



Survey on Local Governance and Constitutionalism in Zimbabwe

December 20, 2014 to January 23, 2015

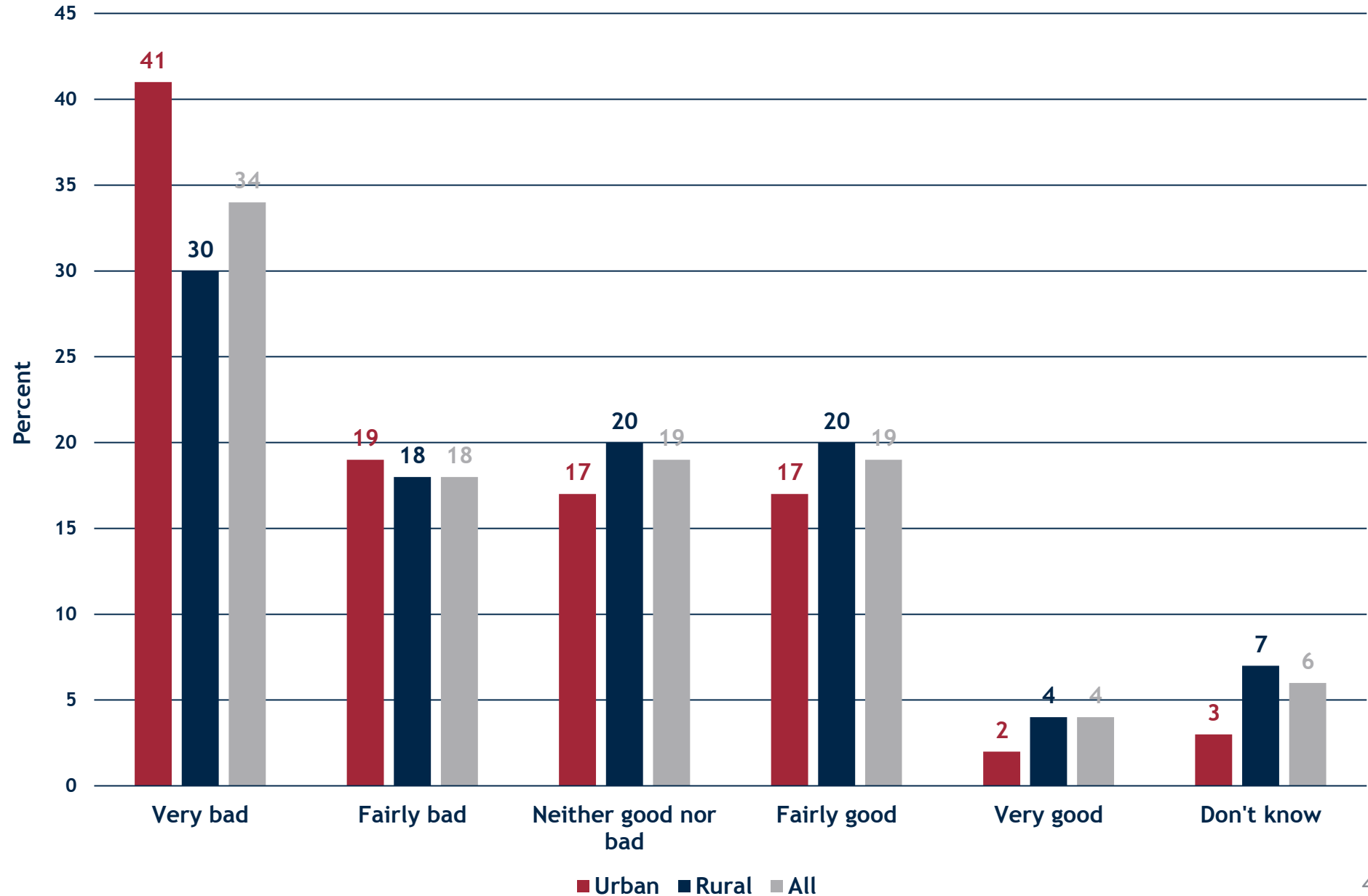
Detailed Methodology

- The International Republican Institute (IRI) carried out a survey of Zimbabwean citizens aged 18 years and older.
- The questionnaire was designed by IRI in consultation with [Target Research](#) and Zimbabwean civil society stakeholders. Sample design, interview training and fieldwork was carried out by Target Research, a social and market research firm, in consultation with IRI.
- Face-to-face interviews were carried out with 1,215 respondents between December 20, 2014 and January 23, 2015. All interviews were conducted in the language of the respondent's choice.
- A random number between 1 and 'n' was selected within each district (where 'n' equals the total number of people in that district, based on 2012 census figures). The ward in which the random number fell (i.e. the 'n-th' population member) was selected as the ward for the first starting point in the district. In the event that there was more than one sampling point in a district, a sampling interval was then calculated (total population for the district / number of starting points) and added to the random number to select the next starting point in the district, and so on, to identify the wards for each starting point.
- Random numbers were then generated within the range of latitudes and longitudes for the wards selected, to identify actual starting points. A random walk was then employed by the research team in order to select households to interview at each starting point. The supervisor instructed each member of the research team to go in a different and in a particular direction (e.g. north-east, south-west) and to sample the first house while walking in that direction, and to then to continue in the same direction, skip ten houses (in urban areas) or five houses (in rural areas) and conduct subsequent interviews using this skip pattern. Individuals were then selected at random.
- In total 1,536 houses were visited to obtain 1,215 interviews. Thus, the response rate for this survey was 79 percent.
- The margin of error for the entire study is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points.
- The survey was funded by the [National Endowment for Democracy](#).
- Charts and graphs may not add to 100 percent due to rounding.

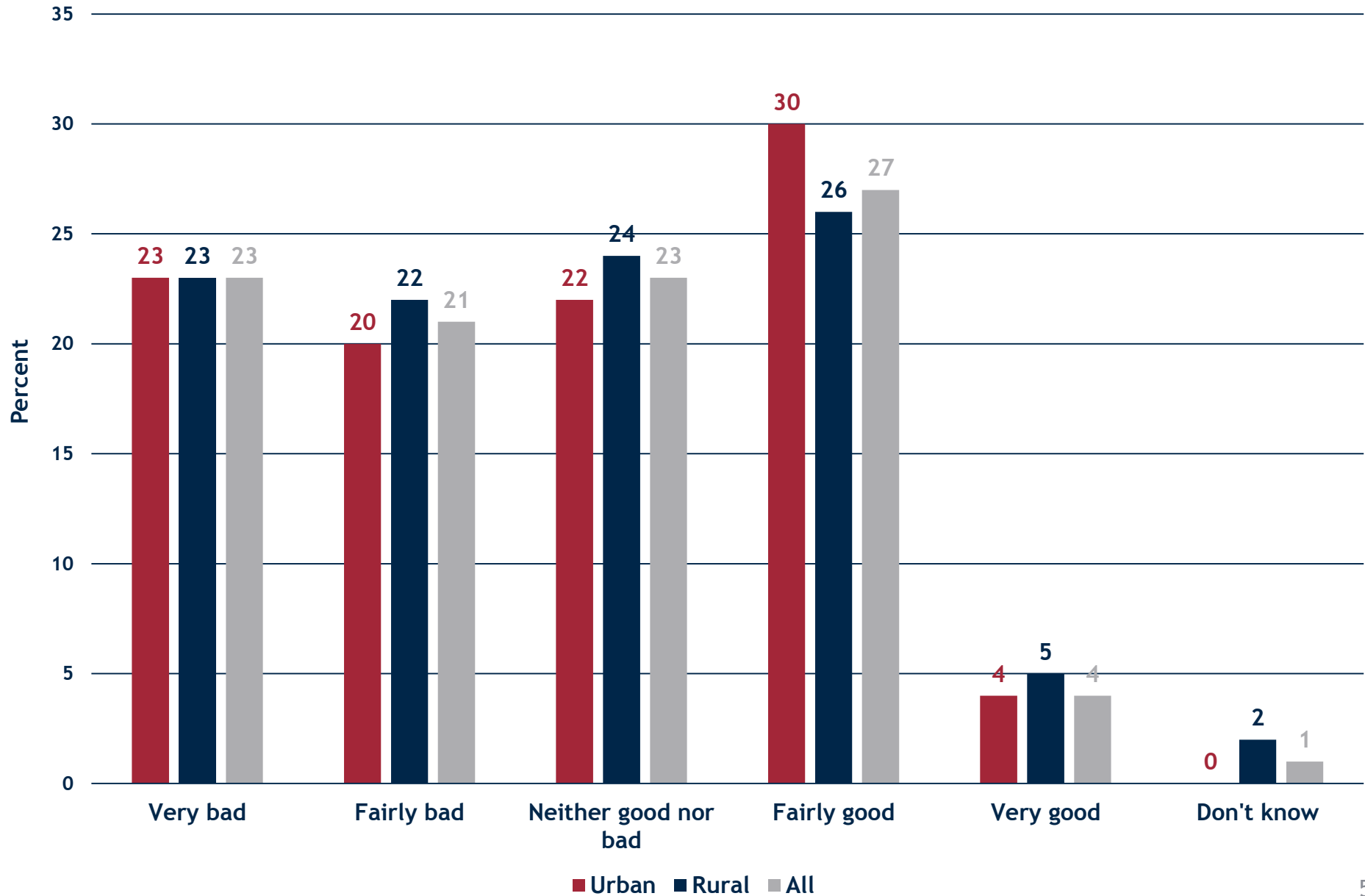


Perceptions of the Economy and Living Standards

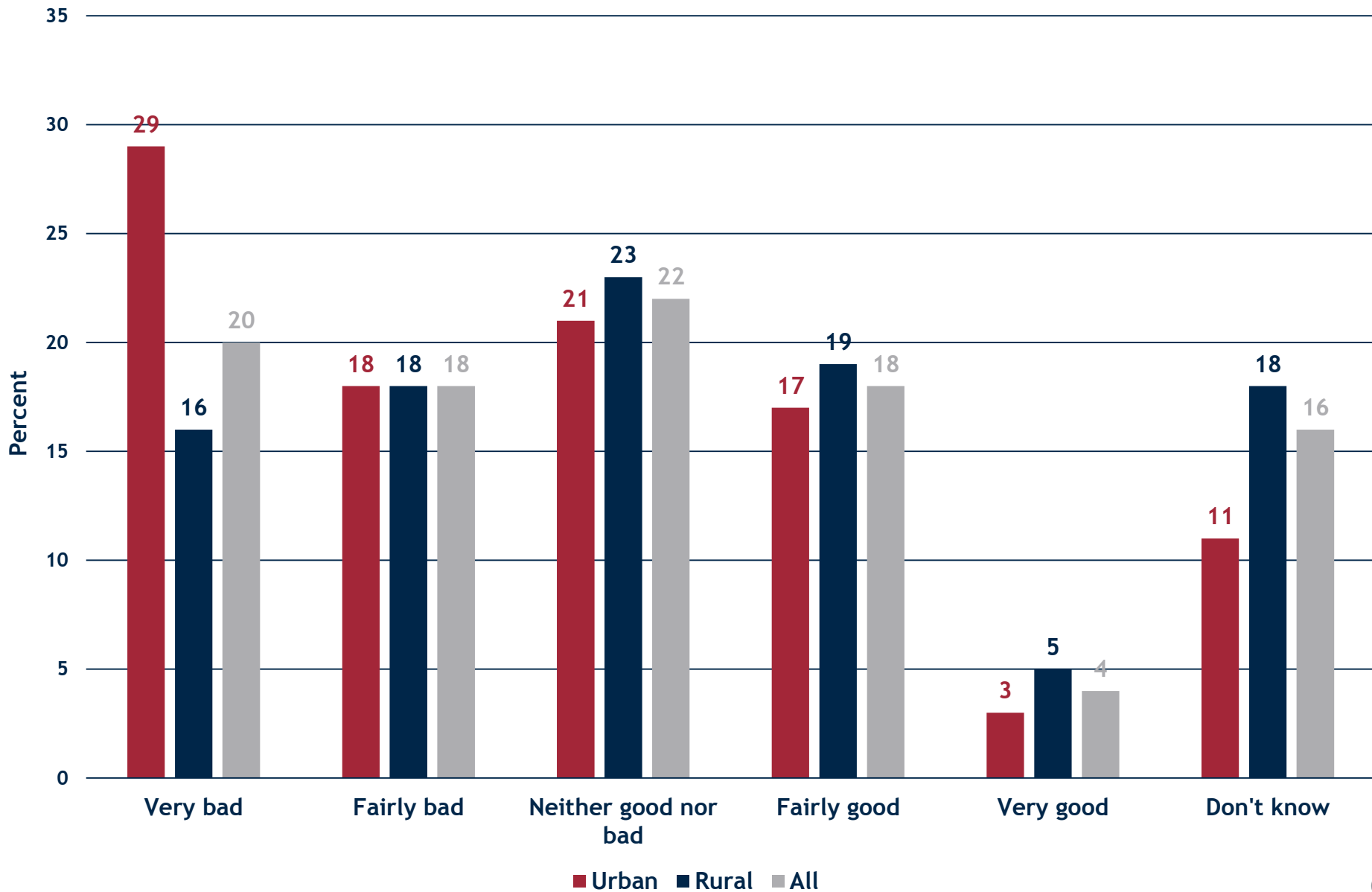
Overall, how would you rate the economy of Zimbabwe?



Overall, how would you rate your own present living conditions?



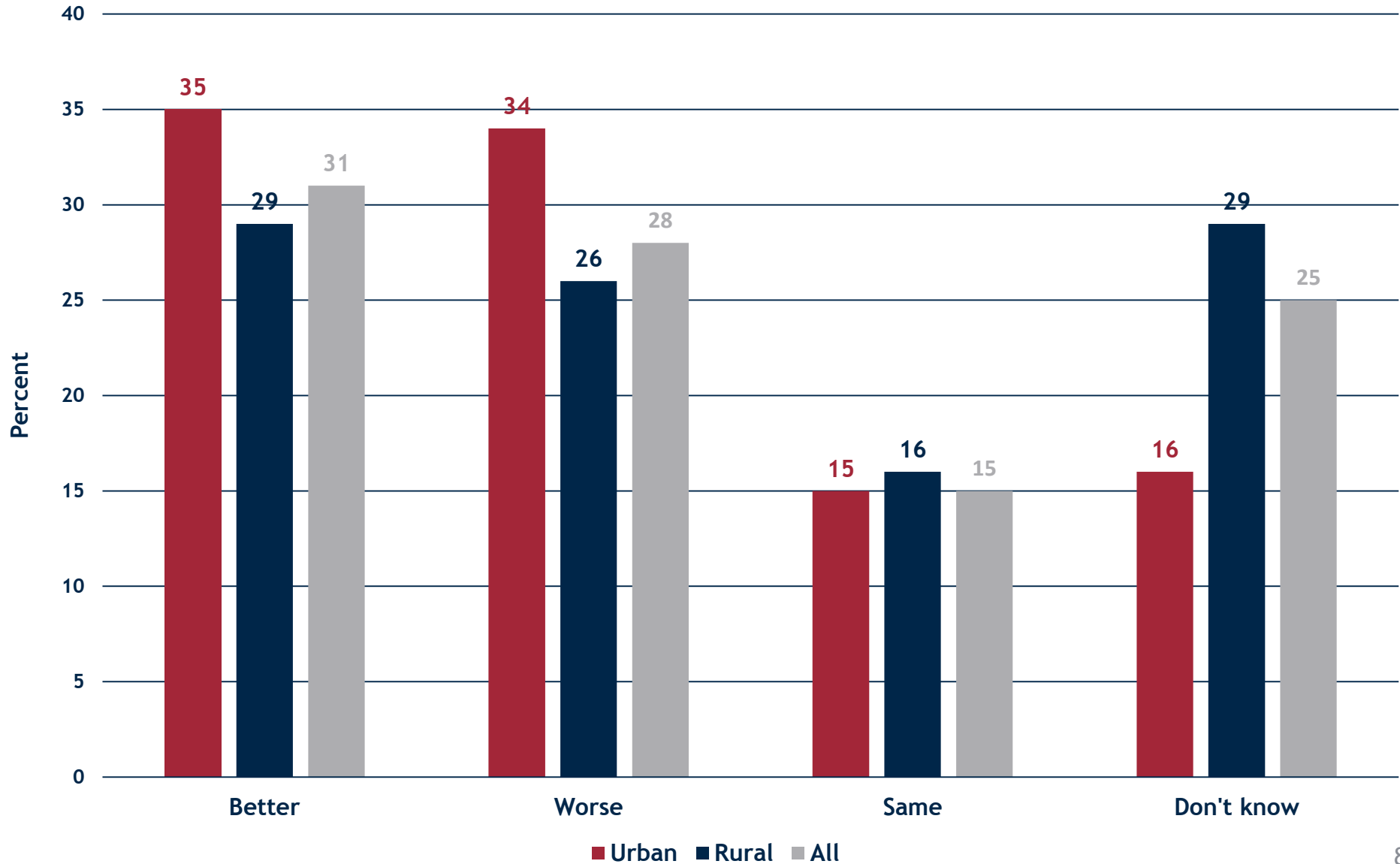
Since the end of the Government of National Unity, how would you rate the economy of Zimbabwe?



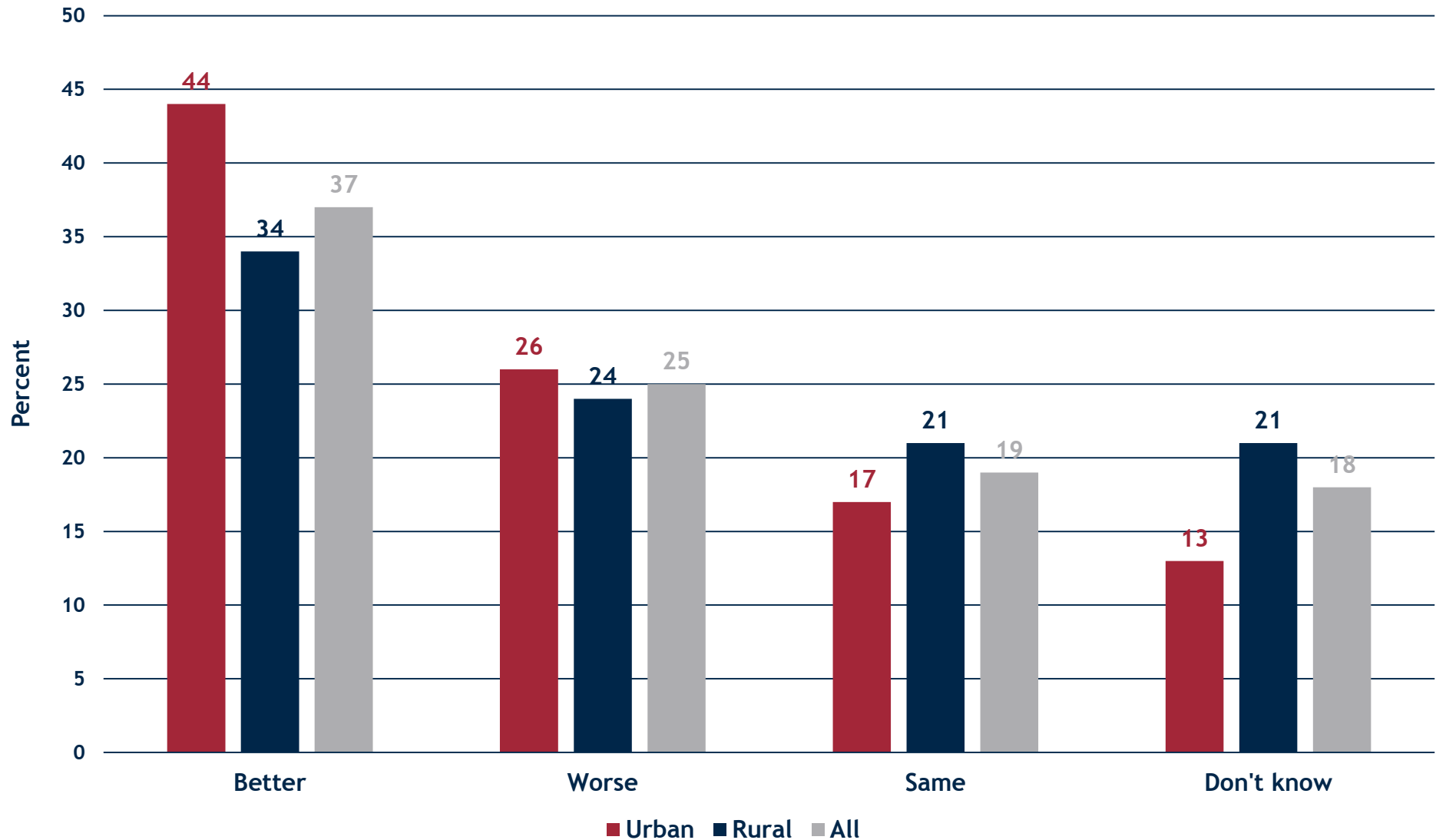
Since the end of the Government of National Unity, how would you rate your own living conditions?



