

NATIONAL SURVEY OF KOSOVO

February - March 2023



A PROJECT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE

Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [UBO Consulting](#).
- Data was collected between February 20, 2023 and March 13, 2023 through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of n=1,200 residents of Kosovo, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage probability method was used to design a nationally representative sample as per the 2011 census of Kosovo and information from the 2018 OSCE Municipal Profiles. The sample was stratified by municipality and by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of Primary Sampling Units (PSUs) within each stratum. In urban areas, neighborhoods served as PSUs while in rural areas villages served as PSUs. A sampling quota was applied on ethnicity, with Kosovo-Serb and Kosovo-other ethnic groups oversampled in 9 municipalities. Households were selected using the random walk method and respondents were selected using the next/last birthday method.
- The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age, and ethnicity based on the 2011 Census and OSCE Municipal profiles.
- The response rate was 74 percent.
- The margin of error for the mid-range full sample does not exceed ± 3.0 points at the 95 percent level of confidence.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- To gather additional details on several issues without unduly extending the interview duration some questions were administered to only half of the total sample. The split sample was executed across all sampling points. Split sample questions will be denoted on the respective slides.

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Brackets	18-35	n = 559
	36-55	n = 417
	56+	n = 225
Gender	Men	n = 595
	Women	n = 606
Location	Prishtina	n= 127
	Non-Prishtina	n= 1,073

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

Previous IRI Kosovo polls

Poll	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
<u>Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Kosovo</u>	September 3 - 18, 2021	n = 1,200

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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.

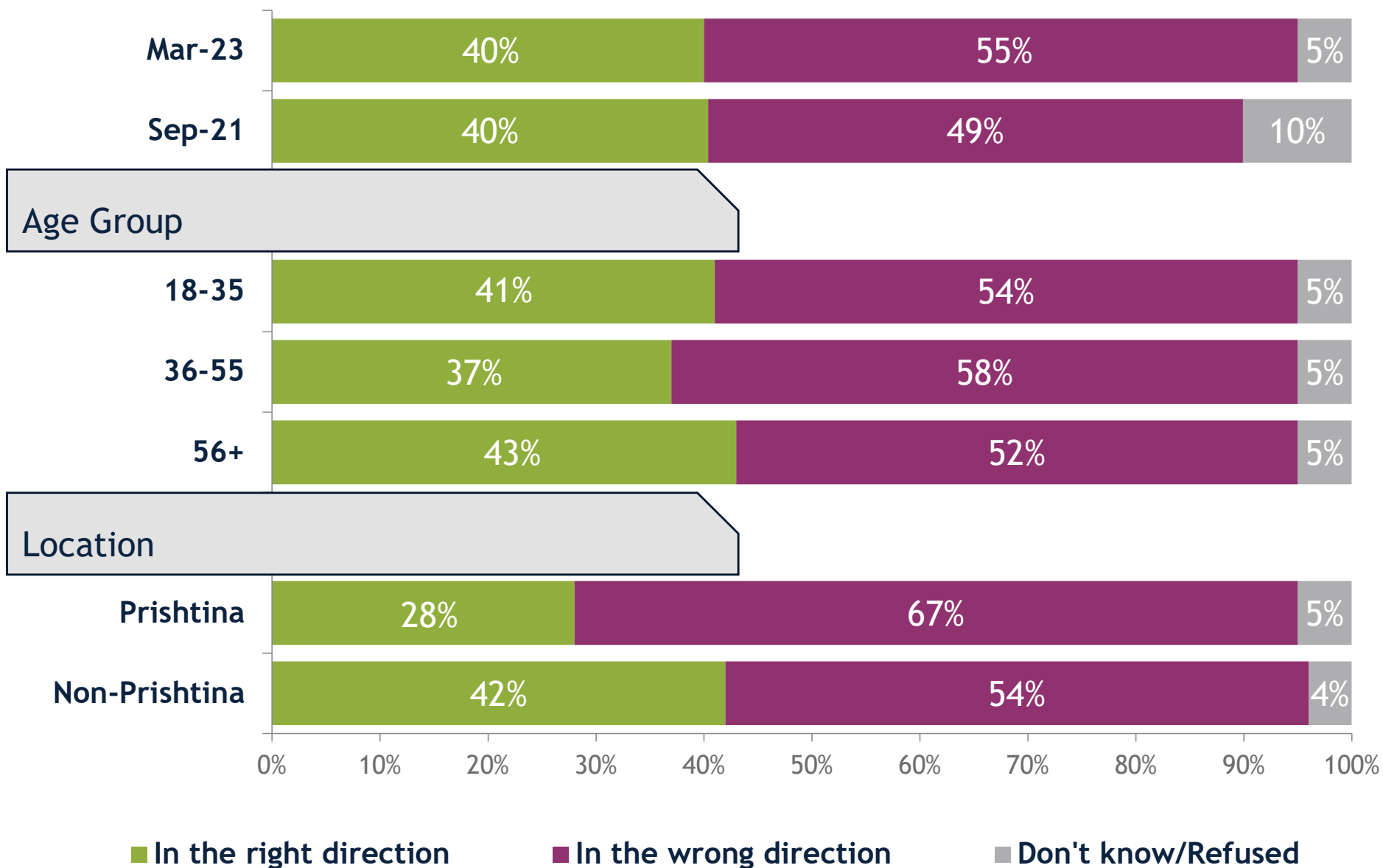
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General Assessment and Outlook



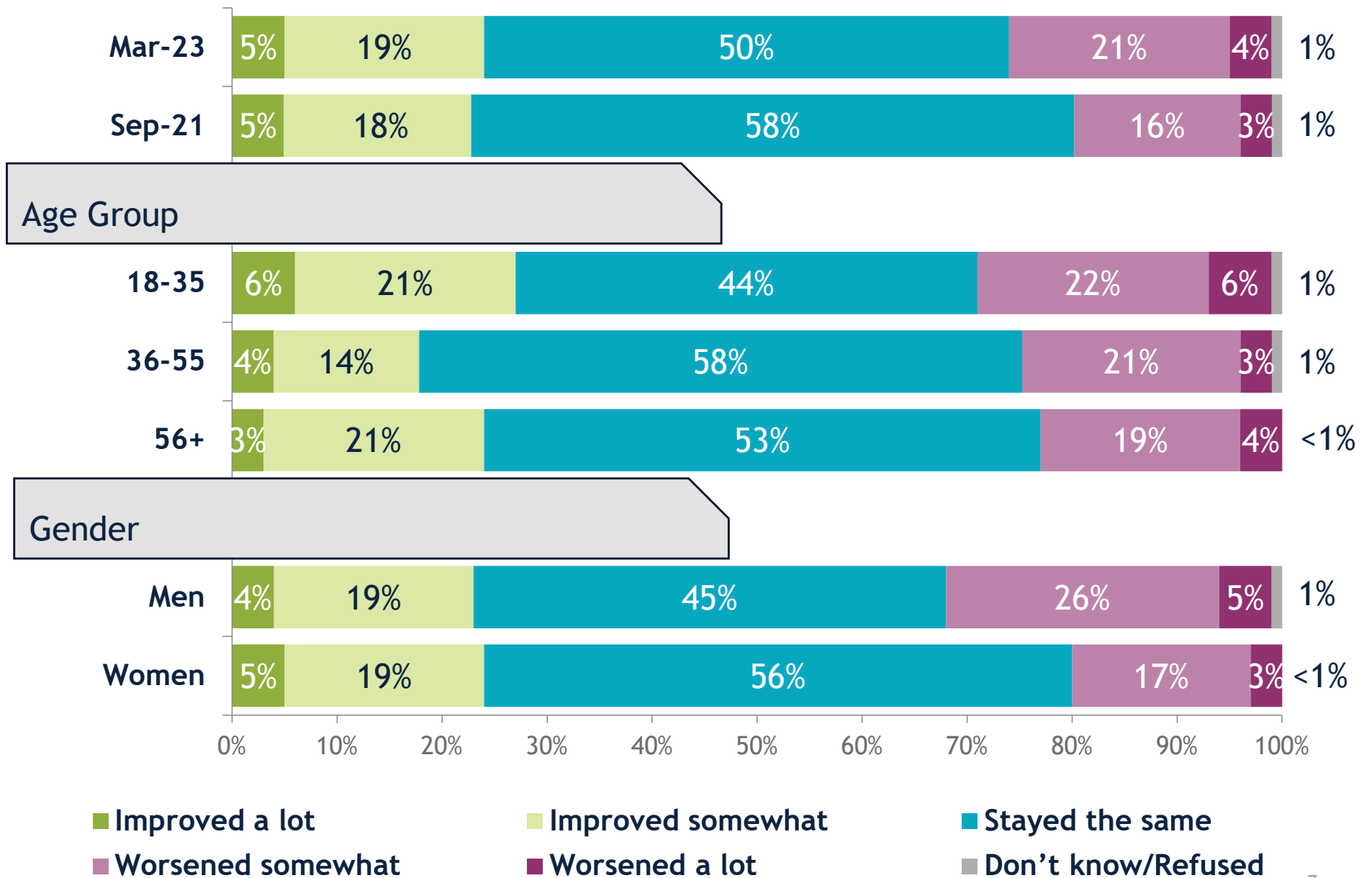


In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?



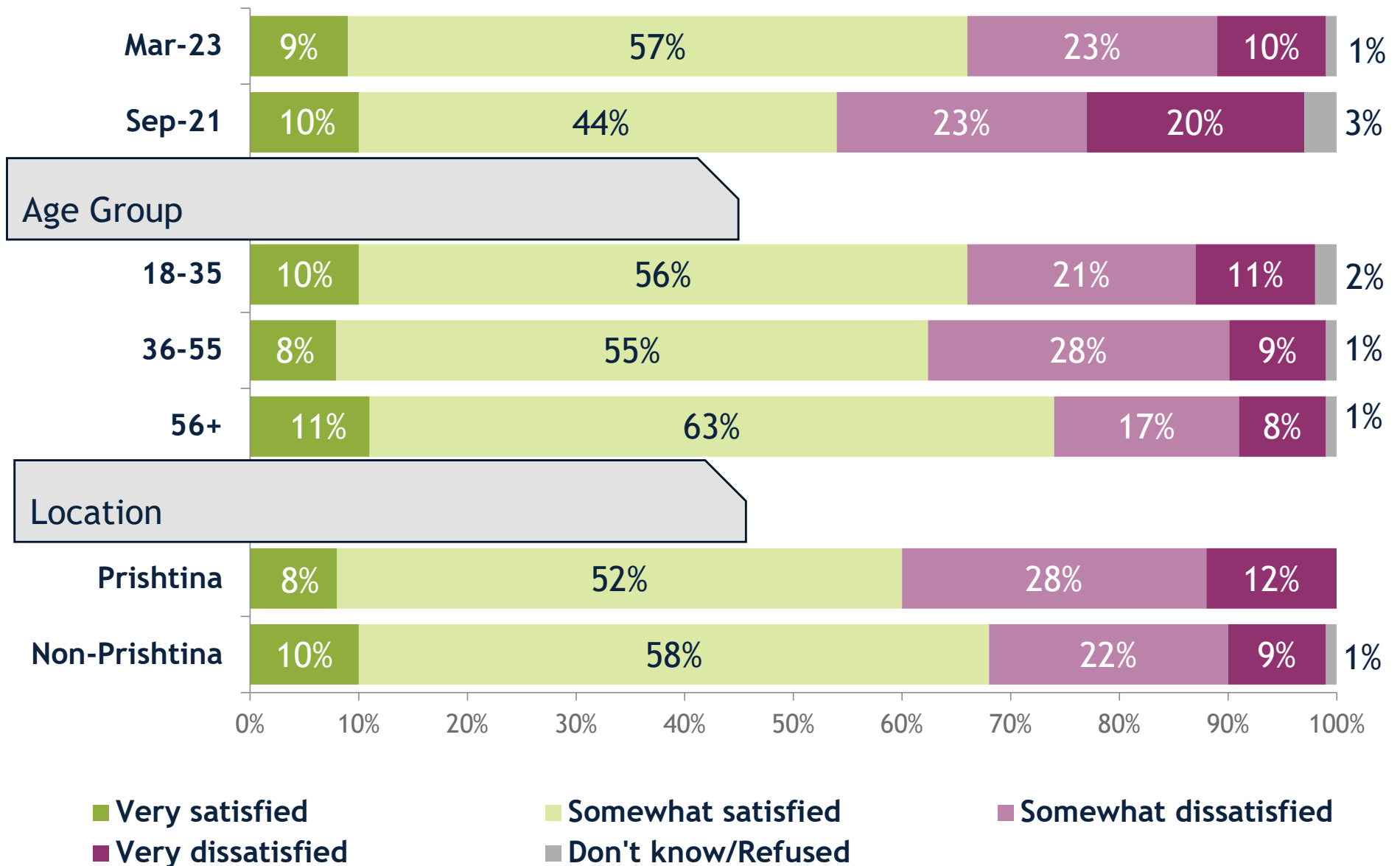


Speaking personally, over the past 6 months, how has your overall quality of life changed?

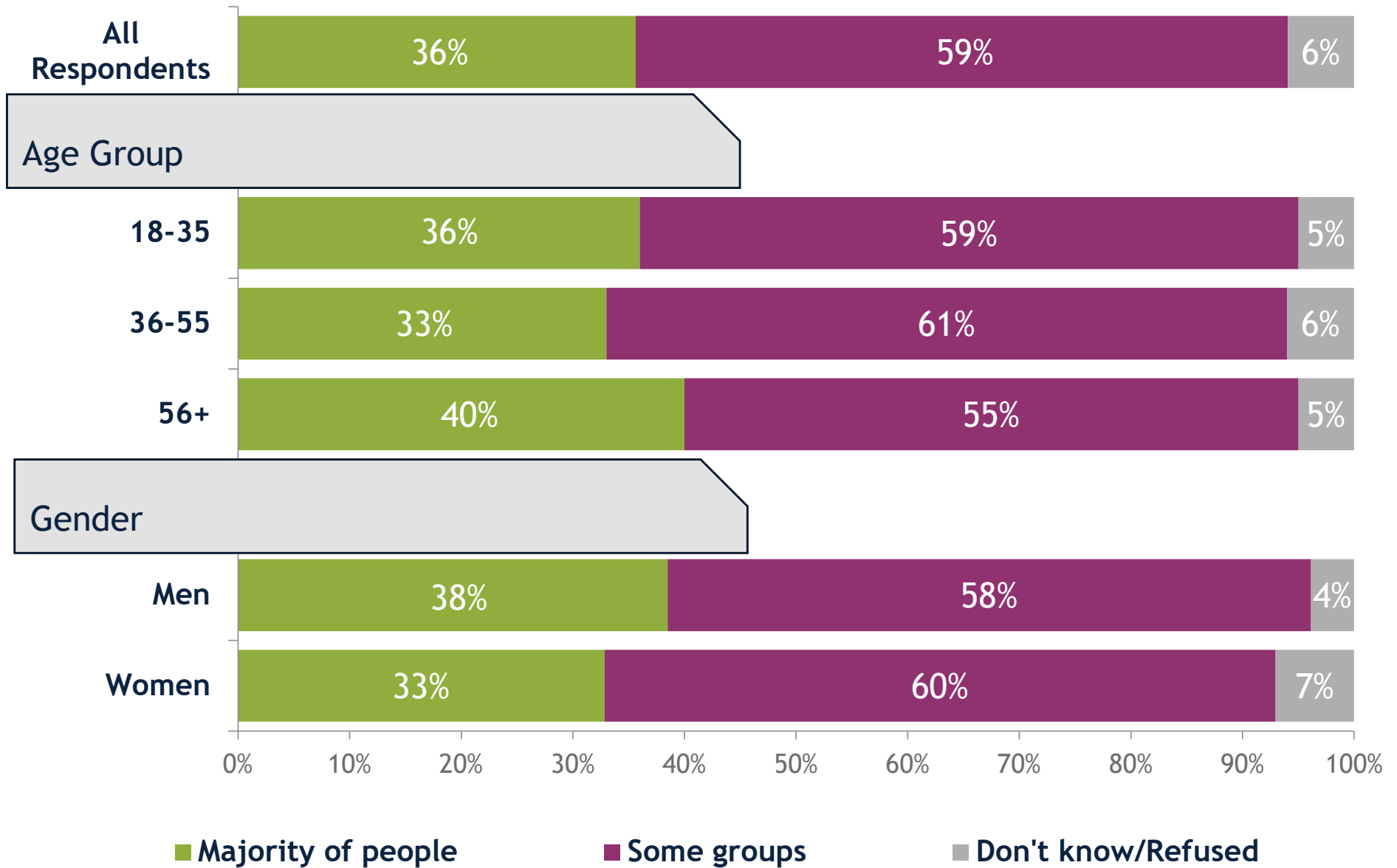




How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?

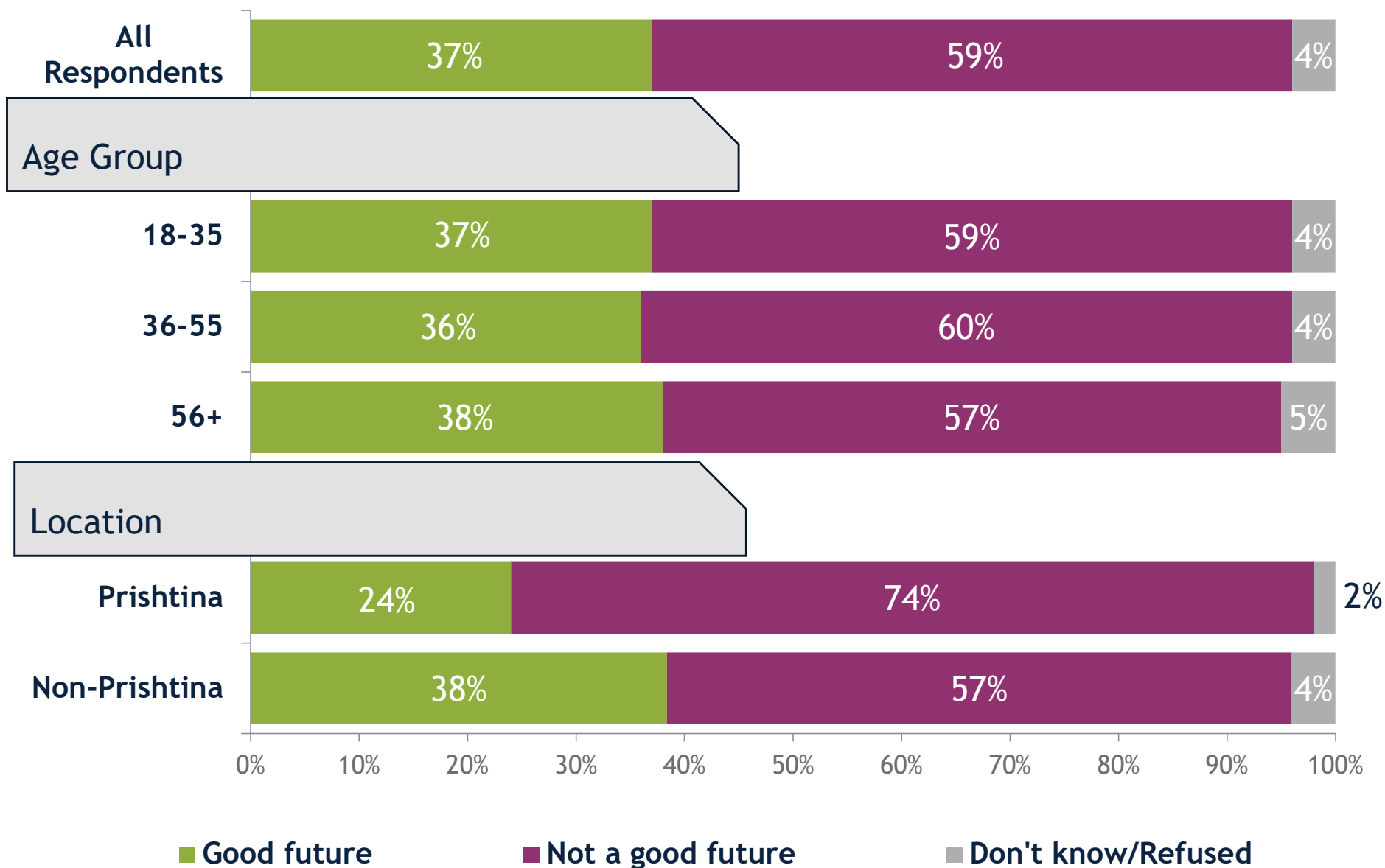


Do you consider our country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or in the interest of some groups?





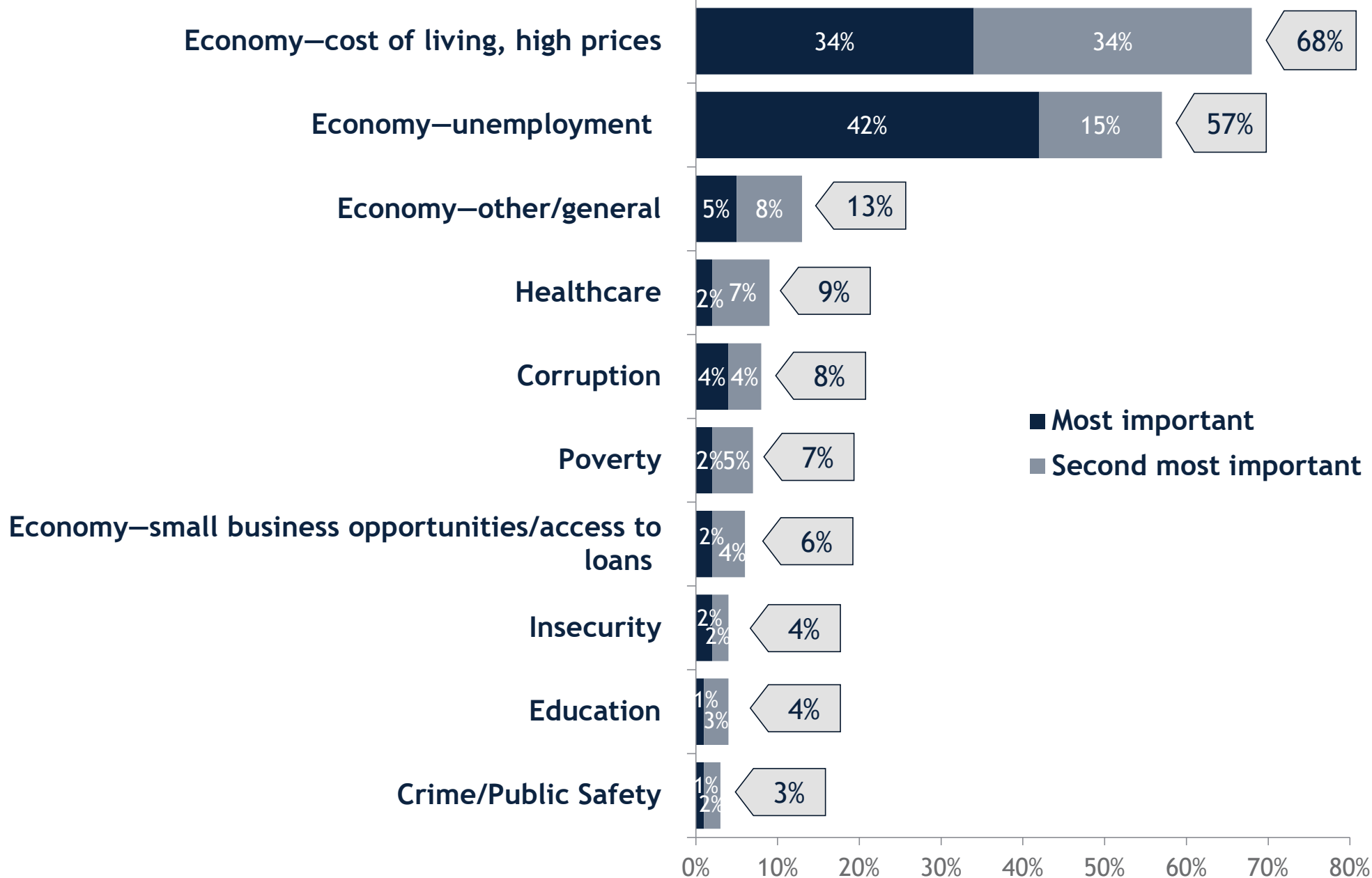
Do you think that today's generation of young people has a good future in our country or not?





What is the most important problem facing our country today? And what is the second most important problem?

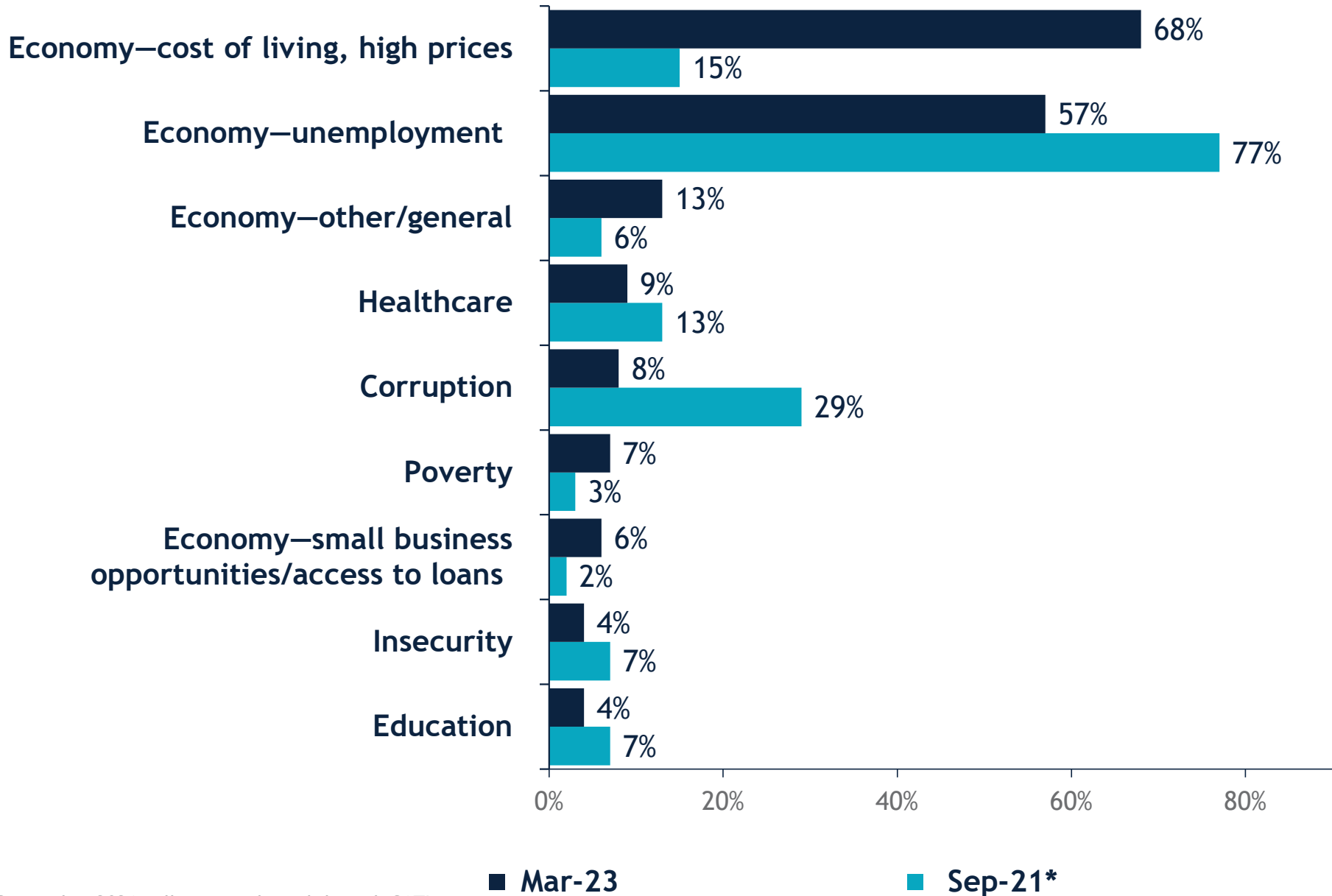
(Spontaneous response; top 10 responses displayed)





What is the most important problem facing our country today? And what is the second most important problem?

(Total mentions displayed, top 9 responses shown)

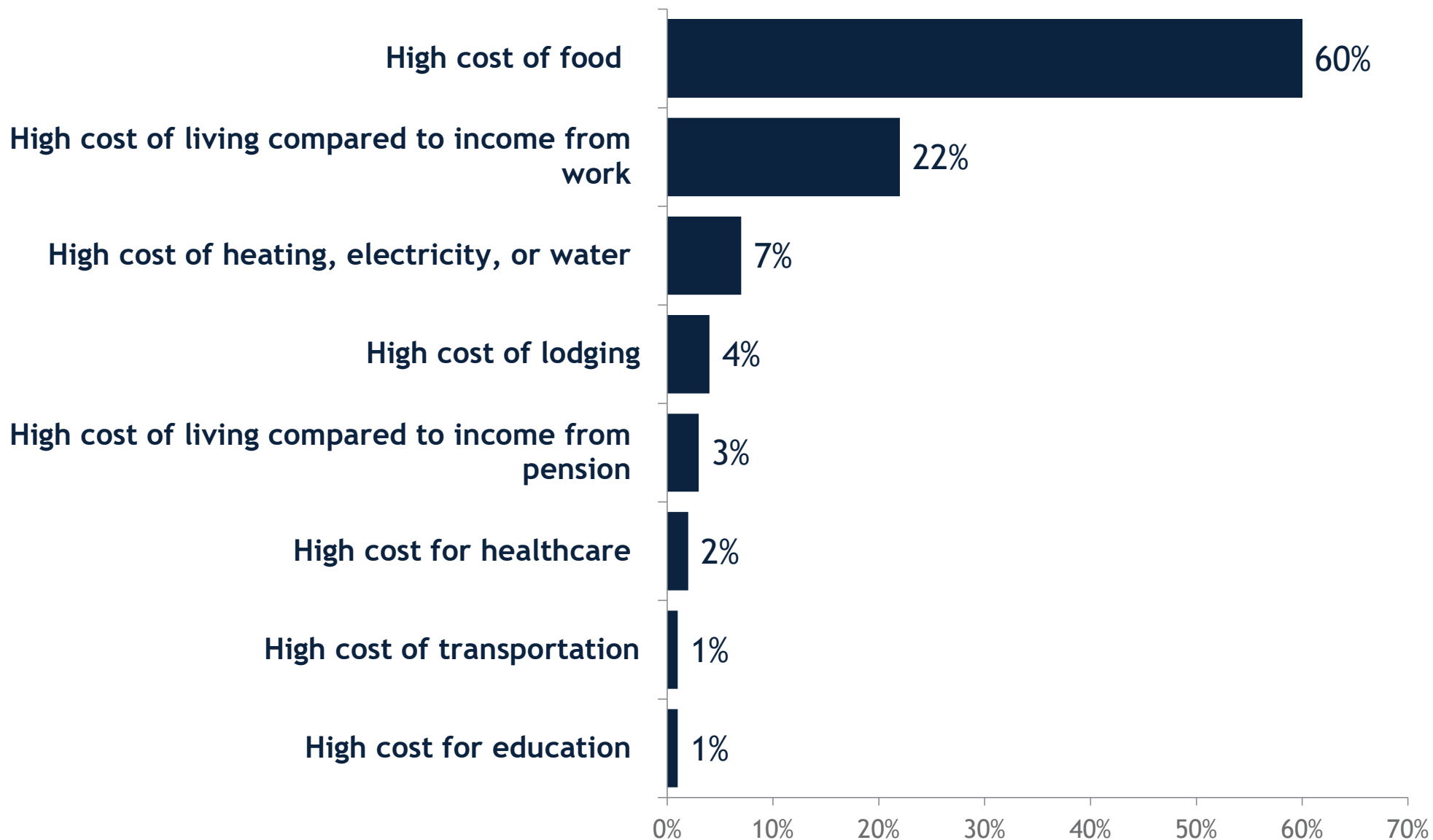


* The September 2021 poll was conducted through CATI.



You mentioned the economy, specifically the cost of living or high prices, as one of the most important problems in Kosovo. Which aspect of cost of living or high prices is most important?

(*Split sample, among those who named cost of living as an important problem, n= 405)

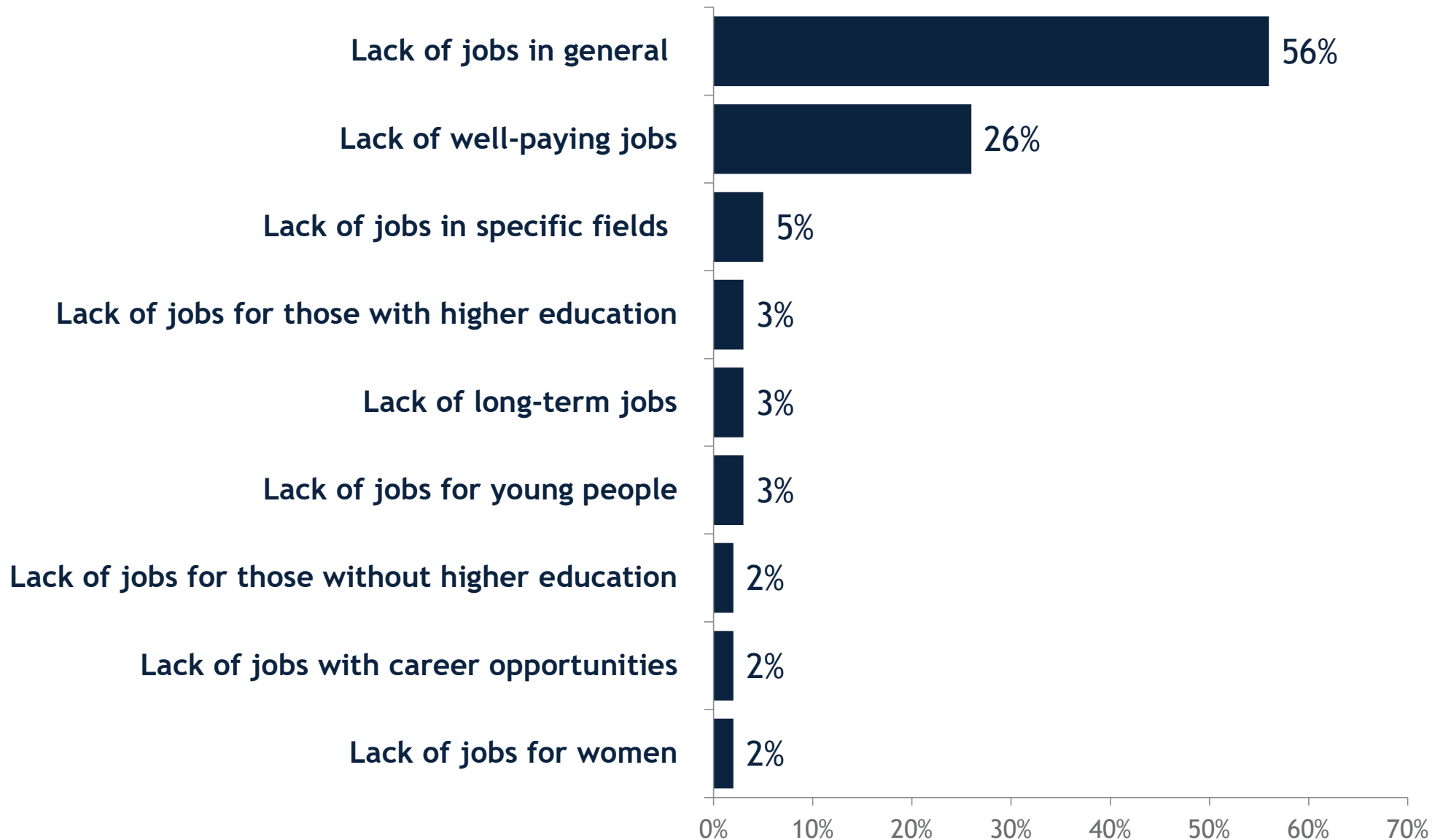


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You mentioned unemployment as one of the most important problems in Kosovo. Which aspect of unemployment is most important?

(*Split sample, among those who named unemployment as an important problem, n= 328)

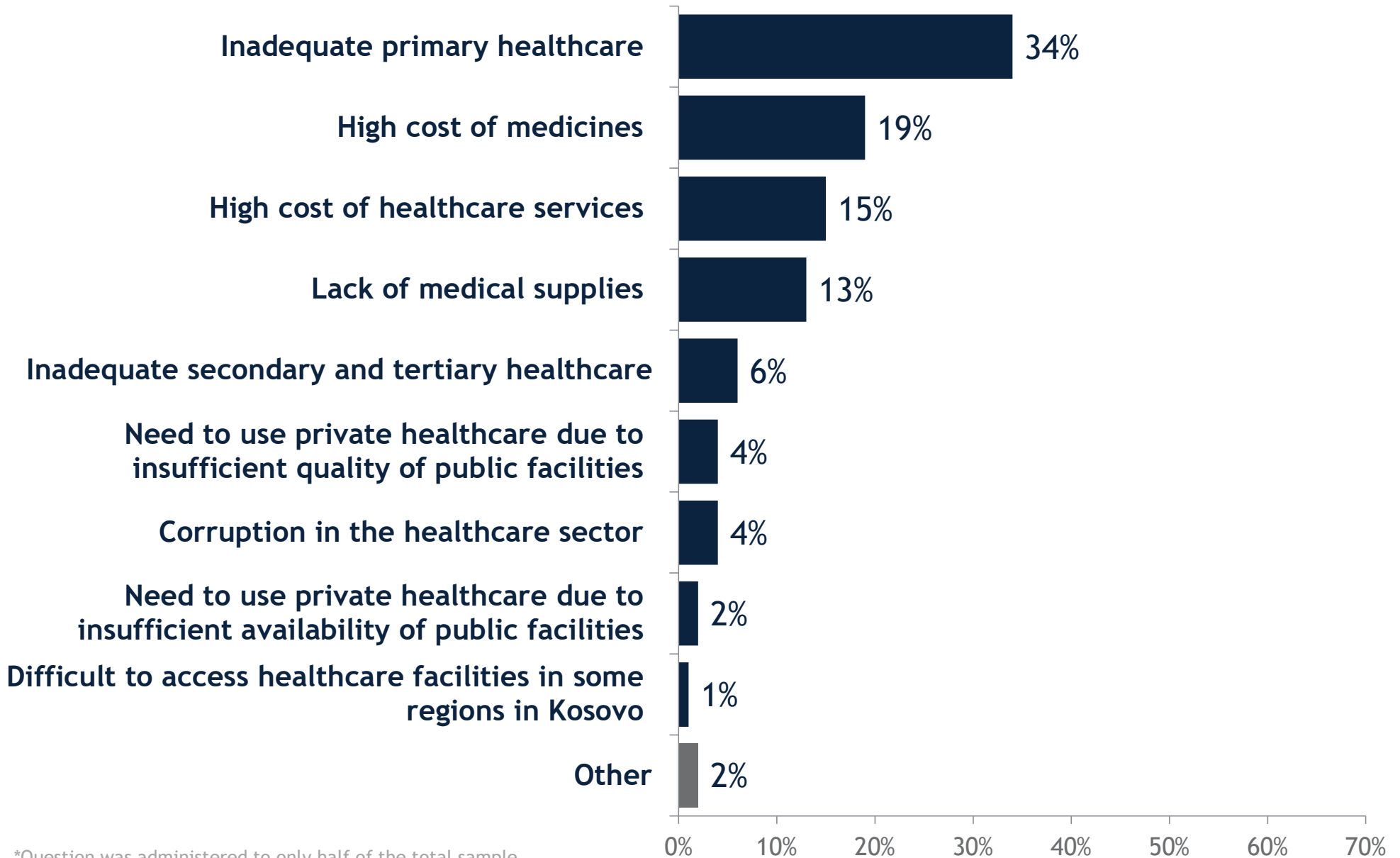


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You mentioned healthcare as one of the most important problems in Kosovo. Which aspect of healthcare is most important?

(*Split sample, among those who named healthcare as an important problem, n= 55)

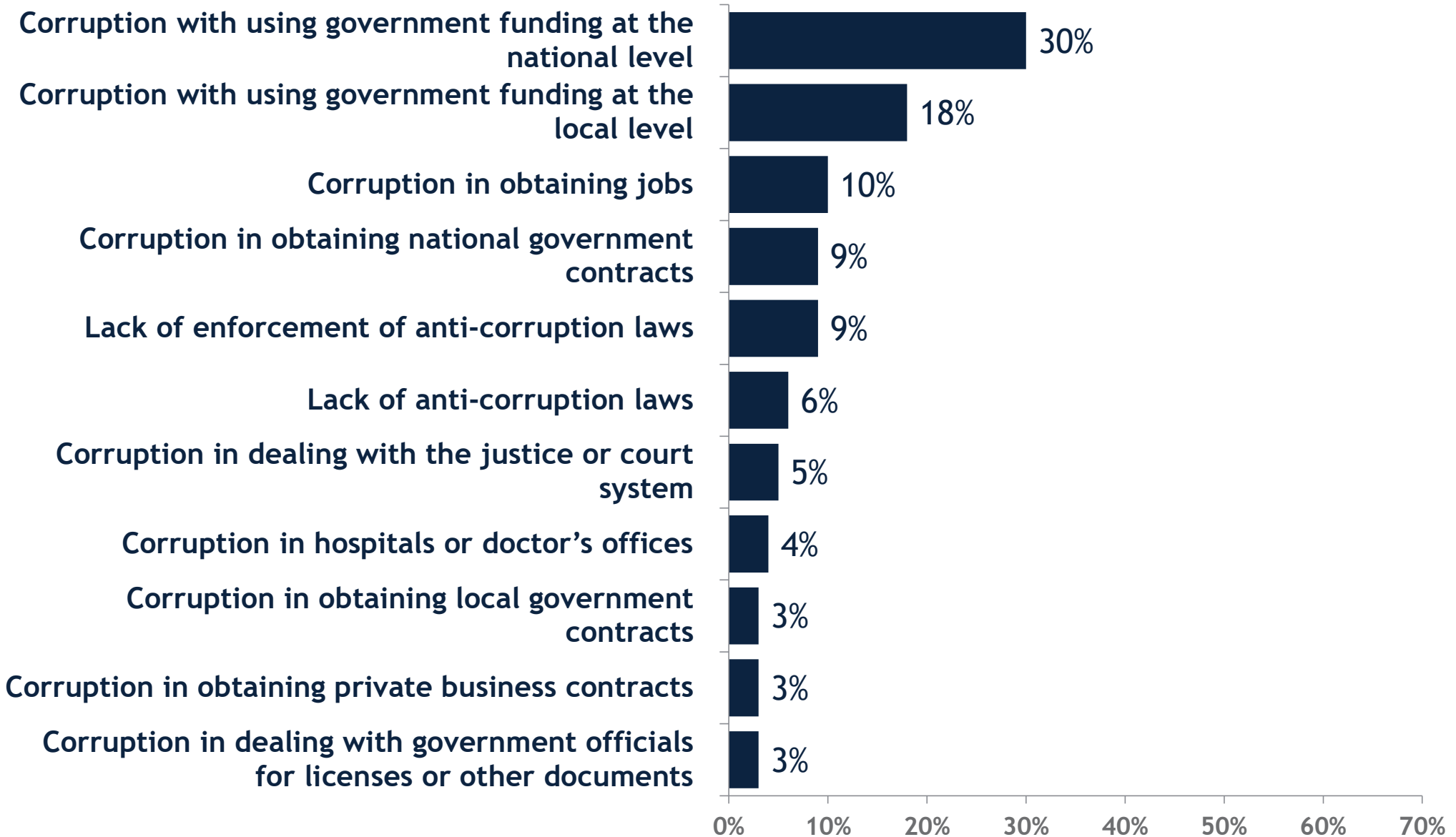


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You mentioned corruption as one of the most important problems in Kosovo. Which aspect of corruption is most important?

