

# Survey of South Sudan Public Opinion

*April 24 to May 22, 2013*



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# Survey Methodology

- The International Republican Institute (IRI) undertook a public opinion poll in all 10 states of South Sudan. Training of the poll researchers was performed by Opinion Research Business (ORB), an international opinion research firm. Fieldwork management, analysis, supervision and execution were done by IRI under critical guidance of ORB.
- Data was collected via face-to-face interviews from April 24 – May 22, 2013.
- The population studied was adults ages 18 and older. A representative random sample was designed based on the latest population estimates reported in the 2010 Statistical Yearbook for South Sudan.
- The survey employed probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling methodology. The population of South Sudan was stratified first at the region level and then by the state level. Within each state, IRI and ORB then selected counties. This was done by creating a multi-stage probability sample. Enumeration areas within each county were selected using PPS; households within each enumeration area were then identified using a random walk method, the days code and a skip pattern; respondents were randomly chosen within households using a Kish grid. Every other interview was conducted with a female to try to achieve 50 percent gender parity.
- The questionnaire was translated into Bari, Classical Arabic, Dinka, English, Juba Arabic and Nuer (portions of the questionnaire were orally translated into other languages by the interviewer).

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- The margin of error is +/- 1.9 percent. The margin of error for subsets (i.e. age/education/tribes/ etc.) is significantly higher and should be treated as indicative only.
- This report contains South Sudan's data from [IRI's September 2011 poll](#) and [IRI's Equatoria May/June 2012 poll](#) to provide comparison. The margin of error for the September 2011 and May/June 2012 data is +/- 2.1 percent and +/- 2.5 percent, respectively, unless otherwise stated.
- The overall response rate (defined as the number of successful interviews divided by eligible houses visited) is 74 percent. To complete 2,533 interviews, 3,422 households were contacted.
- Due to rounding and multiple response questions, not all percentages add up to 100. Unless otherwise stated, all questions n=2,533. Because the survey met key demographic indicators (county/state) and quotas (gender), no weighting was necessary during data analysis.
- The poll was conducted with funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development.
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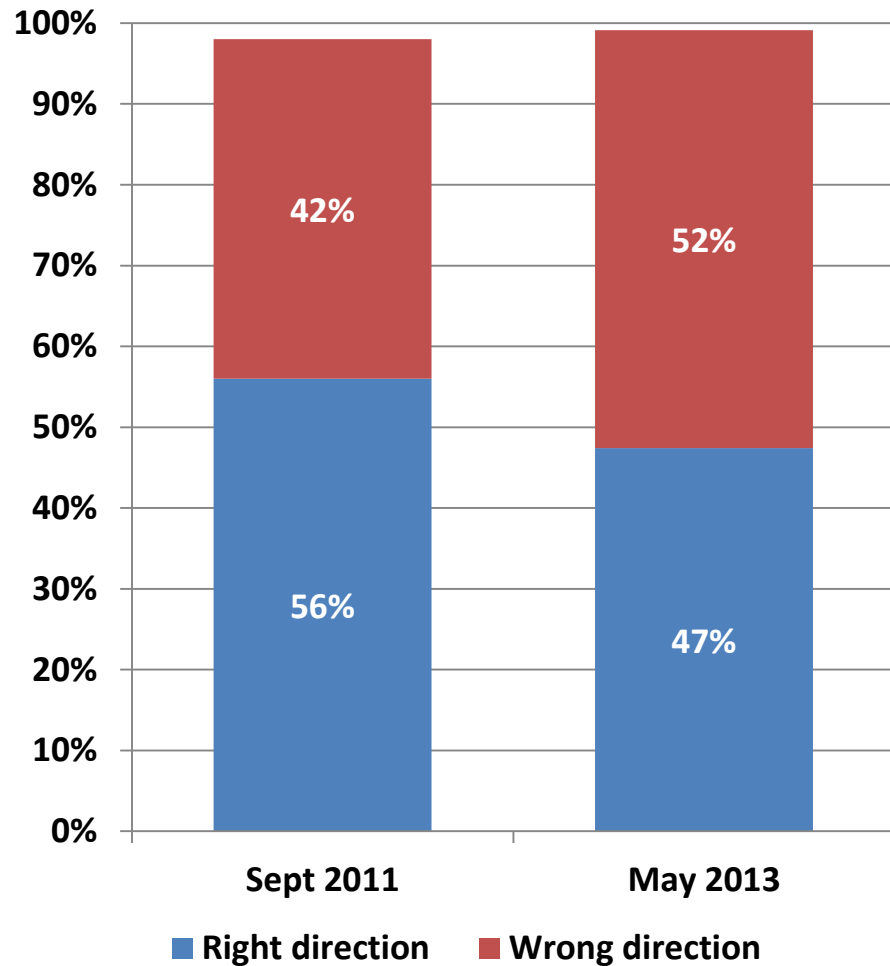
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Region/State	Sample Size	Percent	Margin of Error
<b>Equatoria</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<i>Central Equatoria</i>	335	13%	5.4
<i>Eastern Equatoria</i>	272	11%	5.9
<i>Western Equatoria</i>	175	7%	7.4
<b>Upper Nile</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<i>Jonglei</i>	408	16%	4.9
<i>Unity</i>	176	7%	7.4
<i>Upper Nile</i>	304	12%	5.6
<b>Bahr el Ghazal</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<i>Lakes</i>	224	9%	6.6
<i>Northern Bahr el Ghazal</i>	224	9%	6.6
<i>Warrap</i>	304	12%	5.6
<i>Western Bahr el Ghazal</i>	111	4%	9.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,533</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.9</b>

# General Environment

# Do you feel that South Sudan is generally heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

## National

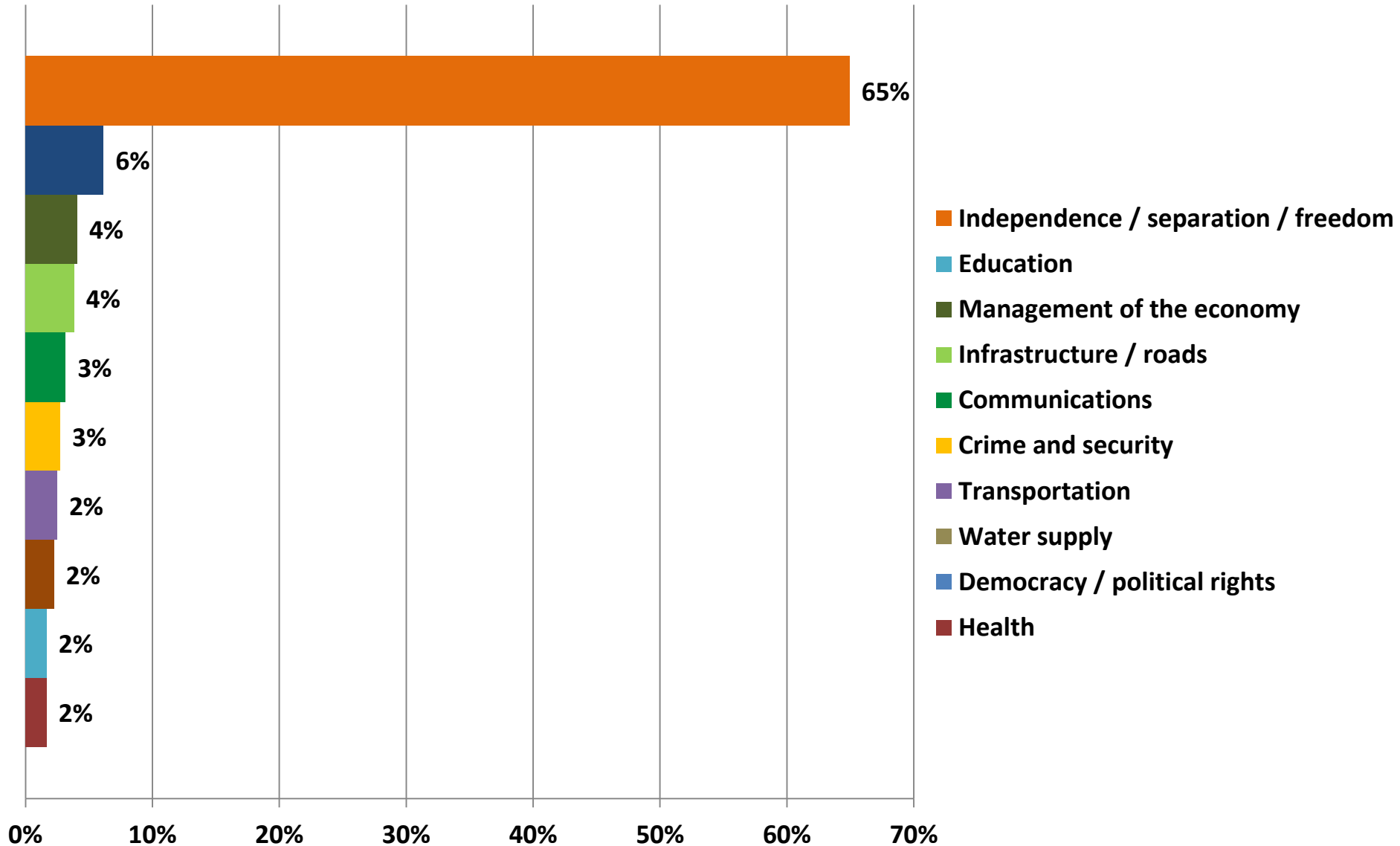


## By region

Region	Year	Right direction	Wrong direction
Equatoria	May-13	44%	54%
	May-12	49%	50%
	Sept-11	54%	45%
	Change	-10%	
Upper Nile	May-13	34%	65%
	Sept-11	46%	52%
	Change	-12%	
Bahr el Ghazal	May-13	64%	35%
	Sept-11	73%	26%
	Change	-9%	

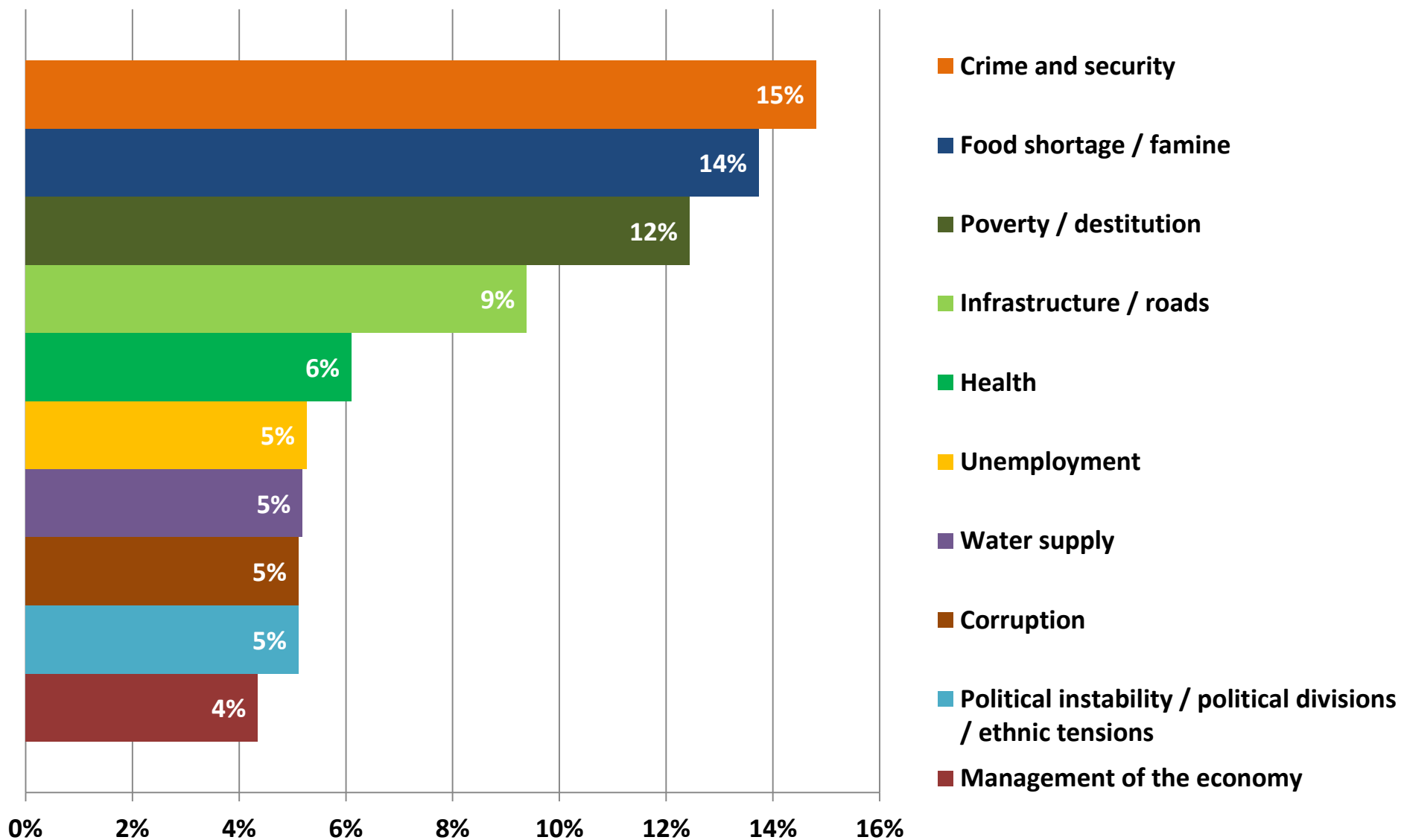
# Why do you say that South Sudan is heading in the right direction?

*Open-ended, top 10 responses, n=1,201*



# Why do you say that South Sudan is heading in the wrong direction?

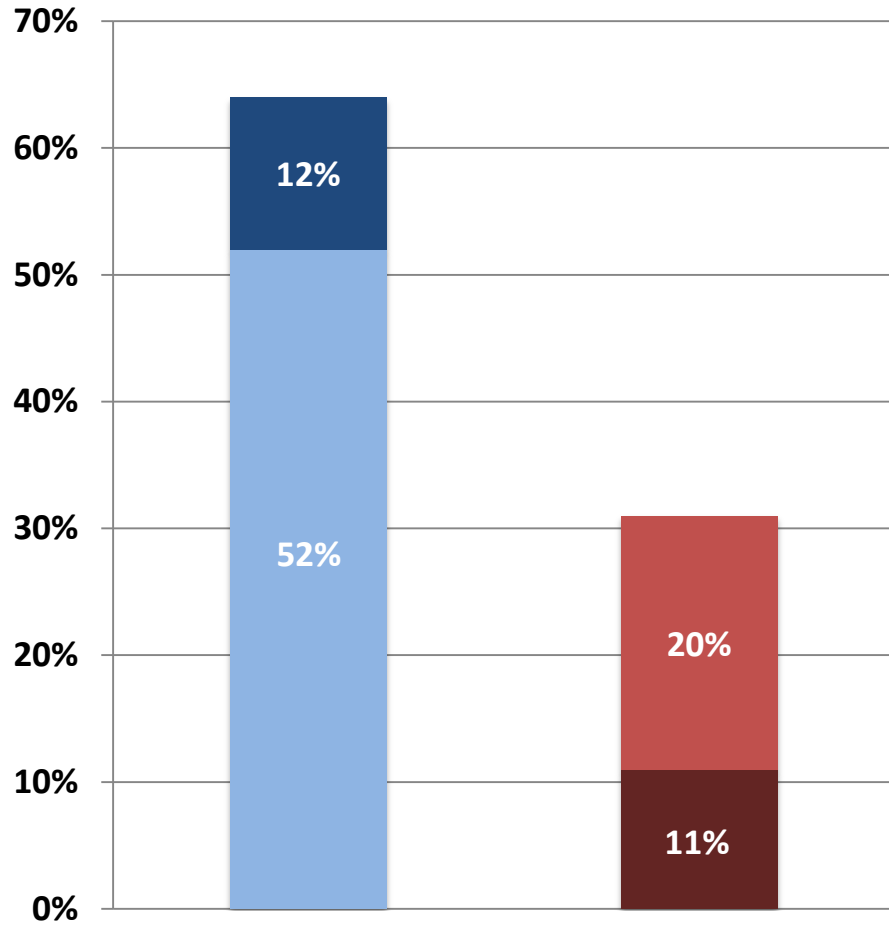
*Open-ended, top 10 responses, n=1,310*



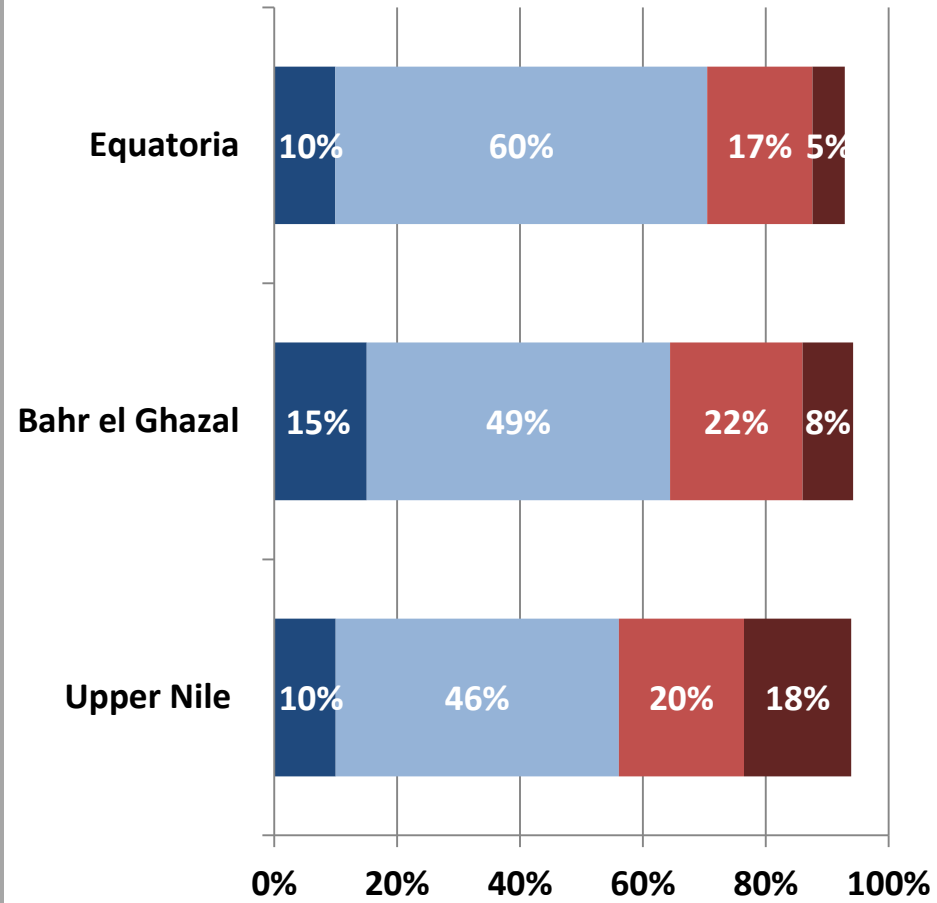


# Would you say your life today is better, worse or about the same as it was before Independence?

*National*



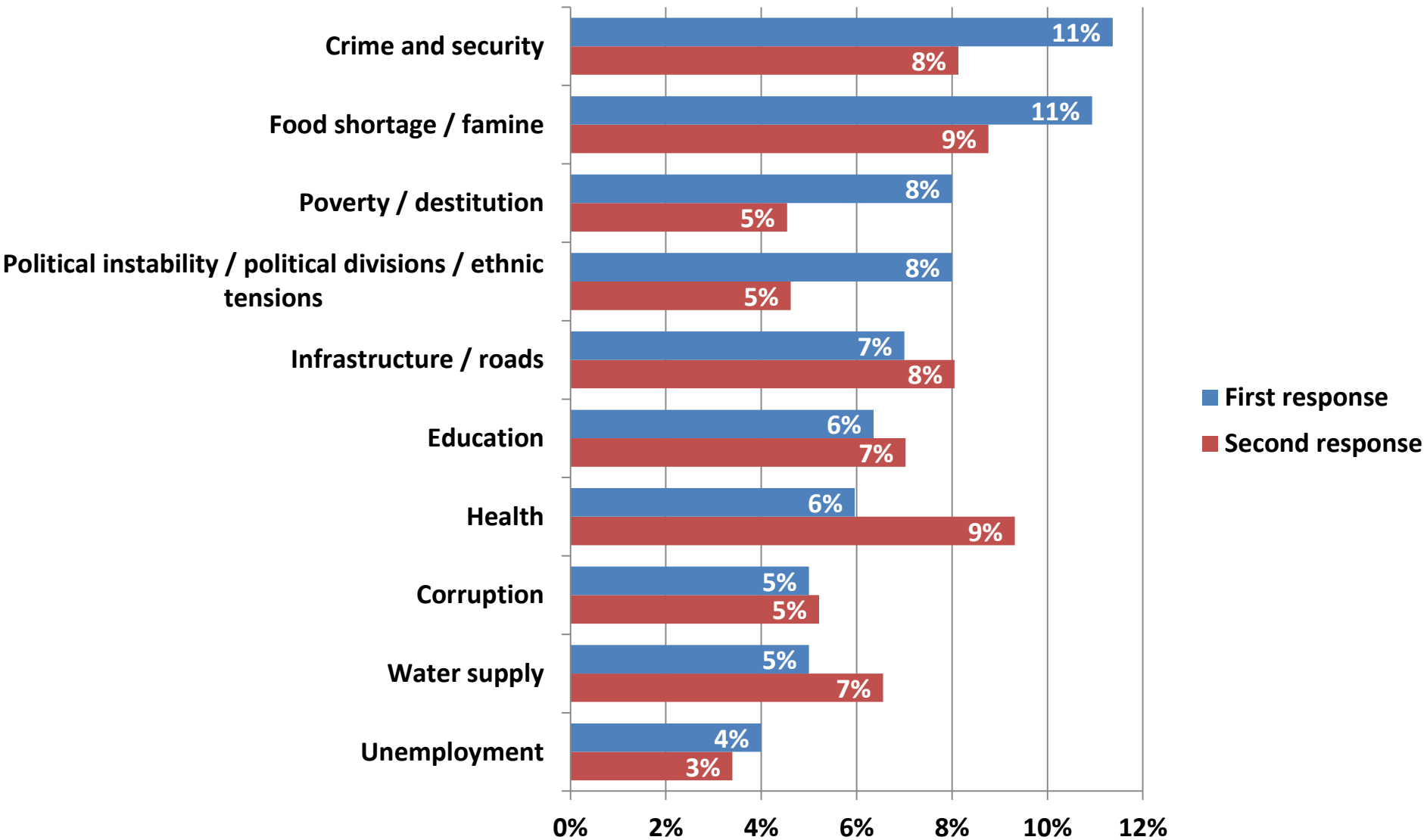
*By region*



■ Much better  
 ■ Better  
 ■ Worse  
 ■ Much worse

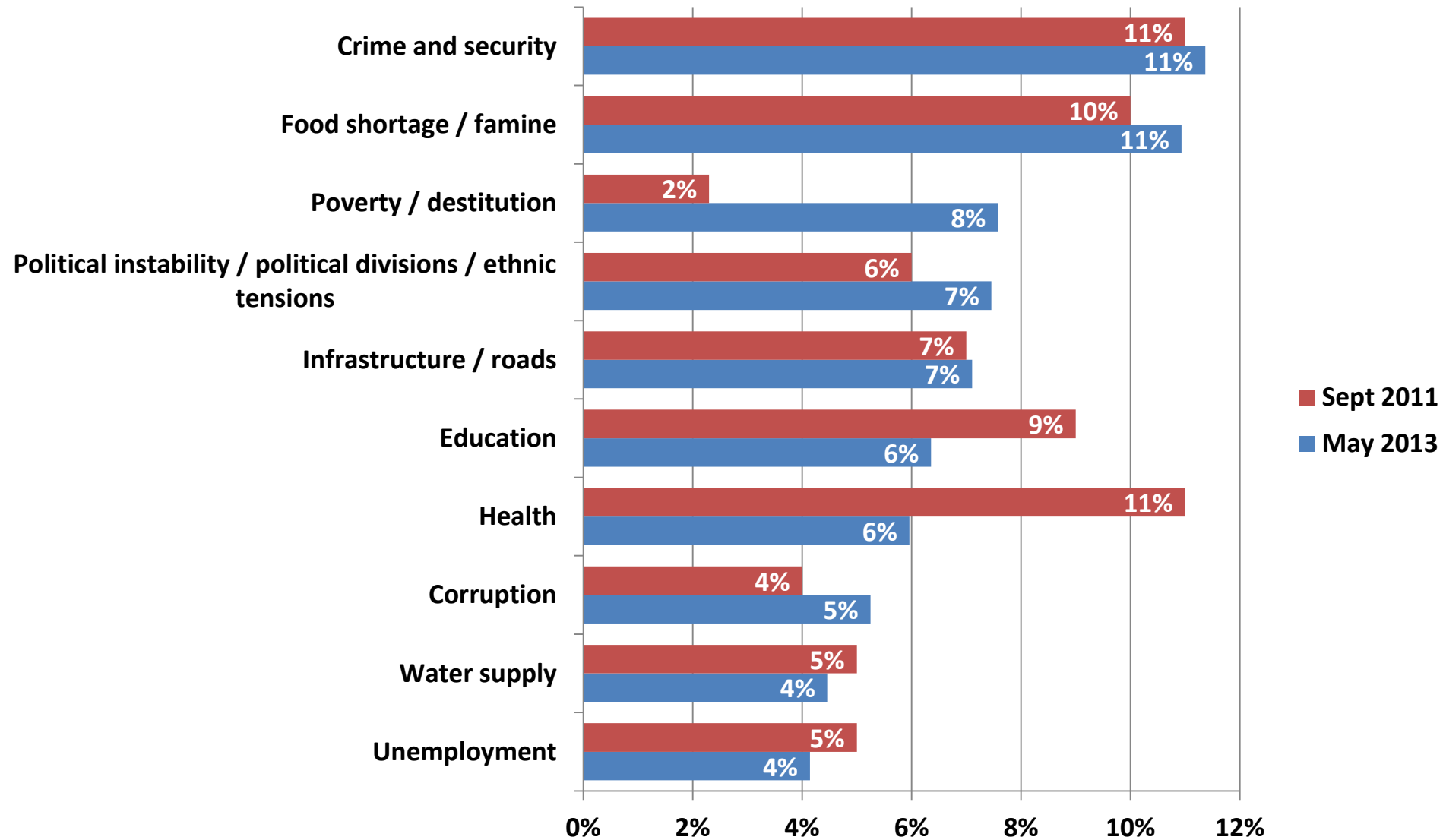
# What do you think is the most important problem facing this country?

*Open-ended, top 10 responses*



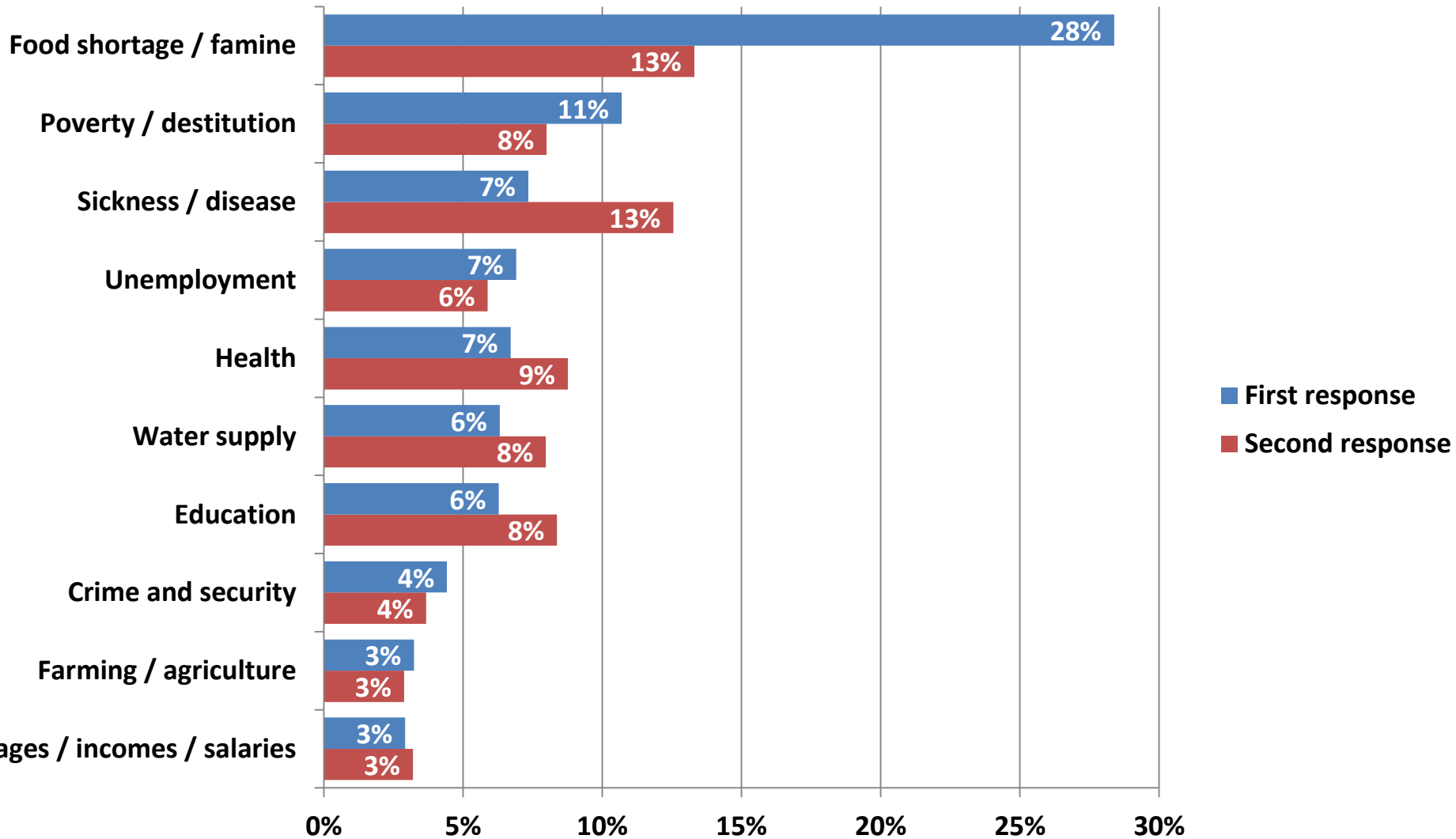
# What do you think is the most important problem facing this country?