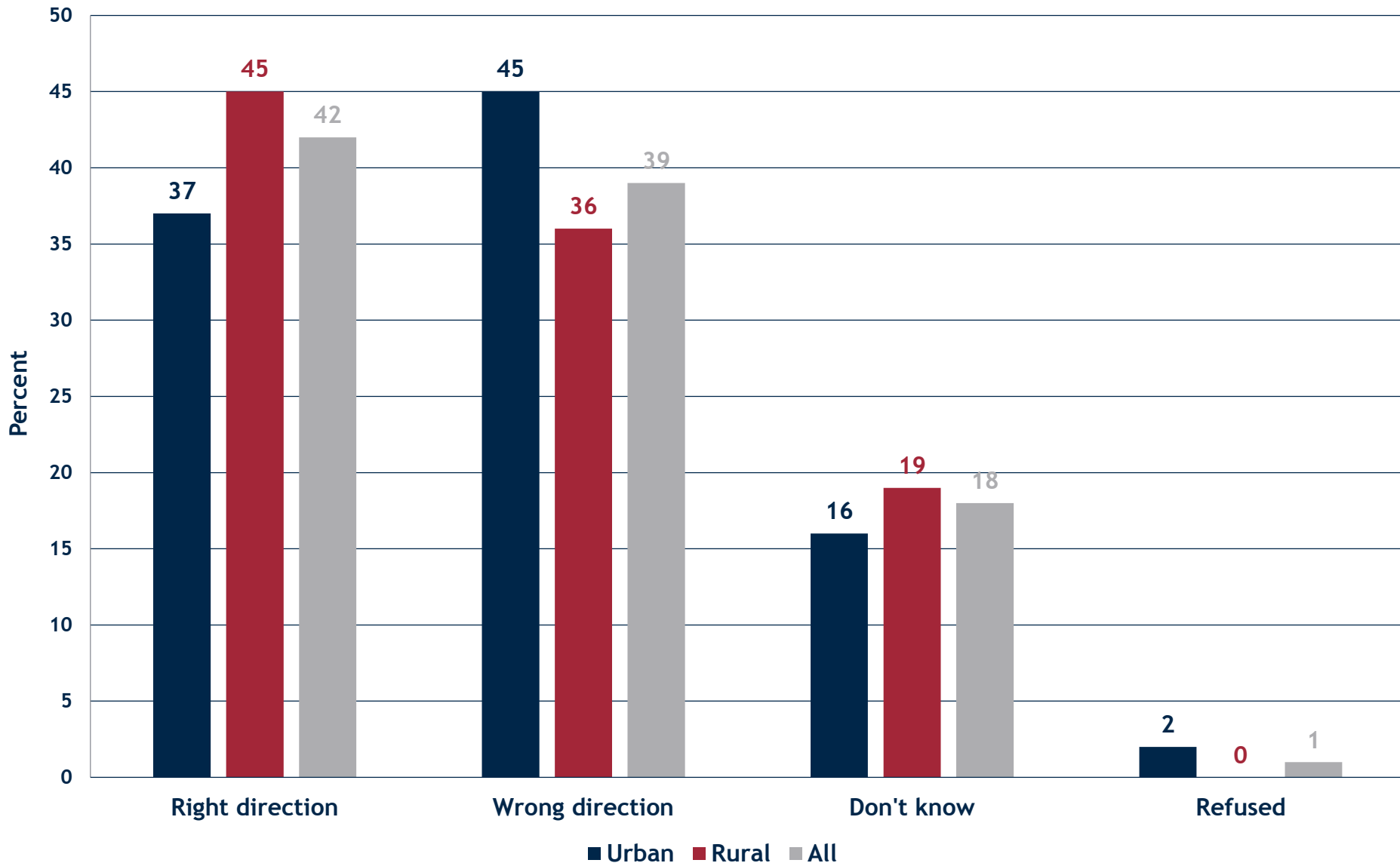
Thinking about the Zimbabwean economy, in the coming year do you think that it is going to get better, worse or stay about the same?



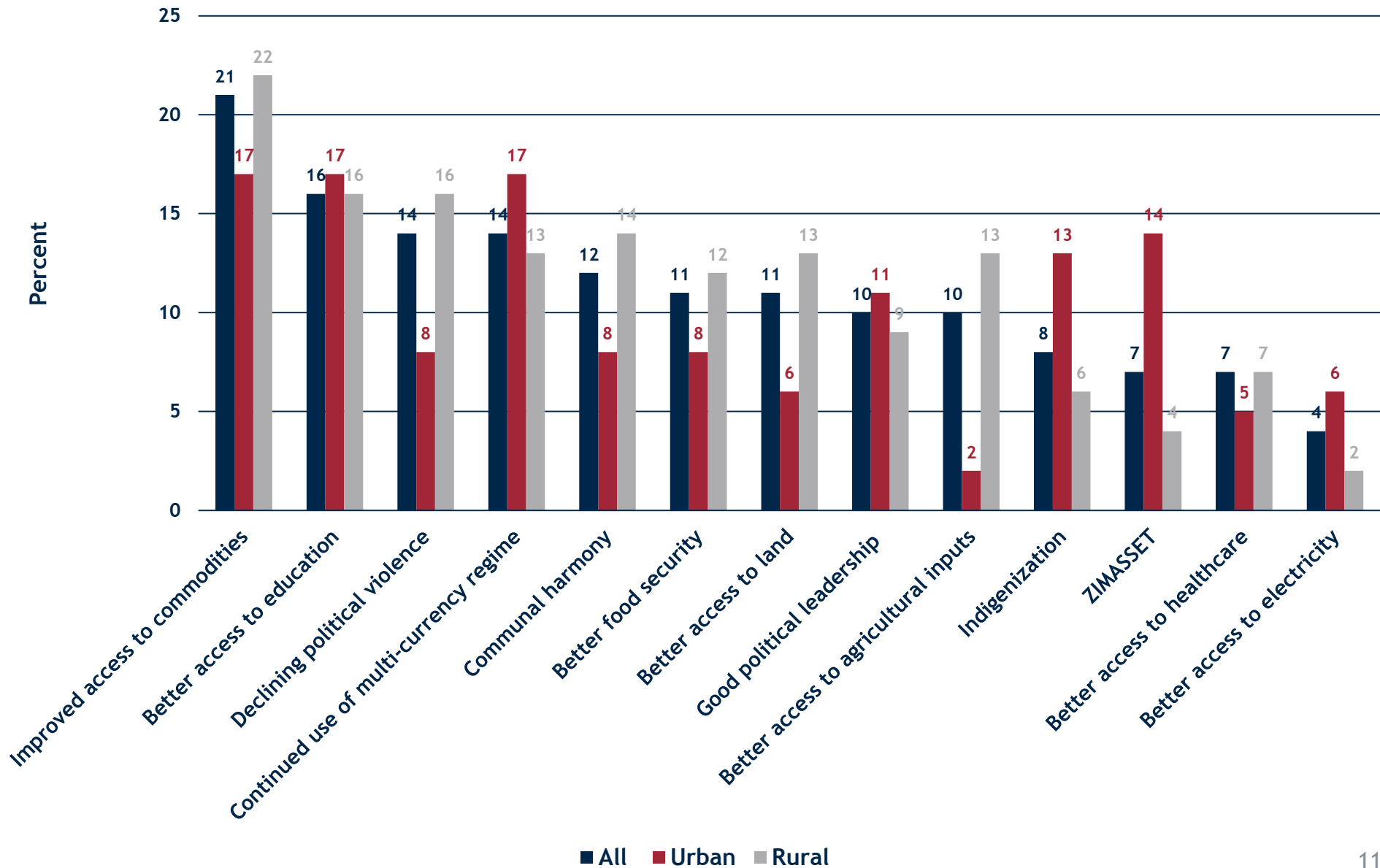
Thinking about the your personal economic situation, in the coming year do you think that it is going to get better, worse or stay about the same?



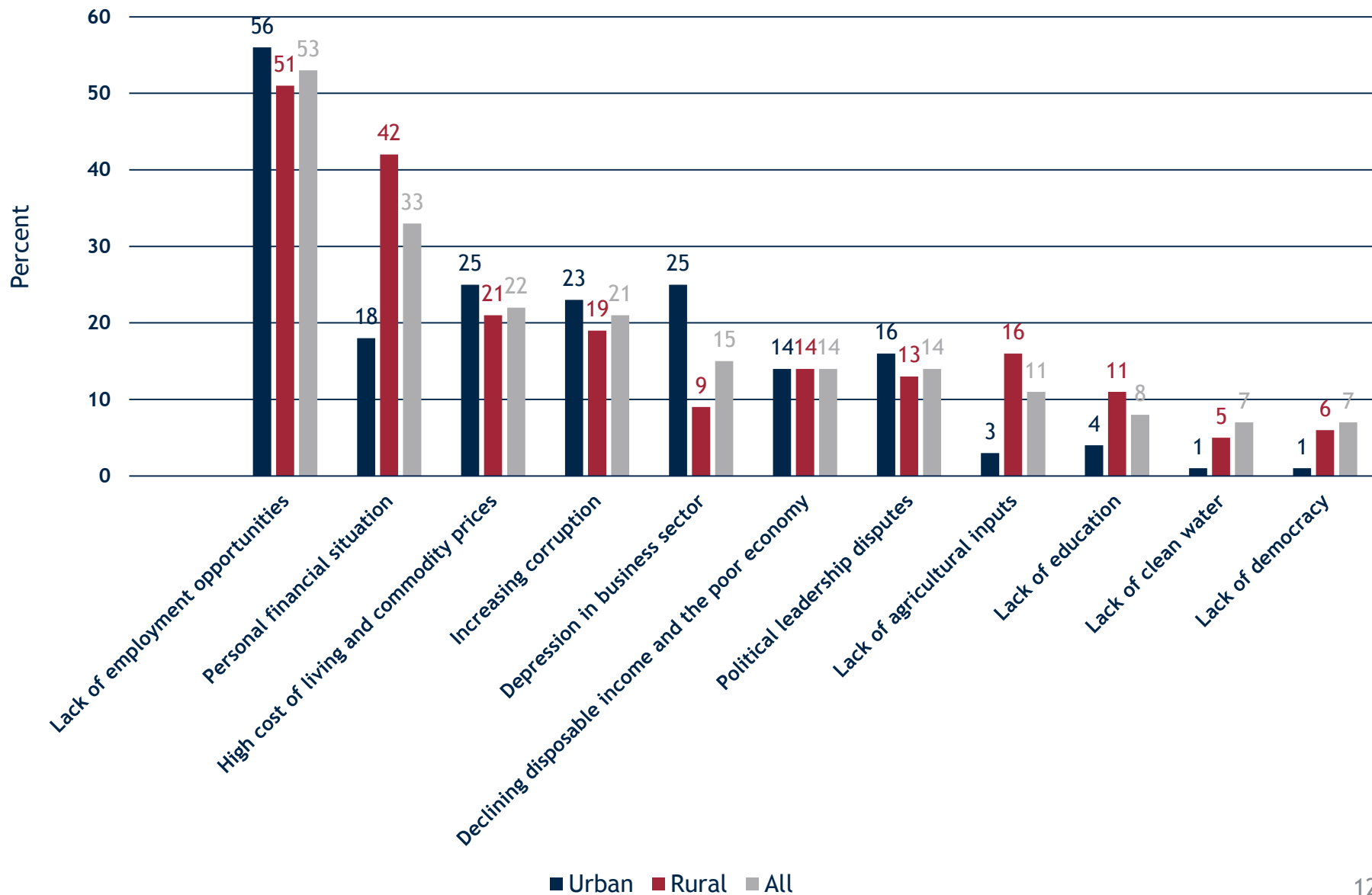
Overall, do you think Zimbabwe is headed in the right direction or wrong direction?



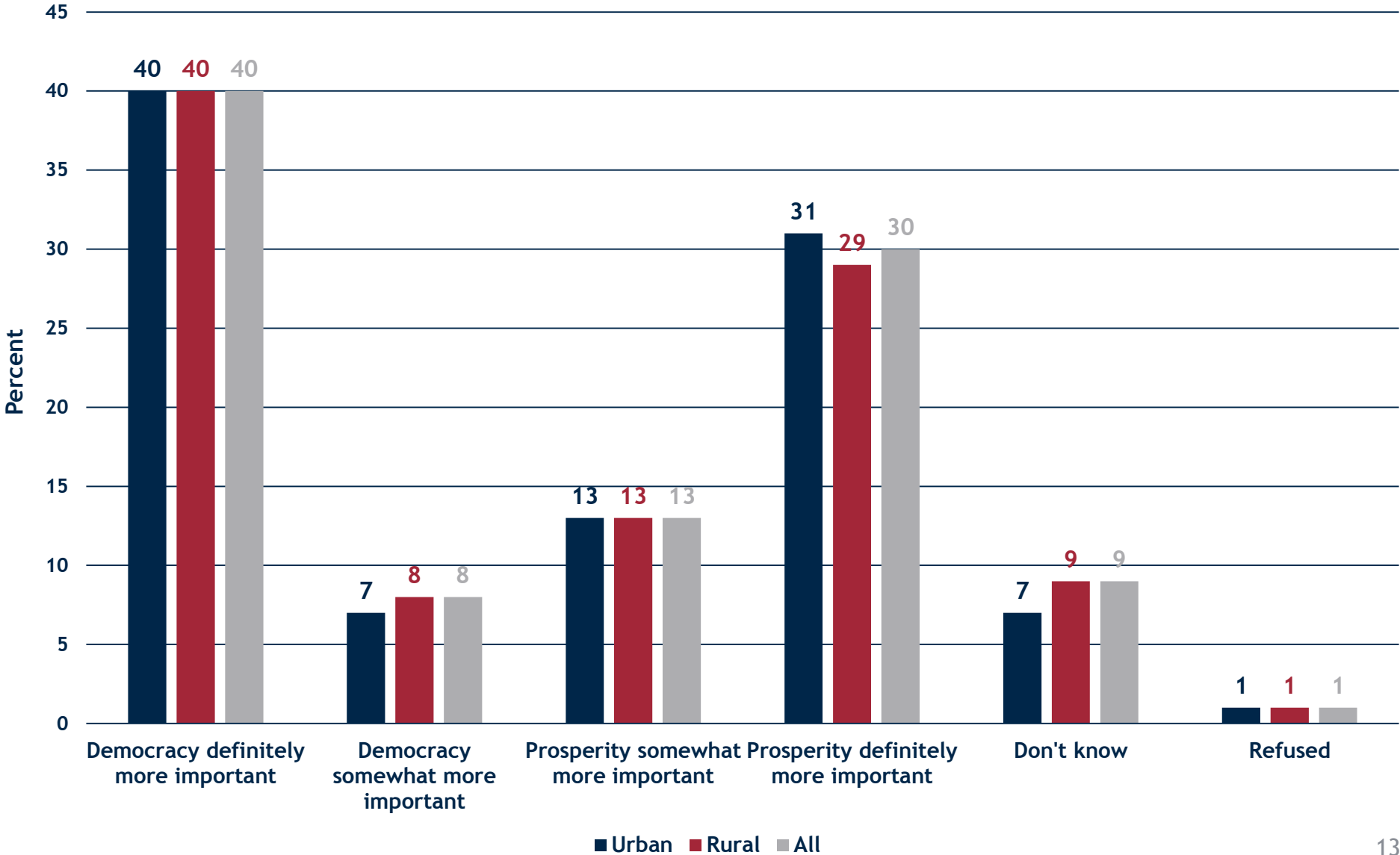
Why do you think Zimbabwe is headed in the right direction?



Why do you think Zimbabwe is headed in the wrong direction?



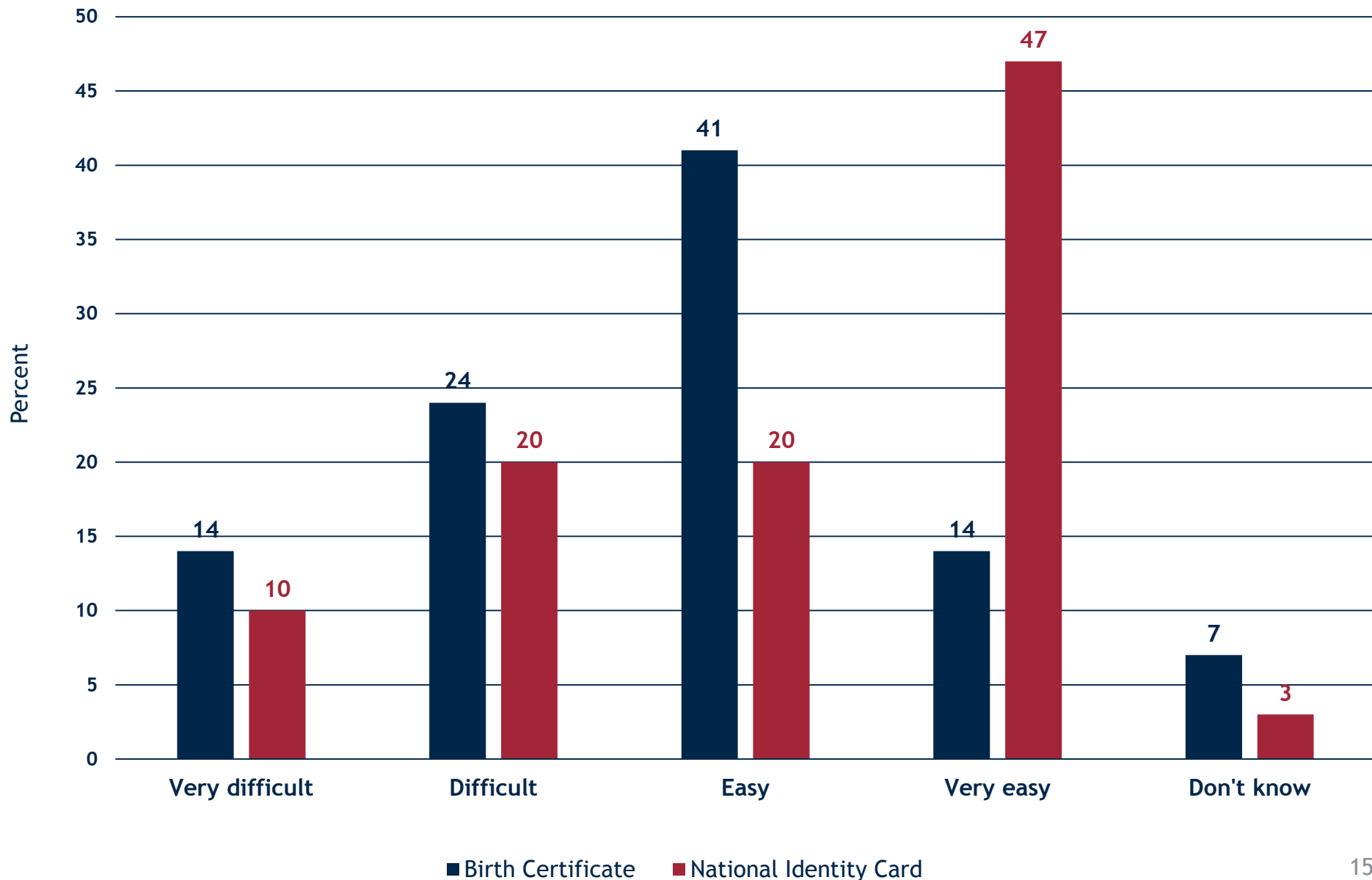
If you could only choose one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



