

Armenia National Voter Study

July 2007



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

- This national voter survey was conducted on July 5-12, 2007.
- 1,200 Armenian residents aged 18 years and older were interviewed face-to-face. The margin of error does not exceed three percent.
- The survey was carried out on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- The study was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene).
- The fieldwork was carried out by the Armenian Sociological Association.

MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

Mood of the country: 54% of Armenians think that the country is on the wrong track, while 38% think that the country is going in the right direction

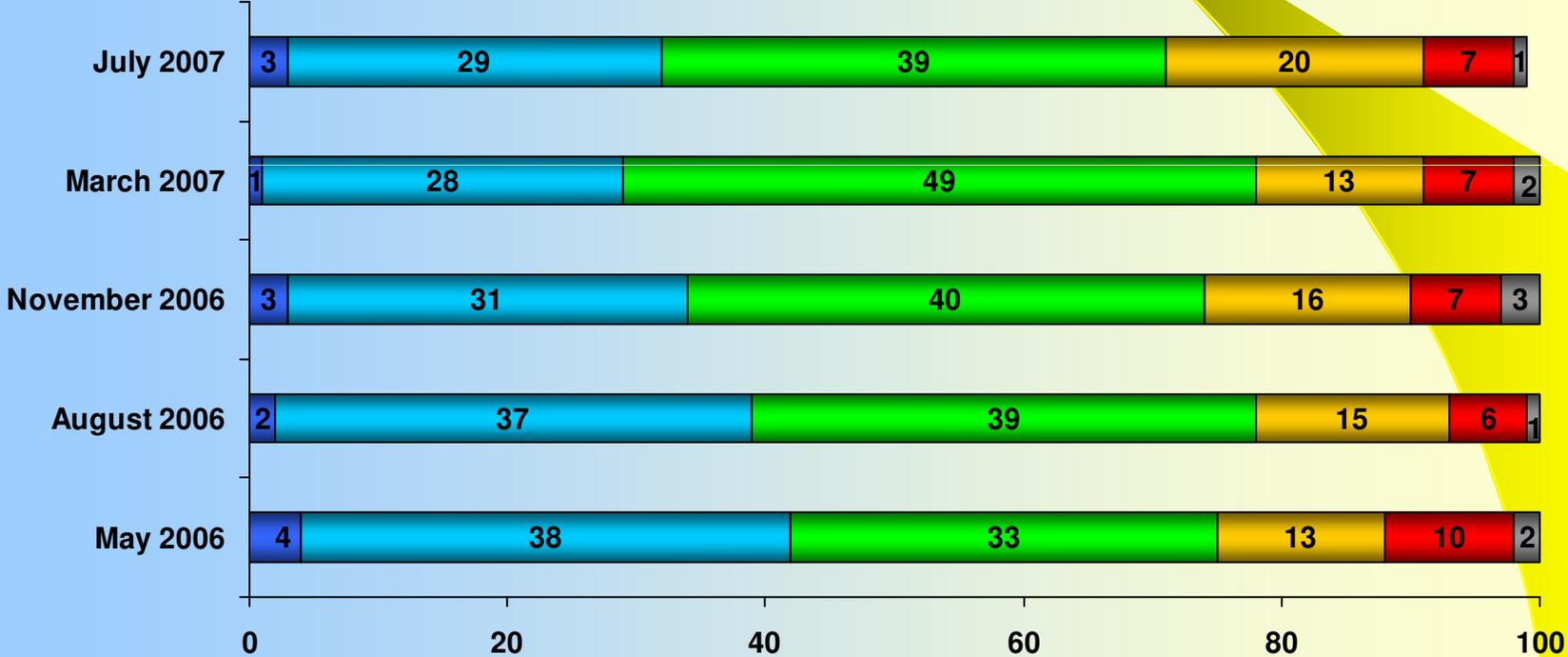
Do you think that things in Armenia are going in the...



Mood of the country: 32% of Armenians see improvement in the country's economy, while 27% think it is declining

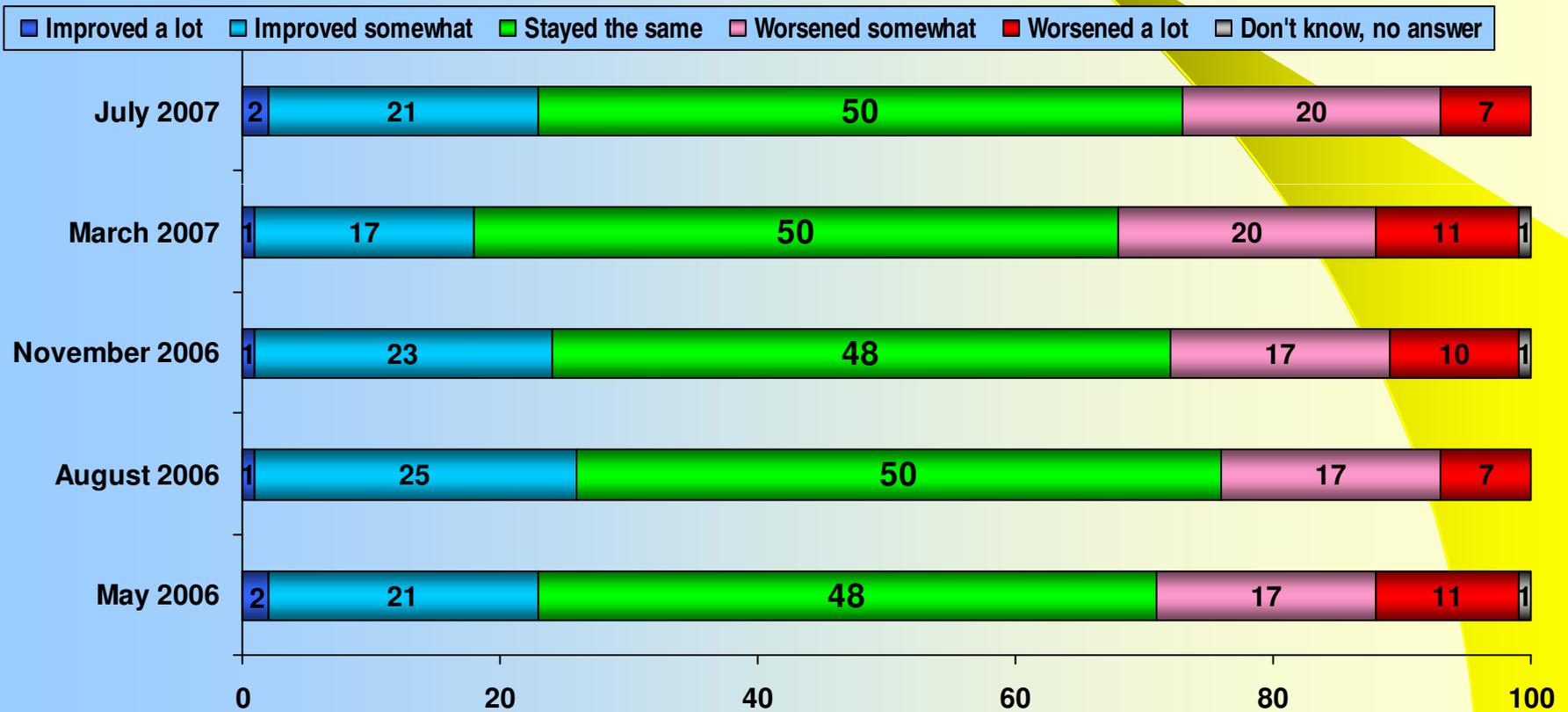
Over the last three months, the economic situation in Armenia has...

■ Improved a lot
 ■ Improved somewhat
 ■ Stayed the same
 ■ Worsened somewhat
 ■ Worsened a lot
 ■ Don't know, no answer



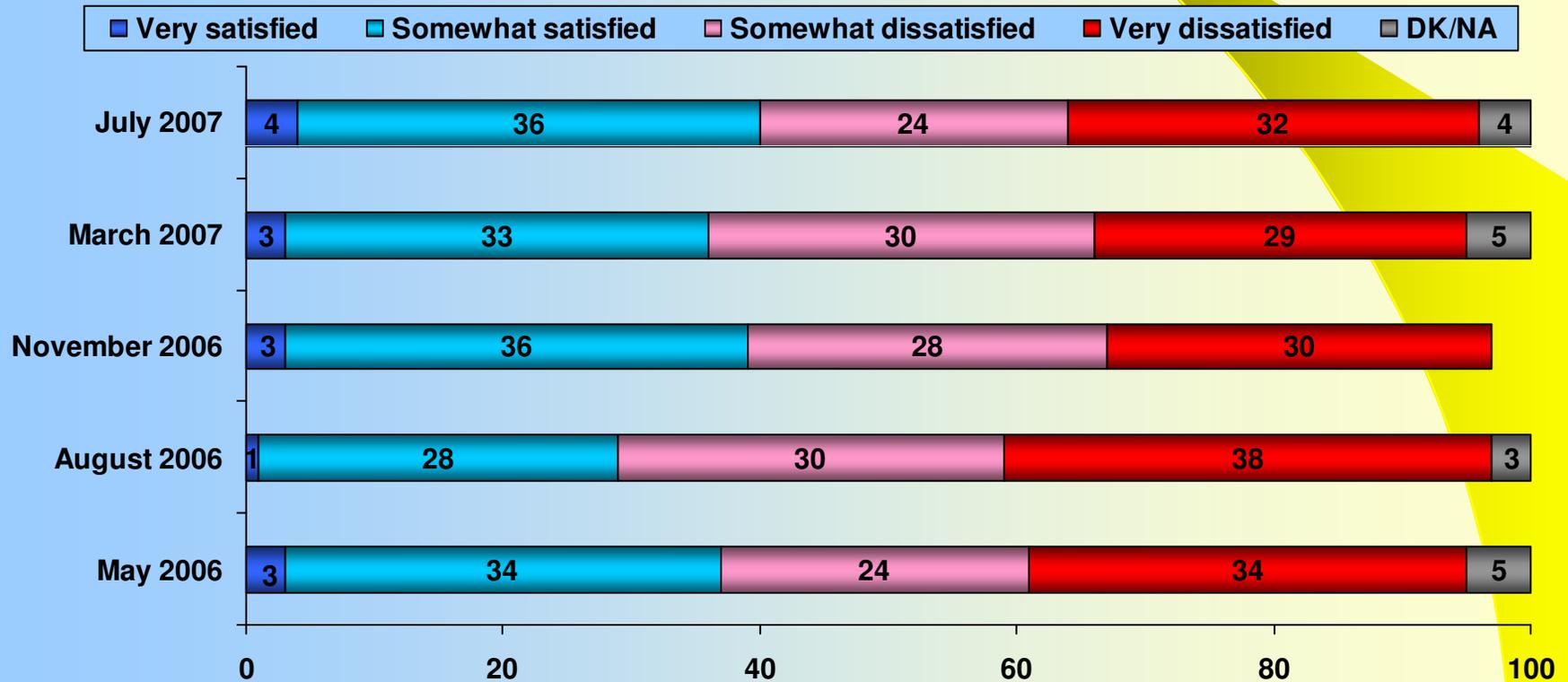
Mood of the country: 23% of Armenians say their household's financial situation has improved, while 27% say it has declined

Over the last three months, the financial situation of your household has...



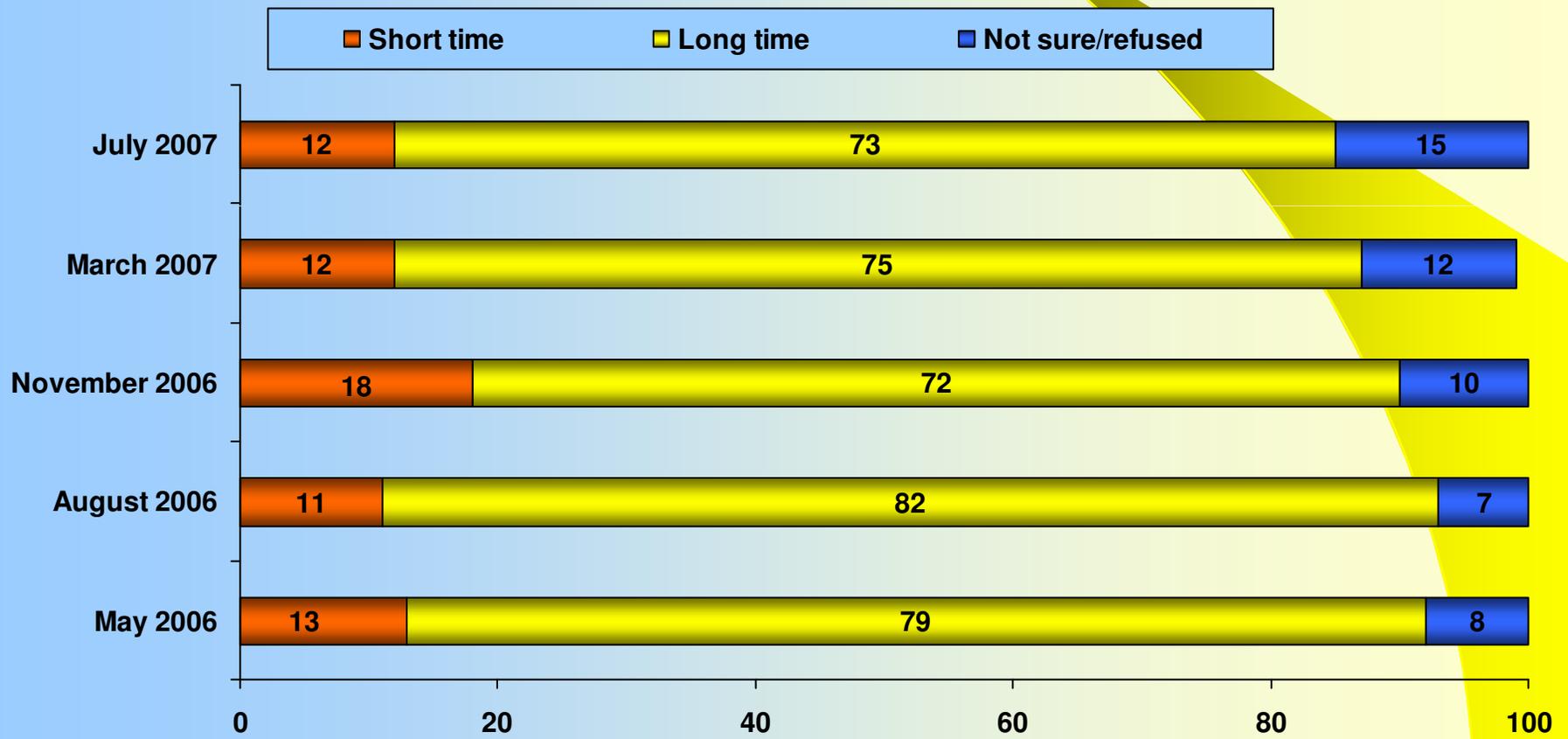
Mood of the country: 40% of Armenians are satisfied with the development of democracy, while 56% are not

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

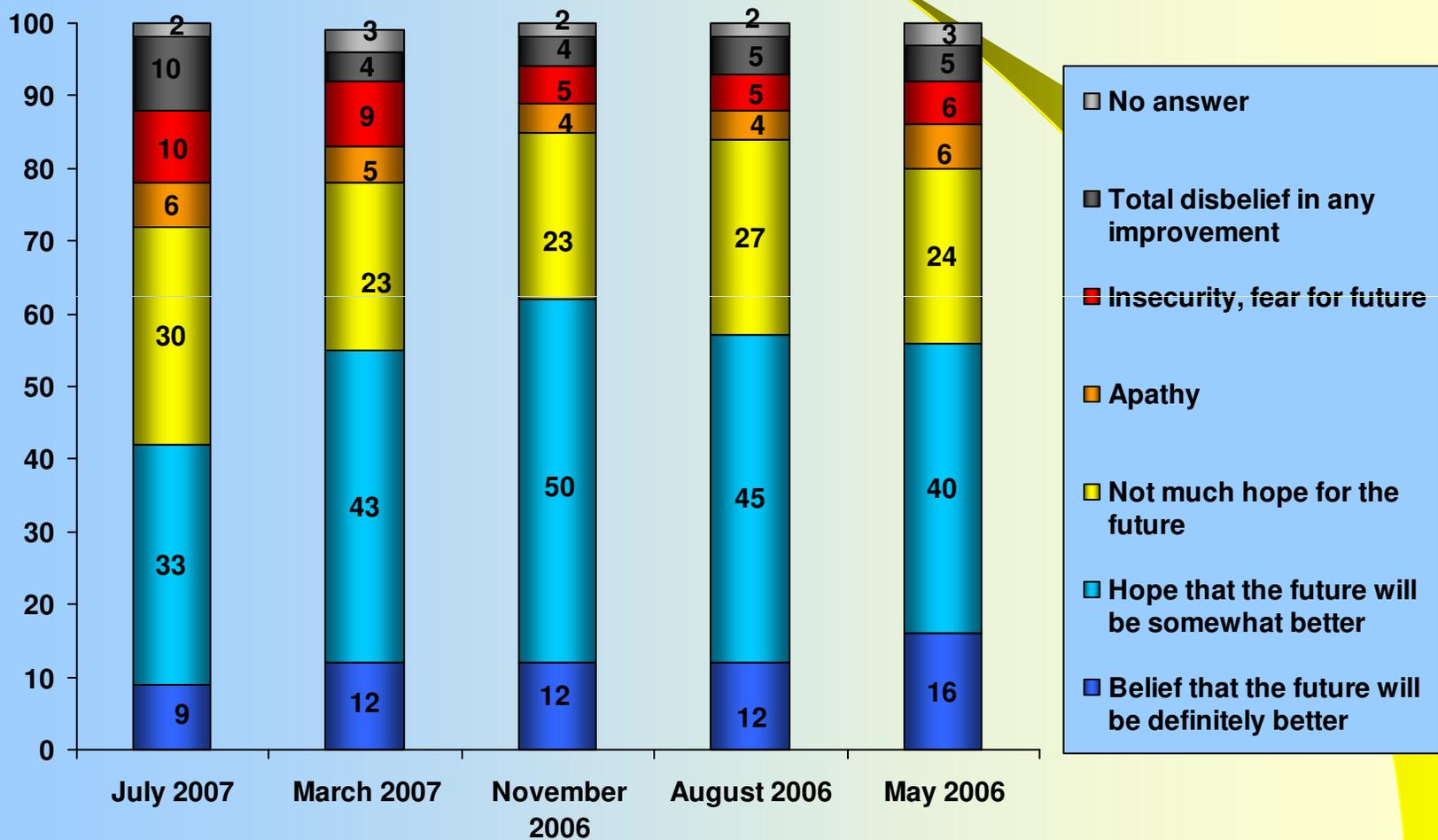


Mood of the country: An overall majority of Armenians think that it will take a long time to improve things in their country

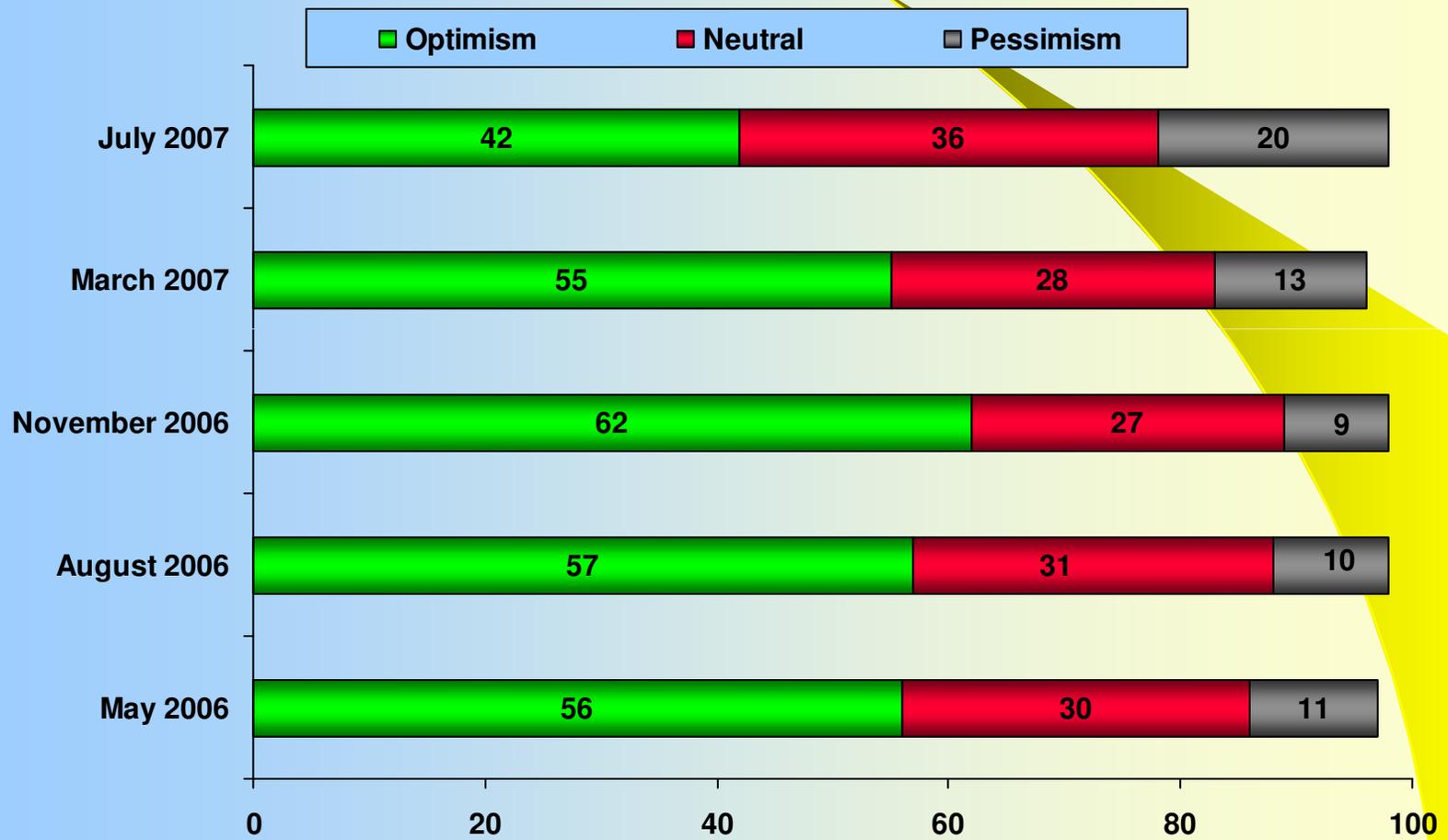
Do you believe that things will get better in a short time, or will it take a long time for things to get better in the country?



