

NATIONAL POLL OF KYRGYZSTAN

September 2022



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Detailed Methodology

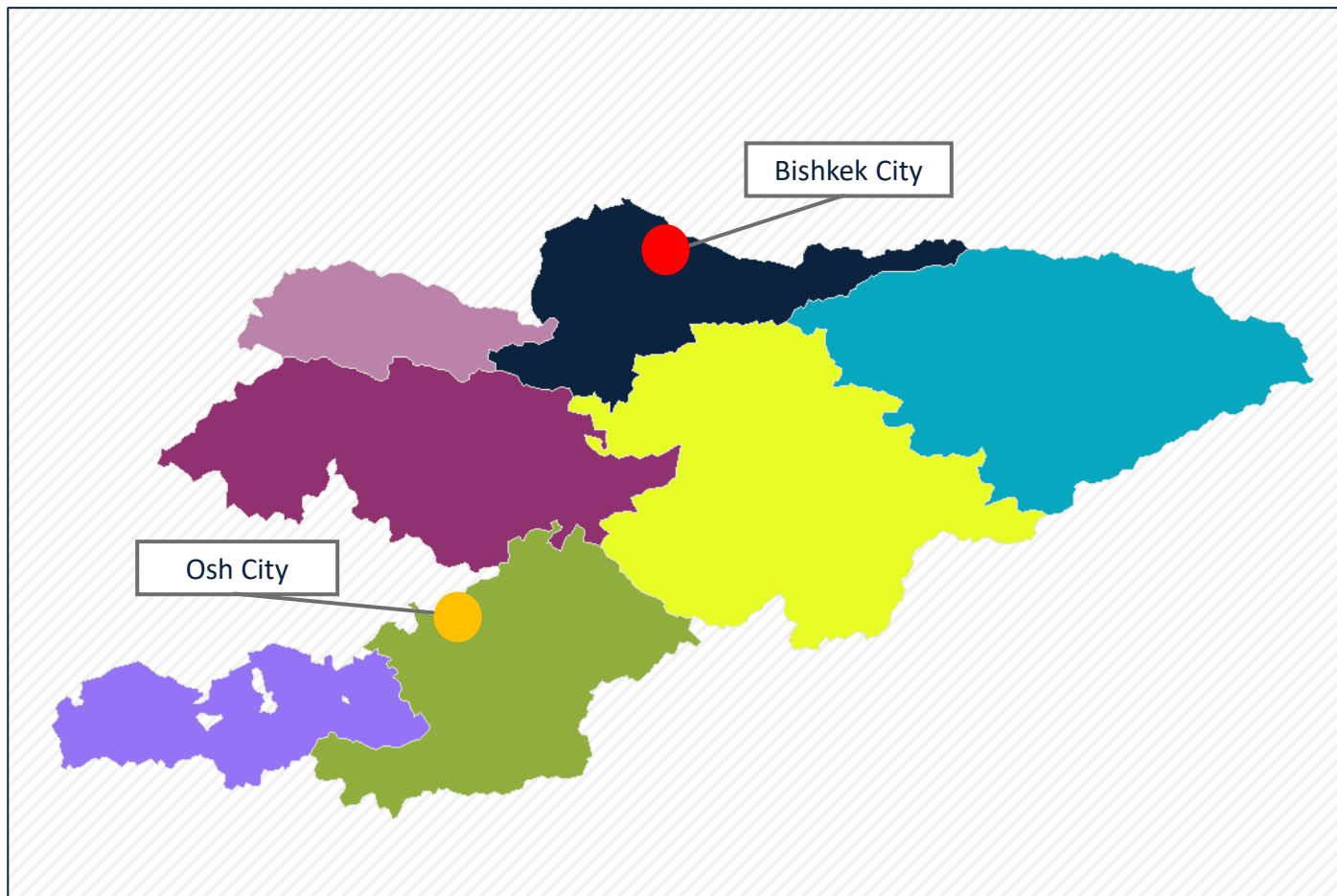
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research \(CISR\)](#) by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data was collected between August 10, 2022 and September 5, 2022 through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) at respondents' homes.
- The sample consists of n=1,500 residents of Kyrgyzstan, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage stratified cluster sample design was used to draw a nationally-representative sample according to the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic Demographic Yearbook available at the beginning of 2020. The sample was stratified by oblast/city and urbanicity, and urban and rural segments were selected within each stratum.
 - Households were selected using the random-walk method. Respondents were randomly selected from among all eligible household members via the CAPI interviewing system.
- The sample has been weighted according to age group and gender using the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic Demographic Yearbook available at the beginning of 2021.
- The response rate for the survey was 64%.
- The margin of error at the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ± 2.5 points at the 95% confidence level.
- Interviews were conducted in Kyrgyz (78%), Russian (21%), and Uzbek (1%)
- Cited bases are weighted. Charts and graphs may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#).

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Brackets	Age 18-35	n = 706
	Age 36-55	n = 519
	Age 56+	n = 278
Gender	Men	n = 730
	Women	n = 770
Urbanicity	Urban	n = 552
	Rural	n = 948
Oblast/City	Bishkek City	n = 278
	Chui Oblast	n = 216
	Issyk-Kul Oblast	n = 108
	Naryn Oblast	n = 57
	Talas Oblast	n = 55
	Osh Oblast	n = 294
	Jalal-Abad Oblast	n = 287
	Batken Oblast	n = 124
	Osh City	n = 81

Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Cited bases are weighted.

Geographical Key: 7 Oblasts and 2 Cities



- Issyk-Kul Oblast
- Chui Oblast
- Bishkek City
- Talas Oblast
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Previous IRI Kyrgyzstan polls

Poll	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Apr. 7 – Apr. 20, 2022	n = 1,500
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Sept. 11 – Sept. 26, 2021	n = 1,209
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Jul. 6 – Jul. 16, 2021	n = 1,211
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Feb. 21 – Mar. 5, 2021	n = 1,200
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Dec. 12 – Dec. 21, 2020	n = 1,200
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Aug. 6 – Aug. 15, 2020	n = 1,223
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Nov. 21 – Dec. 3, 2019	n = 1,483
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Nov. 22 – Dec. 4, 2018	n = 1,500
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Nov. 19 – Dec. 2, 2017	n = 1,500

About the Center for Insights In Survey Research (CISR)



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IRI’s research approach integrates CISR’s methodological polling best practices protocol and field partner in-depth knowledge of the local research environment. This close collaboration begins at project design, with carefully calibrated sampling and instrument development, and continues throughout the entire fieldwork cycle to ensure the collection of reliable qualitative and quantitative data.

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National Outlook

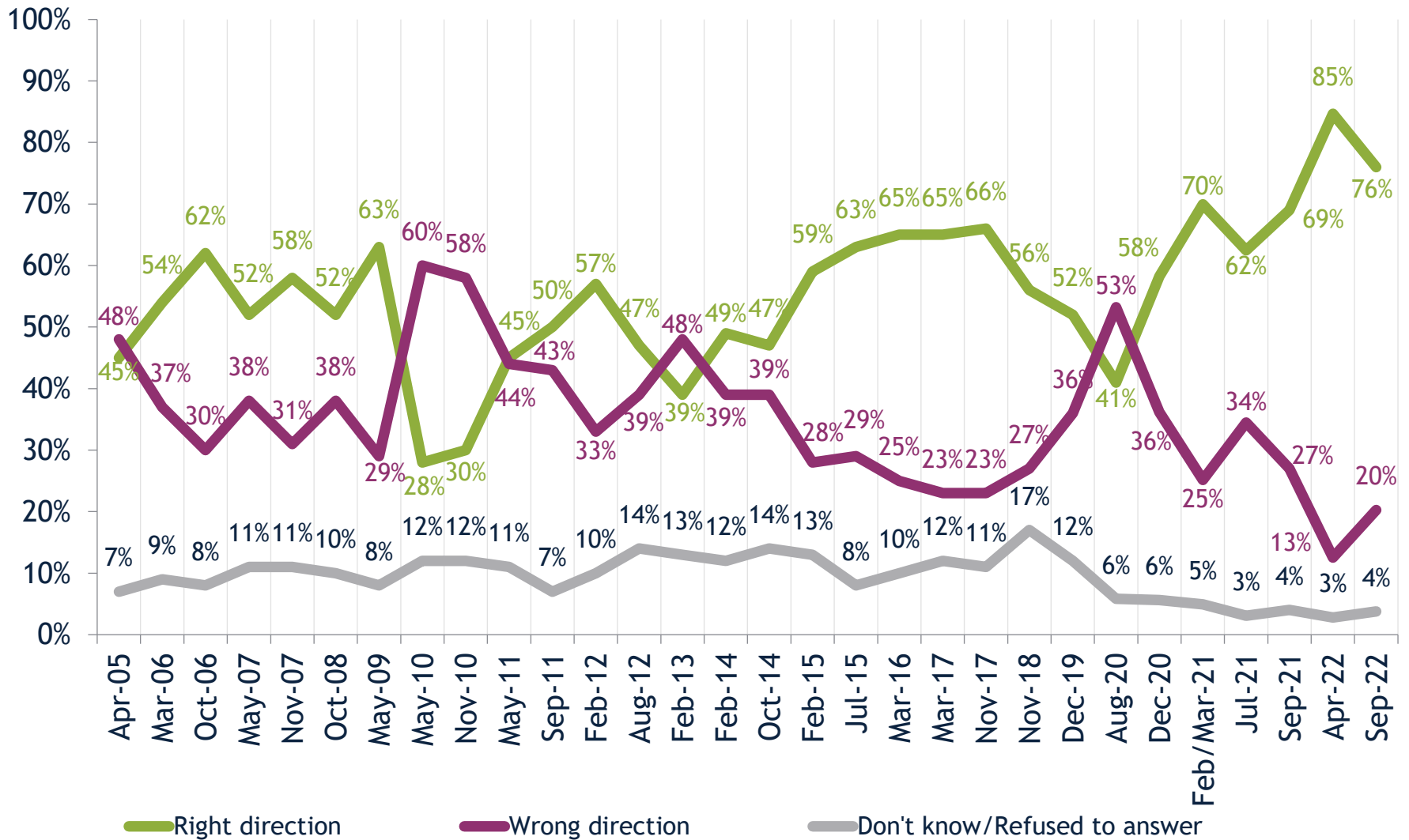


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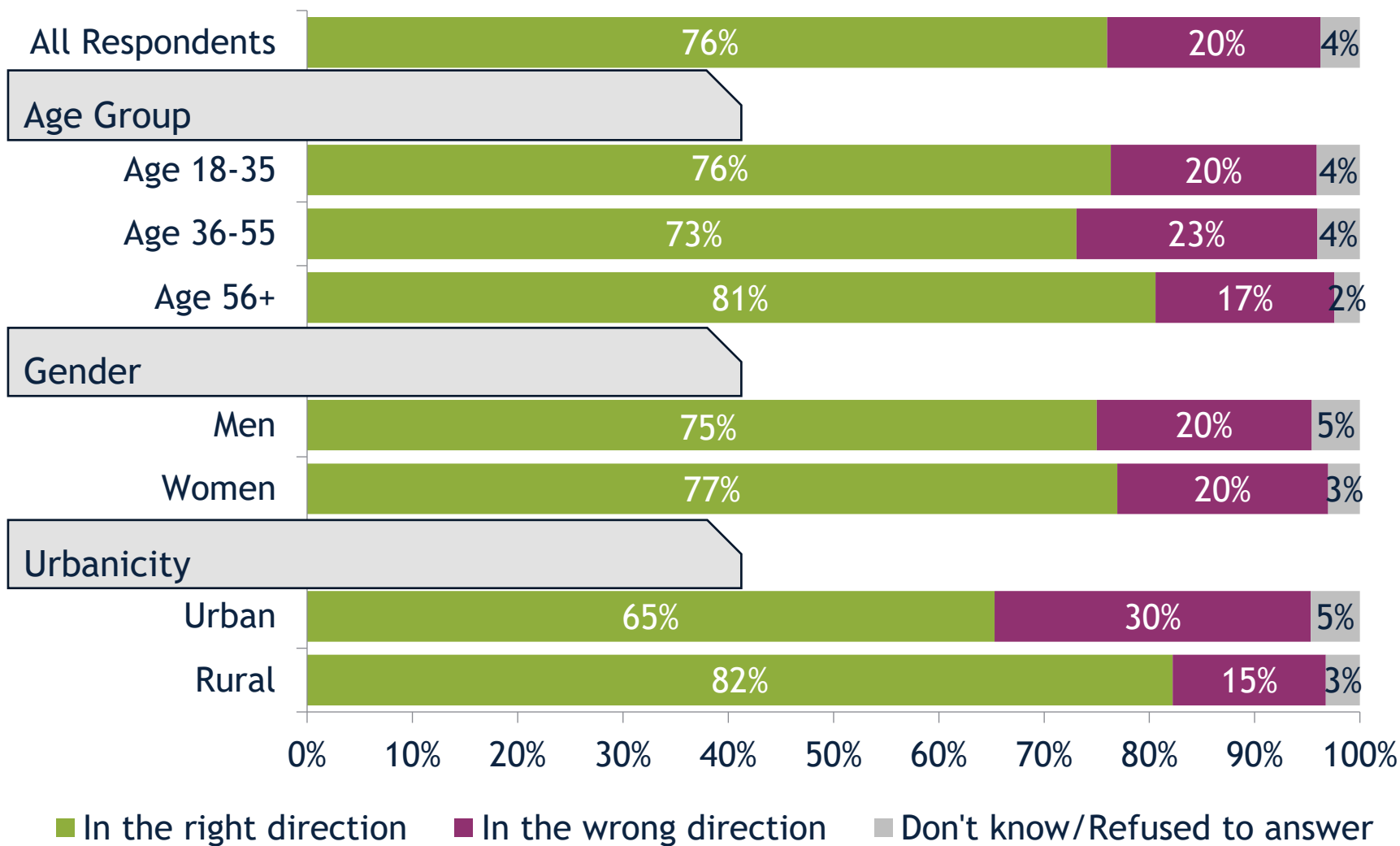


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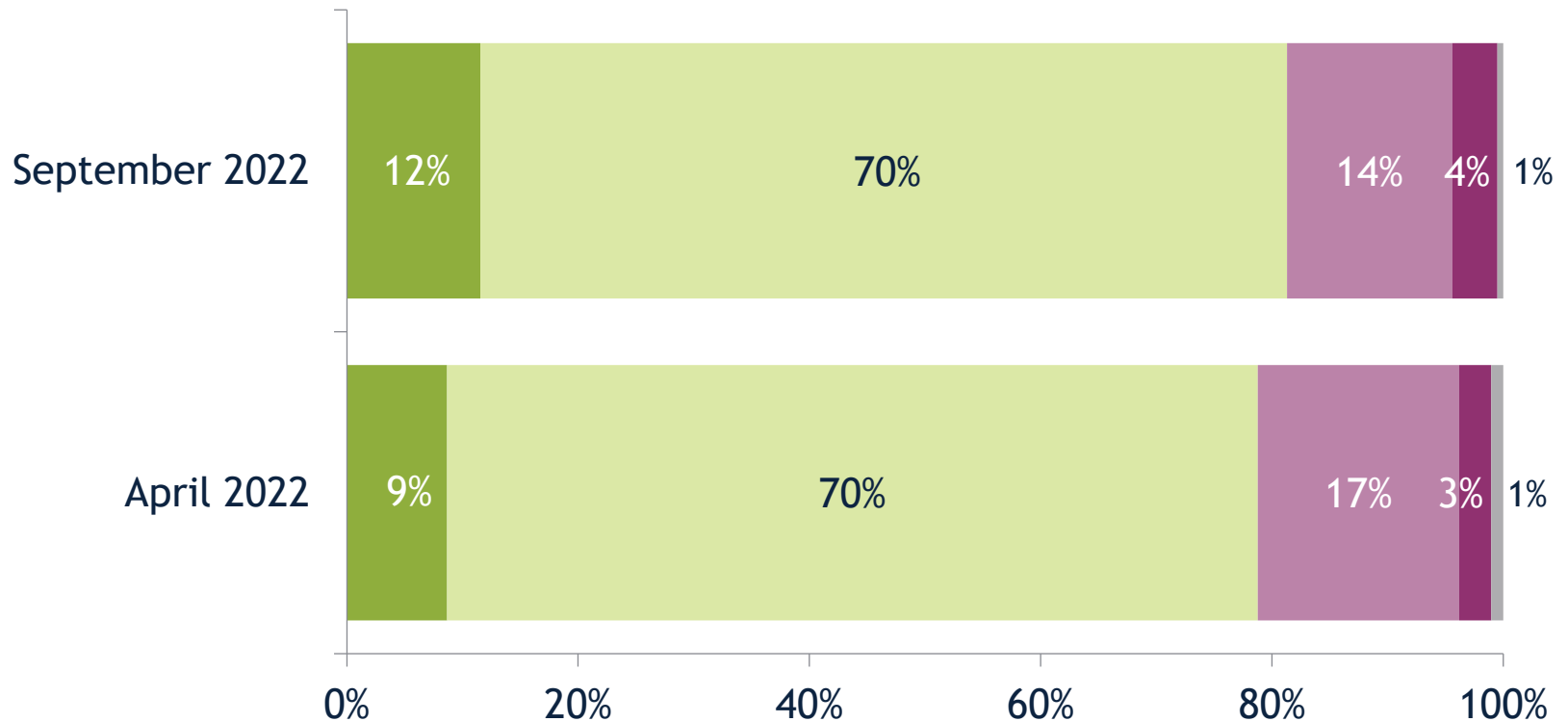


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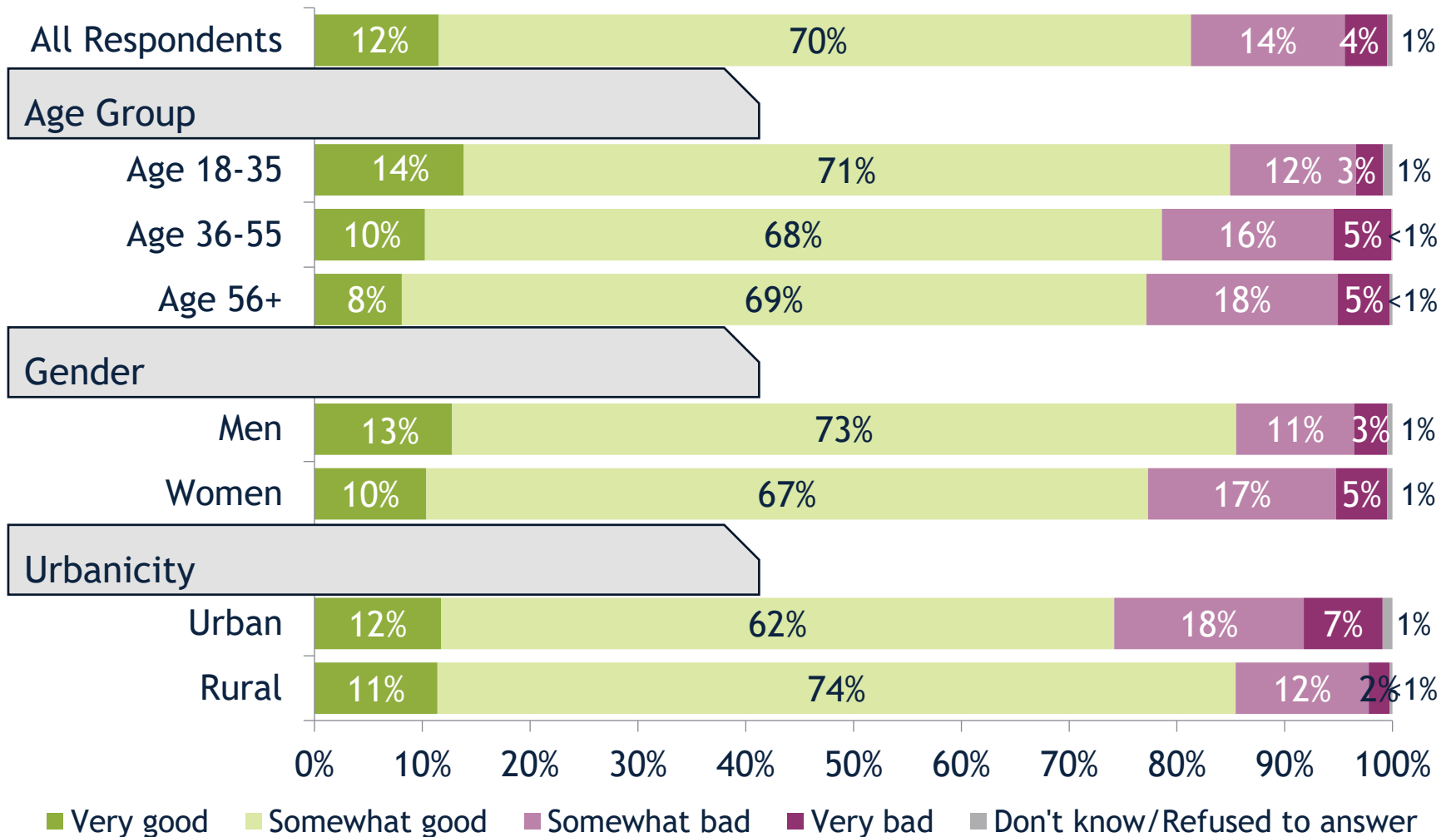
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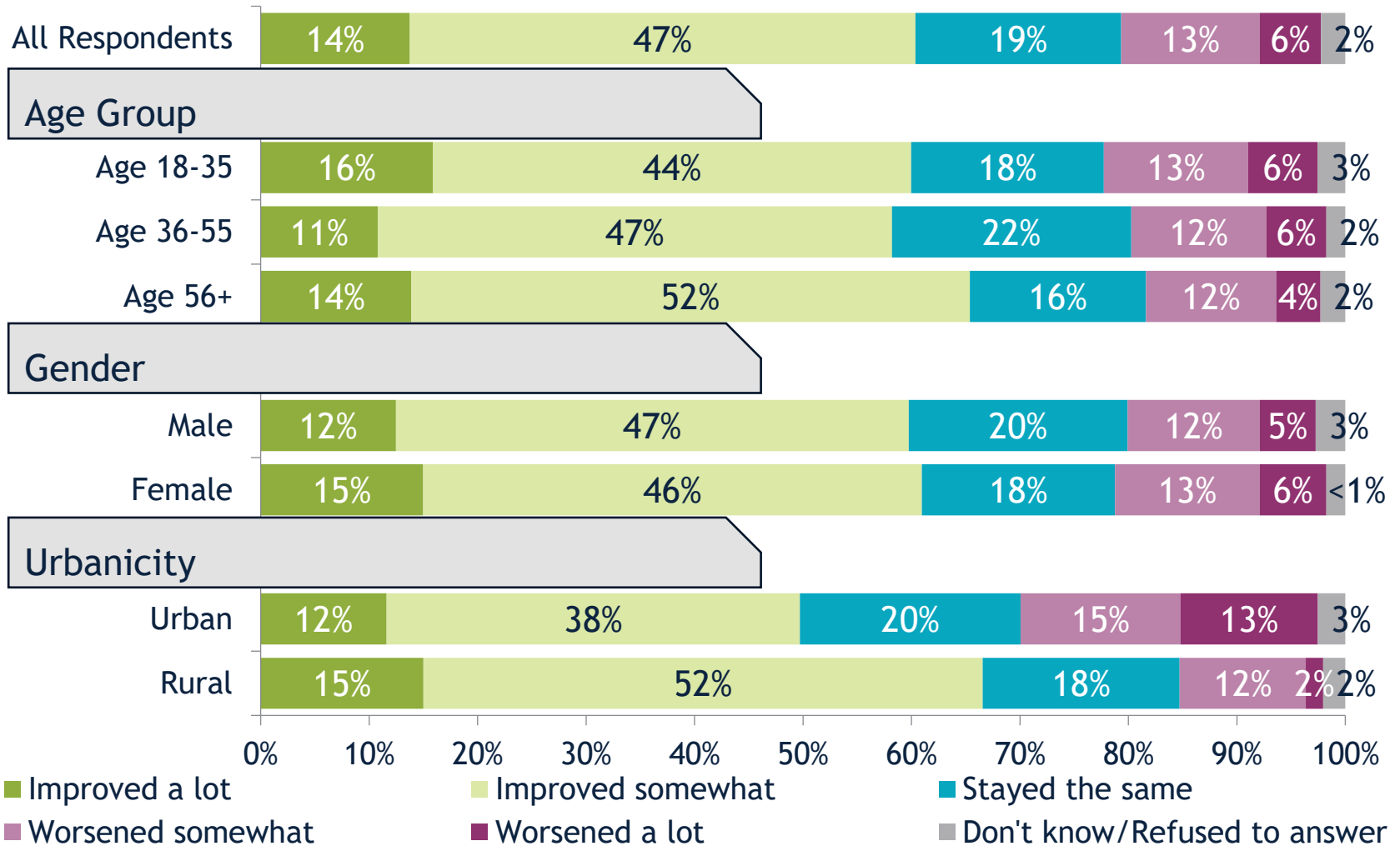
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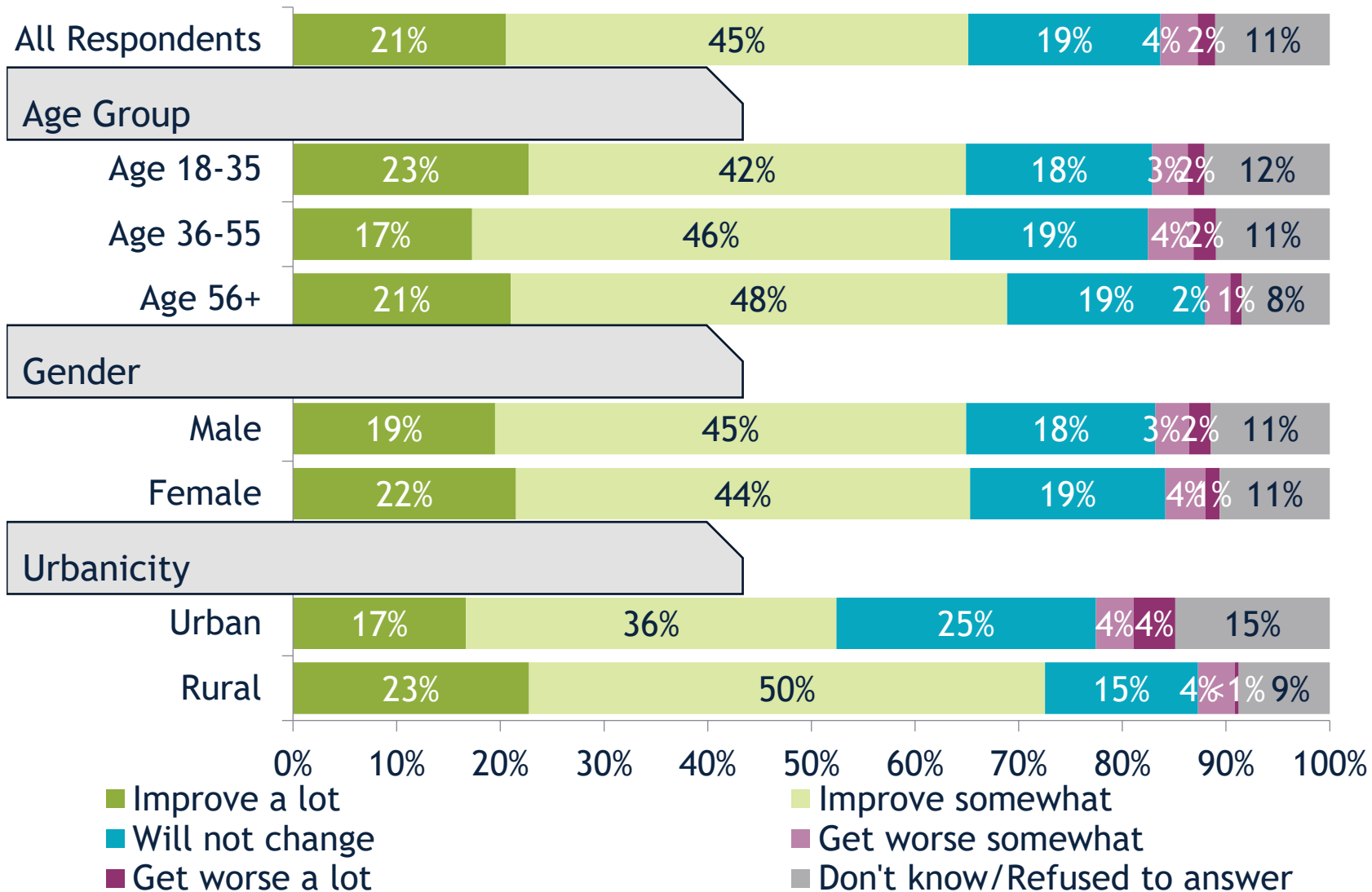
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Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Kyrgyzstan changed?

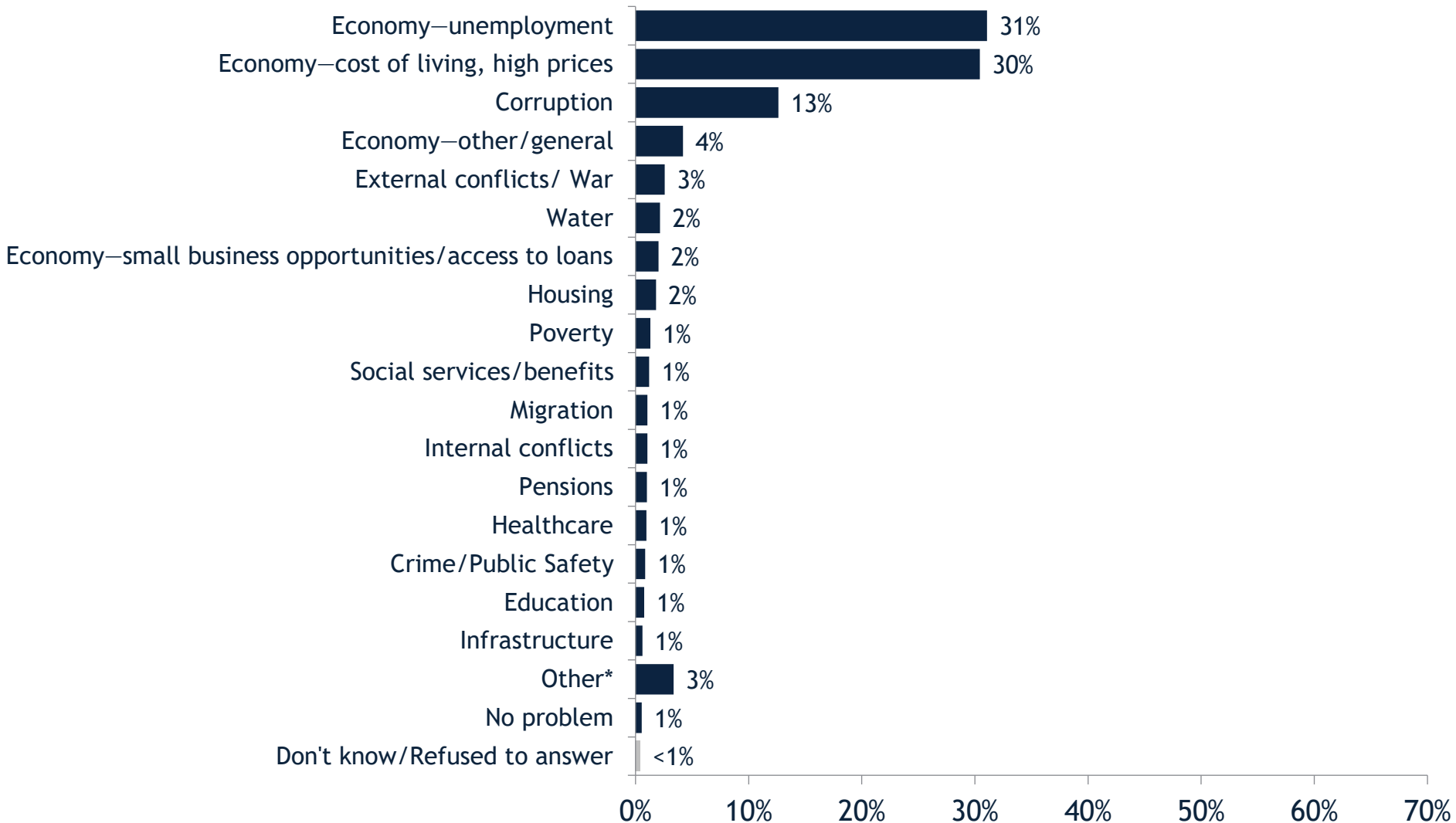


In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Kyrgyzstan change in the next 12 months?