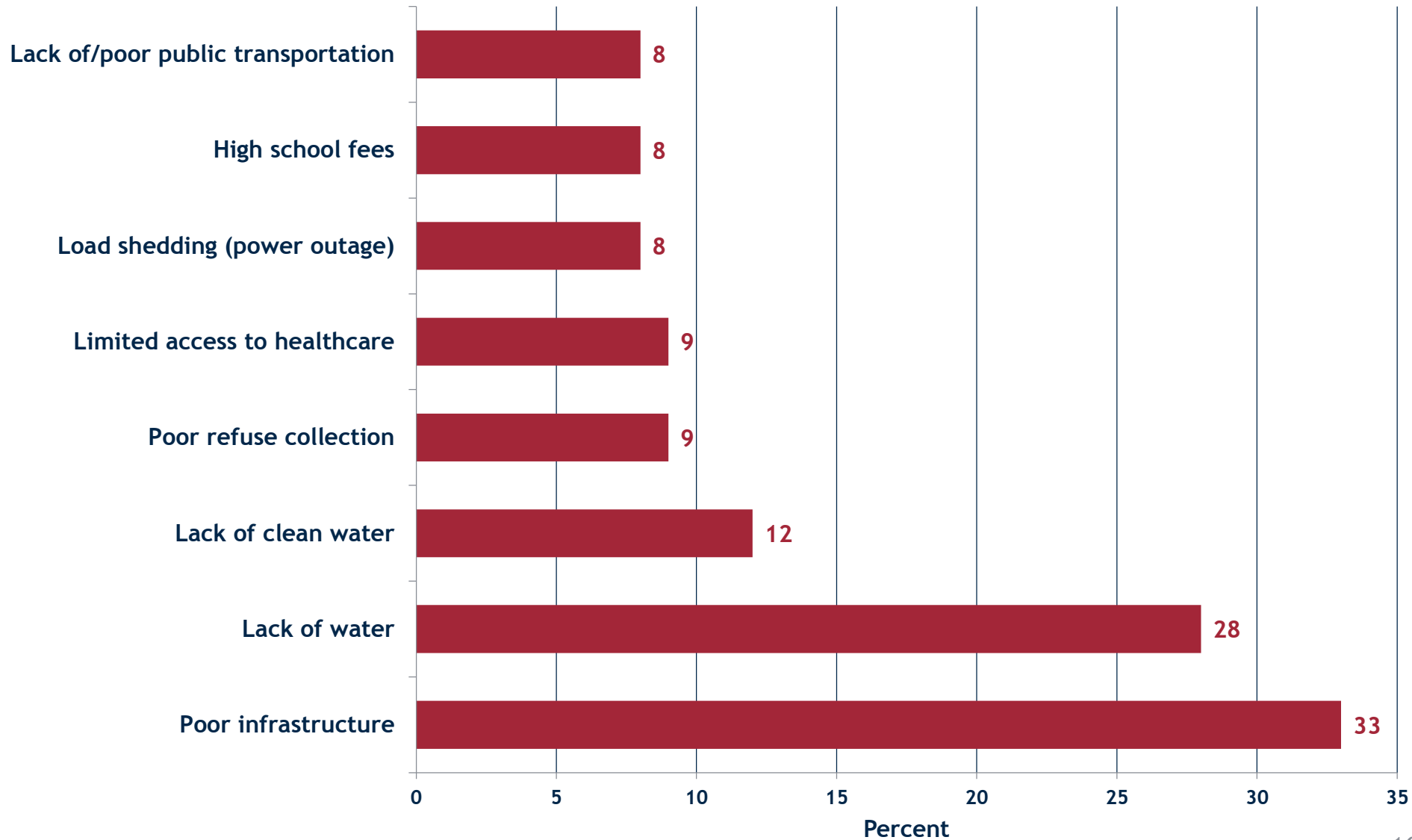


Service Delivery in Zimbabwe

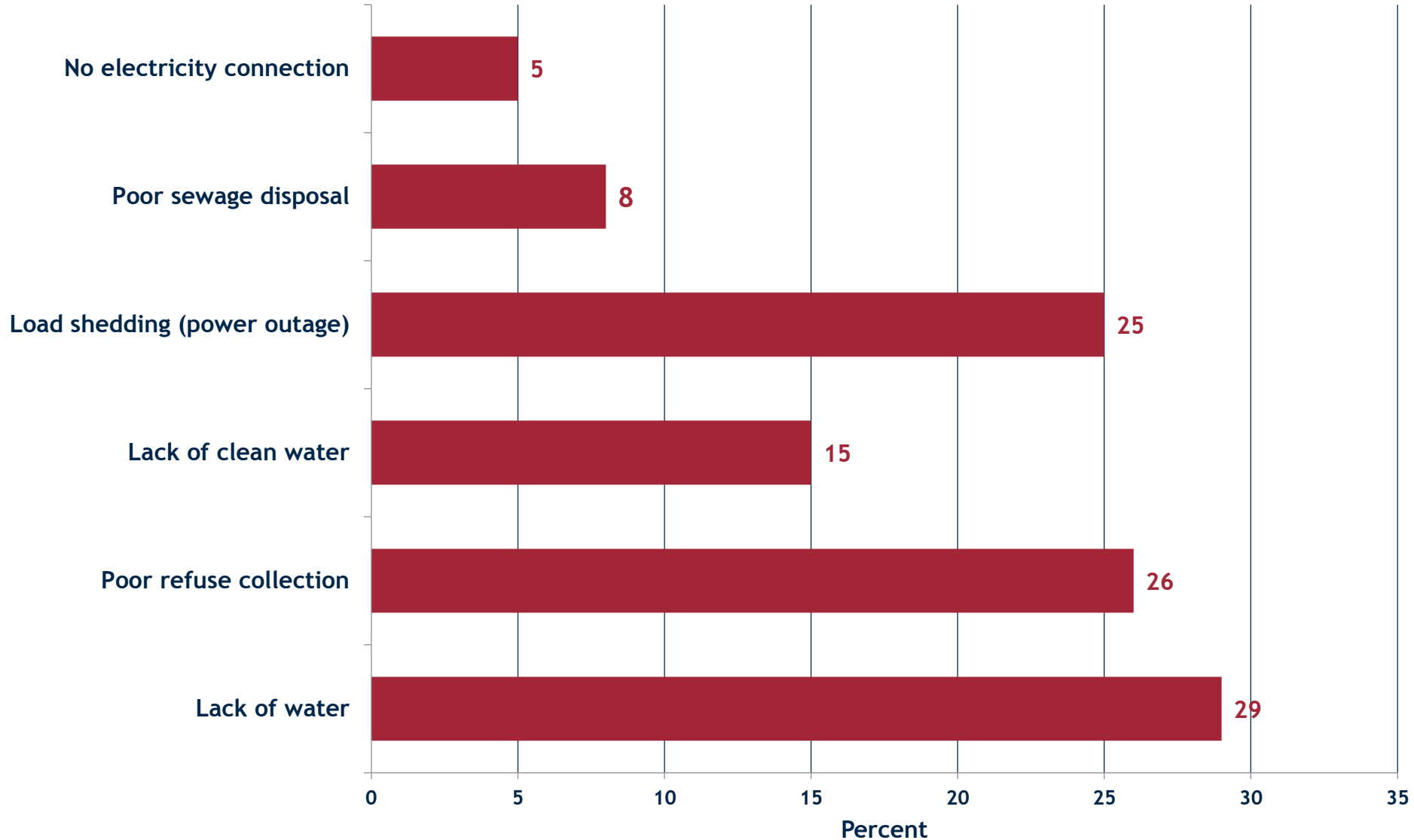
Based on your own experience, how easy or difficult is it for you to obtain a birth certificate and national identity card?



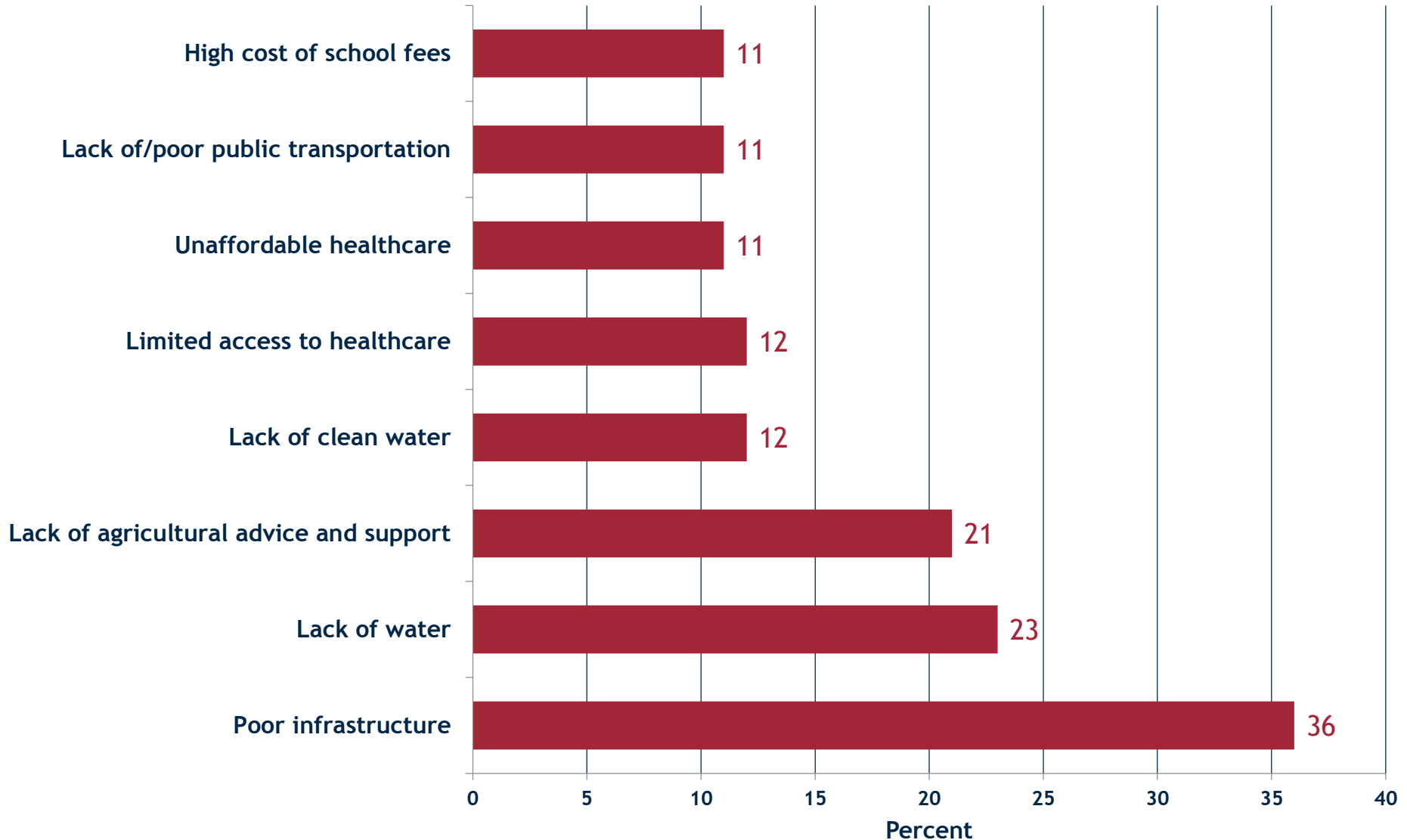
What are the most important service delivery problems in Zimbabwe?



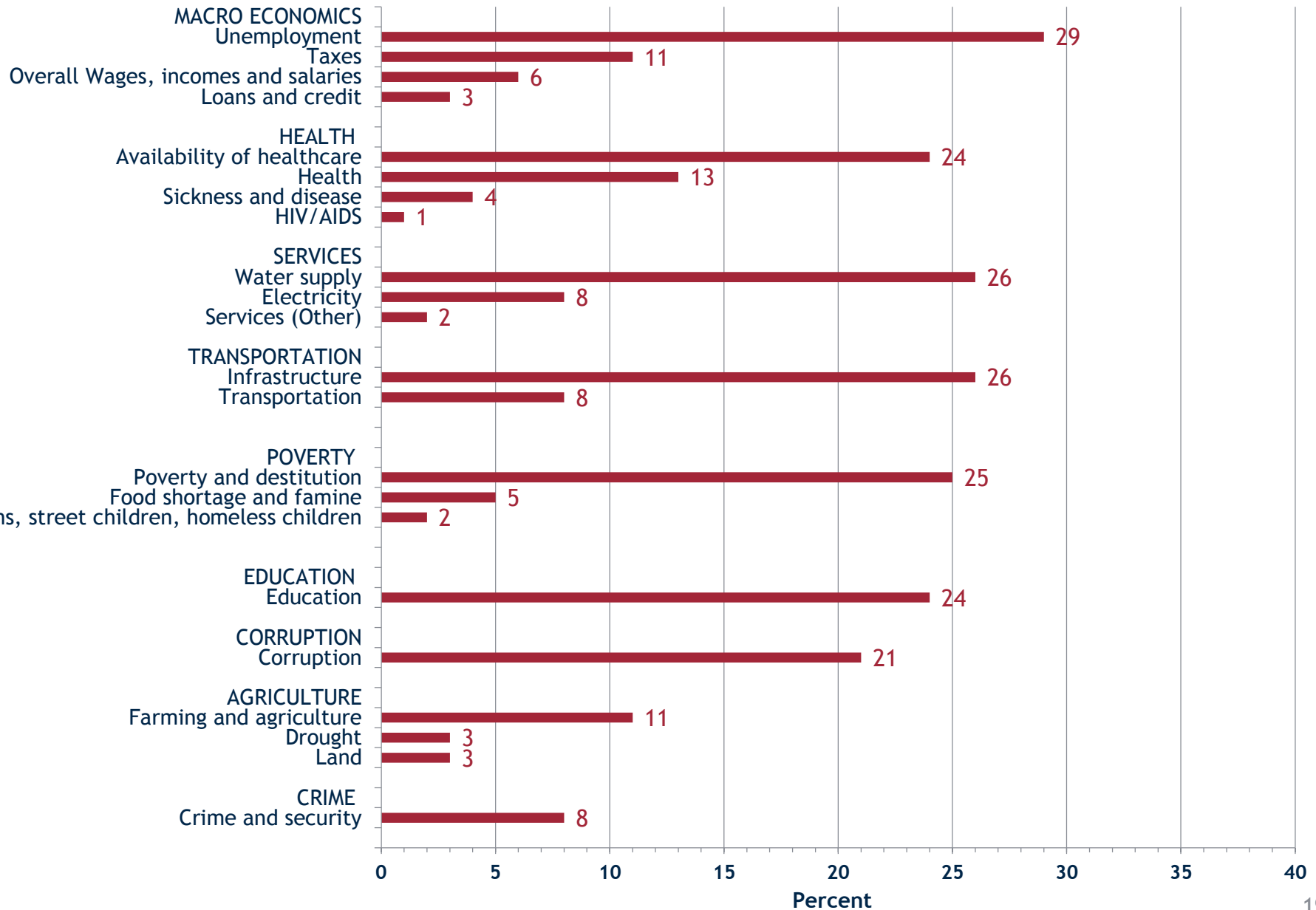
What are the primary service delivery problems for urban Zimbabweans? (n=398)



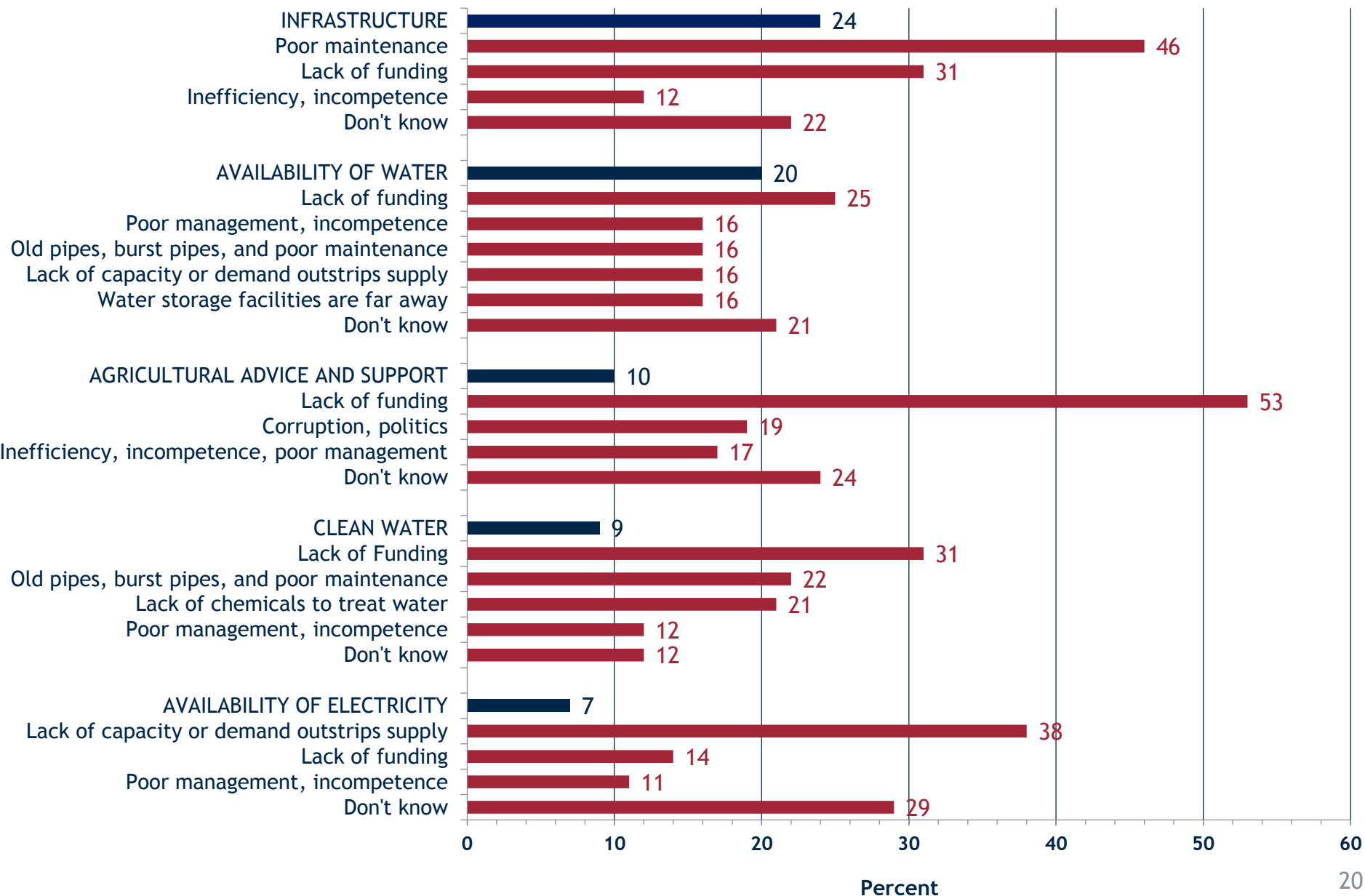
What are the primary service delivery problems for rural Zimbabweans? (n=817)



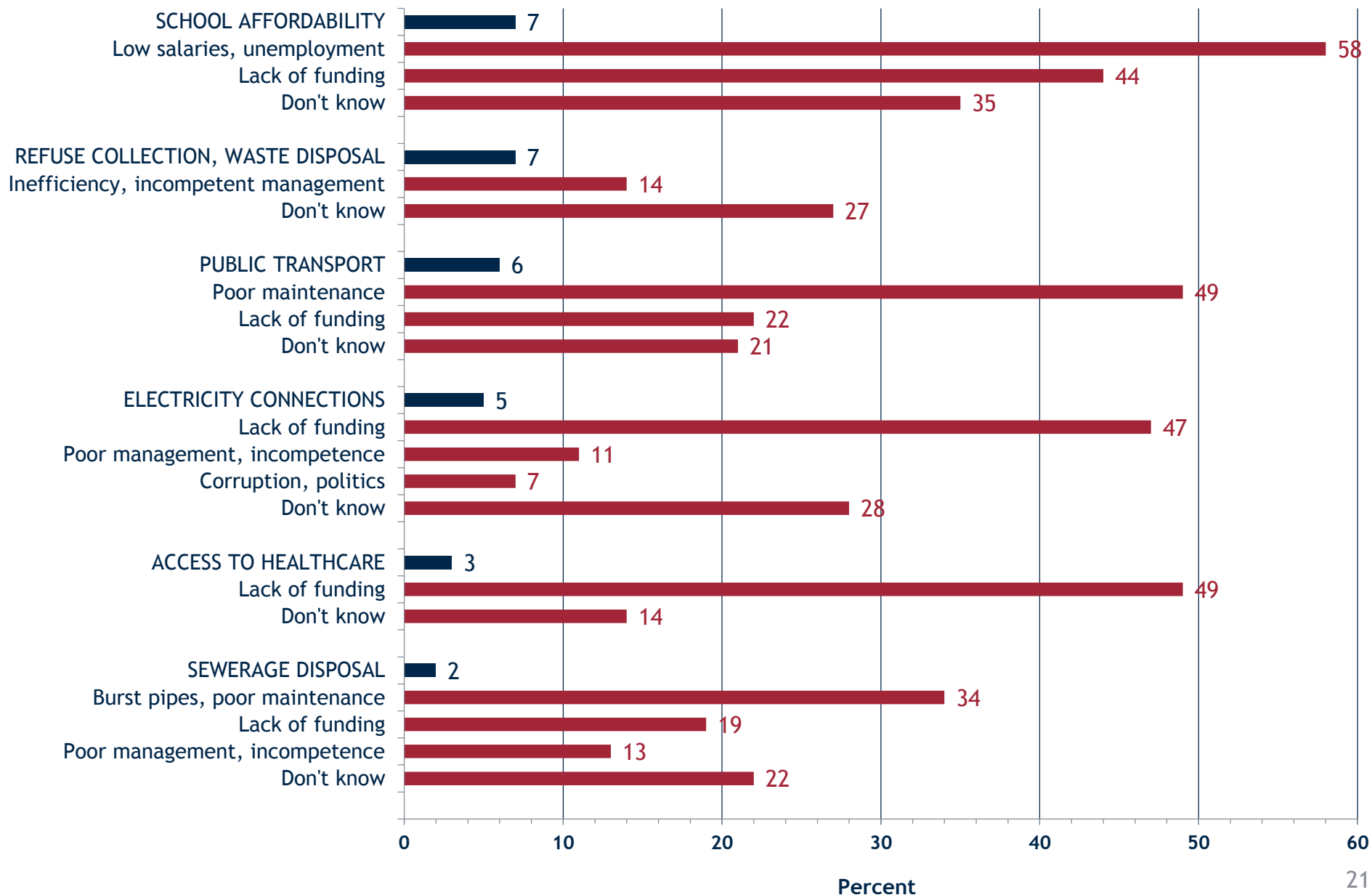
In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing the country that government should address? (Open-Ended)



In your opinion, what are the things that cause service delivery to be poor?



