Survey of Tunisian Public Opinion

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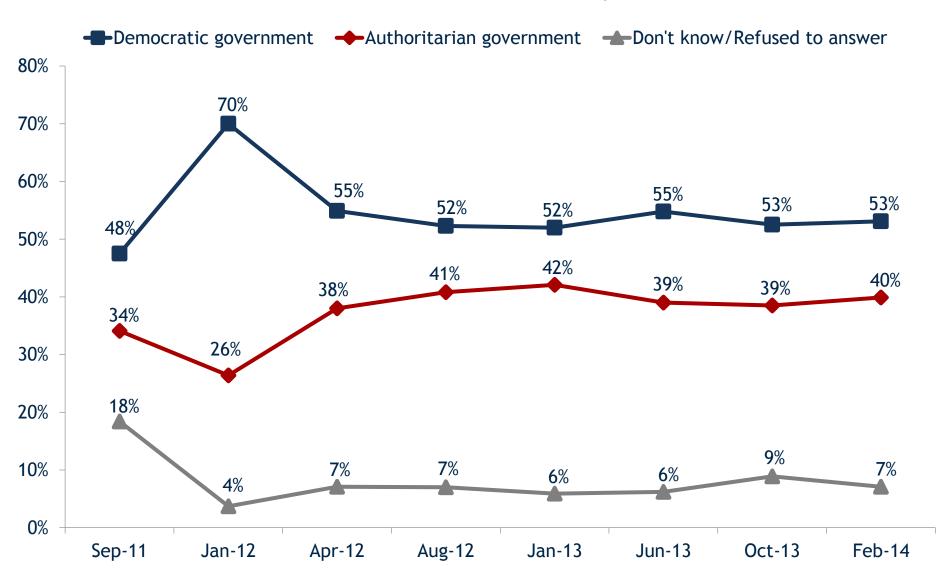
Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the <u>International Republican Institute</u>, by Tunisian owned and operated marketing research firm, <u>ELKA Consulting</u> under the supervision of David Williams from <u>Williams and Associates</u> of Salem, Massachusetts.
- Data was collected February 12-22, 2014, using in-person, face-to-face methodology by trained professional interviewers.
- The sample was 1,232 adult Tunisians aged 18 and older.
- Interviewer were conducted using a multi-stage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution.
- 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. The sample was then post-weighted to make it proportionate to national representation by province.
- Each of Tunisia's 24 governorates was divided into territorial sections or districts. In every territorial section at least one point of survey was selected with the overall number of points determined by population density. In every point of survey, interviewers were called to do no more than 10 interviews. Points of survey were distributed proportionally between rural and urban areas in every governorate and in every geographical section of the governorate. Points of survey in a territorial section within a governorate were selected randomly.
- The Kish method was used to select respondents 18 years and older within randomly selected households. The left-hand method was used to select every third household in localities selected through an area probability sample.
- The overall margin of error is plus or minus 2.84 percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level.
- 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 conducted with support from the <u>Middle East Partnership Initiative</u>.

Majority Support Democracy

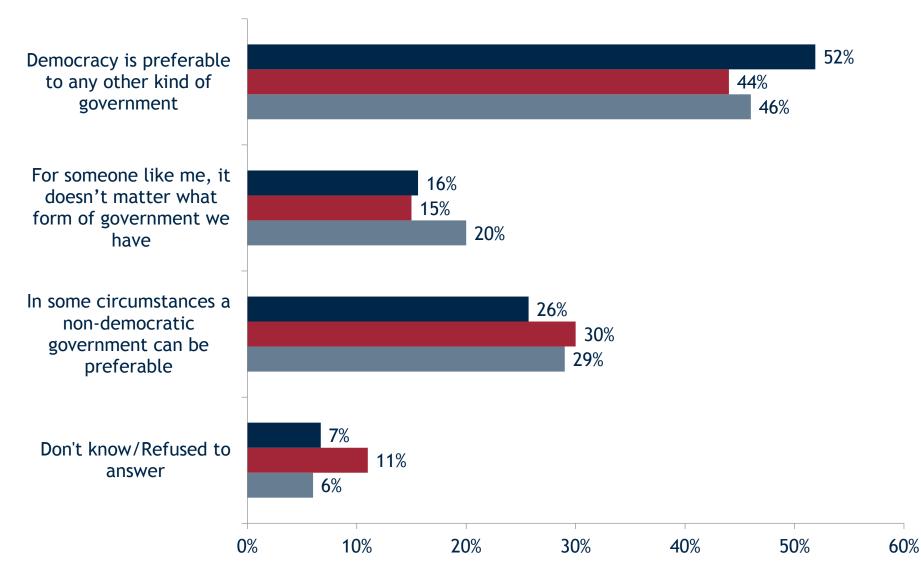
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If you had a choice between a stable and prosperous Tunisia that was ruled by an authoritarian government or a democratic government that led to an unstable and insecure Tunisia, which would you choose?

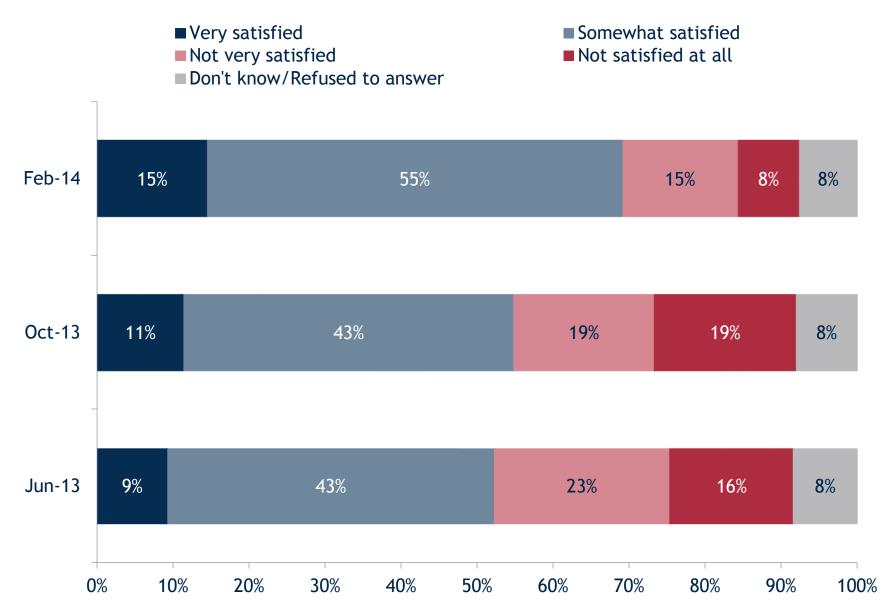


I am going to read you three statements. Please indicate which is closest to your own opinion.

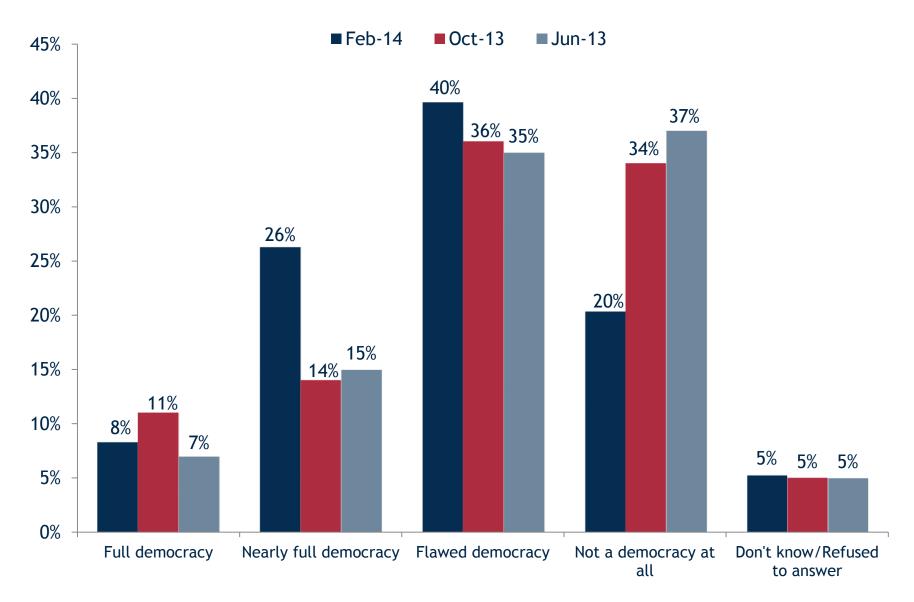
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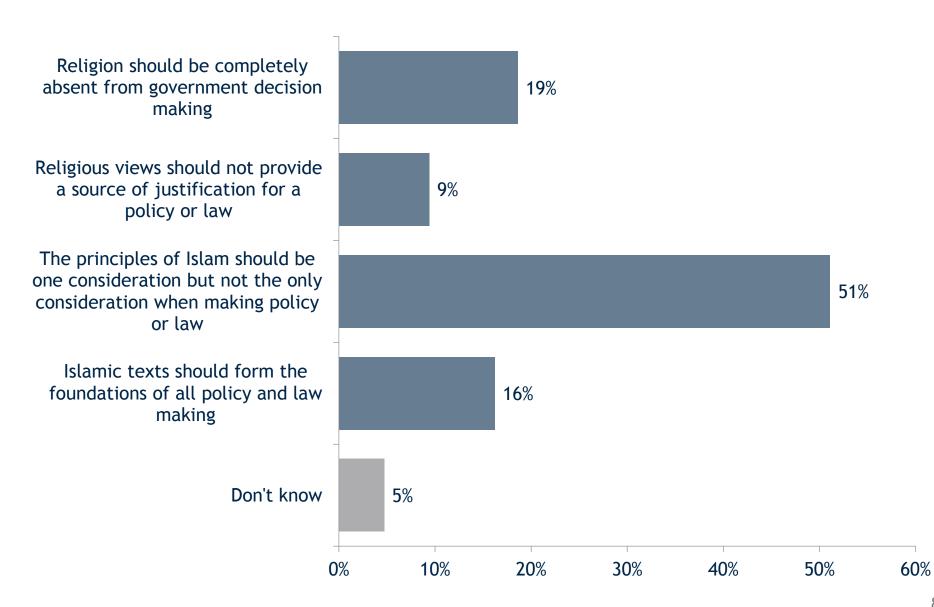
How satisfied are you with democracy in Tunisia at present?



Thinking about Tunisia's current political system, do you believe Tunisia is a democracy at present?