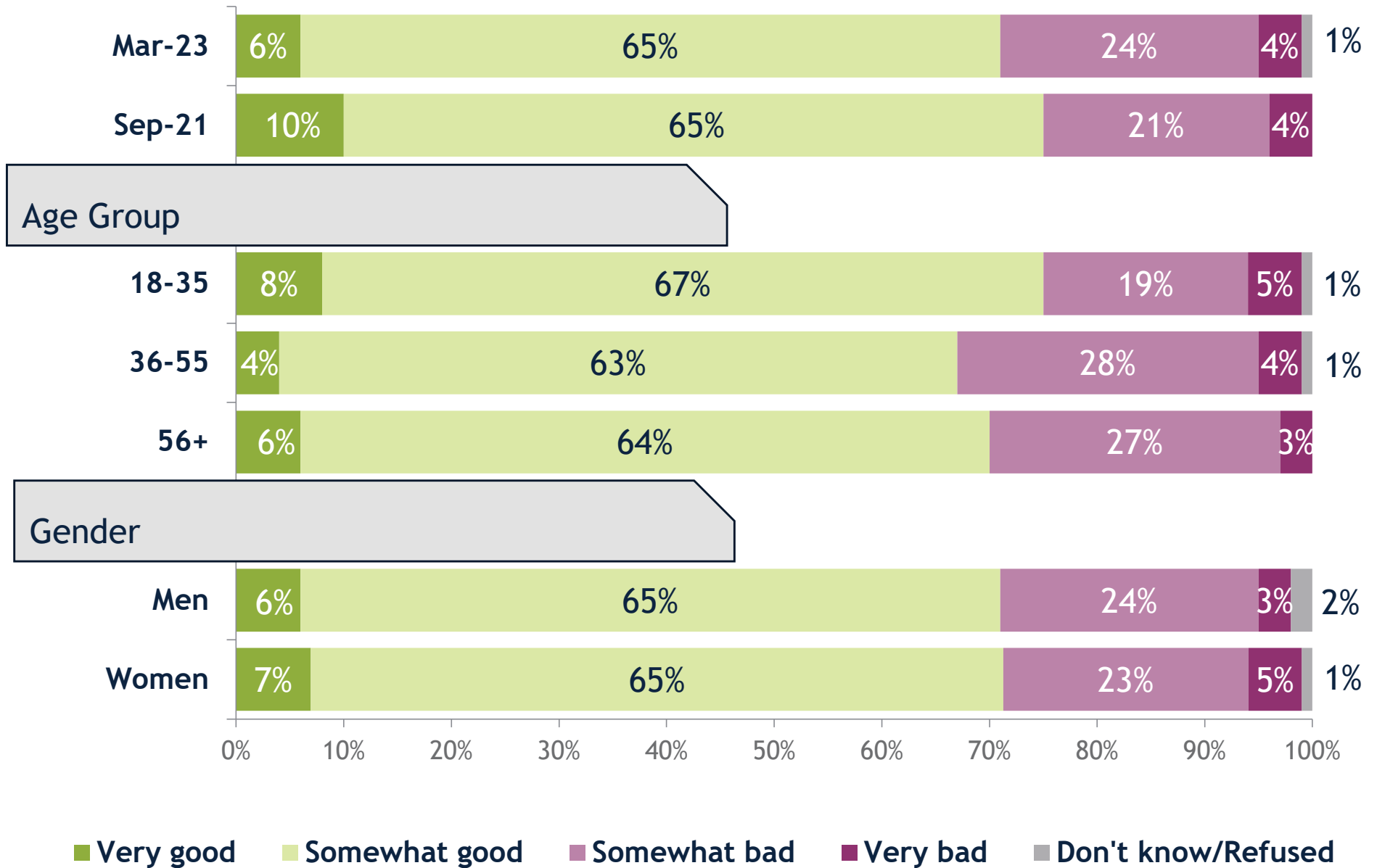
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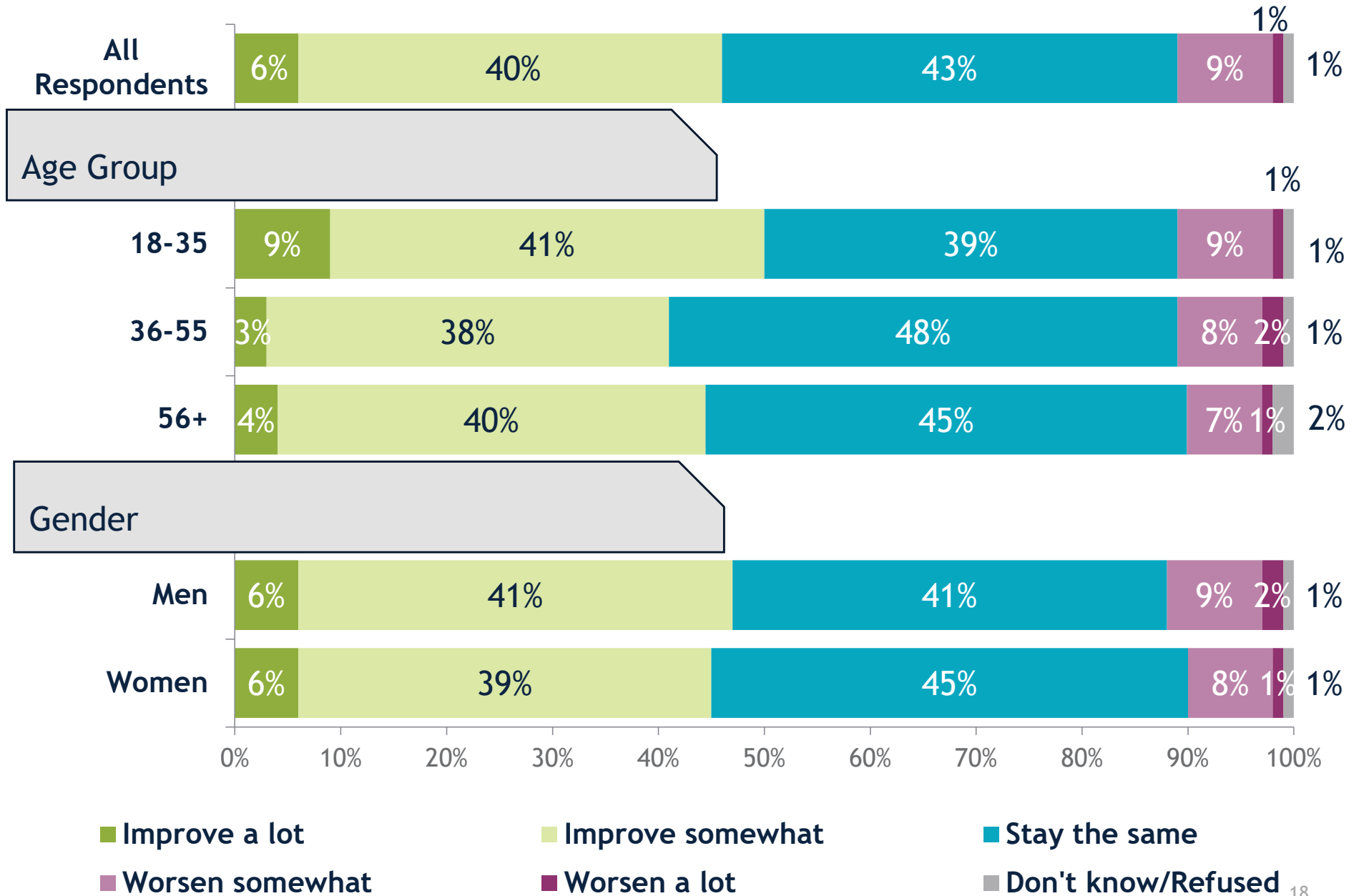
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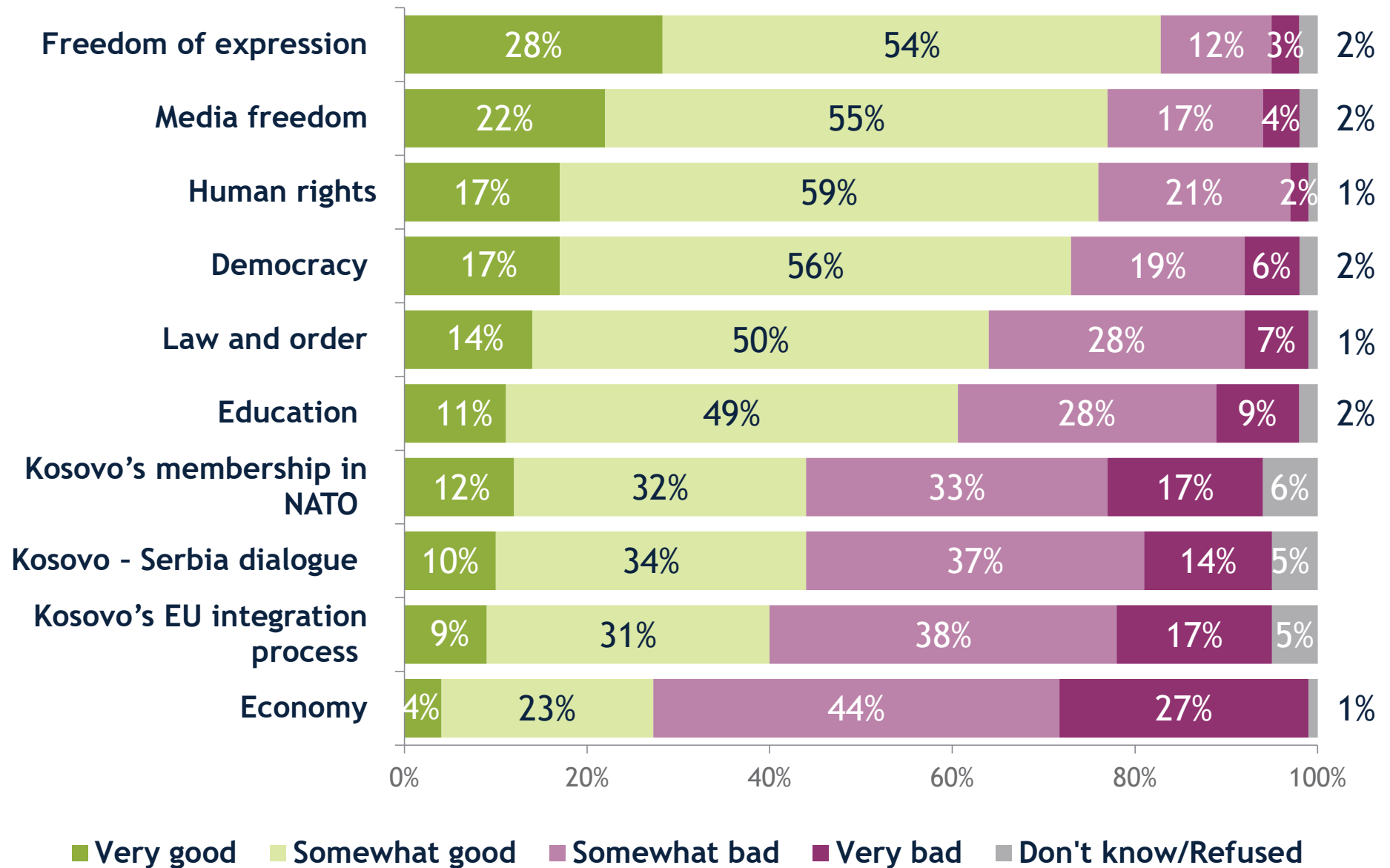
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?



In the coming 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation of your household to change?



How would you describe the current status of each of the following items in our country?

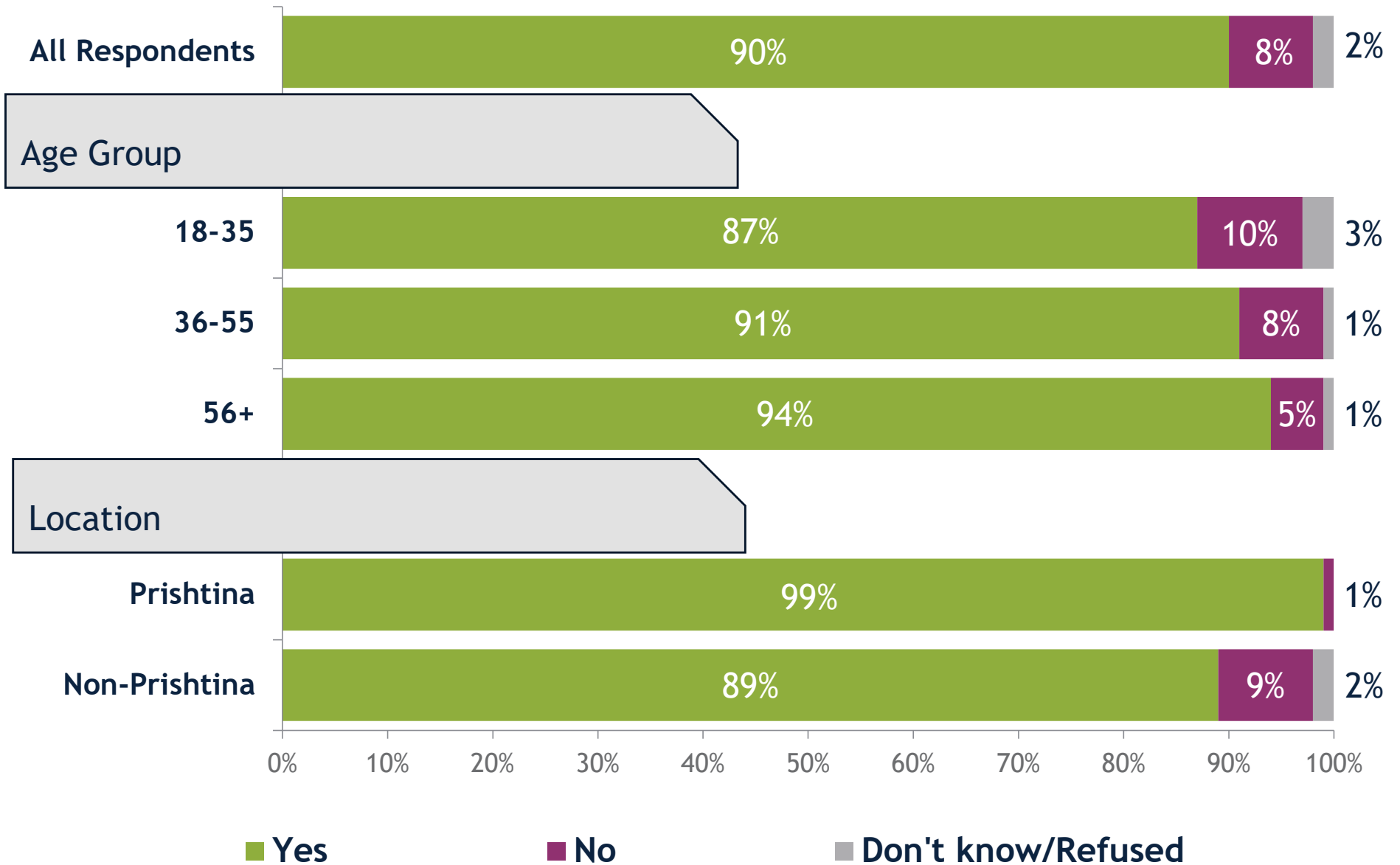


Elections



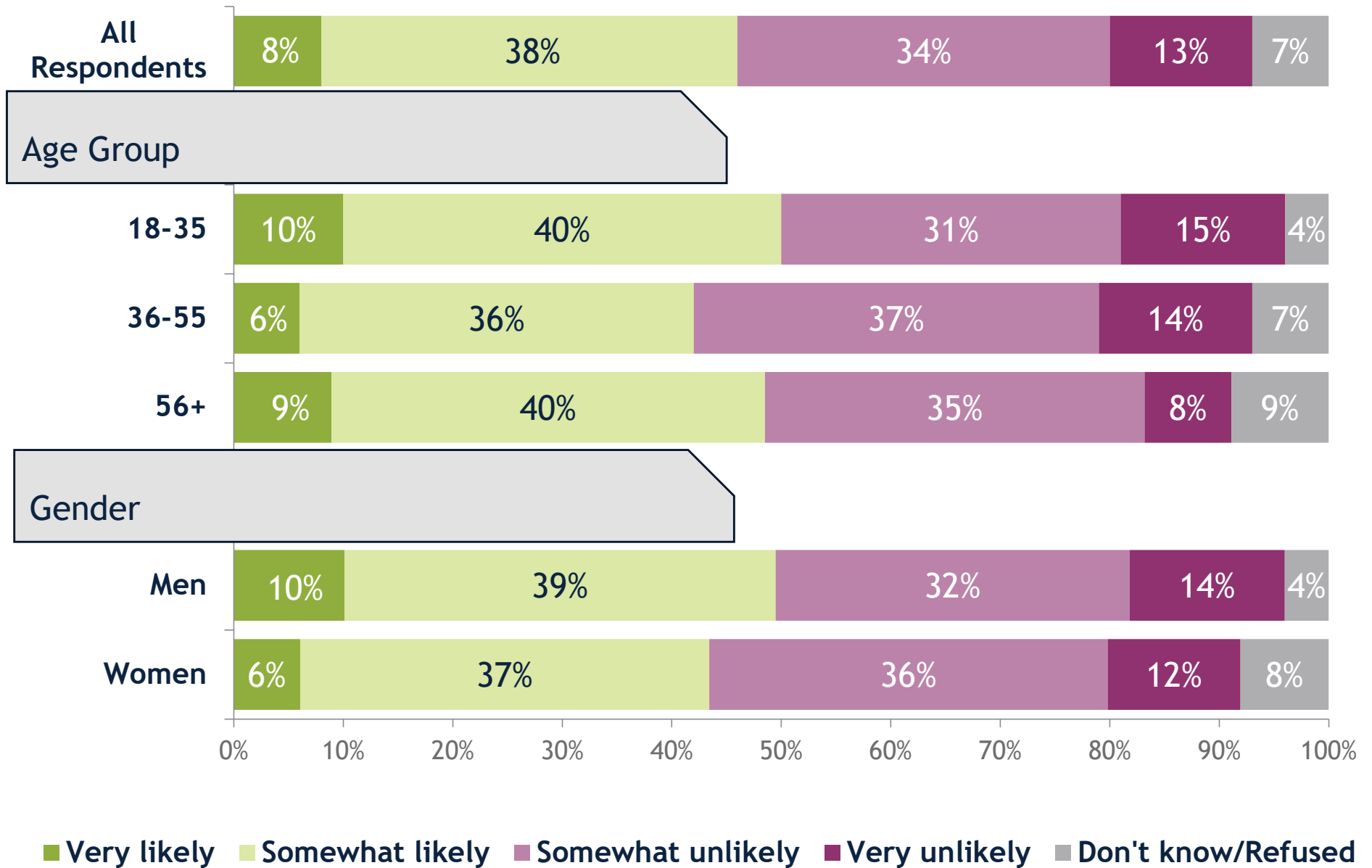


Are you registered to vote?





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

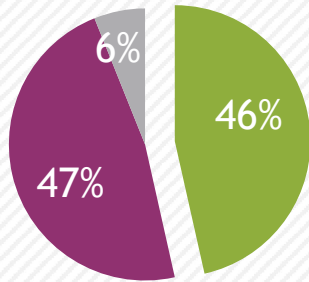




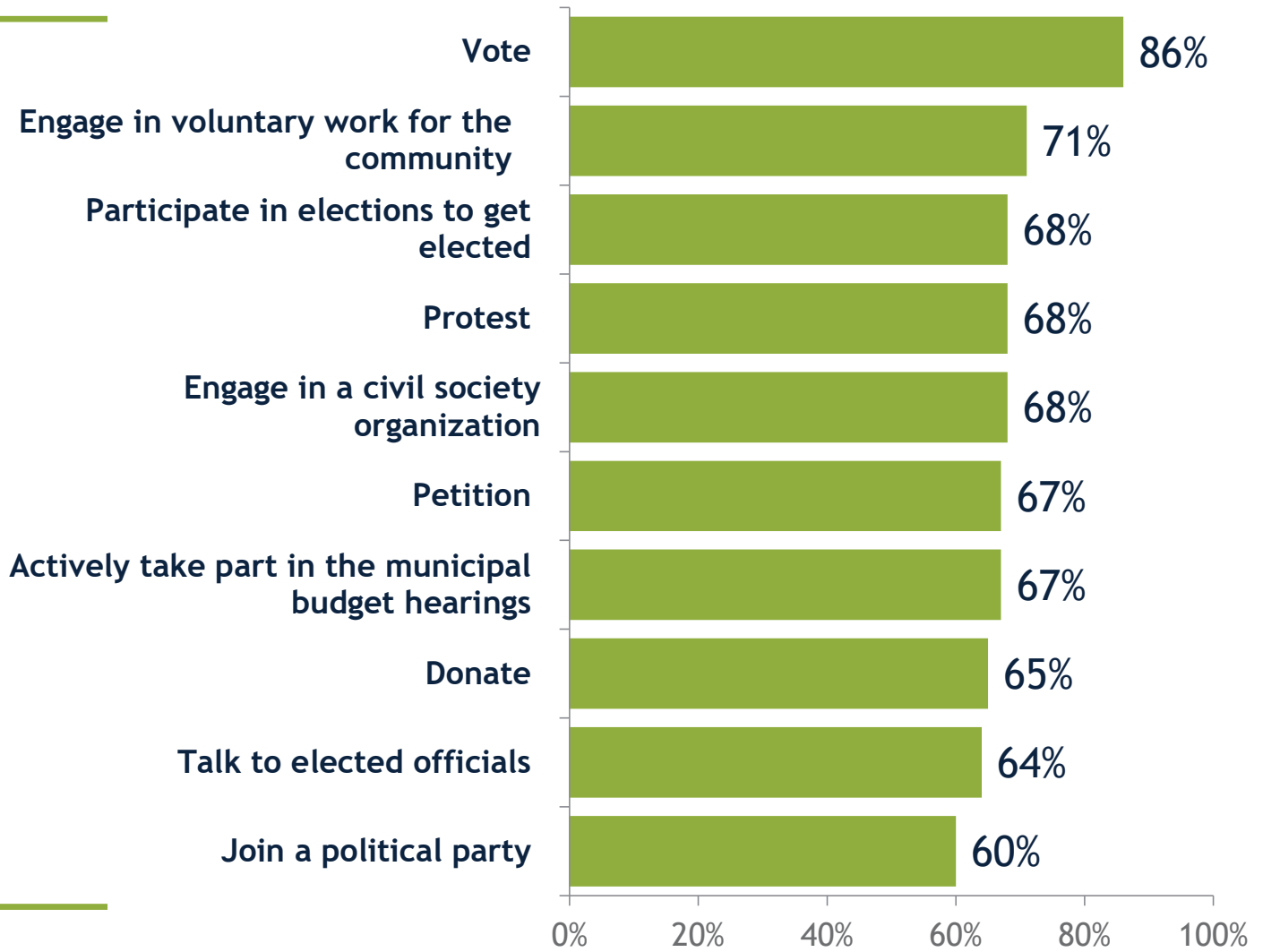
How can ordinary people influence decisions made in our country?*

(Spontaneous response, multiple responses accepted, among those who declared ordinary people are *very likely* or *somewhat likely* to influence decisions, n=559)

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

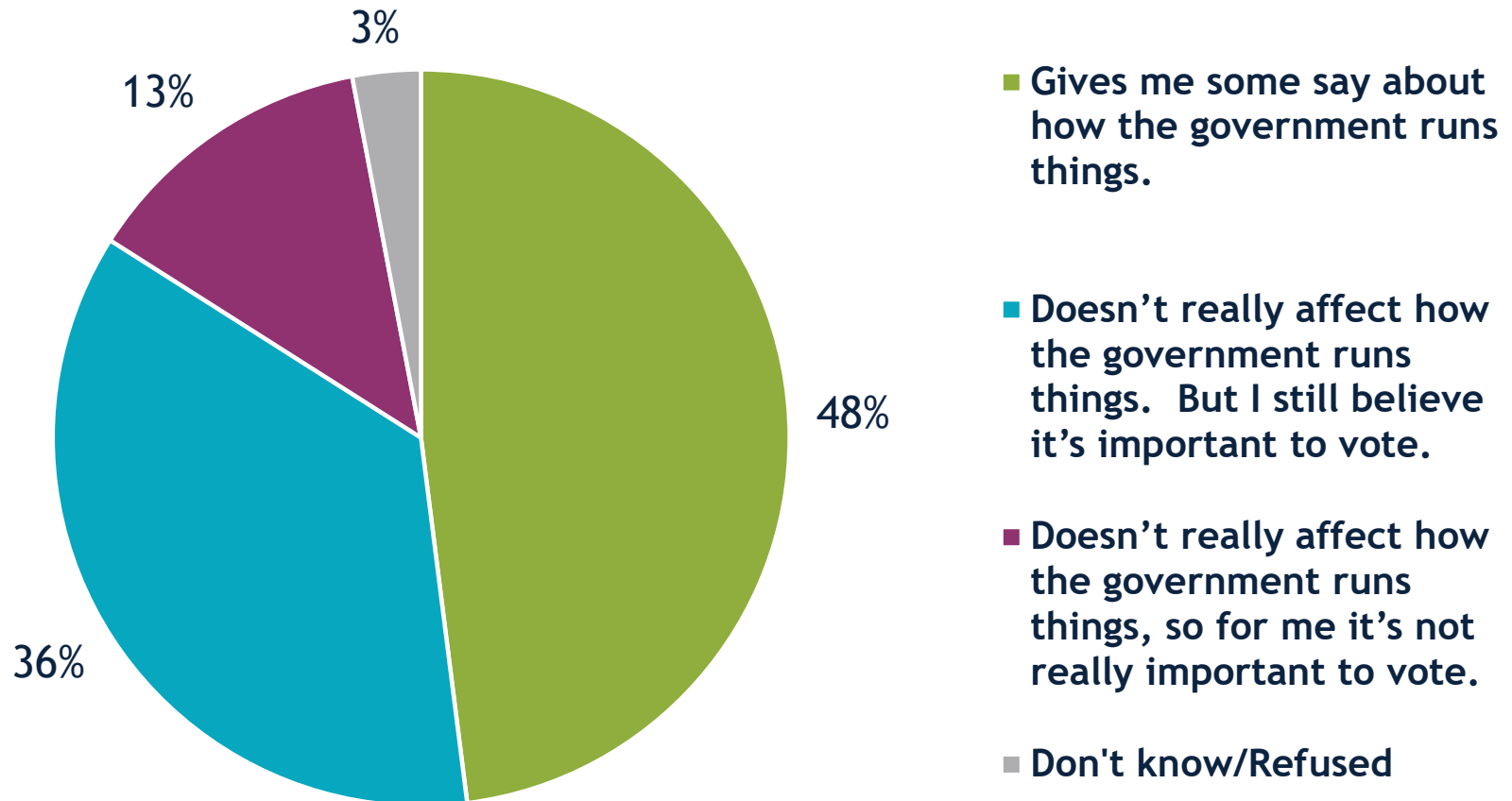


- Very + somewhat likely
- Somewhat + unlikely
- Don't know/Refused

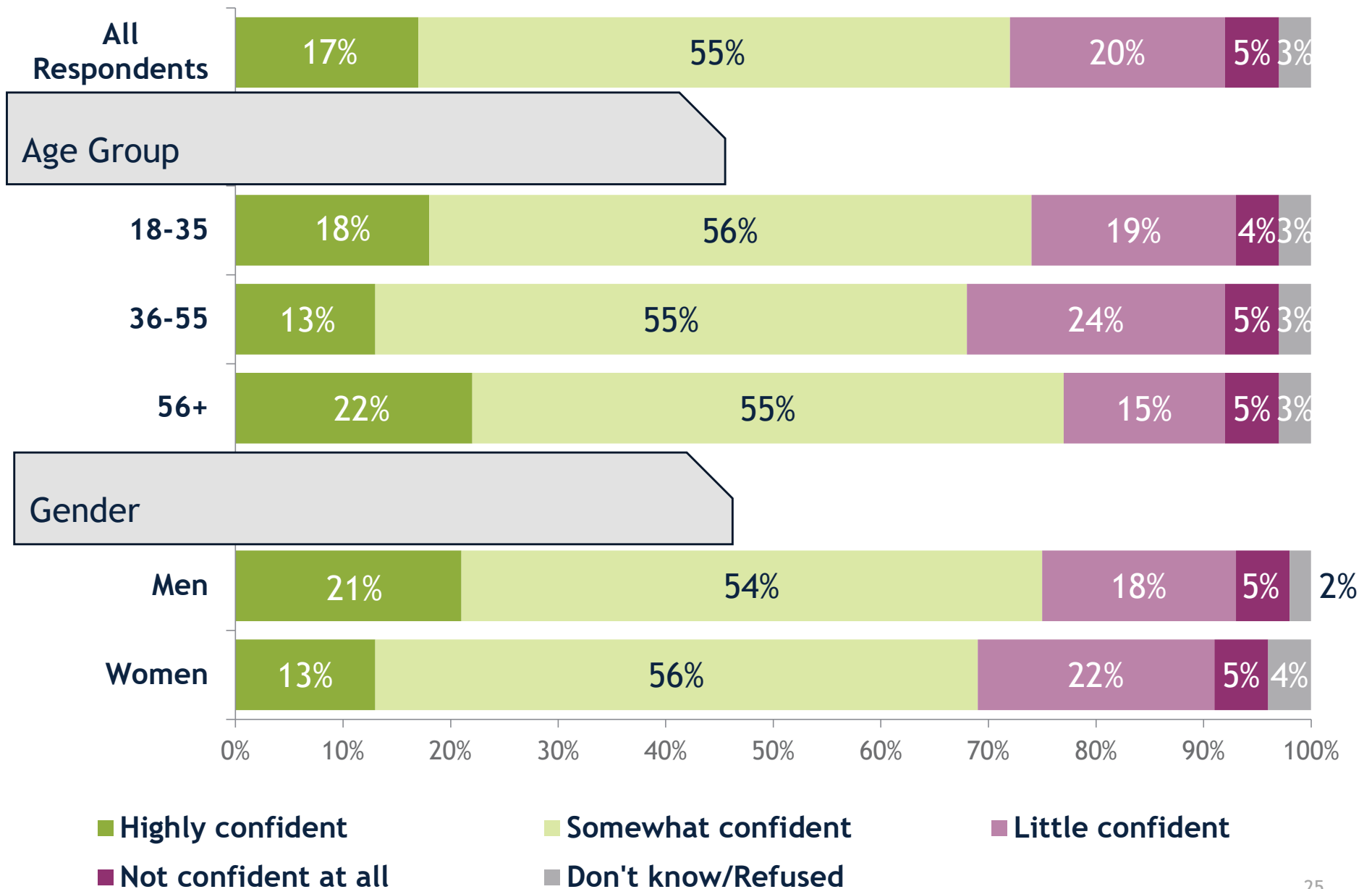


*Only responses mentioned by respondents are displayed.

Which statement about voting comes closest to your opinion?

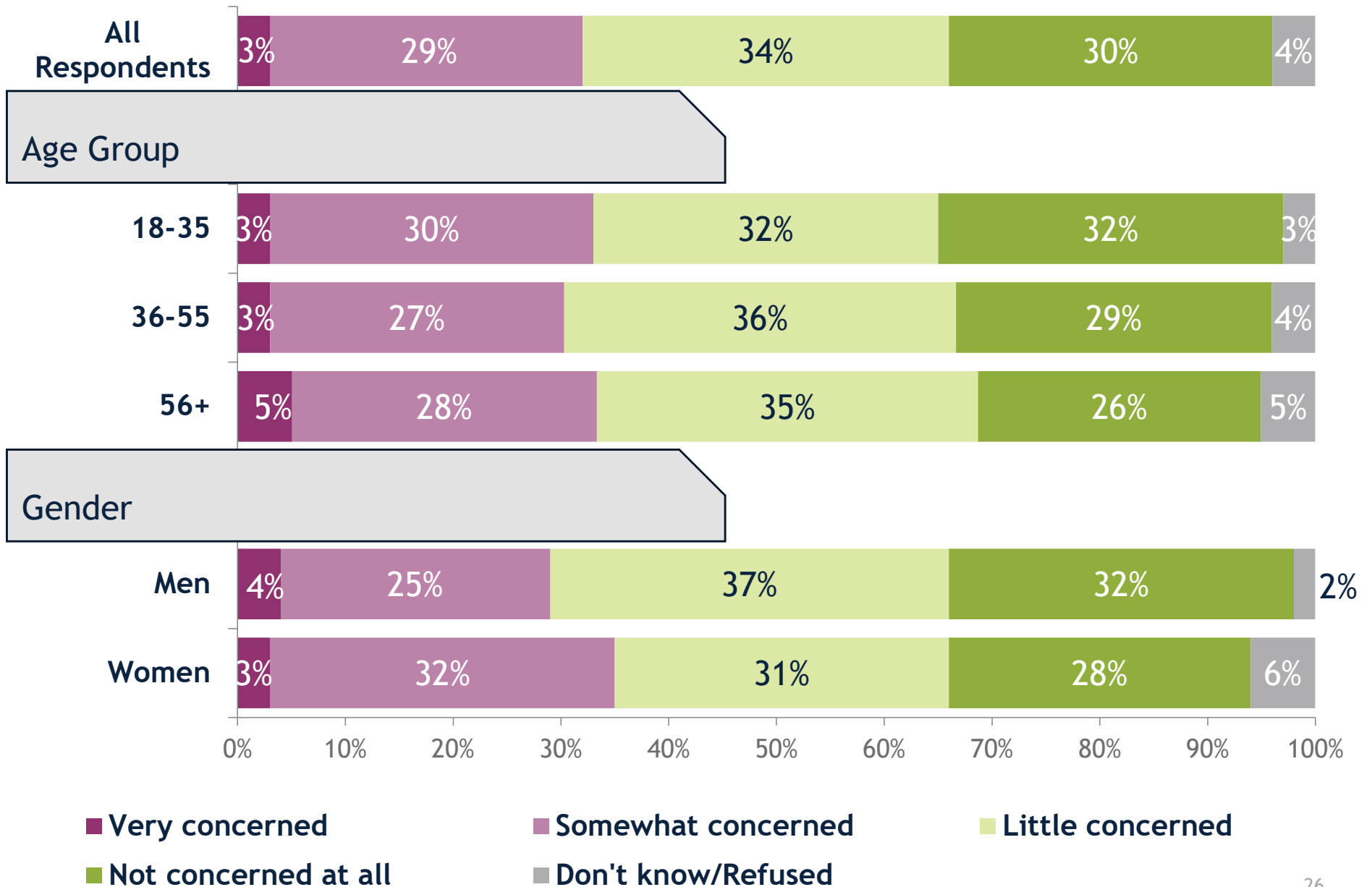


How confident, if at all, are you in the Central Election Commission's ability to organize and supervise elections?

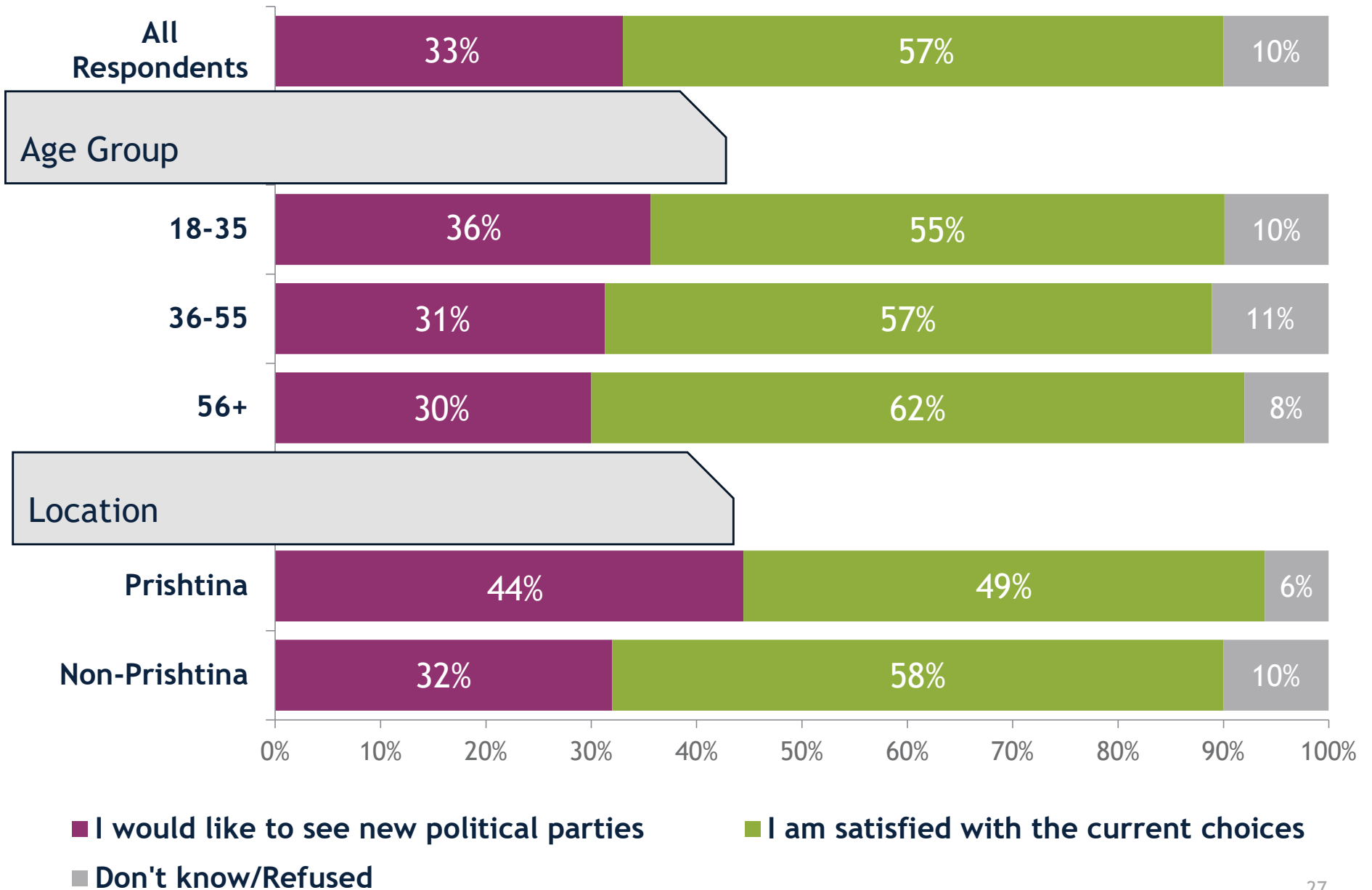




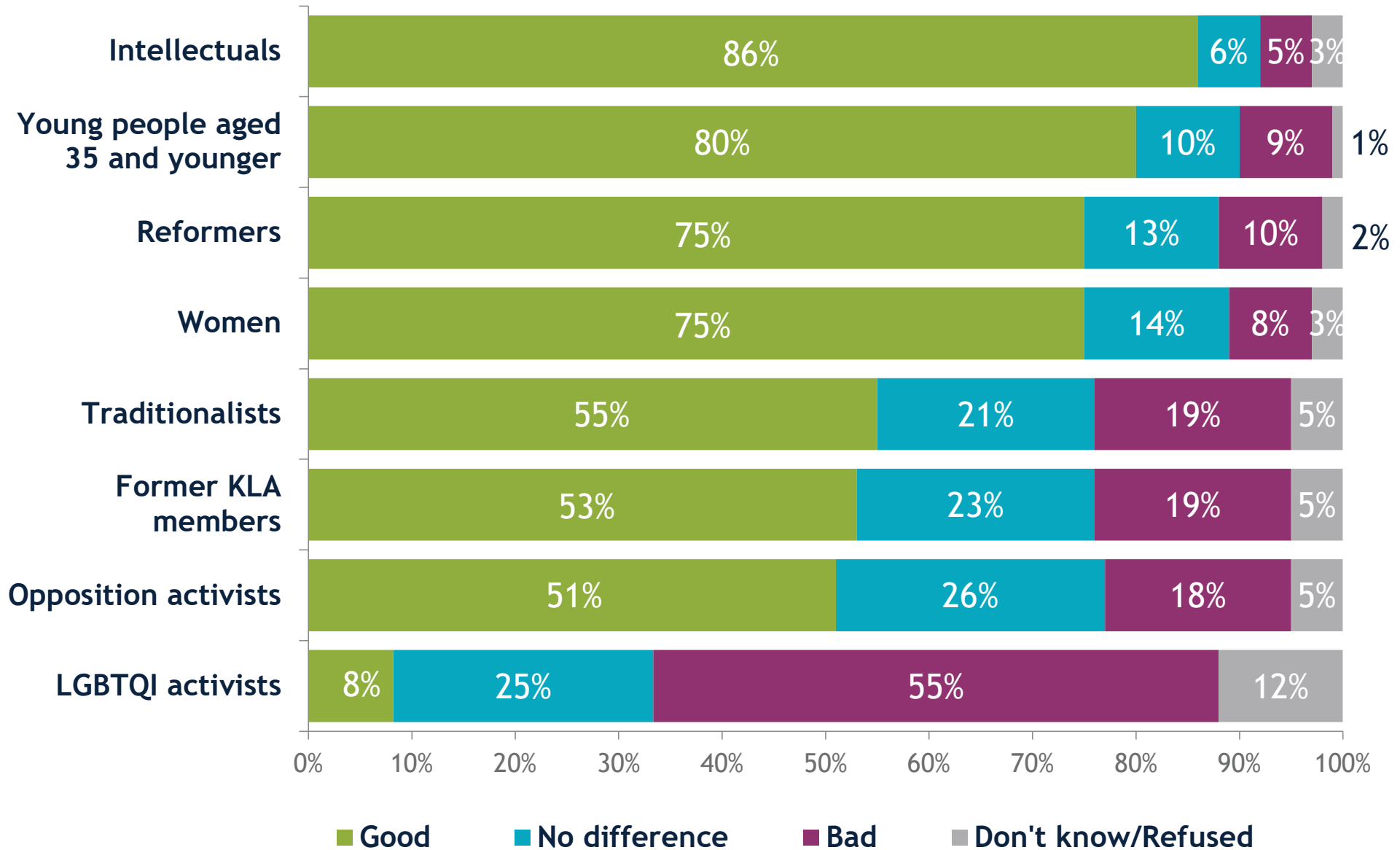
How concerned, if at all, are you about election-related violence?



Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?

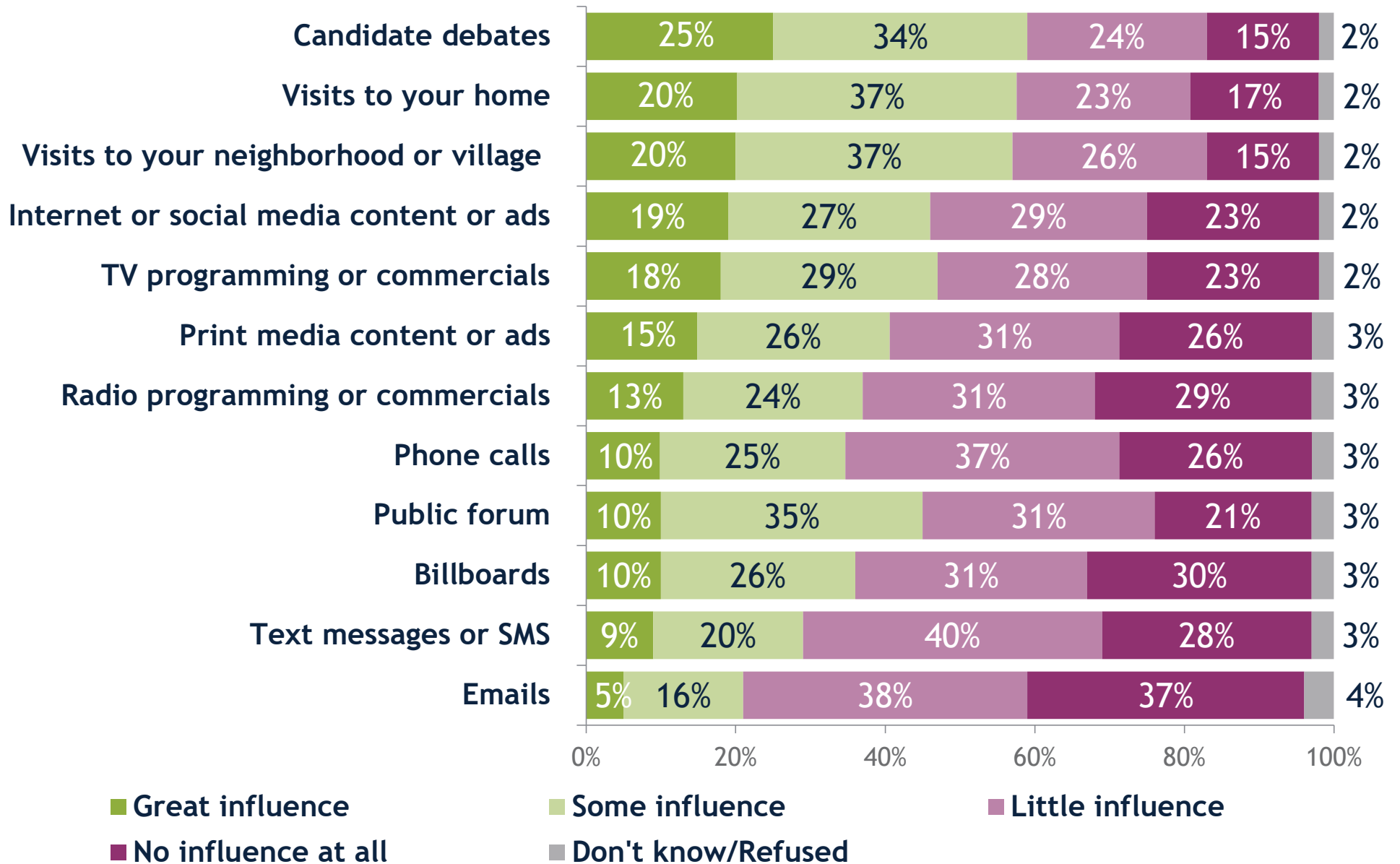


If more people representing the following groups were elected to the government, do you think that would be good, bad or would it not make a difference?

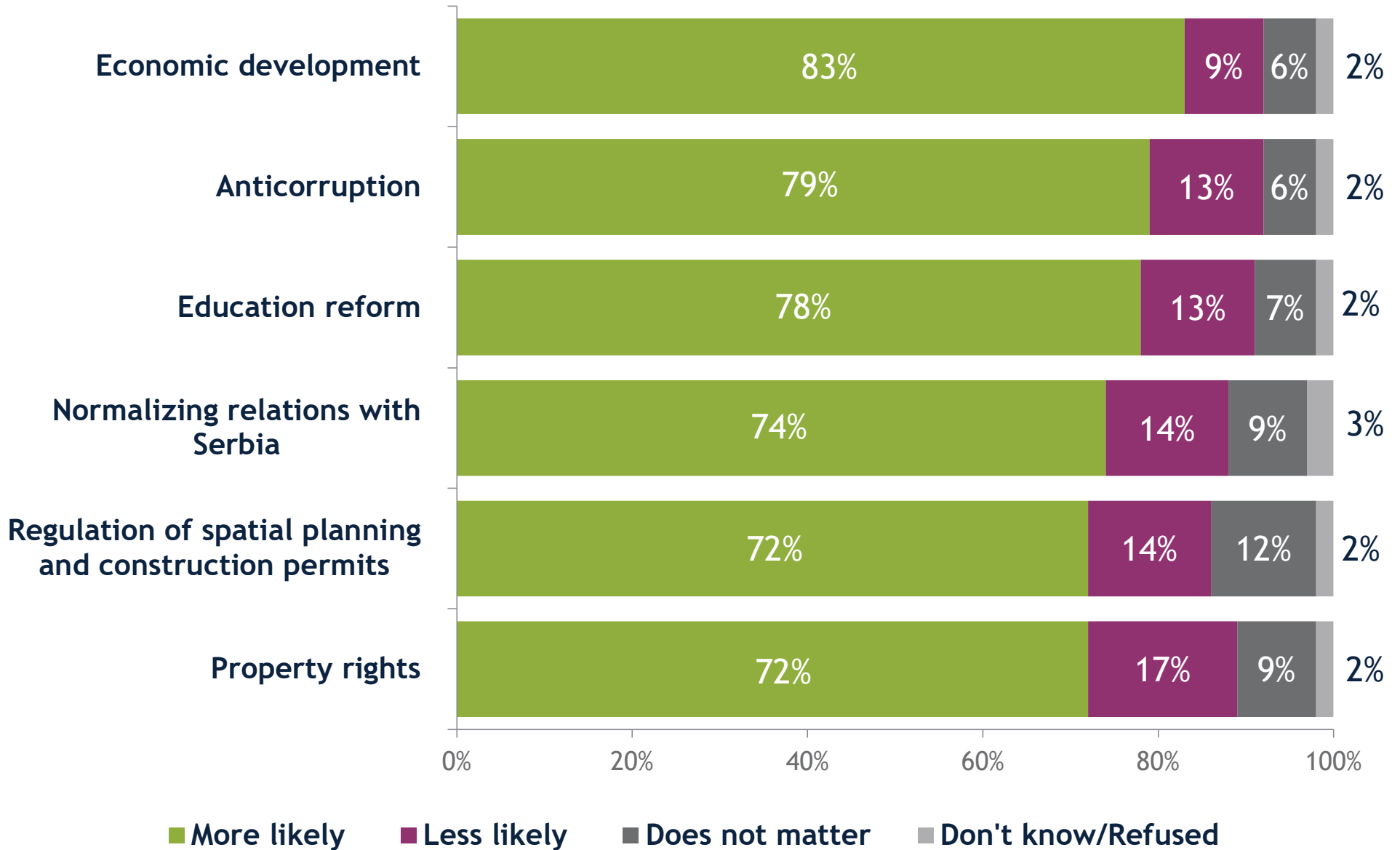




In general, what is the influence of each of these forms of election campaigning on you?

