

NATIONAL POLL OF KYRGYZSTAN

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Detailed Methodology

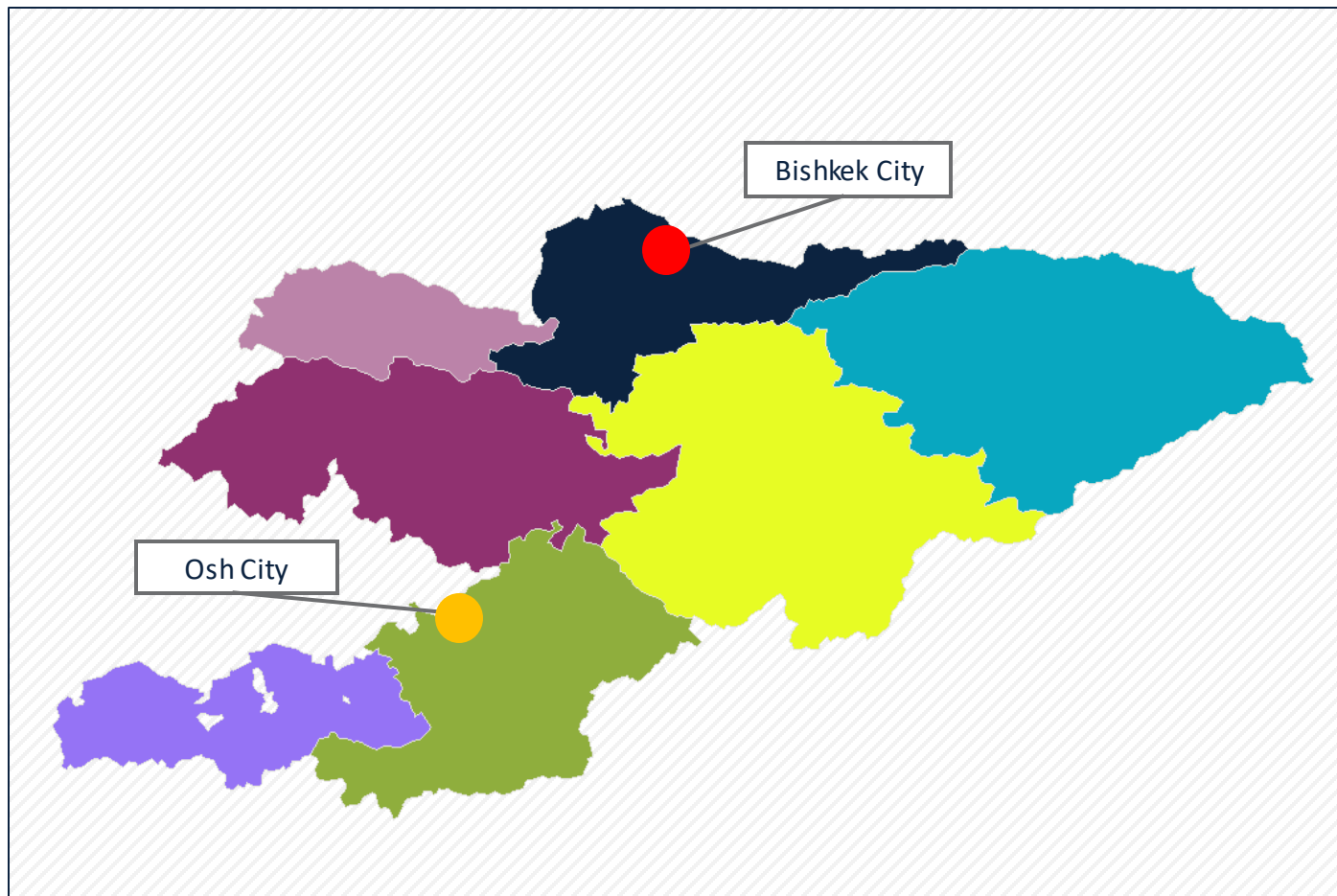
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research \(CISR\)](#) by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data was collected between May 5 - 25, 2023 through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) at respondents' homes.
- The sample consists of n=1,492 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 2021 Kyrgyz Republic Demographic Yearbook published by the National Statistical Committee of Kyrgyzstan. 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 selected using the Kish grid method.
- 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 65%.
- 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 (84%), Russian (15%), 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 = 713
	Age 36-55	n = 493
	Age 56+	n = 286
Gender	Men	n = 726
	Women	n = 766
Urbanicity	Urban	n = 551
	Rural	n = 941

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
- Jalal-Abad Oblast
- Naryn Oblast
- Osh Oblast
- Osh City
- Batken Oblast

Previous IRI Kyrgyzstan Polls

Poll	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Aug. 10 – Sept. 5, 2022	n = 1,500
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

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Research and qualitative and quantitative public opinion data is a cornerstone of IRI’s approach to programming. Our data ensures citizens’ needs are at the center of the political debate and guide our projects’ goals. To date, IRI has conducted more than 1000 polls in over 100 countries, surveying more than 1.5 million people and measuring community attitudes on a wide range of issues.

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

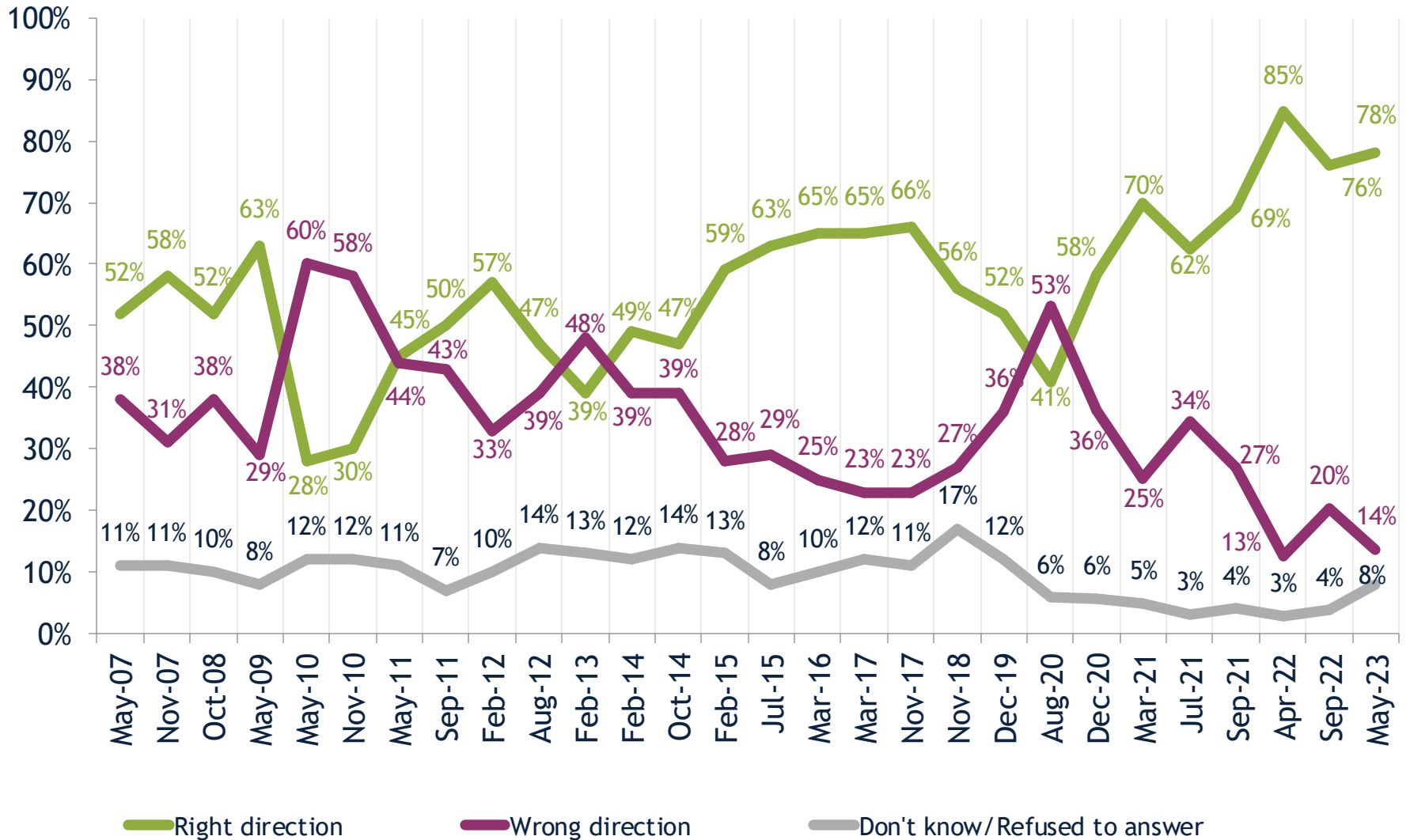


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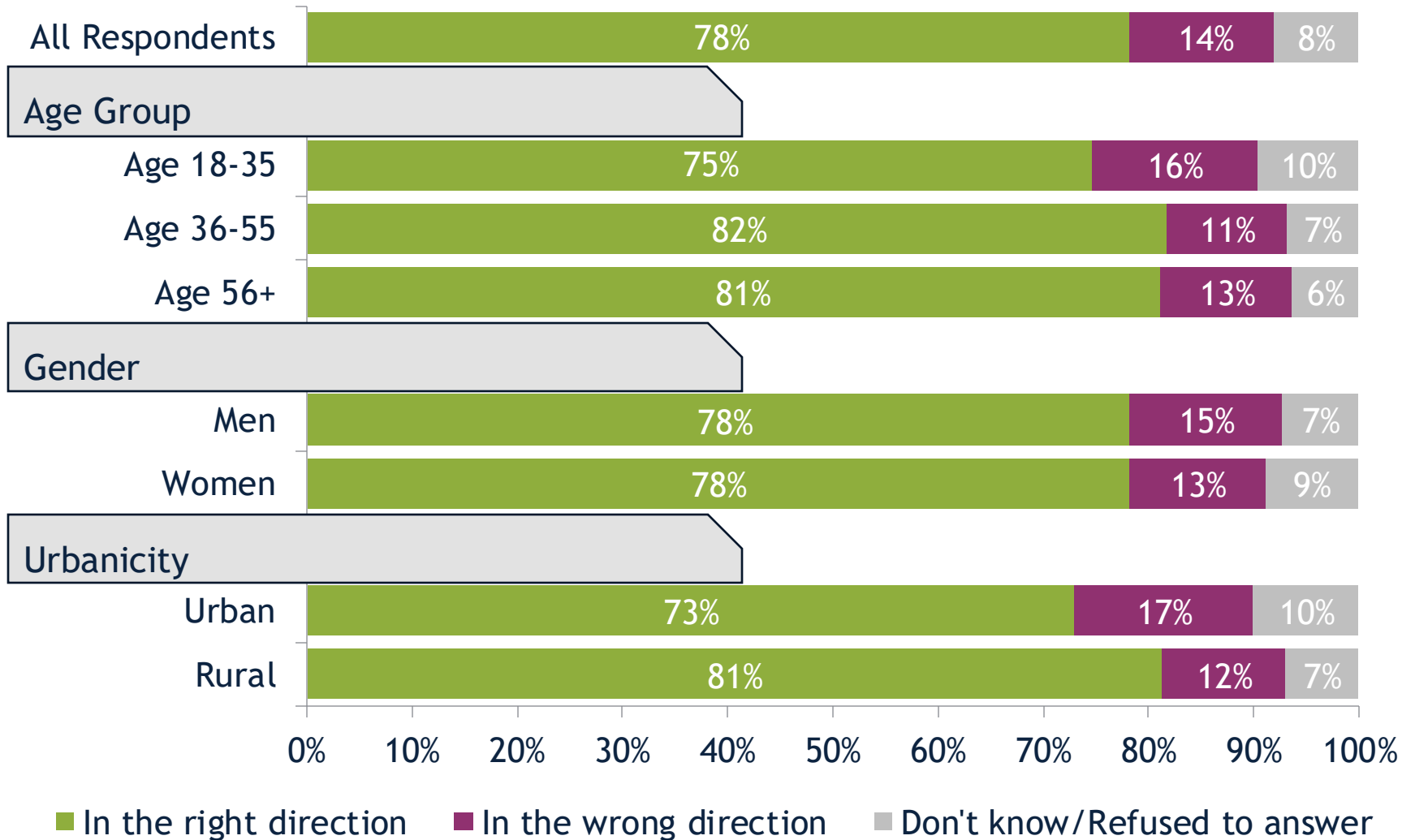


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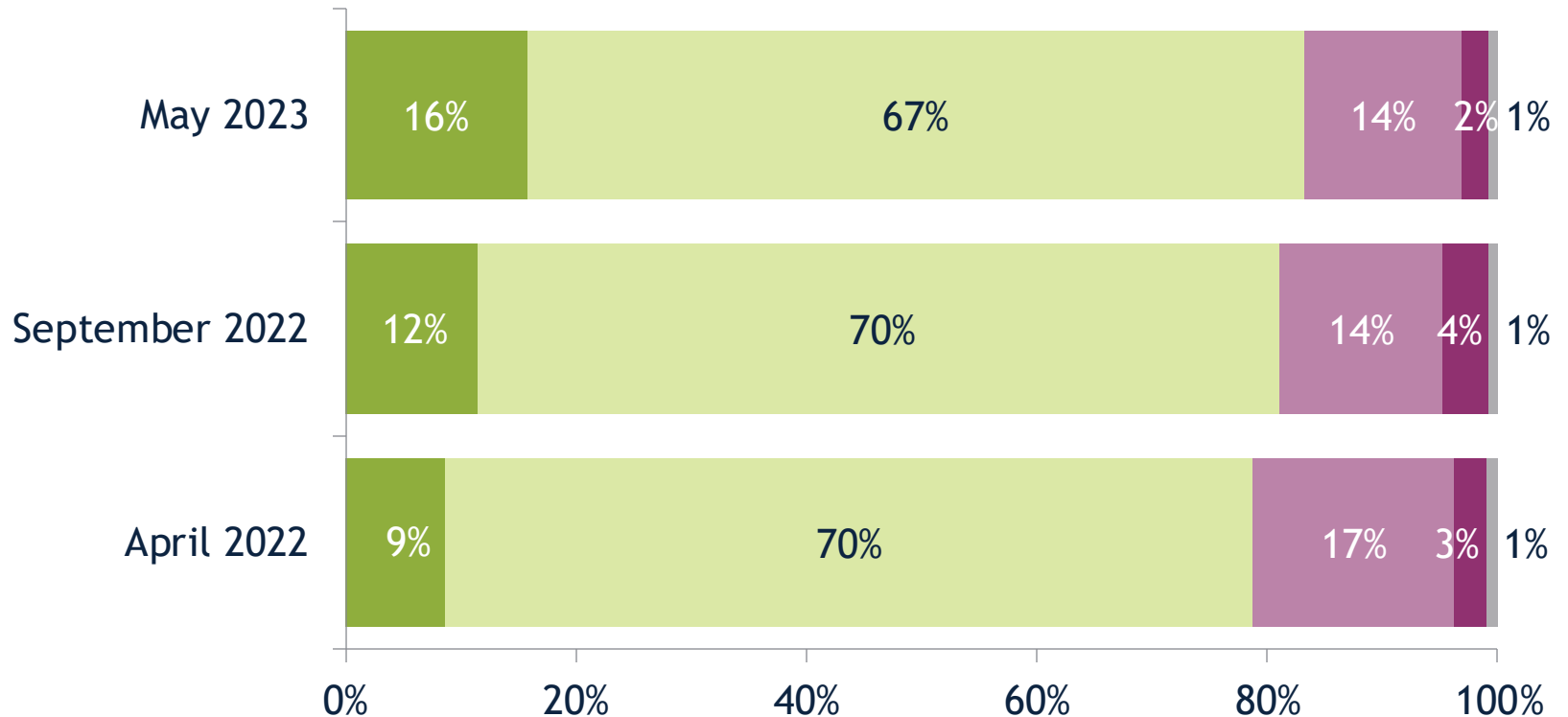


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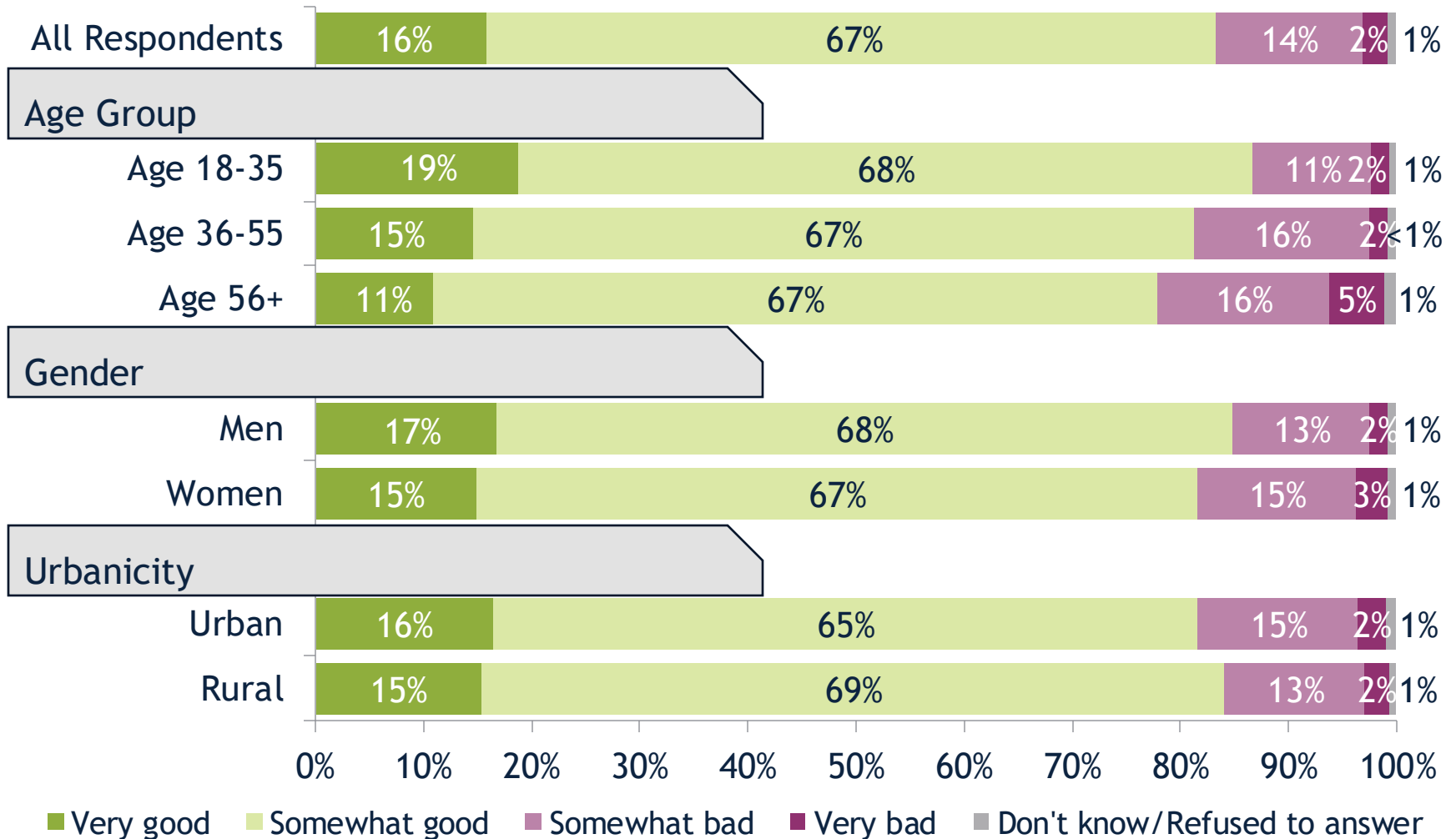


How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

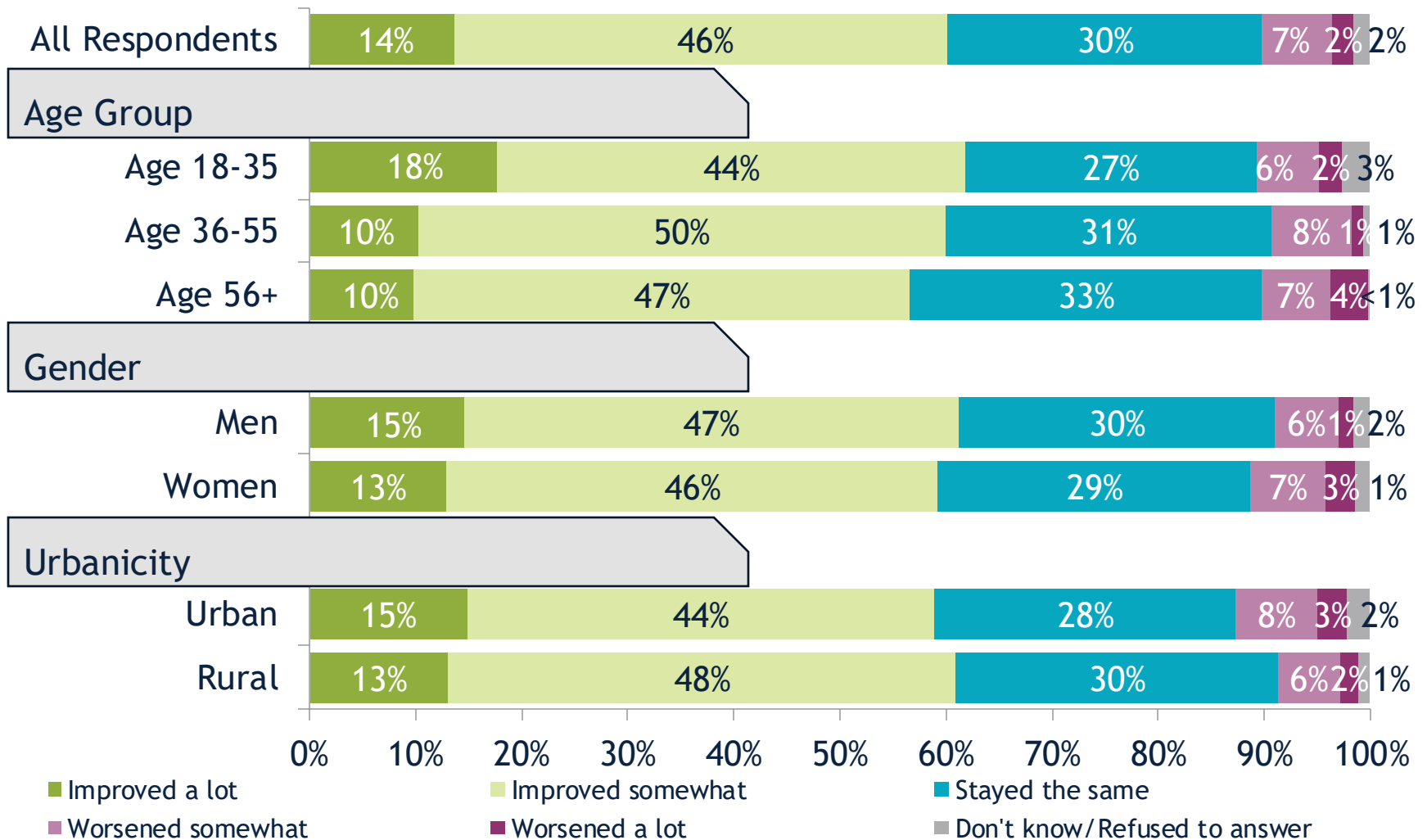


- Very good
- Somewhat good
- Somewhat bad
- Very bad
- Don't know/Refused to answer

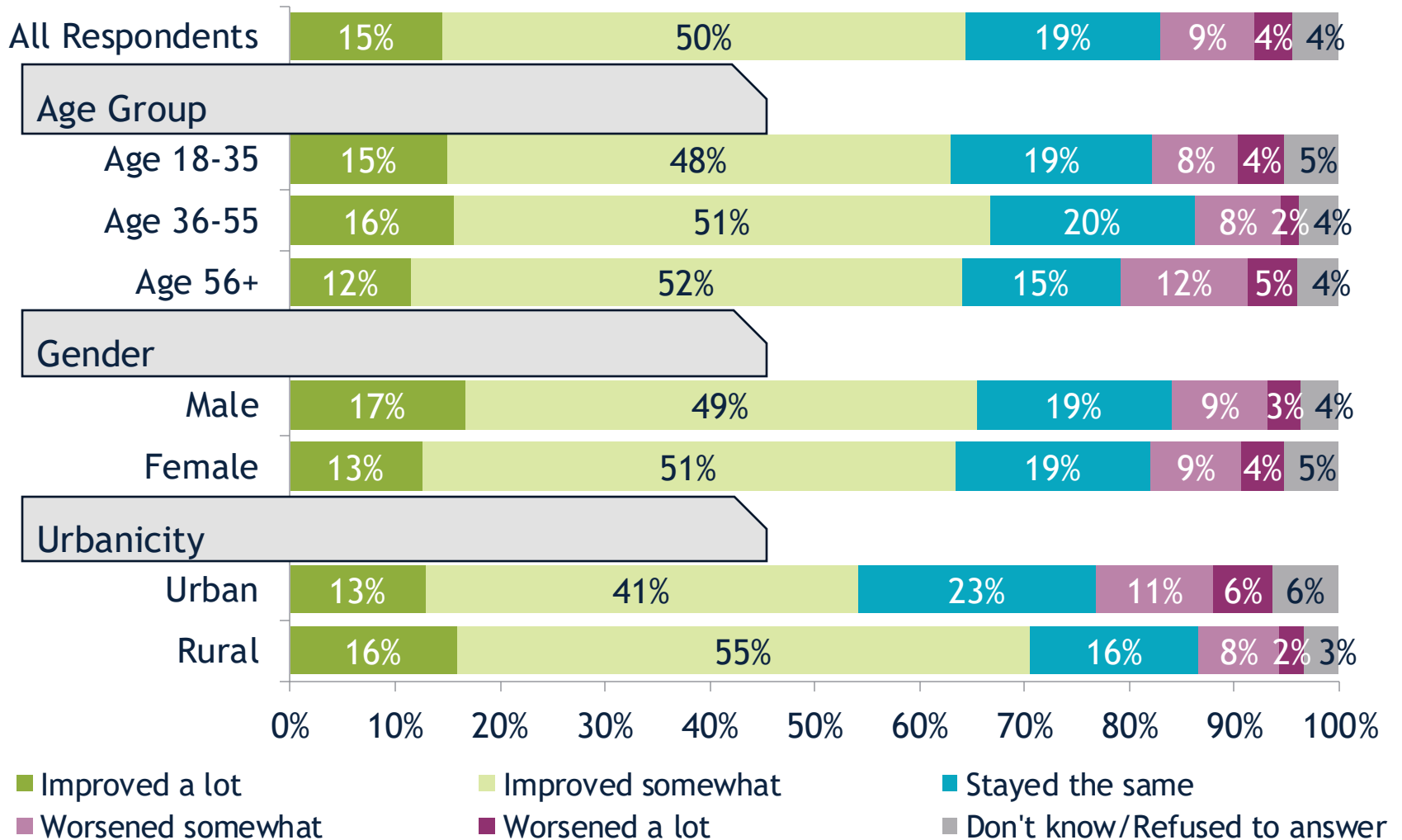
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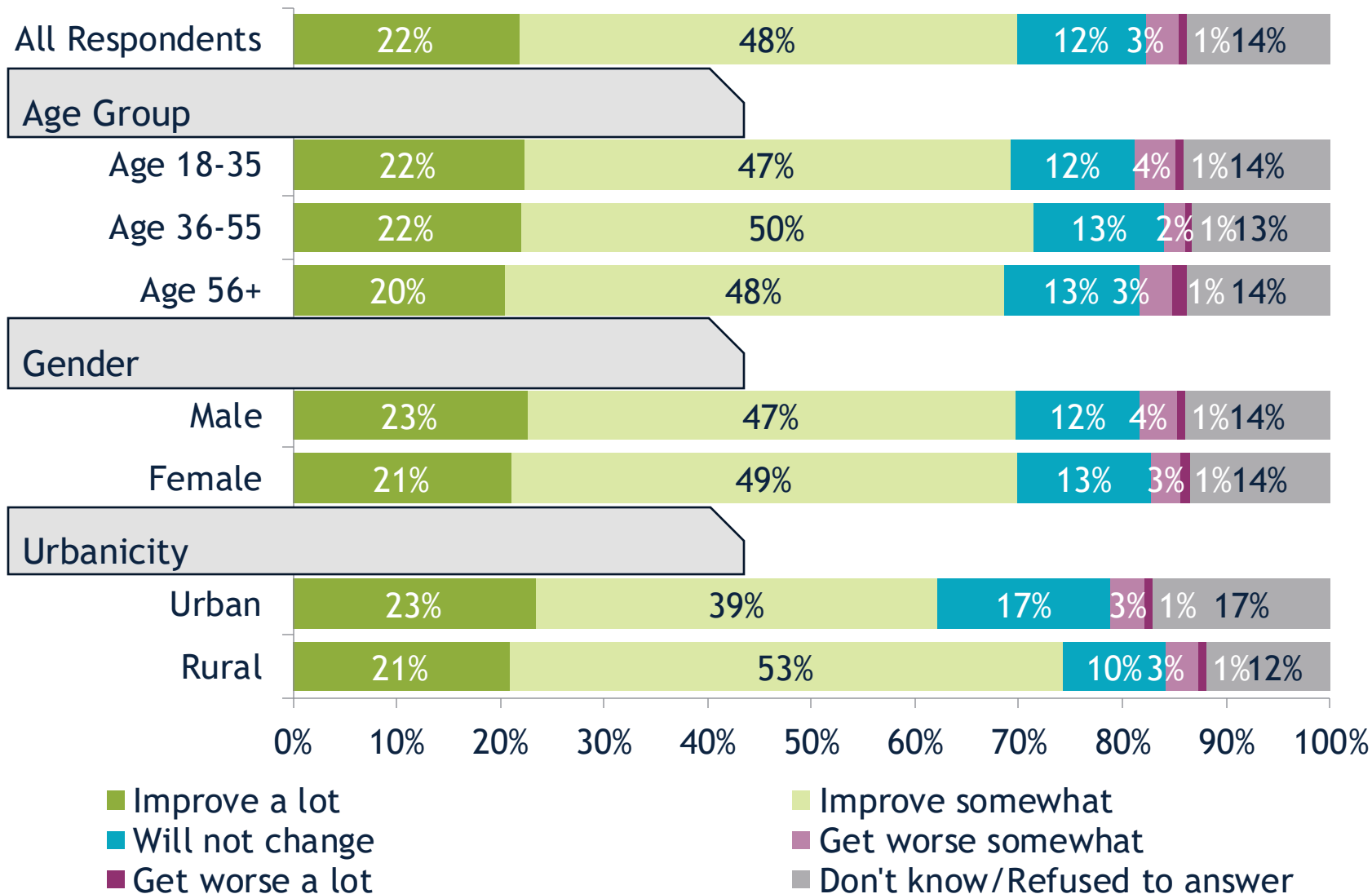
Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?



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



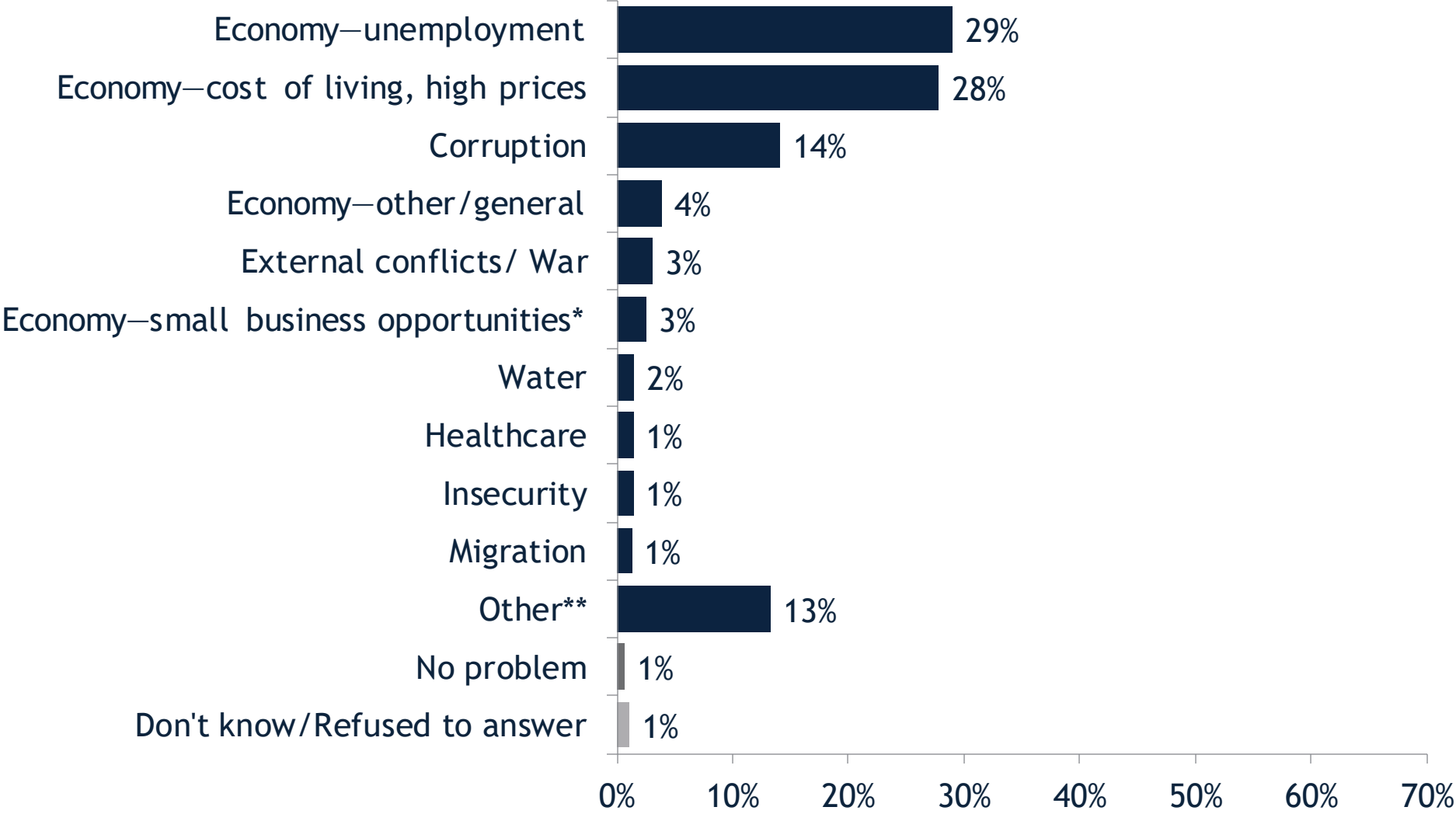
In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Kyrgyzstan change in the next 12 months?





What is the most important problem facing our country today?

