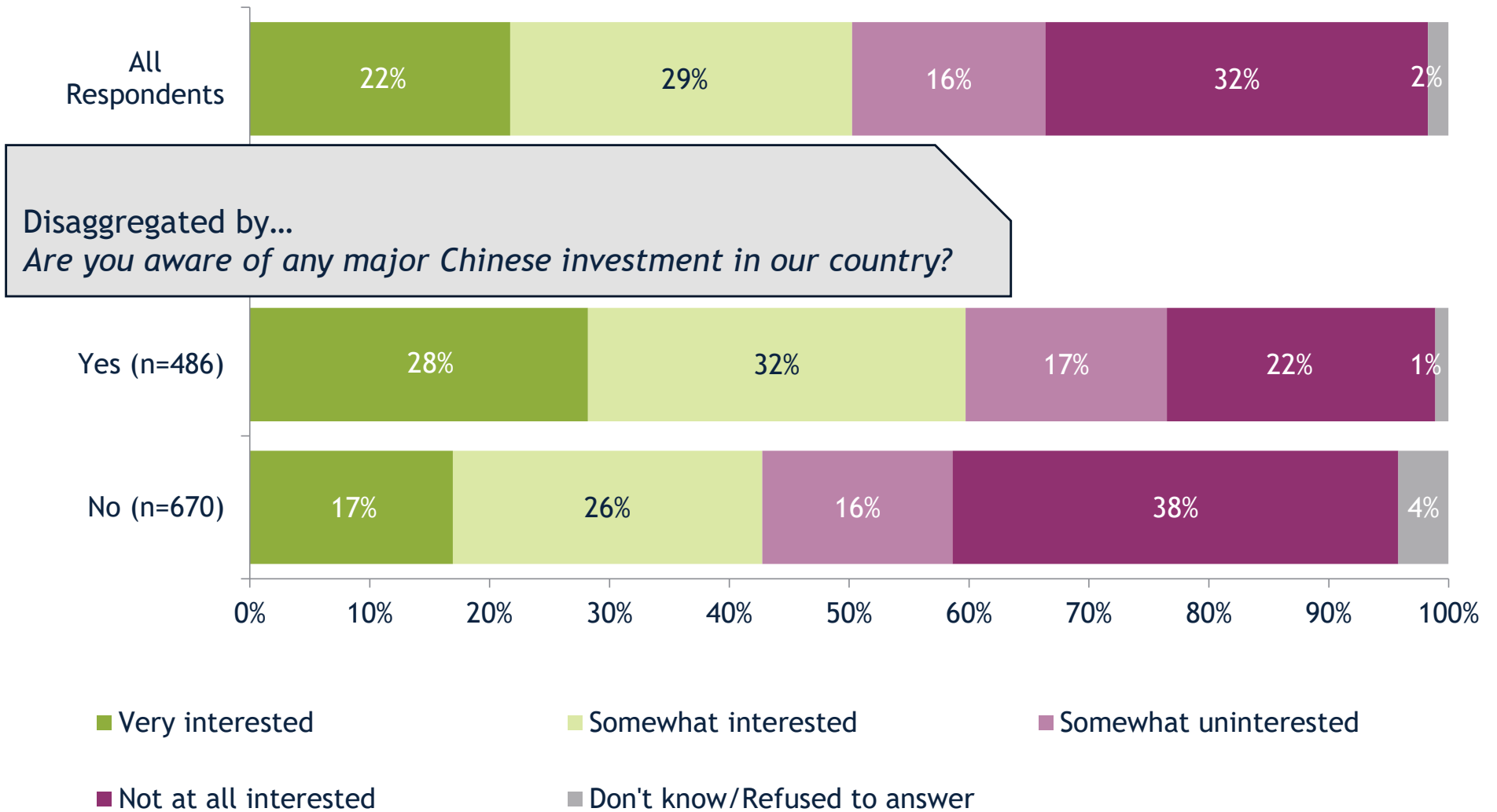


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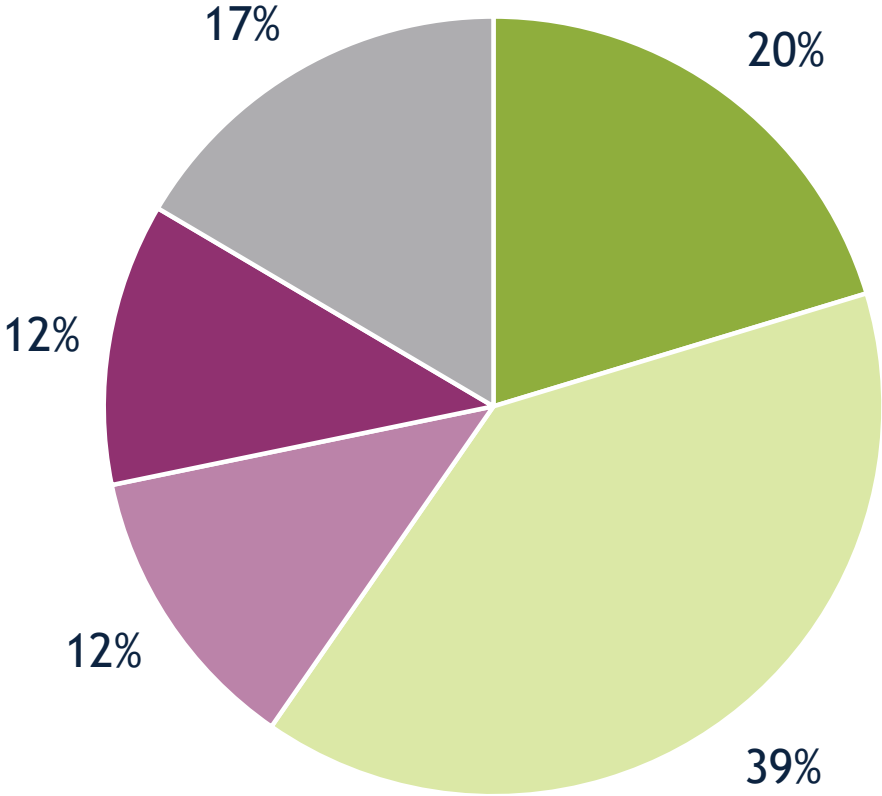


# How interested are you in news about China?





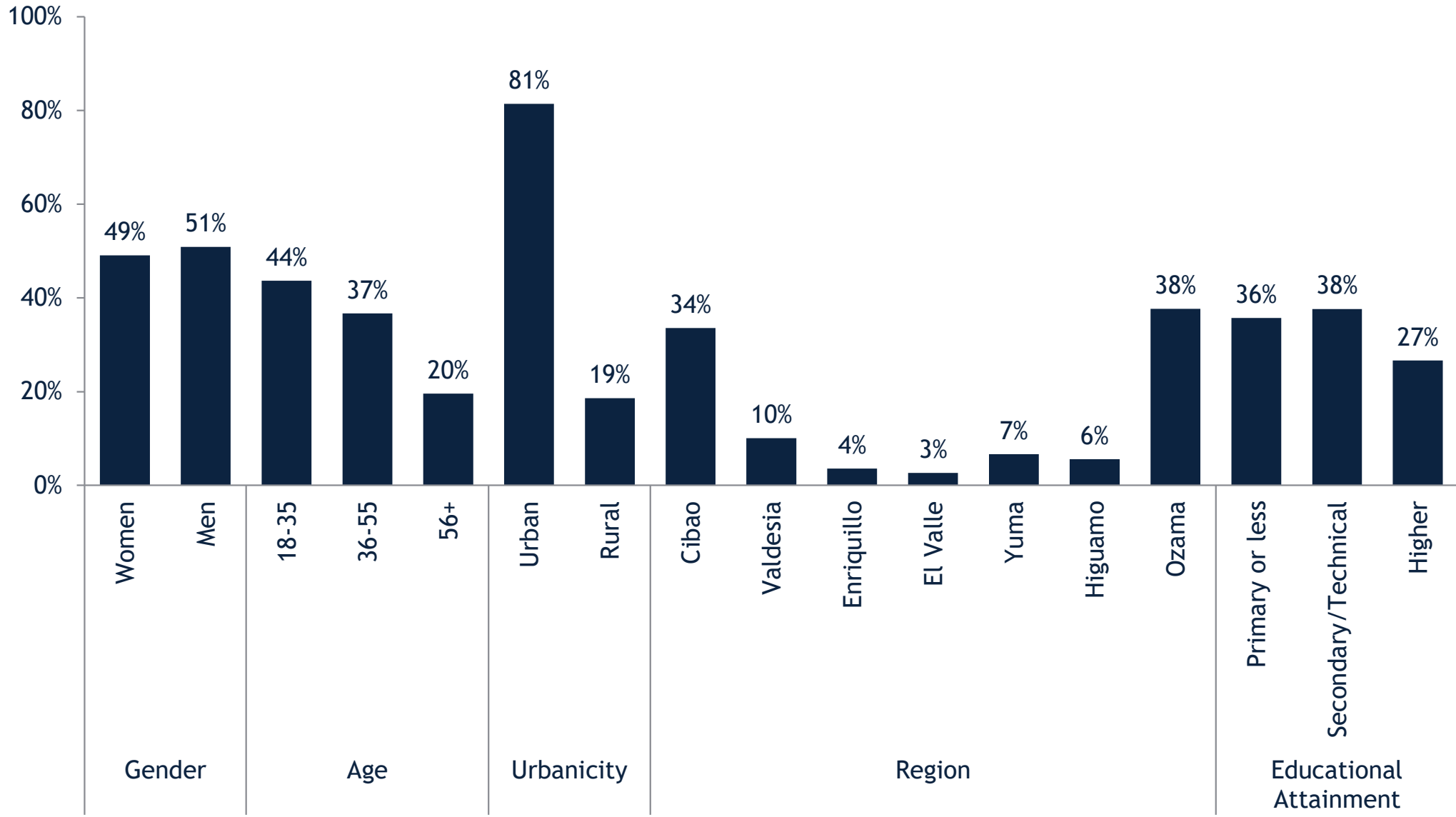
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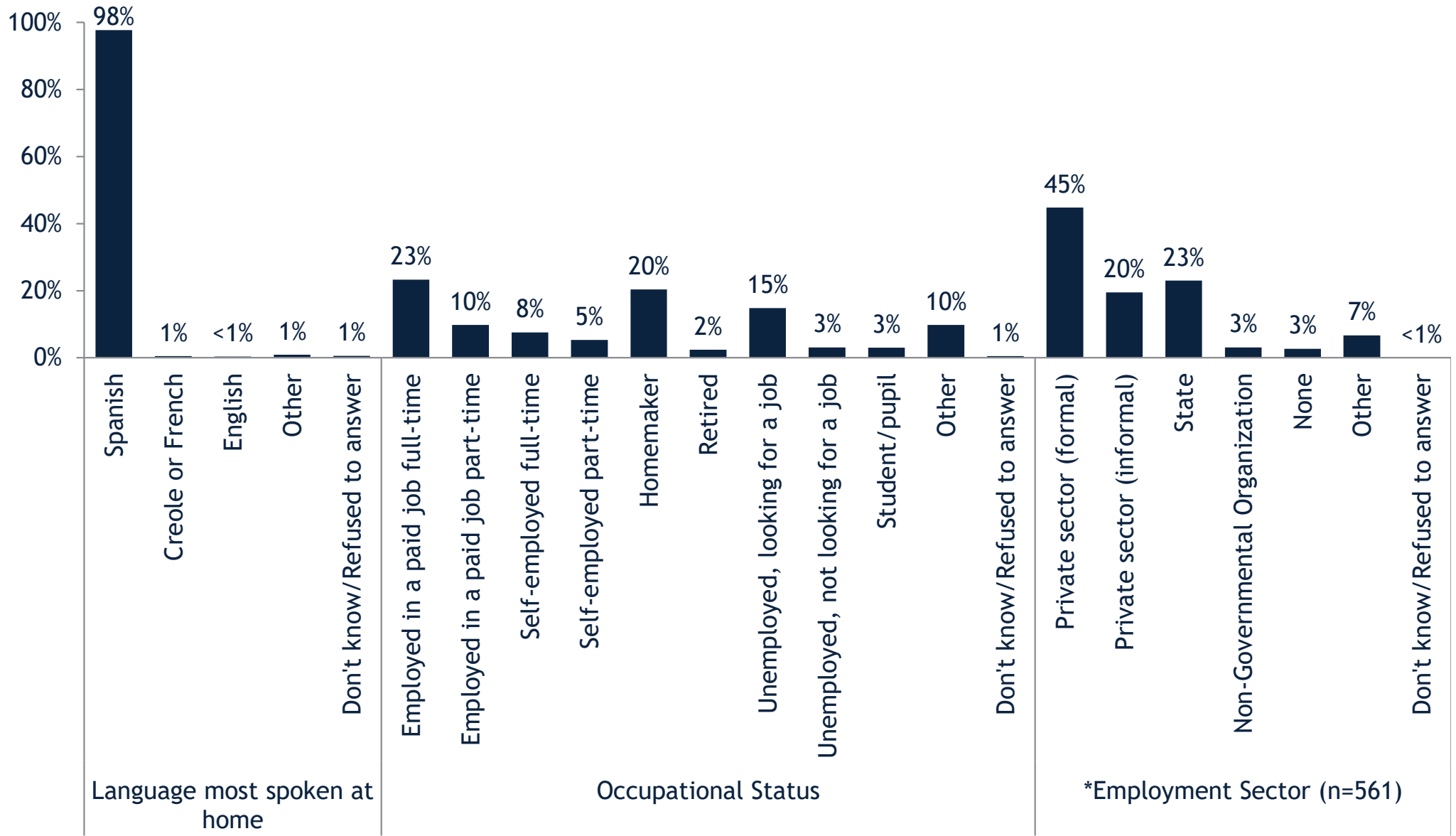
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# Demographics



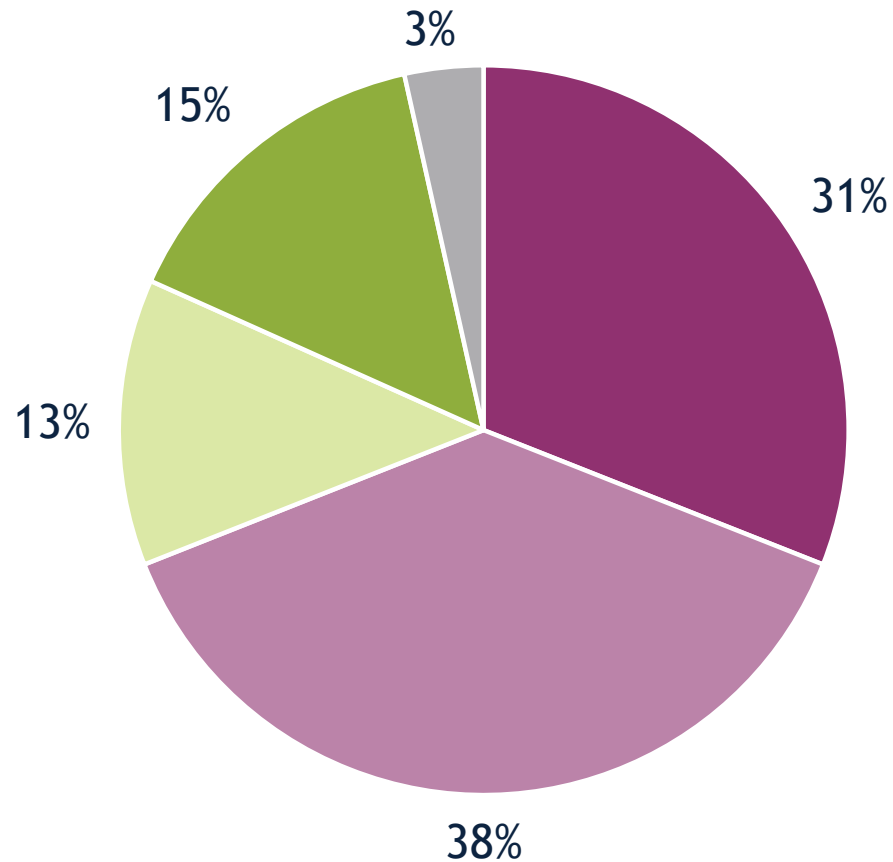
# Demographics



\*Employment Sector refers to those who are employed or self-employed.

## Demographics

Please, keep in mind that you are free to answer or not any questions. Considering this, could you tell us which answer best describes your current economic situation?



- I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival
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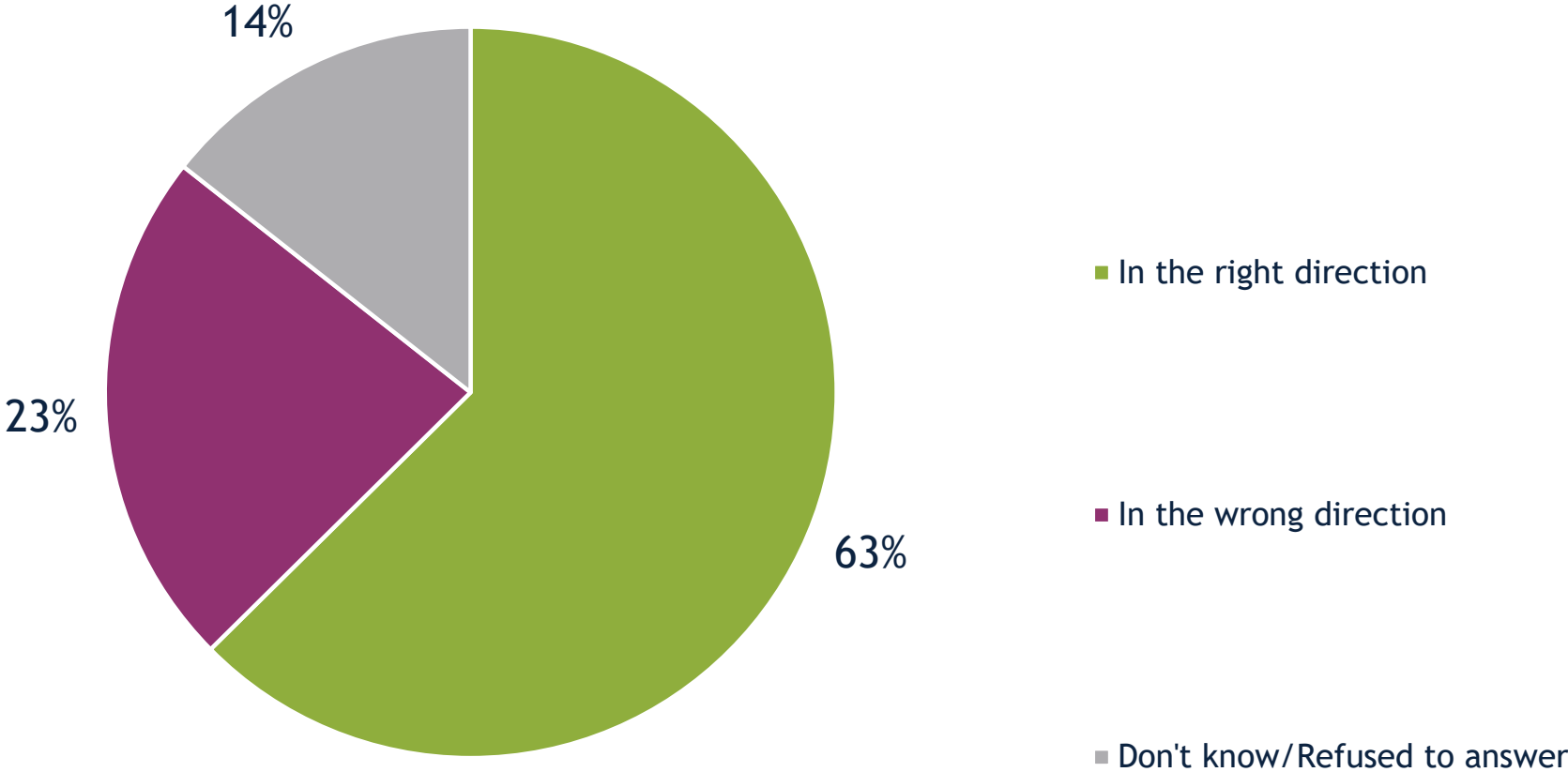


# National Survey of El Salvador





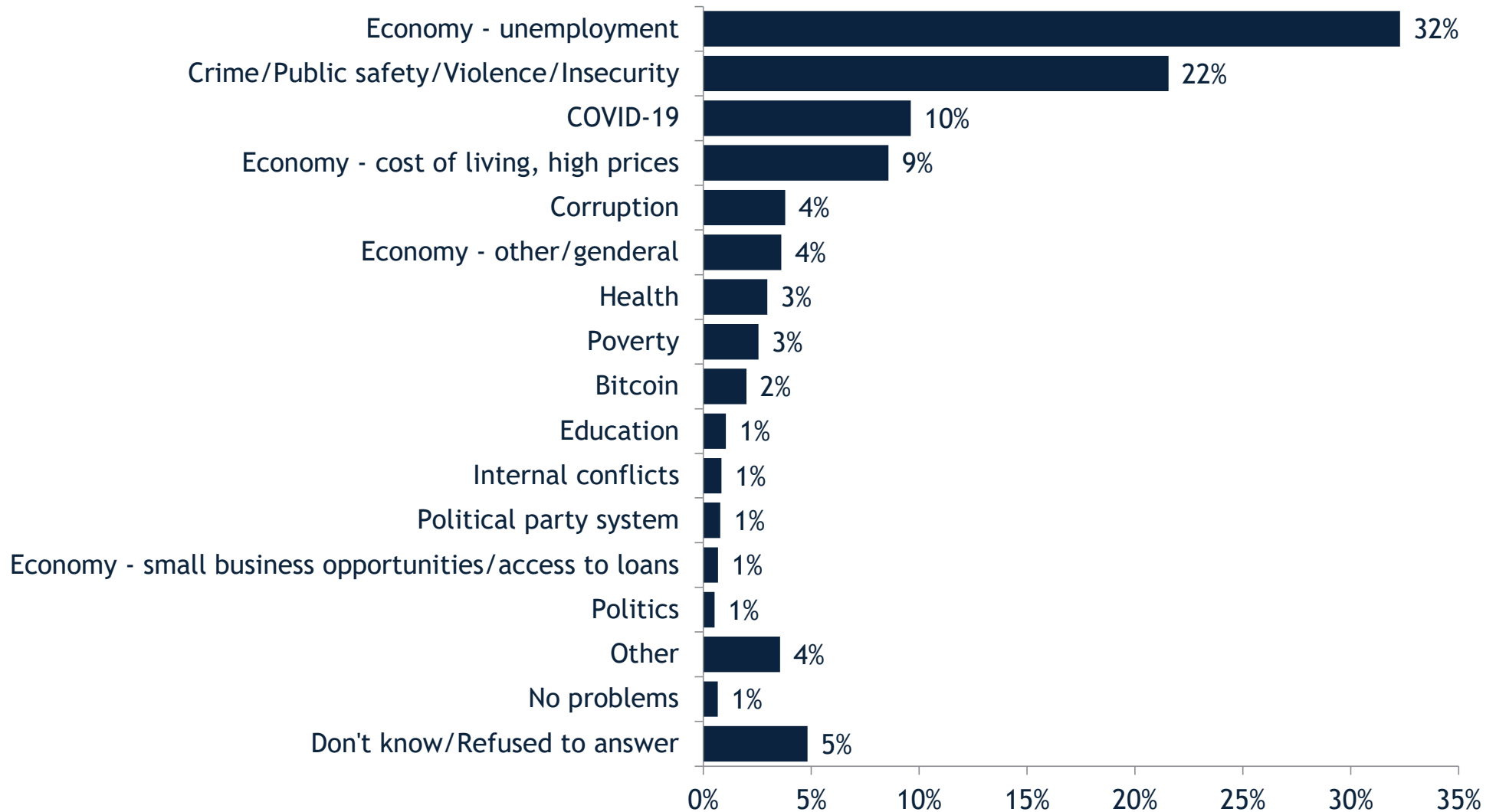
# In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?





# What is the most important problem facing the country today?

(Spontaneous response)

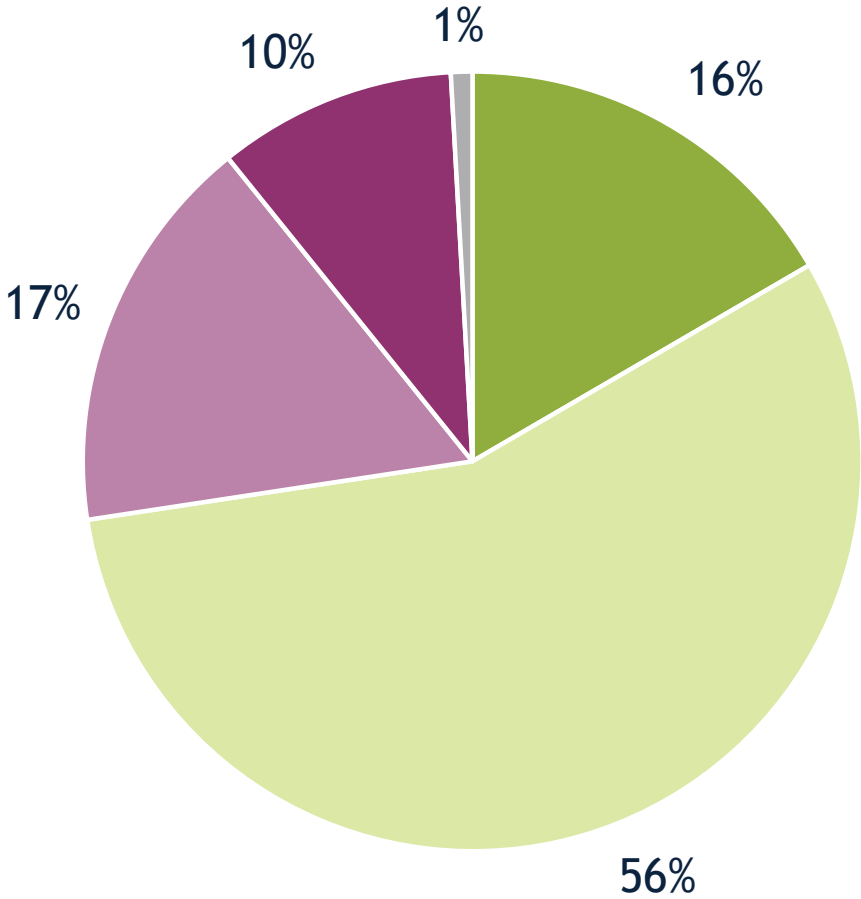


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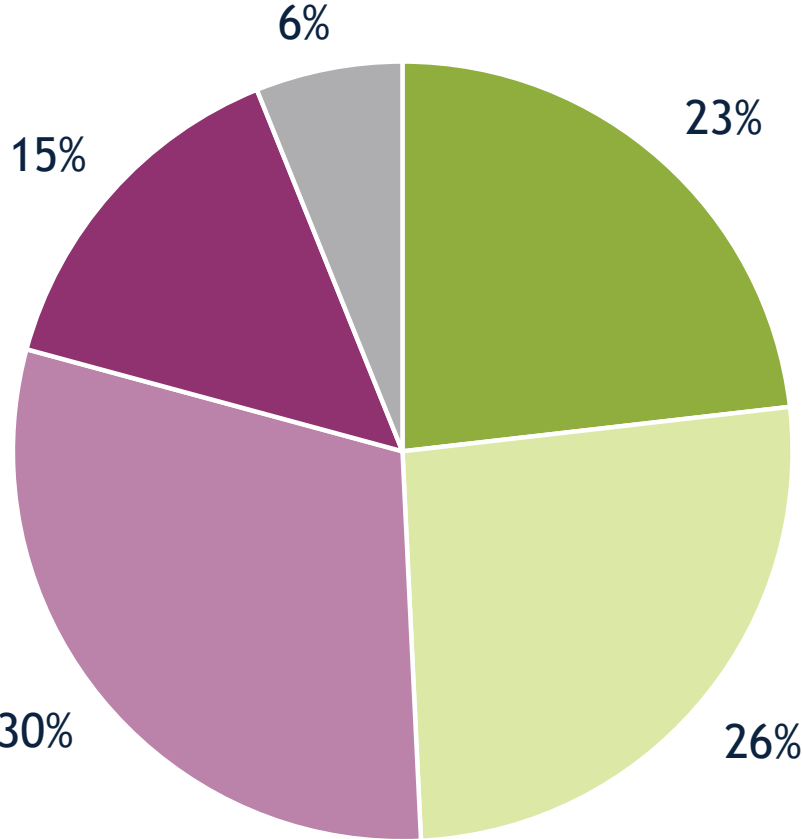


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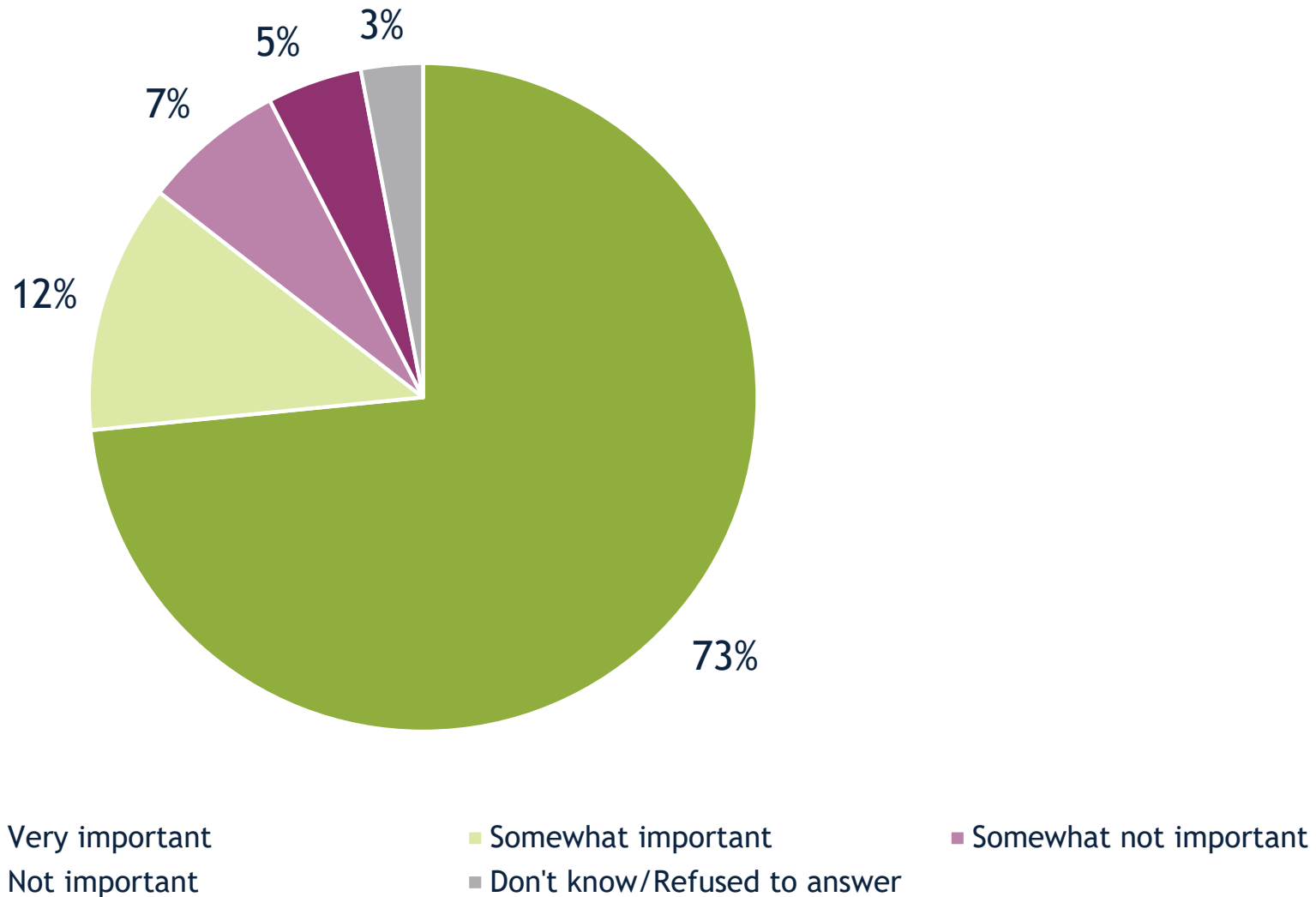
# How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in El Salvador?



