

Public Opinion Survey Residents of Georgia

March 2022



Detailed Methodology

- The fieldwork was carried out by the [Institute of Polling & Marketing](#). The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene of the public and market research company [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#).
- Data was collected throughout Georgia between March 4 and March 24, 2022, through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,486 permanent residents of Georgia aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and settlement size.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used with a “random route” protocol to select households and the “last birthday” method to select respondents
 - Stage one: All districts of Georgia are grouped into 10 regions. All regions of Georgia were surveyed (Tbilisi city - as separate region) except for Abkhazeti and Samachablo (South Ossetia), which were excluded due to the political situation.
 - Stage two: selection of the settlements - cities 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 settlement in each region.
 - Stage three: primary sampling units were described.
- Data were weighted by gender, age, size of the settlement and region.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent.
- The response rate was 64 percent.
- 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](#).

Frequently Cited Disaggregates*

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Regions	Tbilisi city	n=447
	Kakheti	n=130
	Shida Kartli	n=107
	Kvemo Kartli	n=165
	Samtskhe-Javakheti	n=64
	Ajara	n=133
	Guria*	n=47
	Samegrelo	n=137
	Imereti	n=220
	Mtskheta-Mtianeti*	n=36

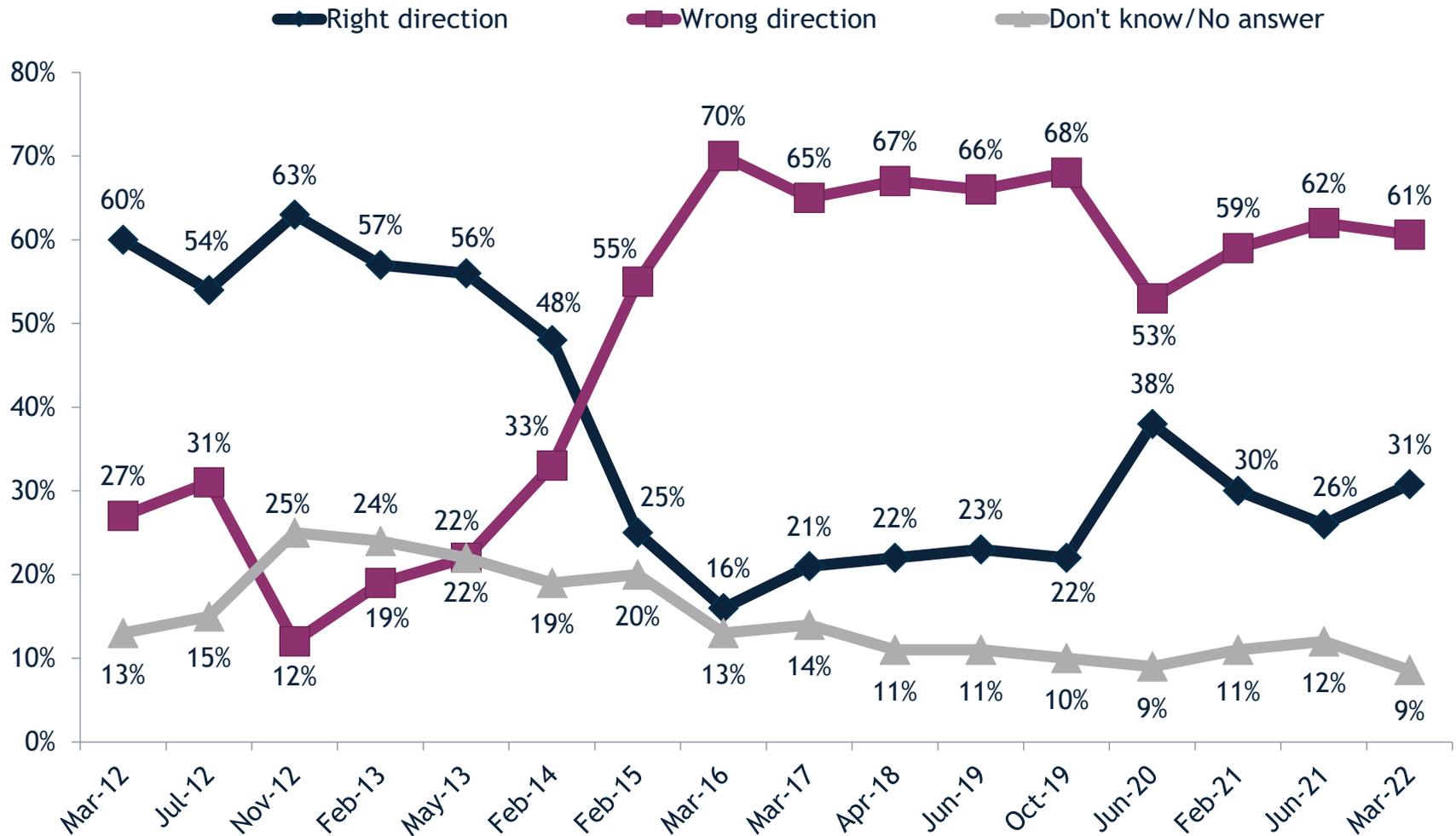
*Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Results for bases with fewer than 50 should be interpreted with caution. Disaggregates for Guria and Mtskheta-Mtianeti should be interpreted with caution due to very small sample sizes.



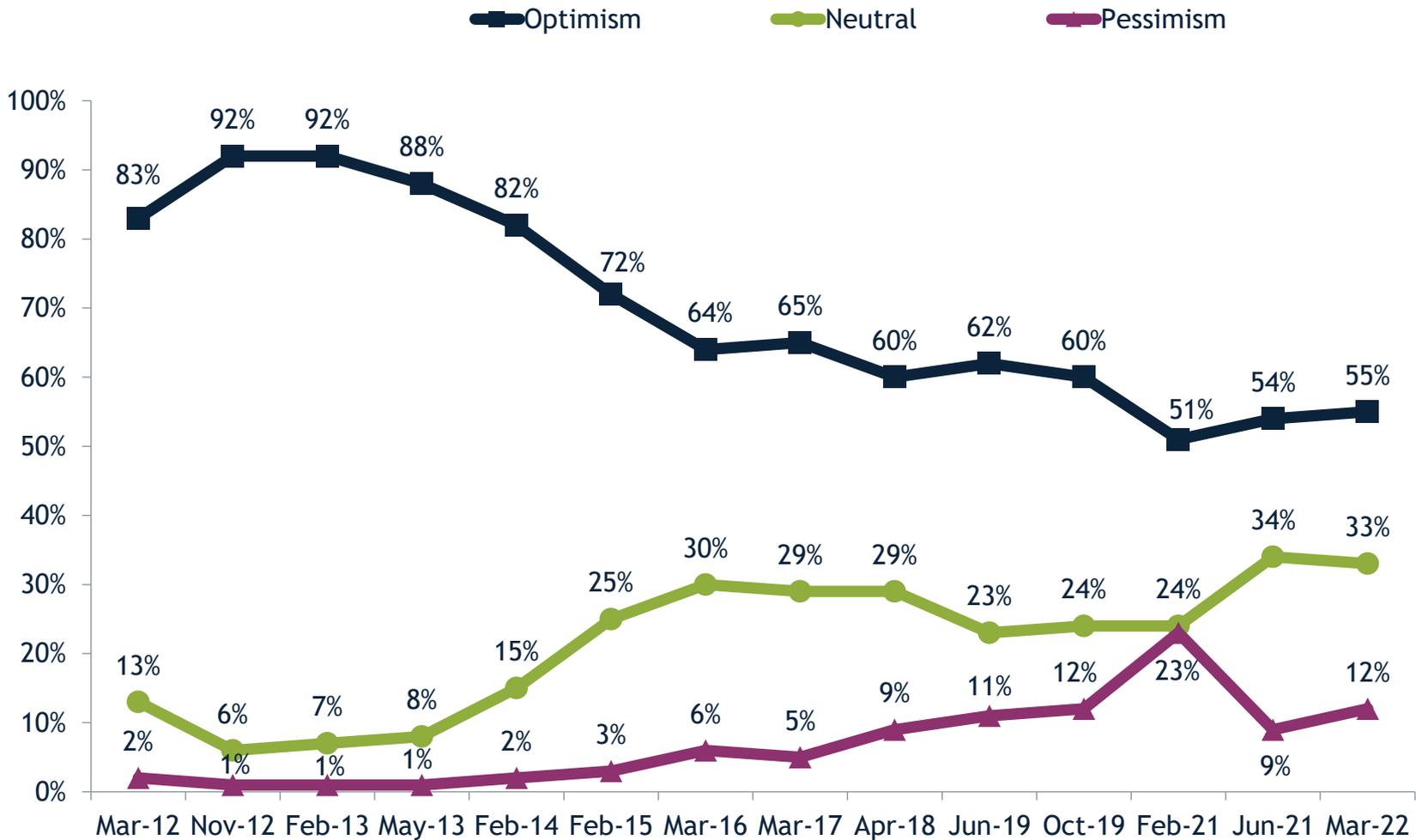
National Outlook



In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?



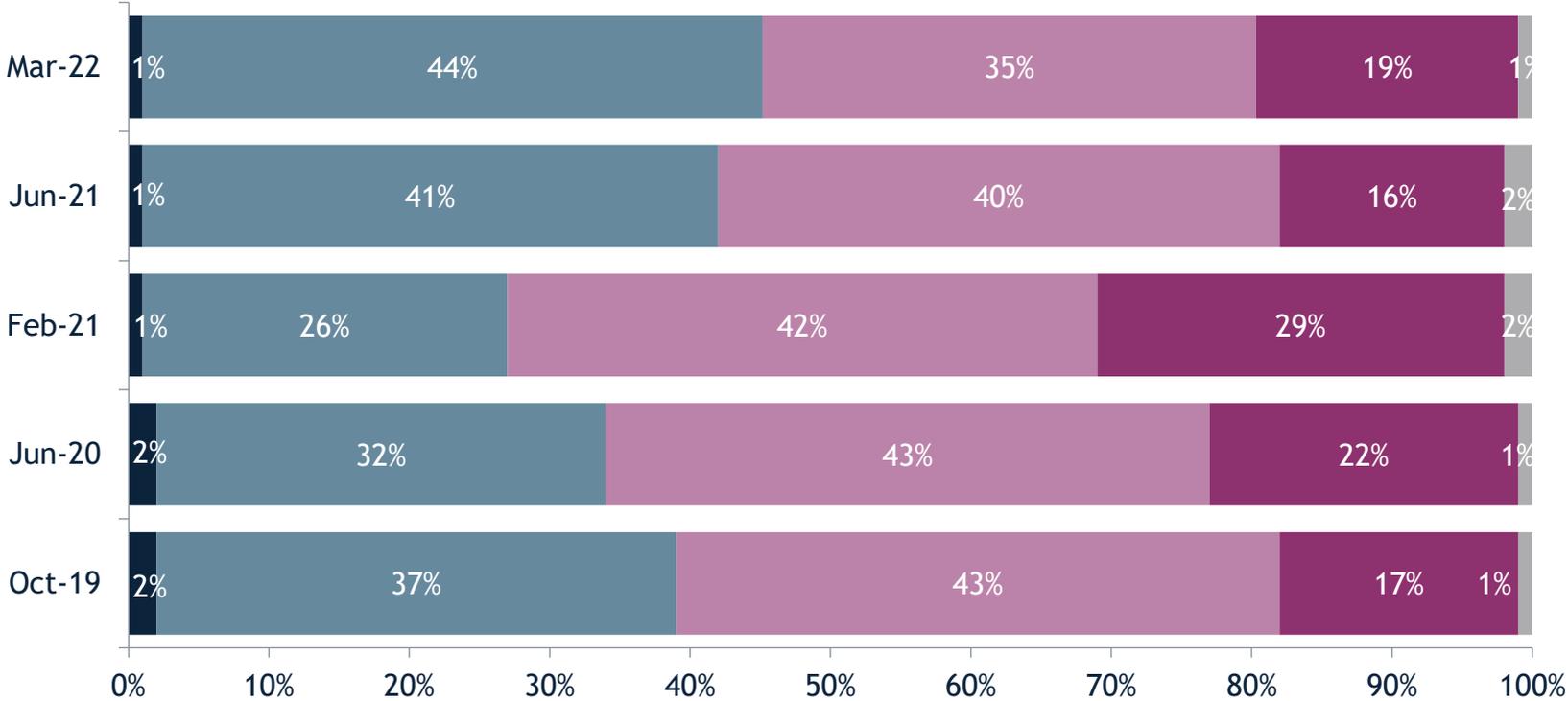
How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Georgian population?*



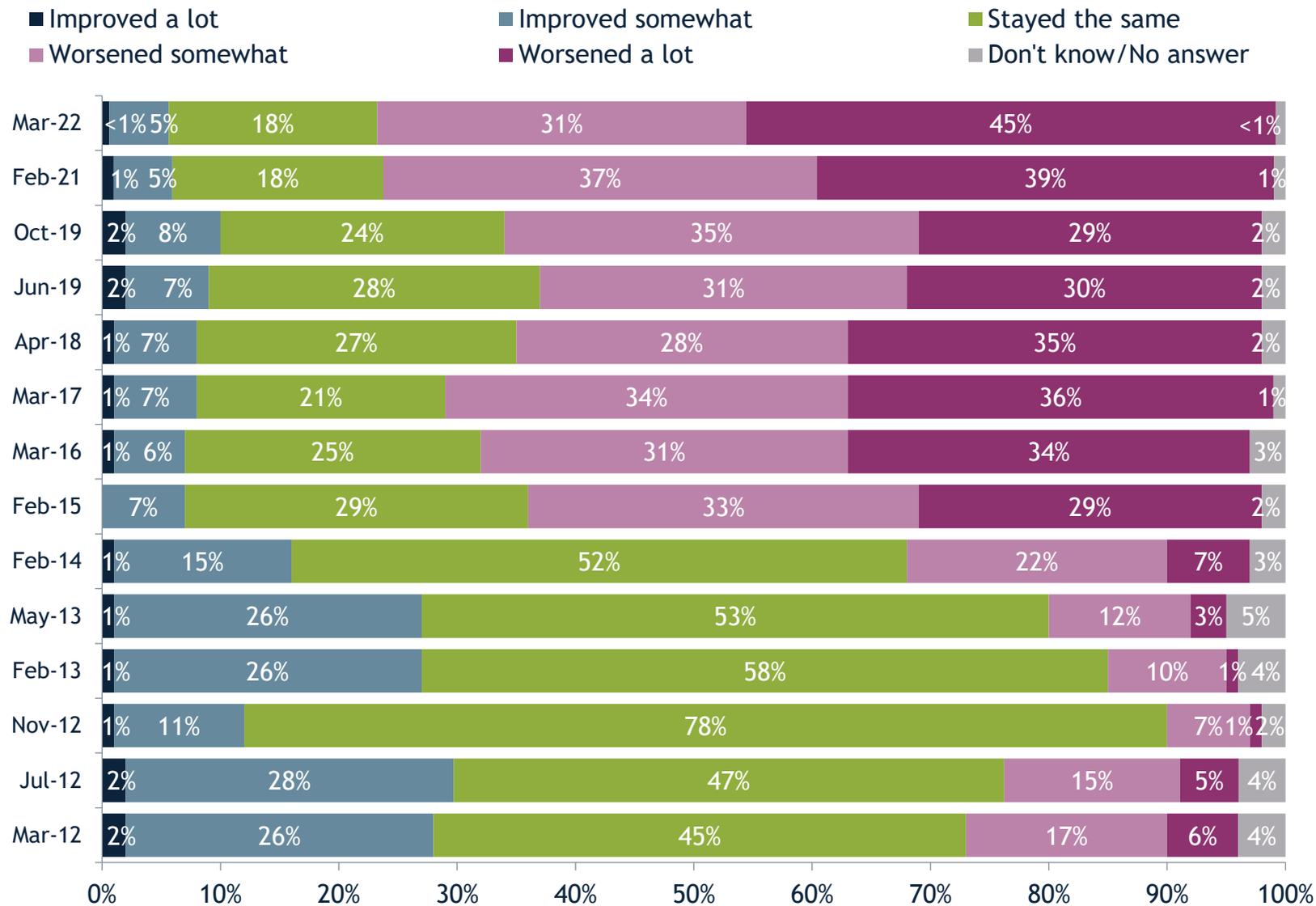
* Under "Optimism," responses "Belief that the future will definitely be better" and "Hope that the future will be somewhat better" are combined. Responses "Not much hope for a better future" and "Apathy, belief in fate" are grouped under "Neutral." Responses "Insecurity, worry, fear for the future" and "Total disappointment, disbelief in any improvement" are combined under "Pessimism." Don't know/No answer is not displayed.

How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

Very good Somewhat good Somewhat bad Very bad Don't know/No answer



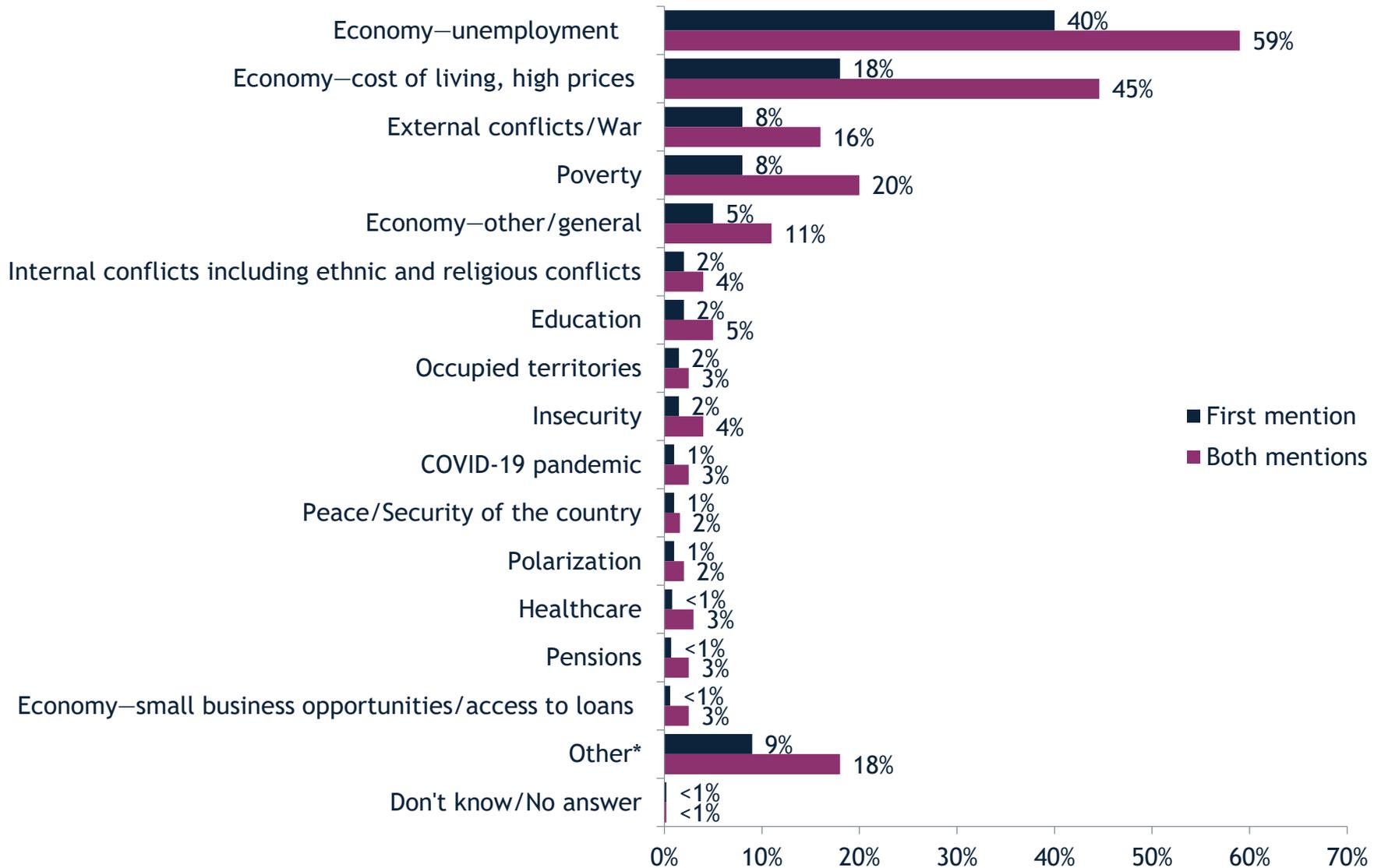
Over the last 12 months*, how has the economic situation in Georgia changed?



* In surveys before 2008 the question was about the period of 3 months, in surveys from 2008 to 2017 - about the period of 2 months

What is the most important problem facing our country today?

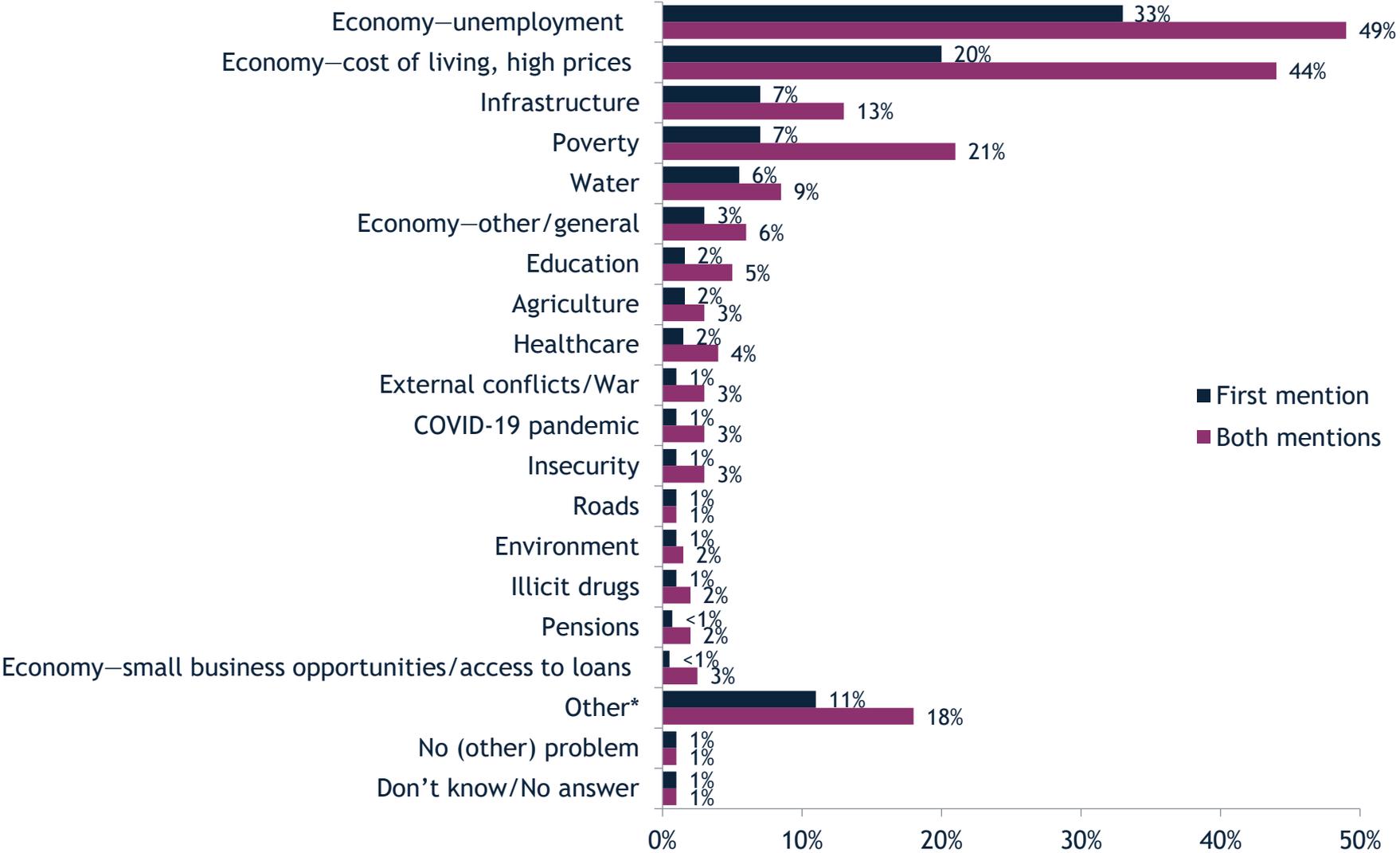
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What is the most important problem facing your town/village today?

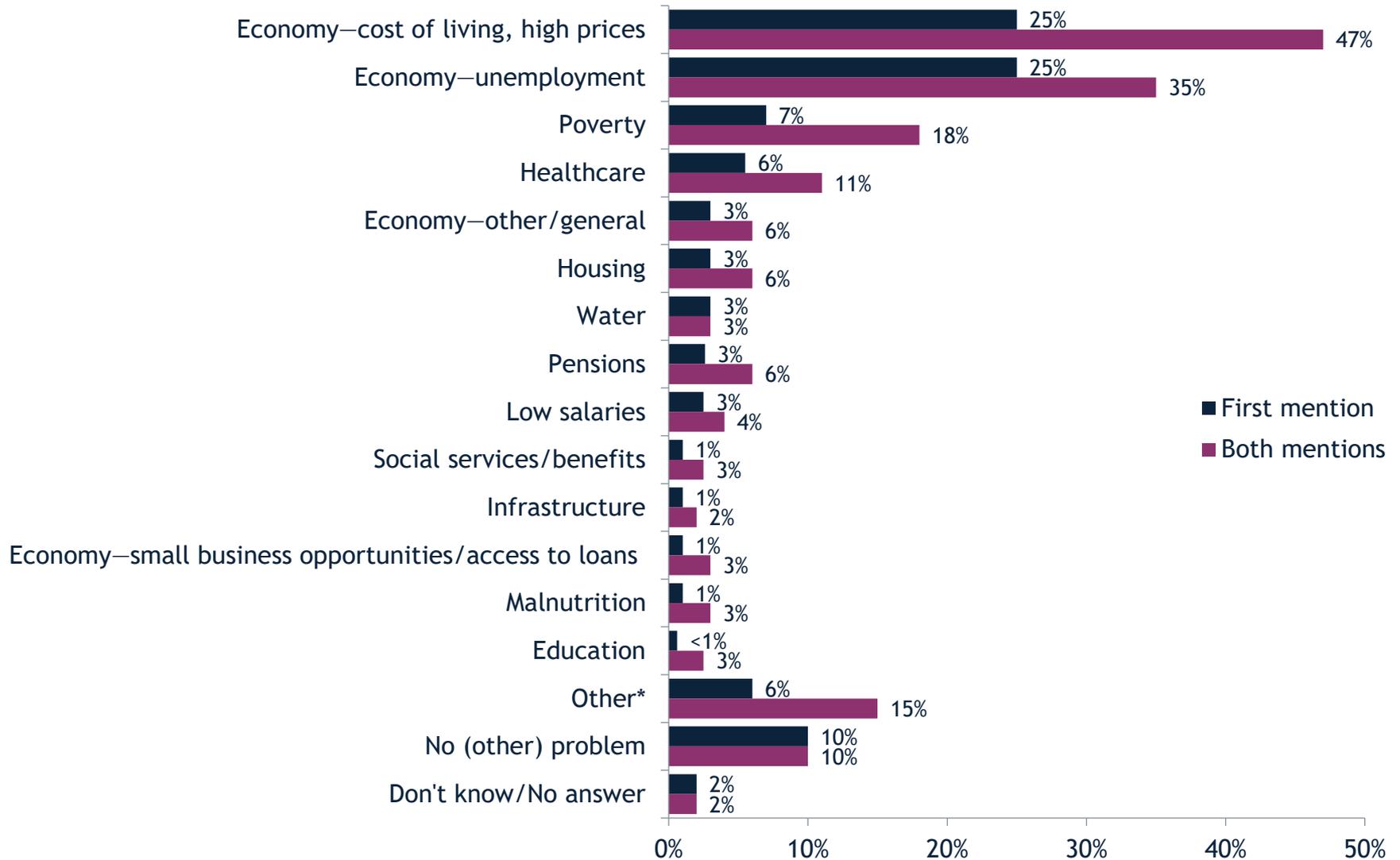
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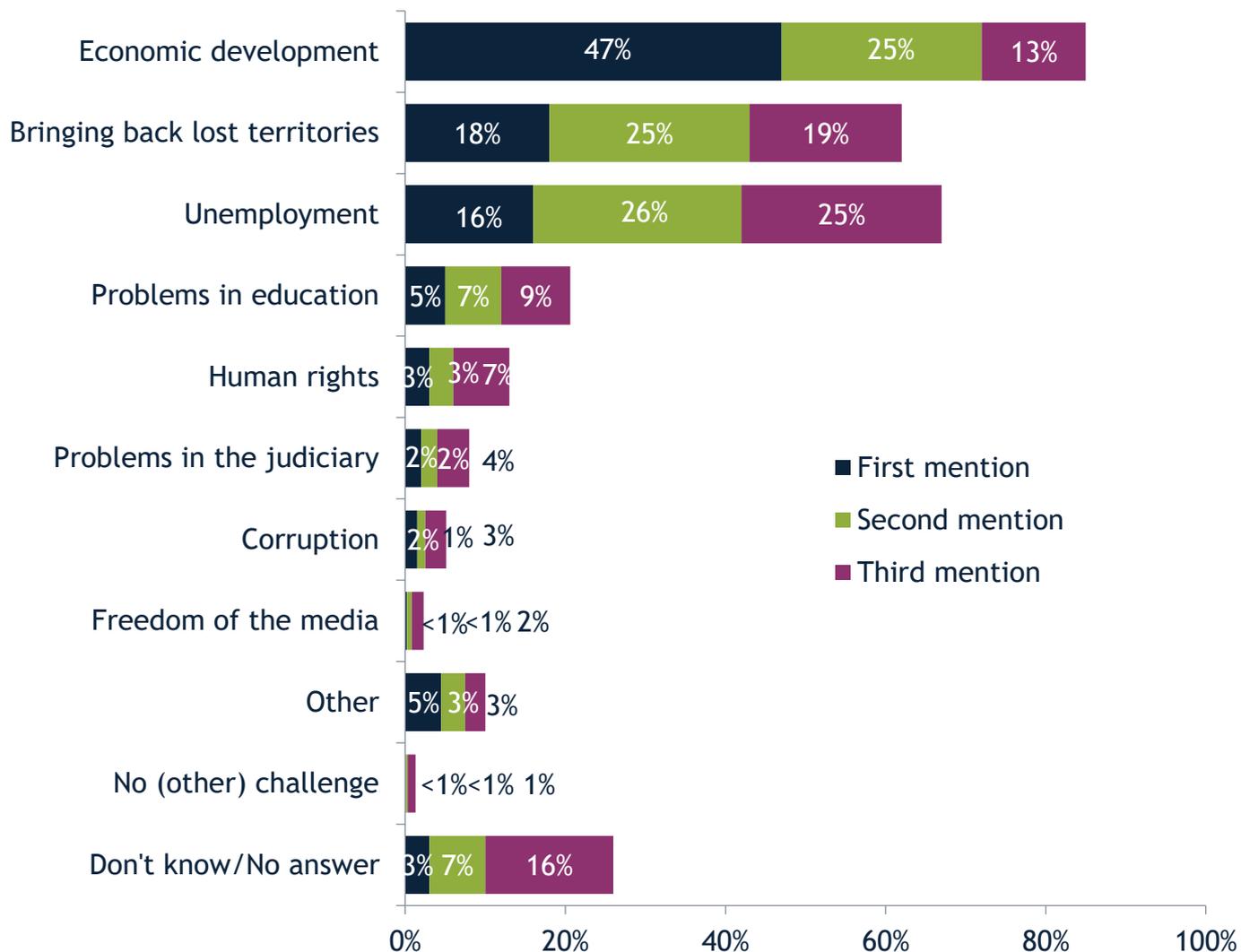
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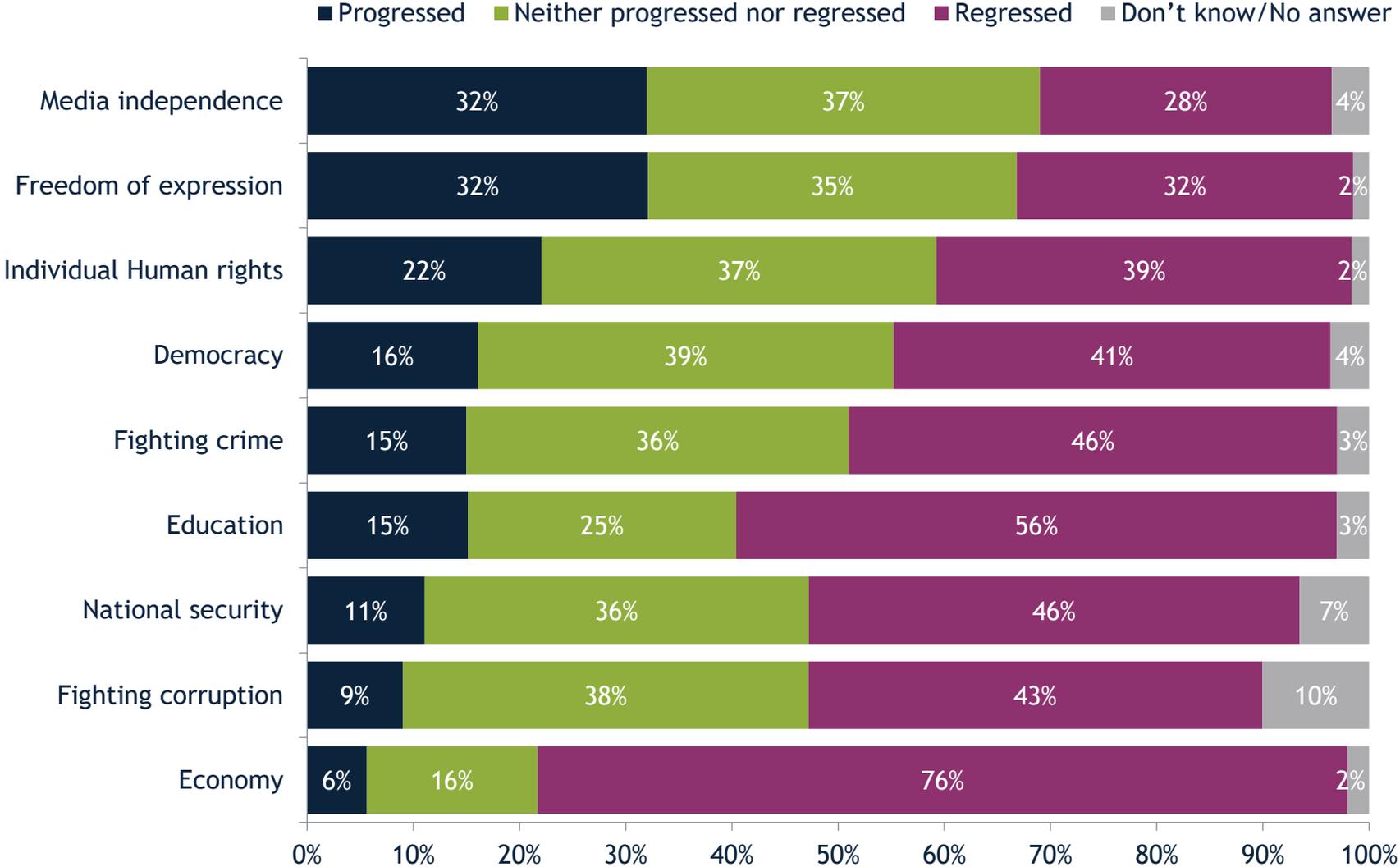
What do you think are the three biggest challenges for Georgia's democratic development and future?*

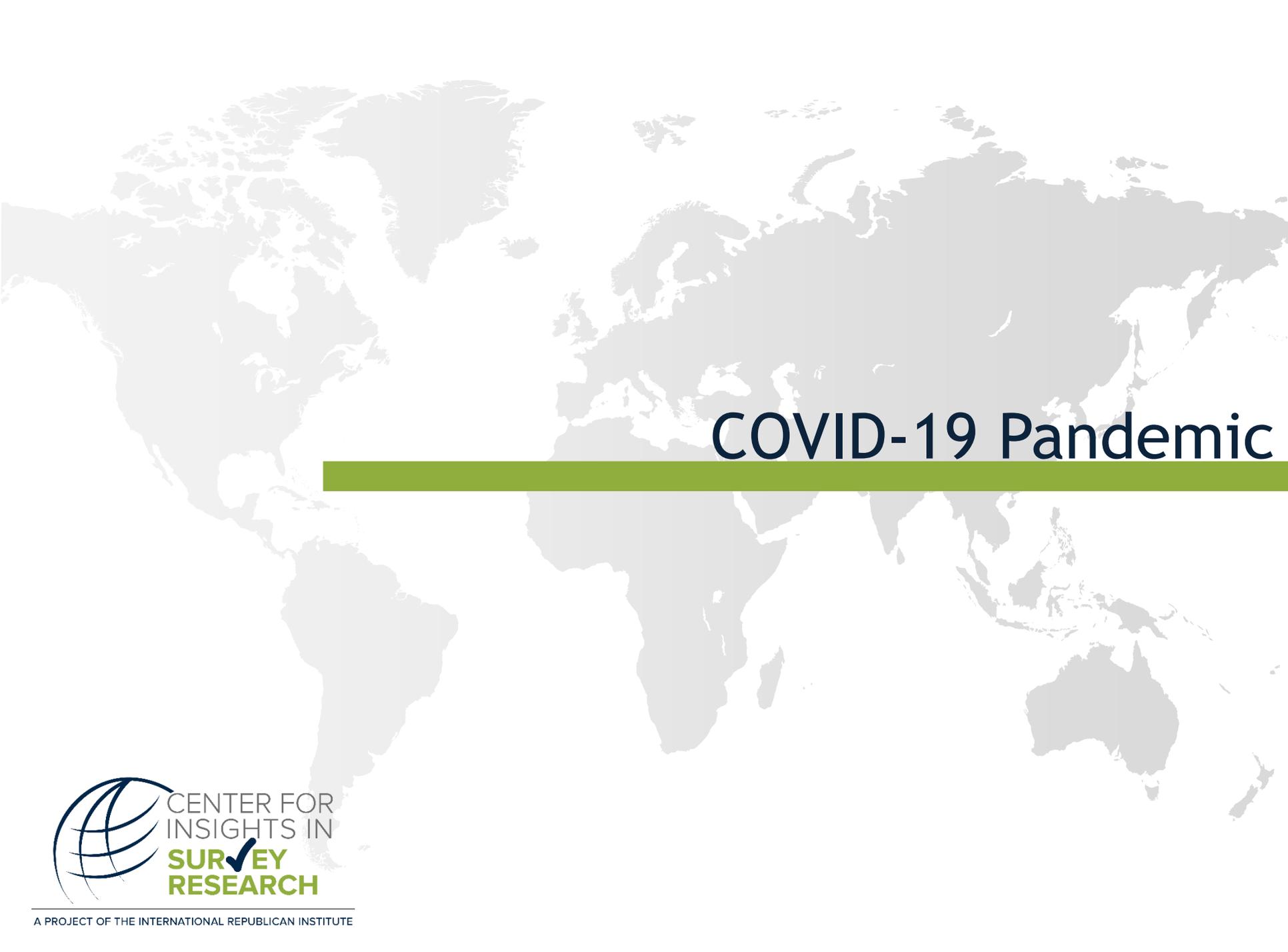
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How do you feel about the direction of each of the following issues? Have they progressed or regressed over the past year?