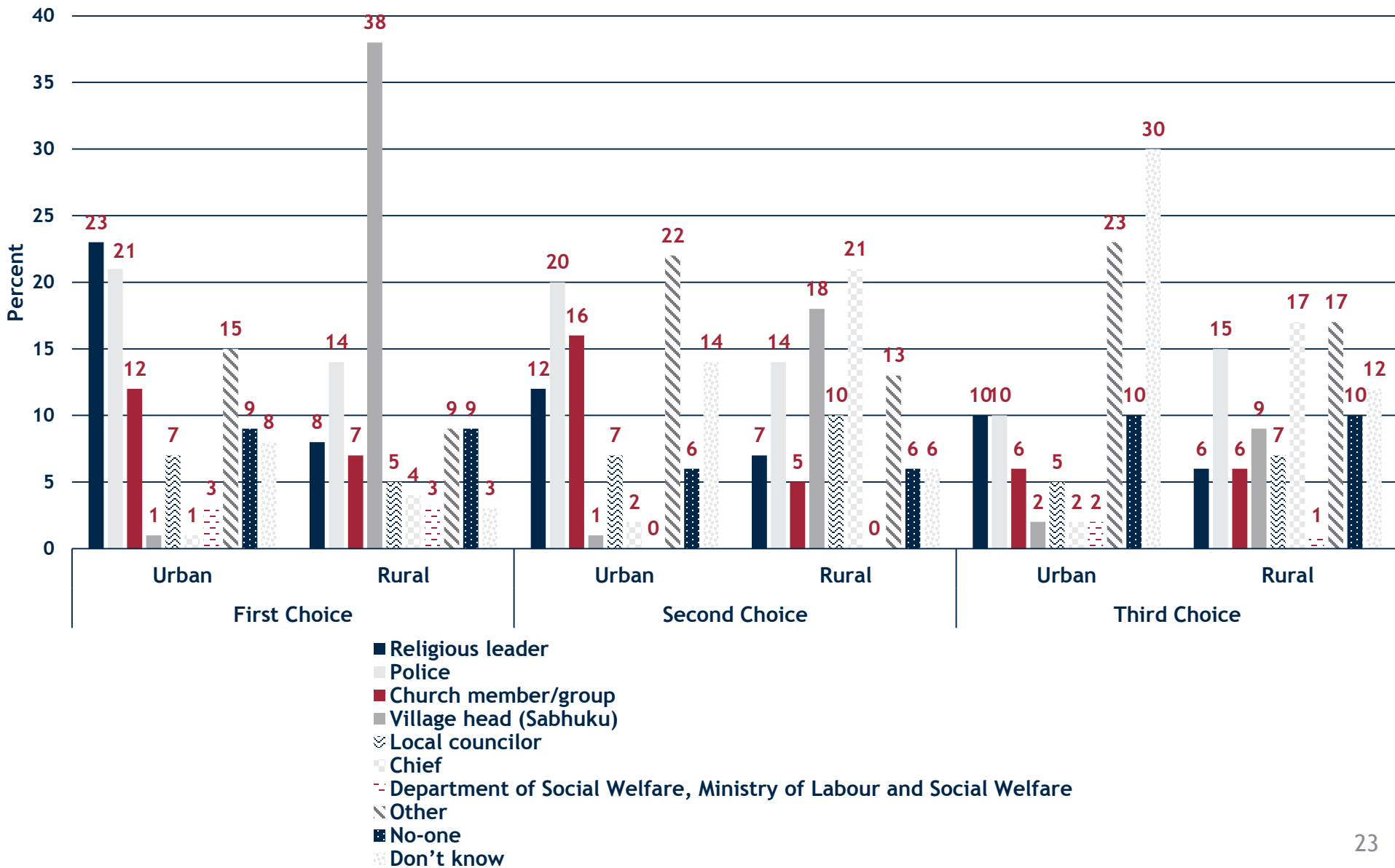
In your opinion, what are the things that cause service delivery to be poor? (continued)



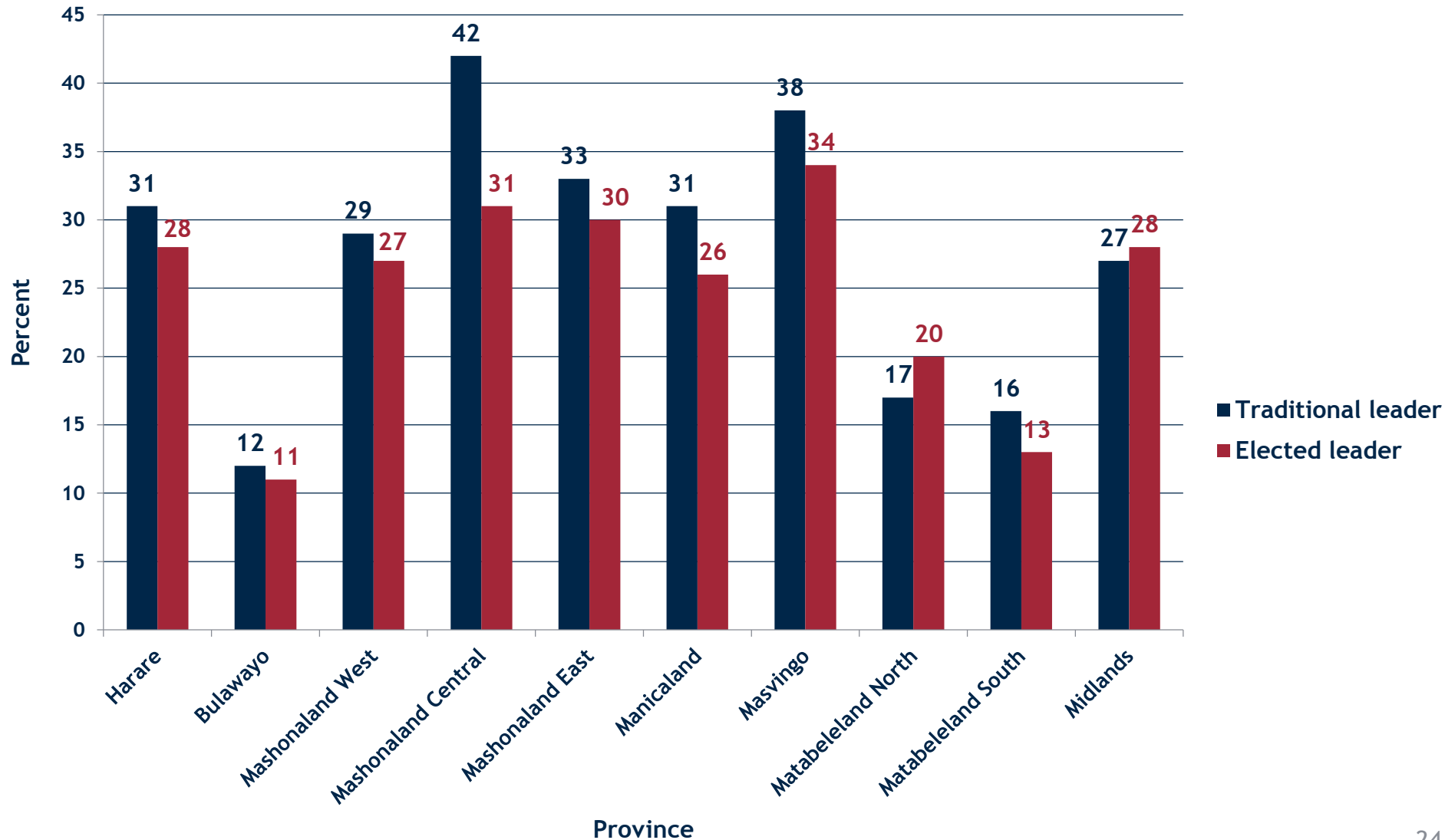


Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of Local Leaders

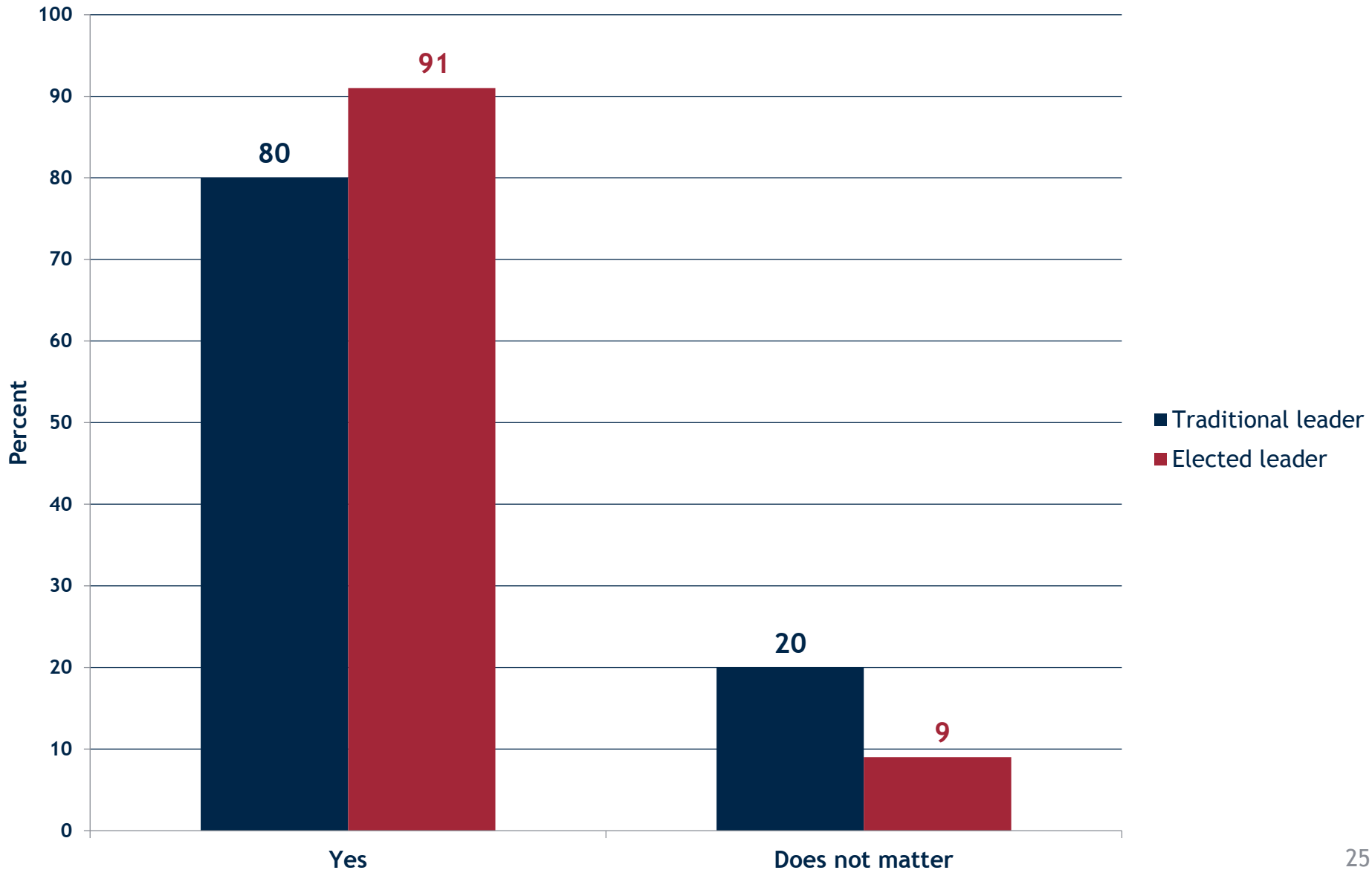
If you had a problem or needed help, and it could not be solved within your circle of friends or family, to whom would you go to for assistance, advice or resolution?



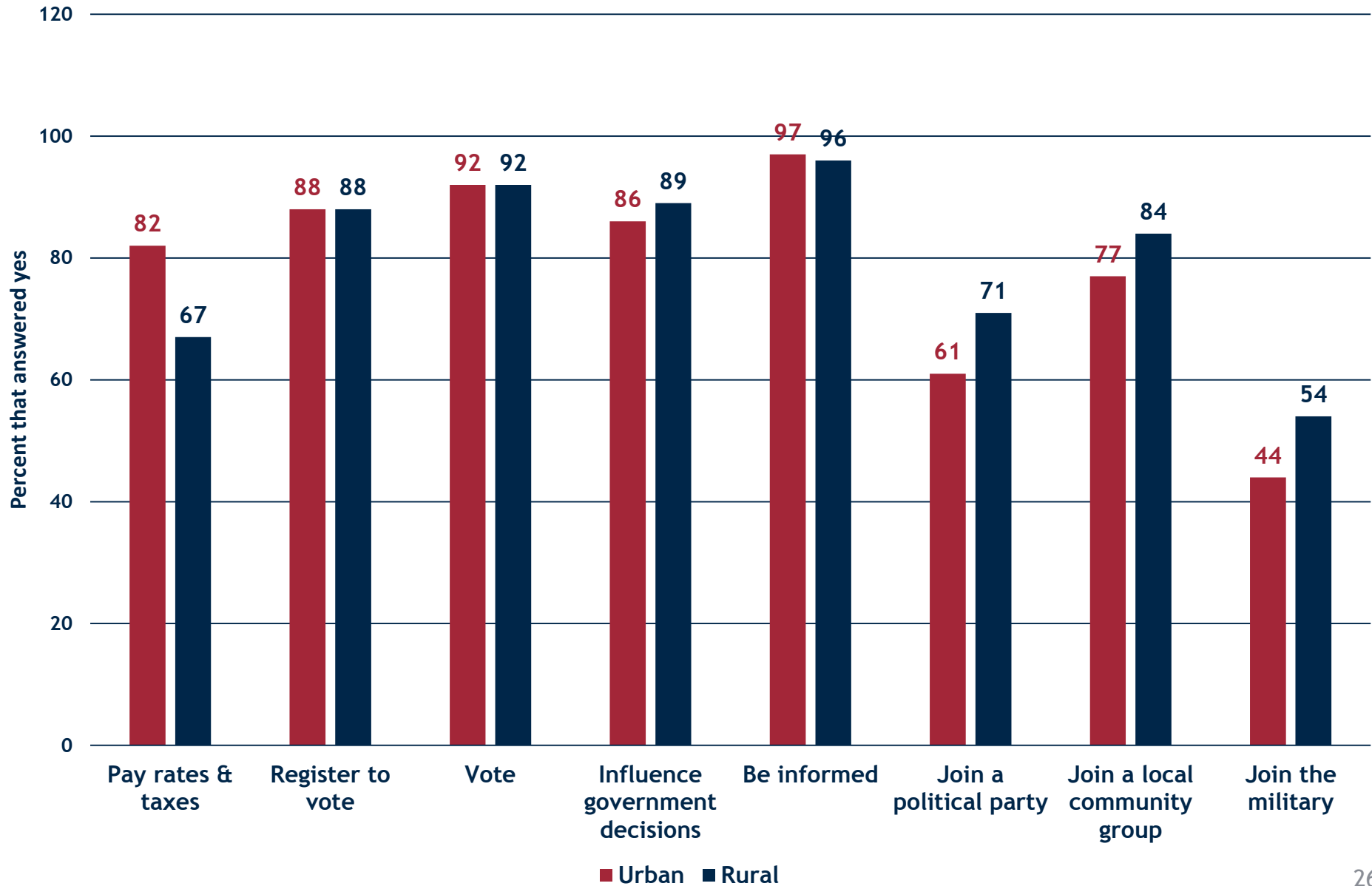
Do you prefer your local traditional and elected leaders to have liberation credentials?



Do you prefer your local traditional and elected leaders to have a minimum of secondary education?



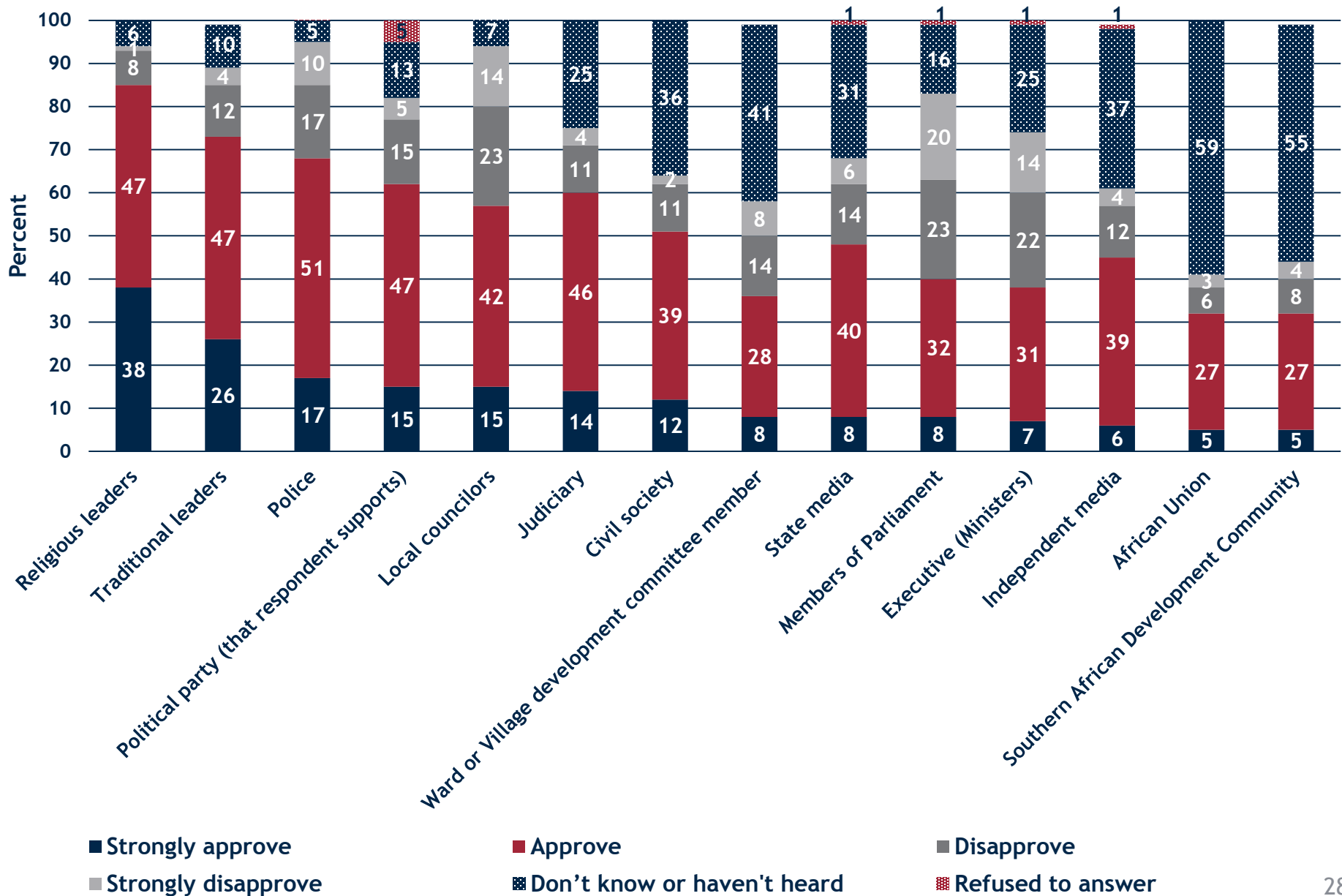
In your opinion, do citizens of Zimbabwe have a duty to participate in the following (n=1,215):



