

# Republic of Kenya National Opinion Poll

November 2006

**International Republican Institute  
Strategic Public Relations and Research**



# INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

- This nationwide opinion survey was conducted from November 3-6, 2006.
- 3,008 Kenyan citizens aged 18 and above were interviewed face-to-face on a household basis.
- The margin of error does not exceed +/- 1.79 percent.
- The survey was carried out on behalf of the International Republican Institute (IRI).
- The study was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Strategic Public Relations and Research (SPRR), in consultation with IRI's Nairobi office. All fieldwork was carried out by SPRR.
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# Respondents' Demographic Information

**Number of respondents: 3,008**

## Sex

Male	50.7%
Female	49.3%

## Age Group

18-25	32.5%
26-35	25.7%
36-45	19.5%
46-55	13.7%
56+	8.2%
Don't Know	0.3%

## Education Level

No formal education	4.5%
Primary	24.5%
Secondary	36.1%
Tertiary	24.5%
University	7.7%
Post Graduate	2.1%

## Monthly Income

Less than Kshs 5,000	31.3%
5,001-10,000	26.8%
10,001-20,000	15.2%
20,001-30,000	5.9%
30,001-40,000	2.6%
40,001-50,000	2.3%
50,001-150,000	1.5%
More than 150,000	0.2%
Don't Know	4.4%
Refused to Answer	5.0%
No Response	5.0%

## Location

Urban	41.4%
Rural	58.6%

# Respondents' Demographic Information

## Employment Status

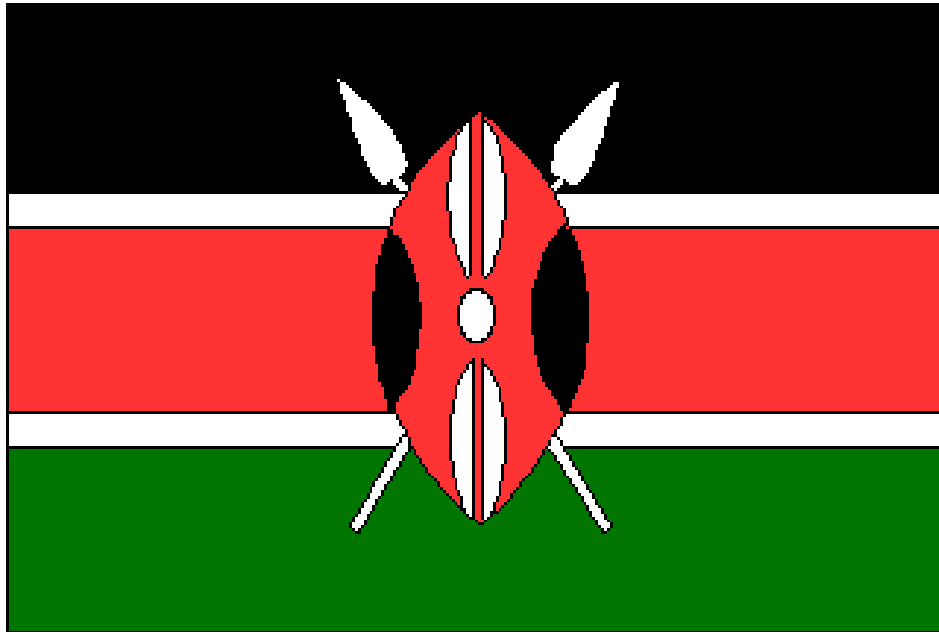
Full time formal employment	19.1%
Full time informal employment	20.8%
Part time formal employment	4.3%
Part time informal employment	16.3%
Unemployed	25.9%
Student	6.9%
Retired	3.9%
No Response	0.8%

## Religion

Catholic	34.4%
Protestant	53.7%
Traditionalist	1.5%
Muslim	8.3%
Hindu	0.3%
Others	0.8%
No Response	0.8%
Don't Know	0.2%

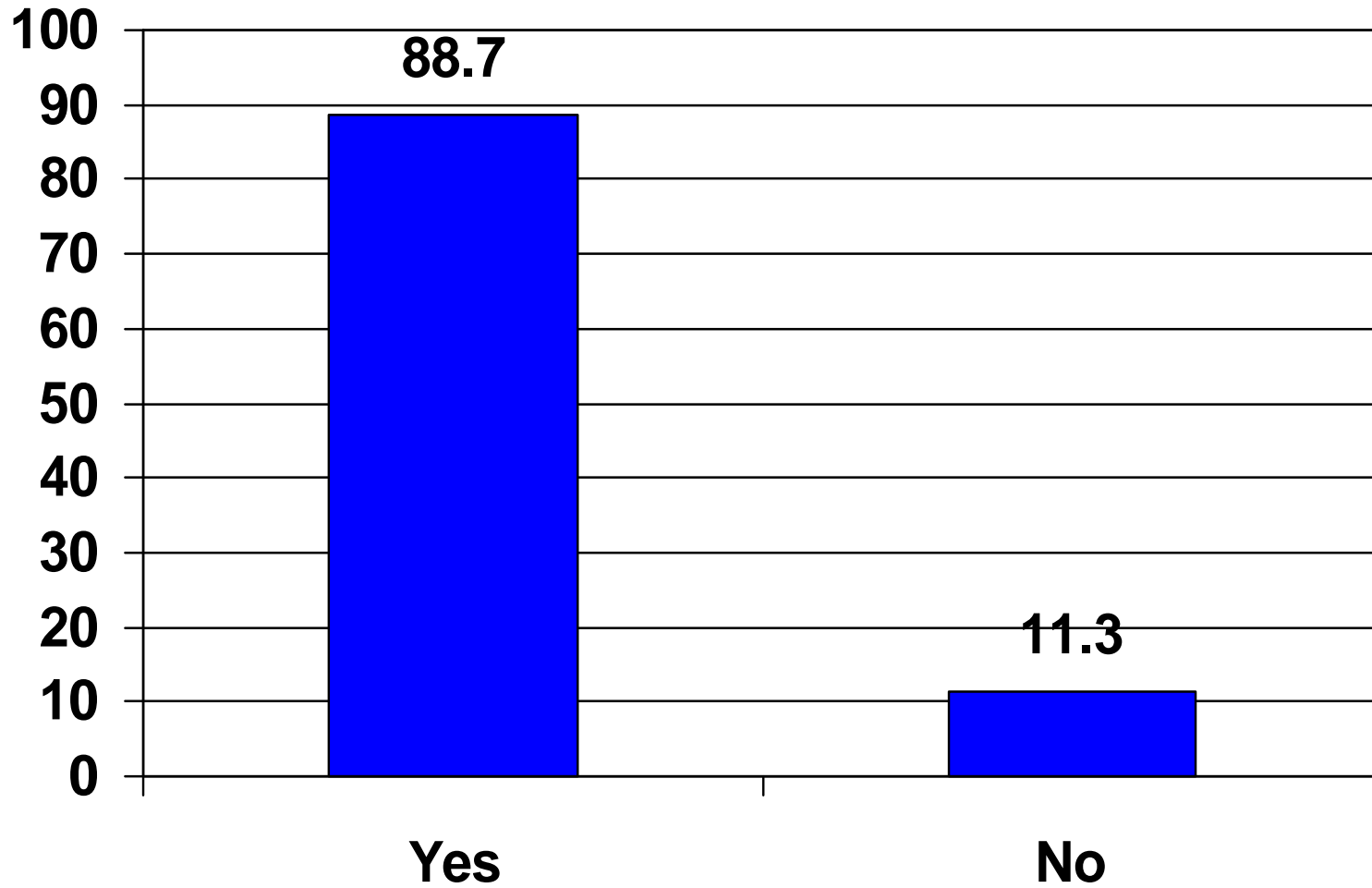
## Occupation

Administration	1.2%
Artisan	7.4%
Business	16.9%
Catering	1.0%
Civic Leader	0.4%
Civil Servant	1.0%
Clergy	3.1%
Farmer	15.8%
Househelp	1.0%
Housewife	3.6%
Medical	1.7%
Professional	8.2%
Retired	1.2%
Skilled Labourer	3.9%
Student	5.7%
Teacher	8.3%
Unemployed	10.3%
Unskilled Laborer	4.1%
Don't Know	1.2%
No Response	3.9%



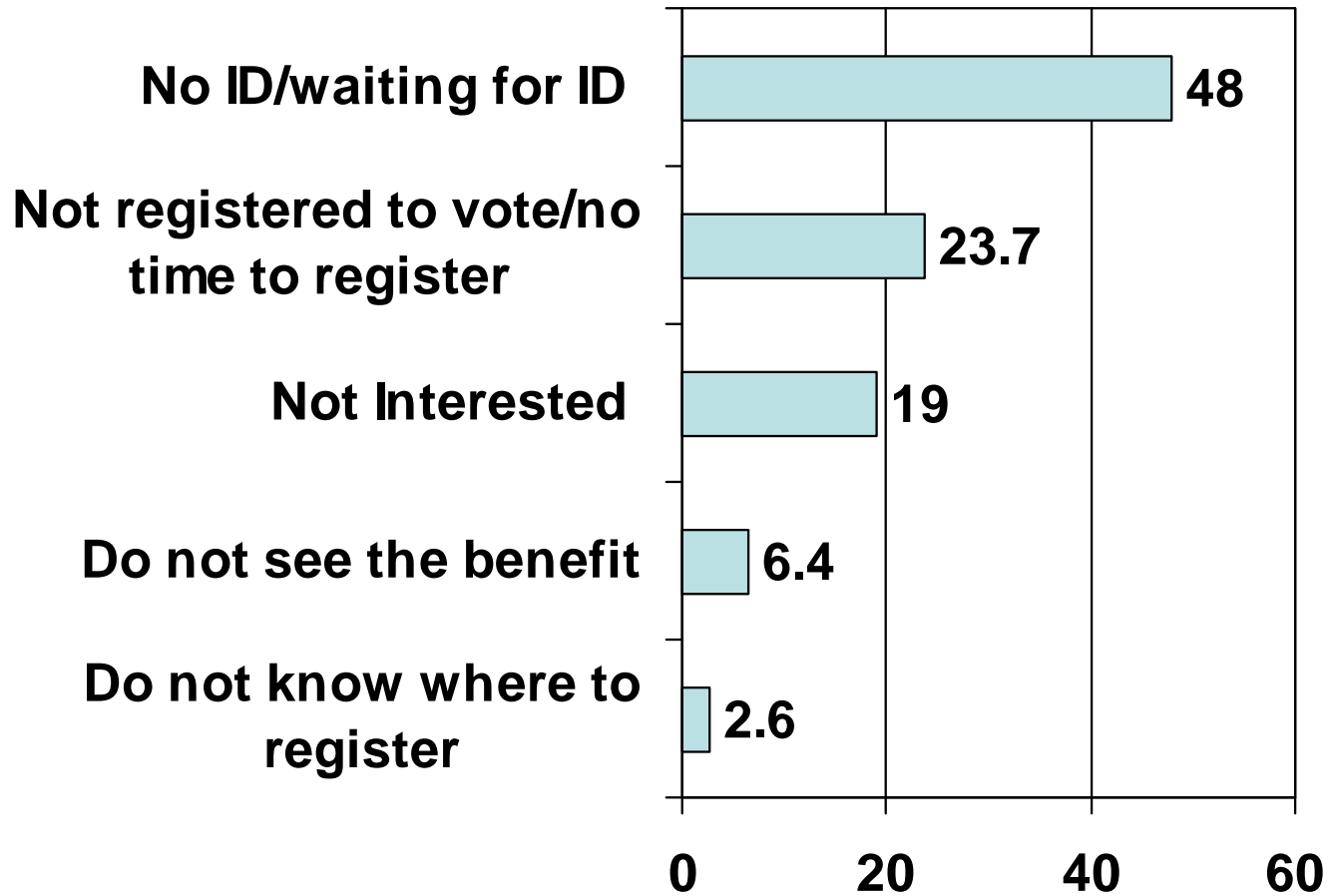
# VOTING STATUS OF RESPONDENTS

# Are You A Registered Voter?

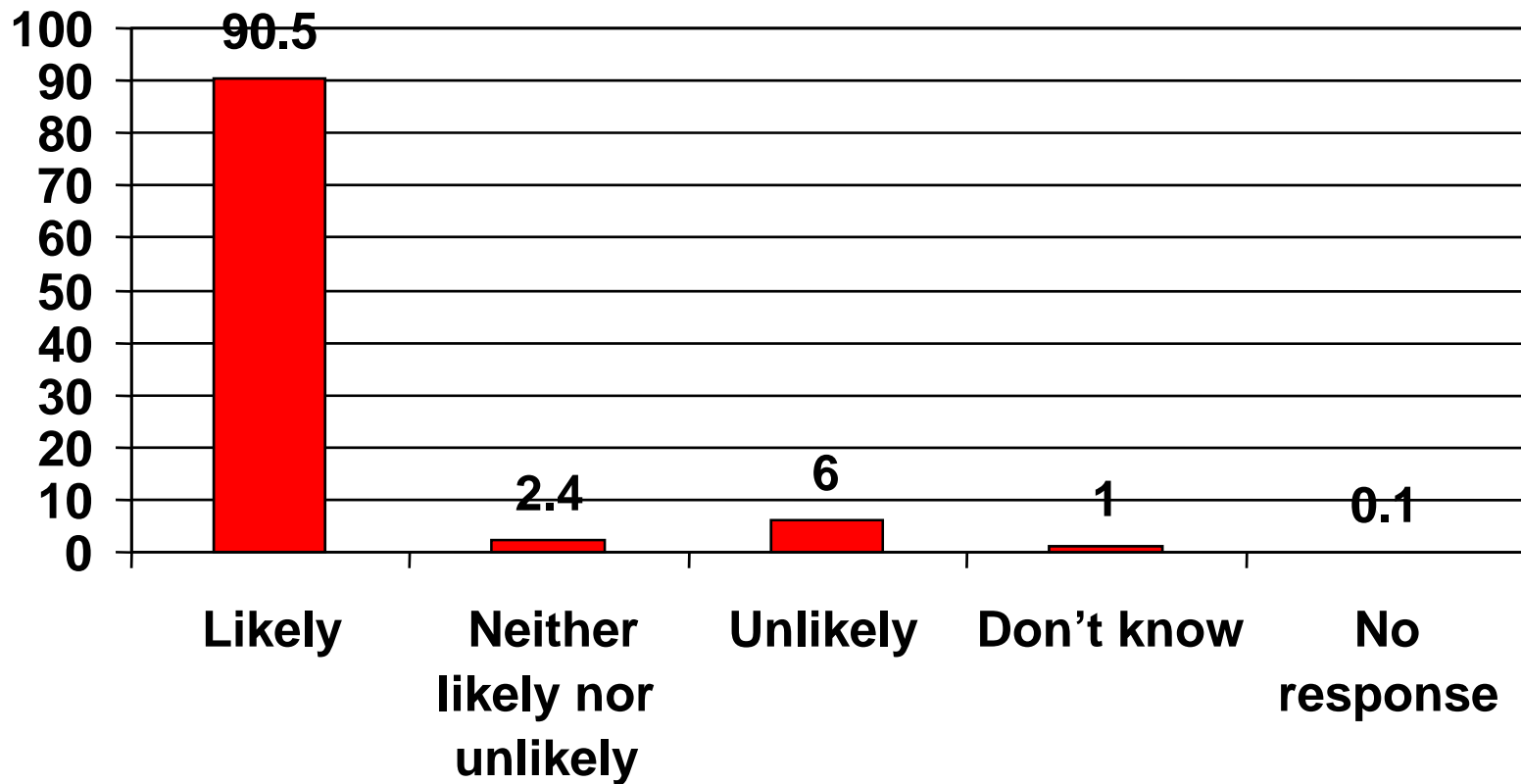


# (Asked of those who said they were not registered to vote) Why not?

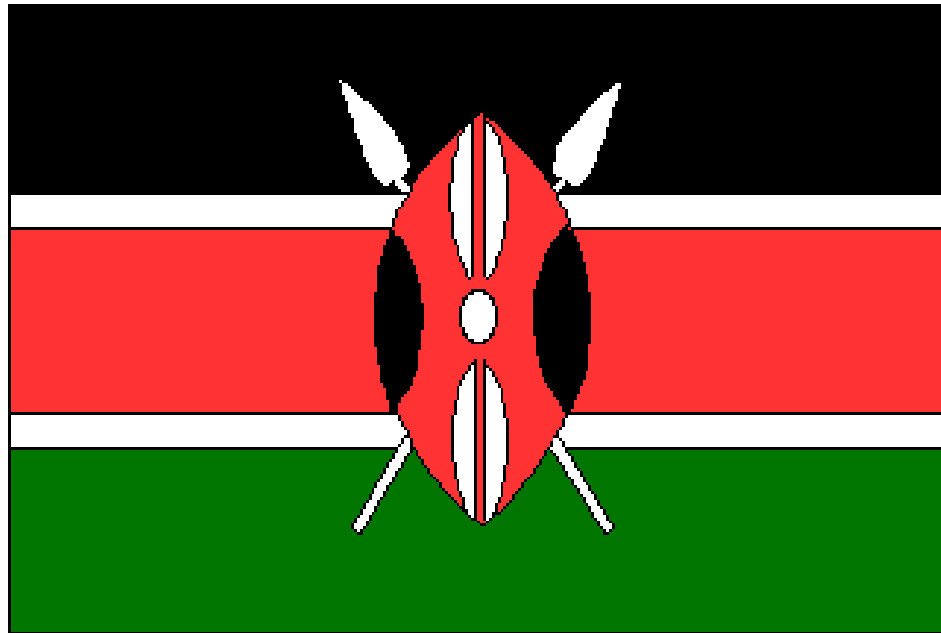
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# Are you likely or unlikely to vote in the 2007 general election?

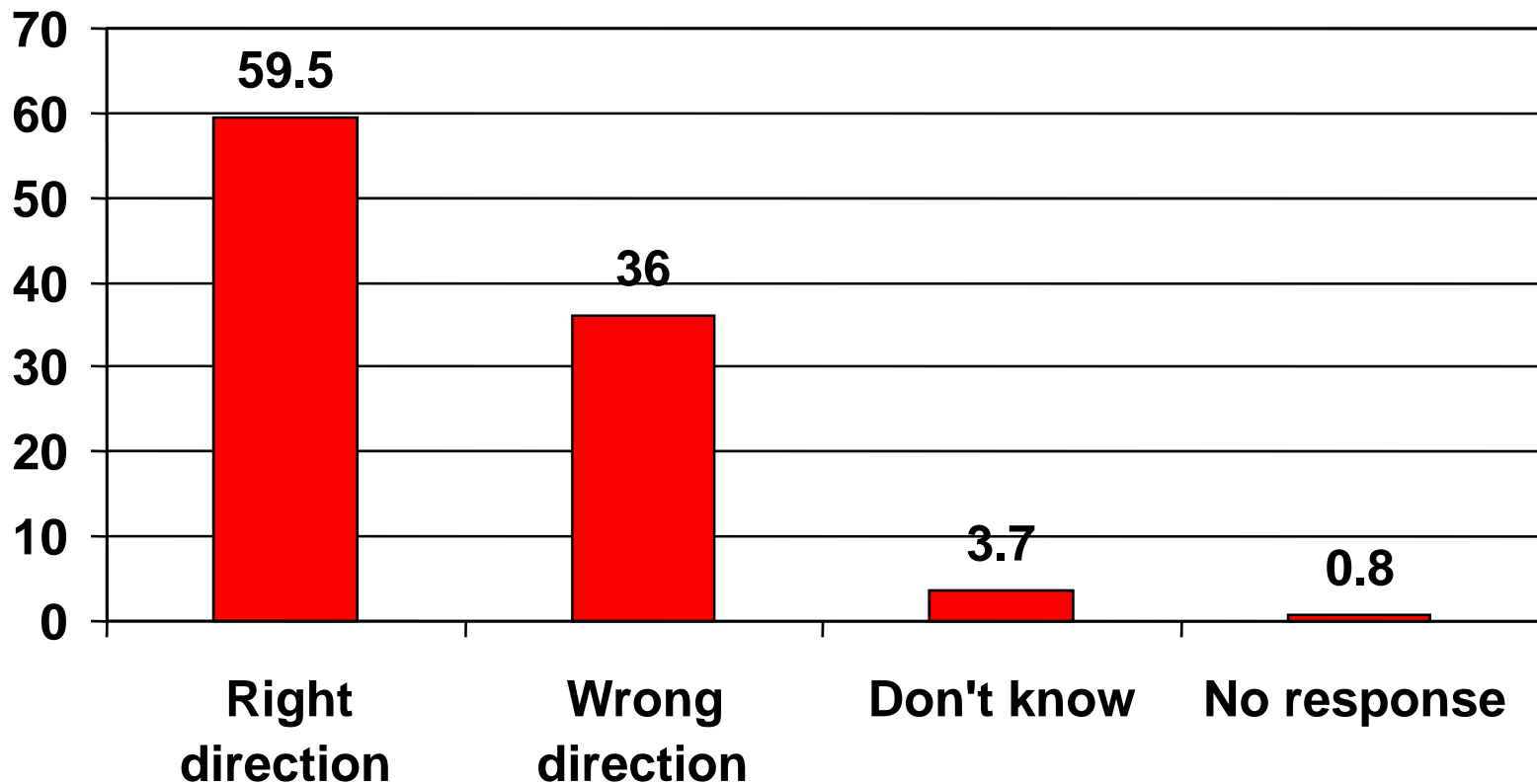




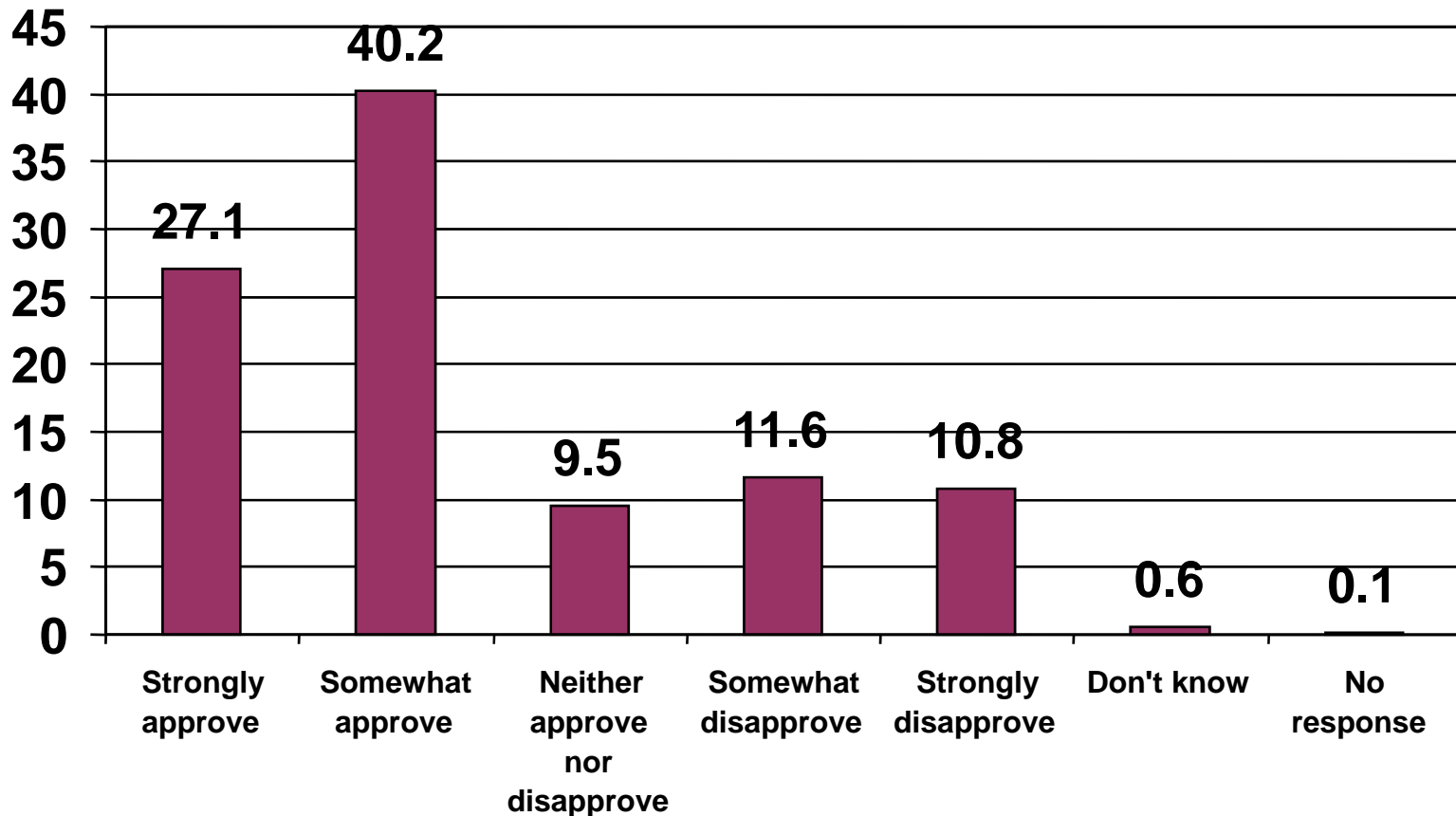


# **VIEWS ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT**

# Overall, would you say that the country is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?



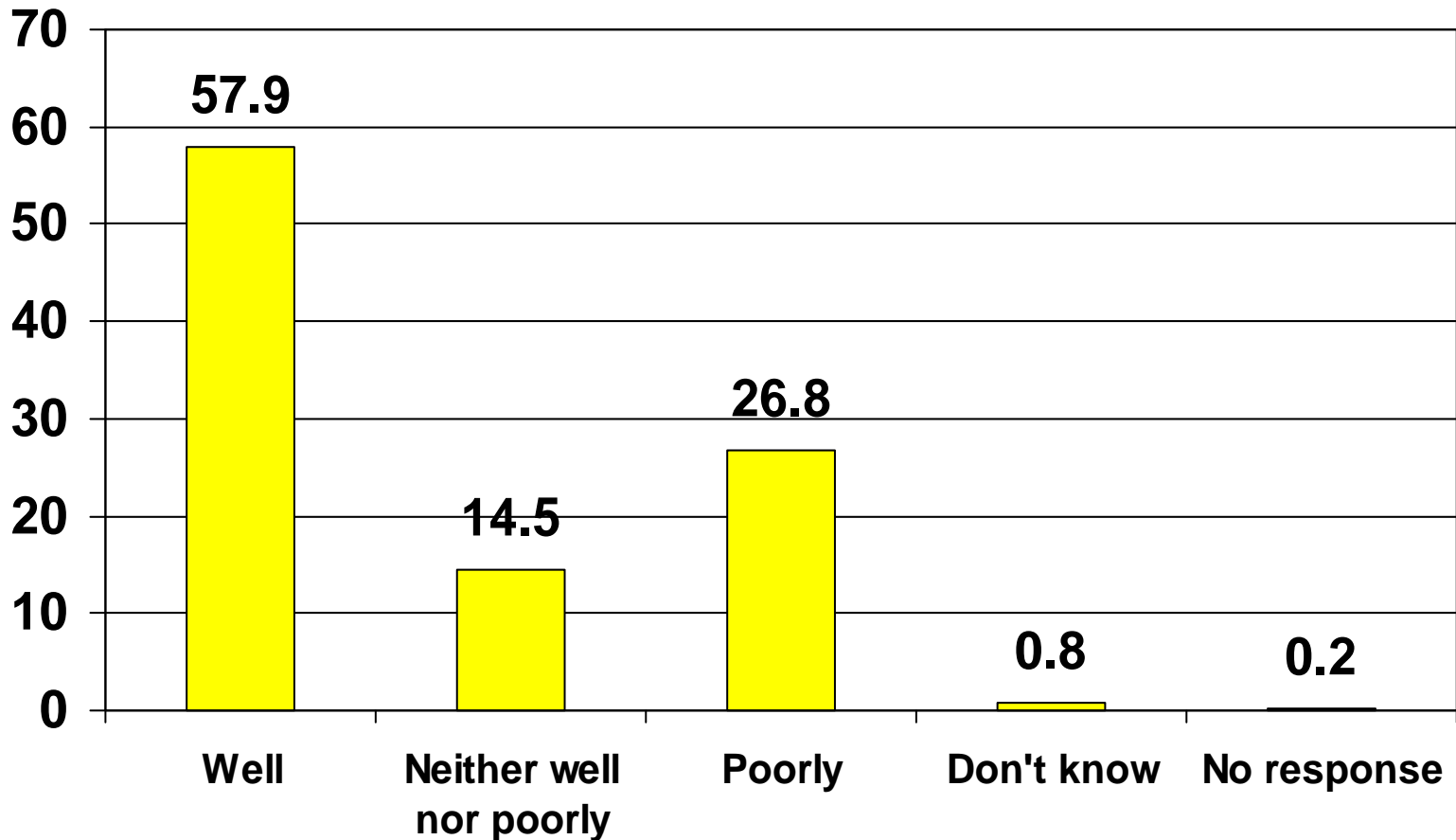
# Do you approve or disapprove of the job the government has done running the country since the 2002 elections?



