NATIONAL POLL OF KYRGYZSTAN

April 2022



Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's <u>Center for Insights in Survey</u> <u>Research (CISR)</u> by <u>SIAR Research and Consulting</u>.
- Data was collected between April 7, 2022 and April 20, 2022 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consists of n=1,500 residents of Kyrgyzstan, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally-representative sample according to the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic Demographic Yearbook available at the beginning of 2020. The sample was stratified by oblast/city and urbanicity.
 - Households were assigned serial numbers and were randomly selected. Once a household was selected, all eligible household members were entered in the CAPI (computer assisted personal interviewing) program for a random selection of respondents.
- The sample has been weighted according to age group and gender using the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic Demographic Yearbook available at the beginning of 2020.
- The response rate for the survey was 63 percent.
- The margin of error at the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ±2.5 points at the 95 percent confidence level.
- Interviews were conducted in Kyrgyz (81 percent), Russian (18 percent), and Uzbek (1 percent).
- Cited bases are weighted. Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the <u>U.S. Agency for International Development</u>.

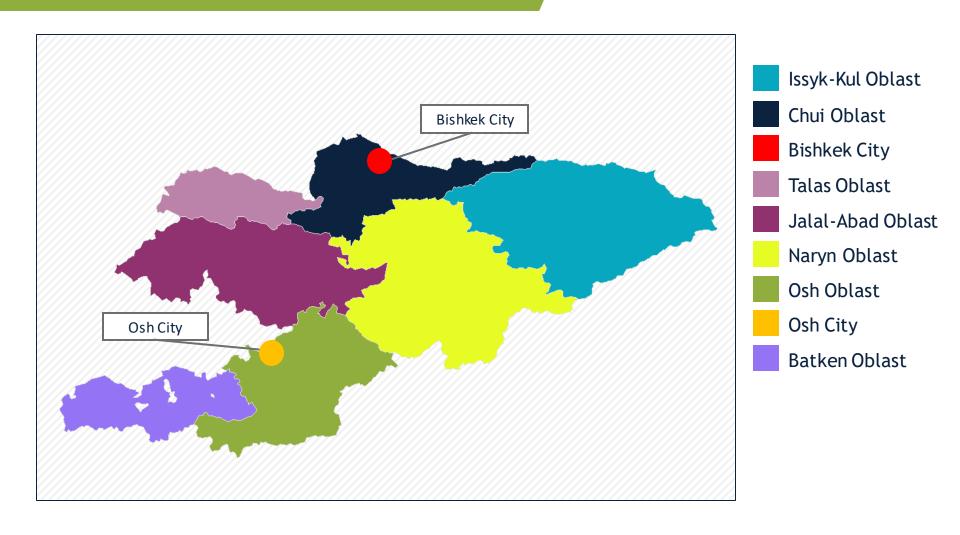
Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base	
Age Brackets	Age 18-35	n = 751	
	Age 36-55	n = 487	
	Age 56+	n = 263	
Gender	Men	n = 729	
	Women	n = 771	
Urbanicity	Urban	n = 581	
	Rural	n = 919	
	Bishkek City	n = 320	
	Chui Oblast	n = 205	
	Issyk-Kul Oblast	n = 104	
	Naryn Oblast	n = 60	
Oblast/City	*Talas Oblast	n = 47	
ŗ	Osh Oblast	n = 295	
	Jalal-Abad Oblast	n = 274	
	Batken Oblast	n = 123	
	Osh City	n = 73	
Household Economic Situation**	Good	n = 1,182	
	Bad	n = 303	
Ethnicity	Kyrgyz	n = 1,266	
	Uzbek	n = 114	
	Russian	n = 65	
Educational Attainment	Secondary or less	n = 884	
	Technical/Lyceum	n = 195	
	College/Complete/Incomplete higher	n = 421	
Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Cited bases are weighted.			

^{*}Disaggregates for Talas Oblast should be interpreted with caution due to small sample size n.

^{**}Respondents were asked the following question: How would you describe the current economic situation of your household? Responses for very good and somewhat good were combined into Good. Responses for somewhat bad and very bad were combined into Bad.

Geographical Key: 7 Oblasts and 2 Cities



Previous IRI Kyrgyzstan polls

Poll	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Sept. 11 – Sept. 26, 2021	n = 1,209
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Jul. 6 – Jul. 16, 2021	n = 1,211
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Feb. 21 – Mar. 5, 2021	n = 1,200
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Dec. 12 – Dec. 21, 2020	n = 1,200
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Aug. 6 – Aug. 15, 2020	n = 1,223
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Nov. 21 – Dec. 3, 2019	n = 1,483
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Nov. 22 – Dec. 4, 2018	n = 1,500
Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Kyrgyzstan	Nov. 19 – Dec. 2, 2017	n = 1,500

About the Center for Insights In Survey Research (CISR)



Research and qualitative and quantitative public opinion data is a cornerstone of IRI's approach to programming. Our data ensures citizens' needs are at the center of the political debate and guide our projects' goals. To date, IRI has conducted more than 1000 polls in over 100 countries, surveying more than 1.5 million people and measuring community attitudes on a wide range of issues.

IRI's research approach integrates CISR's methodological polling best practices protocol and field partners' in-depth knowledge of the local research environment. This close collaboration begins at project design, with carefully calibrated sampling and instrument development, and continues throughout the entire fieldwork cycle to ensure the collection of reliable qualitative and quantitative data.

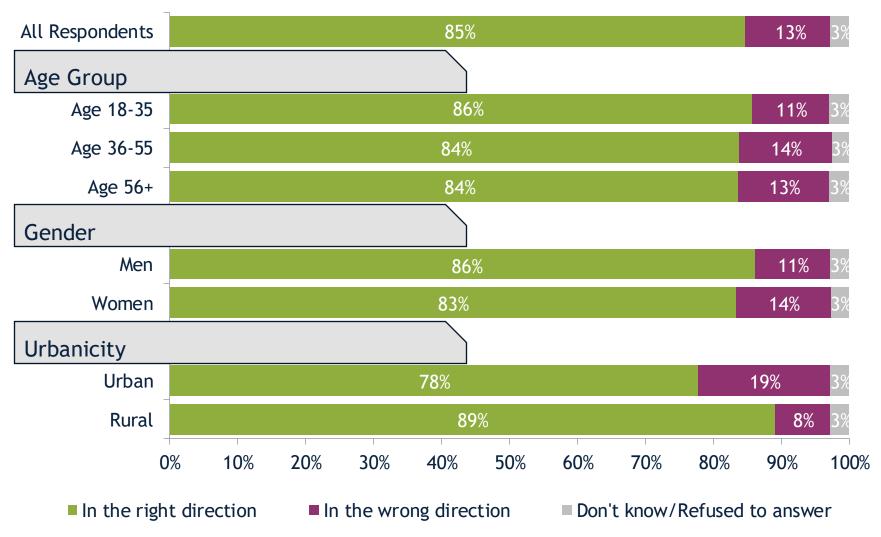
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National Outlook



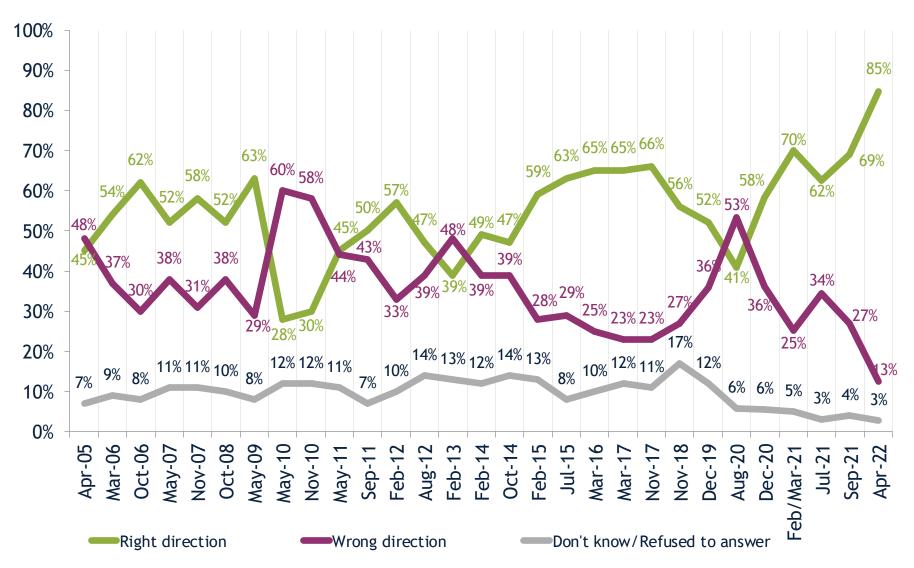


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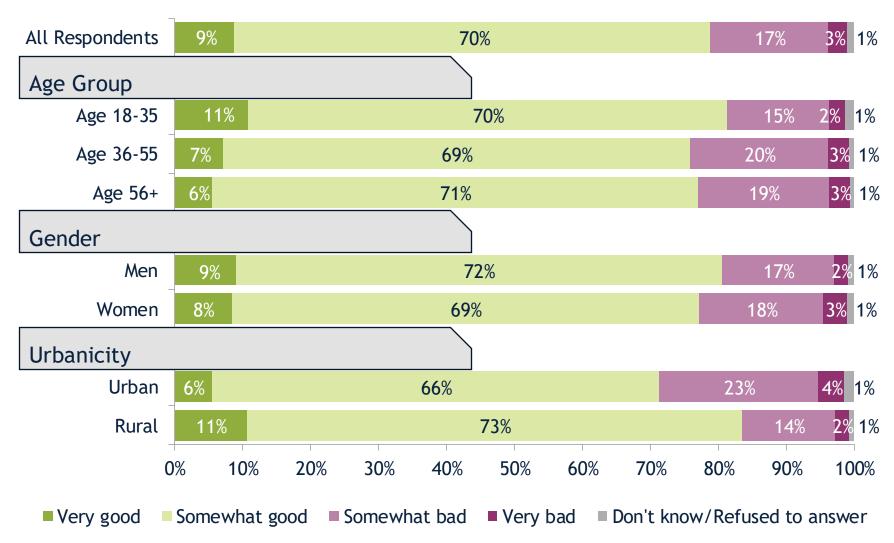


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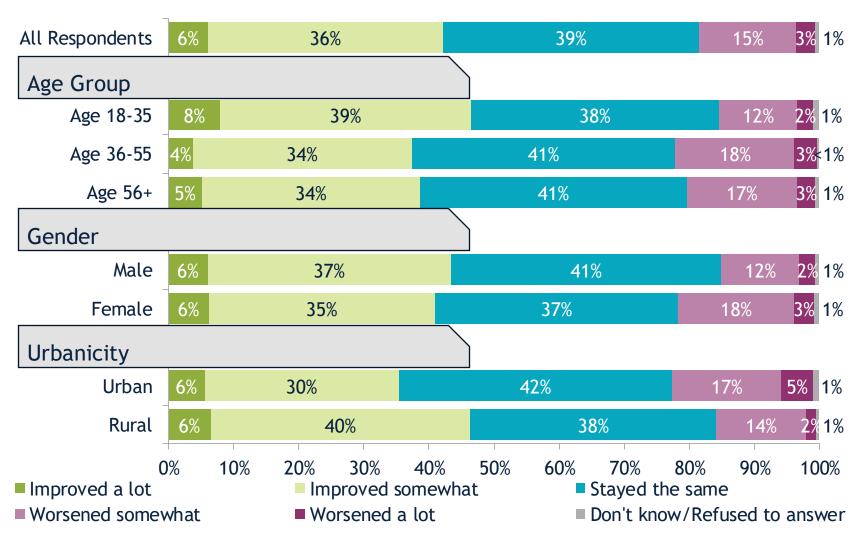


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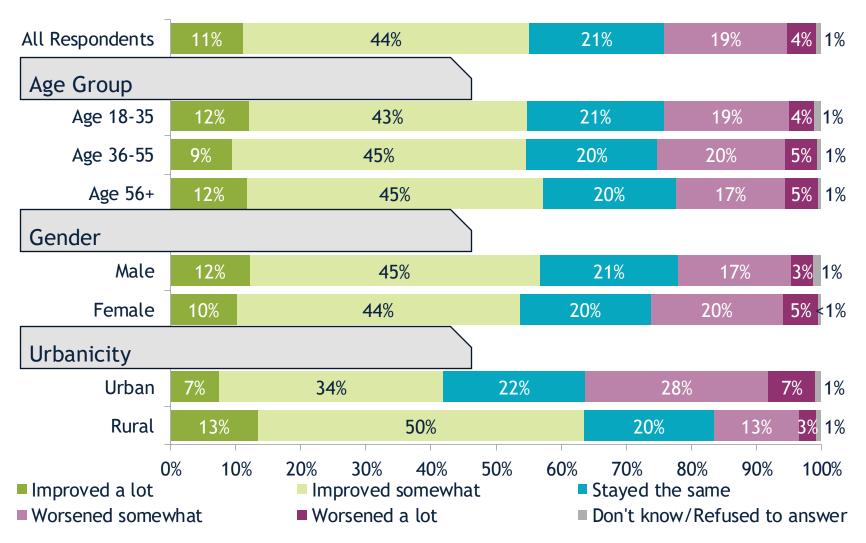
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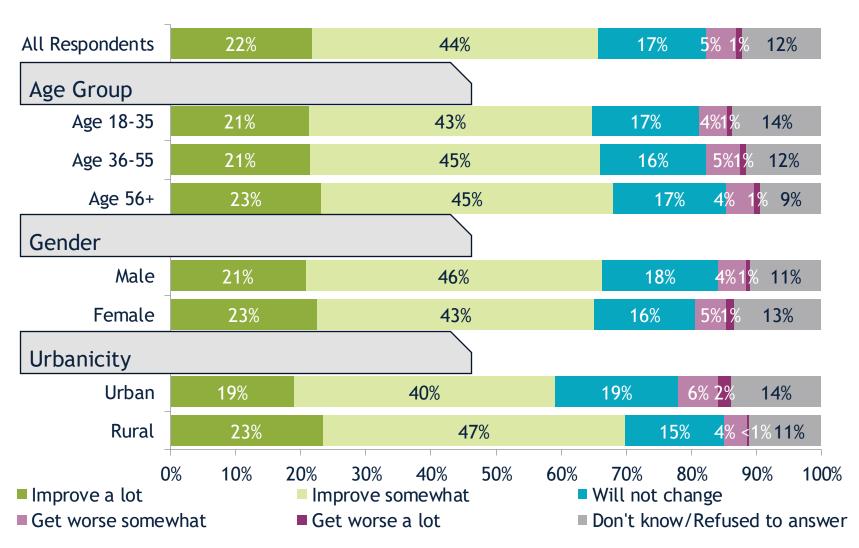
Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?



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

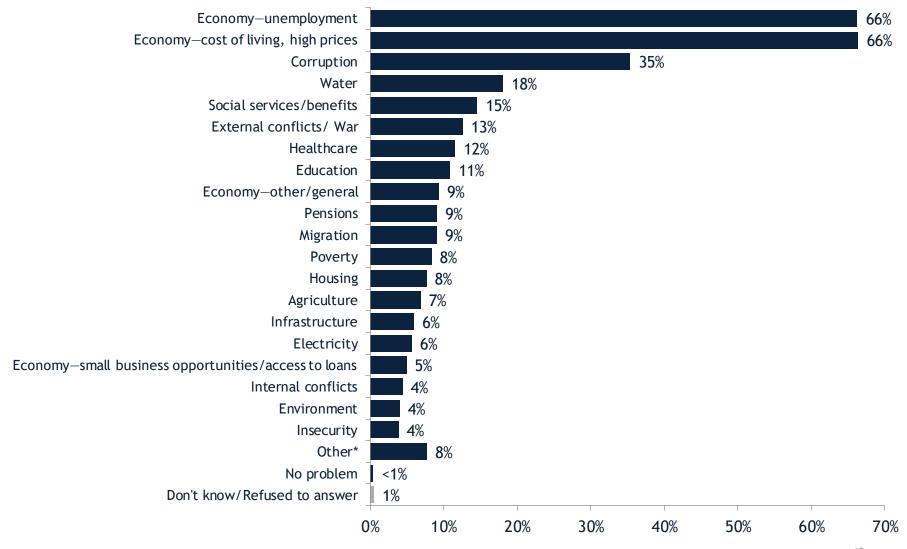


In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Kyrgyzstan change in the next 12 months?



What is the most important problem facing our country today?

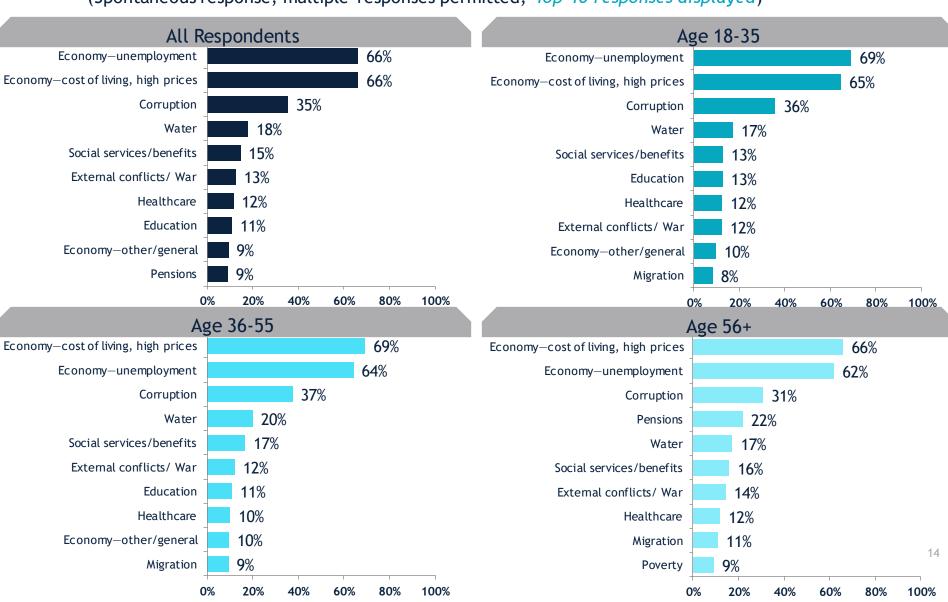
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^{*}Responses receiving < 4% are collapsed into Other.



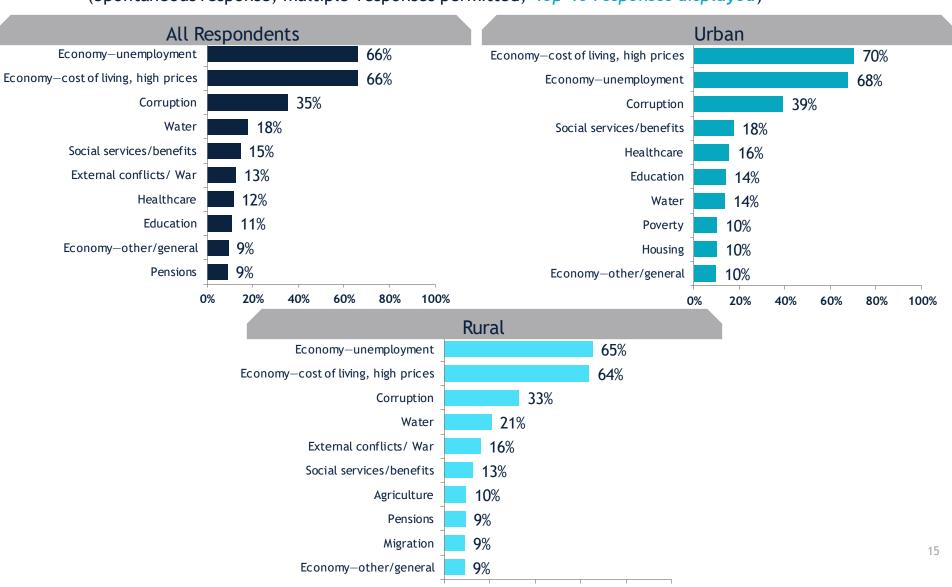
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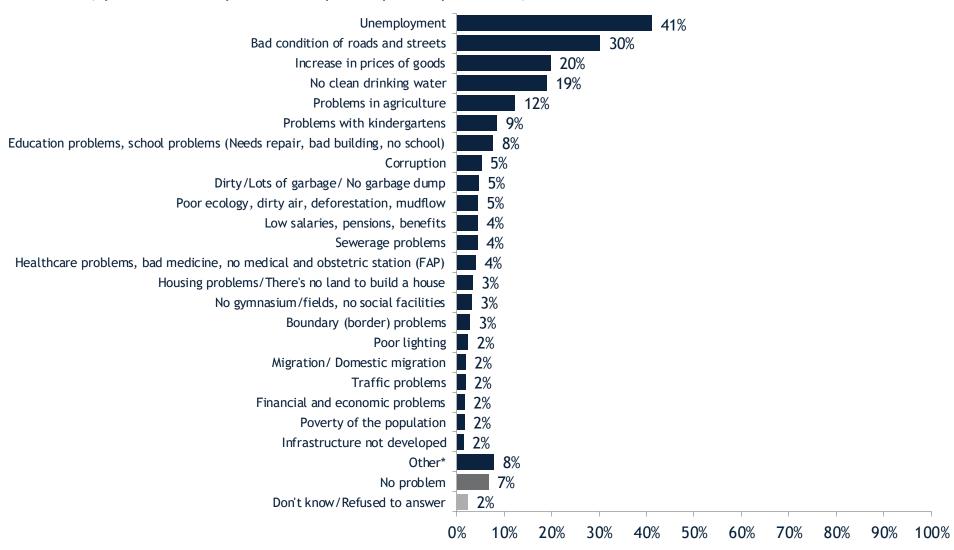
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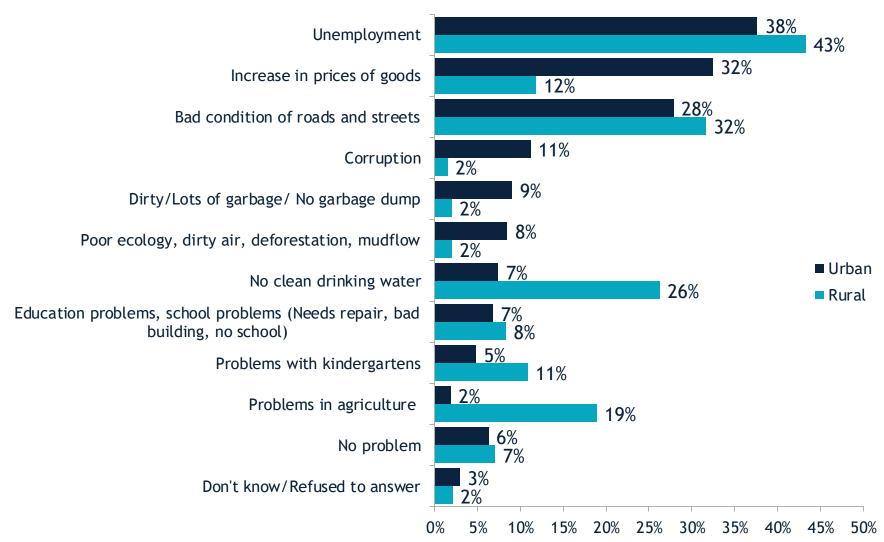


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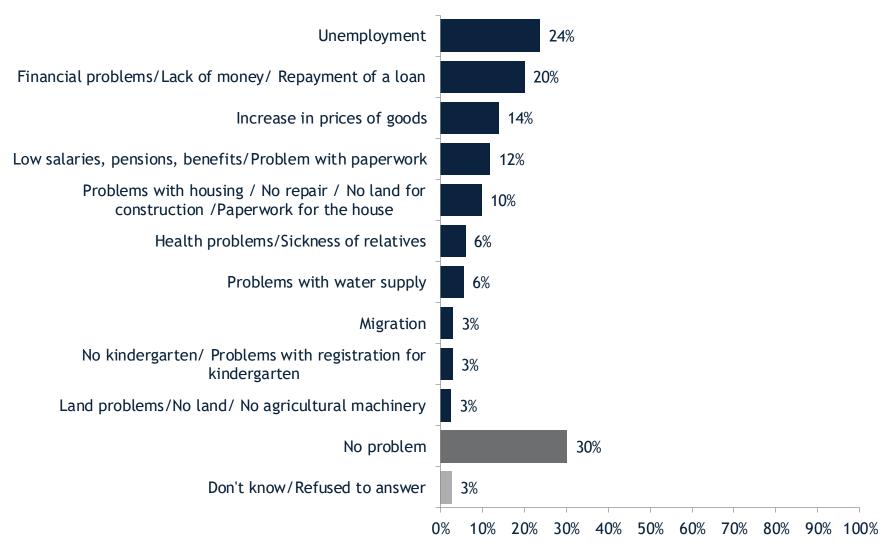
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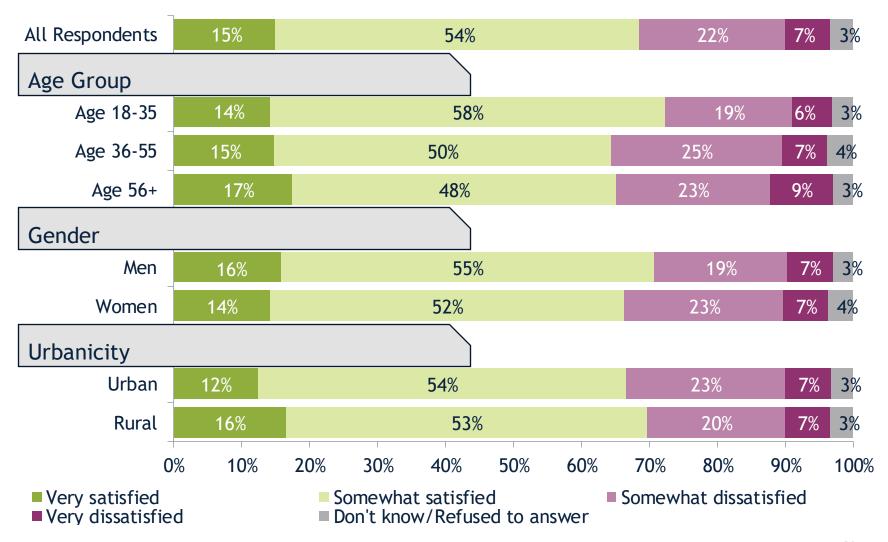