(Spontaneous response; *top 10 responses displayed*)



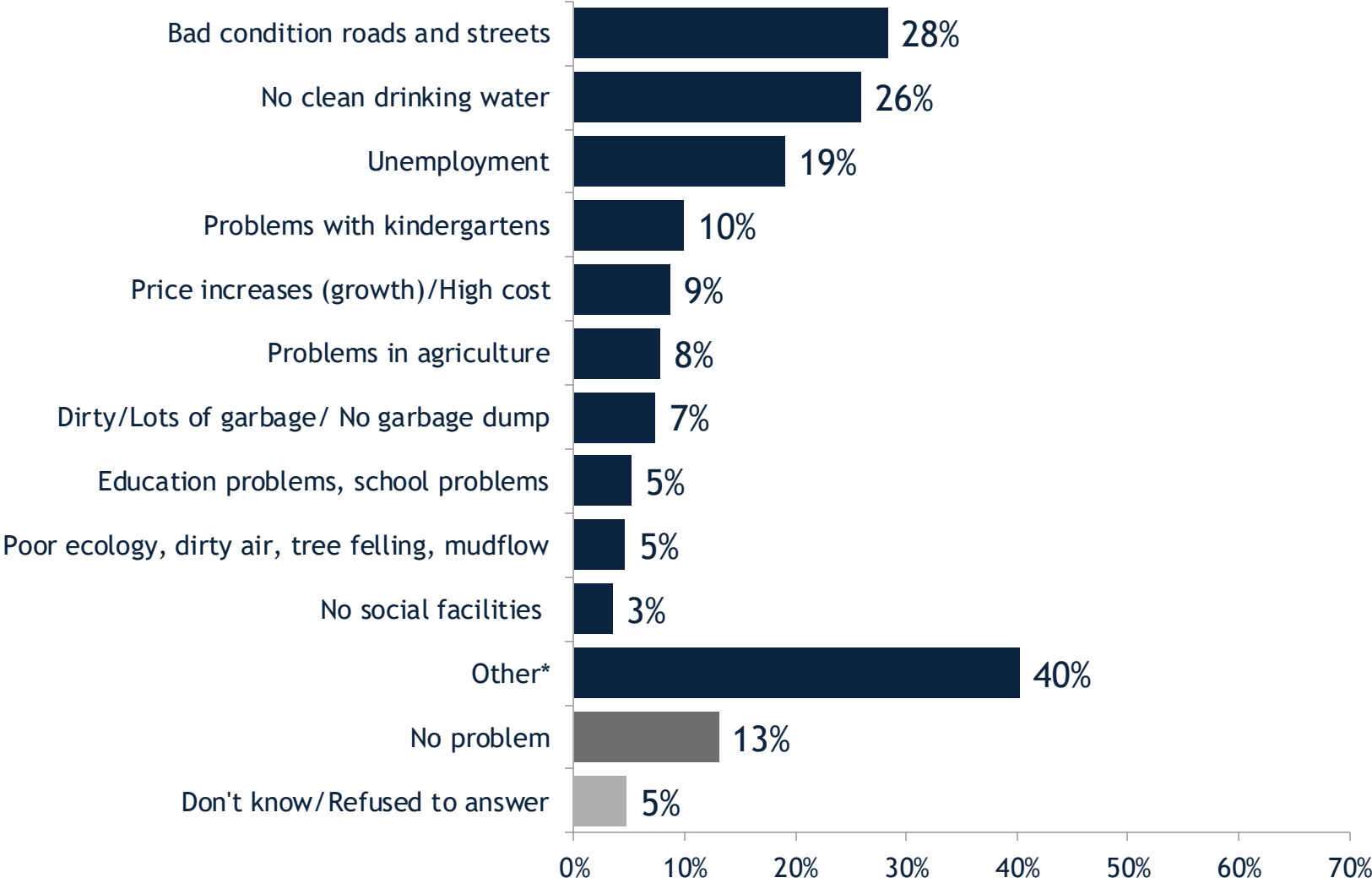
*Full form: Economy-Small business opportunities/access to loans

**Other includes all mentions that are not listed among the top 10 responses.



What are the most important problems facing your town/village today?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; *top-10 responses displayed*)

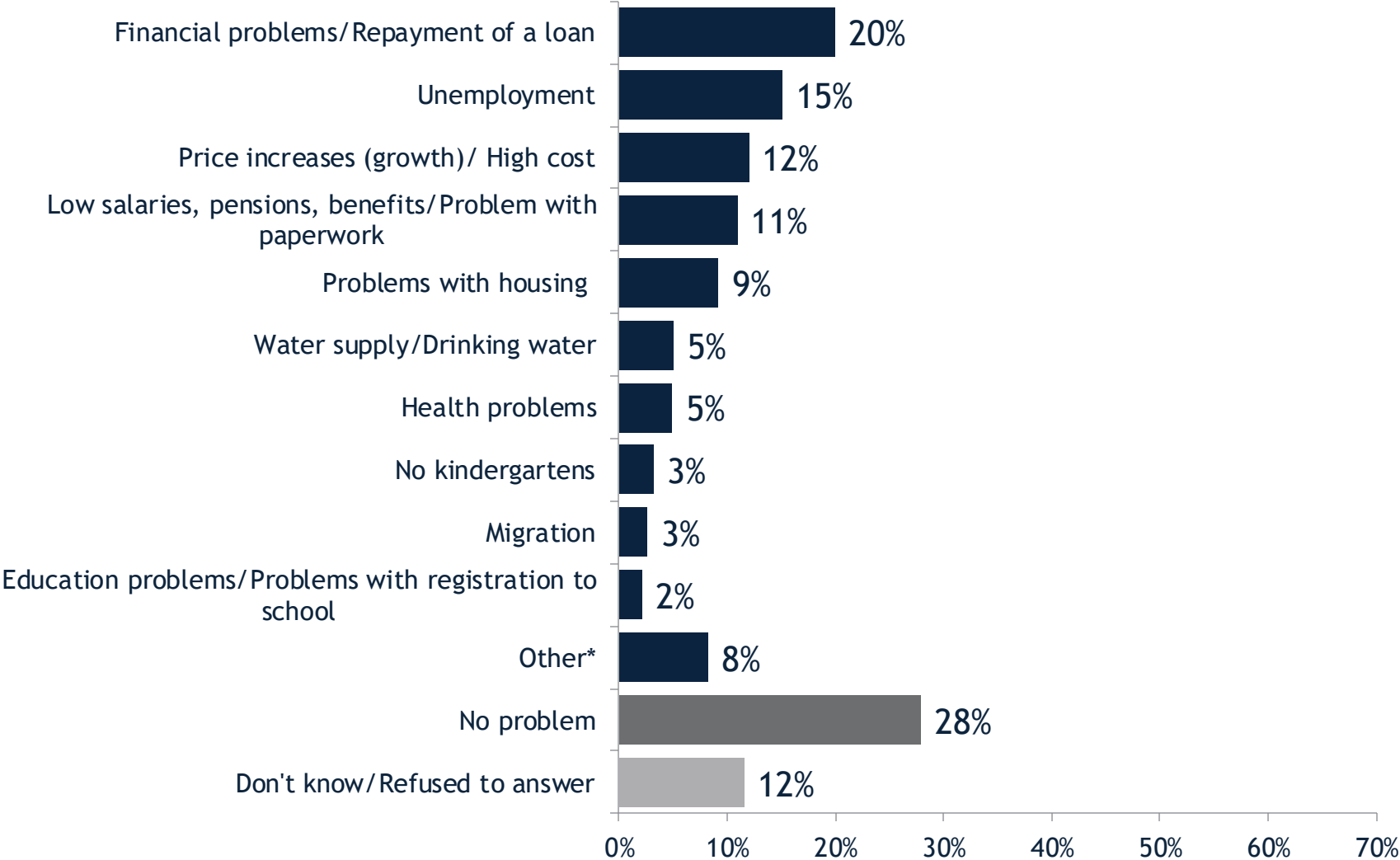


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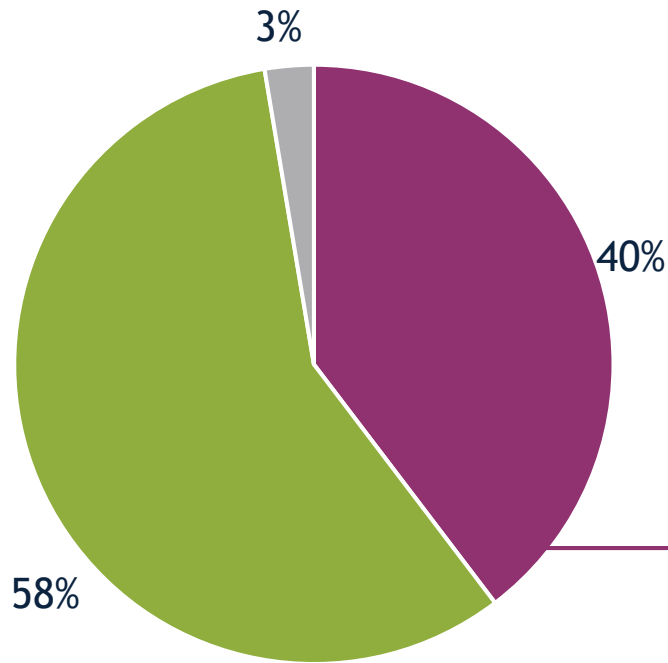
What are the most important problems facing you and your household?

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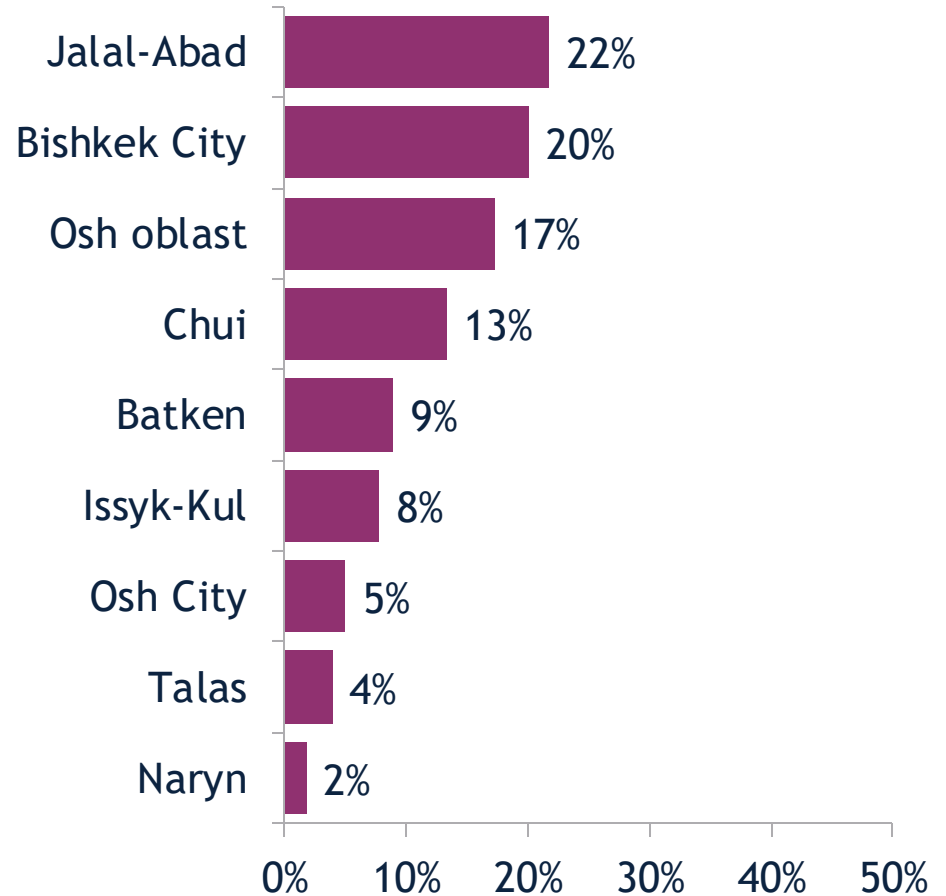
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Have you experienced power cuts this past winter?



- Yes
- No
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Among those who experienced power cuts this past winter, n=592



Democracy and Political Interest

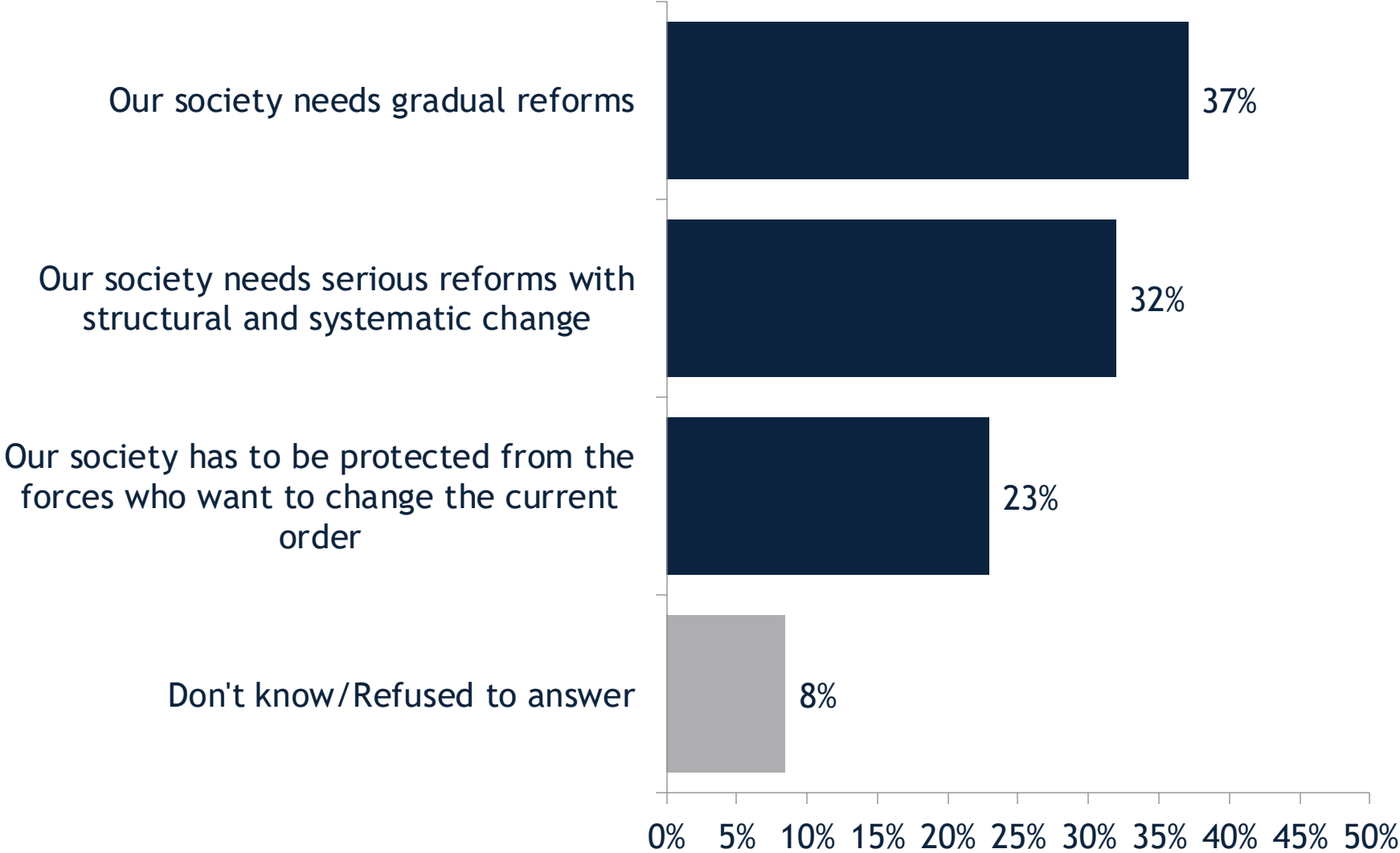


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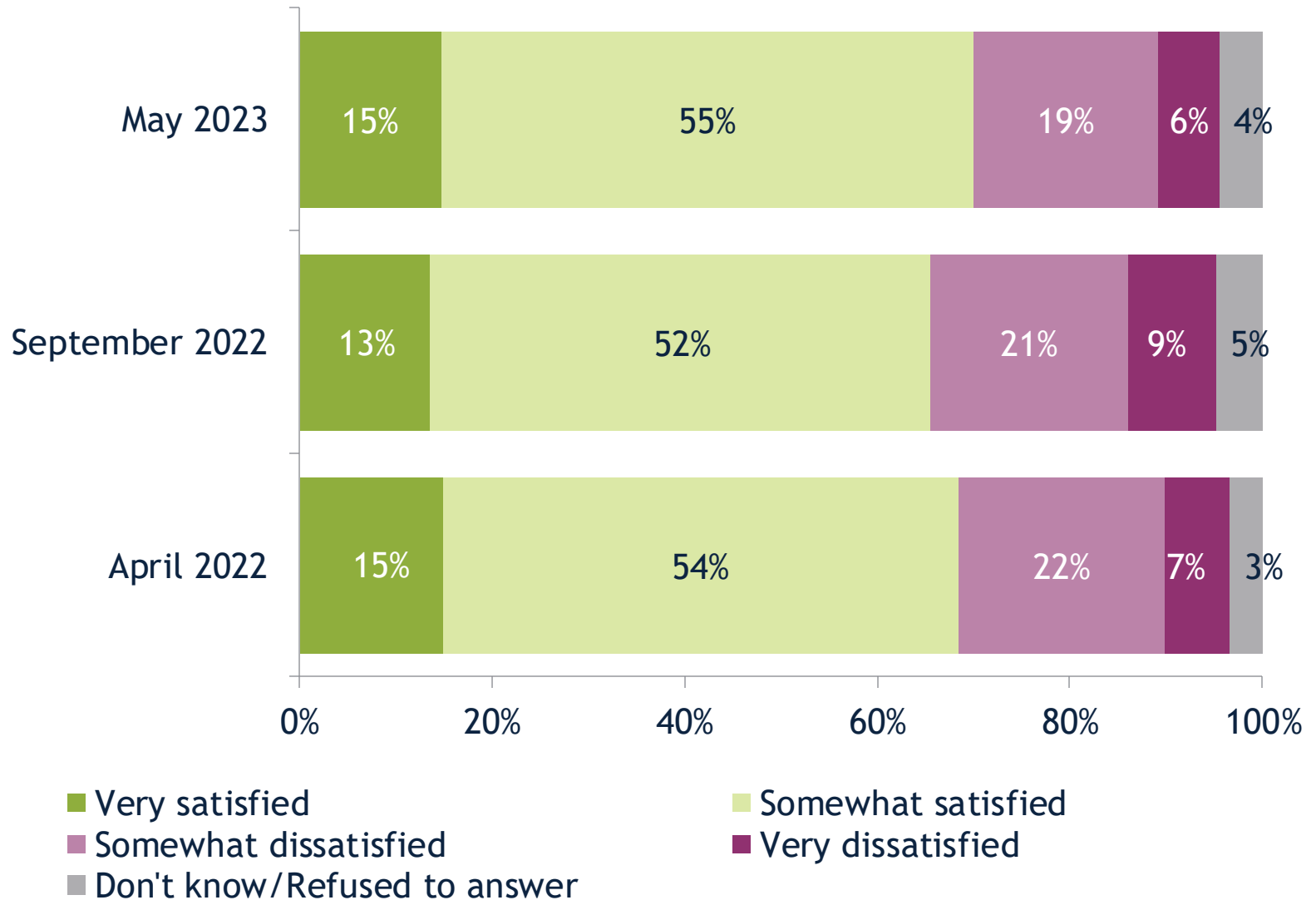




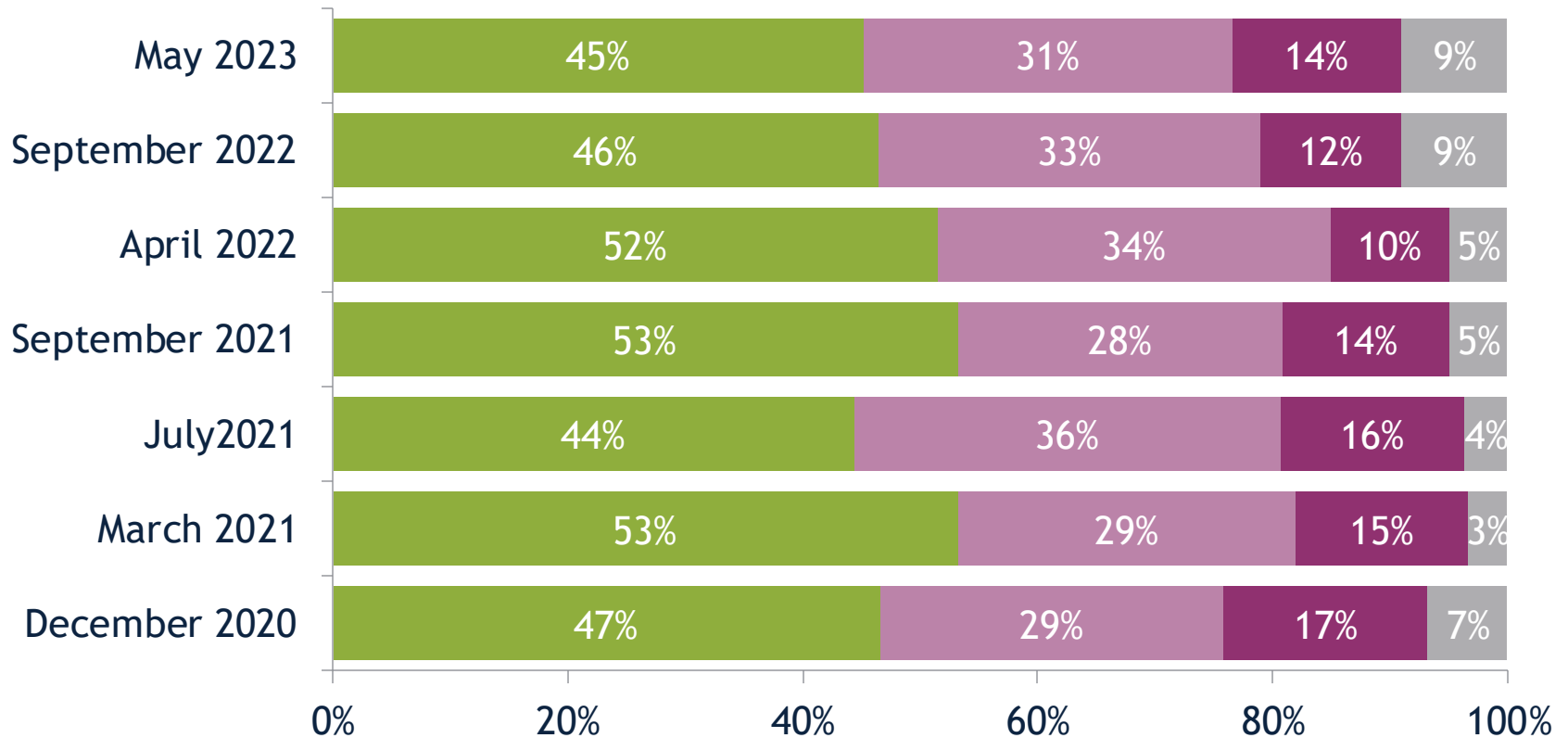
Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?



How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Kyrgyzstan?



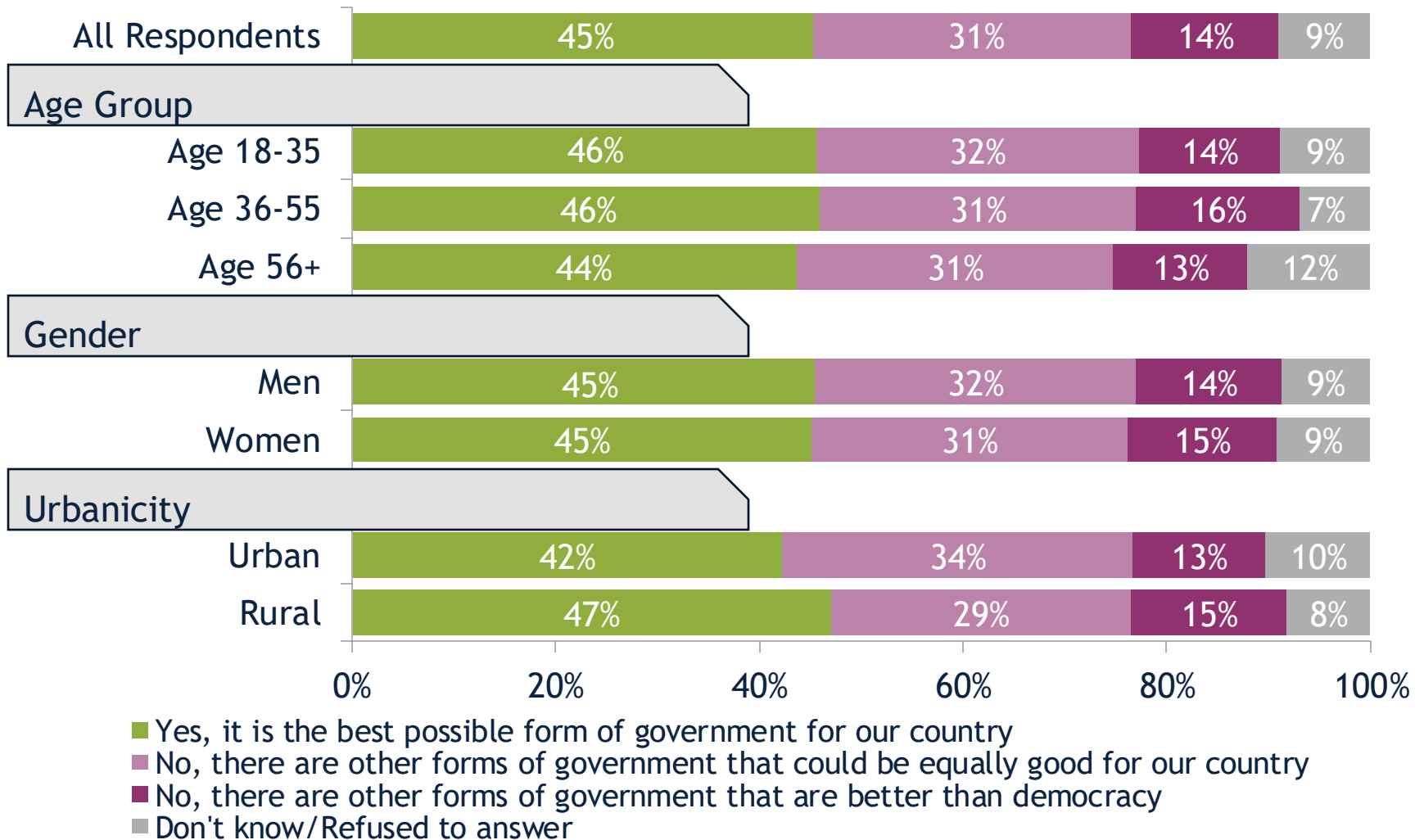
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



- 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

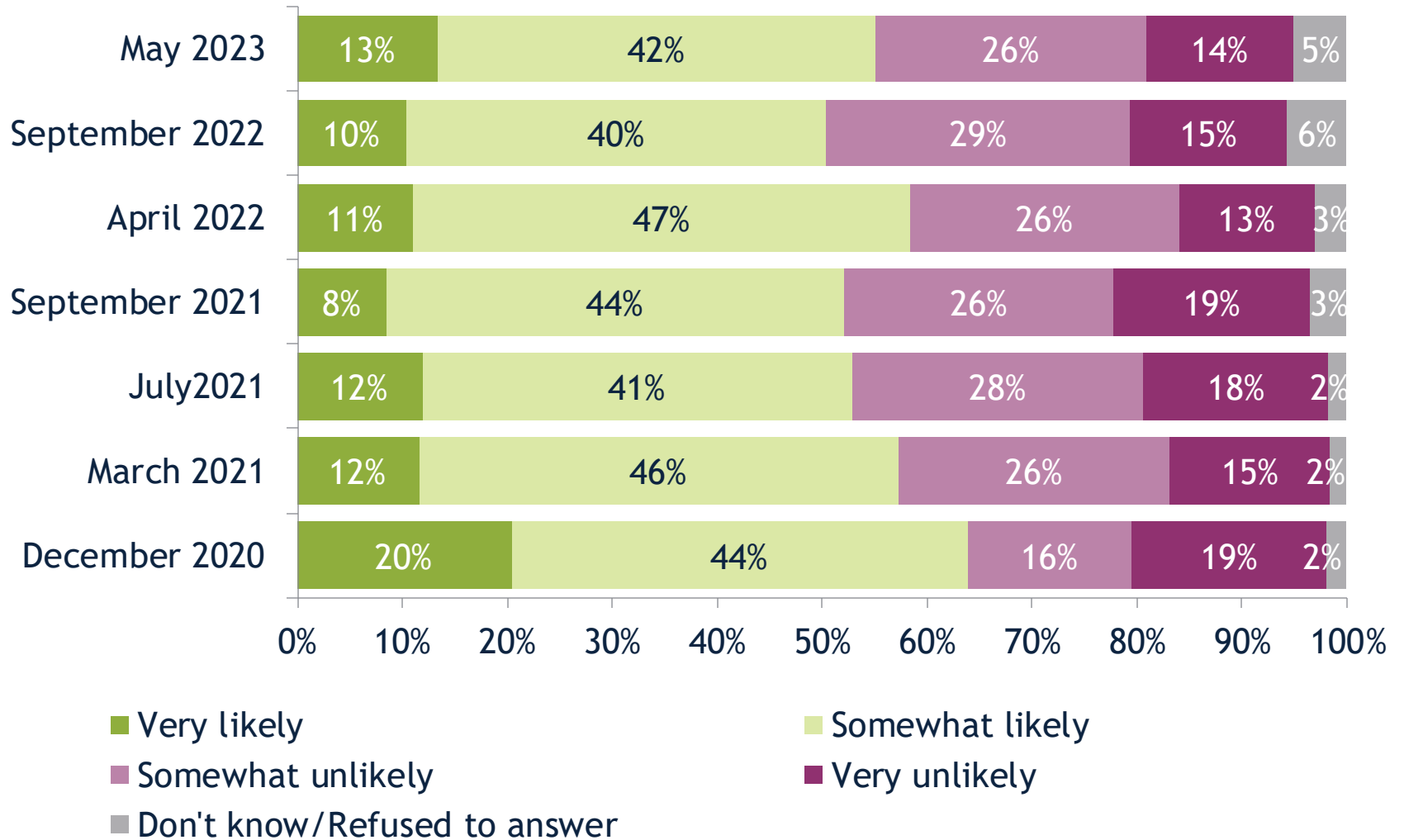
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Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



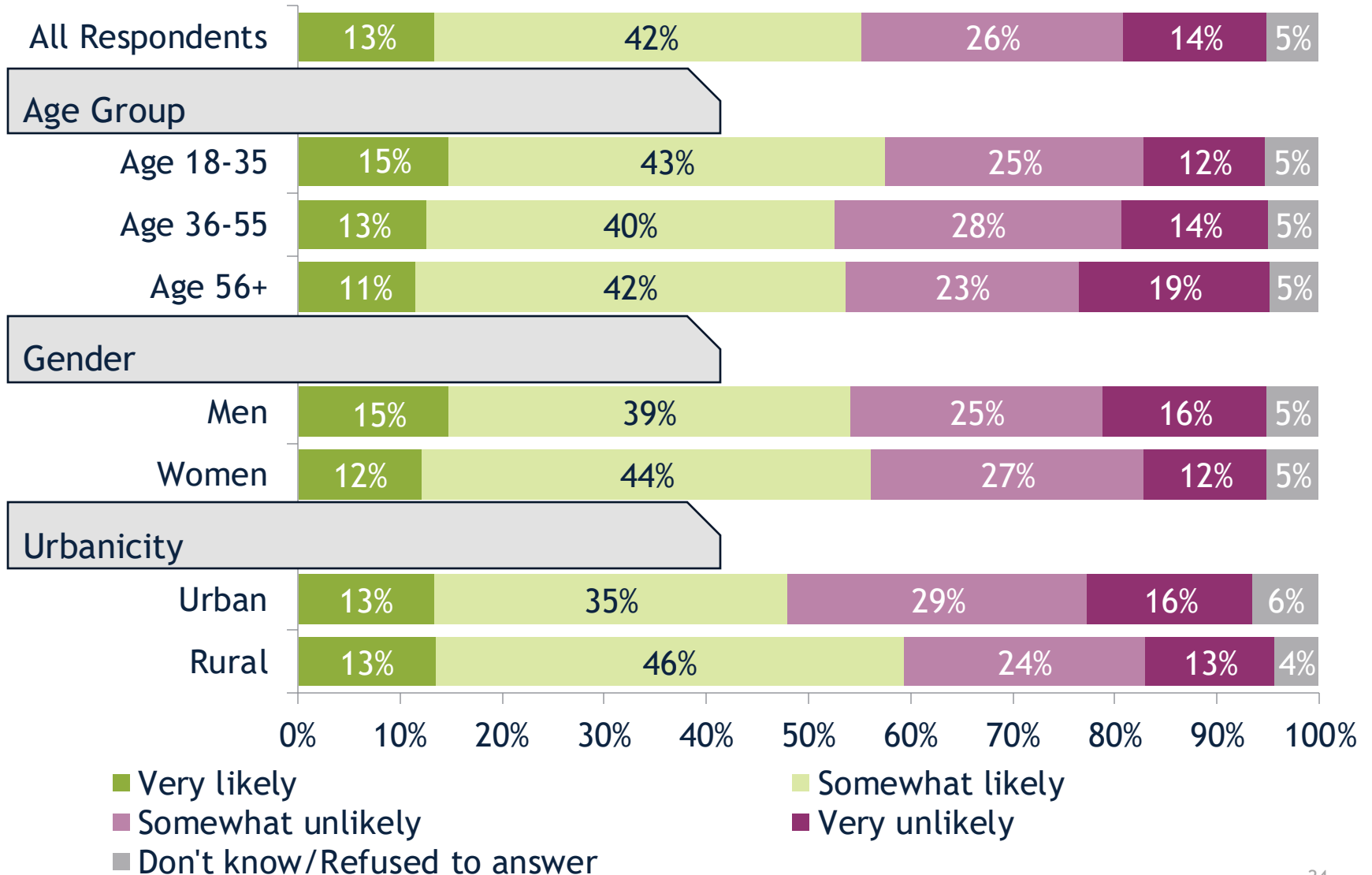


How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?



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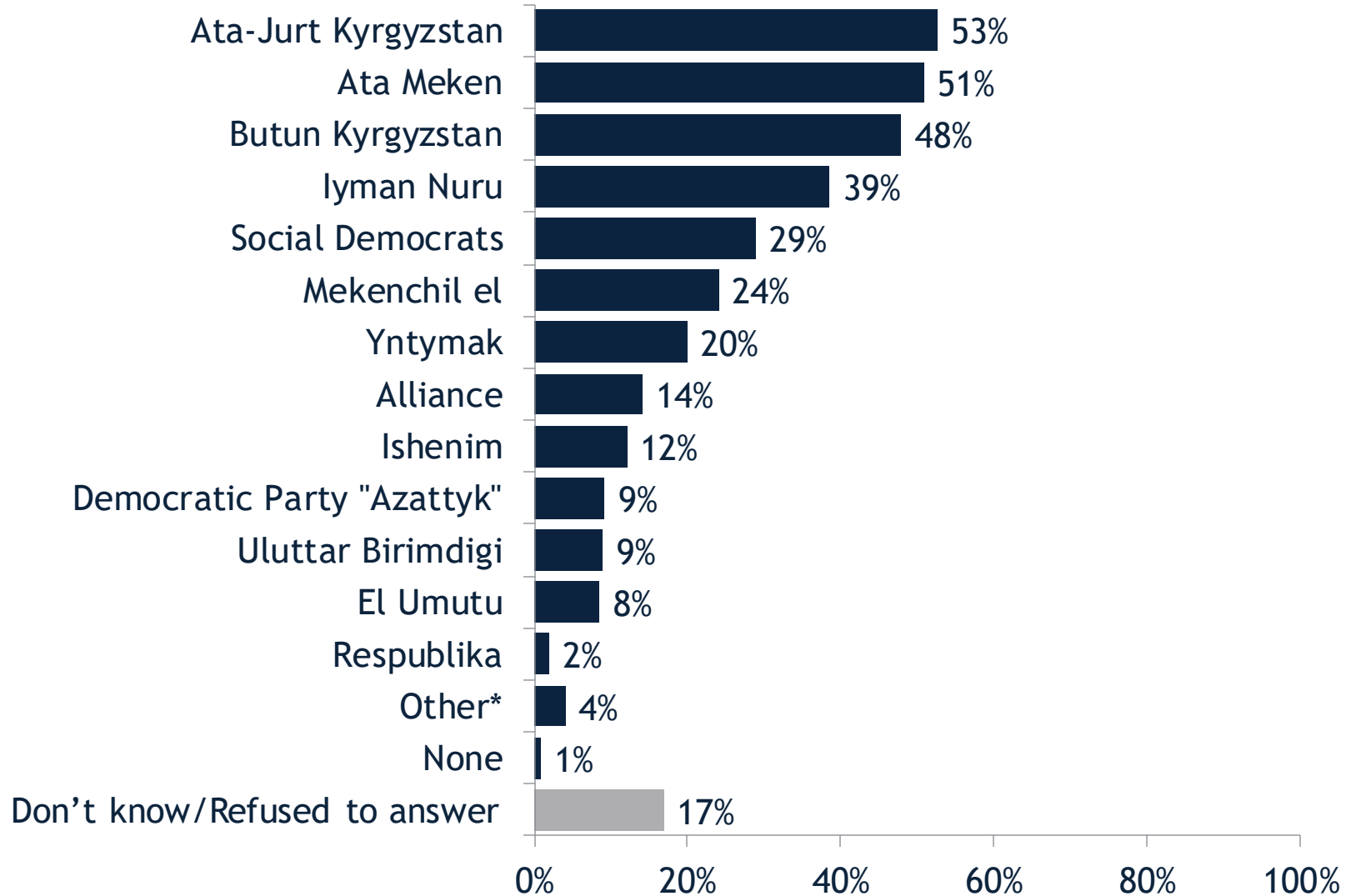
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people to be able to influence decisions made in our country?





Please name all political parties you are familiar with in your region.

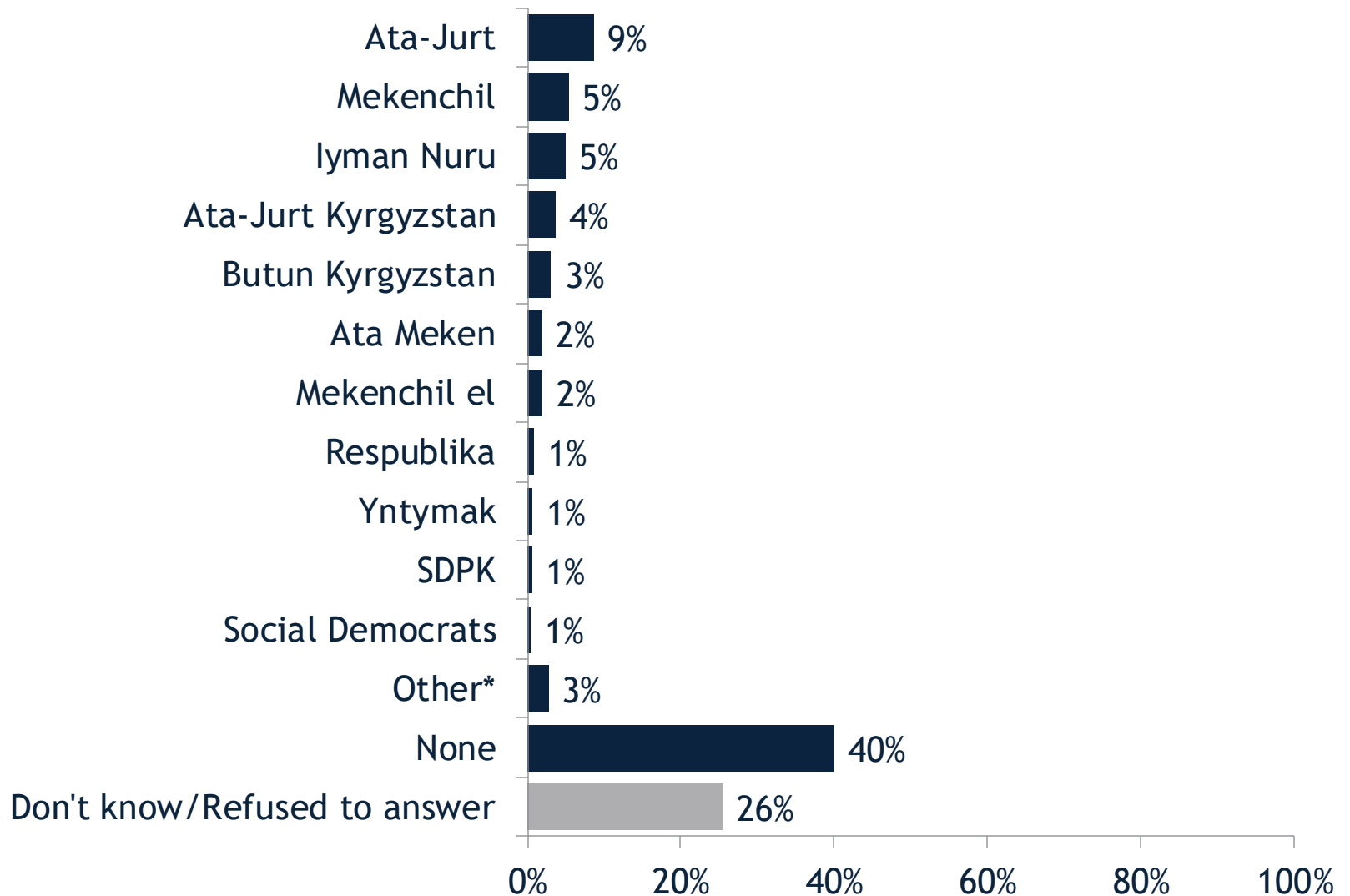
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses accepted)



*Mentions <2% are collapsed into Other.

