

NATIONAL POLL OF KYRGYZSTAN

December 2023 - January 2024



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Detailed Methodology

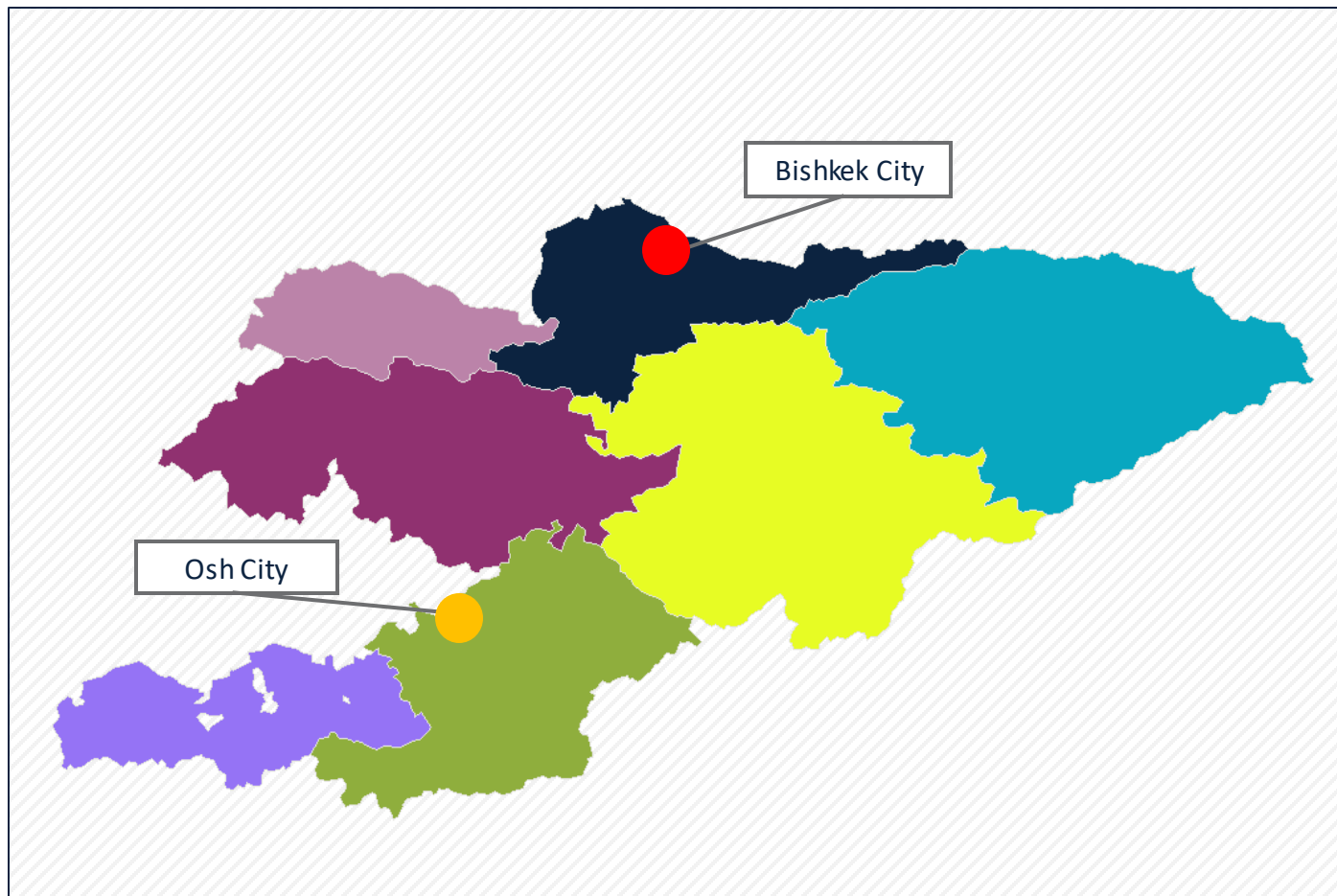
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research \(CISR\)](#) by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data was collected between December 21, 2023 - January 19, 2024, through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) 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 2023 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 2023 Demographic Yearbook of Kyrgyzstan.
- The response rate for the survey was 66%.
- 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 (79%), 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	Age 18-35	n = 658
	Age 36-55	n = 541
	Age 56+	n = 300
Gender	Men	n = 724
	Women	n = 776
Urbanicity	Urban	n = 580
	Rural	n = 920

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

National Outlook



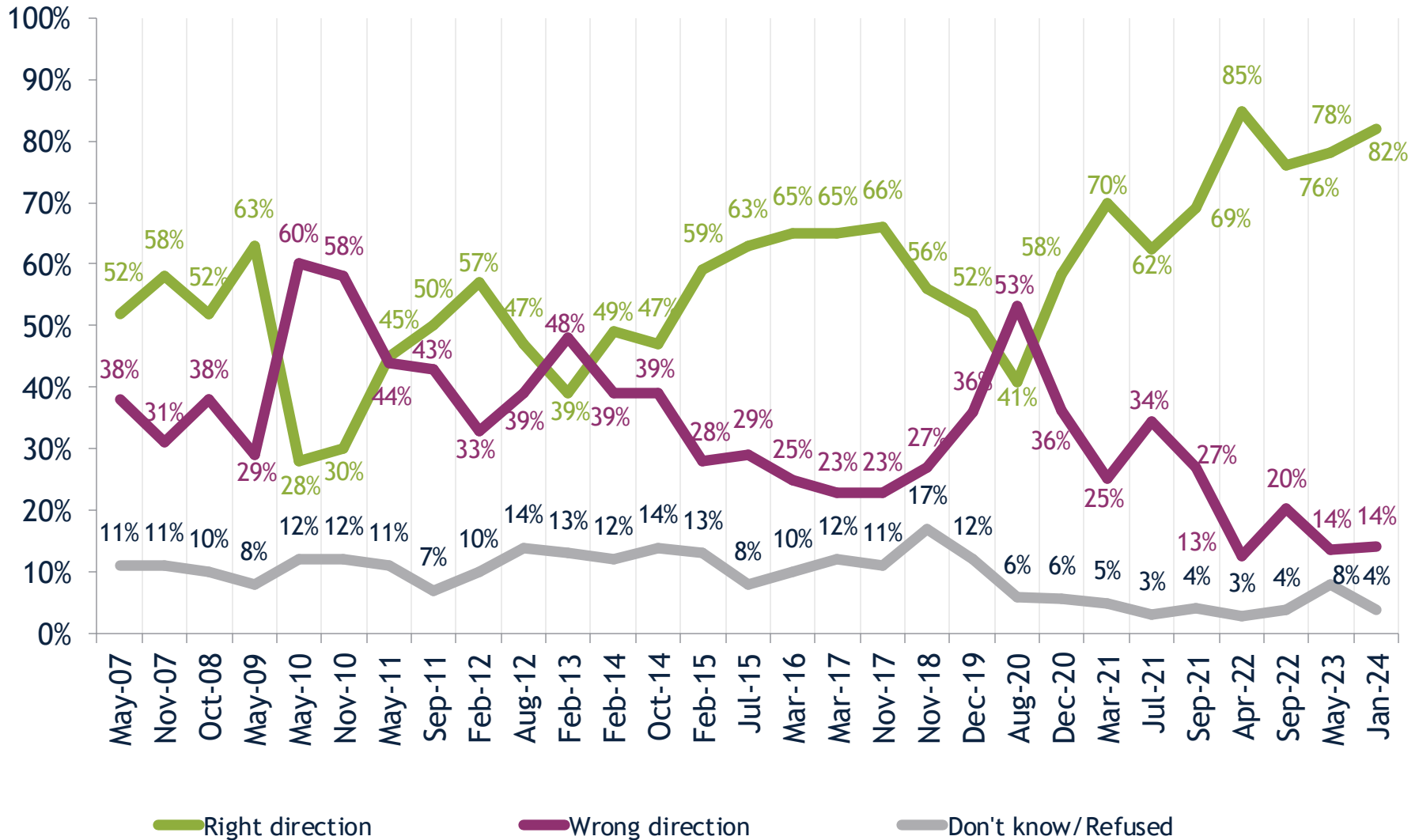
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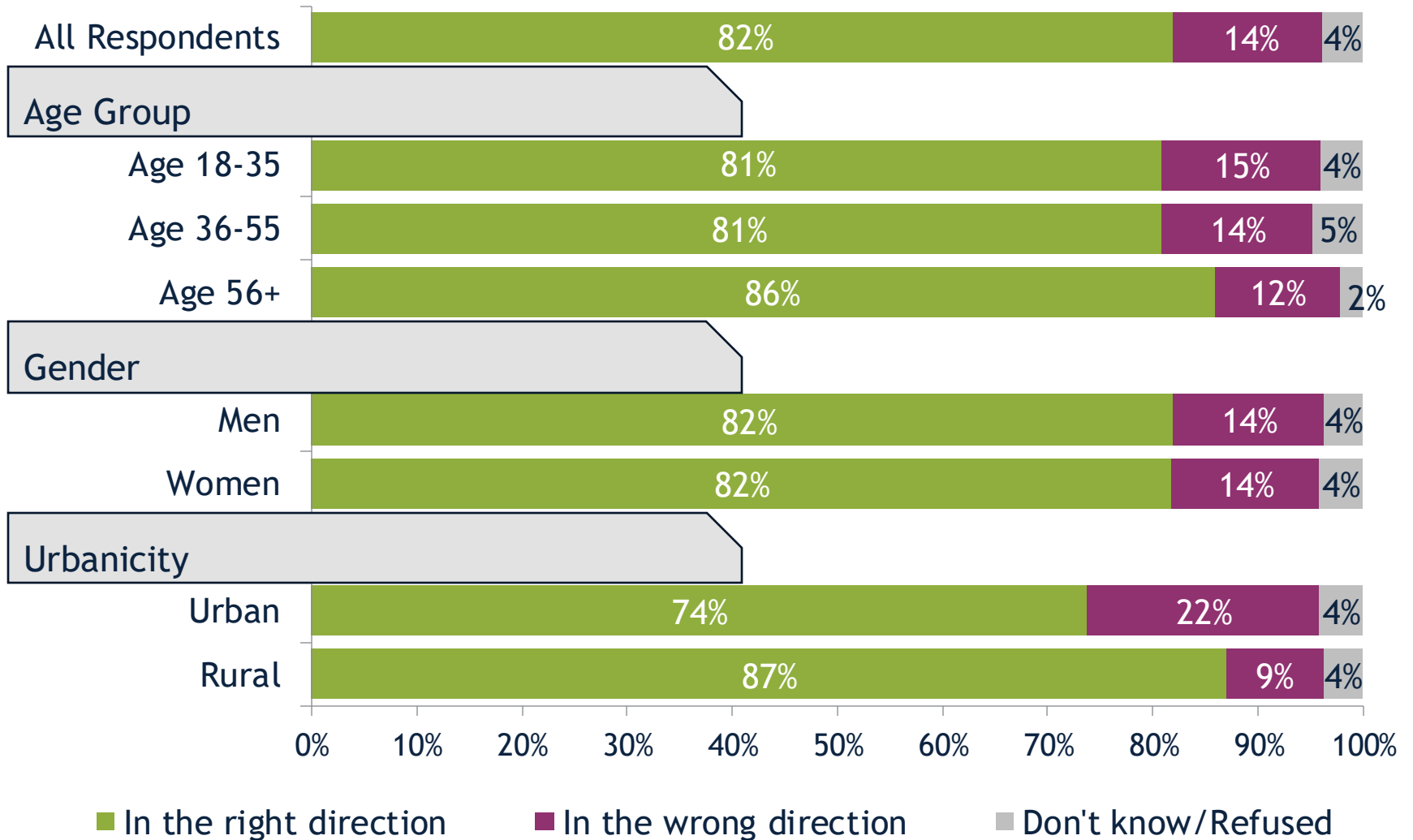


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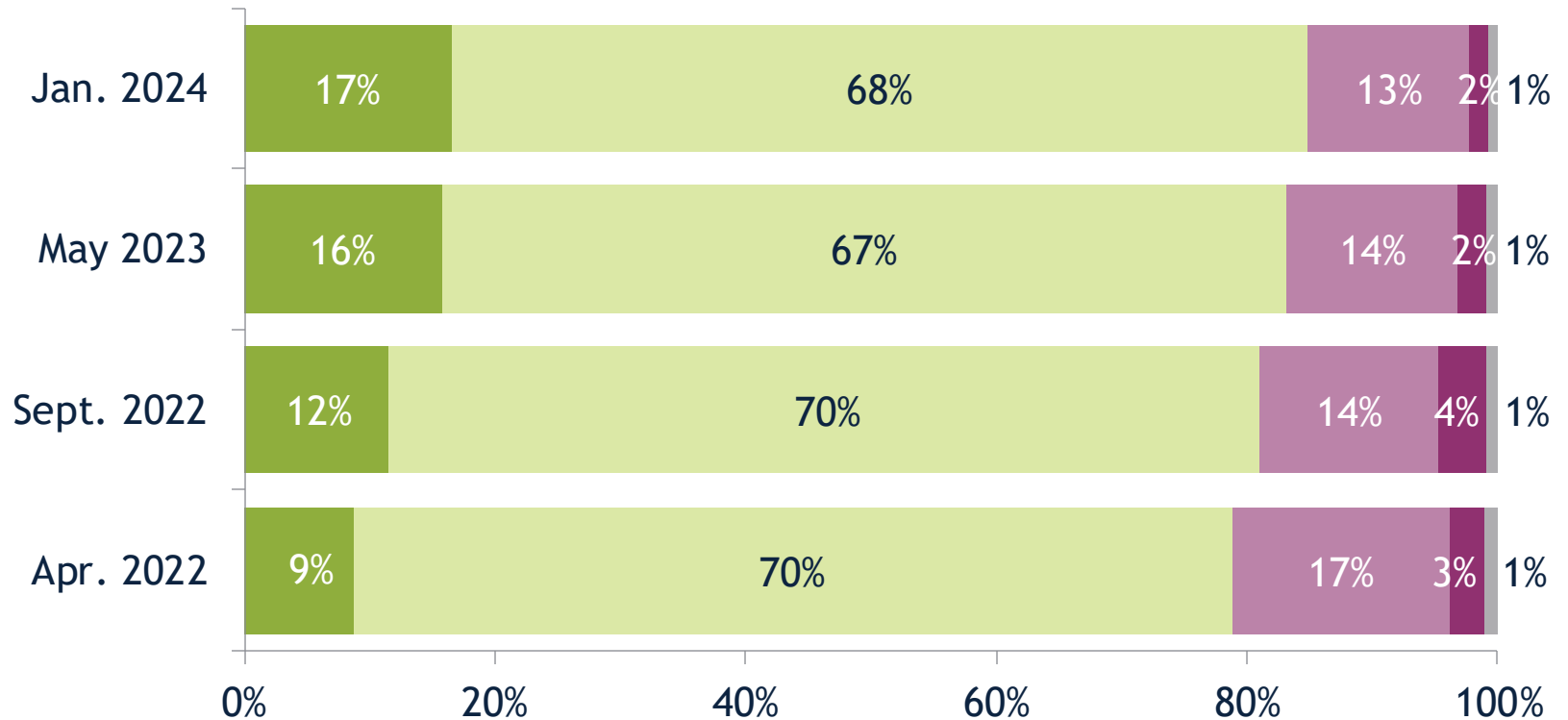


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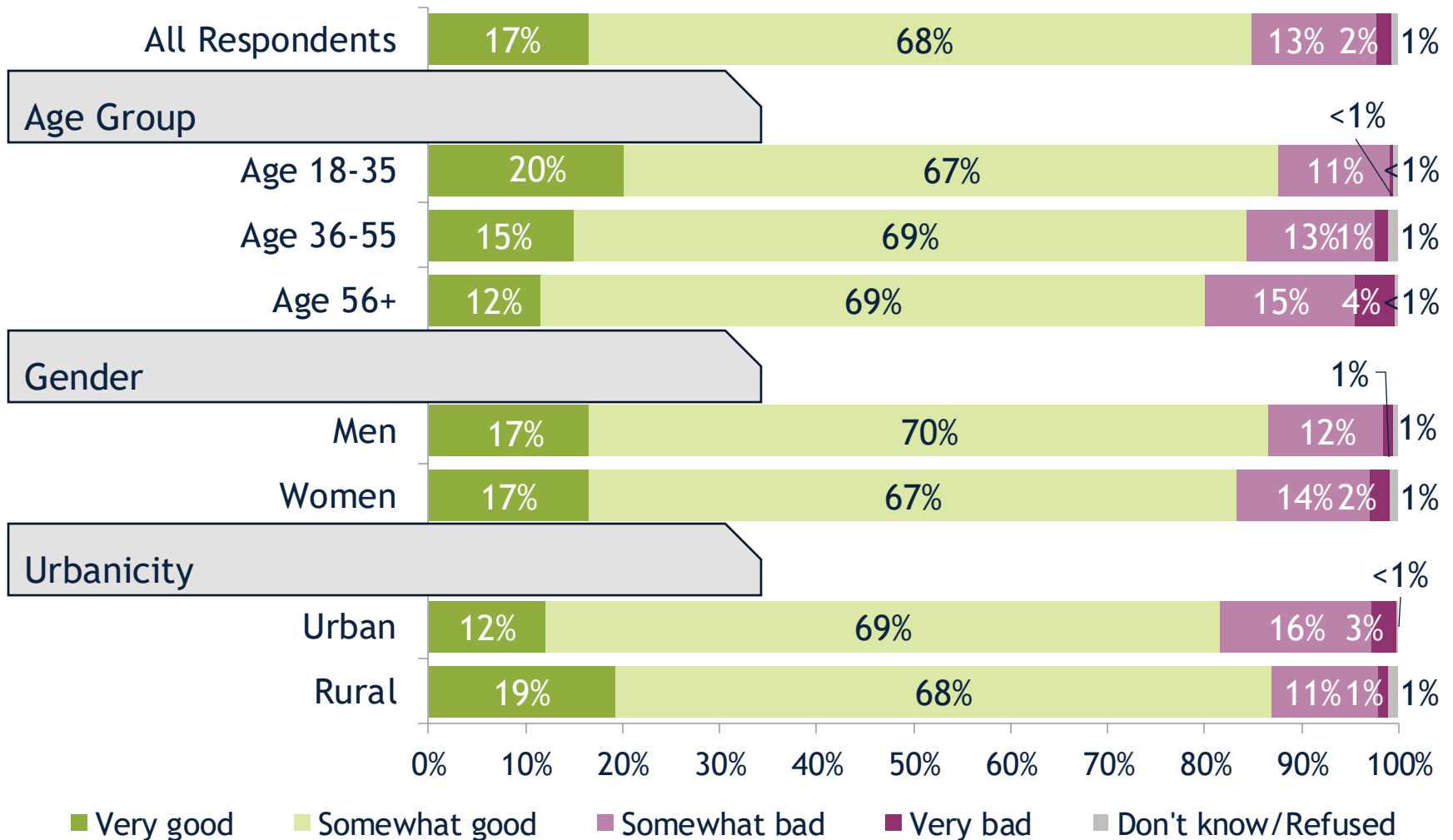
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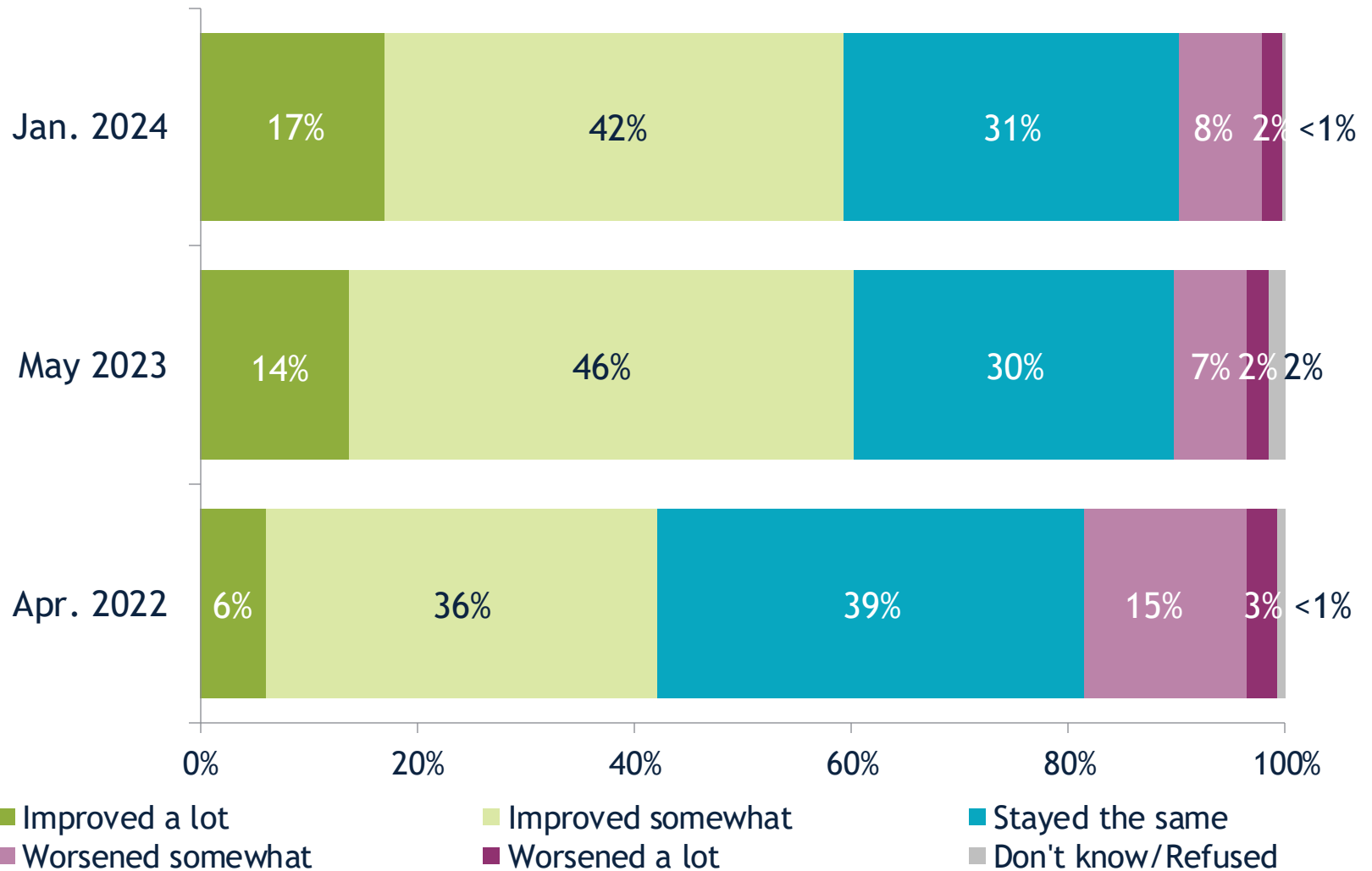
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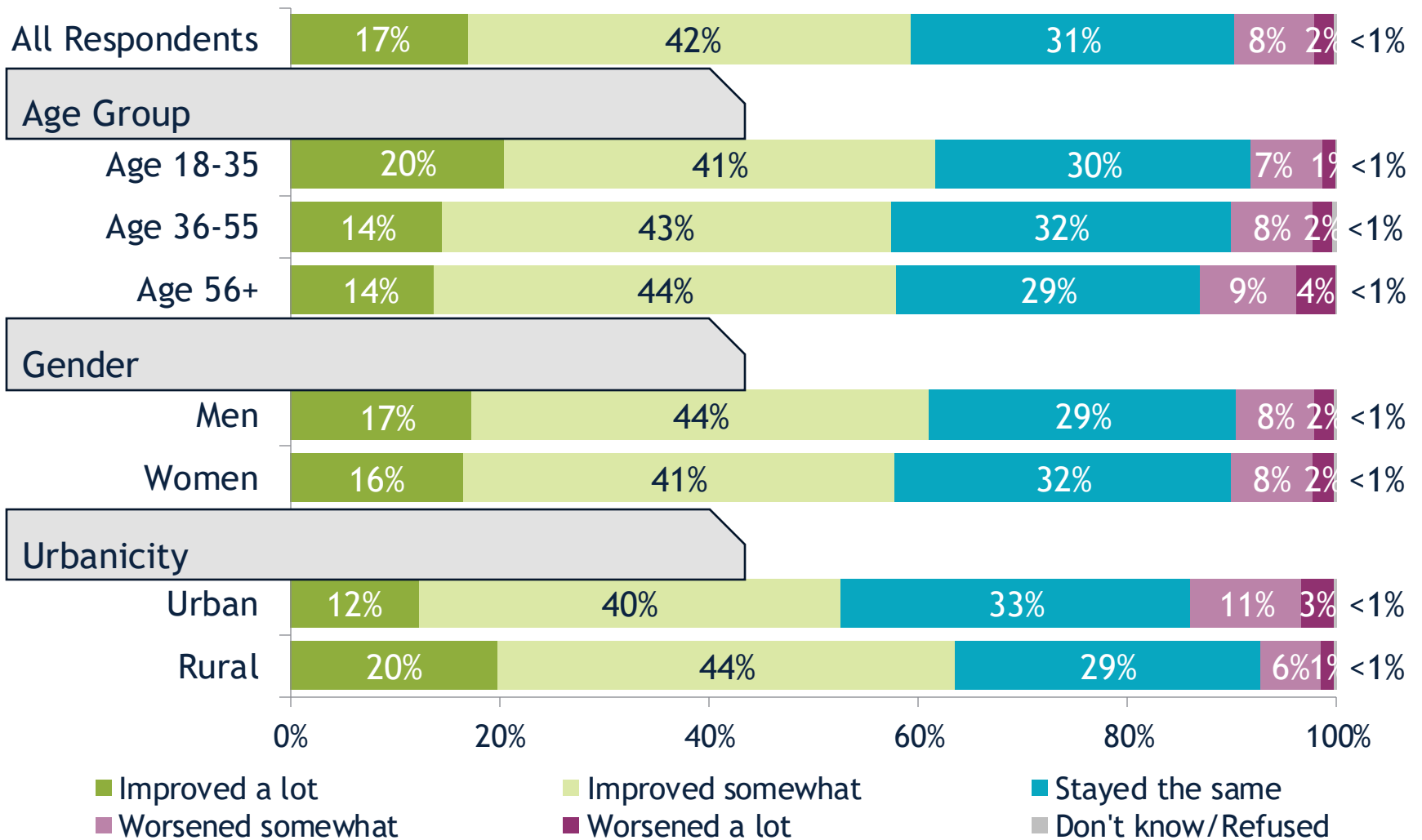
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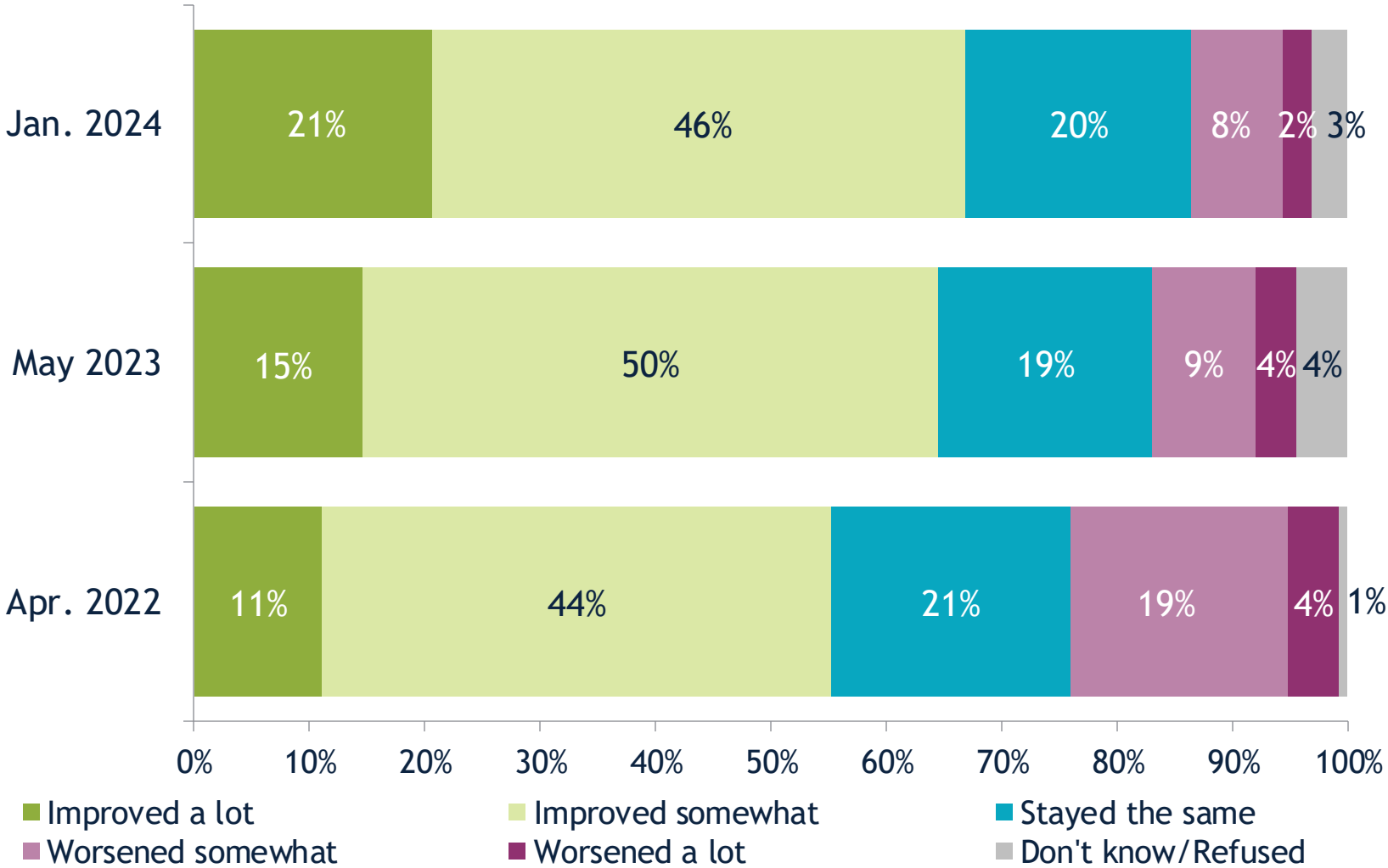


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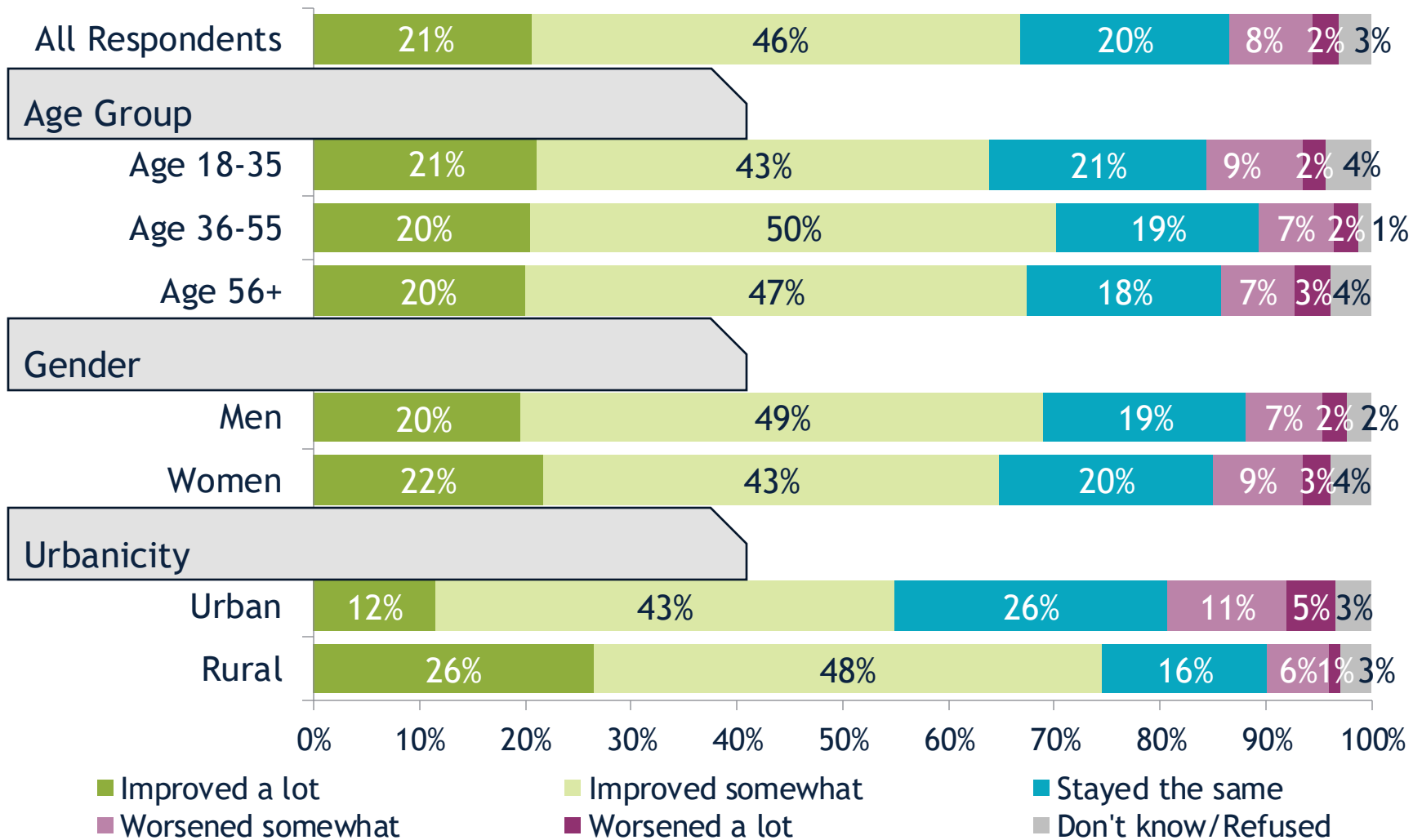




