



Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Armenia

February 2021



Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of “International Republican Institute’s” [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by Breavis (represented by IPSC LLC).
- Data was collected throughout Armenia between February 8 and February 16, 2021, through phone interviews, with respondents selected by random digit dialing (RDD) probability sampling of mobile phone numbers.
- The sample consisted of 1,510 permanent residents of Armenia aged 18 and older. It is representative of the population with access to a mobile phone, which excludes approximately 1.2 percent of adults.
- Sampling frame: Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia. Weighting: Data weighted for 11 regional groups, age, gender and community type.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 points for the full sample.
- The response rate was 26 percent which is similar to the surveys conducted in August-September 2020.
- 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](#).

Weighted (Disaggregated) Bases

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base	Share
Age groups	18-35 years old	n=563	37%
	36-55 years old	n=505	34%
	56+ years old	n=442	29%
Gender	Male	n=689	46%
	Female	n=821	54%
Community type	Yerevan	n=559	37%
	Urban	n=413	27%
	Rural	n=538	36%
Education	Primary or secondary	n=537	36%
	Vocational	n=307	20%
	Higher	n=665	44%
Marital status	Single	n=293	19%
	Married	n=1,059	70%
	Widowed or divorced	n=155	10%
Monthly household income	Up to AMD 130,000	n=641	43%
	AMD 131,000 - AMD 260,000	n=454	30%
	AMD 260,000 +	n=332	22%
	Don't know /Refused to answer	n=83	5%
Religion	Armenian Apostolic Church	n=1,310	87%
	Other	n=200	13%

Weighted (Disaggregated) Bases

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base	Share
Employment status	Employed	n=573	38%
	Self-employed	n=199	13%
	Homemaker	n=190	13%
	Retired	n=171	11%
	Unemployed, looking for job	n=235	16%
	Other, Don't know/Refused to answer	n=143	9%
View of Prime Minister's Office	Favorable view of the PM's Office*	n=830	55%
	Unfavorable view of the PM's Office*	n=640	42%
Perception of the direction the country is heading	Armenia is heading in the right direction**	n=463	31%
	Armenia is heading in the wrong direction**	n=684	45%
	Don't know/Refused to answer**	n=363	24%
Media Trust***	Those who don't trust any media	n=506	34%
	Those who named at least one TV channel among their top 3 most trustworthy media outlets	n=695	46%
	Those who named at least one social media outlet among their top 3 most trustworthy media outlets	n=164	11%

* Favorable view are considered those who answered “very favorable” or “somewhat favorable” in Q4.3, Unfavorable view are considered those who answered “very unfavorable” or “somewhat unfavorable” in Q4.3

**The respondents who gave respective responses

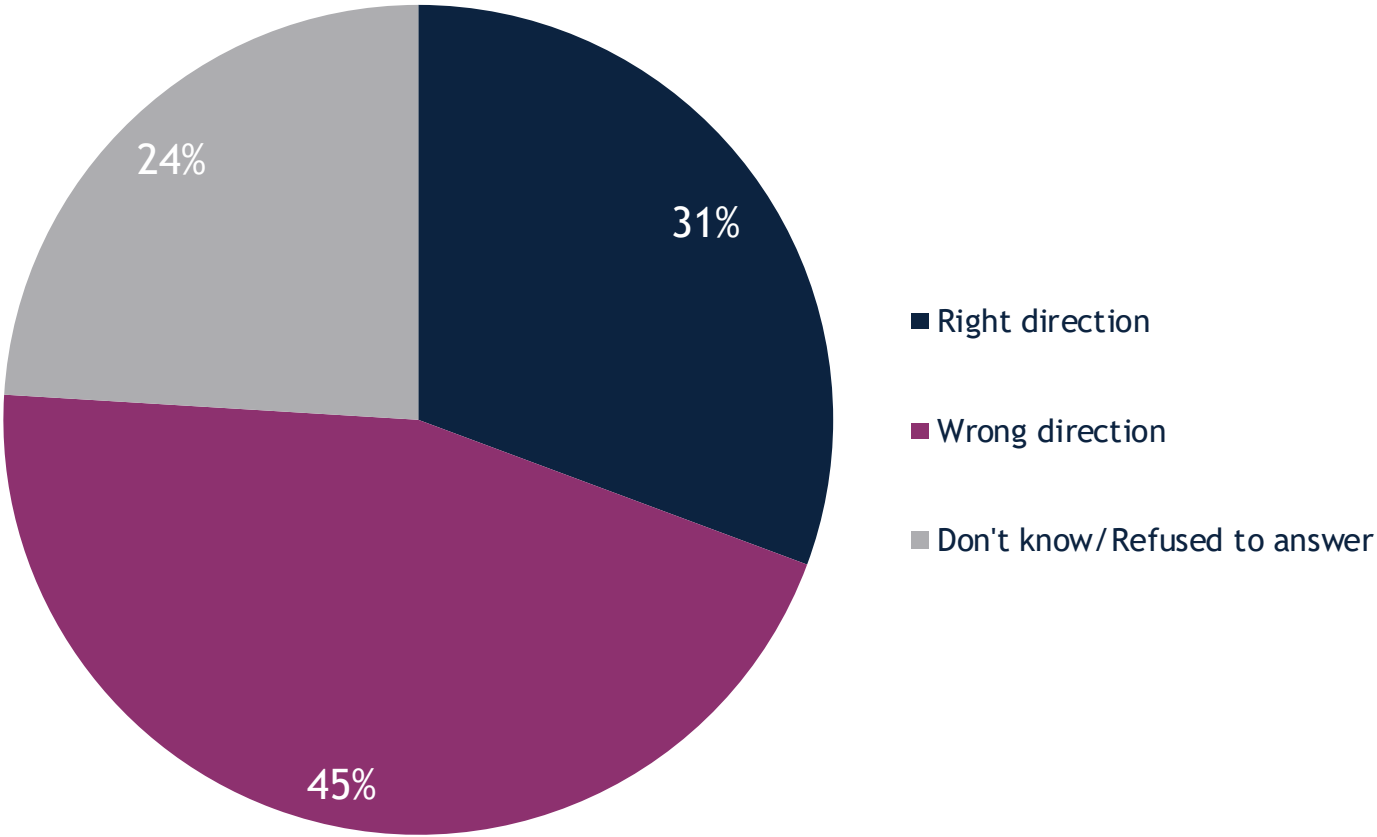
***The question read as follows: Q36. Which specific media outlets, such a specific TV channel, radio station, newspaper, website, social media network, etc. do you consider most trustworthy for political information?