Which political party can most successfully solve the current issues Kyrgyzstan is facing?

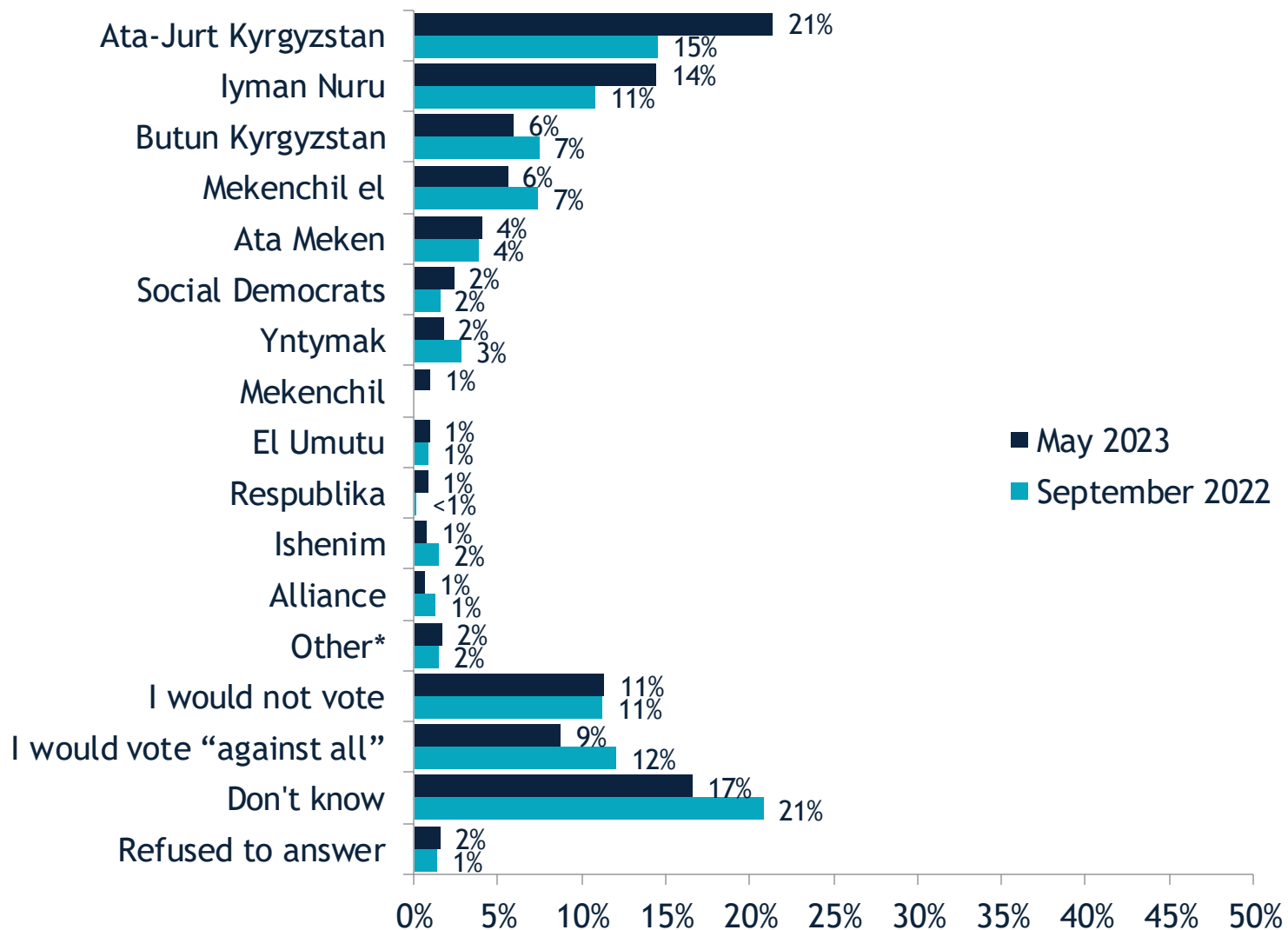
(Spontaneous response)



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

(Spontaneous response)

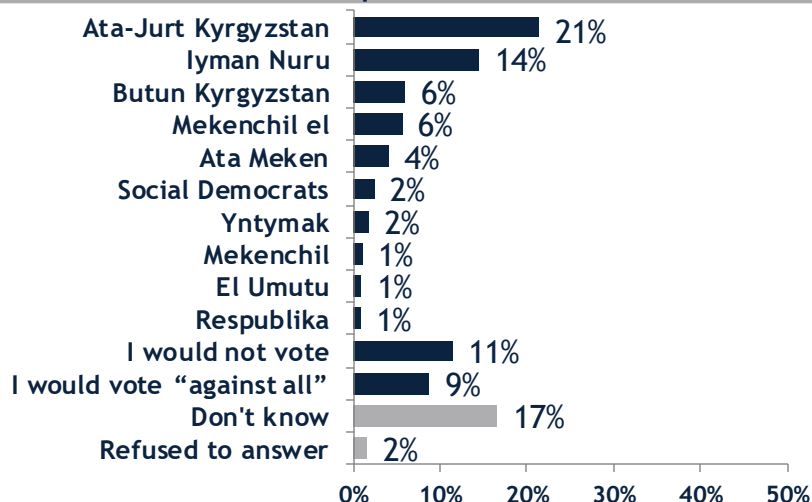


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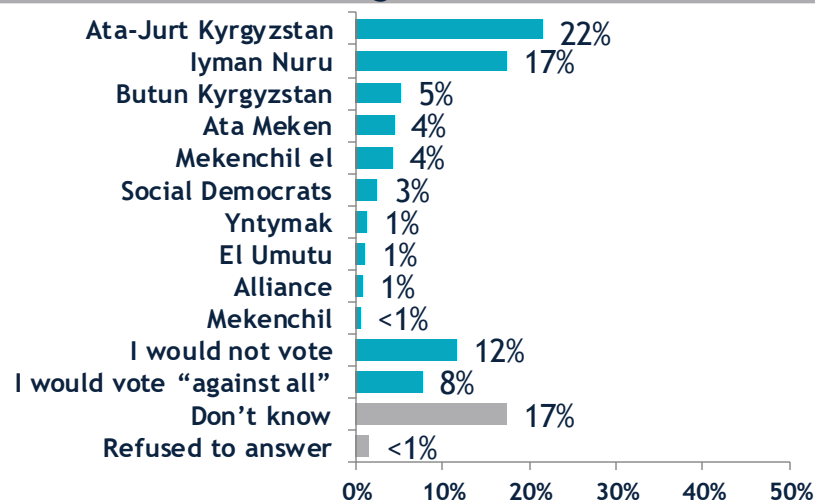
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(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; *top-10 responses displayed*)

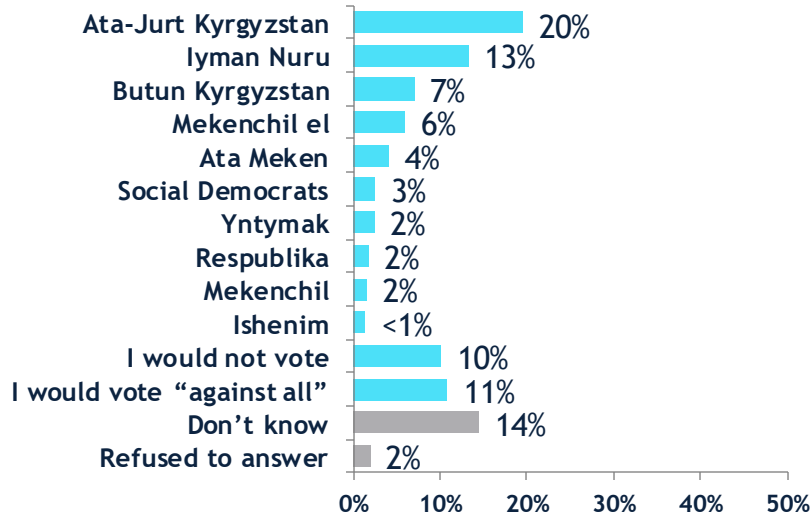
All Respondents



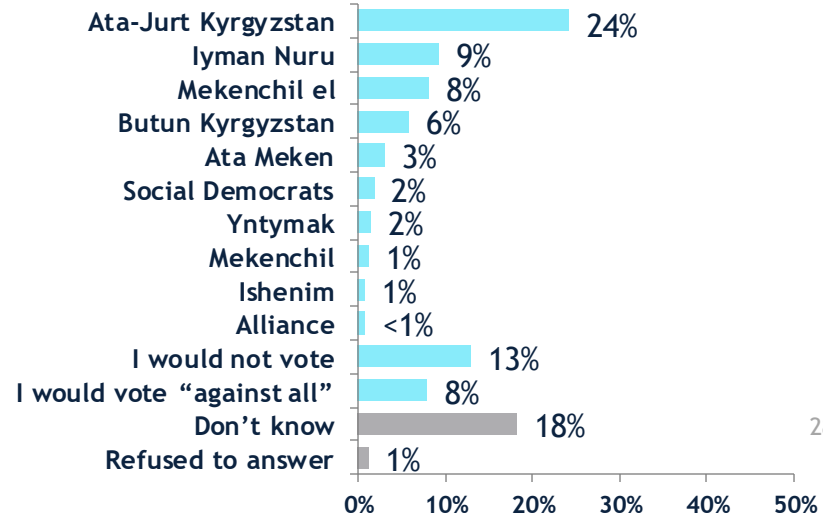
Age 18-35



Age 36-55



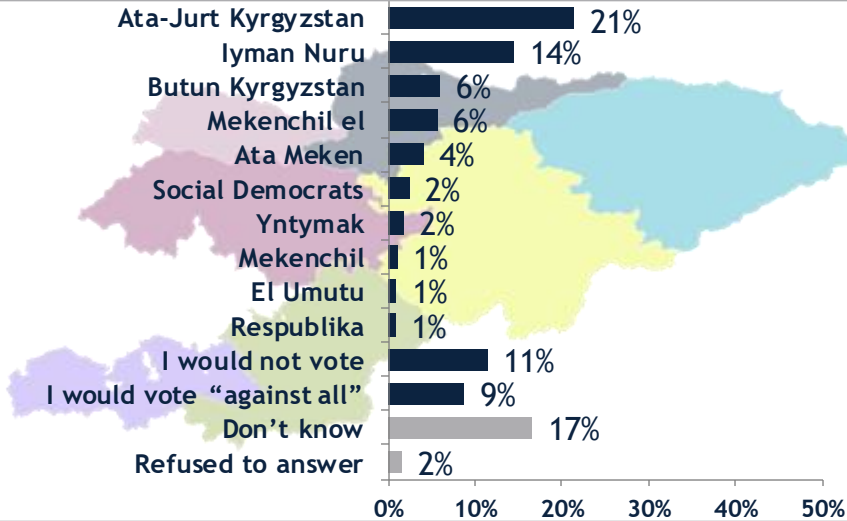
Age 56+



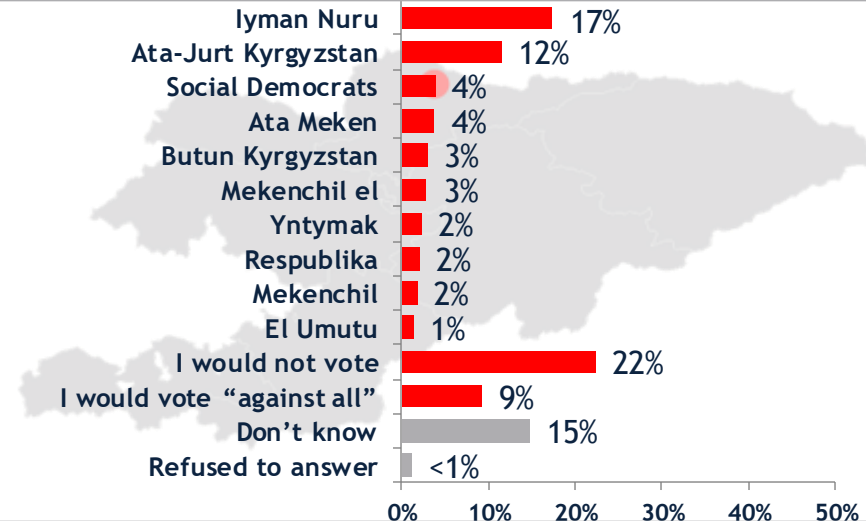
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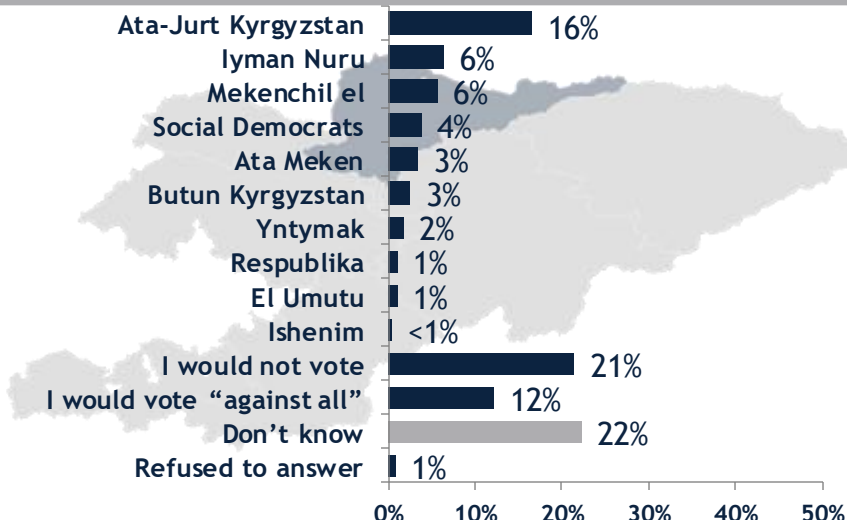
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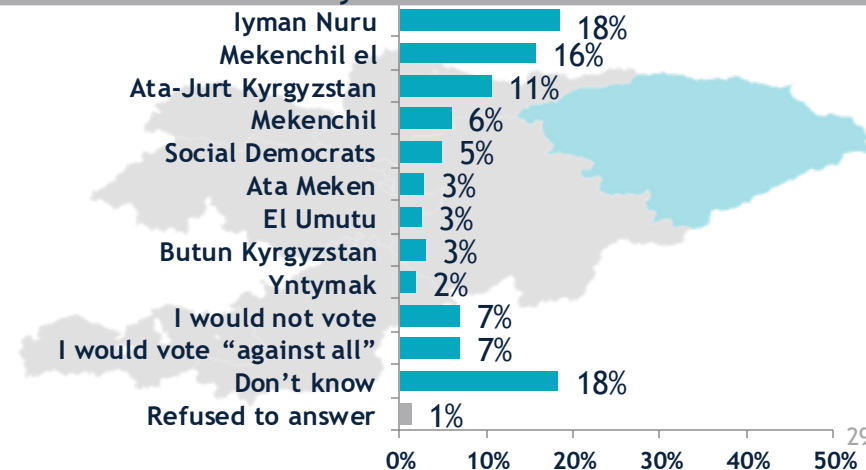
Bishkek City



Chui Oblast



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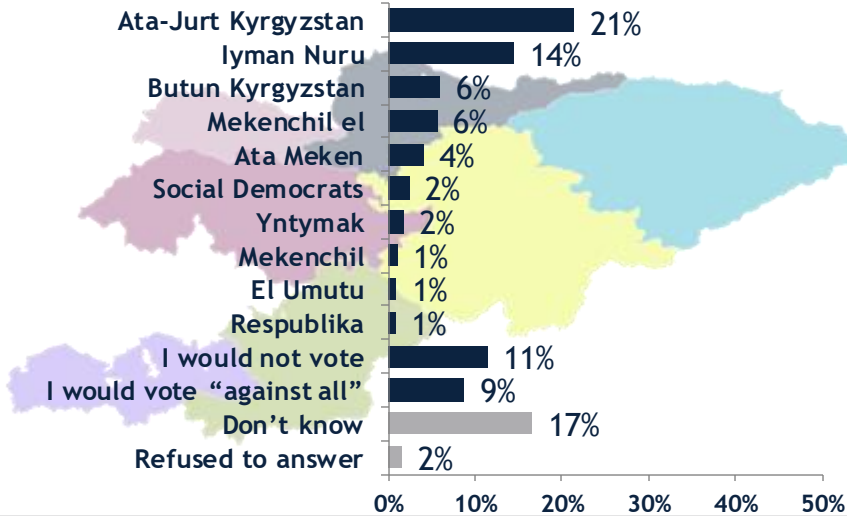


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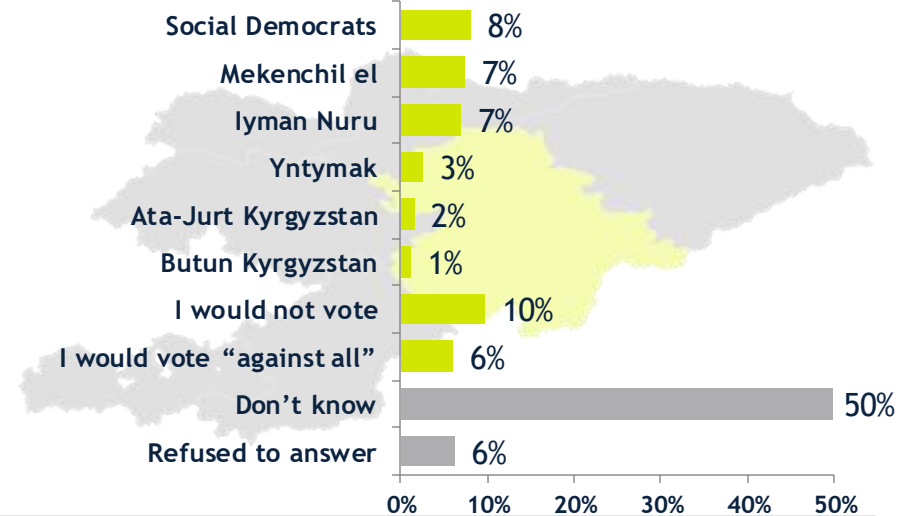
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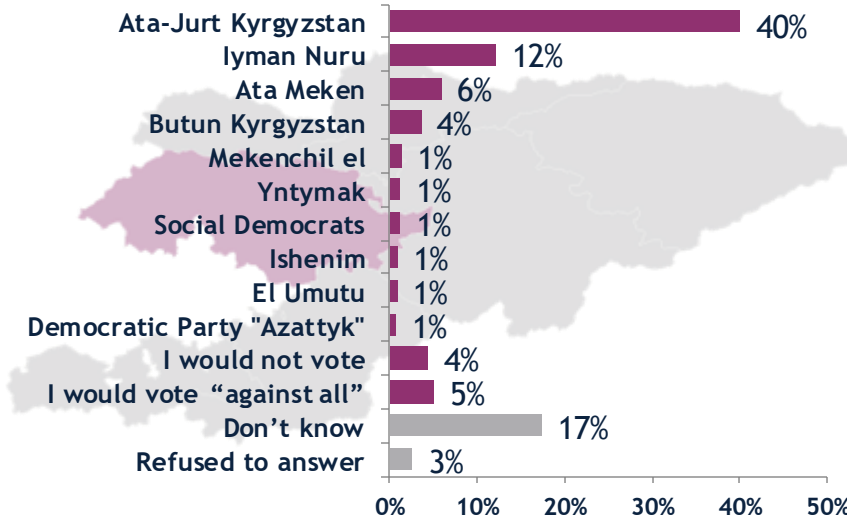
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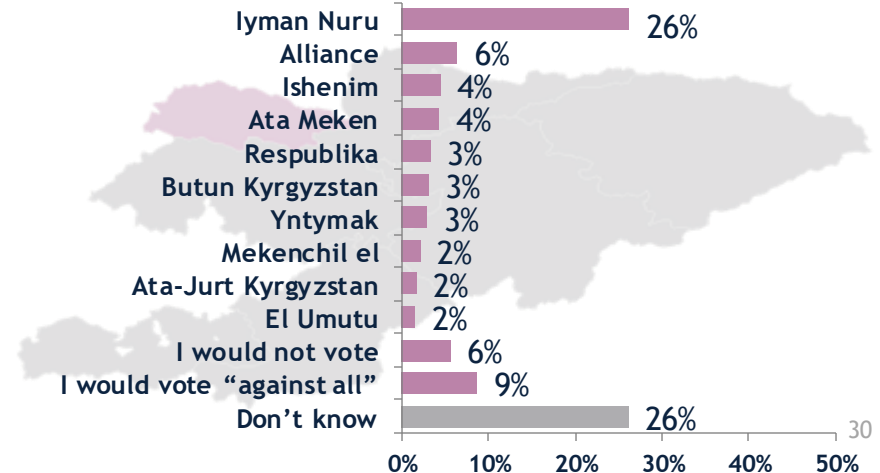
Naryn Oblast



Jalal-Abad Oblast



Talas Oblast

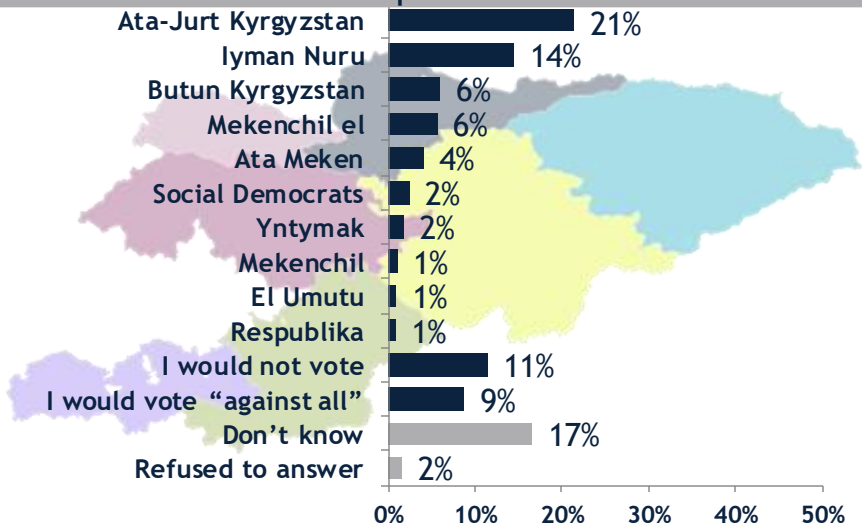


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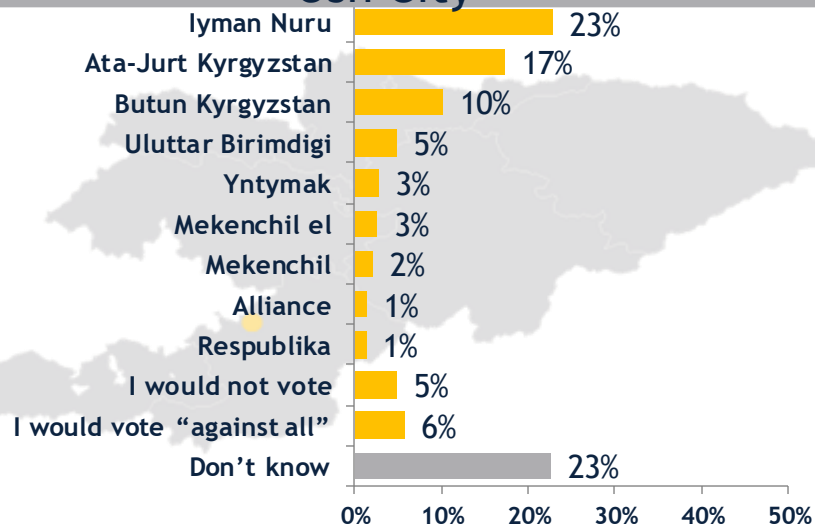
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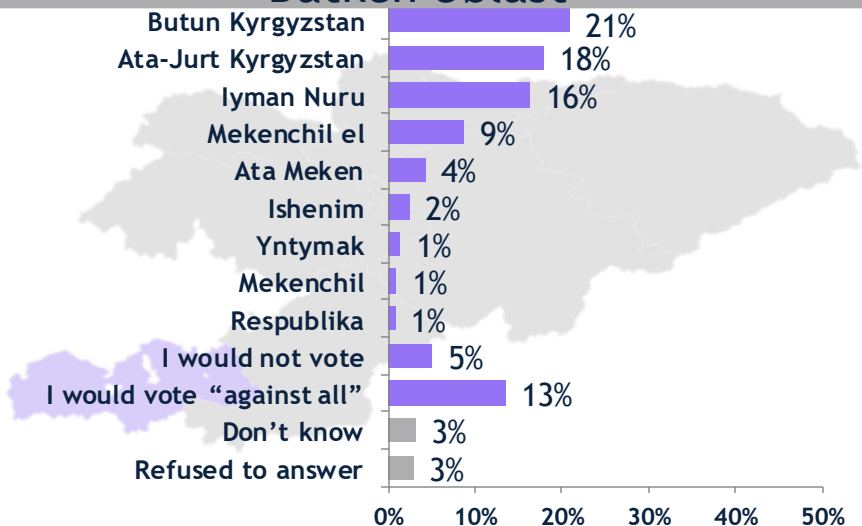
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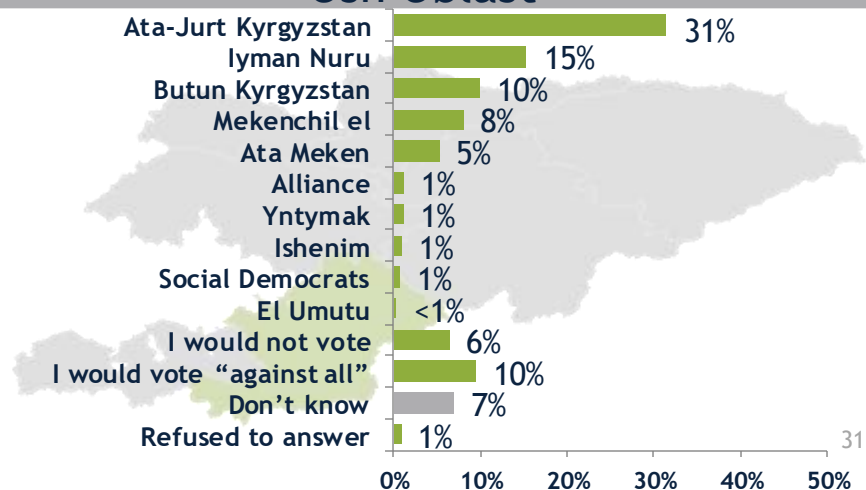
Osh City



Batken Oblast



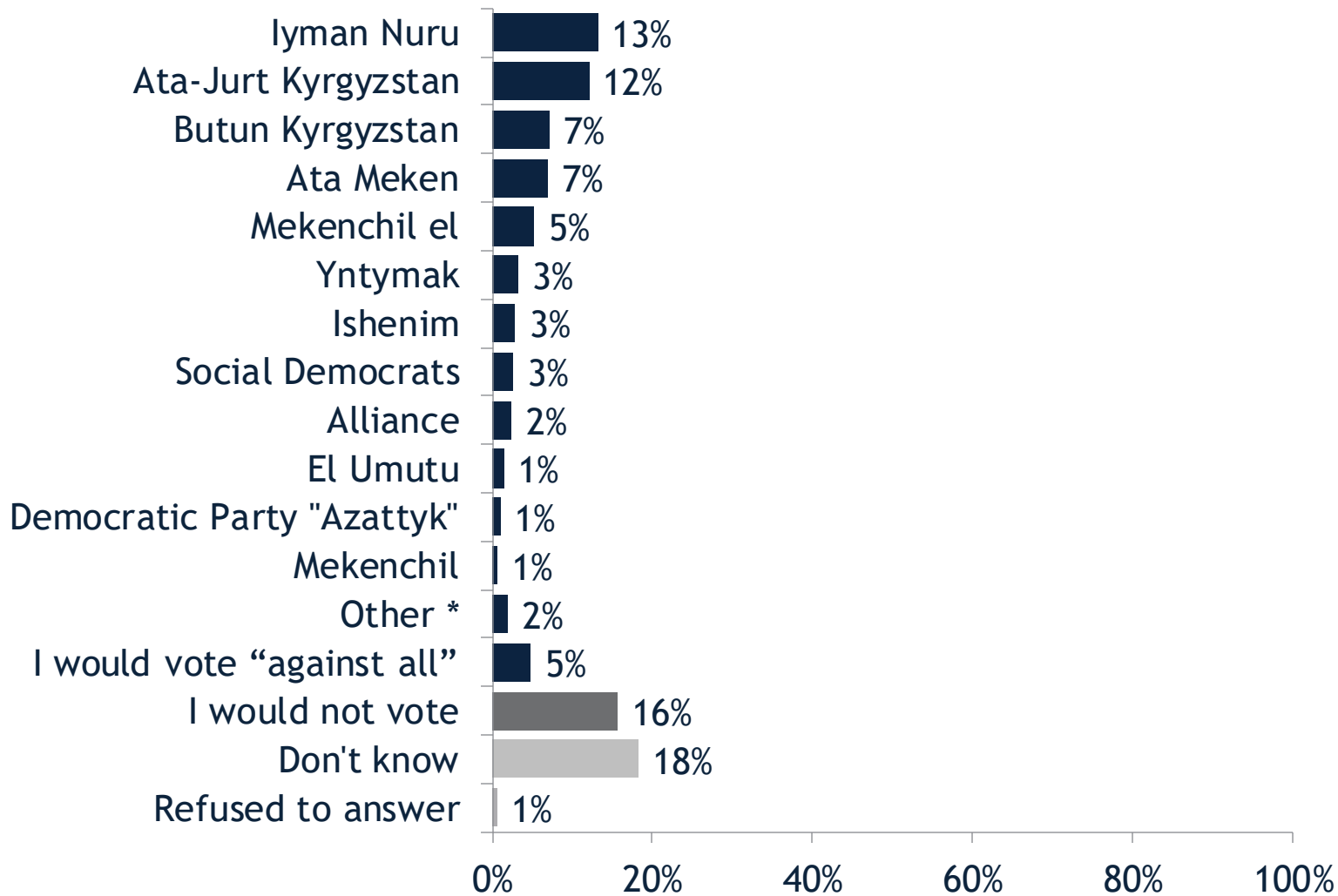
Osh Oblast



* Top 9 responses are displayed for Osh City and Batken Oblast.

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=920)

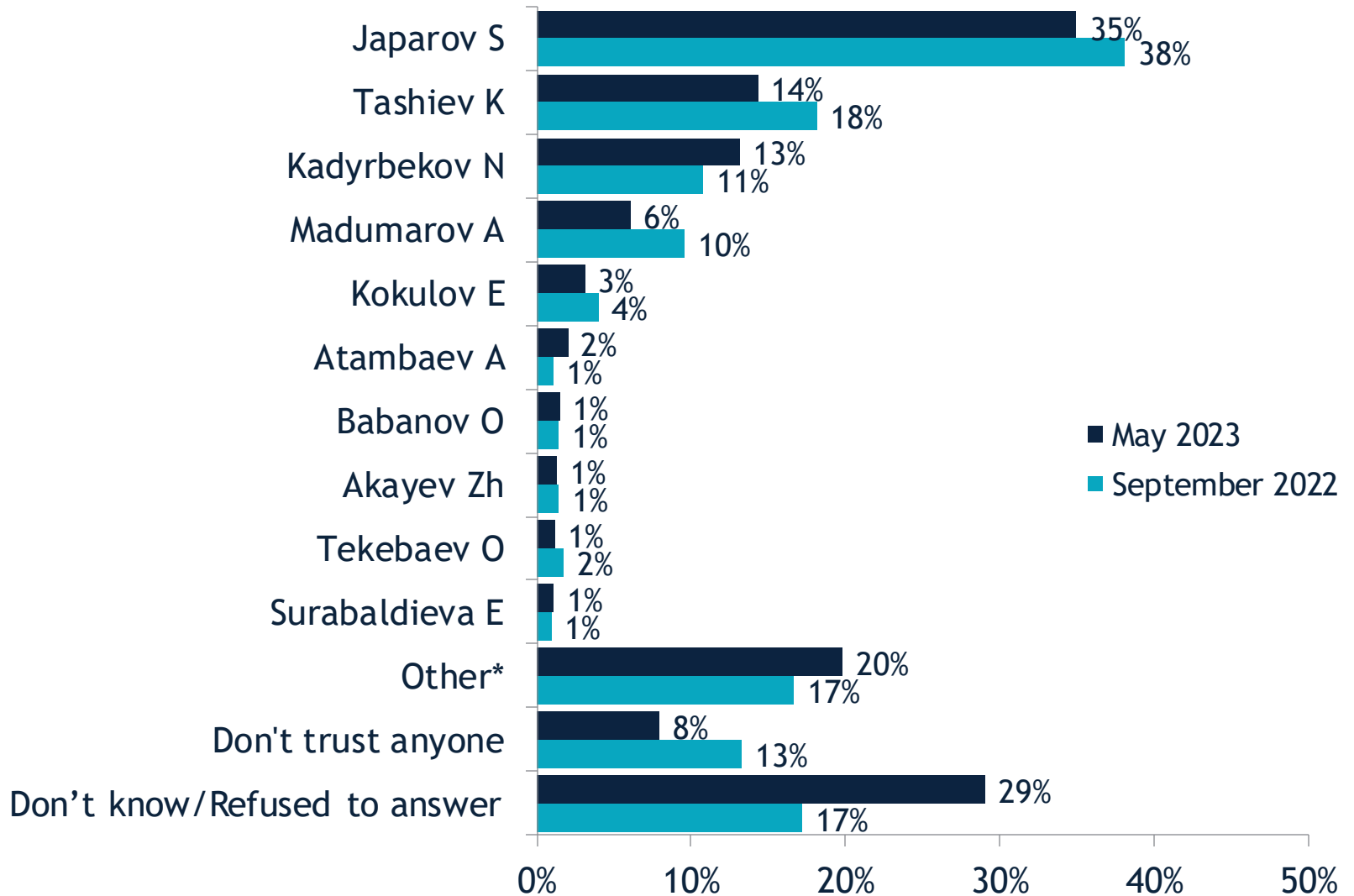


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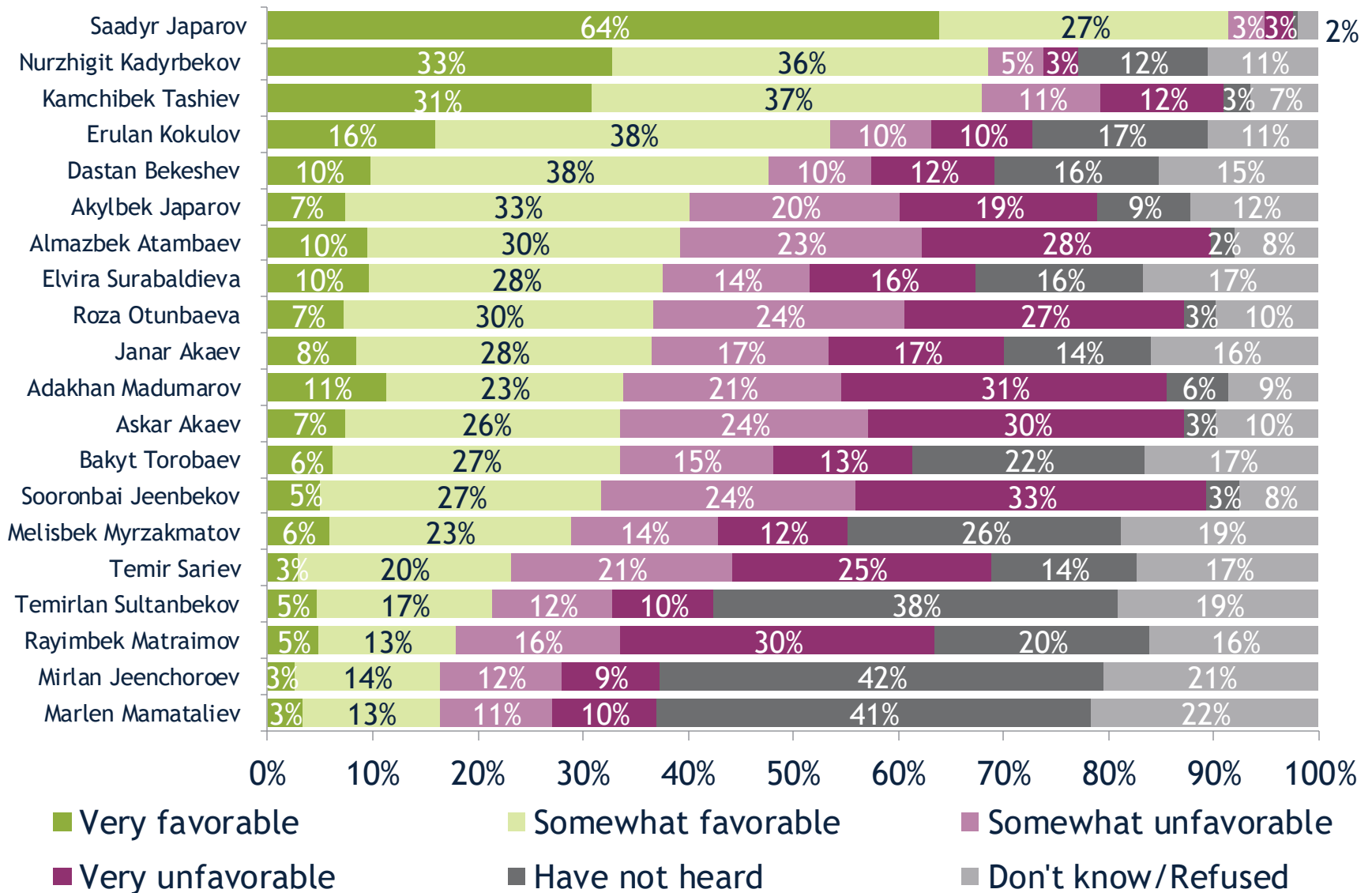
Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted; *top-10 responses displayed*)



*Other includes all mentions that are not listed among the top-10 responses.