Democracy and Political Interest

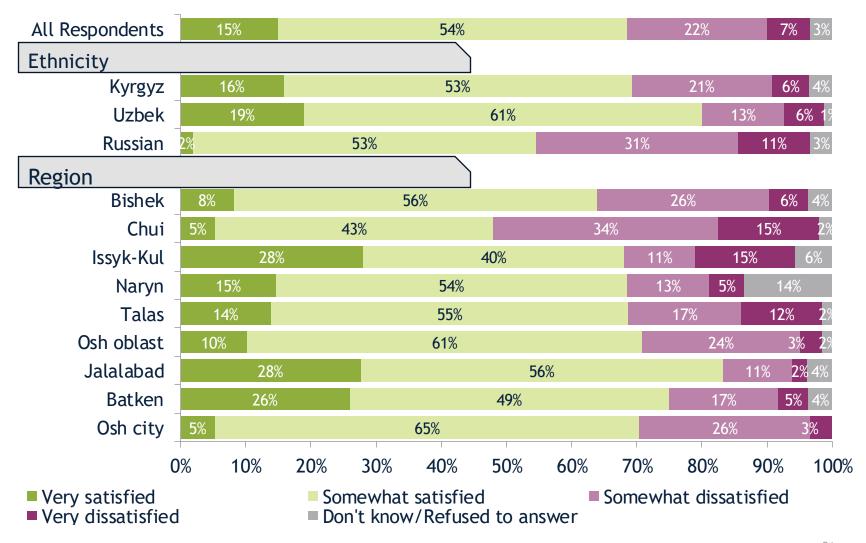




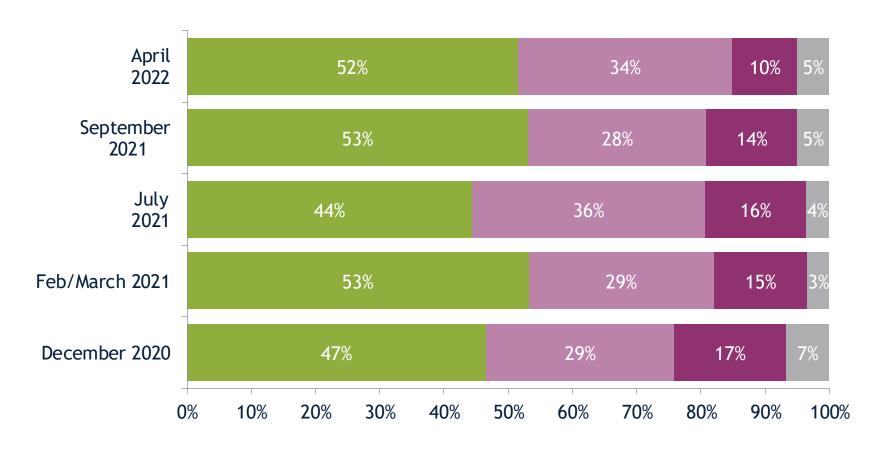
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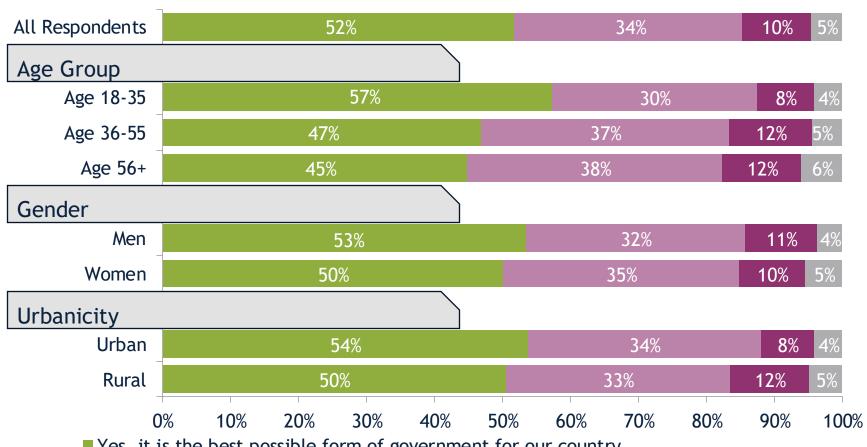
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country today?



- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country
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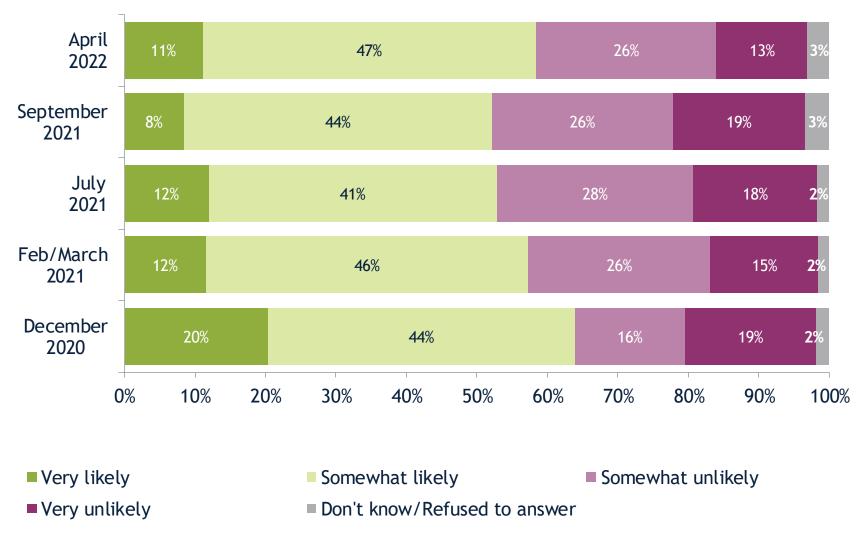
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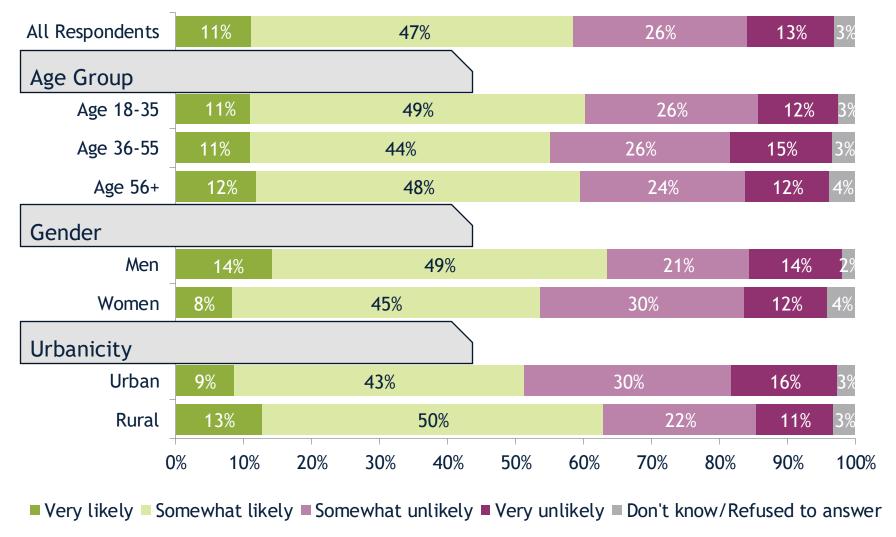


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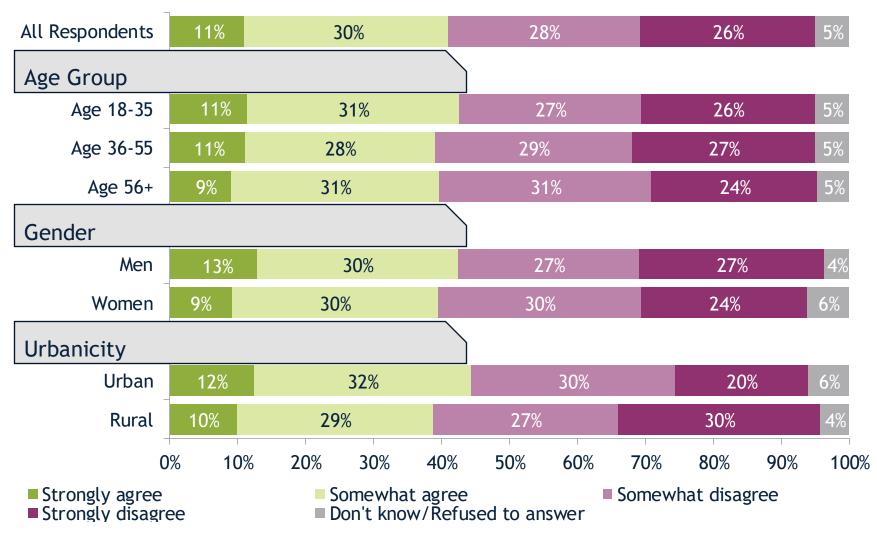


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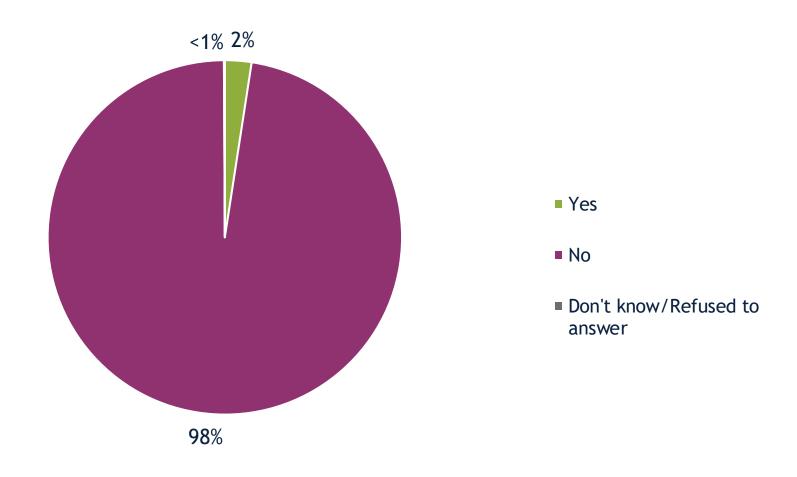
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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: "It is healthy for Kyrgyzstan's democracy to have multiple parties in power."



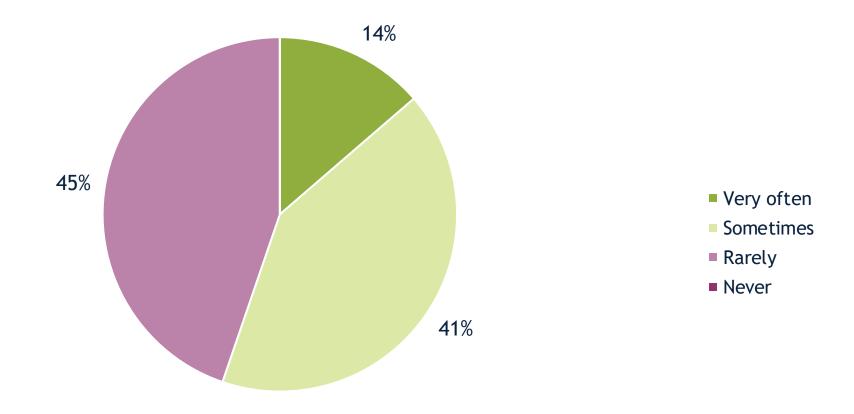
Are you a member of a political party?





How often do you participate in political party activities?

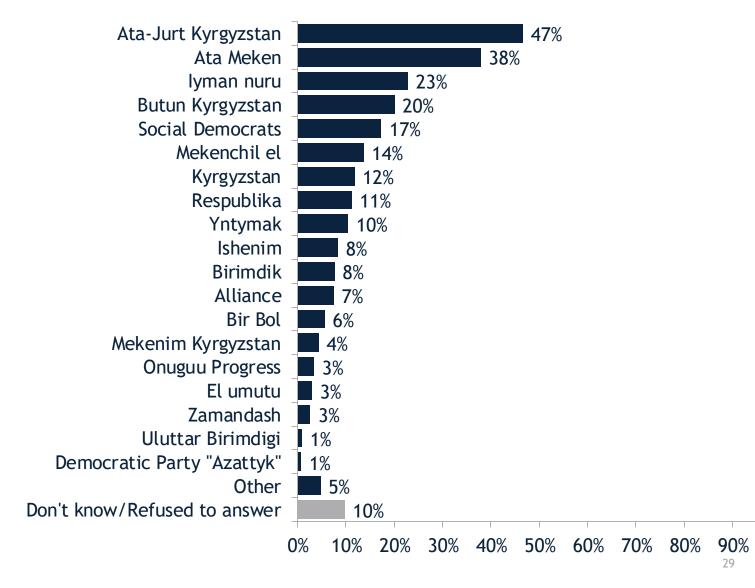
(Among those who are members of a political party, n=36*)



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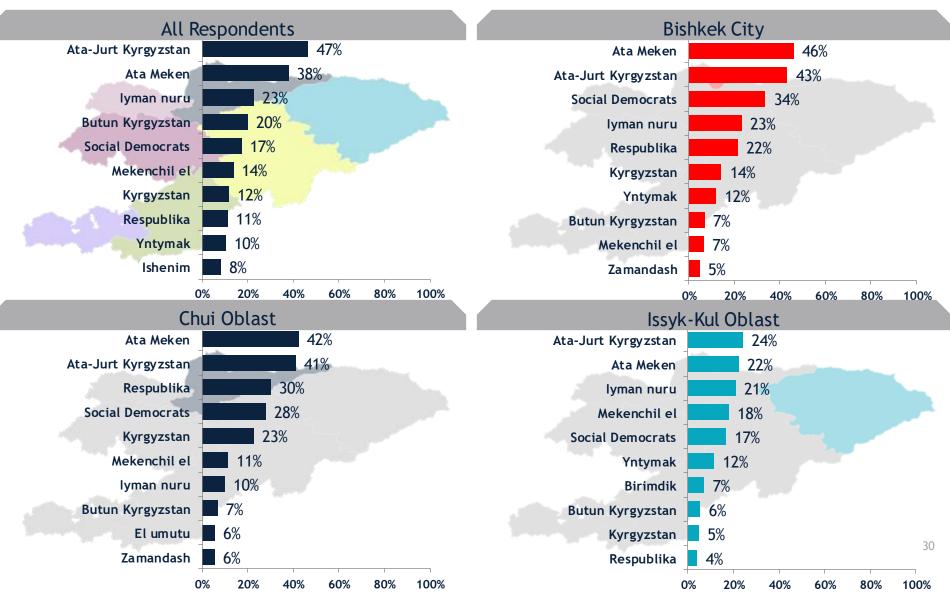
Please name all the political parties you are familiar with in your region.

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted)

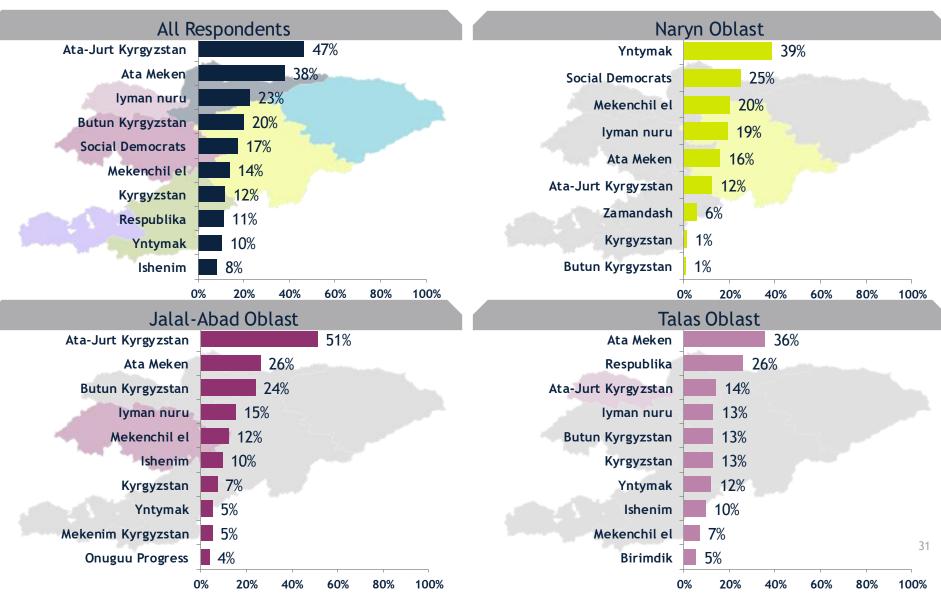


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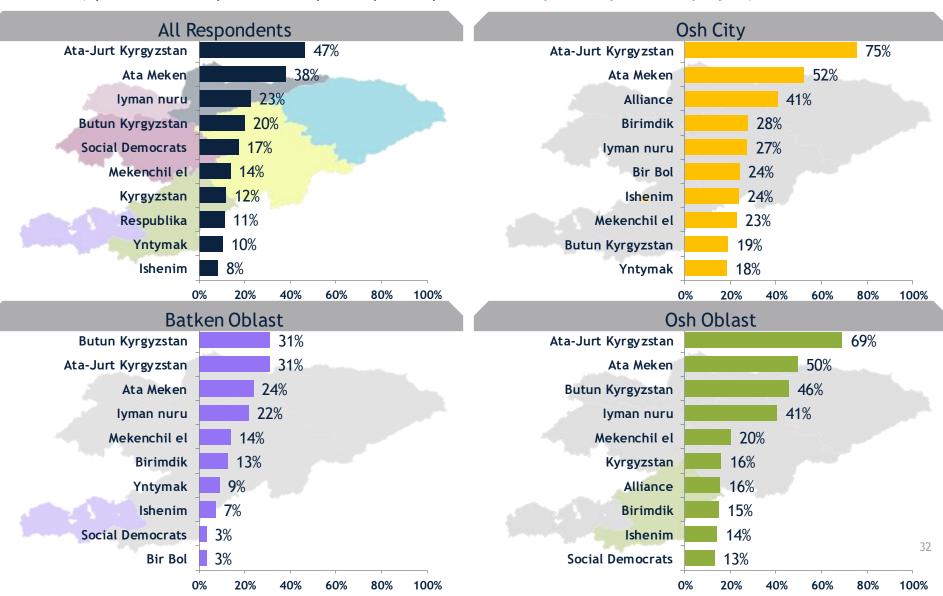
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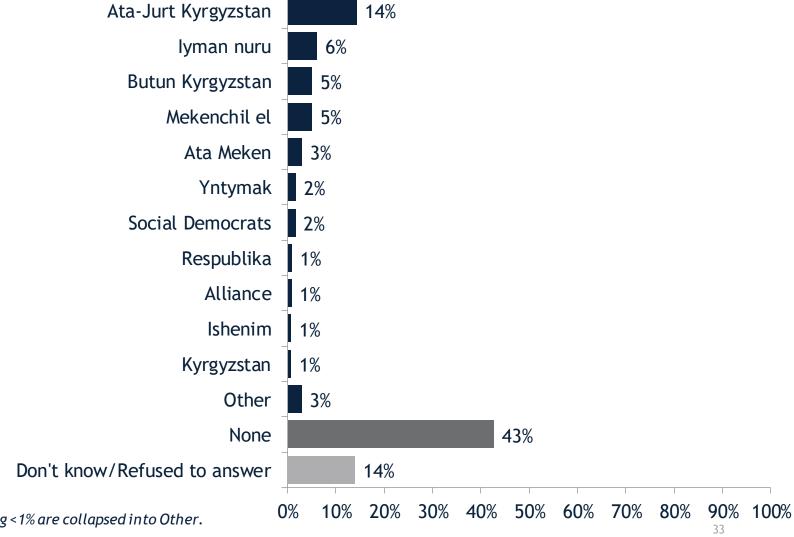
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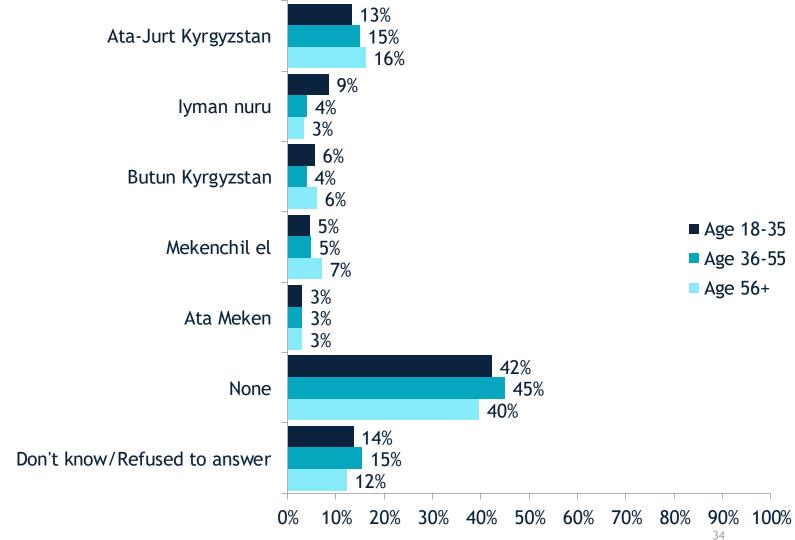
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(Spontaneous response)



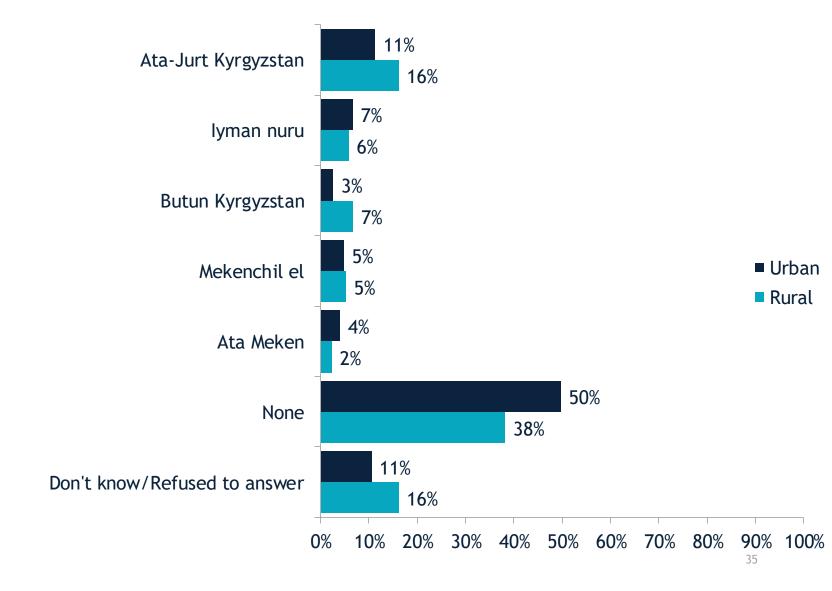
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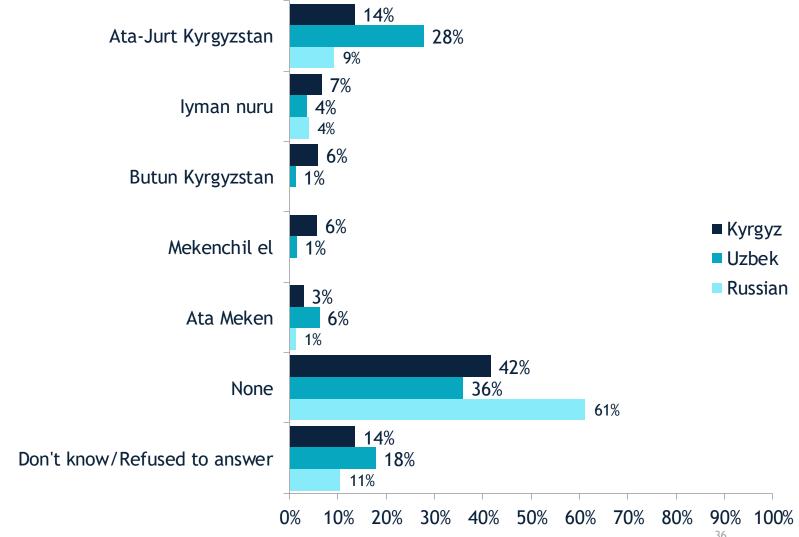
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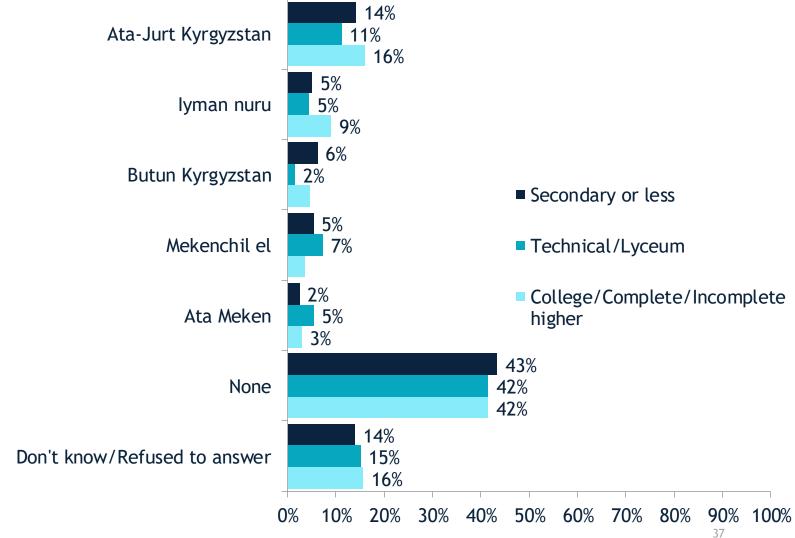
Which political party can most successfully solve the current issues Kyrgyzstan is facing?

