



Public Opinion Survey Residents of Georgia

March - April 2016

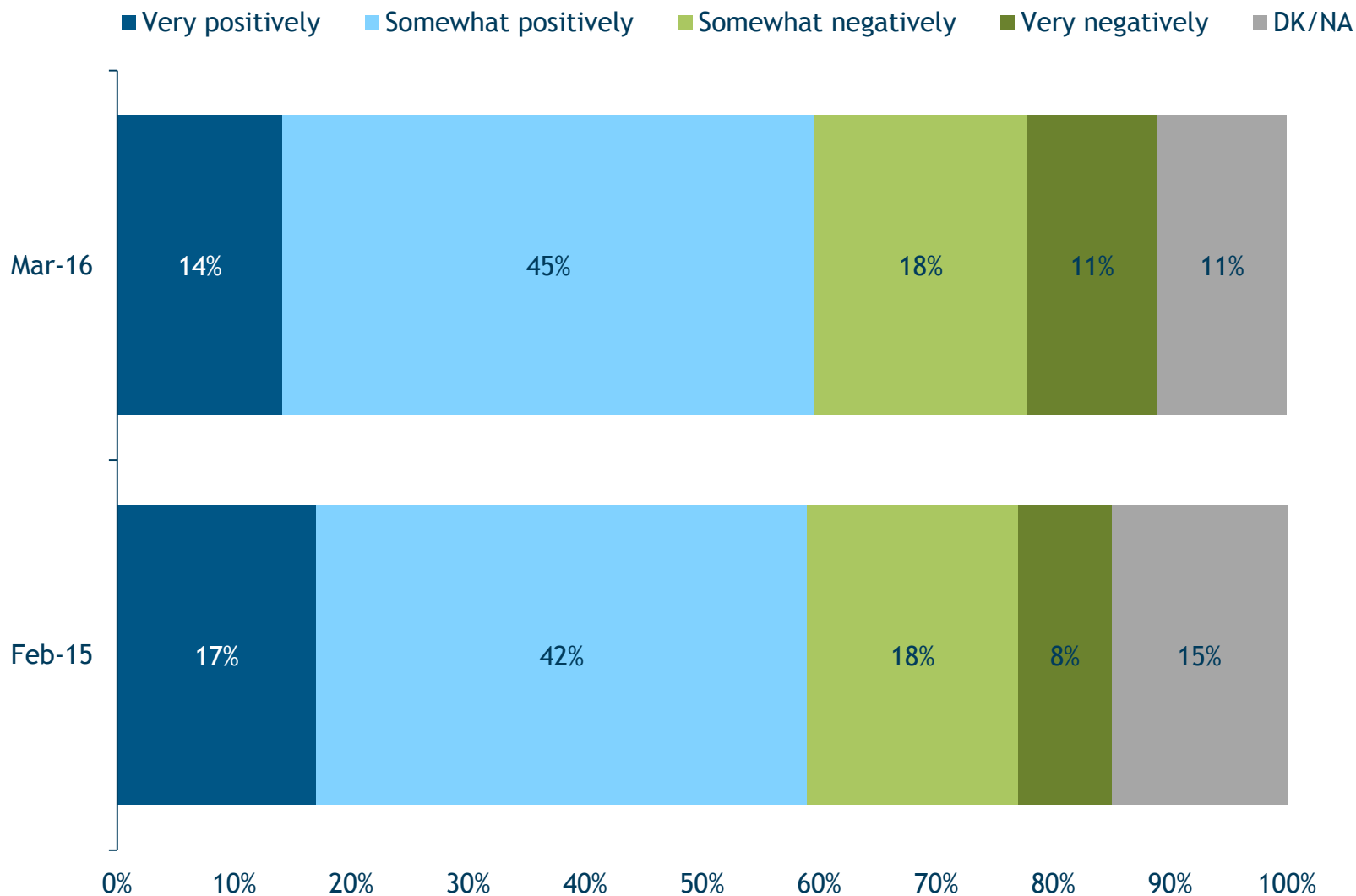
Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene of the public and market research company Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the International Republican Institute. The field work was carried out by IPM Research, Ltd.
- Data was collected throughout Georgia (except for the occupied territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia) between March 12 - April 2, 2016, through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Georgia older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, education, region and size/type of settlement.
- Multistage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
 - Stage one: All districts of Georgia are grouped into 10 regions plus Tbilisi city. The survey was conducted throughout all regions of Georgia, except for the occupied territories of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.
 - Stage two: The territory of each region was split into settlements, and grouped according to subtype (i.e. cities, towns and villages).
 - Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a particular type of the settlement in each region.
 - Stage three: primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent.
- Response rate was 72%.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

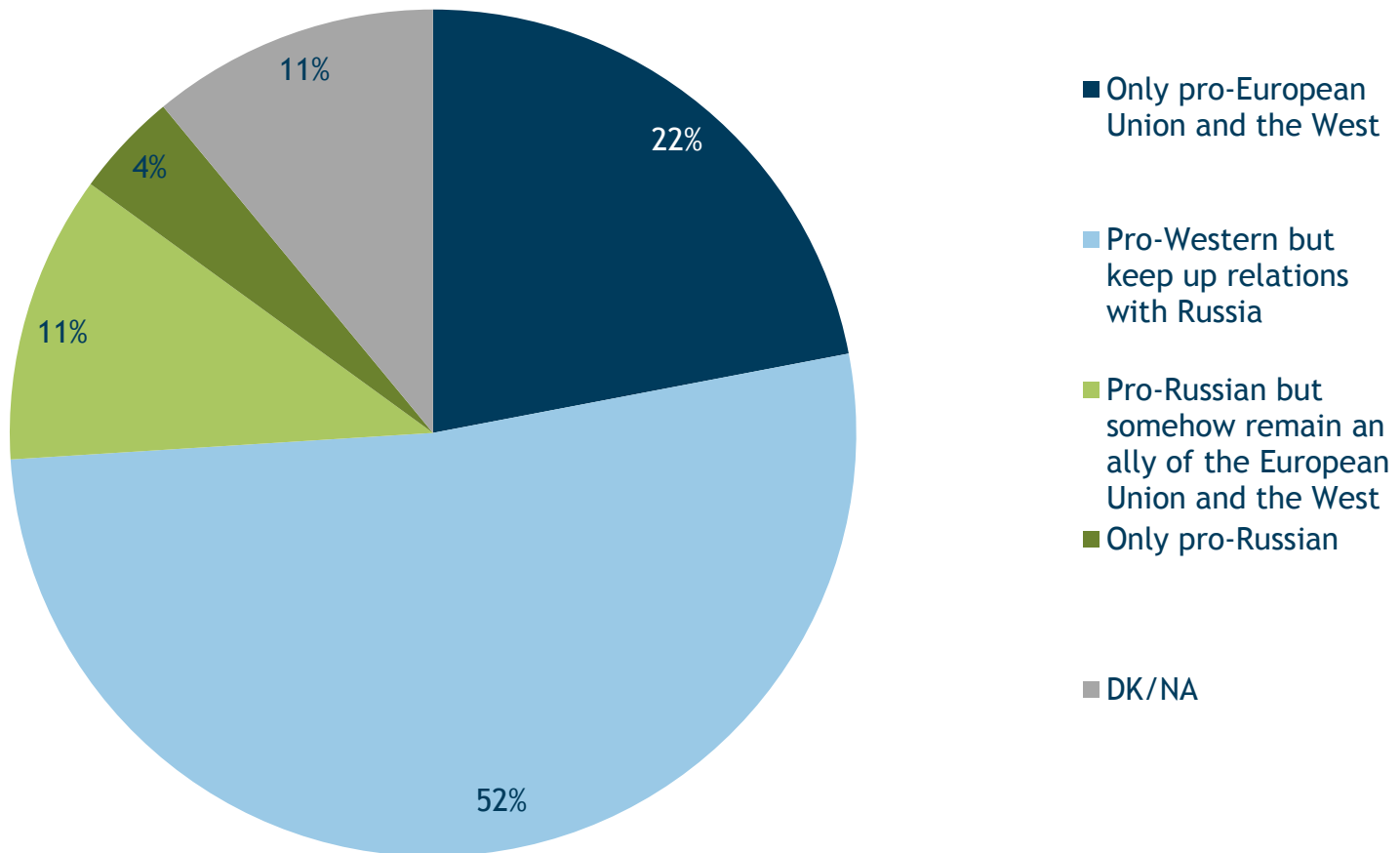


Foreign Policy

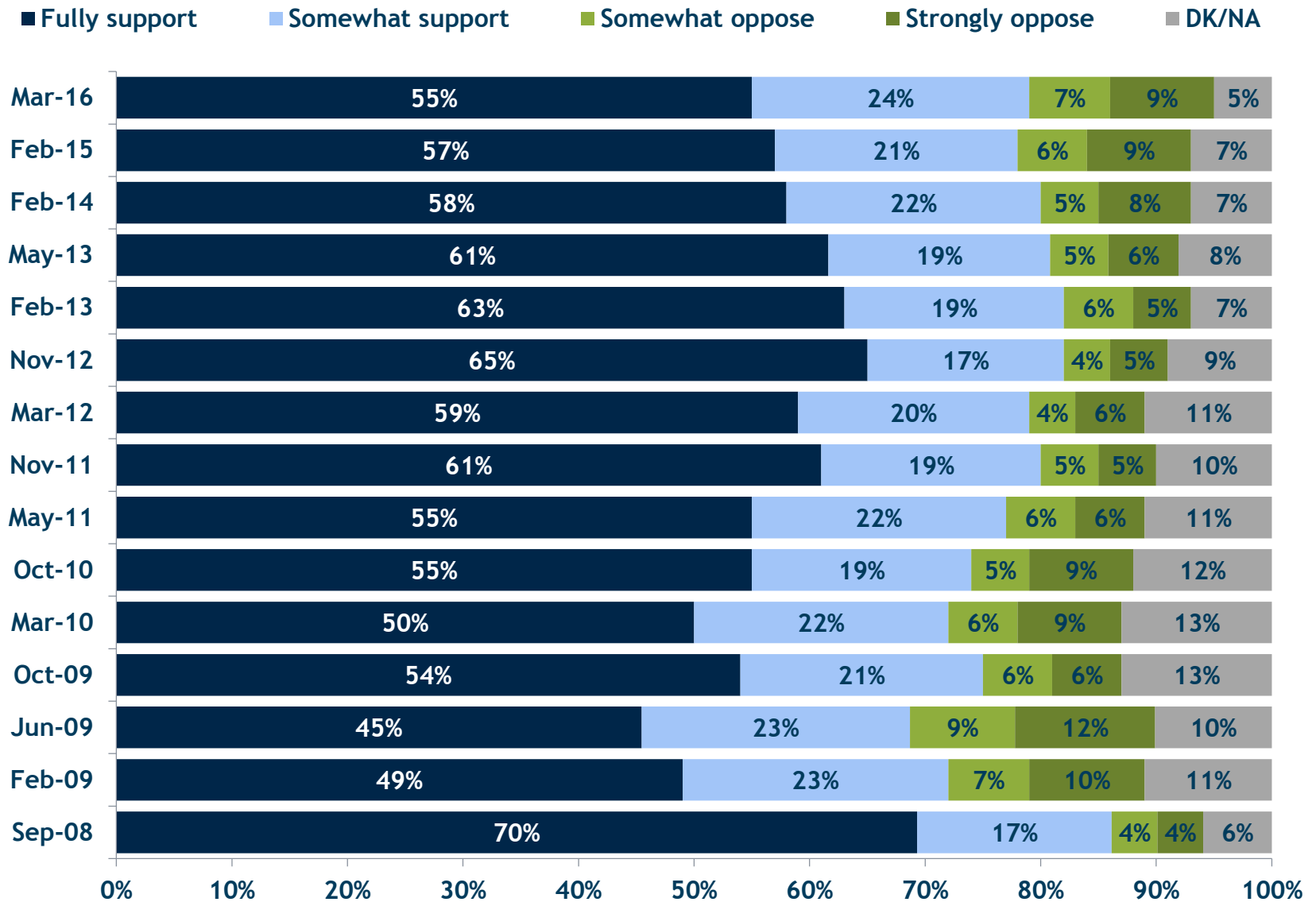
How do you rate the current government's handling of Georgia's relationship with Russia?



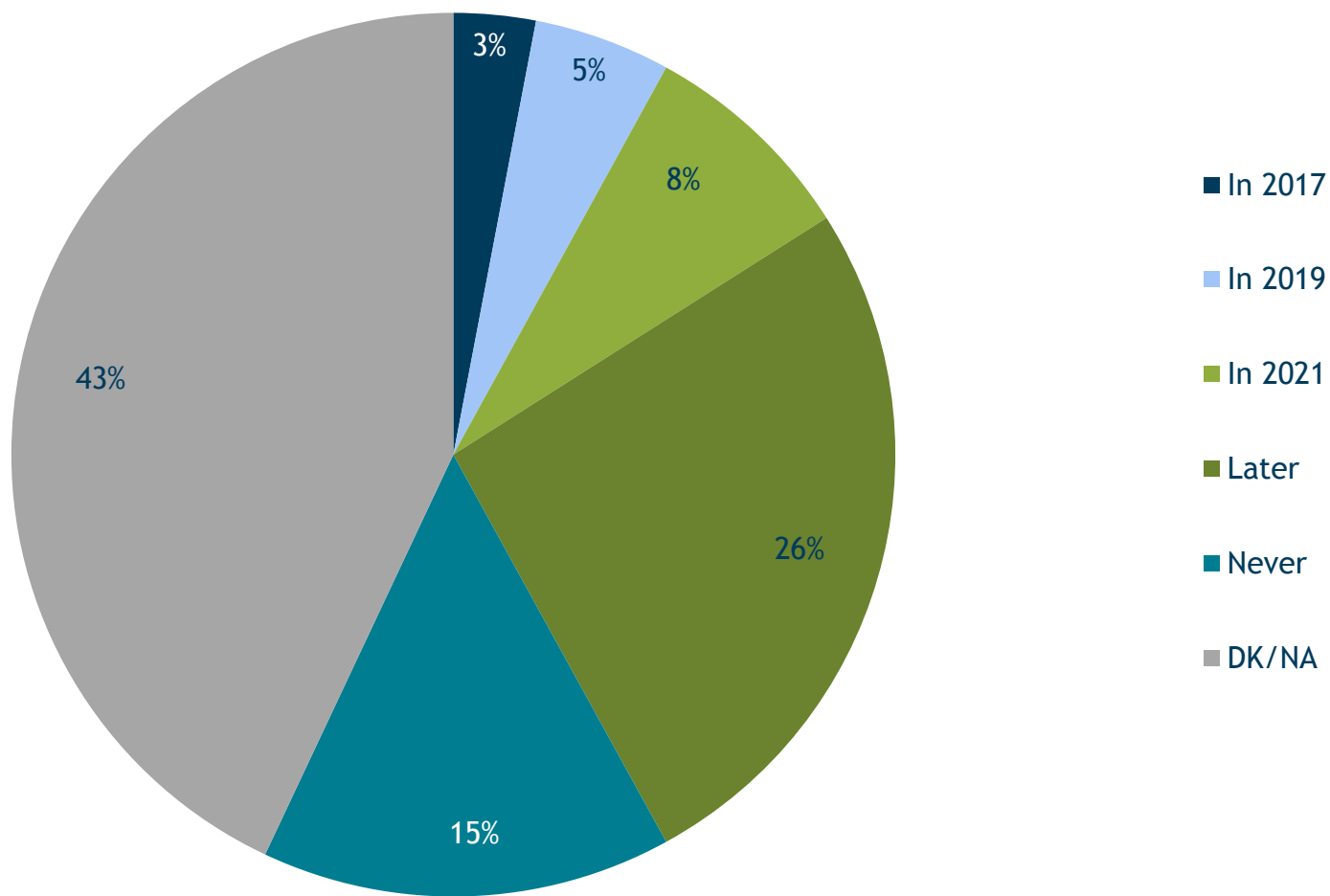
In your opinion what should Georgia's foreign policy course be?



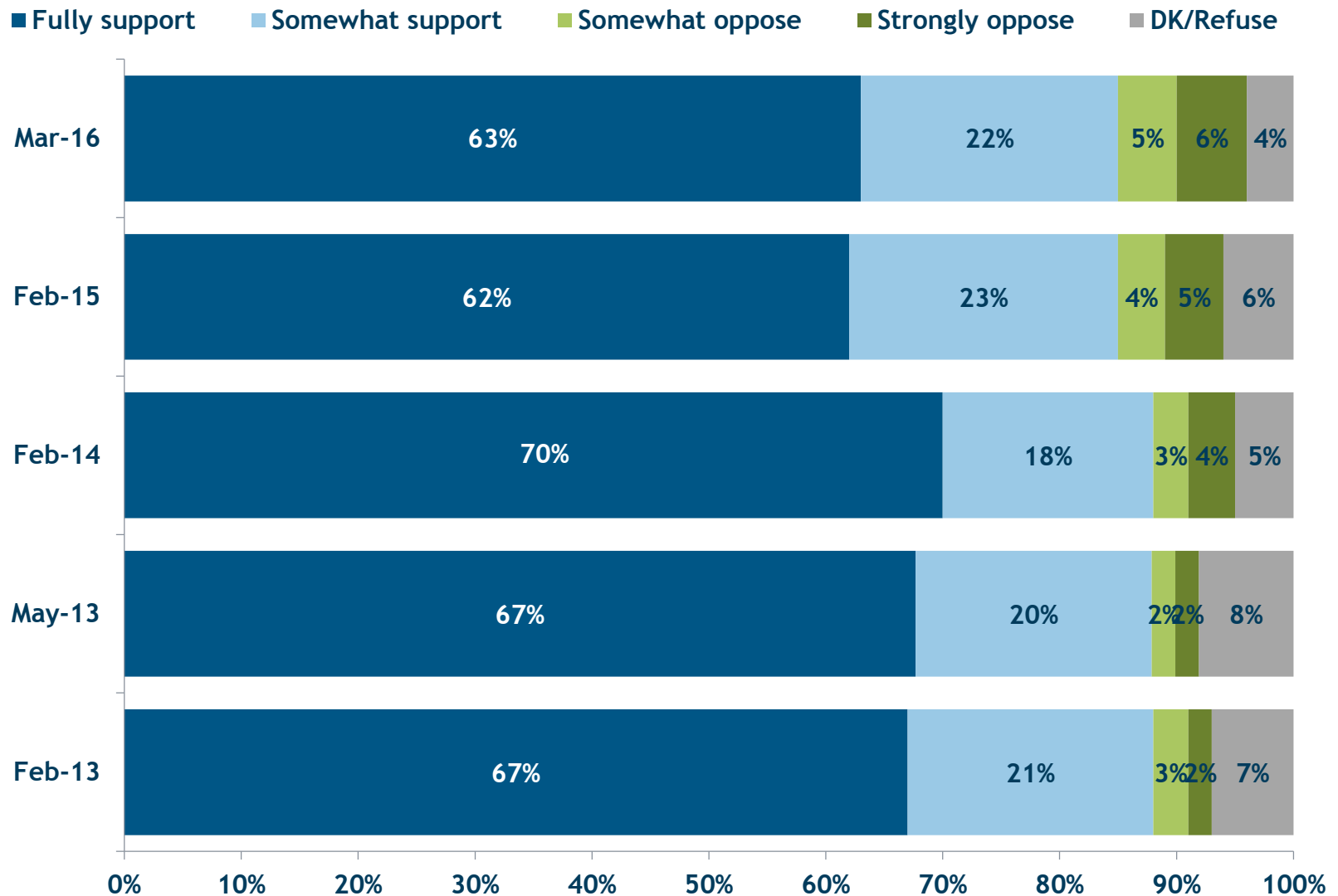
Do you support Georgia joining NATO?



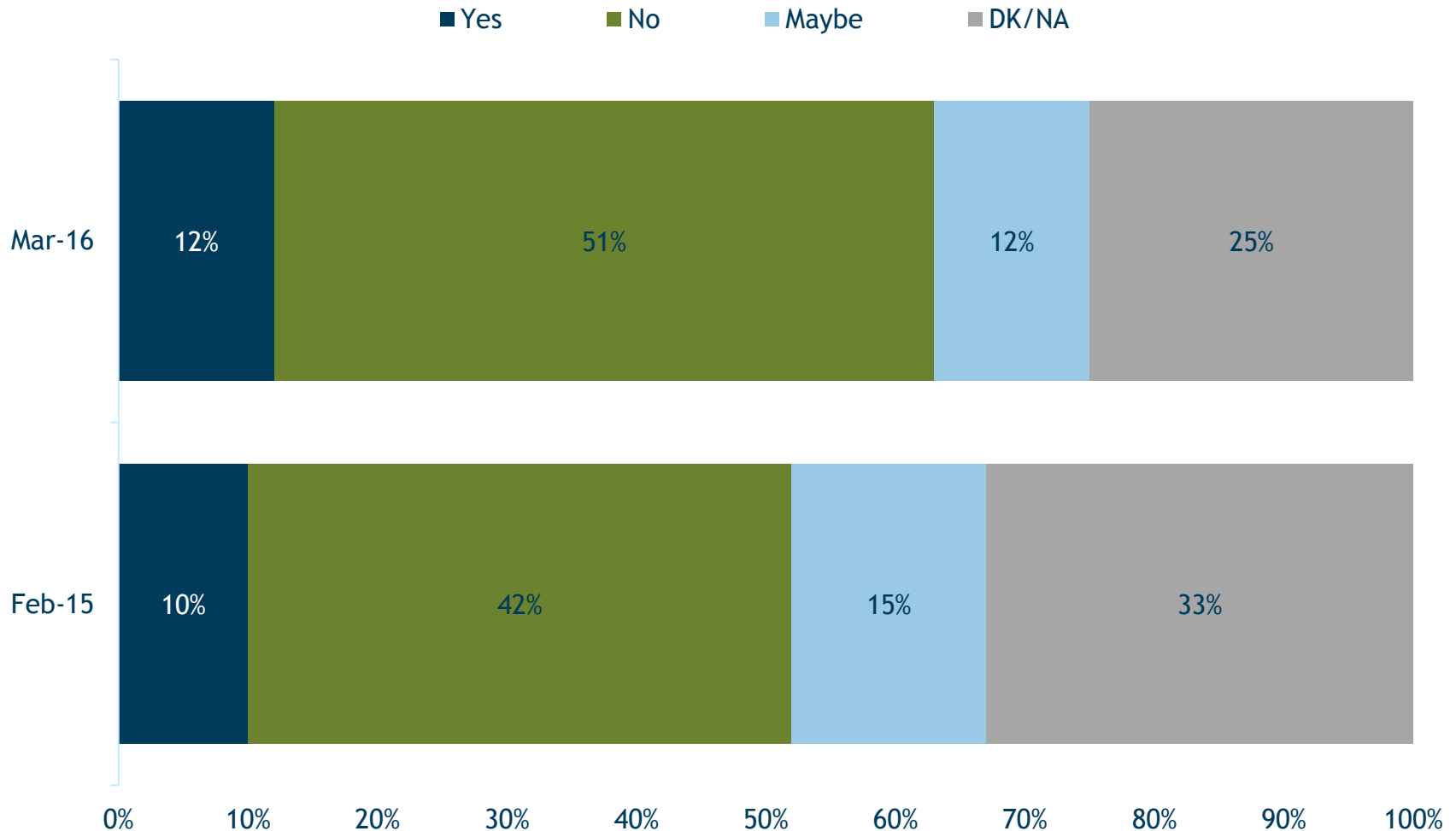
When do you think Georgia will become a member of NATO?



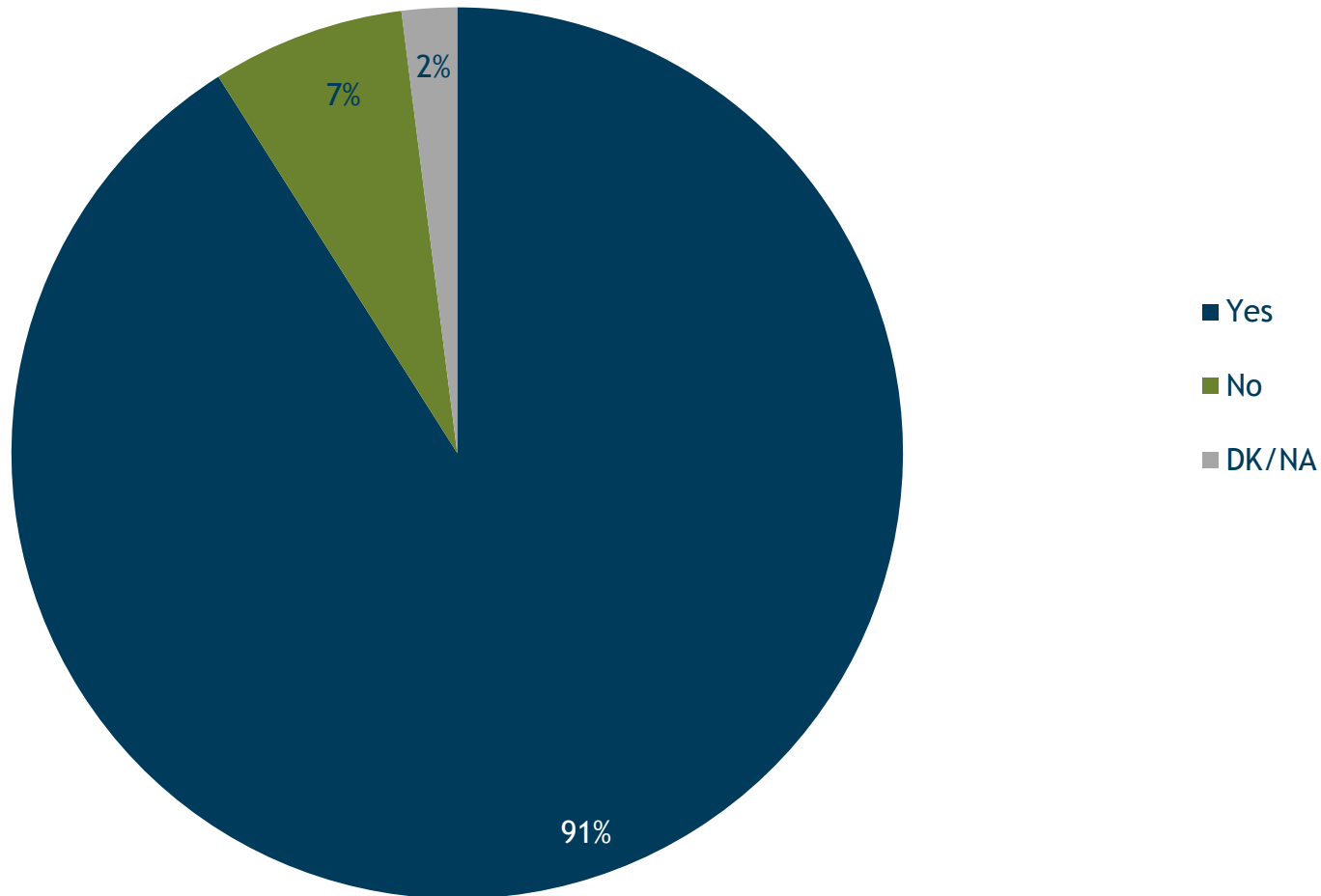
Do you support Georgia joining the European Union (EU)?



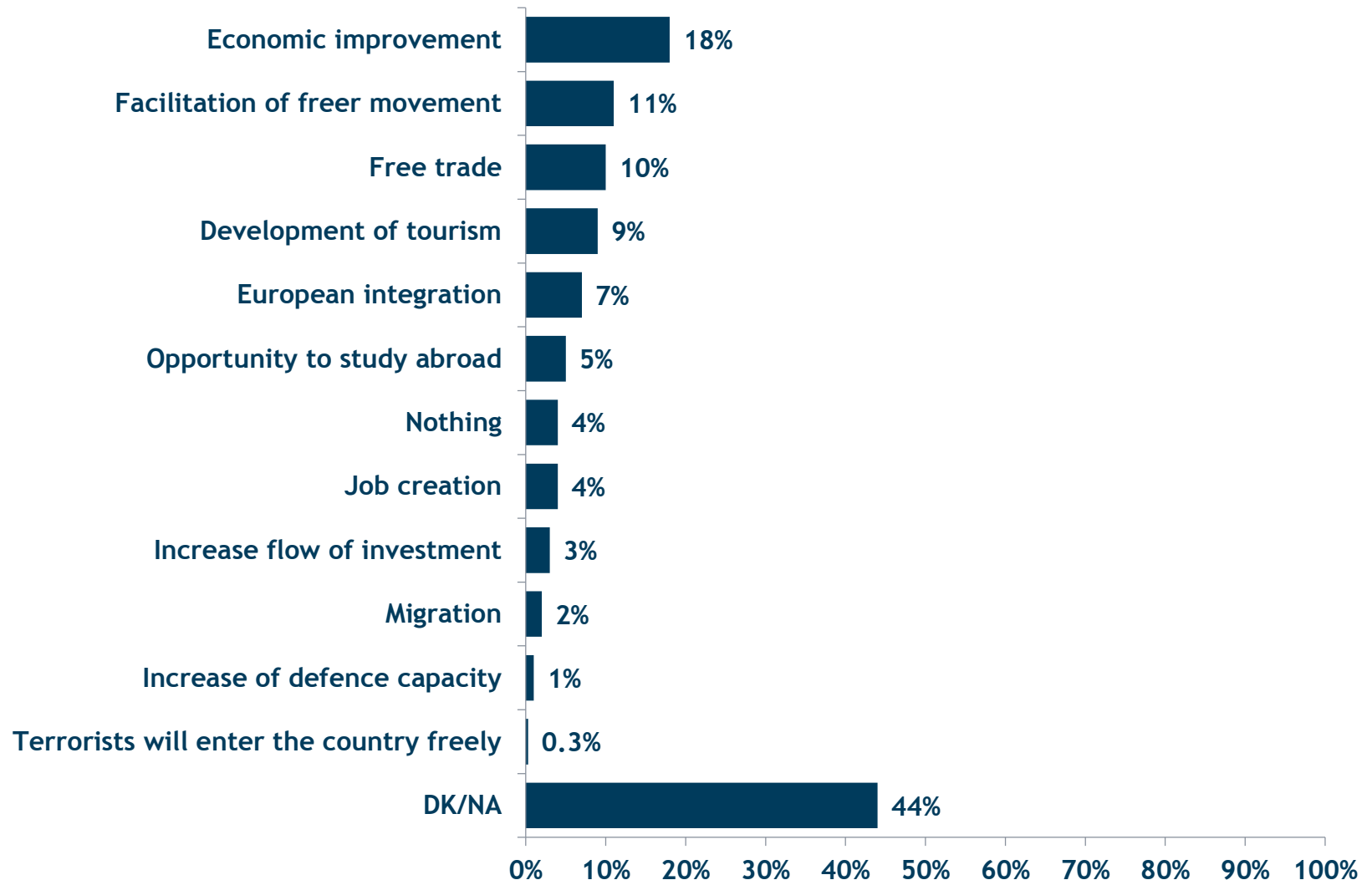
Are you willing to sacrifice economic growth in the short term in order for Georgia to meet the requirements of the EU Association Agreement?



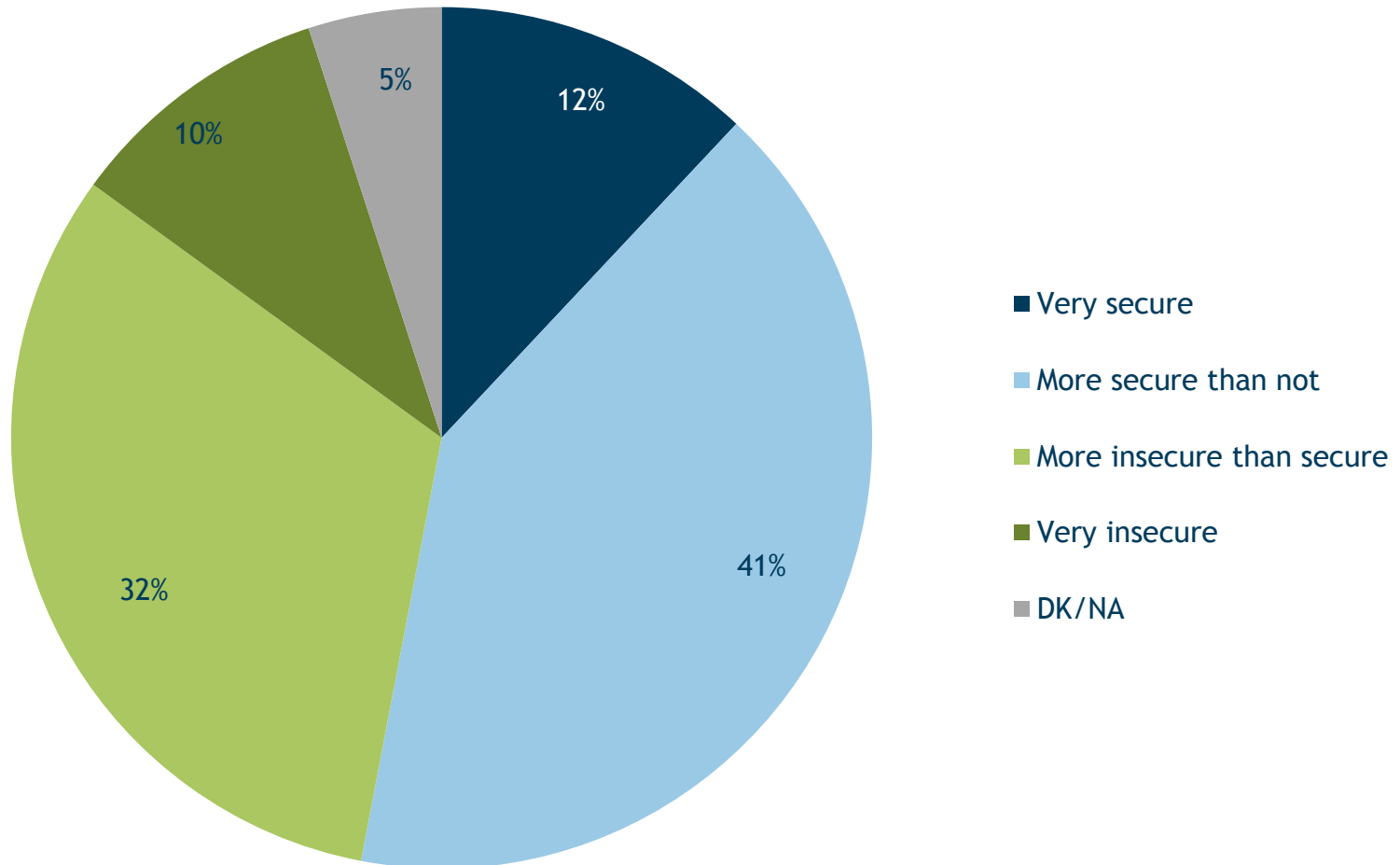
Have you heard about the agreement regarding visa free travel between the EU and Georgia?



After the implementation of visa free travel, what do you expect the next steps will be for Georgia with regards to the European Union Association Agreement?



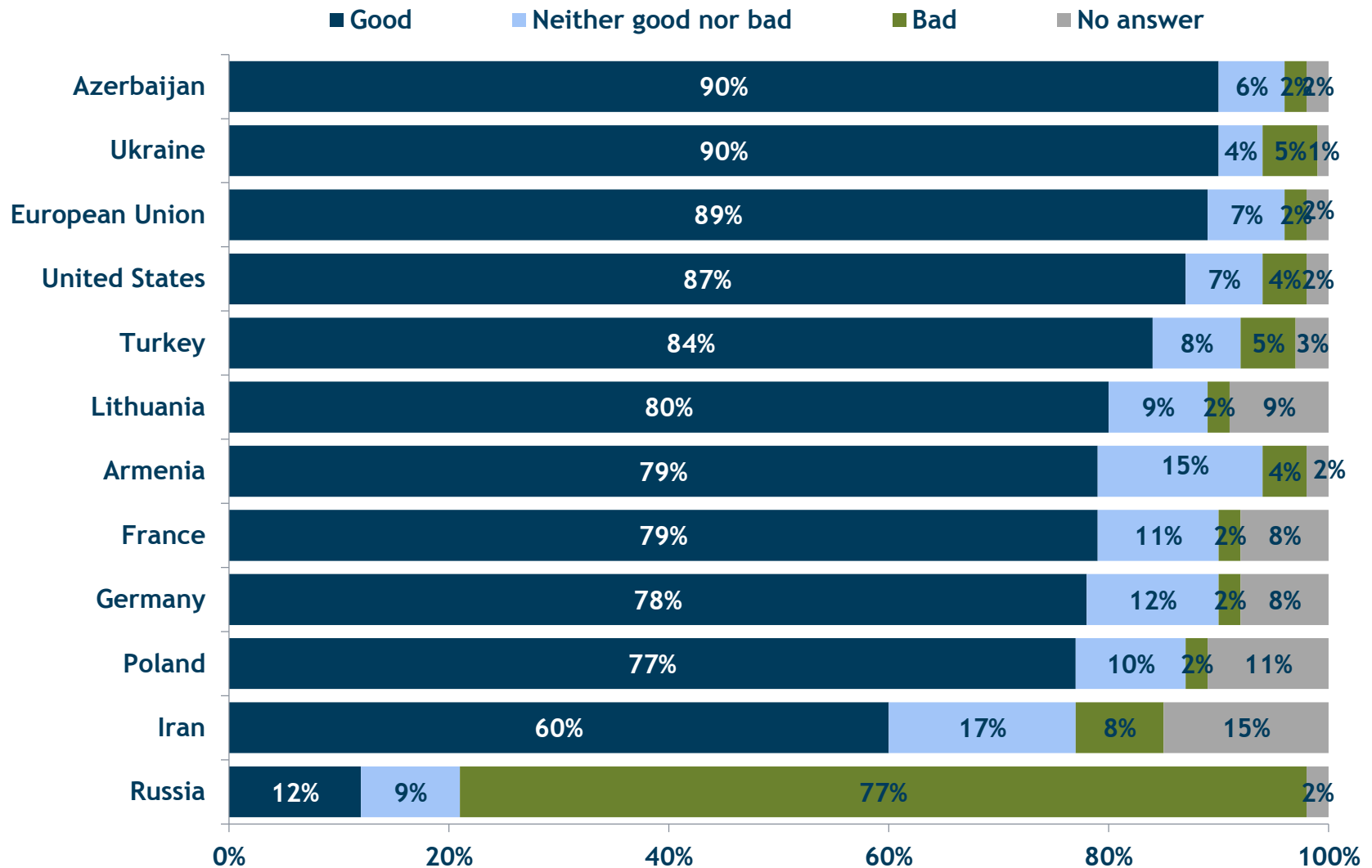
Given the current state of Georgia's relationship with Russia, how secure do you feel living in Georgia?