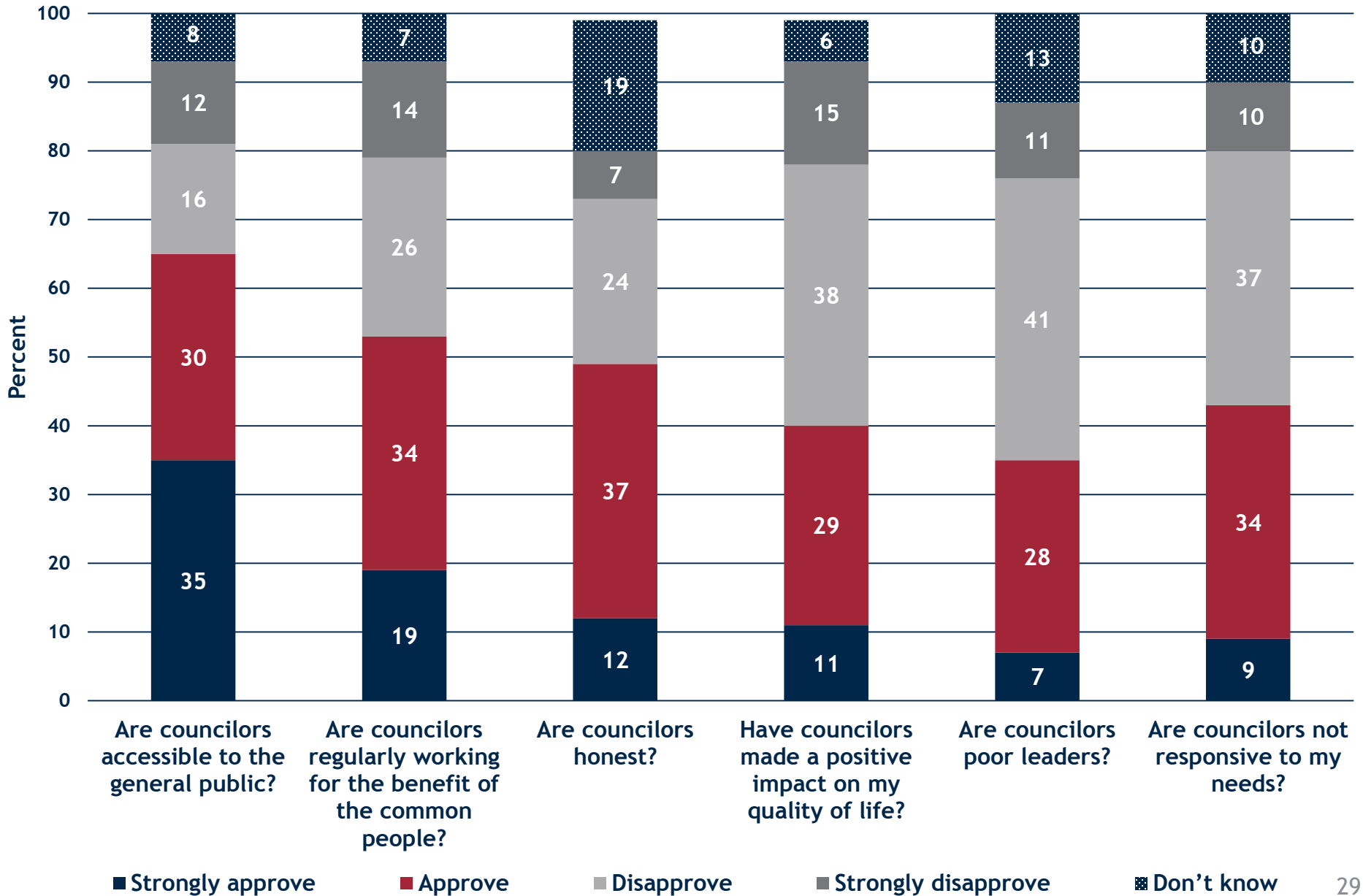


Citizens' Relationships with Local Government

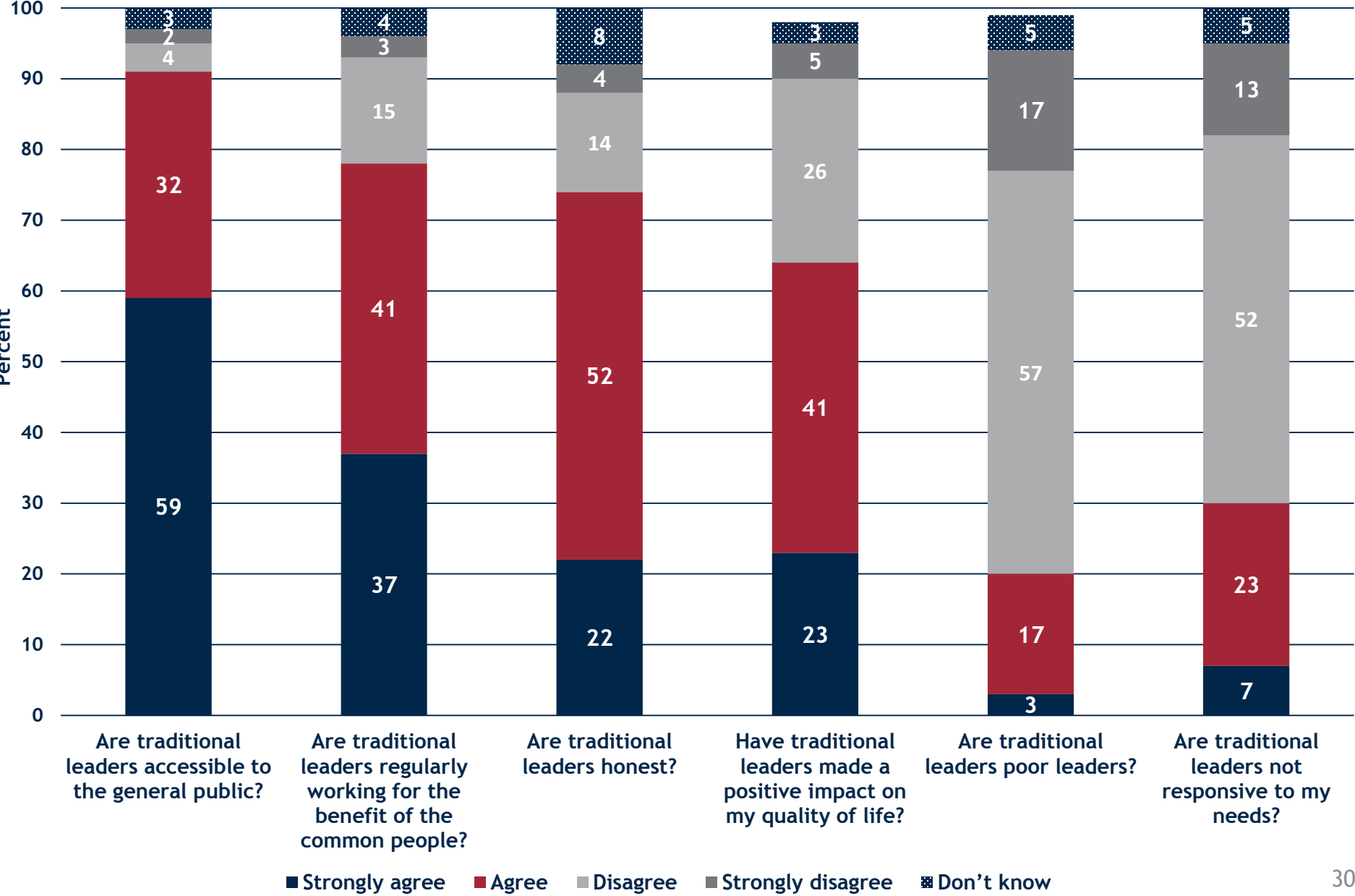
Thinking about the following institutions and people, would you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?



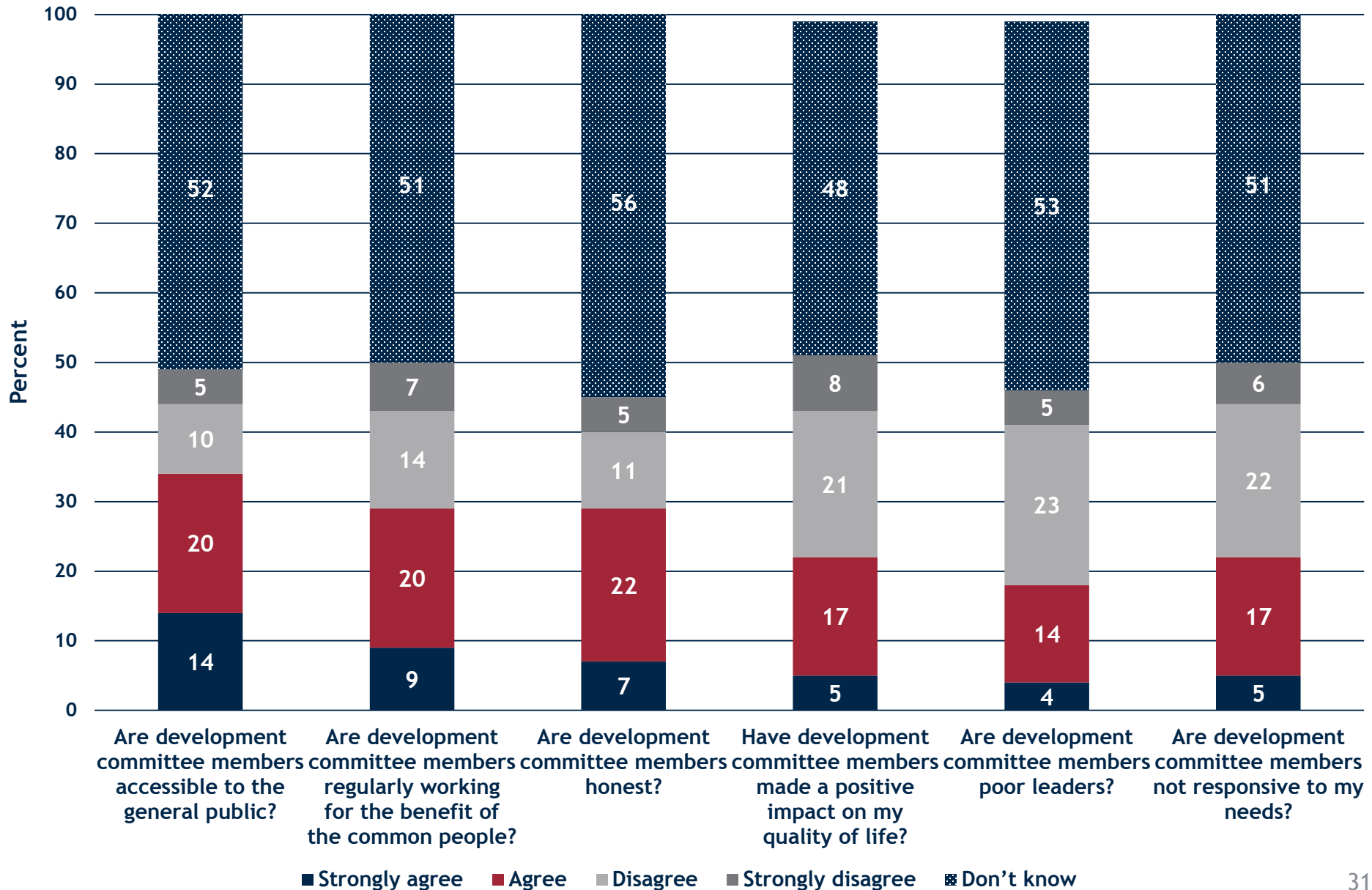
Perceptions of Elected Local Councilors (n=1,215)



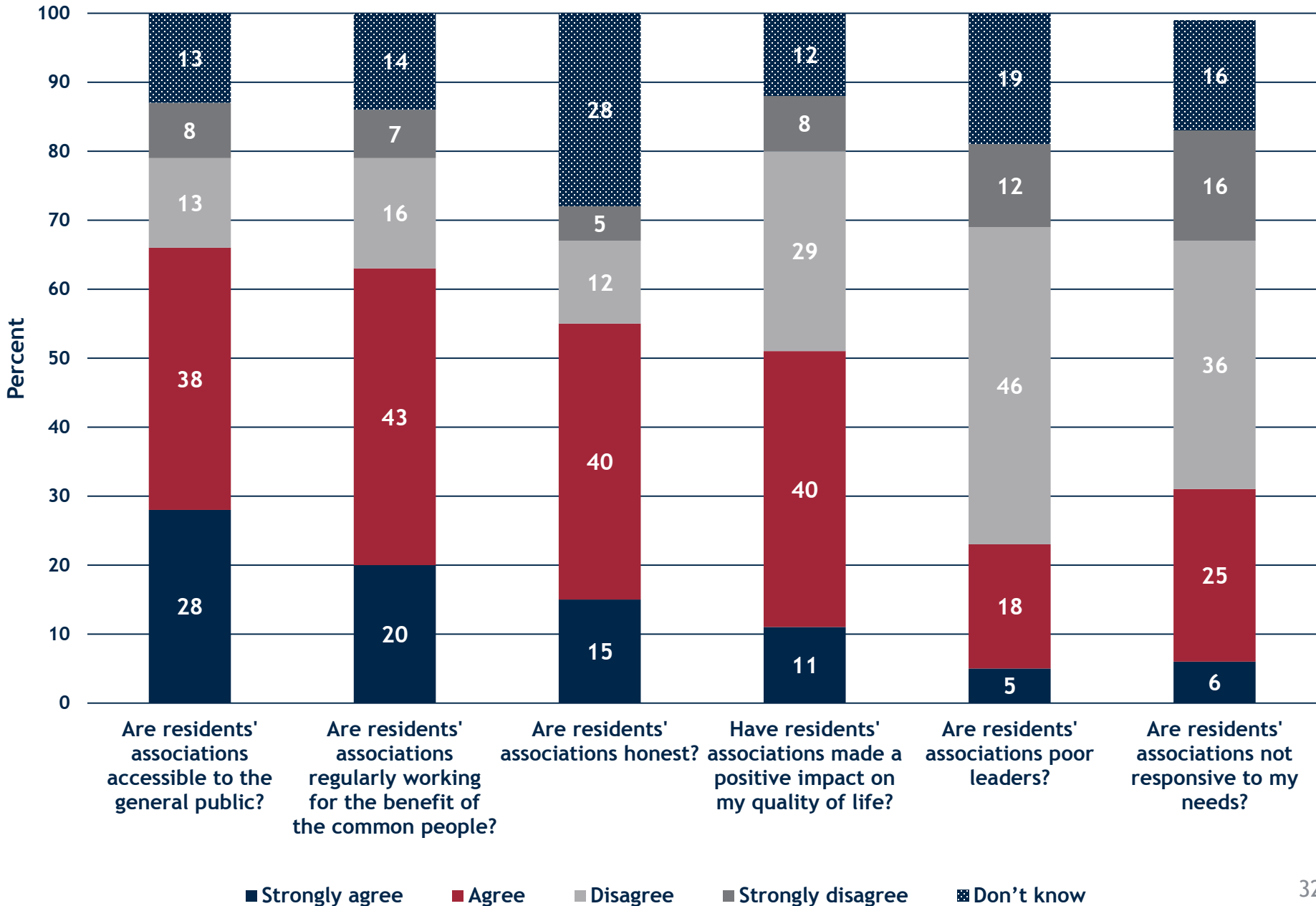
Perceptions of Traditional Leaders (n=1,215)



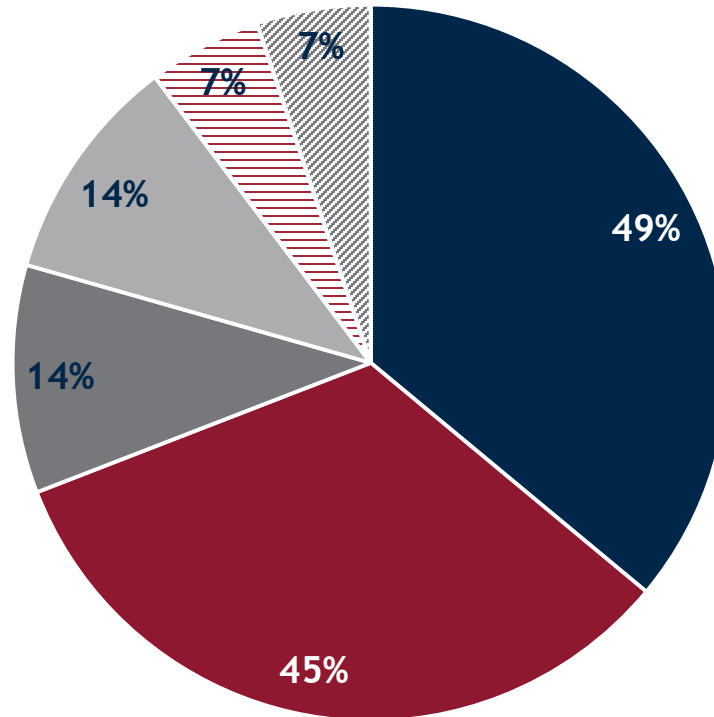
Perceptions of Ward and Village Development Committee Members (n=1,215)



Perceptions of Residents' Associations (n=188)

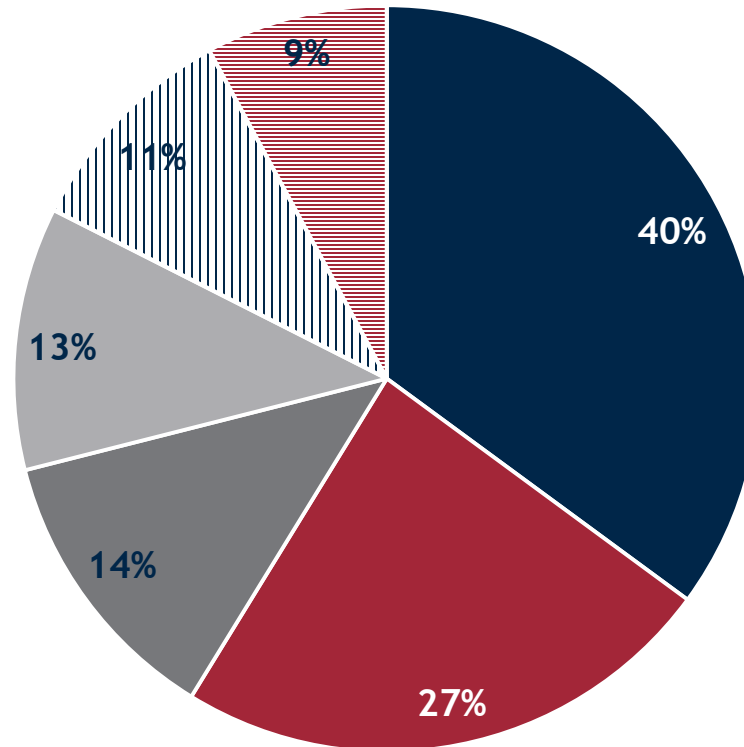


In your opinion, what are the most important primary responsibilities of your local councilors?



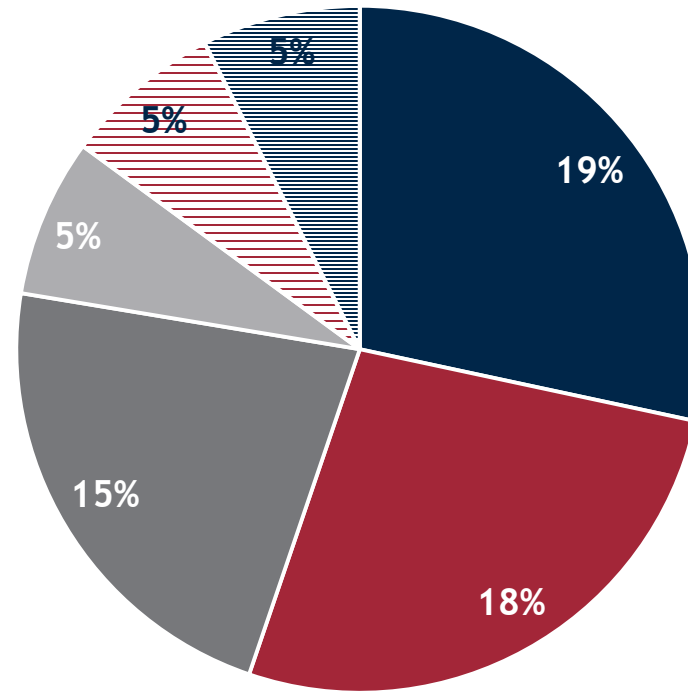
- Listening to constituents' problems and passing them on to central government
- Resolving constituents' problems
- Infrastructure
- Income generating projects
- = Service delivery (education, health)
- ▨ Water, sanitation

In your opinion, what are the most important primary responsibilities of your traditional leaders?



- Resolving constituents' problems
- Listening to constituents' problems and passing them on to central government
- Maintaining peace, harmony, community works together
- Passing laws
- || Sharing land, sorting land issues, distribution of land
- ≡ Trying court cases, village court, arbitration of communal/justice issues

In your opinion, what are the most important primary responsibilities of your ward or village development committee members?

