



Public Opinion Poll: Residents of Malaysia

March 2022



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Detailed Methodology

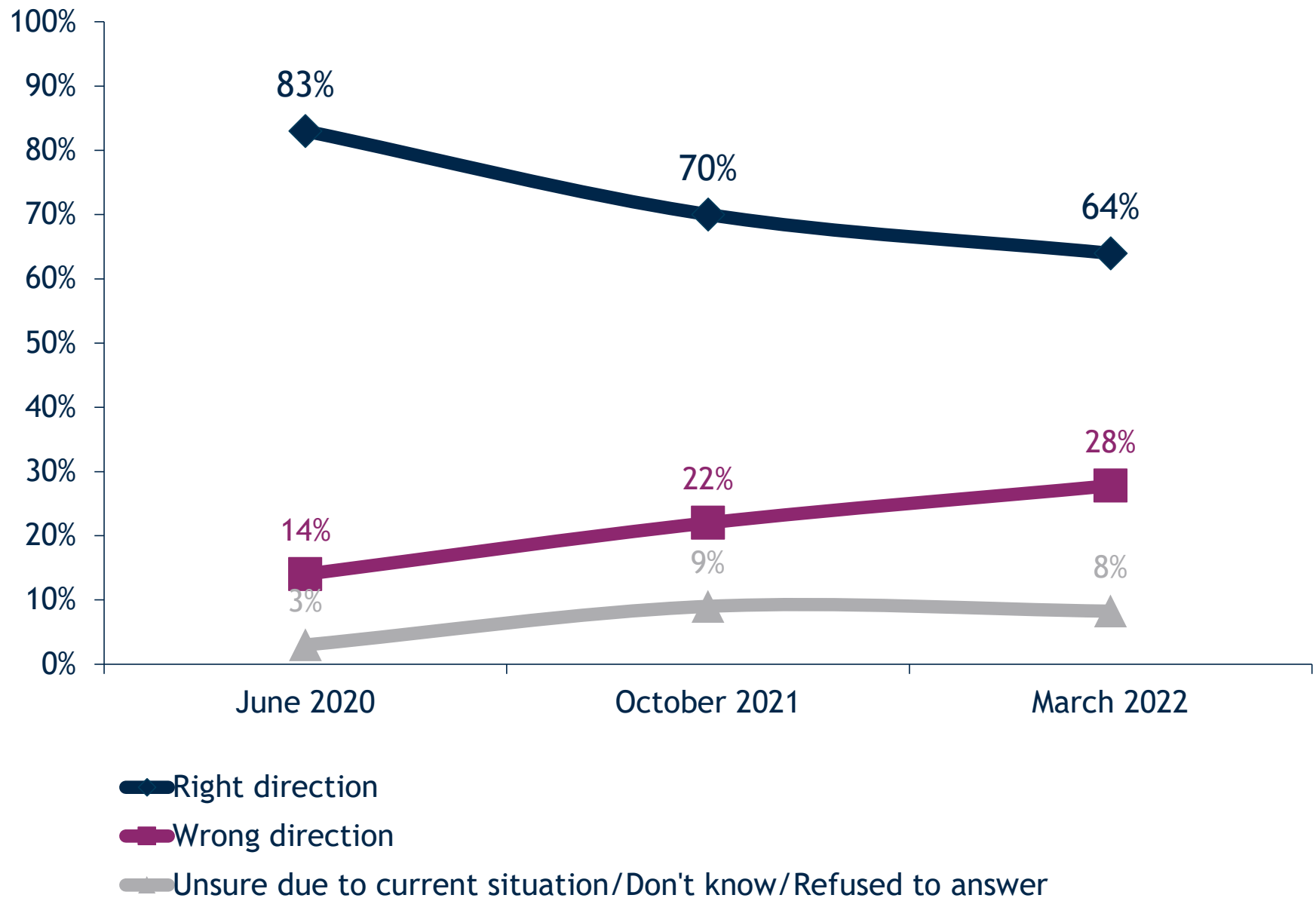
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [Central Force](#) with support from [Designs, Data, Decisions \(D3\)](#).
- This computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) survey was conducted across Malaysia from March 7-24, 2022, and is a nationally-representative sample of 1,207 mobile phone owning Malaysia citizens aged 18 or older. The [June 2020 poll](#) was carried out from June 4 - 15 2020, and was a nationally-representative sample of 1,207 mobile or landline phone owning Malaysia citizens aged 18 or older. The [October 2021 poll](#) was carried out from September 28 - October 2021, and was a nationally-representative sample of 1,202 mobile phone owning Malaysia citizens aged 18 or older.
- The sample was drawn using Random-Digit-Dialing (RDD). The sampling frames for mobile phones were structured according to the National Numbering Plans from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC). These frames are maintained and updated by D3 for national CATI surveys in Malaysia. Mobile phones were assumed to be personal devices and the person who answered was selected if he/she fit the eligibility criteria.
- After the data collection, the sample was post-weighted for state, gender, age, ethnicity, and urbanicity based upon the 2019 estimates of the Malaysia Department of Statistics. The same weighting procedures were applied for the June 2020 and October 2021 polls.
- The margin of error at the midrange does not exceed 2.8 percentage points with a confidence level of 95 percent.
- The response rate was 18 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age	18-35	n=537
	36-50	n=322
	51-65	n=232
	66+	n=116
Gender	Men	n=605
	Women	n=602
Urbanicity	Urban, including suburban	n=920
	Rural	n=287

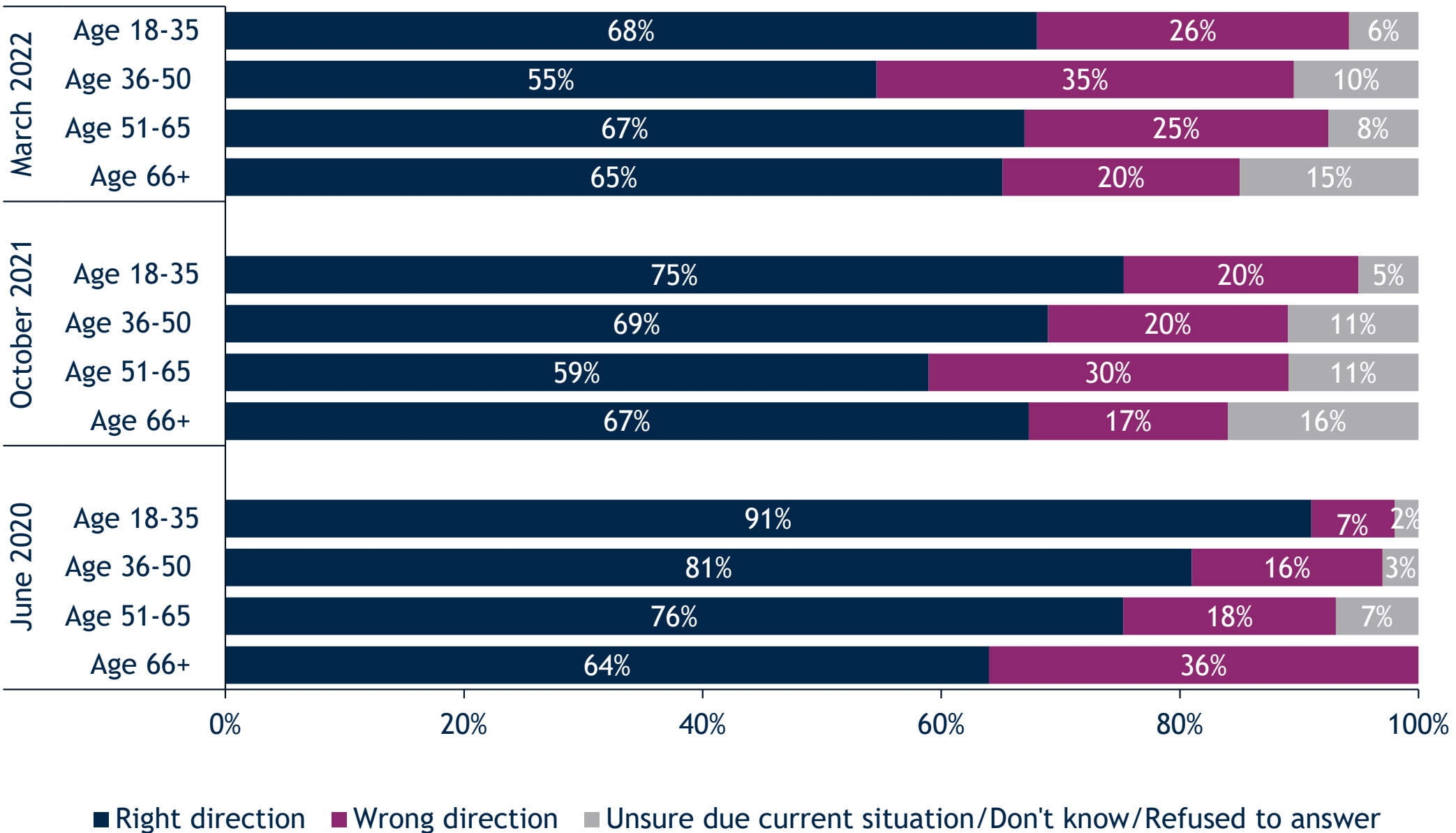
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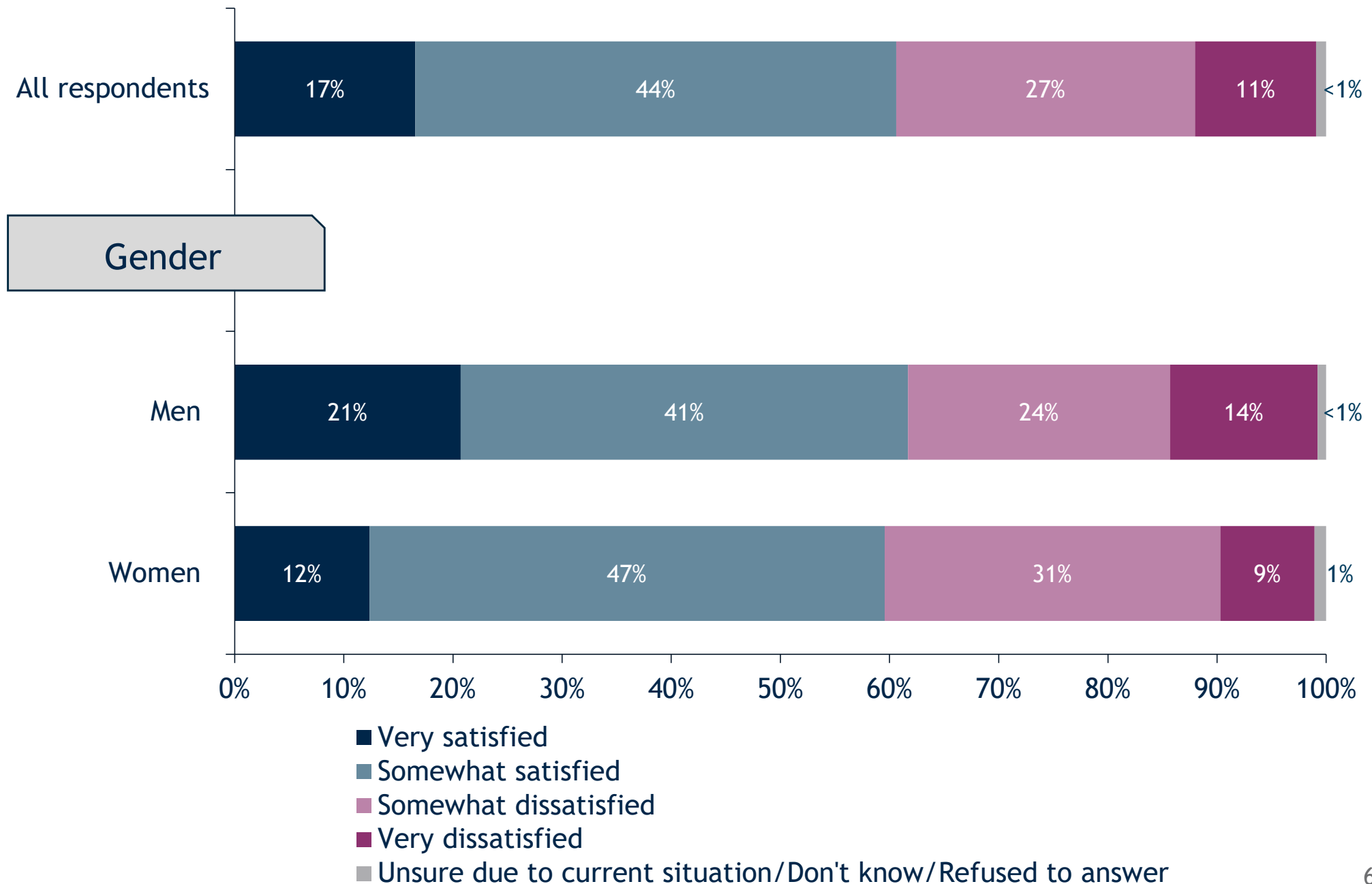
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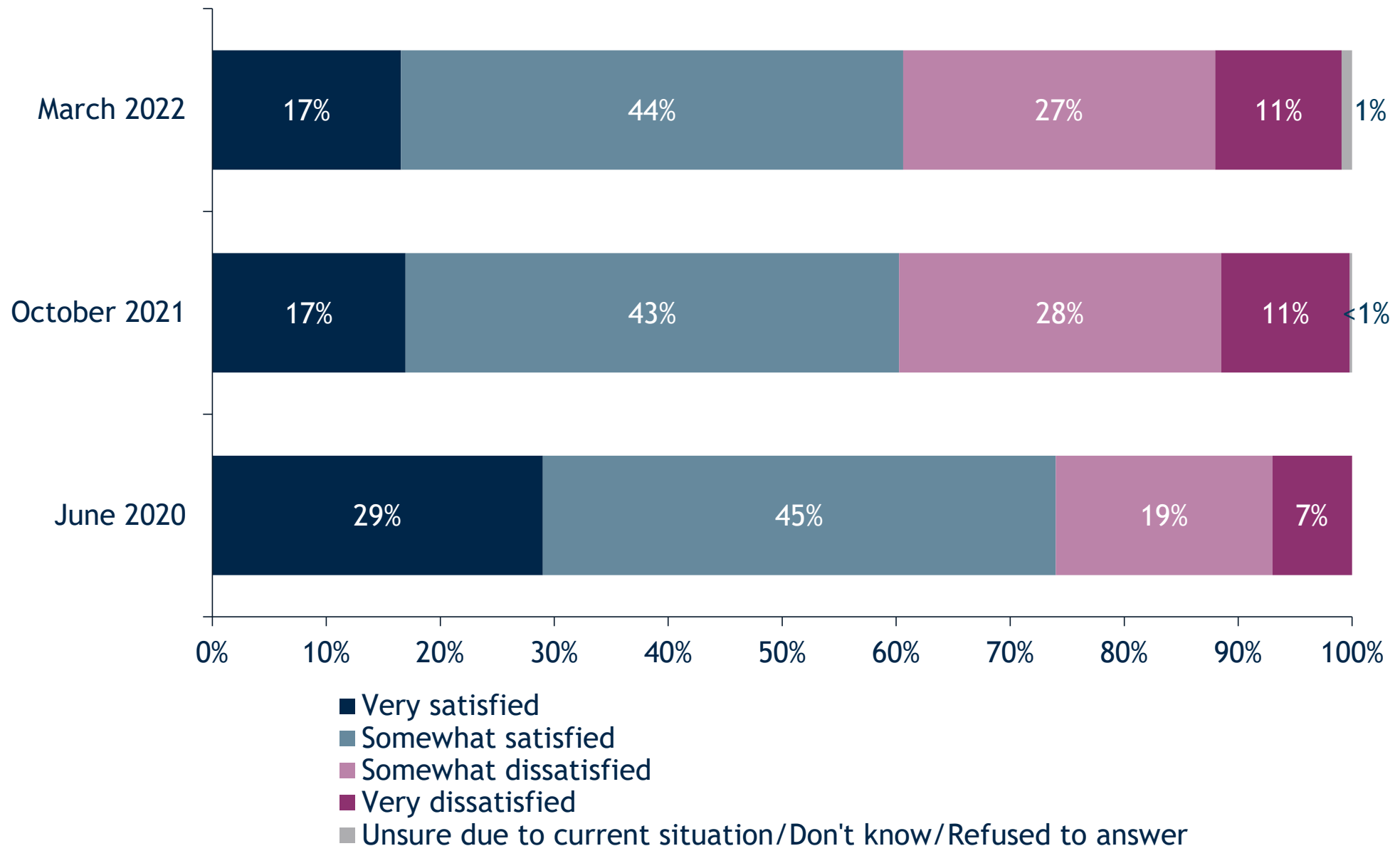