What is your opinion of each of the following Kyrgyz politicians?



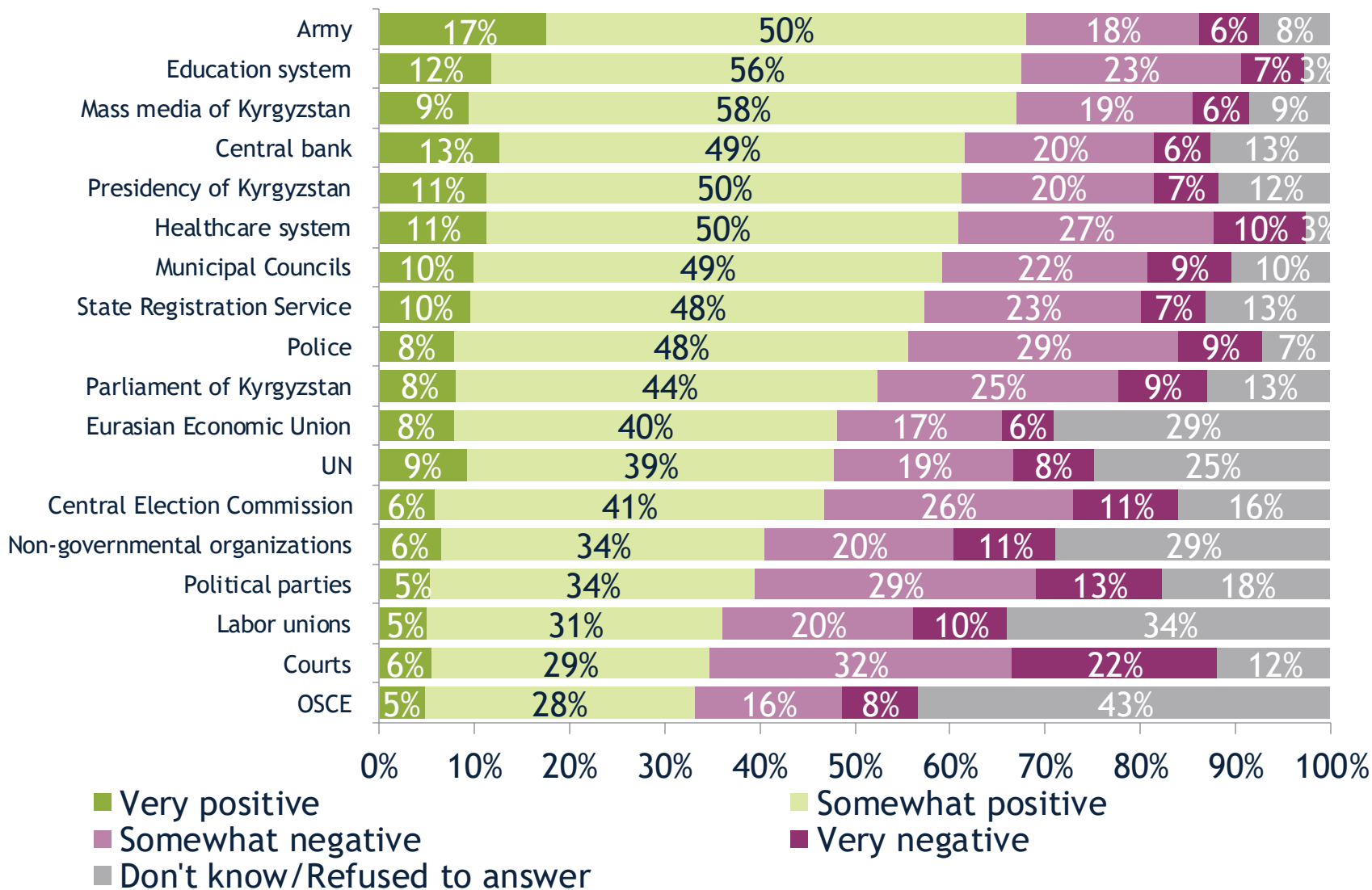
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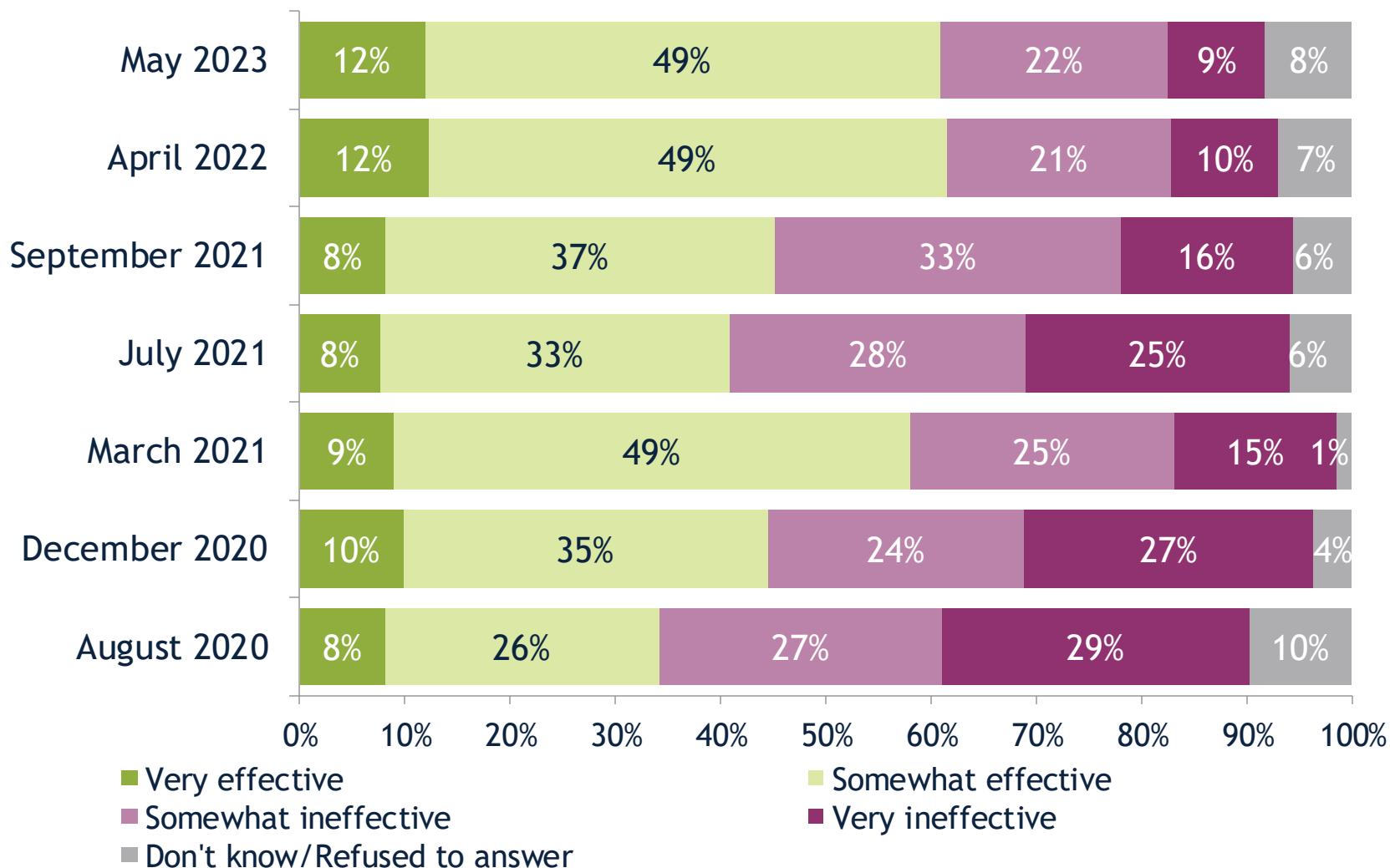
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What is your opinion of each of the following Kyrgyz and international institutions?

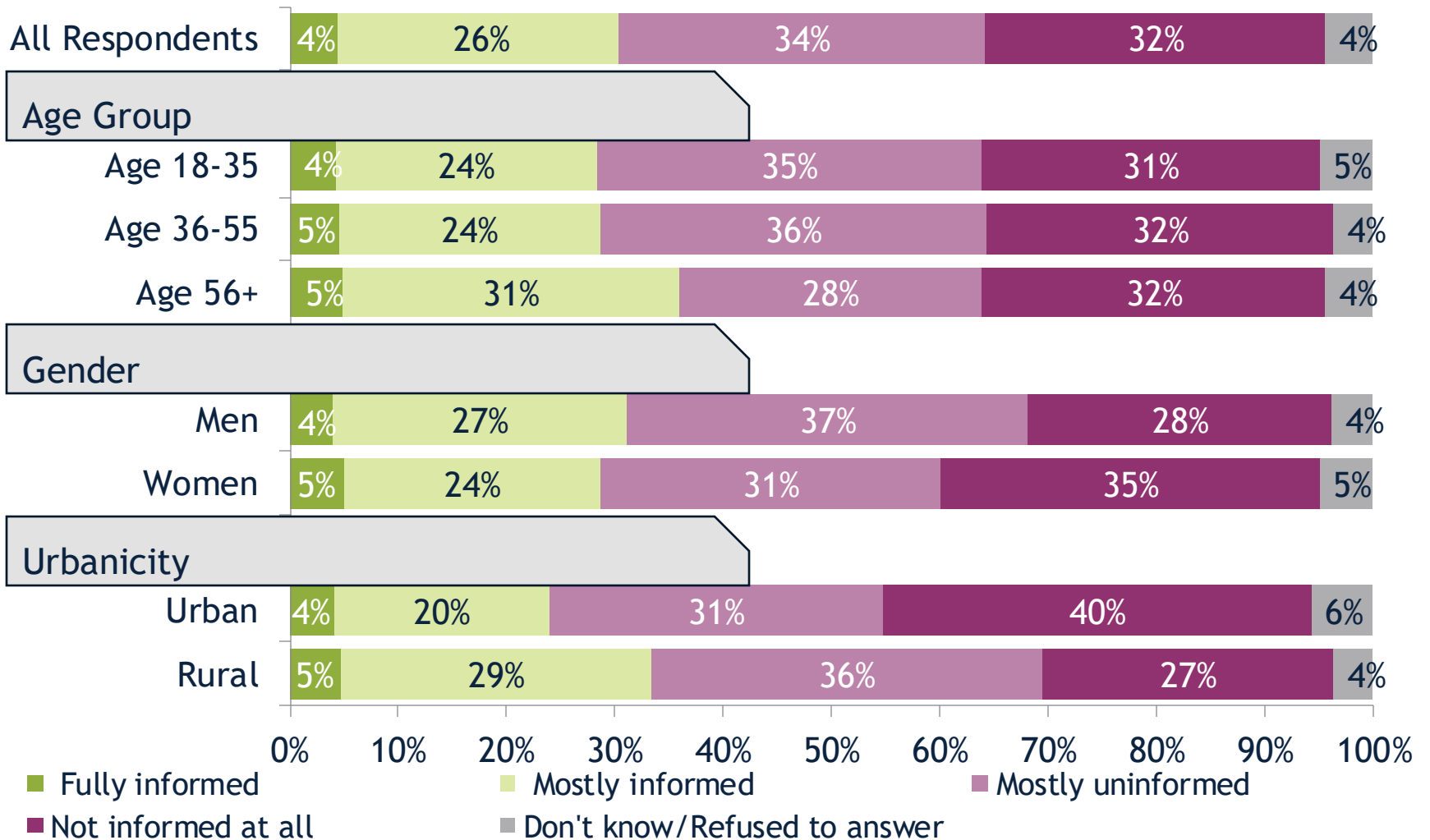


How effective or ineffective do you believe the Central Election Commission is in the management and oversight of elections in Kyrgyzstan?

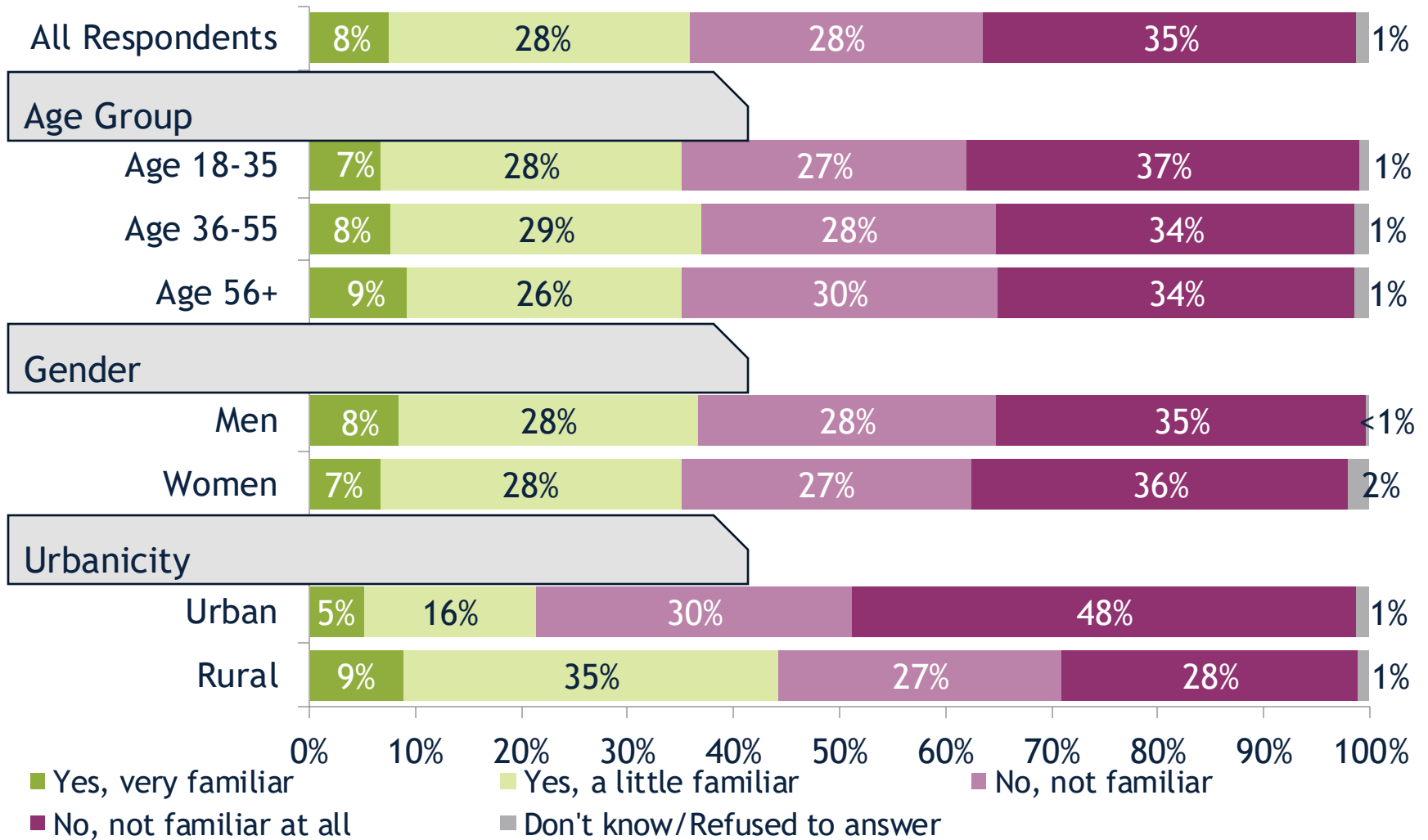


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How informed are you about the work of the Parliament, the laws it passes, or other decisions it makes?

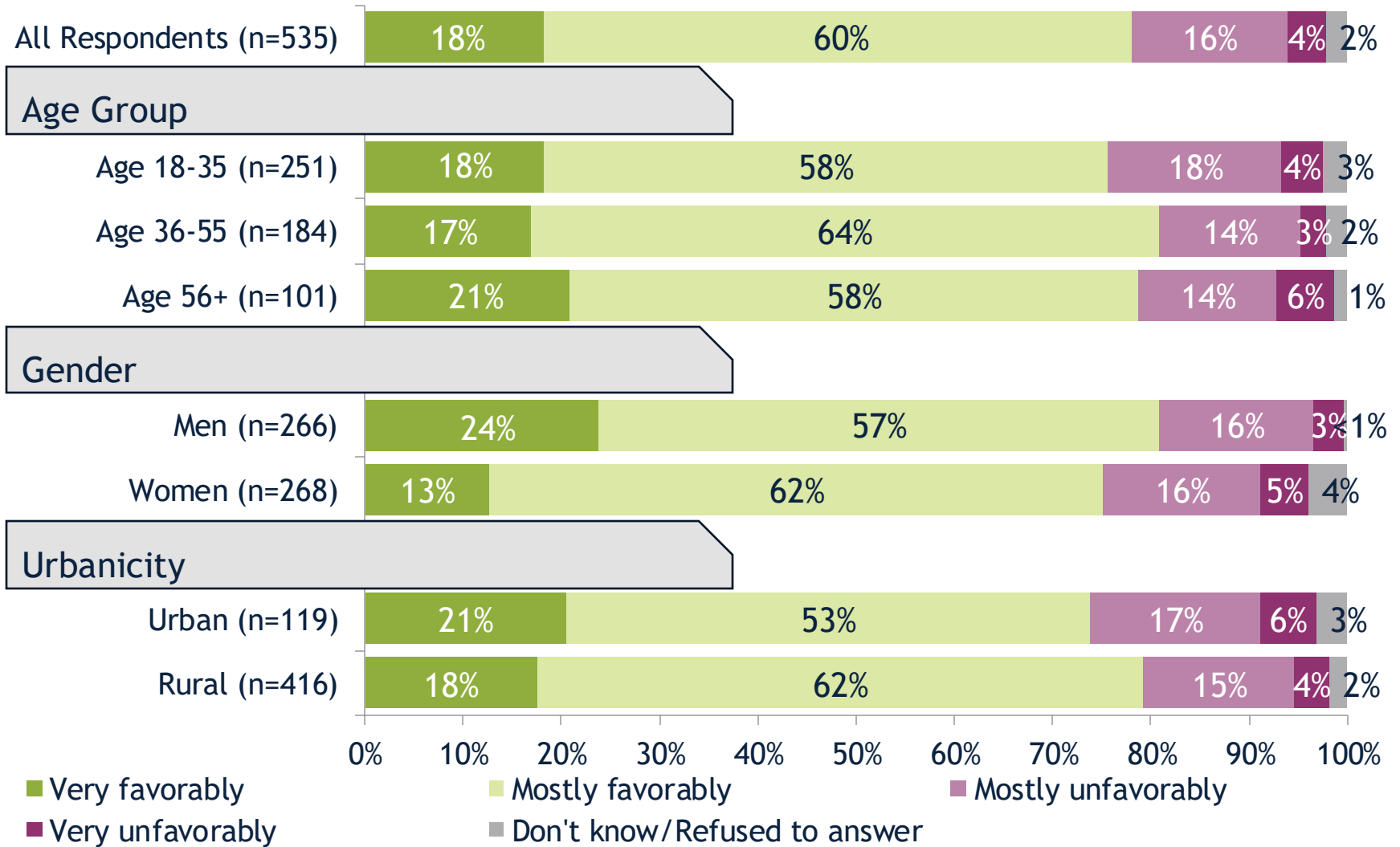


Are you familiar with the work of your local kenesh (municipal or village-level)?



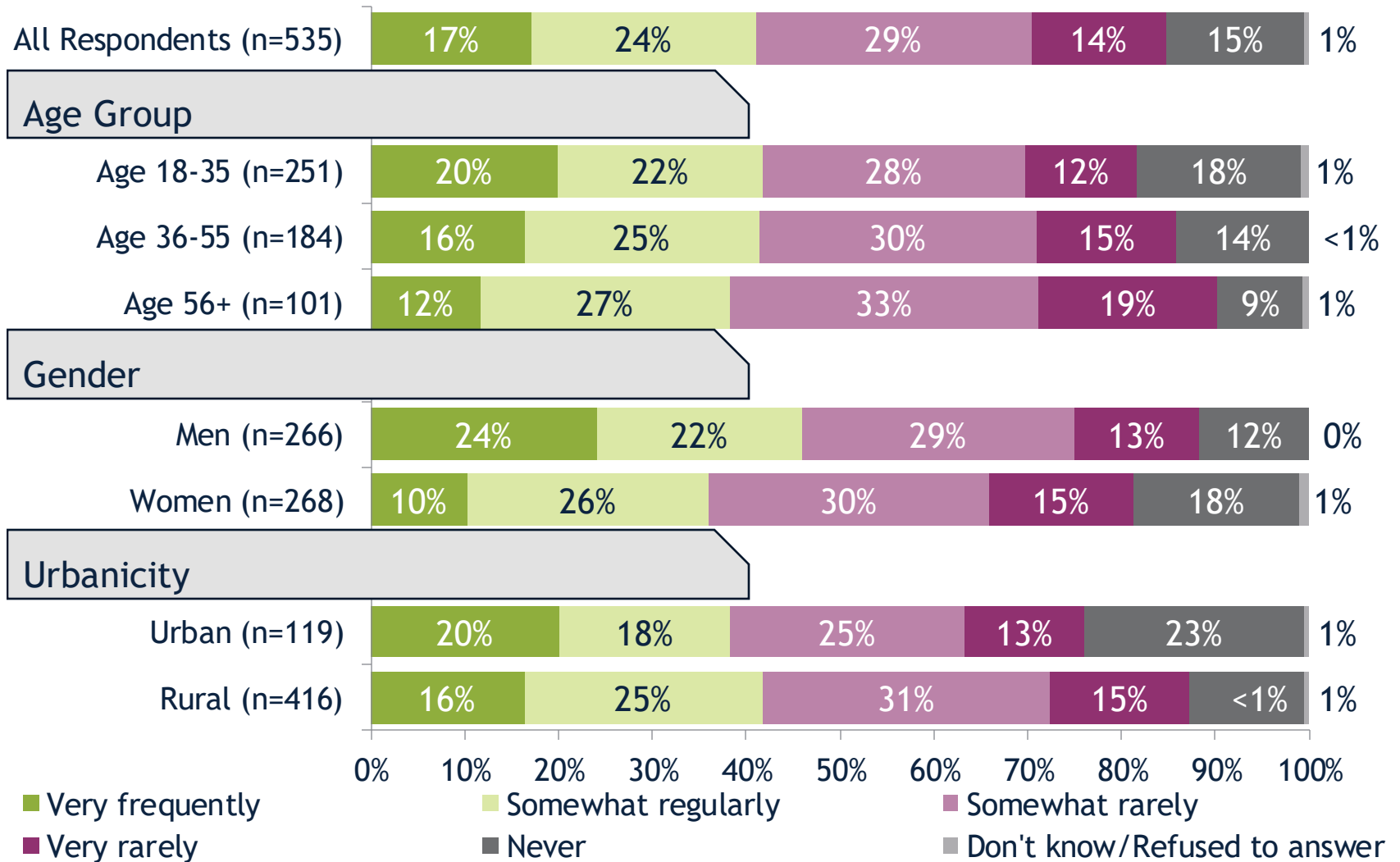
How do you assess the work of local kenesh?

(Among those who are very familiar or little familiar with the work of the local kenesh)

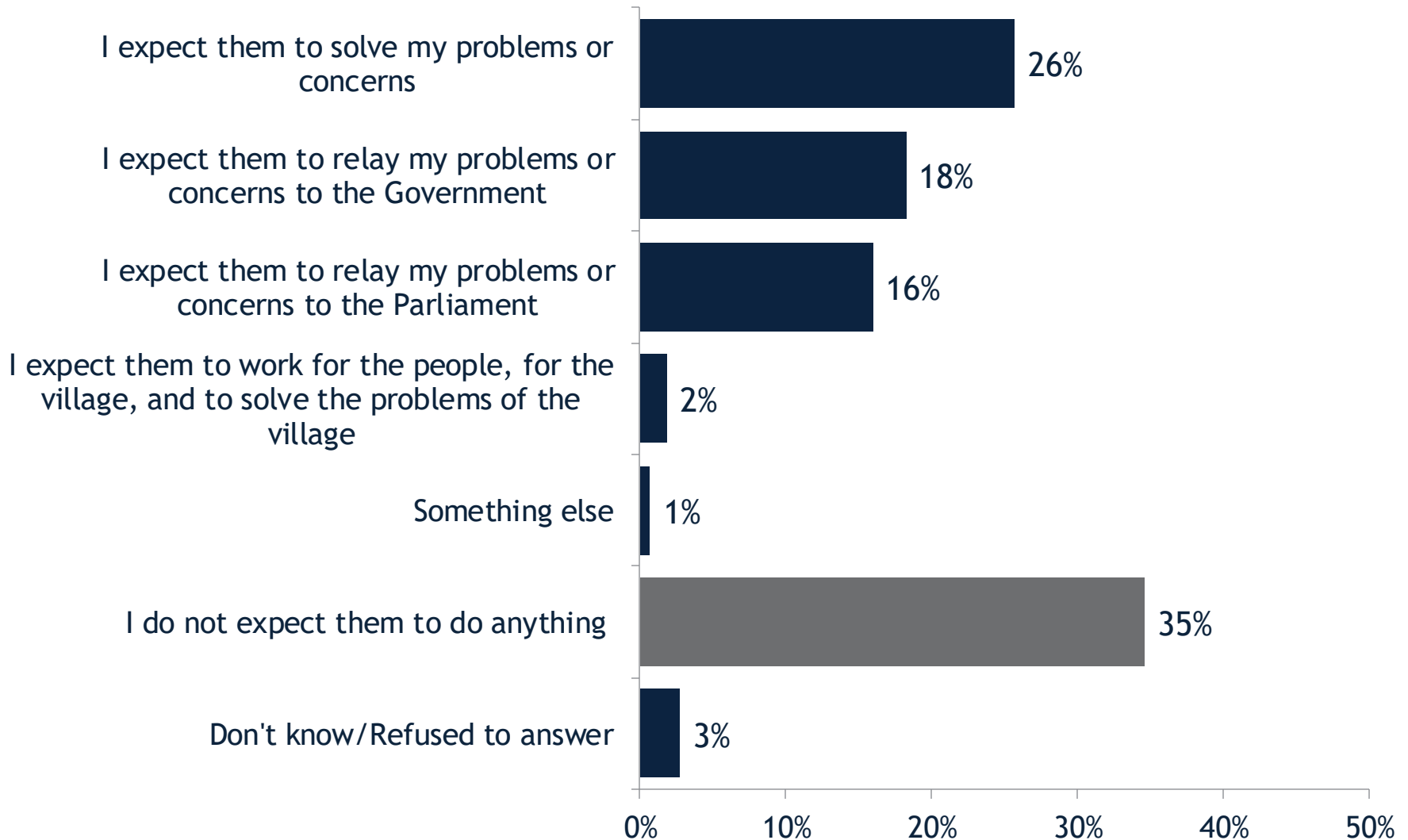


How frequently do you interact with elected members of your local kenesh?

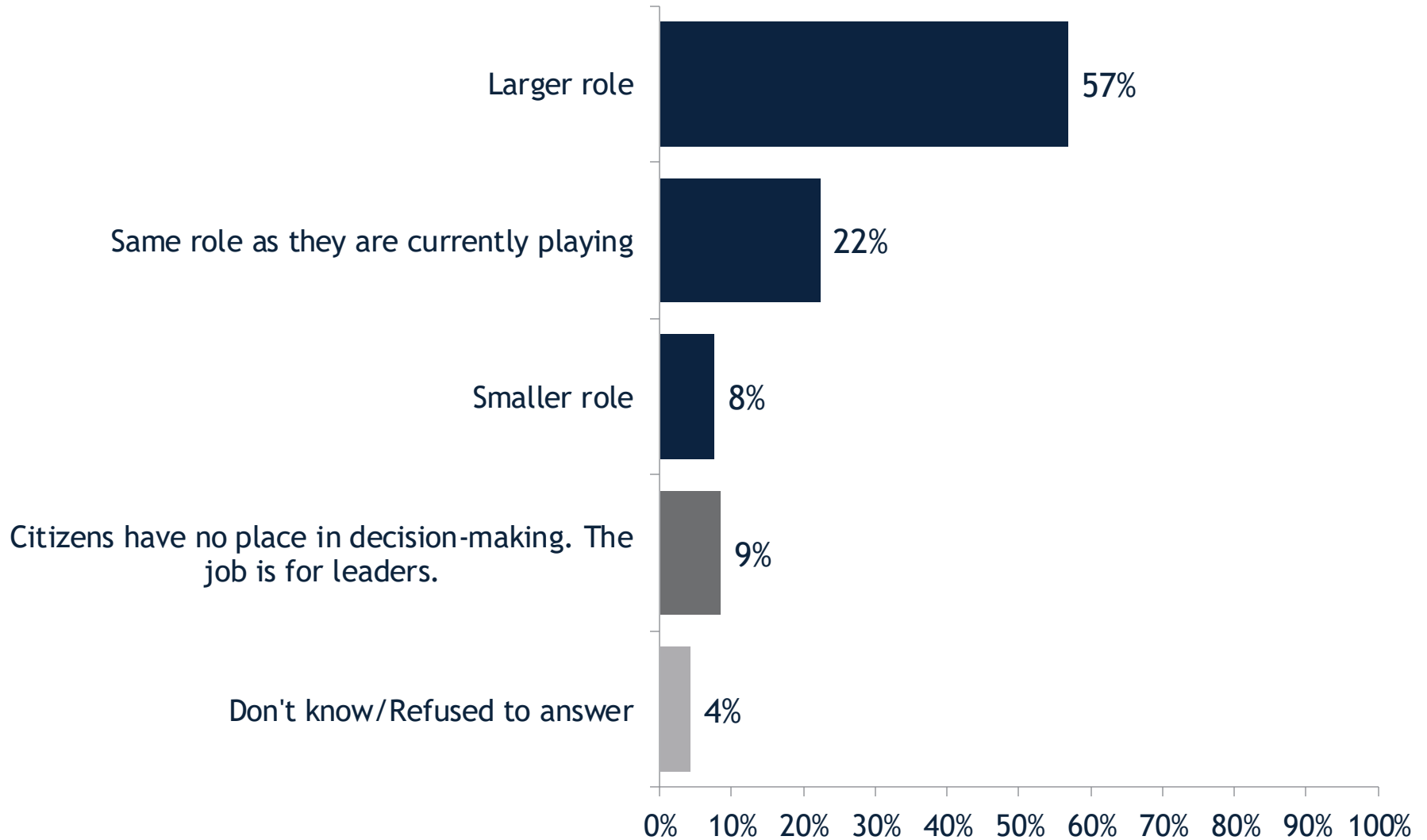
(Among those who are very familiar or little familiar with the work of the local kenesh)



What do you most expect from the members of your local kenesh (municipal or village-level)?



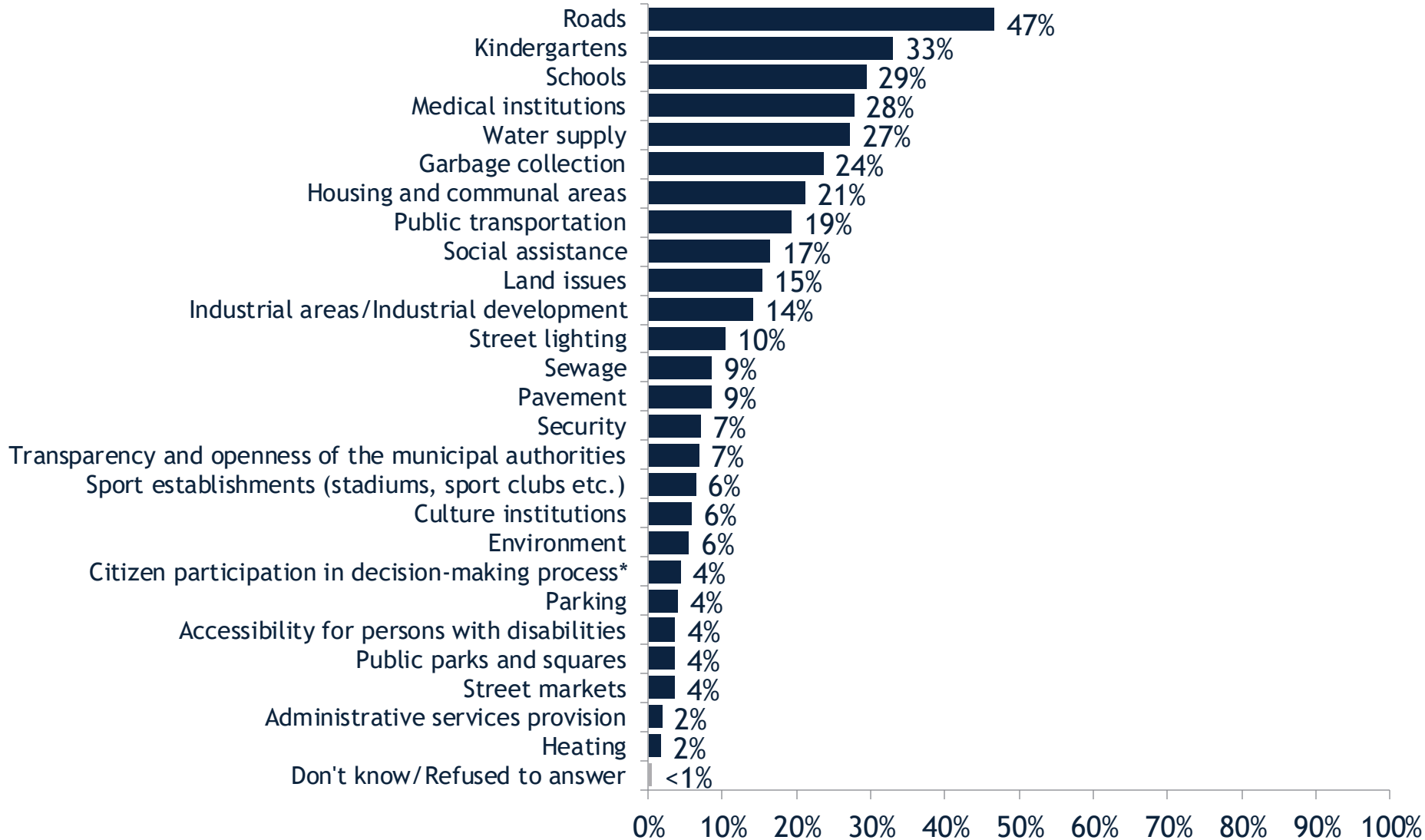
Do you believe that citizens should play a larger or smaller role in the local governmental decision-making process?





In your opinion, what areas should be of top priority for candidates in the next local elections?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted)



*Full form: Establishment of mechanism for citizen participation in the decision-making process.