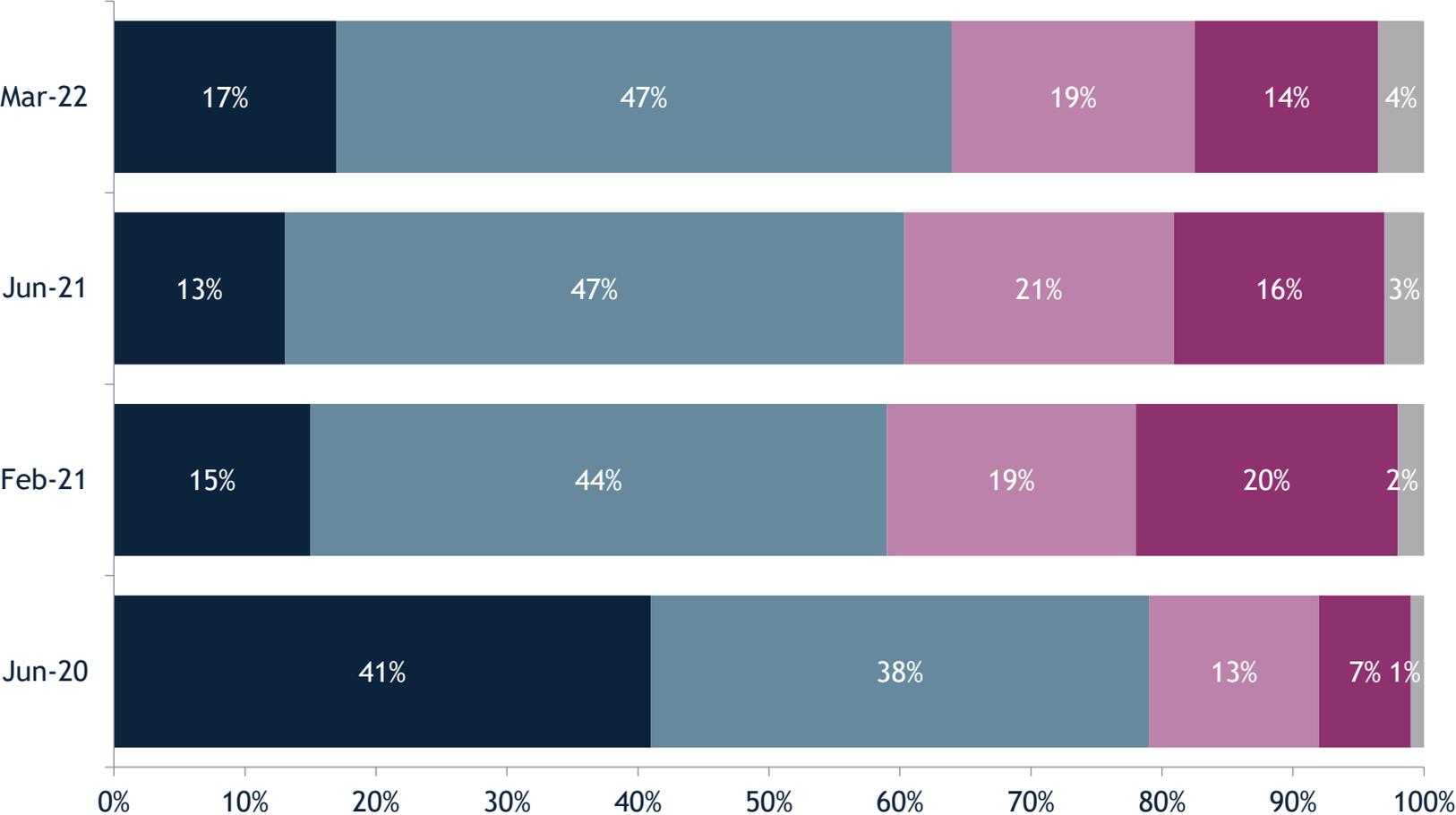


COVID-19 Pandemic



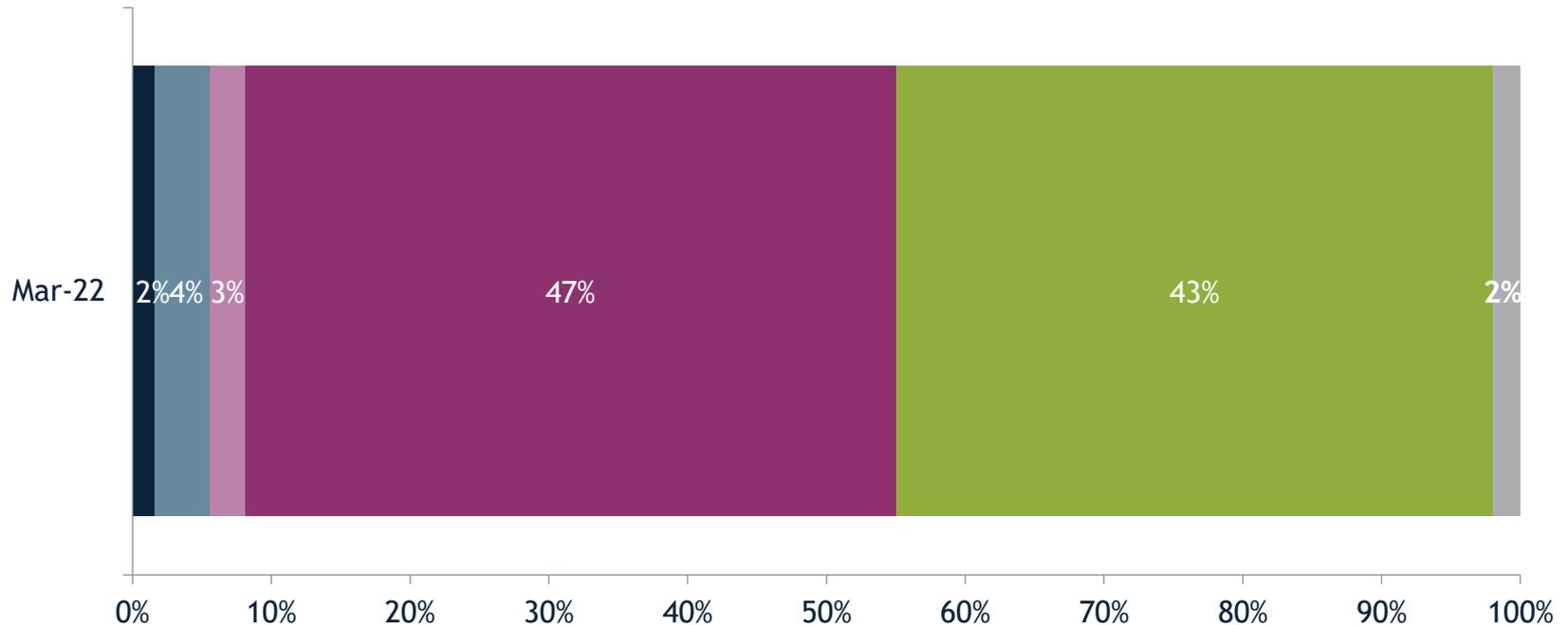
To what extent are you satisfied with the government's response to COVID-19?

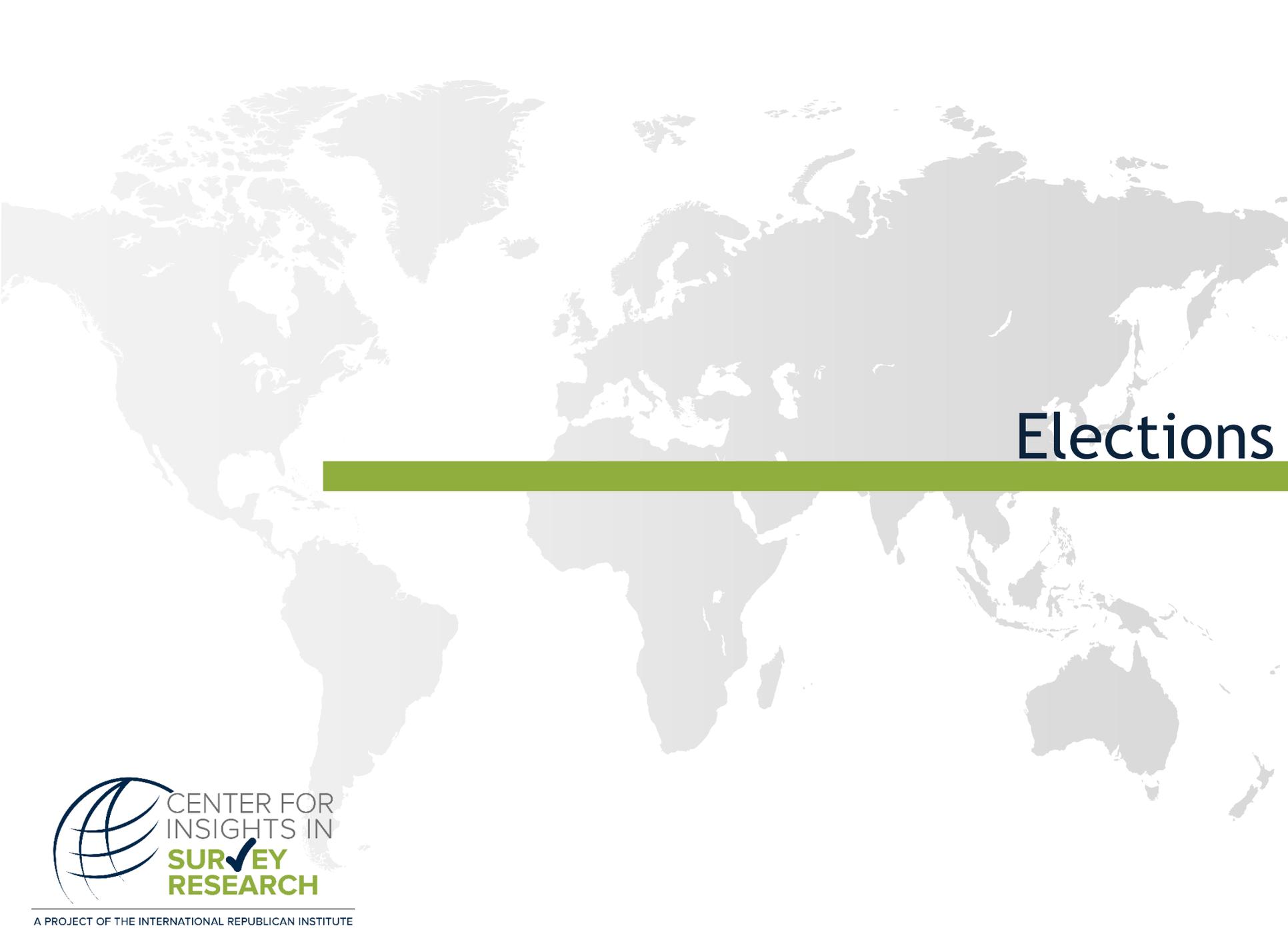
■ Very satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Somewhat unsatisfied ■ Very unsatisfied ■ Don't know/No answer



As the COVID-19 vaccination process continues, what will be your decision?

- I will get vaccinated soon
- I will get vaccinated after some time will pass
- I will get vaccinated only if required by the law or my employer
- I will not get vaccinated
- I am already vaccinated
- Don't know/No answer

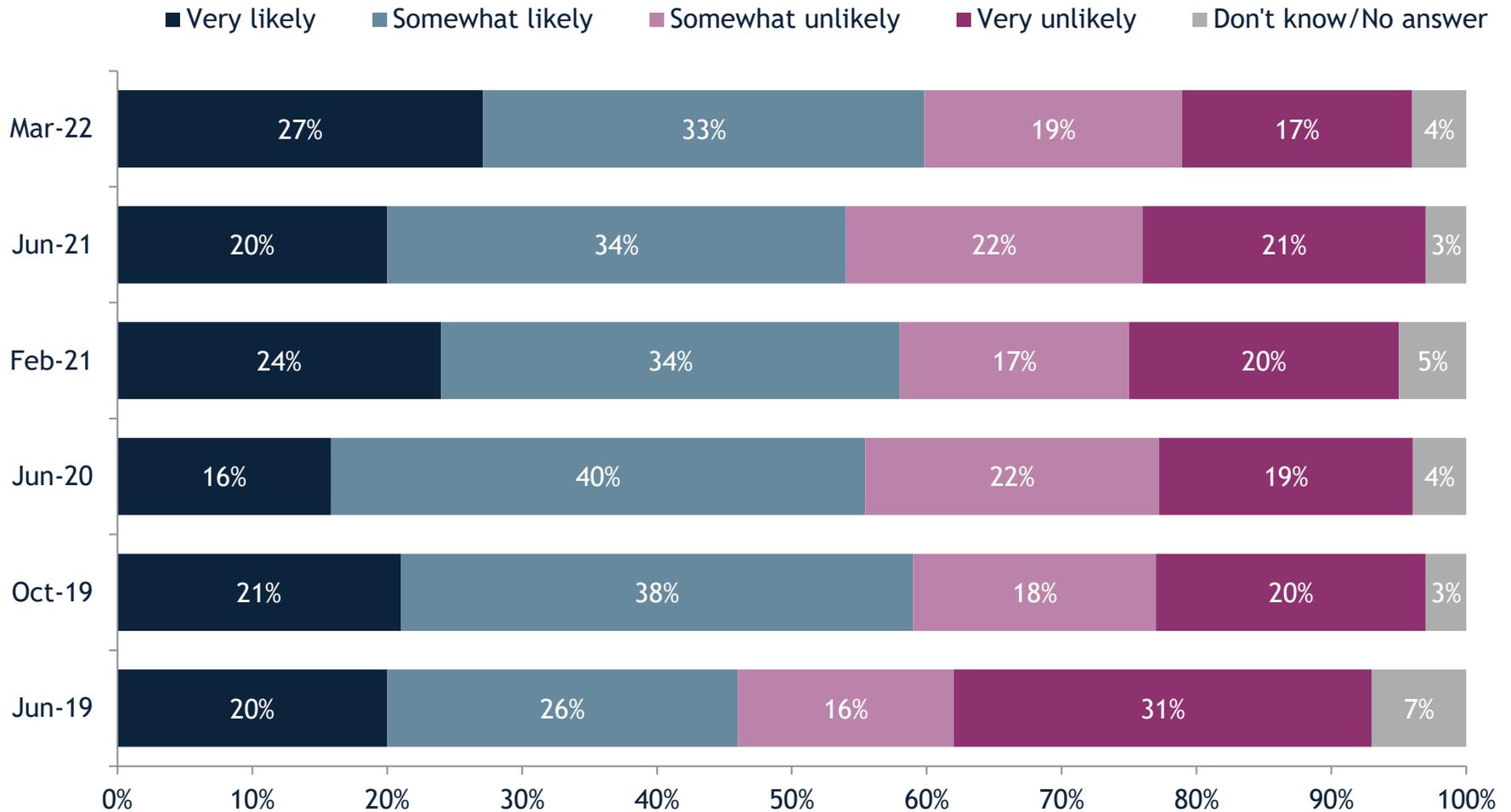




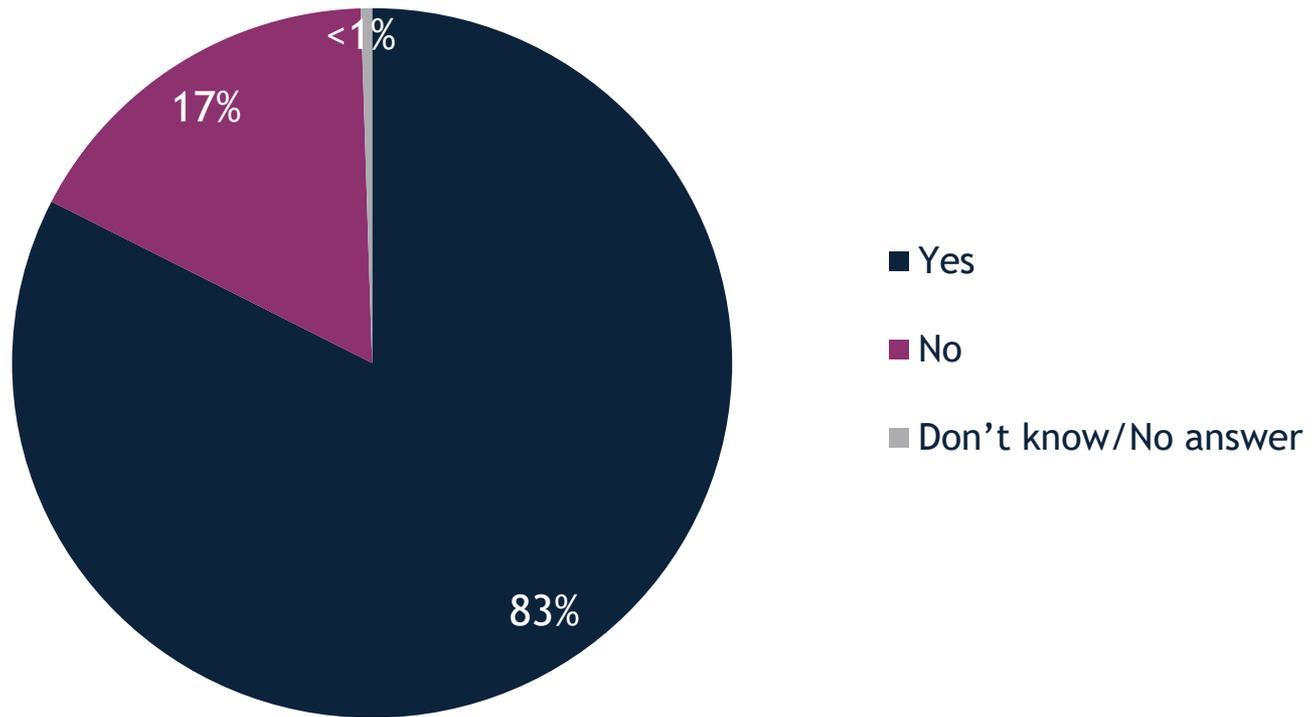
Elections



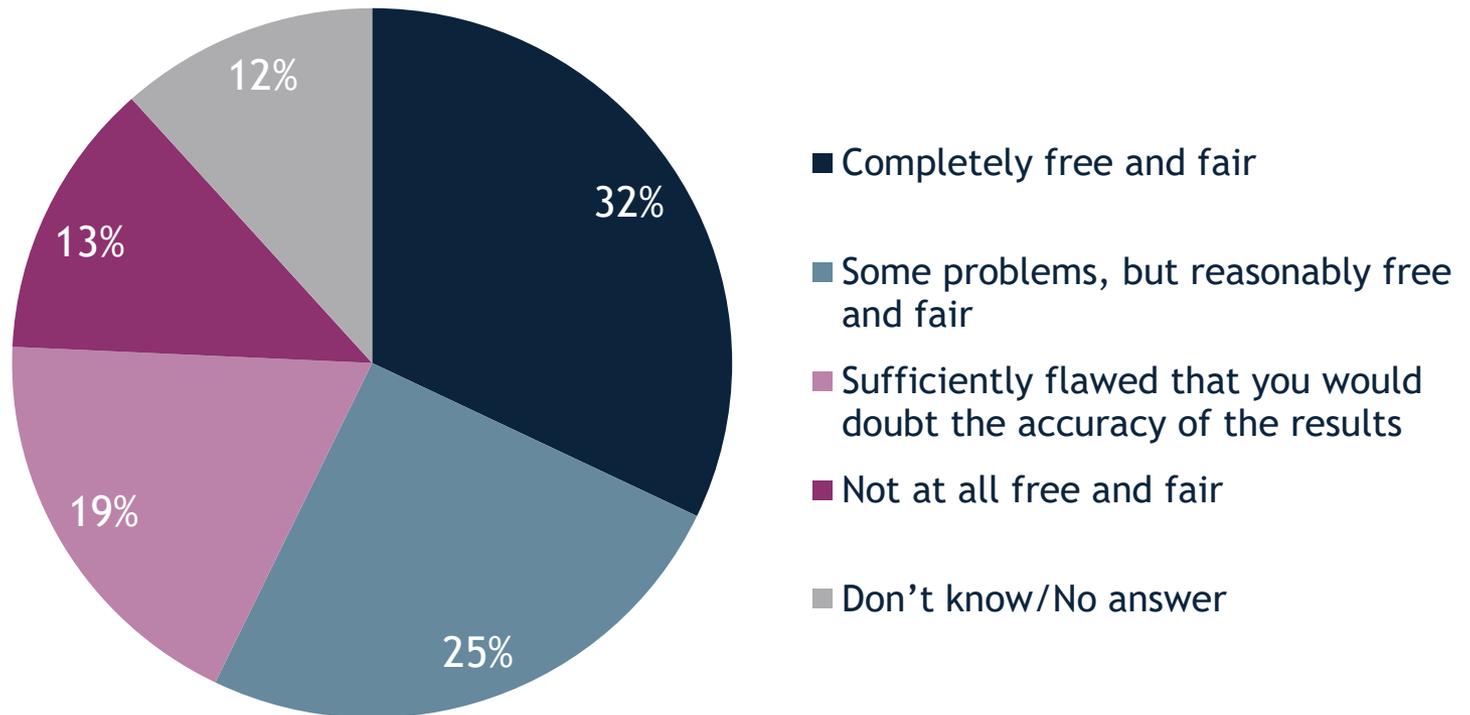
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made in our country?



Did you vote in the 2021 Municipal Elections?

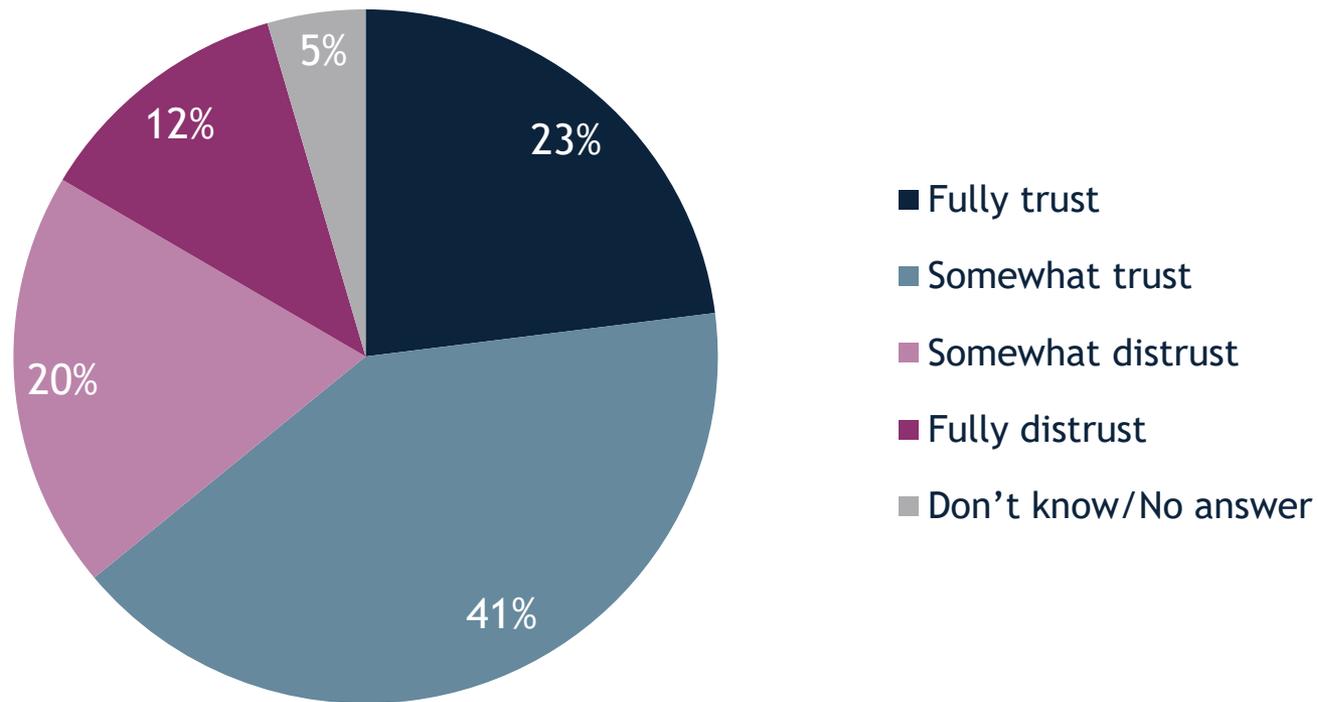


Thinking about elections in Georgia, how free and fair were the October 2021 municipal elections?

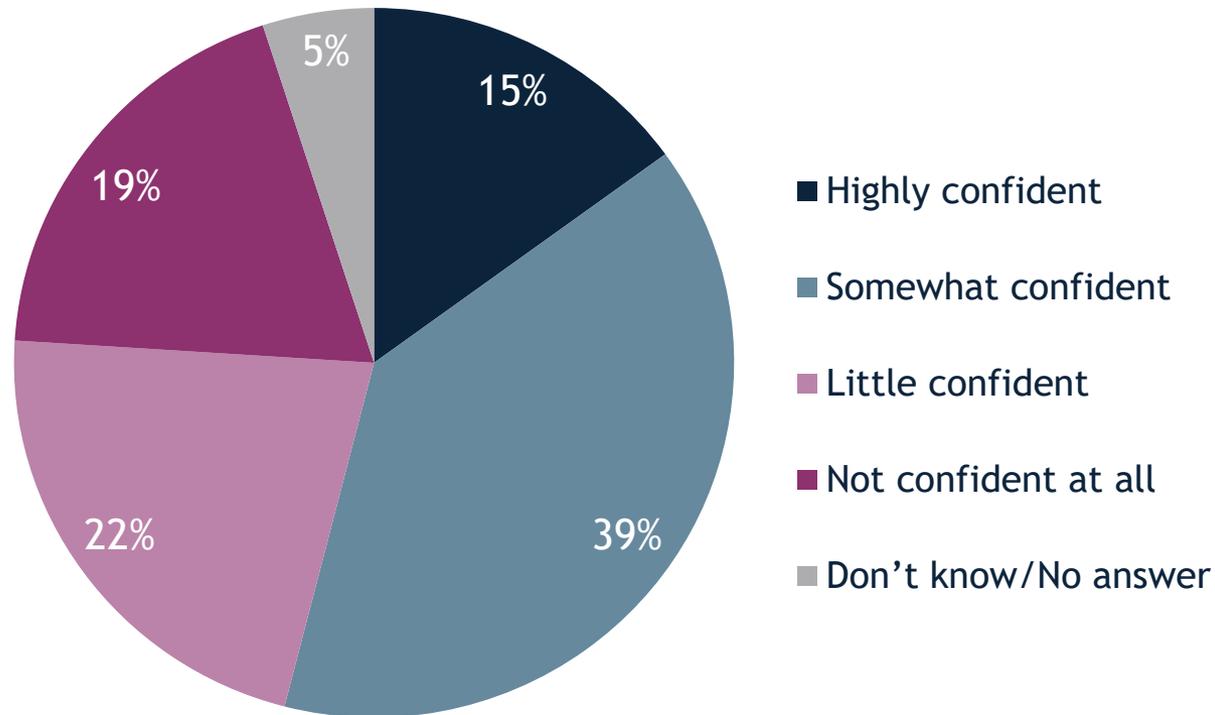


Do you trust the opinion of local election observation organizations regarding whether or not the elections were free, fair and transparent?

(Respondents who voted in the 2021 Municipal Elections, n=1,225)

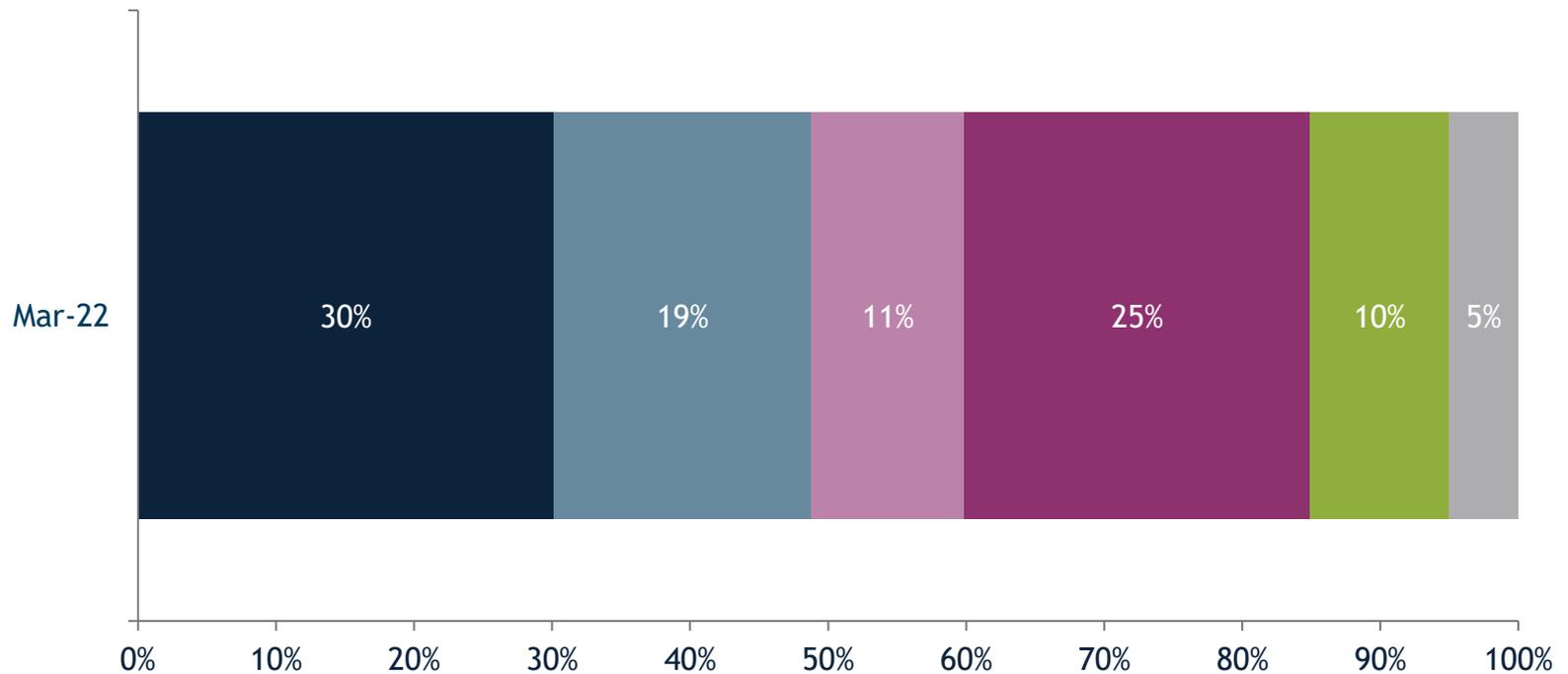


As you may know, the Central Election Commission, also known as CEC or CESCO, is the body responsible for conducting national elections in Georgia. How confident, if at all, are you in the Central Election Commission's ability to organize and supervise credible elections?



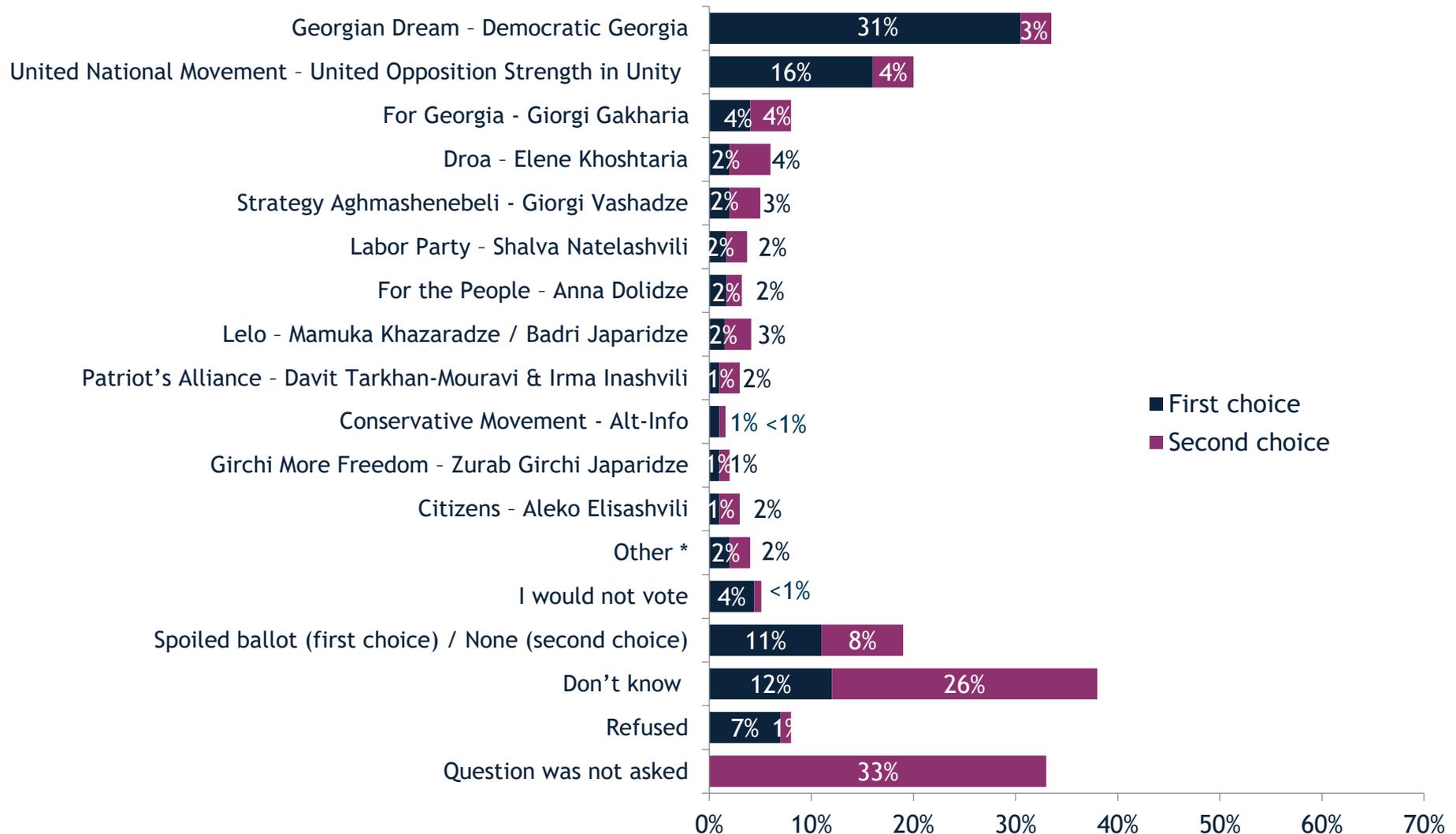
Do you support or oppose the opposition demand for snap parliamentary elections in Georgia?

- Definitely support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat oppose
- Definitely oppose
- Does not make sense / will not change anything
- Don't know/No answer



If Parliamentary Elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote? (First choice)

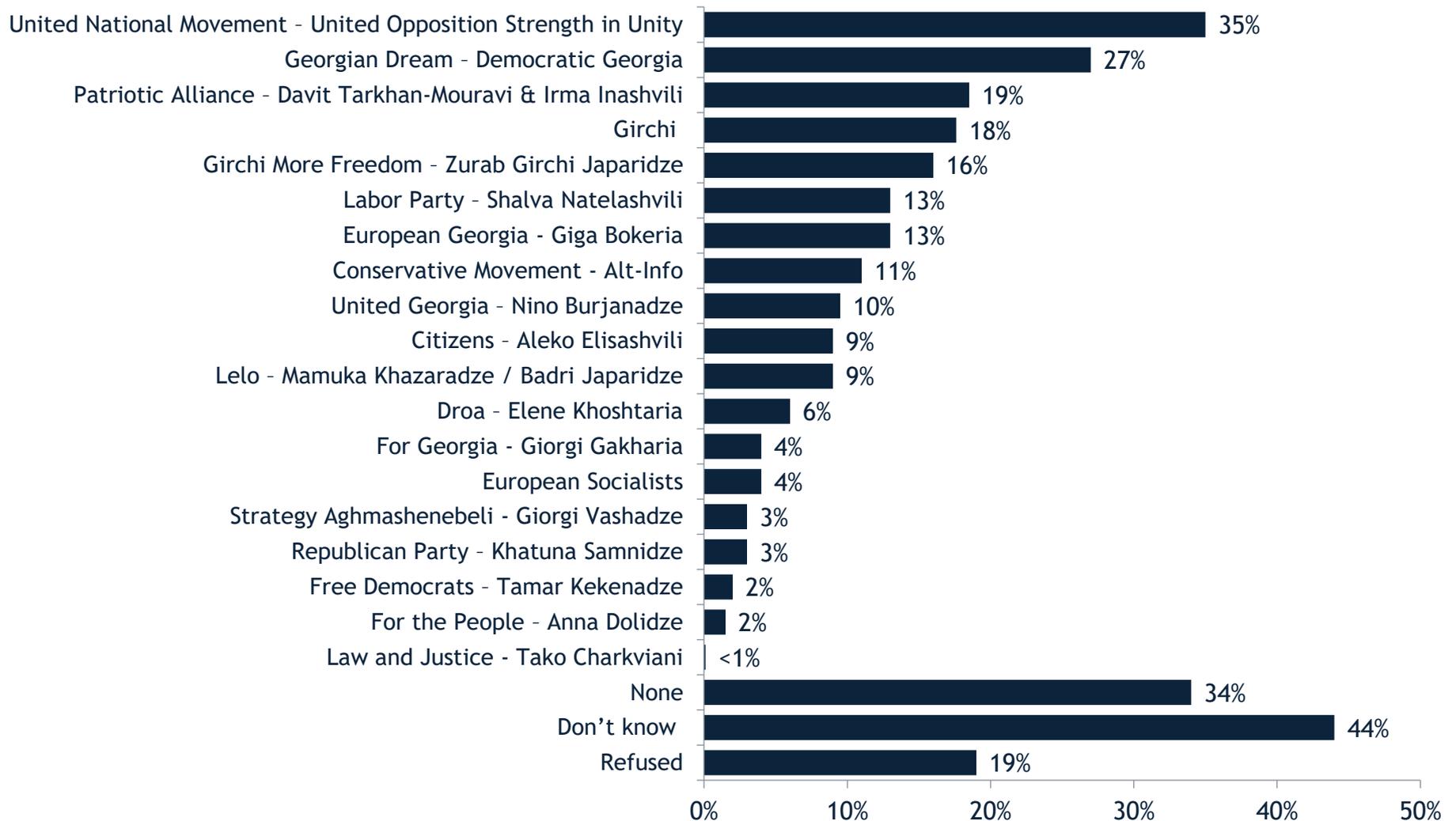
If your first-choice party would not be on the ballot, who would you vote for instead? (Second choice)



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Which parties, if any, would you not vote for under any circumstances?