What is the most serious problem facing our country today?

(Spontaneous response)

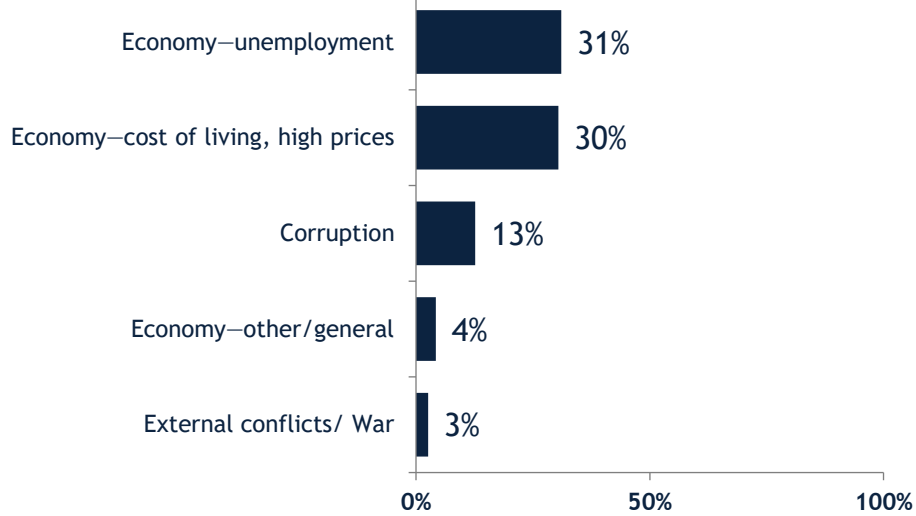


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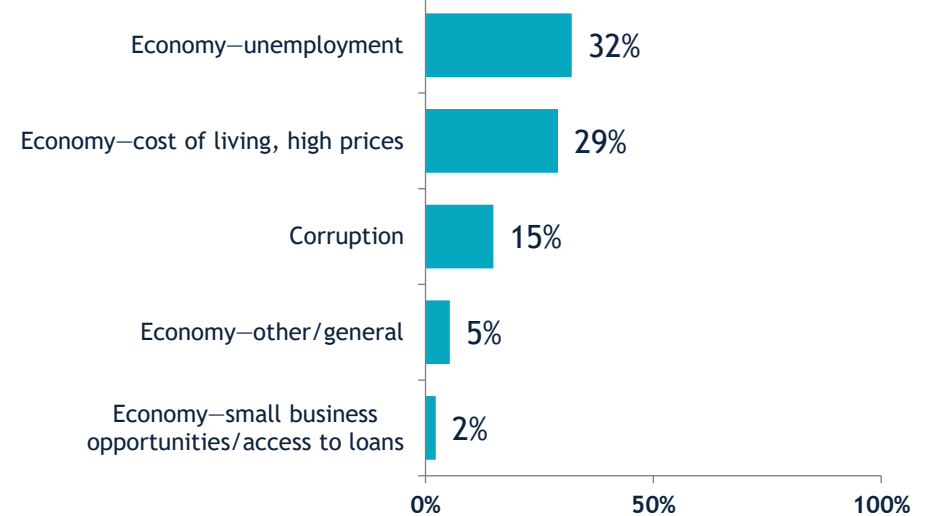
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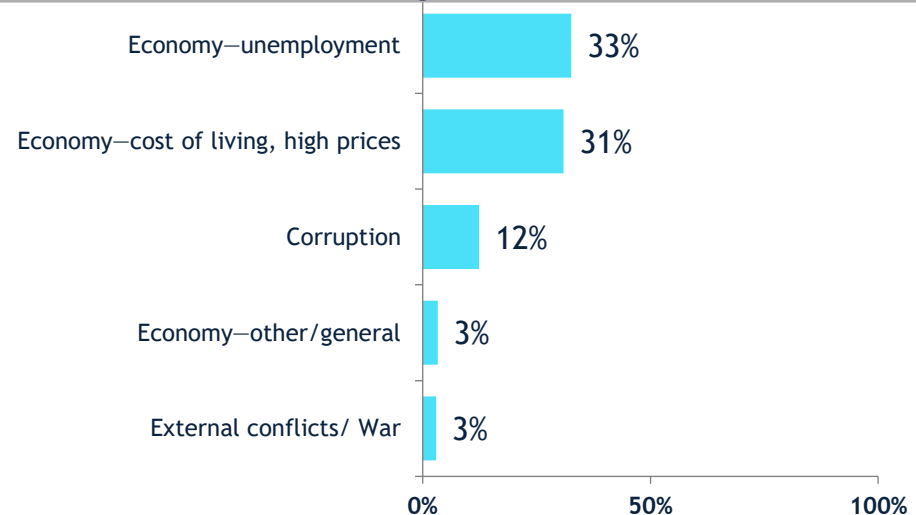
All Respondents



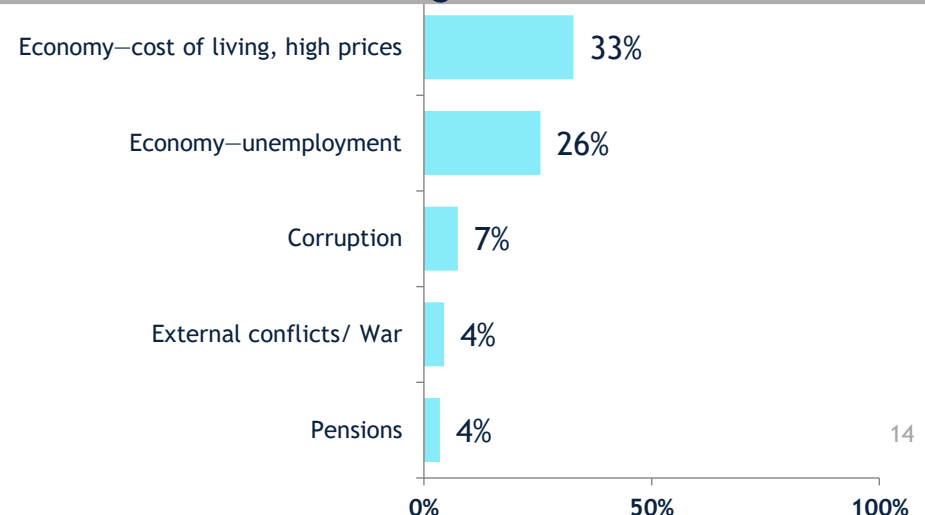
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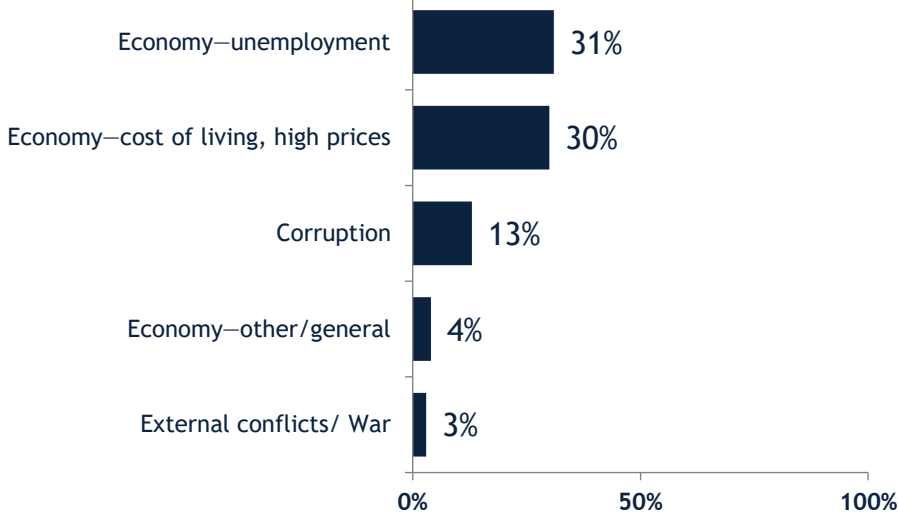
Age 56+



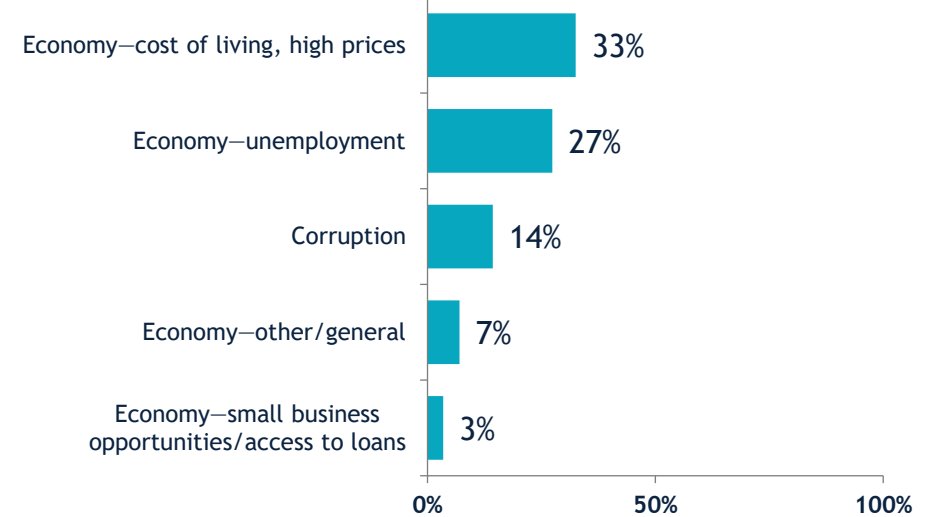
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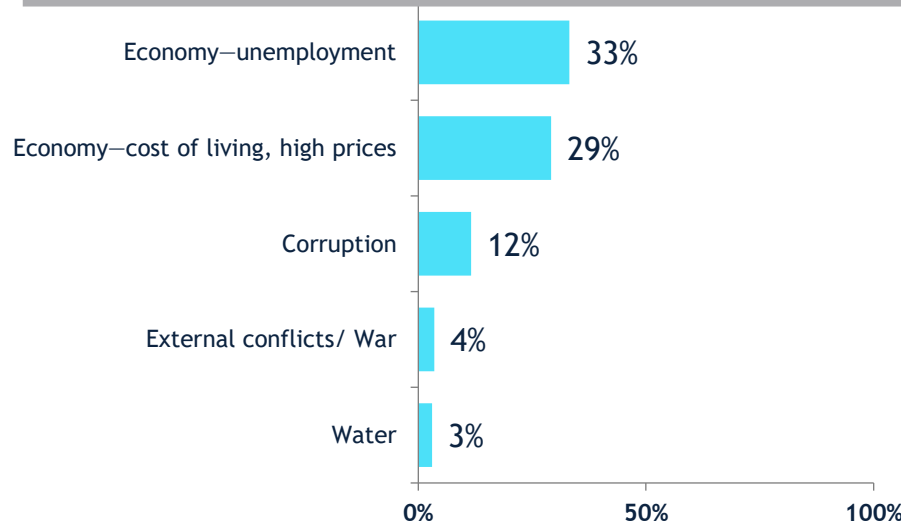
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Urban



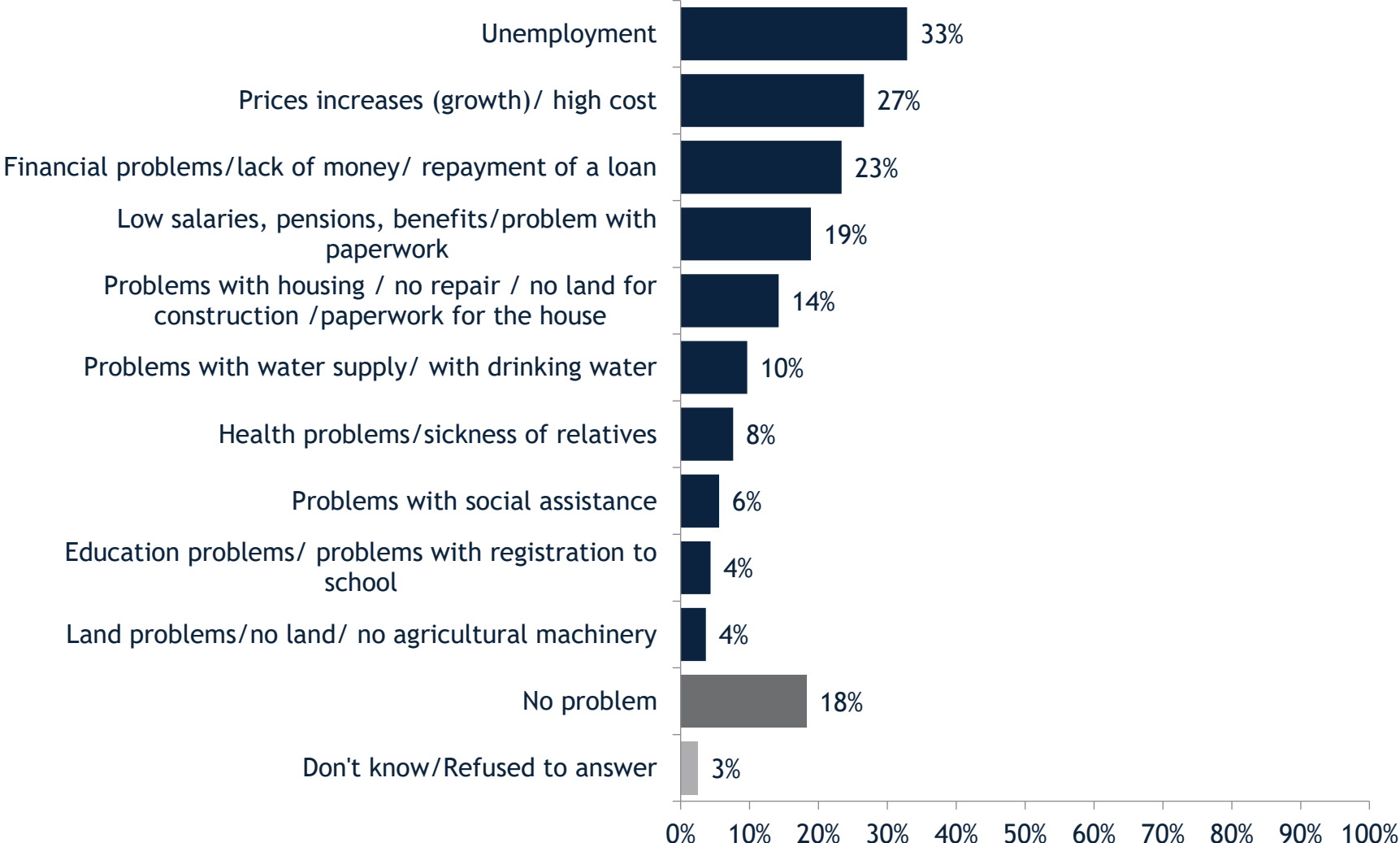
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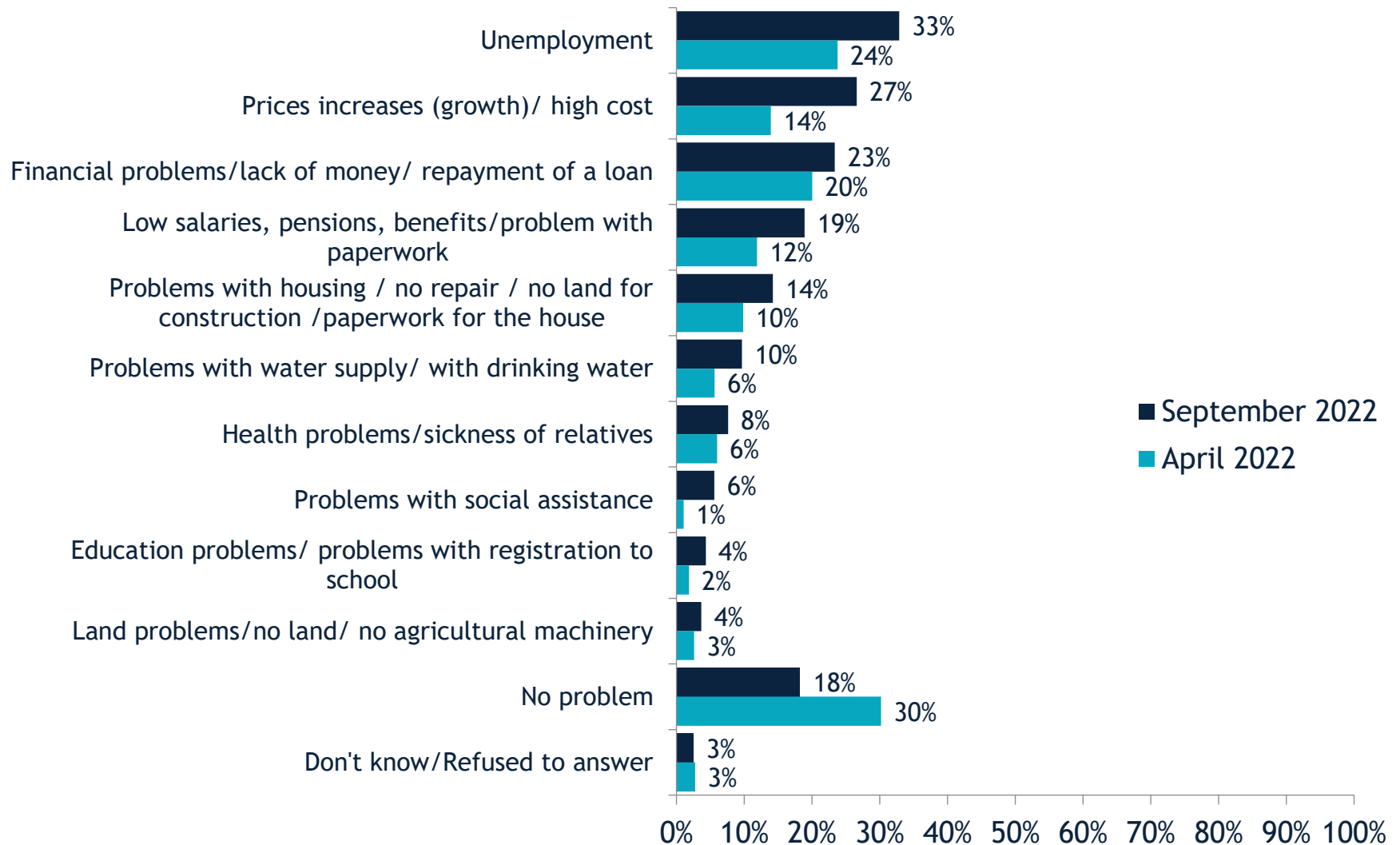
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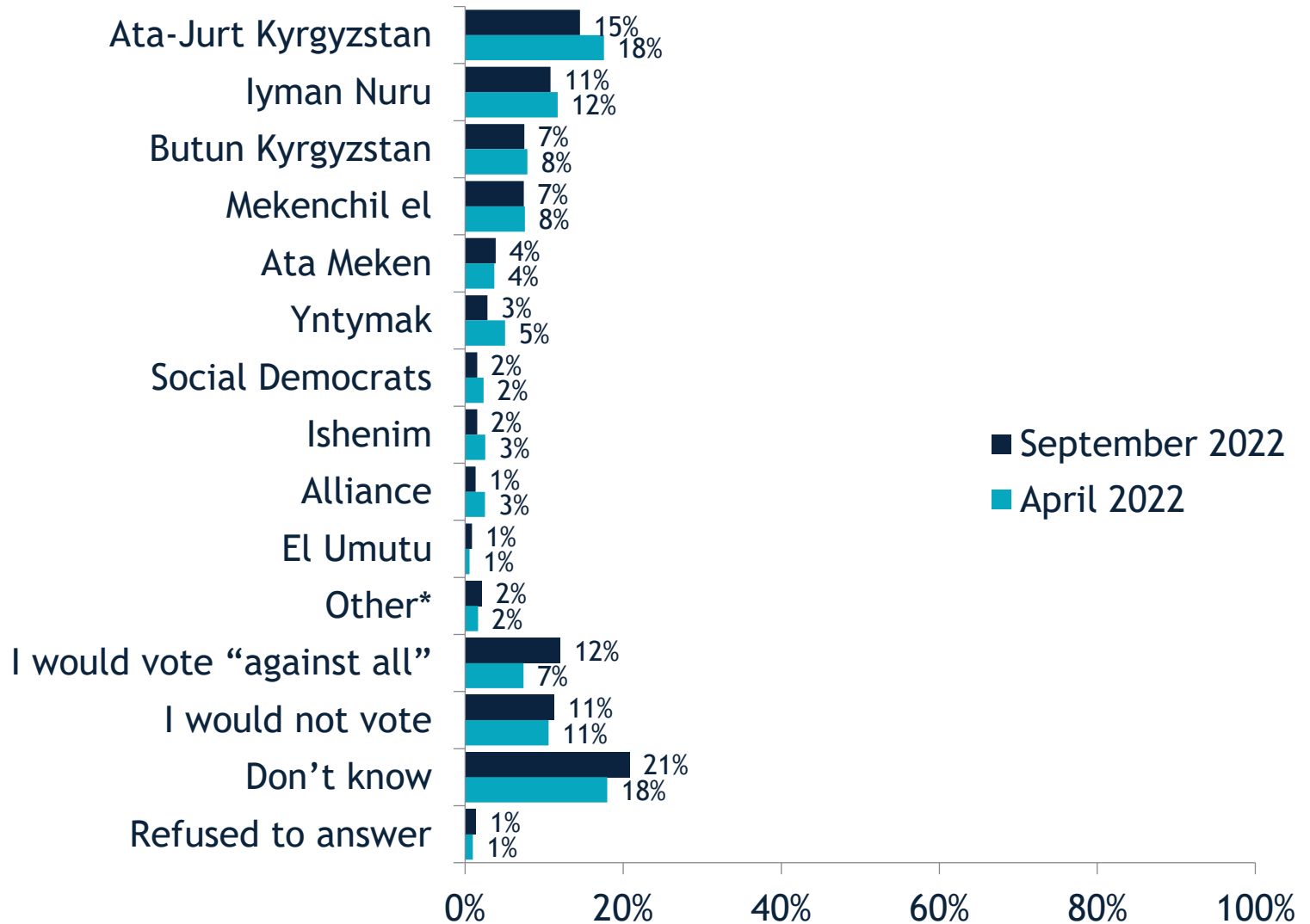
Democracy and Political Interest





If the parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, for which party would you vote?

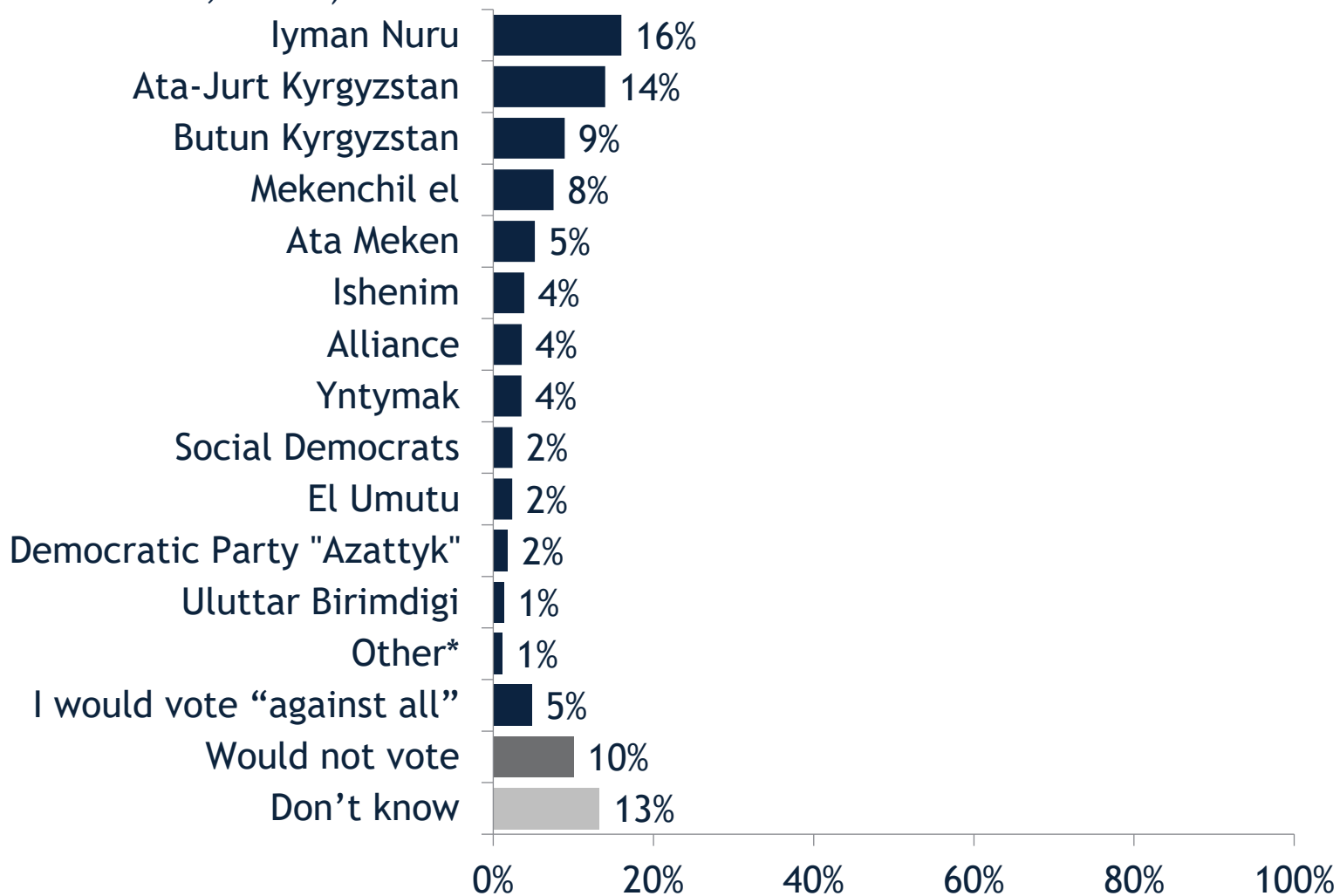
(Spontaneous response)



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If, for some reason, the party you previously mentioned as your first voting choice does not participate in the elections, for which other party would you vote?