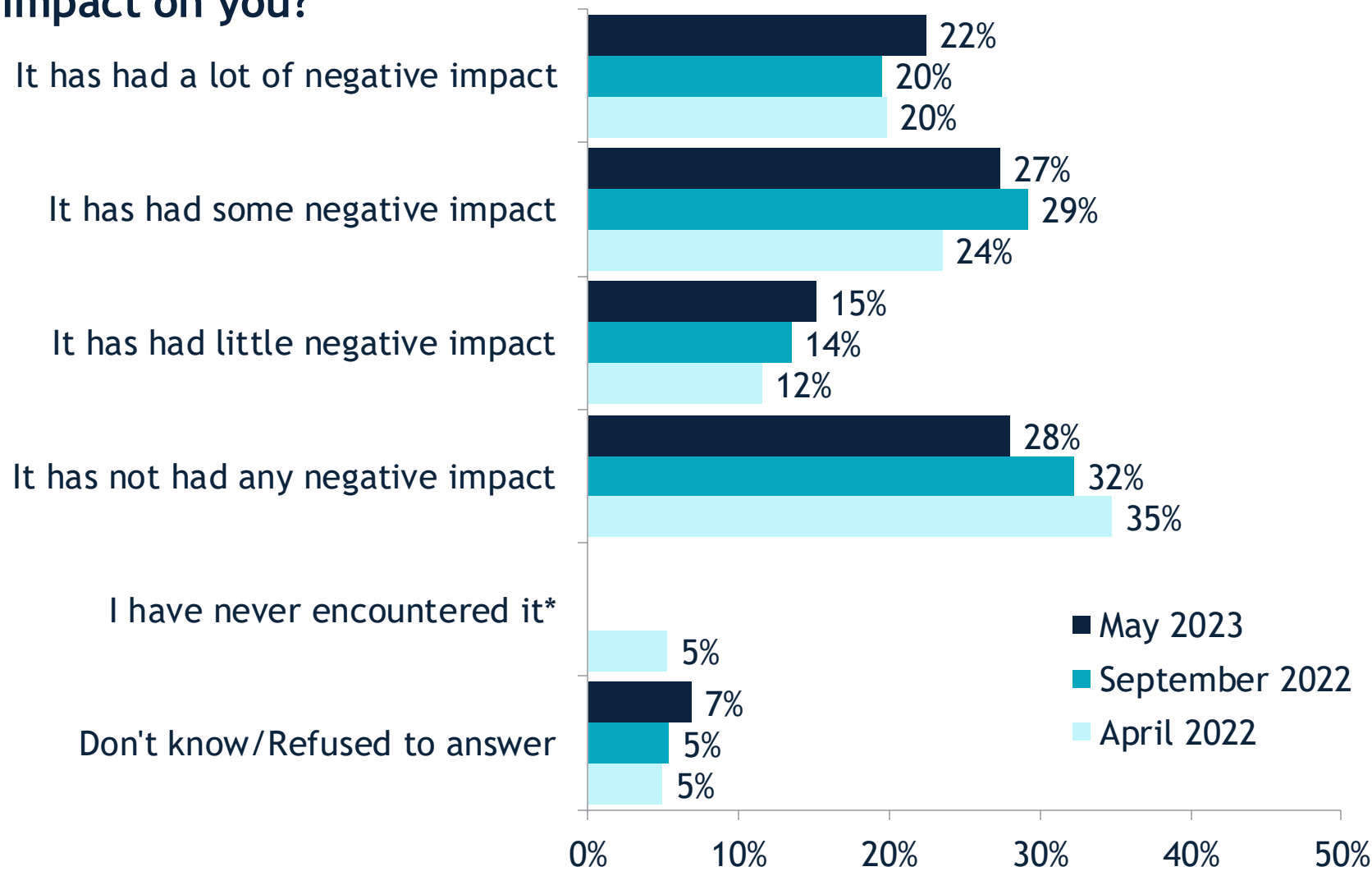
Corruption



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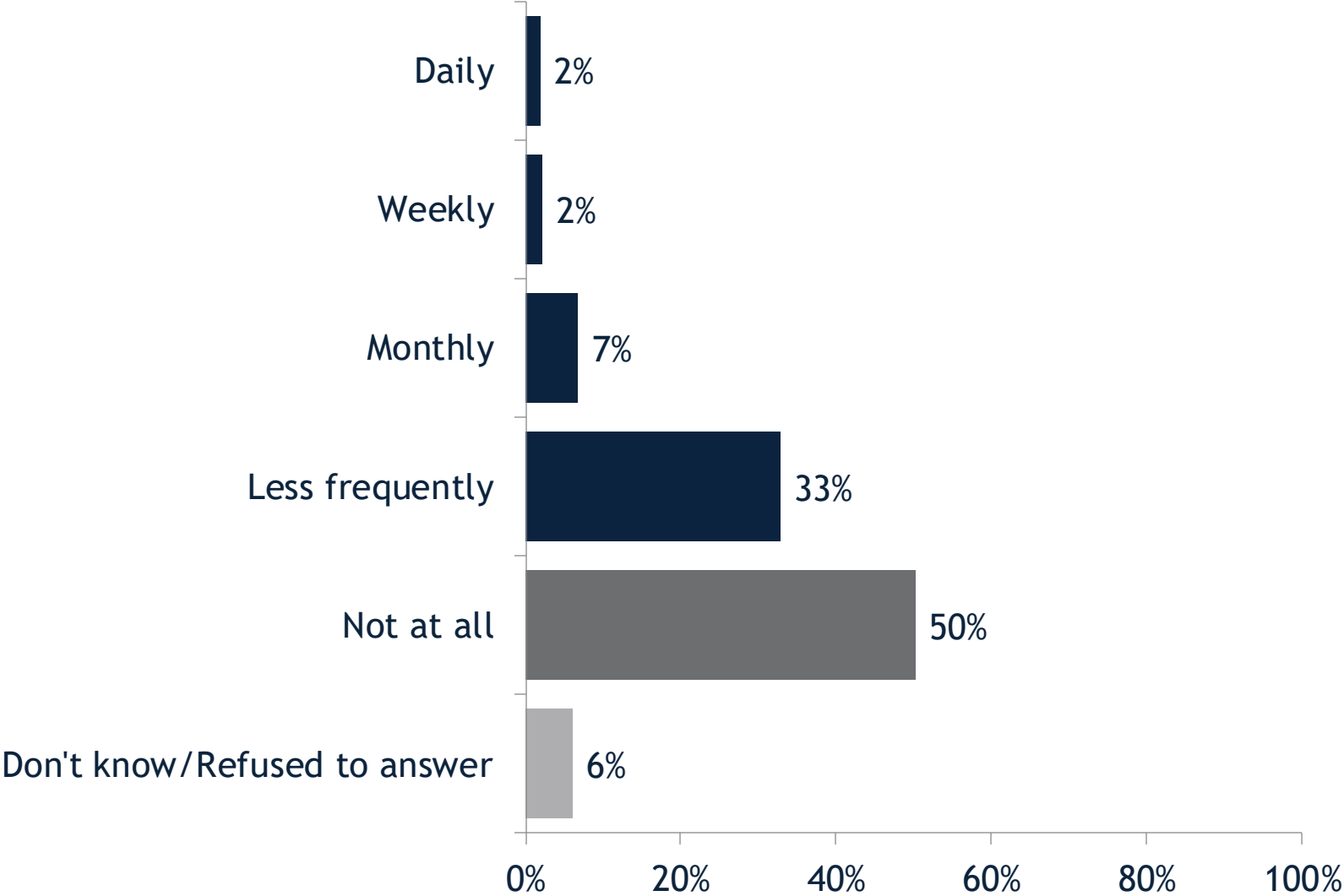
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



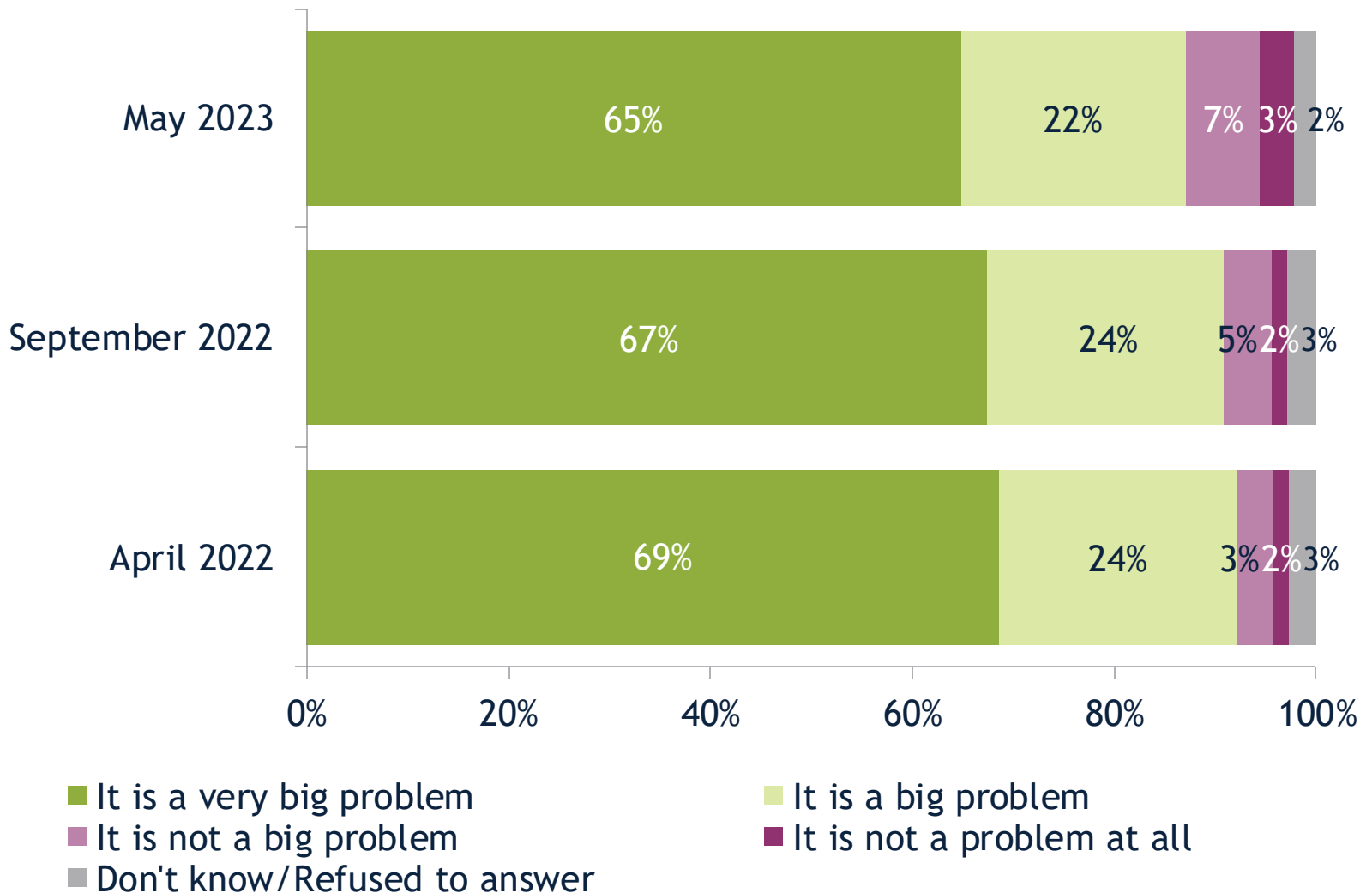
*I have never encountered it was recorded under the “other” responses respondents gave in April 2022. I have never encountered it was not read out as a response option in any polls.



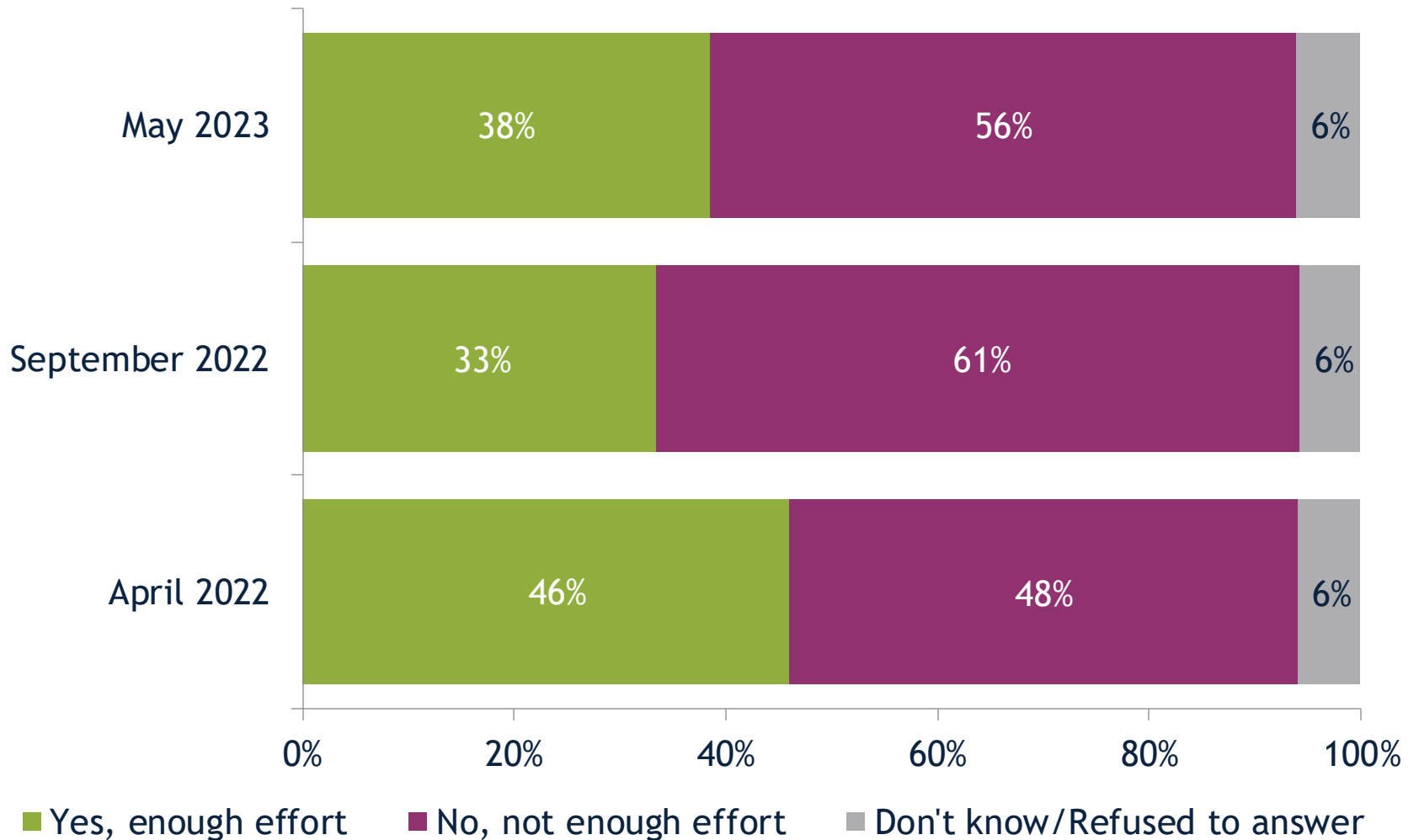
In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?



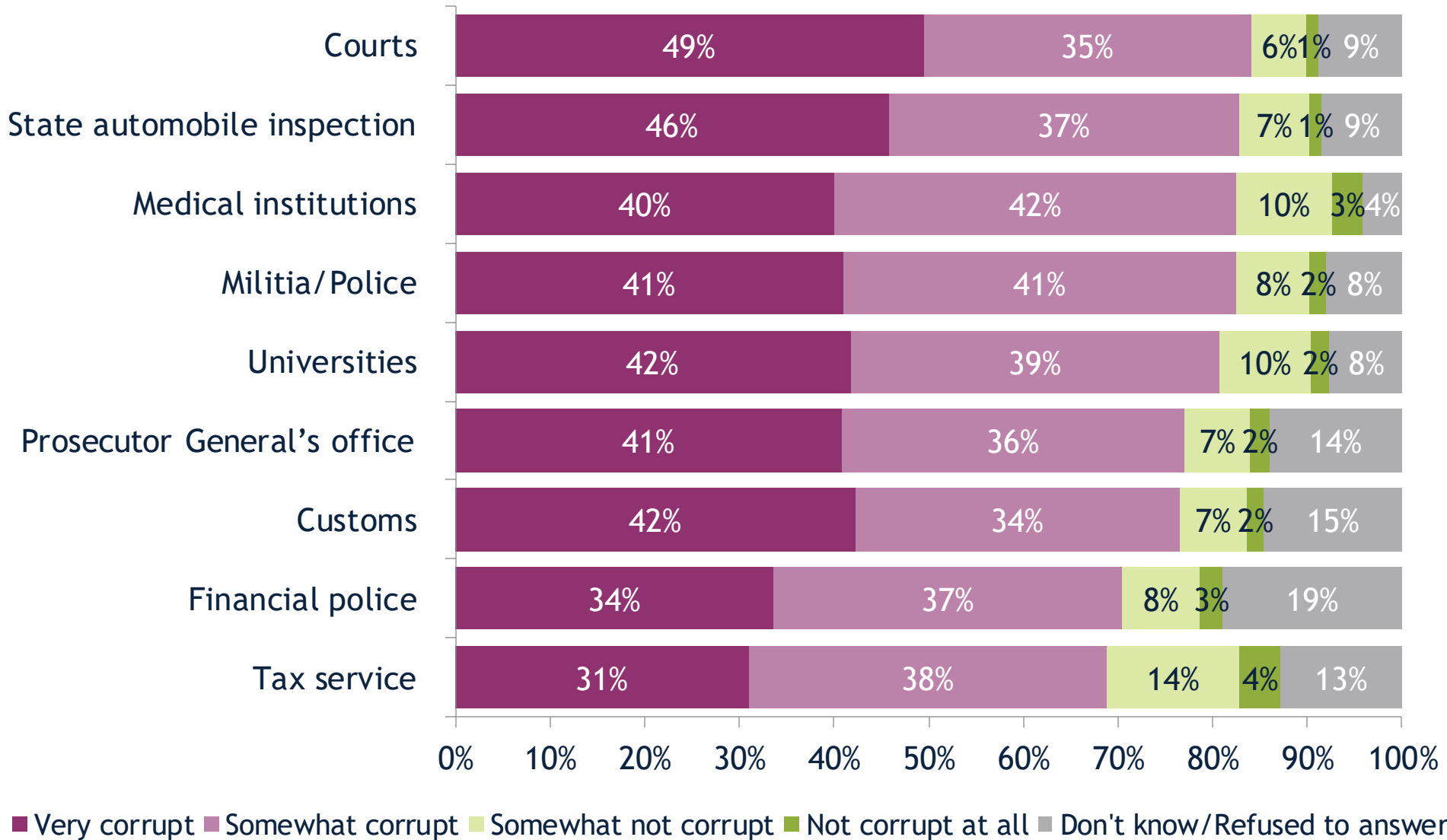
Is corruption a big problem or not a big problem in Kyrgyzstan today?



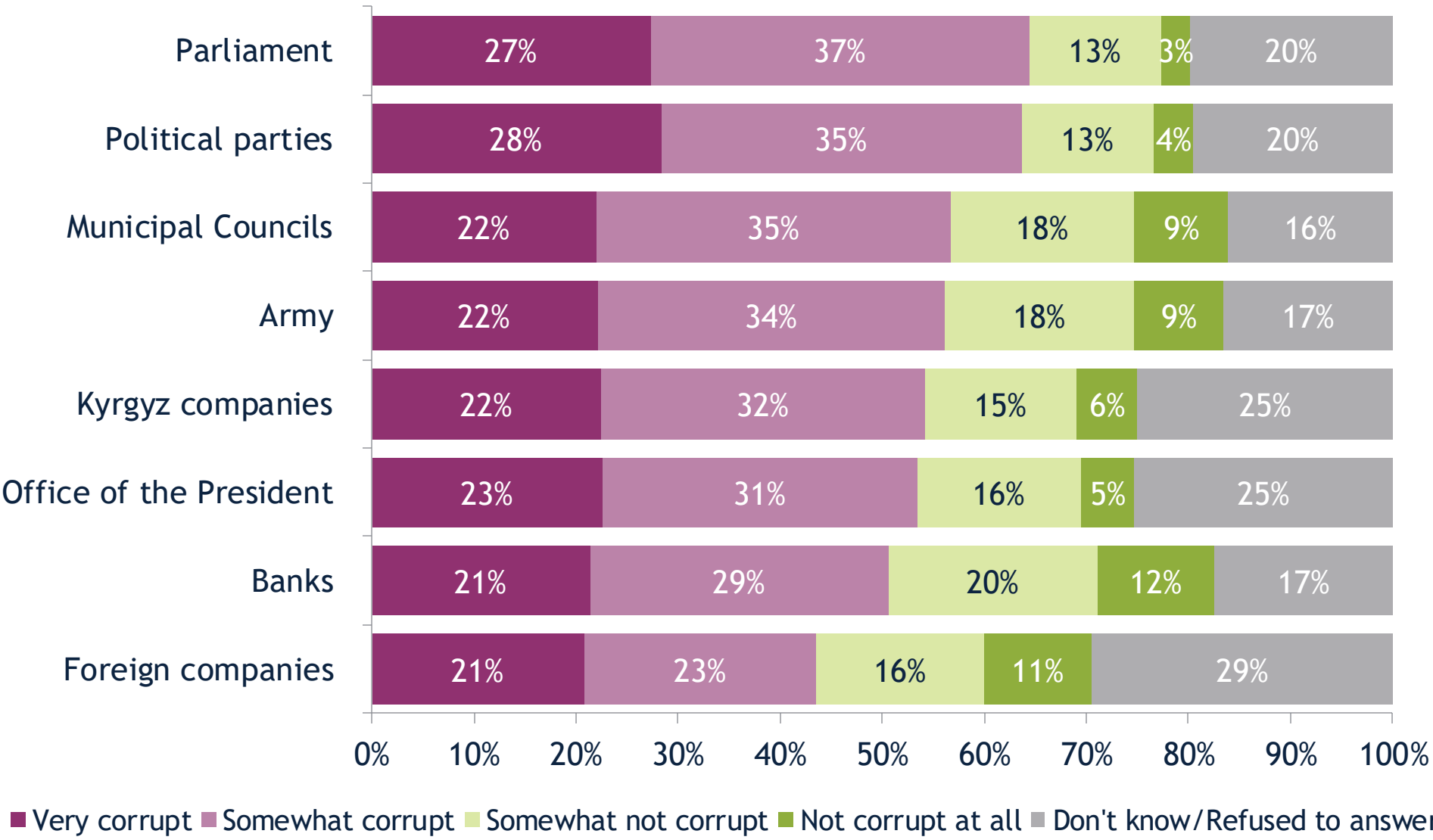
Do you think the Kyrgyz government applies enough effort to fight corruption?



What is your opinion about the level of corruption in the following Kyrgyz institutions?



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Information



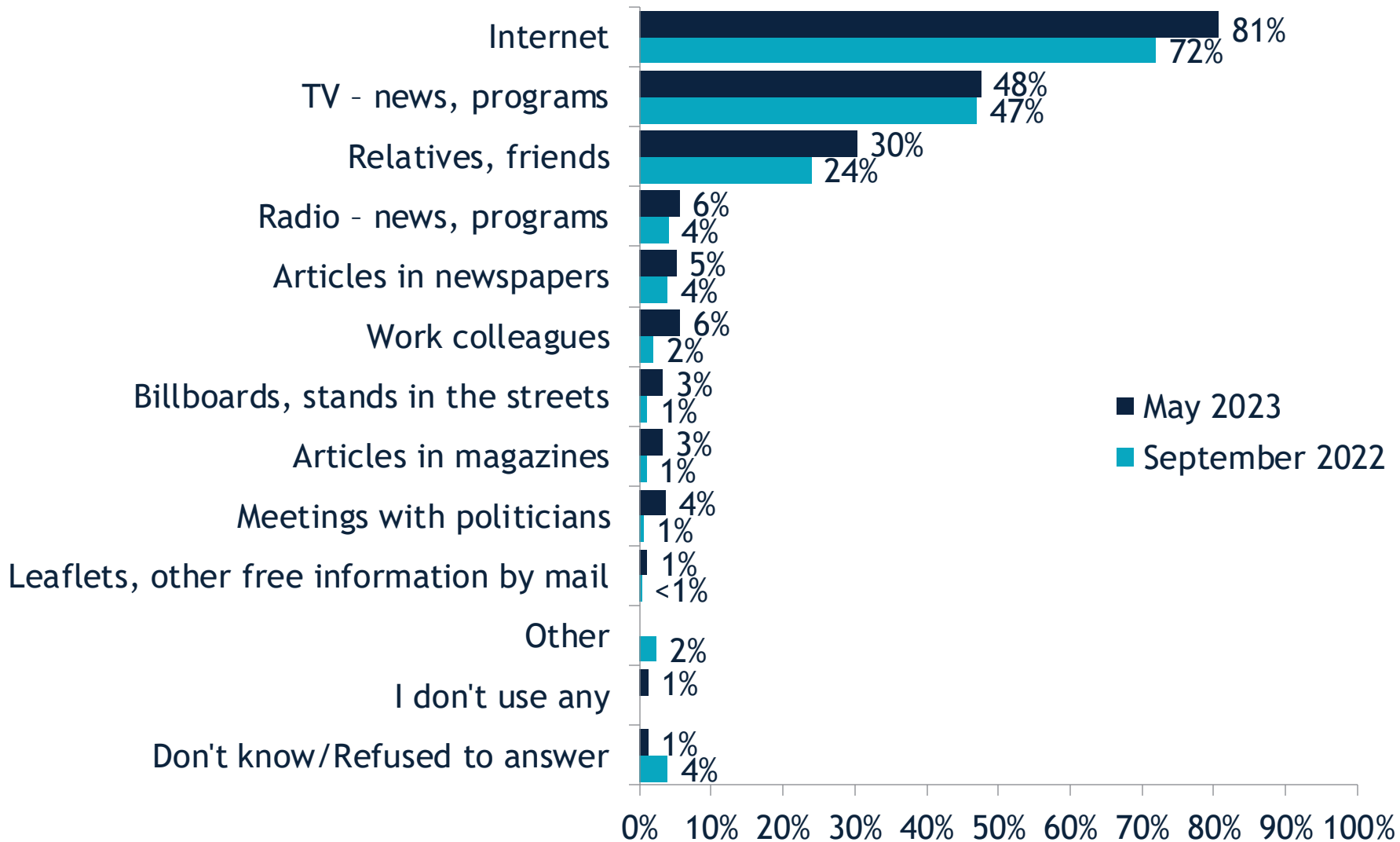
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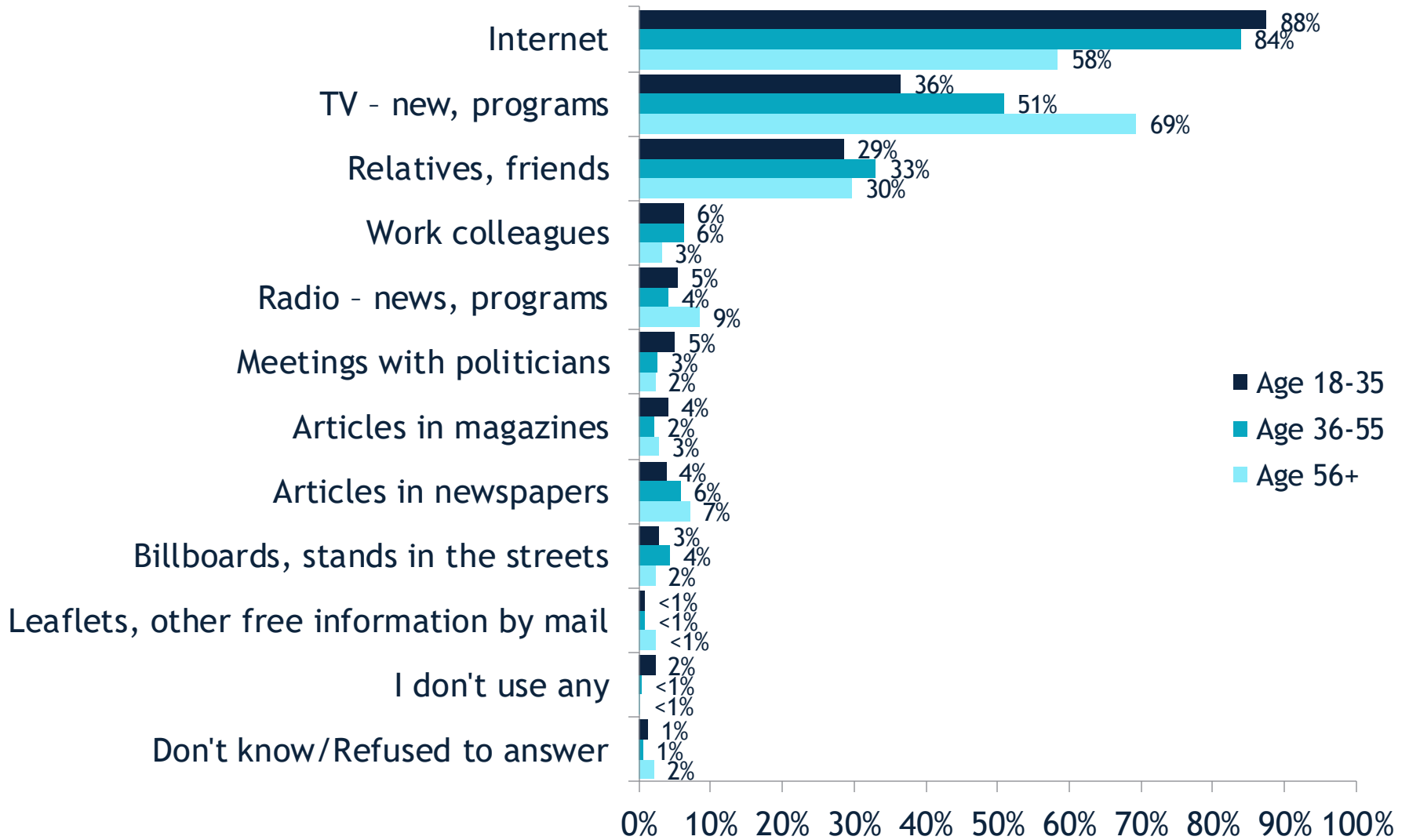
Which of these media outlets do you use for gaining political information?

(Multiple responses permitted)



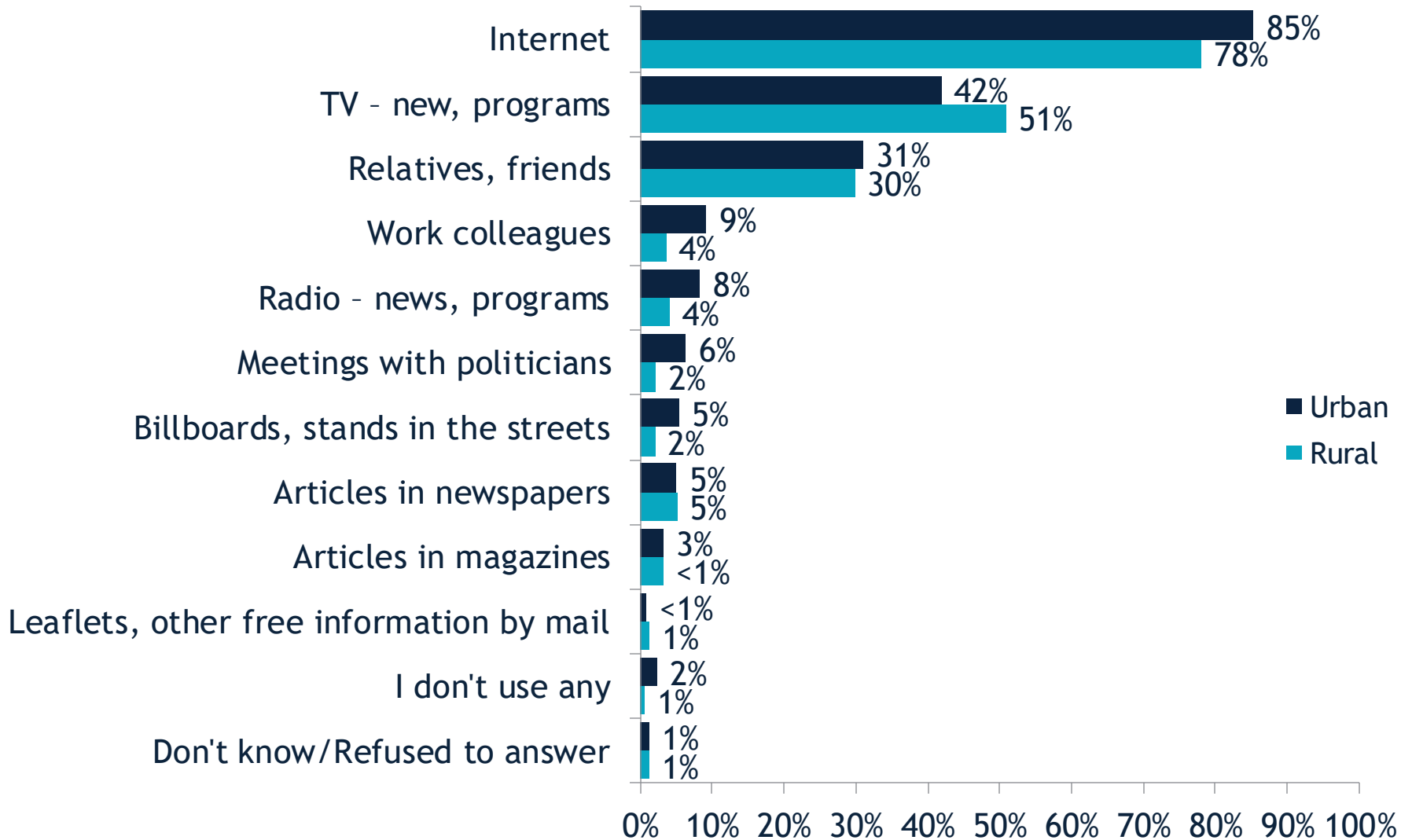
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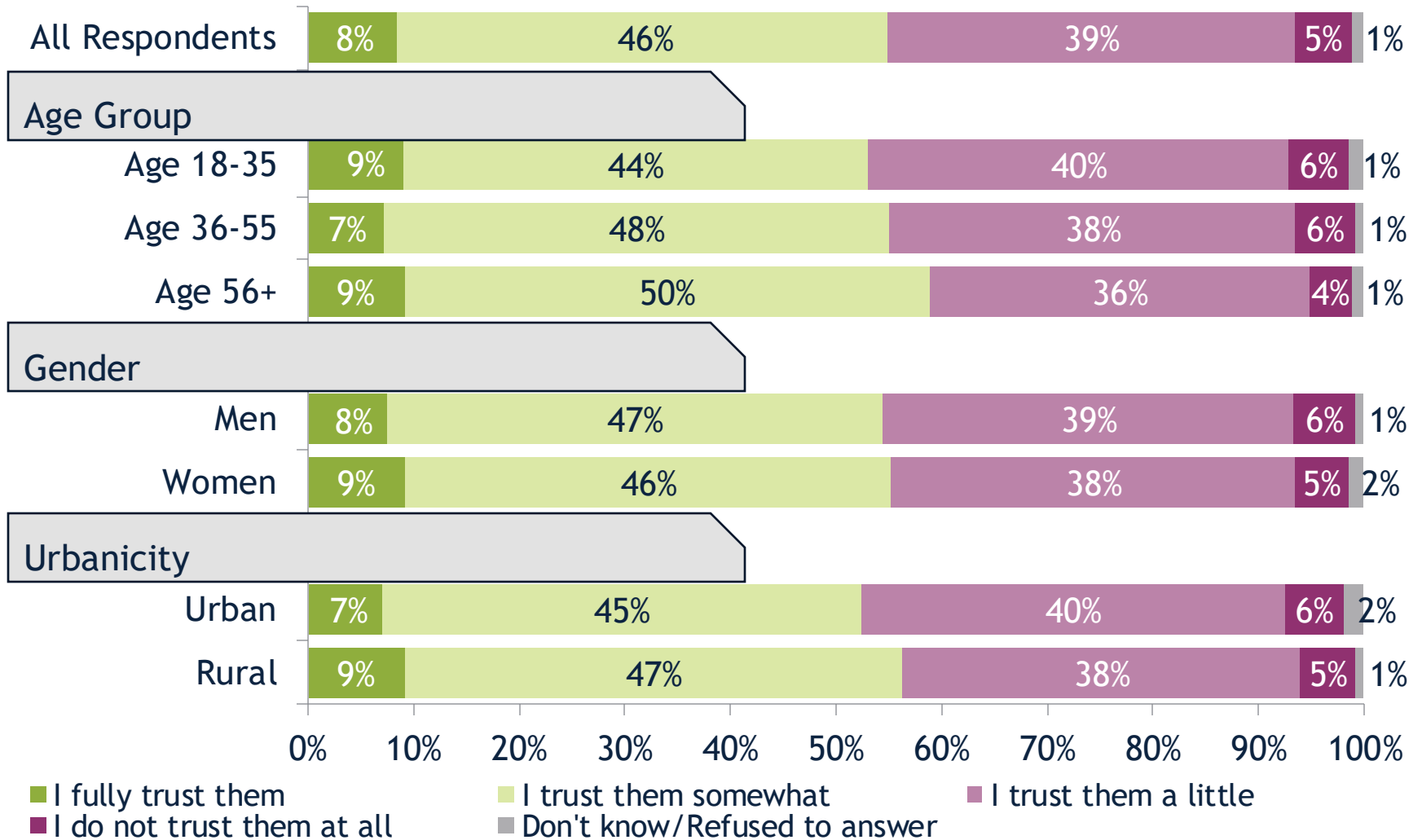


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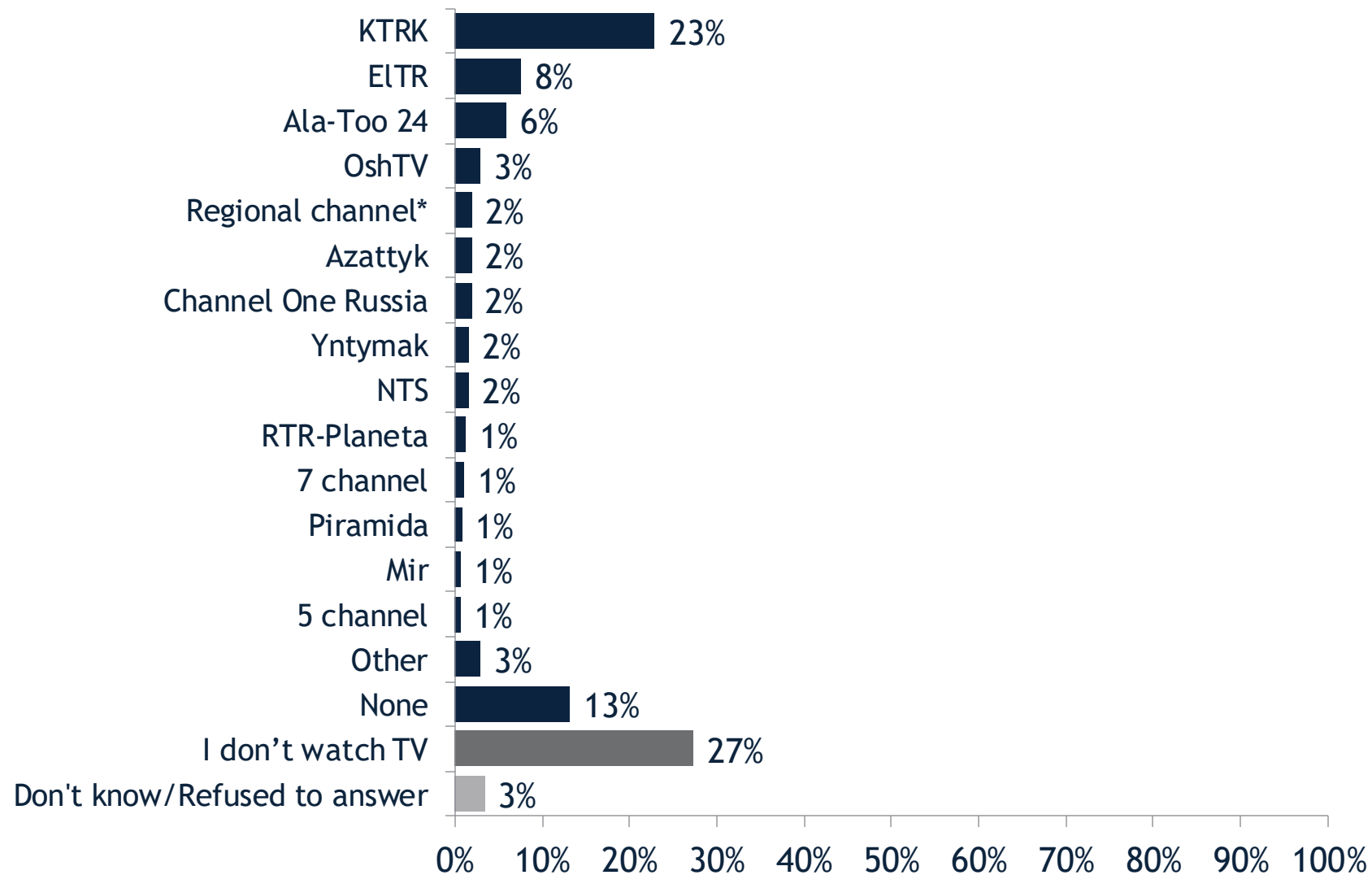


In general, do you trust the news you see or hear?