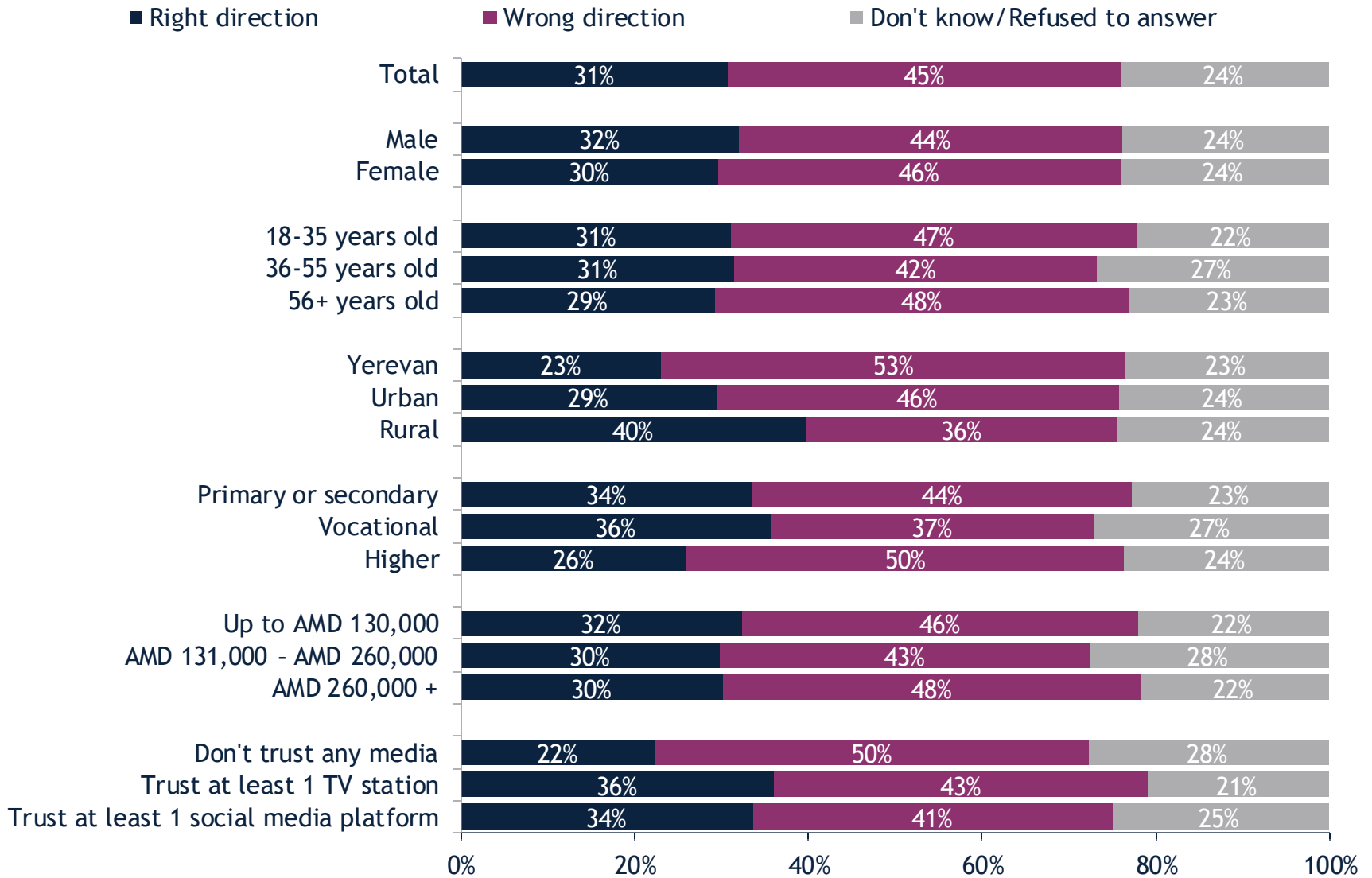
Public Attitudes and Institutions



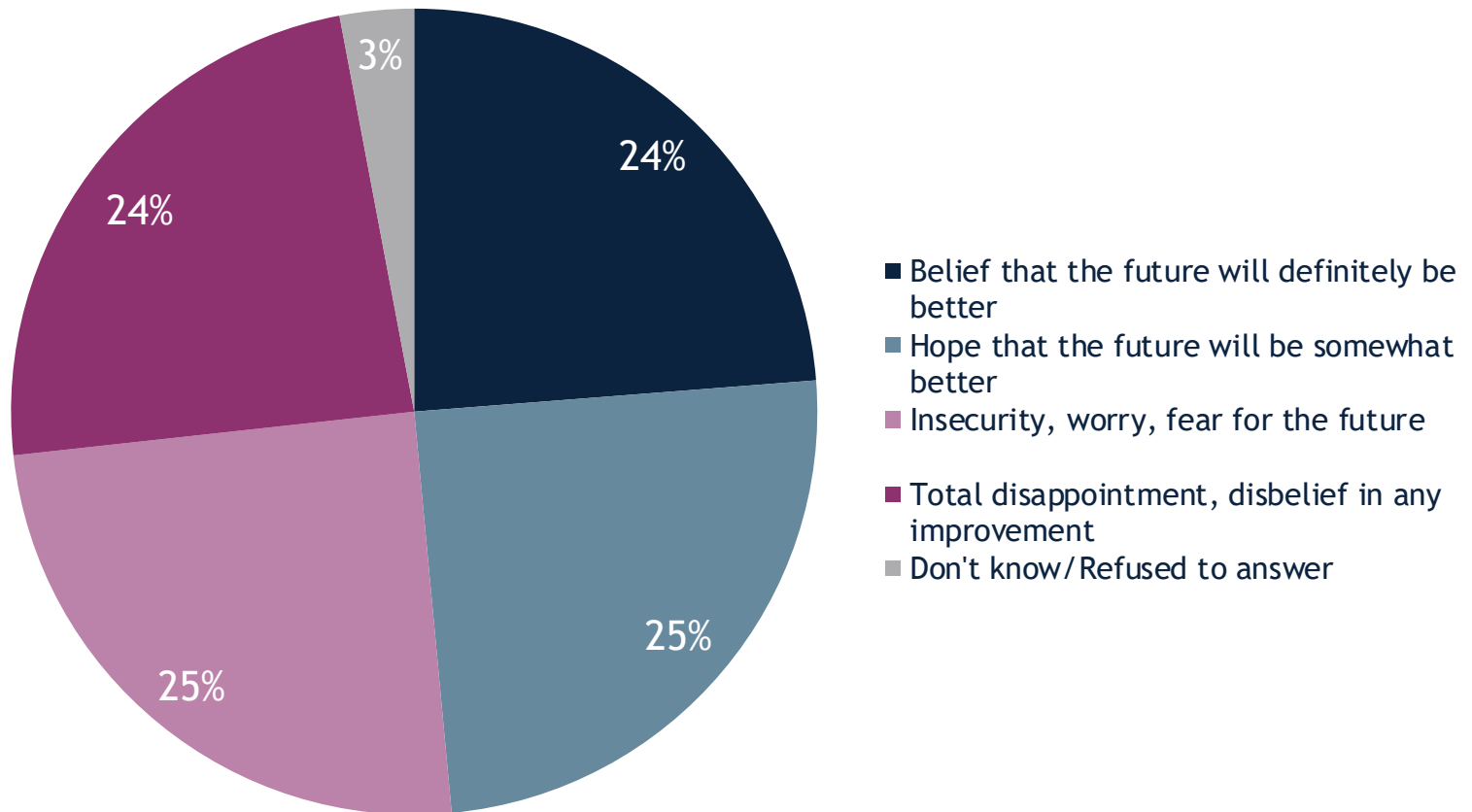
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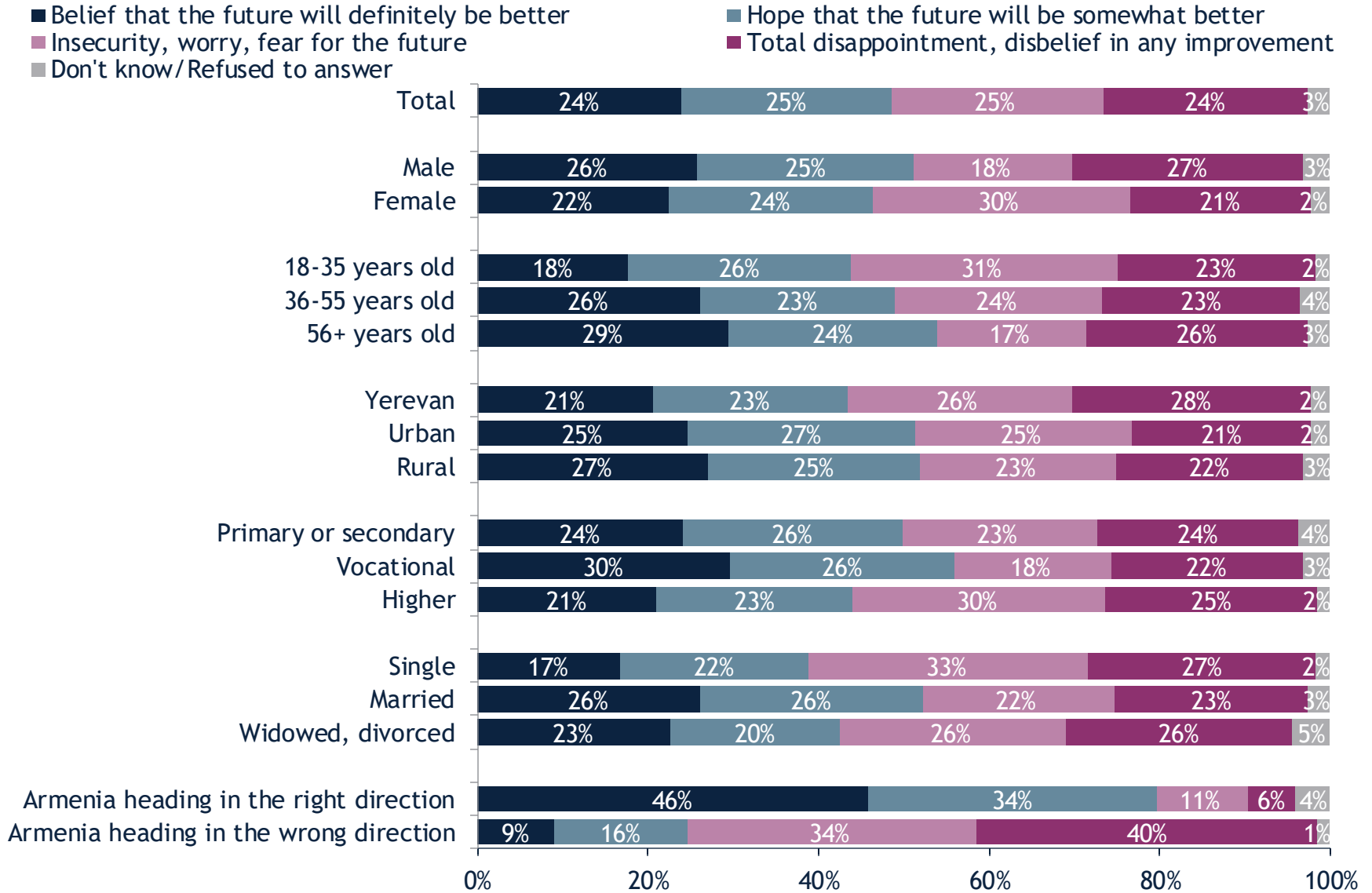
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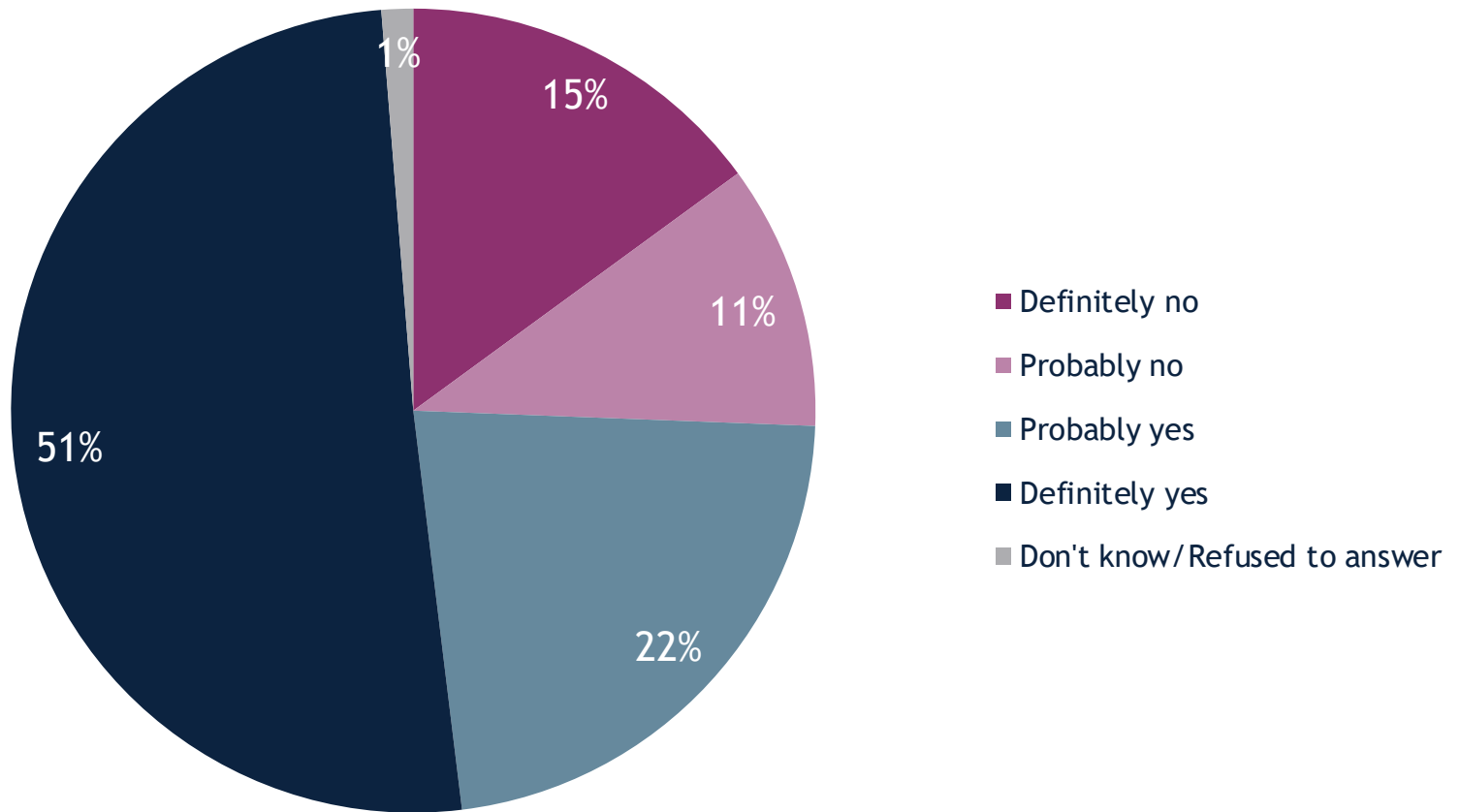