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

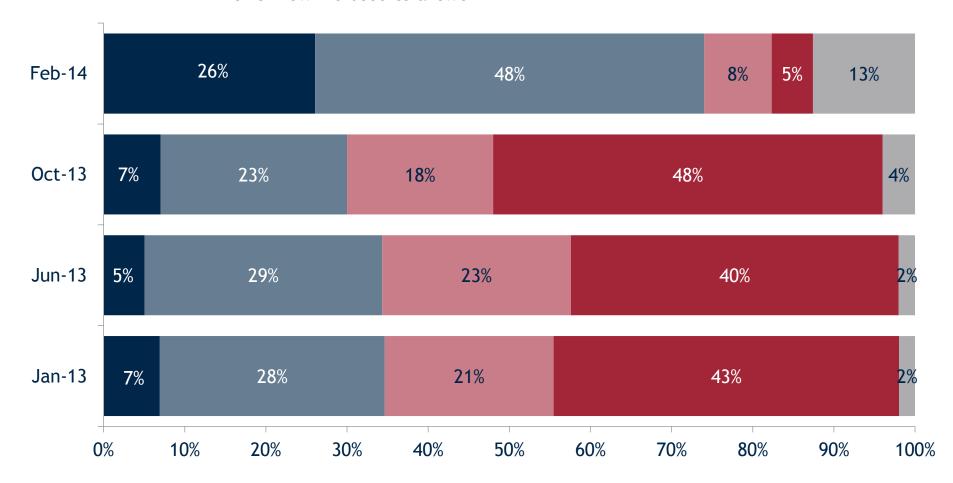


Growing Satisfaction and Significant Shift in Mood of the Country

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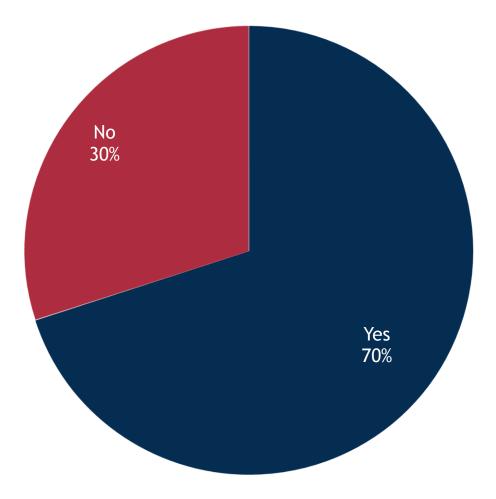
Thinking about the current government, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied or not satisfied at all with the current* government's performance?

Very satisfied Not very satisfied Don't know/Refused to answer Somewhat satisfied Not satisfied at all



*The Islamist-led government peacefully handed power to a nonpartisan technocrat government at the end of January 2014.

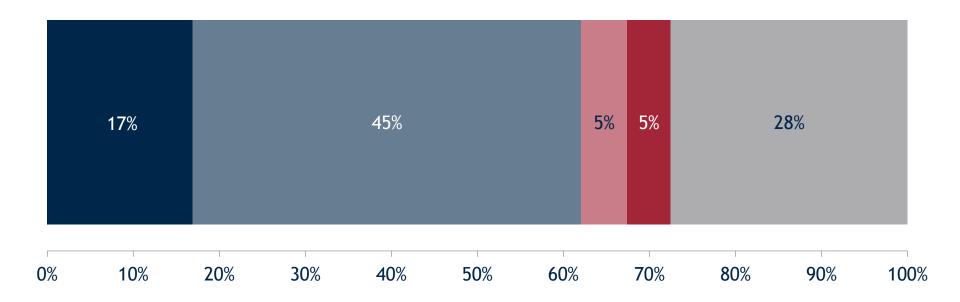
Are you aware that the new constitution has been passed?



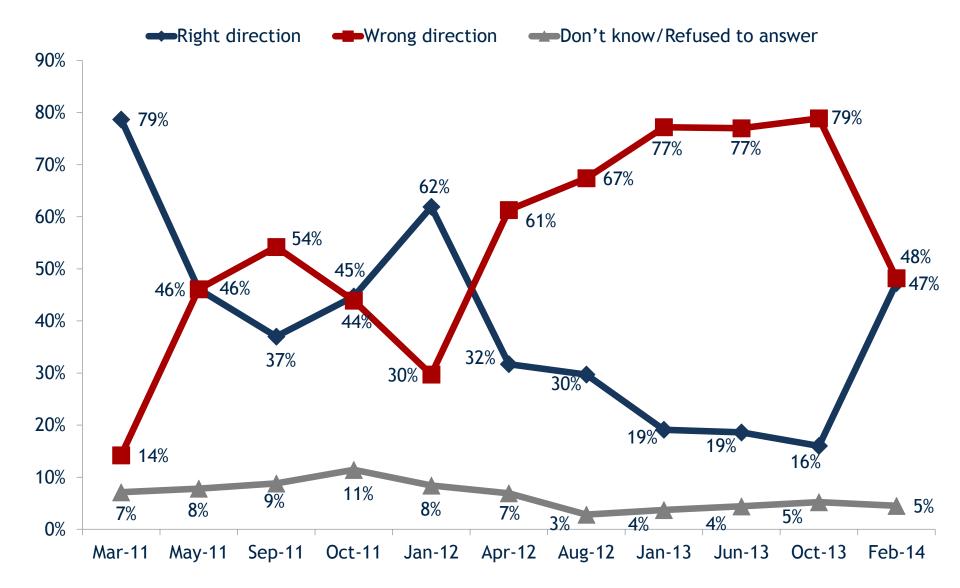
How satisfied are you with the new constitution? (asked of those who were aware the new constitution had passed, n=863)

Very satisfiedNot satisfied at all

Somewhat satisfied
Not very satisfied
Don't know/Refused to answer



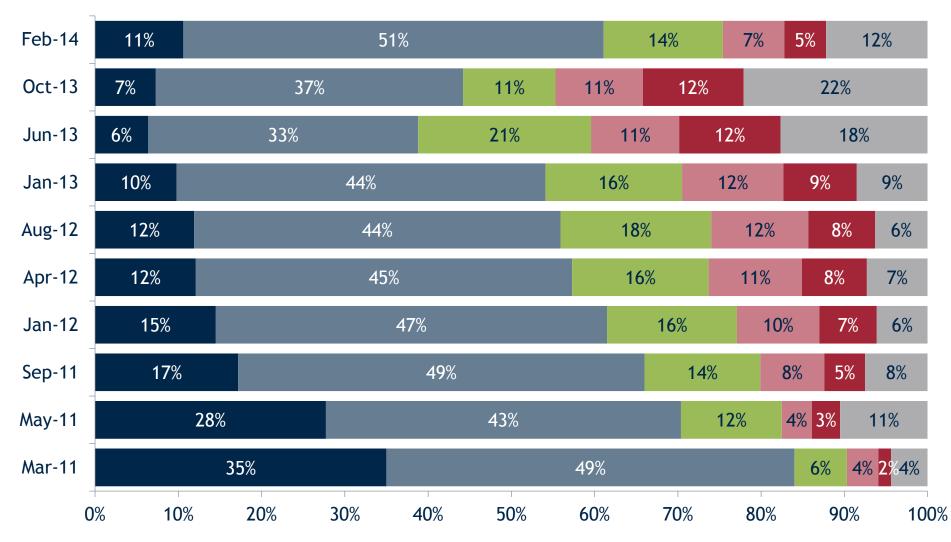
How would you say that things are going in Tunisia these days? Are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



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

Much betterSameMuch worse

- Somewhat better
- Somewhat worse
- Don't know/Refused to answer



Priority Issues: The Economy, Unemployment and Security

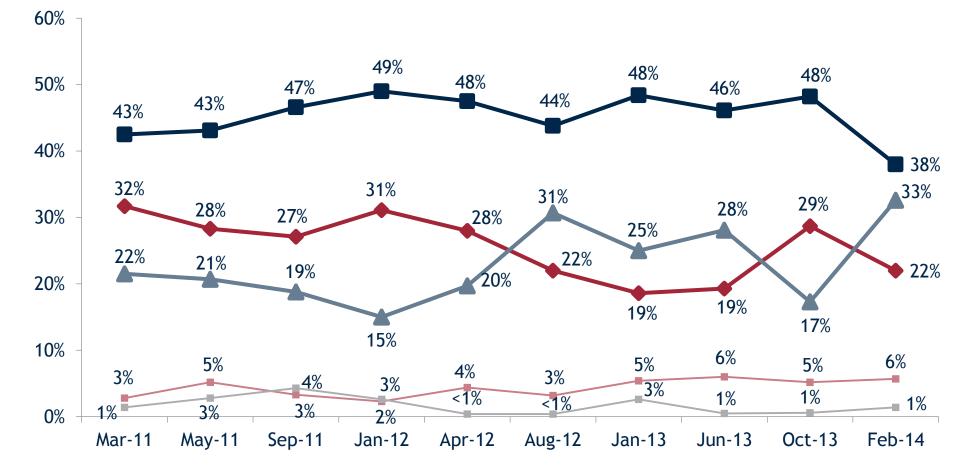
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What would you say are the most important problems facing Tunisia as a whole? (open-ended, top responses only)

	First mention	Second mention	Third mention	Total
Unemployment	32%	20%	15%	67 %
Economy/Financial crisis	15%	29 %	16%	60%
Terrorism	26%	12%	13%	50%
Security	10%	15%	15%	40%
Corruption/Transparency	3%	4%	6%	13%
Strikes/Sit-ins	2%	4%	5%	11%
Violence/Delinquency/ Vandalism	2%	2%	7%	11%
Political conflicts/Tensions	4%	2%	4%	9 %
Standard of living/ Increasing prices	3%	3%	0%	6%
Elections	0%	1%	2%	2%
Don't know/ Refused to answer	1%	6%	18%	24%

Which of the following should be a top priority for the current government? (open-ended, top responses only)

lssue	First mention	Second mention	Third mention	Total
Employment	35%	20%	13%	67%
Economic development/ Economic reform	19 %	27%	15%	62%
Security	21%	17%	15%	53%
Living standards	12%	16%	18%	46%
Social reforms	2%	5%	6%	13%
Regional development	2%	3%	4%	9 %
Corruption/Transparency	2%	3%	4%	8%
Organize elections	1%	2%	3%	6%
Achieve the goals of the revolution	1%	1%	2%	4%
Reform education system	1%	1%	1%	4%
Health sector	<1%	1%	<1%	1%
Don't know/ Refused to answer	1%	4%	16%	20%



Which answer best describes your current economic situation?