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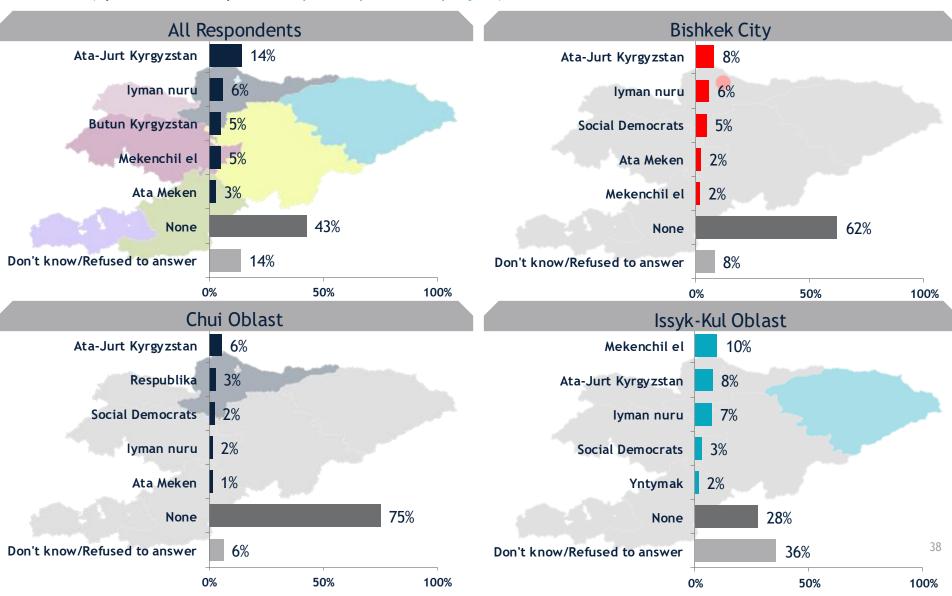
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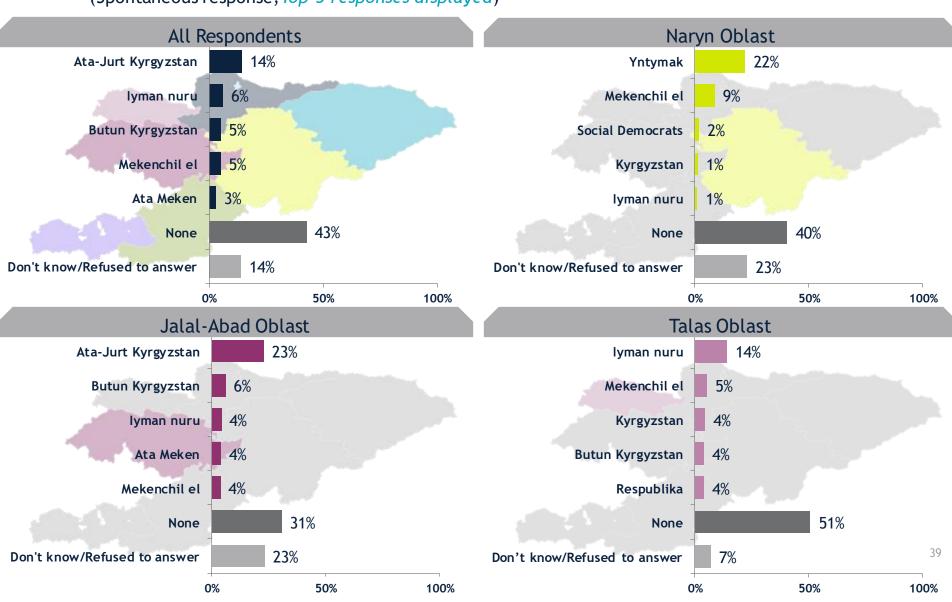
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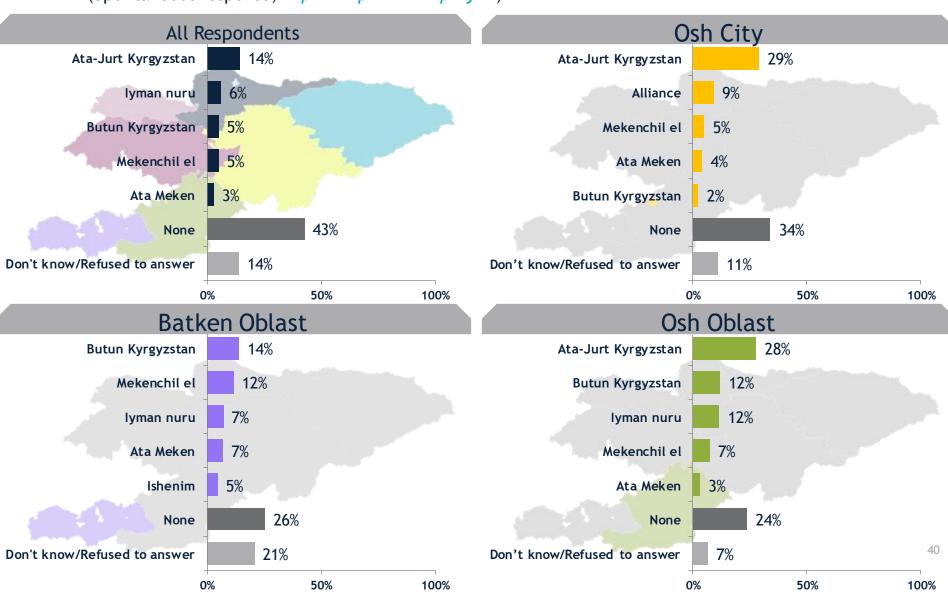
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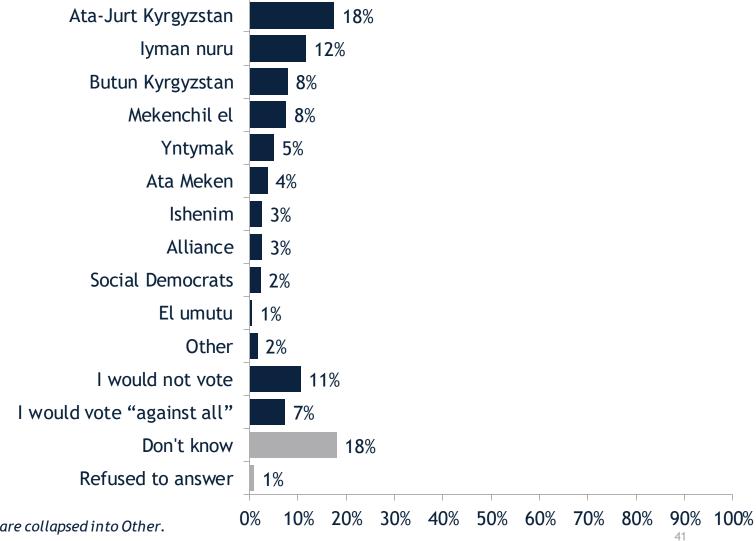
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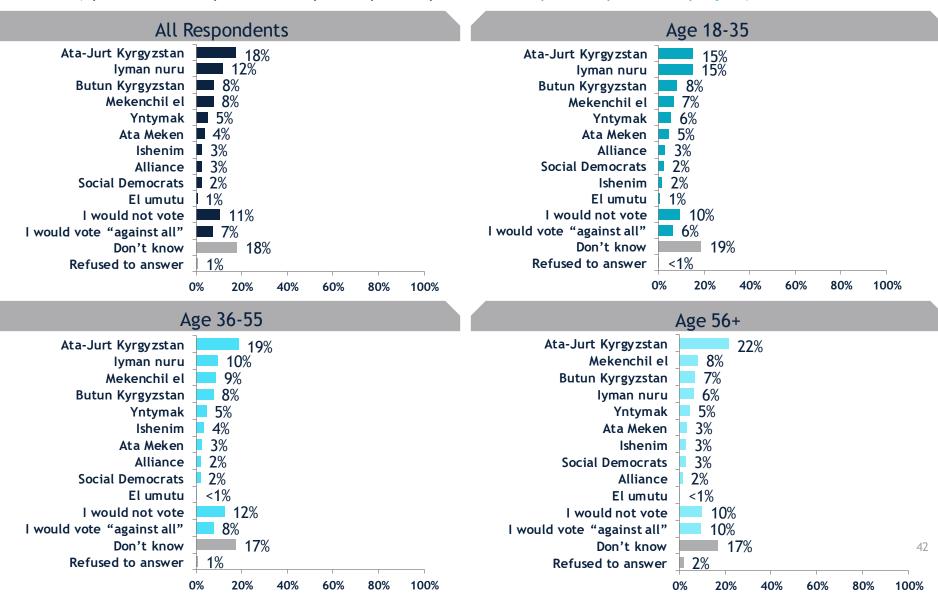


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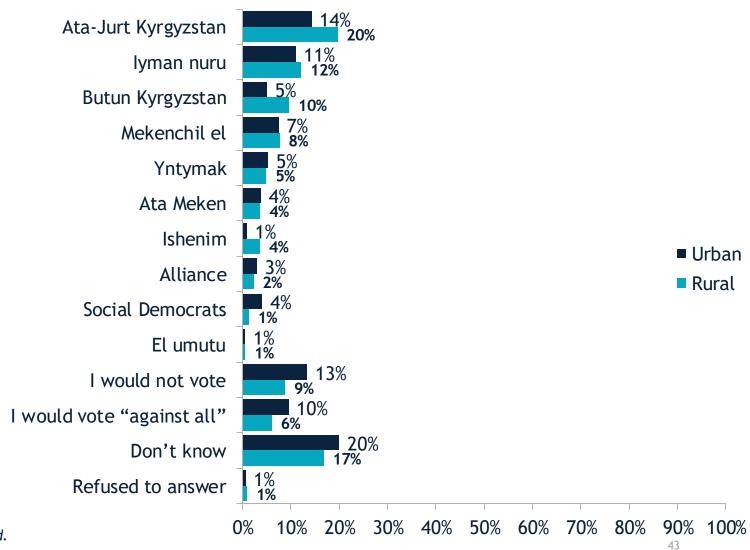


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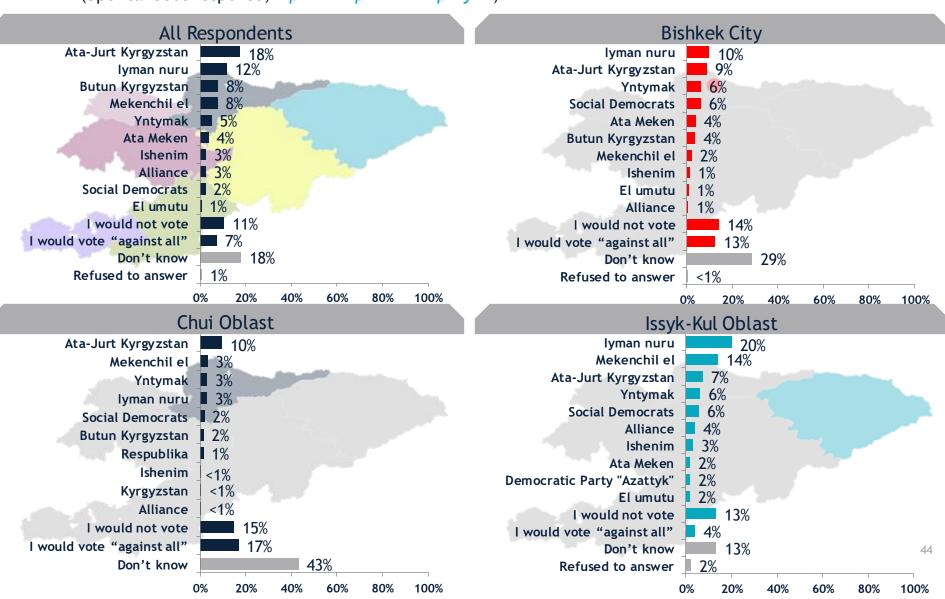




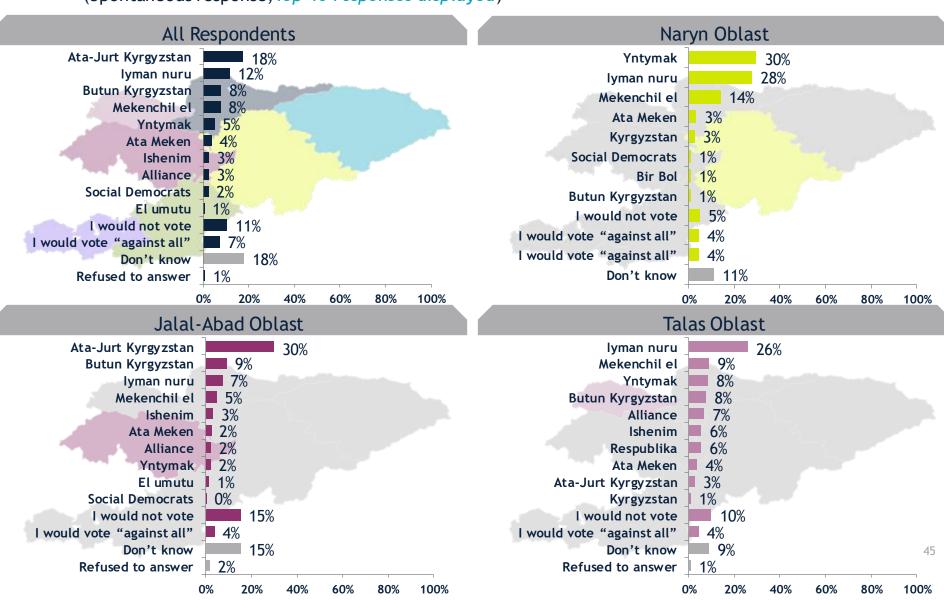
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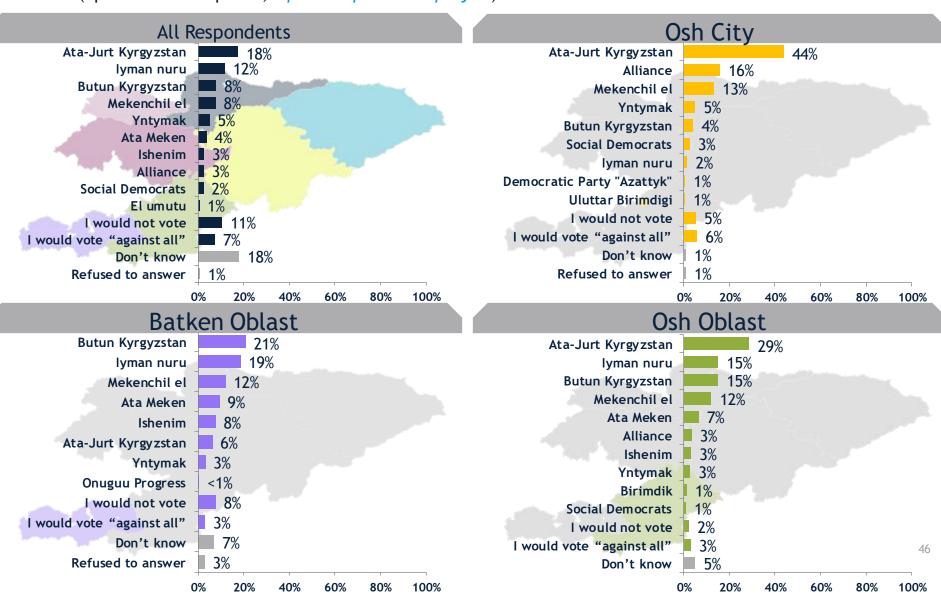
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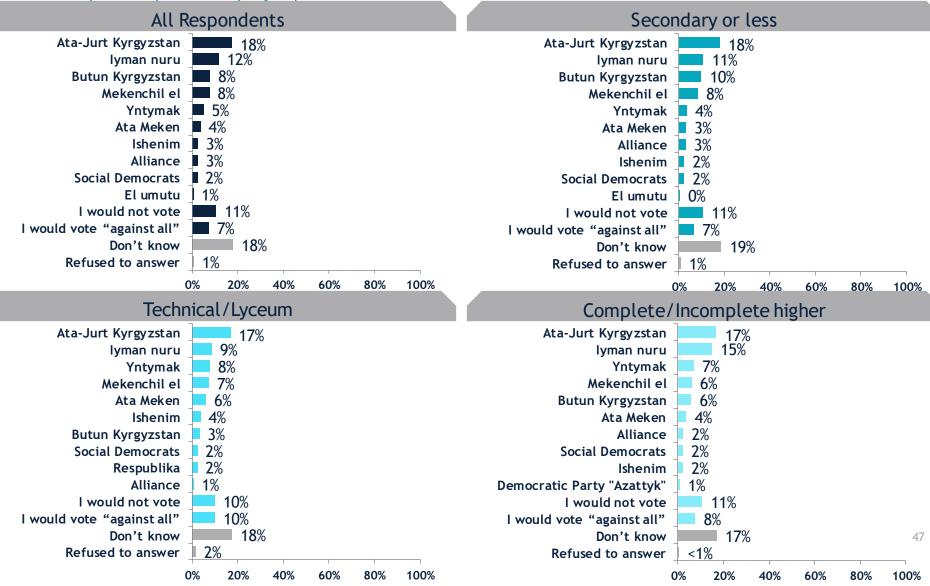
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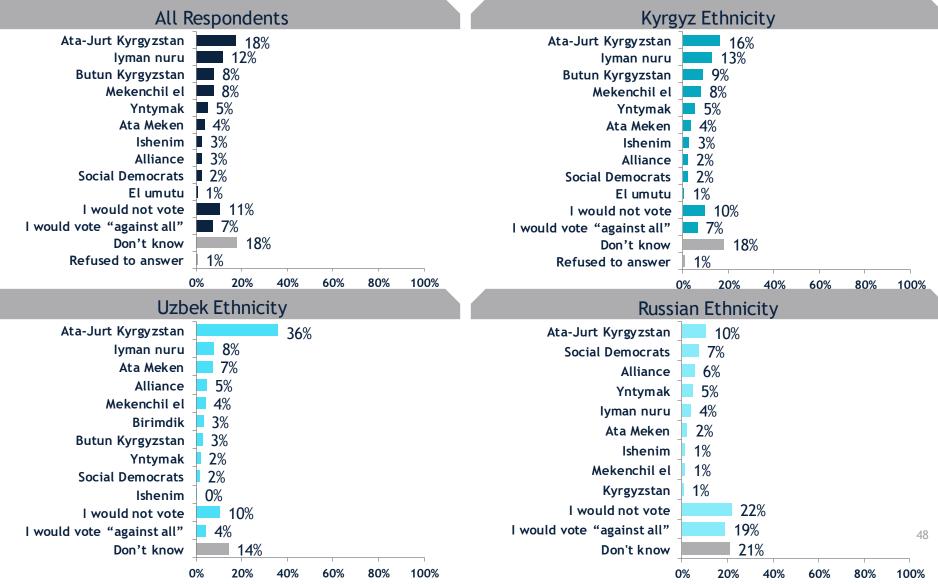
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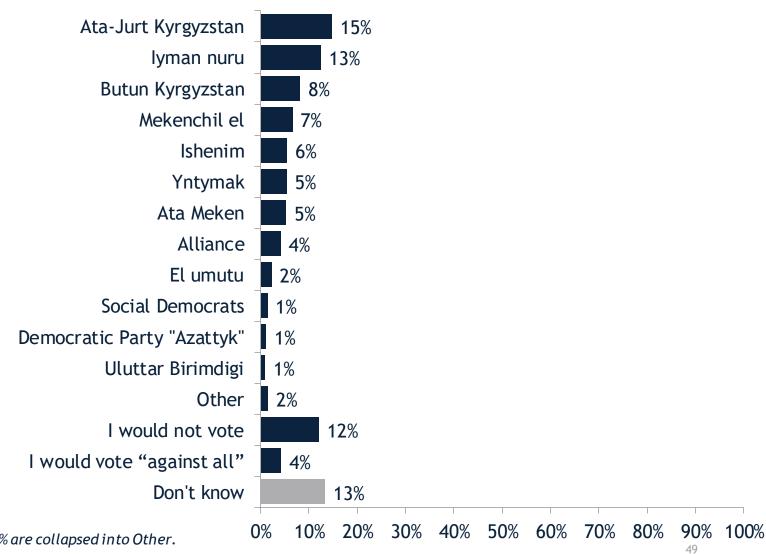
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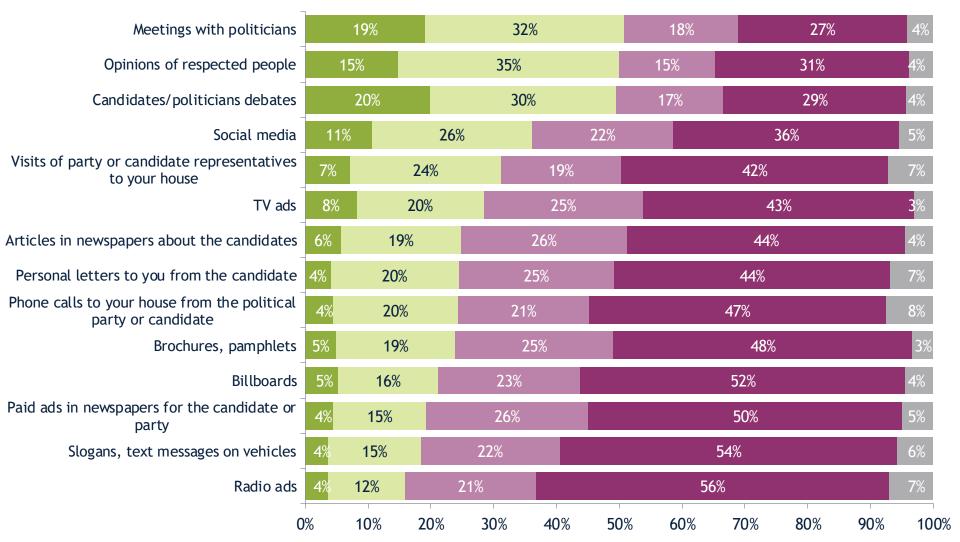


If, for some reason, the party you previously mentioned as your first voting choice does not participate in the elections, for which other party would you vote?