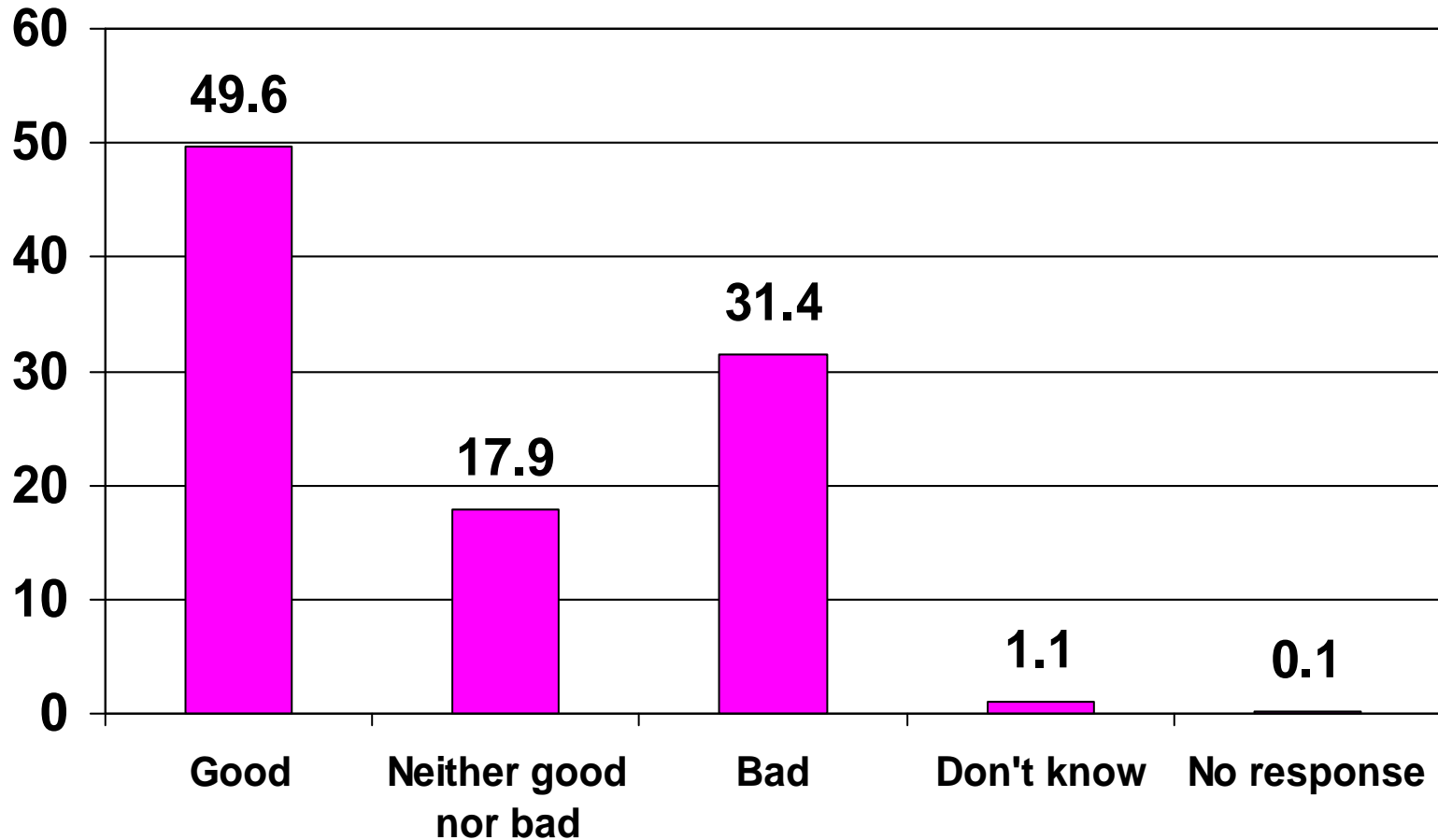
# Government Approval by Province

	Approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove	Don't know	No response
<b>Central</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	8.4%	6.50%	0.2%	0.40%
<b>Coast</b>	56.4%	10.4%	<b>32.4%</b>	0.8%	0.0%
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>75.8%</b>	5.4%	18.2%	0.6%	0.0%
<b>Nairobi</b>	50.4%	14.4%	<b>35.2%</b>	0.0%	0.0%
<b>North Eastern</b>	<b>80.9%</b>	1.6%	17.4%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Nyanza</b>	<b>71.1%</b>	11.5%	28.4%	1.8%	0.0
<b>Rift Valley</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	13.2%	23.5%	0.4%	0.30%
<b>Western</b>	<b>71.1%</b>	4.1%	24.3%	0.6%	0.0%

# Has the government done well or done poorly in fulfilling its election promises from 2002?



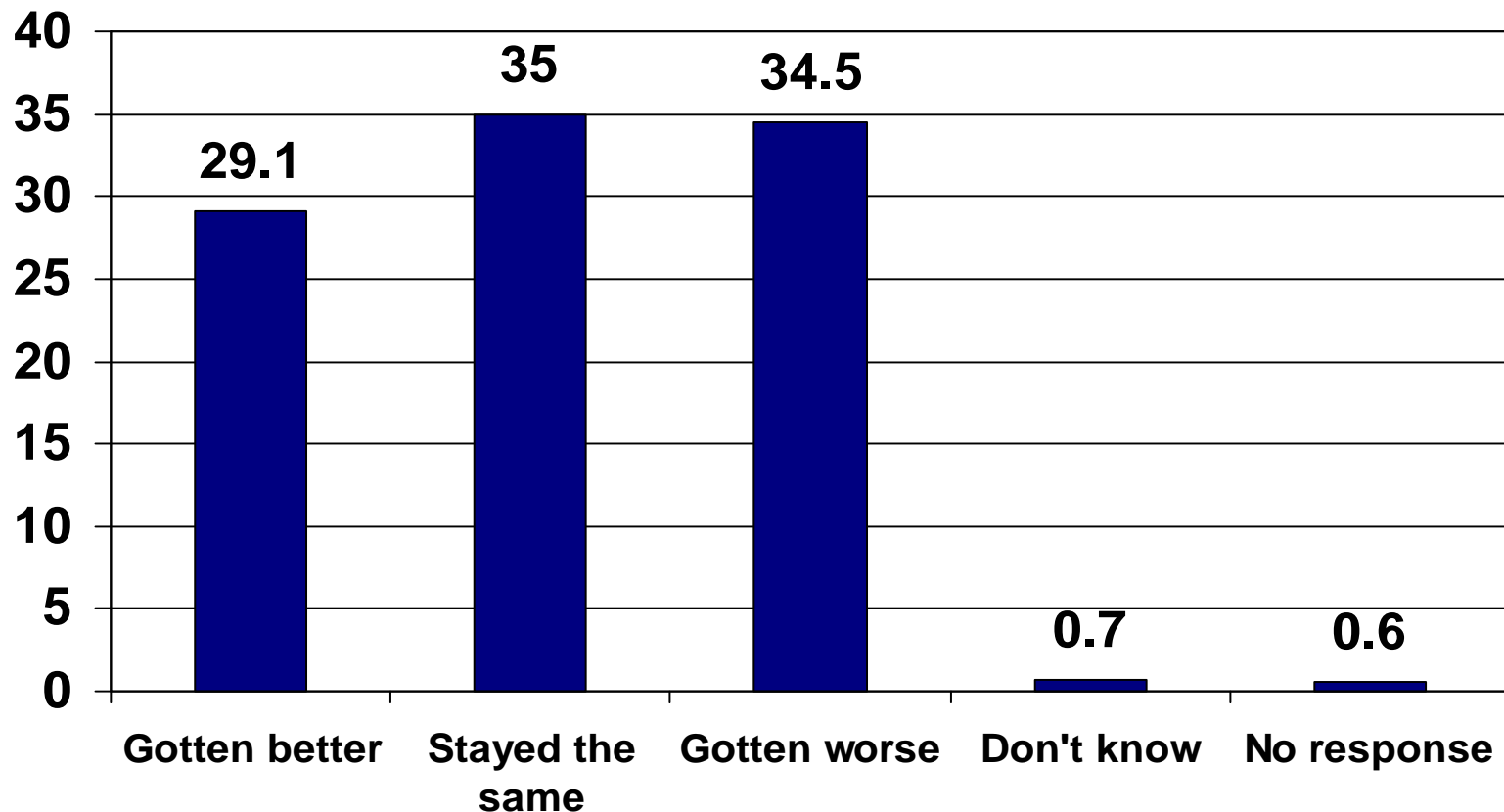
# Would you say the condition of Kenya's economy is good or bad?



# Perception of Economy by Province

	Good	Neither good nor bad	Bad	Don't know	No response
Central	68.8%	20.2%	10.5%	0.4%	0.0%
Coast	23.6%	29.20%	45.6%	1.6%	0.0%
Eastern	56.6%	10.4%	30.8%	1.8%	0.4%
Nairobi	42%	25.8%	31.1%	1.1%	0.0%
North Eastern	76.2%	4.8%	19.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Nyanza	39.3%	15.7%	43%	2.1%	0.0%
Rift Valley	47.3%	21.3%	30.8	0.6%	0.0%
Western	50.9%	9.6%	38.9%	0.6%	0.0%

# Would you say that your personal economic condition has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse over the past five years?

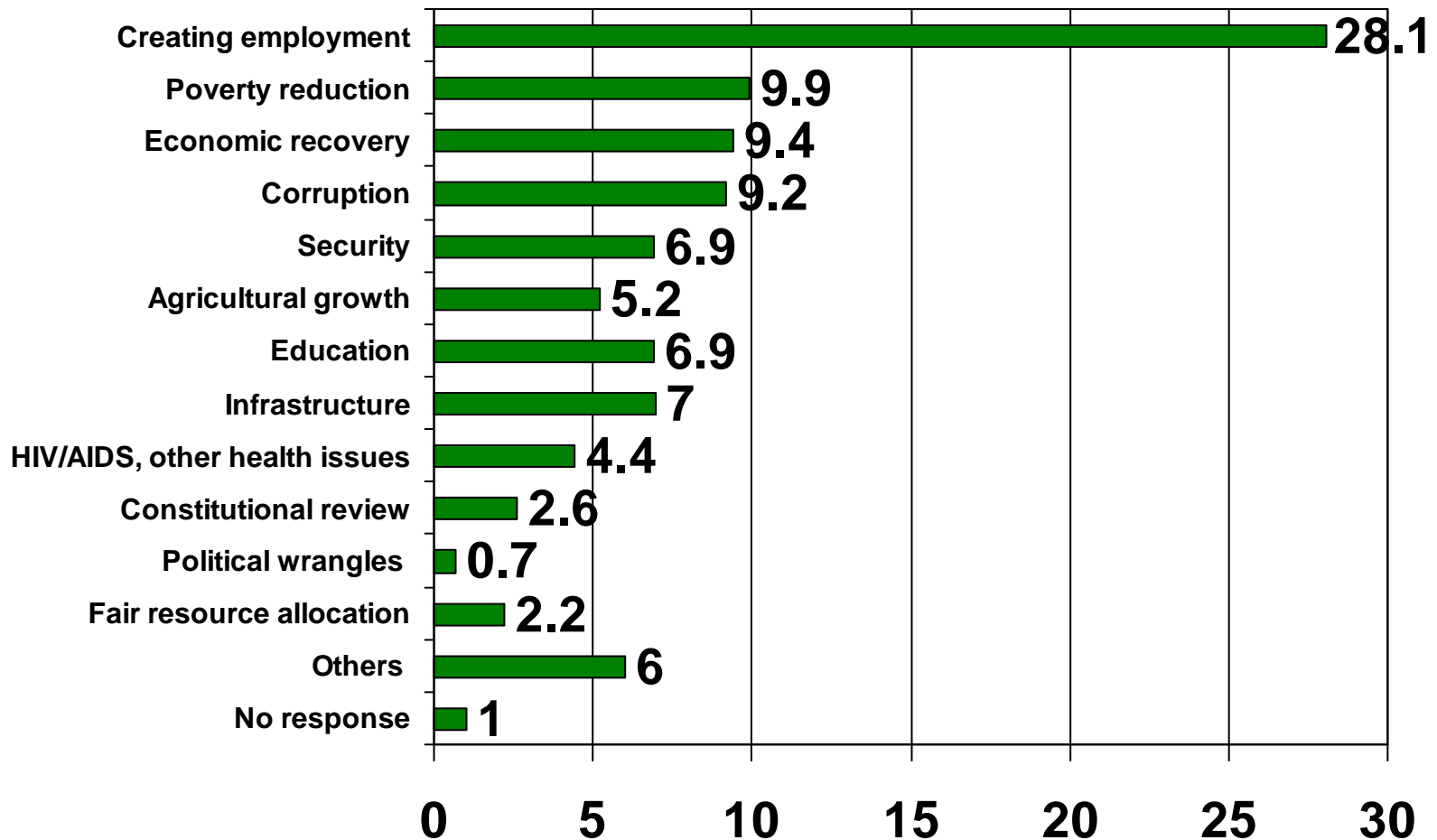


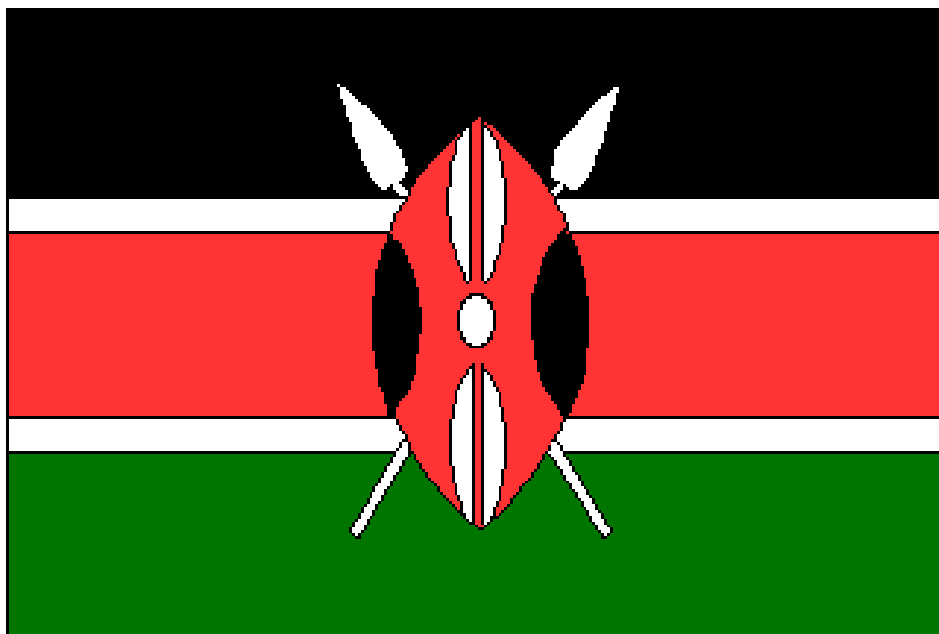


# Perception of Economy by Province

	<b>Gotten better</b>	<b>Stayed the same</b>	<b>Gotten worse</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>No response</b>
<b>Central</b>	46.9%	<b>28.20%</b>	23.70%	0.6%	0.6%
<b>Coast</b>	14.4%	36.4%	<b>48.0%</b>	0.8%	0.4%
<b>Eastern</b>	35.2%	26.20%	<b>36.2%</b>	1.4%	1.0%
<b>Nairobi</b>	18.2%	50.8%	<b>30.3%</b>	0.4%	0.4%
<b>North Eastern</b>	30.2%	<b>57.1%</b>	12.70%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Nyanza</b>	23.1%	<b>32.6%</b>	43.4%	0.7%	0.2%
<b>Rift Valley</b>	27.2%	<b>34.70%</b>	36.5%	0.7%	0.9%
<b>Western</b>	26.6%	43.9%	<b>29.2%</b>	0.0%	0.3%

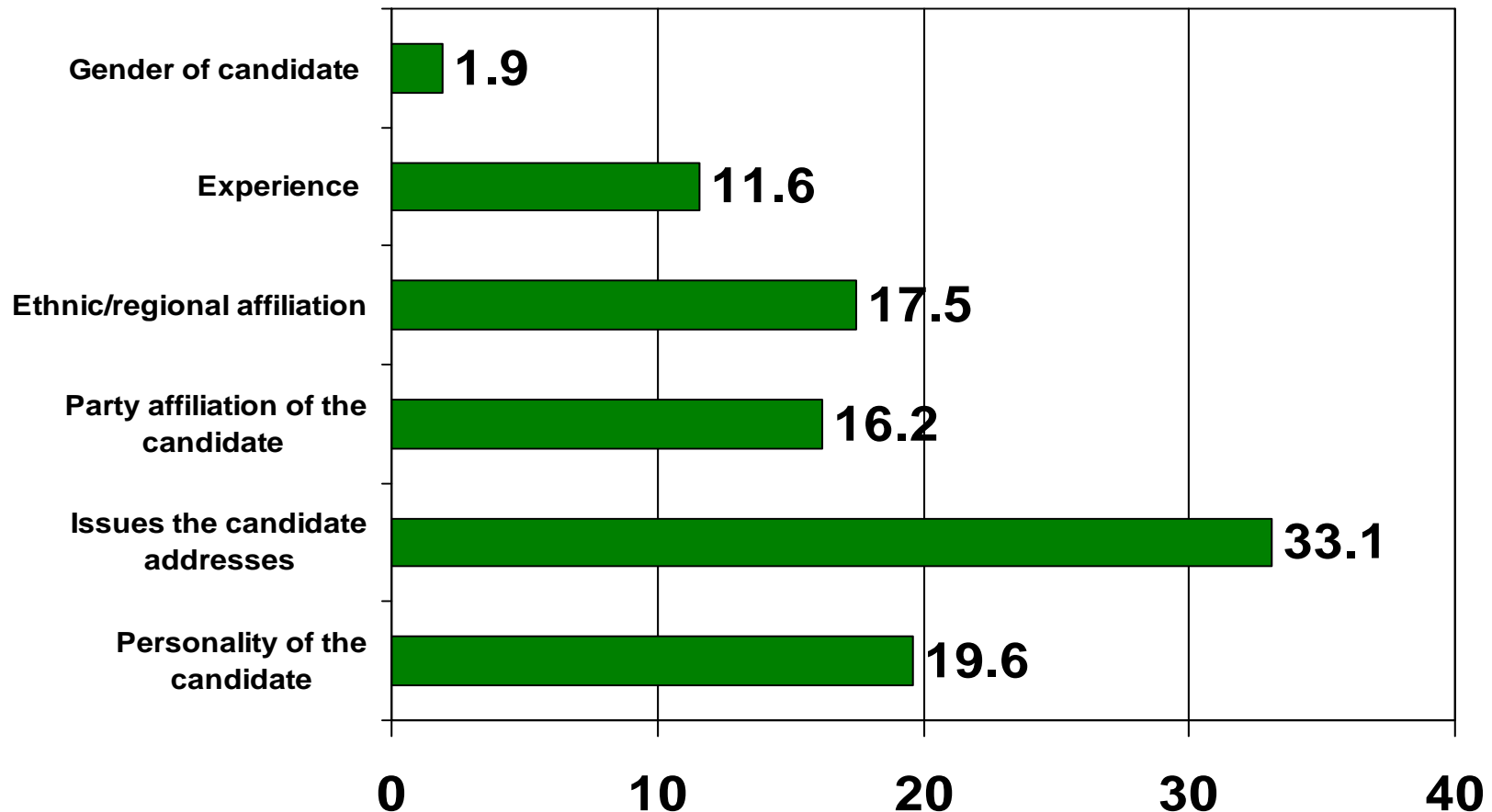
# What is the most important issue the Kenyan government should address?



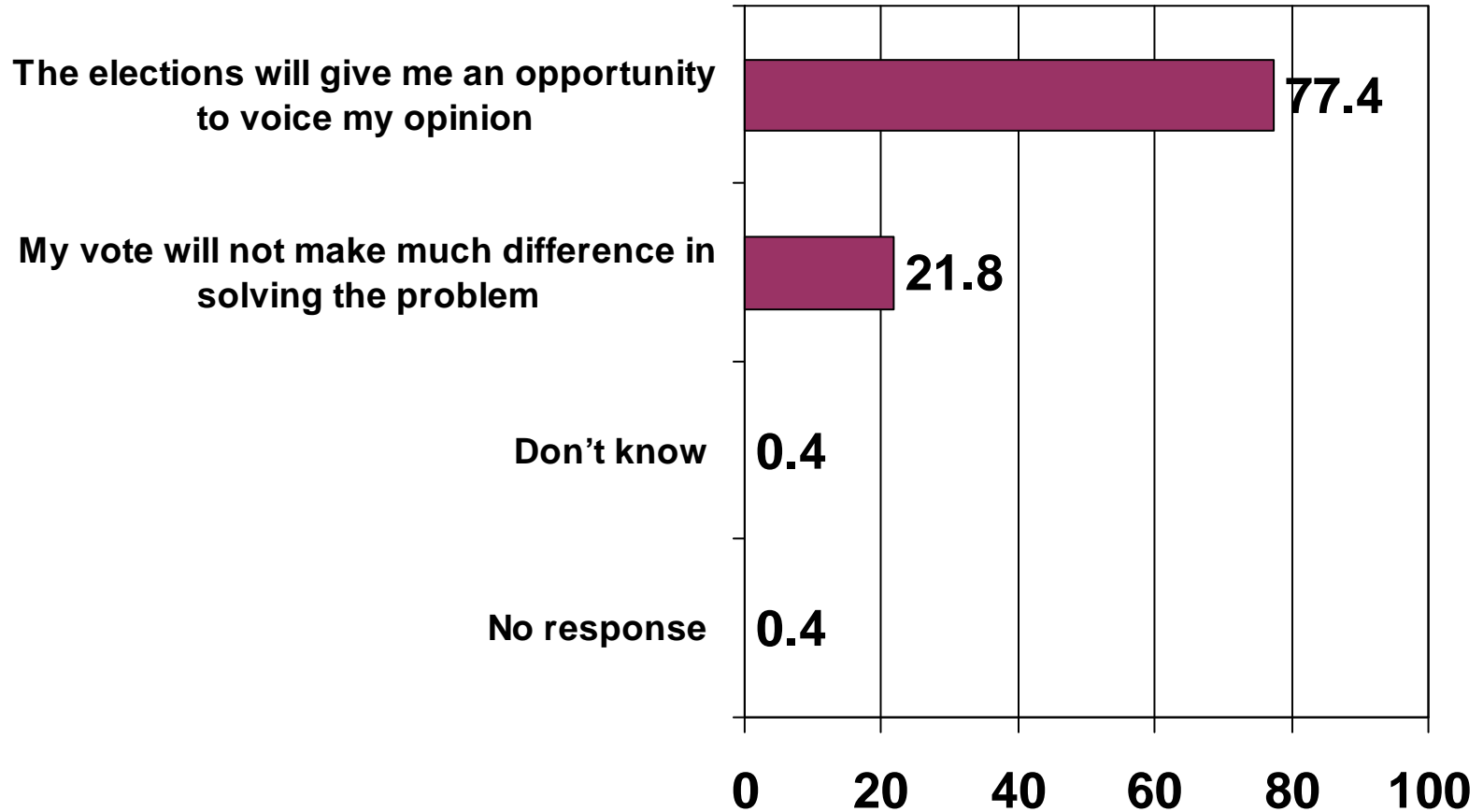


# **VIEWS ON THE 2007 GENERAL ELECTIONS**

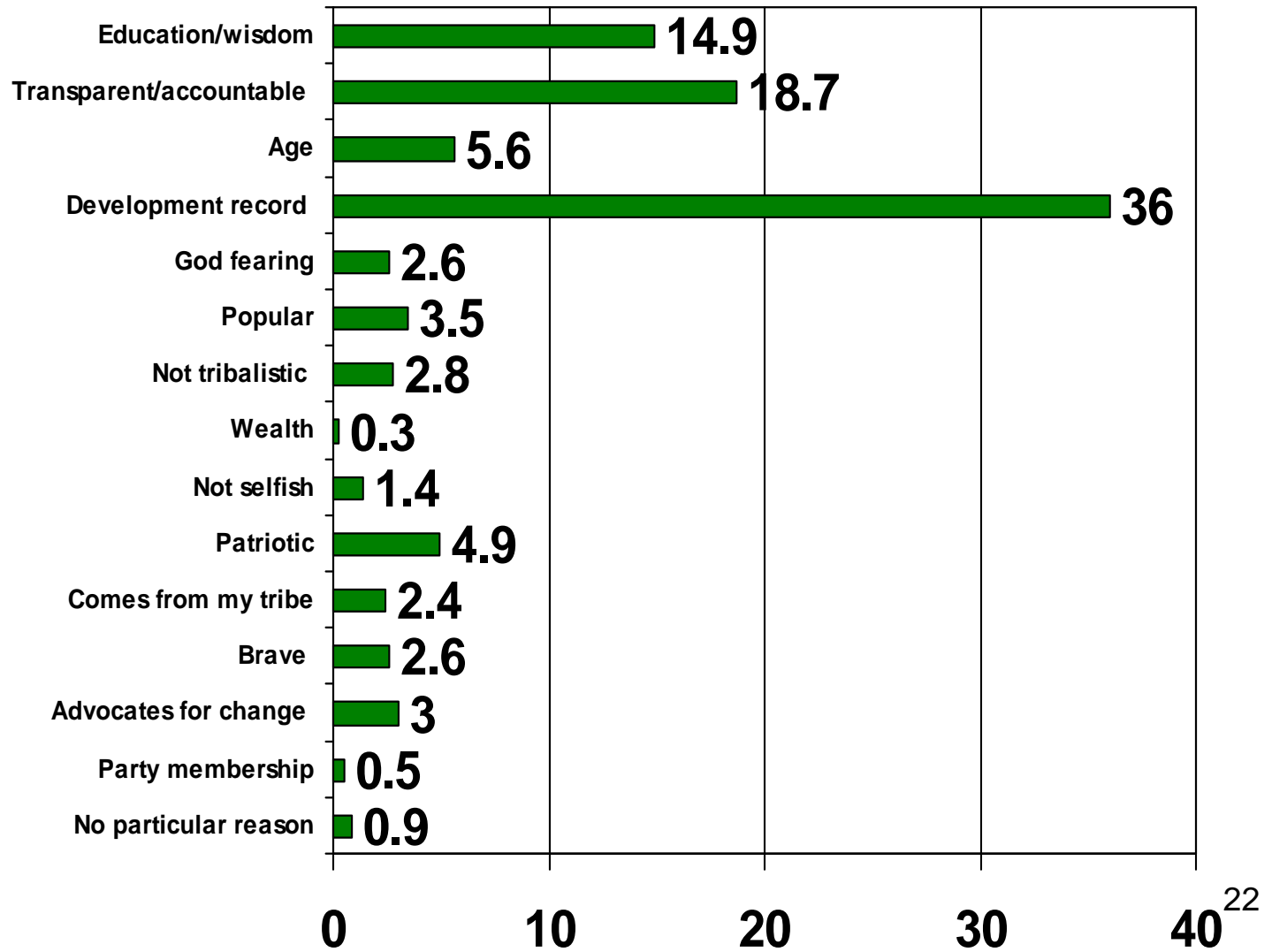
# In your opinion what is the strongest influencing factor in deciding how most Kenyans vote?