*Open-ended, top 10 responses, tracked from 2011*



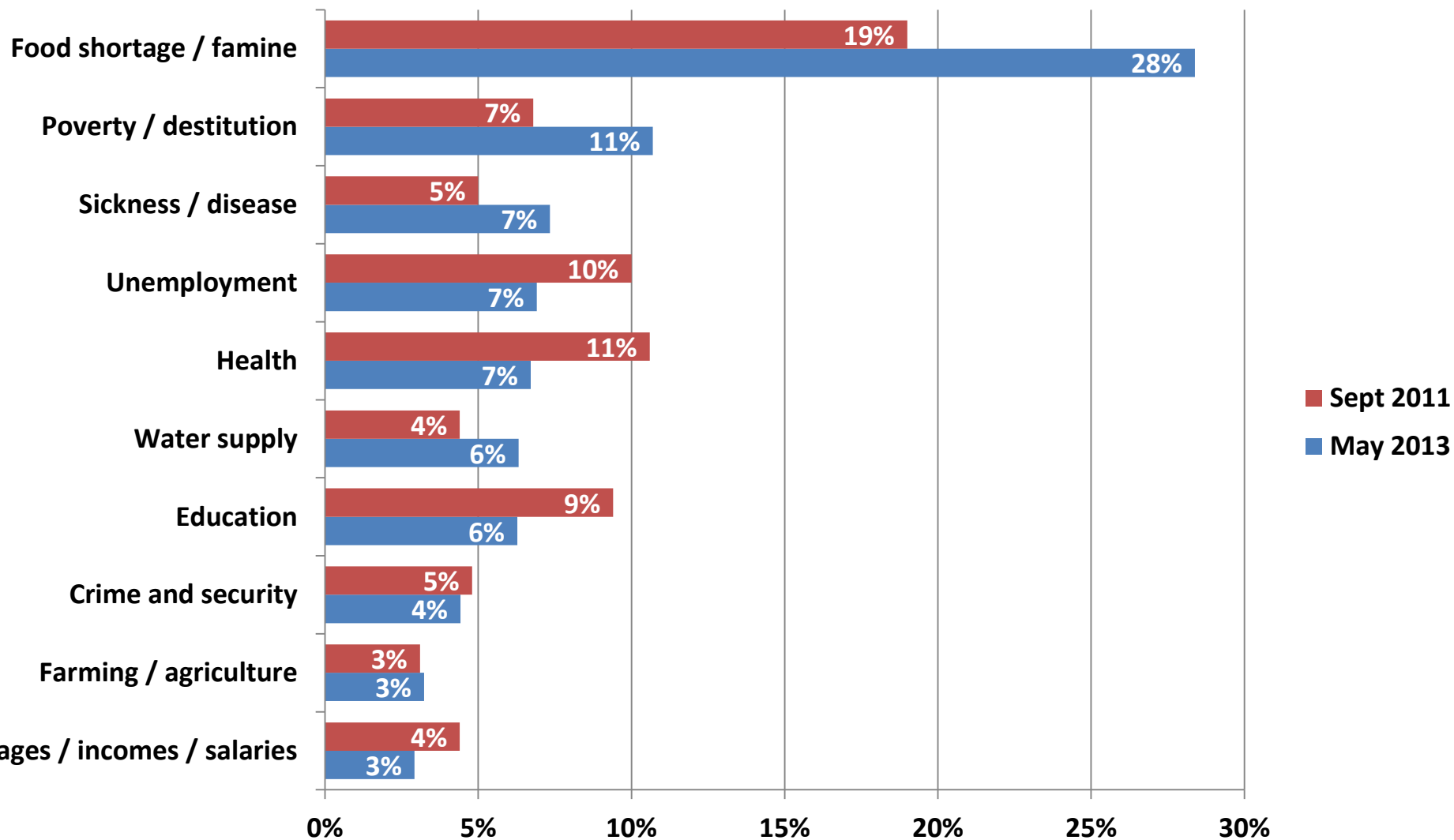
# What do you think is the biggest issue or concern that most impacts your daily life or family?

*Open-Ended, top 10 responses*

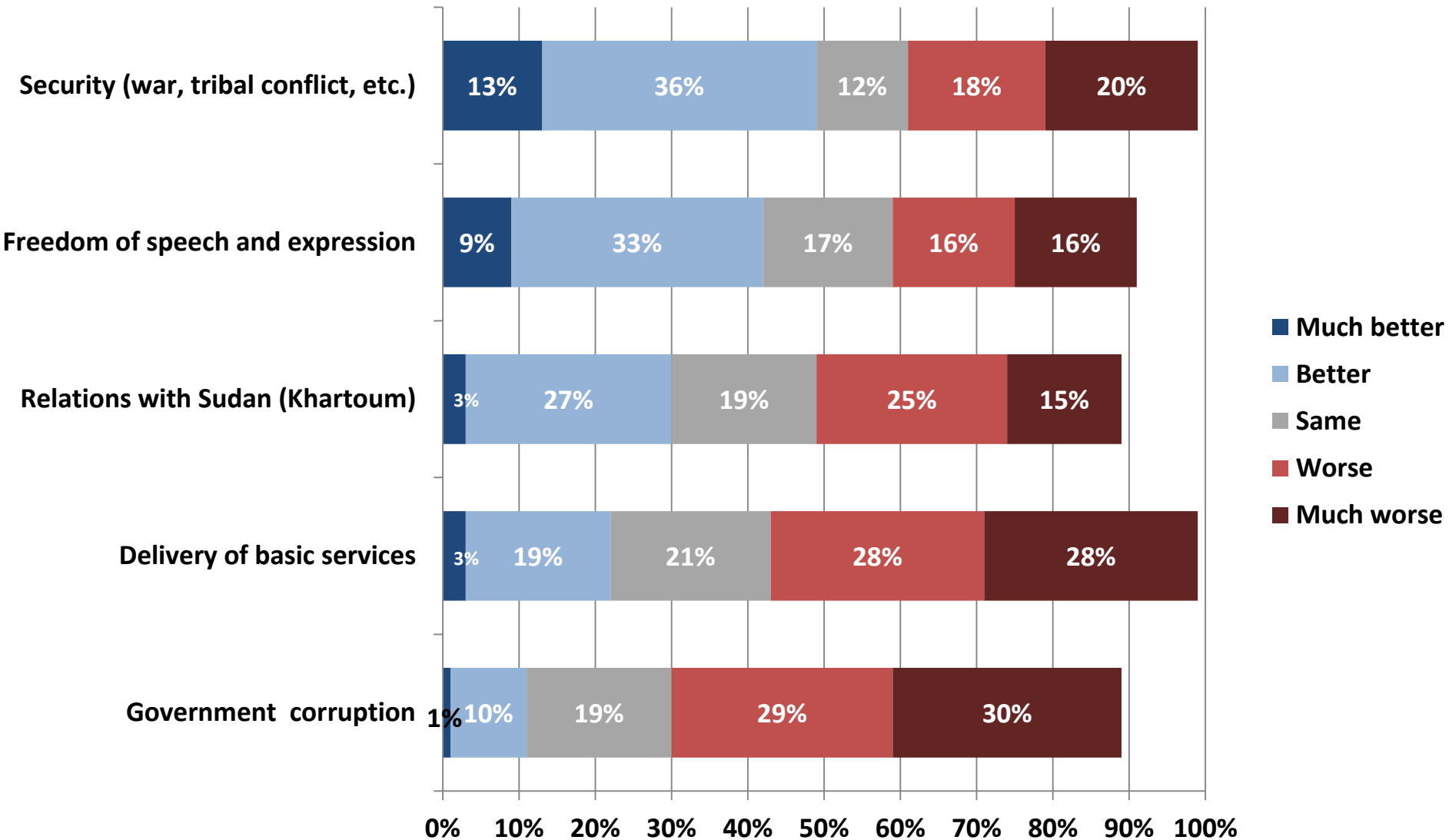


# What do you think is the next biggest issue or concern that most impacts your daily life or family?

*Open-ended, top 10 responses, tracked from 2011*



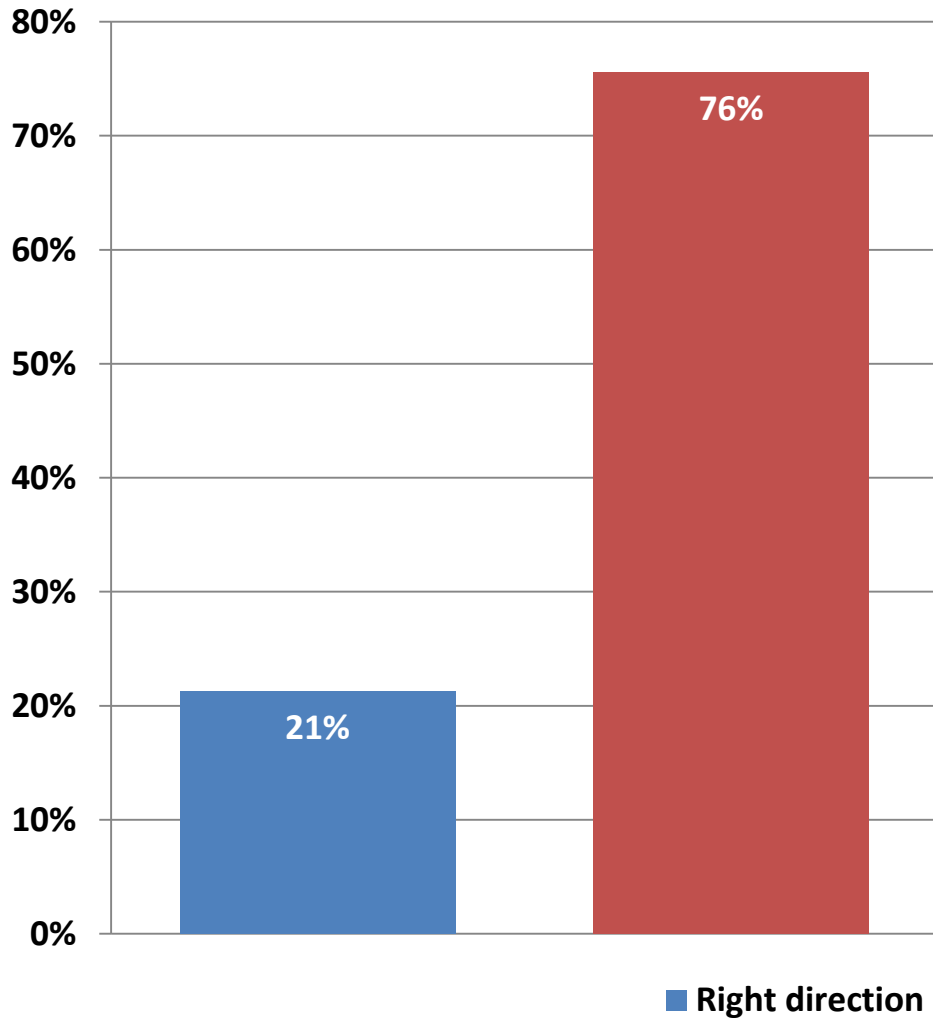
# For each of the following issues, do you think the situation has gotten better, worse or stayed the same over the past year?



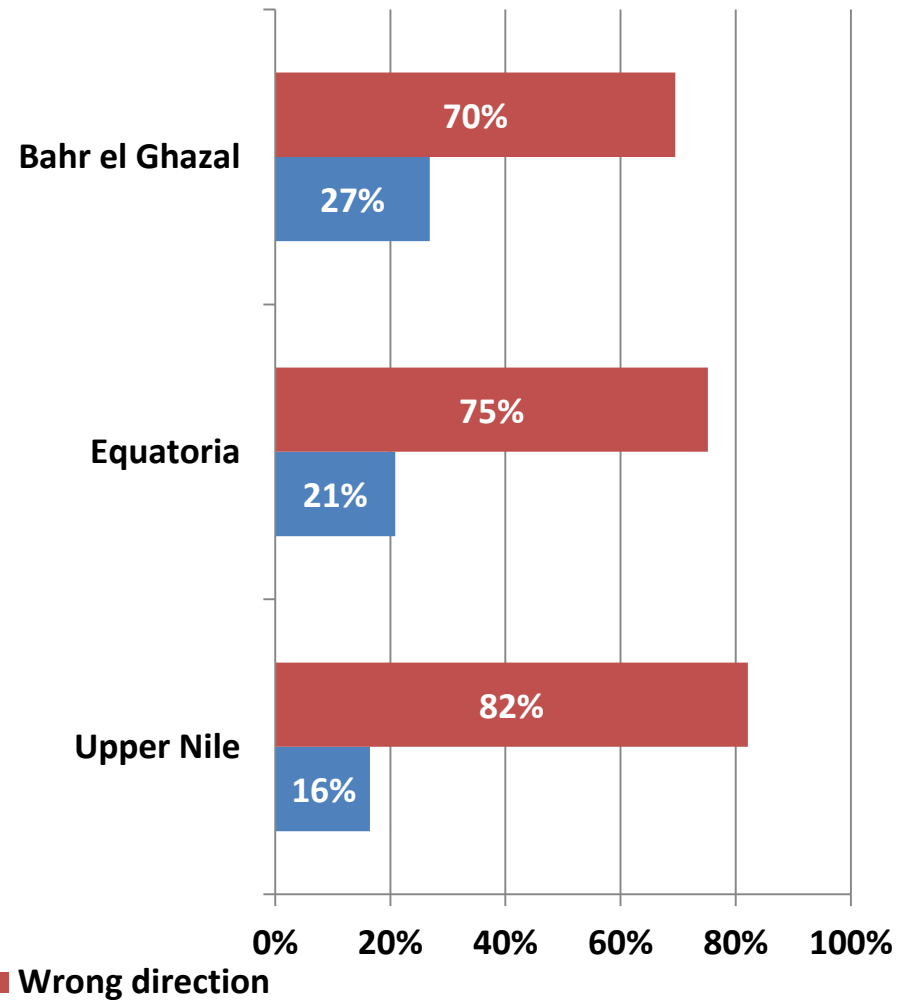
# Economy

# Do you feel that the economy of South Sudan is generally heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

*National*



*By region*

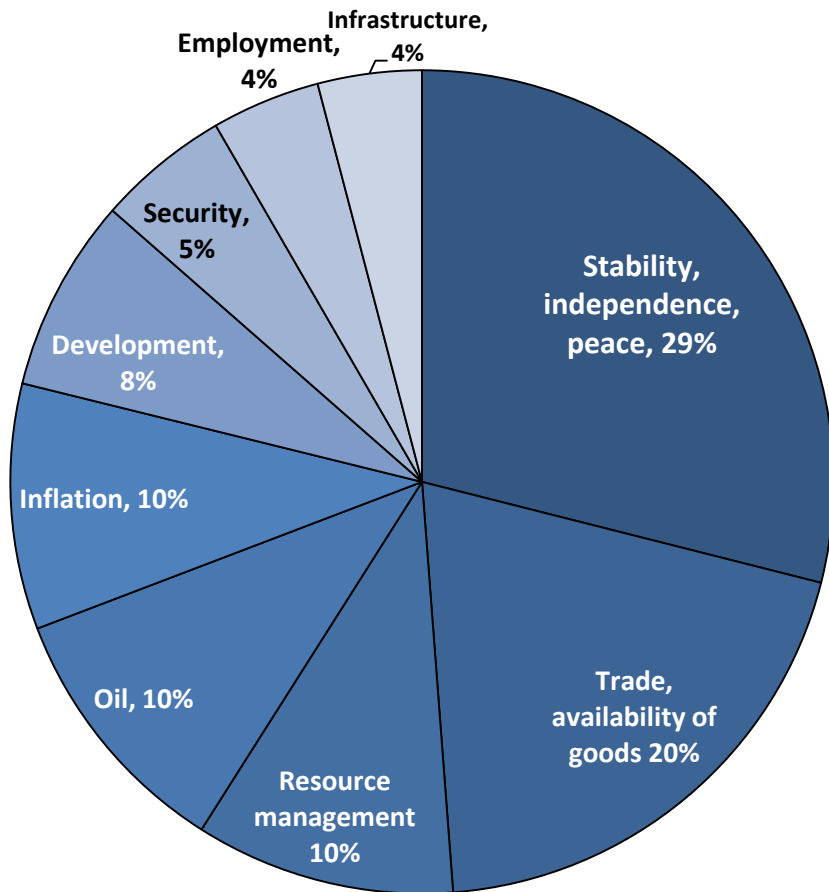




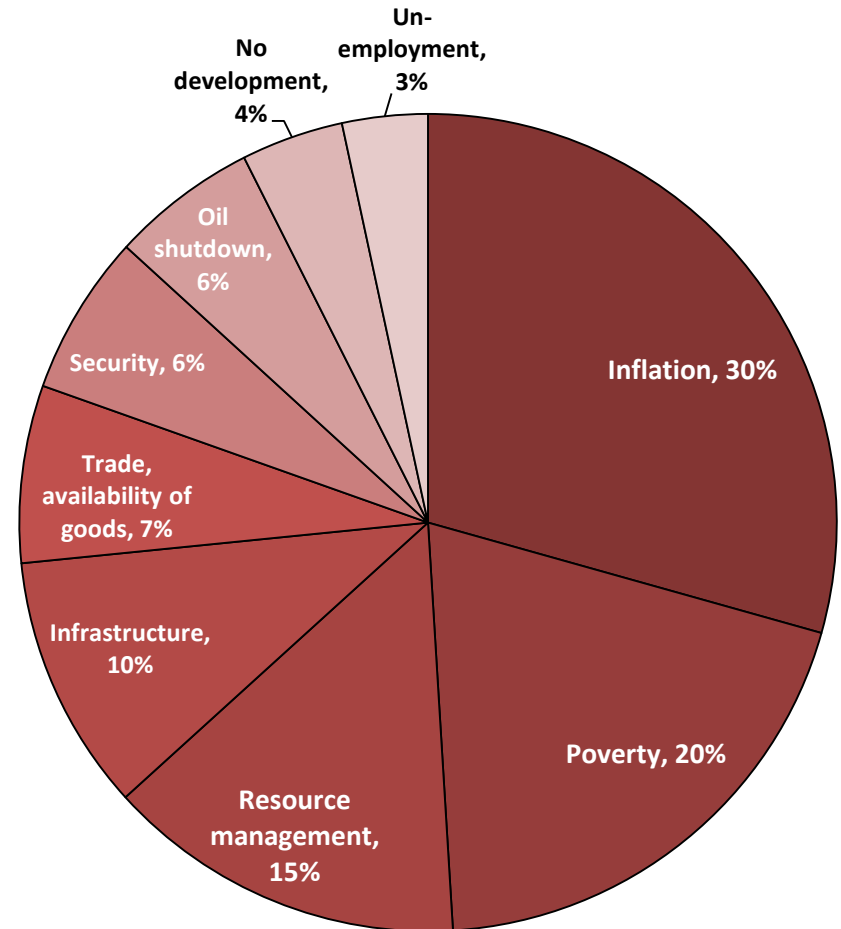
# Why do you say that the economy of South Sudan is heading in the right/wrong direction?

## Top nine responses

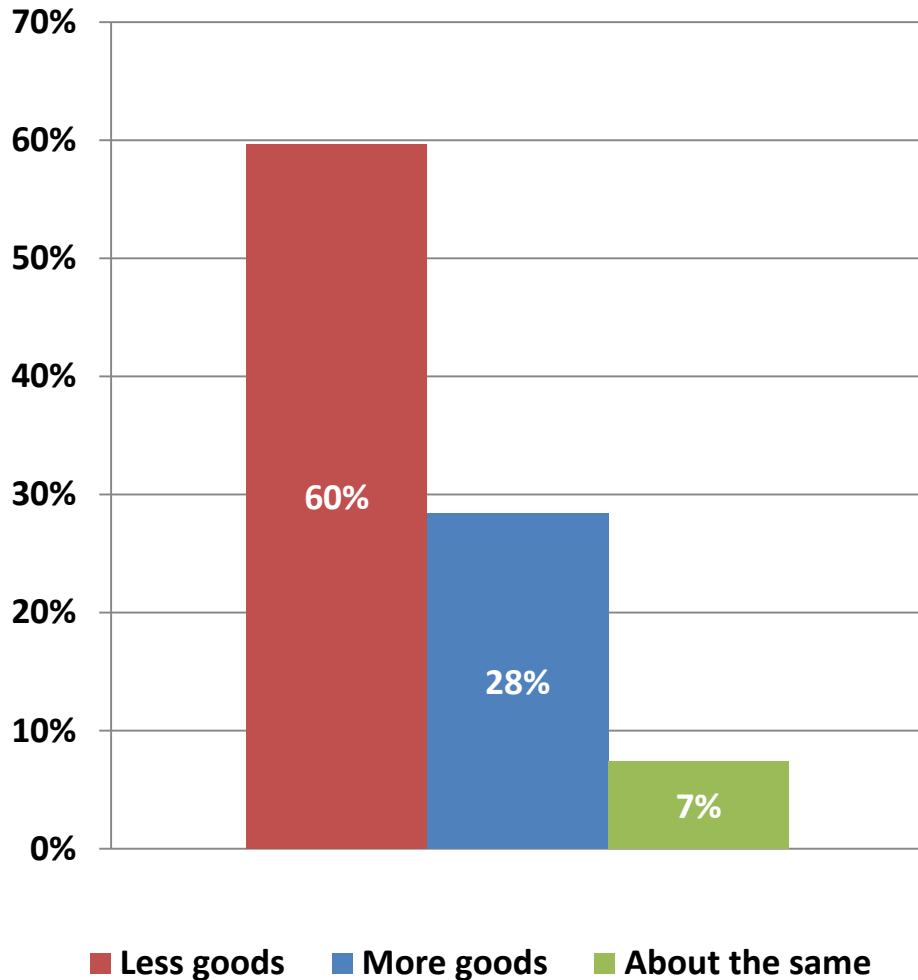
### Right direction (n=541)



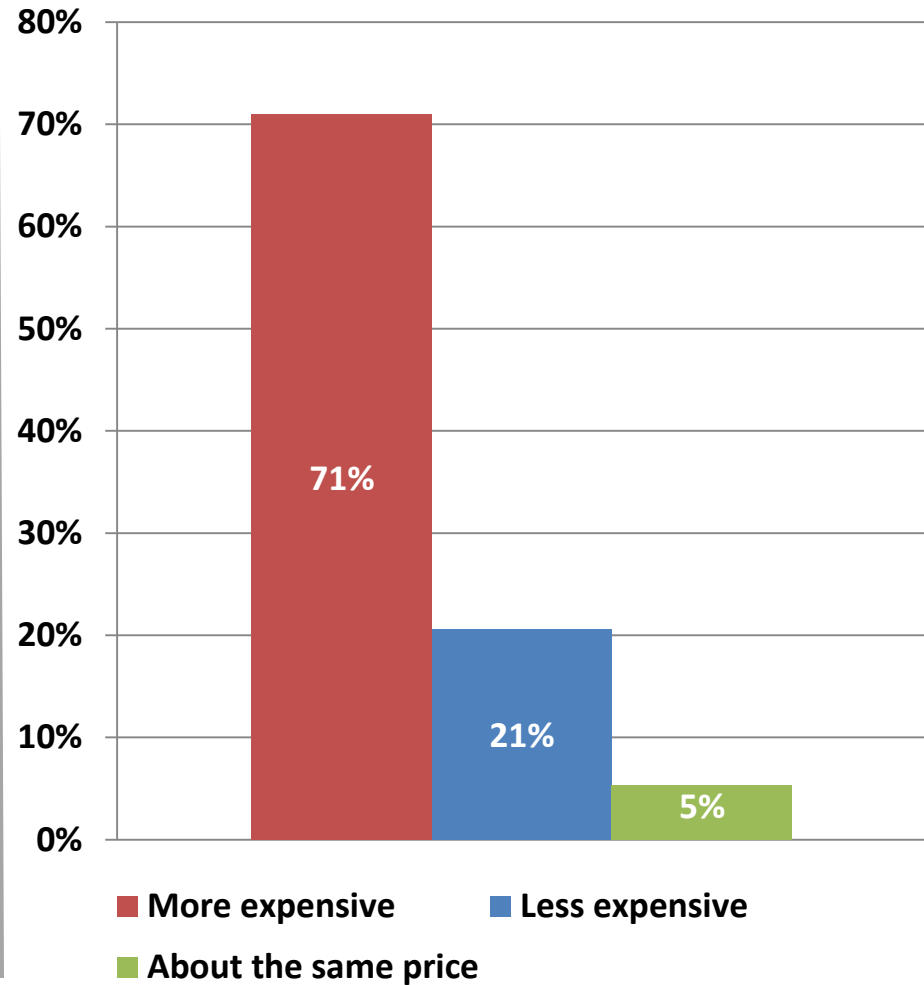
### Wrong direction (n=1,917)



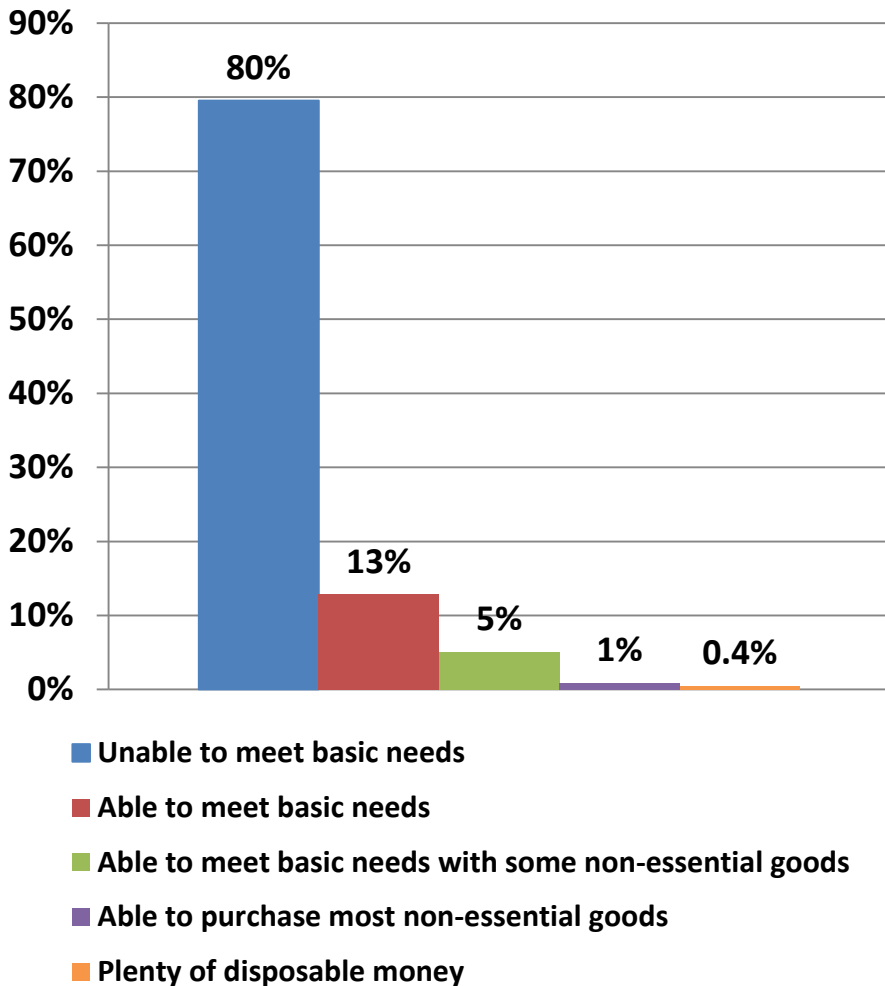
Thinking about your local market, do you think there will be...six months from now?



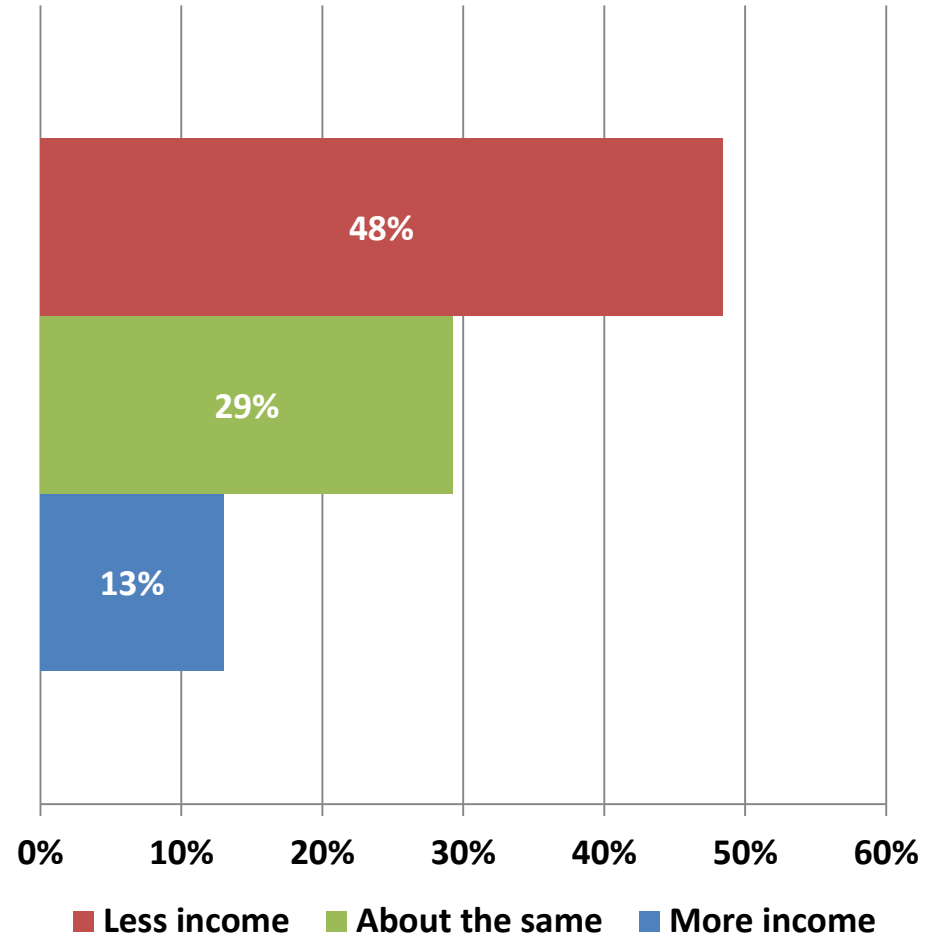
Thinking about your local market, do you think that goods will be...six months from now?