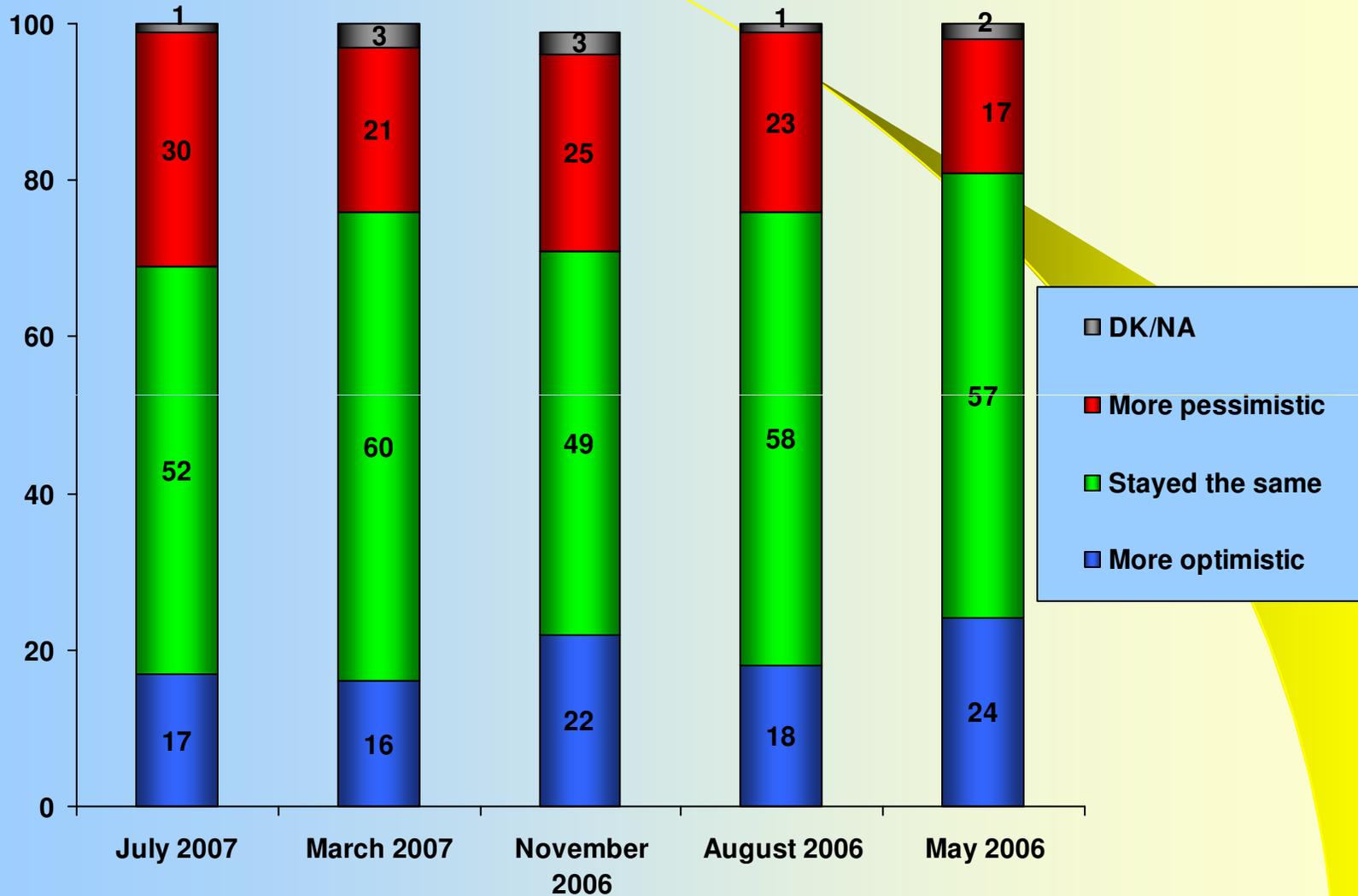
Mood of the Nation: Expectations



Mood of the Nation

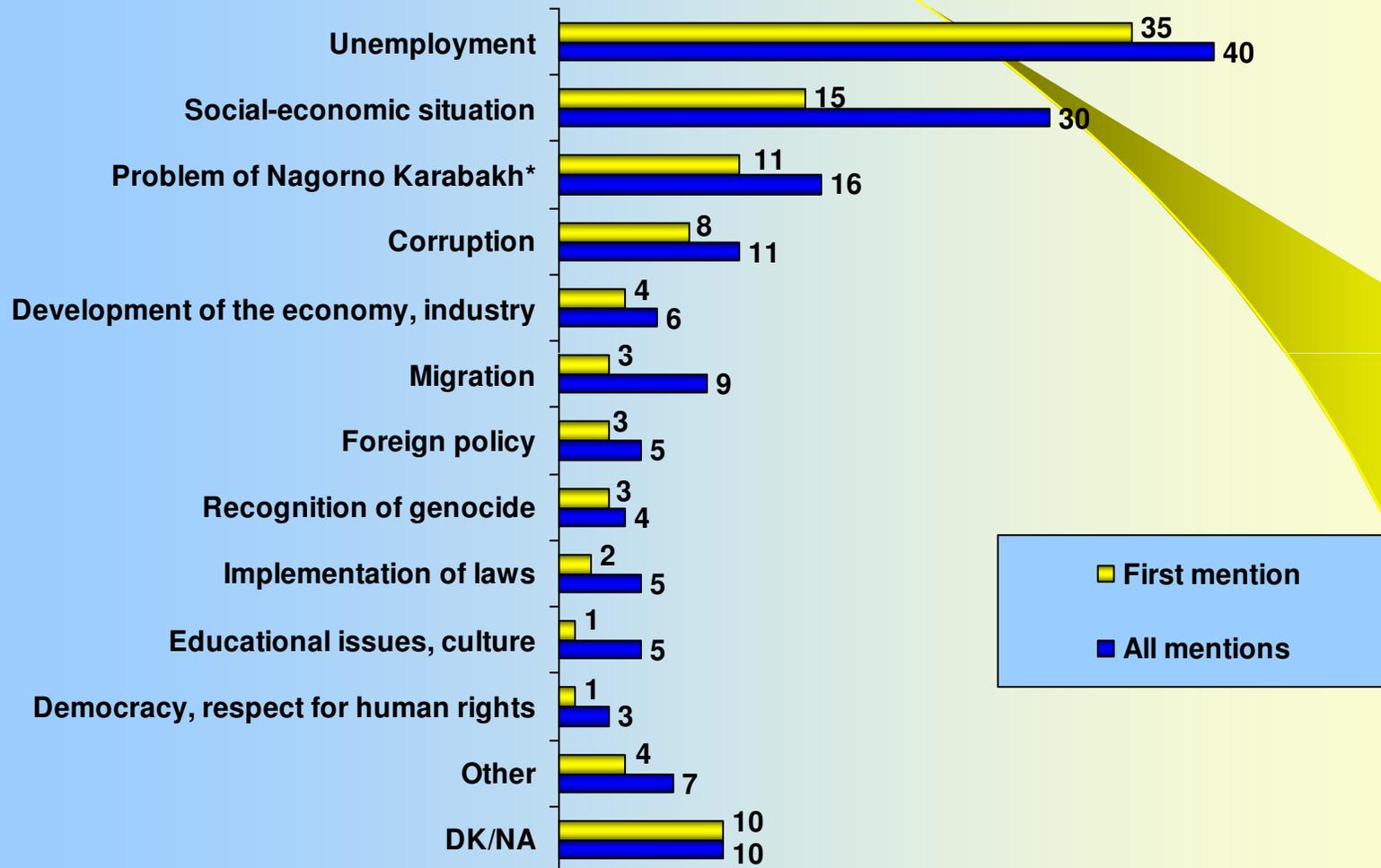


Over the last year attitude towards the way things are developing in Armenia has become:



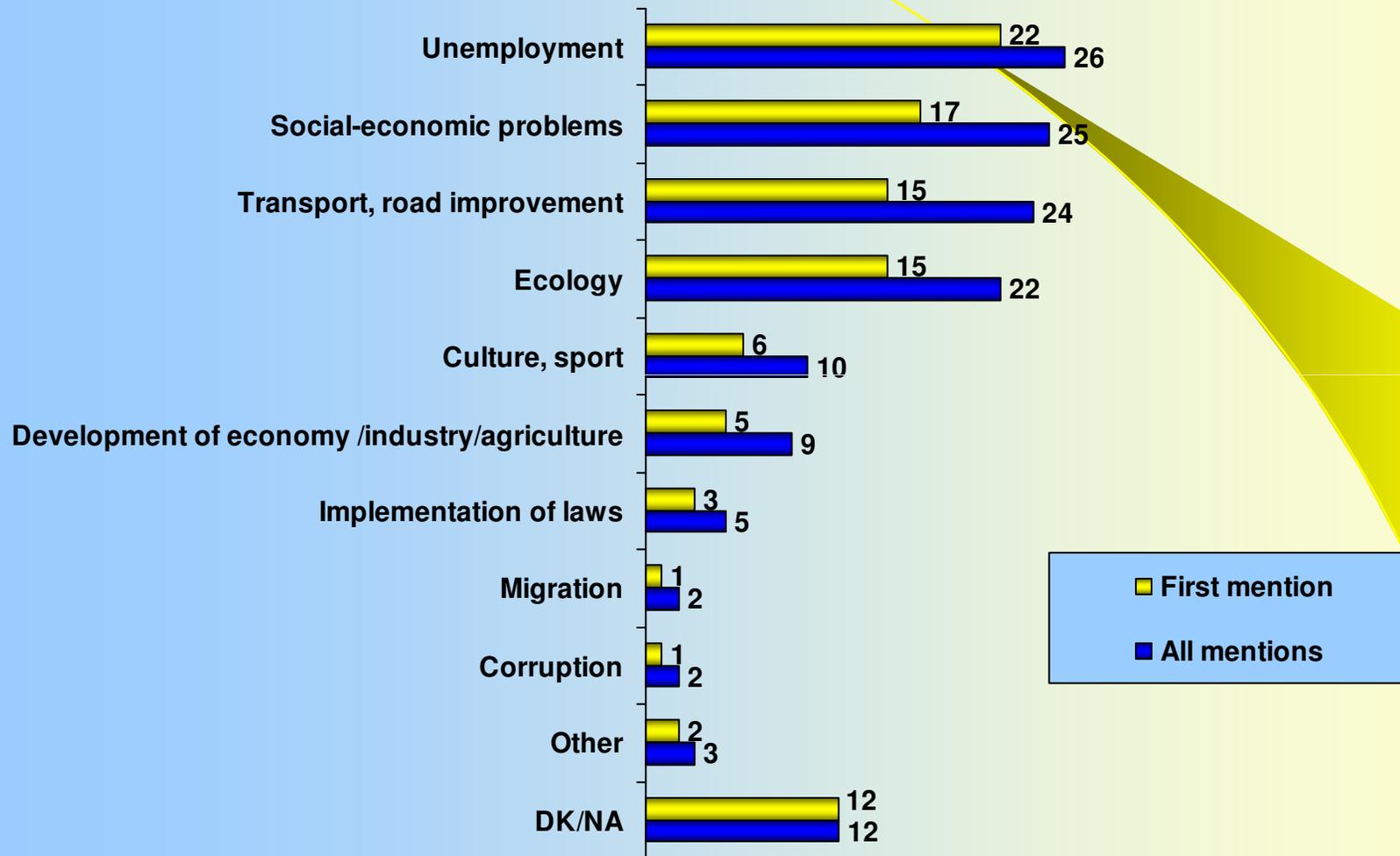
ISSUES

Most important issues facing Armenia July 2007 (%)

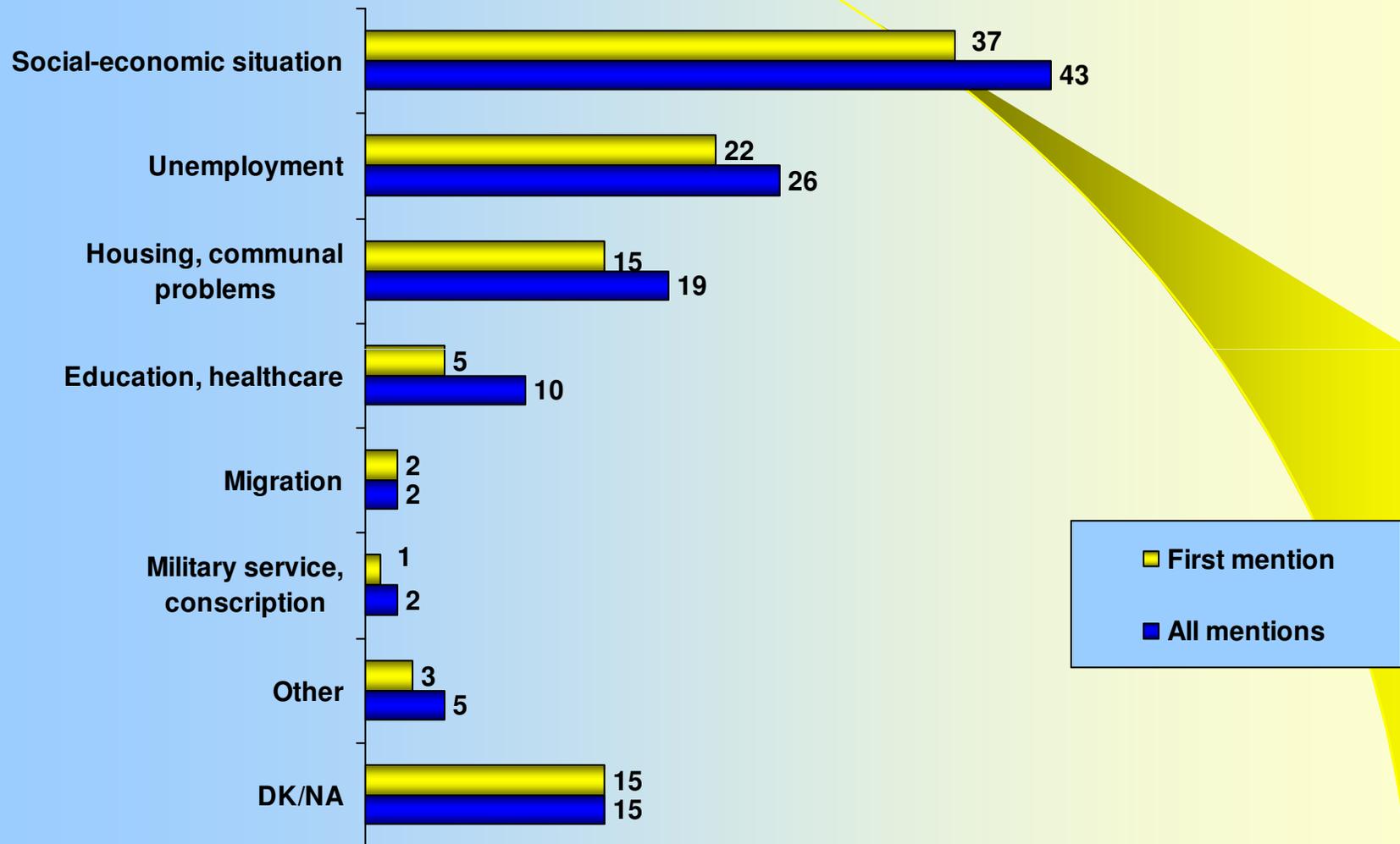


* Between 1991-1994 Armenia and Azerbaijan engaged in military conflict for possession of this disputed territory

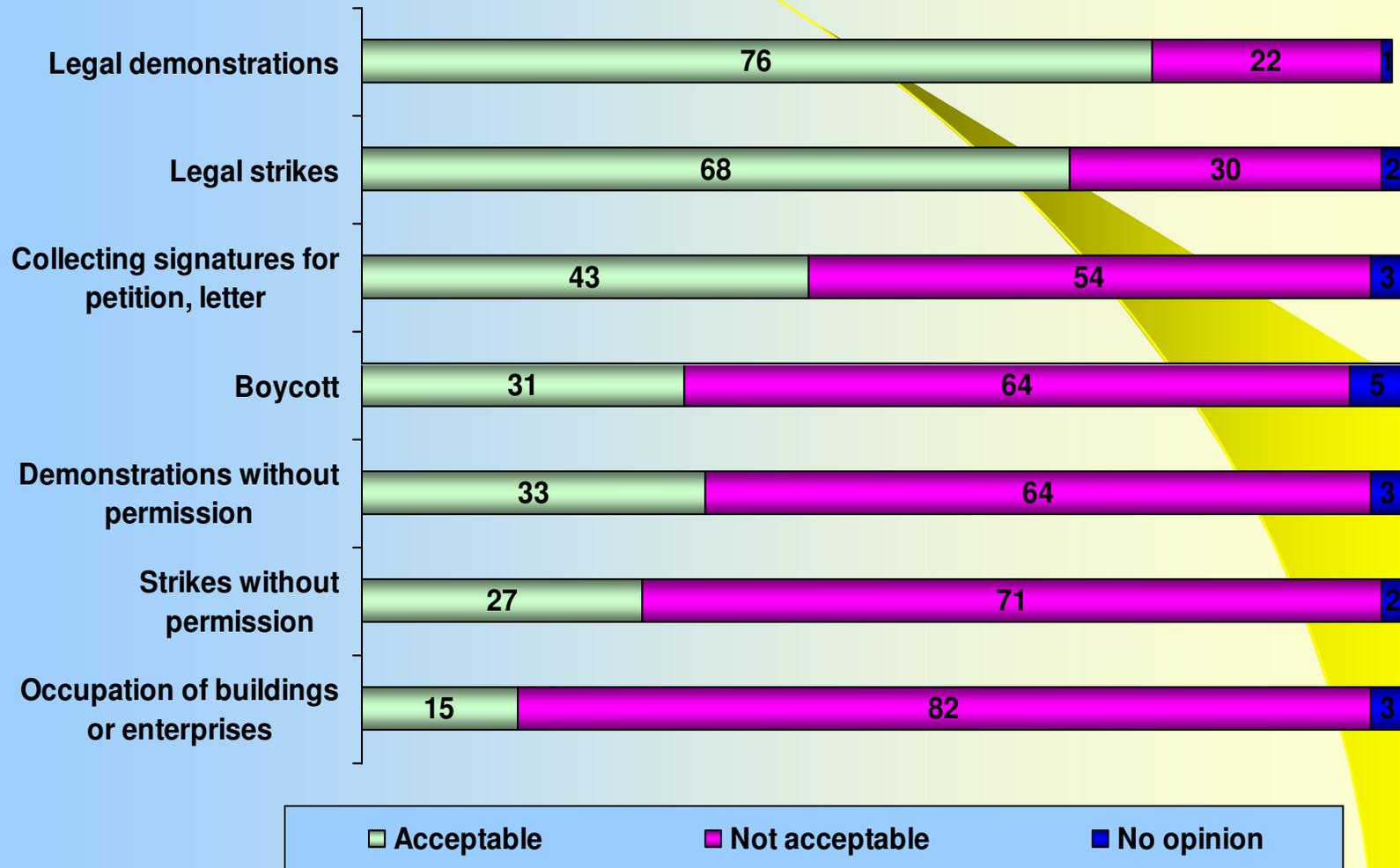
Most important issue facing towns/villages in Armenia July 2007 (%)



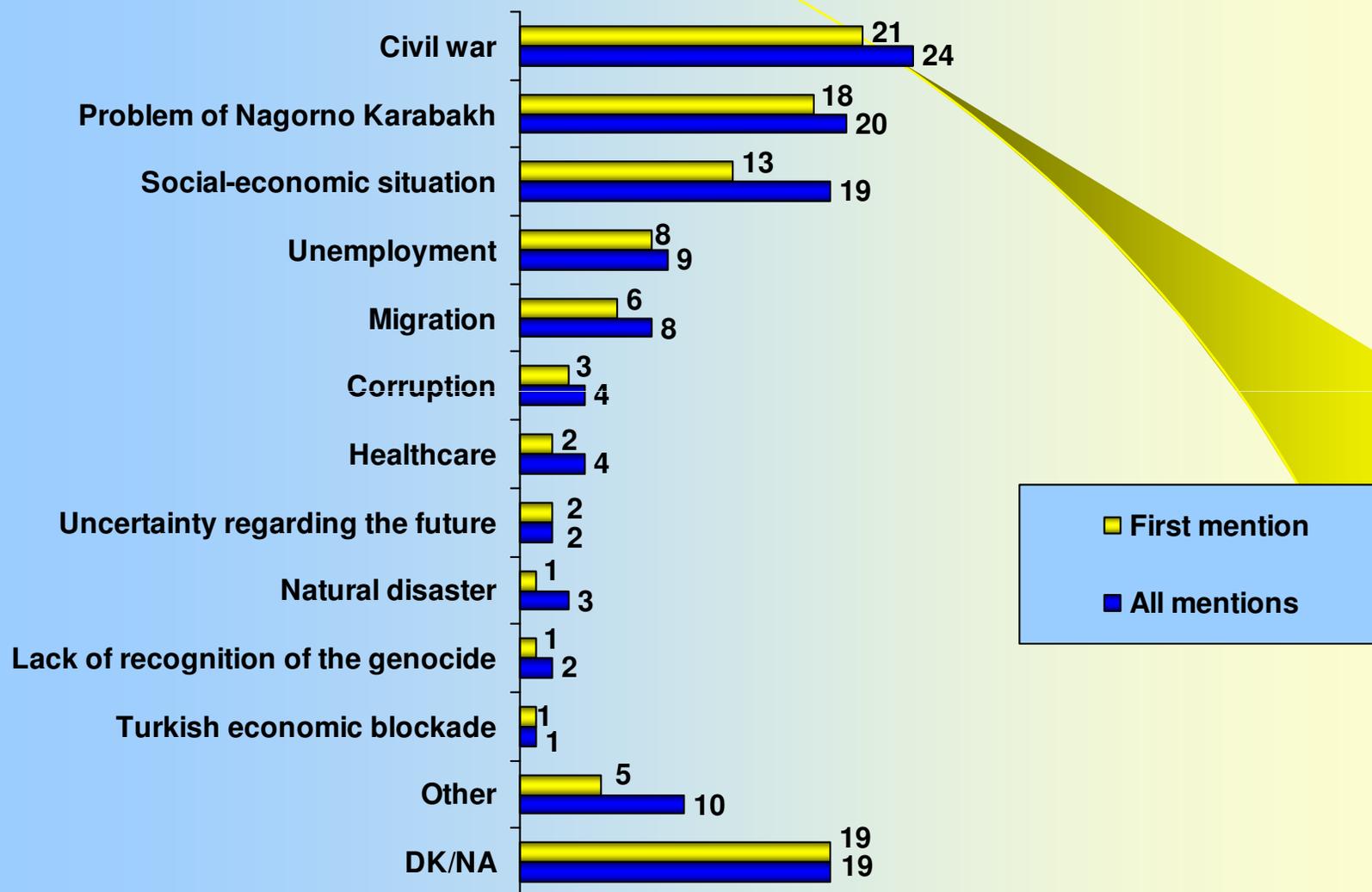
Most important issue facing households in Armenia July 2007 (%)



Acceptability of Forms of Social Protest July 2007 (%)

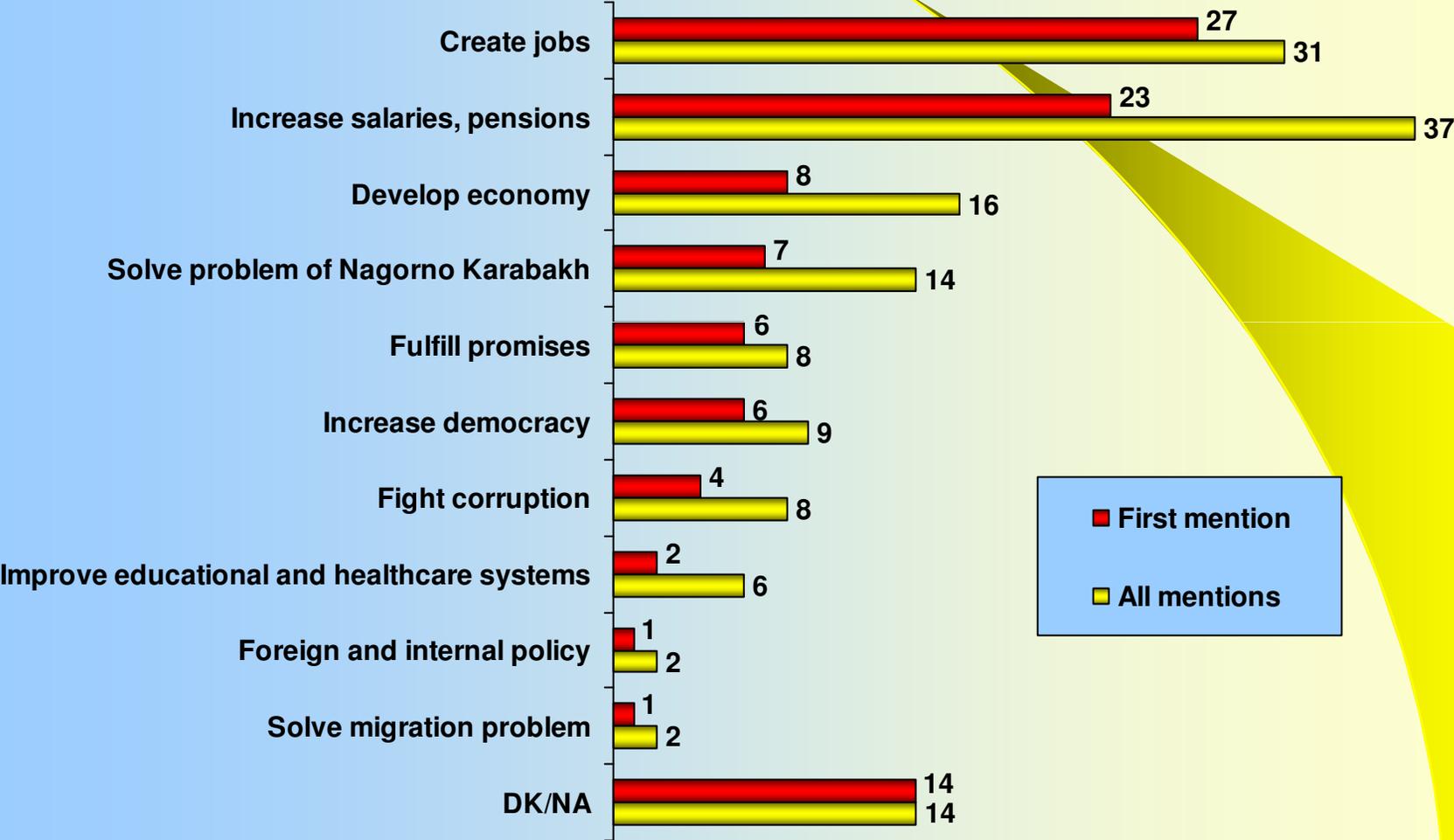


People's Fears July 2007 (%)