(Respondents allowed to provide up to three responses)

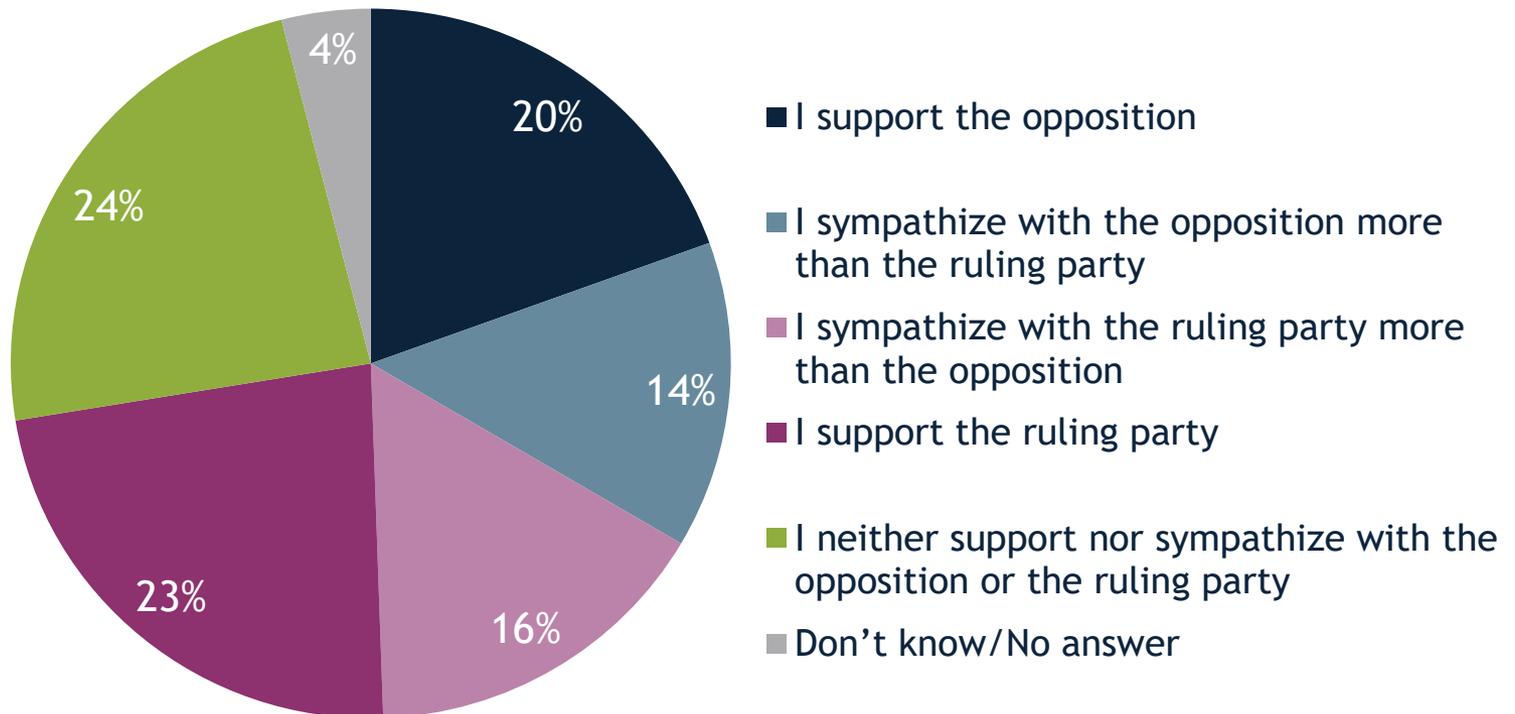




Political Parties

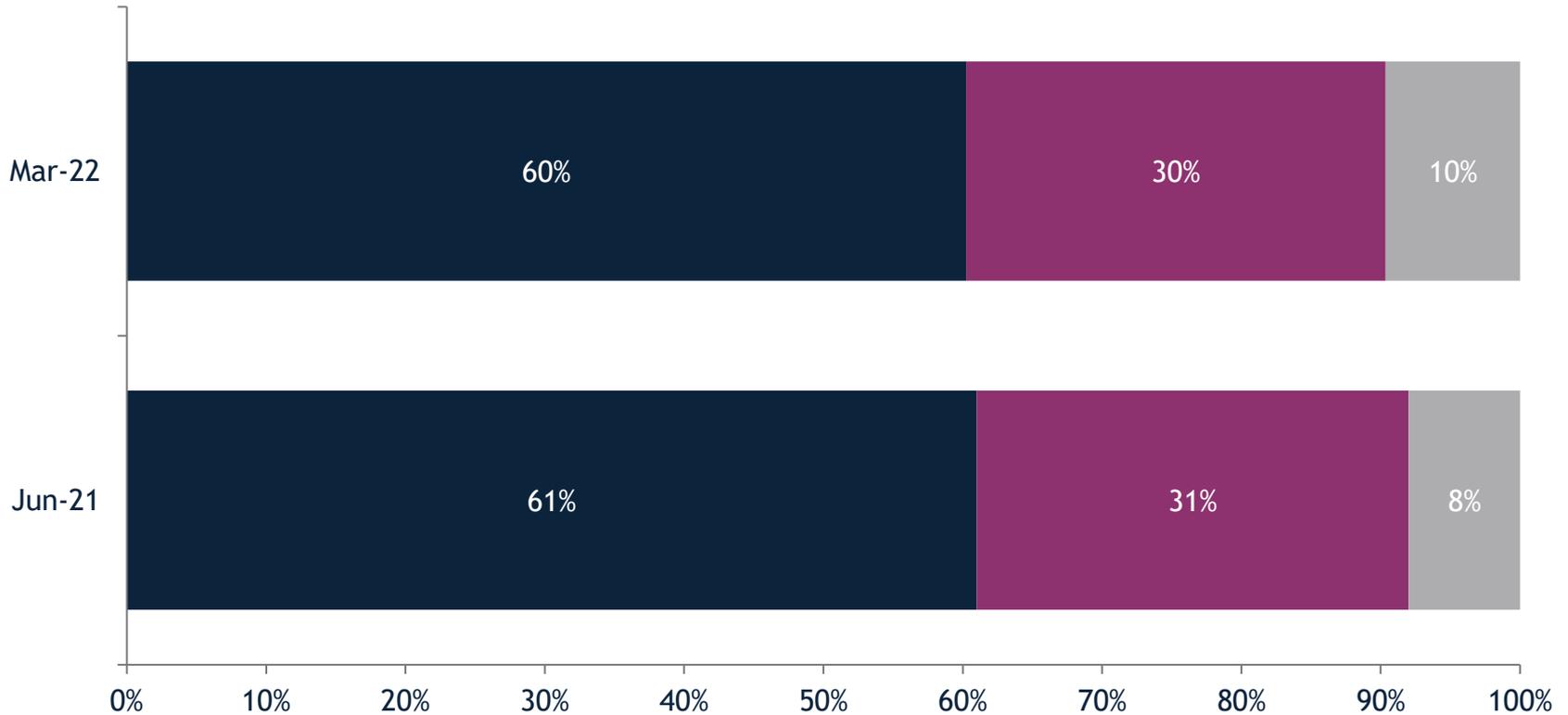


Do you sympathize more with the ruling party or the opposition?

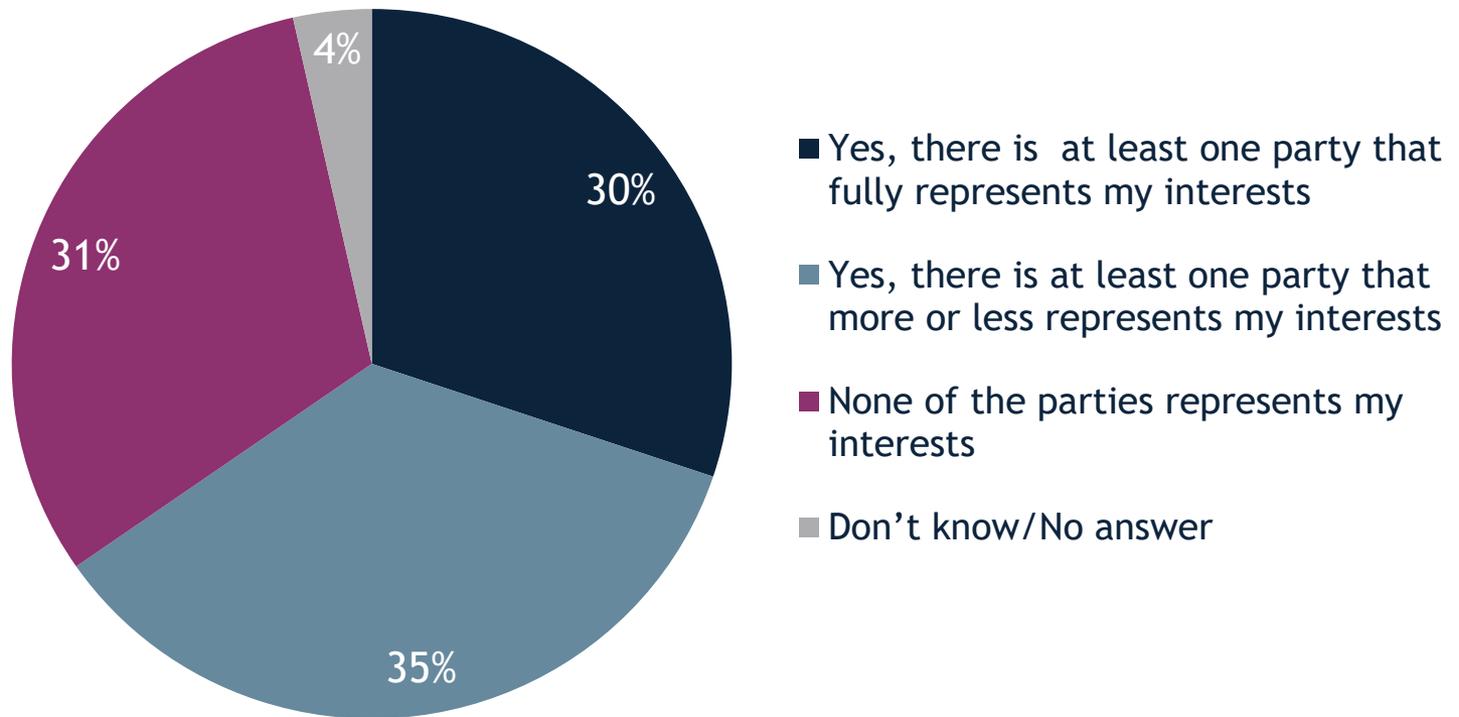


Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?

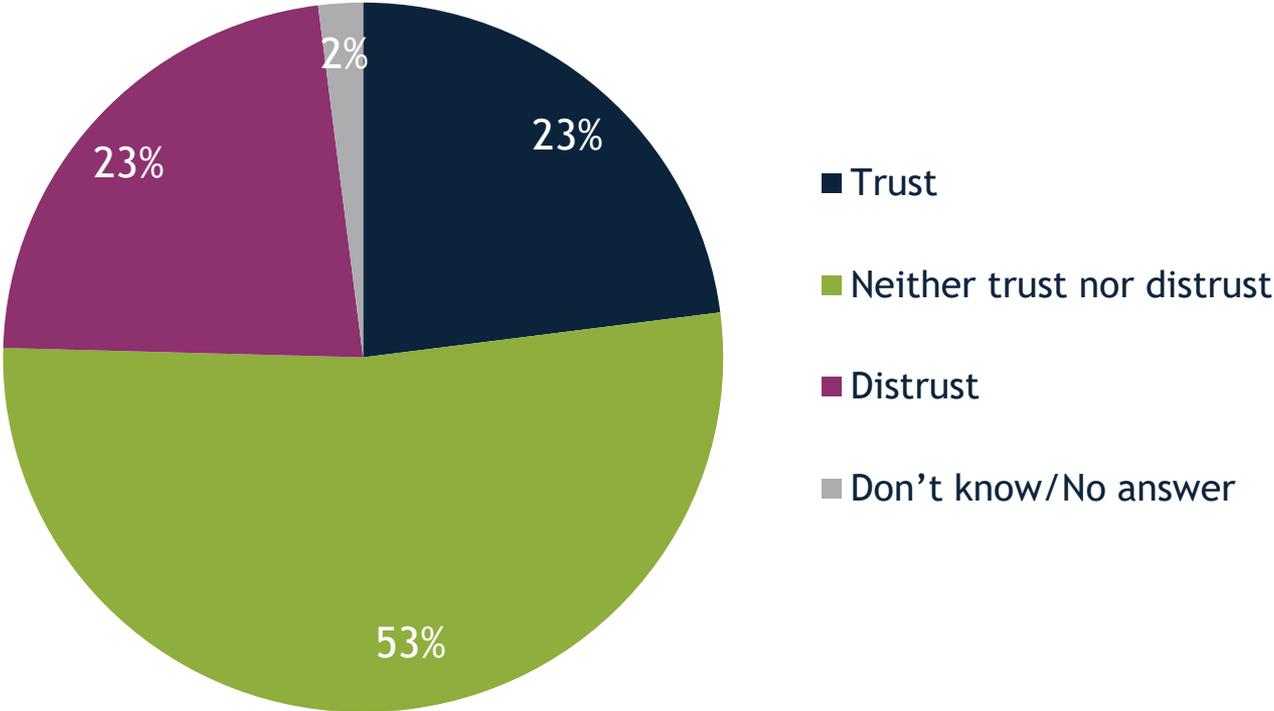
■ I would like to see new political parties ■ I am satisfied with the current choices ■ Don't know/No answer



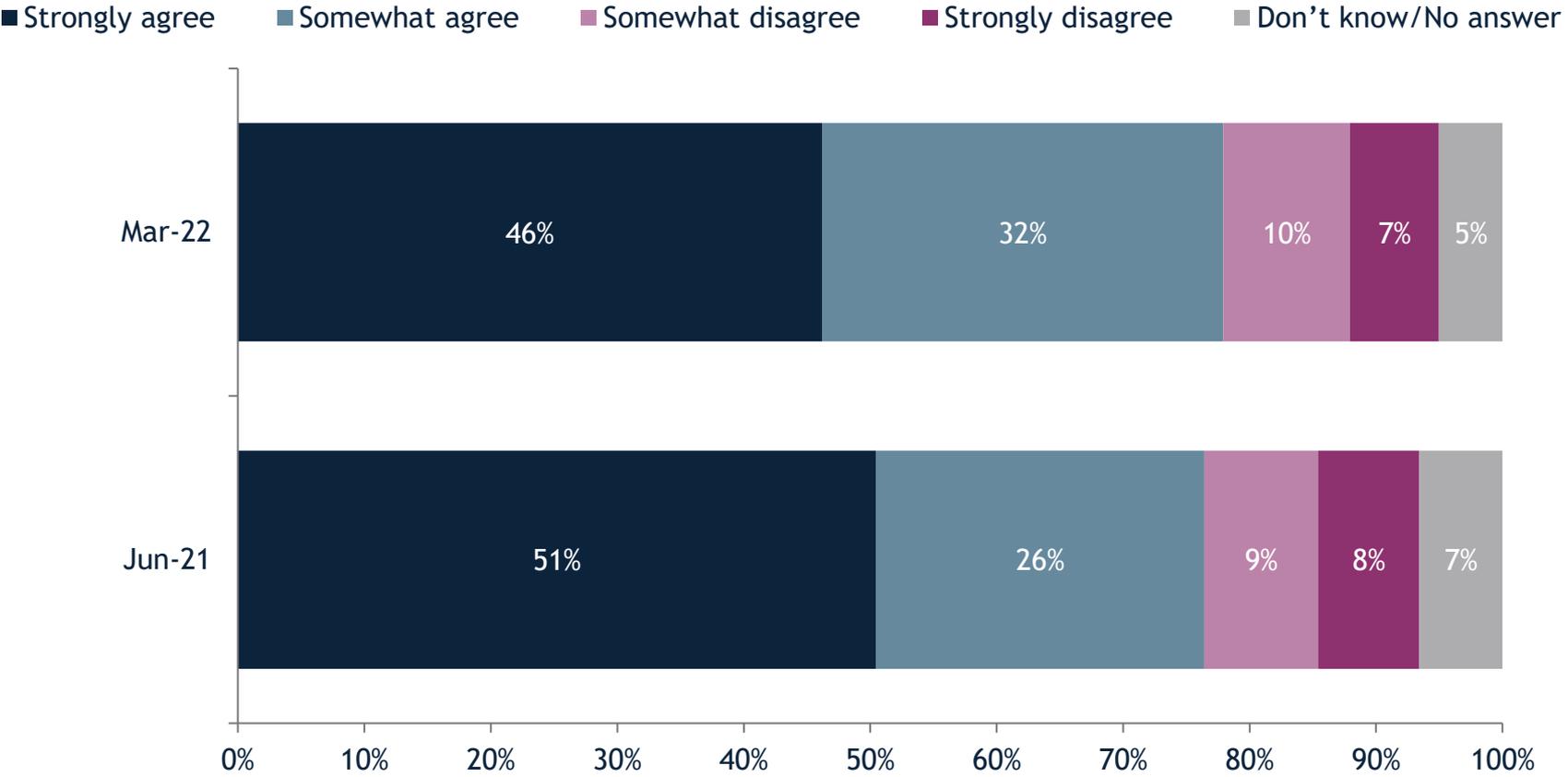
Do you believe that at least one political party in Georgia represents your interests?



Please tell me: Do you trust or distrust Georgia's political parties?

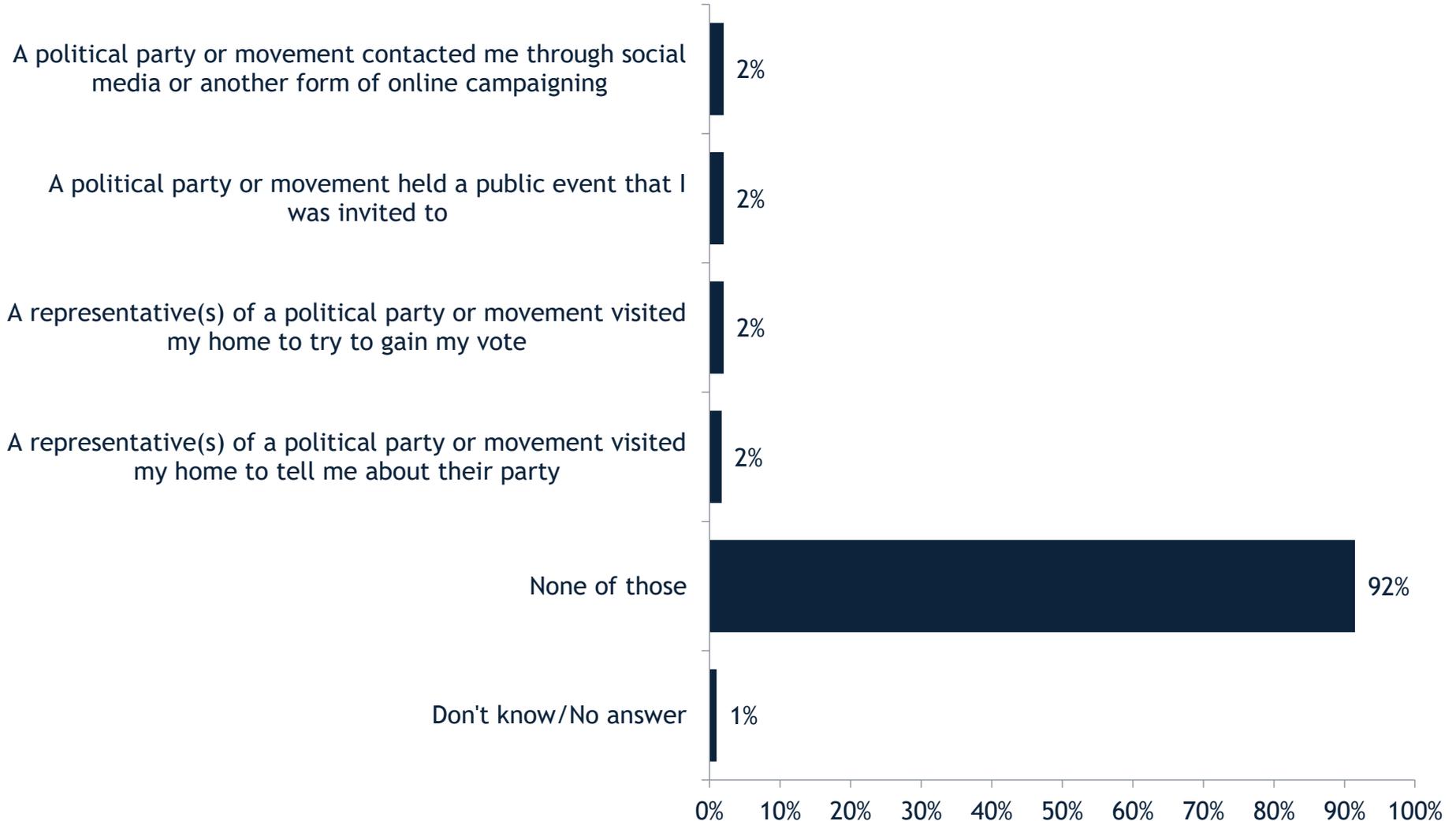


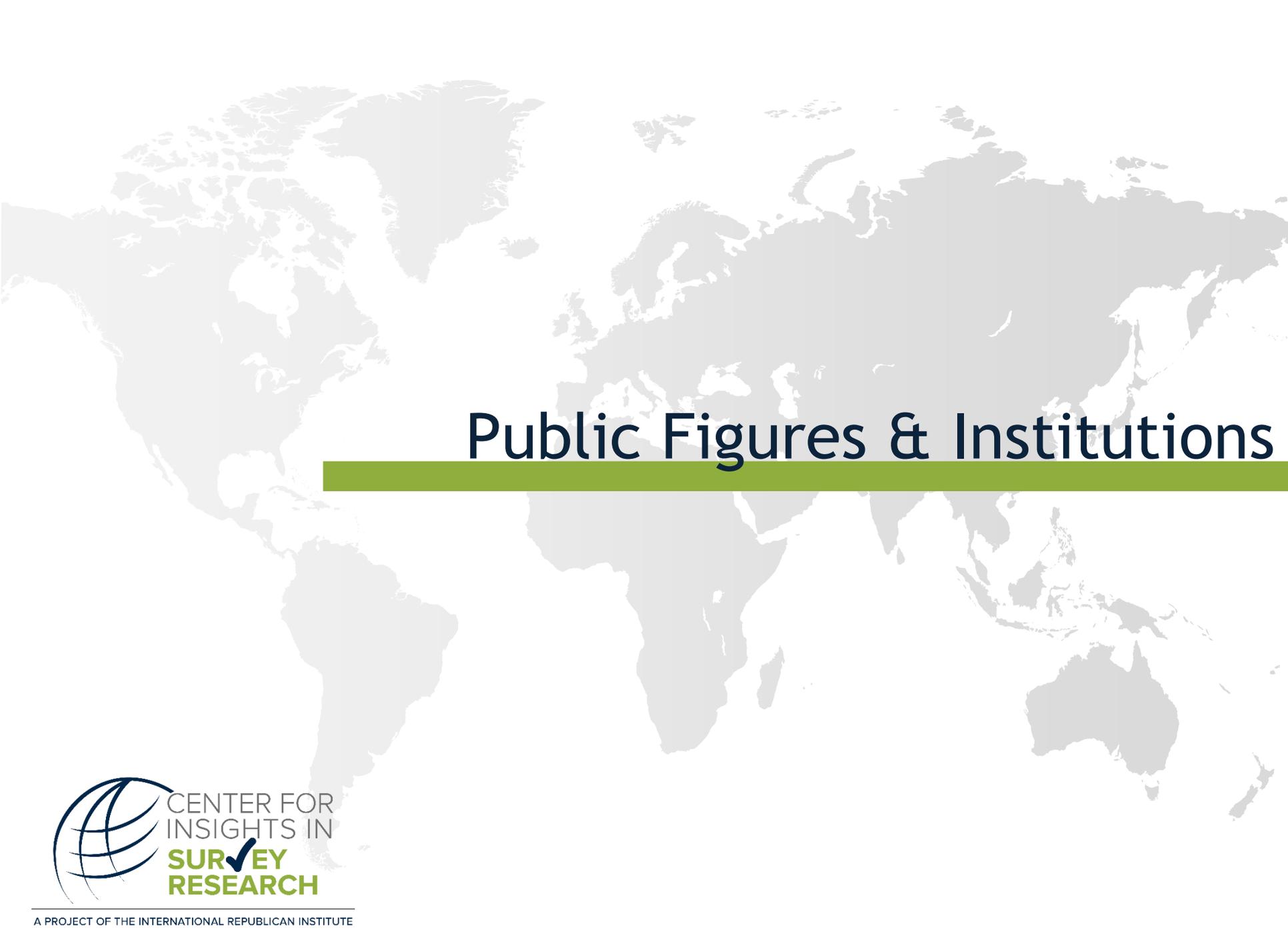
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “It is healthy for Georgia’s democracy to have multiple parties in power”?



In the past six months, have any of the following happened to you?

(Respondents permitted to provide multiple answers)

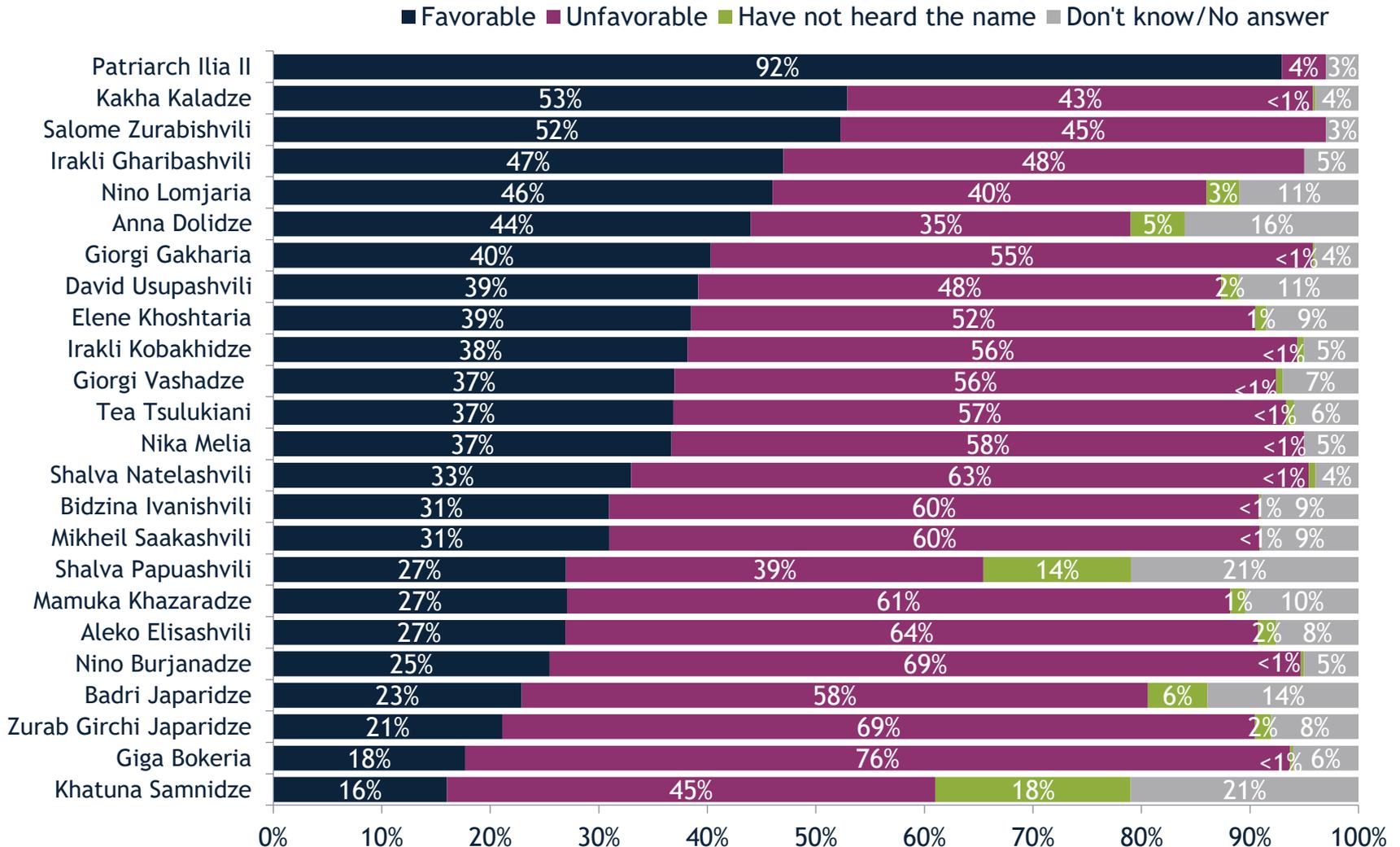




Public Figures & Institutions

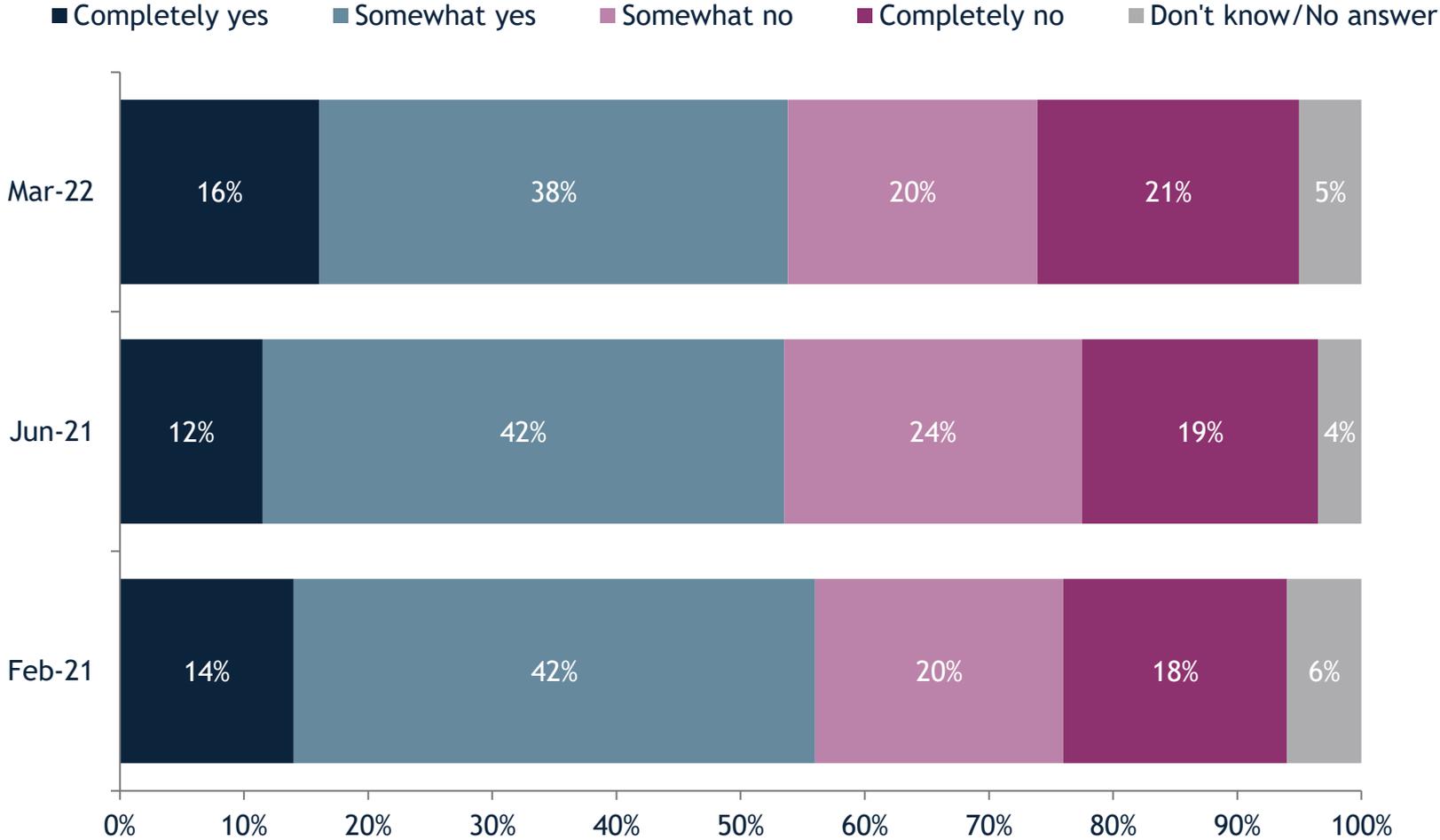


I will read you a list of names. For each, please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or highly unfavorable opinion of this individual. If you have not heard of this person, please tell me.*

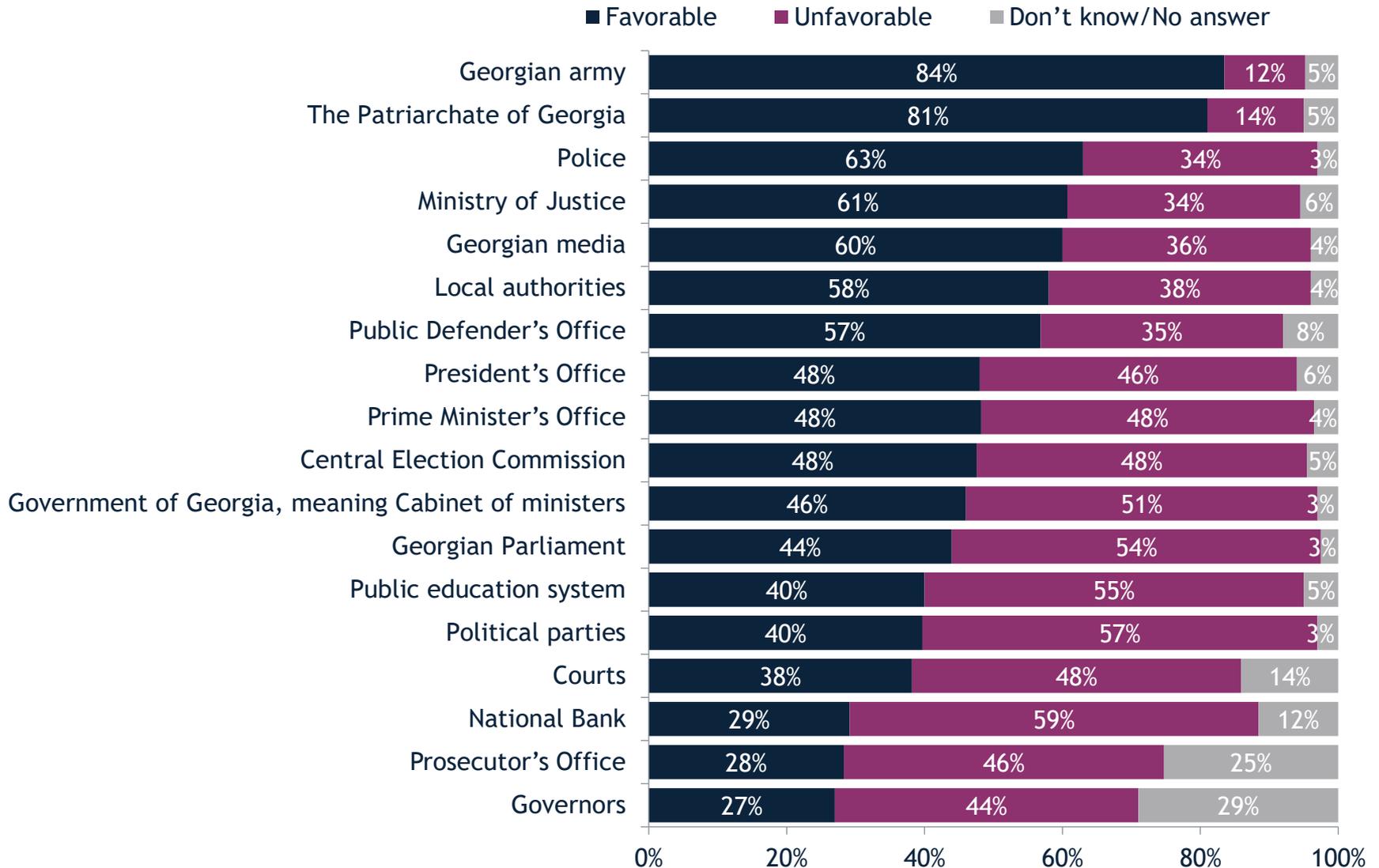


*Responses "Very favorable" and "Somewhat favorable" combined under "Favorable." Responses "Very unfavorable" and "Somewhat unfavorable" combined under "Unfavorable."

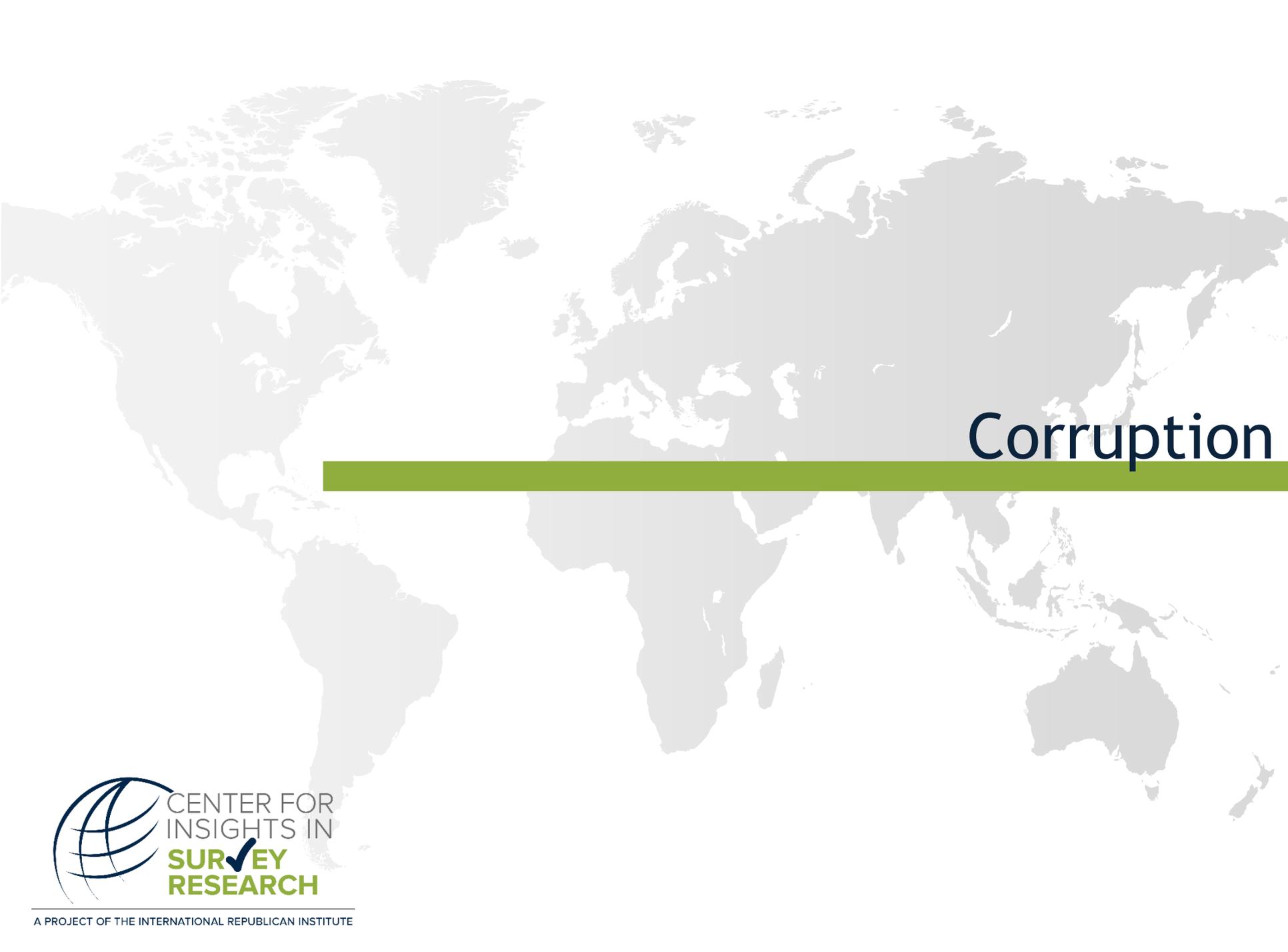
To what extent are your interests represented by the political system, meaning the government, Parliament and political parties, in Georgia?