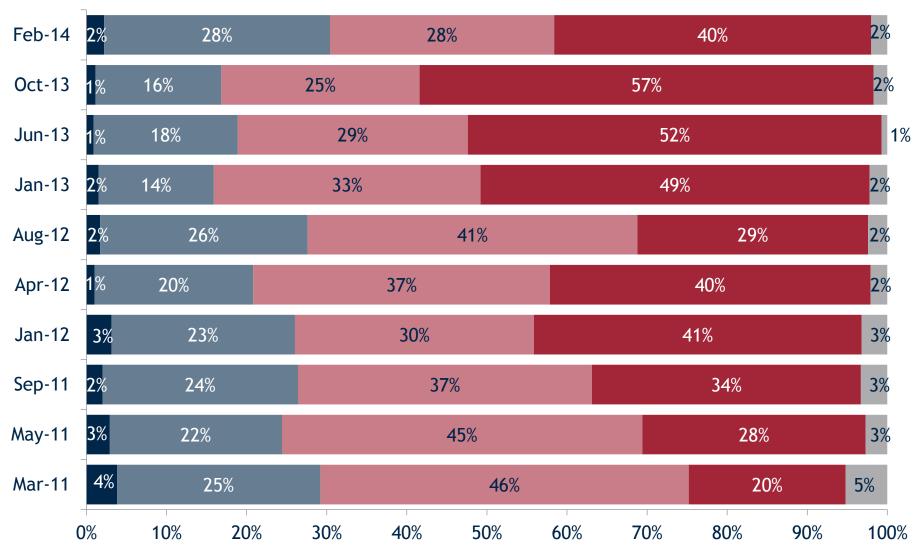
+I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival.

----- I am able to afford things like new clothes and eating out and also support other members of my family who cannot.

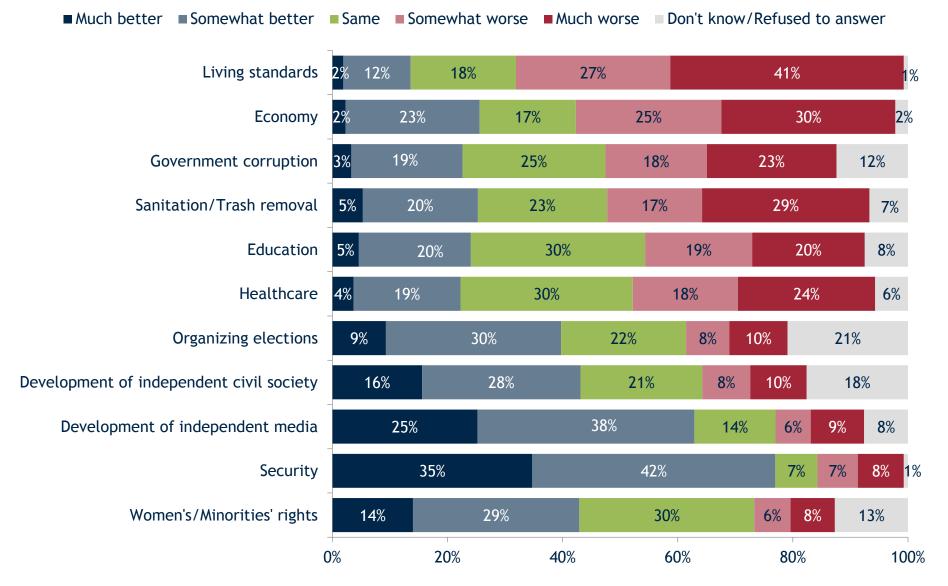
--- Don't know/Refused to answer

How would you describe the current economic situation in Tunisia?

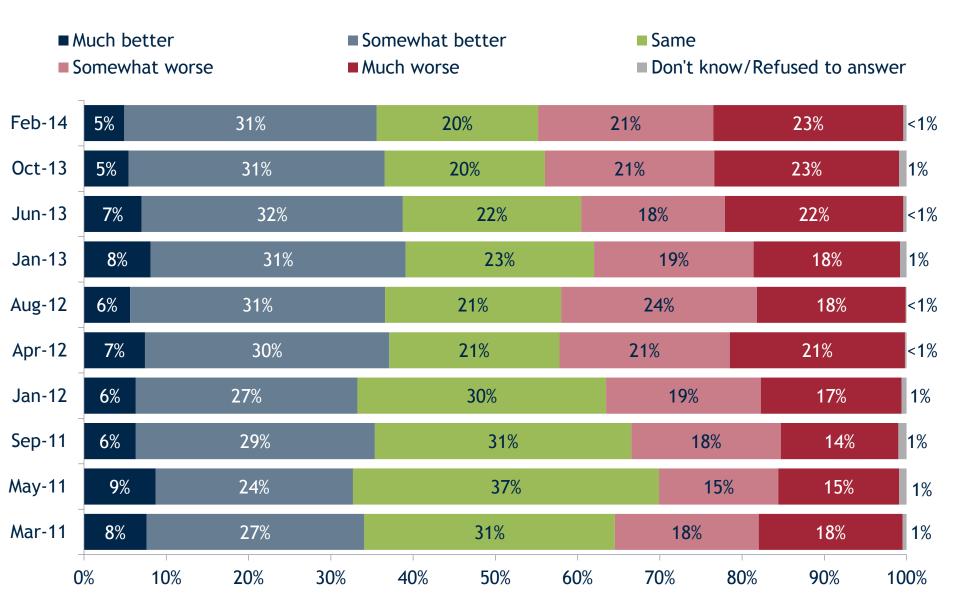
■ Very good ■ Somewhat good ■ Somewhat bad ■ Very bad ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



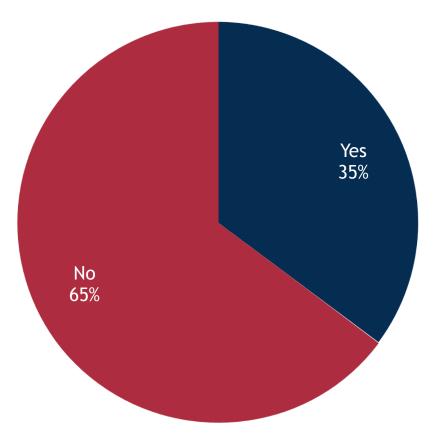
For each of the following issues, do you feel that the situation has become better, worse or stayed the same over the last year?



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

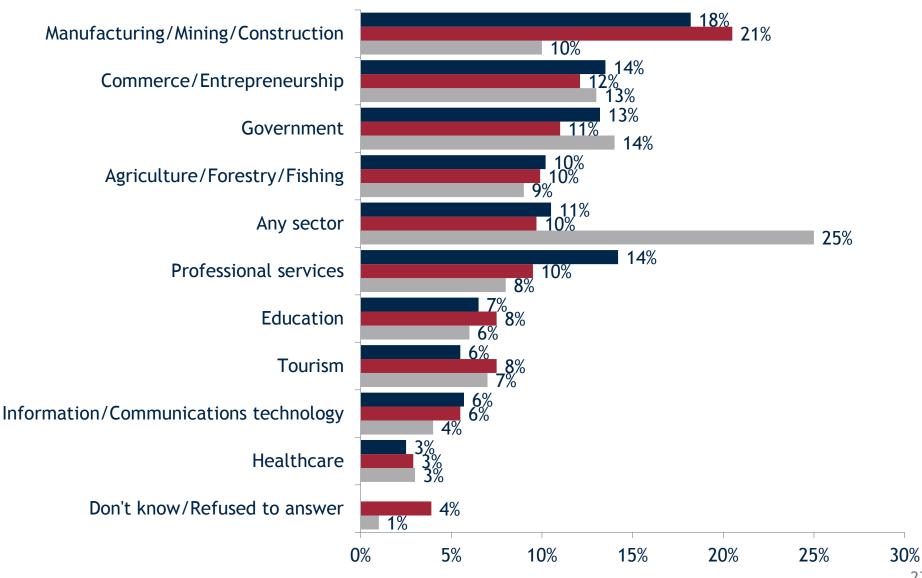


Are you seeking a job? (all respondents except those who are retired, n=1,138)

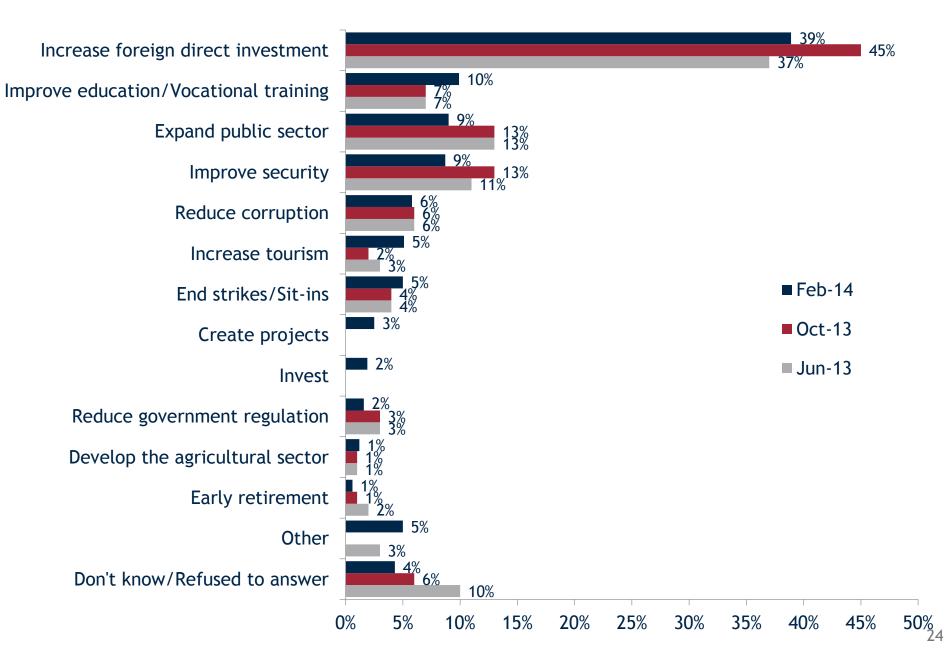


What kind of job are you looking for? (open-ended, June n=431; Oct n=454; Feb n=401)

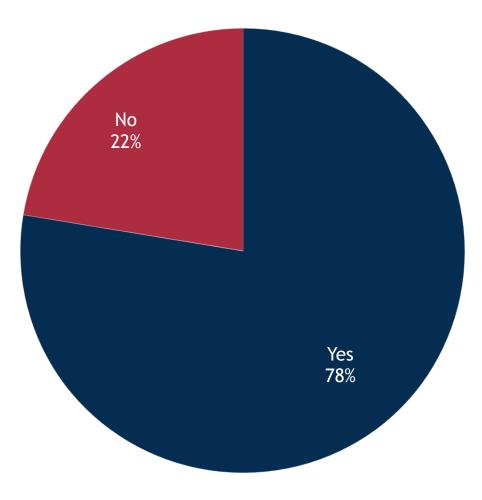
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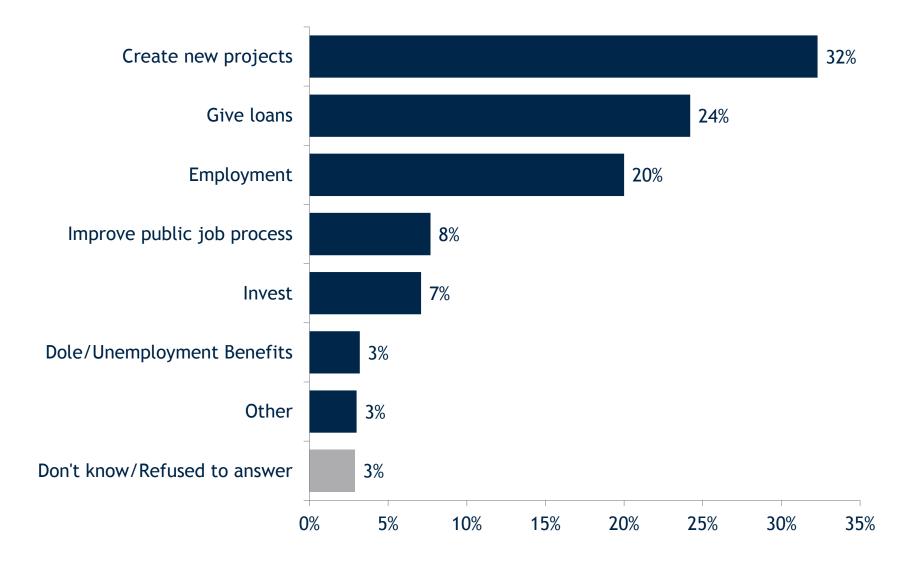
What do you think is the best way to increase jobs in Tunisia? (open-ended, June n=431; Oct n=454; Feb n=401)