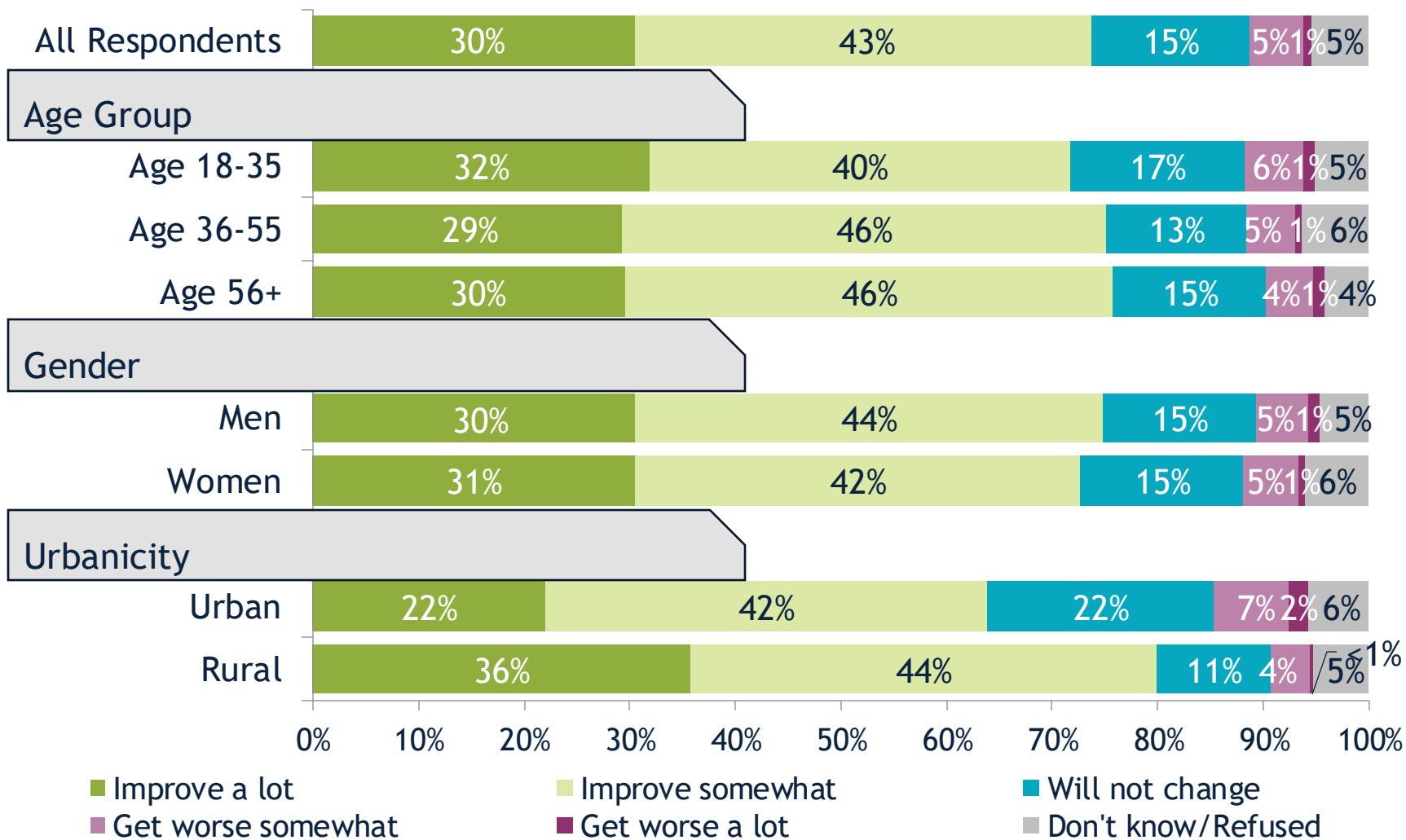
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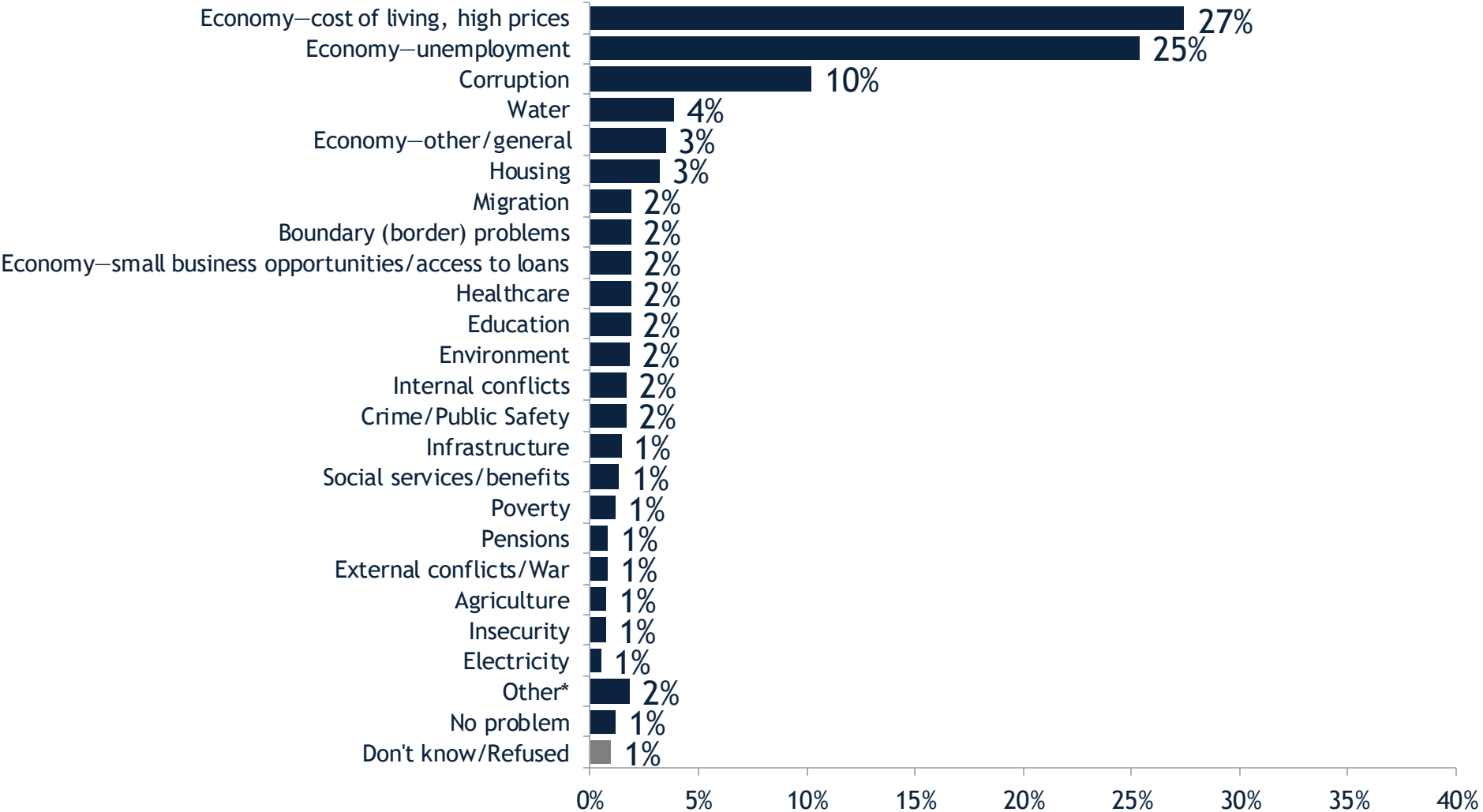
In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Kyrgyzstan change in the next 12 months?





What is the most important problem facing our country today?

(Spontaneous response)

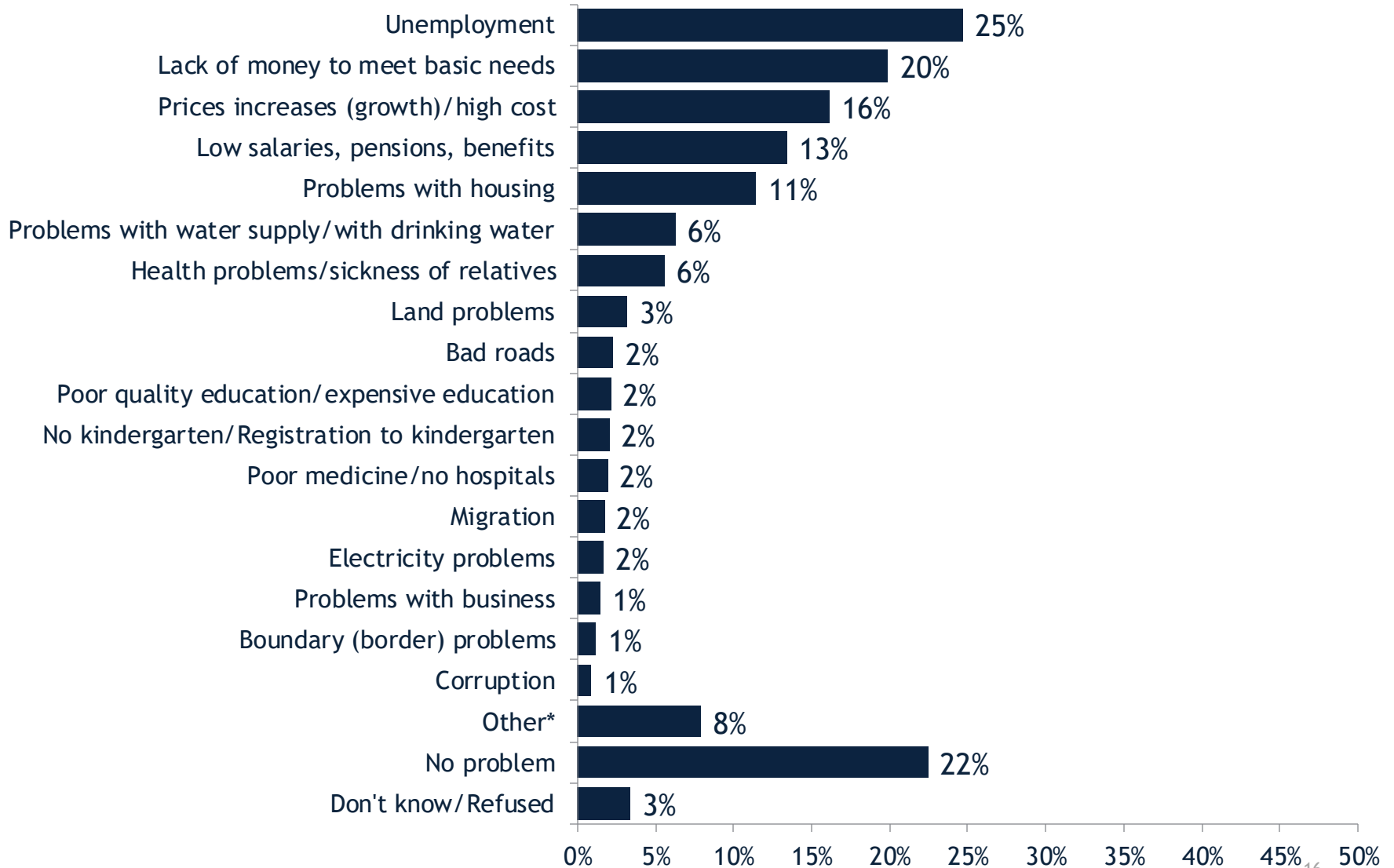


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What are the most important problems facing you and your household?

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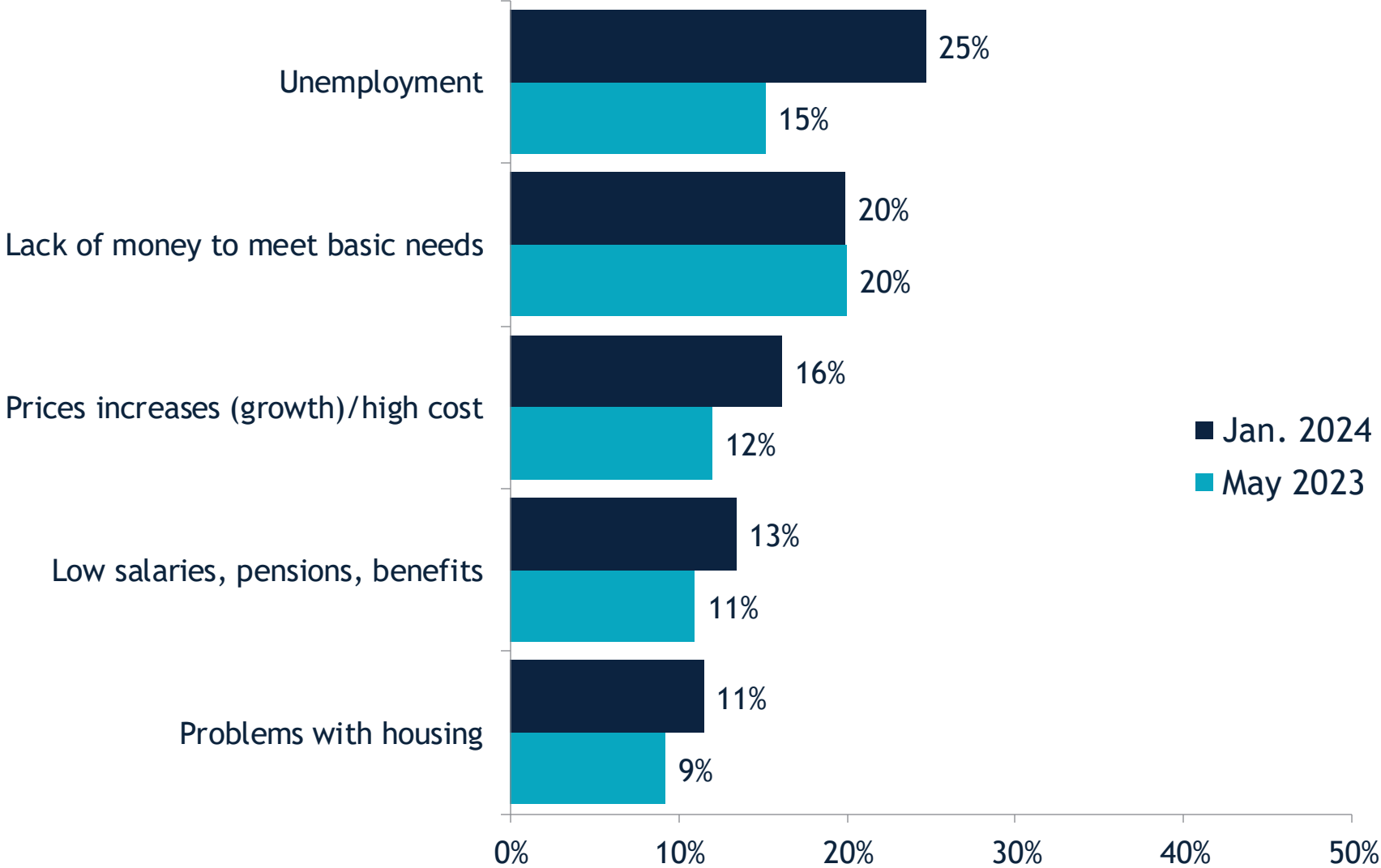


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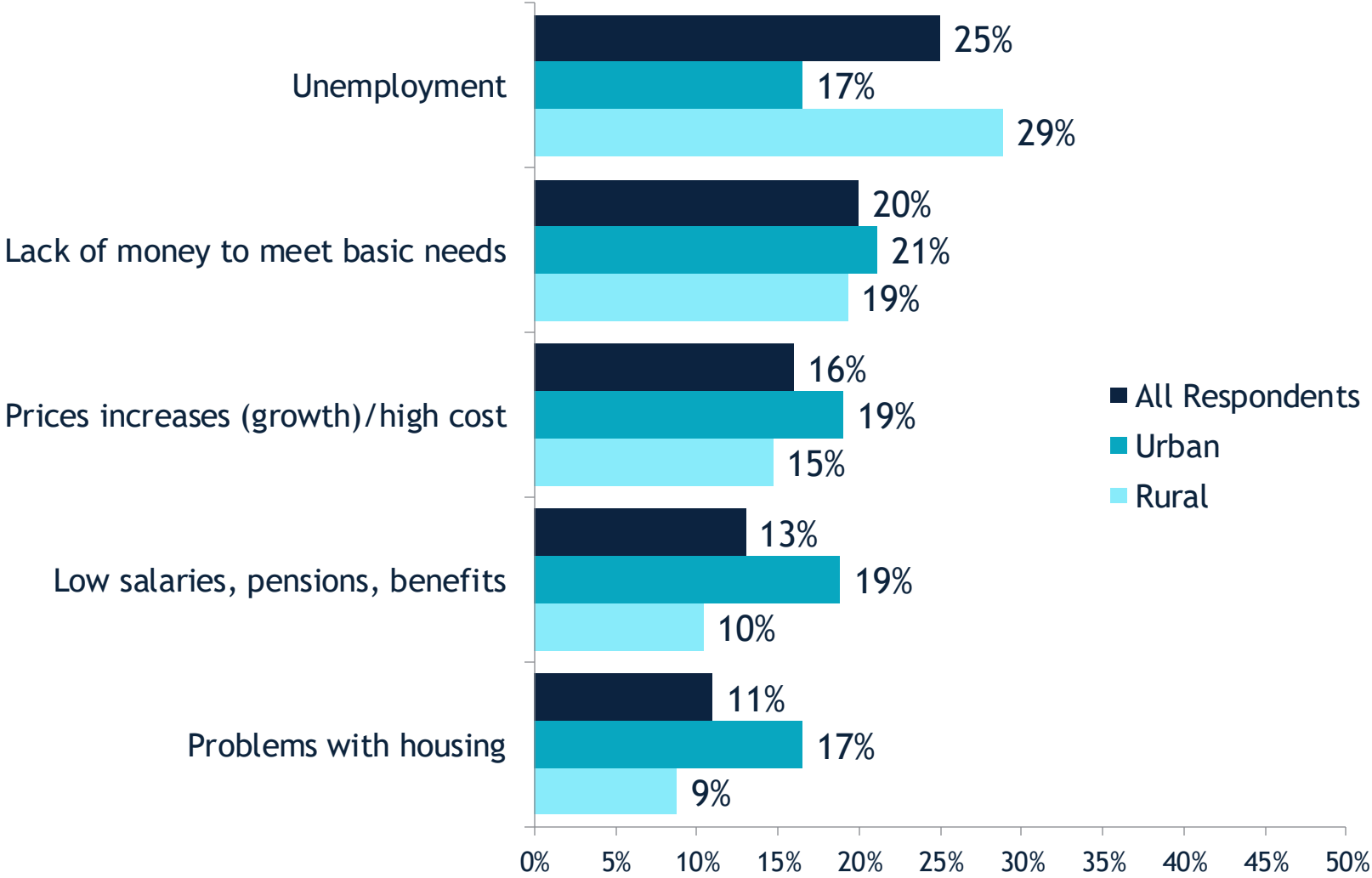
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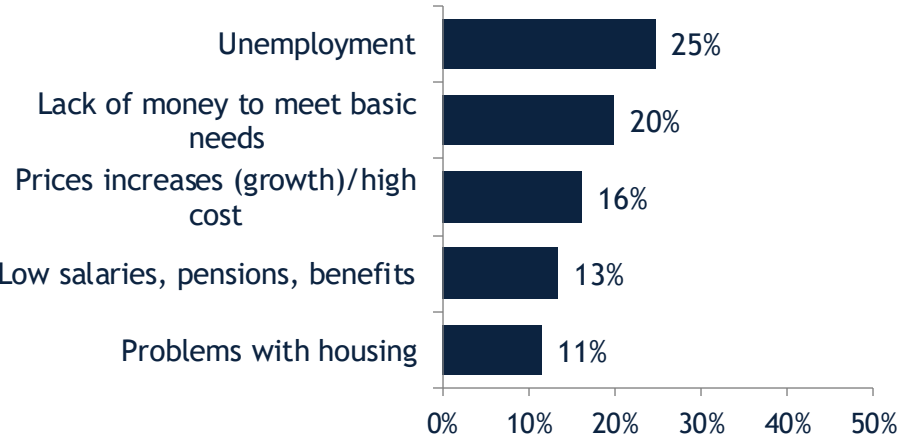




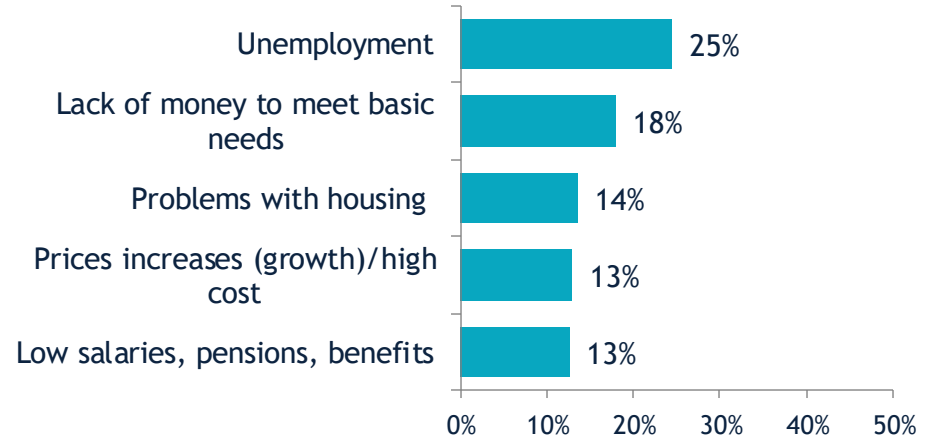
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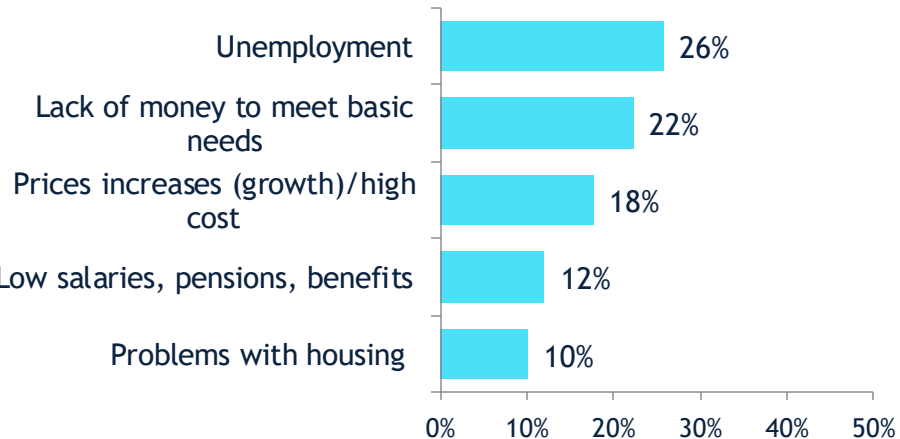
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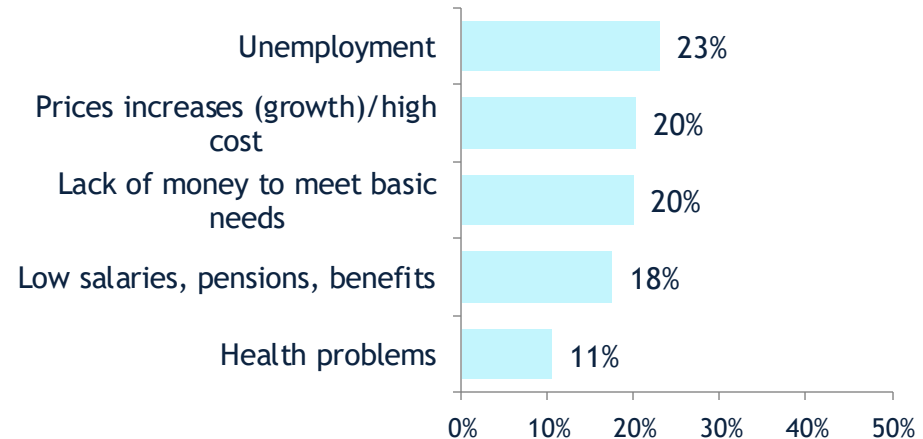
Age 18-35



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Age 56+



Democracy and Political Interest

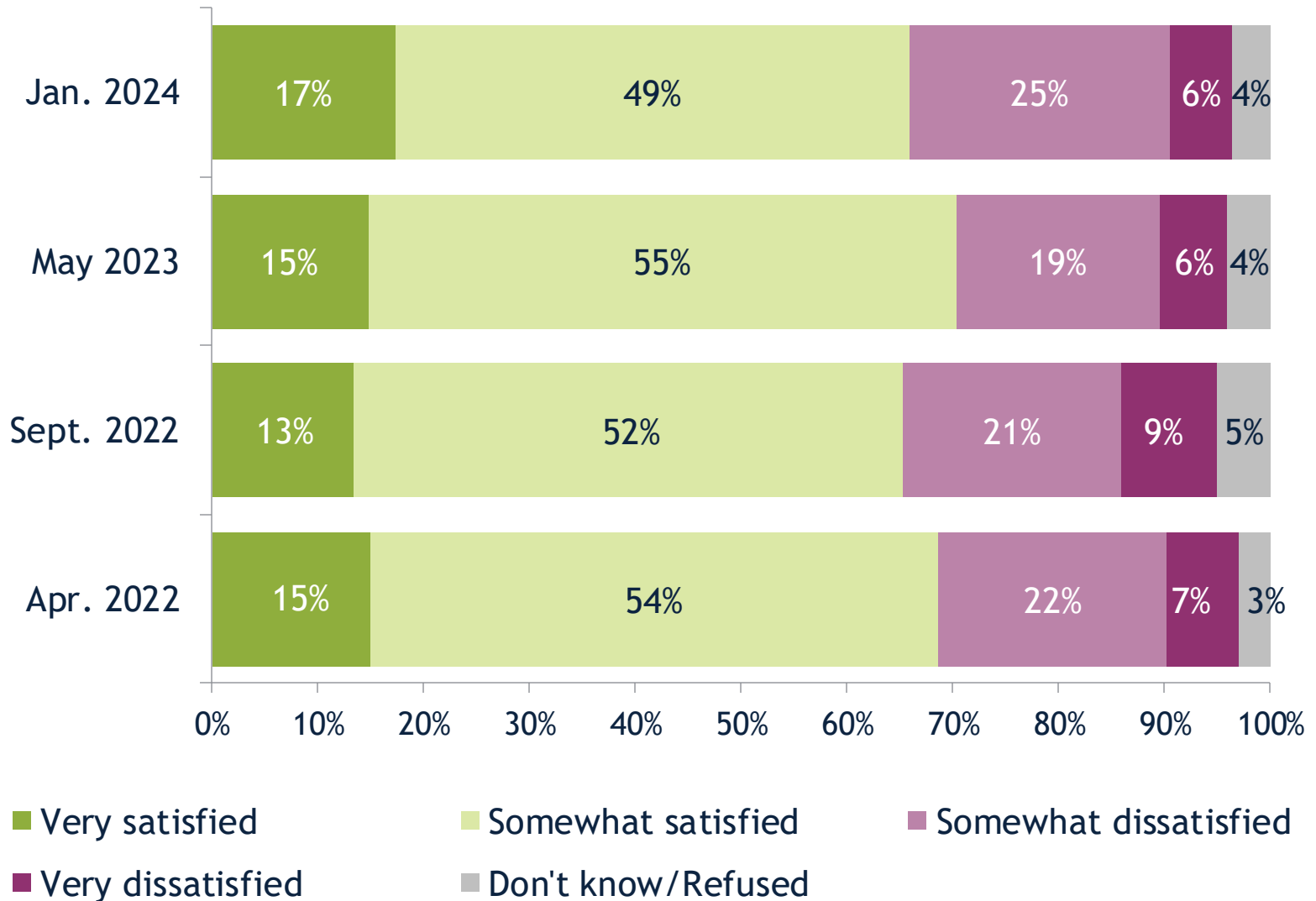


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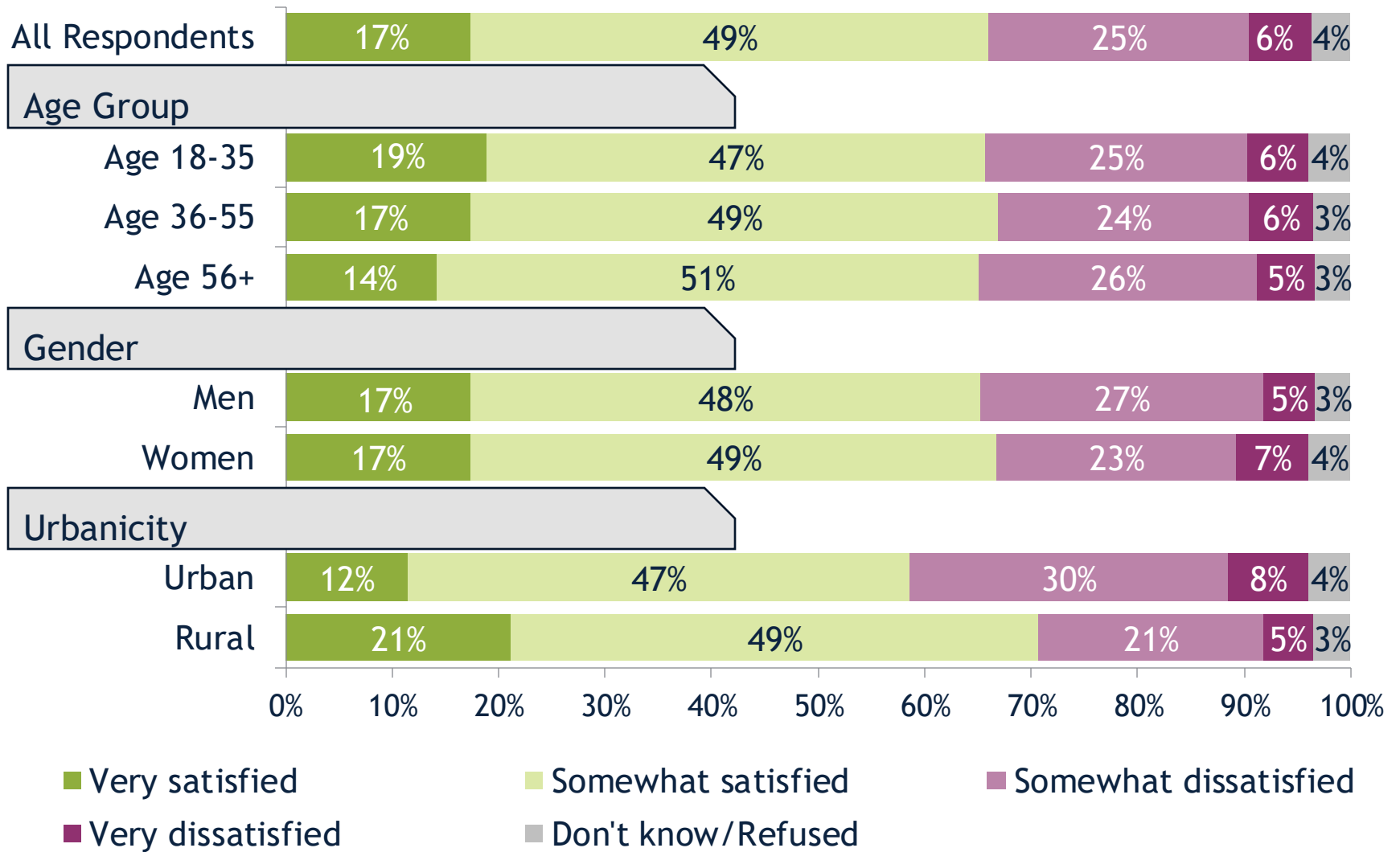