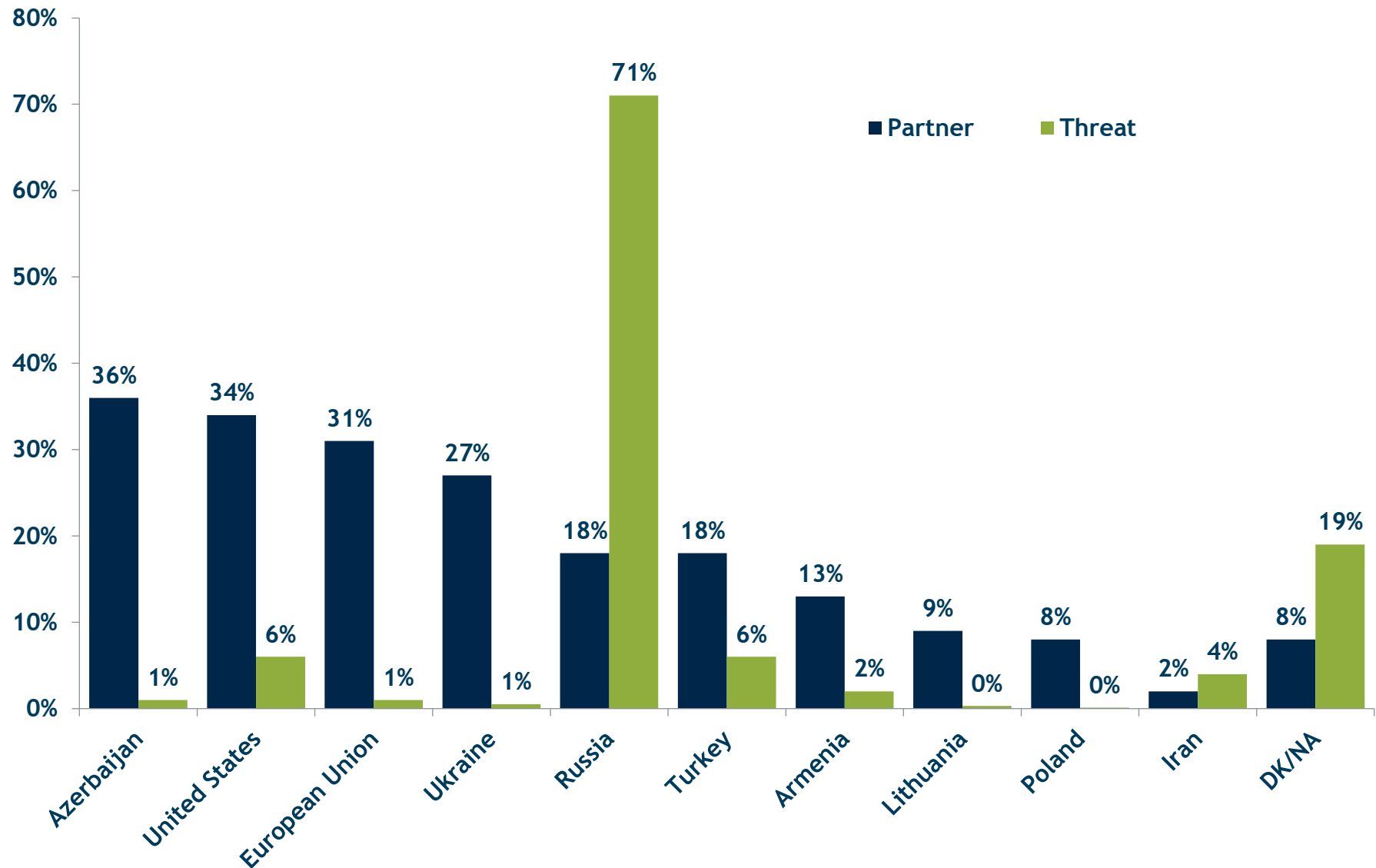


International relations

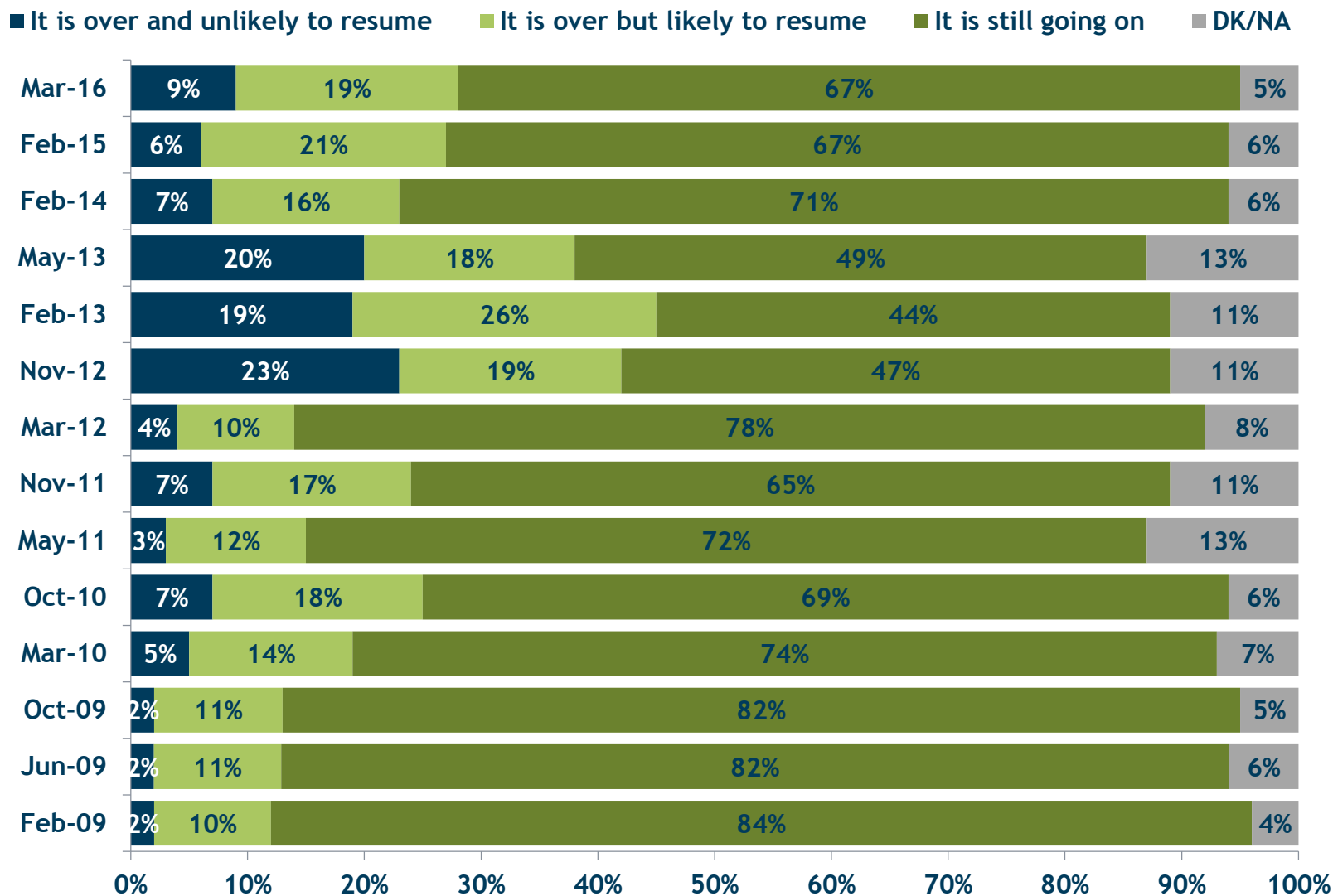
How would you evaluate the current state or the relationship between Georgia and...?



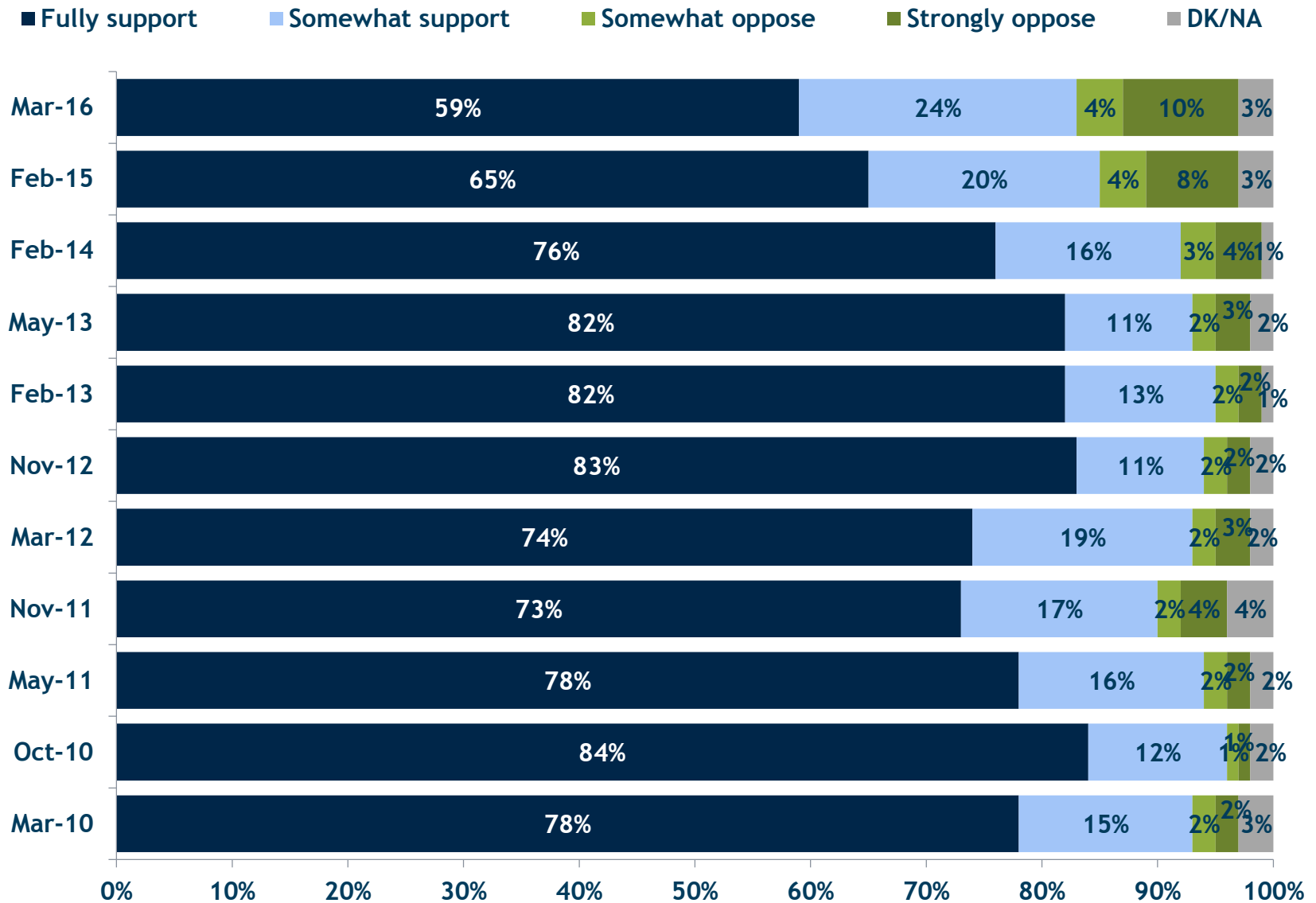
Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important partners for Georgia? Threats? (three answers possible)



Do you think that Russian aggression to Georgia is over or is it still going on?



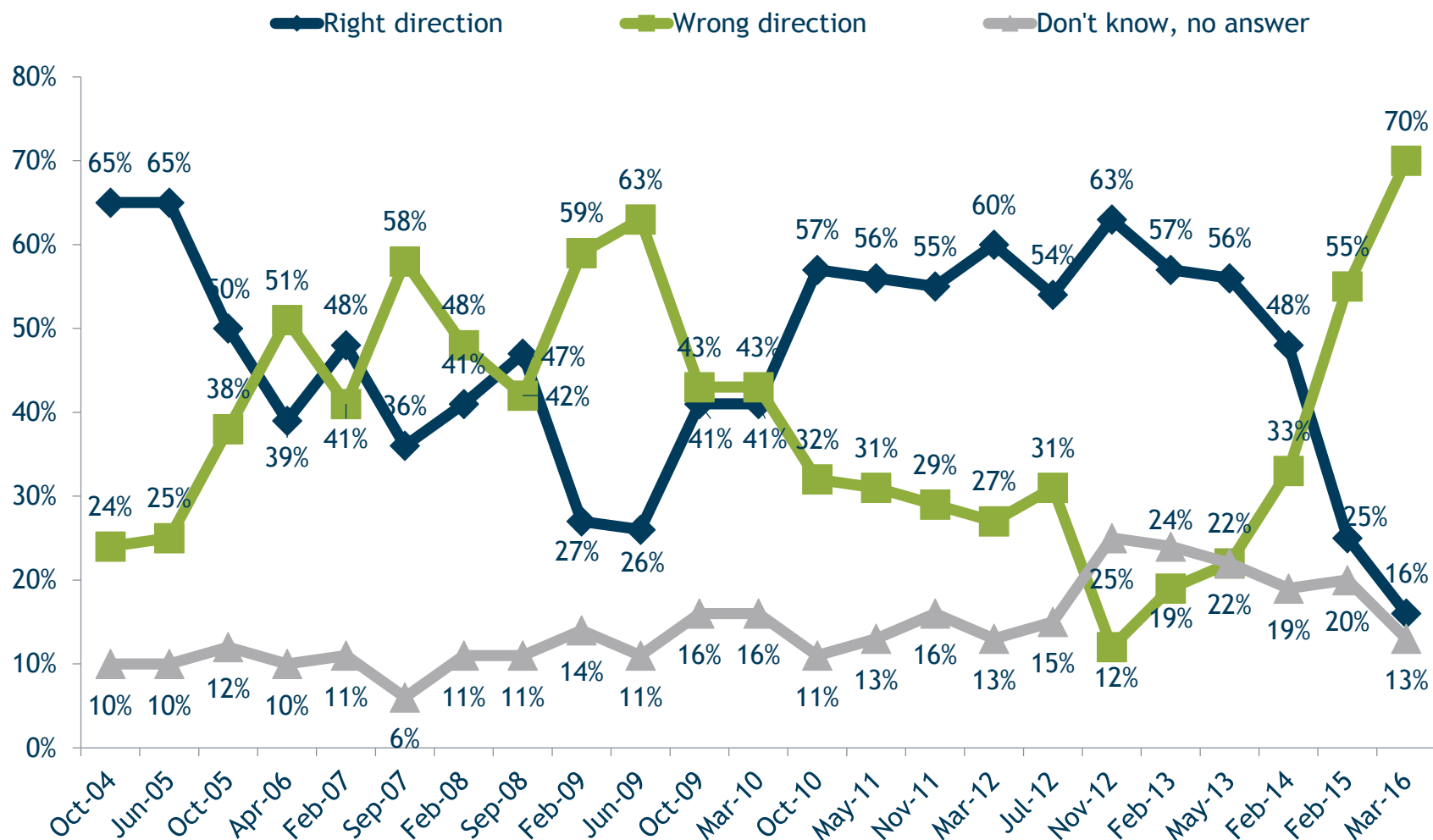
Would you support further dialogue with Russia?



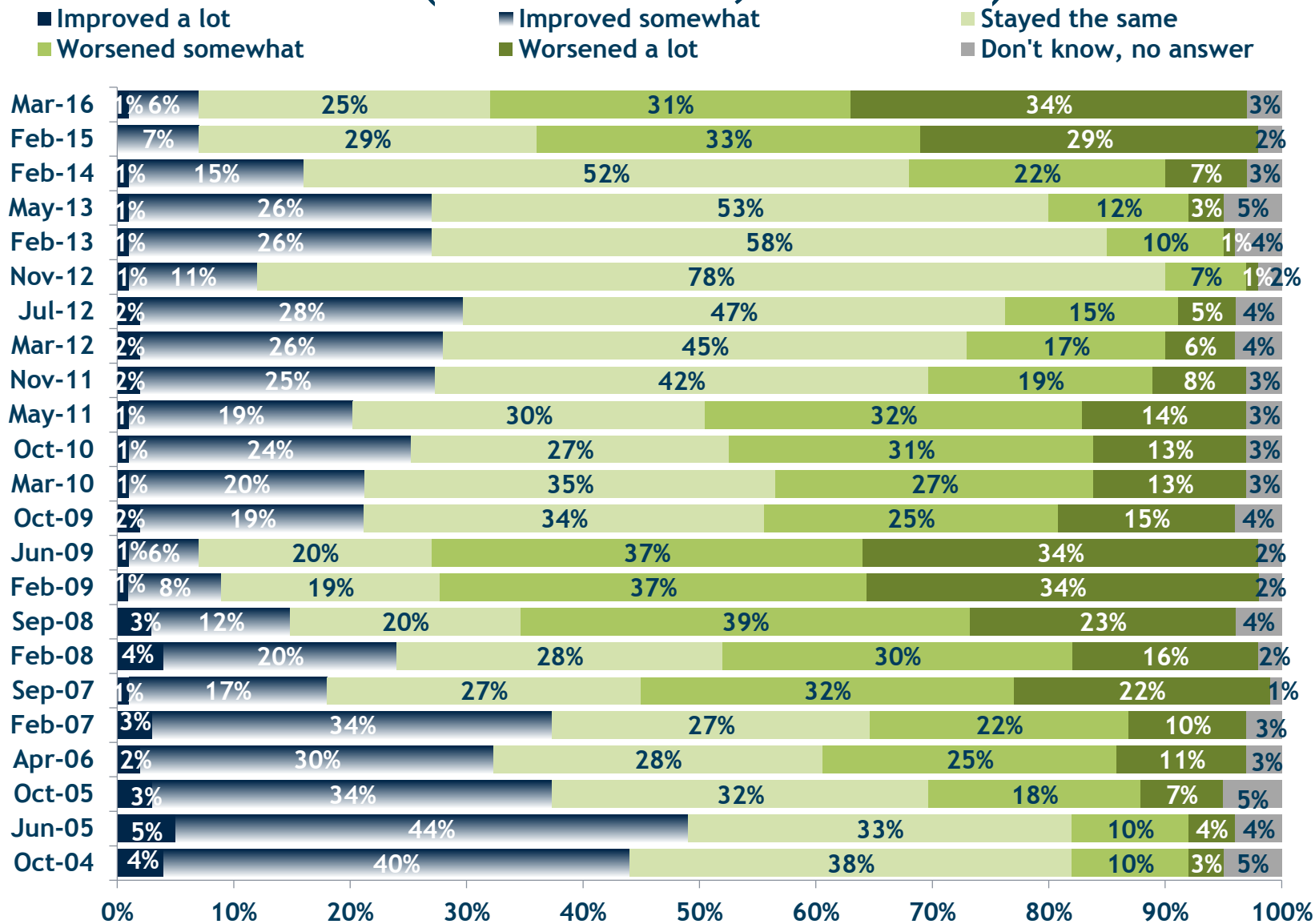


Mood of the country

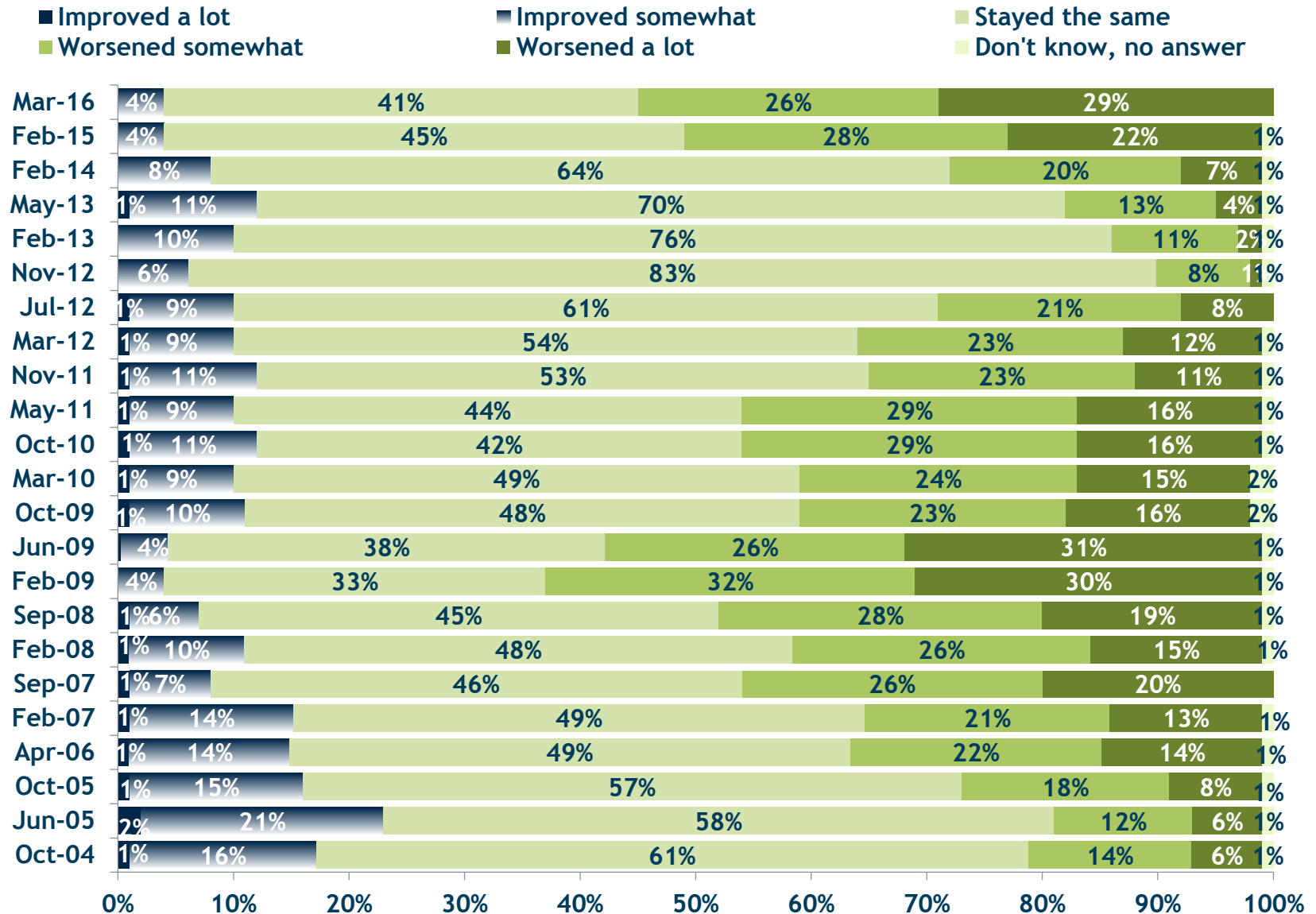
Do you think that things in Georgia are going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



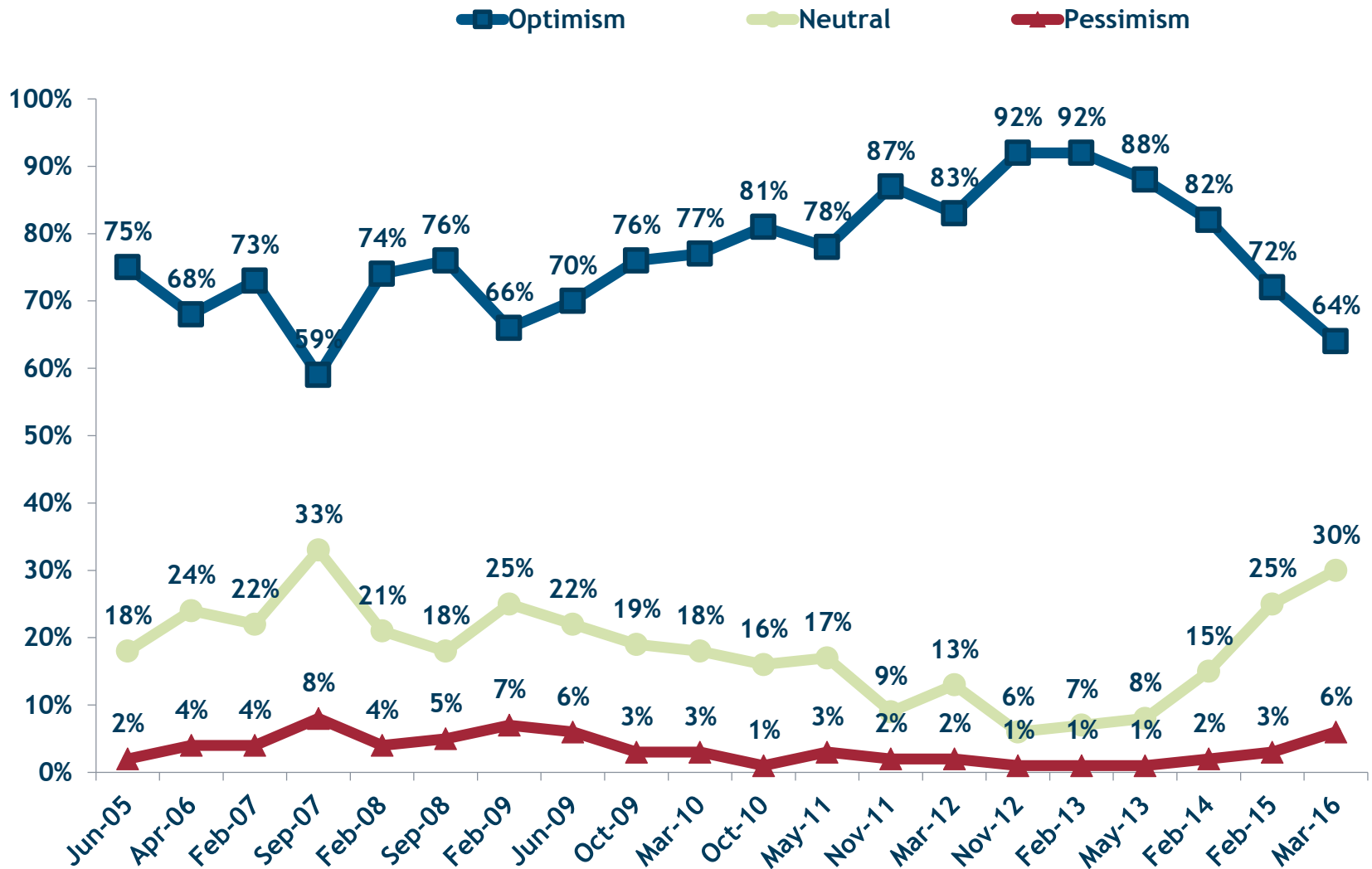
Over the last 2 months, the economic situation in Georgia has... (before 2008, 3 months)



Over the last 2 months, the financial situation of your household has... (before 2008, 3 months)



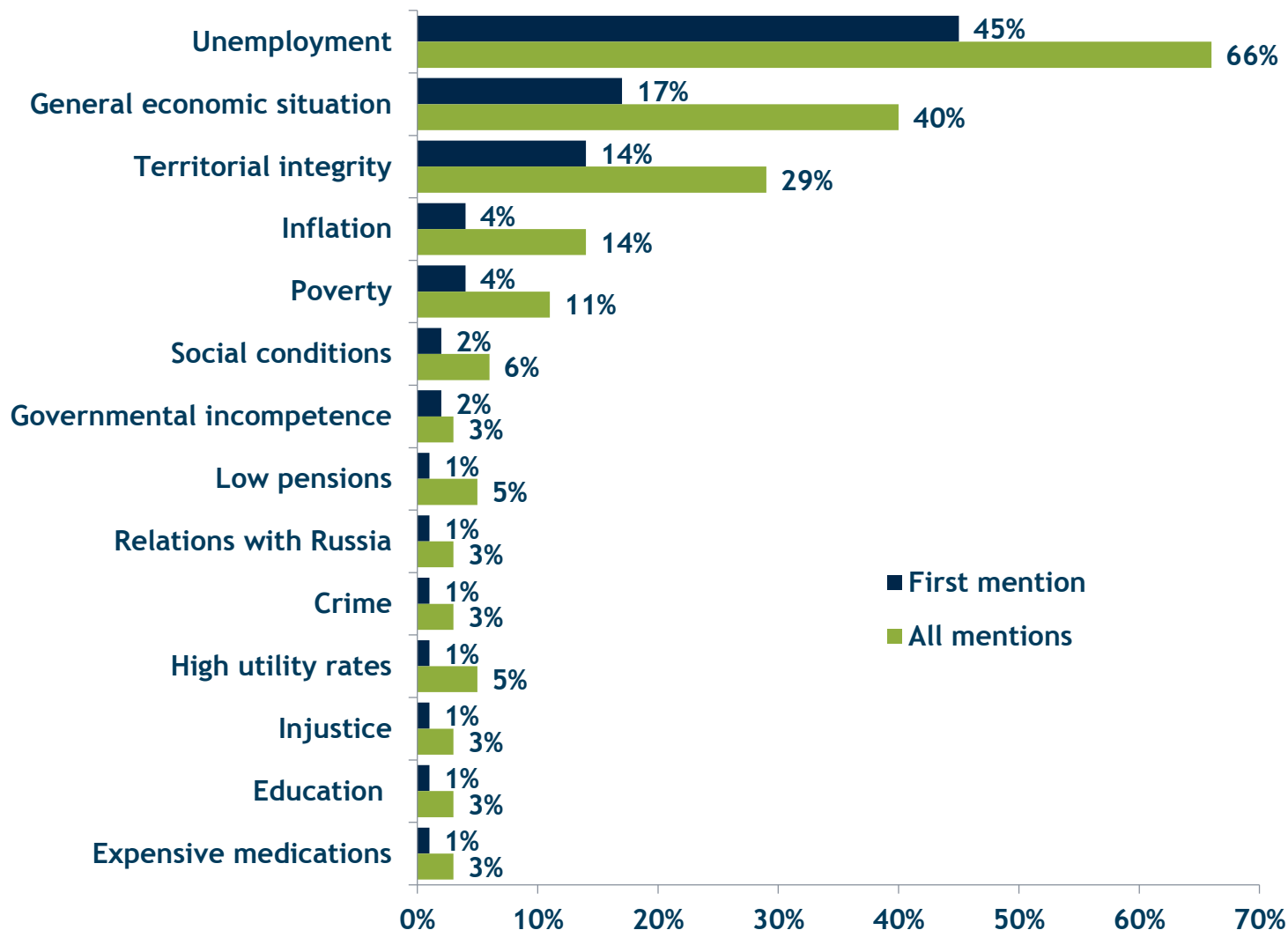
How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Georgian Population?



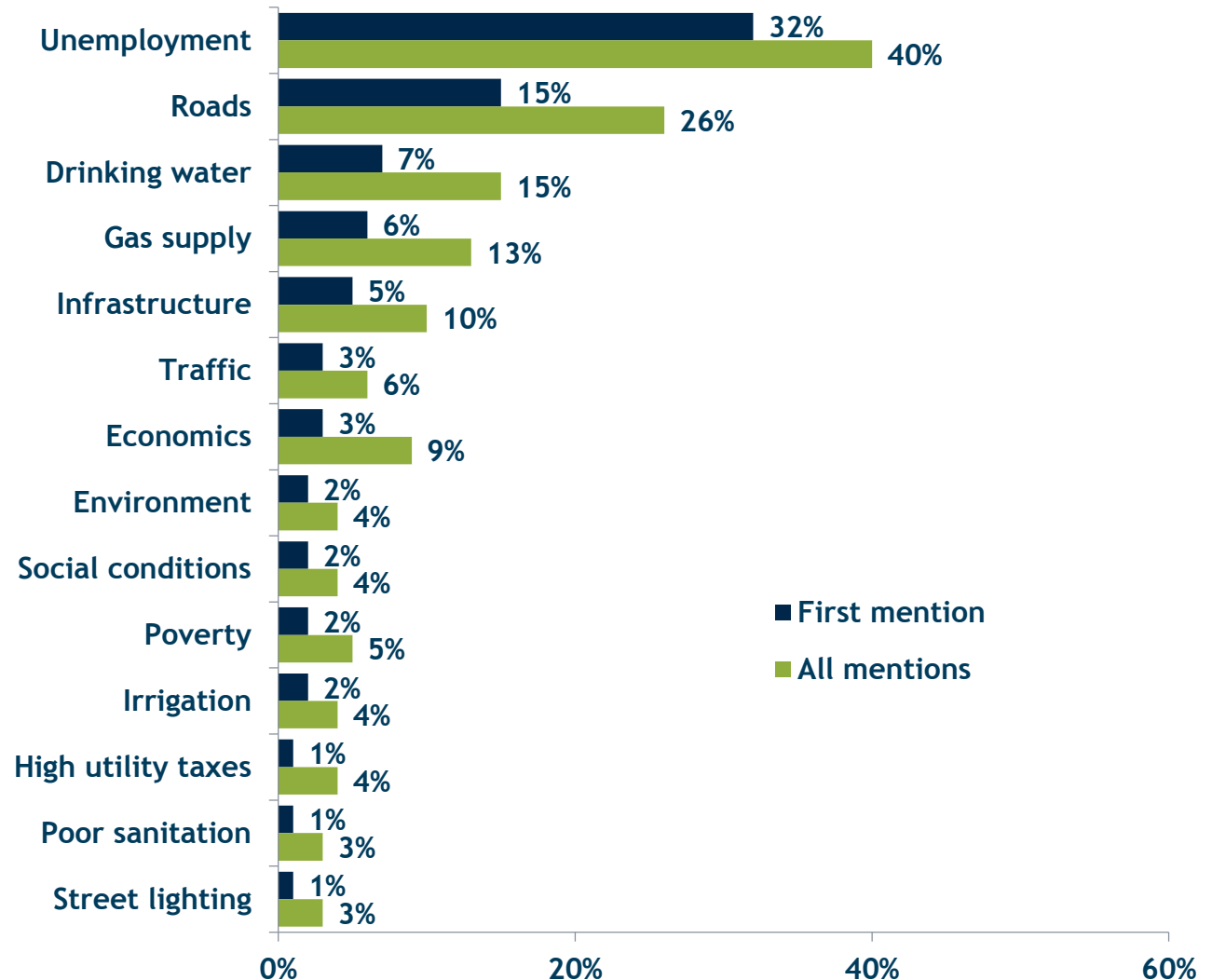


Issues

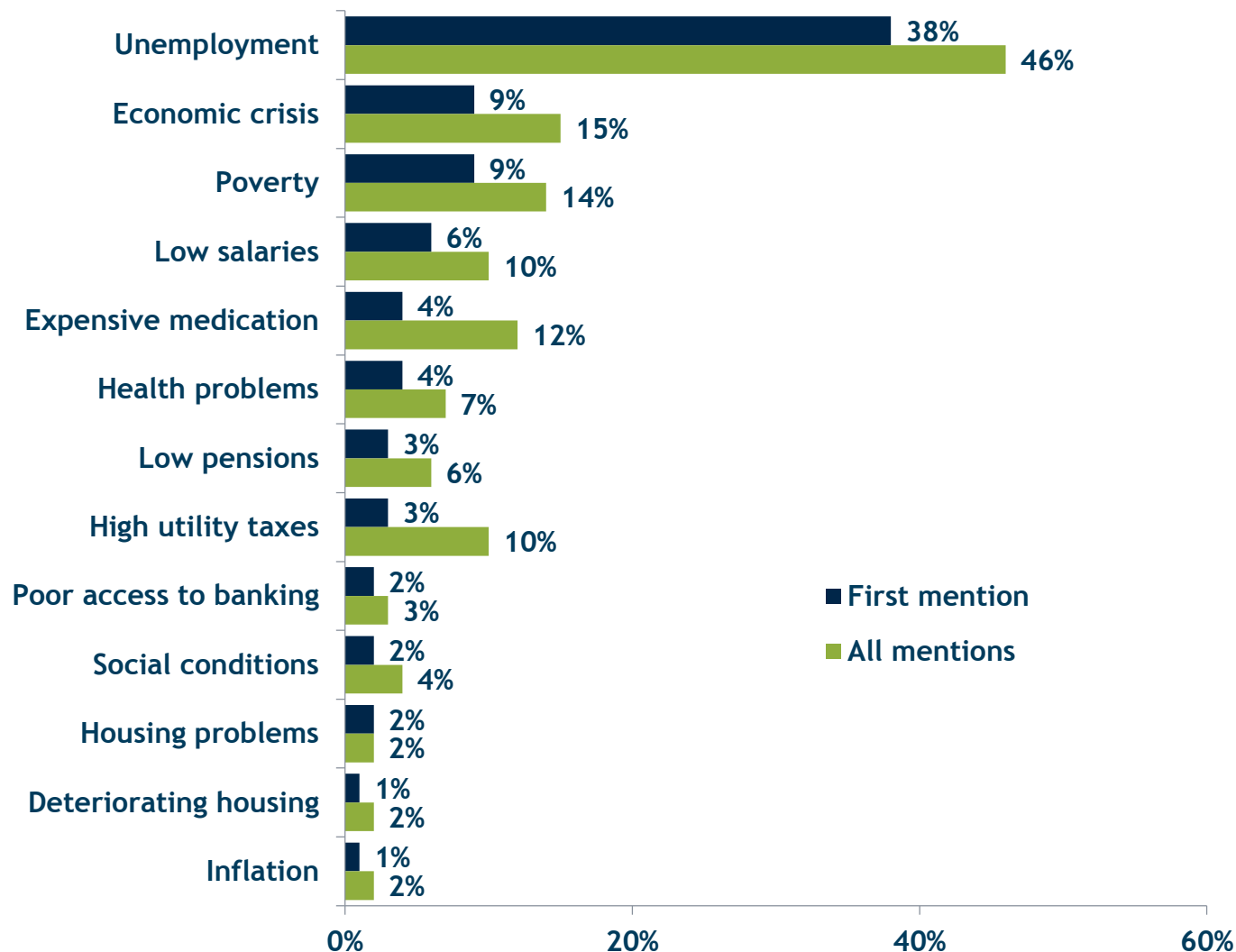
What are the main problems that Georgia is currently facing? (three answers possible)



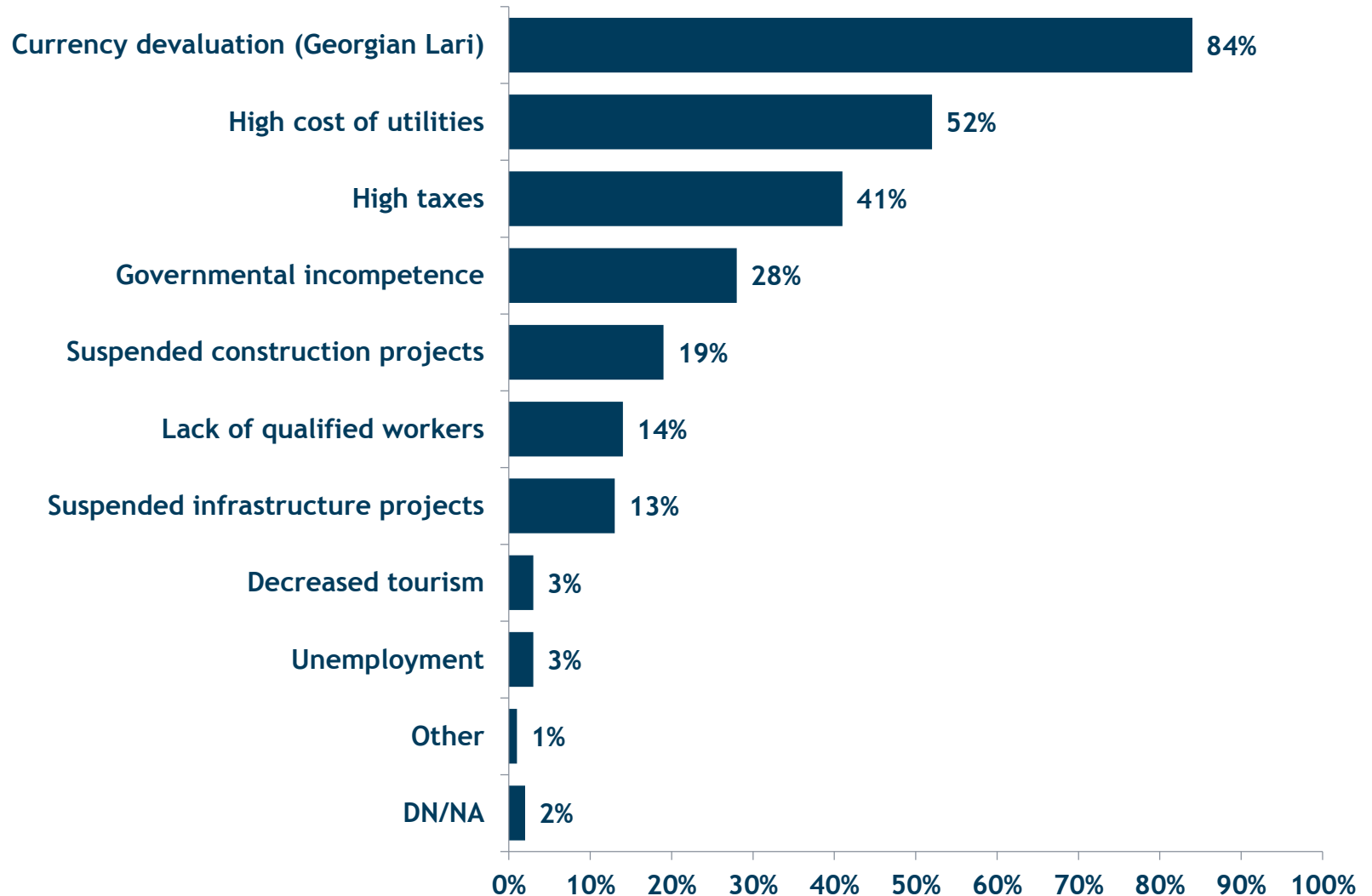
What are the three main problems that your town or village is facing? (three answers possible)



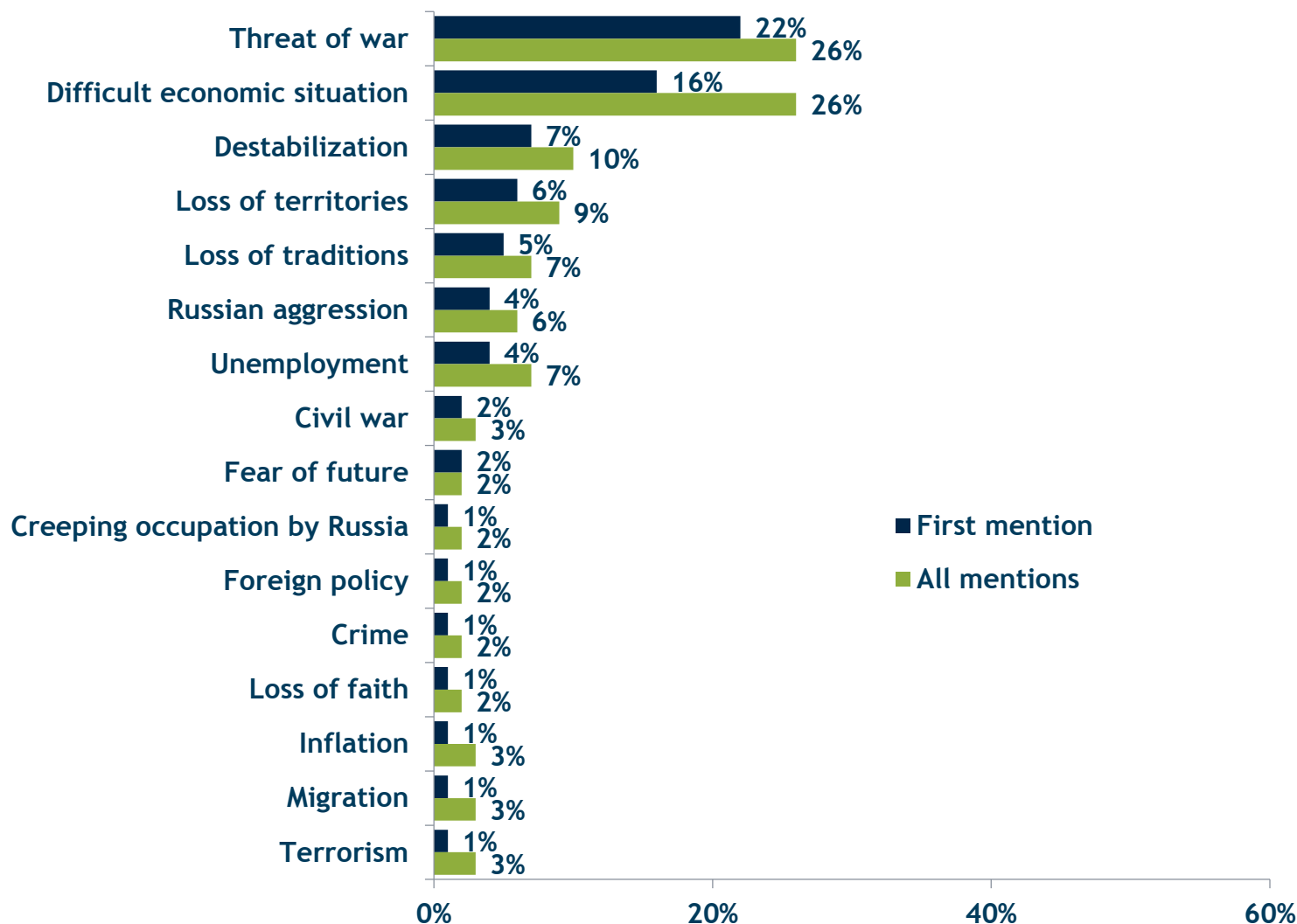
What are the three most important problems for you and your household members? (three answers possible)