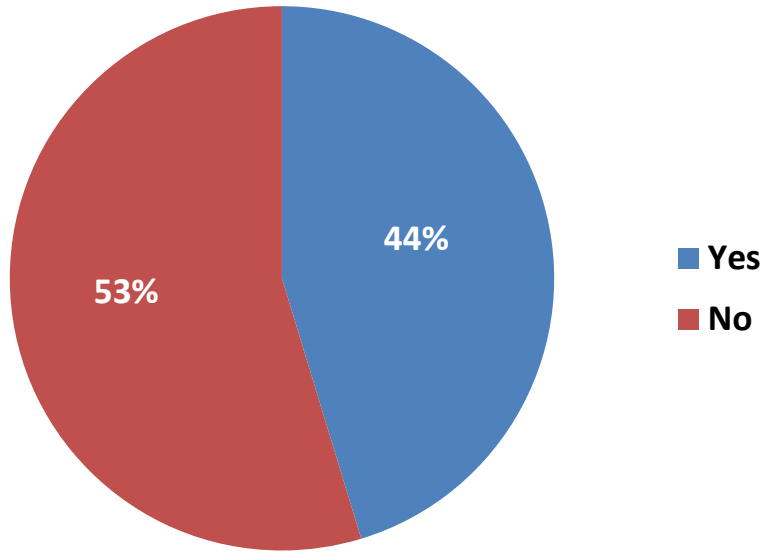
Thinking about the amount of money your family spends per month, please tell me which of the following phrases best suites your household situation?



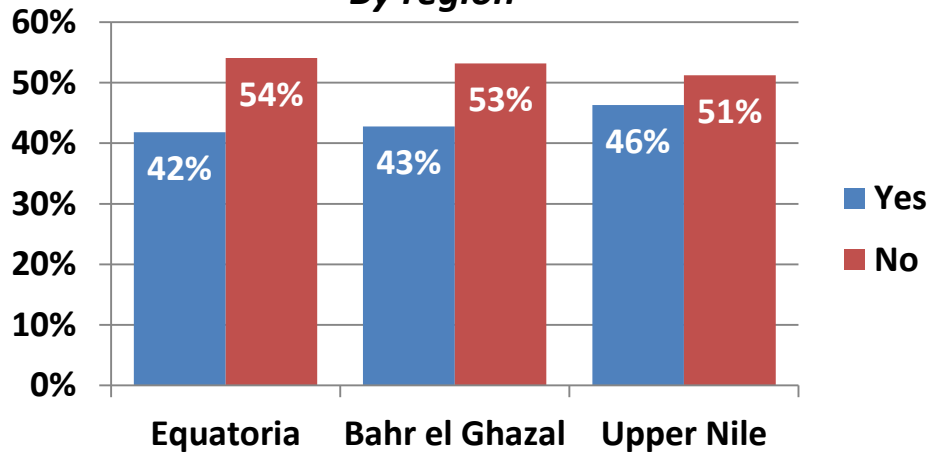
Do you think your household will have more income, less income or about the same amount of income six months from now?



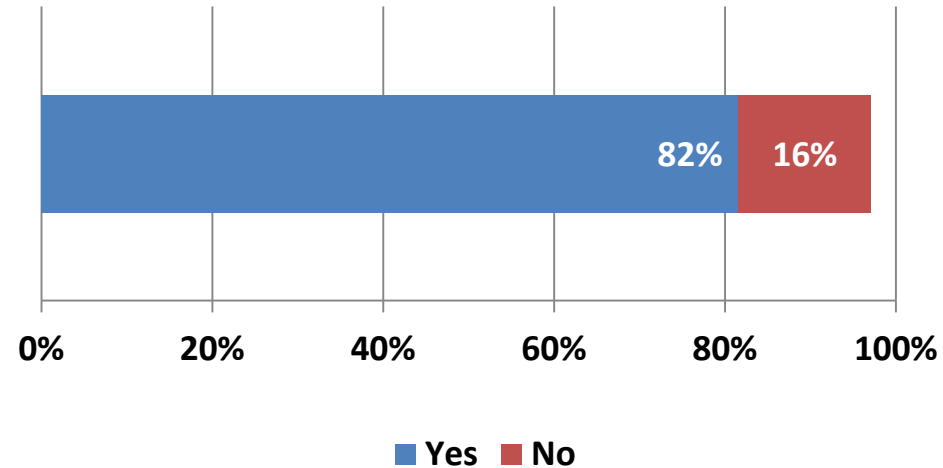
## Did you support the national government's decision to stop oil production in January 2012?



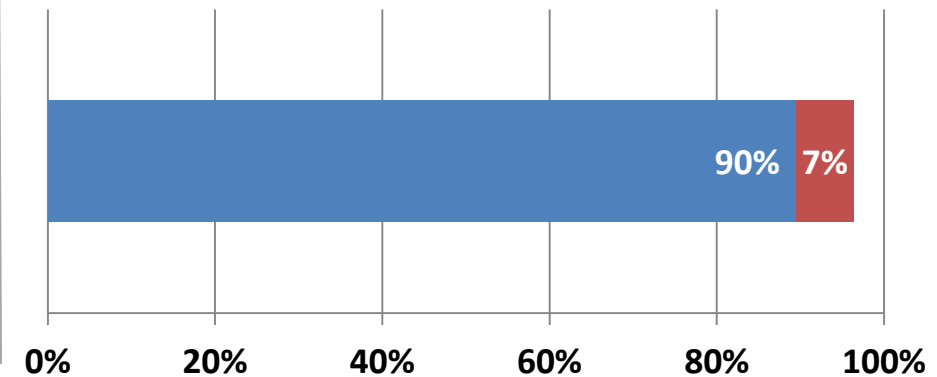
### By region



## Do you think the shutdown had a significant effect on your life?

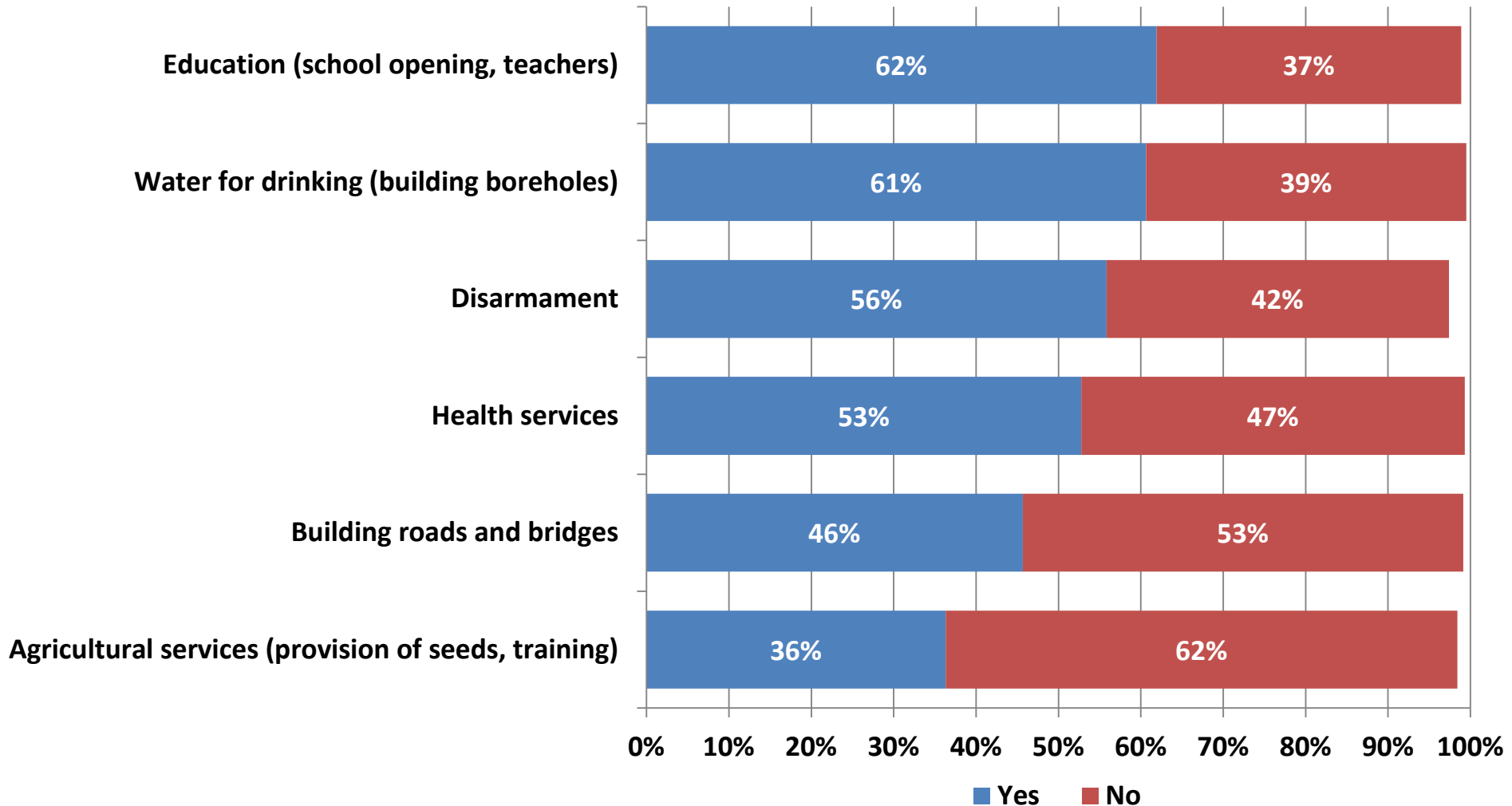


## Do you think your life will improve when oil production resumes?



# Service Delivery

**Various development projects or programs are being implemented in different areas of the country. In the past year, have you heard of any project or program in this location for the following?**

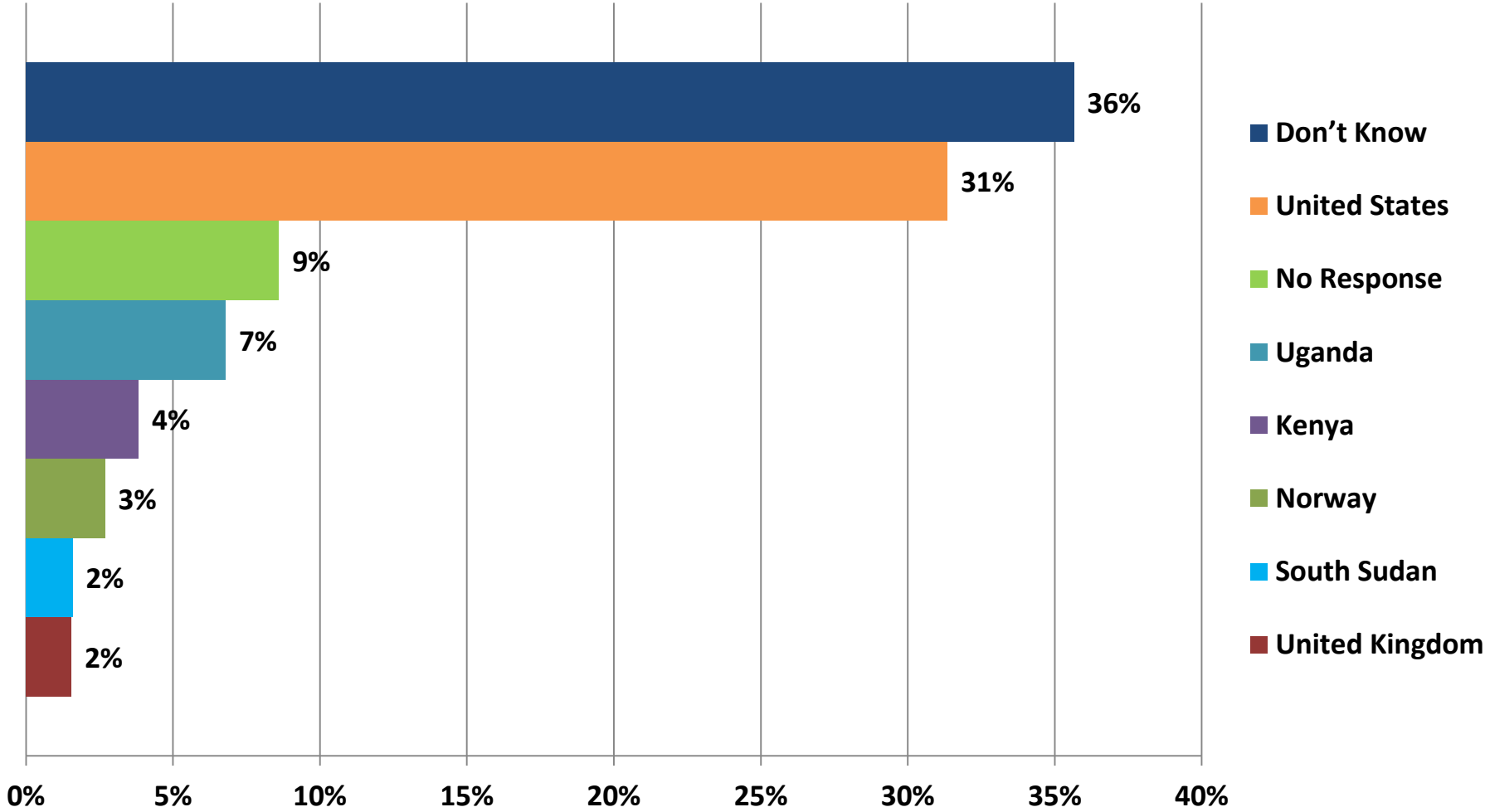


**Who do you think was primarily responsible for providing that project? Local government, state government, national government, foreign organizations or somebody else?**

	Local Gov't	State Gov't	Nat. Gov't	Foreign Orgs	Community
Disarmament (n = 1,157)	4%	20%	68%	4%	<0%
Education (school opening, teachers) (n = 1,536)	6%	29%	32%	24%	3%
Water for drinking (building boreholes) (n = 1,337)	4%	17%	19%	52%	2%
Agricultural services (provision of seeds, training) (n = 1,568)	3%	12%	19%	56%	2%
Health services (n = 1,414)	3%	18%	24%	44%	1%
Building roads and bridges (n = 920)	6%	23%	38%	21%	2%

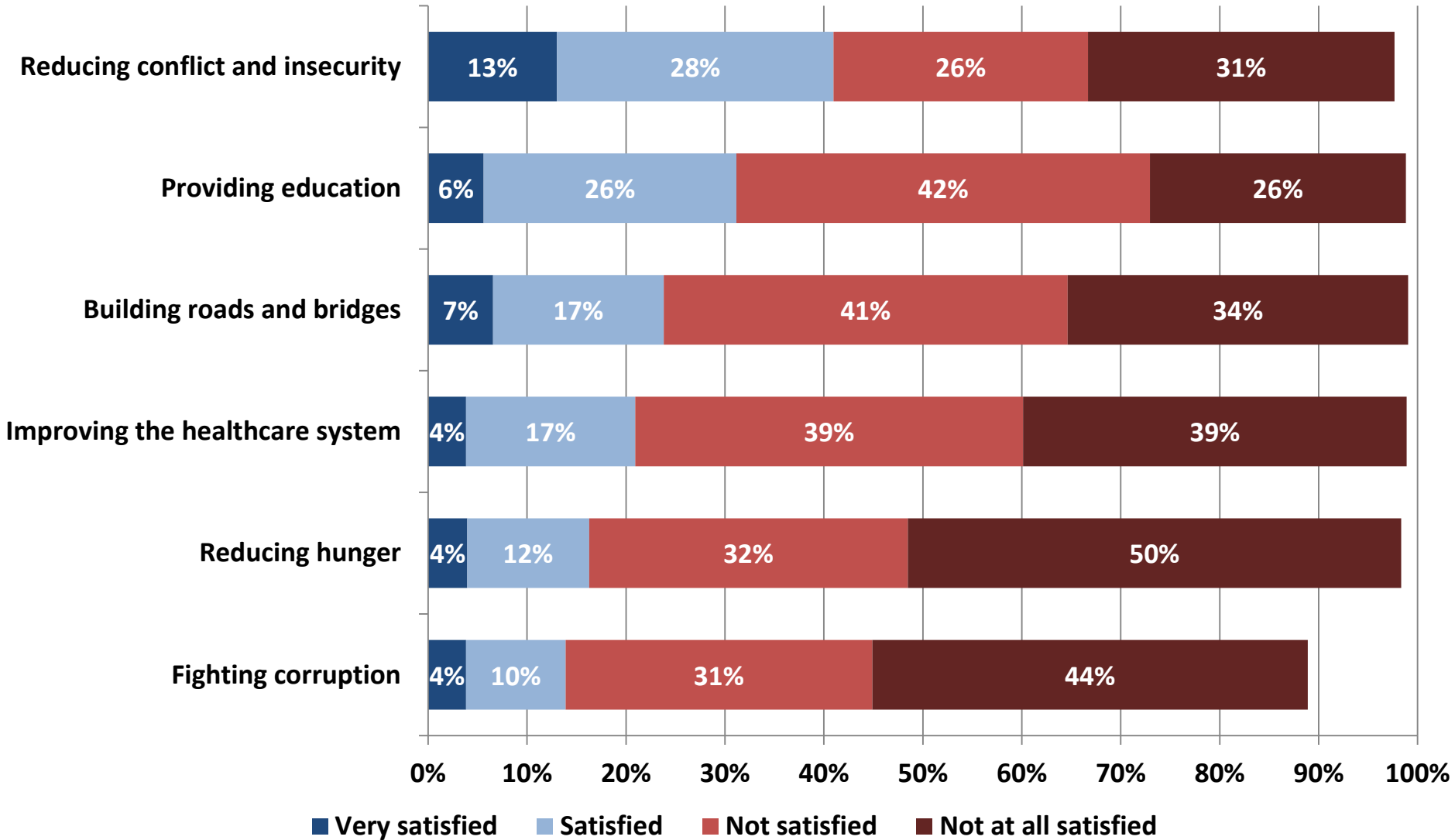
# For projects or programs that are being implemented by other countries, which country do you think has provided the most assistance towards those projects or programs in this location?

*Top eight responses*



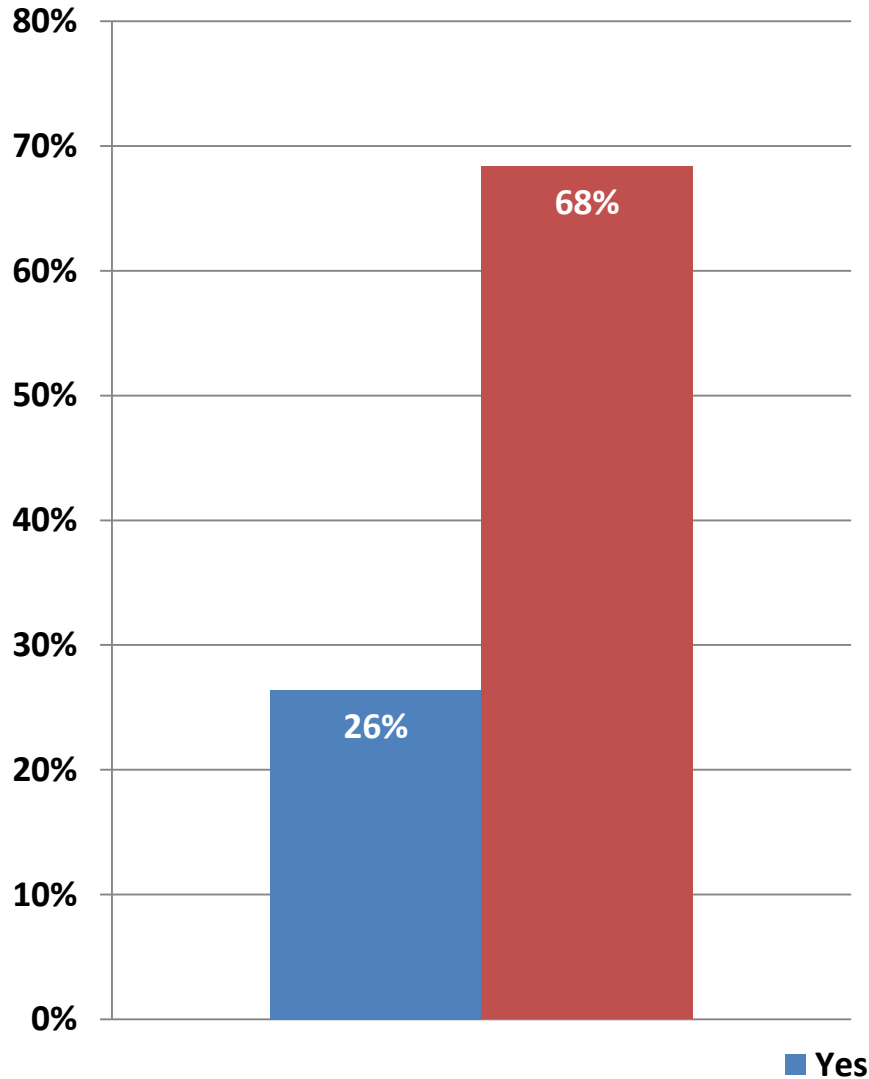


# How satisfied are you with the performance of the national government in the following areas?

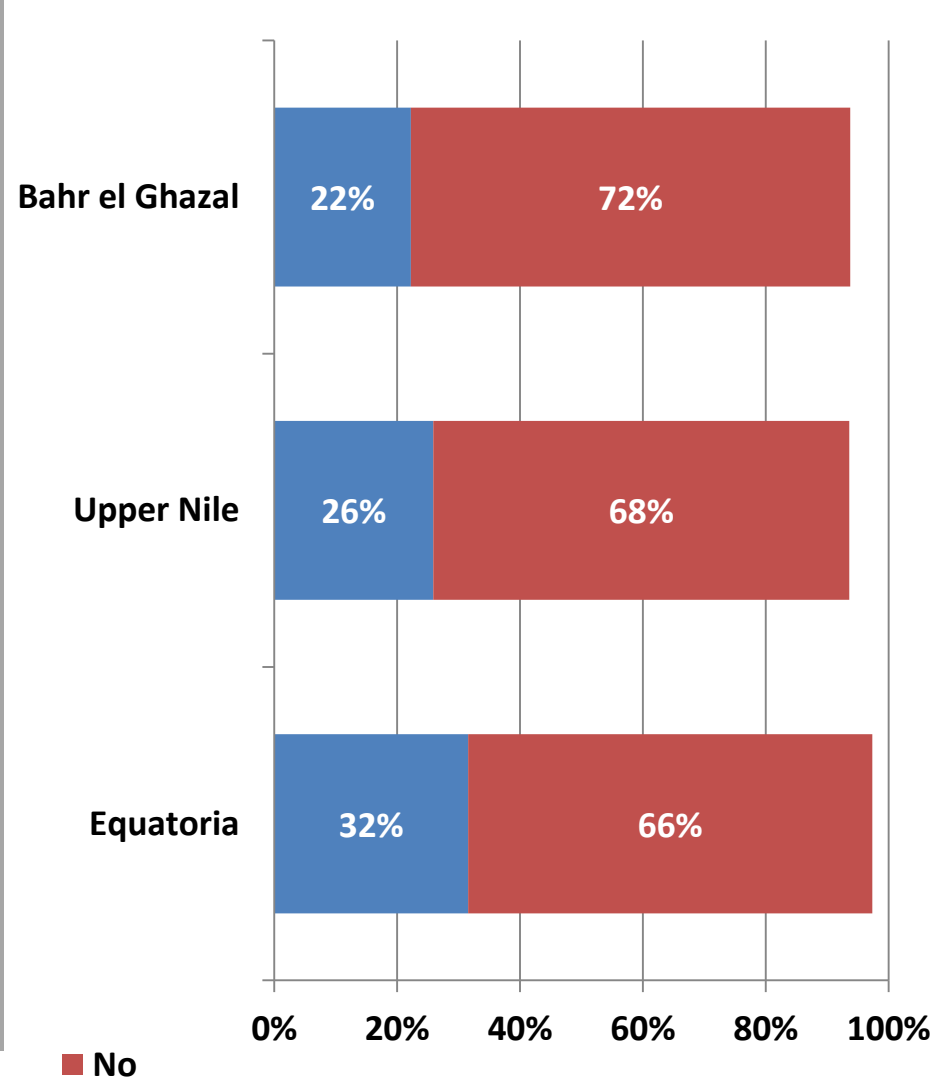


# Have you ever heard about the Constituency Development Fund (CDF)?\*

*National*



*By region*

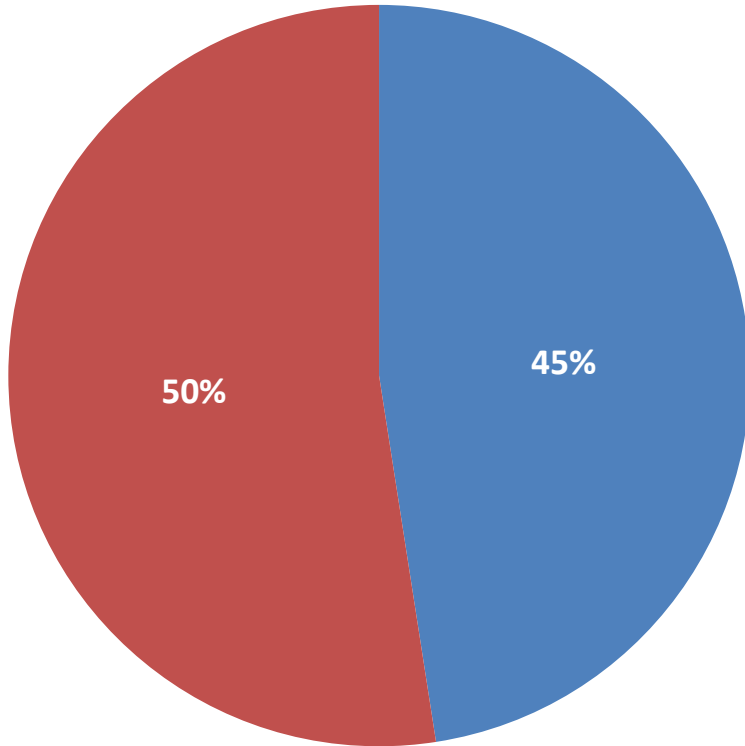


\*The CDF is a government program signed into law in 2007 that designates three percent of government revenue to be shared equally between all constituencies each year.