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

(Spontaneous response)

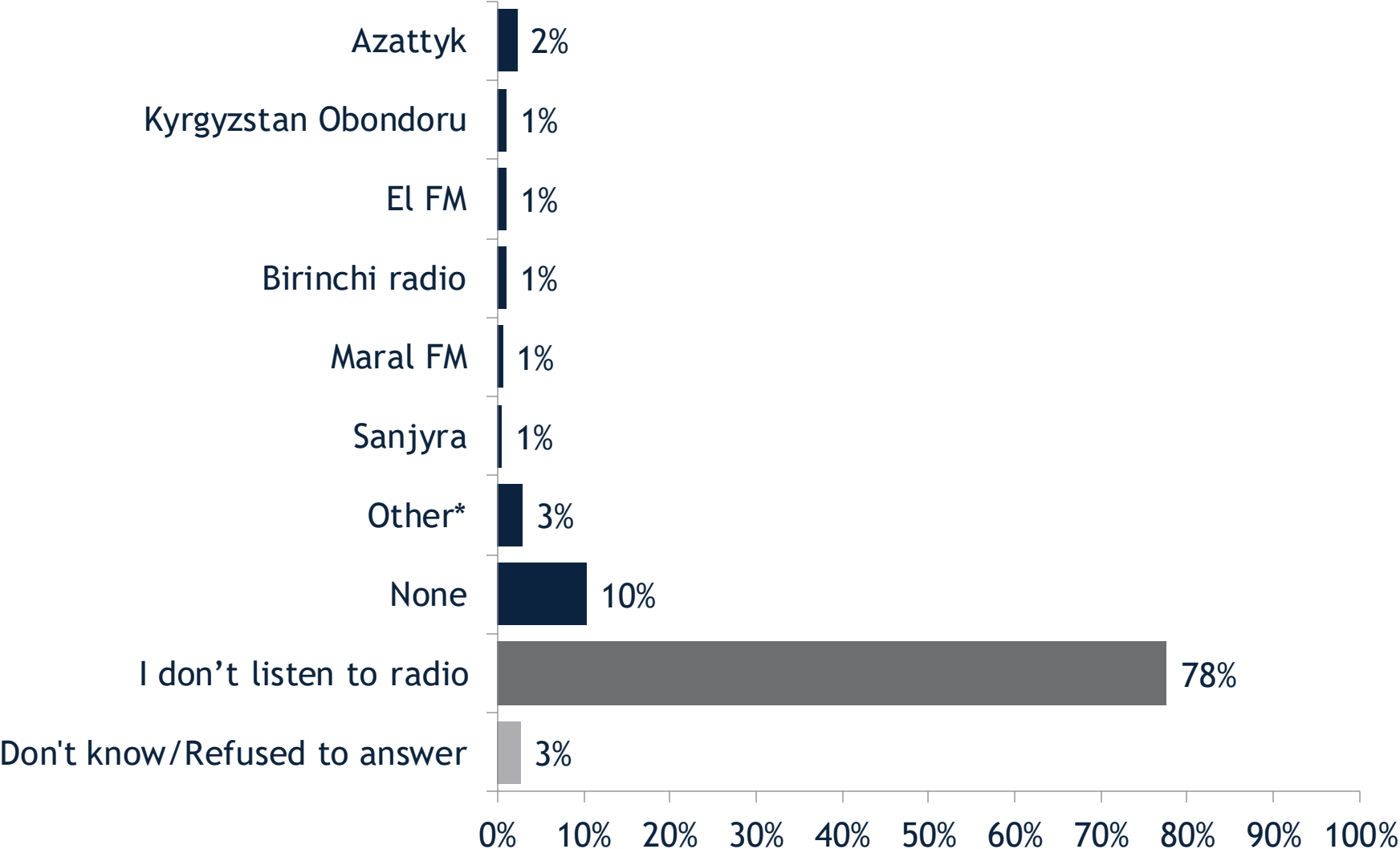


*Includes Batken TV, Osh Pirim, Talas TV, and Issyk-Kol TV.



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

(Spontaneous response)

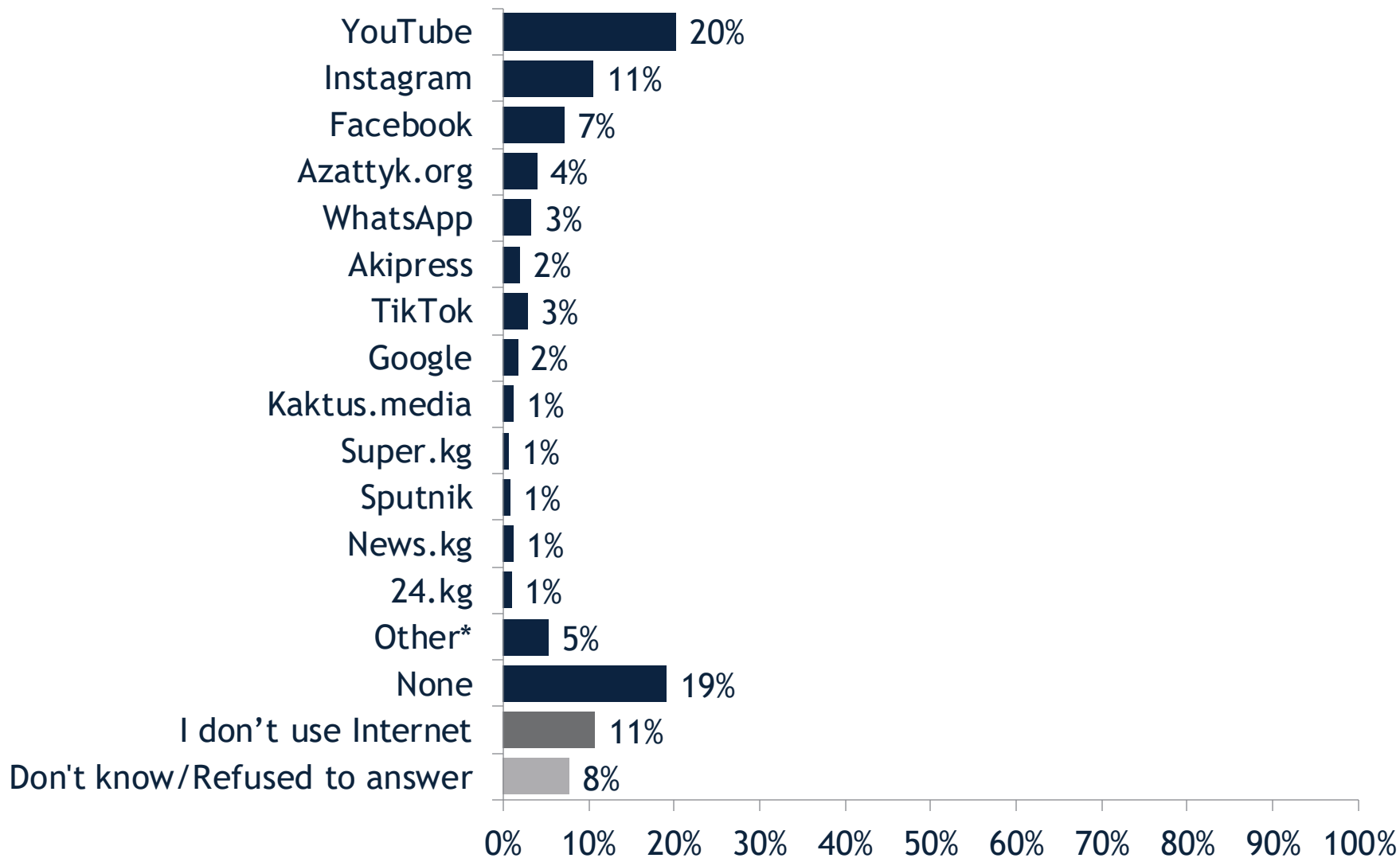


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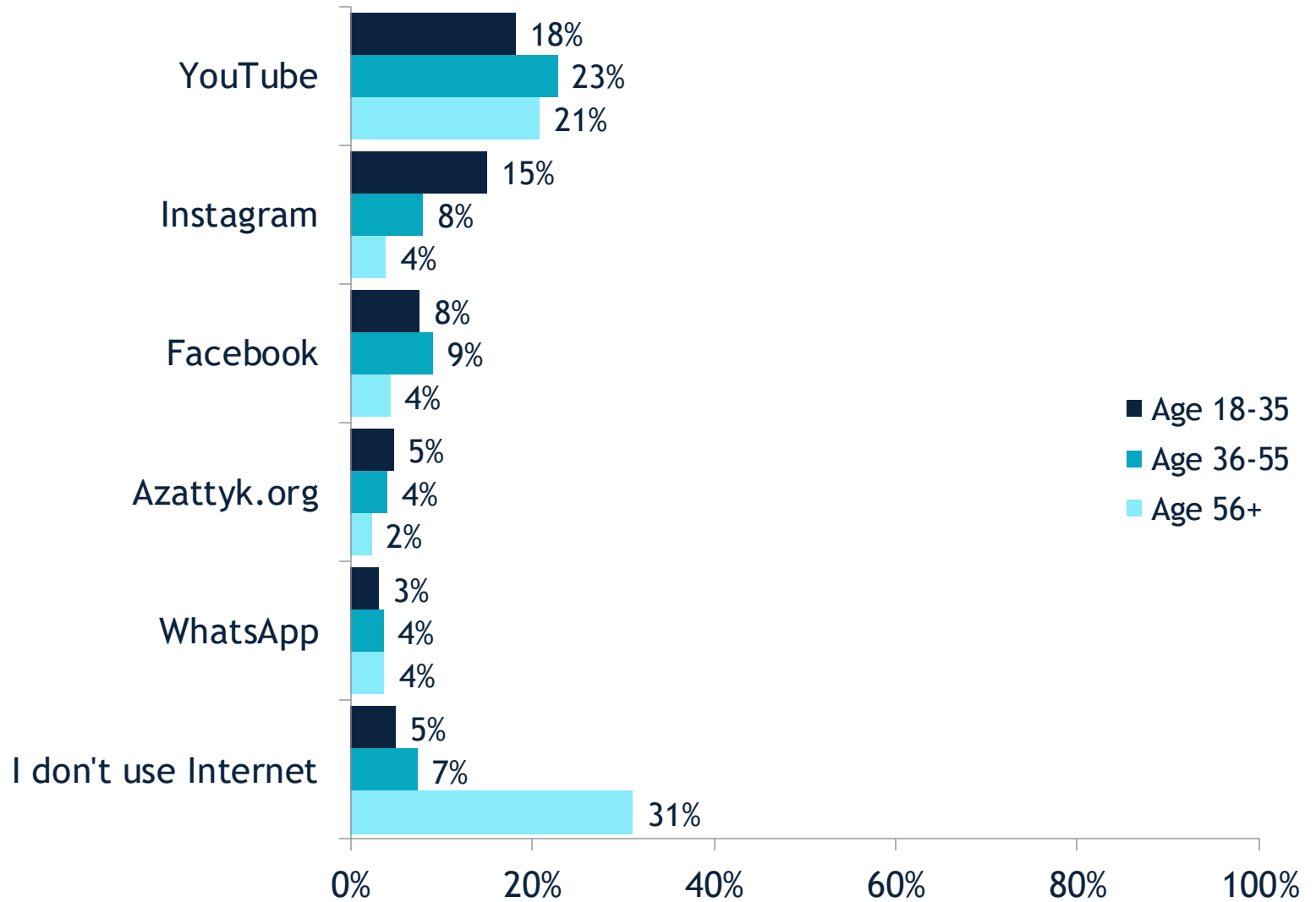
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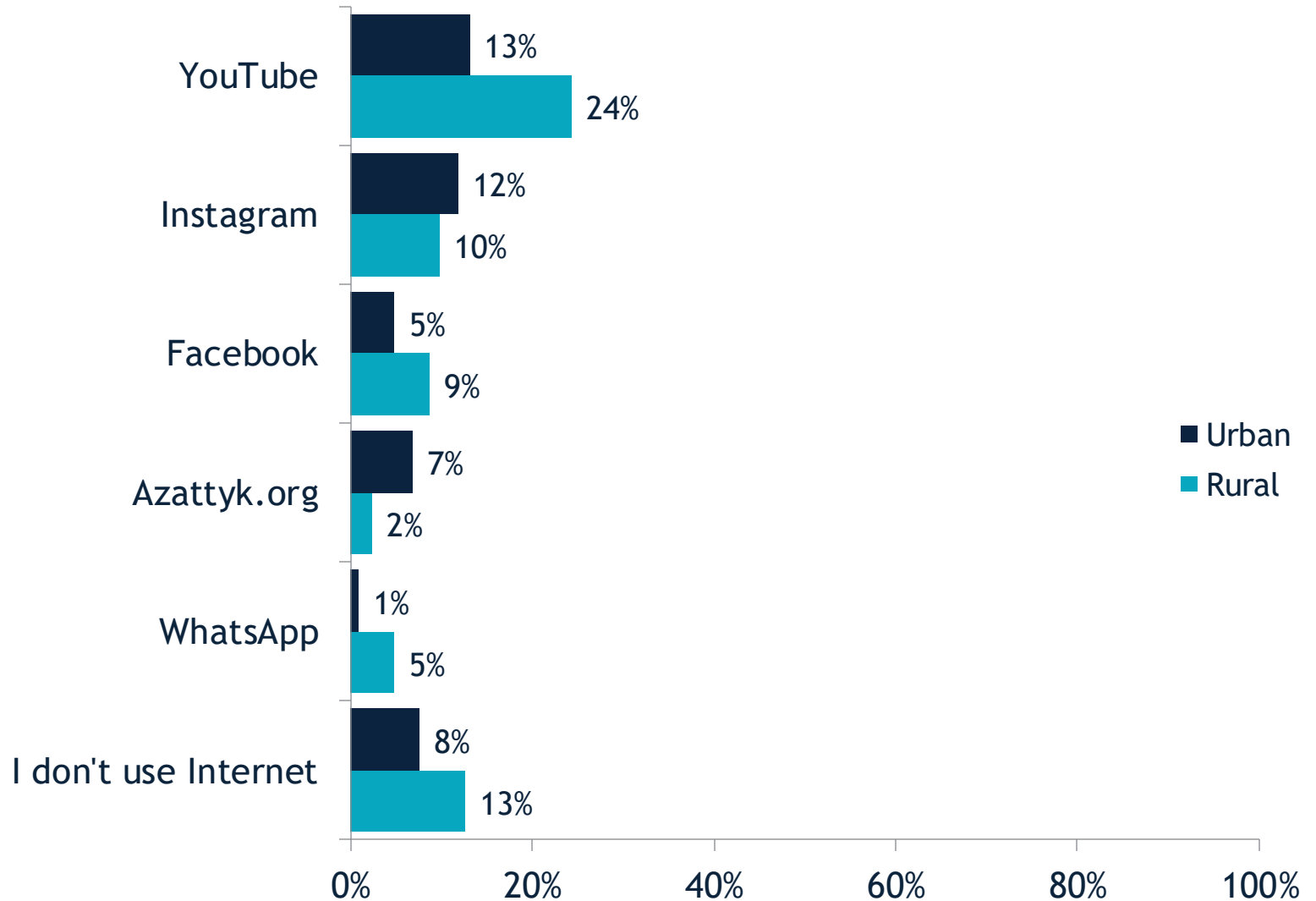
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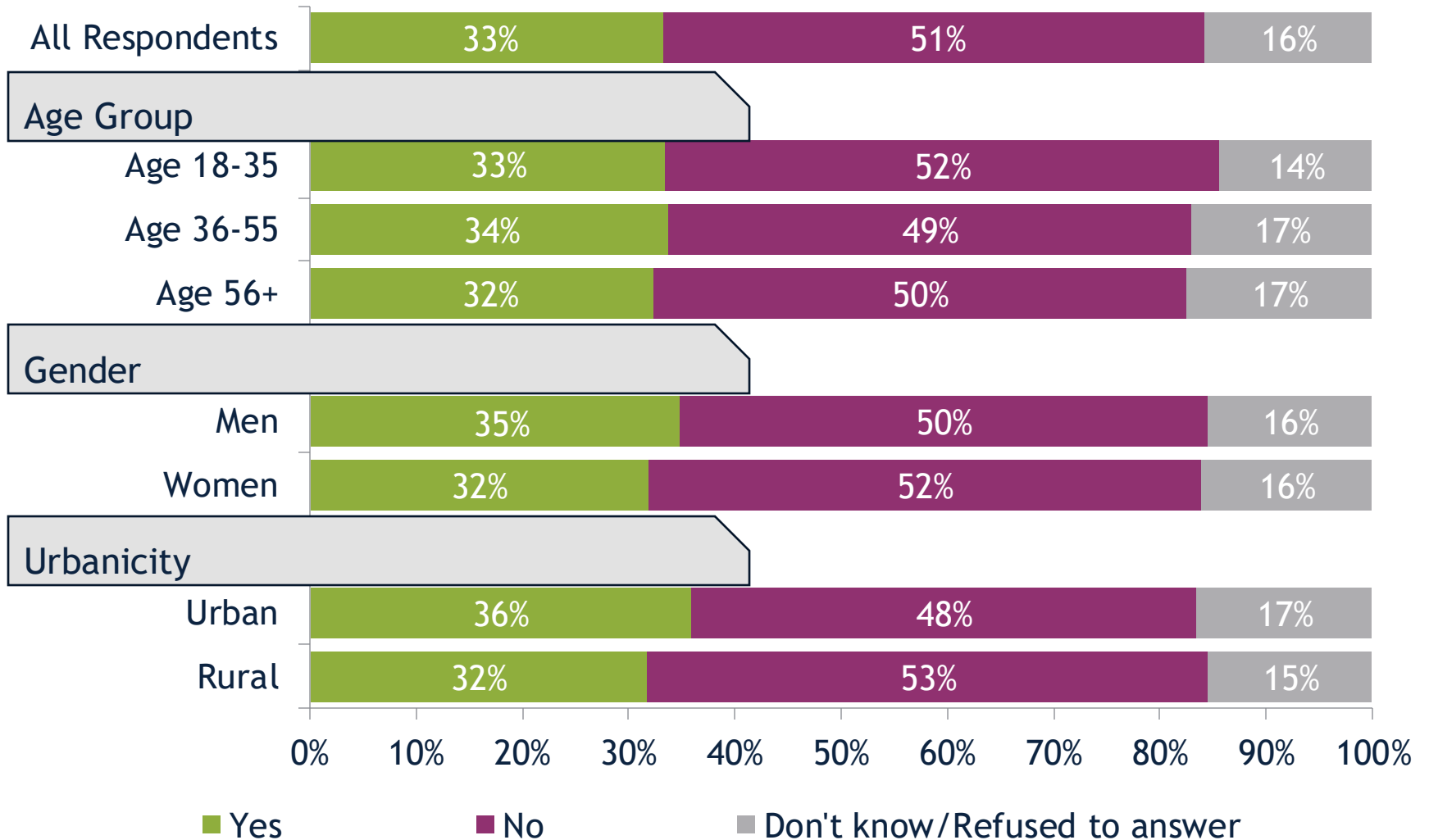


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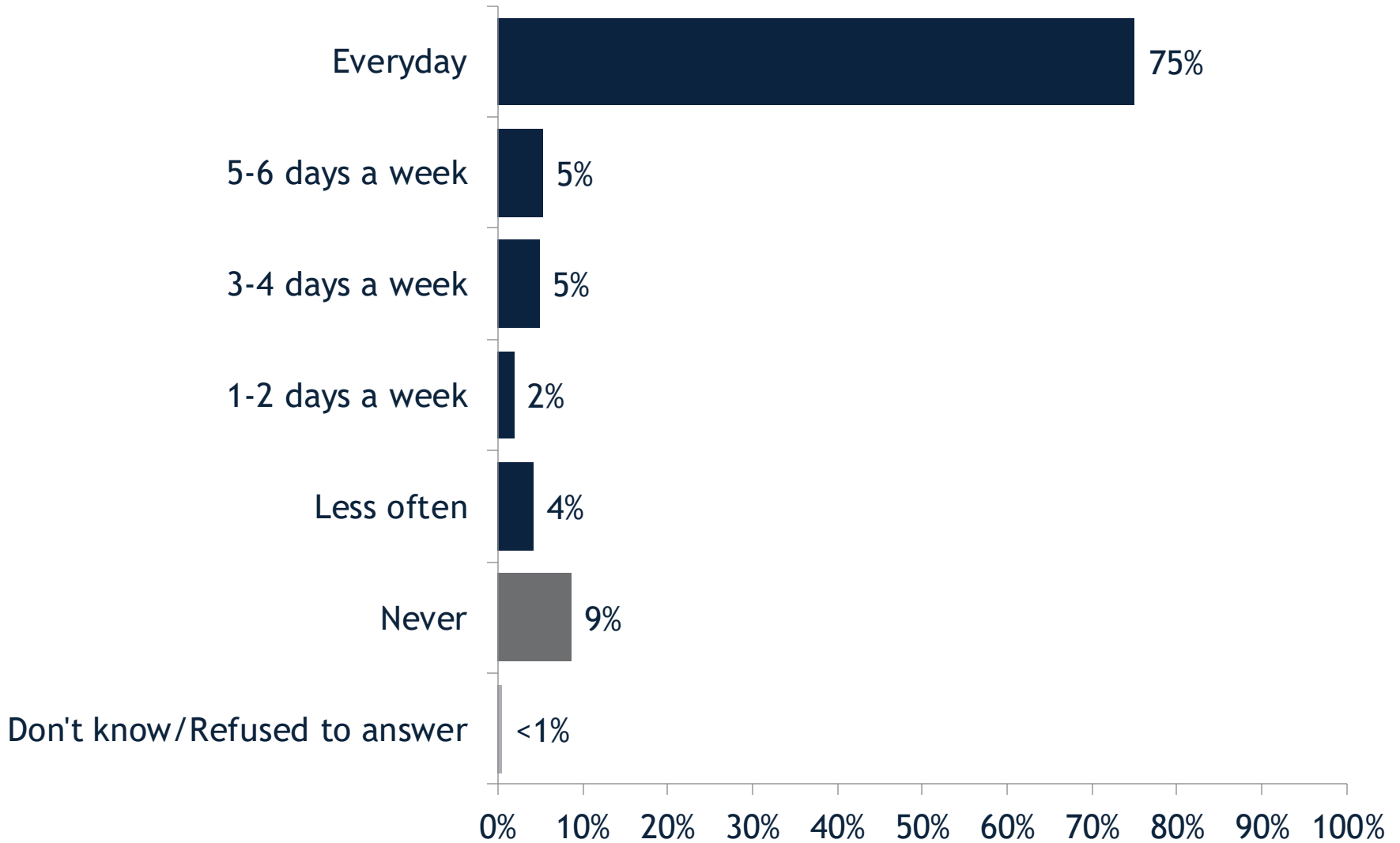


Would you vote for a candidate or party that did not post billboards and campaign materials across the city?



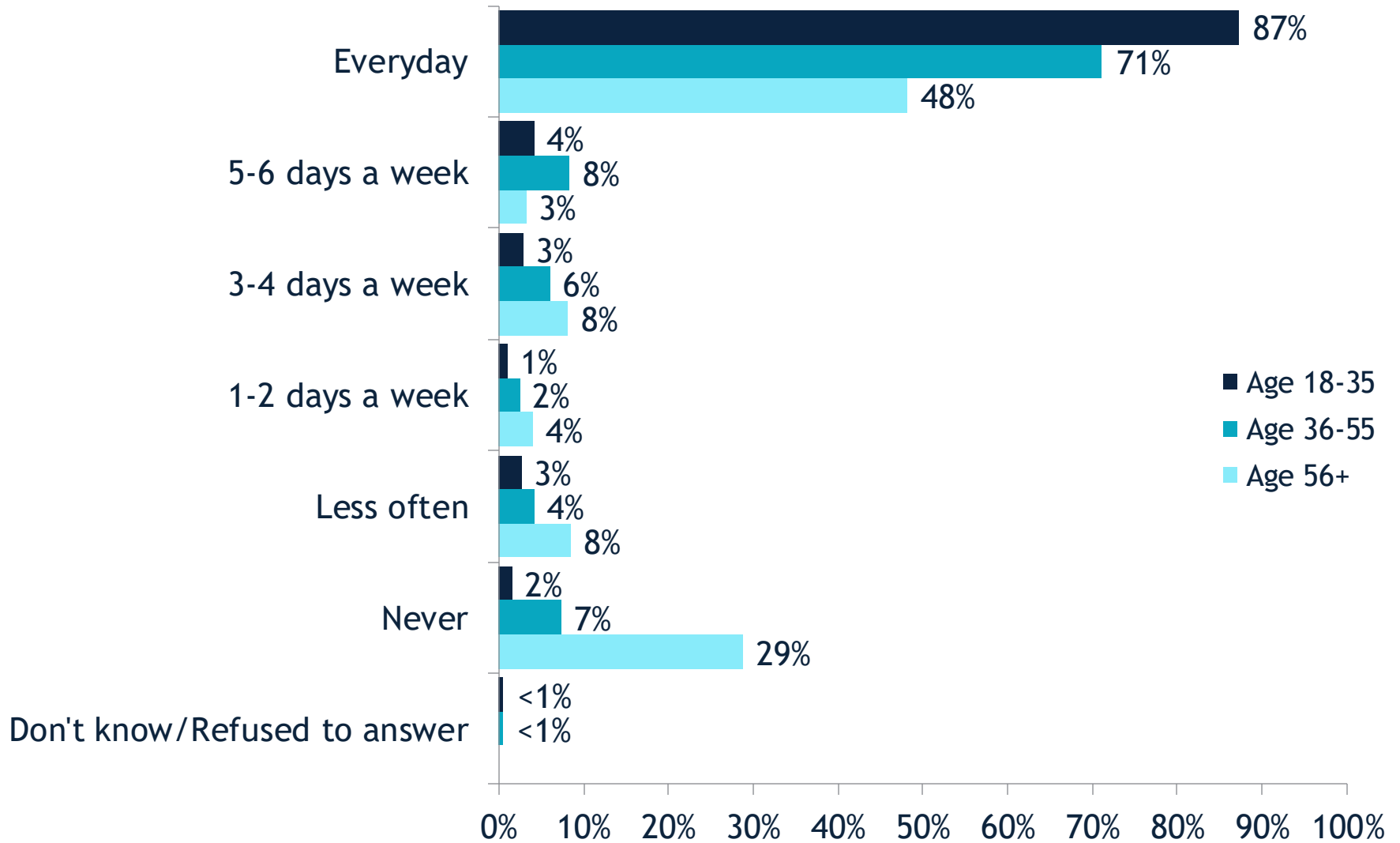


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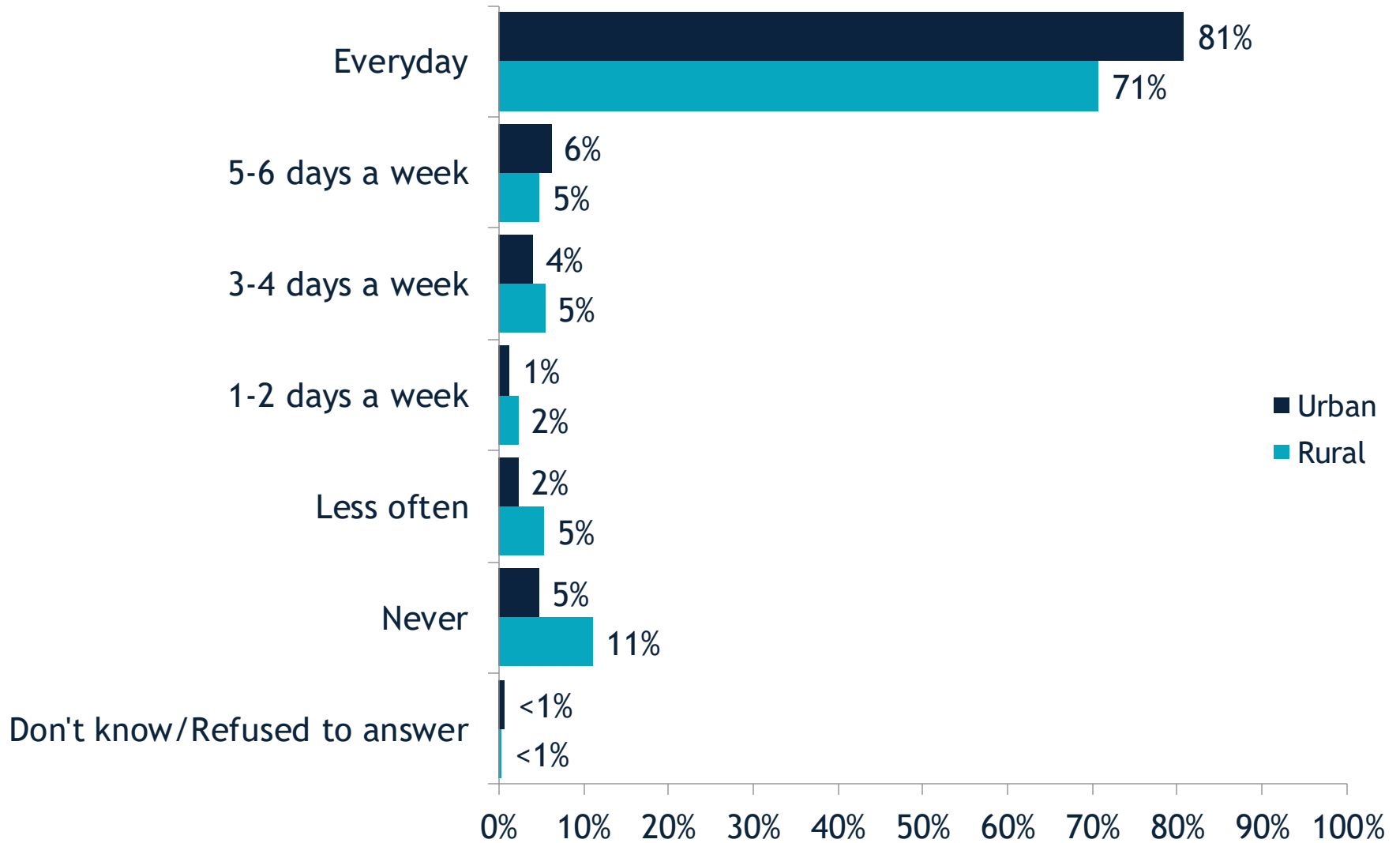


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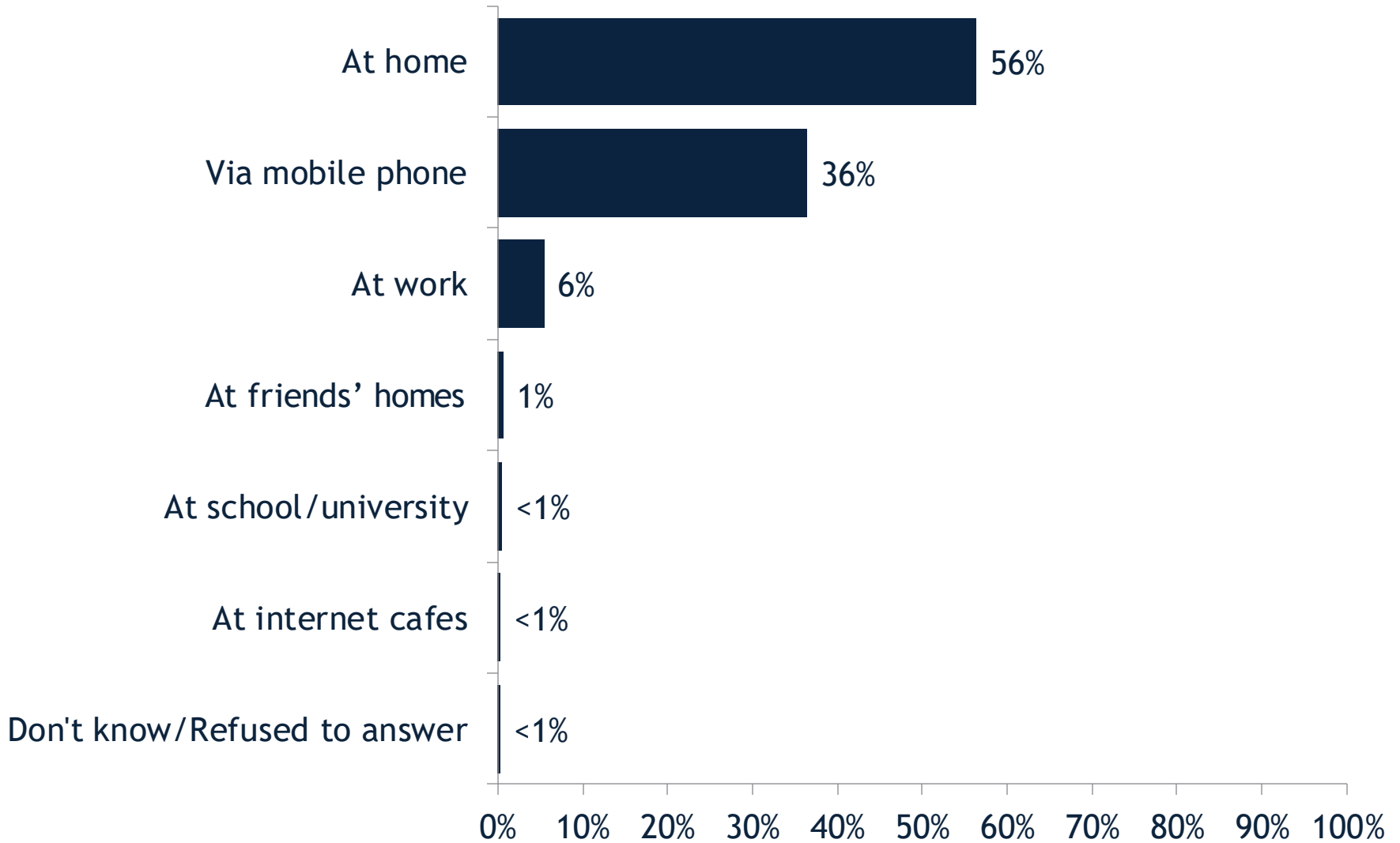
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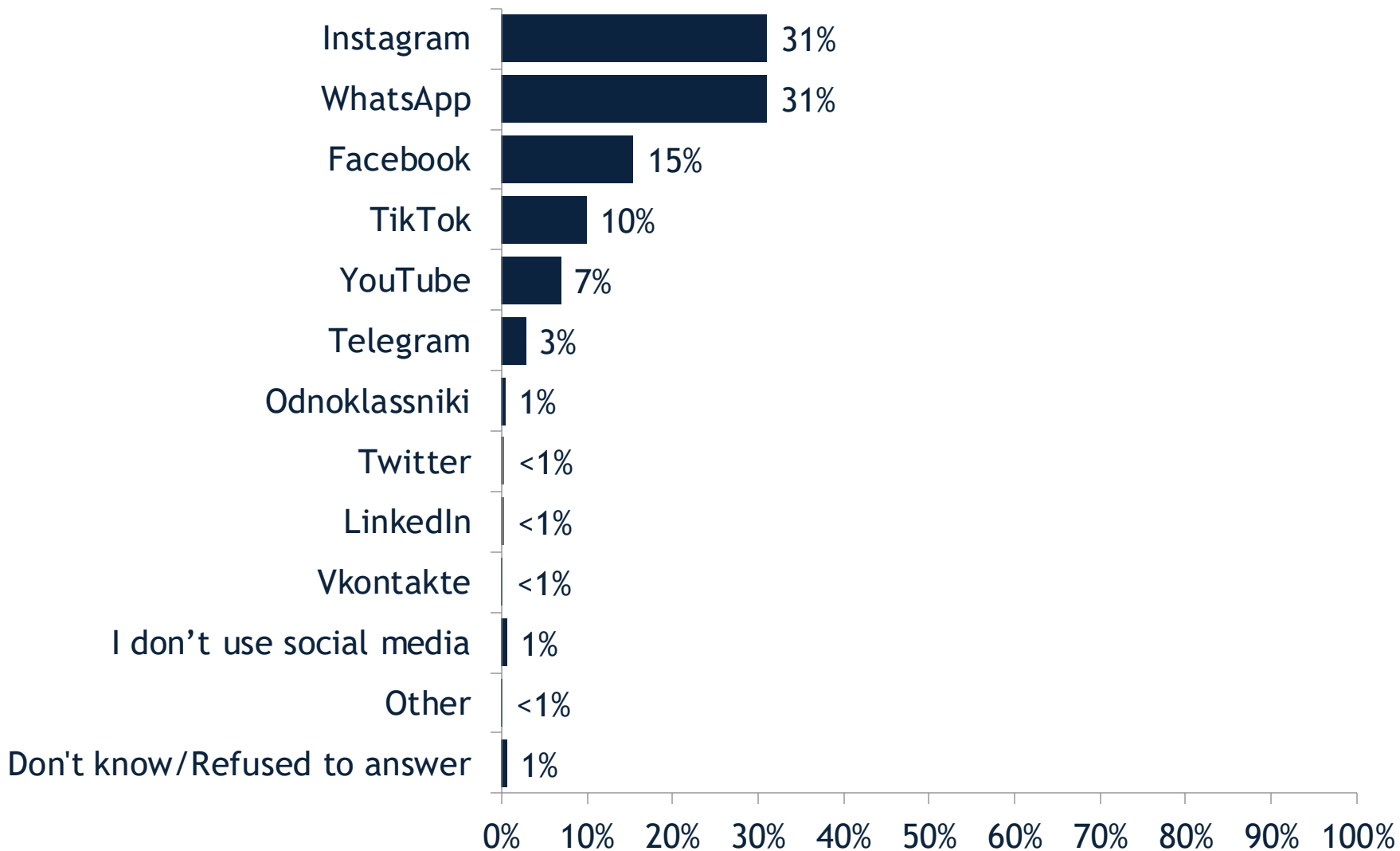
Where do you most often access the internet?