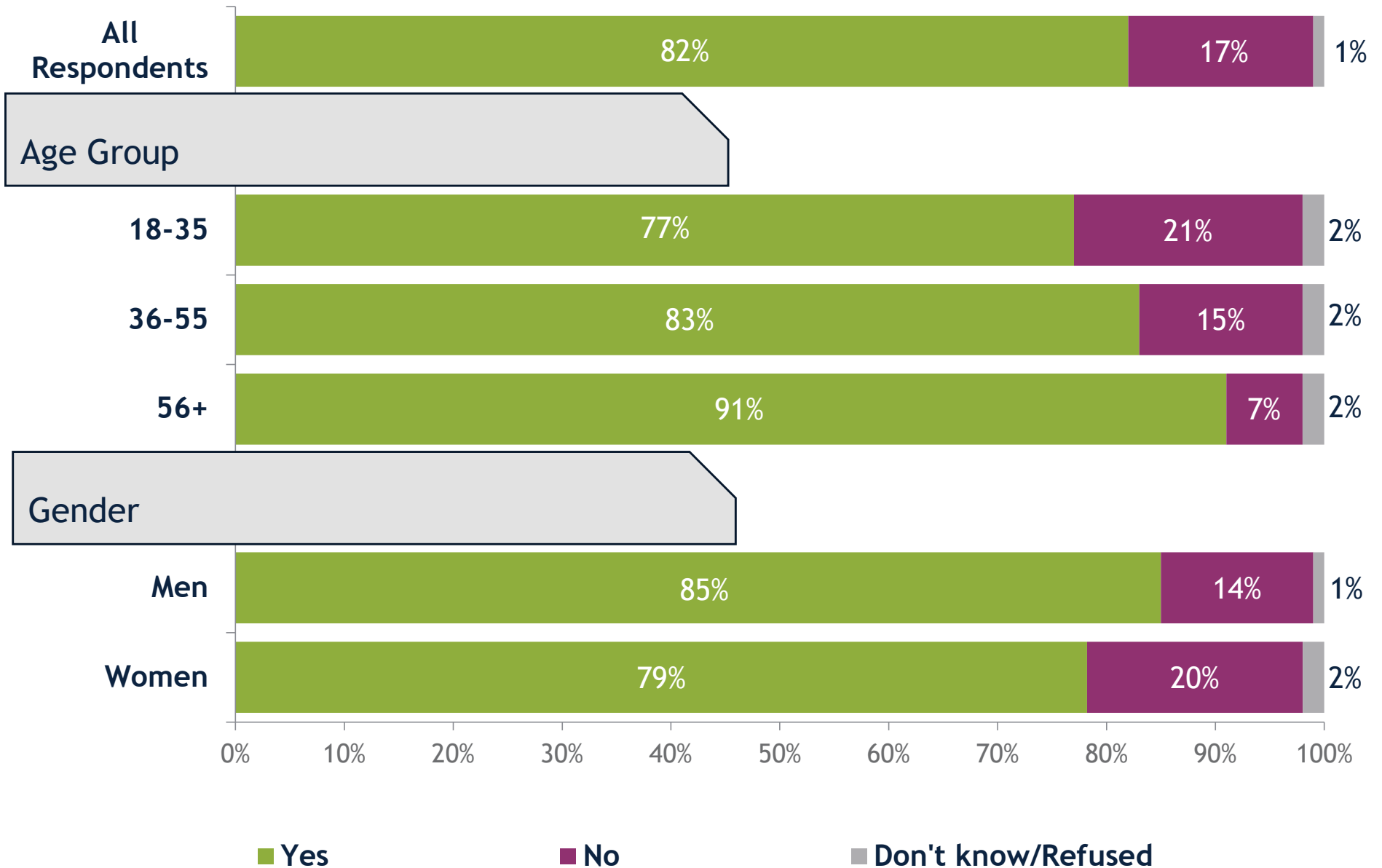


Thinking about a hypothetical candidate for election, if this candidate supported the following initiatives, would it make you more likely to vote for this person?





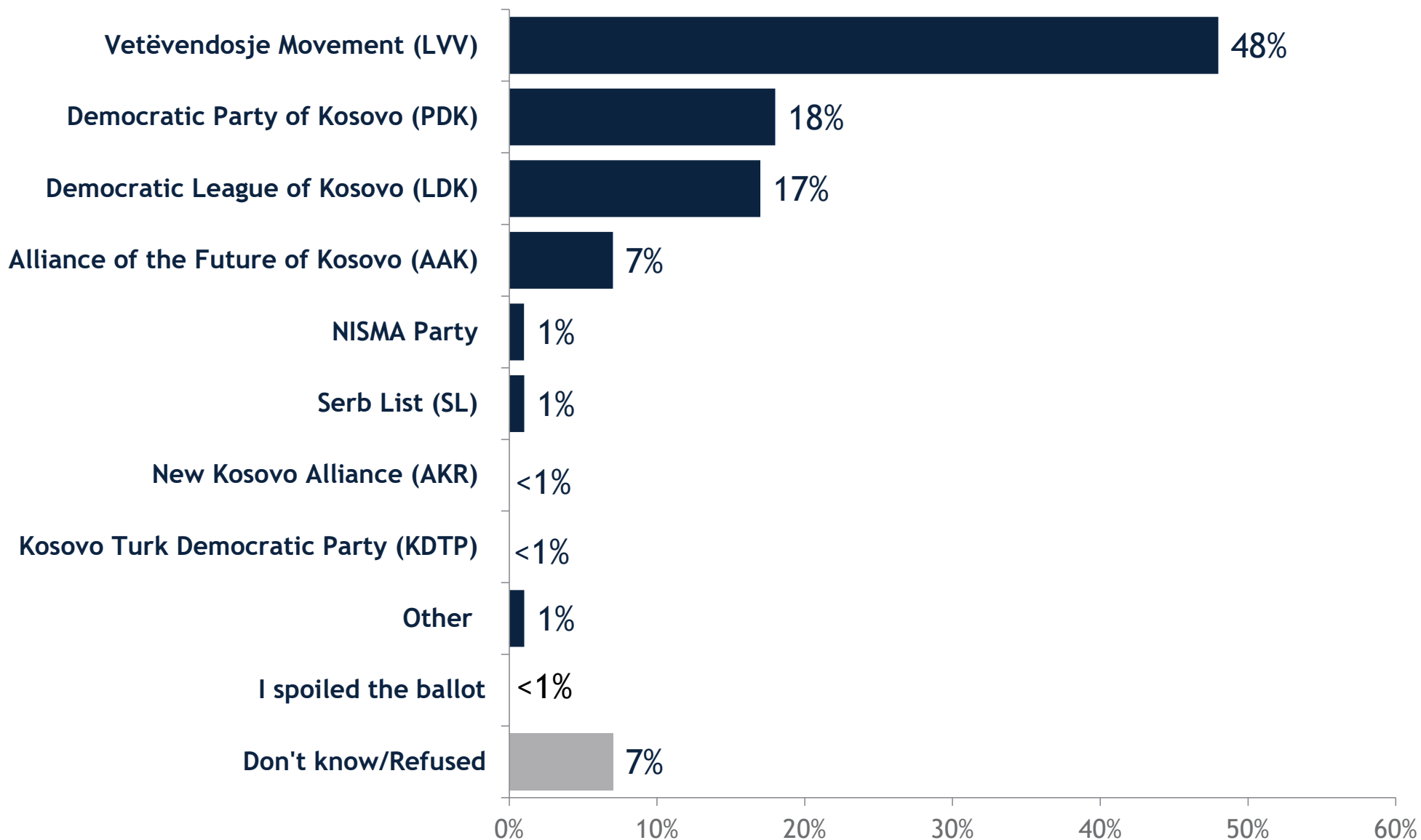
Did you vote in the February 14, 2021 parliamentary elections?



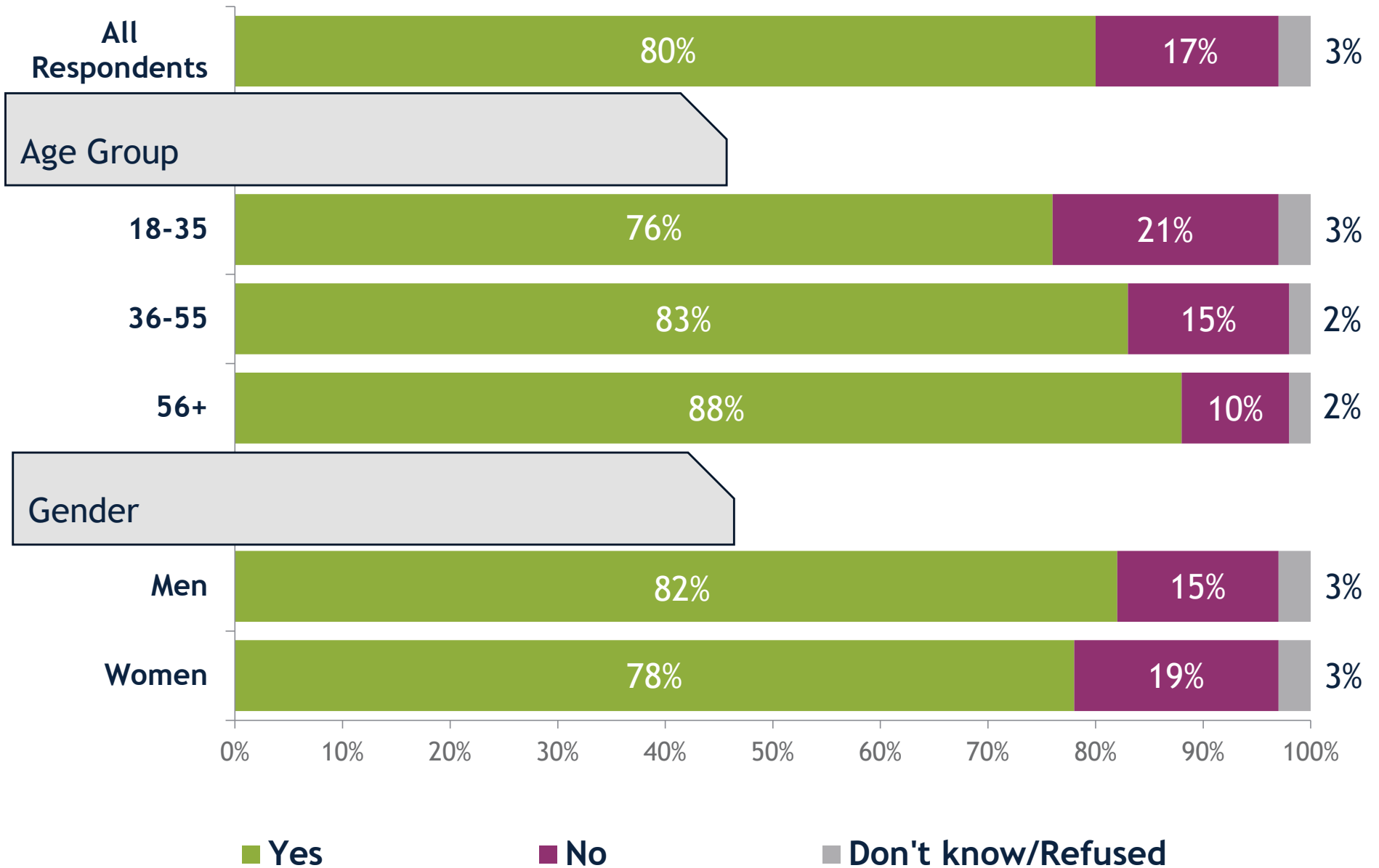


For which party did you vote in the February 14, 2021 parliamentary elections?

(Spontaneous response, among those who voted in the February elections n=981)



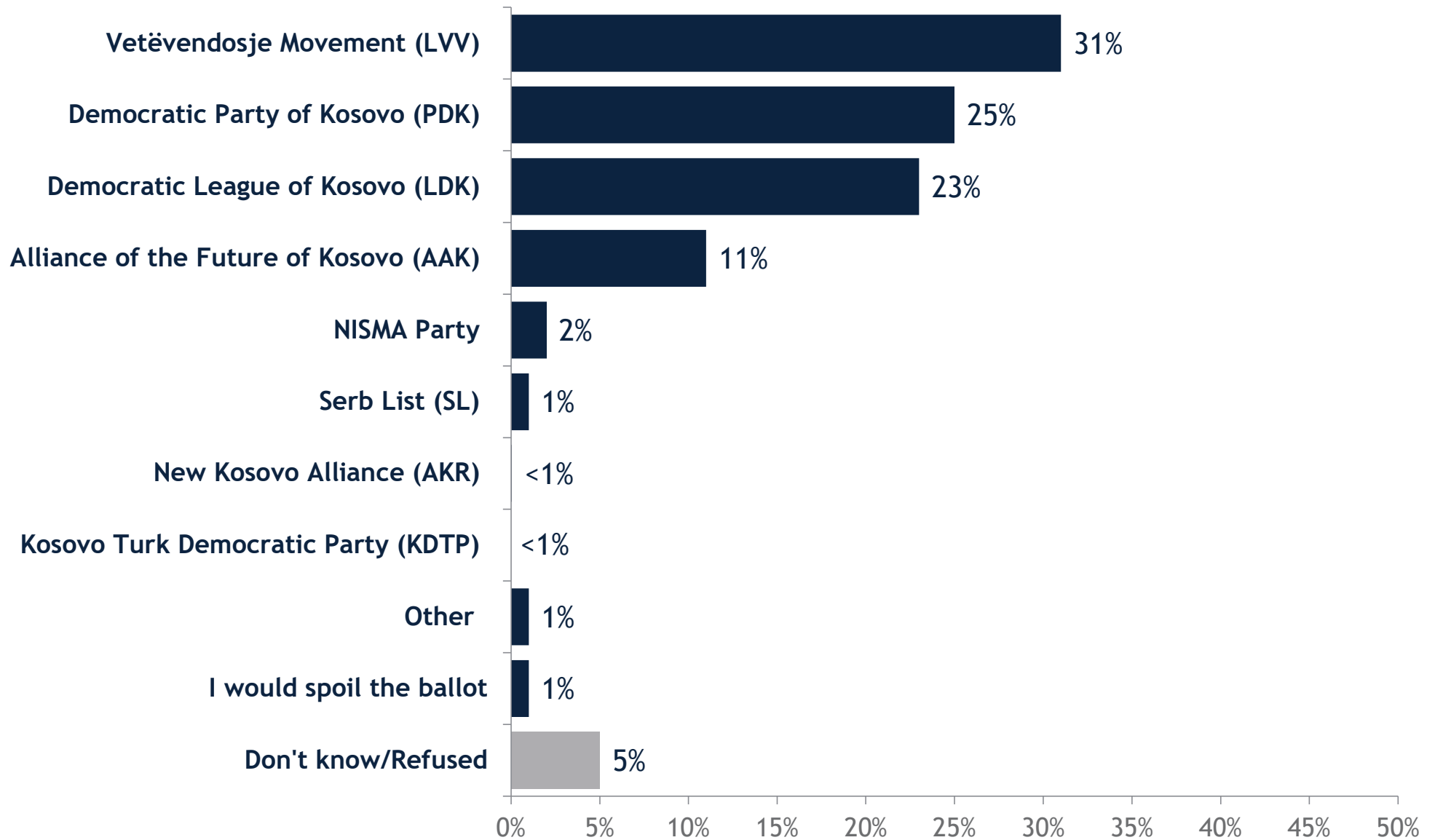
Did you vote in the October 17, 2021 local elections?



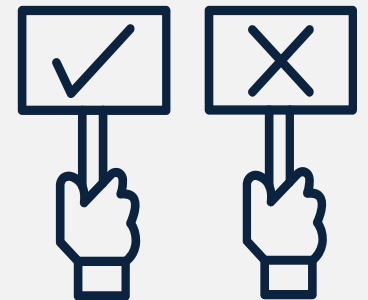


For which party did you vote in the October 17, 2021 local elections?

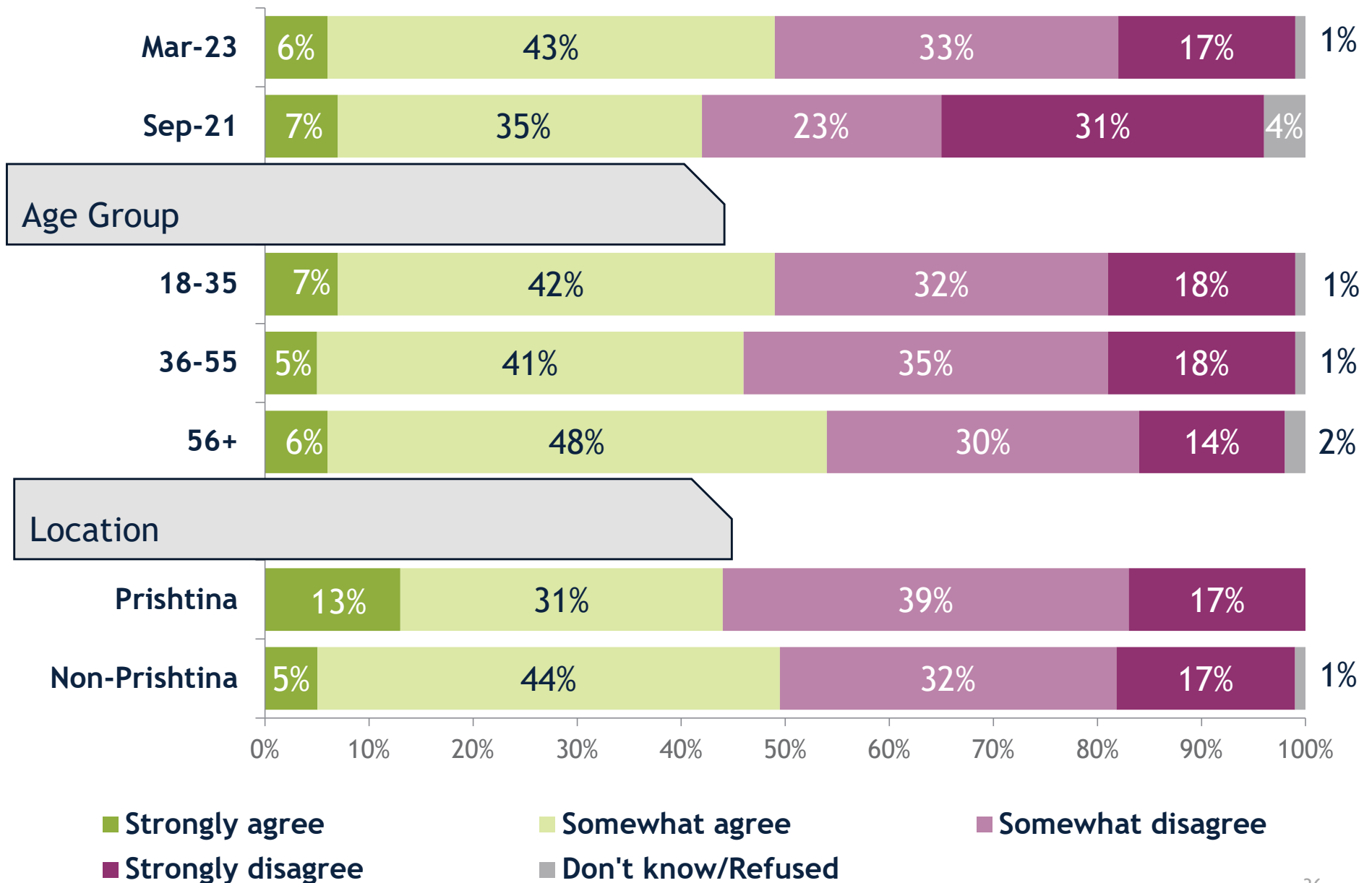
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Opinions of Parties, Public Figures, and Institutions

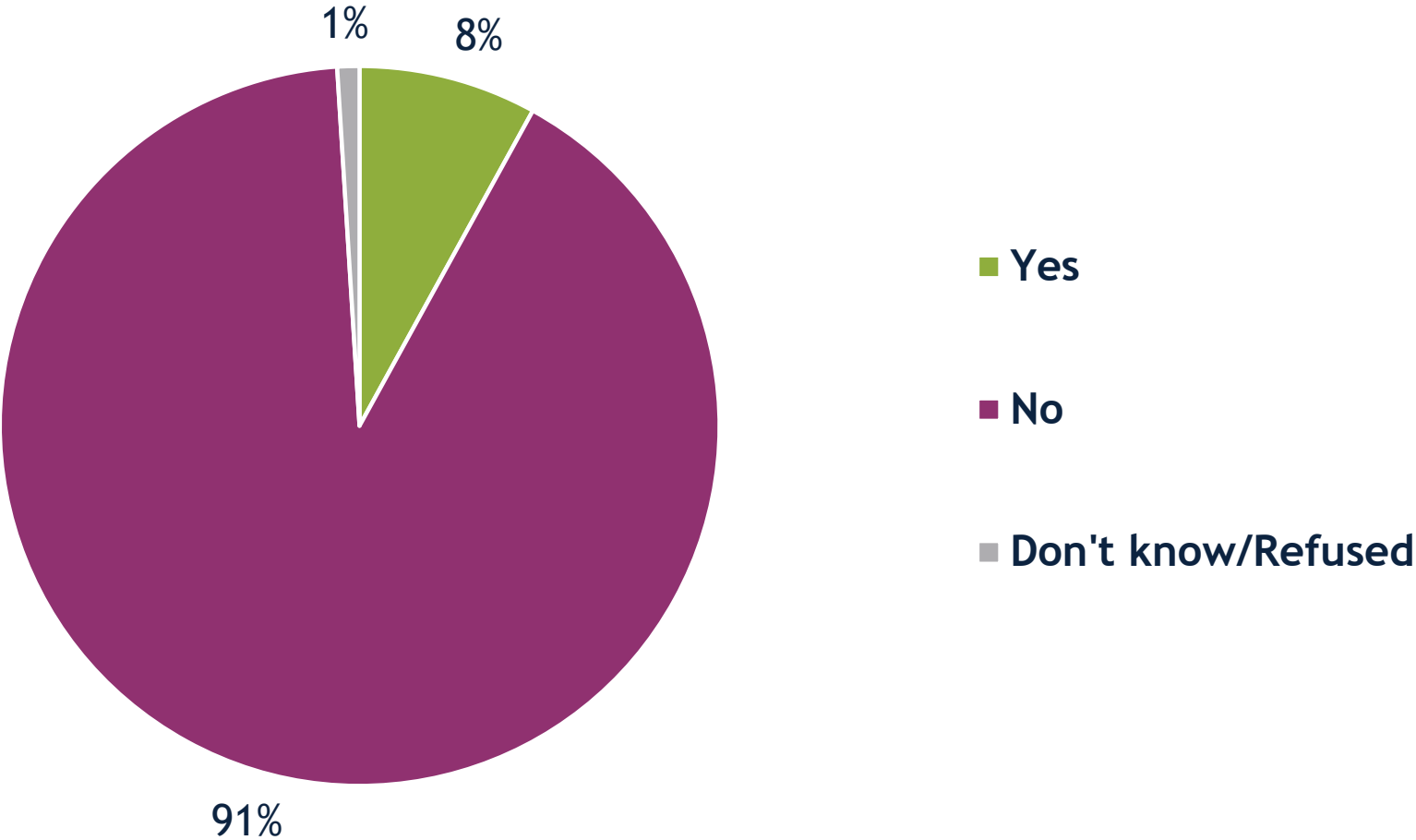


Do you agree or disagree that political parties are doing enough to address the needs of voters like you?



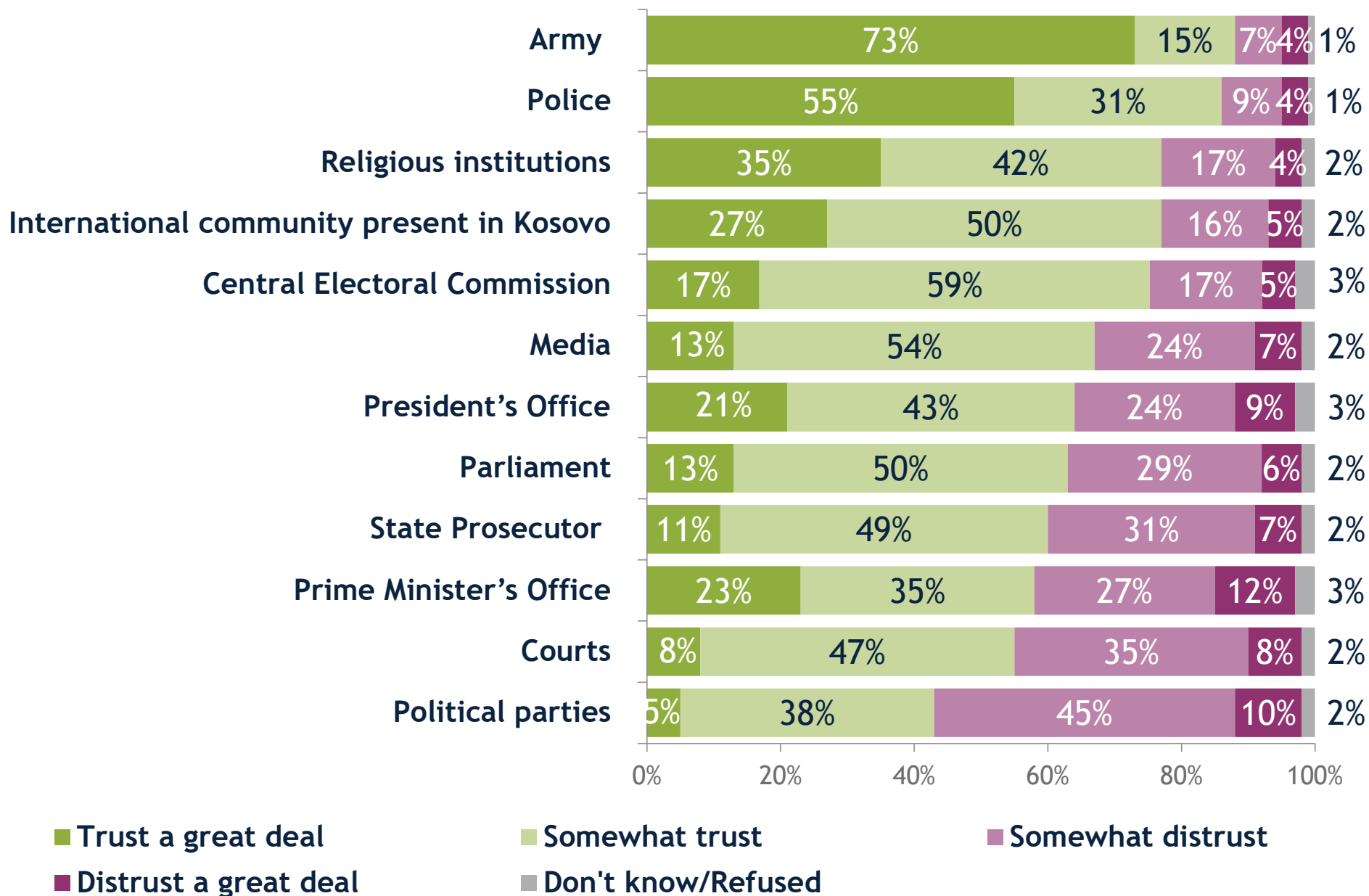


Are you a member of a political party?

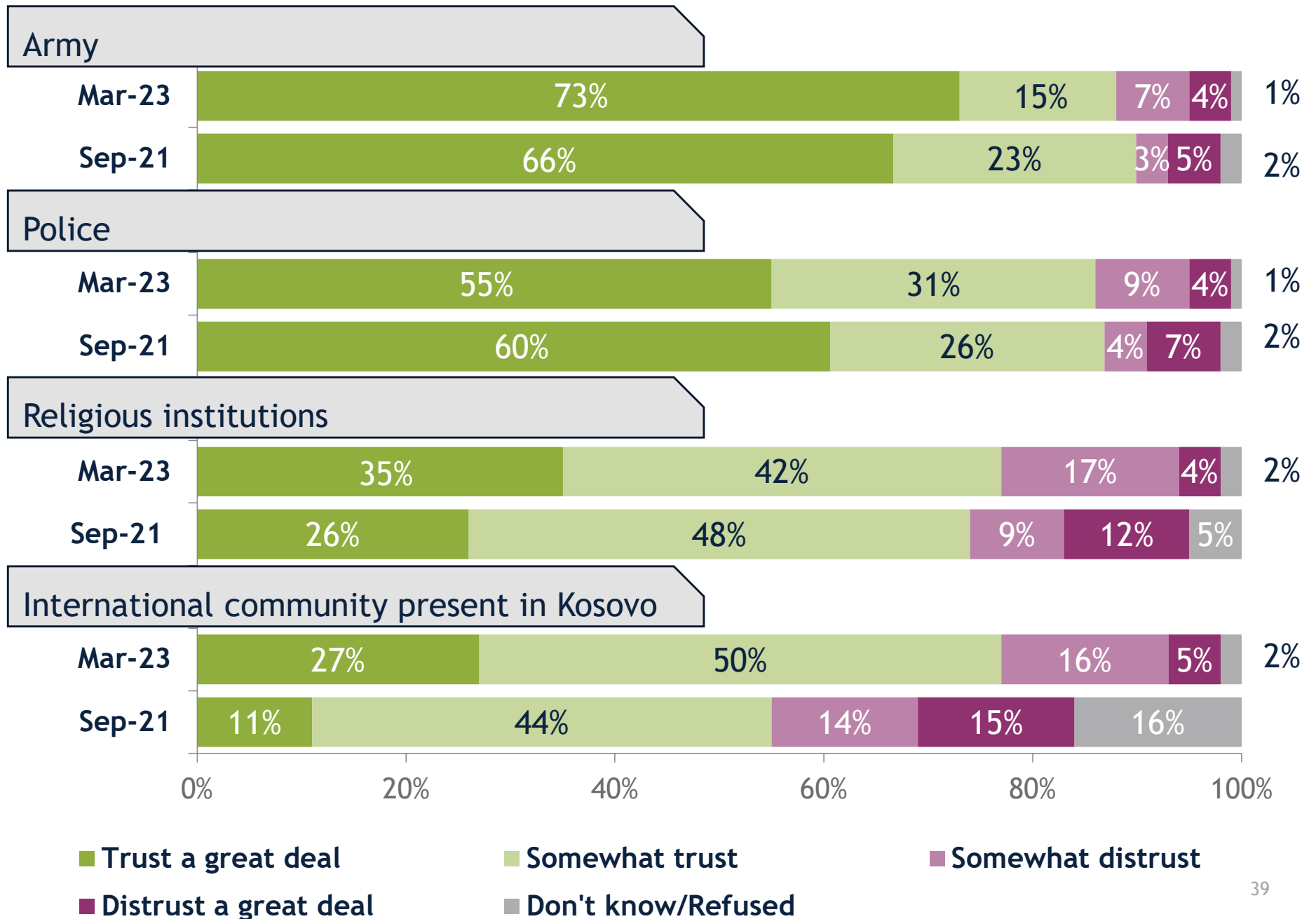




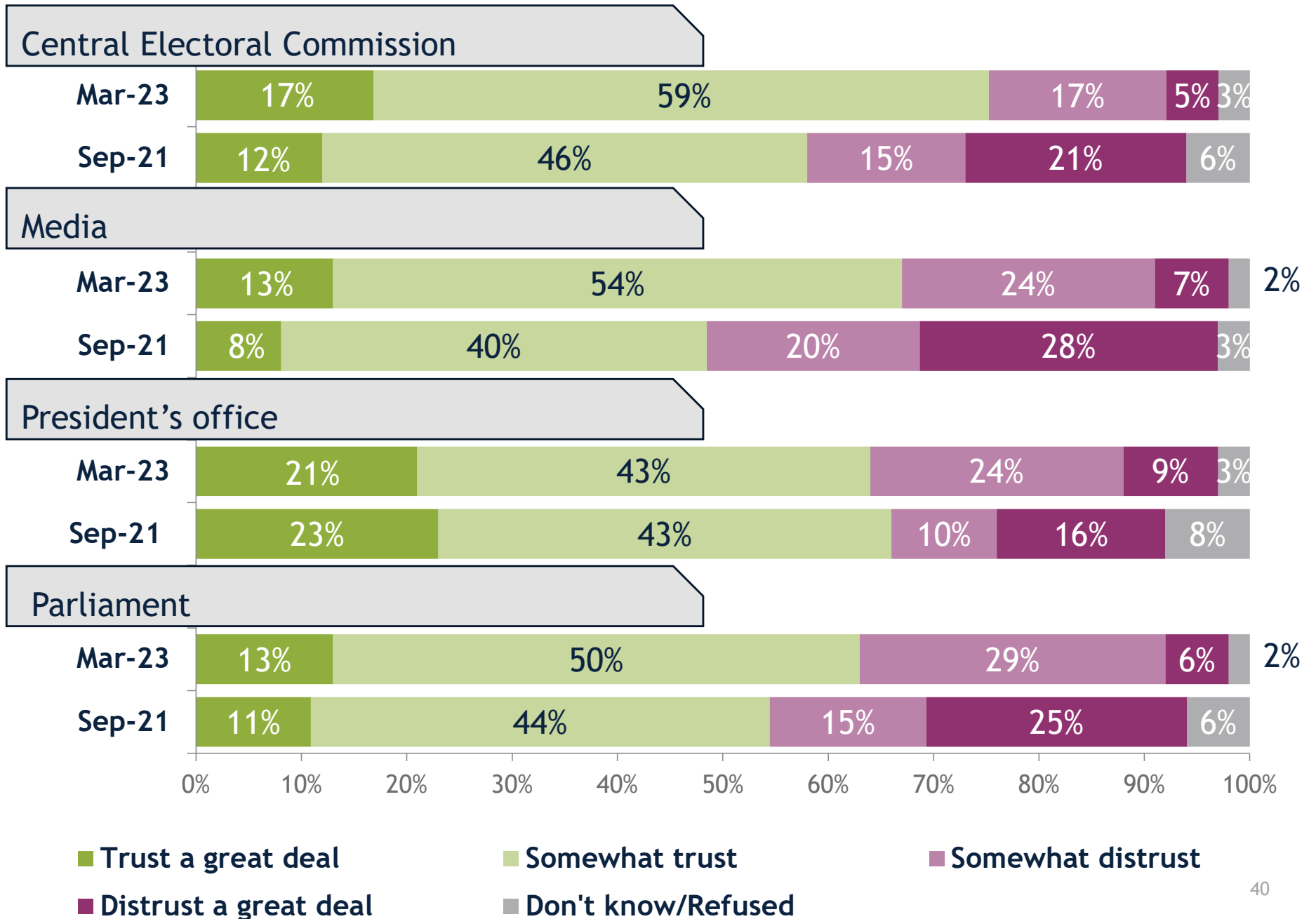
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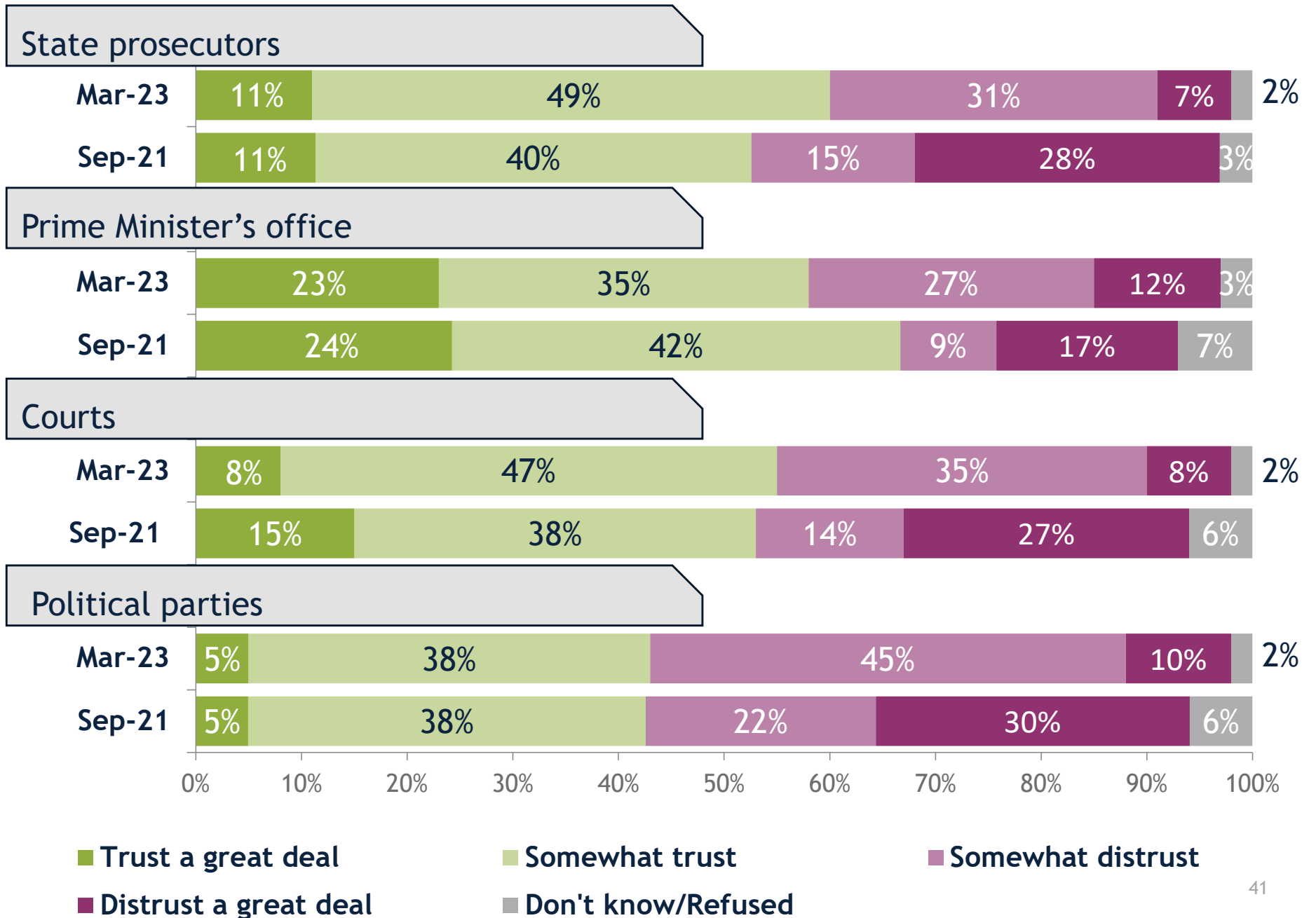
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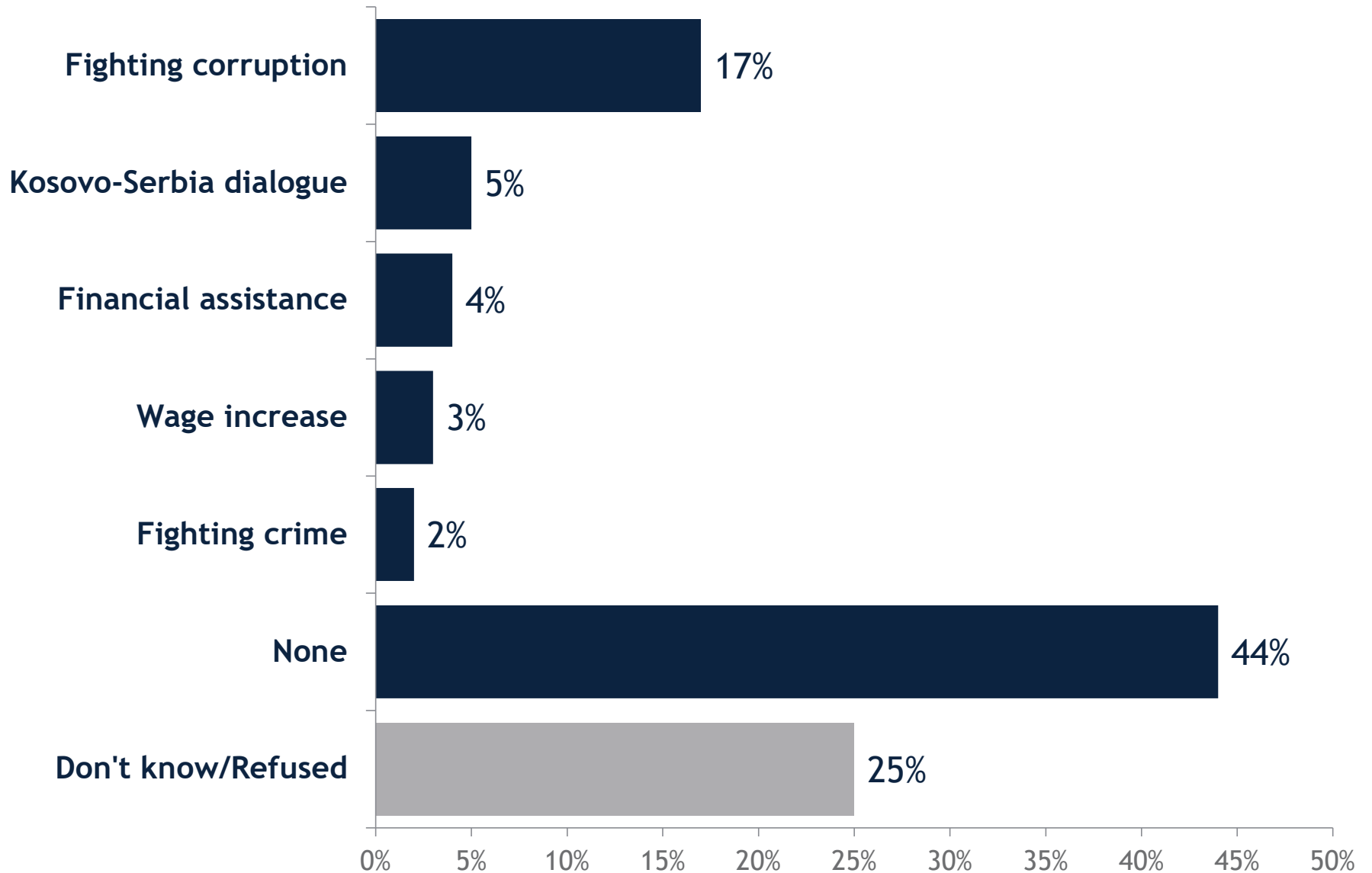


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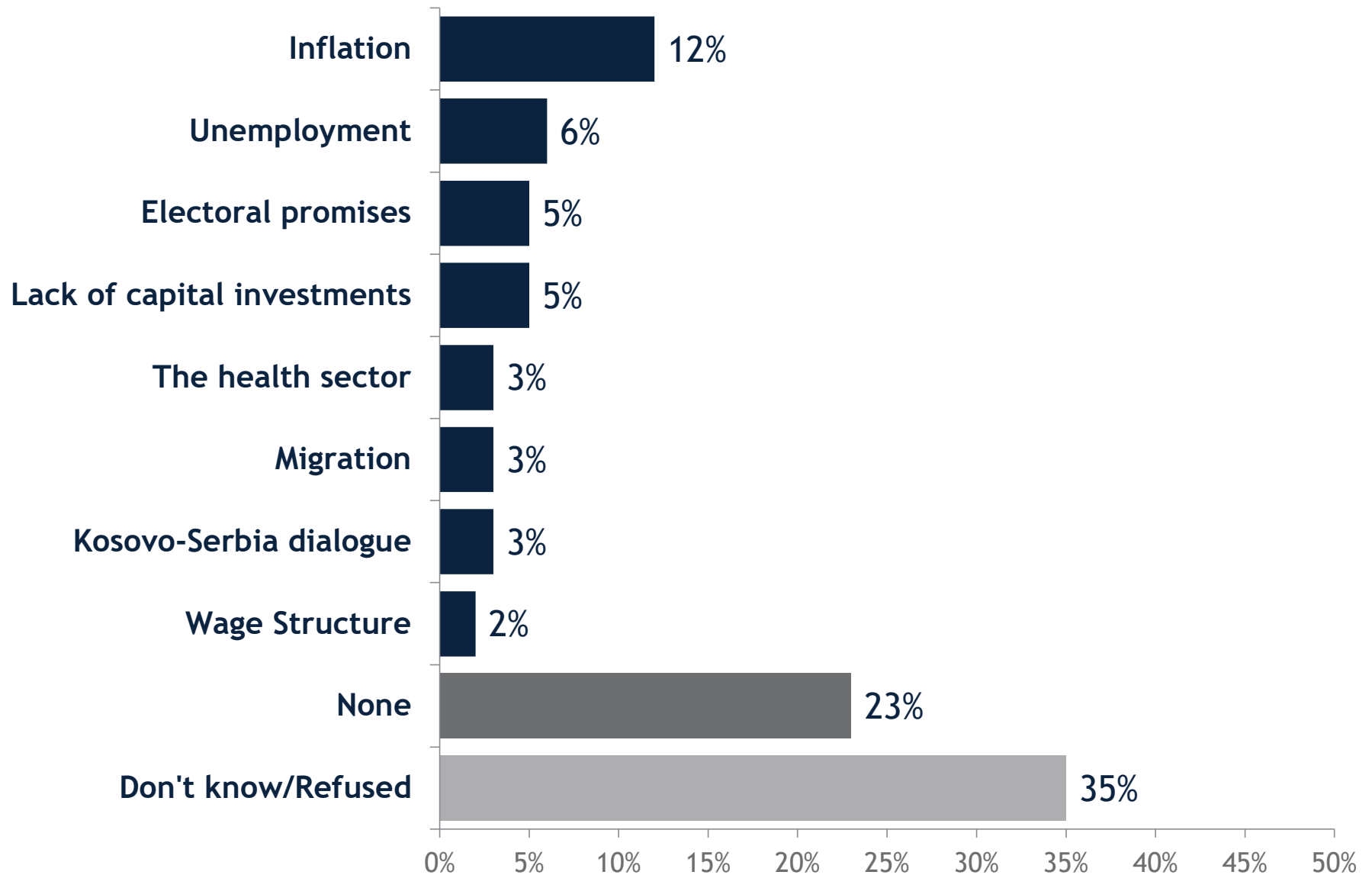
What is the most important accomplishment of the current national government?