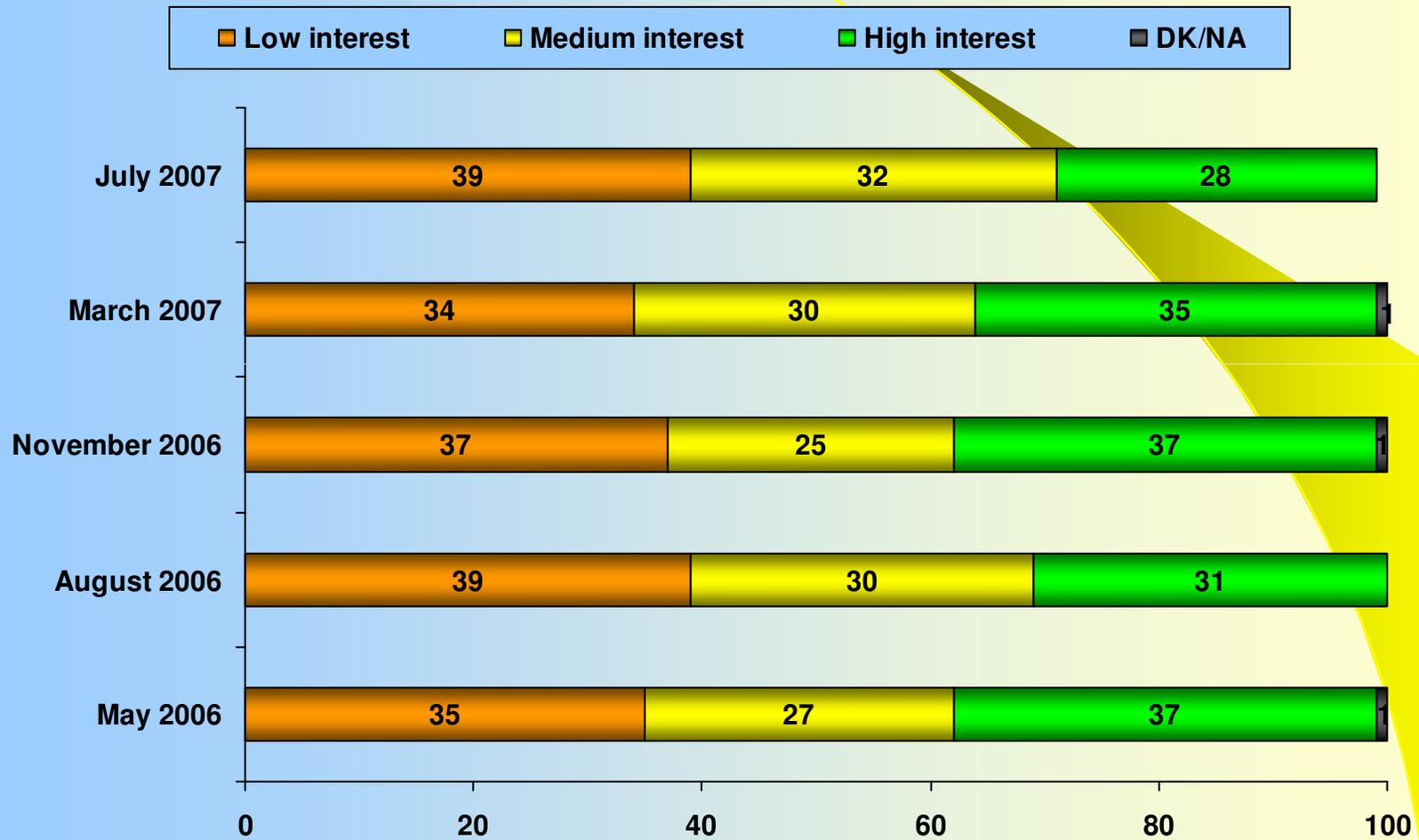


POLITICS

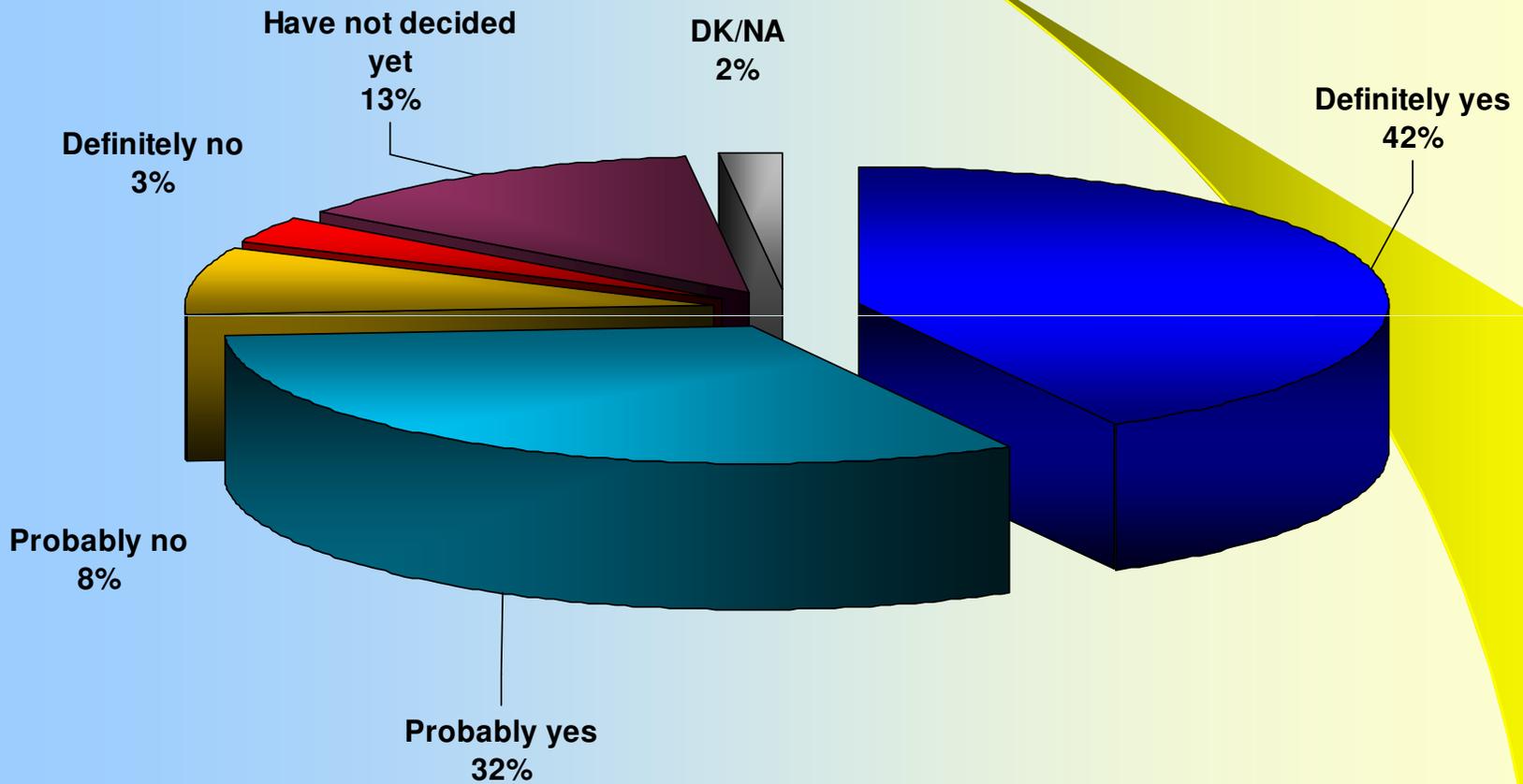
What should the Armenian government accomplish first to attract the support of the majority of the Armenian population? July 2007 (%)



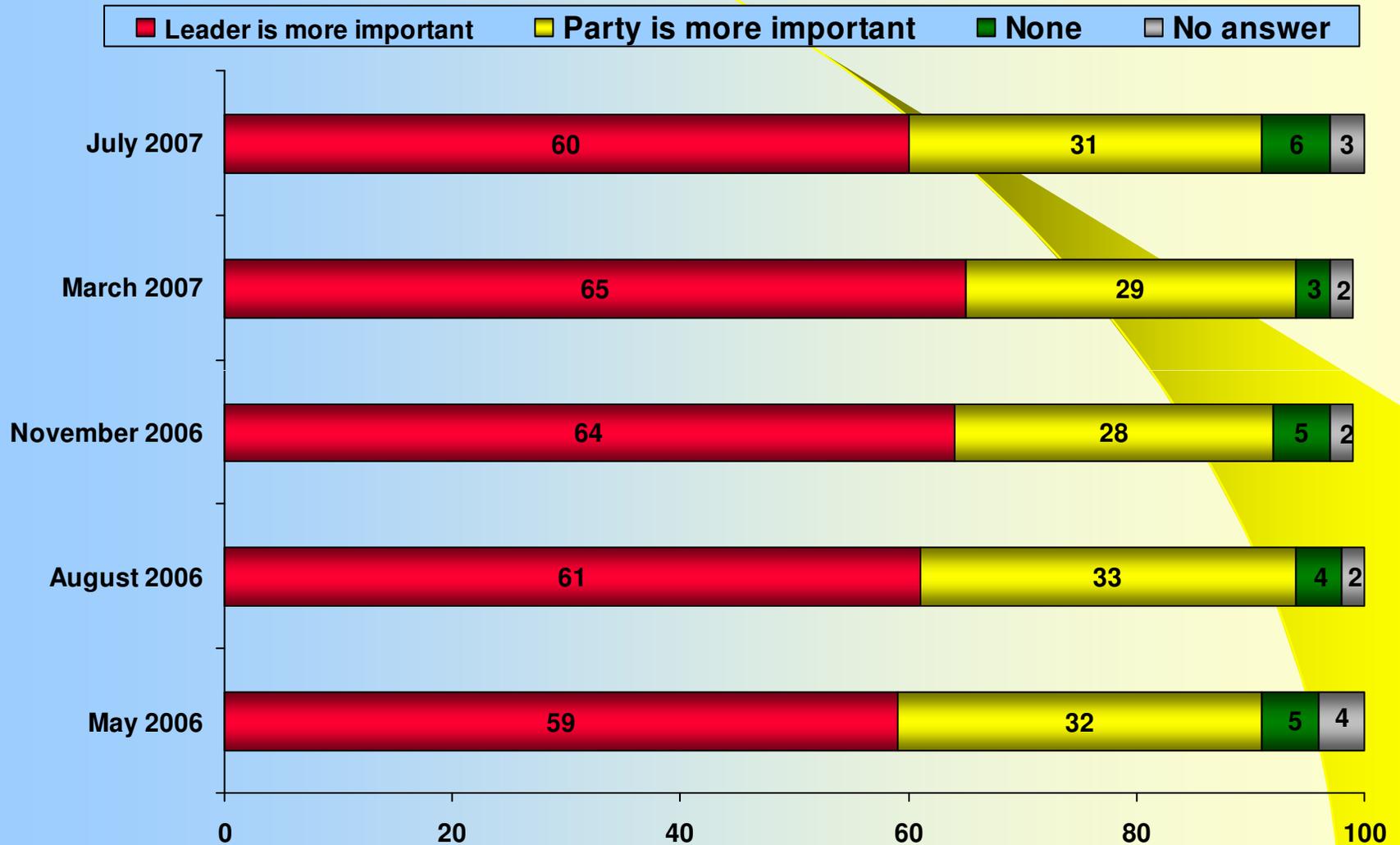
Interest in Politics (%)



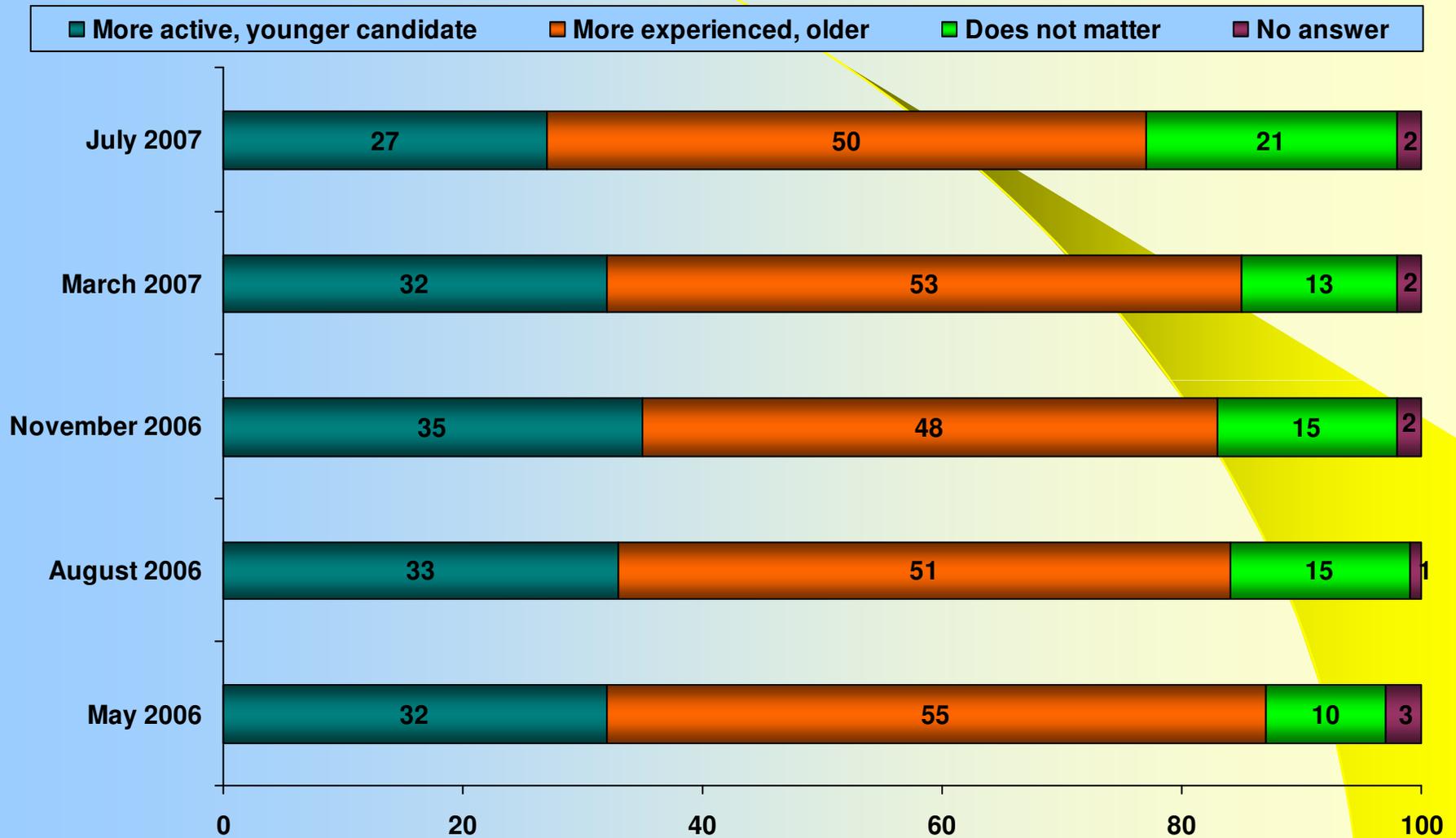
Do you plan on voting in the next presidential elections?



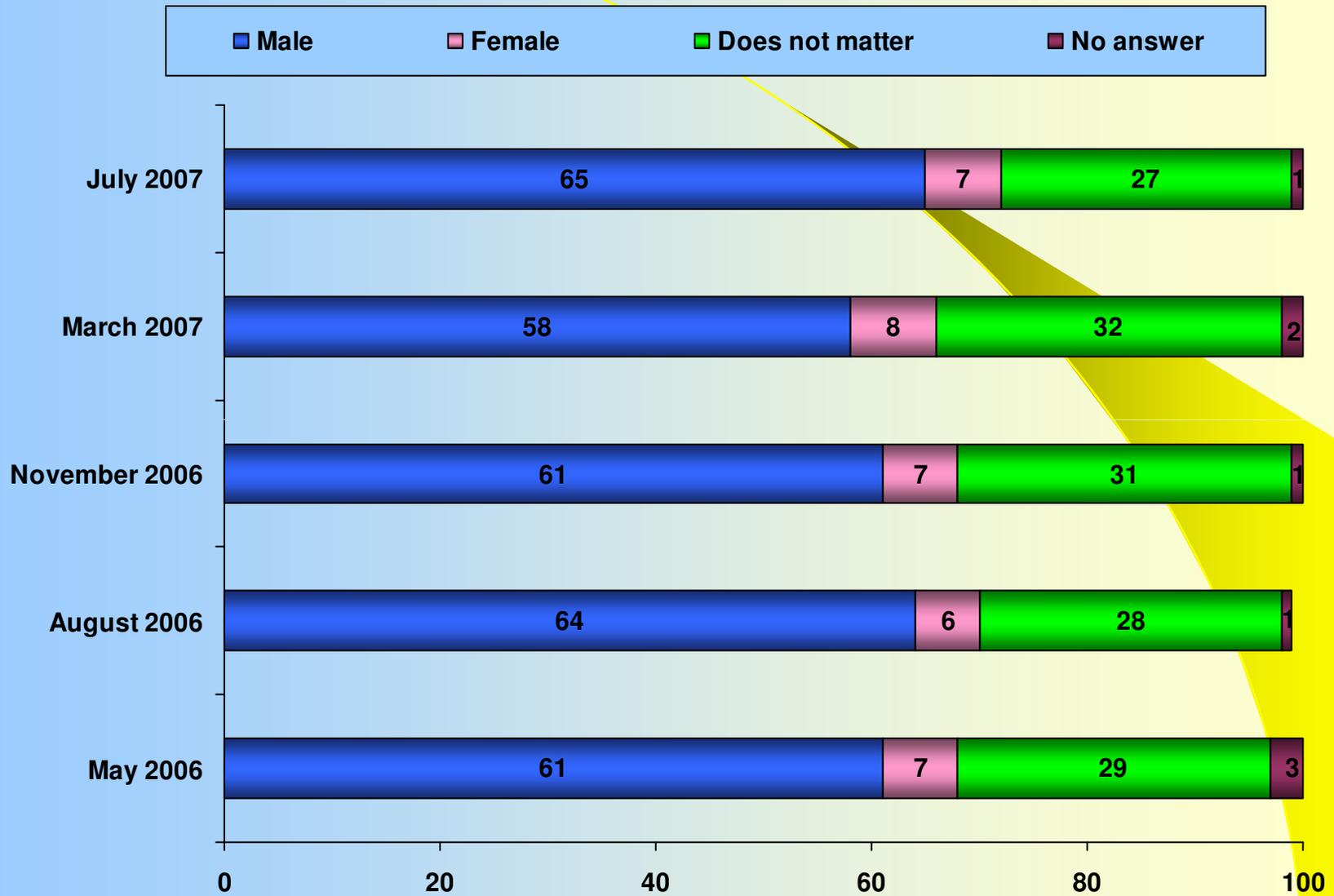
When considering which party to vote for, what is more important?



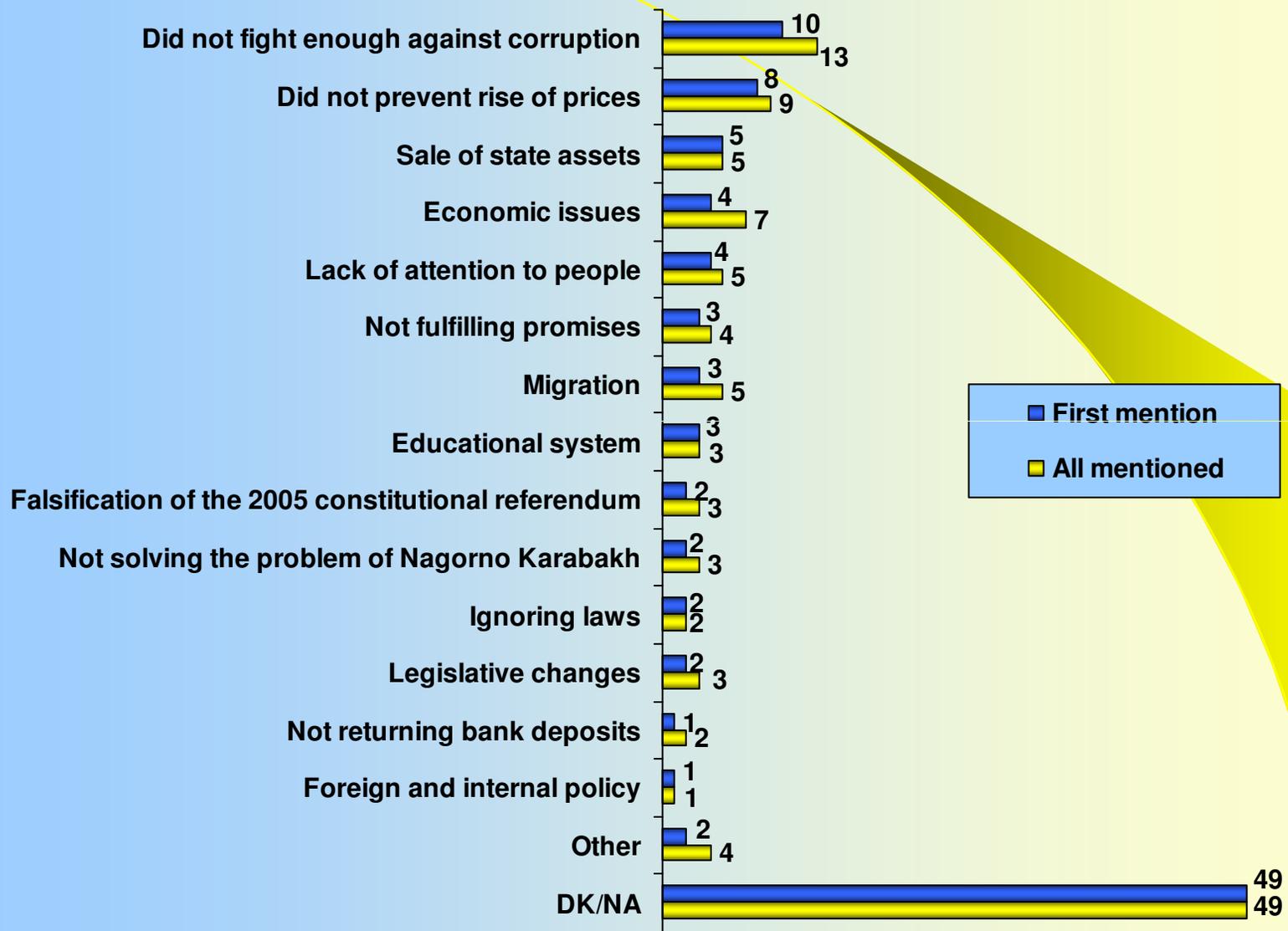
All other things equal, would vote for:



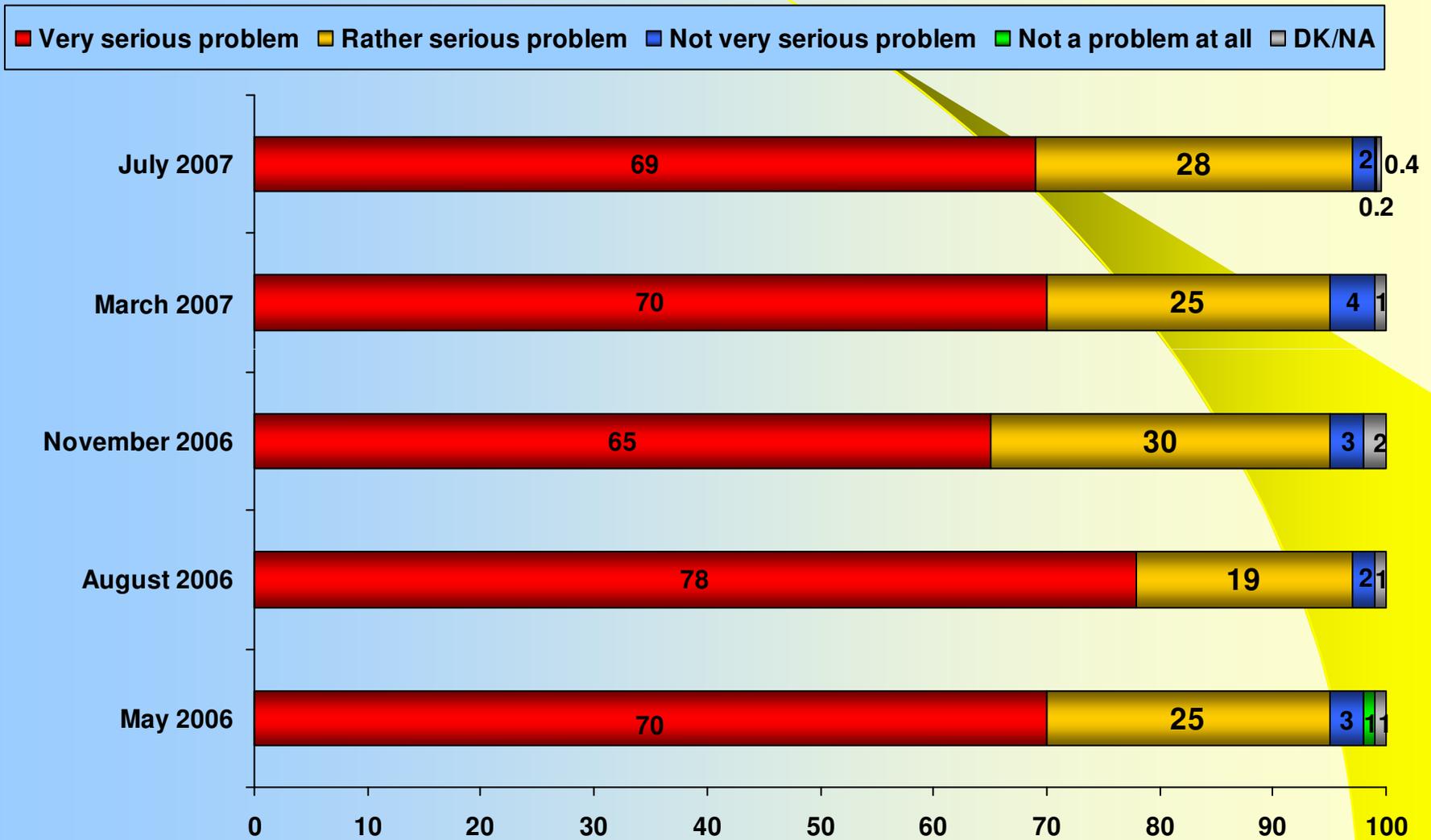
All other things equal, would vote for:



Major mistakes and failures of Armenian authorities over the last year: July 2007 (%)



The wrongdoing and corruption of political leaders and authorities is... (%)



