

BANGLADESH PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

JANUARY 12-27, 2014



Survey Methodology

- Period: January 12-27, 2014
- Survey Type: In-person, in-home interviews
- Eligibility: Age 18 and older. The survey is a national representative sample of voting age adults
- Total Respondents: n=2,550
- Total Response Rate: 60 percent
- Margin of Error: Approximately \pm two percent at the midrange in 19 out of 20 cases

- Data was collected under the supervision of Rob Varsalone of Global Strategic Partners and the International Republican Institute.

- A multi-stage probability sample was used. The sample was stratified by the seven administrative divisions, by district, and urban and rural locations.

- The sample was distributed into 255 primary sampling units (PSU) from all 64 districts of all seven divisions. PSUs were defined as *mouza* in rural areas and as *mohallah* in urban areas. The sample was post-weighted to make it representative of the national population.

- The Probability-Proportional-to-Size (PPS) method was used to select localities. After identifying a centrally located starting point the Date Method was used to select the first house in the skip pattern. From that point on every fourth household was chosen. The Kish Grid was then used to select respondents 18 years and older in the randomly selected household.

- Interview teams were comprised of both males and females.

- 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.

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Survey Demographics

Monthly Household Income

Less Than \$63	16%
\$63-\$126	41%
\$126-\$189	21%
\$189-\$252	11%
\$252-\$315	5%
\$315-\$441	4%
\$441-\$568	1%
\$568-\$631	1%
More Than \$631	1%

Division

Dhaka	34%
Chittagong	18%
Rajshahi	14%
Khulna	12%
Barisal	6%
Sylhet	6%
Rangpur	11%

Education

Cannot Read or Write	21%
Literate/No Formal Schooling	7%
Class 1-4	13%
Class 5-9	38%
SSC/Dakhil	10%
HSC	7%
BA/BS	3%
Graduate Degree	2%

Age

18-20 Years	8%
21-30 Years	34%
31-40 Years	25%
41-50 Years	17%
51-60 Years	10%
60+ Years	6%