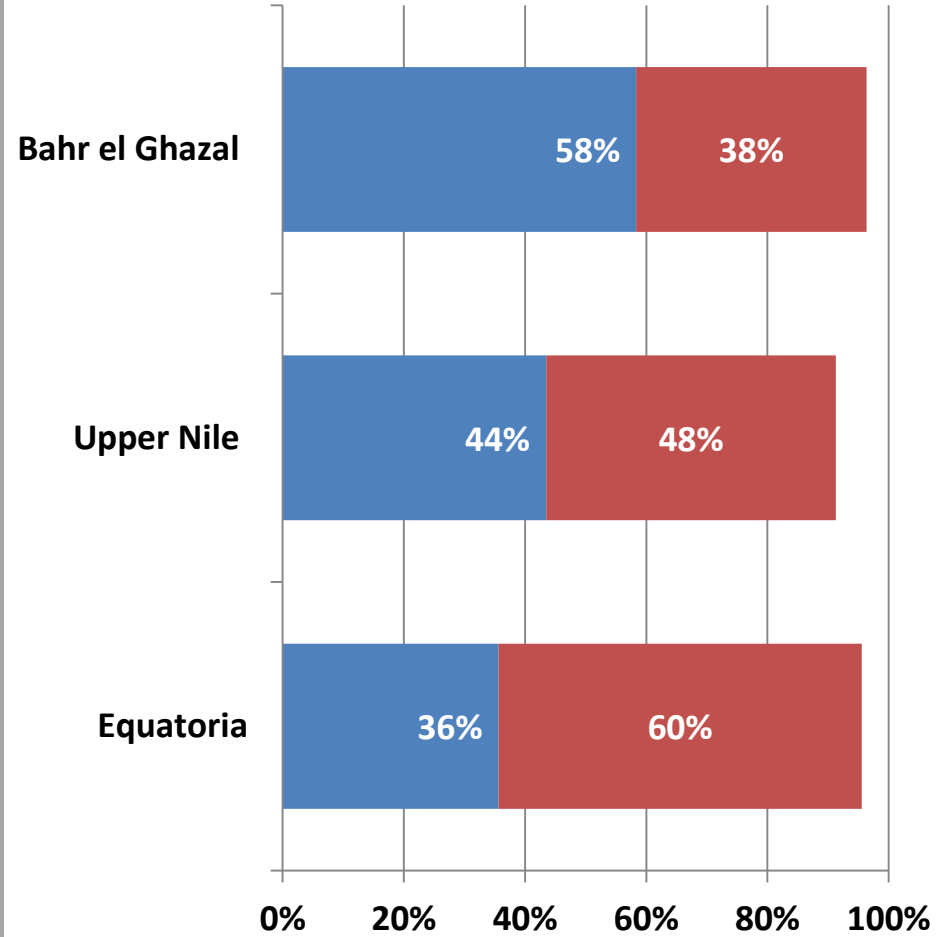
# Are you aware of any CDF projects in your area?

n=669

*National*



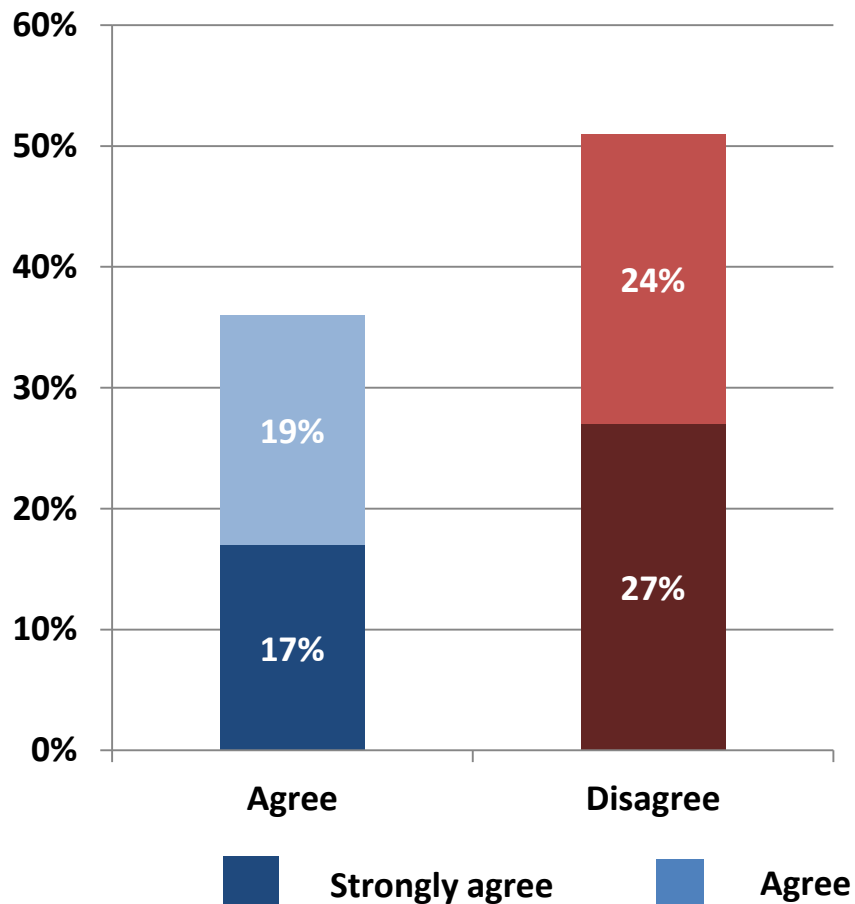
*By region*



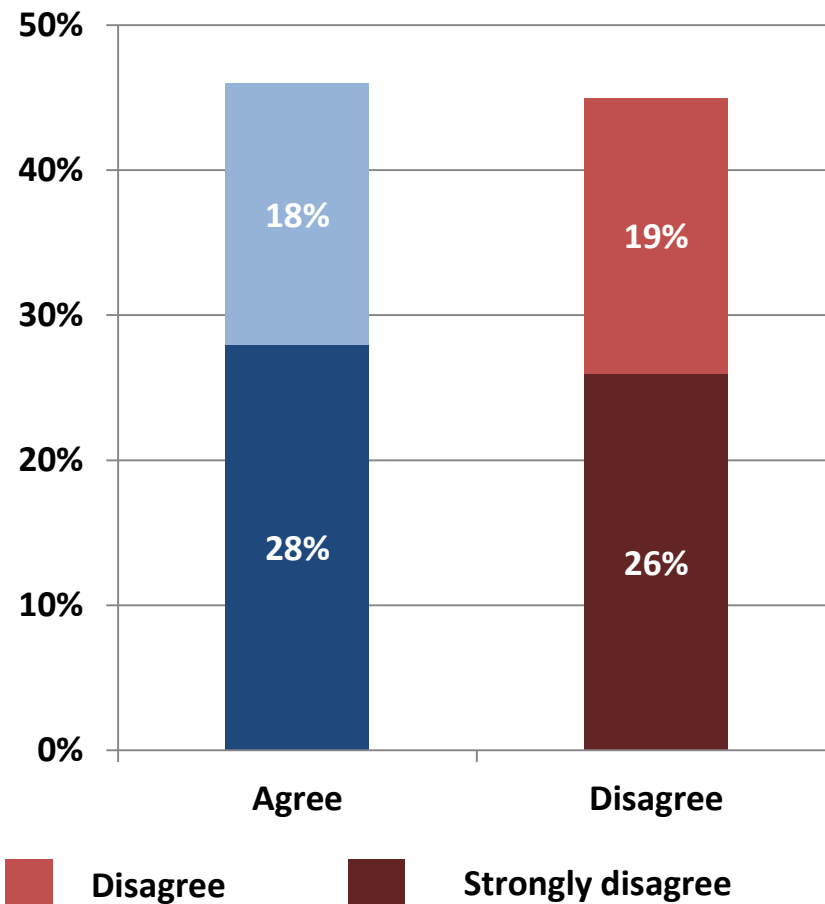
■ Yes ■ No

# Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the following statements.

*The CDF in my constituency is managed in a transparent and open way.*  
n=669

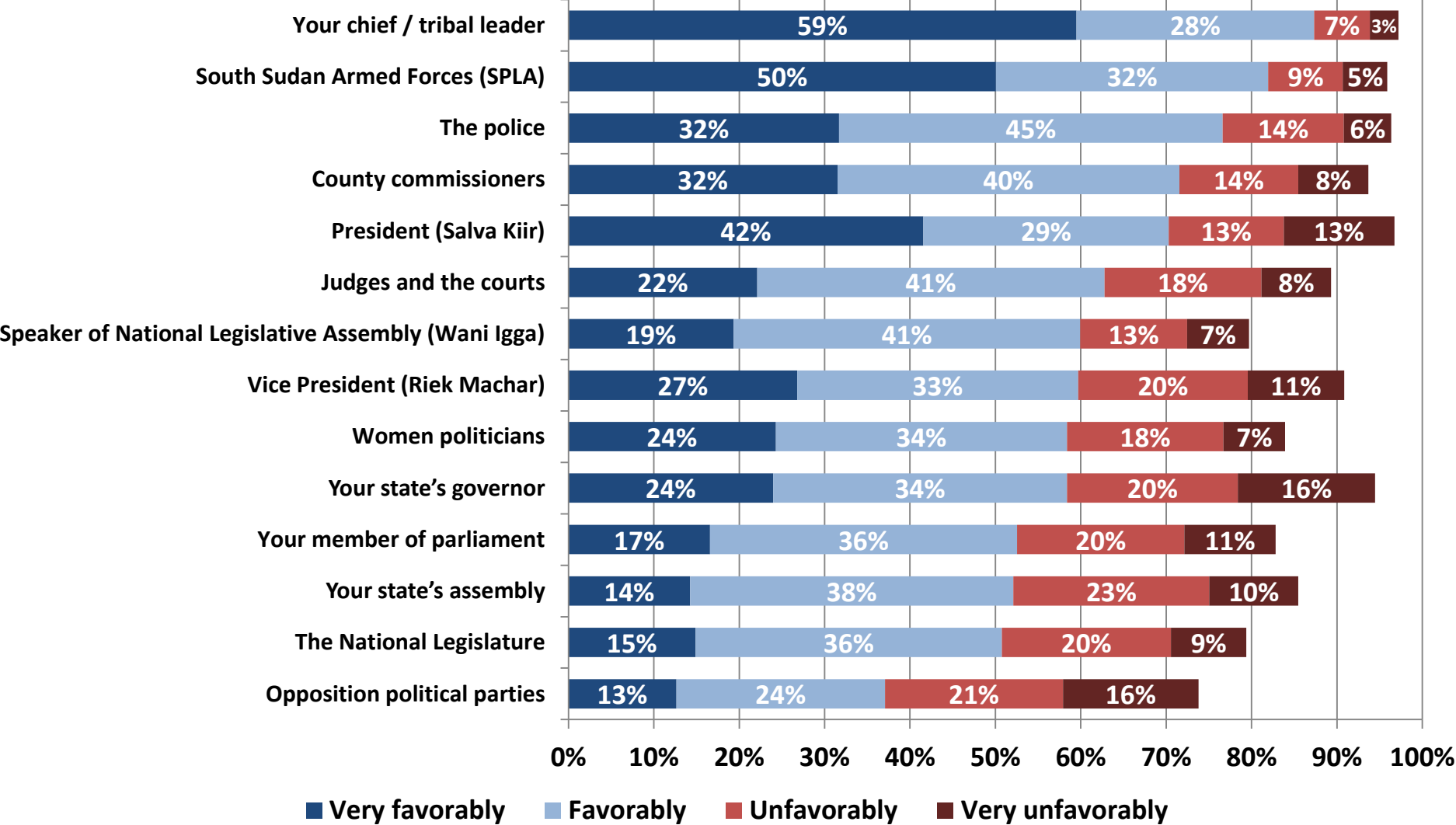


*The CDF has had a large impact on my constituency.*  
n=669



# Attitudes Towards Government

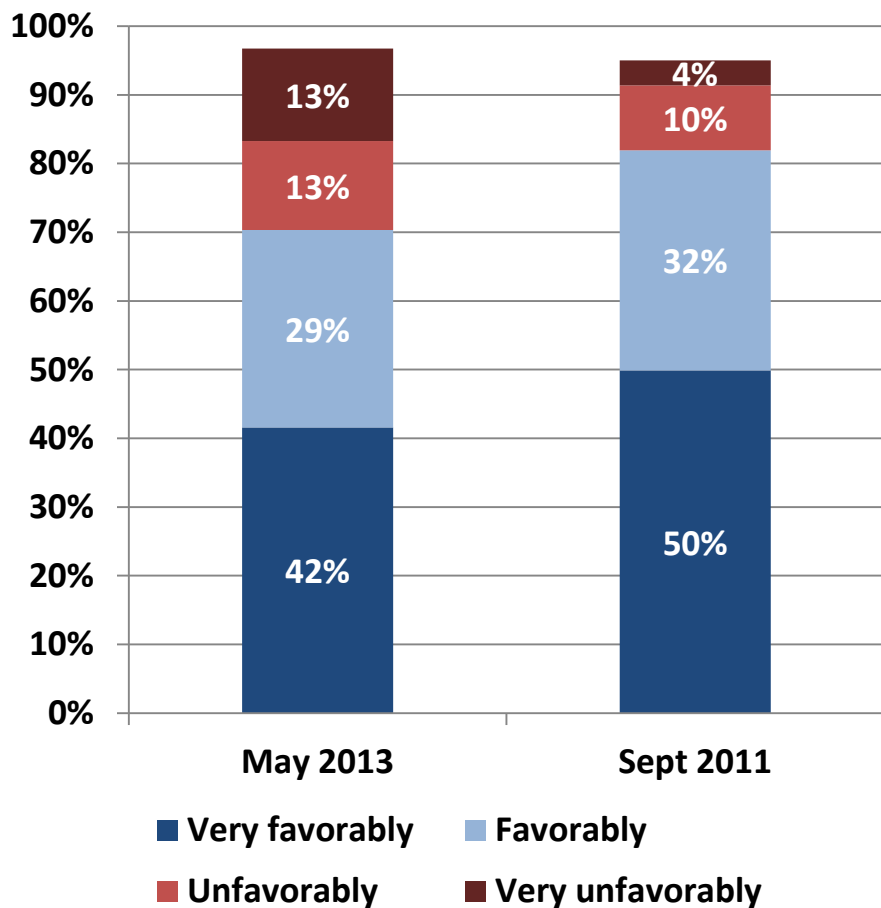
Now, I'm going to read you a list of institutions and individuals. For each one, please tell me whether you think very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorably about them.



Now, I'm going to read you a list of institutions and individuals. For each one, please tell me whether you think very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorably about them.

*The President (Salva Kiir), tracked from 2011*

*National*

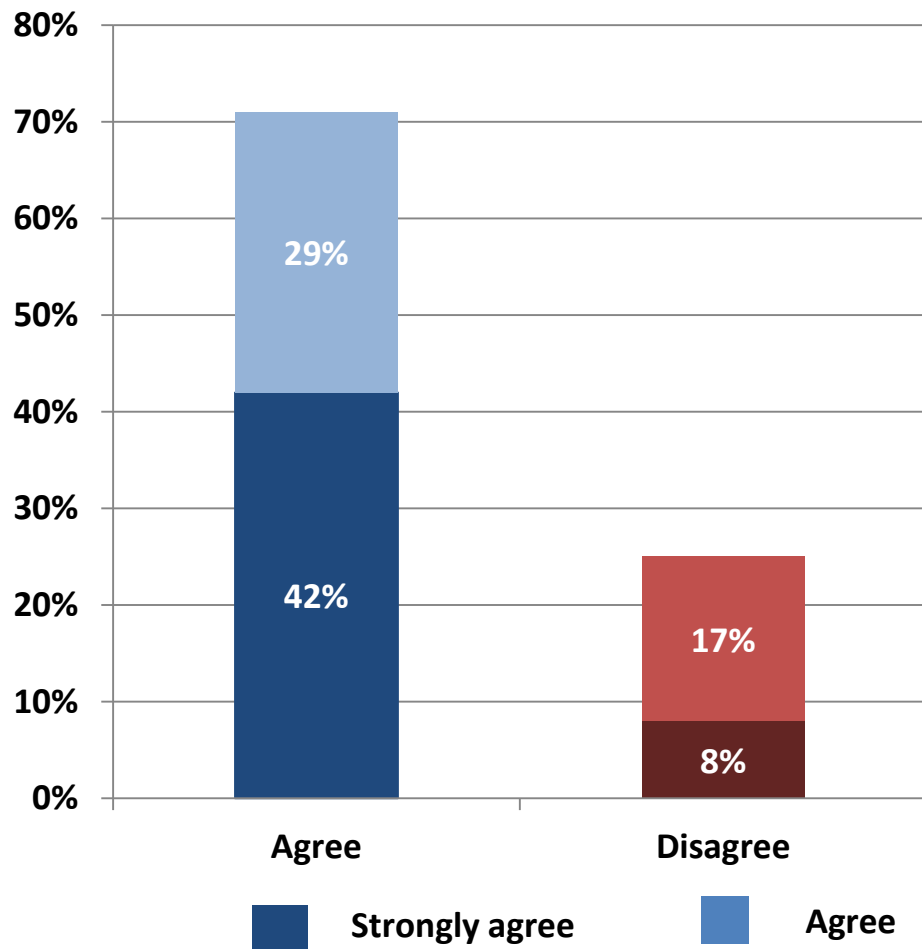


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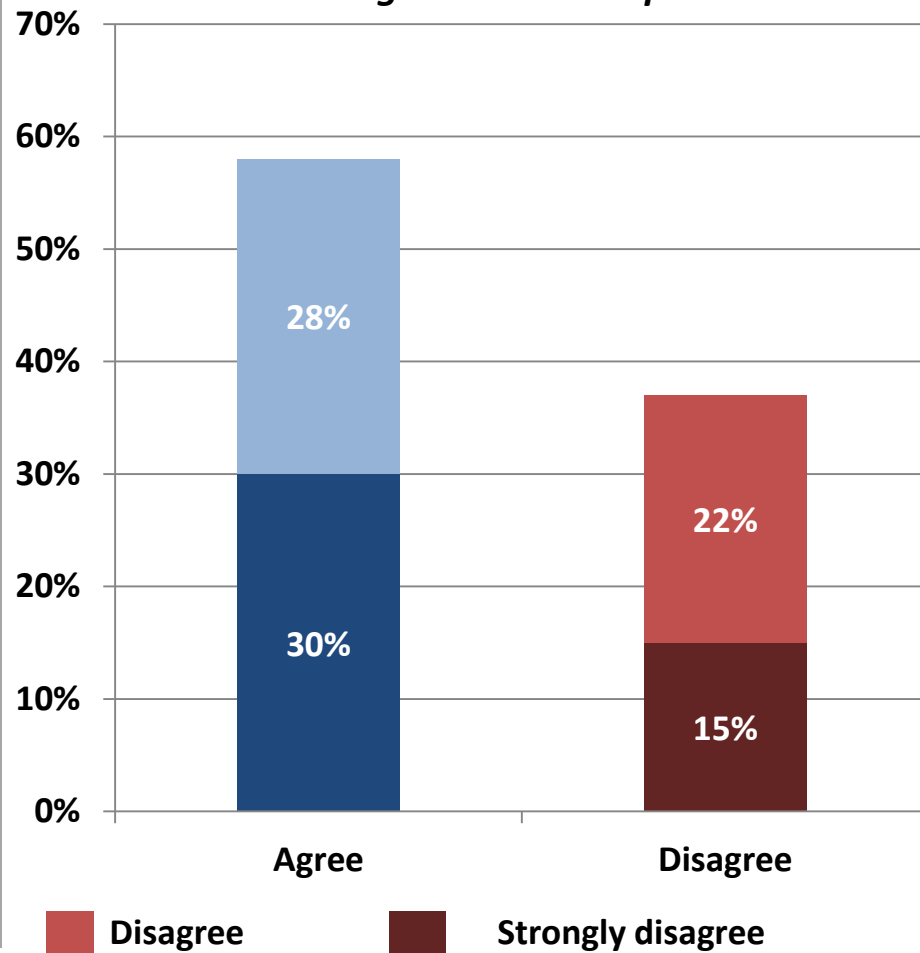
Region	Year	Favorably and very favorably
Equatoria	May 2013	65%
	Sept 2011	80%
Bahr el Ghazal	May 2013	94%
	Sept 2011	96%
Upper Nile	May 2013	52%
	Sept 2011	73%

Now I am going to read you two statements. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with each of them.

*I don't think the government cares much about what people like me think.*



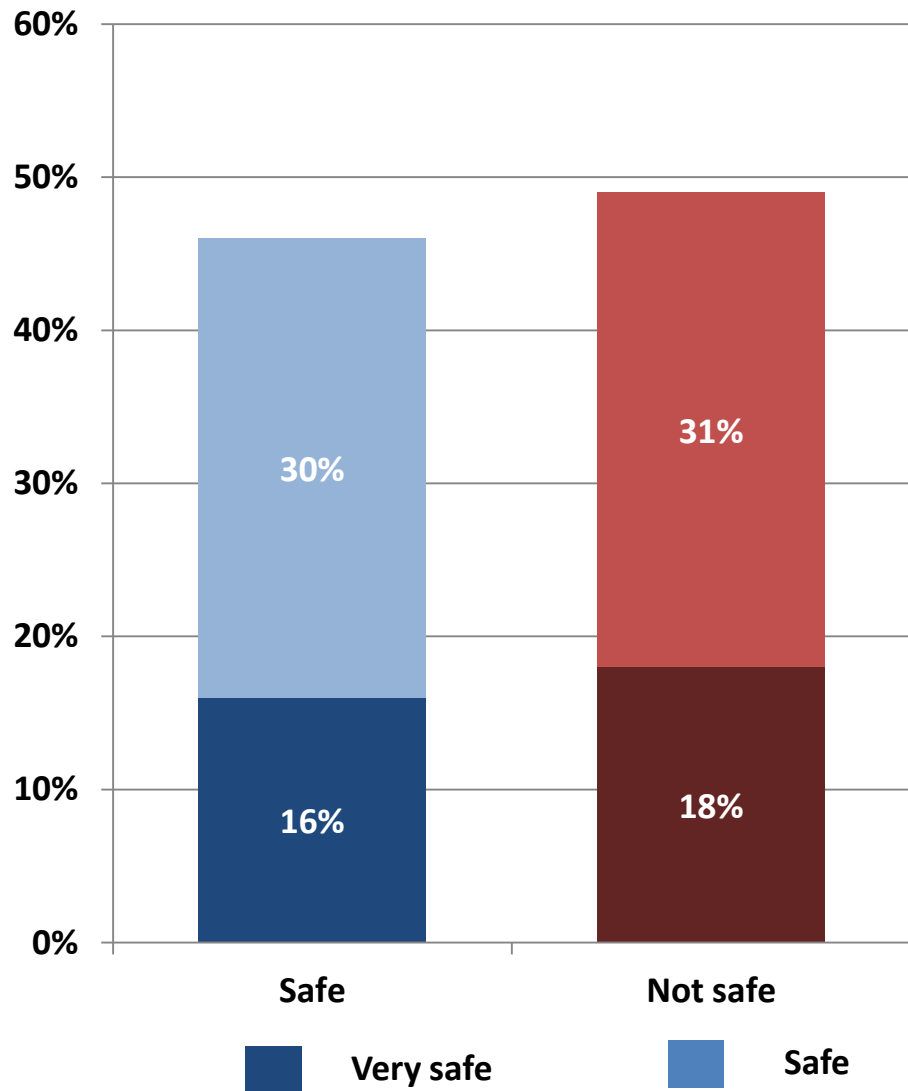
*It is generally not acceptable to talk negatively about the government in public.*



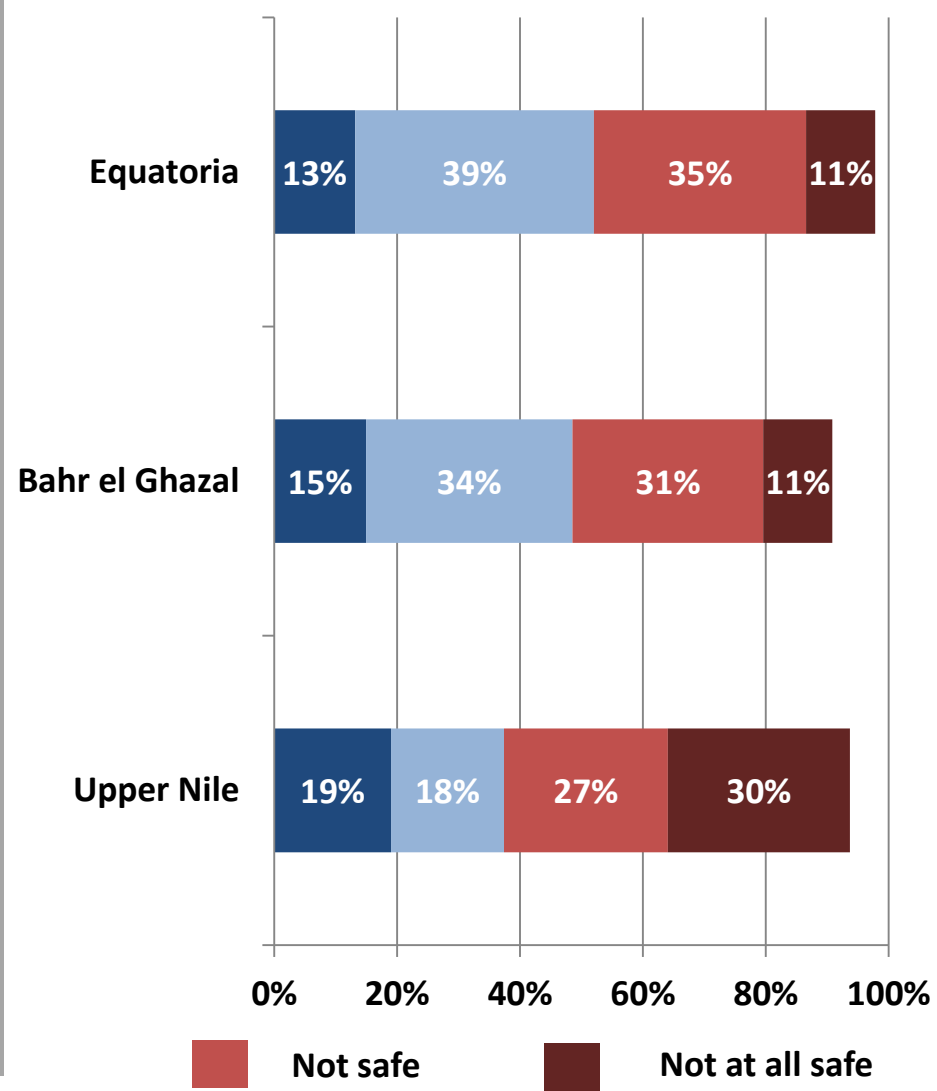


# How safe do you feel to speak openly about your ideas in public?

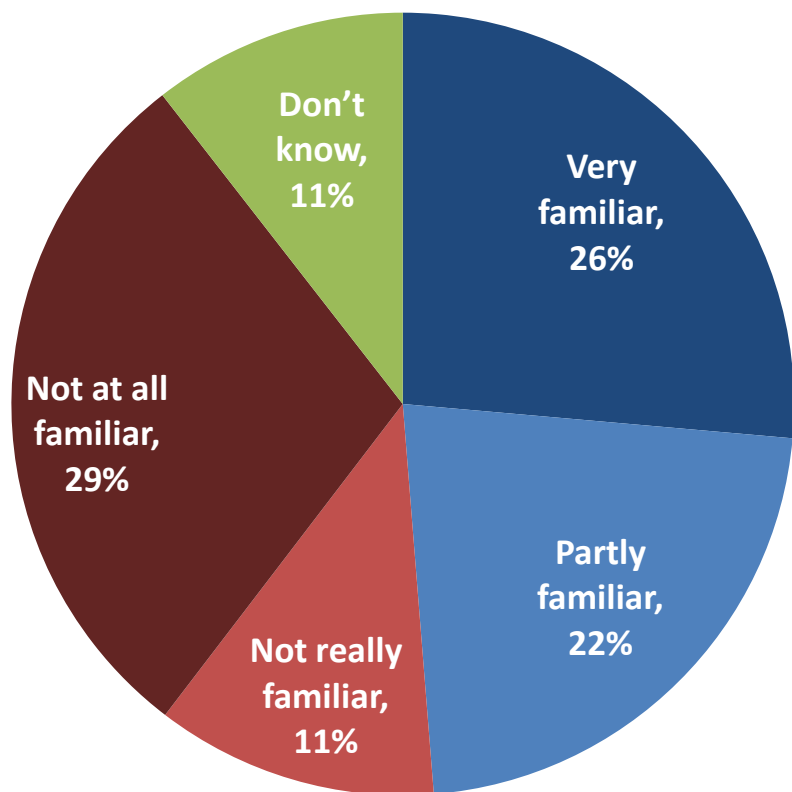
*National*



*By region*

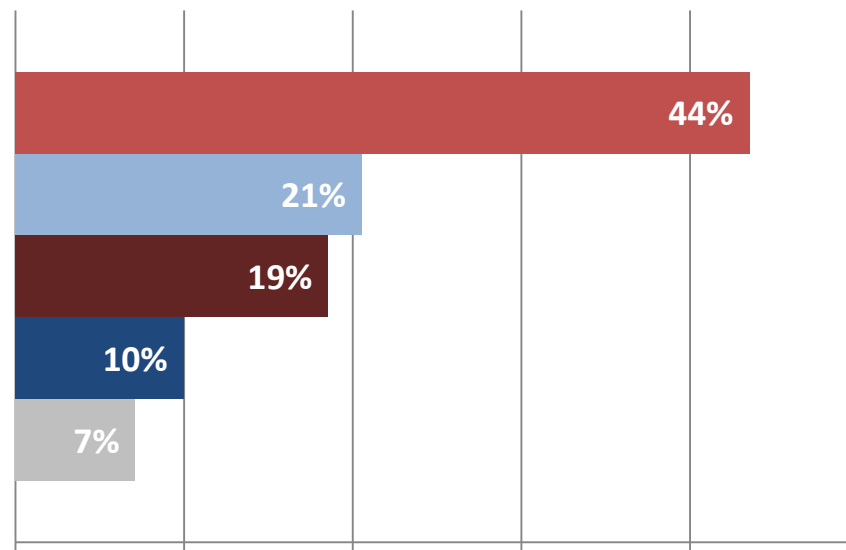


## How familiar are you with the idea of democracy?



## In your opinion, how much of a democracy is South Sudan today?

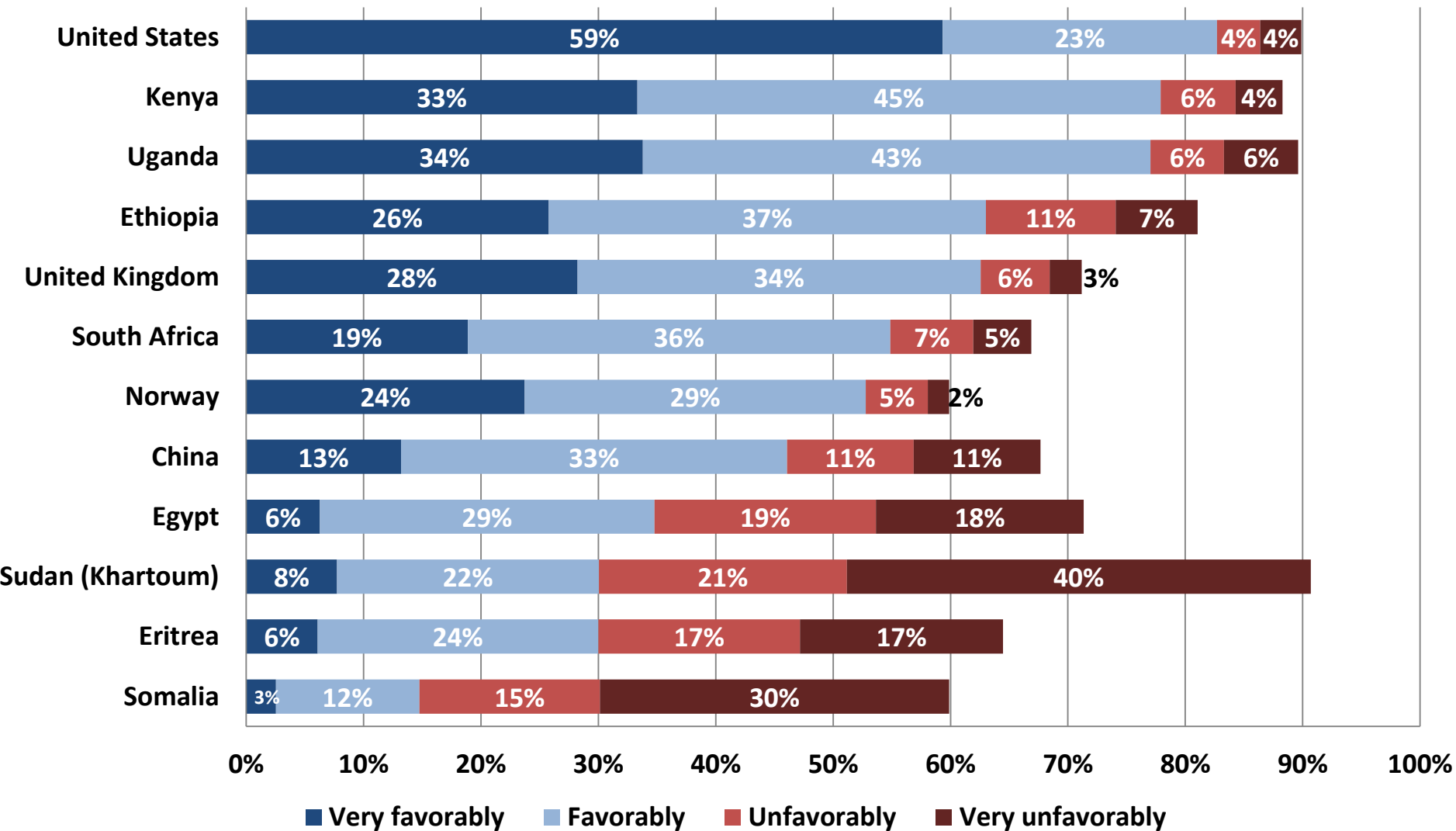
*n=1,503*



- A democracy, with major problems
- A democracy, but with minor problems
- Not a democracy
- A full democracy
- No response / don't know

# Country Perceptions

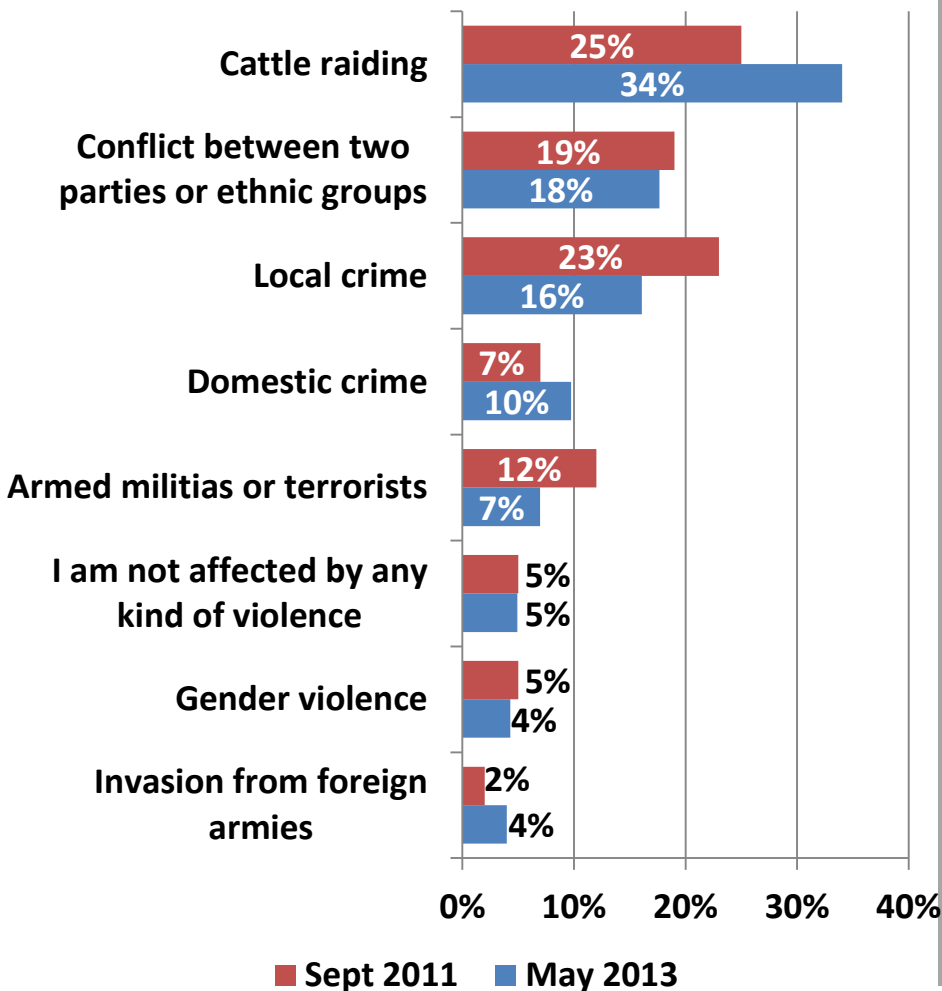
Now, I'm going to read you a list of countries. For each one, please tell me whether you think very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorably about them.



