

Survey of Tunisian Public Opinion

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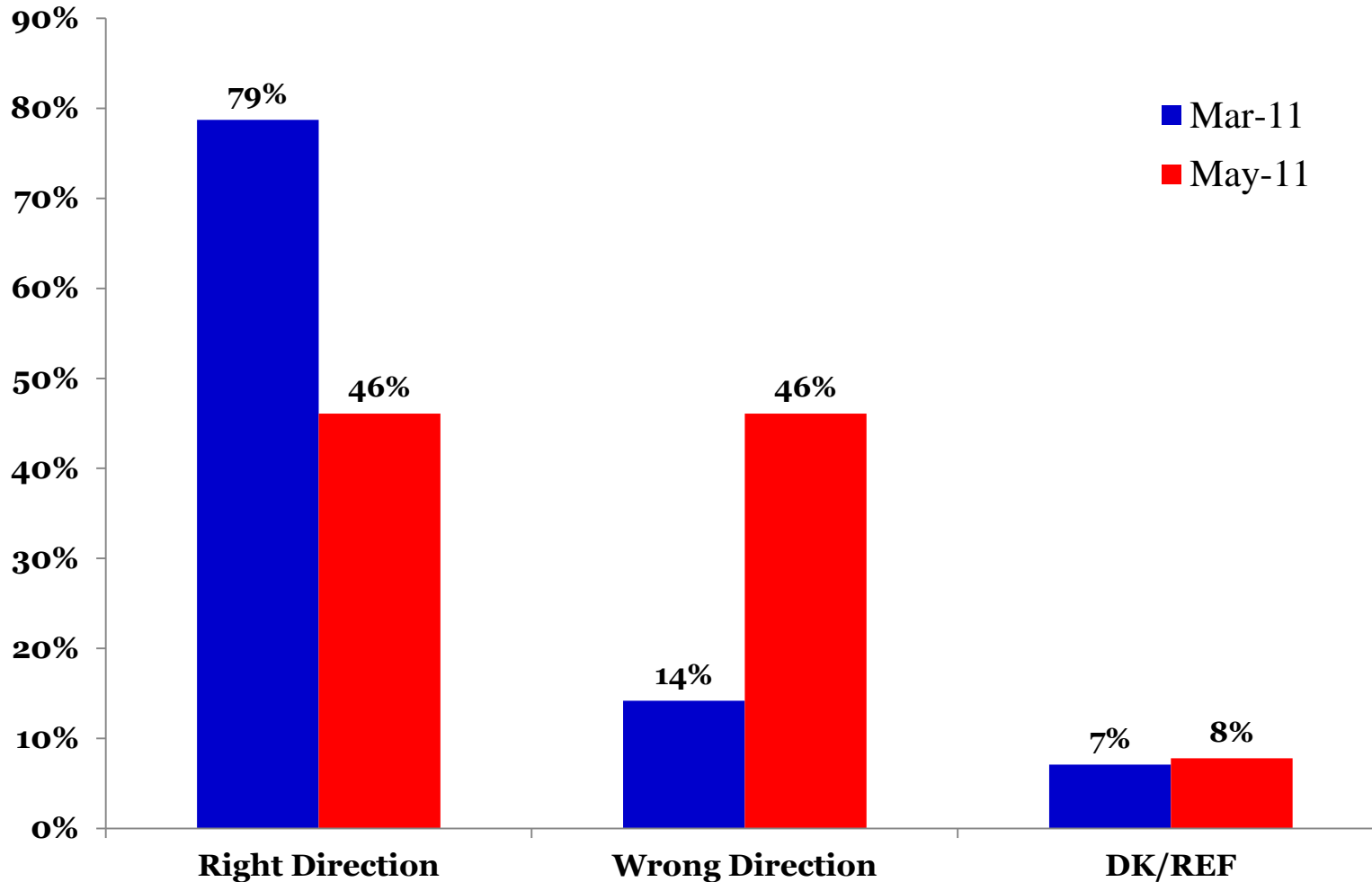


Survey Specifications

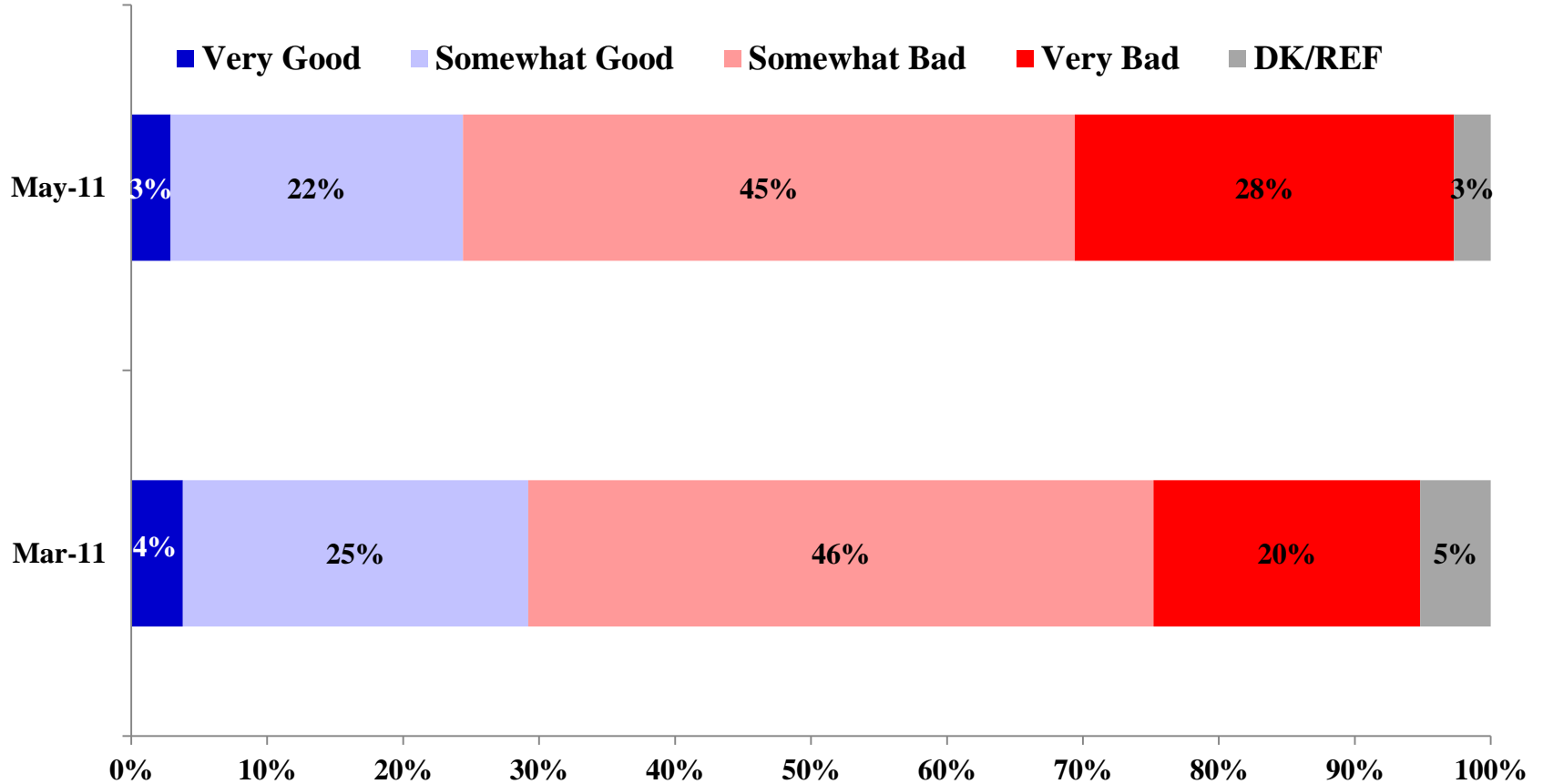


- The International Republican Institute (IRI) conducted a national survey of adult Tunisians (18+ years) from May 14-27, 2011.
- Data was collected in the field by a Tunisian-owned and operated marketing research firm, ELKA Consulting, under the supervision of David Williams from Williams and Associates of Salem, Massachusetts.
- Interviewing was collected using the in-person, face-to-face methodology by trained professional interviewers using a multistage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution, with random selection of households and respondents using the Kish method.
- Stratification was based on three stages: a proportional division among Tunisia's 24 governorates, proportional division of urban and rural categories, and proportional division by gender and age group according to the most up-to-date data from Tunisia's National Statistics Institute collected in July 2009.
- A total of 1,281 interviews were completed yielding an overall margin of error of ± 2.78 percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level.
- The male-to-female ratio of respondents was 51 percent male to 49 percent female.
- The urban-to-rural ratio of respondents was 60 percent urban to 40 percent rural.
- The geographic and demographic distributions conform to the most recent generally accepted official statistics available.
- The sample was post-weighted to make it proportional to national representation by province.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies.
- Figures in charts and tables may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.
- This poll was made possible by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under Award No. DFDA00080035000. The opinions expressed herein are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of USAID or the United States Government.

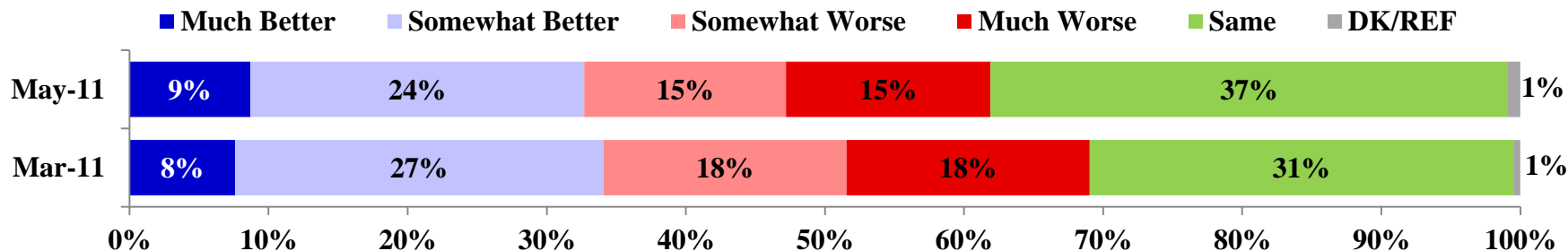
How would you say that things are going in Tunisia these days, are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



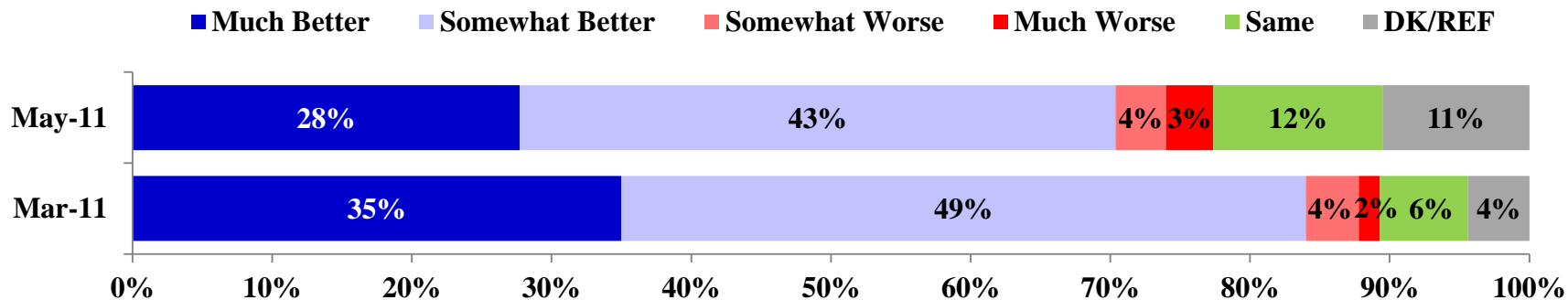
How would you describe the current economic situation in Tunisia?



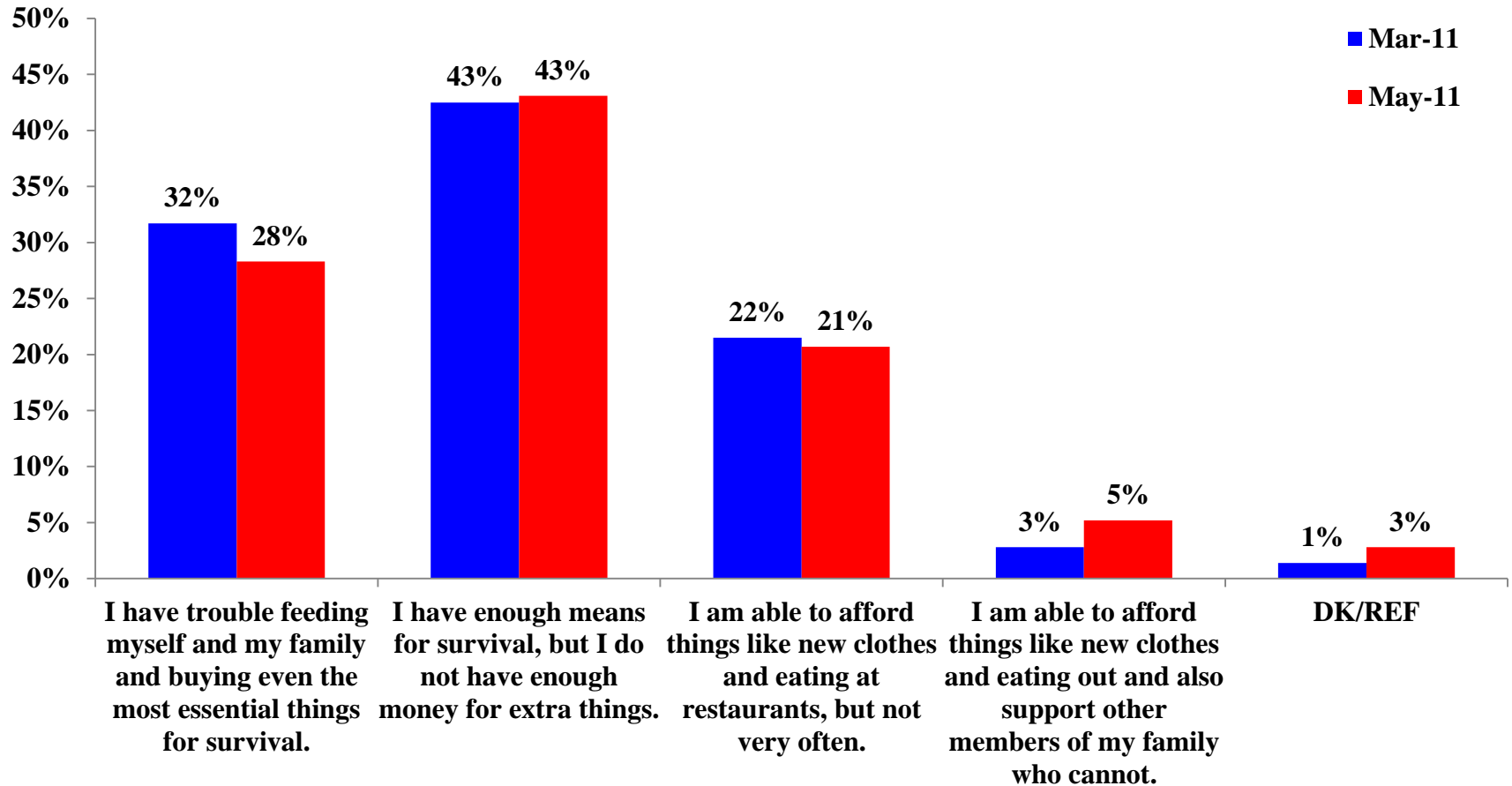
Has your household's financial situation gotten better or worse over the last year?