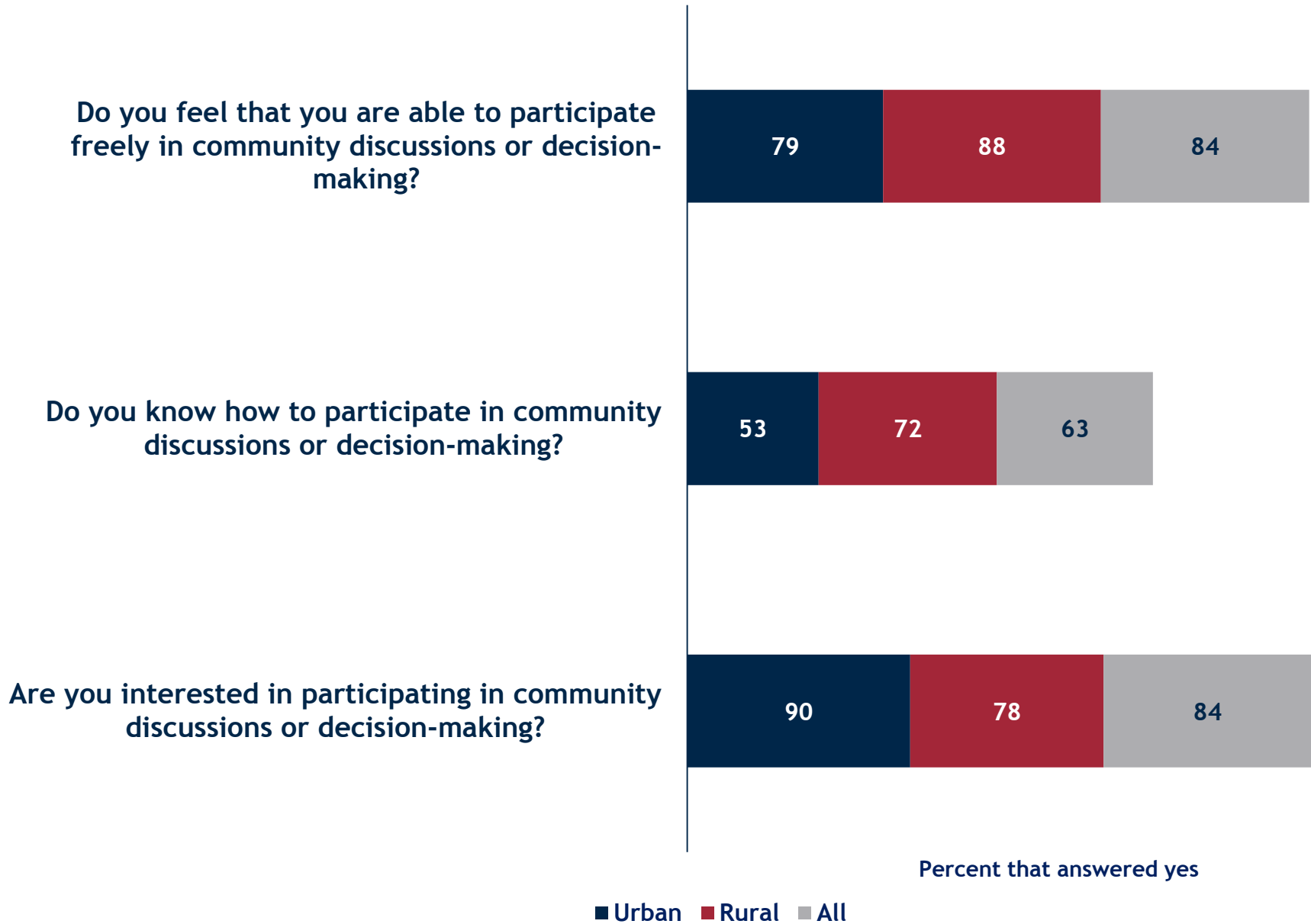


- Listening to constituents' problems and passing them on to central government
- Resolving constituents' problems
- Development programs
- Ensuring good basic service delivery (for example, health care and education)
- Water, sanitation
- Hold community meetings, be accessible

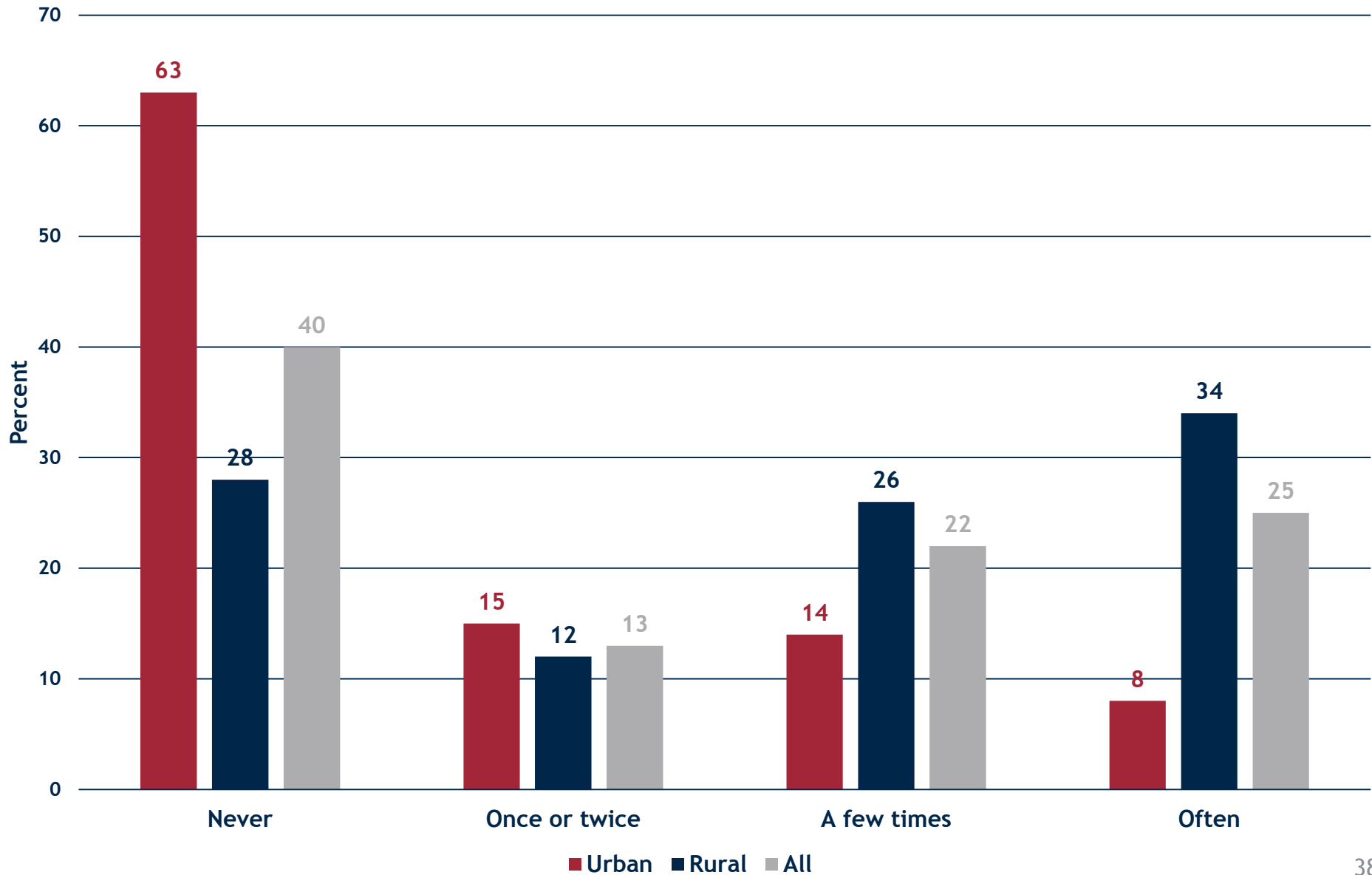


Local Participation

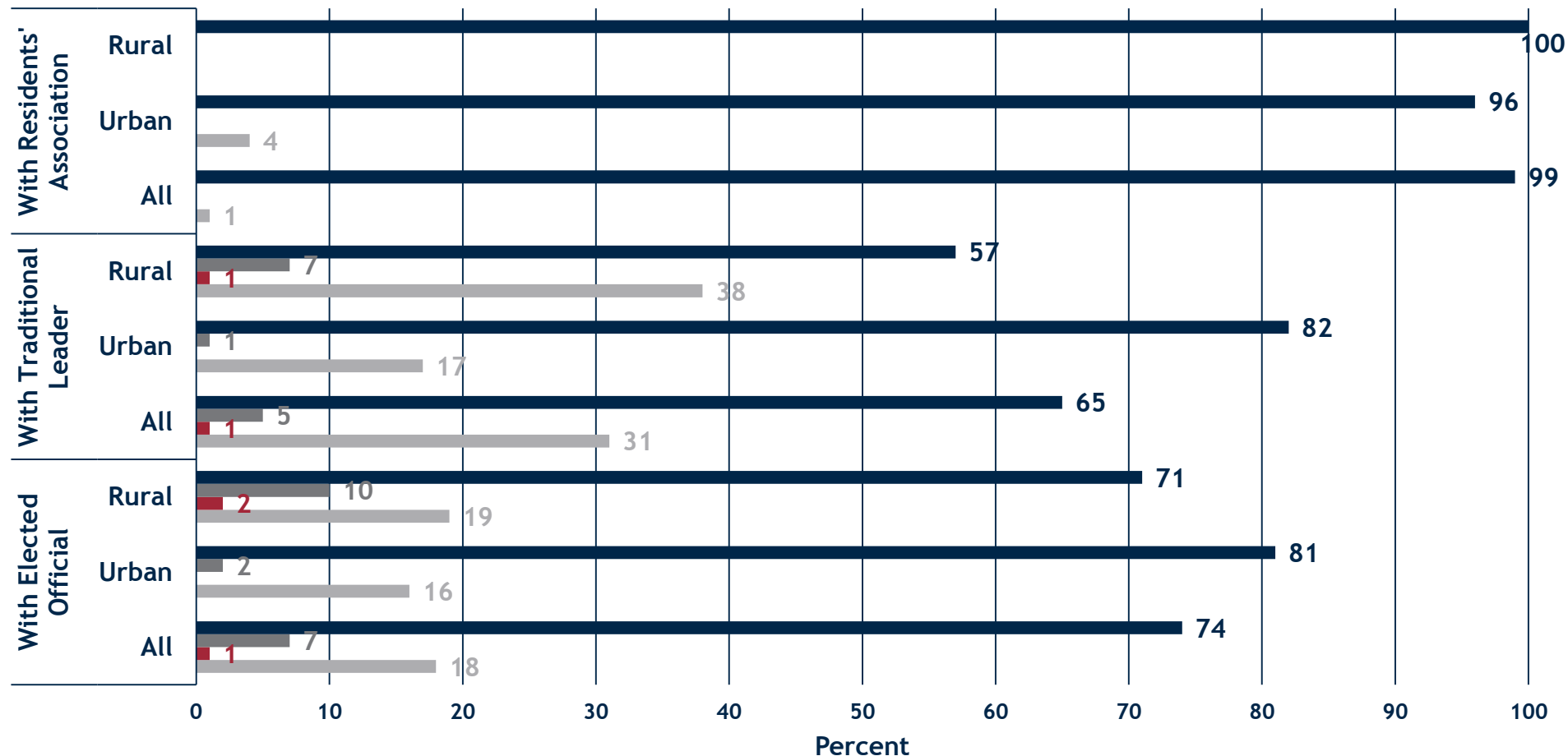
Discussions and Decision-making



How many times have you participated in community discussions and decision-making?



What is your primary means of communication with your political and civic representatives?



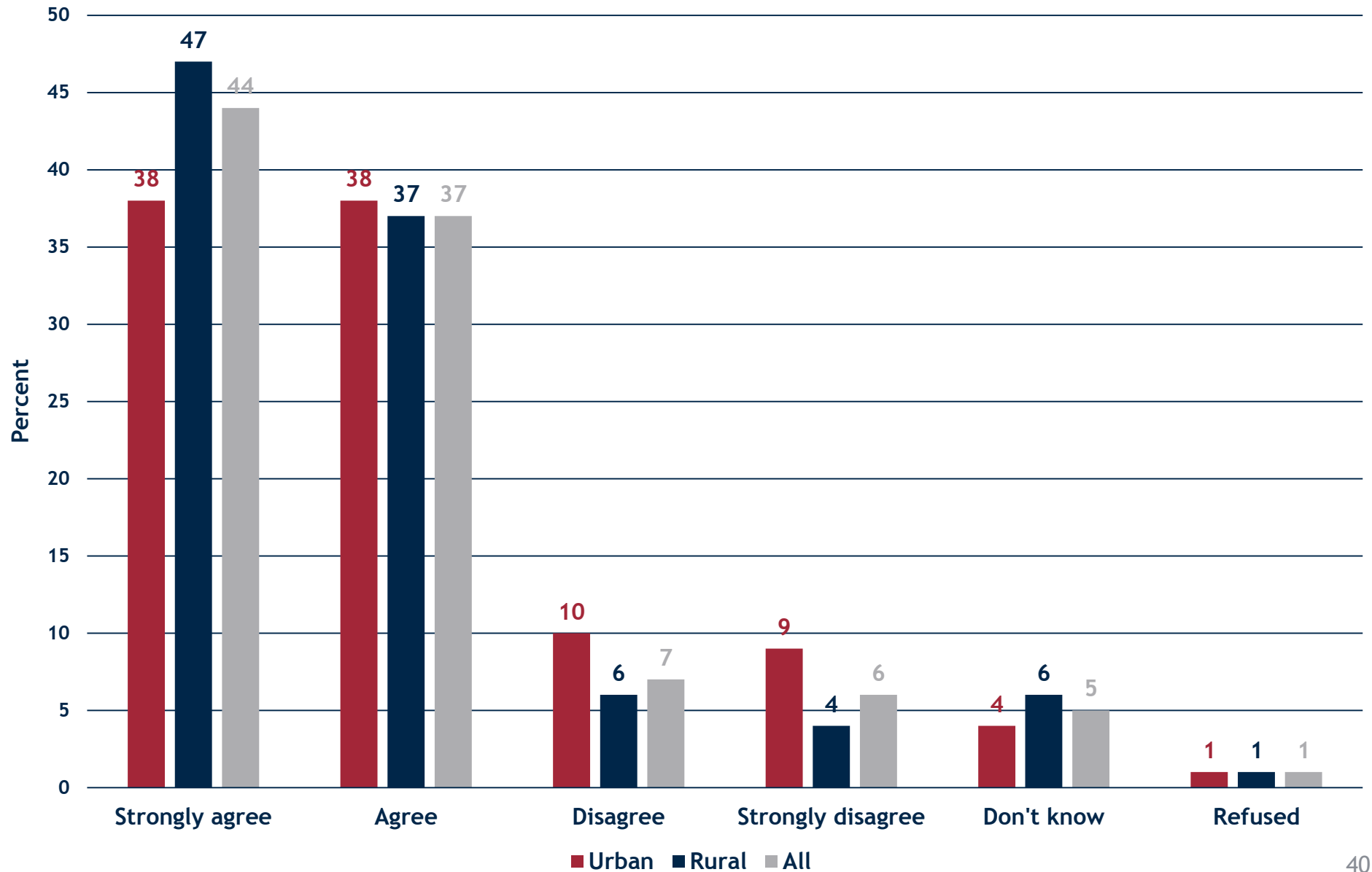
■ Not applicable, did not contact

■ Town hall or community meeting

■ Via a proxy (e.g. nongovernmental organization or elder)

■ Visit in person

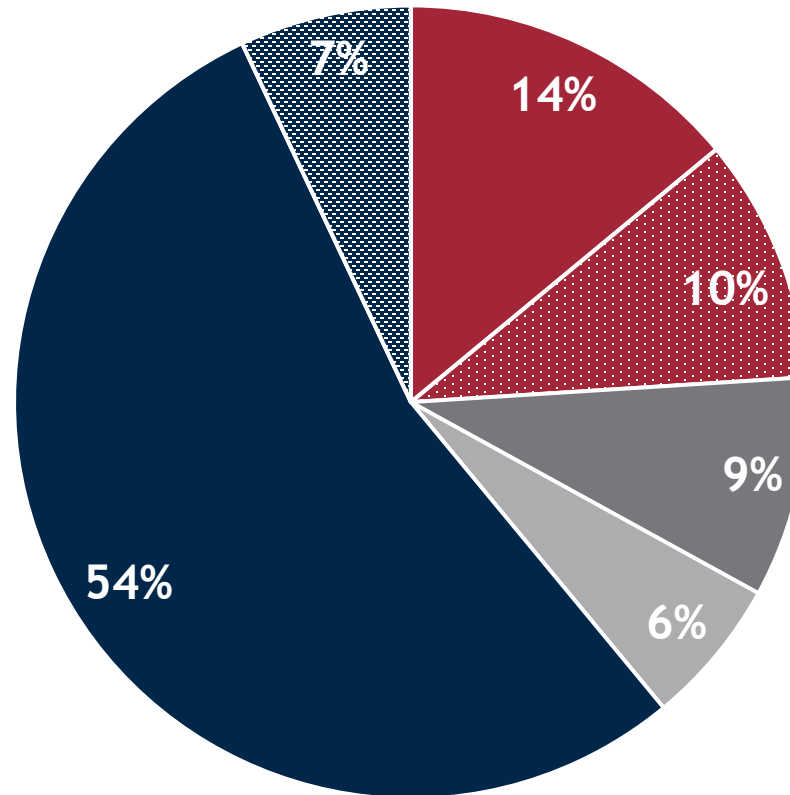
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Voting gives me a chance to influence decision-making within Zimbabwe.





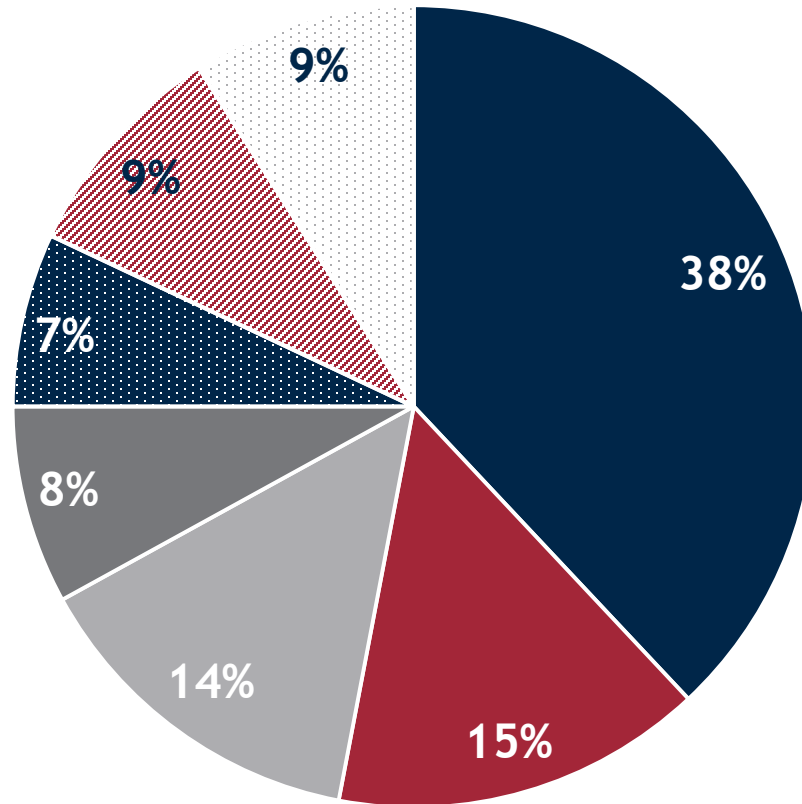
Dispute Resolution

Who do you trust the most to impartially resolve economic disputes that may arise between residents in your community?



- Judiciary
- Community leaders
- Local government bodies
- Local political leaders
- Refused to answer
- Other

Who do you trust the most to impartially resolve political disputes that may arise between residents in your community?

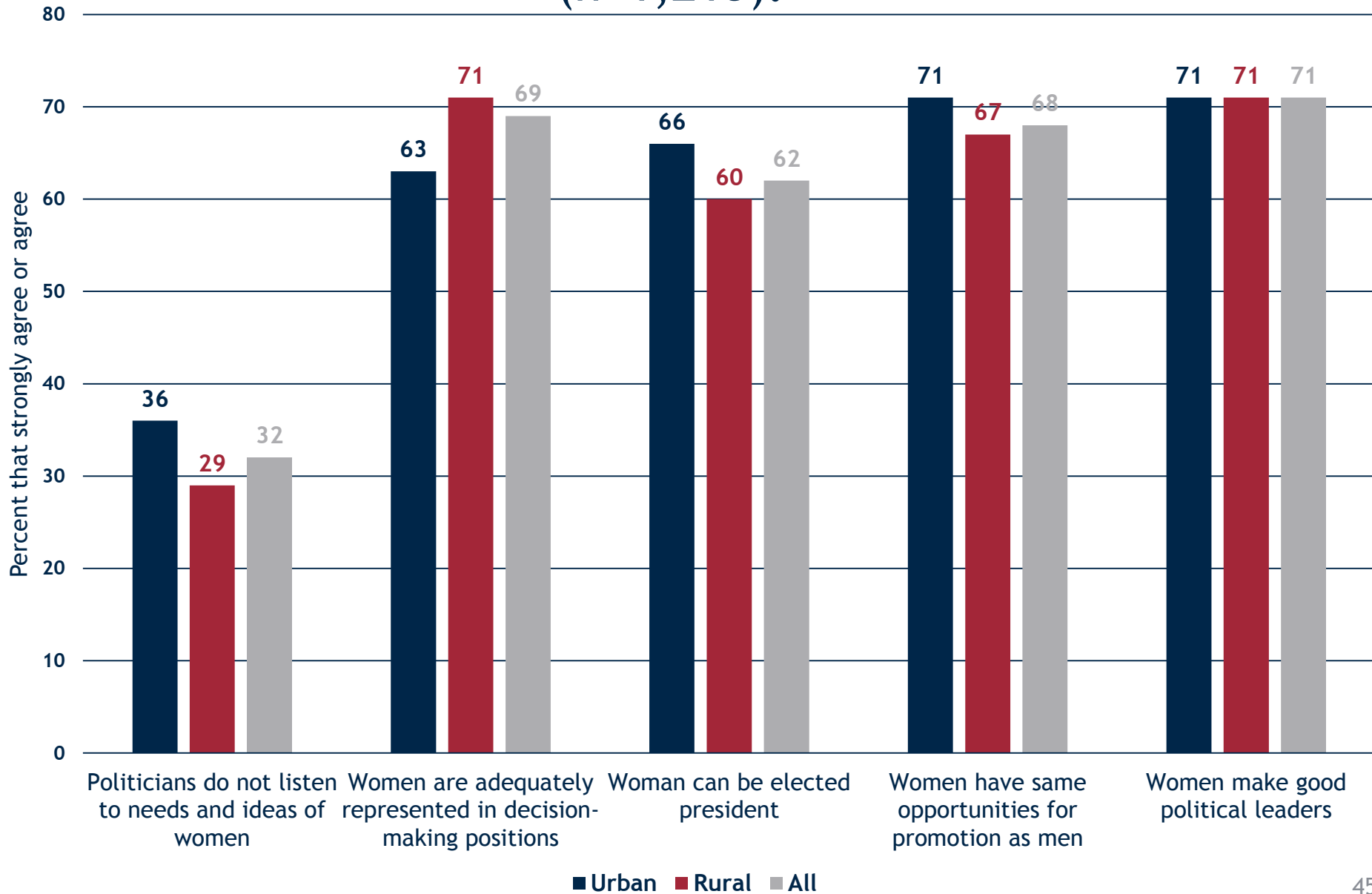


- Police
- Local political leaders
- Community leaders
- Local judiciary
- Other local bodies
- Other
- Don't know