# Peace and Security

# In some areas of South Sudan, violence is a major concern for people. What type of violence concerns you the most in your daily life?

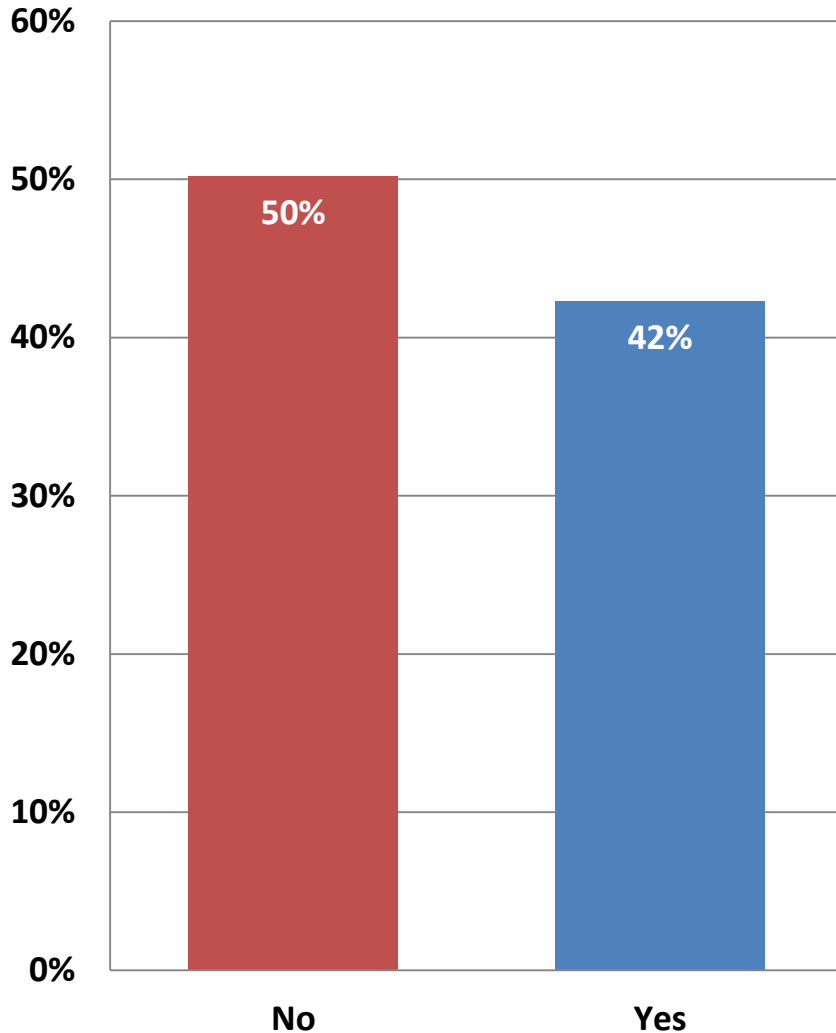
*National, tracked from 2011*



*By region*

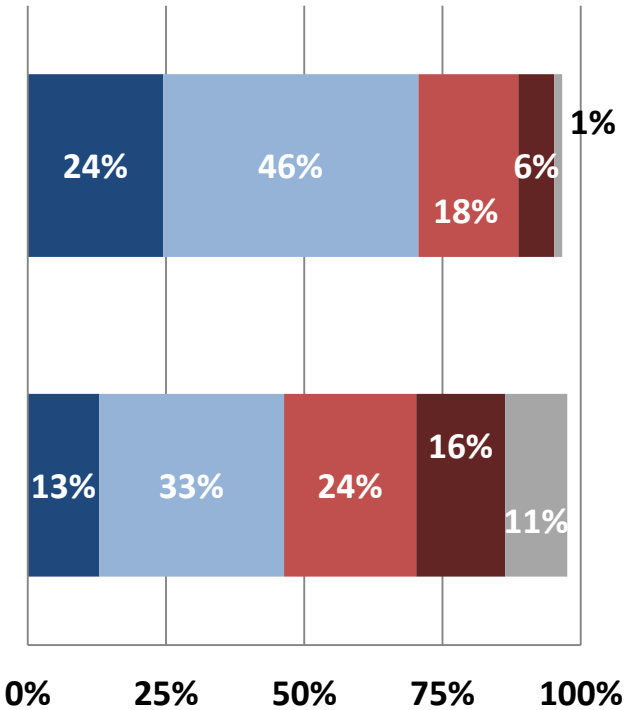
	Equatoria	Upper Nile	Bahr el Ghazal
Cattle raiding	23%	48%	29%
Local crime	23%	12%	14%
Domestic crime	13%	8%	9%
Conflict between two parties or ethnic groups	12%	18%	22%
I am not affected by any kind of violence	8%	1%	6%
Gender violence	5%	3%	5%
Invasion from foreign armies	5%	2%	6%
Armed militias or terrorists	5%	8%	8%
Land grabbing	1%	0%	0%

## Do you think South Sudan should improve relations with Sudan (Khartoum)?

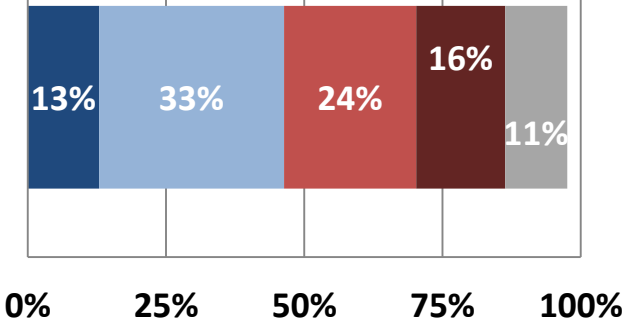


## How satisfied are you with the government's efforts to...

Improve relations with Sudan?  
(Filtered, n=1,072)

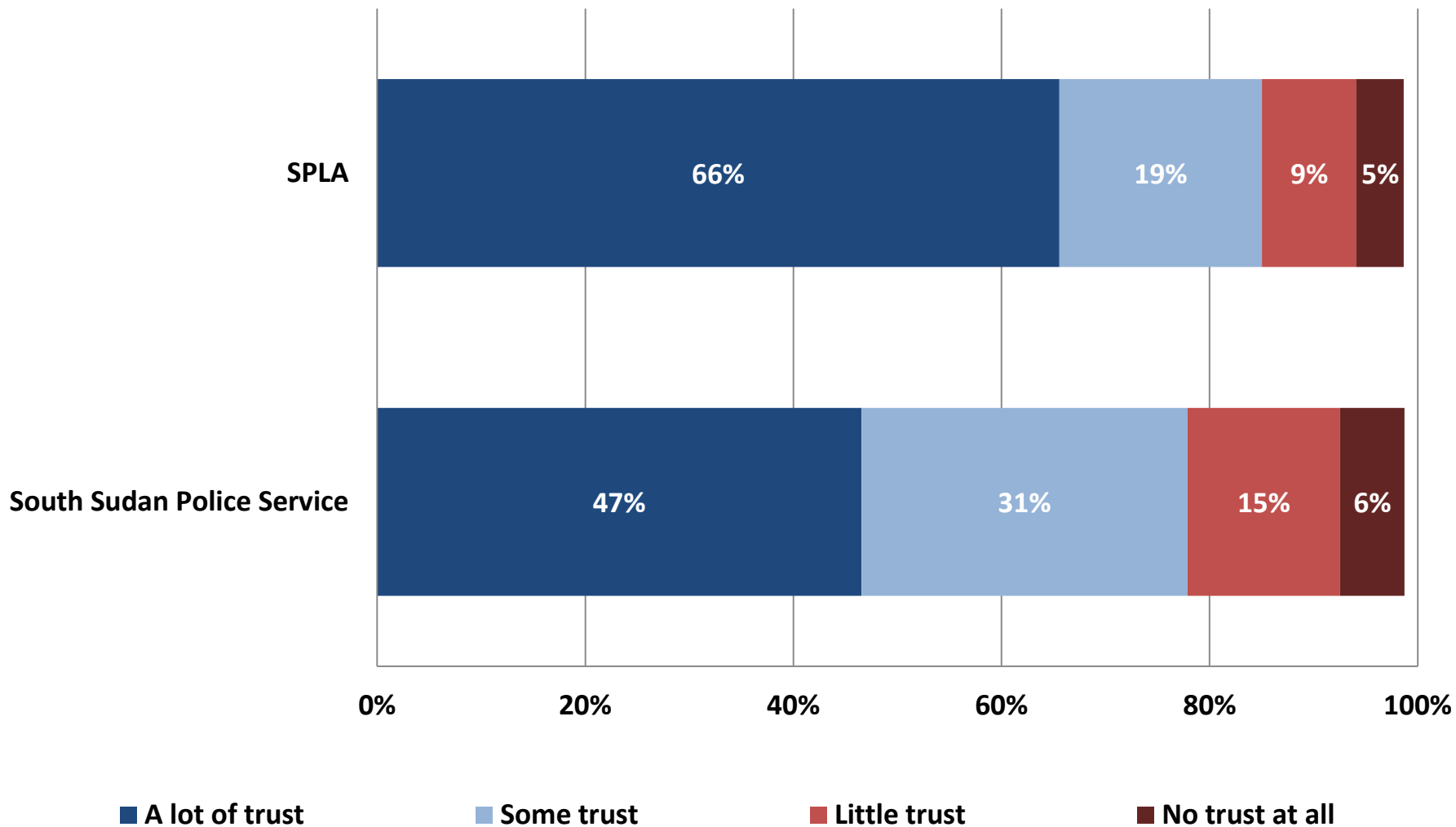


Resolve local conflicts in different areas of the country



- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Not satisfied
- Not at all satisfied

# How much trust do you have in the following security forces?

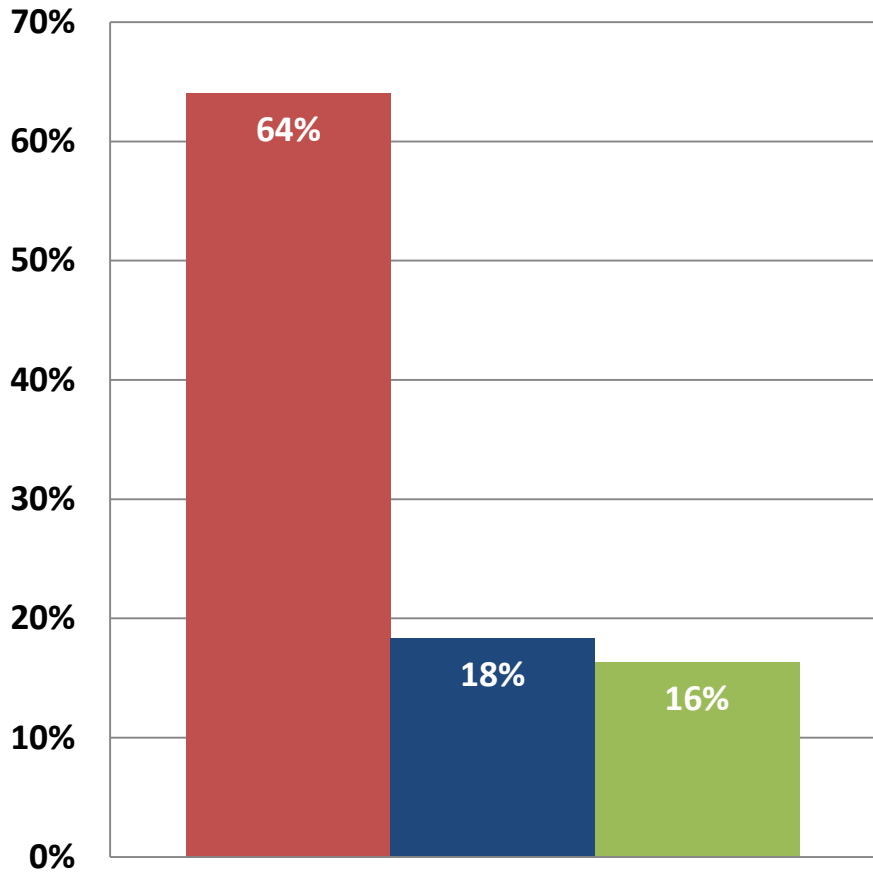




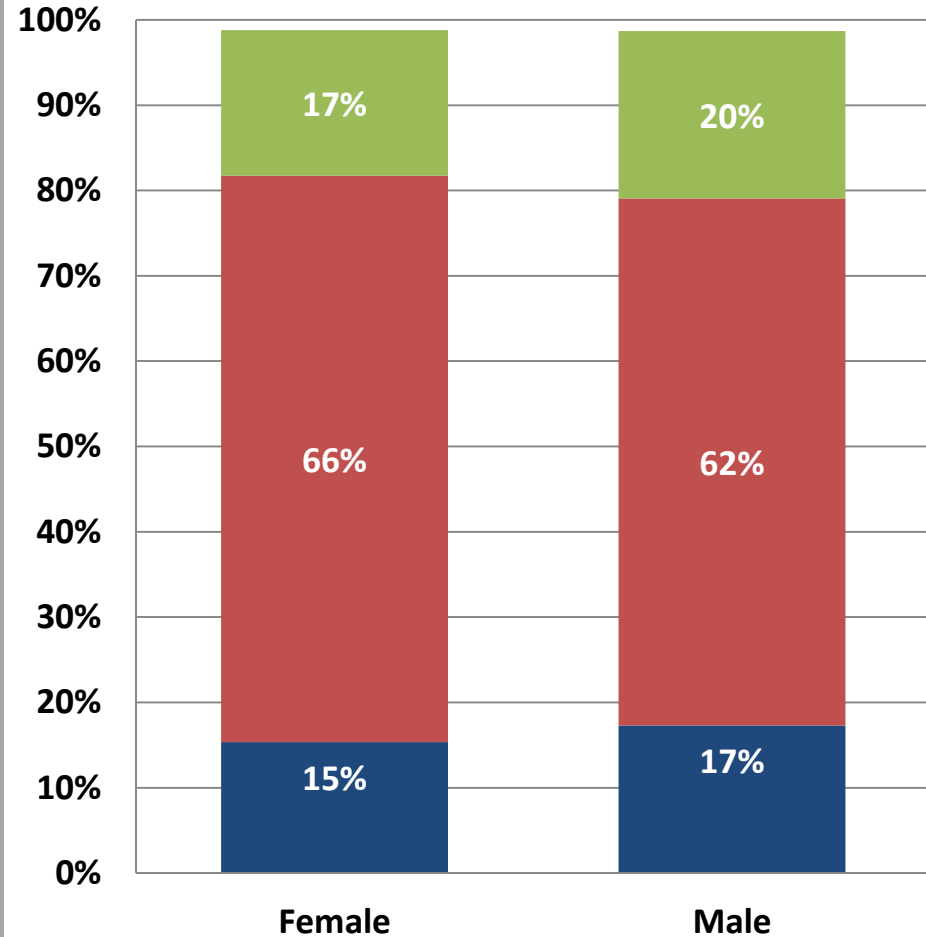
# Attitudes Towards Women

# Compared to men, do you think women living in your country have more, less or equal rights?

*National*



*By gender*

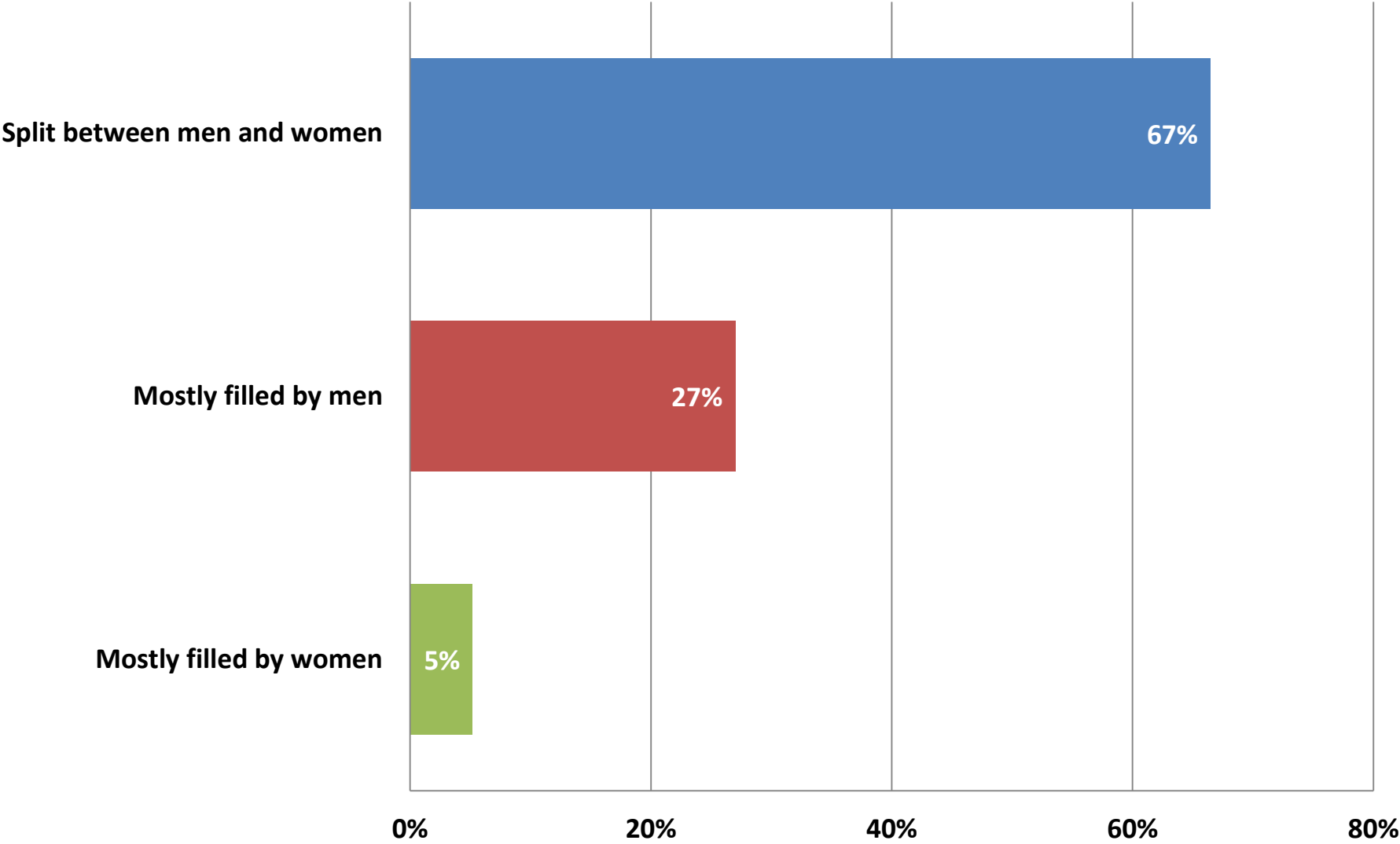


More rights

Less rights

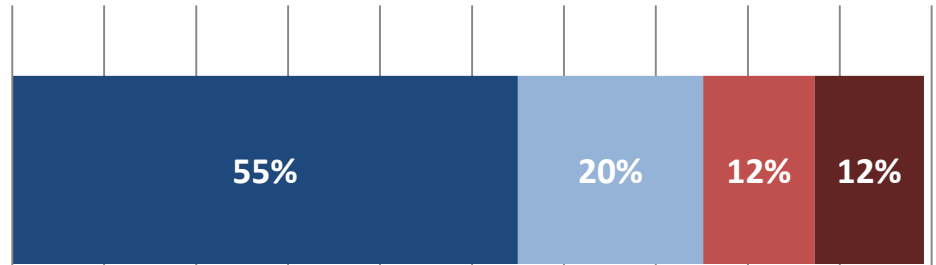
Equal rights

# Do you think that political leadership positions should be mostly filled by men, mostly by women or split between men and women?

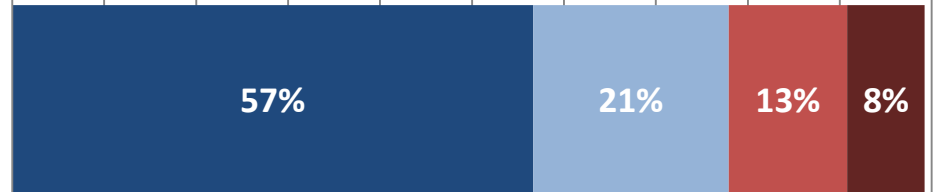


# How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

It is a problem when a woman is married without her consent.



A widow should have the right of inheritance without being disturbed by her brothers-in-law.



All women should be given equal access to own land like men.