(Among those who declared they would vote for a party, n=947)

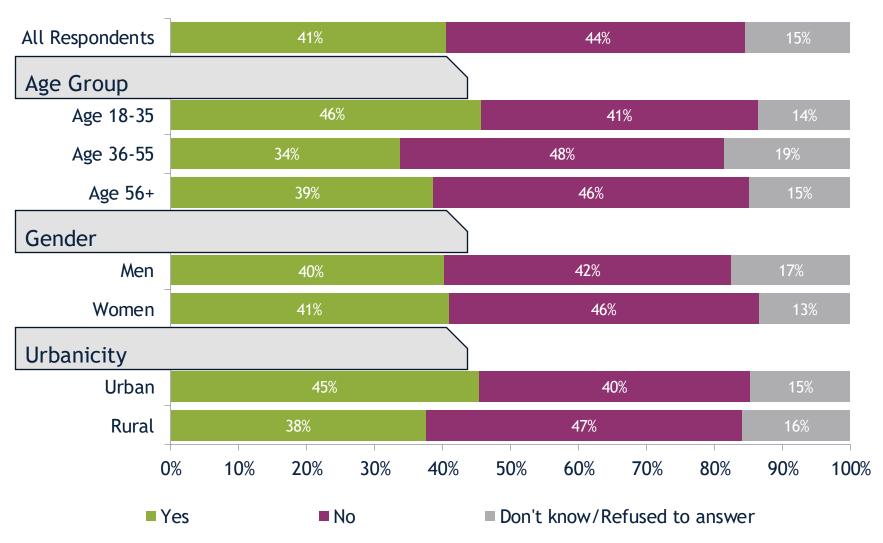


For each of following items, [... do] they have great influence, some influence, not much influence, or no influence at all on your views of political parties?



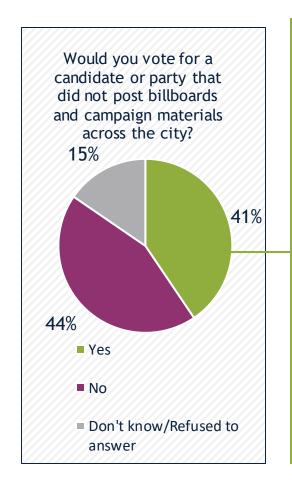
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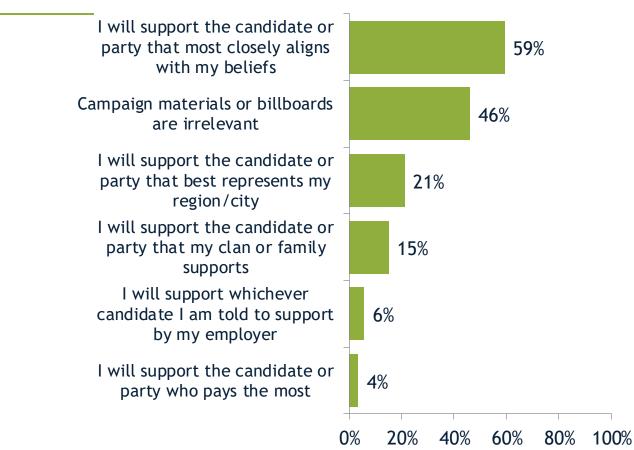
Would you vote for a candidate or party that did not post billboards and campaign materials across the city?



If yes, why?

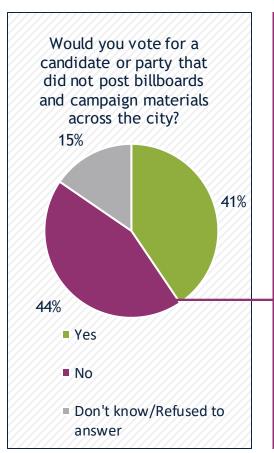
(Multiple responses permitted; among those who declared they would vote for a candidate who did not post billboards and campaign materials across the city, n=608)

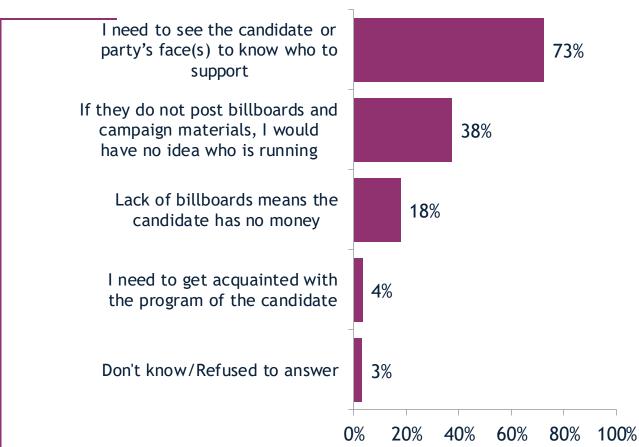




If no, why?

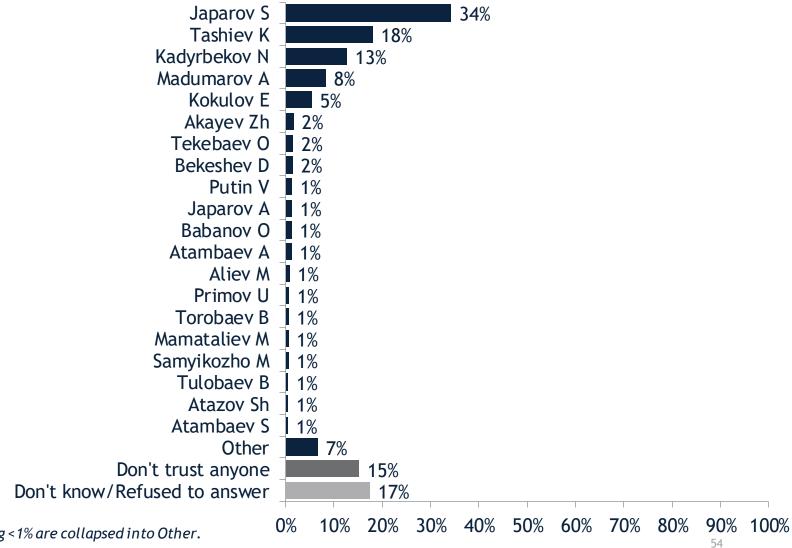
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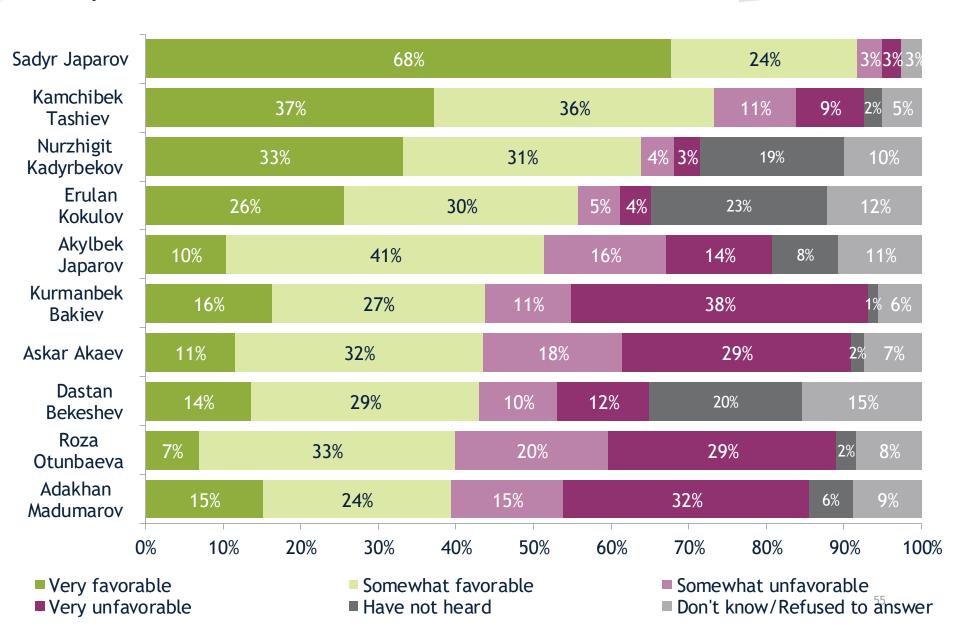
Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

(Spontaneous response; up to 3 responses permitted)



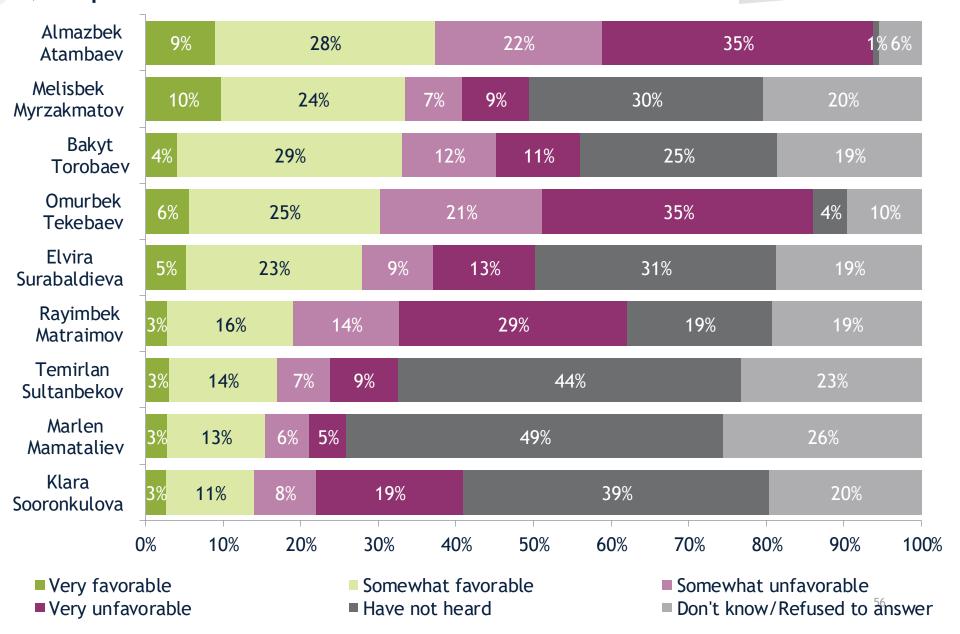


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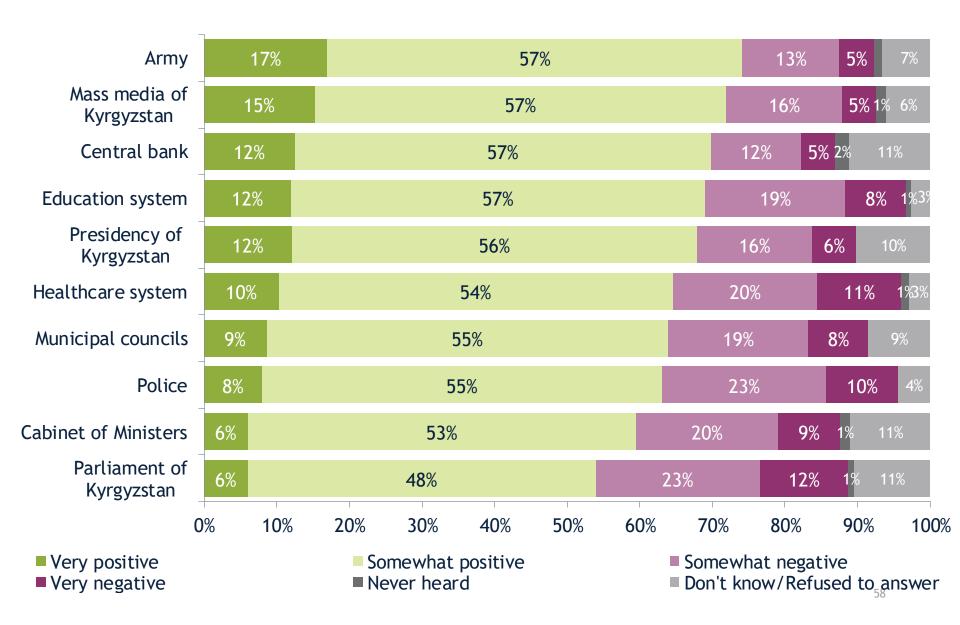


Institutions

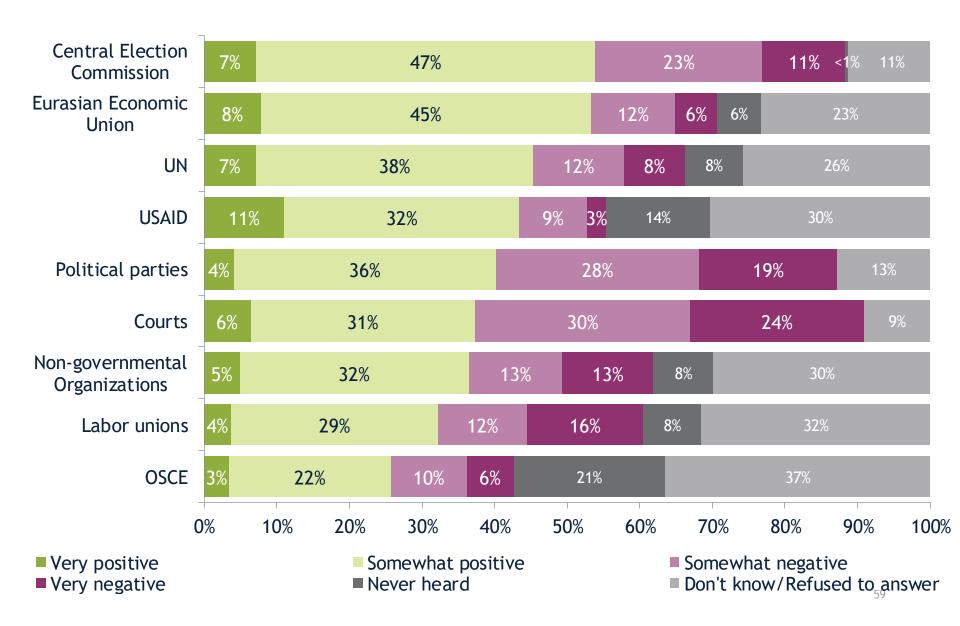






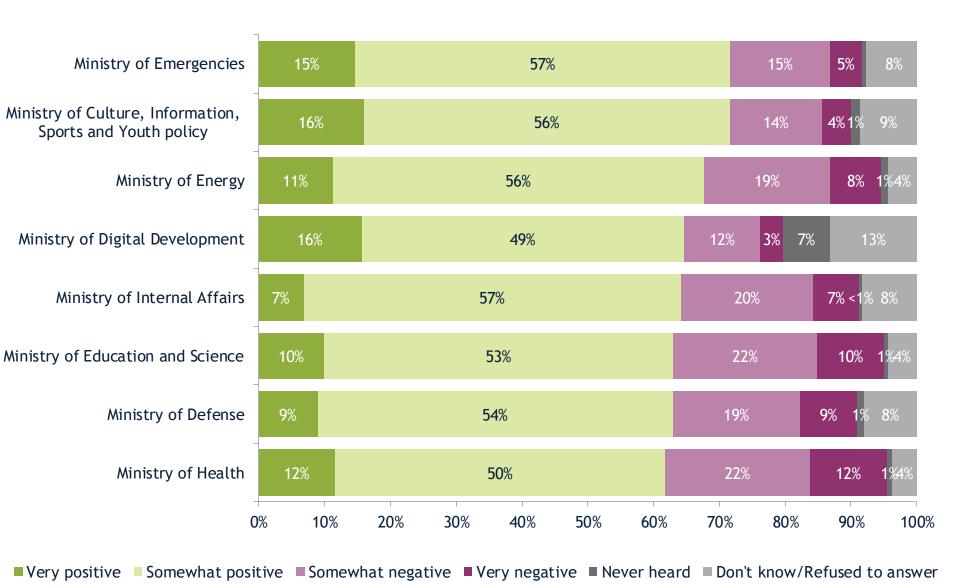


What is your opinion of each of the following Kyrgyz and international institutions?



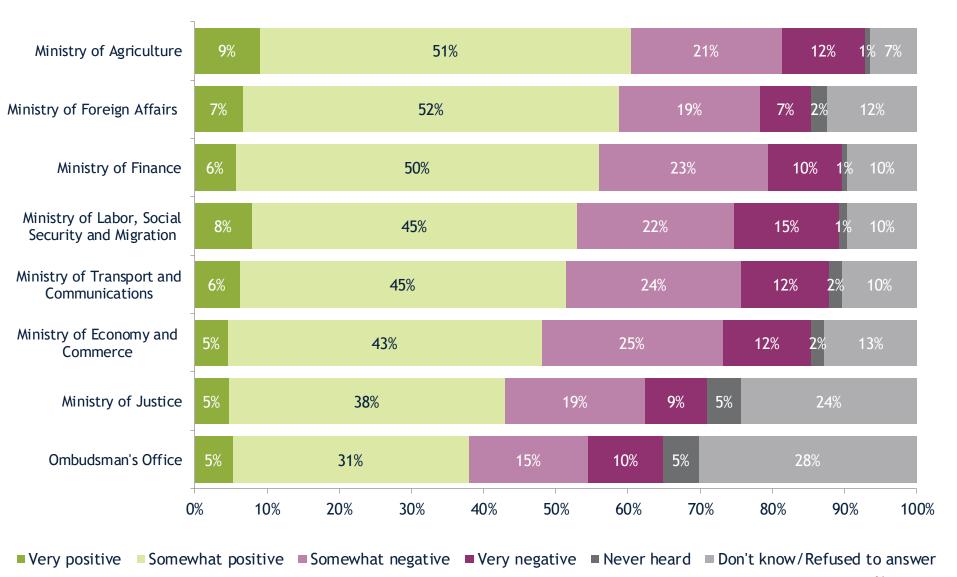


What is your opinion about the activity of each of these ministries?

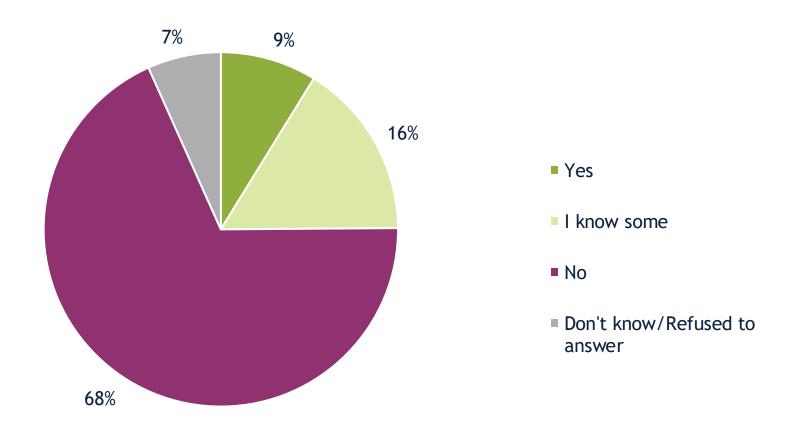




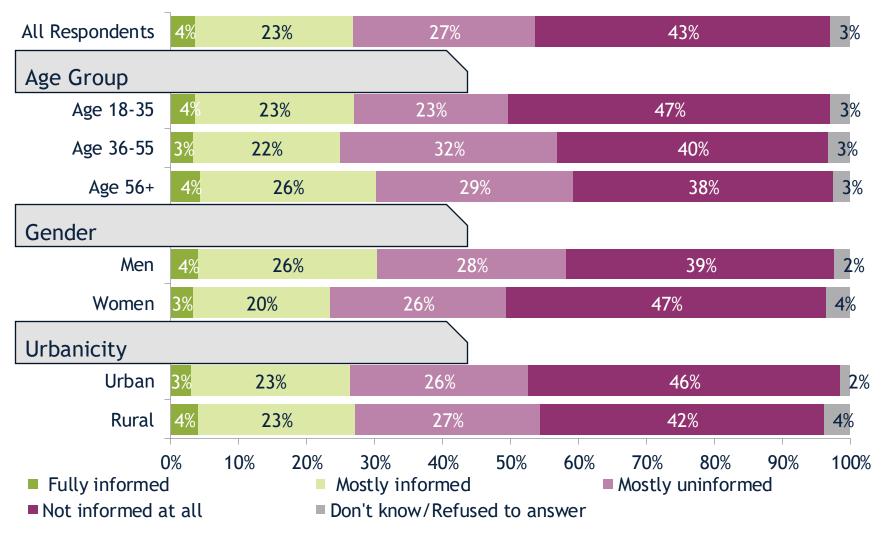
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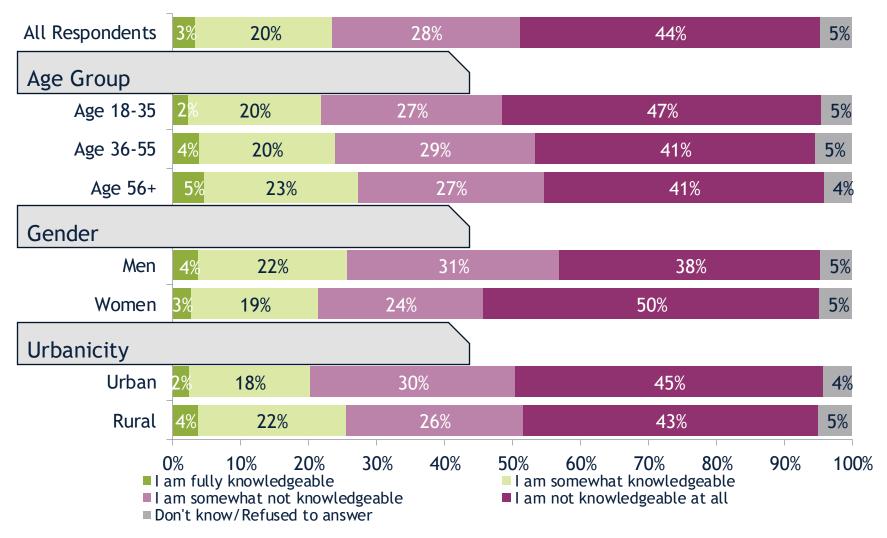




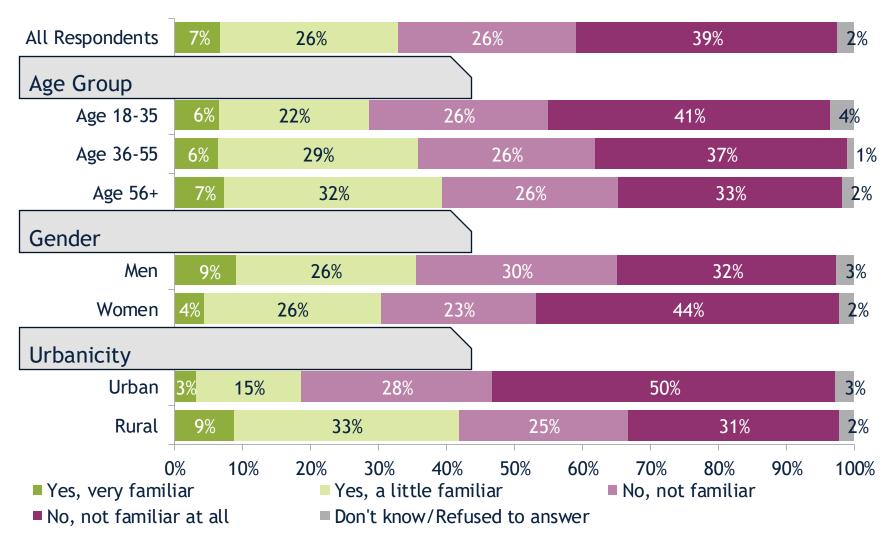
How informed are you about the work of the Parliament, the laws it passes, or other decisions it makes?



Do you feel that you have the necessary knowledge about the functioning of the Parliament in order to interact with it effectively?

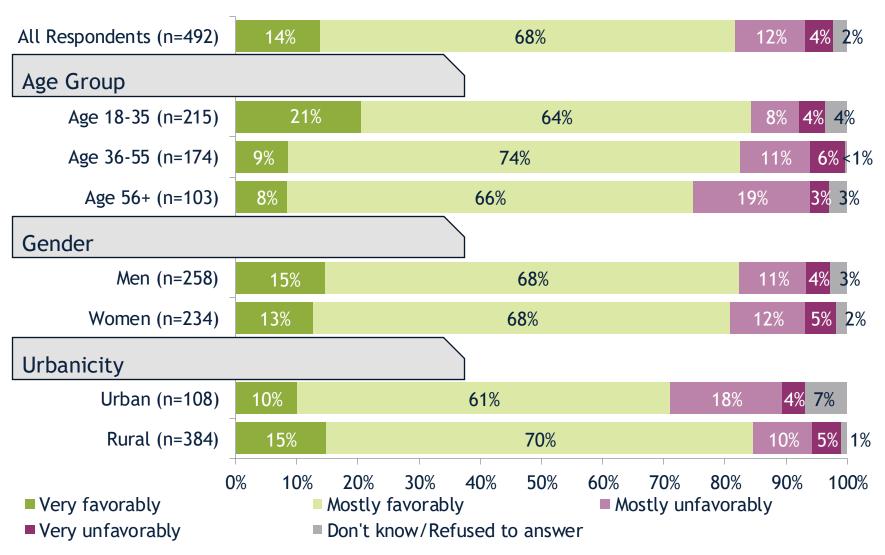


Are you familiar with the work of your local kenesh (municipal or village-level)?