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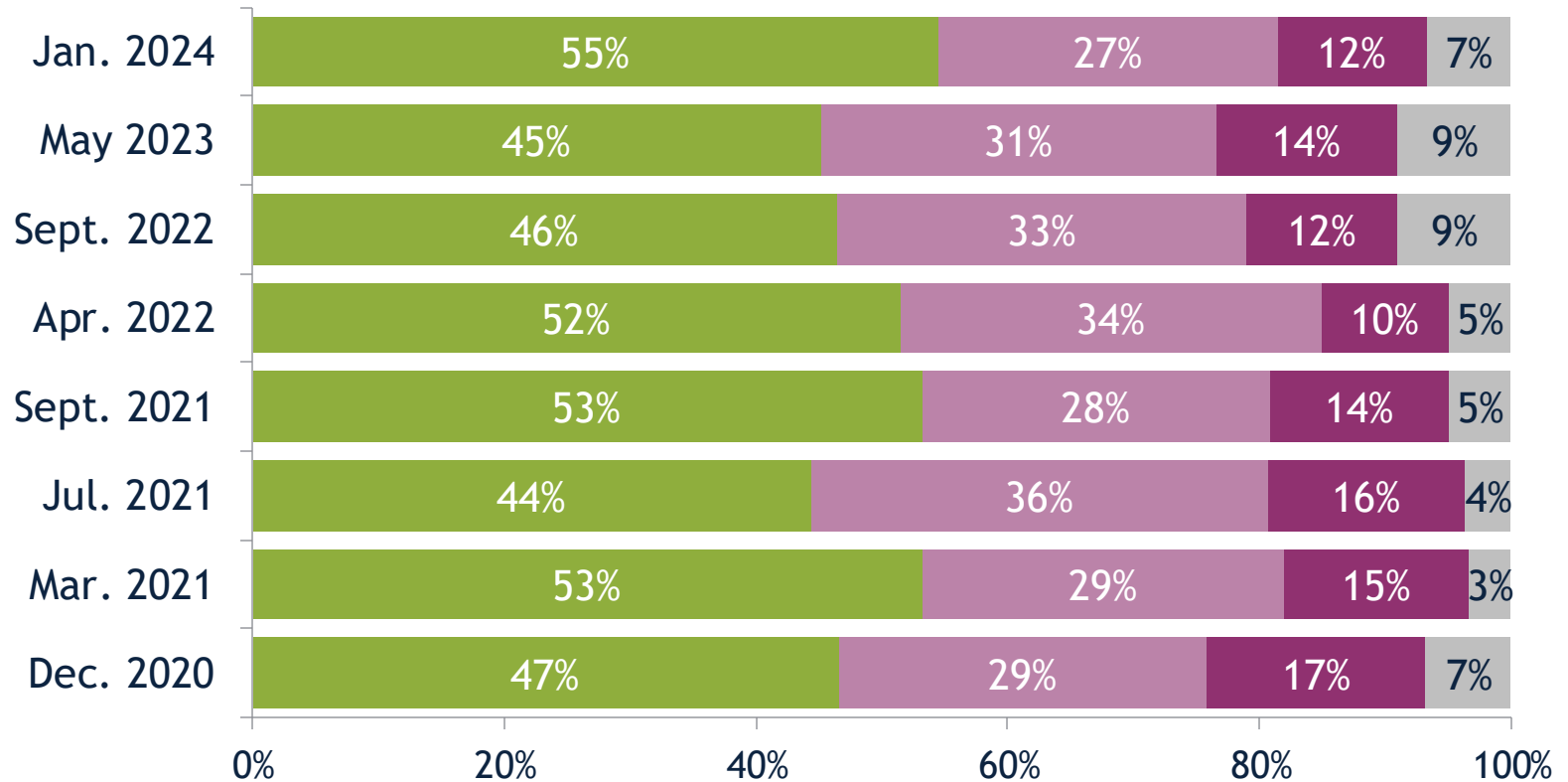
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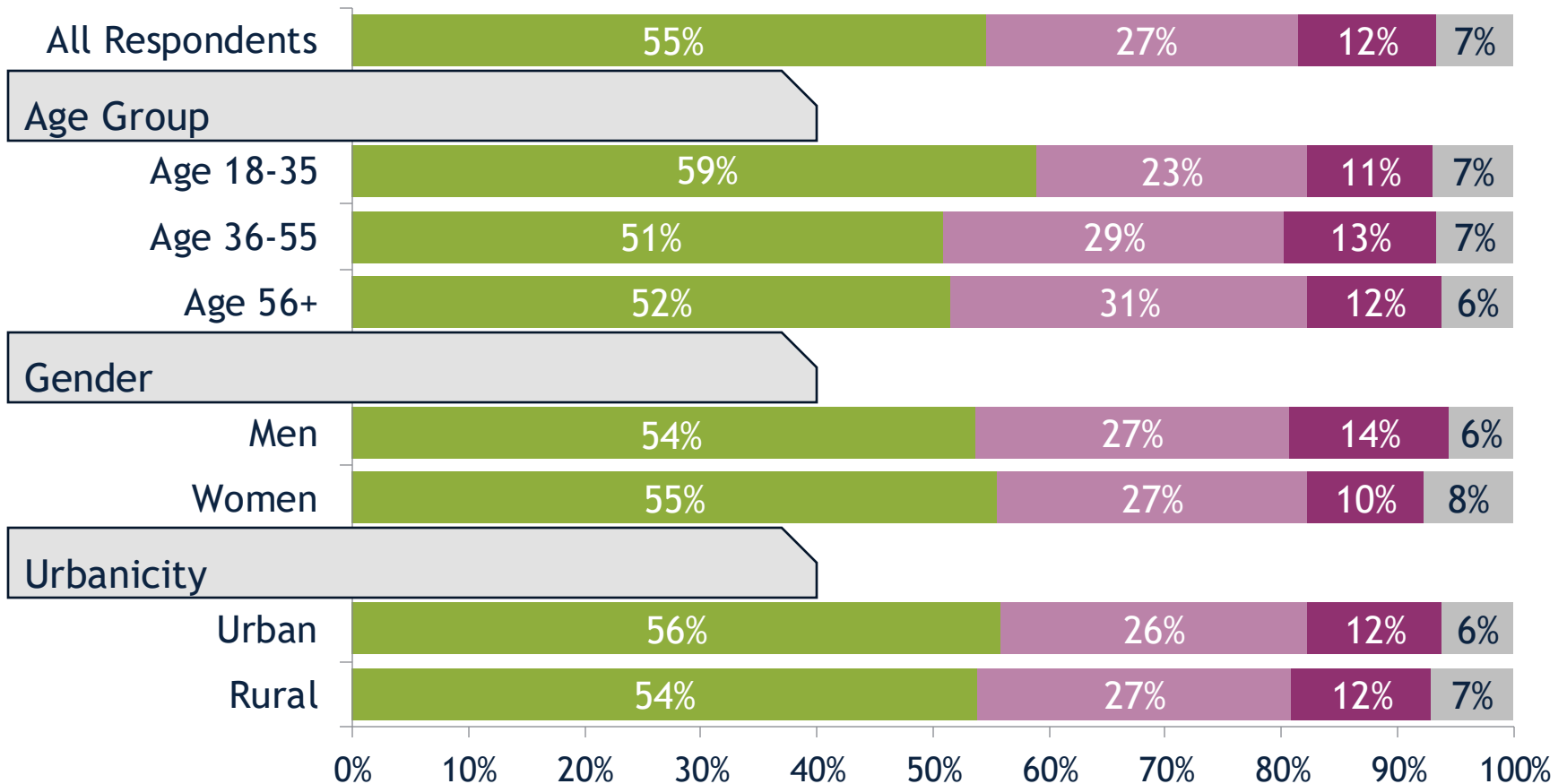
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



- 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
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- Don't know/Refused

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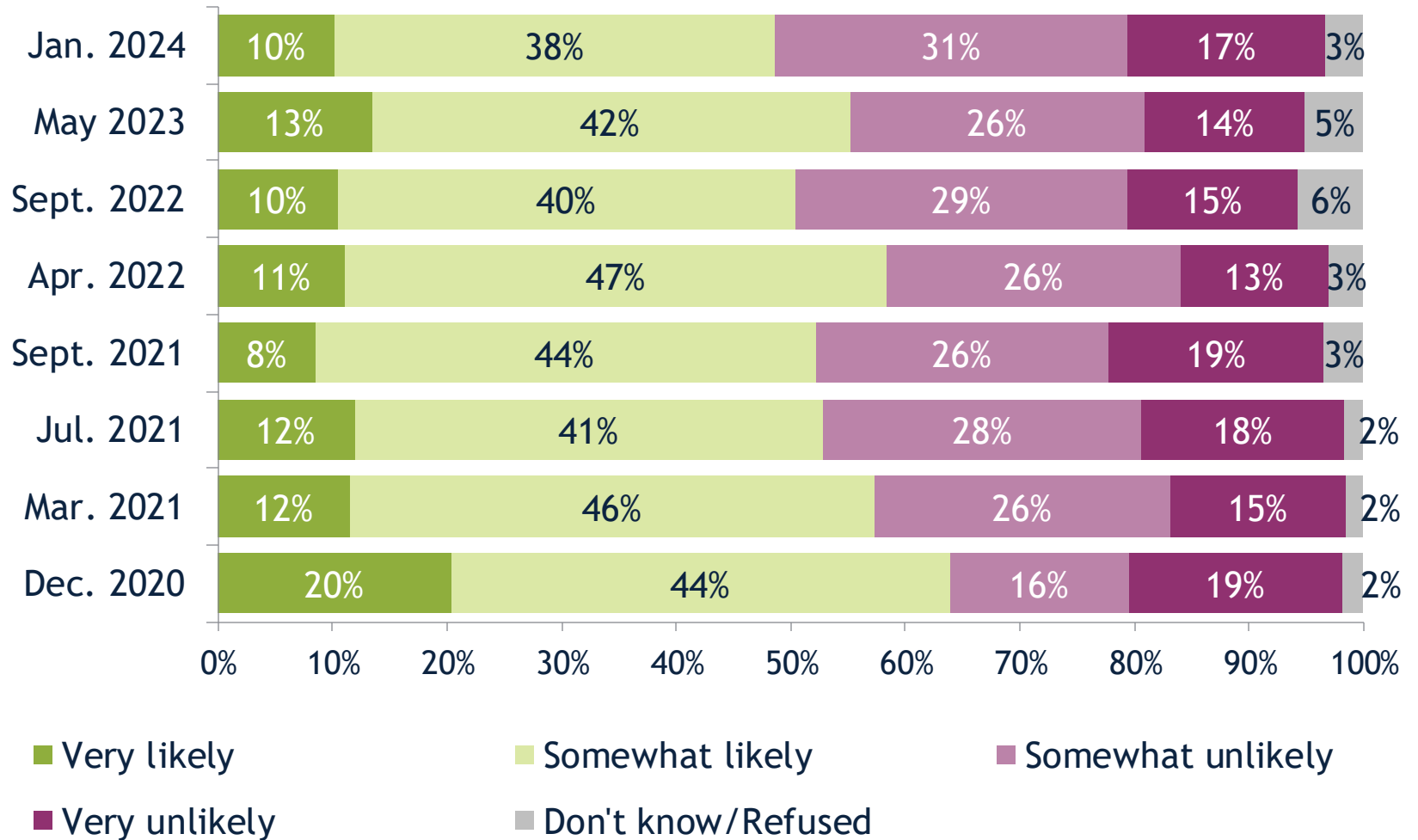
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How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?

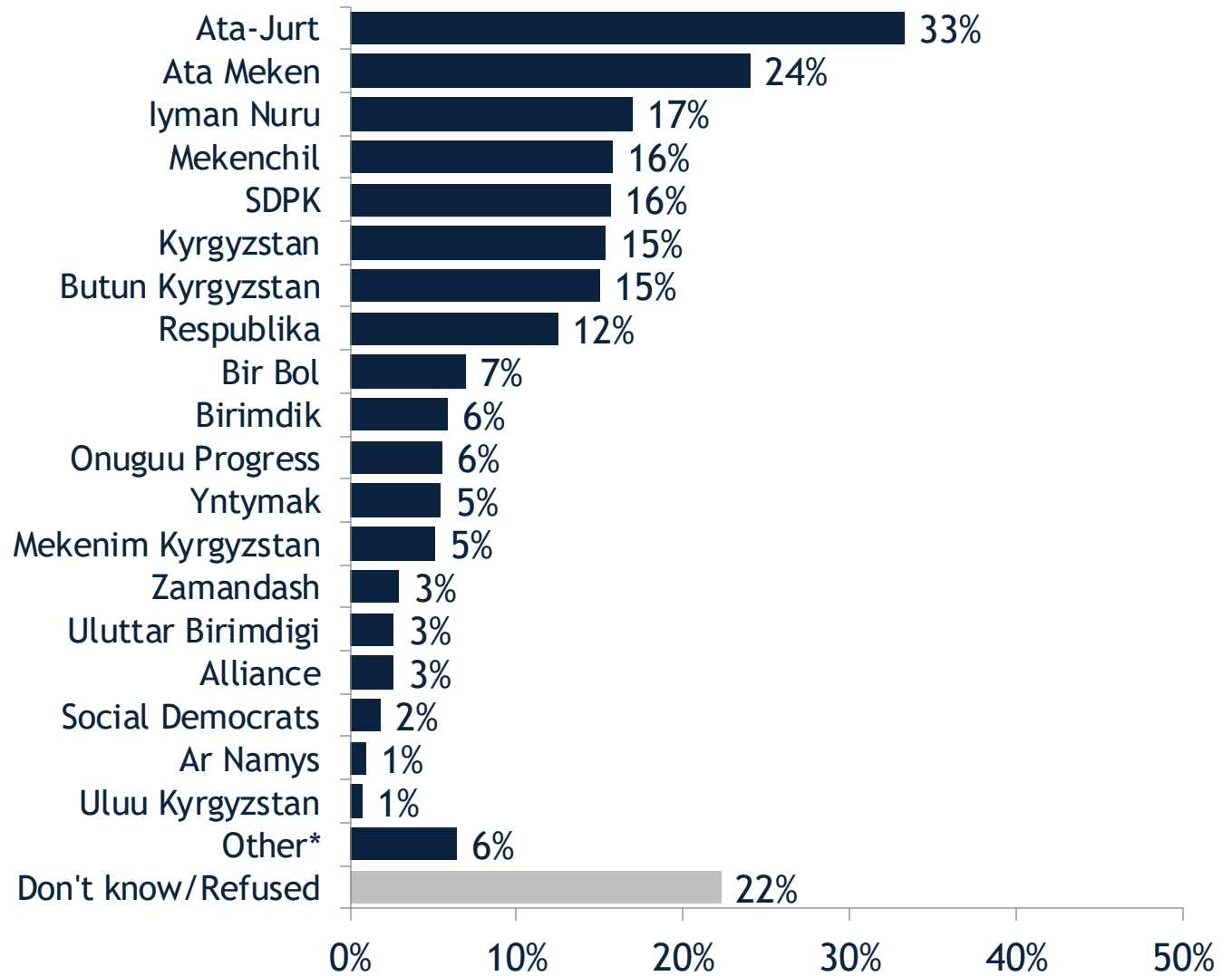


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Please name all political parties you are familiar with in your region.

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses accepted)

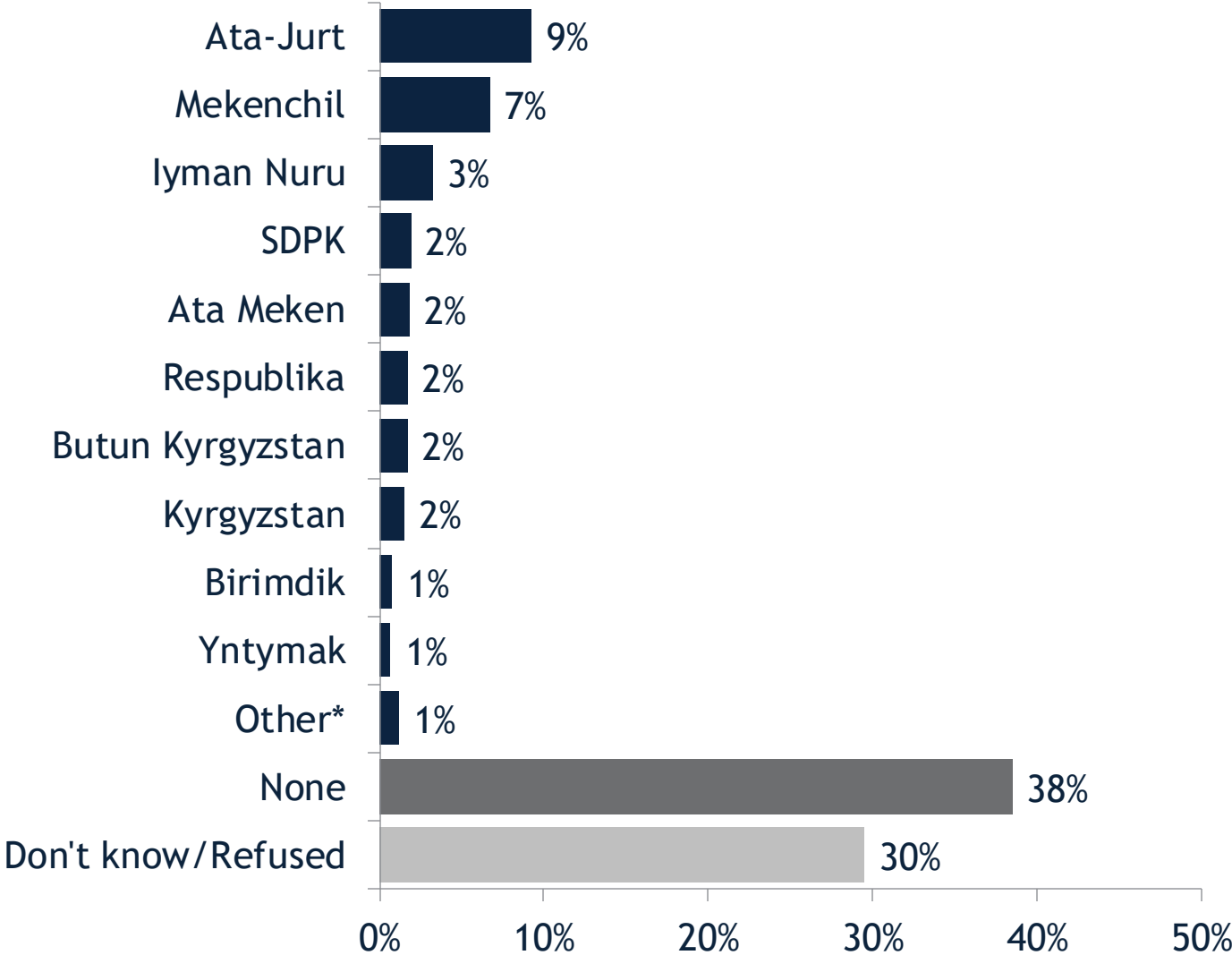


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Which political party can most successfully solve the current issues Kyrgyzstan is facing?

(Spontaneous response)



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Elections



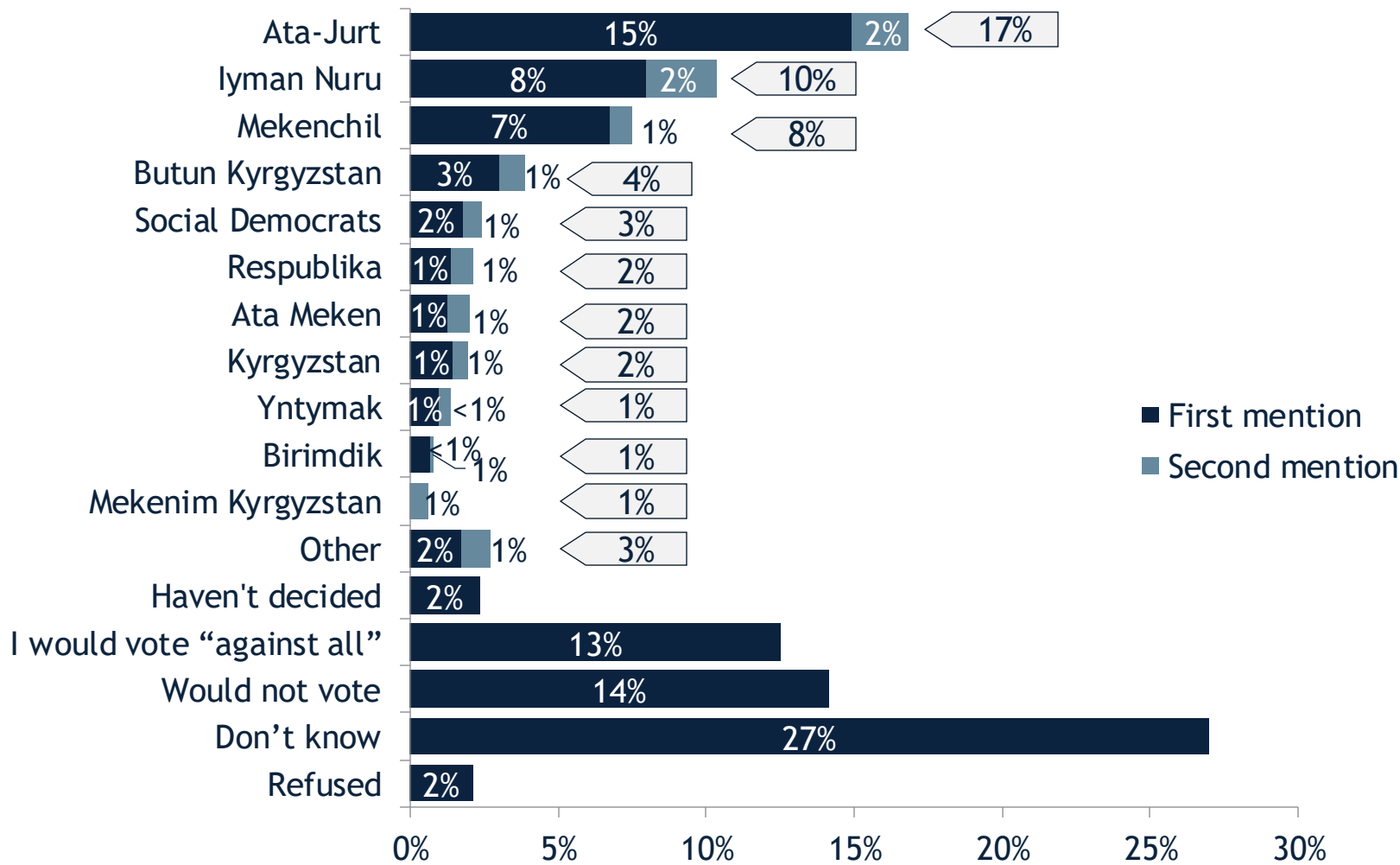
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"A voter in Bishkek having her finger scanned as part of the biometric identification process during Kyrgyzstan's presidential election, 15 October 2017." by OSCE/Thomas Rymer; License: CC-BY-ND

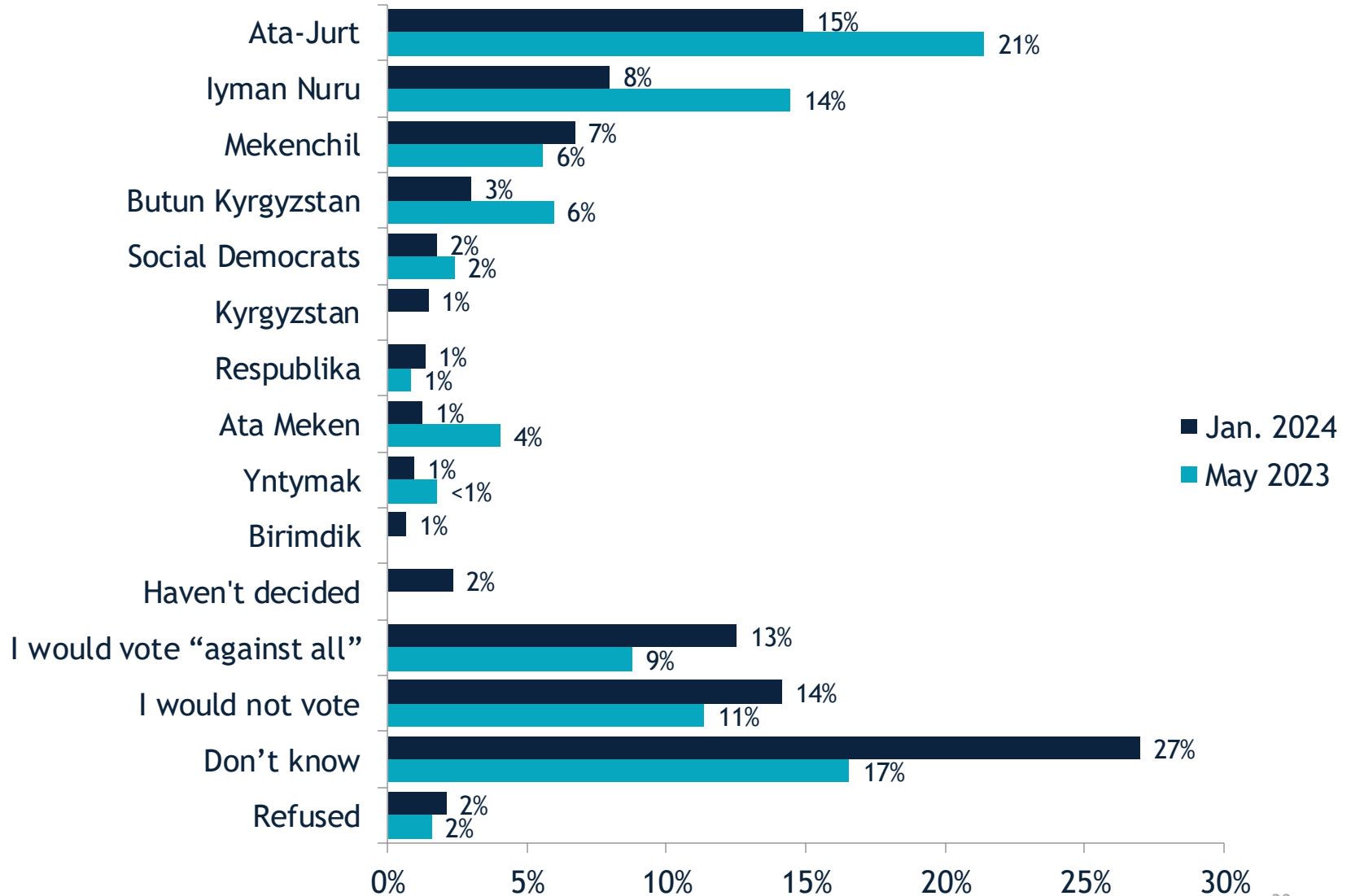
If the parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, **for which party would you vote?**

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



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Politicians and Institutions



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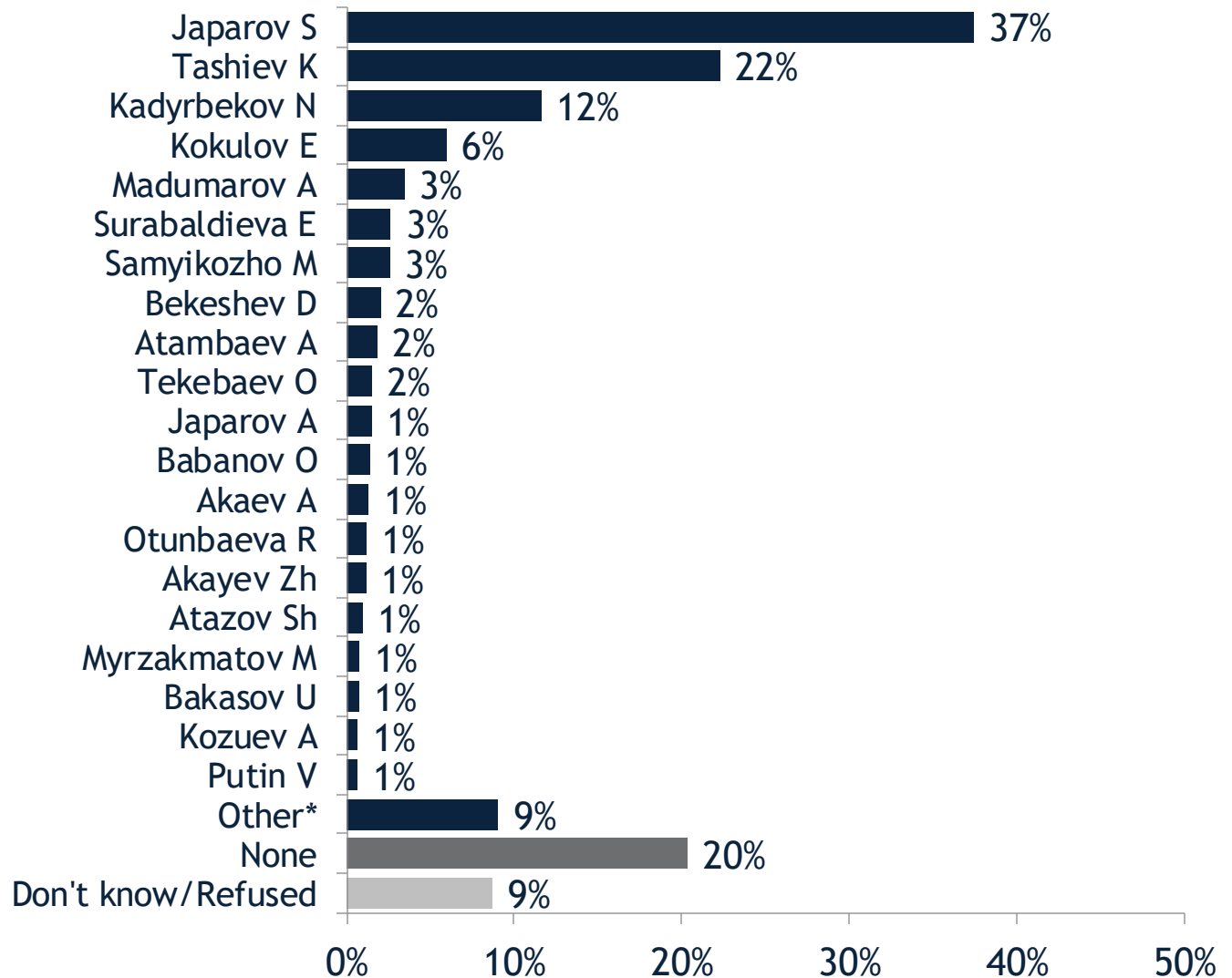


"Representatives of Belarus, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan discuss implementing UNSCR 1540 at OSCE-supported meeting in Minsk" by OSCE/MFA of Belarus / Alexandra Skoda



Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

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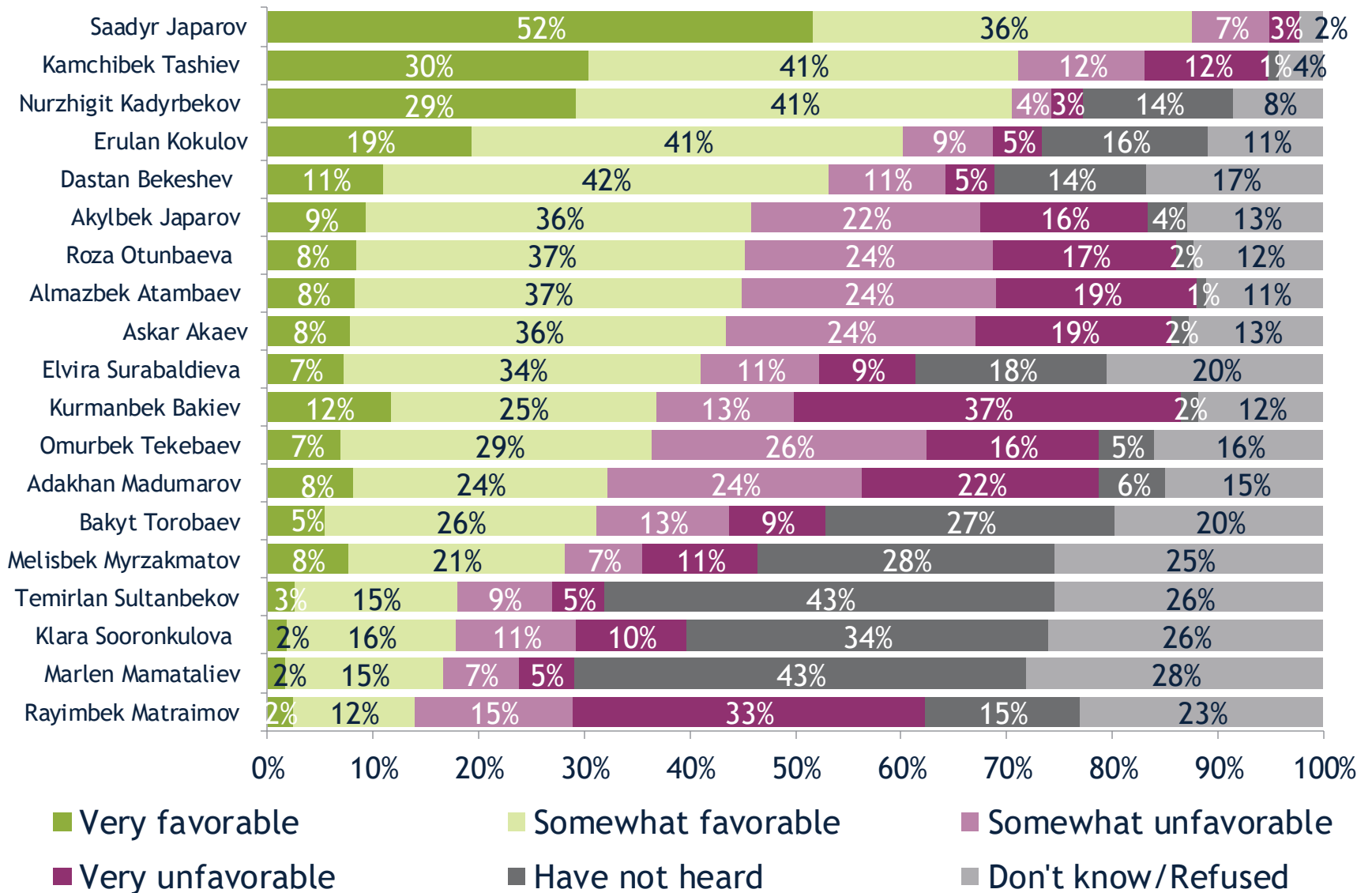


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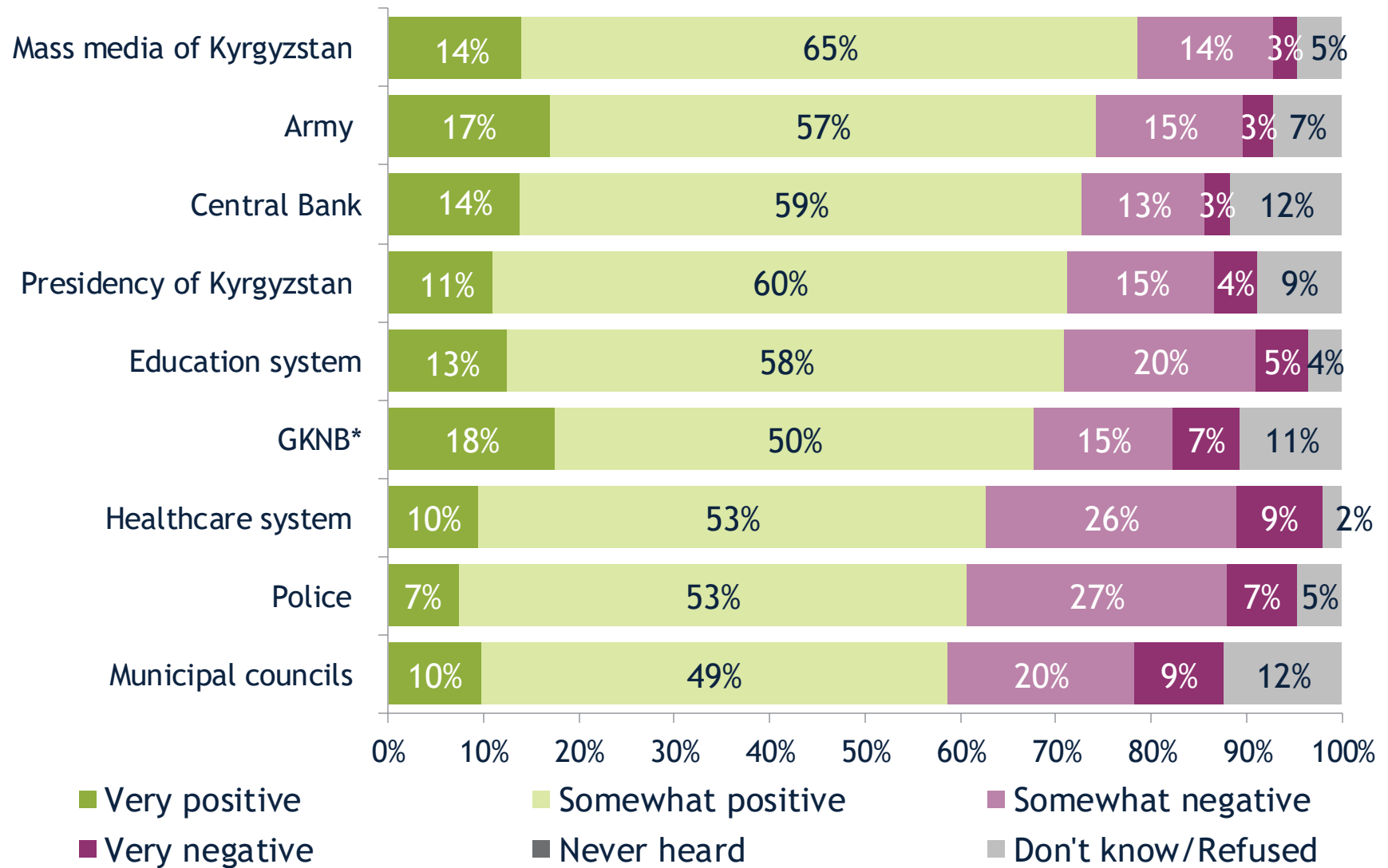
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	Jan. 2024	May 2023	Sept. 2022
Japarov S	37%	35%	38%
Tashiev K	22%	14%	18%
Kadyrbekov N	12%	13%	11%
Kokulov E	6%	3%	4%
Madumarov A	3%	6%	10%
None	20%	8%	13%
Don't know / Refused	9%	29%	17%