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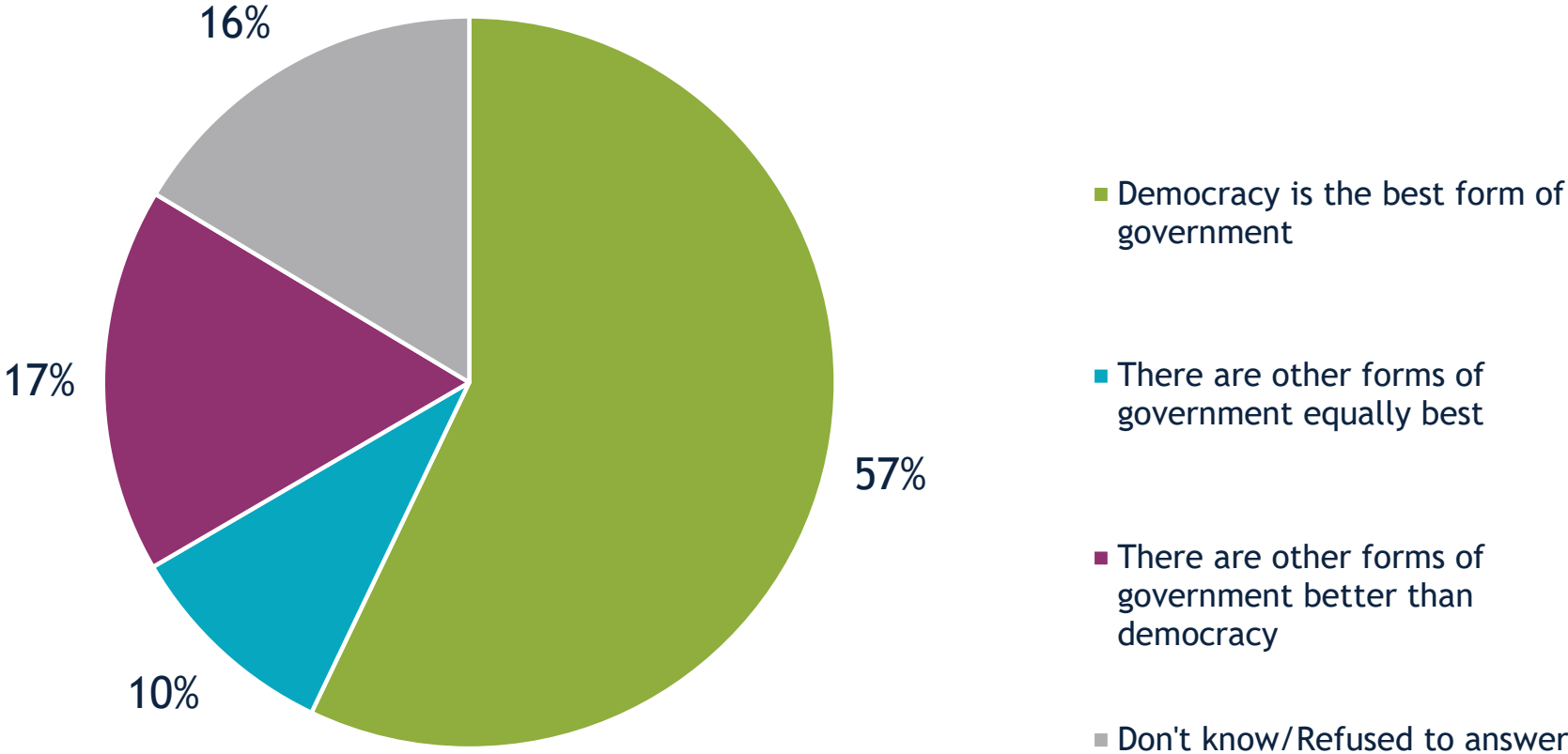


How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities are included in the political decision making?

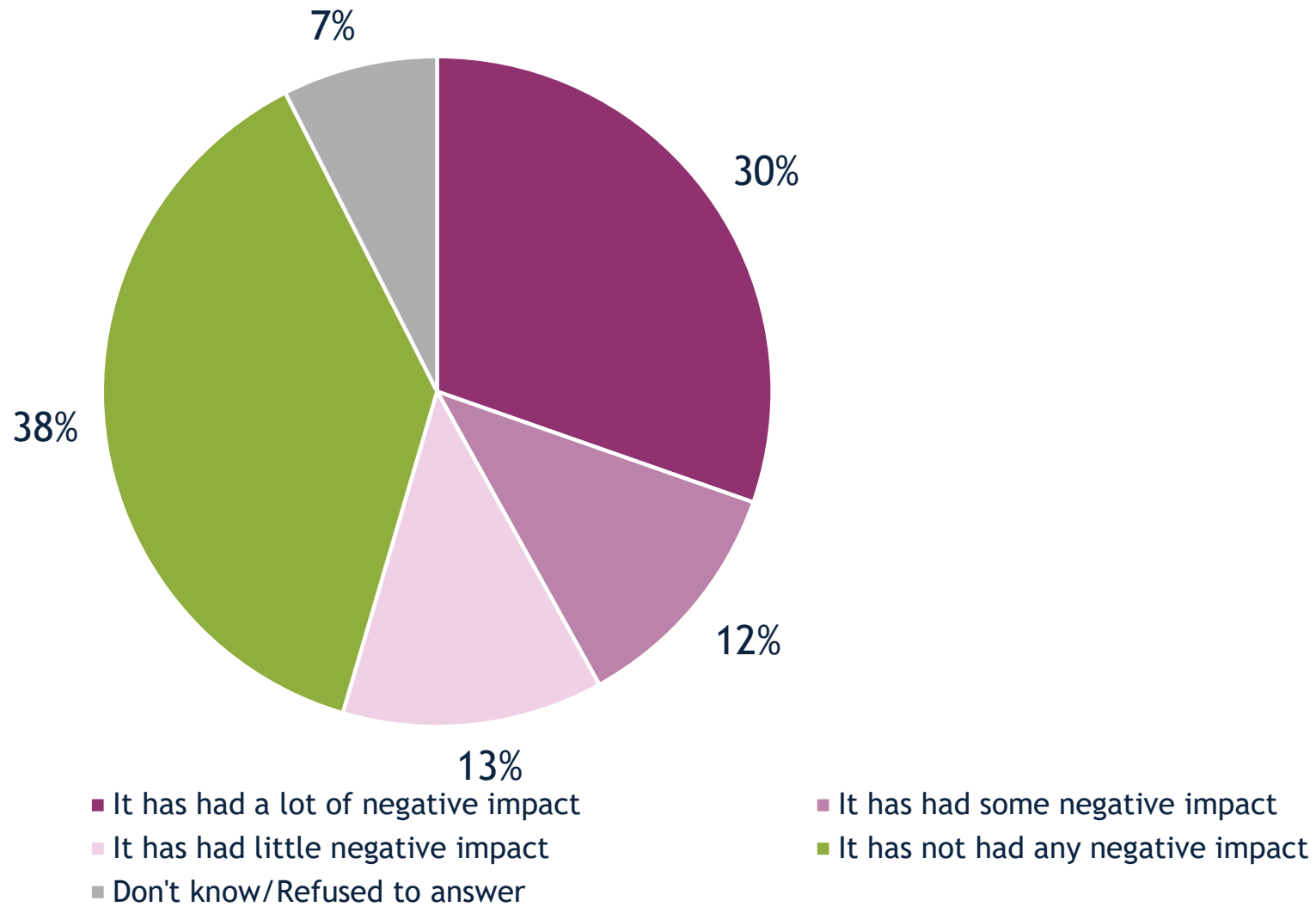




# Do you believe that democracy is the best form of government for El Salvador or not?

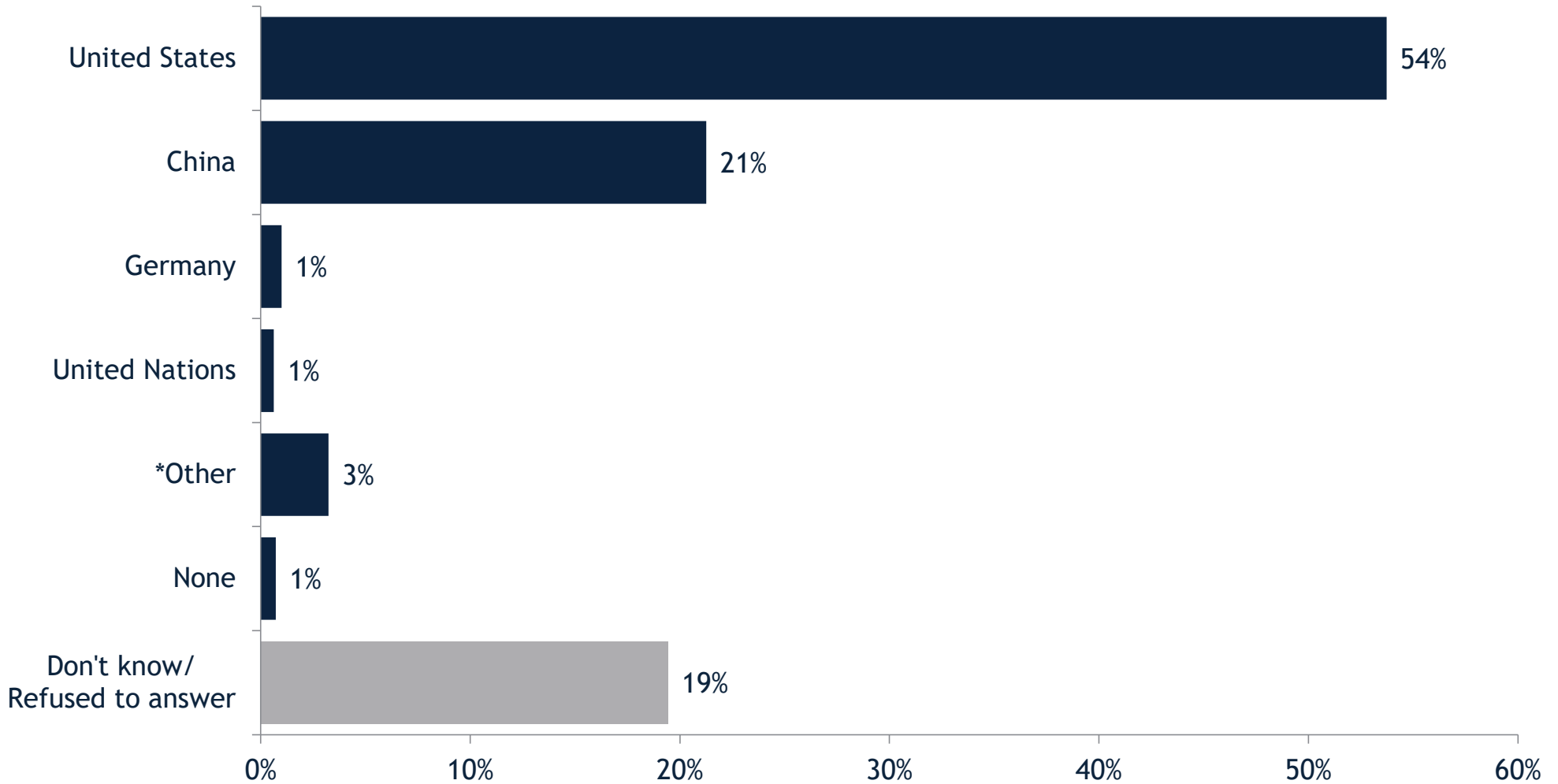


Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?





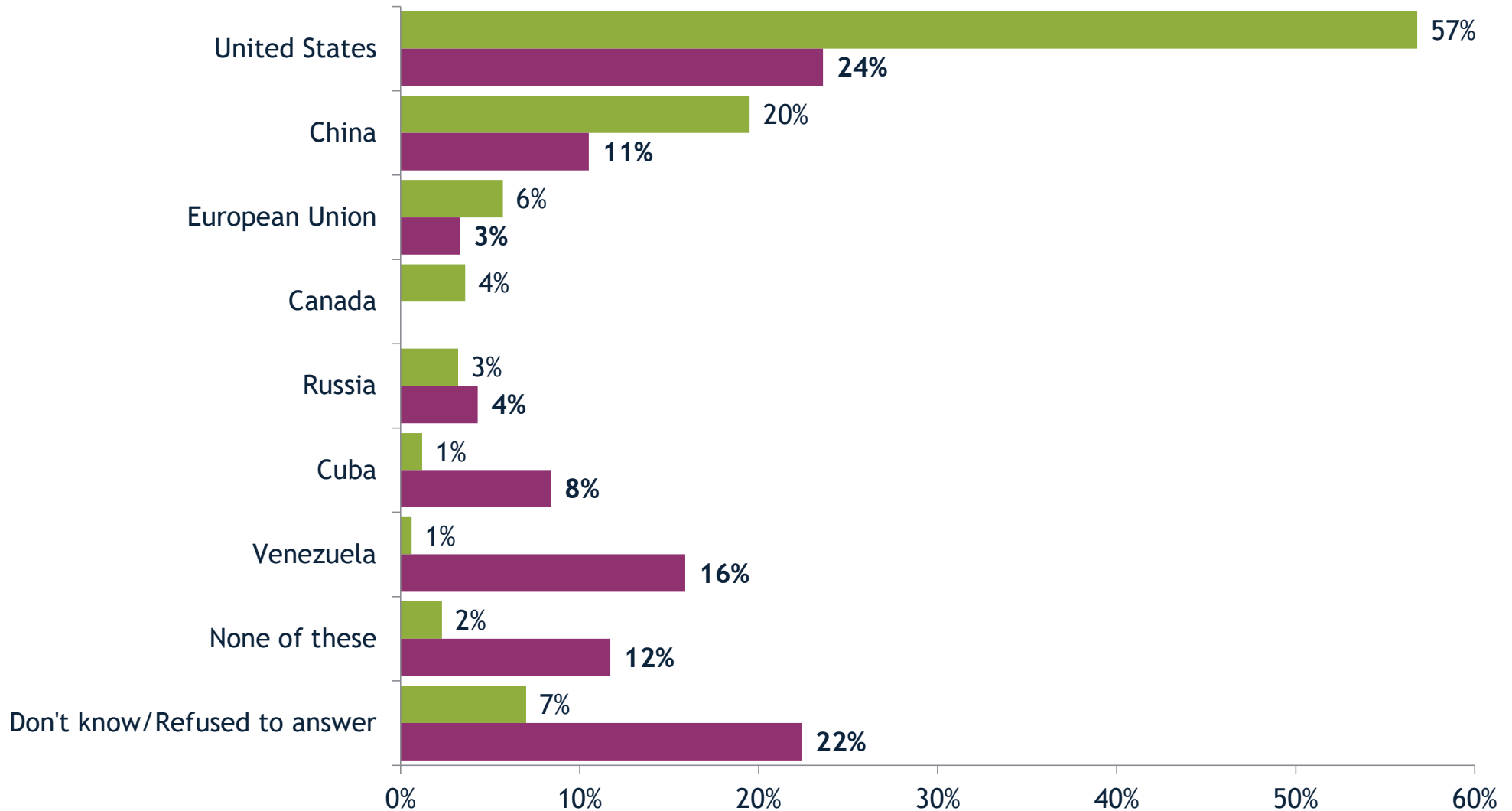
# Who would you say are the biggest donors to El Salvador?



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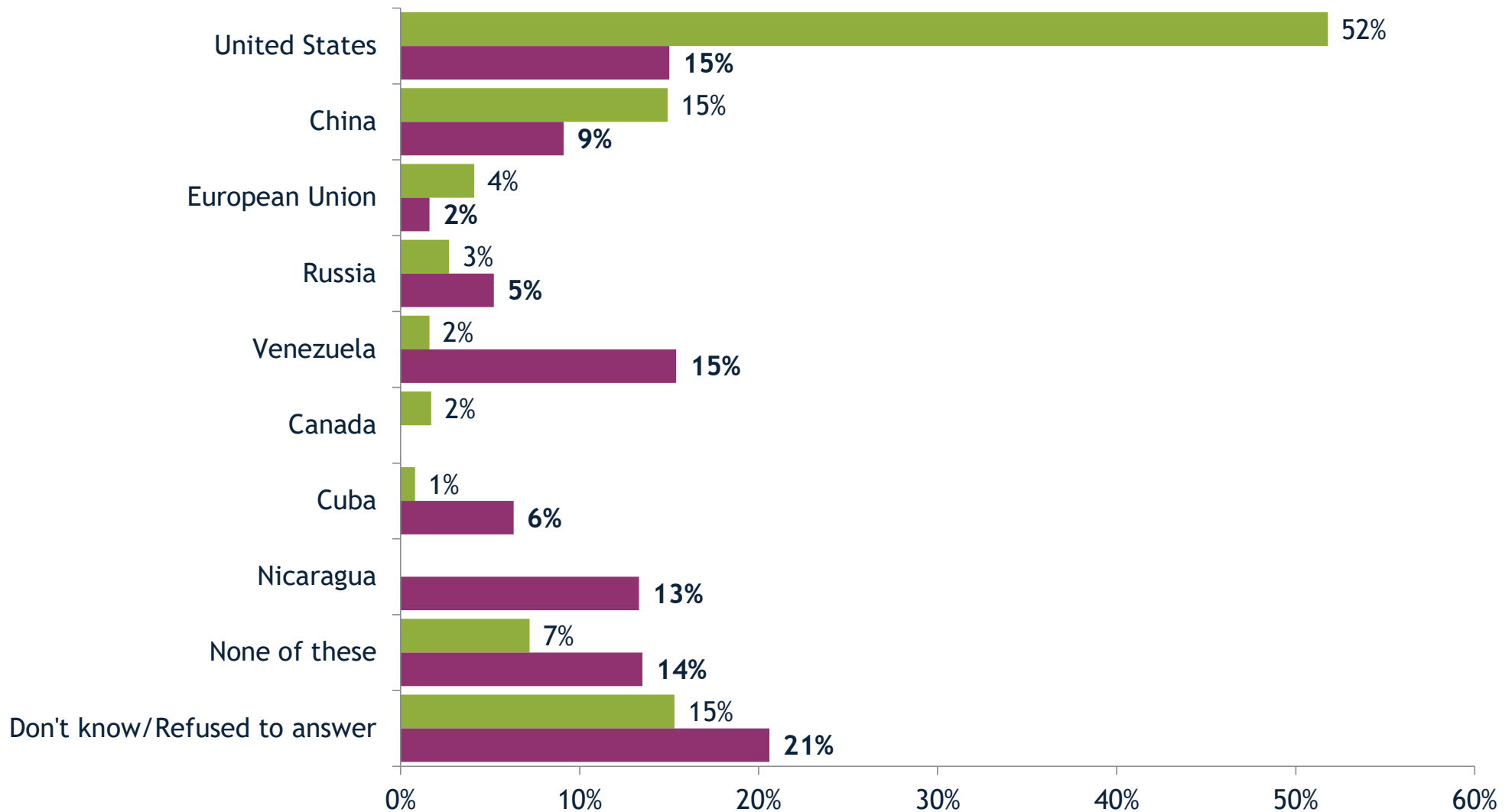
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner for El Salvador?

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Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political partner for El Salvador?

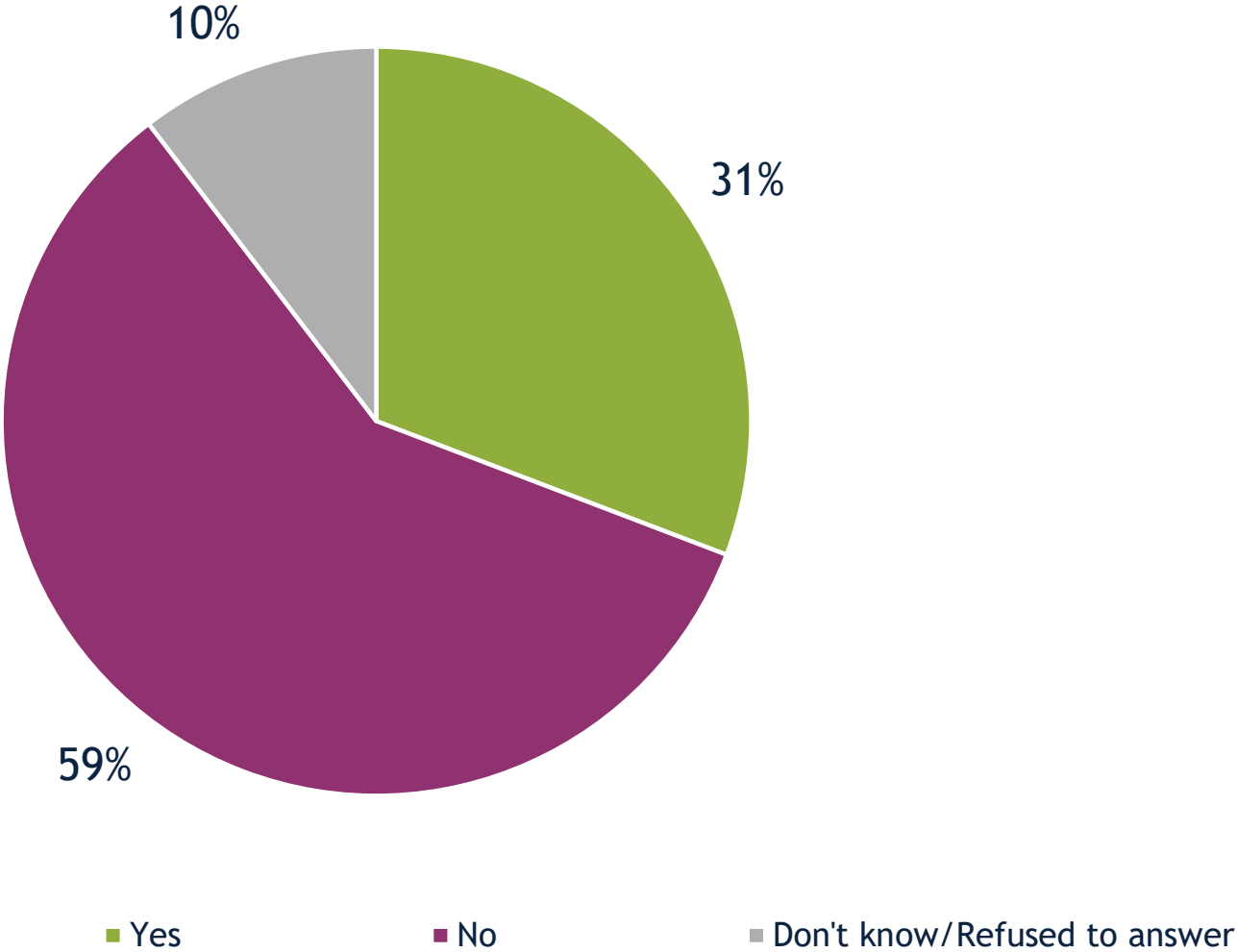
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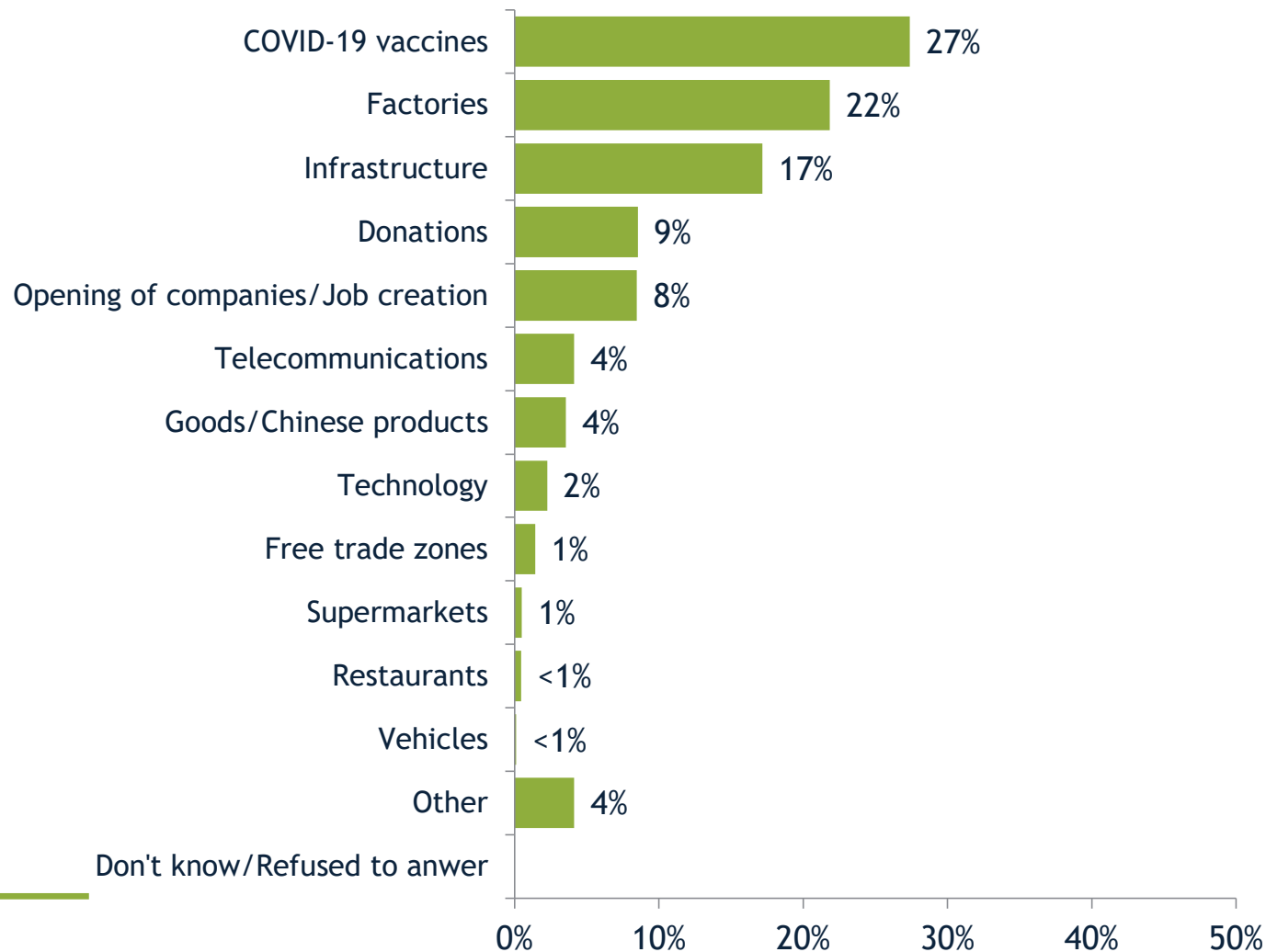
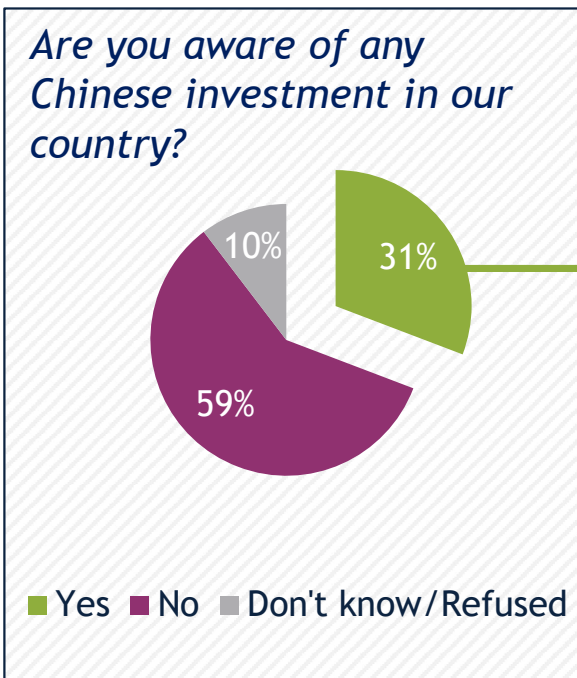
# Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?