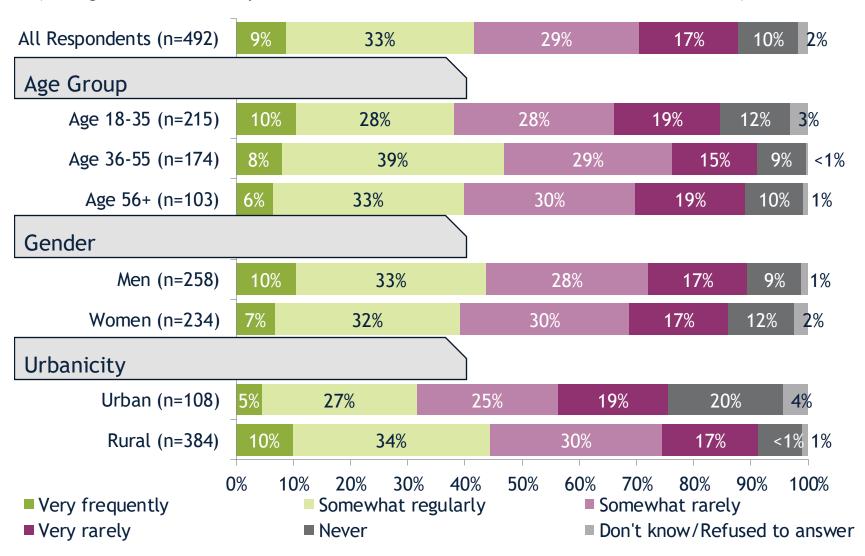
How do you assess the work of local kenesh?

(Among those who are very familiar or little familiar with the work of the local kenesh)

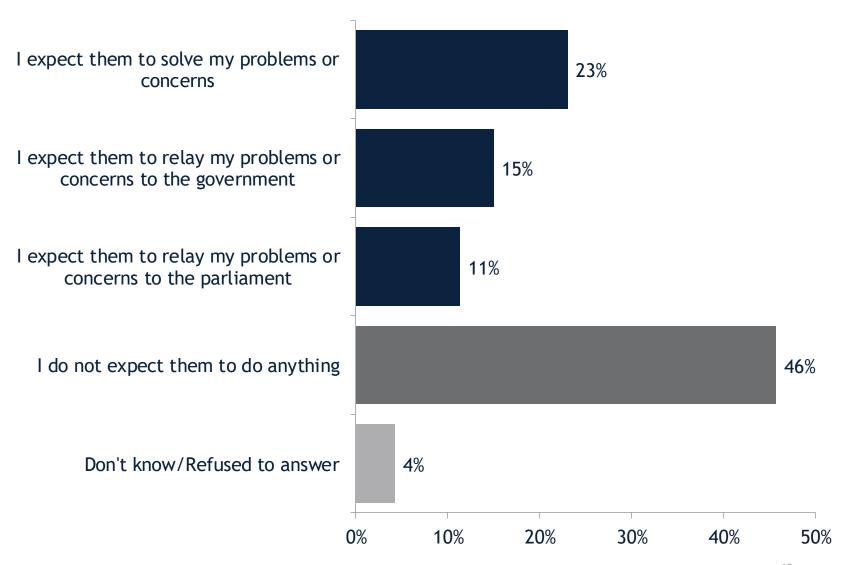


How frequently do you interact with elected members of your local kenesh?

(Among those who are very familiar or little familiar with the work of the local kenesh)

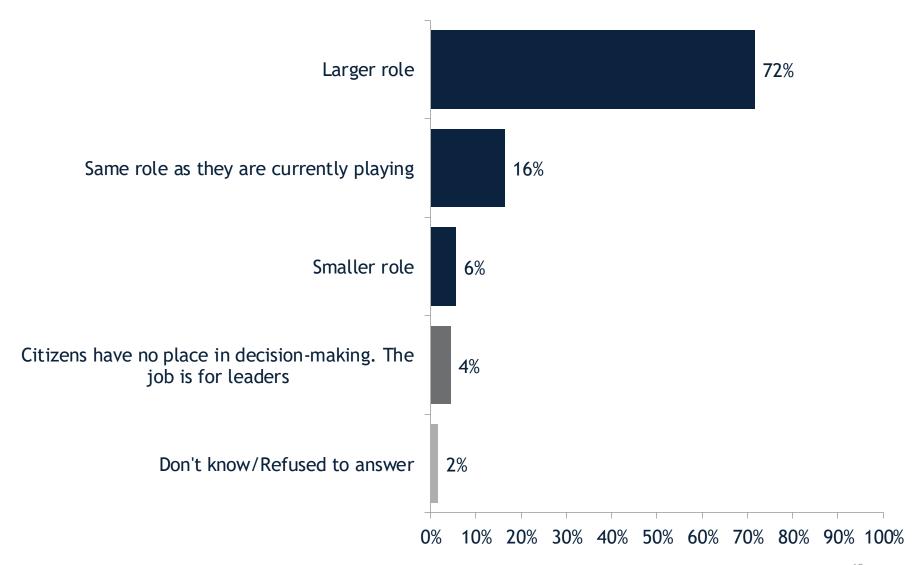


What do you most expect from the members of your local kenesh (municipal or village-level)?

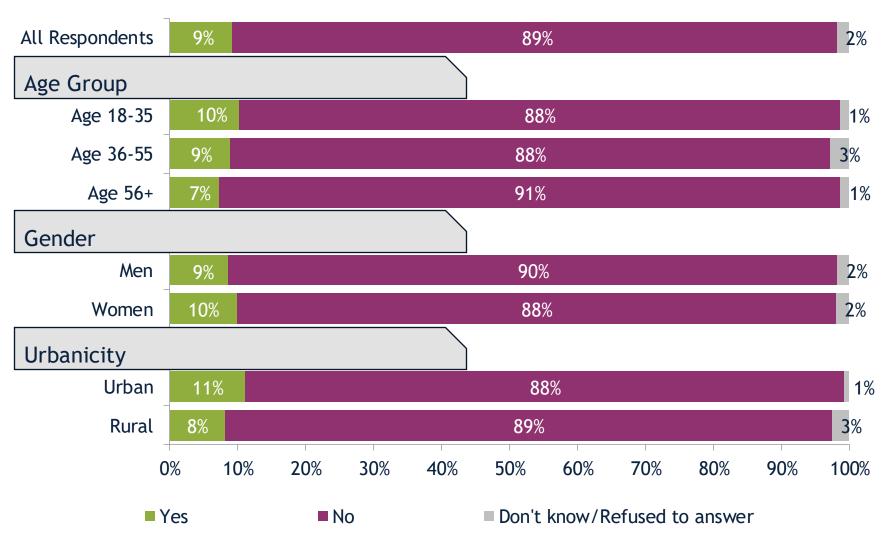




Do you believe that citizens should play a larger or smaller role in the local governmental decision-making process?

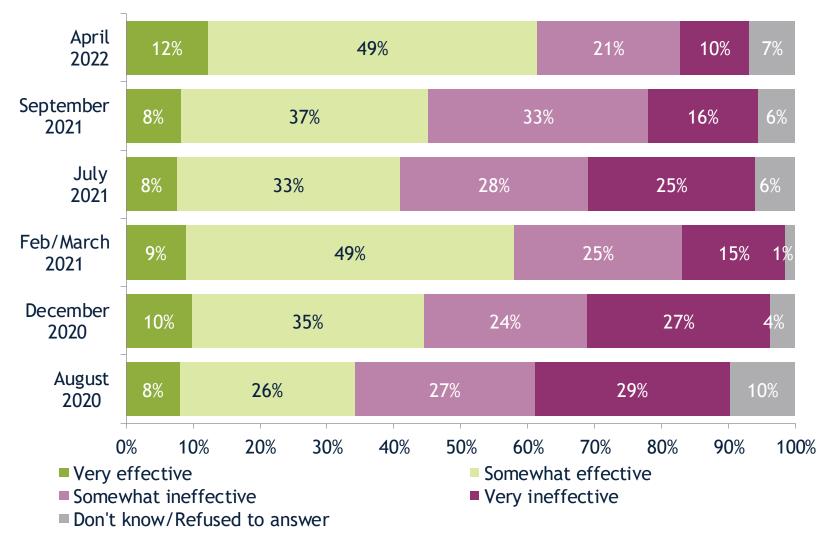


Do elections results have an impact on your financial situation?



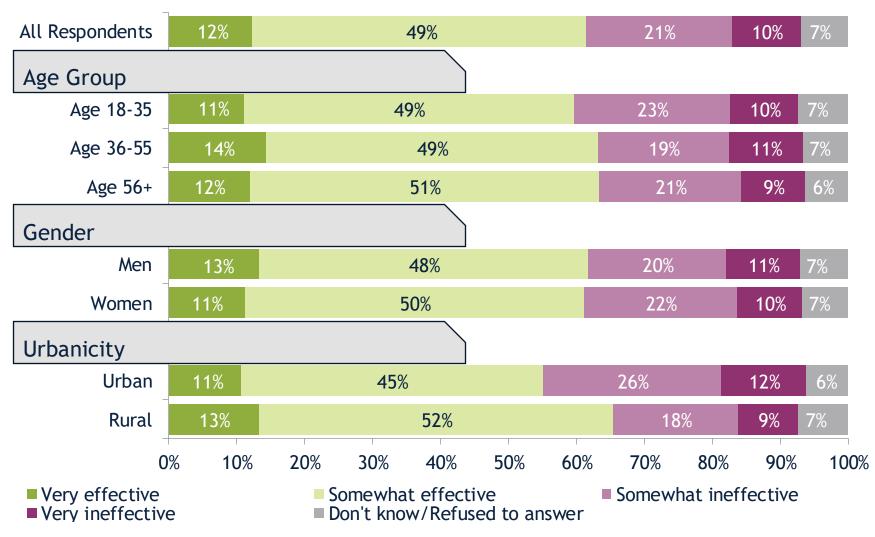


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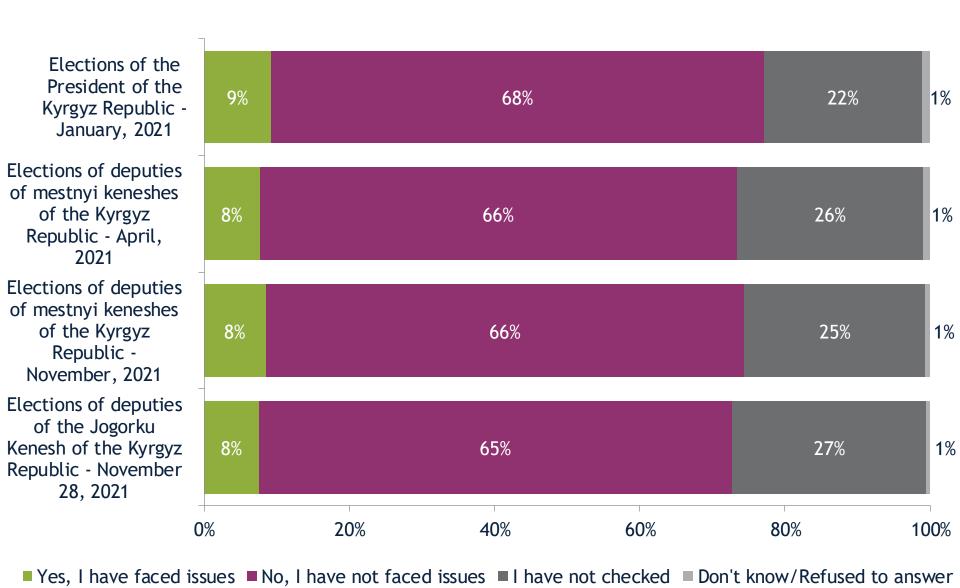


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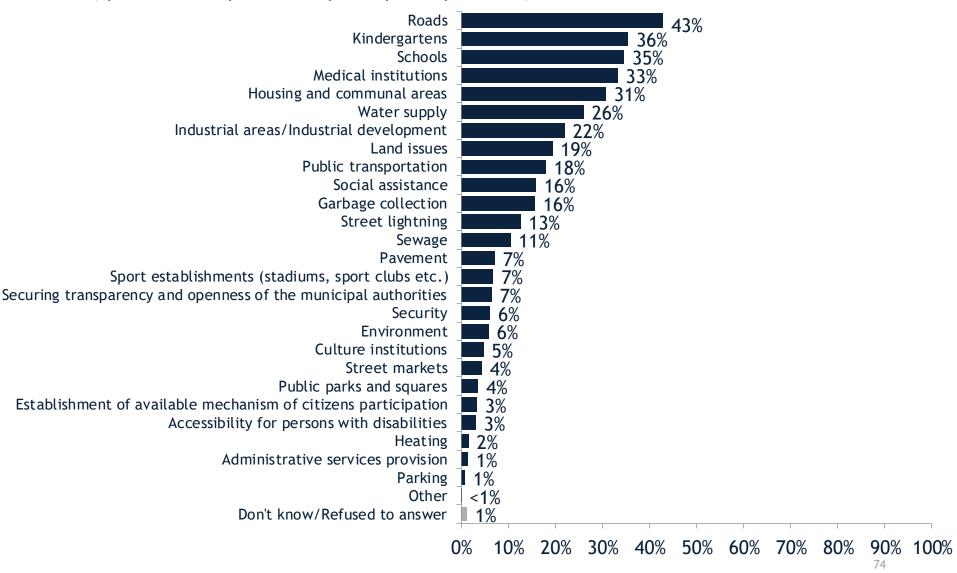
Have you faced any issues finding yourself on voter lists?





In your opinion, what areas should be of top priority for candidates in the next local elections?

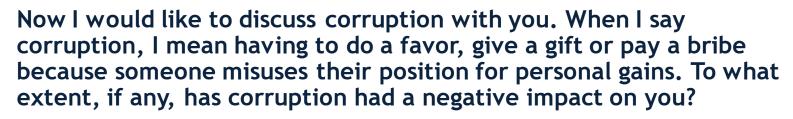
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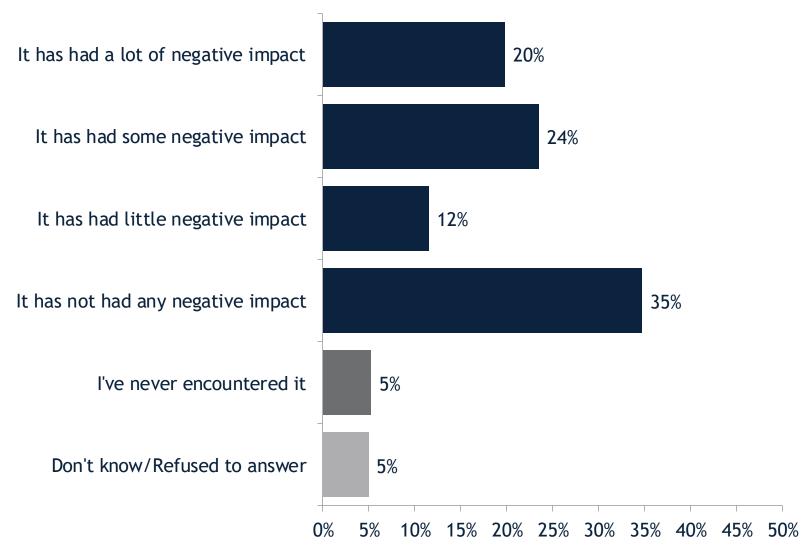


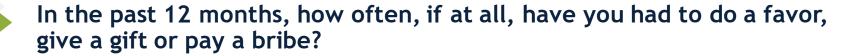
Corruption

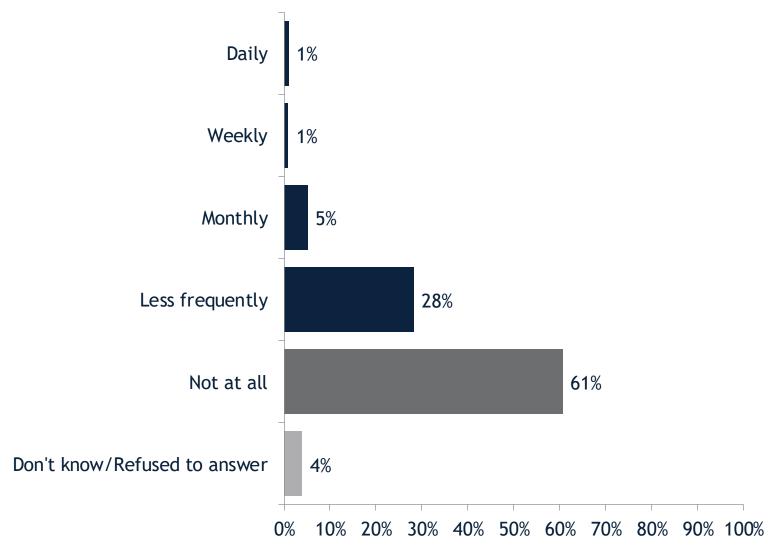




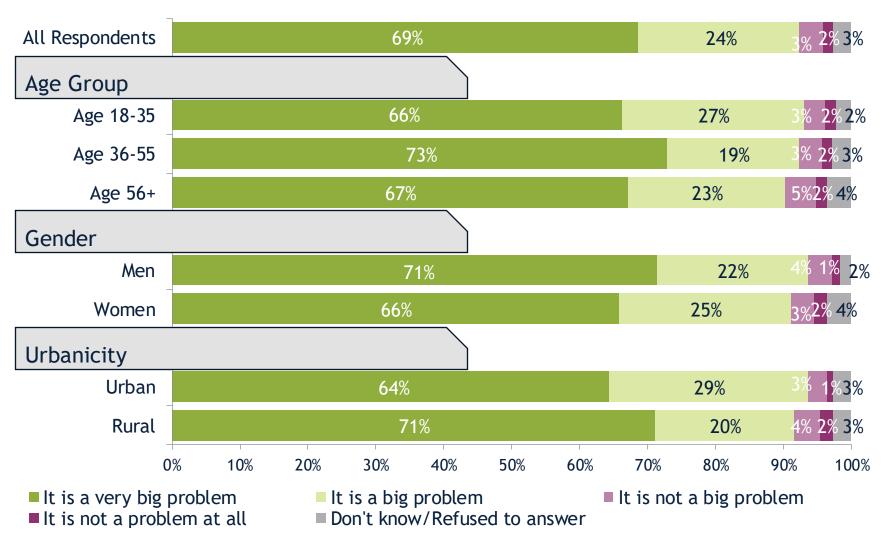




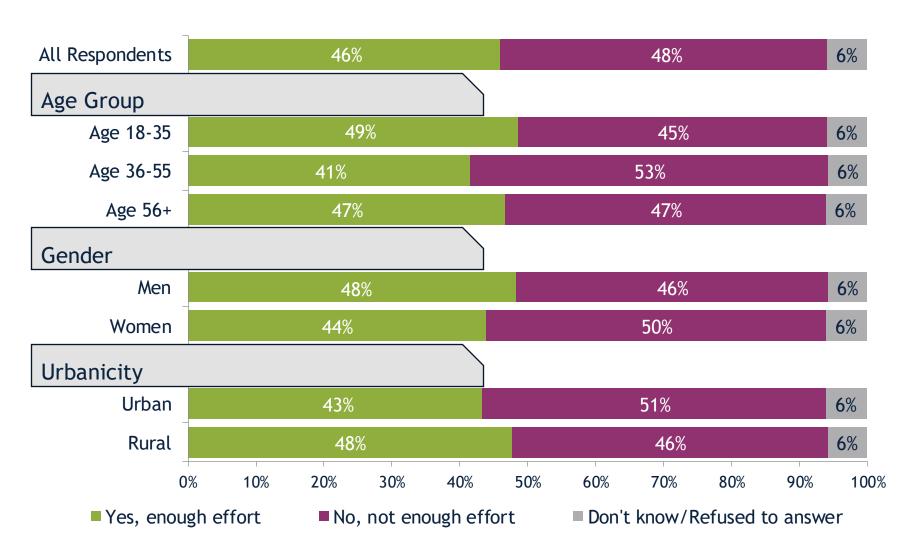




Is corruption a big problem or not a big problem in Kyrgyzstan today?



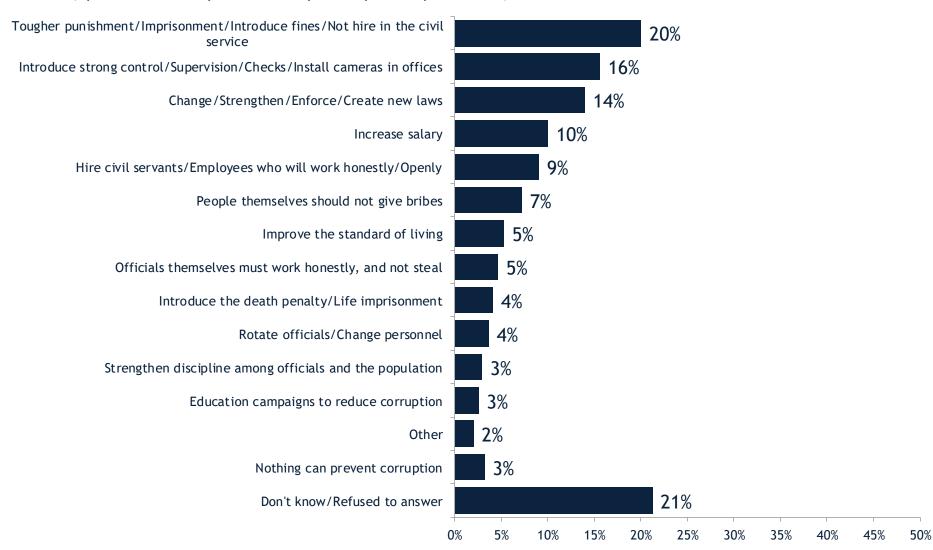
Do you think the Kyrgyz government applies enough effort to fight corruption?



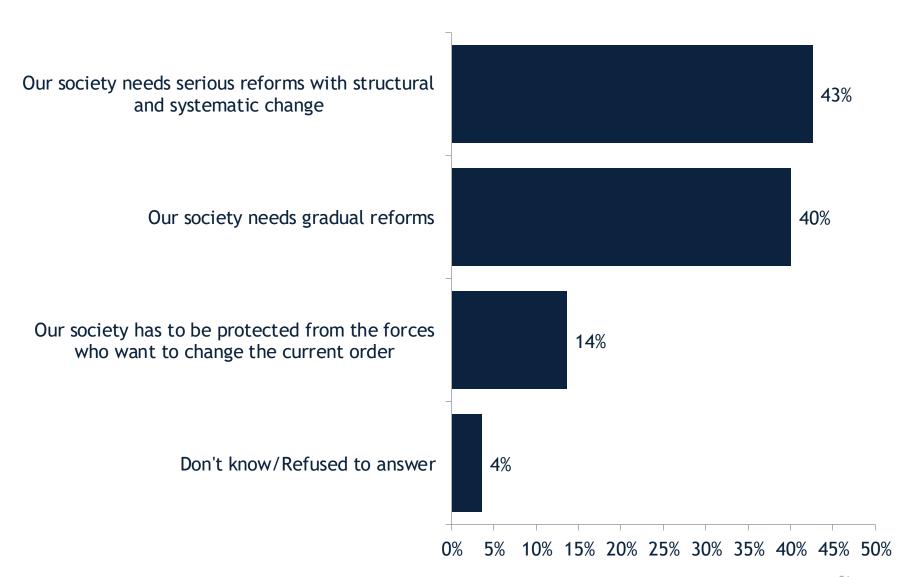


In your opinion, what measures should be taken by the Kyrgyz government to prevent corruption in the country?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted)

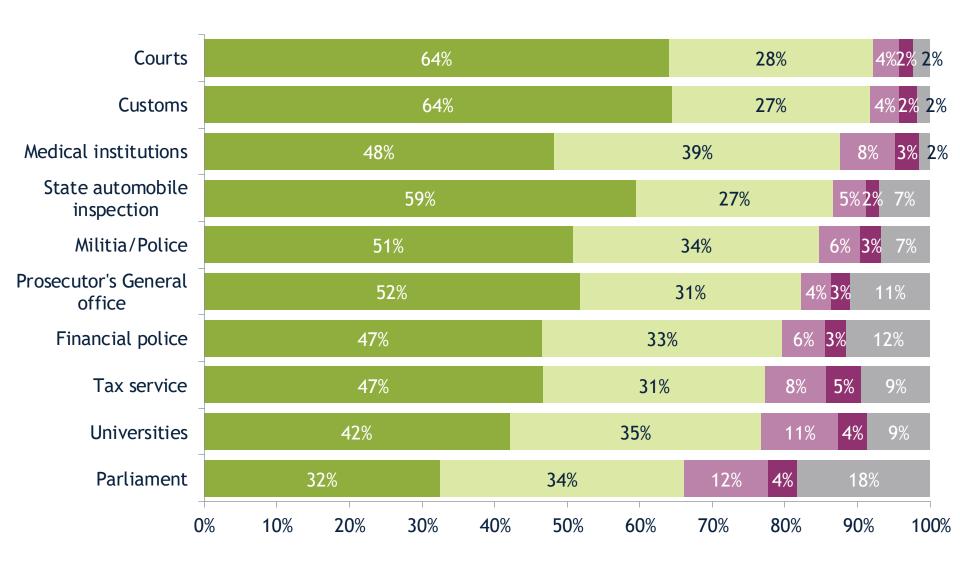


Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?