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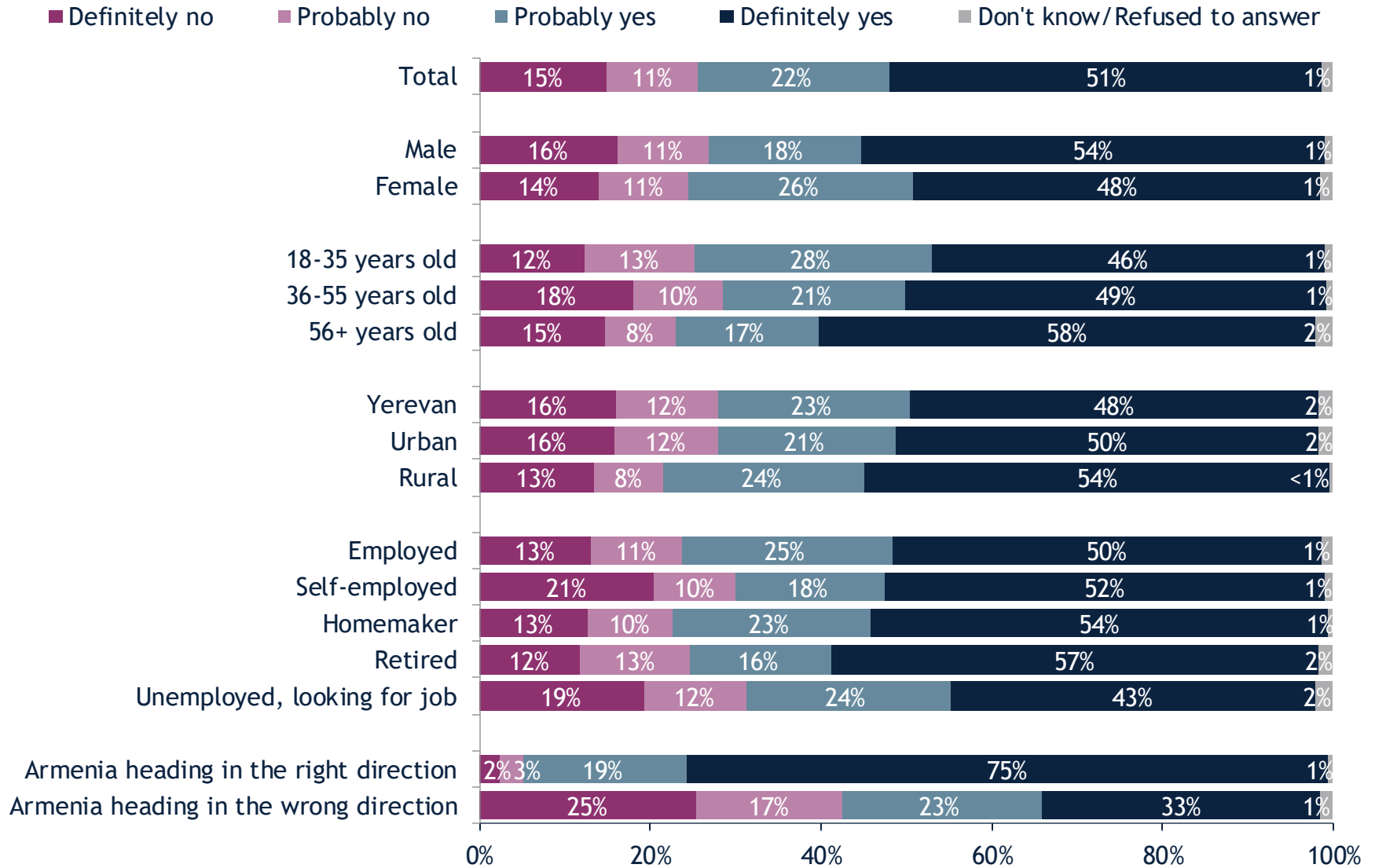
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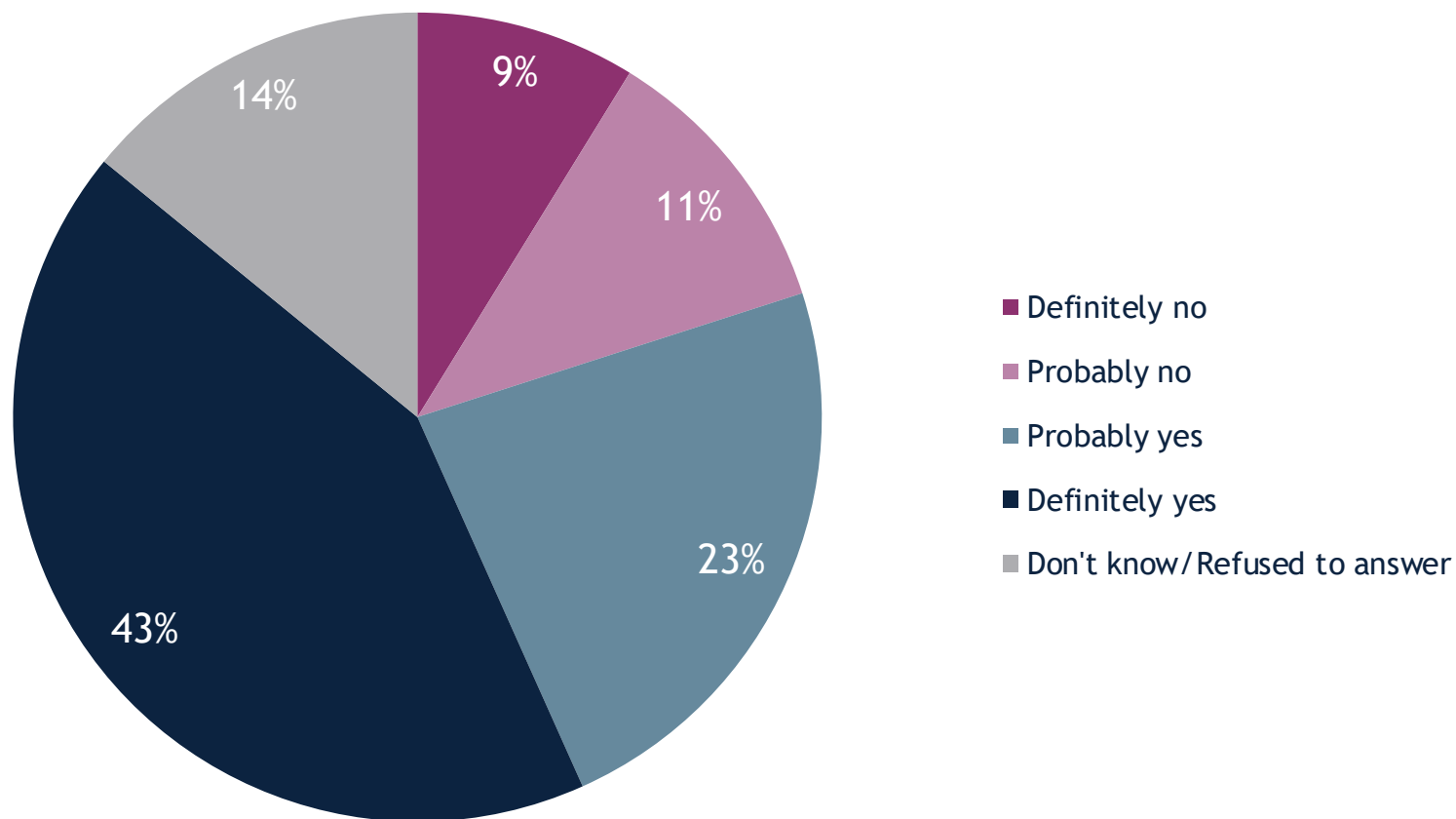
Do you see a future for your family in Armenia over the next 1-4 years?