(Spontaneous response; among those who previously mentioned a political party as their first choice, n=817)

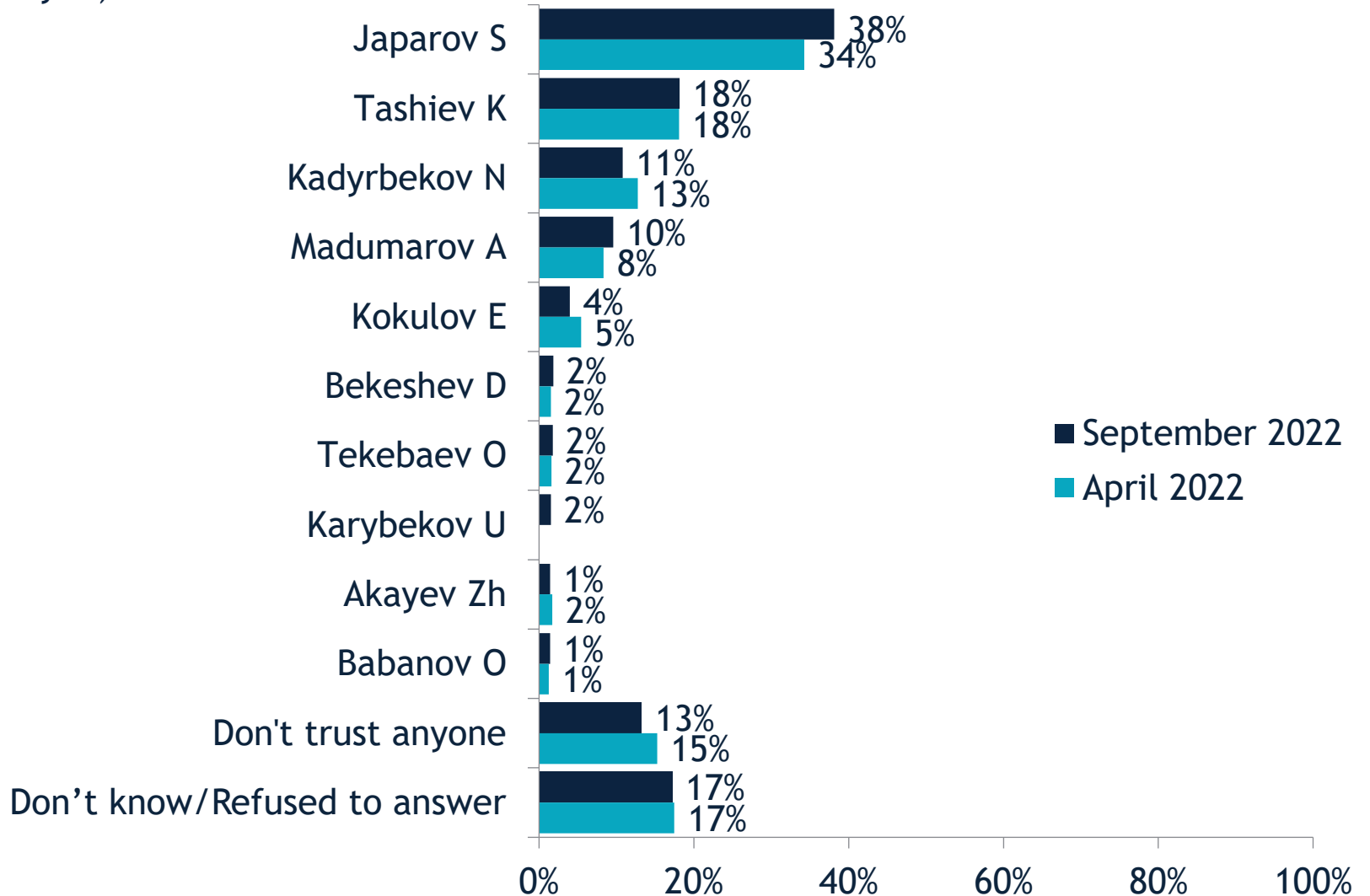


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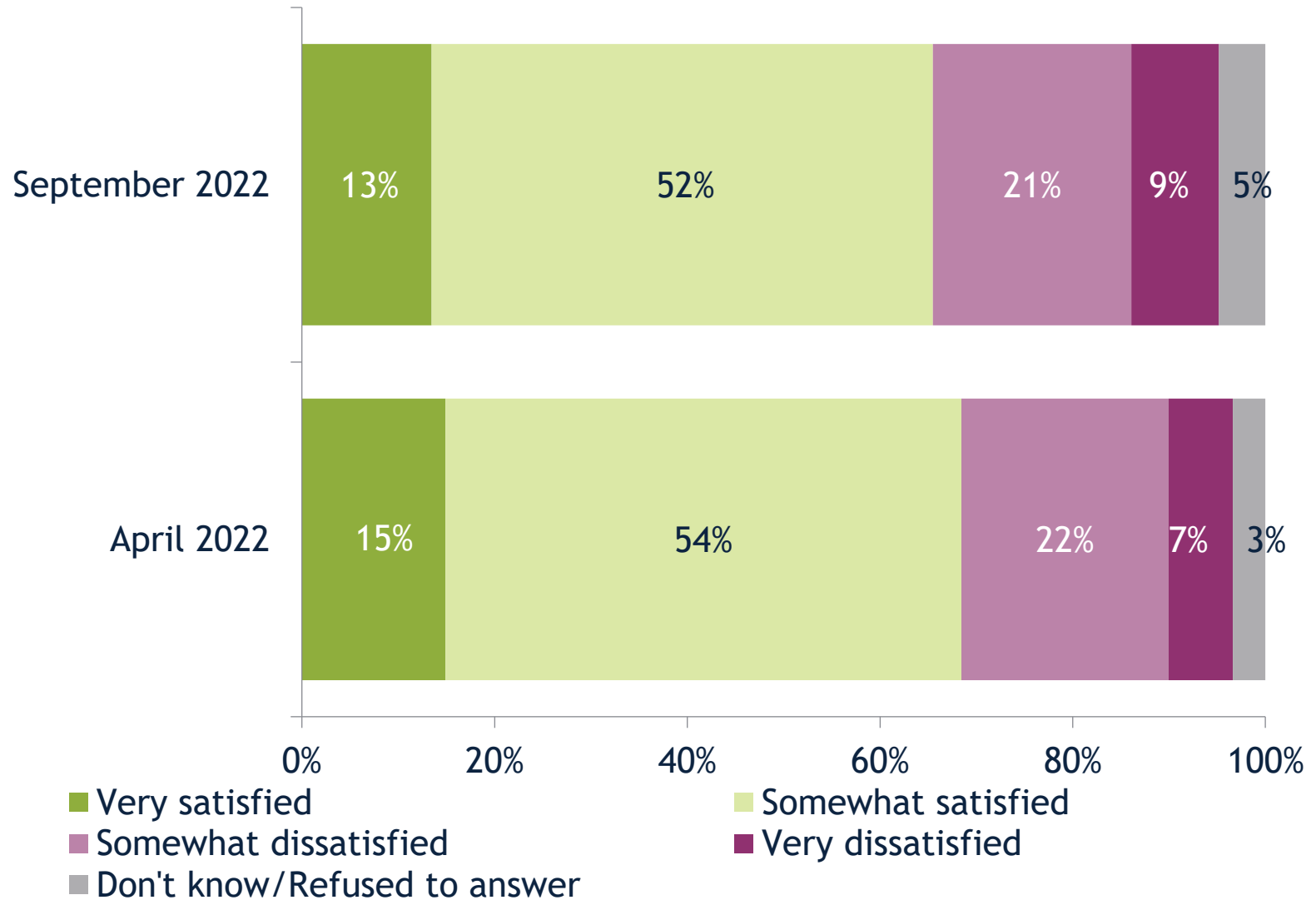


Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

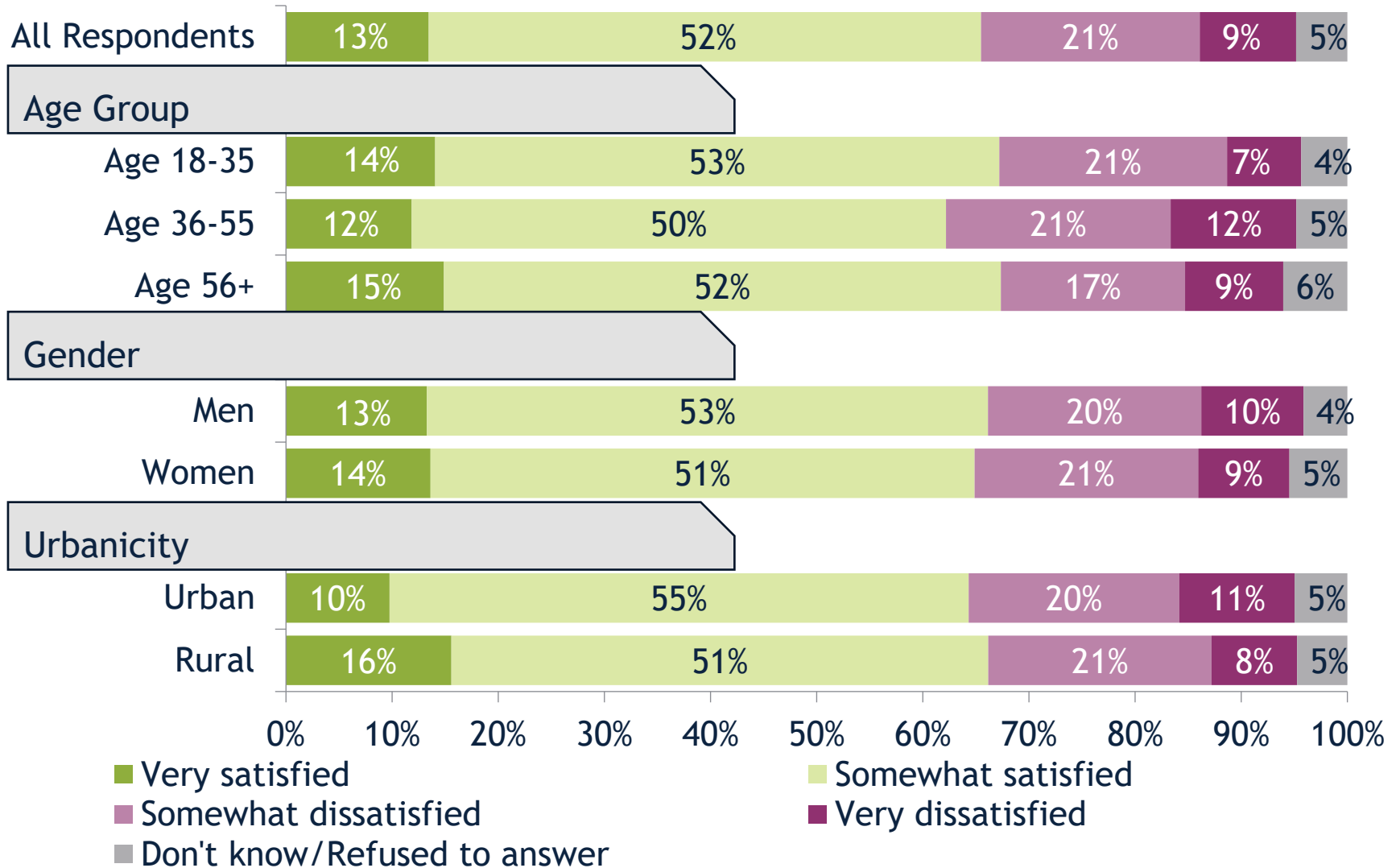
(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted; top ten responses displayed)



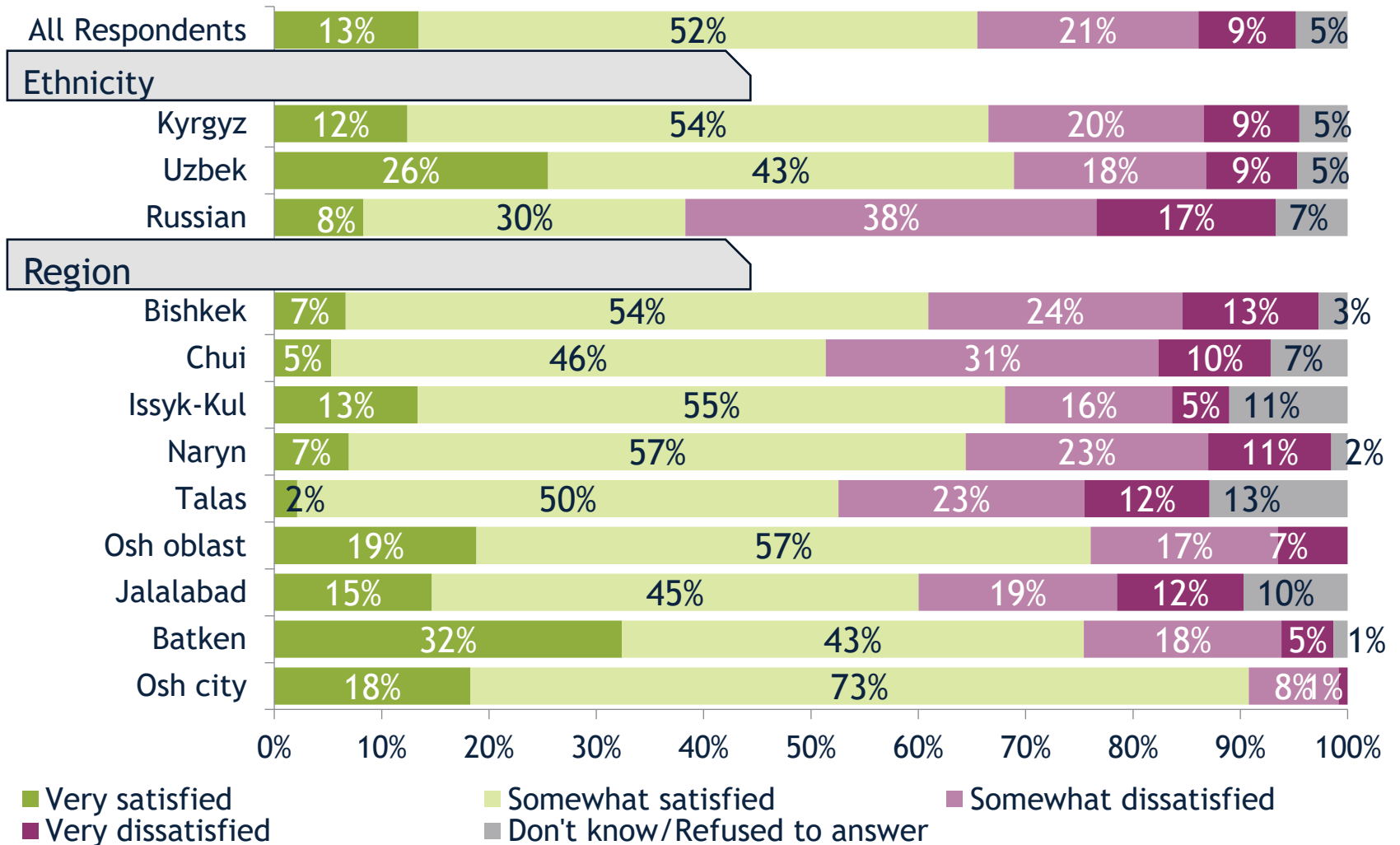
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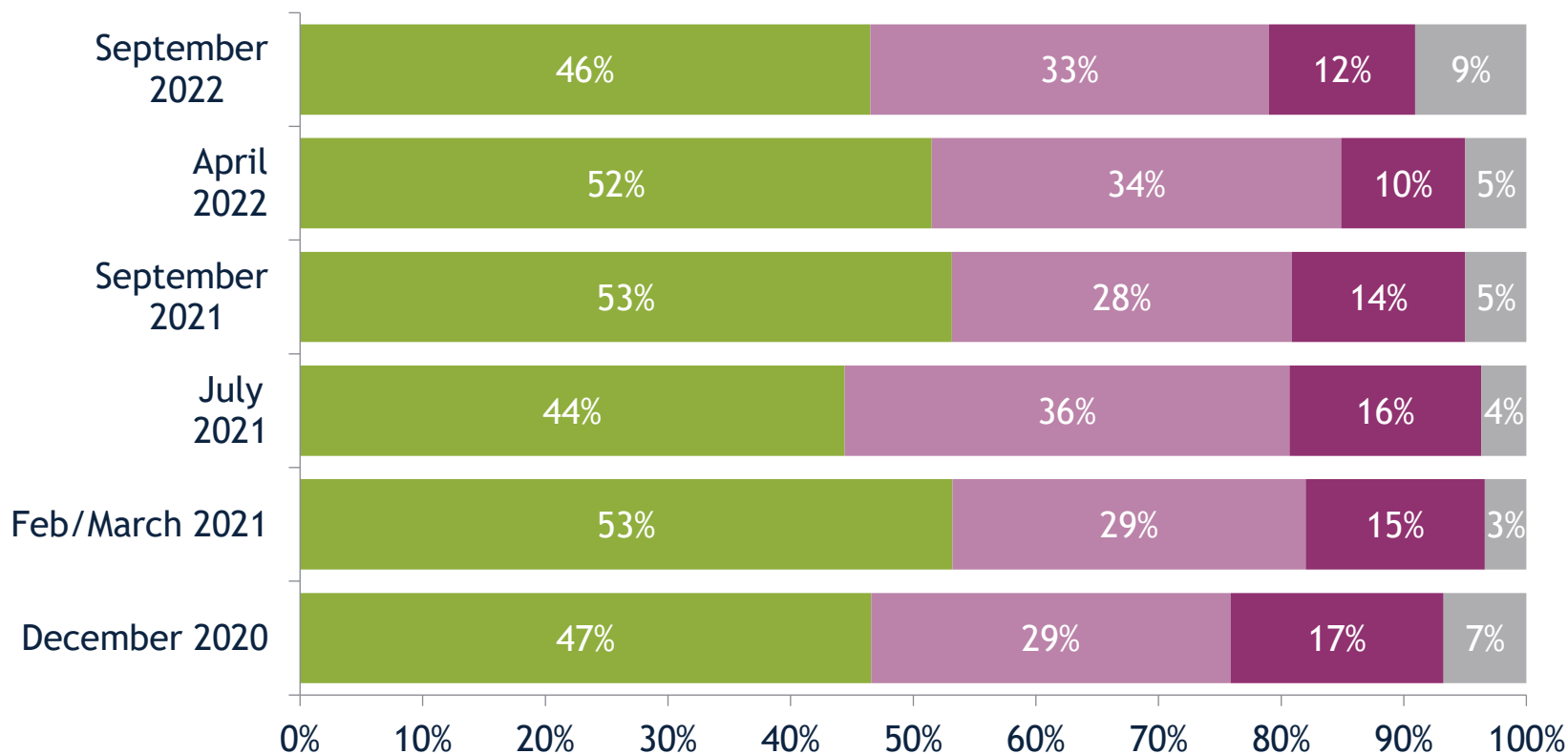


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Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

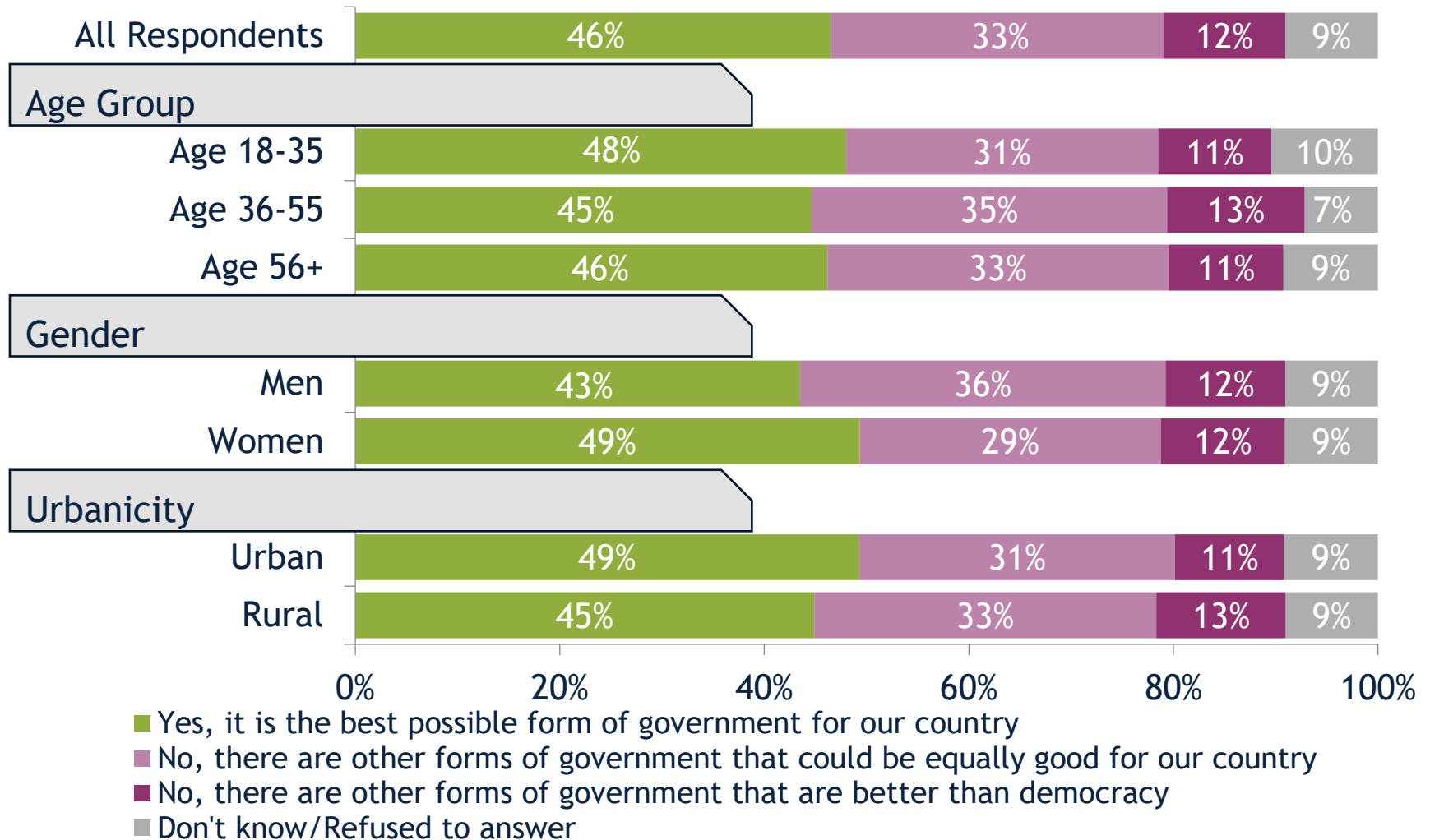
Form of Government
1/2



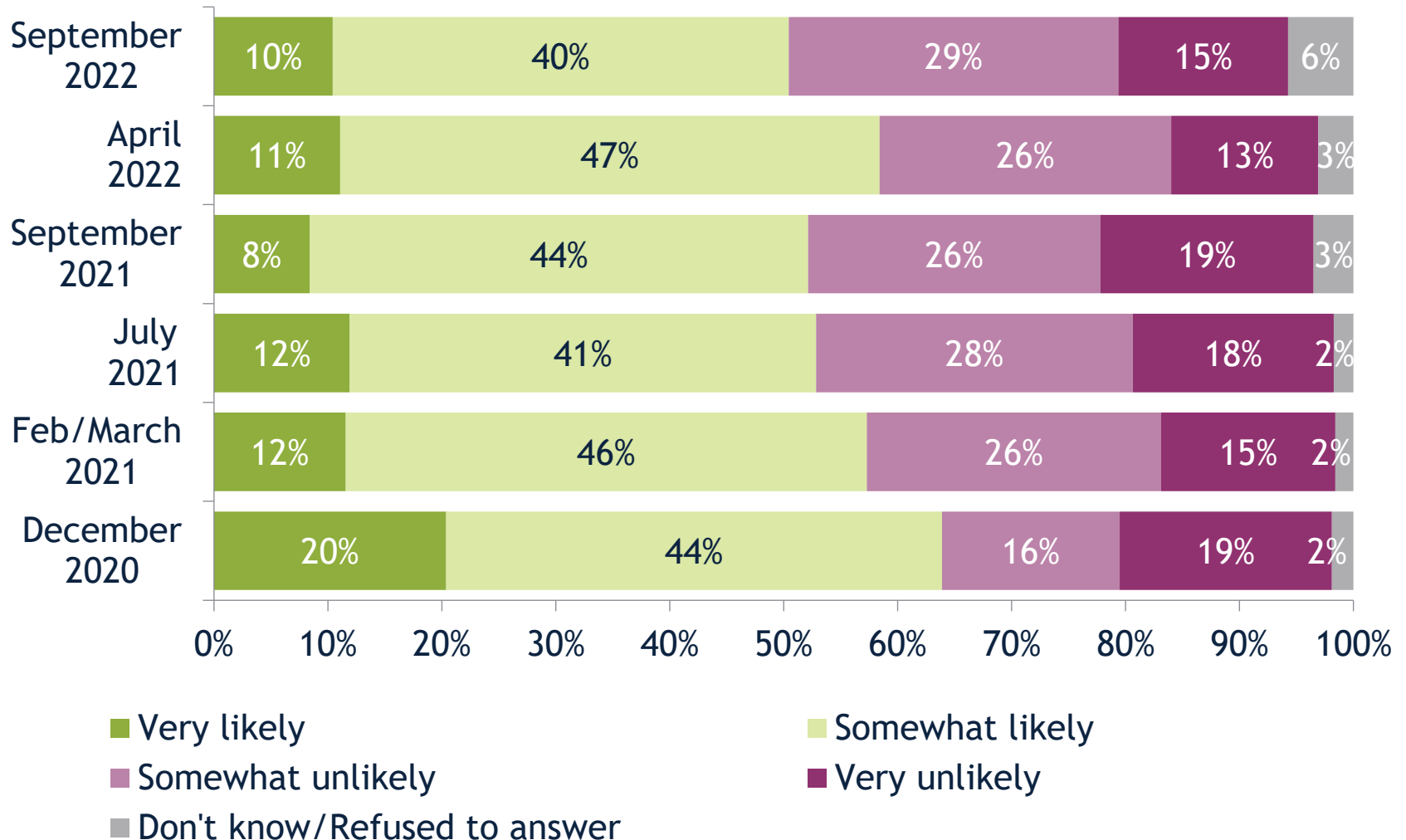
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- Don't know/Refused to answer

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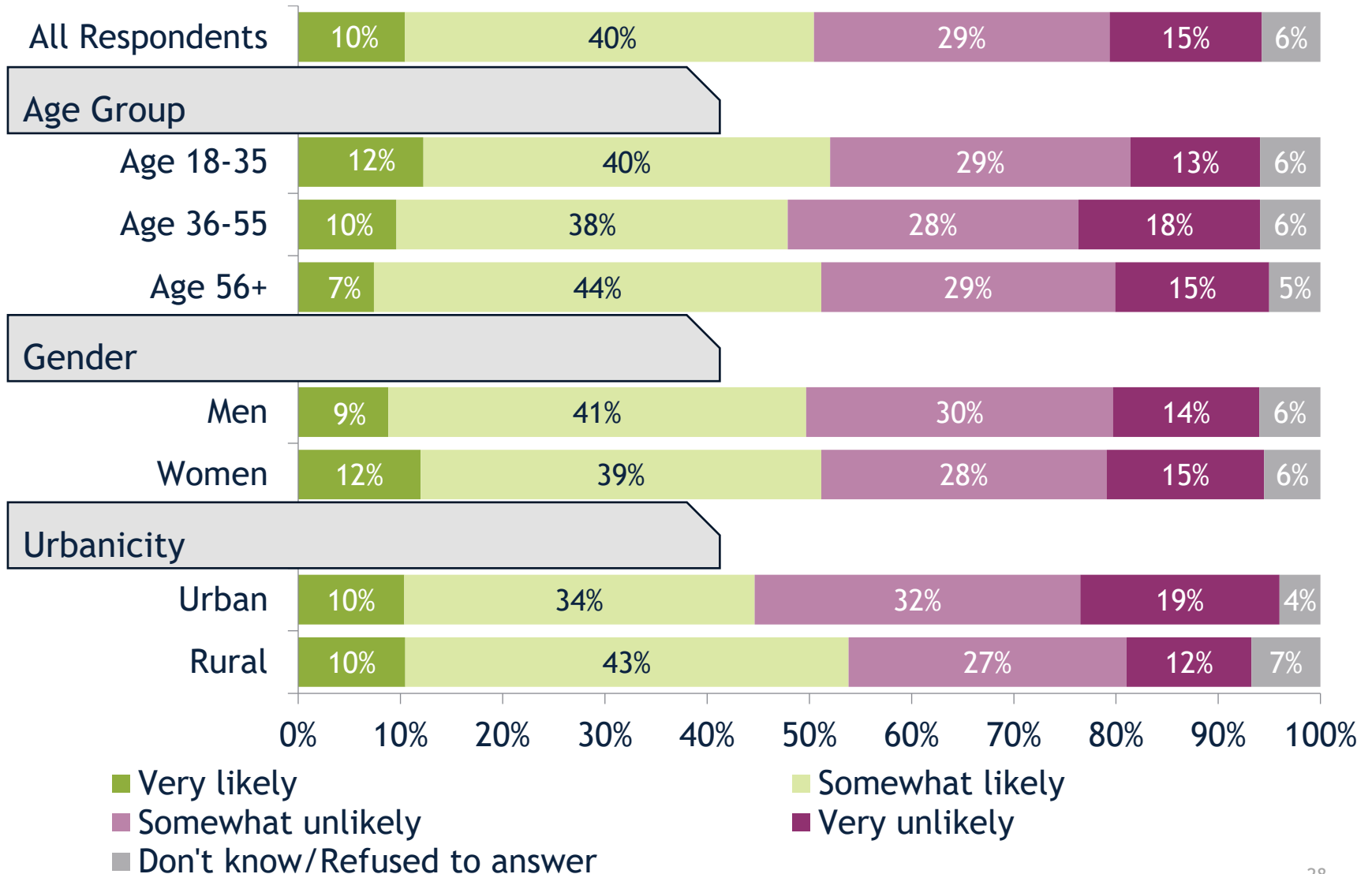


How likely or unlikely are ordinary people to be able to influence decisions made in our country?