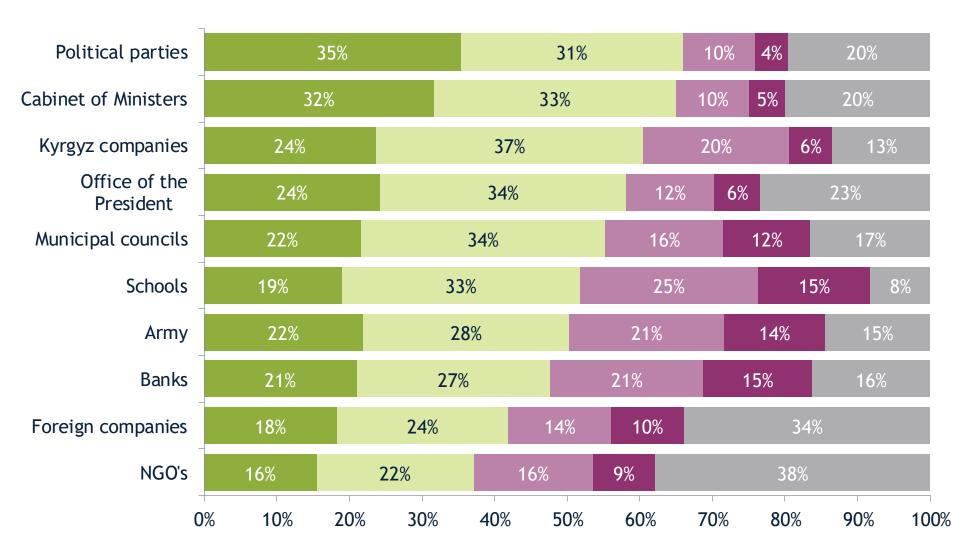
What is your opinion about the level of corruption in the following Kyrgyz institutions?



■ Very corrupt = Somewhat corrupt = Somewhat not corrupt = Not corrupt at all = Don't know/Refused to answer



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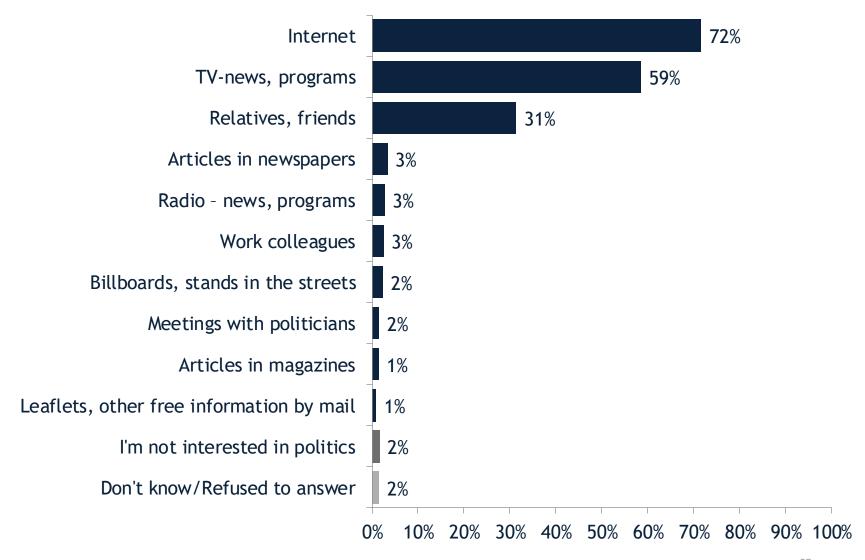
Information





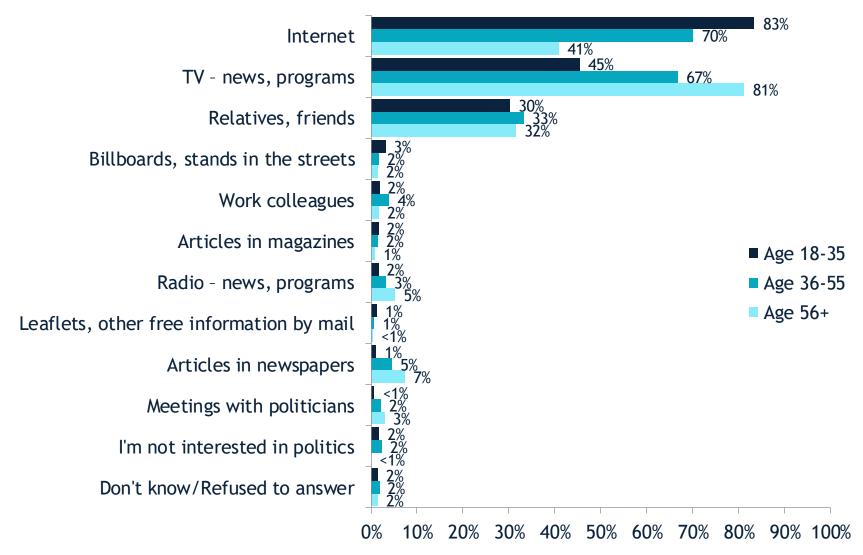
Which of these media outlets do you use for gaining political information?

(Multiple responses accepted)



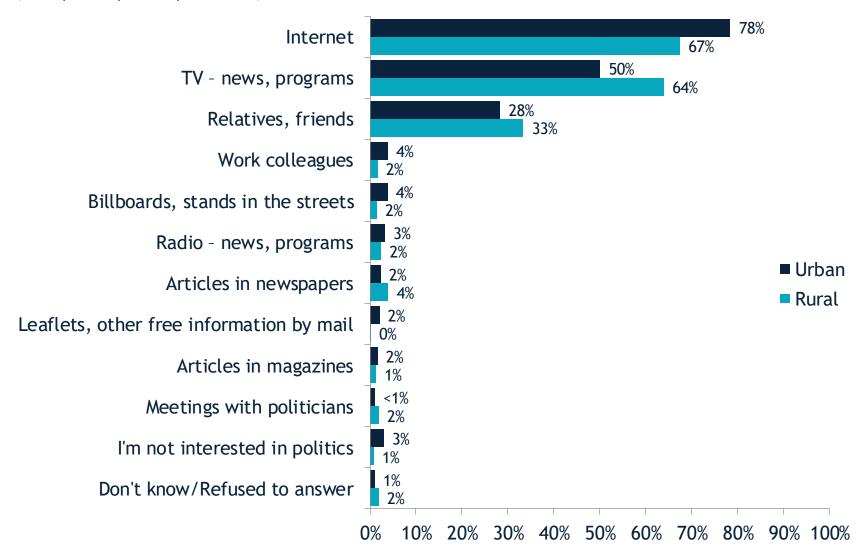


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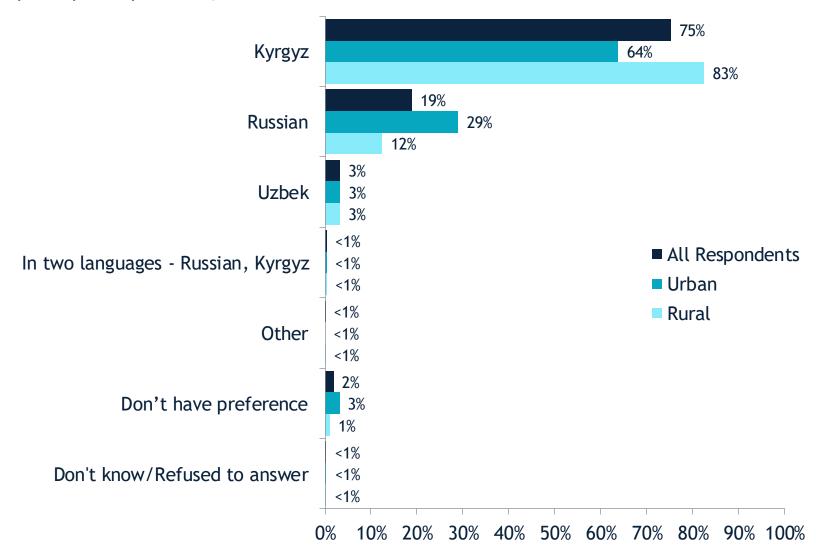
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Which language do you prefer for consuming political information?

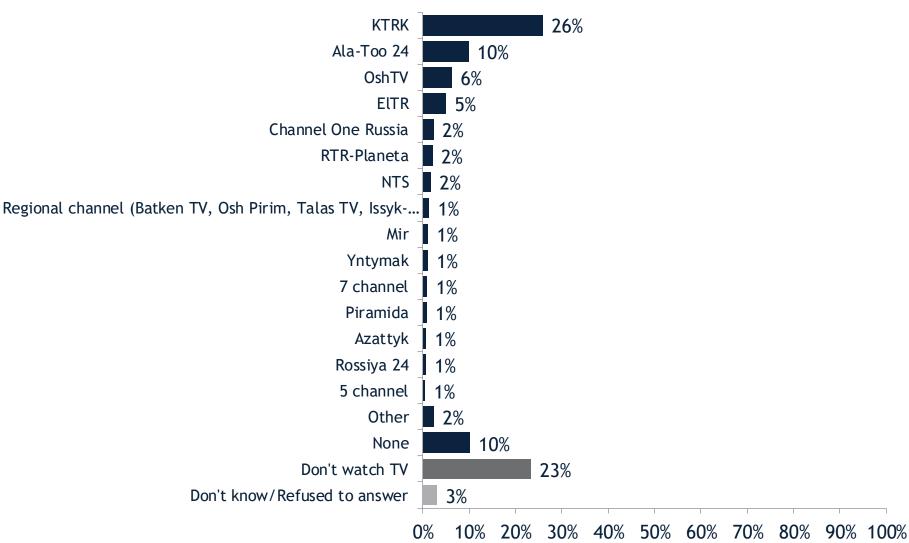
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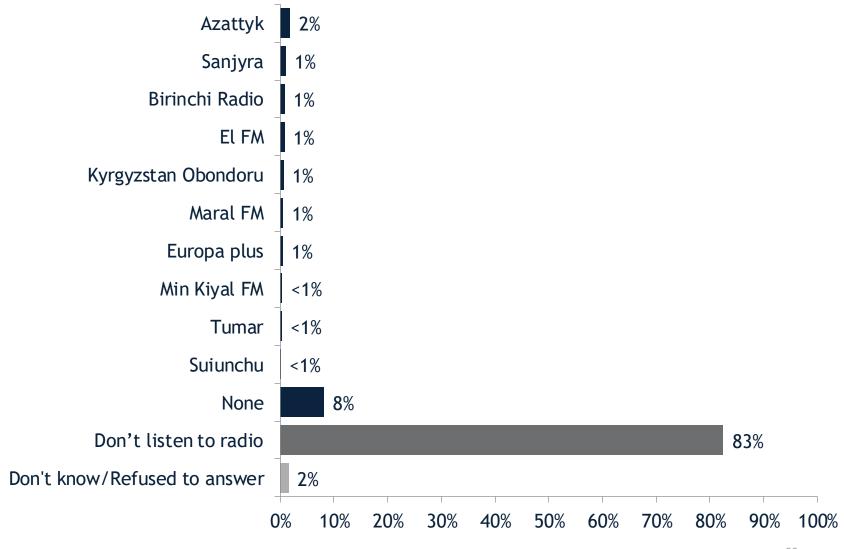
Which TV channel do you trust most for news and political information?

(Spontaneous response)



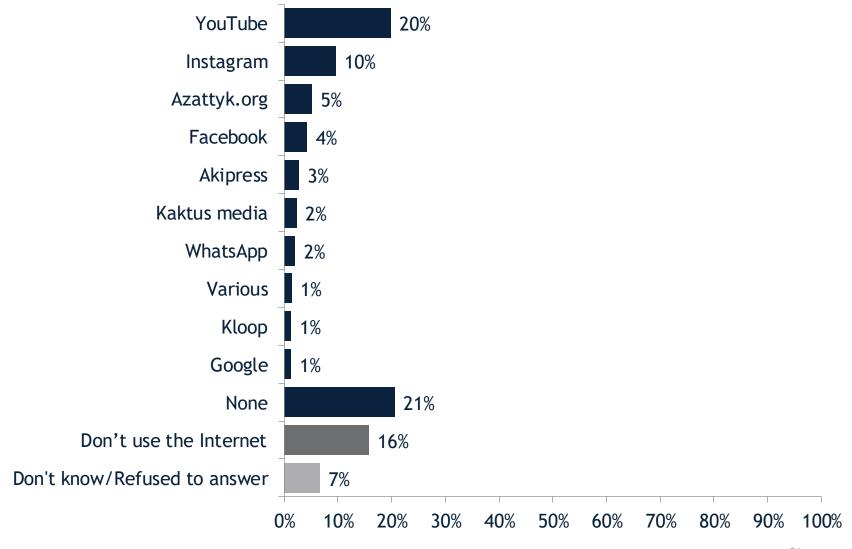
Which radio station do you trust most for news and political information?

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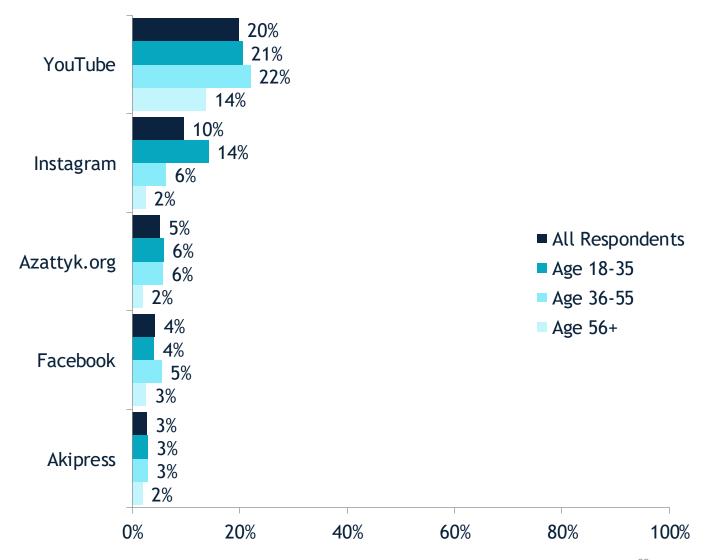
Which website/online resource do you trust most for news and political information?

(Spontaneous response; top 10 responses displayed)



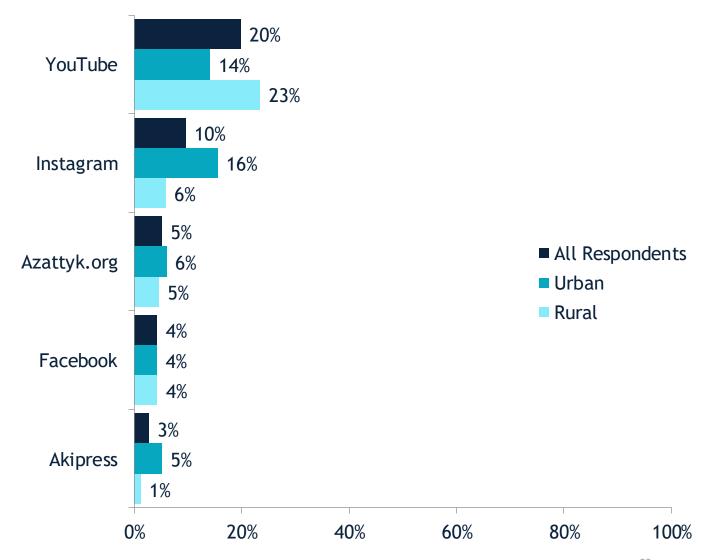
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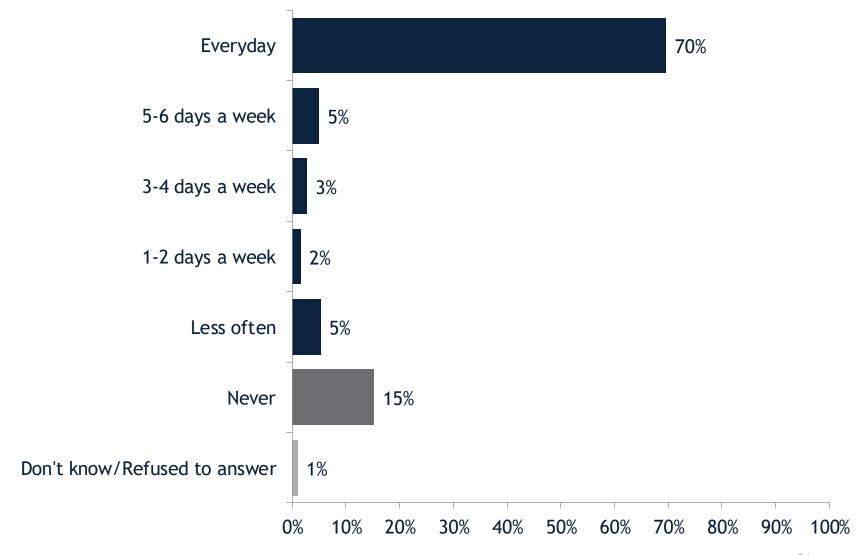


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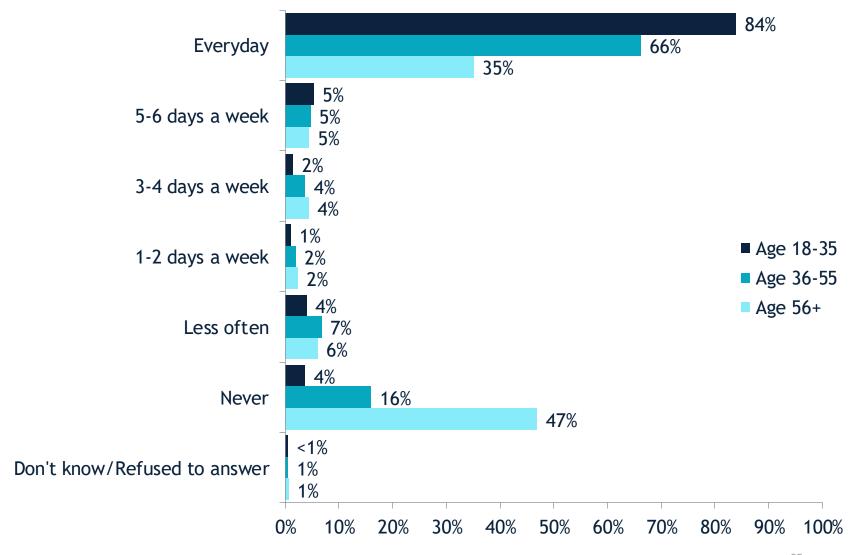
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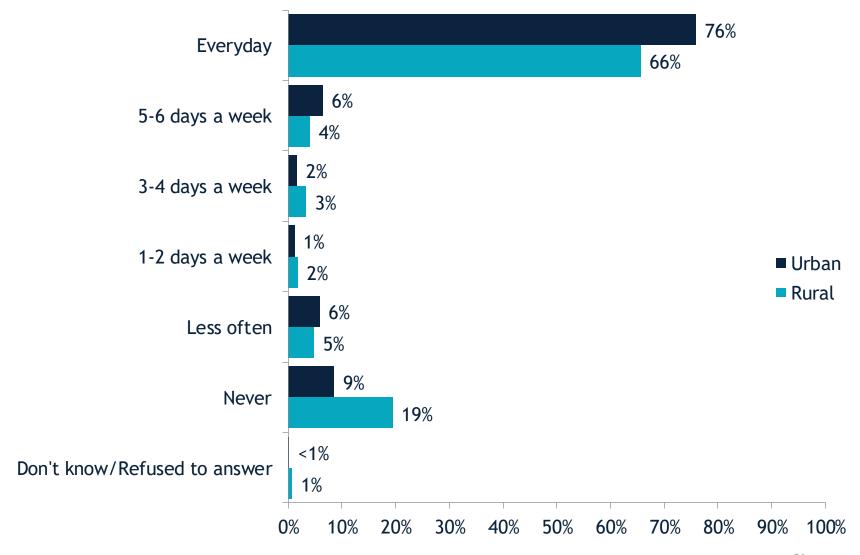
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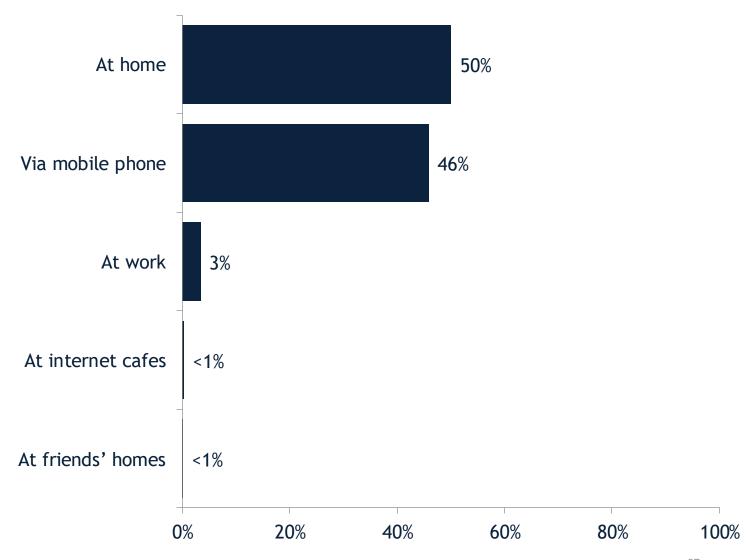


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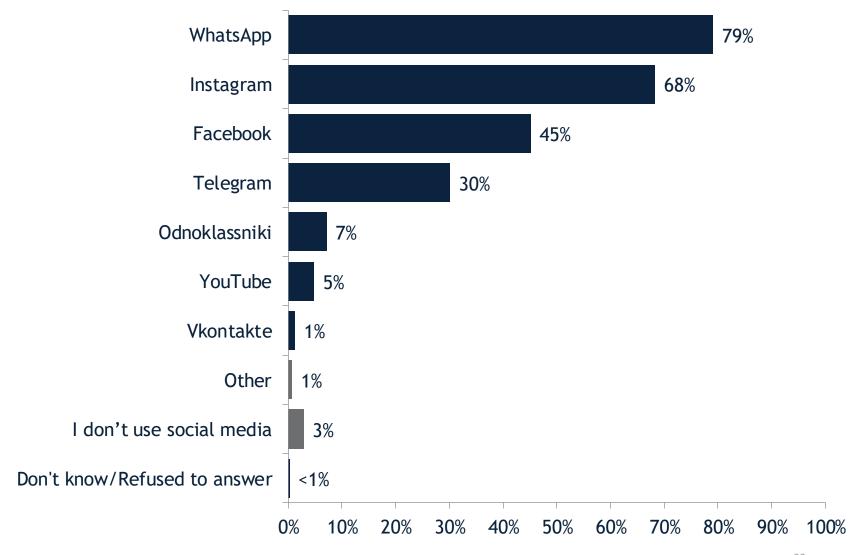
Where do you most often access the internet?