What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?*



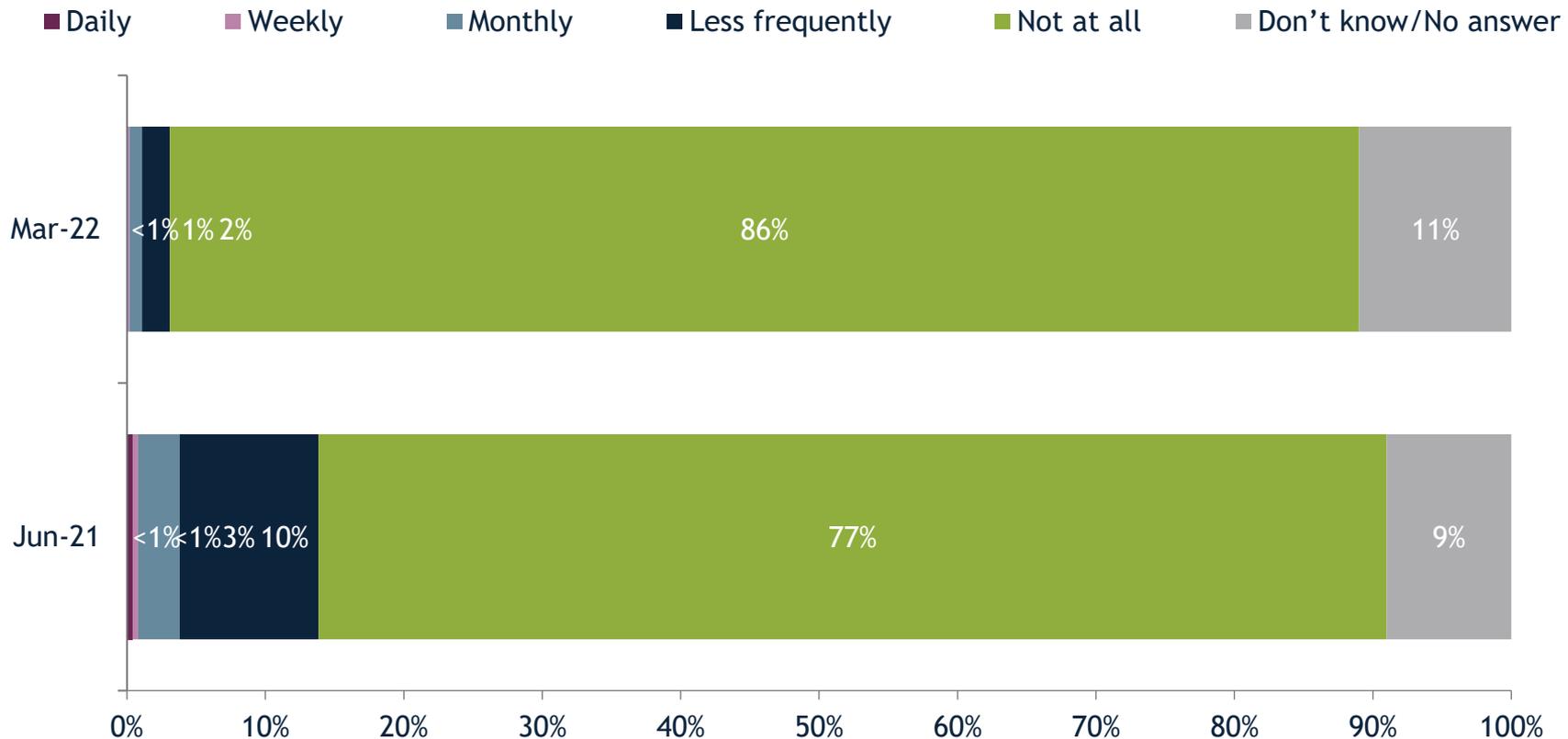
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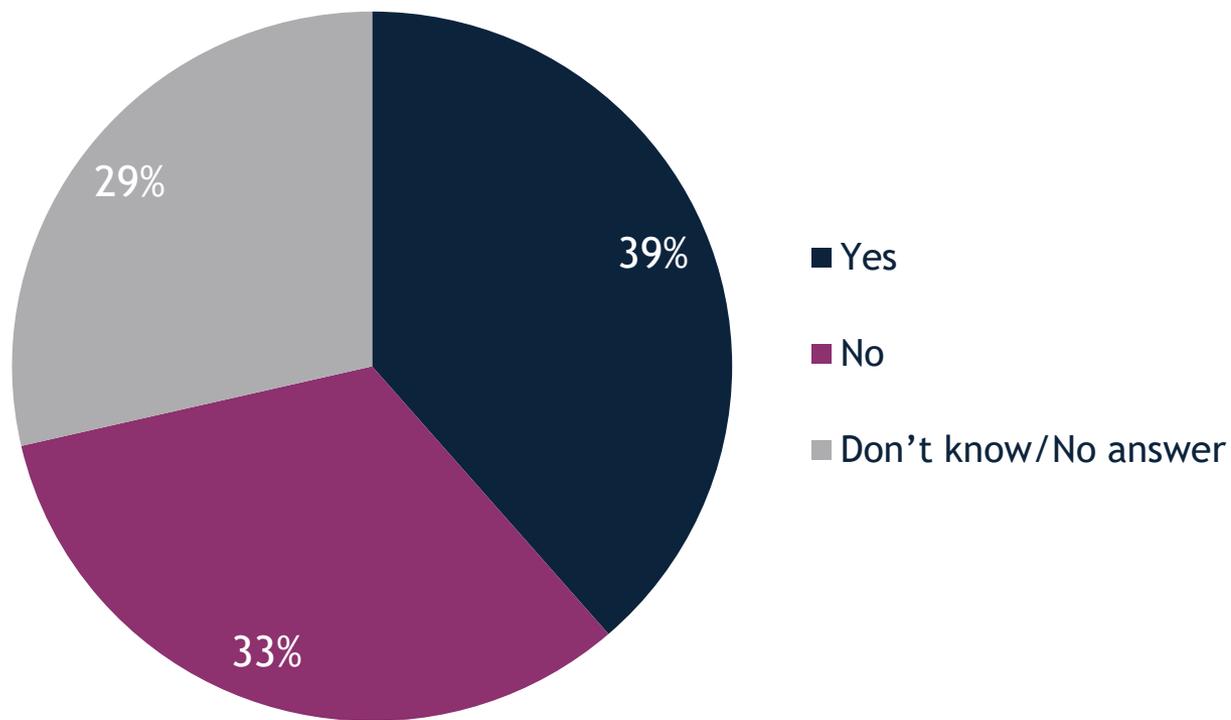
Corruption



Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?

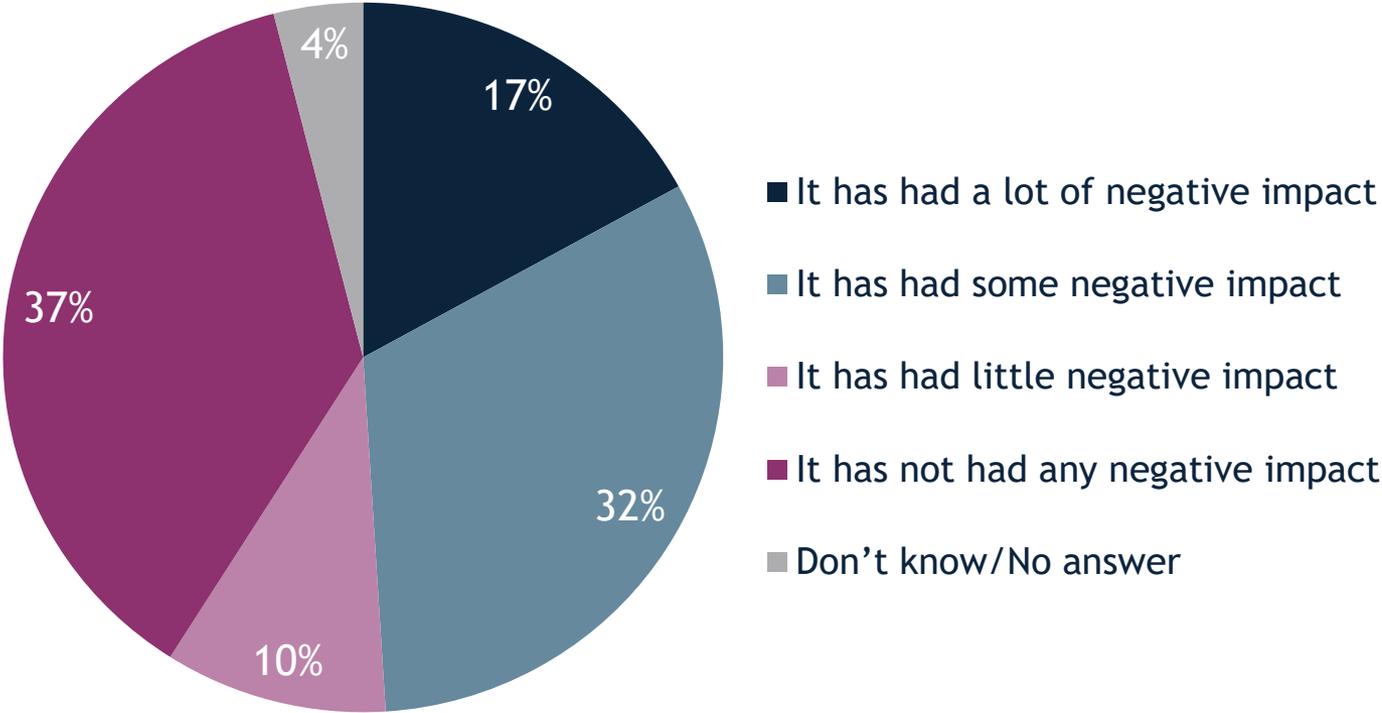


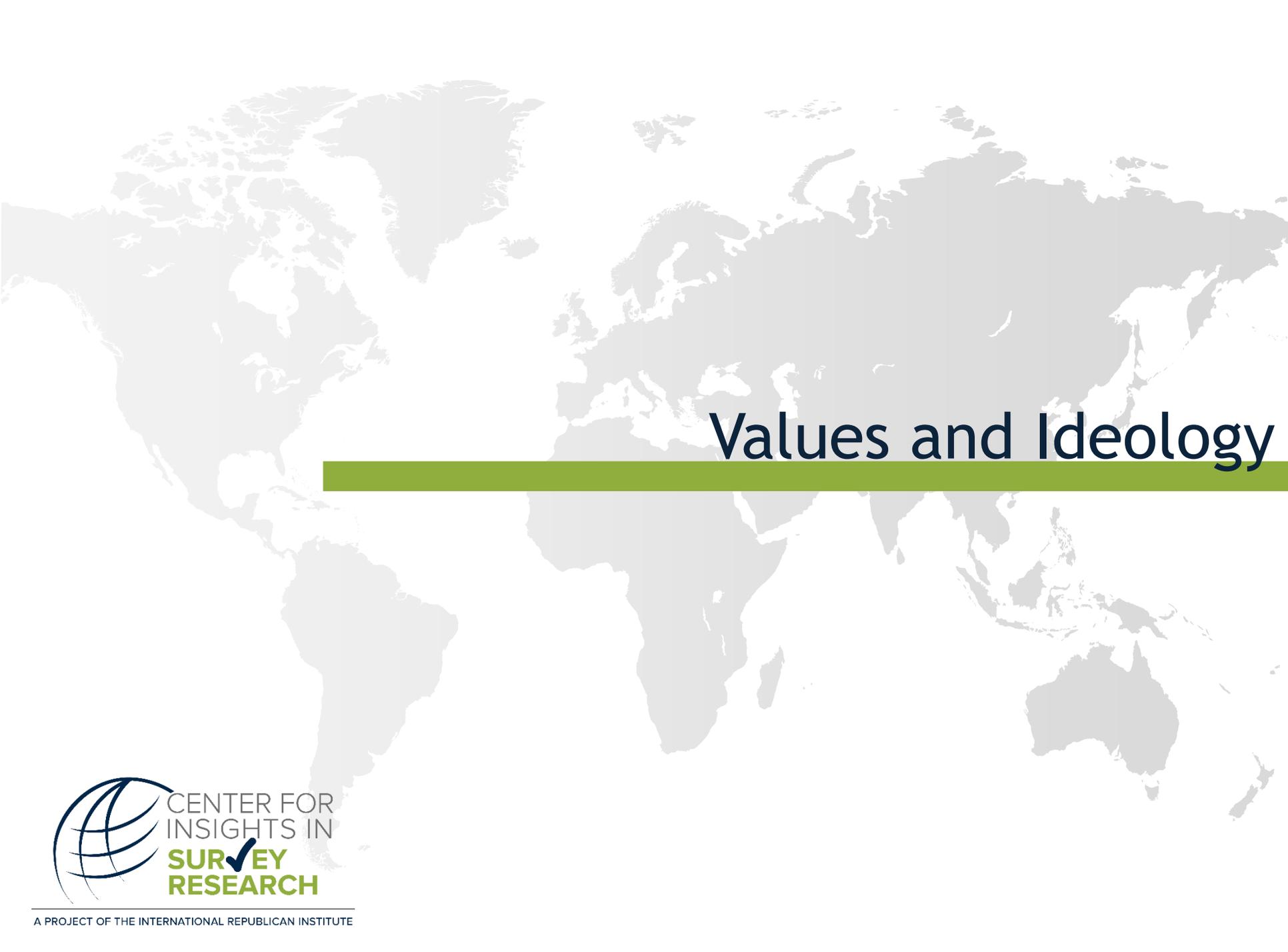
Now I would like to discuss systemic high-level corruption with you, by which I mean high-level state officials misusing their position for personal gains. In your opinion, does Georgia have systemic high-level corruption?



To what extent, if any, has systemic high-level corruption had a negative impact on you?

(Respondents who think that Georgia has systemic high-level corruption, n=577)



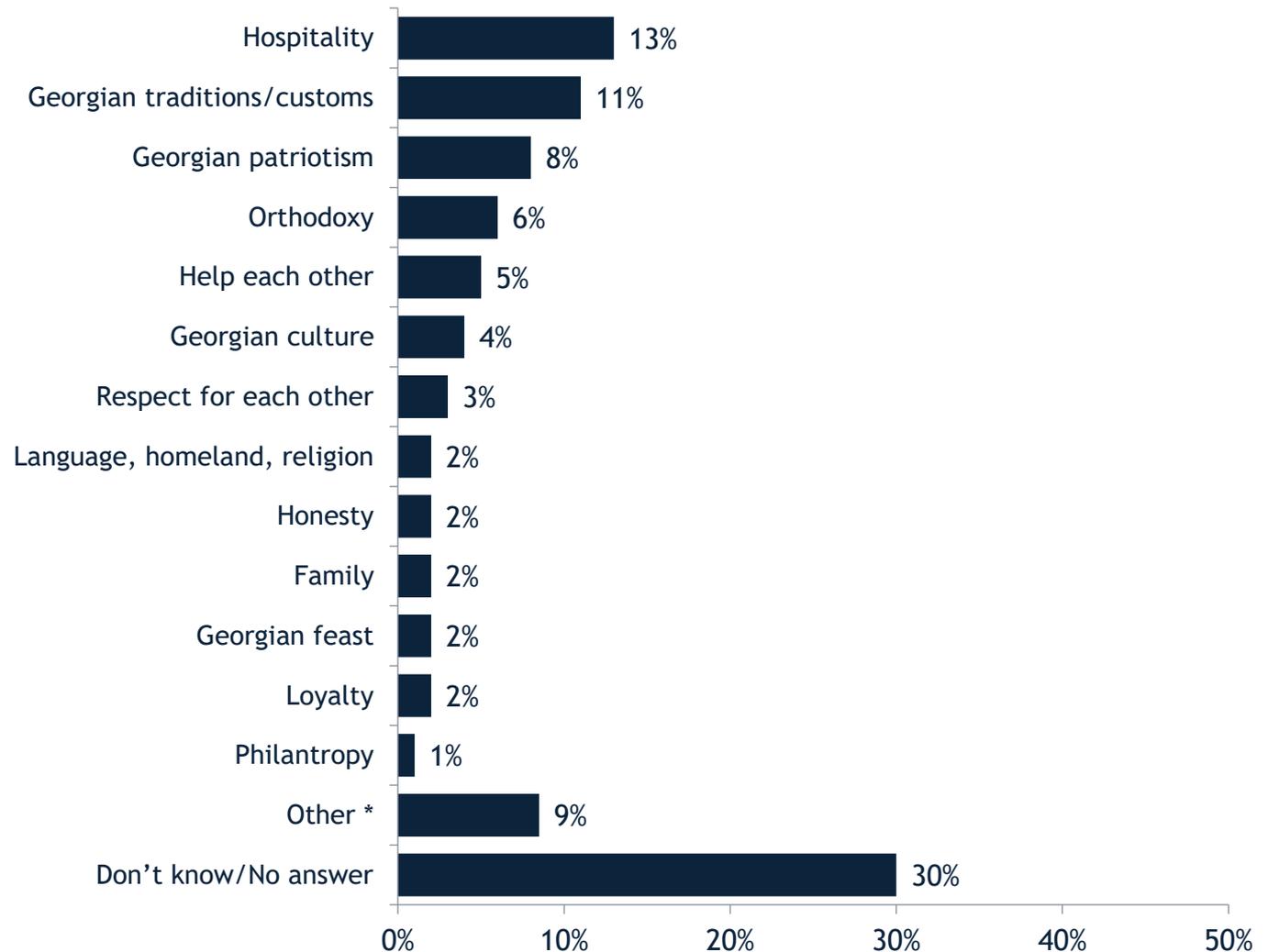


Values and Ideology



When you think about Georgian values, which value comes to your mind first?

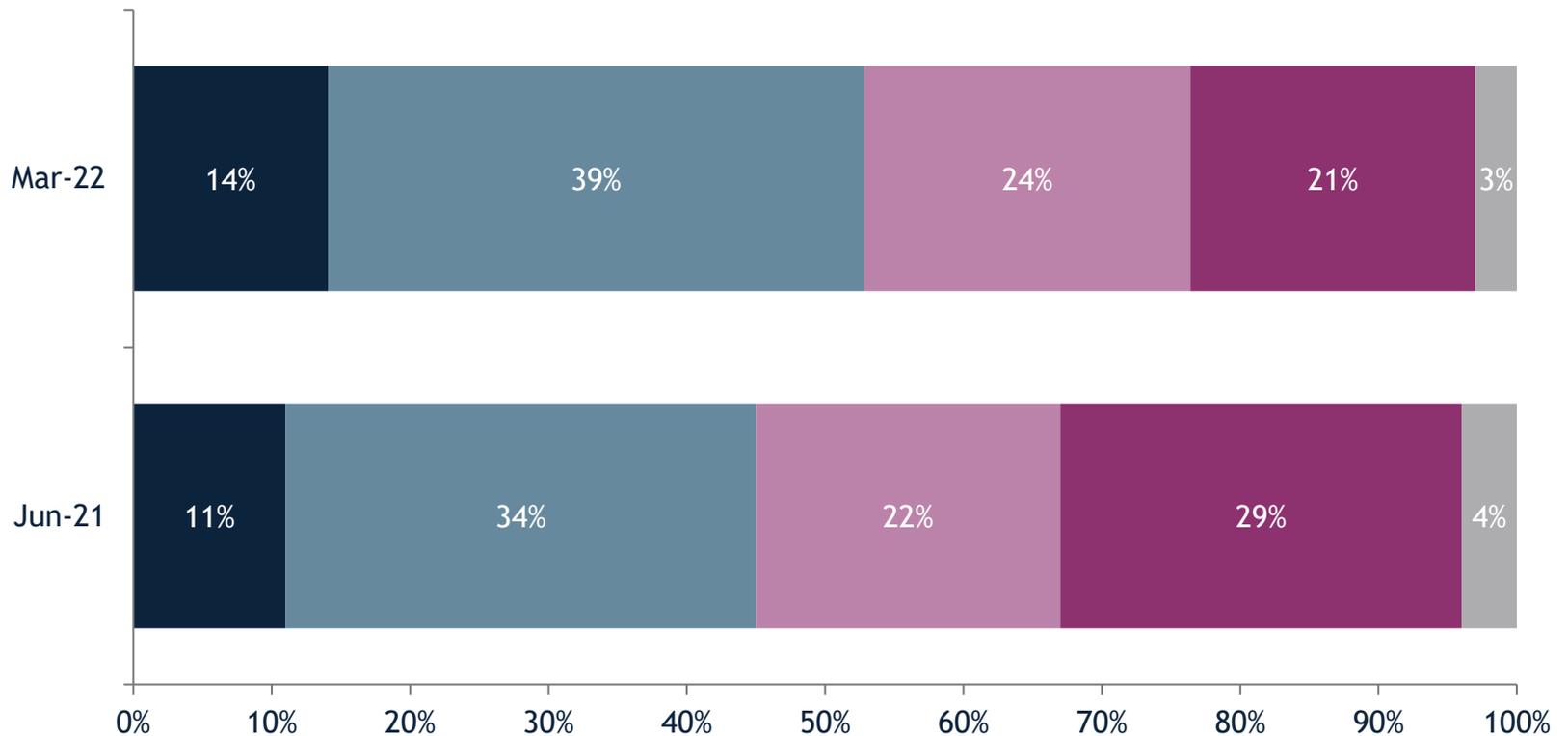
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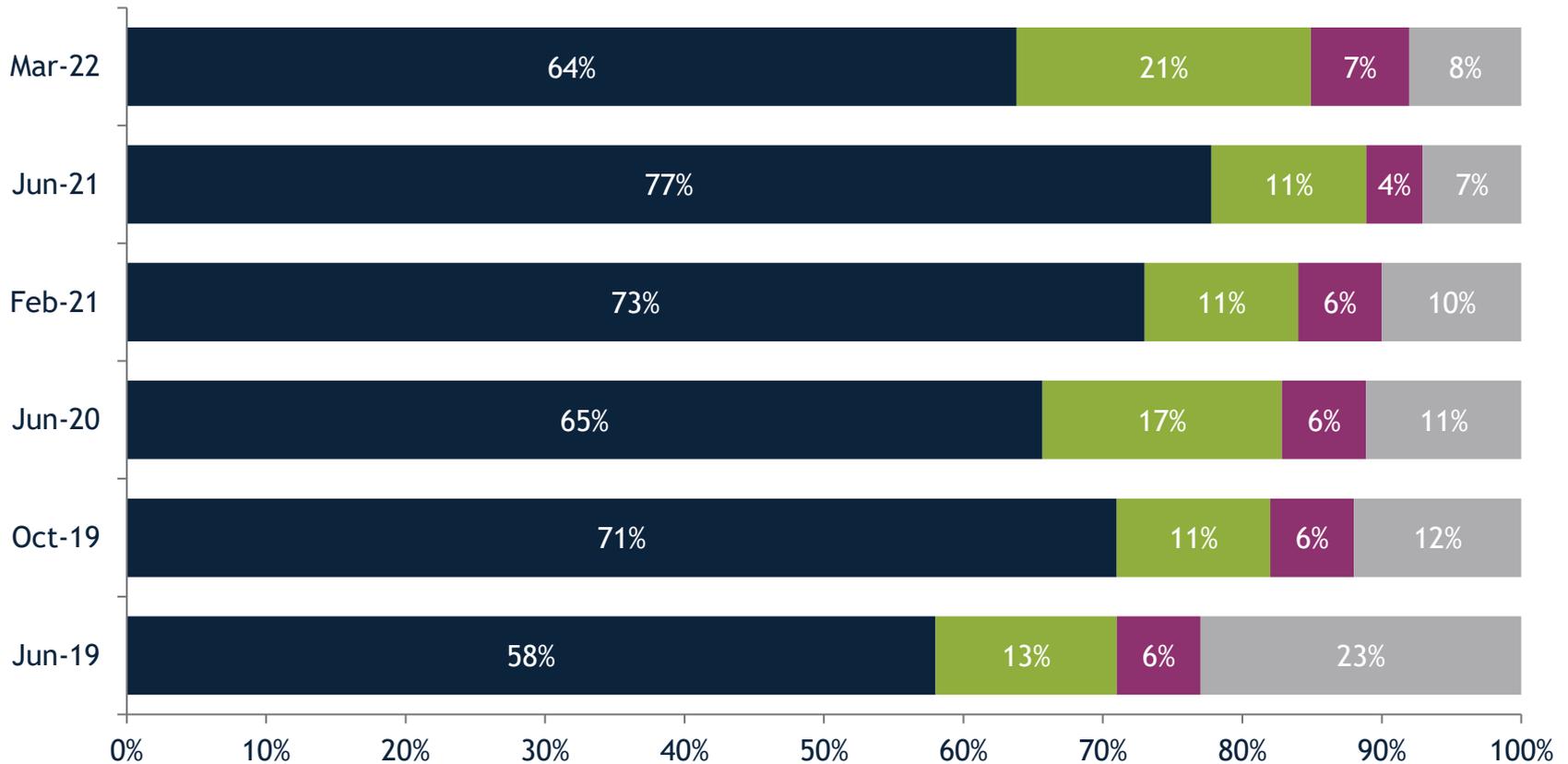
Tell me how you feel about the following statement:
“I am satisfied with the current state of democracy in Georgia.”

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know/No answer

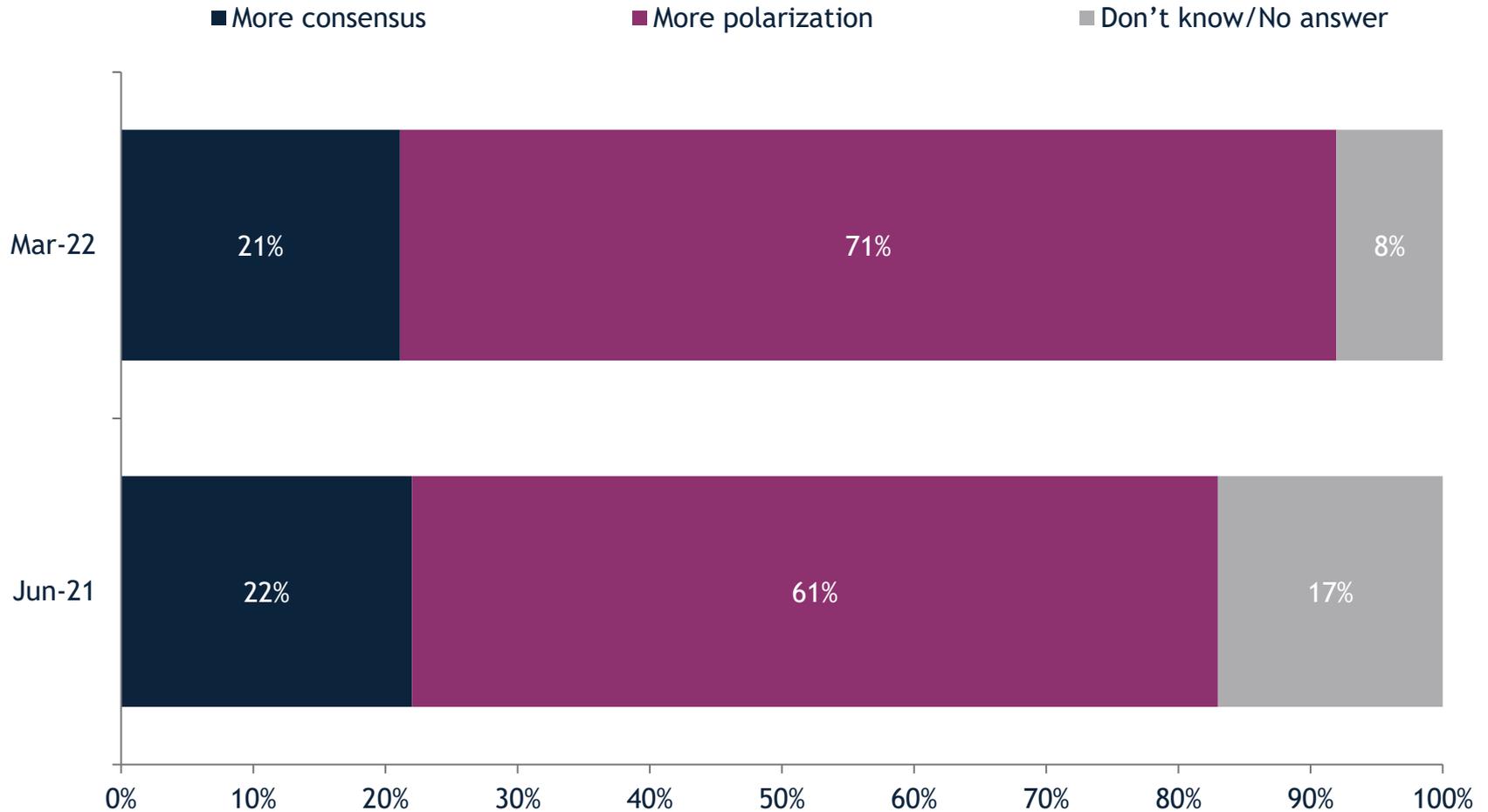


Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country?

- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy
- Don't know/No answer

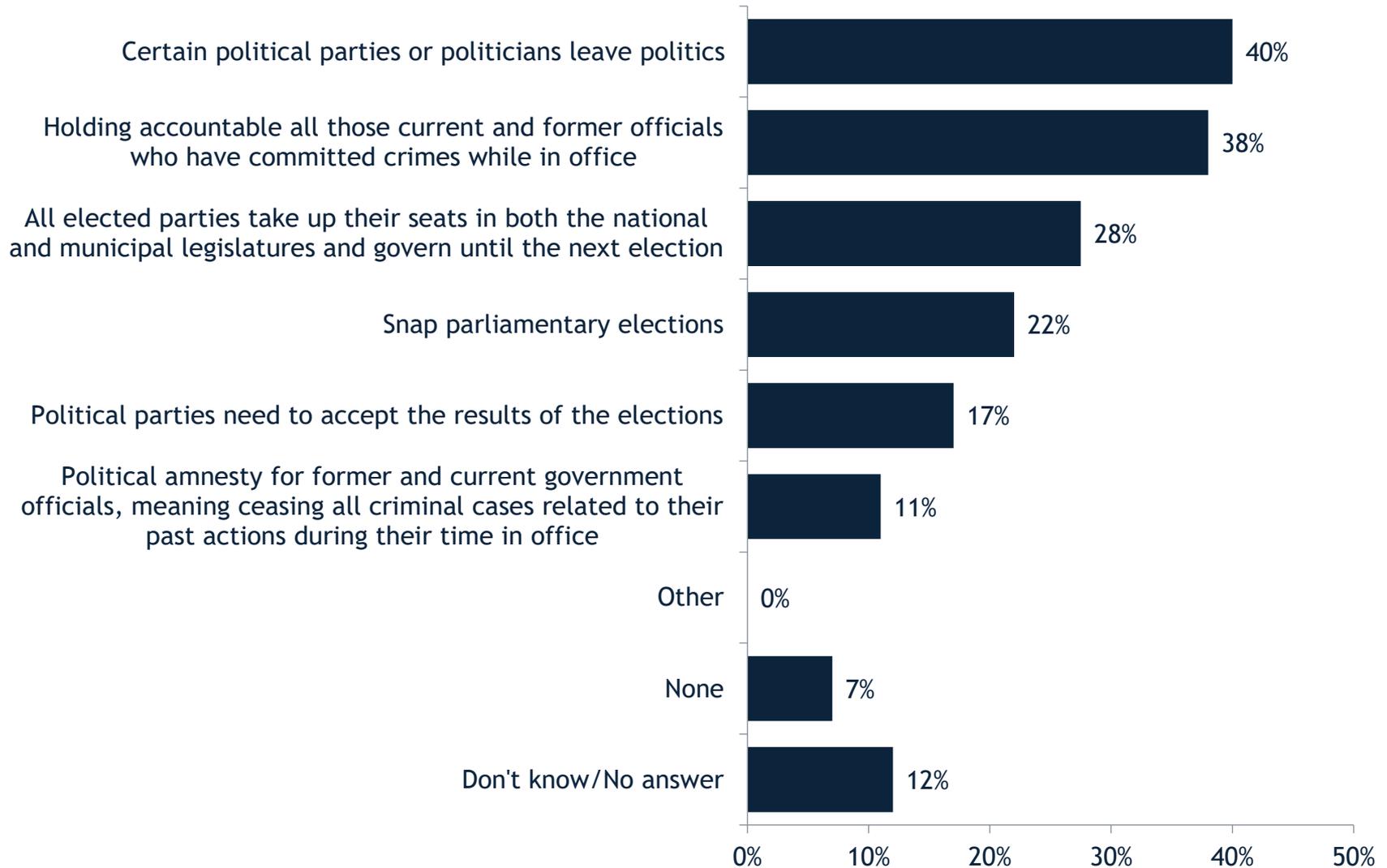


Would you say that our country's politics are moving toward consensus or more polarization?



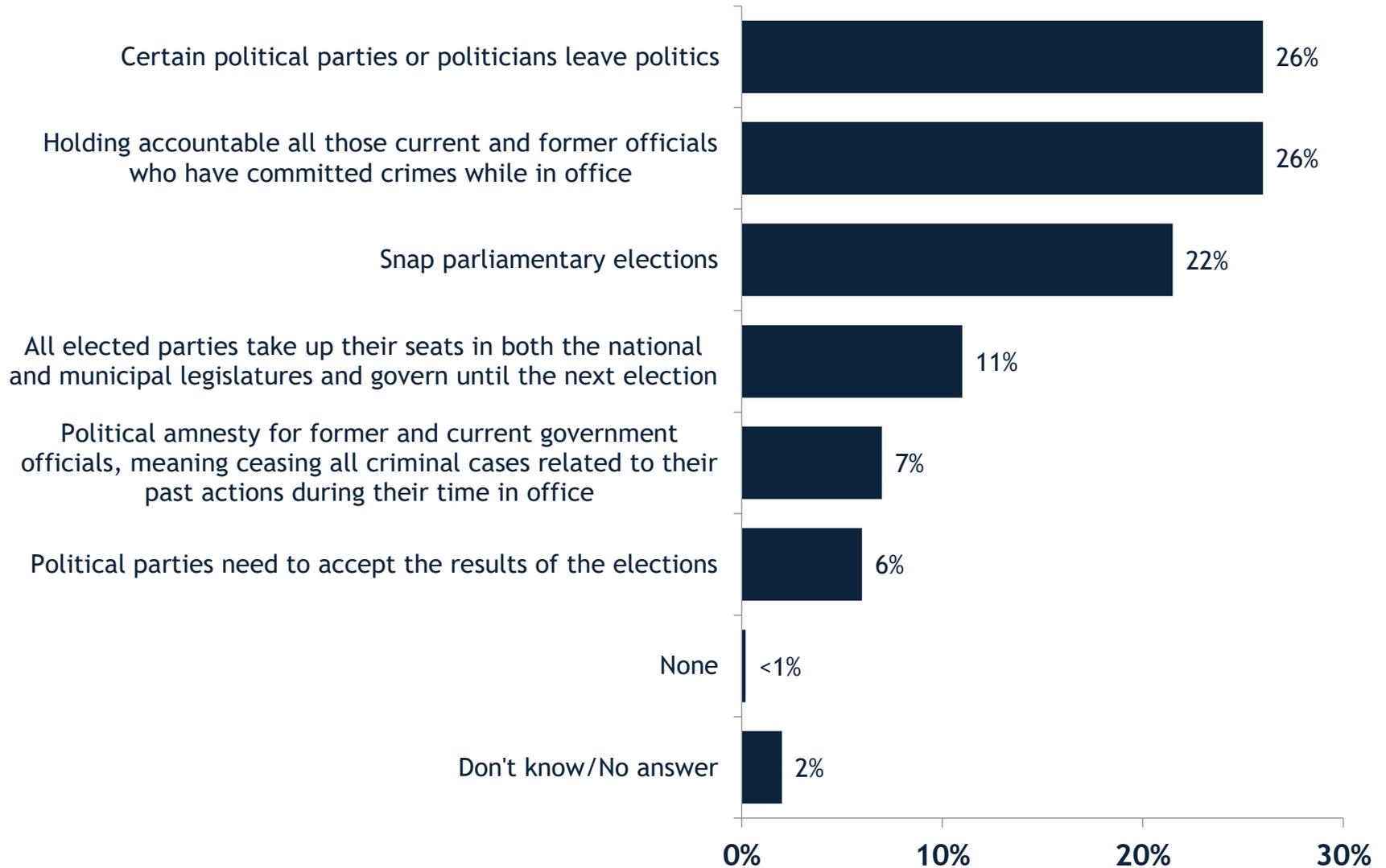
Which of the following do you consider to be essential elements of “political reconciliation”?

(Respondents permitted to provide multiple answers)

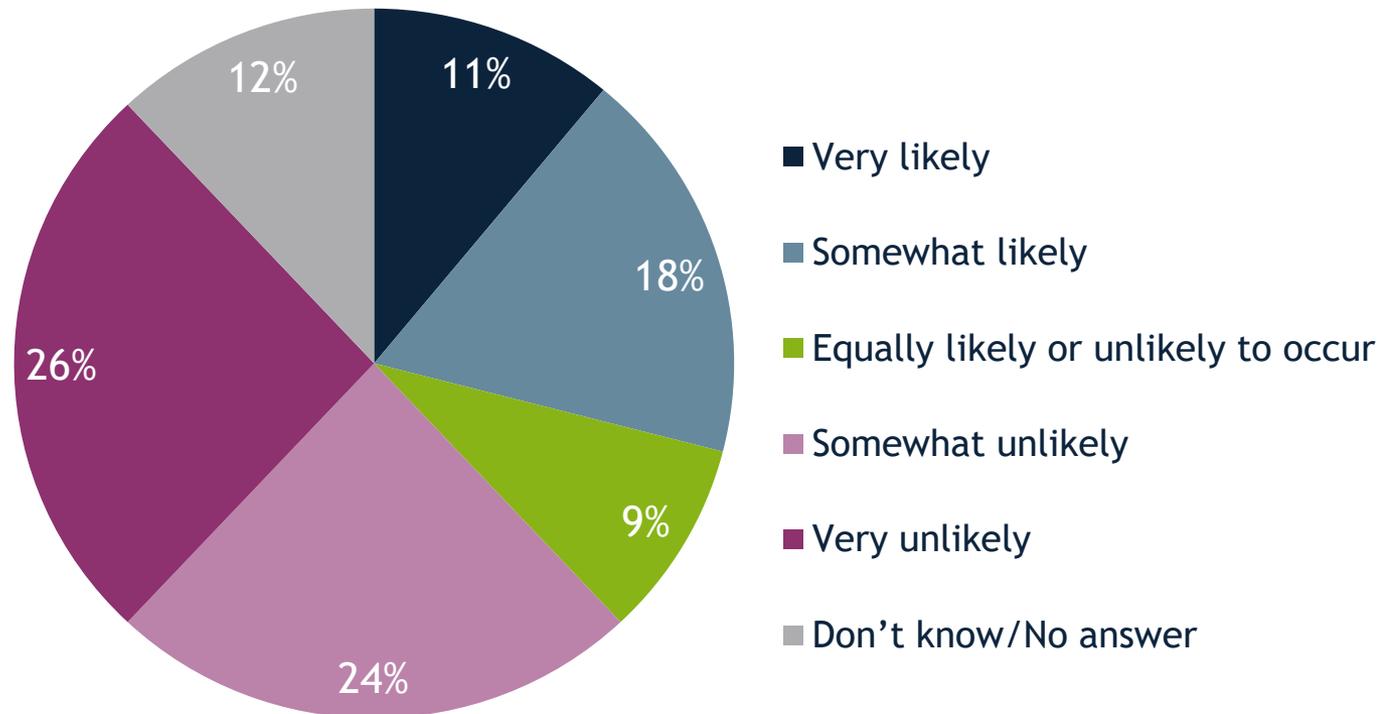


Of the options you selected, which do you believe is the best solution for moving forward?

(Respondents who selected any option, n=1,195)



How likely is lasting reconciliation - where the ruling party and opposition parties find mutual ground for continuing to govern - to occur in Georgia?



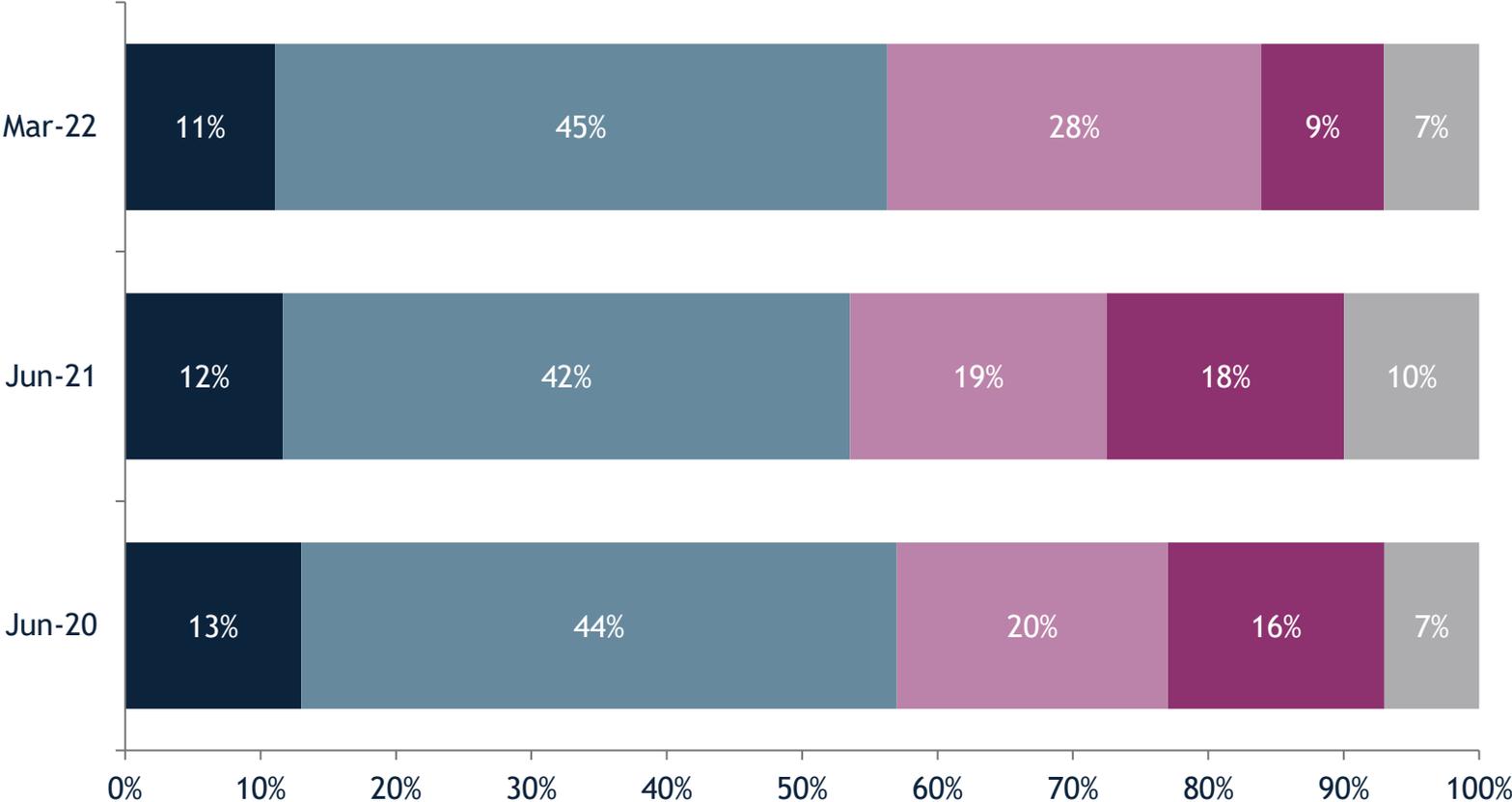


Local Governance



How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local *sakrebulo*'s* performance?