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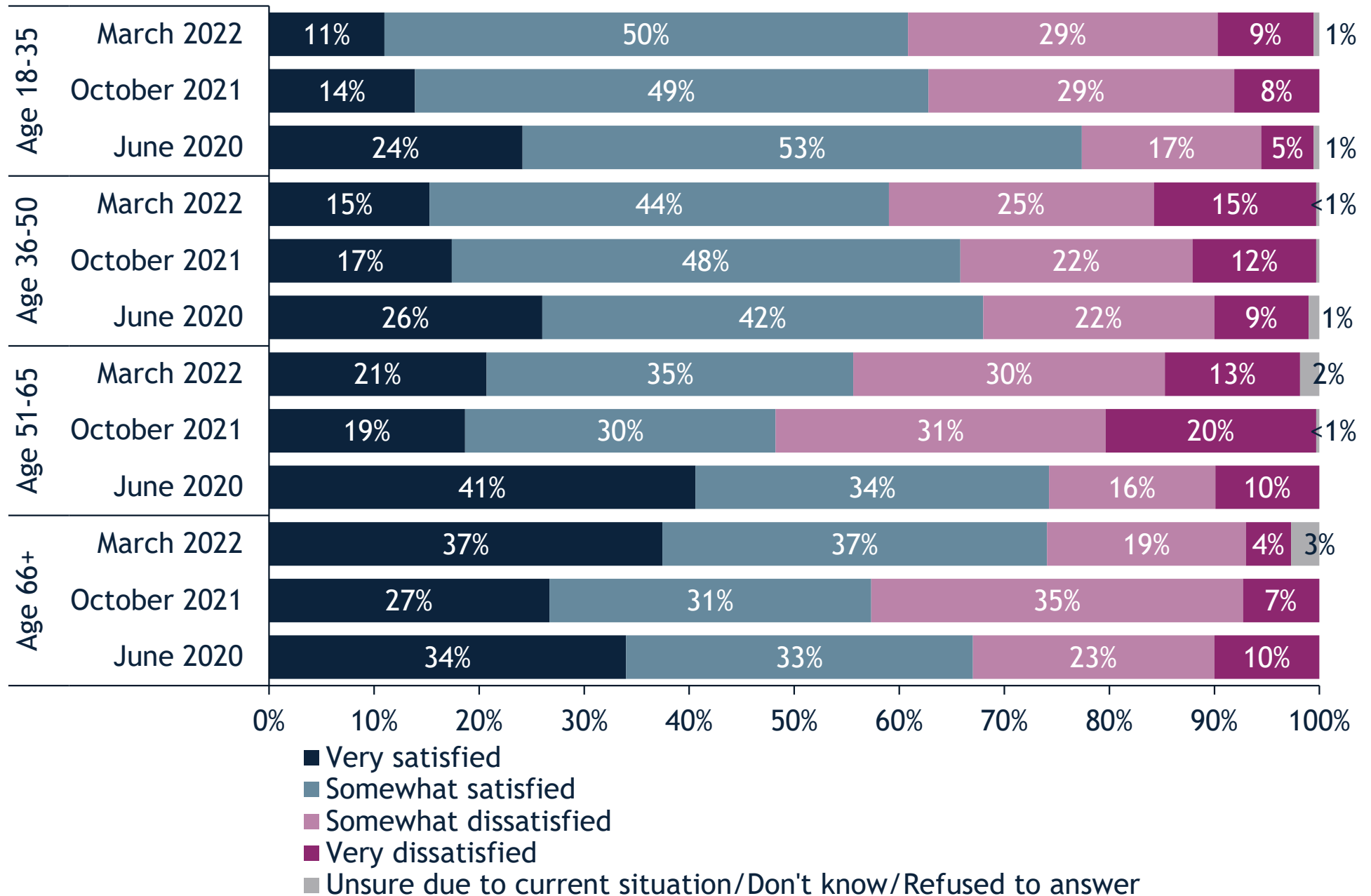
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- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
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- Very dissatisfied
- Unsure due to current situation/Don't know/Refused to answer

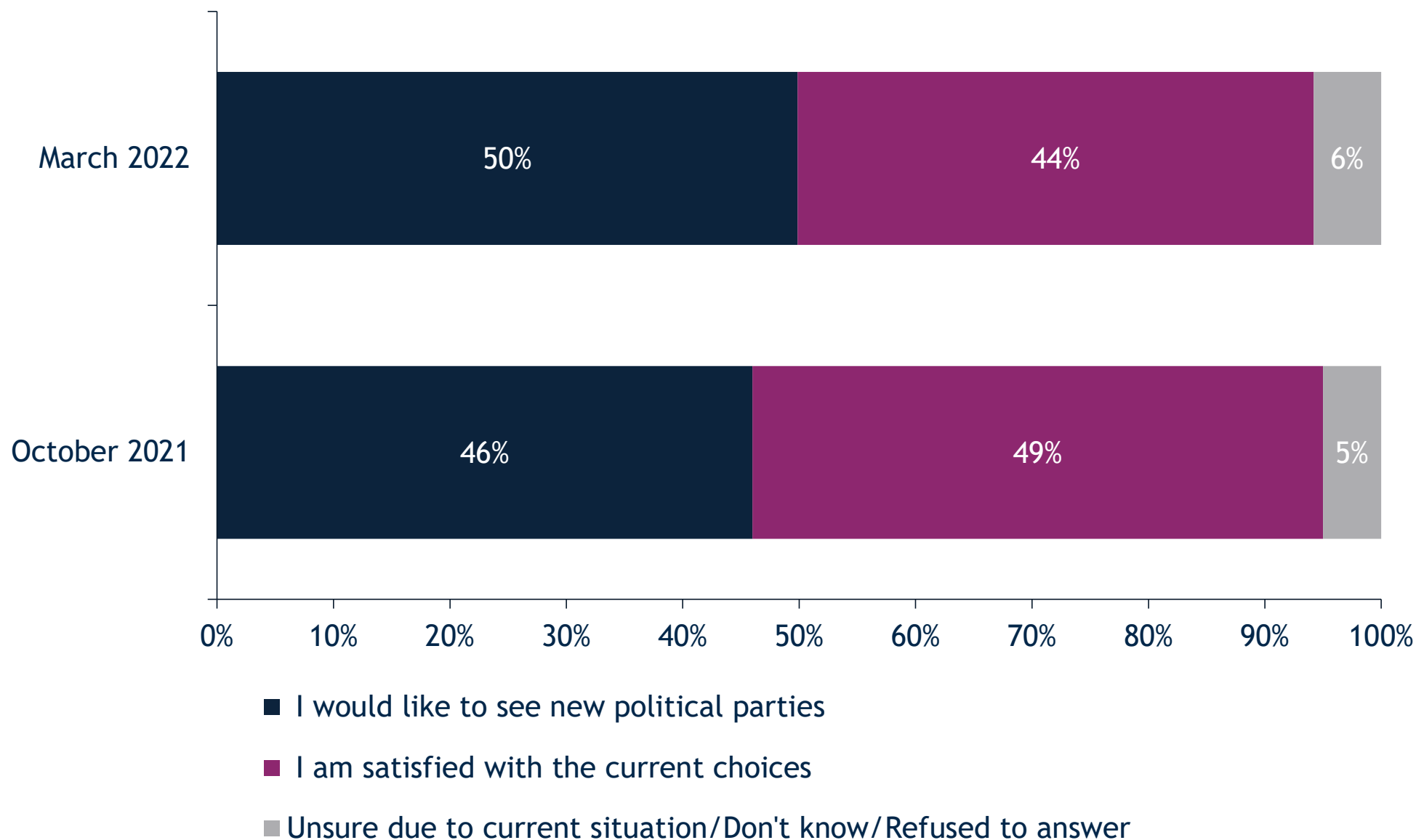
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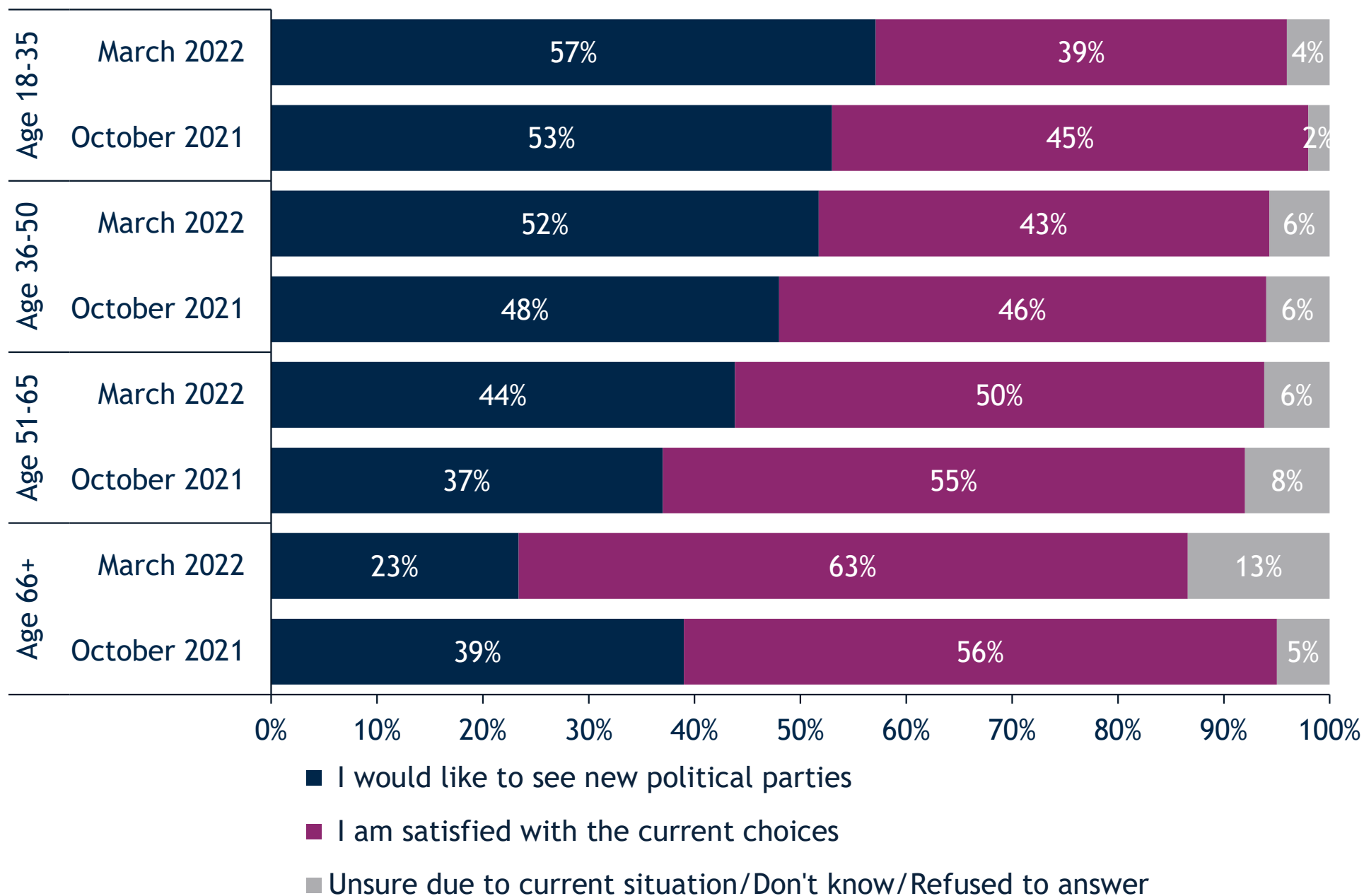
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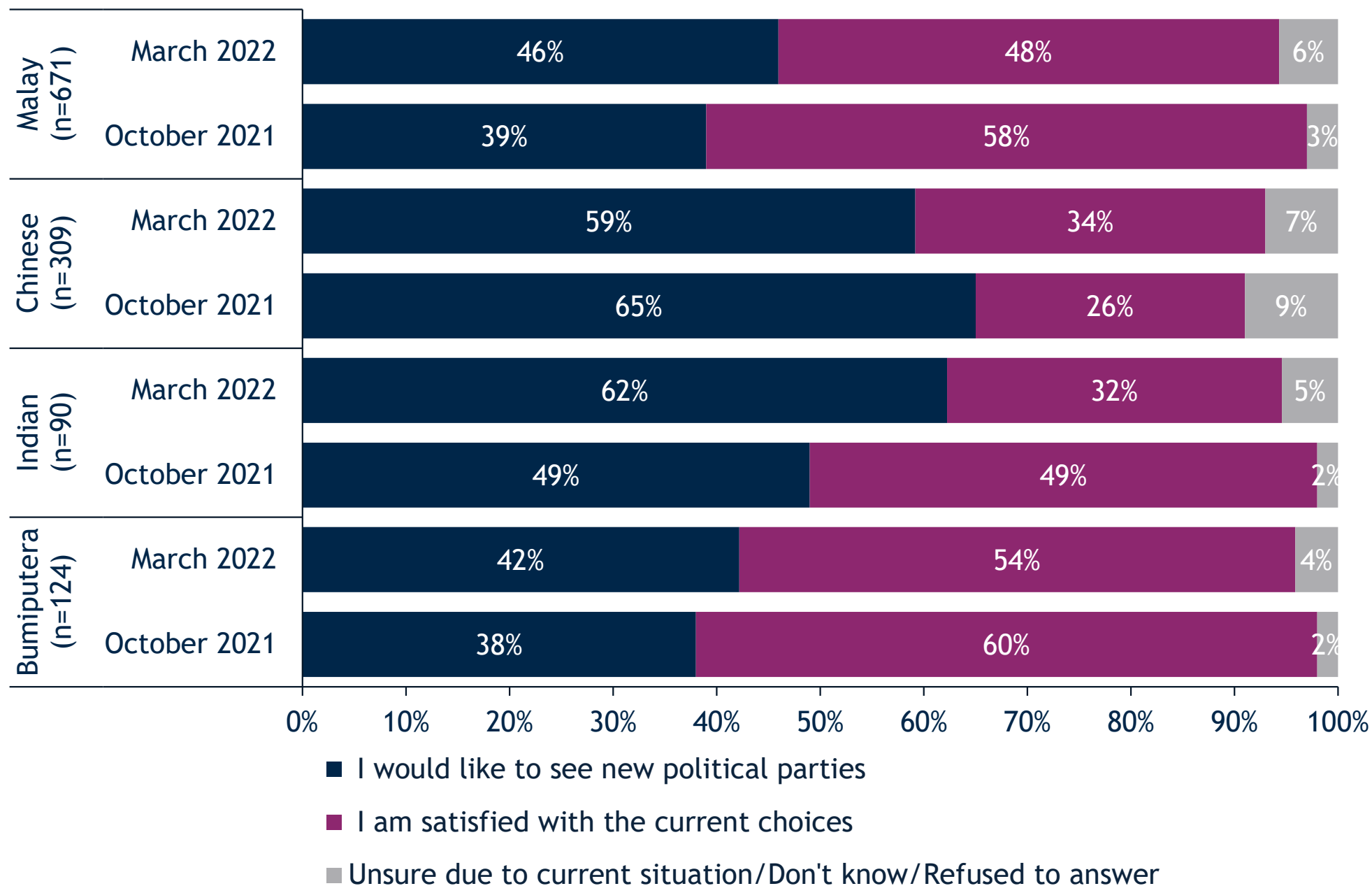
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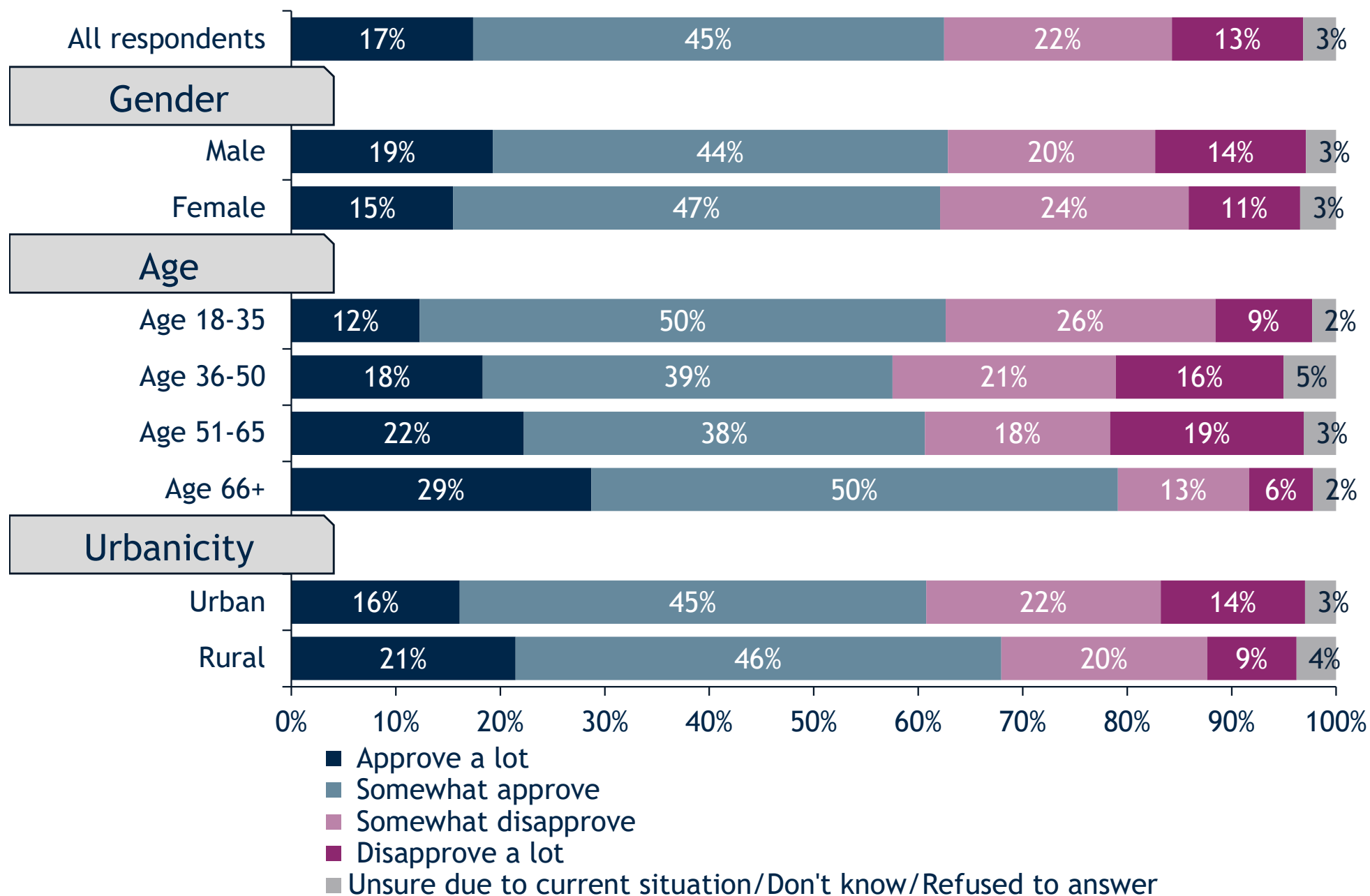
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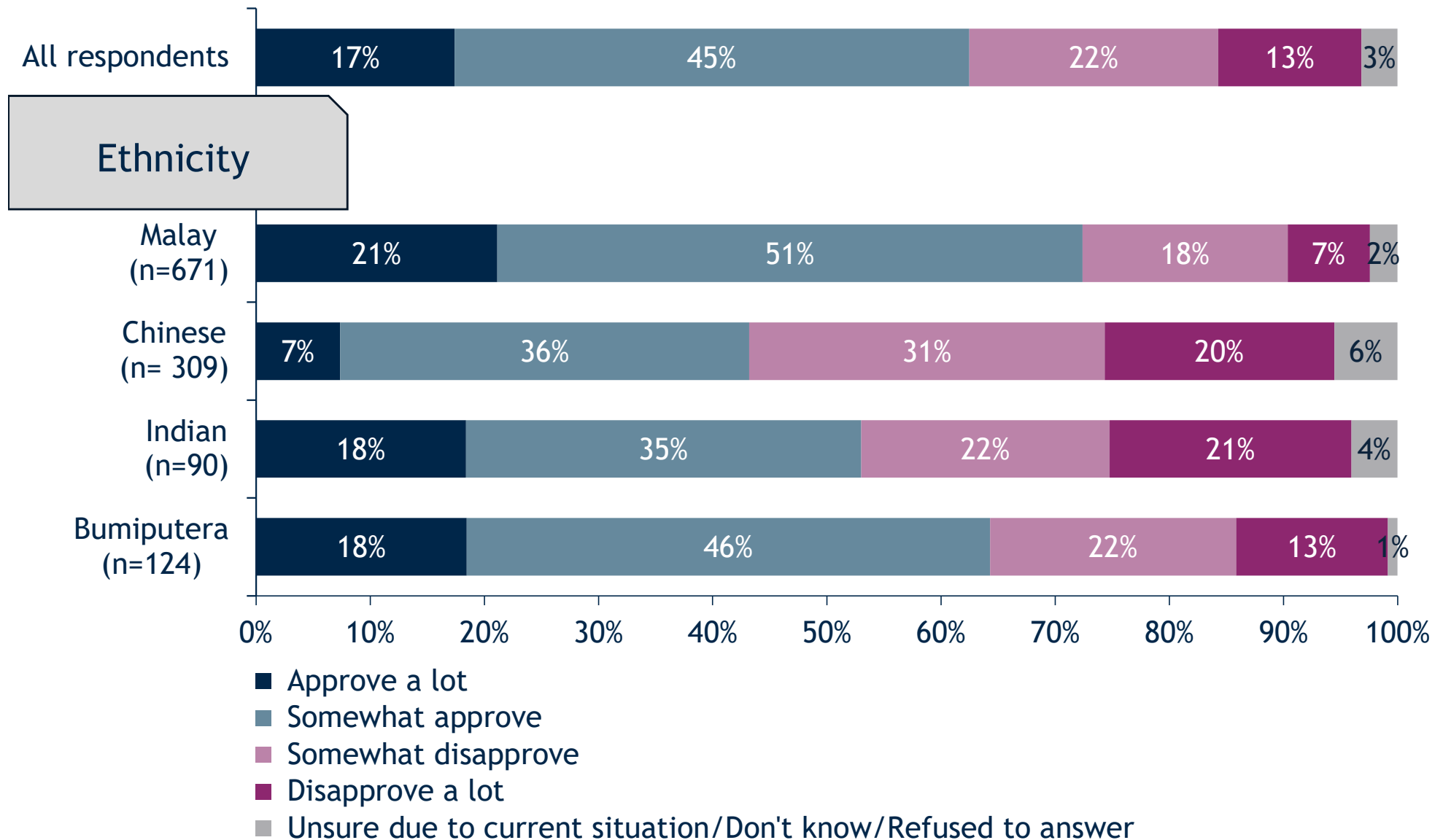
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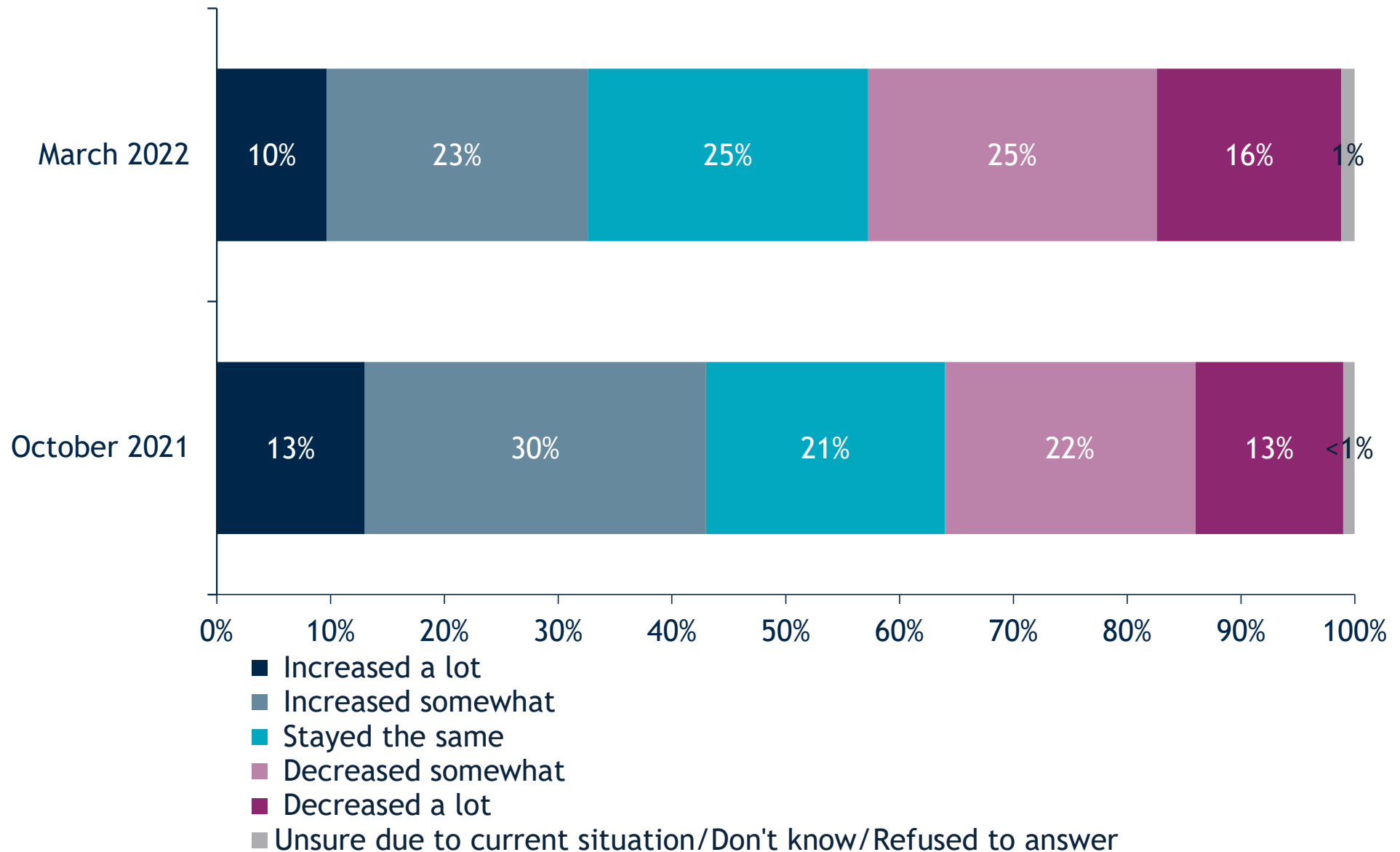