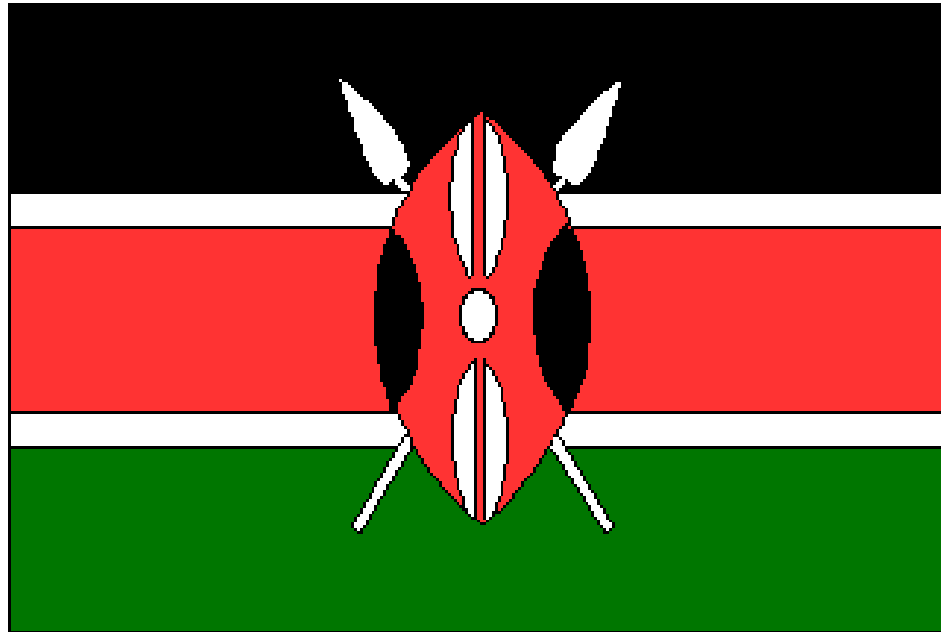


# Which of the two statements best describes how you feel about the general elections to be held next year (2007)?



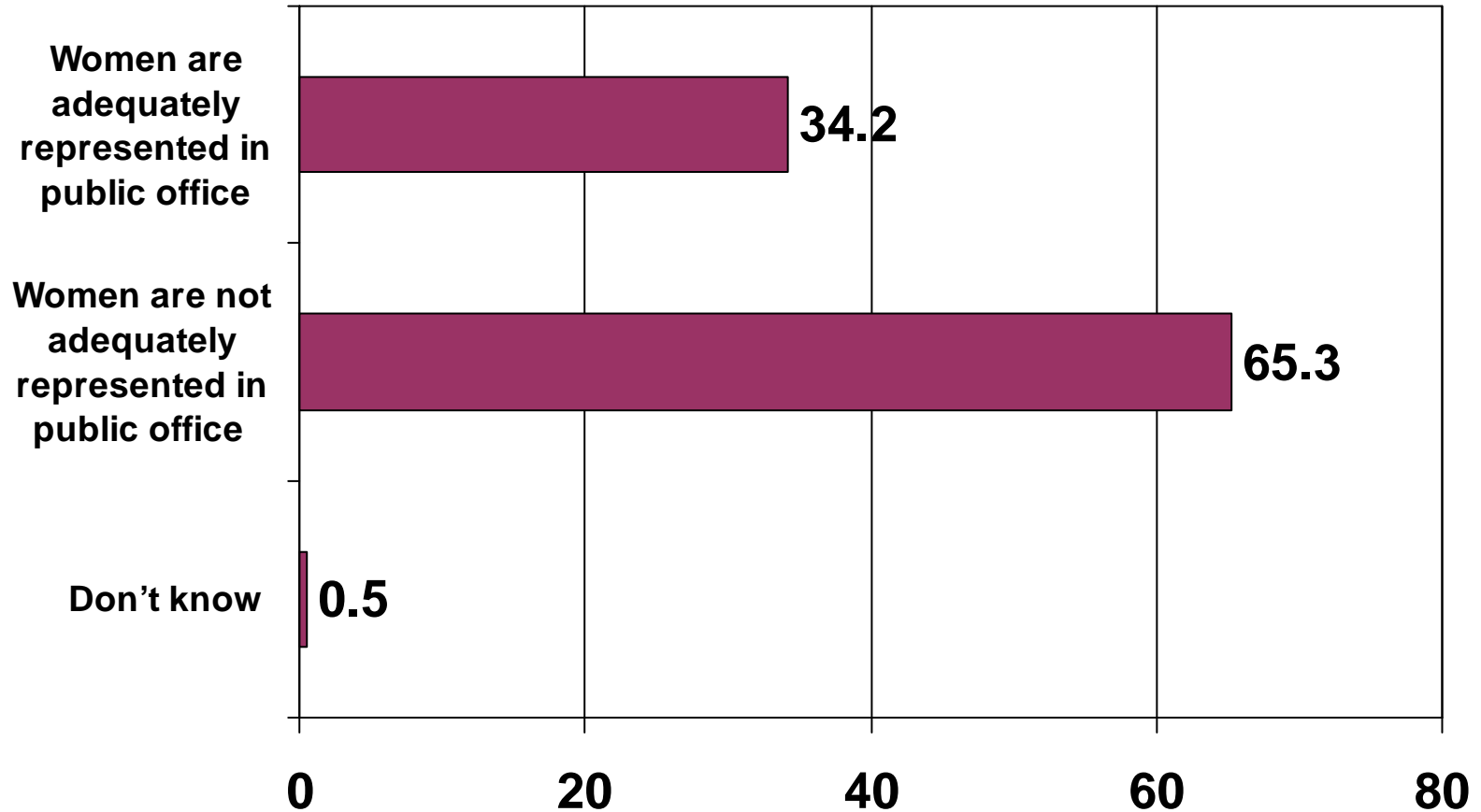
# What is the main reason for your choice of presidential candidate?





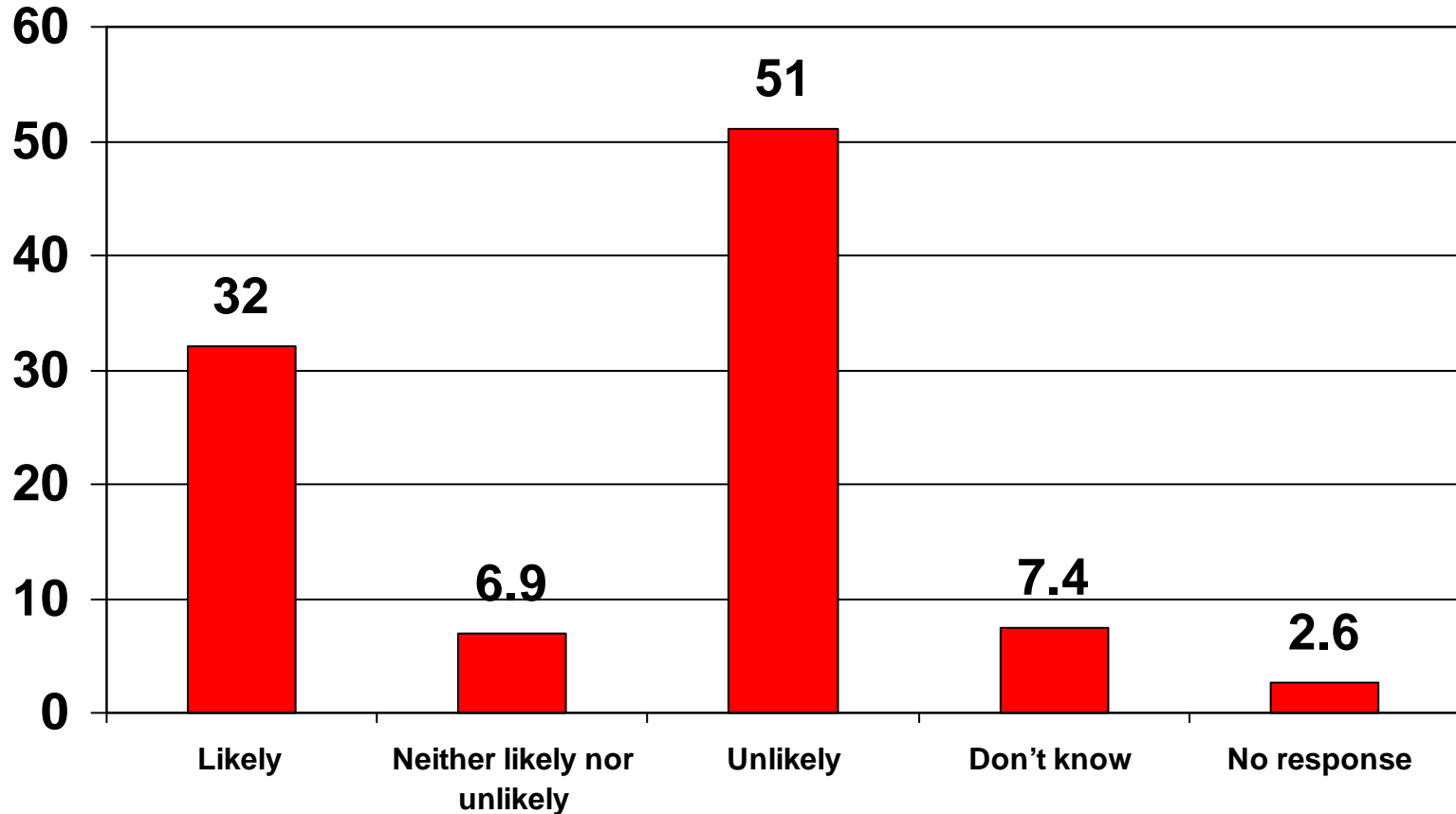
# VIEWS ON WOMEN LEADERSHIP

# In your opinion, which of the following statements best describes how women are represented in public office in Kenya?





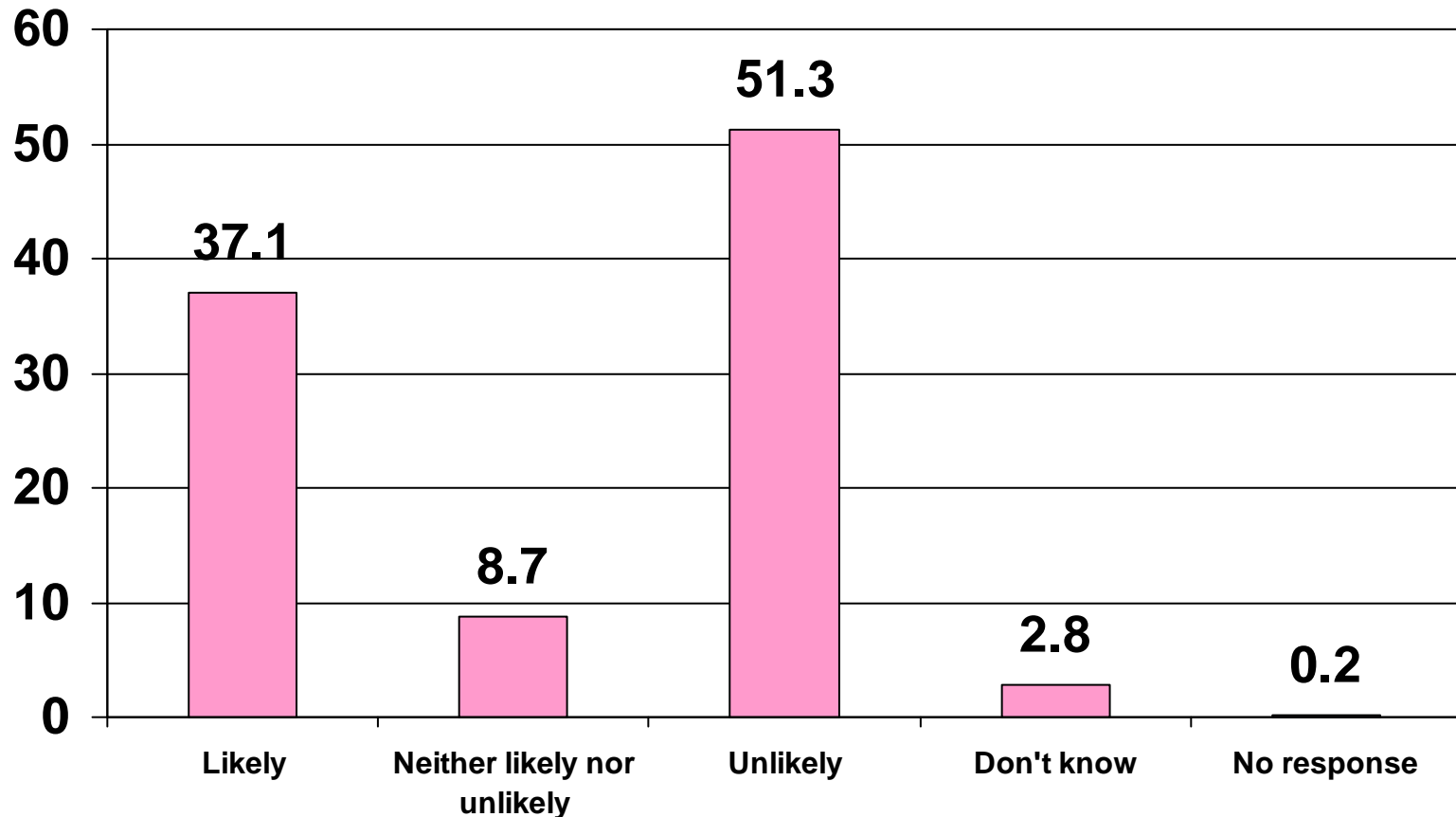
# Would the people you know be likely or unlikely to vote for a female presidential candidate?



# Would the people you know be likely or unlikely to vote for a female candidate for president?

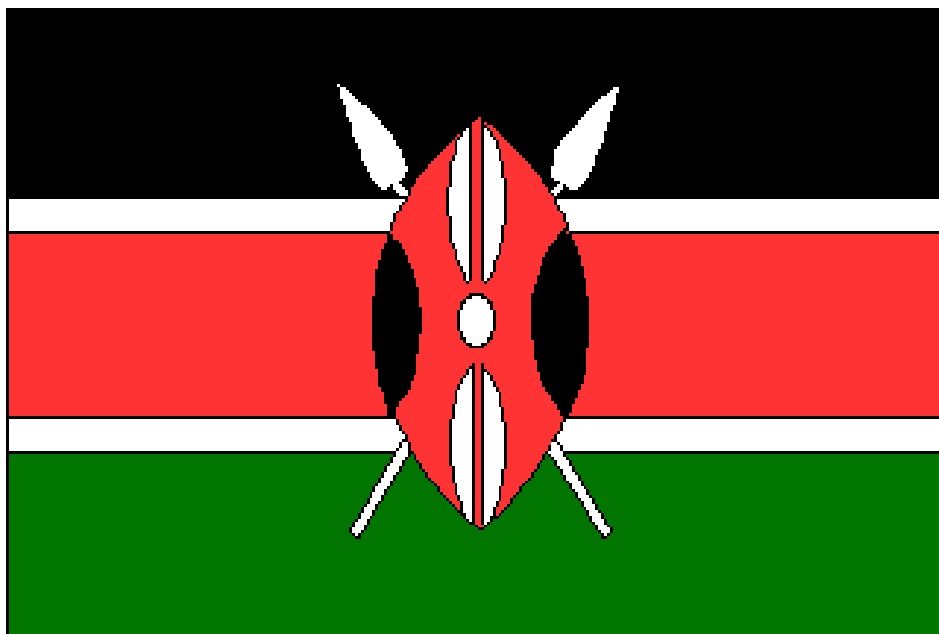
	Likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely	Don't know	No response
Men	28.2%	5.8%	57.3%	6.7%	2.0%
Women	36%	8.1%	44.6%	8.2%	3.2%

# Would voters in your constituency be likely or unlikely to vote for a female candidate for parliament?



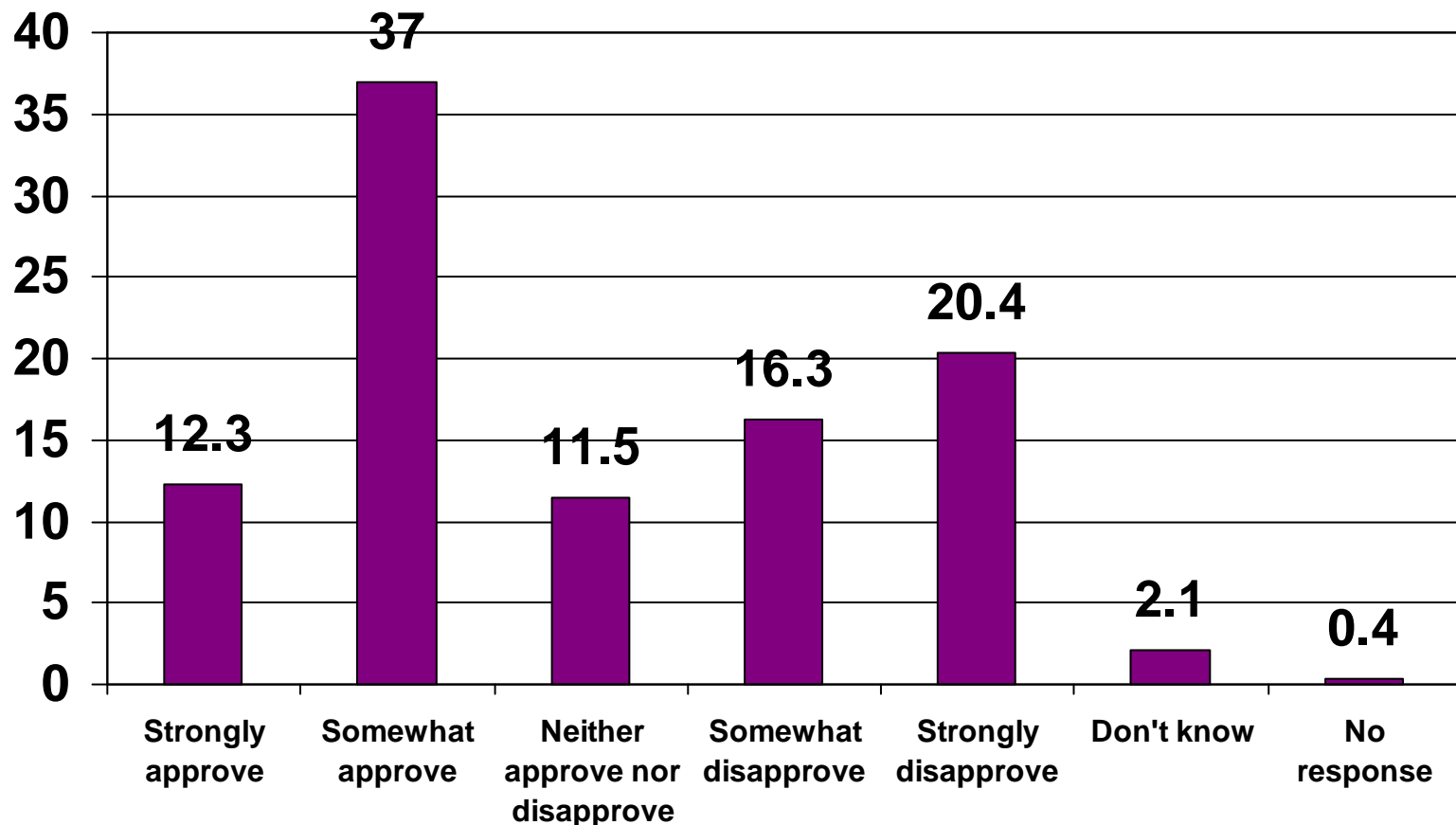
# Would the people in your constituency be likely or unlikely to vote for a female candidate for parliament?

	Likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely	Don't know	No response
Men	33.6%	8.8%	54.9%	2.5%	0.2%
Women	40.6%	8.6%	47.6%	3.2%	0.1%

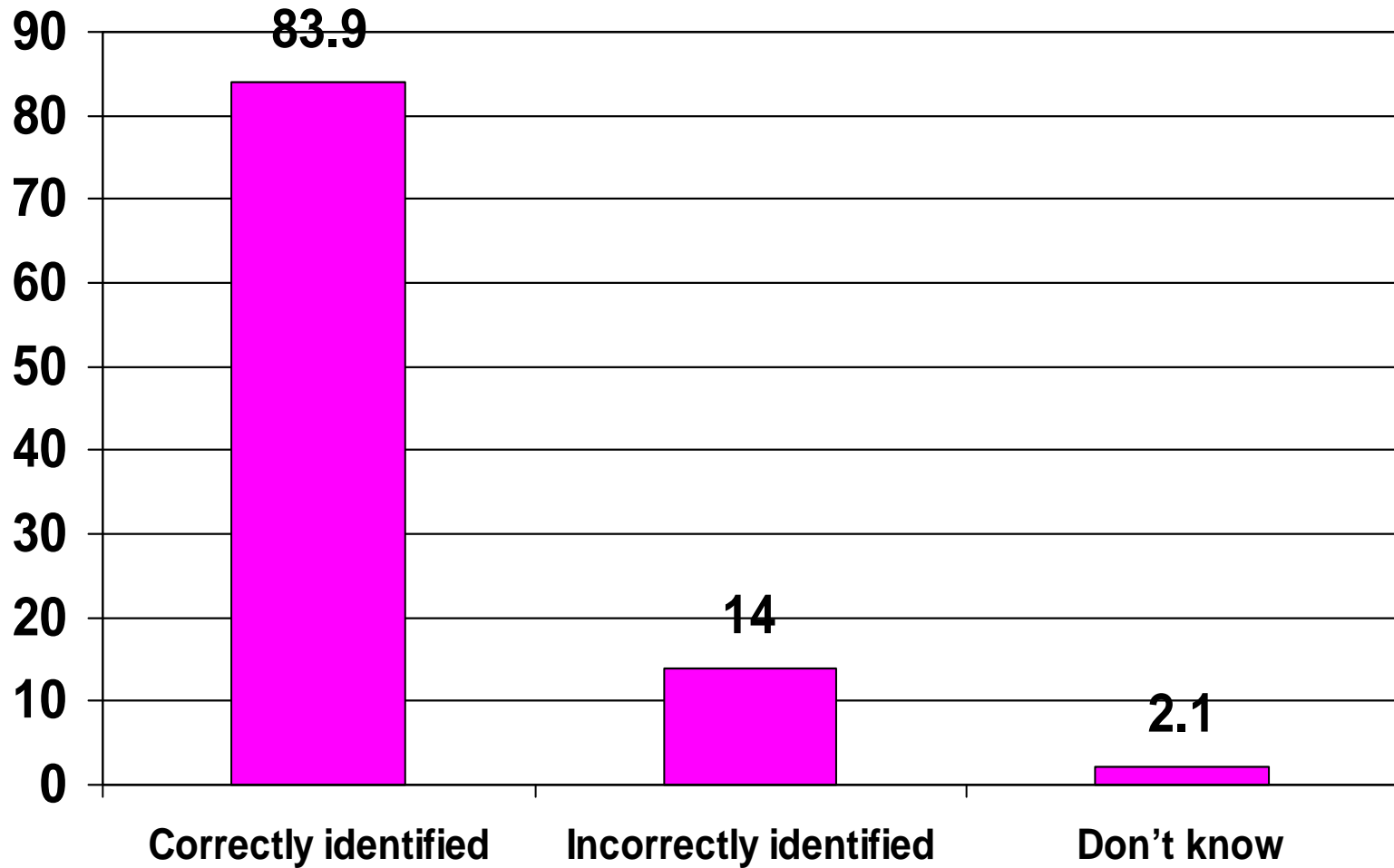


## **VIEWS ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> PARLIAMENT**

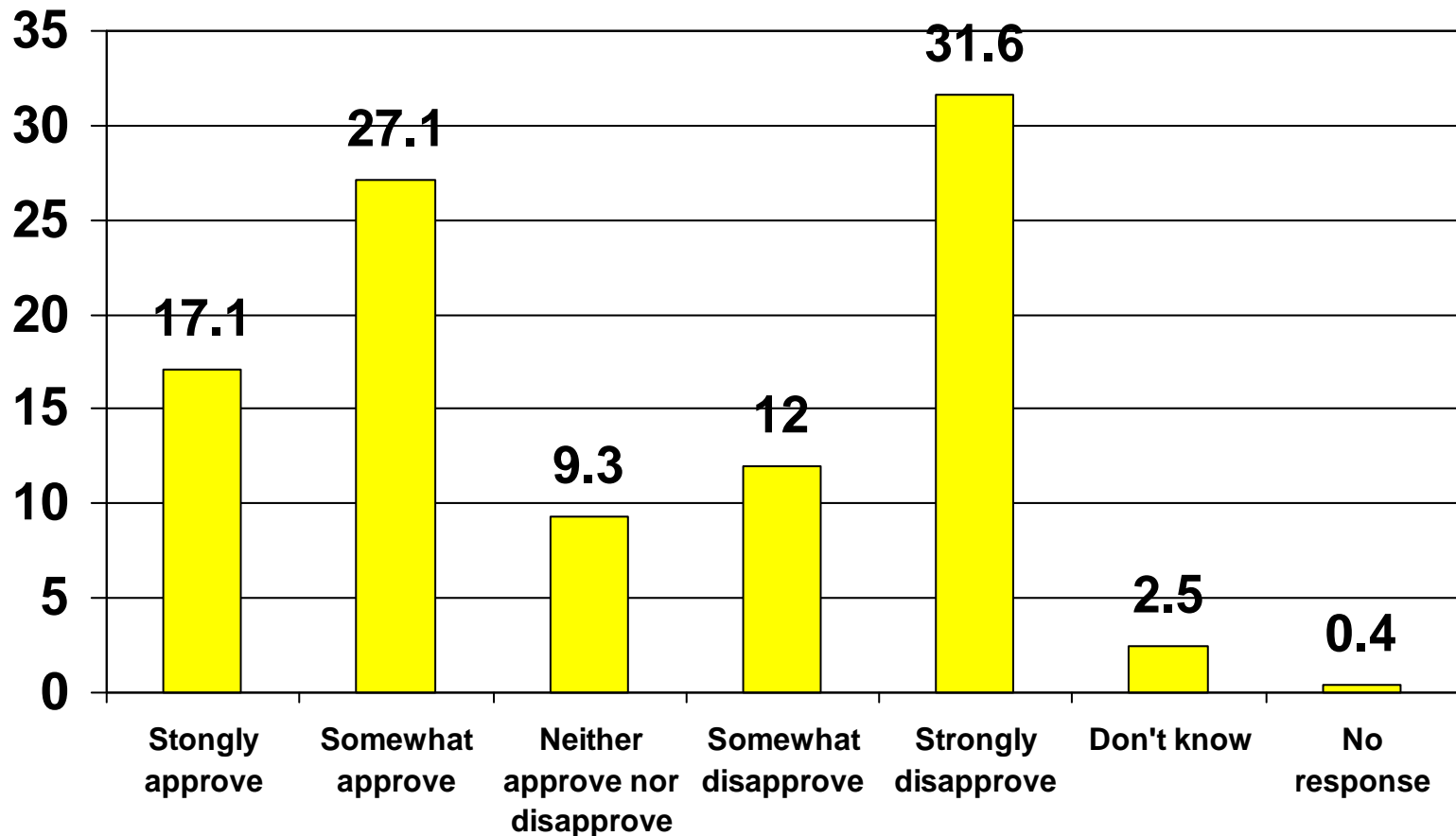
# Do you approve or disapprove of the current parliament's performance since the 2002 elections?