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

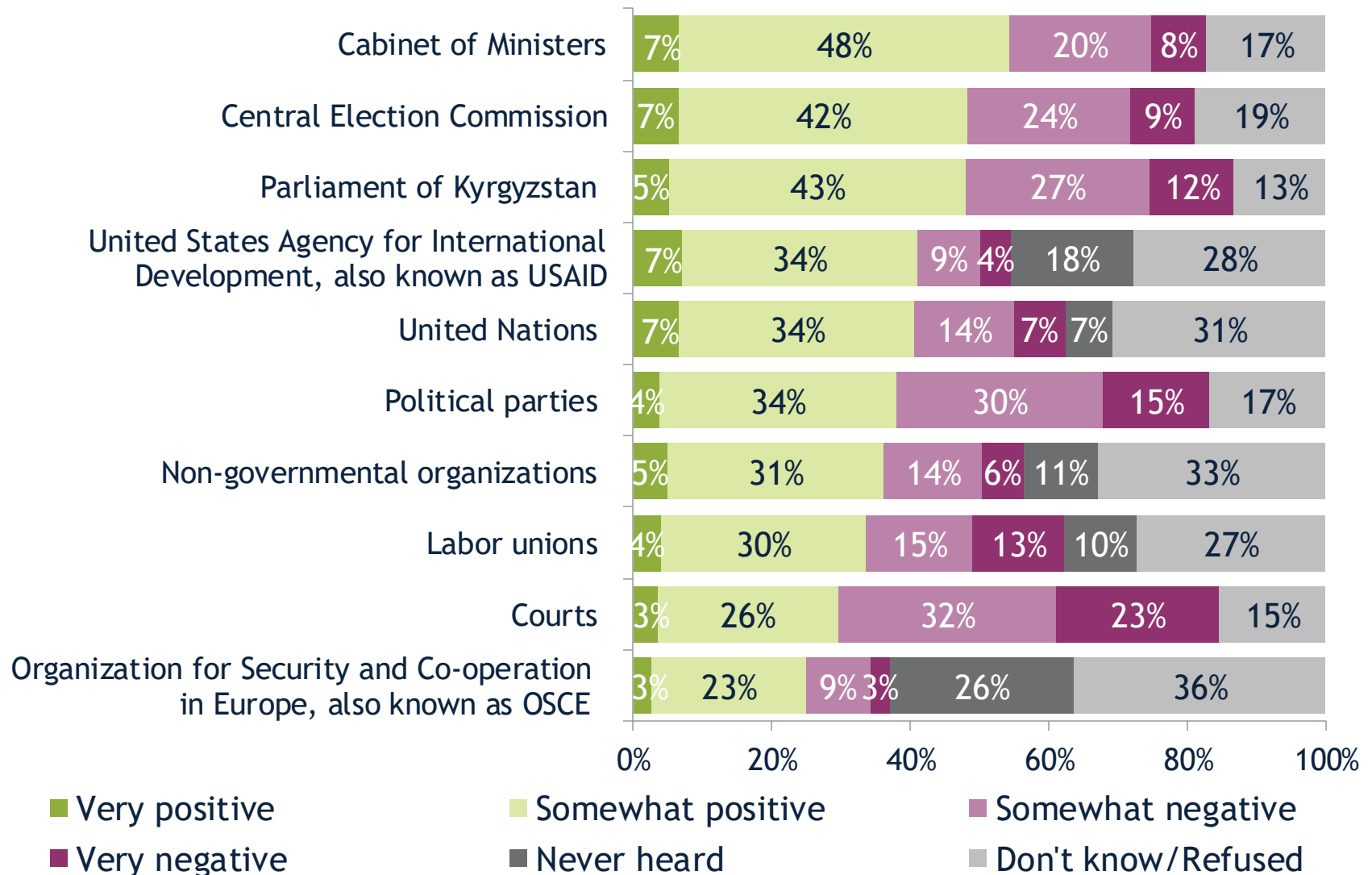


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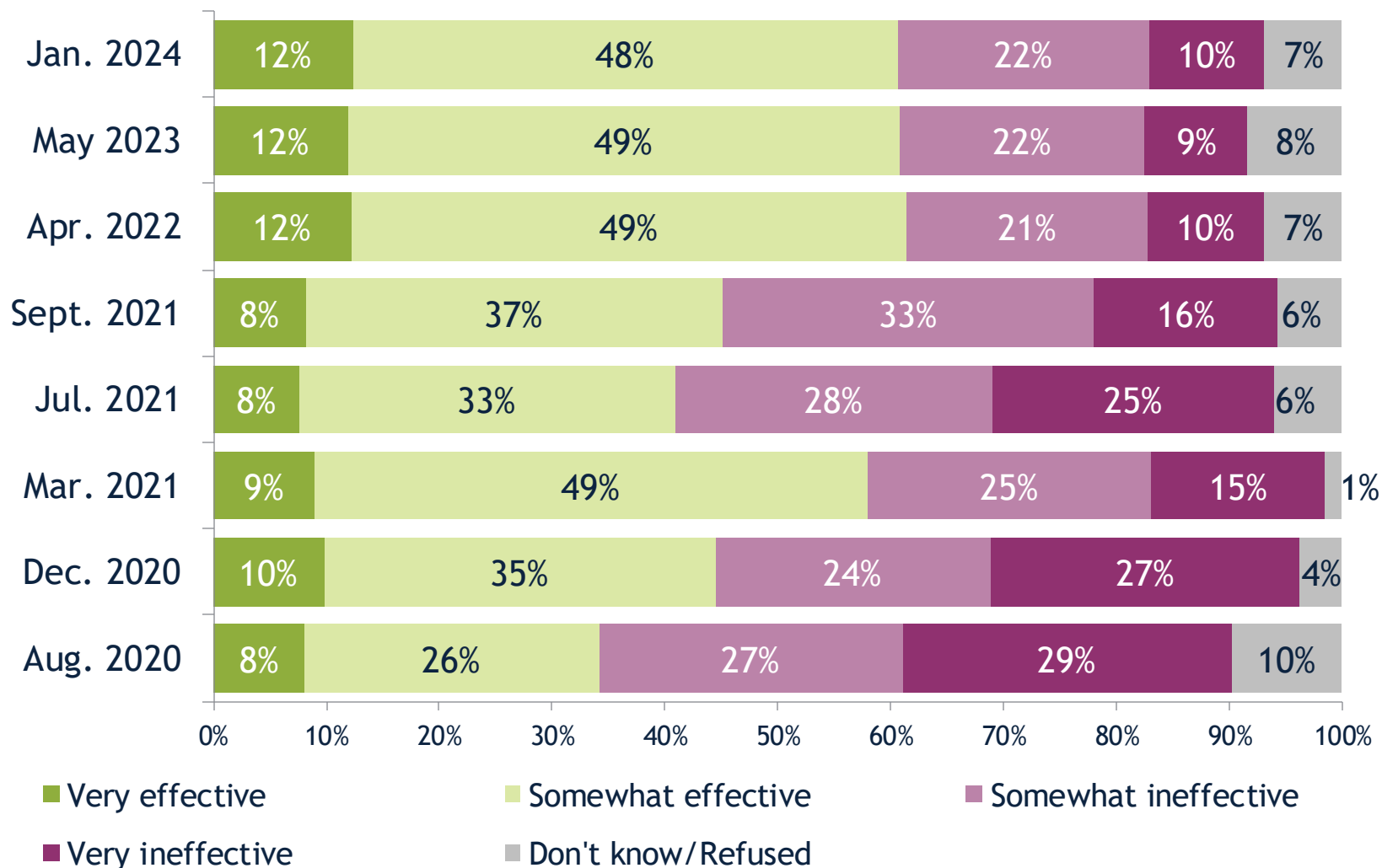


*State Committee for National Security

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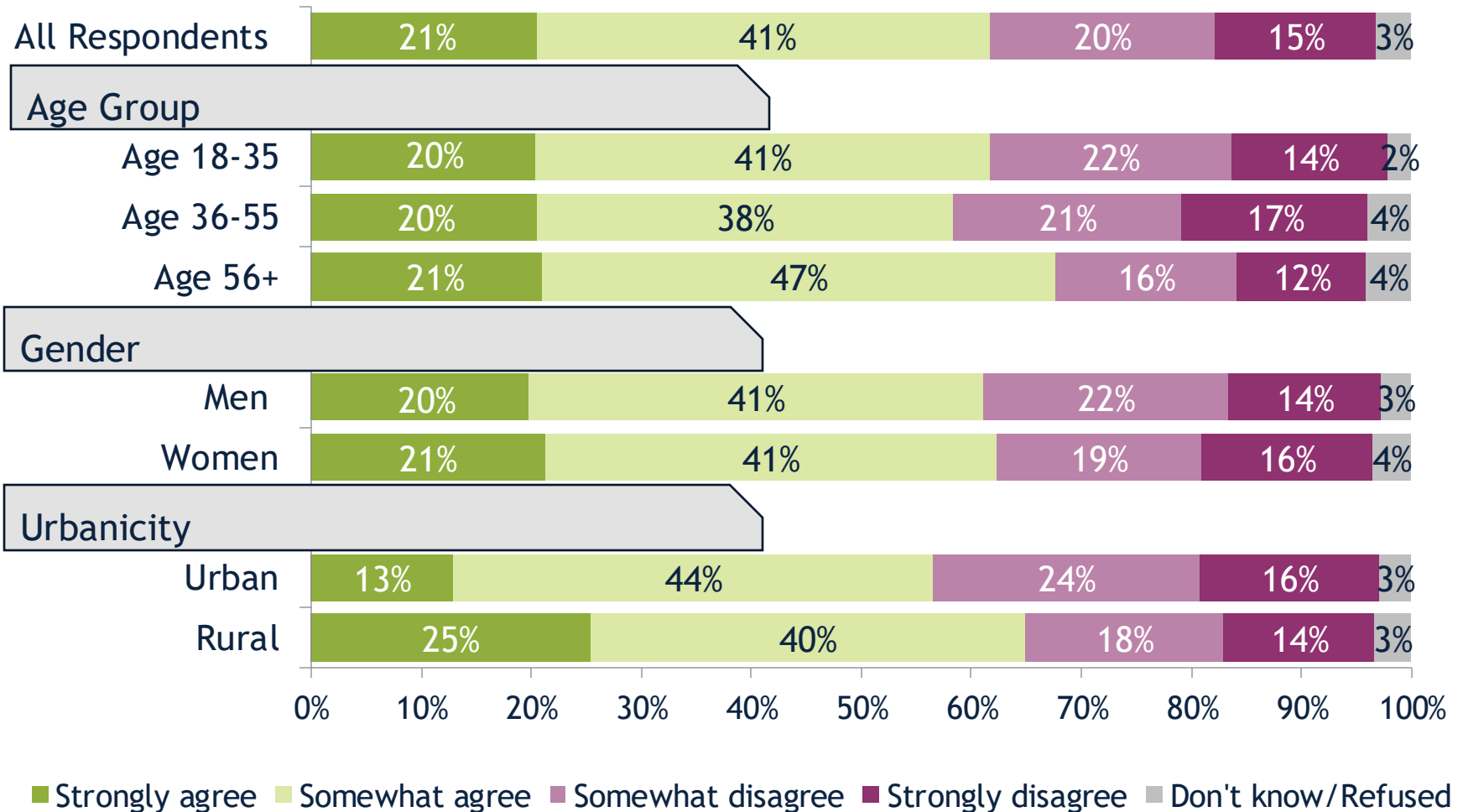


How effective or ineffective do you believe the Central Election Commission is in the management and oversight of elections in Kyrgyzstan?

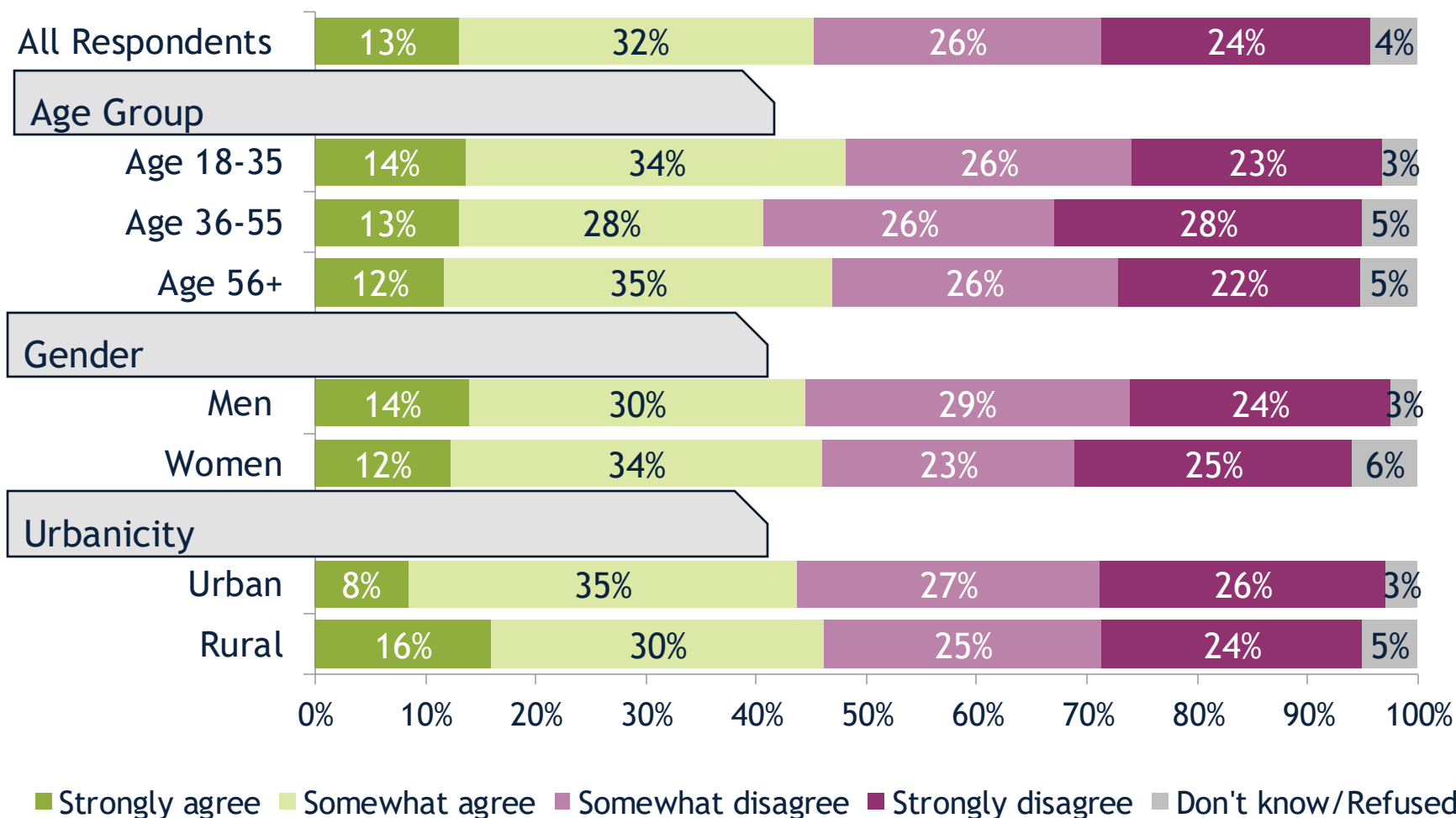


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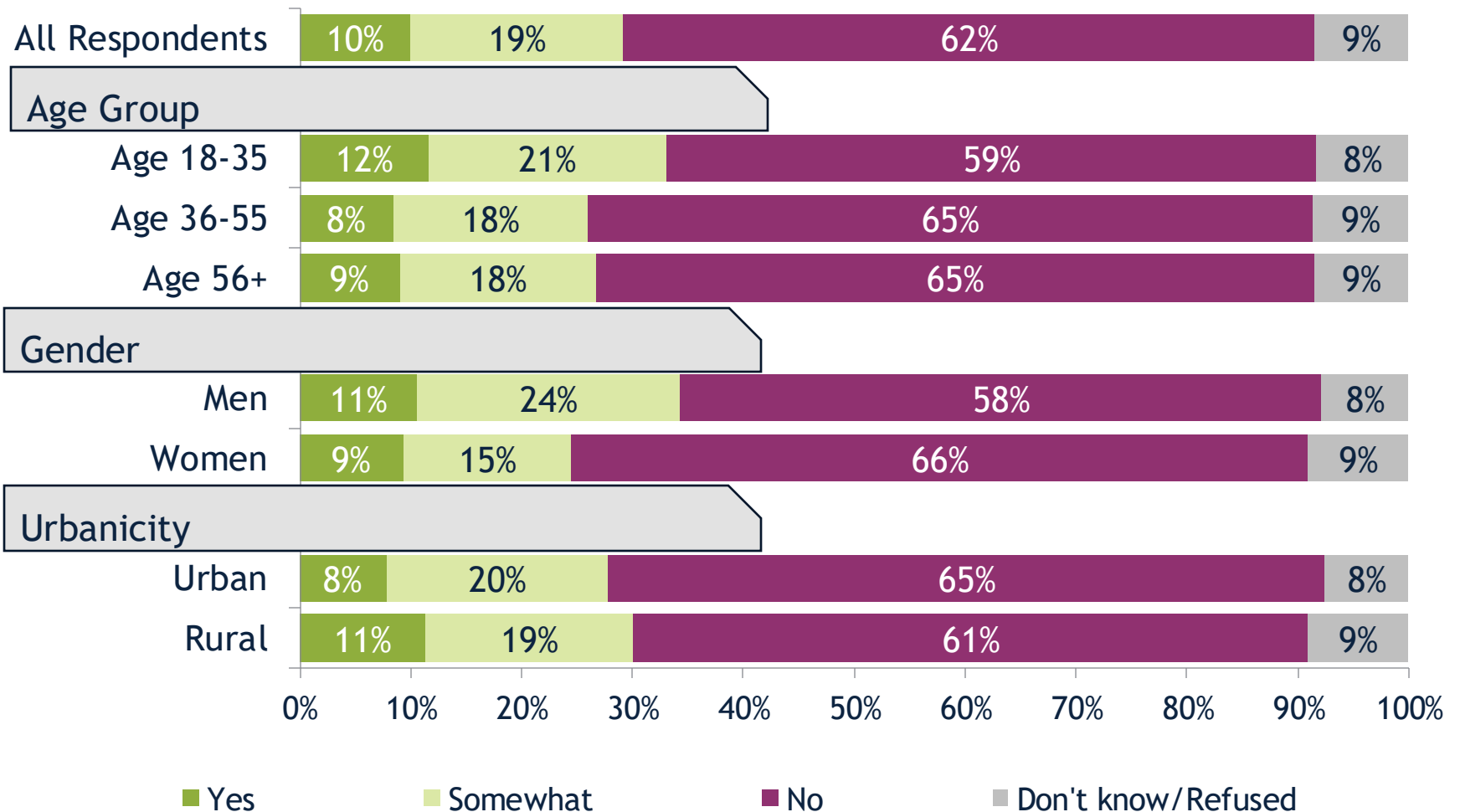
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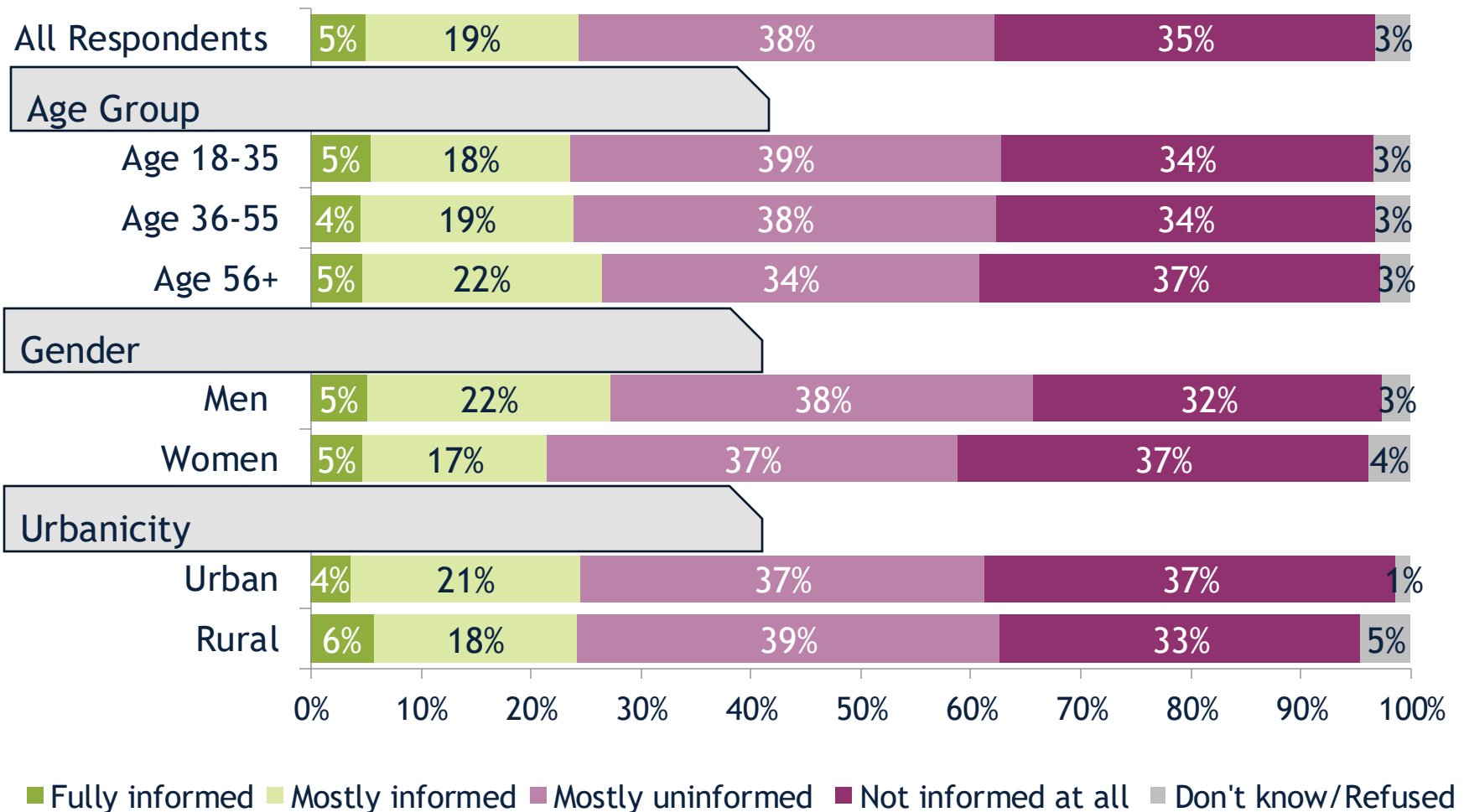
How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “I feel the Parliament considers my priorities, interests and aspirations in decision-making.”



Do you know how to make an appeal to Parliament or to a specific member of Parliament to express your opinion?



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



Corruption



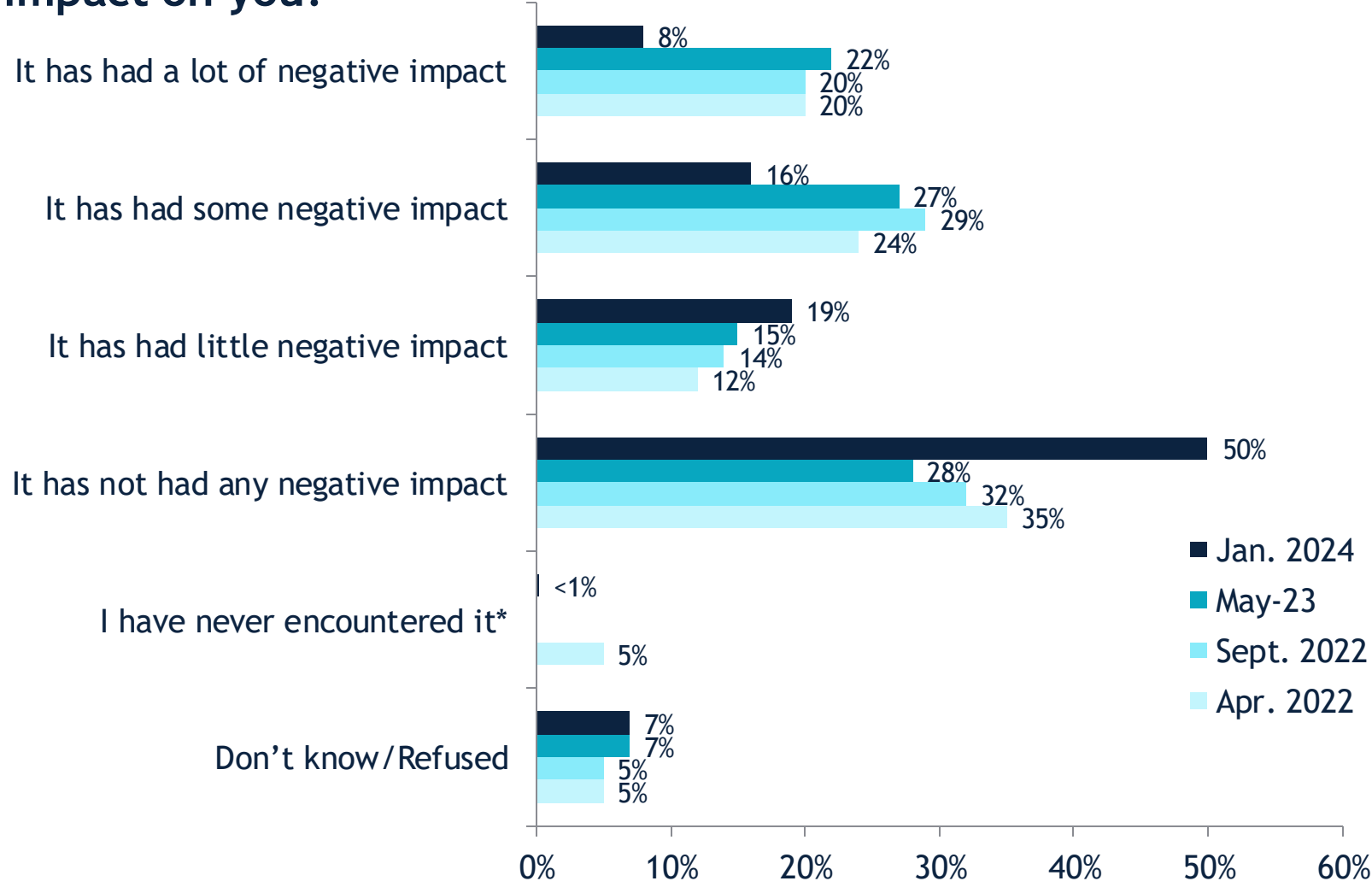
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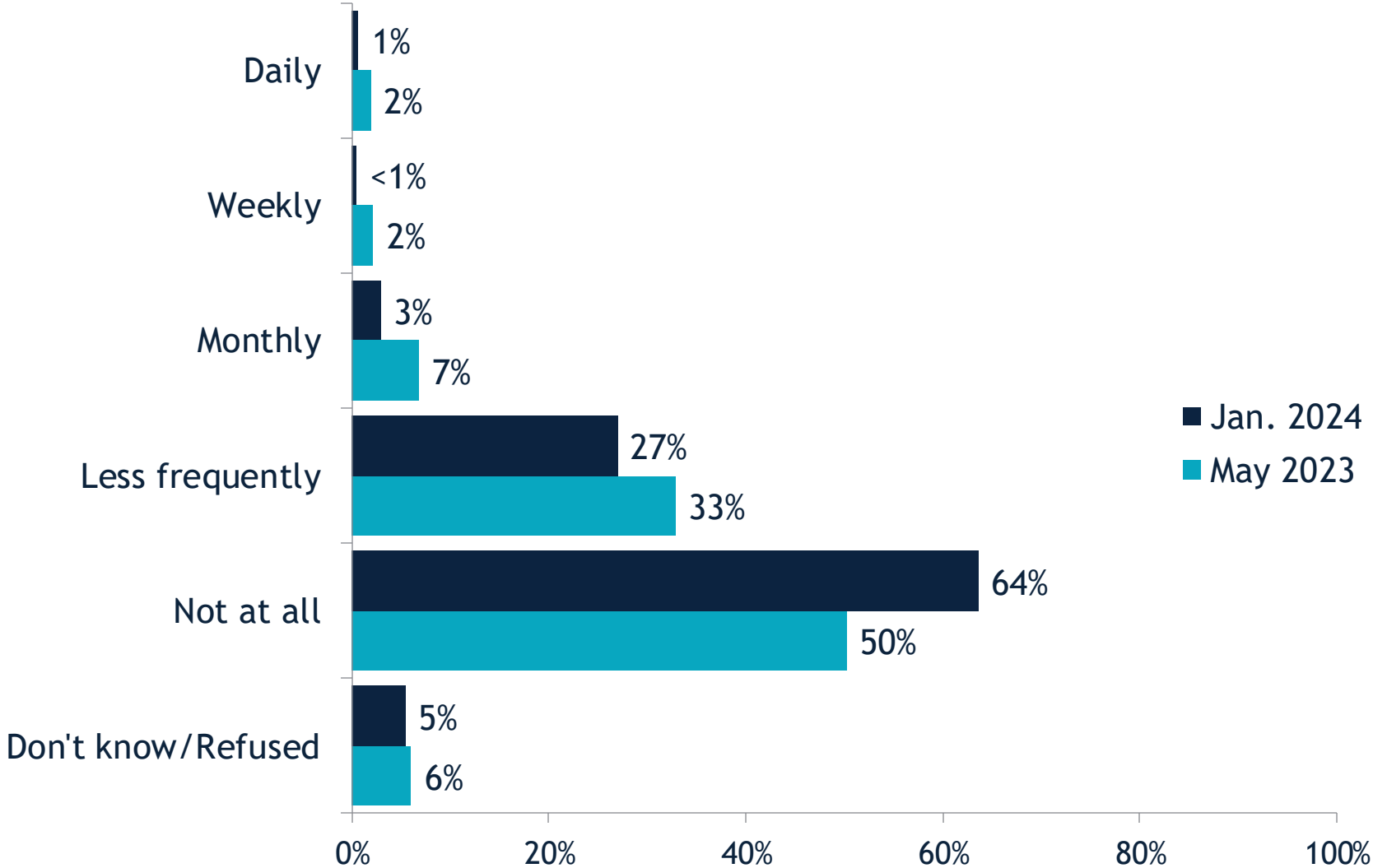
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



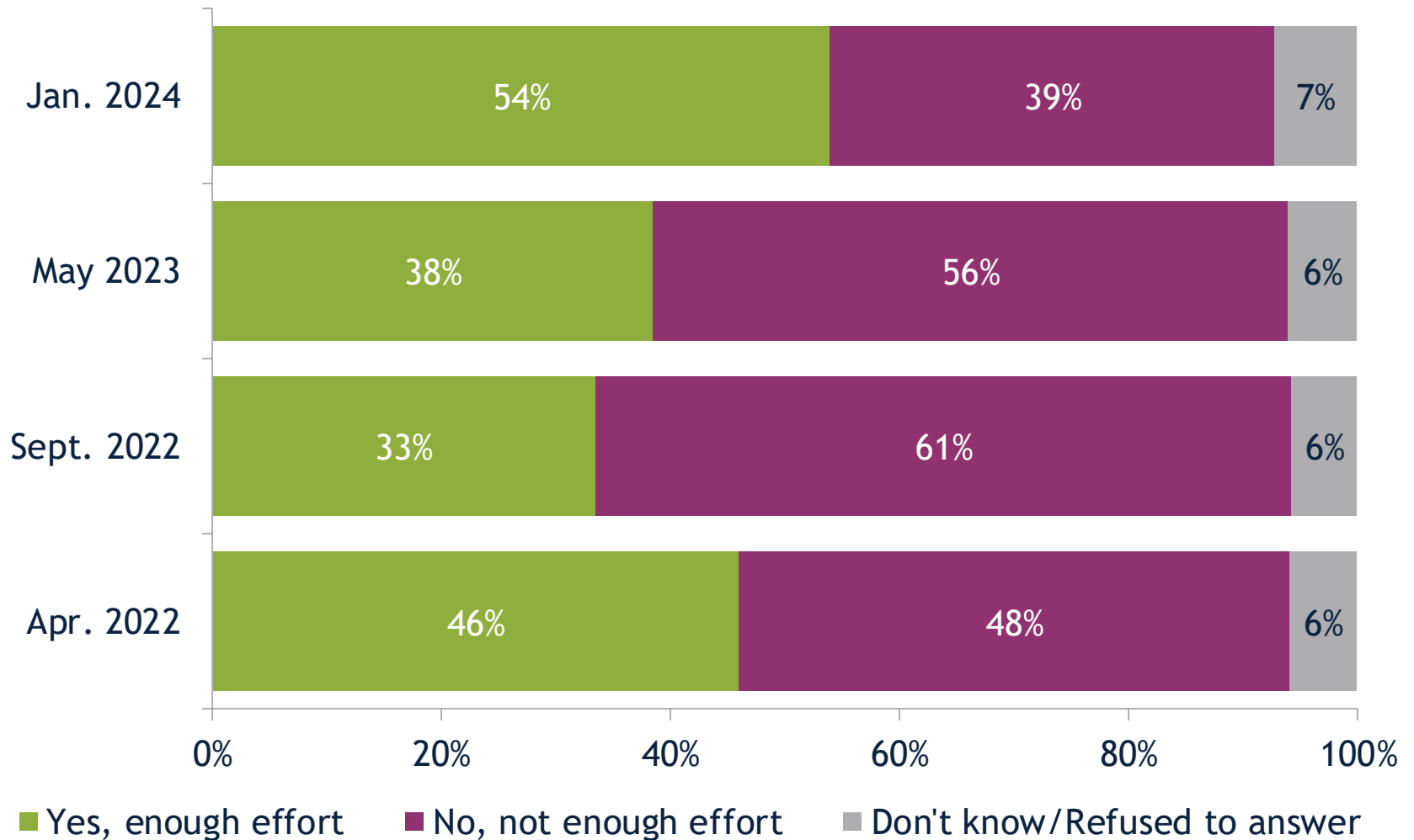
*I have never encountered it was recorded under the “other” responses respondents gave in April 2022. I have never encountered it was not read out as a response option in any polls.