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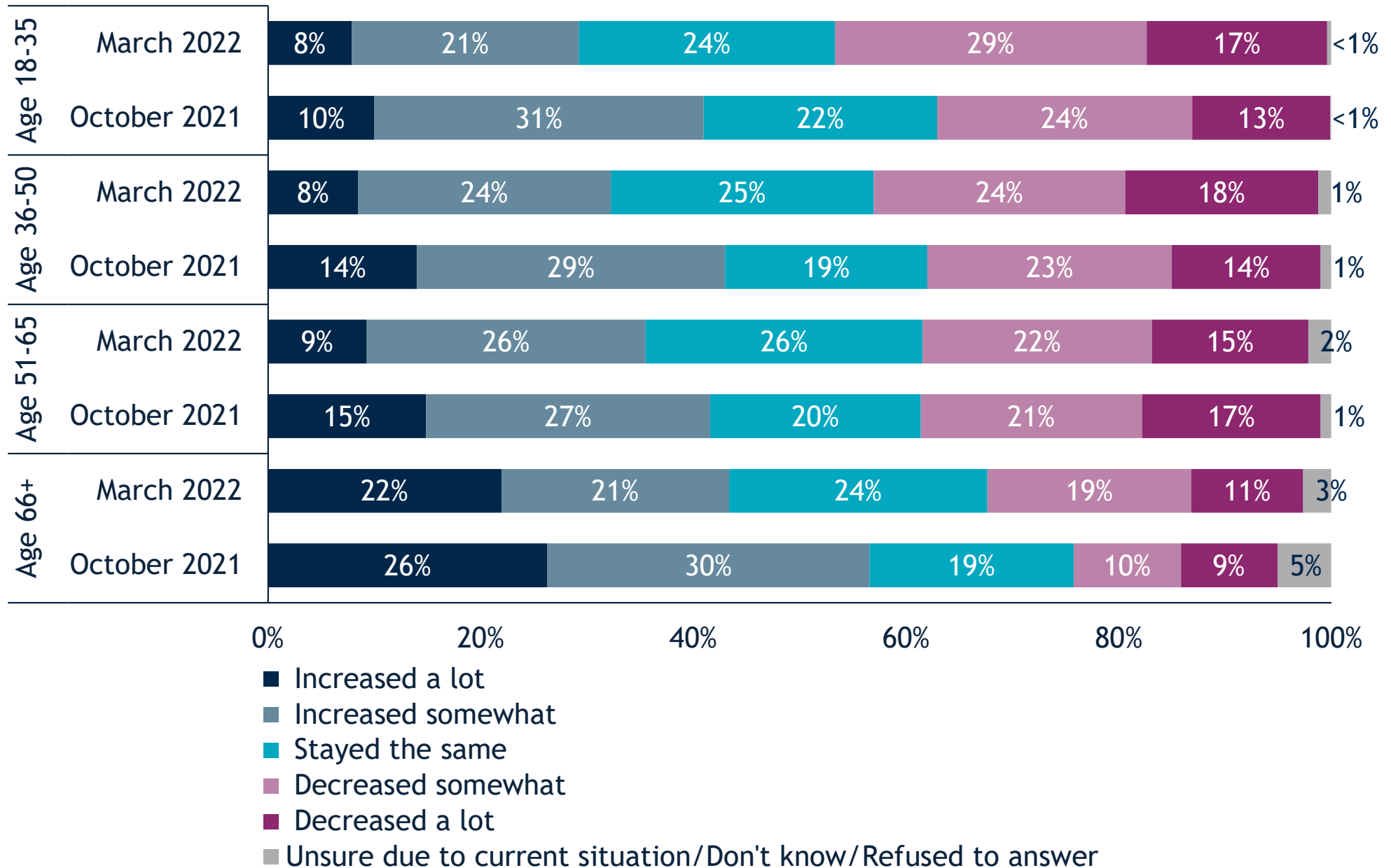
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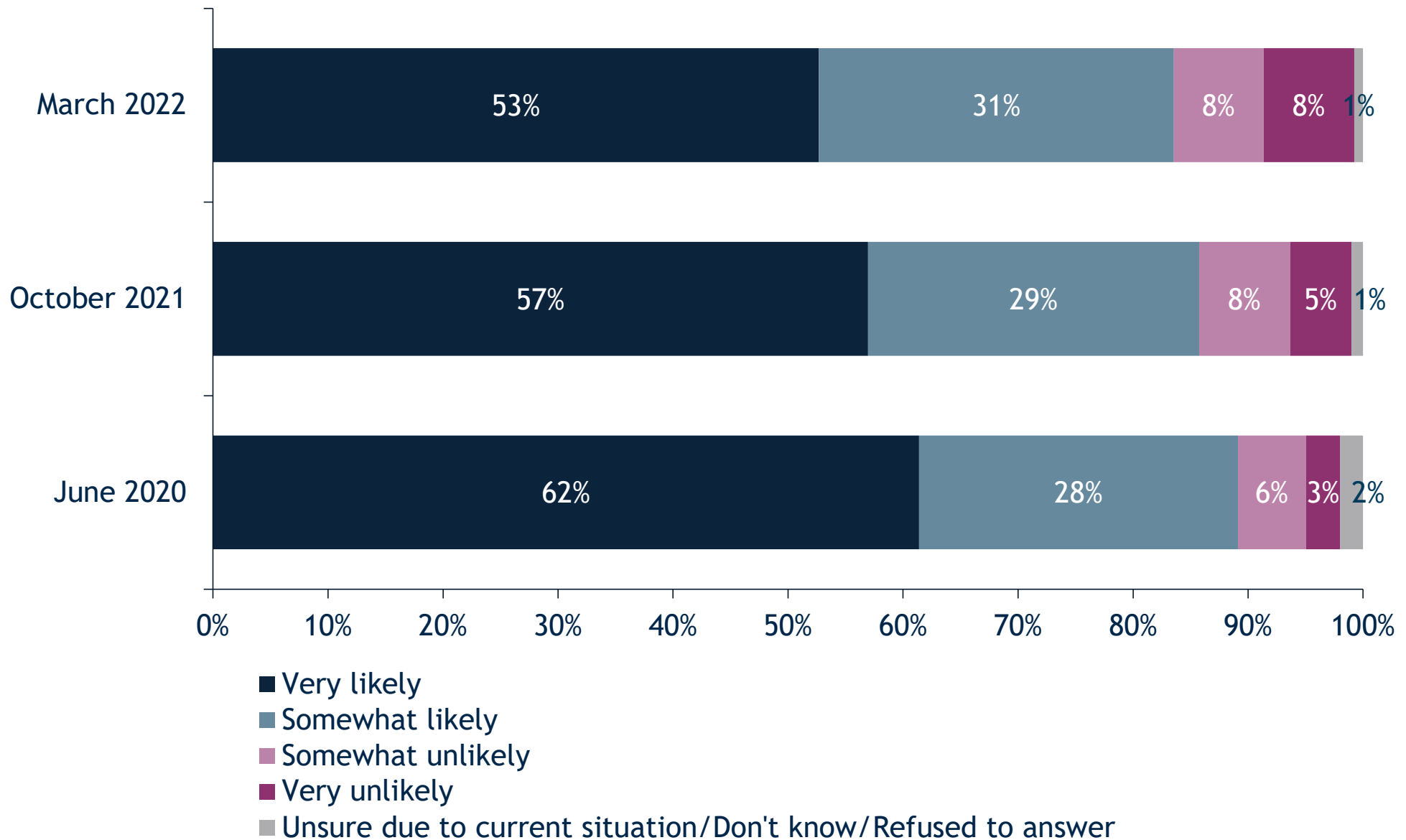
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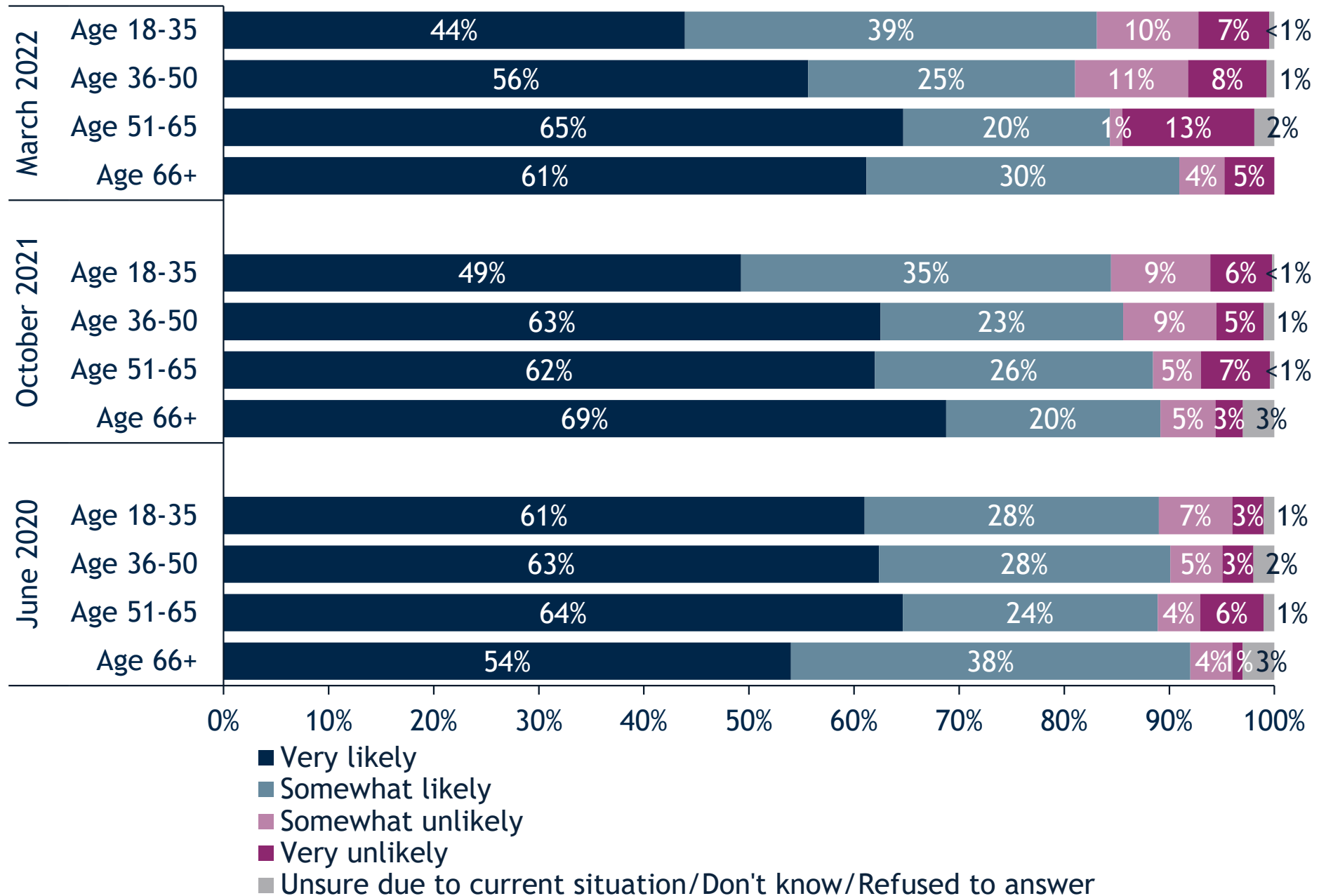