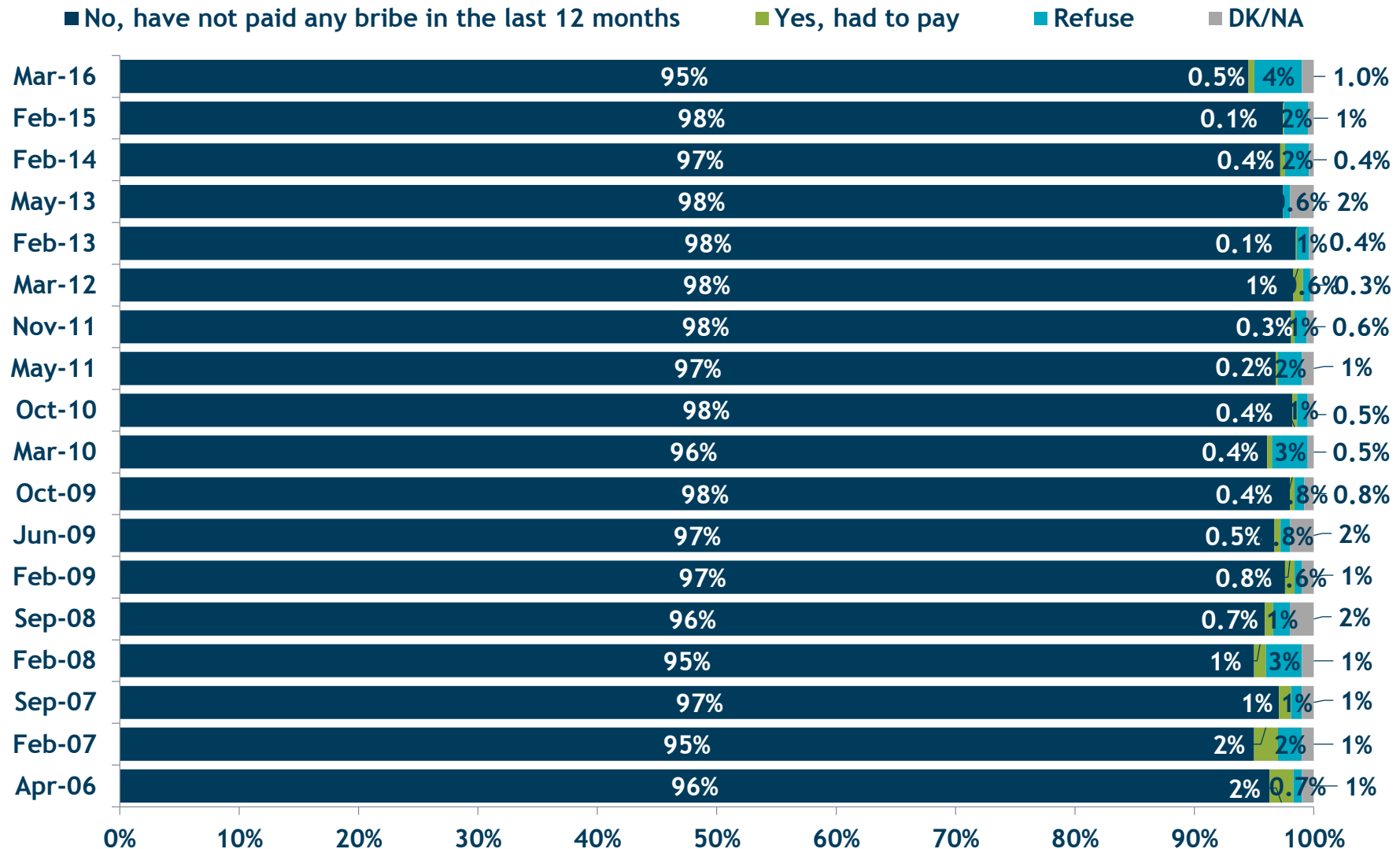
What do you think are the main problems facing the Georgian economy? (three answers possible)



Thinking about the current situation and the future of the country, what are you most concerned with? (three answers possible)



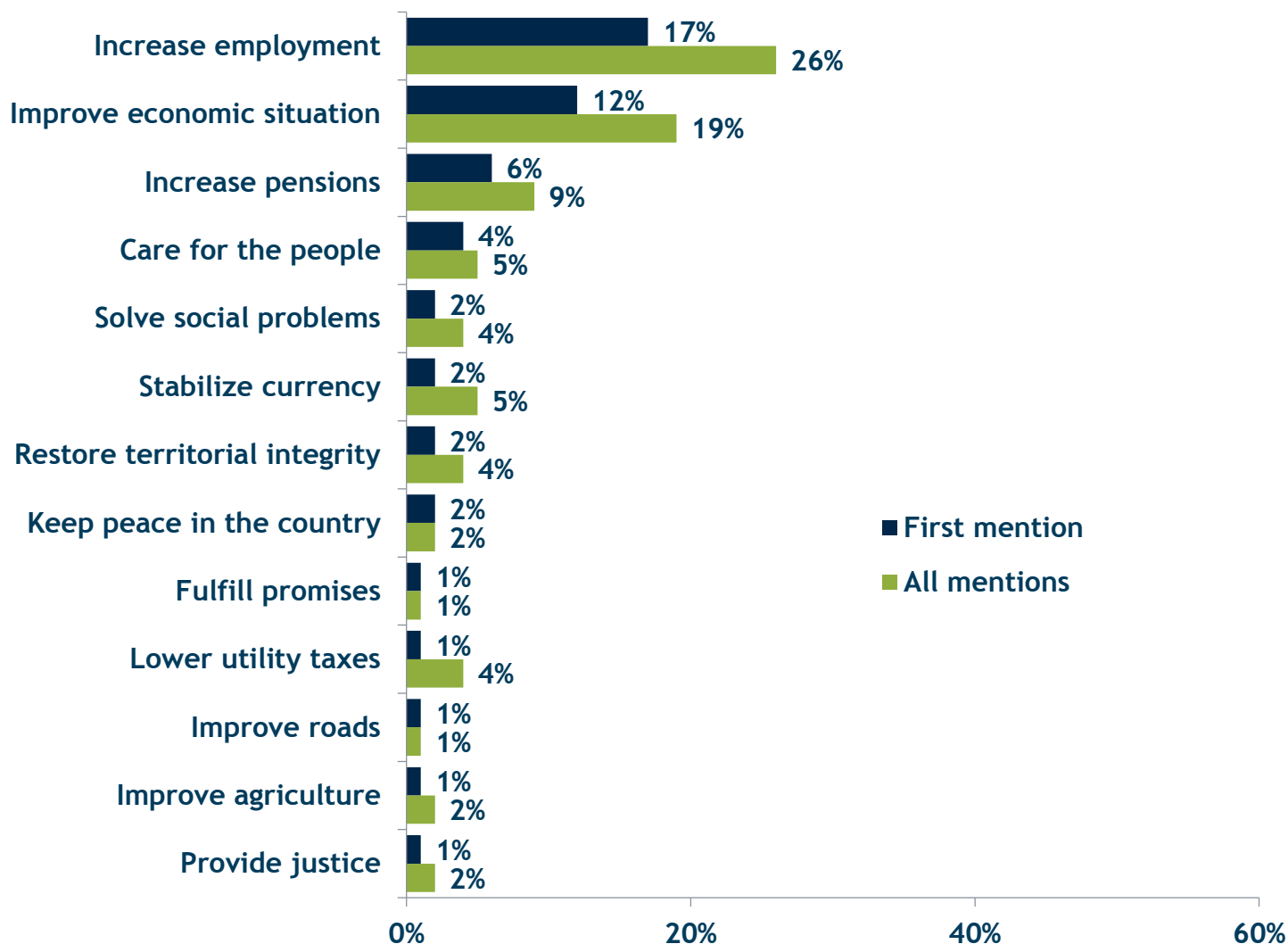
During the past 12 months, have you been in a situation where you had to pay a bribe in order to get a service or receive a necessary decision?



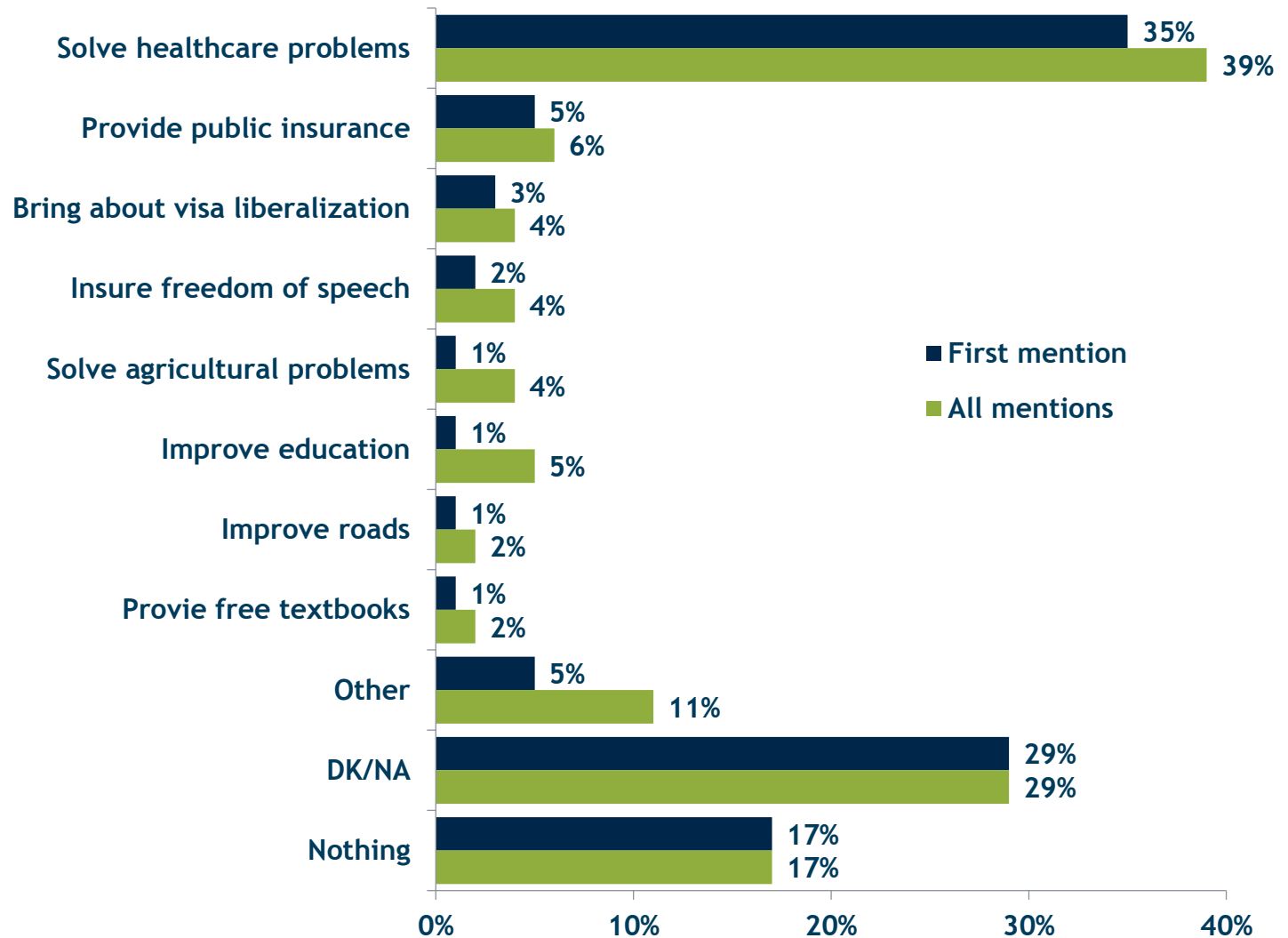


Government

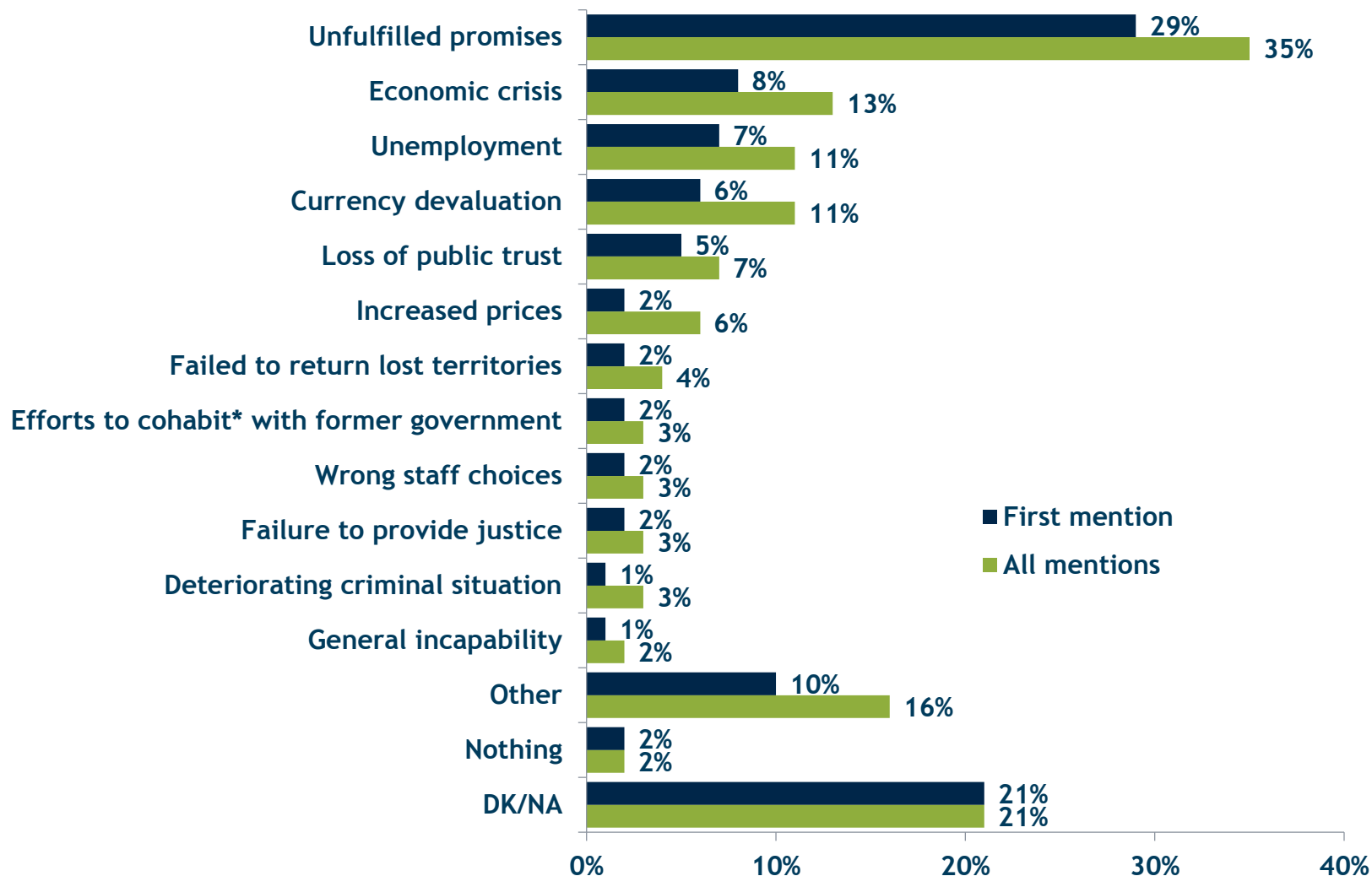
What are your three main expectations from the government? (three answers possible)



What are the three main accomplishments of the government? (three answers possible)

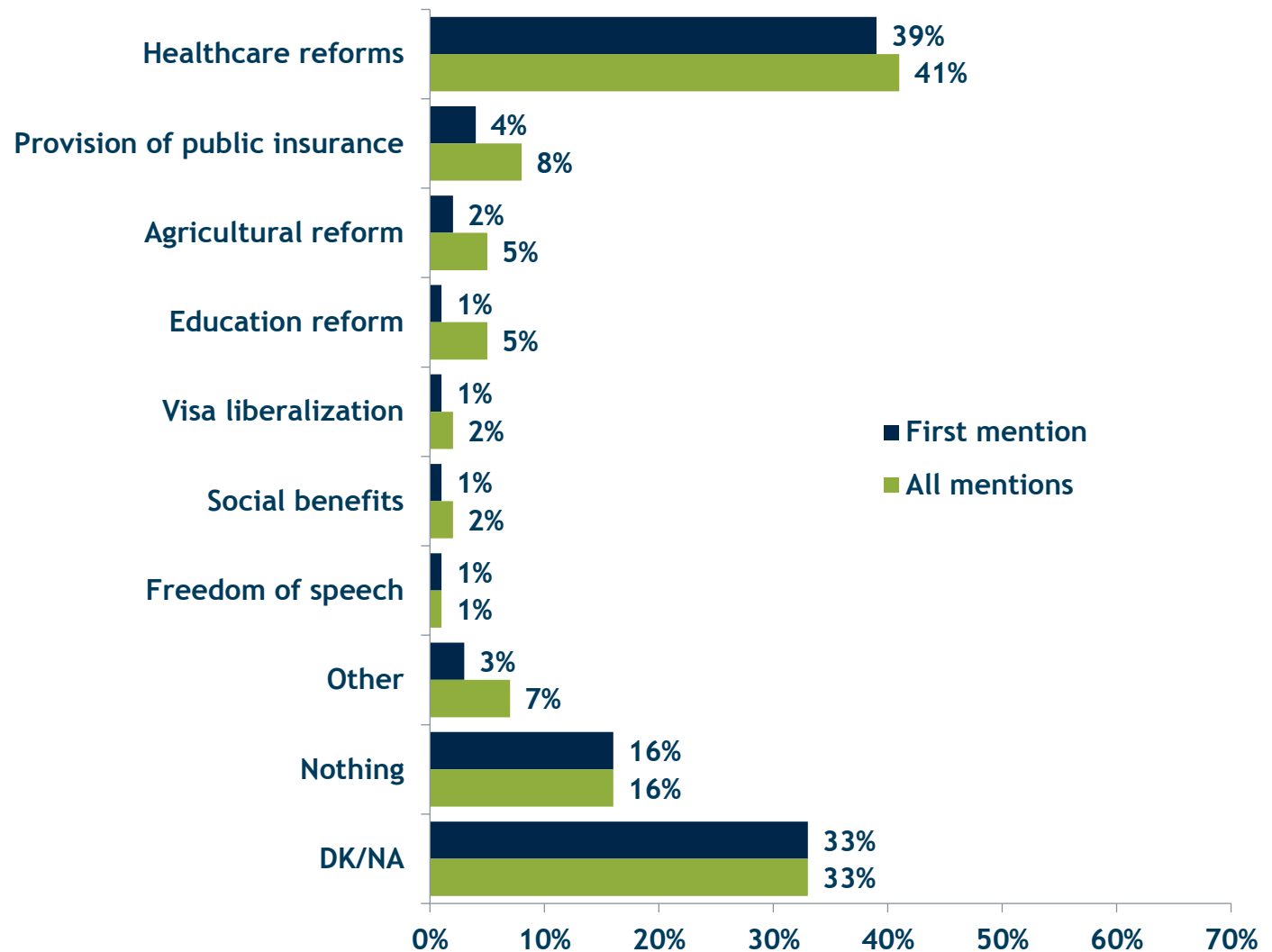


What are the three biggest failures of the government? (three answers possible)

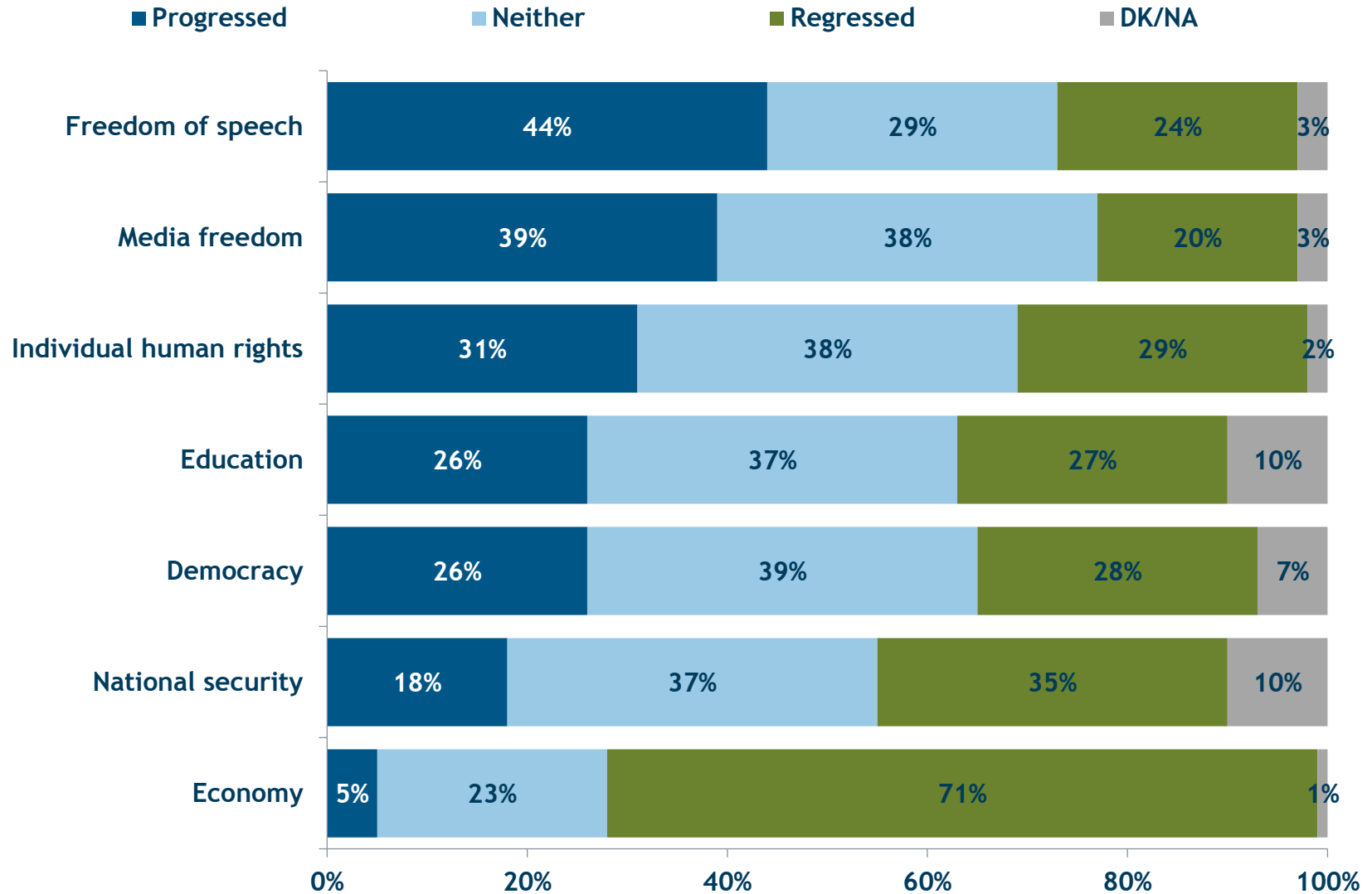


* - "Cohabitation" is the colloquial term used for the period between the October 2012 Parliamentary Election and the October 2013 Presidential Election, during which the Georgia Dream Coalition-led parliament shared government leadership with President Mikheil Saakashvili (representing the opposition United National Movement).

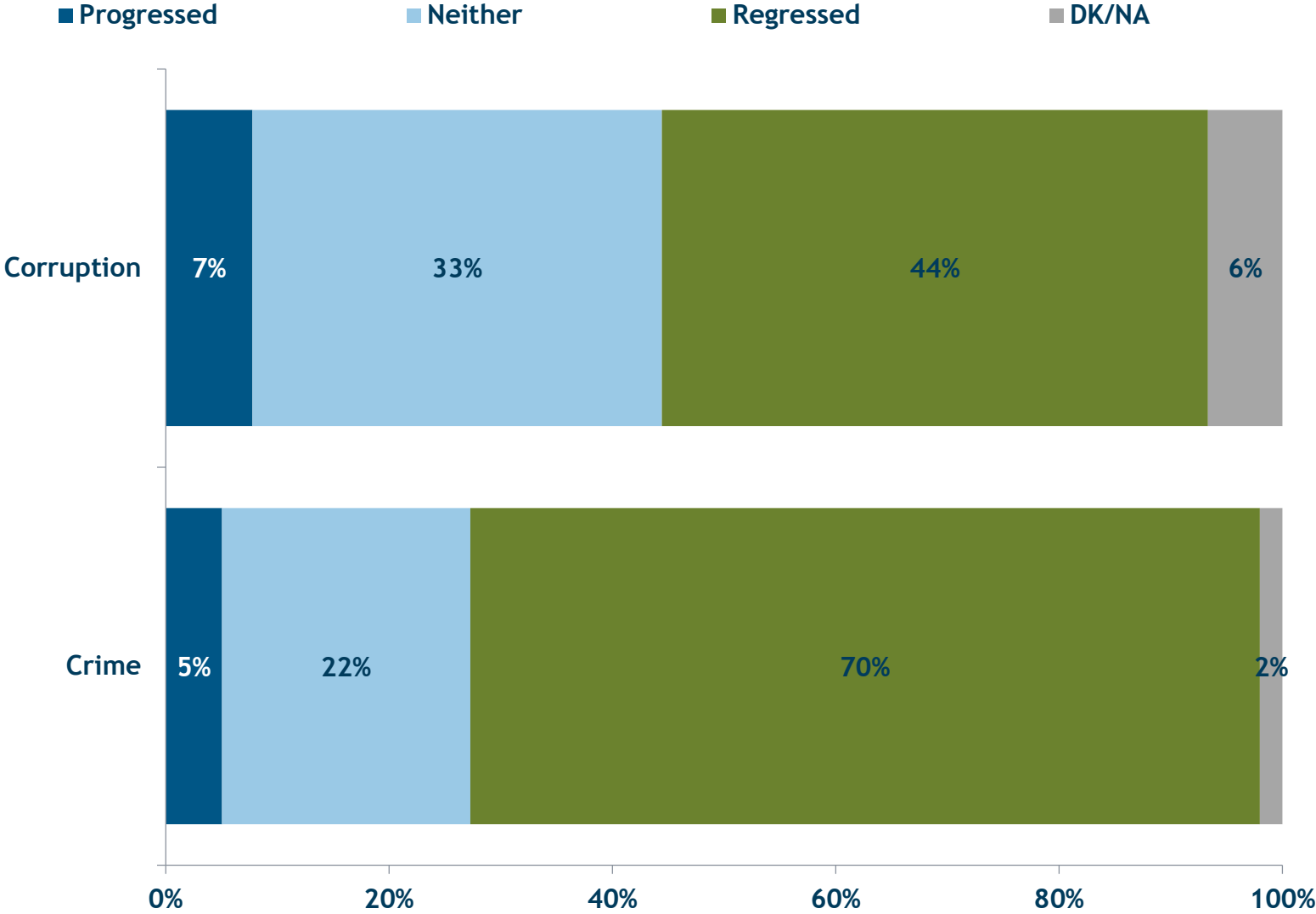
What are the most successful reforms passed by the government? (three answers possible)



How do you feel about the direction of each of the following issues during the past four years?



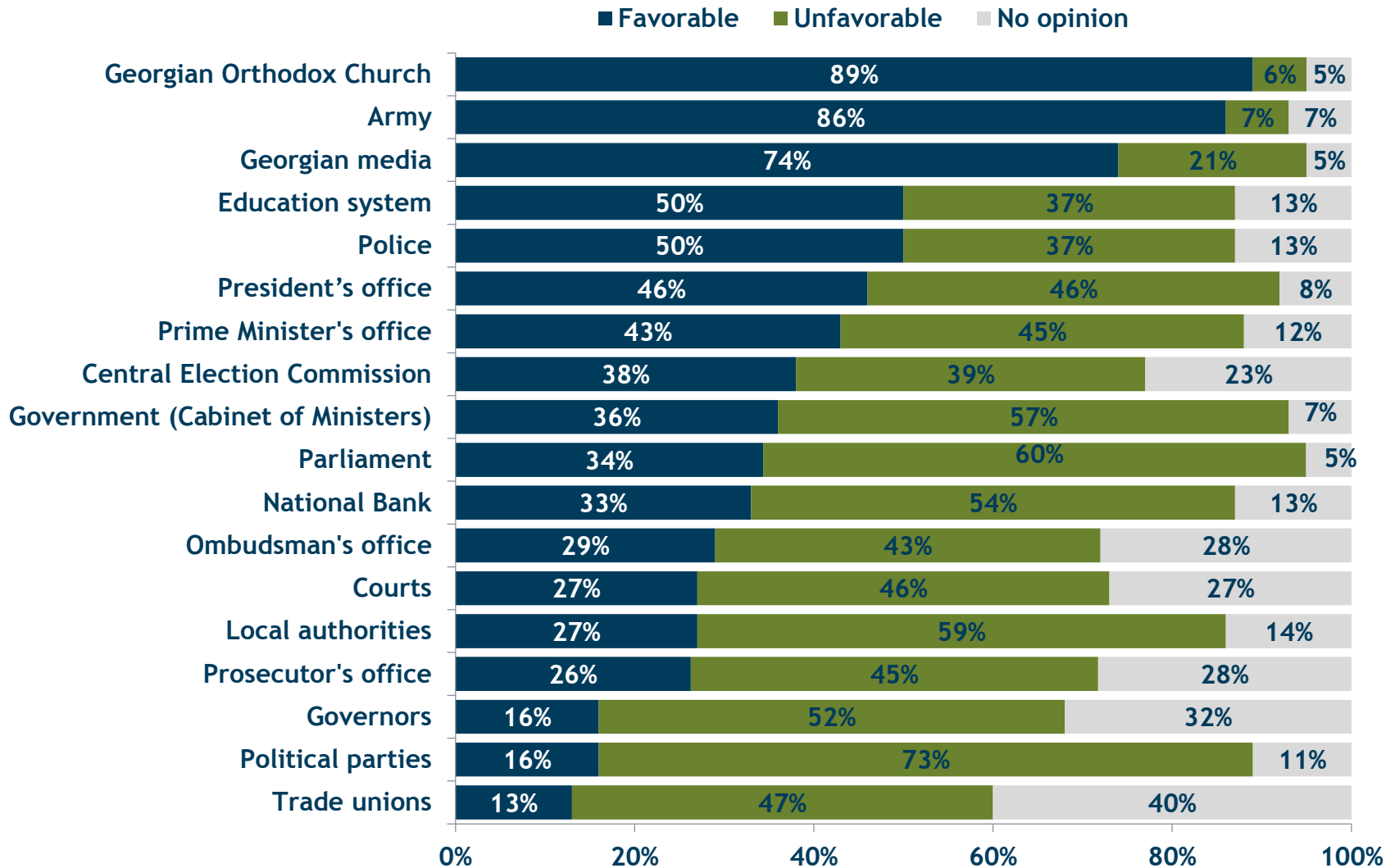
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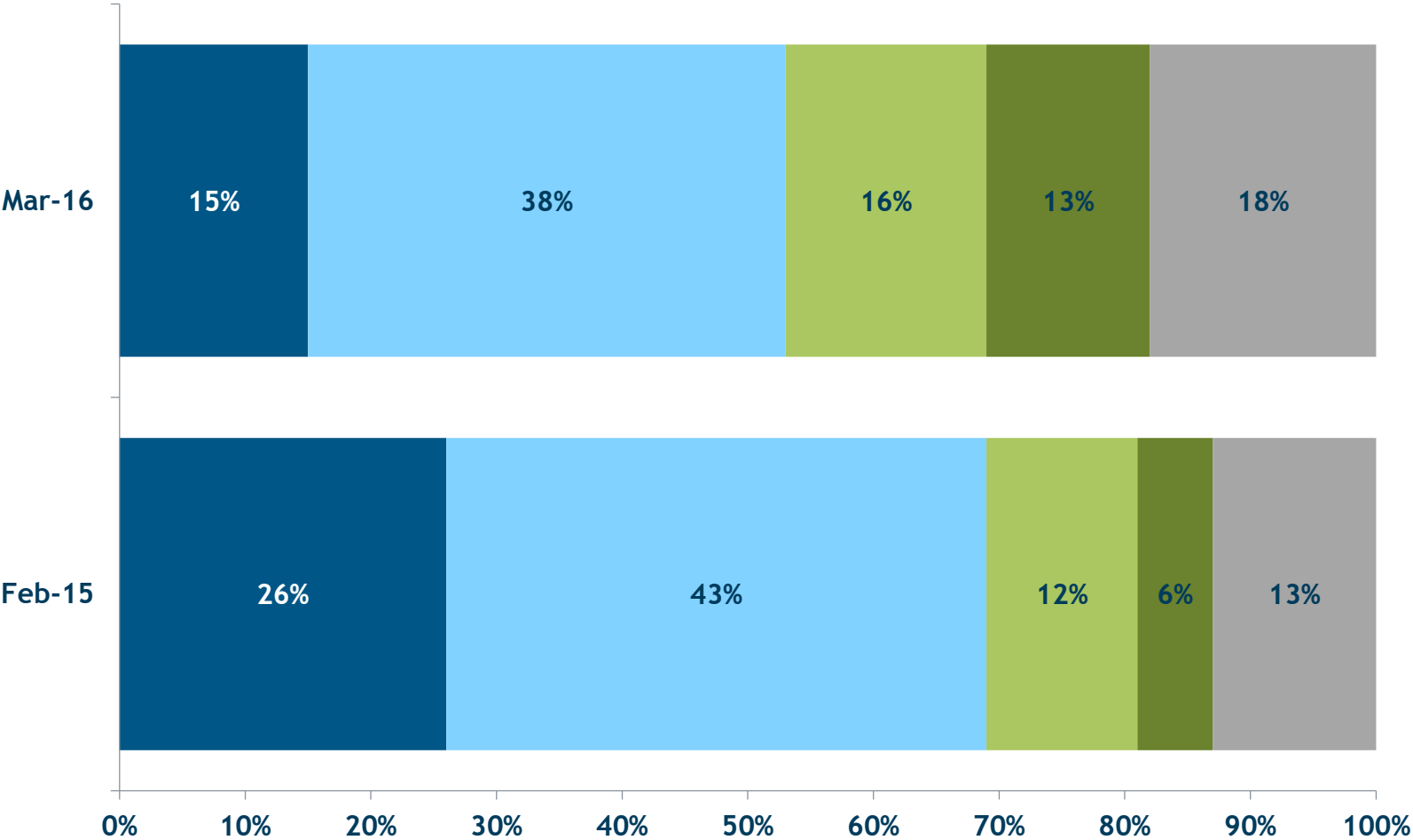
Institutions

Please tell me your opinion about the work of the following institutions?

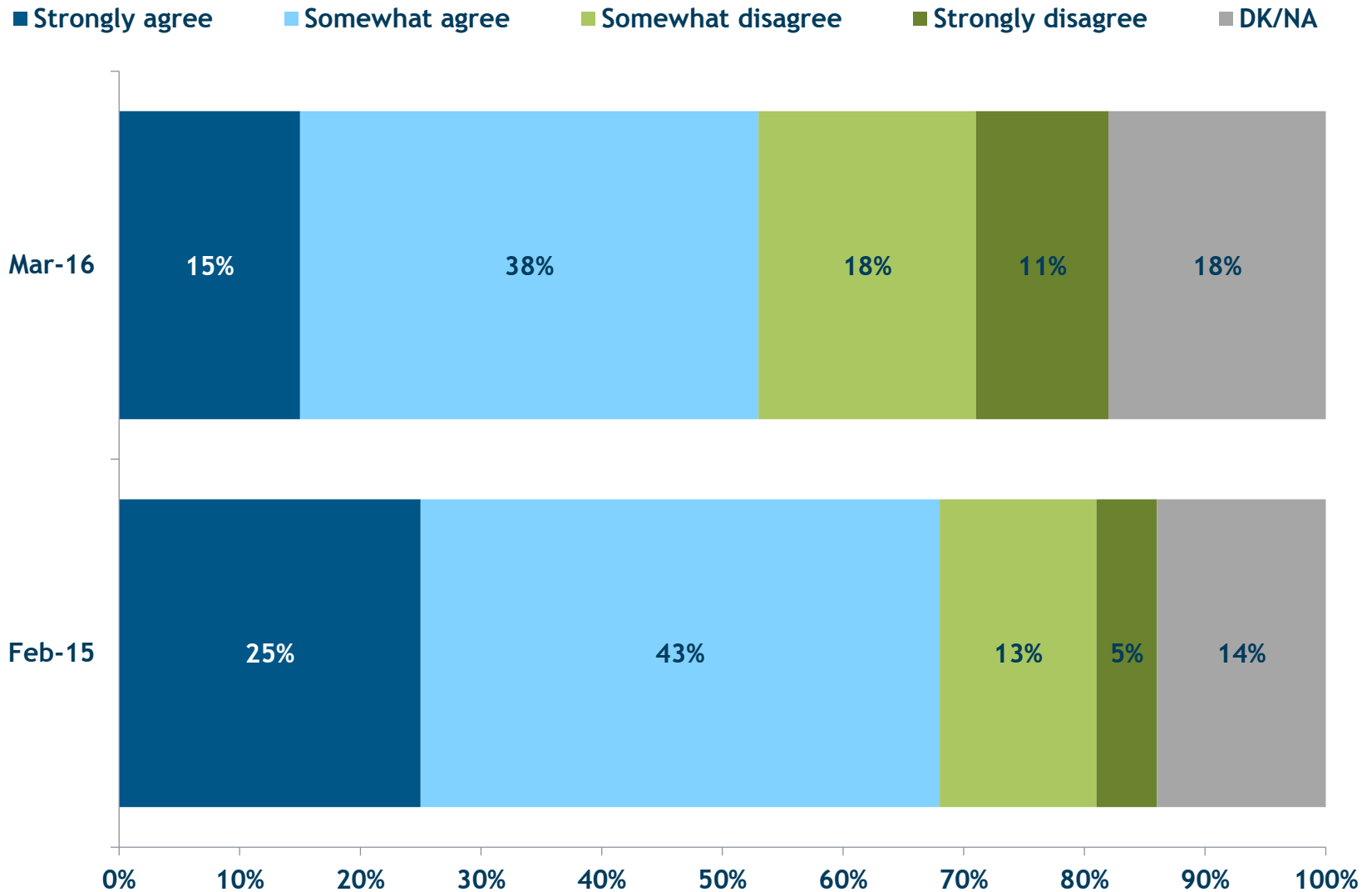


The Central Election Commission (CESKO) performs its work in a trustworthy manner.