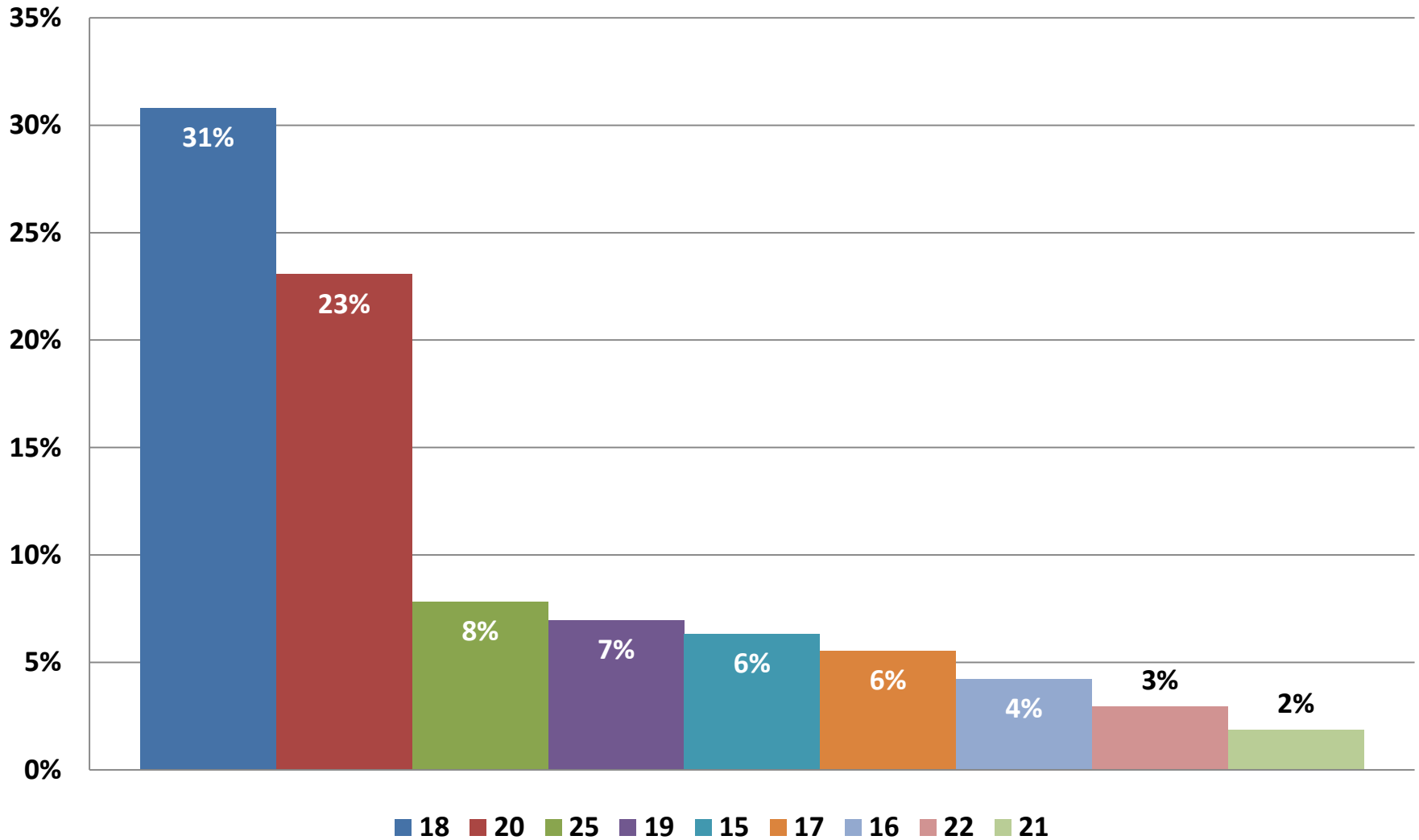


0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

**Strongly agree**   **Agree**   **Disagree**   **Strongly disagree**

# At what age should it be acceptable to get married?

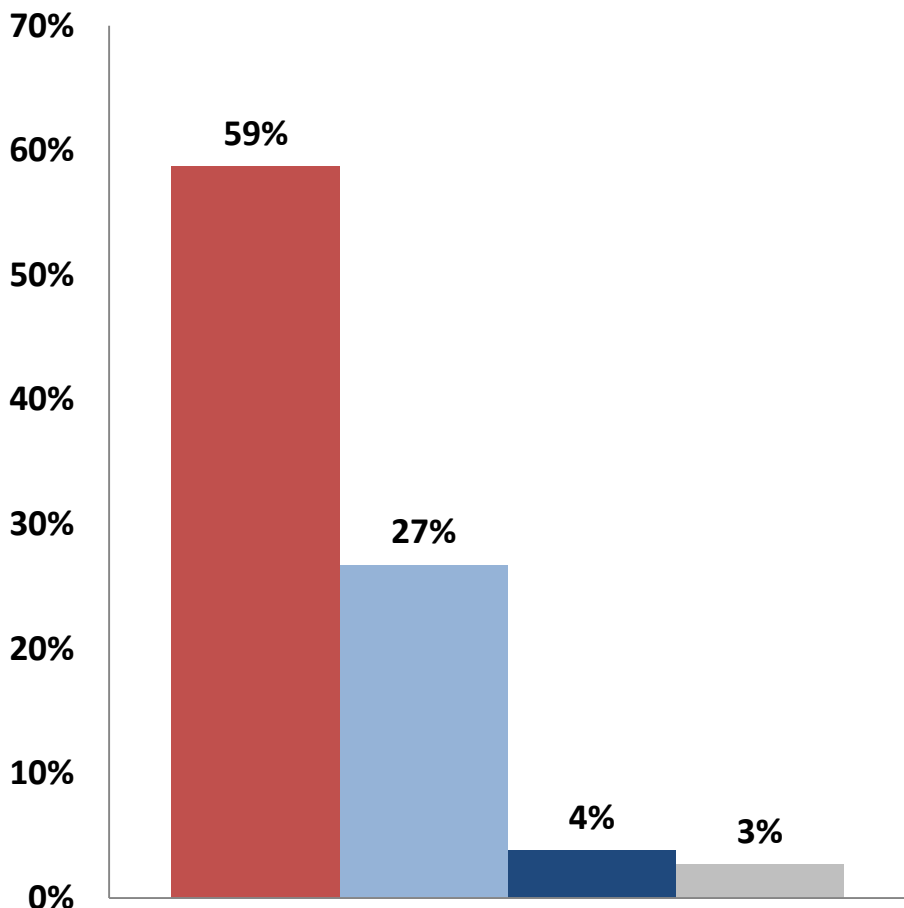
*Top nine responses*



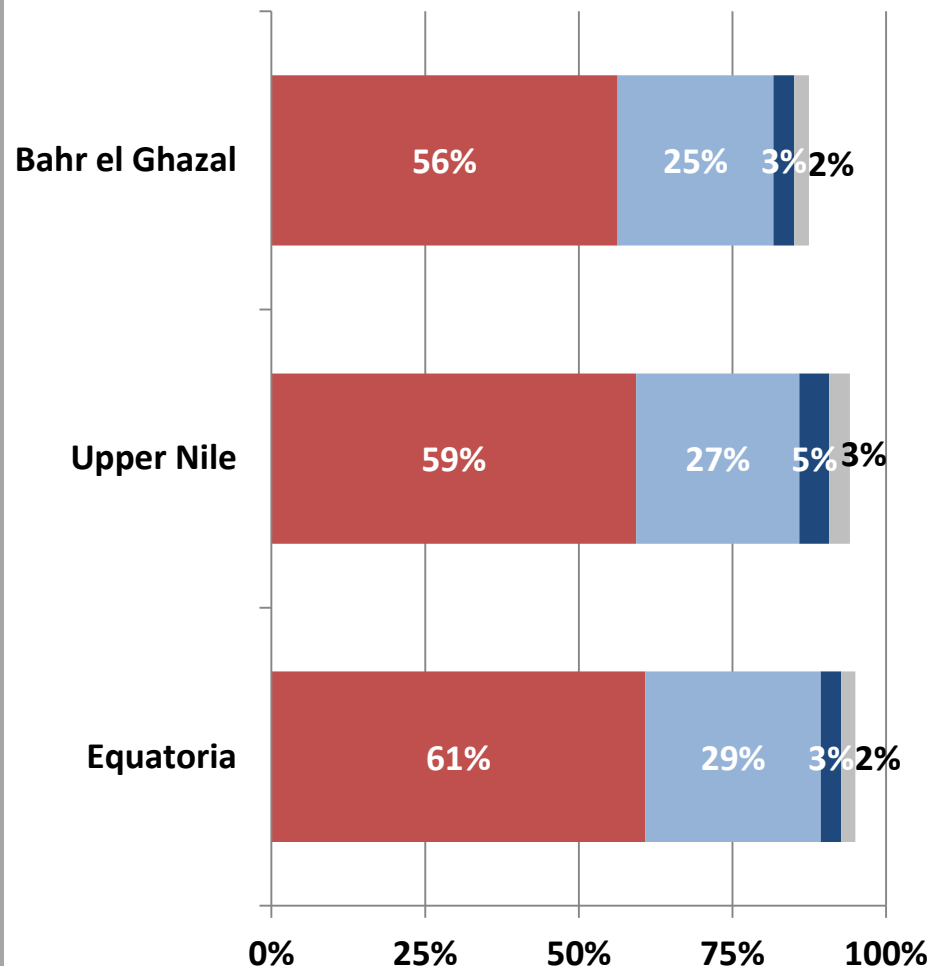
# Constitutional Development

# Have you ever read, seen or heard about the Transitional Constitution of the Republic of South Sudan?

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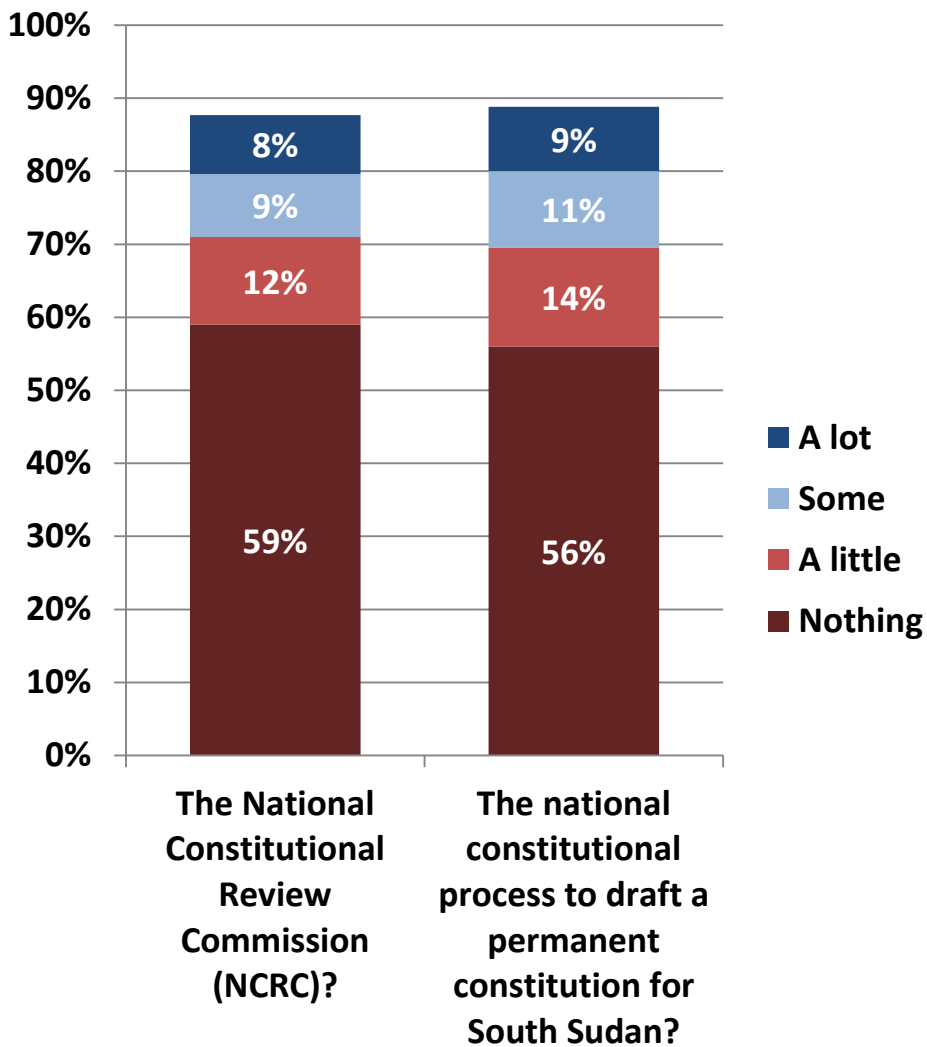
*By region*



■ None of these ■ Heard ■ Read ■ Seen

# Thinking about current political developments in Juba, how much have you heard about...

*National*

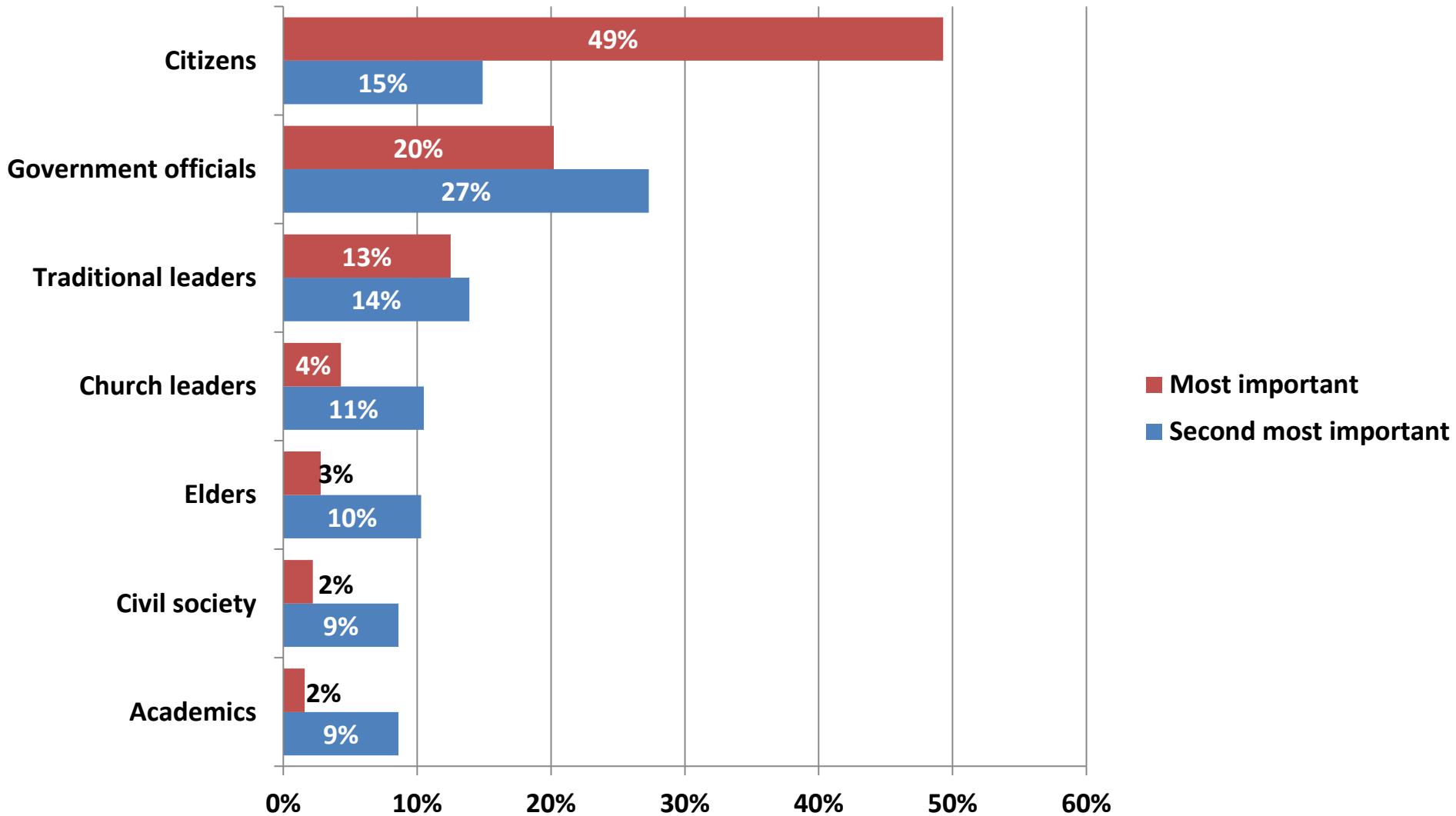


*By region*

Region	Political development	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing
Equatoria	Constitutional process	8%	12%	14%	59%
	NCRC	8%	9%	12%	64%
Upper Nile	Constitutional process	11%	10%	16%	53%
	NCRC	10%	10%	15%	54%
Bahr el Ghazal	Constitutional process	8%	10%	11%	56%
	NCRC	7%	7%	9%	60%

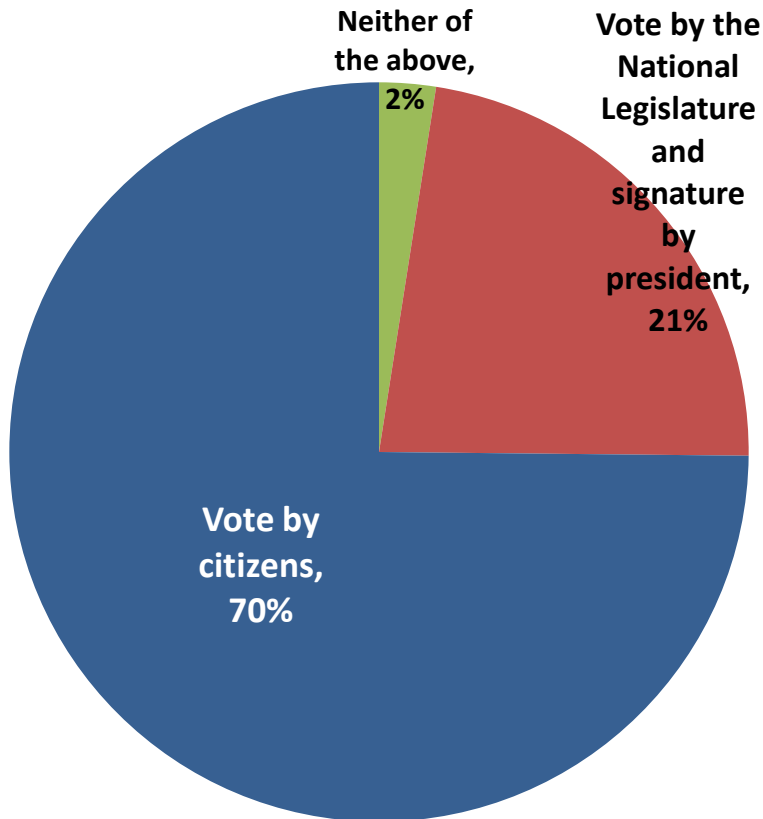


**Our country will spend the next two years drafting a permanent constitution, a document that establishes the rules and regulations that will govern the nation. Who do you think is the most important body to consult for the development of our constitution?**

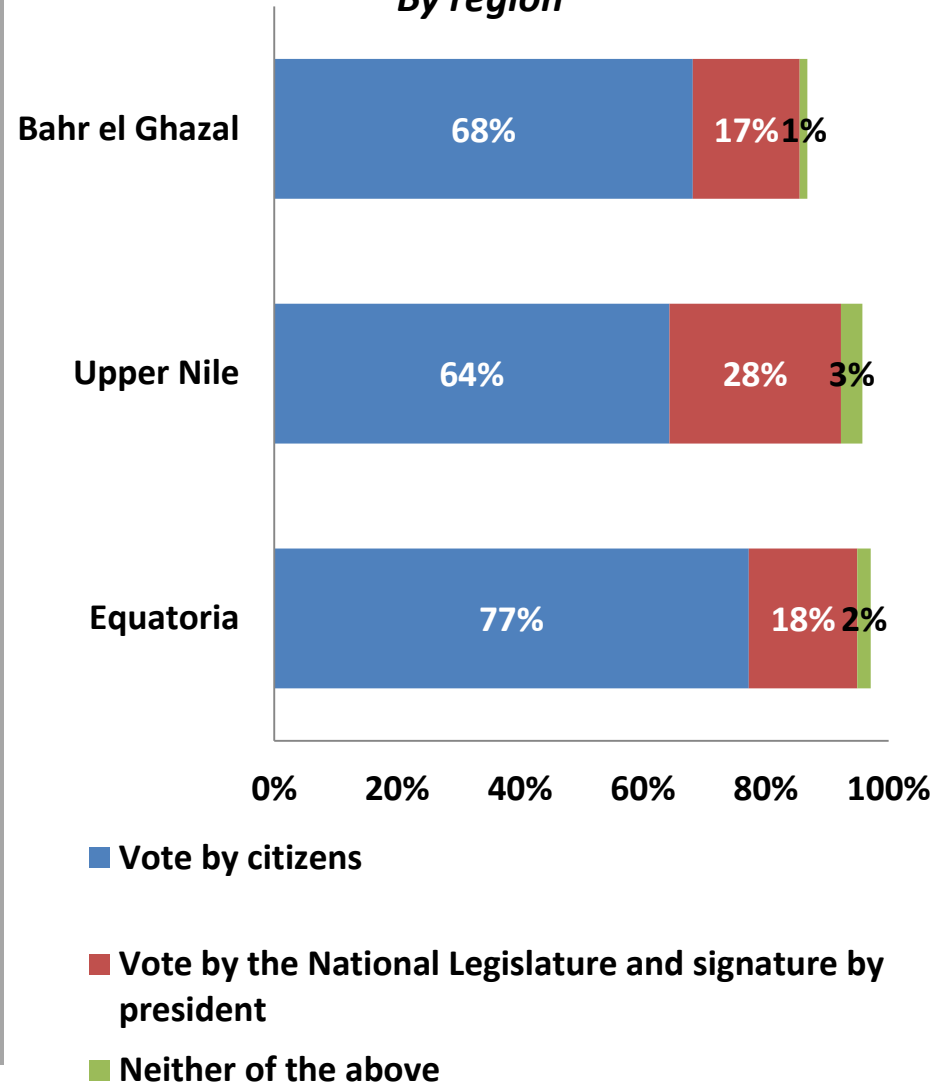


# Do you think our constitution should be adopted through a...

## National

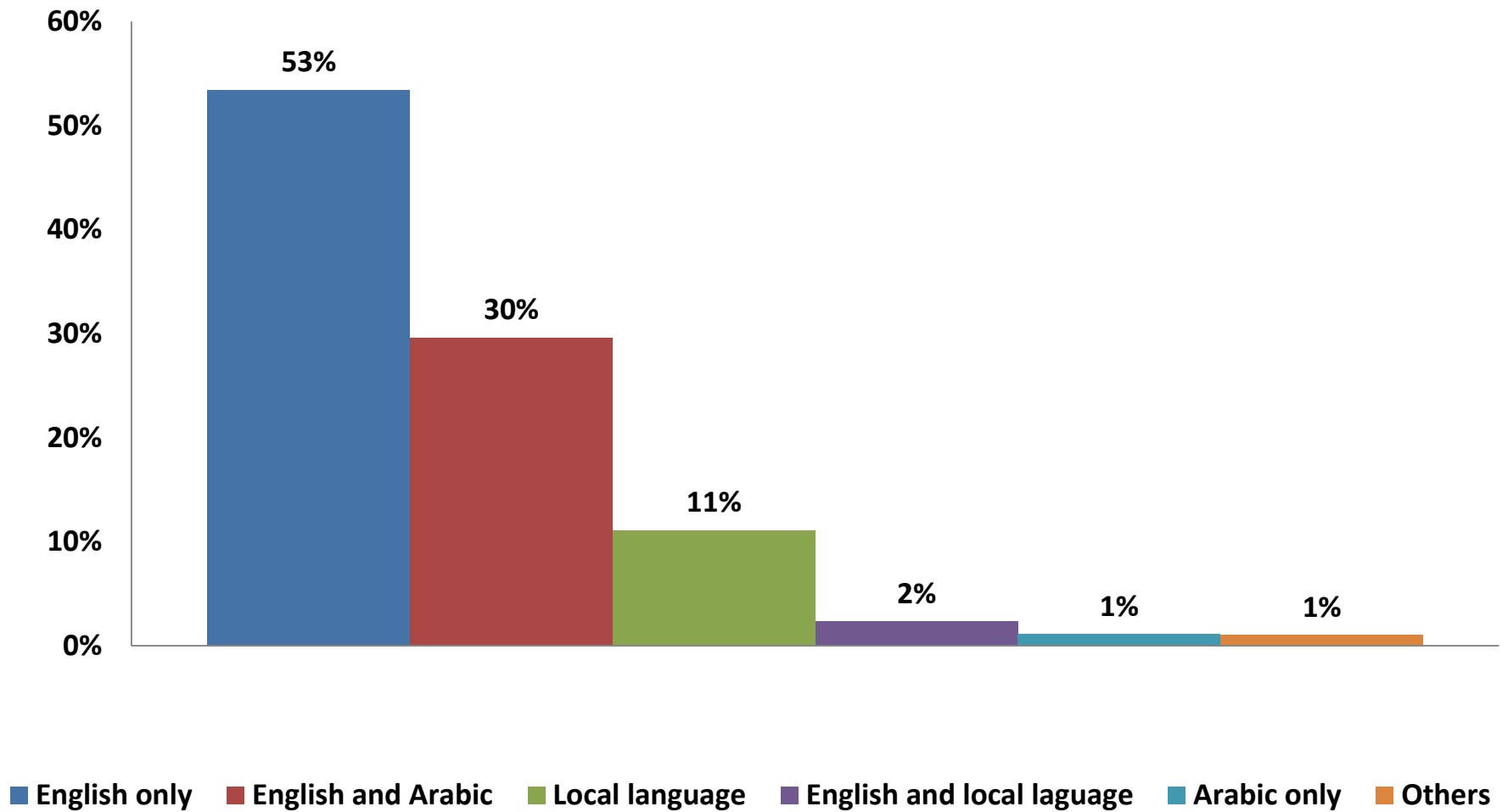


## By region



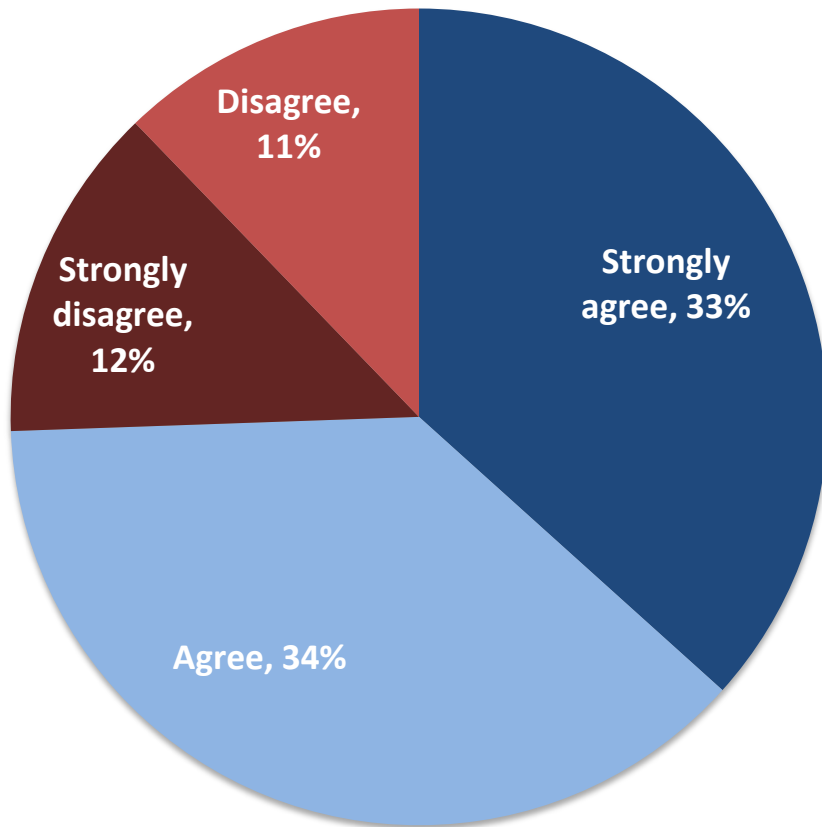
# Constitutional Issues

# What do you think should be the official language or languages of South Sudan?

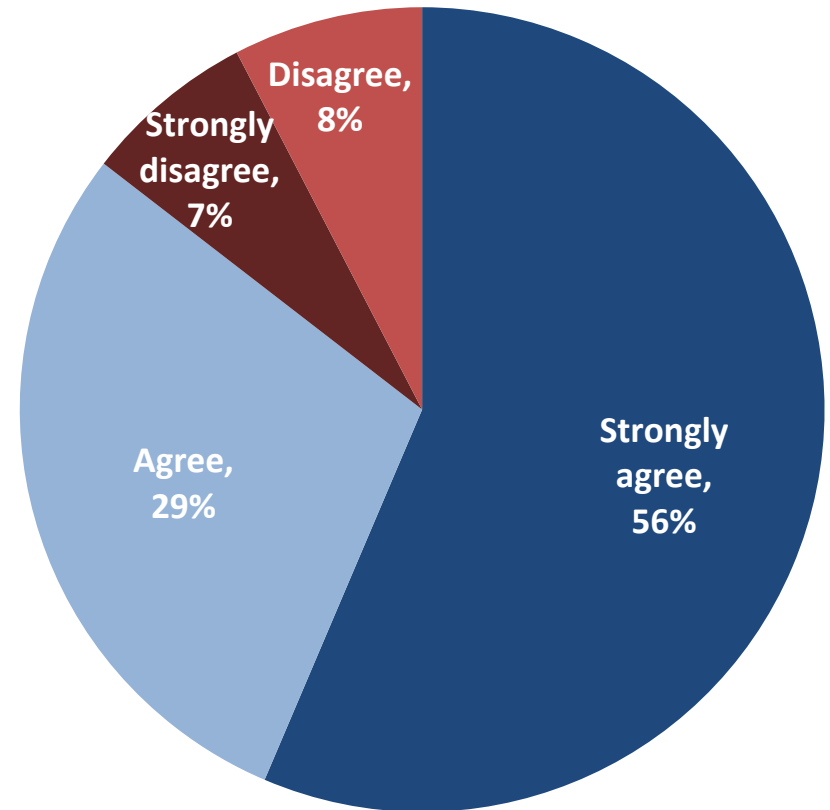


# How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

*Opposition political parties should be allowed to speak out to citizens in public.*

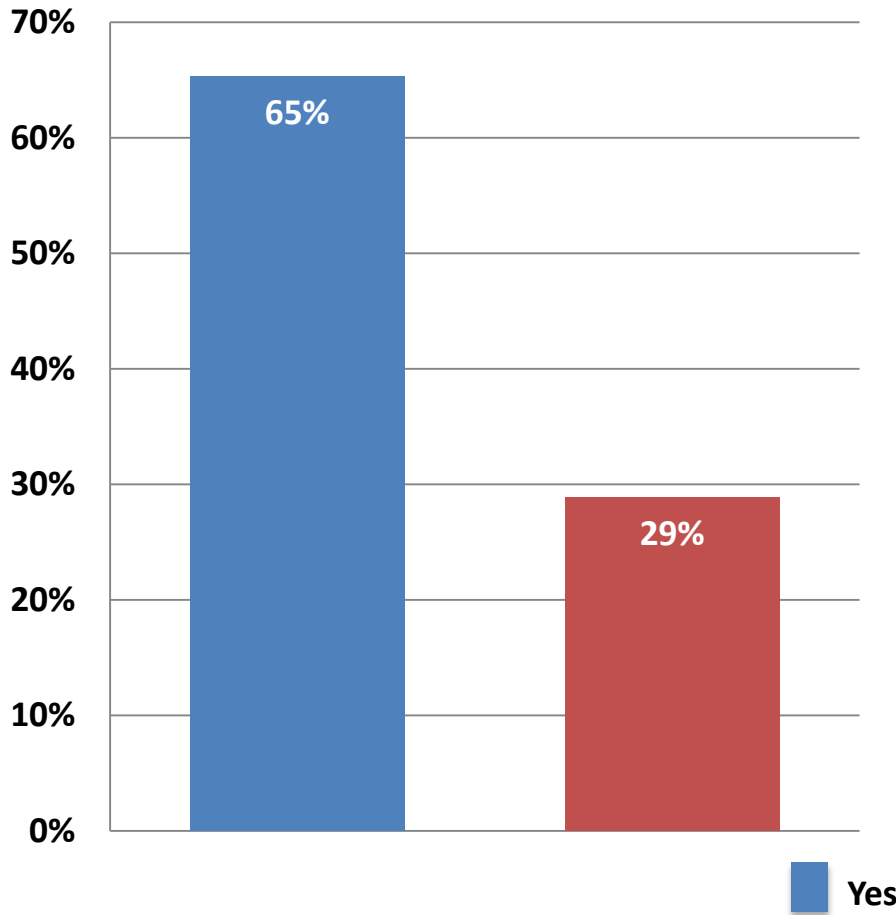


*People of all religions should be treated equally.*

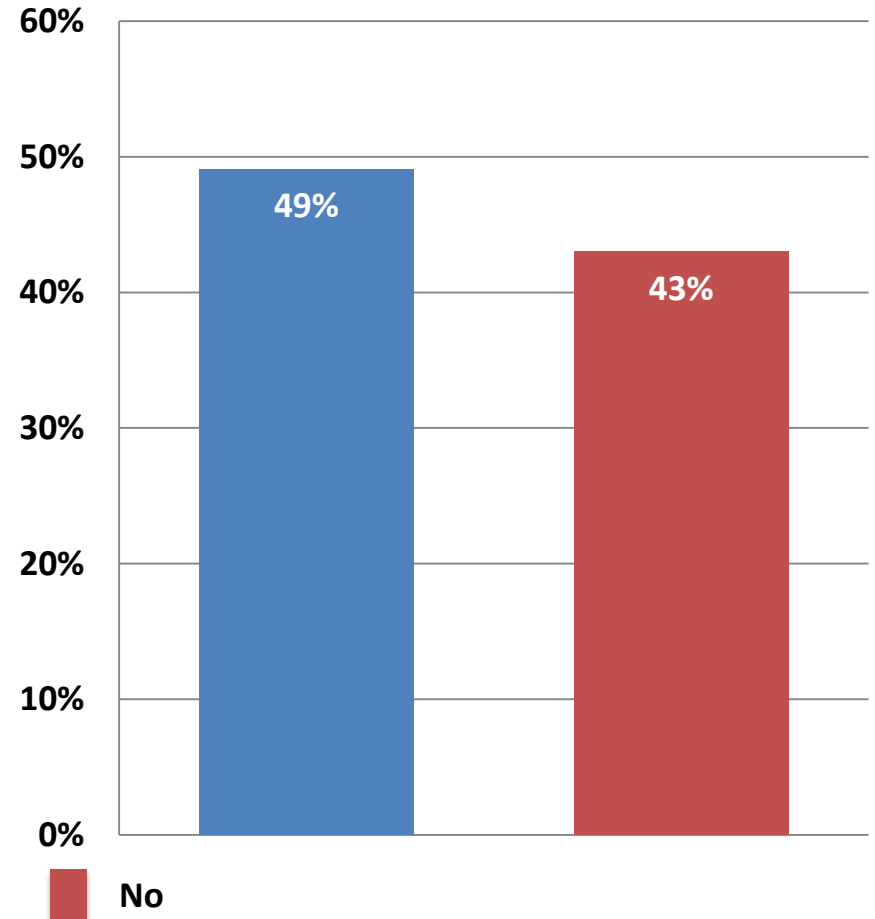


# In your opinion, should the President of South Sudan have the power to remove from office....in the event of crisis?

*Your state governor*

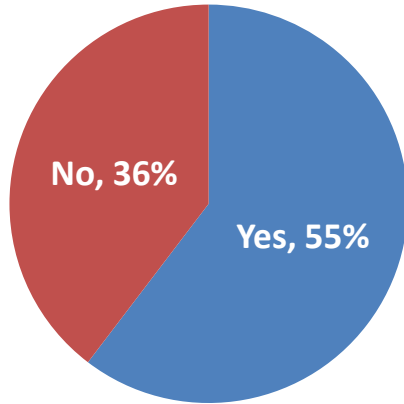


*Your state assembly*

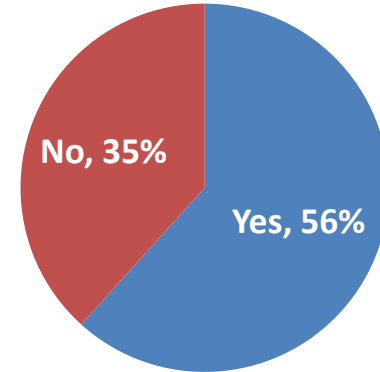


## In your opinion....

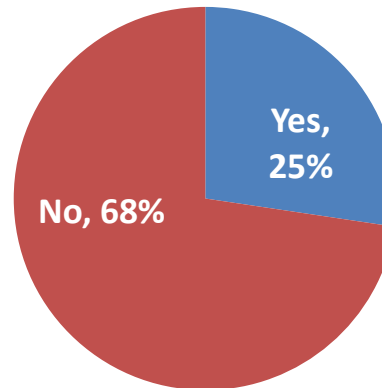
Should the National Legislature have the power to remove from office the president in the event of a crisis?