# Who is your member of parliament?

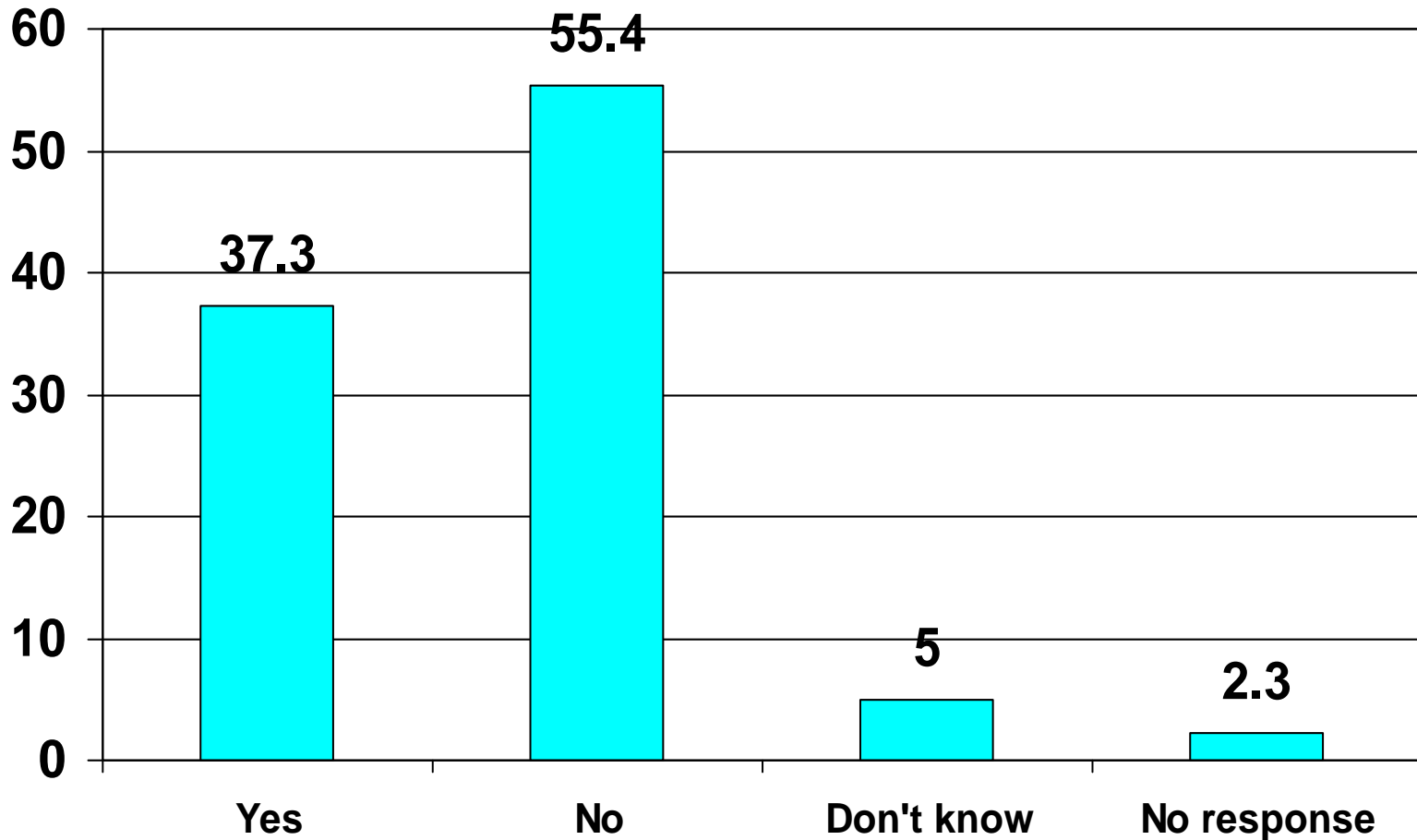


# Do you approve or disapprove of your own member of parliament's performance since the 2002 elections?

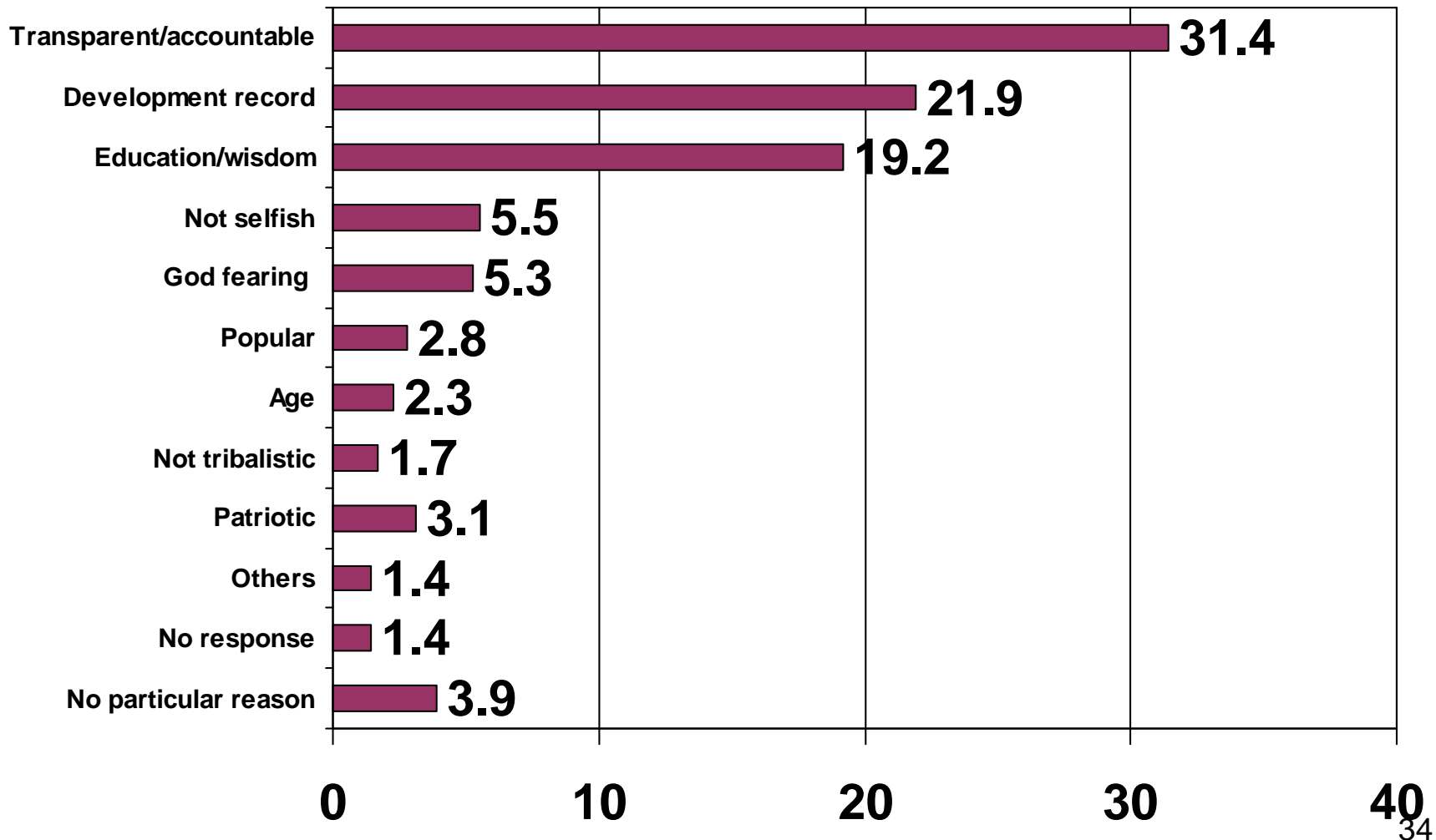


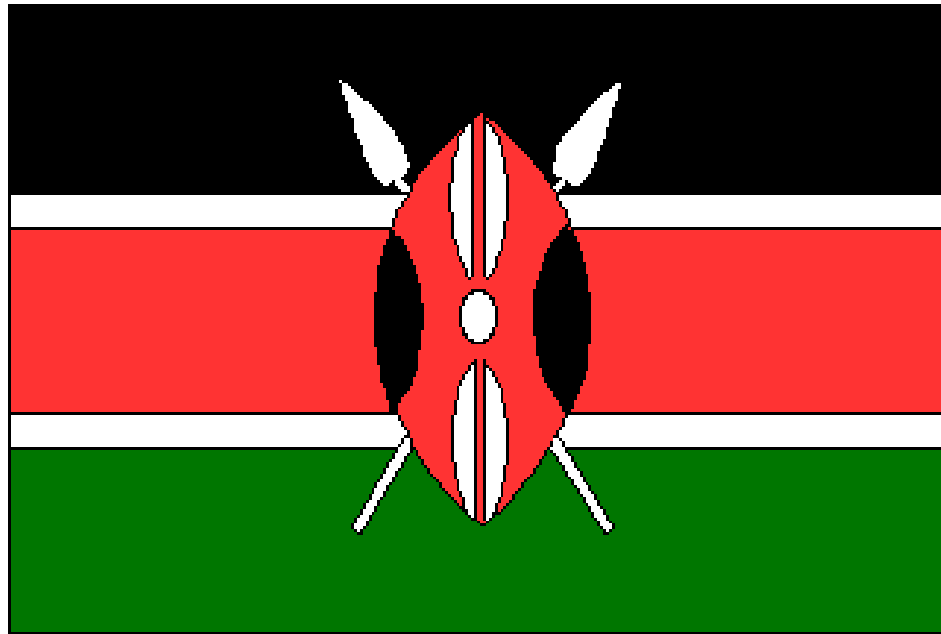


# Do you think your member of parliament deserves to be re-elected?



# What is the single most important quality a parliamentary candidate should have?

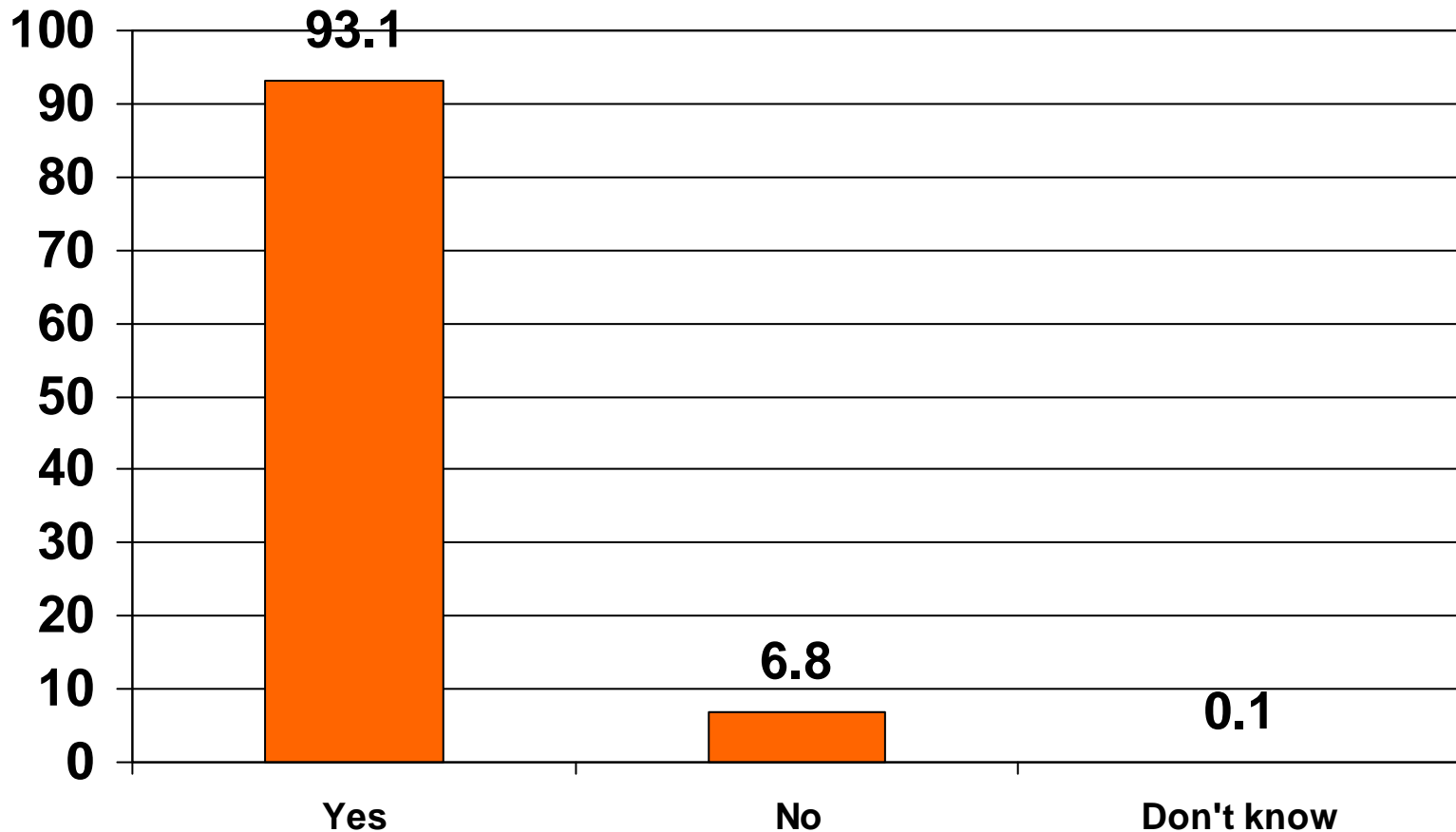




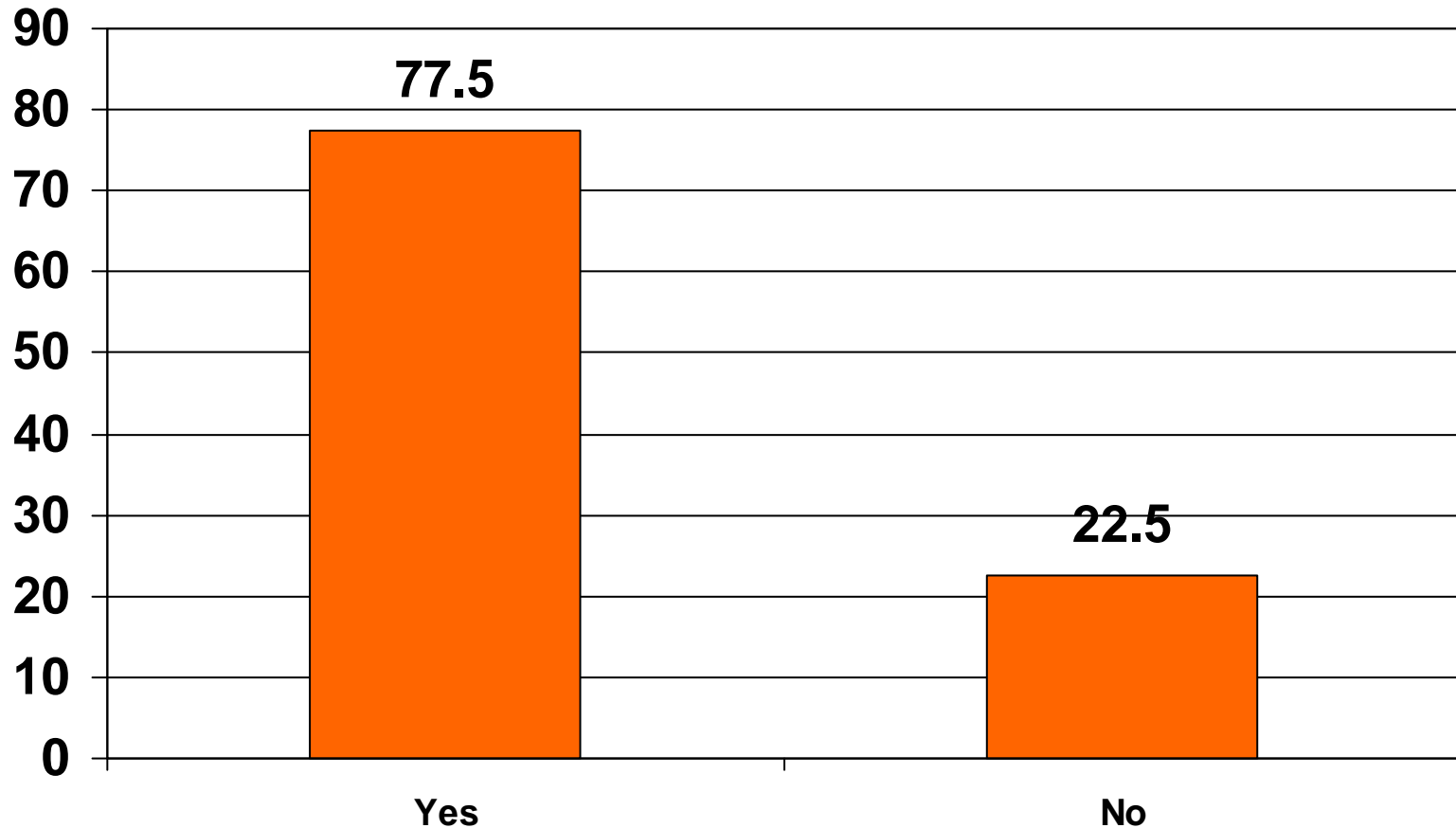
## **VIEWS ON THE CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)**

**In 2003, the Kenyan Parliament established the CDF, seeking to decentralize development planning by devoting a percentage of the national budget to constituency-level development projects, to be directed by local committees. However, critics have pointed out that the Member of Parliament (MP) representing each constituency wields a great deal of influence over the makeup and decisions of the committee, and some MPs have been accused of using the CDF as a tool for political and financial advancement.**

# Have you ever heard or read about the (CDF)?

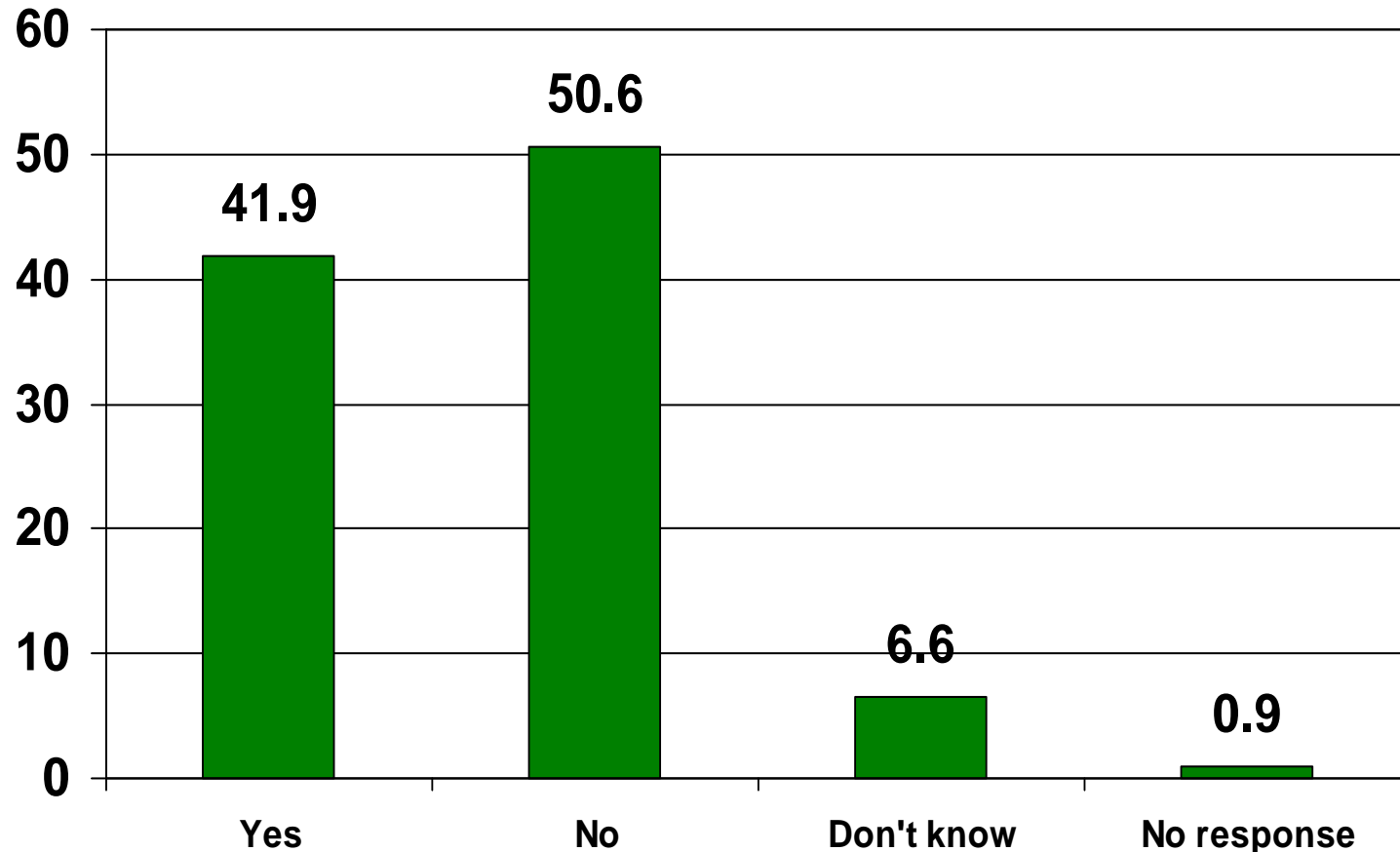


# Are you aware of any CDF projects in your area?



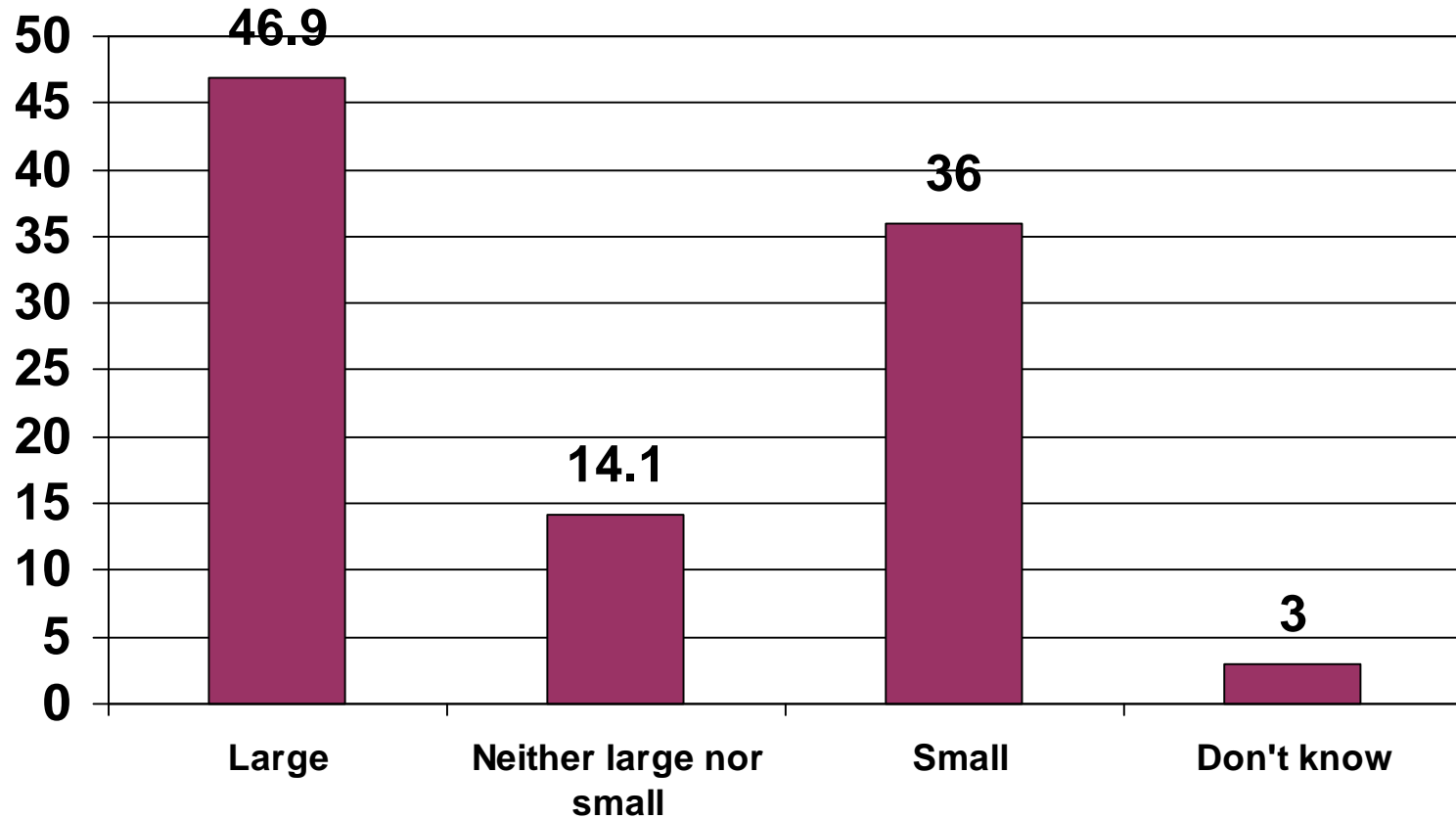
# Would you say that the CDF program in your constituency is managed in an open way?

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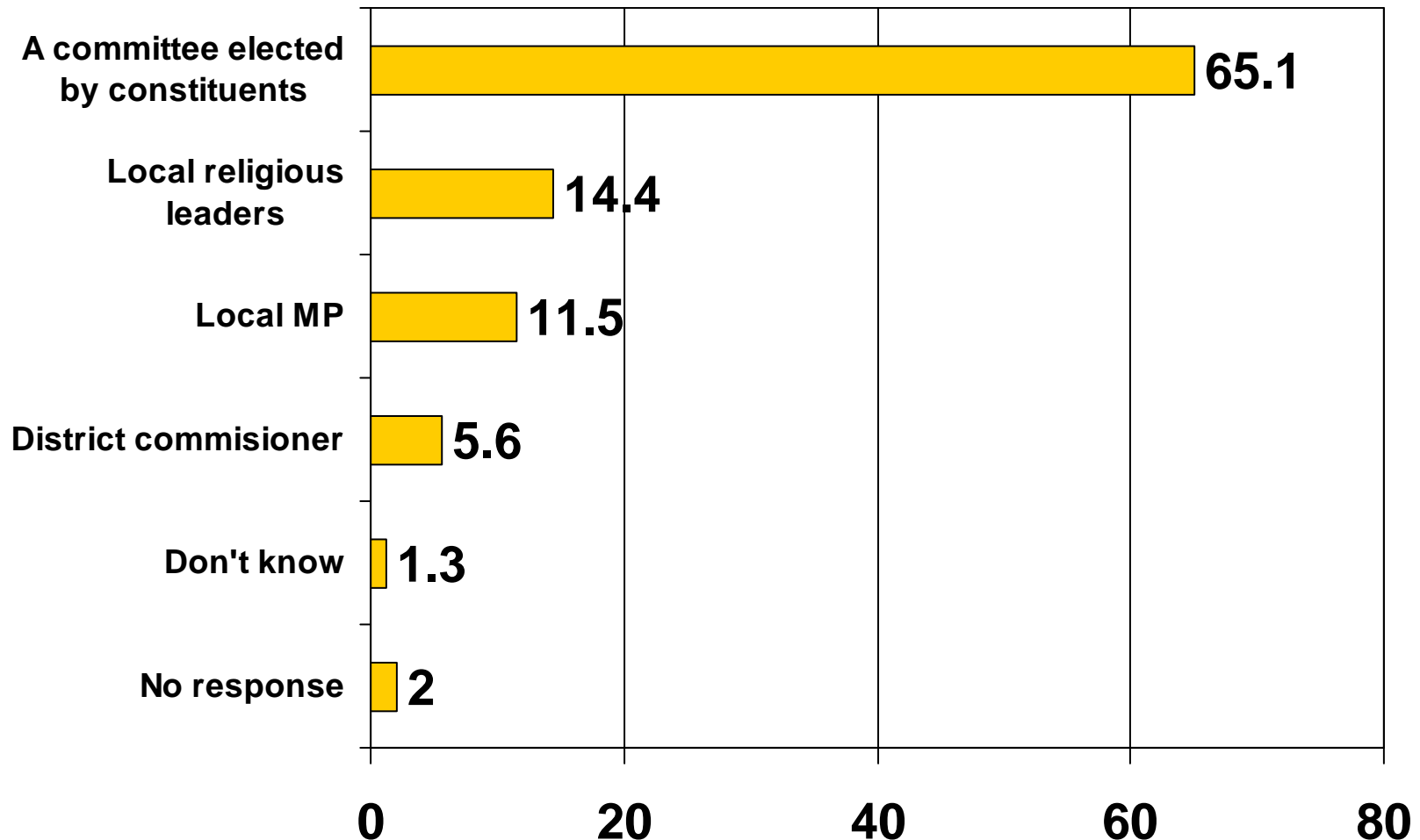
# Has the impact of CDF program in your constituency been large or small?

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# Which of the following would you most trust to manage the CDF?