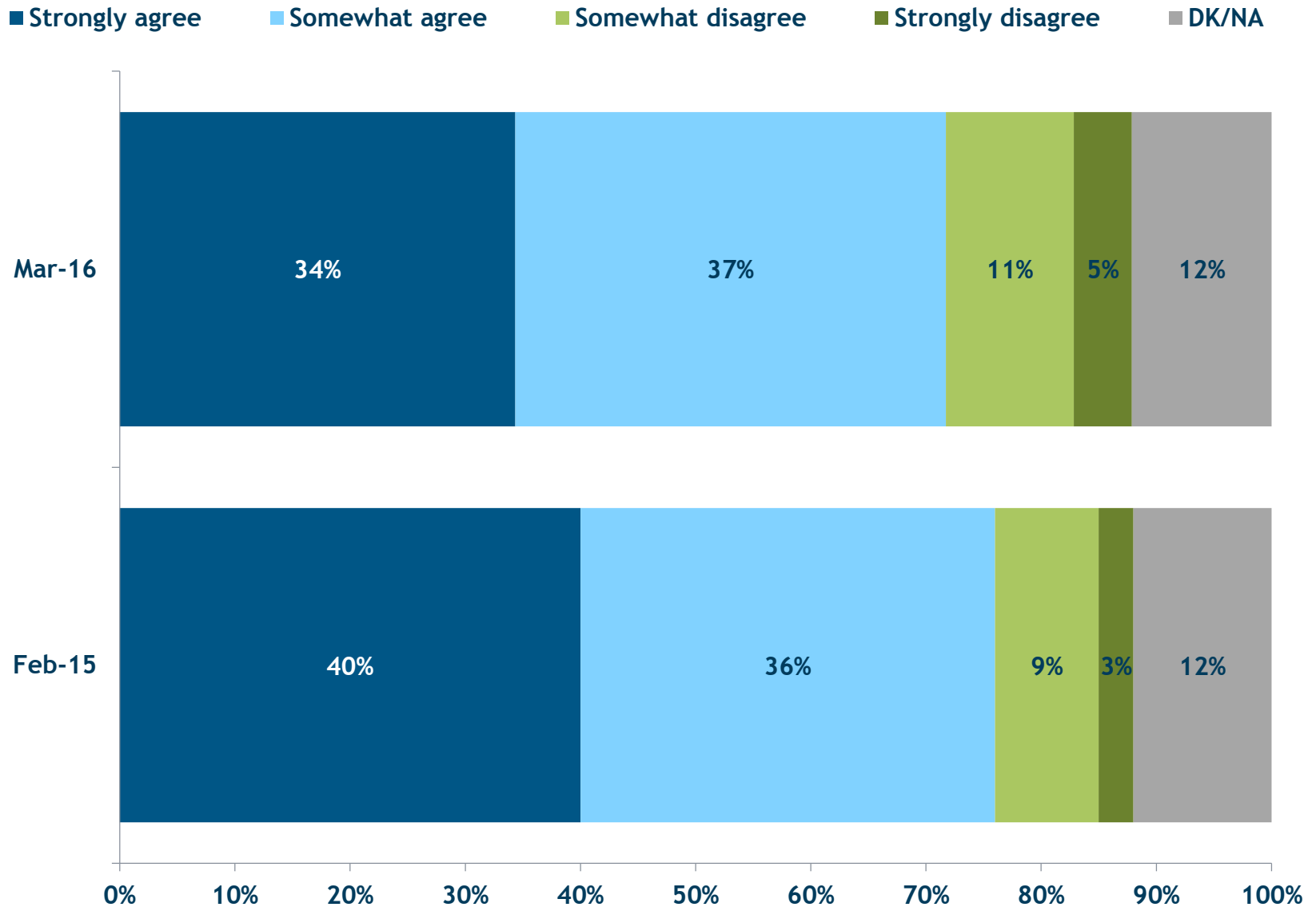
■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ DK/NA



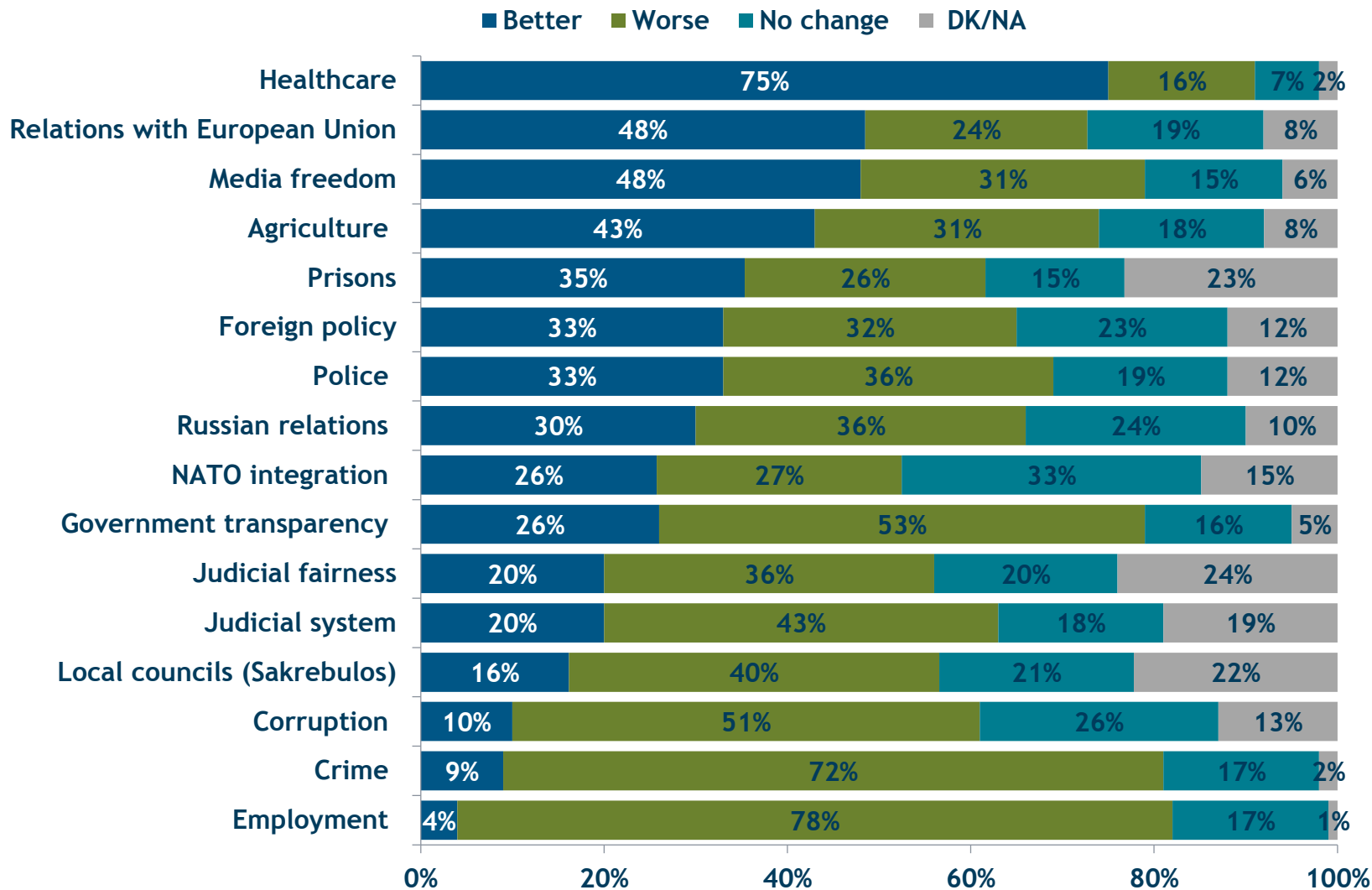
The CESKO is neutral and does not take the side of any political group in carrying out its responsibilities.



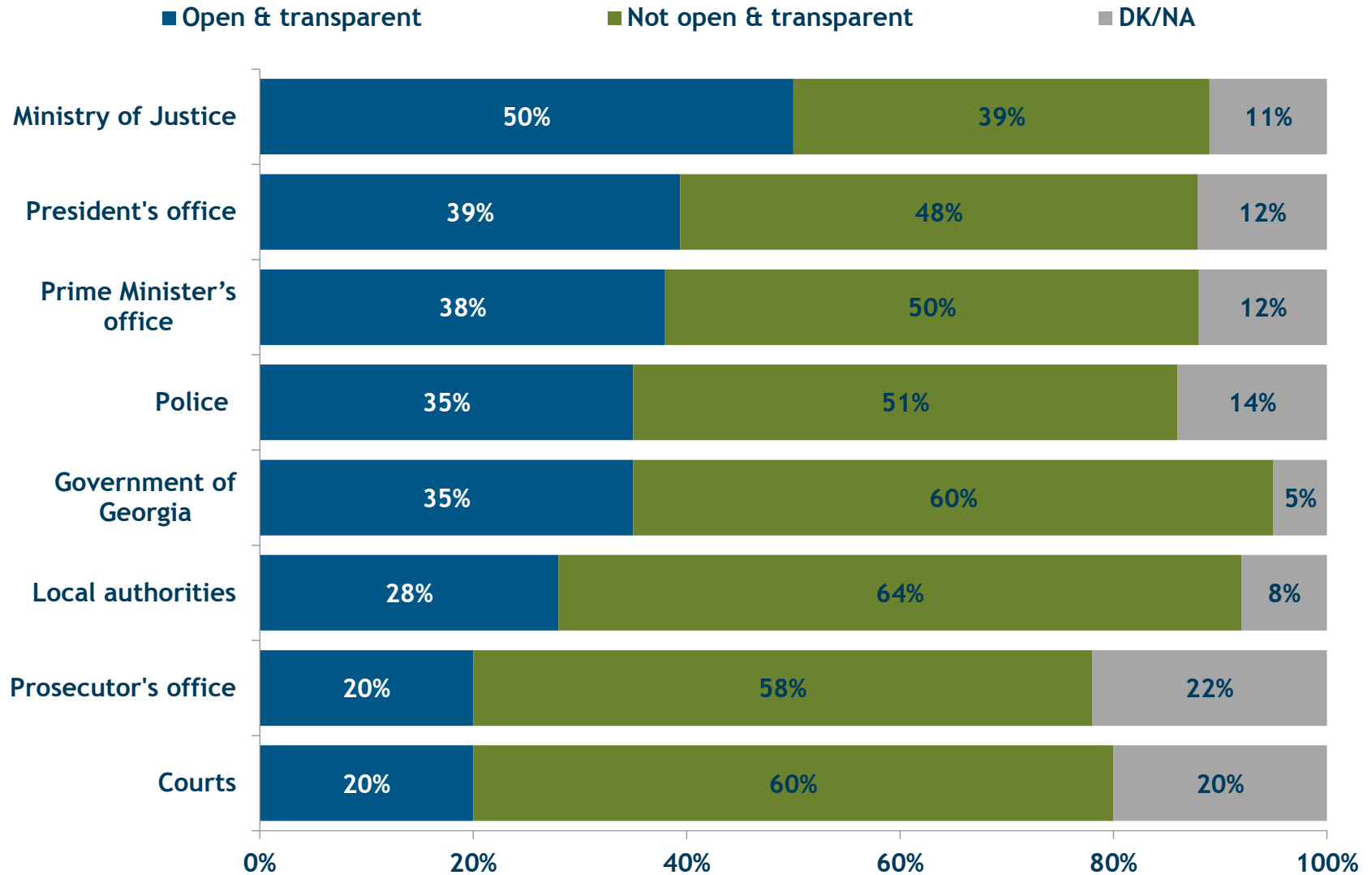
The CESKO ensures that all Georgian citizens have an equal opportunity to participate in elections.



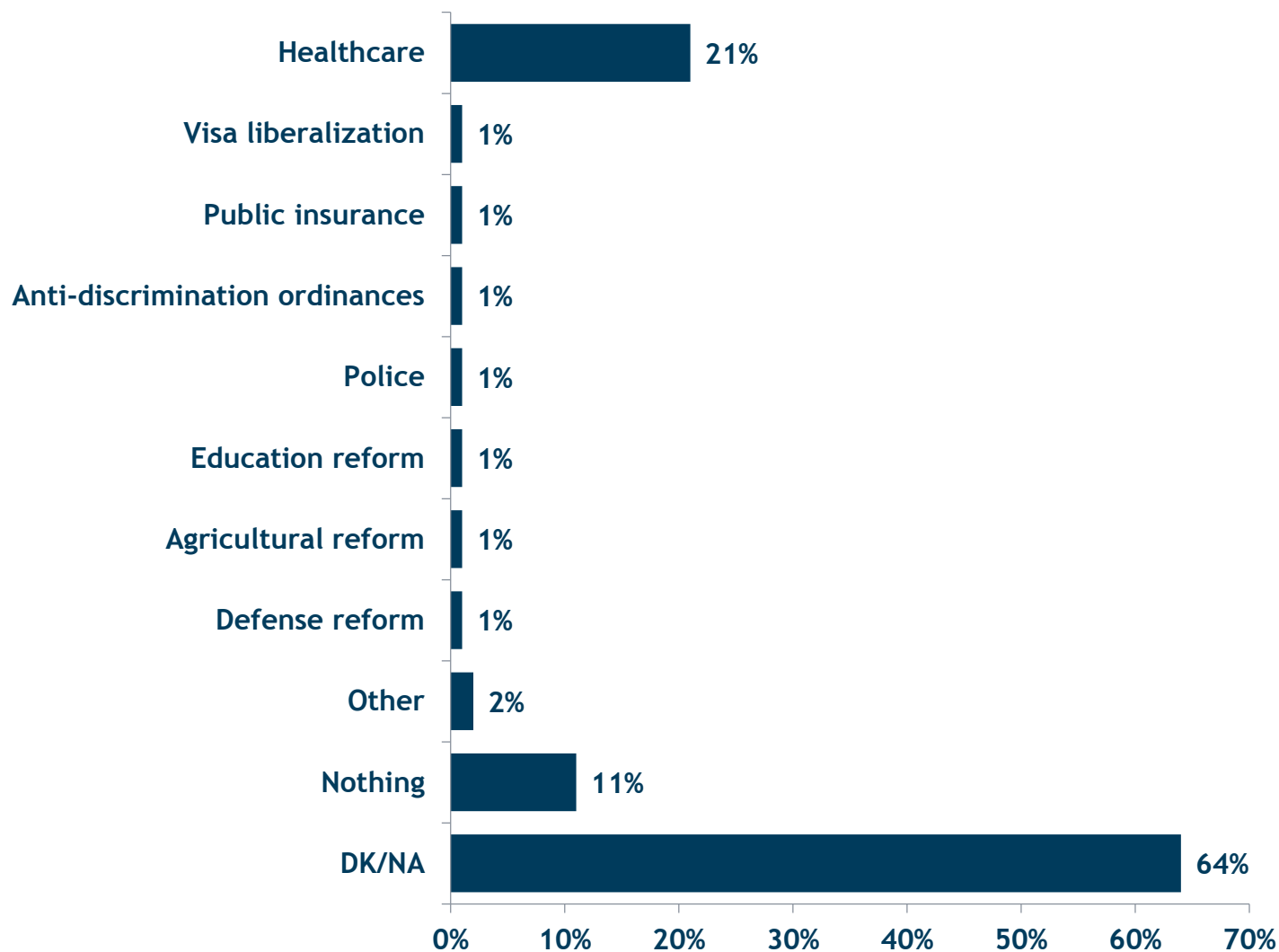
In your opinion, is each issue area getting better, worse, or no change?



How do you assess the performance of the following institutions in terms of openness and transparency?



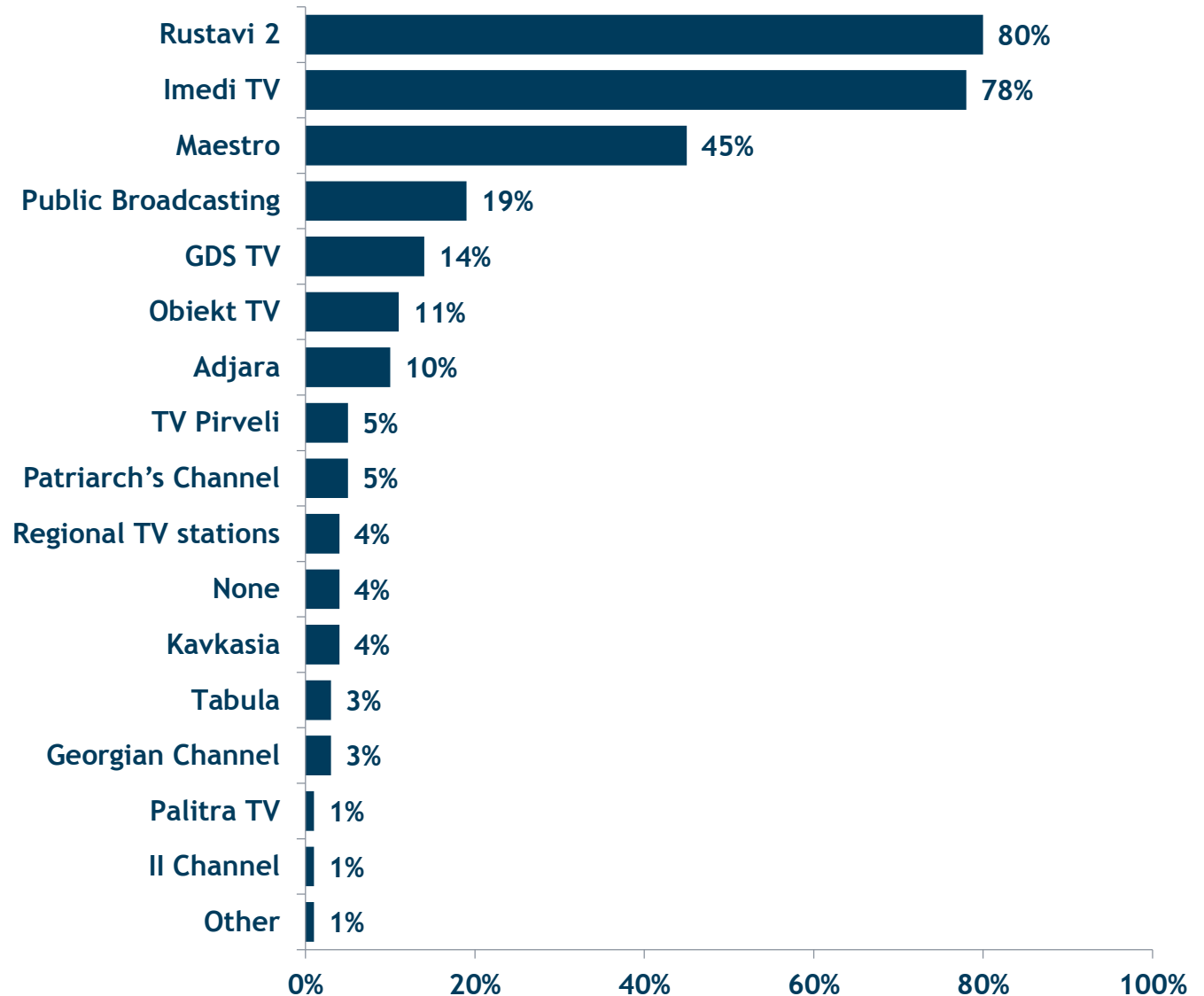
What are the most successful reforms passed by parliament? (three answers possible)



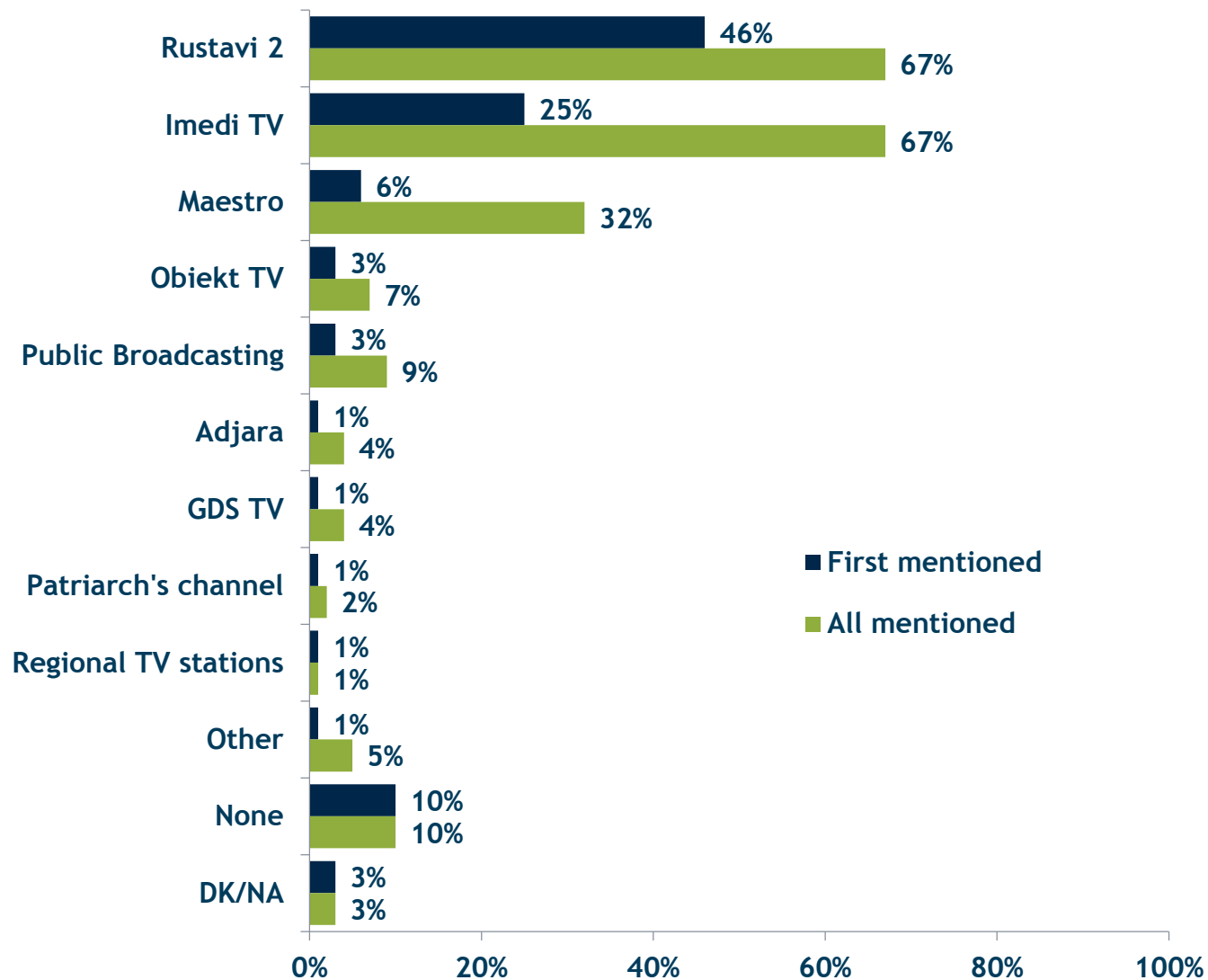


Sources of information

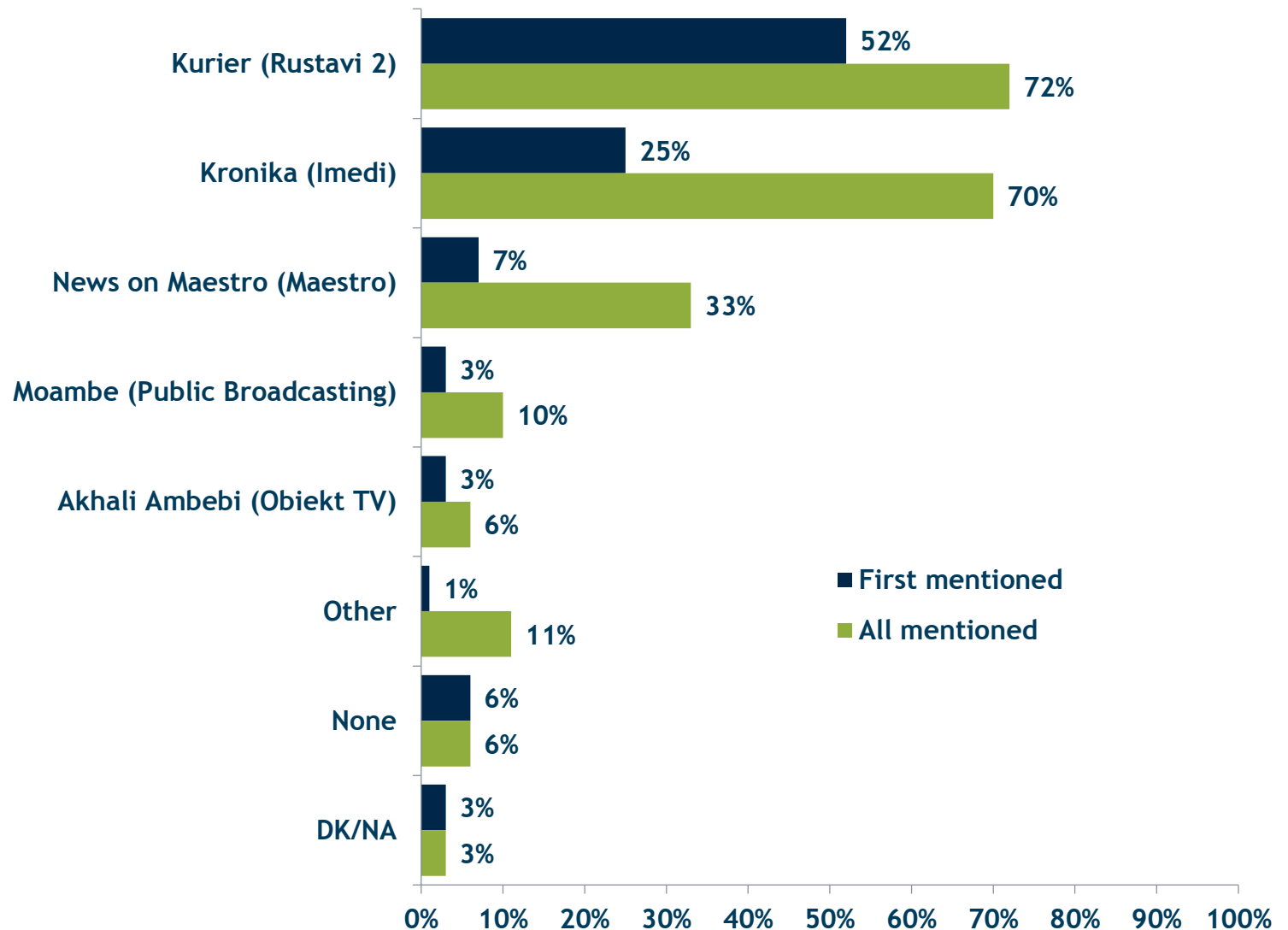
Which Georgian TV stations do you watch regularly?



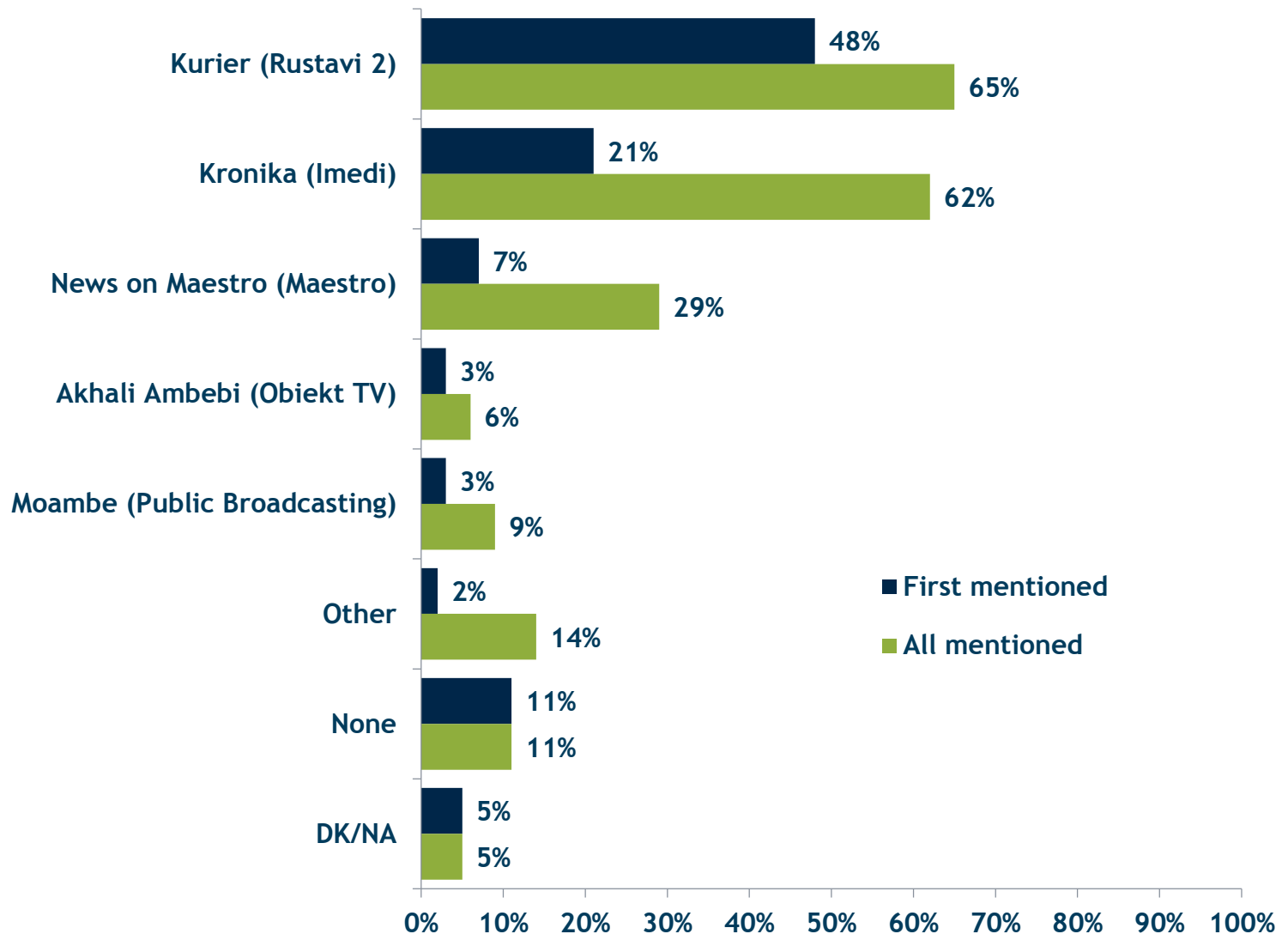
Which Georgian TV station's news and political information do you trust the most? (three answers possible)



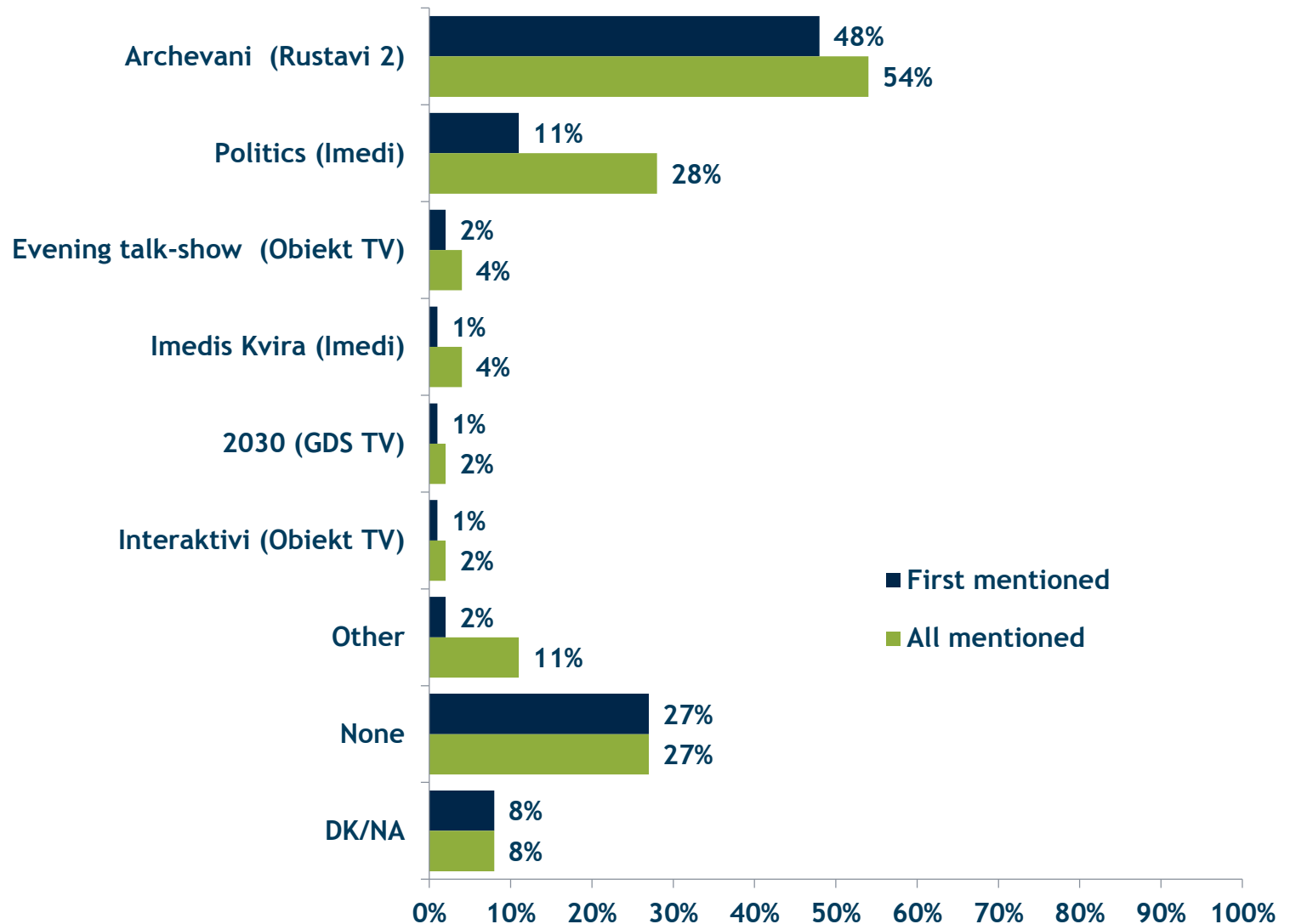
Which TV news program do you watch most frequently? (three answers possible)



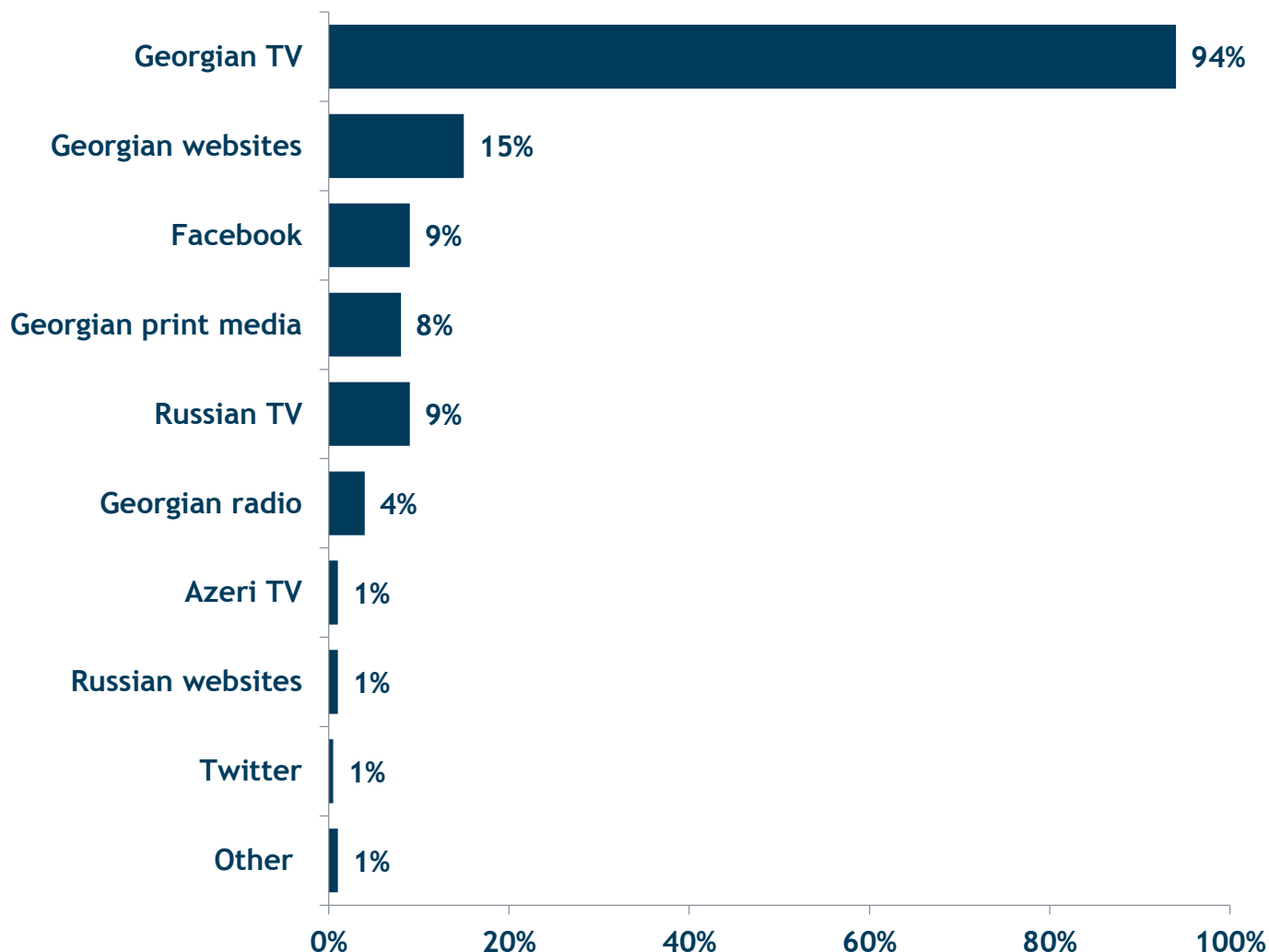
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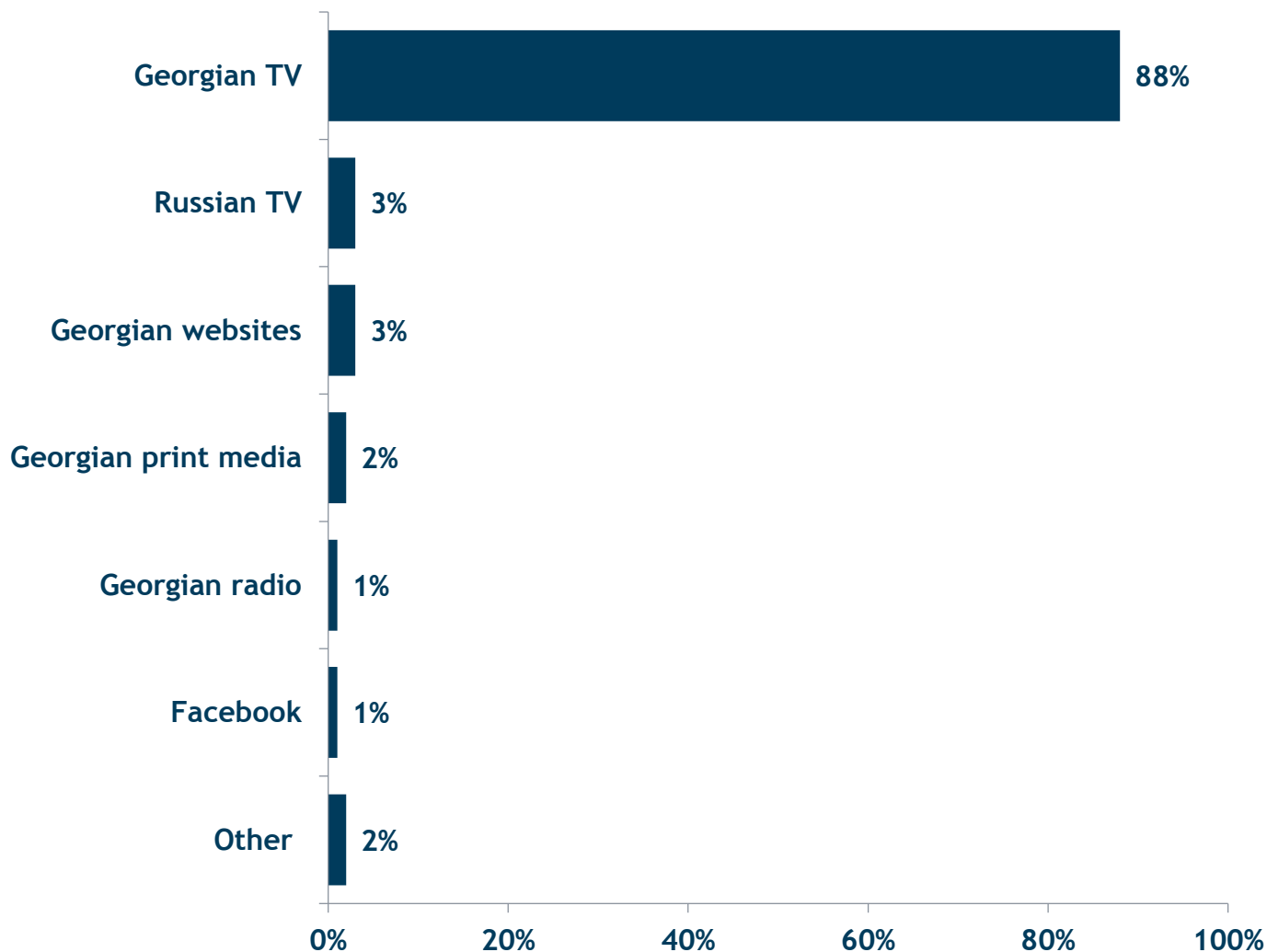
Which TV talk shows do you watch most frequently? (three answers possible)



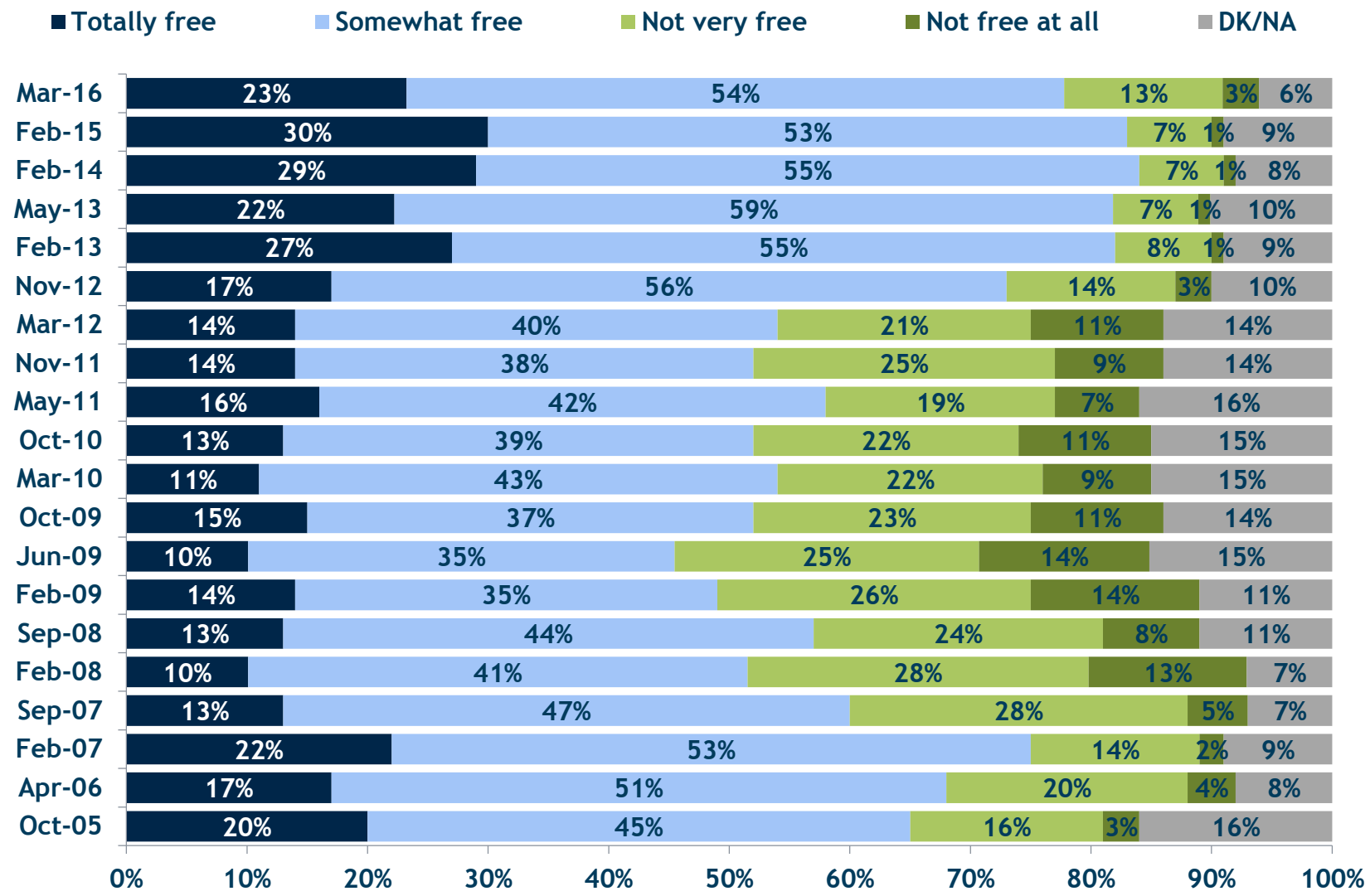
Which sources of information do you use for information about the current international situation?