Religion

Muslim	88%
Hindu	11%
Christian	1%
Buddhist	<1%

Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

Area

Urban	24%
Rural	76%

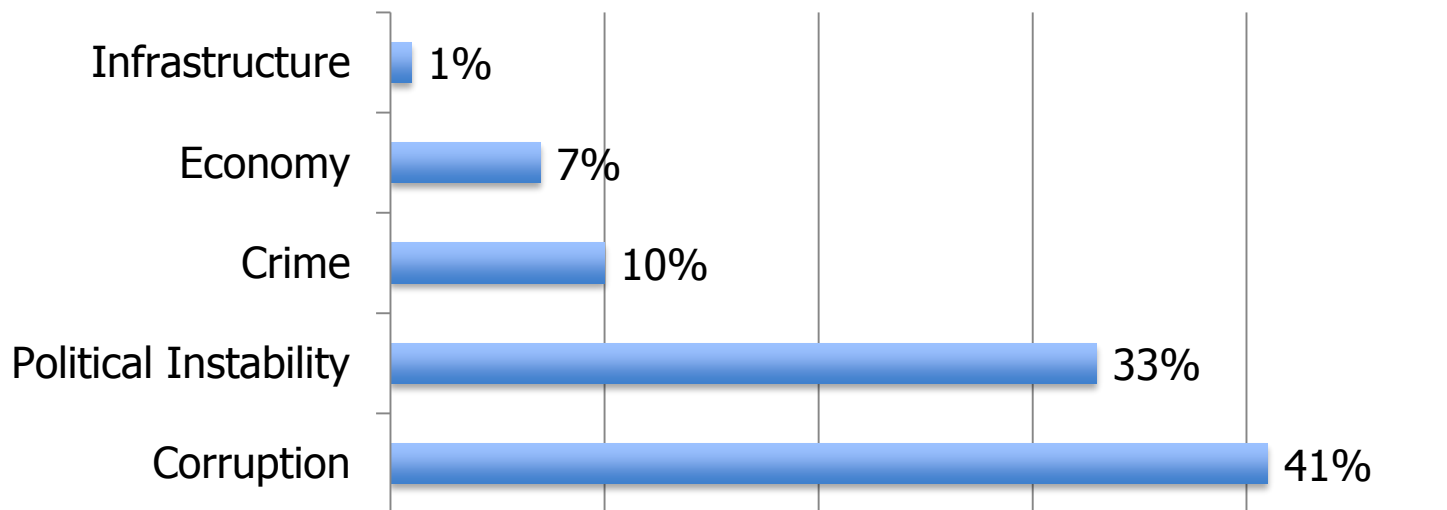
ISSUES AND INDICATORS



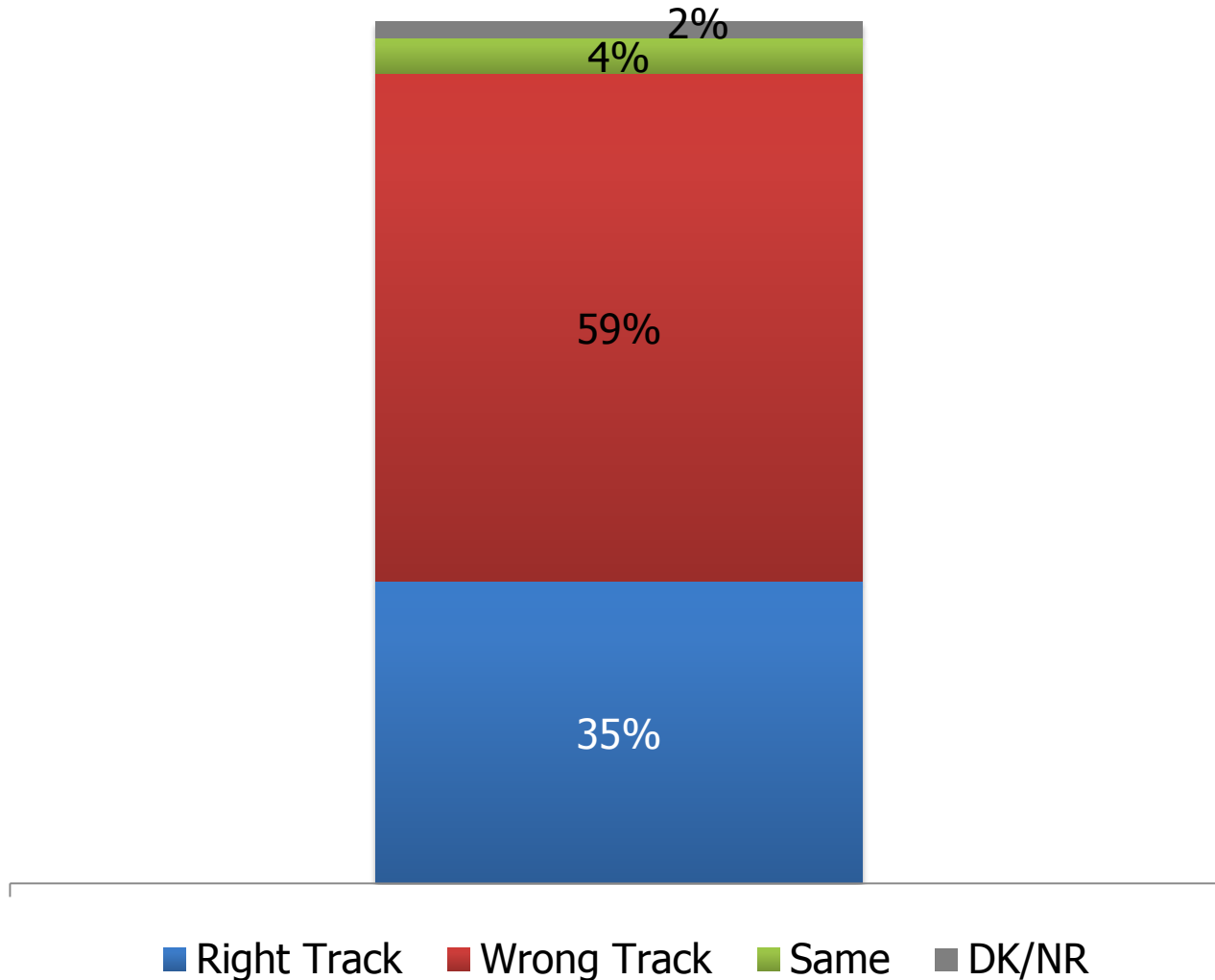
What are the three most important problems facing Bangladesh?

	Total	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Political Instability	68%	39%	28%	1%
Strikes	41%		4%	37%
Corruption	36%	36%		
Crime	18%	11%	6%	1%
Economy	70%	7%	35%	28%
Infrastructure	35%	1%	14%	20%

Which of these three problems should the government fix first?



Overall, do you think things in Bangladesh are on the right track or on the wrong track?