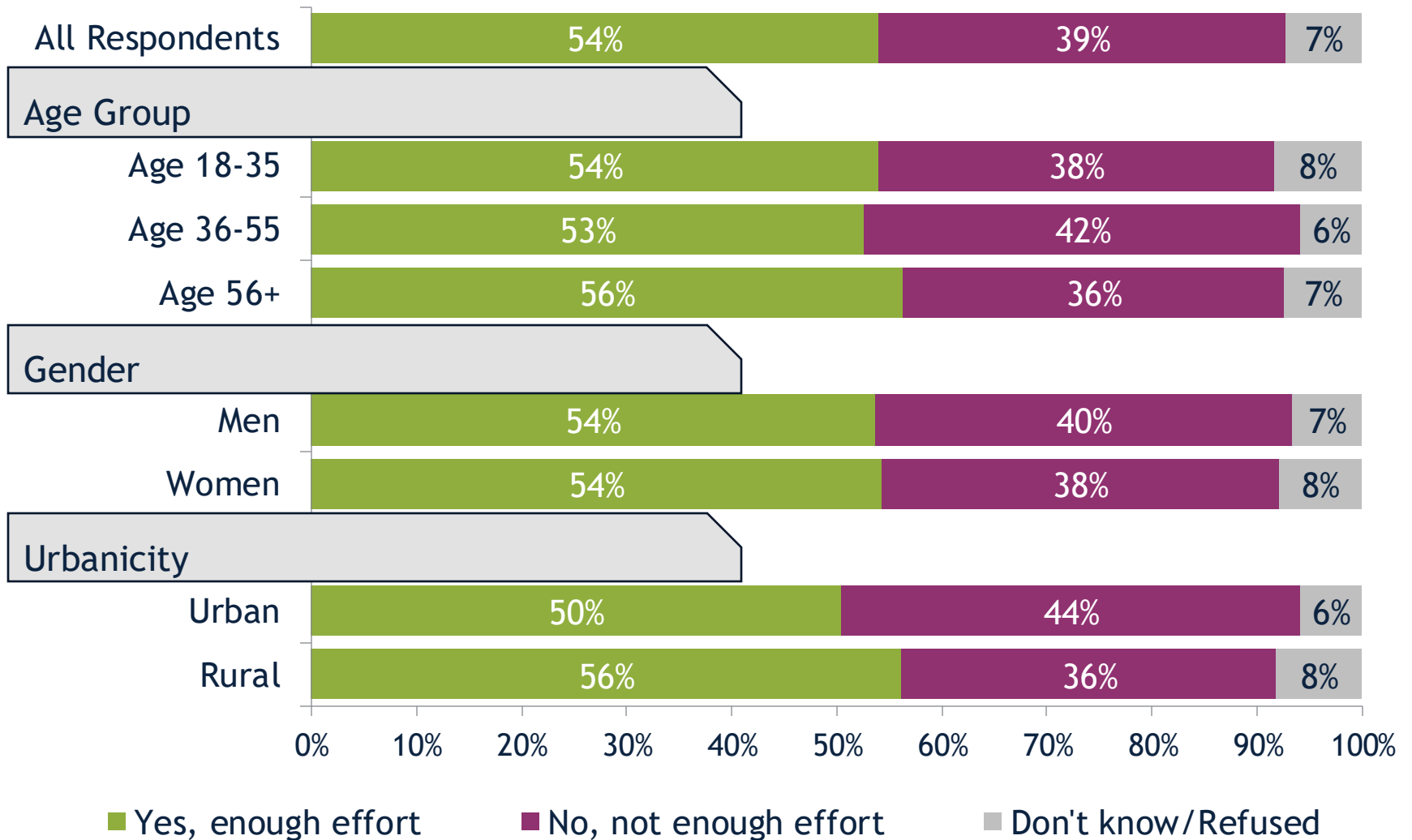
In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?



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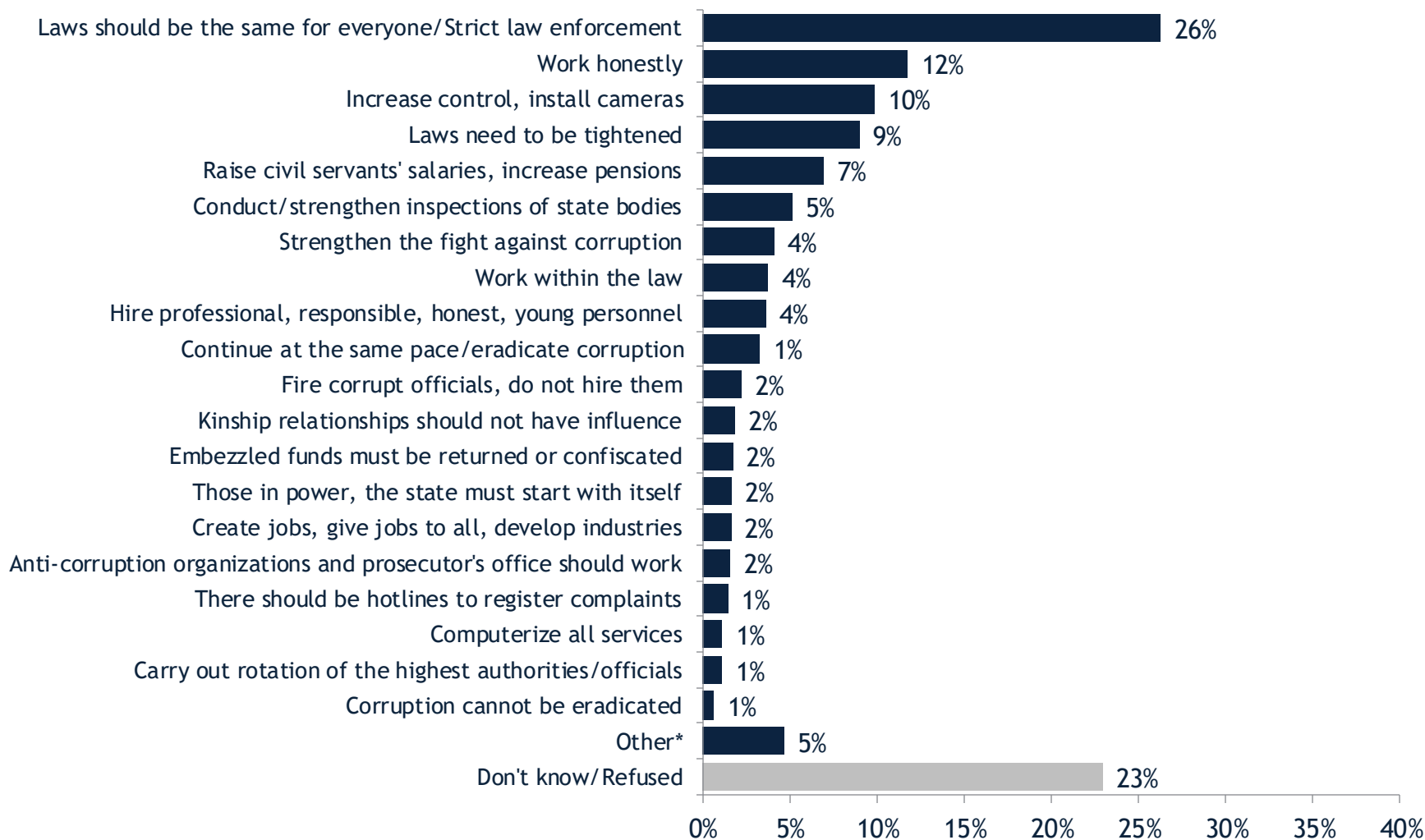


Do you think the Kyrgyz government applies enough effort to fight corruption?



In your opinion, what measures should be taken by the Kyrgyz government to prevent corruption in the country?

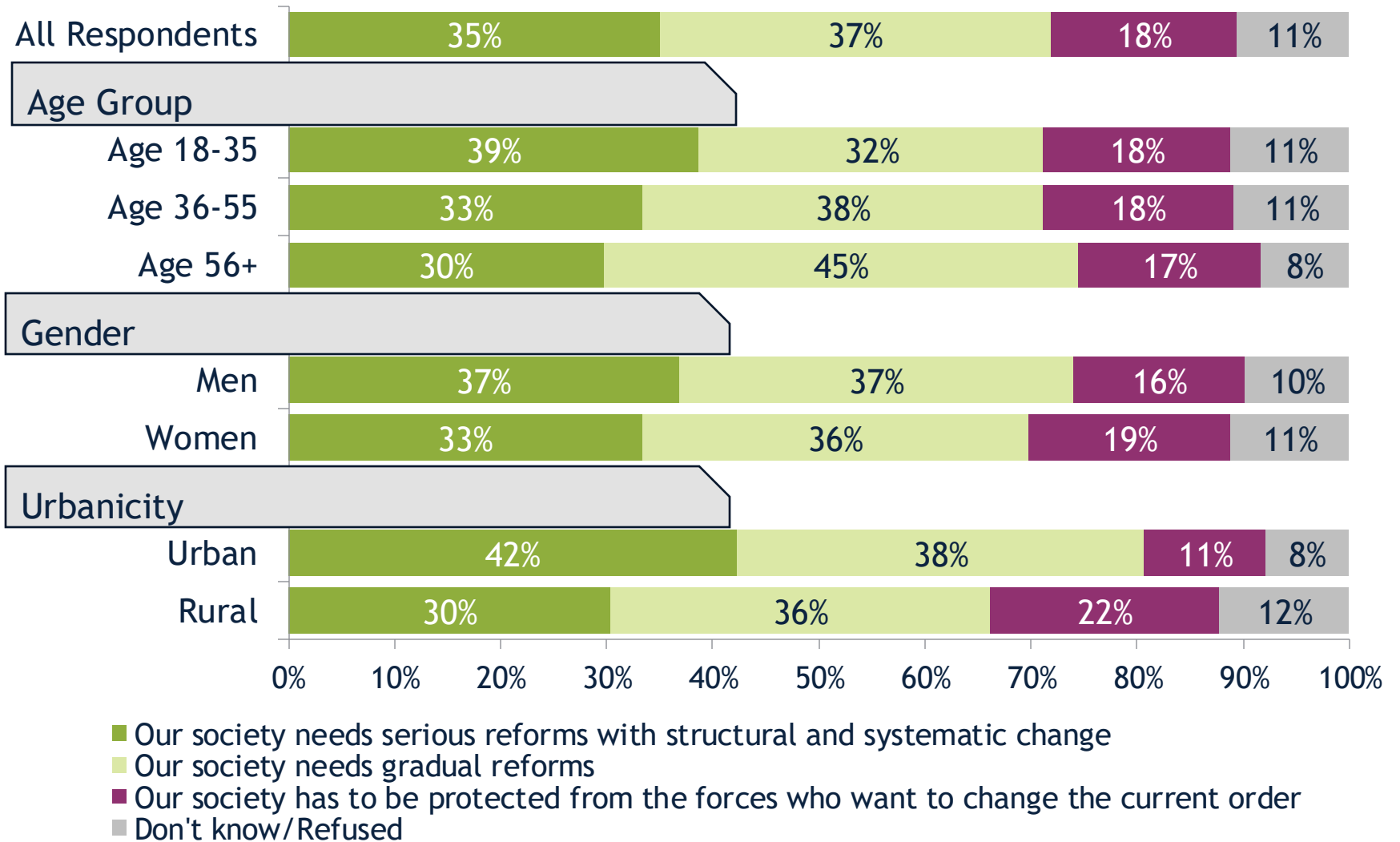
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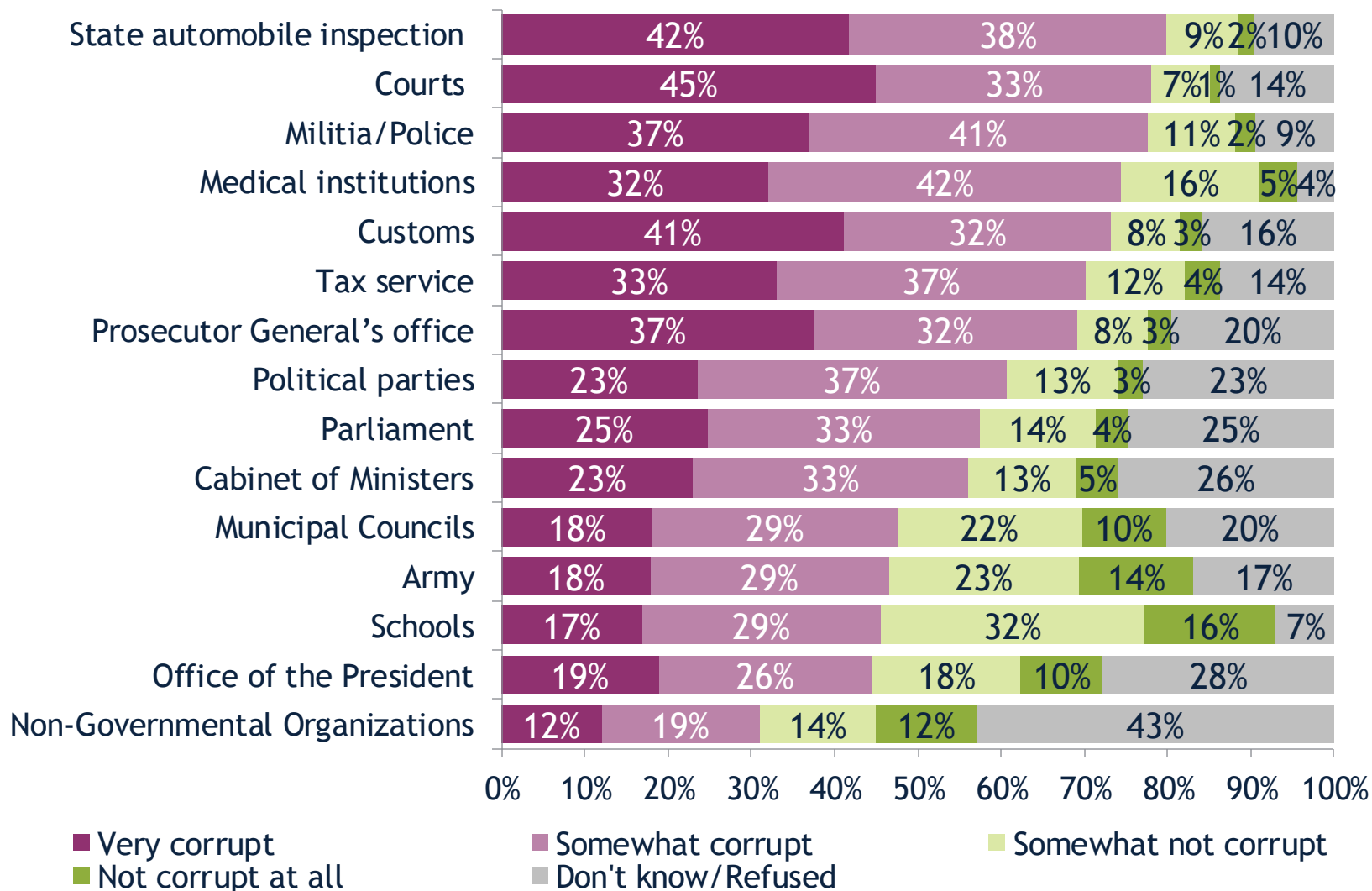


Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?

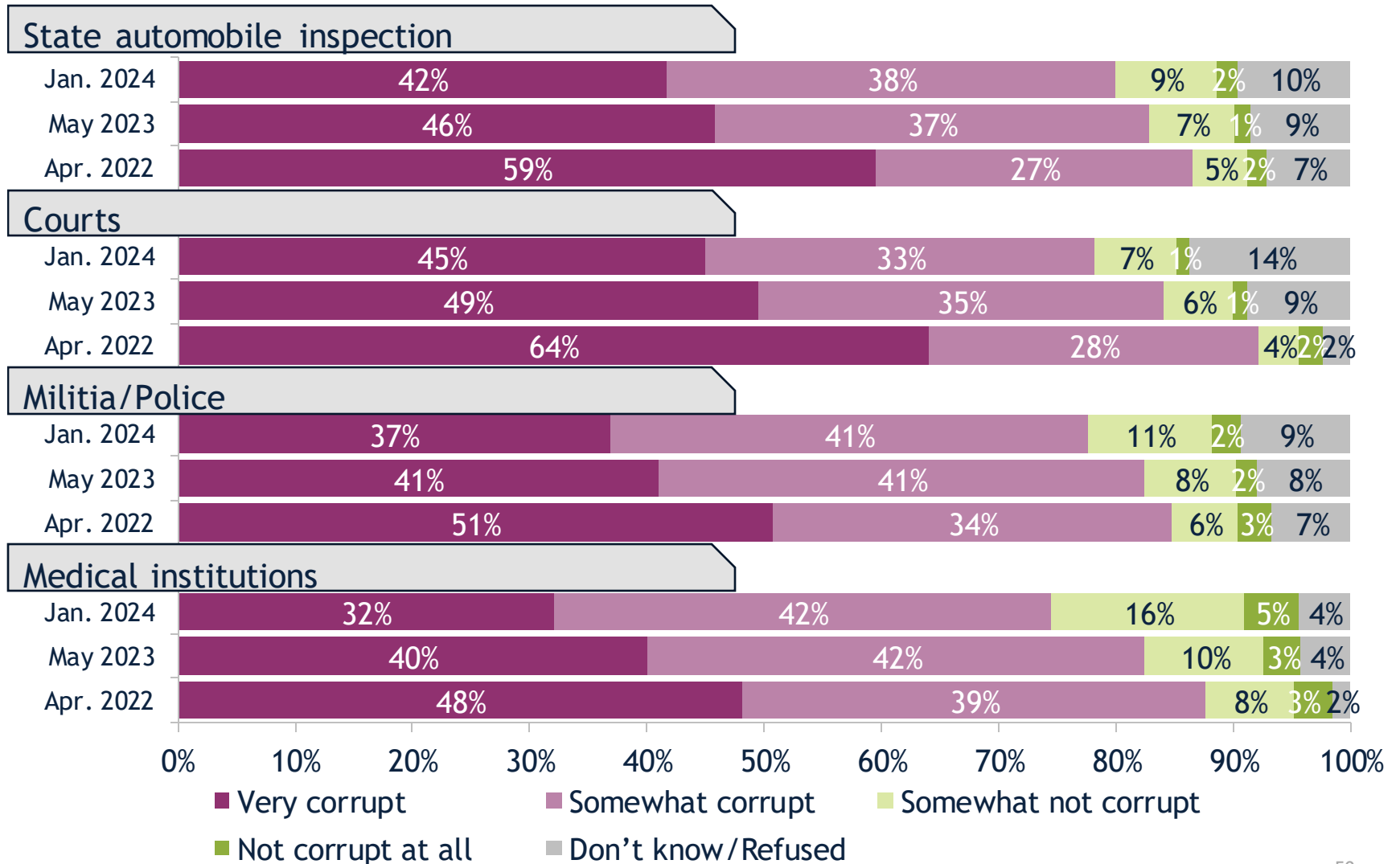


What is your opinion about the level of corruption in the following Kyrgyz institutions?

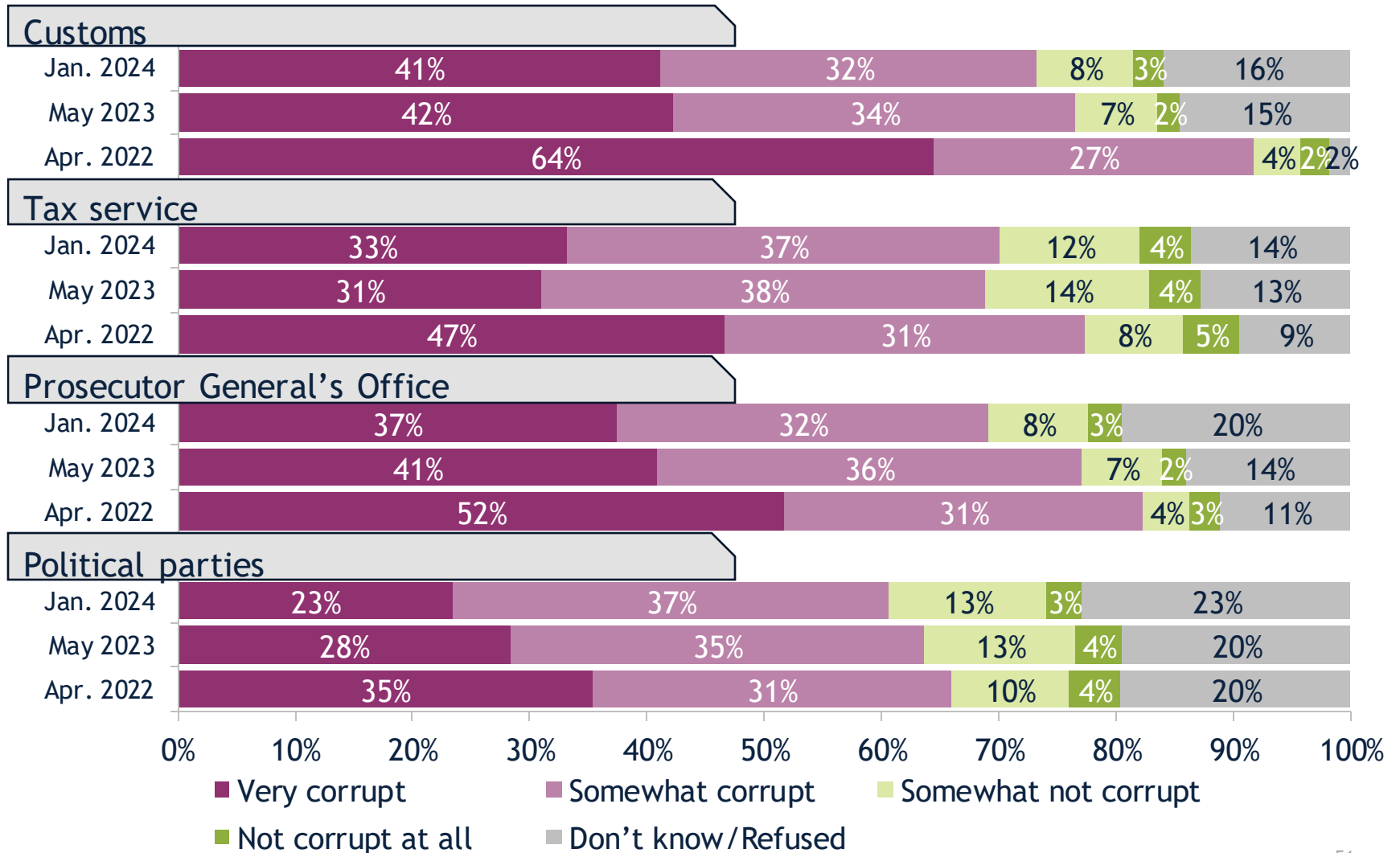
Corruption in Institutions
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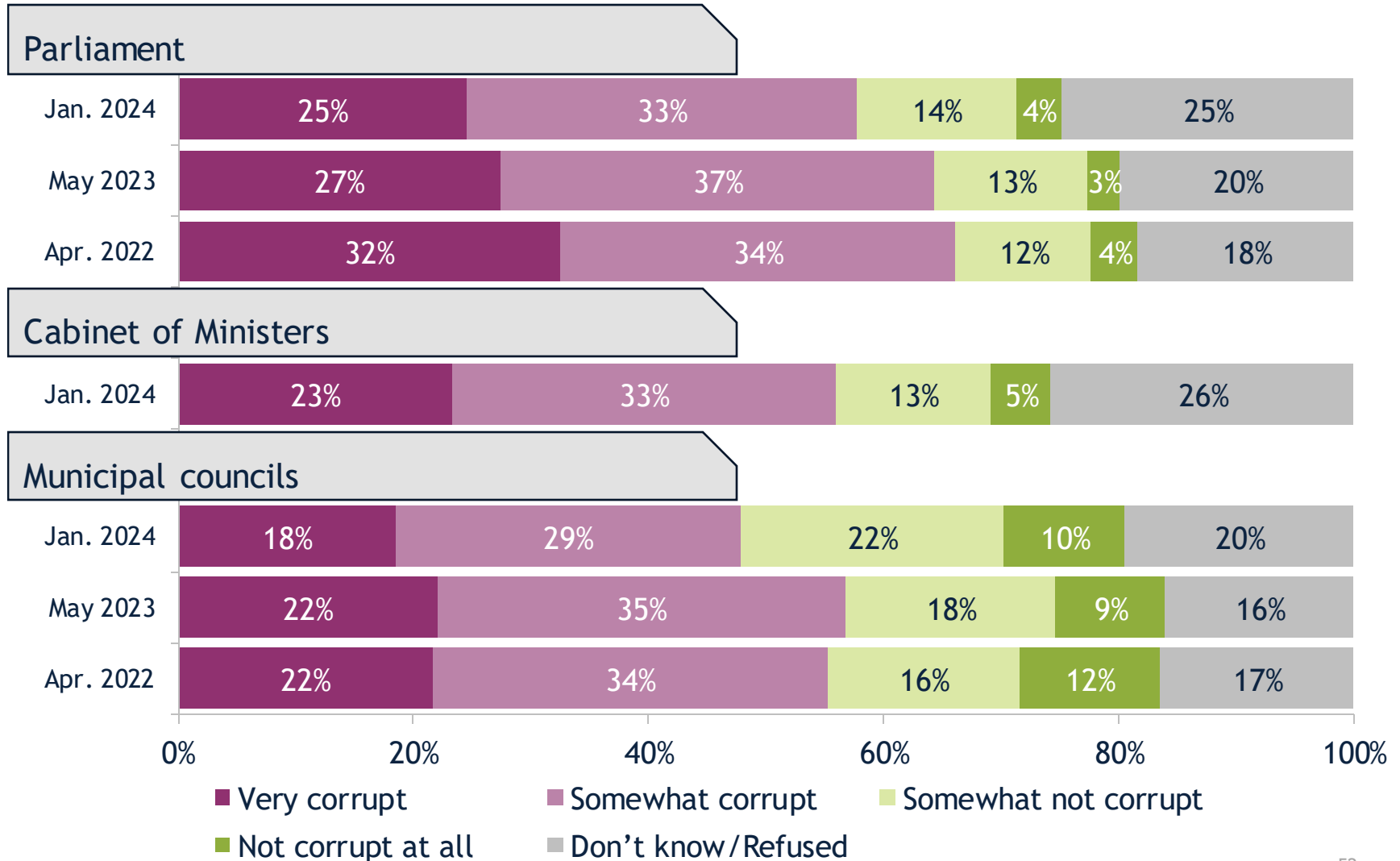
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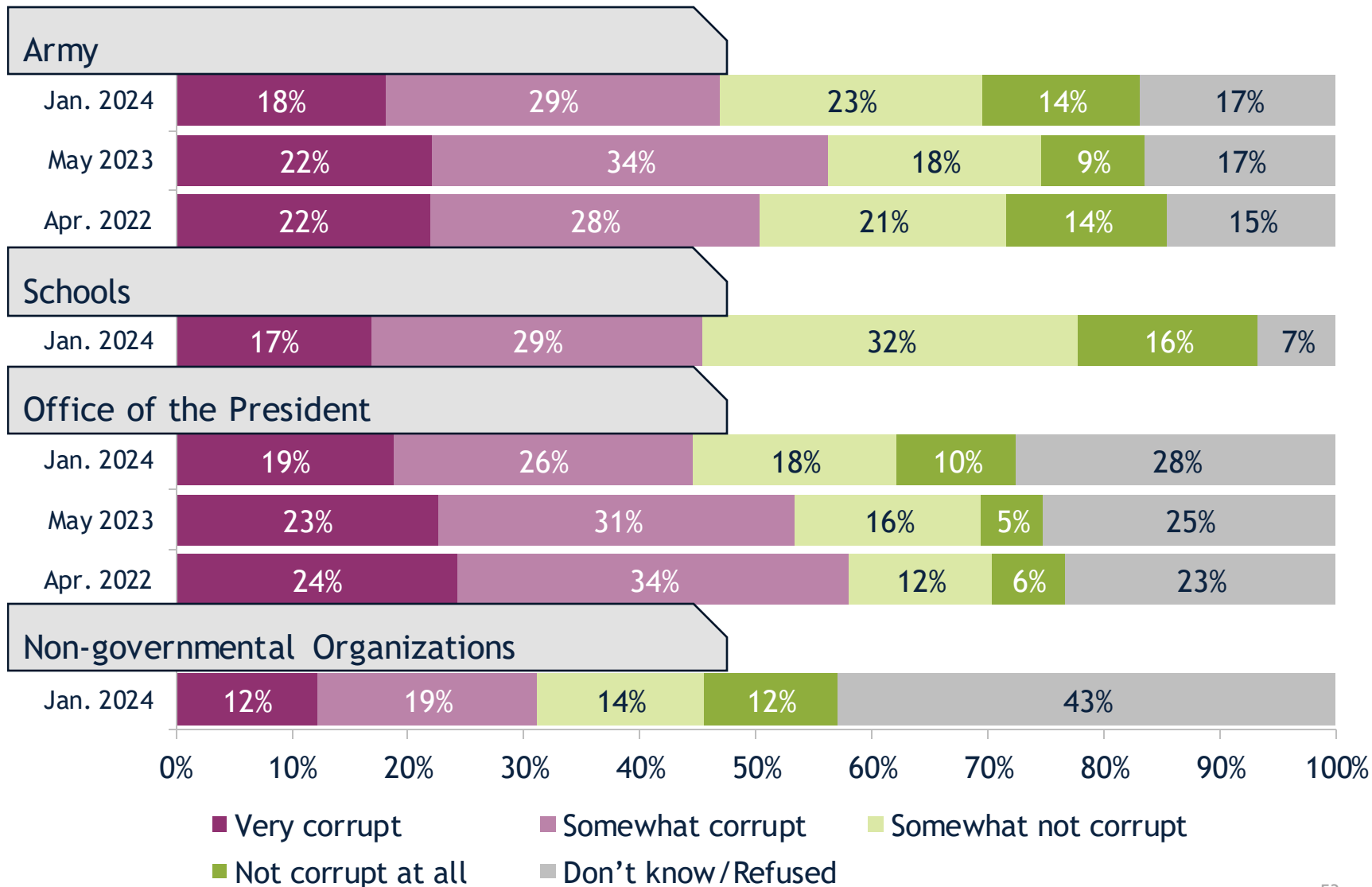
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Information



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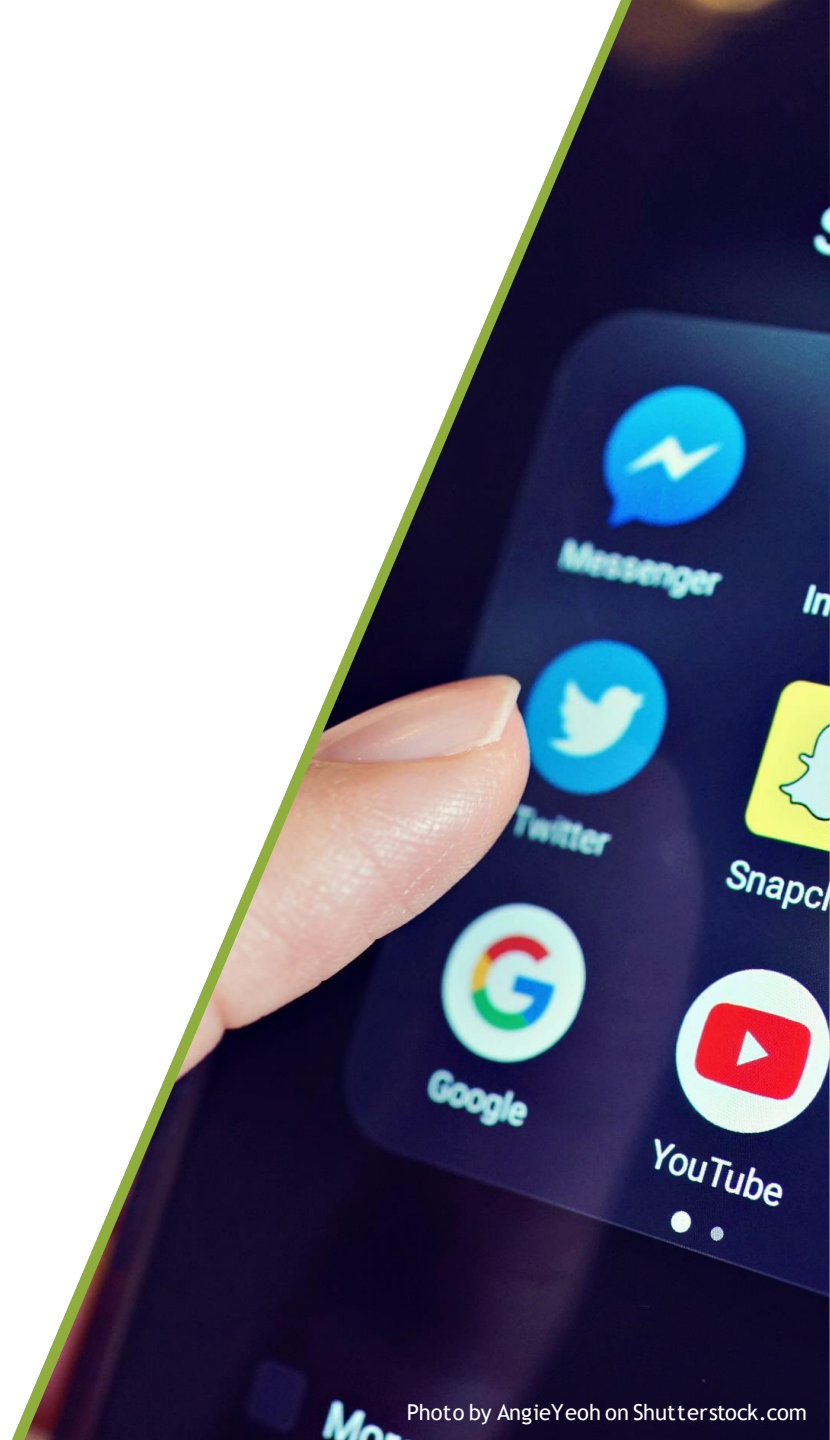


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Which of these information sources do you use for gaining political information?