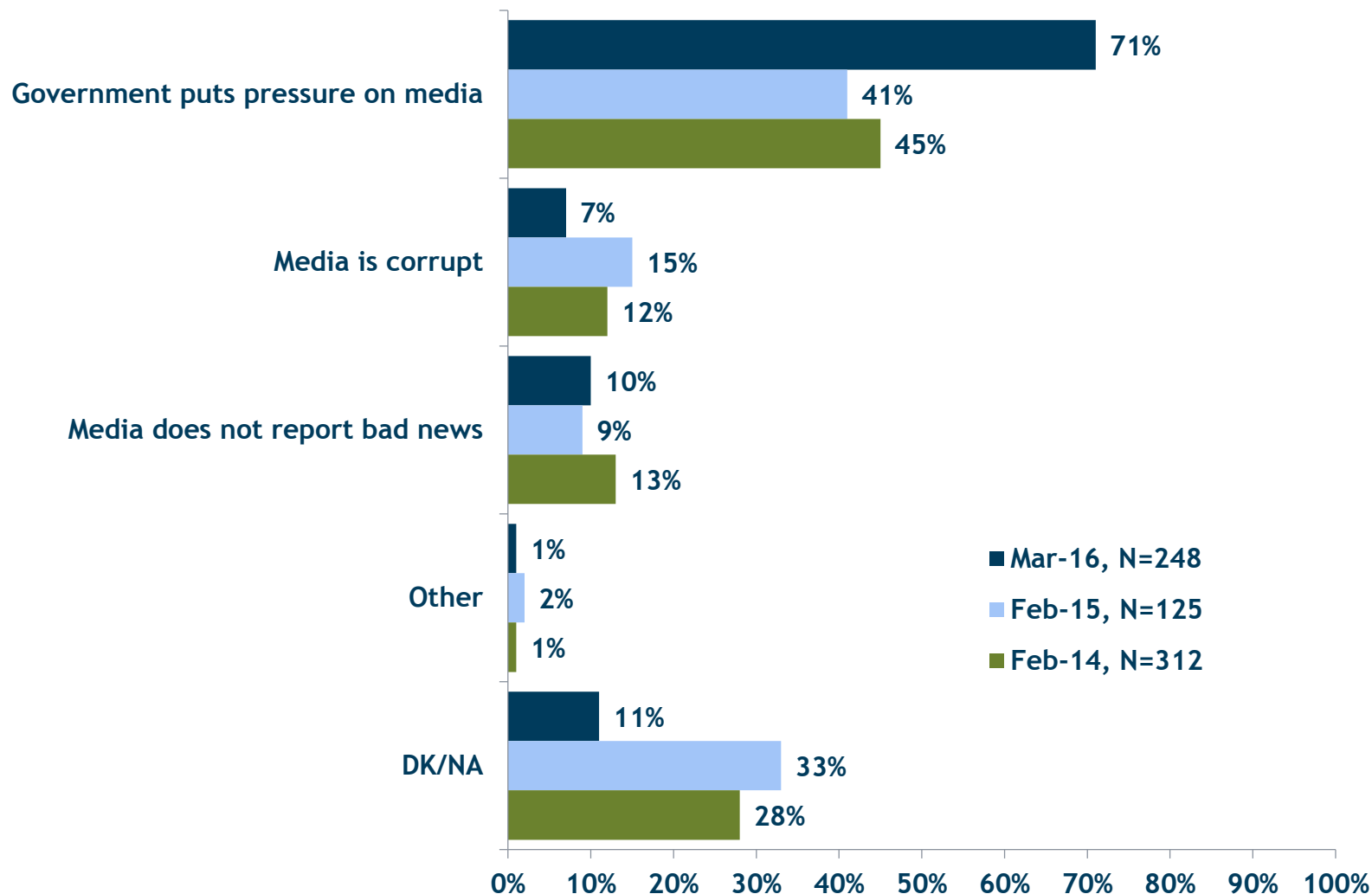
Which of these information channels do you trust most for information about current international situation?



Is Georgian mass media free to express various political views or there is control from the Government over media content?

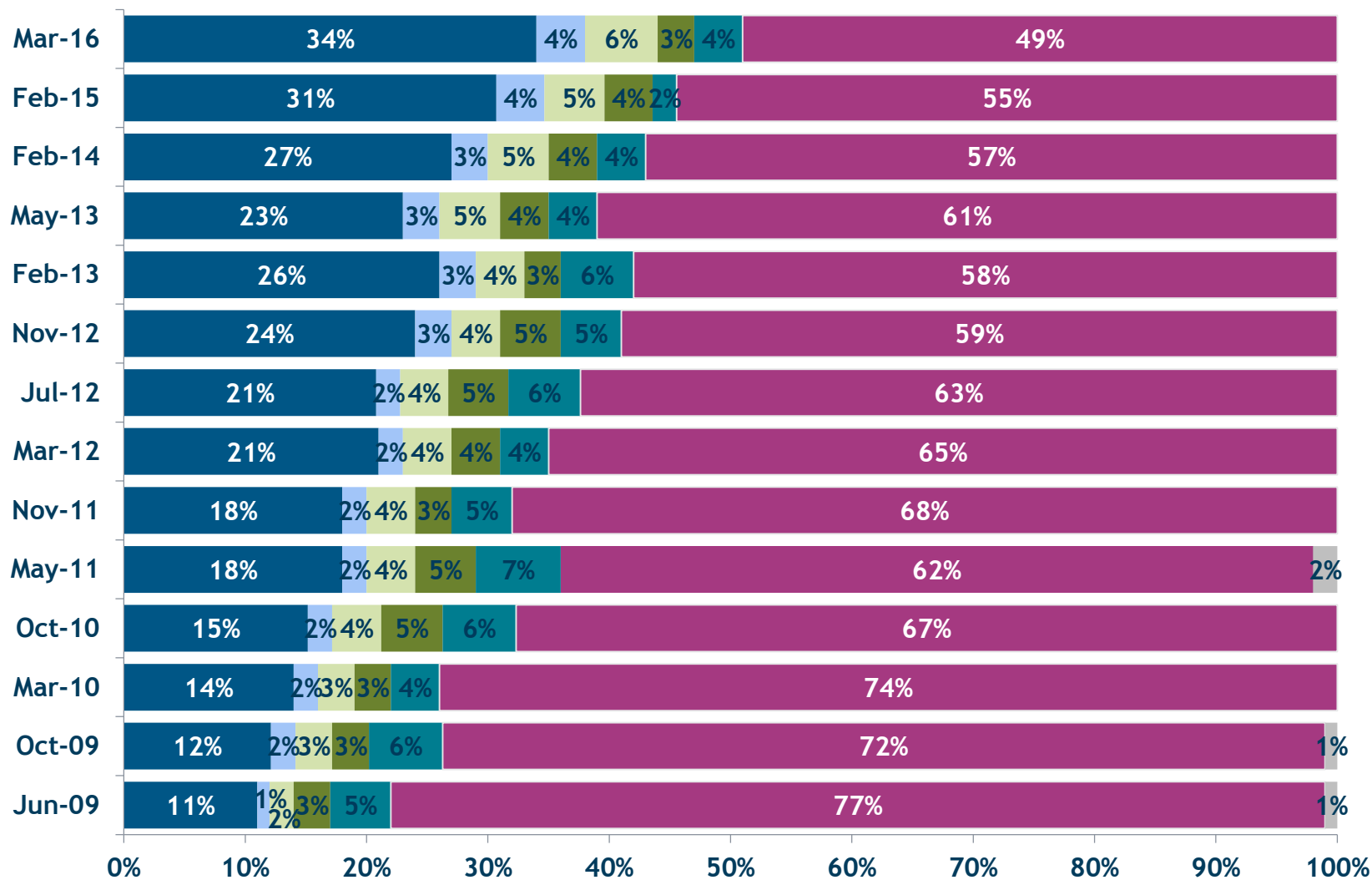


Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views?

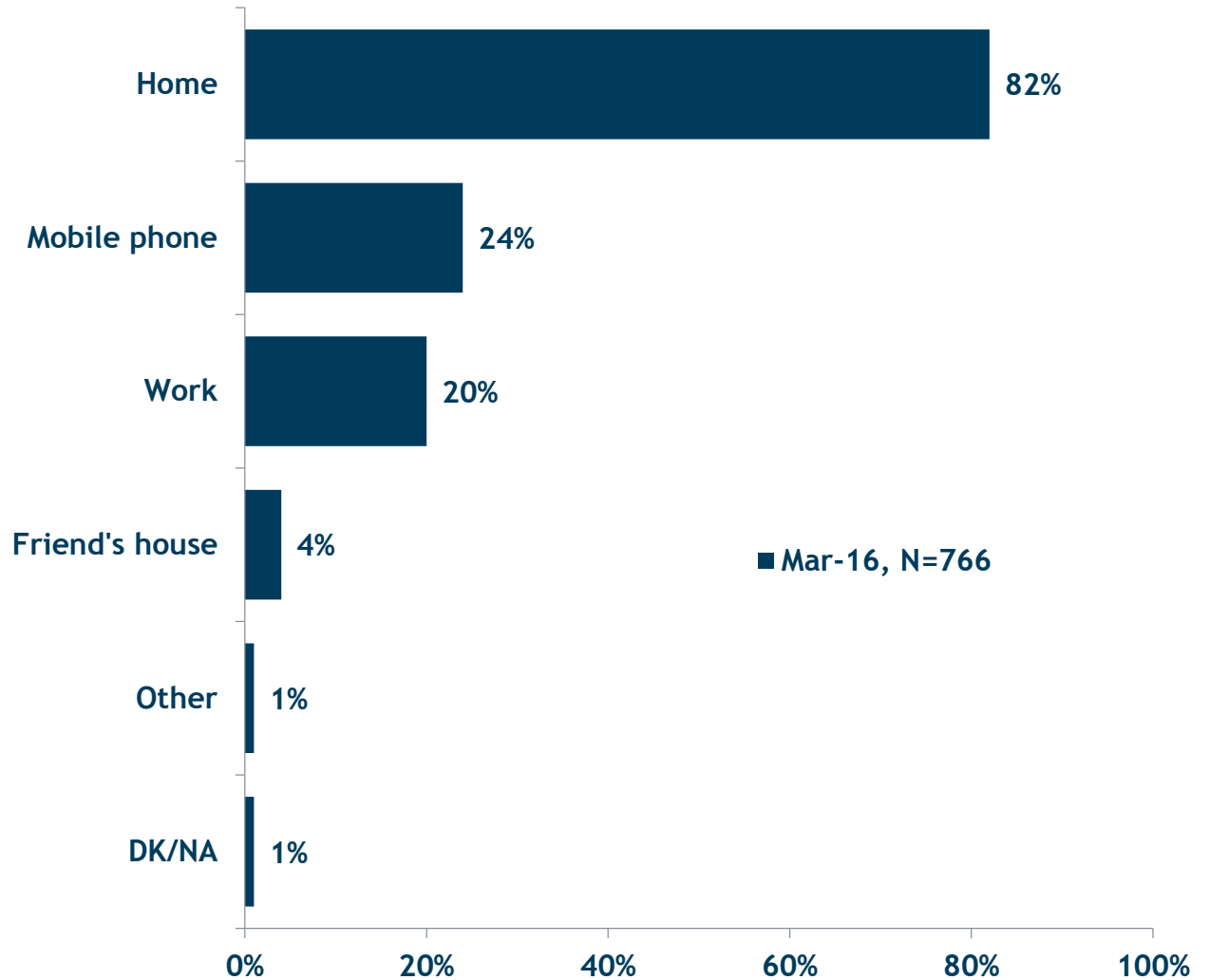


How many times per week do you access the internet?

■ Every day ■ 5-6 times per week ■ 3-4 times per week ■ 1-2 times per week ■ Less often ■ Never ■ DK/NA

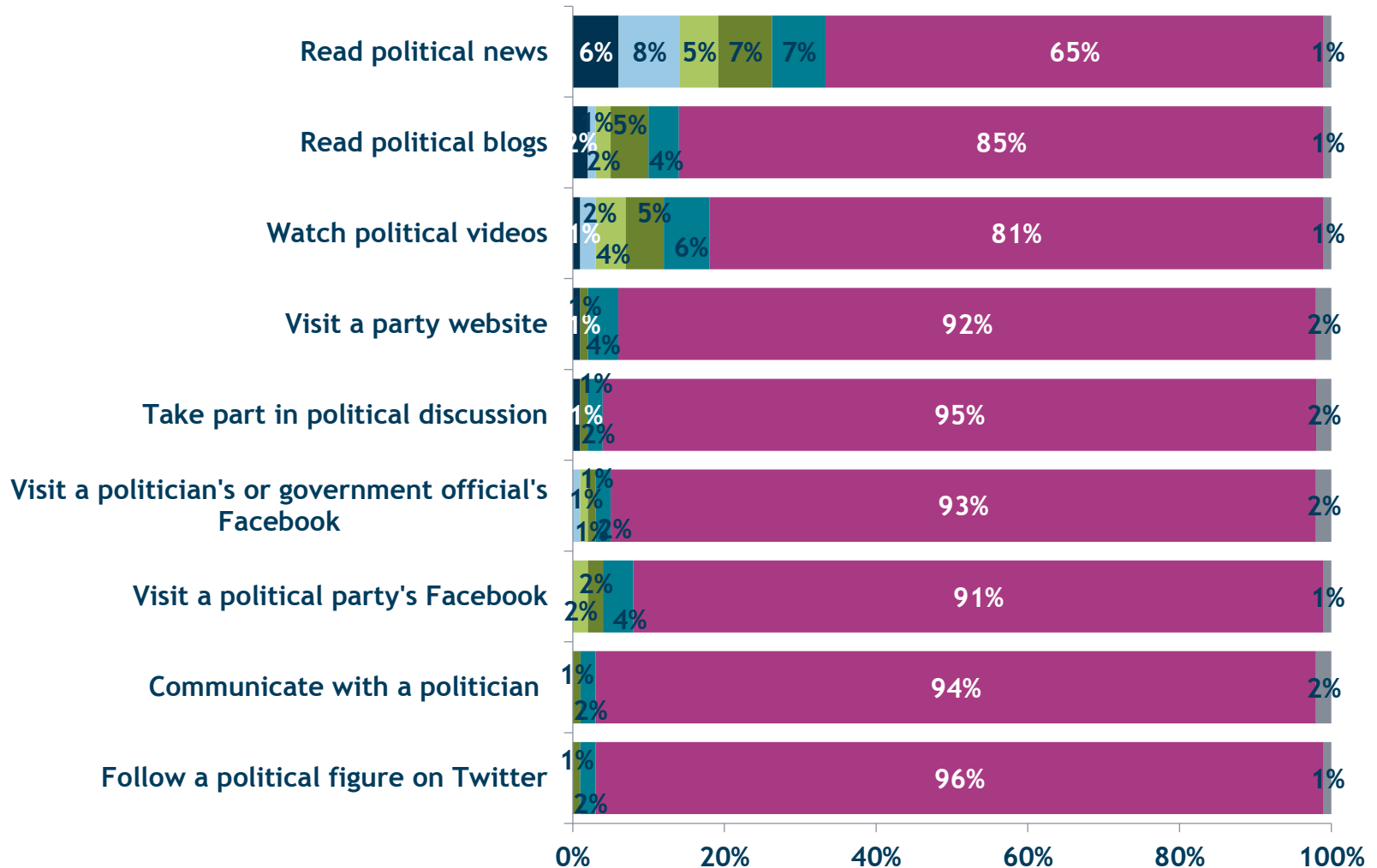


Where do you access the Internet? (Internet users, N=766)

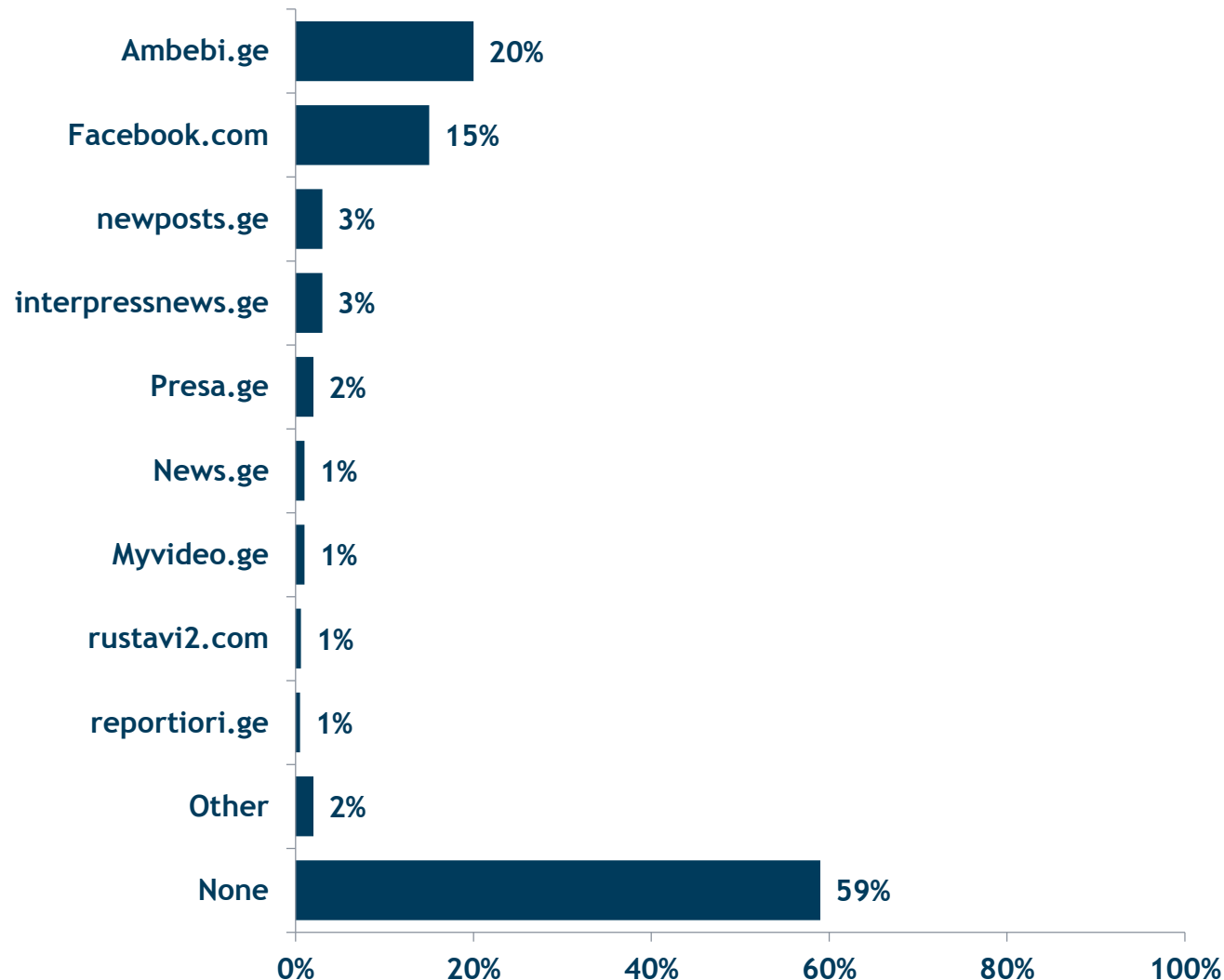


How often do you do the following using the Internet? (Internet users, N=766)

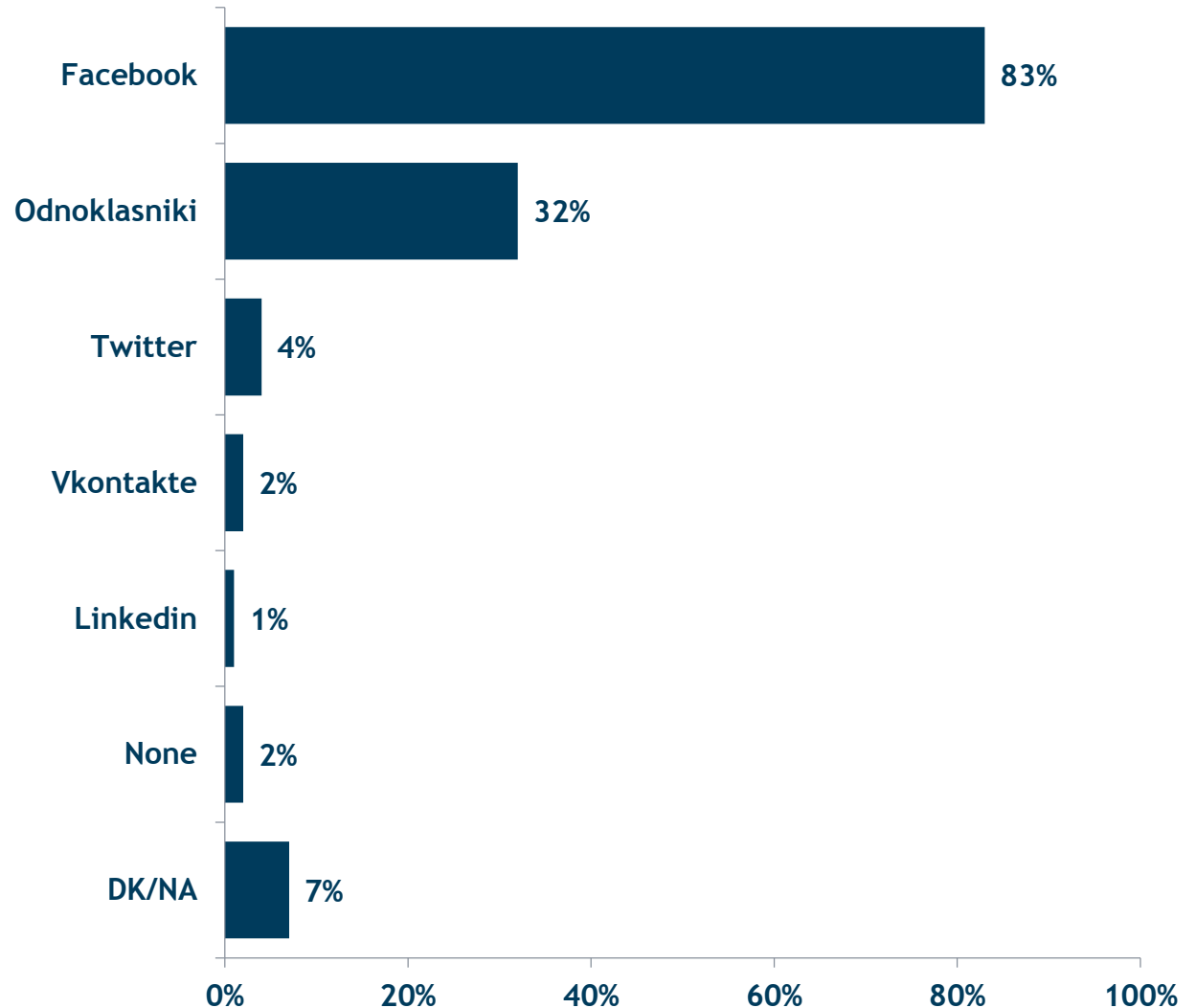
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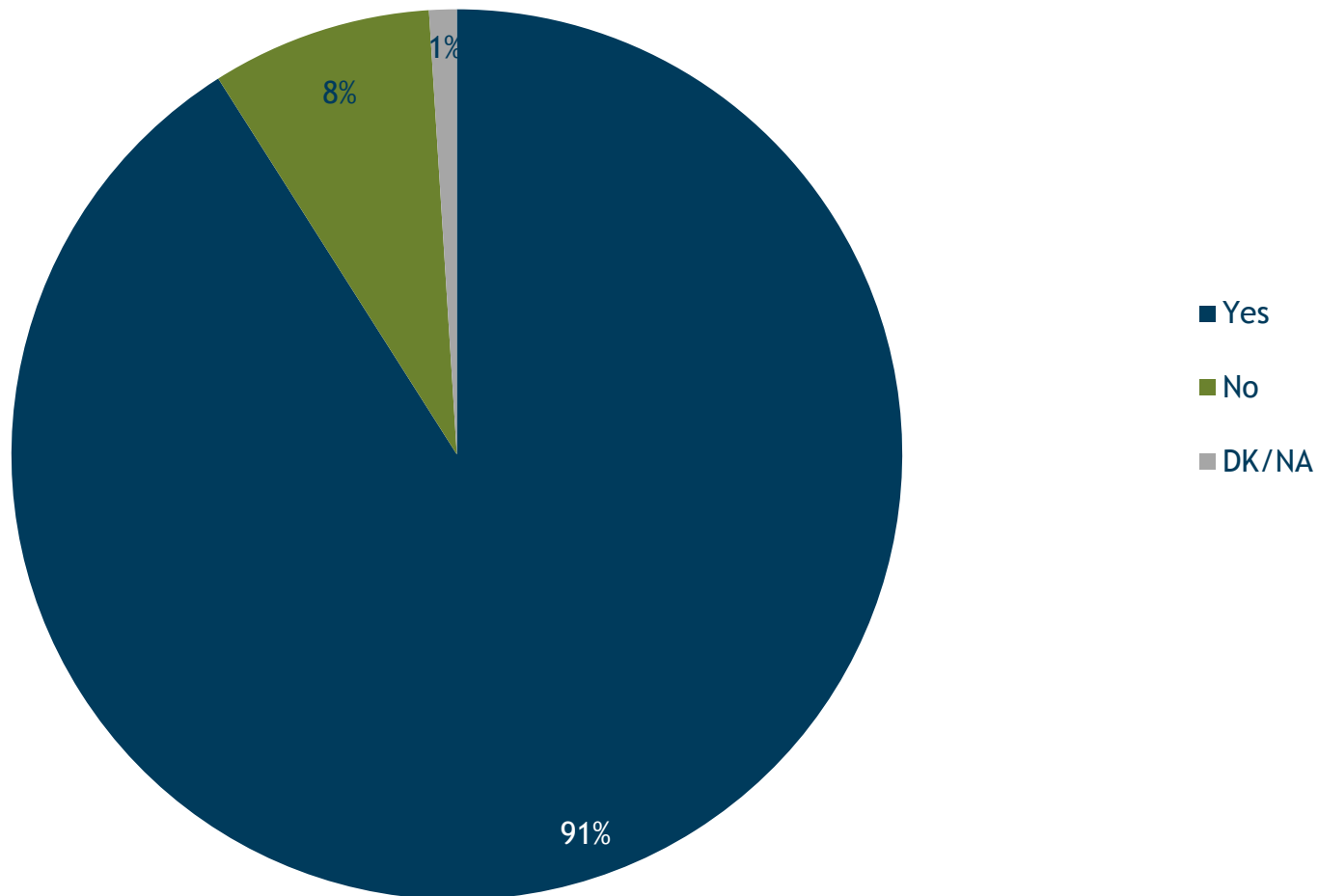
What Internet sites do you visit most often for getting news? (Internet users, N=766)



Which social media sites do you use most often? (three answers possible) (Internet users, N=766)

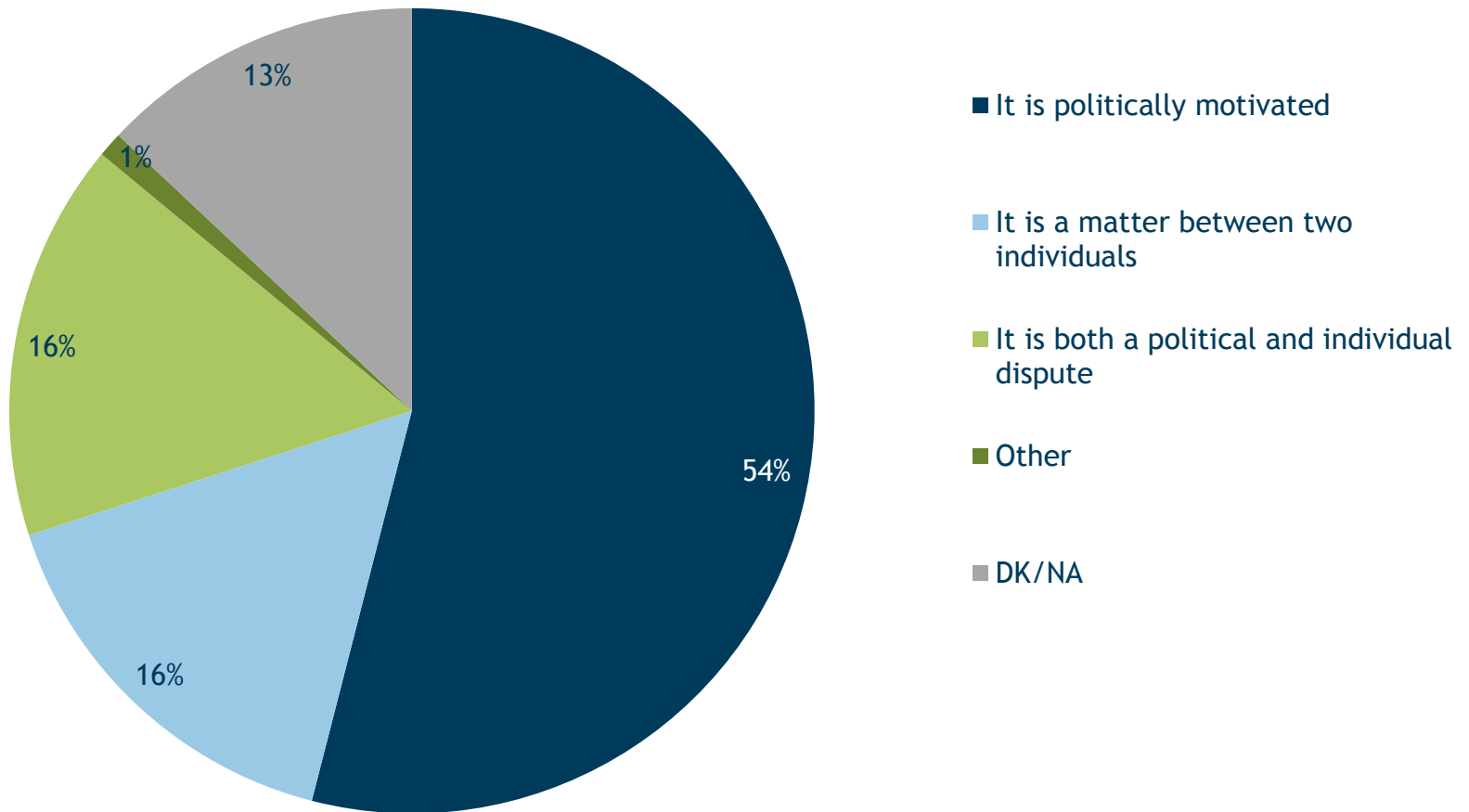


Have you heard about the court case involving Rustavi 2 ownership?*

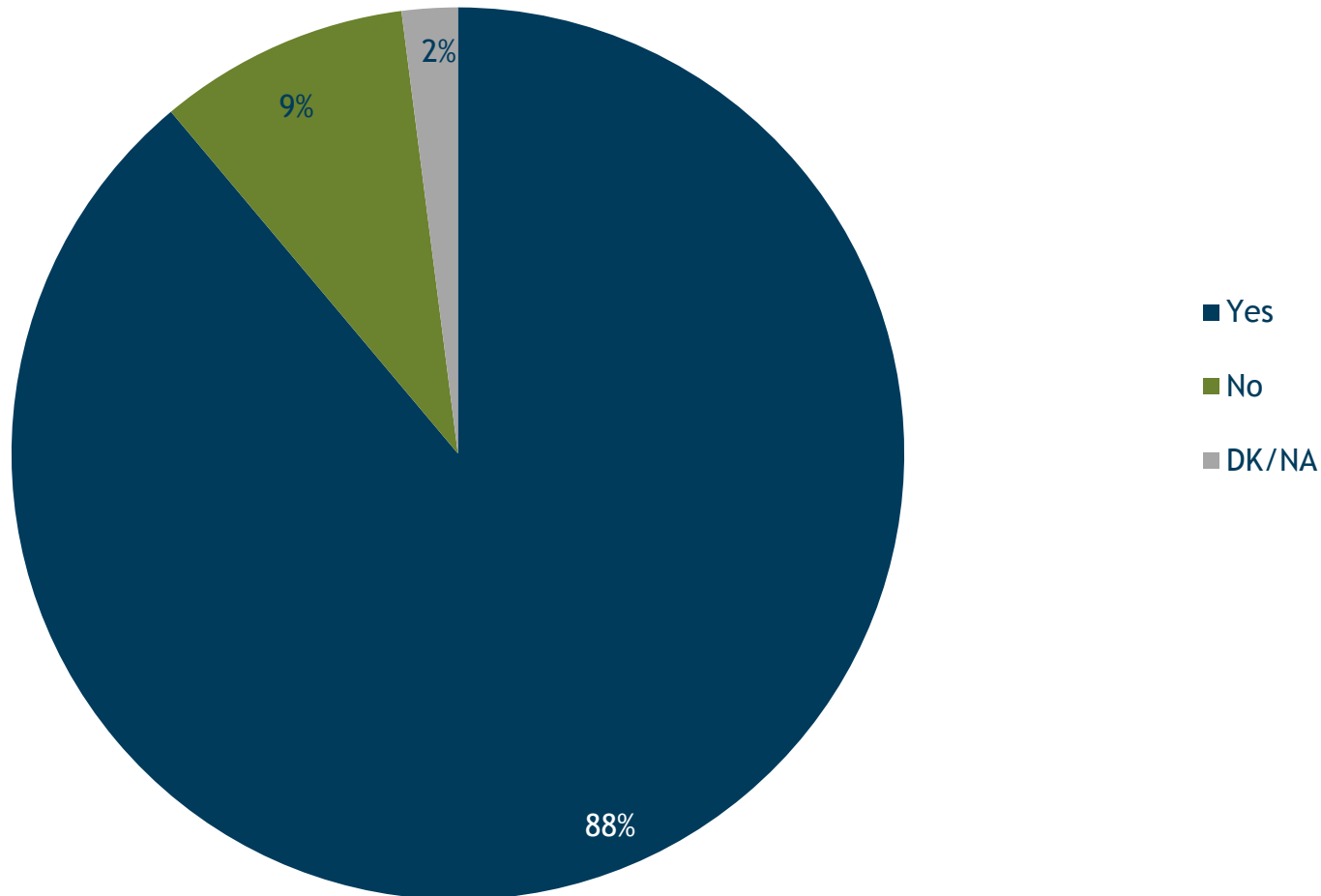


* - Rustavi 2 is a privately-owned TV station that has recently been embroiled in a shareholder dispute which some believe to be politically motivated.

If yes, what is your opinion about the Rustavi 2 case? (Answered Yes, N=1361)

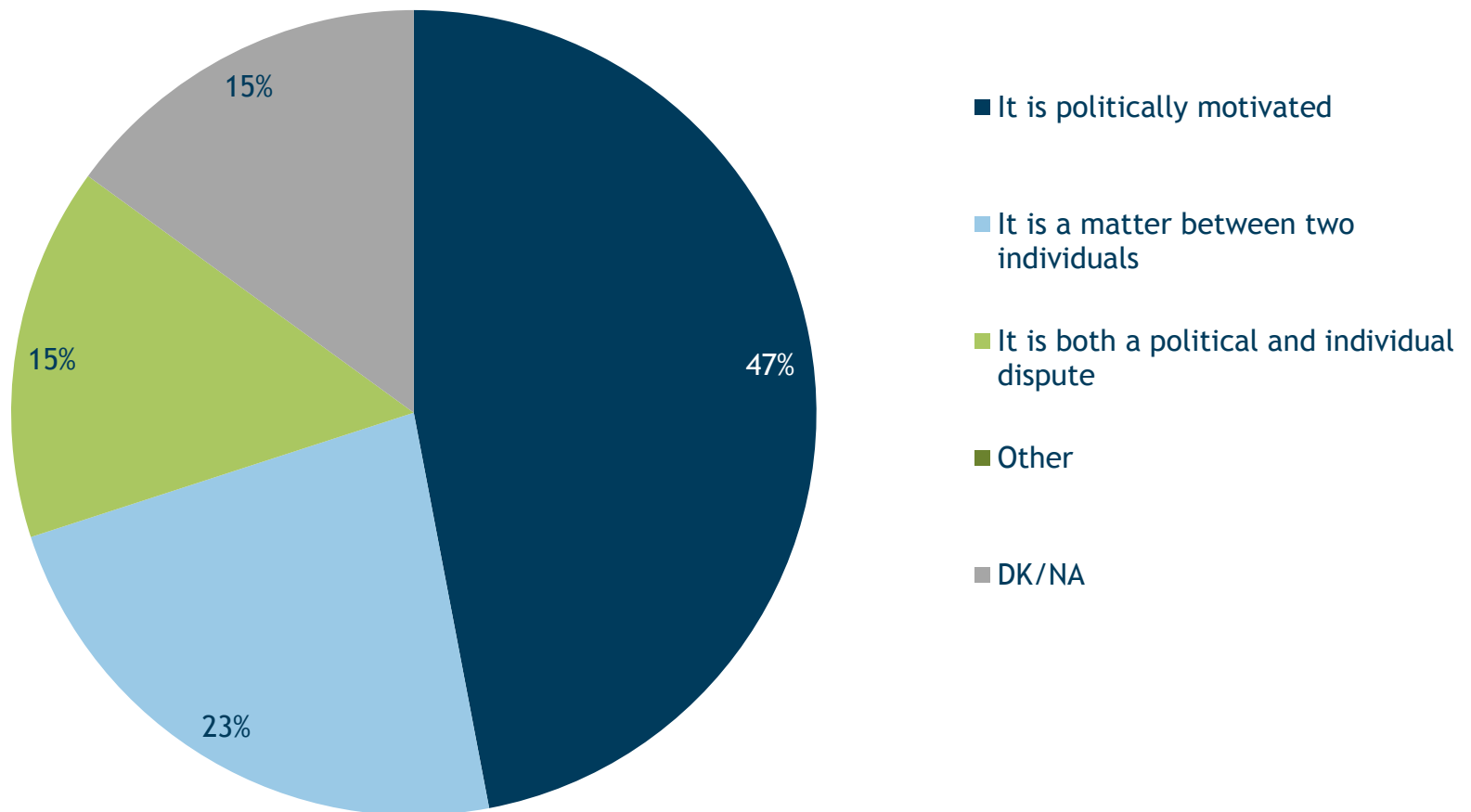


Have you heard about the court case involving MAESTRO ownership?



* - Maestro is a privately-owned TV station that has recently been embroiled in an ownership dispute which some believe to be politically motivated.