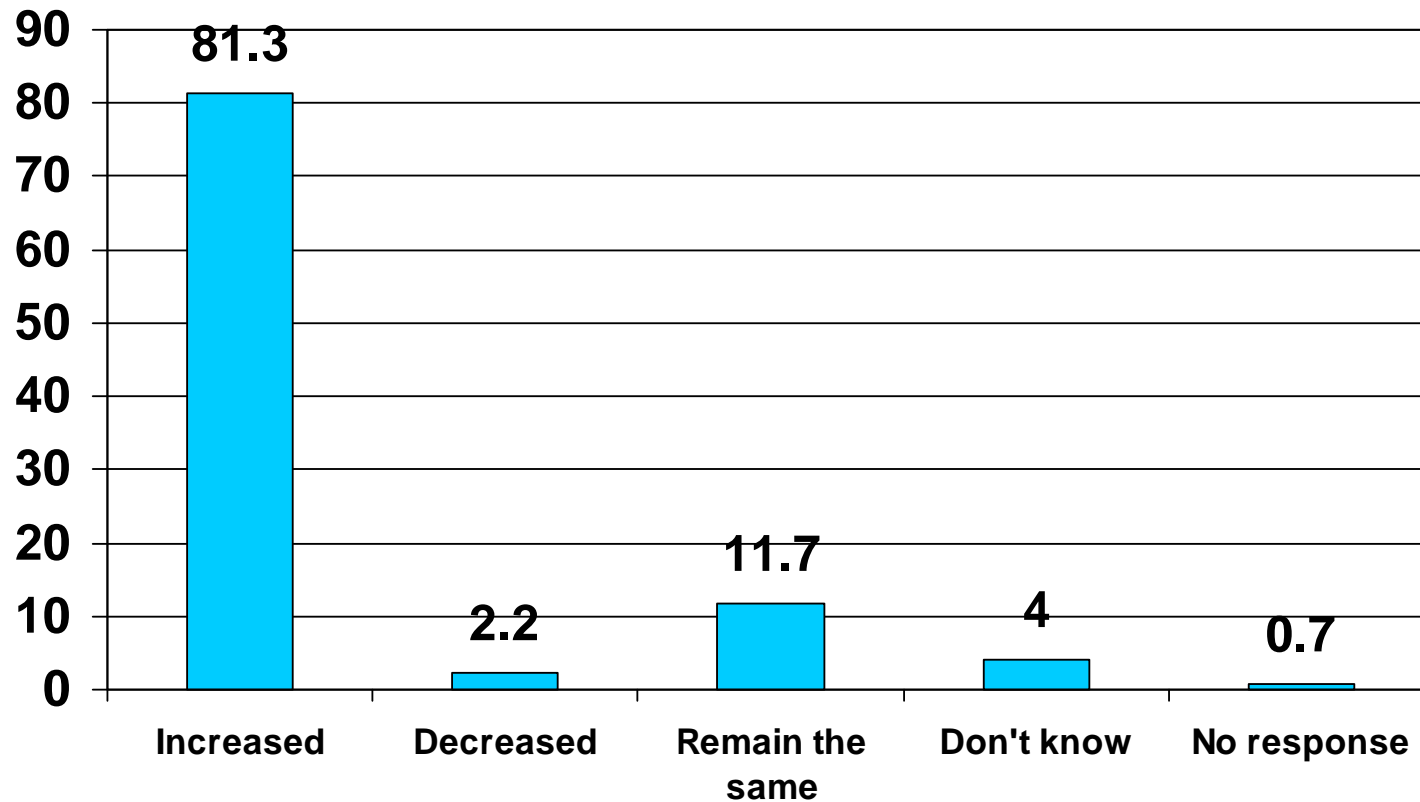
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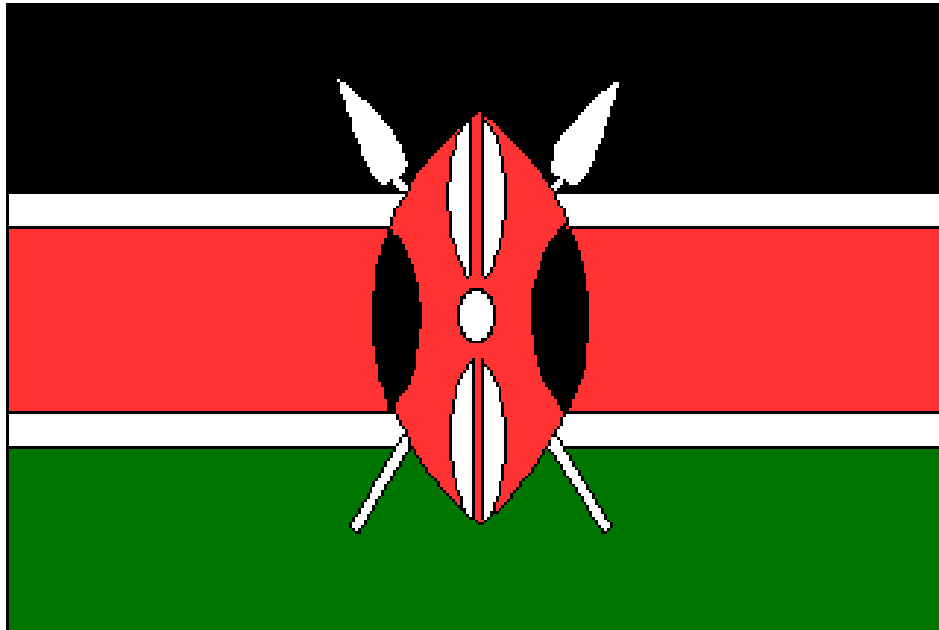




# Should the amount of CDF funds be increased, decreased or remain the same?

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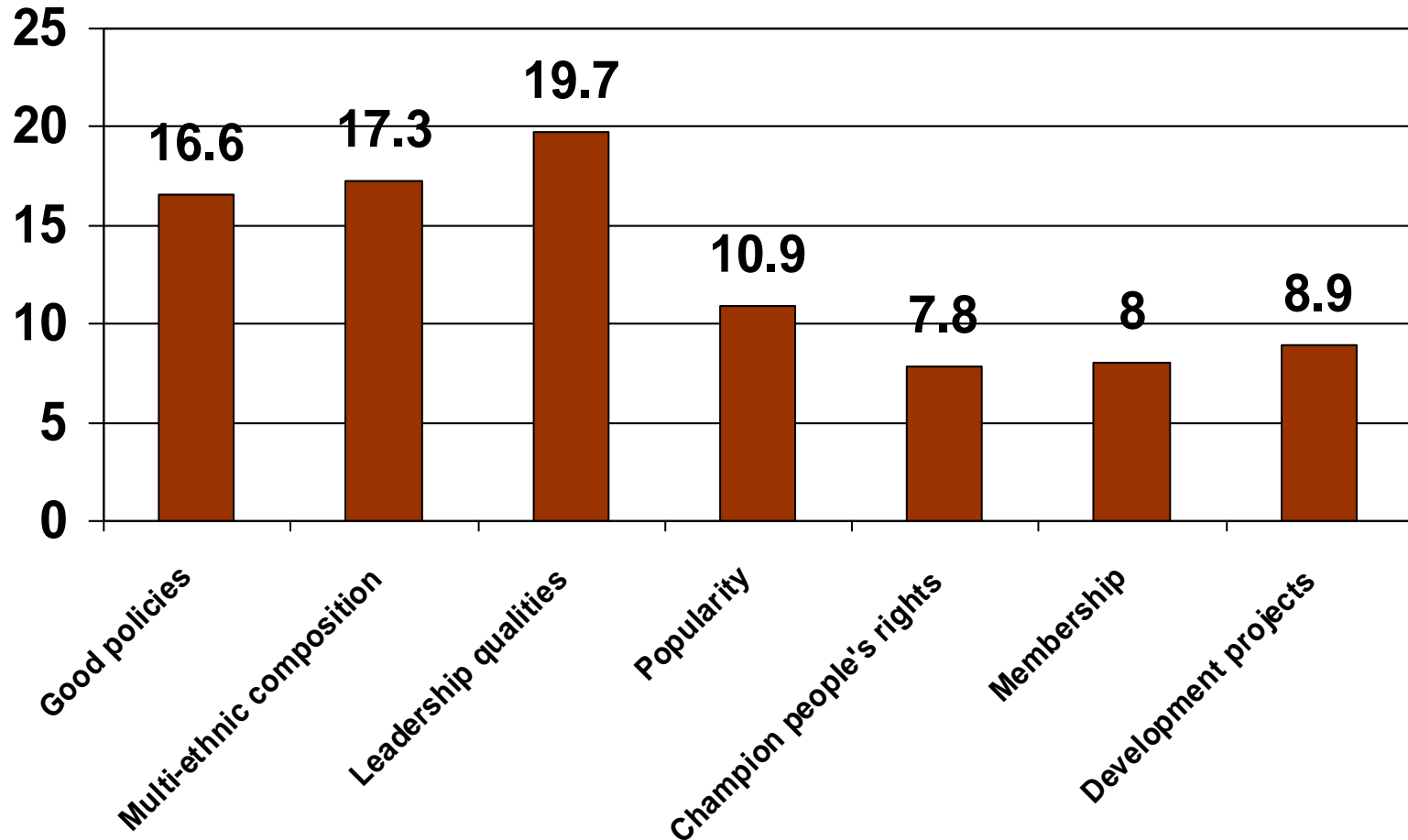




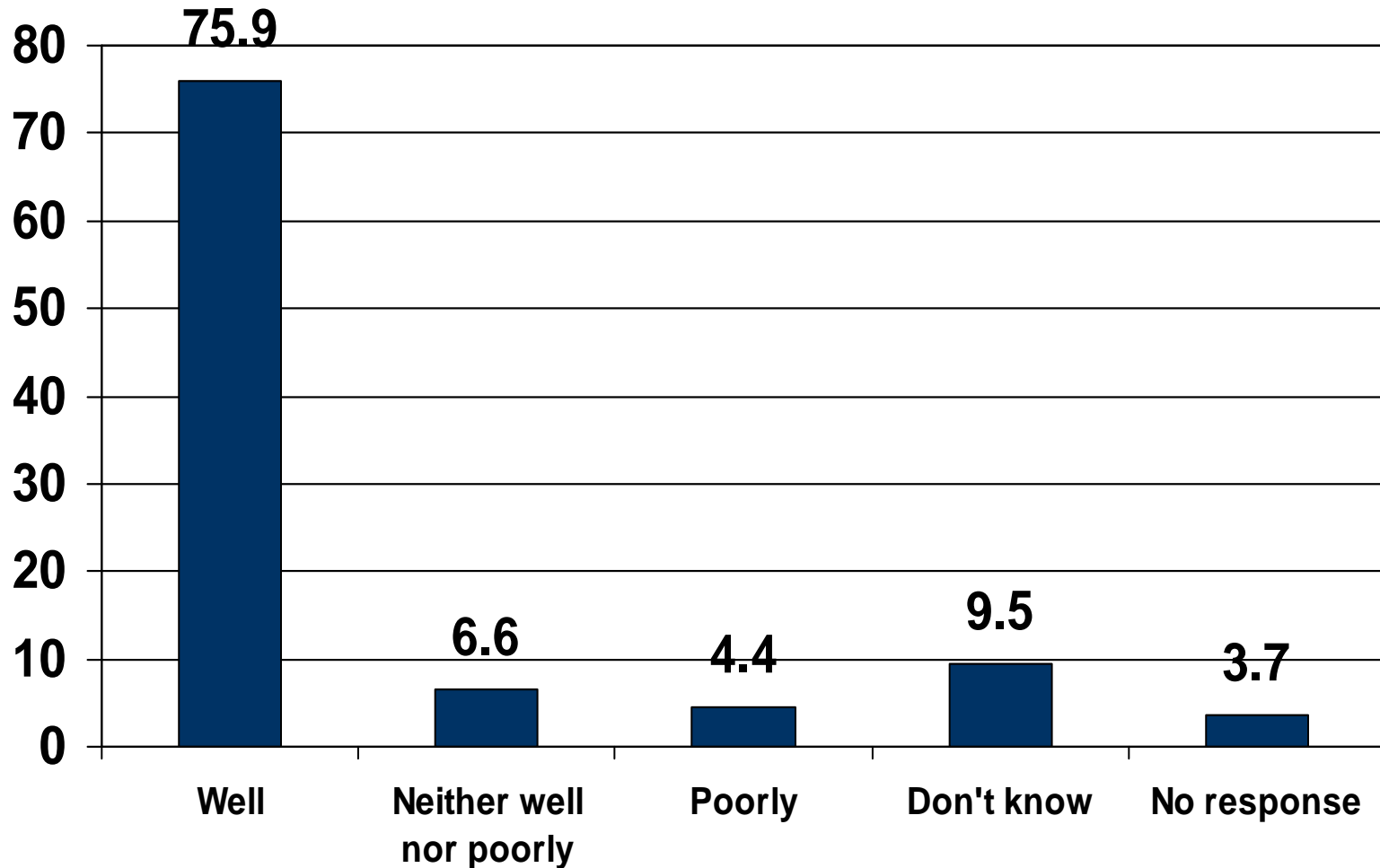
## **VIEWS ON POLITICAL PARTIES**

# (Asked of those indicating support for a particular party) Why do you support that party?

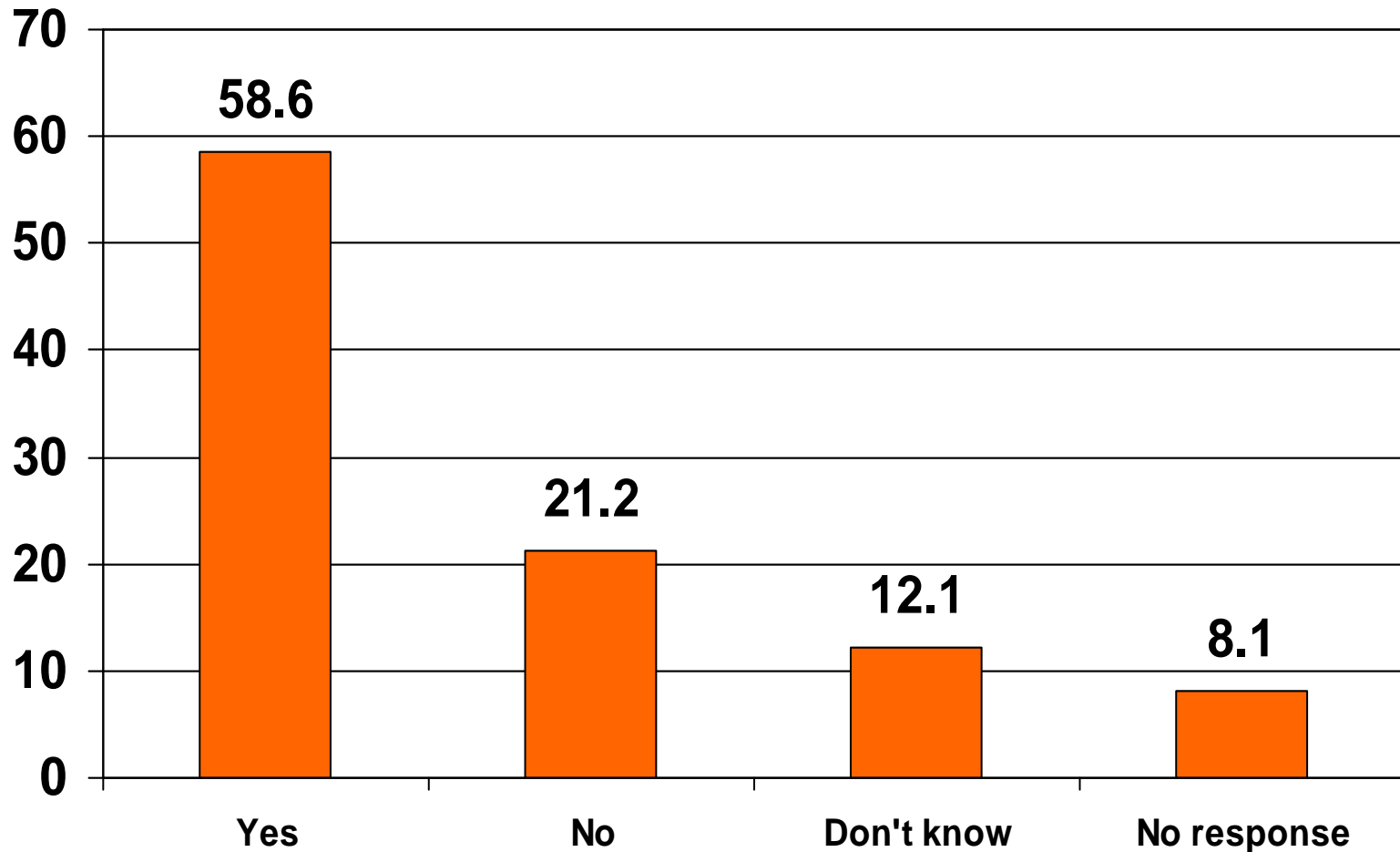
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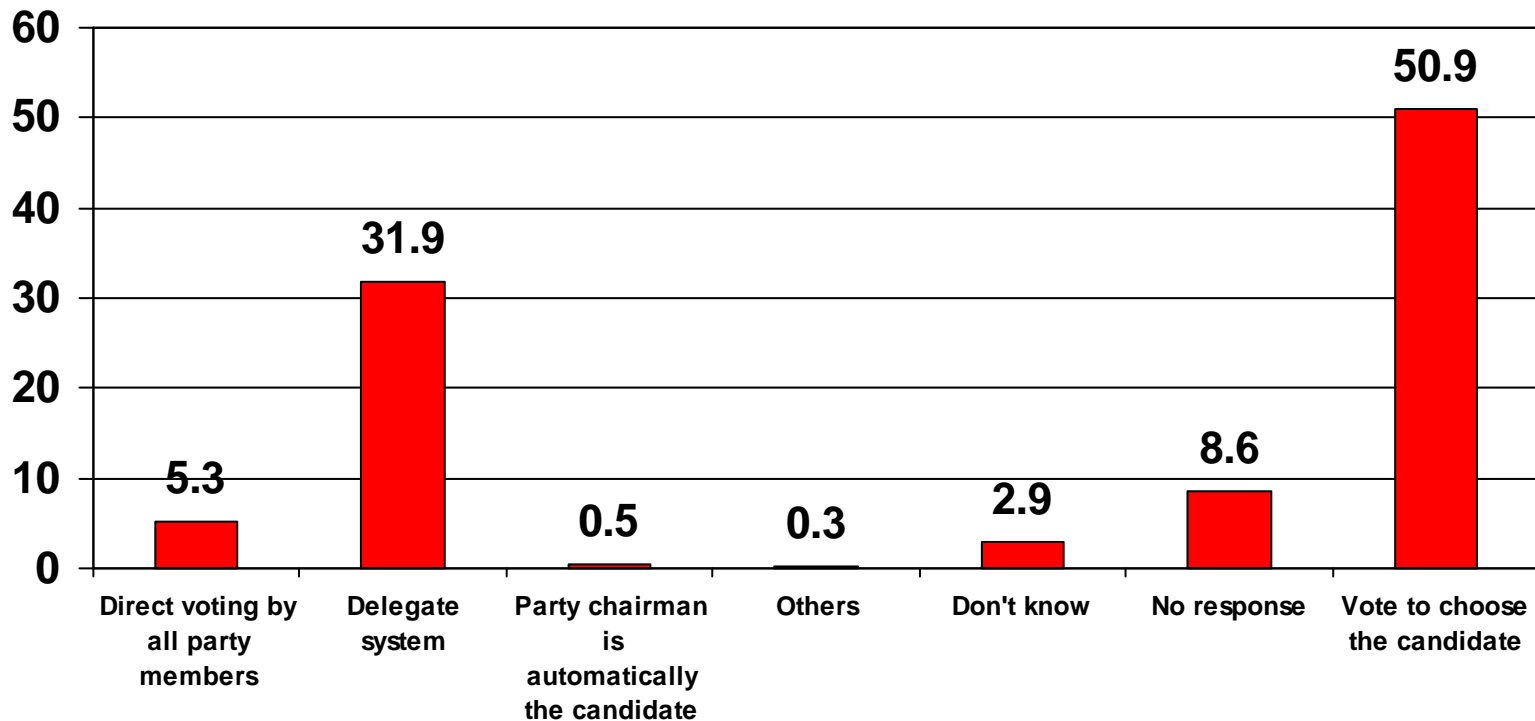
# Does your own party represent your interests well or poorly?



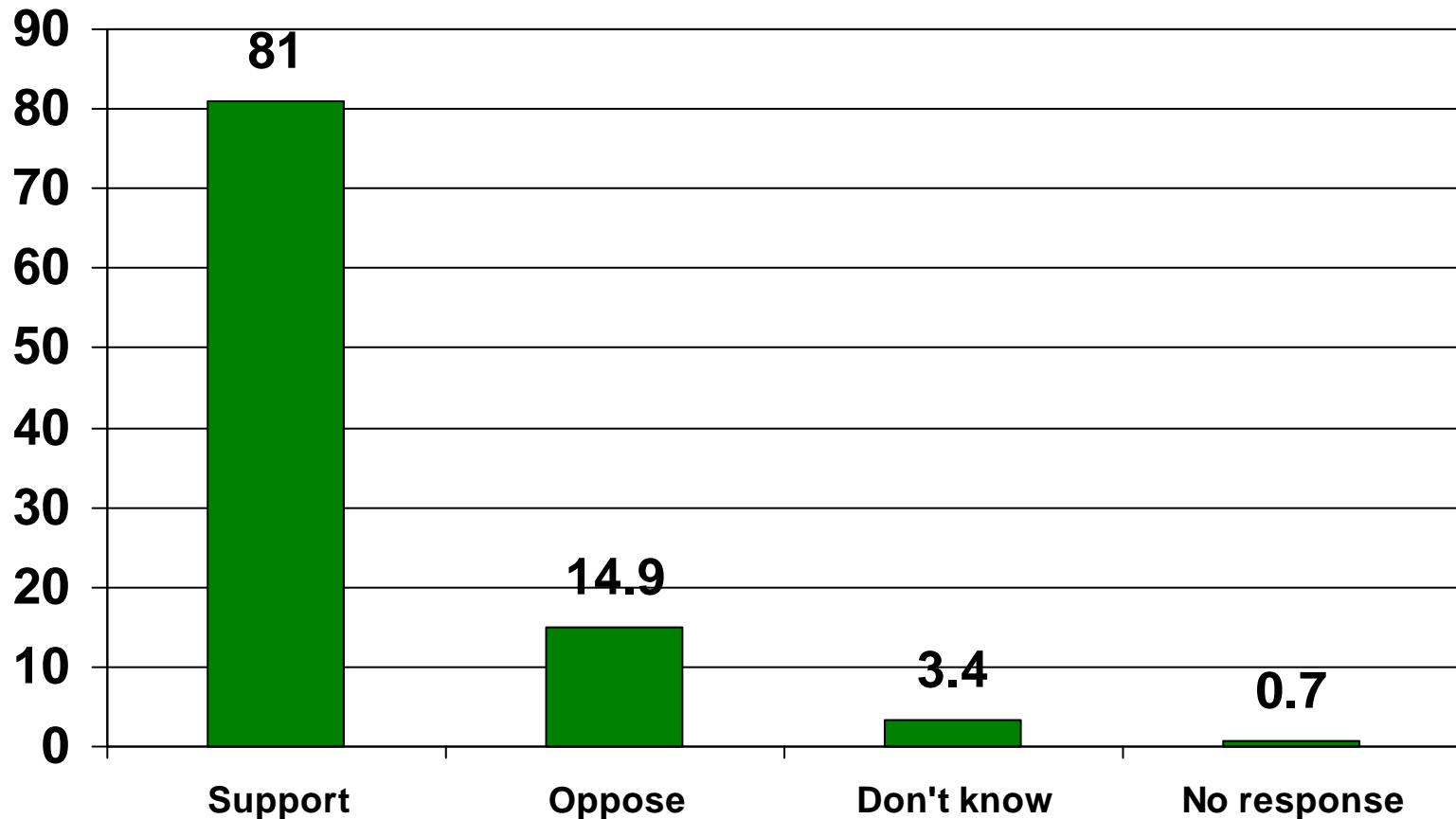
# Does your party do enough to consult with its members in making decisions?

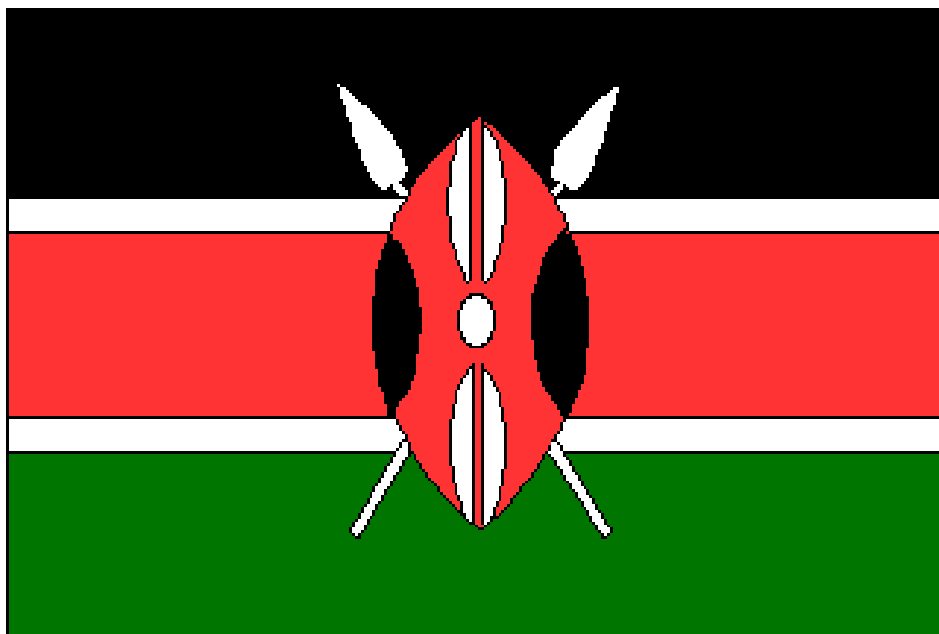


# Which one of the following methods do you think political parties should use to nominate their presidential candidates?