(Multiple responses permitted)

	All Respondents	Age 18-35	Age 36-55	Age 56+
Social Media	68%	78%	71%	39%
TV - news, programs	62%	48%	68%	81%
Internet, other than social media	32%	36%	32%	22%
Relatives, friends	28%	25%	31%	31%
Radio - news, programs	6%	4%	8%	7%
Work colleagues	4%	4%	4%	3%
Articles in newspapers	4%	3%	3%	6%
Billboards, stands in the streets	1%	1%	2%	1%
Articles in magazines	1%	1%	1%	2%
Meetings with politicians	1%	1%	1%	2%
Leaflets, other free information by mail	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Other*	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
None of these	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
I don't follow political news and information	4%	5%	3%	5%
Don't know / Refused	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%

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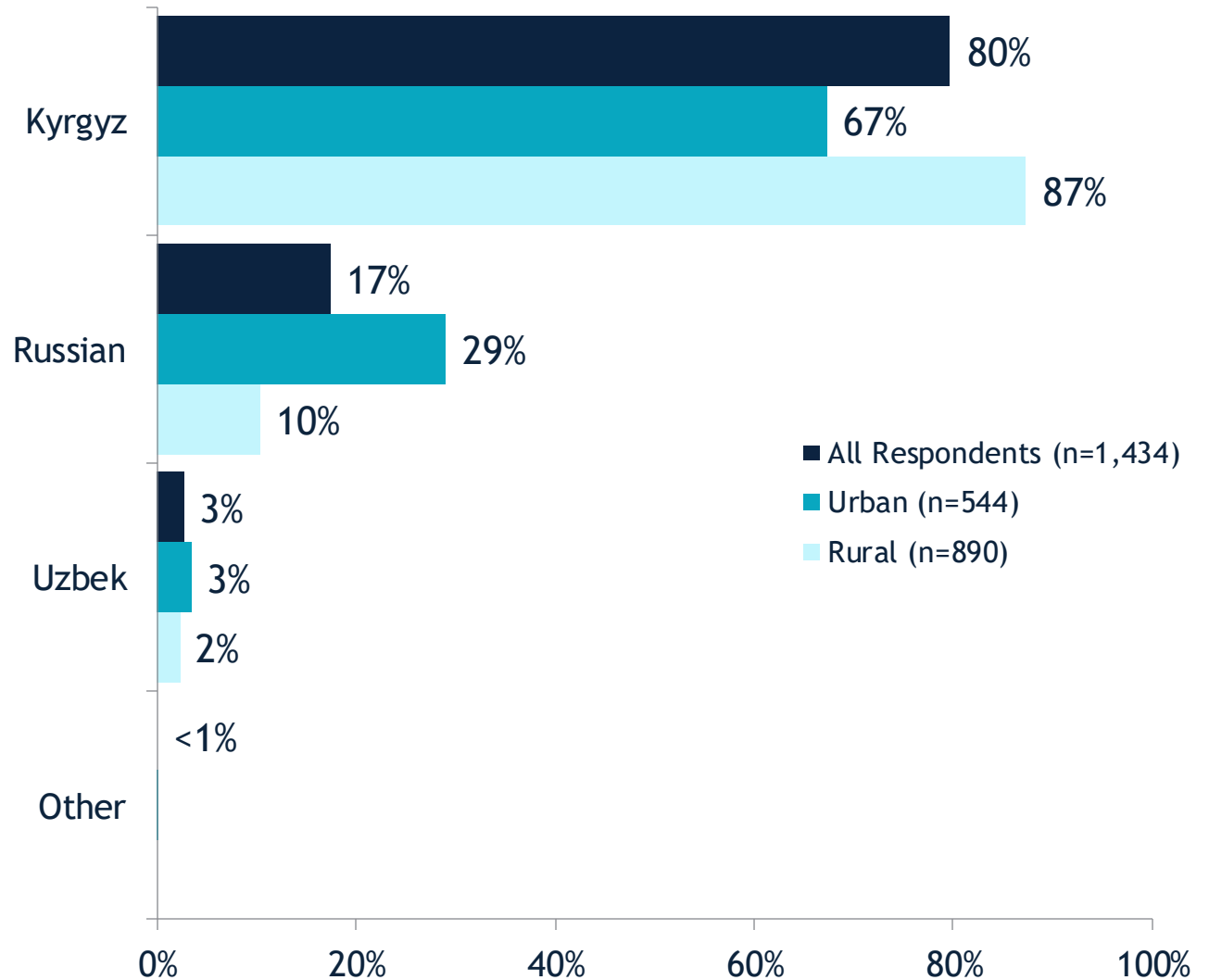
(Multiple responses permitted)

	All Respondents	Urban	Rural
Social Media	68%	63%	71%
TV - news, programs	62%	55%	66%
Internet, other than social media	32%	39%	27%
Relatives, friends	28%	27%	29%
Radio - news, programs	6%	6%	6%
Work colleagues	4%	4%	4%
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Which language do you prefer for consuming political information?

(Spontaneous response; among those who follow political news and information)

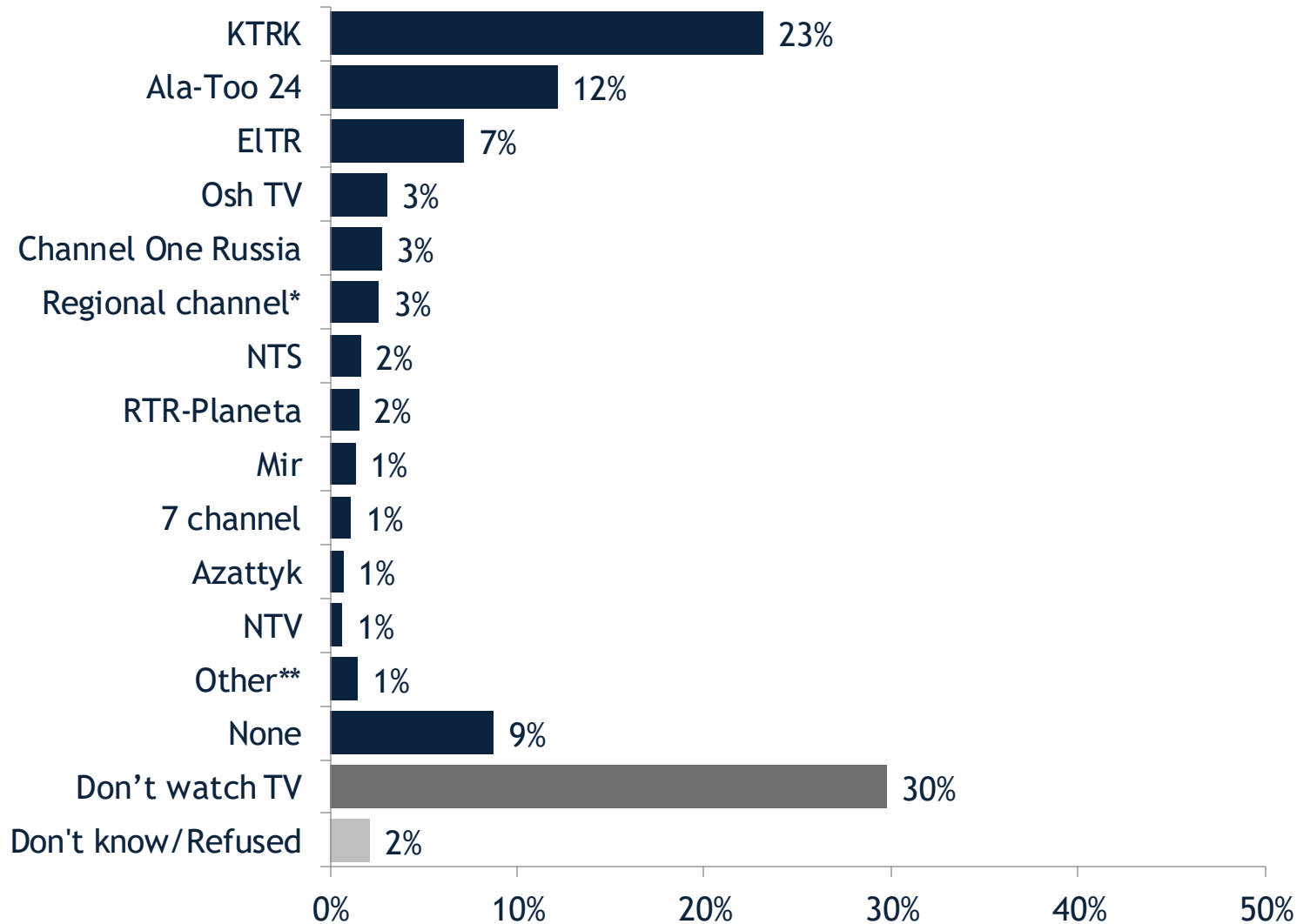


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Which TV channel do you trust most for news and political information?

(Spontaneous response; among those who follow political news and information, n=1,434)



*Regional channel (Batken TV, Osh Pirim, Talas TV, Issyk-Kol TV)

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	All Respondents (n=1,434)	Age 18-35 (n=623)	Age 36-55 (n=524)	Age 56+ (n=286)
KTRK	23%	21%	24%	28%
Ala-Too 24	12%	8%	14%	18%
ELTR	7%	7%	7%	9%
Osh TV	3%	3%	4%	2%
Channel One Russia	3%	1%	4%	6%
Regional channel*	3%	1%	3%	4%
NTS	2%	1%	3%	1%
RTR-Planeta	2%	<1%	1%	5%
Mir	1%	<1%	2%	3%
7 channel	1%	1%	1%	1%
Azattyk	1%	<1%	1%	1%
NTV	1%	1%	<1%	<1%
Other	1%	1%	2%	1%
None	9%	8%	10%	8%
Don't watch TV	30%	44%	24%	11%
Don't know / Refused	2%	2%	2%	2%

*Regional channel (Batken TV, Osh Pirim, Talas TV, Issyk-Kol TV)

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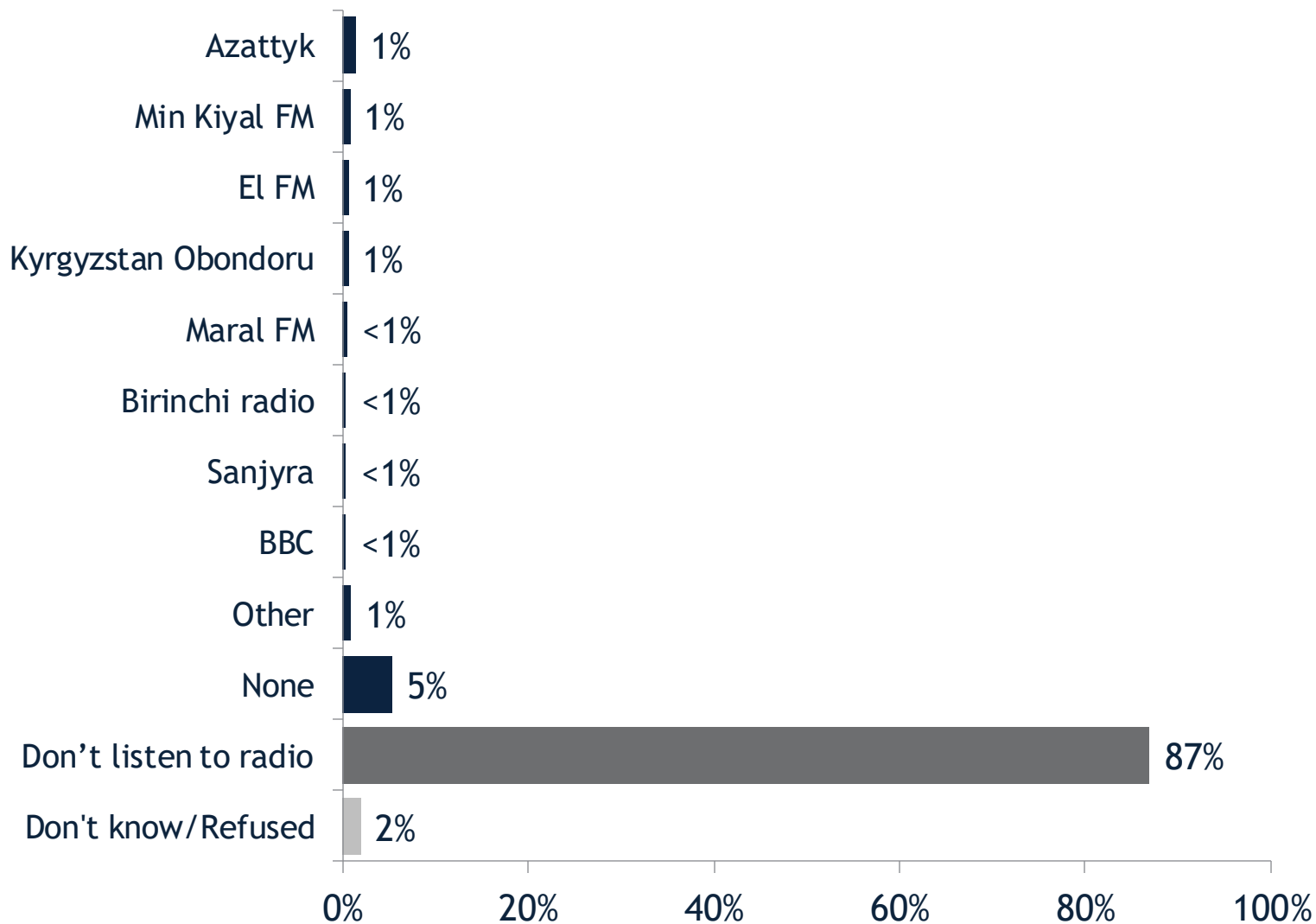
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KTRK	23%	22%	24%
Ala-Too 24	12%	8%	15%
ELTR	7%	3%	9%
OshTV	3%	3%	3%
Channel One Russia	3%	5%	1%
Regional channel*	3%	2%	3%
NTS	2%	2%	1%
RTR-Planeta	2%	2%	1%
Mir	1%	2%	1%
7 channel	1%	1%	1%
Azattyk	1%	<1%	1%
NTV	1%	<1%	1%
Other	1%	2%	1%
None	9%	11%	7%
Don't watch TV	30%	35%	27%
Don't know / Refused	2%	1%	3%

*Regional channel (Batken TV, Osh Pirim, Talas TV, Issyk-Kol TV)

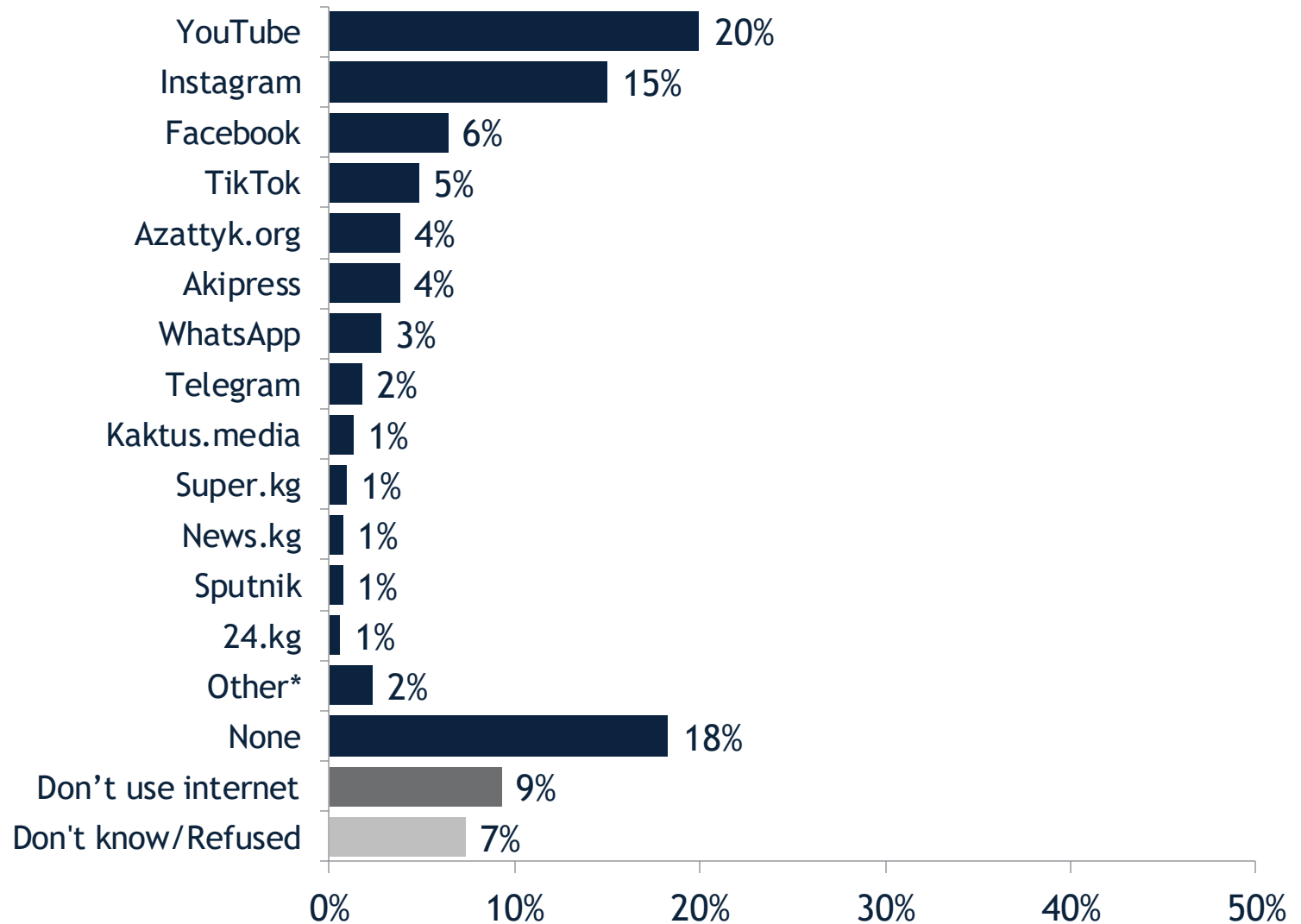
Which radio station do you trust most for news and political information?

(Spontaneous response; among those who follow political news and information, n=1,434)



Which website/online resource do you trust most for news and political information?

(Spontaneous response; among those who follow political news and information, n=1,434)



*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into other.



Which website/online resource do you trust most for news and political information?

(Multiple responses permitted)

	All Respondents (n=1,434)	Age 18-35 (n=733)	Age 36-55 (n=623)	Age 56+ (n=524)
YouTube	20%	16%	24%	21%
Instagram	15%	22%	12%	5%
Facebook	6%	7%	8%	2%
TikTok	5%	7%	4%	2%
Azattyk.org	4%	5%	4%	2%
Akipress	4%	4%	4%	2%
WhatsApp	3%	2%	3%	3%
Telegram	2%	3%	1%	<1%
Kaktus.media	1%	2%	1%	1%
Super.kg	1%	1%	1%	<1%
News.kg	1%	1%	<1%	<1%
Sputnik	1%	1%	<1%	<1%
24.kg	1%	<1%	1%	1%
Other*	2%	2%	3%	2%
None	18%	17%	20%	20%
Don't use internet	9%	2%	5%	32%
Don't know / Refused	7%	8%	8%	6%

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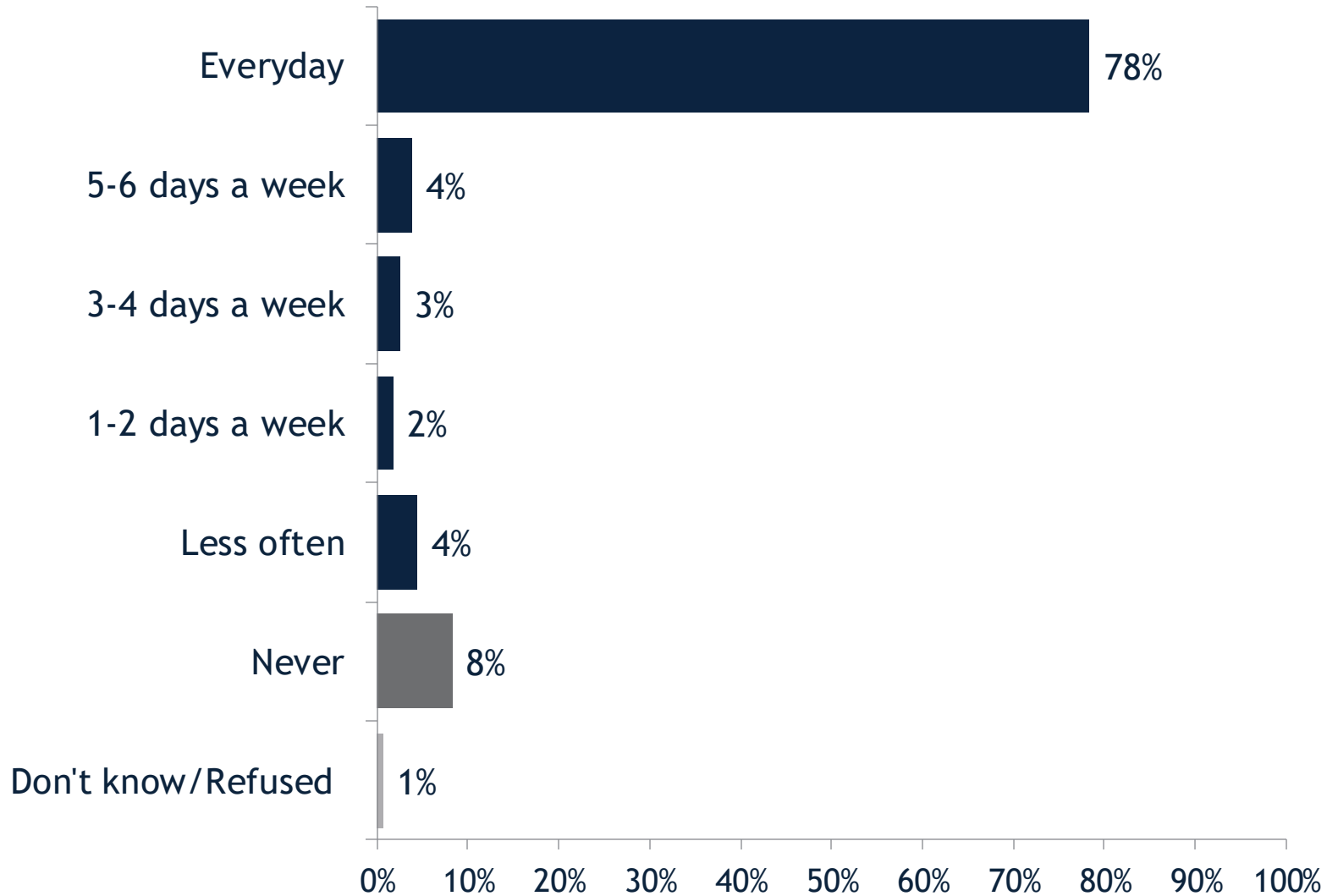
(Multiple responses permitted)

	All Respondents (n=1,434)	Urban (n=544)	Rural (n=890)
YouTube	20%	15%	23%
Instagram	15%	15%	15%
Facebook	6%	6%	7%
TikTok	5%	3%	6%
Akipress	4%	5%	3%
Azattyk.org	4%	5%	3%
WhatsApp	3%	1%	4%
Kaktus.media	2%	3%	<1%
Super.kg	1%	2%	<1%
Telegram	1%	2%	2%
24.kg	1%	1%	<1%
Sputnik	1%	2%	<1%
News.kg	1%	1%	<1%
Other*	2%	3%	2%
None	18%	21%	17%
Don't use Internet	9%	10%	9%
Don't know / Refused	7%	3%	10%

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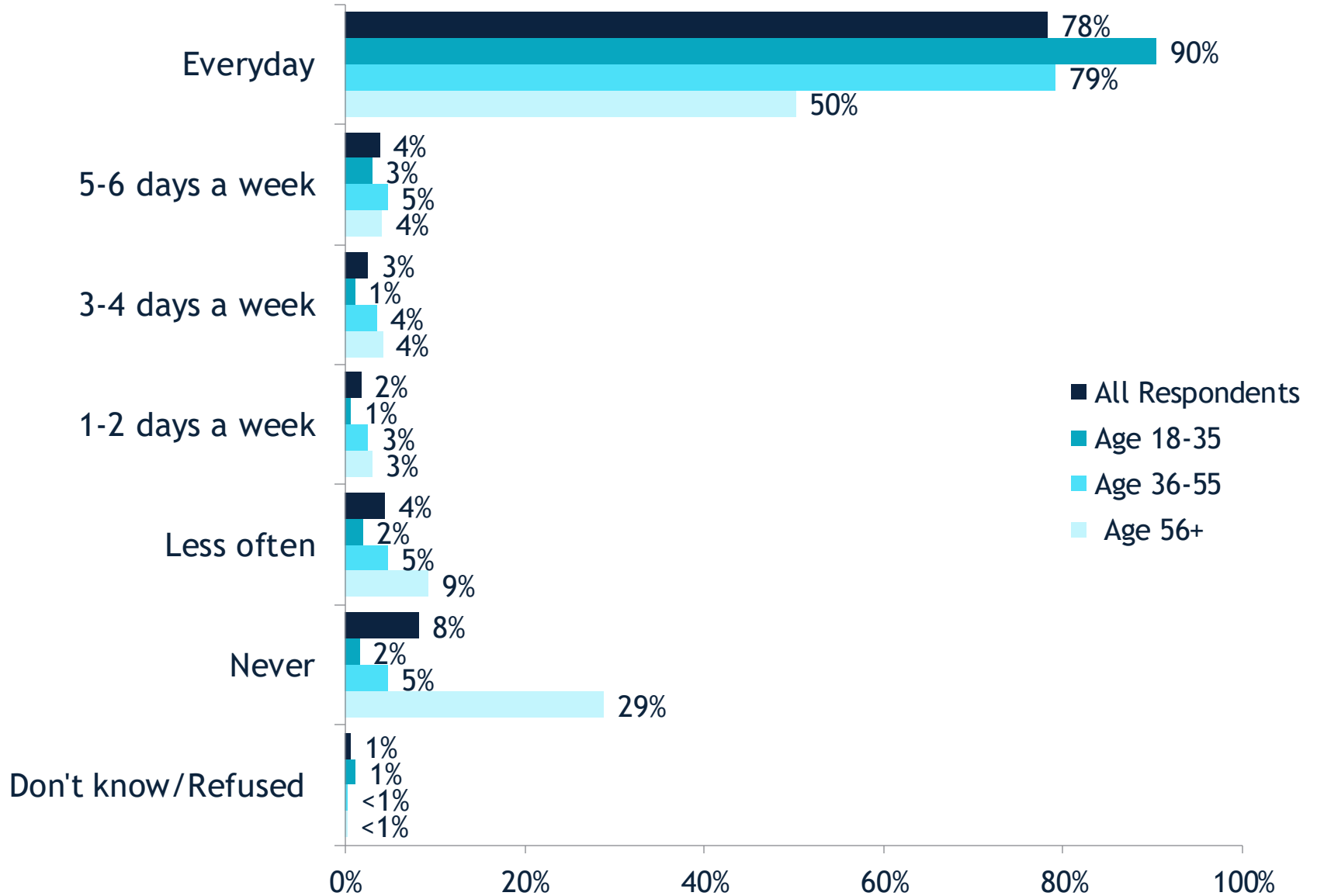


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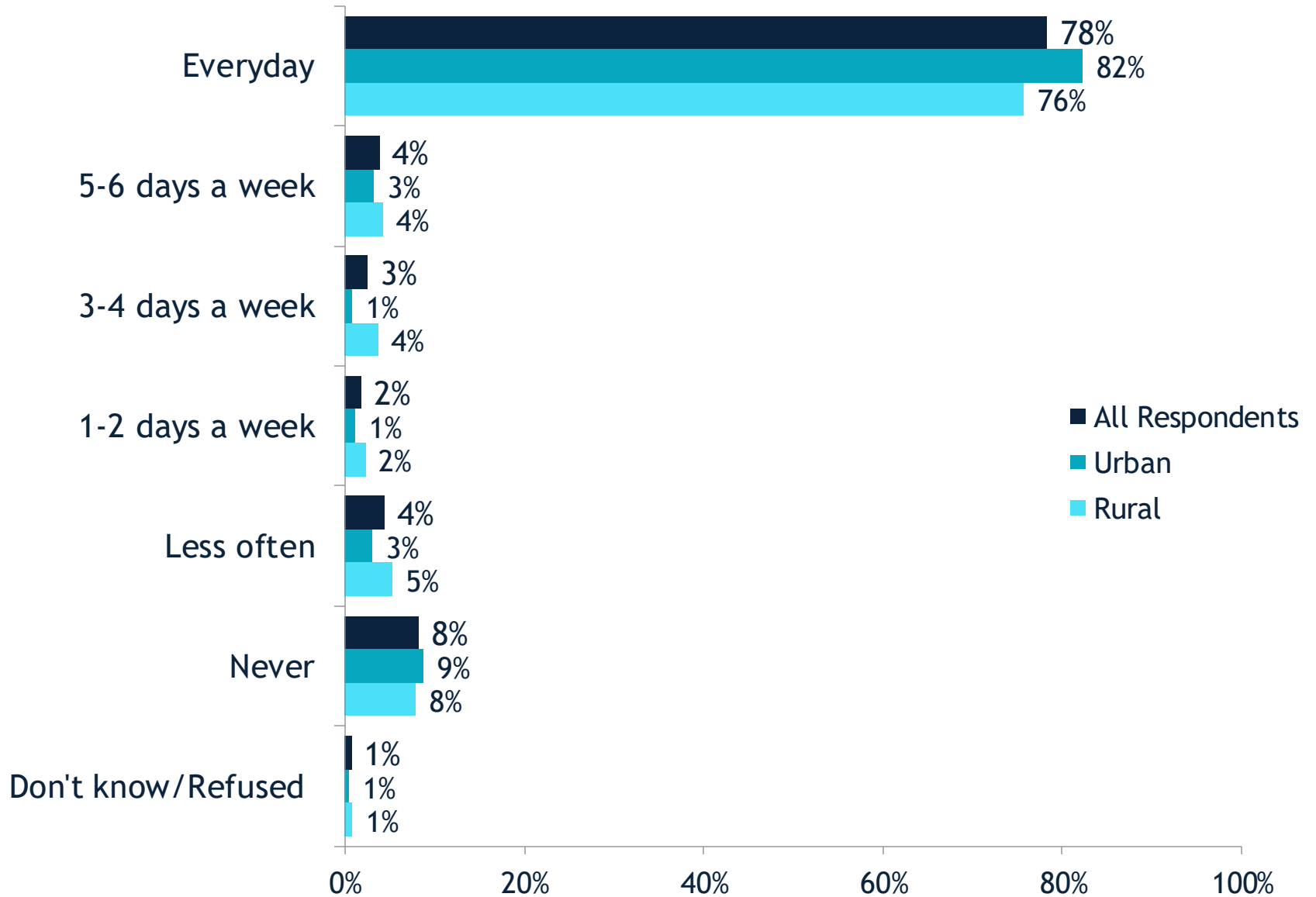


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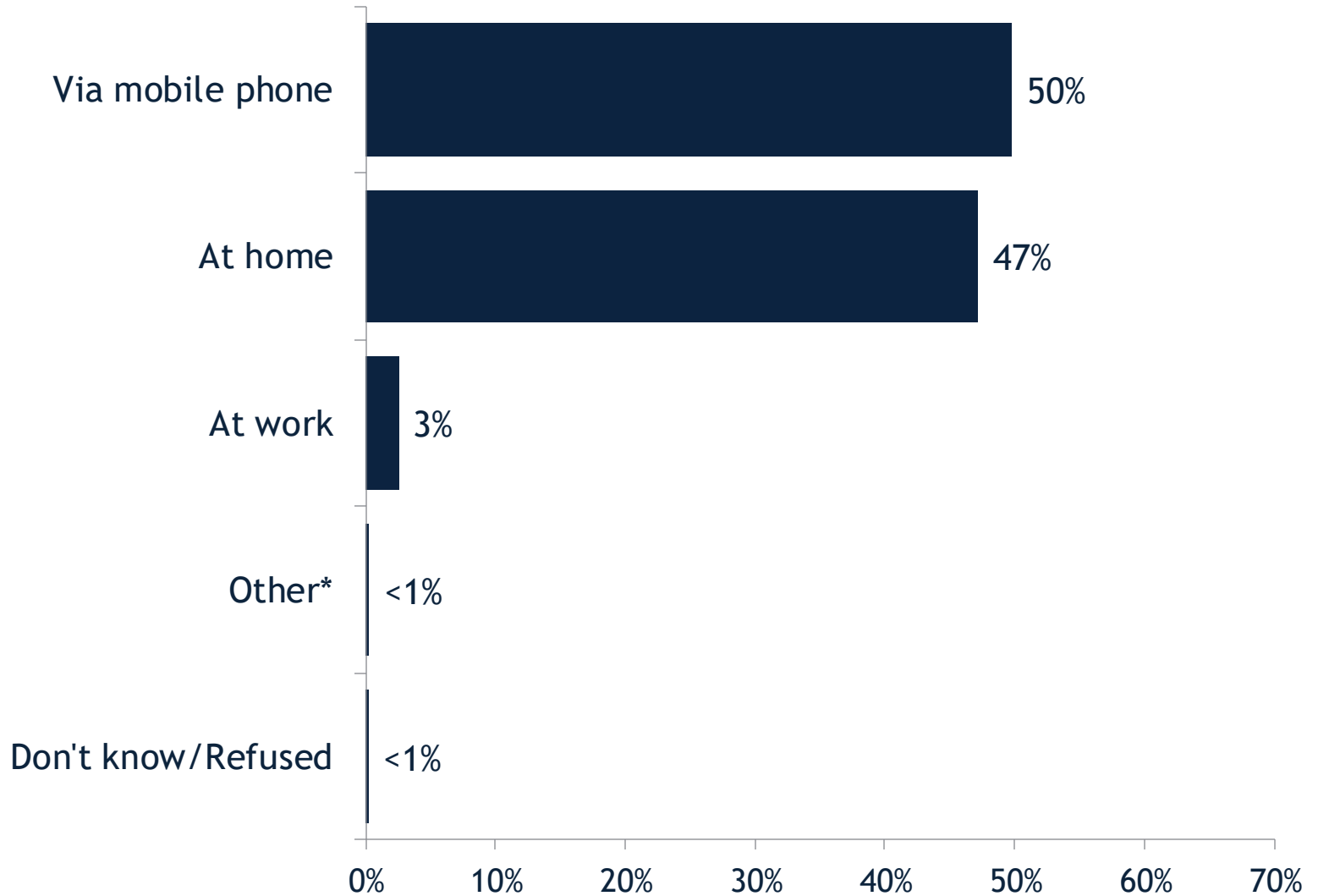
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Where do you most often access the internet?