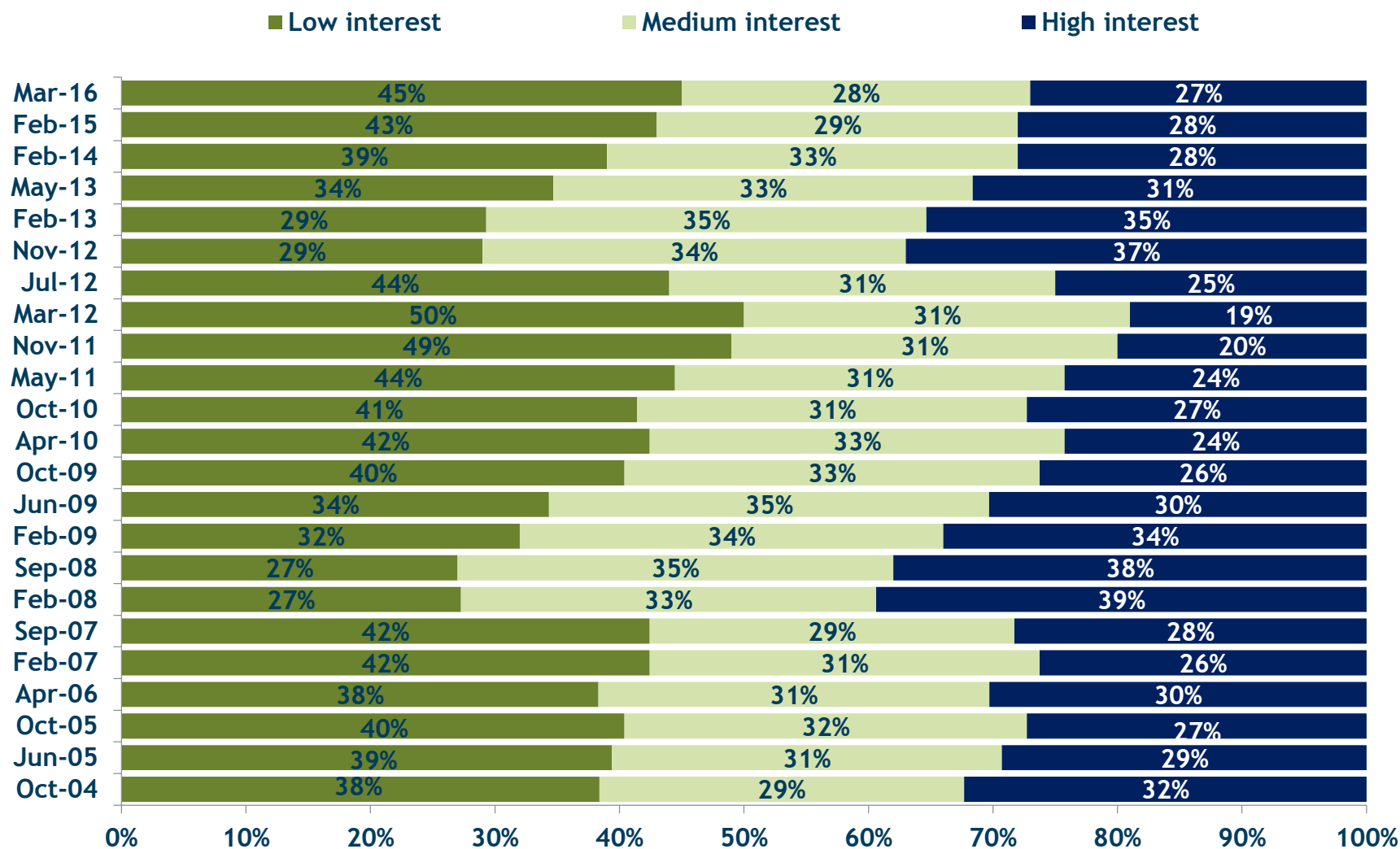
If yes, what is your opinion about the Maestro case? (Answered Yes, N=1325)



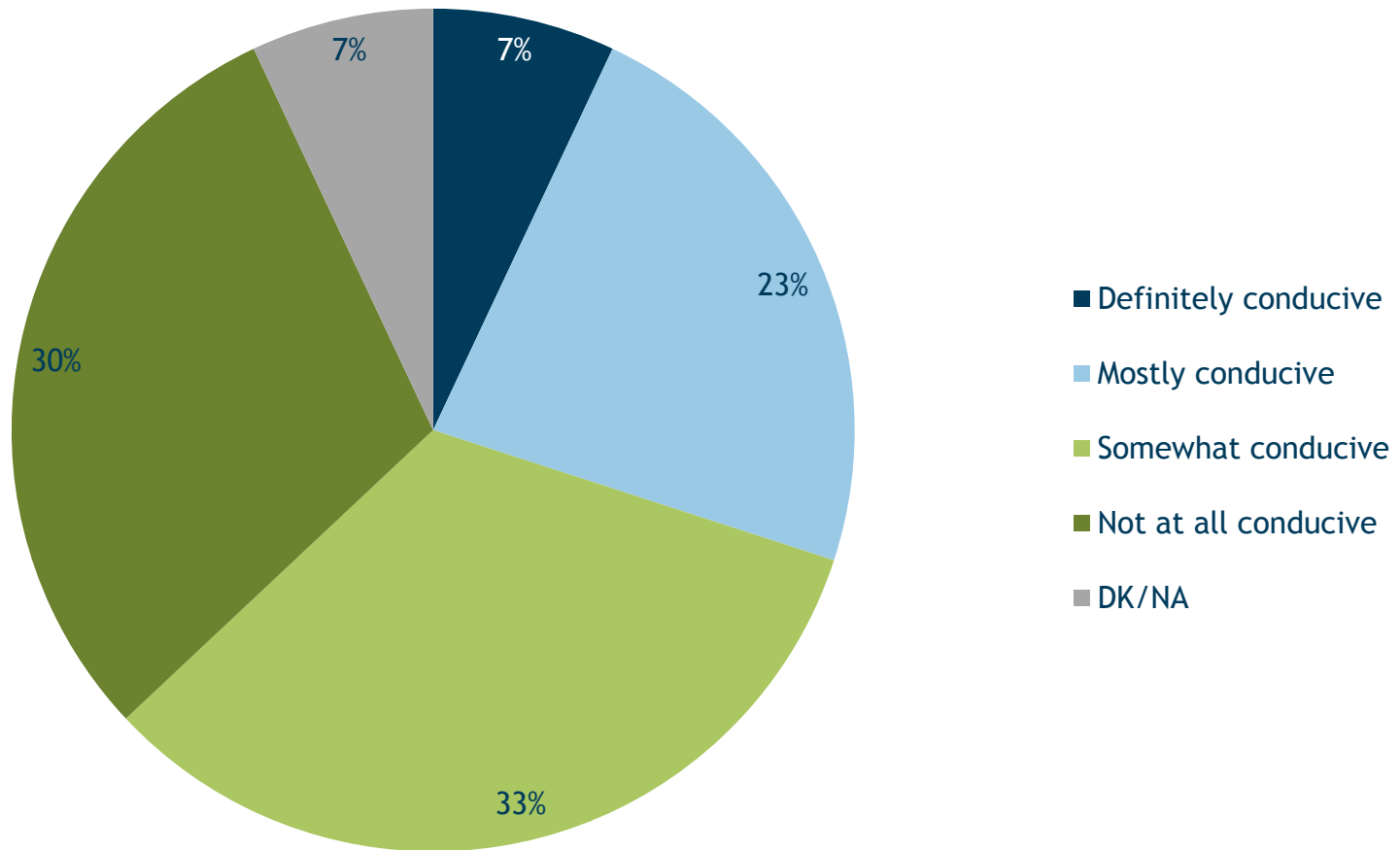


Politics I

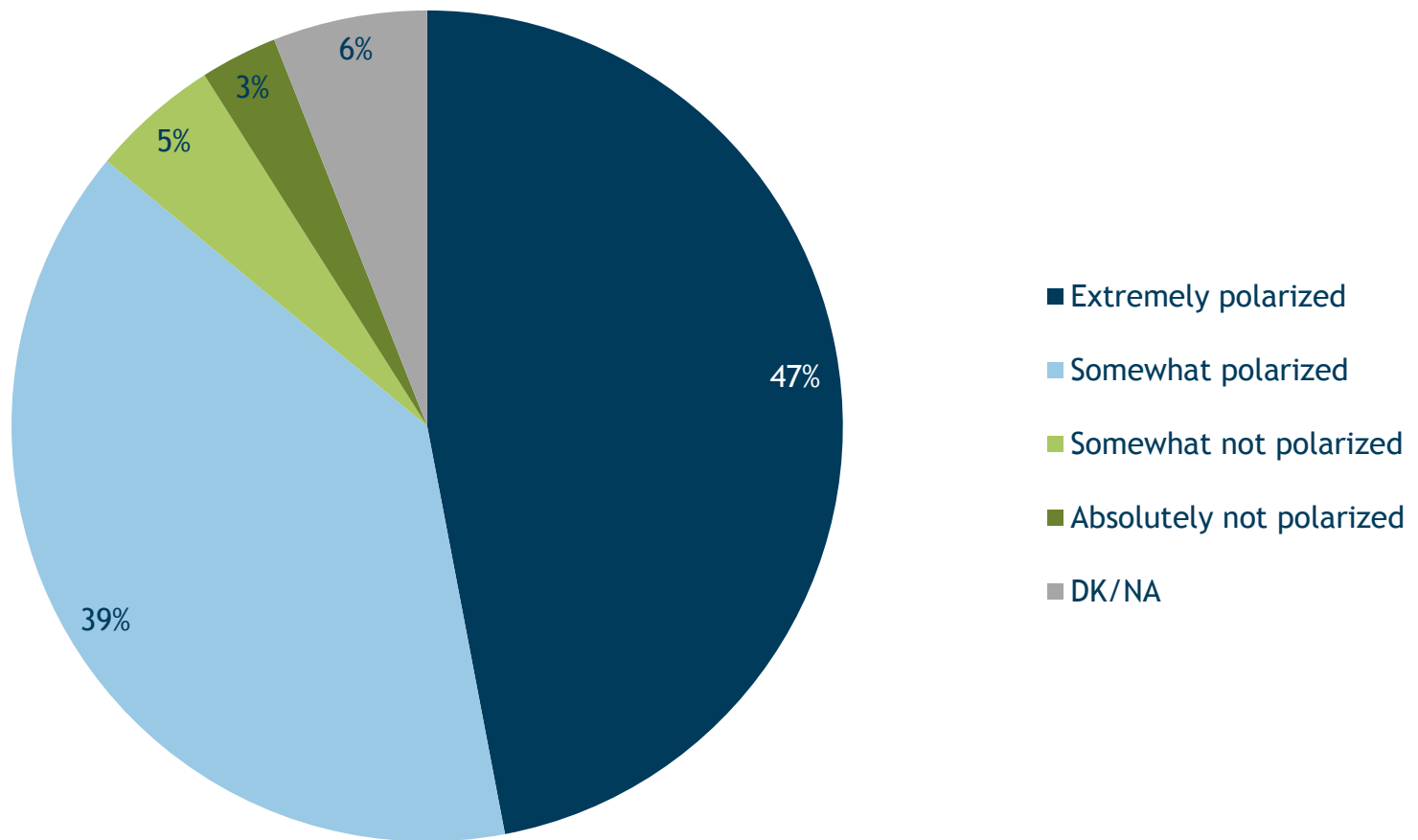
How much interest do you have in politics?



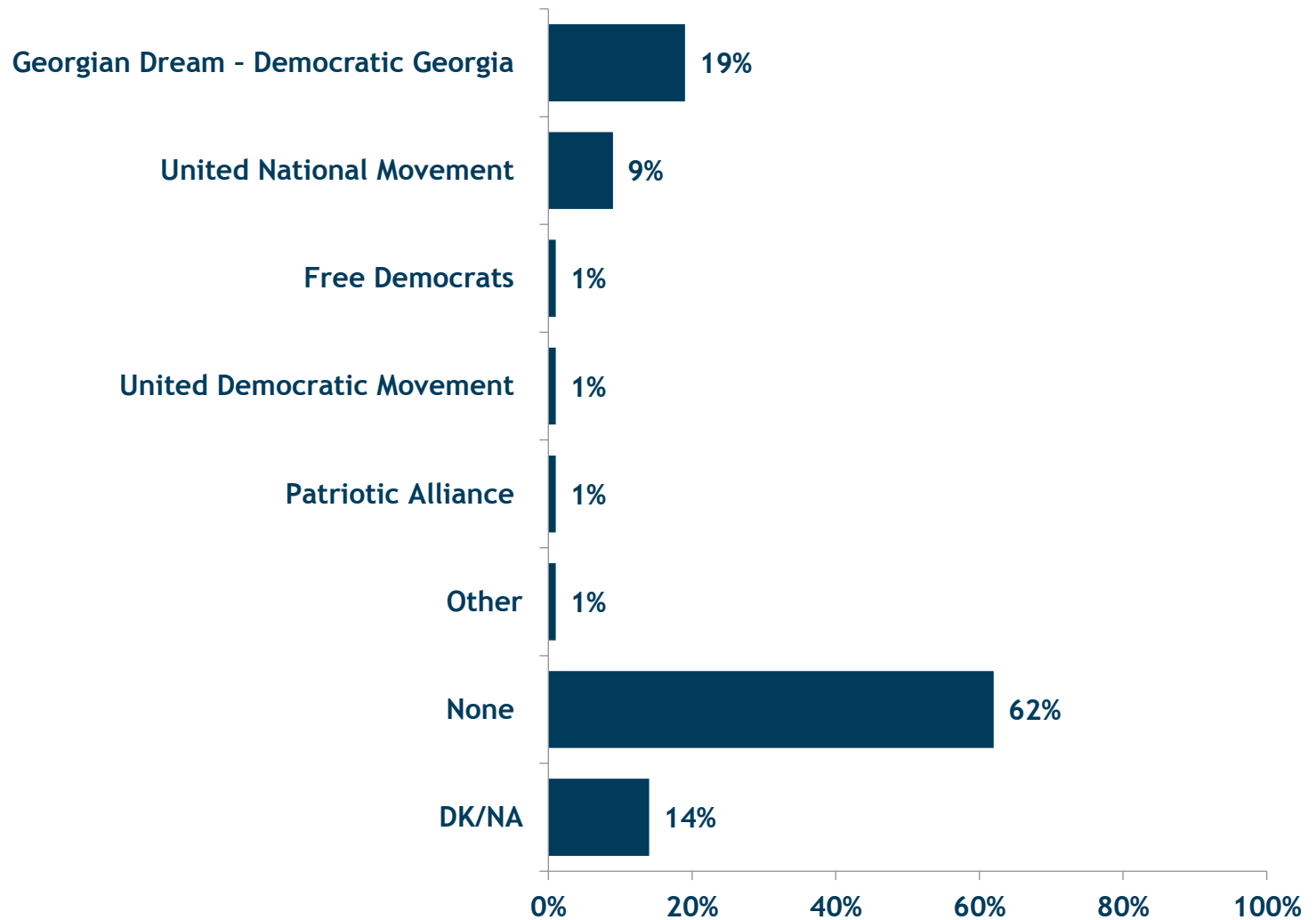
Overall, do you think the political environment in Georgia is conducive to finding solutions to the problems you face in your daily life?



Overall, do you think that Georgian political spectrum is too polarized?

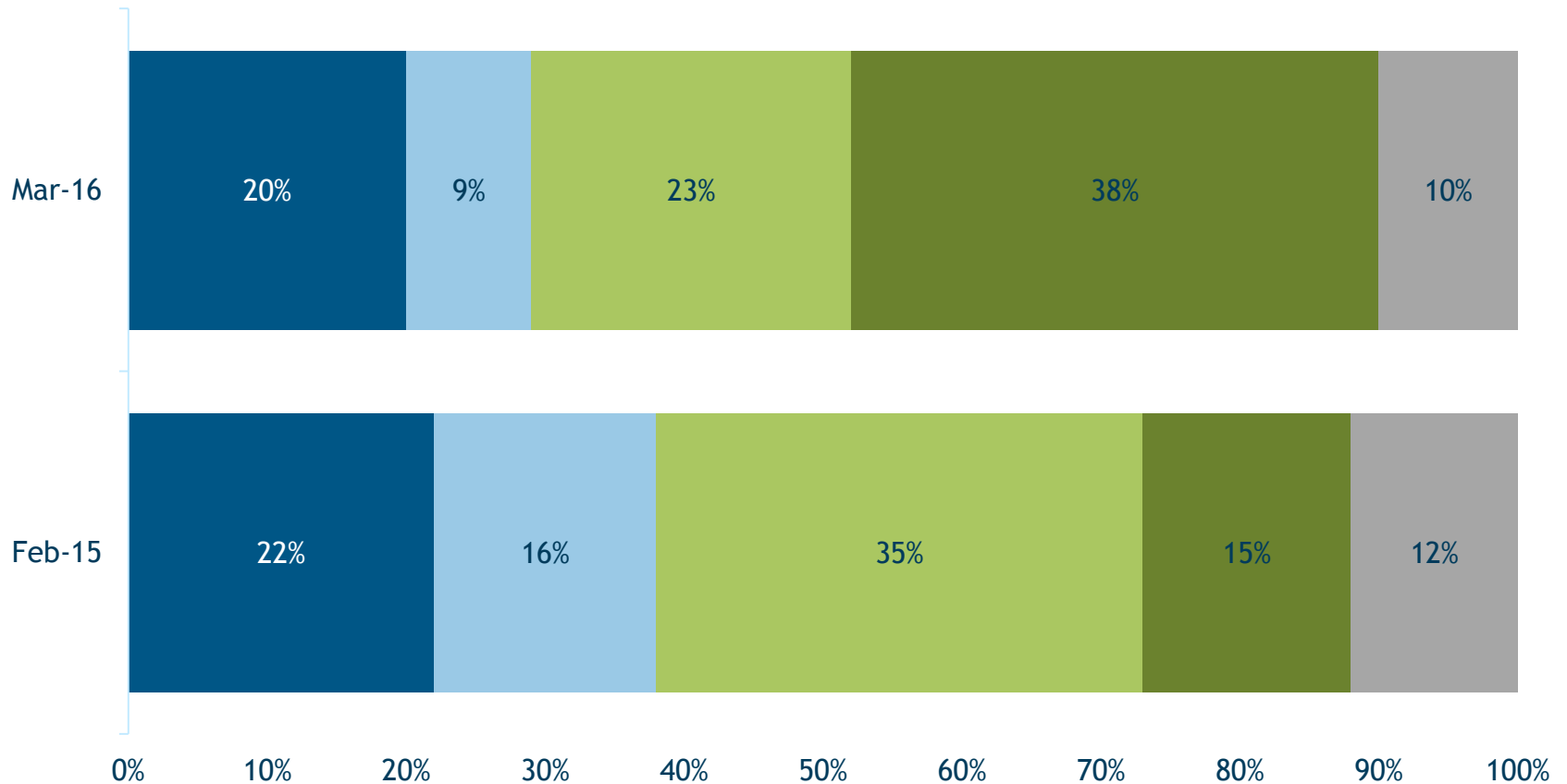


Which political parties, if any, are active in your region?



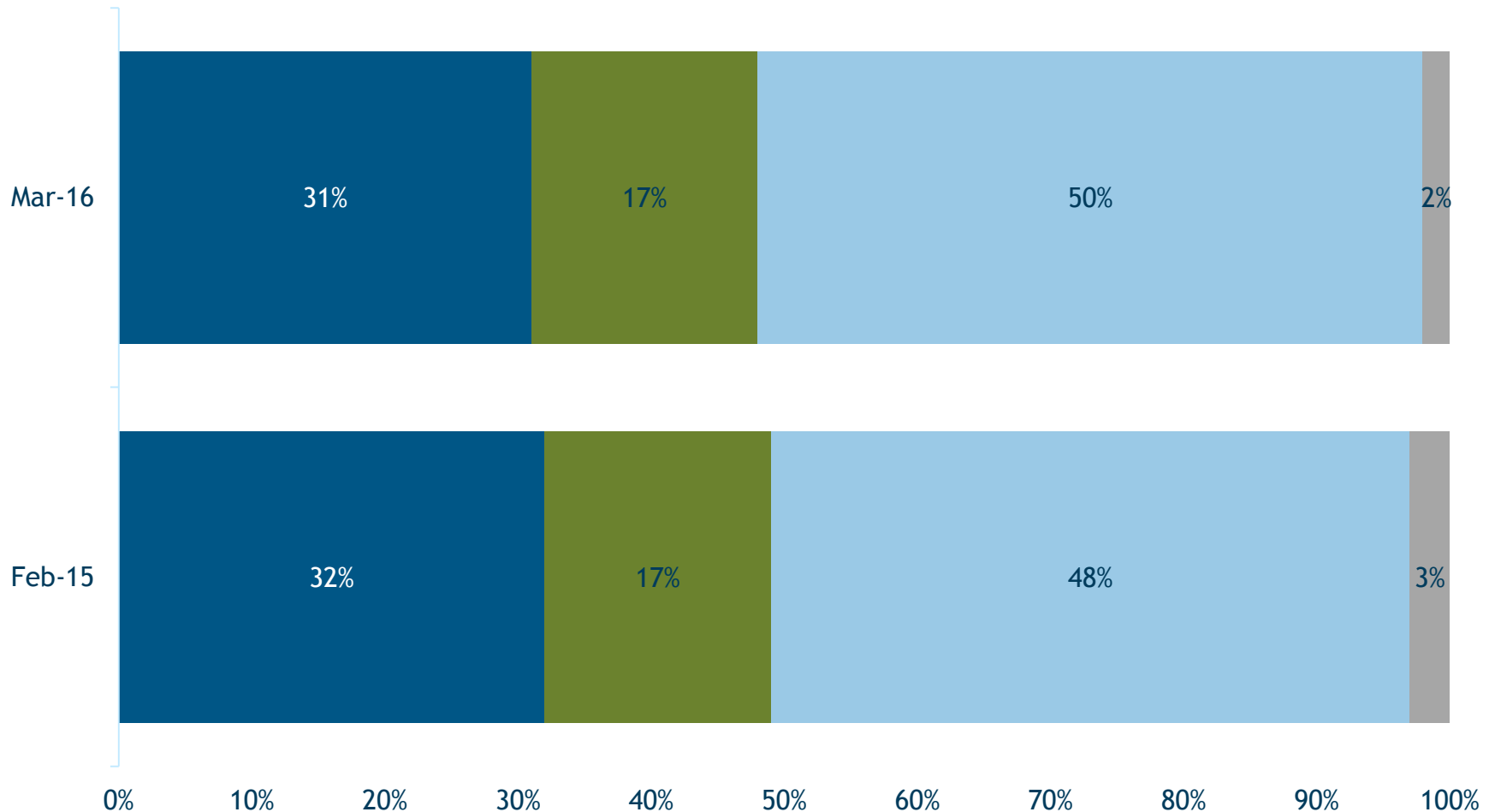
If you could only have one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?

- Democracy is definitely more important to me
- Prosperity is somewhat more important to me
- DK/NA
- Democracy is somewhat more important to me
- Prosperity is definitely more important to me

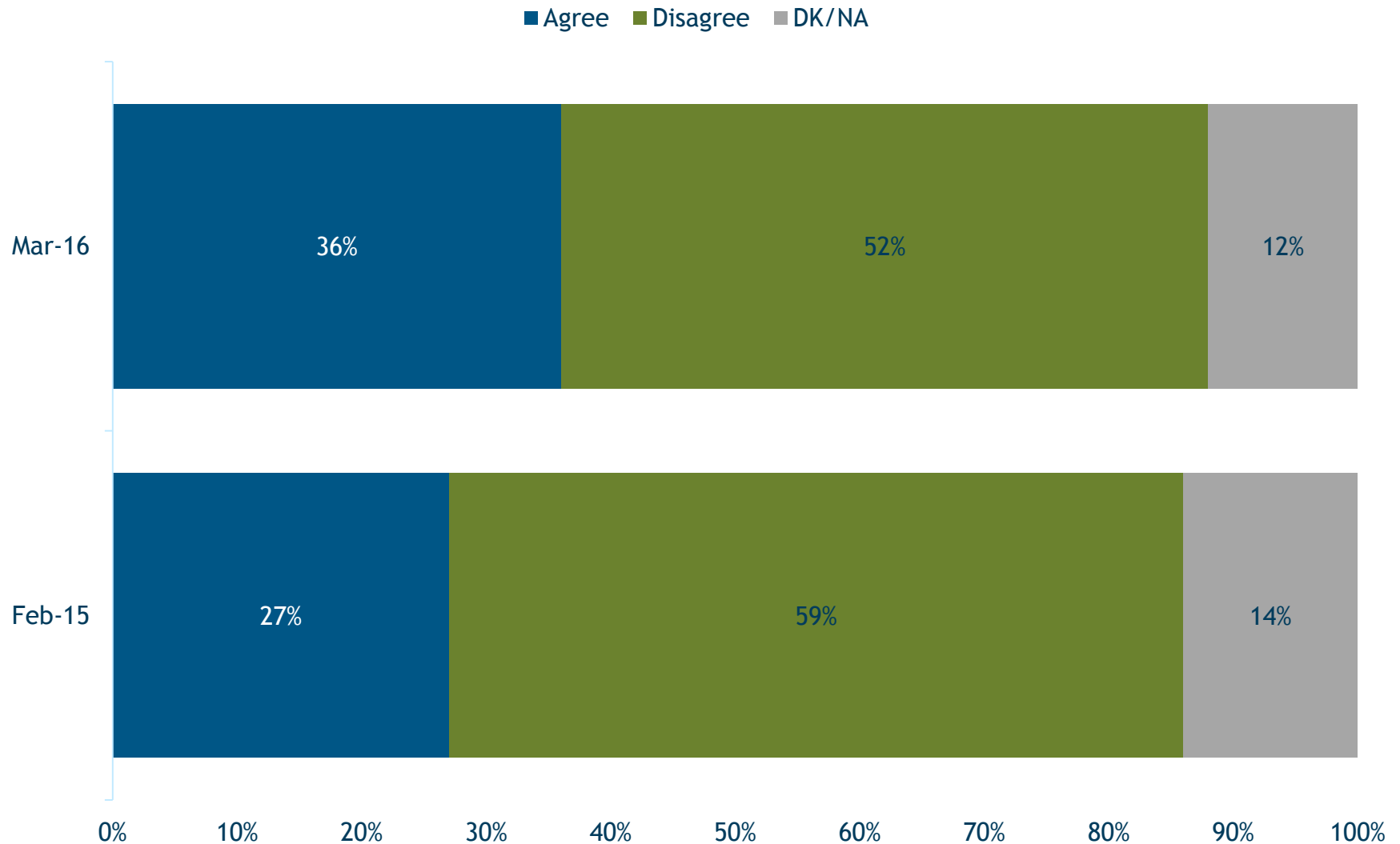


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?

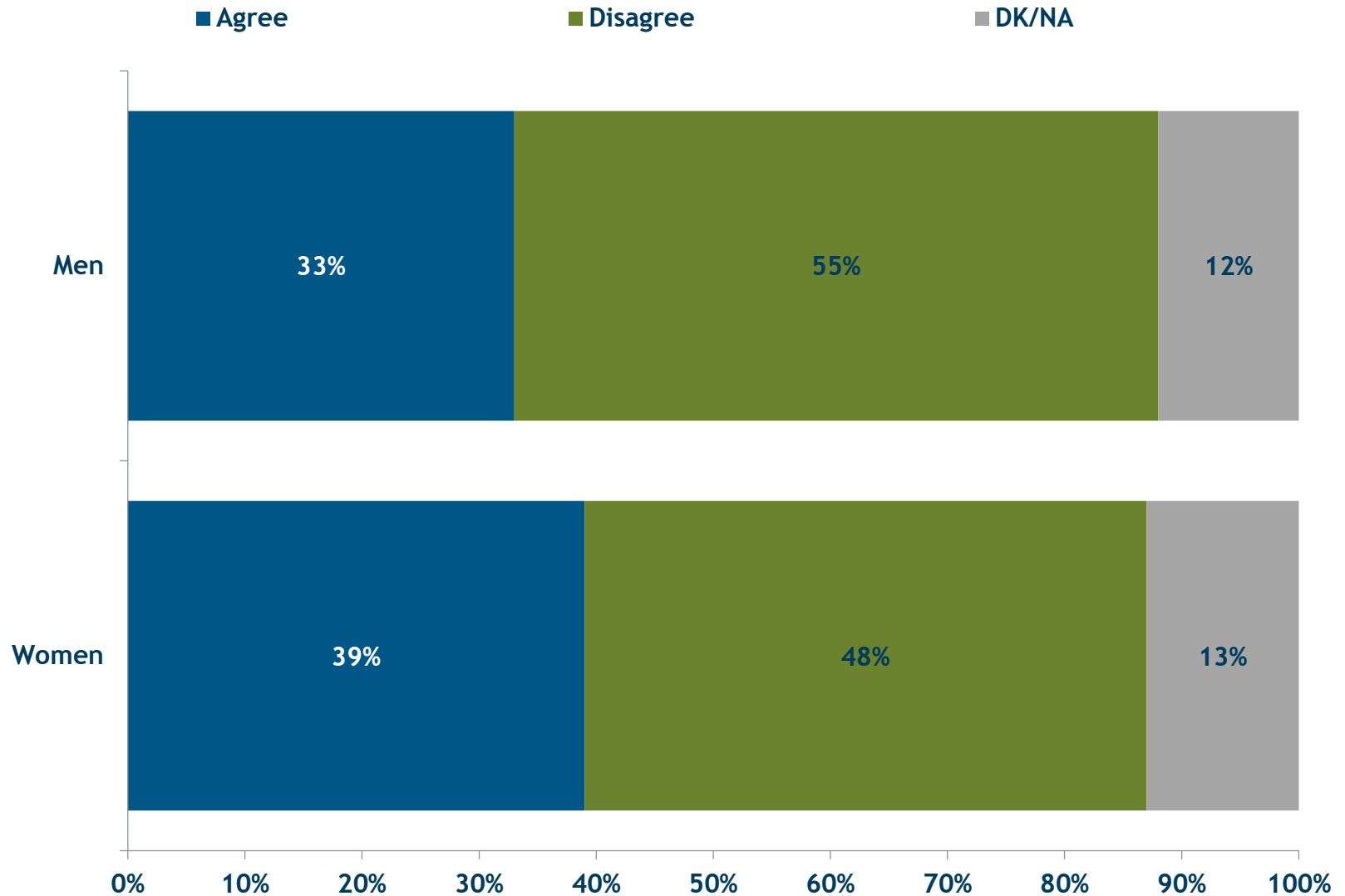
■ Man ■ Woman ■ Makes no difference to me ■ DK/NA



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement - politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women?

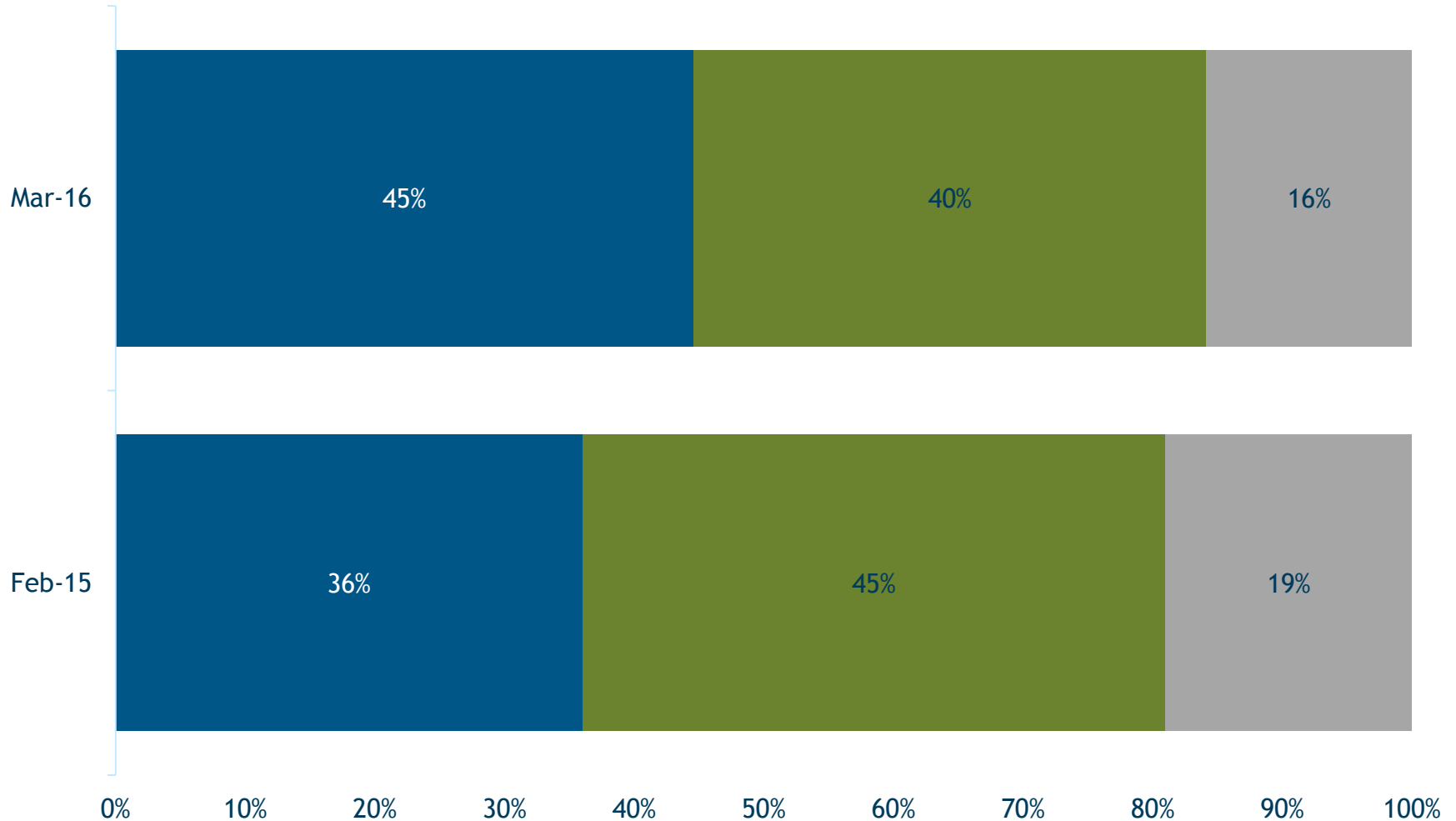


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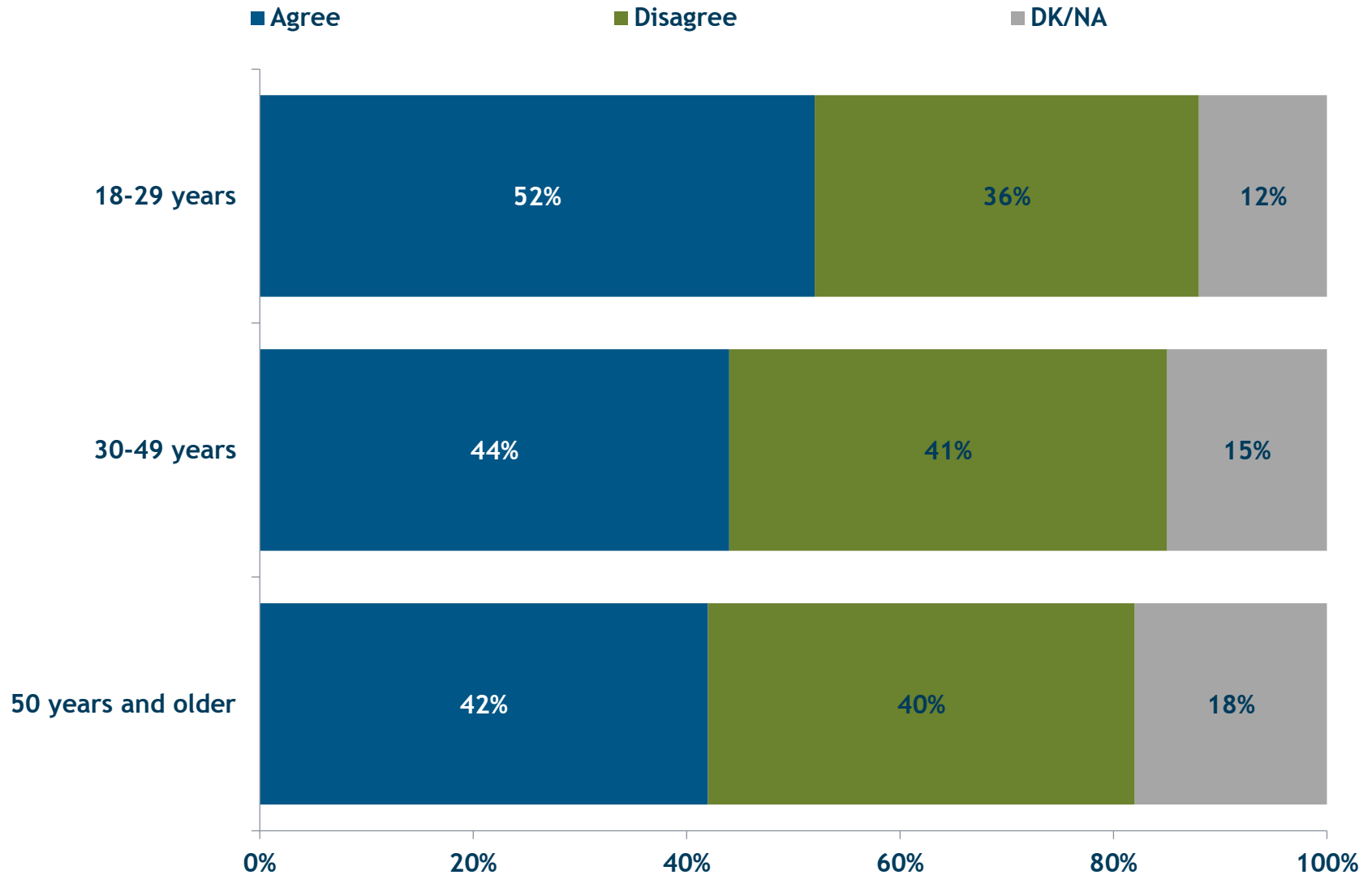


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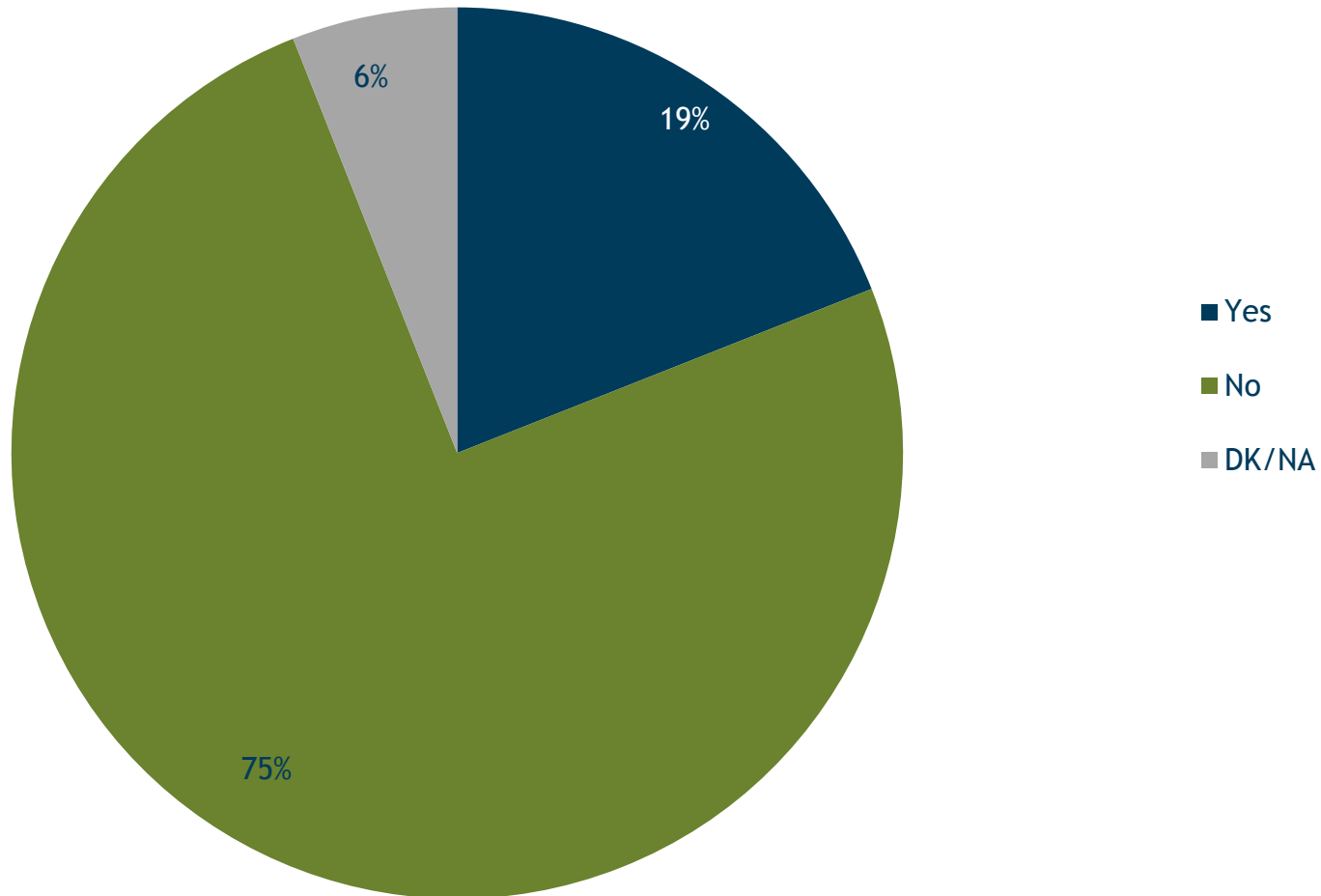
■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK/NA