■ Fully satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Somewhat dissatisfied ■ Fully dissatisfied ■ Don't know/No answer

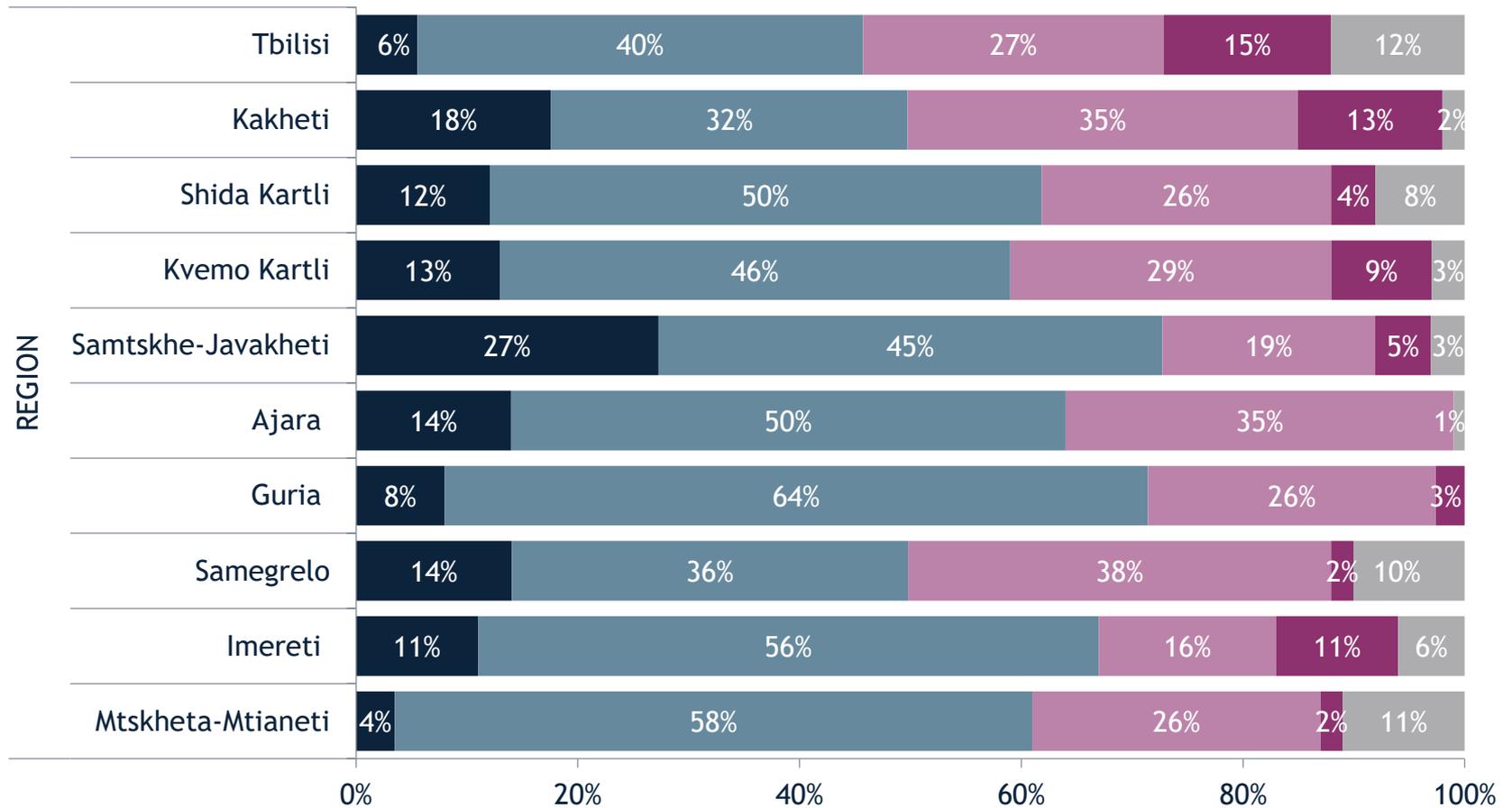


*Sakrebulo: a city council in the municipal governments of Georgia

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local *sakrebulo's* performance?

(Disaggregated by region)

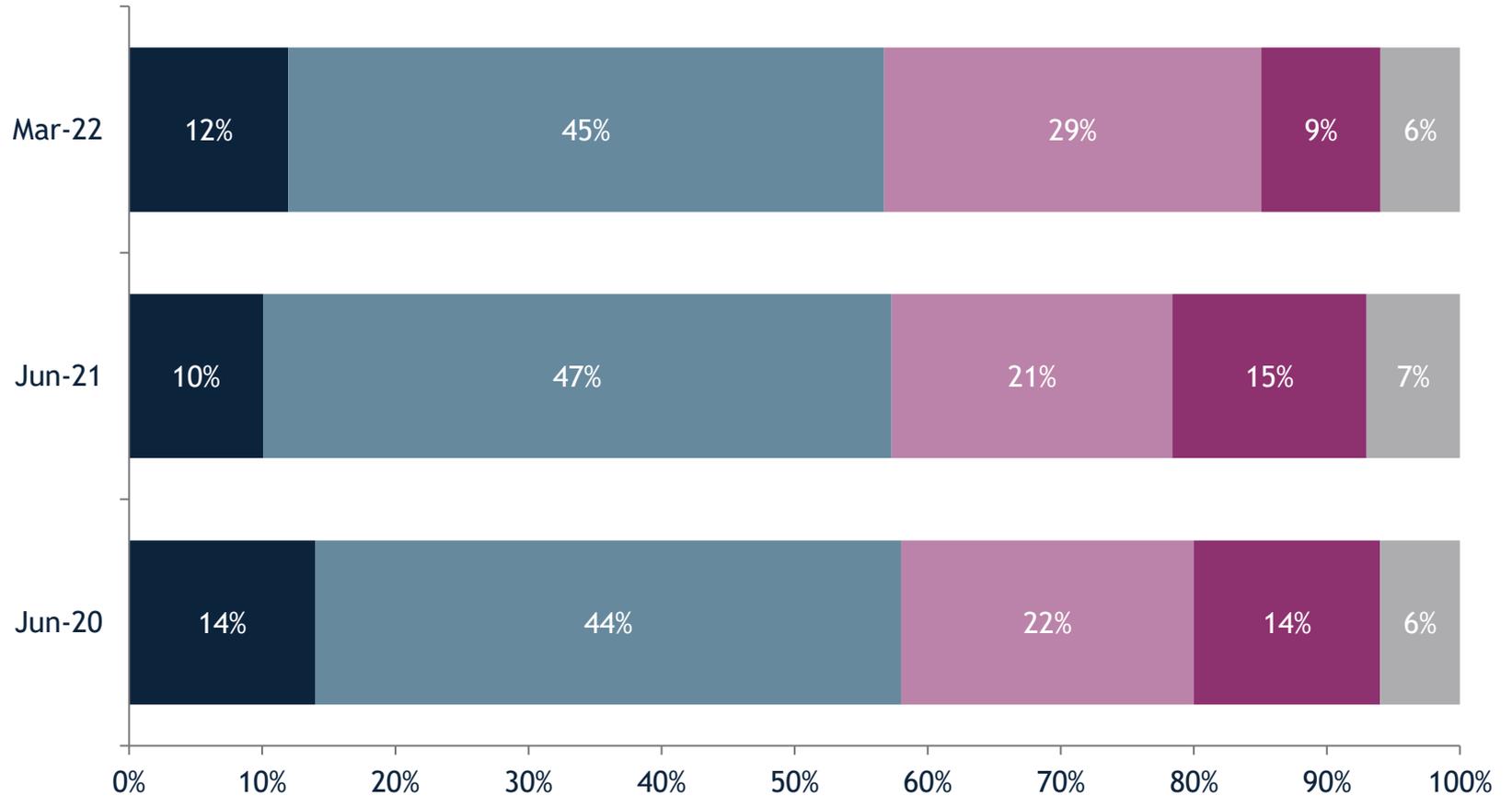
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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local Mayor's office's performance?

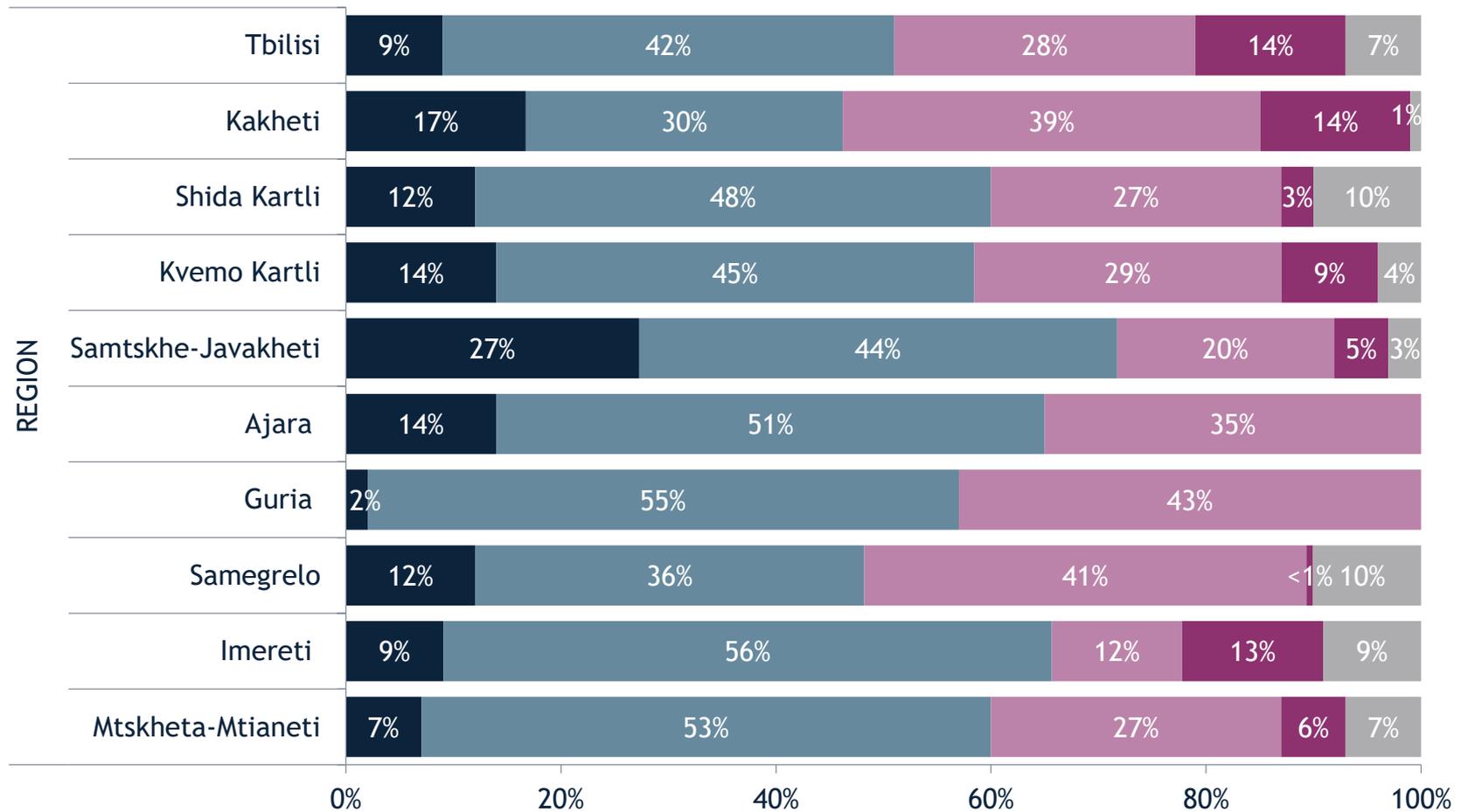
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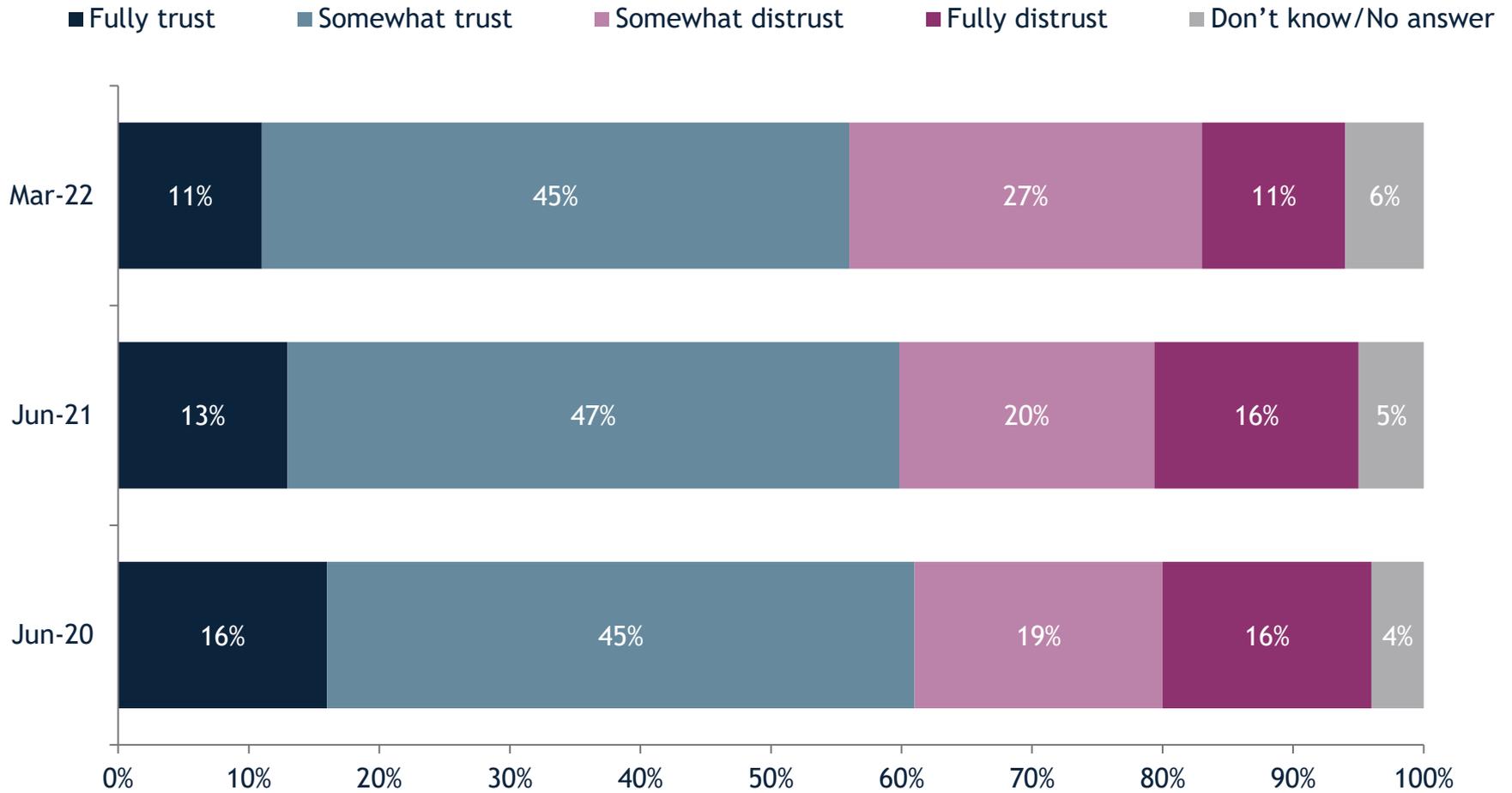
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Fully satisfied
 Somewhat satisfied
 Somewhat dissatisfied
 Fully dissatisfied
 Don't know/No answer



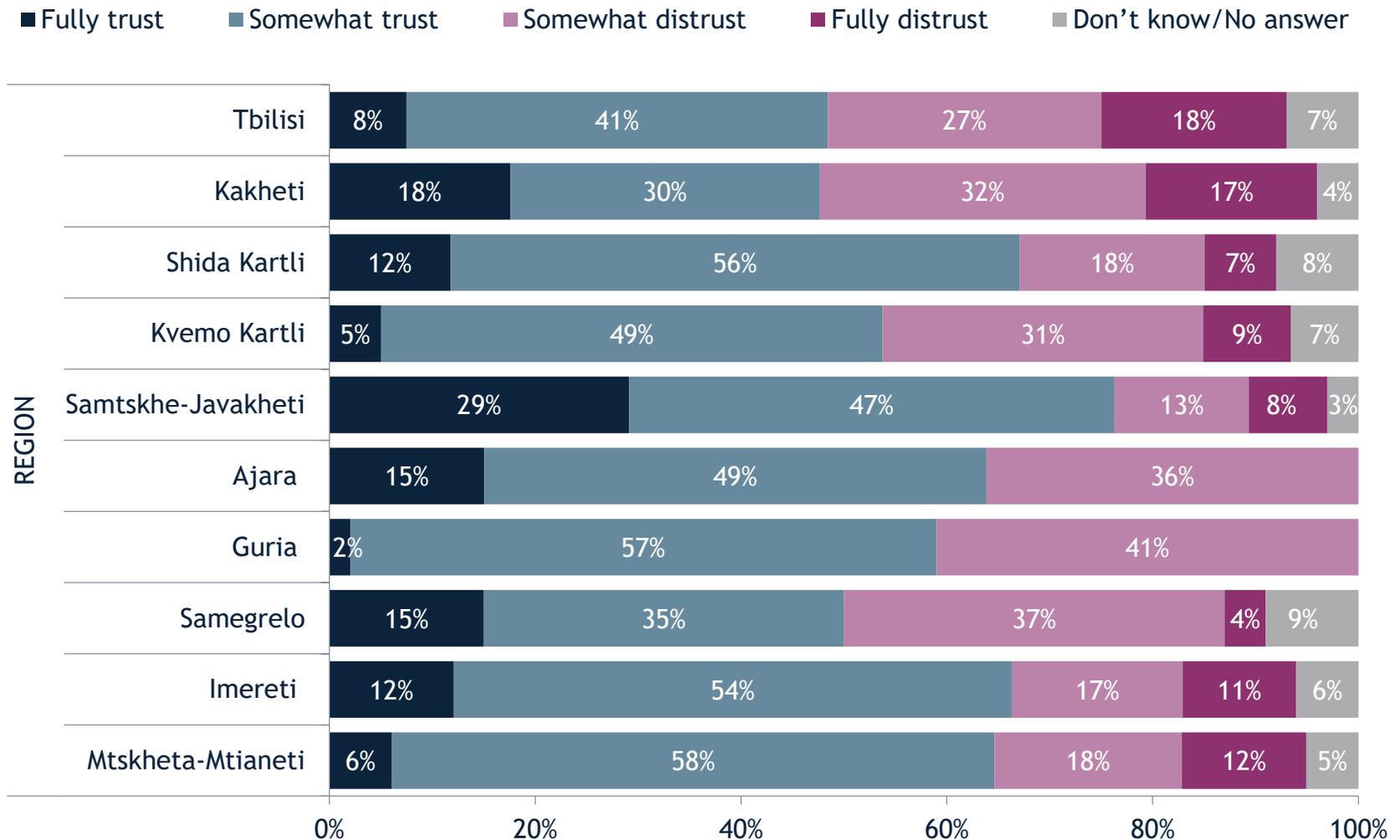
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Please tell me how much do you trust or distrust Georgia's local government bodies?



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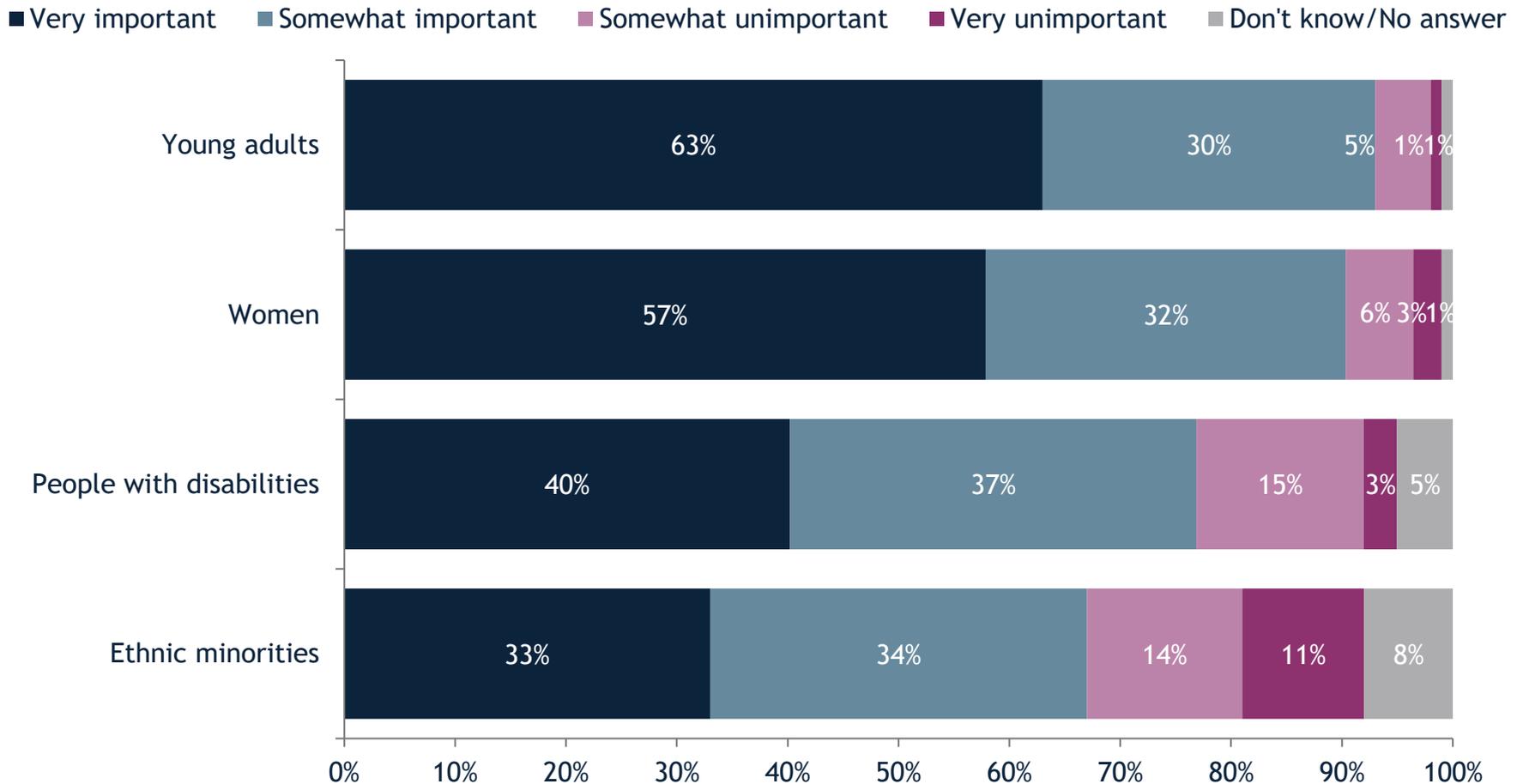
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Inclusion and Civic Engagement

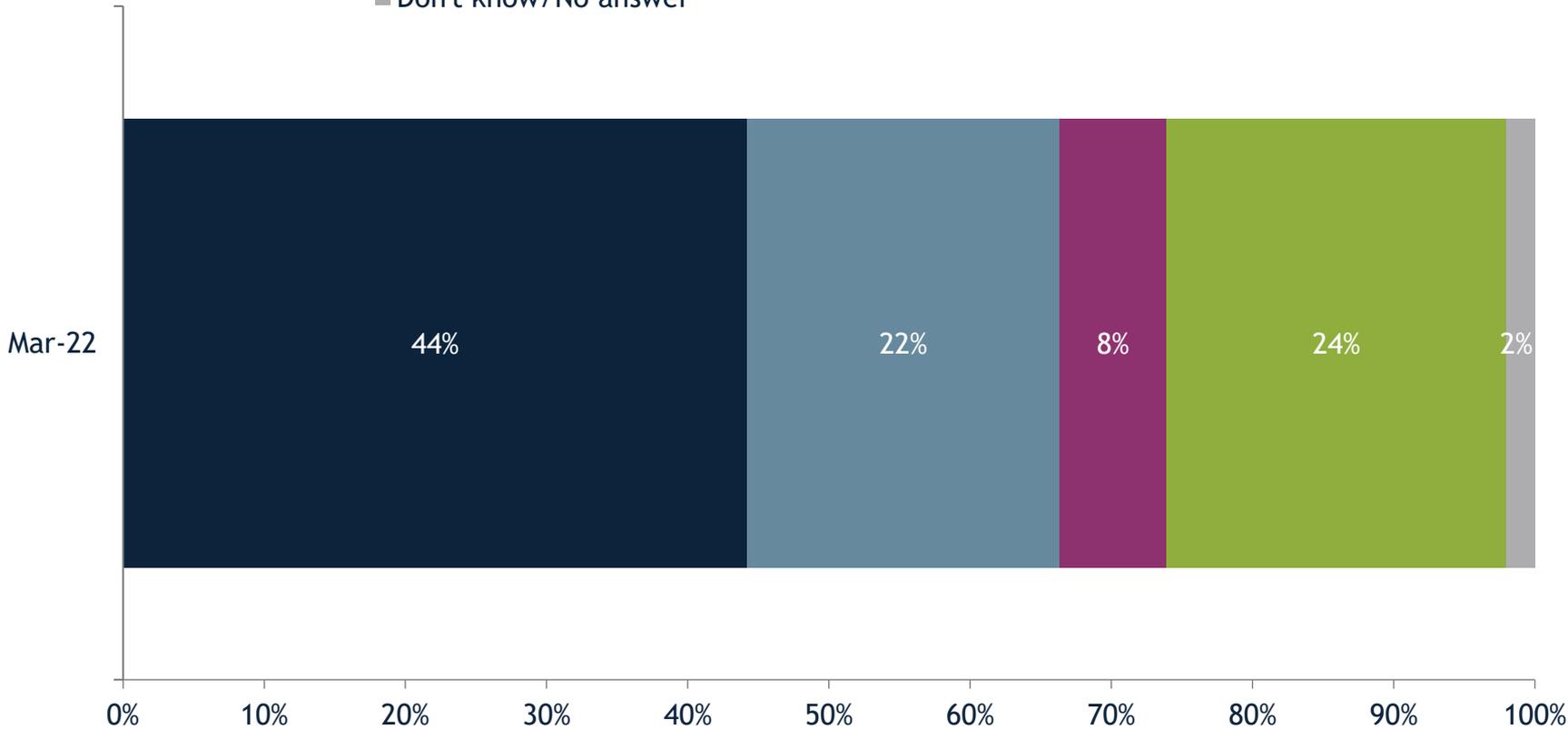


How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, people with disabilities and etc. are included in political decision making?

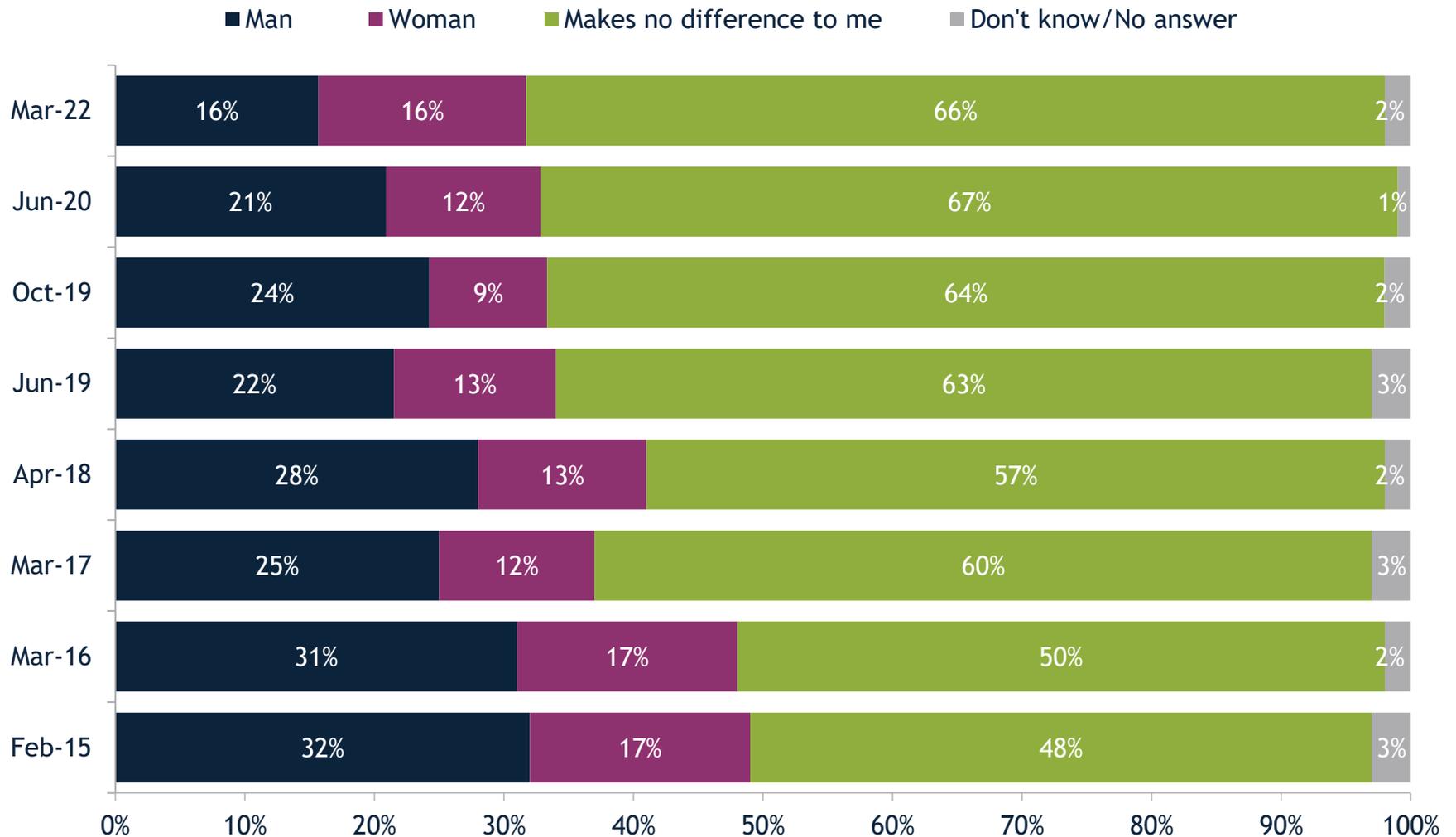


In your opinion, should there be more women in Georgian politics?

- Yes, there should be more women in Georgian politics
- There should be the same level of women as there currently is
- No, there should be fewer women in Georgian politics
- Quantity does not matter
- Don't know/No answer

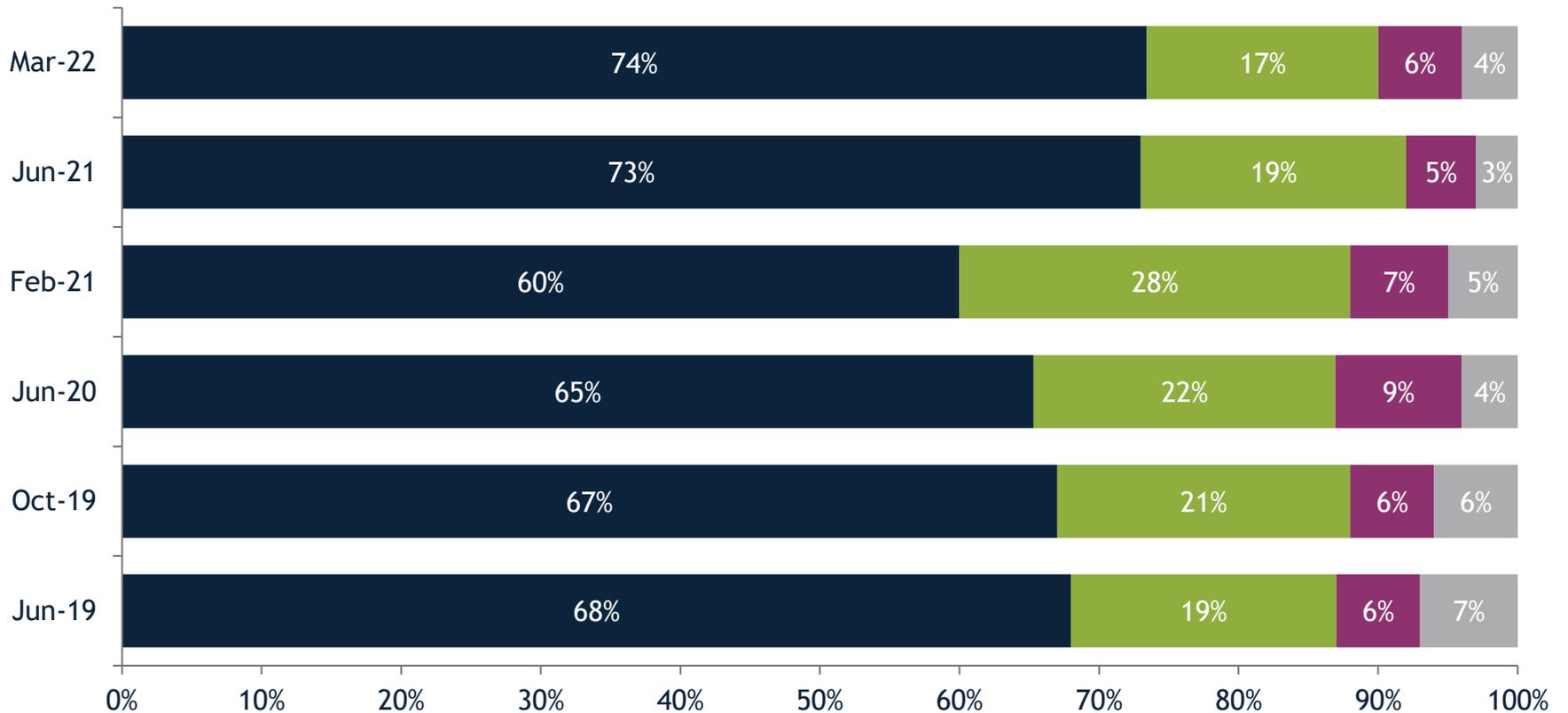


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?

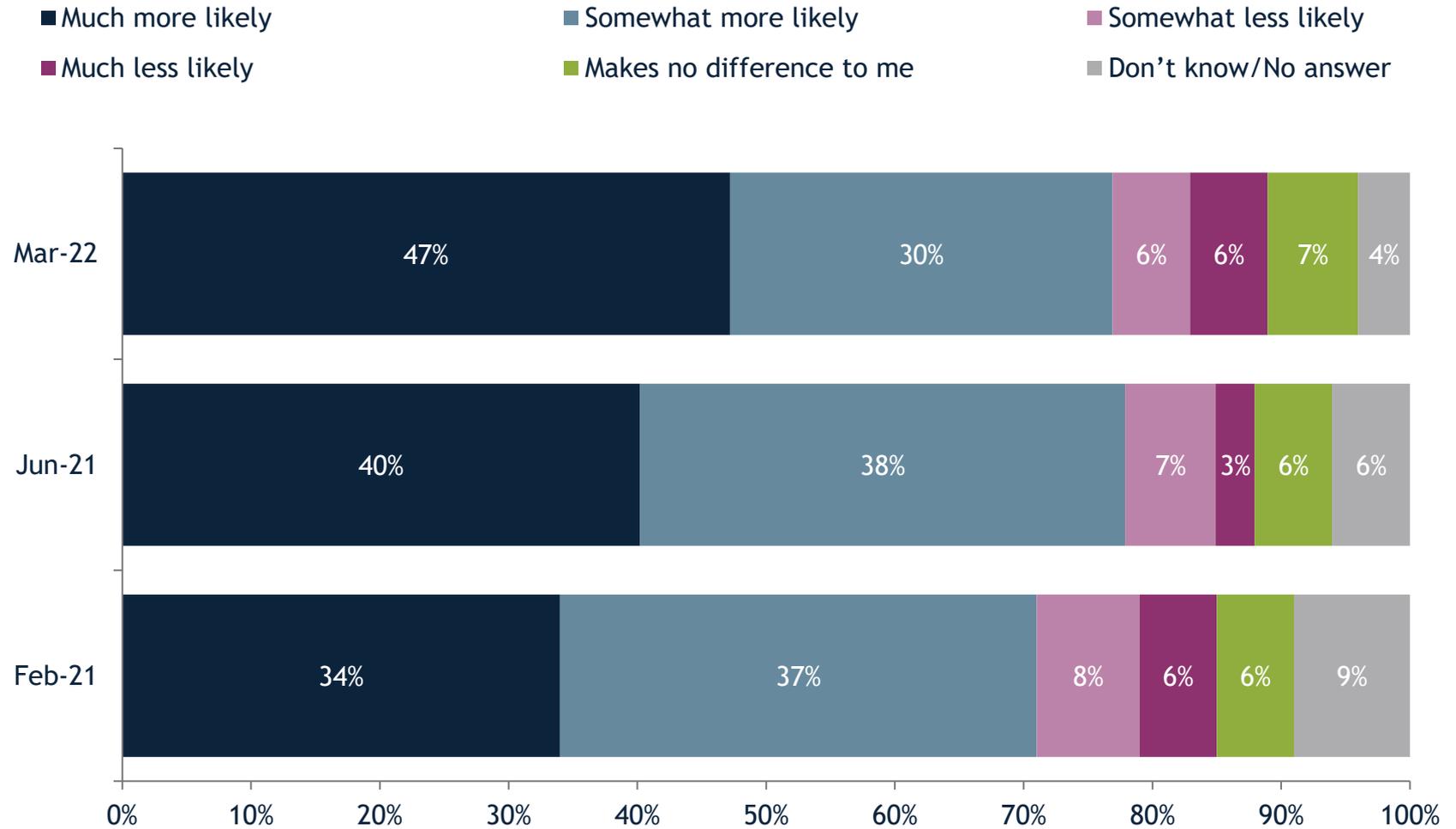


In your opinion, should there be more youth in Georgian politics?