Thinking ahead to next year, do you expect your household's financial situation to be better or worse?



Which answer best describes your current economic situation?





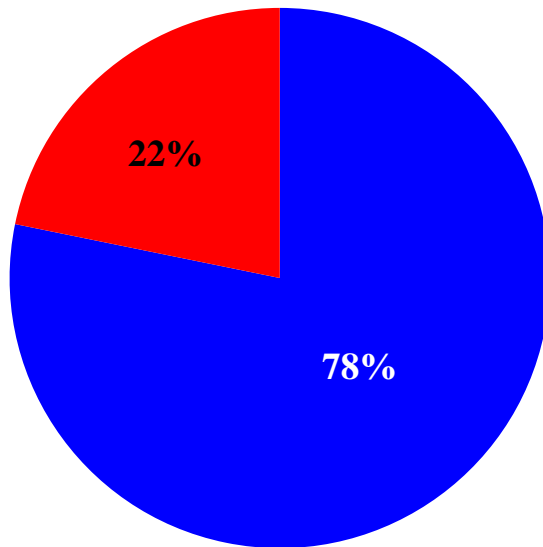
Thinking about the current government, which of the following should be a top priority? (*spontaneous responses >1%*)

Issue	First Mention	Second Mention	Third Mention	Total
Security	36%	21%	14%	71%
Employment	27%	25%	20%	72%
Development and Reform of the Economy	9%	19%	13%	41%
Organize Elections	7%	3%	6%	16%
Living Standards	6%	8%	6%	20%
Social Reforms	3%	4%	9%	16%
Corruption	2%	1%	2%	5%
Transparent Government Communication	2%	2%	2%	6%
Inculcate Good Values in the Government	2%	0%	0%	2%
Regional Development	1%	1%	3%	5%
Achieve the Goals of the Revolution	1%	0%	0%	1%
Other	3%	16%	25%	44%
Don't Know/Refused	1%	0%	0%	1%

Have you heard of the three commissions created to address the issues of corruption, political reform and human rights violations during the uprisings?

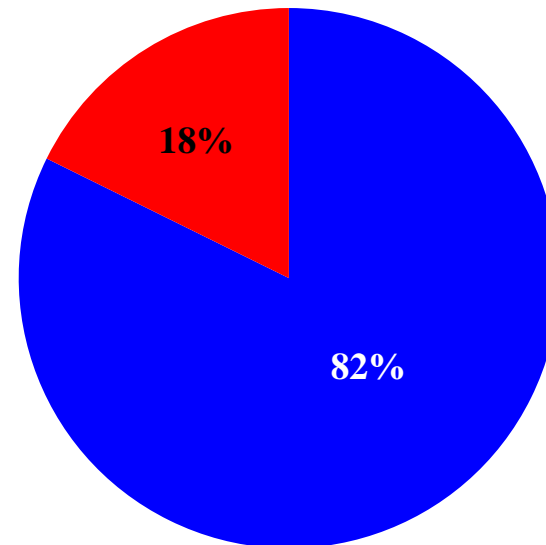
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■ Yes ■ No



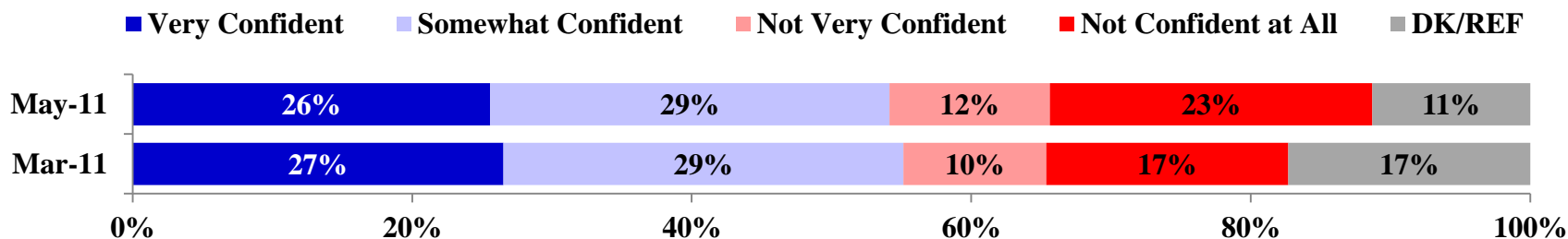
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■ Yes ■ No

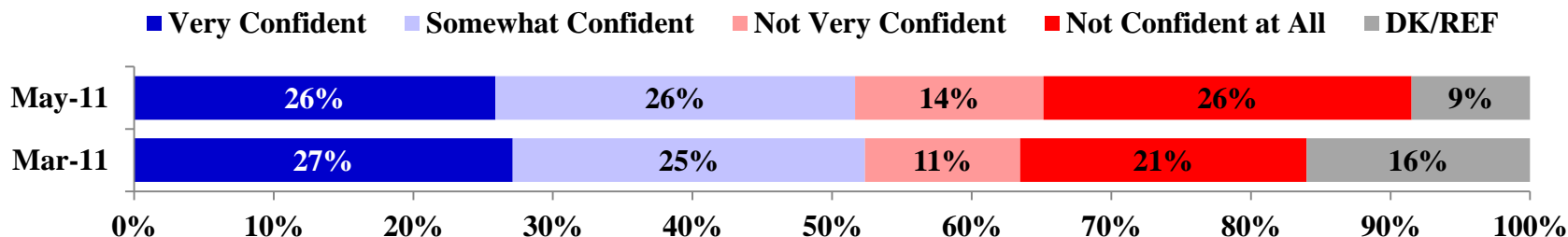


If you have heard of the commissions, how confident are you that each will work for the benefit of Tunisia? (n=1,011)

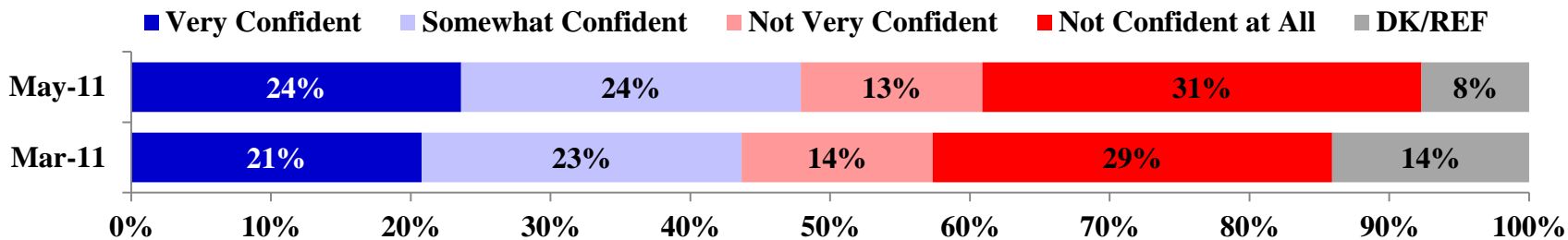
Political Reform Commission



Human Rights Commission



Corruption Commission

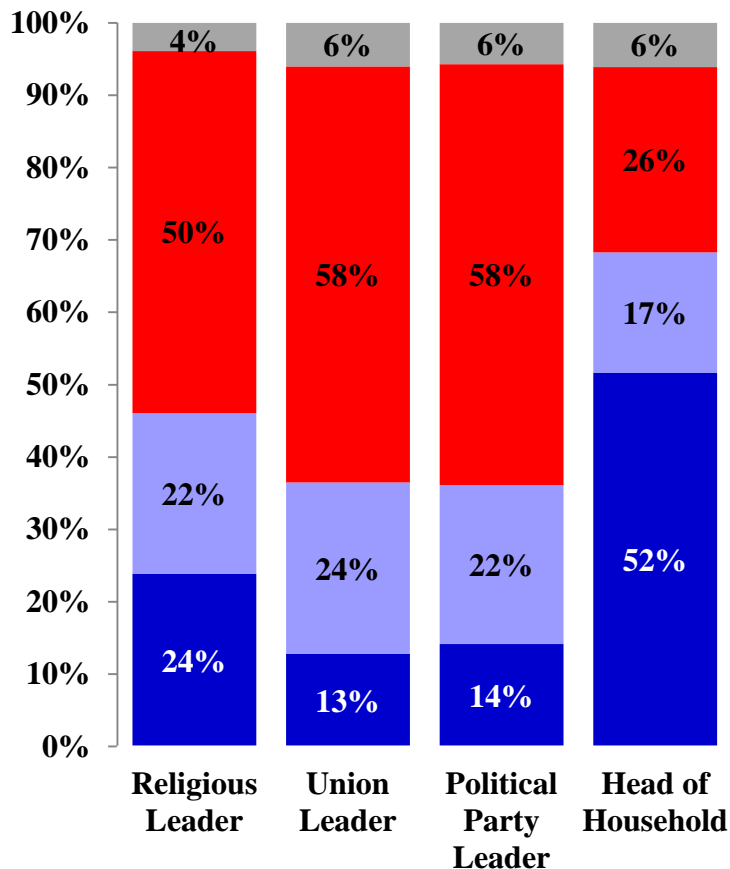




Now, I am going to read you a list of different types of individuals. Please tell me if that individual's opinion has a strong influence, some influence or has no influence on you and your opinion on current events and politics.

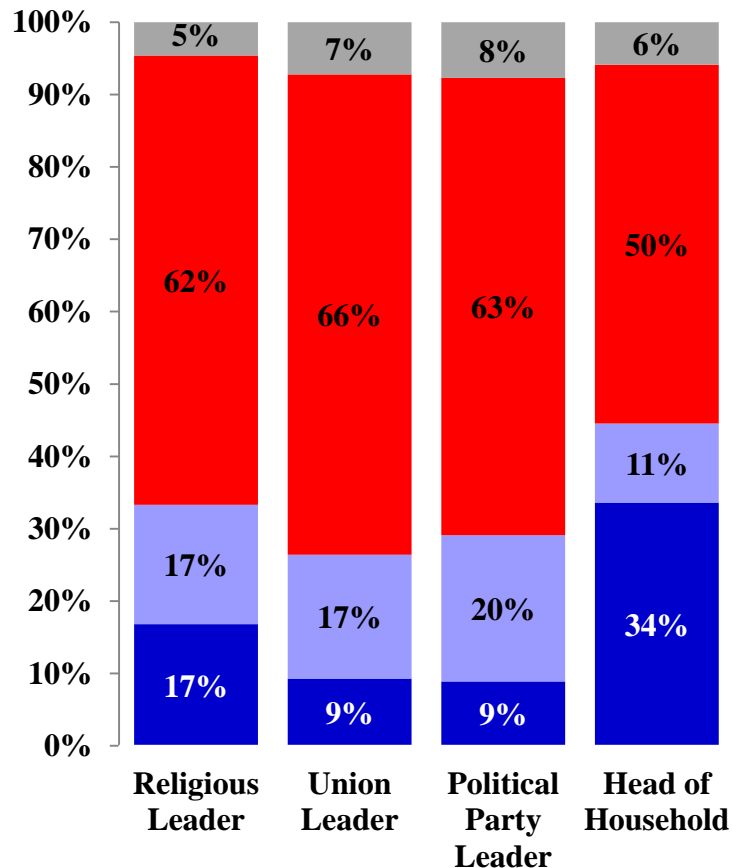
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■ Strong Influence ■ Some Influence
 ■ No Influence ■ DK/REF



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■ Strong Influence ■ Some Influence
 ■ No Influence ■ DK/REF





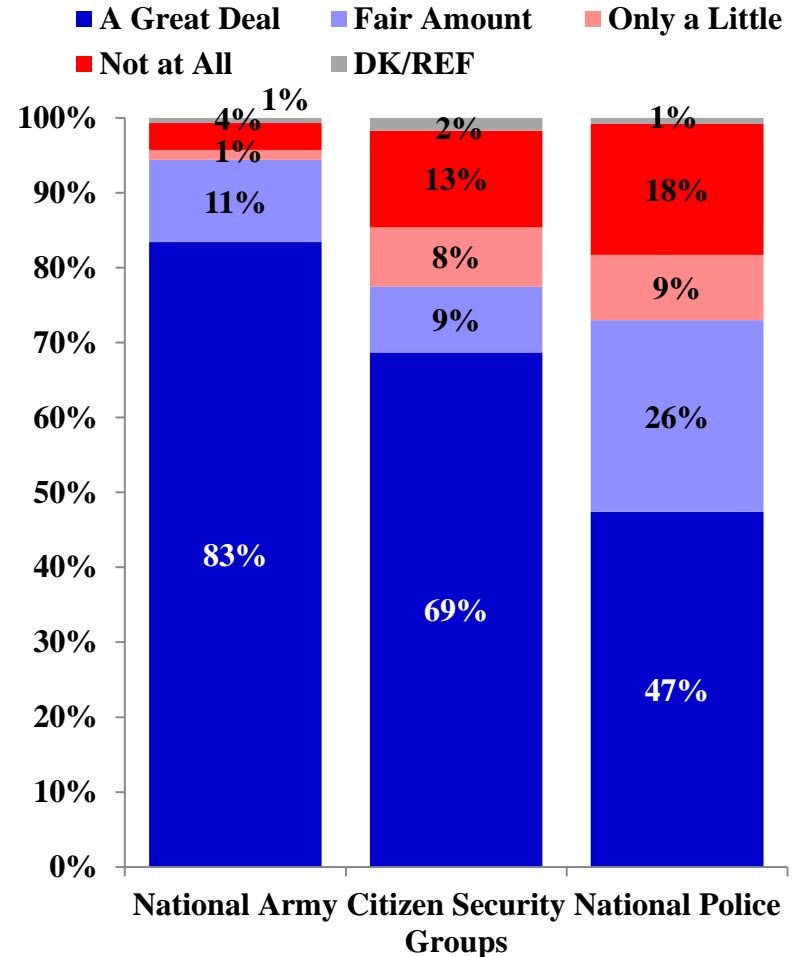
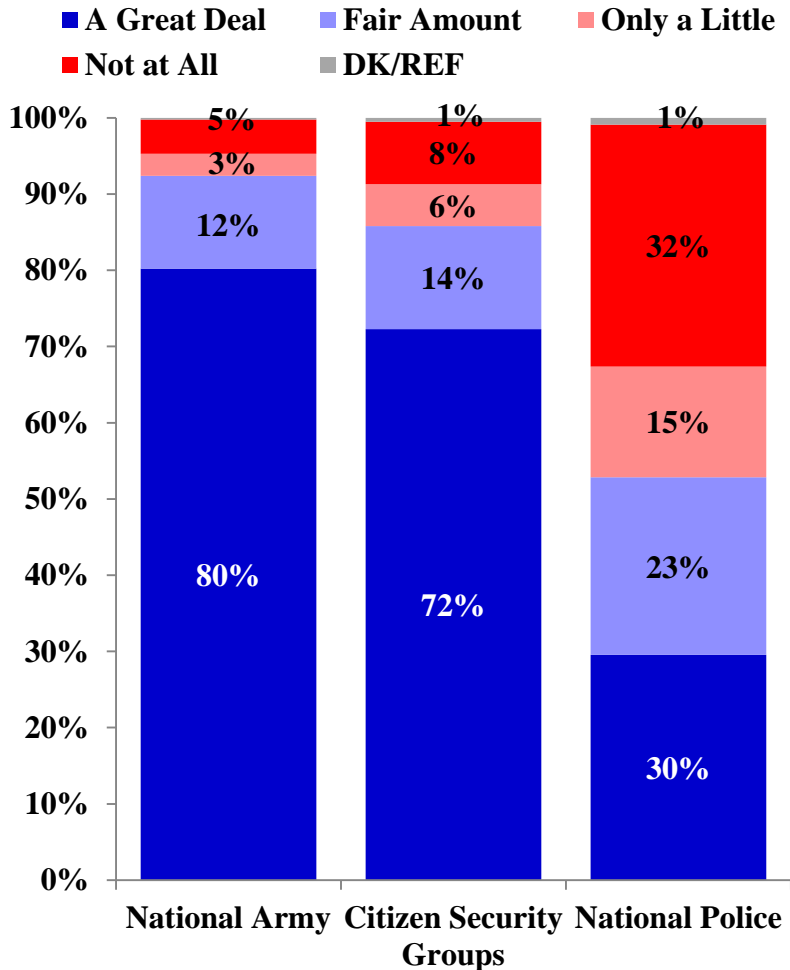
What is the single biggest problem facing Tunisia as a whole? (*spontaneous responses >1%*)

Issue	First Mention	Second Mention	Third Mention	Total
Internal Security	28%	22%	13%	63%
Unemployment	16%	21%	19%	56%
Economic and Financial Crisis	14%	17%	11%	42%
Violence, Delinquency and Vandalism	7%	2%	2%	11%
Strikes and Sit-ins	3%	3%	3%	9%
Terrorism	3%	2%	1%	6%
Corruption	2%	2%	4%	8%
Big Number of Political Parties	2%	2%	2%	6%
Political Circumstances	2%	3%	0%	5%
Elections	2%	1%	2%	5%
Libya	2%	3%	3%	8%
Don't Know/Refused	3%	0%	0%	3%

How much do you trust each of the following to protect your neighborhood?