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

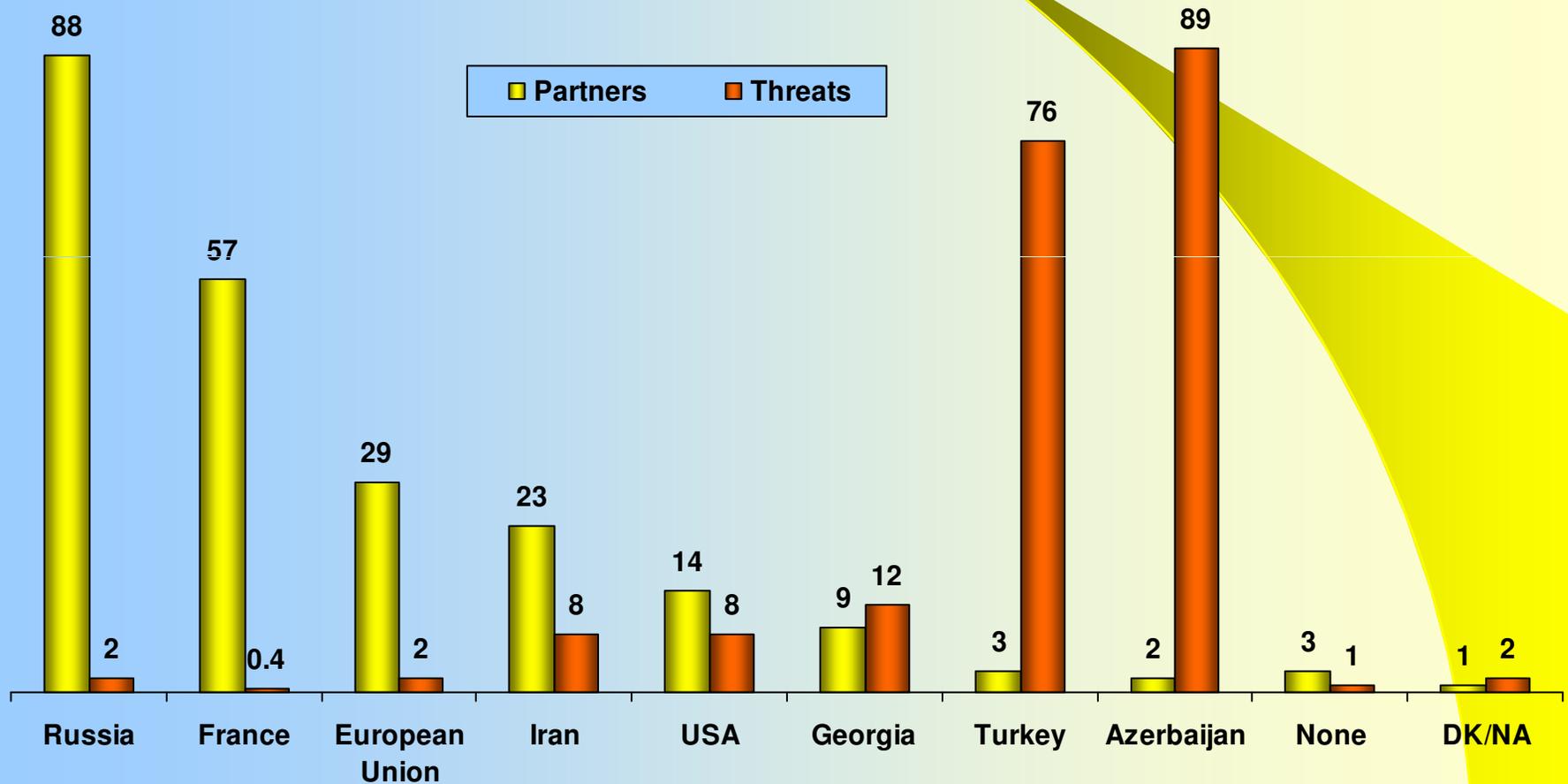
Evaluation of relations with... July 2007 (%)



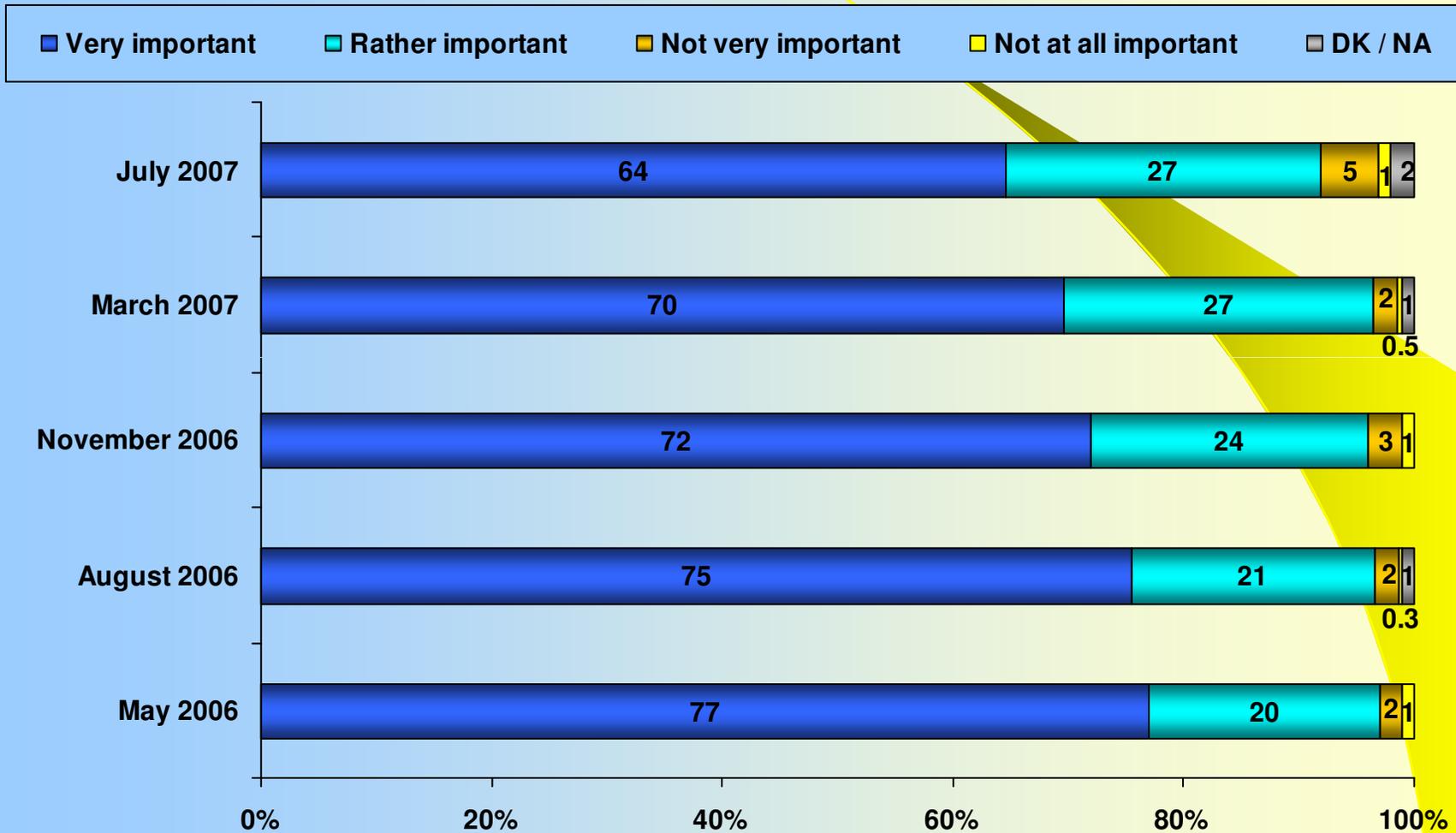
International Relations: Partners and Threats

July 2007 (%)

Which countries are the most important partners for Armenia?
And which comprise the greatest political and economic threat?

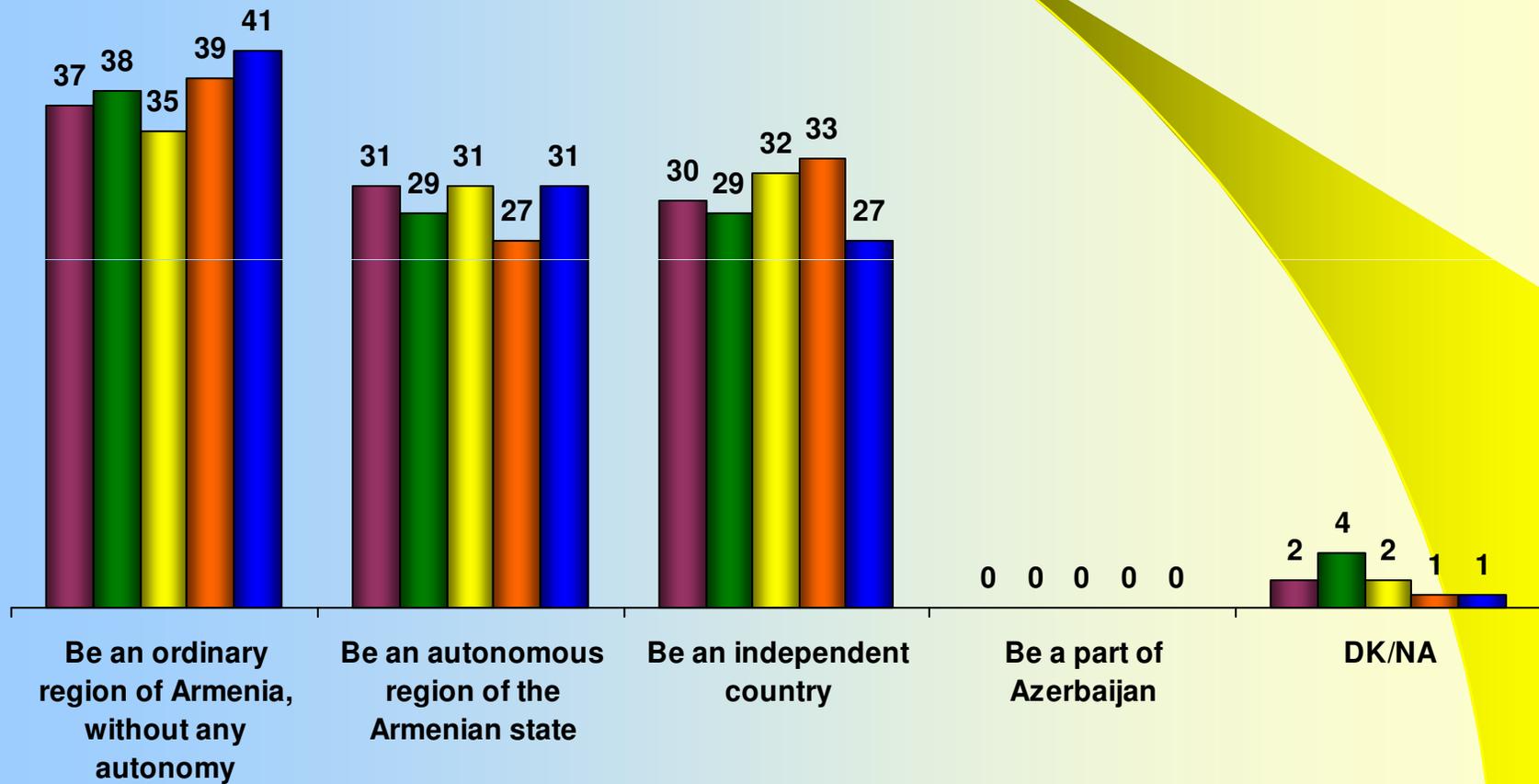


How important is it for Armenia to solve the problems related to Nagorno Karabakh in the near future? Is it... (%)

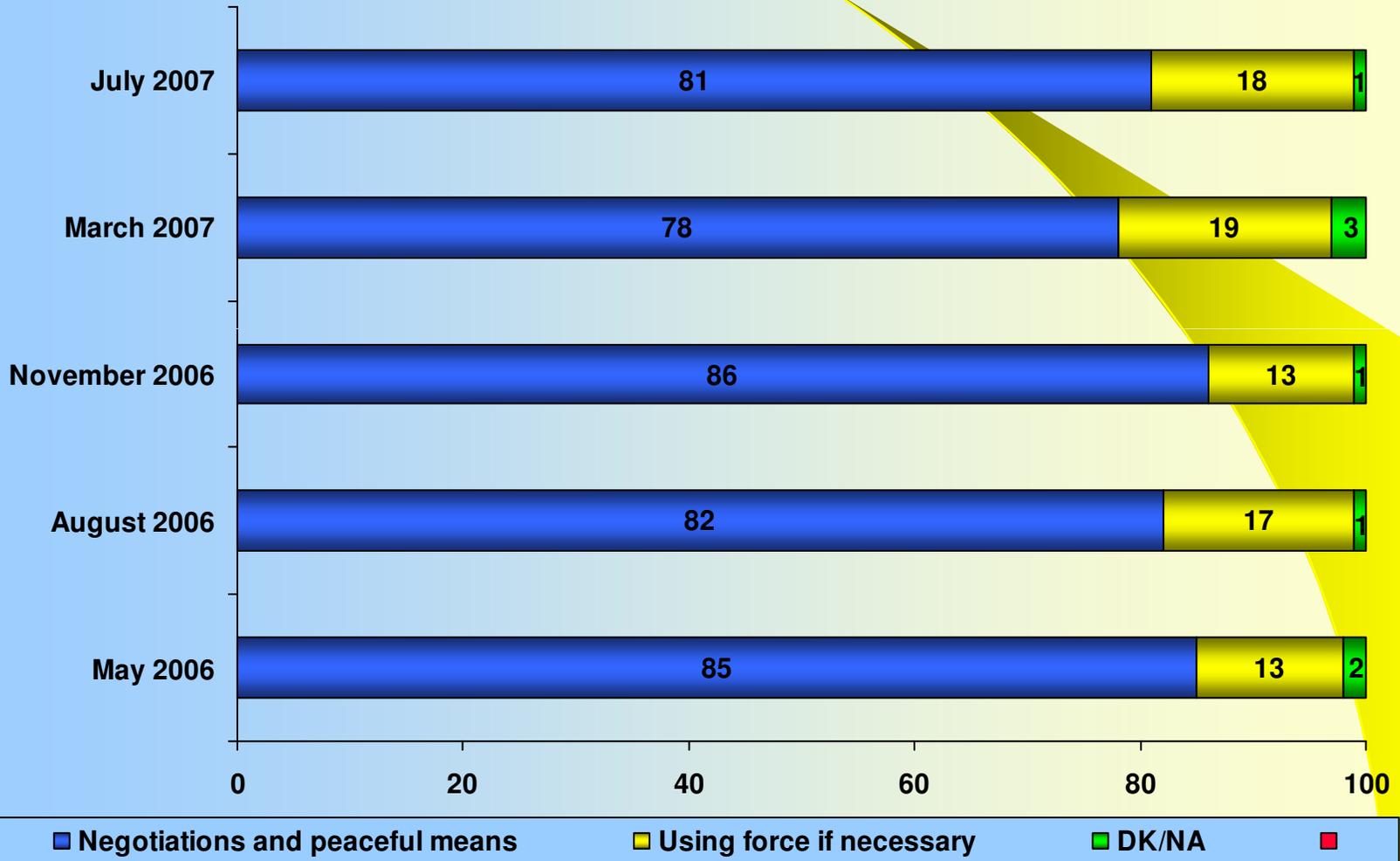


Thinking about the future of Nagorno Karabakh, do you think it should... (%)

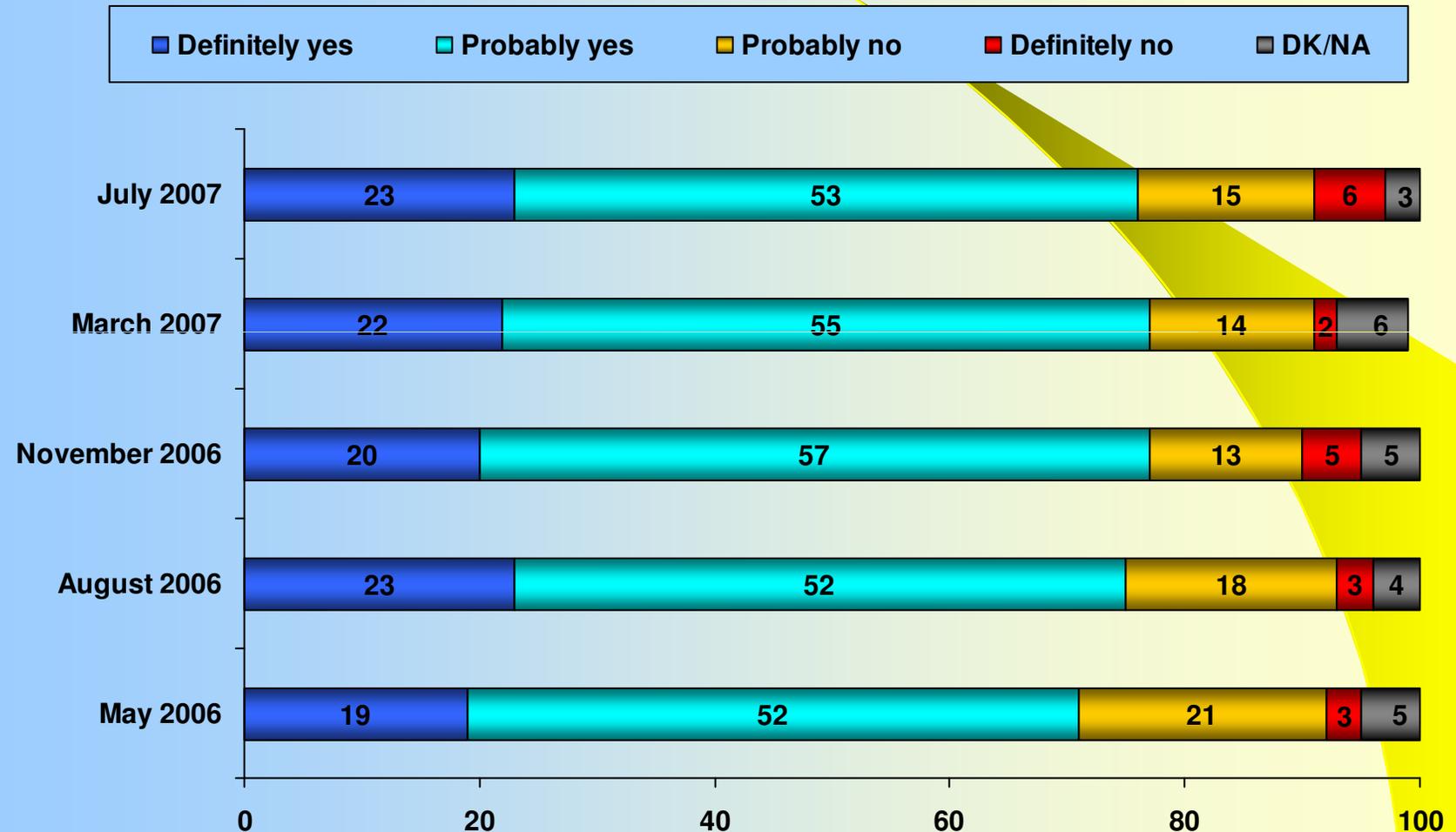
■ July 2007
 ■ March 2007
 ■ November 2006
 ■ August 2006
 ■ May 2006



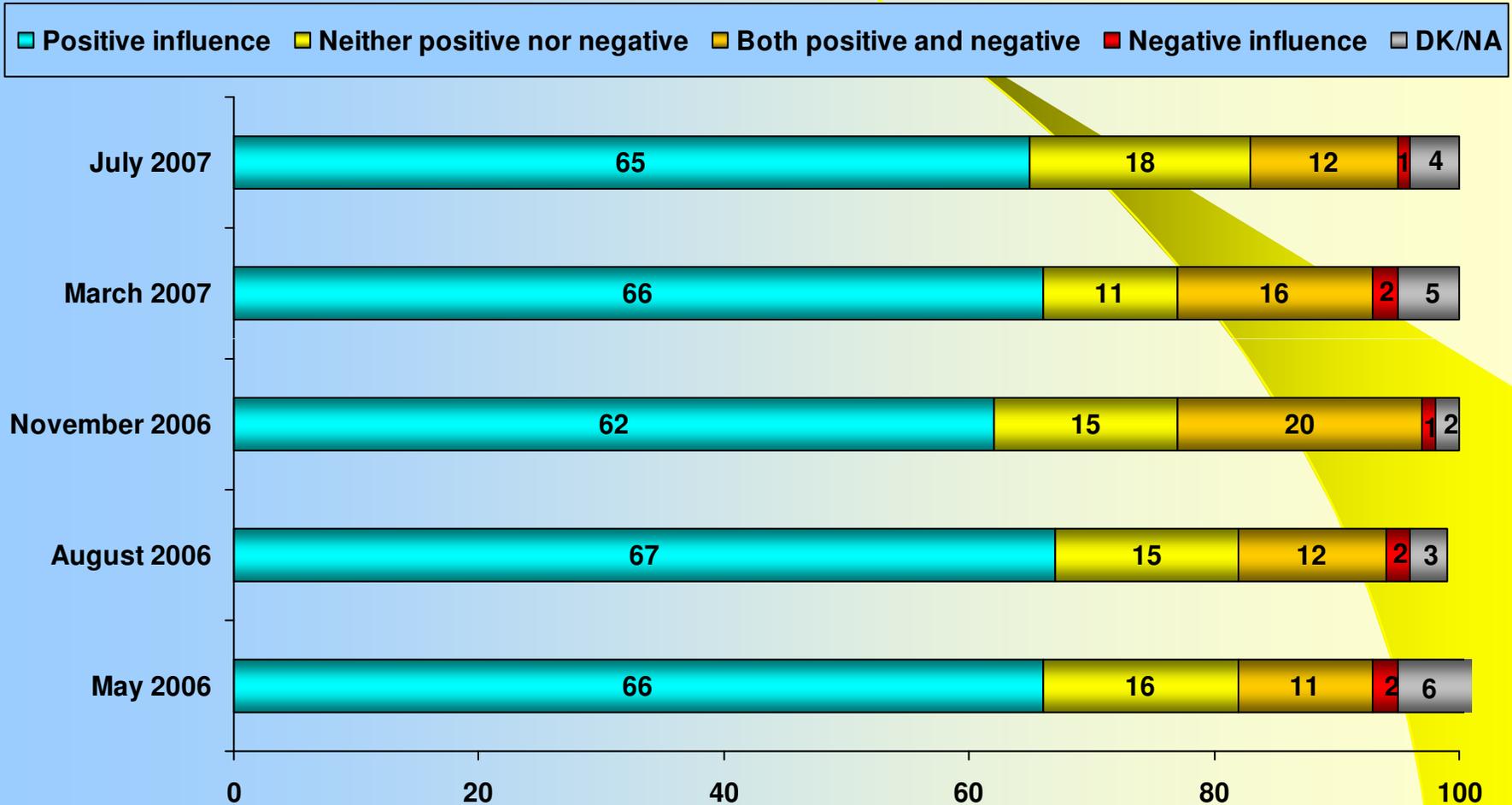
Do you think that the current situation in regard to the status of Nagorno Karabakh should be resolved through negotiations and peaceful means, or should some force be used if necessary? (%)



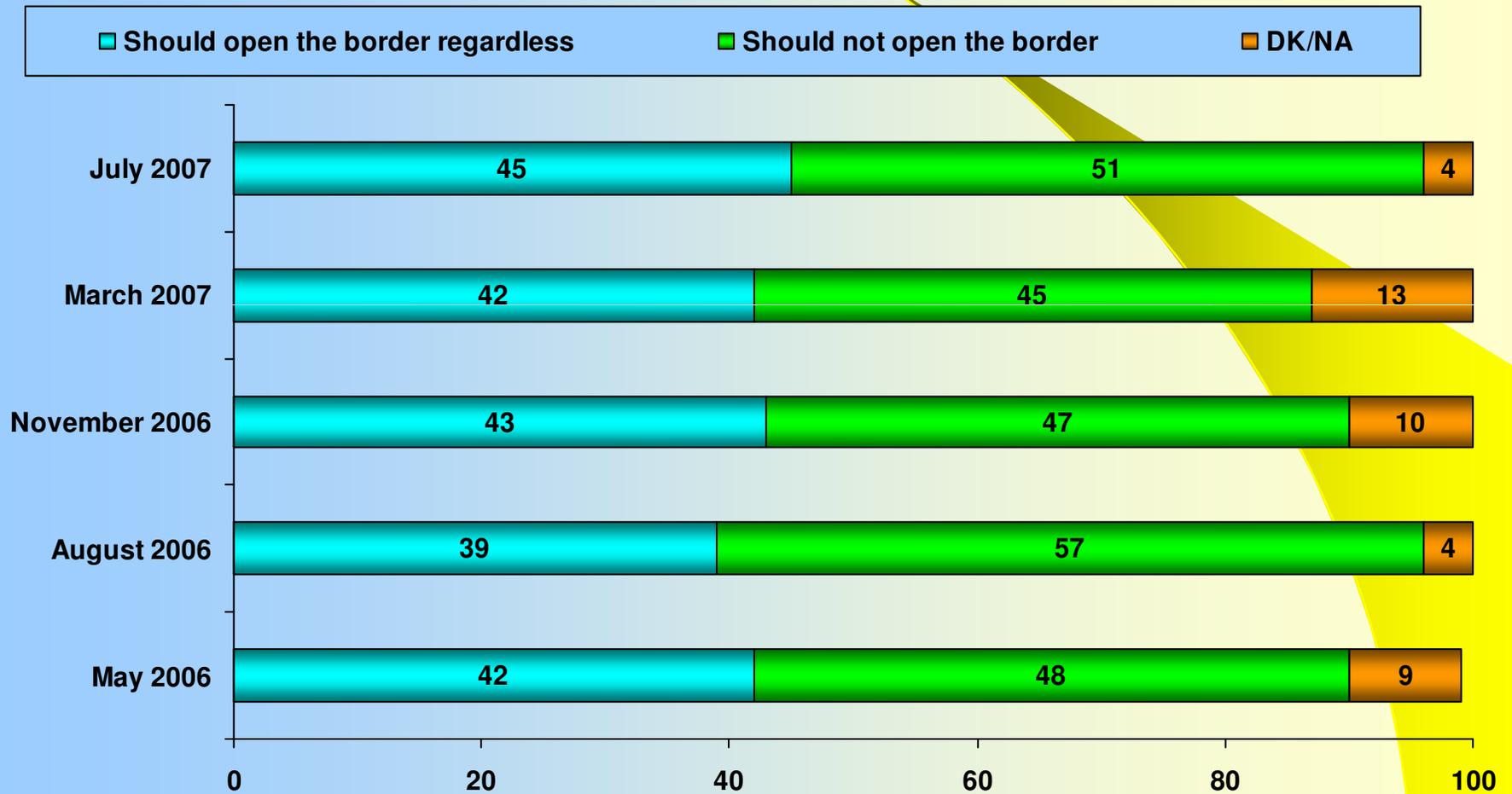
Do you think that a peaceful settlement on Nagorno Karabakh can be reached with Azerbaijan without military force being used?