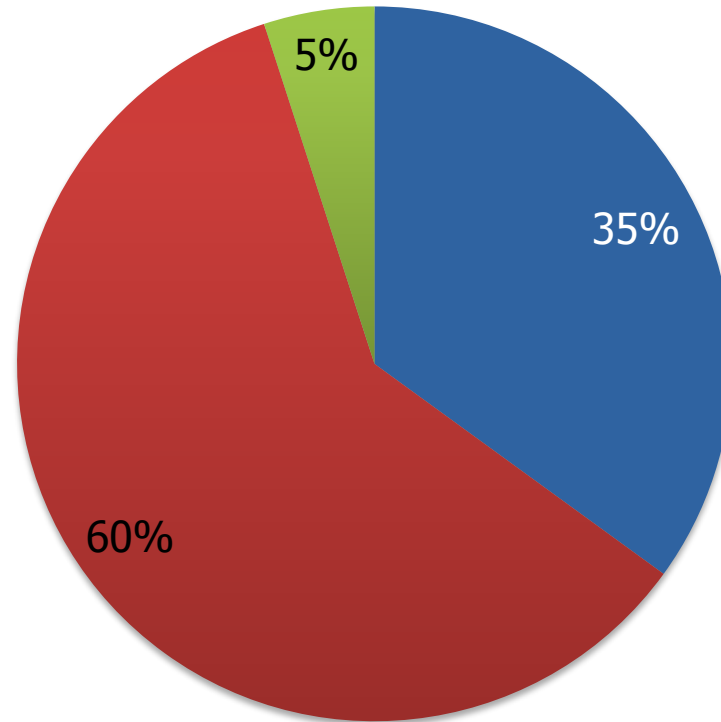
Reasons given for the belief that the country is on the right track n=884

Improved Education	73%
More Development	18%
Better Economy	8%
Improving Law and Order	1%

Reasons given for the belief that the country is on the wrong track n=1,512

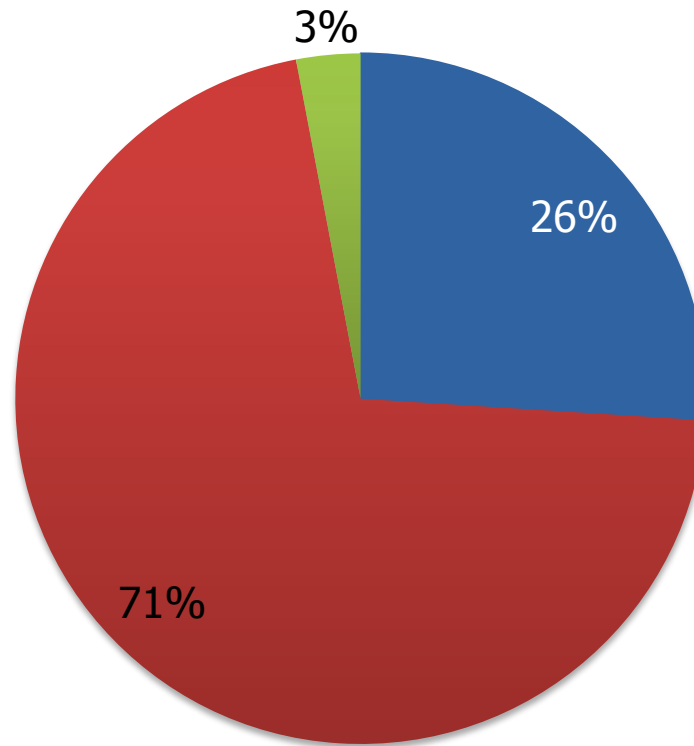
Political Instability	86%
Poor Economy	7%
Frequent Strikes	6%

In the year ahead, do you think Bangladesh's economy will get better, worse or stay the same?



■ Better ■ Worse ■ Stay the Same

In the year ahead, do you think violence in the country will get better, worse, or stay the same?