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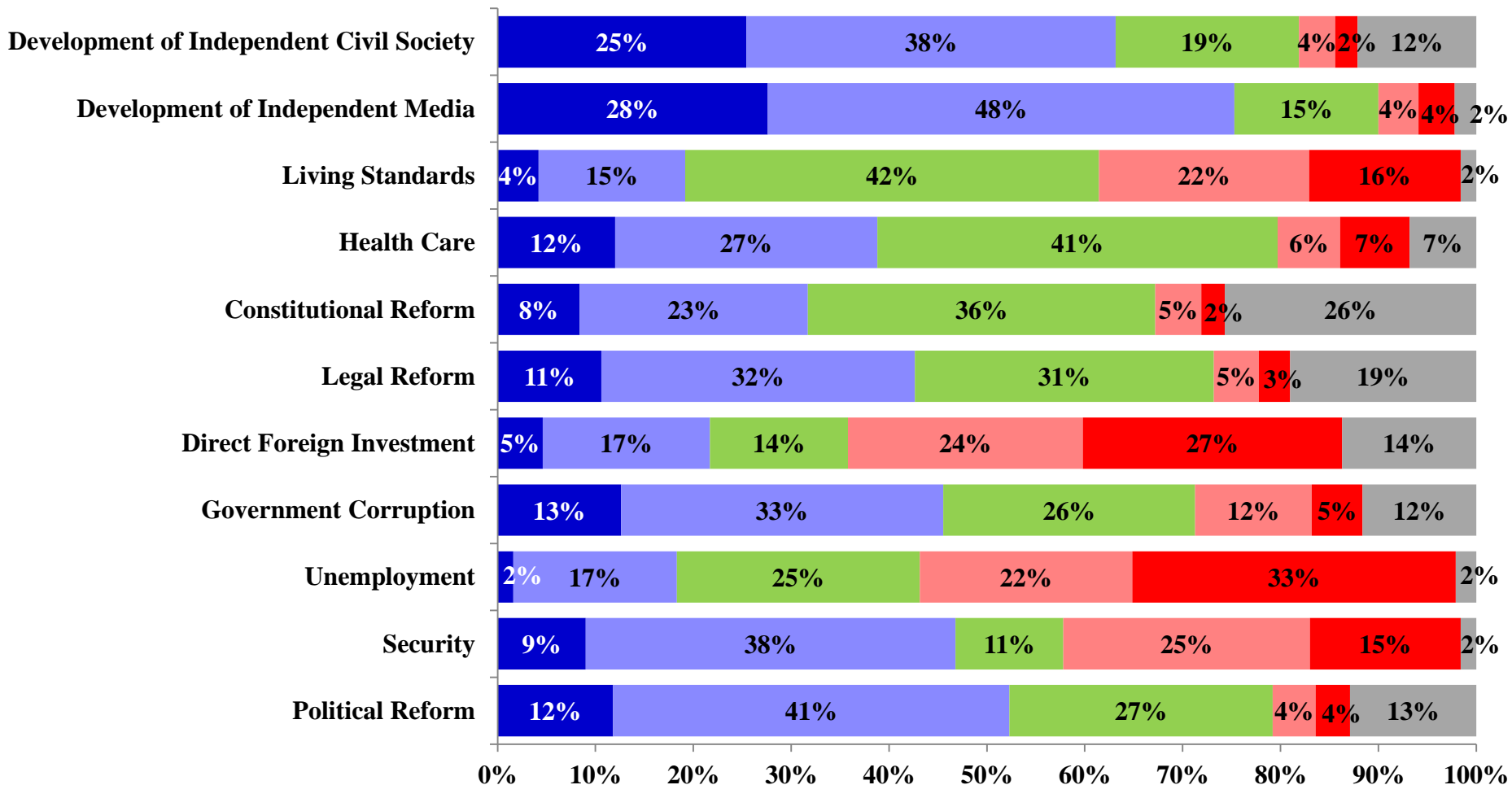
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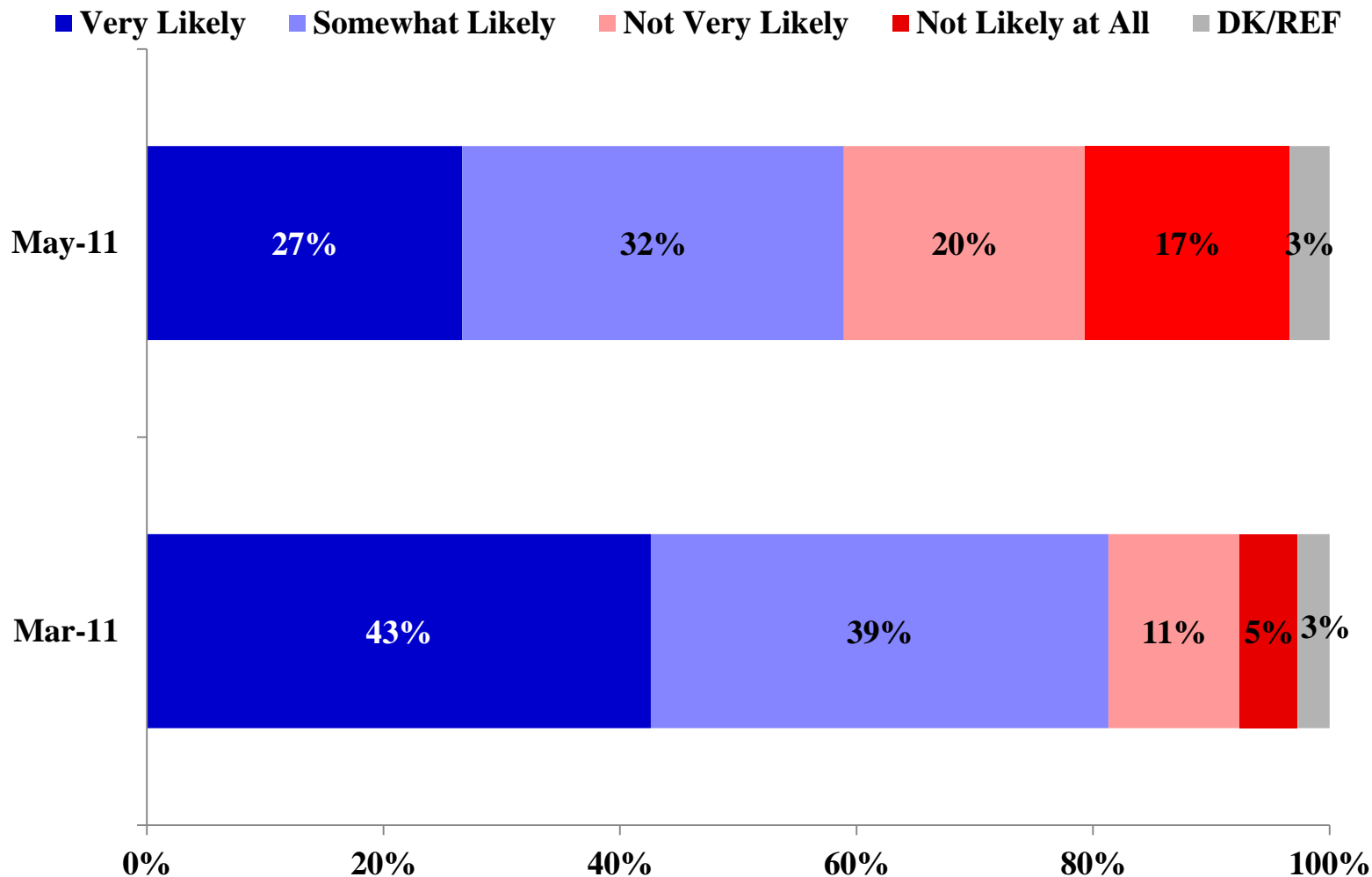


Now I am going to read a list of issues and for each one please tell me whether you feel that the situation has gotten better, gotten worse or stayed the same over the last year.

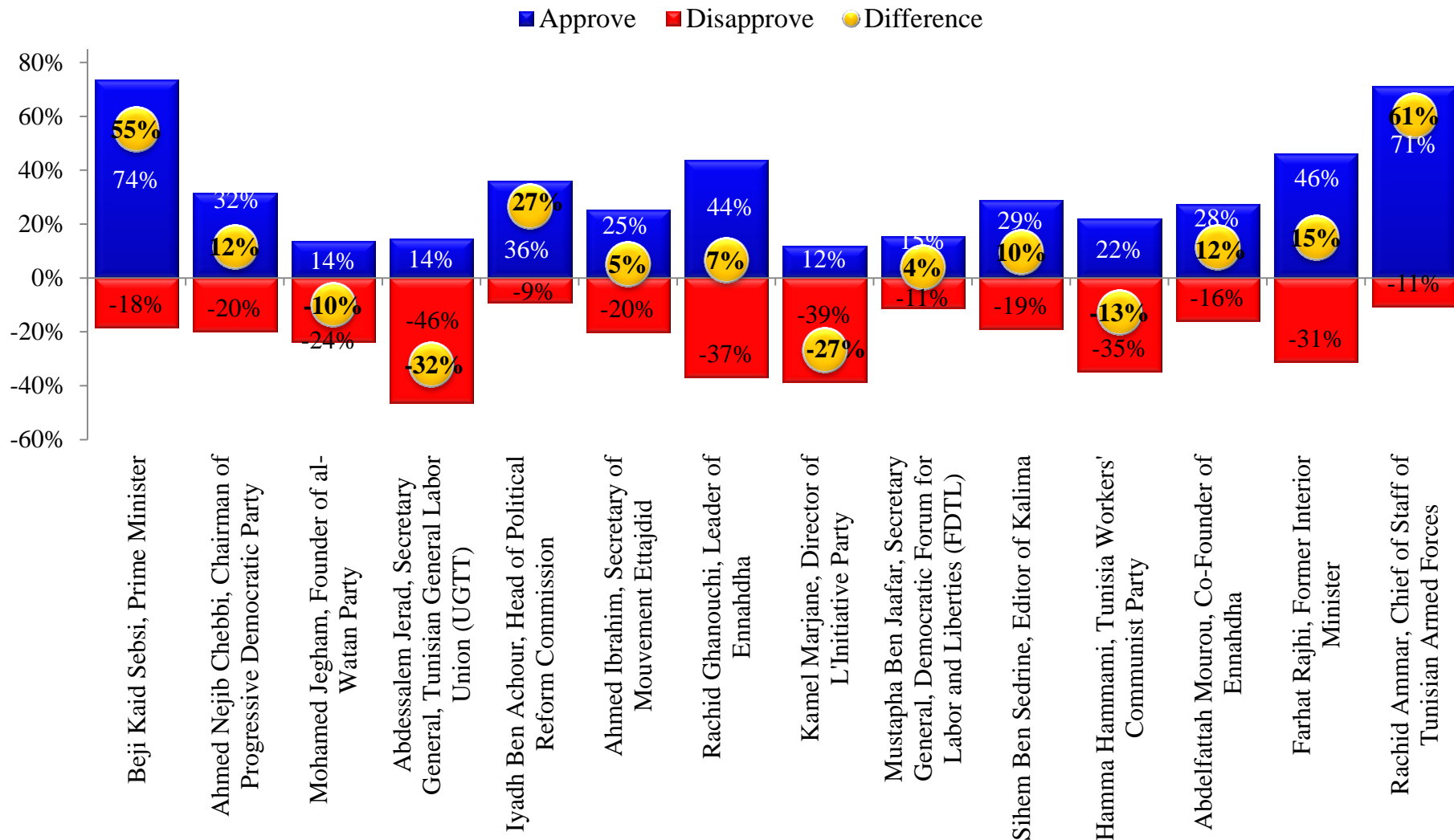
■ Much Better ■ Somewhat Better ■ Same ■ Somewhat Worse ■ Much Worse ■ DK/REF



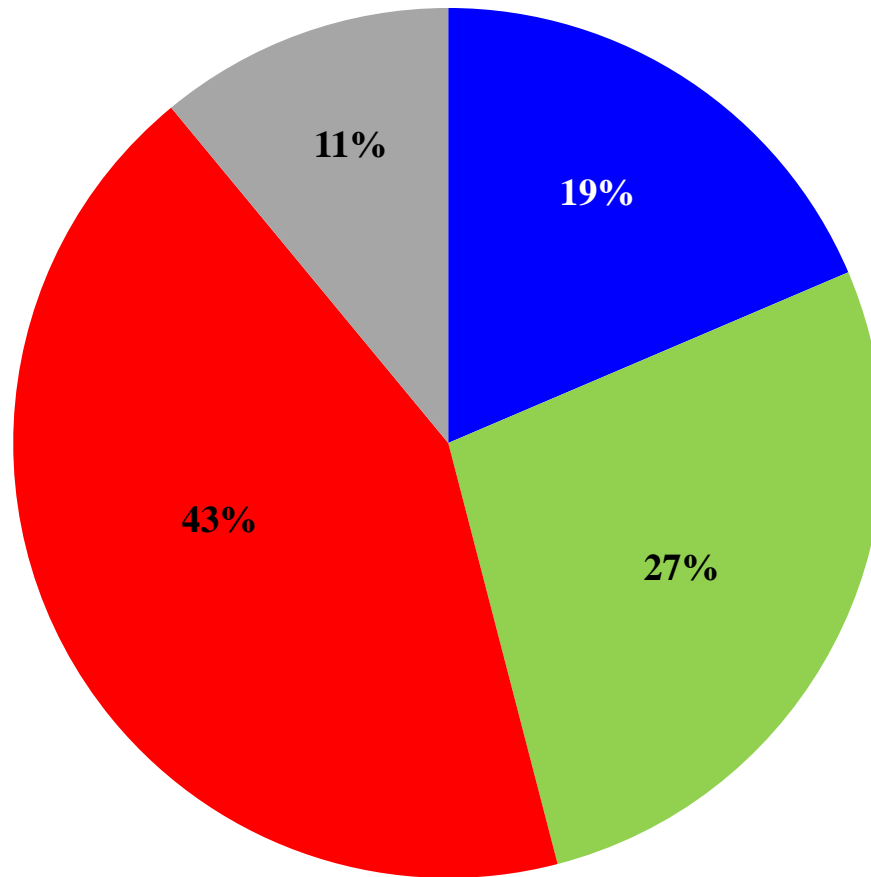
How likely is the current government to address these issues facing Tunisia?