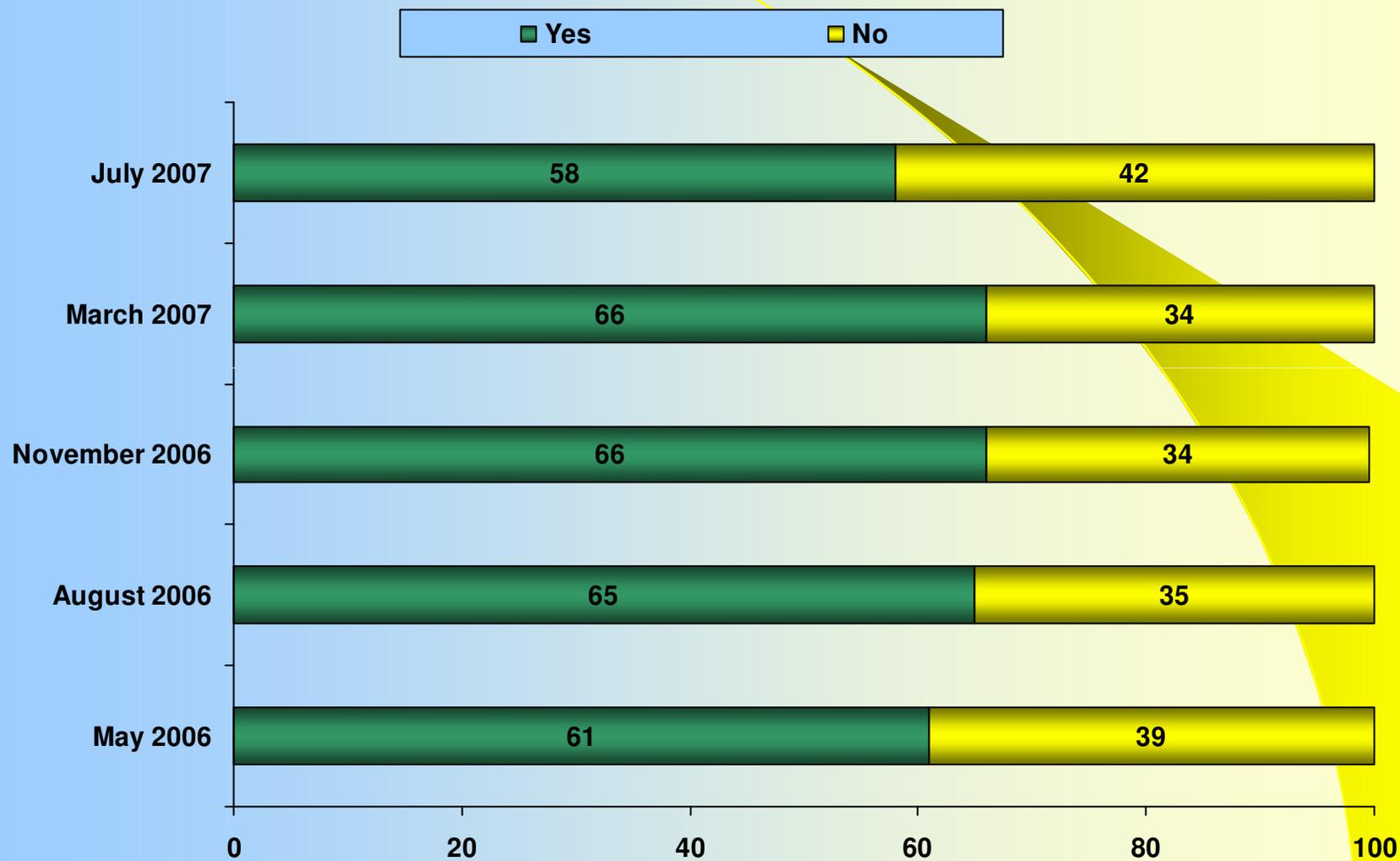
In your opinion, does the presence of a Russian military base in Armenia have a positive or negative influence on Armenian independence and stability in the country?



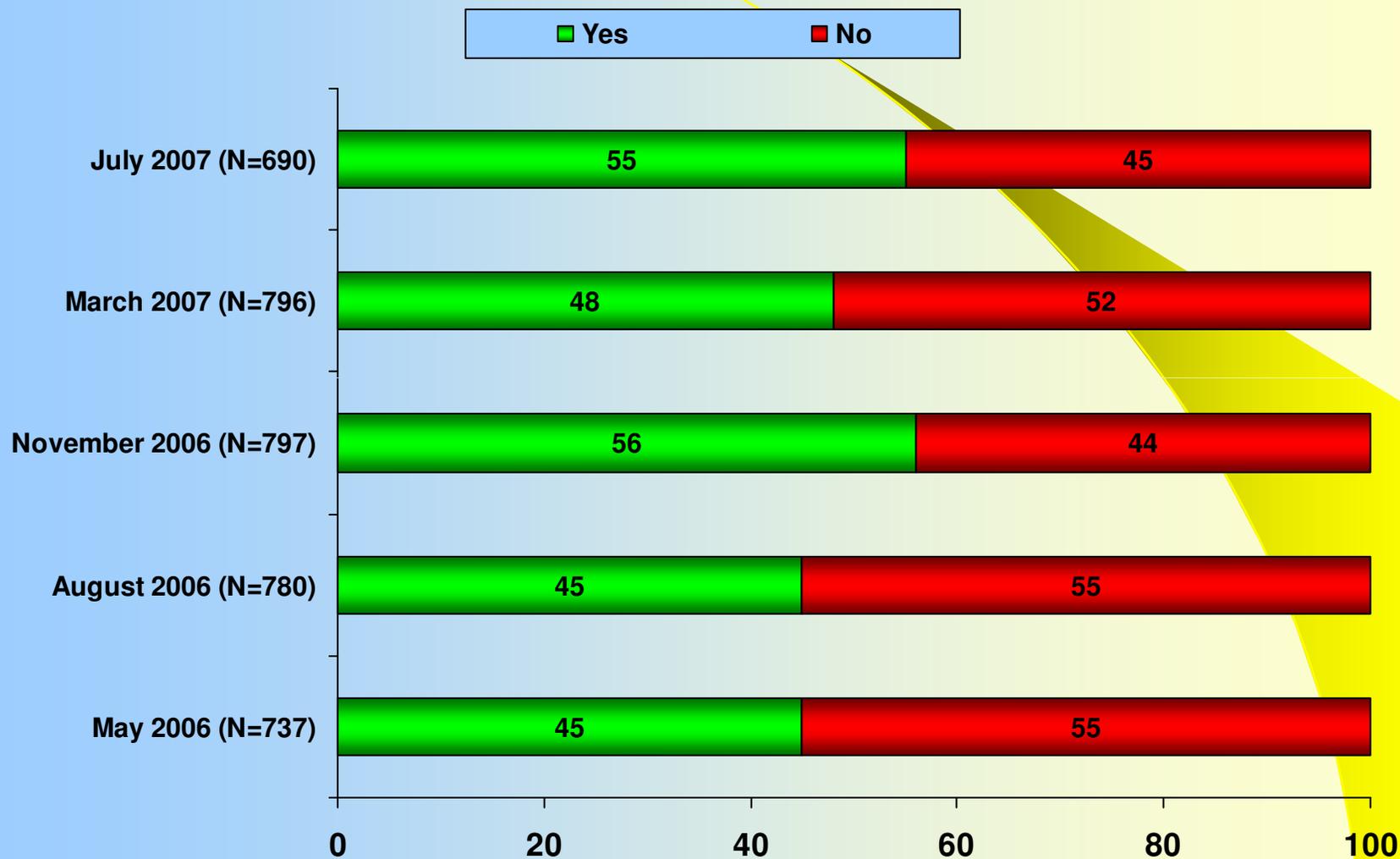
Should the government of Armenia agree to open the border for trade, etc., with Turkey even if the Turkish government does not recognize the genocide?



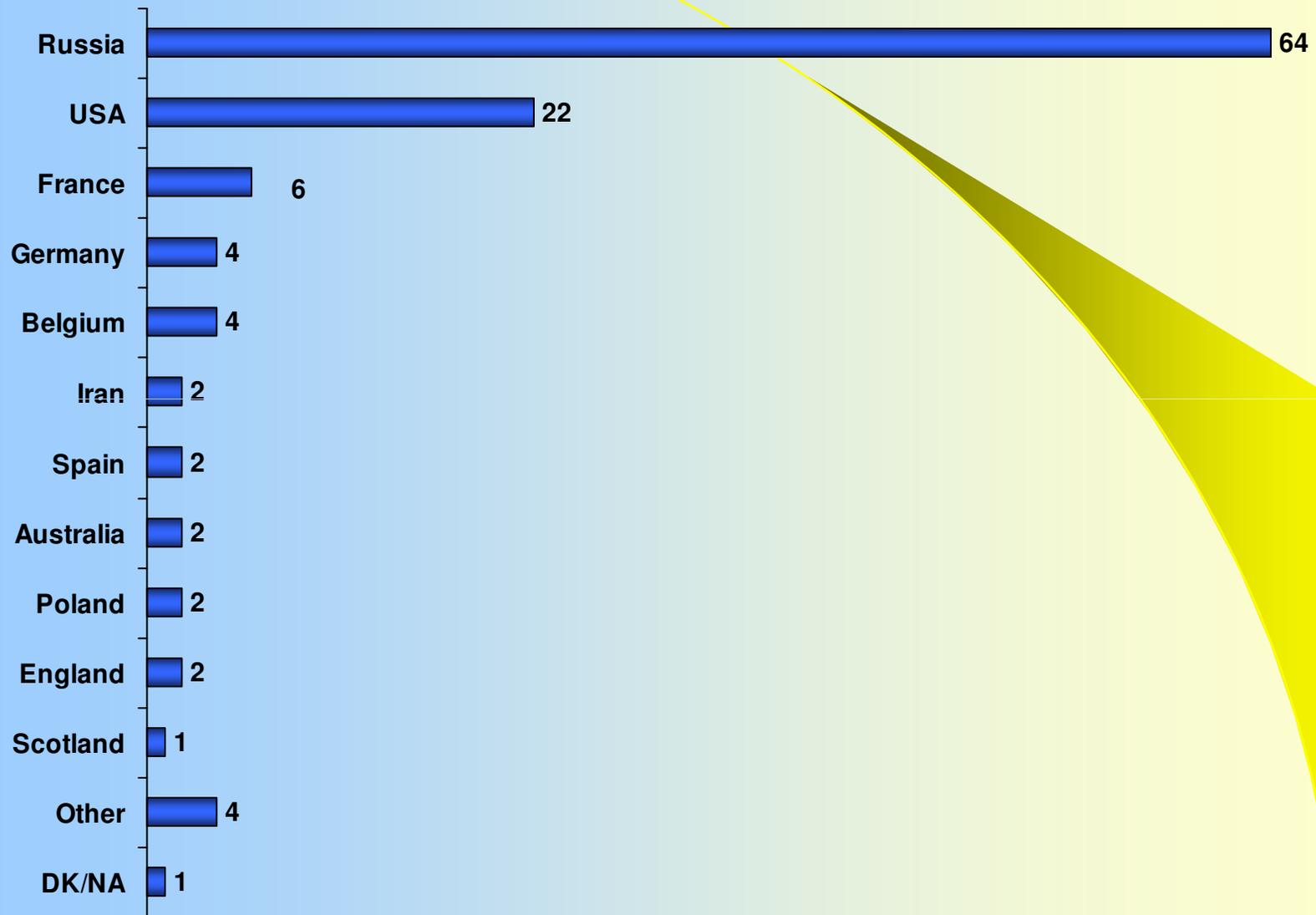
Do you have friends or relatives working abroad?



Do you personally benefit from remittances being sent from friends or relatives working abroad? (Those who have friends or relatives abroad, %)

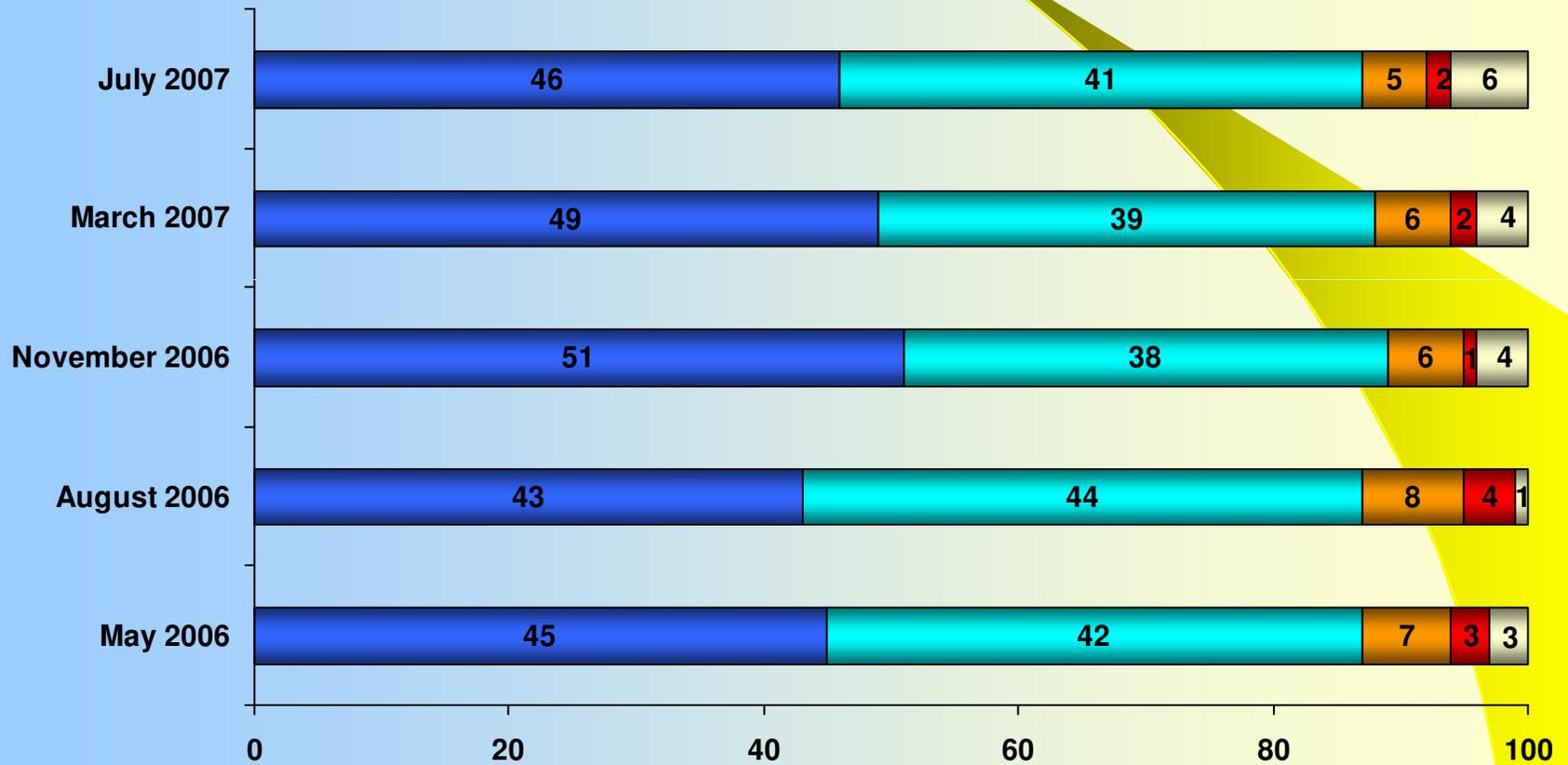


Which countries are your relatives working in? (Those who have relatives/friends working abroad (N=690)) July 2007 (%)

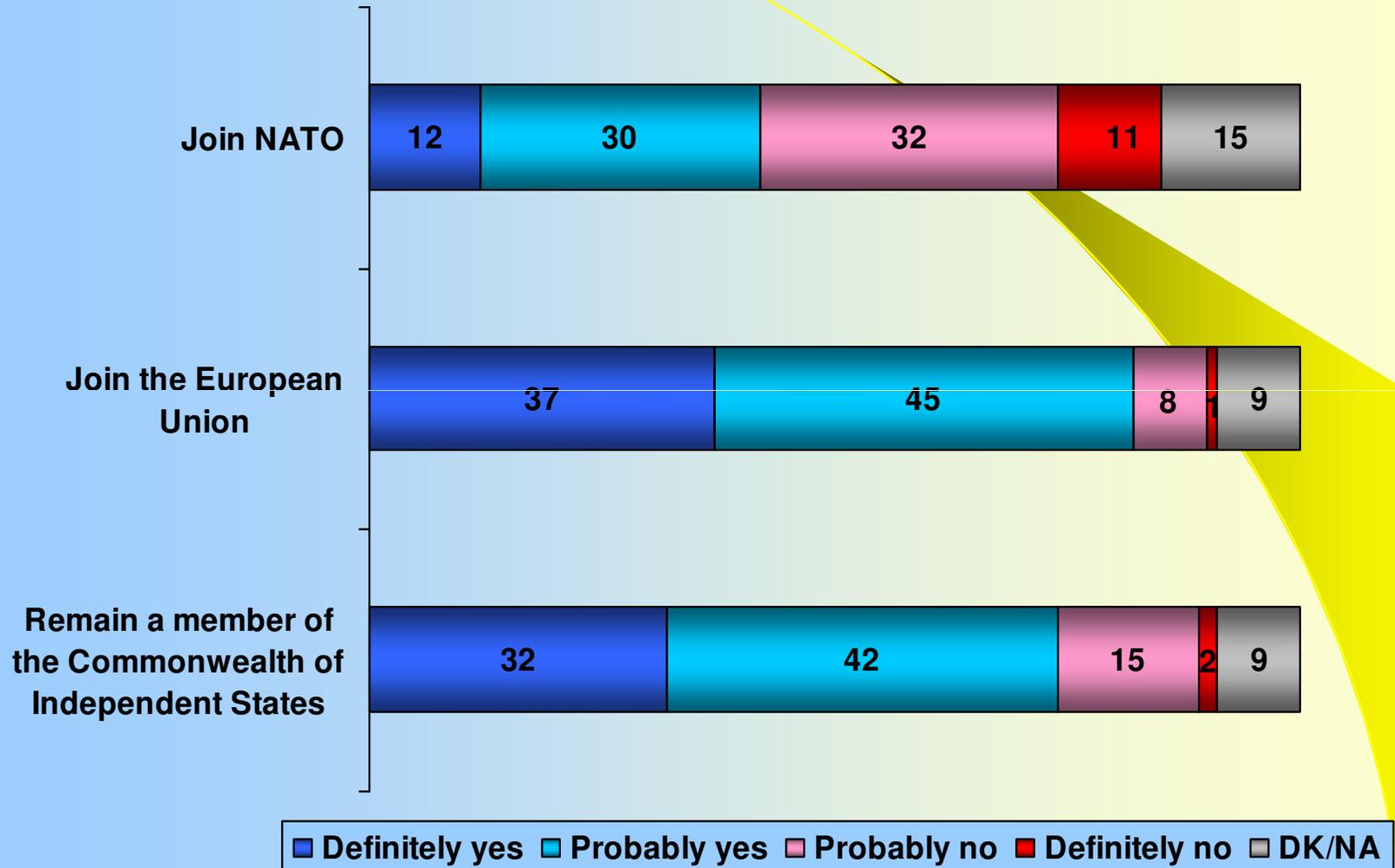


Do you think Russia is a trustworthy ally of Armenia? (%)

■ Definitely yes ■ Probably yes ■ Probably no ■ Definitely no ■ DK/NA

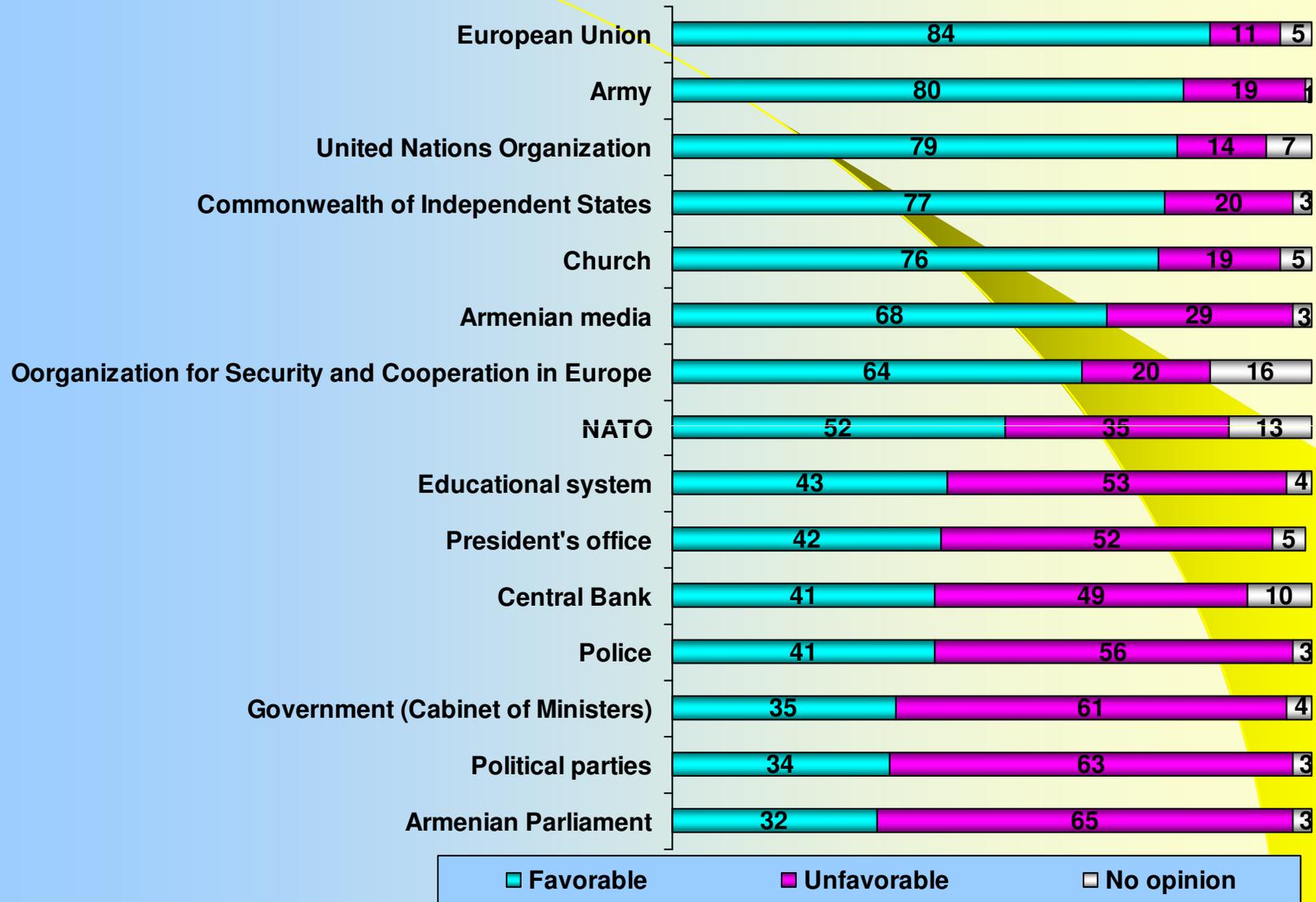


Should Armenia in the future... July 2007 (%)



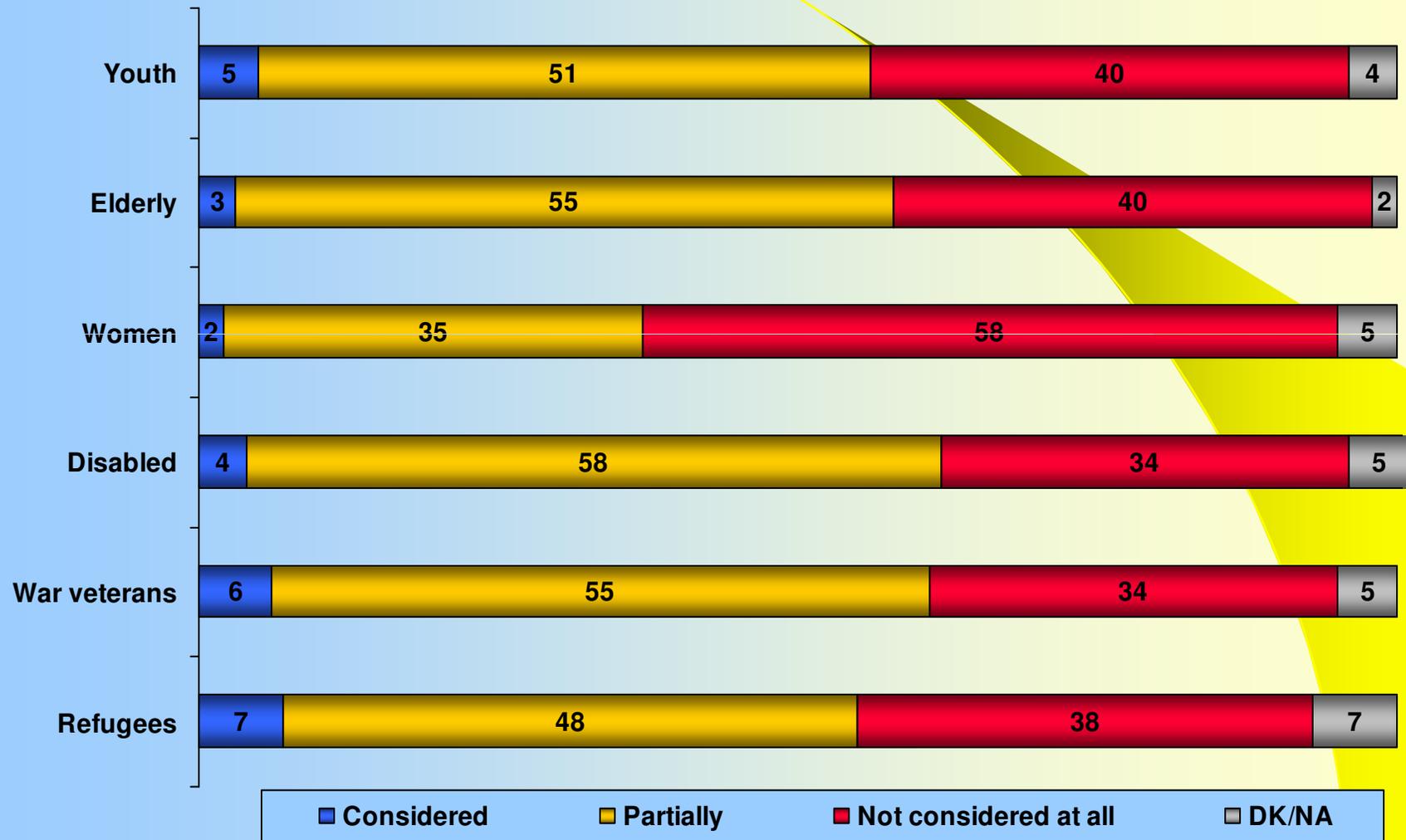
INSTITUTIONS

Confidence In Institutions: July 2007 (%)