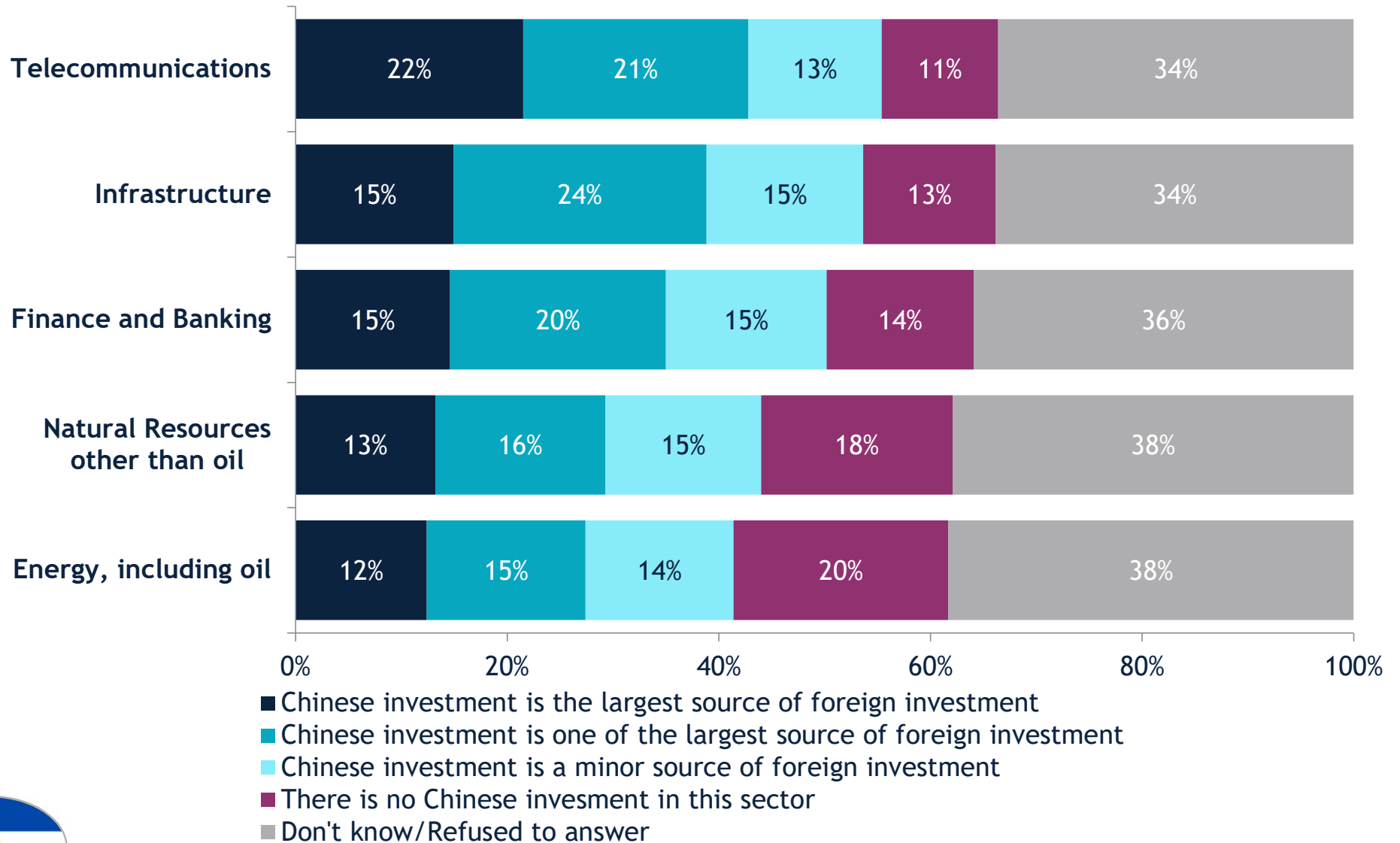
# Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who are aware of Chinese investments, n=371)

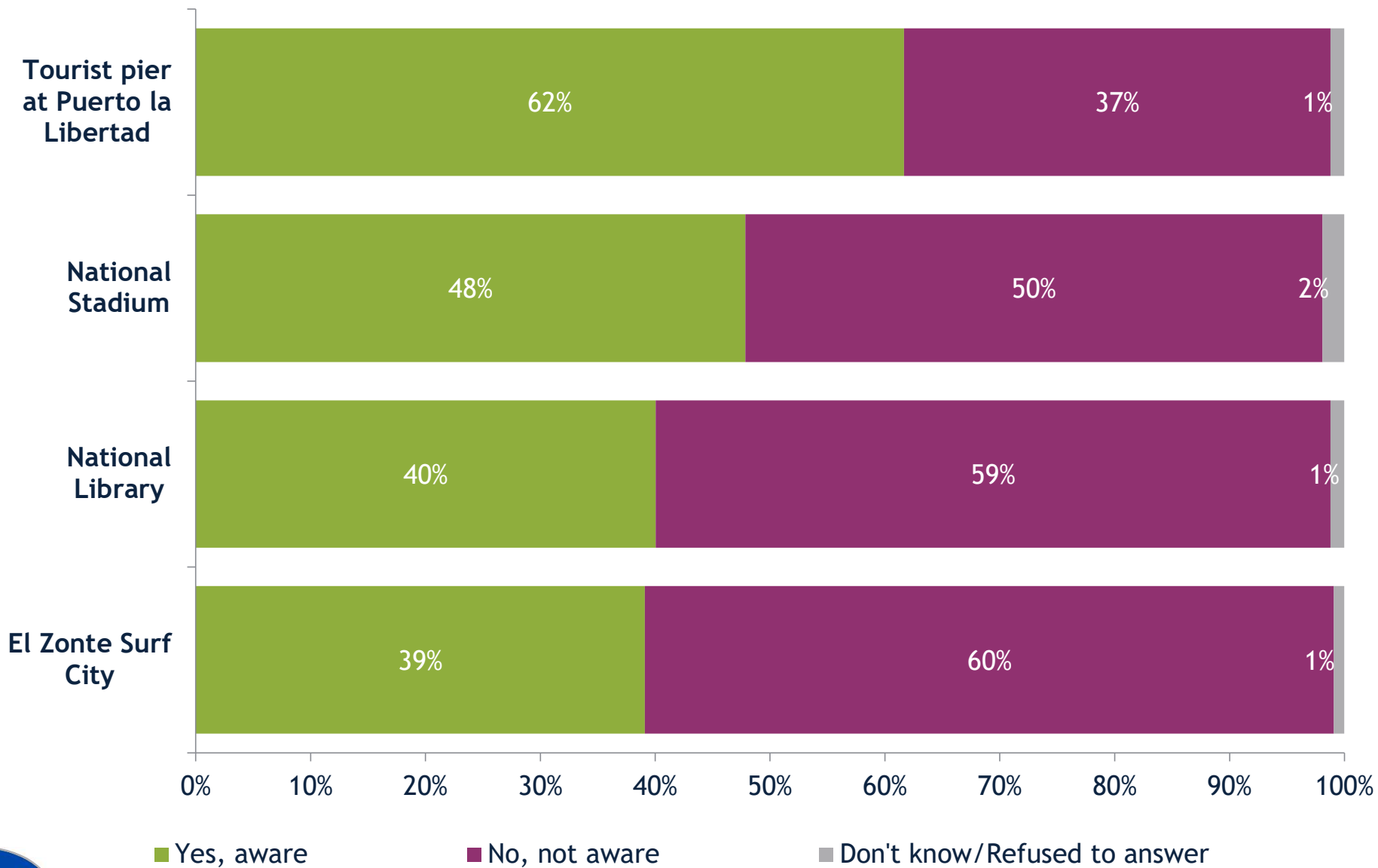




# To your best knowledge, what is the level of Chinese investment in the following sectors in our country?

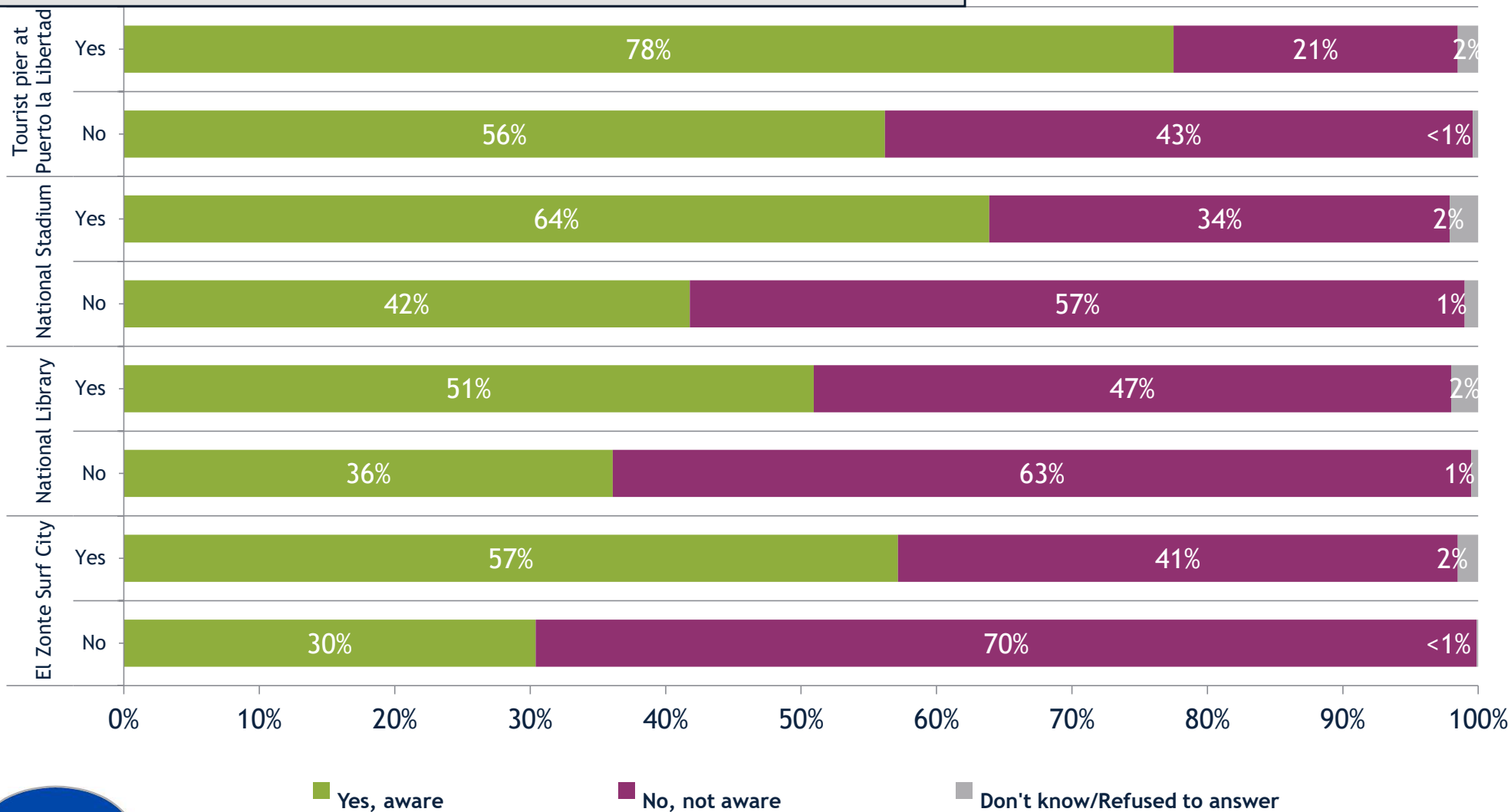


# Are you aware of any of the following Chinese infrastructure construction projects in our country?



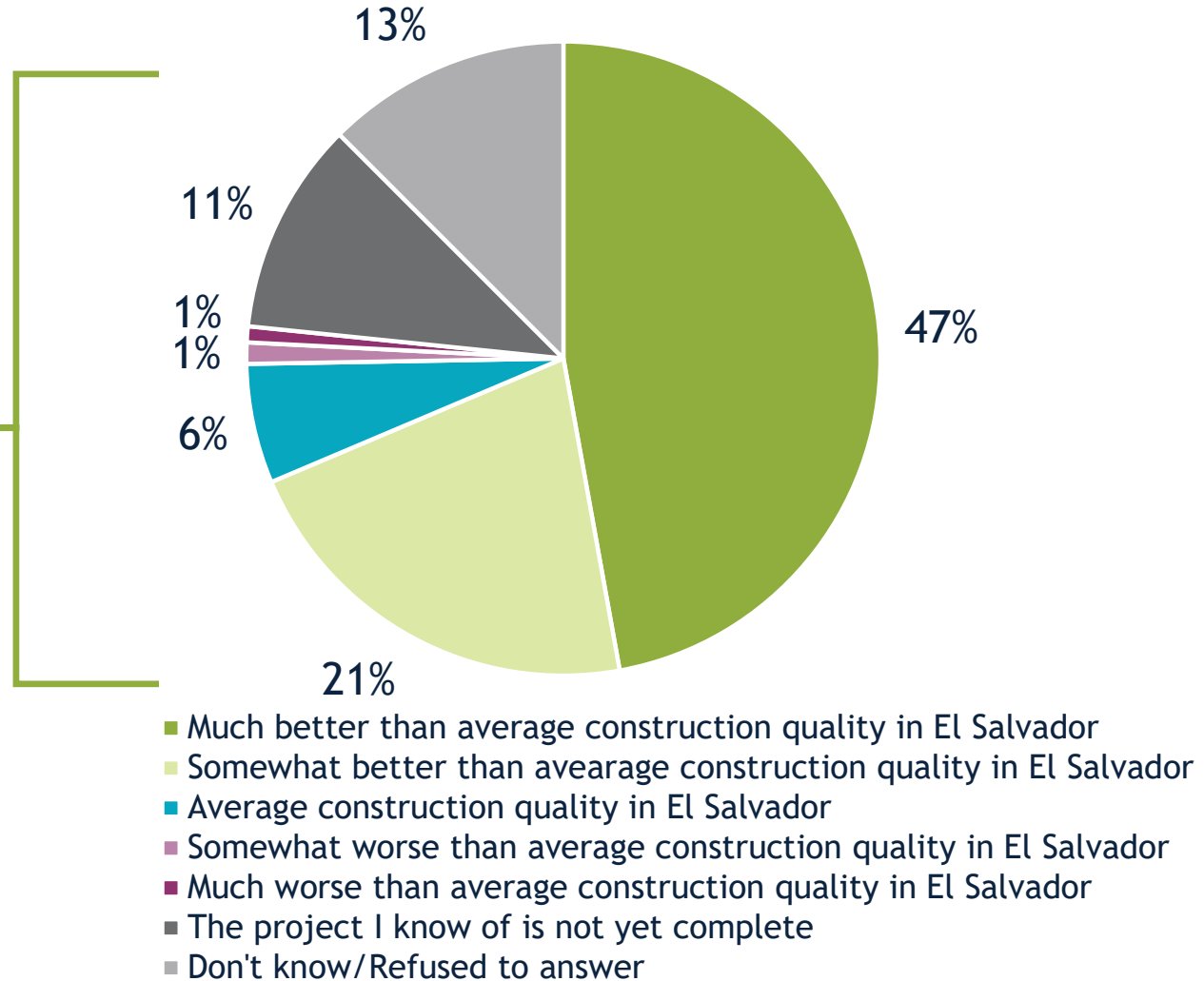
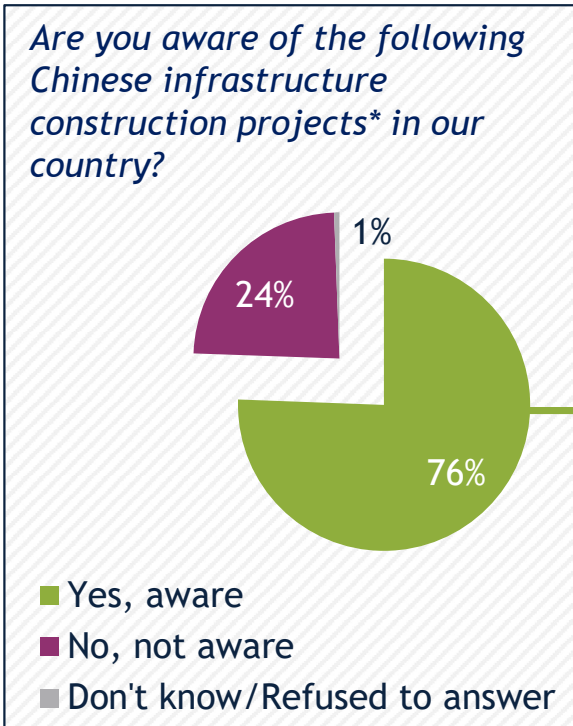
# Are you aware of the following Chinese infrastructure projects in El Salvador?

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*Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?*



## To your best knowledge, how would you rate the quality of these projects?

(Among those who are aware of any specific Chinese infrastructure project\*, n=917)



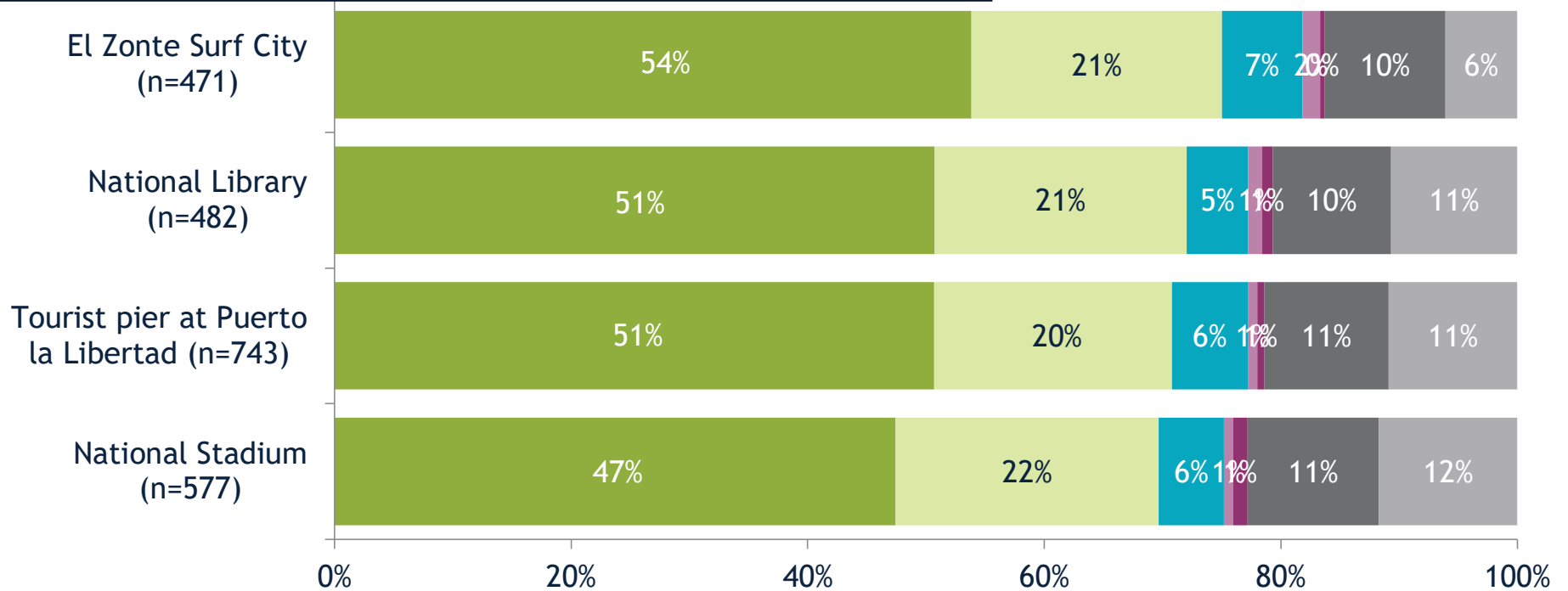
\*Question asked in reference to the:

- Tourist pier at Puerto la Libertad
- National Stadium
- El Zonte Surf City
- National Library

## To your best knowledge, how would you rate the quality of these projects?

(Among those who are aware of any specific Chinese infrastructure project)

Disaggregated by those aware of each specific project...

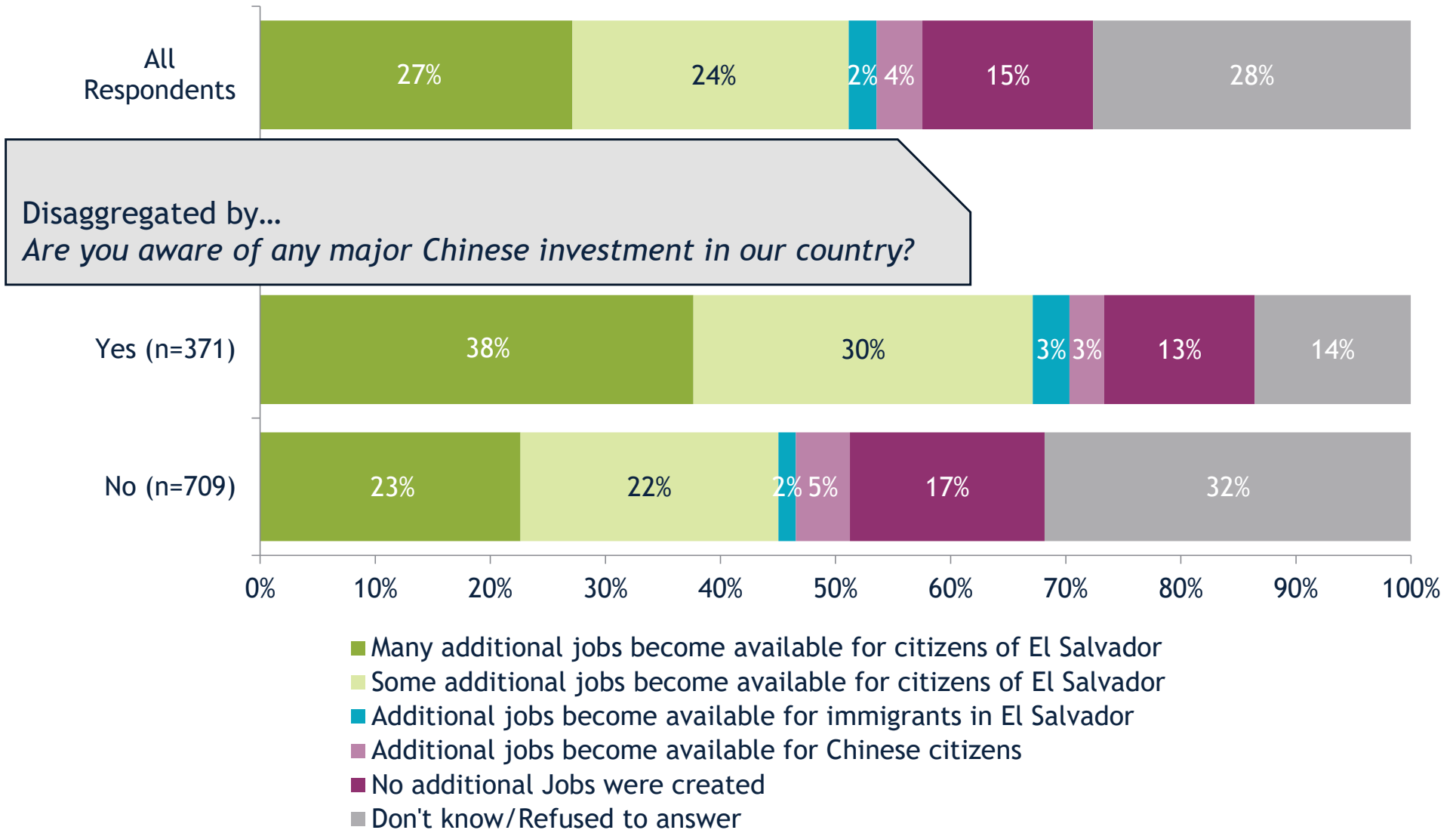


- Much better than average construction quality in El Salvador
- Somewhat better than average construction quality in El Salvador
- Average construction quality in El Salvador
- Somewhat worse than average construction quality in El Salvador
- Much worse than average construction quality in El Salvador
- The project I know of is not yet complete
- Don't know/Refused to answer





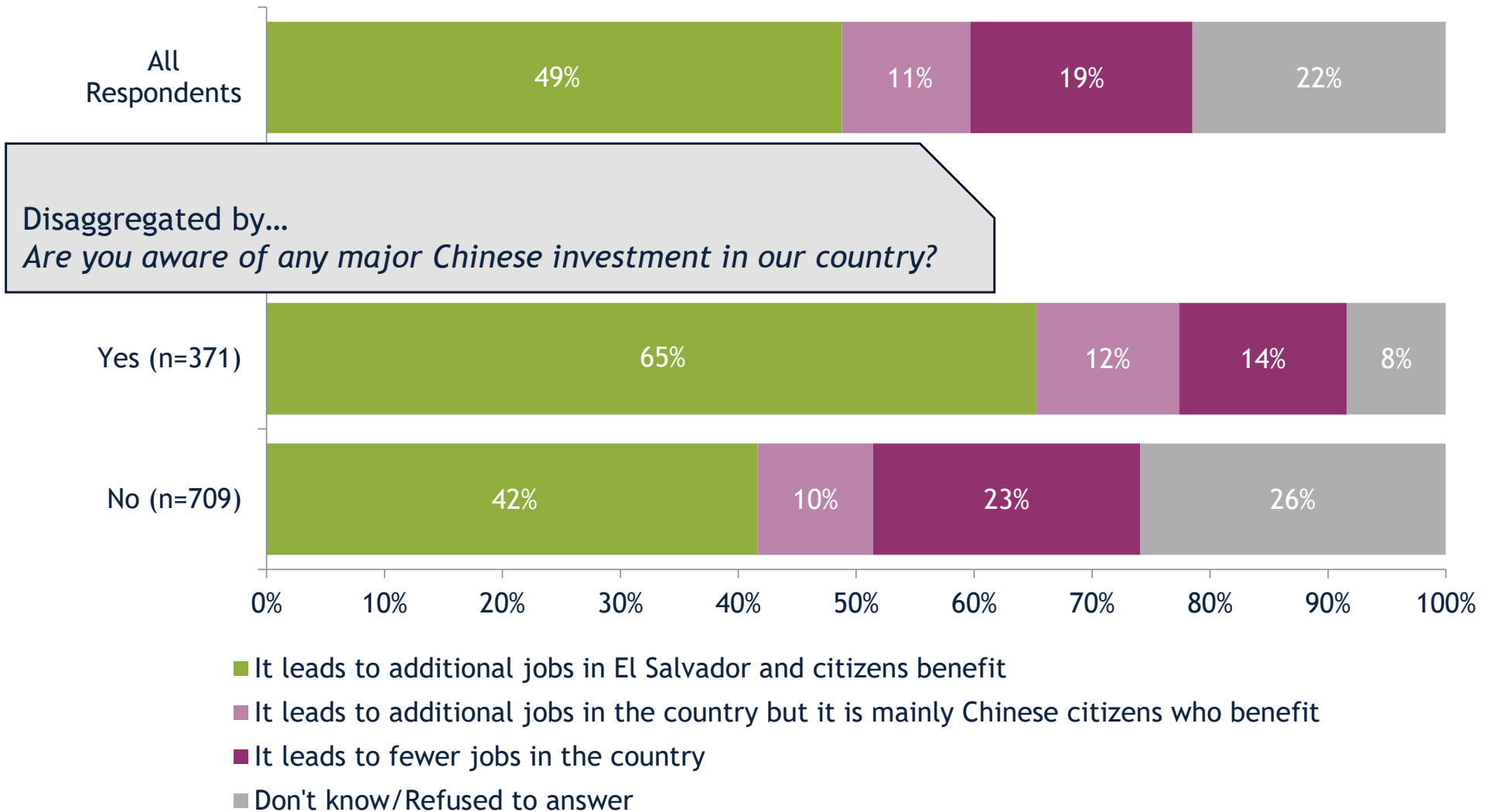
## To your best knowledge, what has been the impact of such projects on job creation?