I would like to ask you about your impressions of the following groups or people. Do you approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or disapprove of the following?



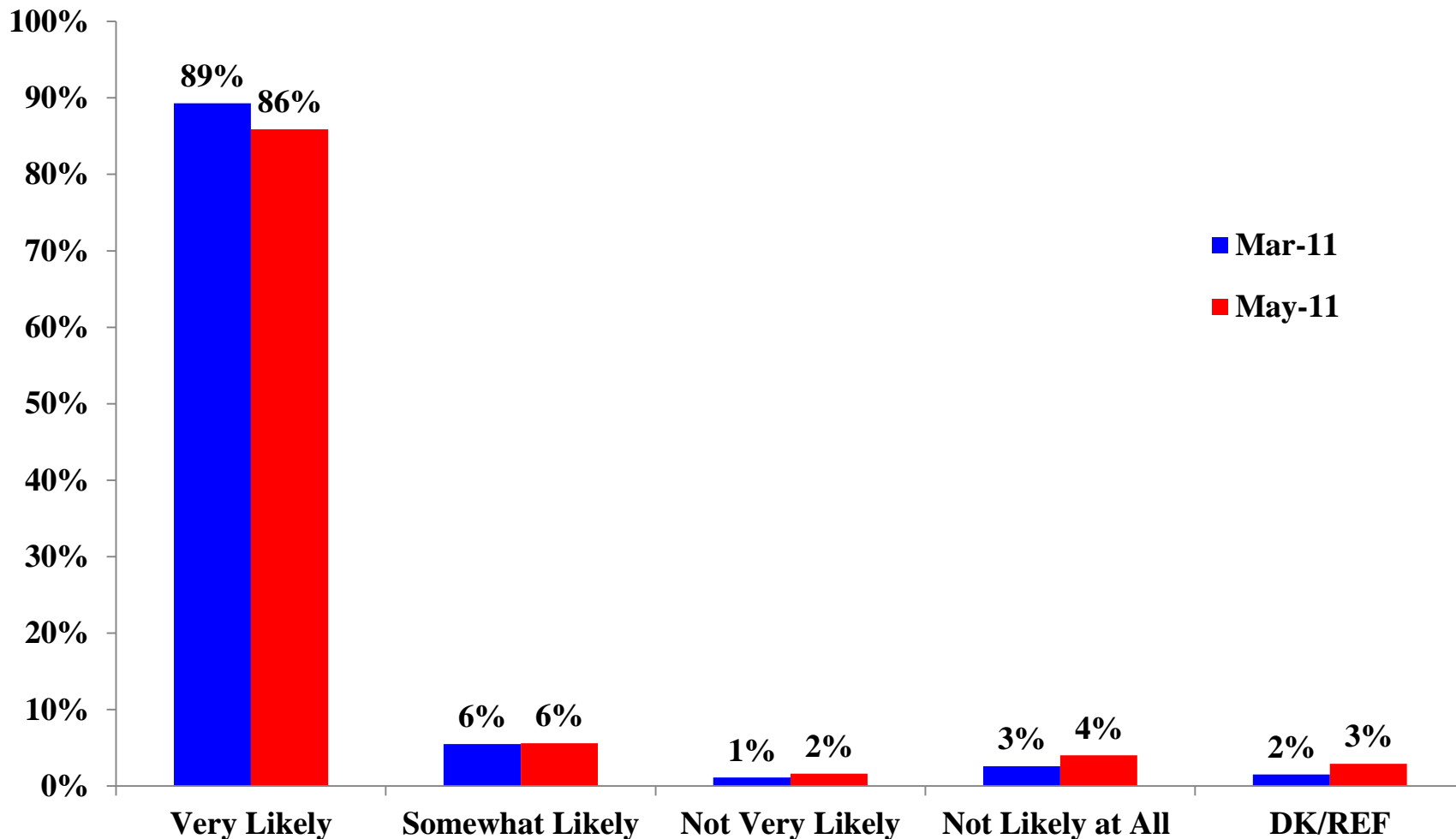
Which of the following statements best describes the role that political parties play in Tunisia?



- I think political parties represent people's interests and seek solutions to benefit the country.
- I think political parties can play a positive role in Tunisia, but they have not done so yet.
- I think political parties are only interested in power and political gain.
- DK/REF

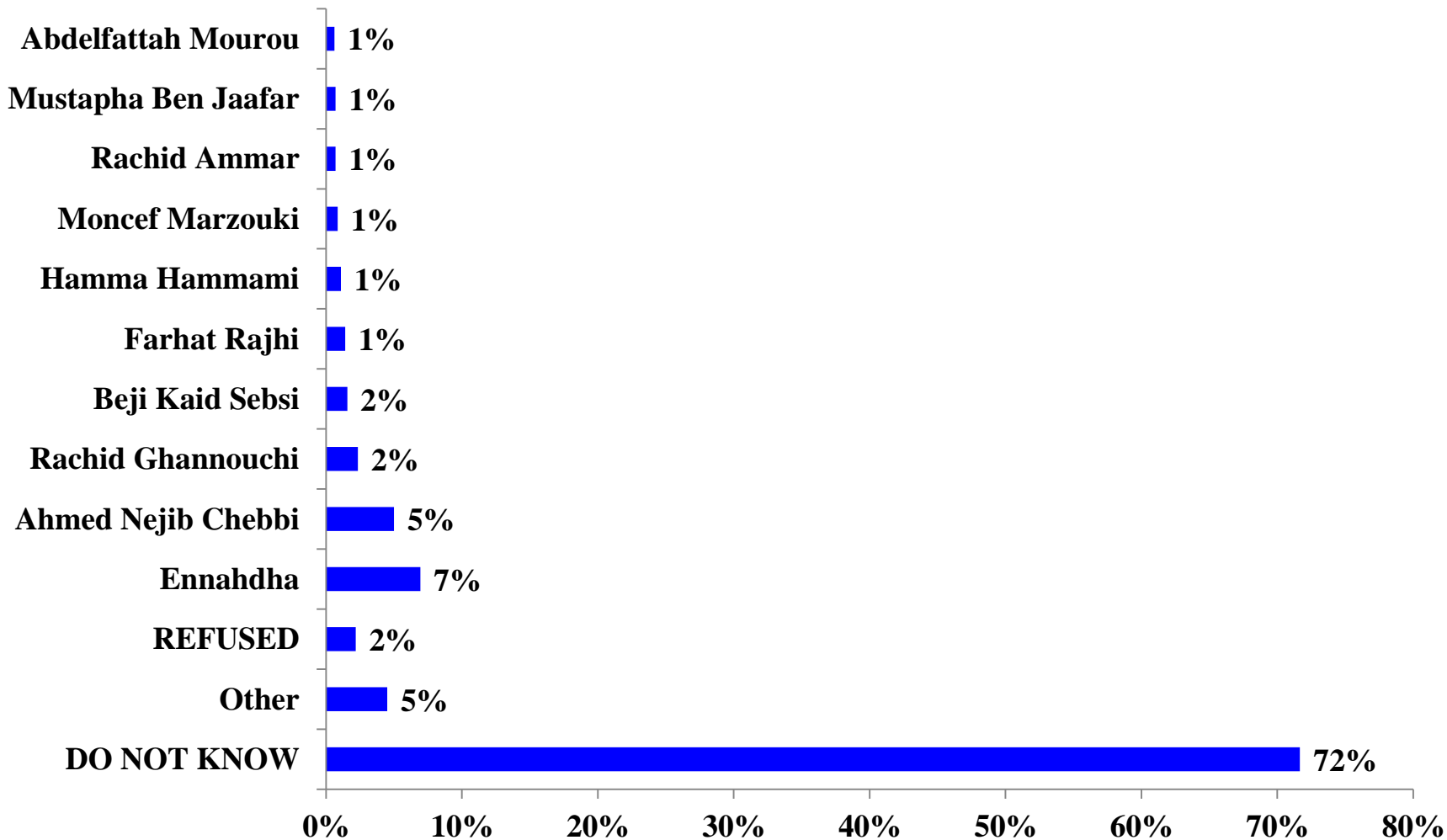


How likely are you to vote in the upcoming elections scheduled for later in the year?



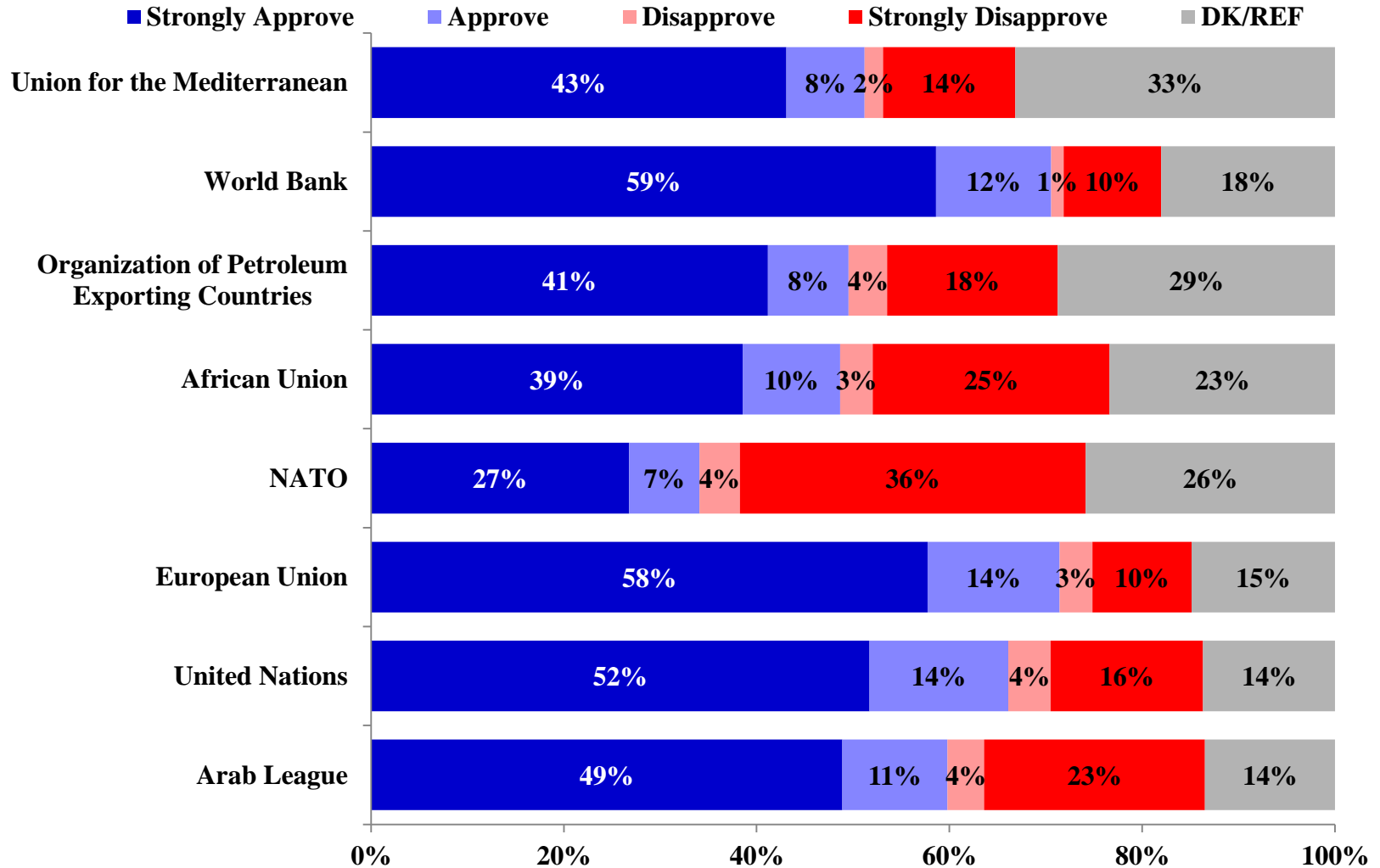


If the elections for constituent assembly were held today, for whom would you vote? (*spontaneous responses >1%*)





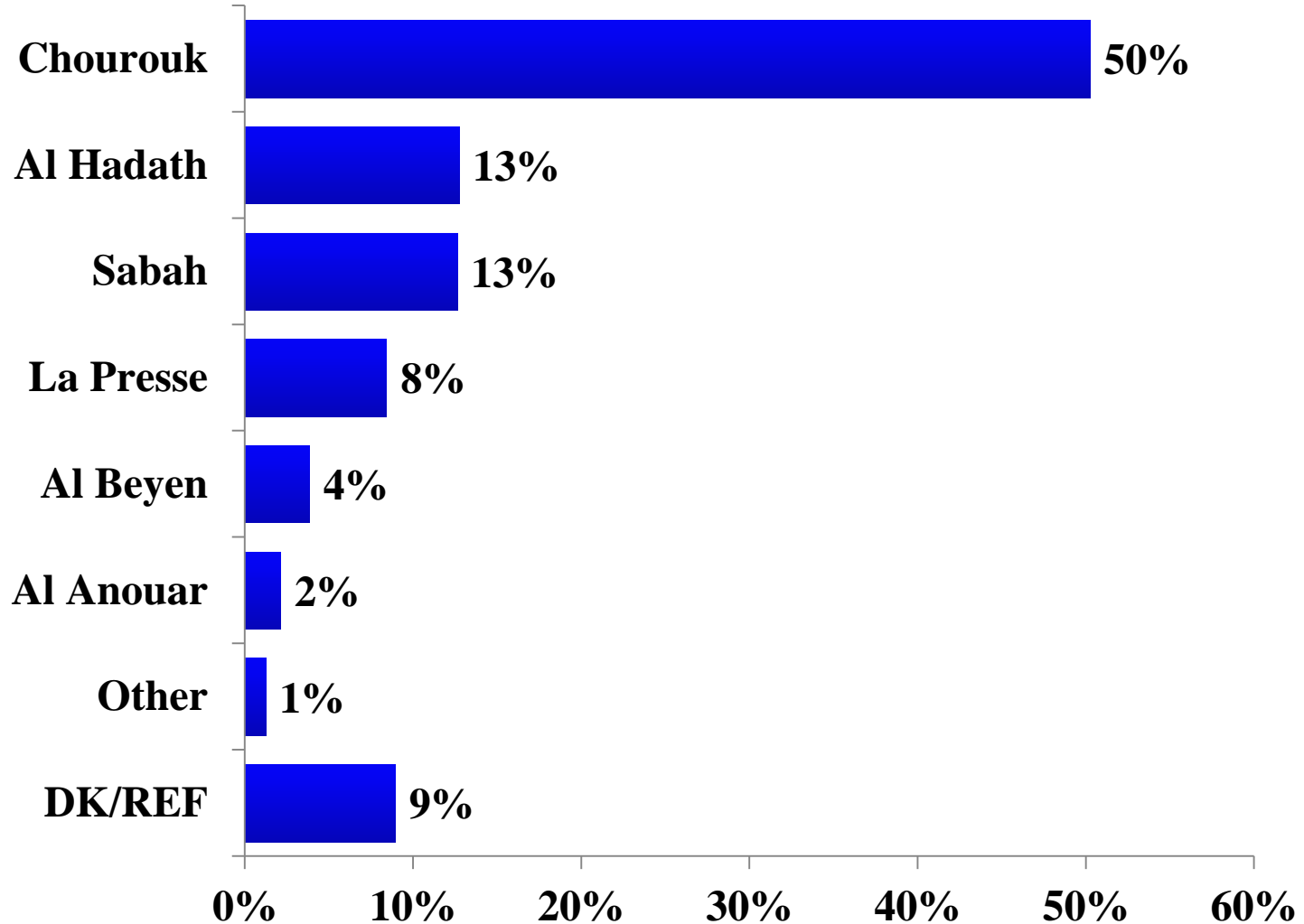
International organizations play an increasingly important role in today's world. I am going to read you a list of some large international organizations and I would like you to tell me if you approve or disapprove of Tunisia supporting these organizations.