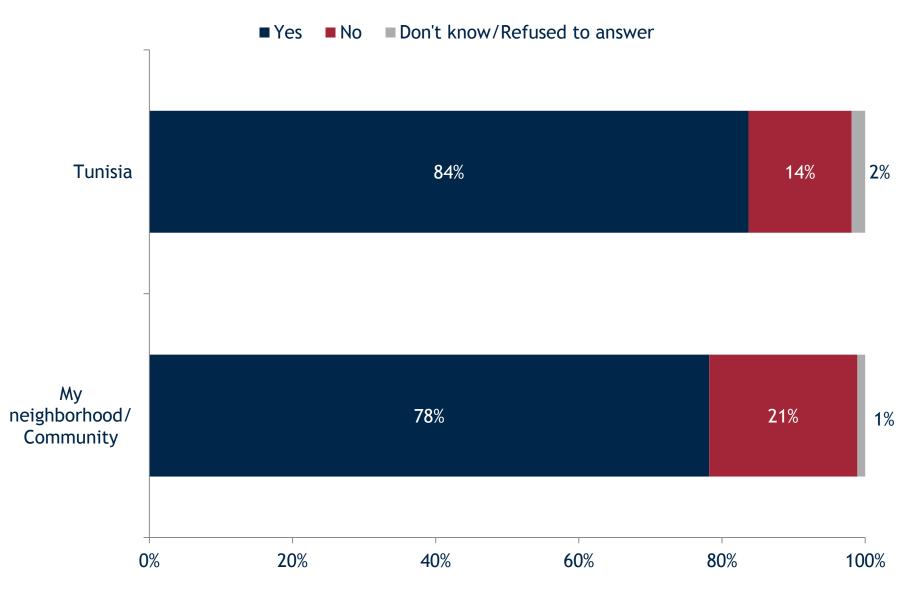
Should the government provide you assistance in finding a job? (asked of those who respond as unemployed and seeking a job, n=401)



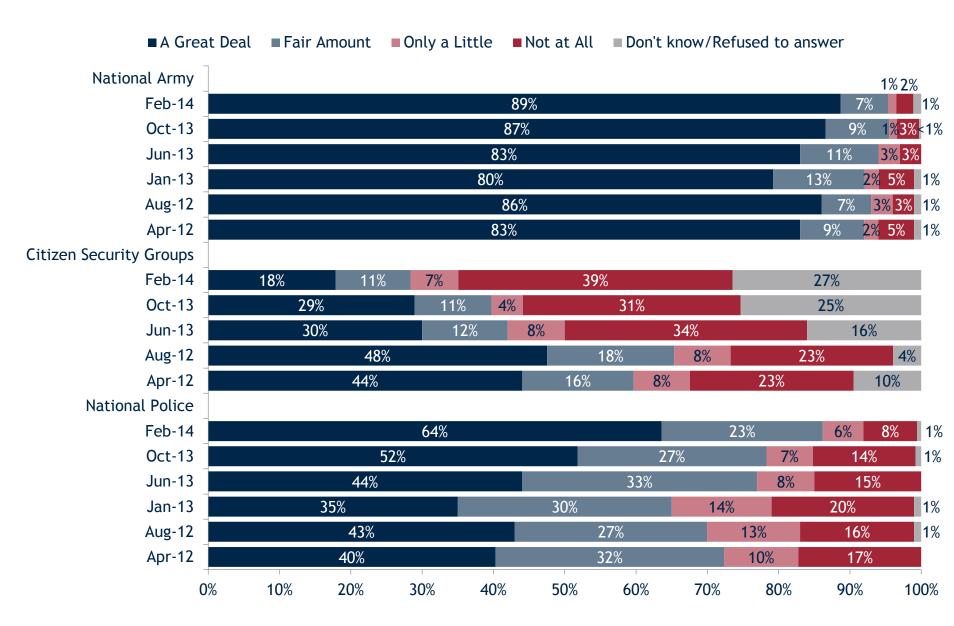
What kind of help should the government provide? (open-ended, n=310)



In your opinion has public security improved in Tunisia since the 2011 elections? What about in your neighbourhood or community specifically?

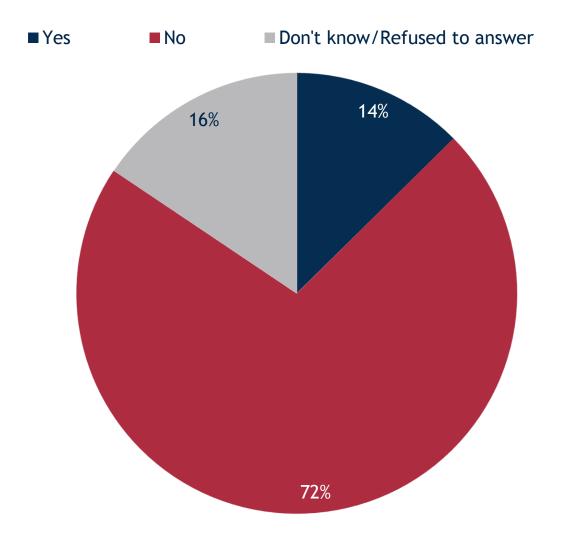


How much do you trust each of the following to protect your neighborhood?



*In January 2013, participants were not asked to rate their level of trust in citizen security groups.

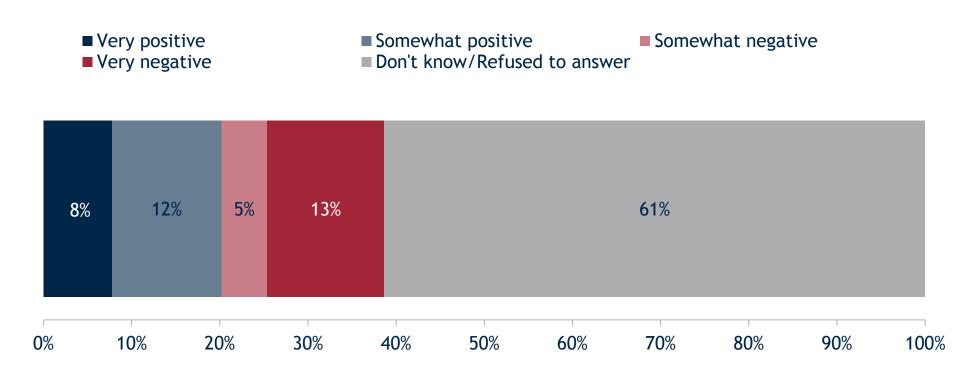
Are the Leagues for Protection of the Revolution^{*} active in your neighborhood?



*The Leagues for Protection of the Revolution are an example of the citizen security groups referenced on the previous slide.

In your opinion, how would you rate the effect of the Leagues for Protection of the Revolution on security in your neighborhood?

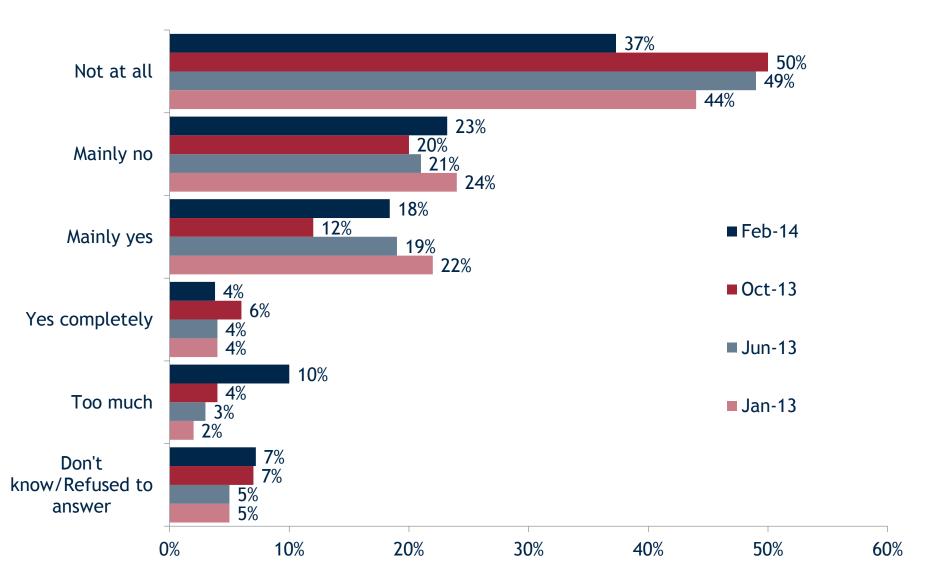
(only those who responded the leagues were active in their neighborhood, n=347)



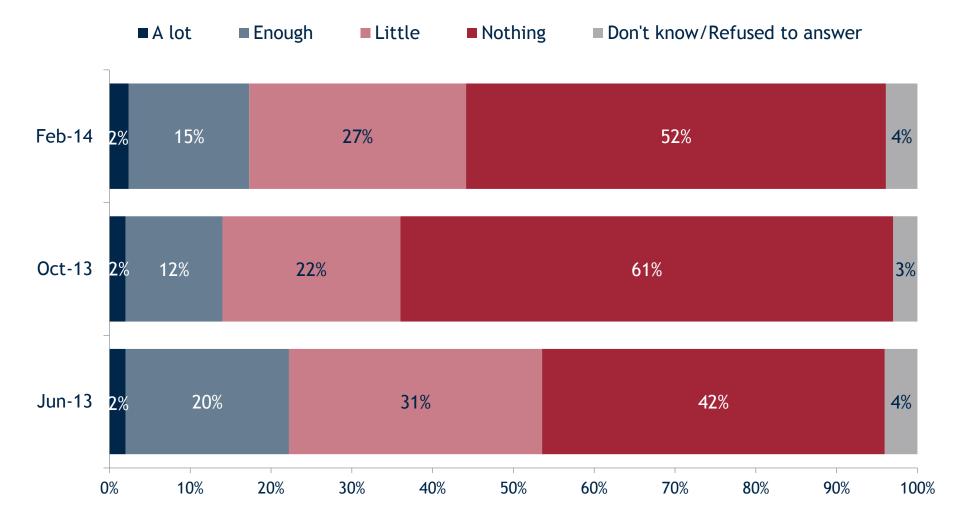
Political Parties and Campaigns

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Do politicians in Tunis care enough about local problems in the rest of the country?