**When I say “coalition” I mean two or more political parties coming together for a common cause. Do you support or oppose such coalitions?**

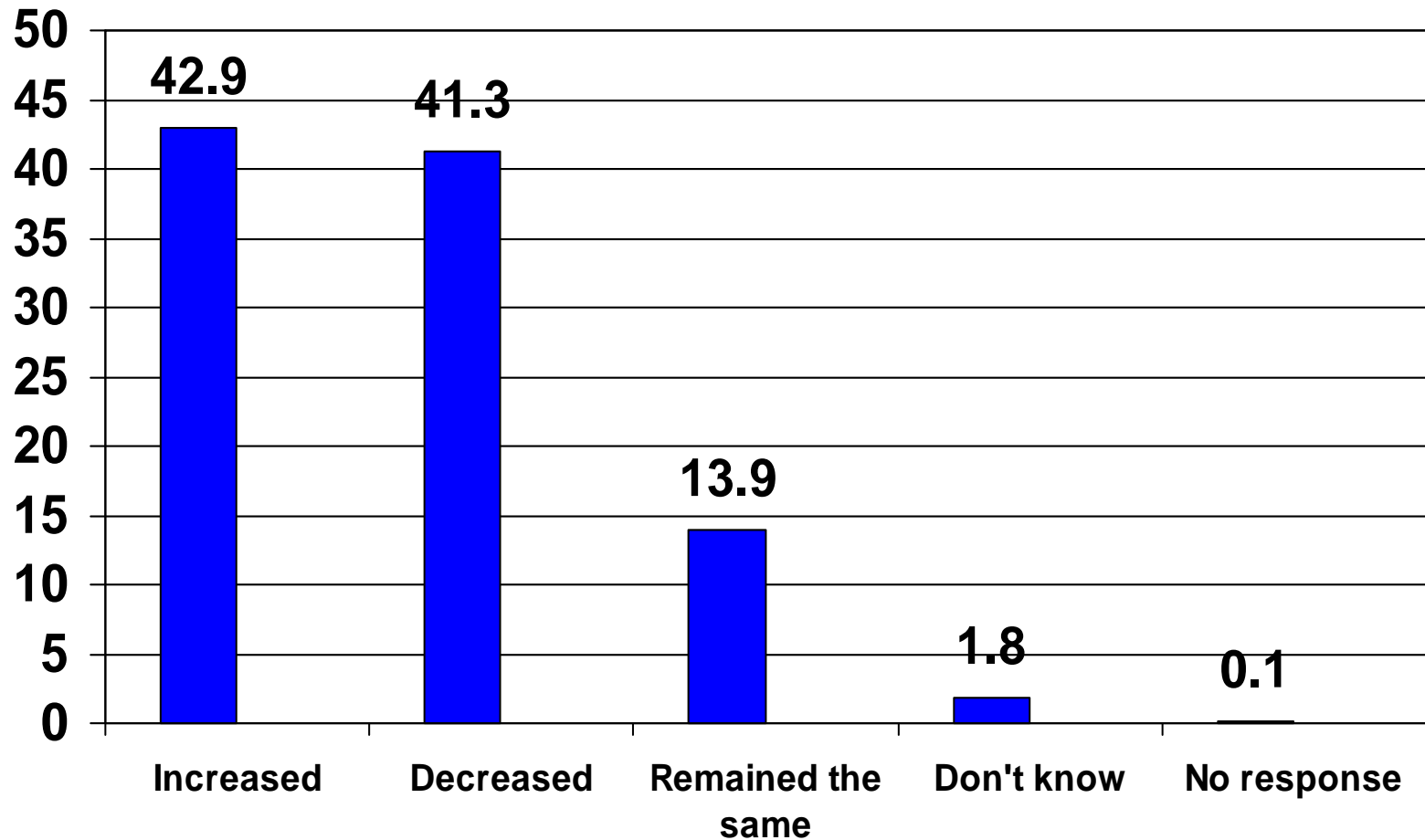




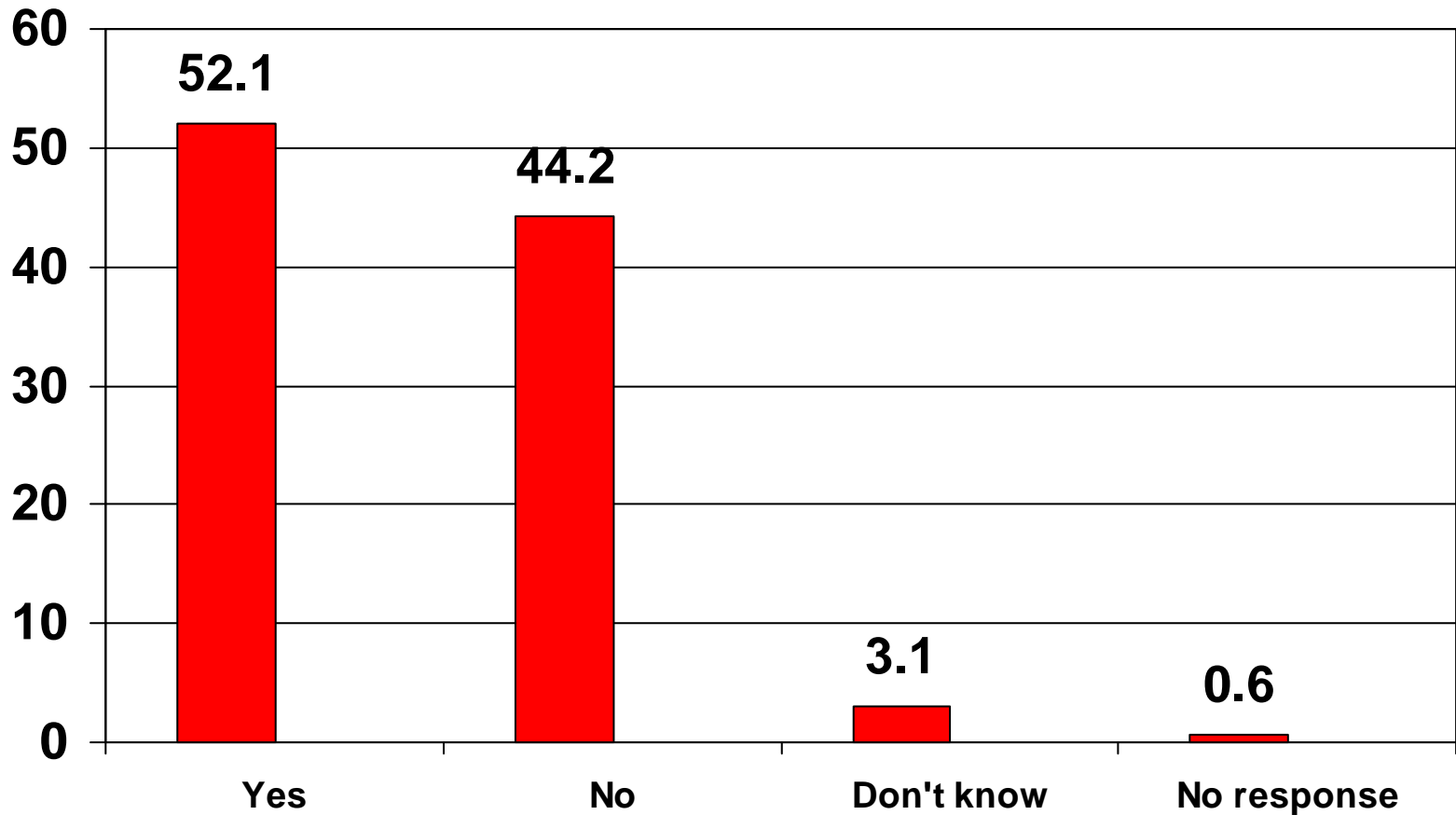
## **VIEWS ON CORRUPTION**



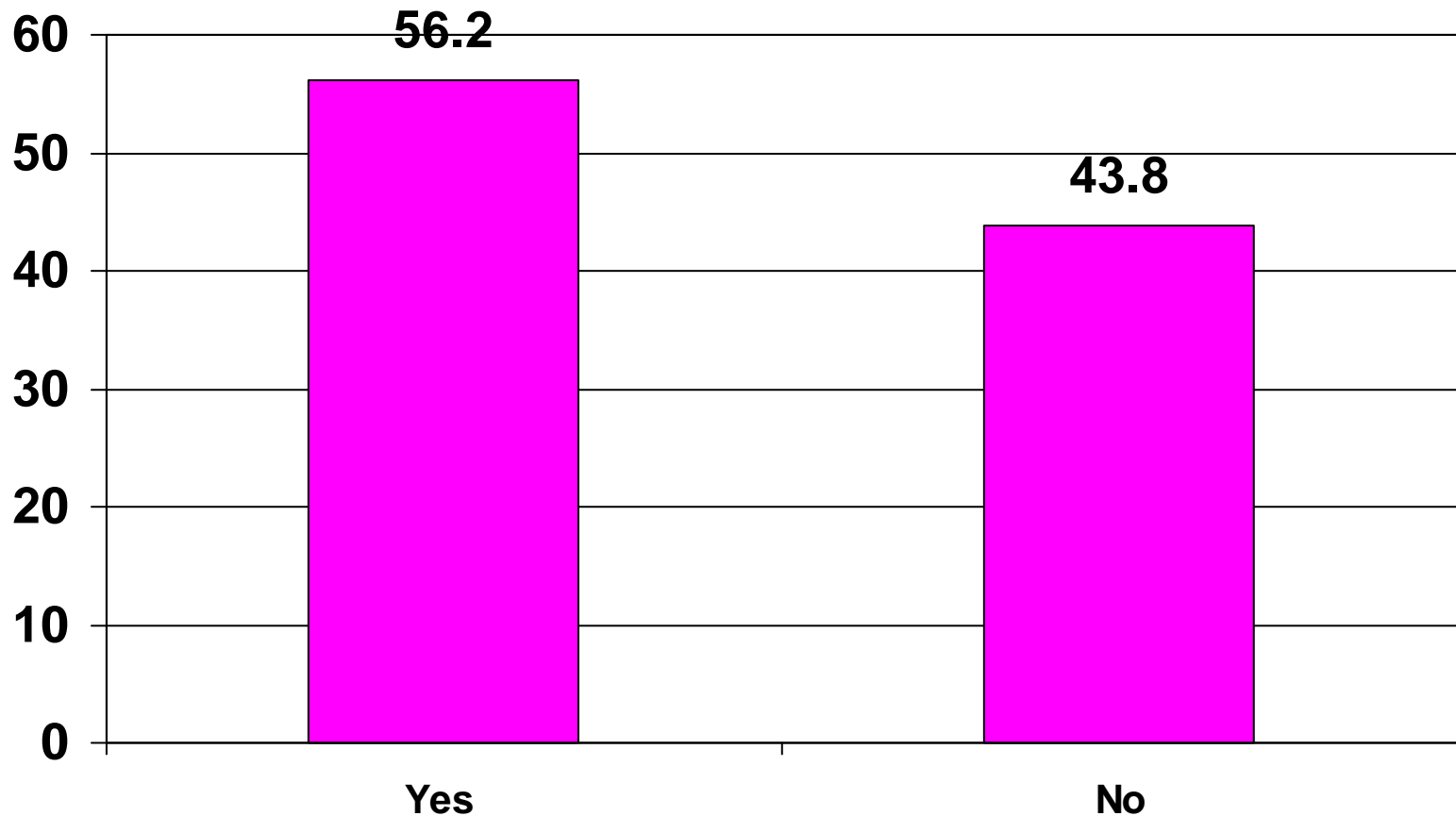
# Would you say that corruption has increased, decreased or remained the same since the 2002 elections?

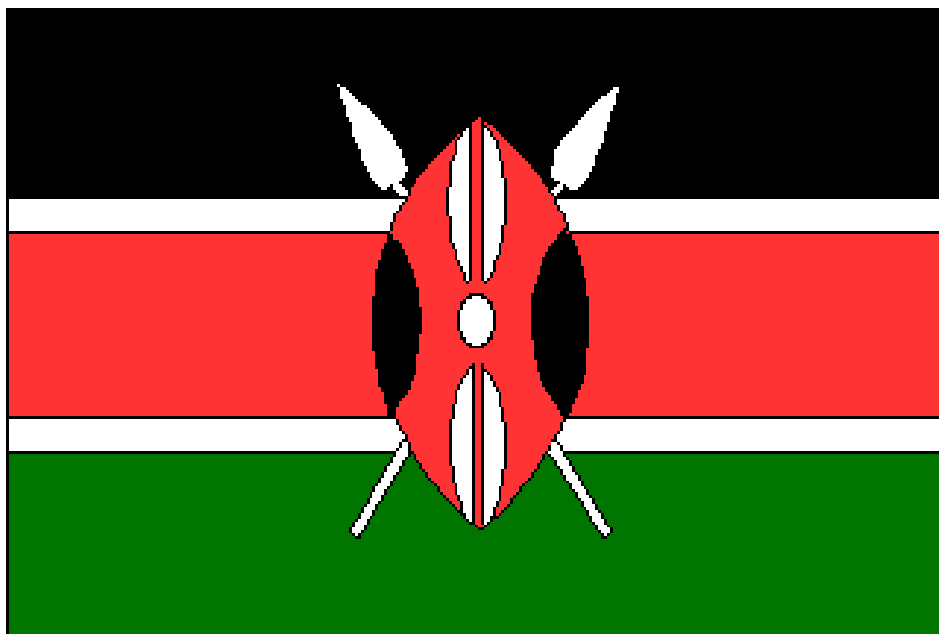


# Do you think that the government is committed to the fight against corruption in Kenya?



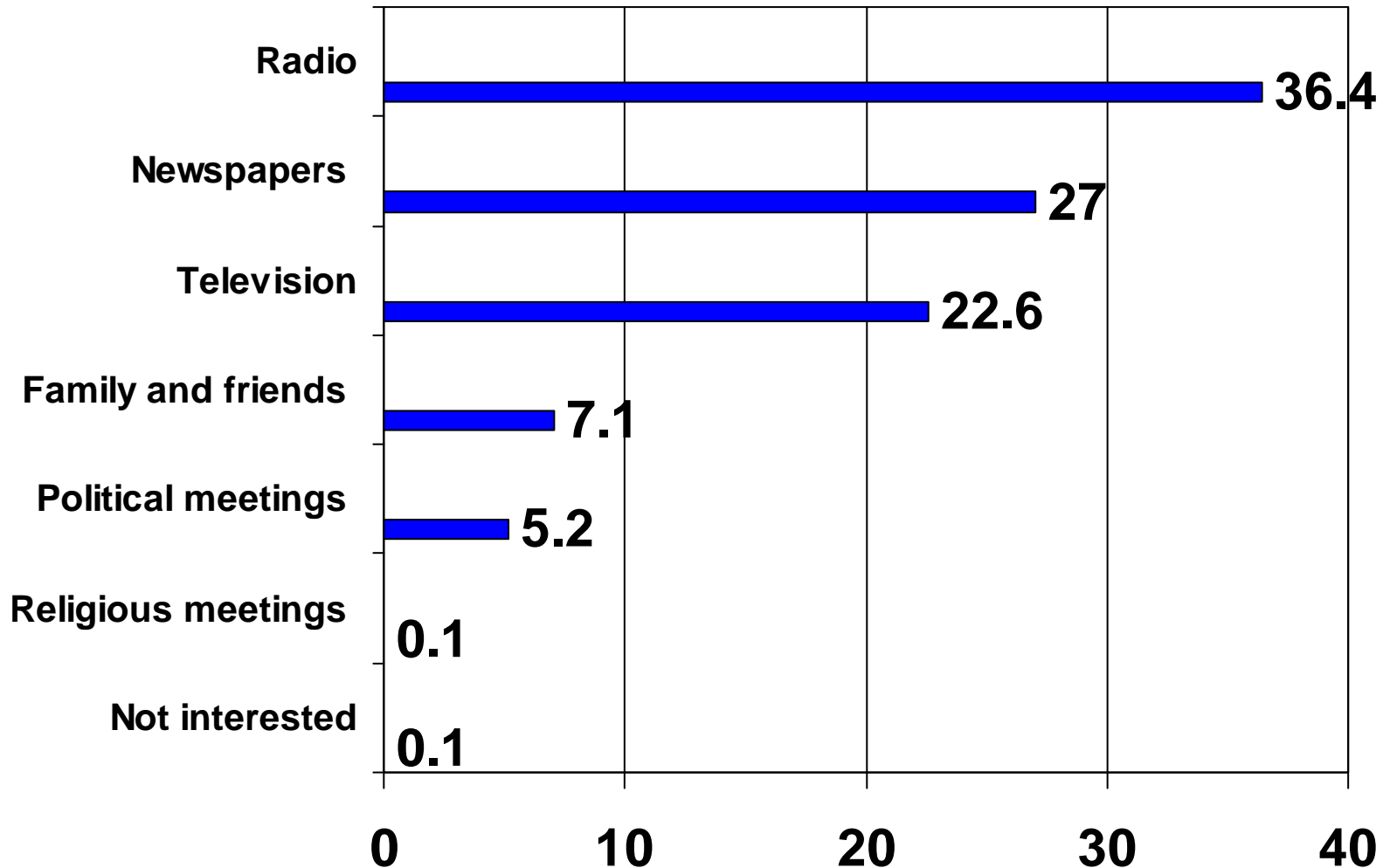
**Do you know any person who was offered money or gifts by politicians so that he/she would vote for them in the last general elections?**



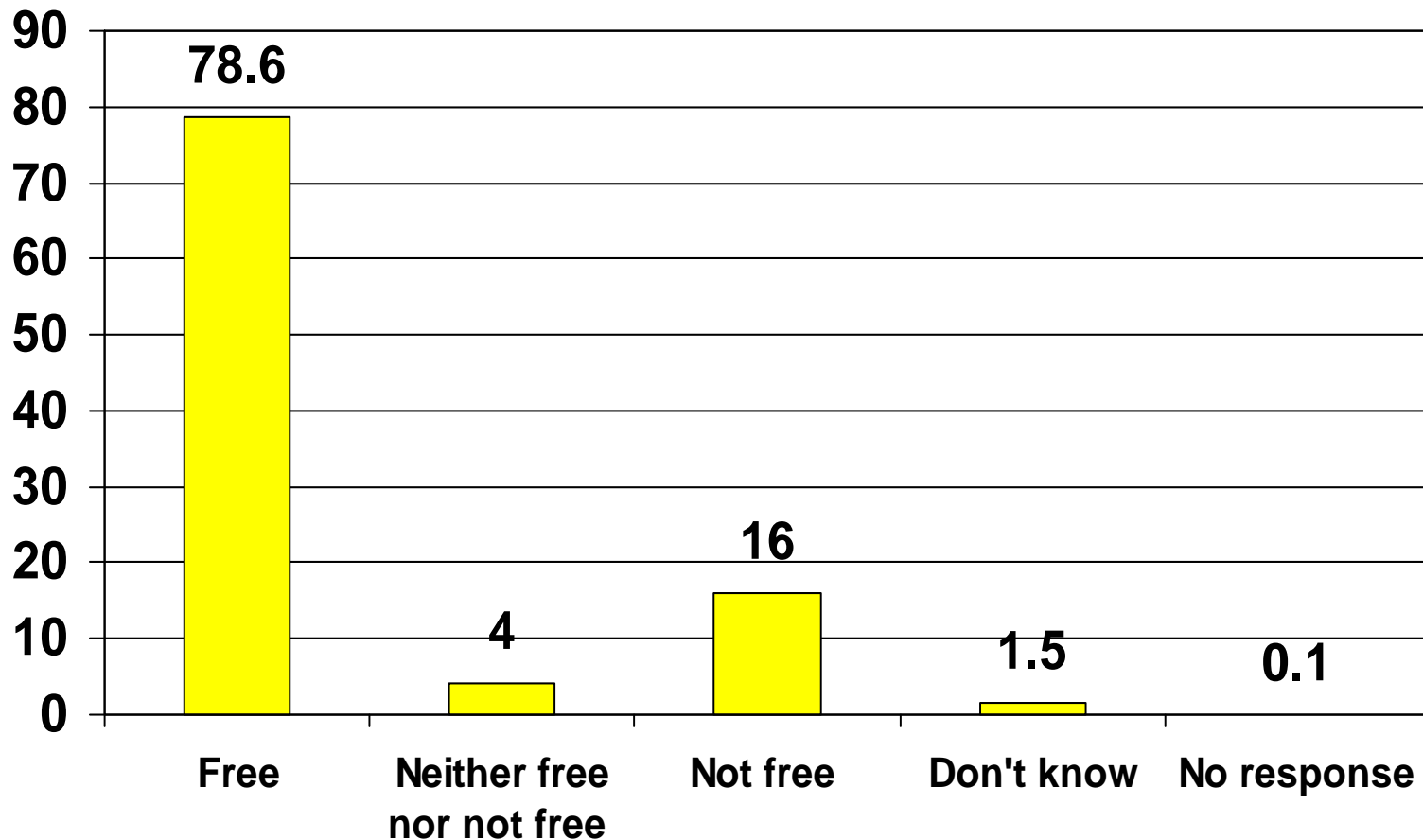


# **VIEWS ON THE MEDIA AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

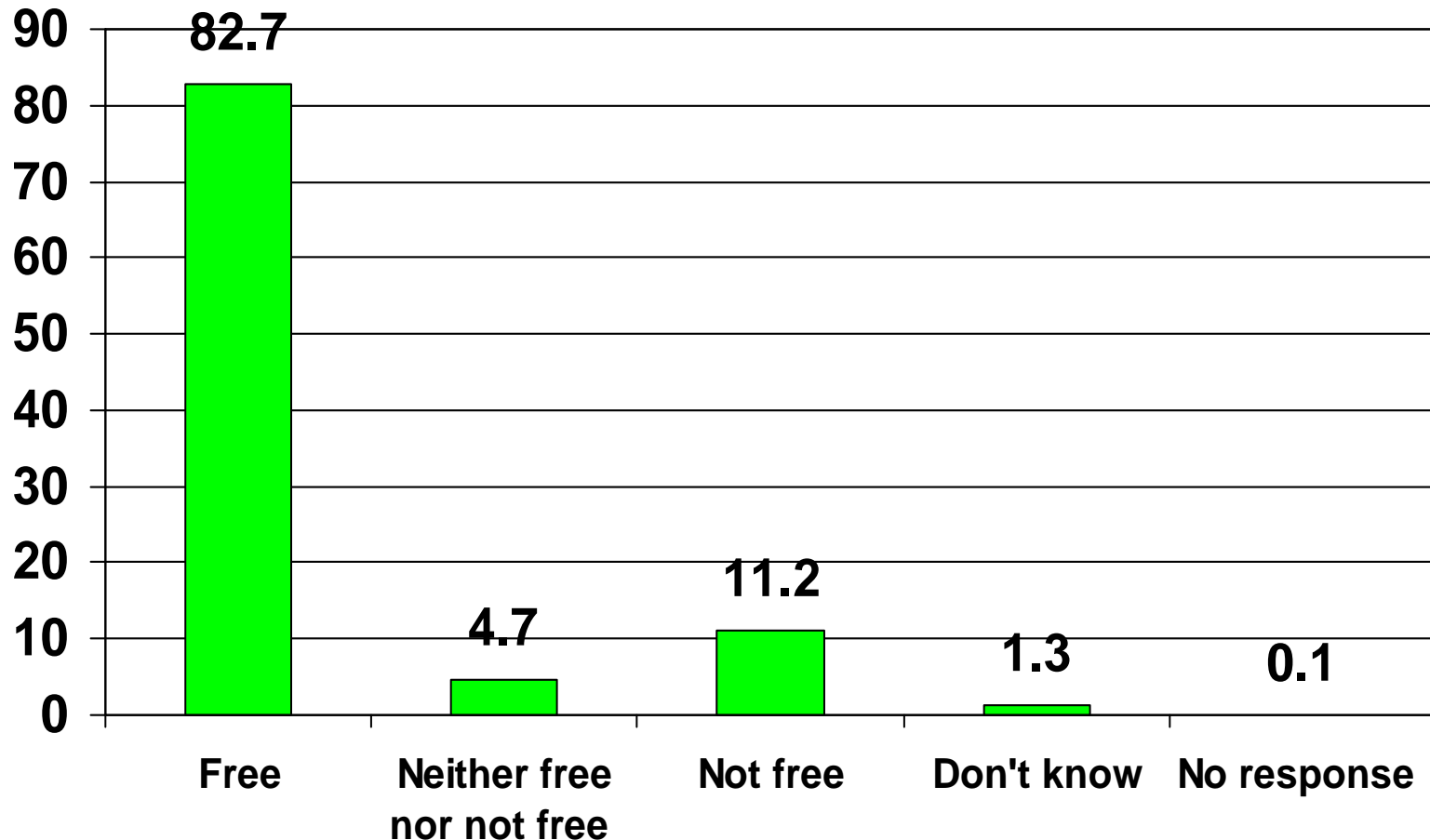
# What are your two main sources of information on politics?



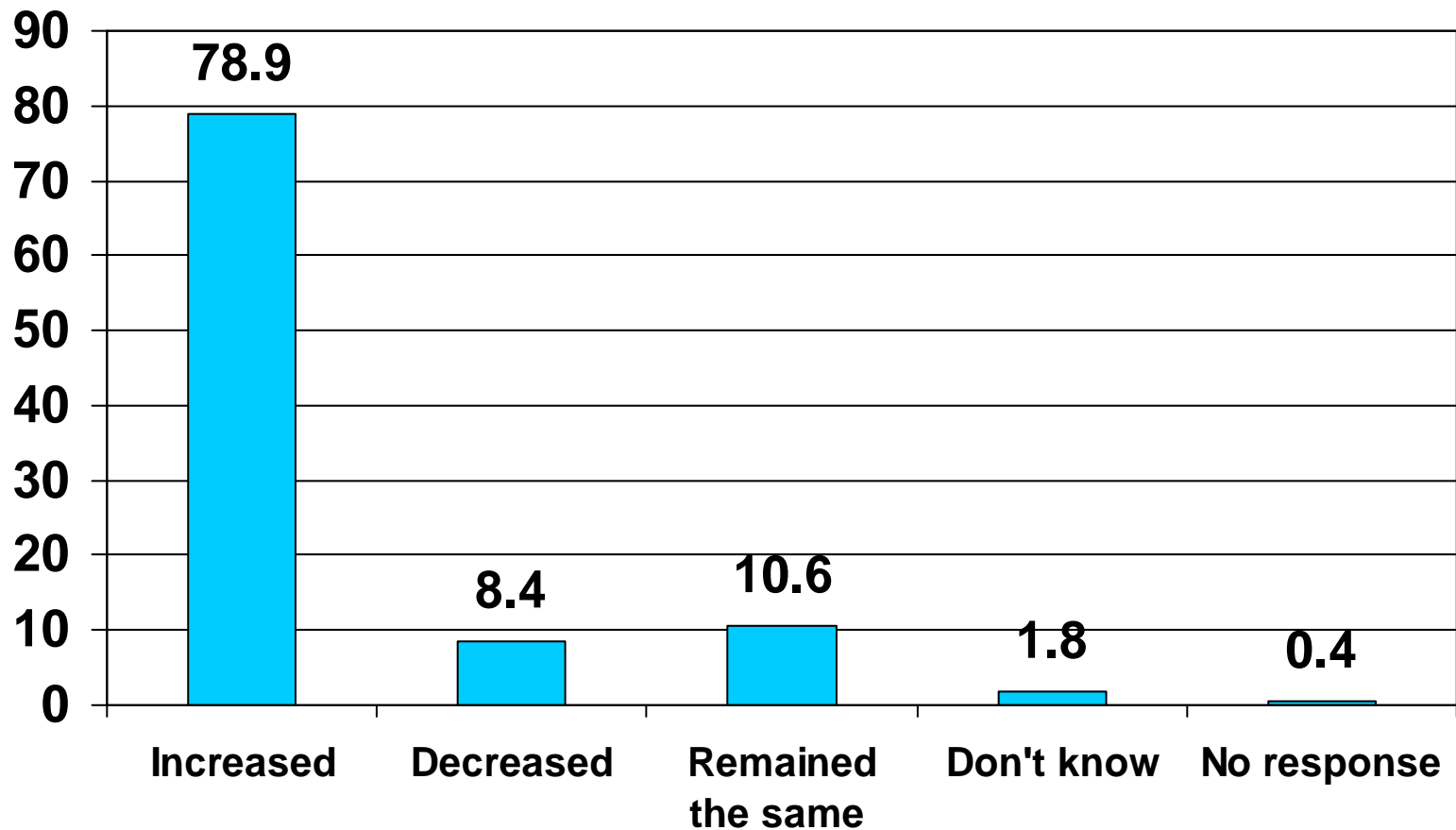
# Overall, would you say that the Kenyan media is free or not free to accurately report news?



# Overall, would you say that Kenyans are free or not free to openly express their political opinions?

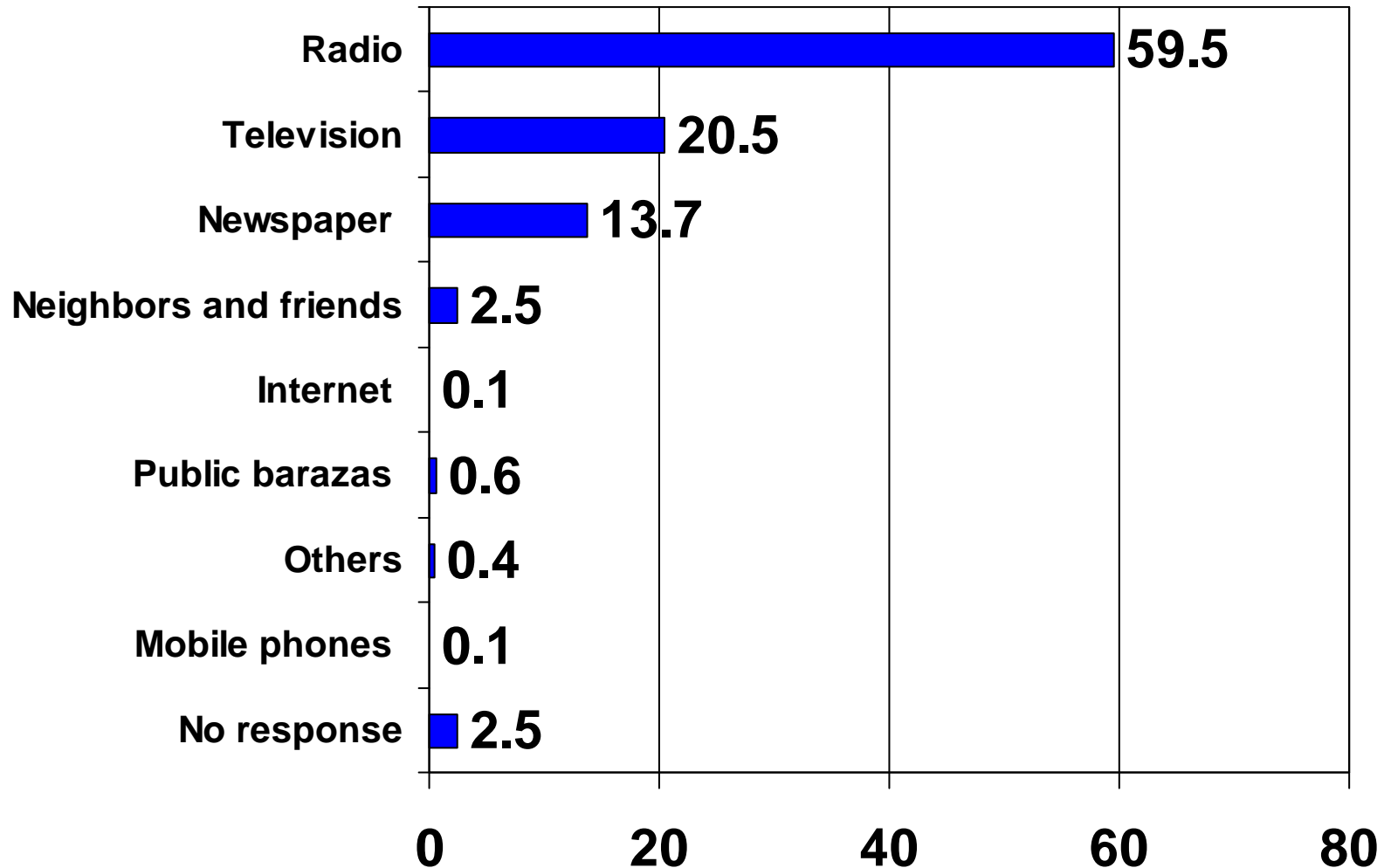


# Would you say that Kenyans' freedom of expression has increased, decreased or remained the same since the 2002 elections ?