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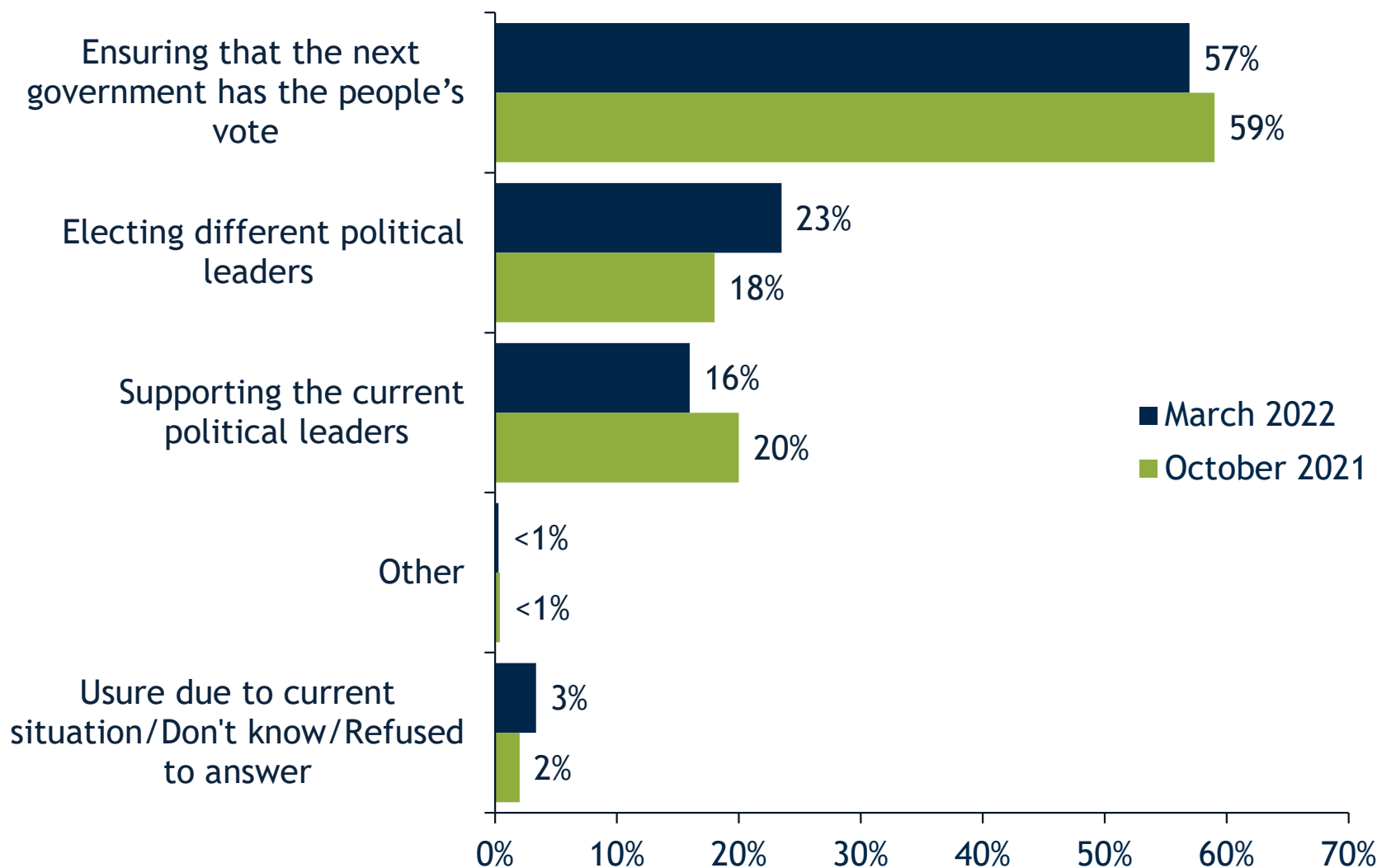
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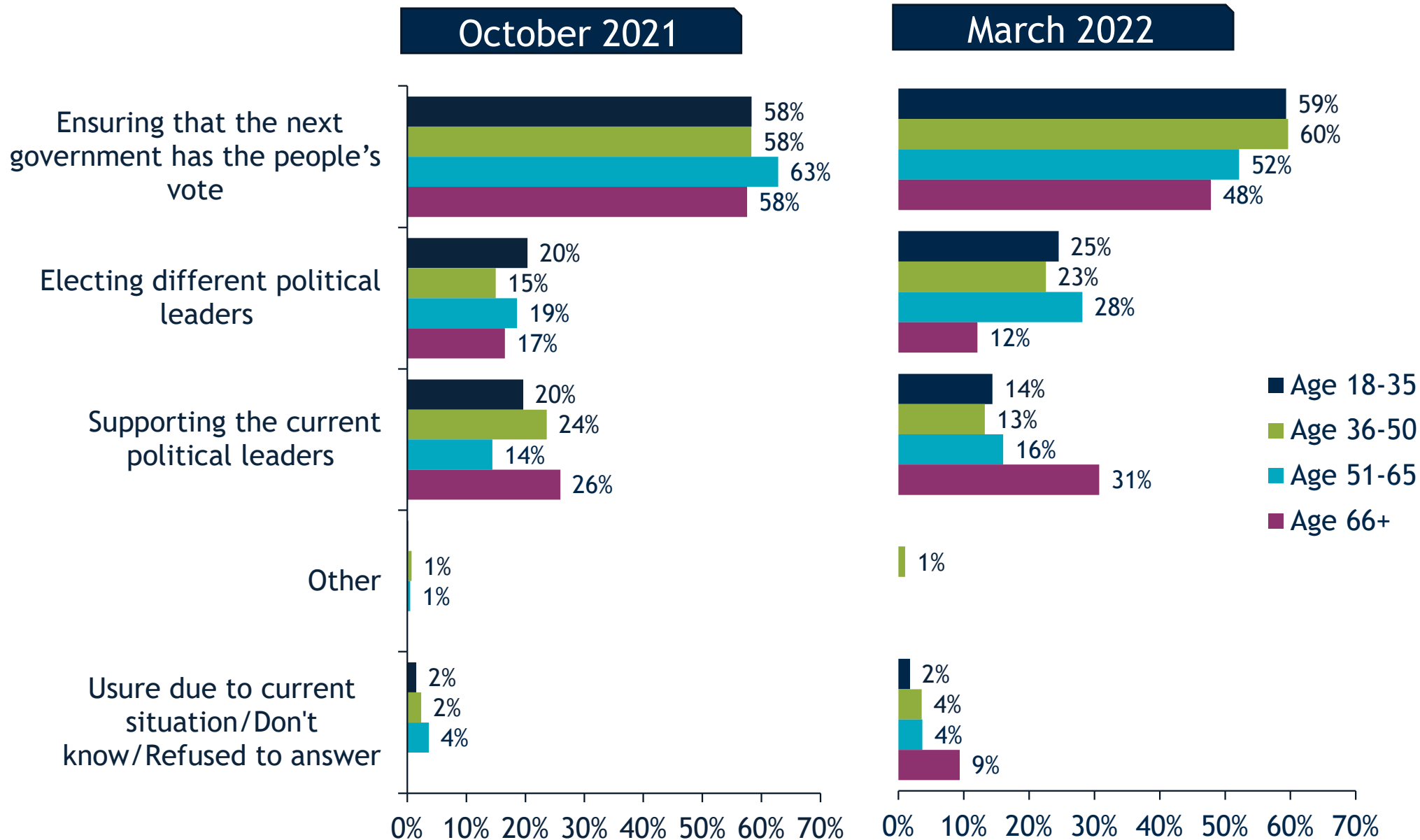
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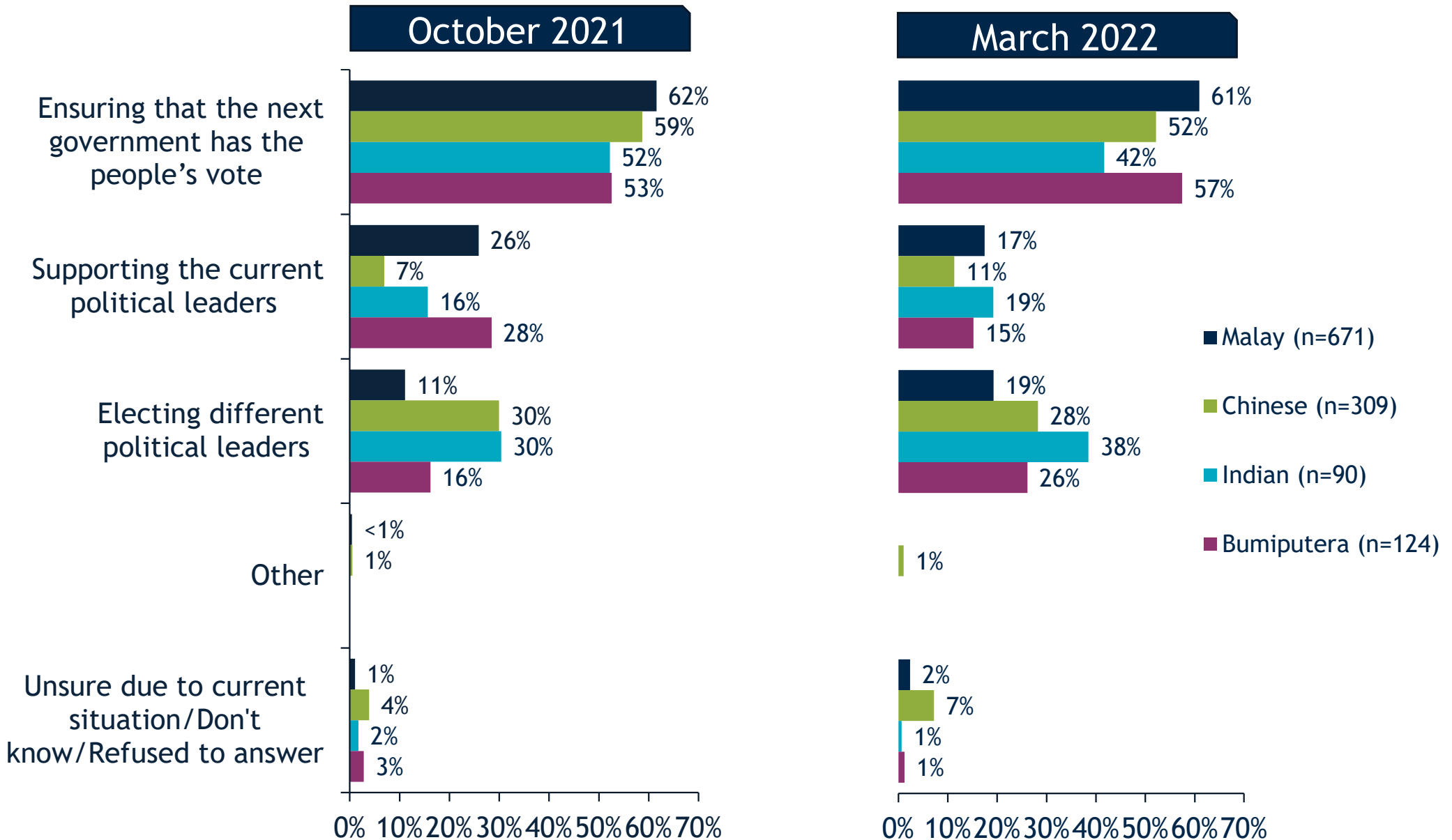
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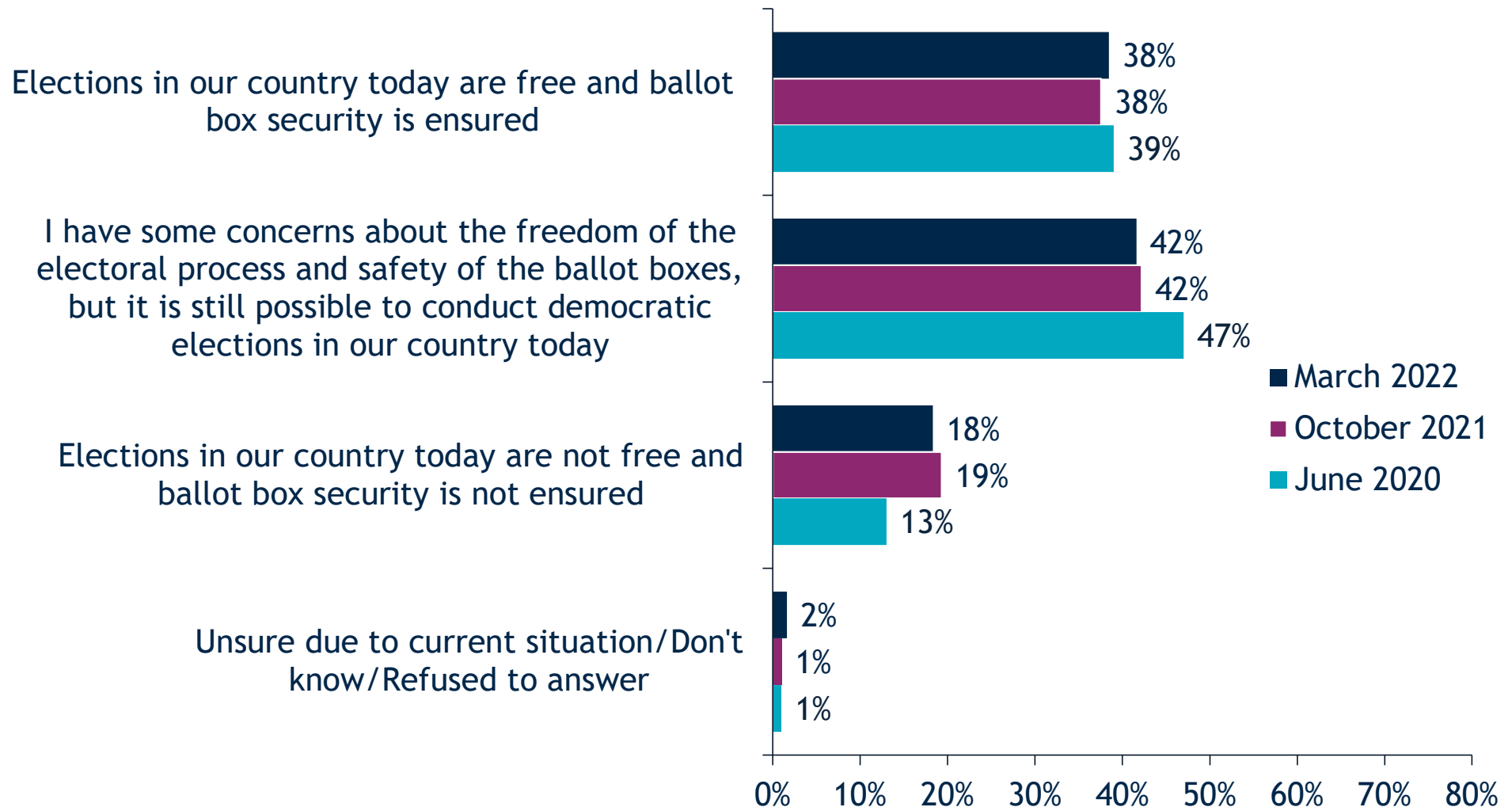