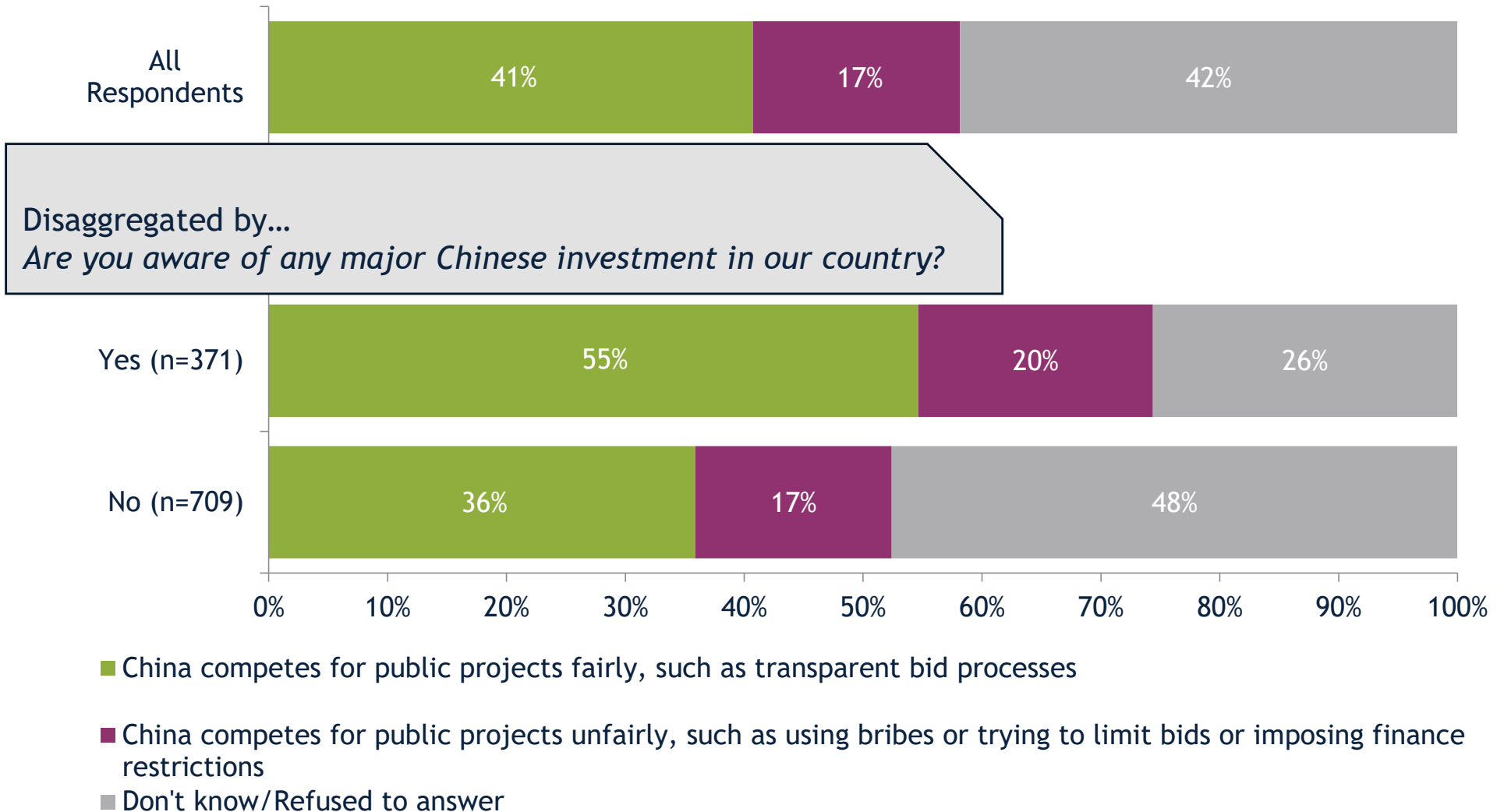


## In general, which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about the impact of Chinese investment on jobs in El Salvador?

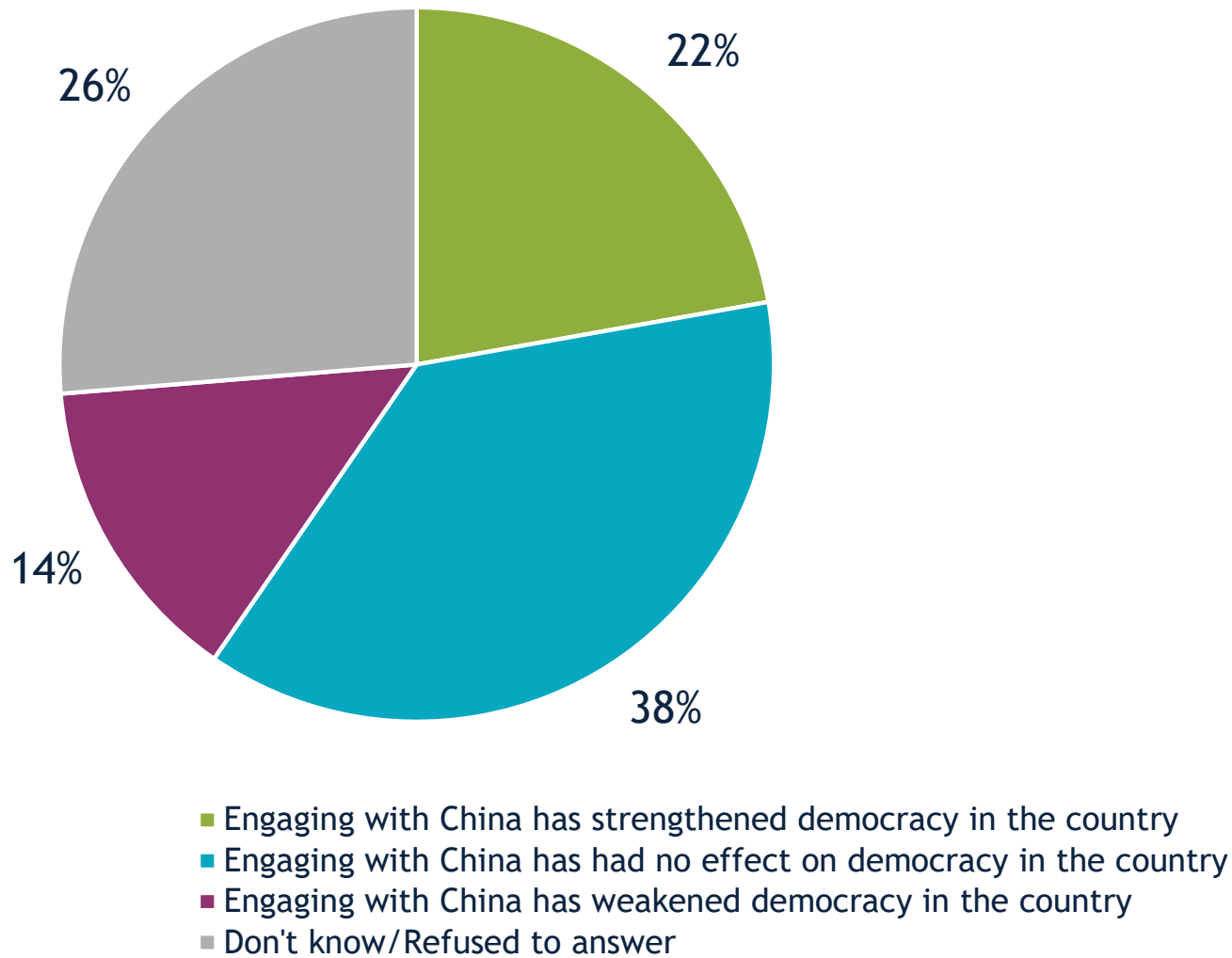




## To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how China invests in the country?

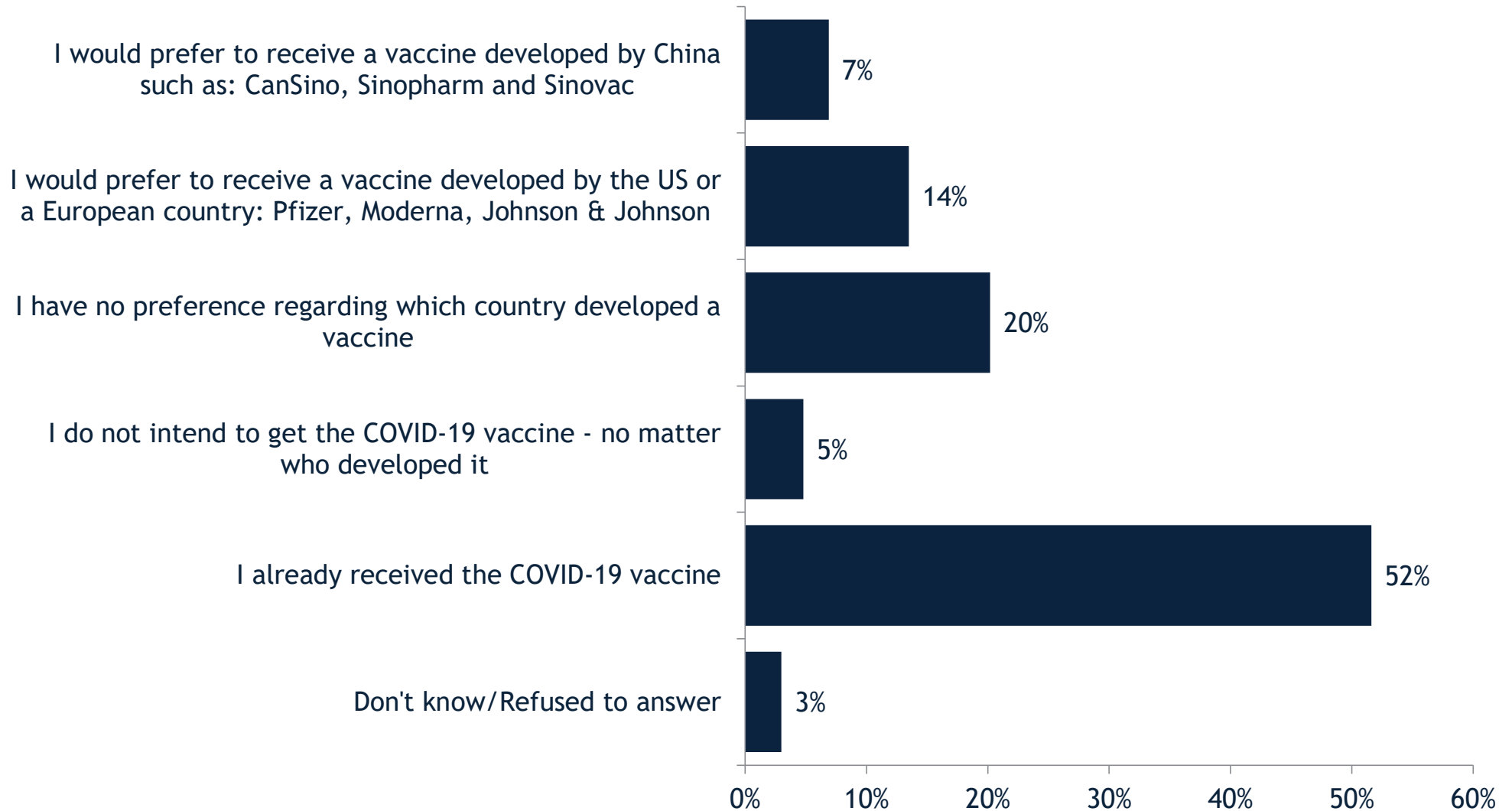


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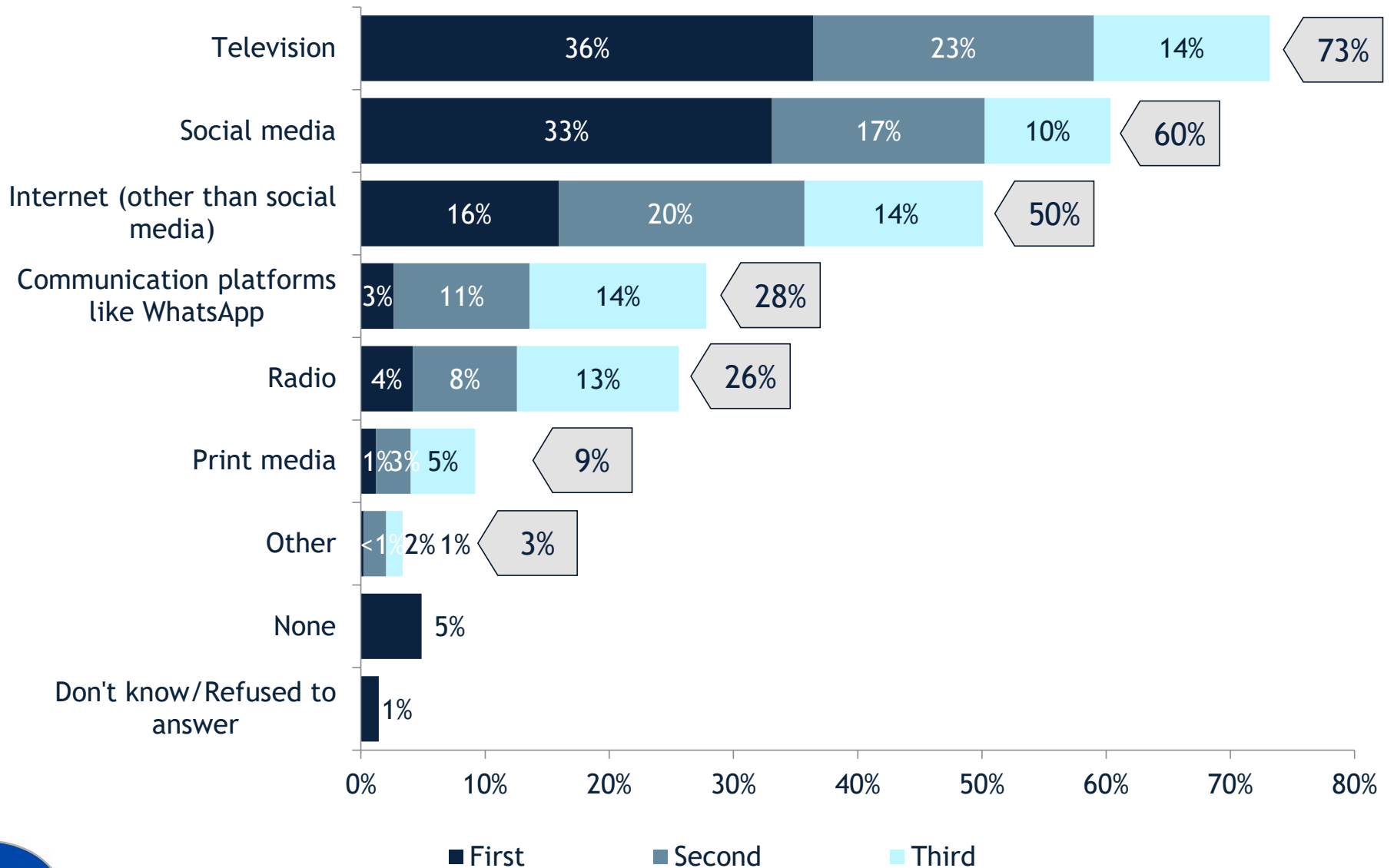


## Which of the following best reflects your opinion regarding a COVID vaccine?



# Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

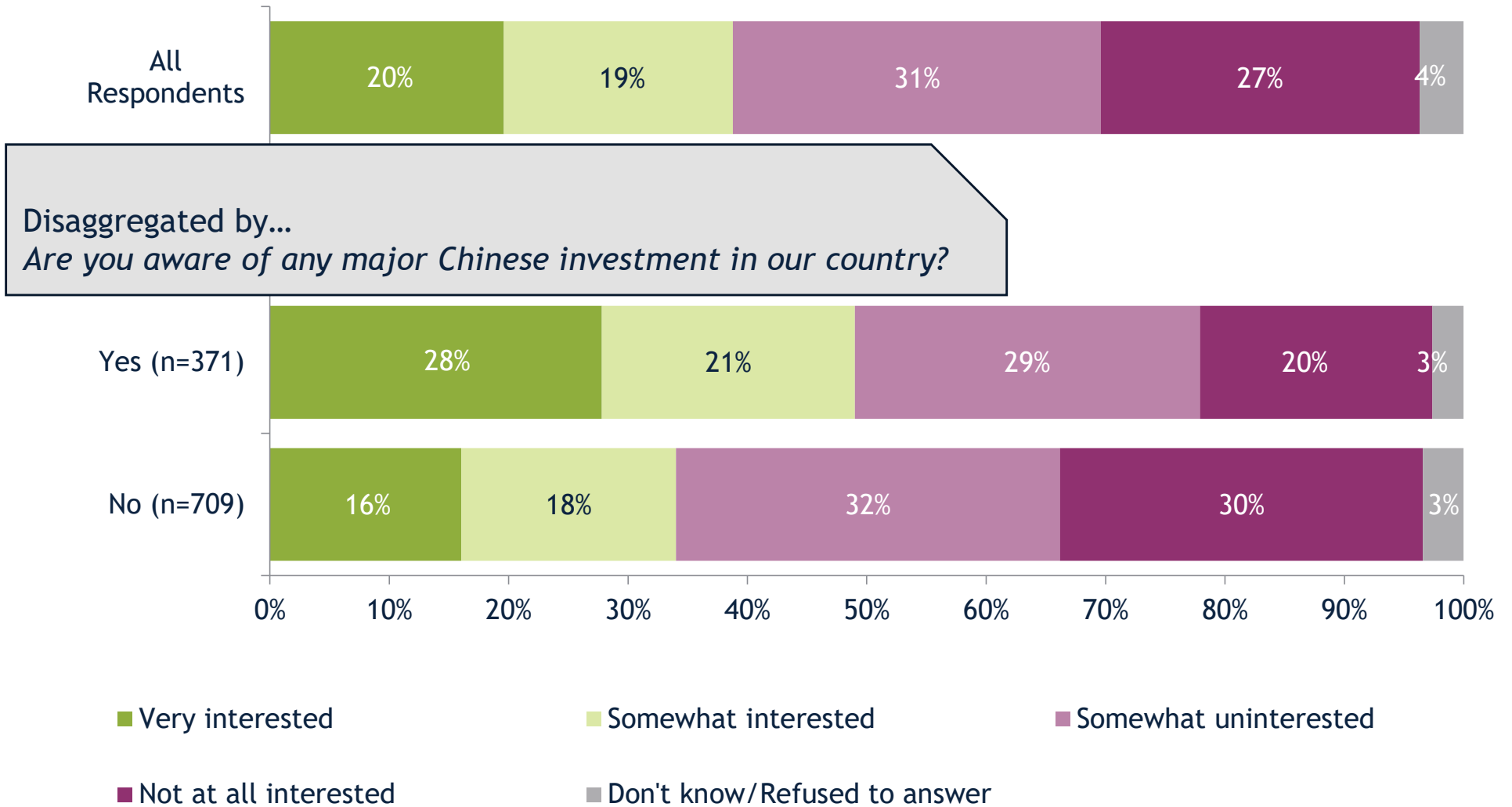
(Up to three responses permitted)



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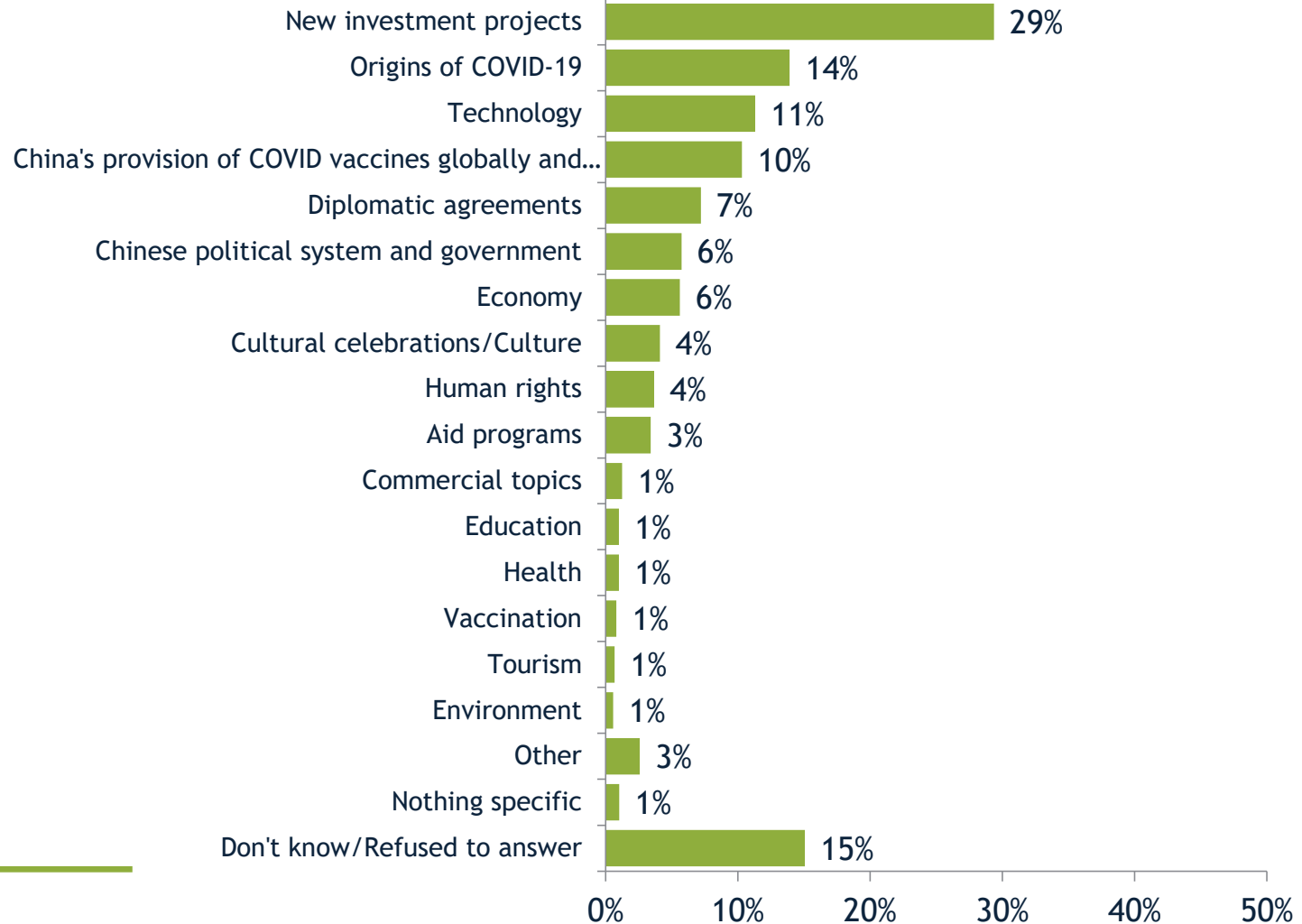
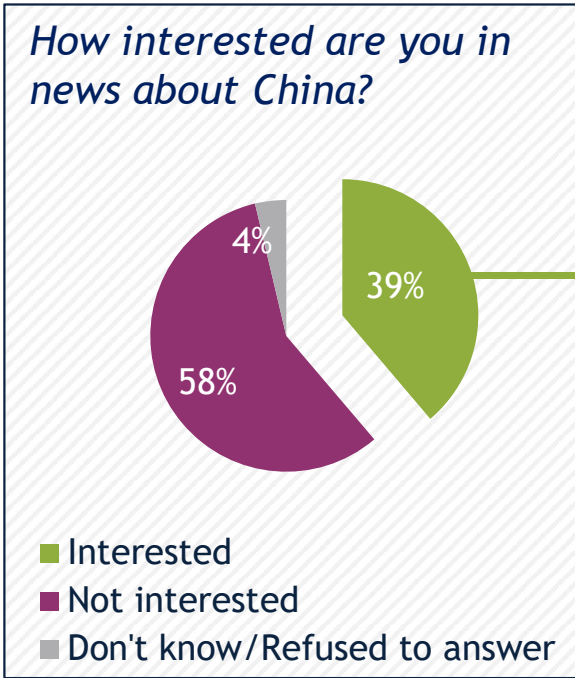
# How interested are you in news about China?





# Which topics about China are you most interested in?

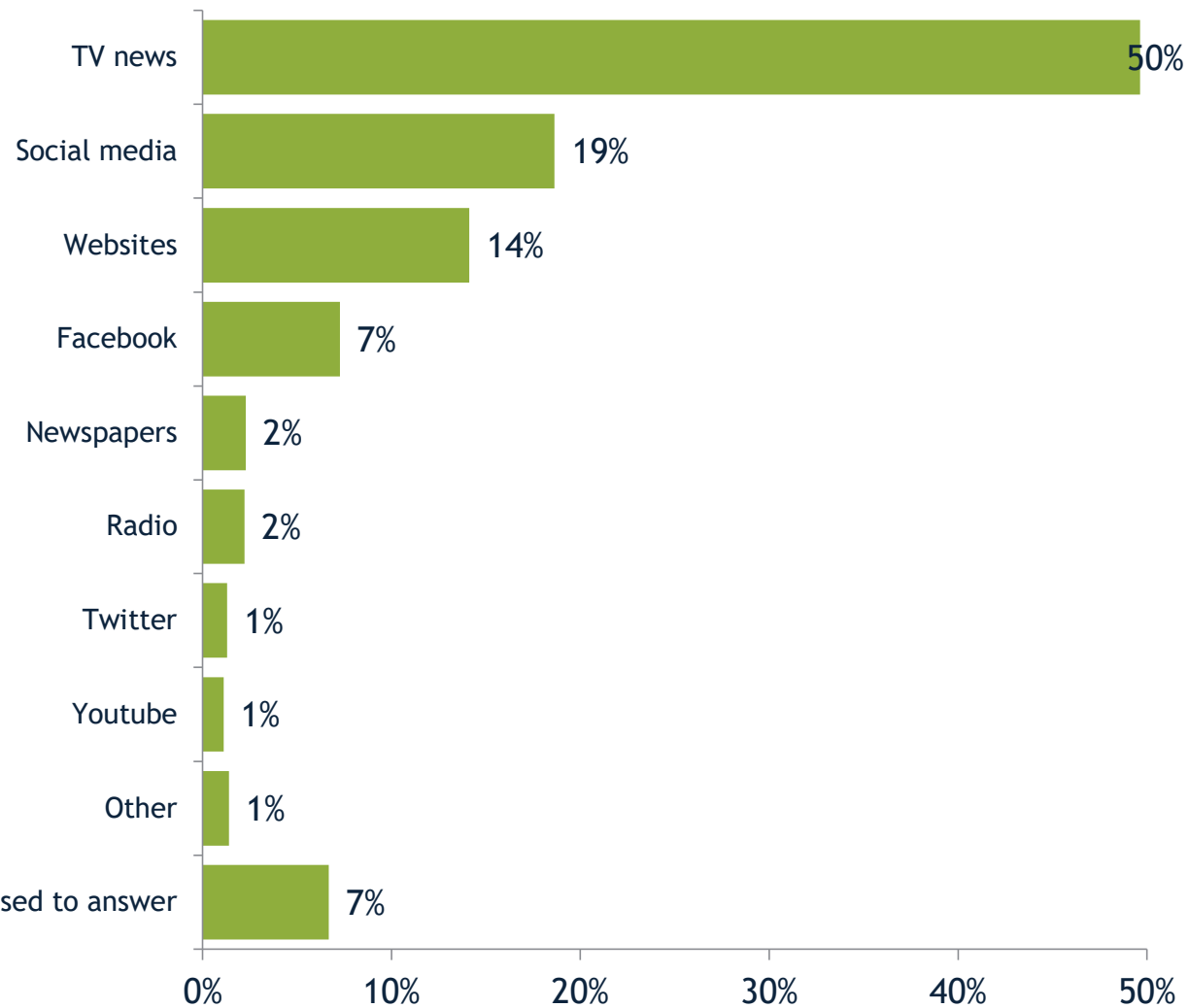
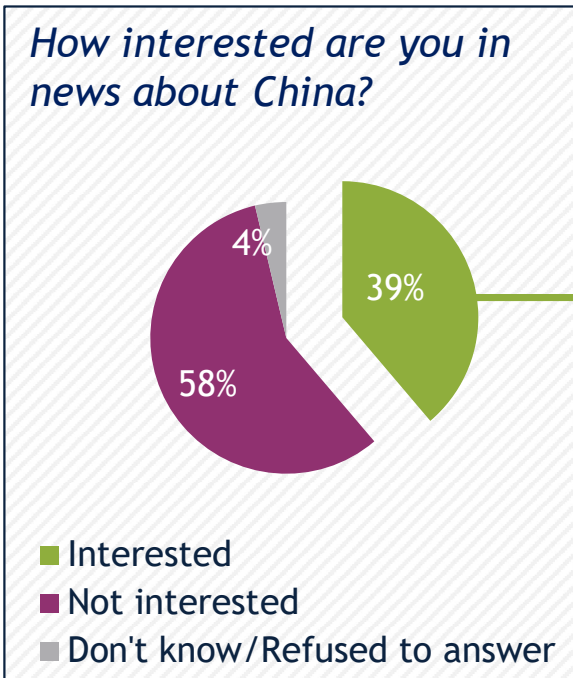
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Among those interested in news about China, n=467)





## From which specific media outlet do you obtain most news about China?

(Spontaneous response; Among those interested in news about China, n=467)