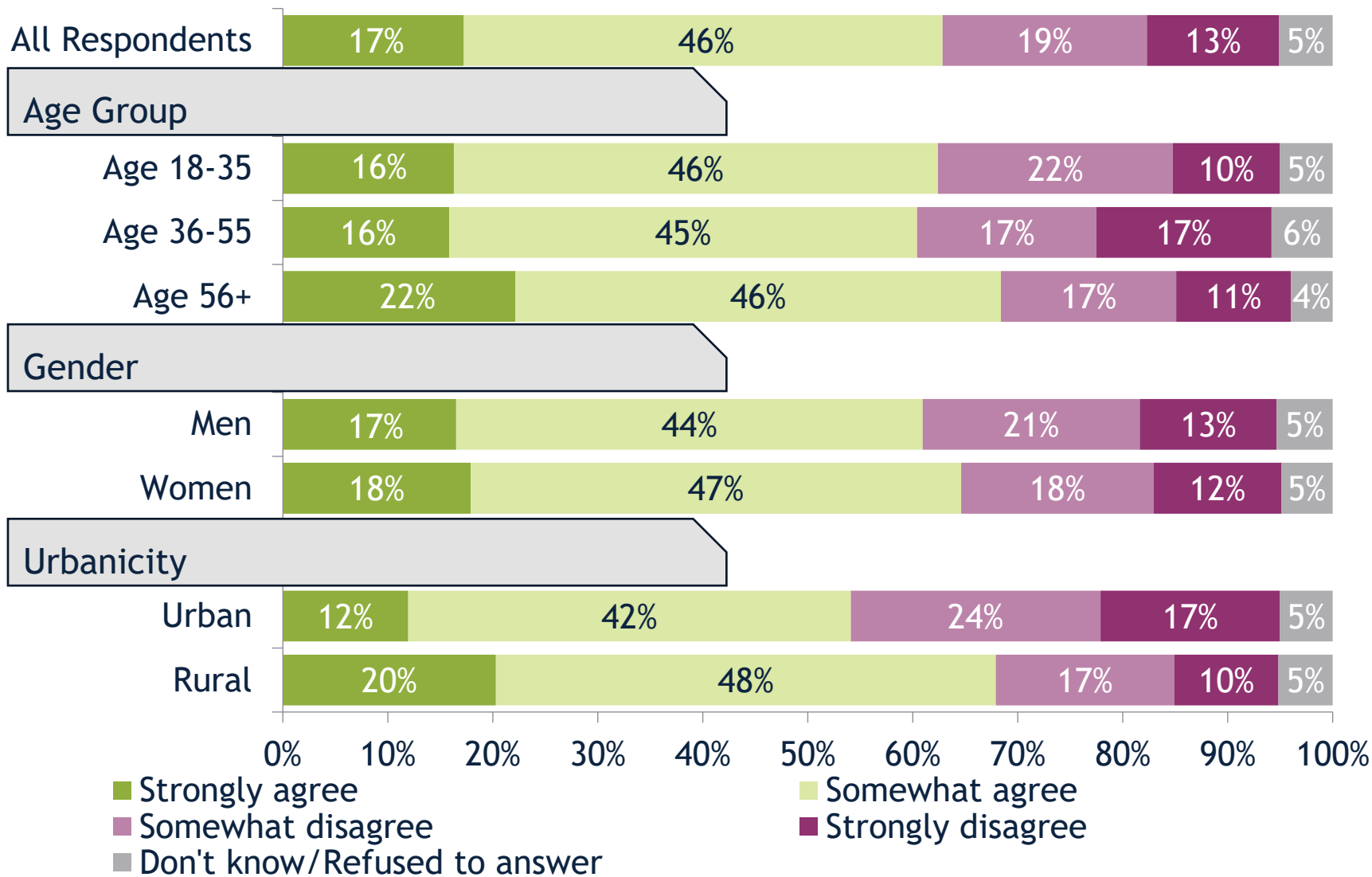


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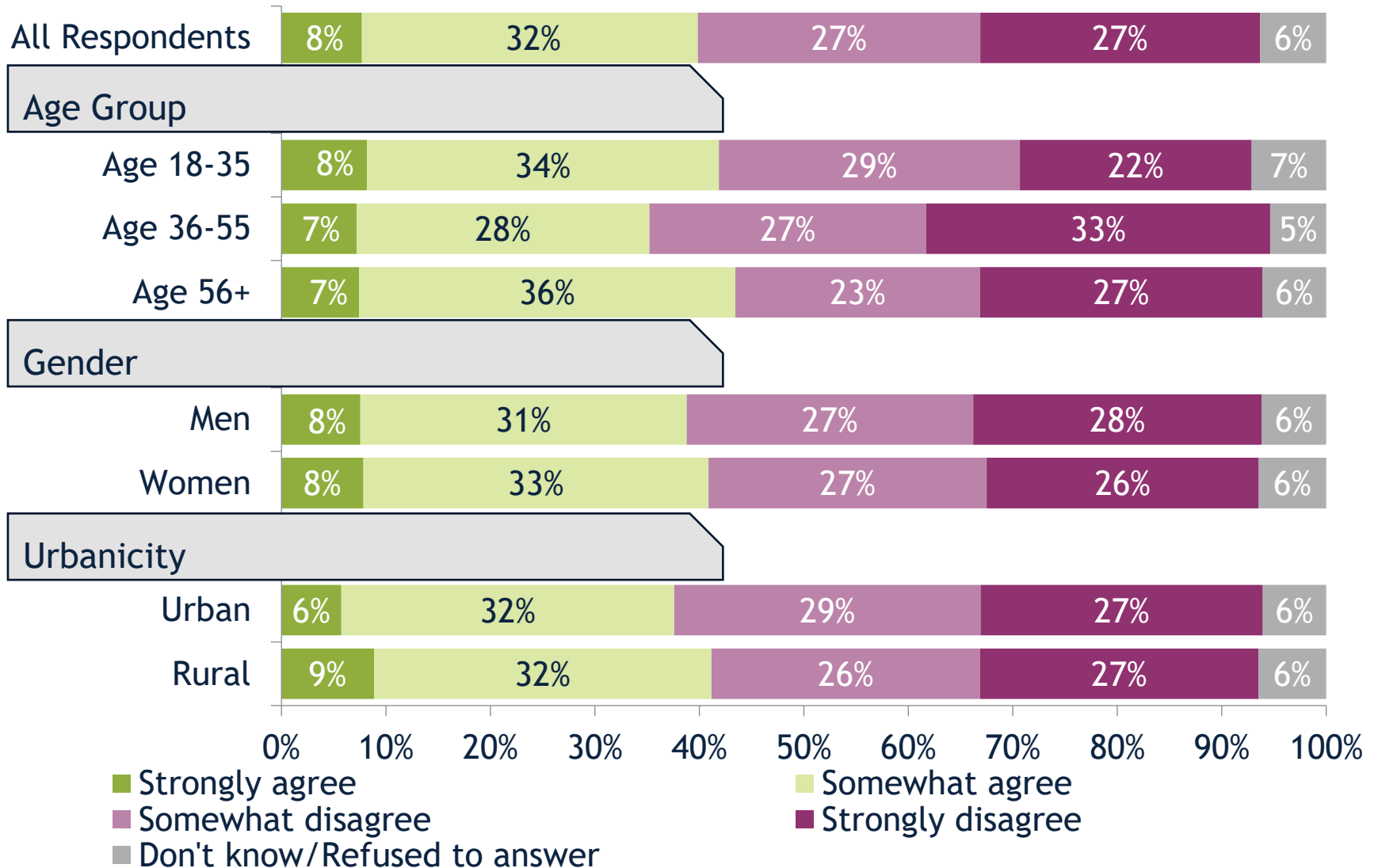
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How much do you agree with the following statement: “I feel the President considers my priorities, interests and aspirations in decision-making?”



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Corruption

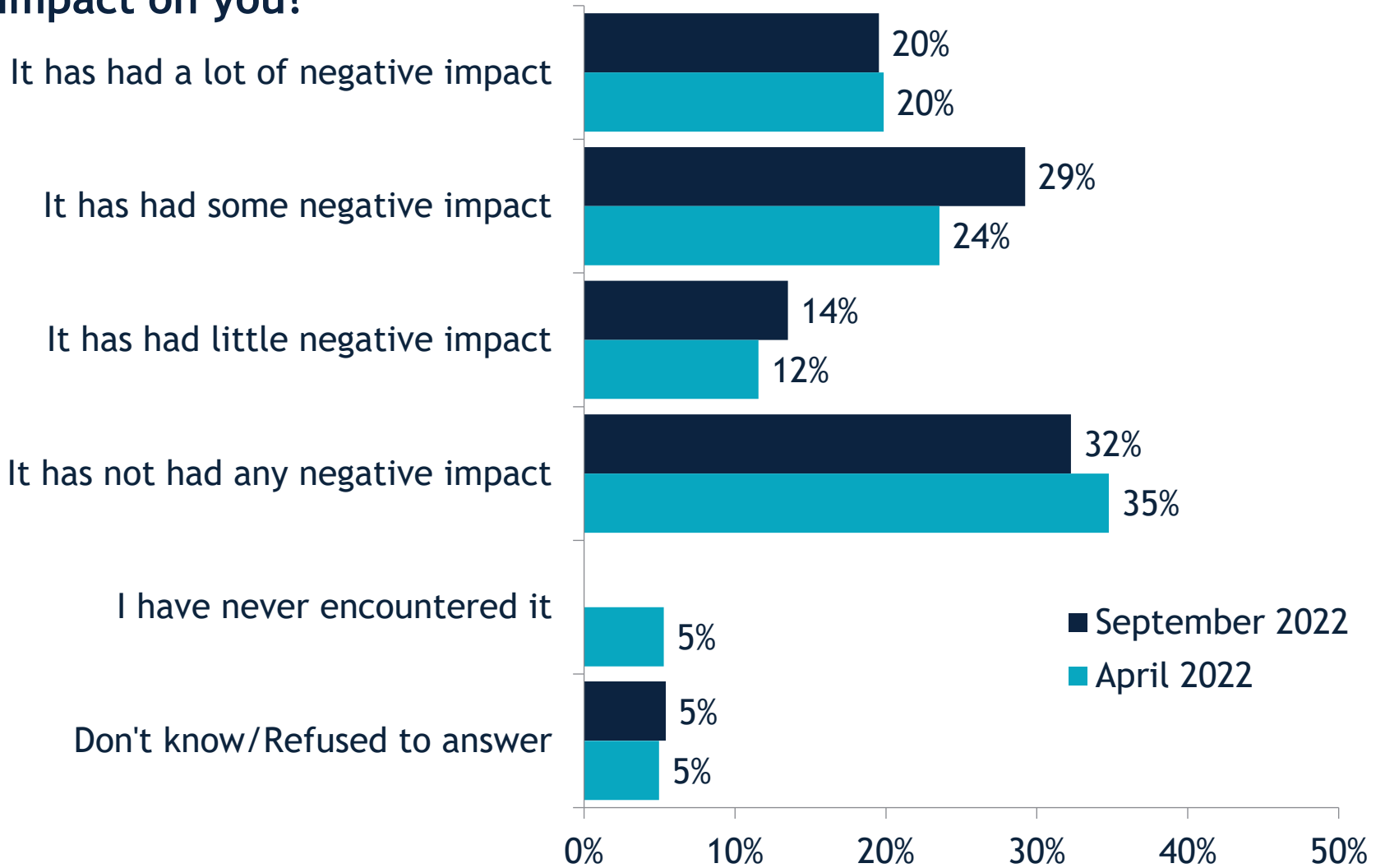


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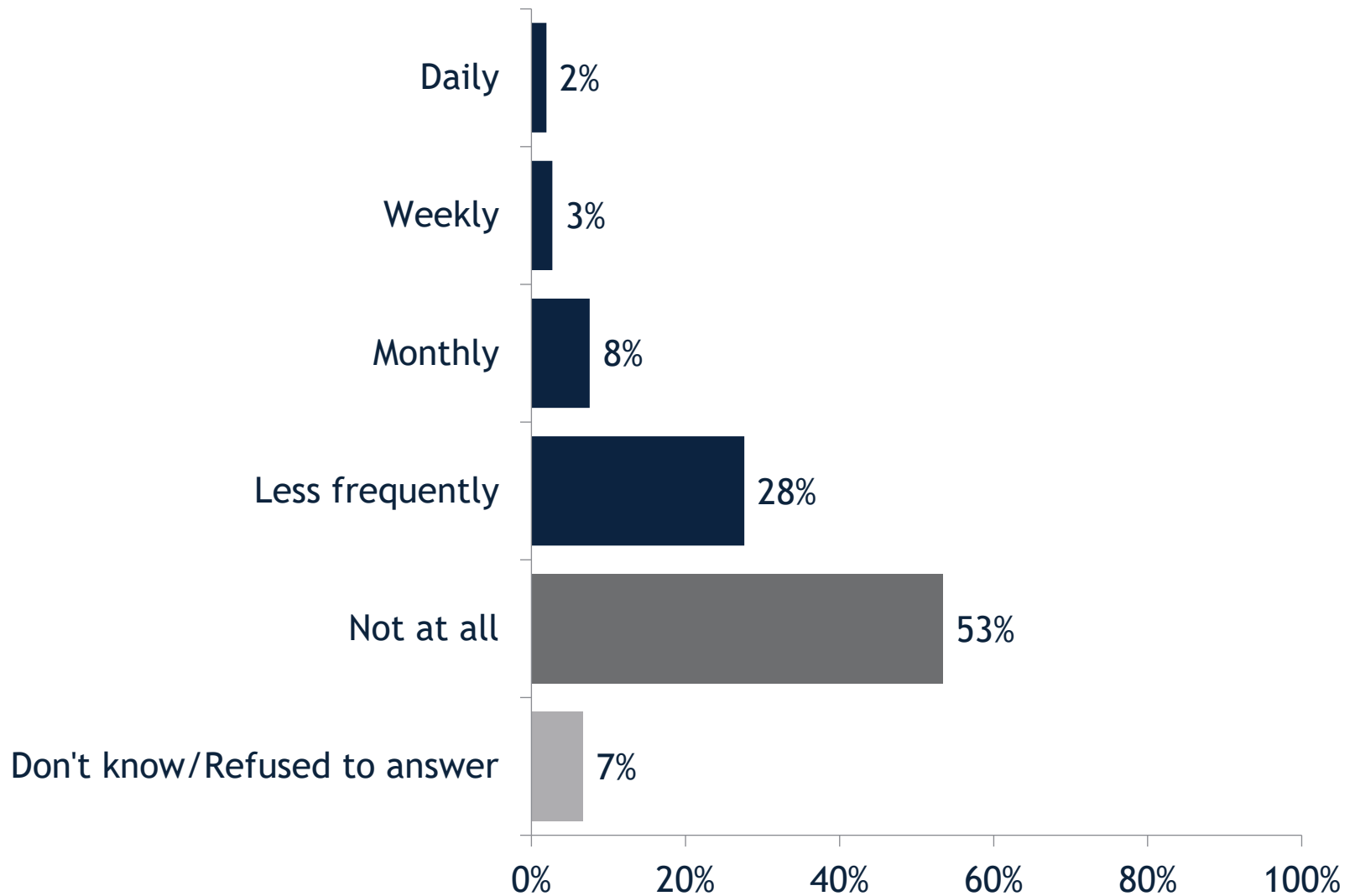


Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

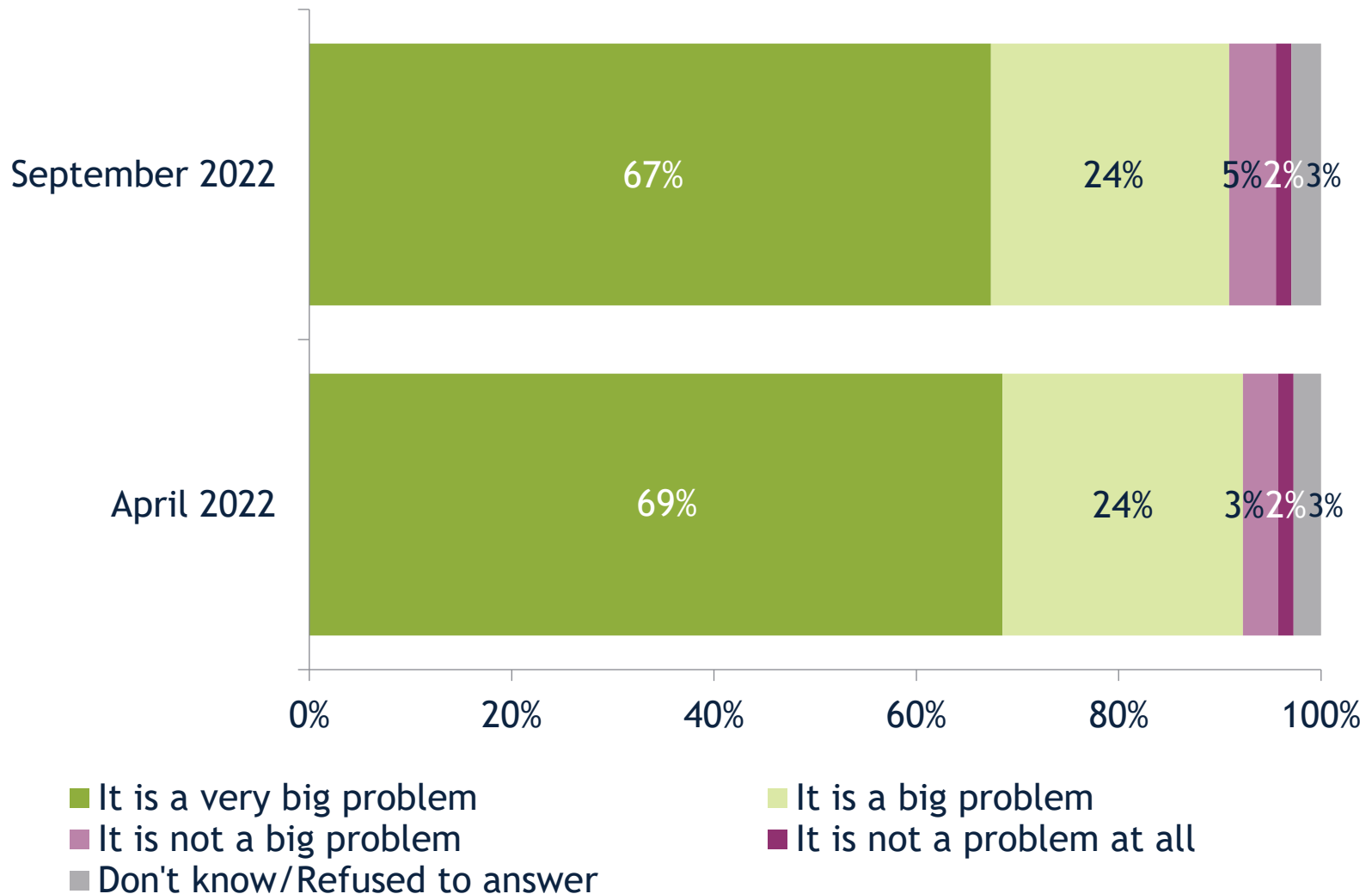


I have never encountered it was recorded under the “other” responses respondents gave in April 2022. *I have never encountered it* was not read out as a response option in the April 2022 poll and in the September 2022 poll.

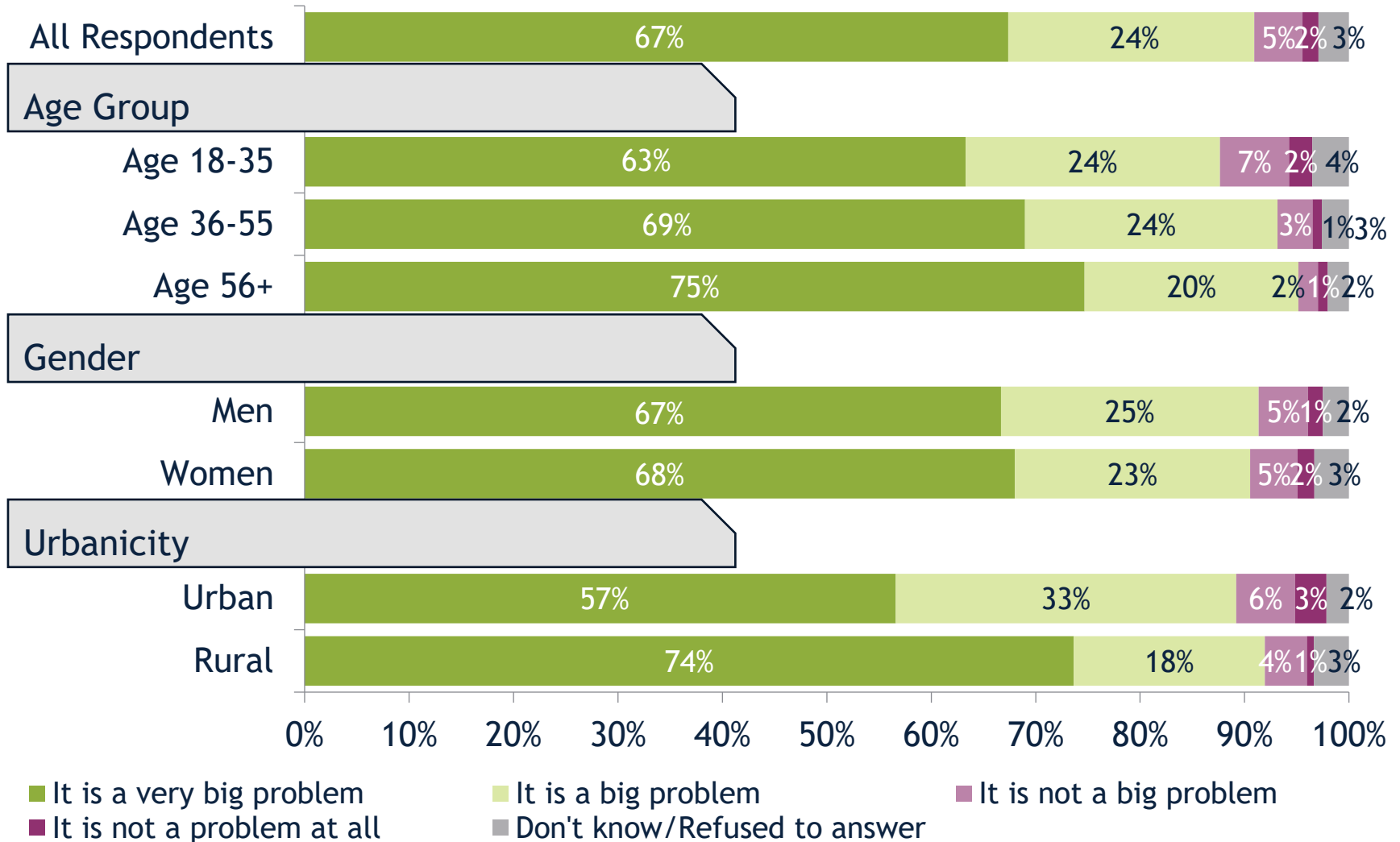
In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?



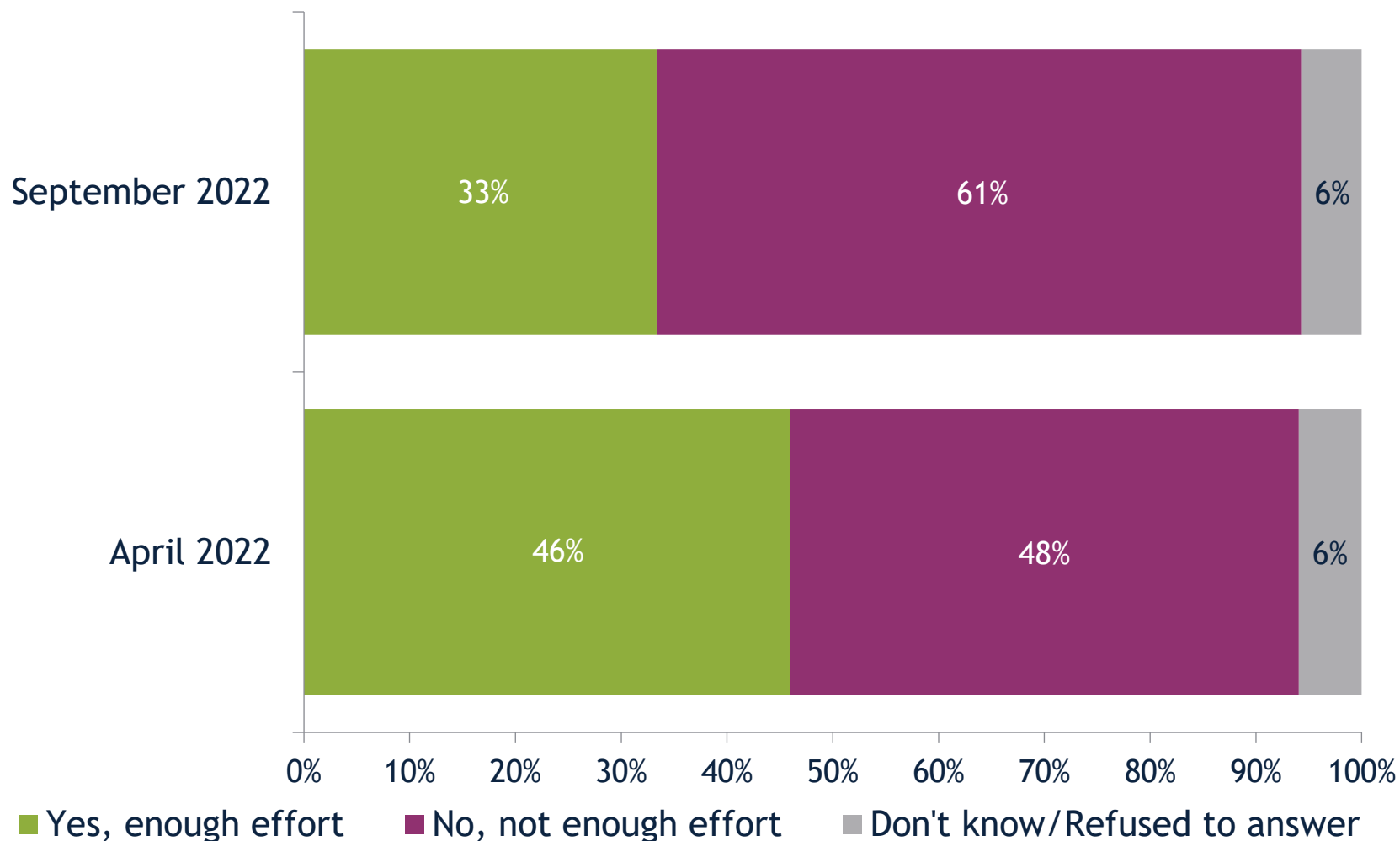
Is corruption a big problem or not a big problem in Kyrgyzstan today?



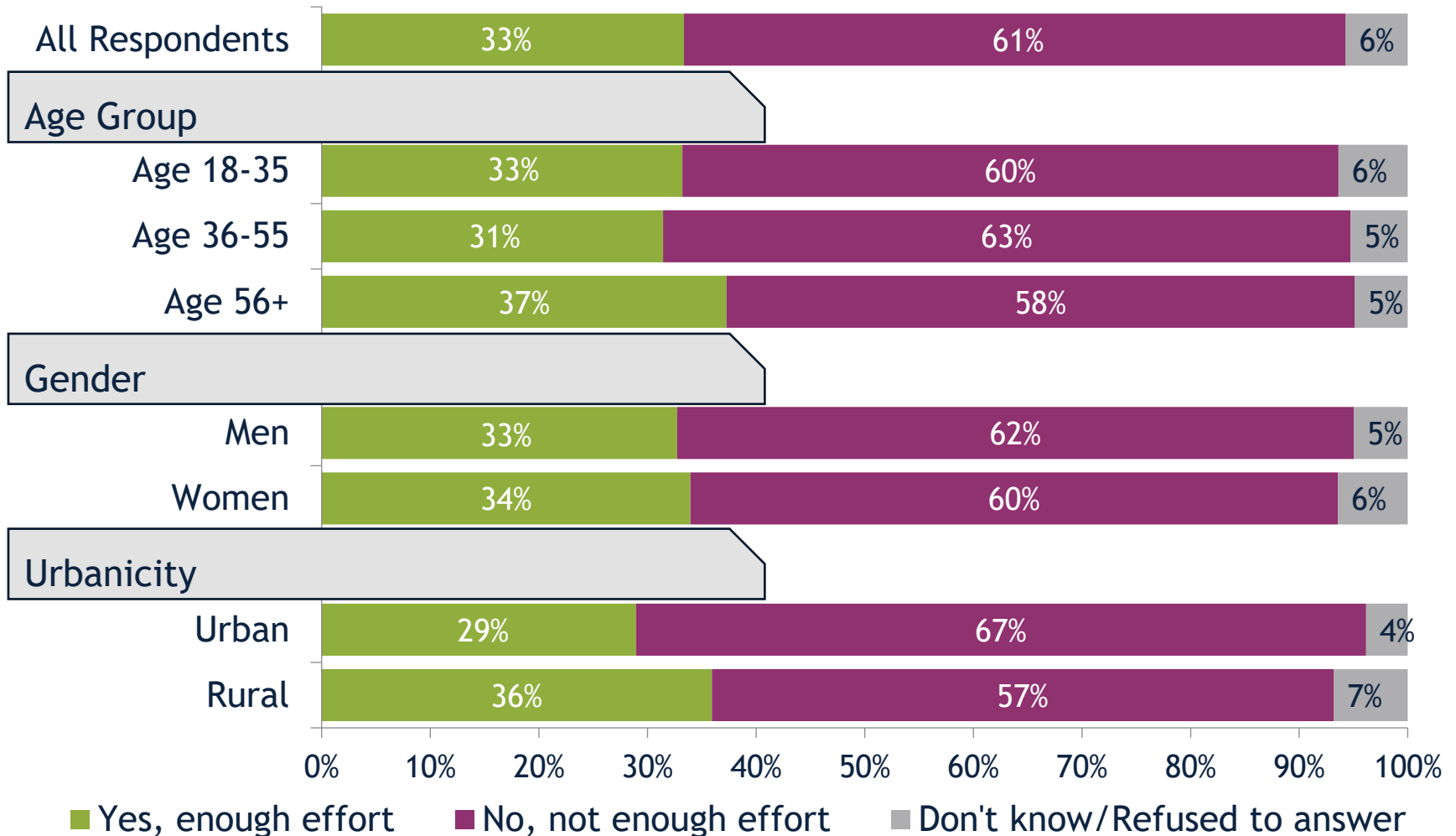
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Information

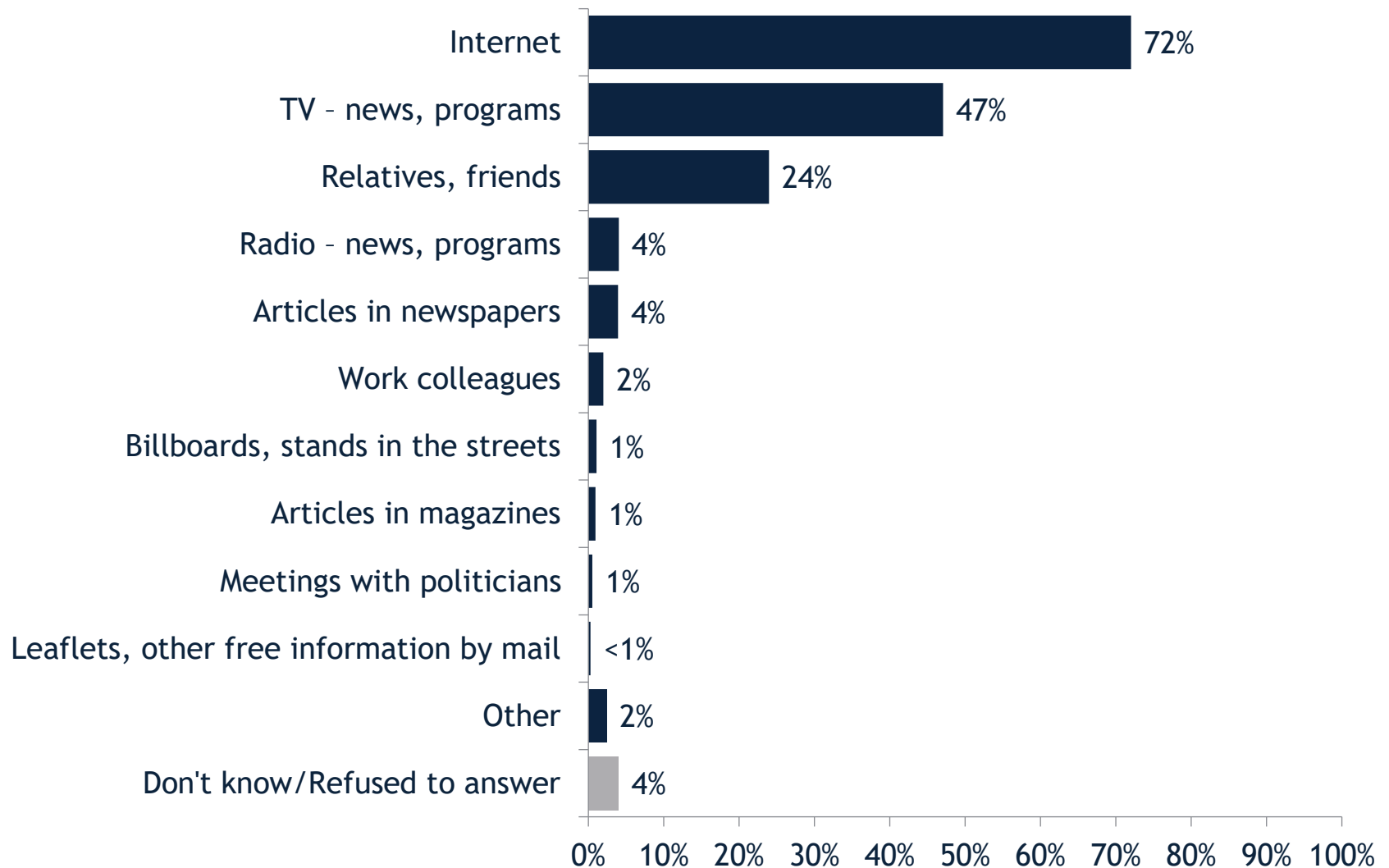


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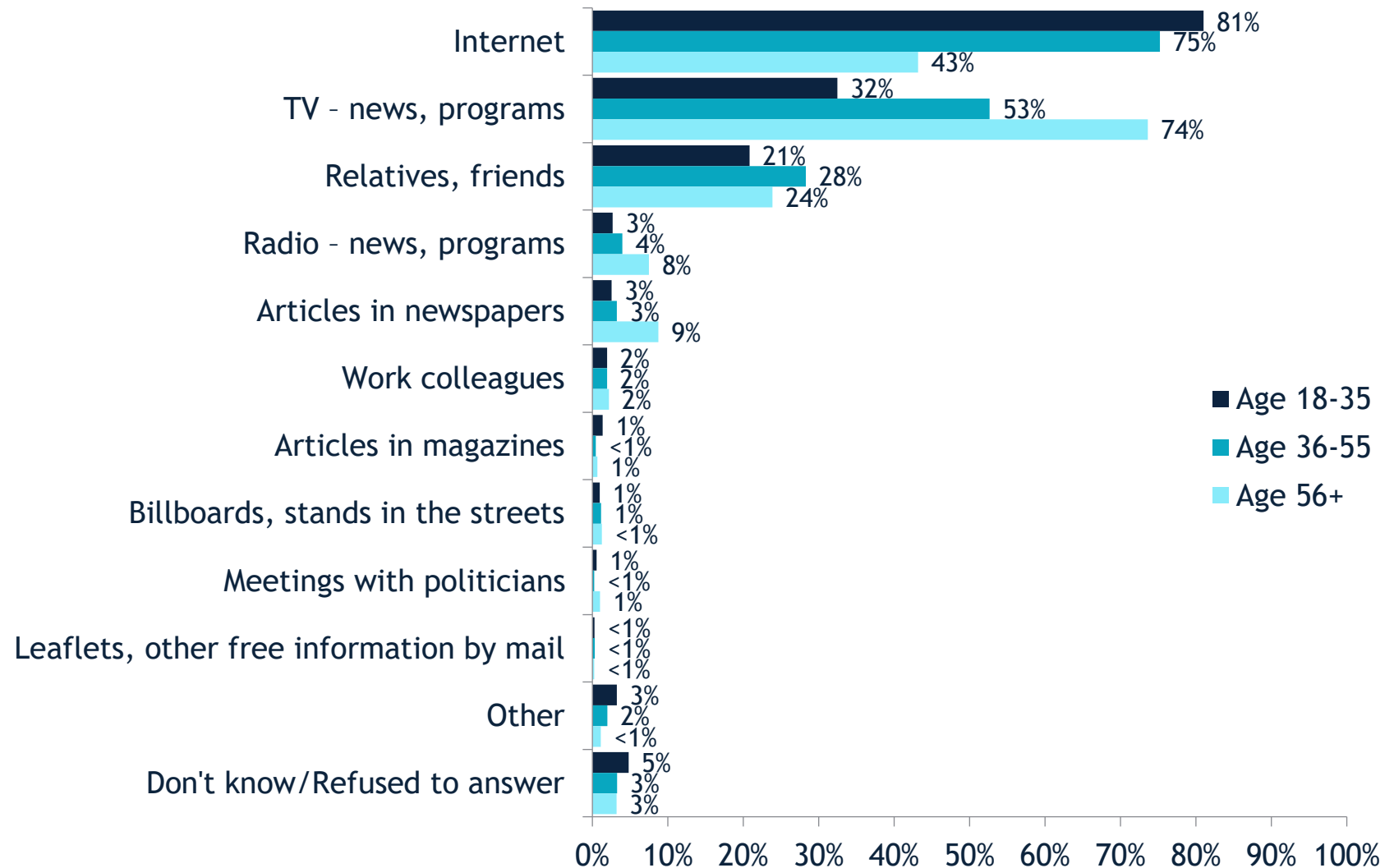
Which of these media outlets do you use for gaining political information?