(Among those who declared using the internet, n=1,263)



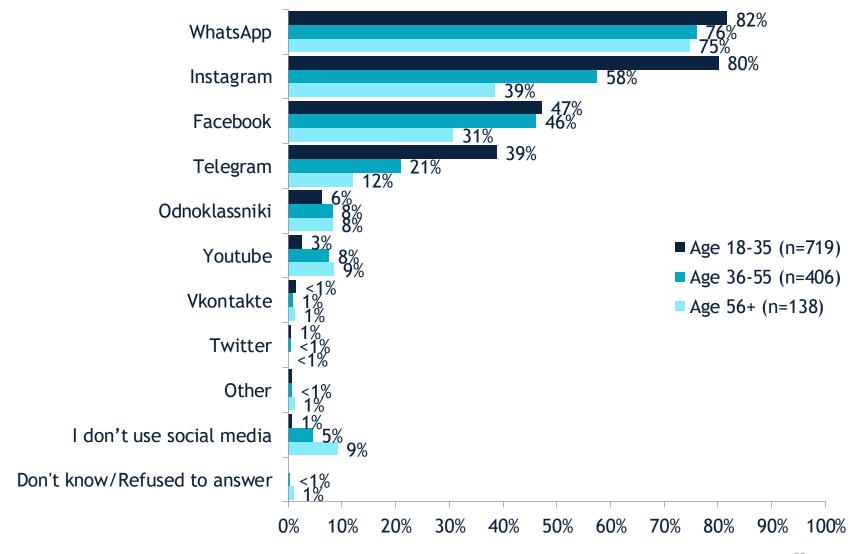
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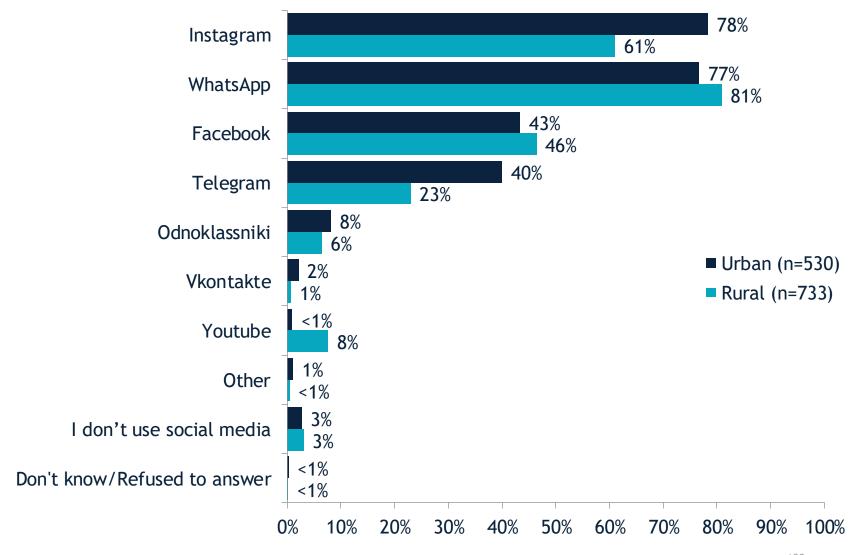


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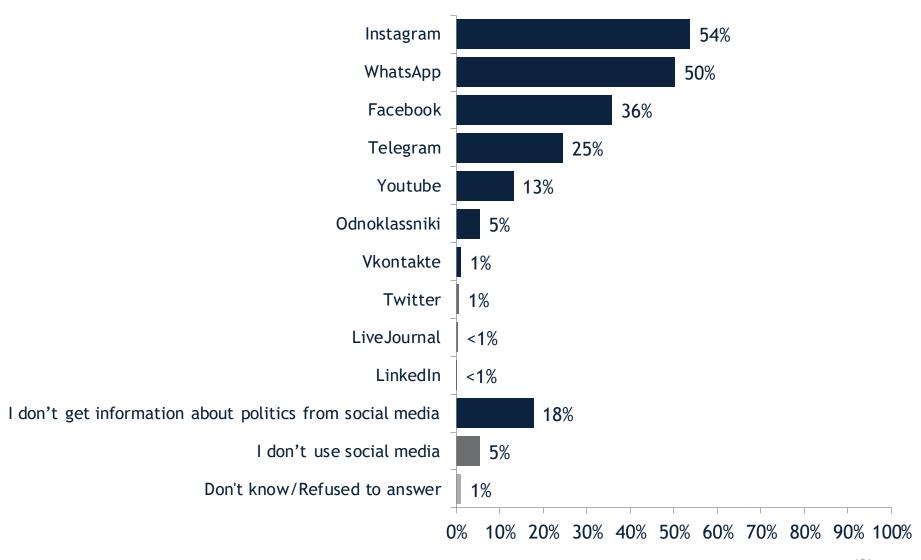
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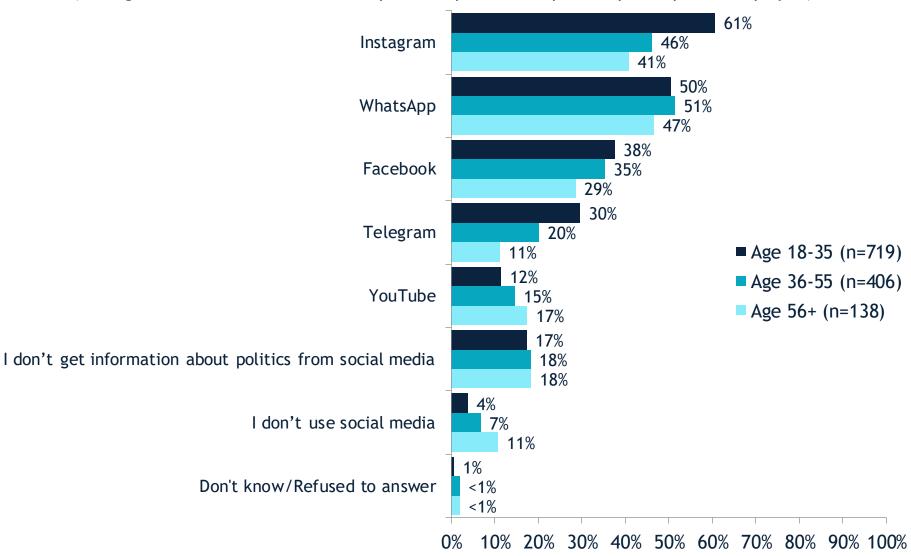
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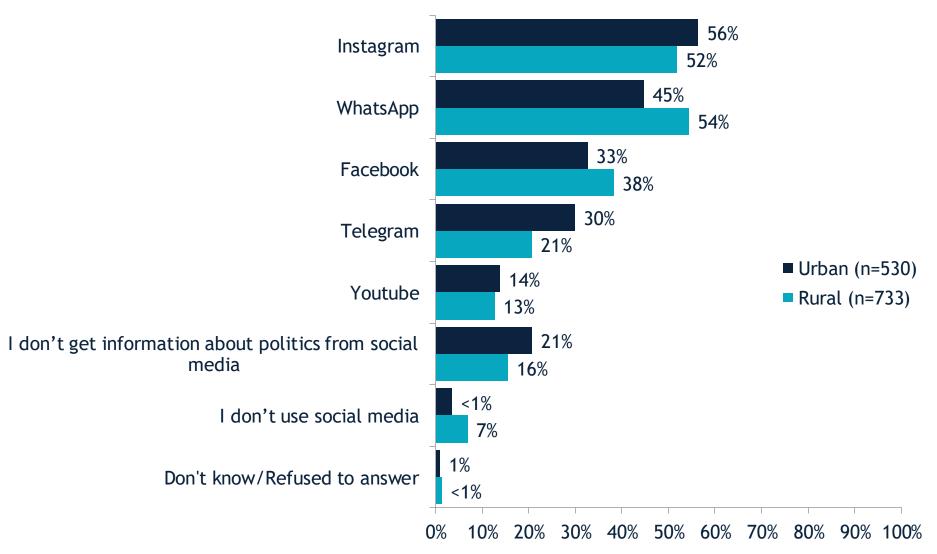
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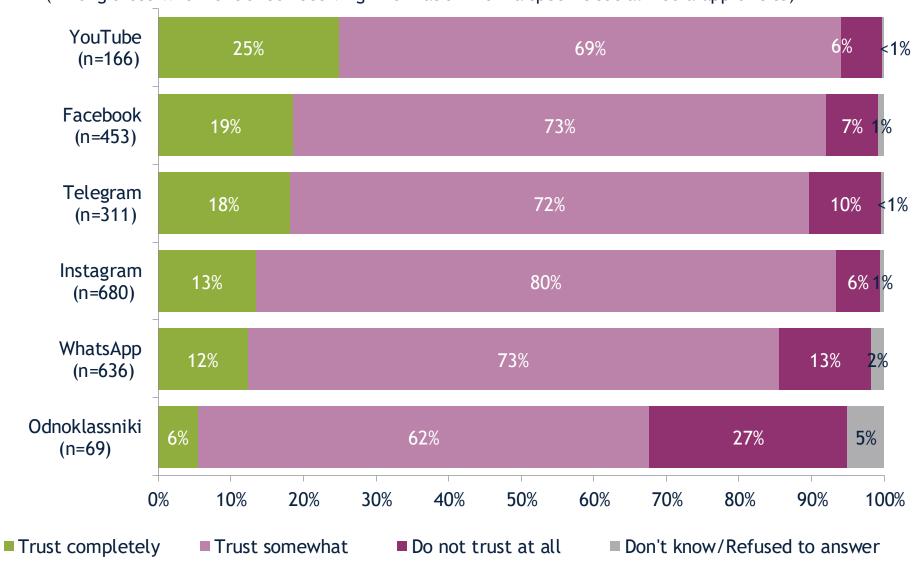
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To what extent do you trust the information you receive from...?

(Among those who mentioned receiving information from a specific social media app or site)

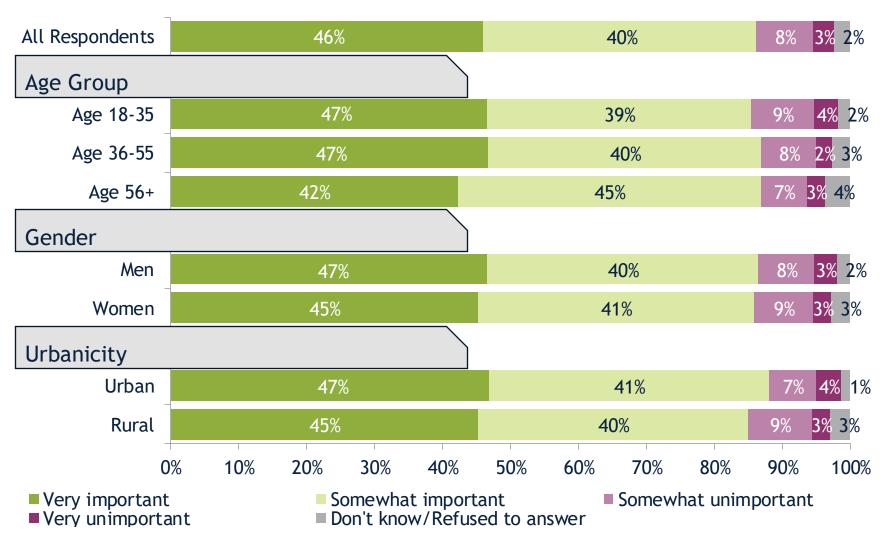


Inclusion



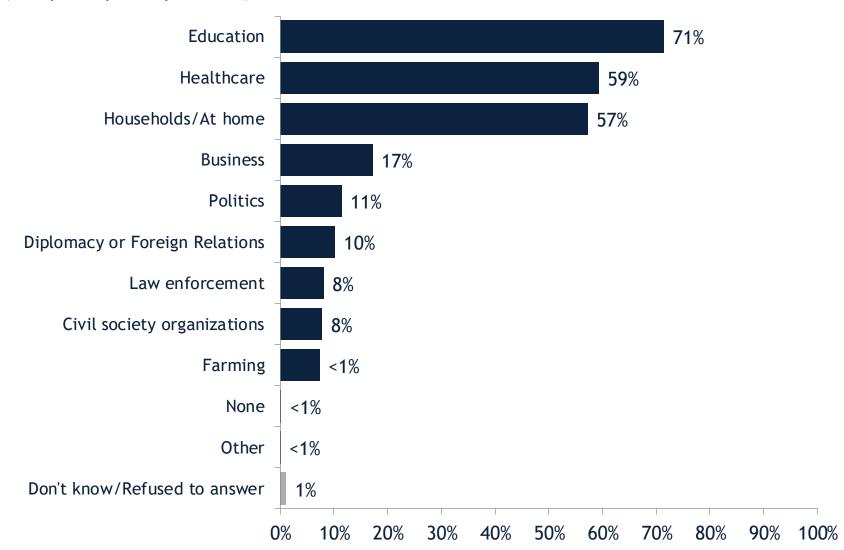


How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?



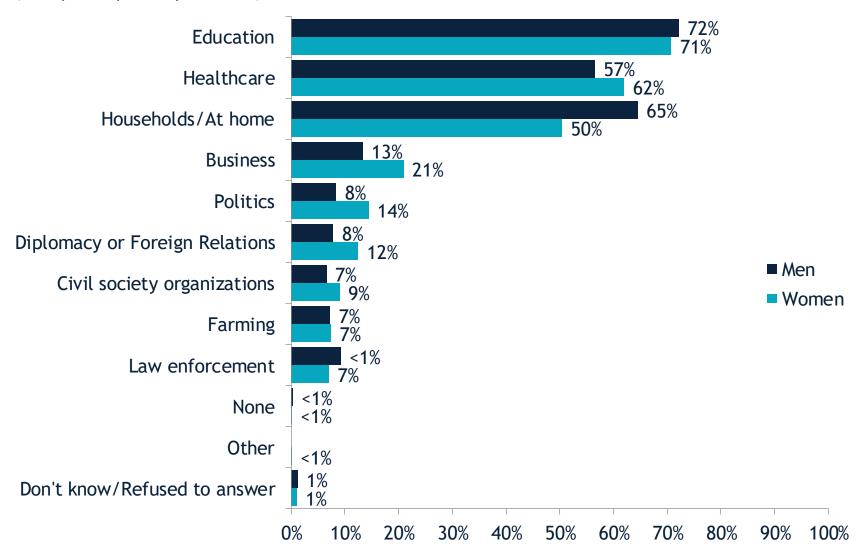
Which sectors of society do you feel are most important for women to play an expanded role?

(Multiple responses permitted)

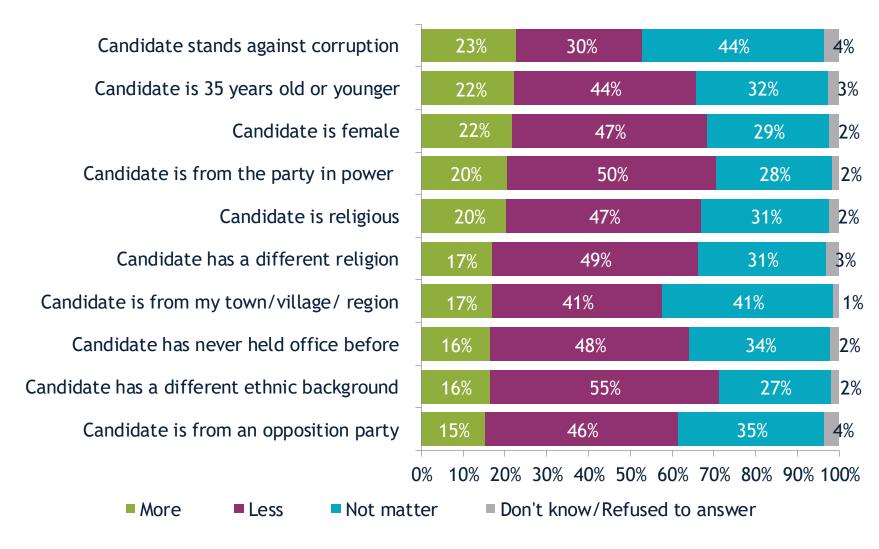


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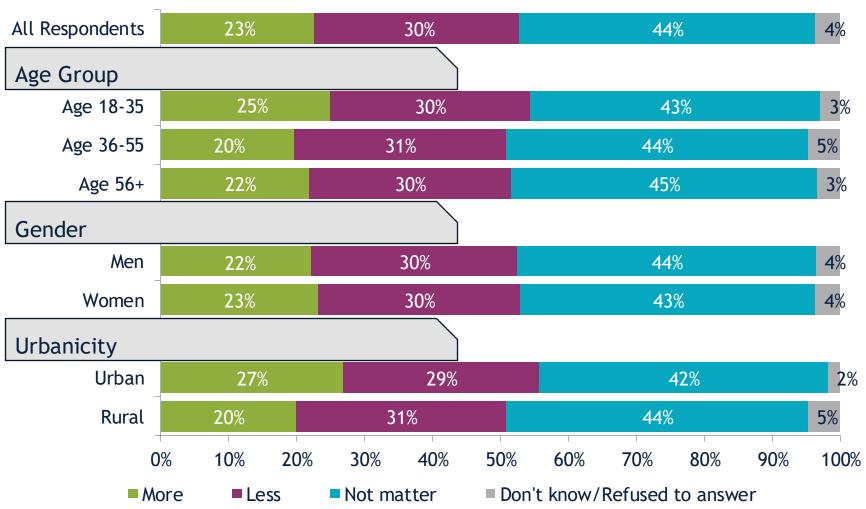
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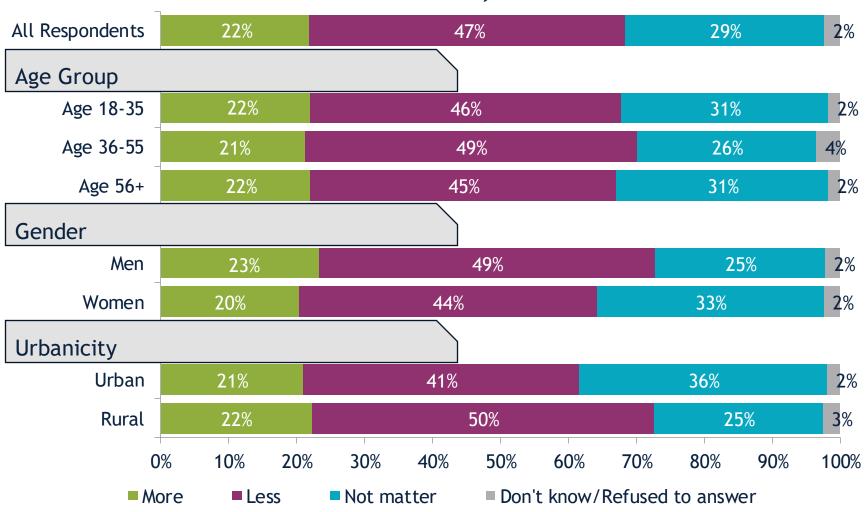
Candidate stands against corruption



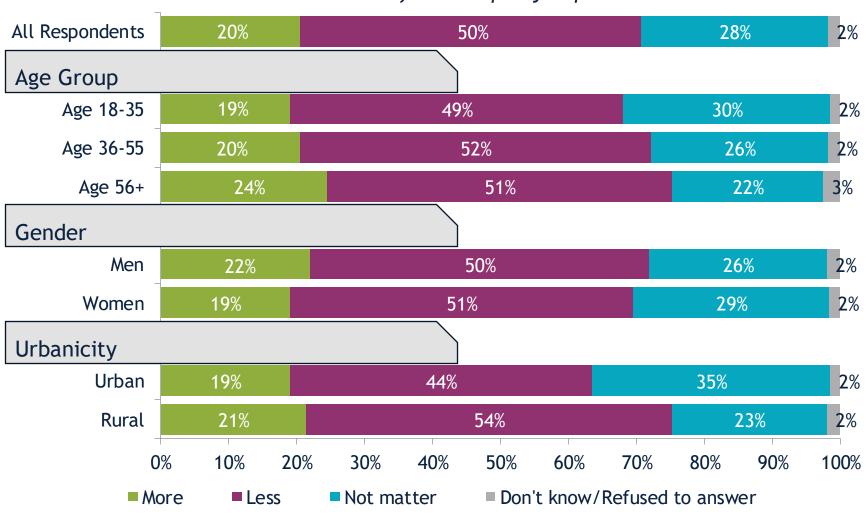
Candidate is 35 years old or younger

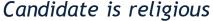






Candidate is from the party in power















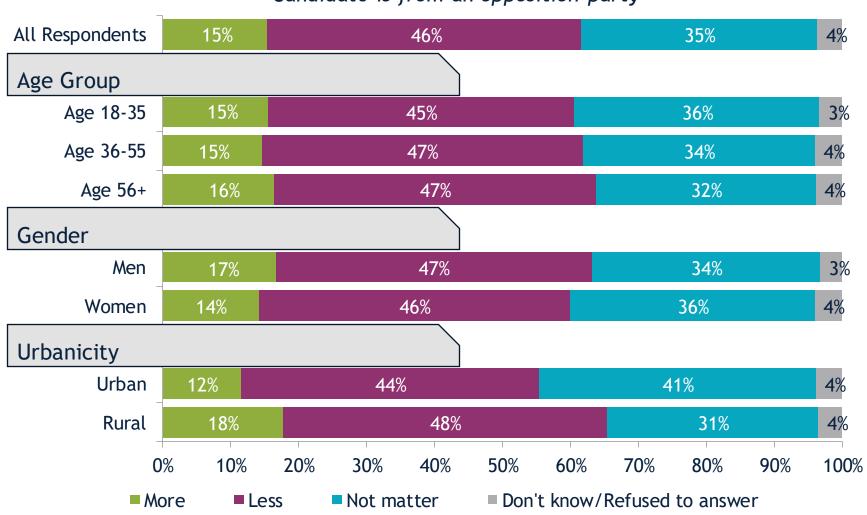




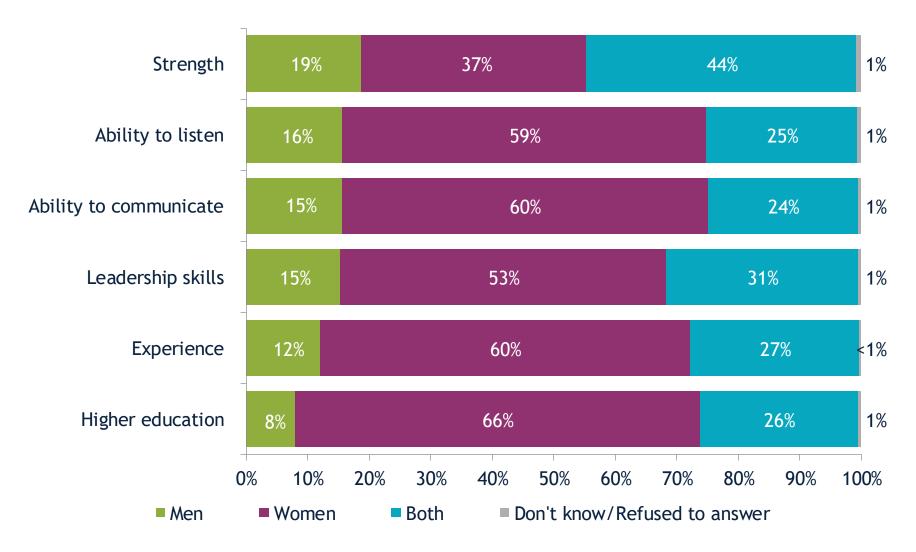




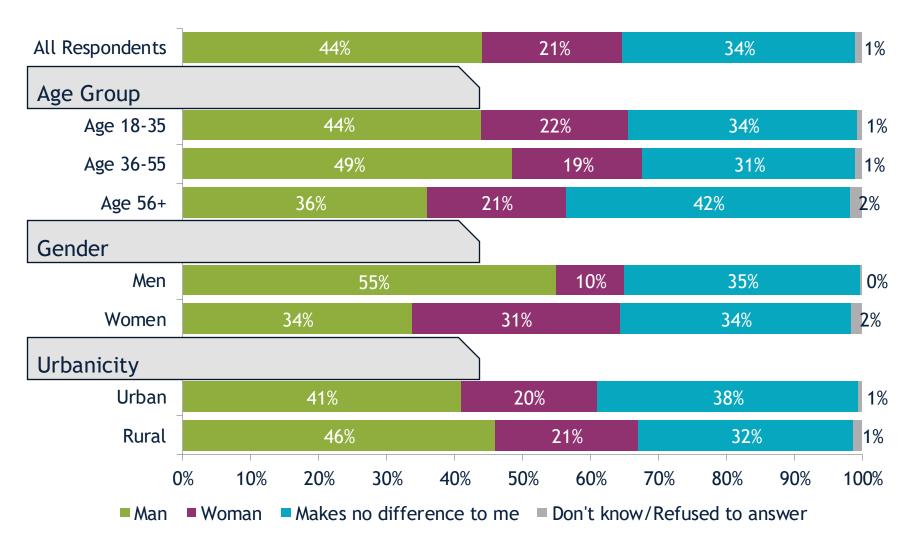
Candidate is from an opposition party



I will read you a list of several qualities voters commonly seek in politicians. For each quality, please tell me it is more likely for men to have it, for women to have it, or if both genders are equally likely to have it.