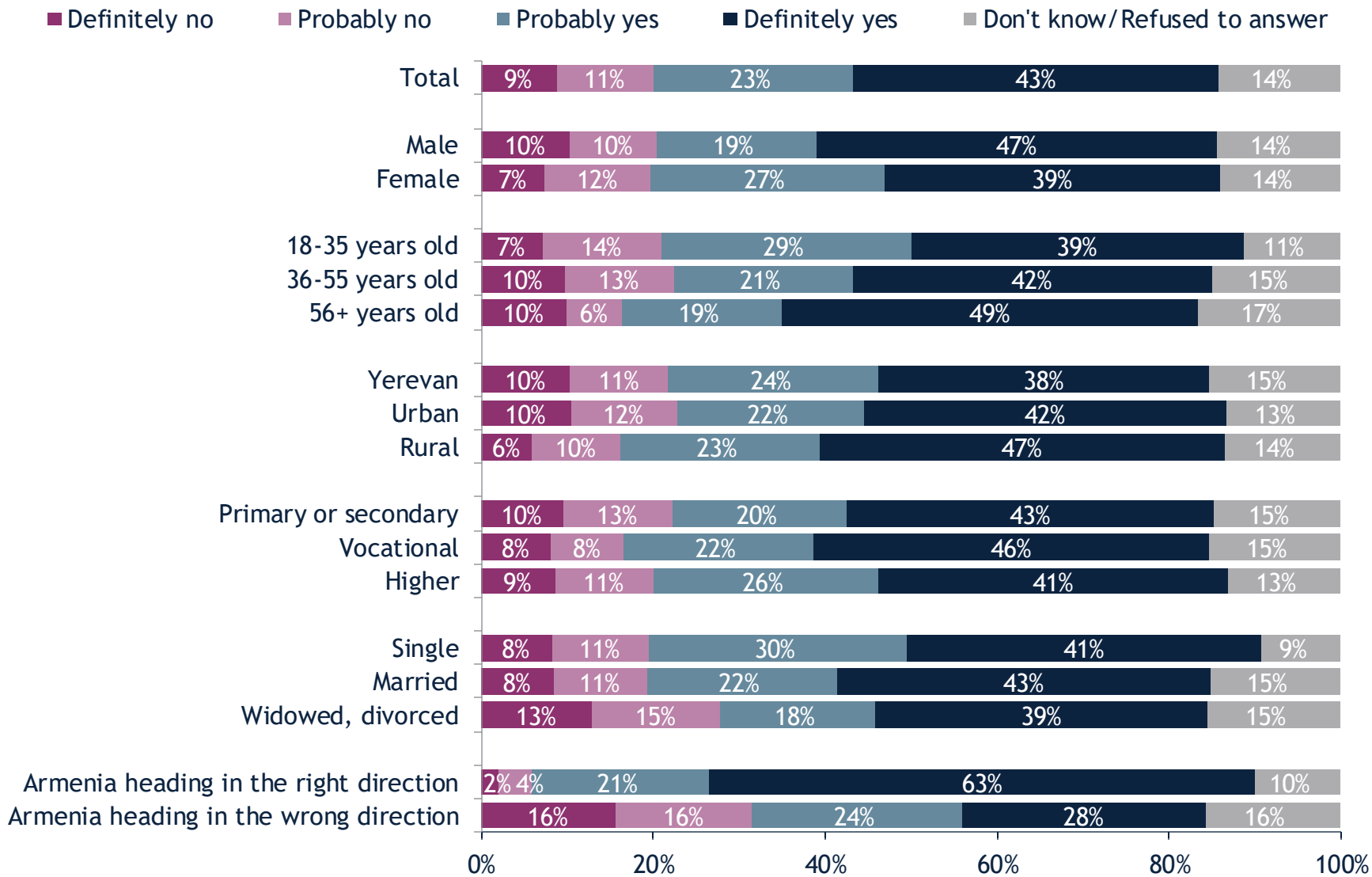
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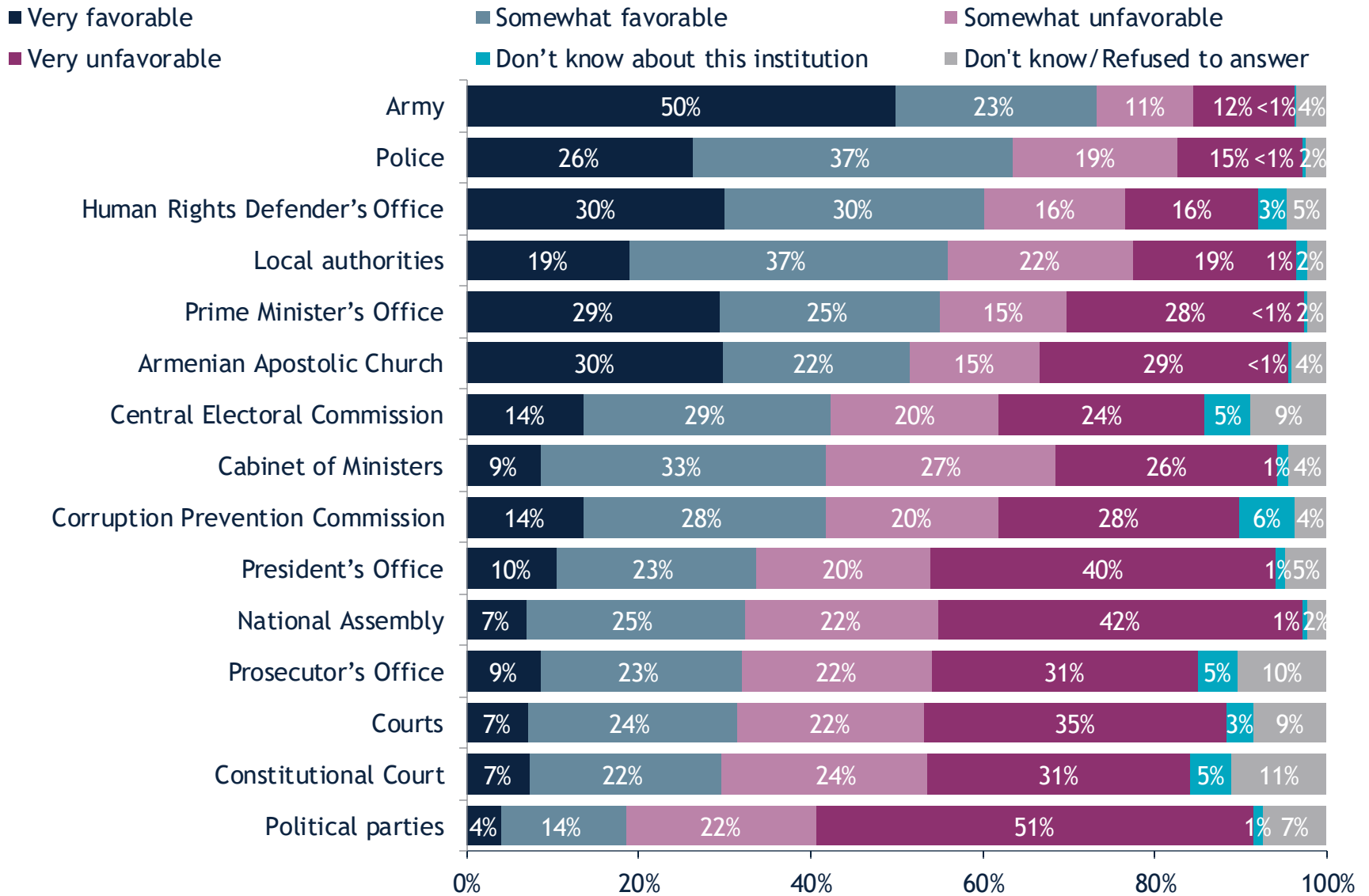
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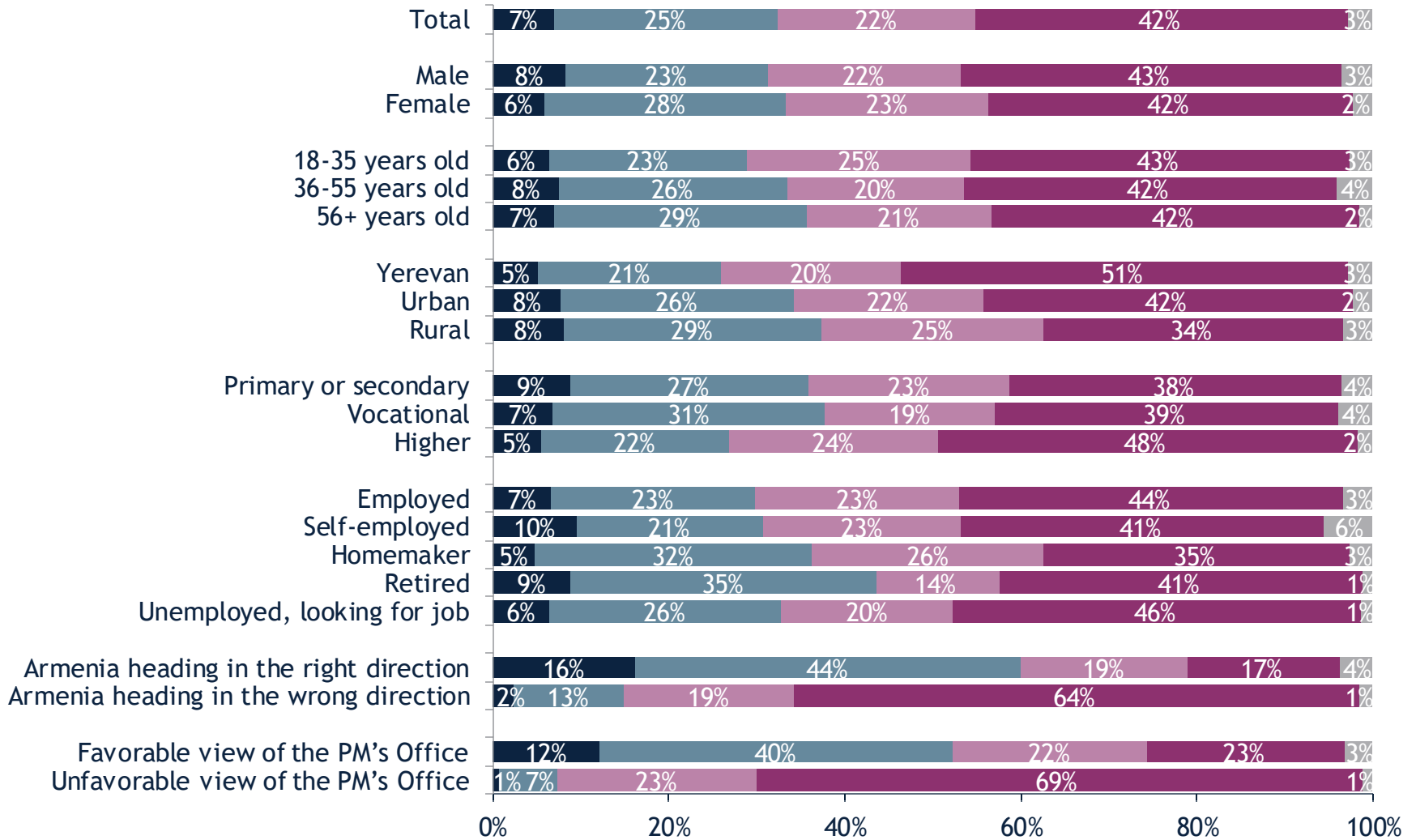