(Spontaneous response, top 5 responses shown)



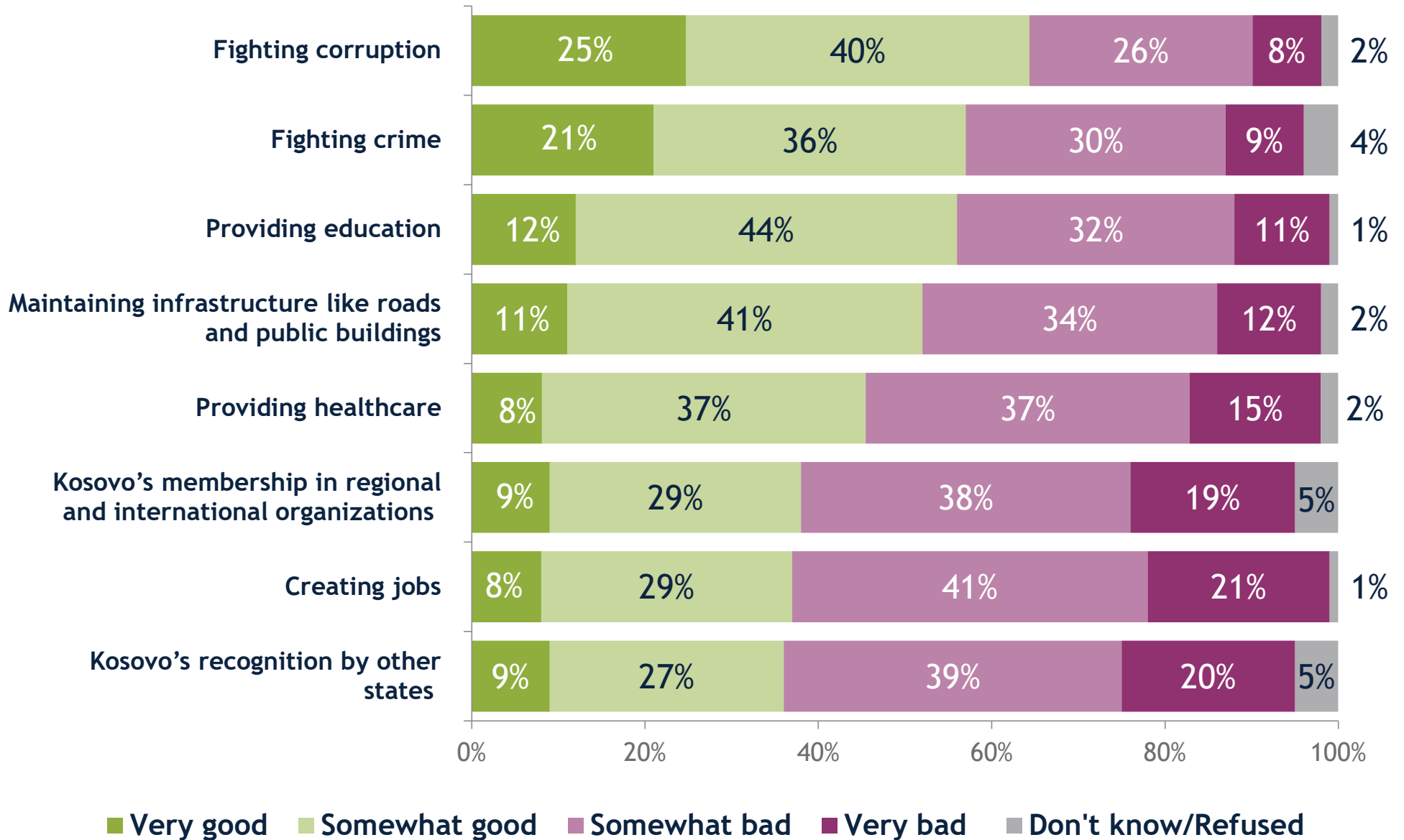
What is the most important **failure** of the current national government?

(Spontaneous response, top 8 responses shown)

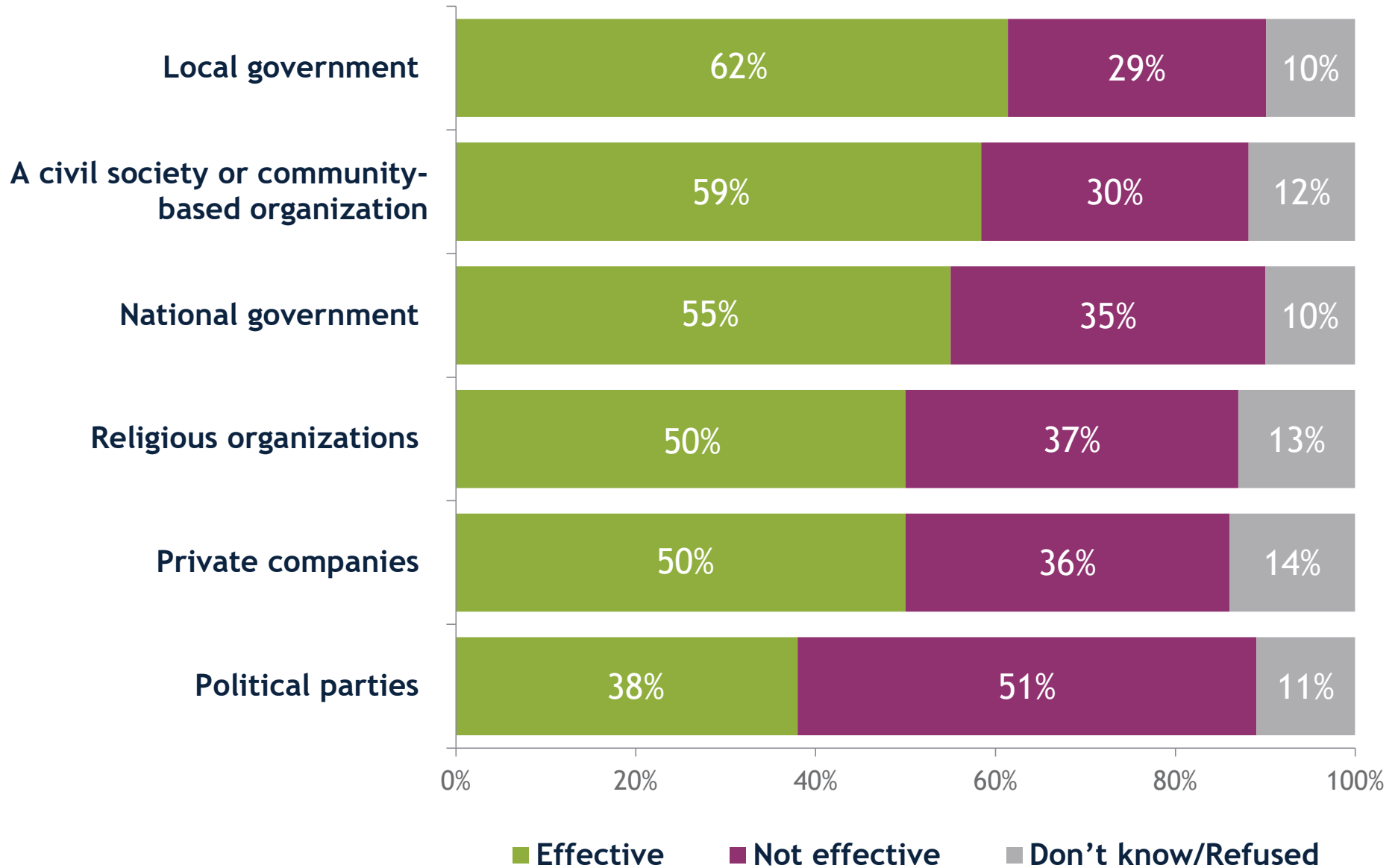




For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

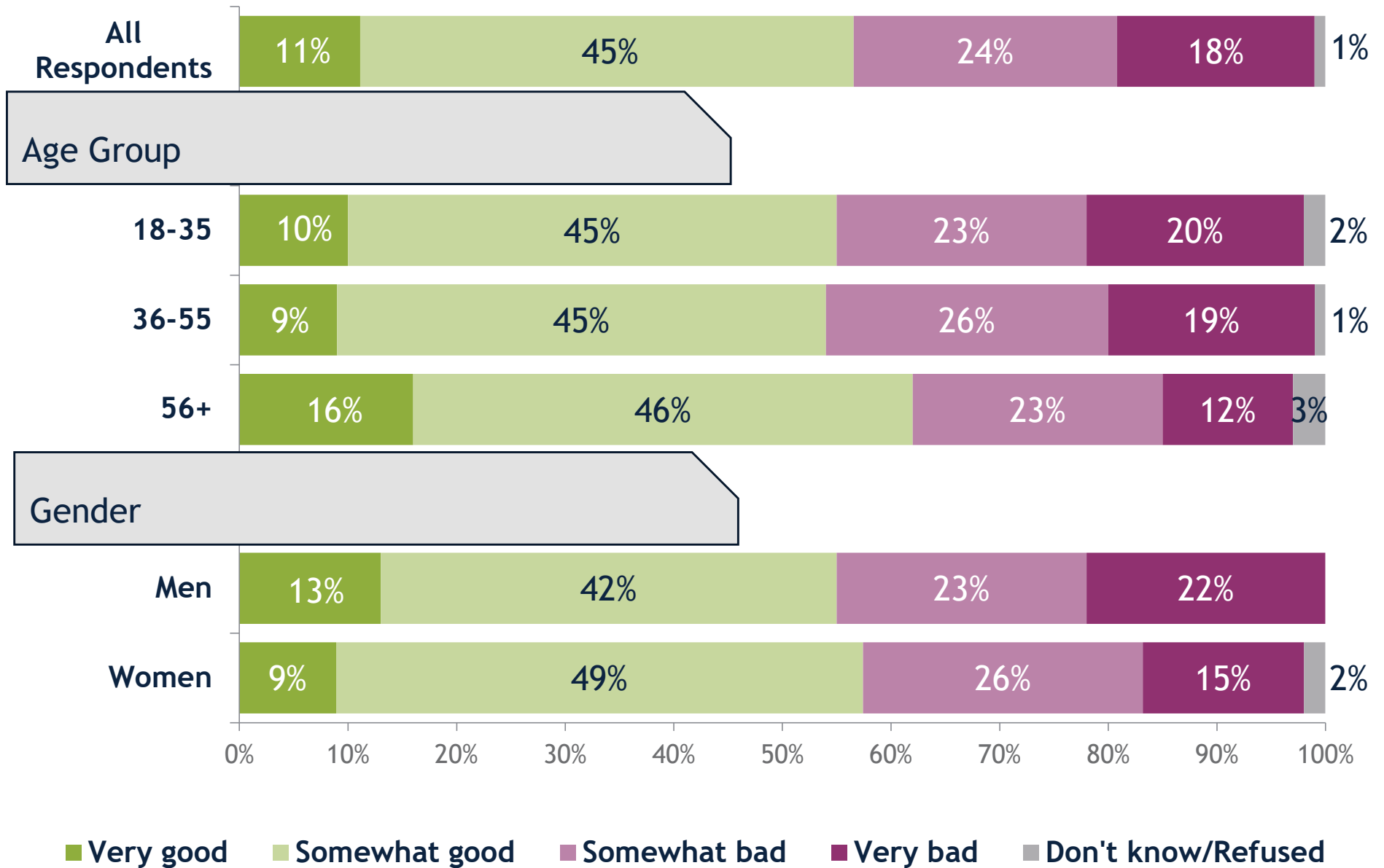


Do you consider each of the following organizations effective or not effective in addressing challenges our country and community may face?





How would you rate the performance of the national government?

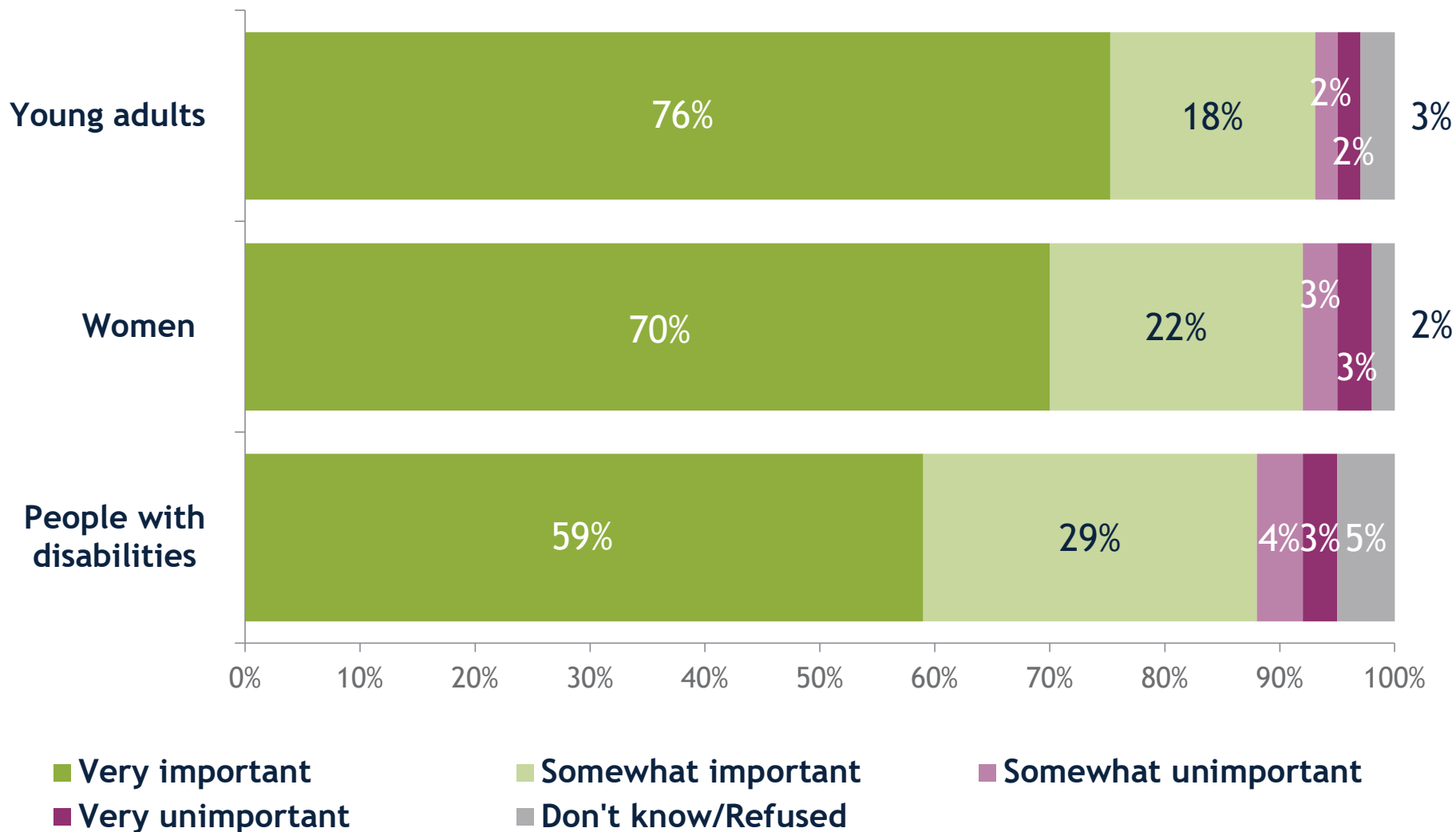


Inclusion and Civic Engagement



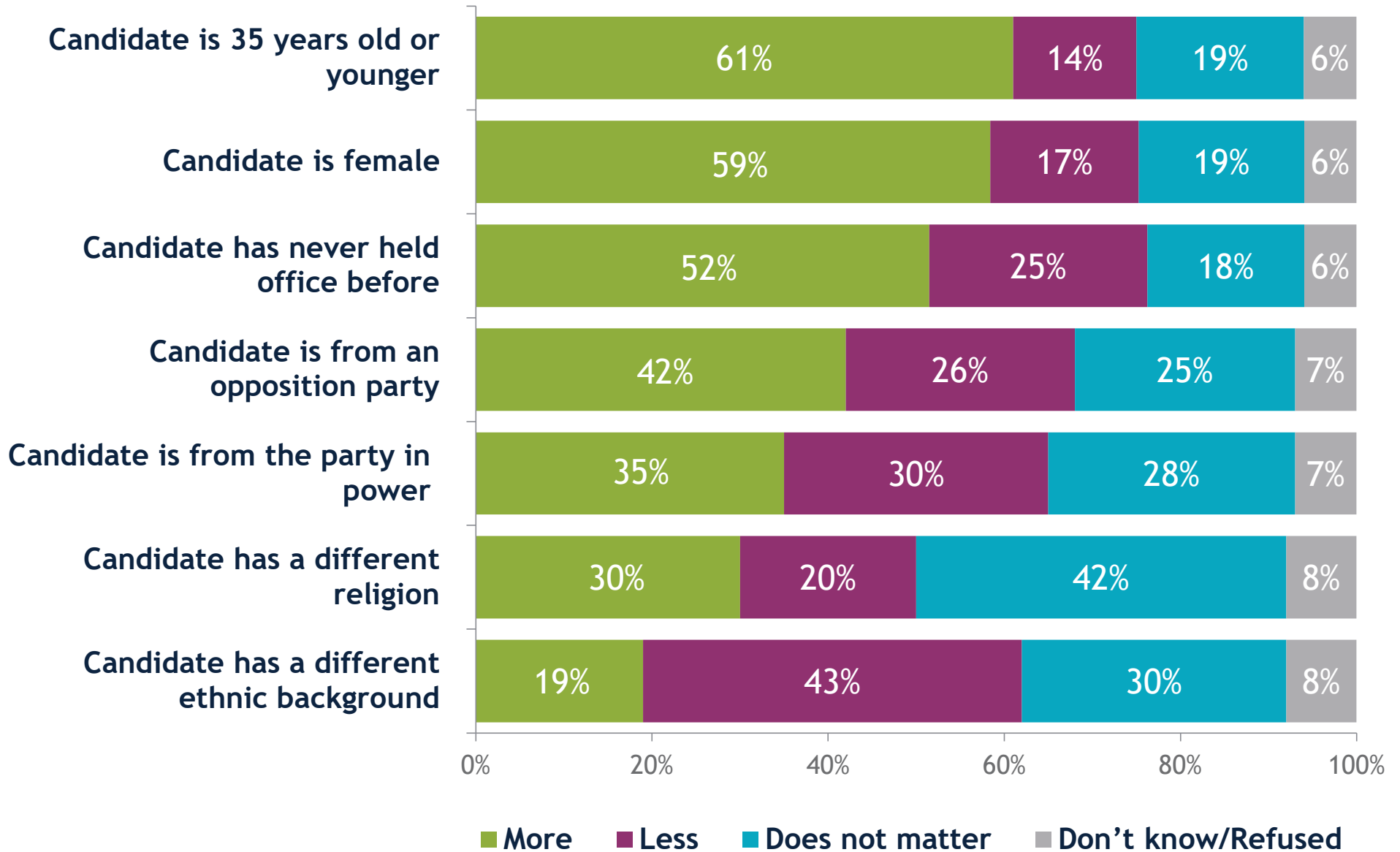


How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population are included in political decision making?





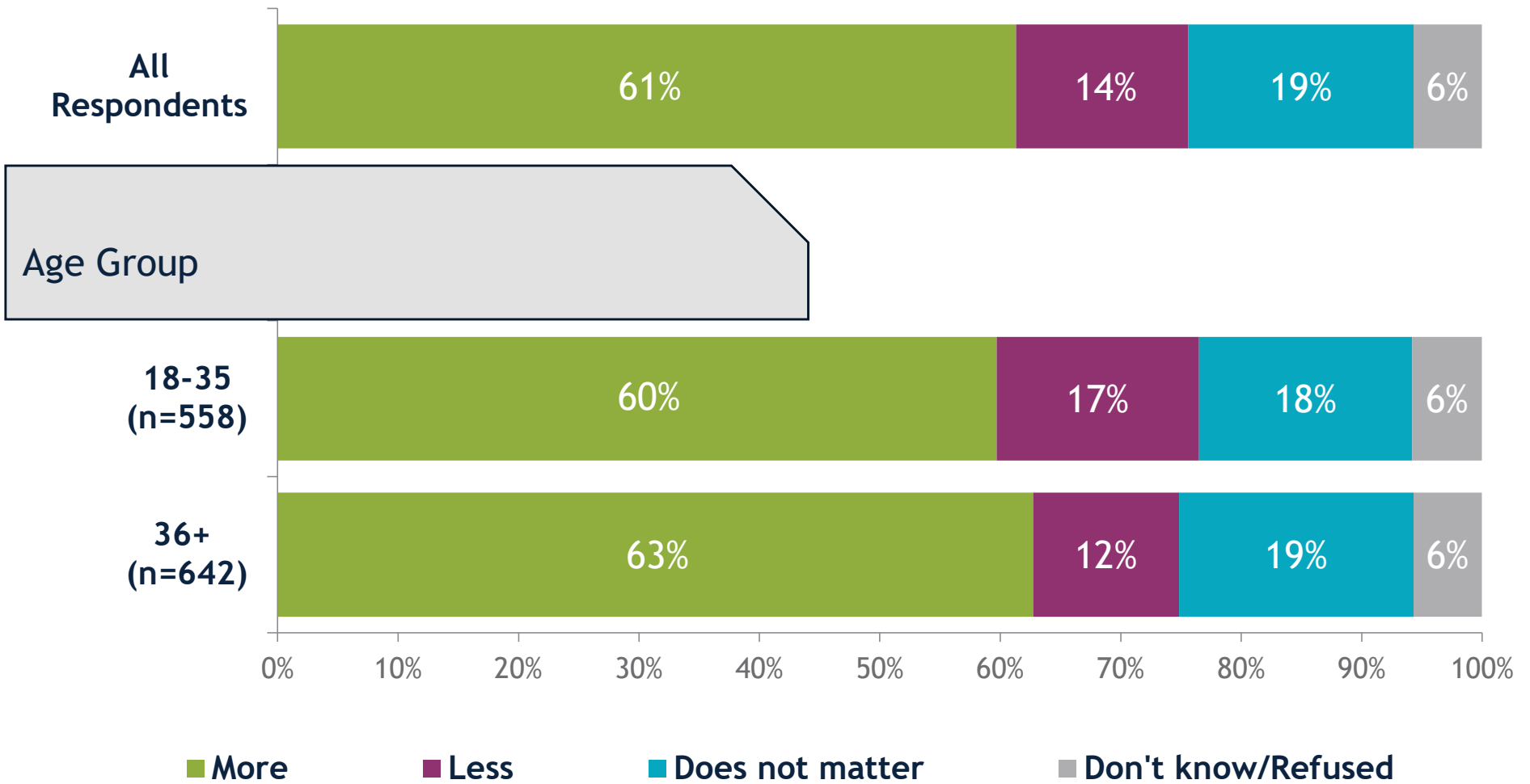
For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter.





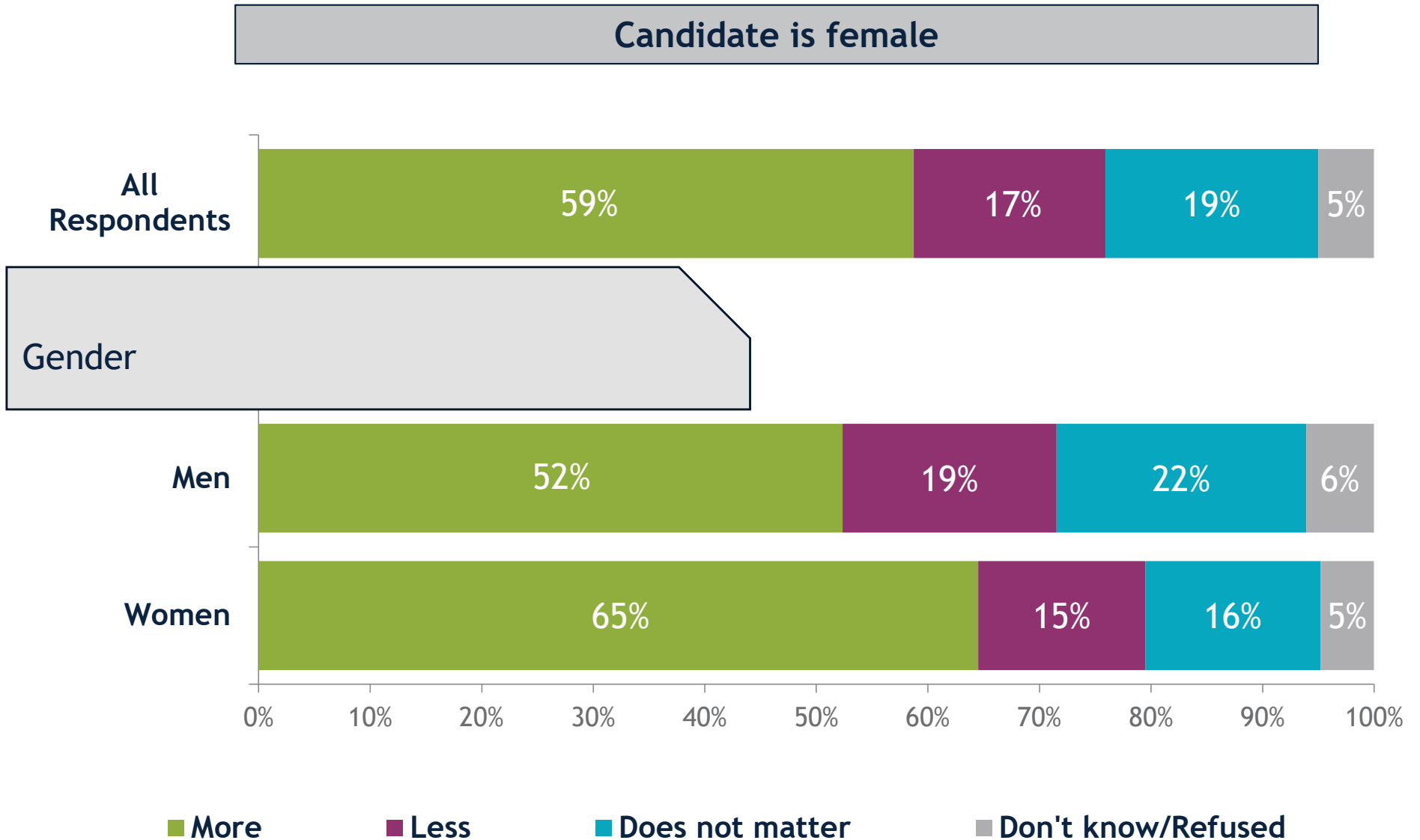
For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter.

Candidate is 35 years old or younger

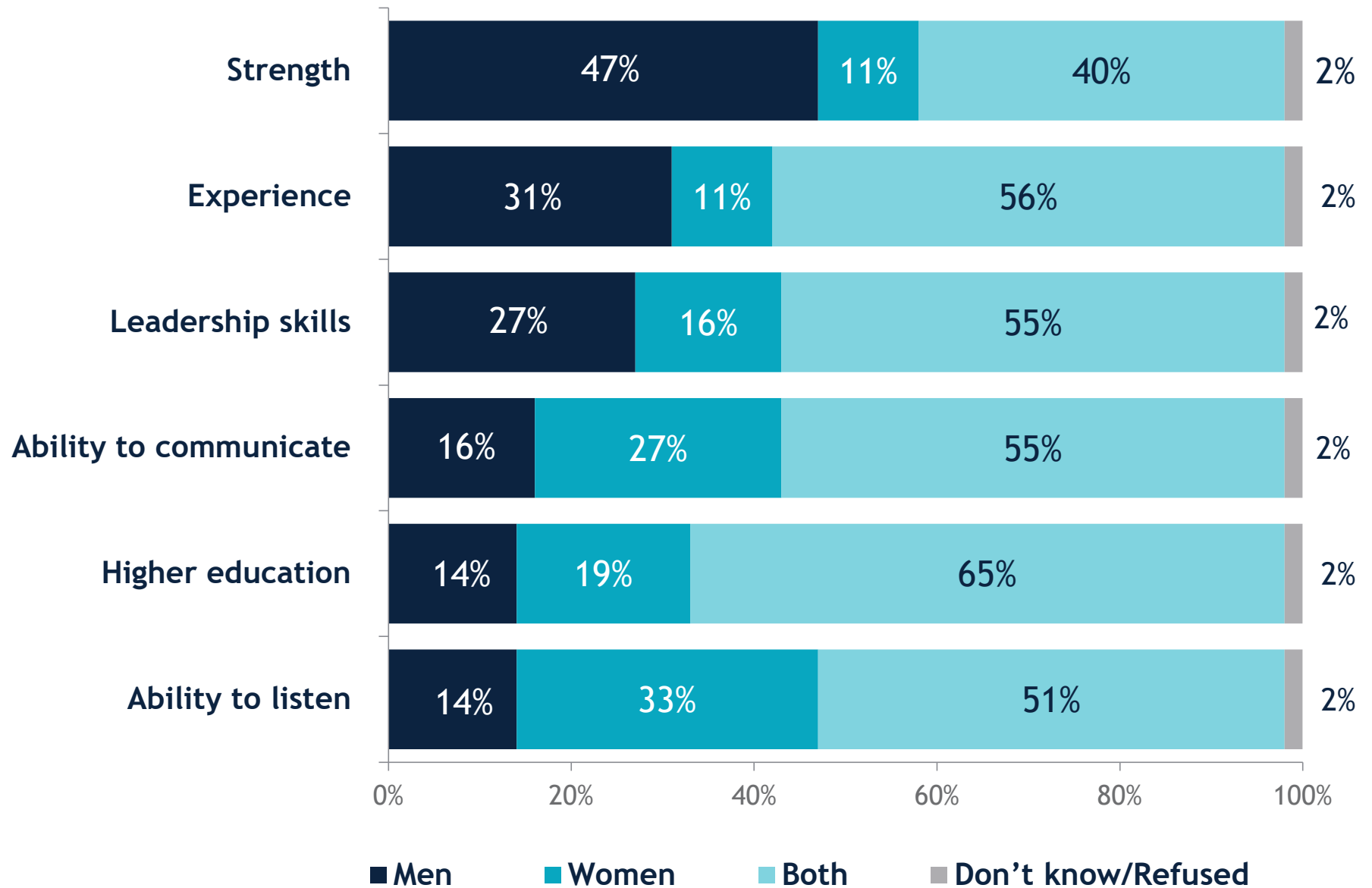




For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter.



For each listed quality, please tell me if it is more likely for men to have it, for women to have it, or if both genders are equally likely to have it.

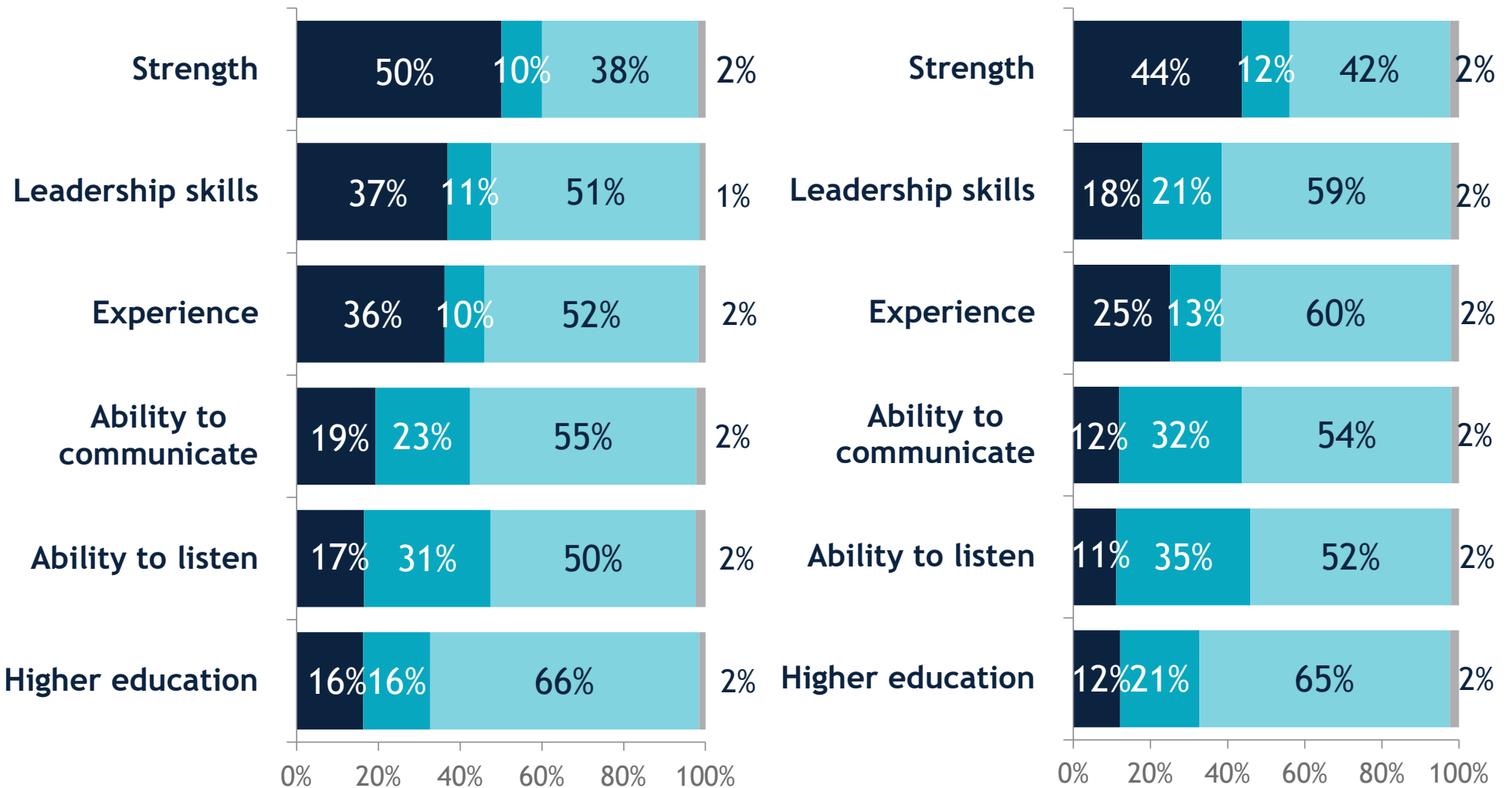




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Among Men

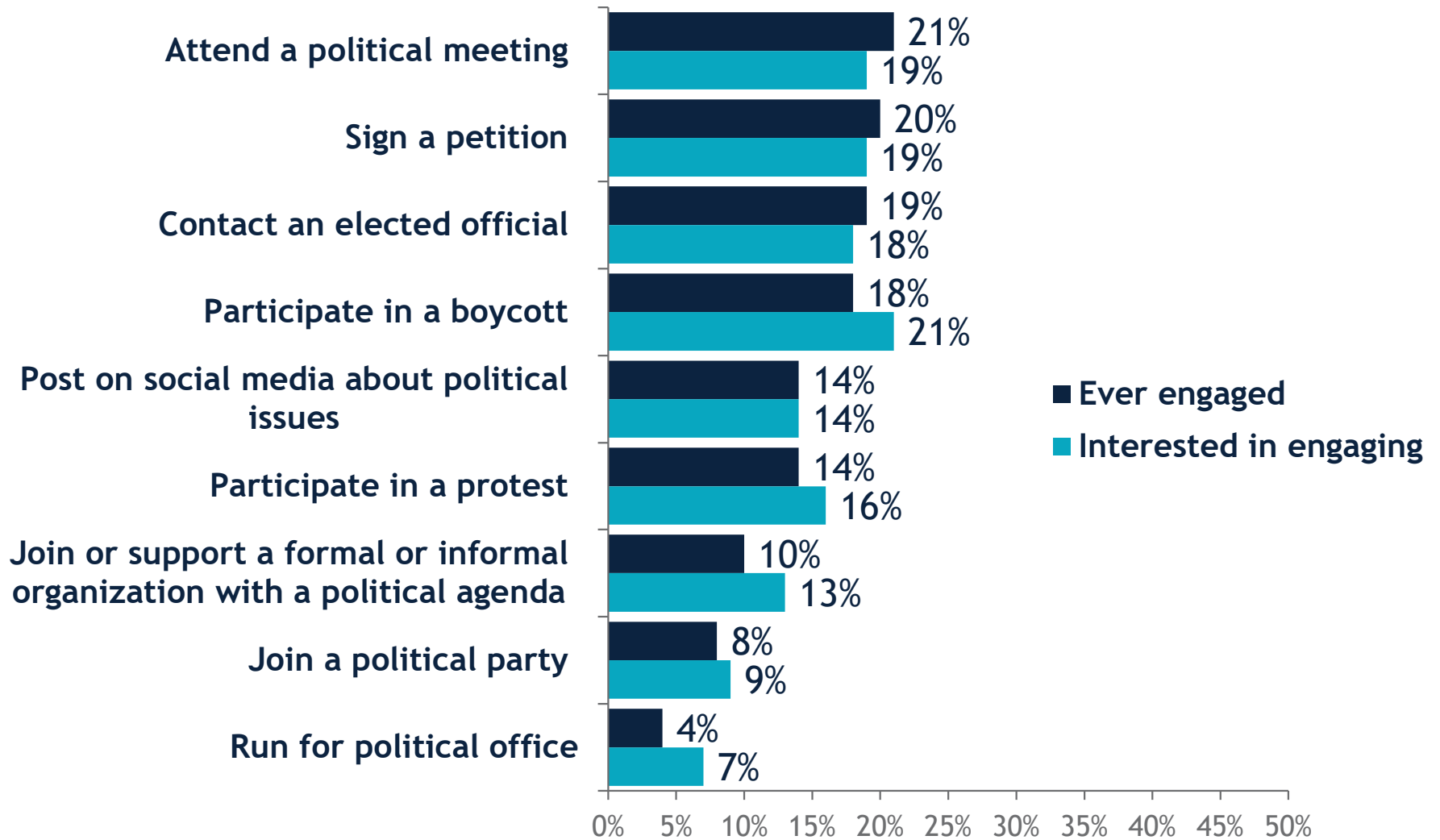
Among Women



■ Men ■ Women ■ Both ■ Don't know/Refused



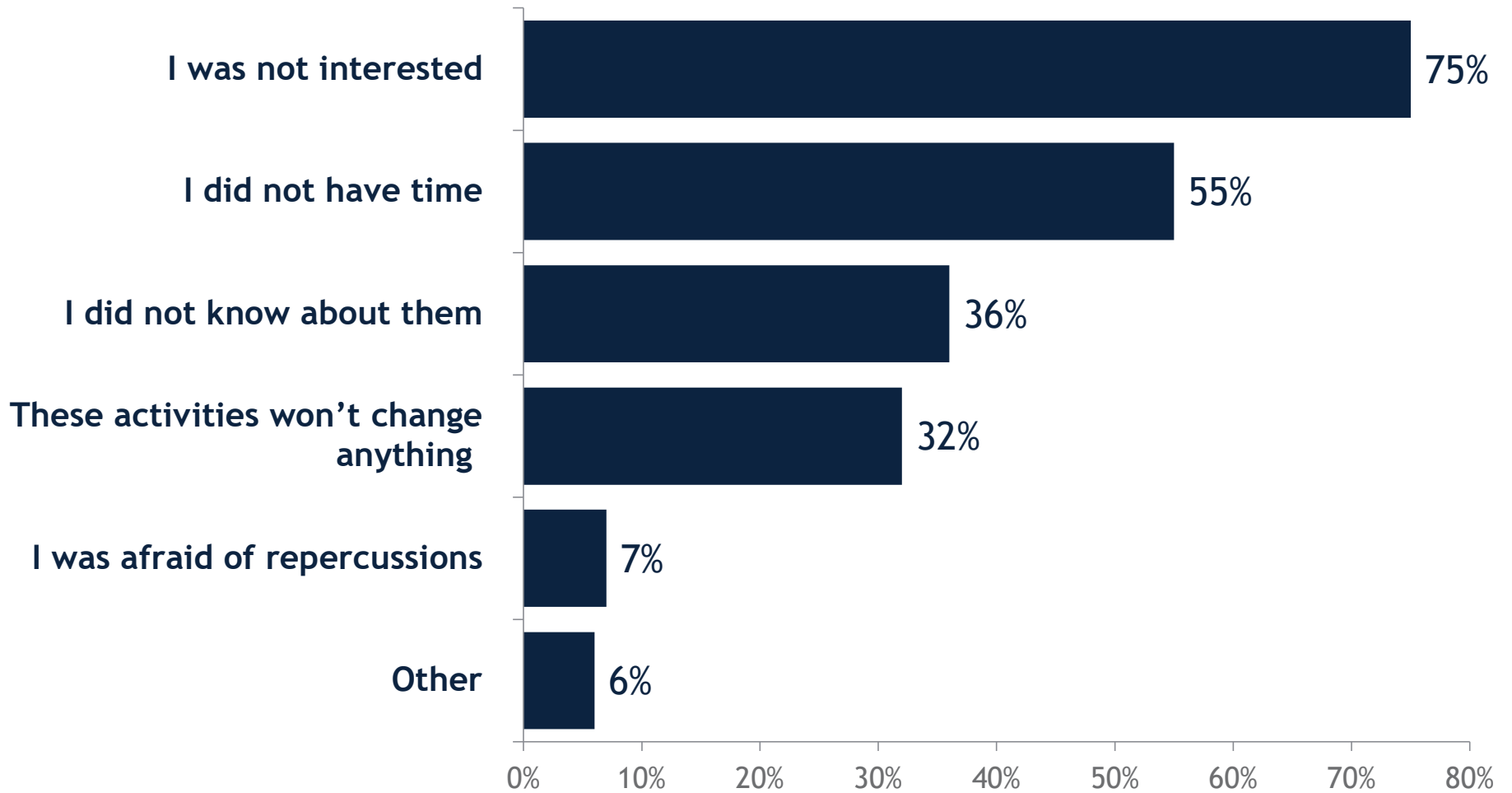
Have you ever engaged in any of the following activities? Are you interested in engaging in any of the following activities within the next several years?



Only yes responses are displayed.

Why have you never engaged in any of these activities?

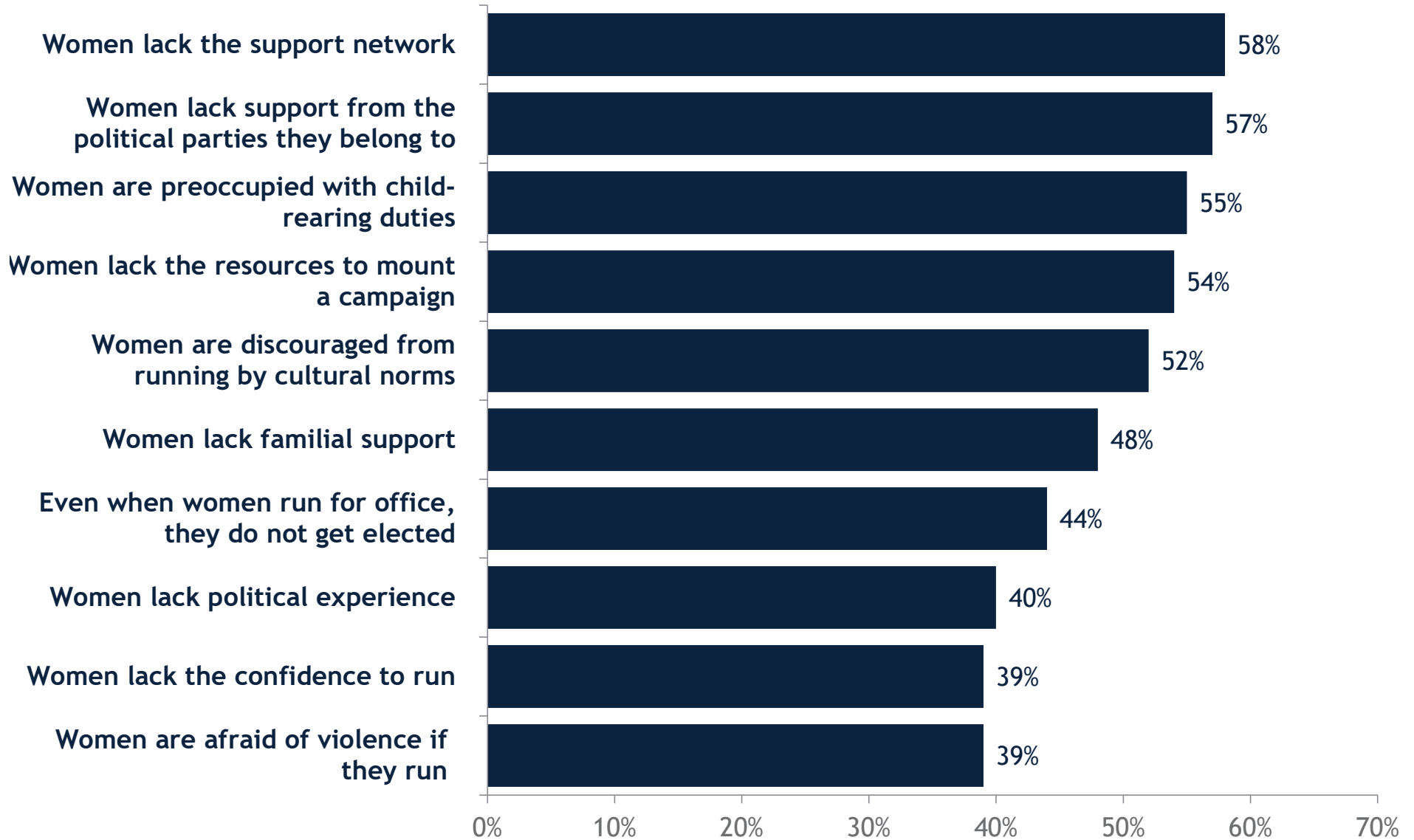
(Spontaneous response, among those who have never engaged in any activities, n=697)



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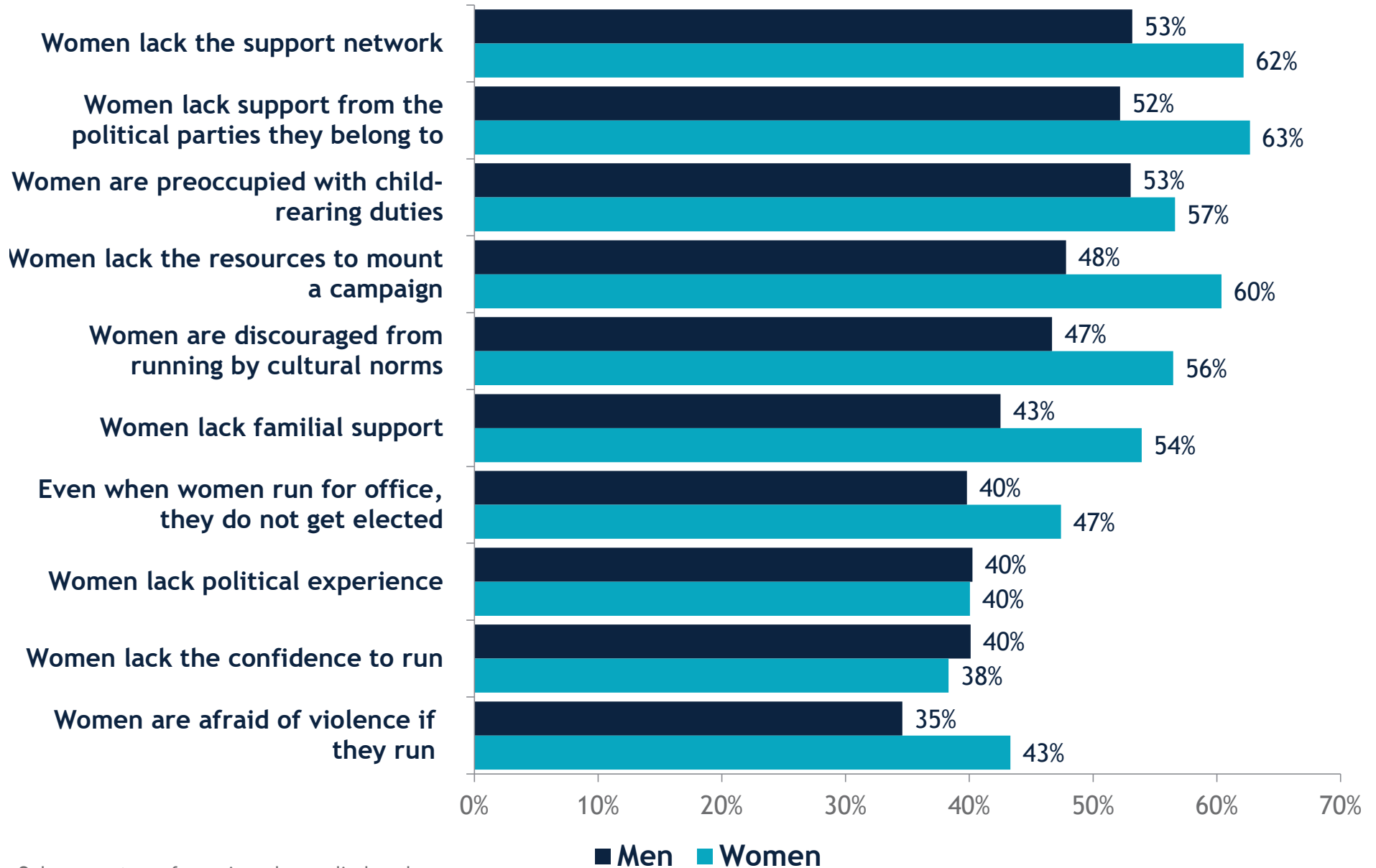
Why are there not more women politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.