(Among those who declared using the internet, n=1,356)



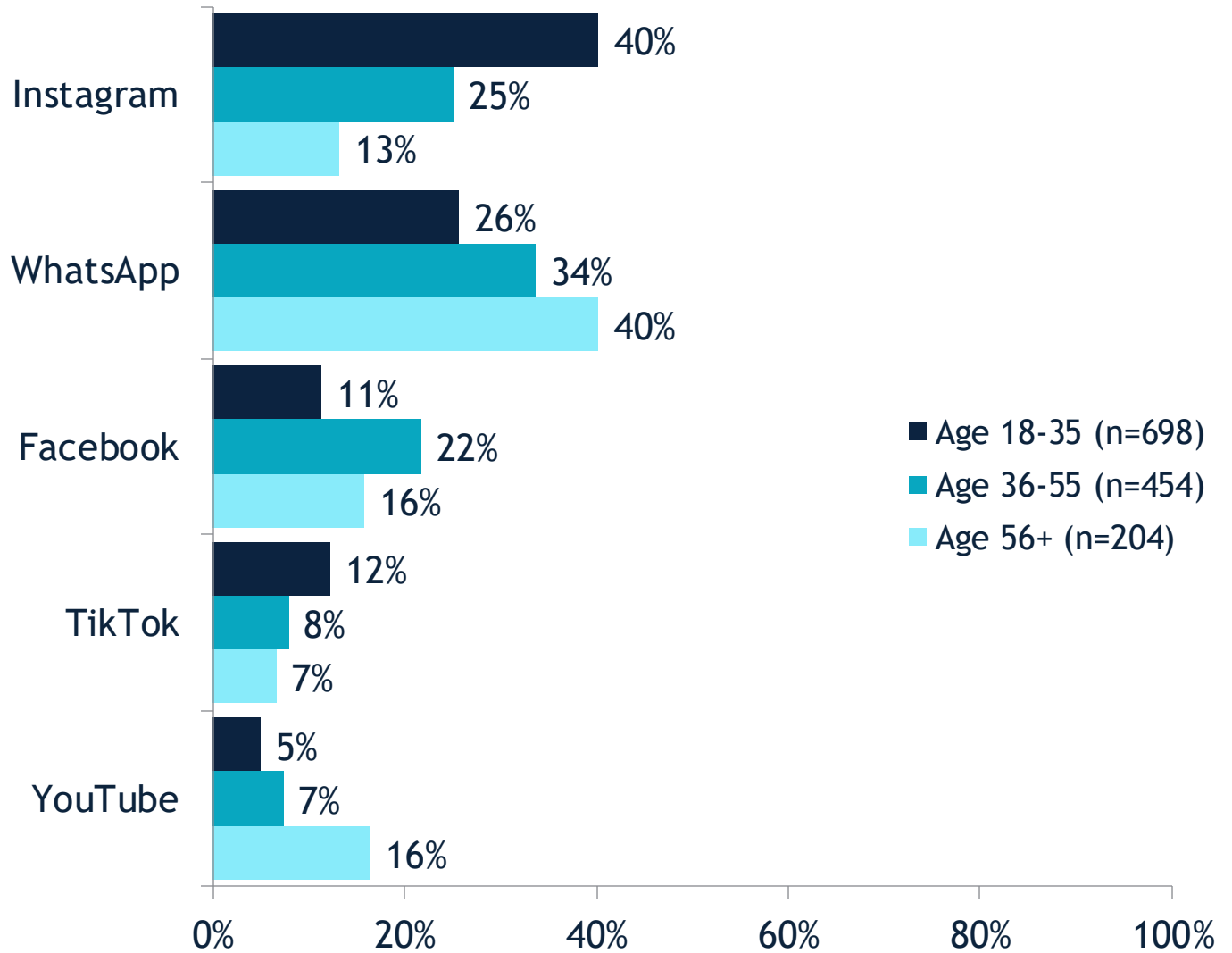
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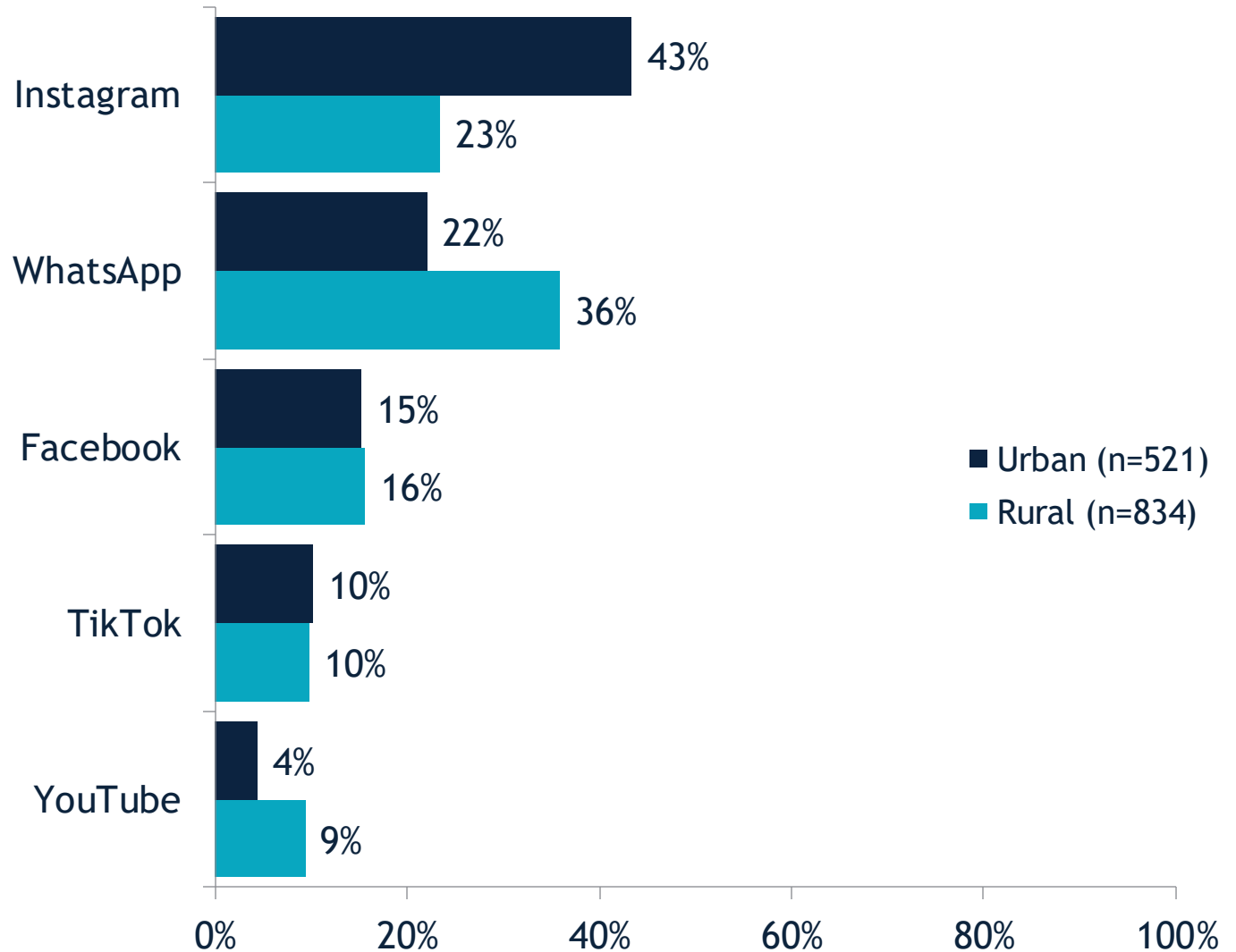
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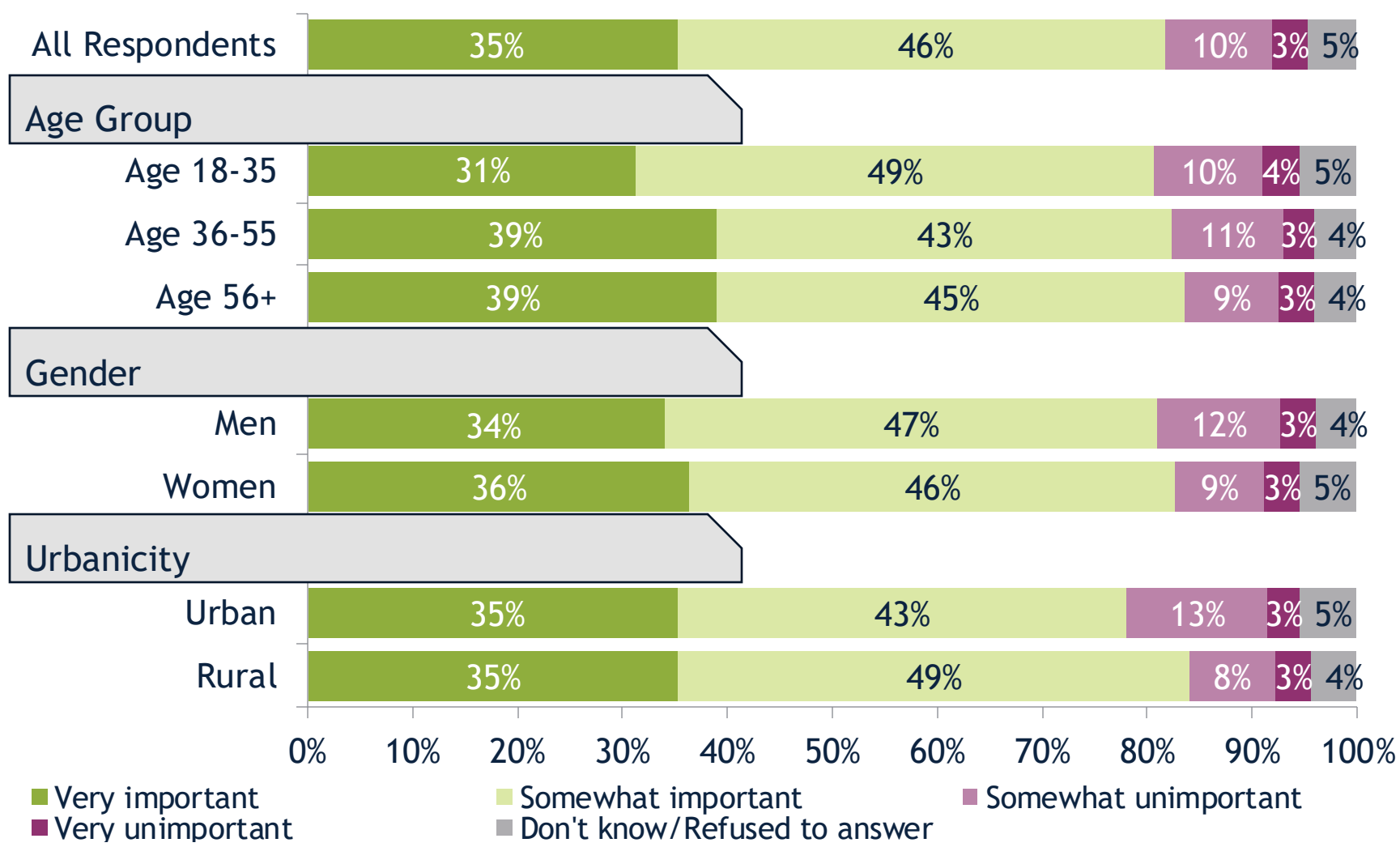
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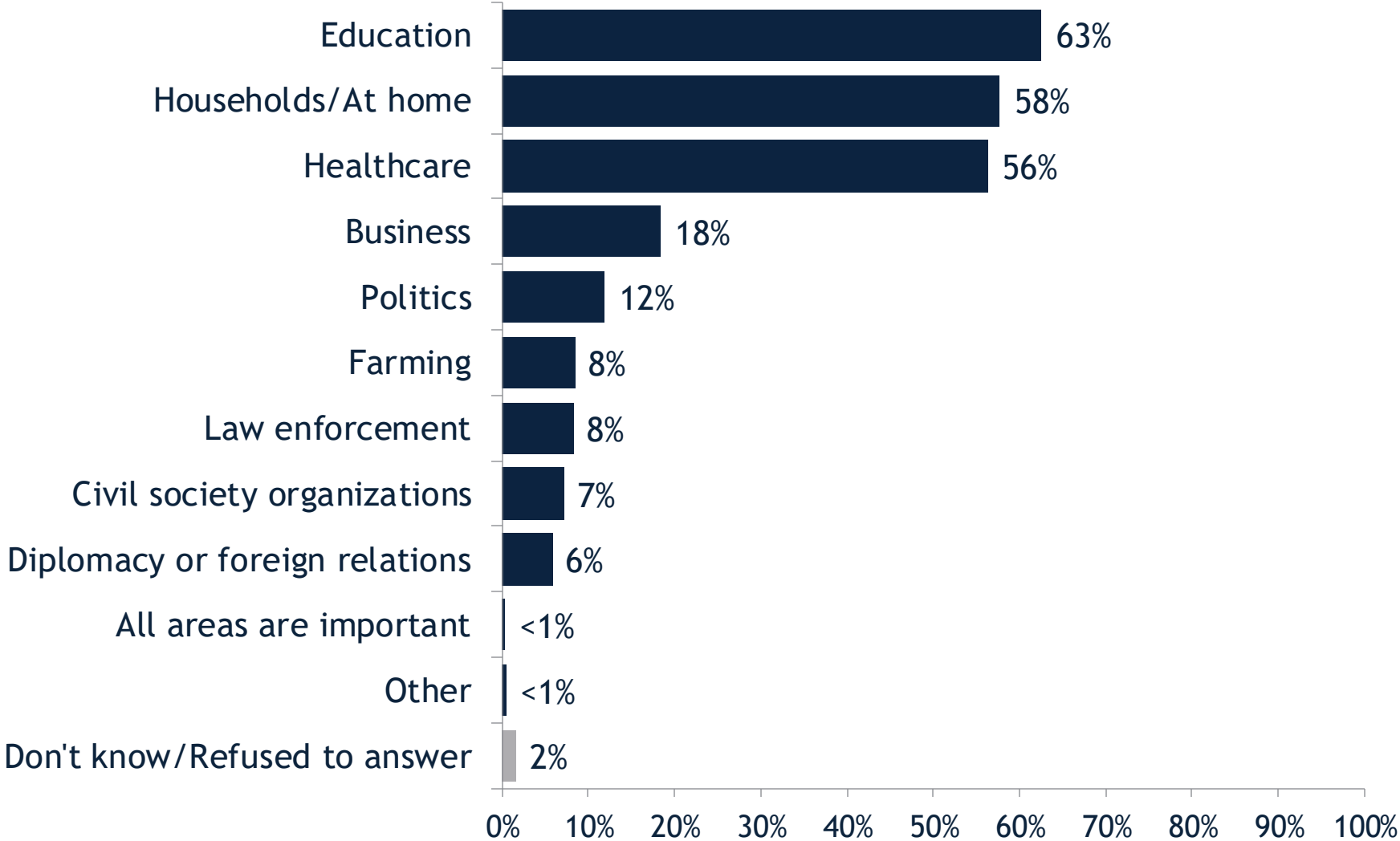
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?





Which sectors of society do you feel are most important for women to play an expanded role?

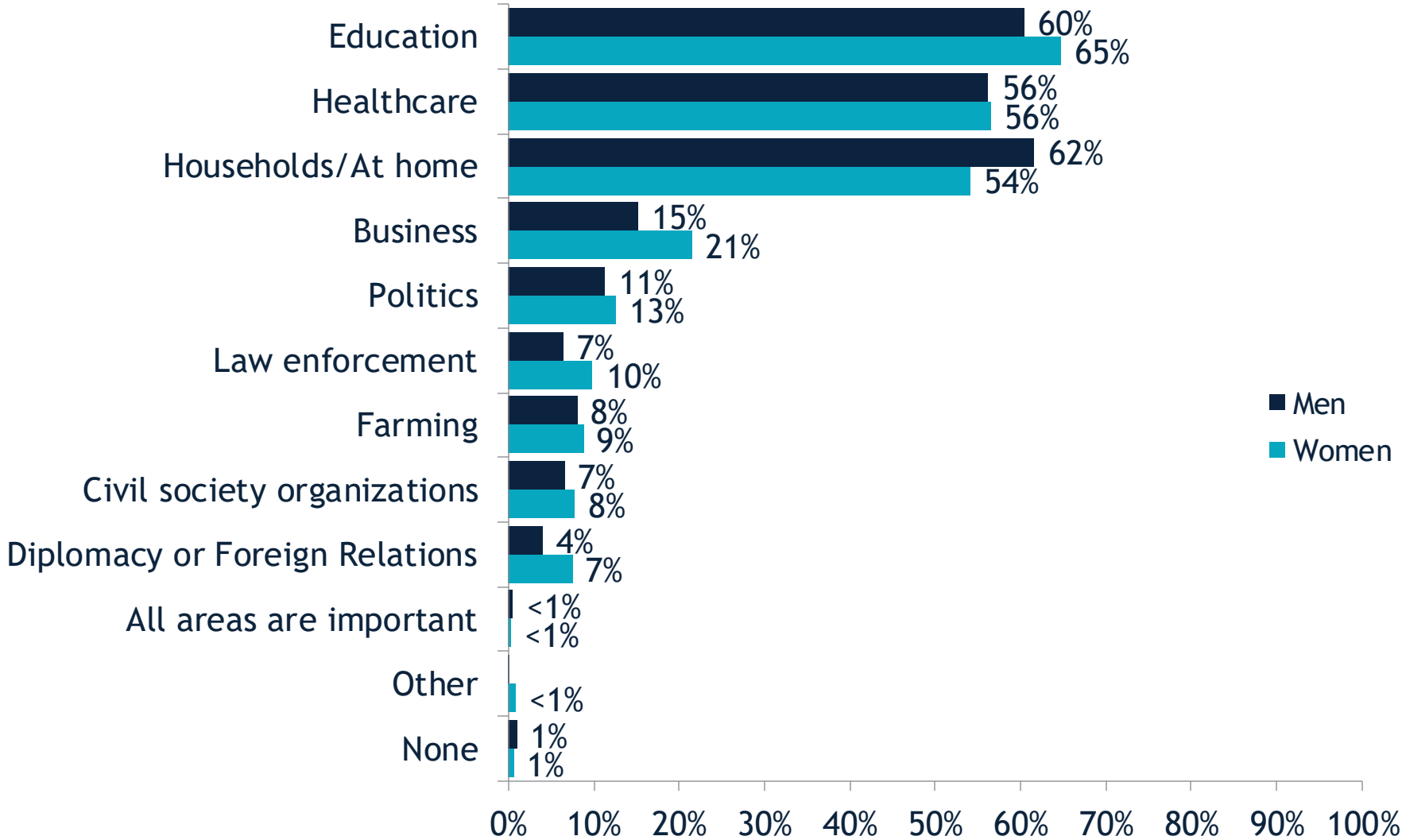
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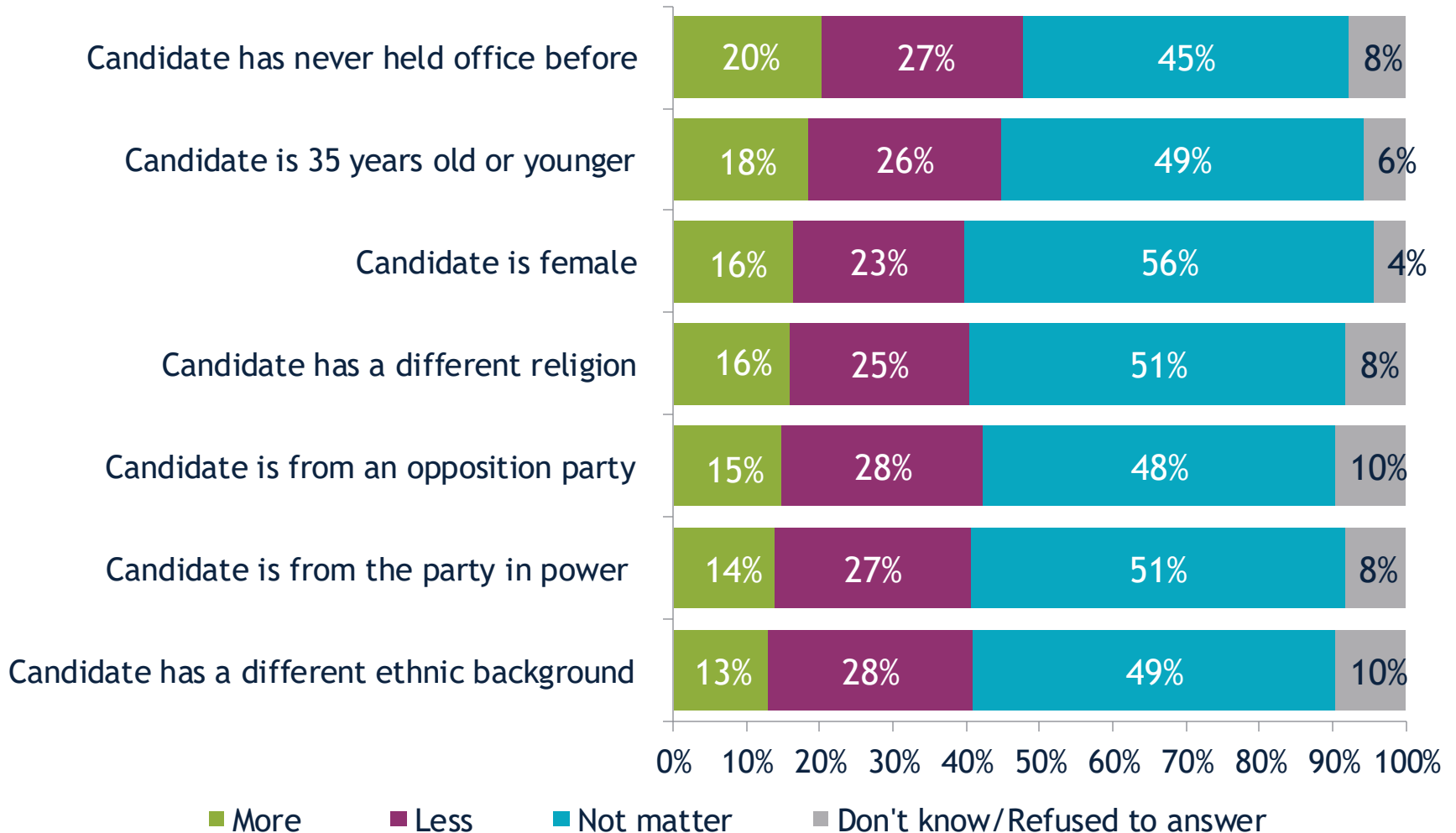


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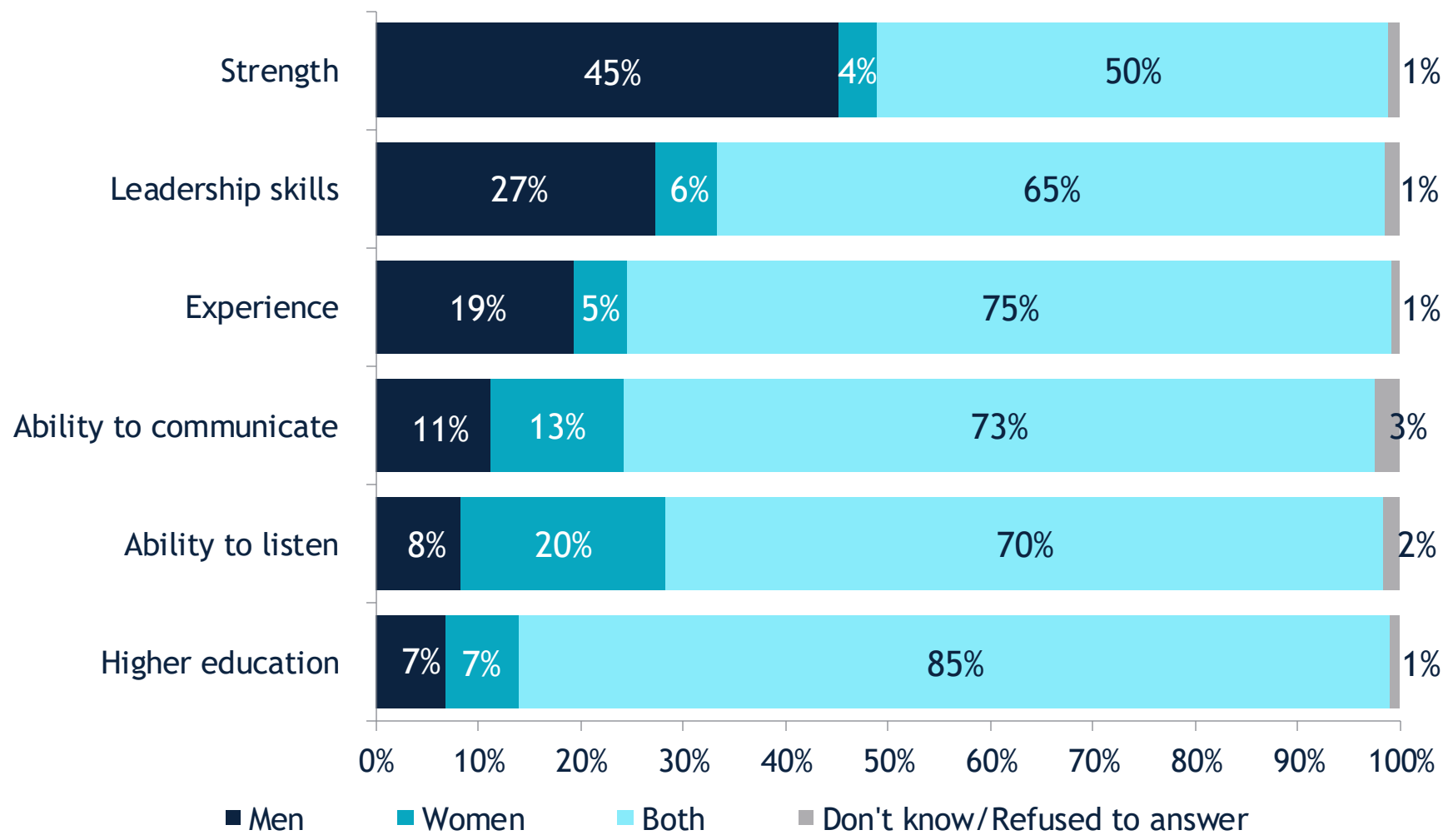
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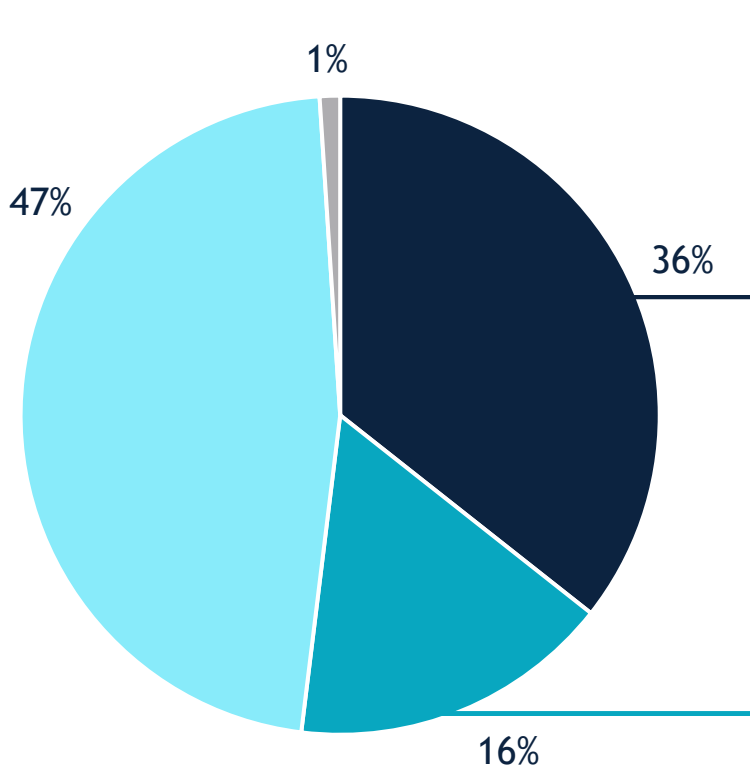
I will read you a list of several attributes a candidate running for office may have. For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter.



I will read you a list of several qualities voters commonly seek in politicians. For each quality, please tell me it is more likely for men to have it, for women to have it, or if both genders are equally likely to have it.

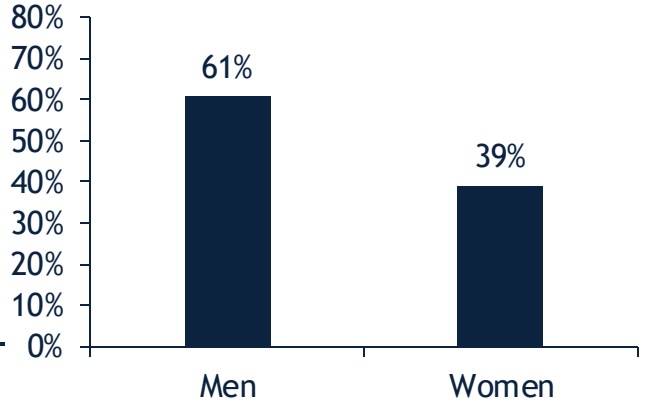


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?

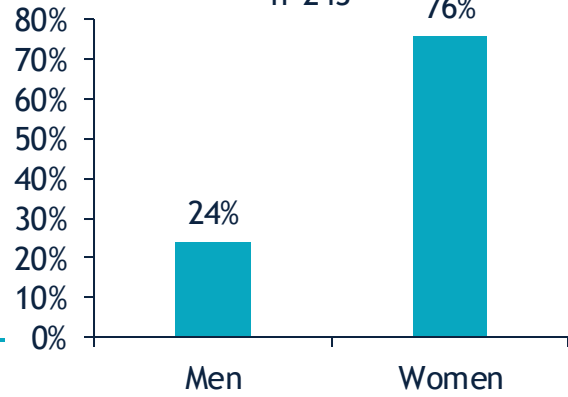


- Man
- Woman
- Makes no difference to me
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Gender of those who are more likely to support a man, n=532

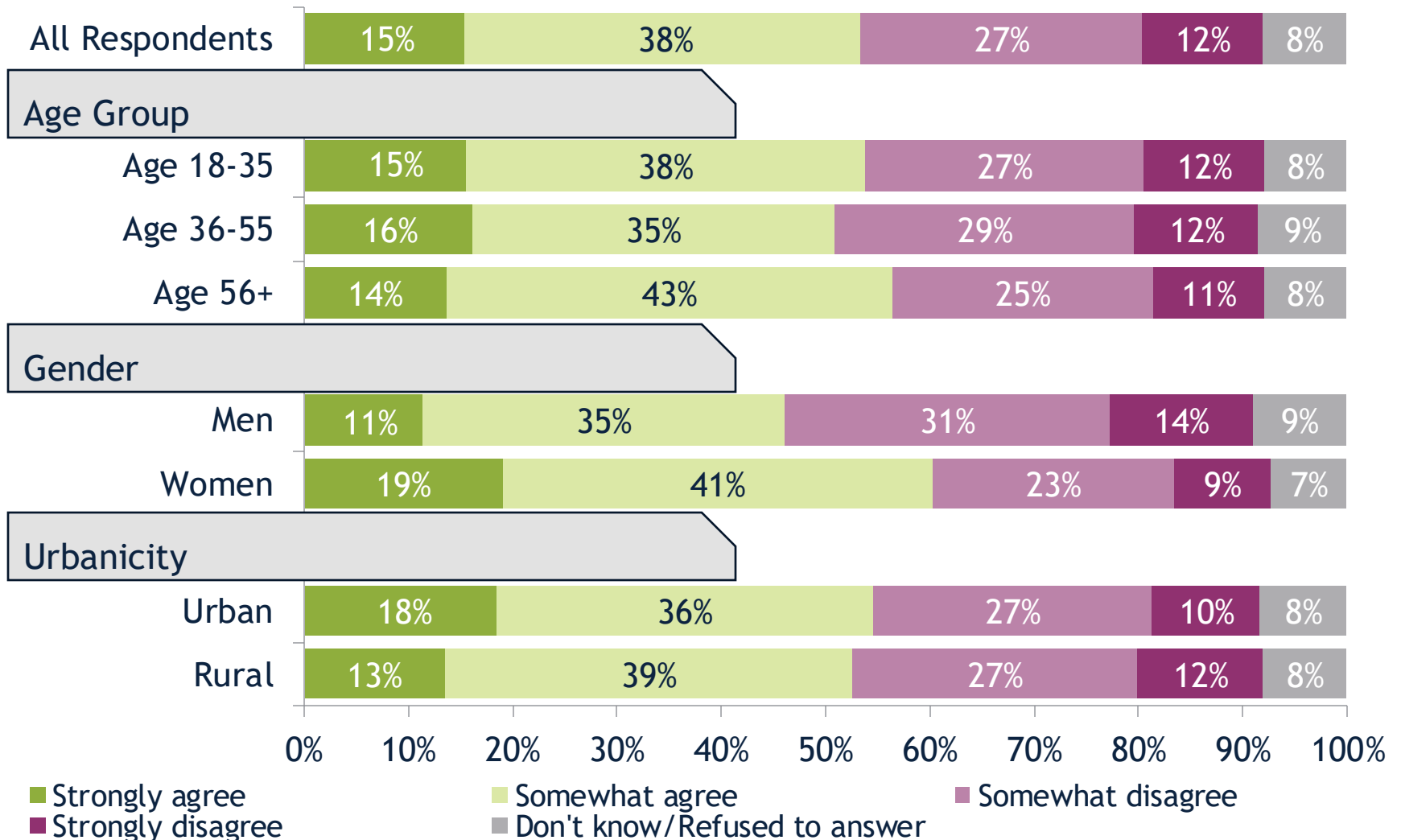


Gender of those who are more likely to support a woman, n=243



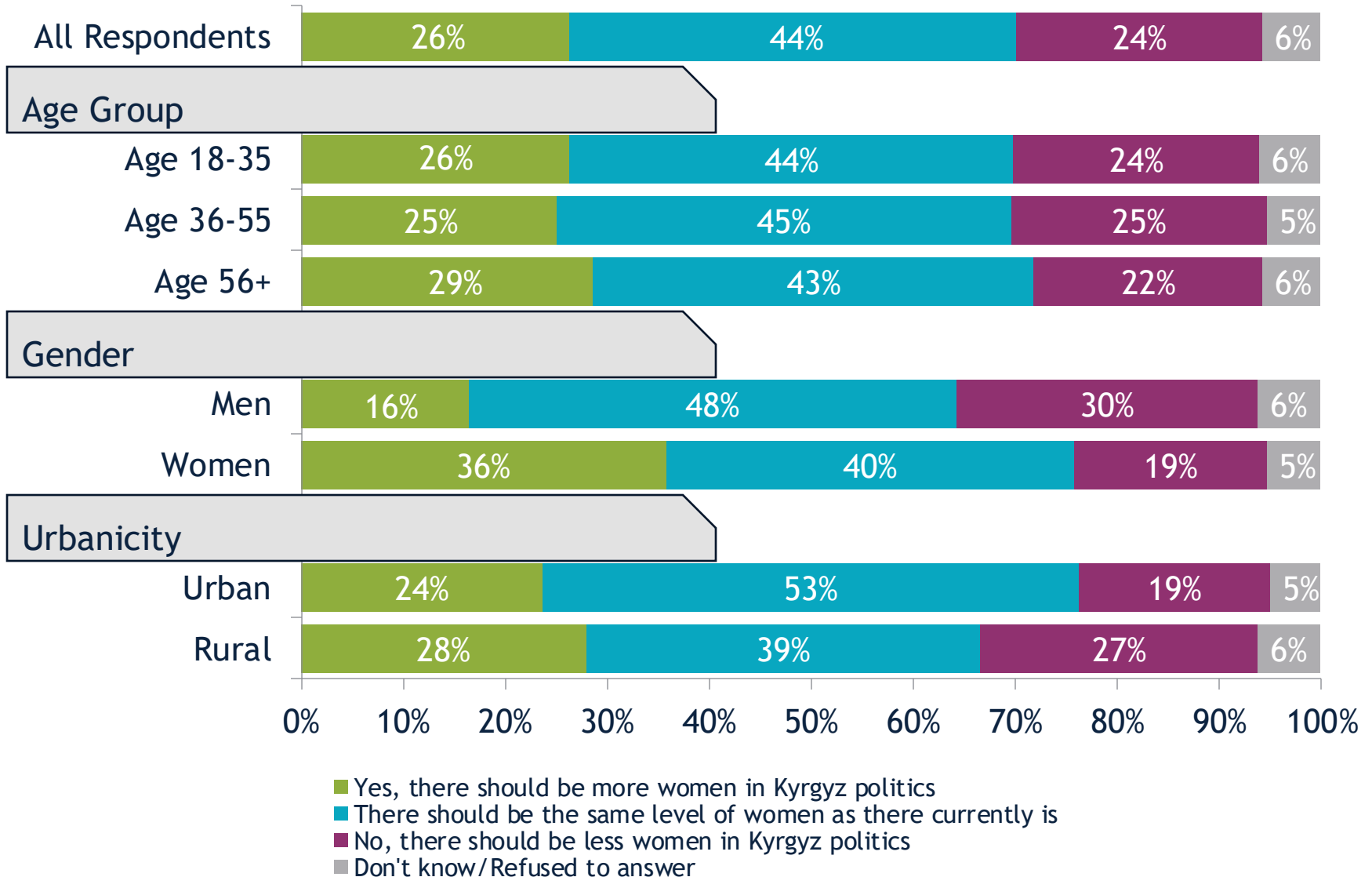
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Politicians and political parties do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.