(Multiple responses permitted)



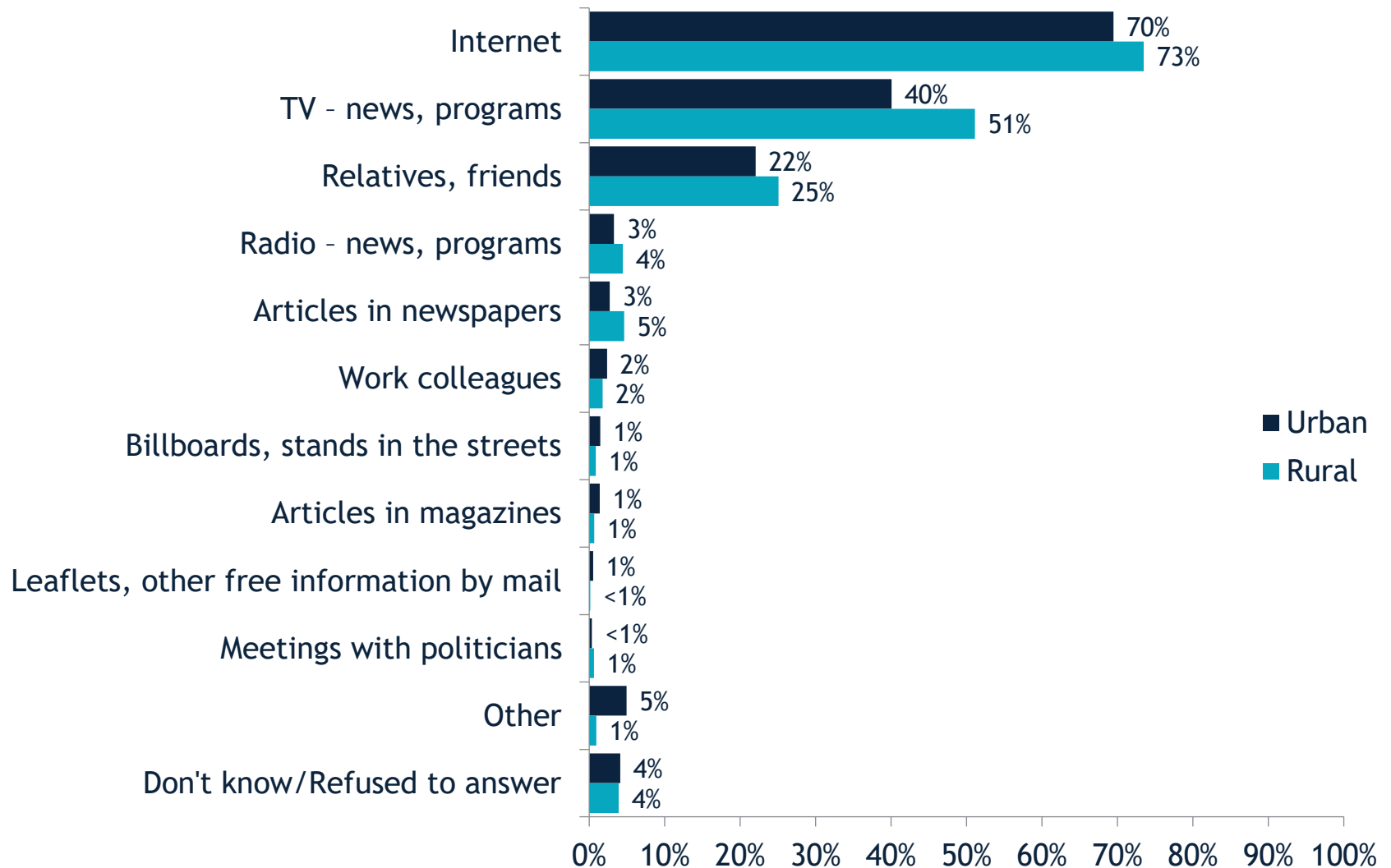
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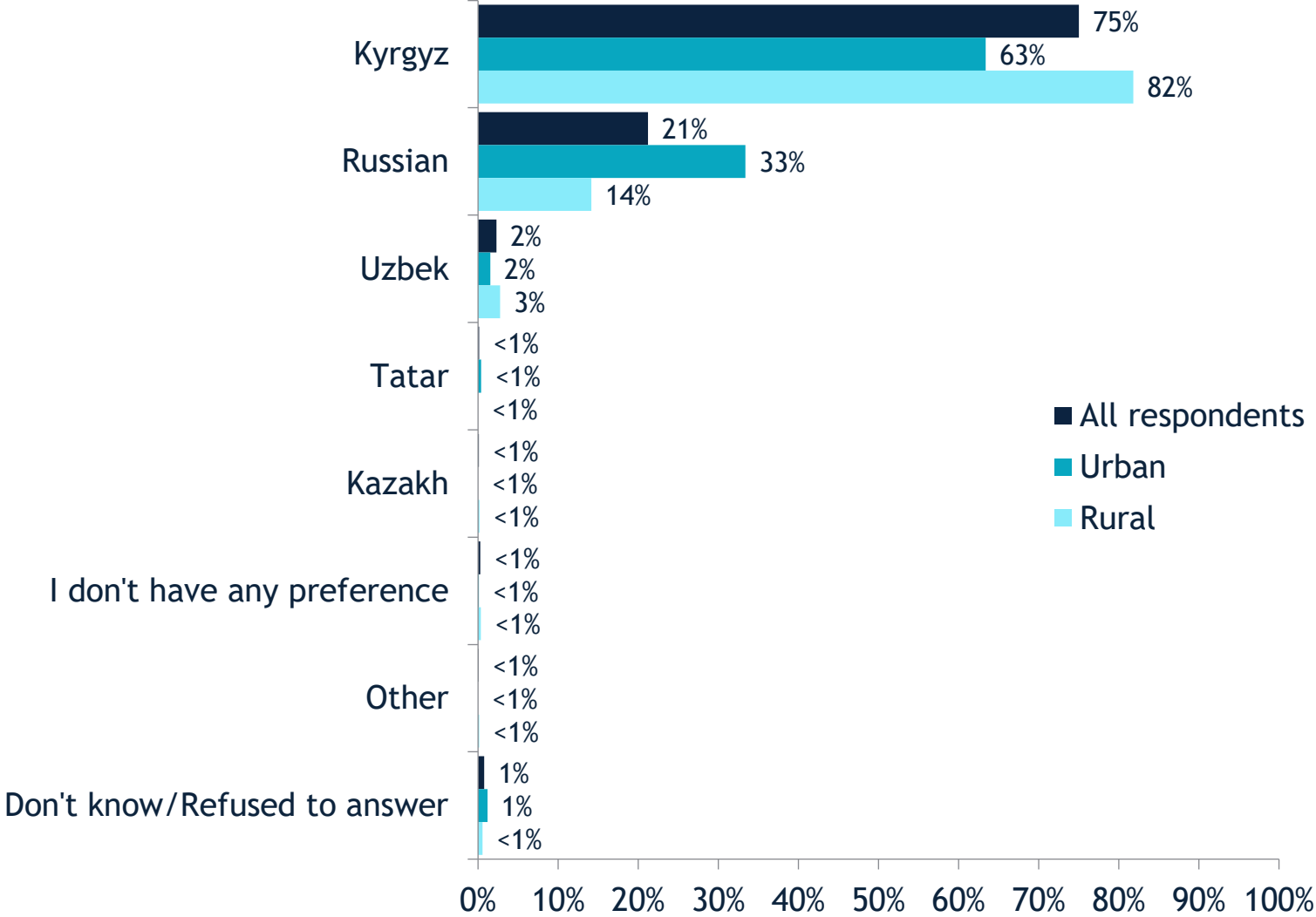
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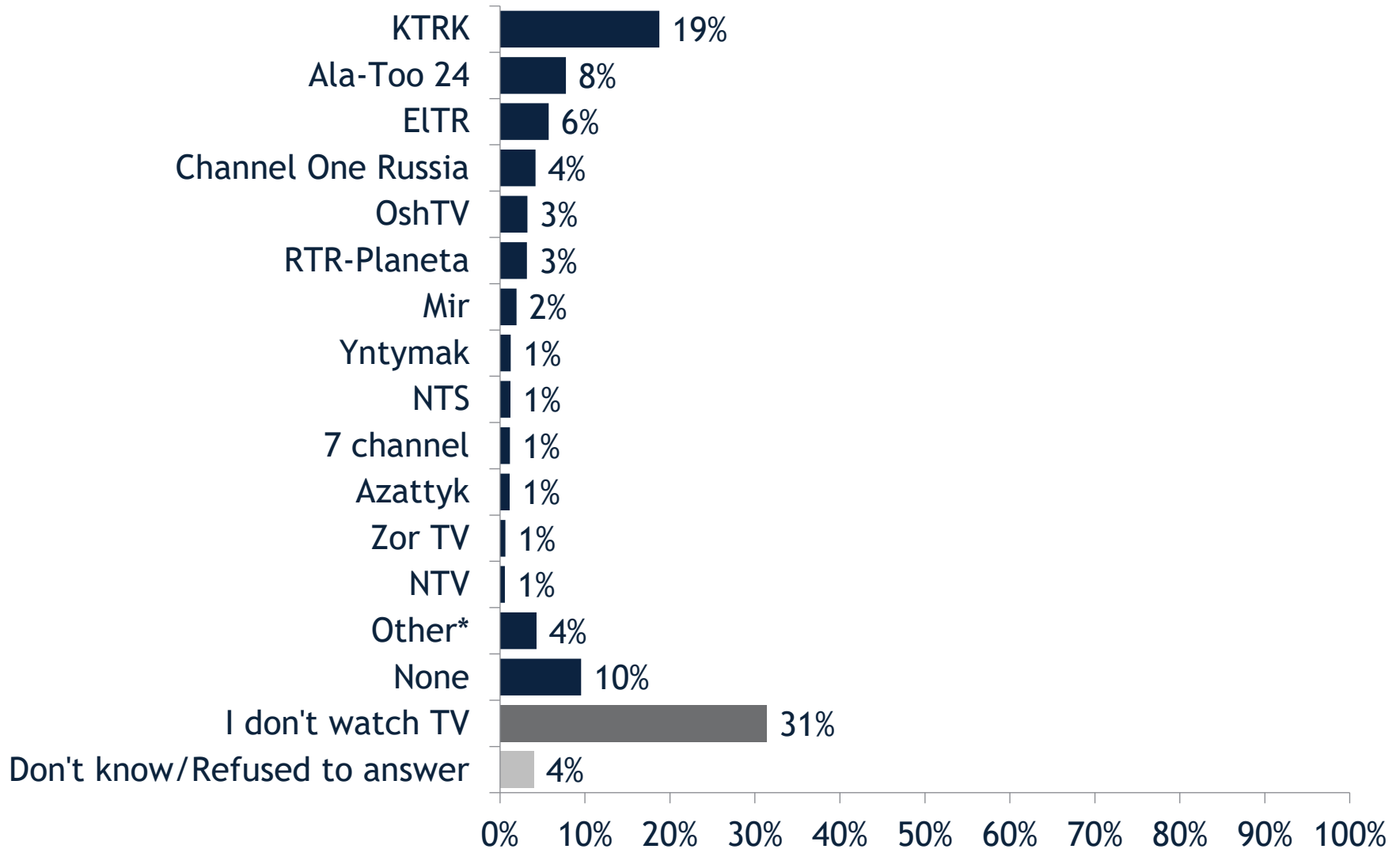
Which language do you prefer for consuming political information?

(Spontaneous response)



Which TV channel do you trust most for news and political information?

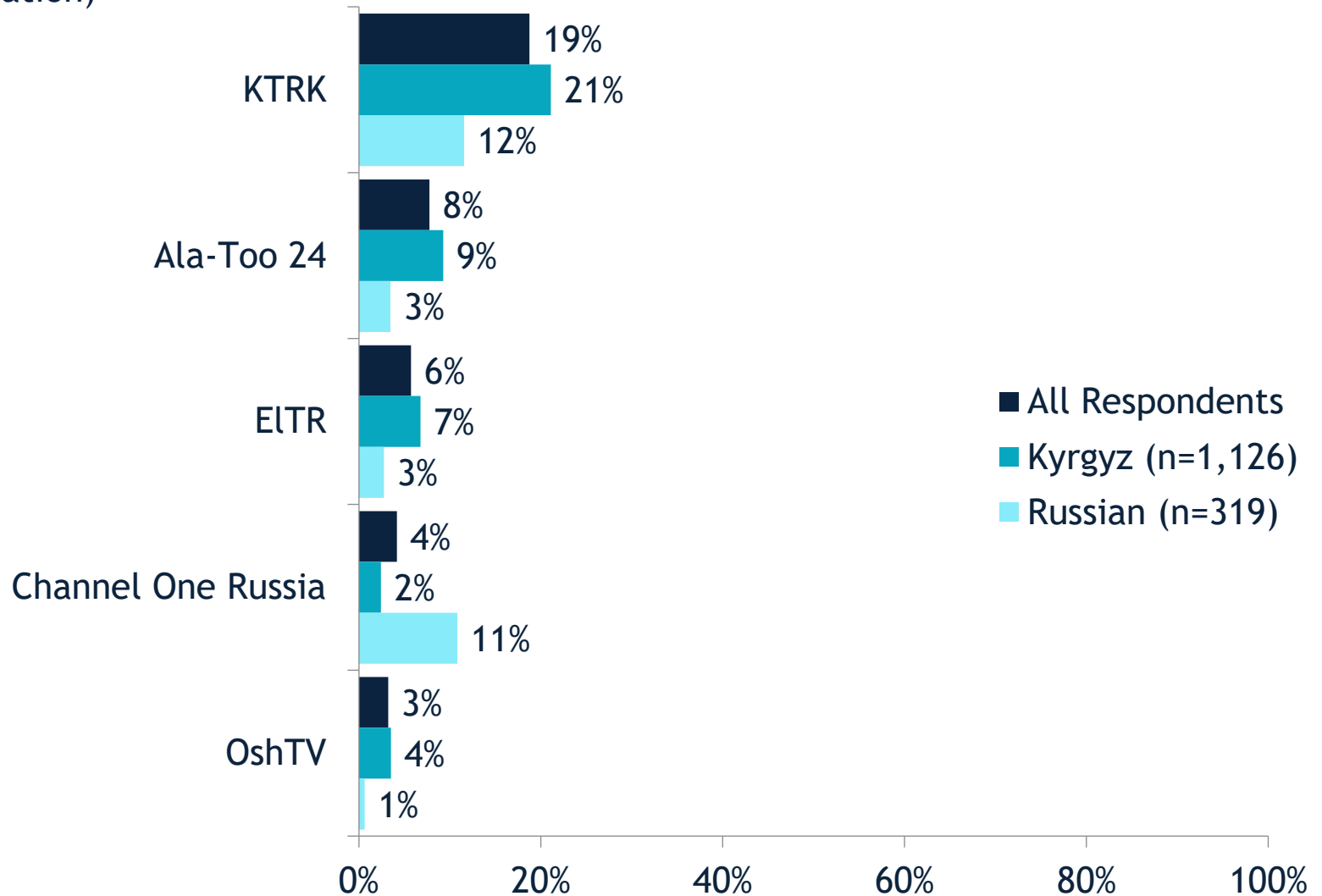
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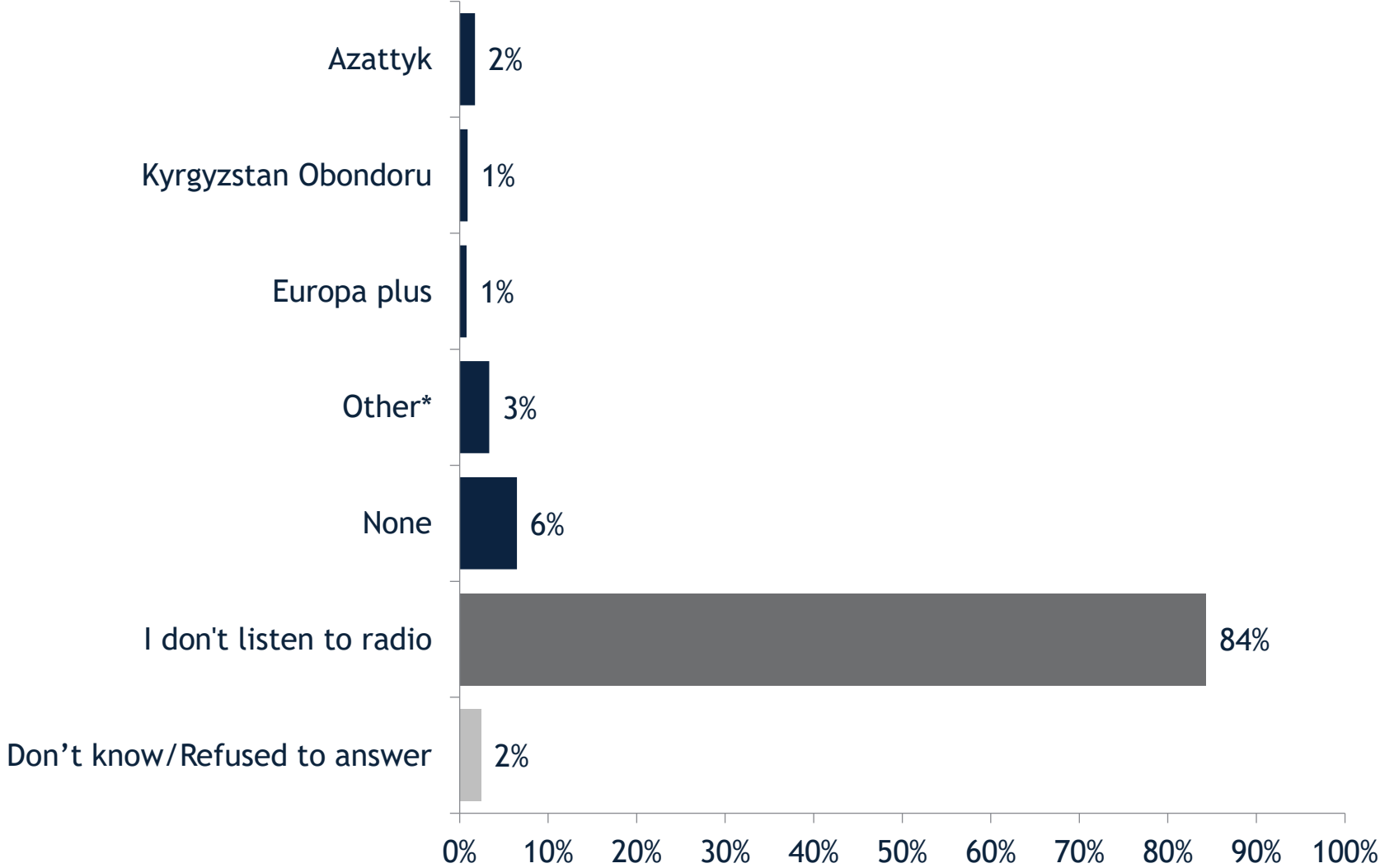


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Which radio station do you trust most for news and political information?