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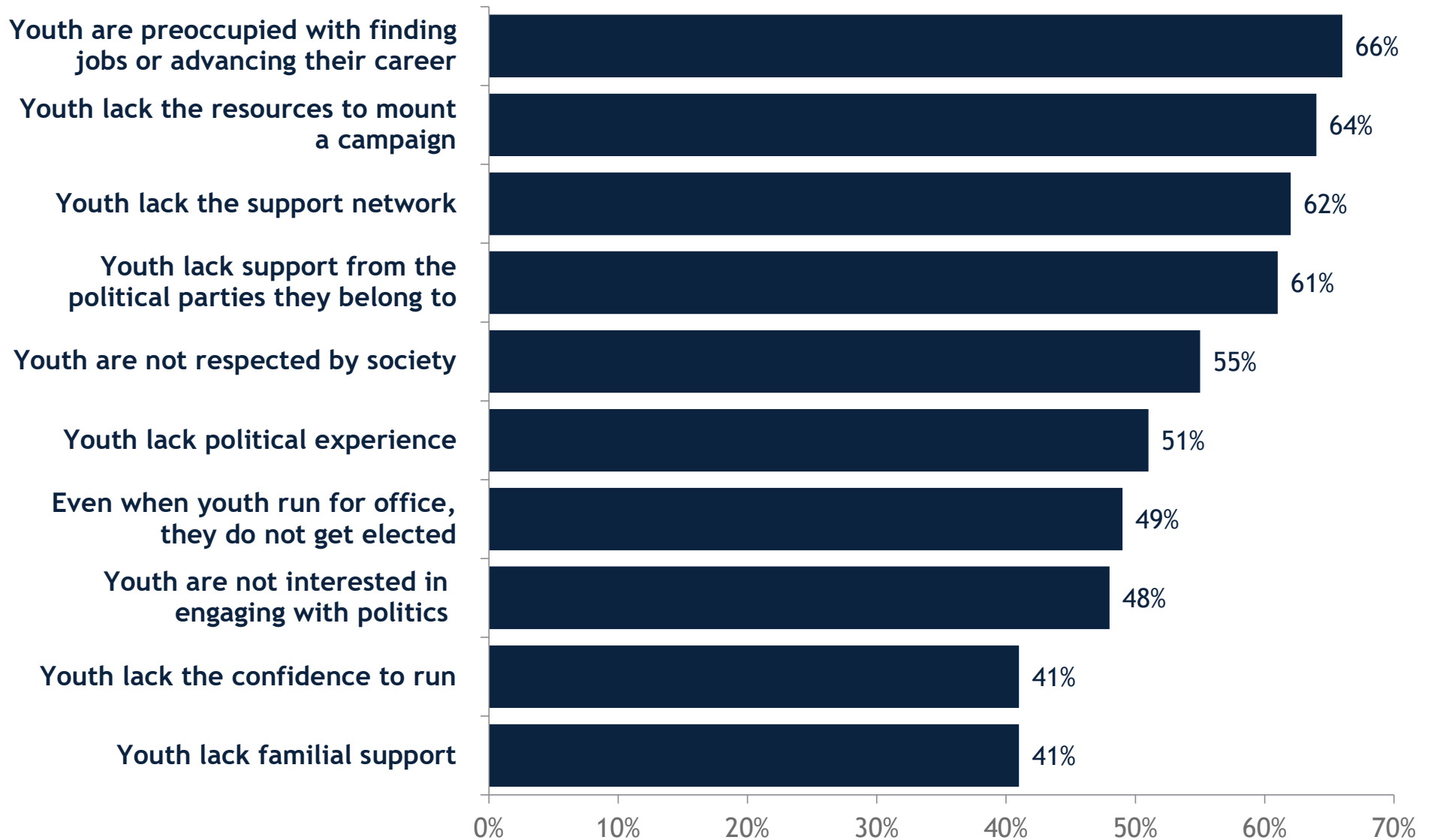


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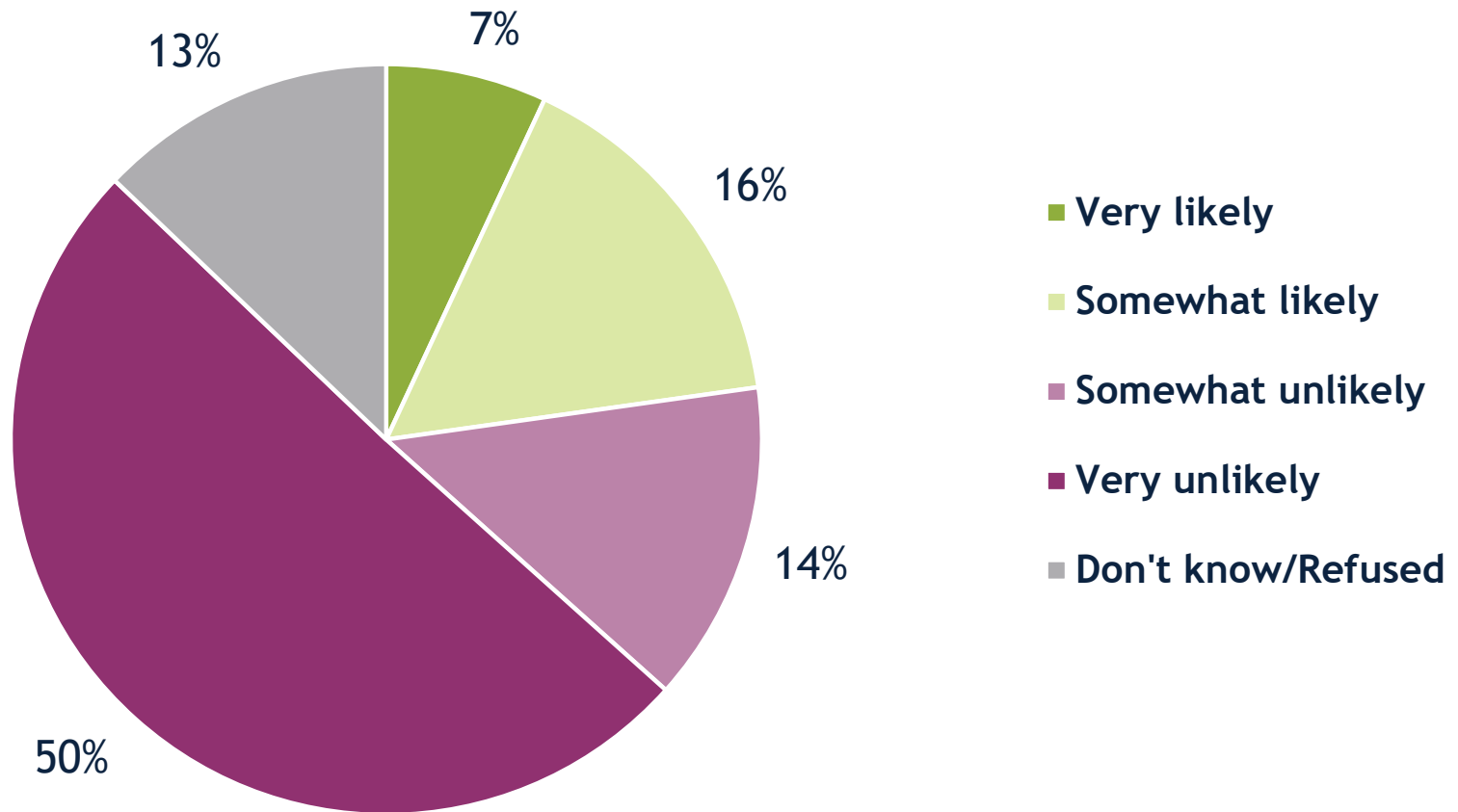
Why are there not more youth aged 35 and younger politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.



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How likely, if at all, are you to run for political office by the age of 35?

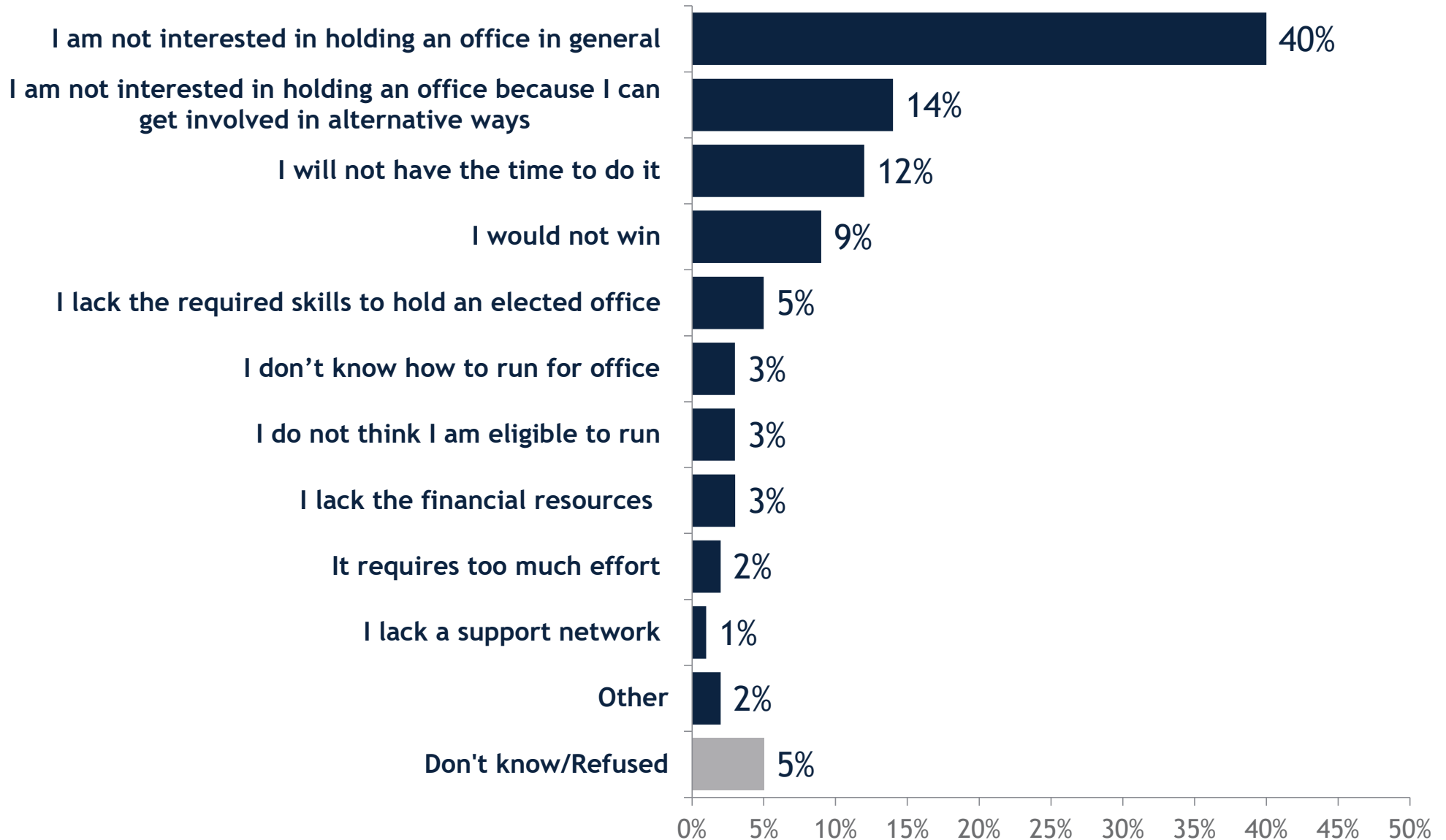
(Among those 35 or younger, n=558)





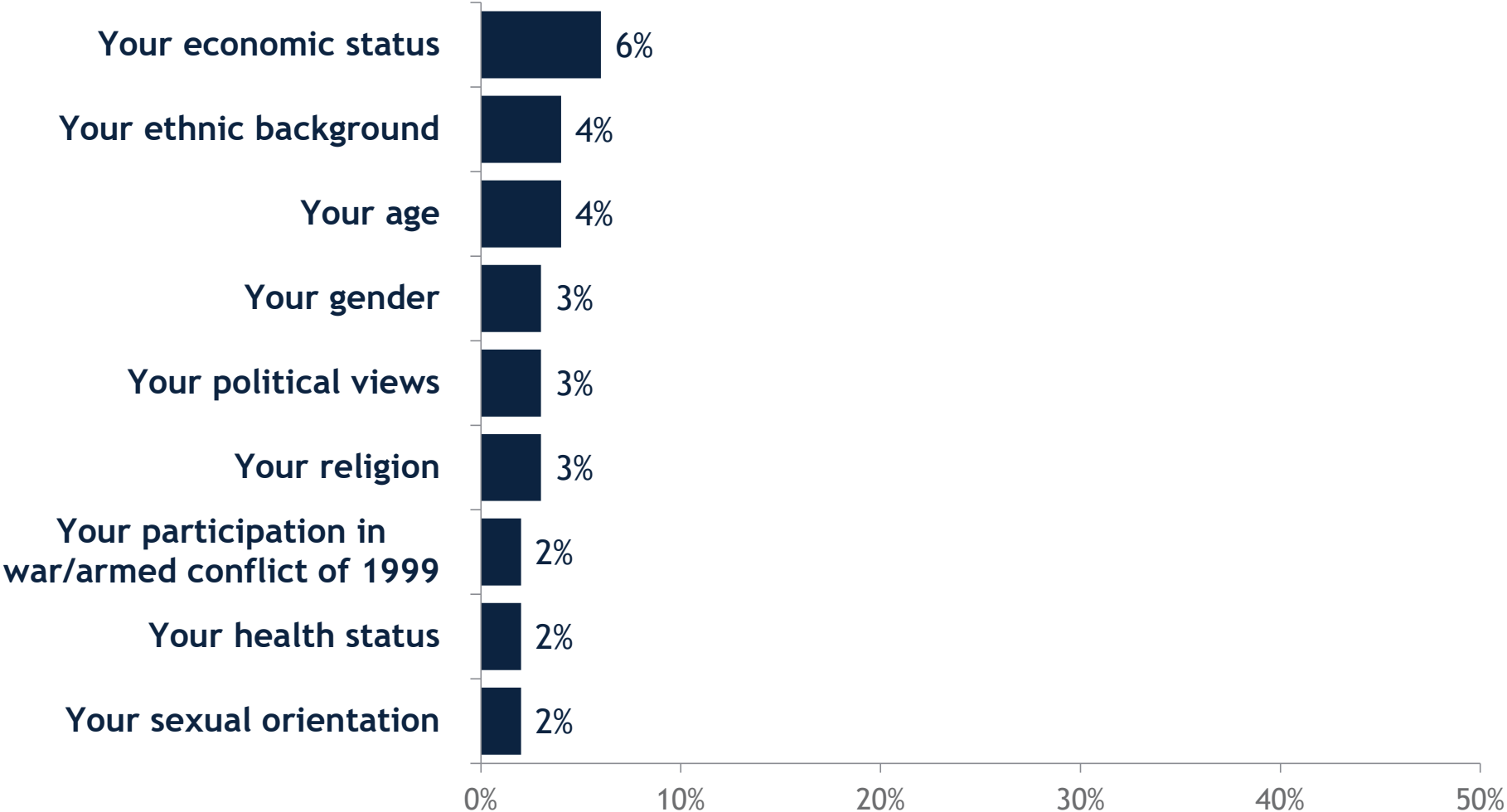
Why are you not likely to run for political office by the age of 35?

(Spontaneous response, among those who are *somewhat unlikely* or *very unlikely* to run for political office by the age of 35, n=361)





In the past 12 months have you personally felt discriminated against in our country on the basis of one or more of the following grounds?

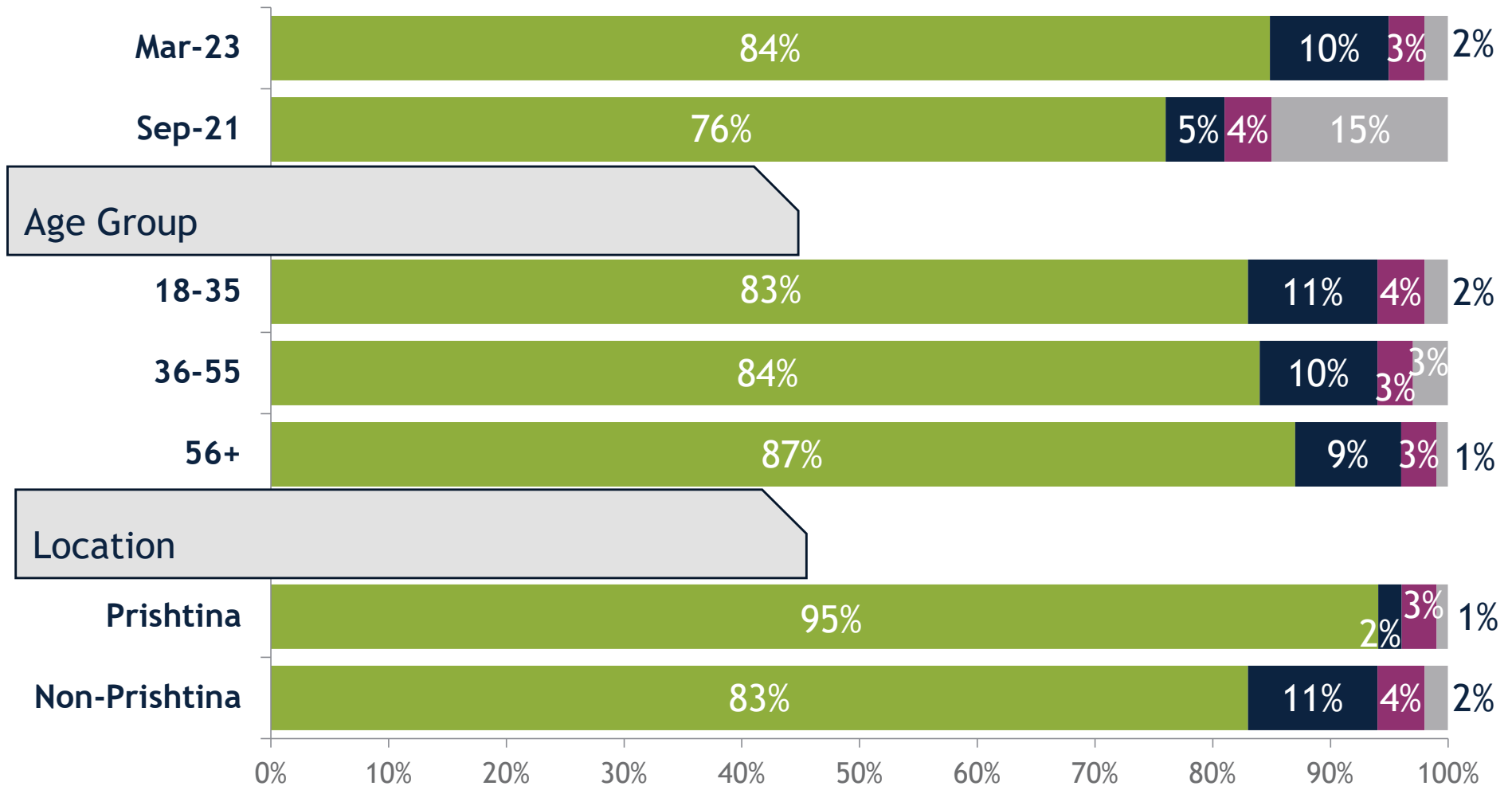


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Values and Ideology



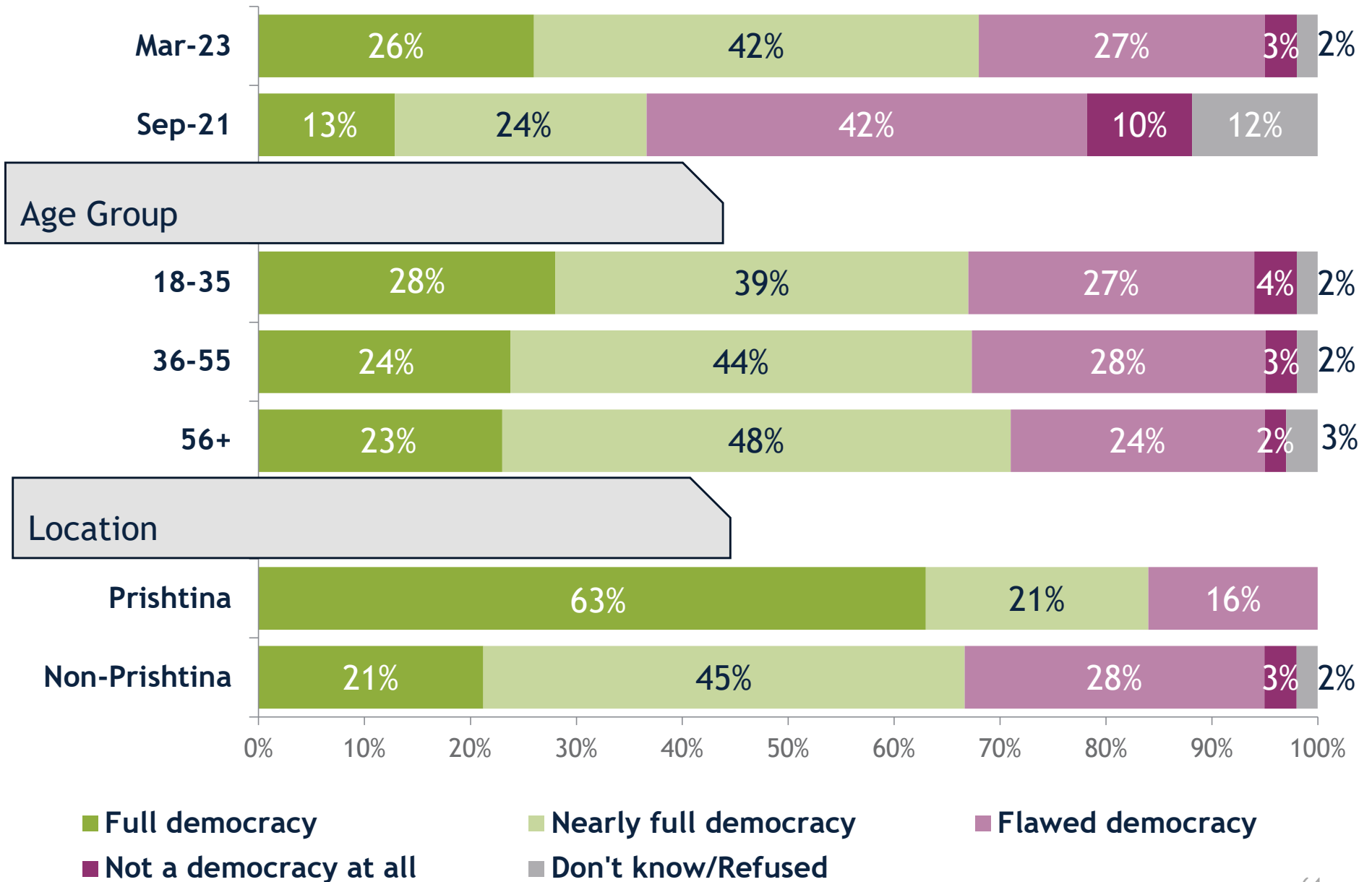
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



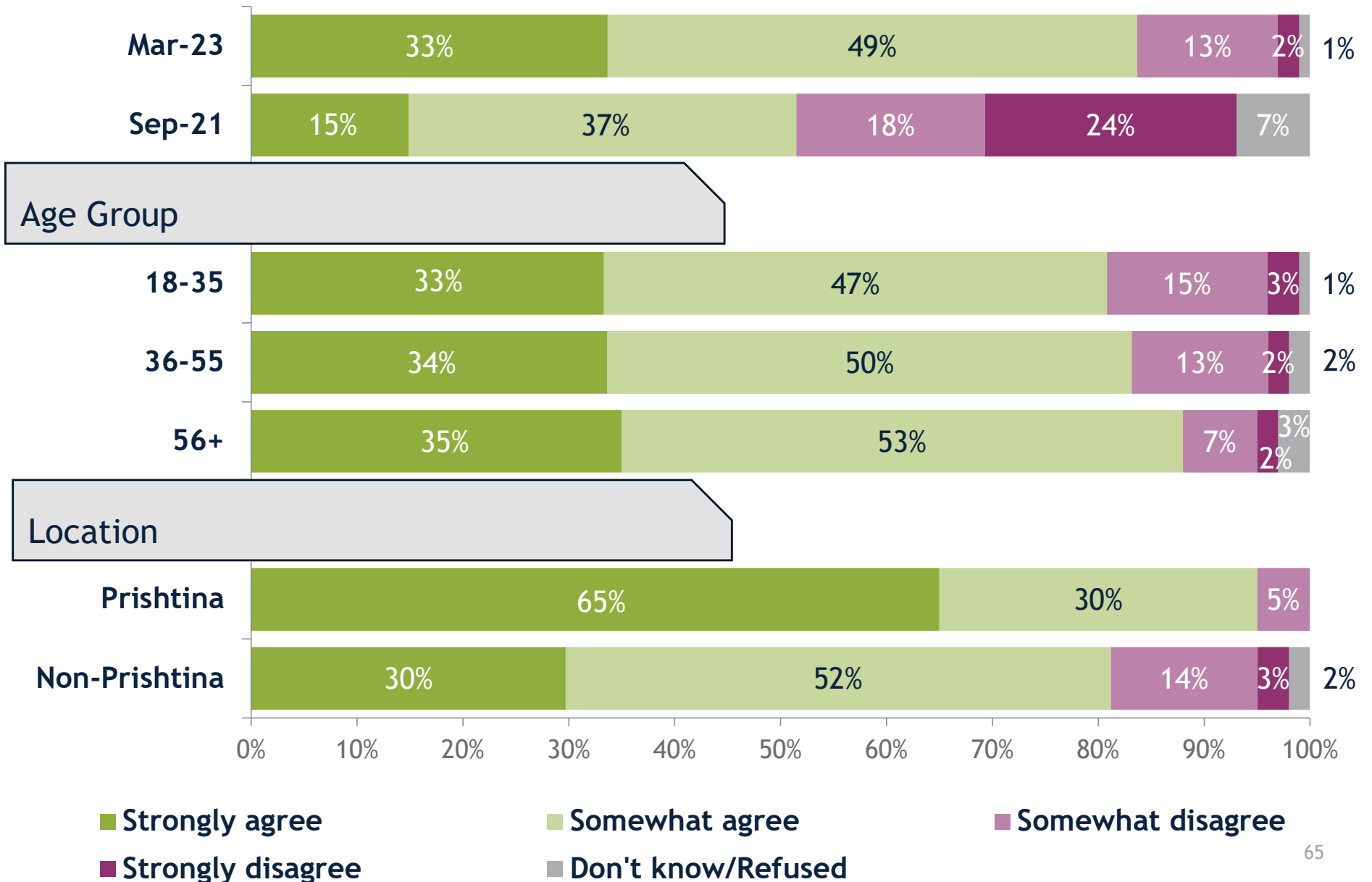
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- Don't know/Refused



Thinking about our country's current political system, do you believe it is a ... ?

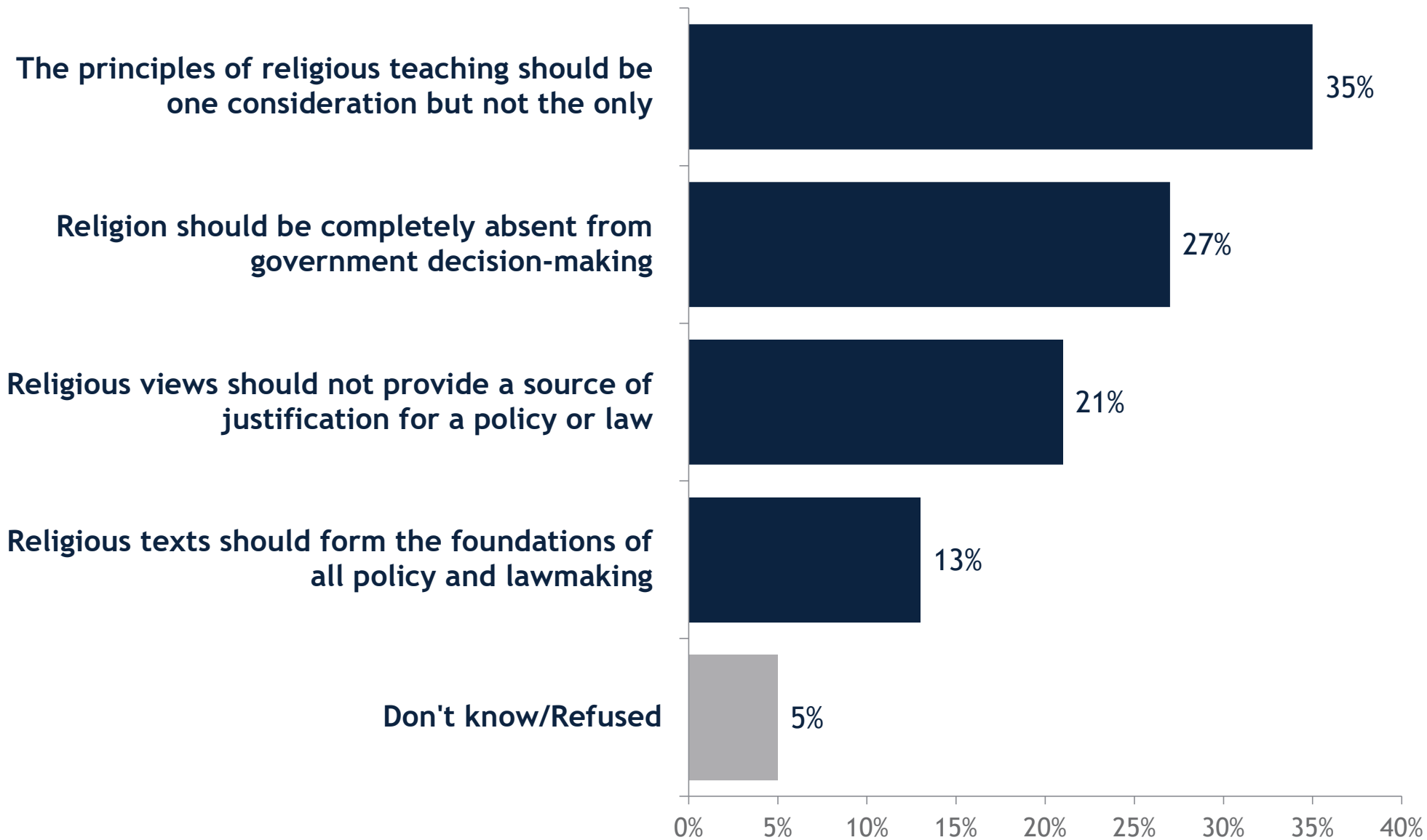


The rule of law in a democracy could be understood as “a state when all people and institutions are accountable to the law and the Constitution, and the Constitution and the law are equally applied towards all.” How strongly do you agree or disagree that the rule of law exists in our country?



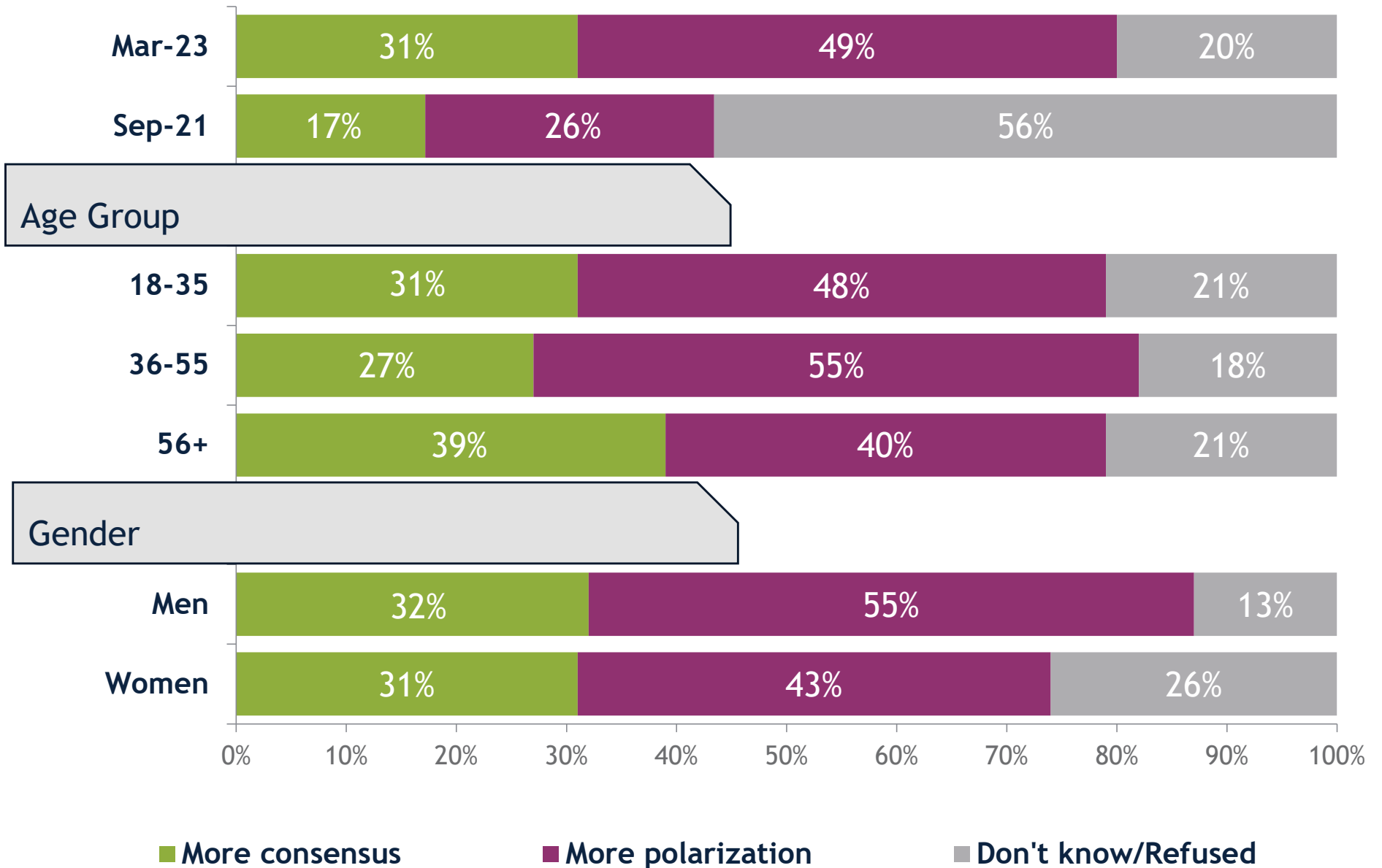


Which of the following statements best matches your own opinion of the role that religion should play in government and law making?

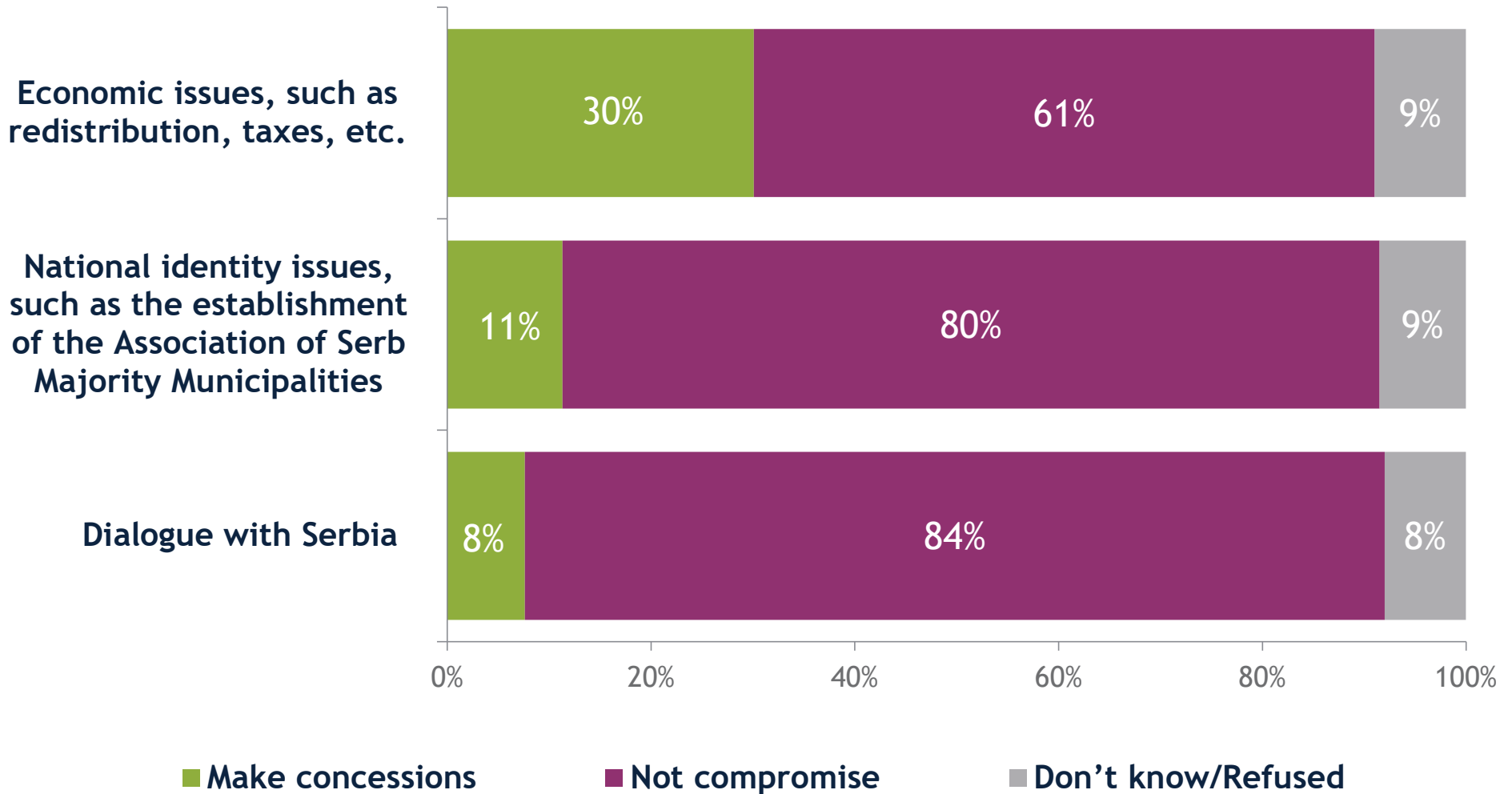




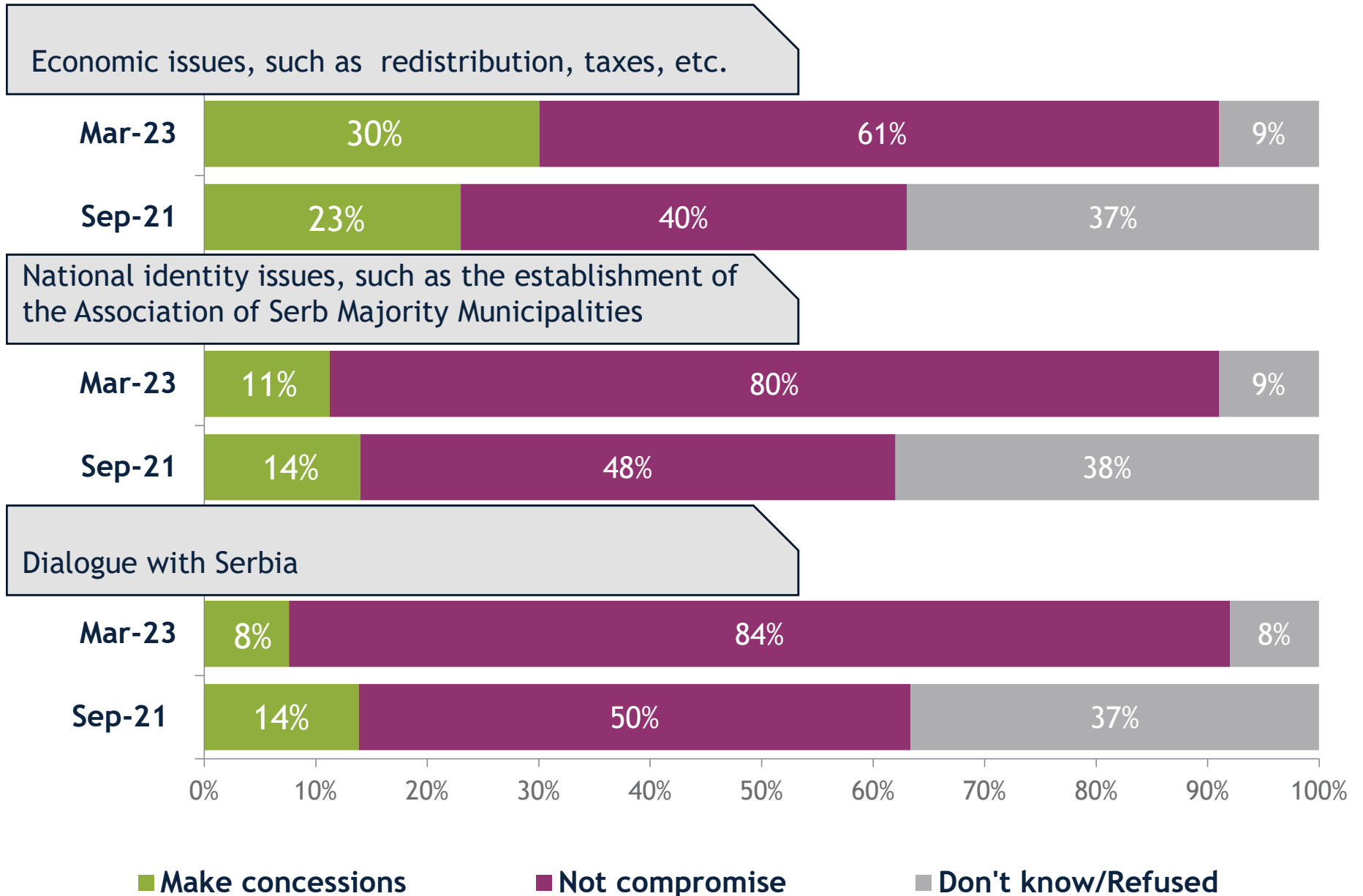
Would you say that our country's politics are moving towards more consensus or more polarization?



If asked to make concessions on issues in order to make our country's politics more functional, on which types of issues should political leaders make these concessions, and on which issues should they not compromise?

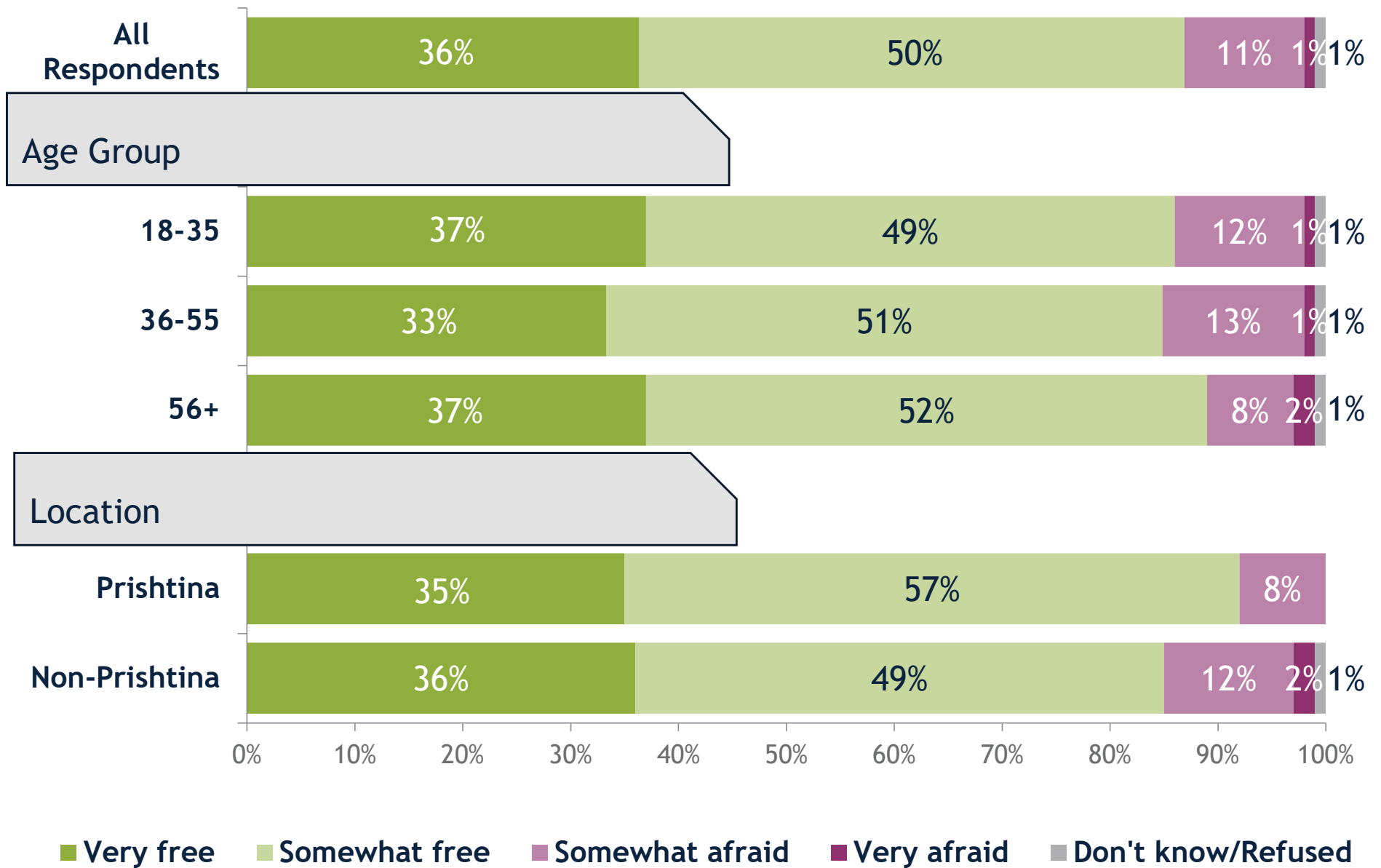


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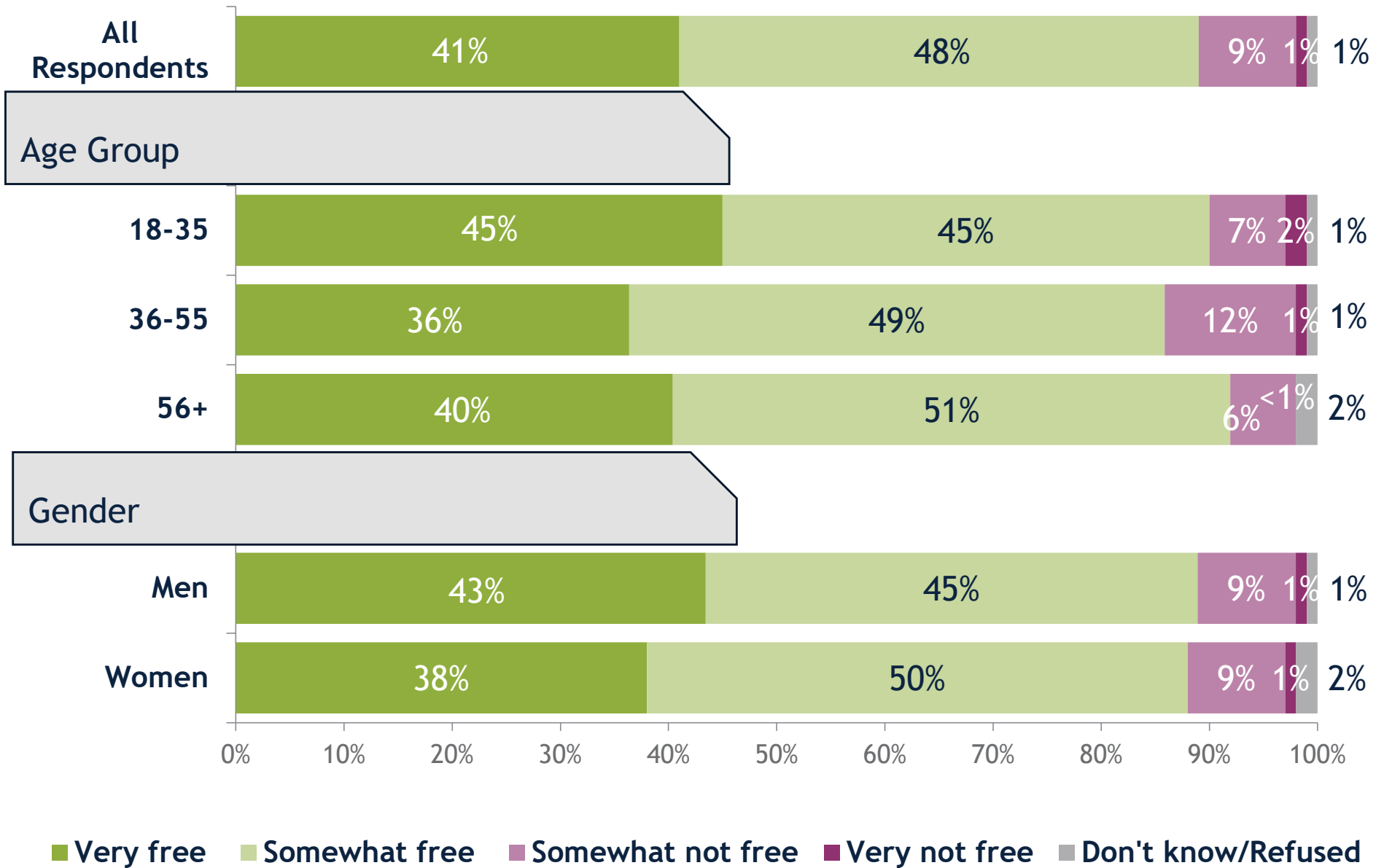


Do people in our country feel free to openly express their opinions or are they afraid?