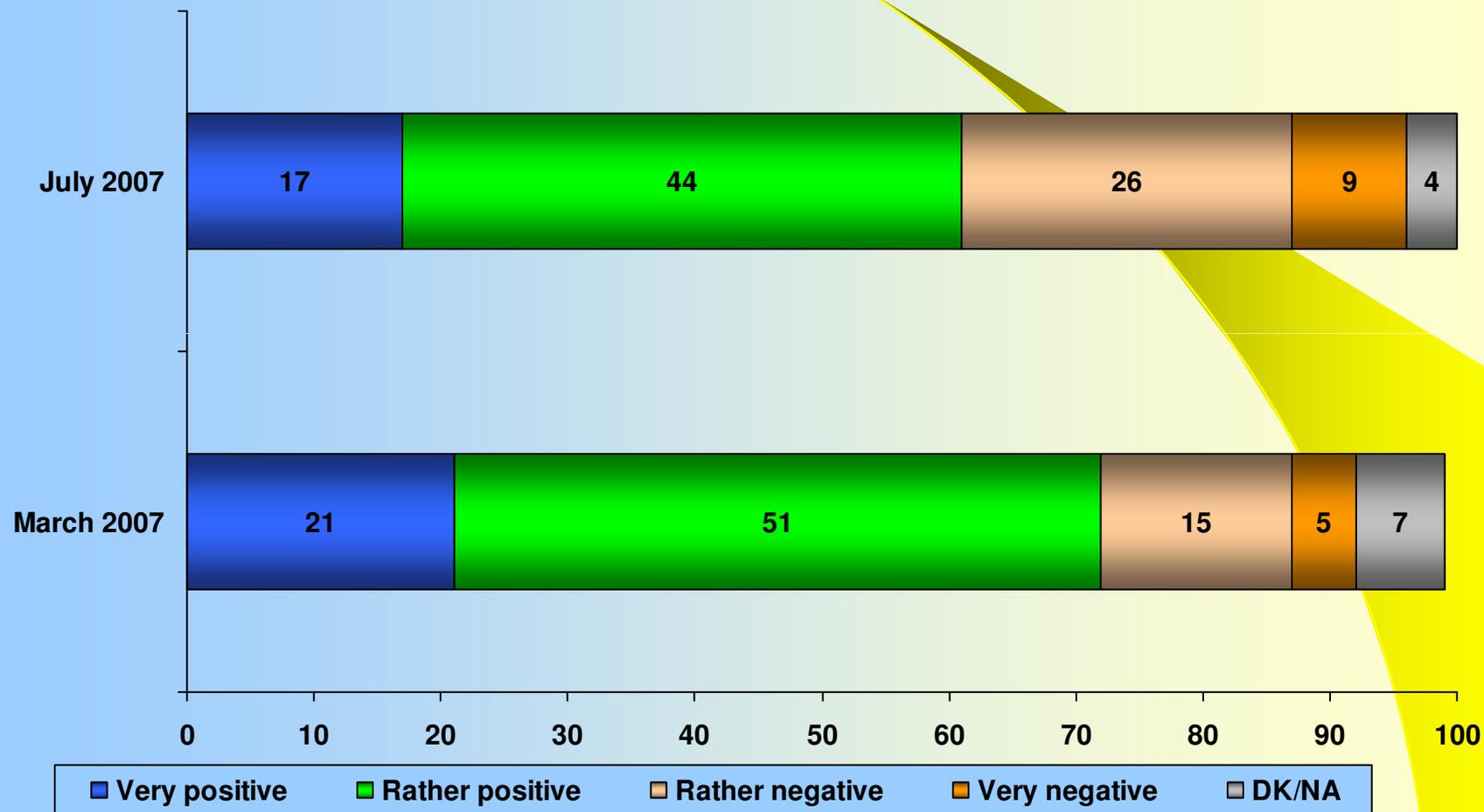


SITUATION OF SOME SOCIAL GROUPS IN ARMENIA

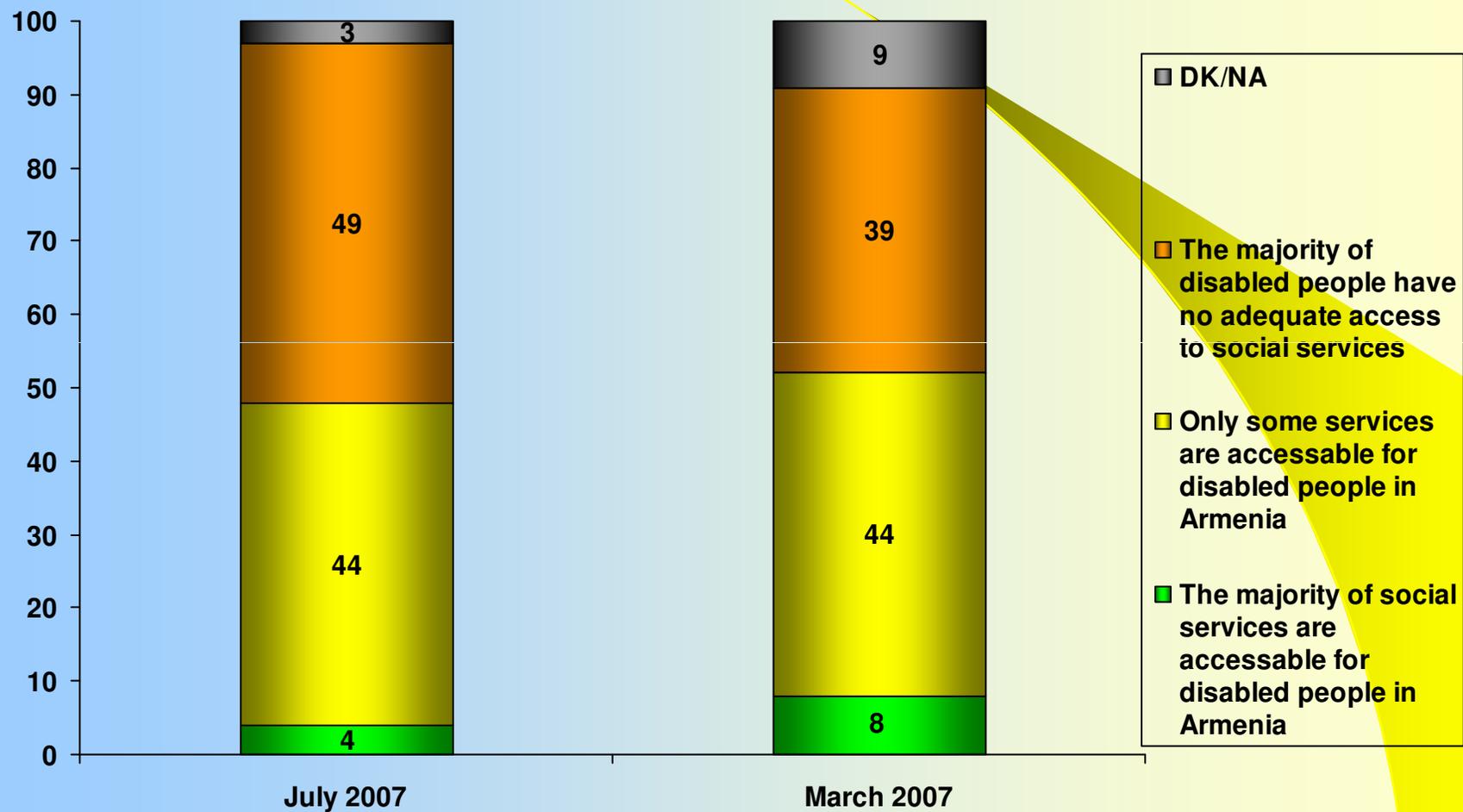
**Please say about each social group, whether the needs of this social group are considered in Armenia or not?
July 2007 (%)**



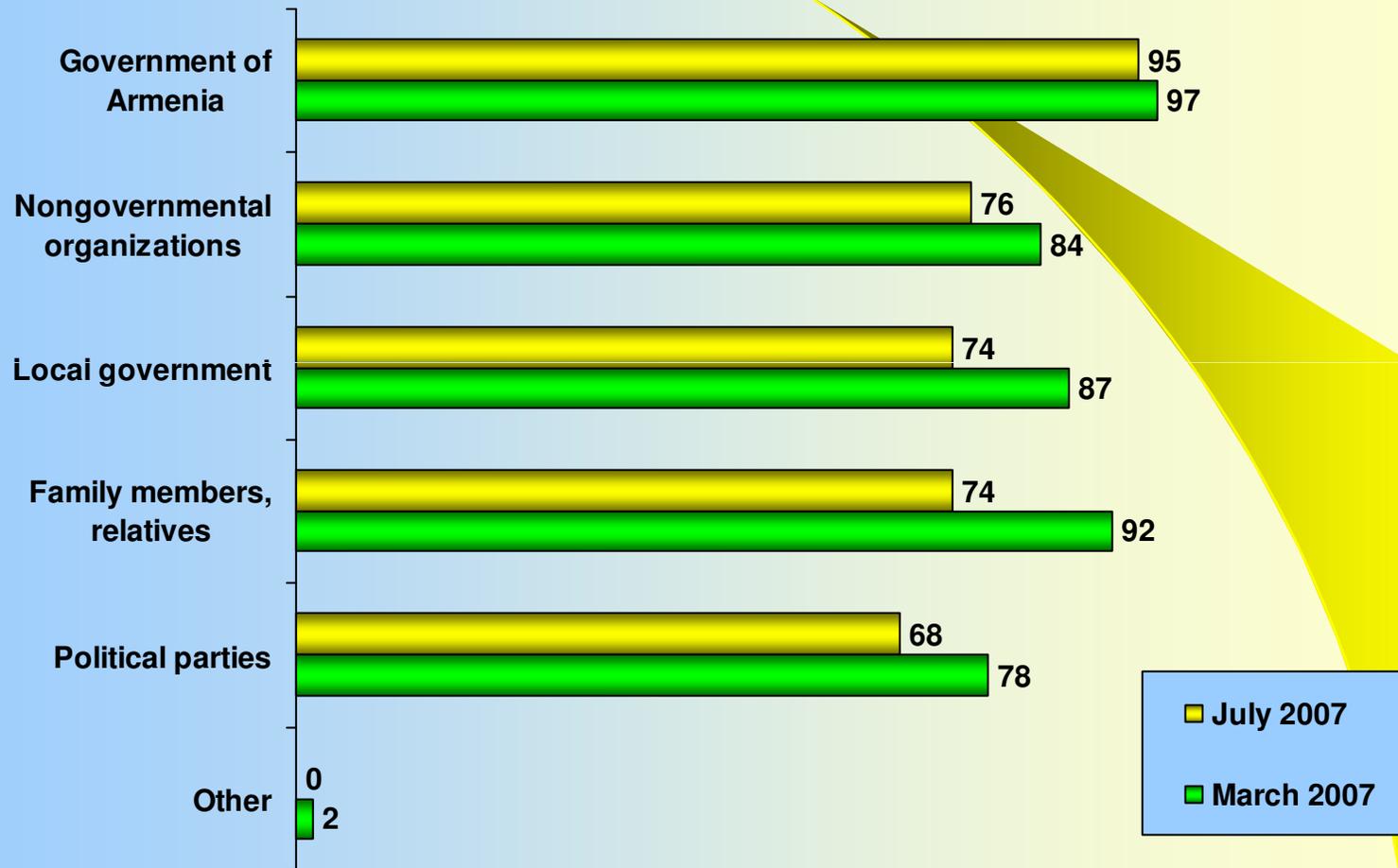
Prevailing attitude of Armenian population towards disabled persons in Armenia (%)



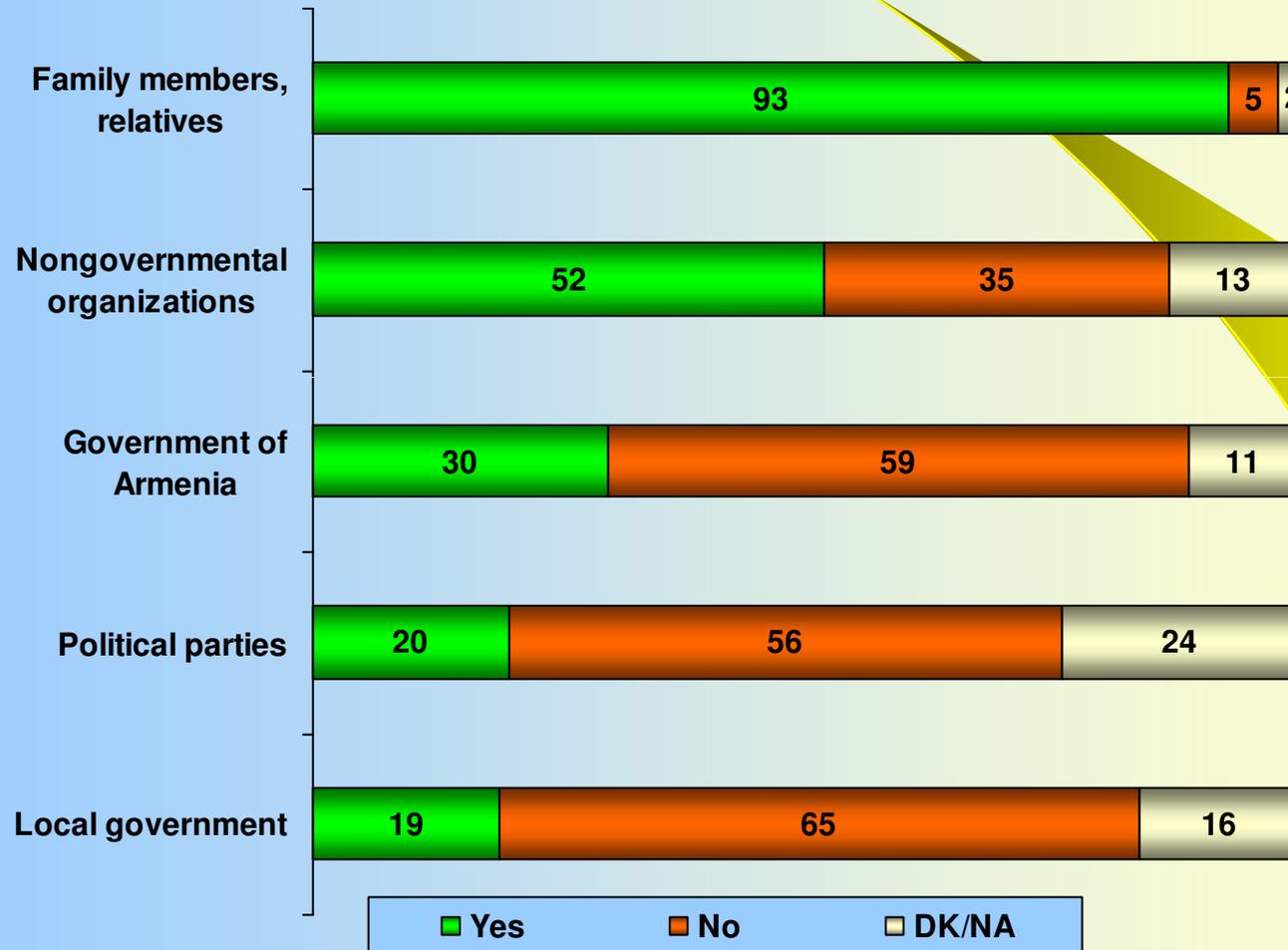
In your opinion, do disabled people in Armenia have adequate access to social services or not? (%)



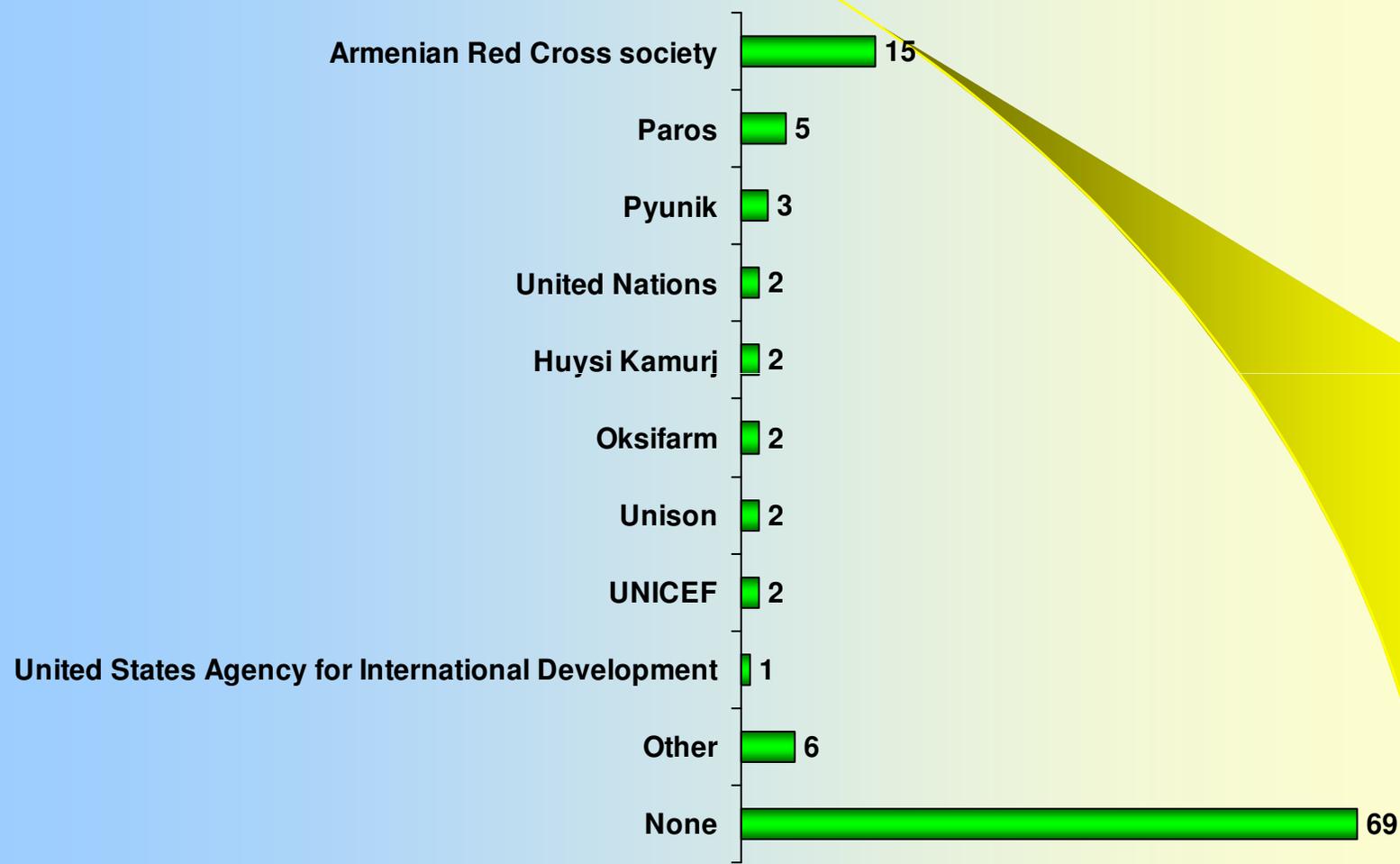
Who should care for the needs of disabled people and solve their problems first? (%)



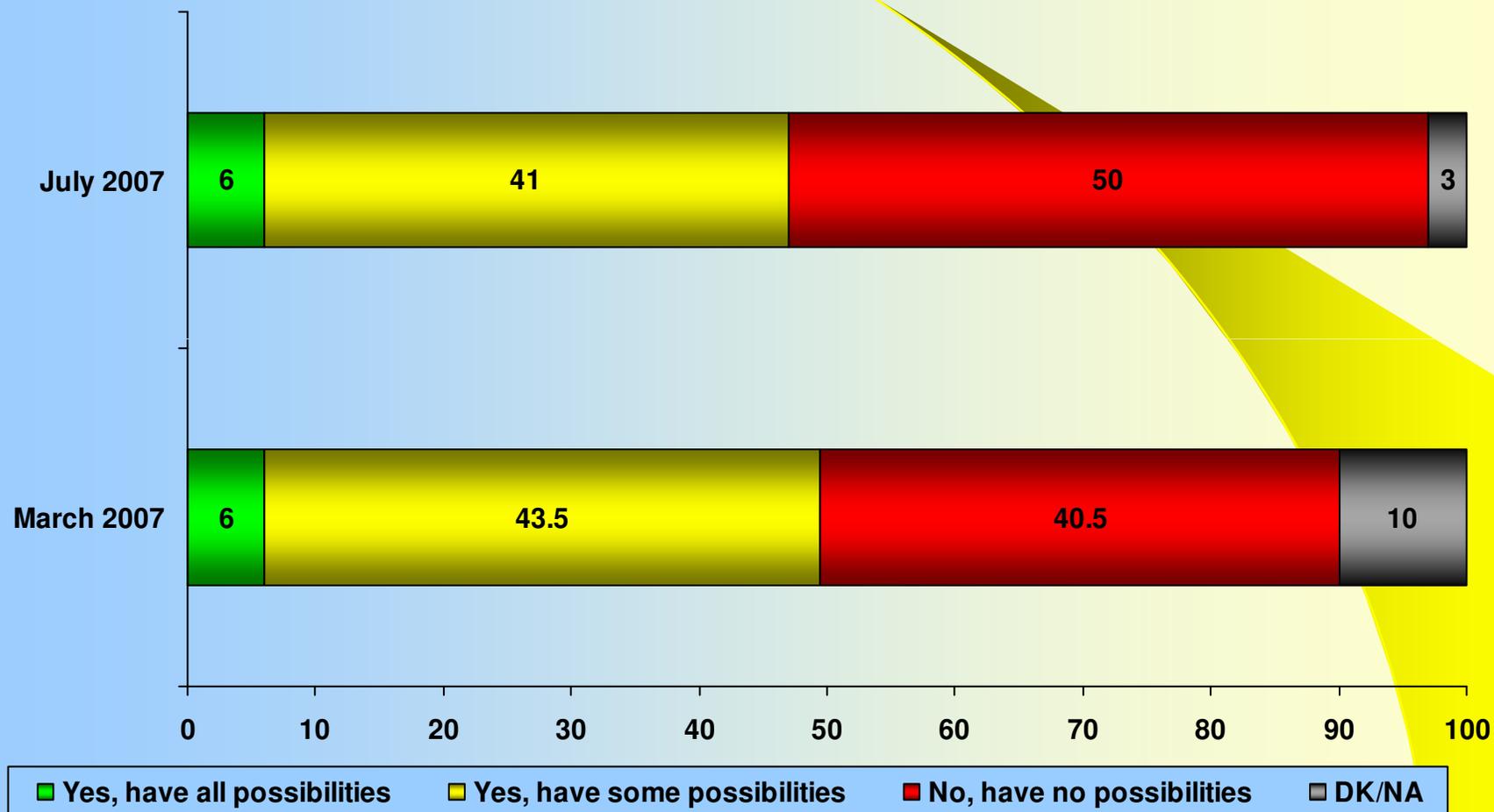
**Please speak about each of the following groups, do they take care of the needs and problems of the disabled in Armenia or not?
July 2007 (%)**



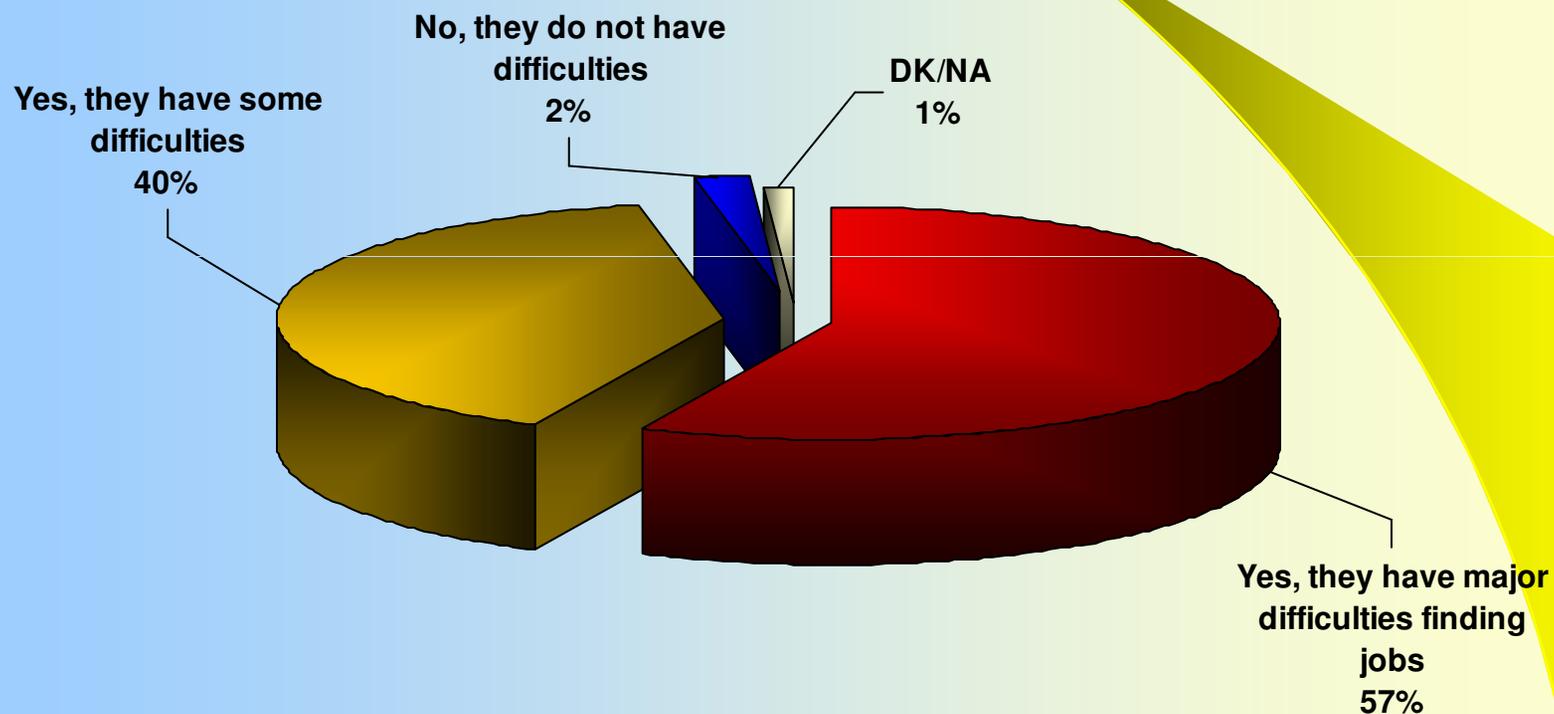
Institutions, organizations, nongovernmental organizations who care for the needs and problems of the disabled in Armenia. July 2007 (%)