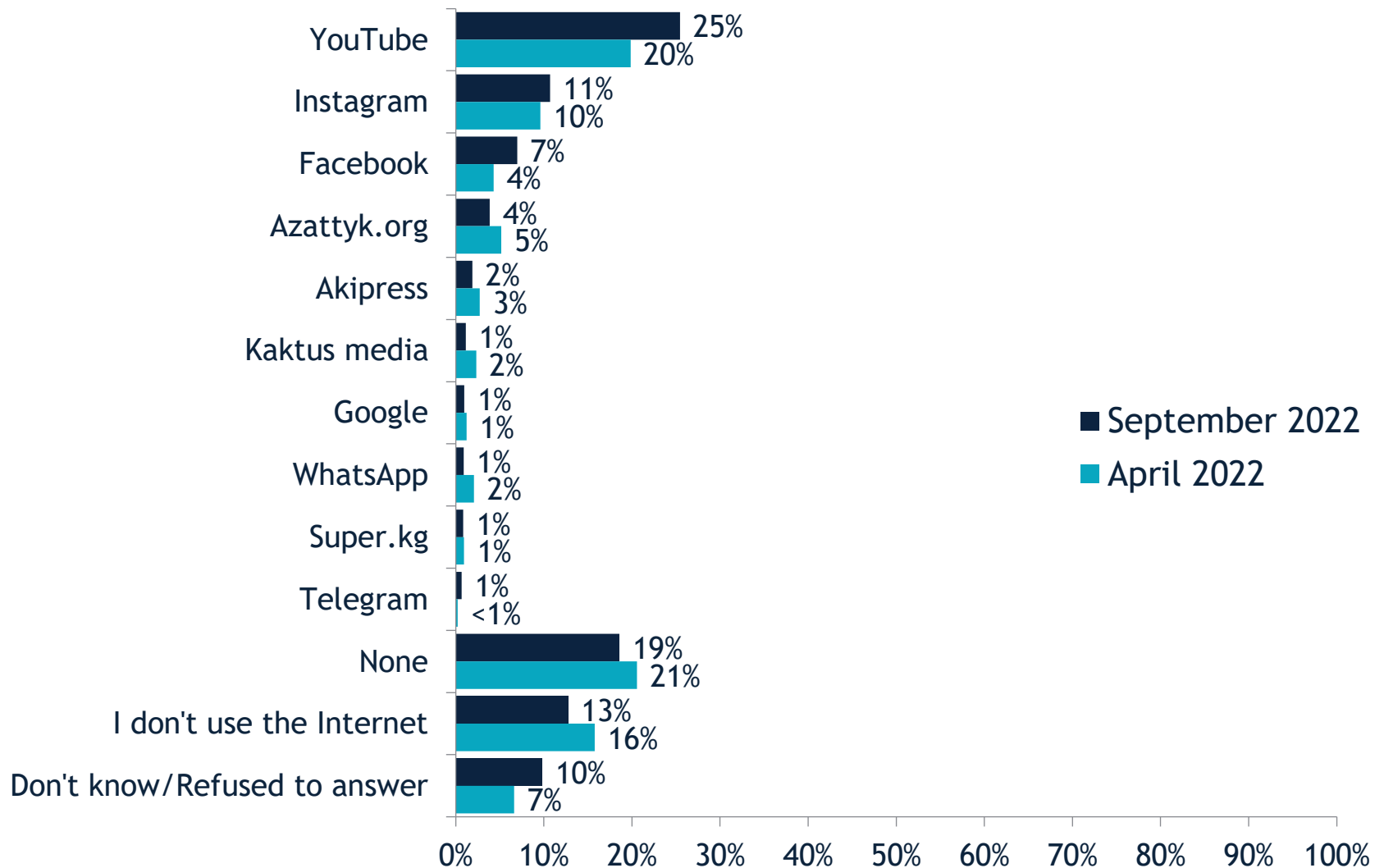
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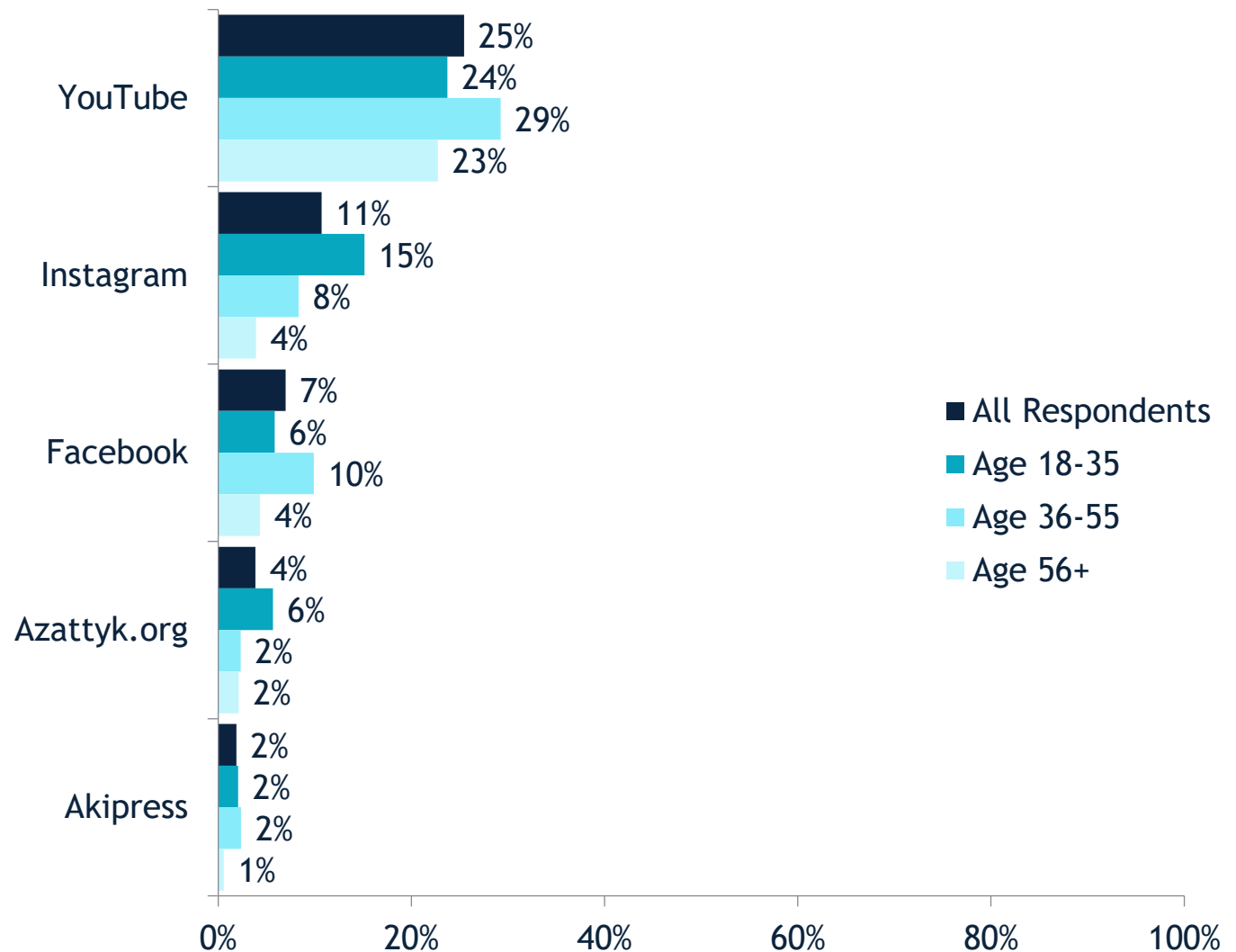
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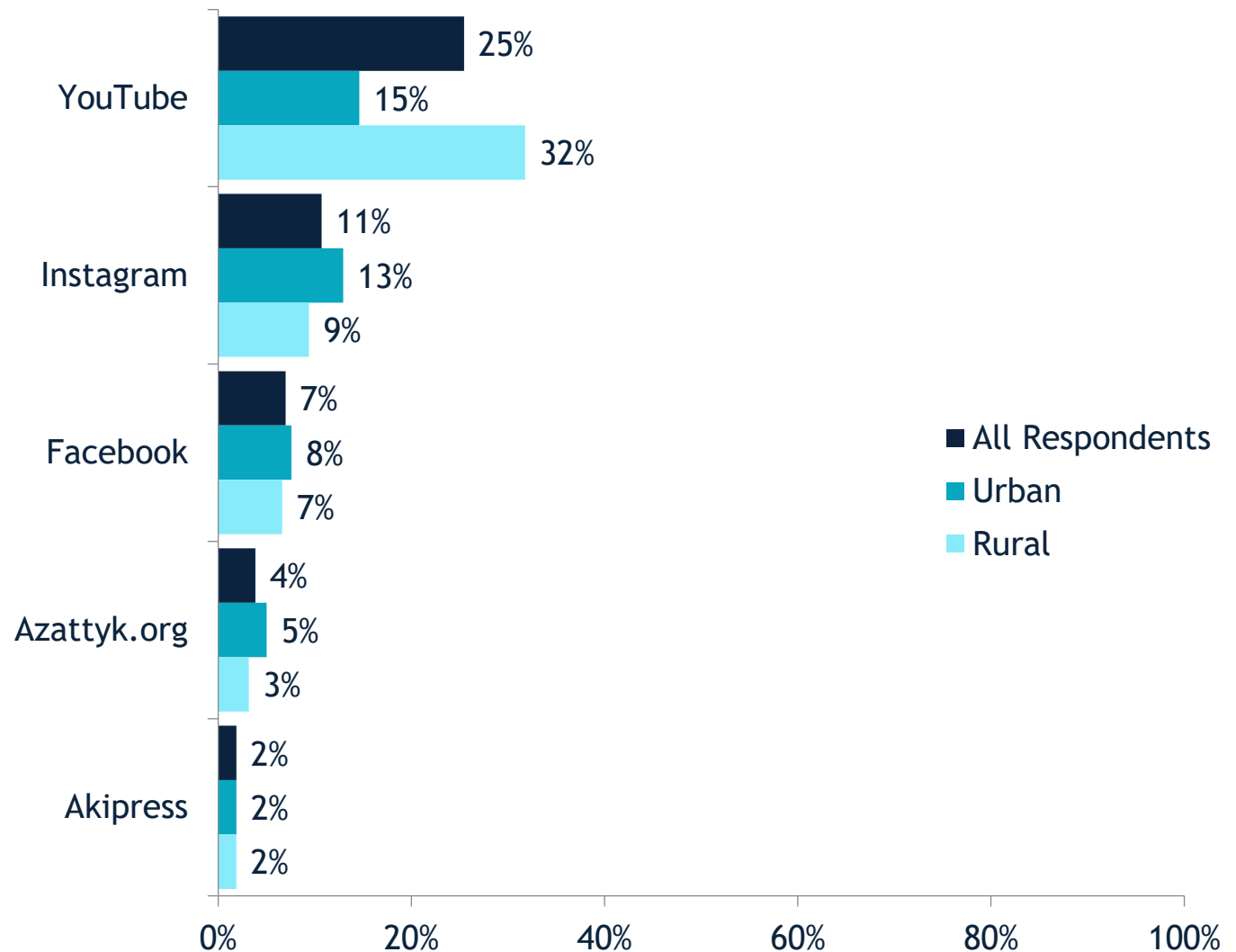
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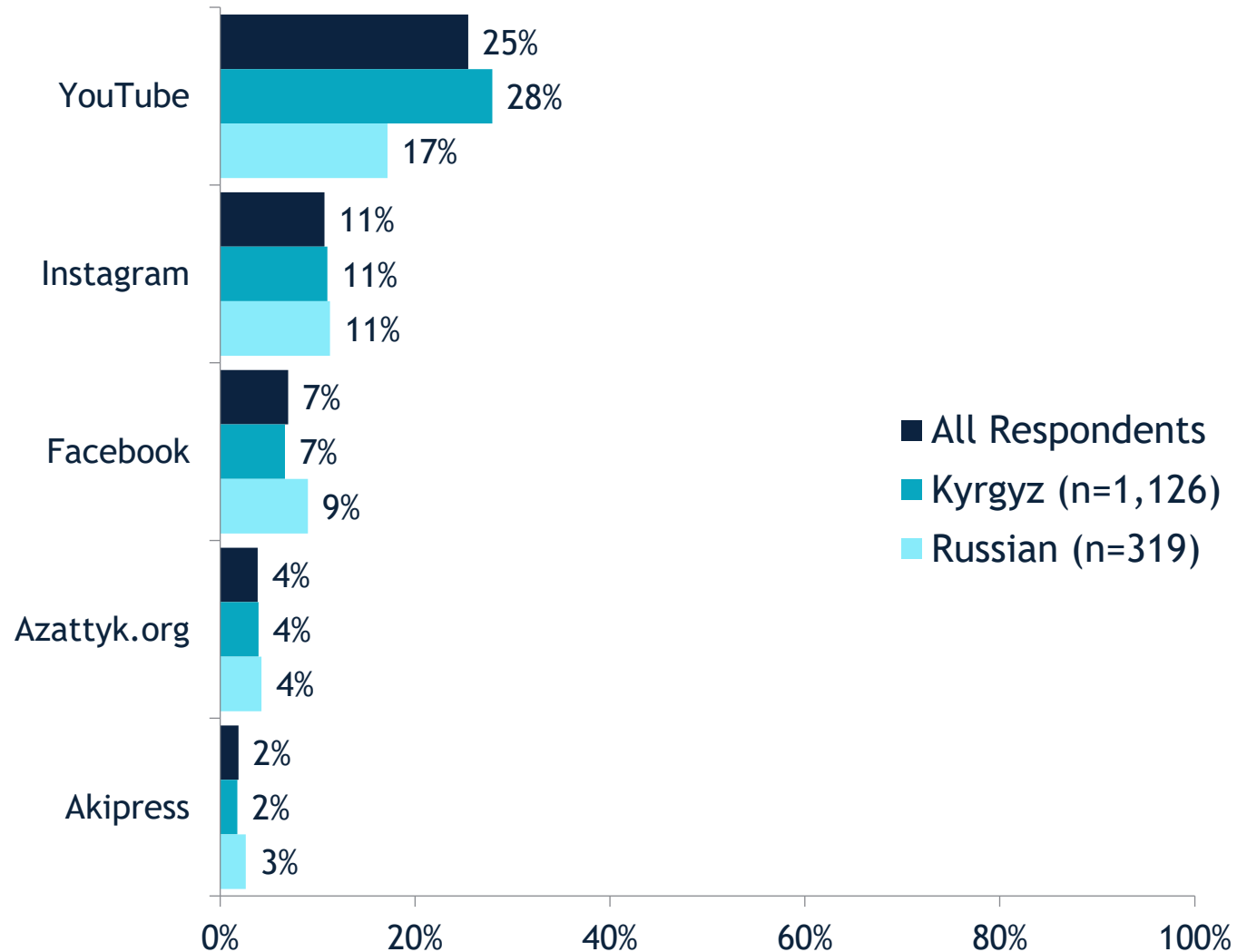
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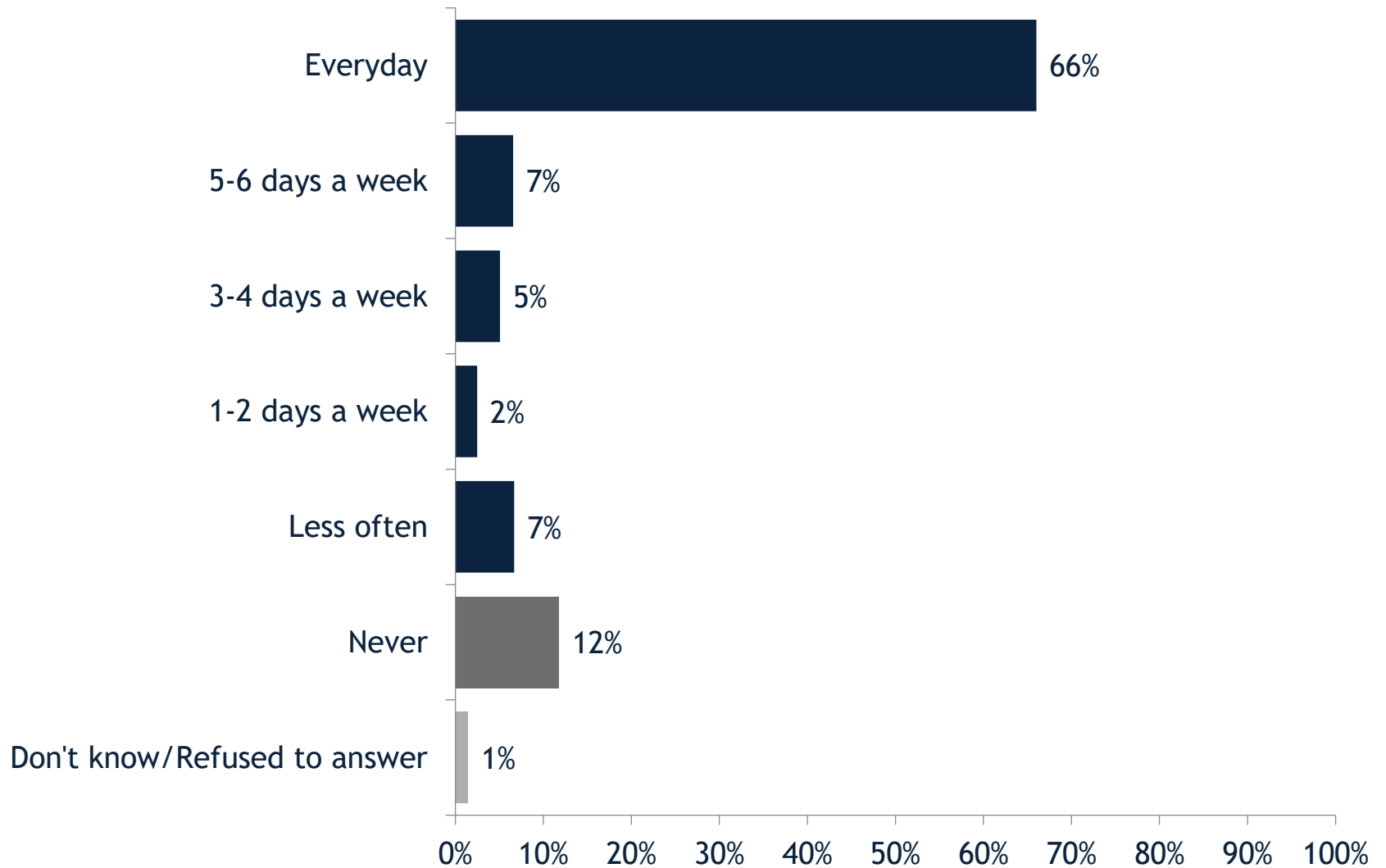
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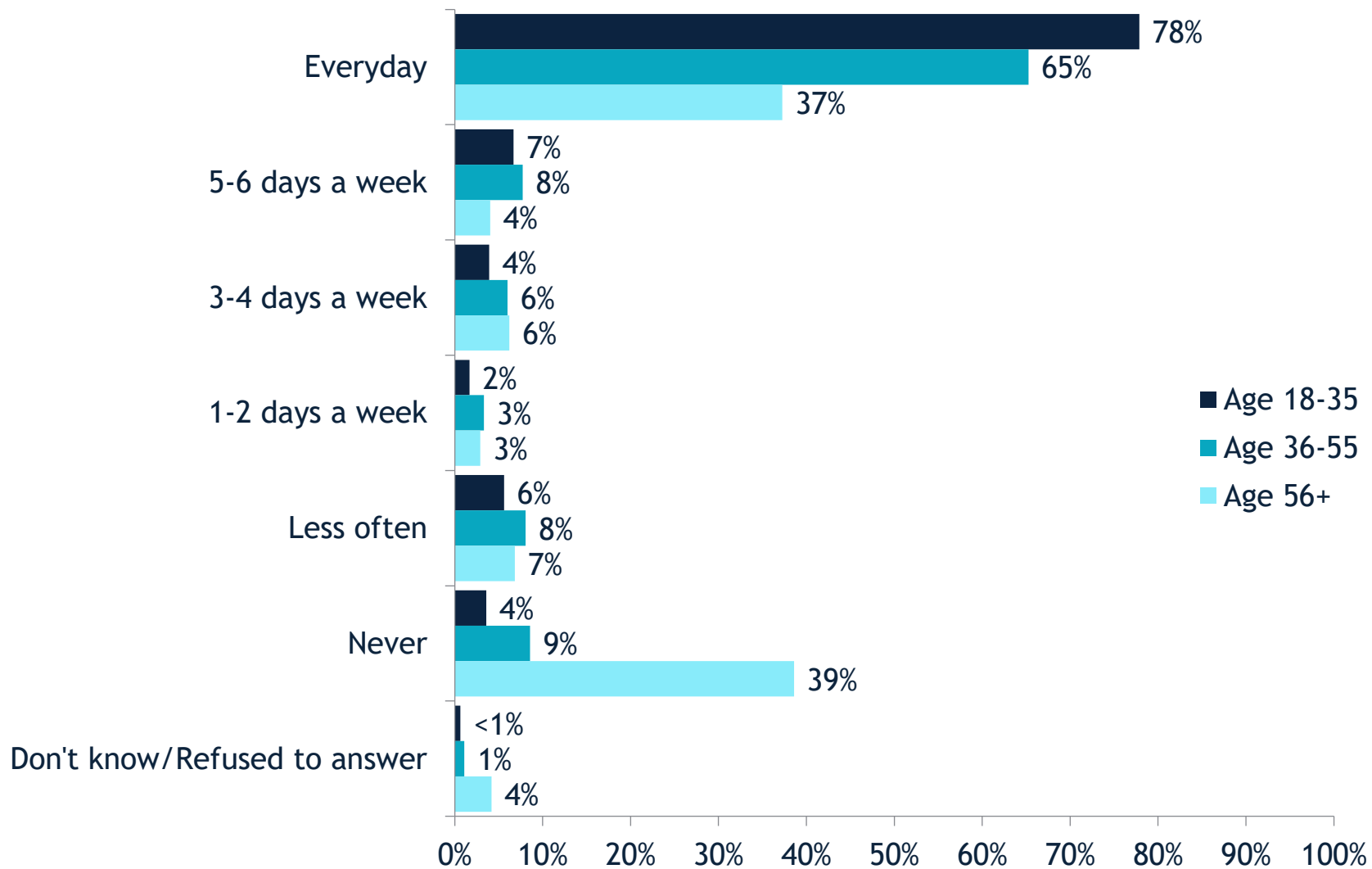


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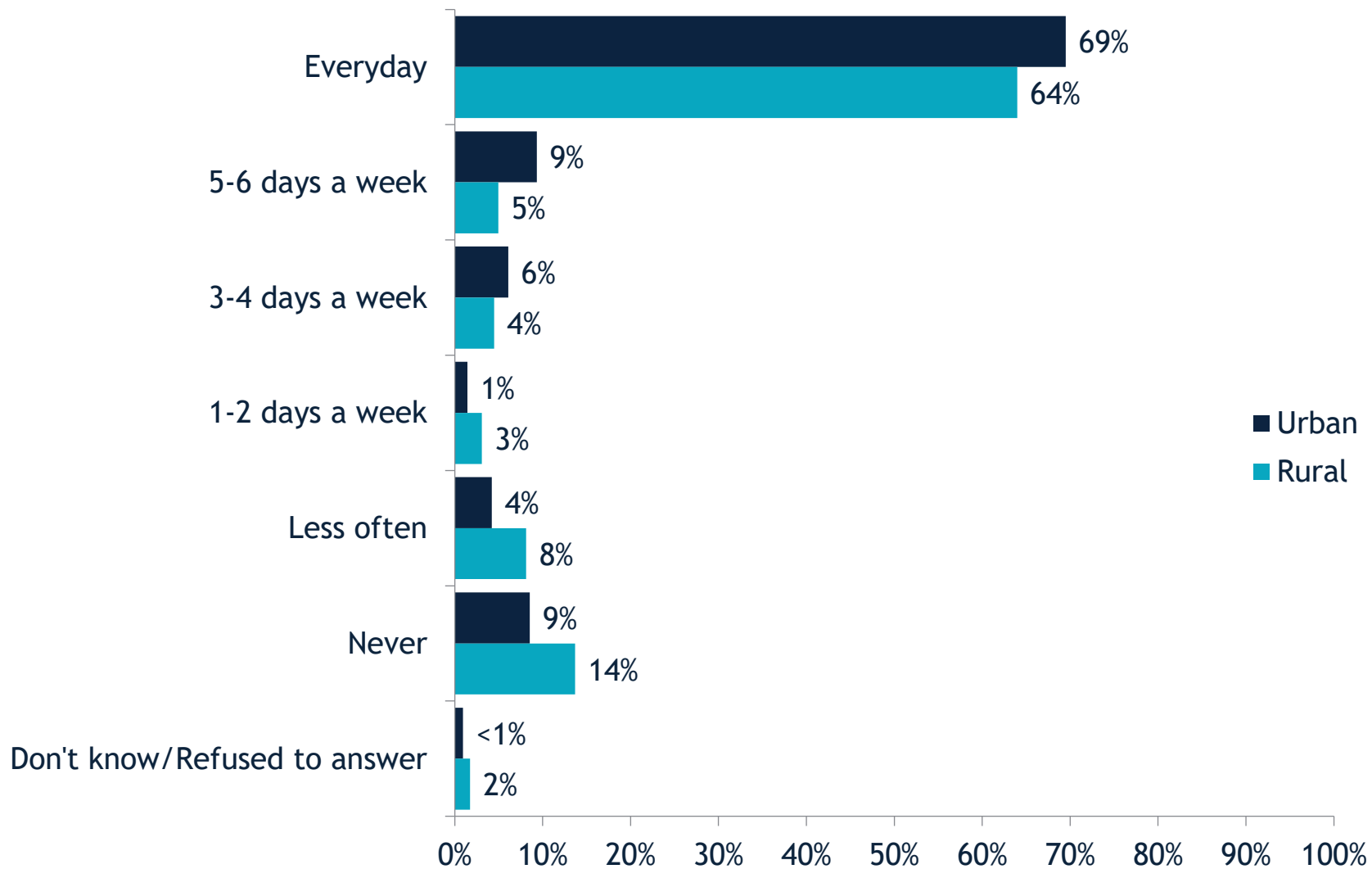
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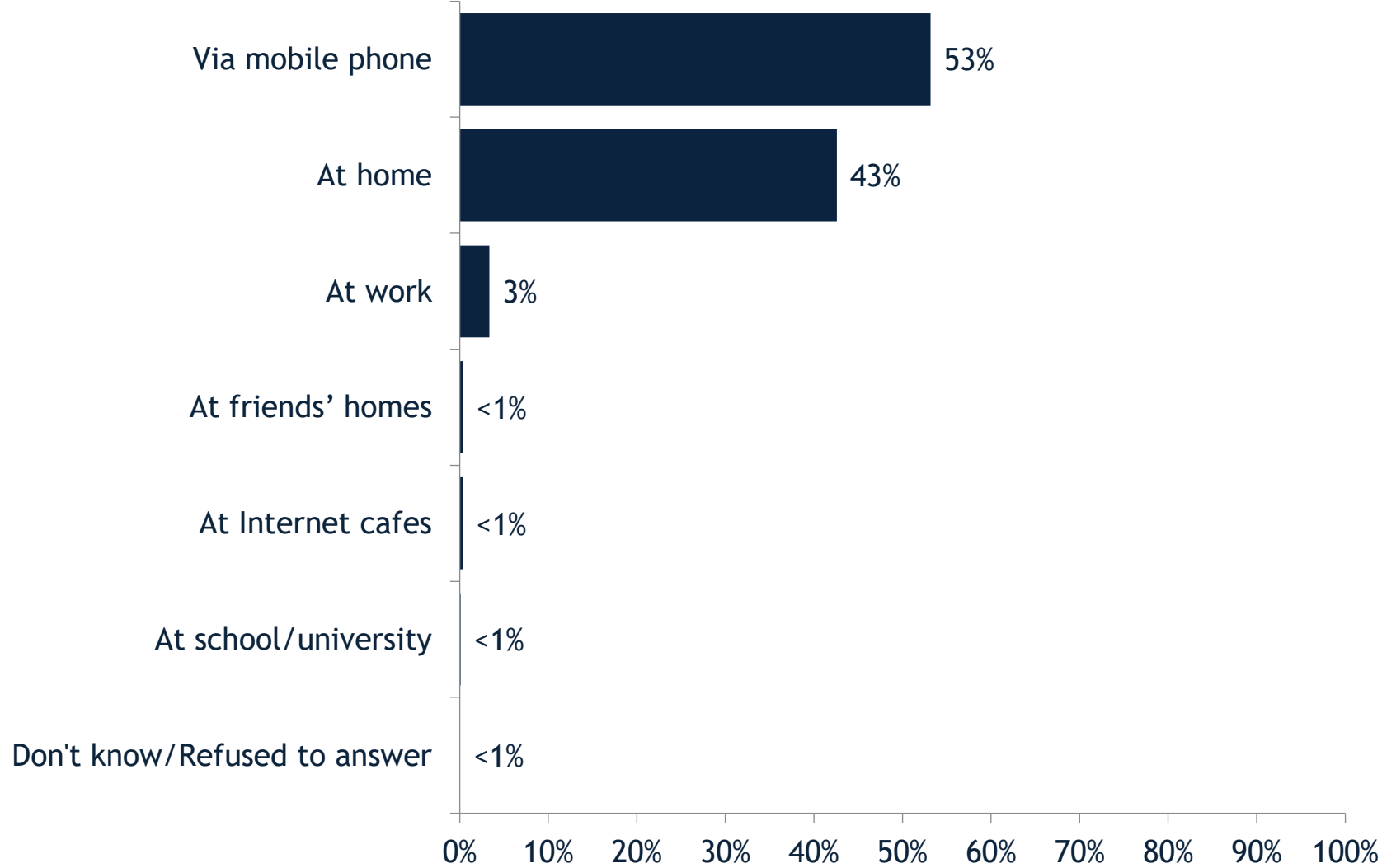
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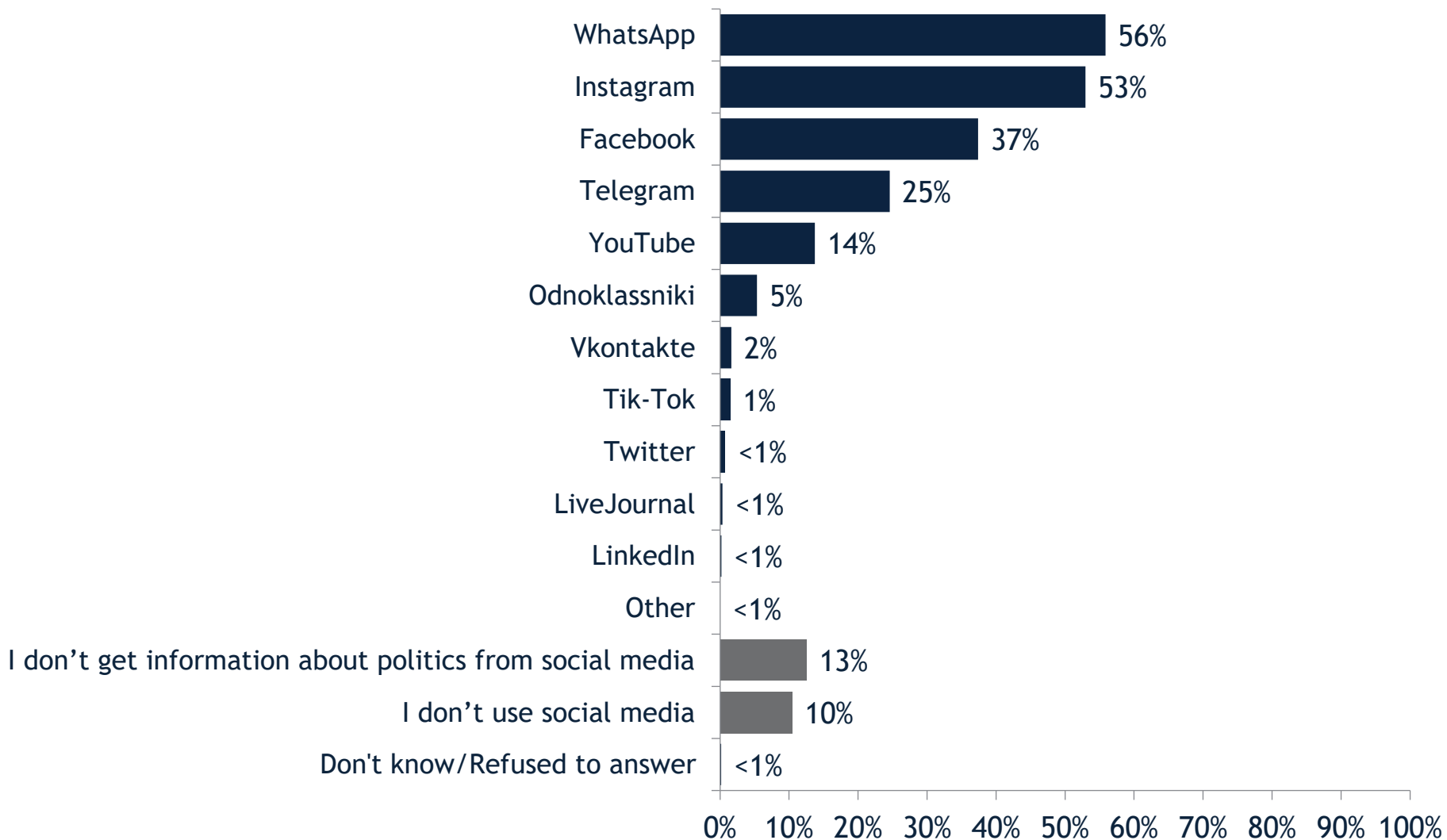
Where do you most often access the internet?

(Among those who declared using the internet, n=1,302)



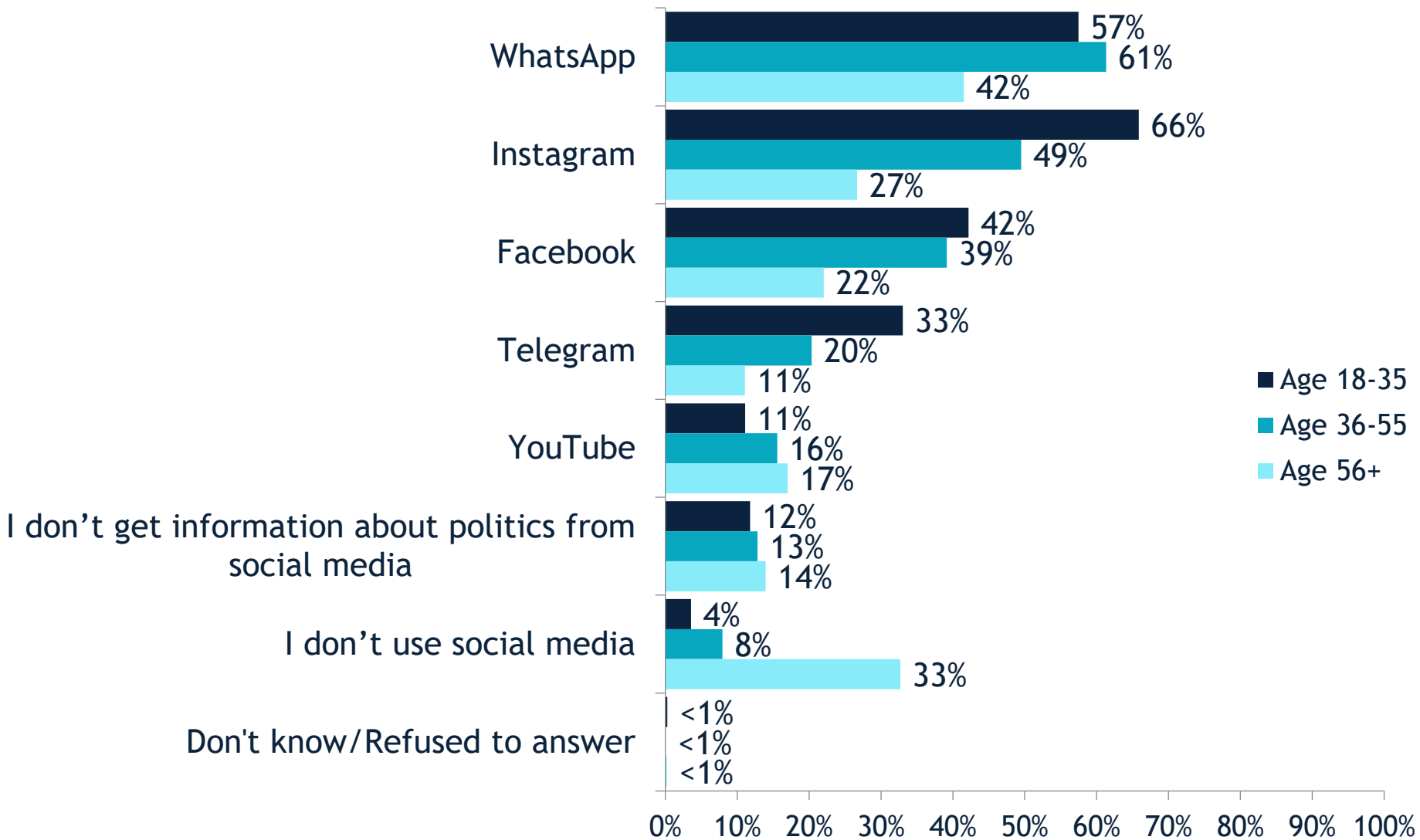
From which social media sites or apps do you get most of your information about politics?