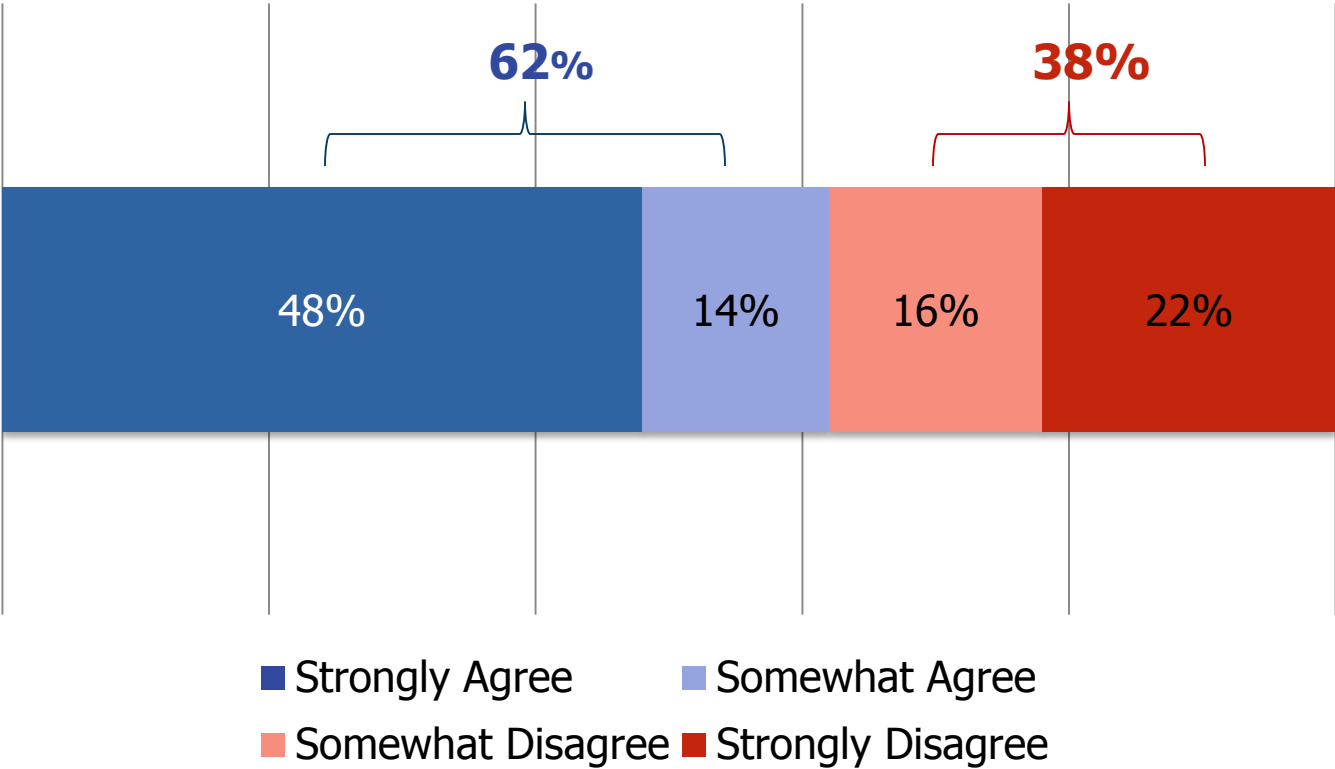


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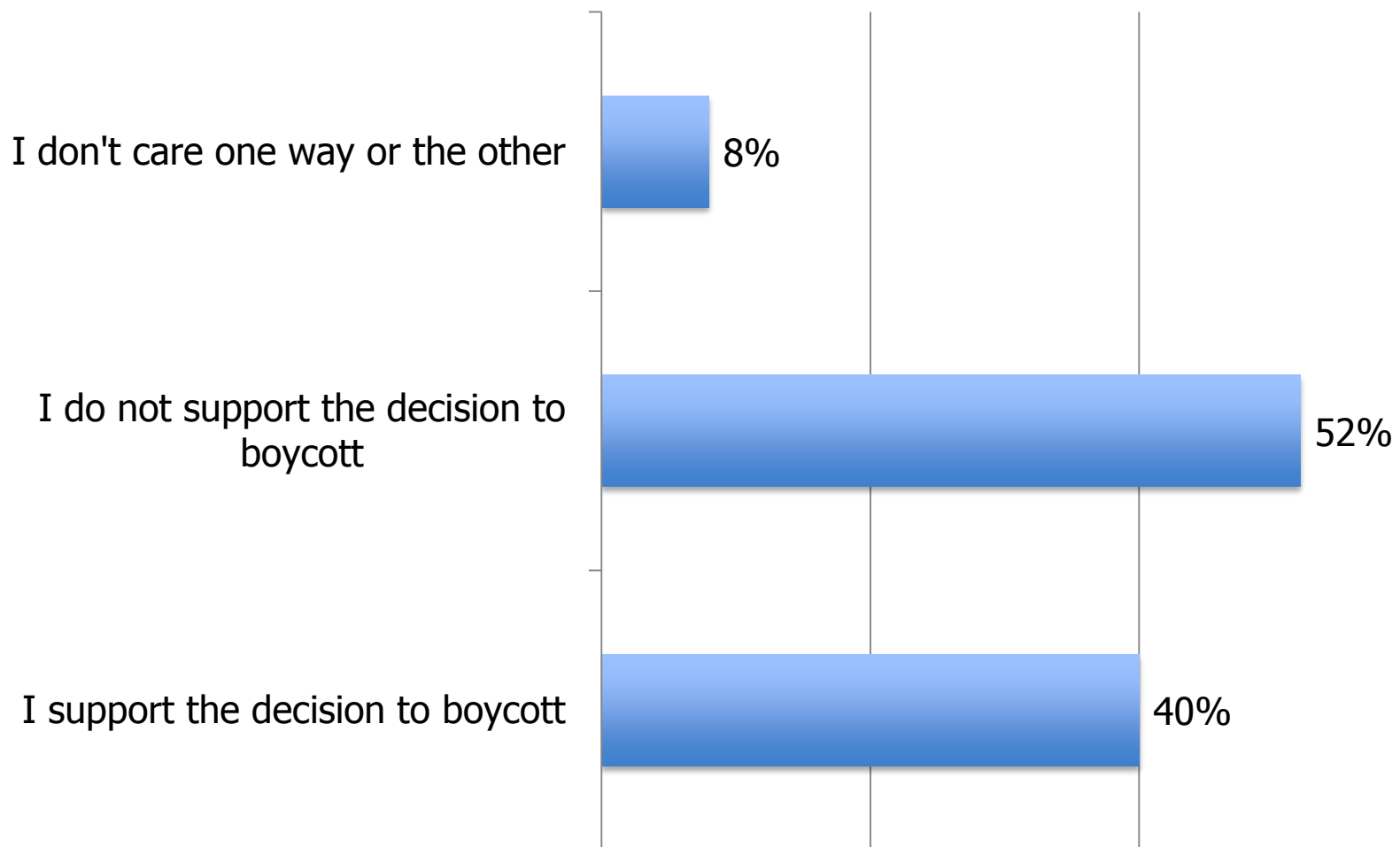
ELECTIONS