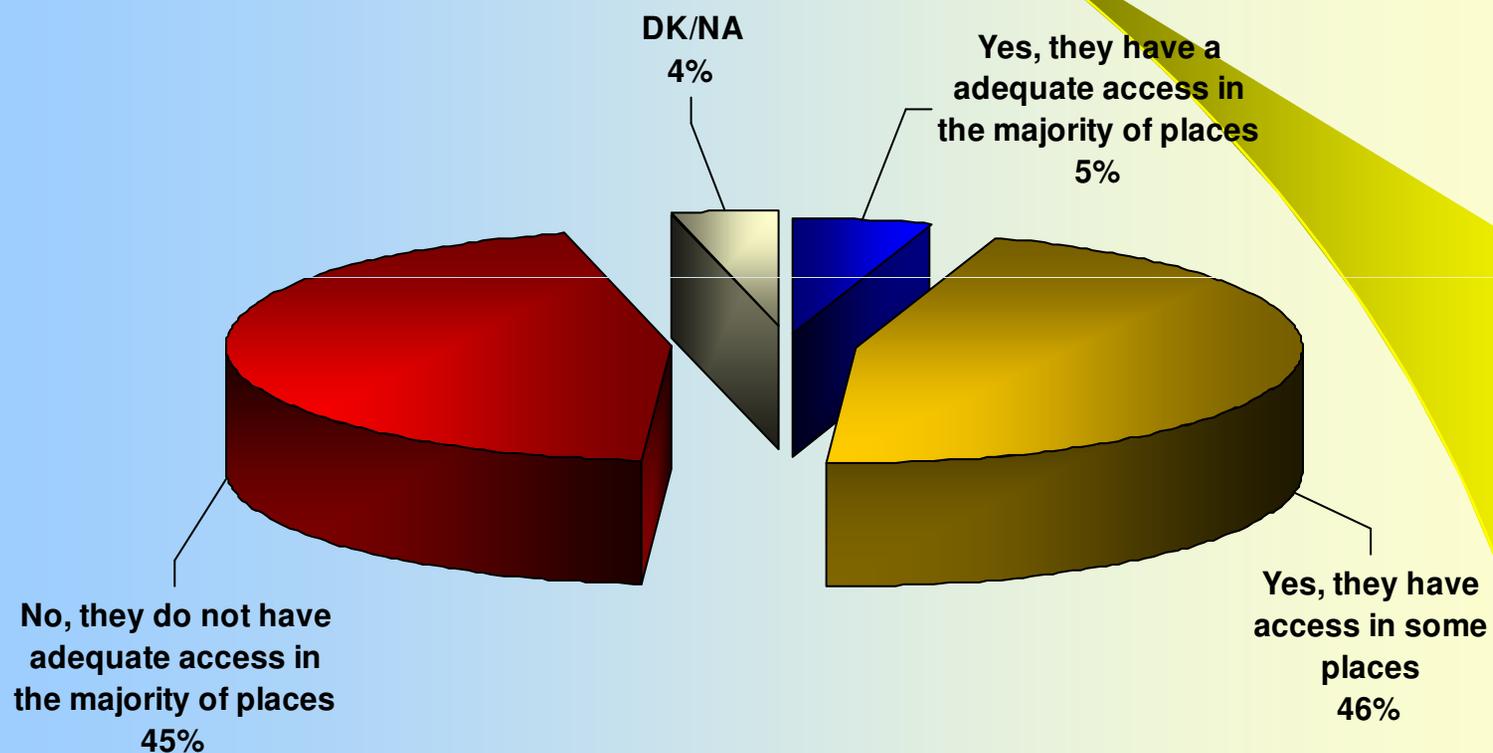
In your opinion, do the disabled in Armenia have adequate possibilities for active participation in the political life of Armenia or not? (%)



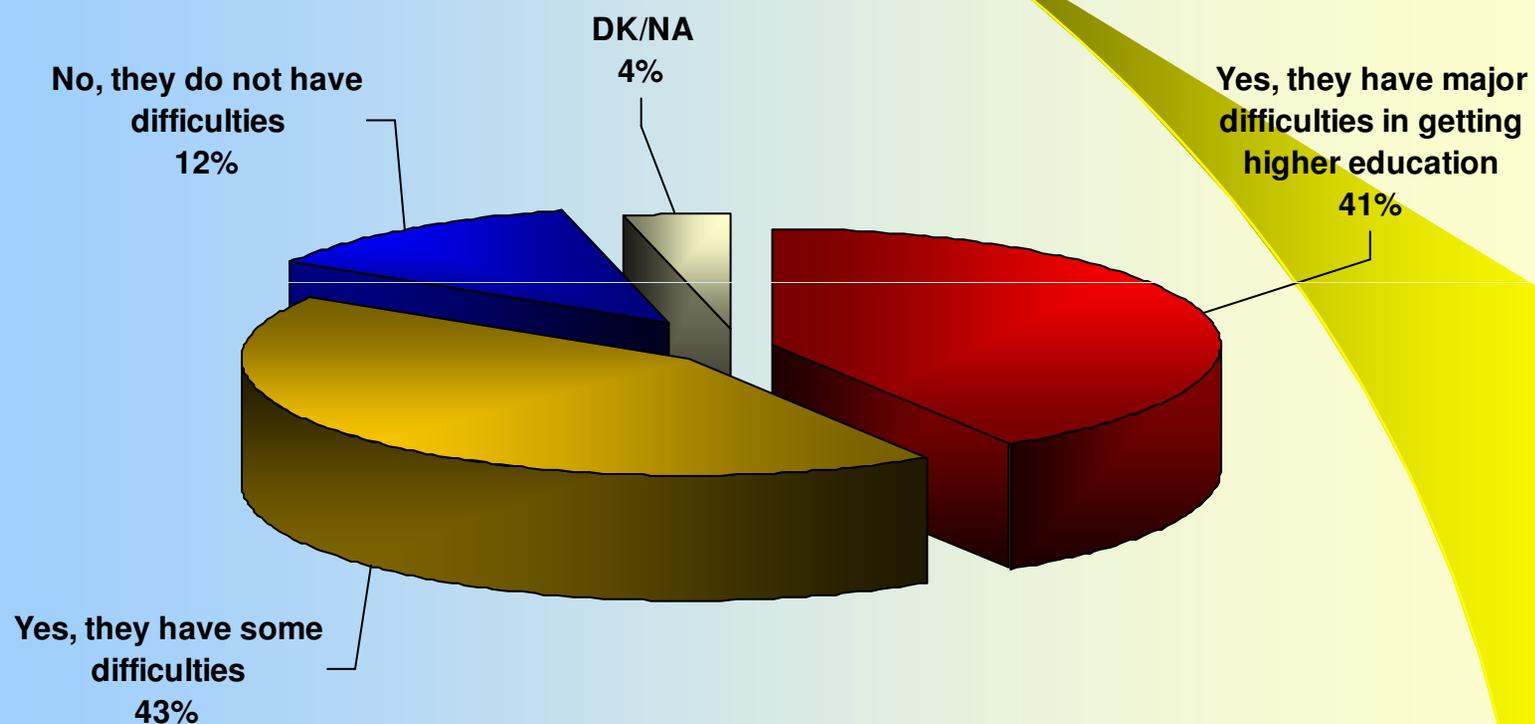
In your opinion, do disabled members of society in Armenia face challenges in finding employment opportunities or not? July 2007 (%)



In your opinion, do those people who use wheelchairs have adequate access to public places? July 2007 (%)



Do those members of society who are disabled face challenges in seeking higher education? July 2007 (%)

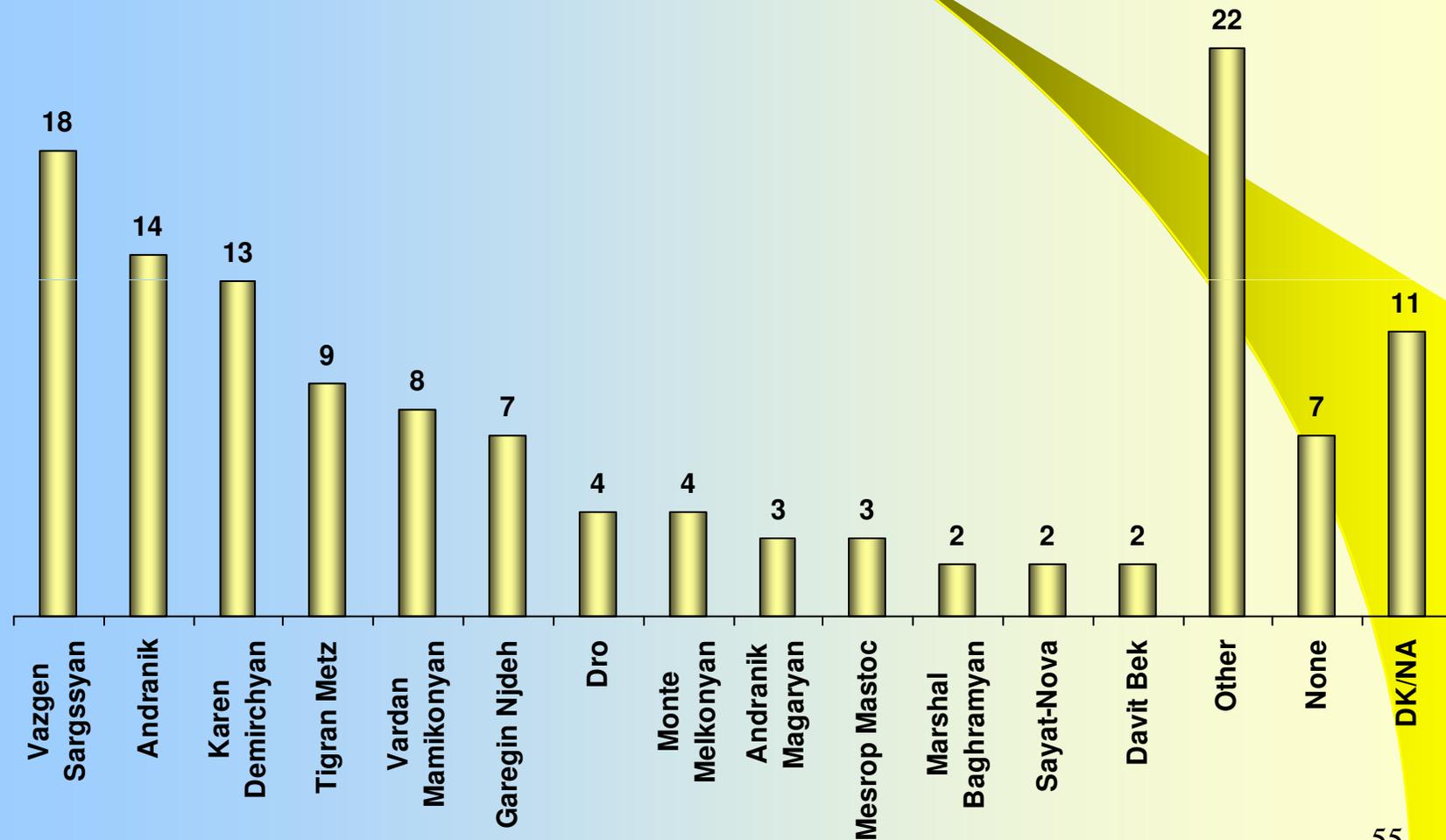


HEROES OF OUR TIMES

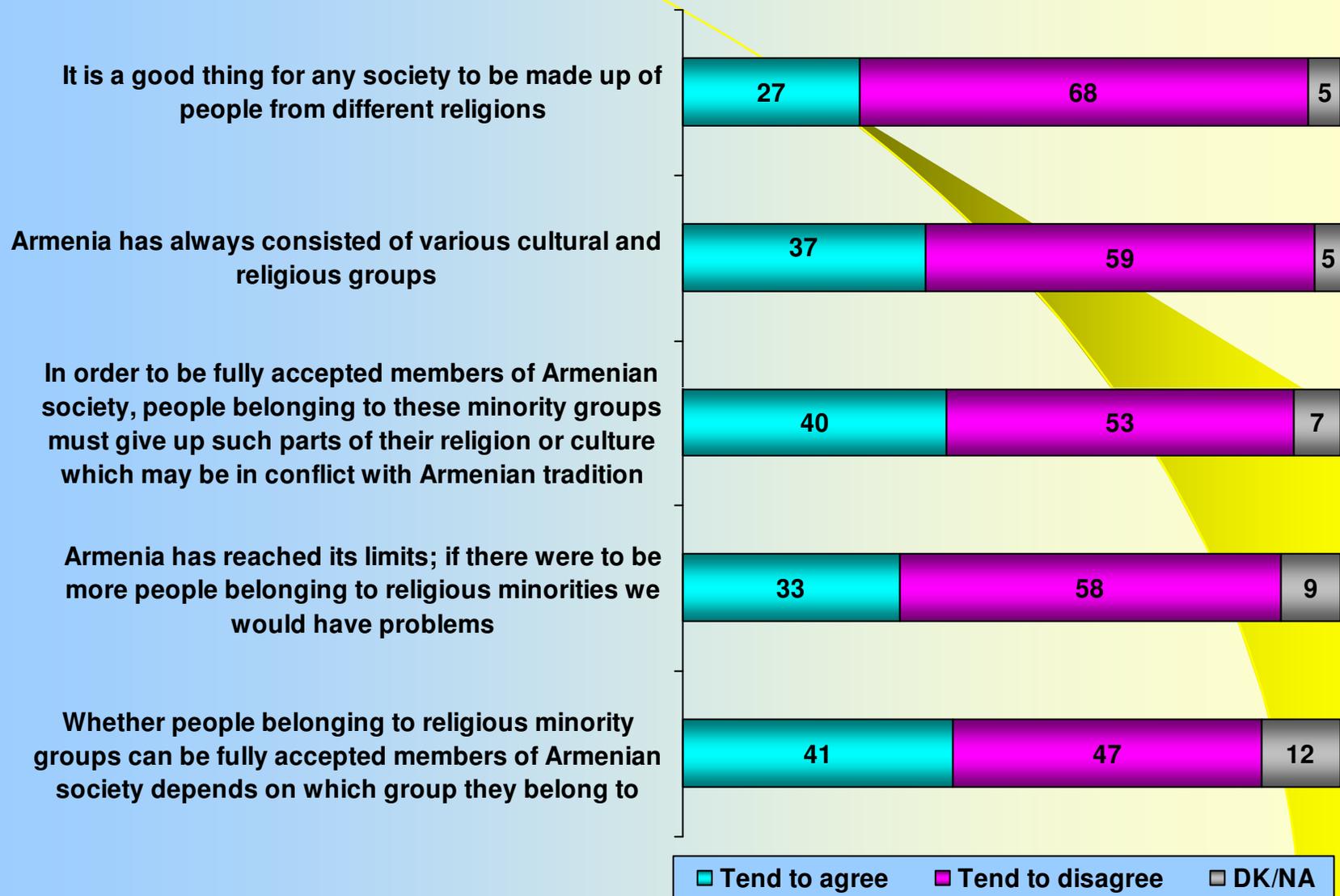
Heroes For Our Times

Of the prominent Armenian people and characters in Armenian history and folk culture, who is most suitable to be a national hero or leader in the present?

(Open-ended question, %) July 2007

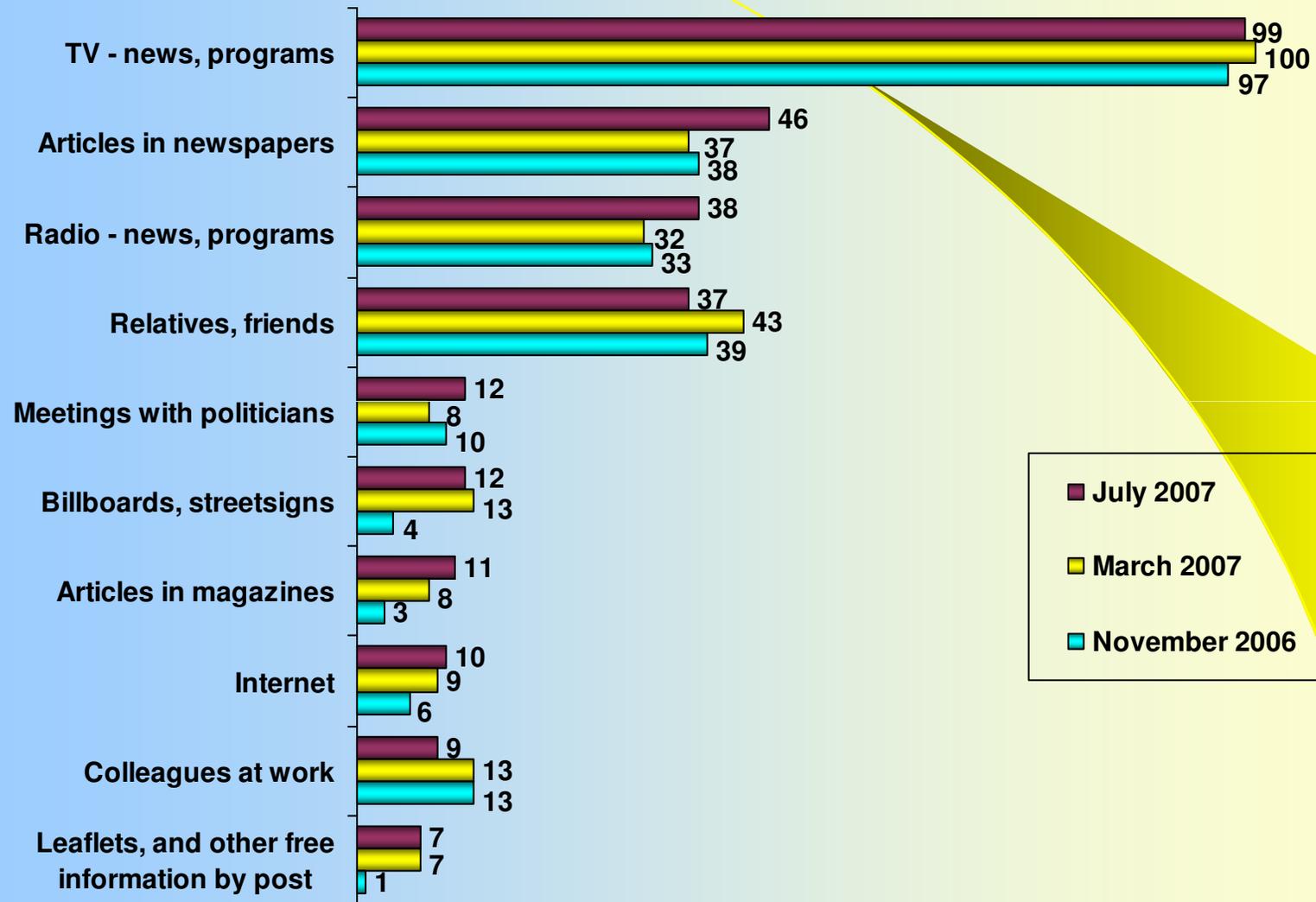


Tolerance July 2007 (%)

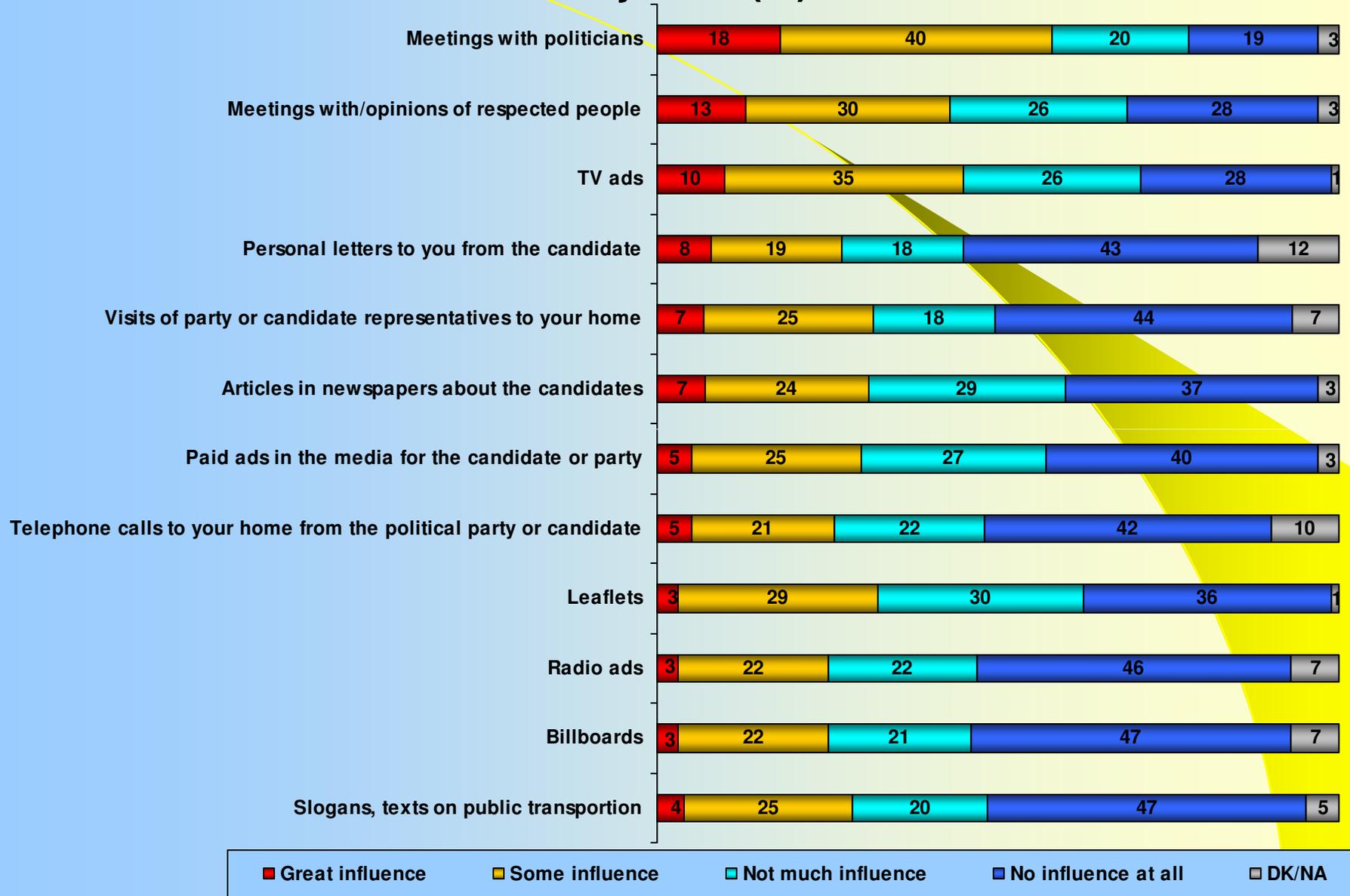


SOURCES OF INFORMATION

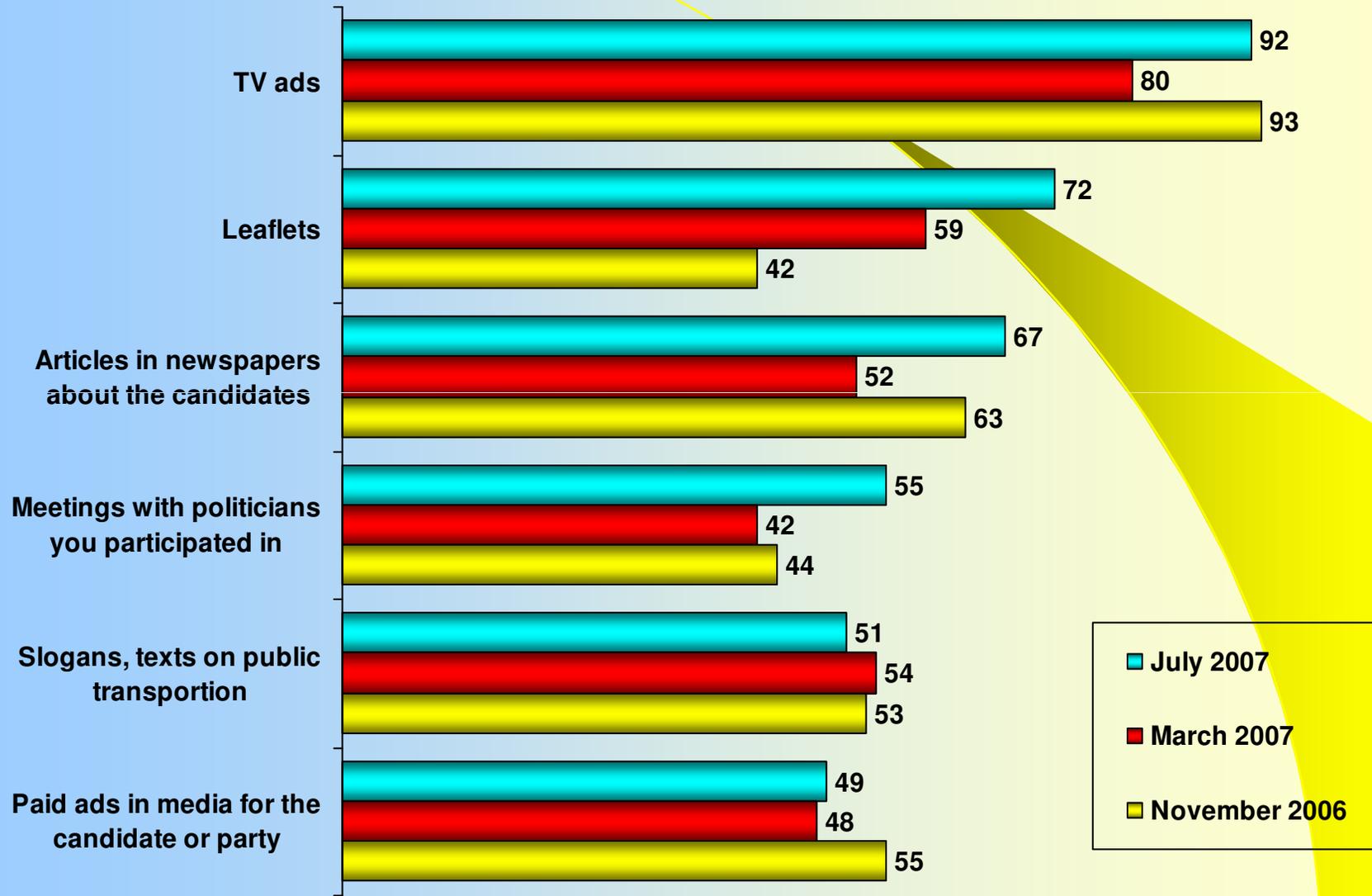
Sources of Political Information (%)