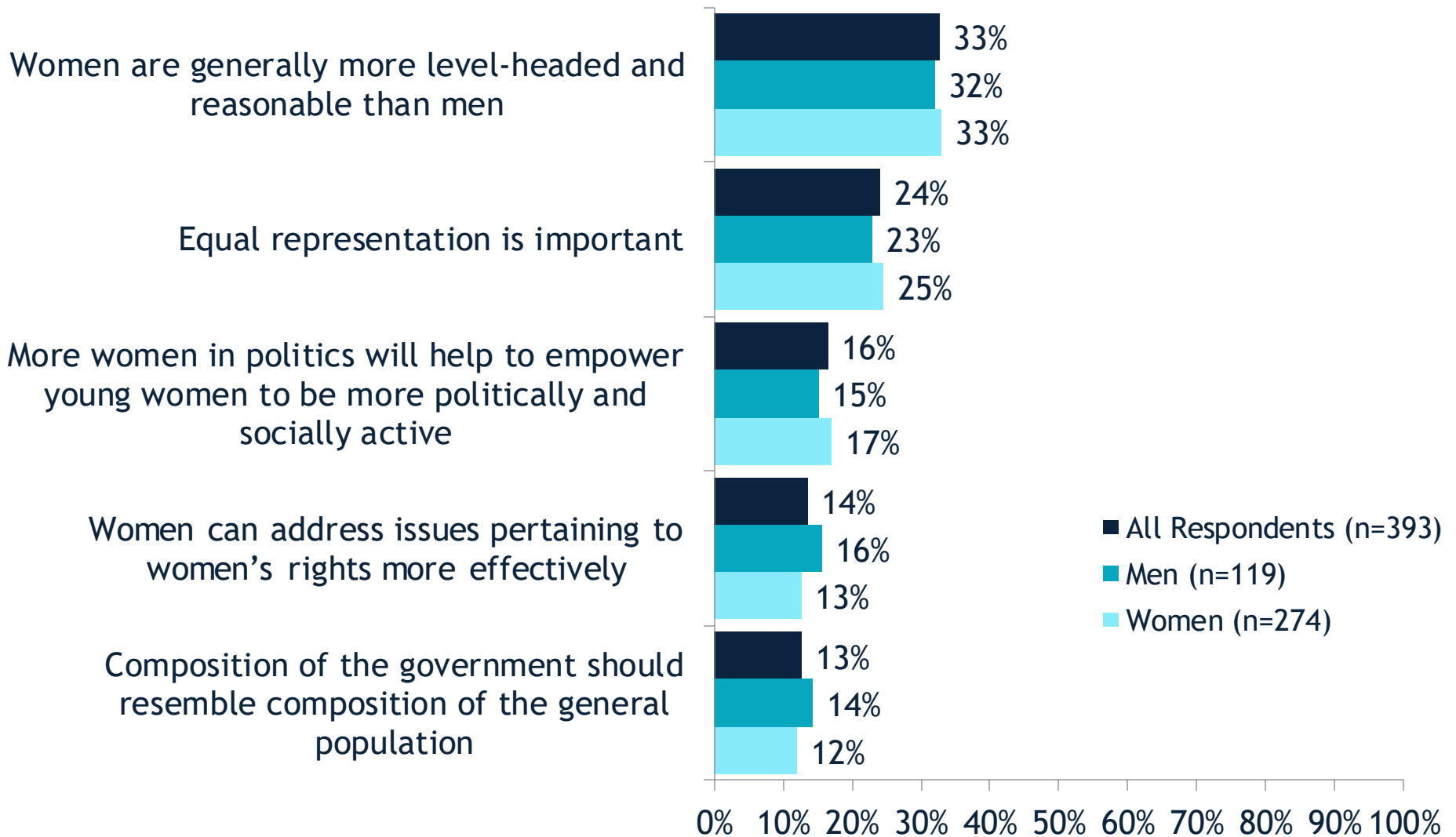
In your opinion, should there be more women in Kyrgyz politics?





Why do you believe there should be more women in Kyrgyz politics?

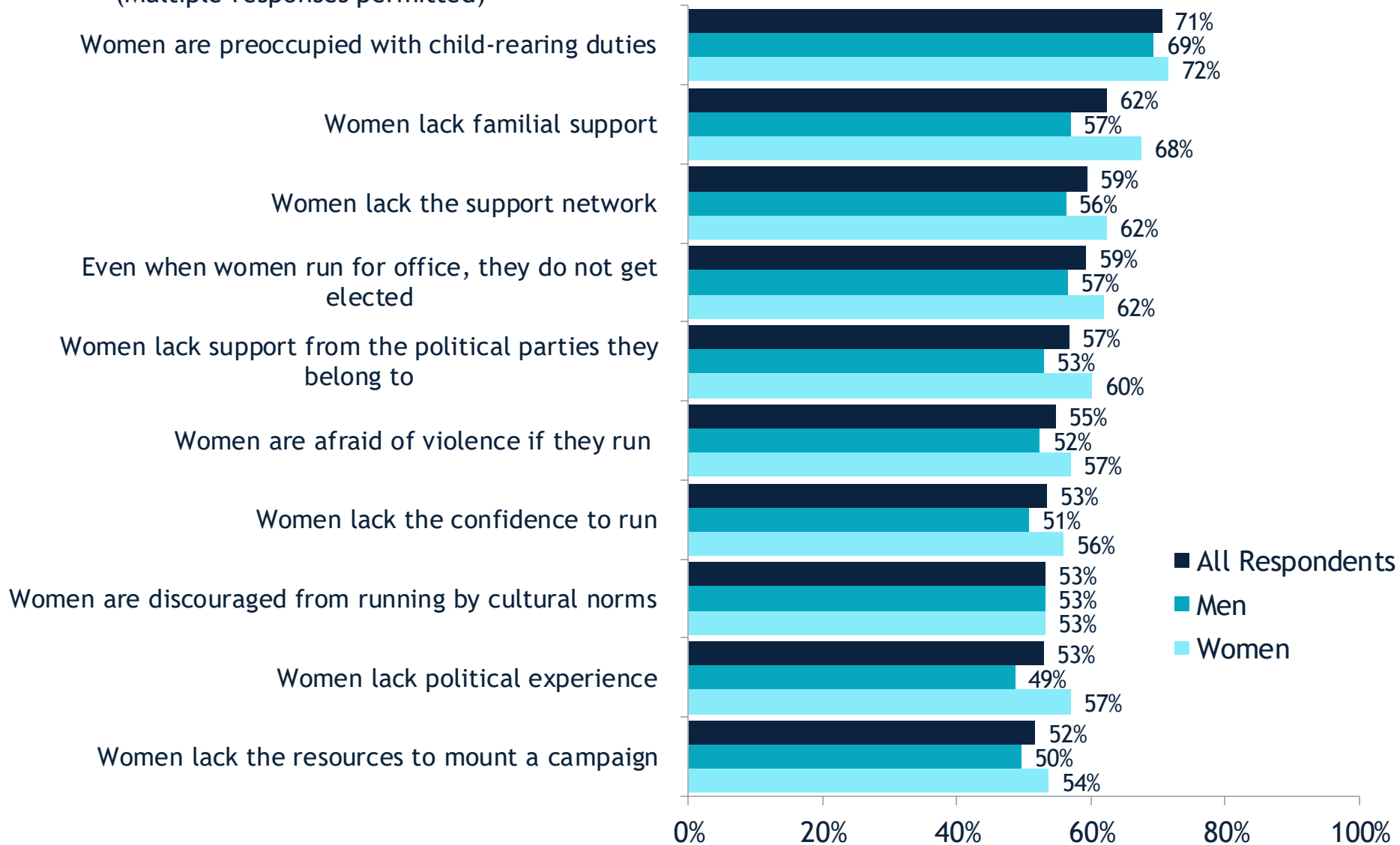
(Multiple responses permitted; among those who believe there should be more women in politics)



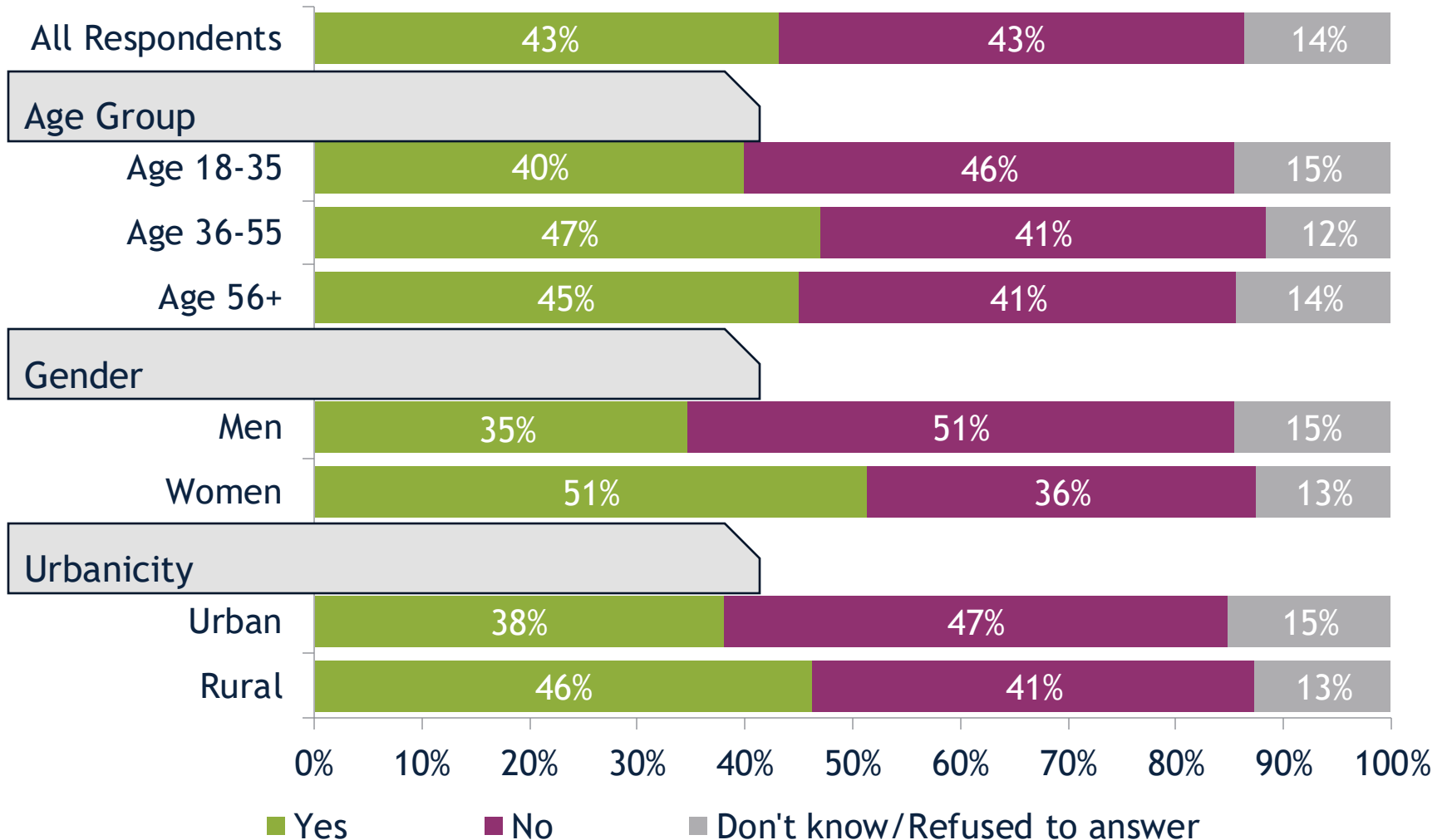


Why are there not more women politically engaged in our country?

(Multiple responses permitted)

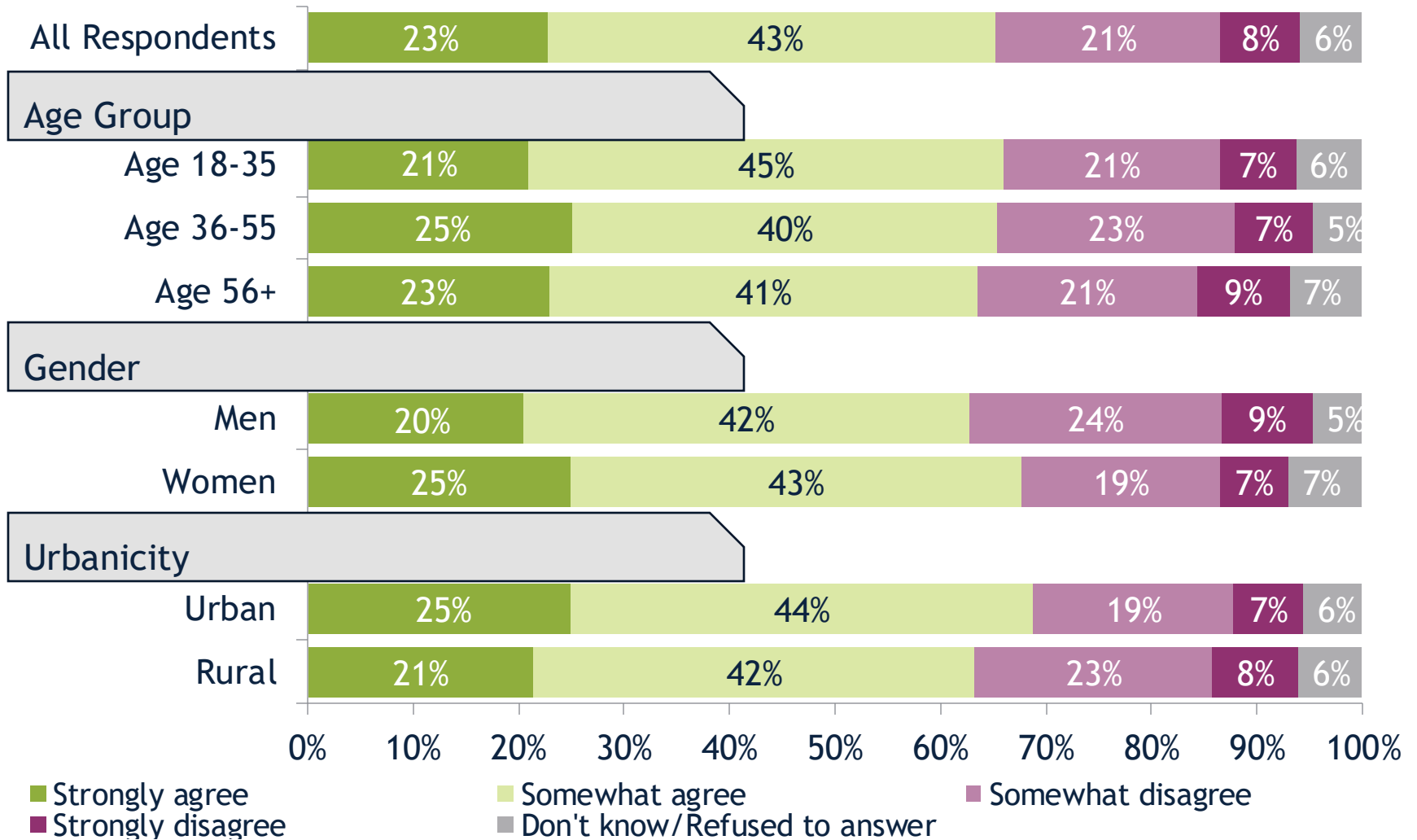


Do you believe Kyrgyzstan should have a gender quota to ensure that women and men are more equally represented?

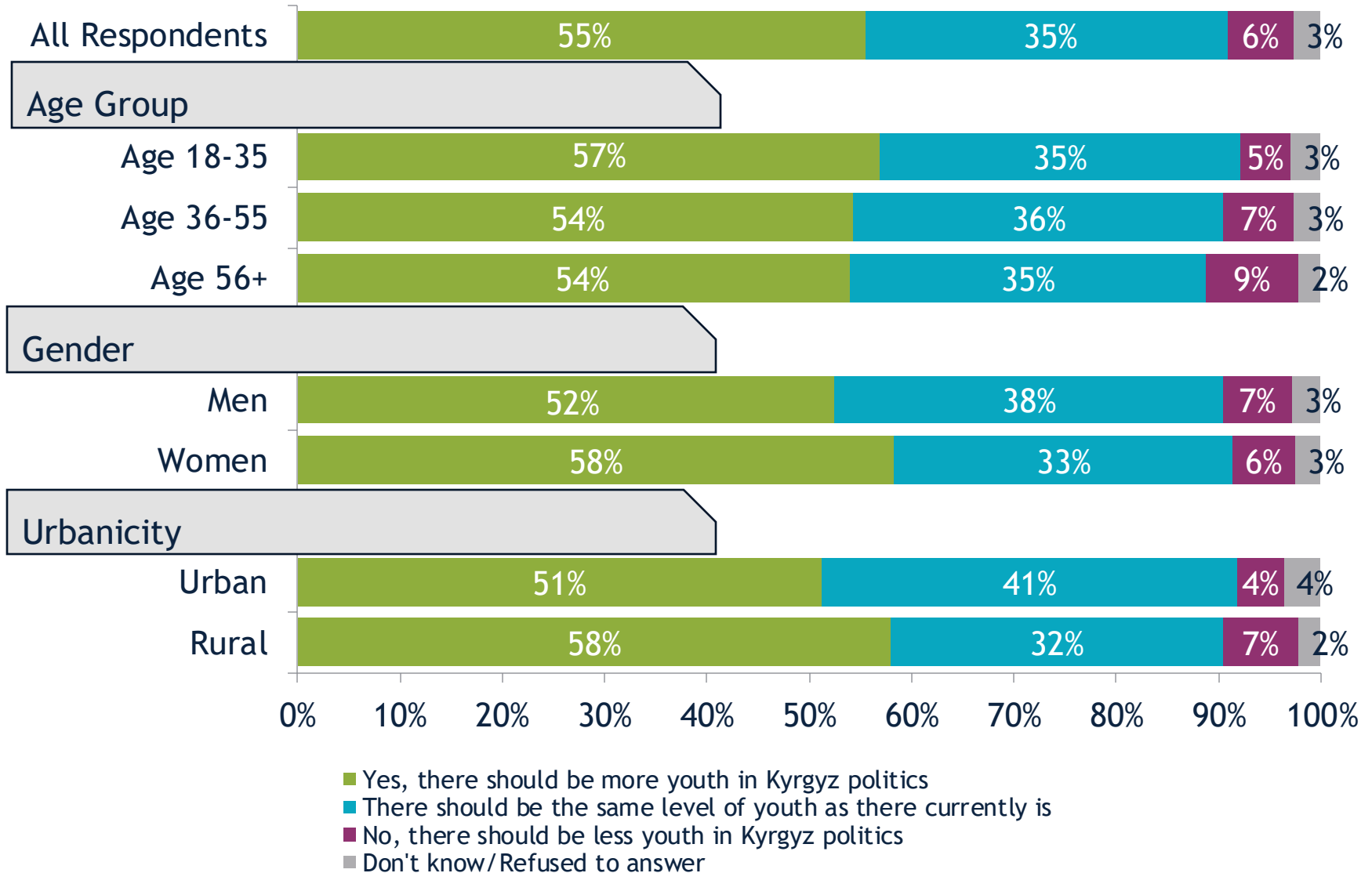


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Politicians and political parties do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.



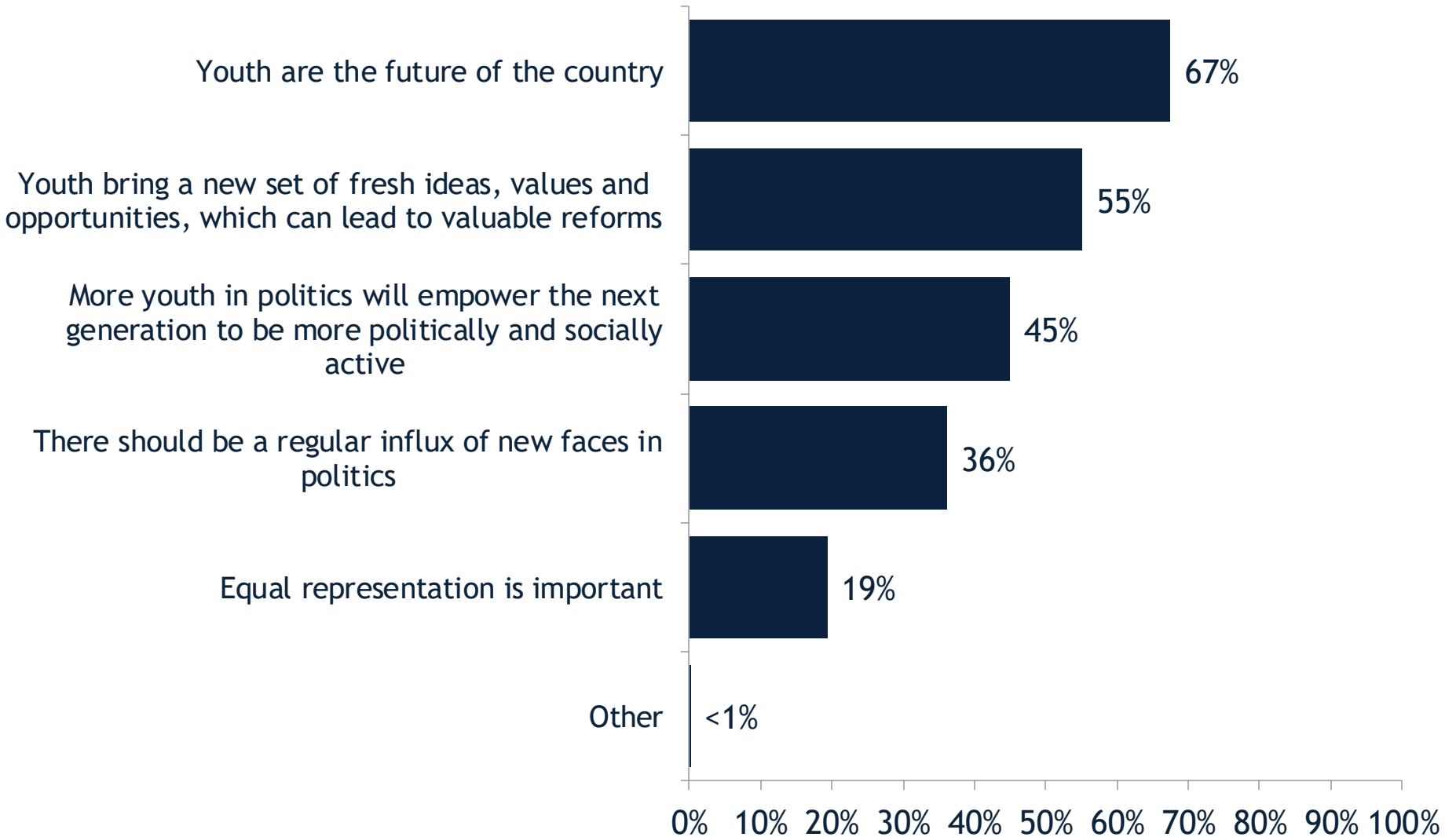
In your opinion, should there be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?





Why do you believe there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

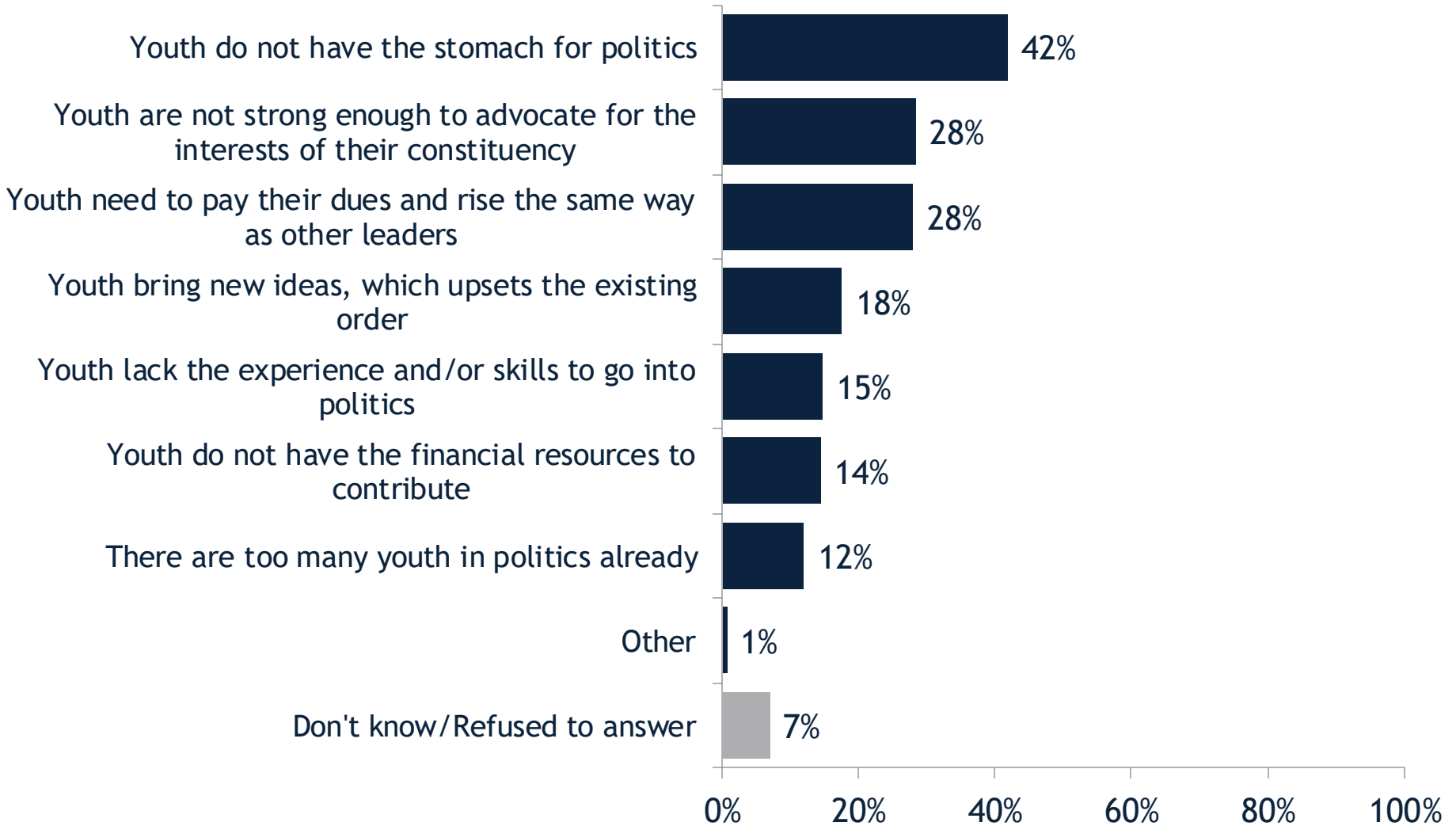
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Why should there not be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

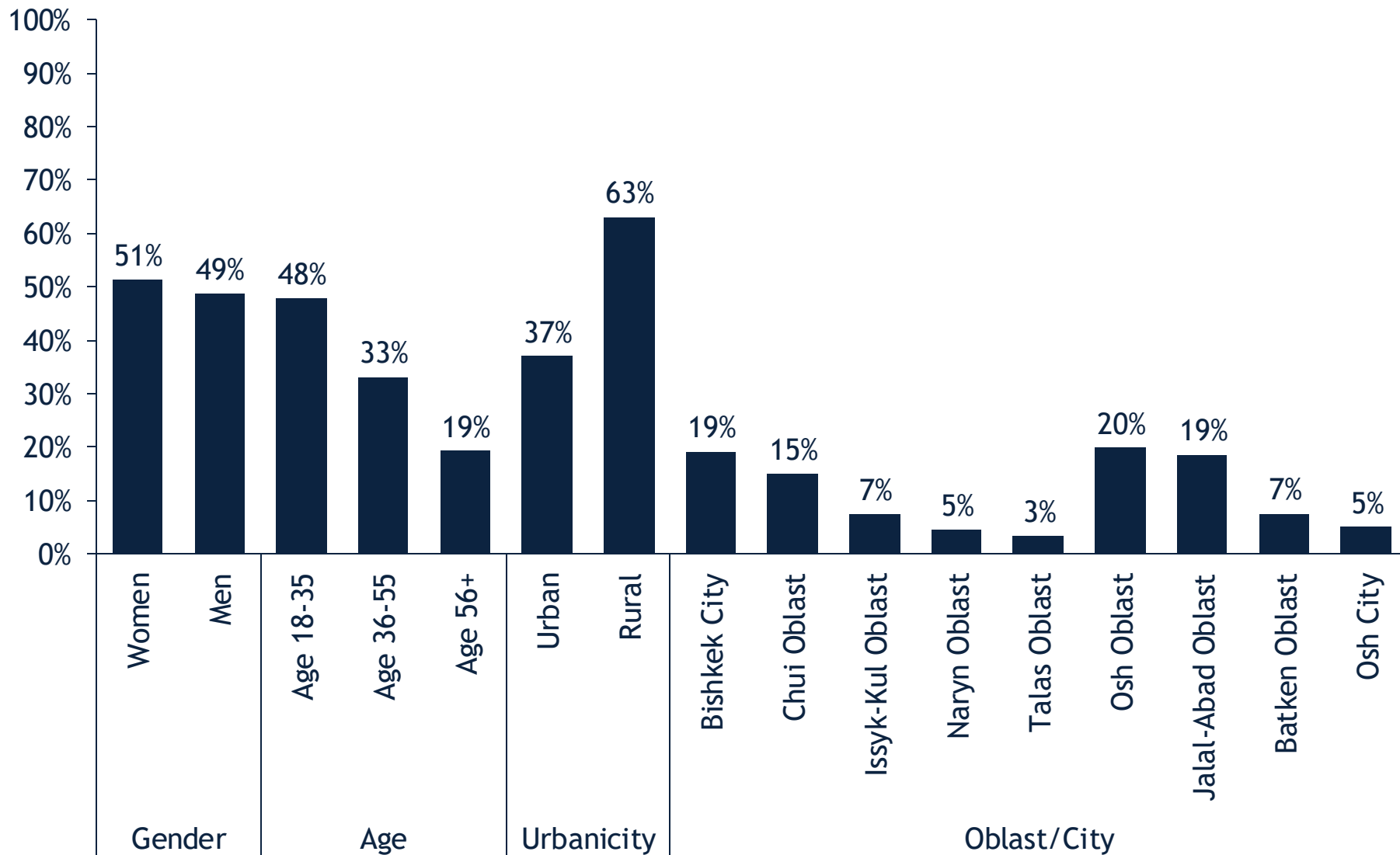
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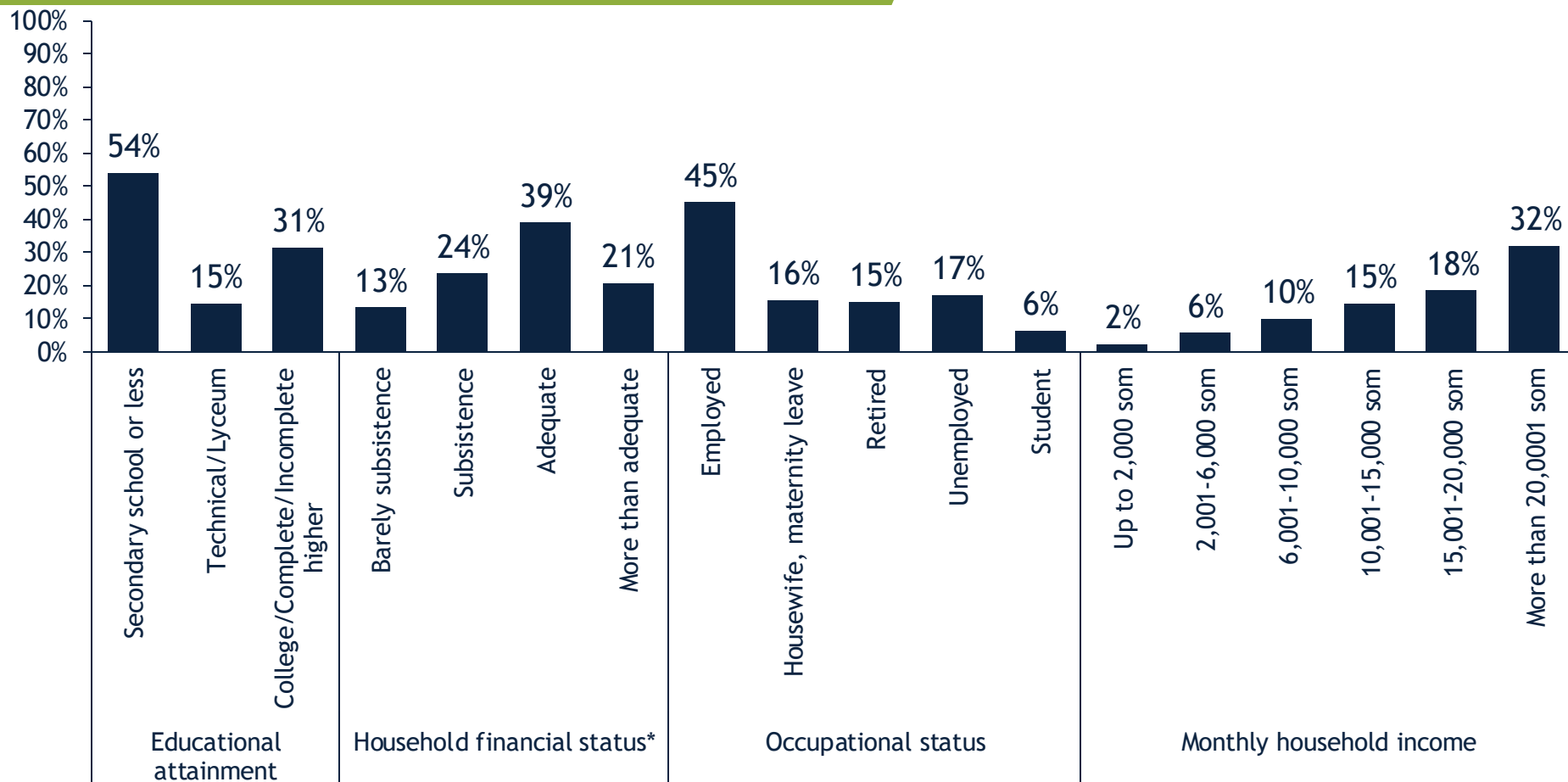
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***Household Financial Status** brackets are generated from the question “How would you assess the financial position of your family?”

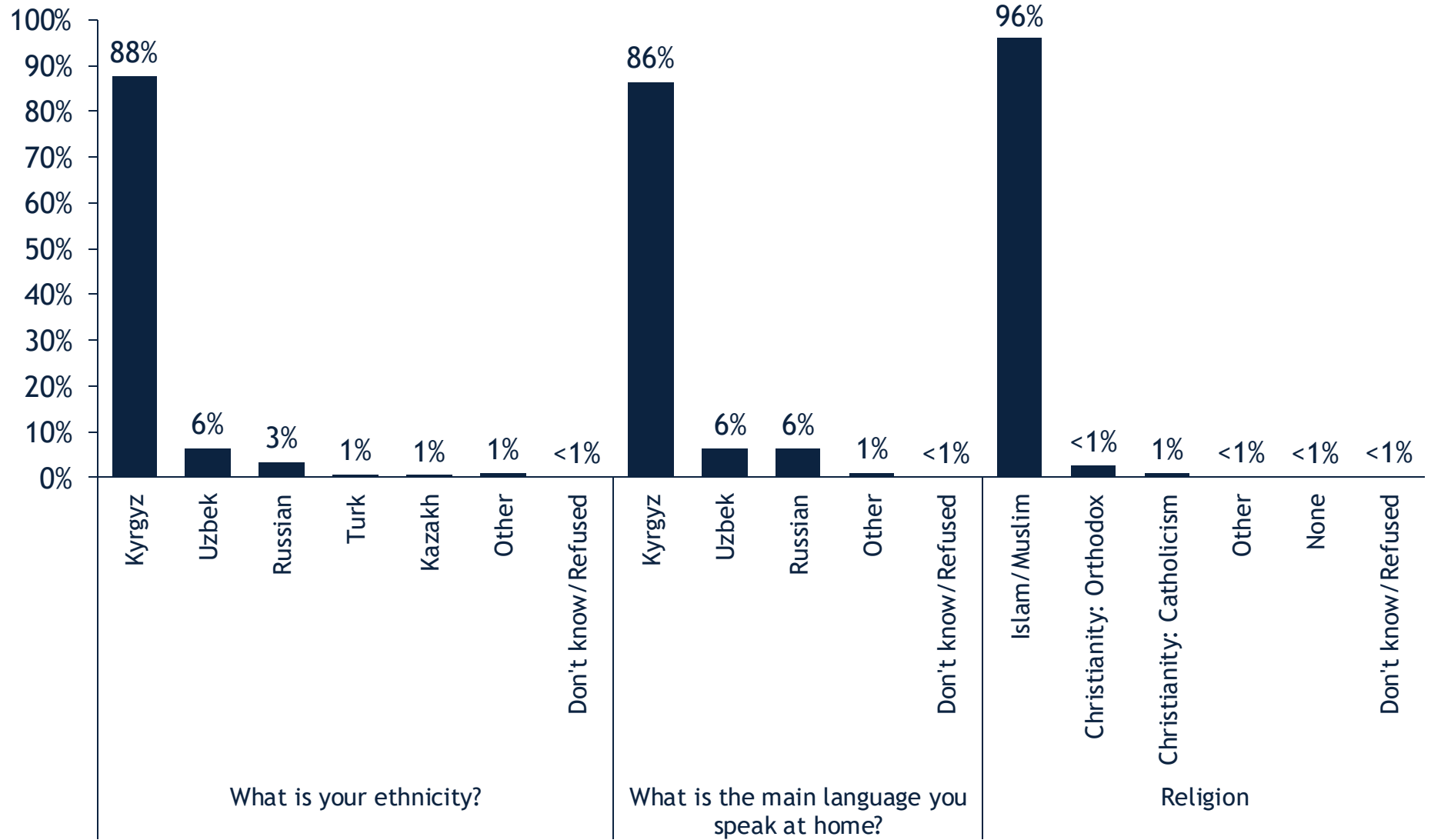
- **Barely subsistence** = “Money does not suffice even for food stuffs” and “Money suffices only for food, but nothing else, it does not suffice to pay the utilities bills”

- **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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