(Among those who declared using the internet, n=1,366)

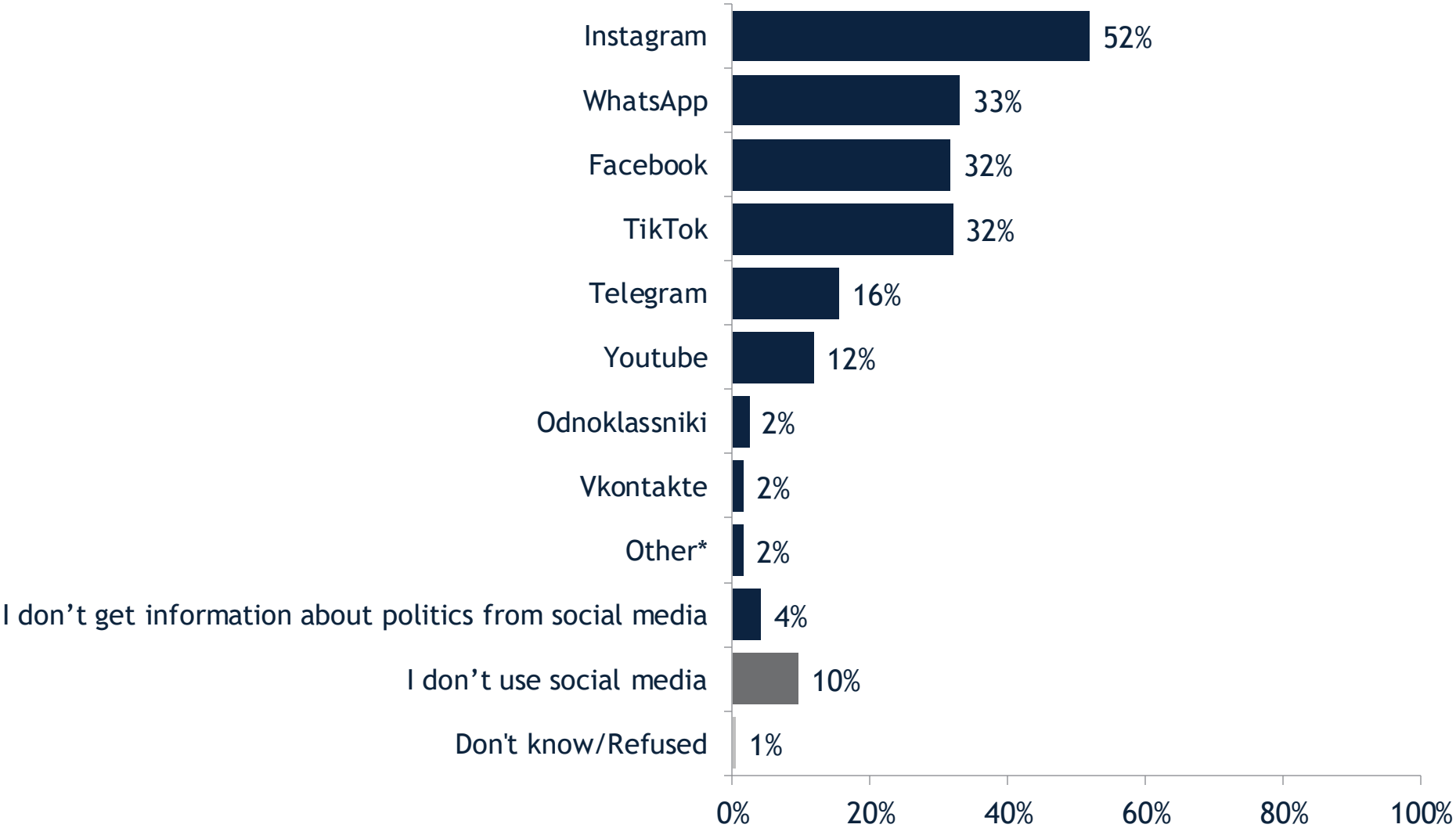


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From which social media sites or apps do you get most of your information about politics? You can name up to 3.

(Up to three responses permitted)



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	All Respondents	Age 18-35	Age 36-55	Age 56+
Instagram	52%	66%	51%	23%
WhatsApp	33%	29%	37%	34%
Facebook	32%	28%	43%	20%
TikTok	32%	43%	29%	14%
Telegram	16%	22%	14%	6%
Youtube	12%	7%	16%	15%
Odnoklassniki	2%	2%	3%	3%
Vkontakte	2%	3%	1%	1%
Other*	2%	1%	2%	2%
I don't get information about politics from social media	4%	6%	3%	4%
I don't use social media	10%	3%	6%	30%
Don't know / Refused	1%	<1%	<1%	2%

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Up to three responses permitted)

	All Respondents	Urban	Rural
Instagram	52%	55%	50%
WhatsApp	33%	29%	36%
Facebook	32%	33%	31%
TikTok	32%	32%	32%
Telegram	16%	20%	13%
Youtube	12%	8%	14%
Odnoklassniki	2%	2%	3%
Vkontakte	2%	1%	2%
Other*	2%	2%	2%
I don't get information about politics from social media	4%	4%	4%
I don't use social media	10%	11%	9%
Don't know / Refused	1%	1%	1%

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(Up to three responses permitted)

	All Respondents	Which language do you prefer for consuming political information?*	
		Kyrgyz (n=1,144)	Russian (n=250)
Instagram	52%	54%	61%
WhatsApp	33%	37%	21%
Facebook	32%	34%	34%
TikTok	32%	33%	36%
Telegram	16%	15%	22%
YouTube	12%	14%	5%
Odnoklassniki	2%	2%	6%
Vkontakte	2%	2%	3%
Other**	2%	1%	1%
I don't get information about politics from social media	4%	2%	1%
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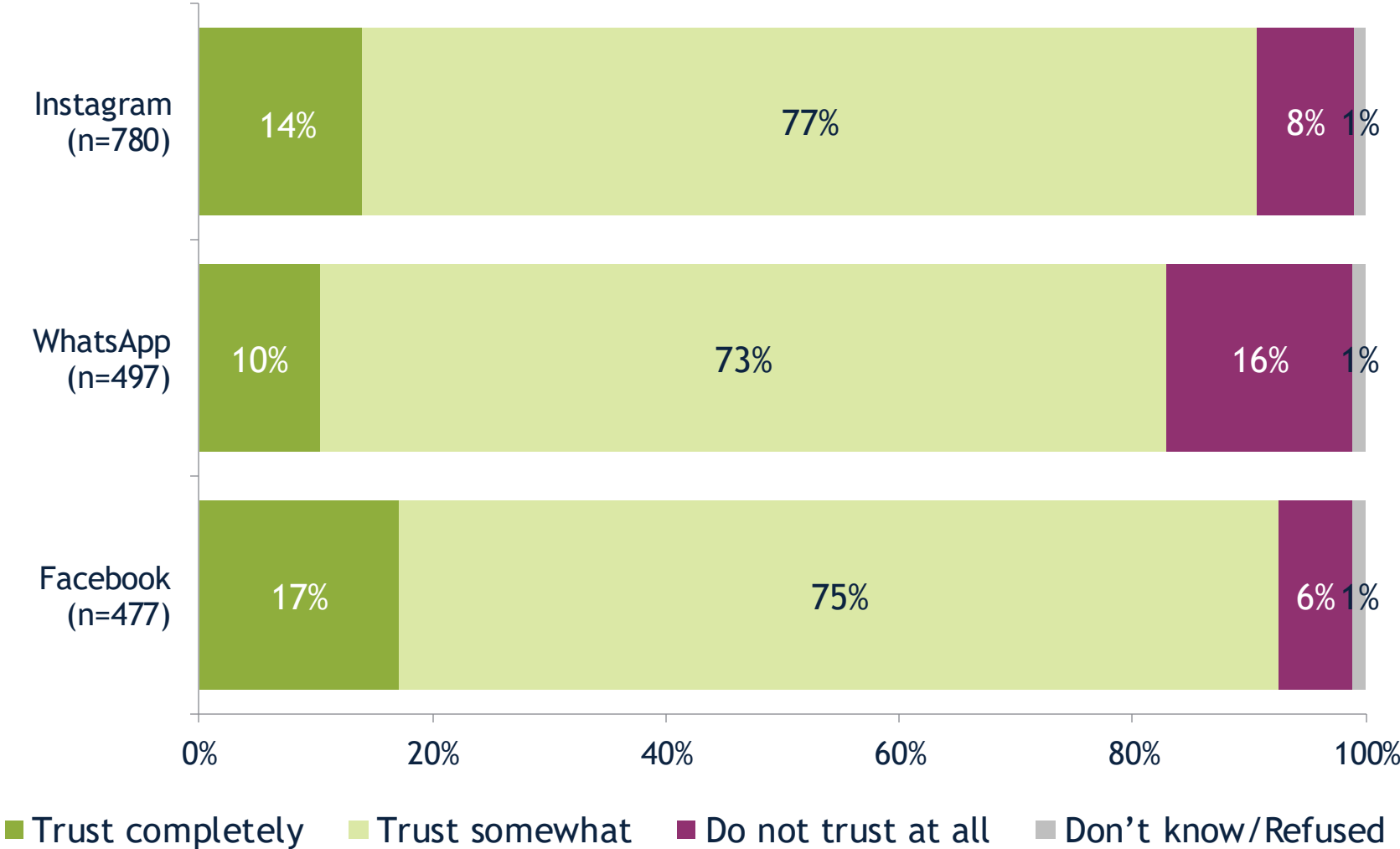
* Asked to those who follow political news and information.

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

(Multiple responses permitted; top 3 sources displayed)



Inclusion and Language

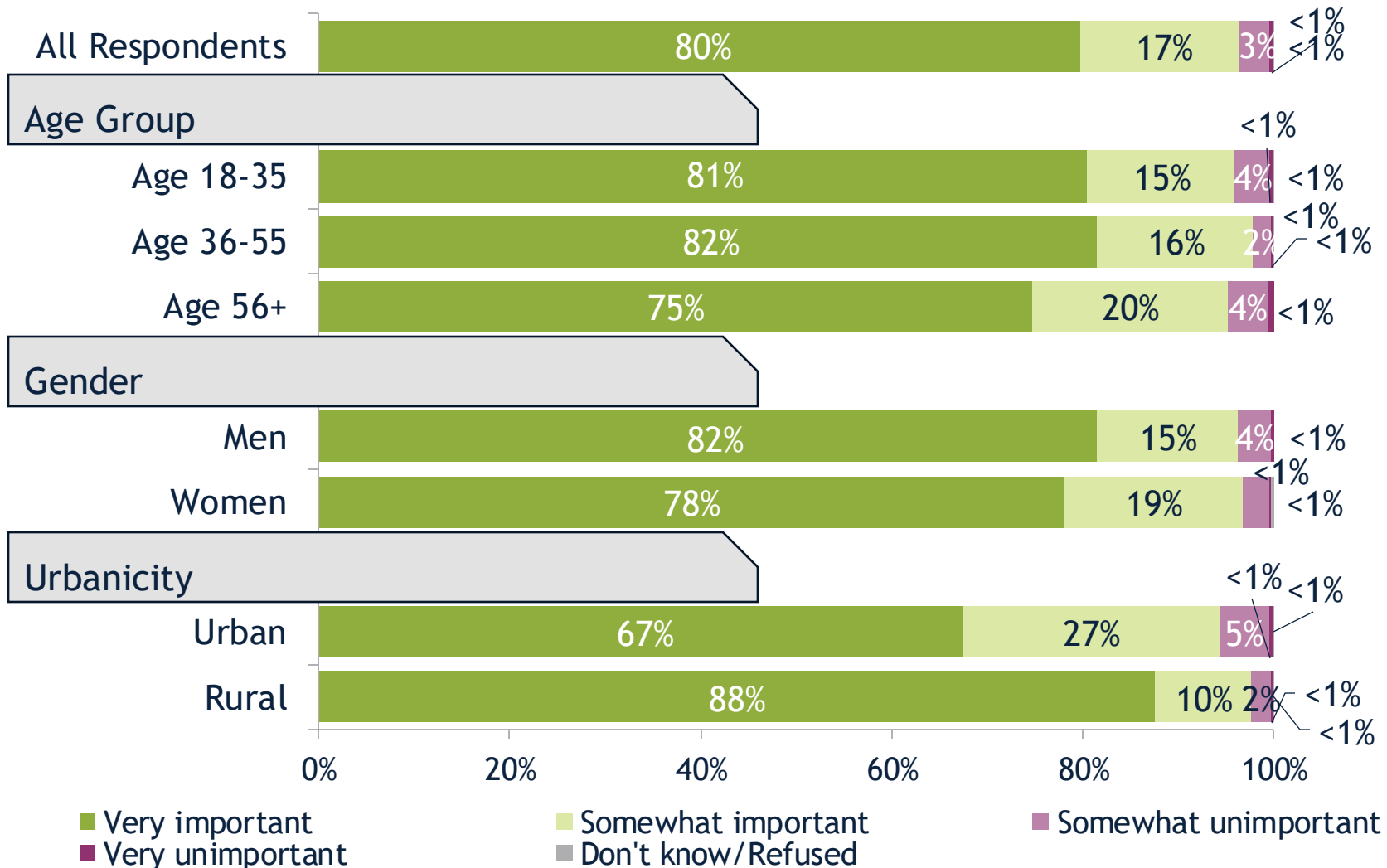


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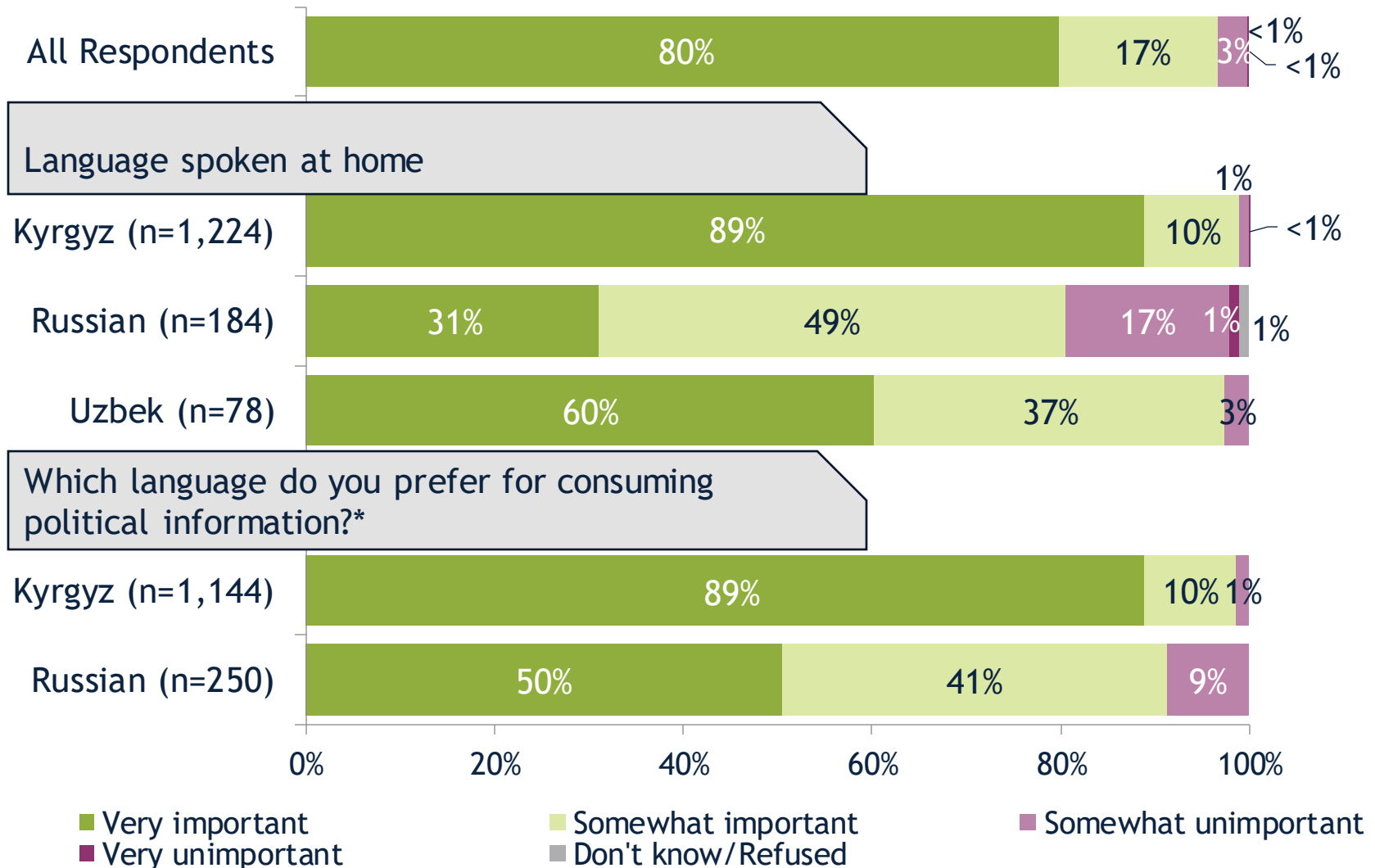


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How important is it for citizens of Kyrgyzstan to know the Kyrgyz language?

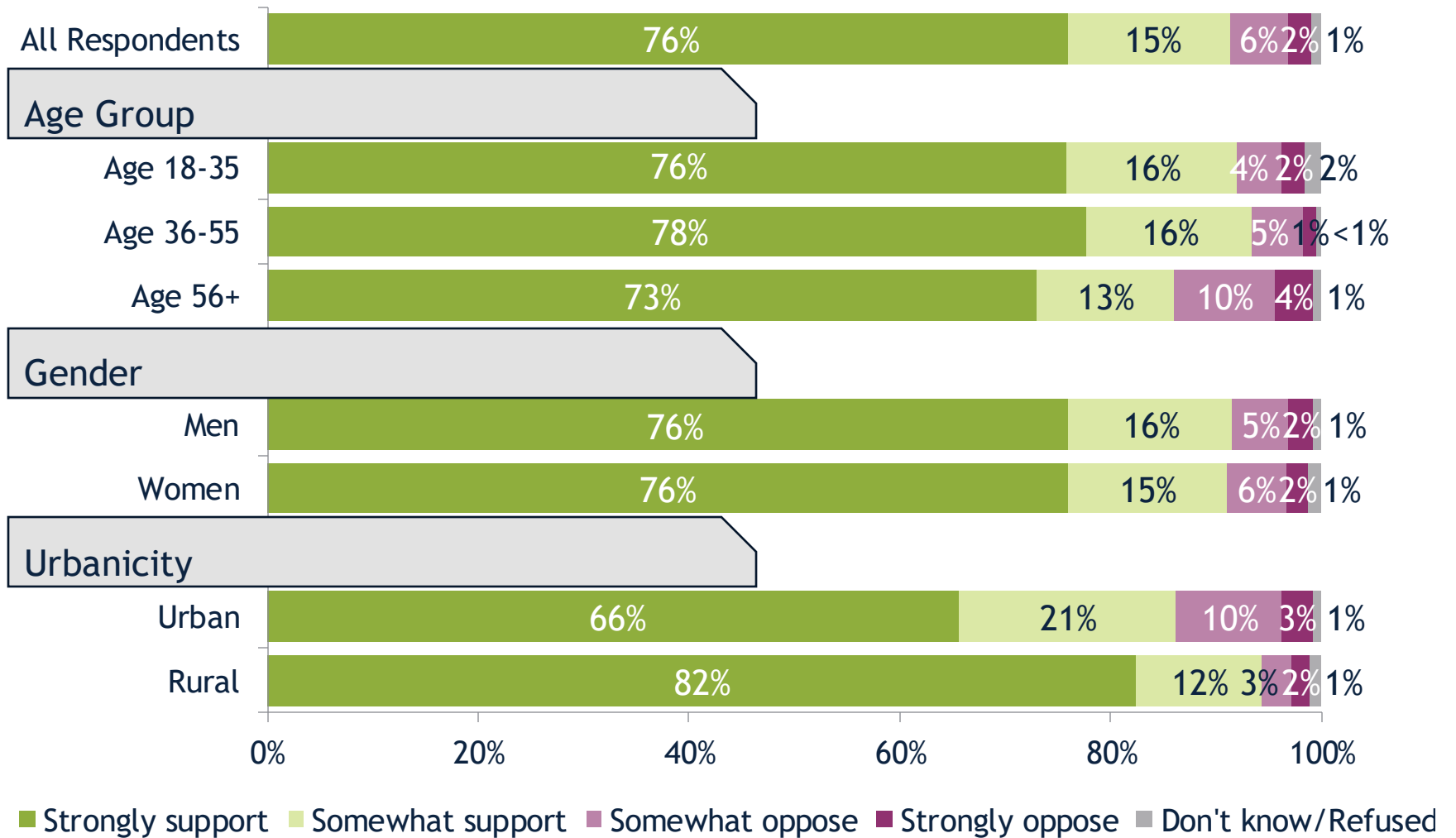


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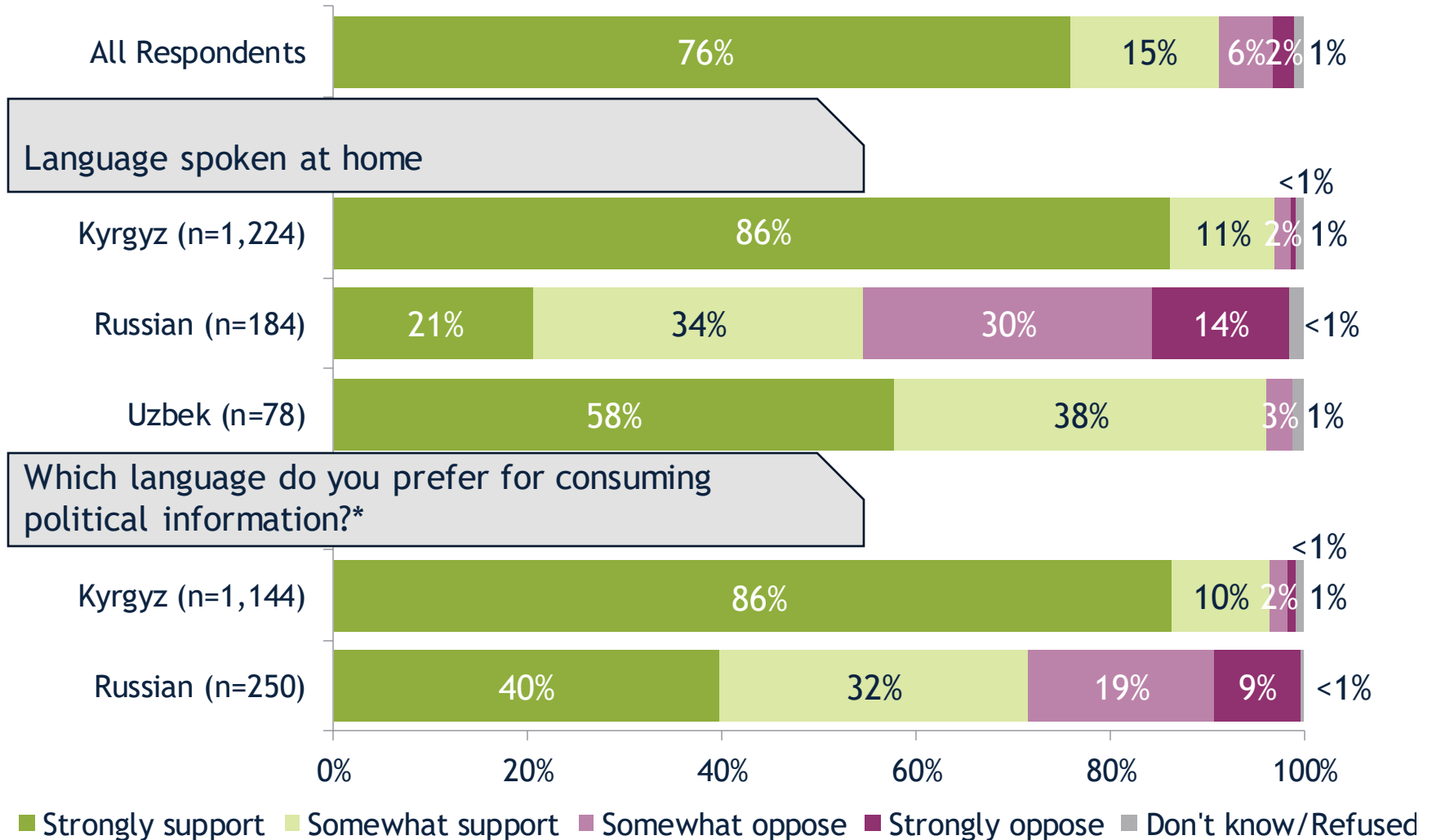


*Among those who follow political news and information.

The Law on the State Language of the Kyrgyz Republic, signed on July 17, 2023, mandates the Kyrgyz language to be used as the official state language at all state and government entities, local self-government bodies, and private companies. Do you support or oppose the adoption of this law?

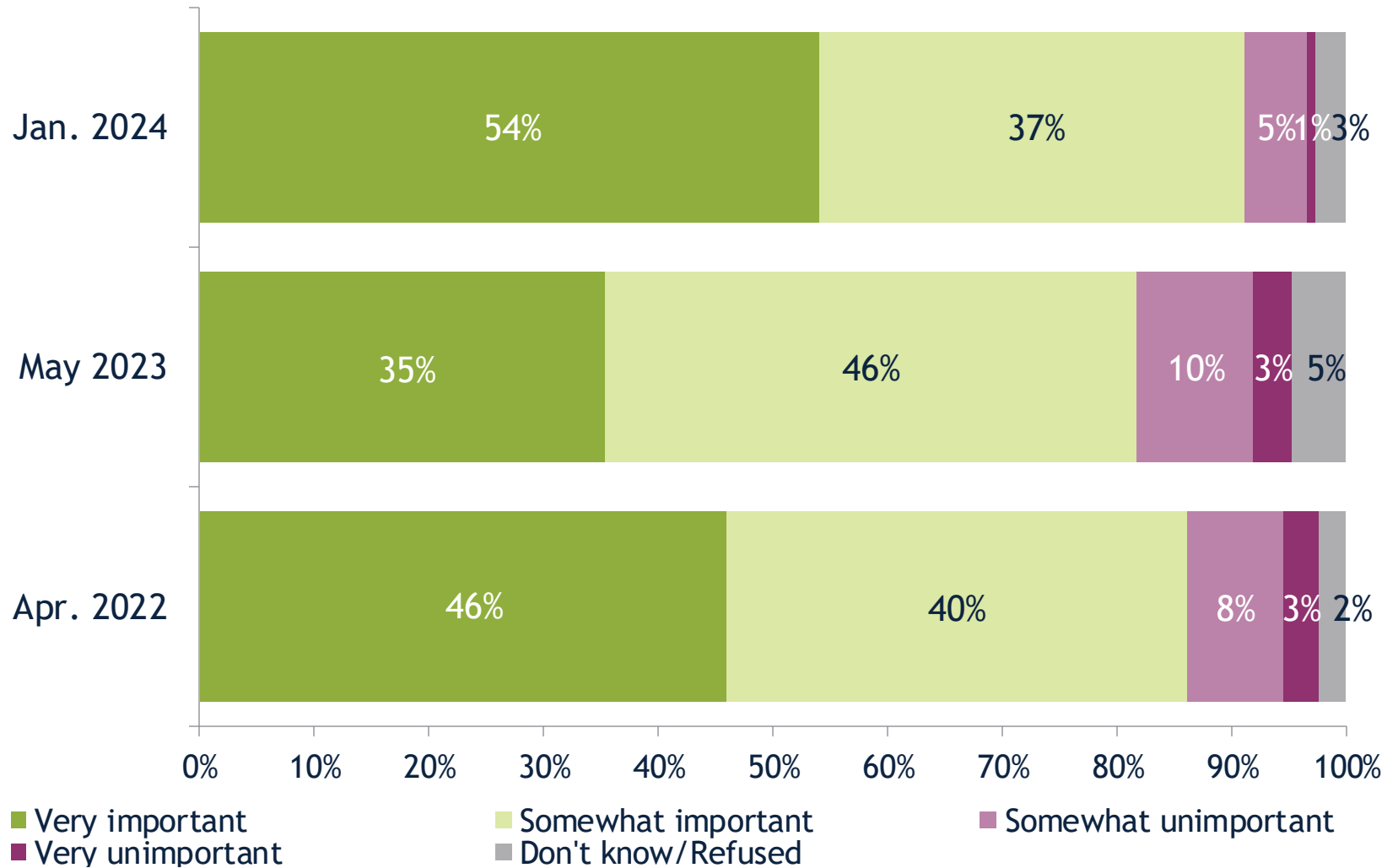


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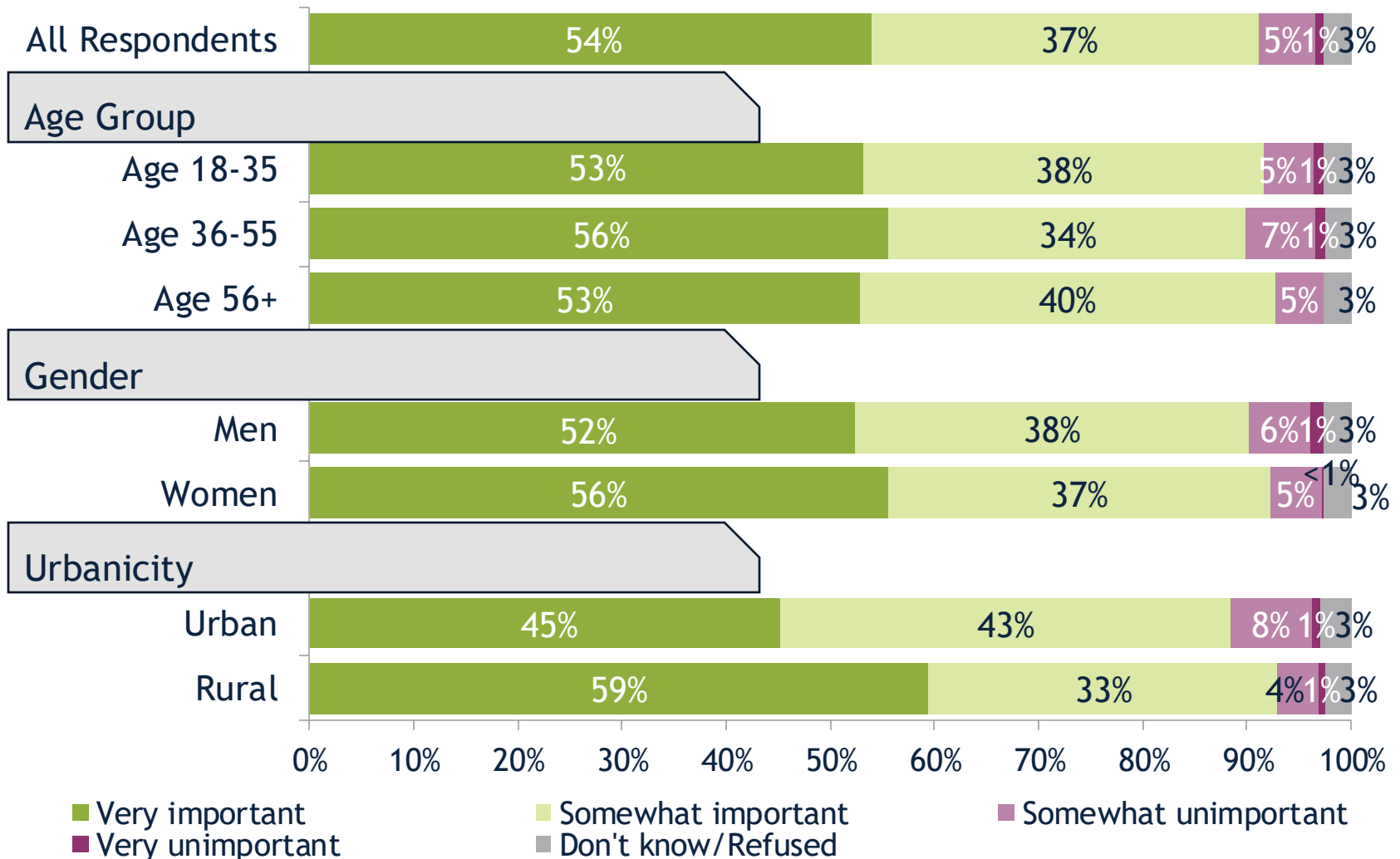


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How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?