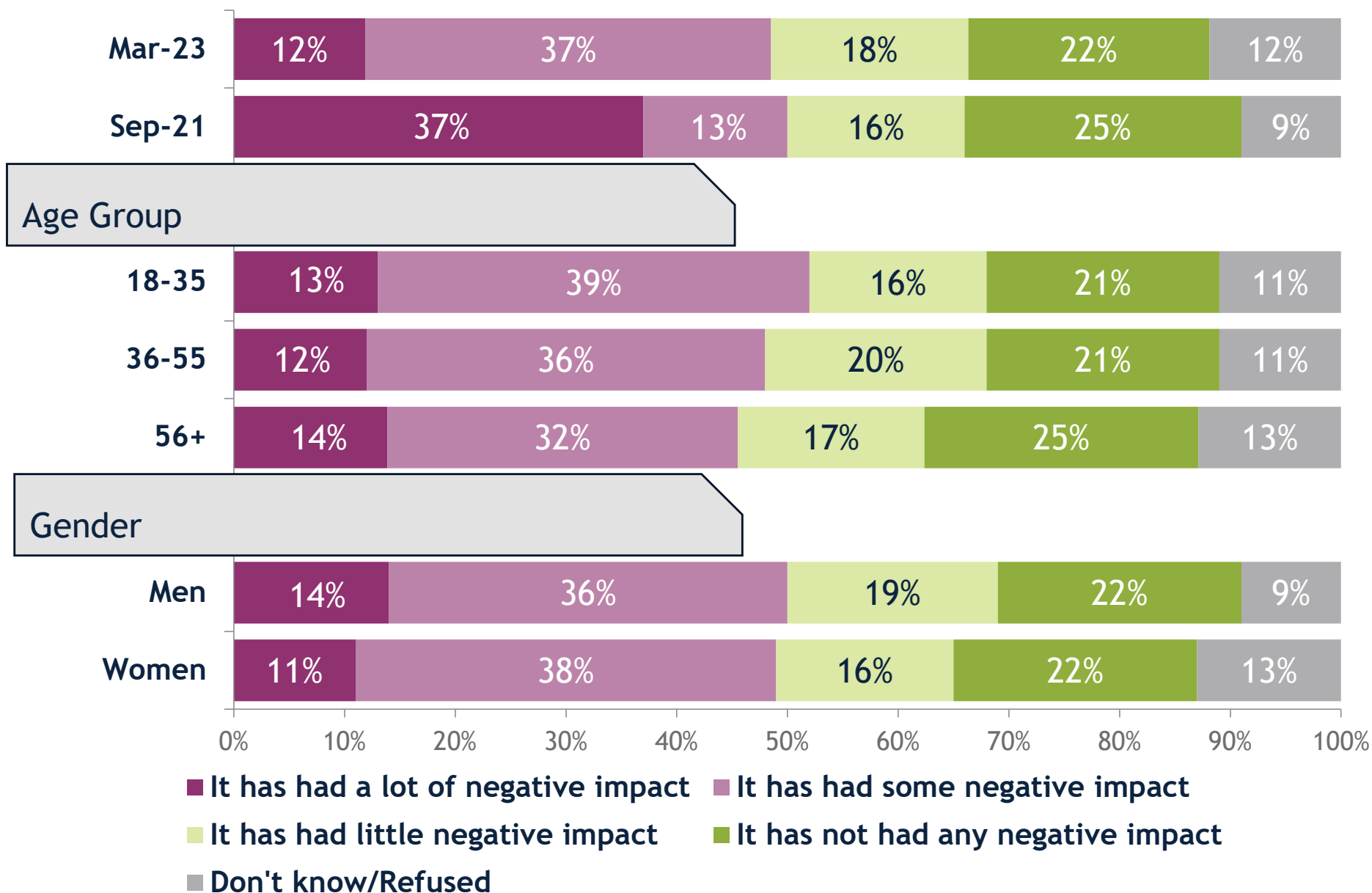
Are the media in our country free to independently cover any issue or not?



Corruption

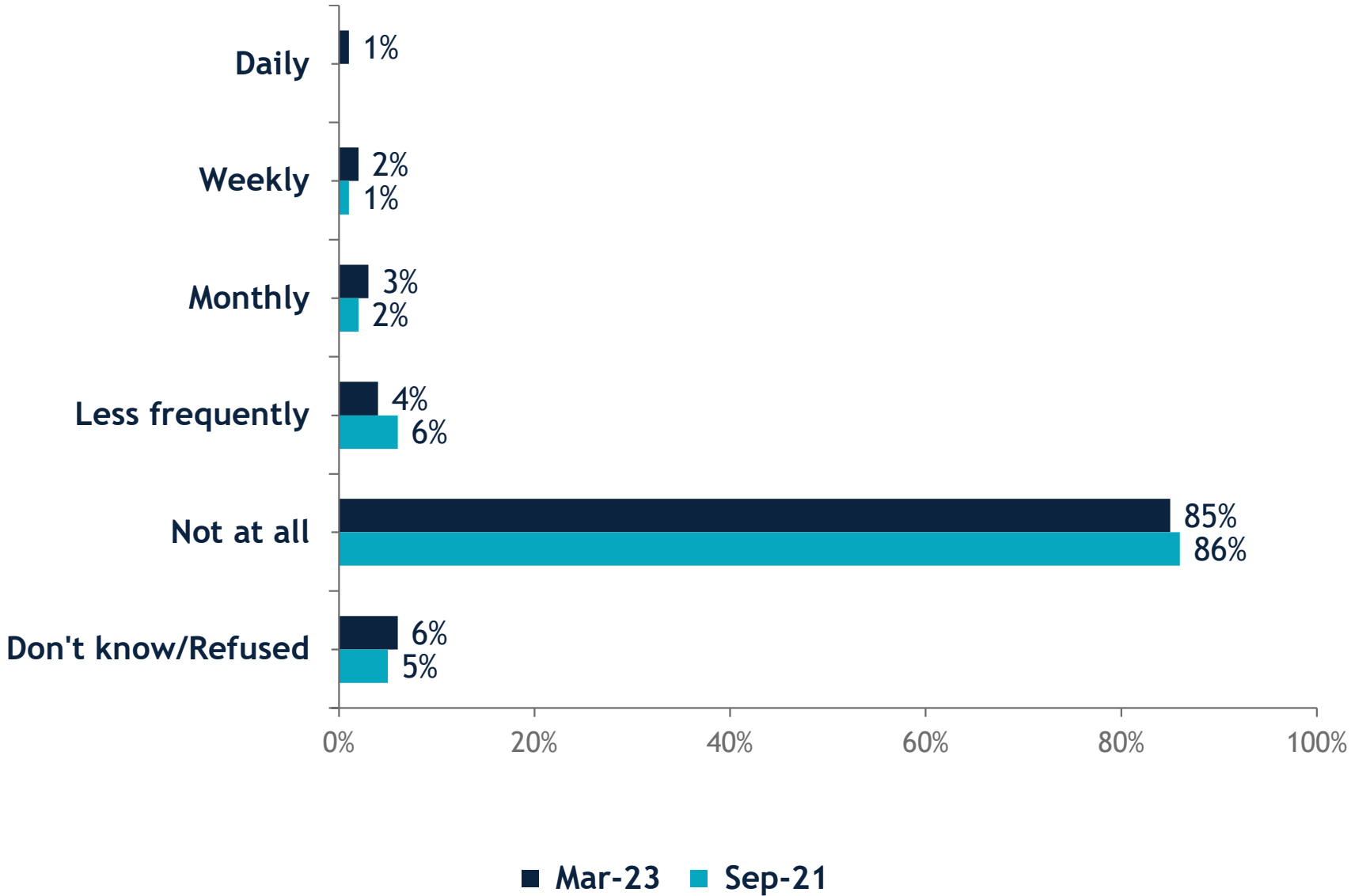


Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?





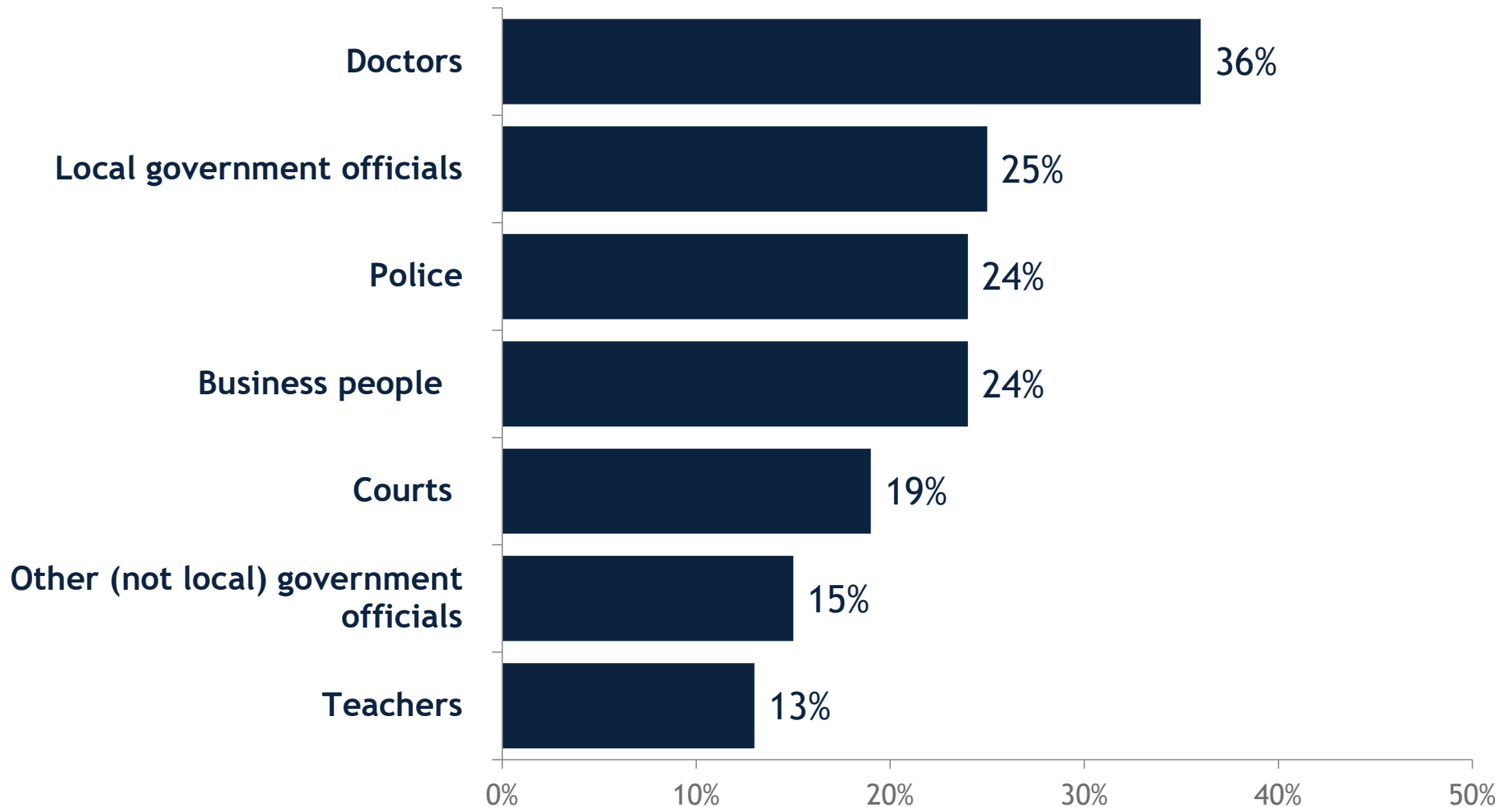
In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?





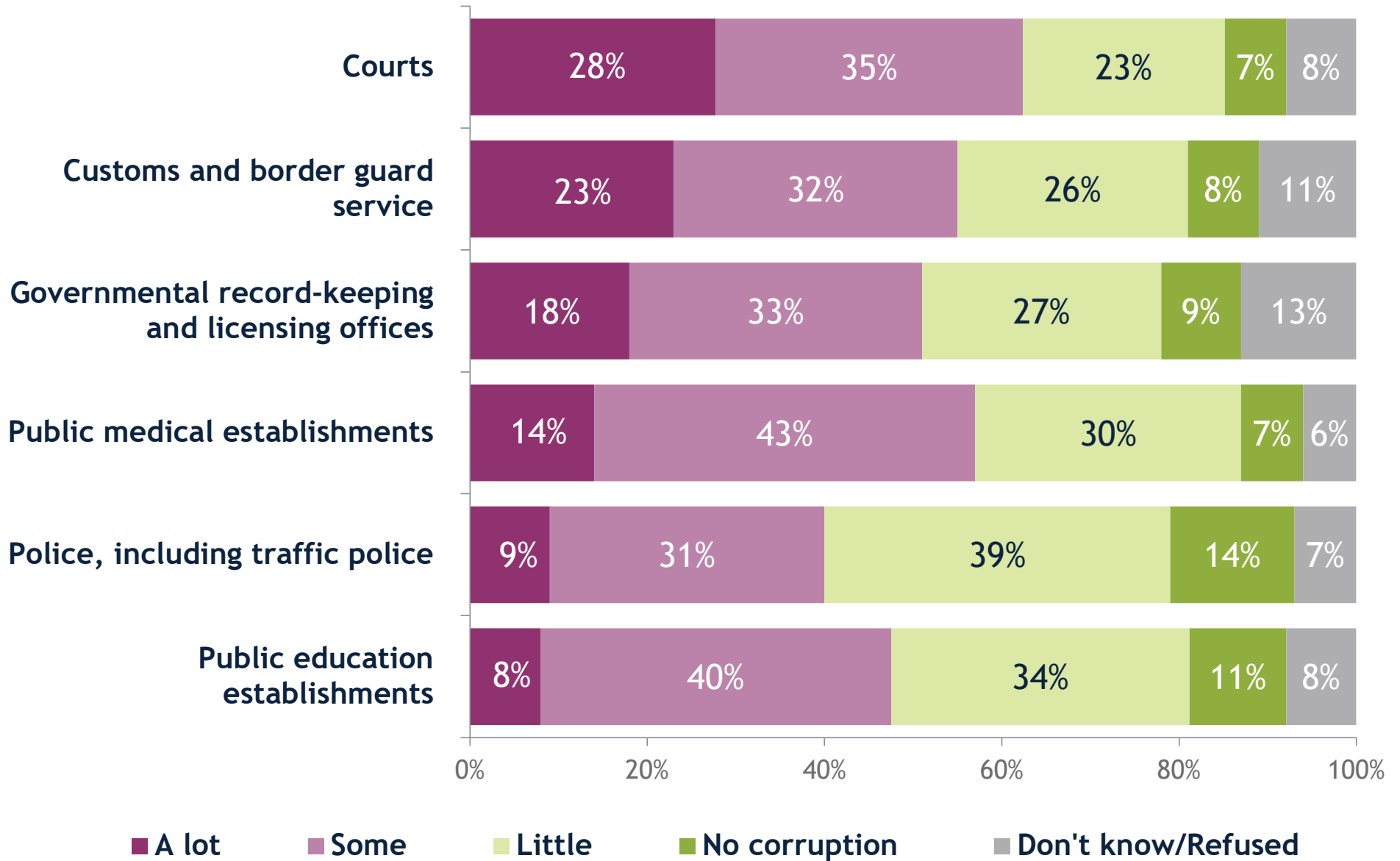
Whom did you have to do favors for, give gifts or pay bribes to?

(Among those who had to do a favor, give gifts or pay bribes in the past 12 months, n=117)

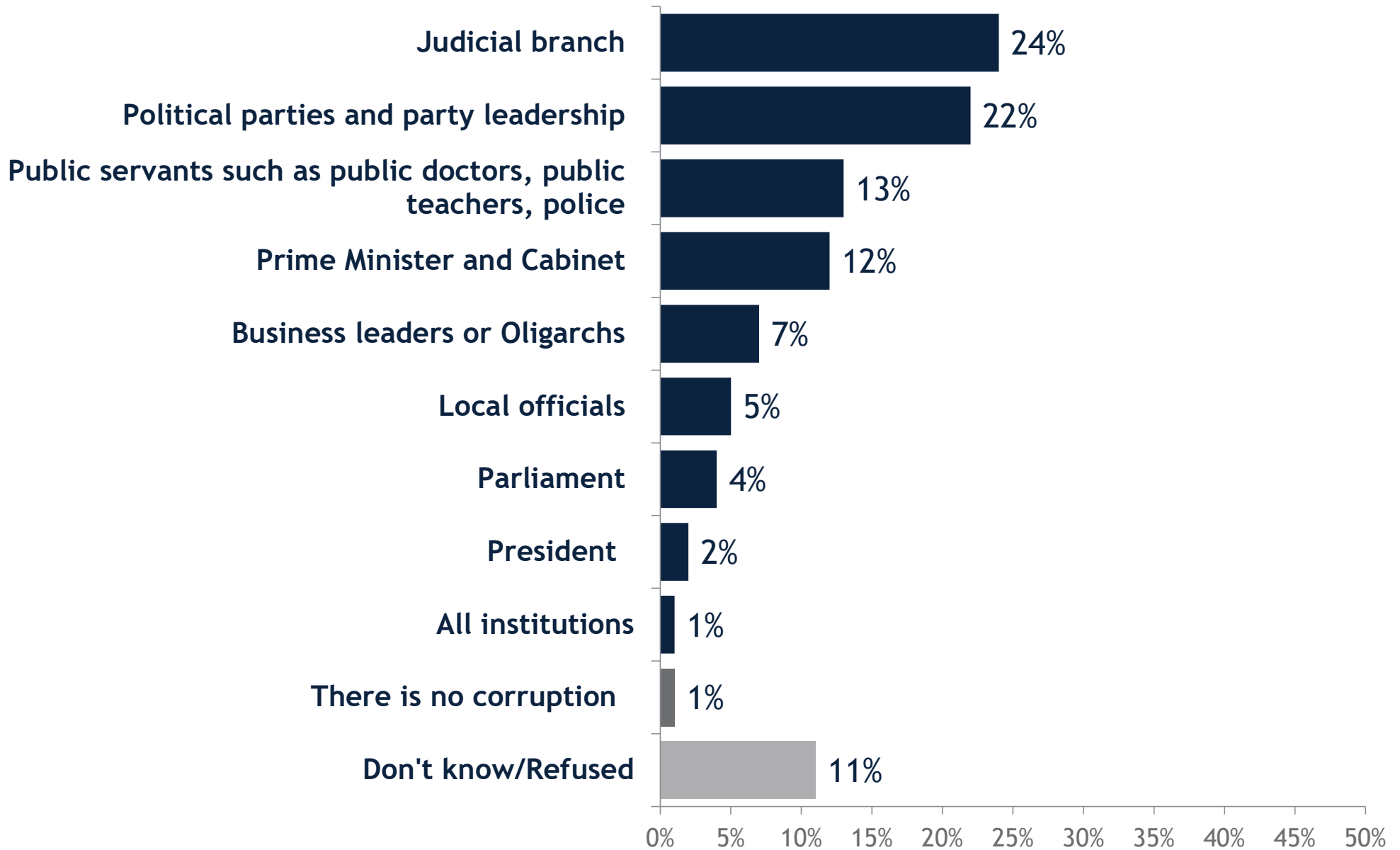


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Please tell me if there is a lot, some, little, or no corruption among each of the following providers of government services.



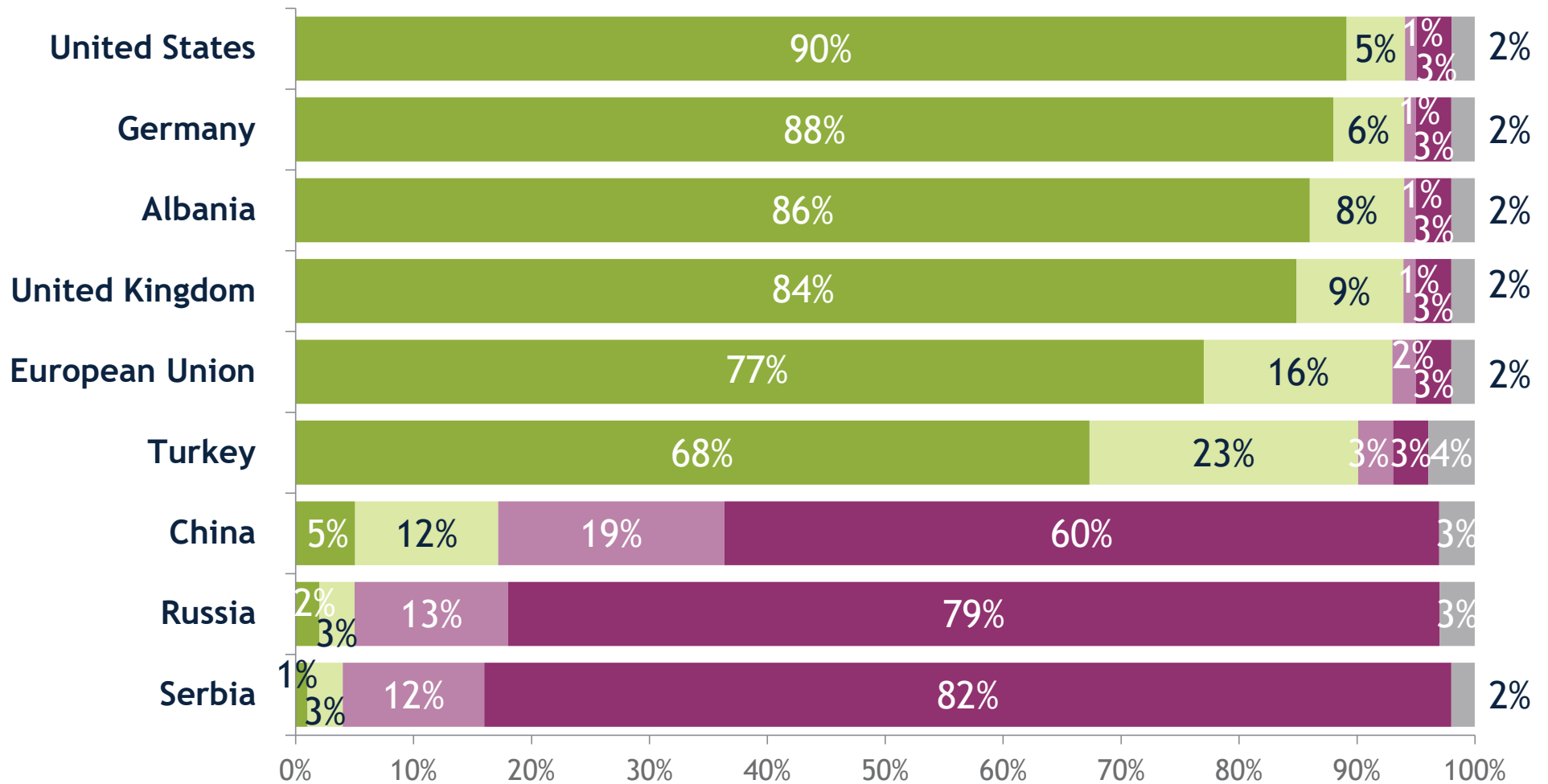
At which level of government is corruption most prevalent?



International Relations



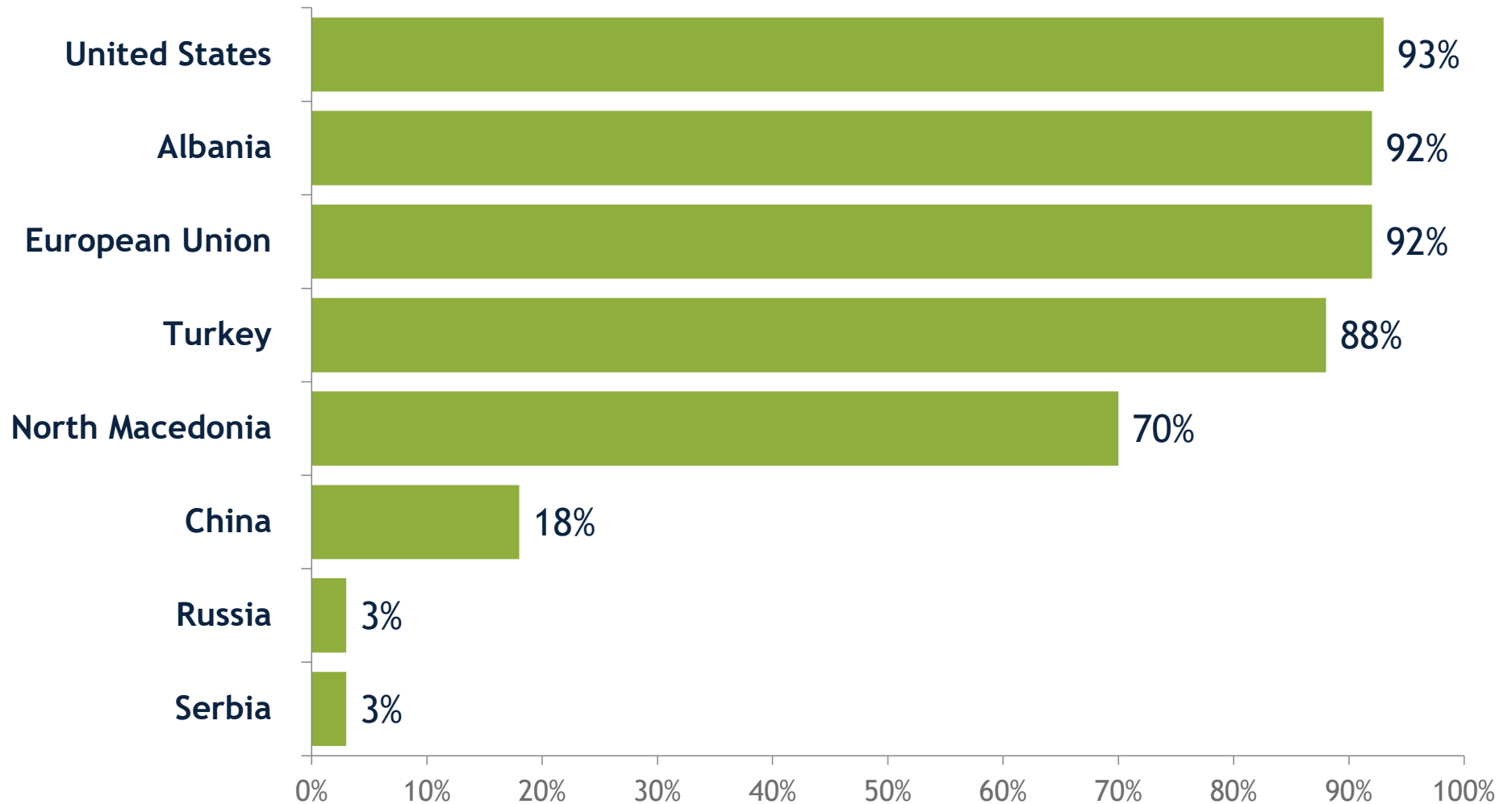
Please tell me your opinion of each of the following countries or organizations.



■ Highly favorable
 ■ Somewhat favorable
 ■ Somewhat unfavorable
■ Highly unfavorable
 ■ Don't know/Refused



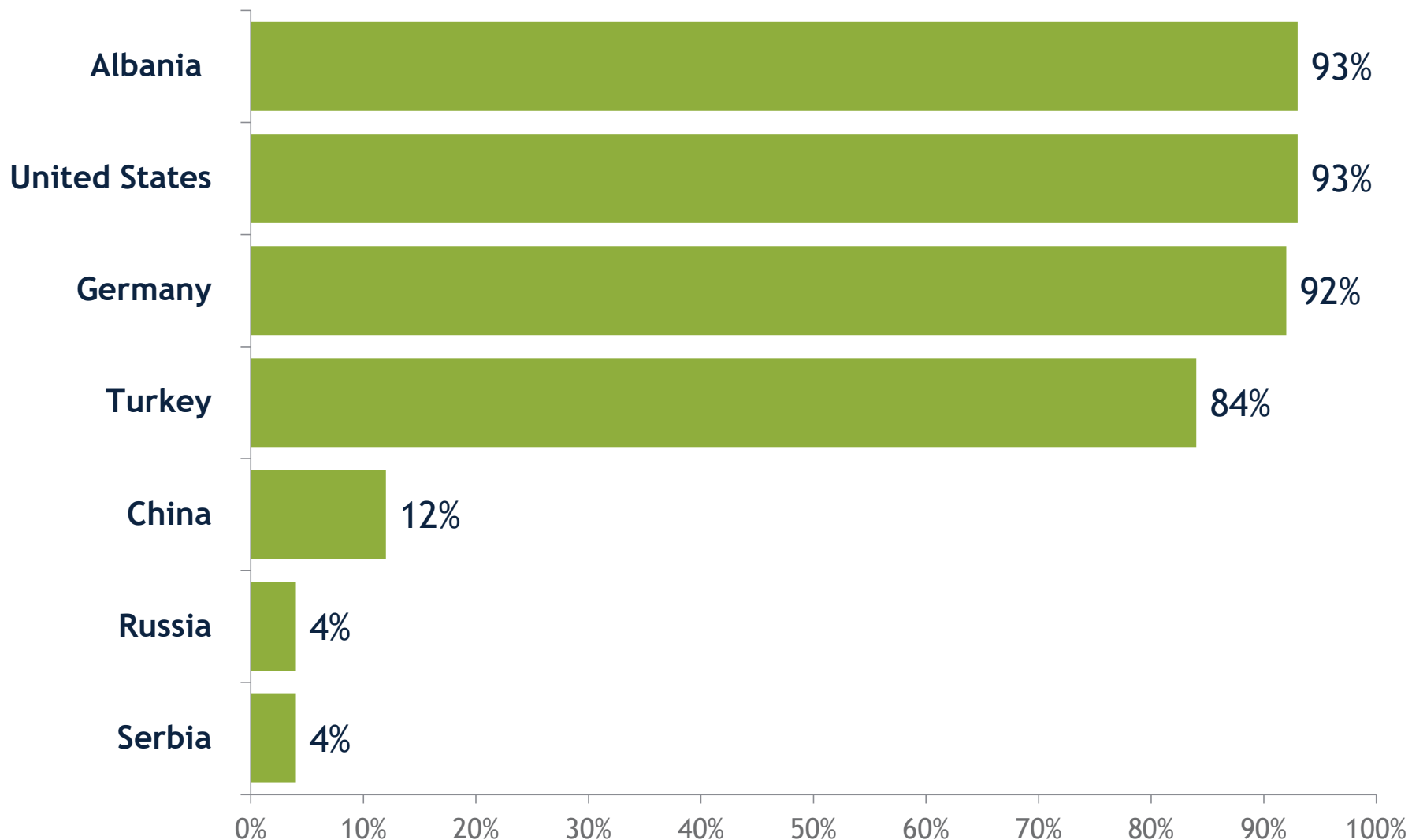
Which of these countries or organizations do you consider to be the most important **economic partner or partners** for our country?



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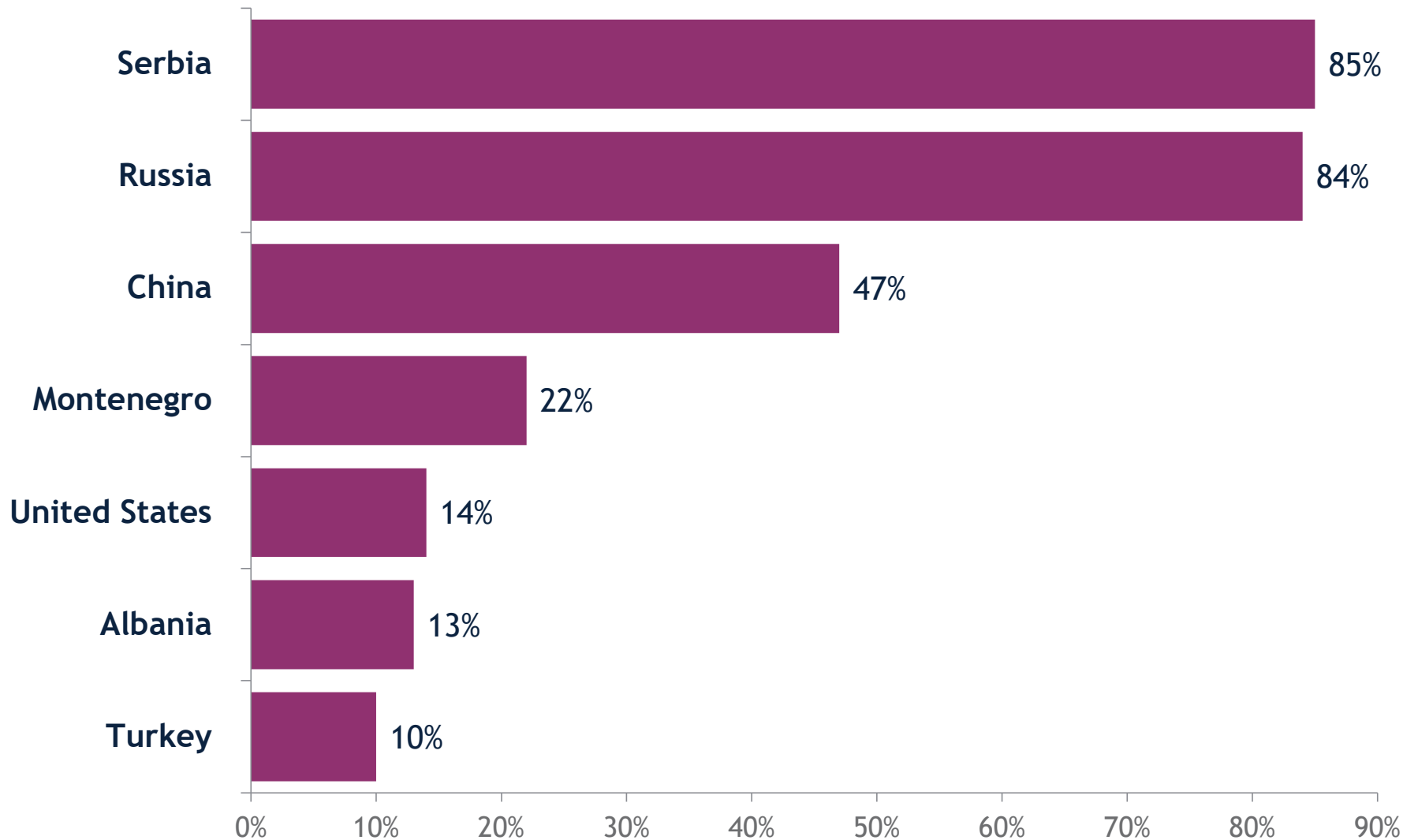
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political partner or partners for our country?



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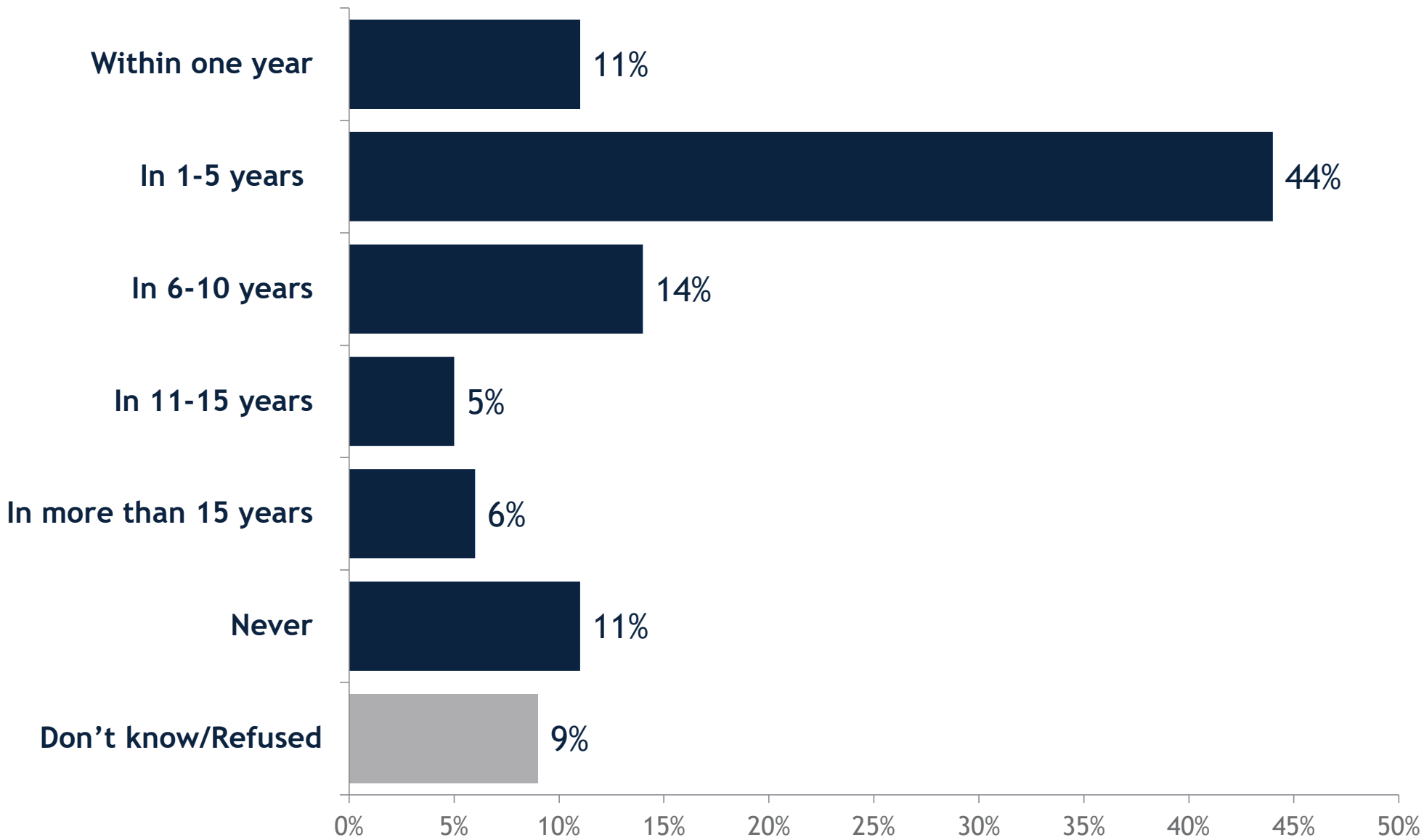
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important political threat or threats for our country?



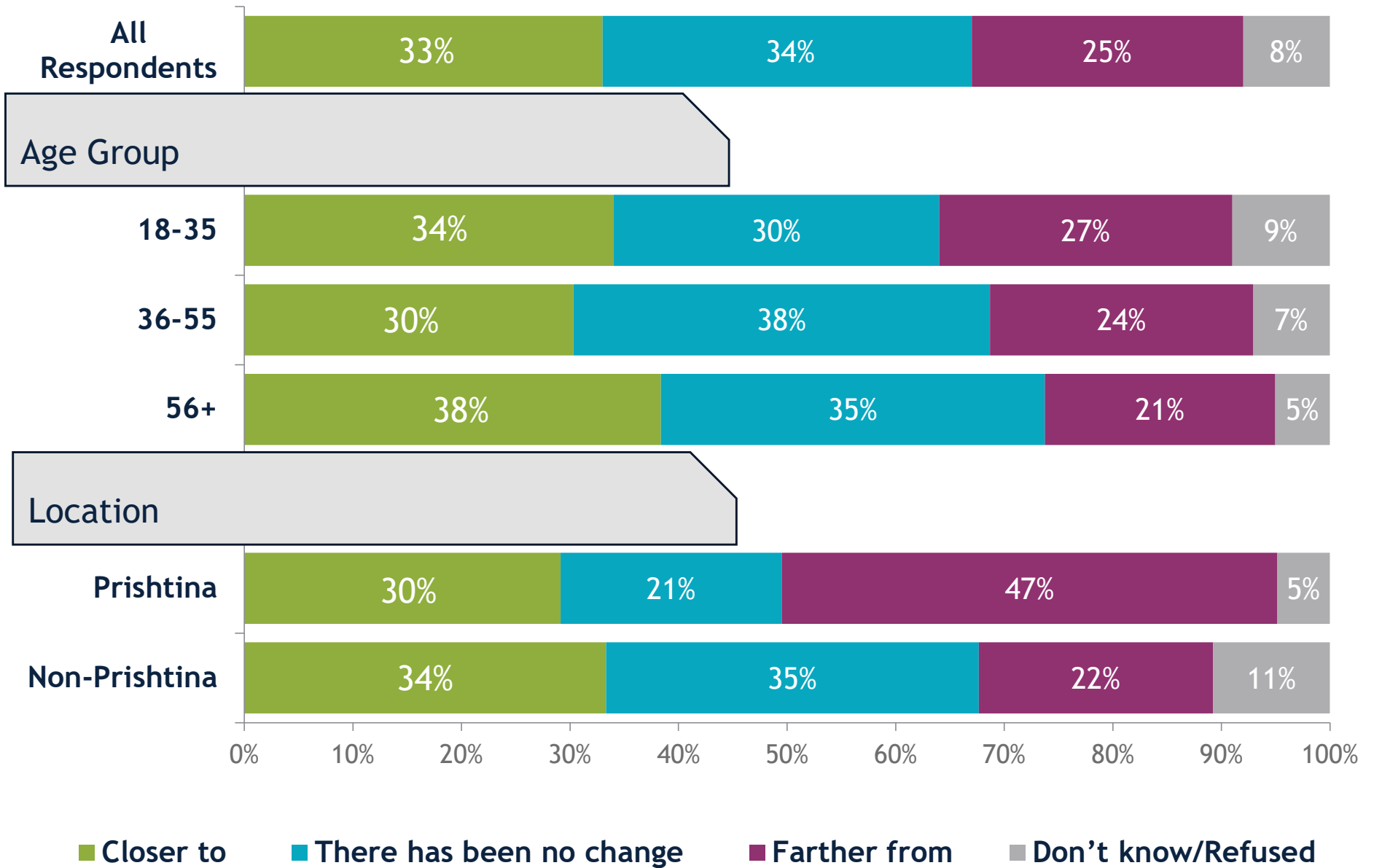
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When do you think Kosovo will have normalized relations with Serbia, if ever?