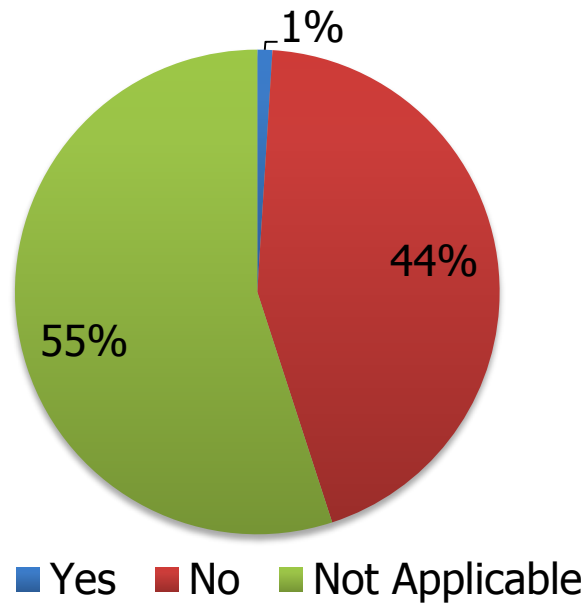
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
The January 5 elections should not count because all parties did not participate?



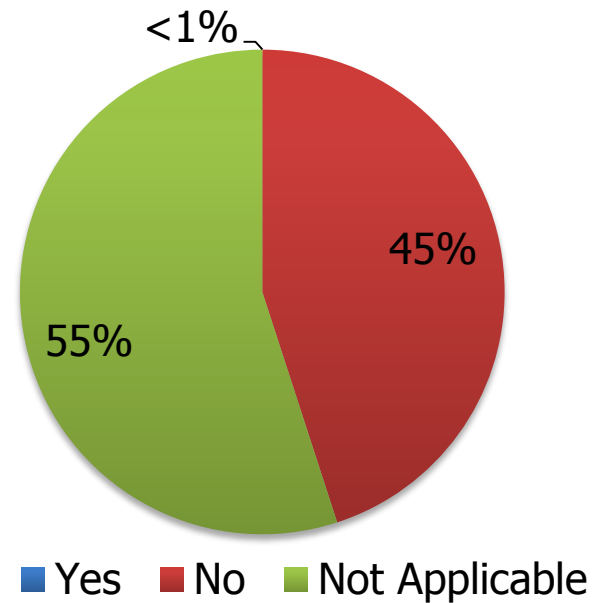
As you may know, some political parties decided to boycott the January 5 parliamentary elections. Do you support the decision to boycott or would you have preferred that they participated in the elections?



Were you approached at any time in the last three weeks with money or gifts in exchange for your vote?