Please tell me your opinion about the work of each of these institutions



Please tell me your opinion about the work of the National Assembly

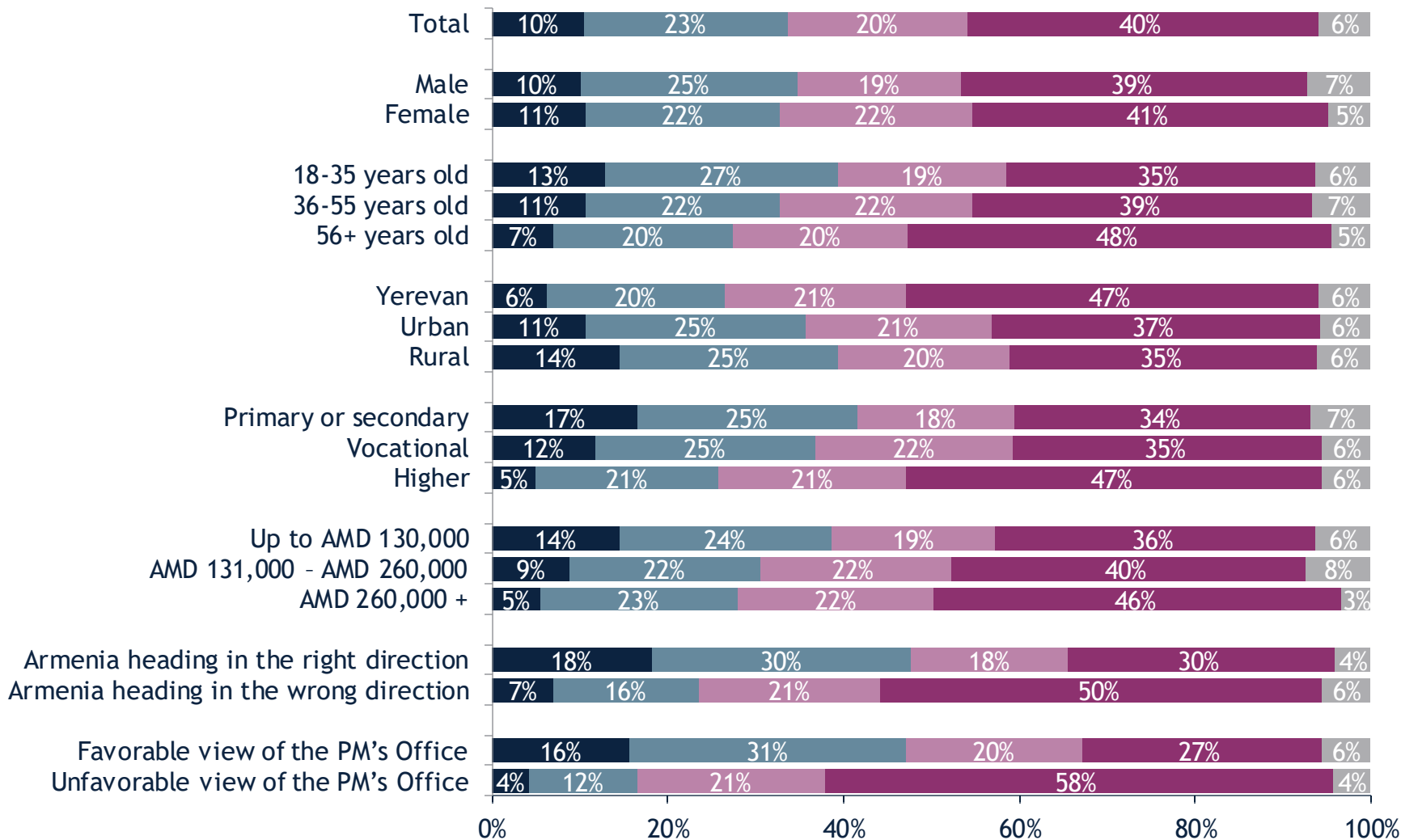
■ Very favorable
 ■ Somewhat favorable
 ■ Somewhat unfavorable
 ■ Very unfavorable
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer*



*Including those who answered "Don't know about this institution"

Please tell me your opinion about the work of the President's Office

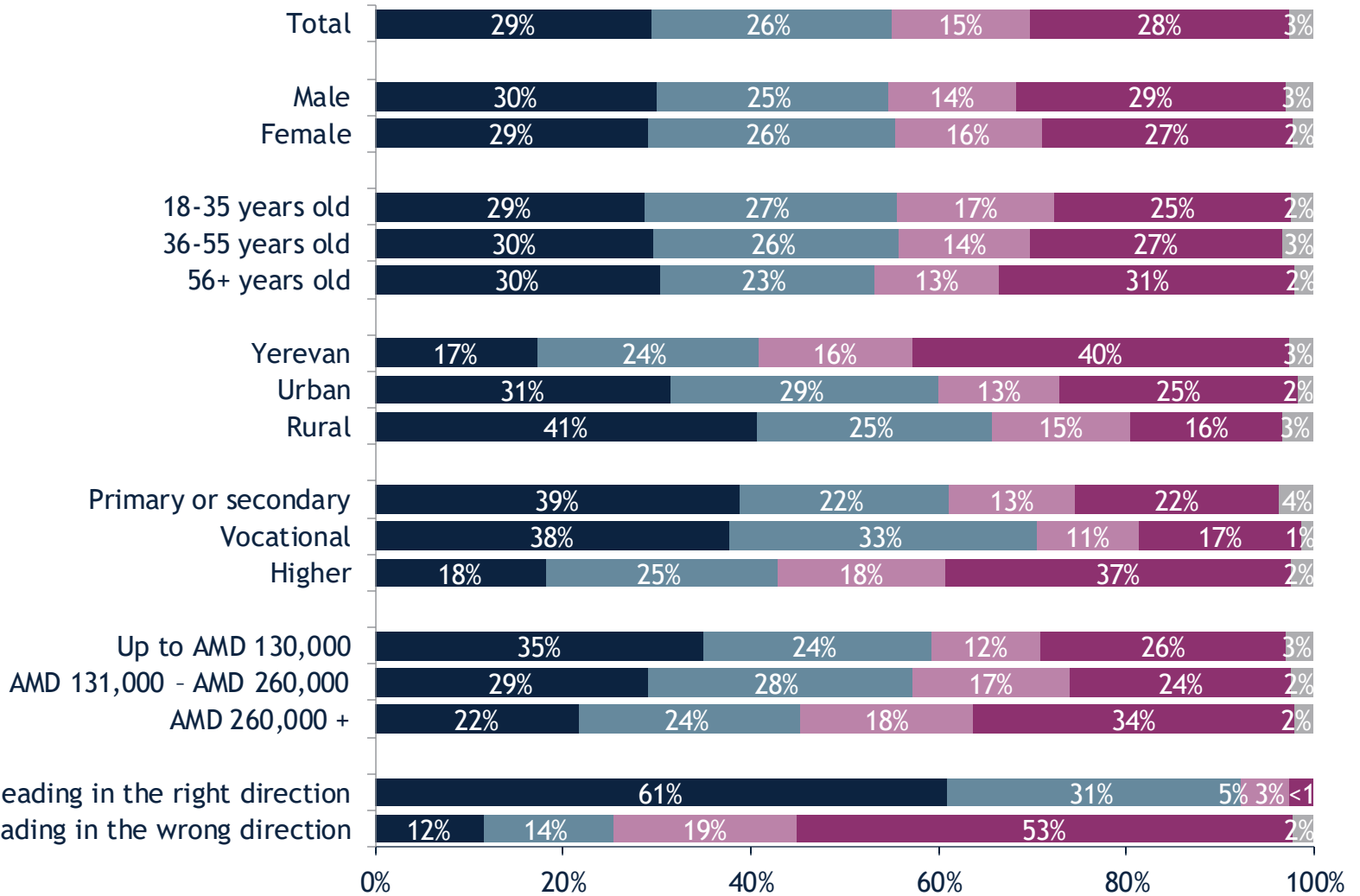
■ Very favorable
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Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Prime Minister's Office