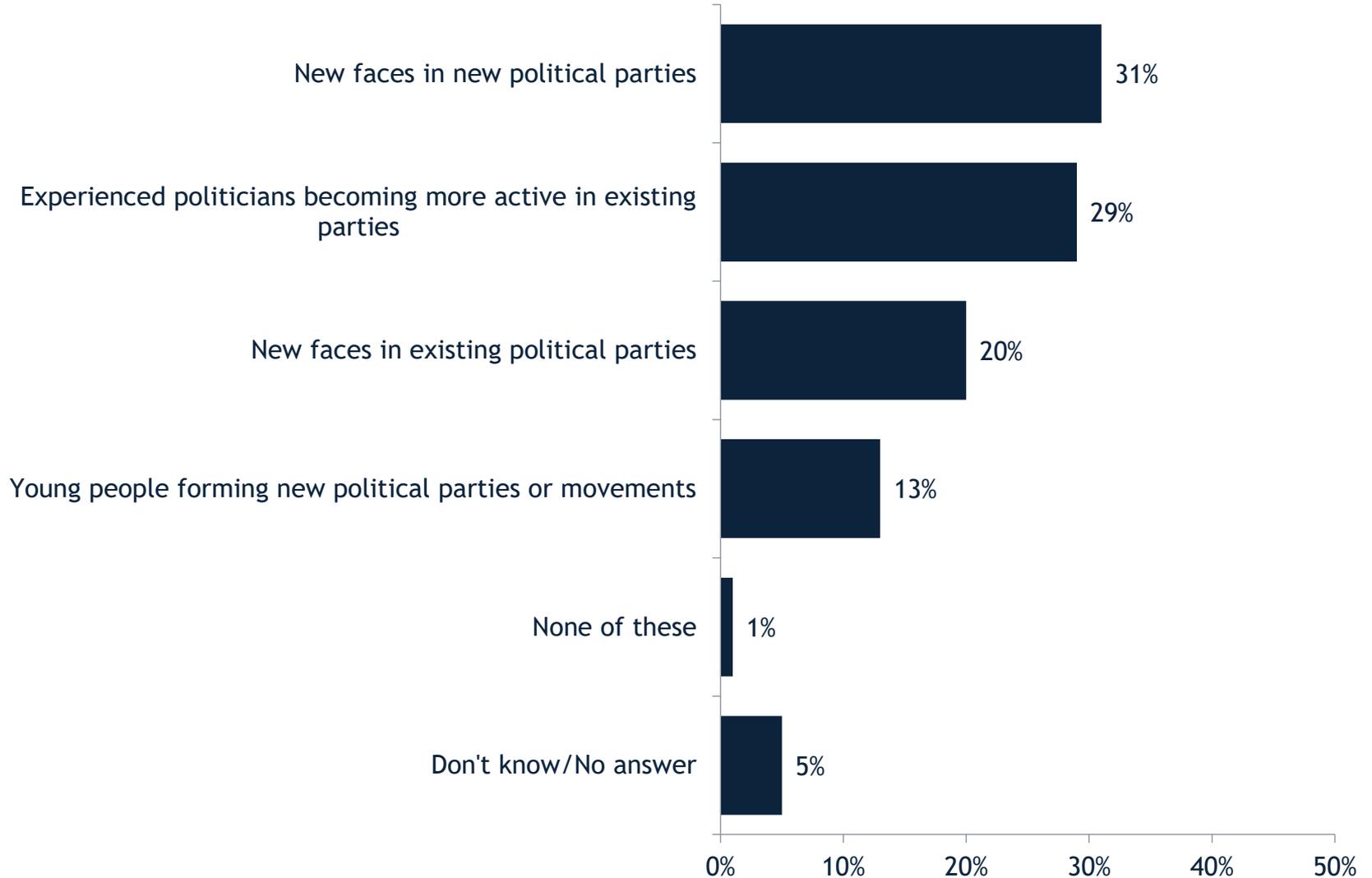
- Yes, there should be more youth in Georgian politics
- There should be the same level of youth as there currently is
- No, there should be fewer youth in Georgian politics
- Don't know/No answer



Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a political party that had a high number of youth on the party list?

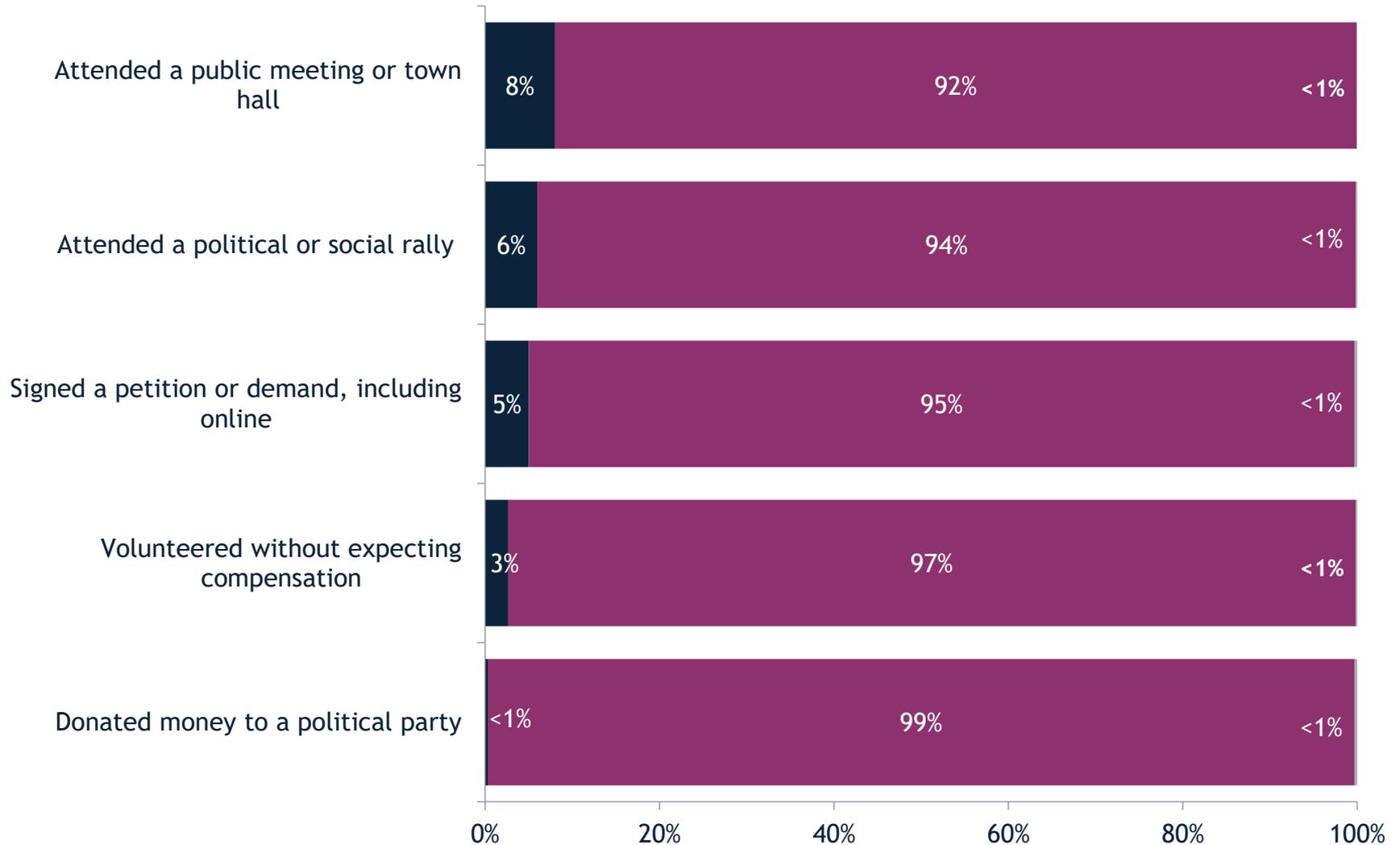


Which of the following, if any, would be most appealing to you?

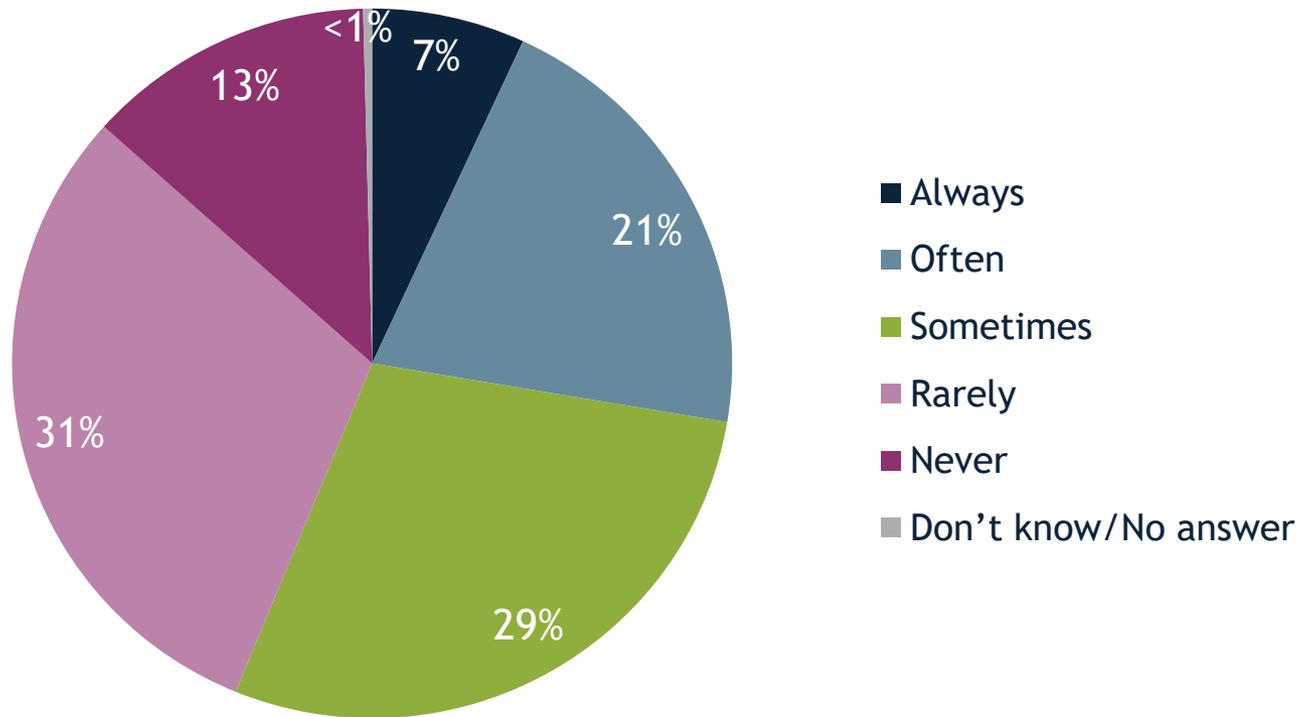


During the past six months, have you participated in any of the following activities?

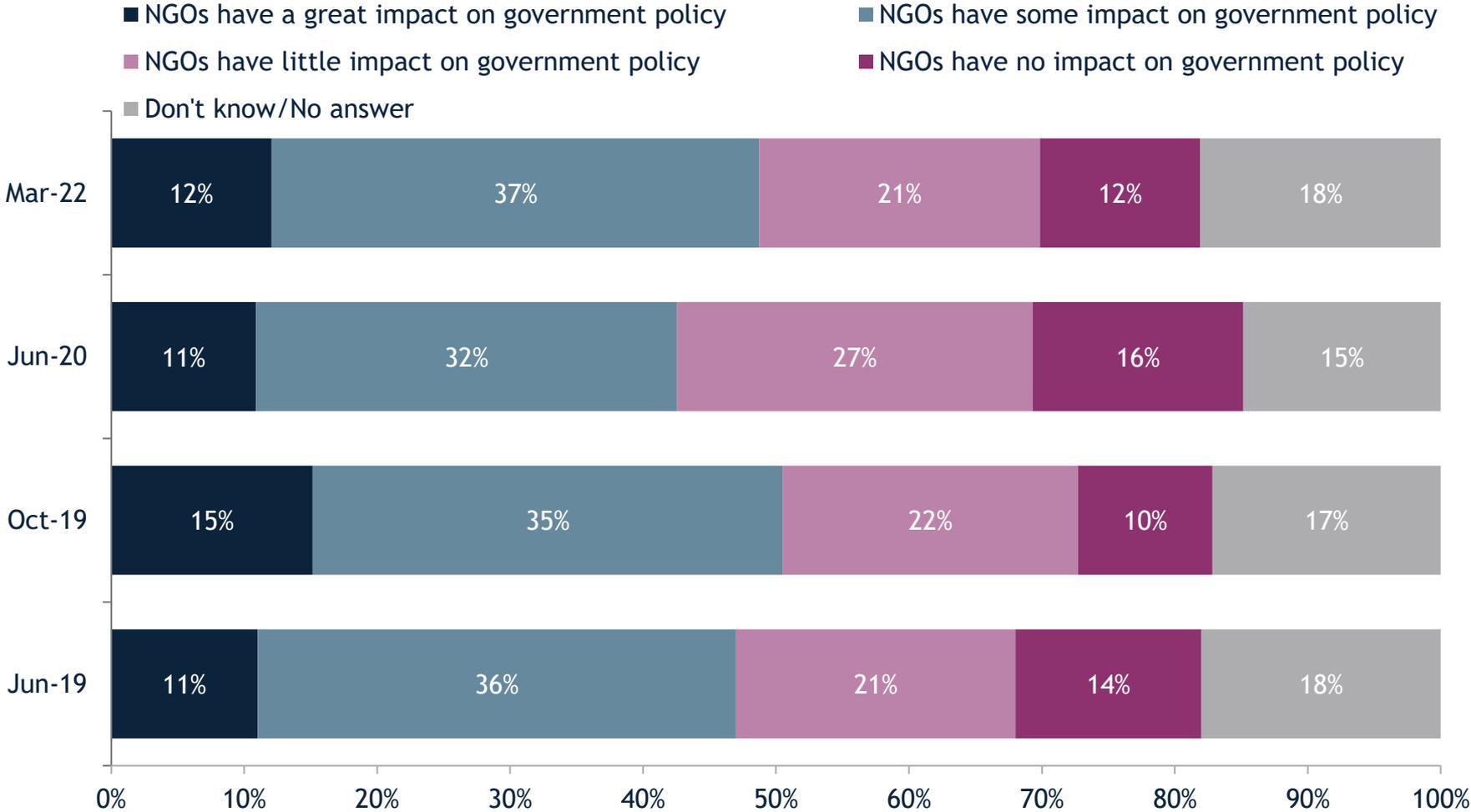
■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/No answer



When you get together with your close relatives and friends, how often do you discuss politics and current affairs?



What is your perception of the level of impact of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Georgia?



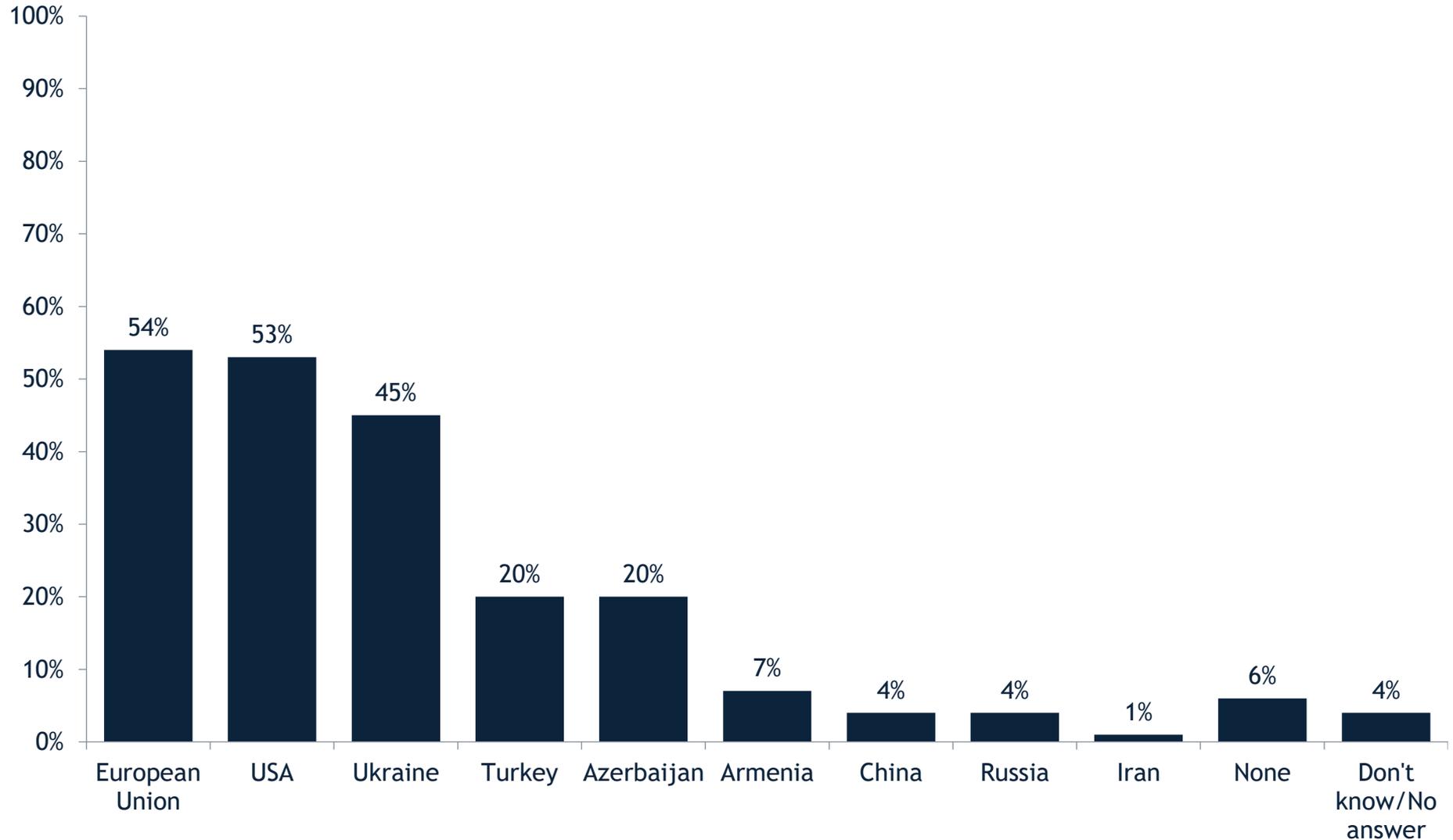


International Relations



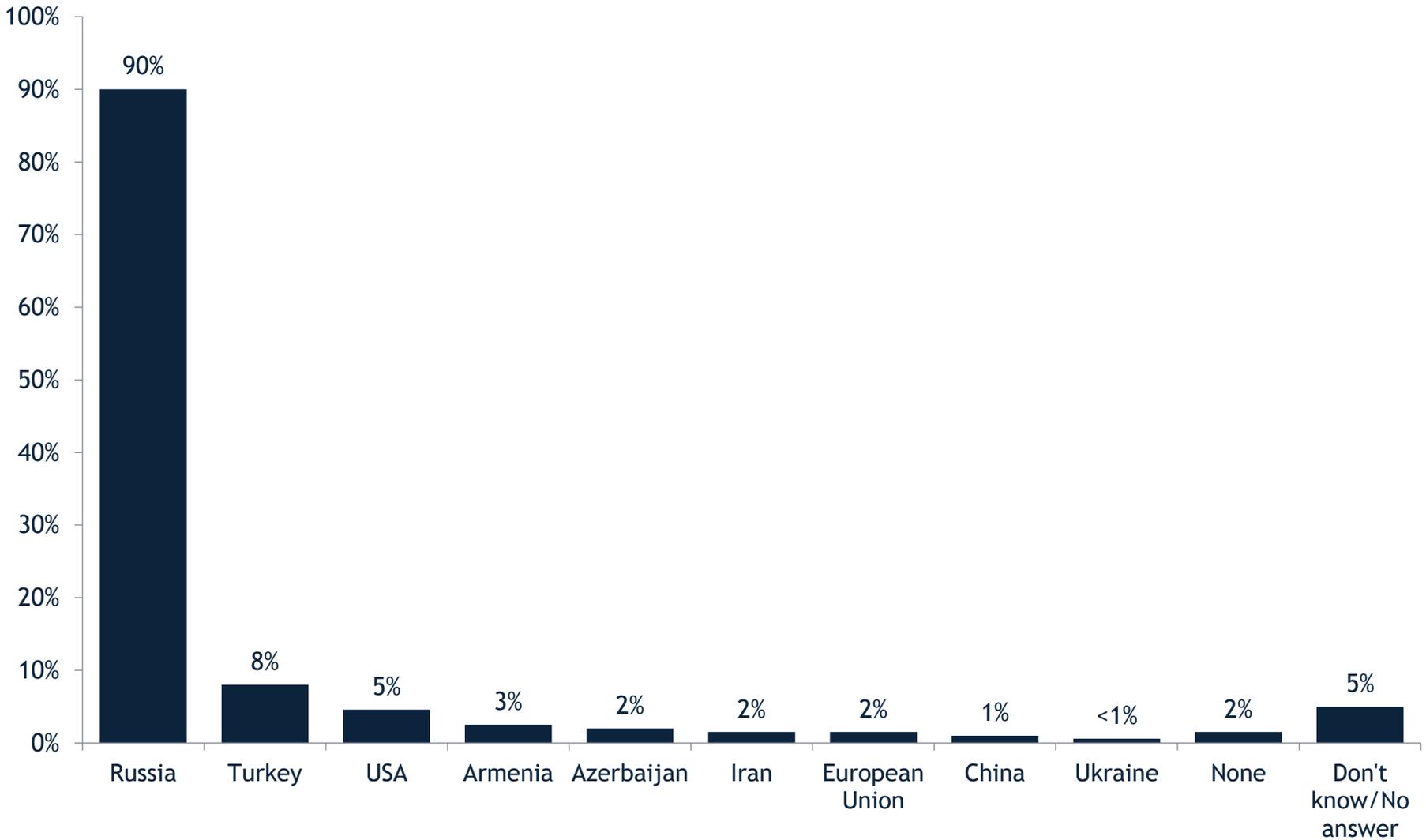
Which of these countries do you consider the most important political partners for Georgia?

(Respondents allowed to provide multiple responses)



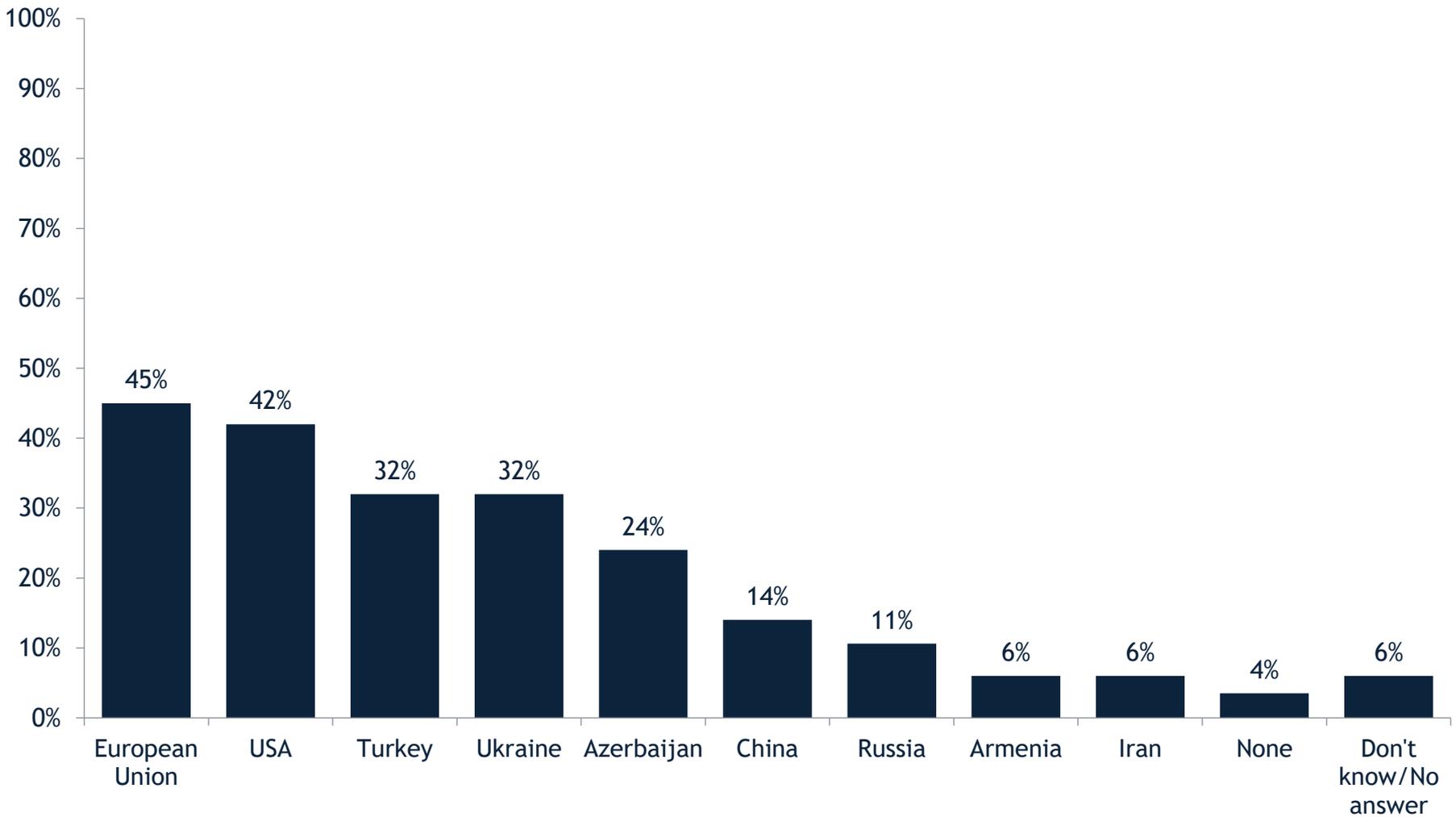
Which of these countries poses the greatest political threat of Georgia?

(Respondents allowed to provide multiple responses)



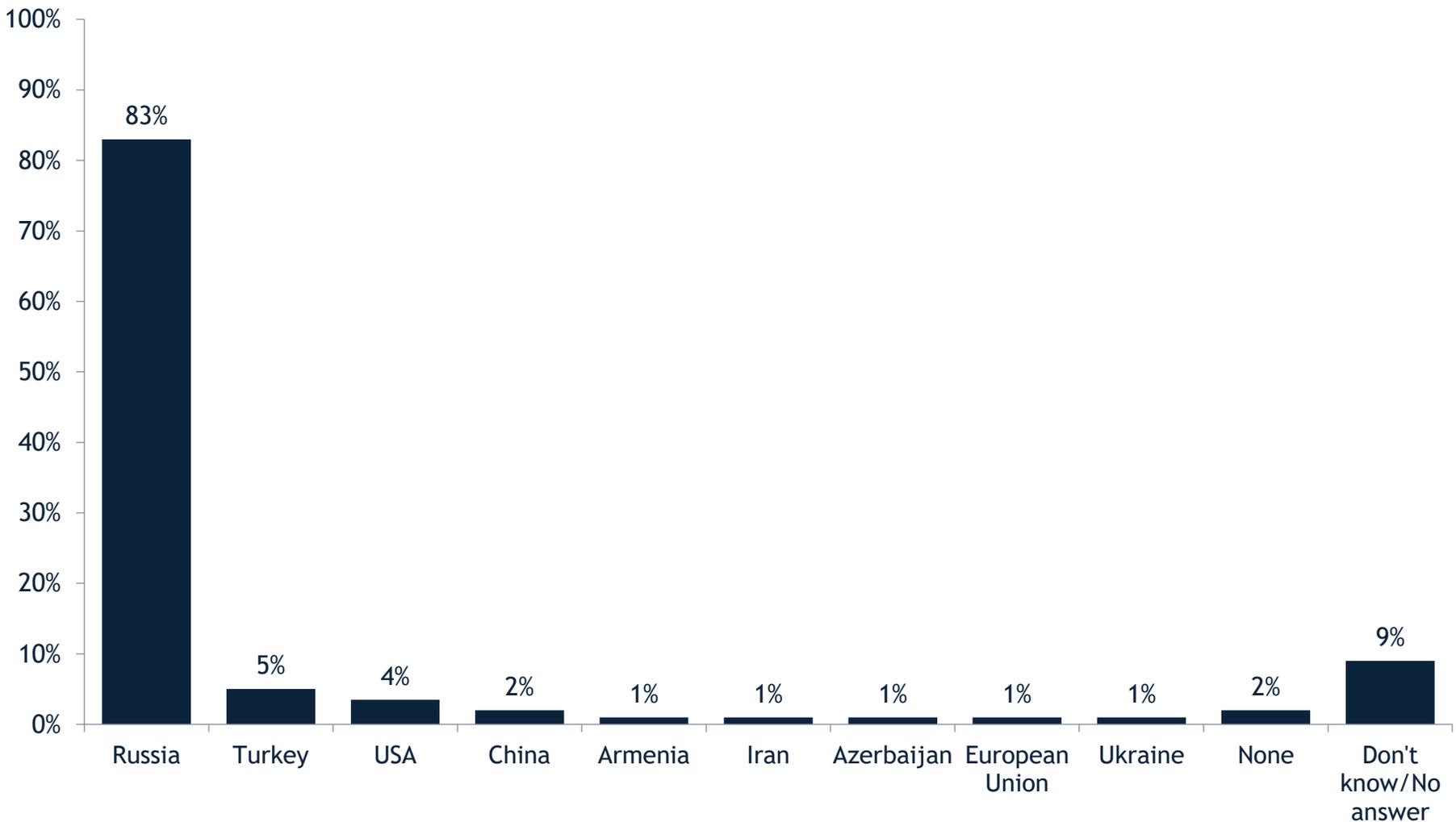
Which of these countries do you consider the most important economic partners for Georgia?

(Respondents allowed to provide multiple responses)

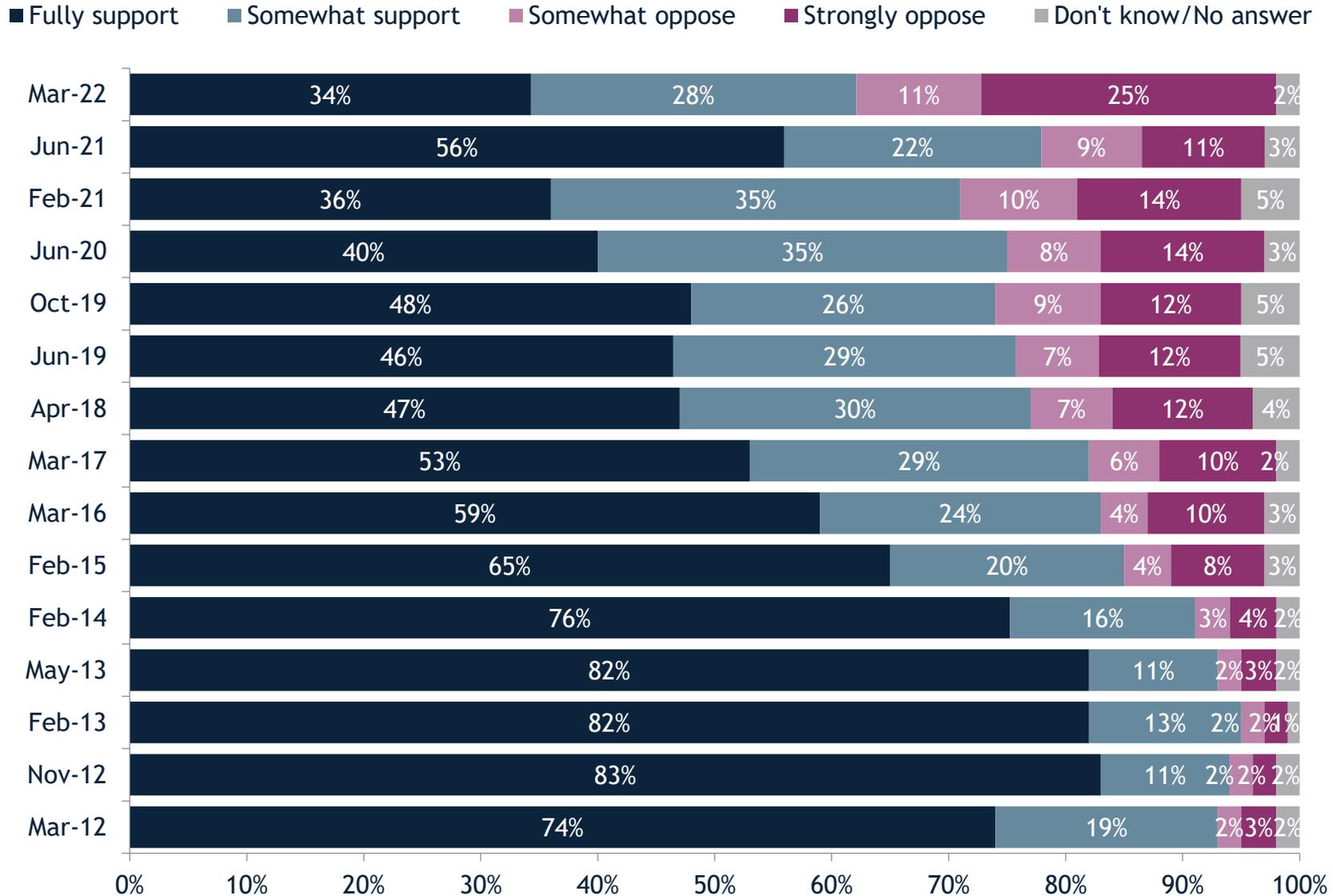


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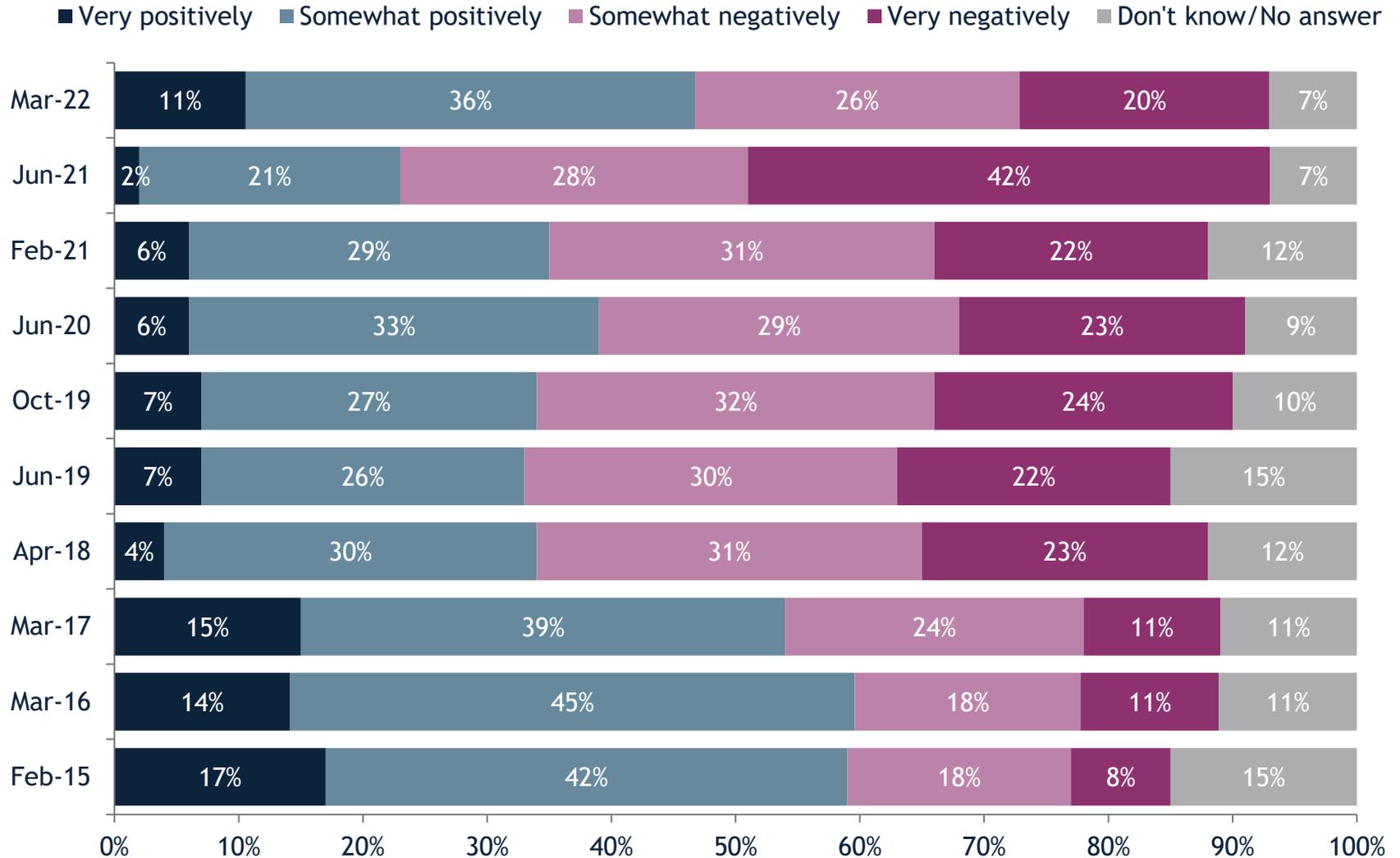
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Do you support or oppose further dialogue with Russia?

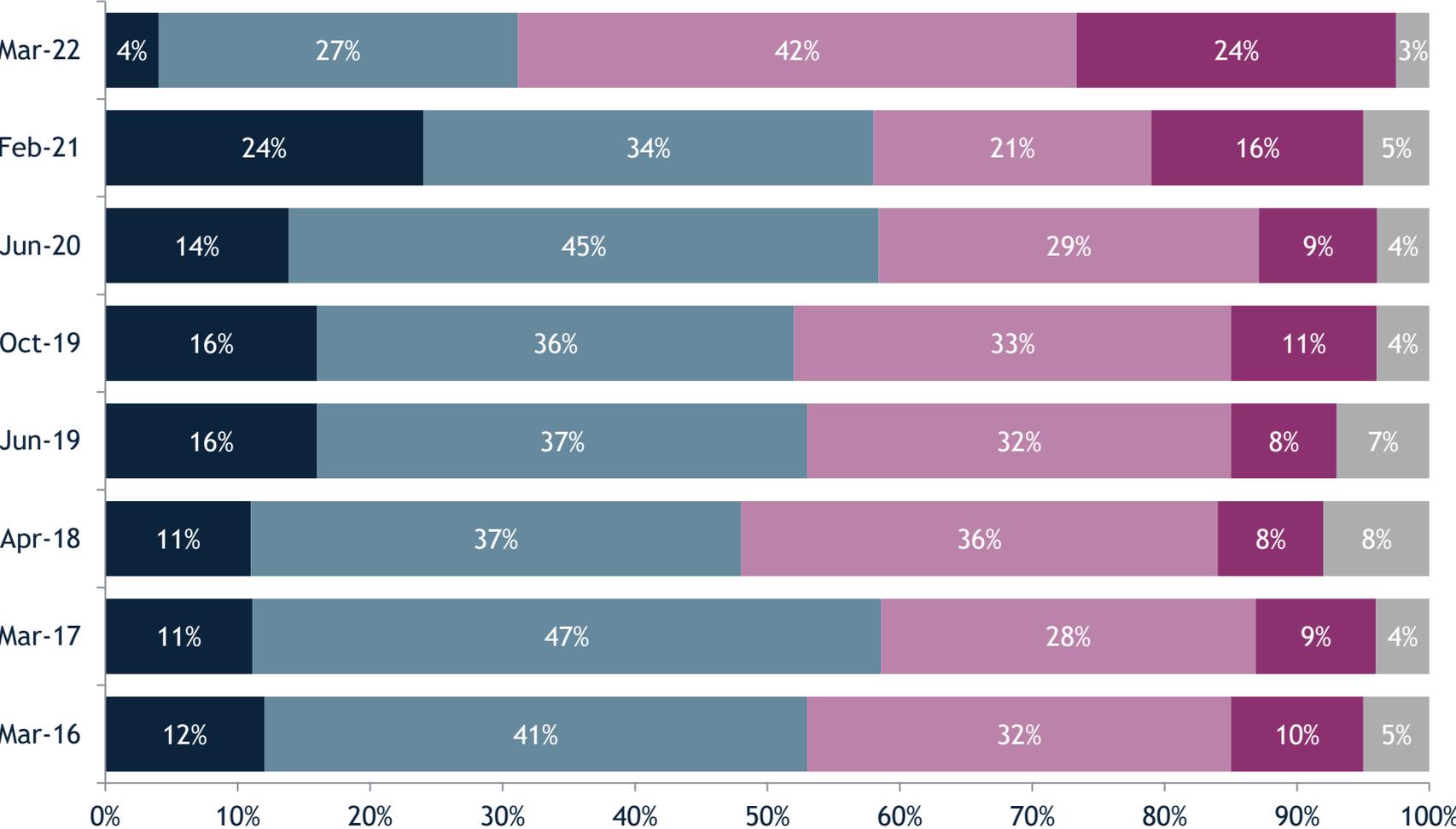


How do you rate the current government's handling of Georgia's relationship with Russia?