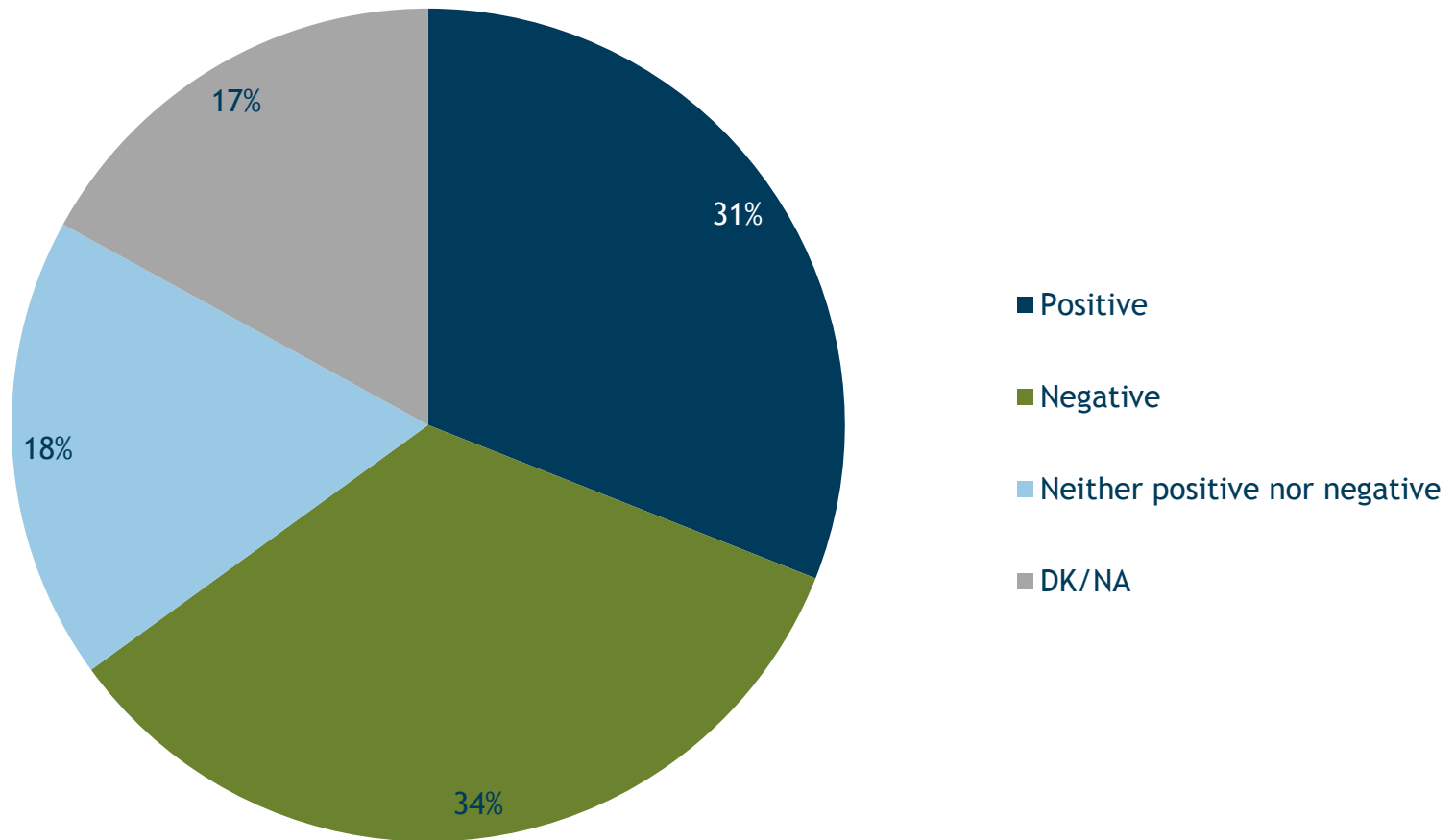
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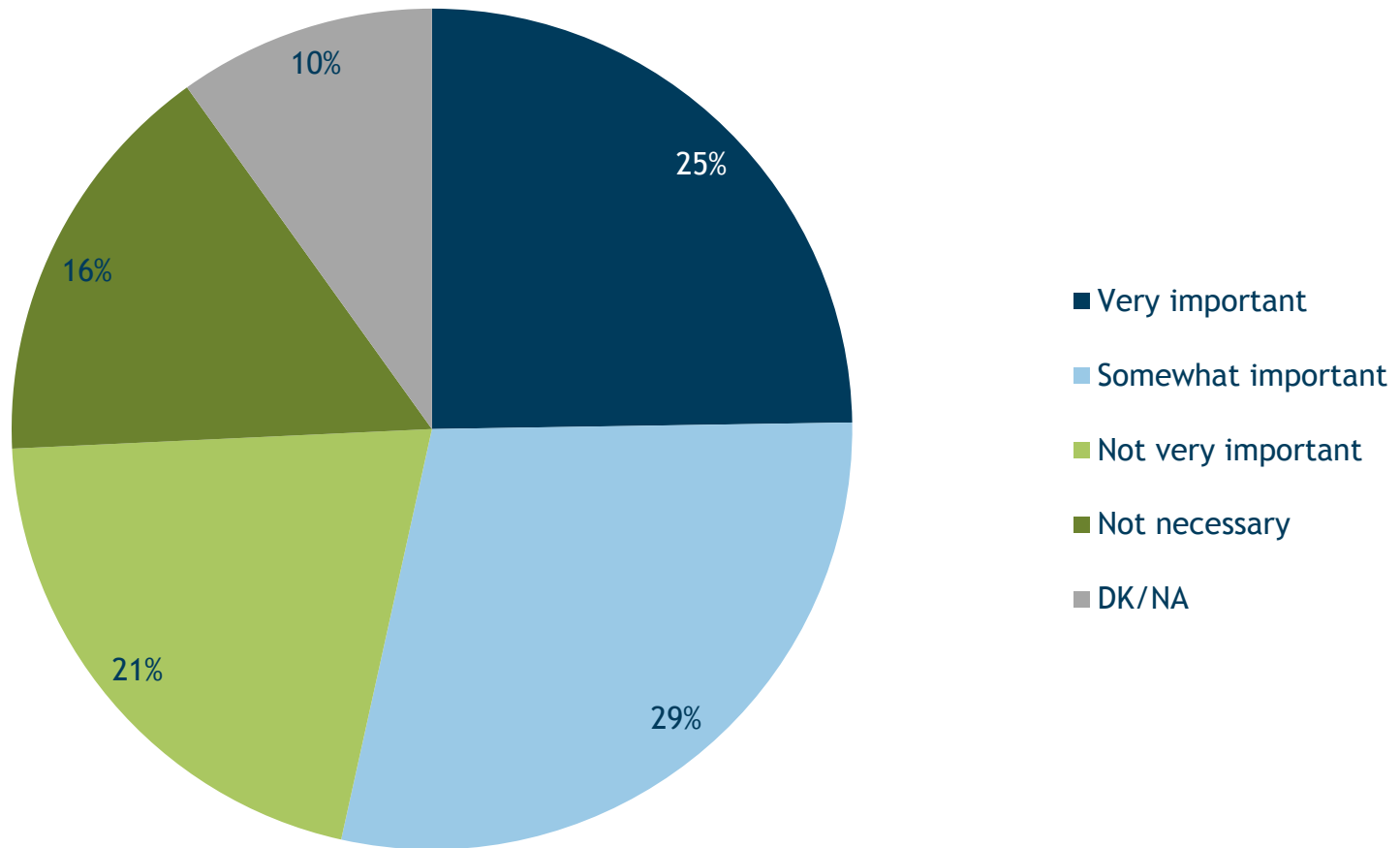
Are you aware of the changes in electoral boundaries for parliamentary majoritarian districts?



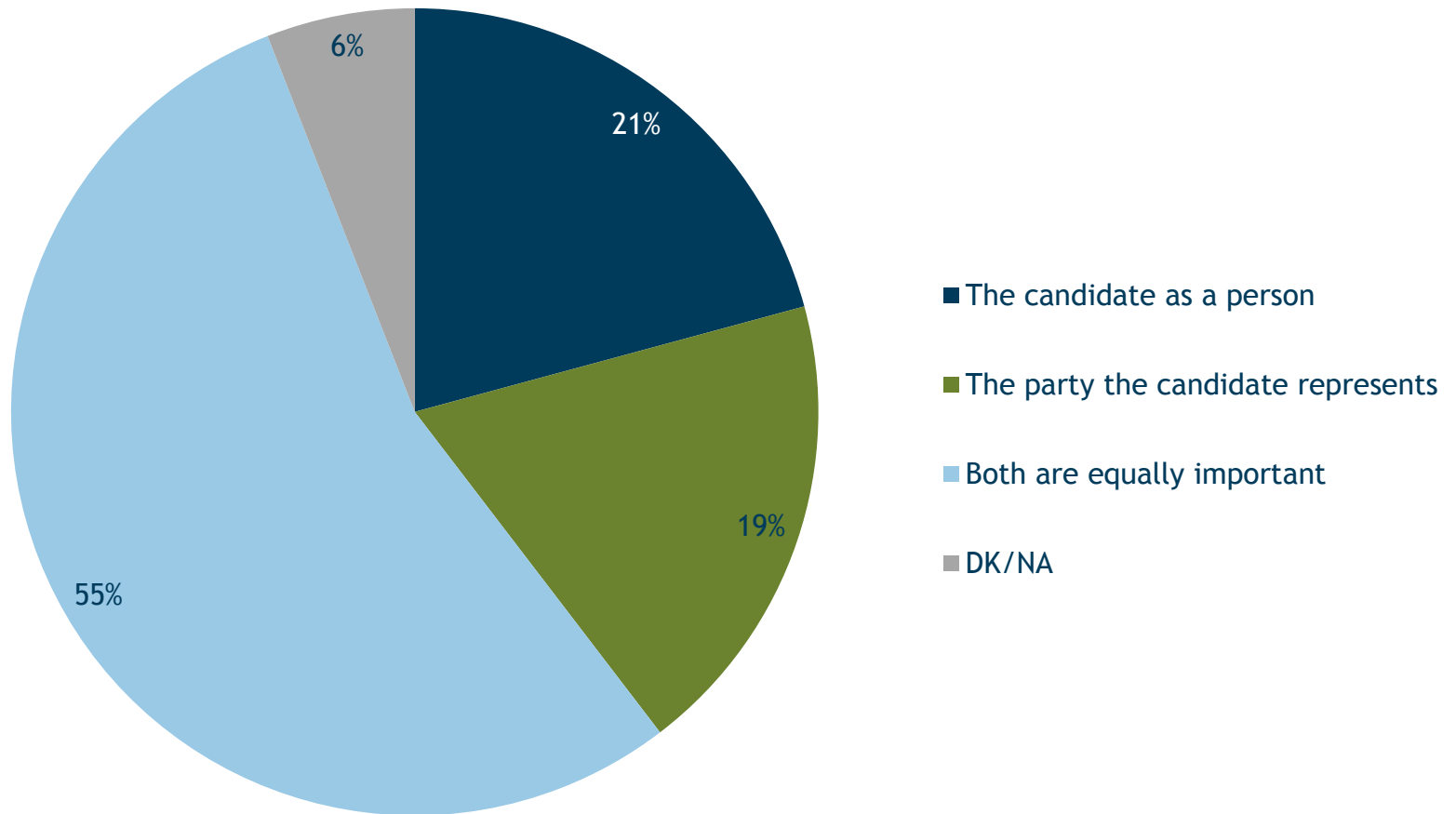
If yes, do you believe these changes are... (Aware of changes, N=287)



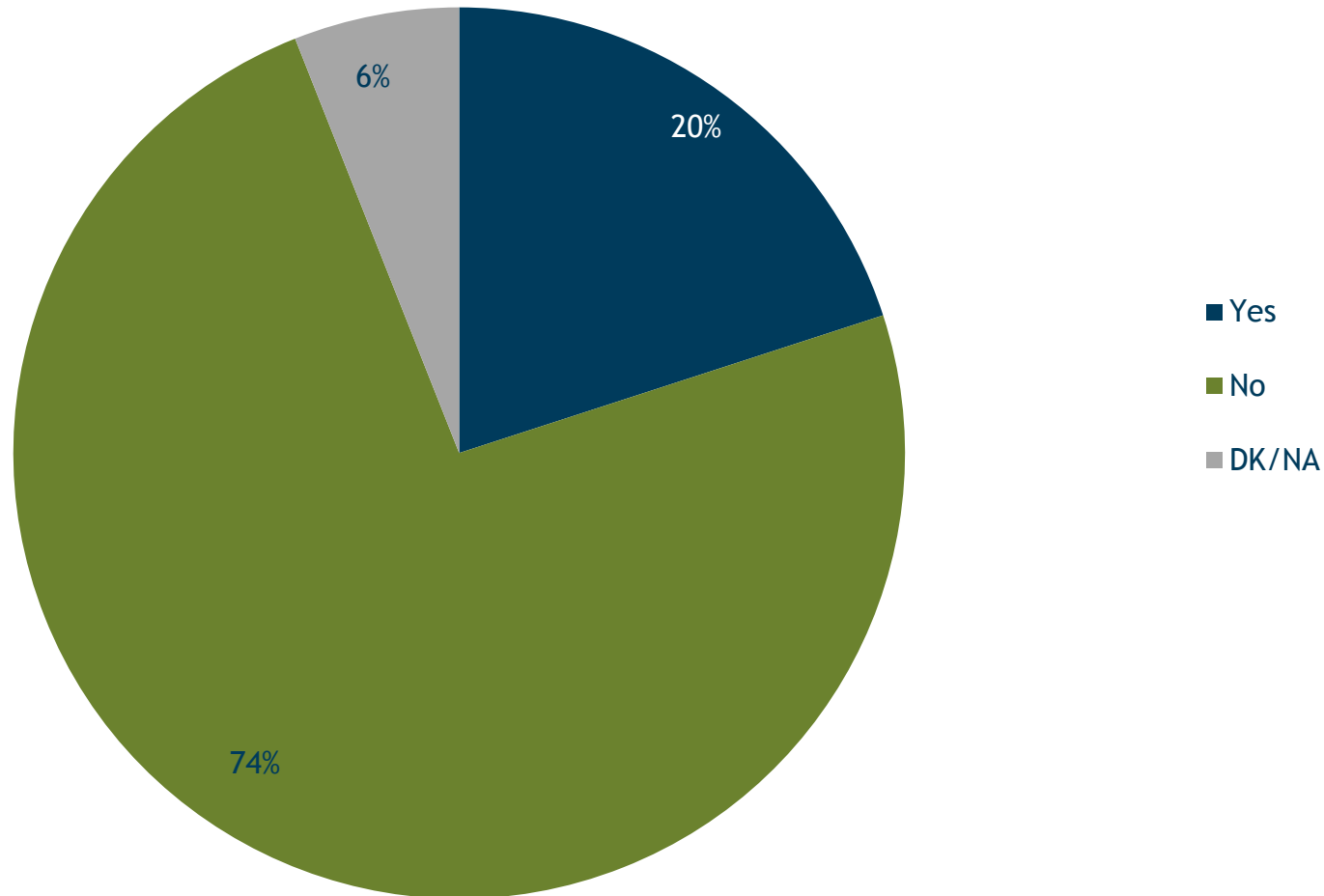
How important is it for Parliament to have majoritarian representatives?



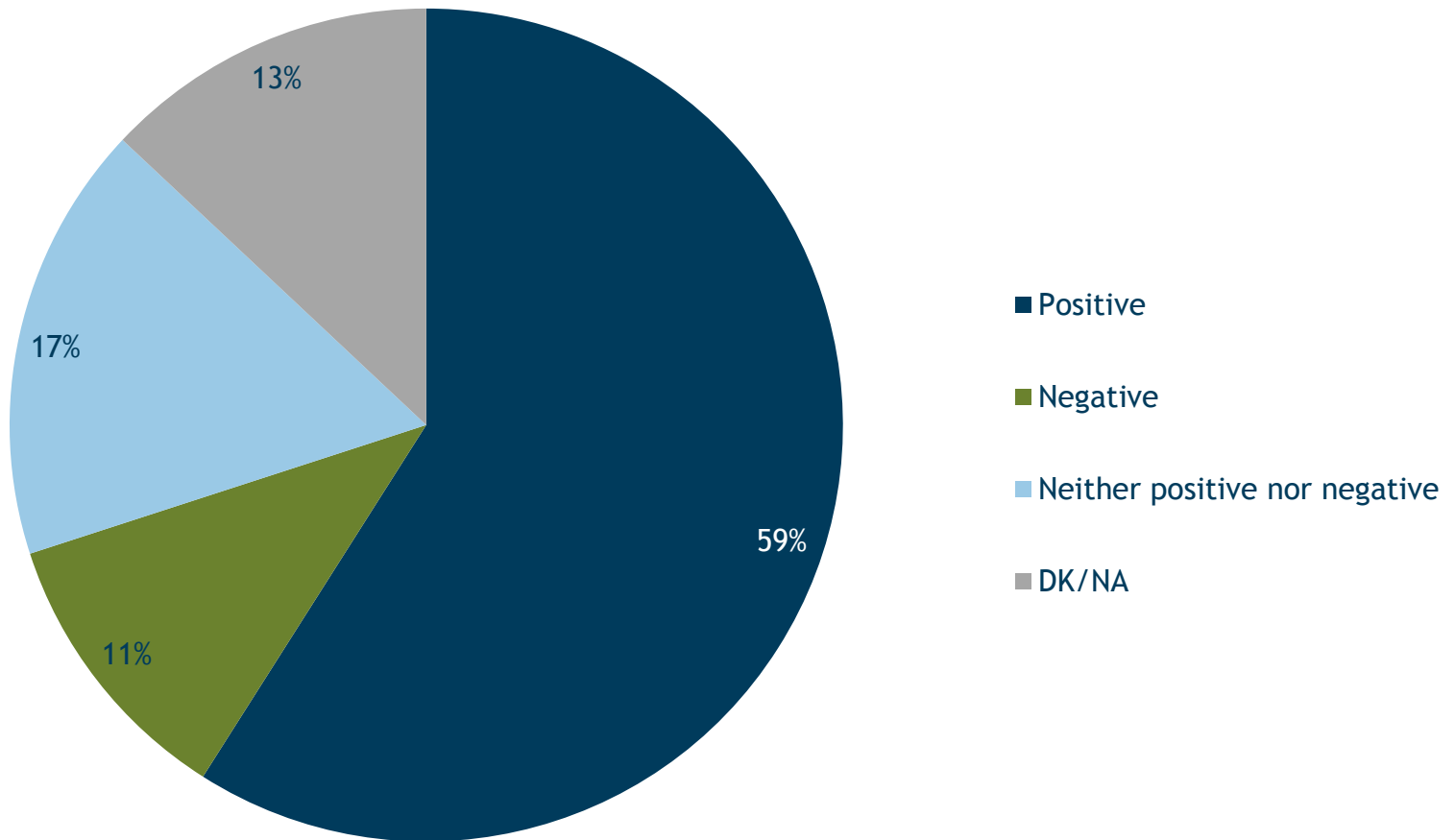
When voting for a majoritarian candidate what is more important?



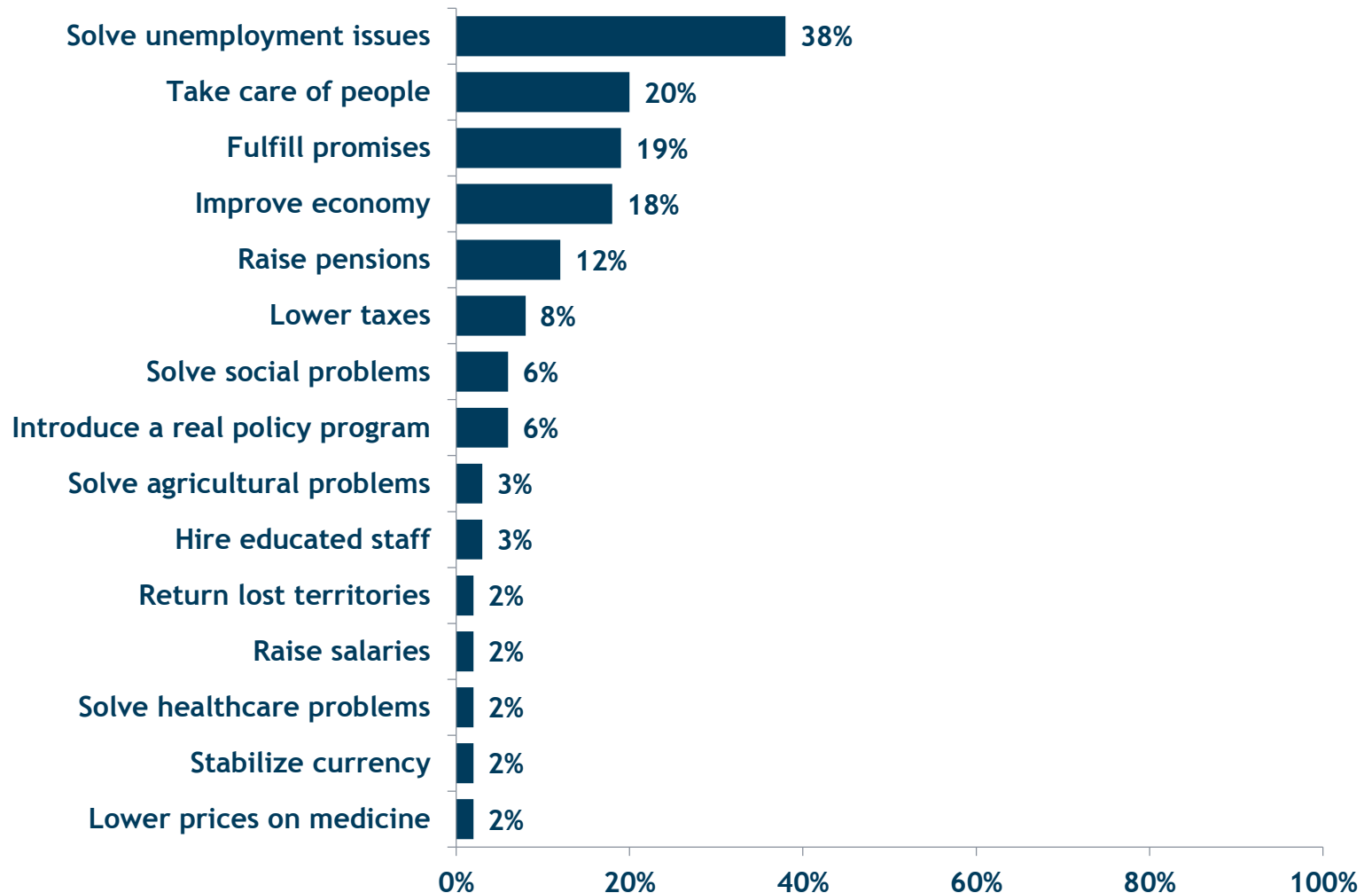
Do you know about the efforts of 12 opposition parties to gather signatures in support of changing Georgia's electoral system?



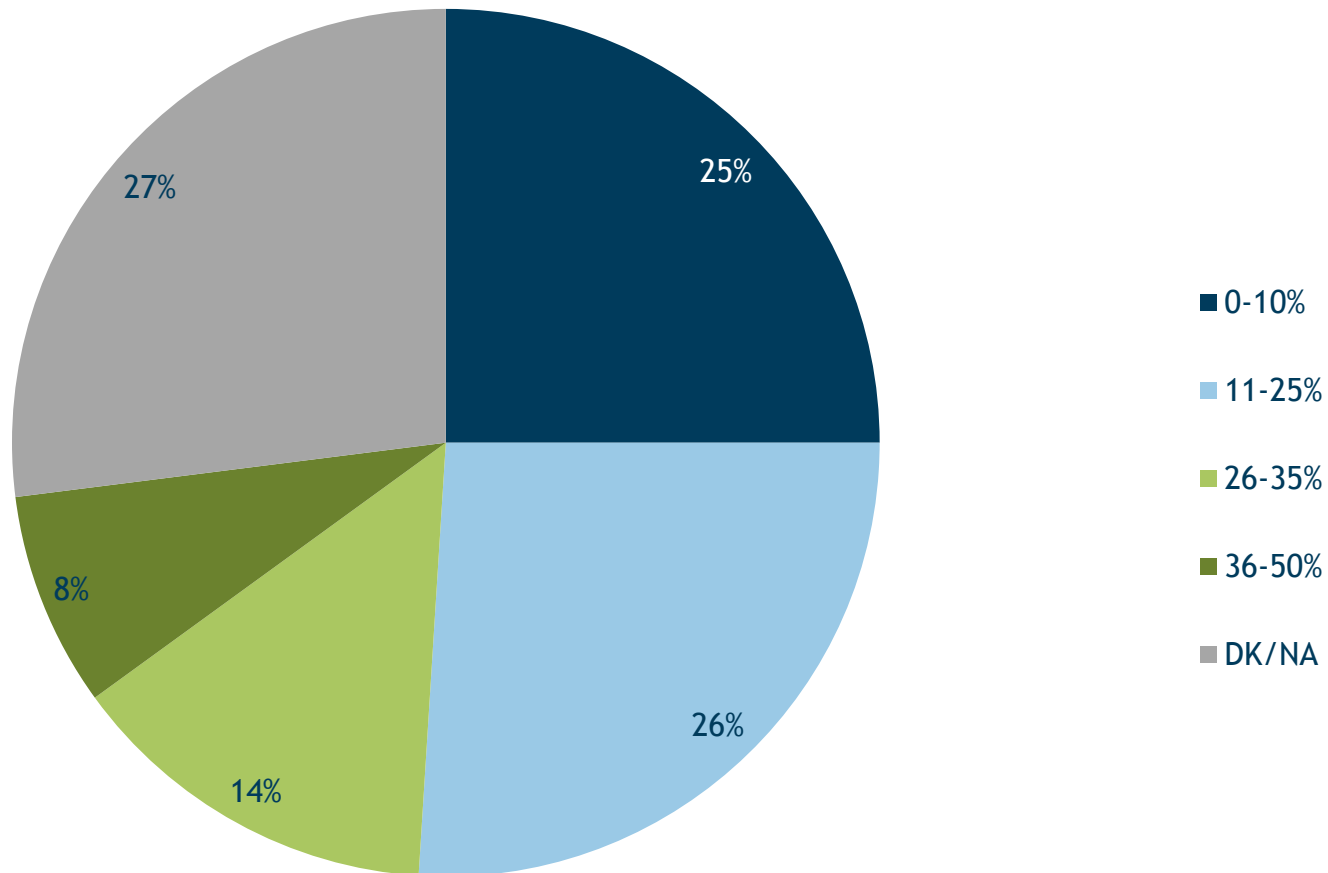
If yes, how do you evaluate this initiative? (Aware of efforts, N=301)



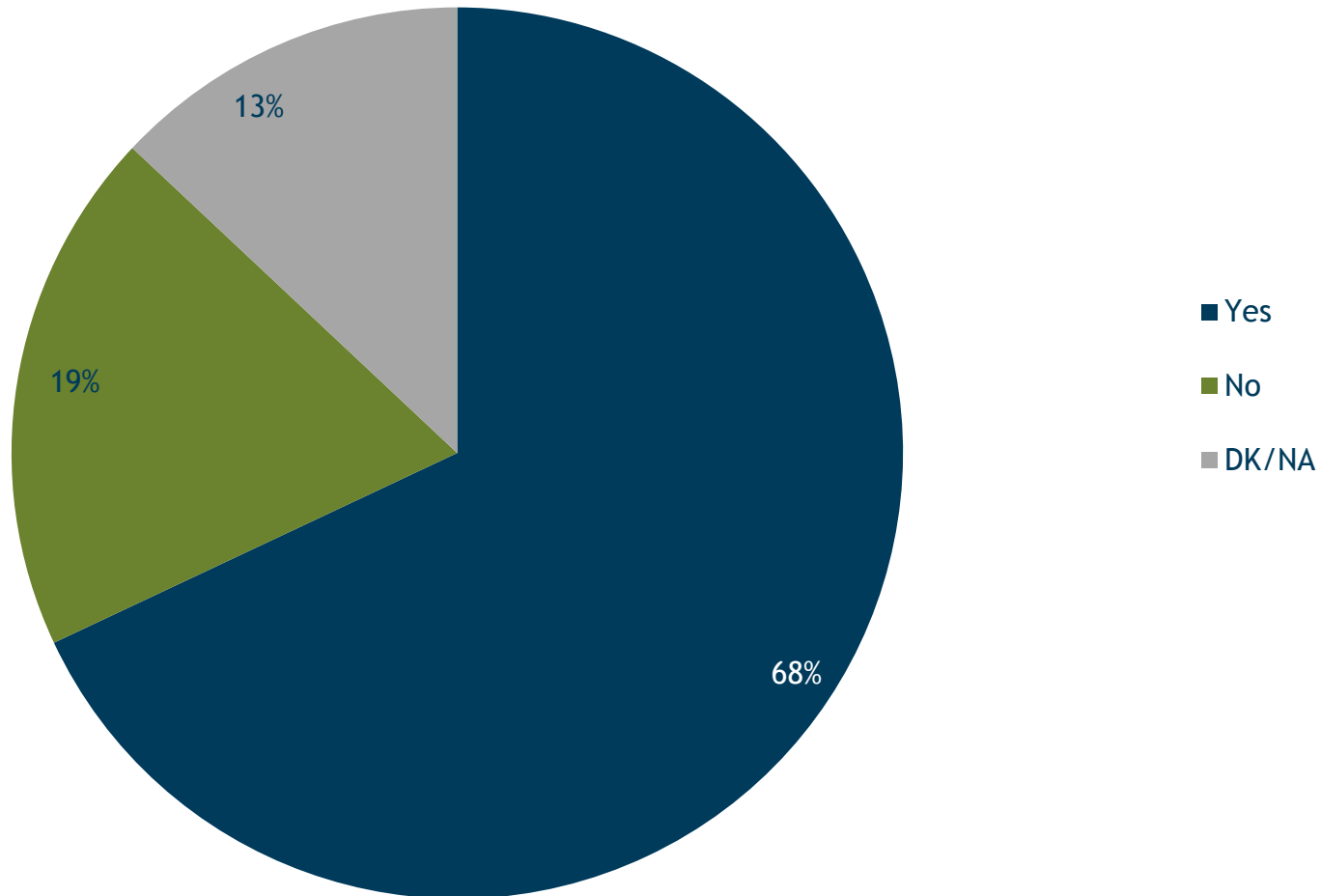
What could political parties do to gain your vote in the upcoming parliamentary election?



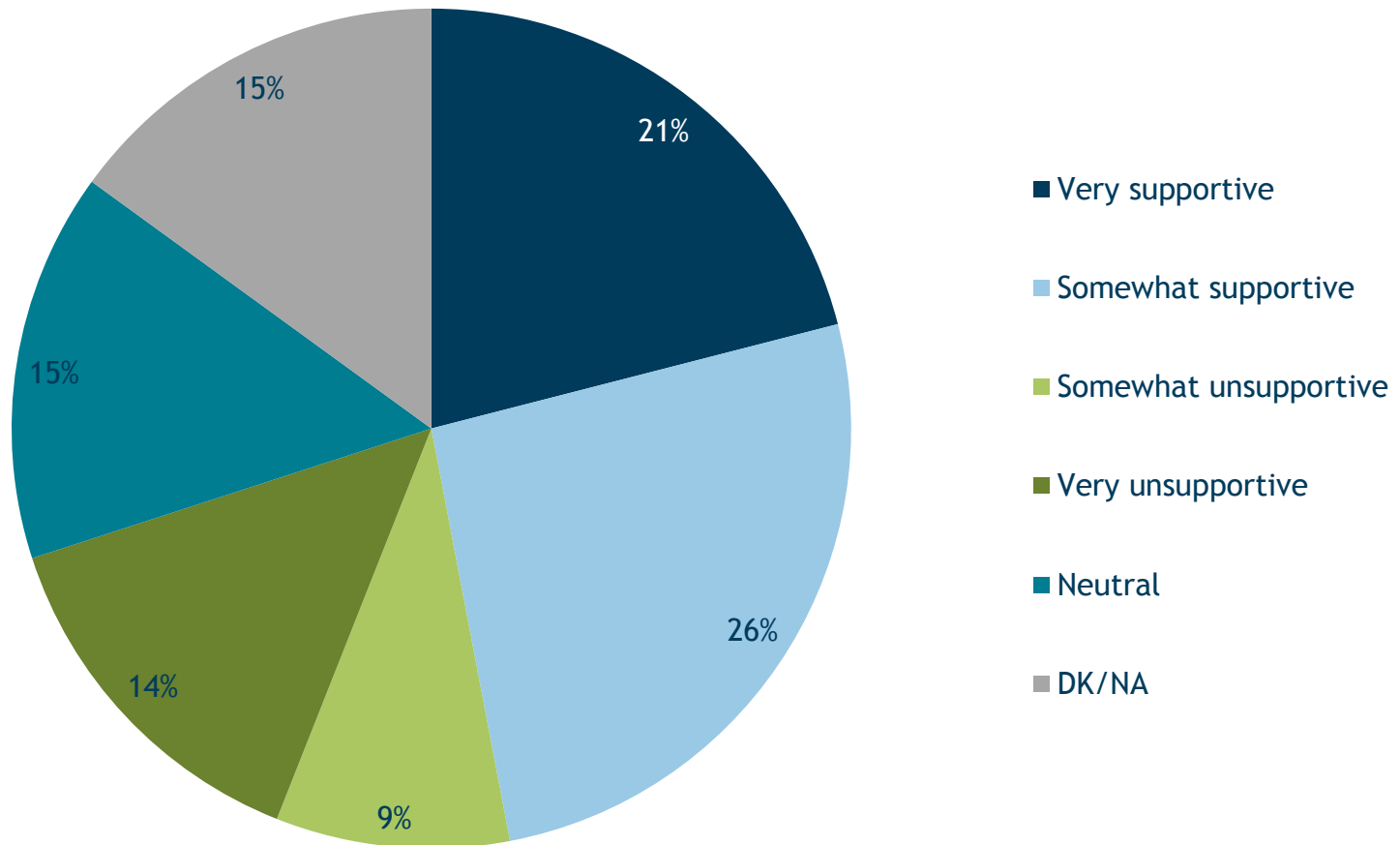
In your opinion, what is the optimal percentage of women representatives in elected bodies, including Parliament and Sakrebulo?



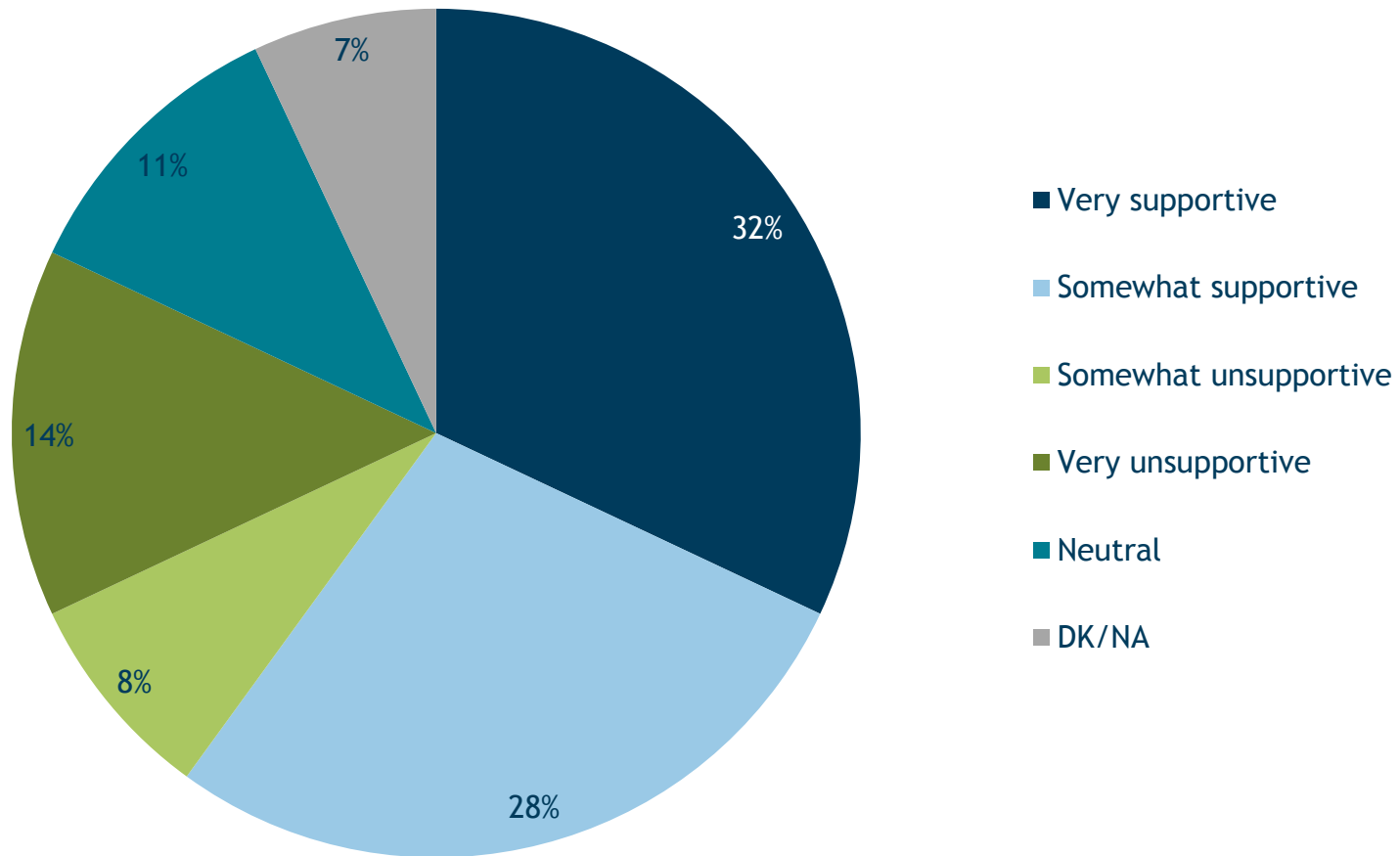
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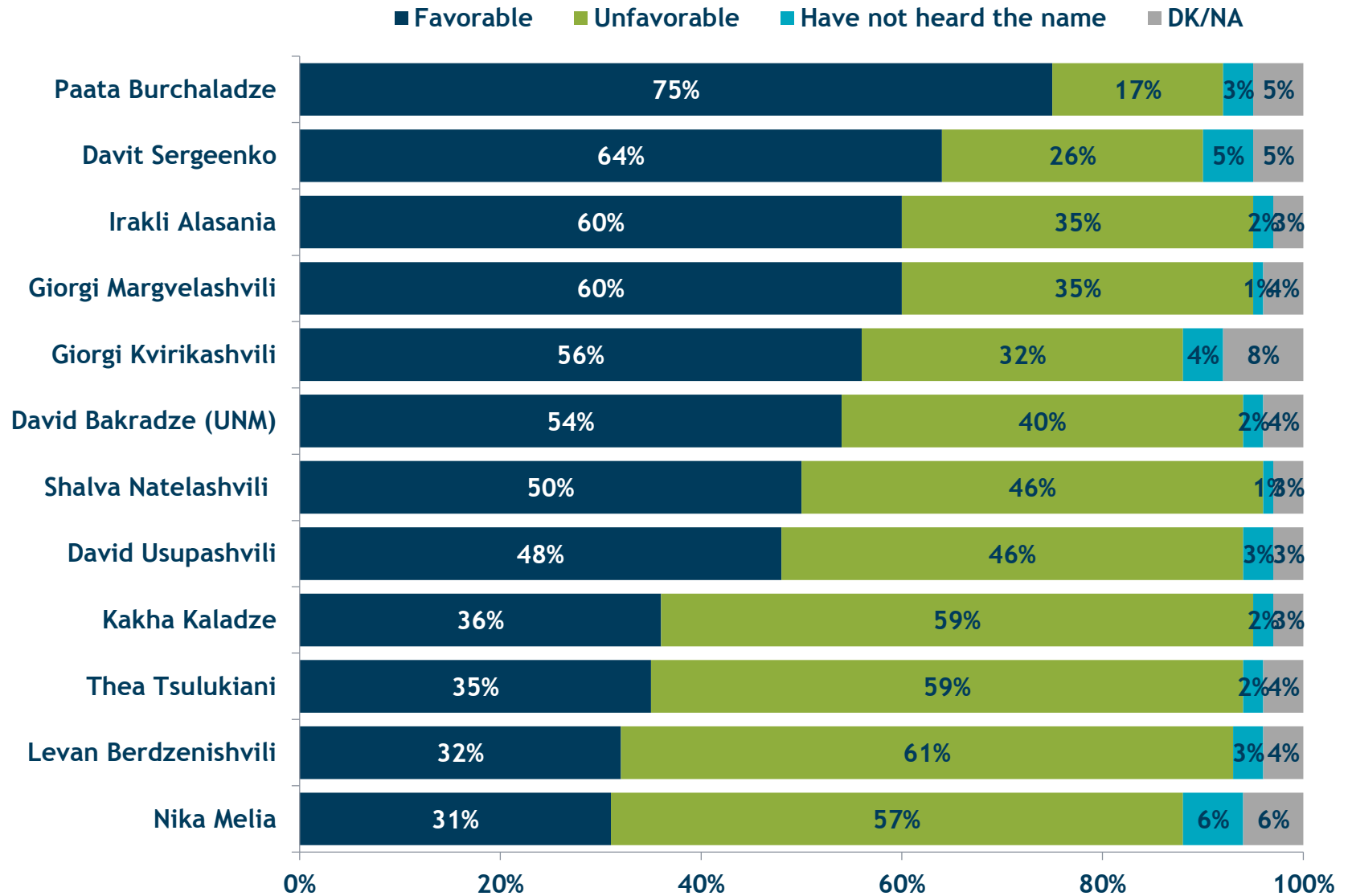
Do you support efforts to establish quotas for women's representation in elected bodies, including Parliament and Sakrebulo?