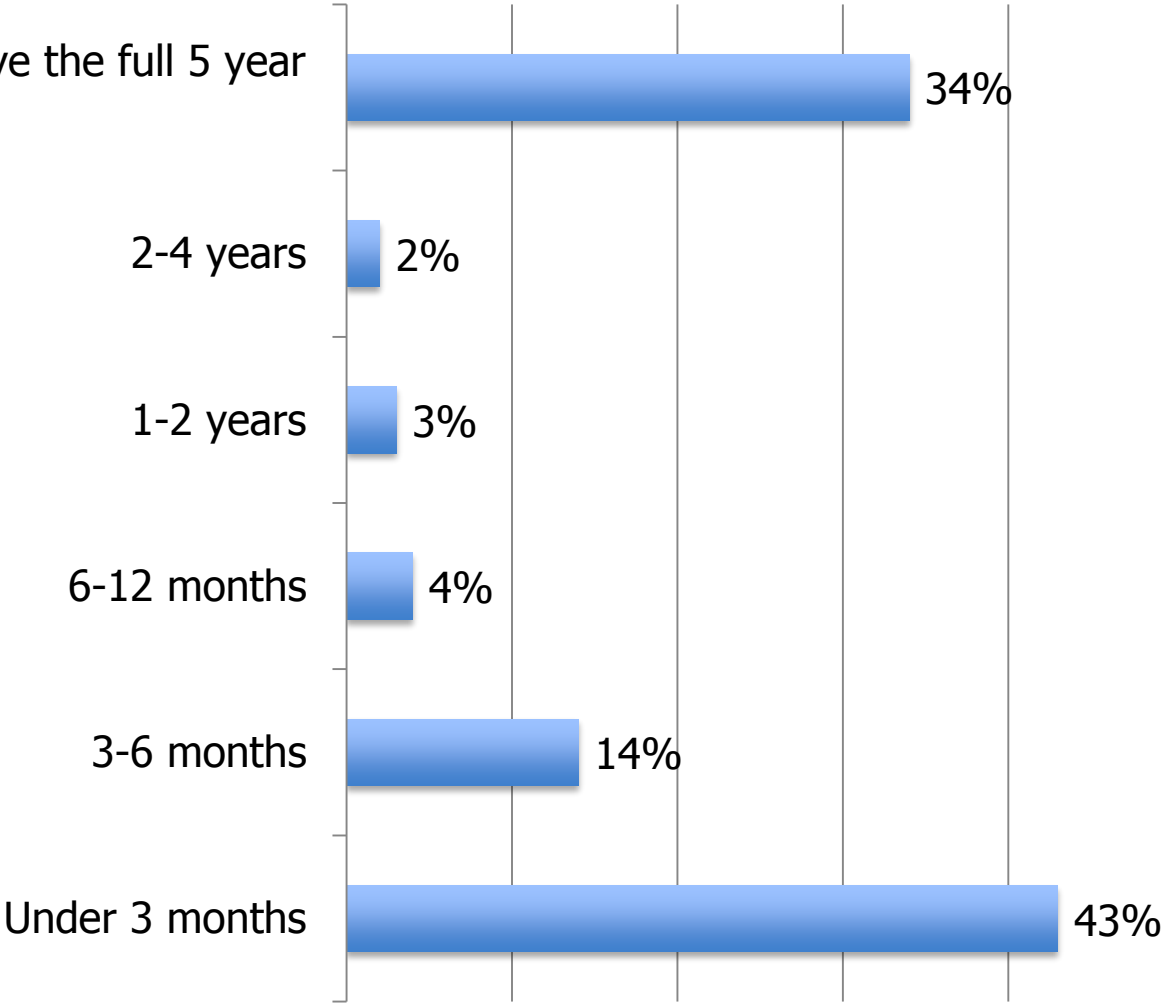
Were you approached at any time in the last three weeks with money or gifts in exchange for not voting?



Note: The not applicable category was used if an election was not held in a respondent's constituency.

How soon after the January 5 elections should the next elections be scheduled?