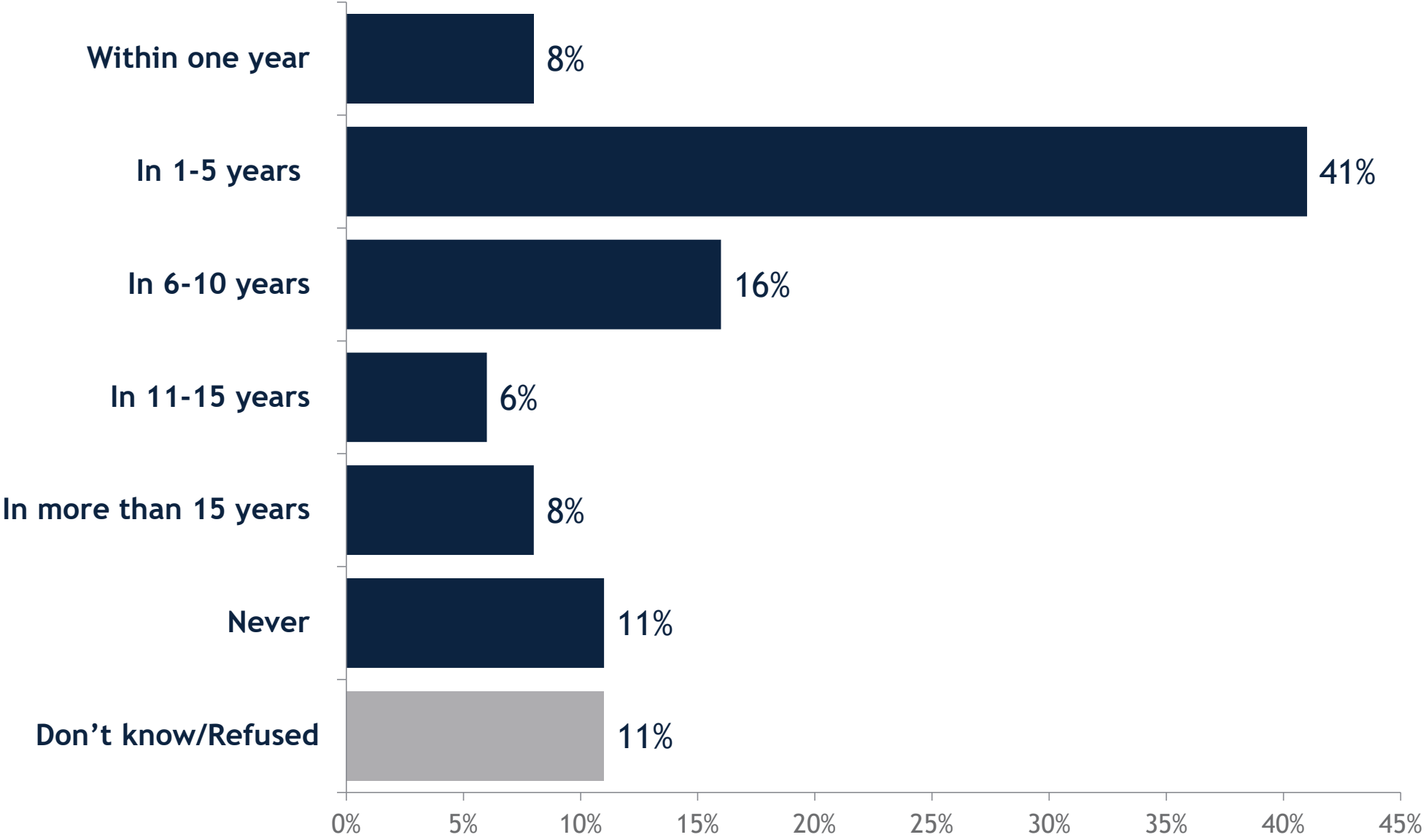


Is Kosovo closer to, or farther from, normalizing relations with Serbia than it was two years ago?





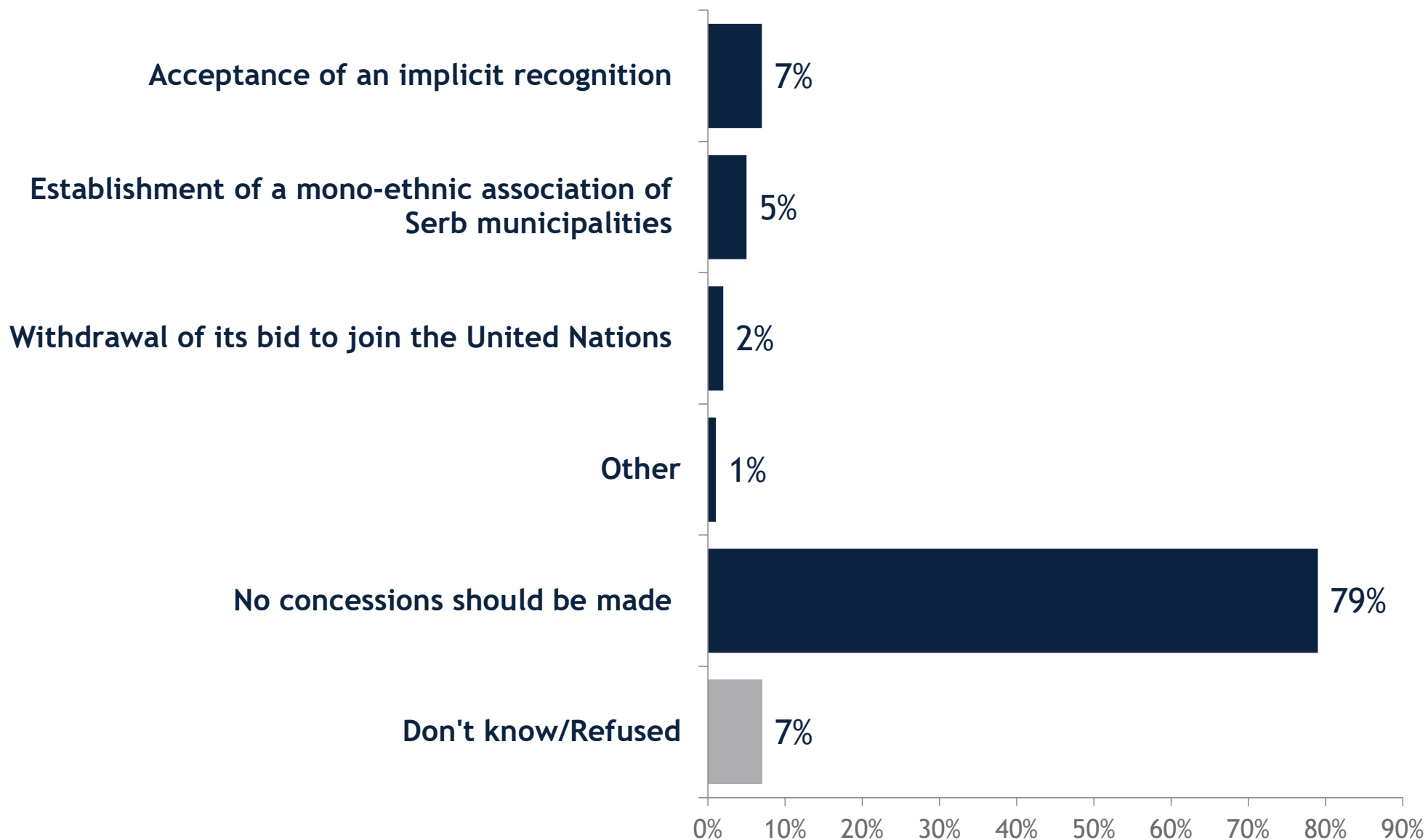
When do you think Serbia will recognize Kosovo as an independent country, if ever?





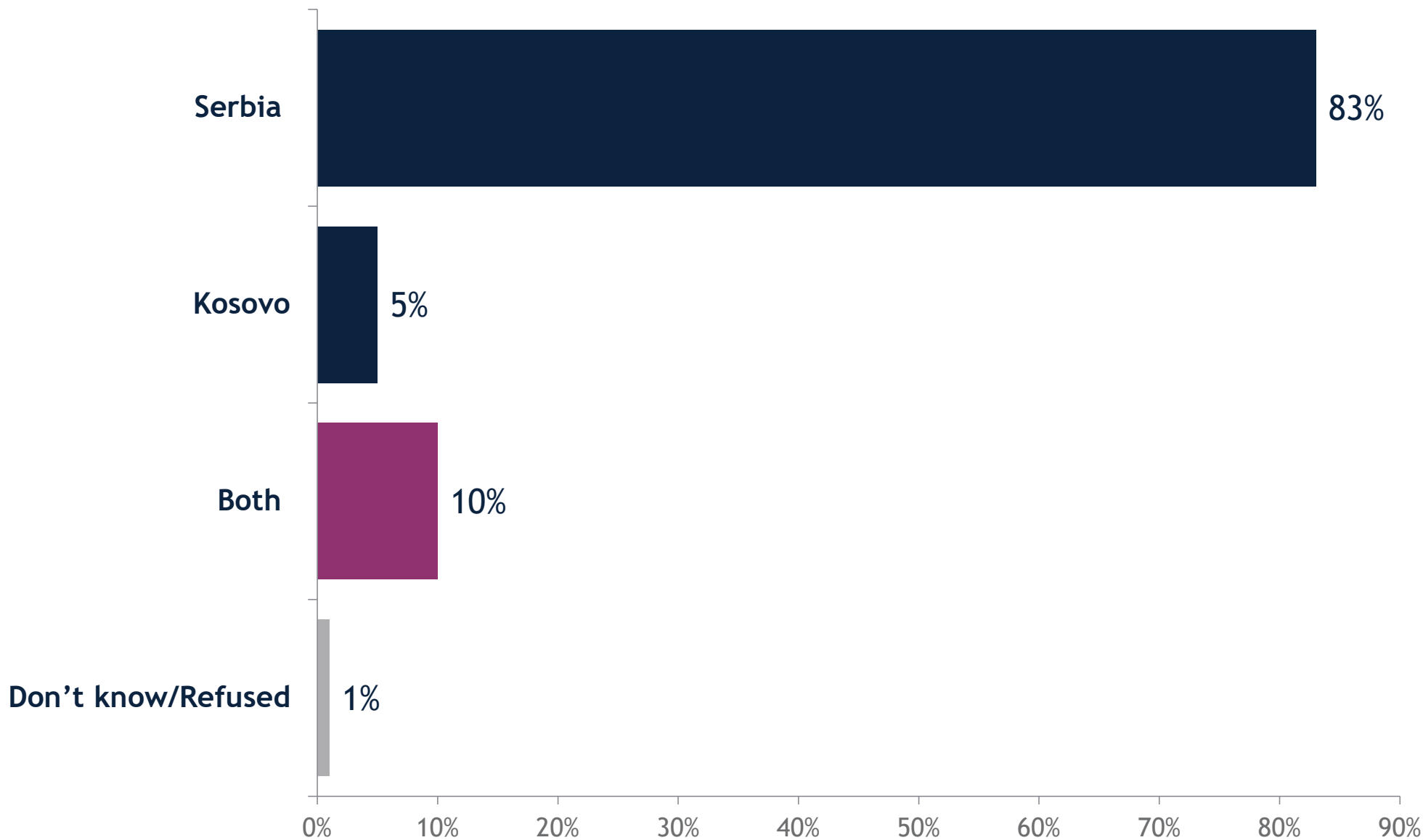
What concessions should Kosovo be willing to give for Serbian recognition?

(Multiple responses allowed)



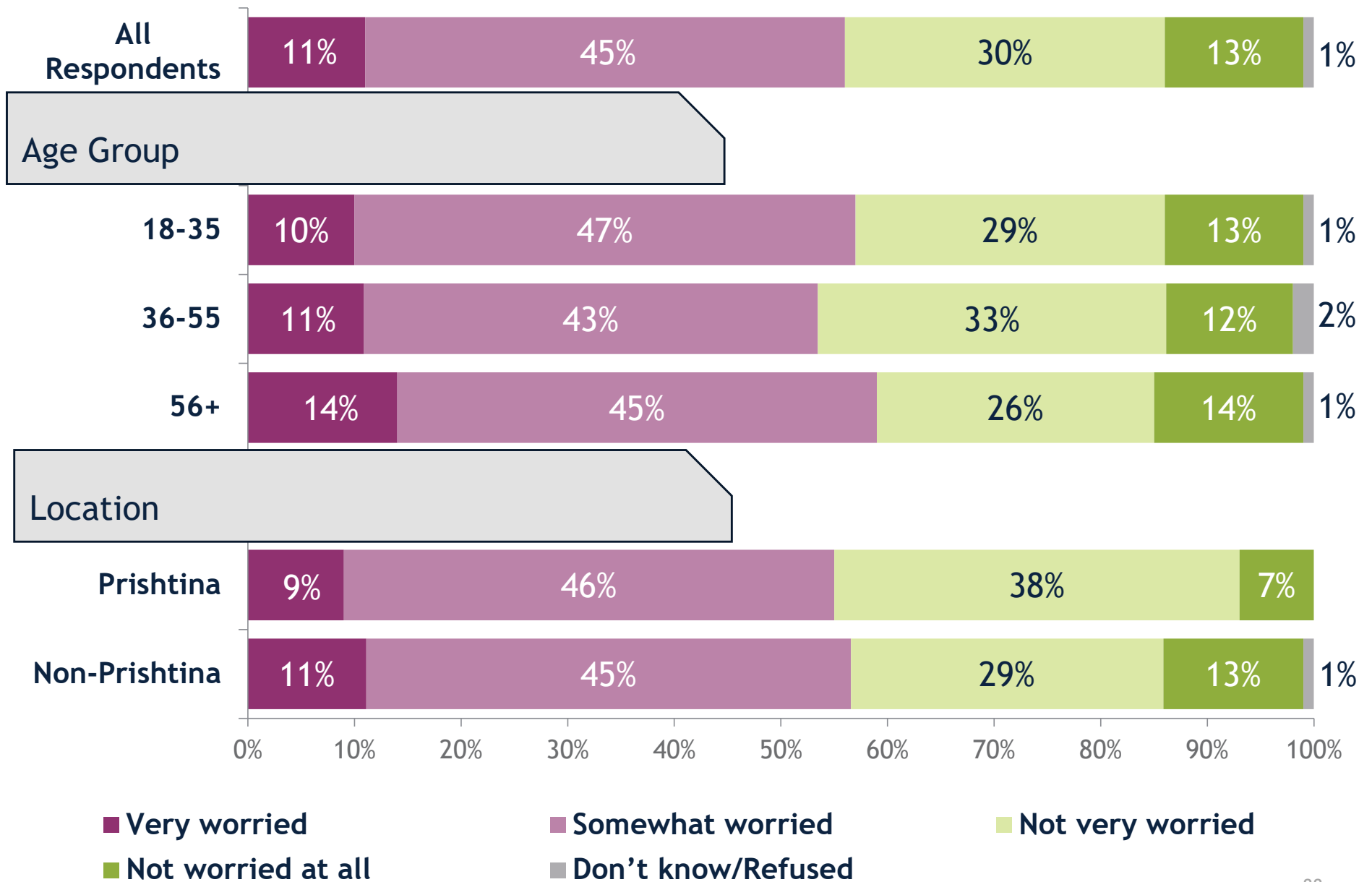
*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into *Other*.

Who do you think is responsible for the recent rise in tensions between Kosovo and Serbia? Kosovo, Serbia, or are both countries responsible?

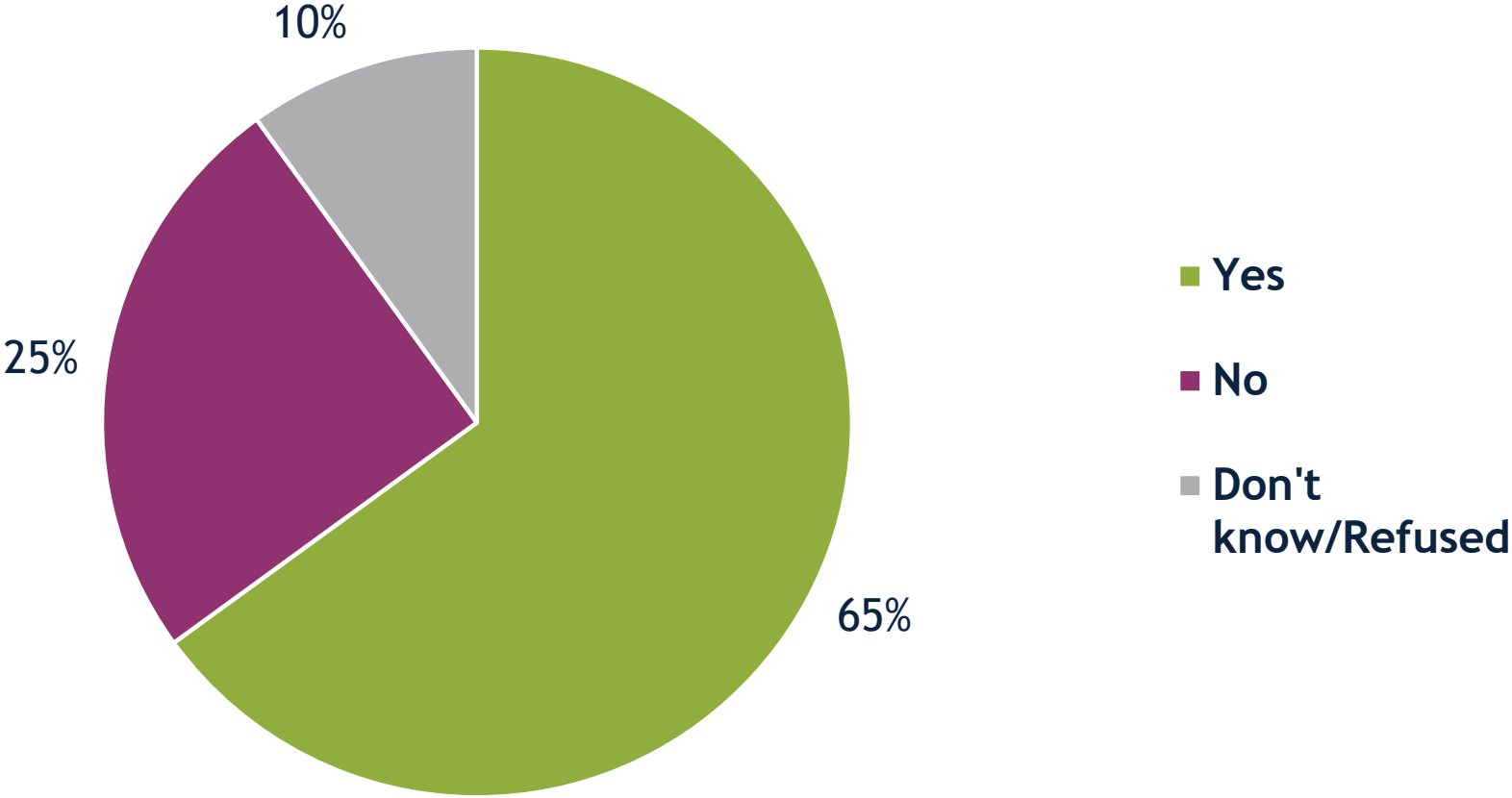




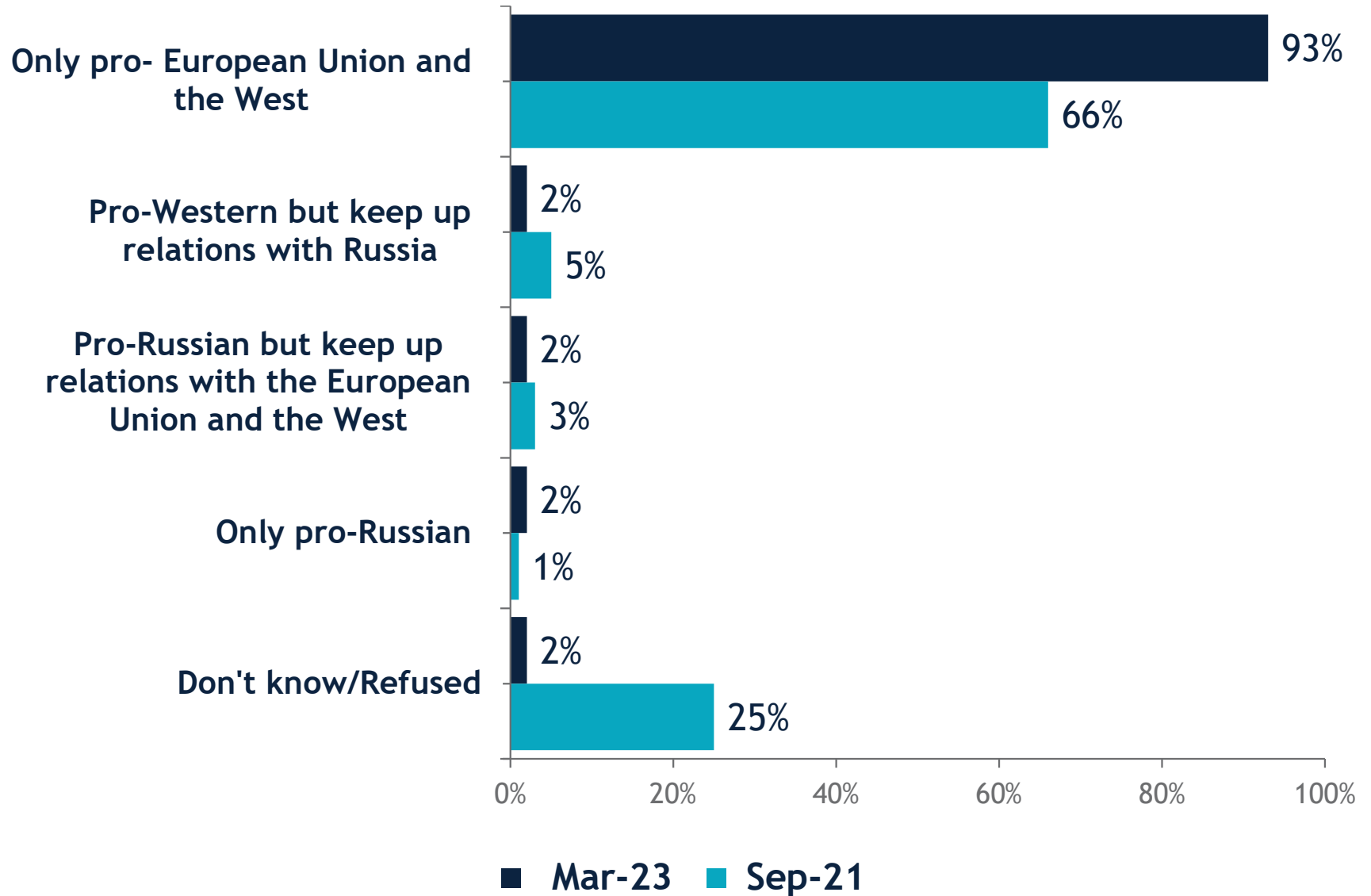
How worried are you, if at all, that tensions with Serbia will develop into greater conflict and violence?



Should the Kosovo government continue to push the policy that all the Kosovo citizens, including Kosovo-Serbs, utilize Kosovo license plates?

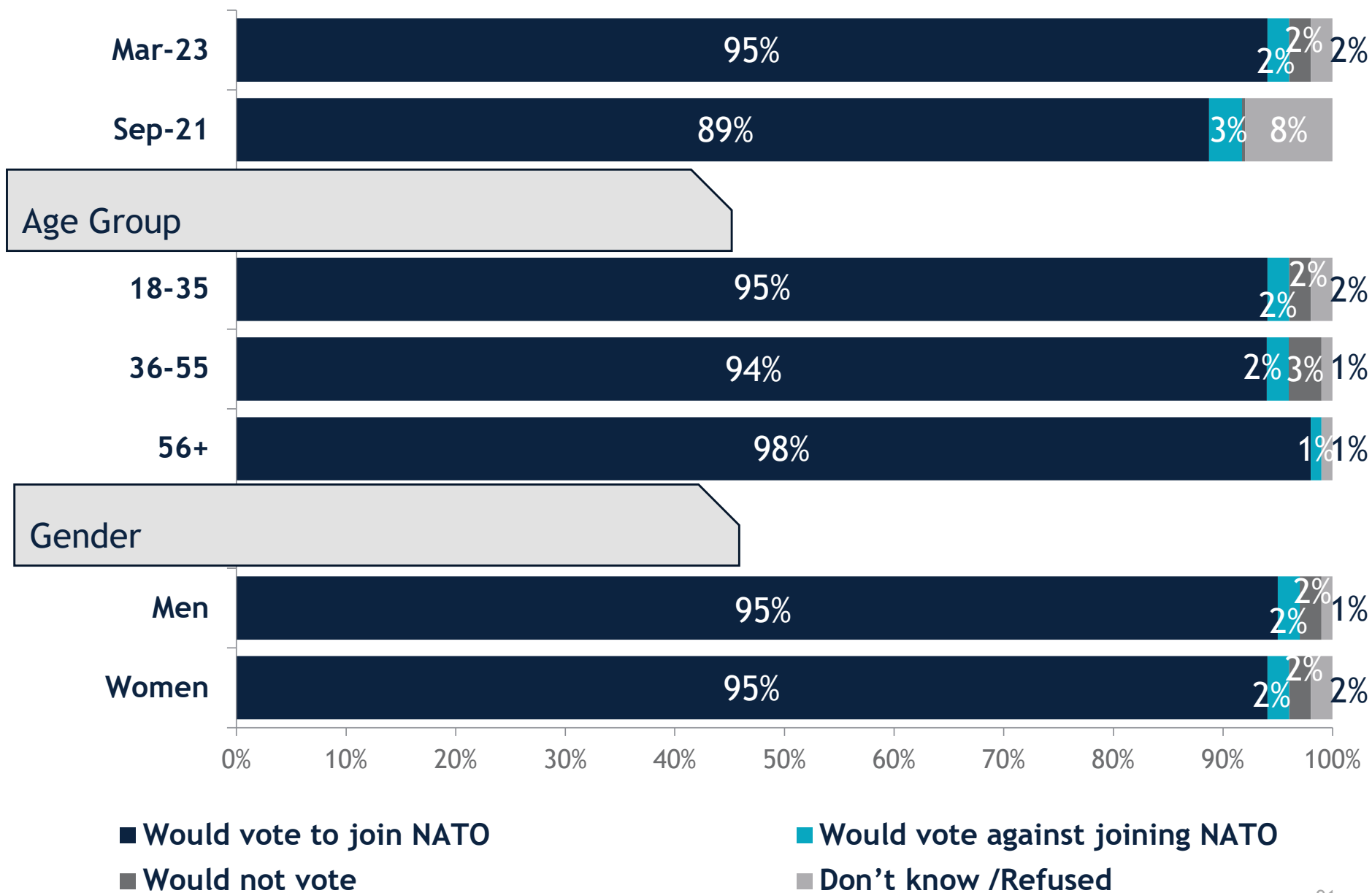


What should our country's foreign policy course be?

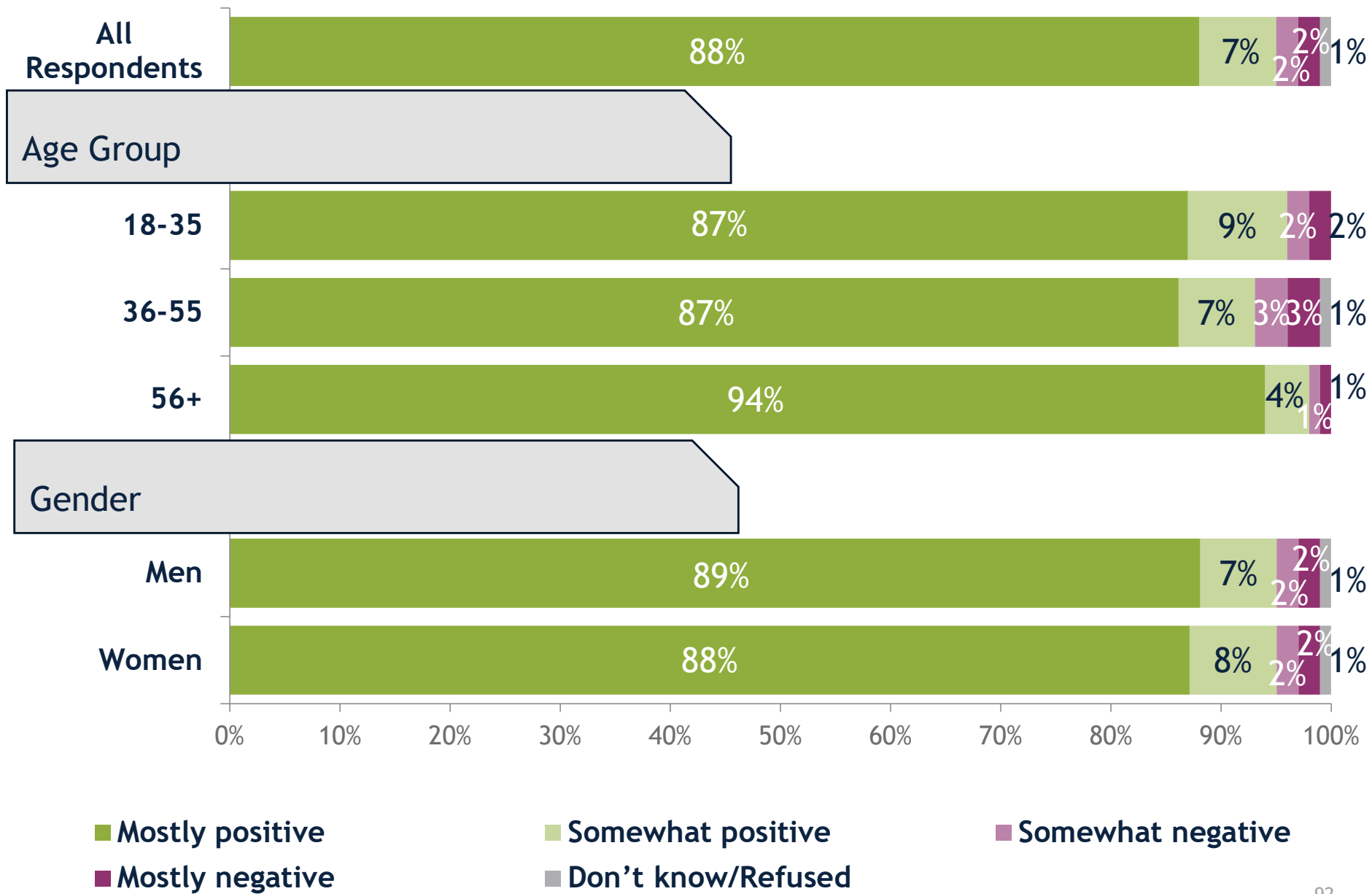




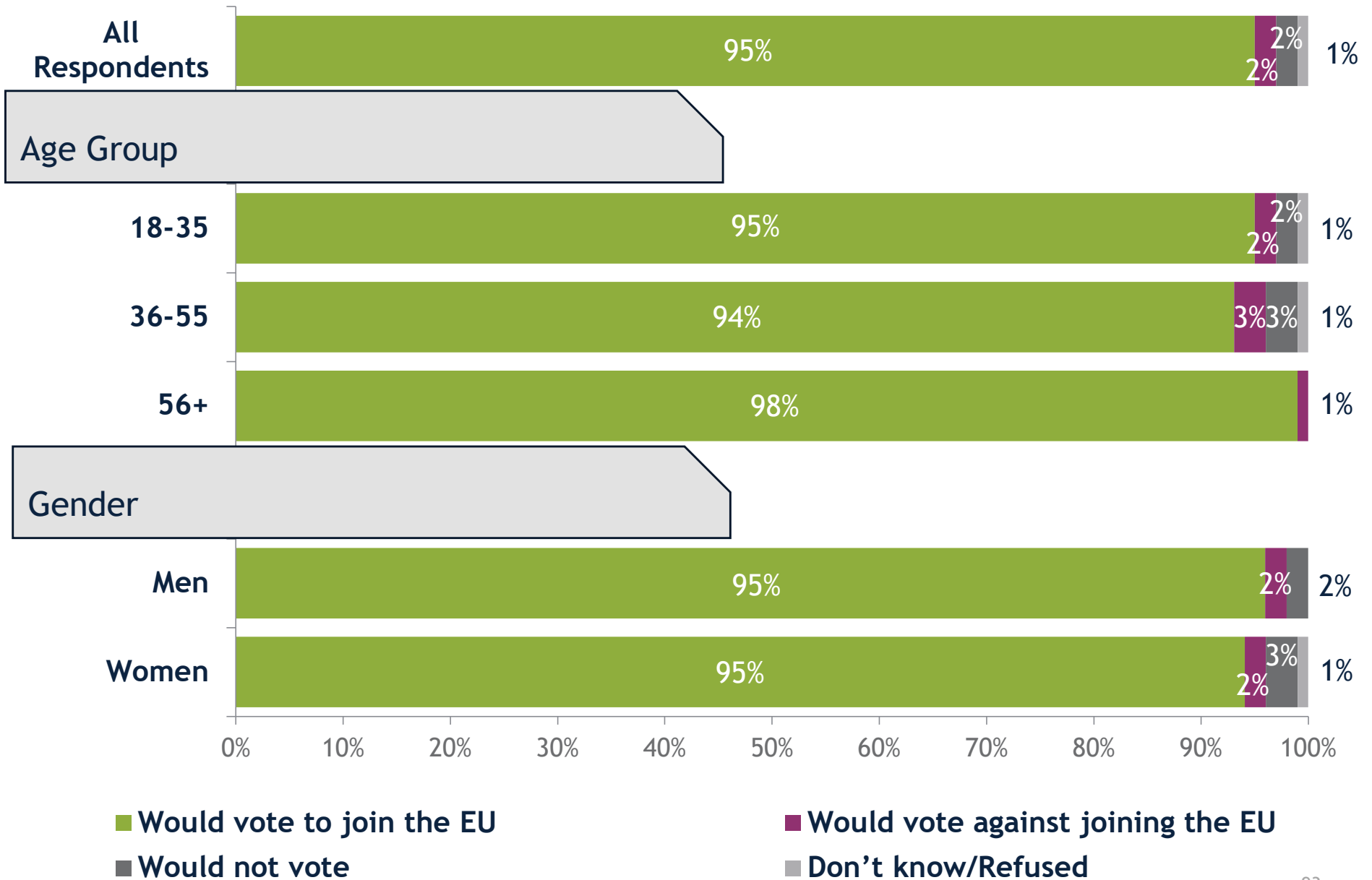
If a referendum were held today on our country joining NATO, how would you vote?



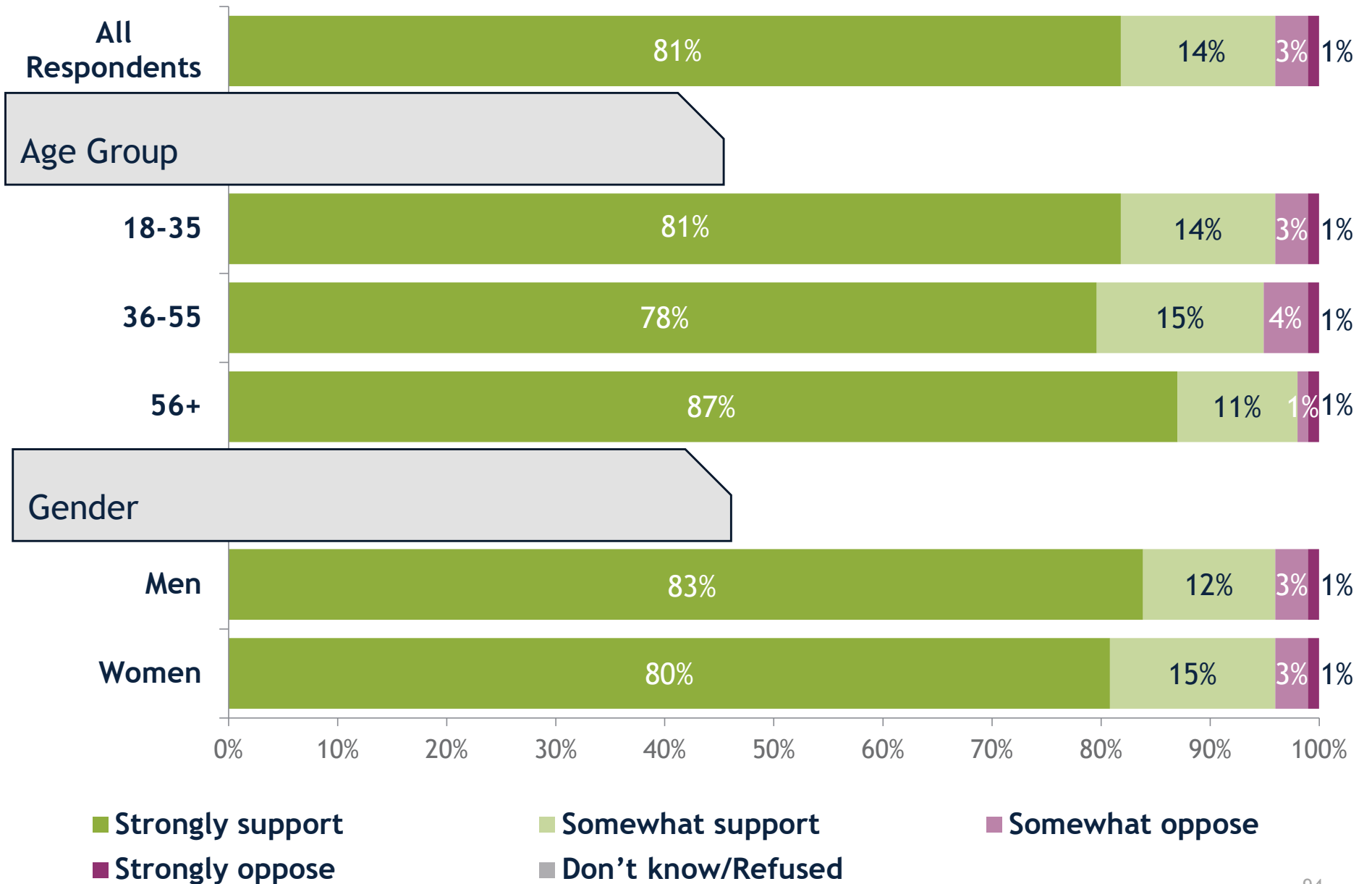
How do you view the role of NATO in the world?



If a referendum were held today on our country joining the European Union, how would you vote?



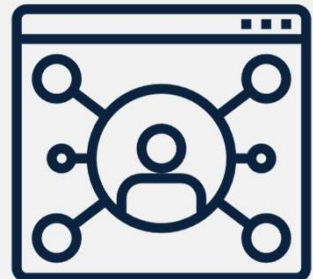
To what extent do you support or oppose deepening our country's integration with Europe?



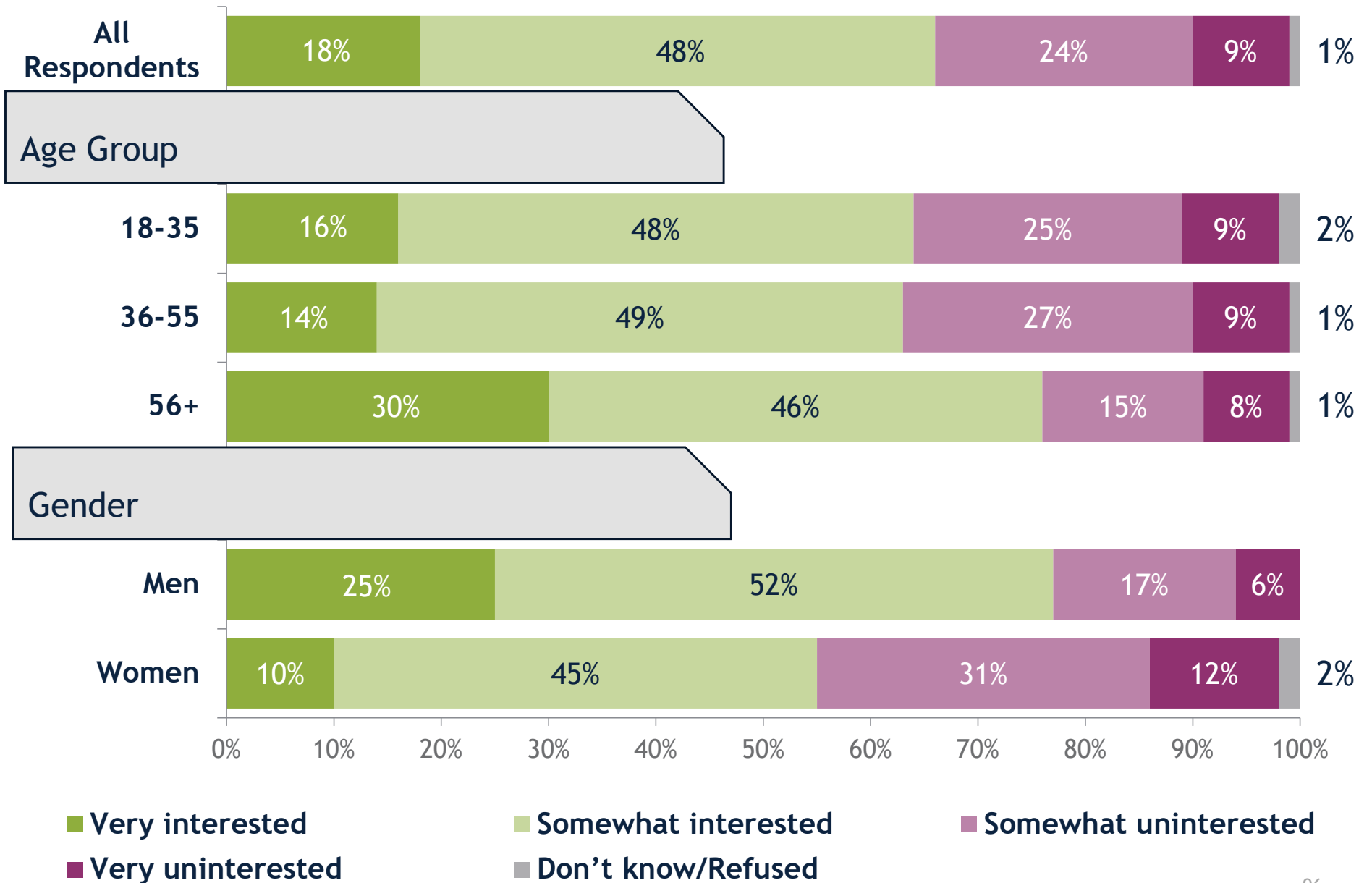
Sources of Information



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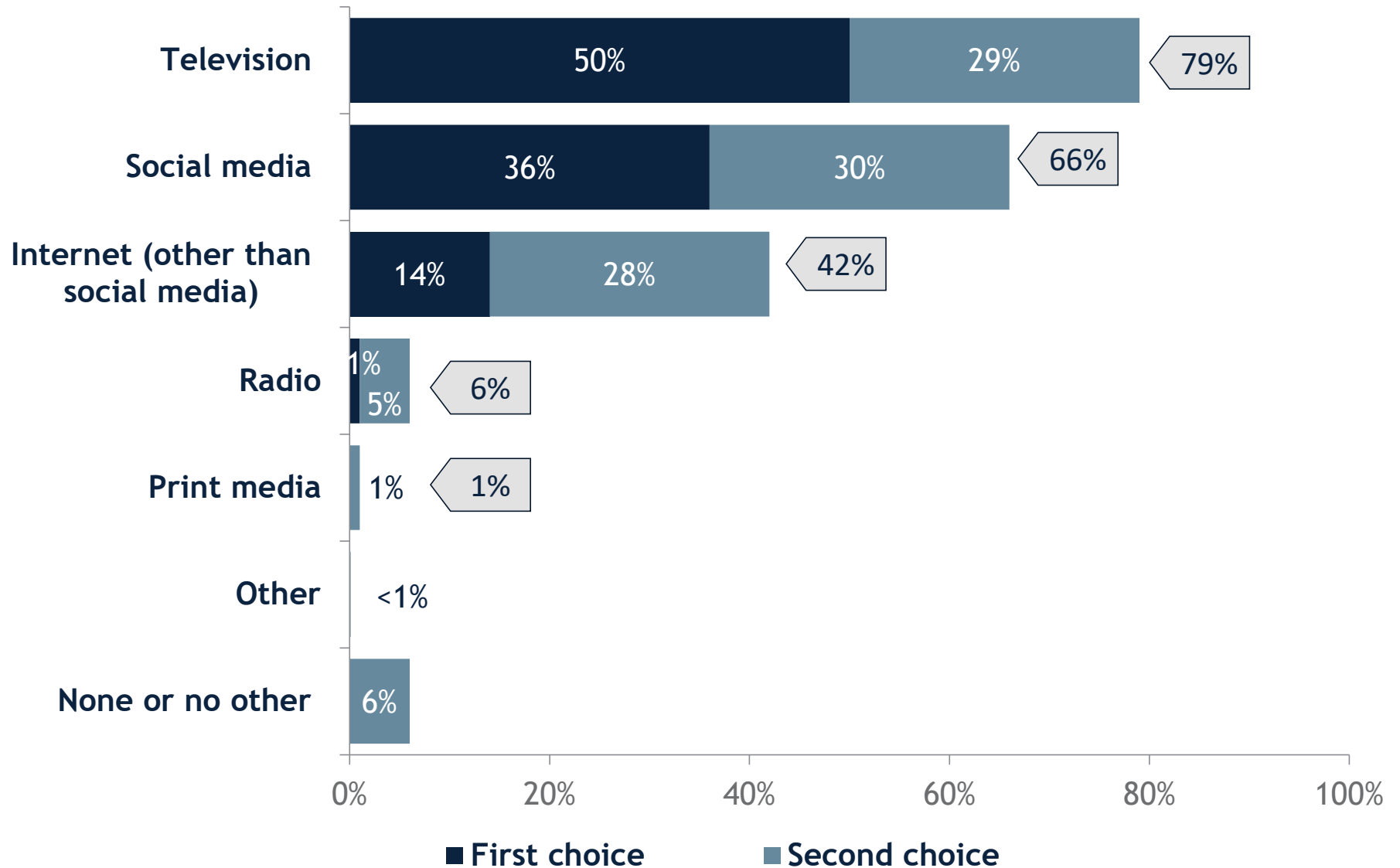


How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information?



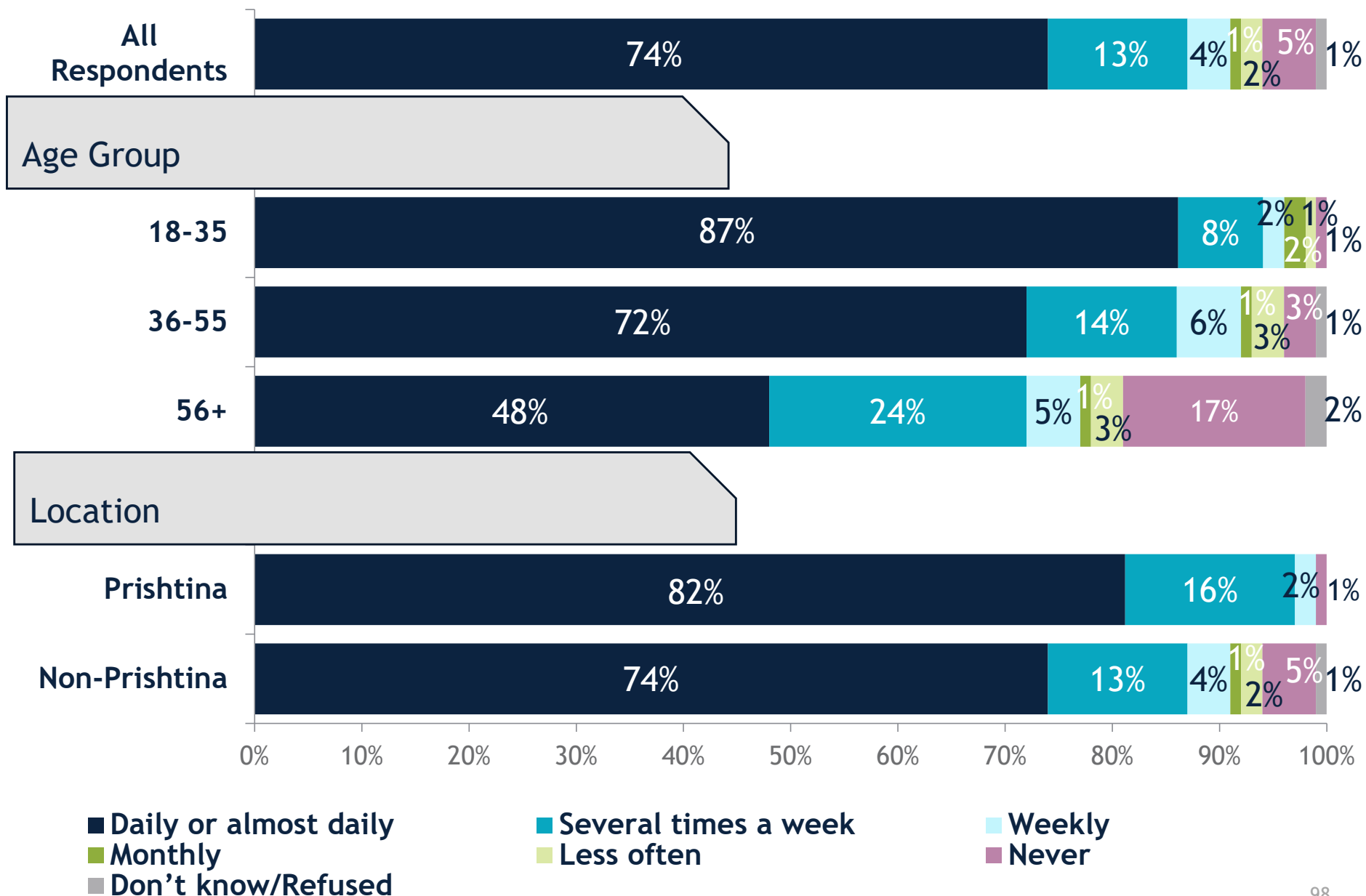
Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information? And what is your second most frequently used media platform?