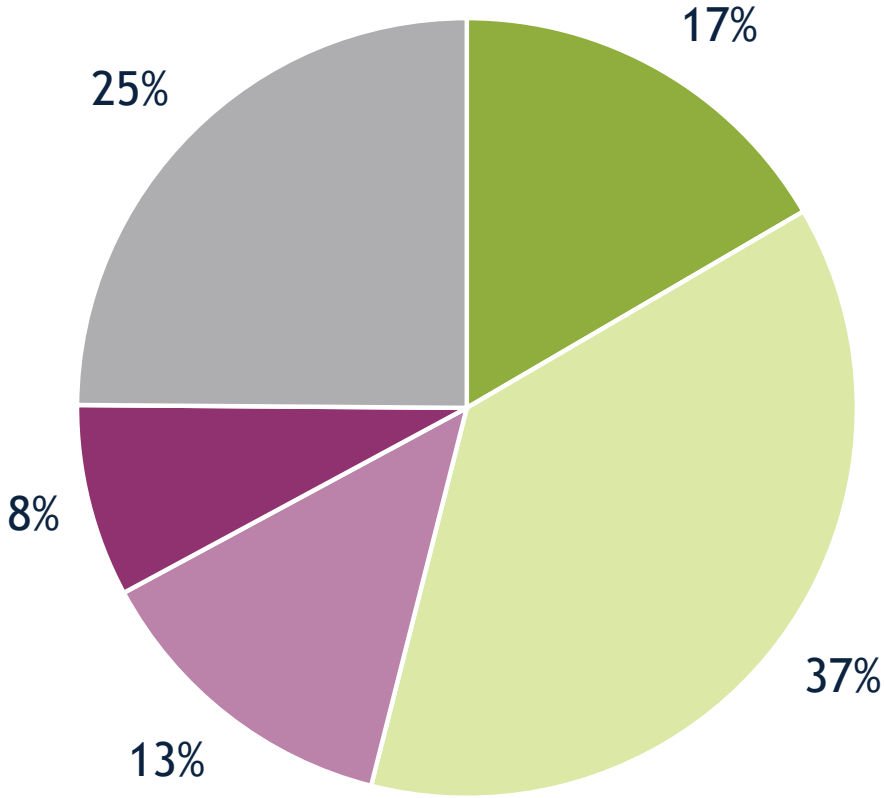


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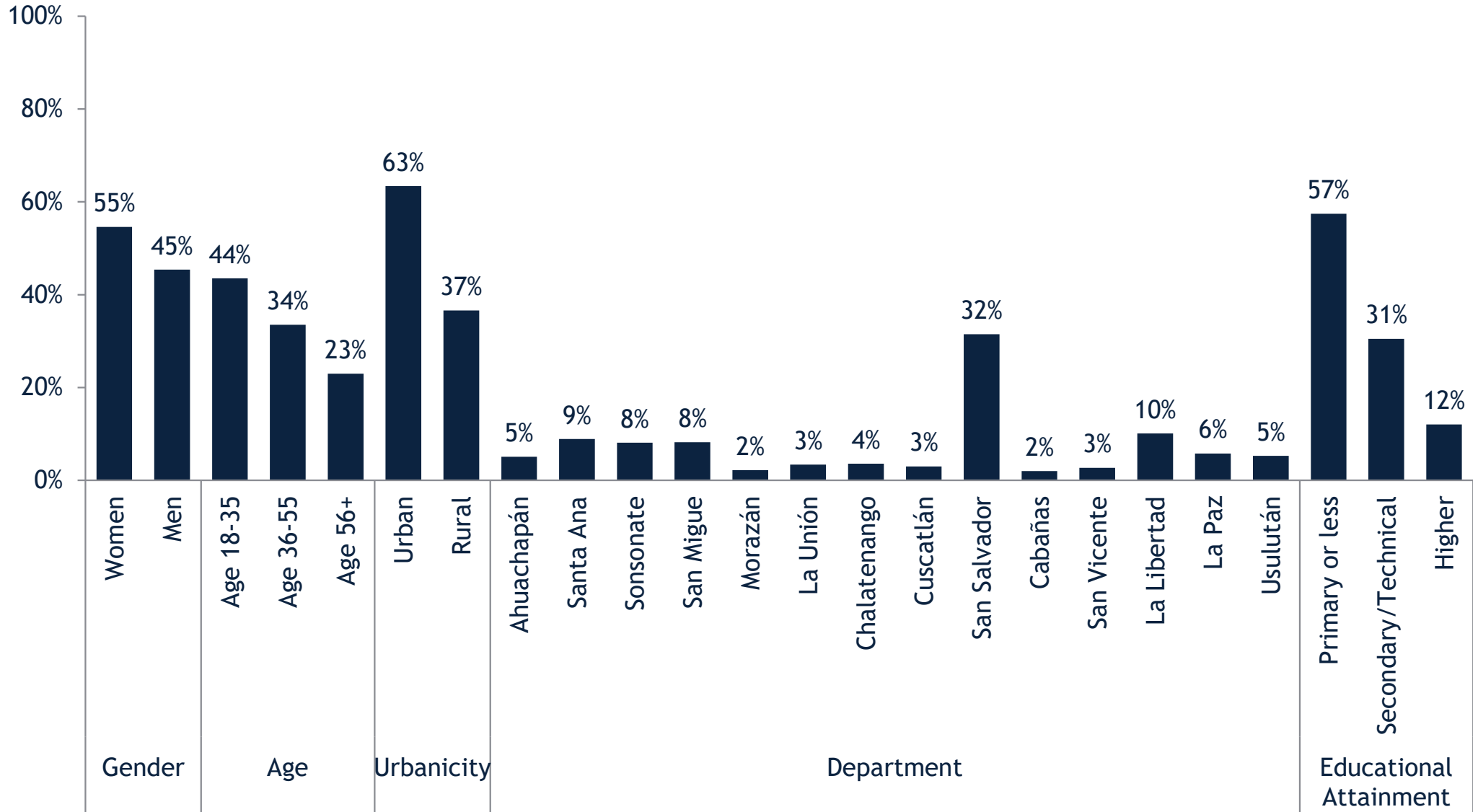
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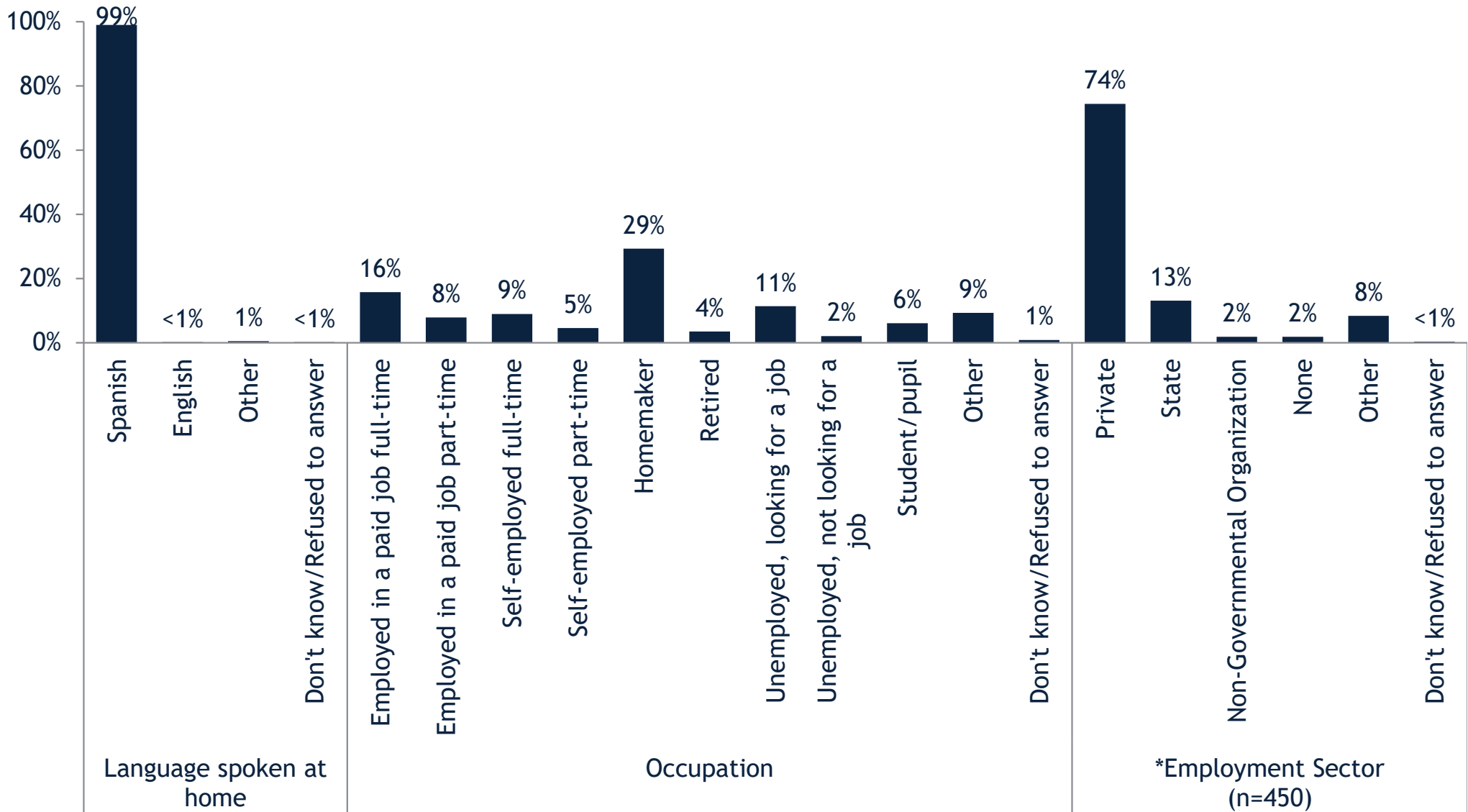
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# Demographics



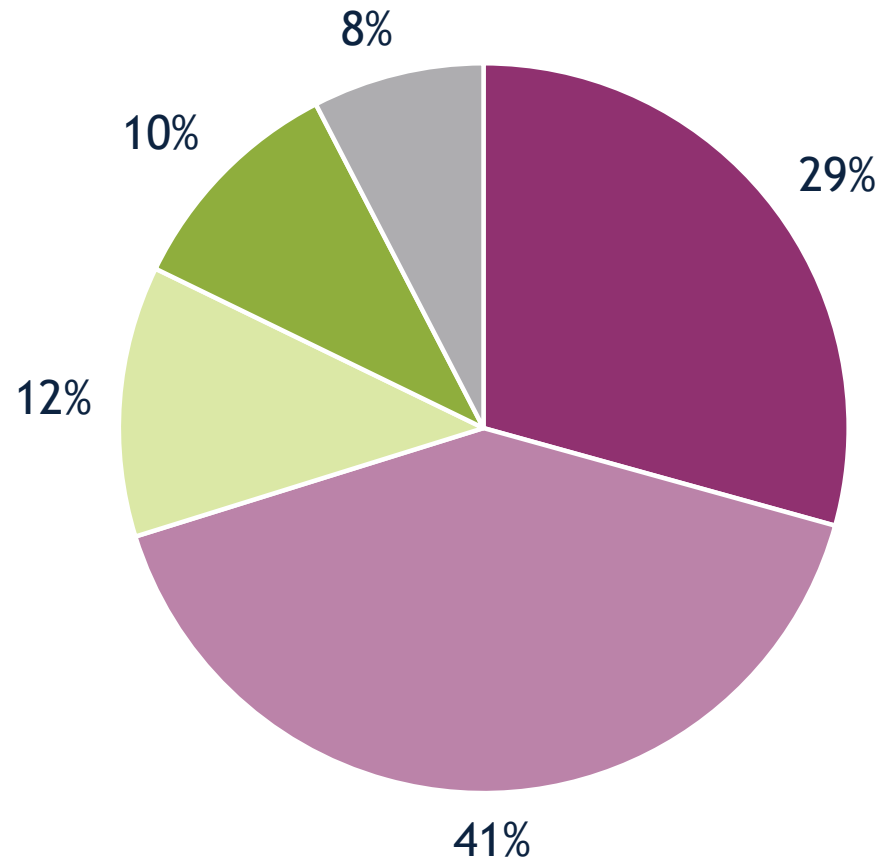
# Demographics



\*Among those employed in a paid job full or part-time.

## Demographics

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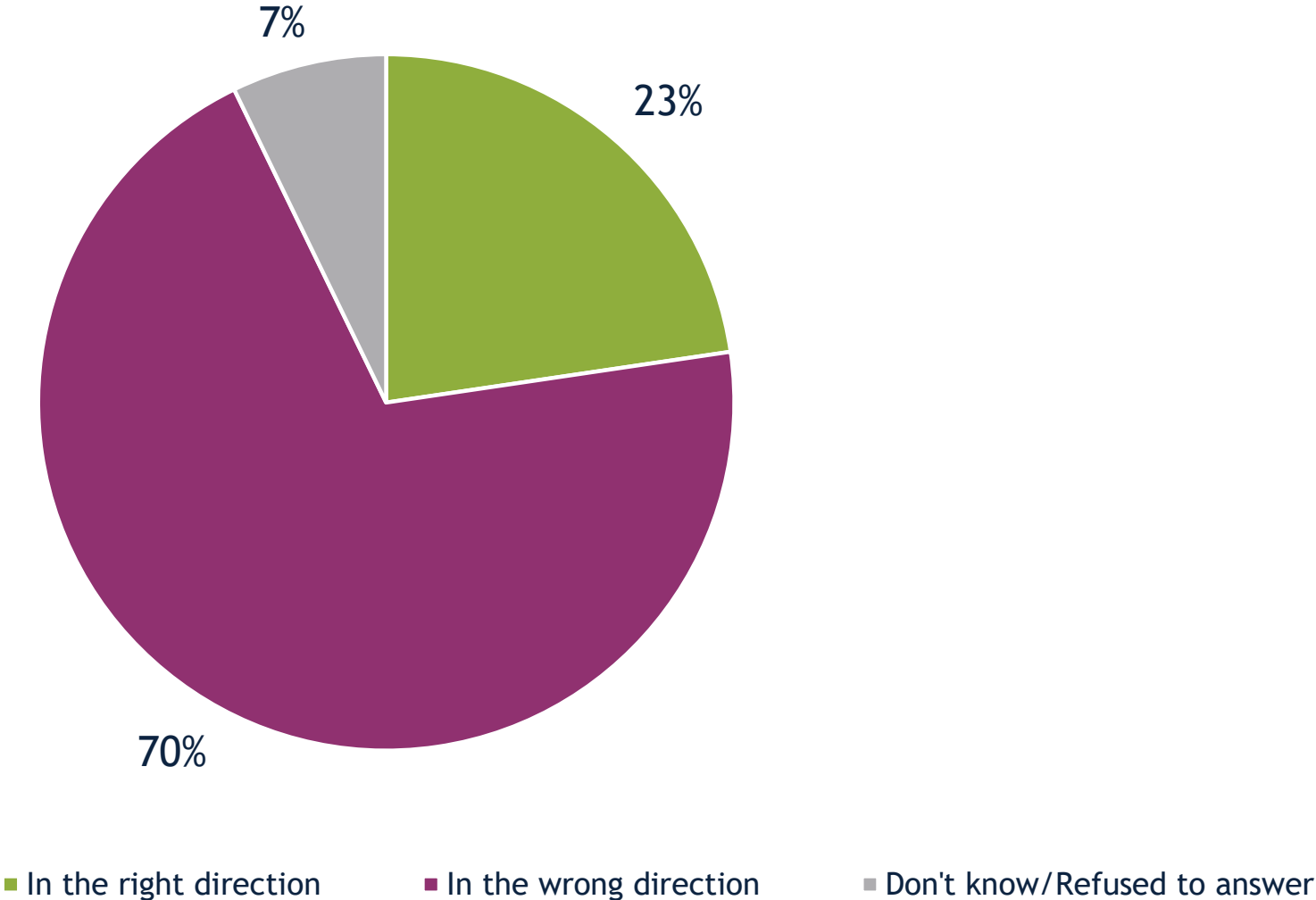
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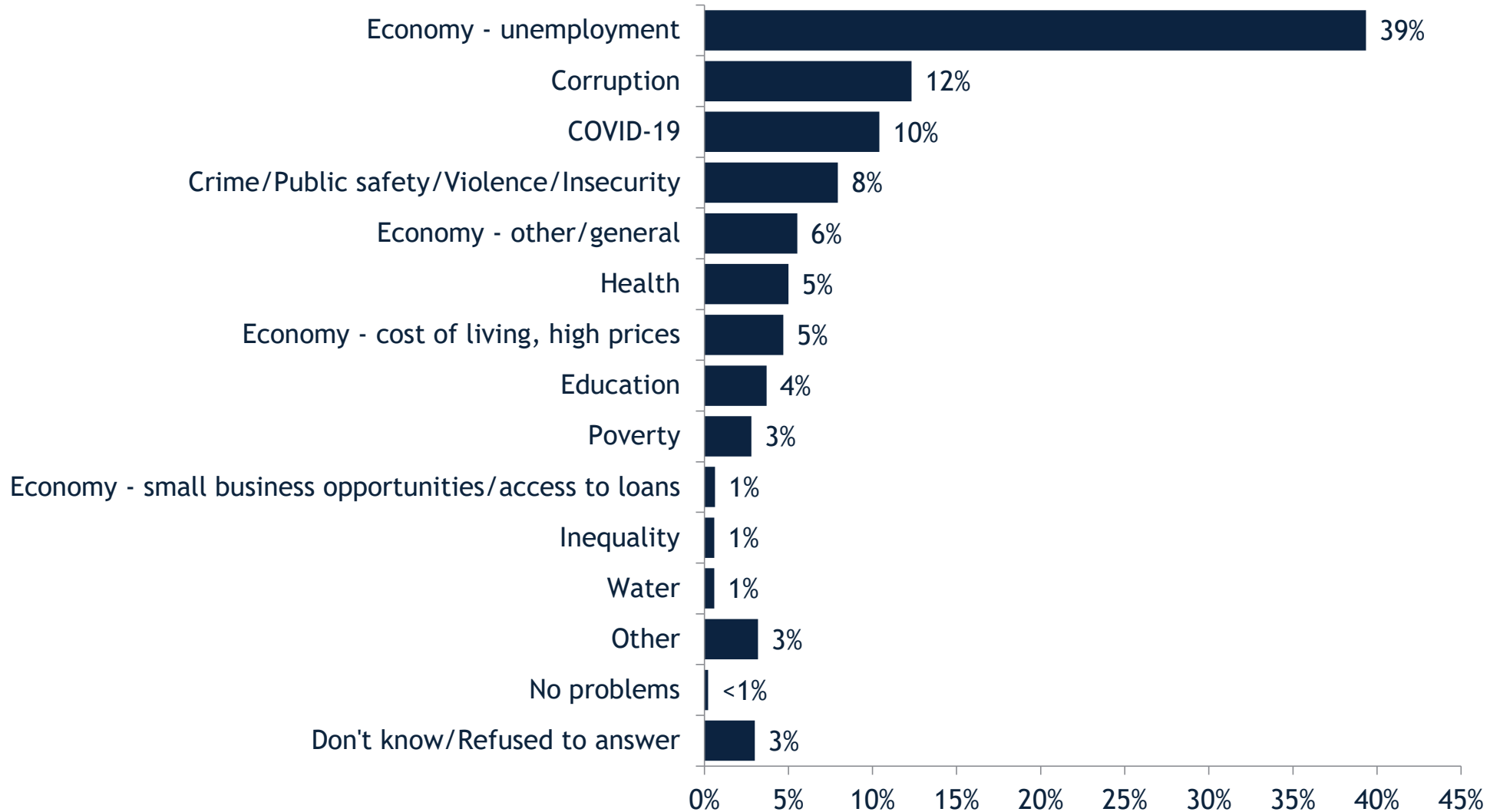
In general, would you say that the country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?





# What is the most important problem facing the country today?

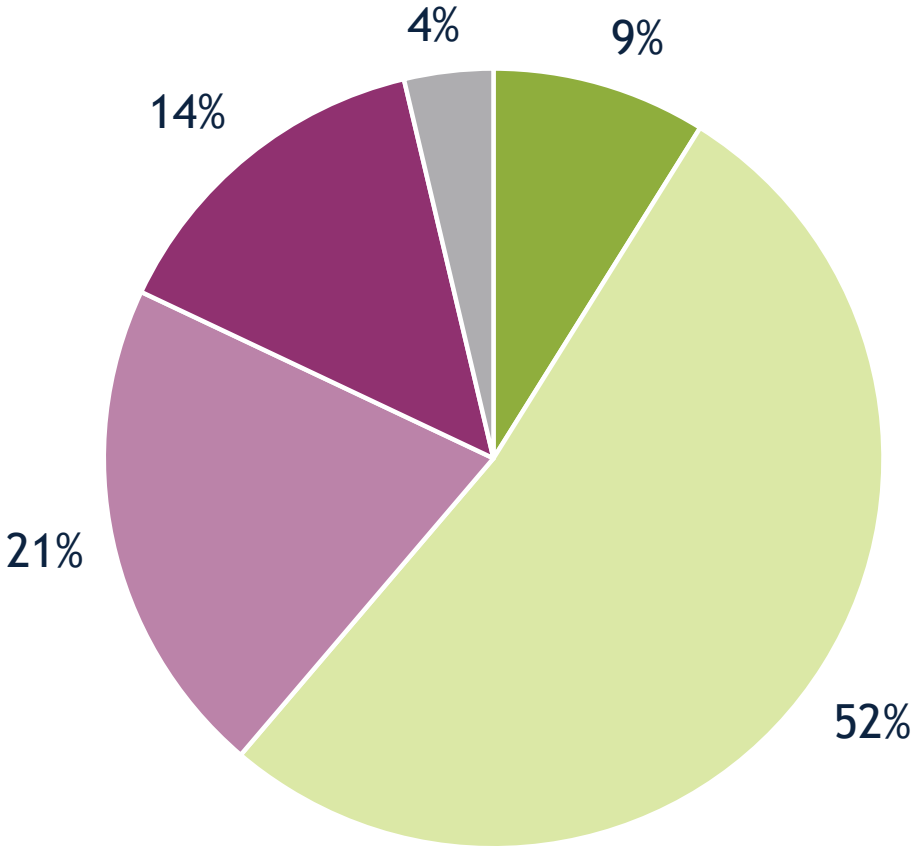
(Spontaneous response)



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# How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?



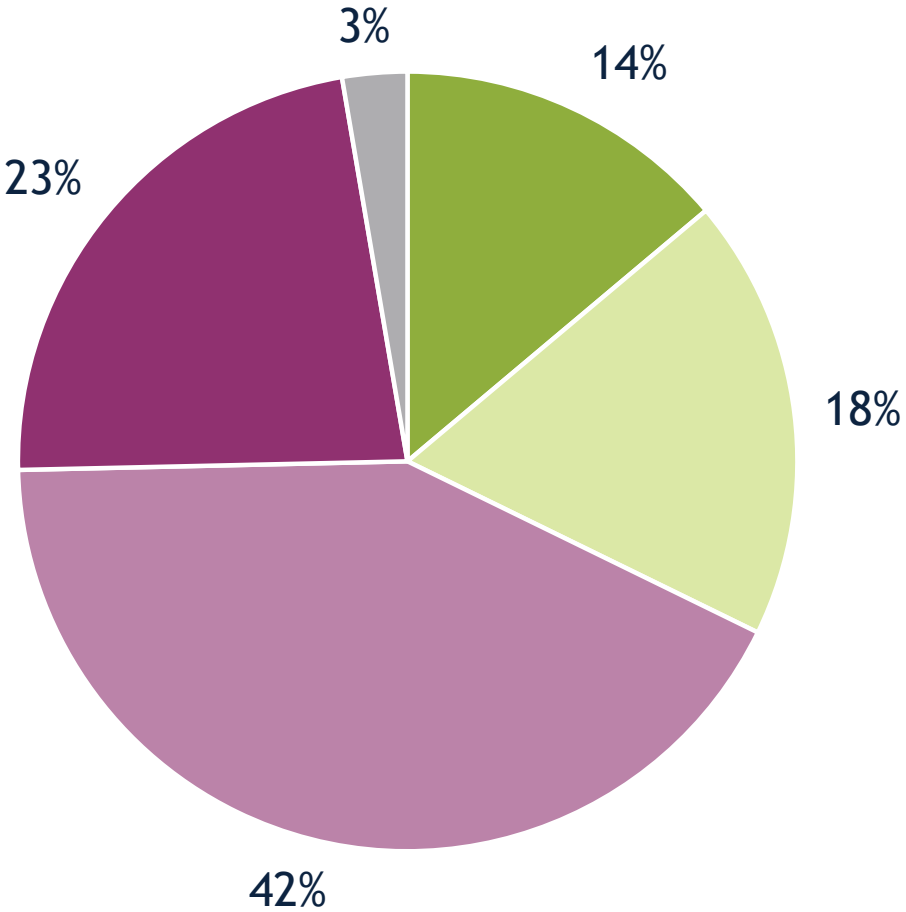
■ Very Good   ■ Somewhat Good   ■ Somewhat Bad   ■ Very Bad   ■ Don't know/Refused to answer







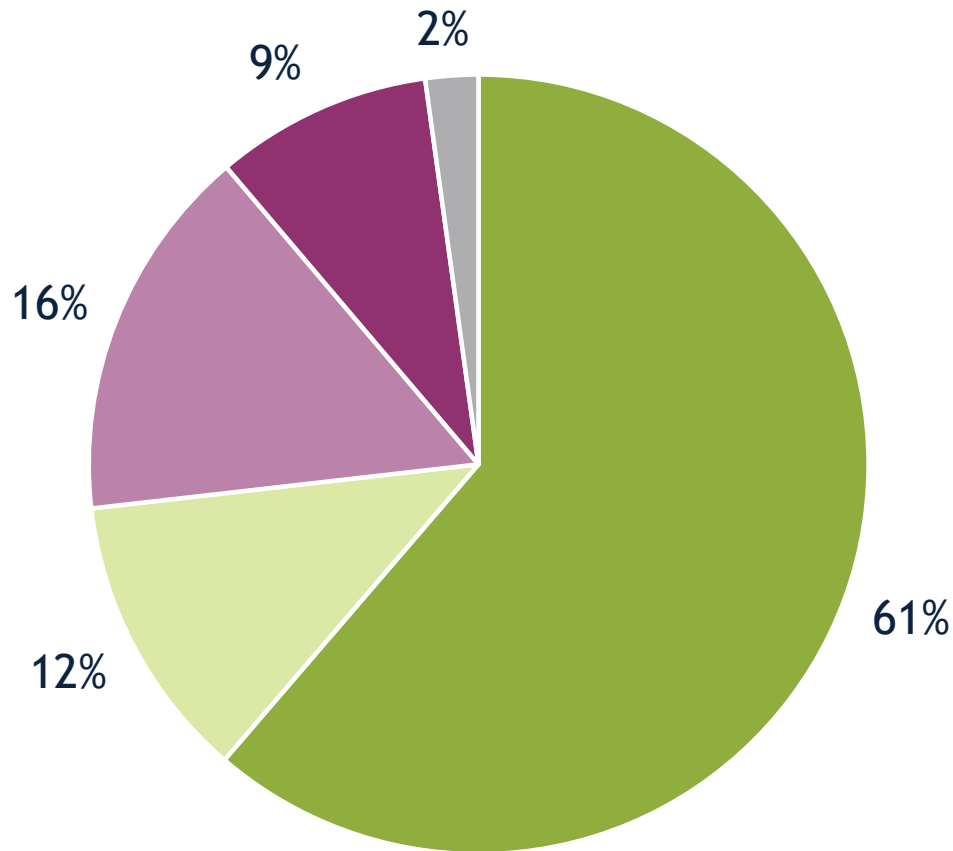
# How likely are ordinary people to influence decisions made in our country?



■ Very likely ■ Somewhat likely ■ Somewhat not likely ■ Very unlikely ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities including indigenous people, and people with disabilities are included in the political decision making?