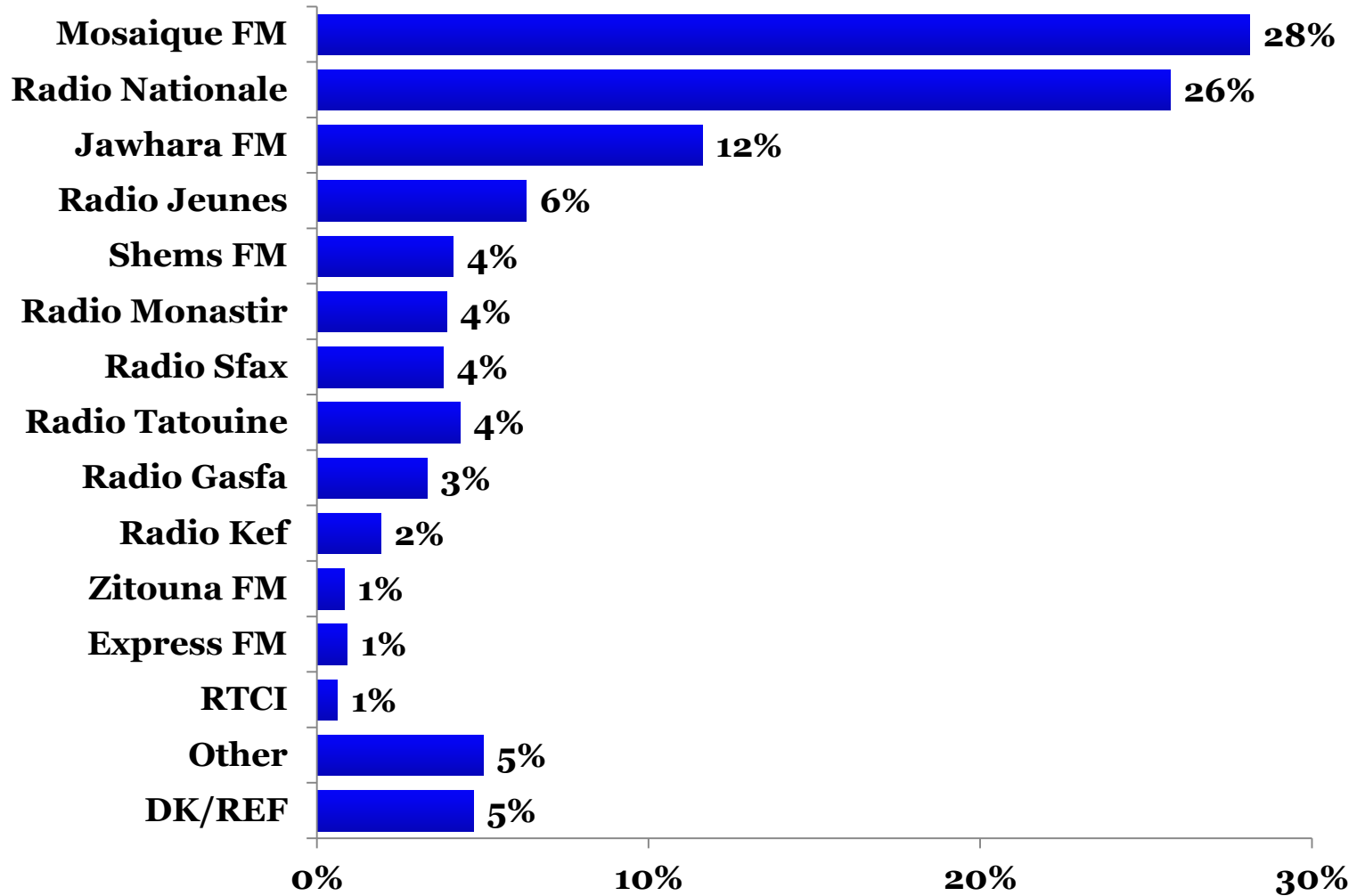
Where are you most likely to get your local news and information? (*first mention, spontaneous response*)

Source	First Mention
Tunisian Television	59%
Radio	13%
Internet	12%
Newspapers	8%
Rumors at Public Places	3%
SMS	1%
Mosque	0%
Other	3%
Don't Know/Refused	1%

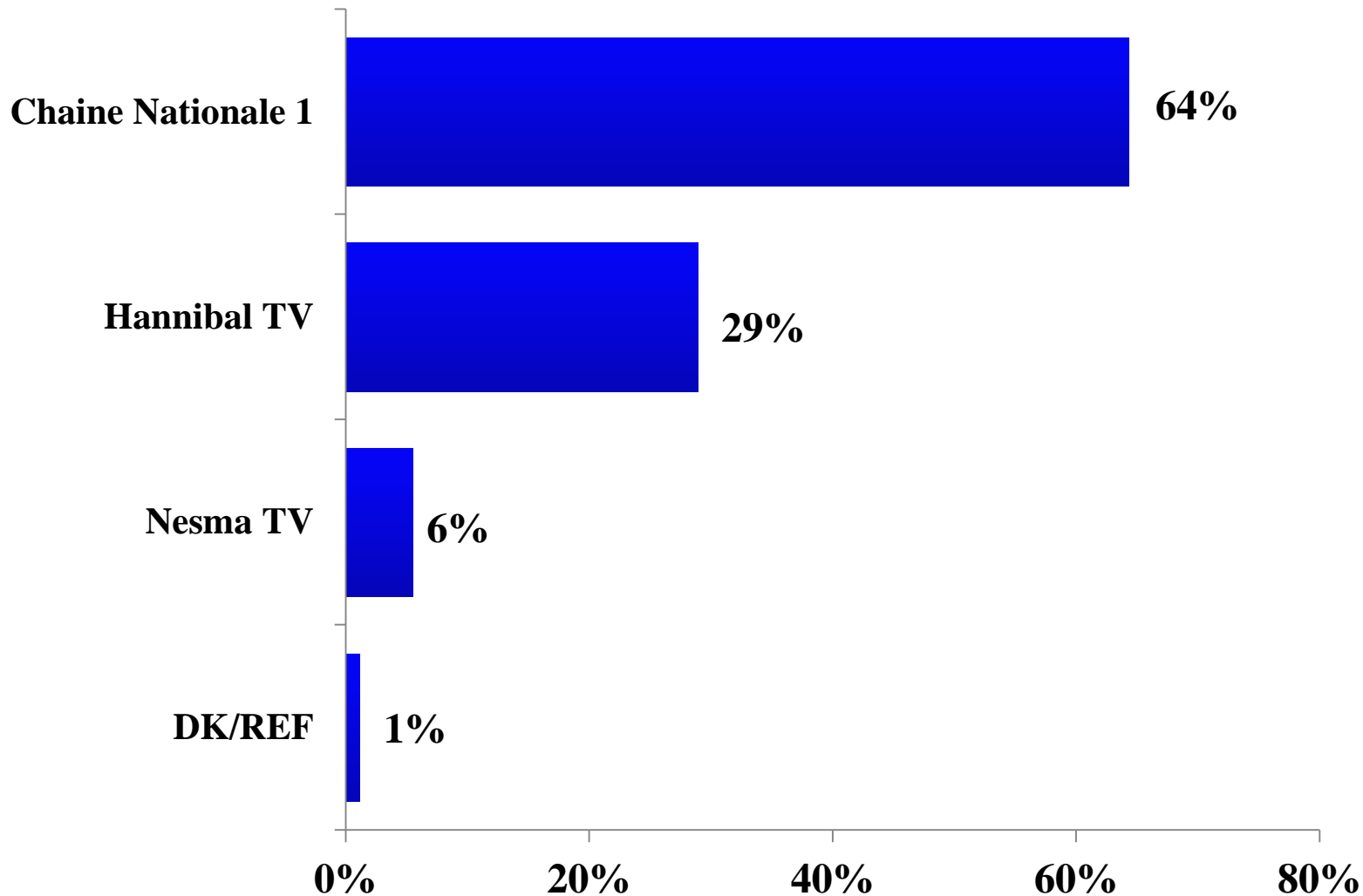
Which national newspaper do you read to get your news? (spontaneous, multiple response, n=677)



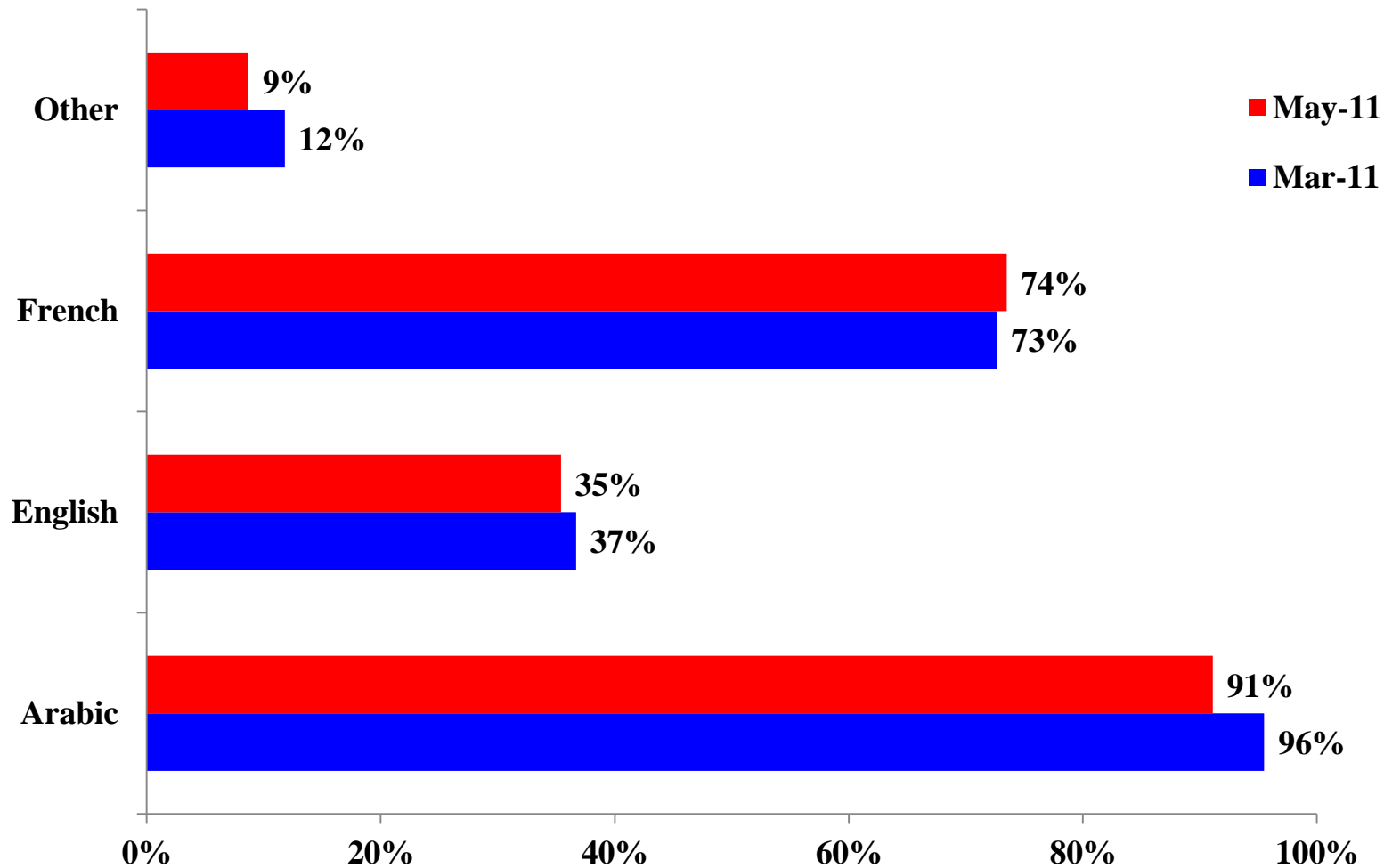
To which national radio station do you listen to get your news? *(spontaneous multiple responses, n=1,043)*



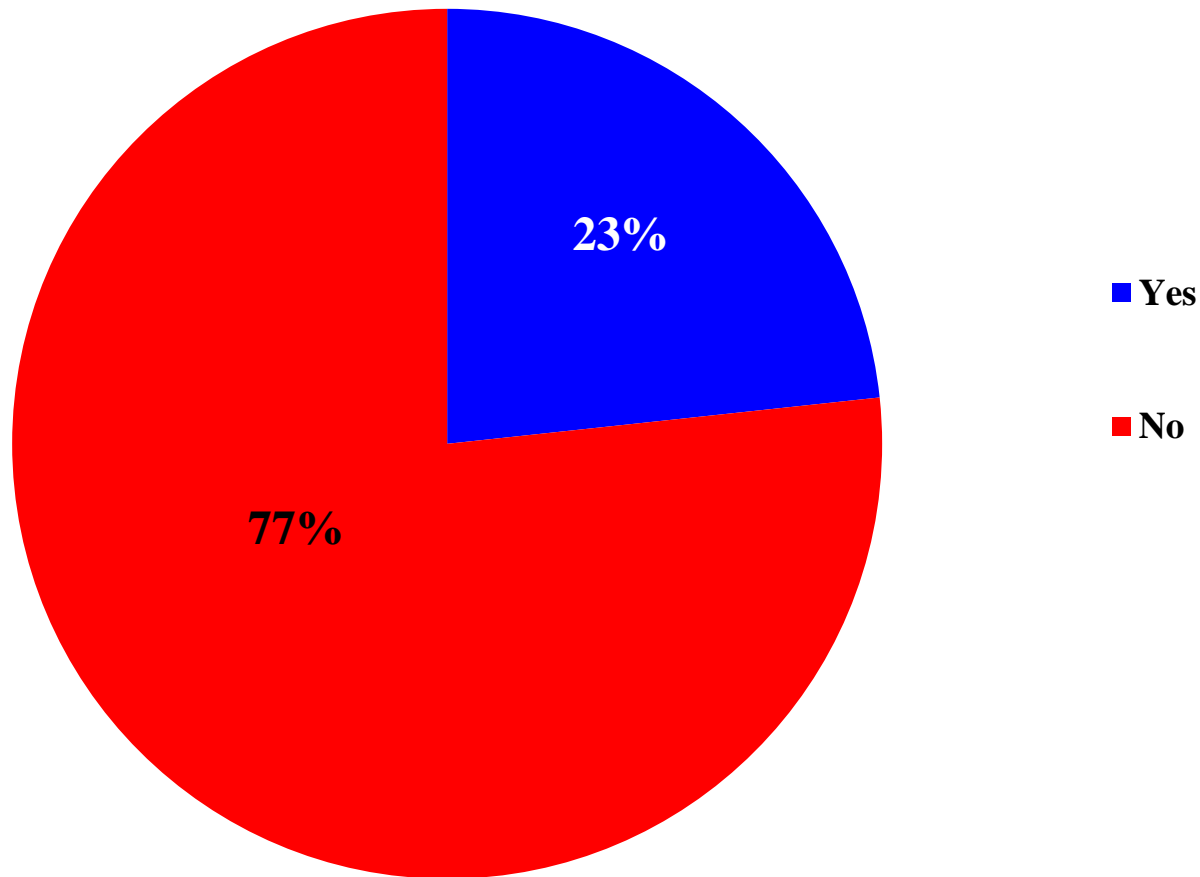
Which national television station do you watch to to get your news? (spontaneous, multiple response n=1,206)



What languages can you read?