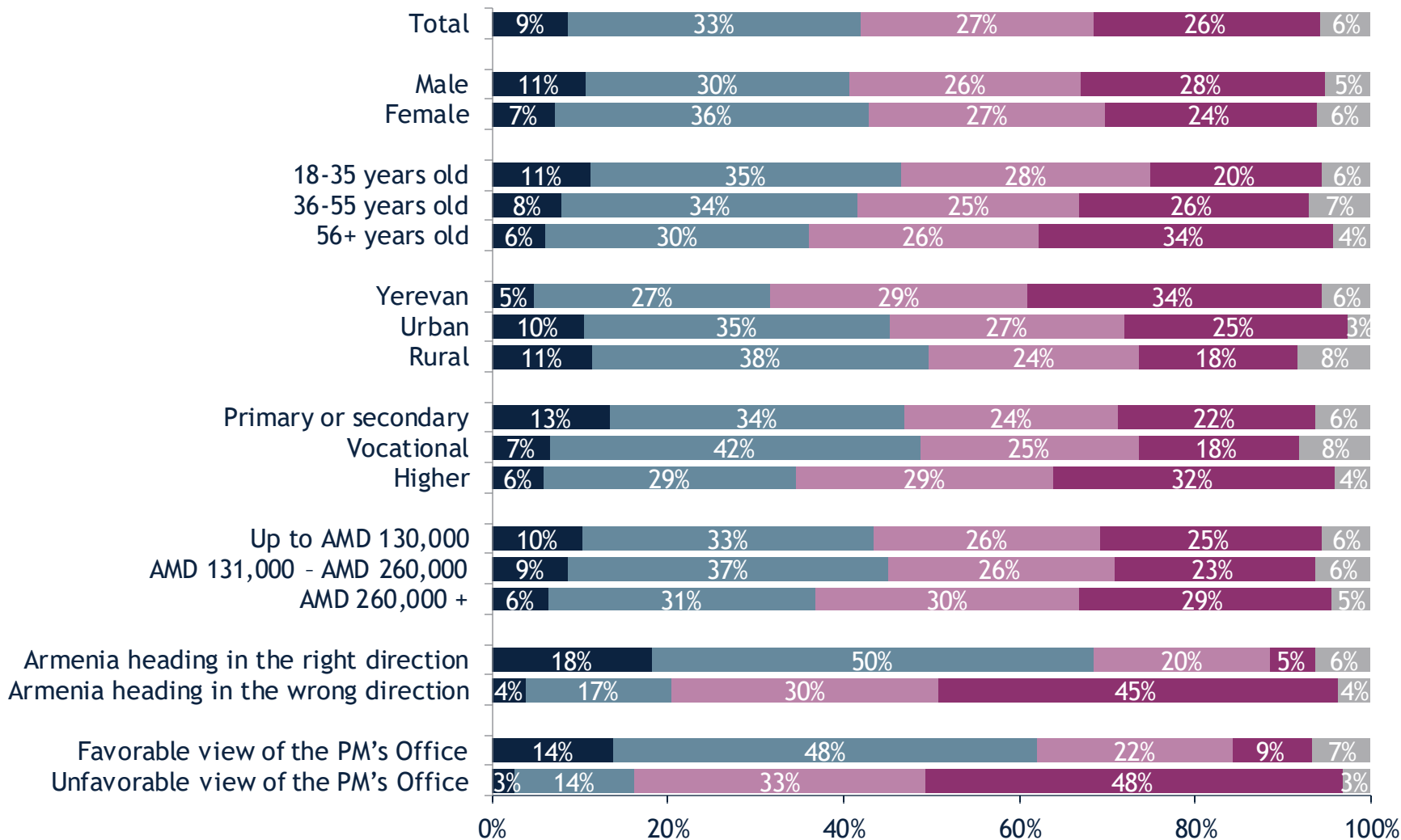
■ Very favorable
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 ■ Very unfavorable
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Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Cabinet of Ministers

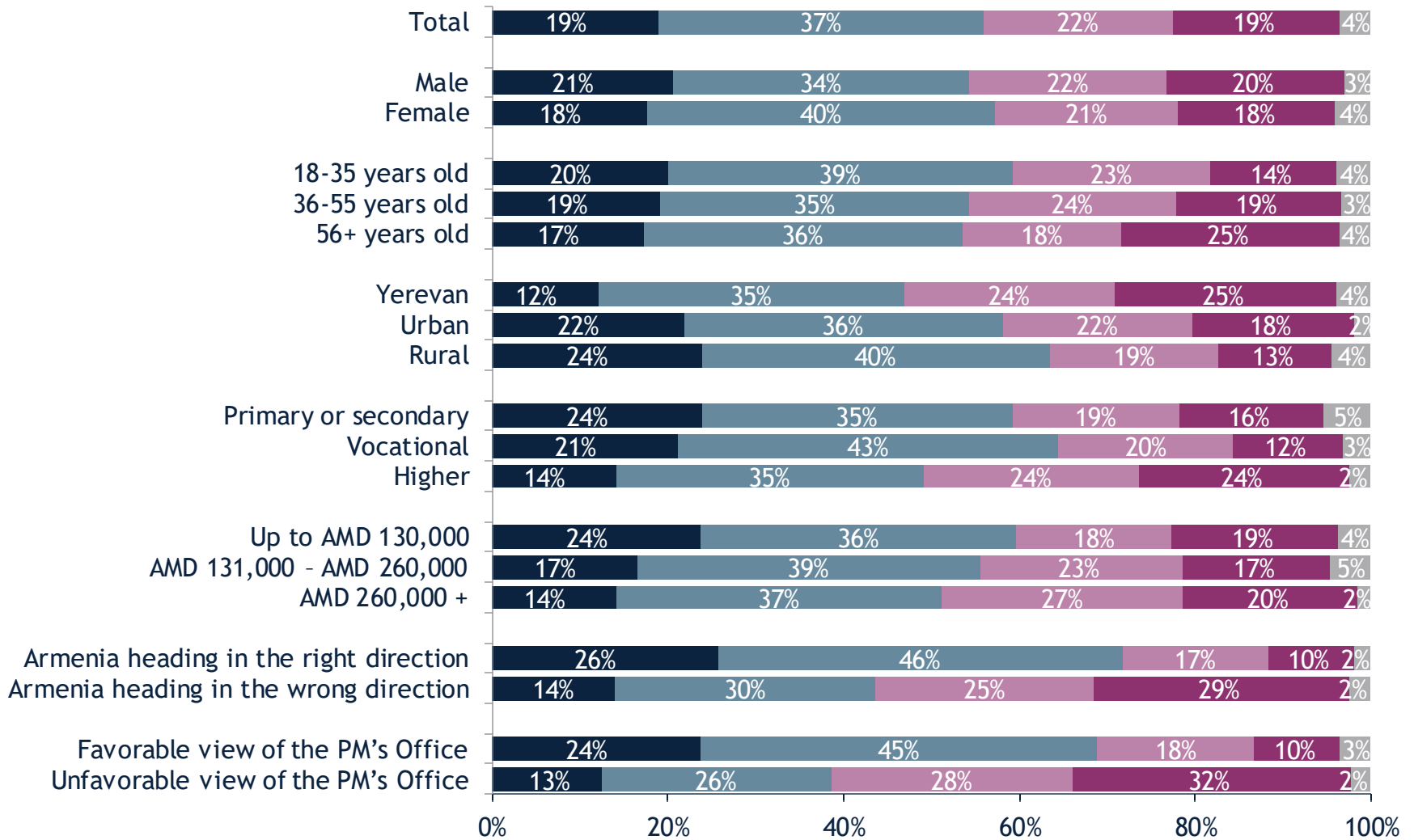
■ Very favorable
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Please tell me your opinion about the work of the local authorities