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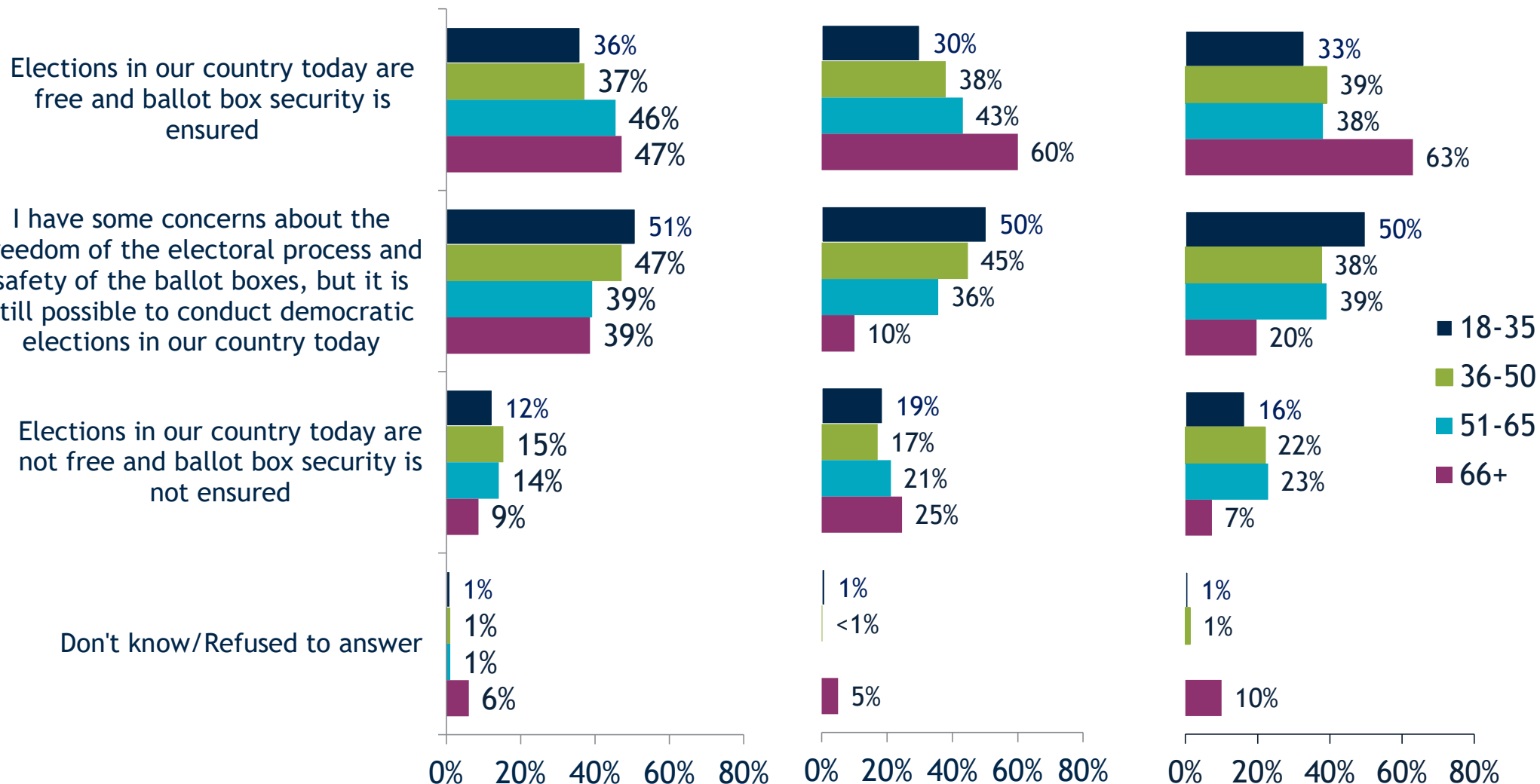


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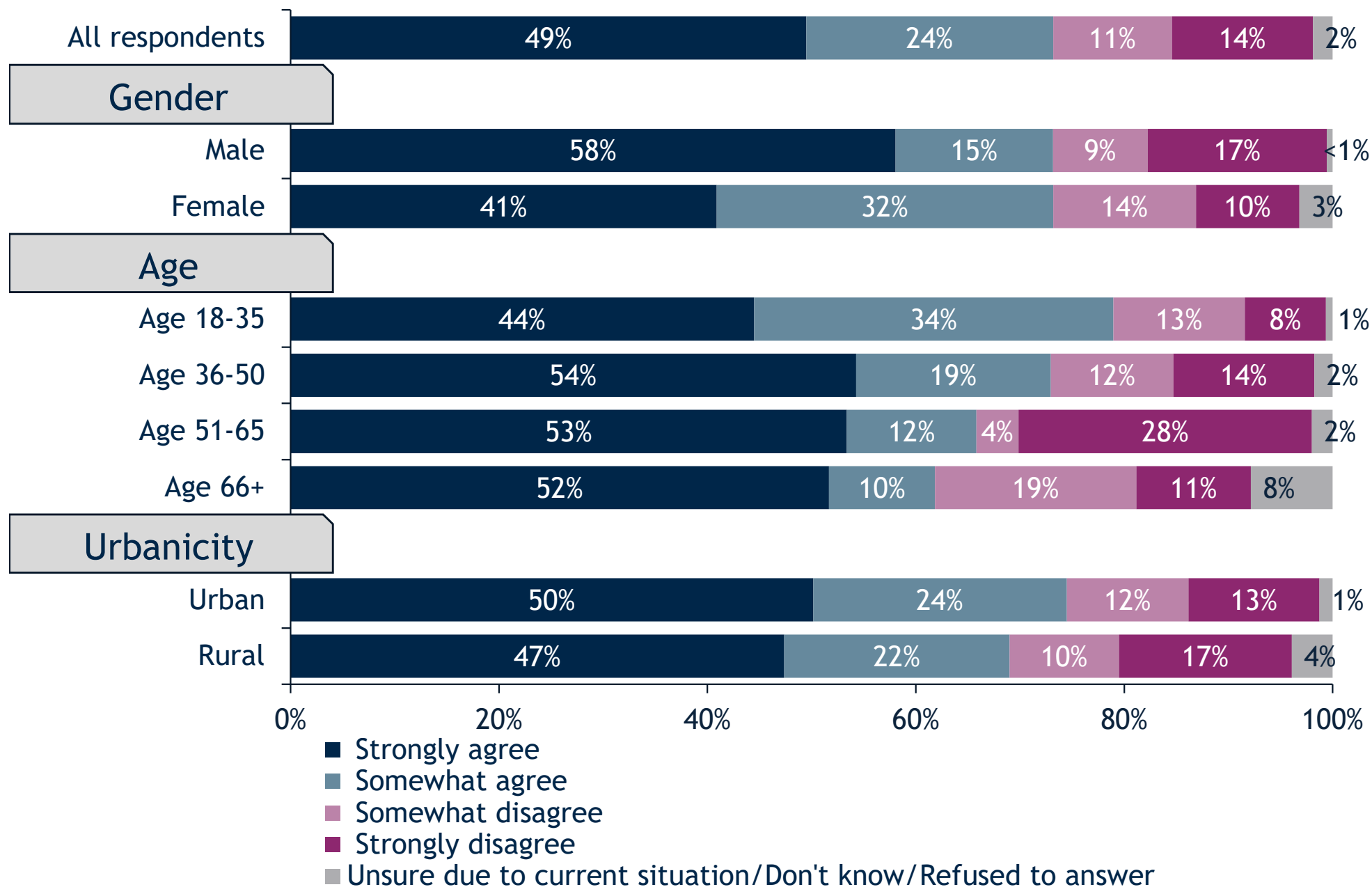
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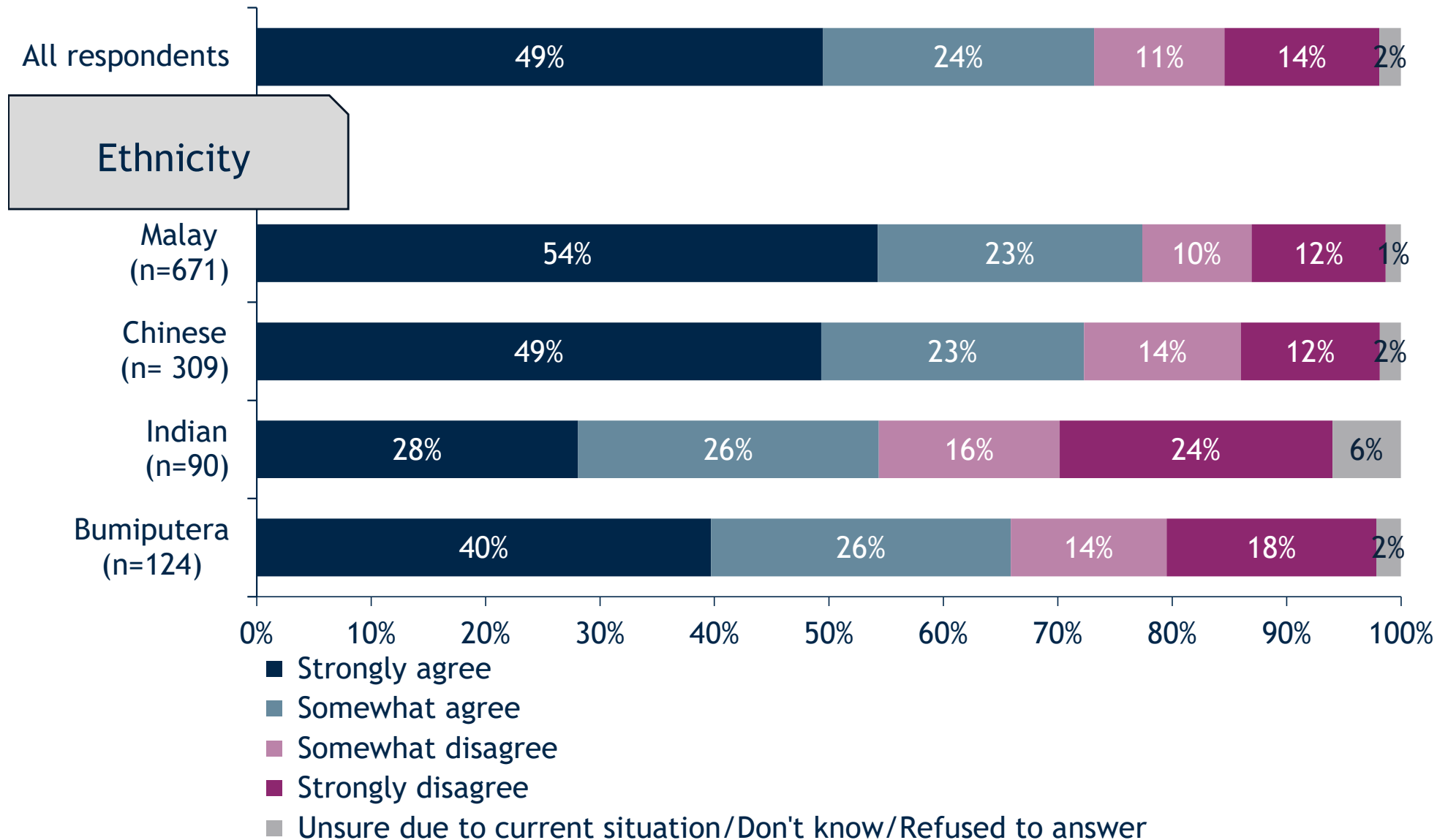


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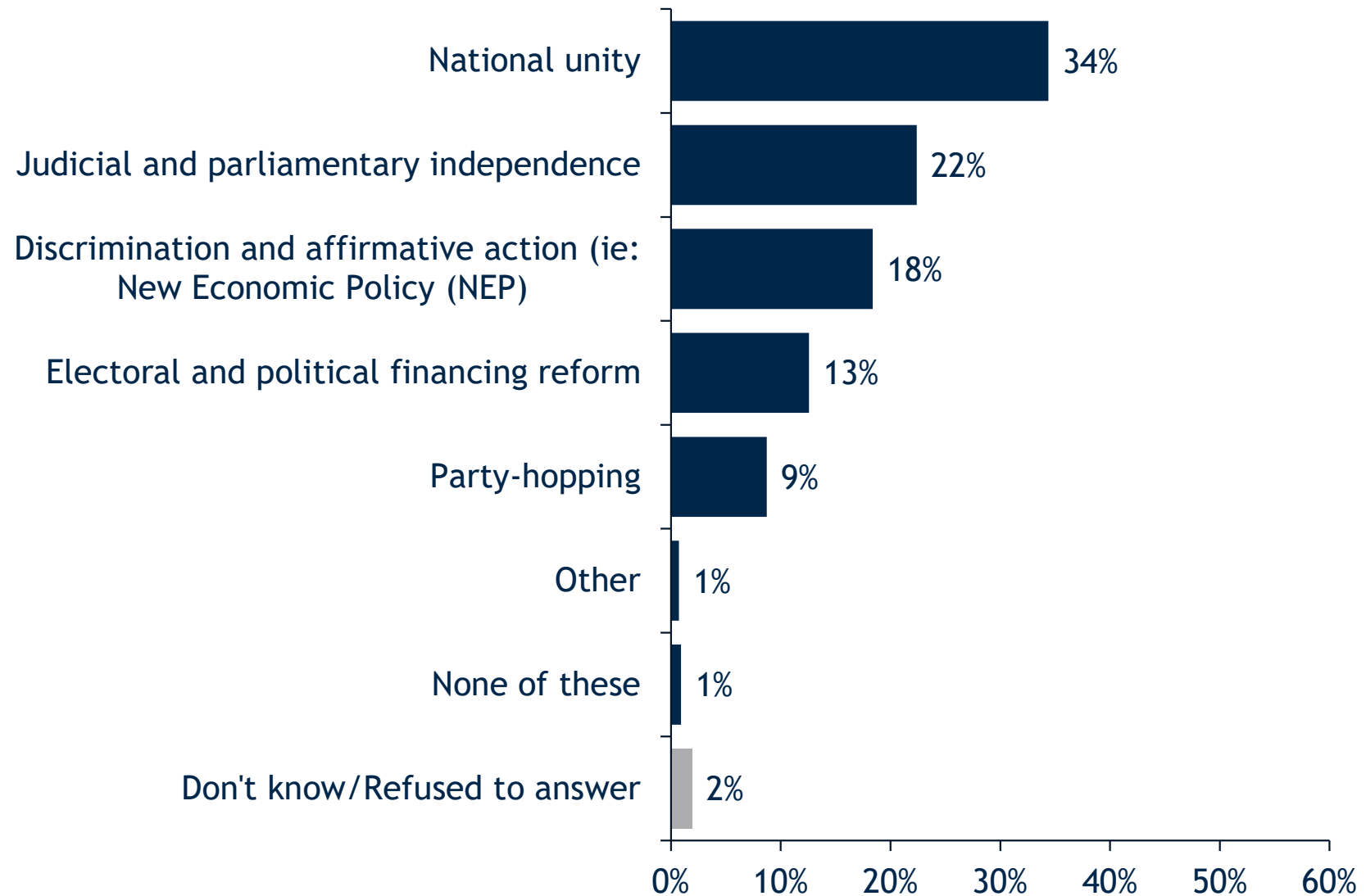