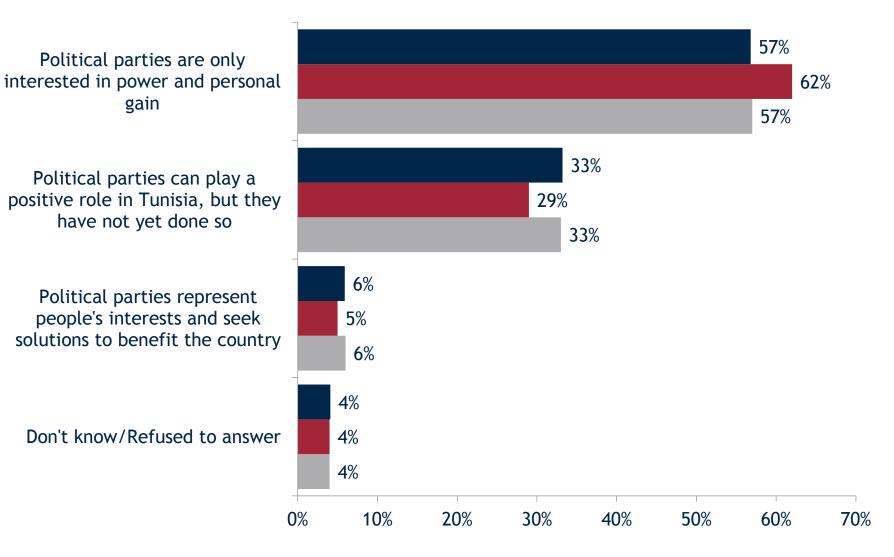


In general, are political parties doing a lot, enough, little or nothing to address the needs of people like you?

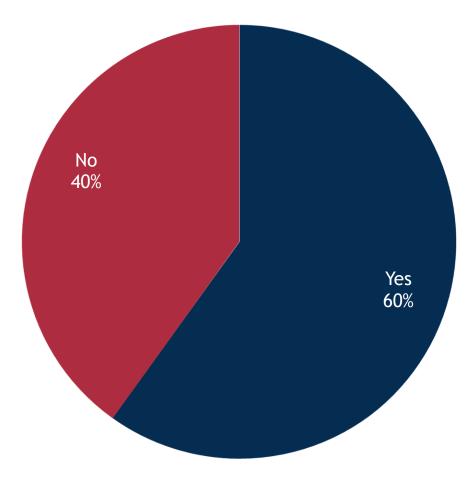


Which of the following statements best describes the role that political parties play in Tunisia?

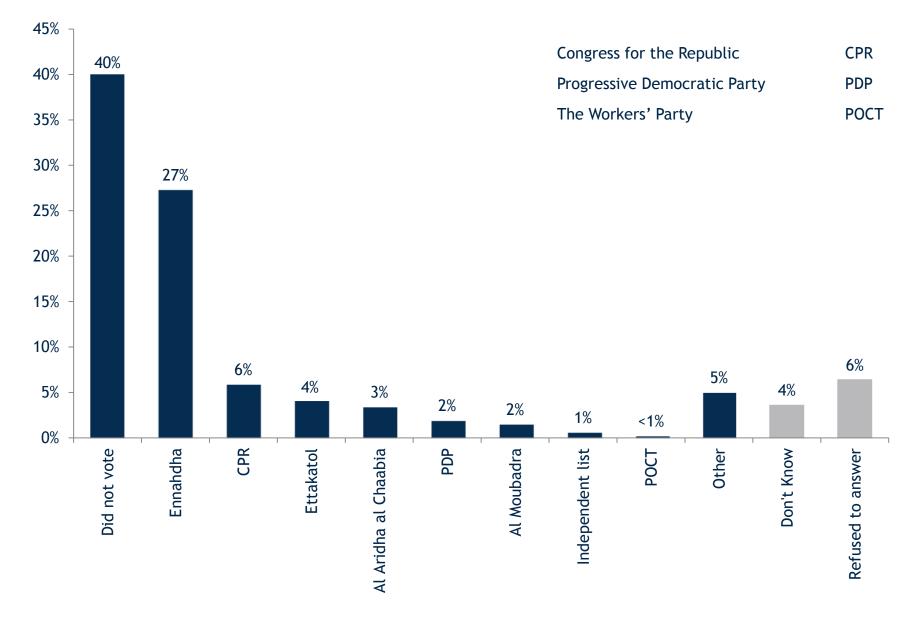
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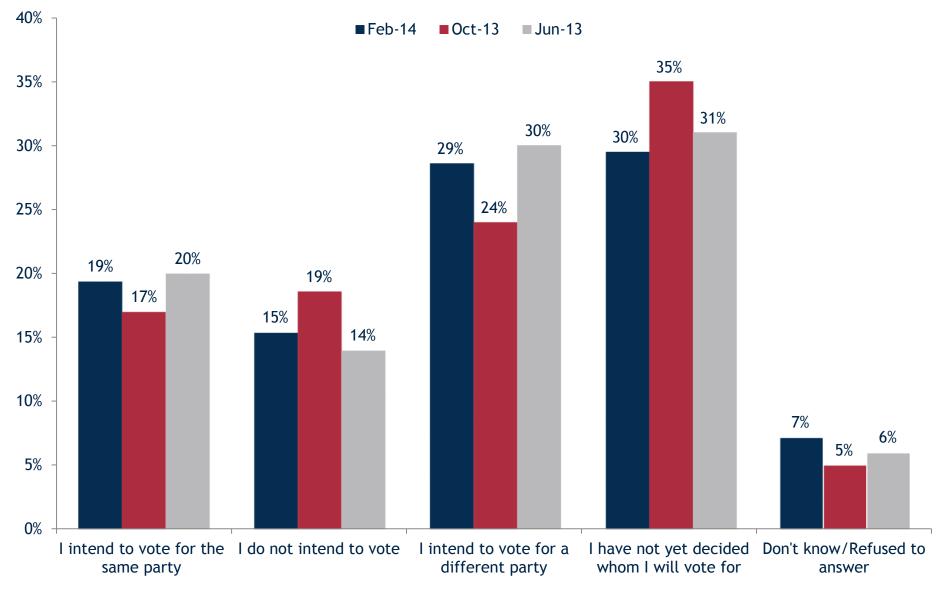
Did you vote in the October 23, 2011 national constituent assembly elections?



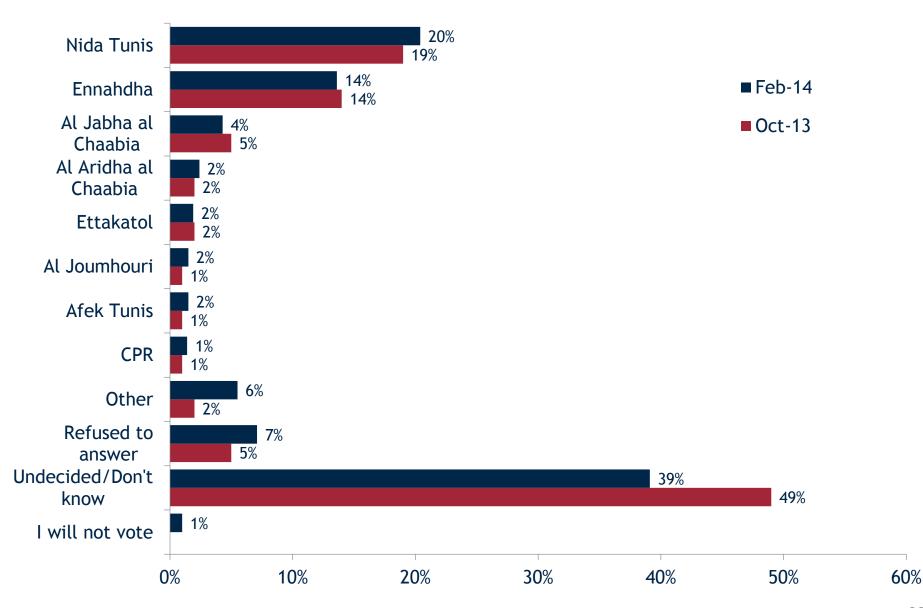
For whom did you vote in the national constituent assembly elections?



Looking ahead to the next elections, do you intend to vote for the same party or a different party? (only those who voted in 2011: Jun n=799; Oct n=776; Feb n=739)

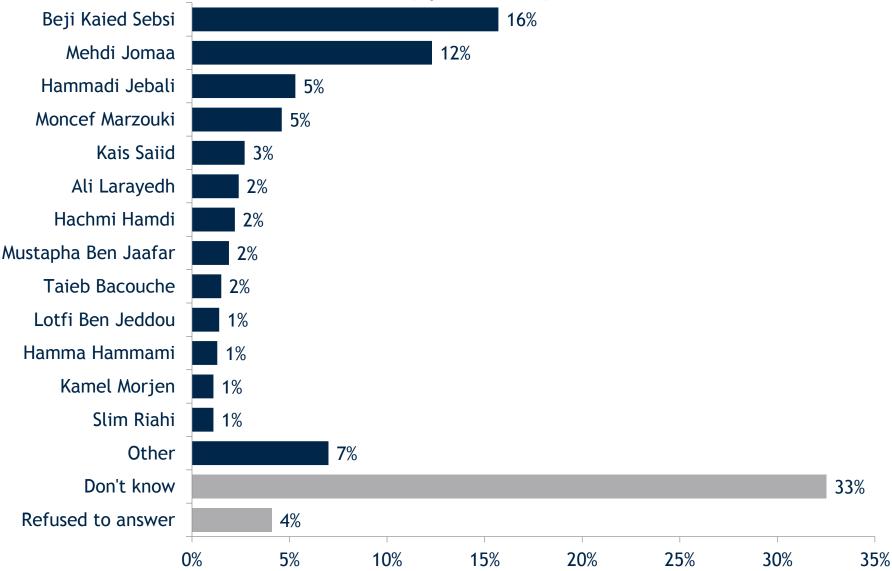


If you had to choose from the following political parties, for whom would you vote in the next elections?