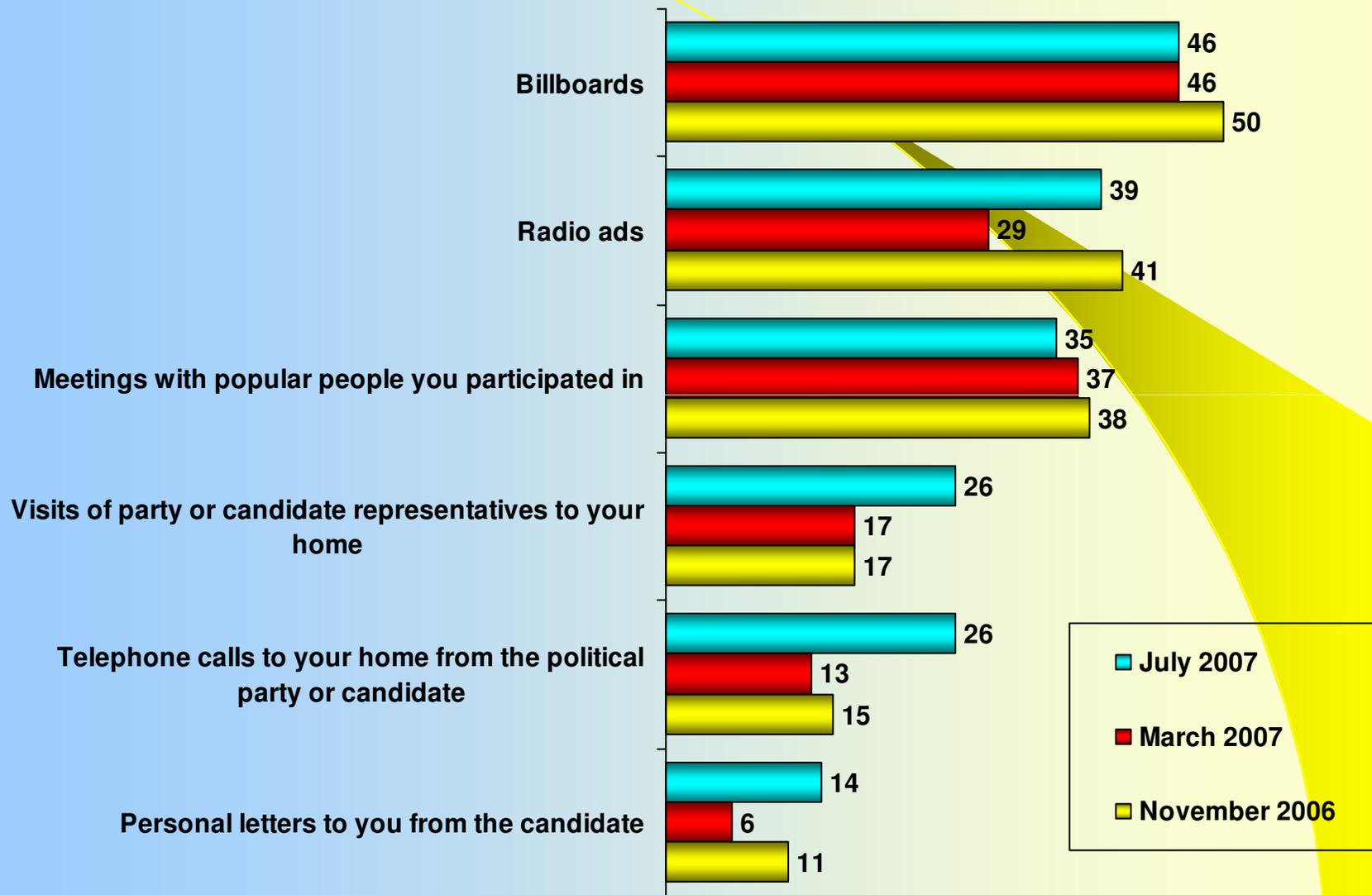
Sources in Election Campaign July 2007 (%)



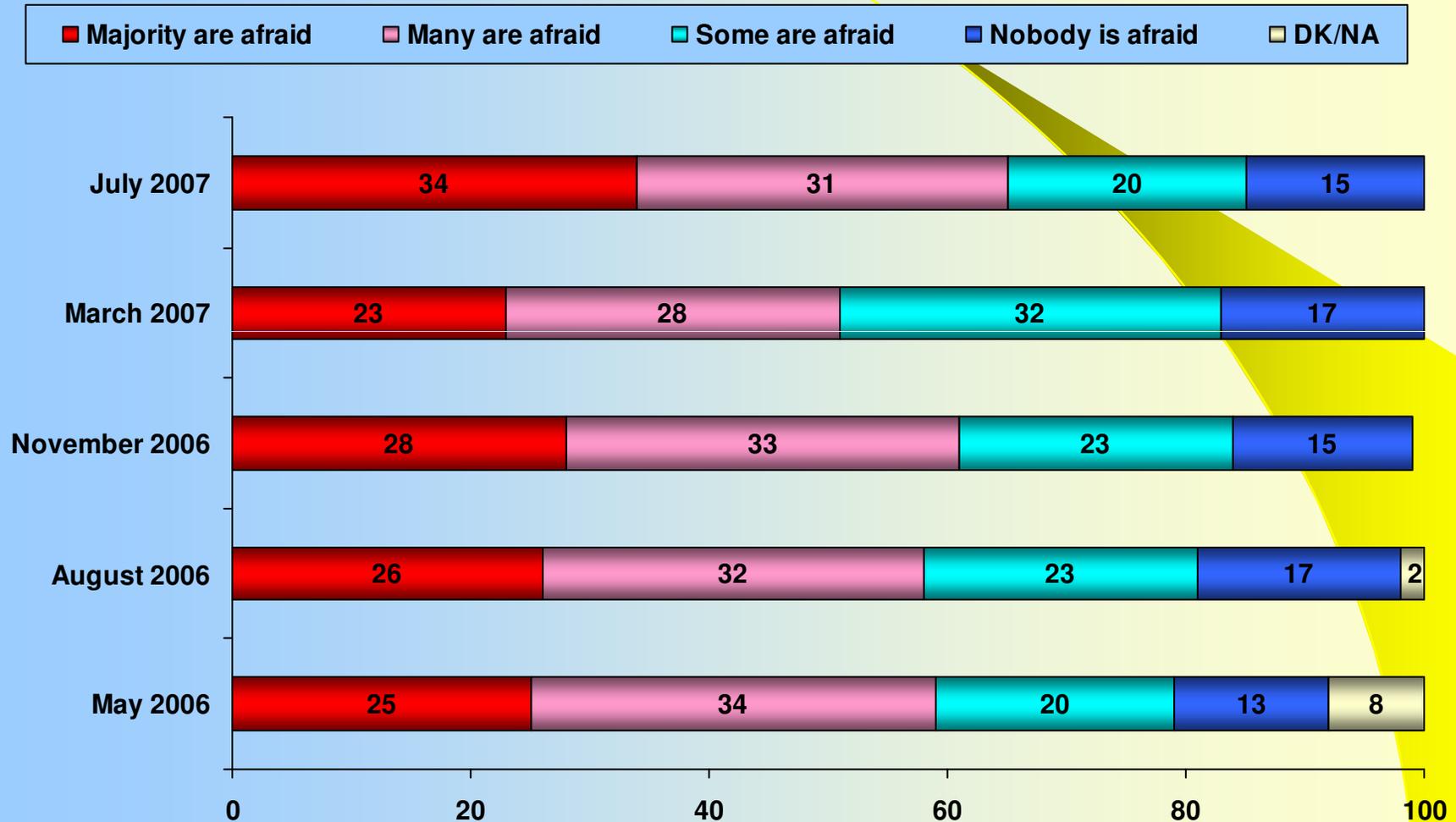
Recall of communication means used during the last Parliamentary Election campaign (%)



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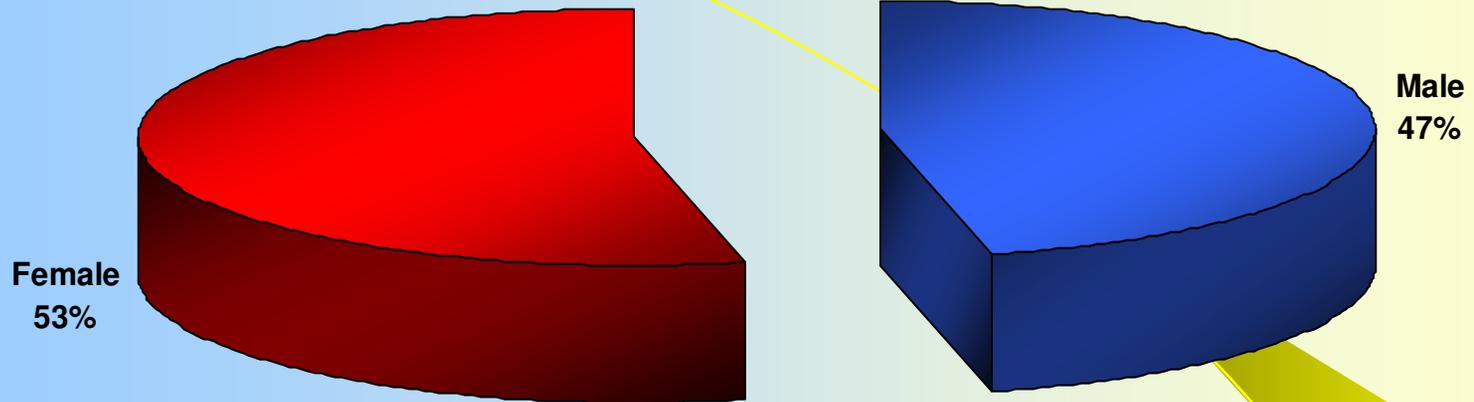


In your opinion, are people in Armenia afraid to openly express their political views?

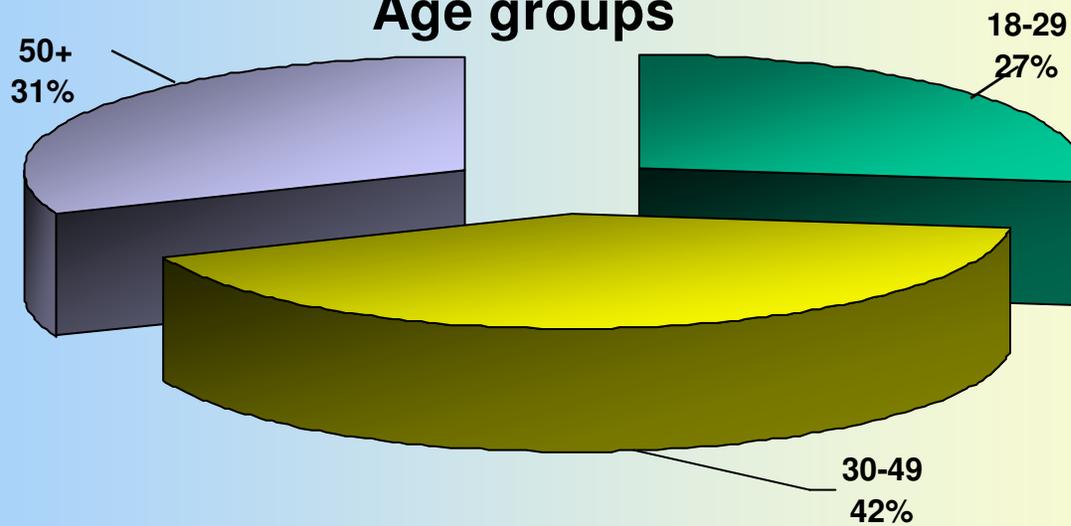


SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

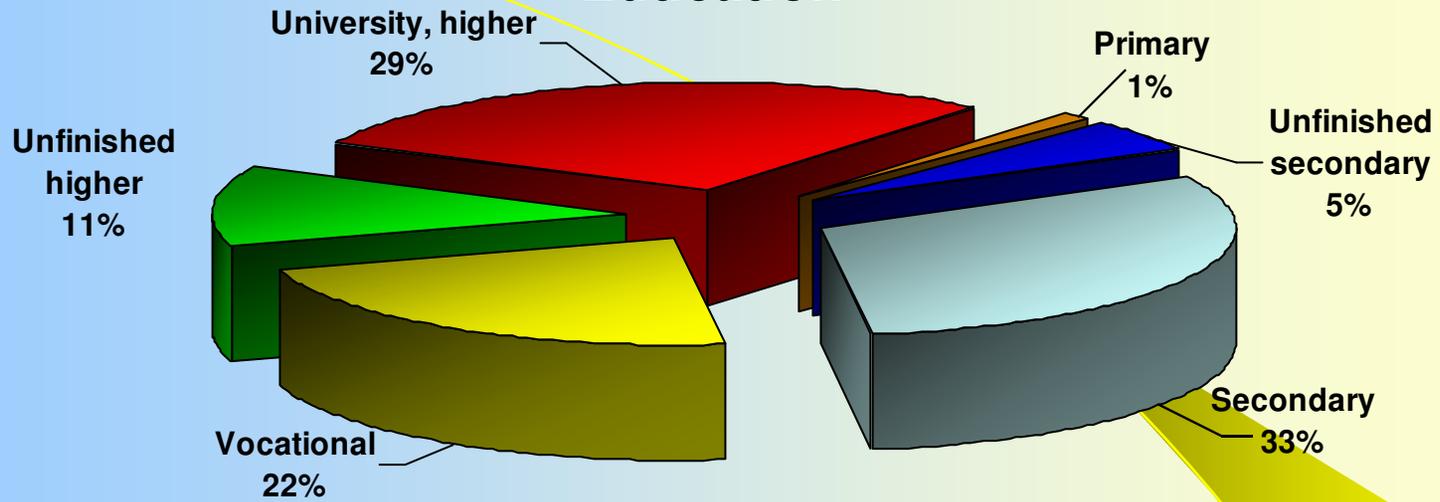
Gender



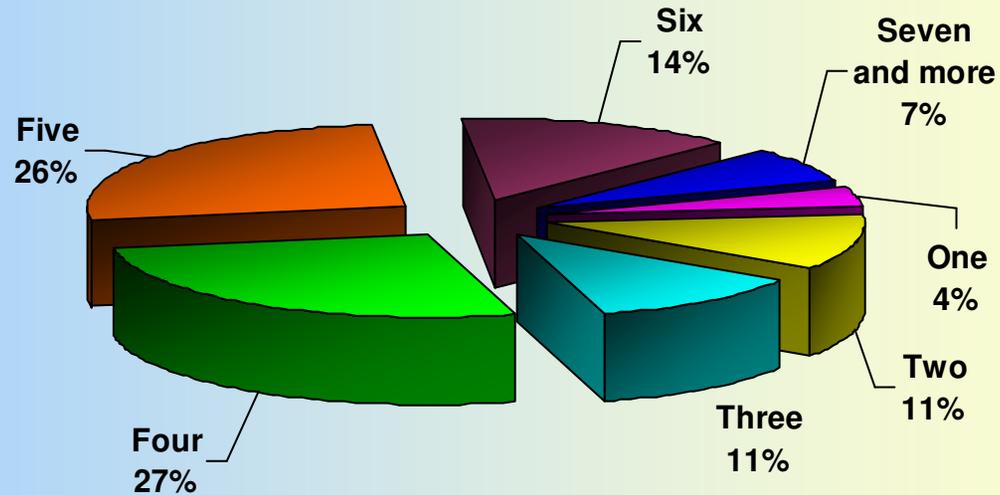
Age groups



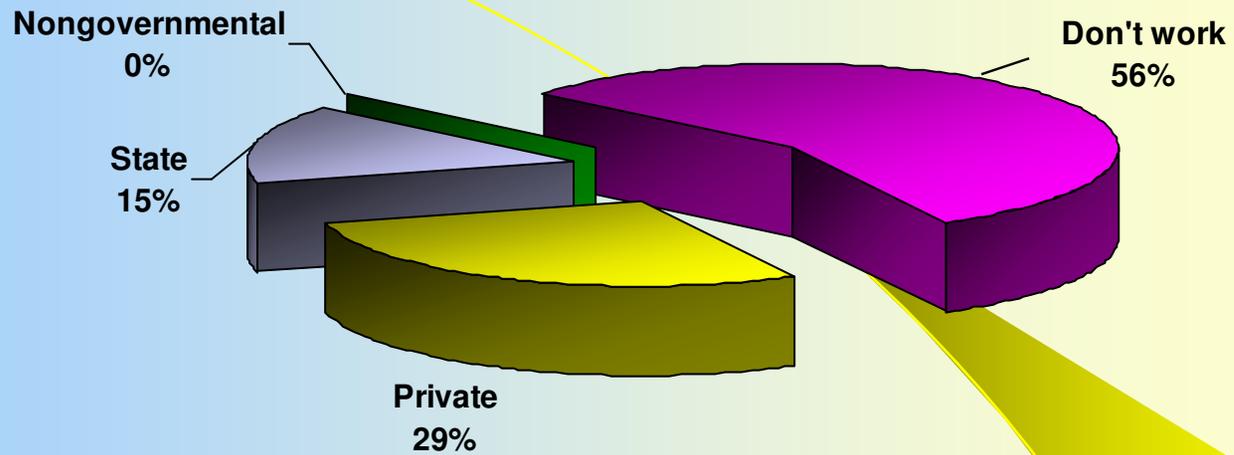
Education



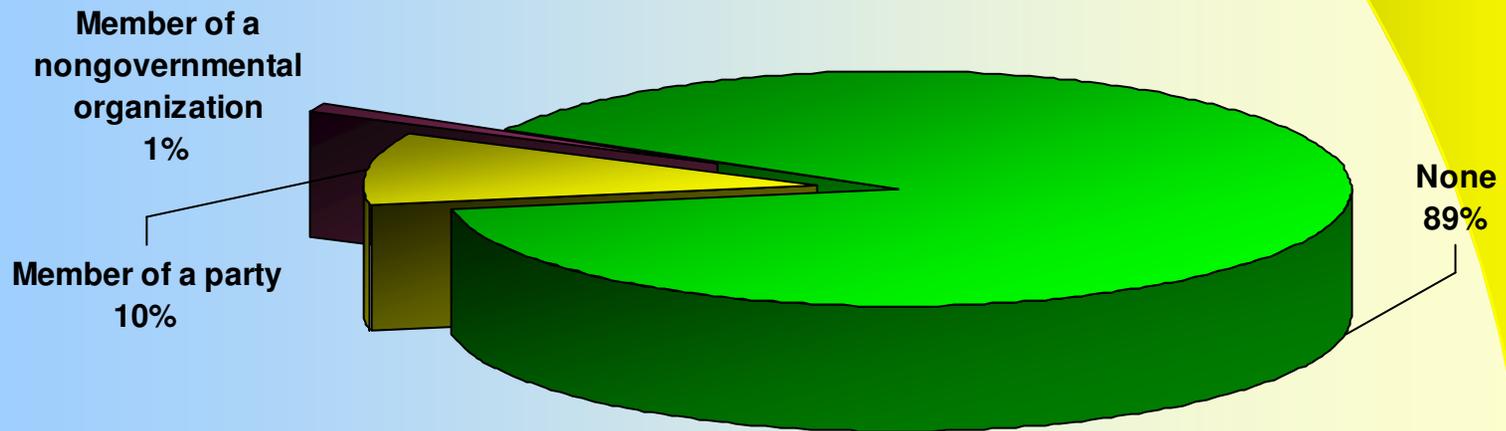
Household size



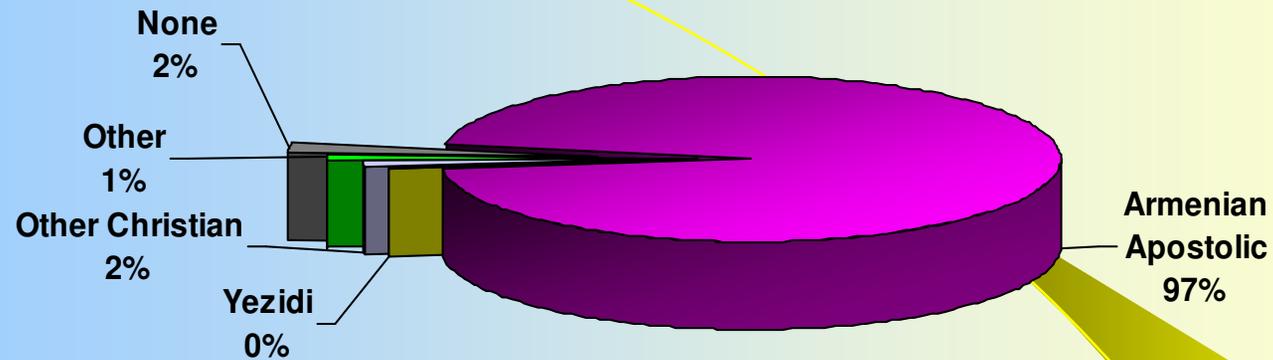
Sector of Employment



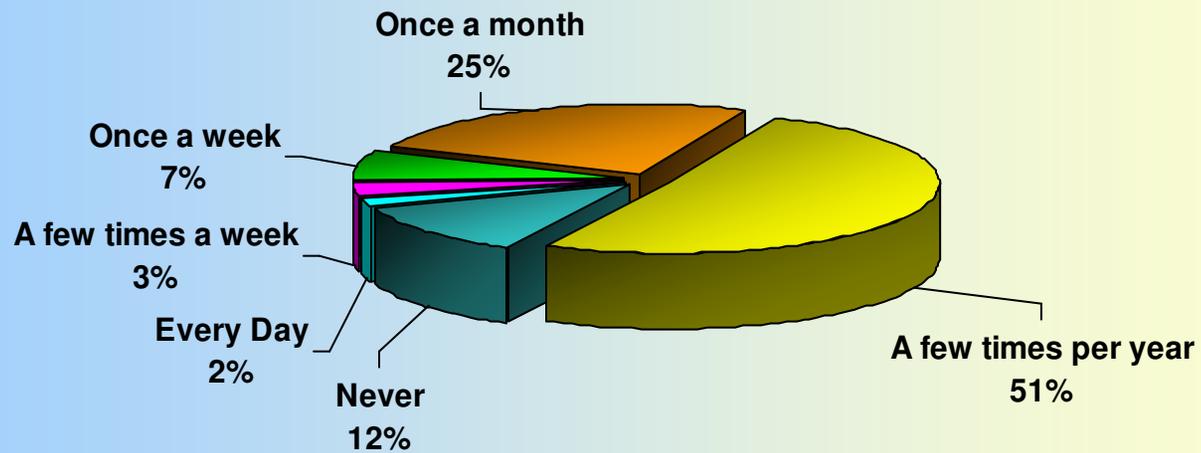
Membership in Organizations



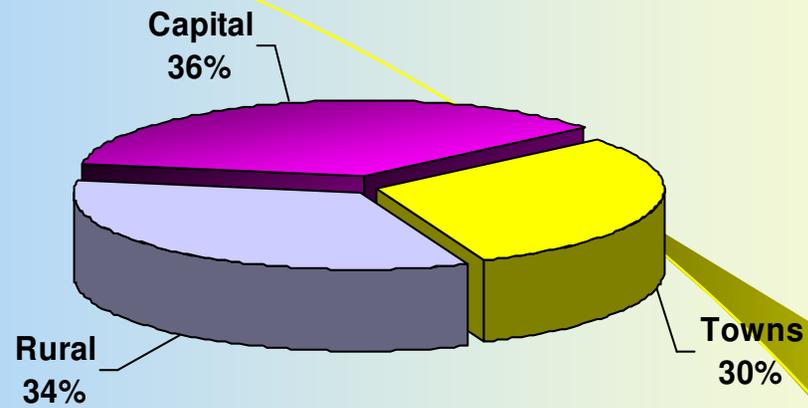
Religion



Attendance of religious service



Type of settlement



Regions