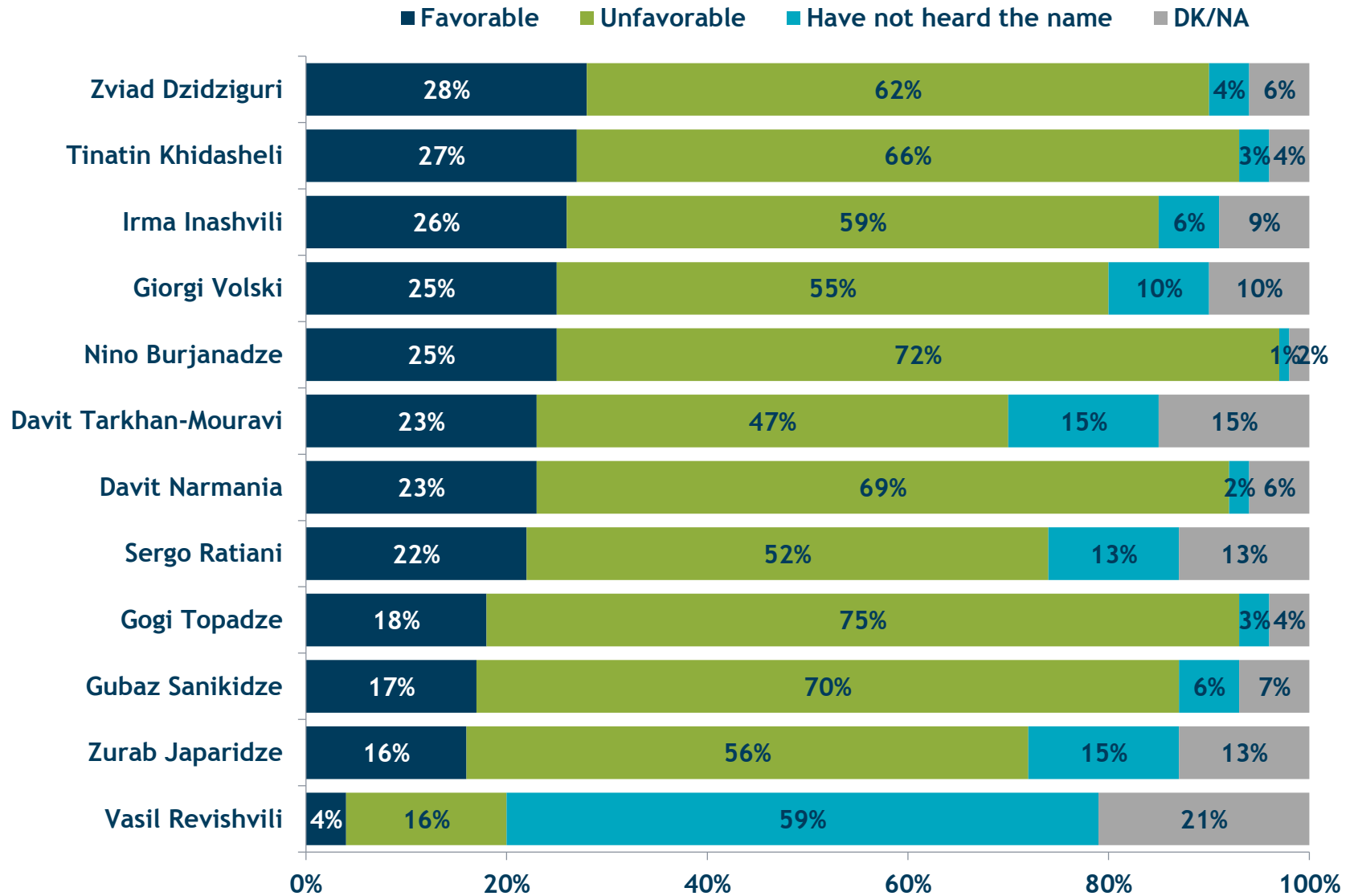
If a female member of your family wanted to take an active part in politics how supportive would you be?



Please tell me your opinion of the following Georgian politicians and others well known in Georgian society?



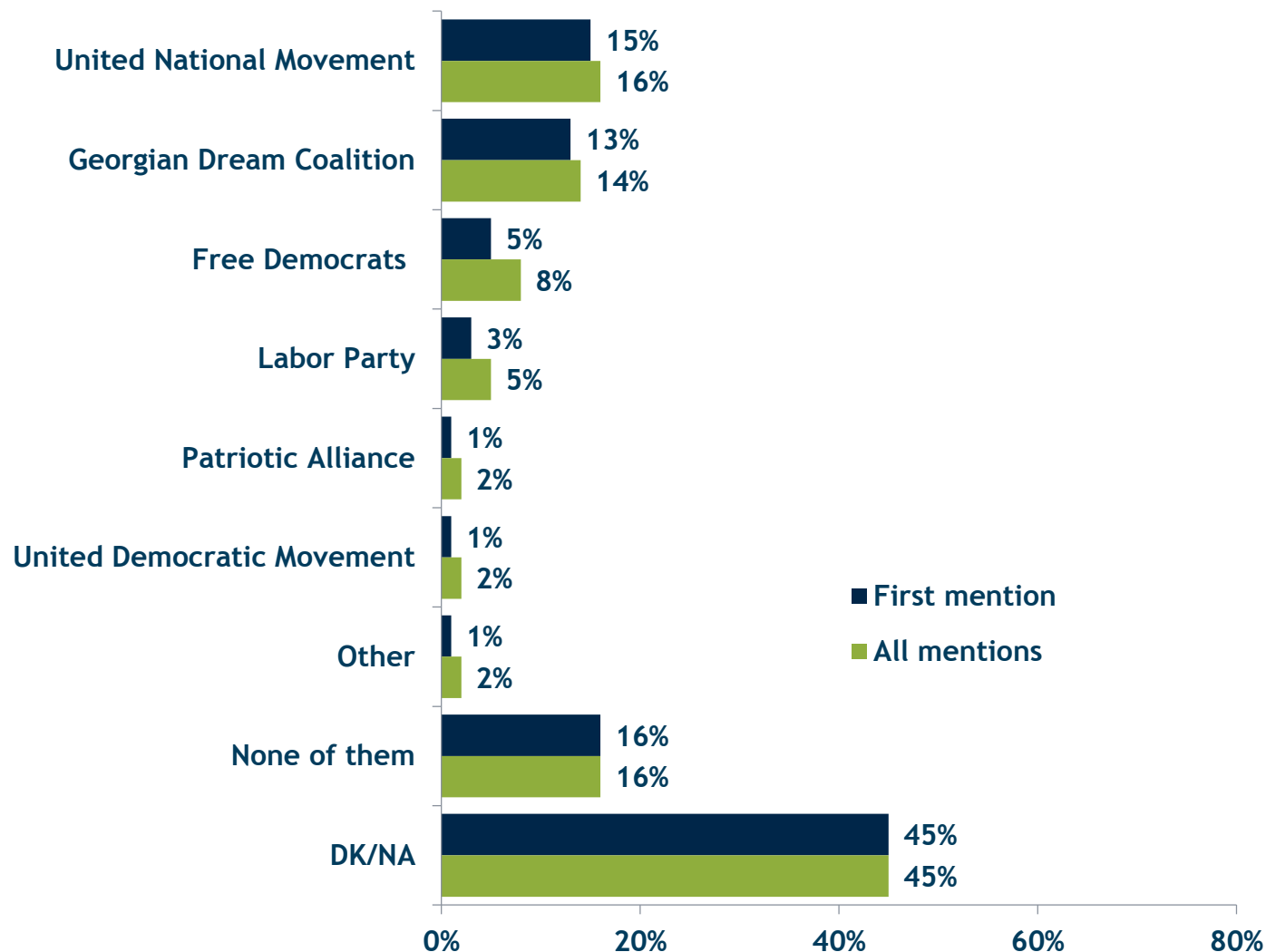
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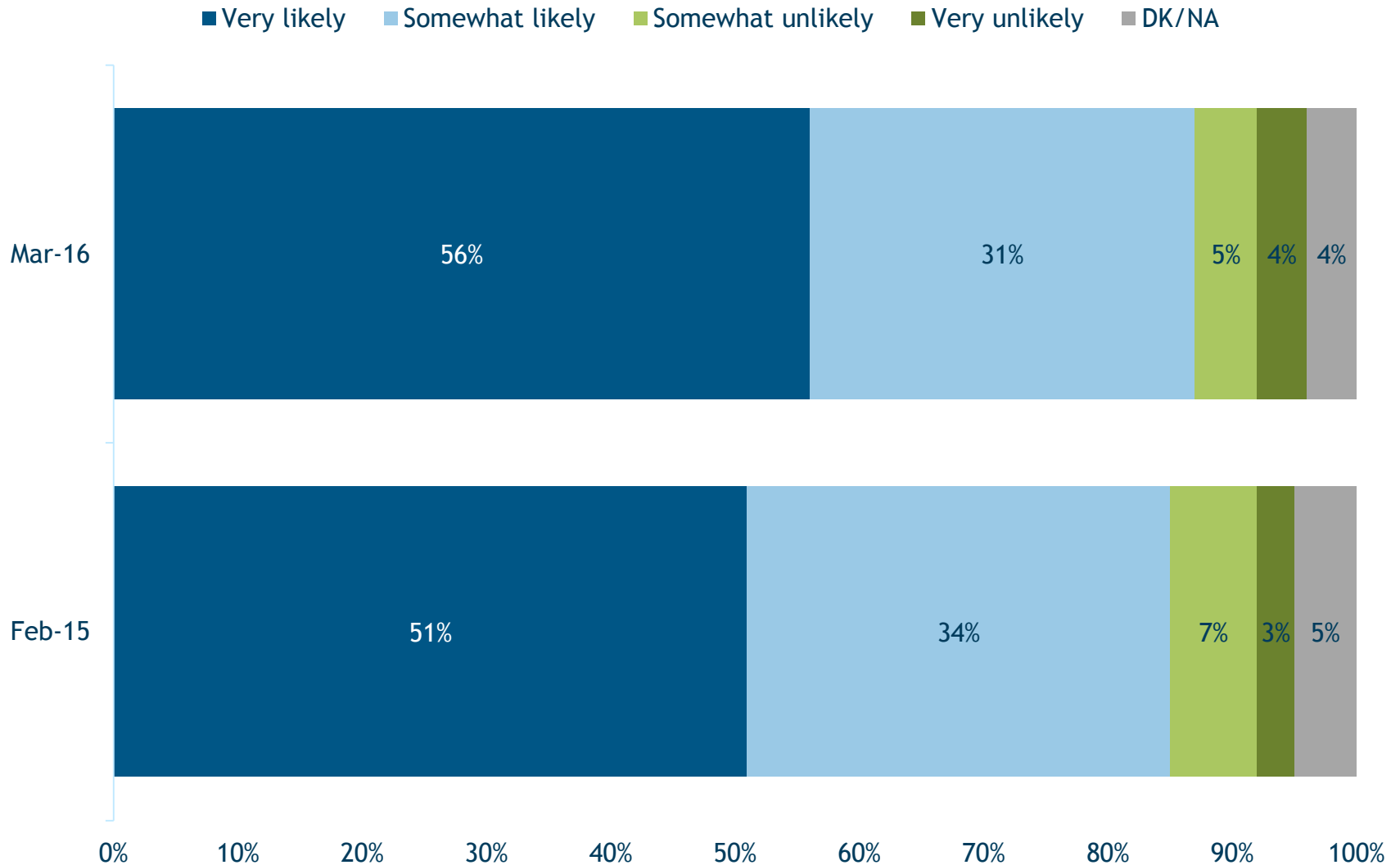


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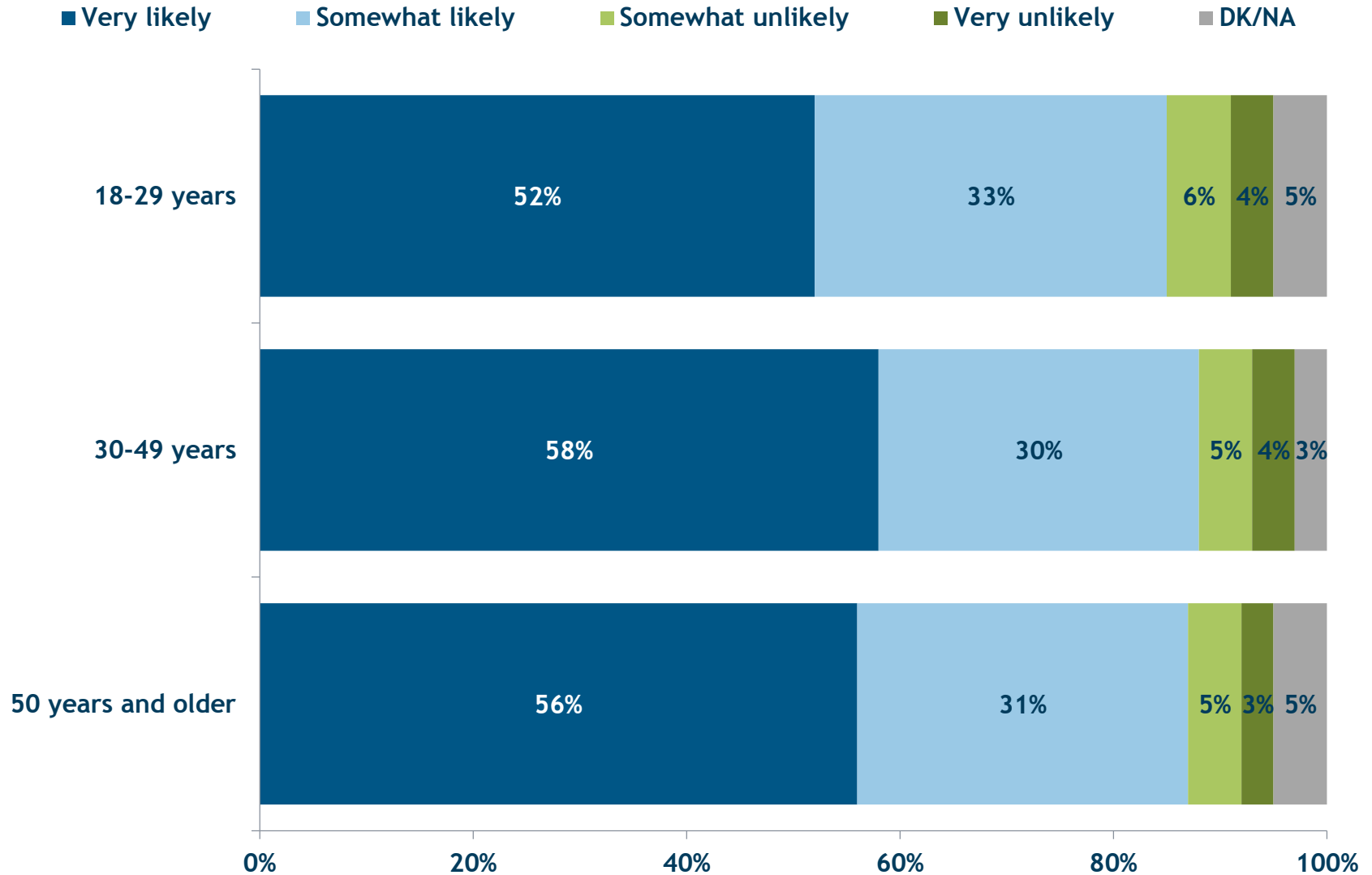
Which political party can deal most successfully and solve the most important problems that Georgia is facing?



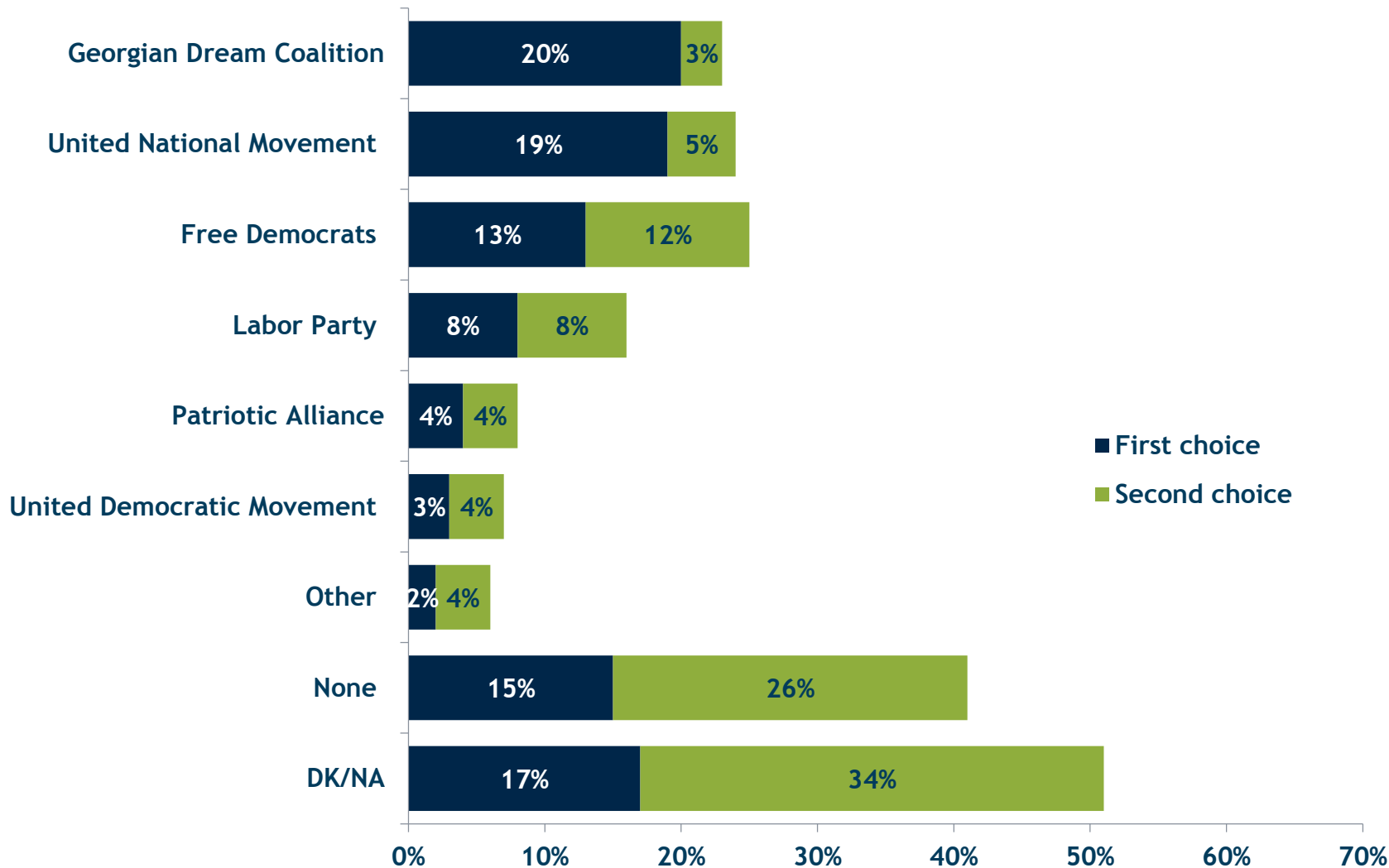
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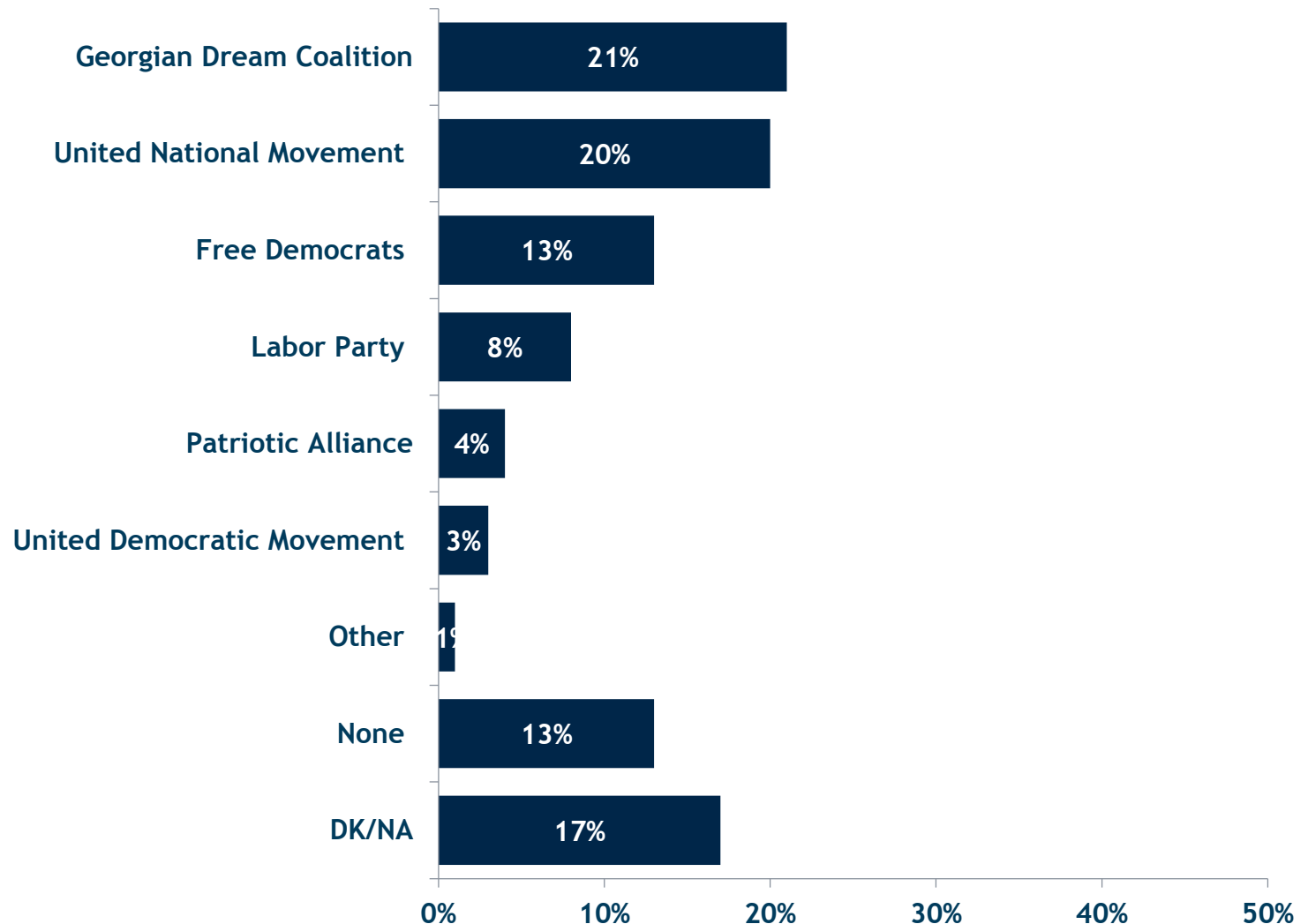
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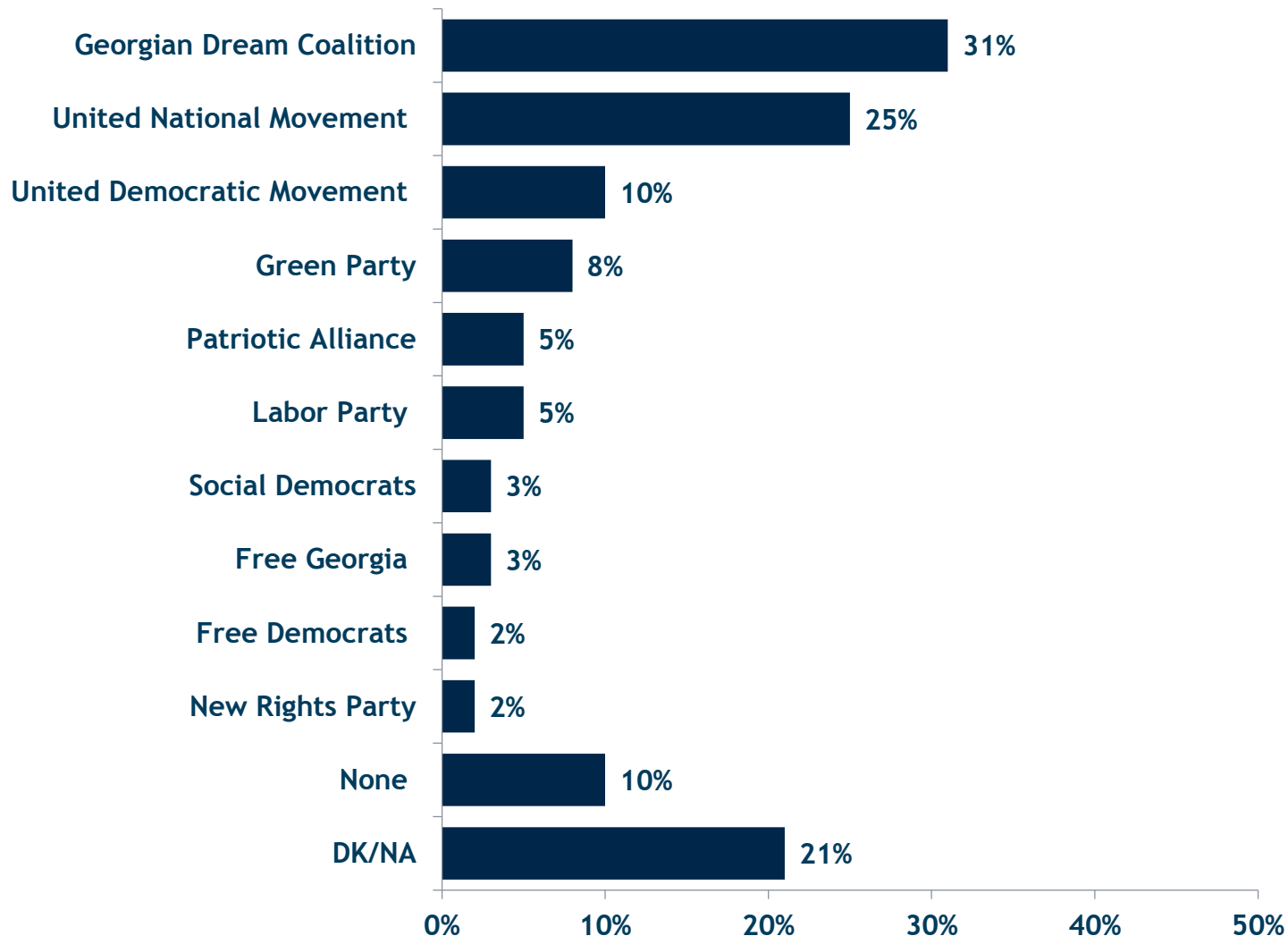
Which party would you vote for if parliamentary elections were held next Sunday? (all voters)



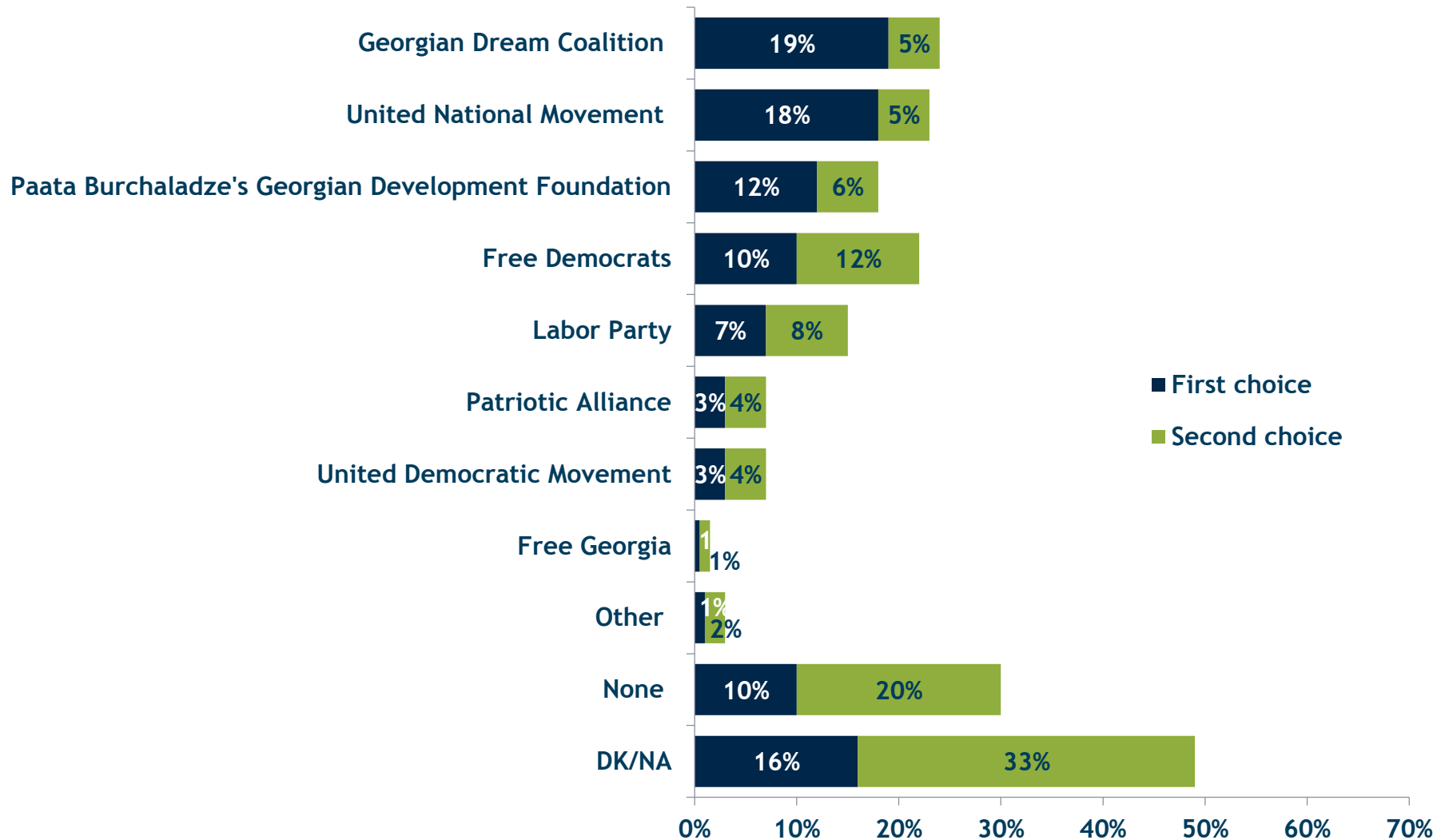
Which party would you vote for if parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and your first choice was unavailable? (Likely voters, N=1306)



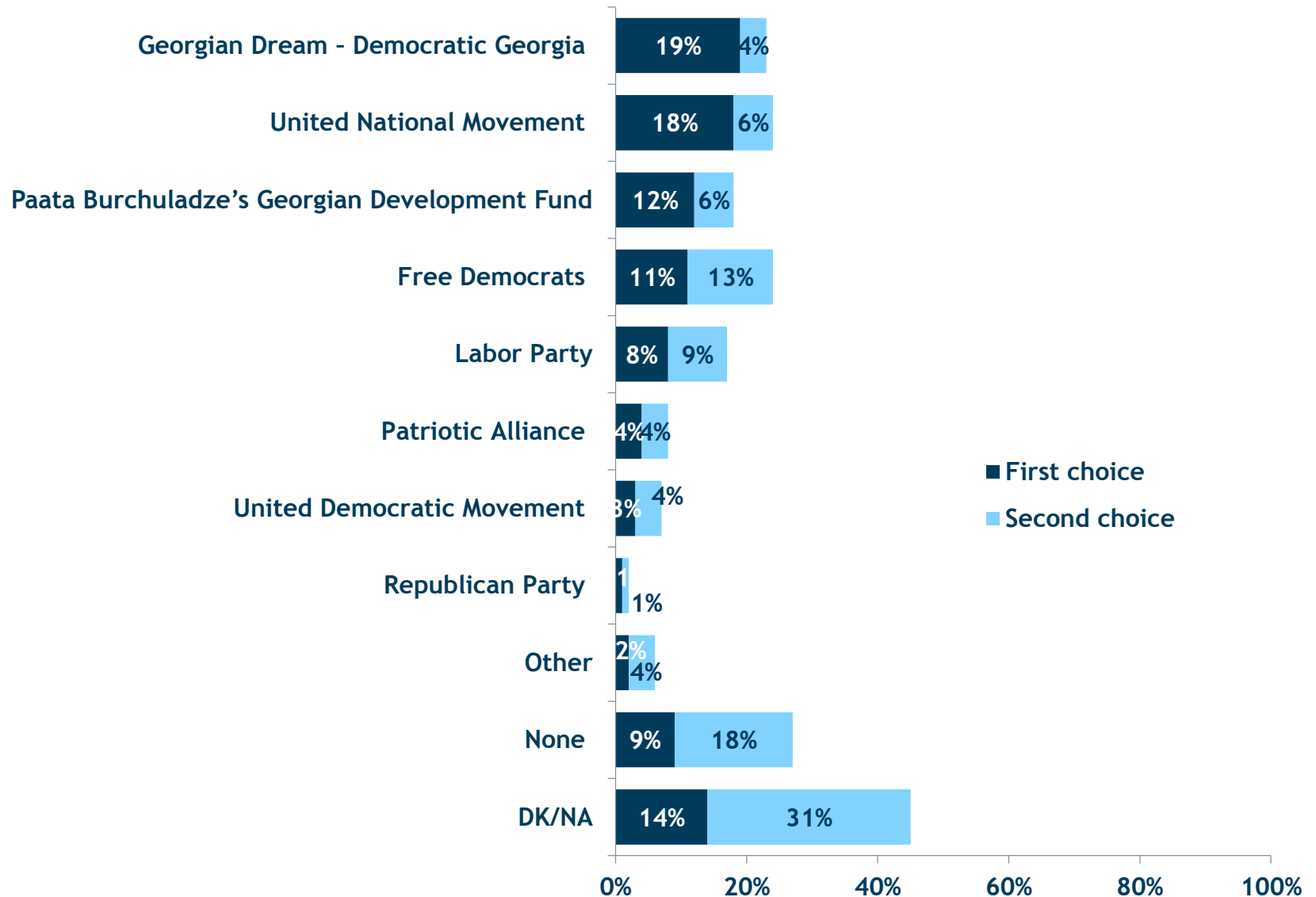
Which political parties would you never vote for? (three answers possible)



Which of the following political parties or entities would you vote for if parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and these parties were taking place?



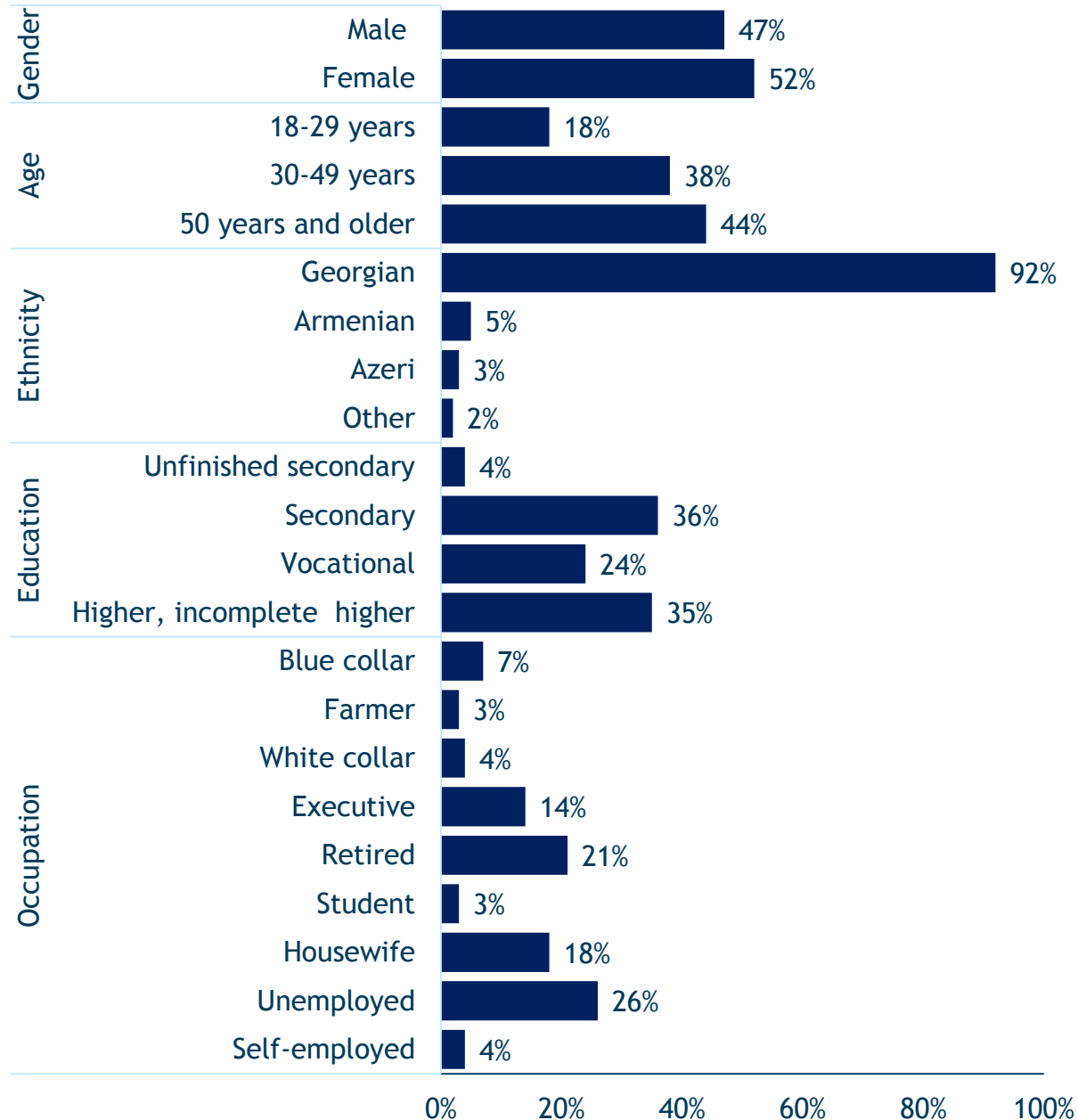
If the parties were to participate independent of coalitions, who would you vote for?



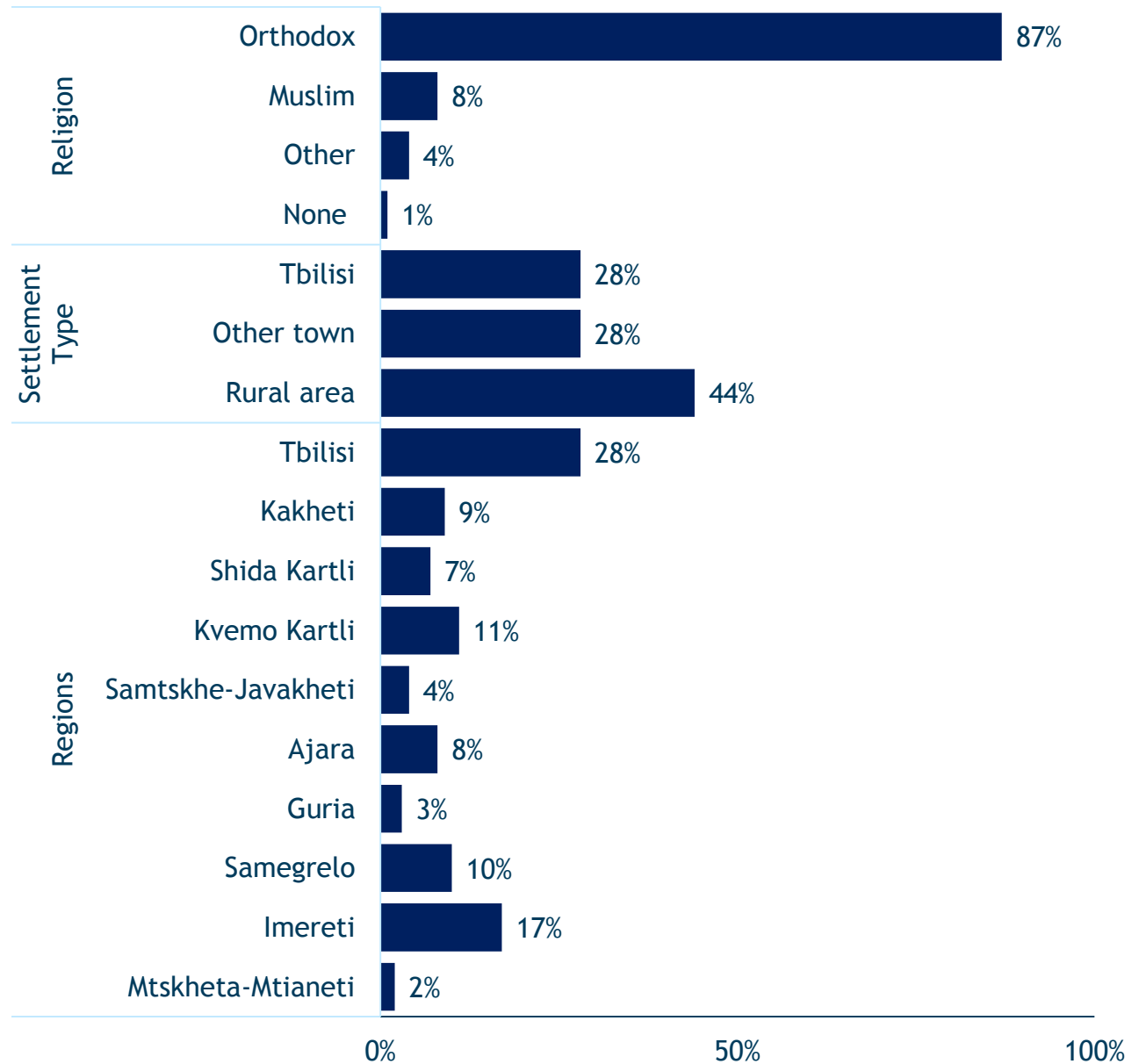


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