The government should serve the full 5 year term

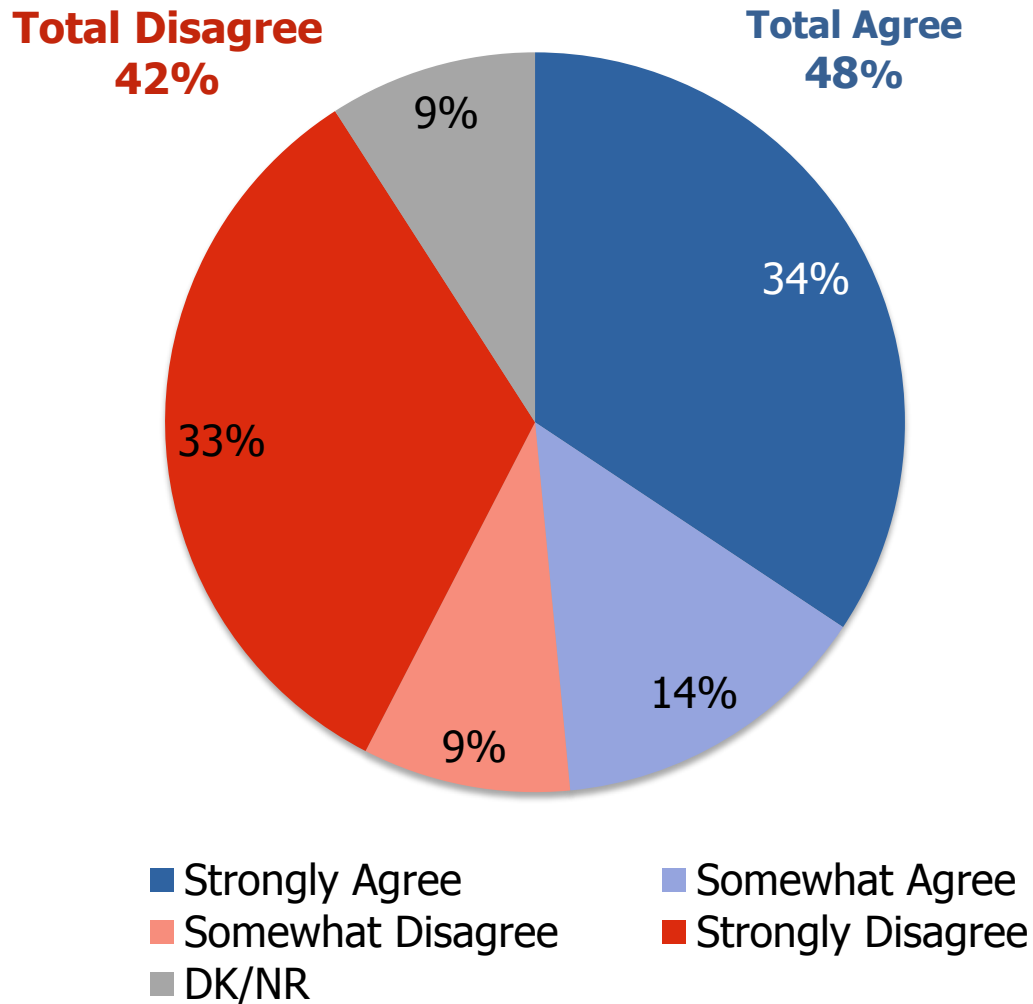


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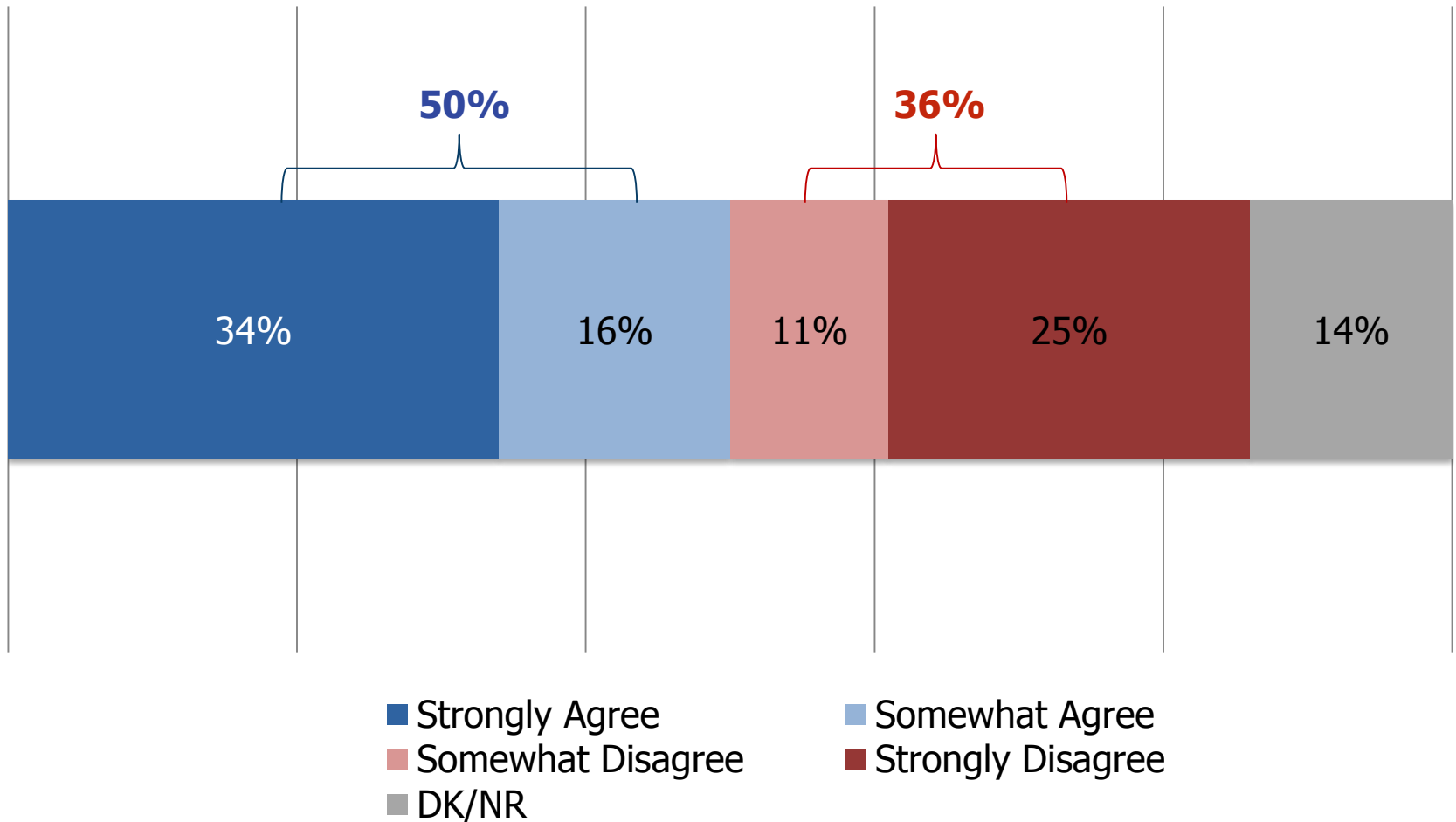
Under 6 months: 57%