Very important  
Not important

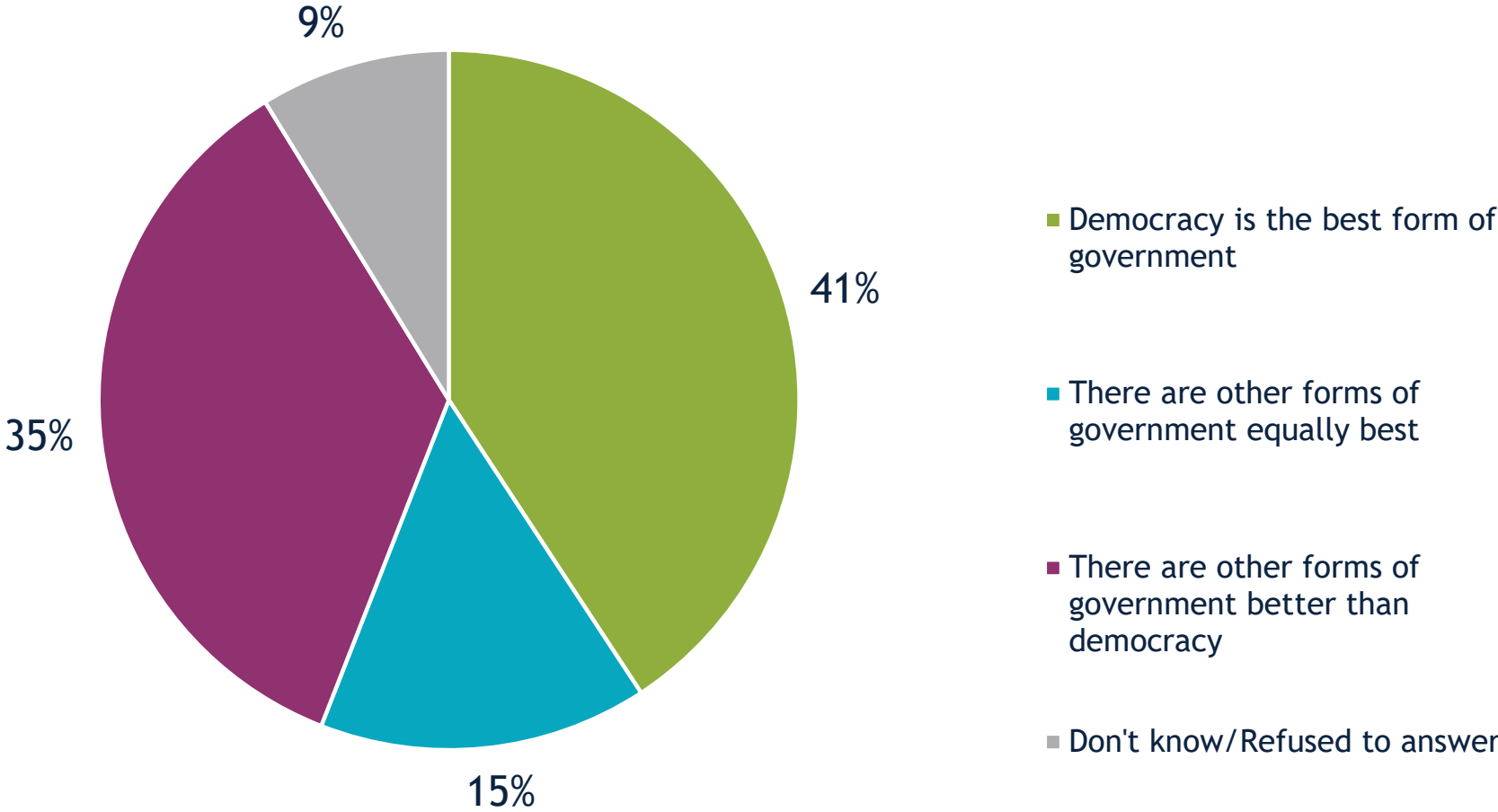
Somewhat important  
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Somewhat not important

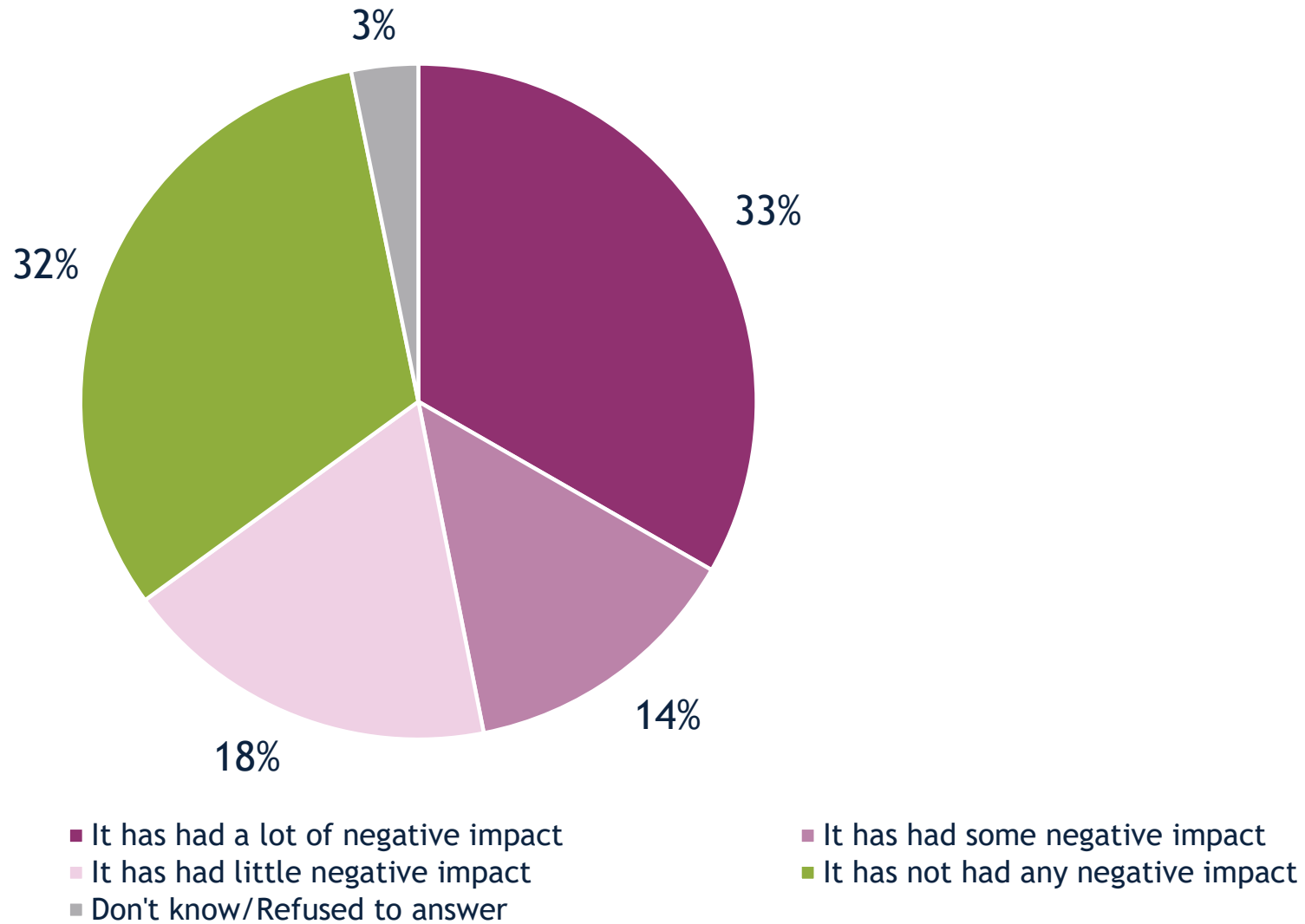




# Do you believe that democracy is the best form of government for Panama or not?

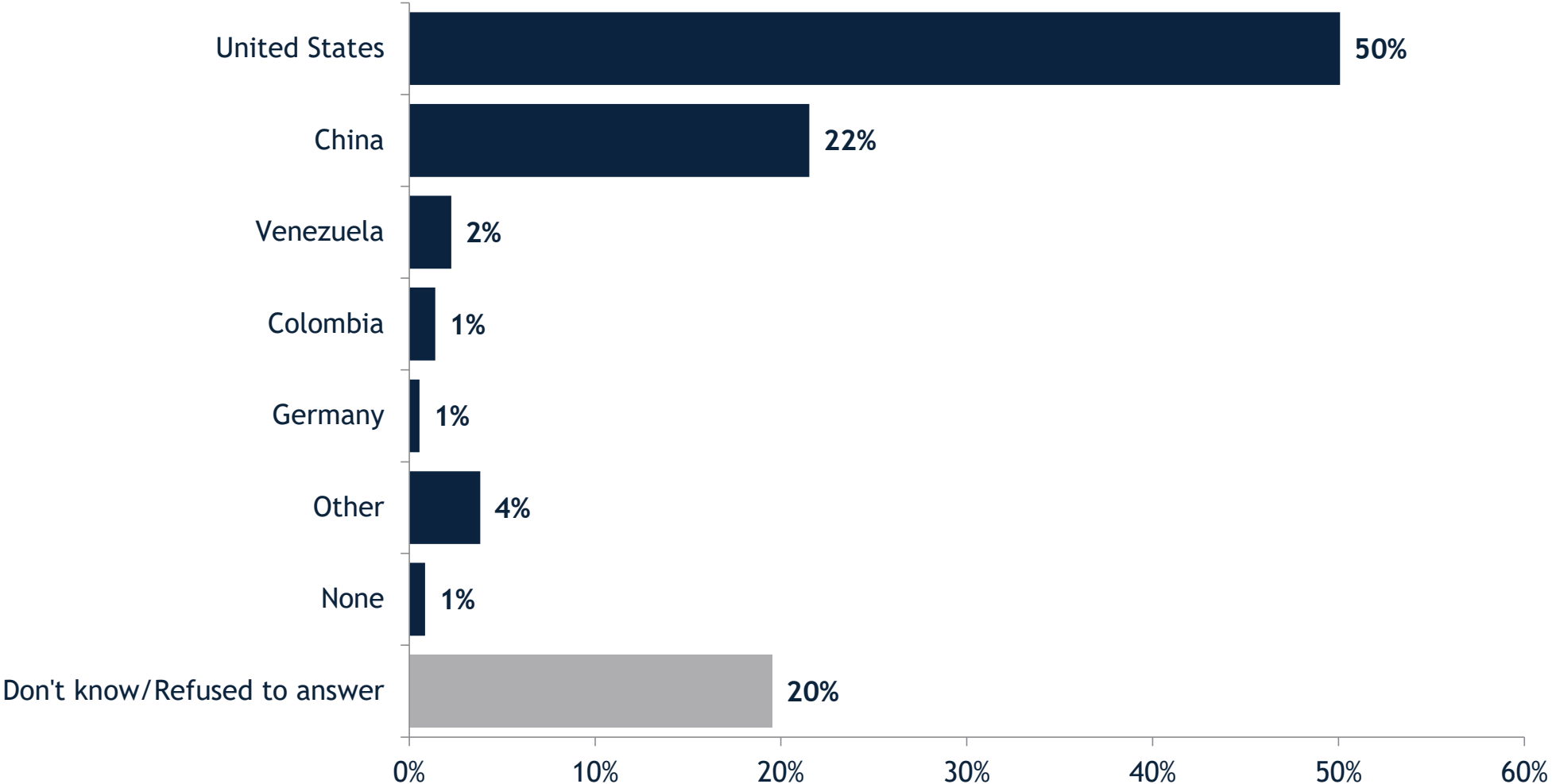


Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?





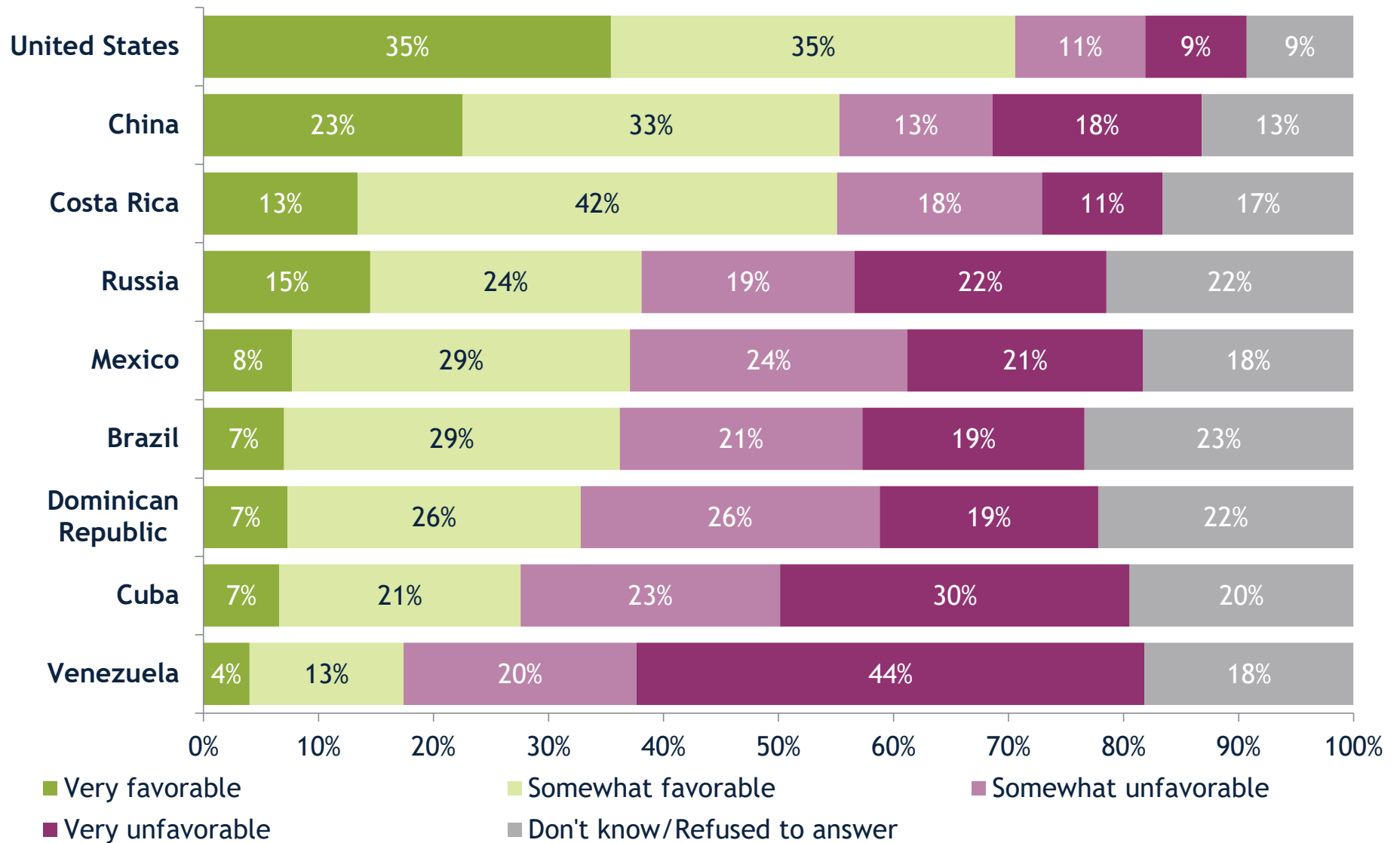
# Which would you say is the biggest foreign donor to Panama?



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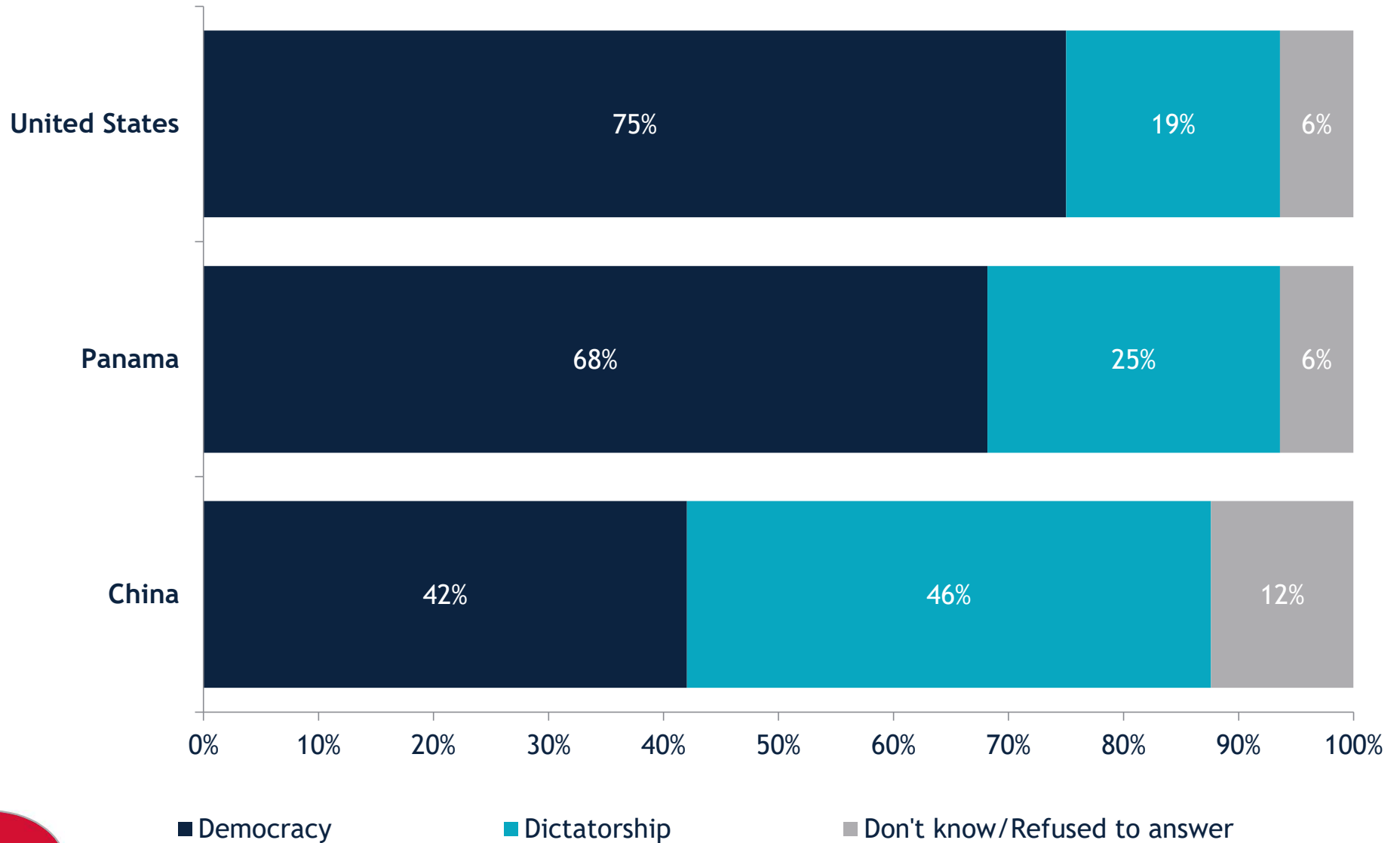


## Please tell me your opinion of each of the following countries...



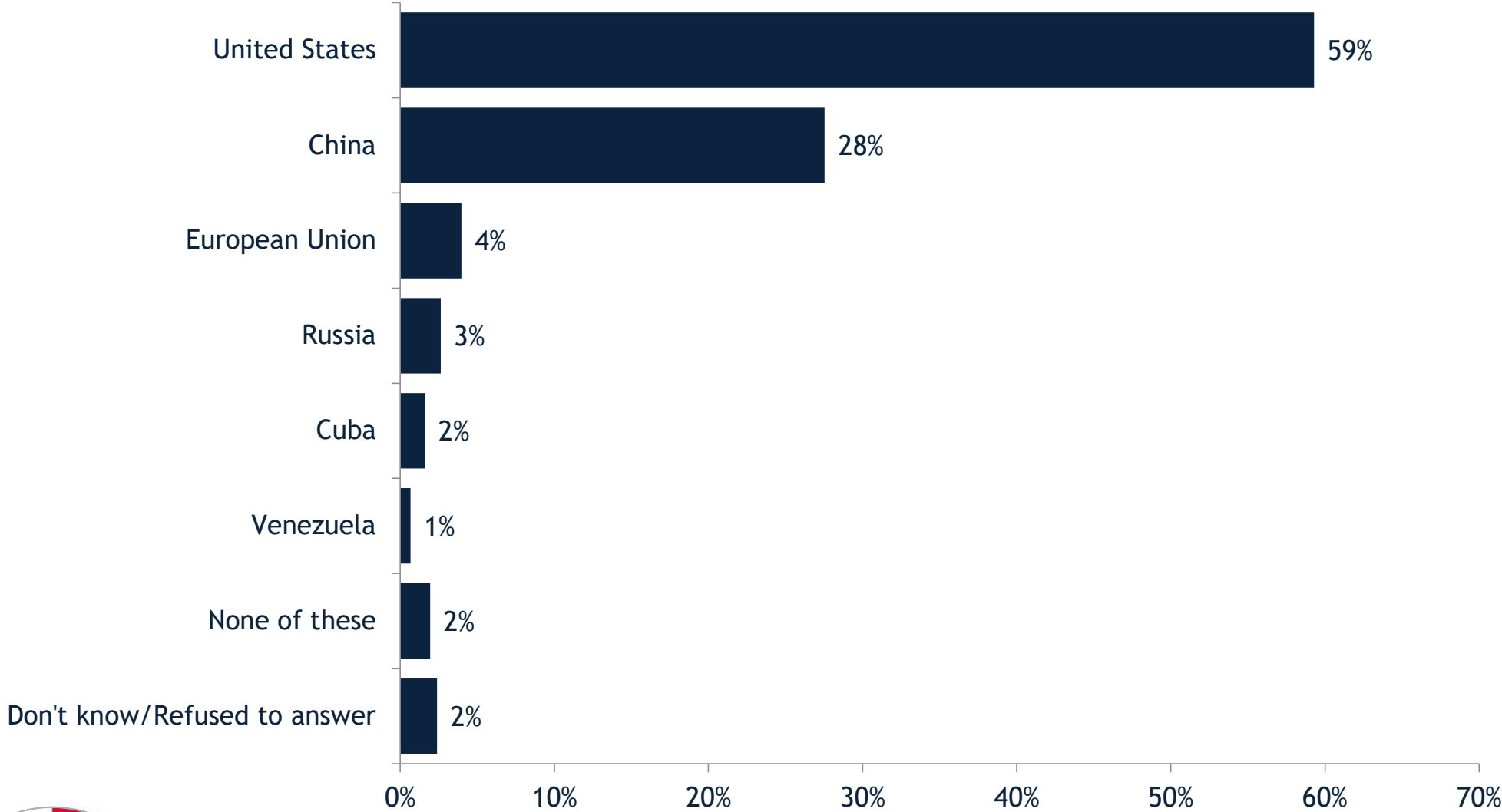


# How would you characterize the governments of the following countries?





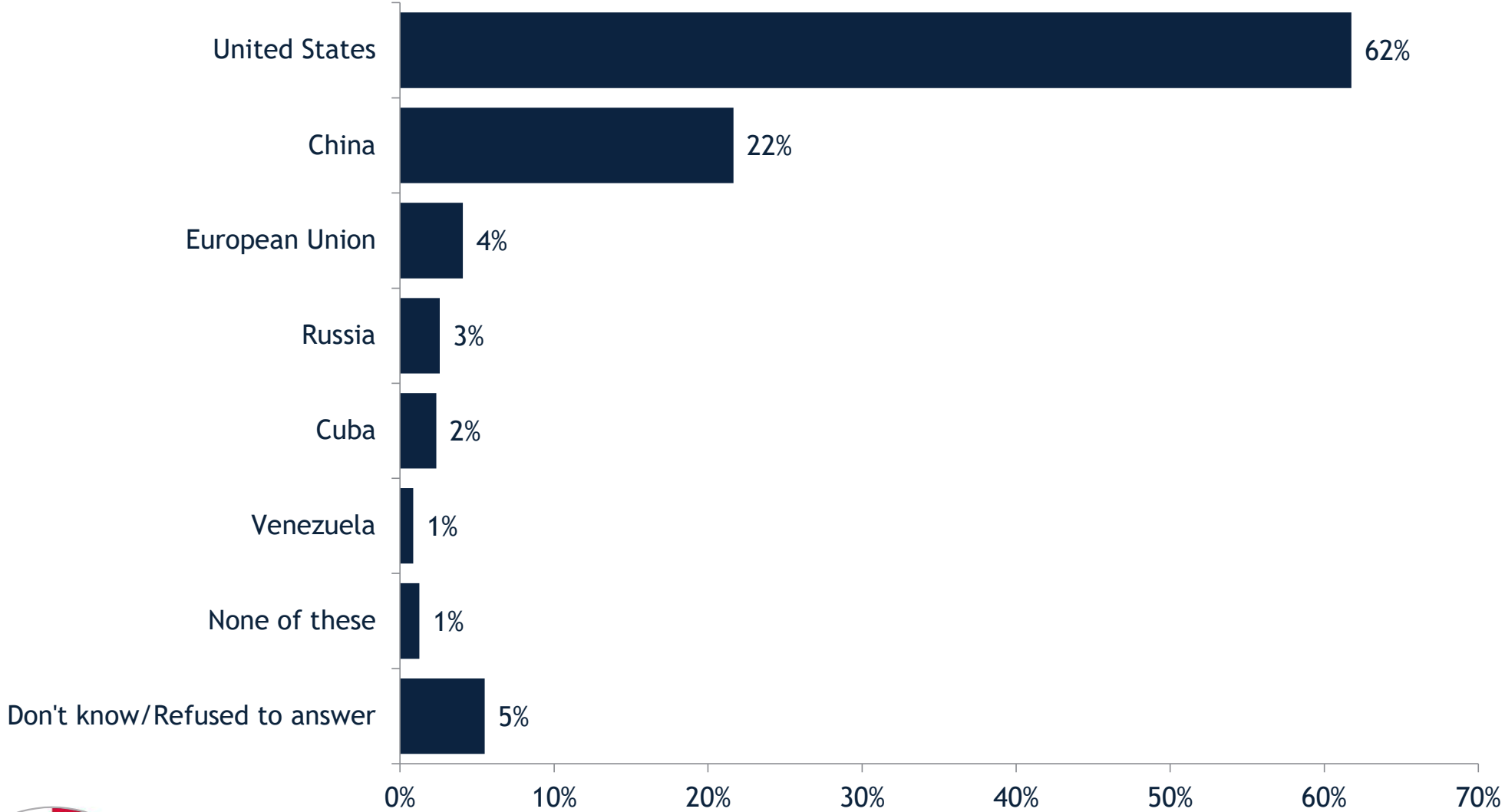
# Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner for Panama?





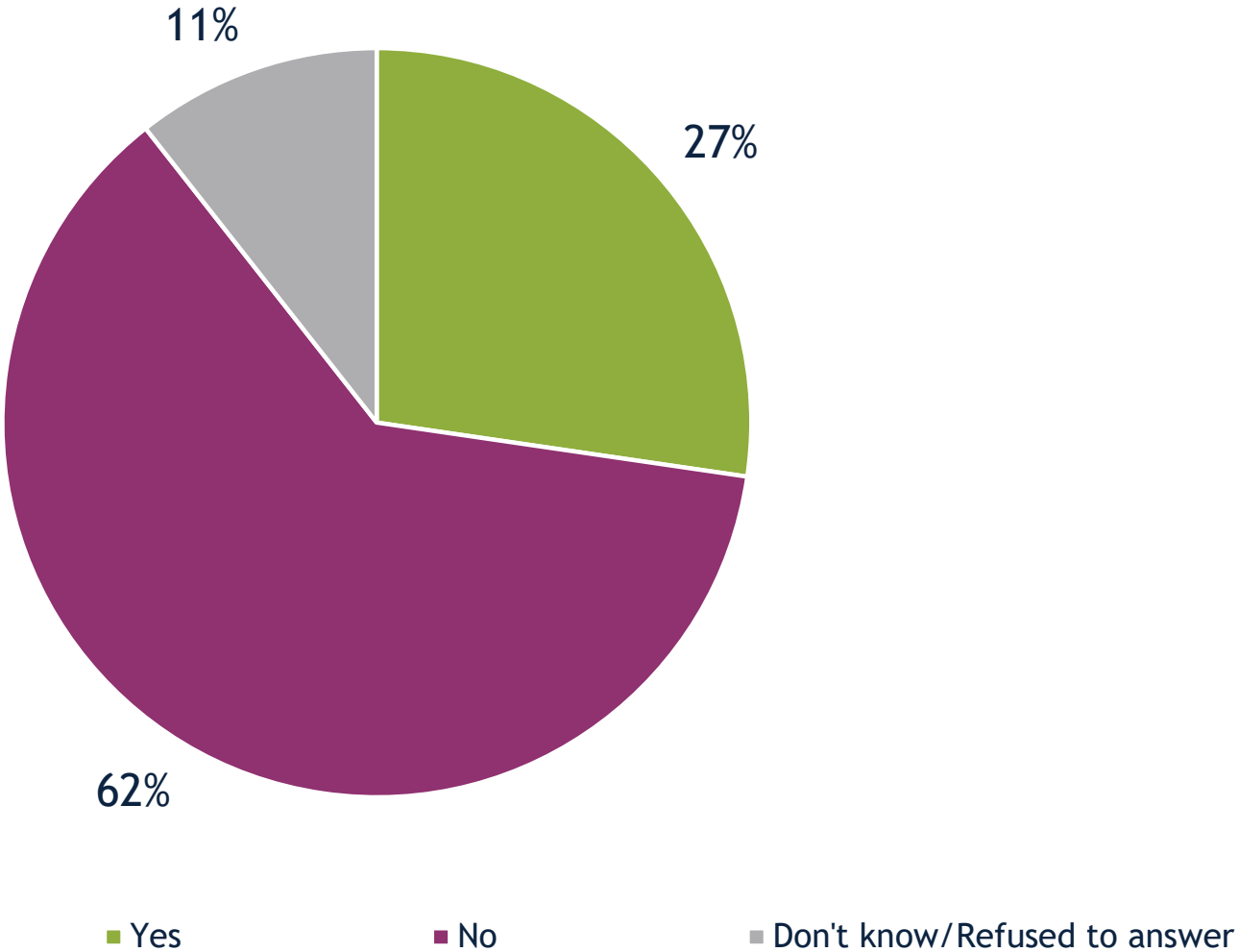


# Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political partner for Panama?