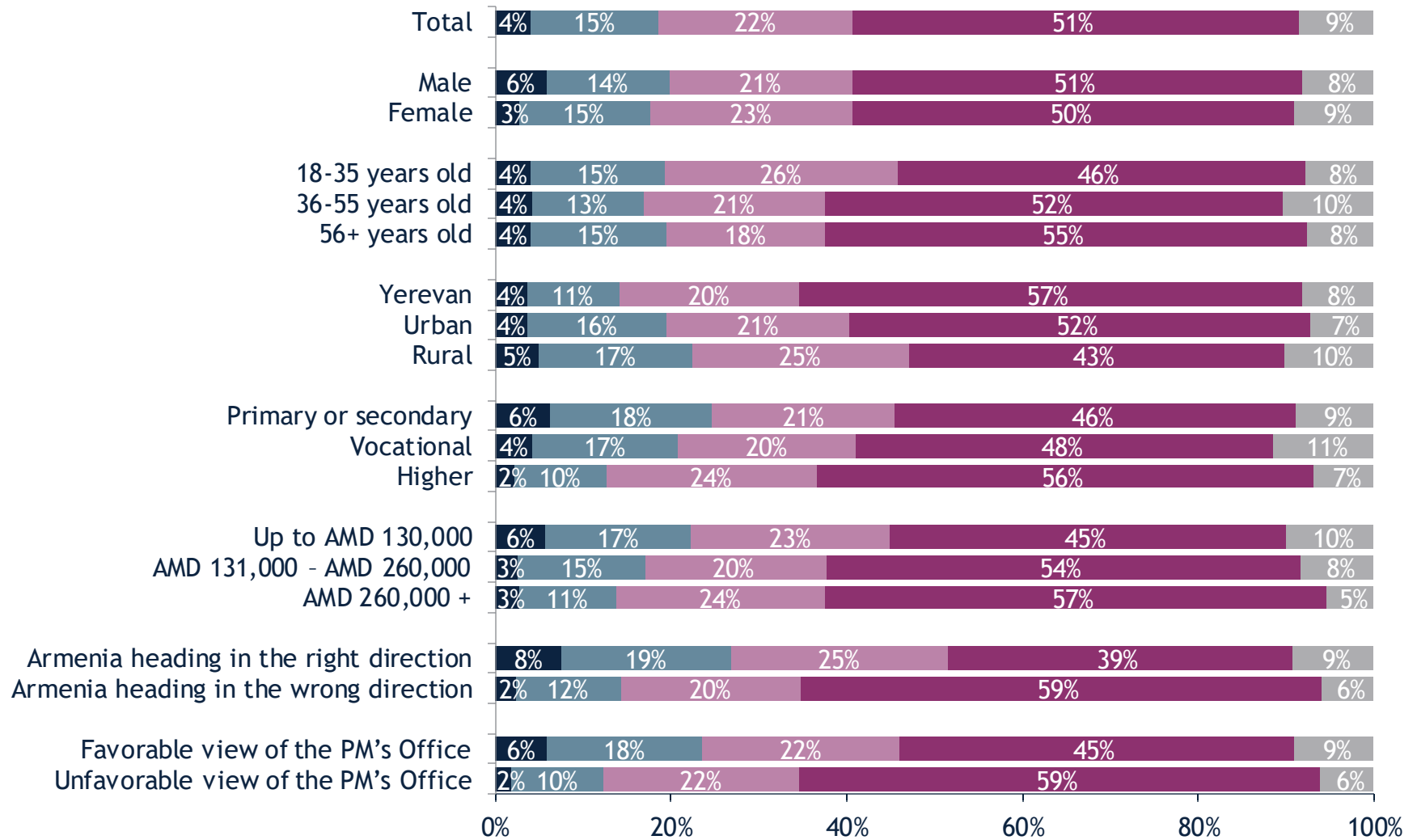
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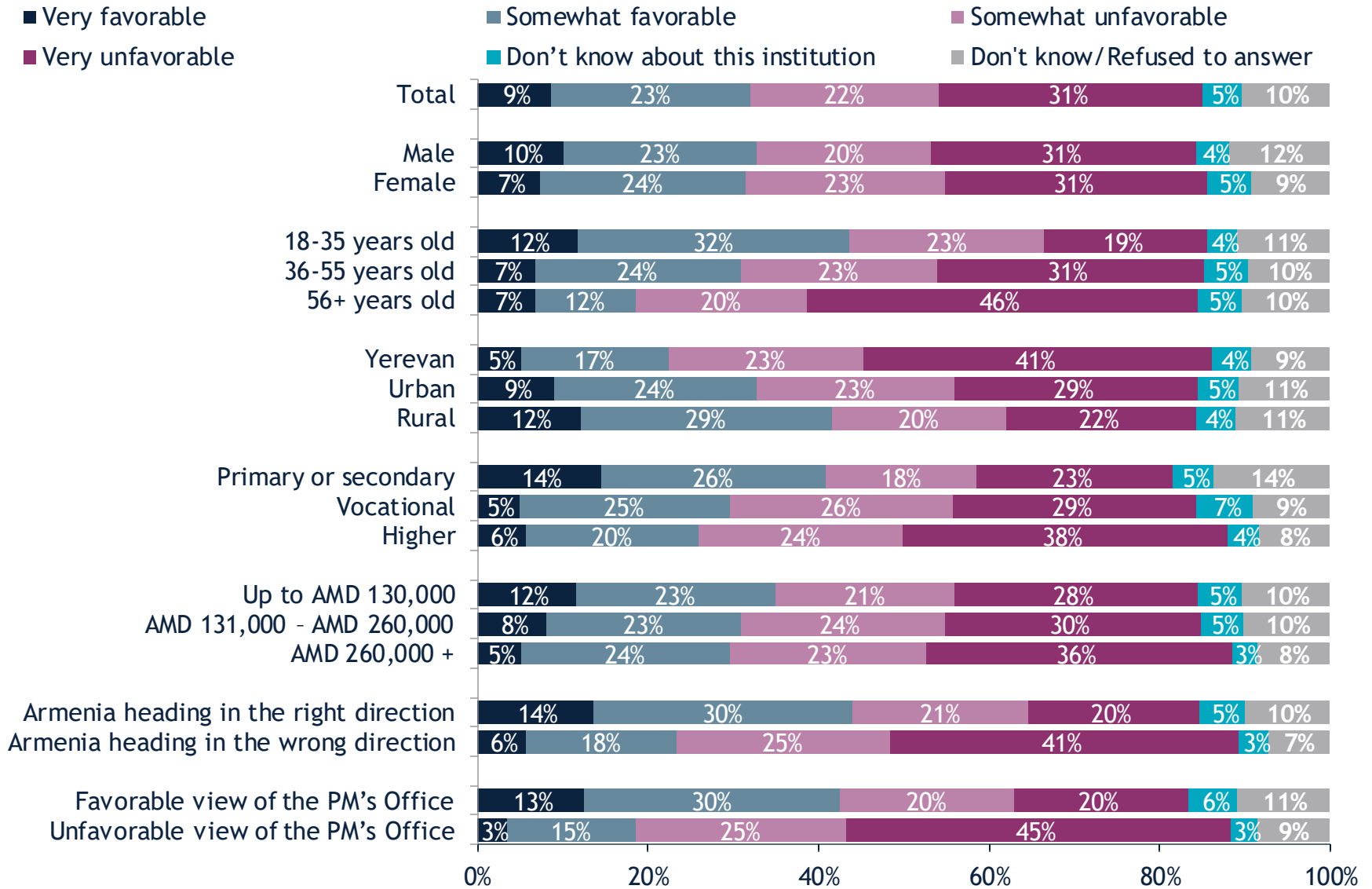
Please tell me your opinion about the work of the political parties

■ Very favorable
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 ■ Very unfavorable
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer*



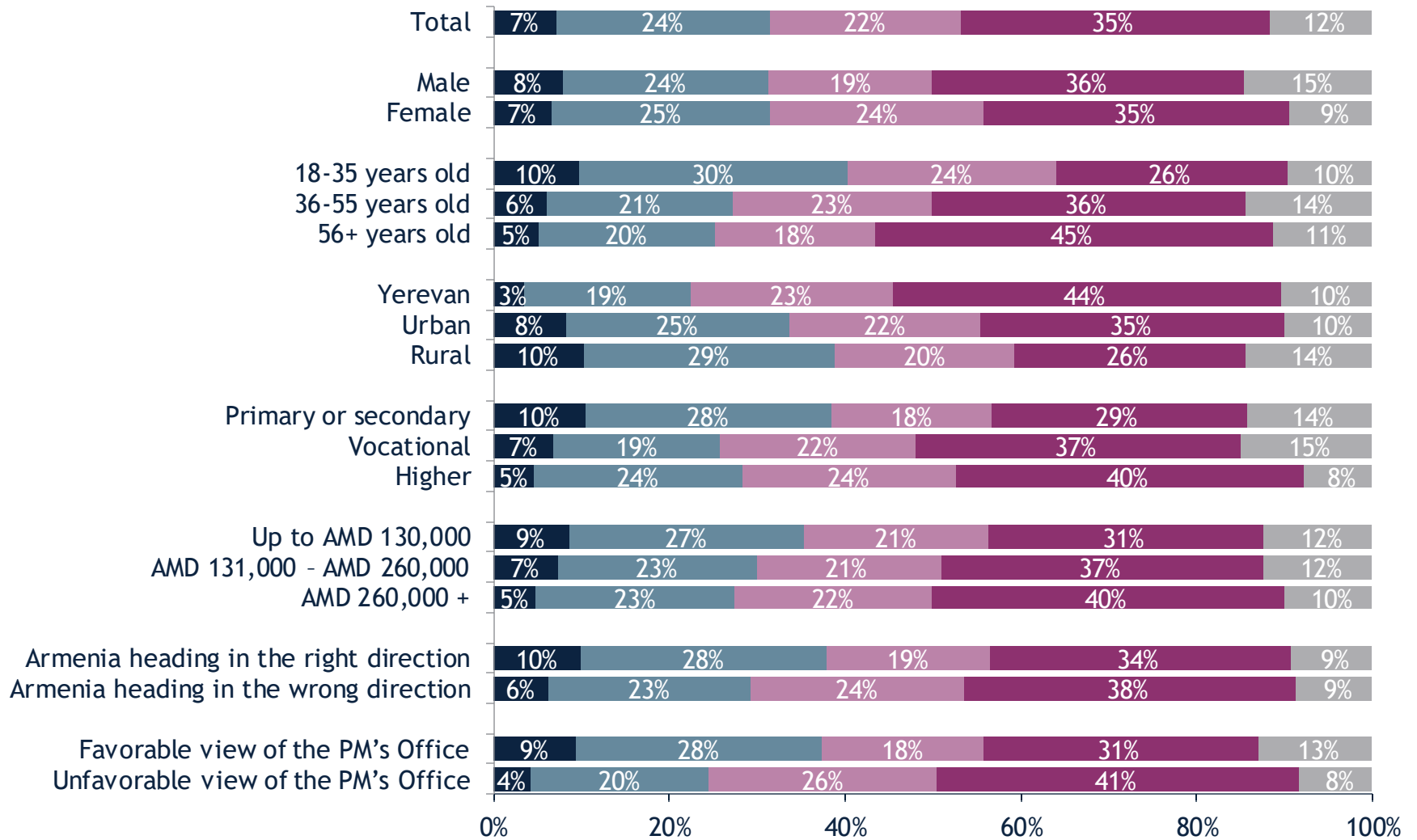
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Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Prosecutor's Office