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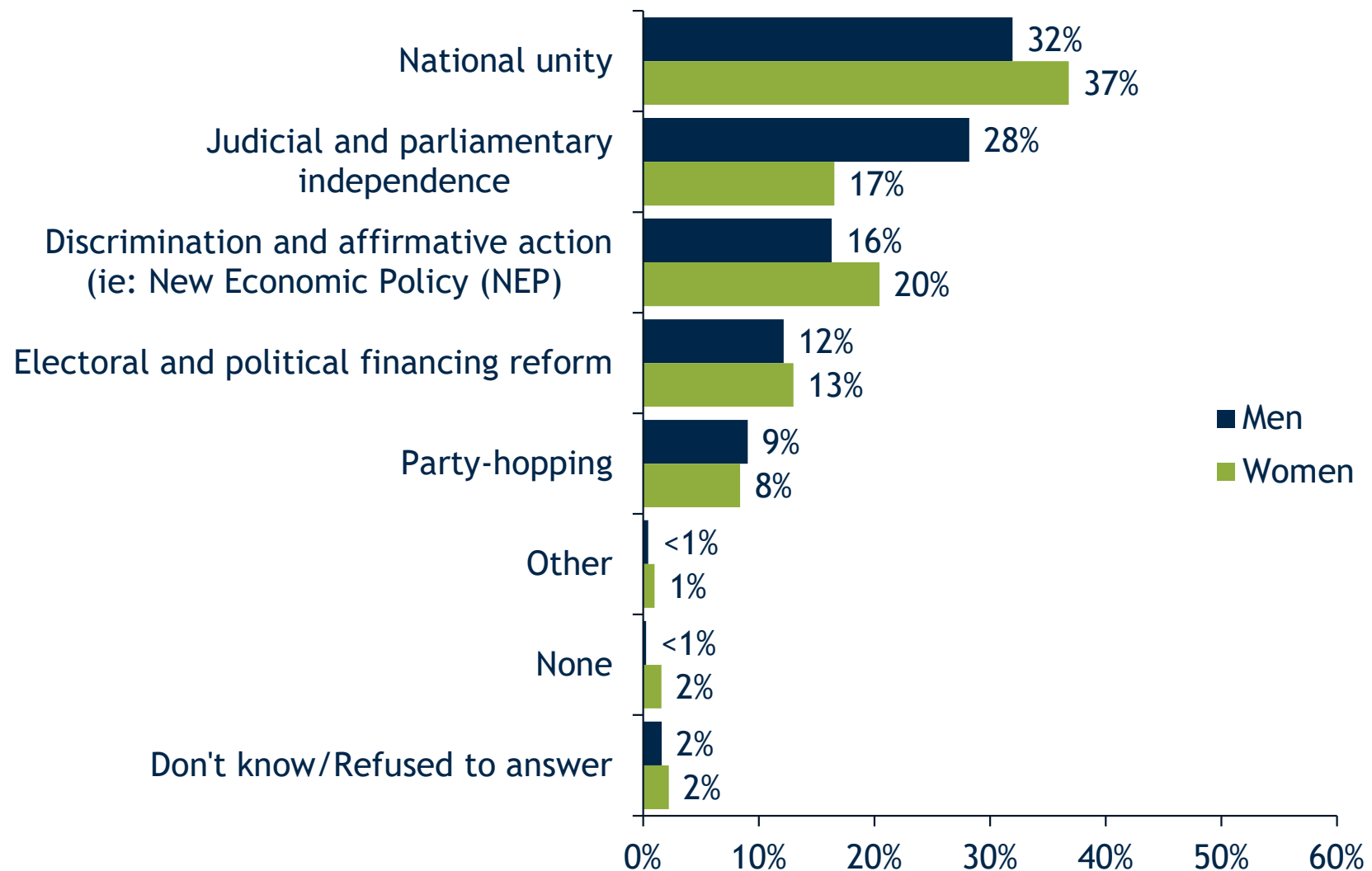


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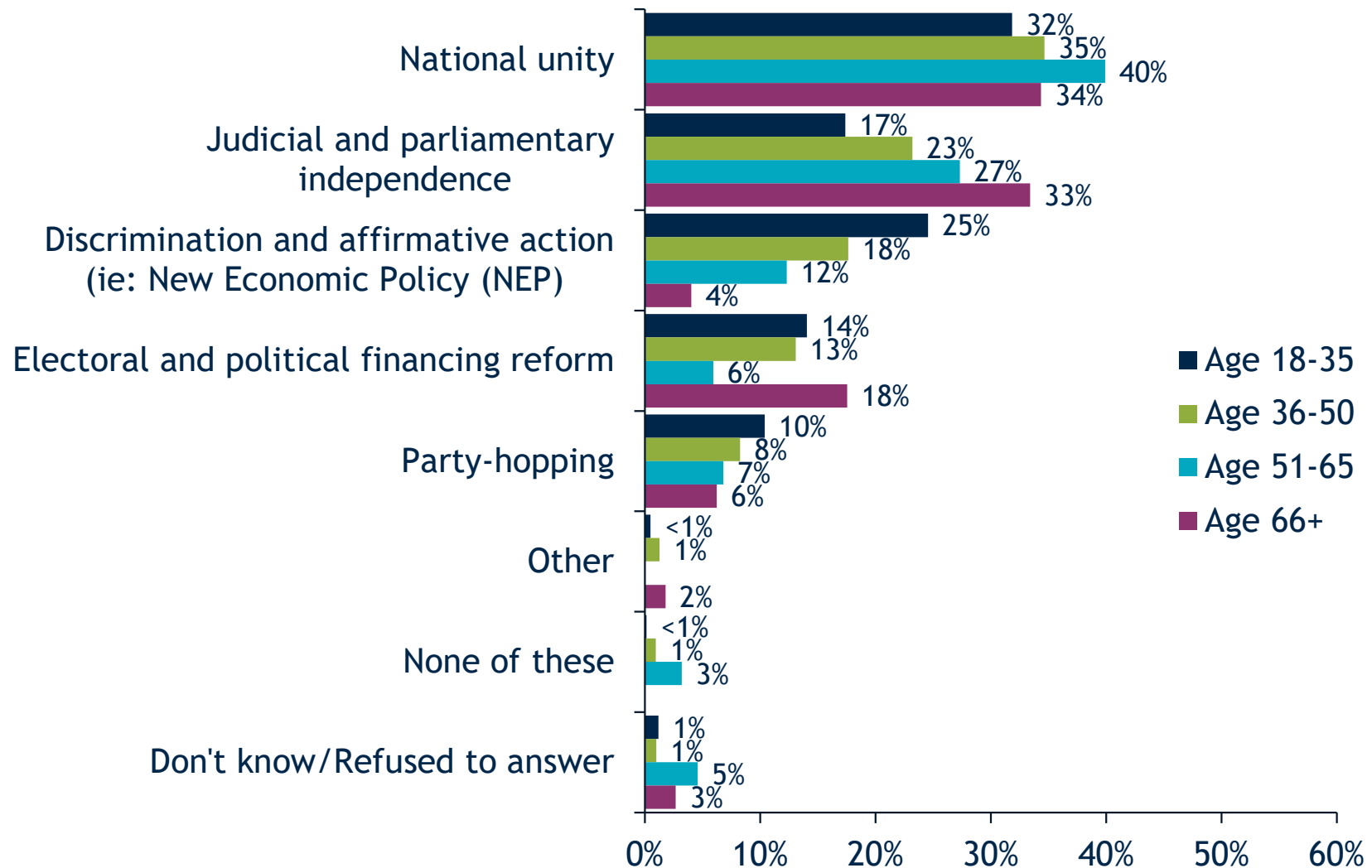
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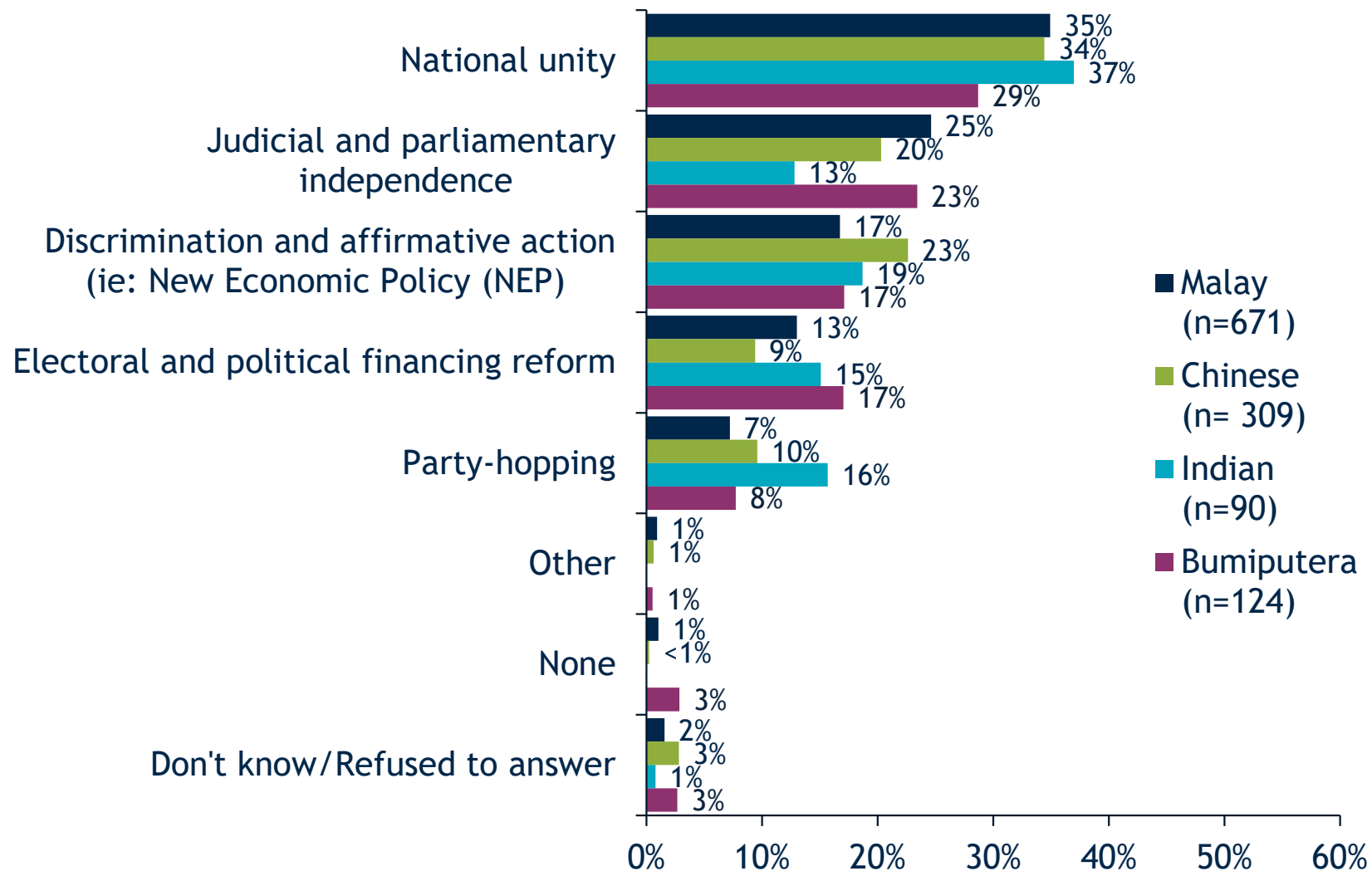
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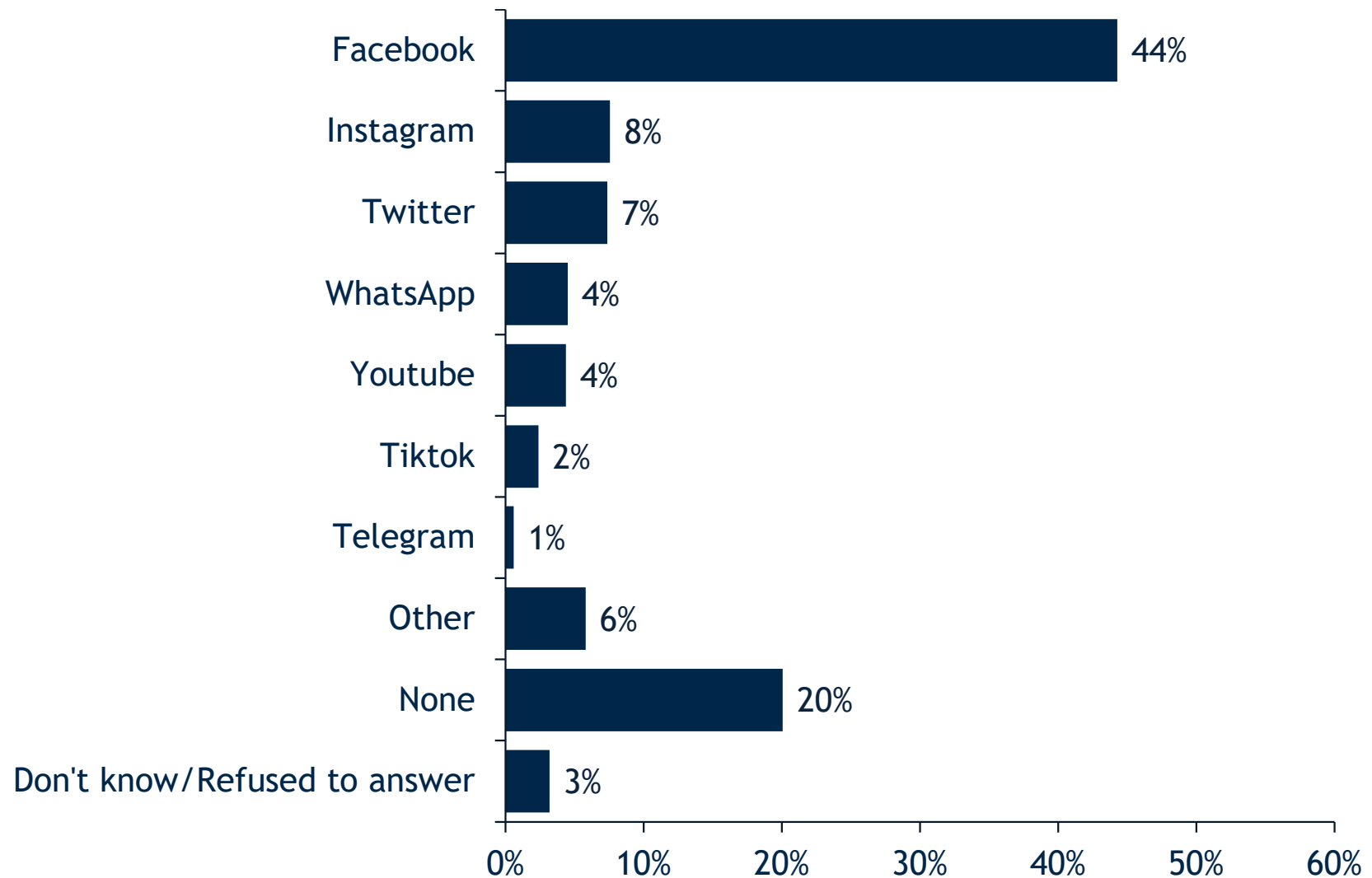


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(Disaggregated by ethnicity)



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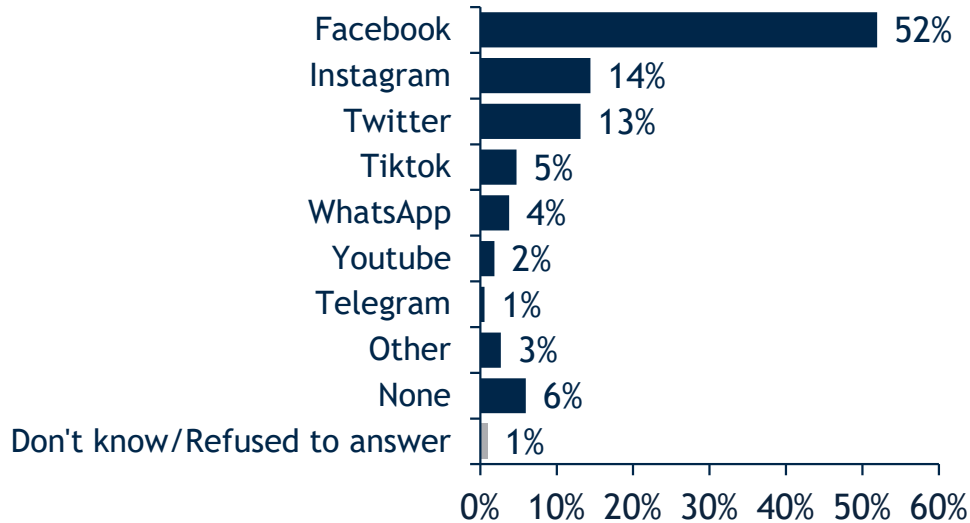