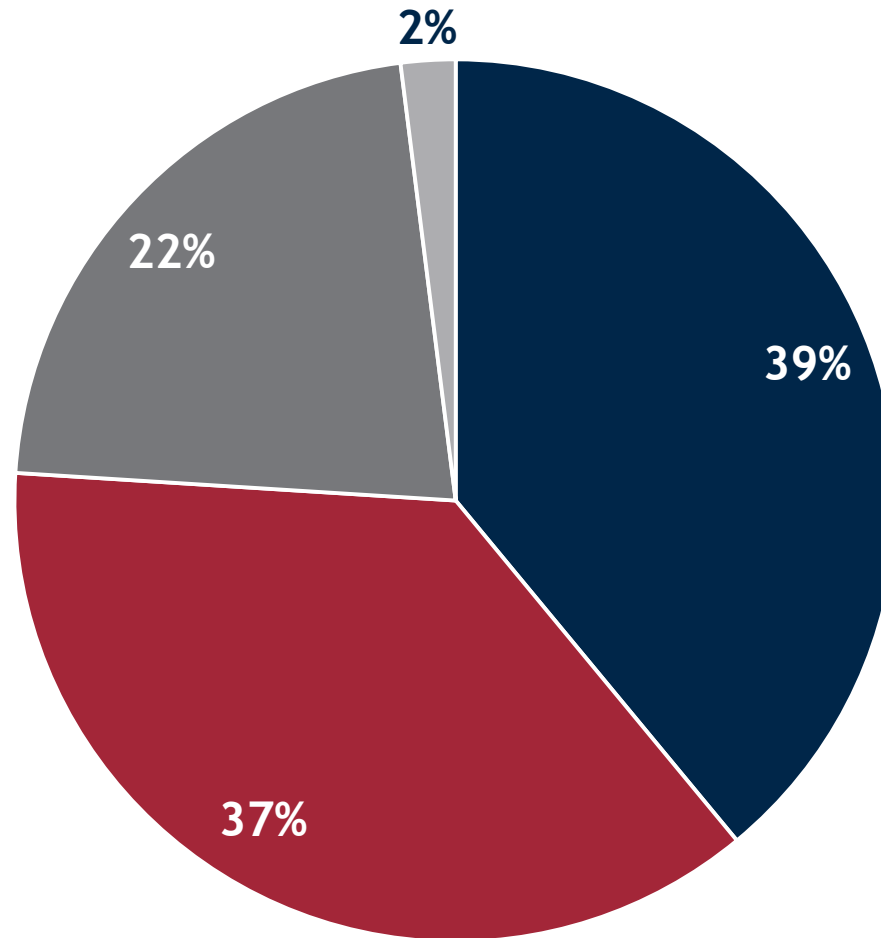


Women and Youth in Decision-making

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements (n=1,215):

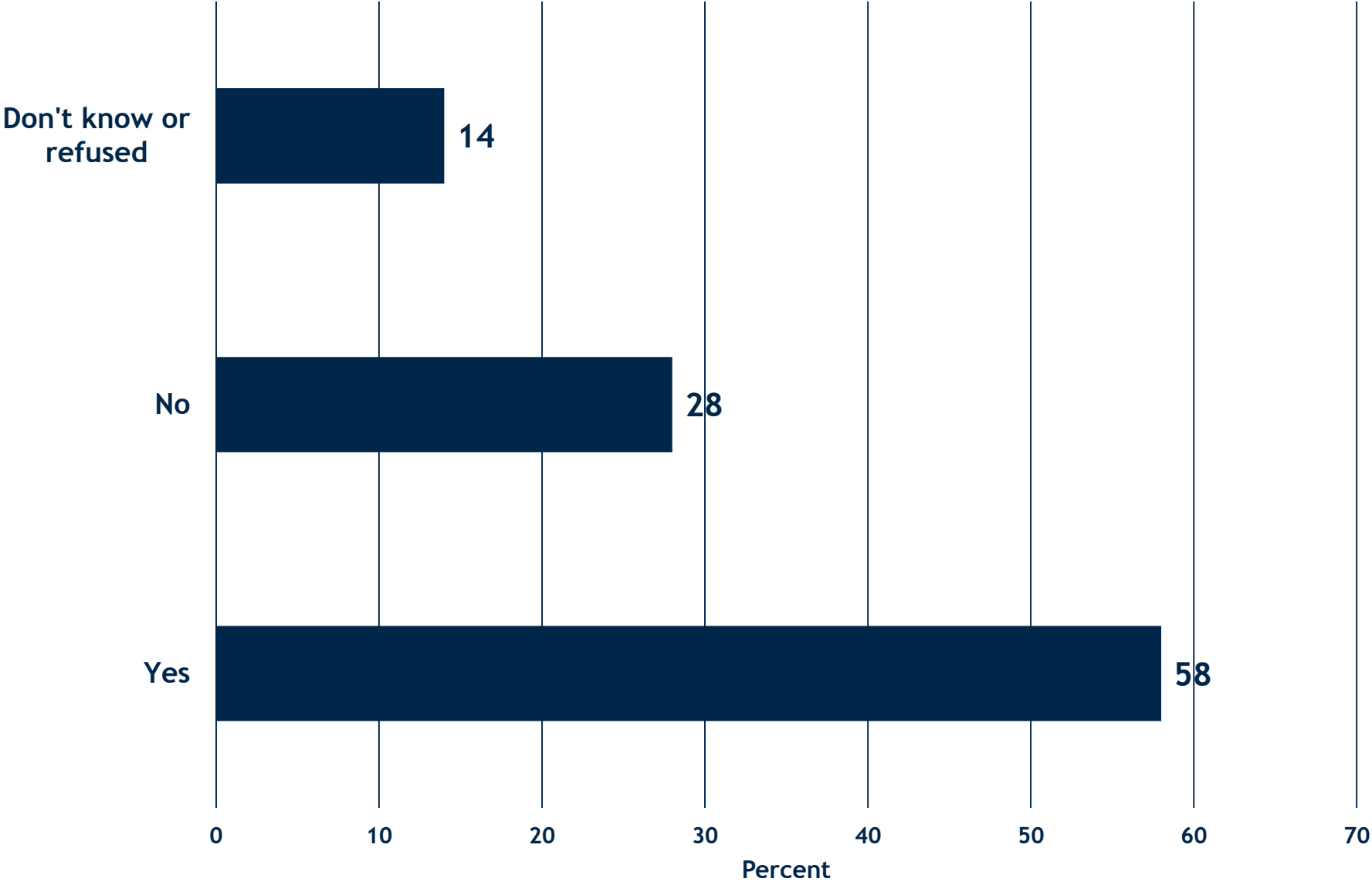


If two candidates were running for office, and they are exactly the same aside from gender, which candidate would you prefer?



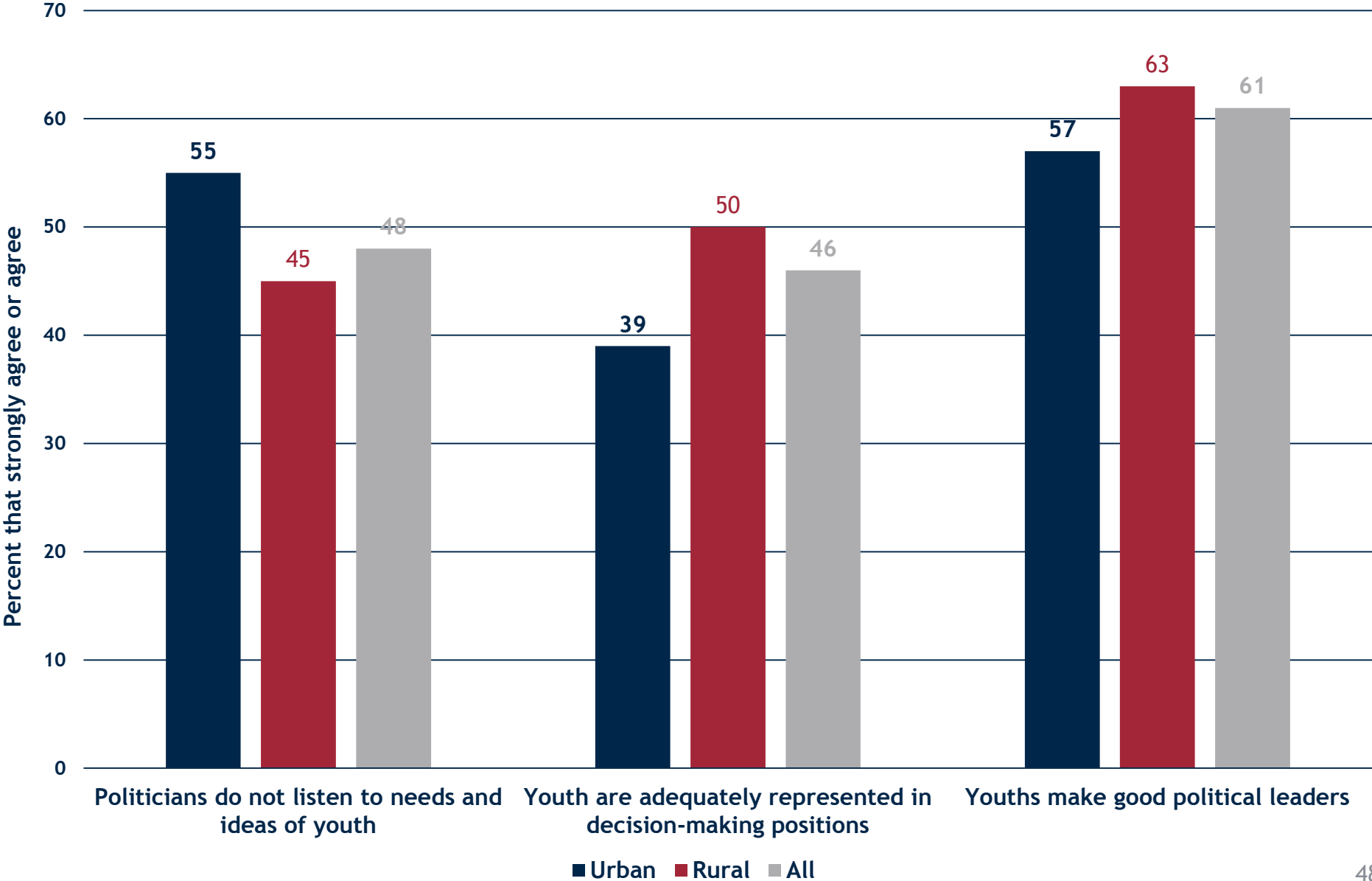
■ Man ■ Woman ■ Doesn't matter ■ Don't know or refused

Should the temporary parliamentary quota for women become permanent?

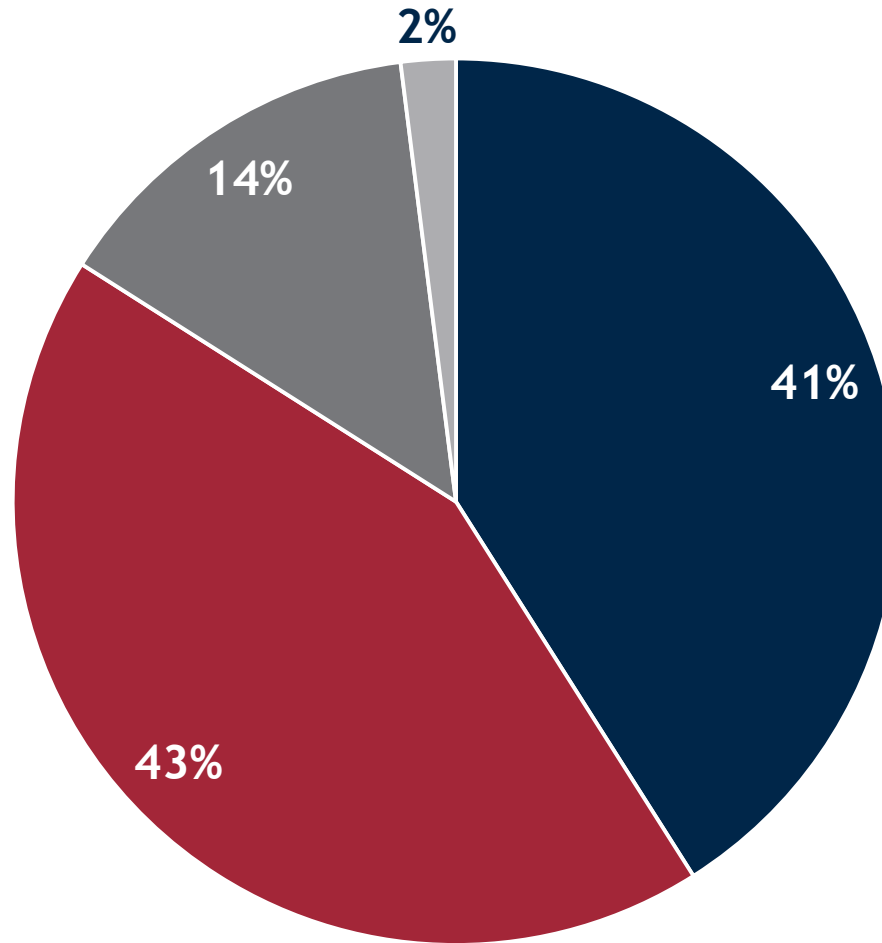


* Sixty of 270 seats in the House of Representatives are reserved for women.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:



If two candidates were running for office, and they are exactly the same, except one was a youth, which candidate would you prefer?

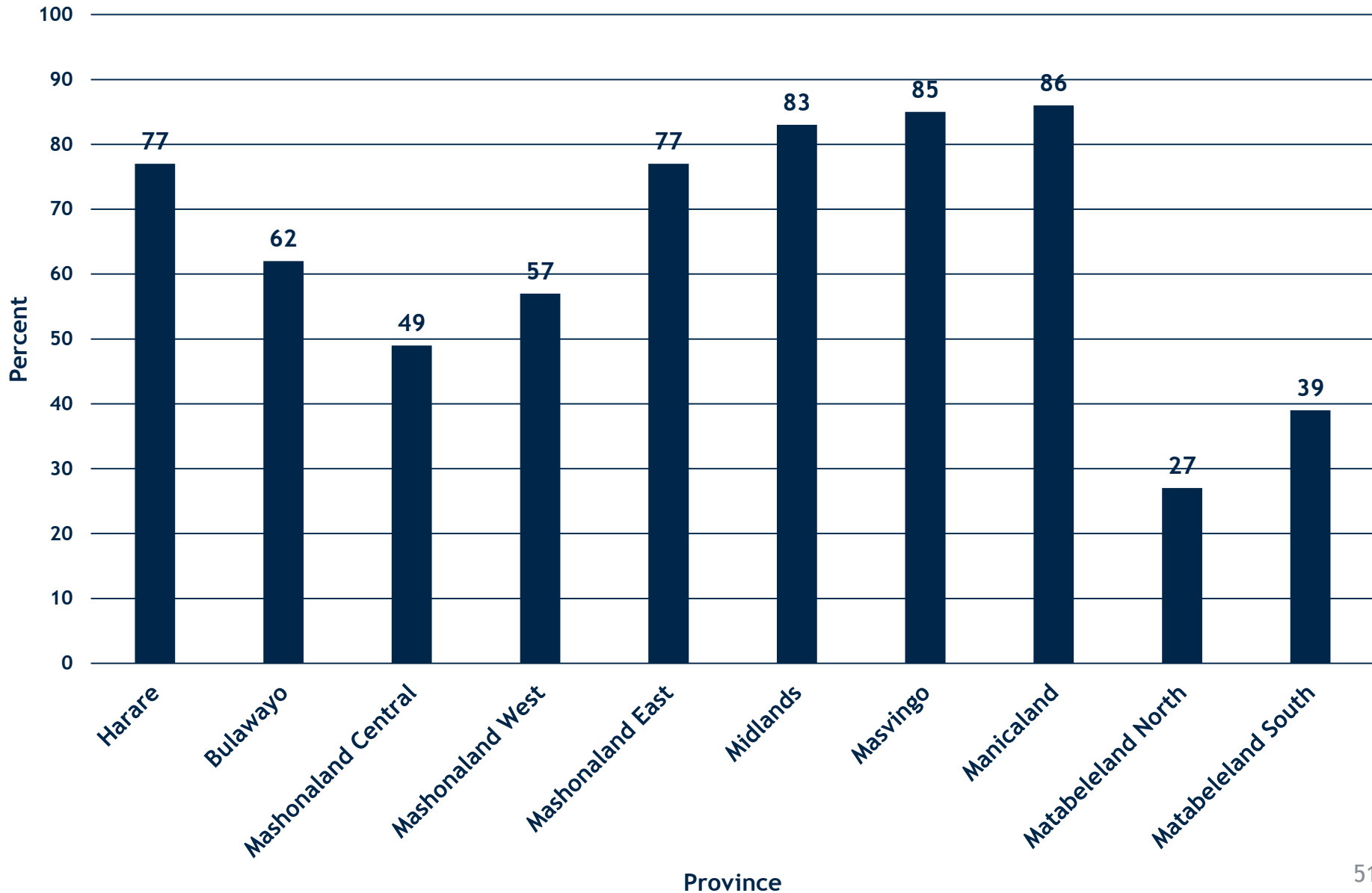


■ Youth ■ Non-youth ■ Doesn't matter ■ Don't know or refused

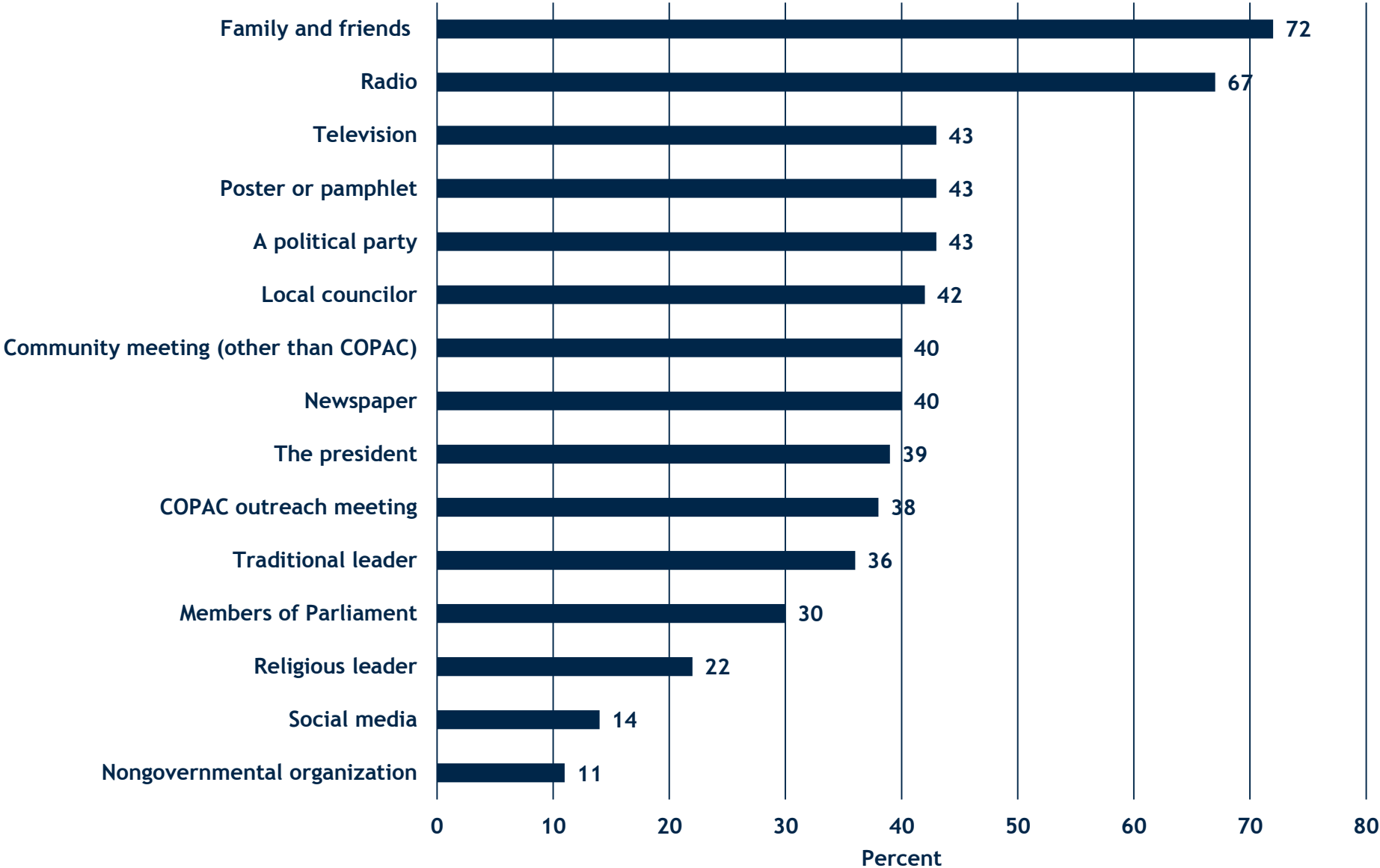


The New Constitution

Have you ever heard of the constitution of Zimbabwe? (breakdown by province)