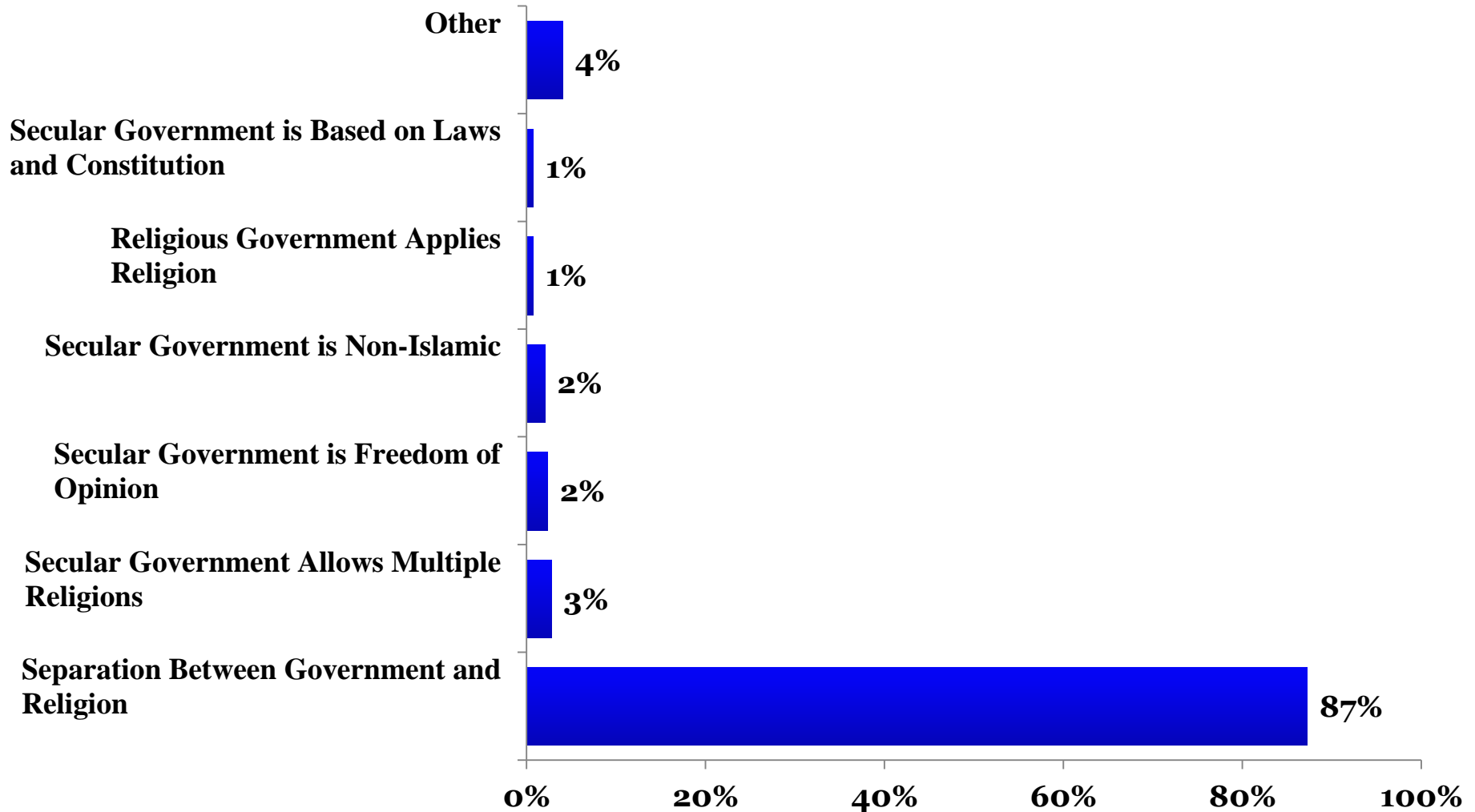


Do you know what the difference is between a secular and a non-secular government?

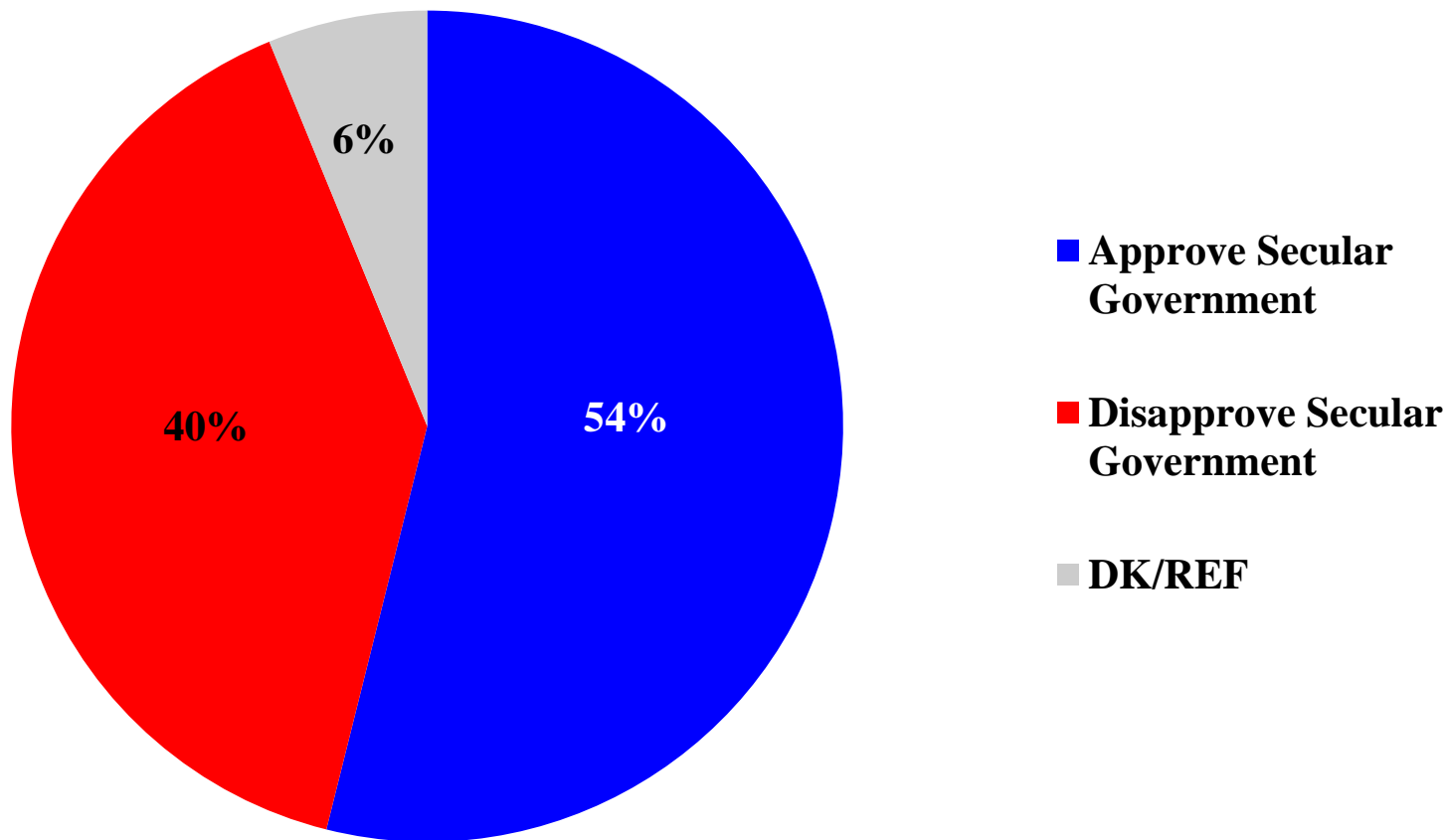




What is the difference between a secular and non-secular government? (n=298)

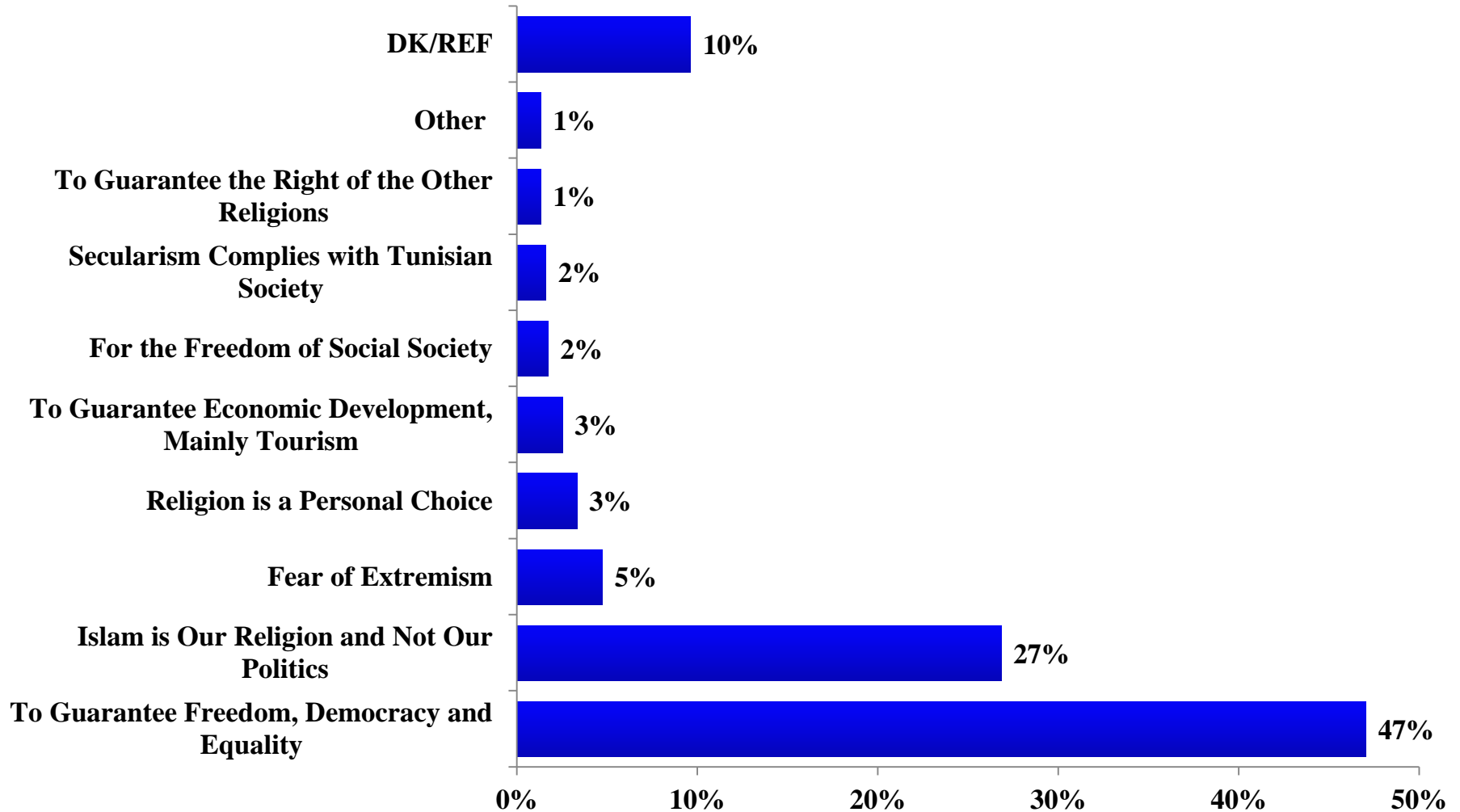


As you may already know, in a secular government, the government's decisions on public policy and laws are made without any consideration to religion, some people refer to this as the separation of religion and state, it does not mean that the government is atheist just that no specific religious idea is promoted when making laws. Considering this definition of secularism, in general would you approve or disapprove of the government of Tunisia being secular?