Under 12 months: 61%

Do you agree with the following statement:
The Bangladesh Election Commission is completely impartial, fair and independent?

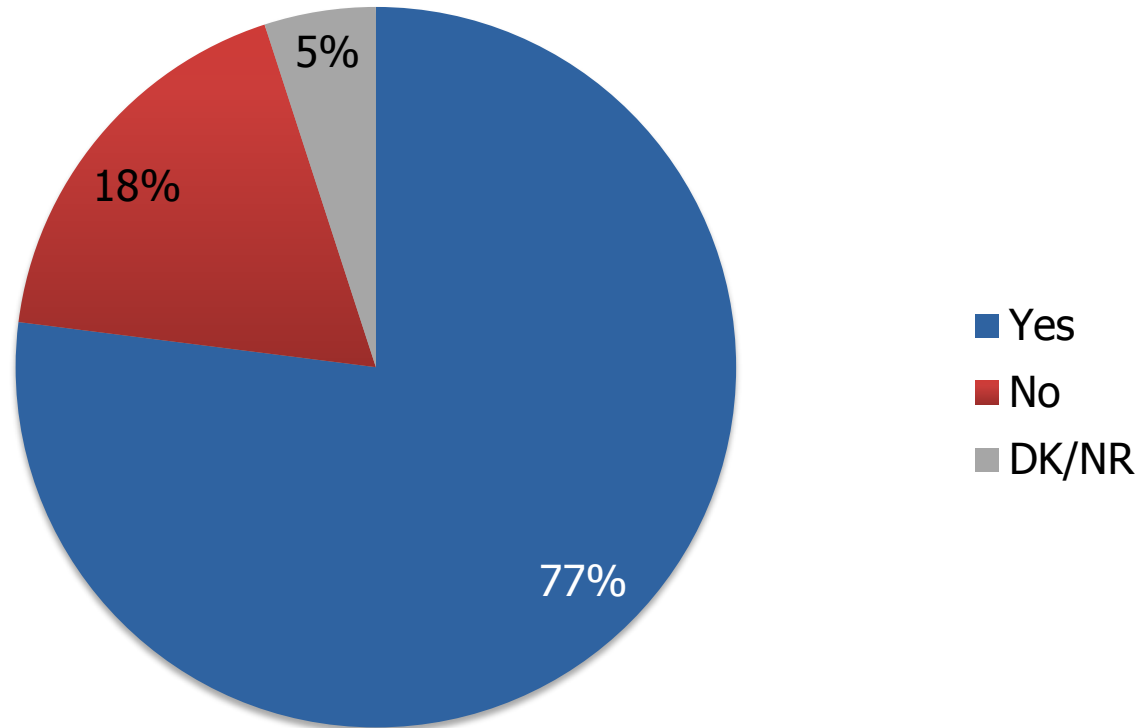


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
The returning officer in my constituency is completely impartial, fair and independent?



Note: A returning officer is an official appointed by the Election Commission to oversee the elections process.

Should a non-party, caretaker government be brought back before the next parliamentary elections?



Note: Respondents were read the following description of the caretaker government before responding to this question – a caretaker government is a non-partisan interim government charged with overseeing the elections.