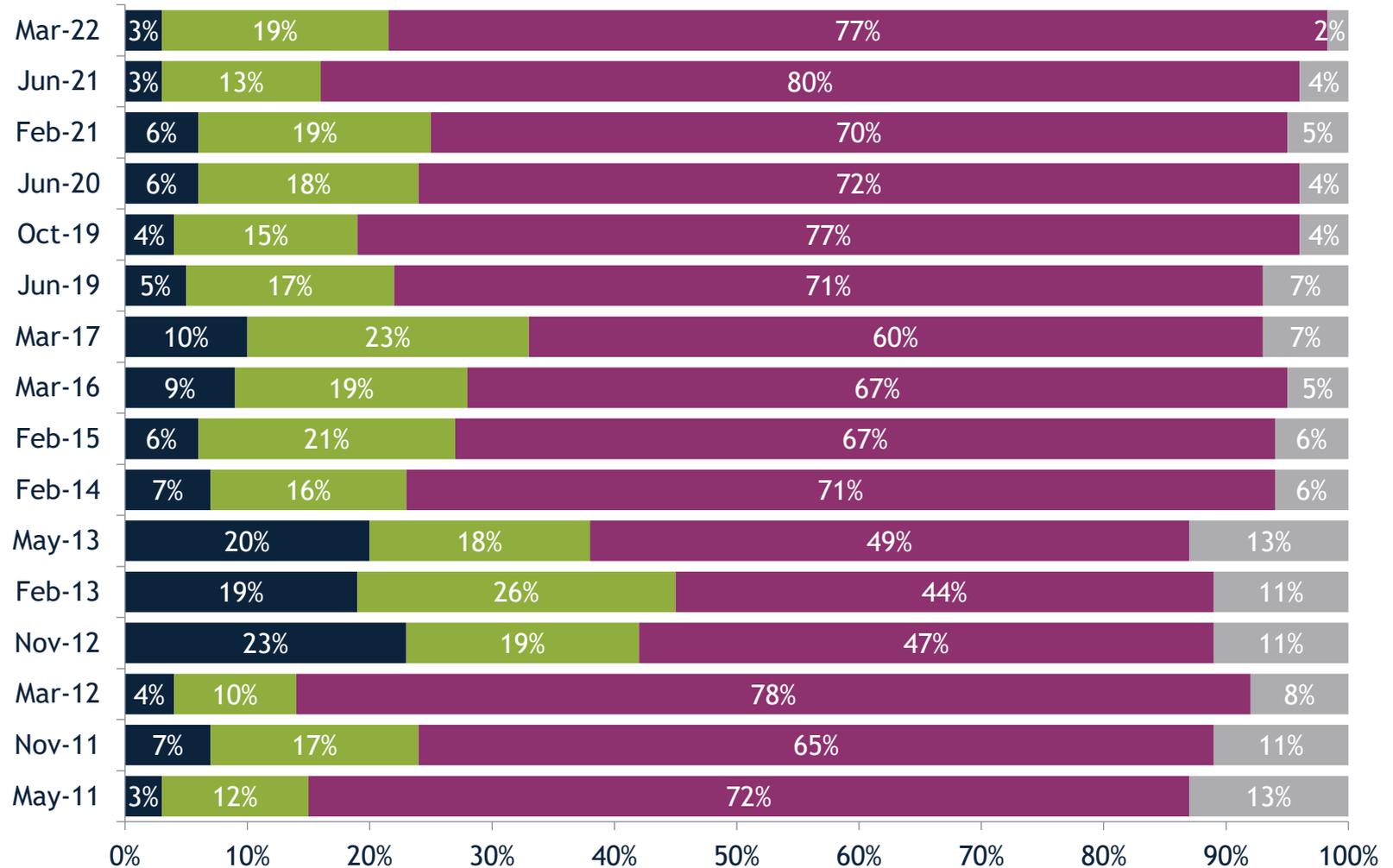
Given the current state of Georgia's relationship with Russia, how secure do you feel living in Georgia?

■ Very secure
 ■ More secure than not
 ■ More insecure than secure
 ■ Very insecure
 ■ Don't know/No answer

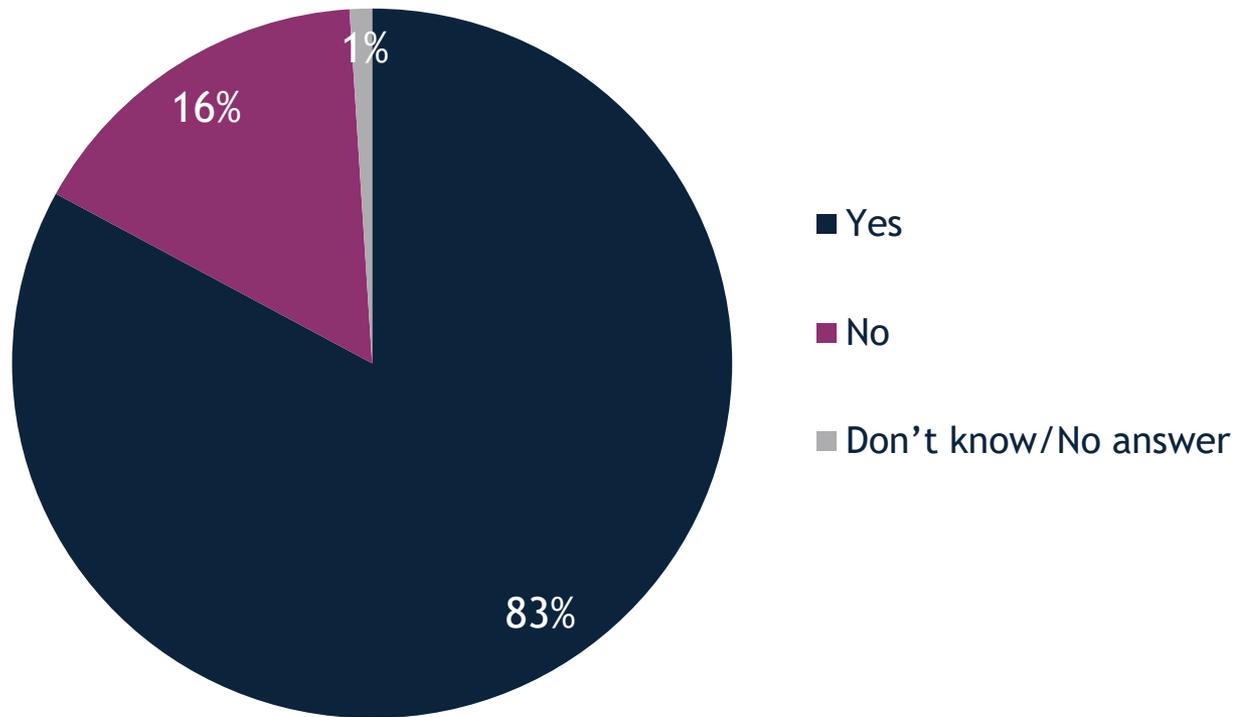


Do you think that Russian aggression towards Georgia is over or is it still going on?

■ It is over and unlikely to resume ■ It is over but likely to resume ■ It is still going on ■ Don't know/No answer

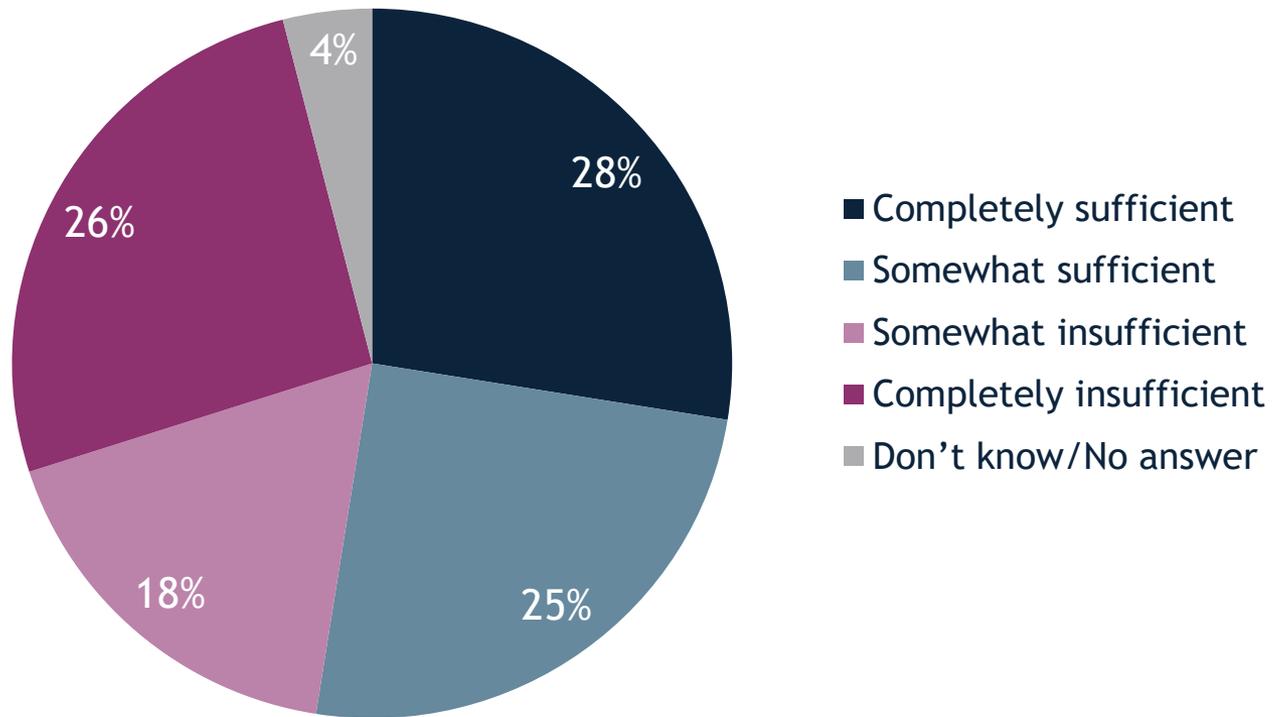


Are you aware of the Georgian Government's response to the Russian military invasion of Ukraine?



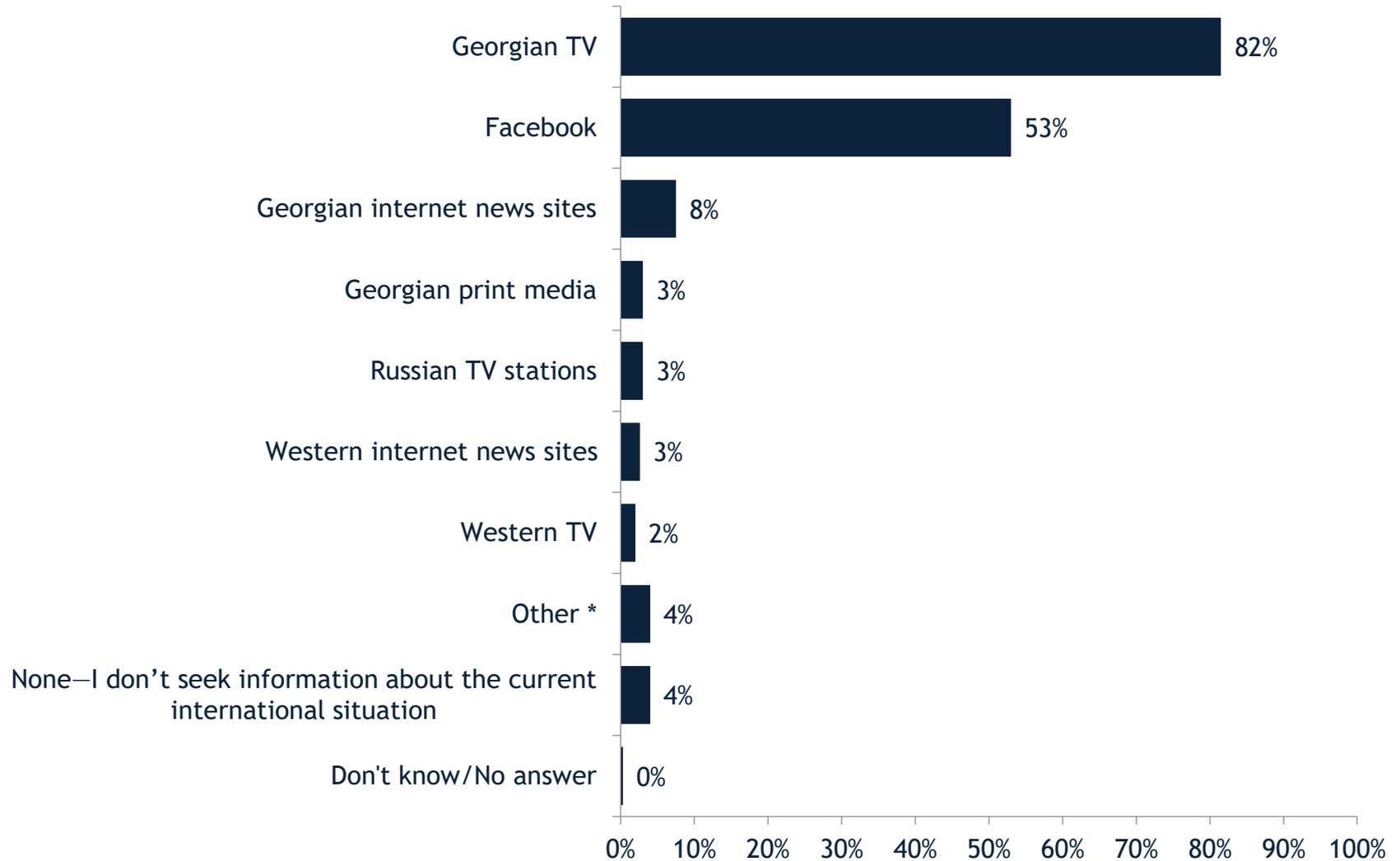
Do you consider the Georgian government's response in support of Ukraine sufficient?

(Respondents aware of Georgian Government's response to the Russian military invasion of Ukraine, n=1,229)



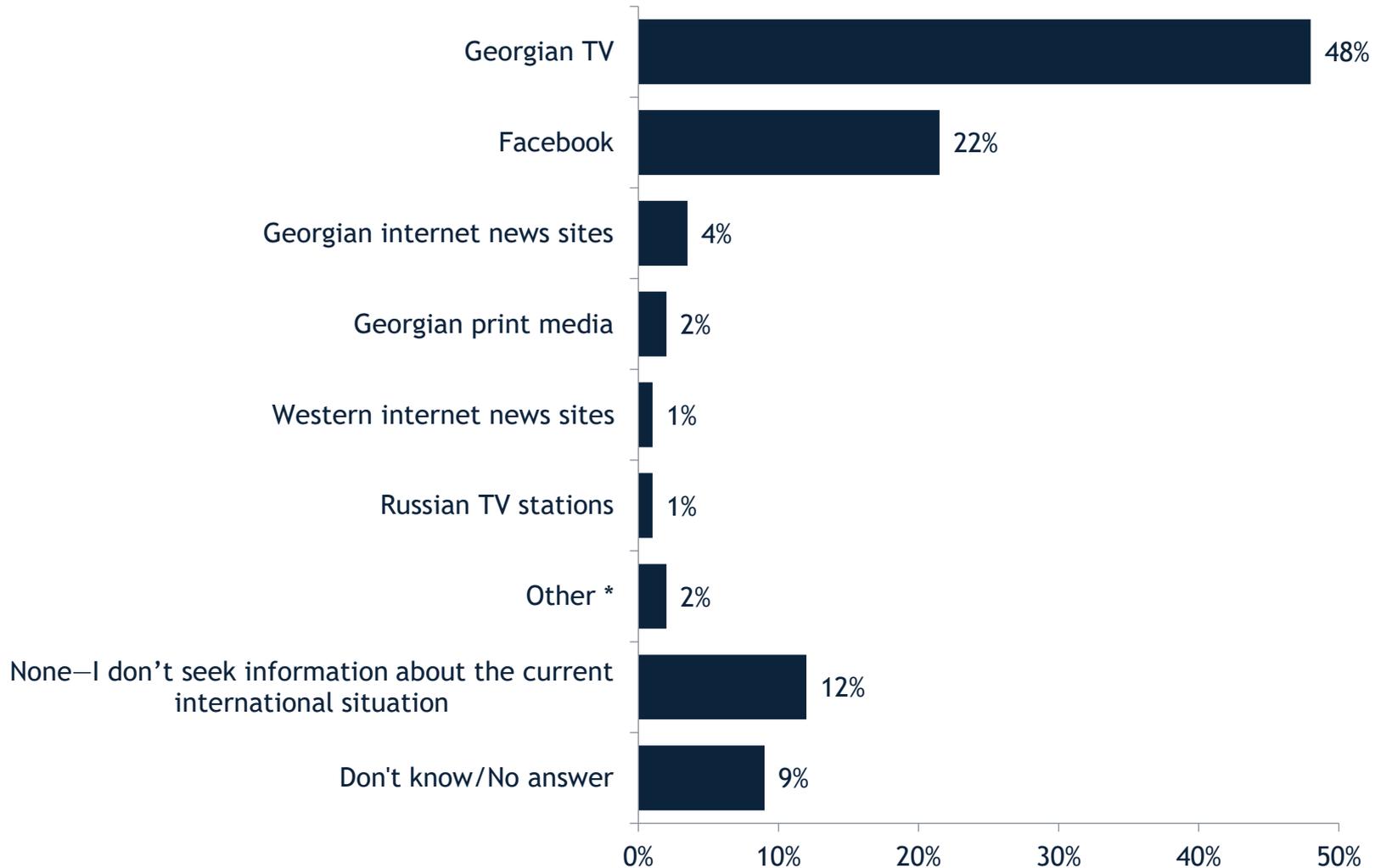
Which sources do you use for information about the current international situation?

(Respondents permitted to provide multiply responses)



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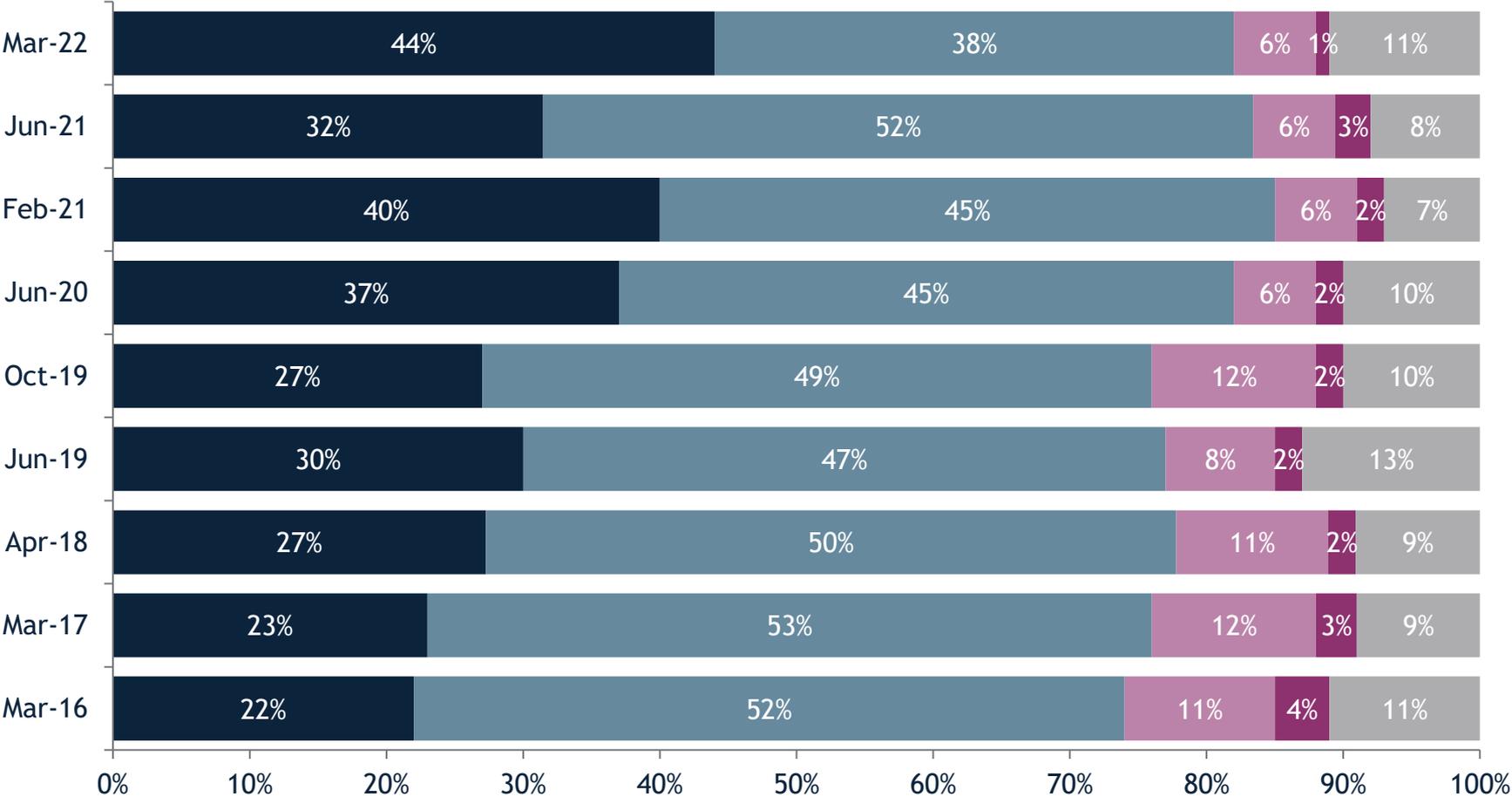
Which of these information channels do you trust most for information about the current international situation?



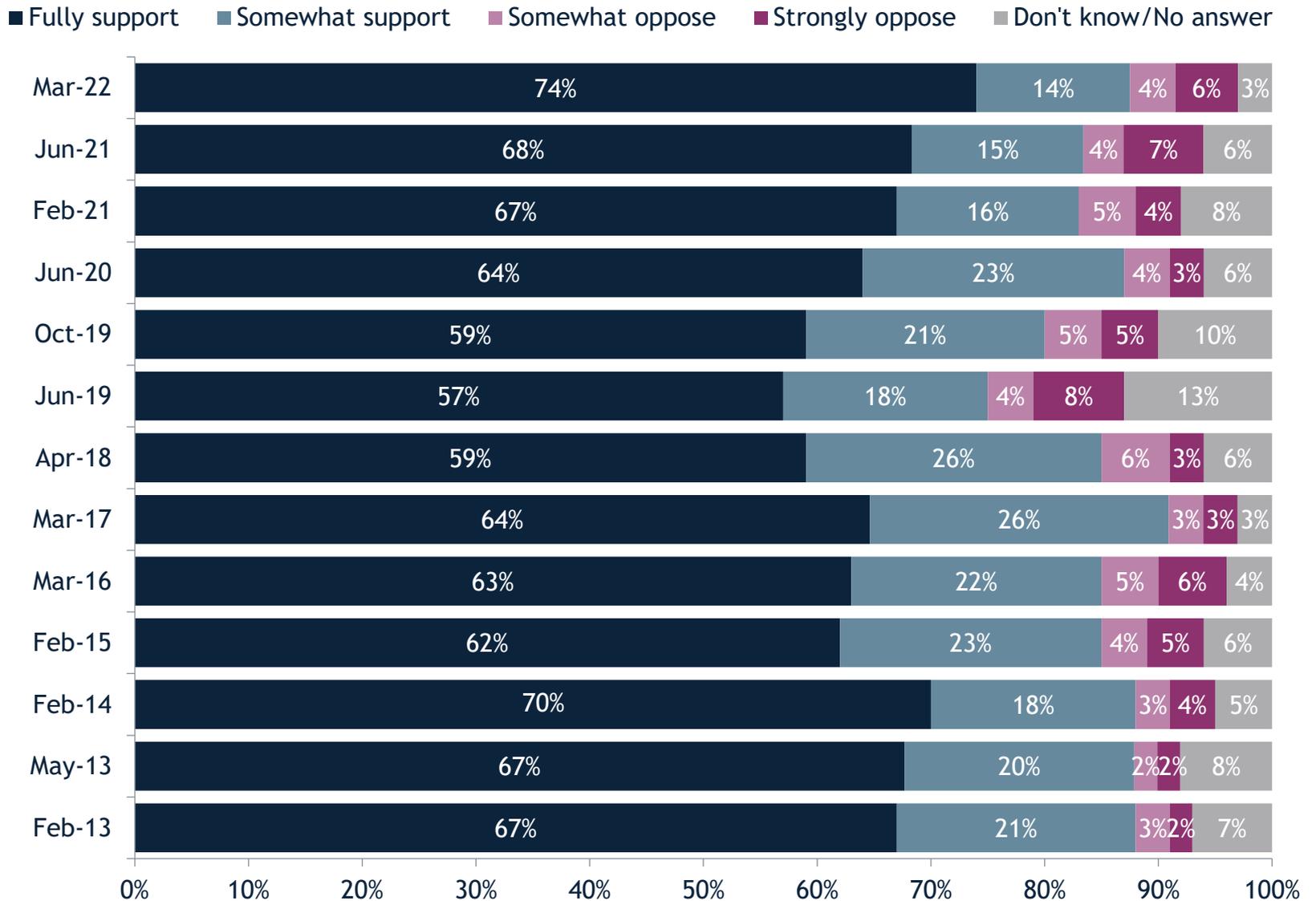
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In your opinion what should Georgia's foreign policy course be?

- Only pro-European Union and the West
- Pro-Western but keep up relations with Russia
- Pro-Russian but keep up relations with the European Union and the West
- Only pro-Russian
- Don't know/No answer

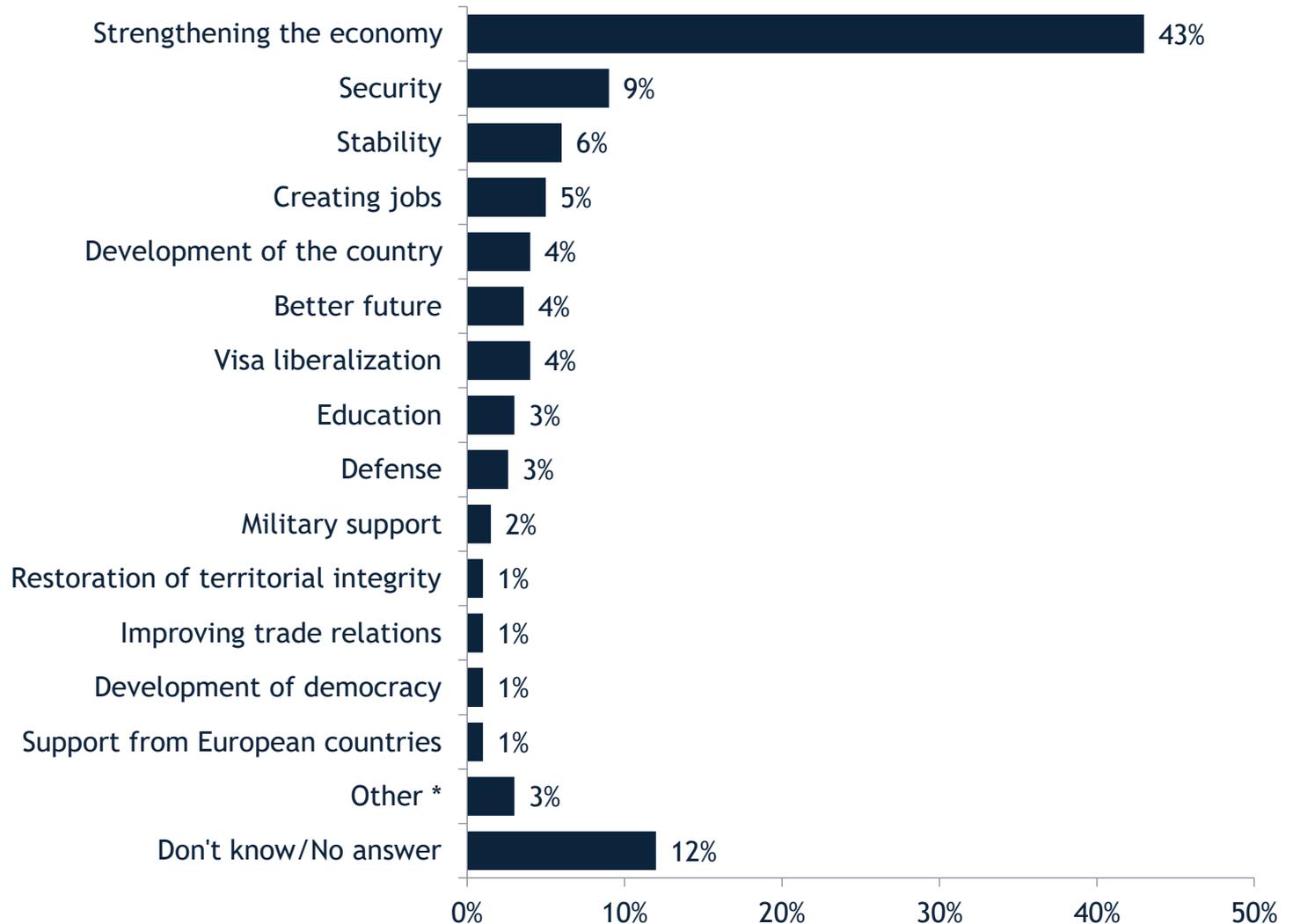


Do you support or oppose Georgia joining the EU?



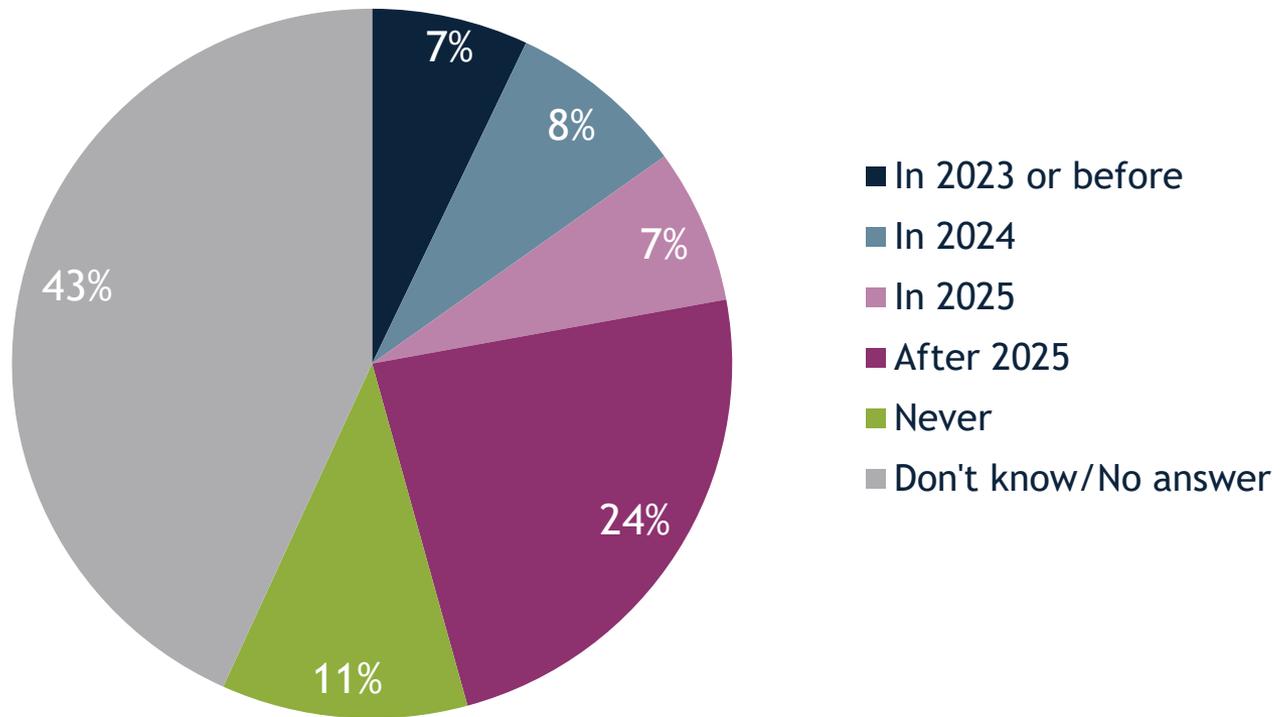
If you support joining the EU, what is the main benefit of joining the EU?

(Spontaneous response, respondents supporting Georgia joining the EU, n=1,297)

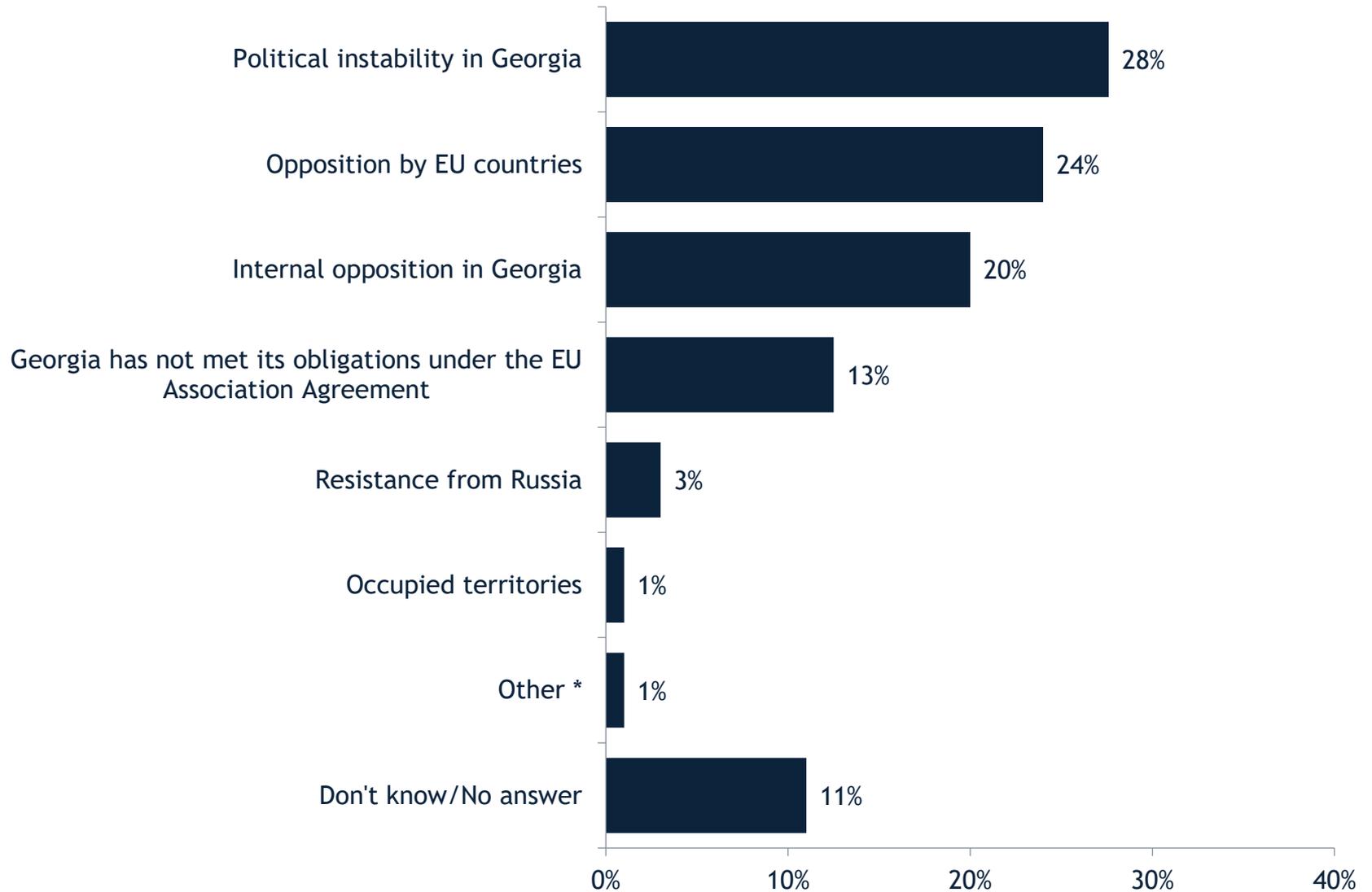


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When do you think Georgia will become a member of the EU?

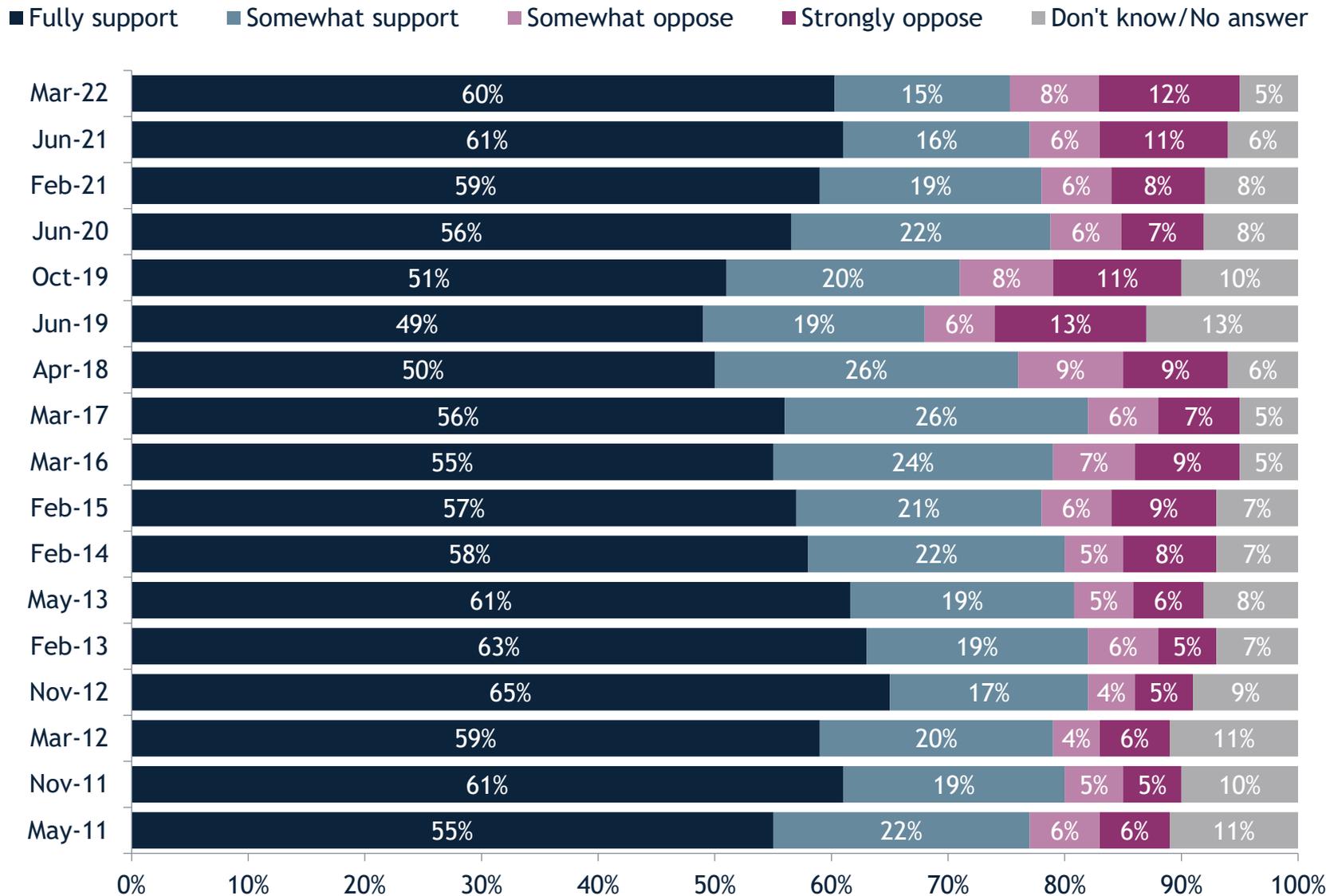


What is biggest obstacle in the way of Georgia joining the EU?