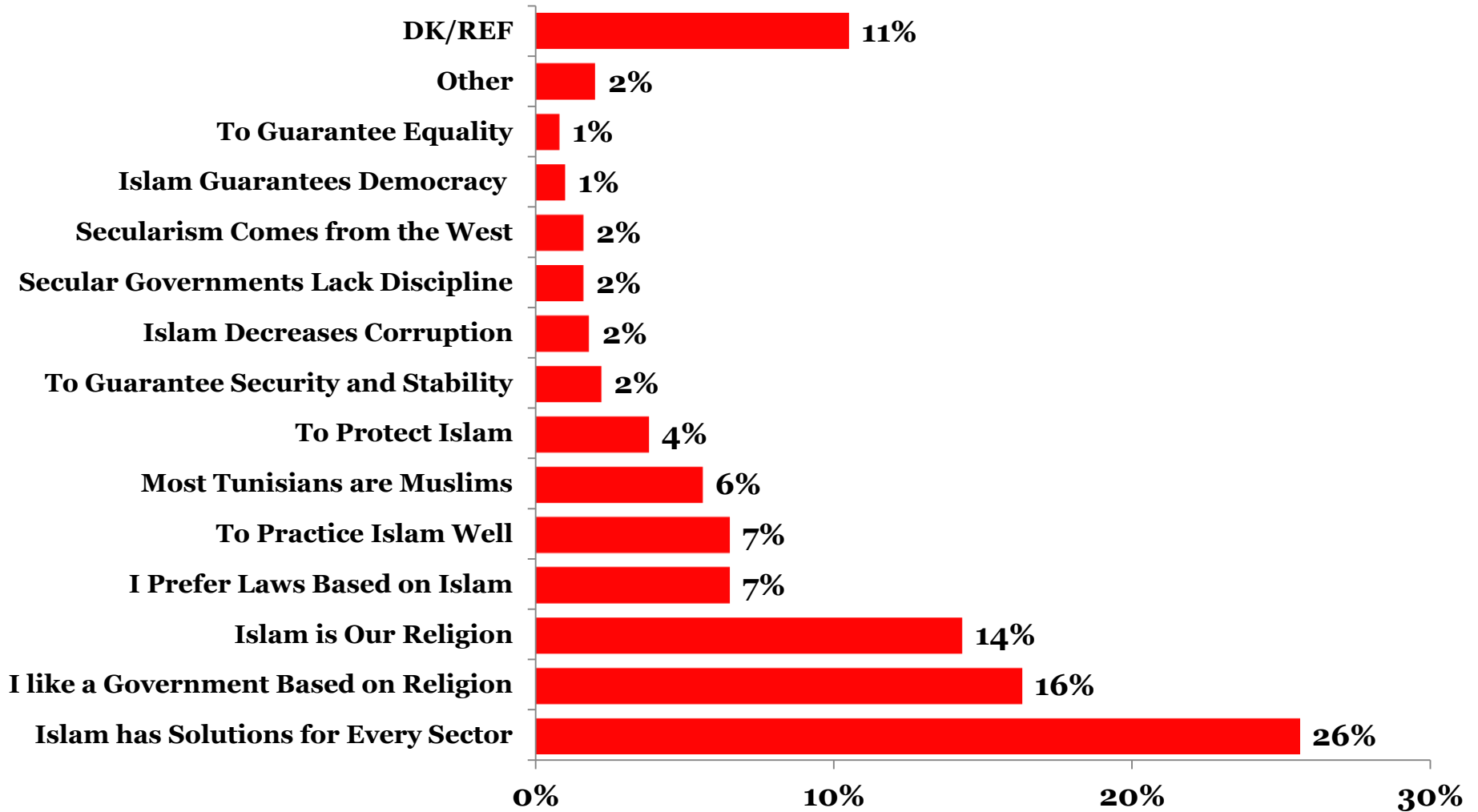


Why do you approve of a secular government? (*spontaneous response n=698*)



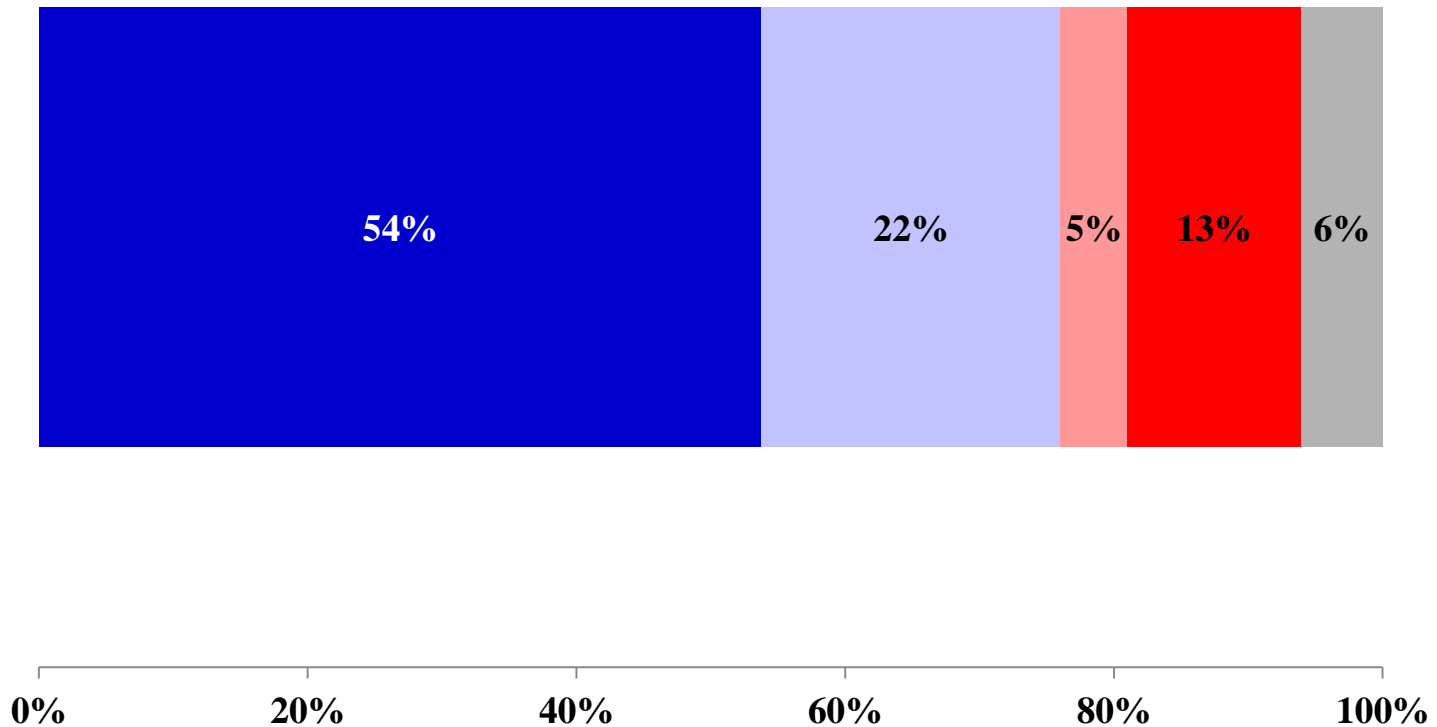


Why do you disapprove of a secular government? (*spontaneous response n=496*)



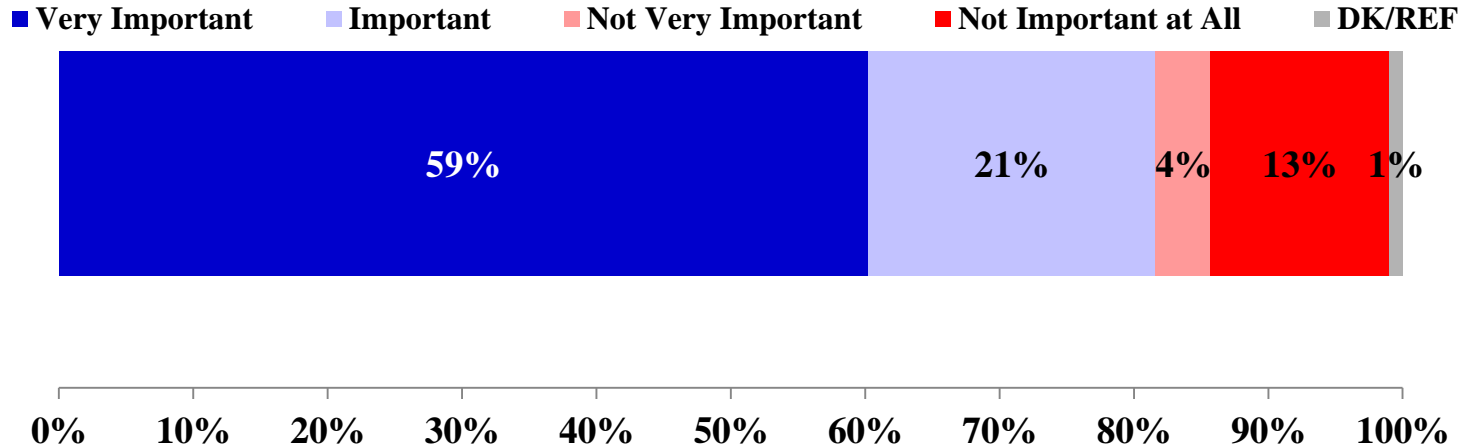
How important is it to you personally that Tunisia have a government that is secular or not secular?

■ Very Important ■ Important ■ Not Very Important ■ Not Important at All ■ DK/REF

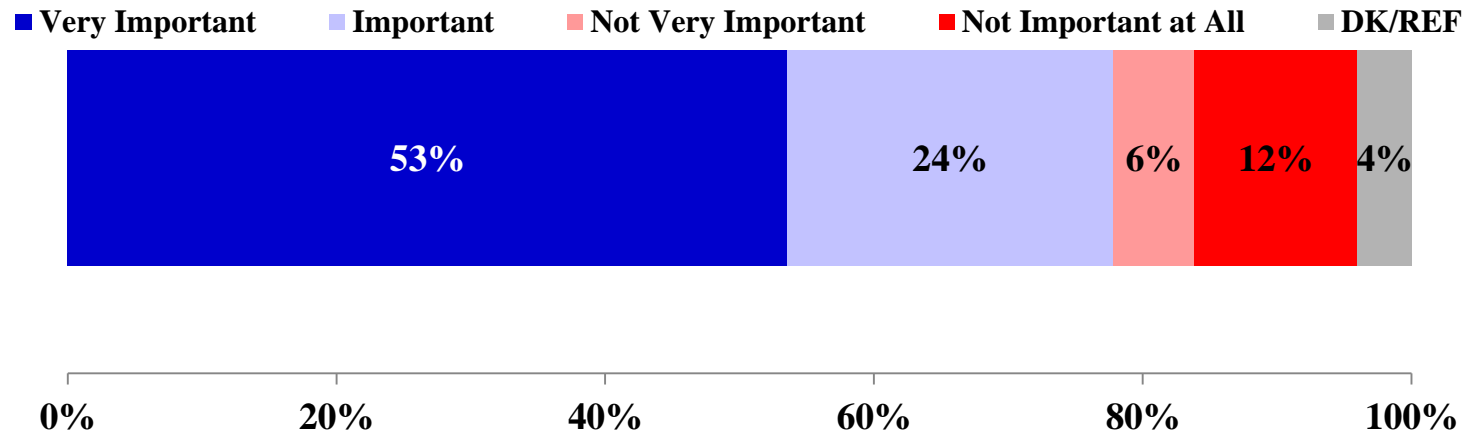


How important is it to you personally that Tunisia have a government that is secular or not secular?

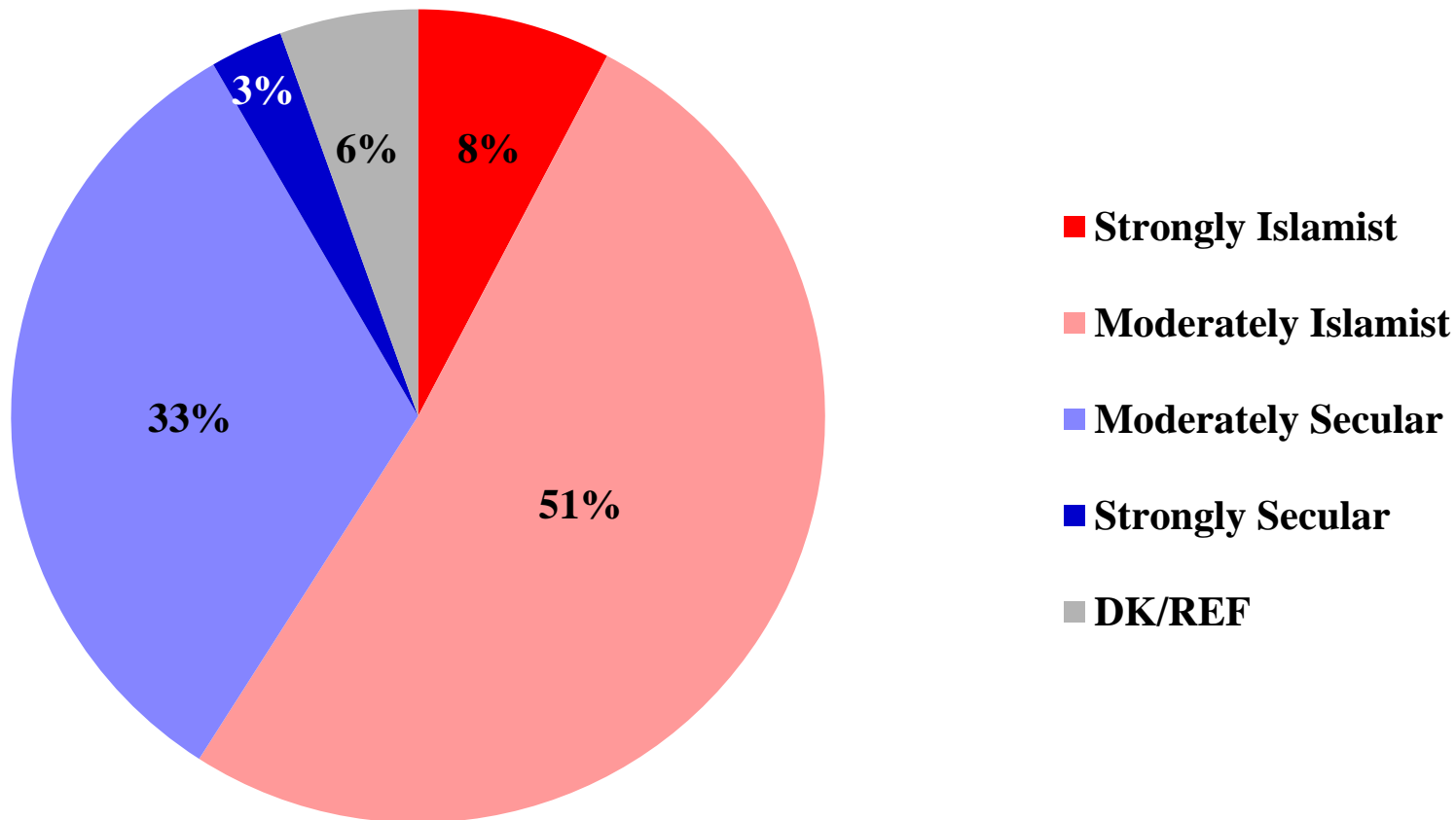
Approve Secular Government (n=691)



Disapprove Secular Government (n=511)

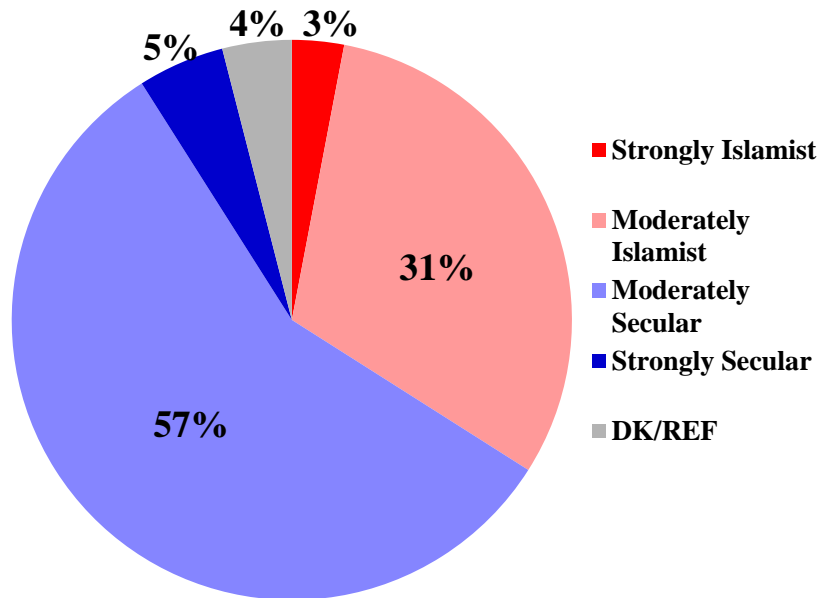


Would you prefer to see more political parties or entities that are Islamist or secular in the constituent assembly?