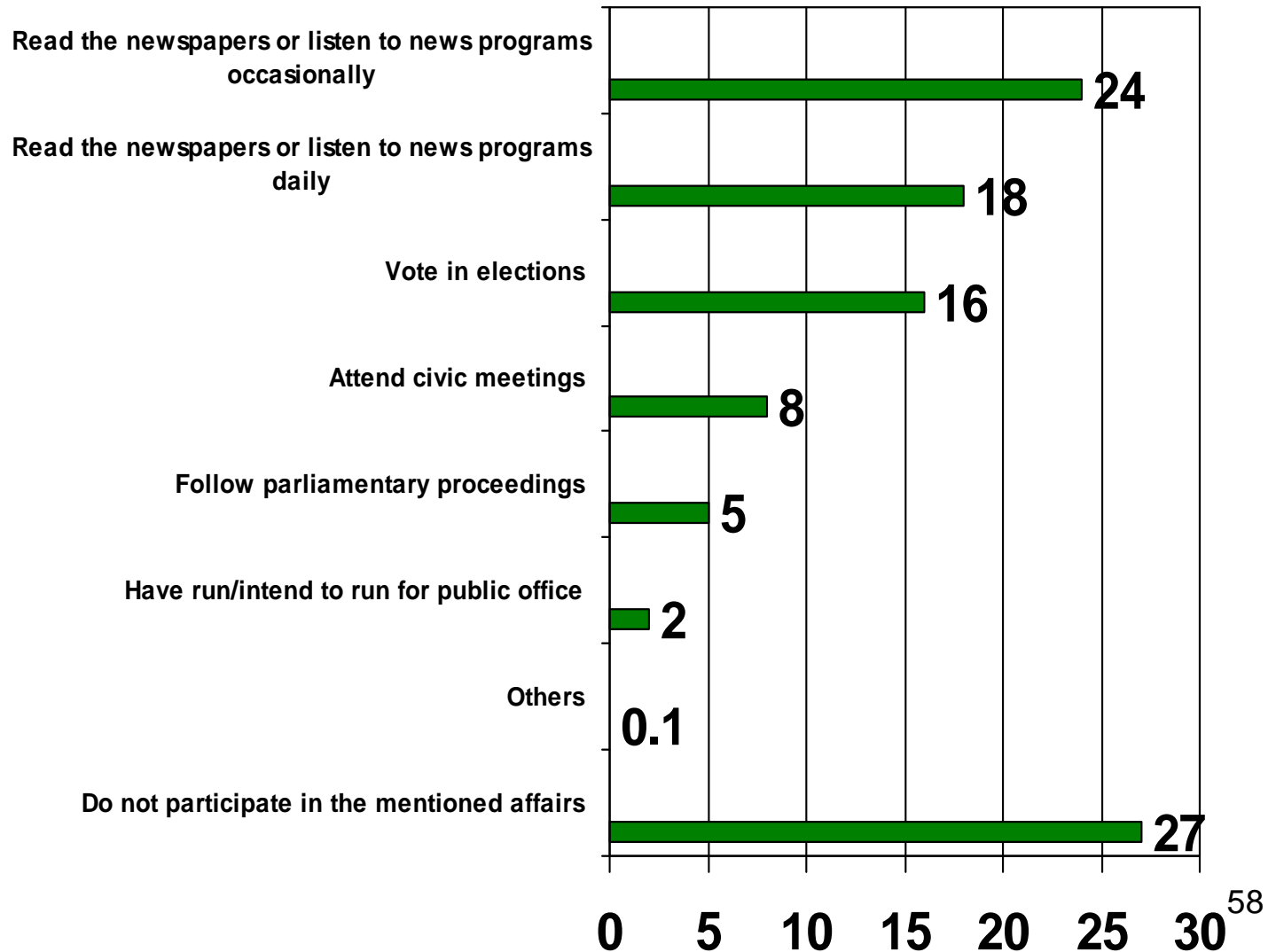


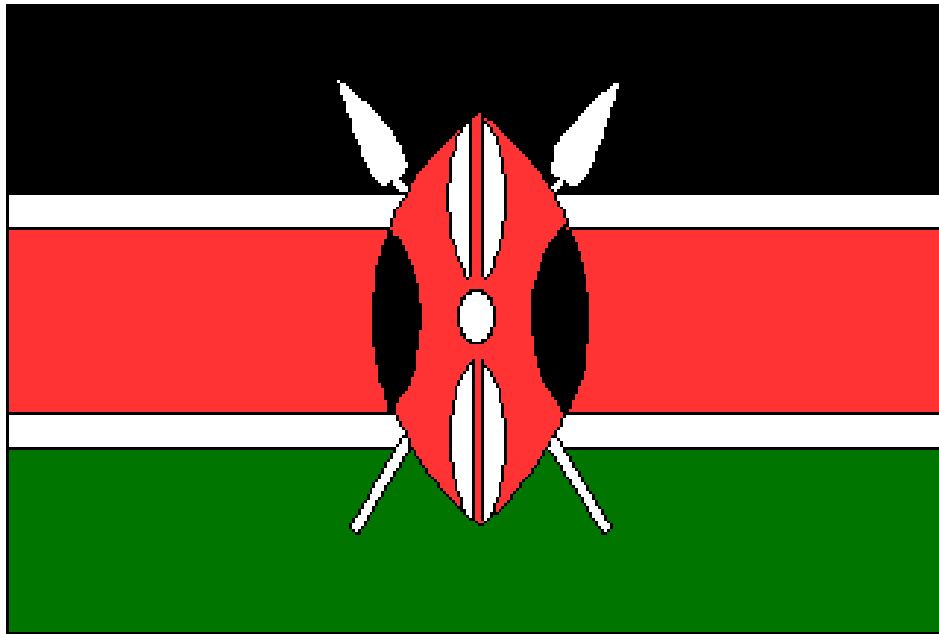


# Where do you get most of your news?



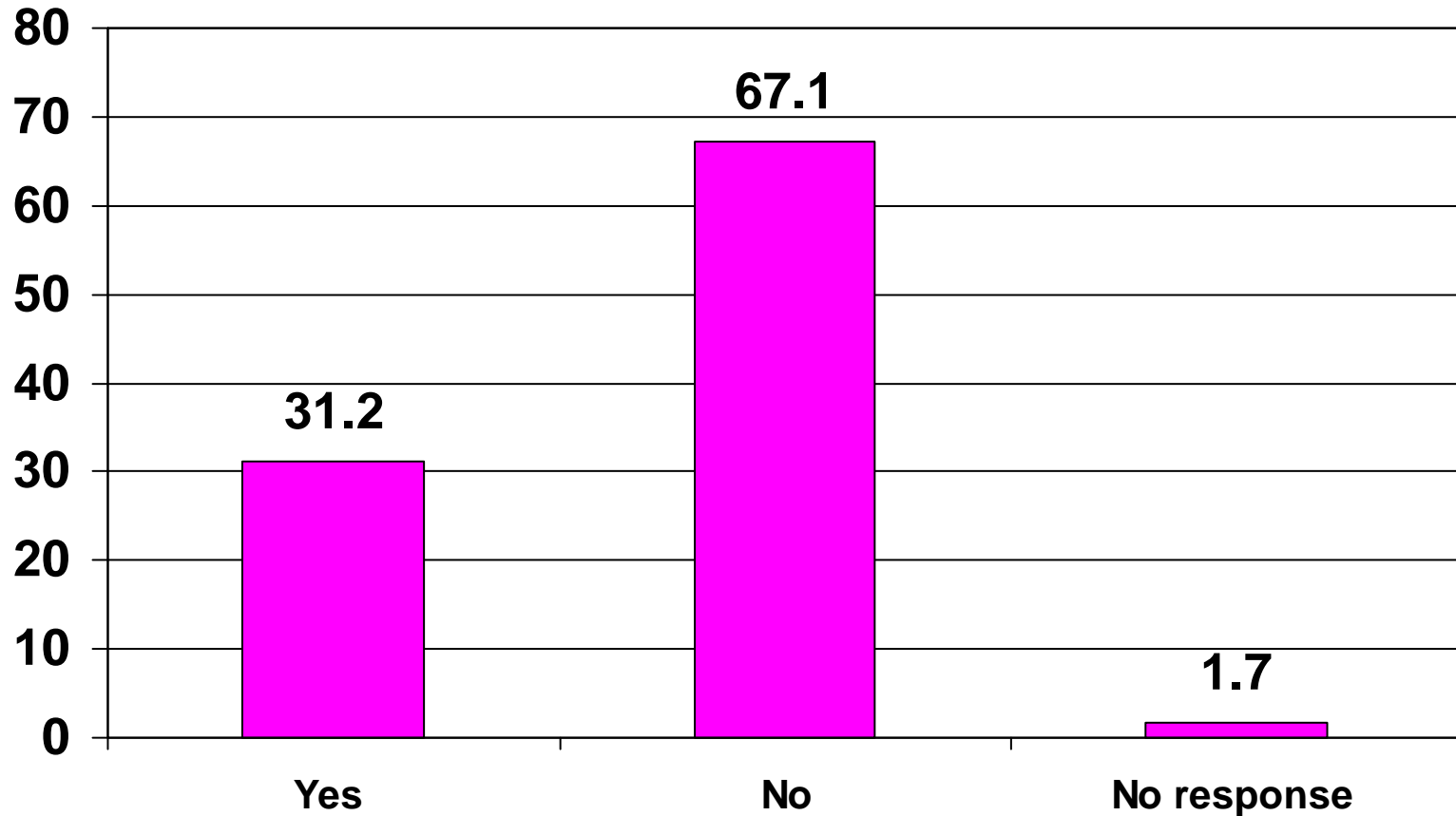
# To what extent do you participate in public affairs?



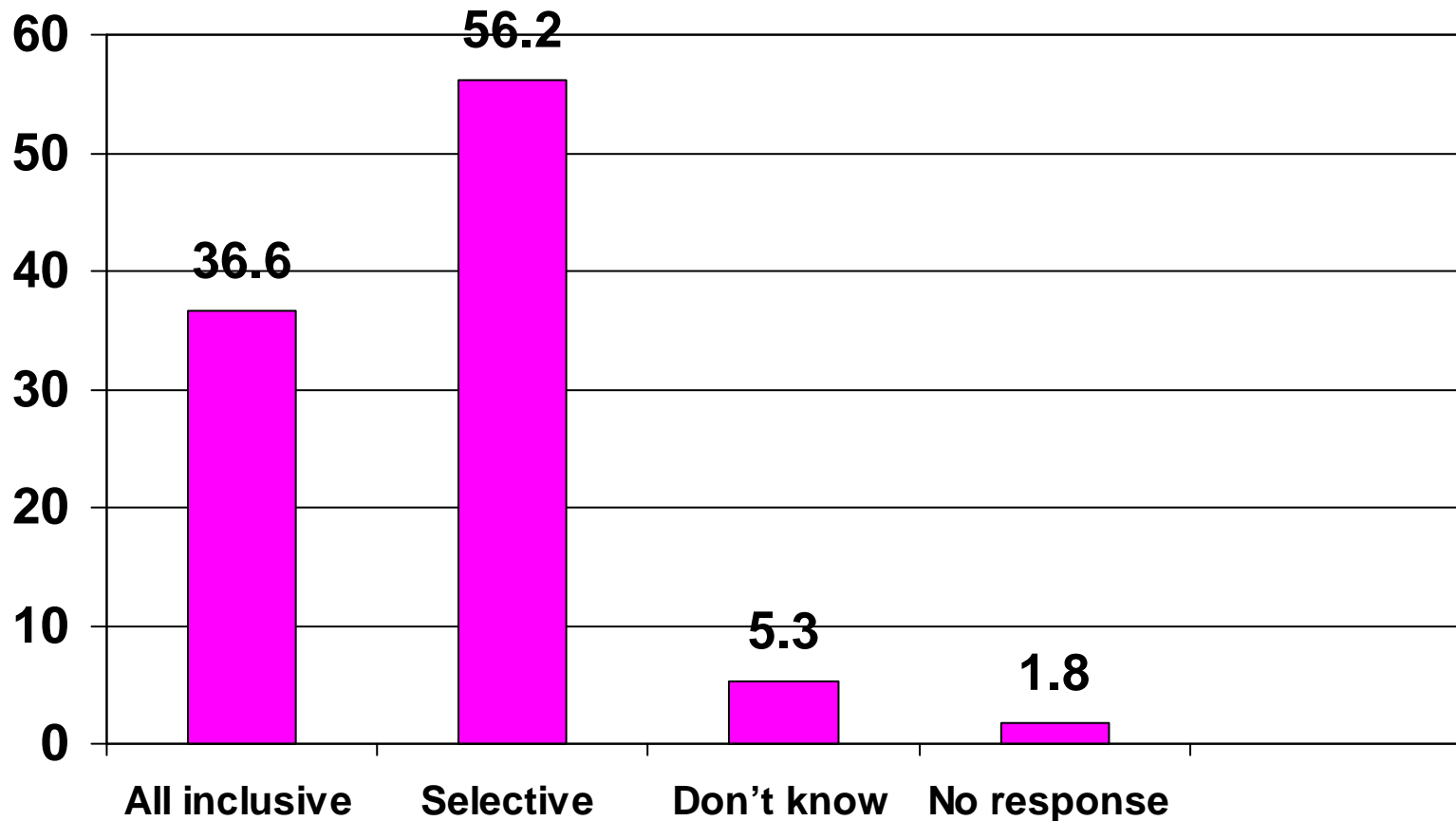


# VIEWS ON THE CONSTITUTION

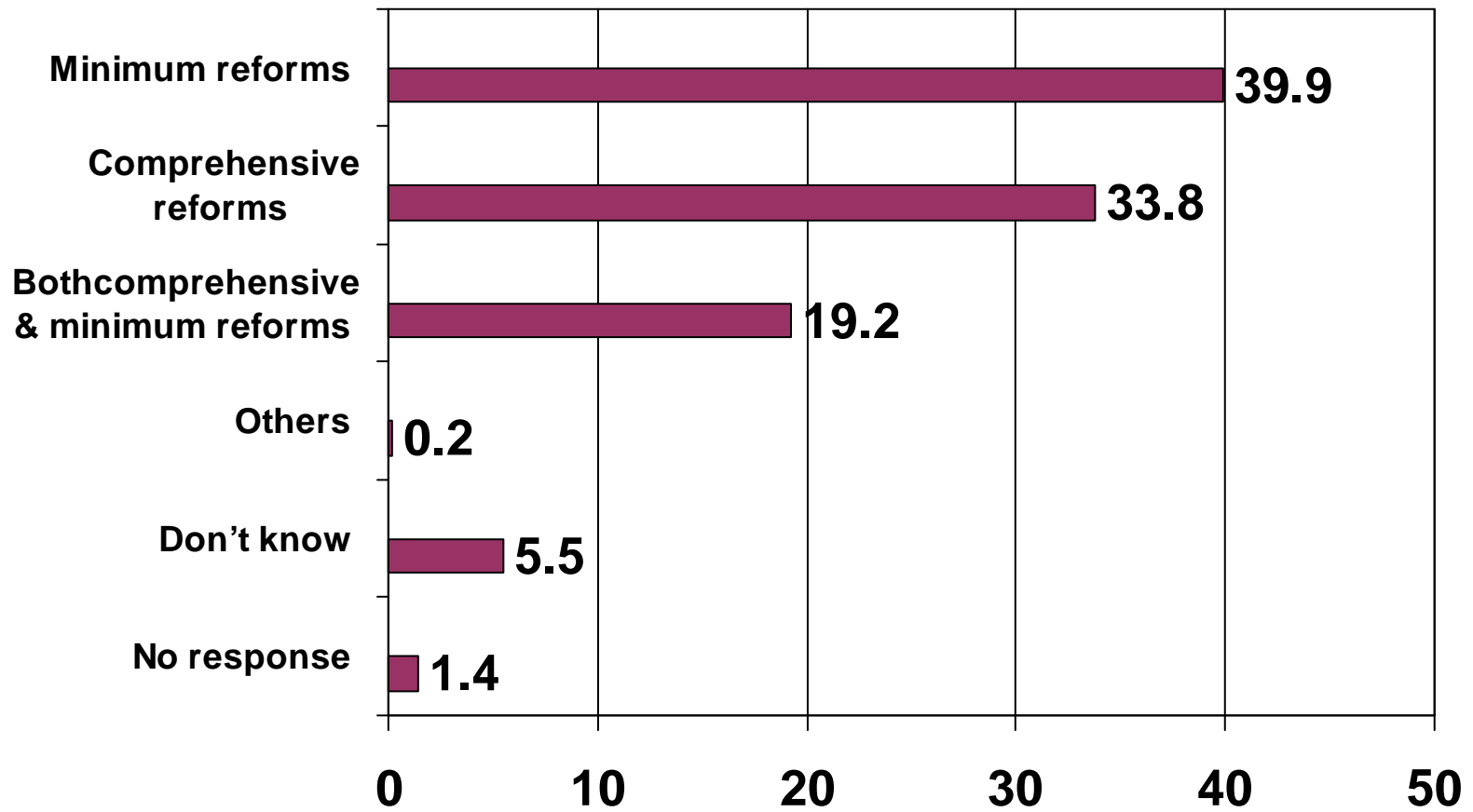
# Have you ever heard or read about the multi-sectoral review steering committee on the constitution reviews?



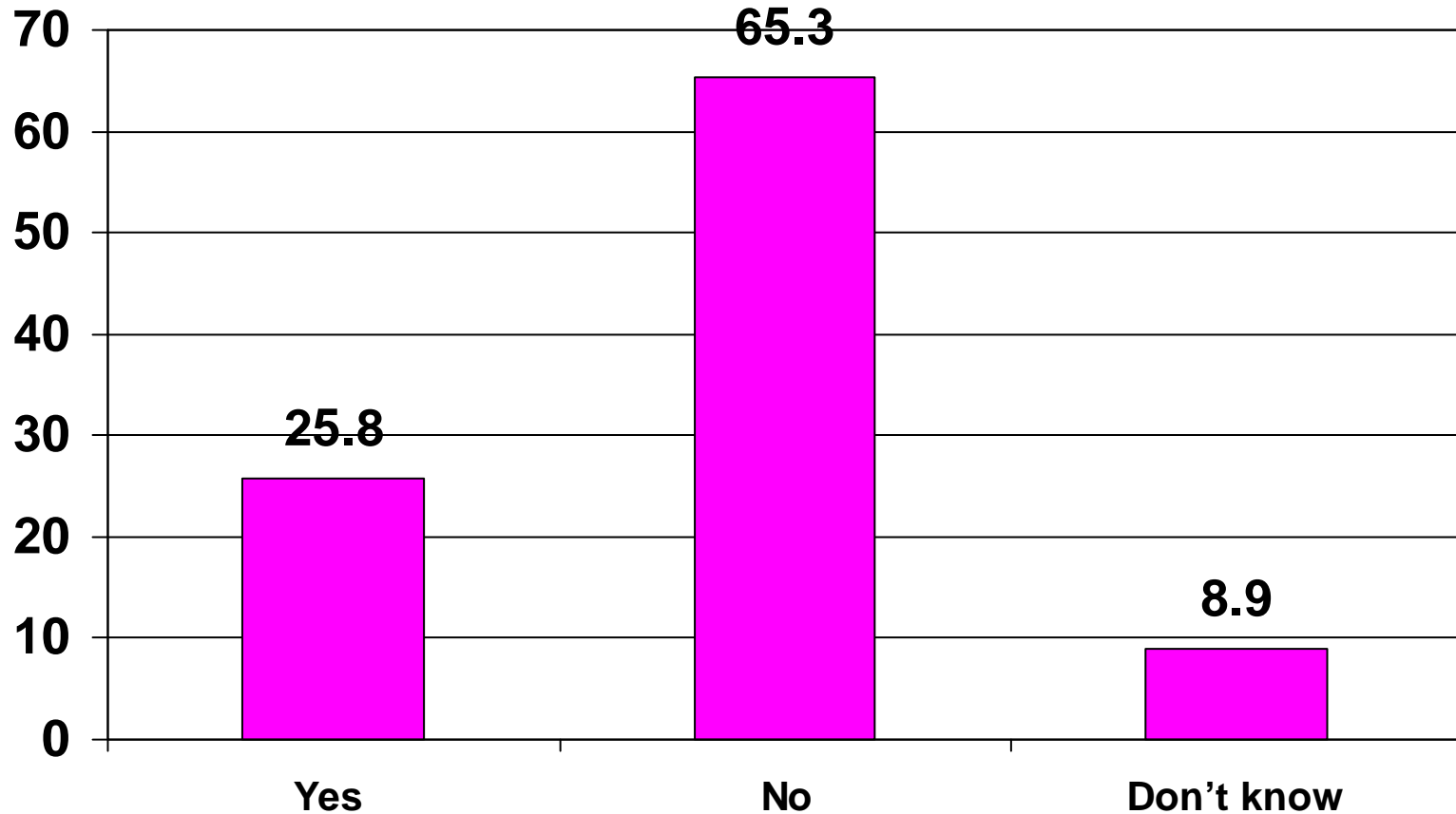
# Which of the following statements best describe the composition of the multi-sectoral committee on the constitution reviews?



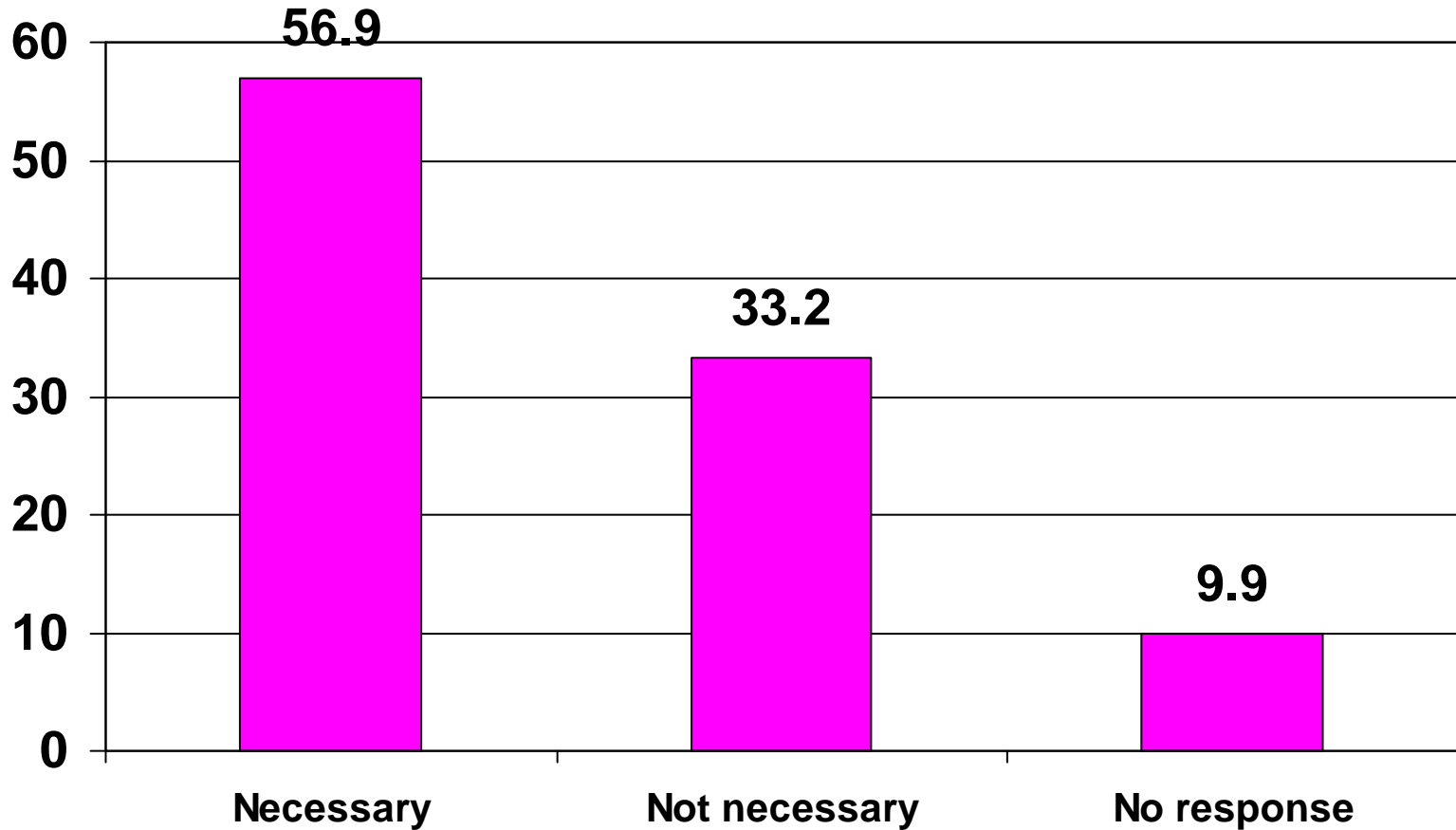
# In your own opinion, what is the work of the constitutional review committee?