Should your state legislature have the power to remove from office your governor in the event of a crisis?

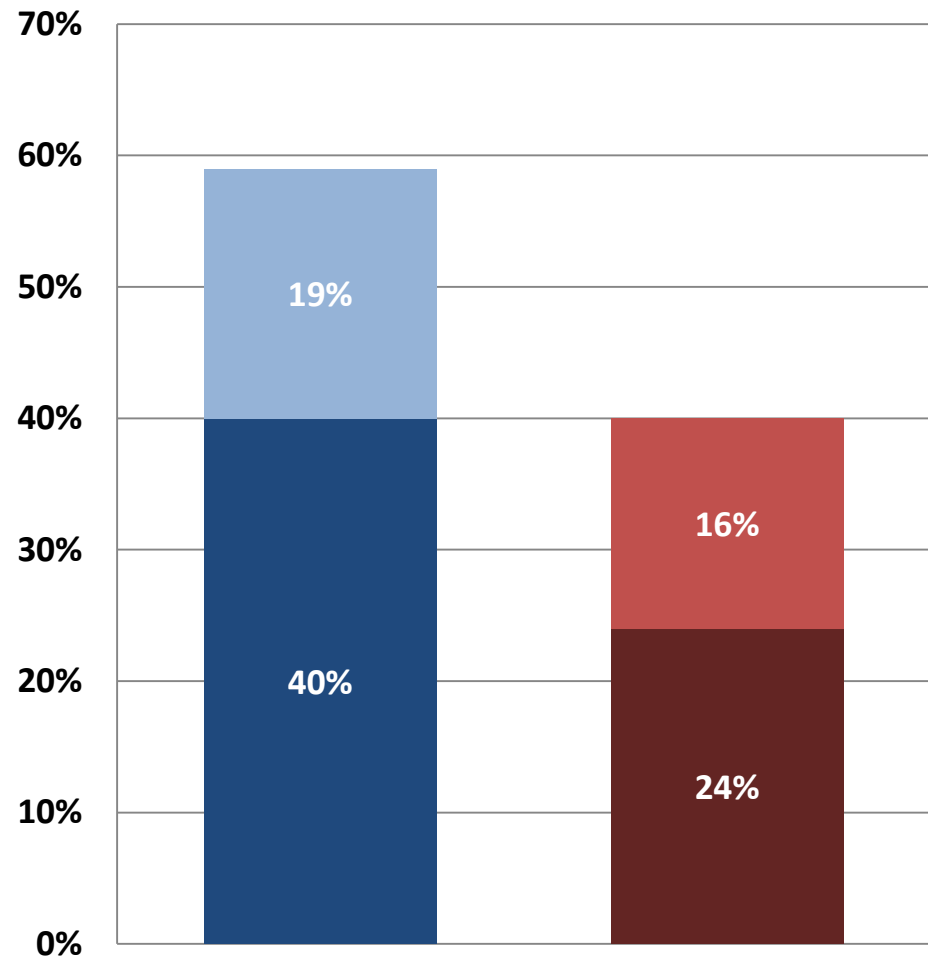


Should a current member of parliament have the right to hold another government position at the same time?

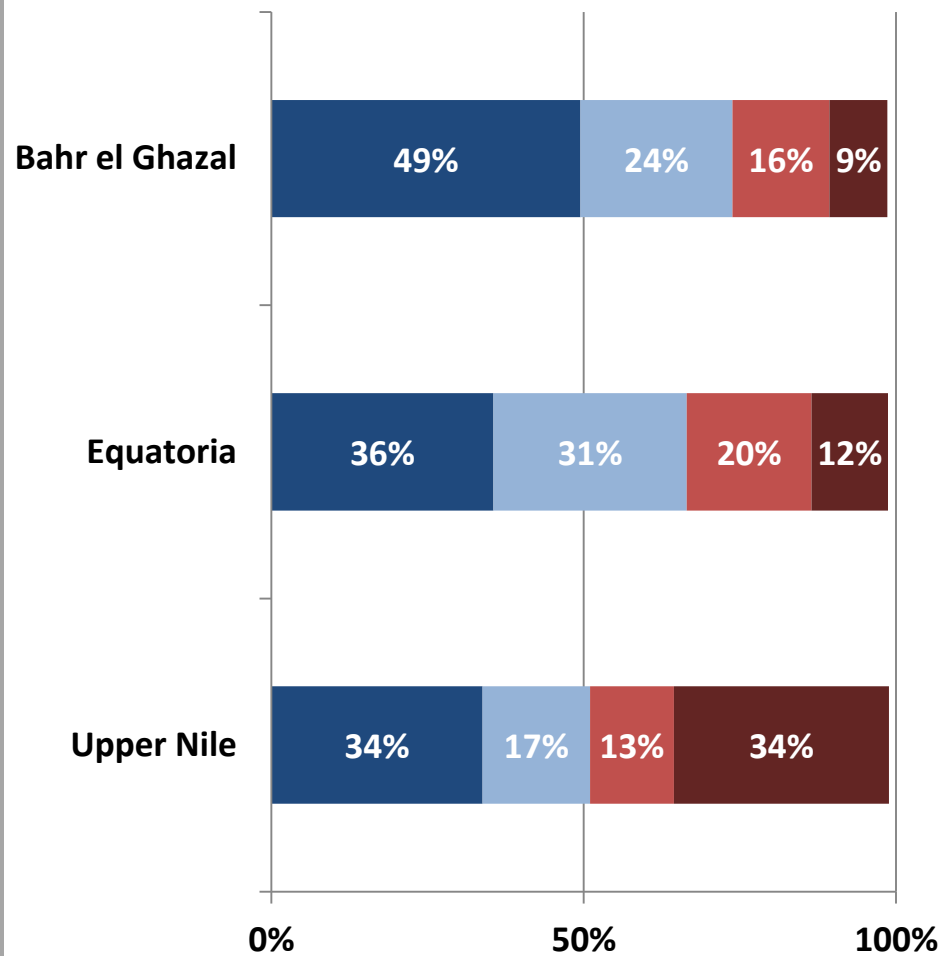


# Do you support or oppose the death penalty for murder?

## National



## By region



■ Strongly support ■ Support ■ Oppose ■ Strongly oppose



## Would you prefer the following to be handled in the traditional courts, the government courts, neither or both?

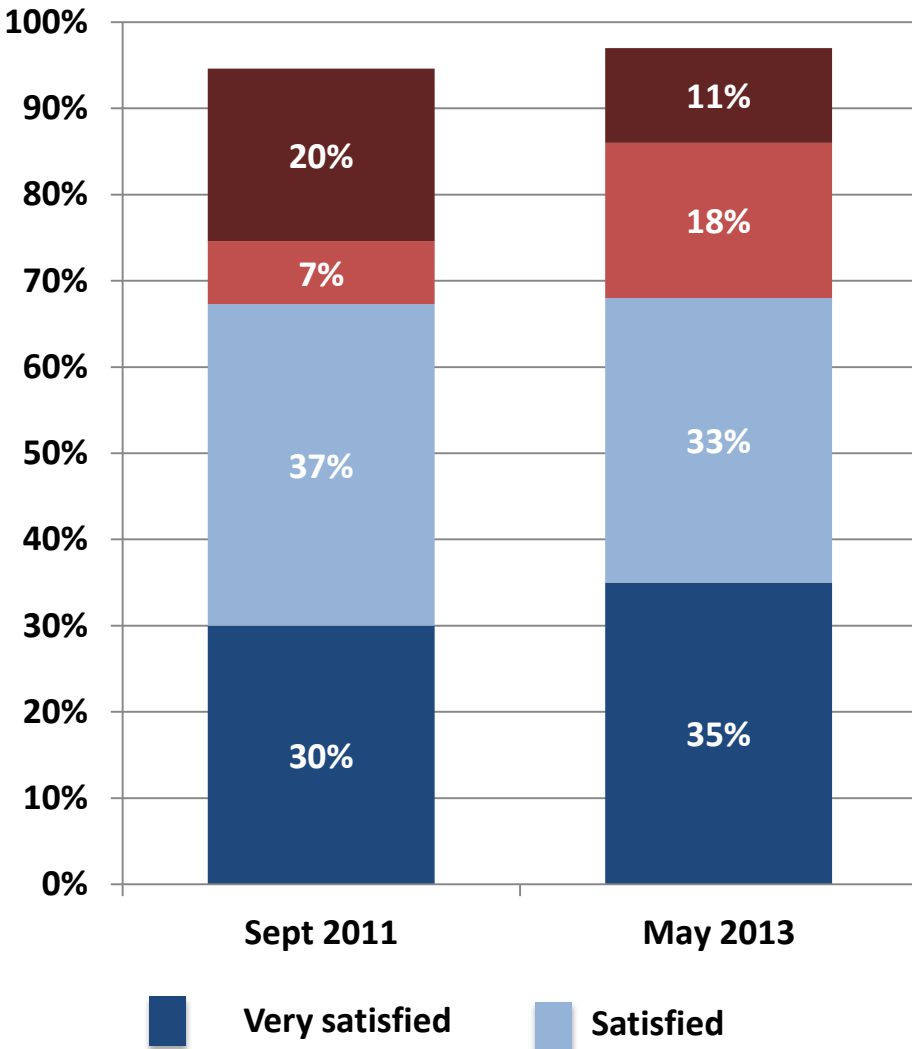
	Traditional courts	Government courts	Neither	Both
Rape	29%	57%	2%	12%
Defilement	21%	68%	2%	9%
Tribal conflict	23%	62%	2%	13%
Murder	12%	77%	1%	9%
Marriage / divorce	63%	20%	2%	14%
Small theft	62%	26%	4%	8%
Large theft	13%	74%	2%	11%
Land dispute	26%	53%	2%	17%

# Political Parties

# How satisfied are you with Sudan People's Liberation Movement's (SPLM) performance as the ruling party?

*National*

*By region*

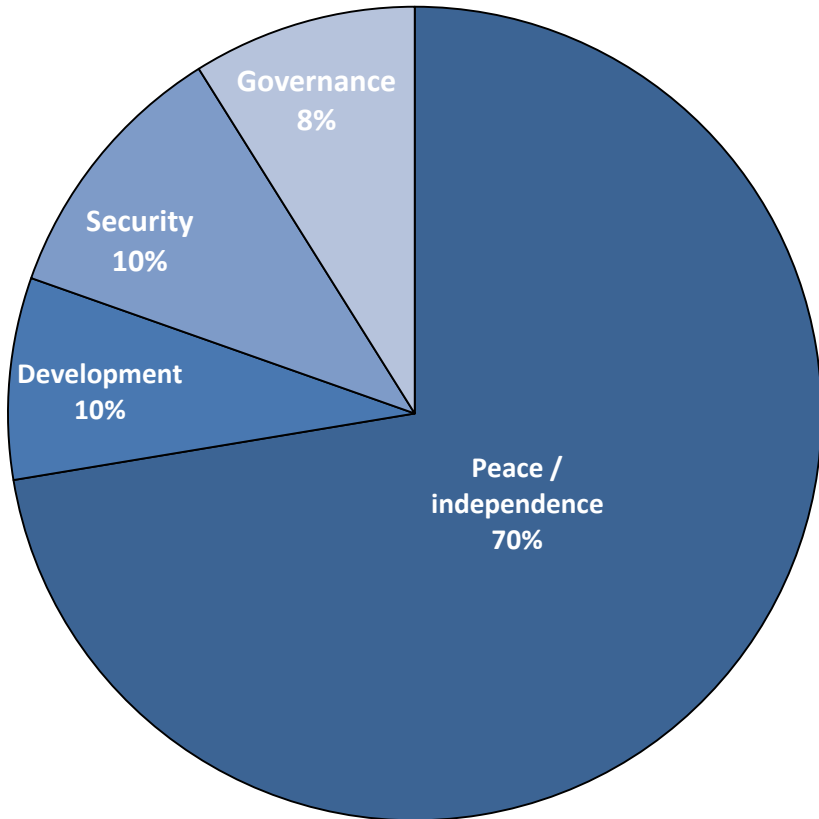


Region	Year	Satisfied	Not Satisfied
Equatoria	May-13	77%	22%
	May-12	73%	25%
	Sept-11	75%	20%
	Change	1%	
Upper Nile	May-13	49%	47%
	Sept-11	51%	42%
	Change	-2%	
Bahr el Ghazal	May-13	80%	16%
	Sept-11	80%	16%
	Change	0%	

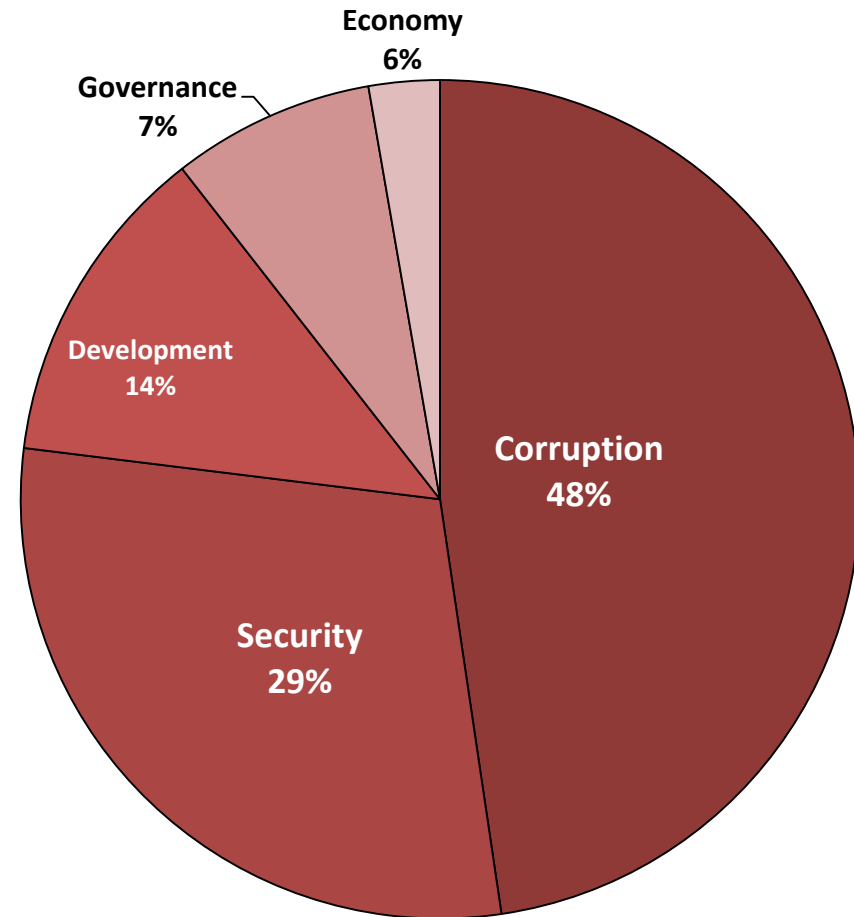
■ Very satisfied   
 ■ Satisfied   
 ■ Unsatisfied   
 ■ Not at all satisfied

# Why do you say that (you are satisfied/not satisfied) with the SPLM's performance?

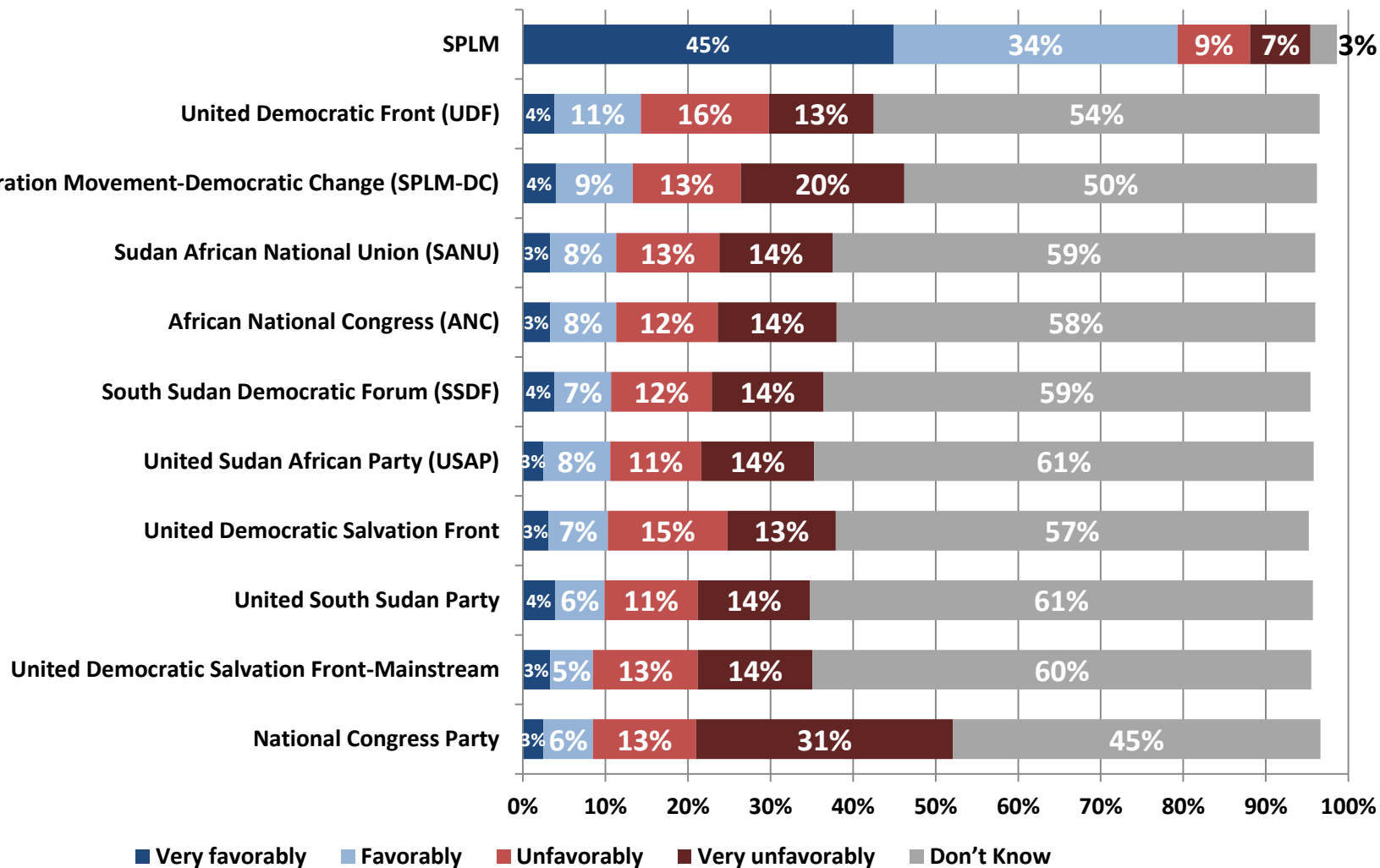
*Satisfied,  
top four responses (n=1,724)*



*Not satisfied,  
top five responses (n=720)*

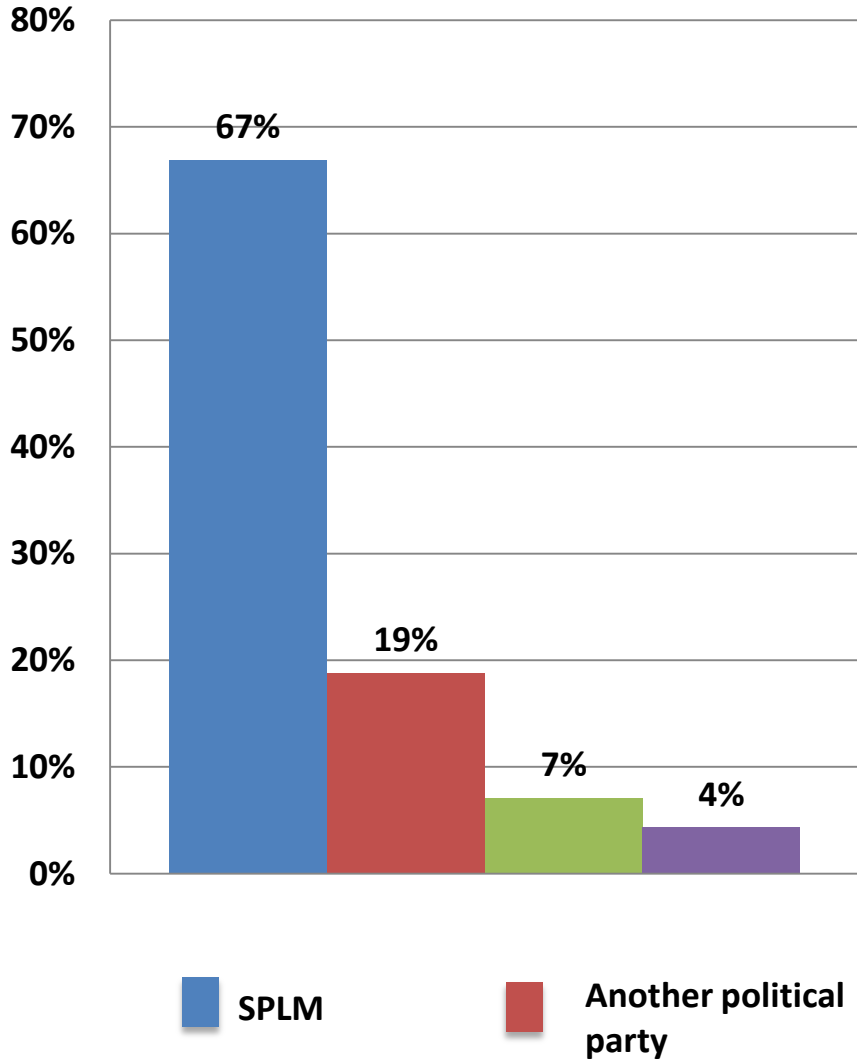


# How favorable are you towards the following political parties? For each one, please tell me whether you think very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorably about them.

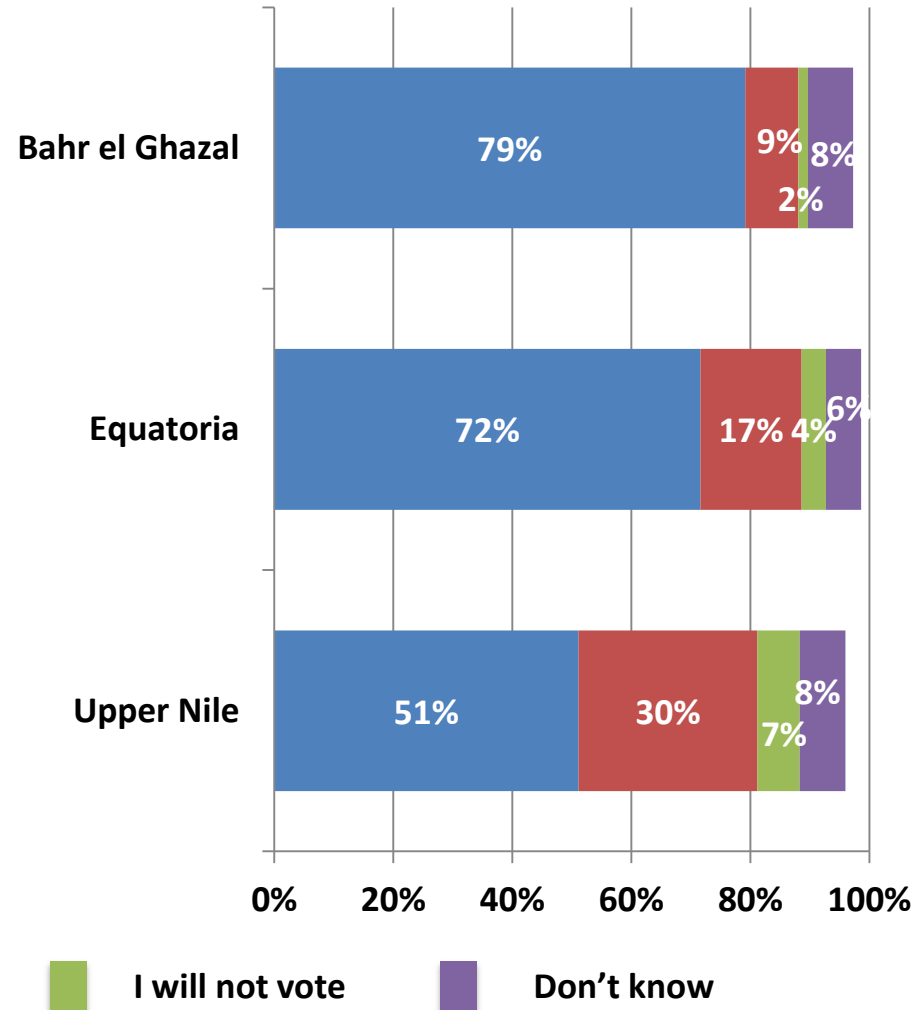


# If a presidential election were held today, would you most likely vote for a candidate from the SPLM or another political party?