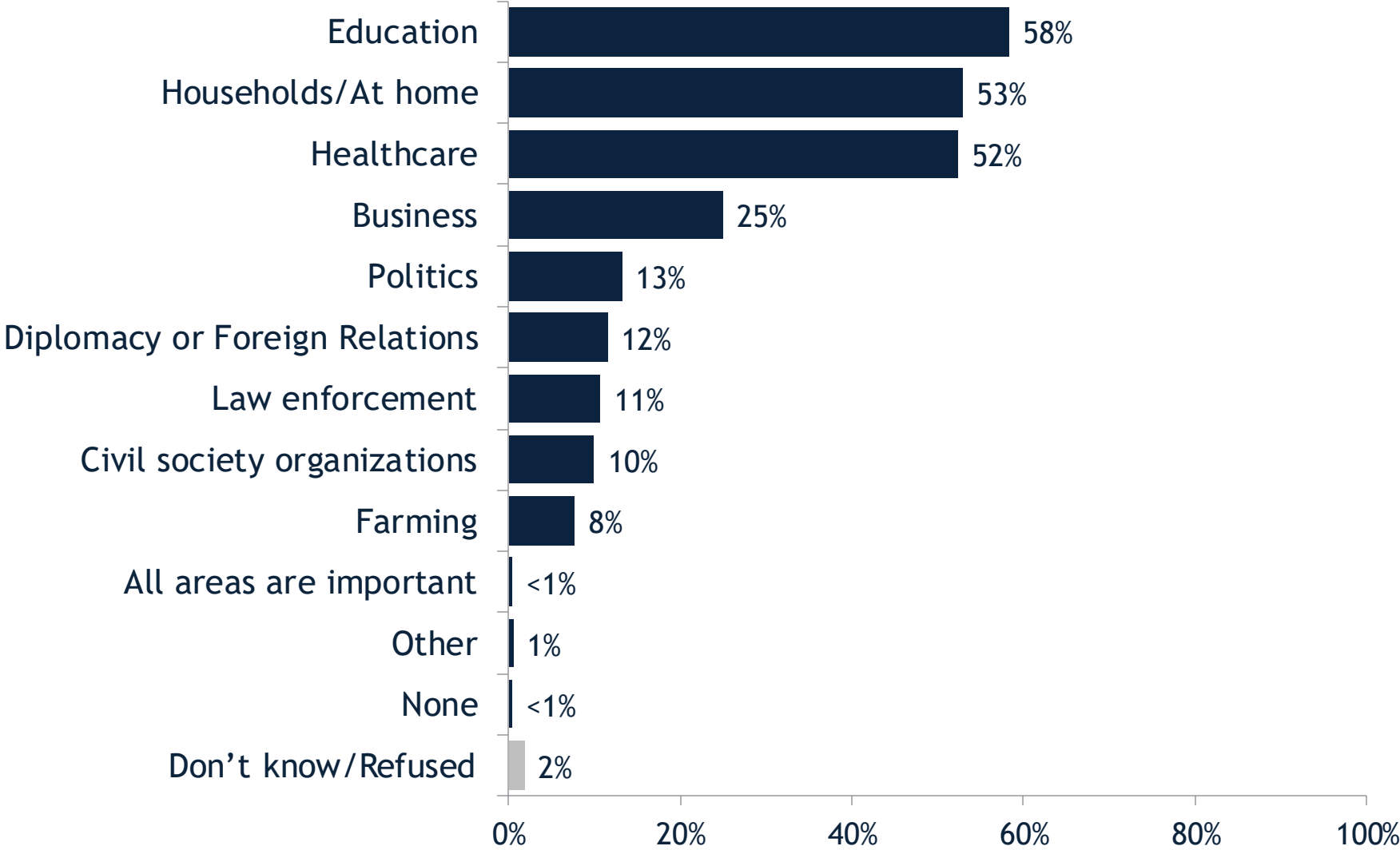
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Which sectors of society do you feel are most important for women to play an expanded role?

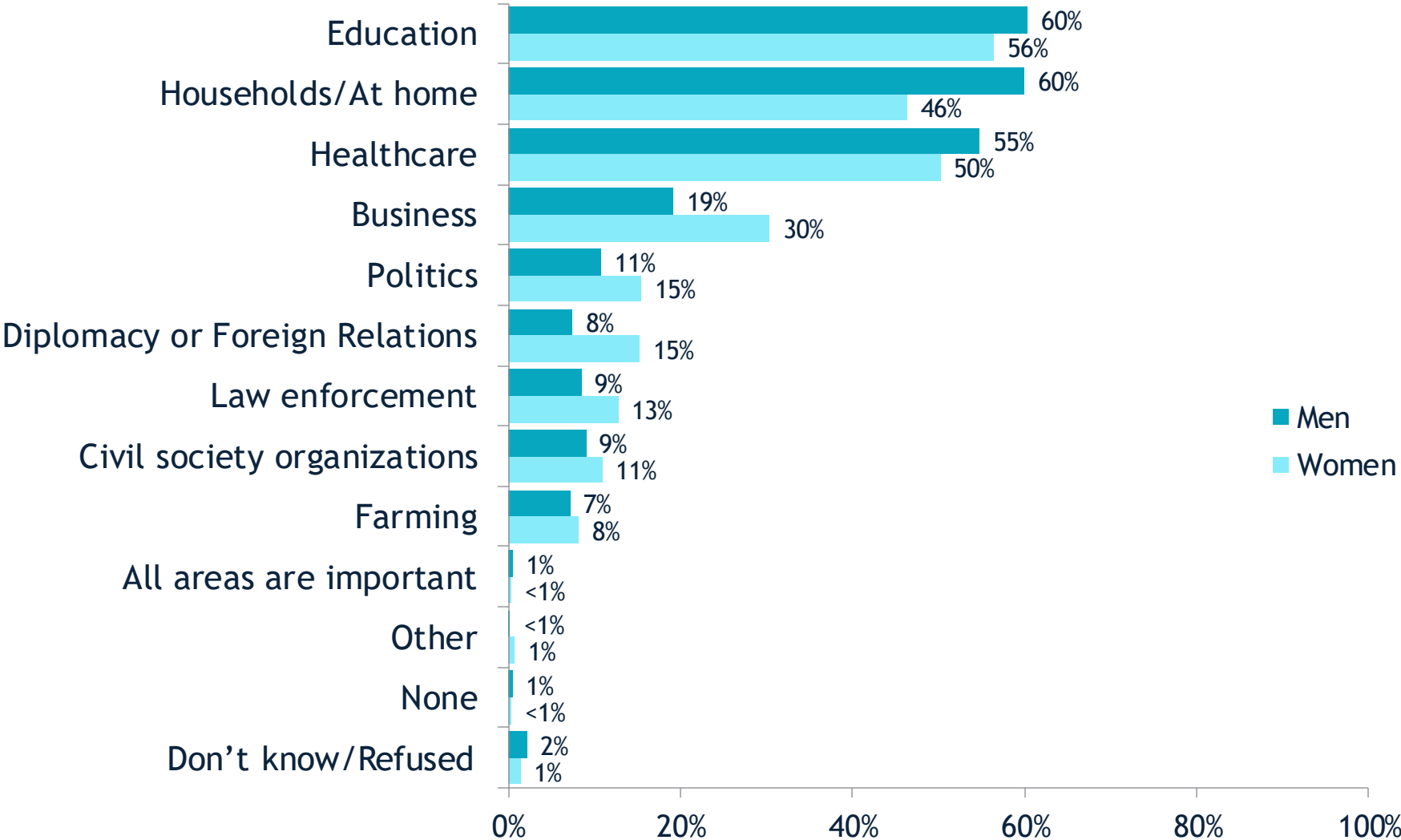
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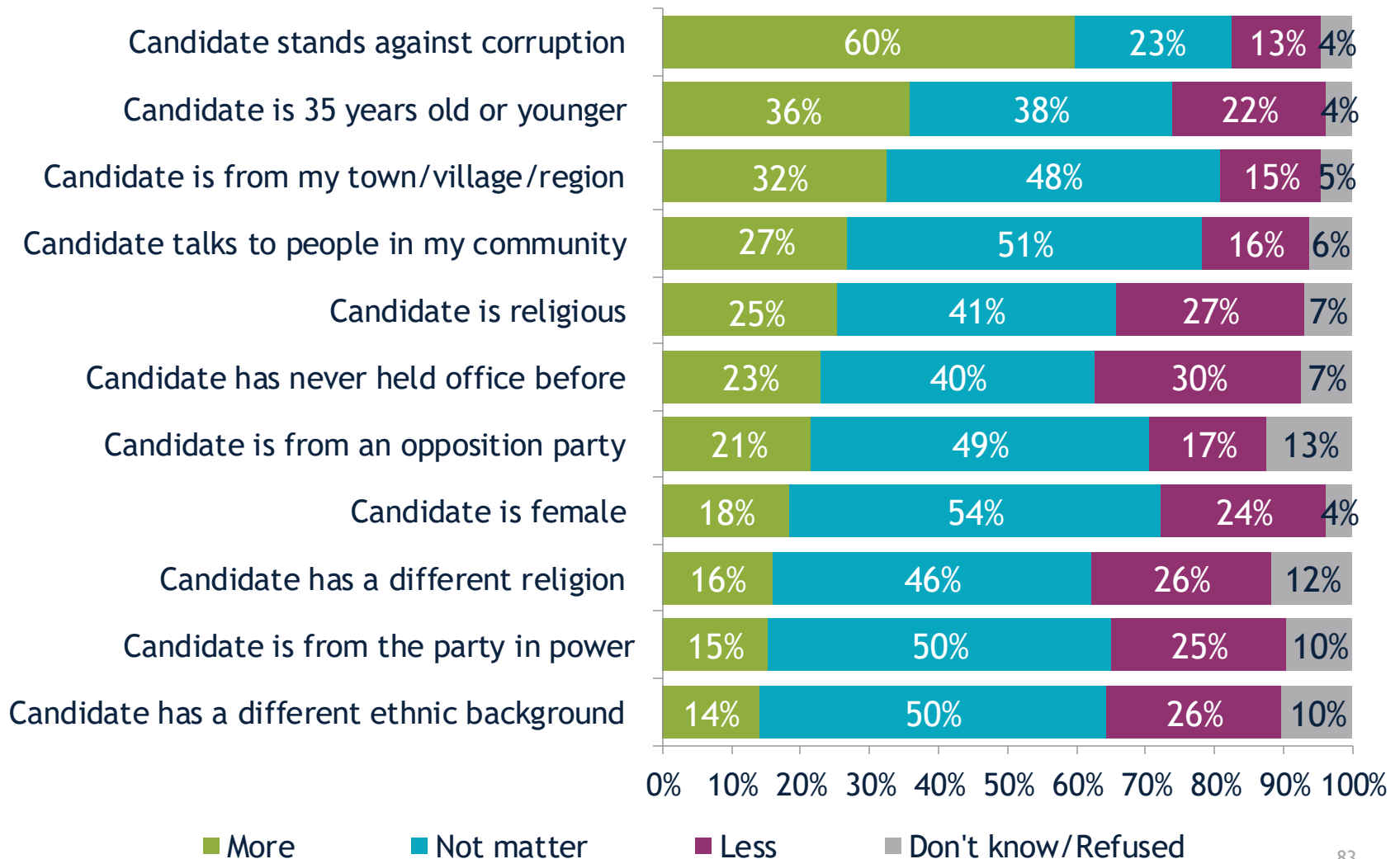


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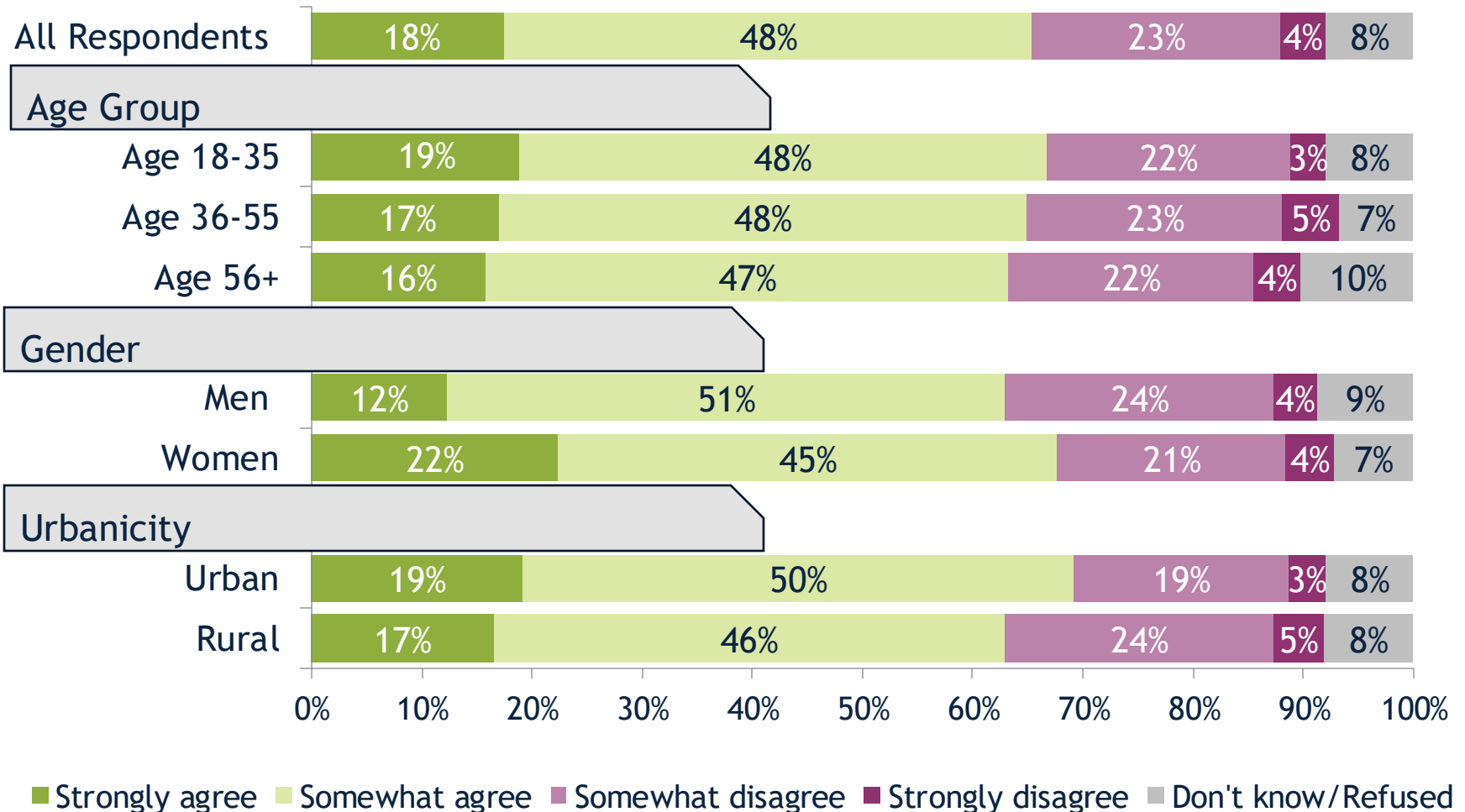
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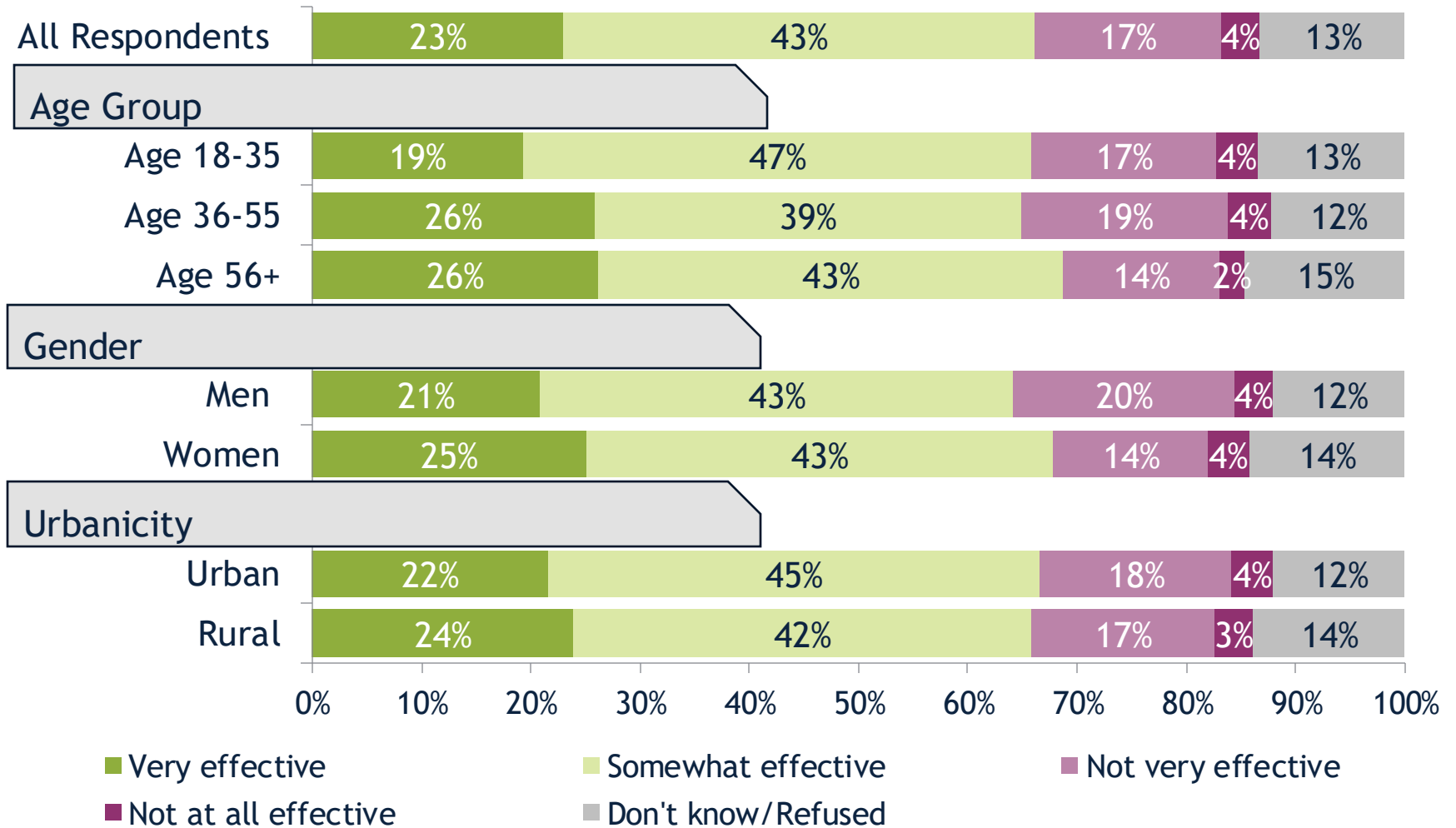
I will read you a list of several attributes a candidate running for office may have. For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter.



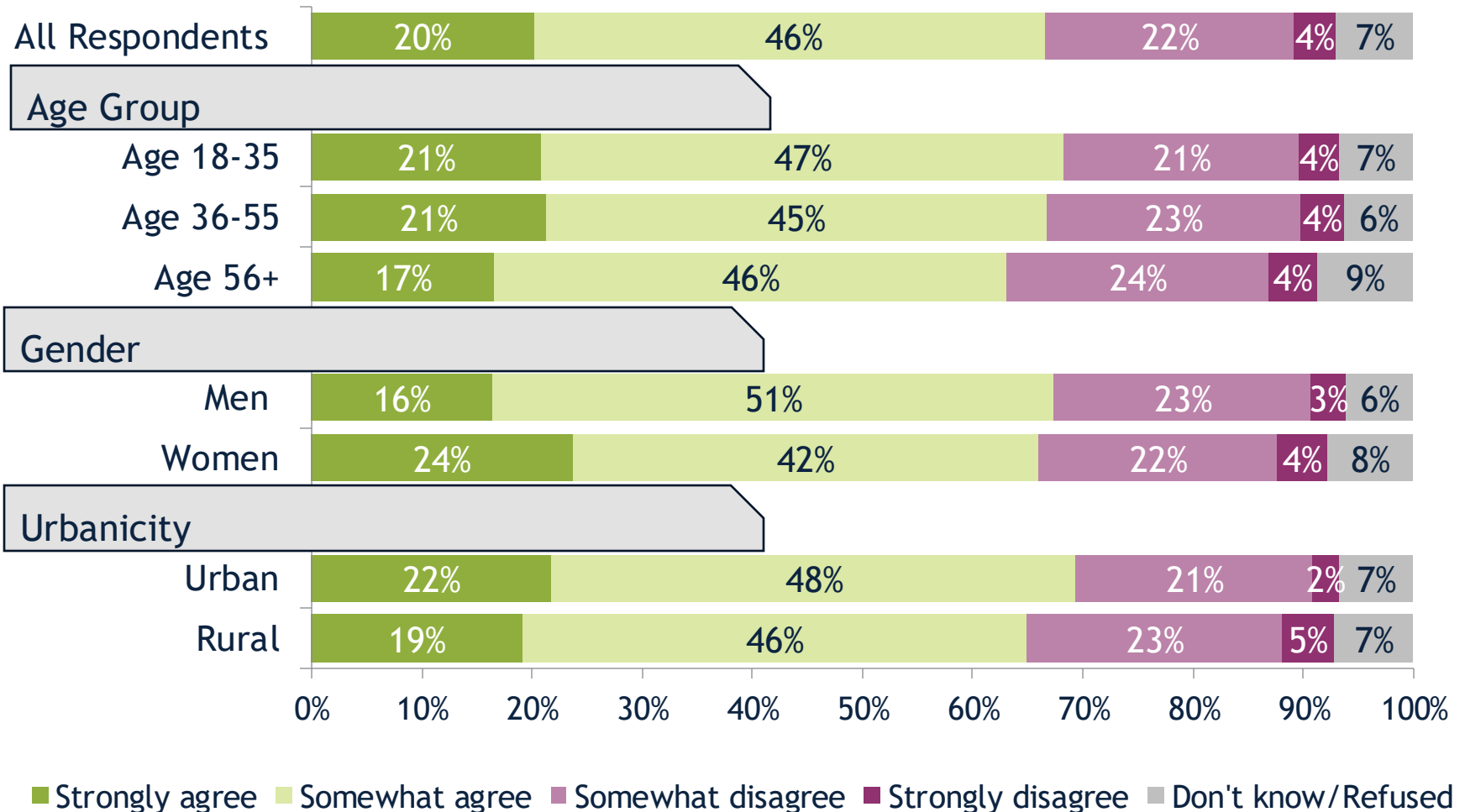
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians and political parties do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”



How effective, if at all, do you think the gender quota in Parliament and in local councils is in ensuring 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.”



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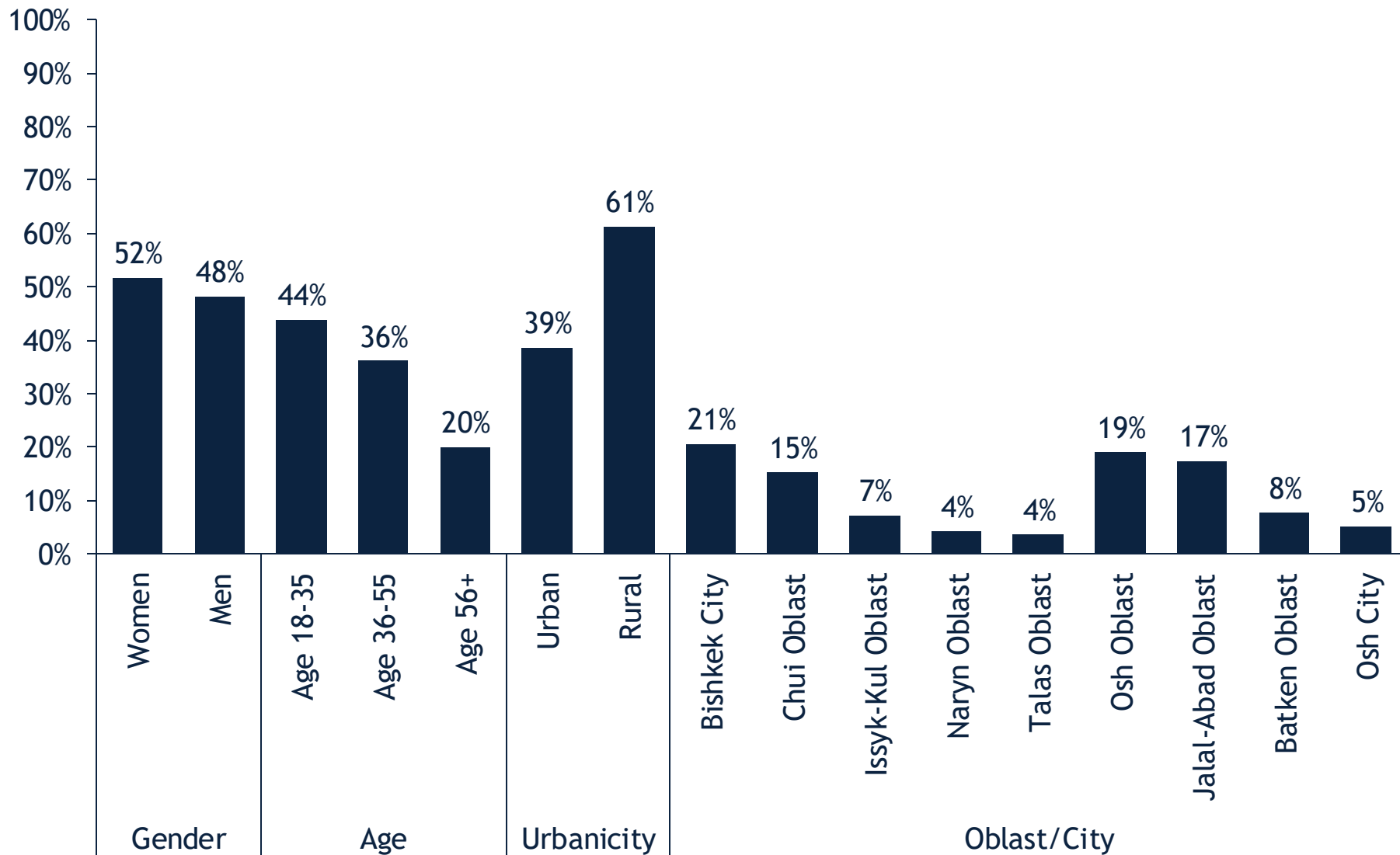


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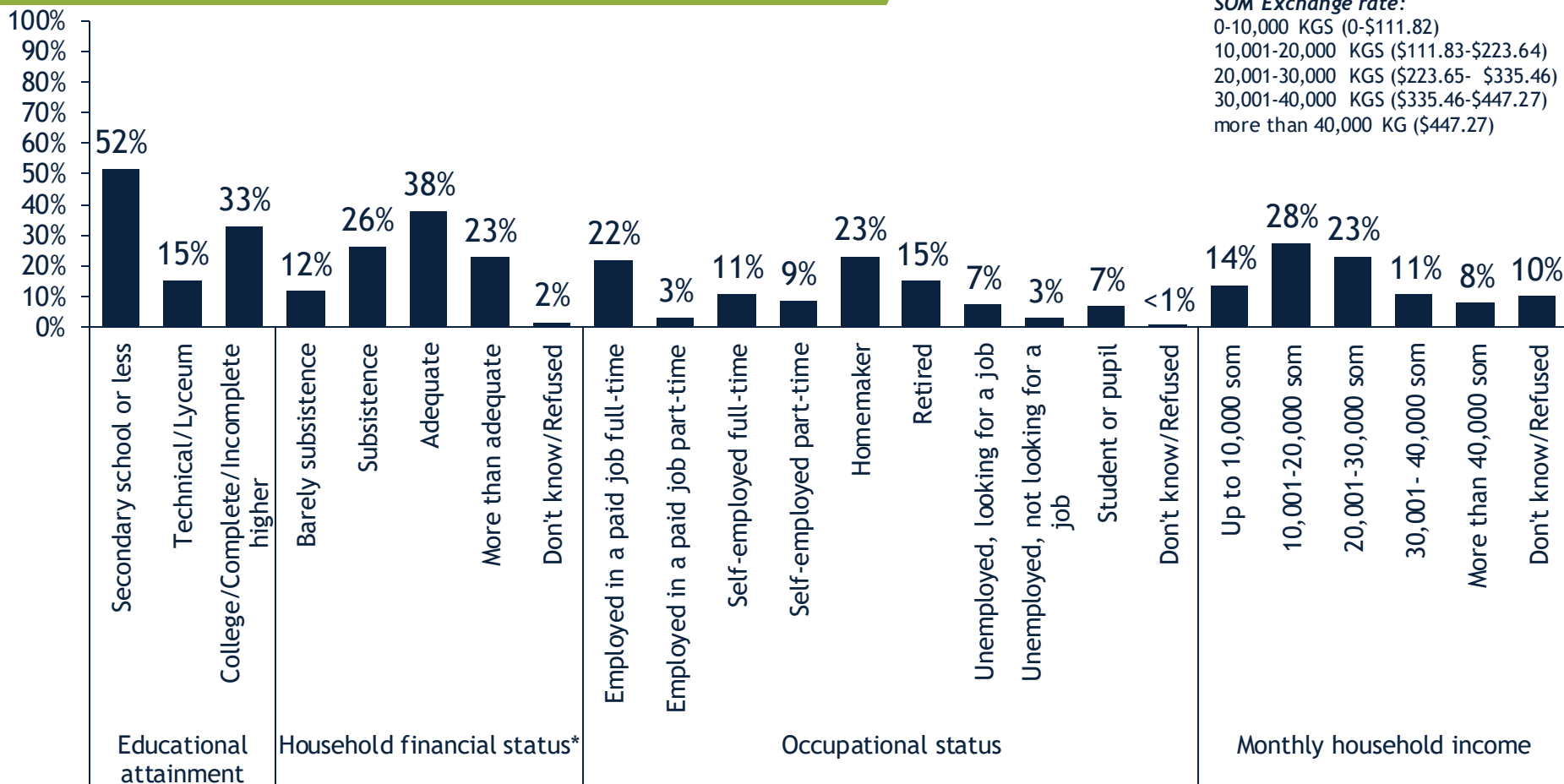


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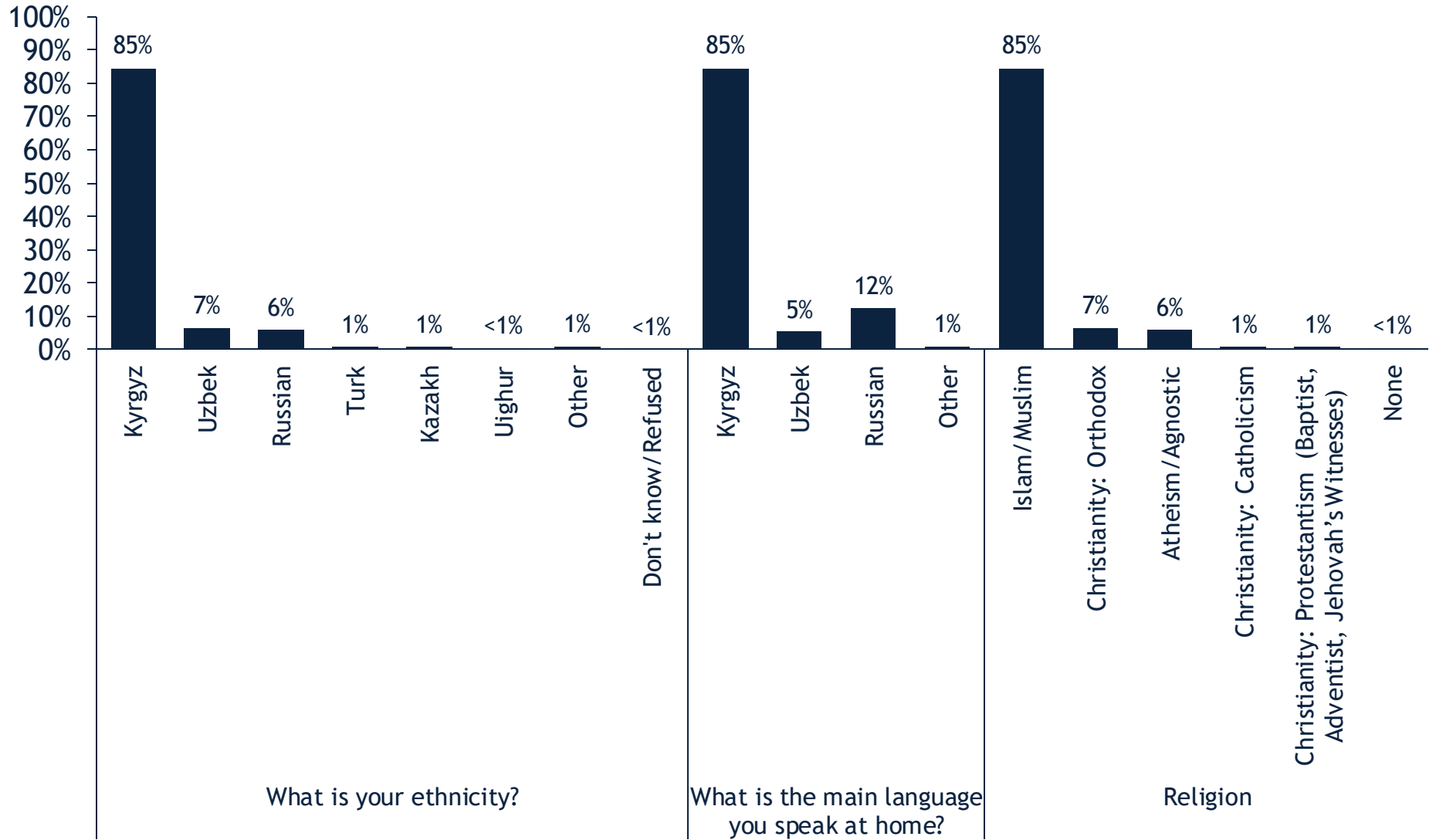
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***Household Financial Status** brackets are generated from the question “How would you assess the financial position of your family?”

- **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”

Demographics



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