(Multiple responses allowed)



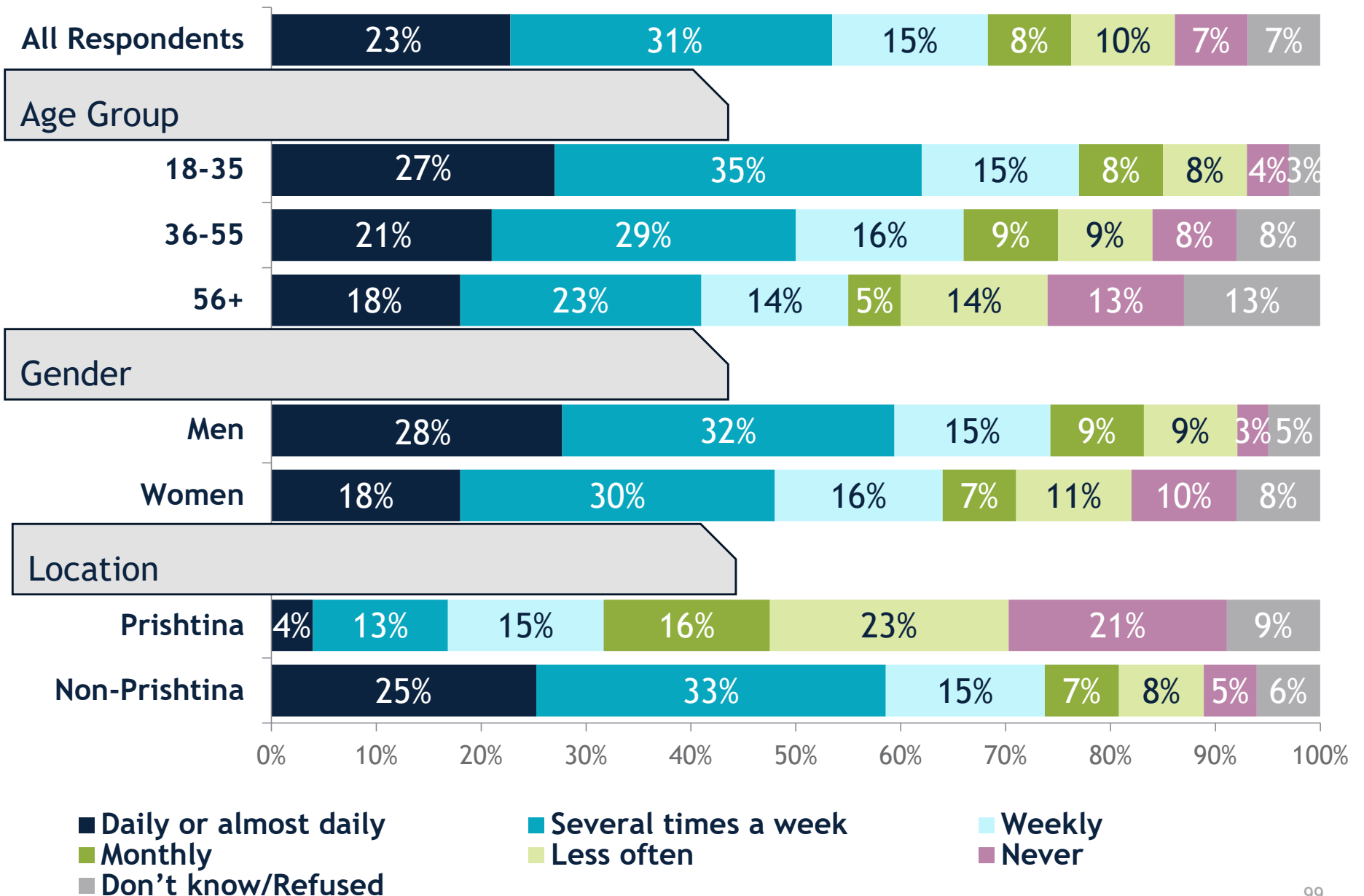


How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?





How frequently do you encounter information in the media, including social media, that you believe is misleading or false?

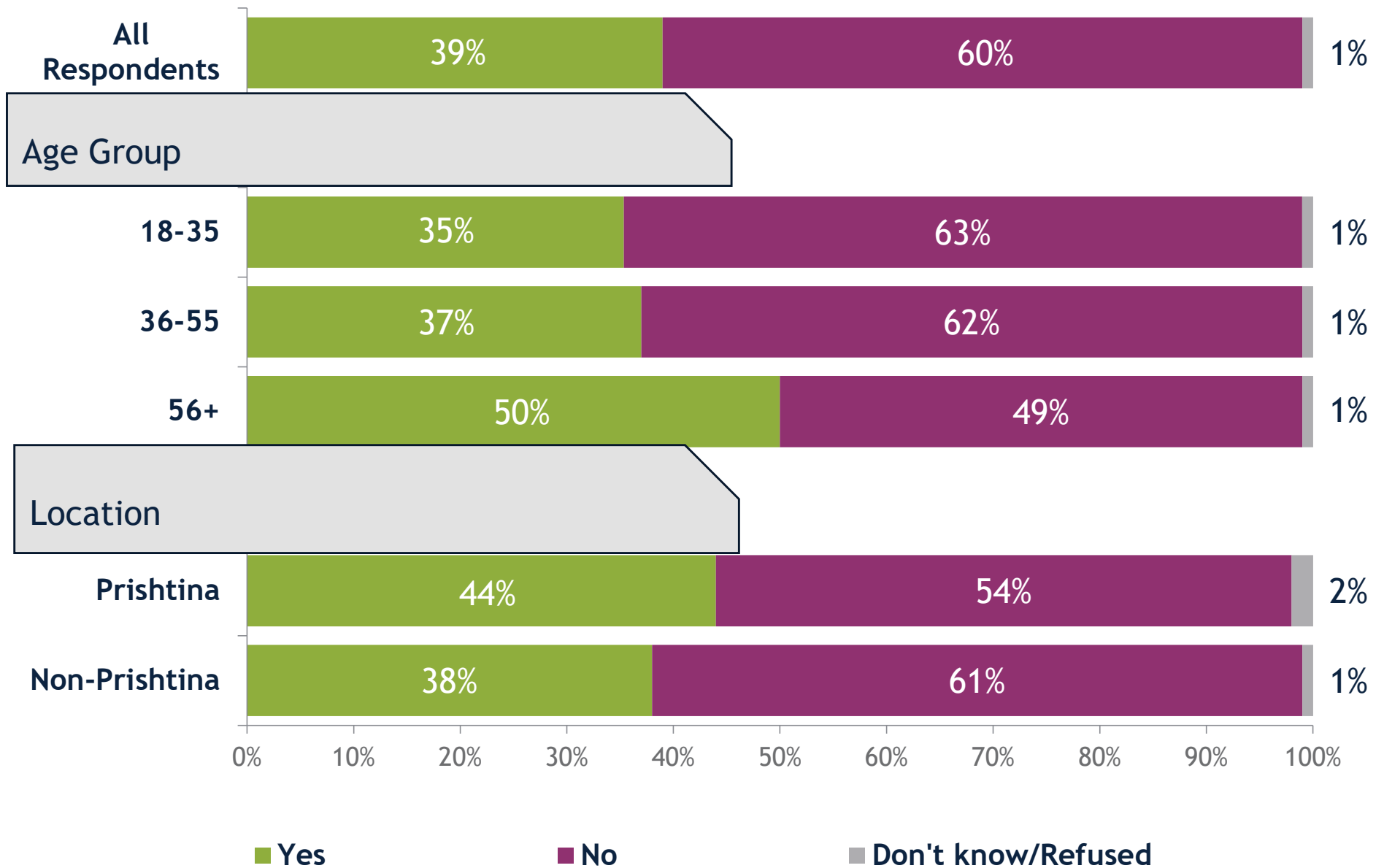


Migration





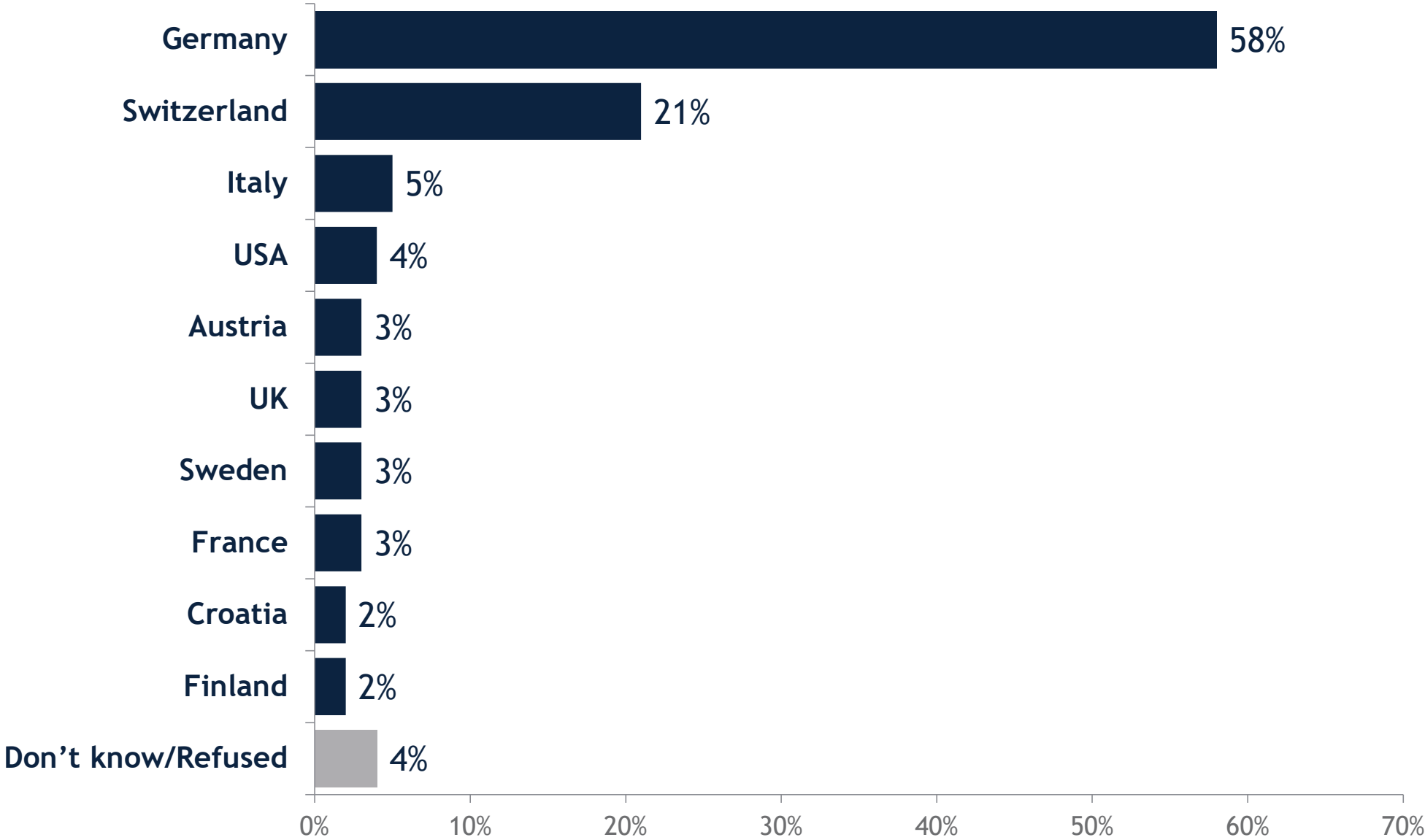
Do any members of your household currently live or work abroad?





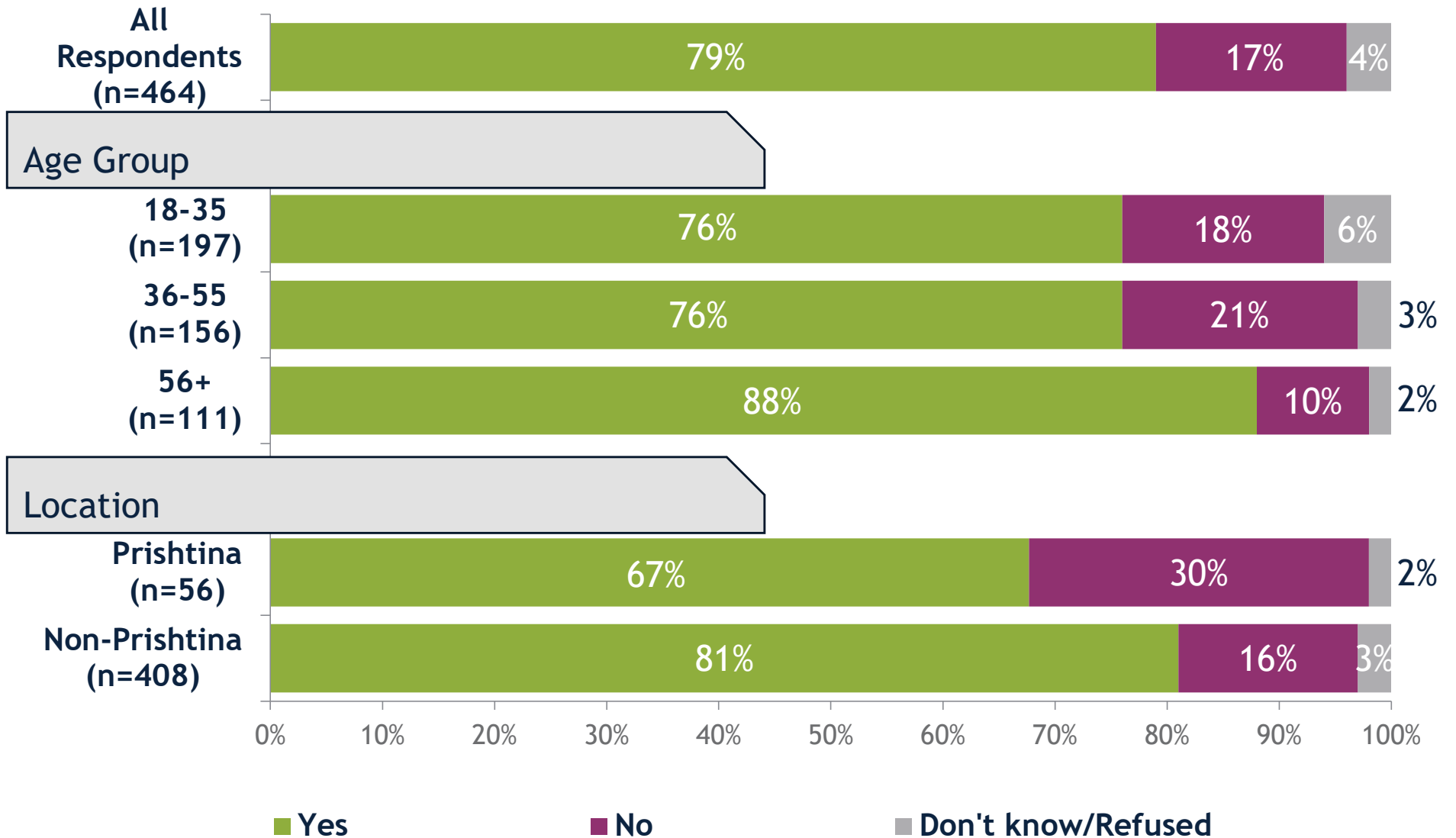
In which country or countries?

(Spontaneous response, multiple responses allowed, top ten responses shown, yes responses displayed, among those who have household members who live or work abroad, n=464)



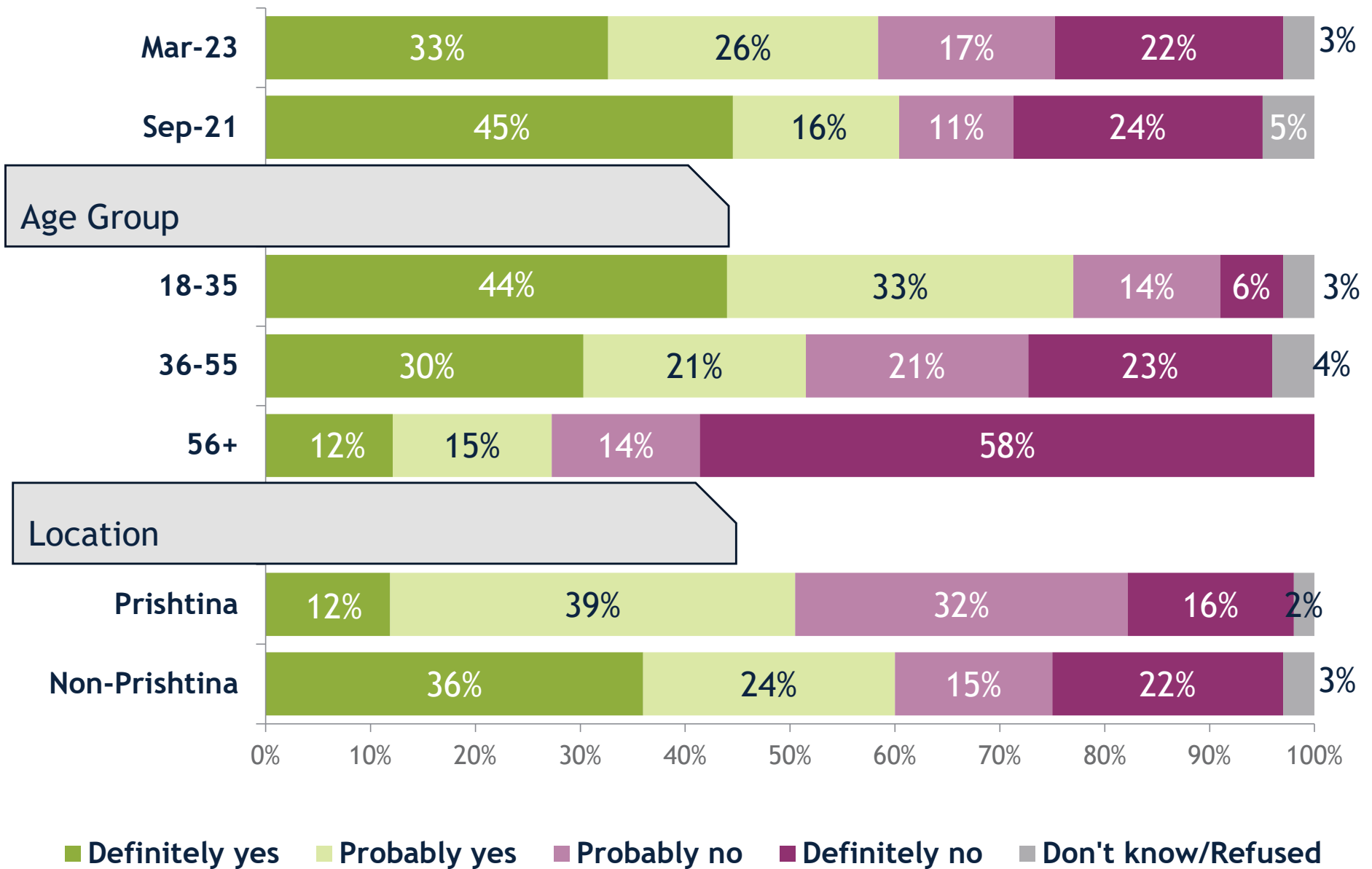
Does your household receive remittances sent by household members abroad?

(Among those who have household members who live or work abroad)





If you had the opportunity, would you choose to go abroad, not just for a vacation, but for a longer period?

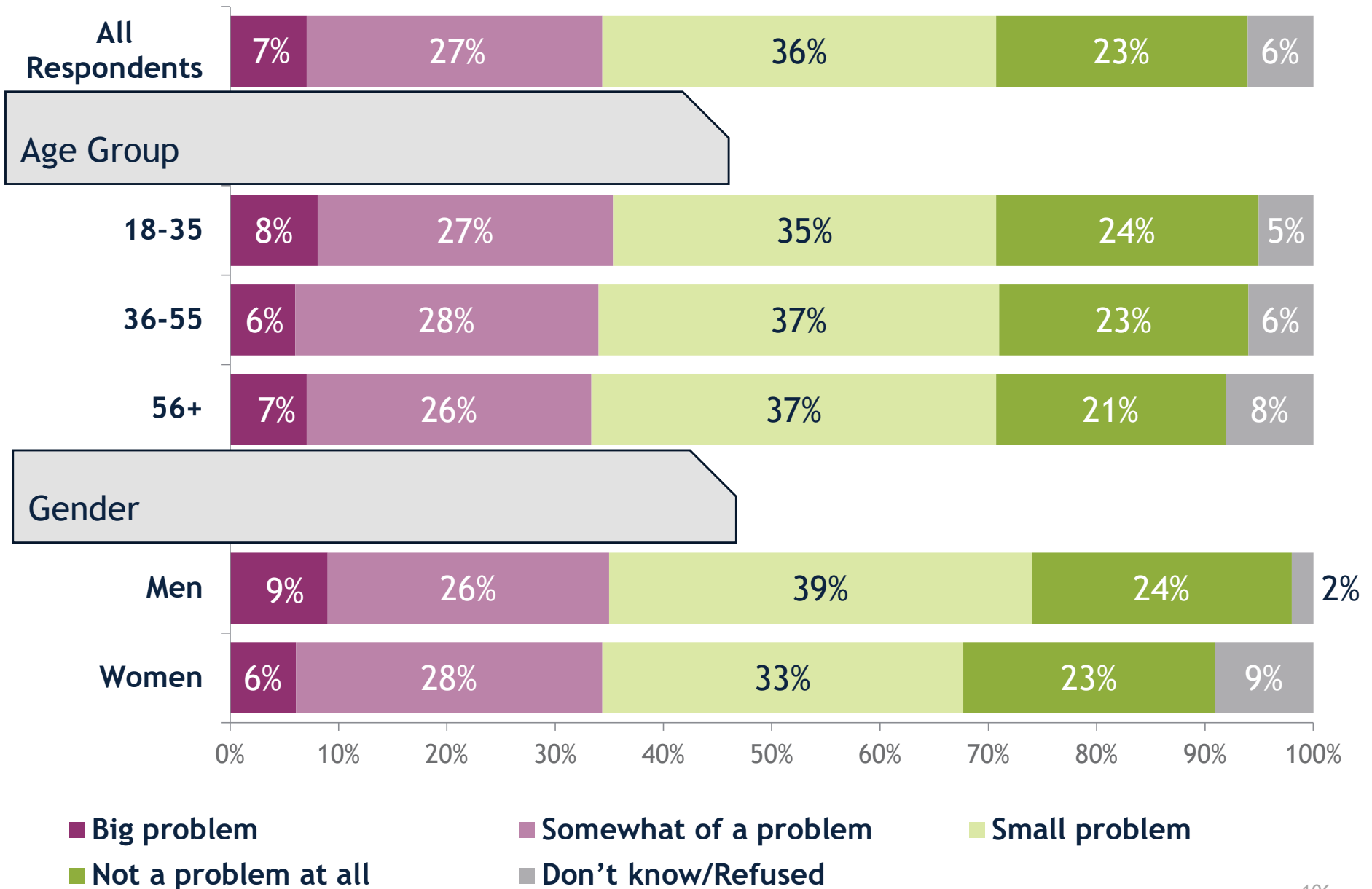


Violent Extremism

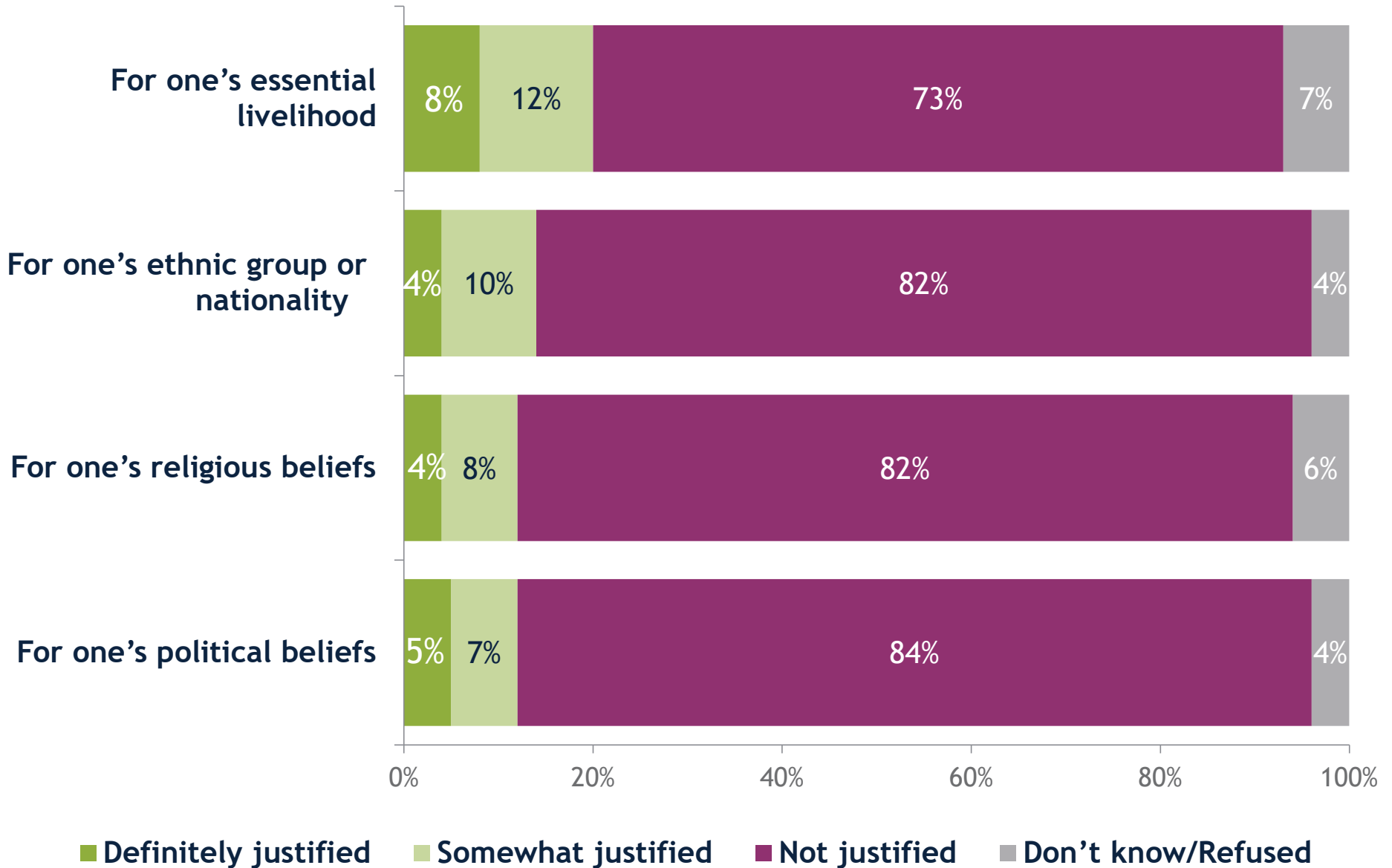




To what extent is violent extremism a problem in our country?



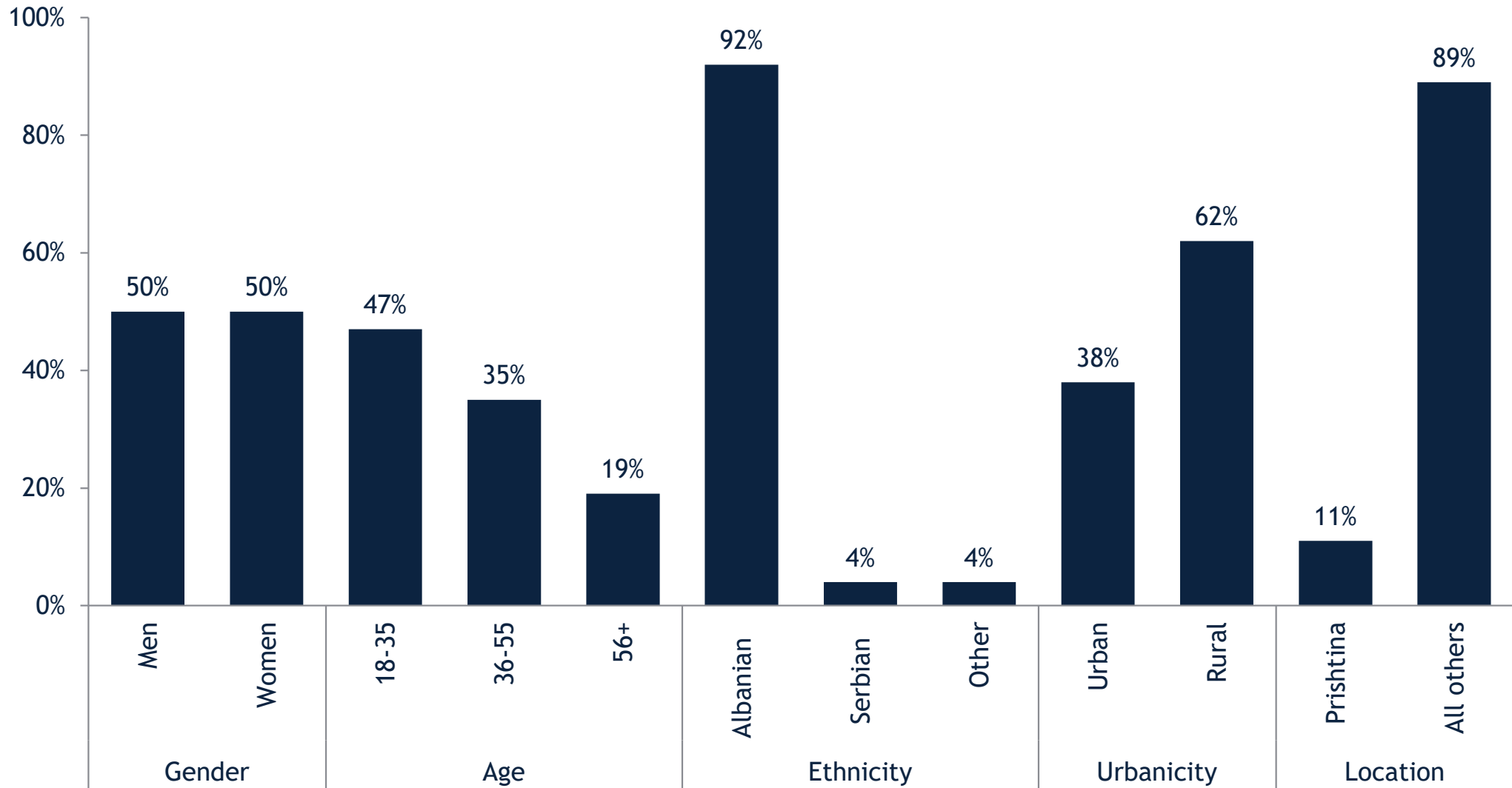
Now I would like to discuss under what circumstances you think it is justified to use physical violence. For each of the examples below, would you say that it is definitely justified, somewhat justified, or not justified at all?



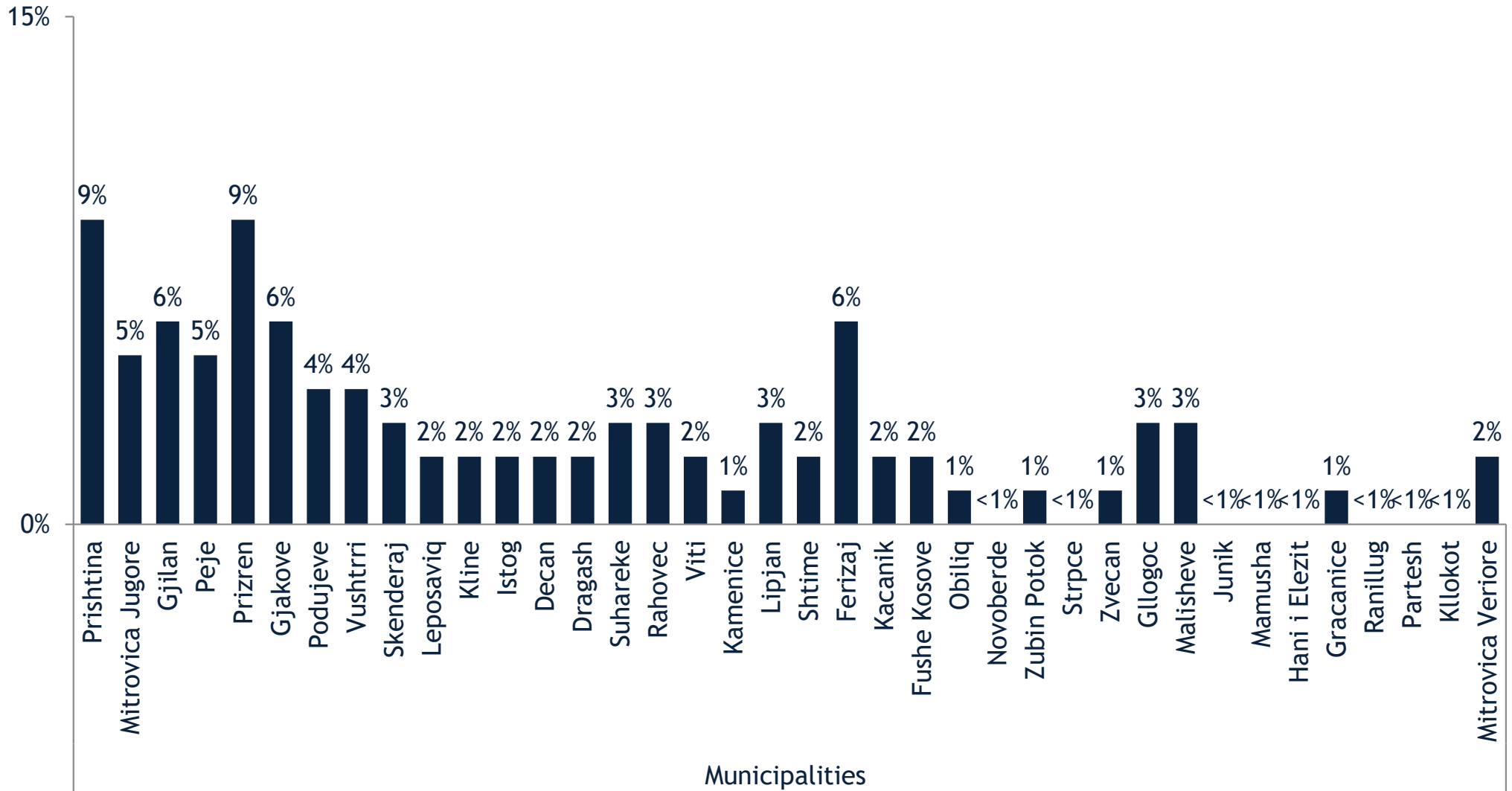
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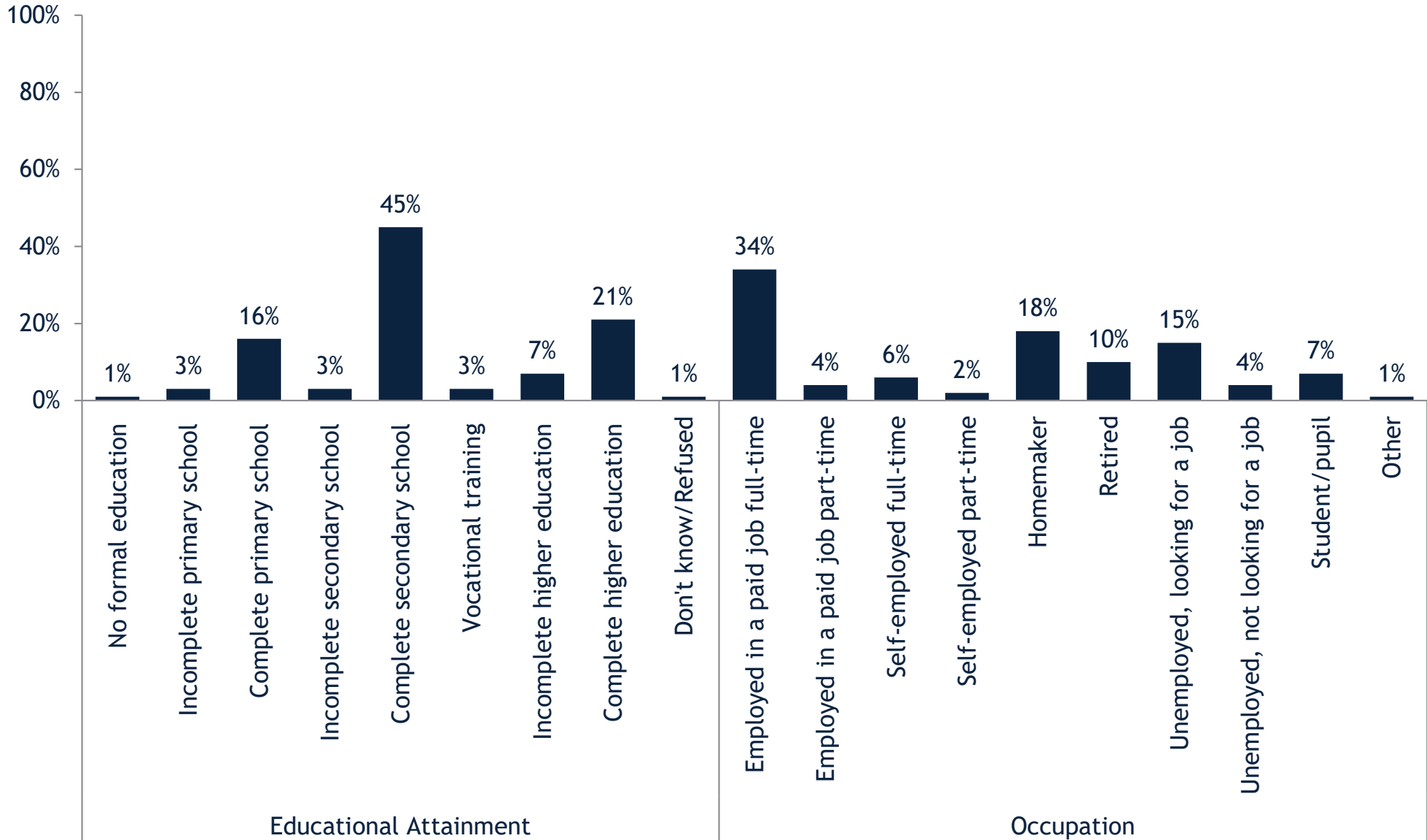
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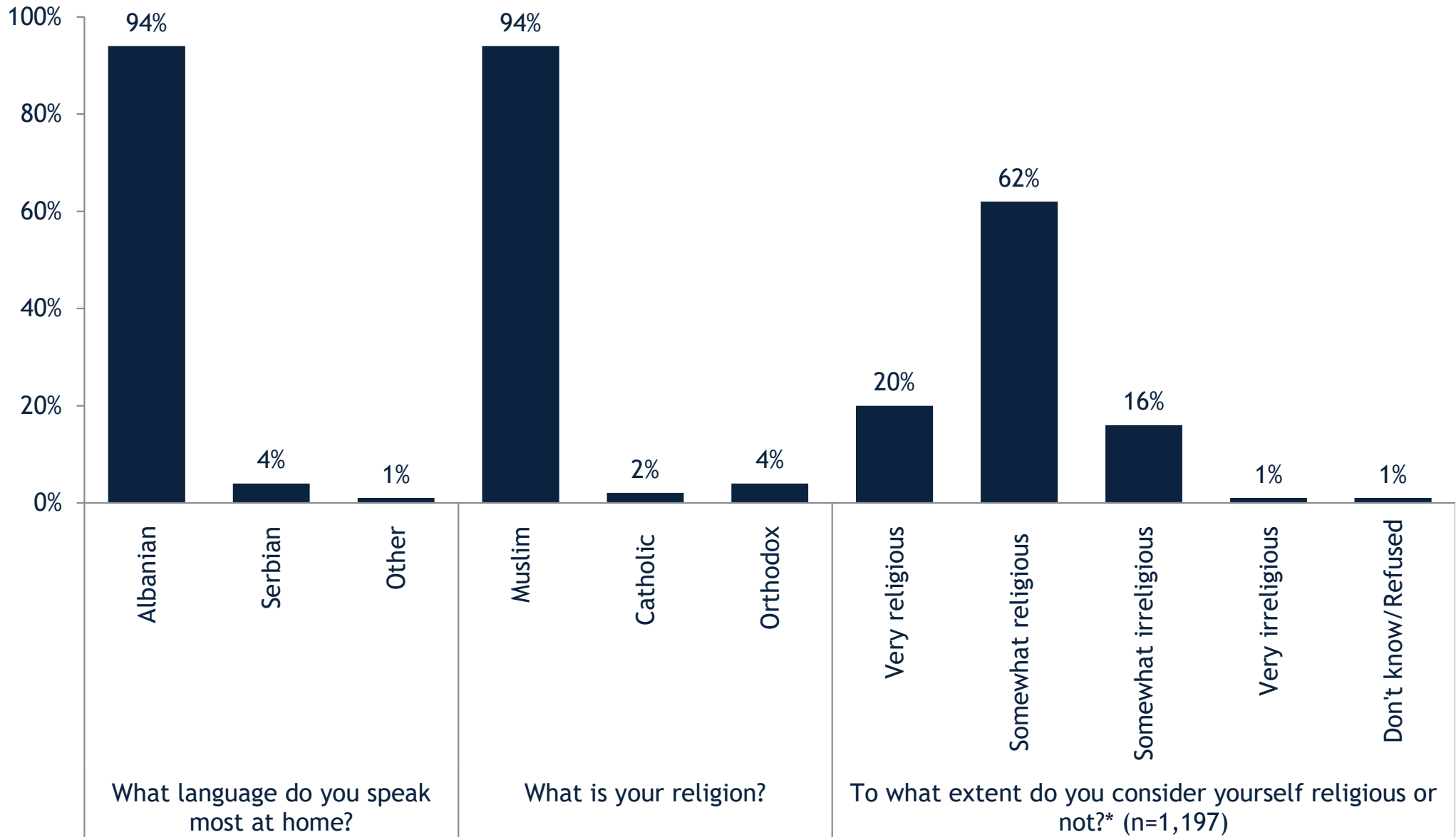
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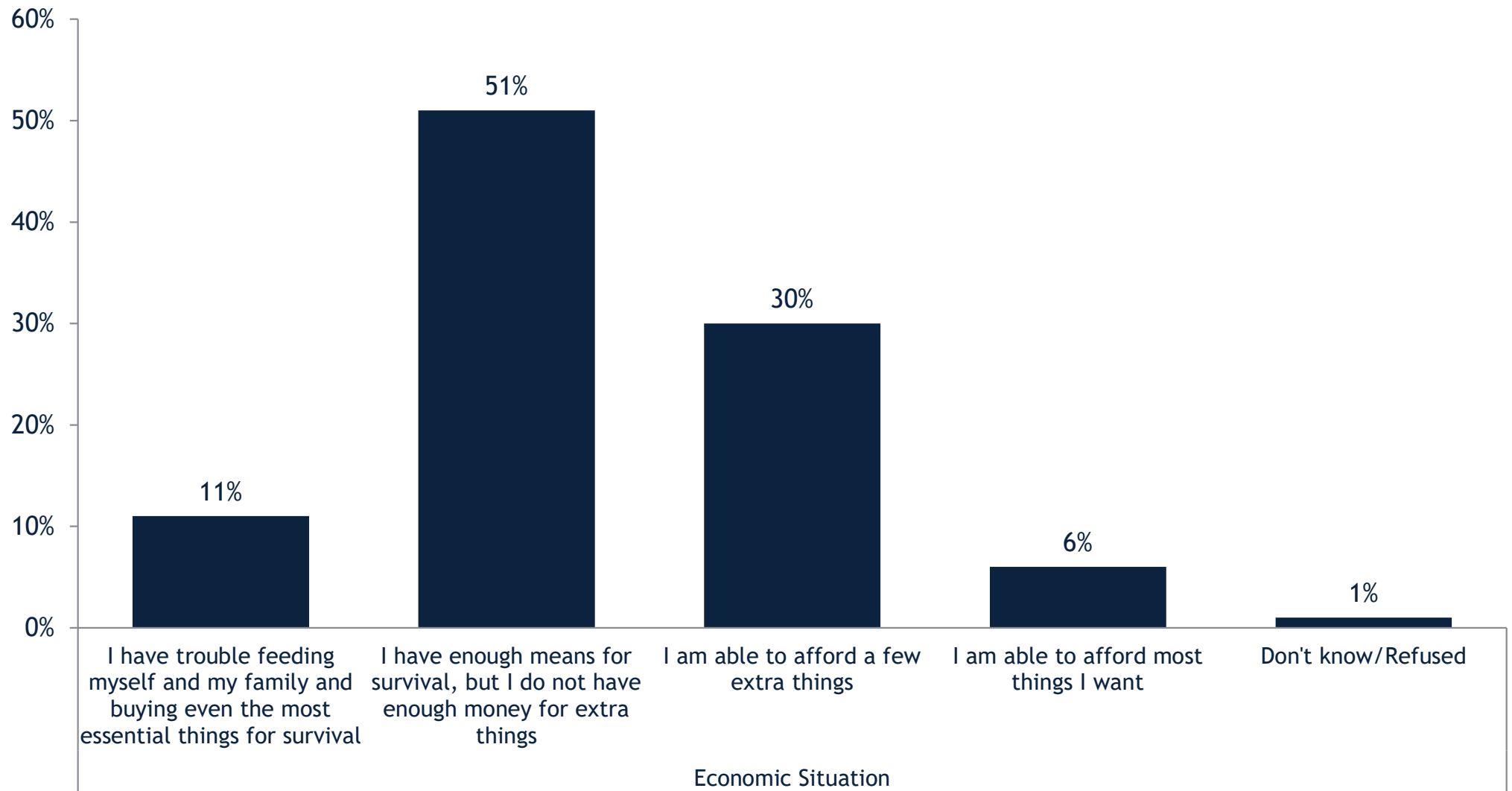


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*Among those who did not declare "no religion"

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