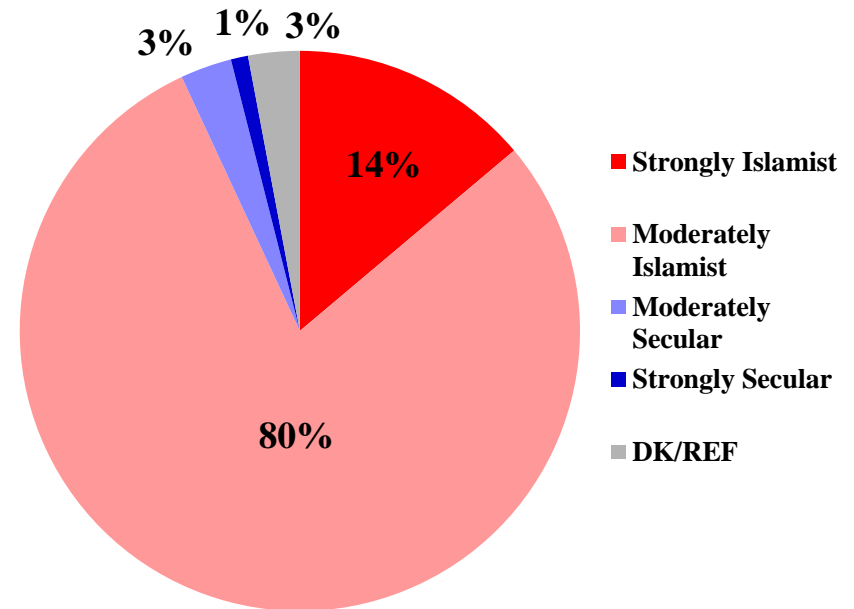


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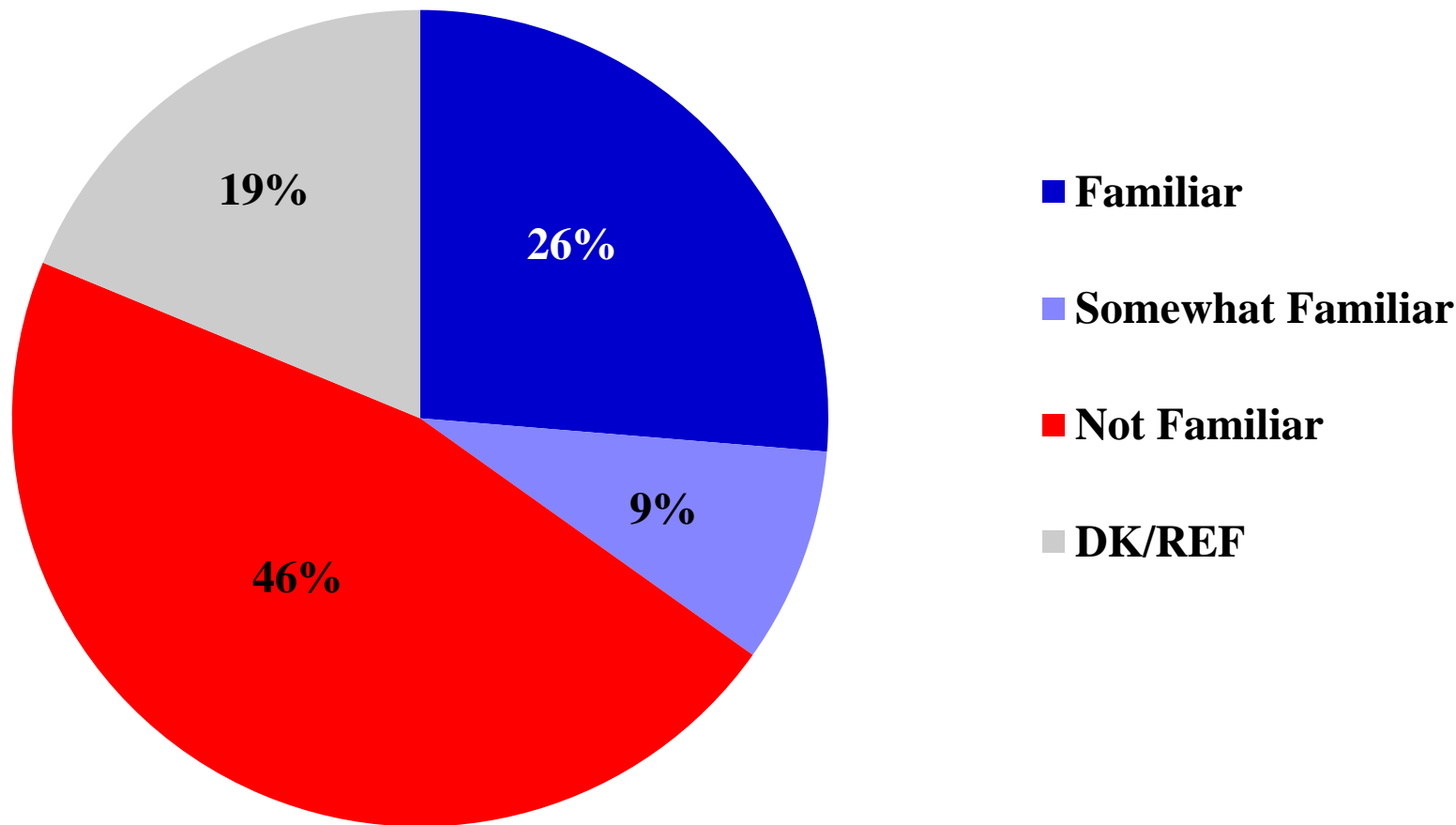
**Approve Secular Government
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One of the proposed systems for the July 24* constituent assembly elections is a proportional, closed list. Are you familiar with this system?

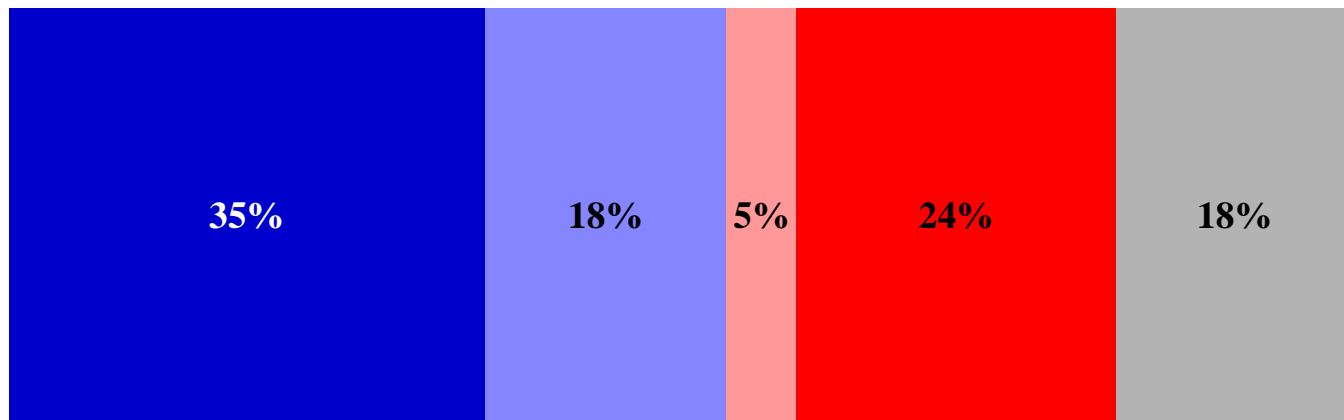


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A proportional, closed list system requires political parties to make lists of candidates to be elected, and seats get allocated to each party in proportion to the number of votes the party receives. The list of candidates is not seen by the voter. In essence, you vote for the party, not a candidate. In your opinion, do you support this system?

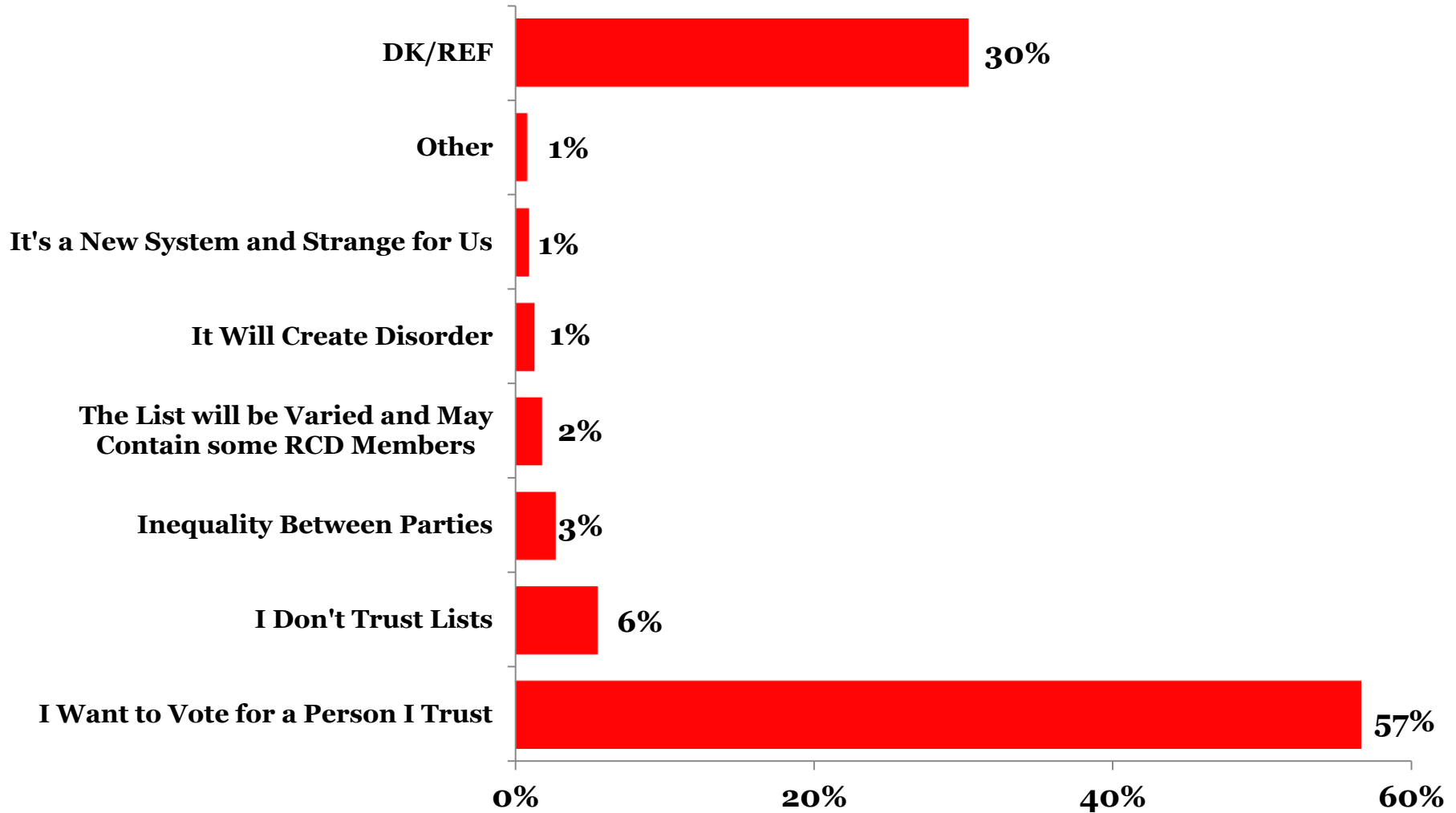
■ **Strongly Support** ■ **Support** ■ **Oppose** ■ **Strongly Oppose** ■ **DK/REF**



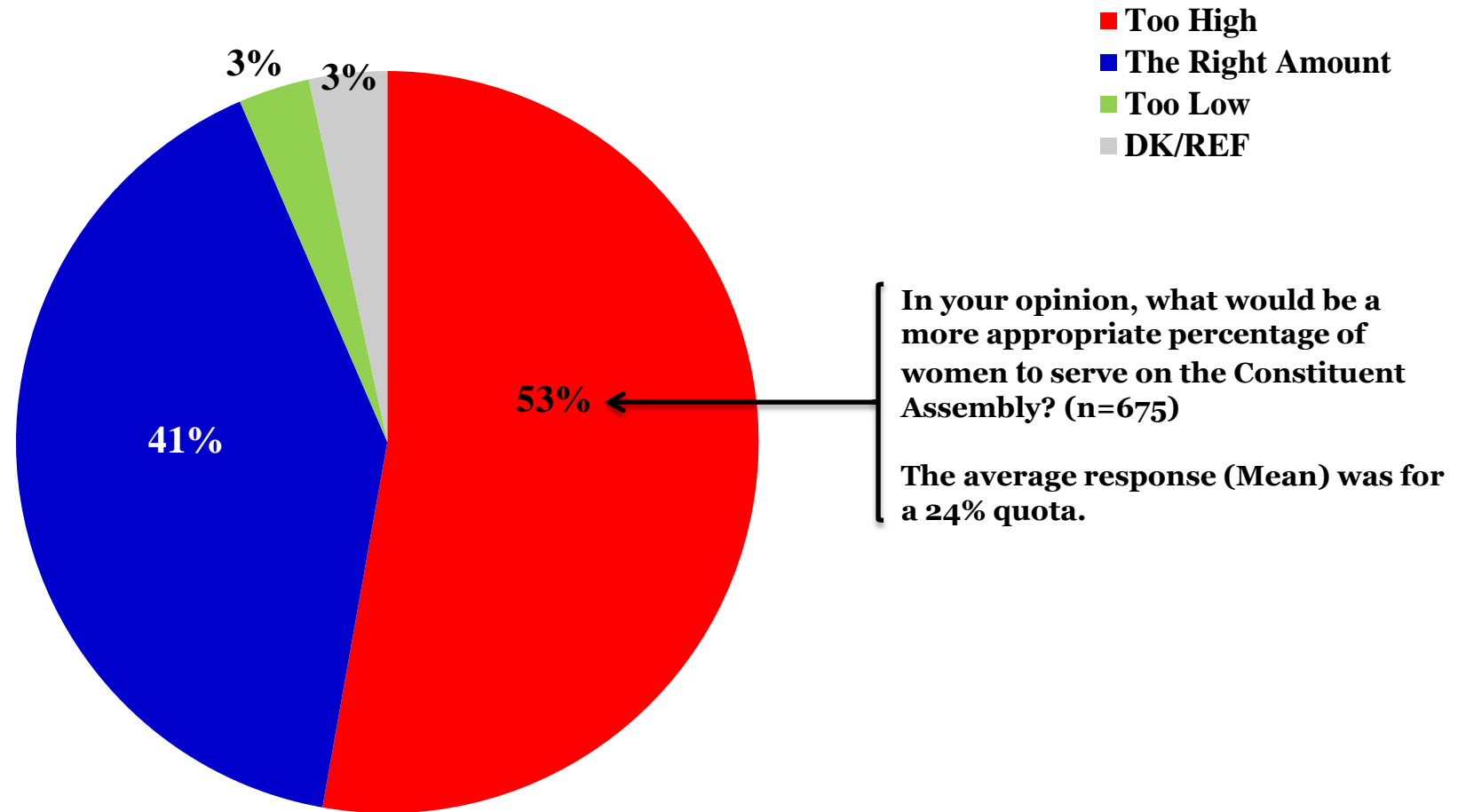
0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



Why do you oppose a proportional closed list system? (*spontaneous response n=452*)



A women’s quota of 50 percent is being proposed for the July 24* constituent assembly elections, every other name on the candidate list will be a woman. In your opinion, is this number:



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