(Up to 3 responses permitted)



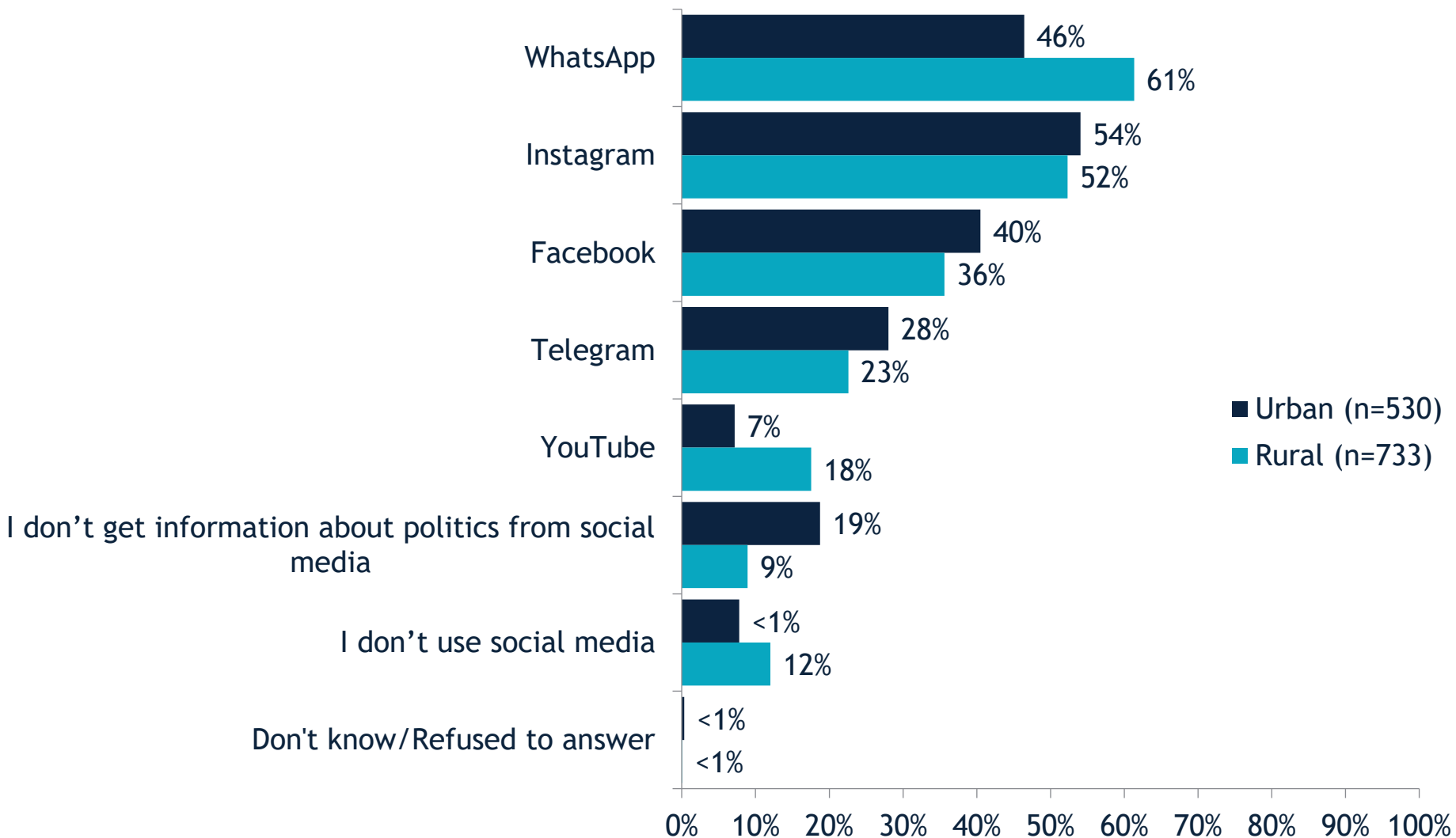
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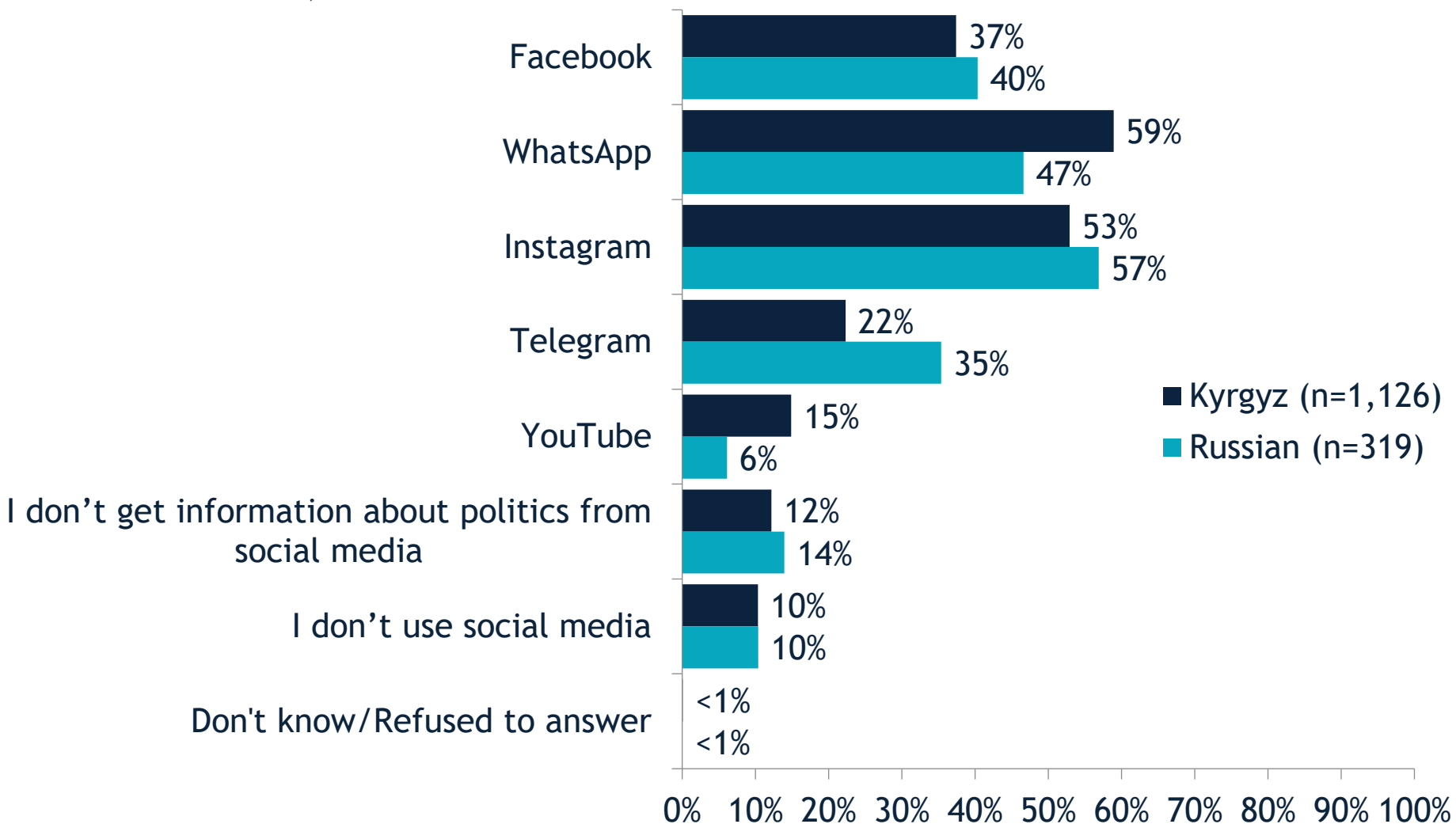
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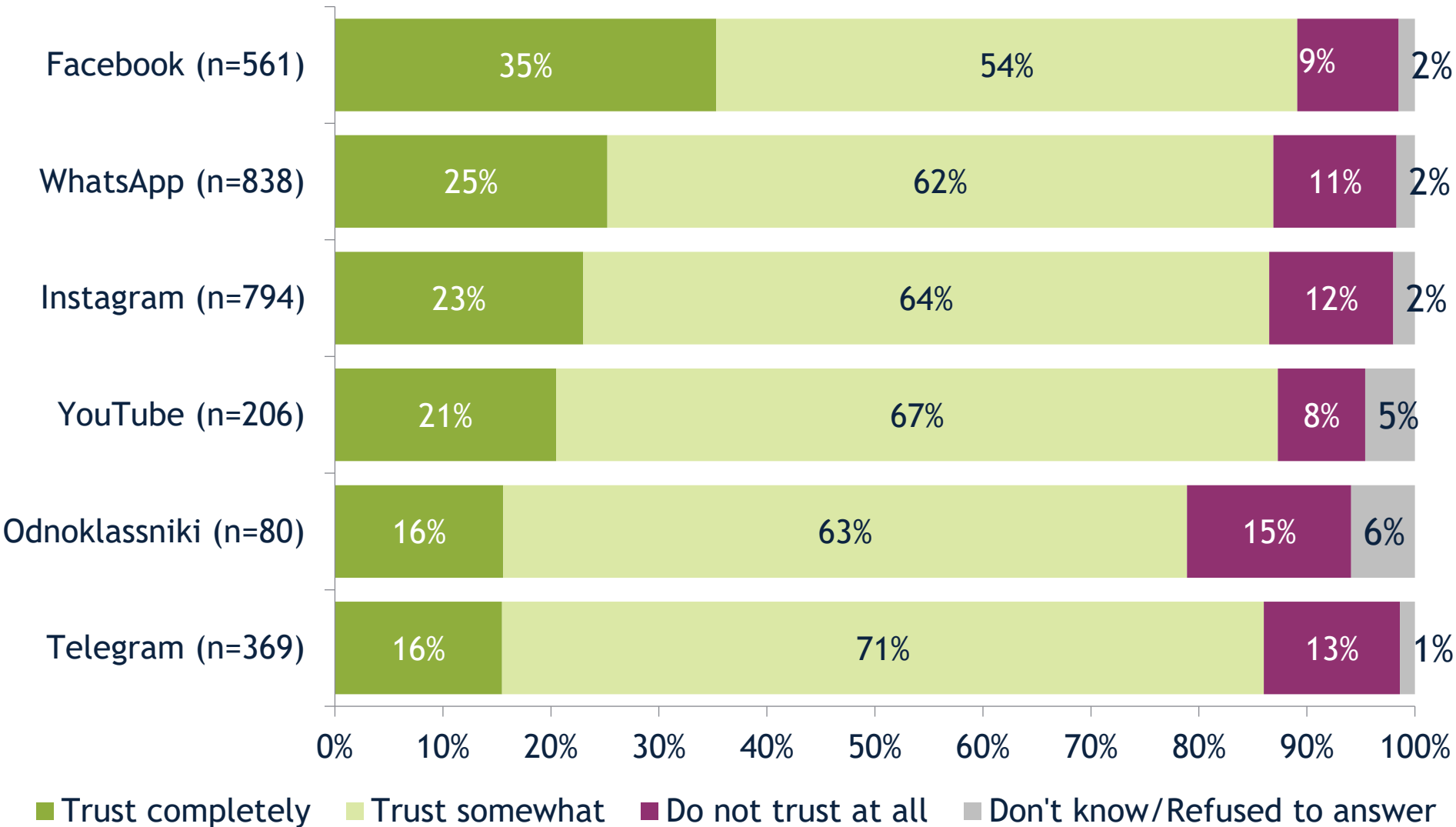


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To what extent do you trust the information you receive from...?

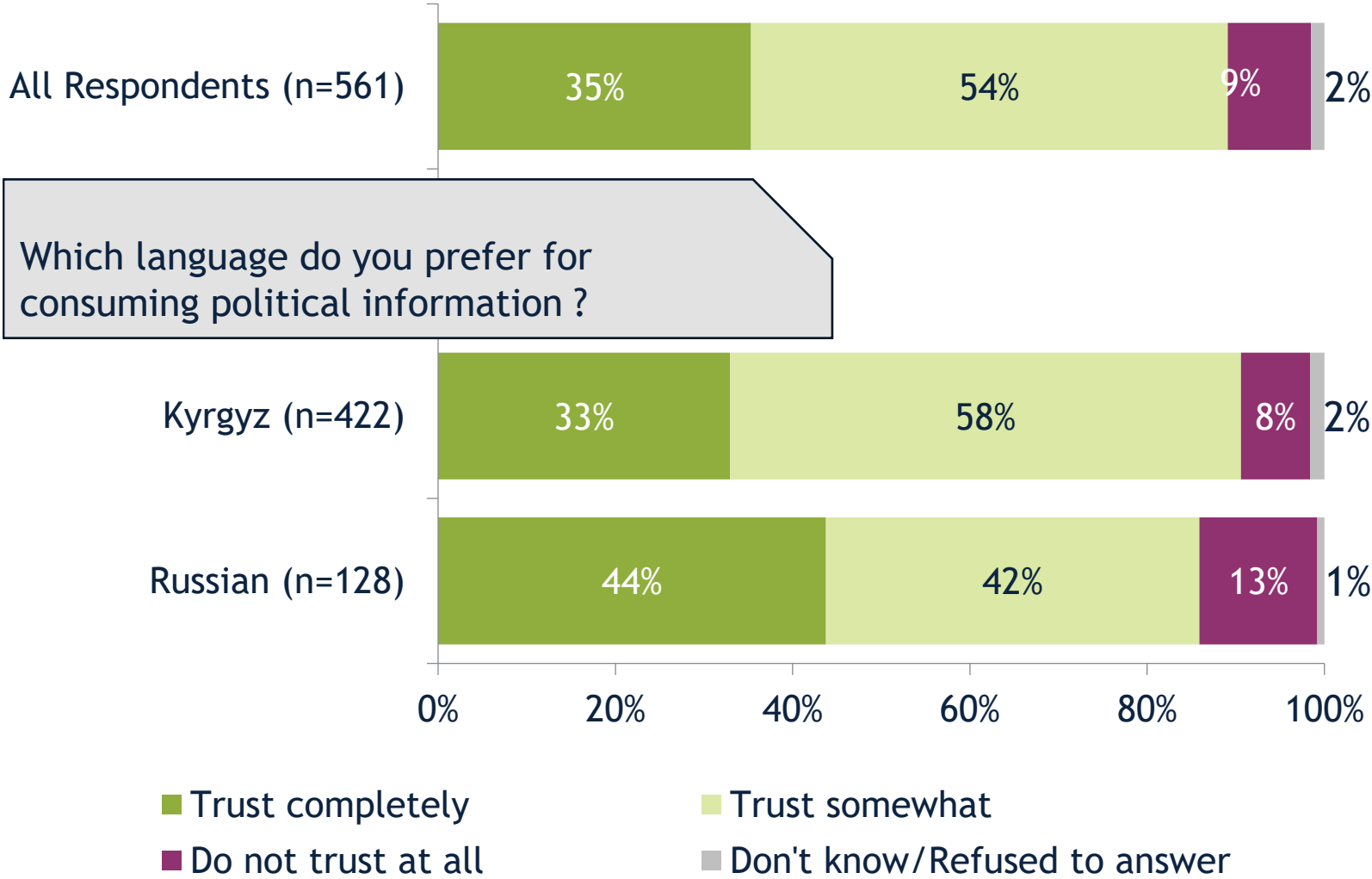
(Among those who declared that they receive information about politics from the following social media sites or apps)





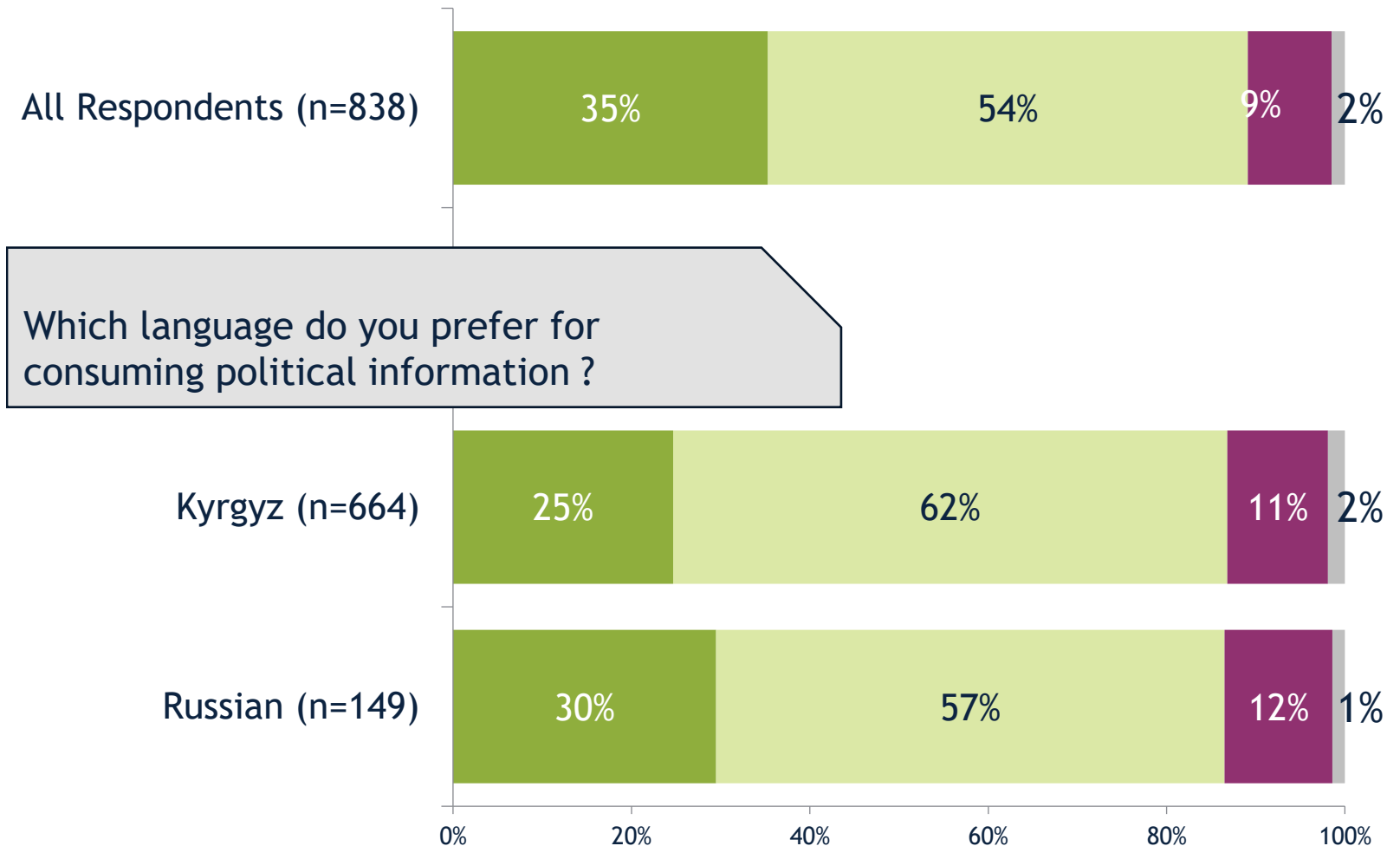
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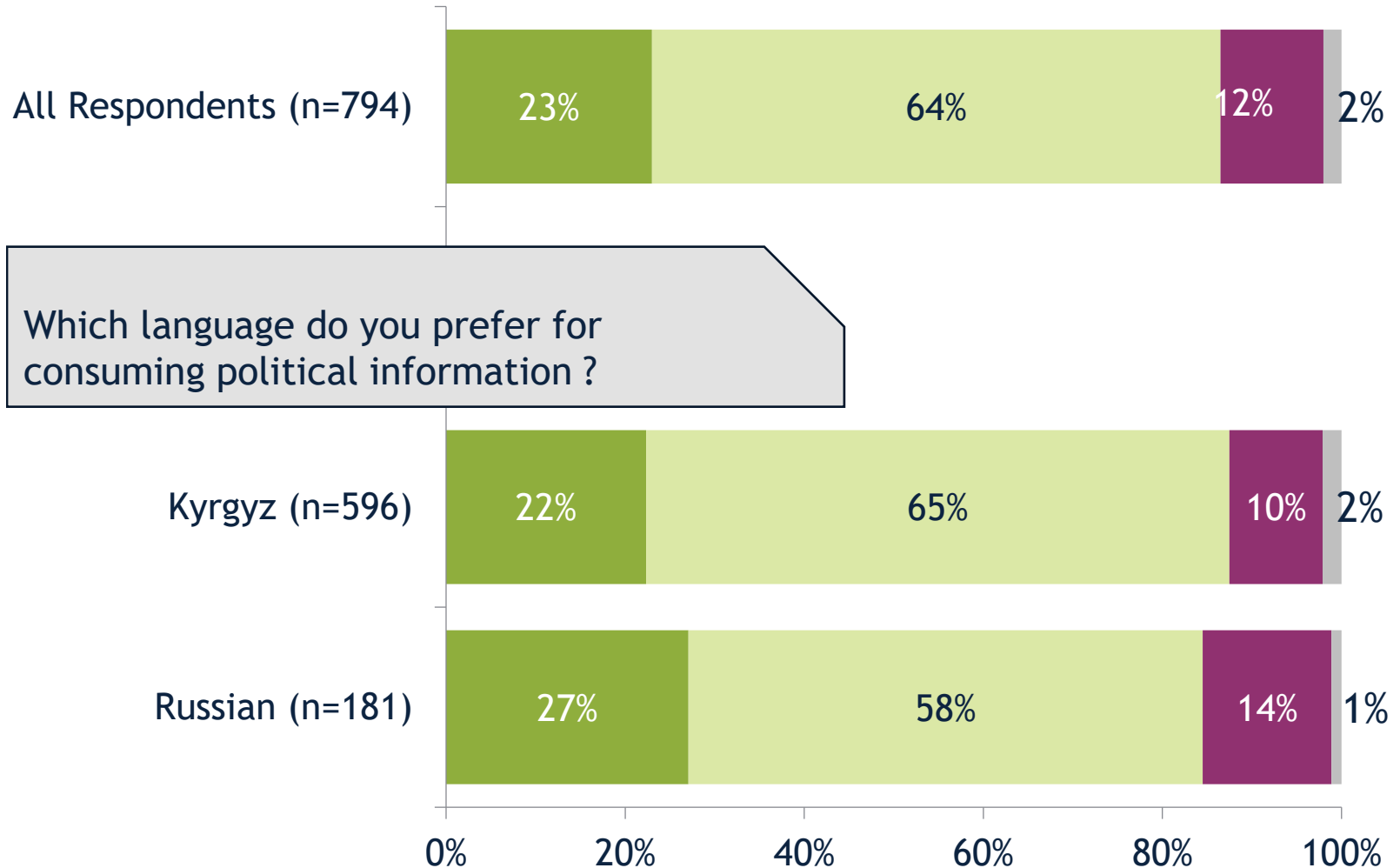
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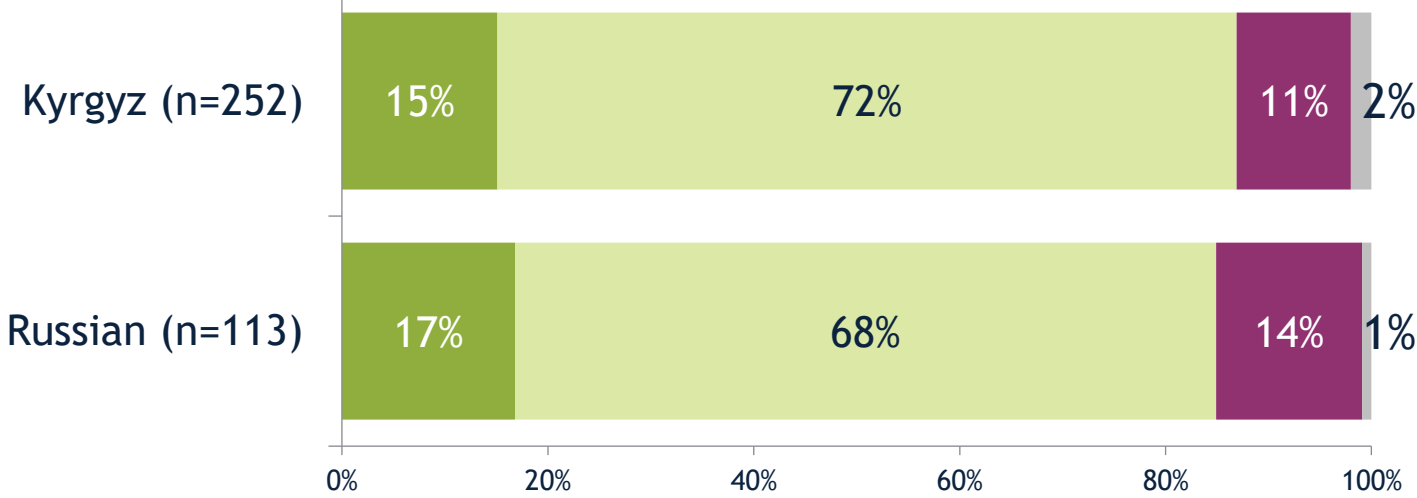


To what extent do you trust the information you receive from Telegram?

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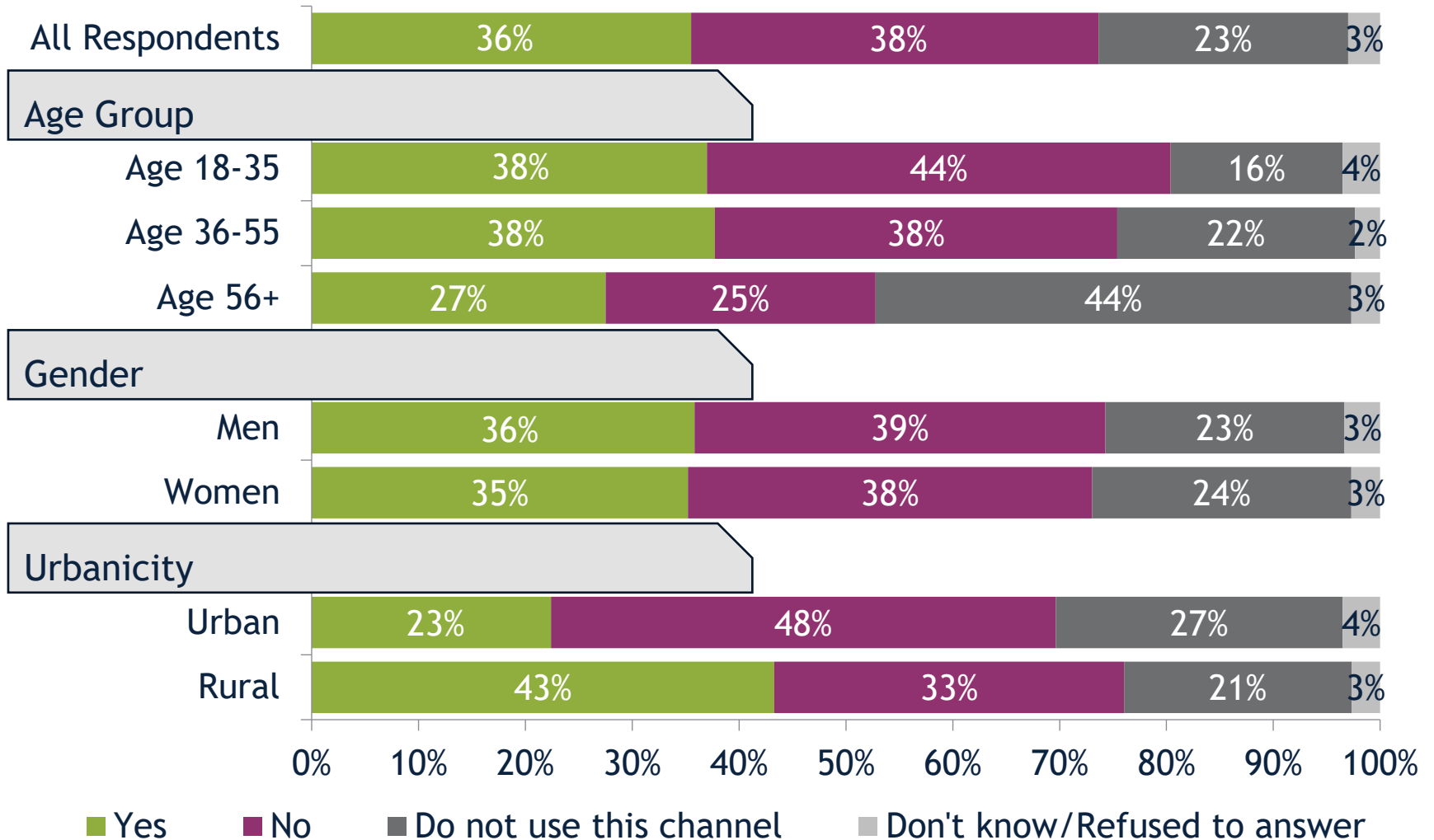


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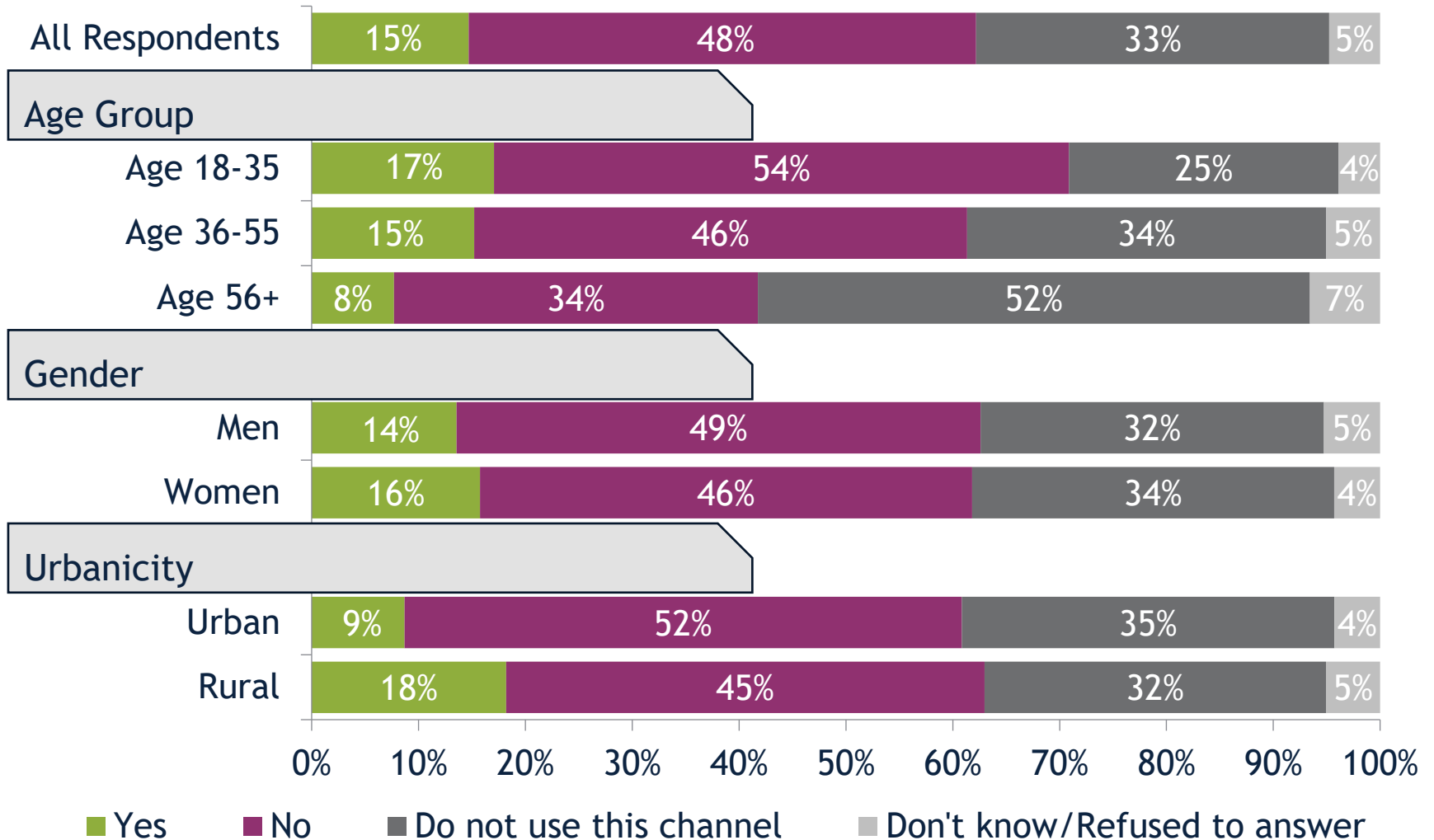
Do you use any of the following apps to discuss politics?