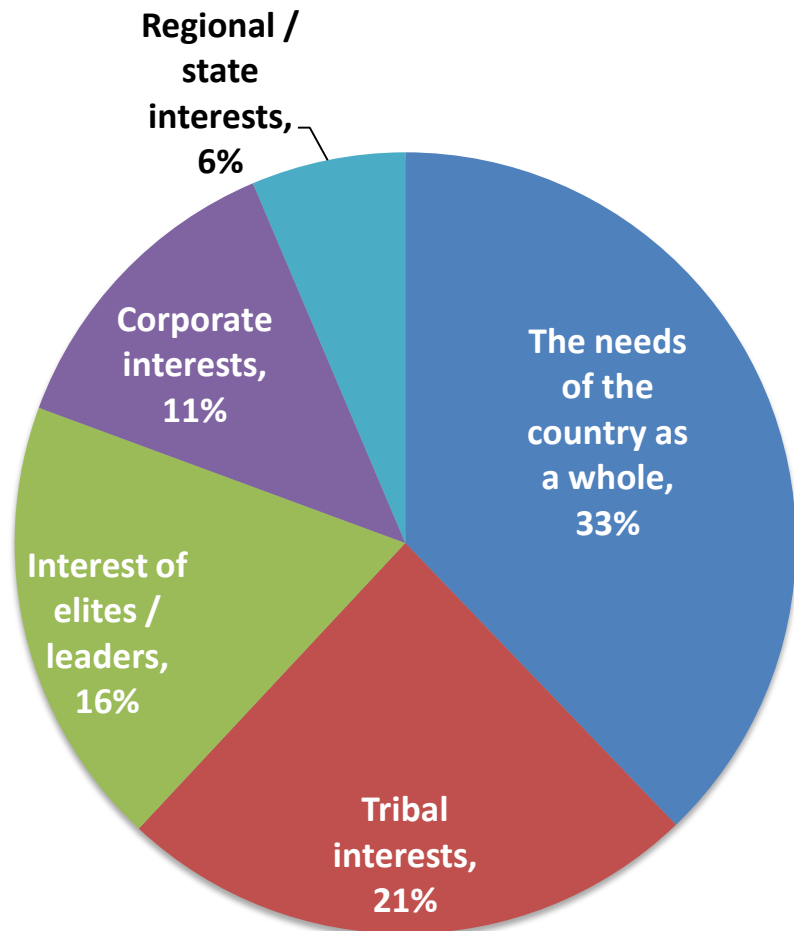
*National*



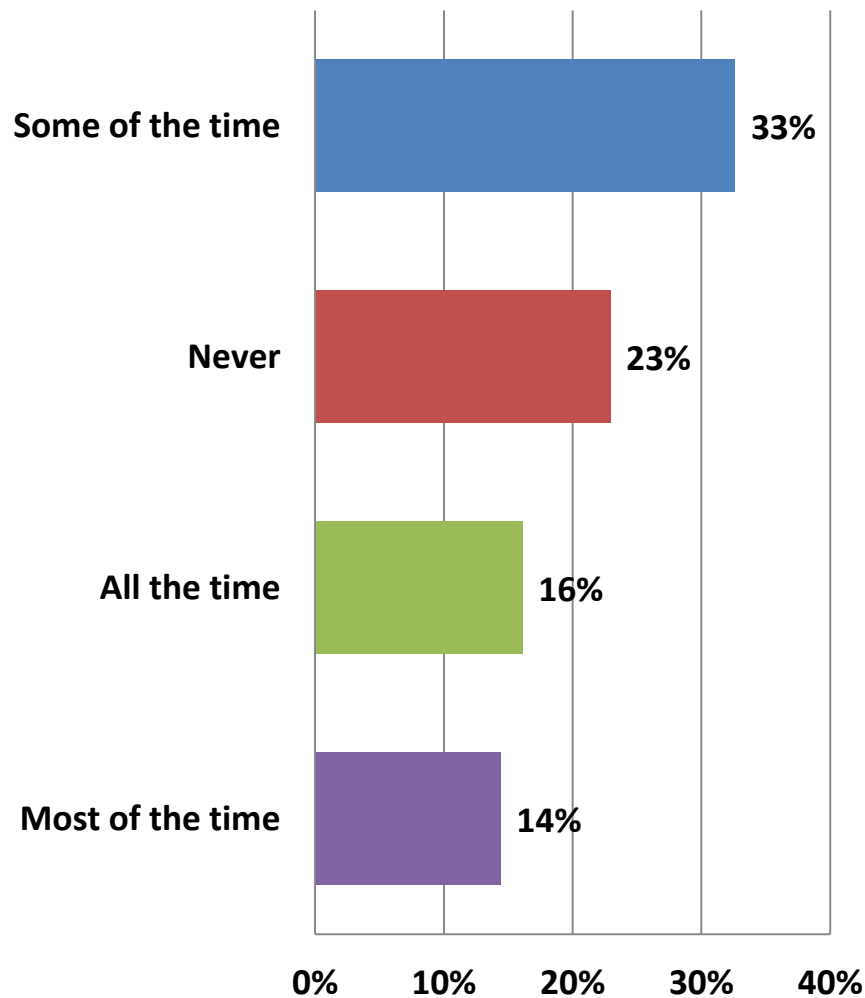
*By region*



## Do you think political parties in South Sudan represent the needs of....

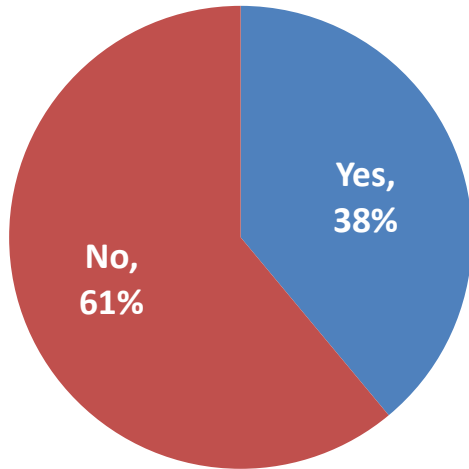


## In your opinion, how often do political parties represent the views of citizens?

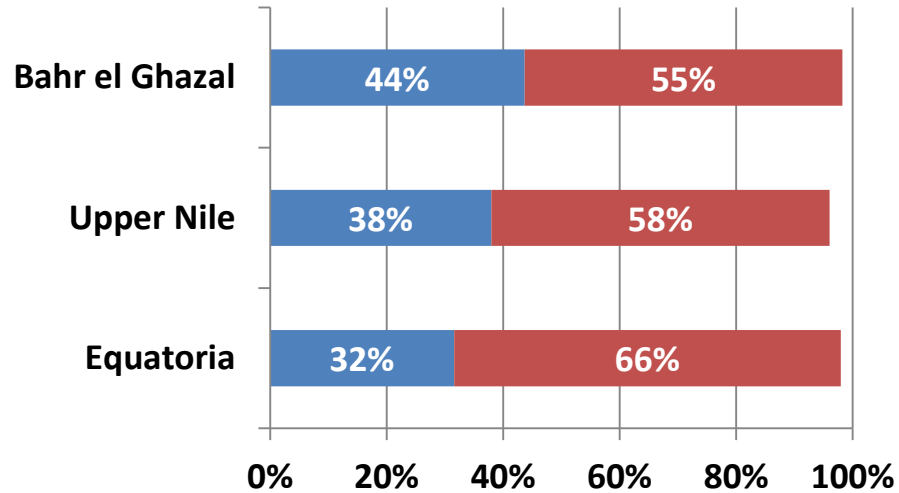


# Are you a member of a political party?

*National*

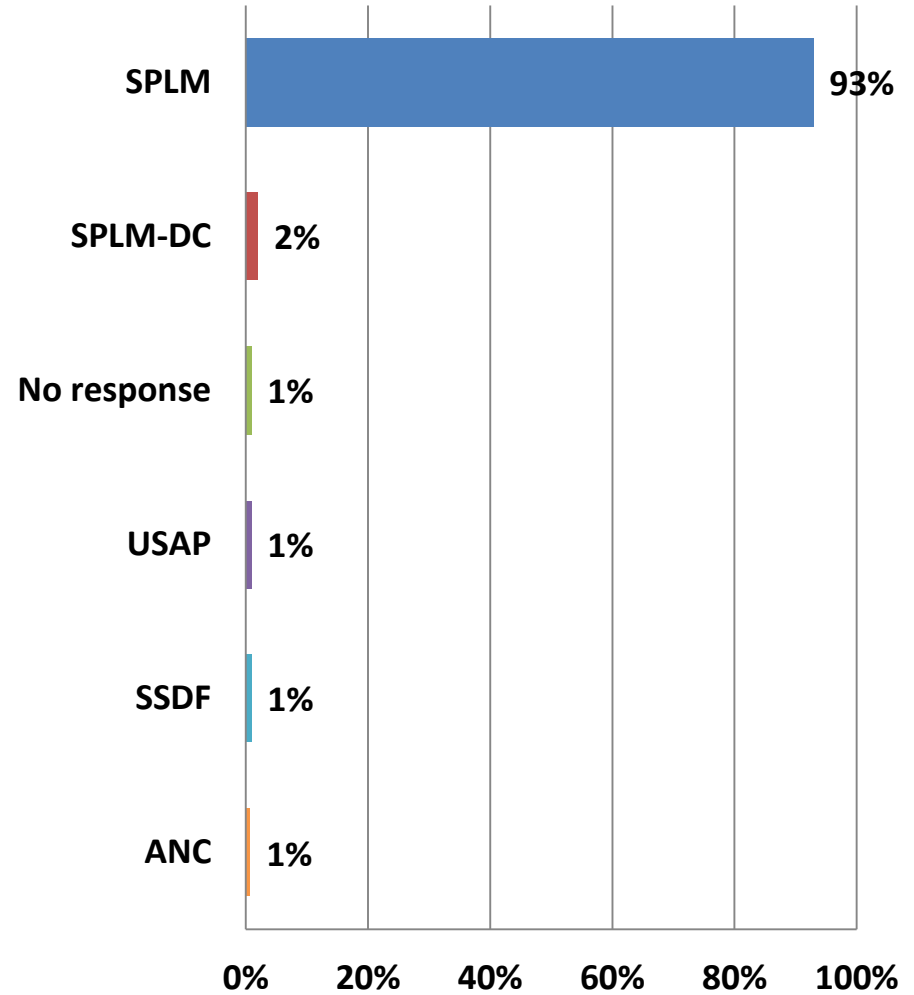


*By region*



# If you are a member of a political party, which party?

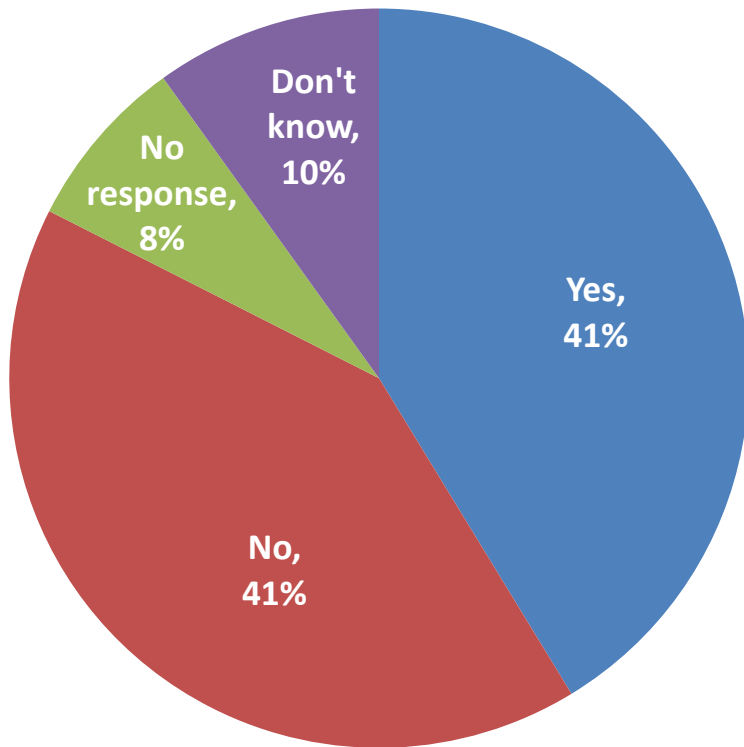
*Open-ended, top six responses (n=961)*





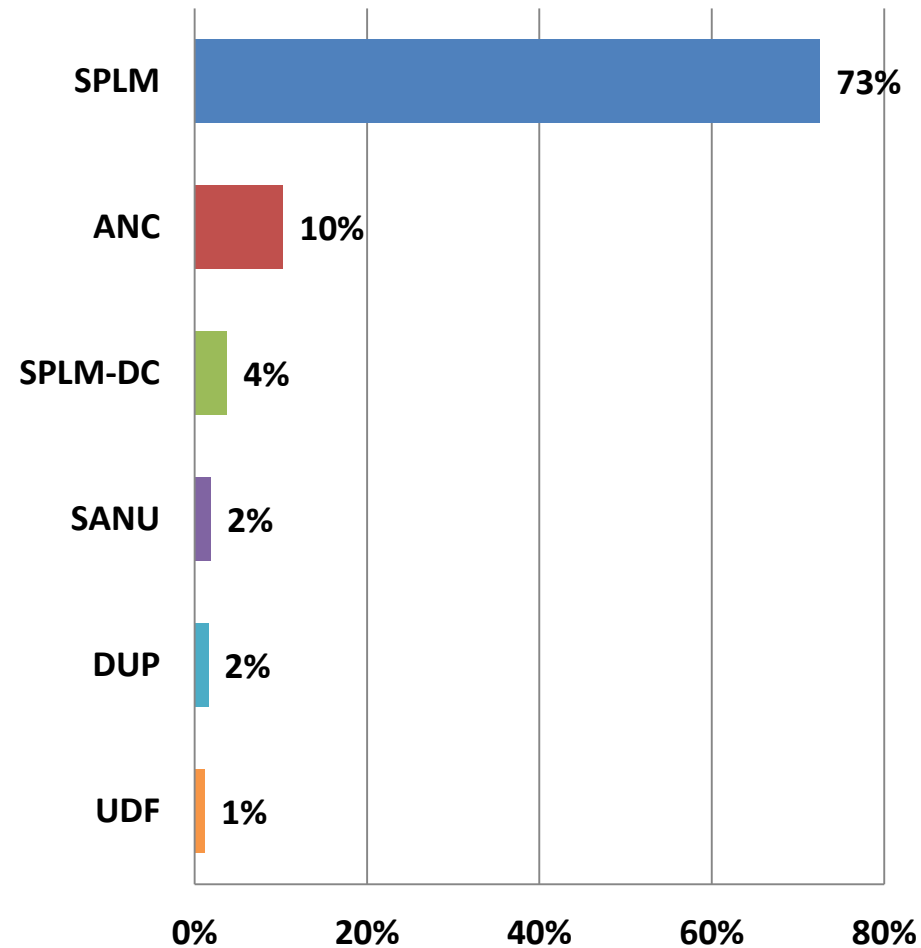
**Do you feel there is at least one political party that represents your views?**

*(n=1,506)*



**If you feel there is at least one political party that represents your views, which party is it?**

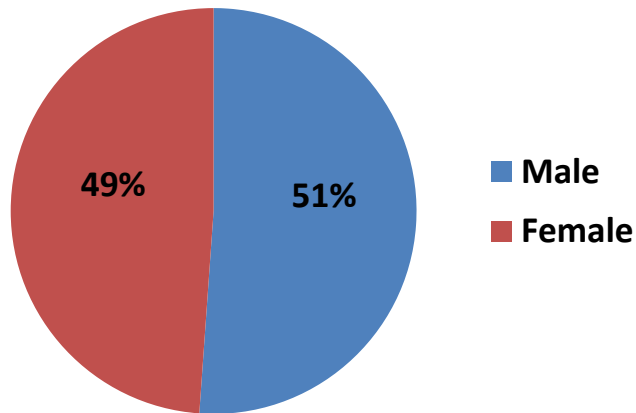
*Open-ended, top six responses (n=621)*



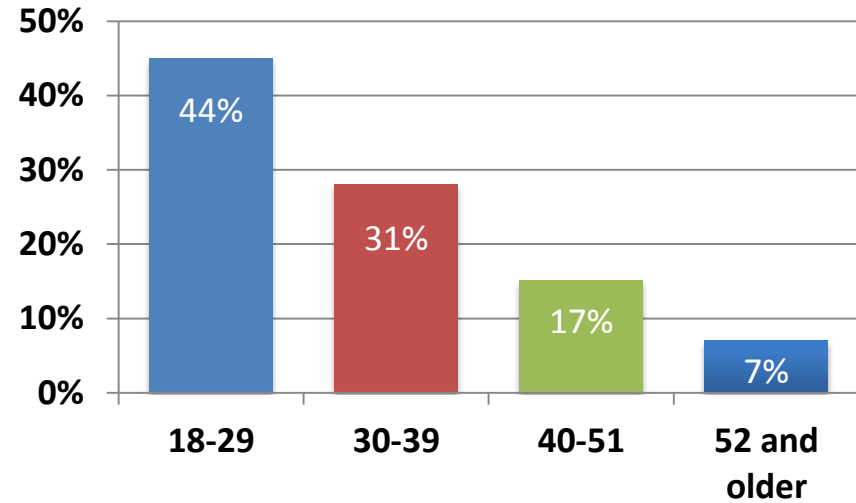
# Demographics

# Gender, Age, Education and Religion

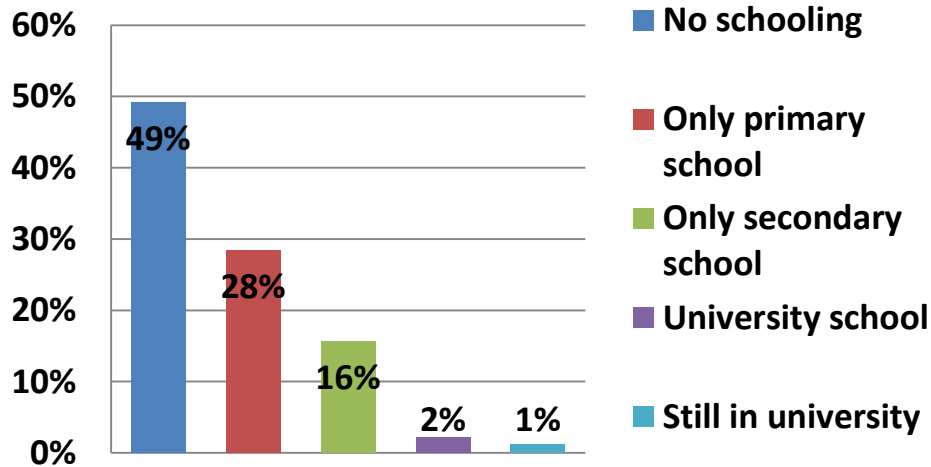
**Gender**



**Age**



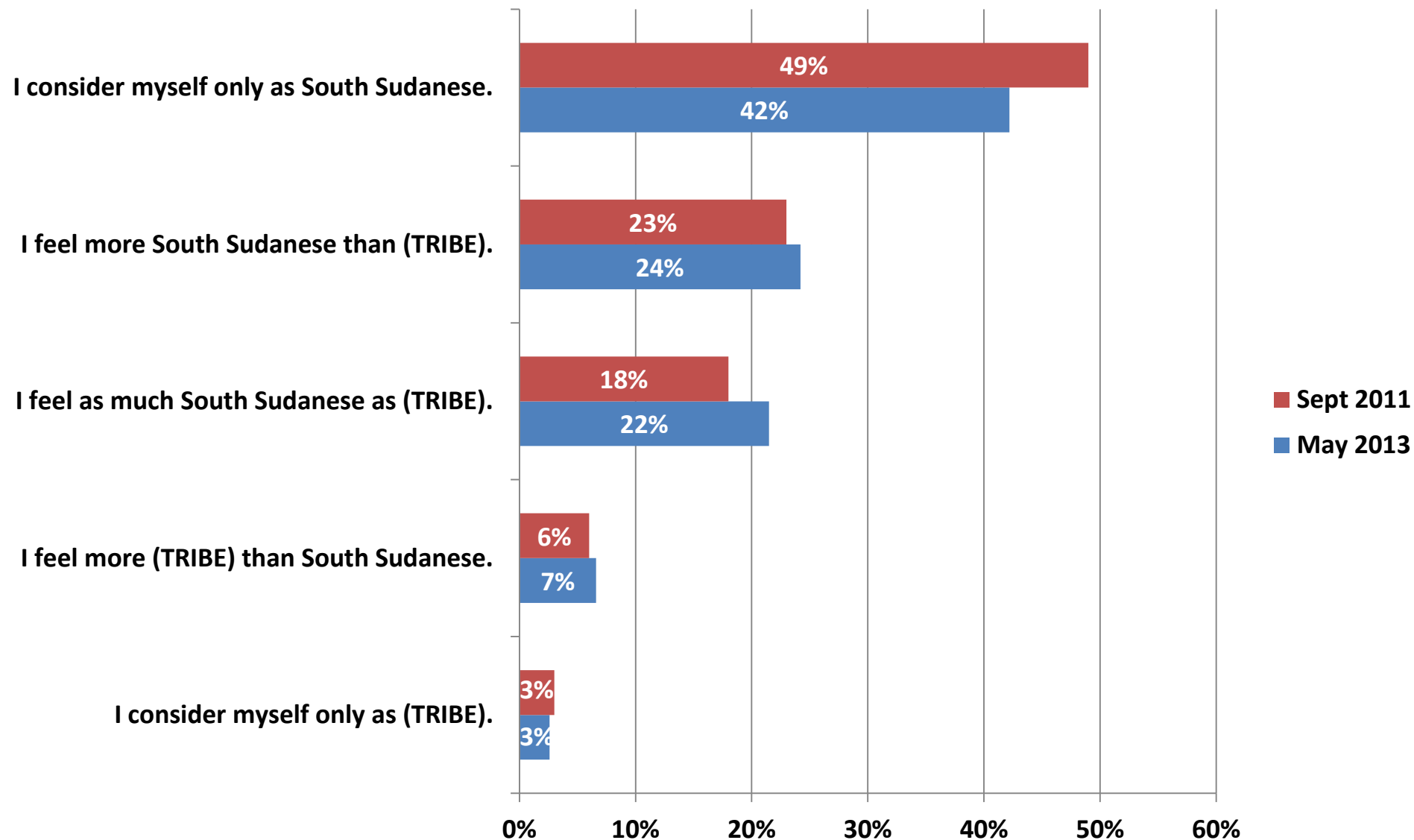
**Education**



Religion	Percentage
Christian (Unspecified)	38%
Catholic	27%
Protestant	13%
Episcopalian Church of Sudan	9%
Traditional	7%
Muslim	2%
Non-religious	1%
Seventh Day Adventist	1%
Jehovah Witness	1%
African Inland Church	1%
Evangelist	<1%
Baptist	<1%

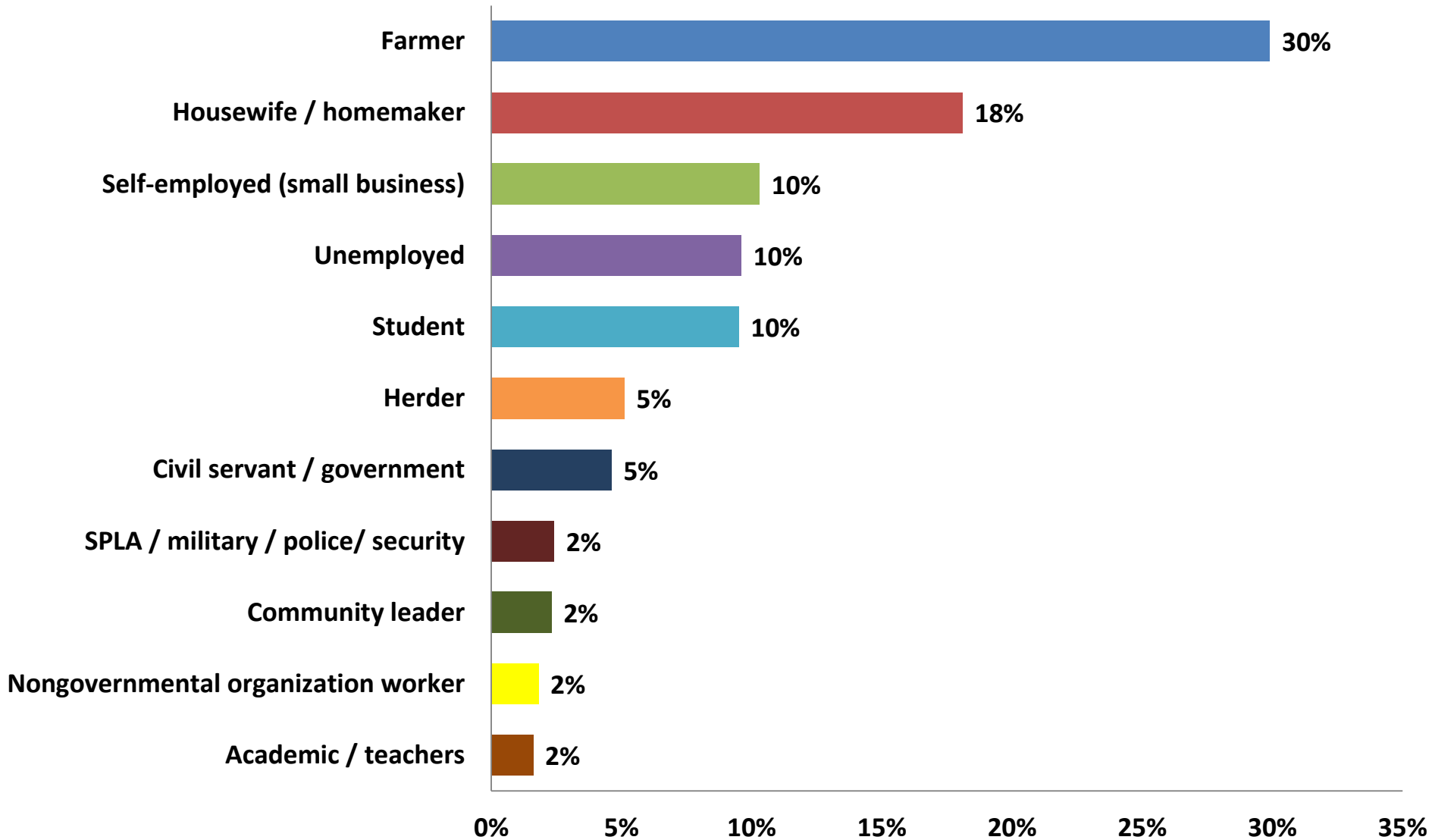
# Which of the following statements most applies to you?

*Tracked from 2011*



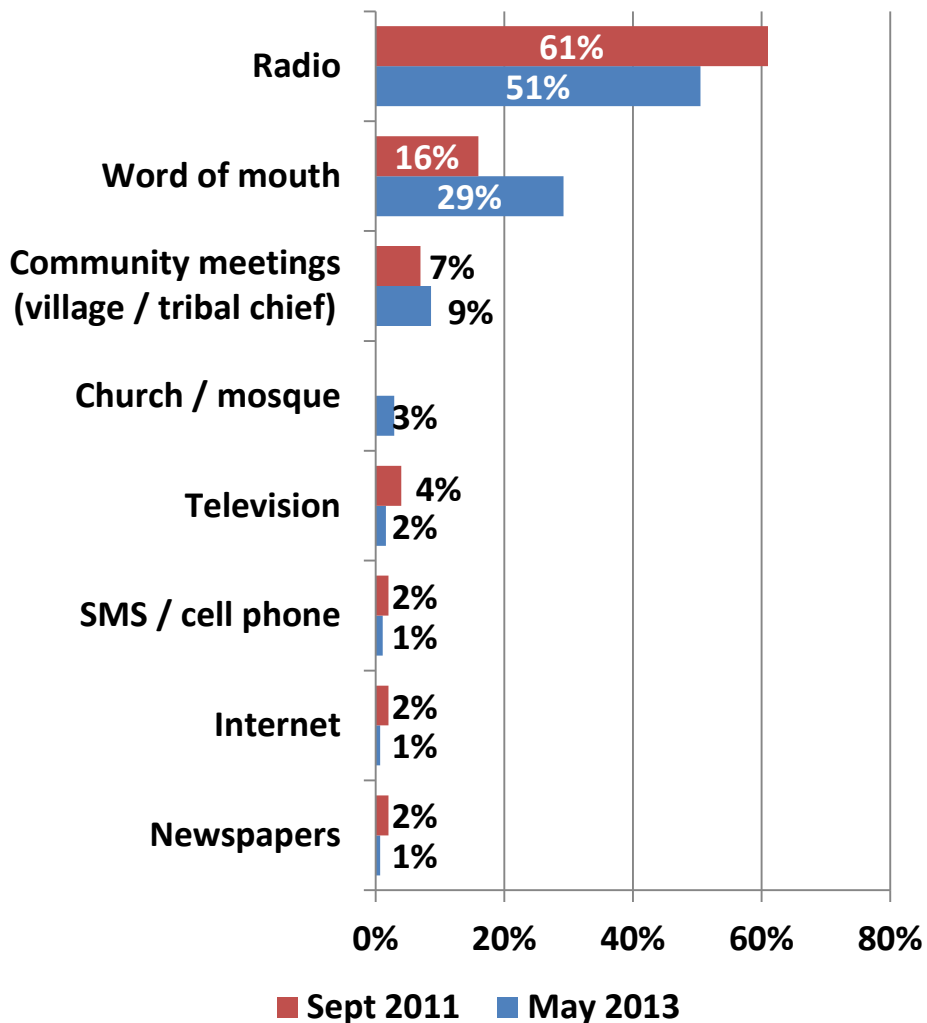
# What is your present occupation?

*Top 10 responses*



# What is your primary source of news and information?

*National, tracked from 2011*



*By region*

	Upper Nile	Bahr el Ghazal	Equatoria
Radio	43%	48%	63%
Word of mouth	39%	34%	13%
Community meetings (village / tribal chief)	5%	7%	15%
Television	3%	1%	1%
SMS / cell phone	2%	1%	1%
Church / mosque	2%	2%	5%
Internet	2%	0%	0%
Newspapers	1%	1%	1%

# Which radio station do you listen to most often for news and information?

*Open Ended, top 11 responses*

National		Equatoria		Upper Nile		Bahr el Ghazal	
Miraya FM	47%	Miraya FM	42%	Miraya FM	62%	Miraya FM	38%
BBC	6%	Voice of Kajo Keji	12%	BBC	10%	Rumbek FM	17%
Rumbek FM	5%	Radio Juba	10%	Radio Jonglei	7%	Kwajok FM	10%
Voice of Kajo Keji	4%	Yambio FM	7%	Bentiu FM	4%	Nyomlau FM	8%
Radio Juba	4%	BBC	5%	Radio Malakal	3%	Mayardit FM	7%
Kwajok FM	3%	Voice of Freedom	4%	Naath FM	3%	Weerbei FM	7%
Nyomlau FM	3%	Emmanuel FM	3%	Eye Radio	3%	Good News FM	5%
Yambio FM	2%	Yei Spirit FM	3%	SS TV	3%	BBC	4%
Mayardit FM	2%	Grace FM	2%	Nasir FM	2%	Voice of Hope	1%
Radio Jonglei	2%	Anisa FM	2%	Sout al Mahabba	1%	Wanjok FM	1%
Weerbei FM	2%	Eye Radio	2%	Radio Juba	<1%	Wau FM	<1%

# How often do you get your news and information from the following sources?

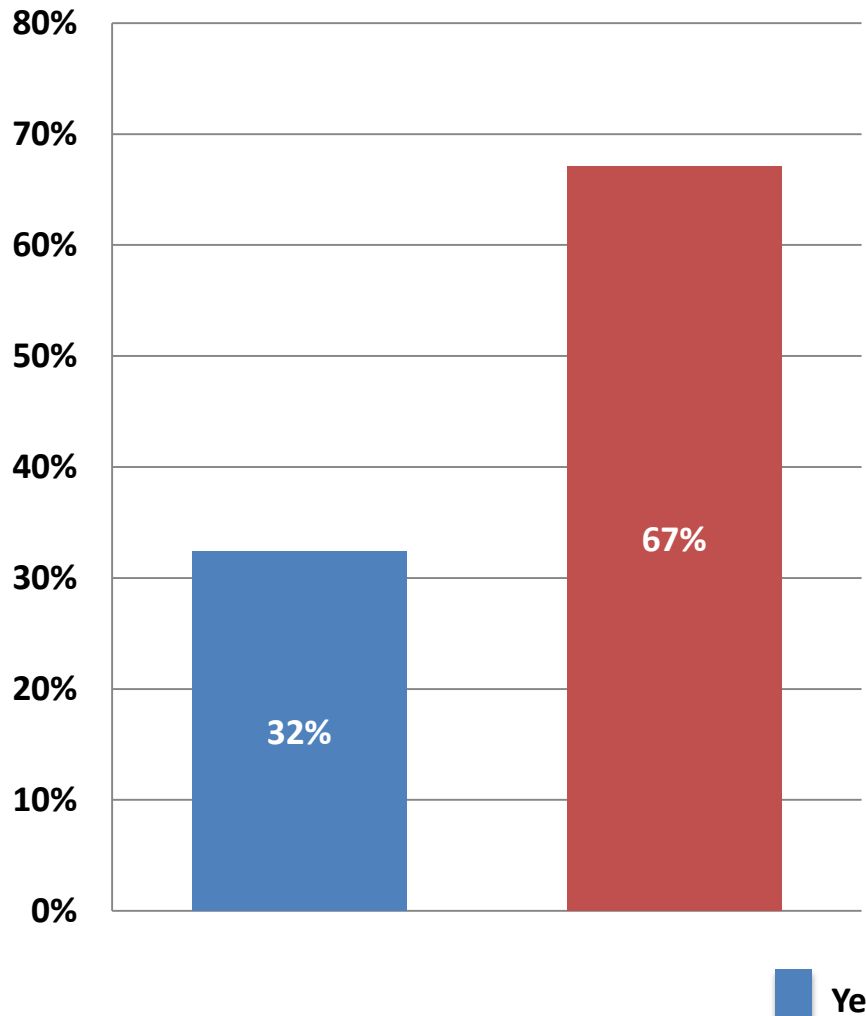
*Tracked from 2011*

	Year	Never	Less than once a month	A few times a week	Every day
Radio	May 2013	42%	4%	19%	33%
	Sept 2011	28%	4%	16%	48%
Television	May 2013	87%	4%	5%	3%
	Sept 2011	69%	5%	12%	8%
Newspapers	May 2013	87%	4%	5%	1%
	Sept 2011	73%	7%	8%	4%
SMS / cell phone	May 2013	80%	3%	7%	6%
	Sept 2011	62%	5%	9%	17%
Internet	May 2013	88%	2%	3%	2%
	Sept 2011	82%	4%	4%	3%



# Do you own a mobile phone?

## National



## By region