# Do you think the committee can deliver a new constitution before the next general elections in 2007?

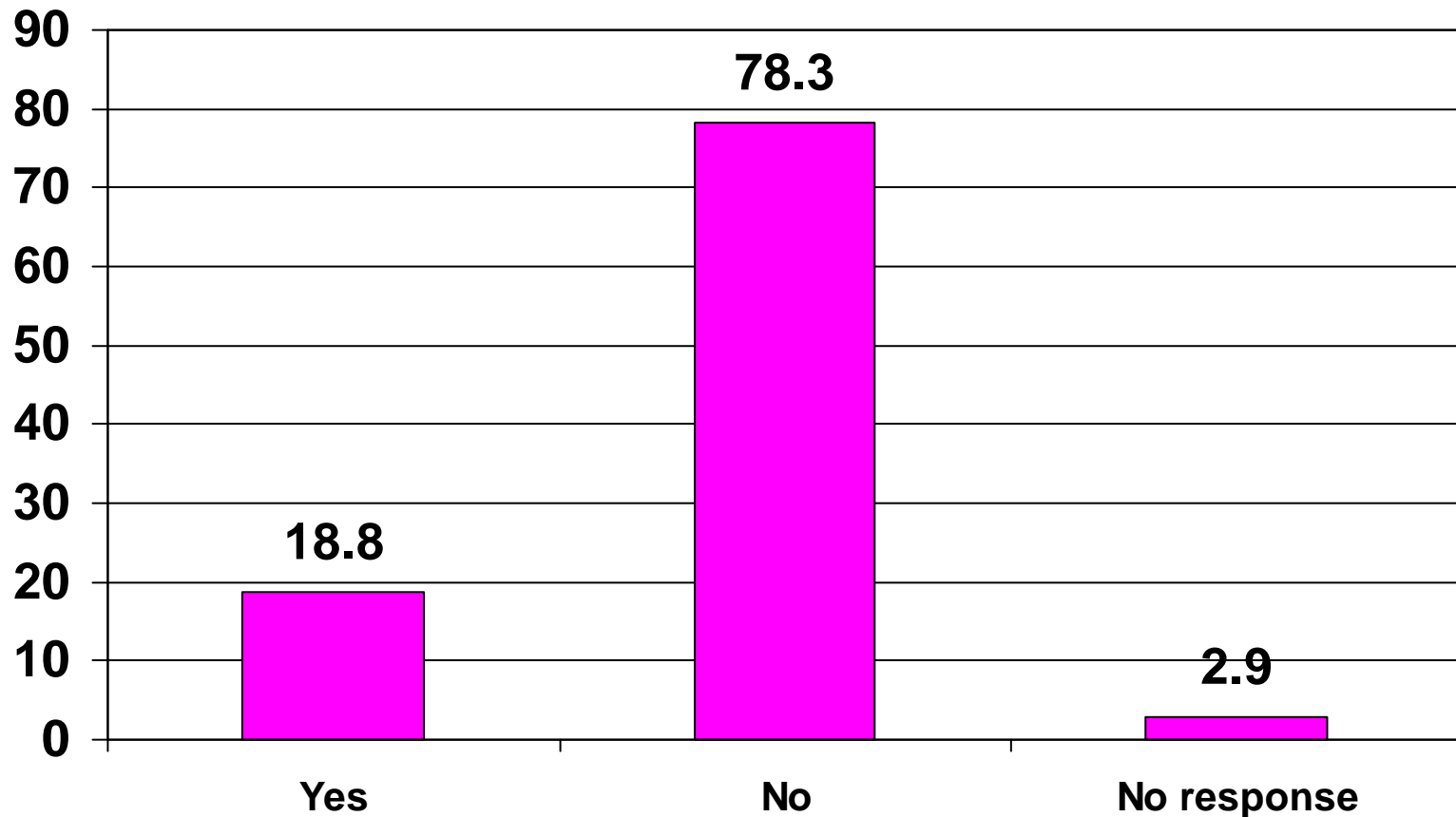


# What is your opinion on minimum reforms?

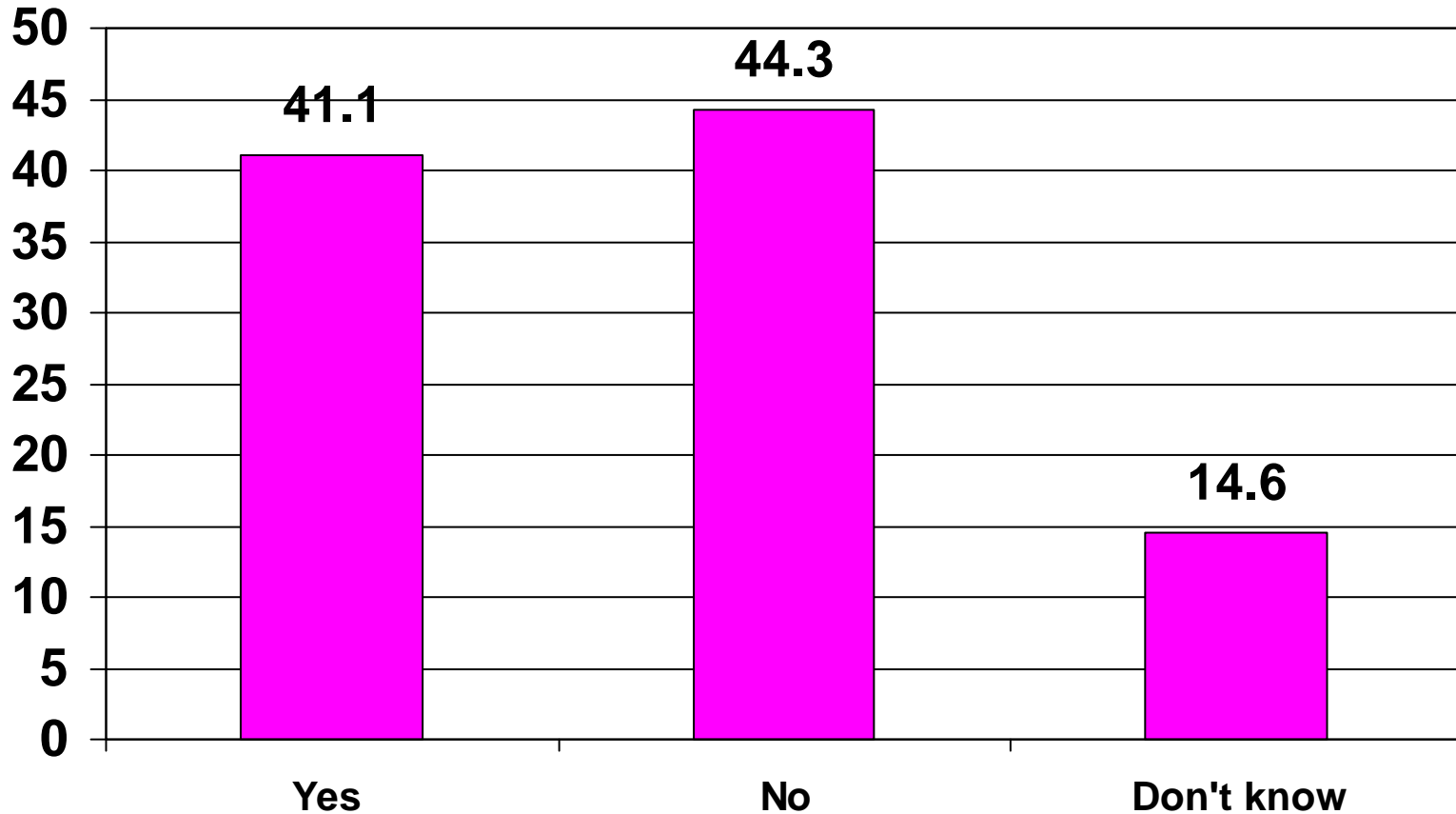




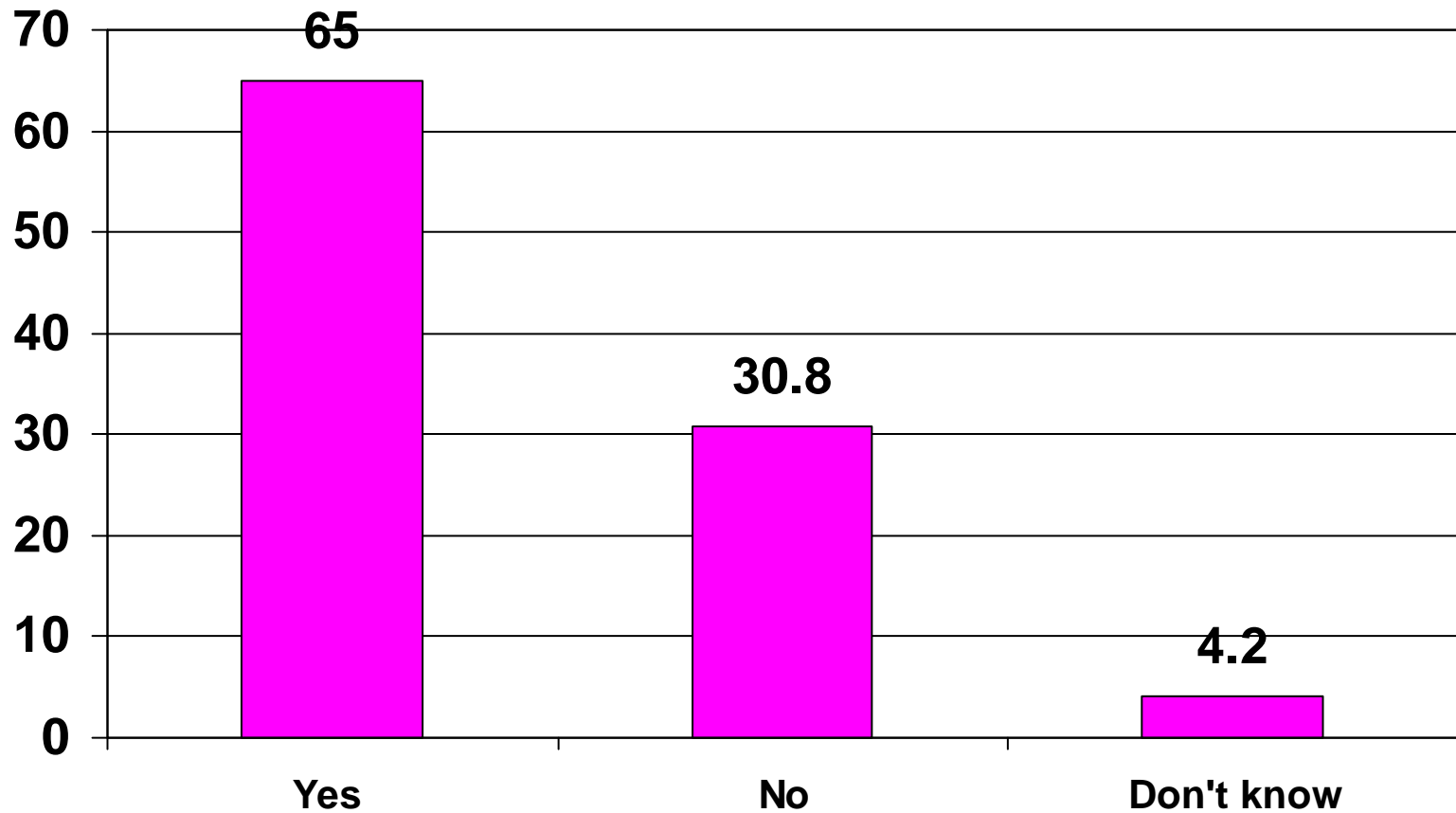
# In your opinion should the elections be postponed if the constitution review is not complete?



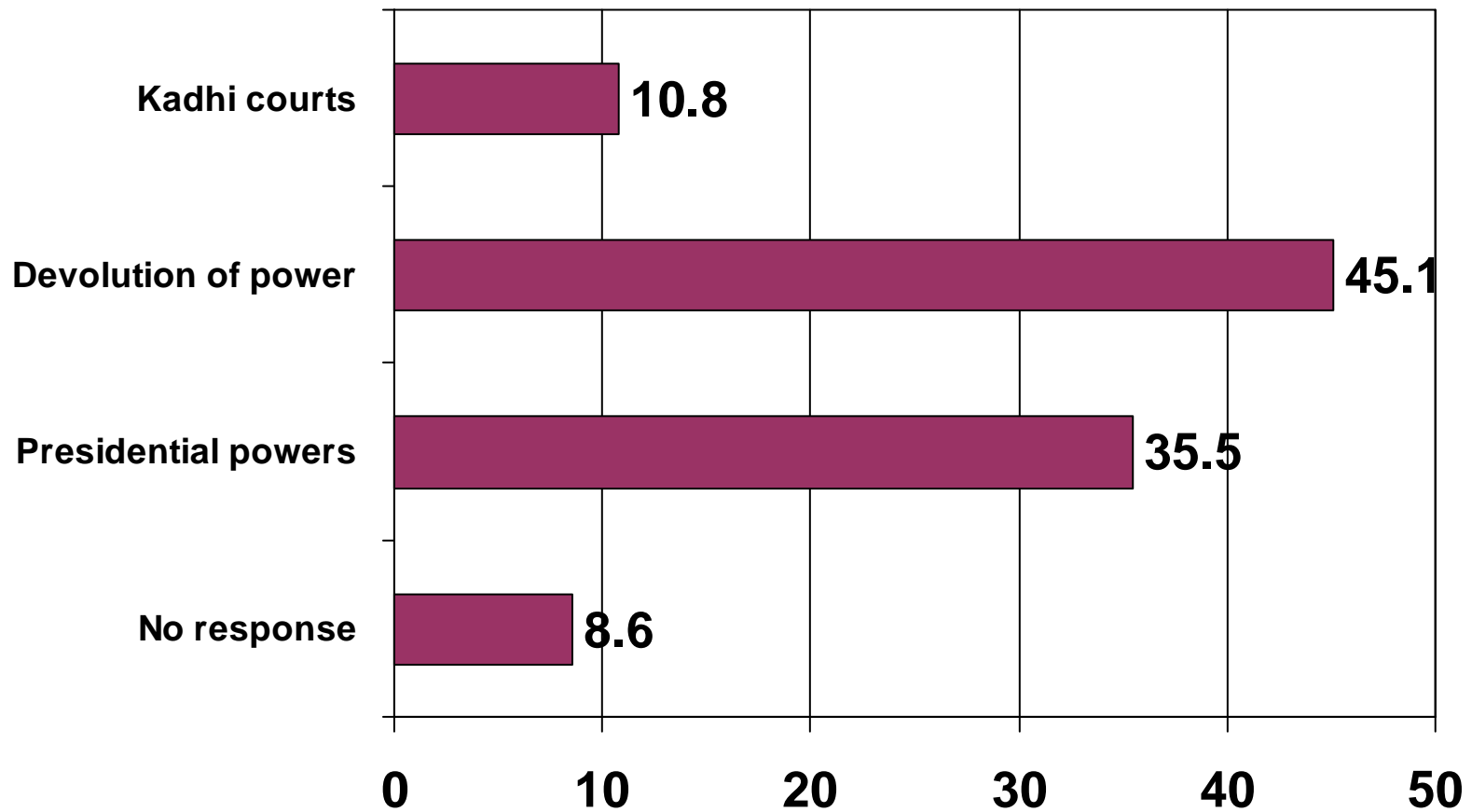
# Do you believe the new government would finish the draft process and enact a new constitution?



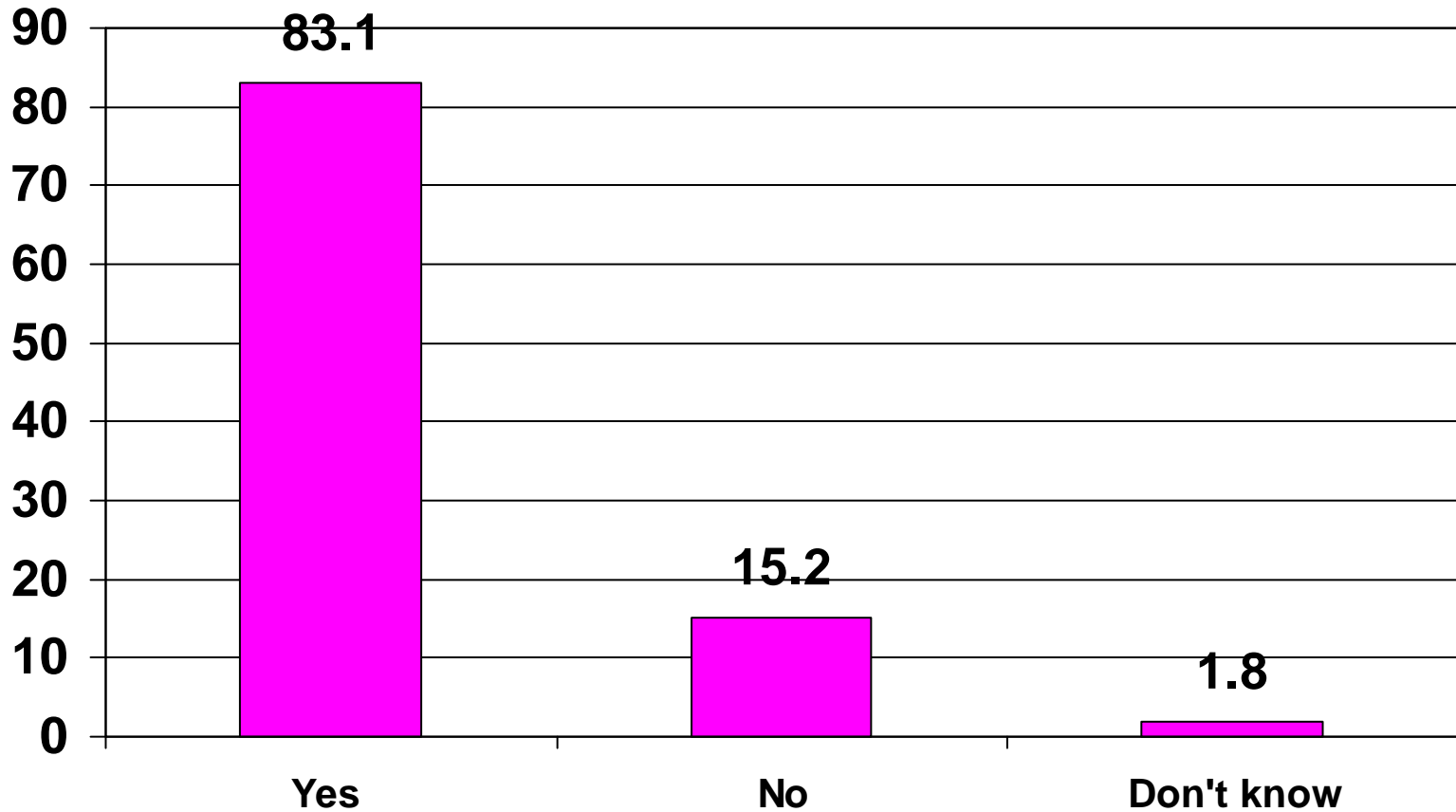
# In your opinion should a fixed election date for future elections be written in the new constitution?



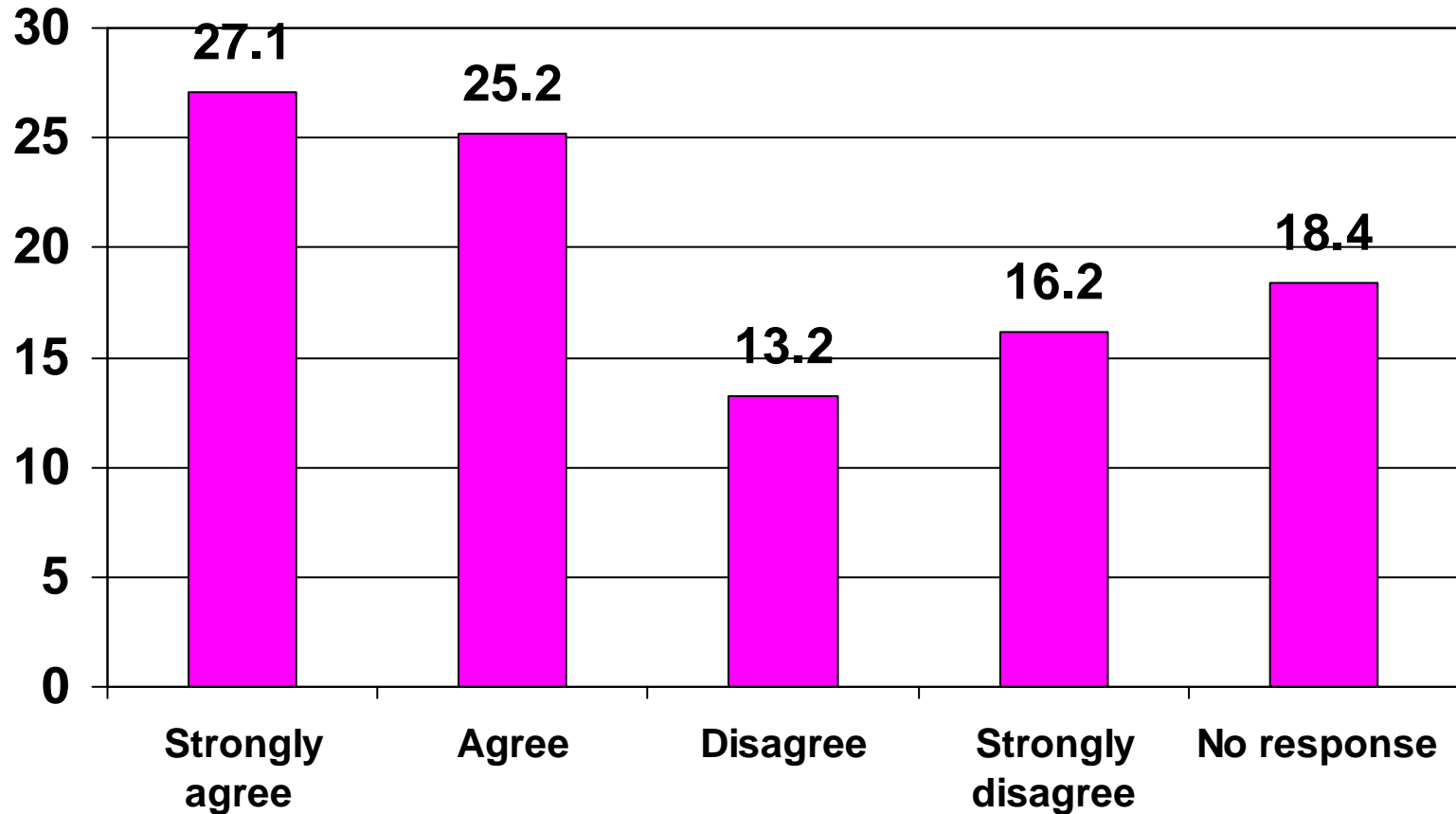
# In your opinion which of the following is the most contentious issue in the constitutional reform?



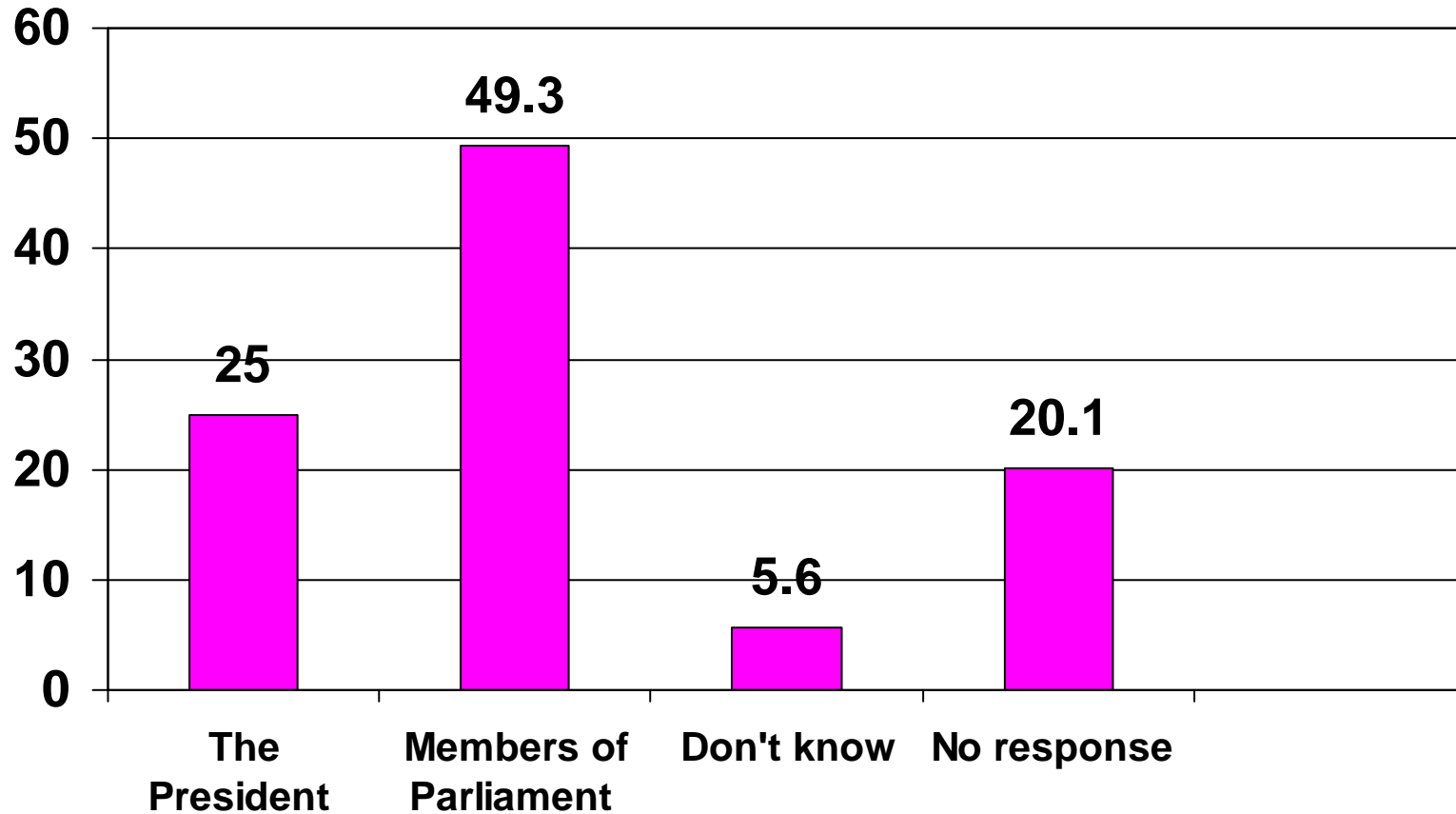
# Have you ever heard of the proposal to create a post of prime minister?



# What is your opinion about the creation of a post of a prime minister?



# Who should appoint the prime minister?



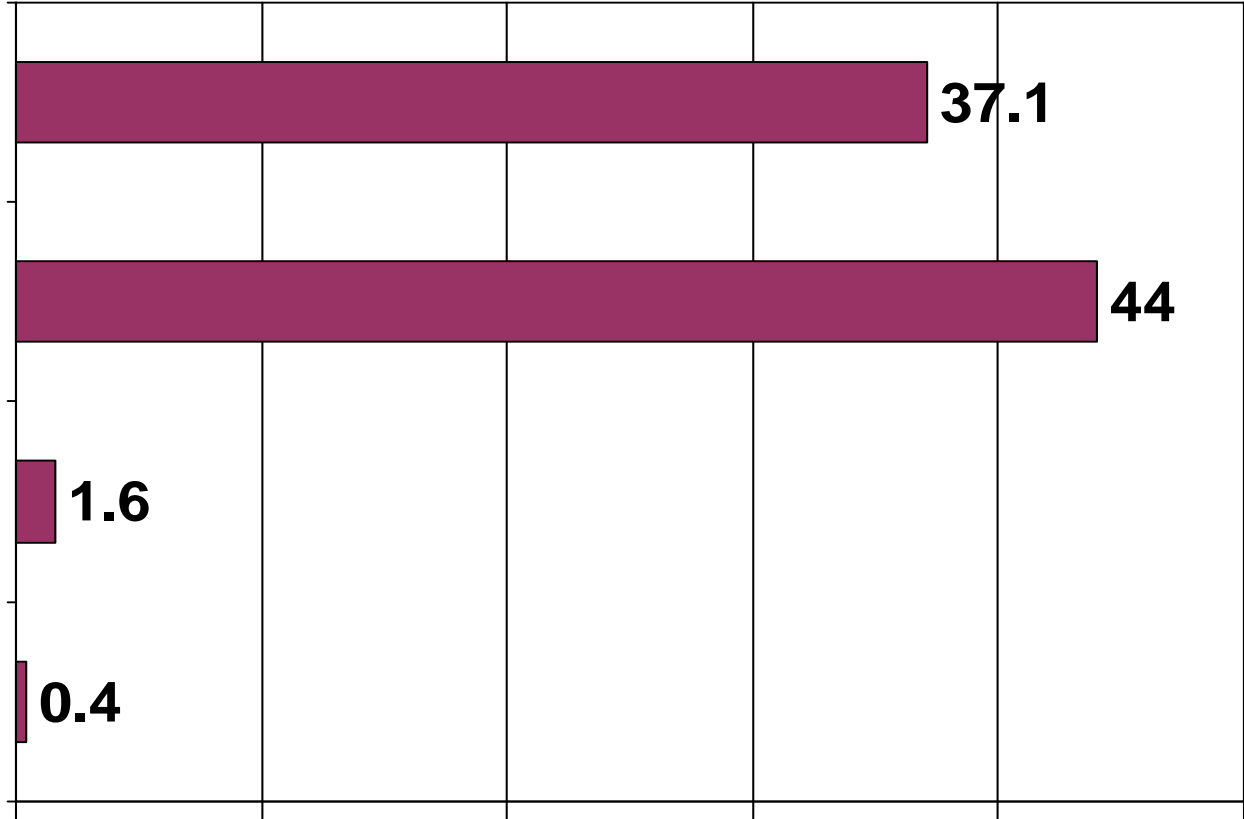
# Under the current constitution, the president appoints the vice president after his own election. What is your opinion regarding this issue ?

The president should have a running mate that automatically becomes vice president after winning the elections

I support the status quo-the president appoints the vice-president after his own election

Don't know

No response



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