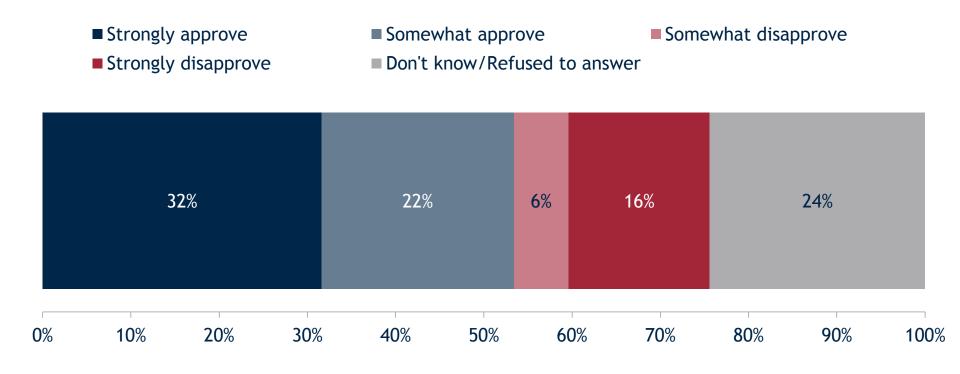


If you had to choose a candidate for president, for whom would you vote in the next elections?

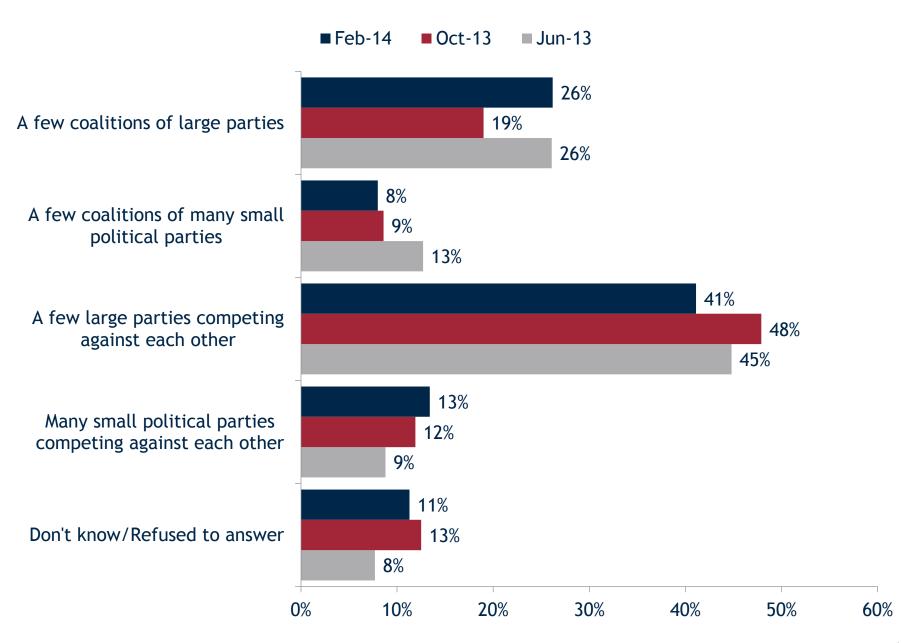
(open-ended)



There are discussions going on currently about a threshold for the next parliamentary elections, for which any party or candidate list would need to reach a certain minimum percentage of votes to earn a seat in parliament. What is your opinion of a threshold for parliamentary seats?



For the next elections, which of the following choices would be best for Tunisia?

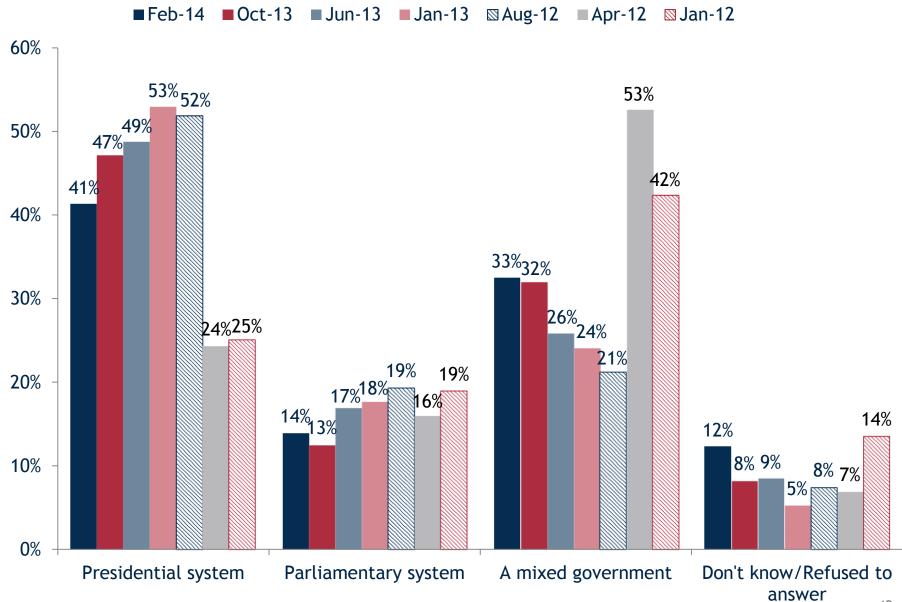


Regardless of which party you support, in your opinion how confident are you in the parties that did not participate in government to handle the following issues?

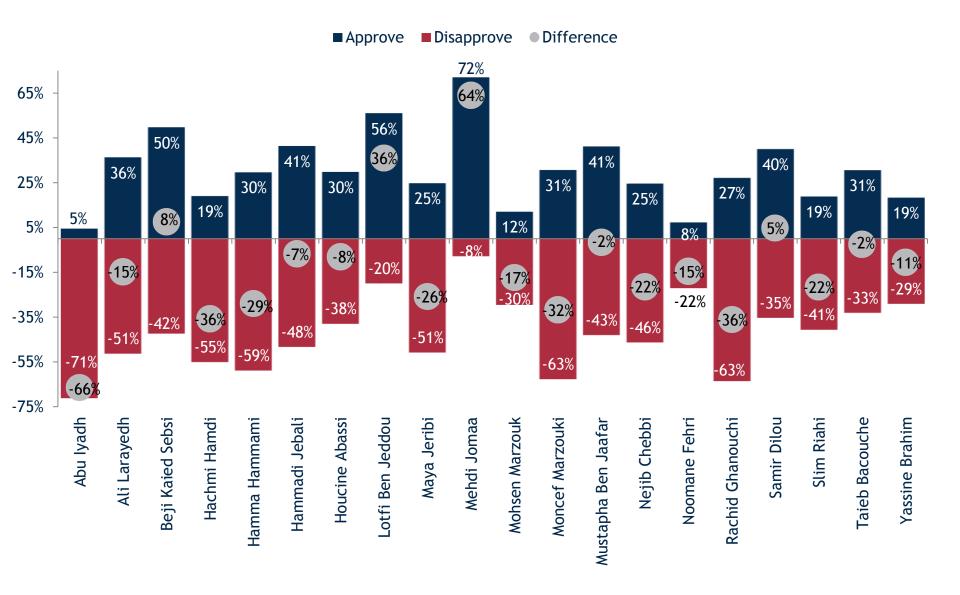
■ Very confident ■ Somewhat confident ■ Not very confident ■ Not confident at all ■ Don't know/Refused to Answer

Living standards	11%	30%		18%	28%	13%	
Economy	13%	31%		16%	27%	13%	
Development of independent media	12%	31%		16%	26%	15%	
Women's/Minorities' rights	14%	31%	31% 14%		25%	17%	
Healthcare	10%	31%		18%	27%	15%	
Access to electricity	10%	28%		19 %	26%	16%	
Sanitation/Trash removal	10%	28%		19%	% 27%		
Government corruption	9%	24%	21	1%	31%	16%	
Education	11%	30%		19%	26%	14%	
Security	16%	32	32%		24%	% 13%	
Roads/Transportation	10%	30%		19%	27%	14%	
0	% 10	% 20% 30%	40%	50%	60% 70%	80% 90%	100%

If you could pick, which type of government would you prefer in Tunisia?



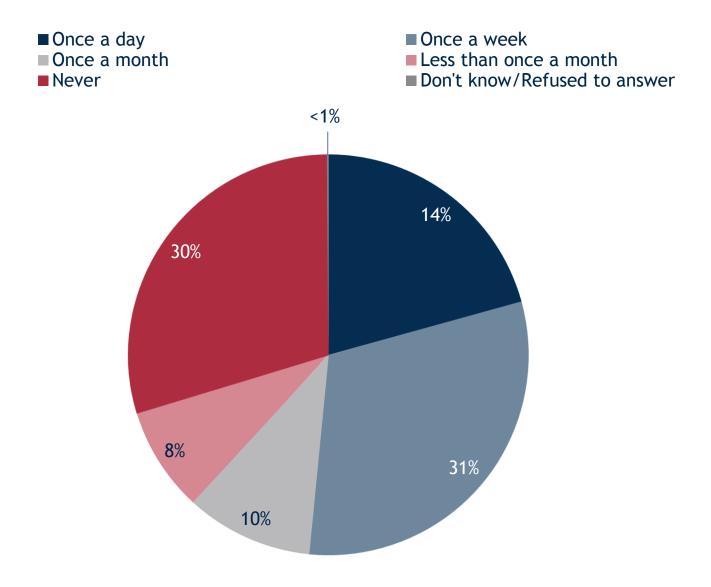
I would like to ask you about your impressions of the following people. Do you approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or disapprove of the following?



Sources of Information and View of the Media

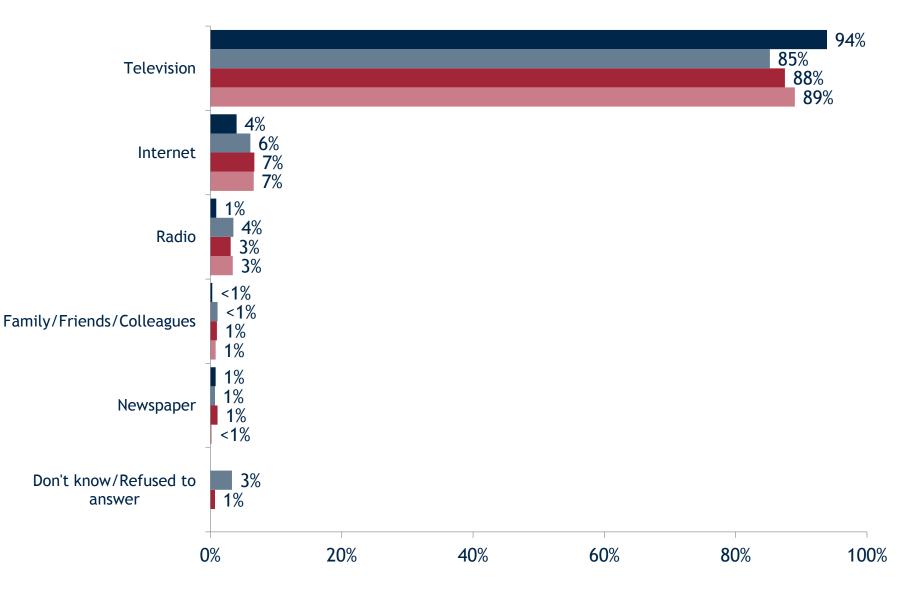
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How often do you keep informed about the National Constituent Assembly's work?