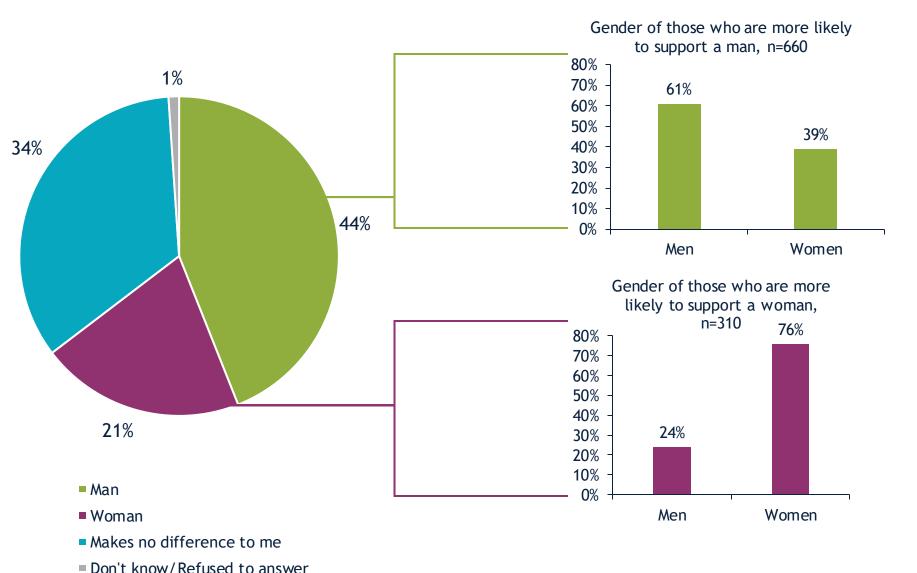


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



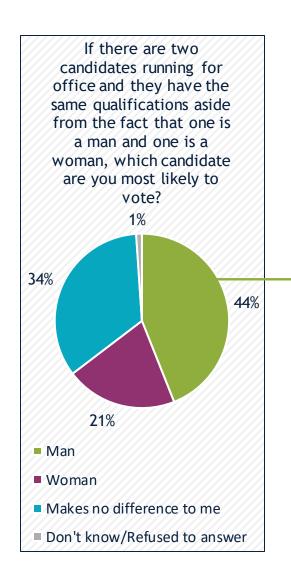


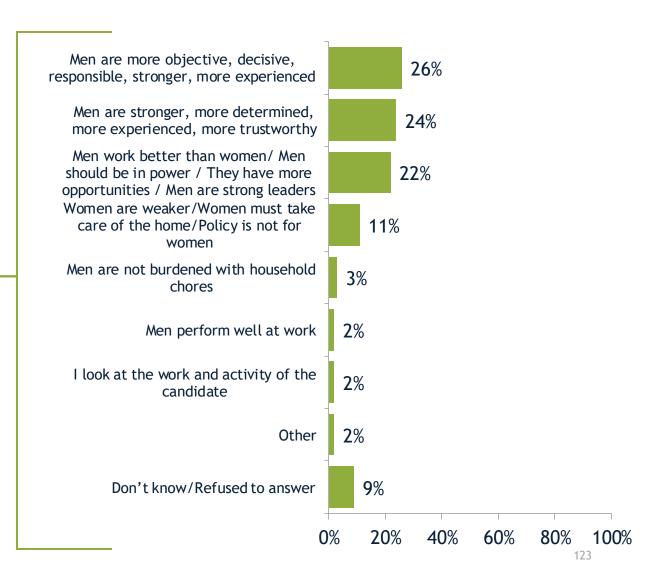
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Why do you think so?

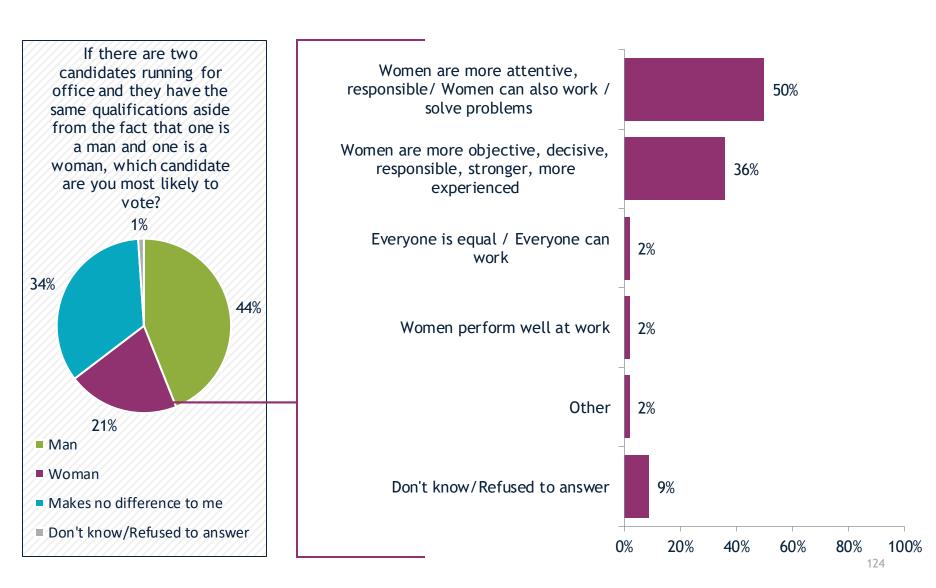
(Spontaneous response; among those who indicated they would vote for a man, = 660)



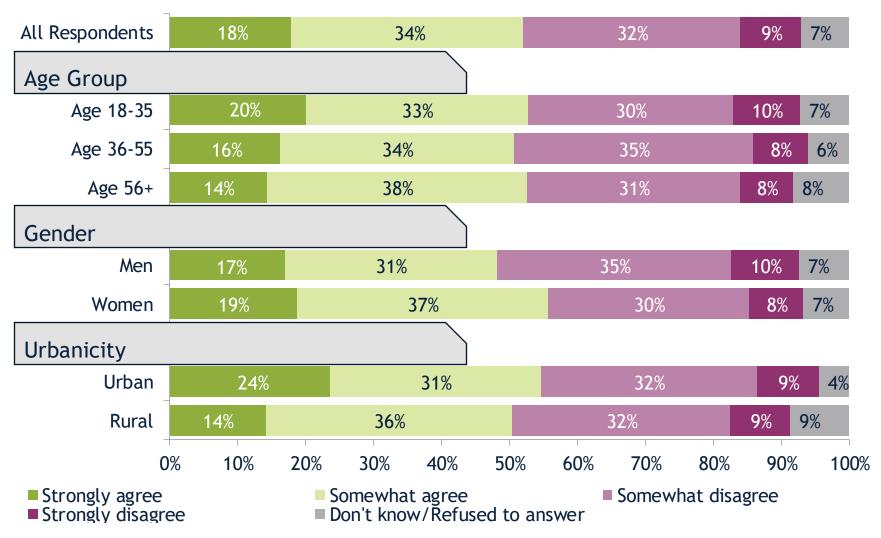


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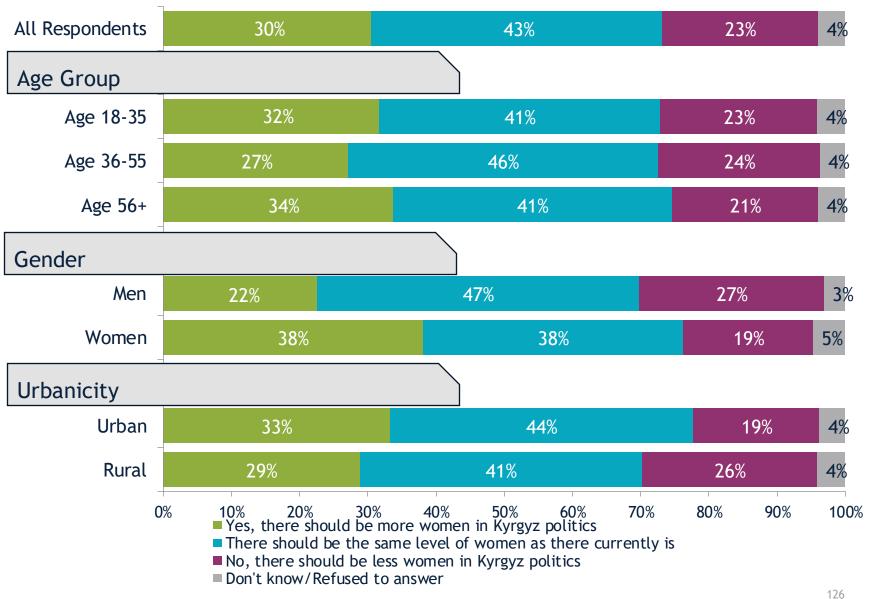
(Spontaneous response; among those who indicated they would vote for a woman, n=310)



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: "Politicians and political parties do not listen to the needs and ideas of women."



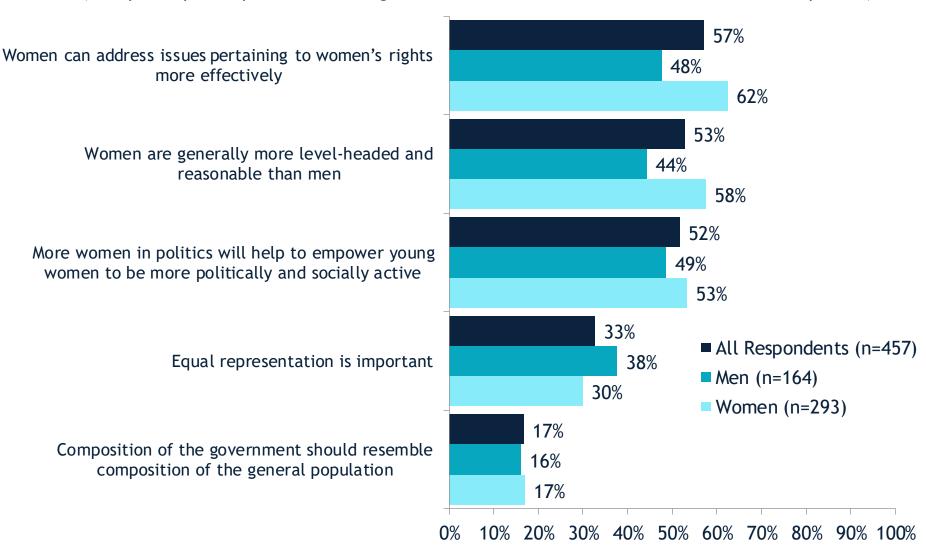
In your opinion, should there be more women in Kyrgyz politics?





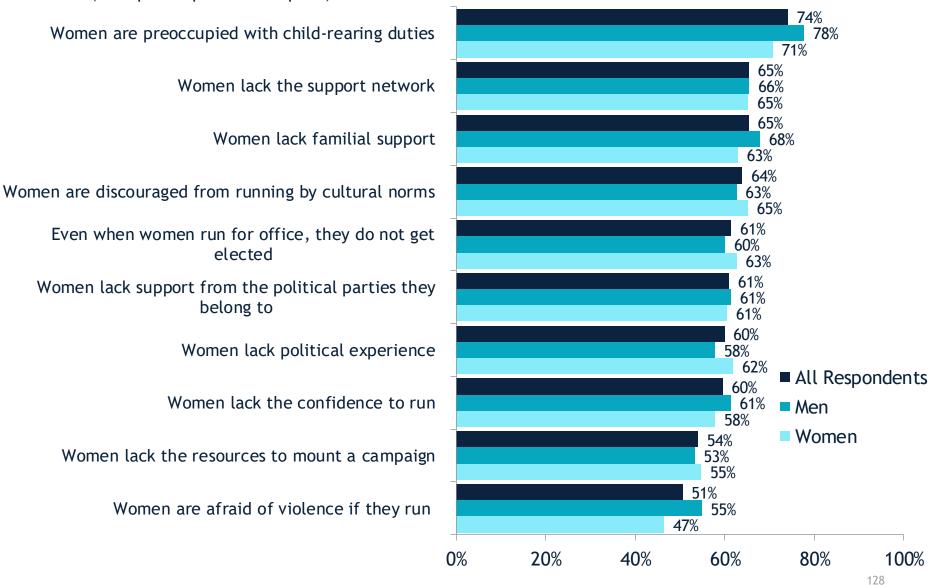
Why do you believe there should be more women in Kyrgyz politics?

(Multiple responses permitted; among those who believe there should be more women in politics)

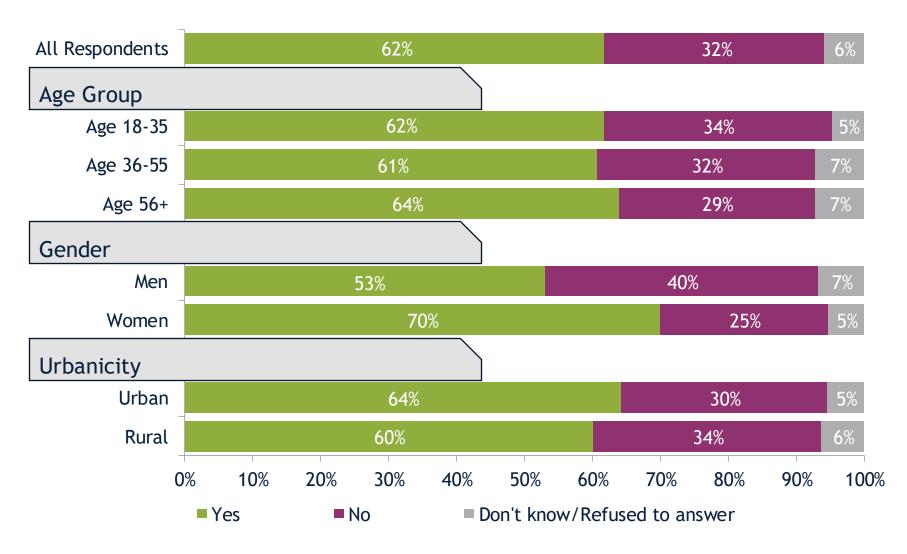


Why are there not more women politically engaged in our country?

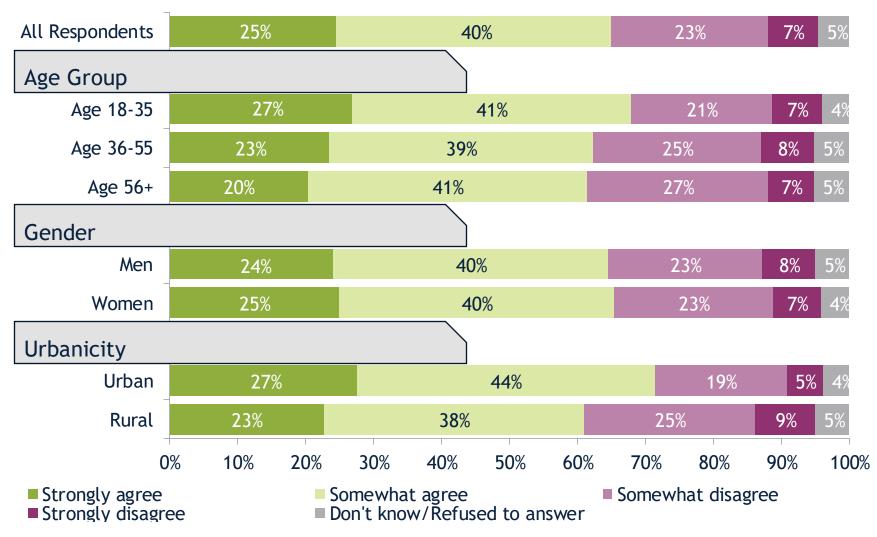
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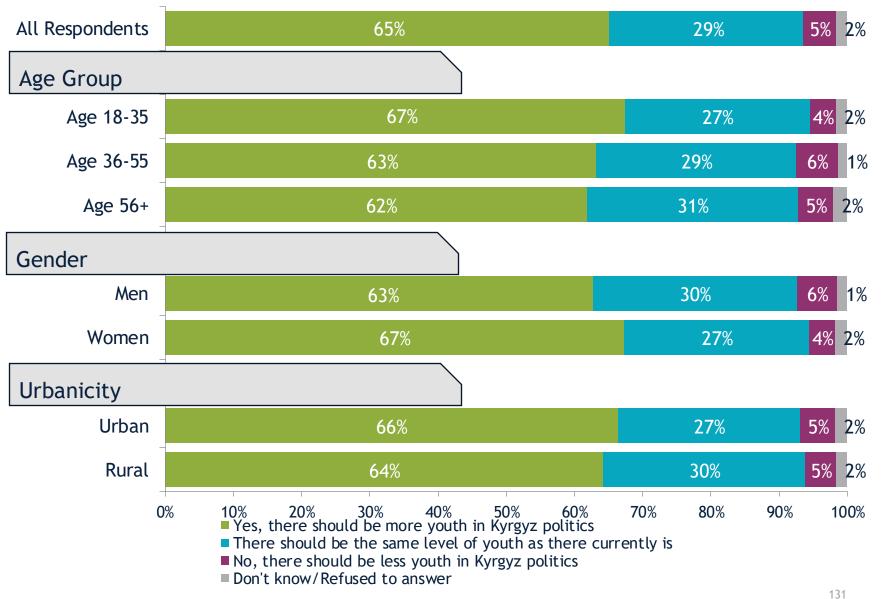
Do you believe Kyrgyzstan should have a gender quota to ensure that women and men are more equally represented?



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Politicians and political parties do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people."



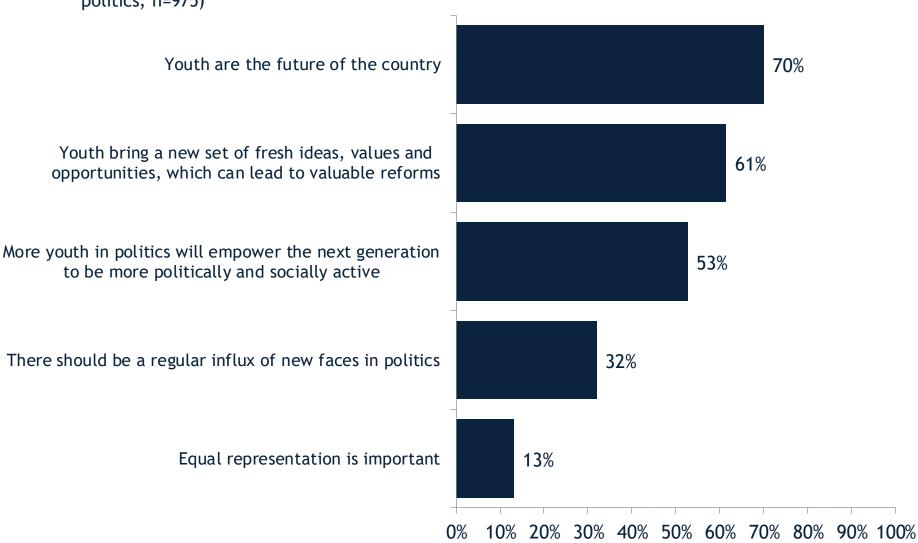
In your opinion, should there be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?





Why do you believe there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

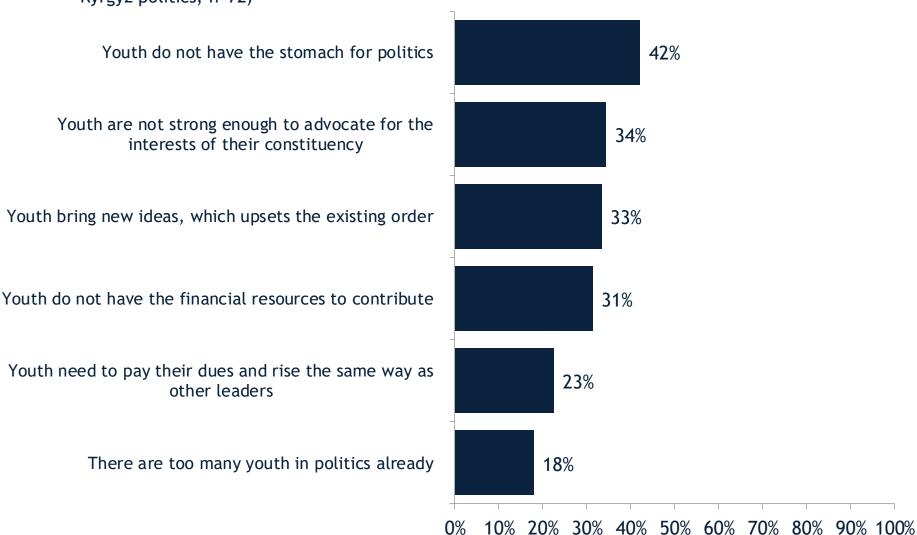
(Multiple responses permitted; among those who believe there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics, n=975)





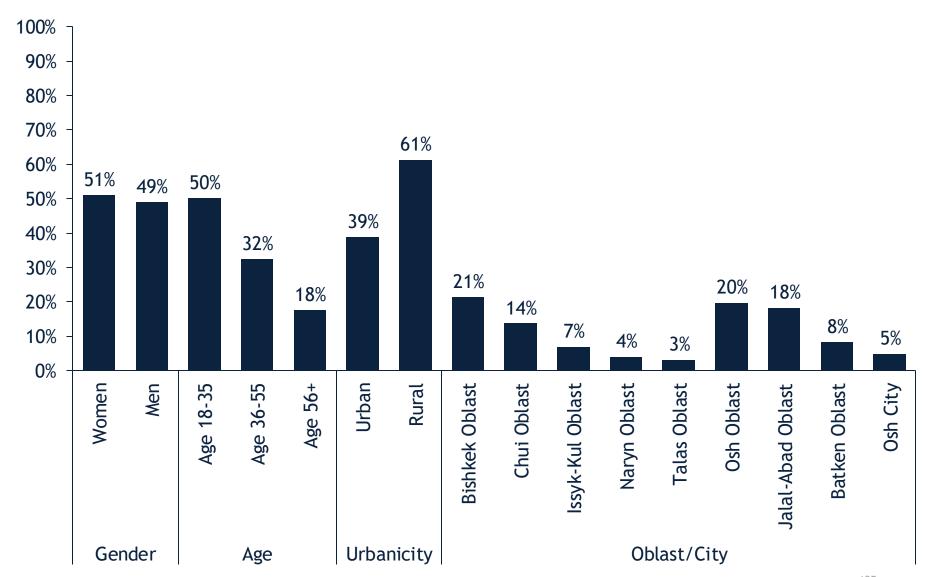
Why do you believe should there not be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

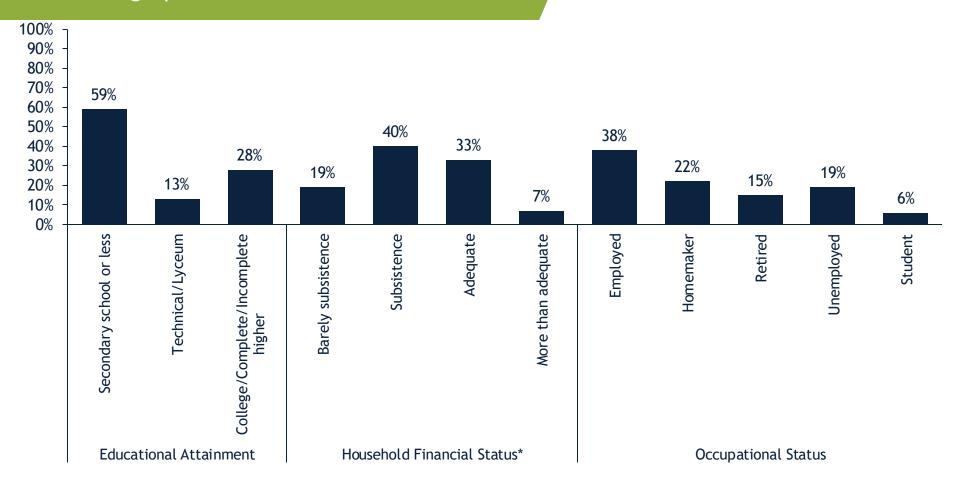
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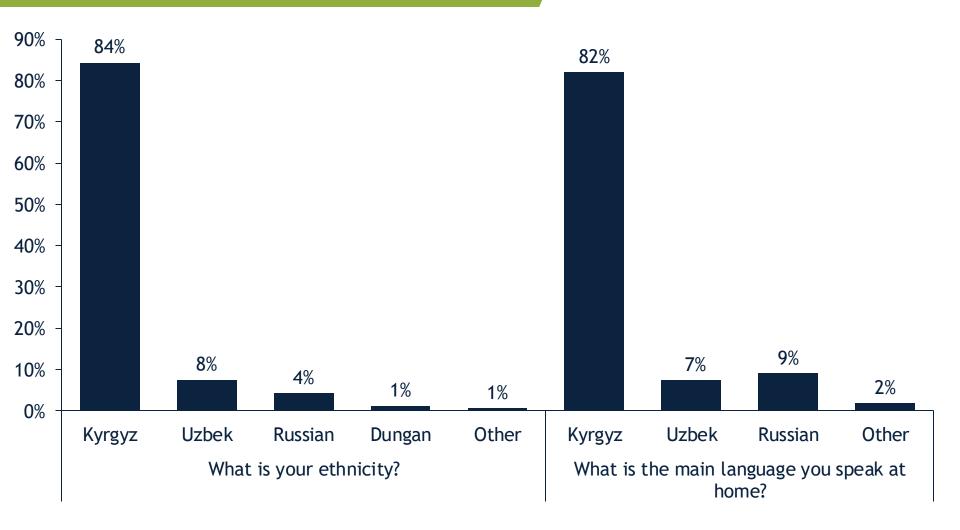






*Household Financial Status brackets are generated from the question "How would you assess the financial position of your family?"

- **Barely subsistence** = "Money does not suffice even for food stuffs" and "Money suffices only for food, but nothing else, it does not suffice to pay the utilities bills"
- Subsistence = "Money suffices for food, but purchase of clothes causes difficulties"
- *Adequate* = "Income suffices for food and clothes, but purchase of expensive durable things, such as TV set, refrigerator is a problem"
- More than adequate = "We can easily get durable things, but purchase of really expensive things, such as car, is a big problems for us" and "At the present time we can afford much a car, a summer residence, travel abroad"



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