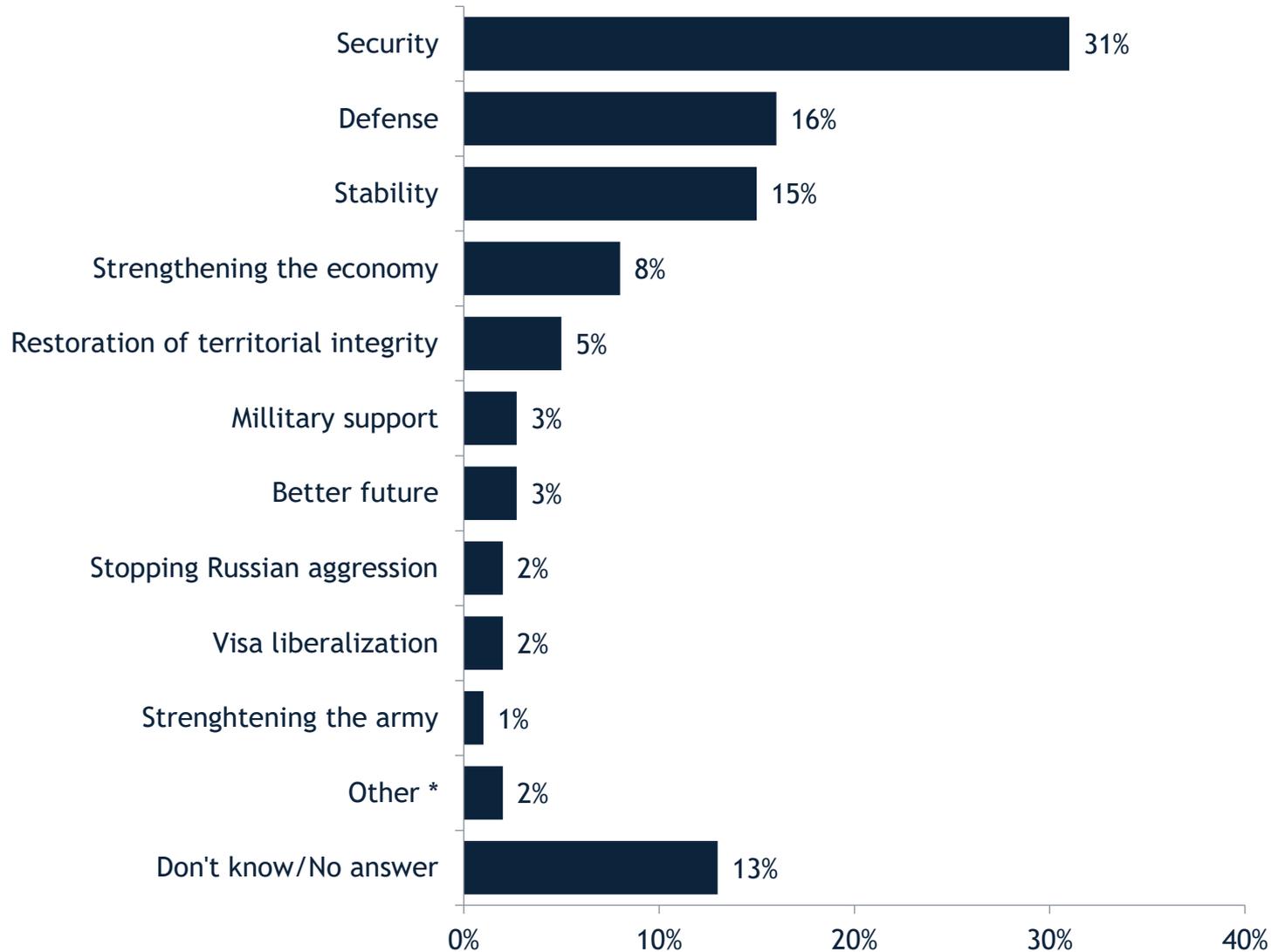
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Do you support or oppose Georgia joining NATO?



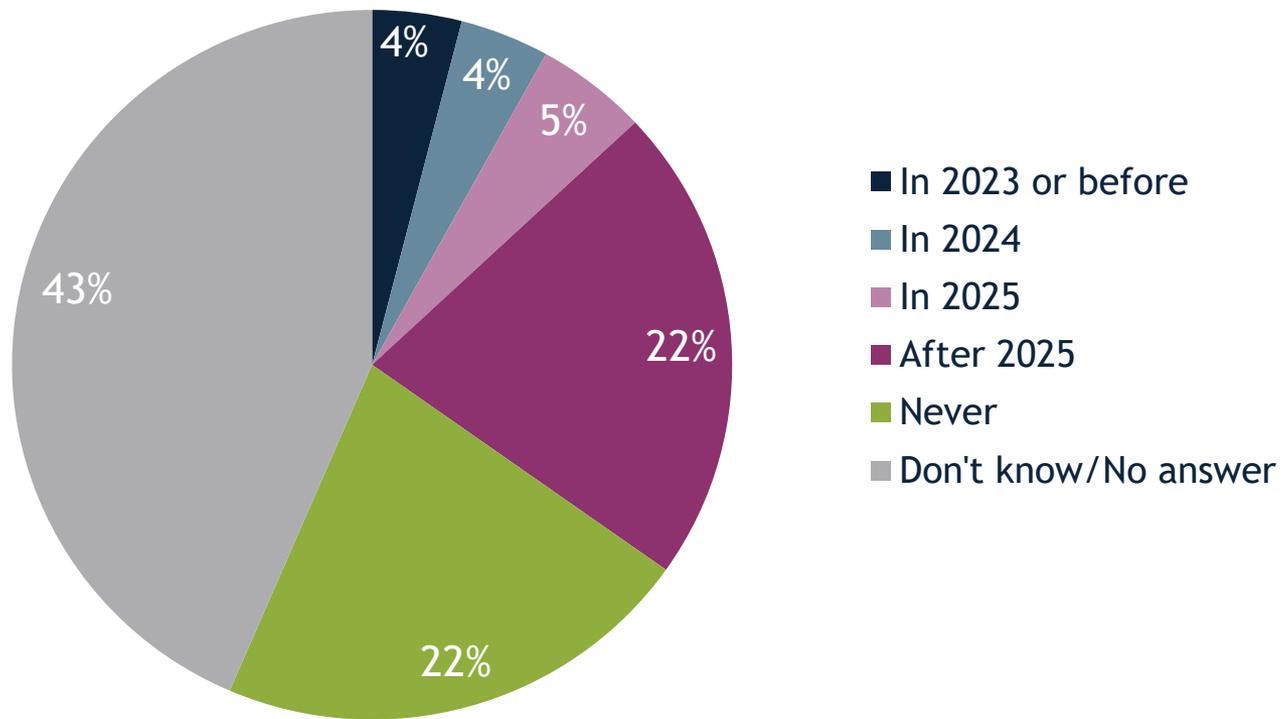
If you support, what are the main benefits of joining NATO?

(Spontaneous response, respondents supporting Georgia joining NATO, n=1,122)

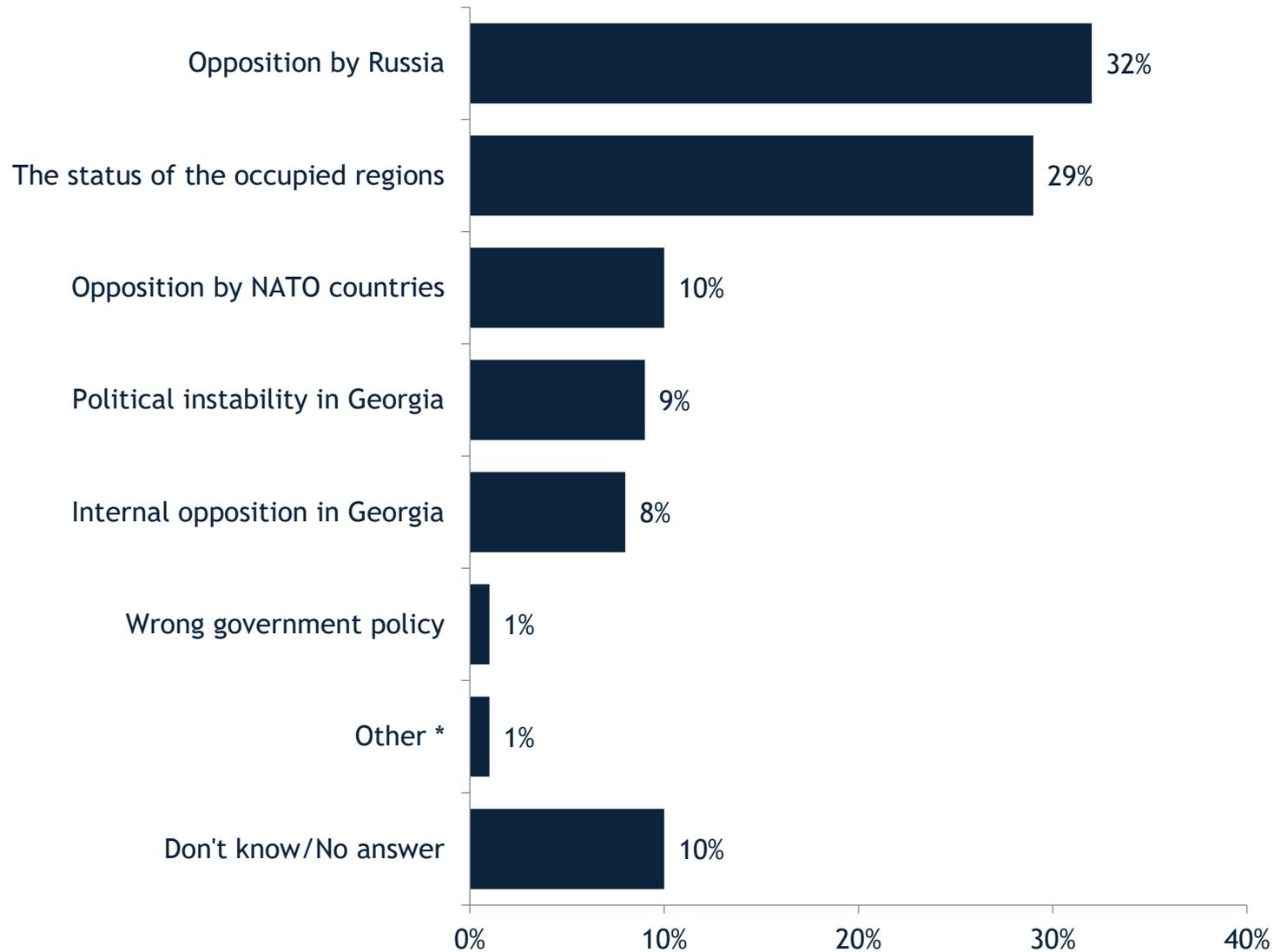


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When do you think Georgia will become a member of NATO?



What is biggest obstacle in the way of Georgia joining NATO?



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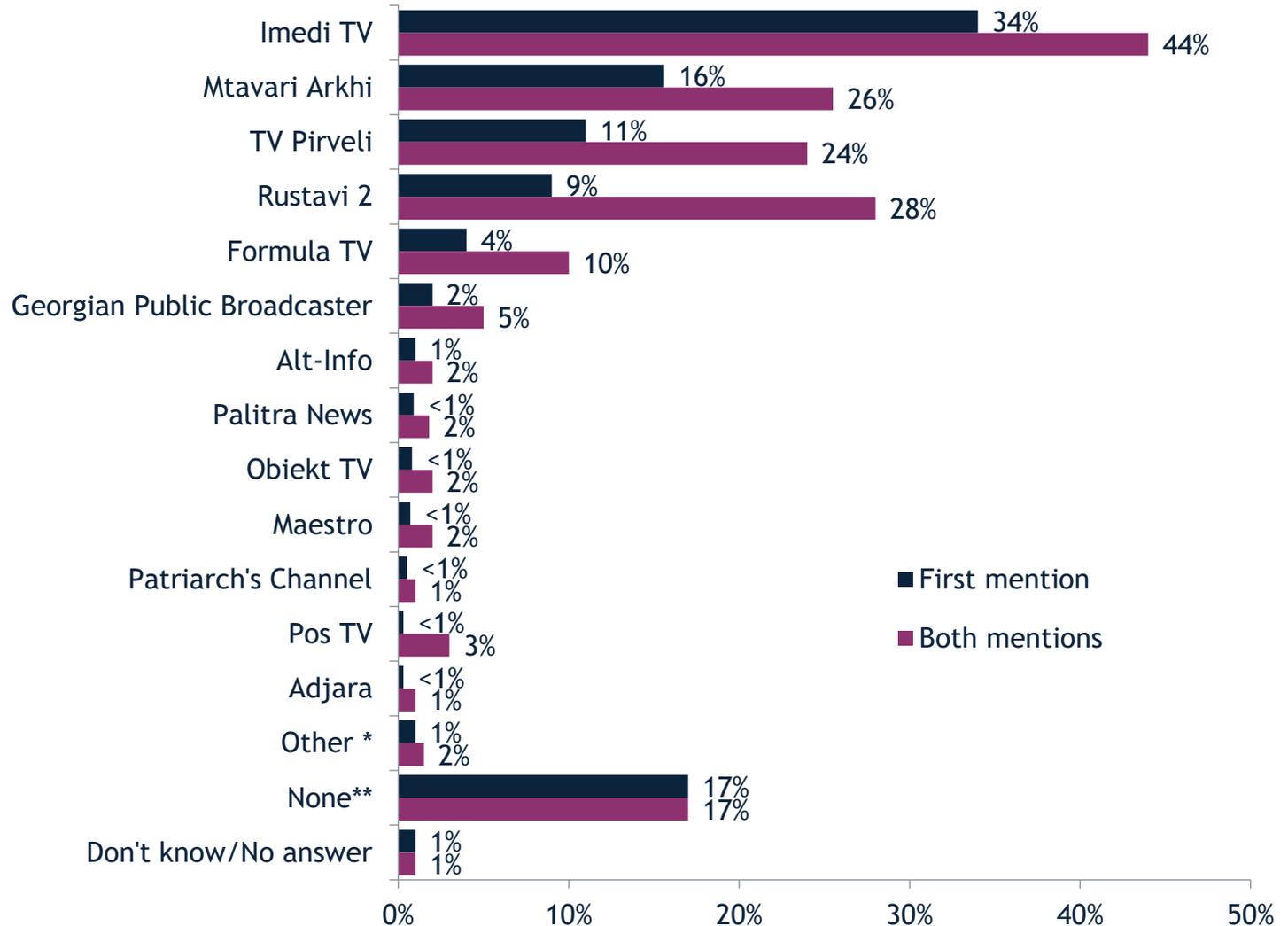


Media & Sources of Information



Which Georgian TV station's news and political information do you trust the most?

(Respondents permitted to provide two answers)

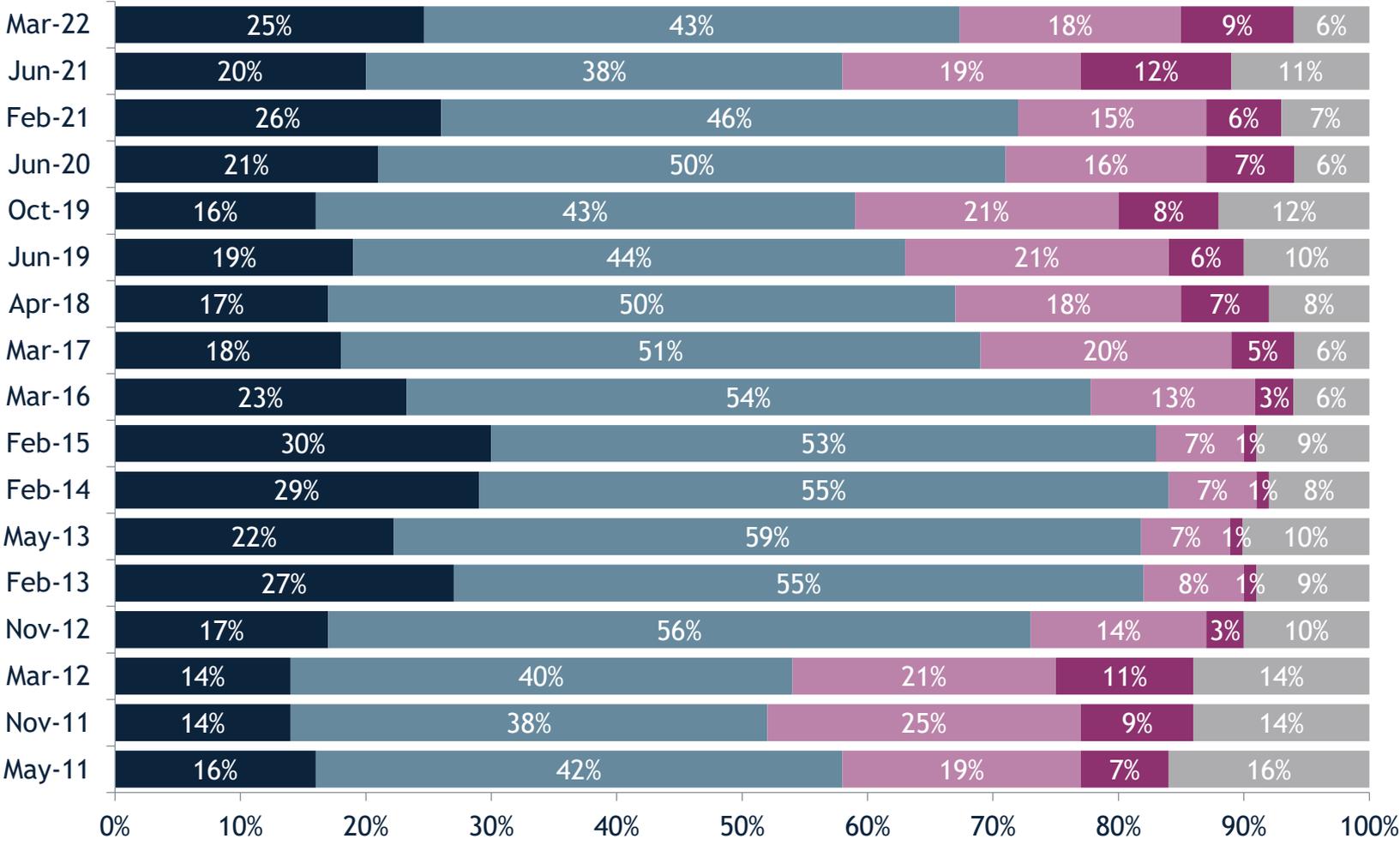


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** None and Don't know/No answer refer to data from the first mention.

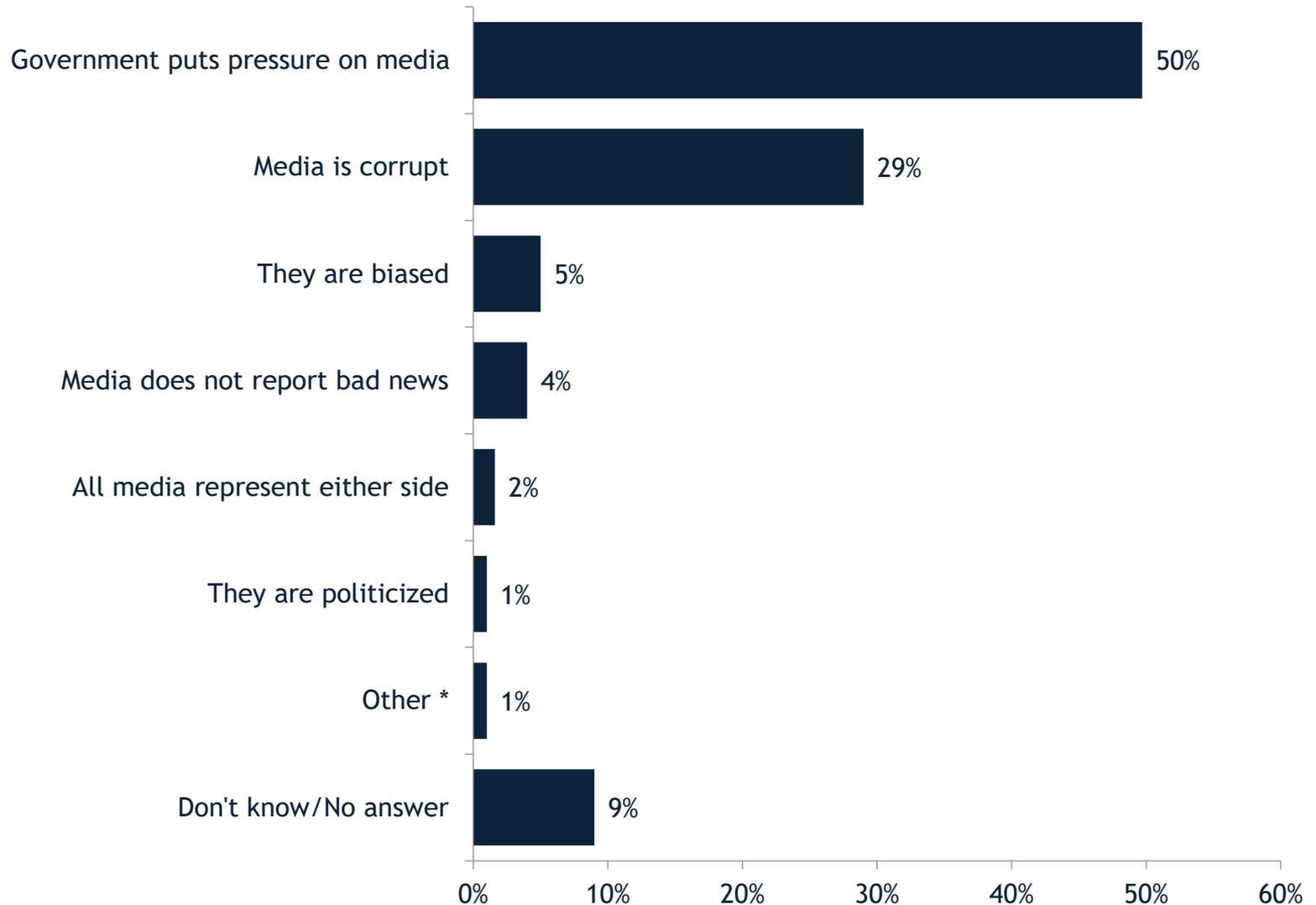
In your opinion, is Georgian mass media such as TV, radio or the press, free to express various political views?

Totally free
 Somewhat free
 Not very free
 Not free at all
 Don't know/No answer



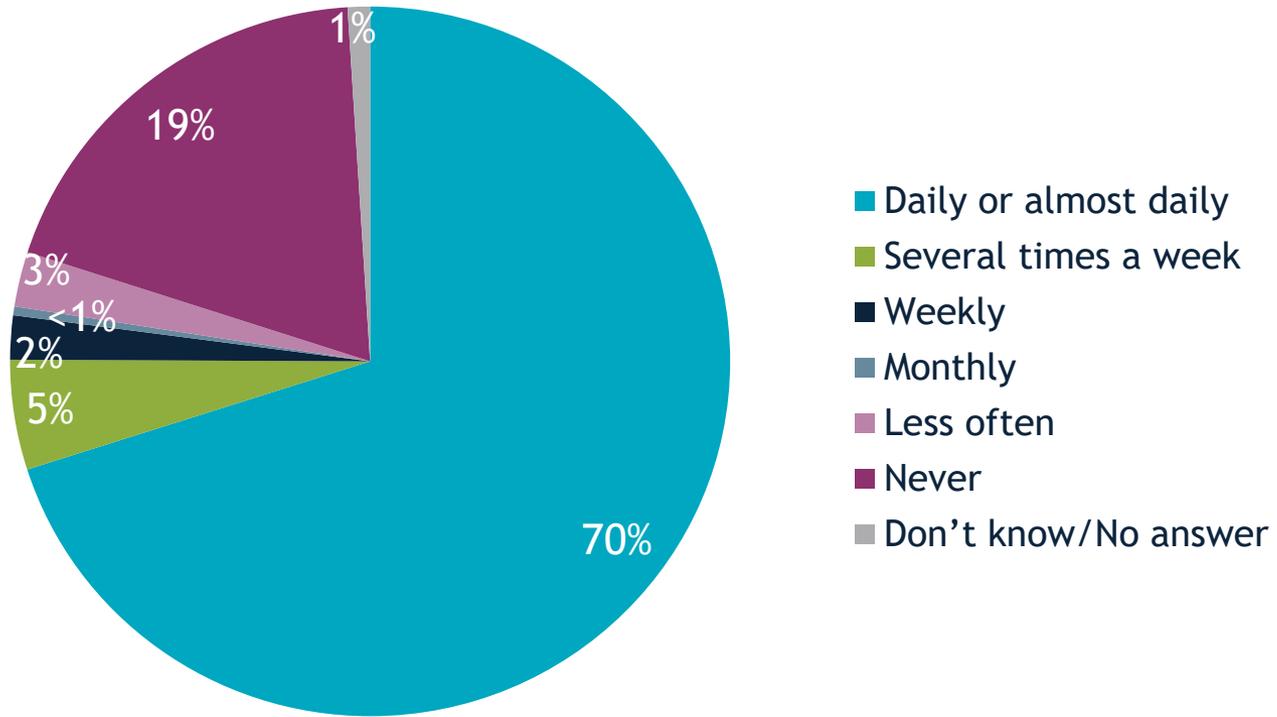
Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views?

(% of respondents having such opinion, n=399)



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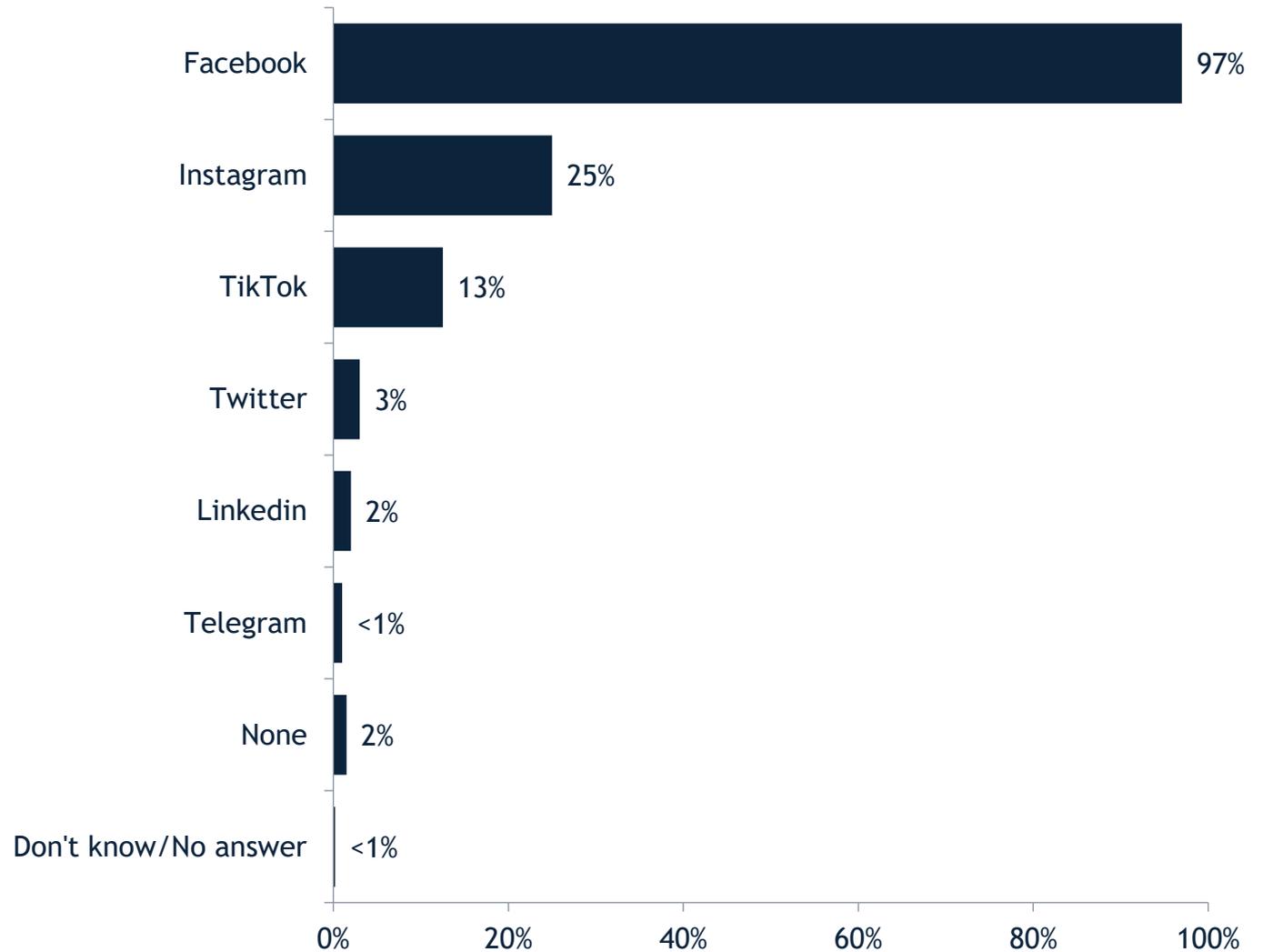
How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?

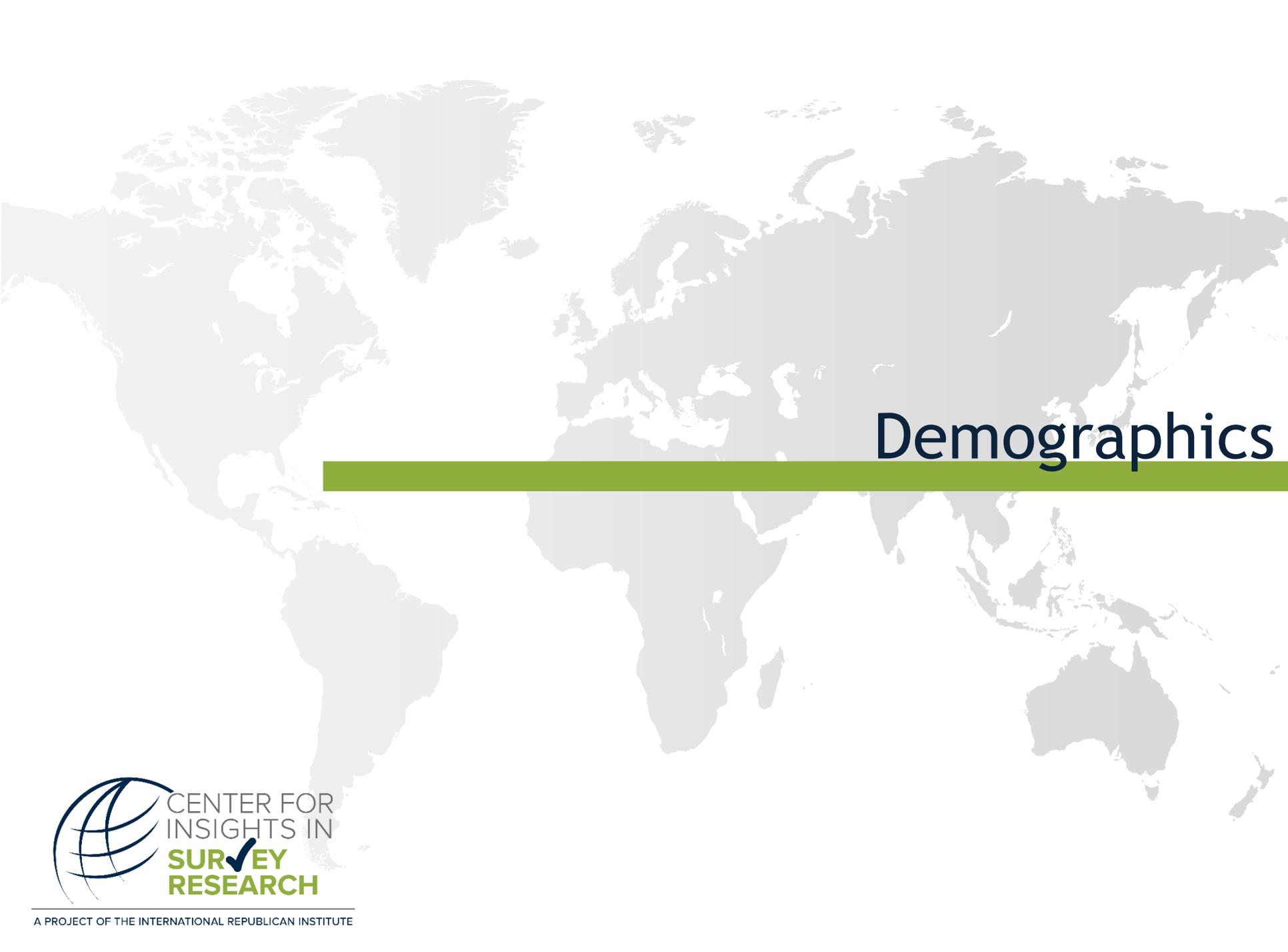


Which social media sites do you use most often?

(Respondents permitted to provide three spontaneous answers)

(Internet users, n=1,198)

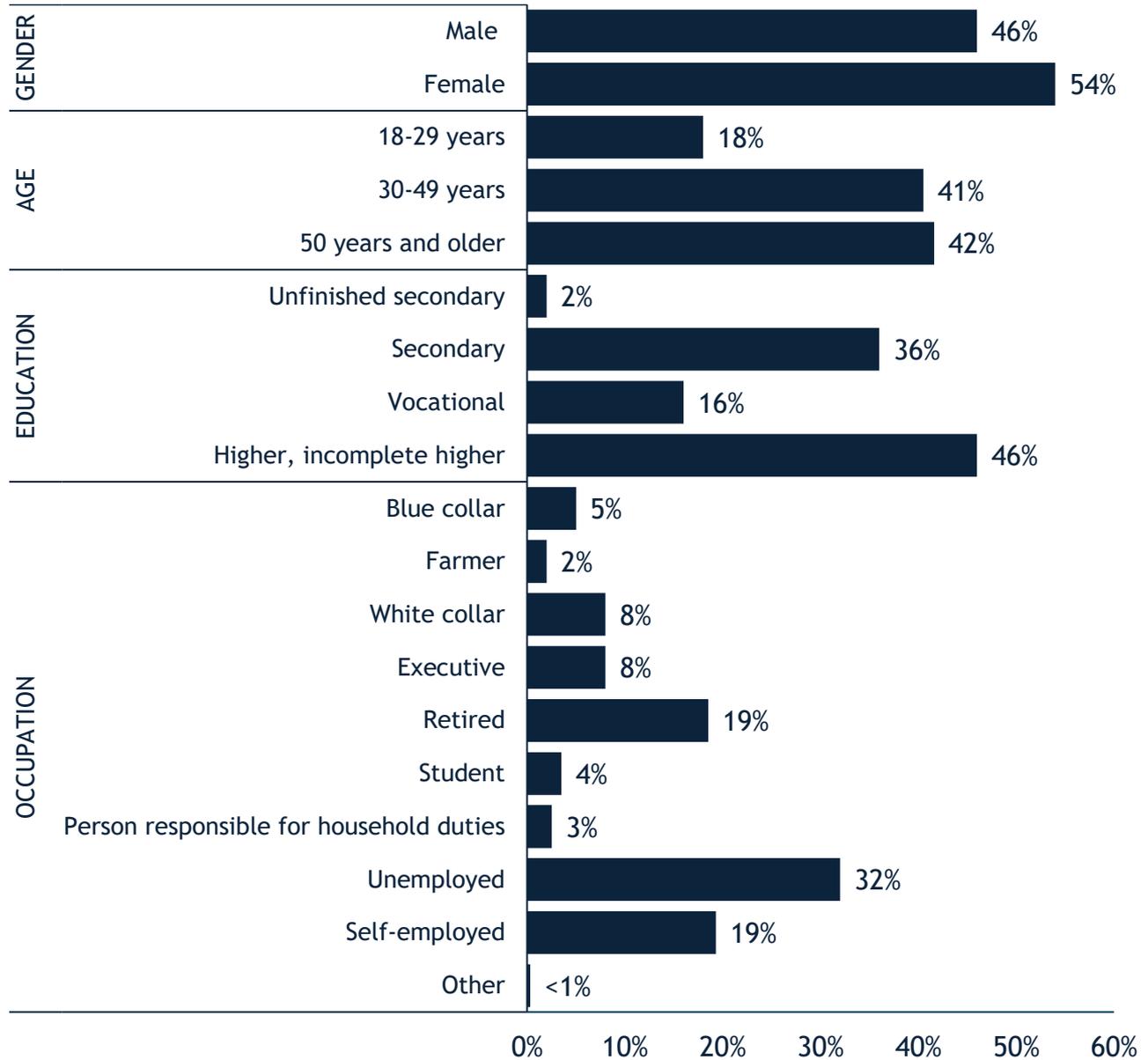




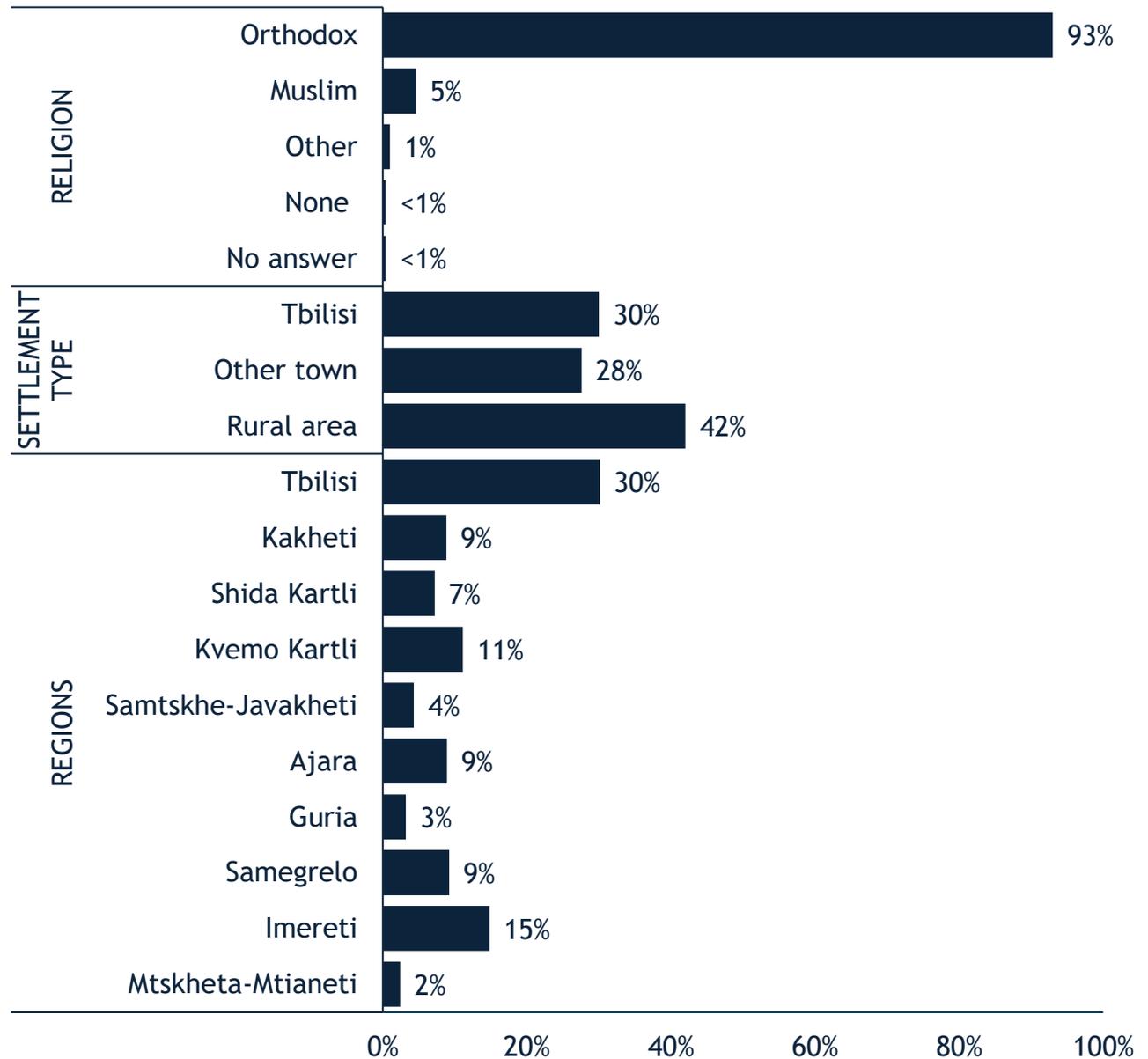
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