Where do you get your information about the work of the National Constituent Assembly?

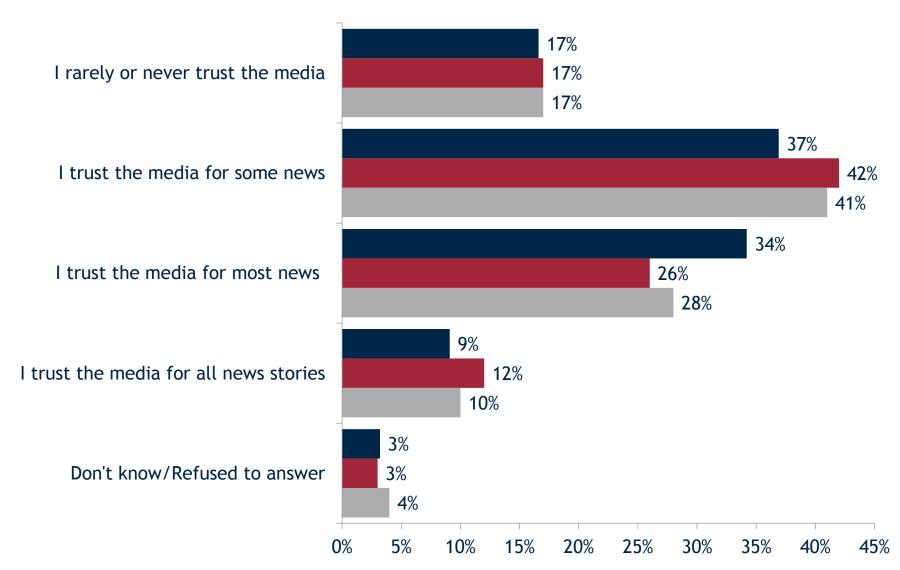
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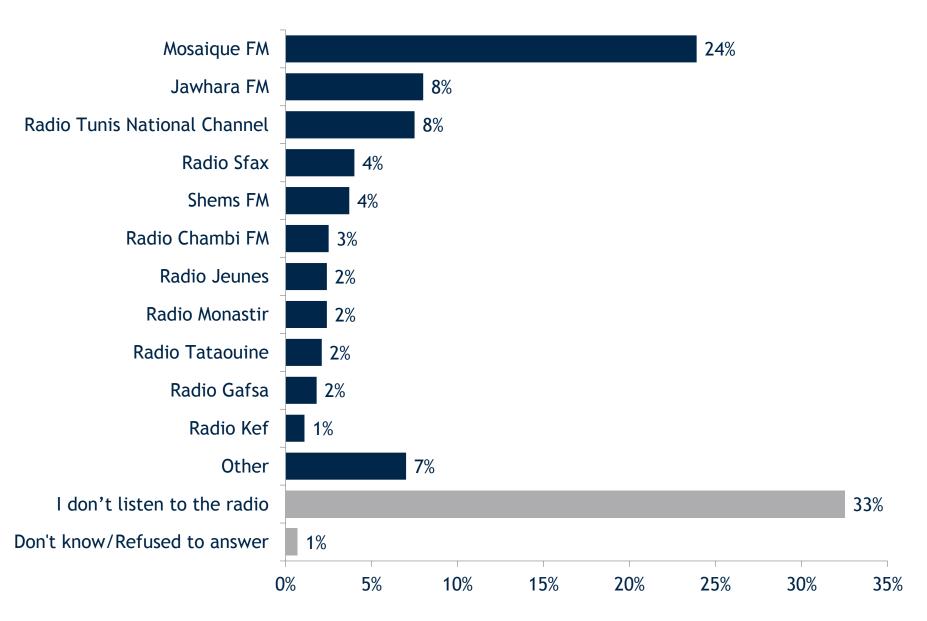
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Thinking about Tunisia media in general, do you trust the media to provide accurate and unbiased information?

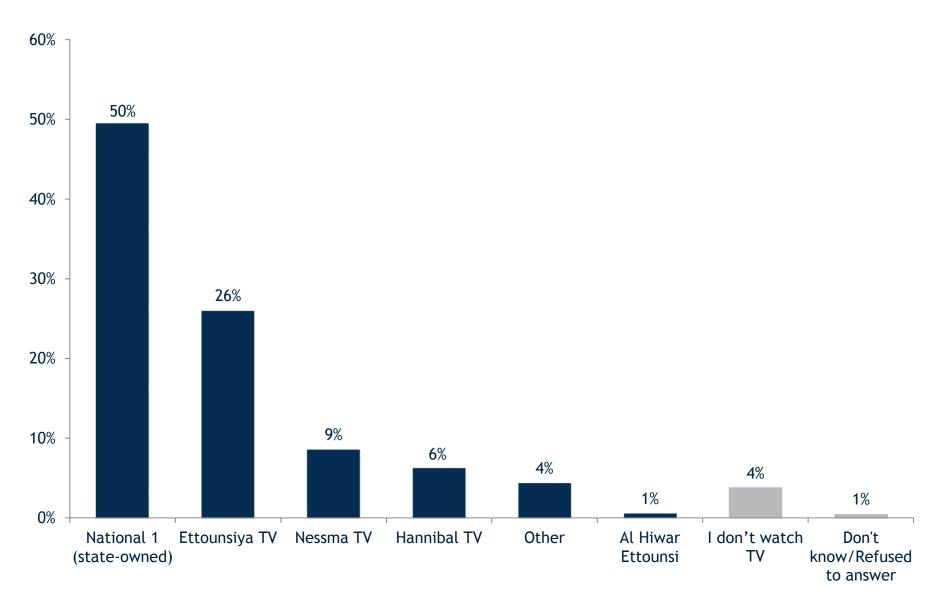
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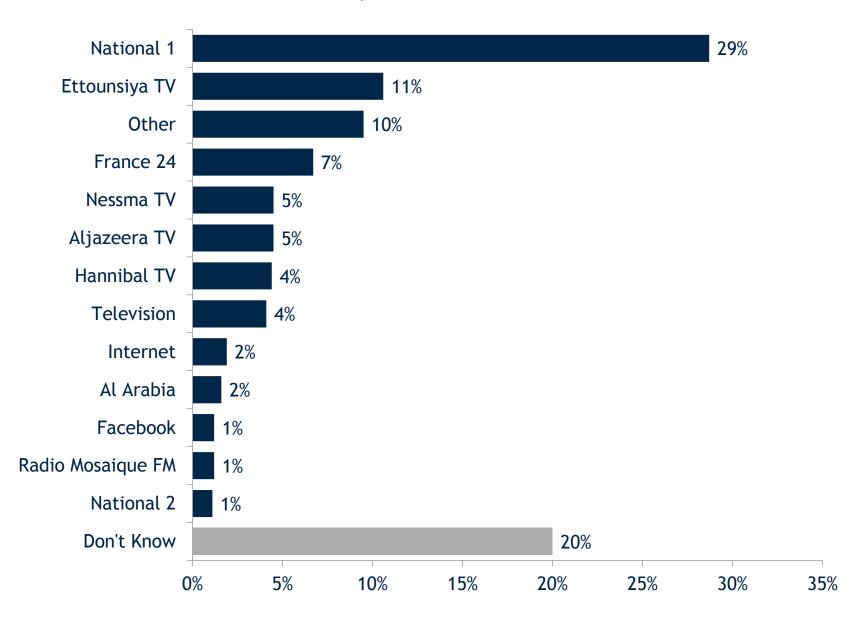
Which national radio station do you listen to get your news?



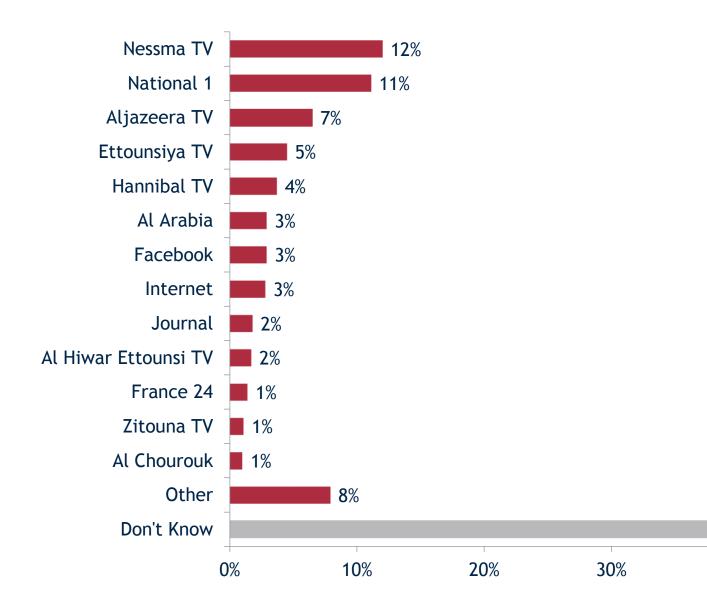
Which national television station do you watch to get your news?