WhatsApp



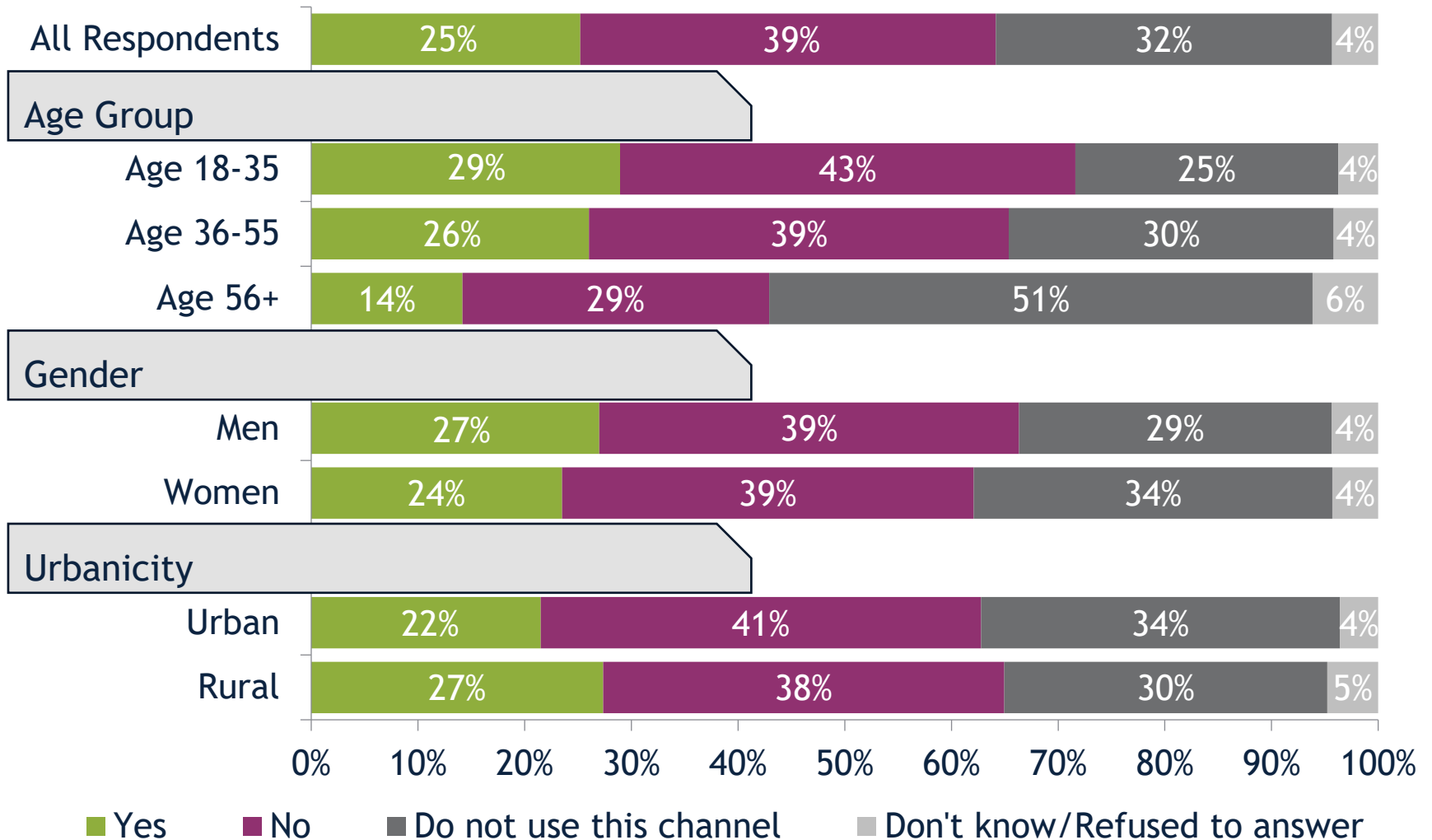
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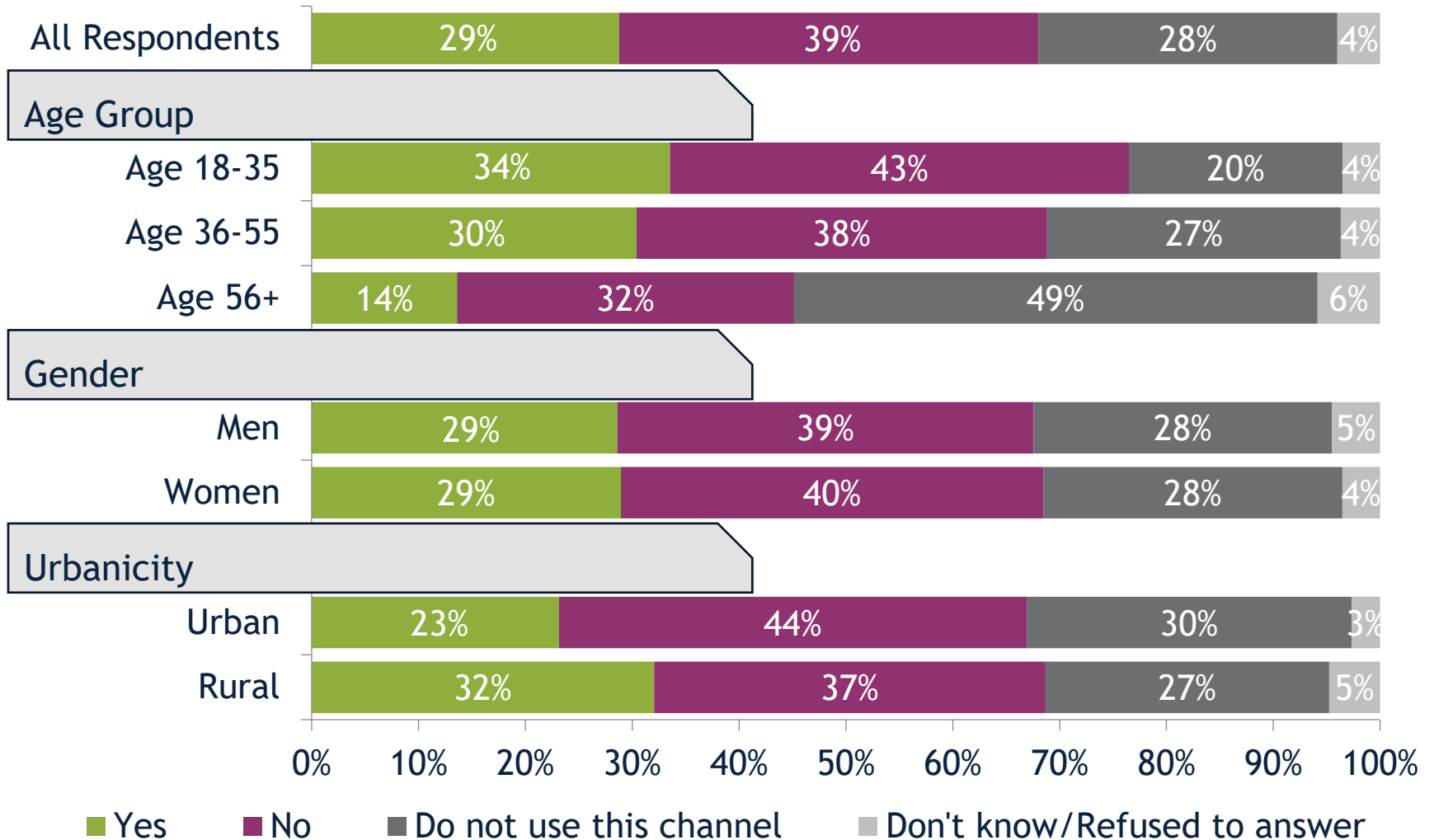
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Inclusion

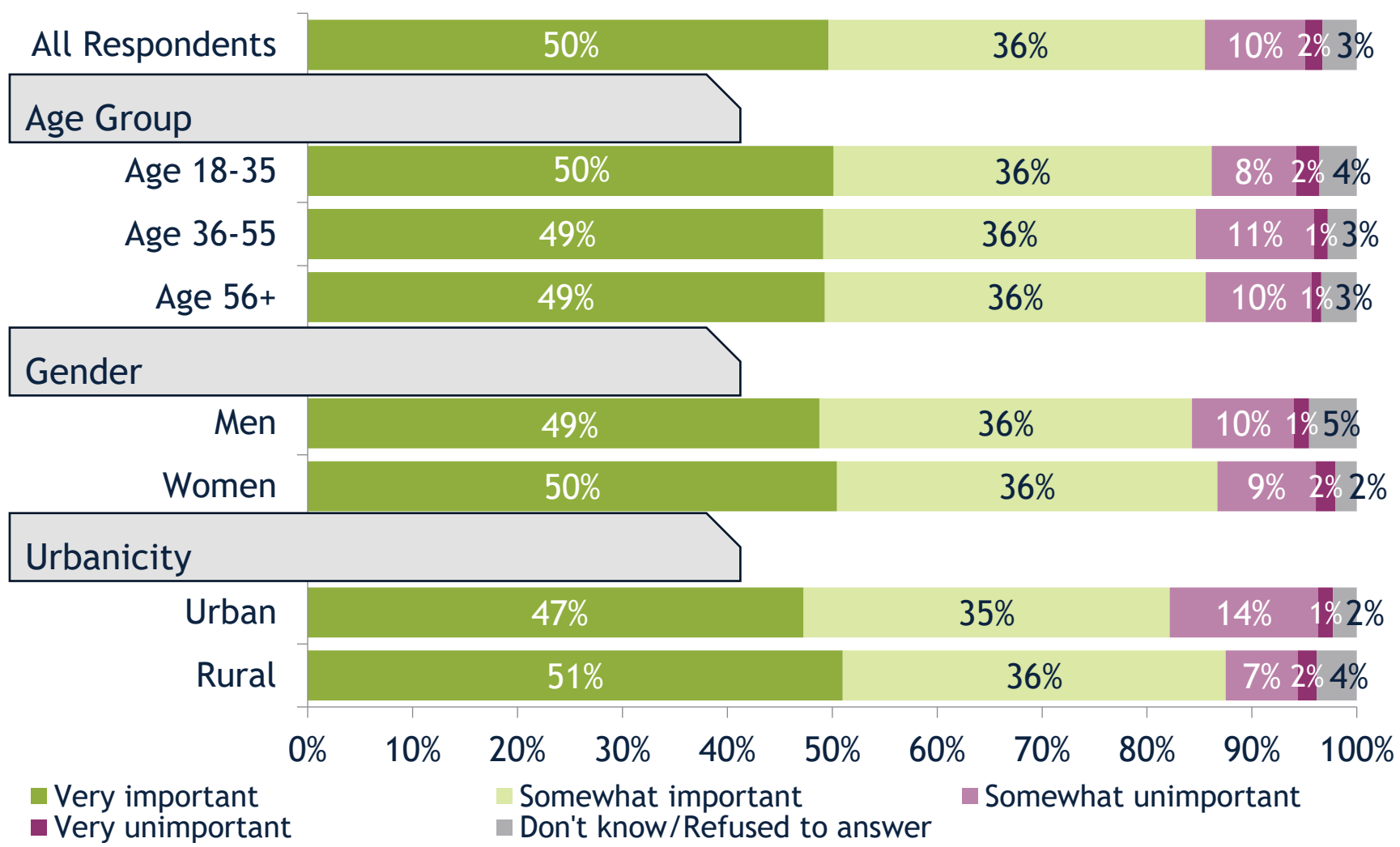


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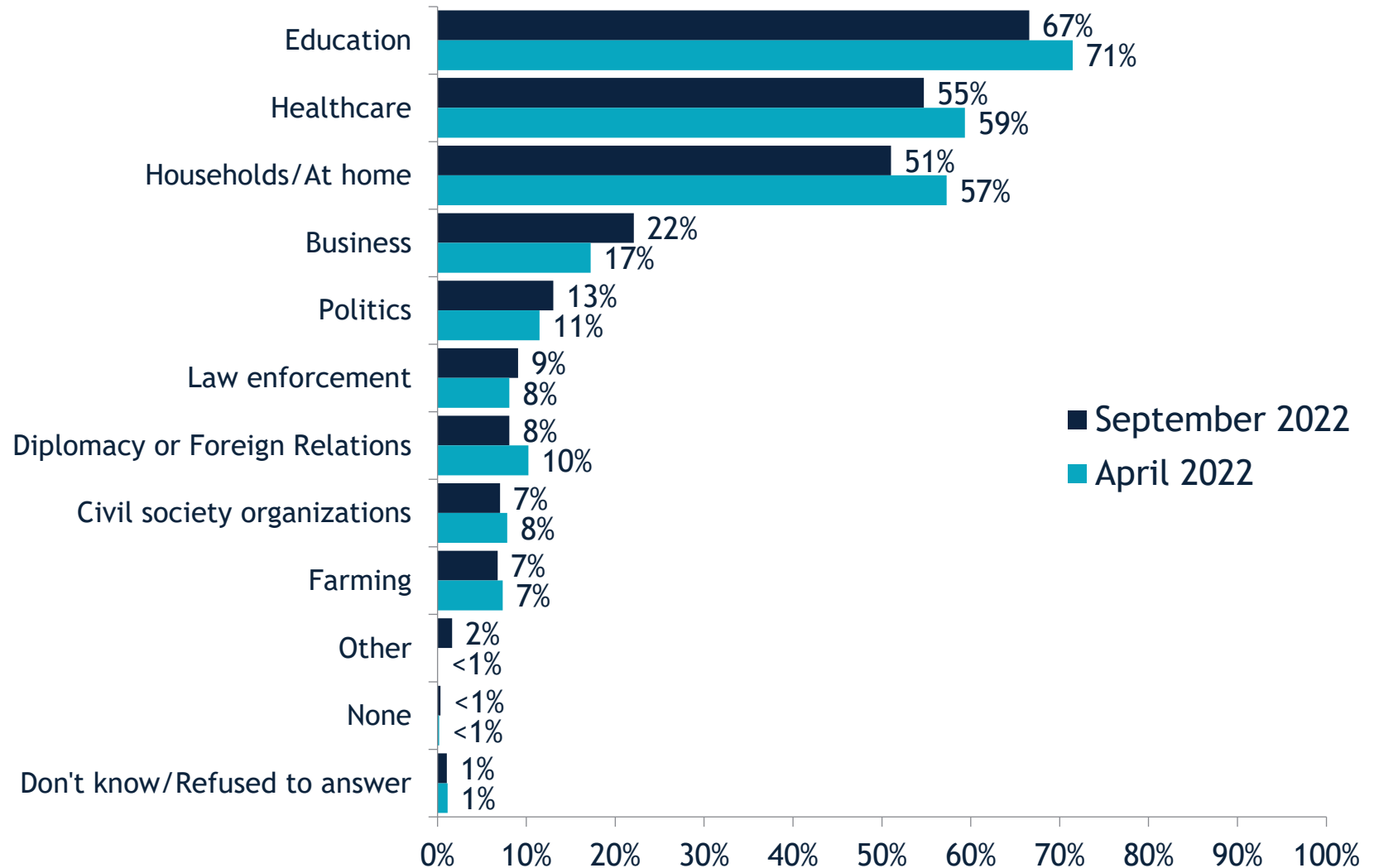


How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?



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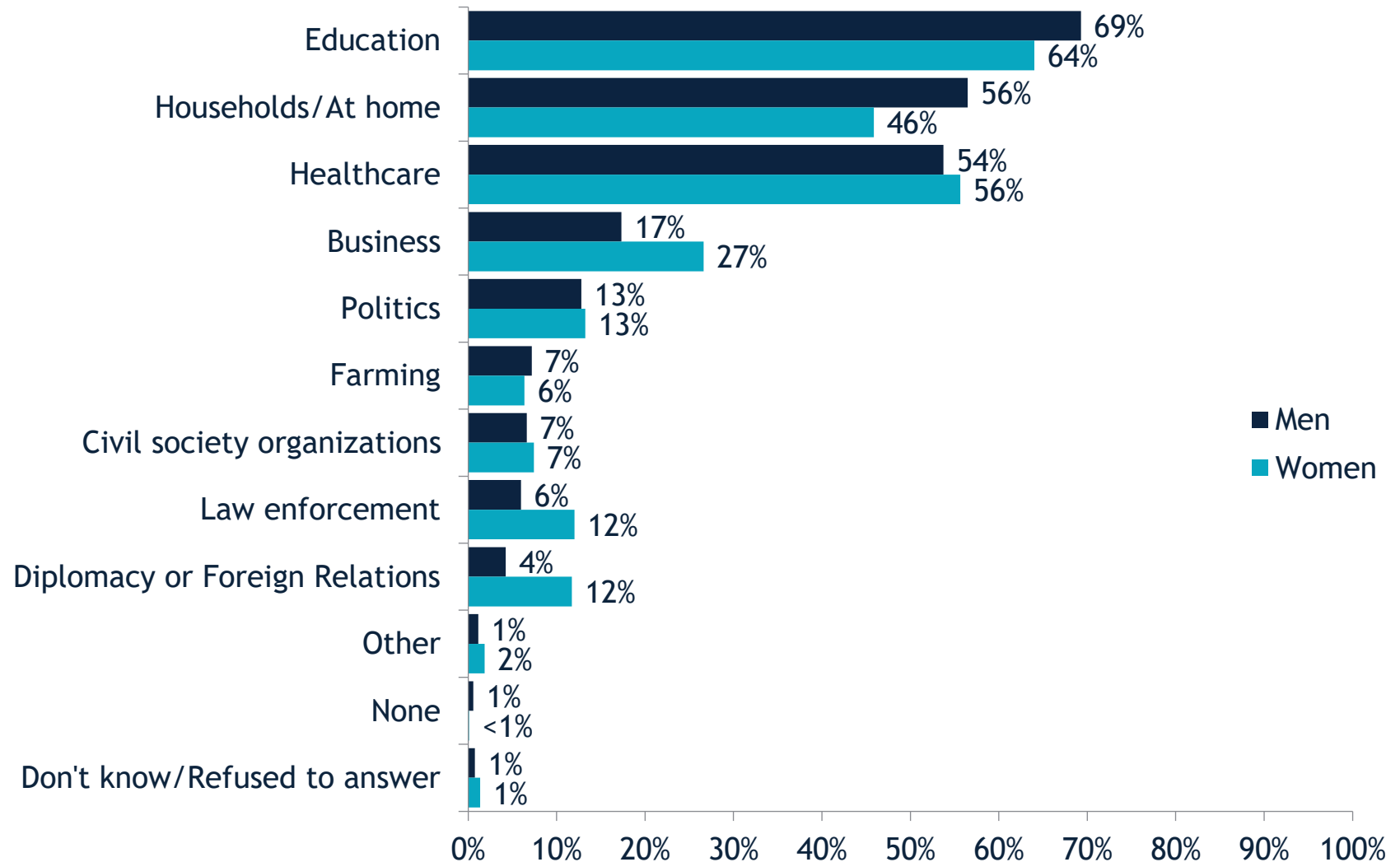
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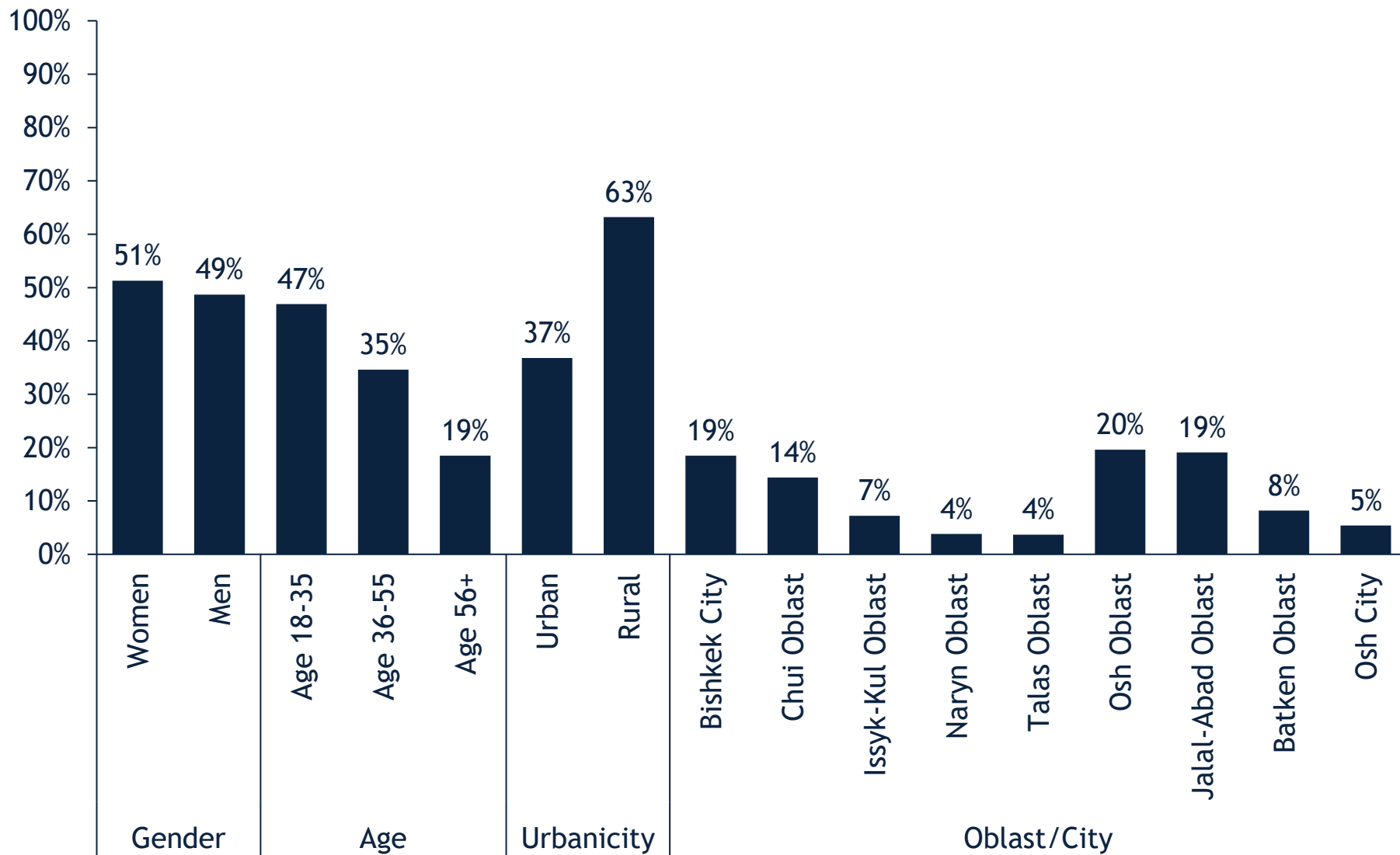


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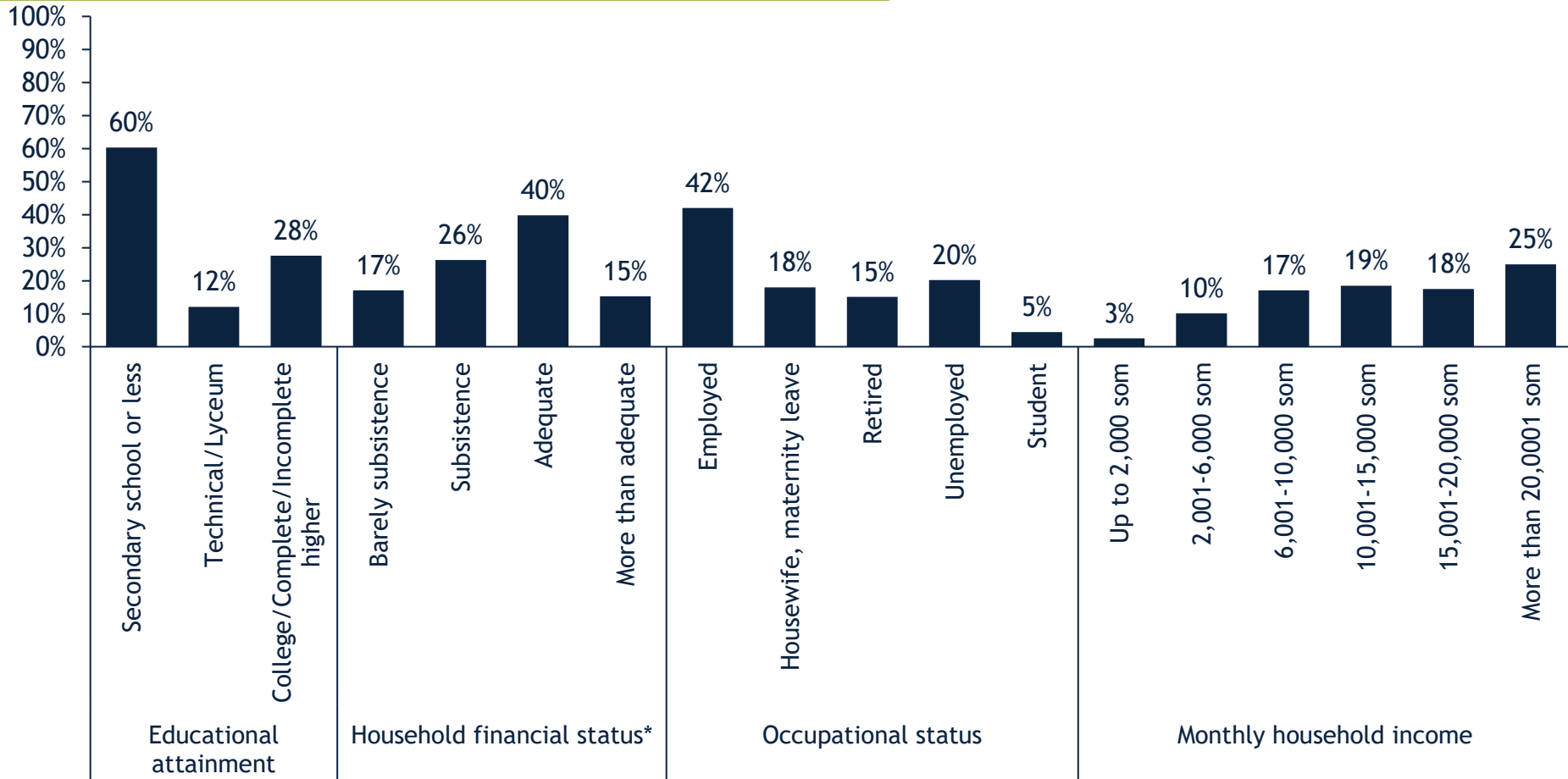
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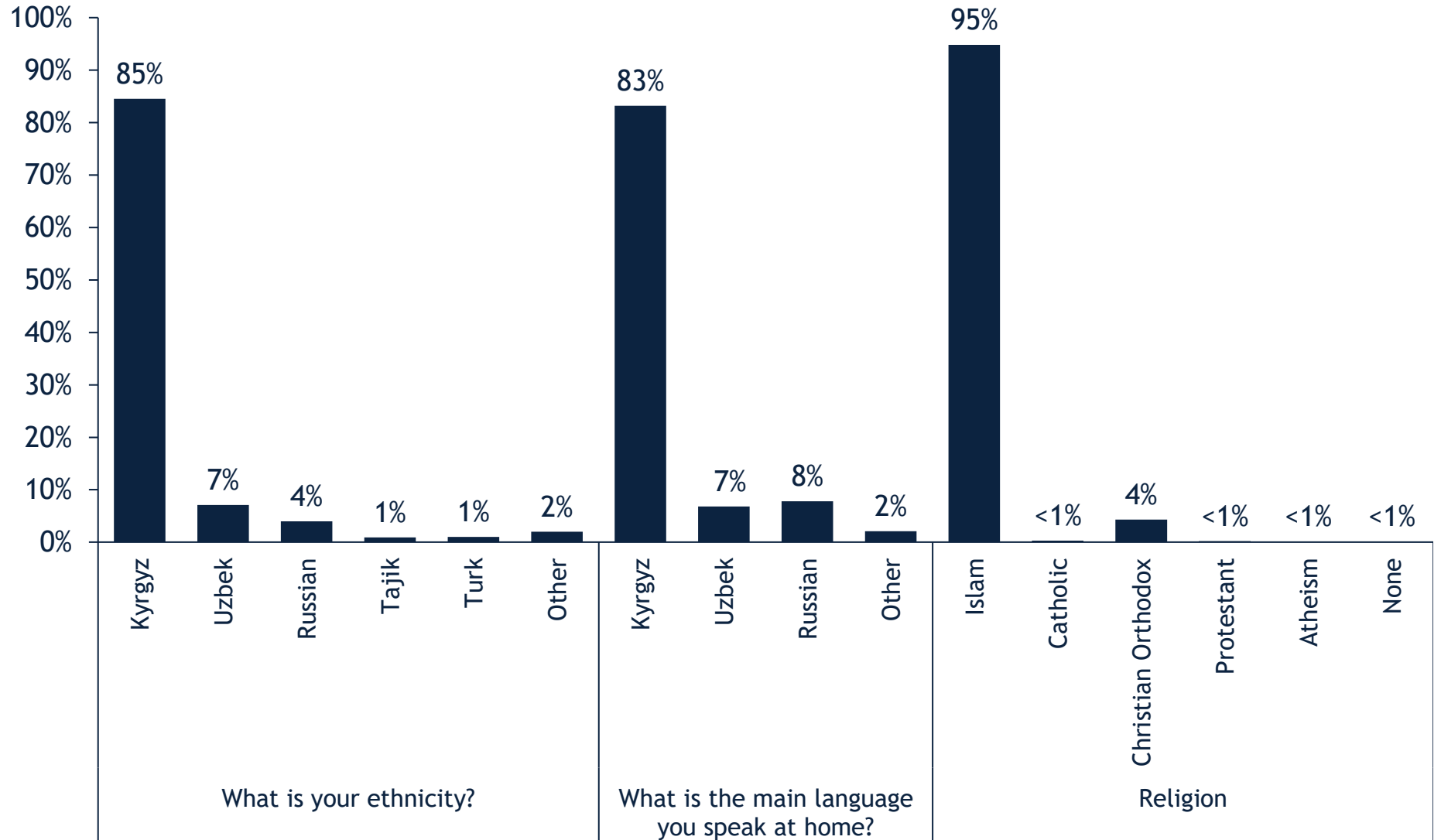
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***Household Financial Status** brackets are generated from the question “How would you assess the financial position of your family?”

- **Barely subsistence** = “Money does not suffice even for food stuffs” and “Money suffices only for food, but nothing else, it does not suffice to pay the utilities bills”
- **Subsistence** = “Money suffices for food, but purchase of clothes causes difficulties”
- **Adequate** = “Income suffices for food and clothes, but purchase of expensive durable things, such as TV set, refrigerator is a problem”
- **More than adequate** = “We can easily get durable things, but purchase of really expensive things, such as car, is a big problem for us” and “At the present time we can afford much - a car, a summer residence, travel abroad”

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