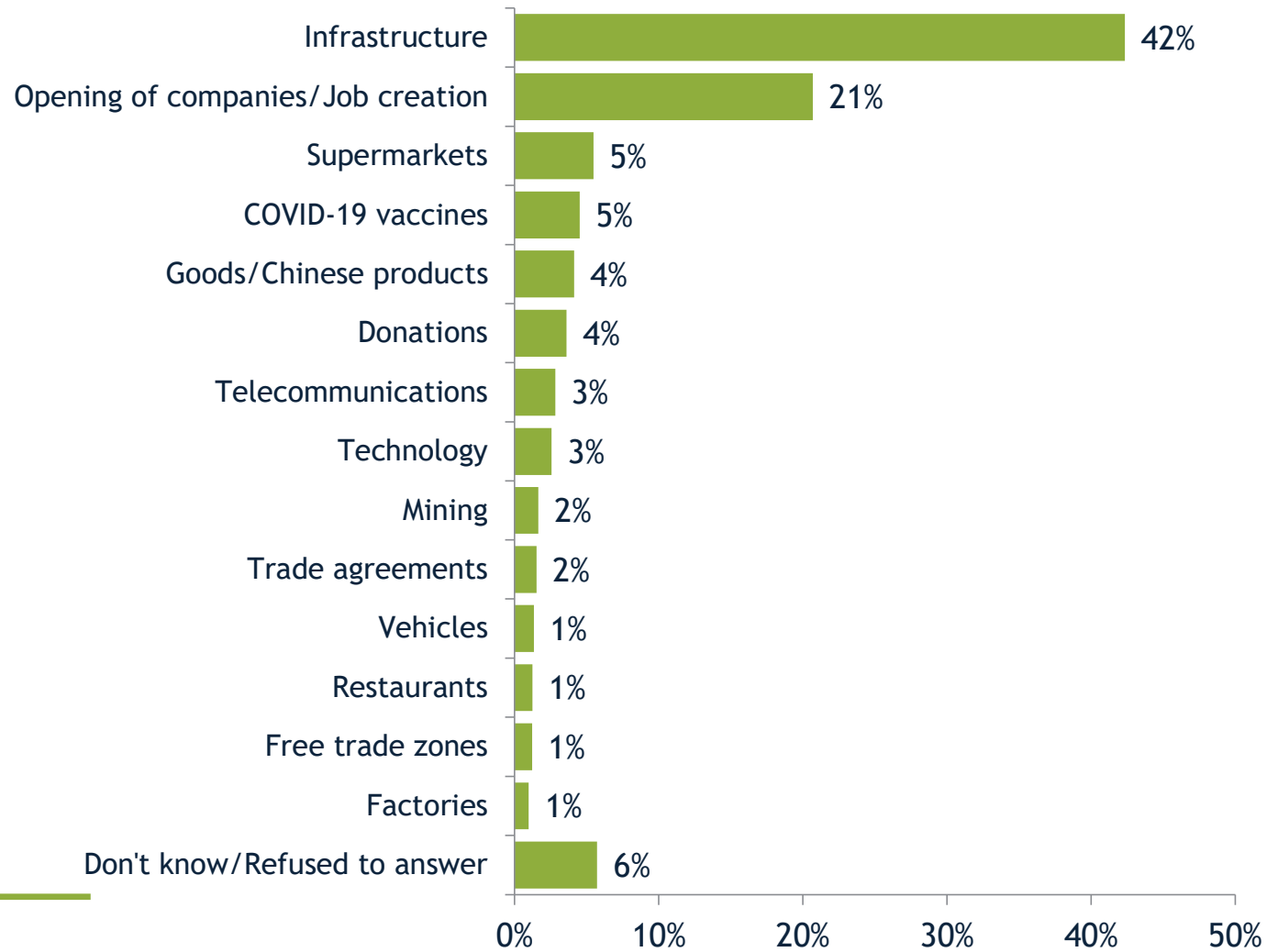
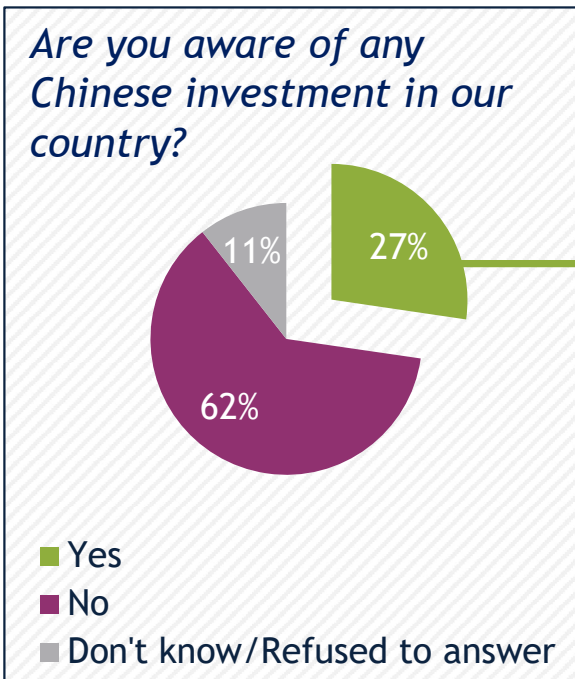
# Are you aware of any major Chinese investment in our country?





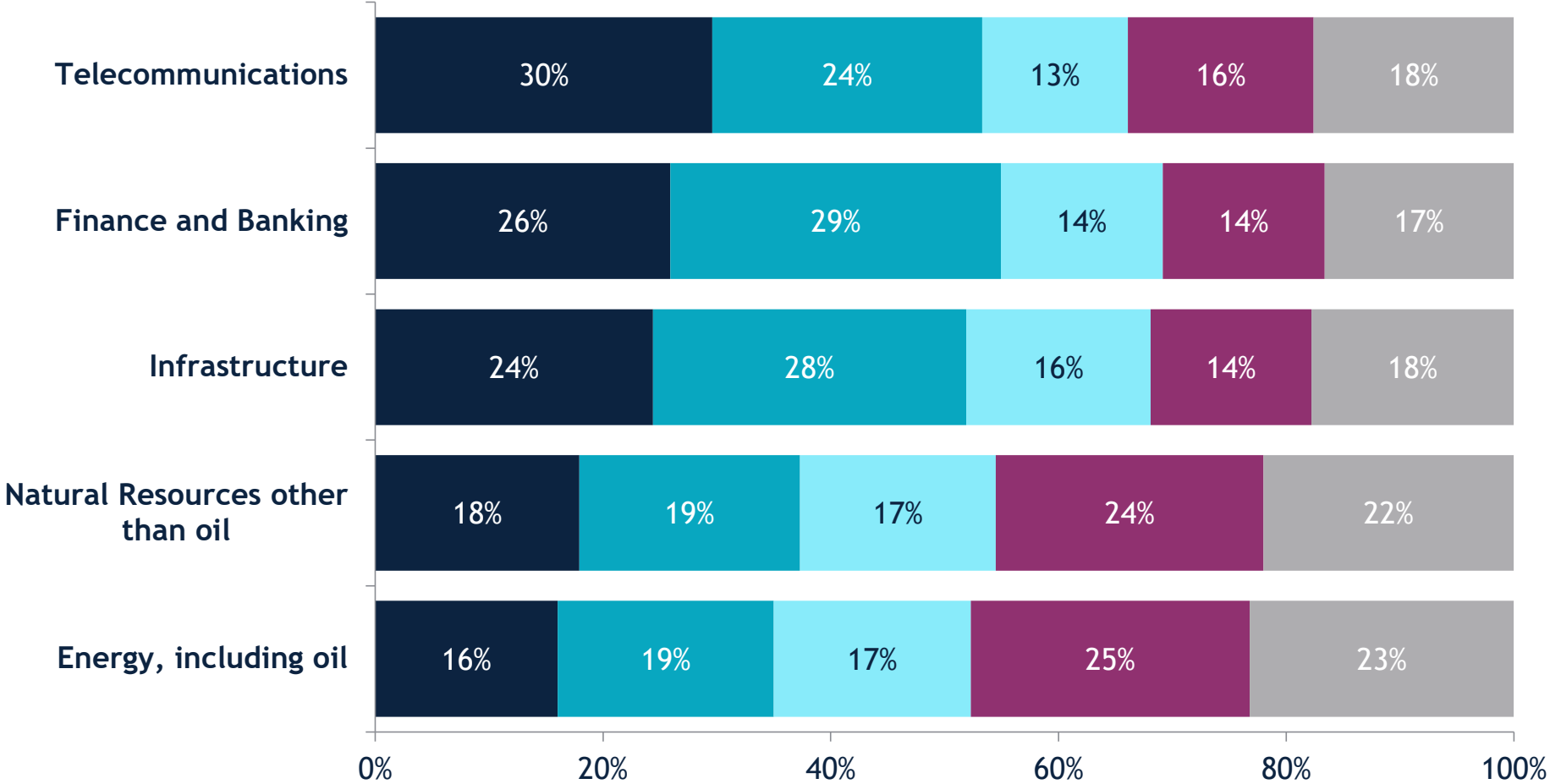
# Which major Chinese investment are you aware of?

(Spontaneous response; Among those who are aware of Chinese investments, n=332)





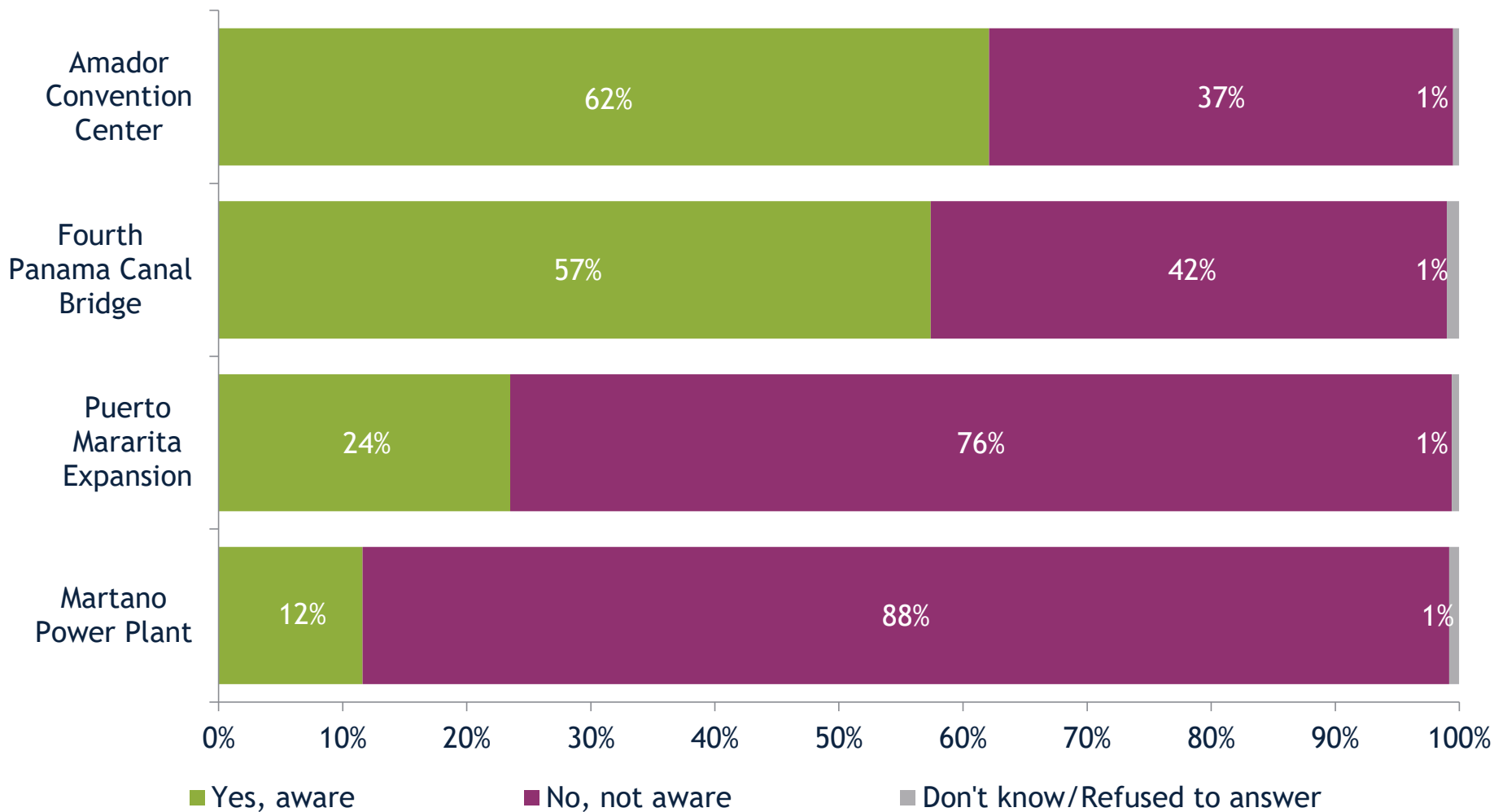
# To your best knowledge, what is the level of Chinese investment in the following sectors in our country?



- Chinese investment is the largest source of foreign investment
- Chinese investment is one of the largest source of foreign investment
- Chinese investment is a minor source of foreign investment
- There is no Chinese investment in this sector
- Don't know/Refused to answer



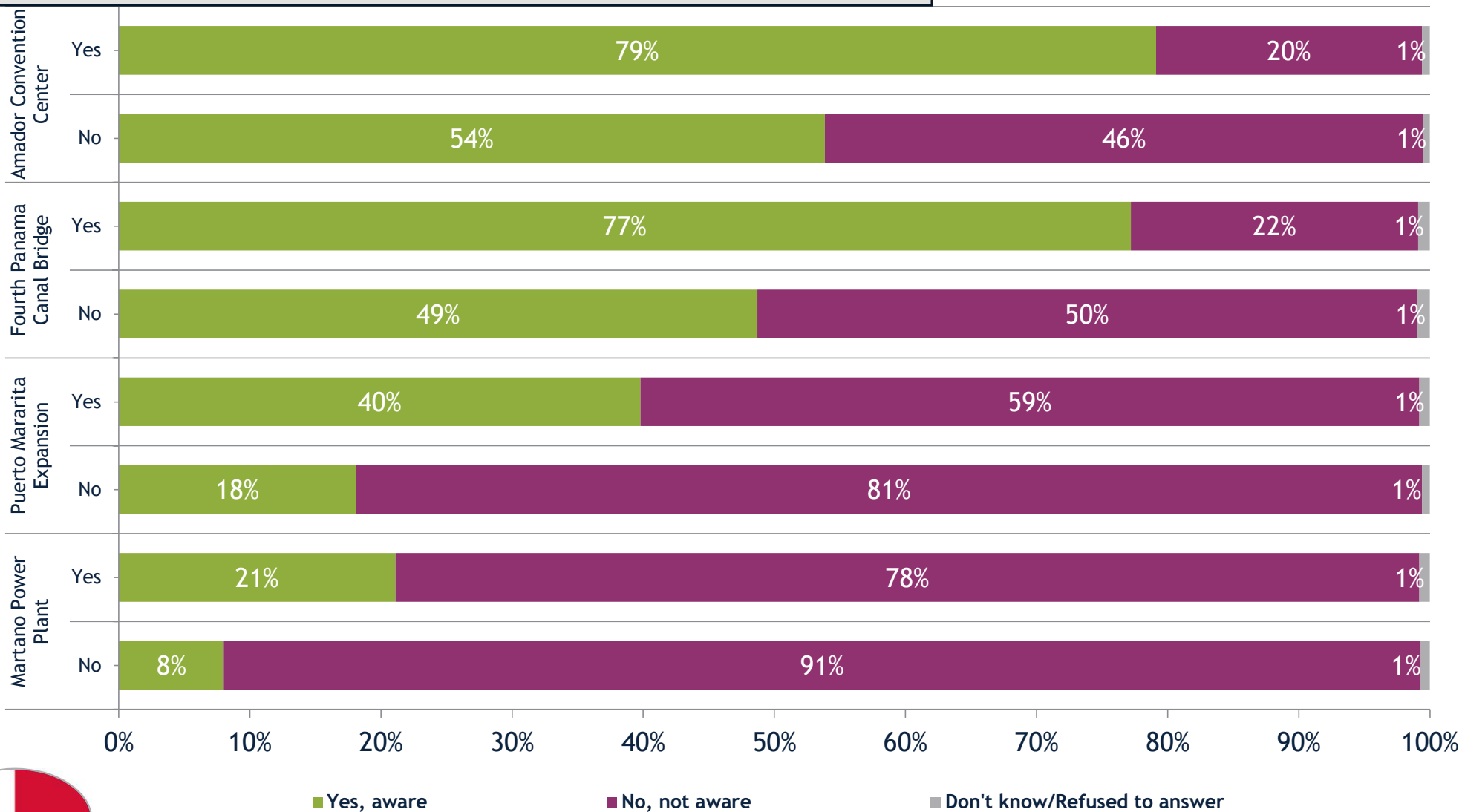
# Are you aware of any of the following Chinese infrastructure construction projects in our country?



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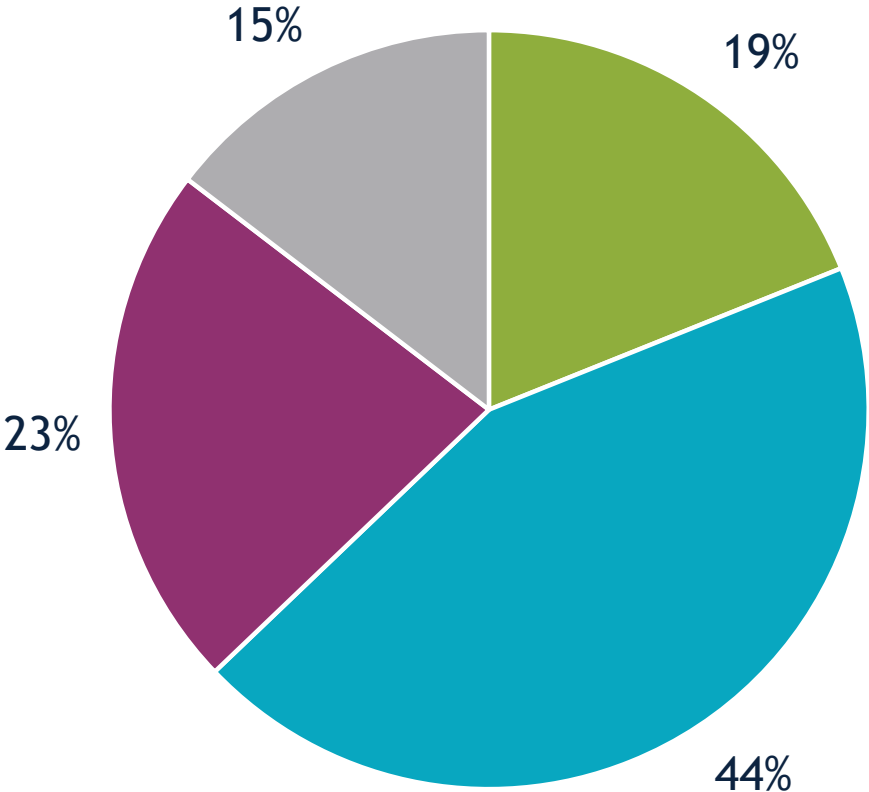
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To your best knowledge, which of the following statements best reflects how democracy in the country has been impacted by the country's engagement with China?

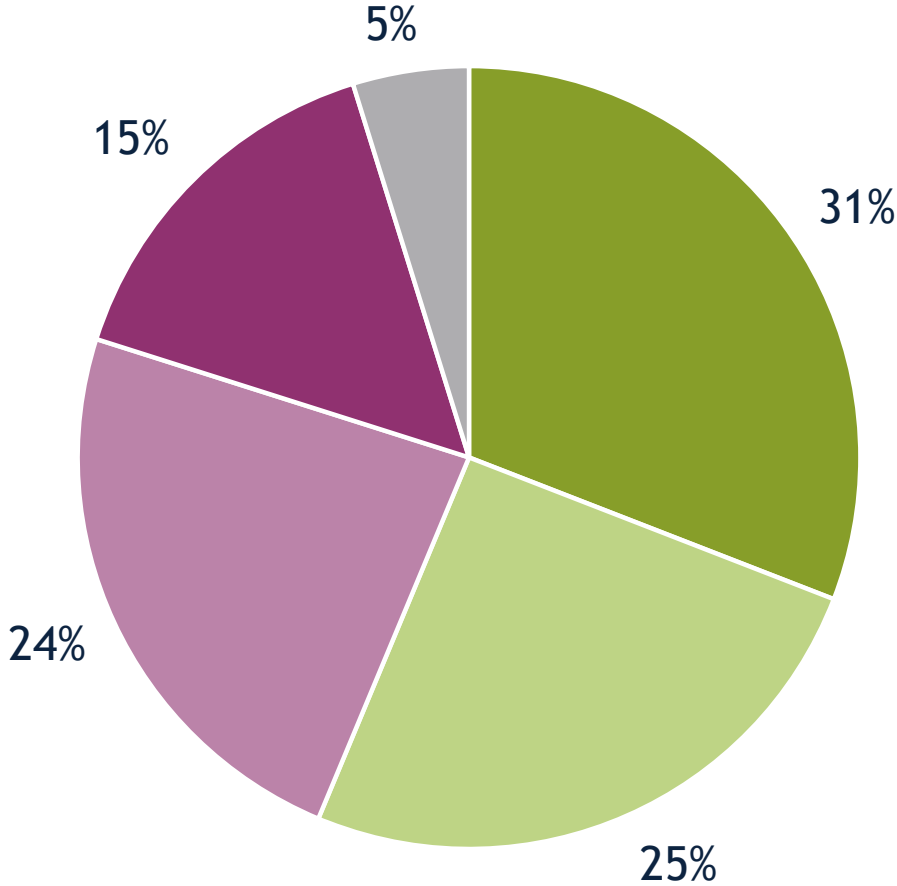


- Engaging with China has strengthened democracy in the country
- Engaging with China has had no effect on democracy in the country
- Engaging with China has weakened democracy in the country
- Don't know/Refused to answer





# Some people believe that China could emerge as a global leader in the world following the COVID-19 Pandemic. How likely do you think this is?

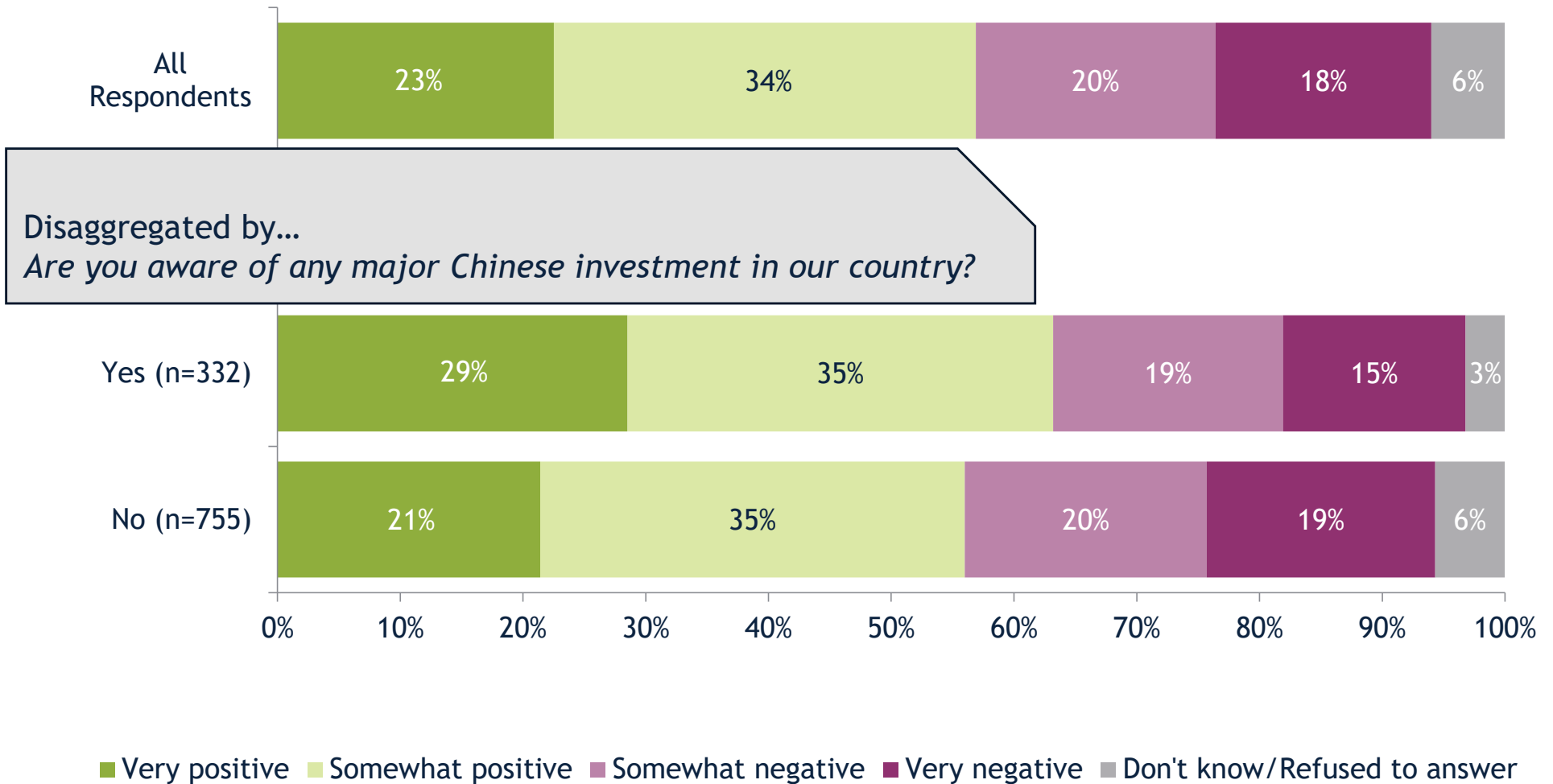


Very likely   Somewhat likely   Less likely   Not likely   Don't know/Refused to answer



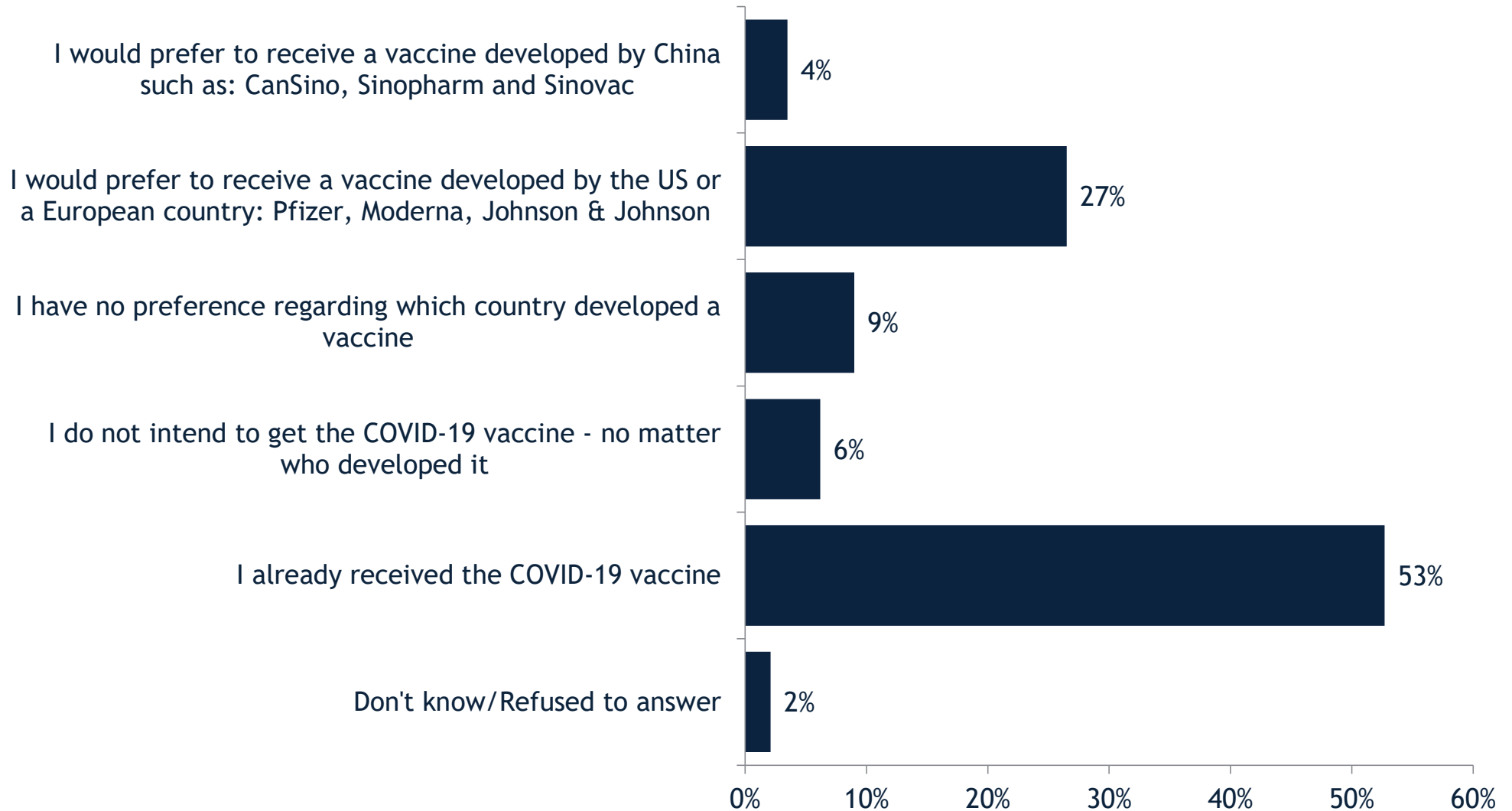


## How would you evaluate the overall performance of China in respect to the COVID-19 pandemic?





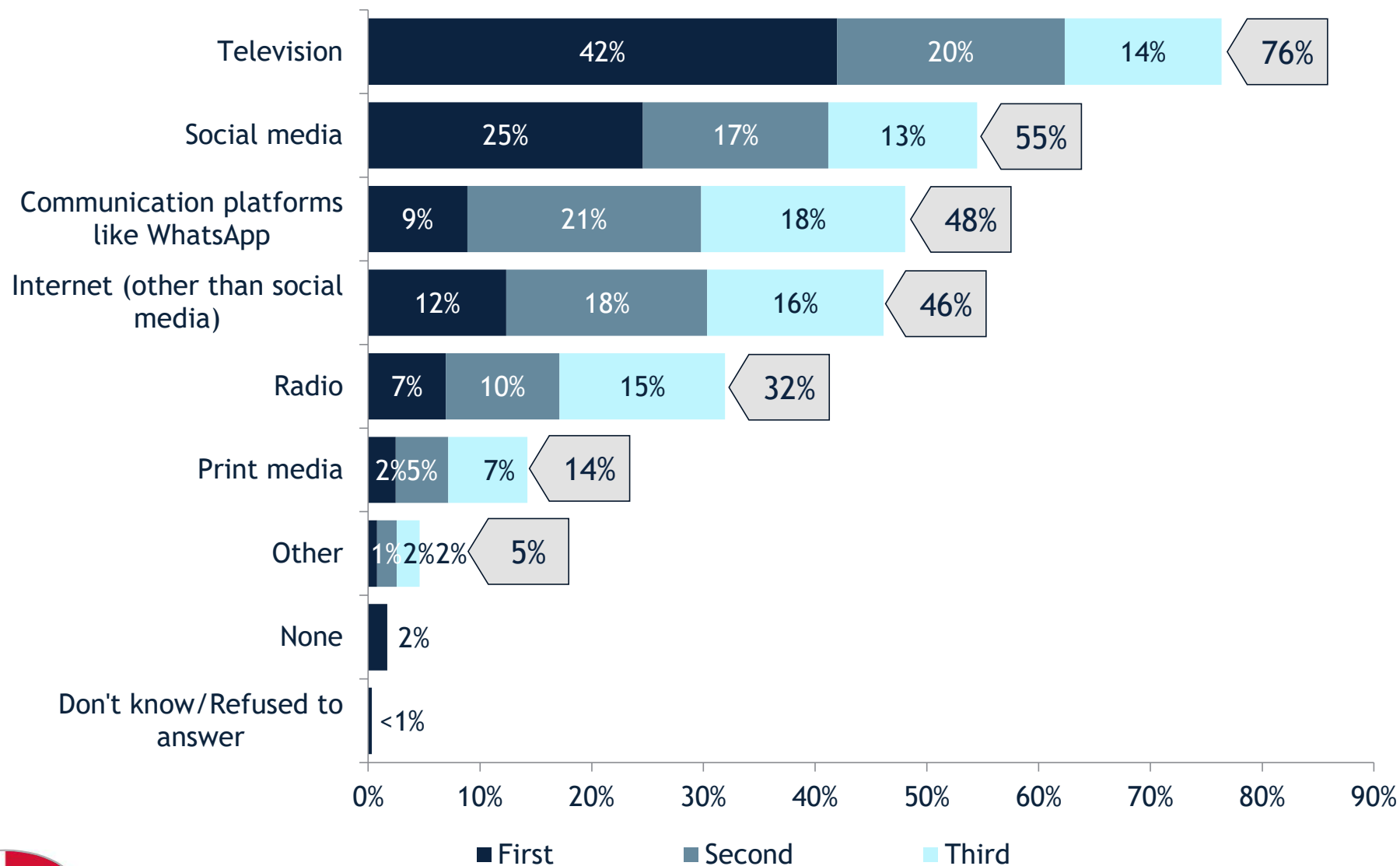
## Which of the following best reflects your opinion regarding a COVID vaccine?





# Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information?

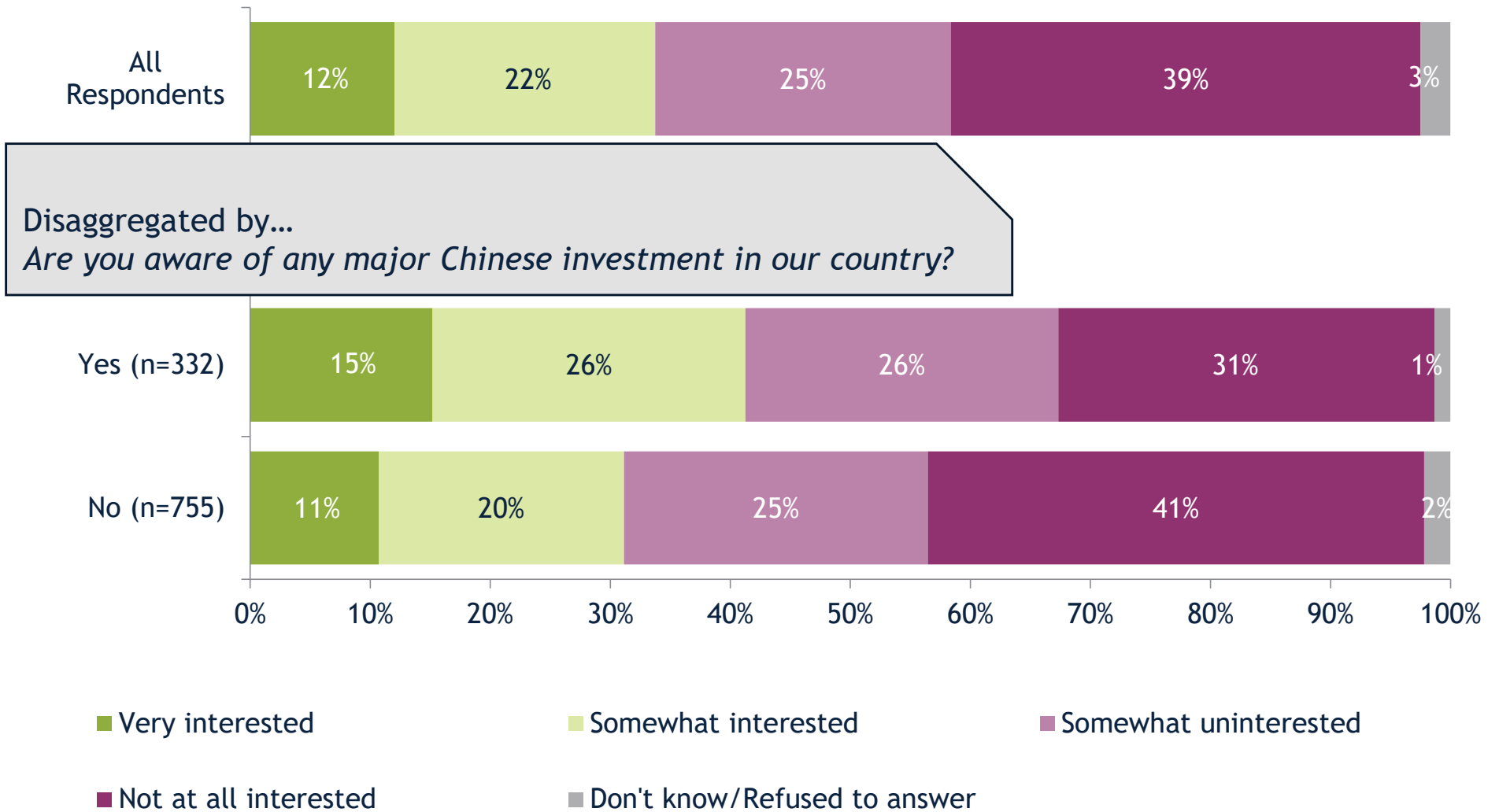
(Up to three responses permitted)



\*None and Don't know/Refused responses refer to First response.



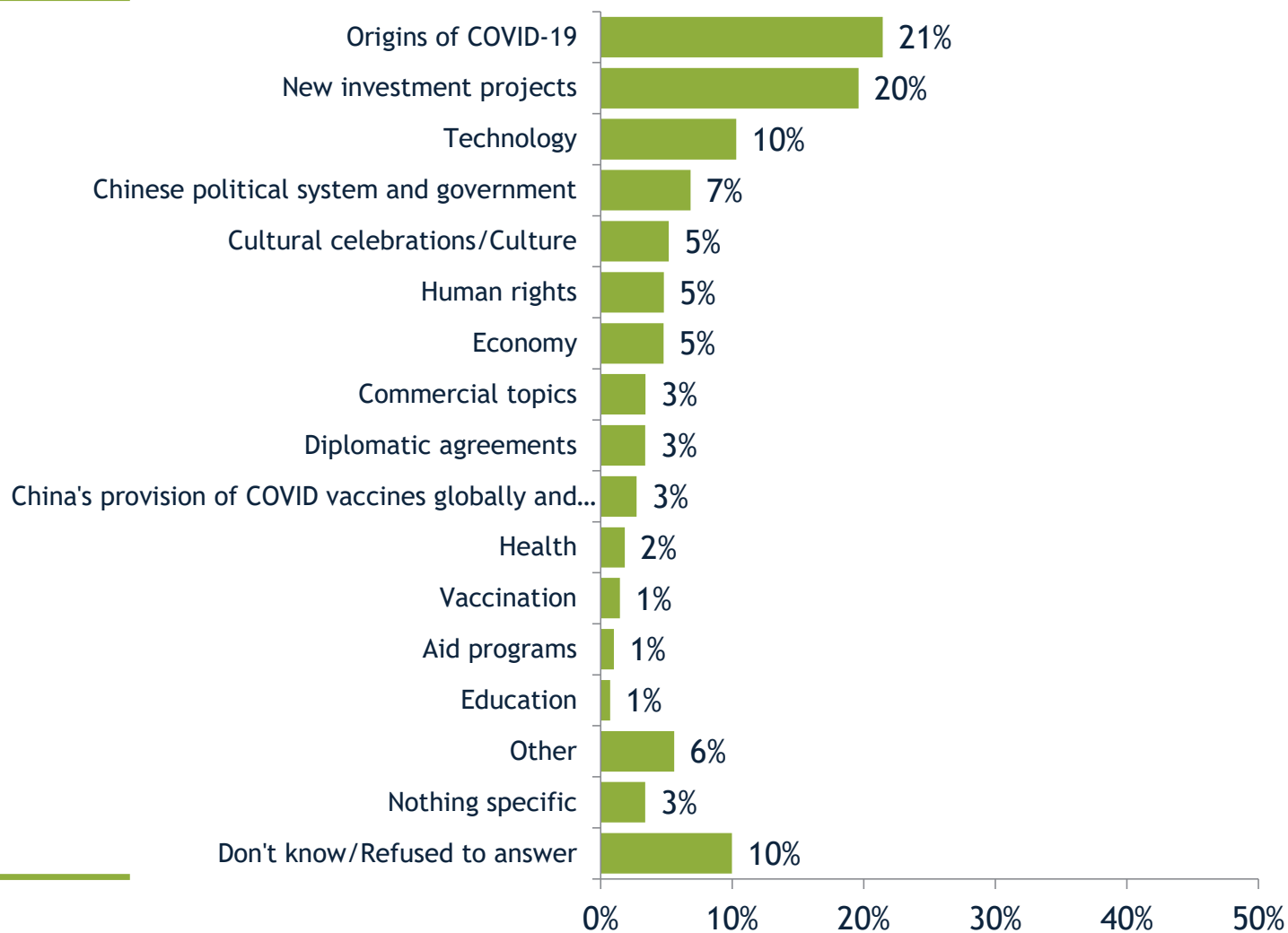
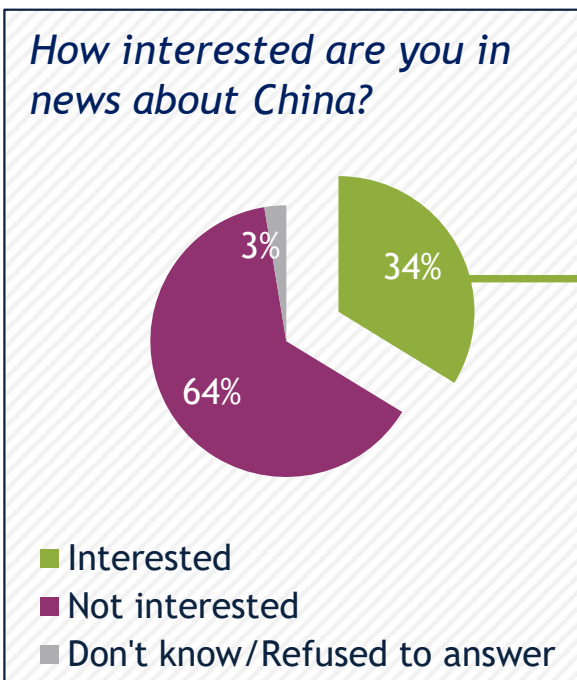
## How interested are you in news about China?





## Which topics about China are you most interested in?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Among those interested in news about China, n=410)

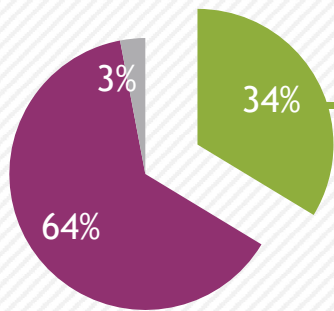




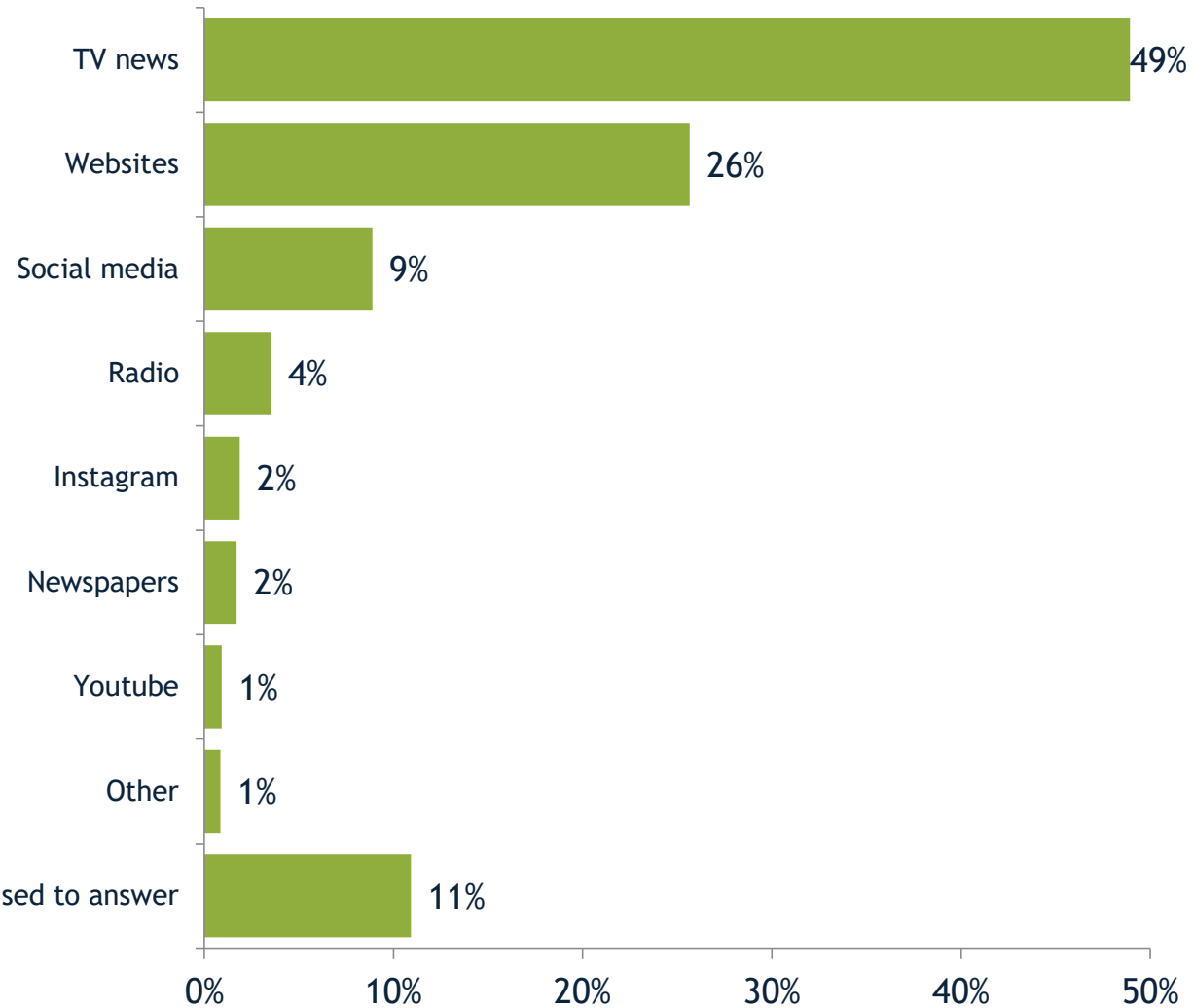
## From which specific media outlet do you obtain most news about China?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; Among those interested in news about China, n=410)

How interested are you in news about China?



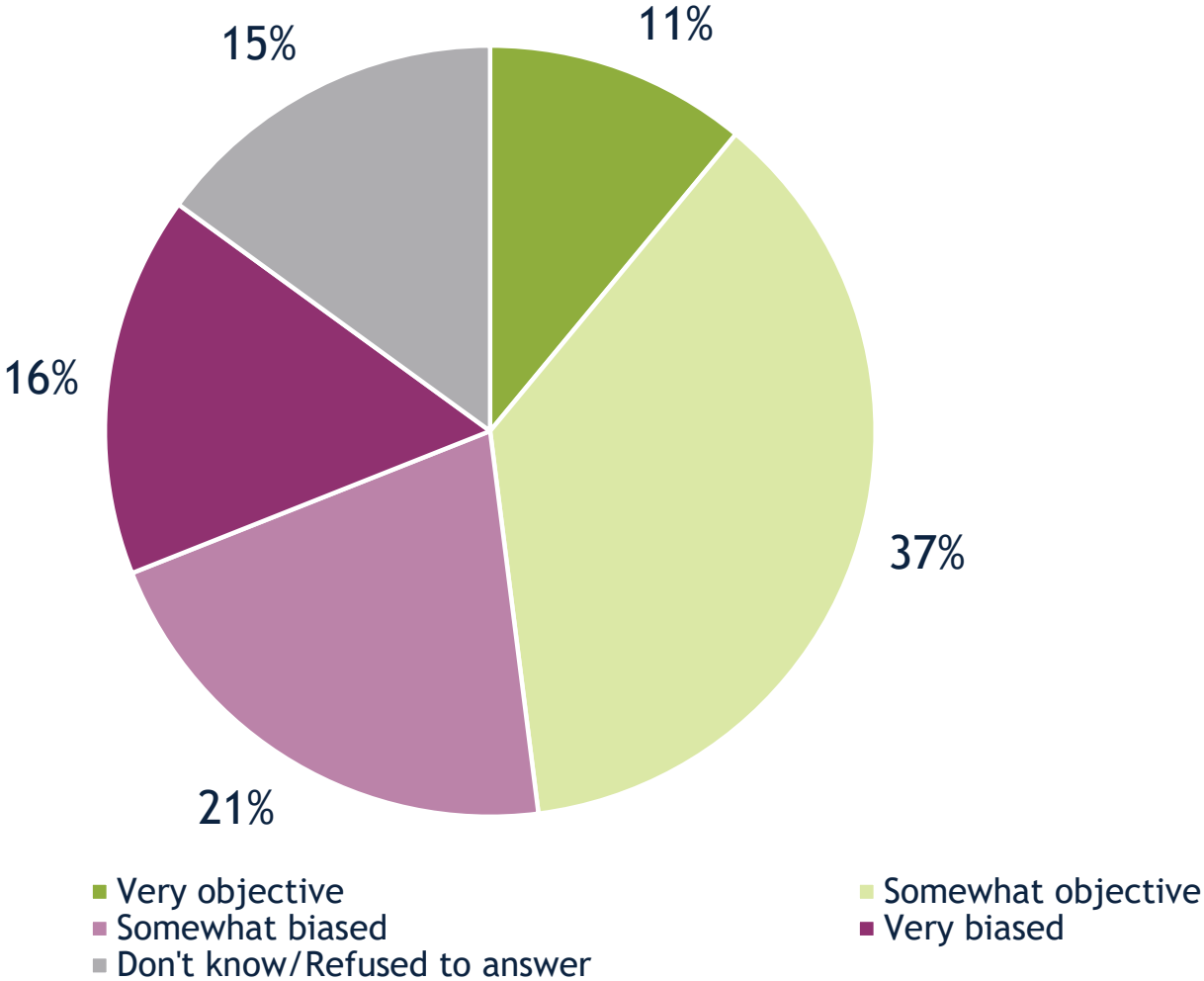
■ Interested  
■ Not interested  
■ Don't know/Refused



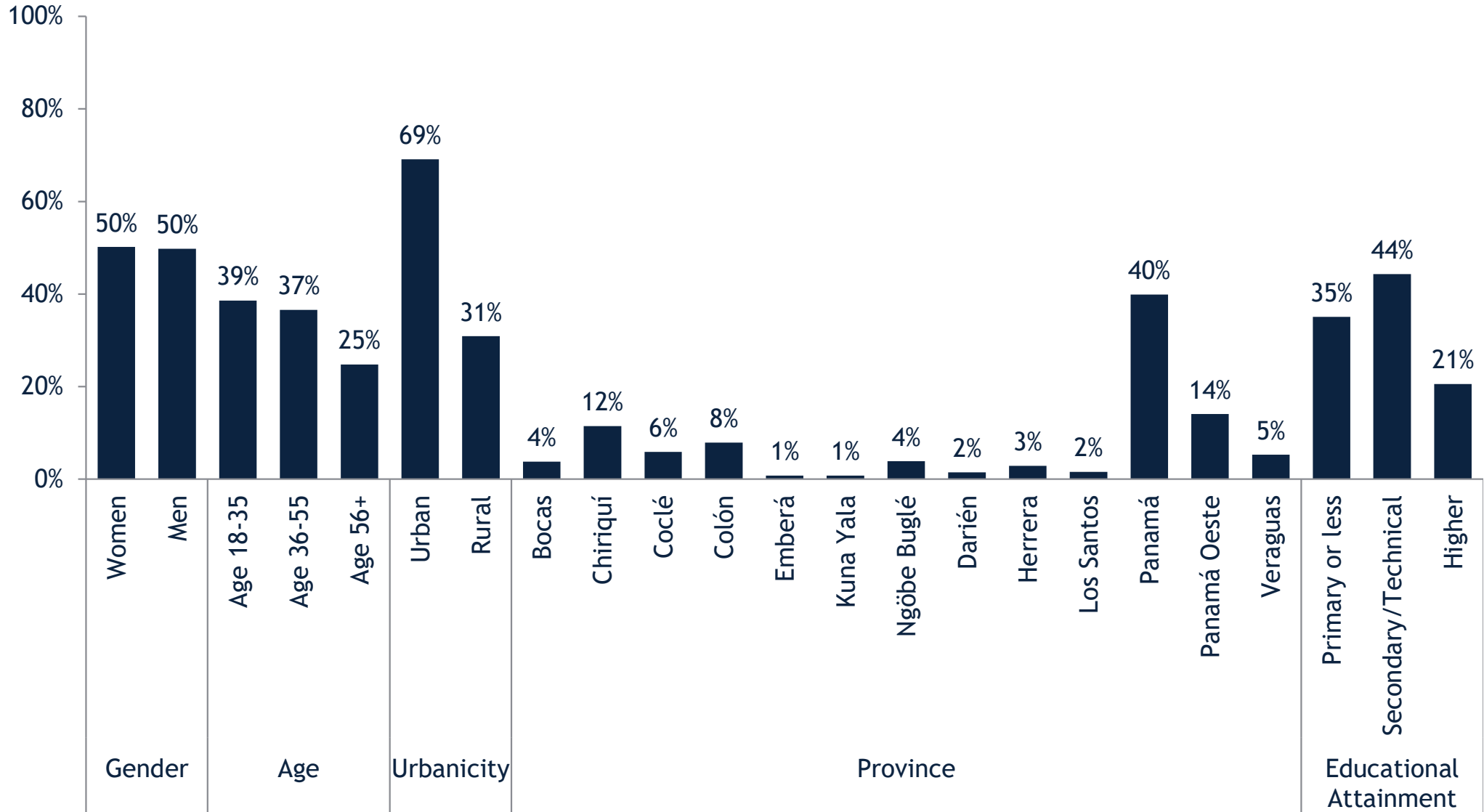
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# How objective do media outlets in our country cover China?

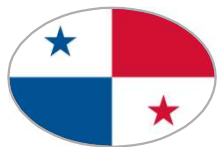
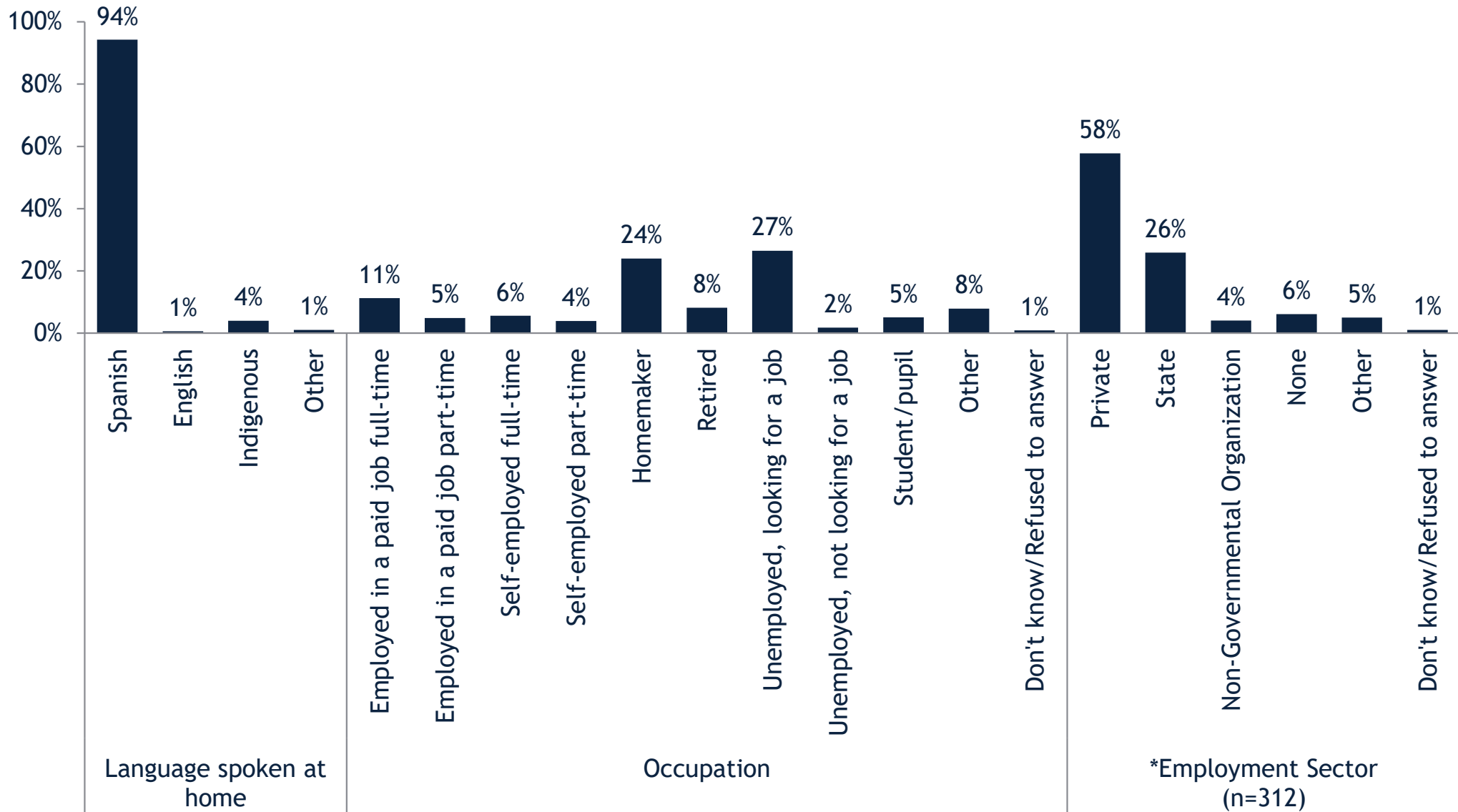


# Demographics





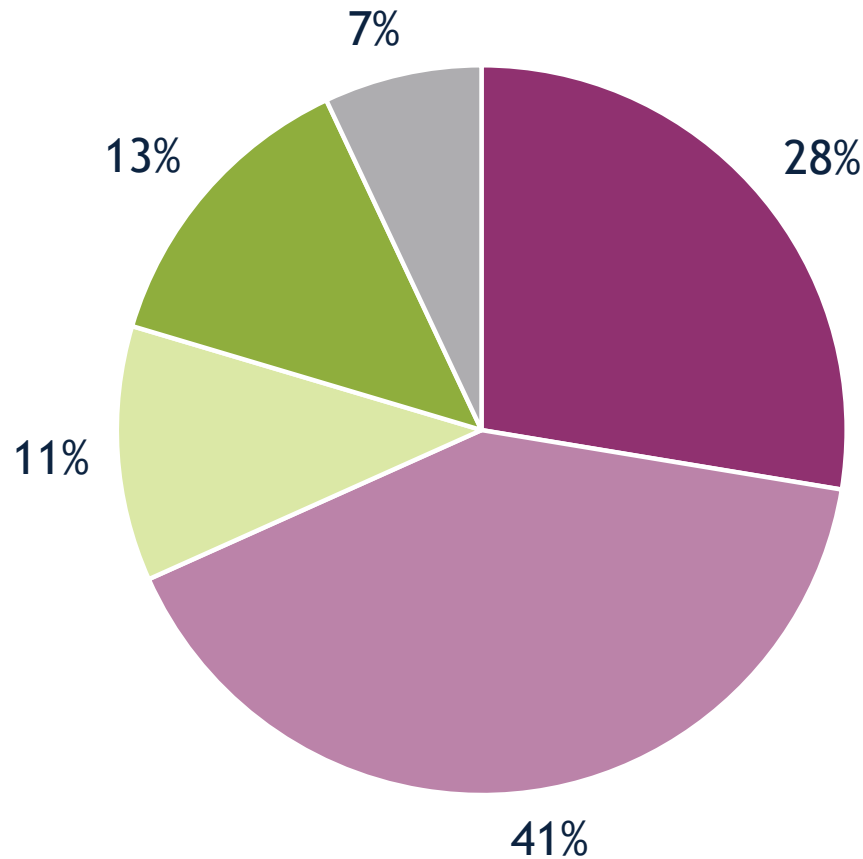
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\*Among those employed in a paid job full or part-time.

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Please, keep in mind that you are free to answer or not any questions. Considering this, could you tell us which answer best describes your current economic situation?



- I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival
- I have enough means for survival, but I do not have enough money for extra things
- I am able to afford a few extra things
- I am able to afford most things I want
- Don't know/Refused to answer



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