Which specific media source do you trust most for your political news? (open-ended)



Which specific media source do you trust the least for your political news? (open-ended)



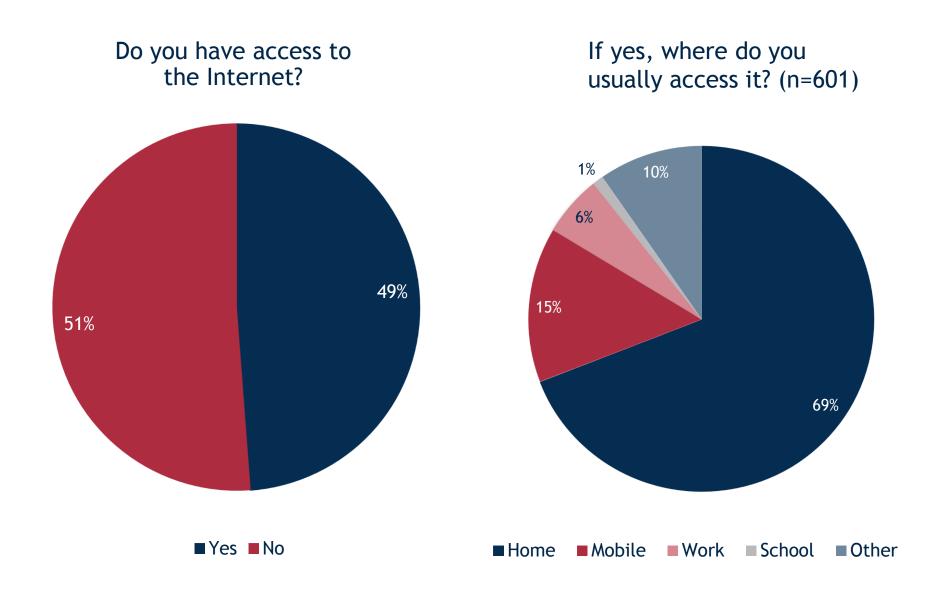
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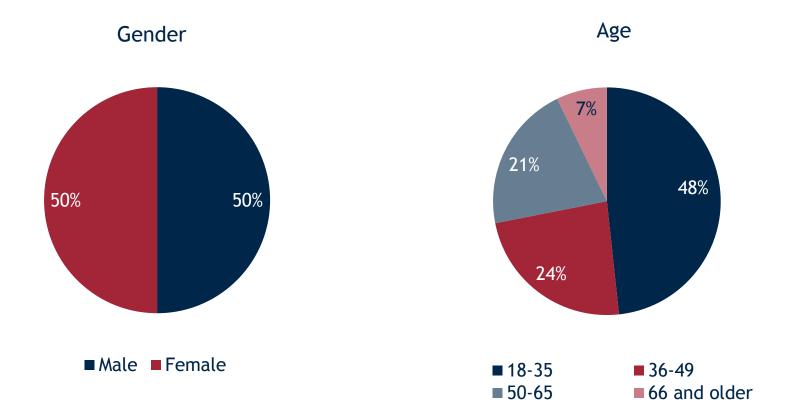
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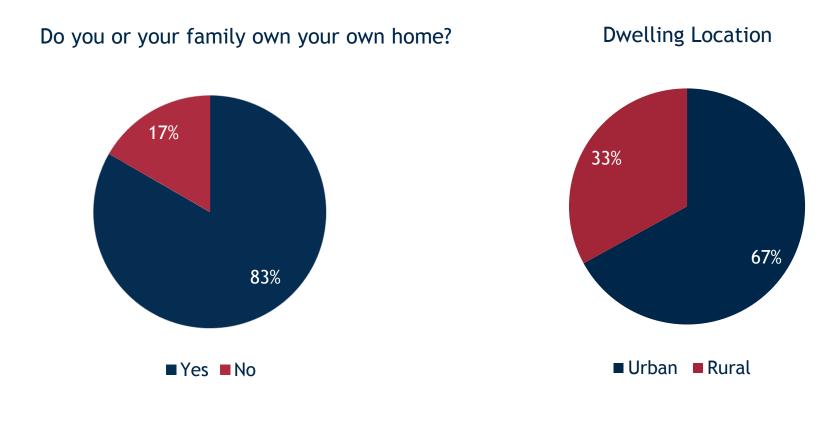
Where are you most likely to get your local news and information?

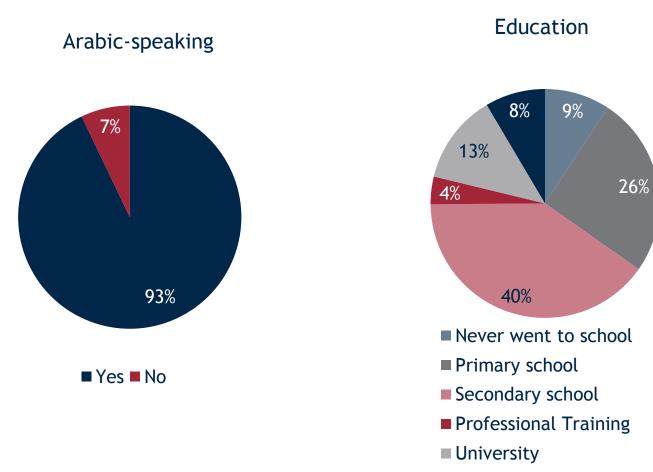
	First mention	Second mention	Third mention	Total
Tunisian television	65%	23%	5%	93%
Radio	9 %	34%	12%	55%
Internet	18%	9%	8%	35%
Newspaper	3%	11%	14%	27%
Gatherings at public places	3%	6%	12%	21%
SMS	<1%	<1%	1%	1%
Mosque	<1%	<1%	1%	1%
Other	1%	1%	1%	3%
Don't know/ Refused to answer	1%	16%	48%	65%



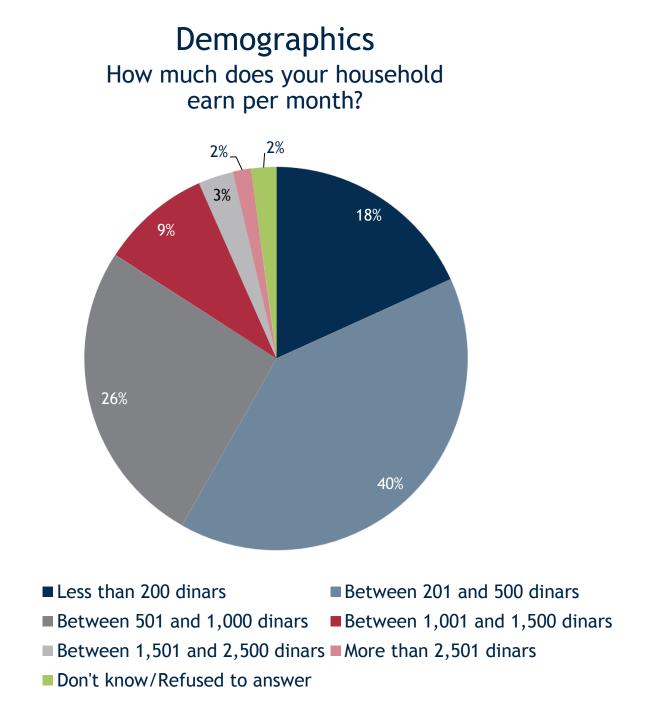
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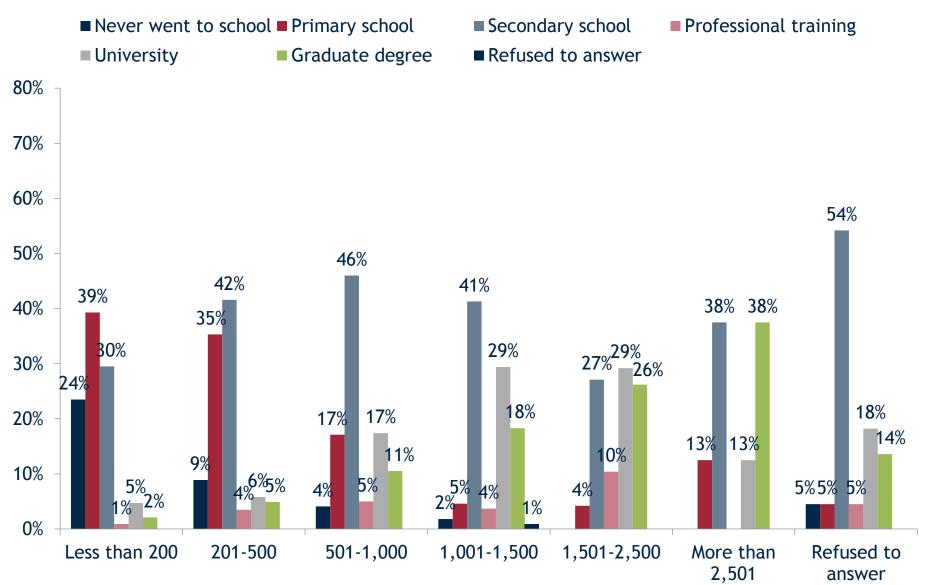


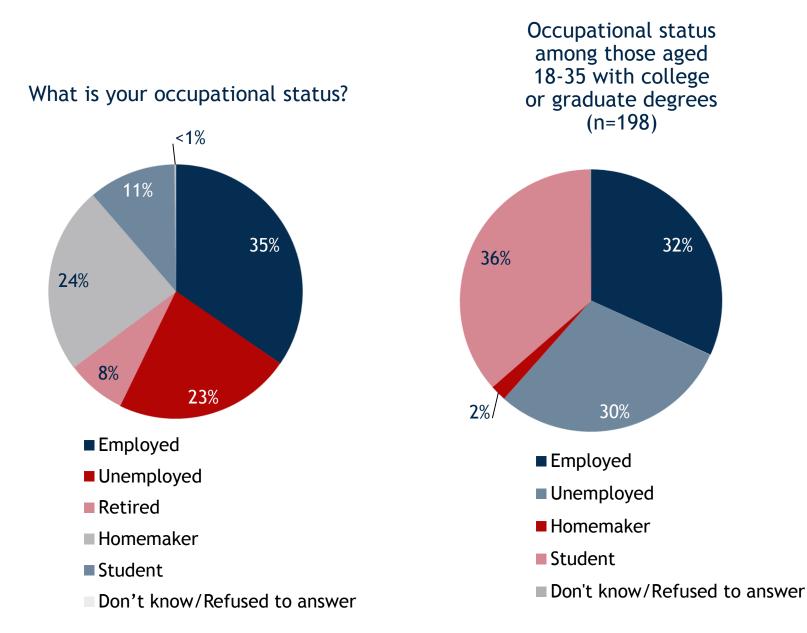


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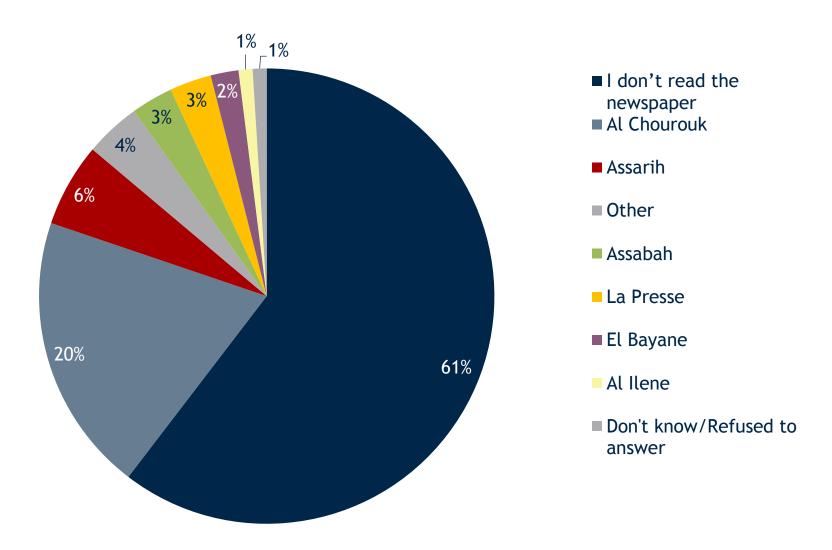


Educational attainment among monthly household income levels





Which national newspaper do you read to get your news?



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