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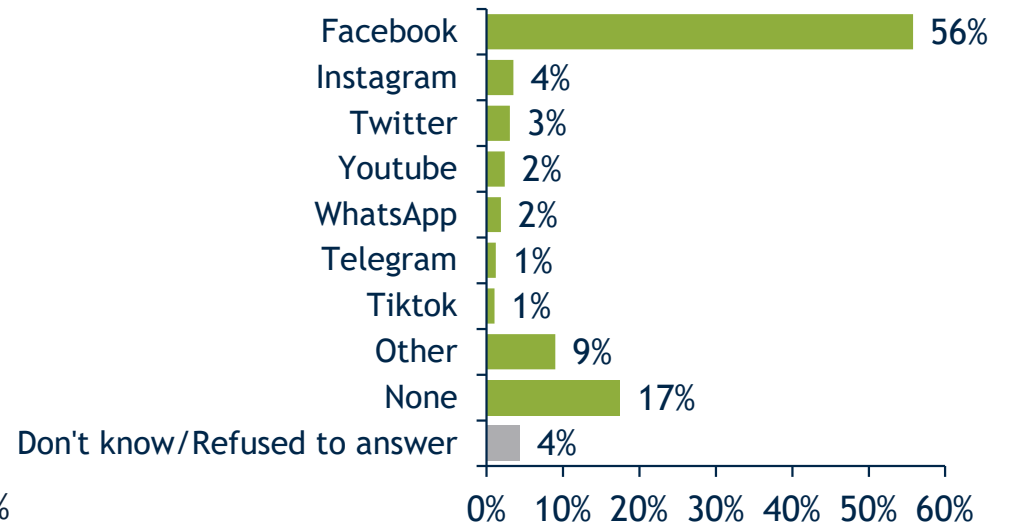
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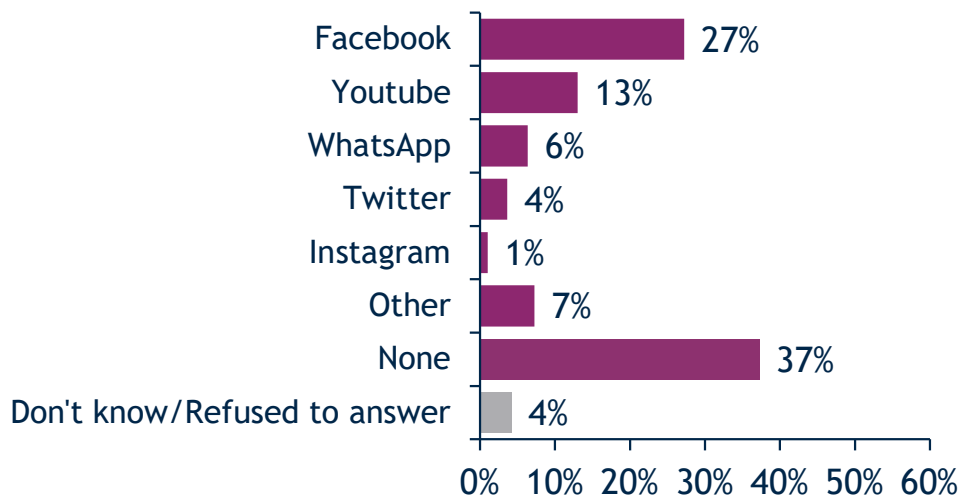
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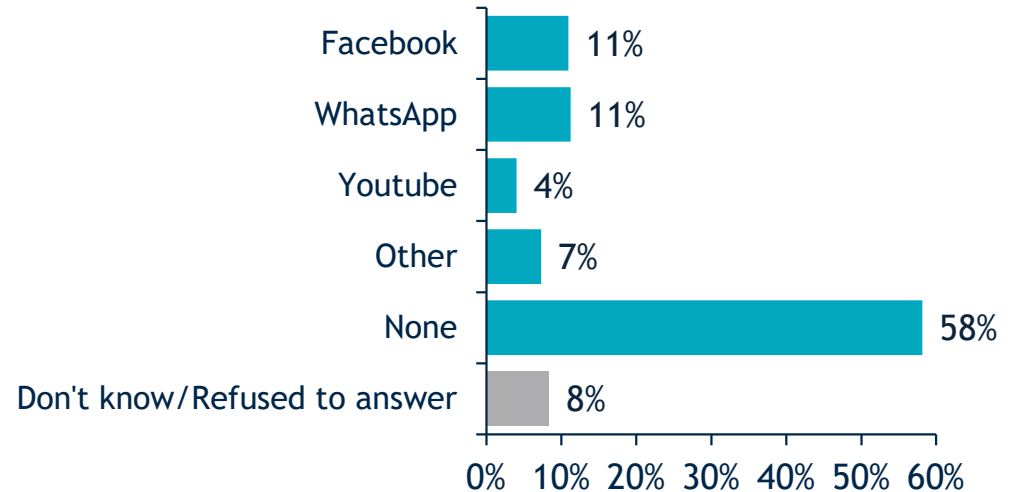
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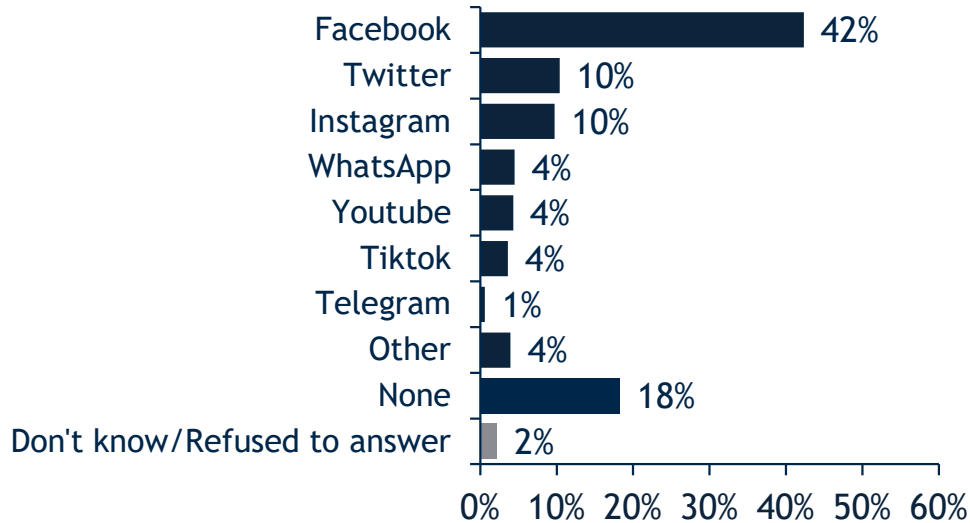
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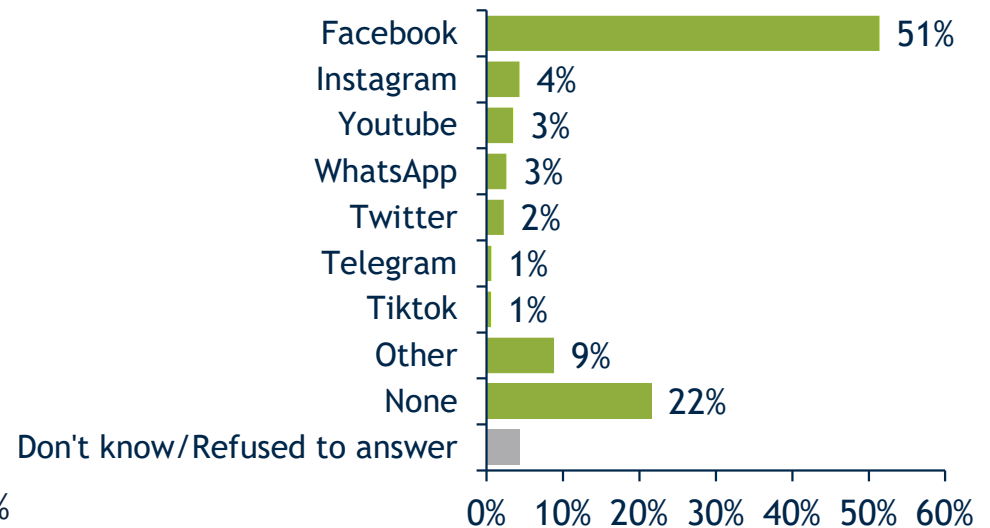
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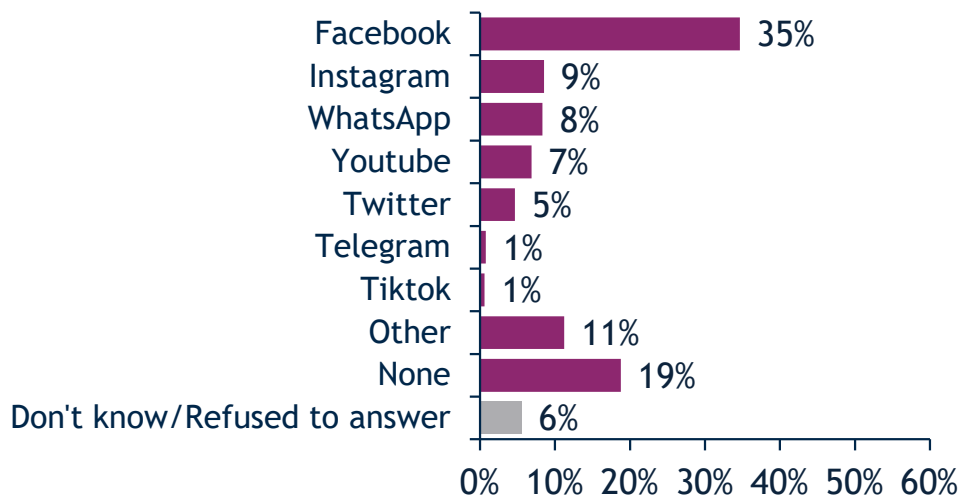
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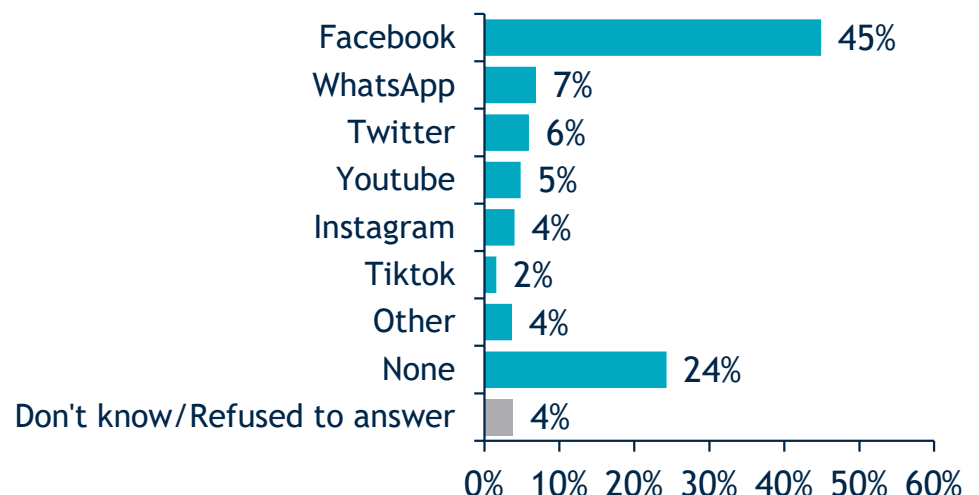
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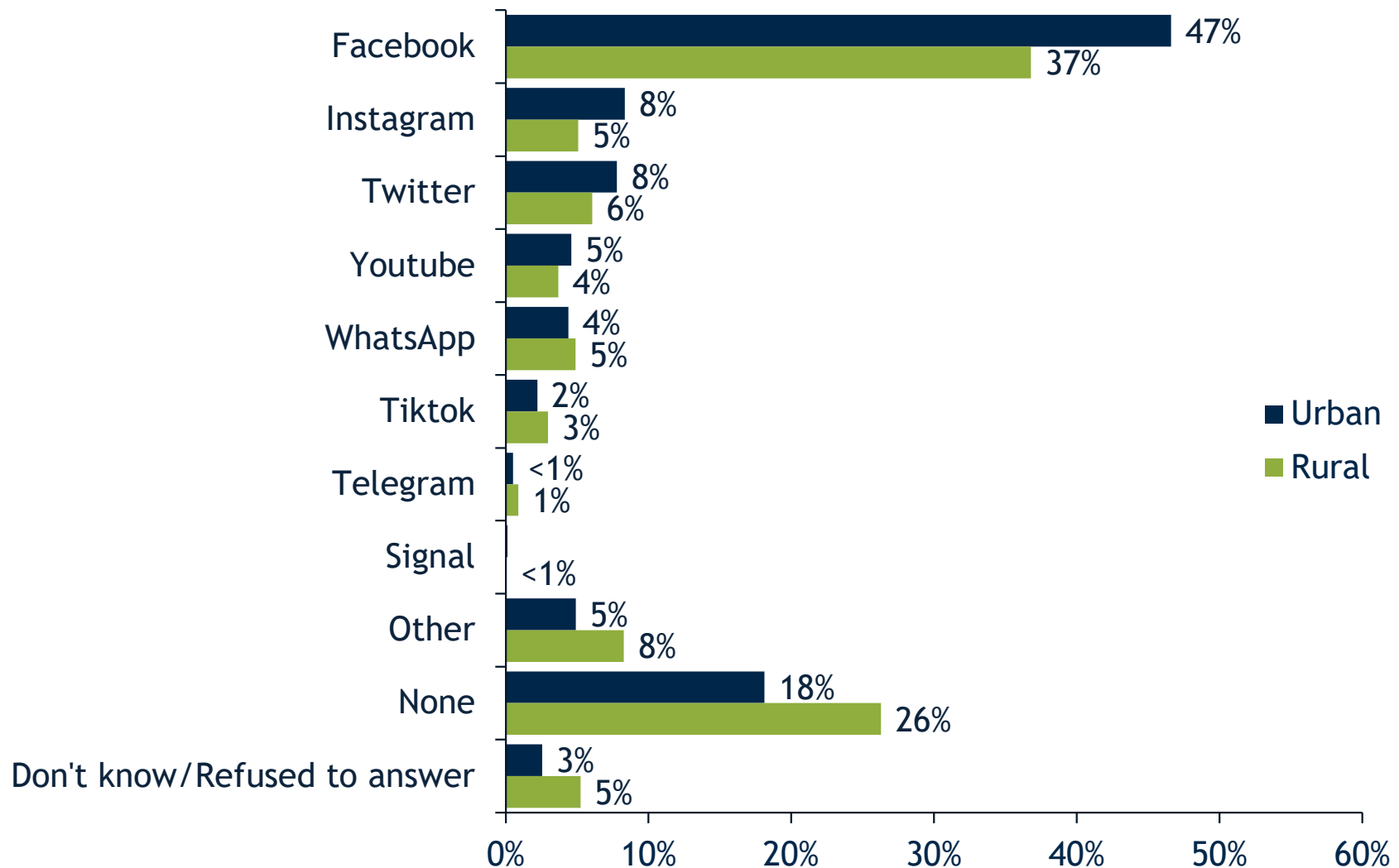