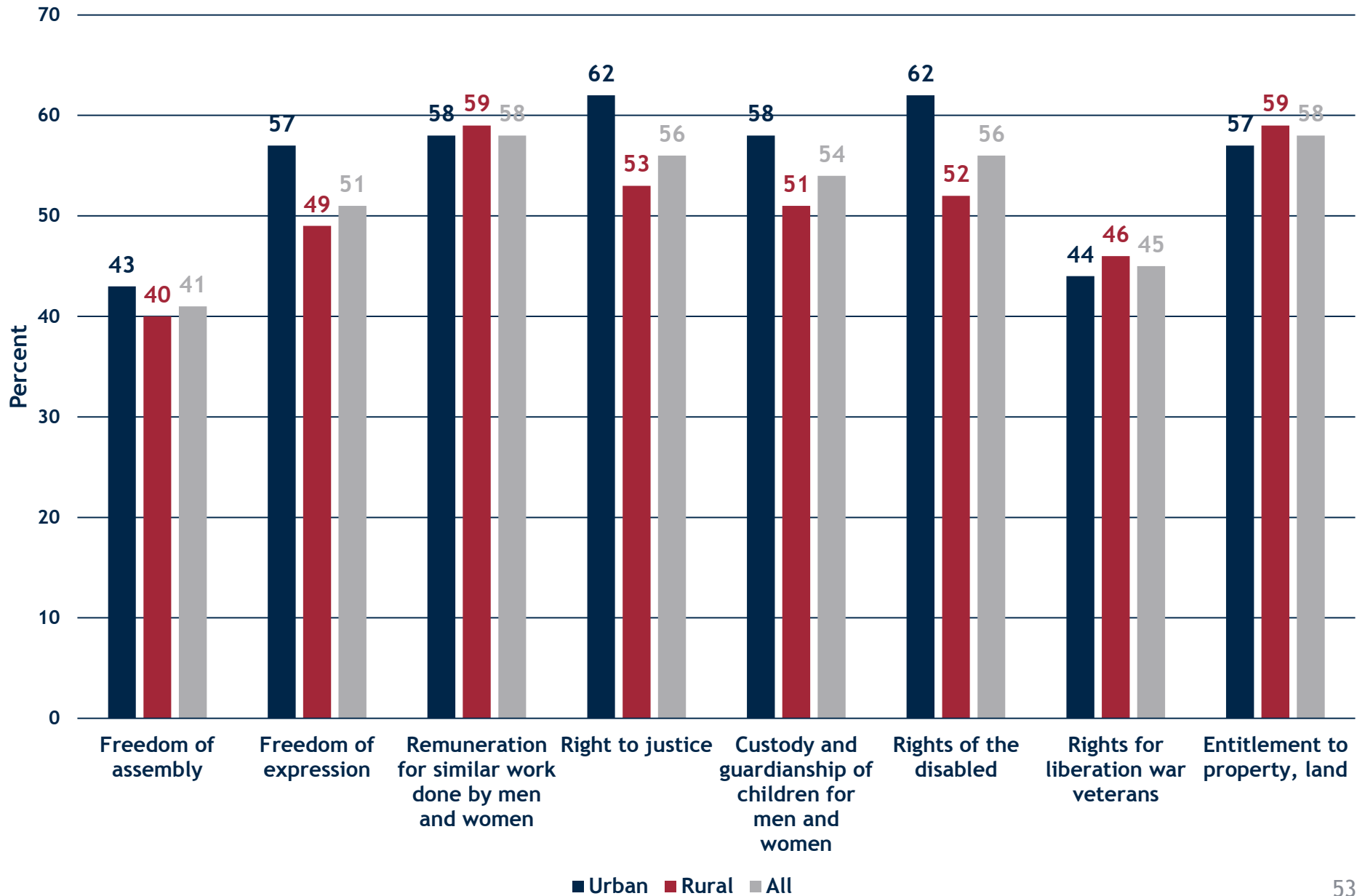


From which of the following sources have you heard about the constitution?

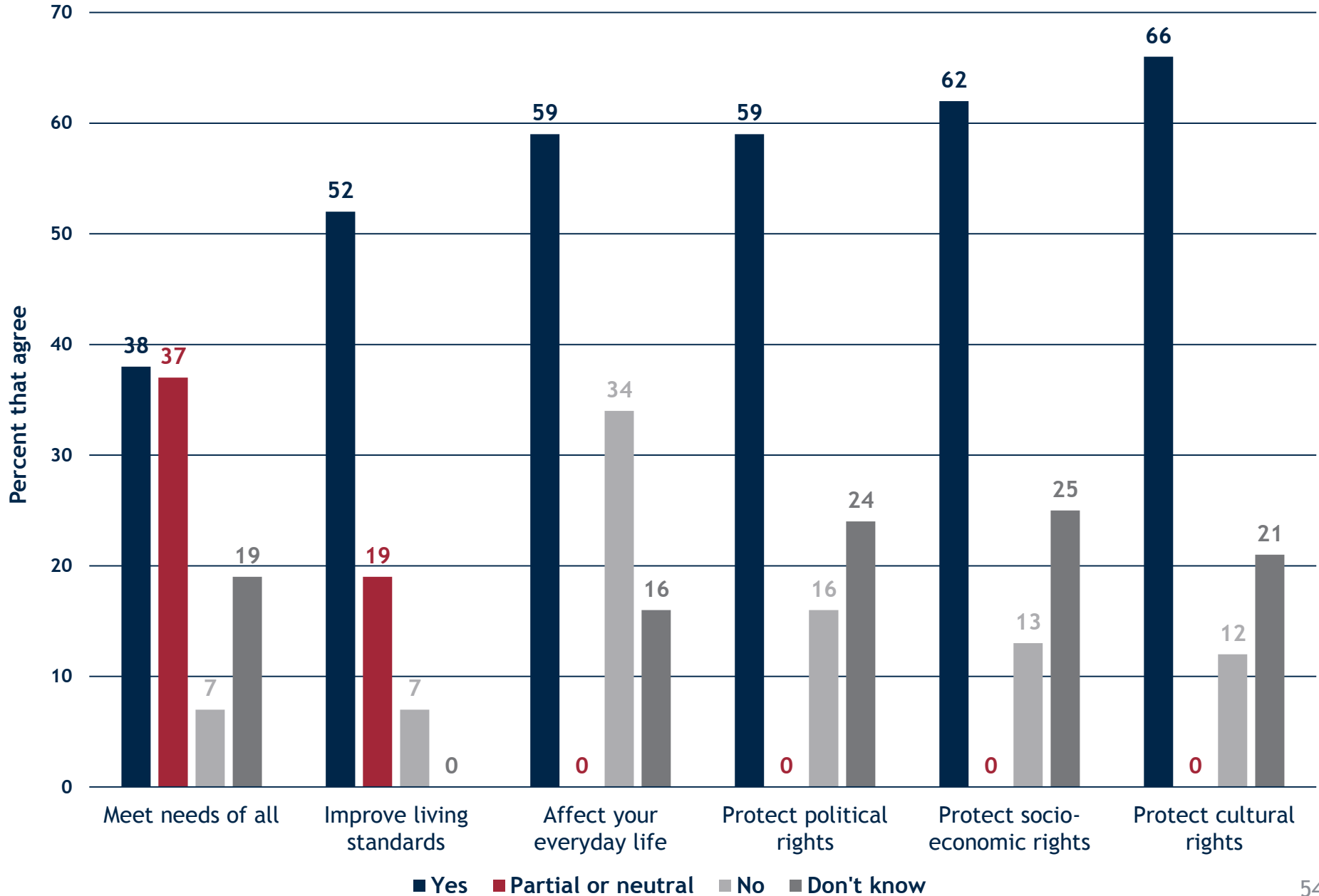


* The Parliamentary Select Committee (COPAC)

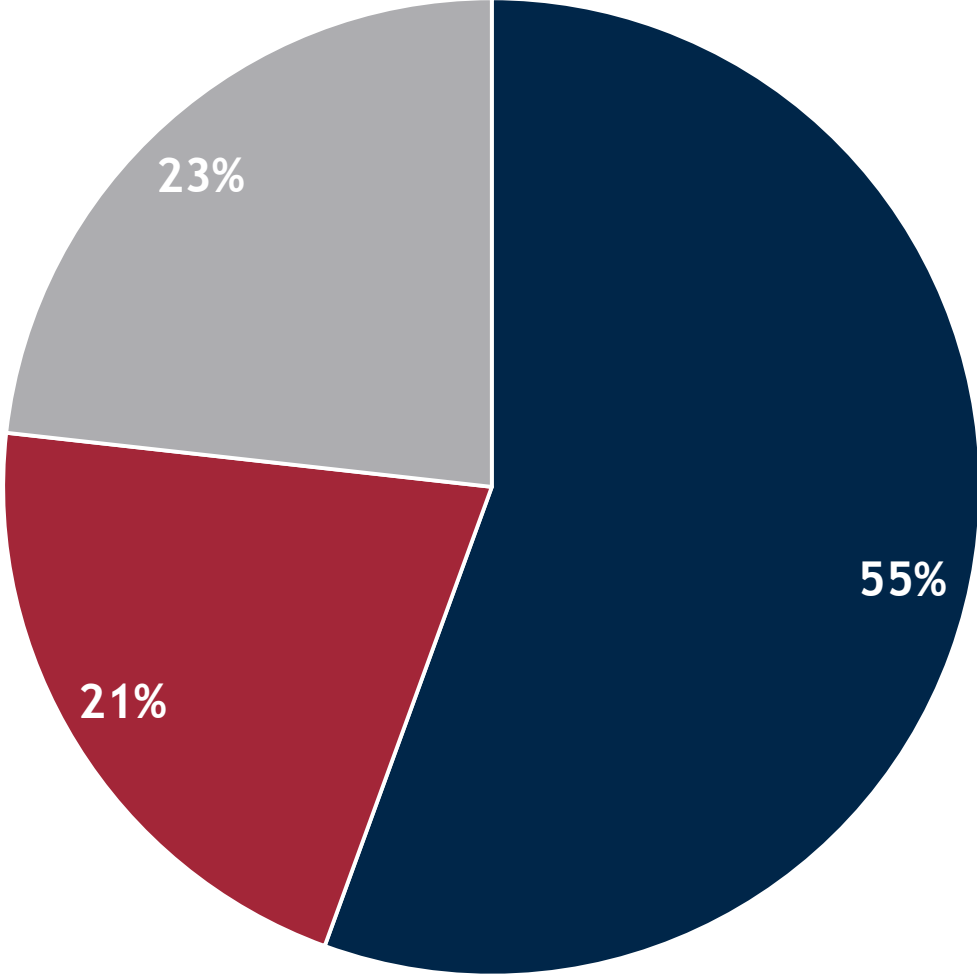
Do you understand what the constitution says about:



Do you believe that the current constitution will:

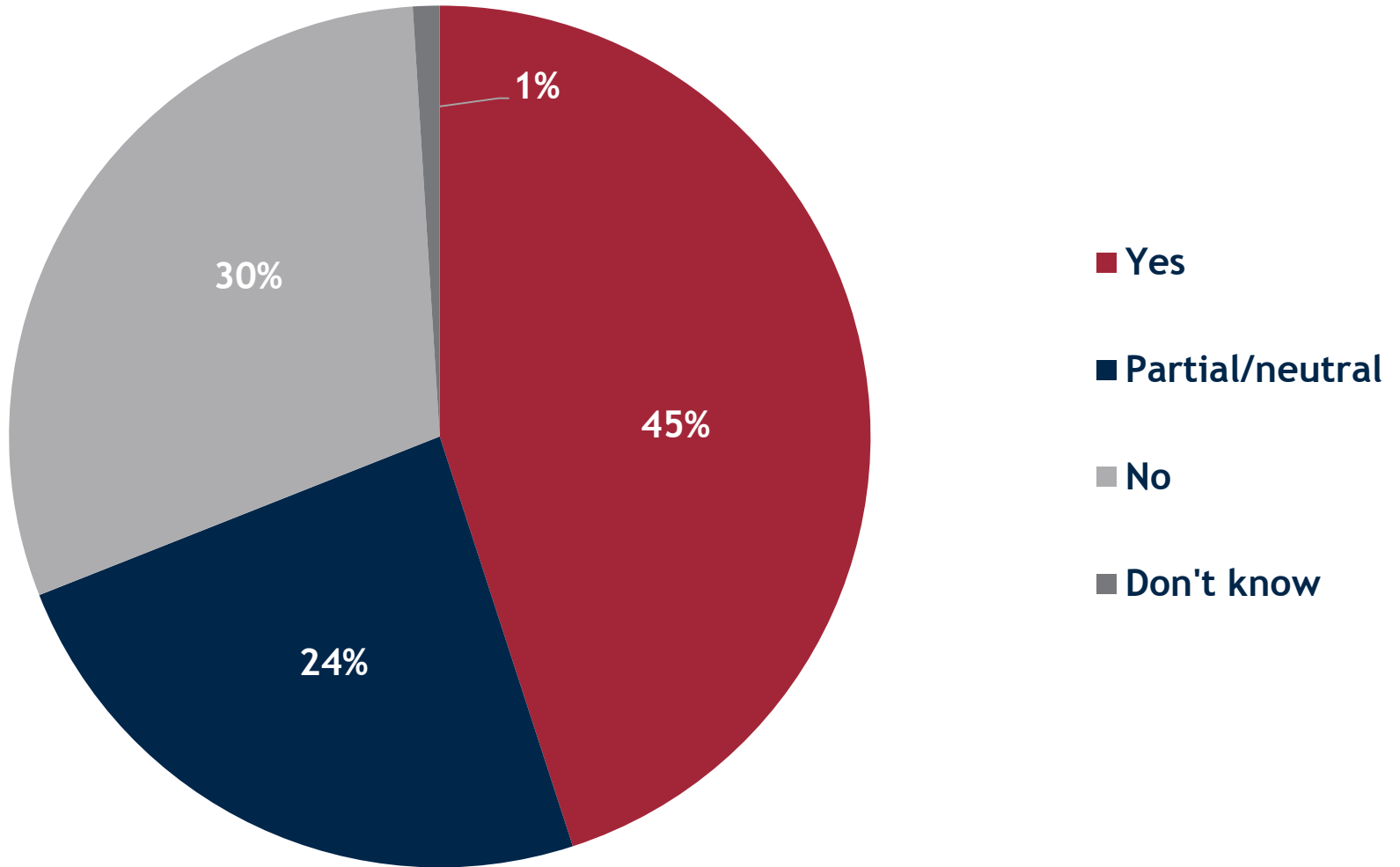


Do you believe that the current constitution was developed in a participatory manner?

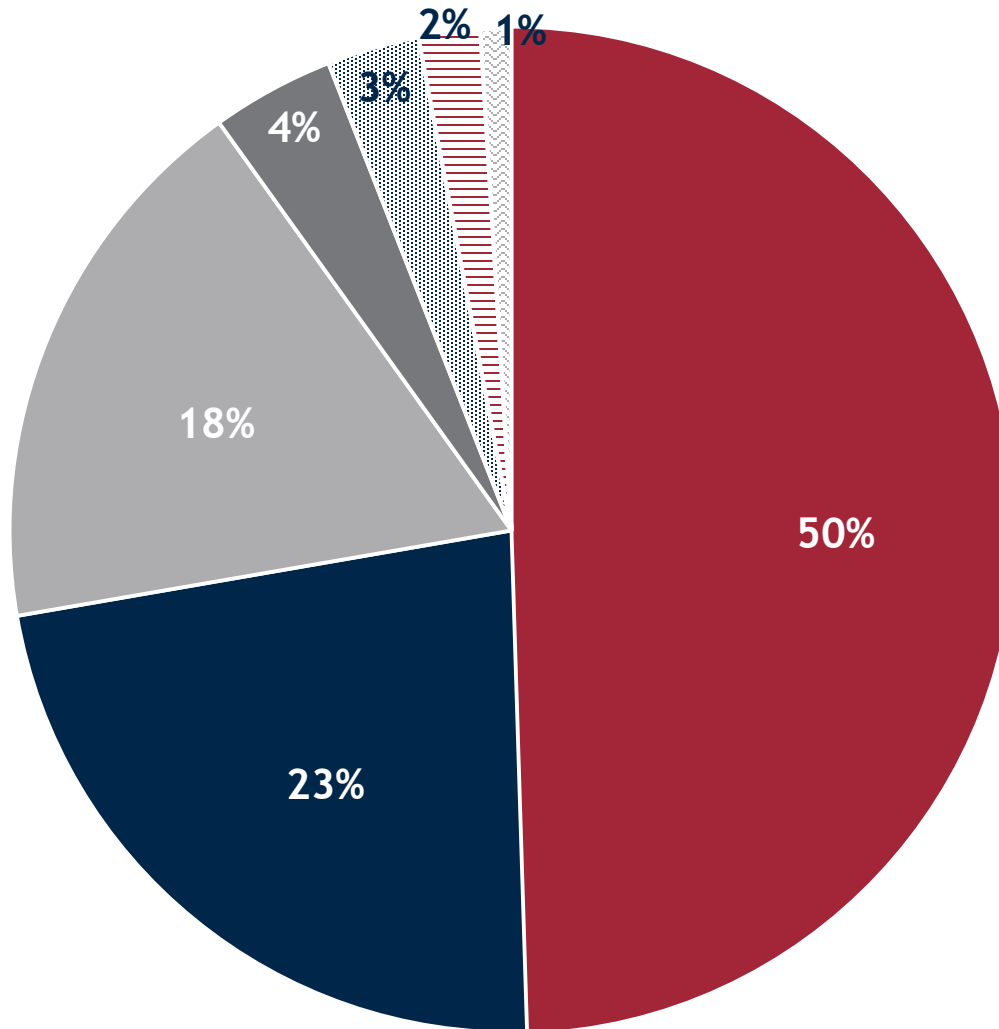


■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

Do you believe the Constitution is respected and adhered to by leaders and people of influence?



How do you believe authority should be exercised?



■ Through the Constitution

■ Through parliament

■ Don't know

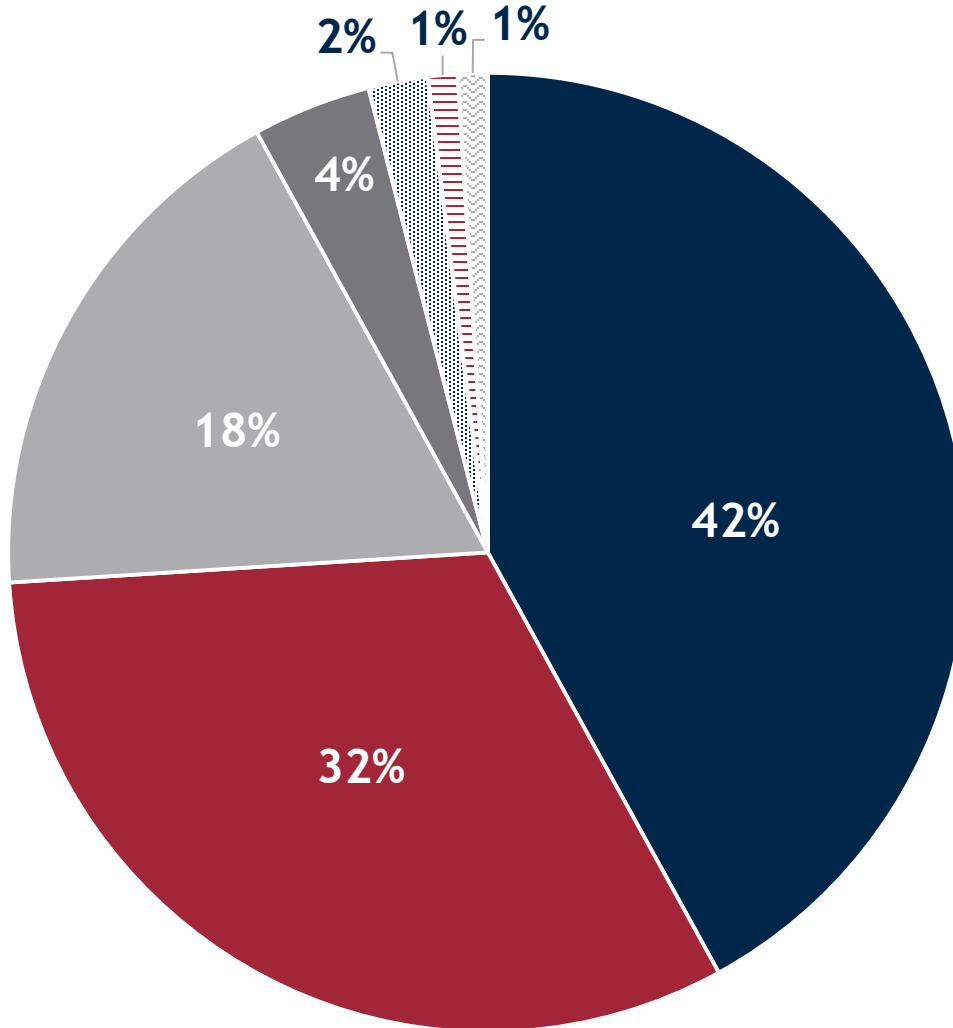
■ Through political parties

▨ Through traditional leaders

≡ Through liberation fighters

⊘ Refused to answer

How do you believe decision-making should be exercised?



- Through the Constitution
- Through parliament
- Don't know
- Through political parties
- Through traditional leaders
- Through liberation fighters
- ⋈ Refused to answer

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