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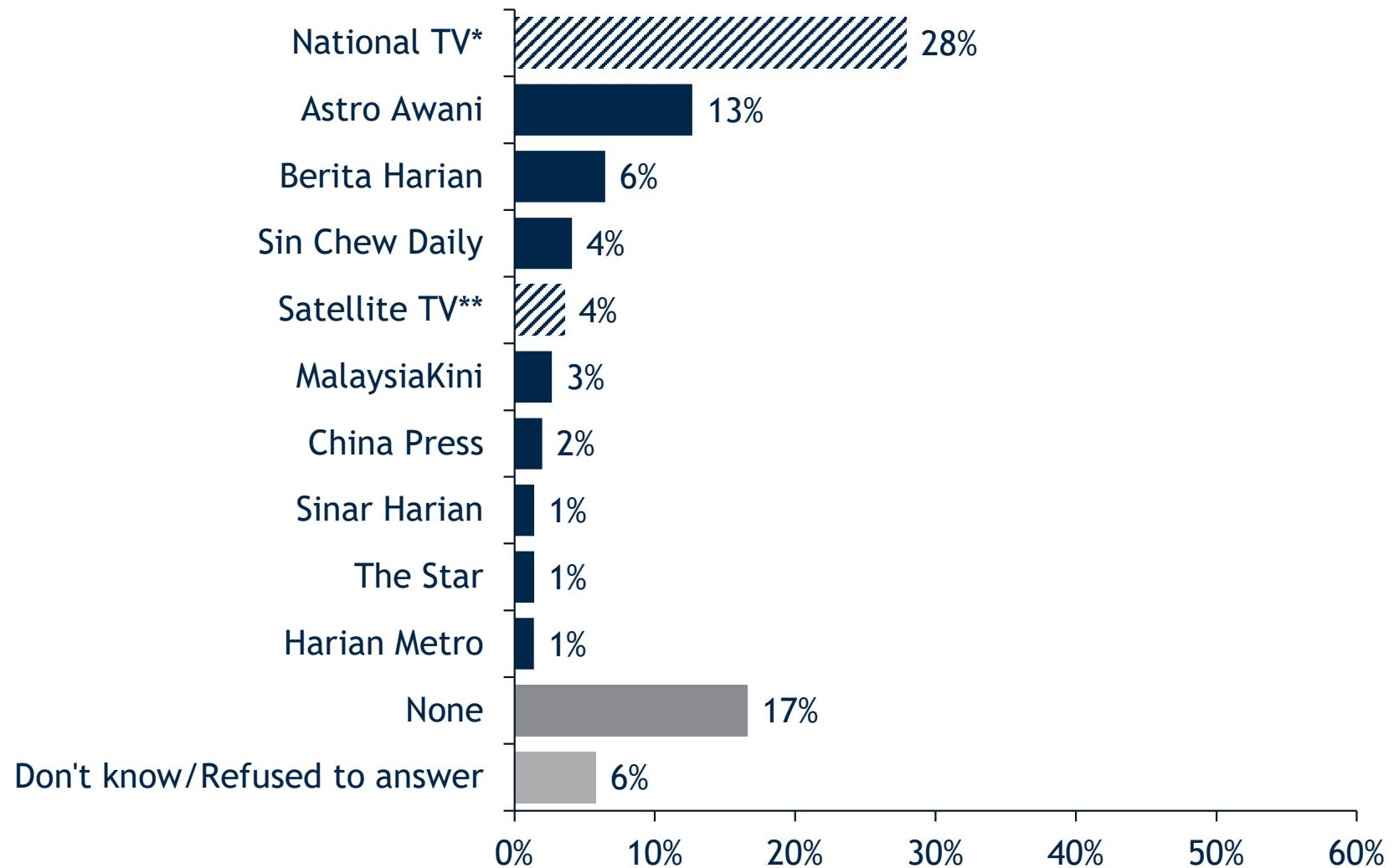
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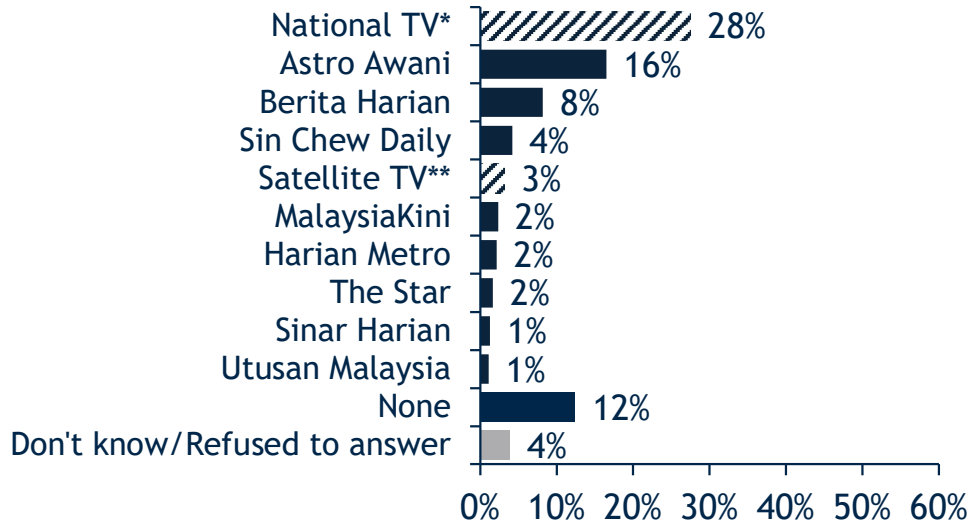
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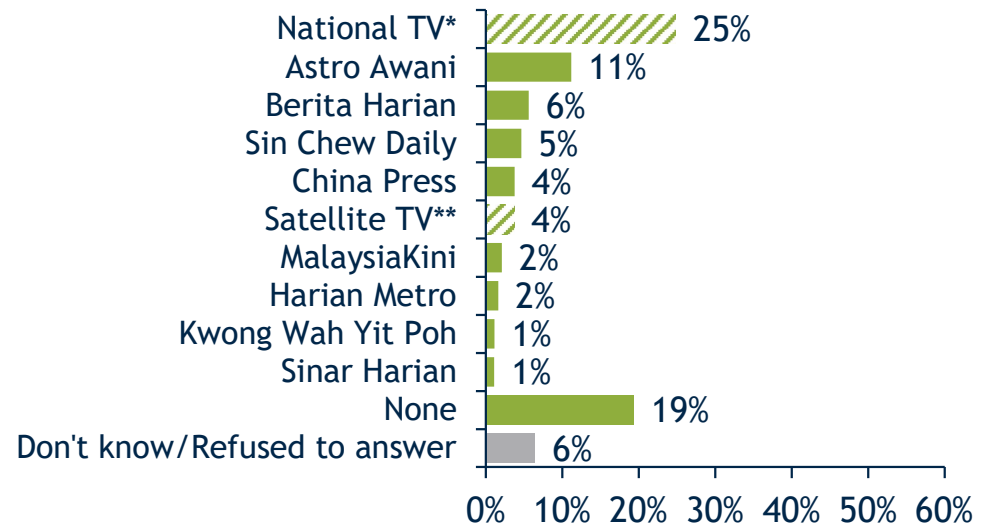
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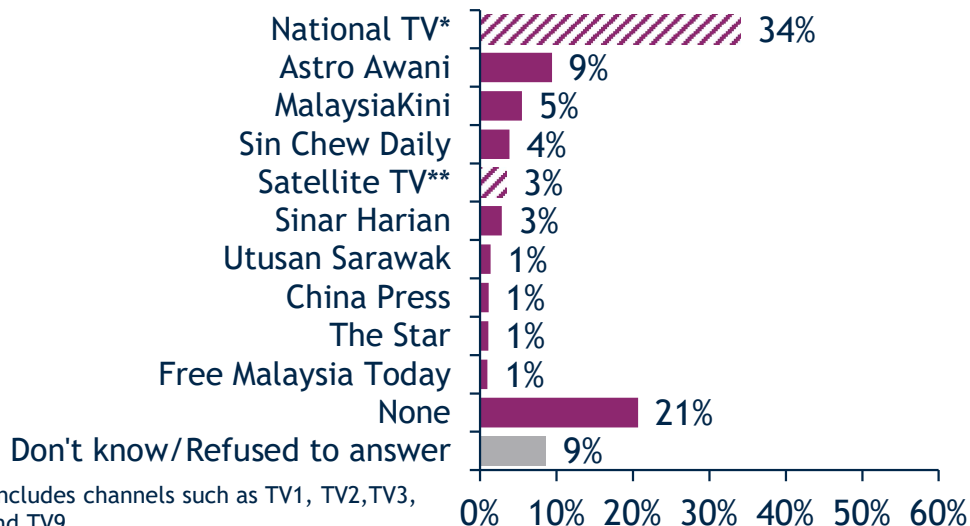
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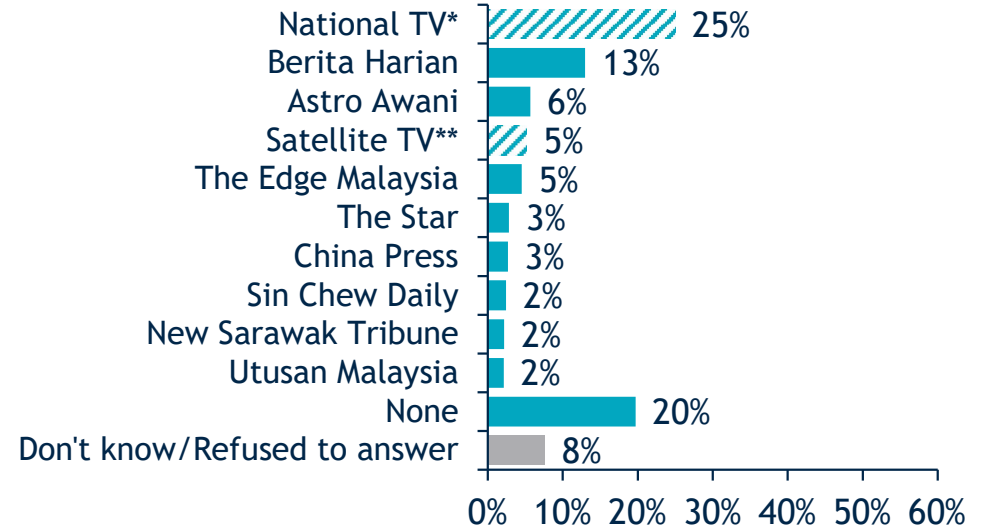
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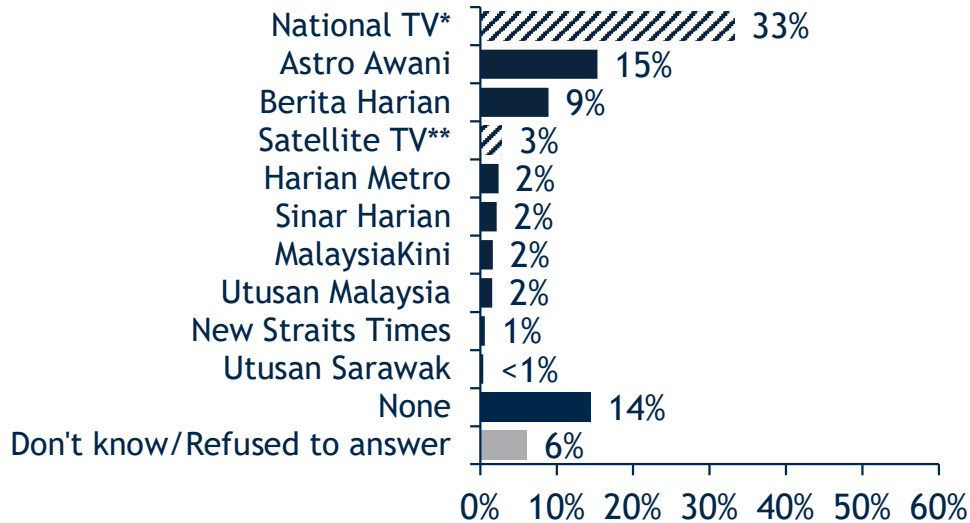
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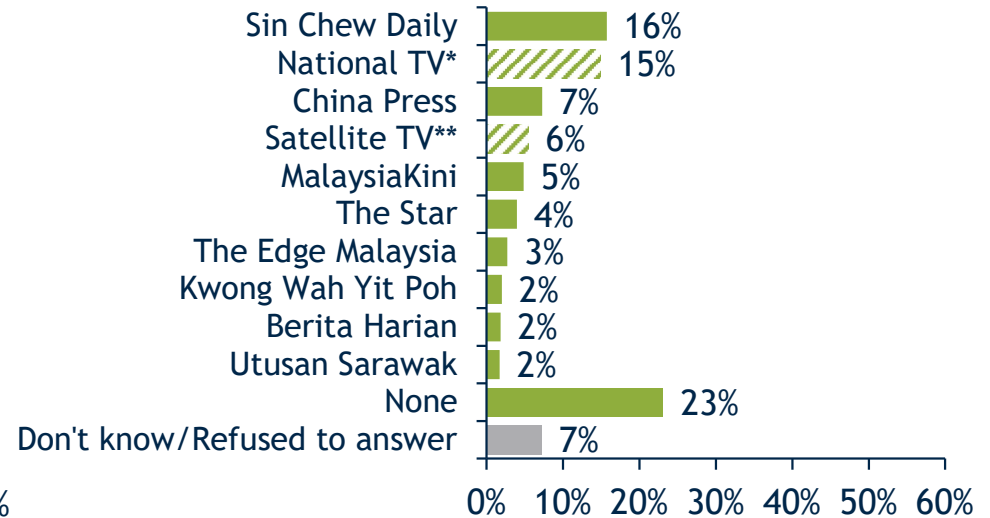
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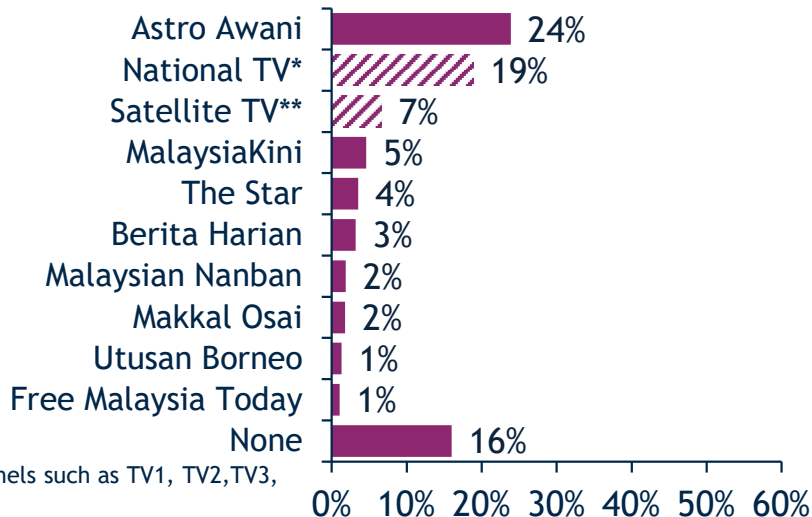
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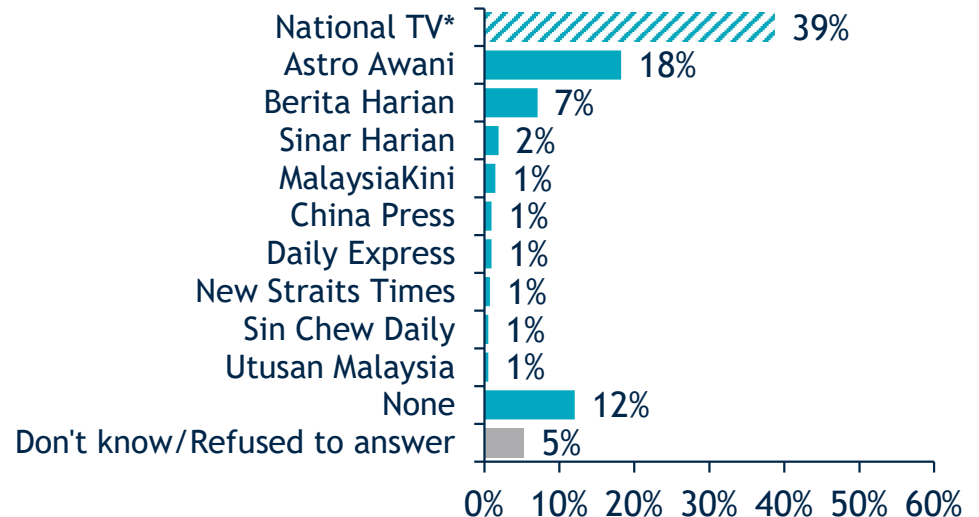
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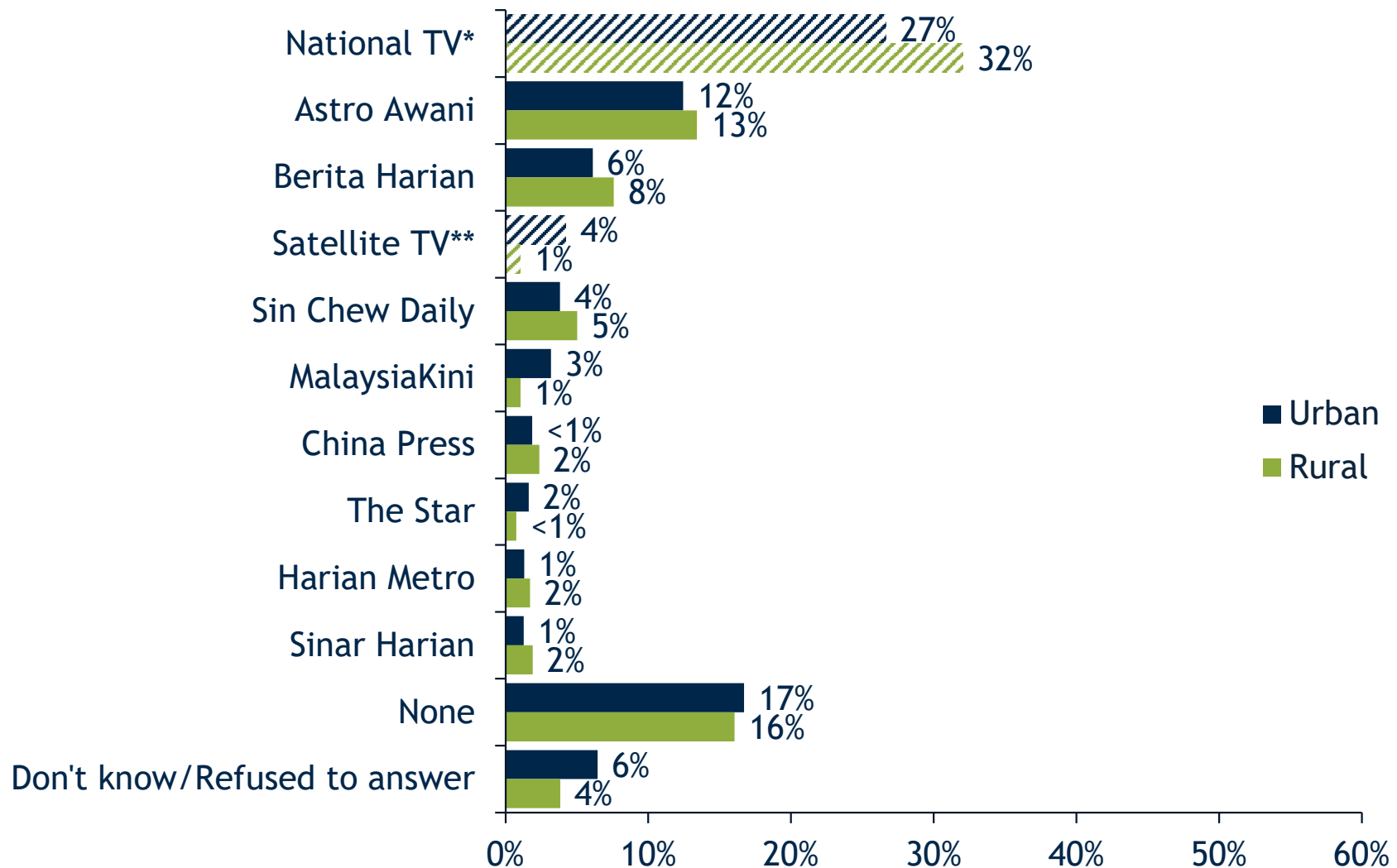


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Demographics

Gender

Female	50%
Male	50%

Age

18-35 years old	45%
36-50 years old	27%
51-65 years old	19%
66+ years old	10%

Religion

Muslim	62%
Buddhist	18%
Christian	10%
Hindu	6%
Other or none	4%

Urbanicity

Urban	56%
Suburban	20%
Rural	24%

Language of interview

Malay	79%
Chinese	11%
English	10%

Ethnicity

Malay	56%
Chinese	26%
Indian	7%
Bumiputera	10%
Other	1%

Location

Perlis	1%
Kedah	7%
Kelantan	6%
Terengganu	4%
Penang	6%
Perak	9%
Pahang	5%
Selangor	20%
Kuala Lumpur	6%
Negeri Sembilan	4%
Melaka	3%
Johor	12%
Sabah	9%
Sarawak	9%

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