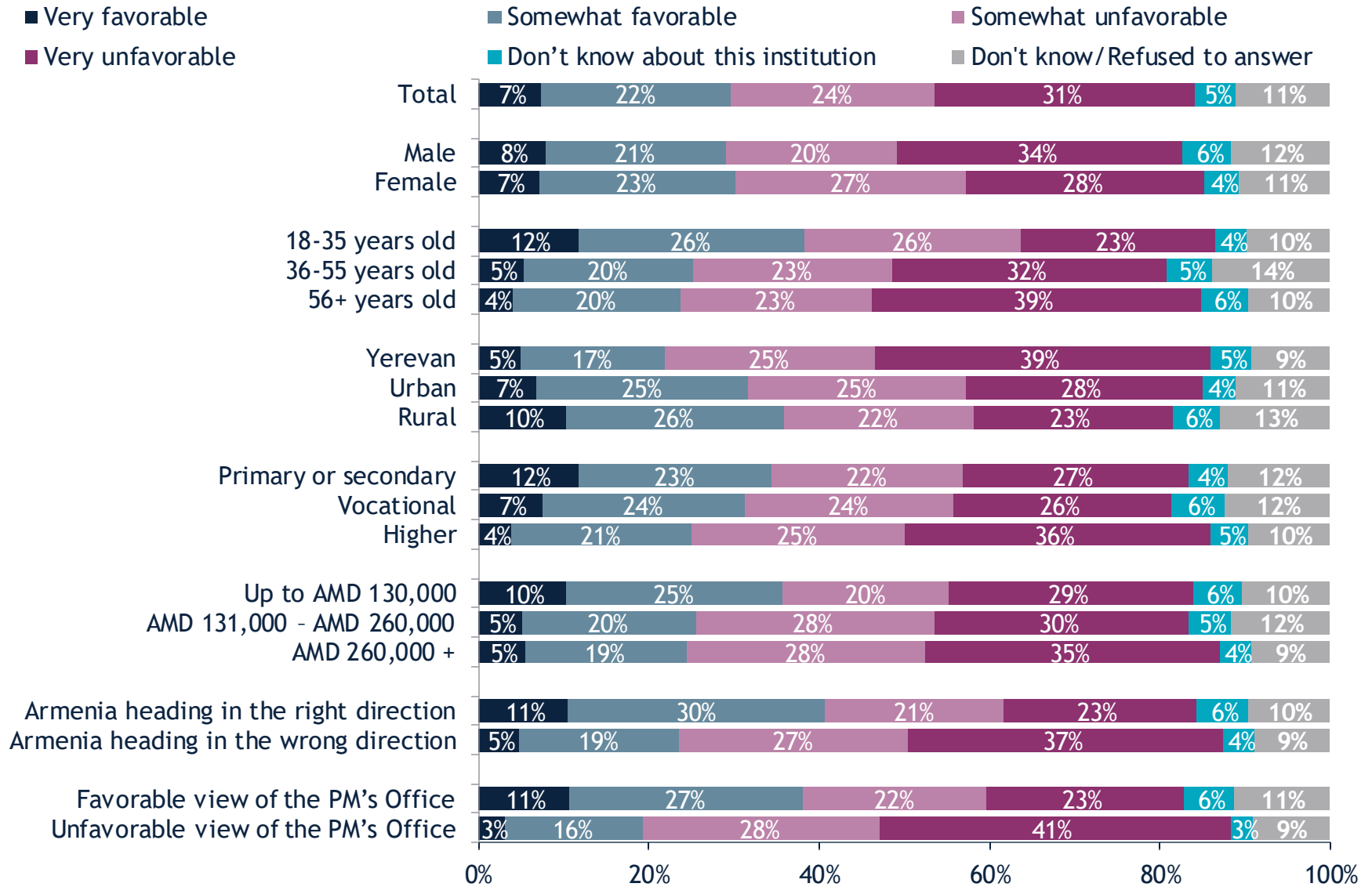
Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Courts

■ Very favorable
 ■ Somewhat favorable
 ■ Somewhat unfavorable
 ■ Very unfavorable
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer*



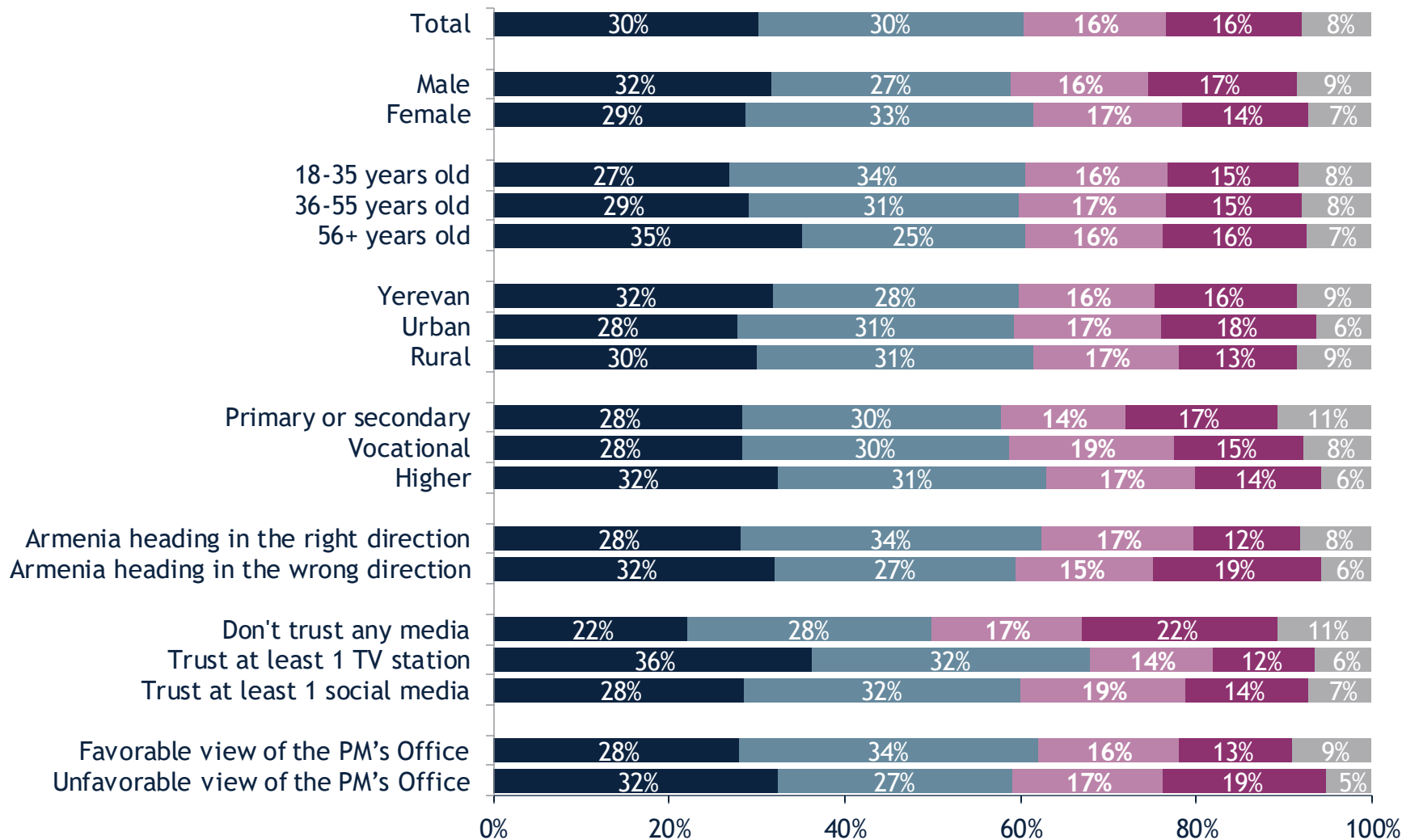
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Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Constitutional Court



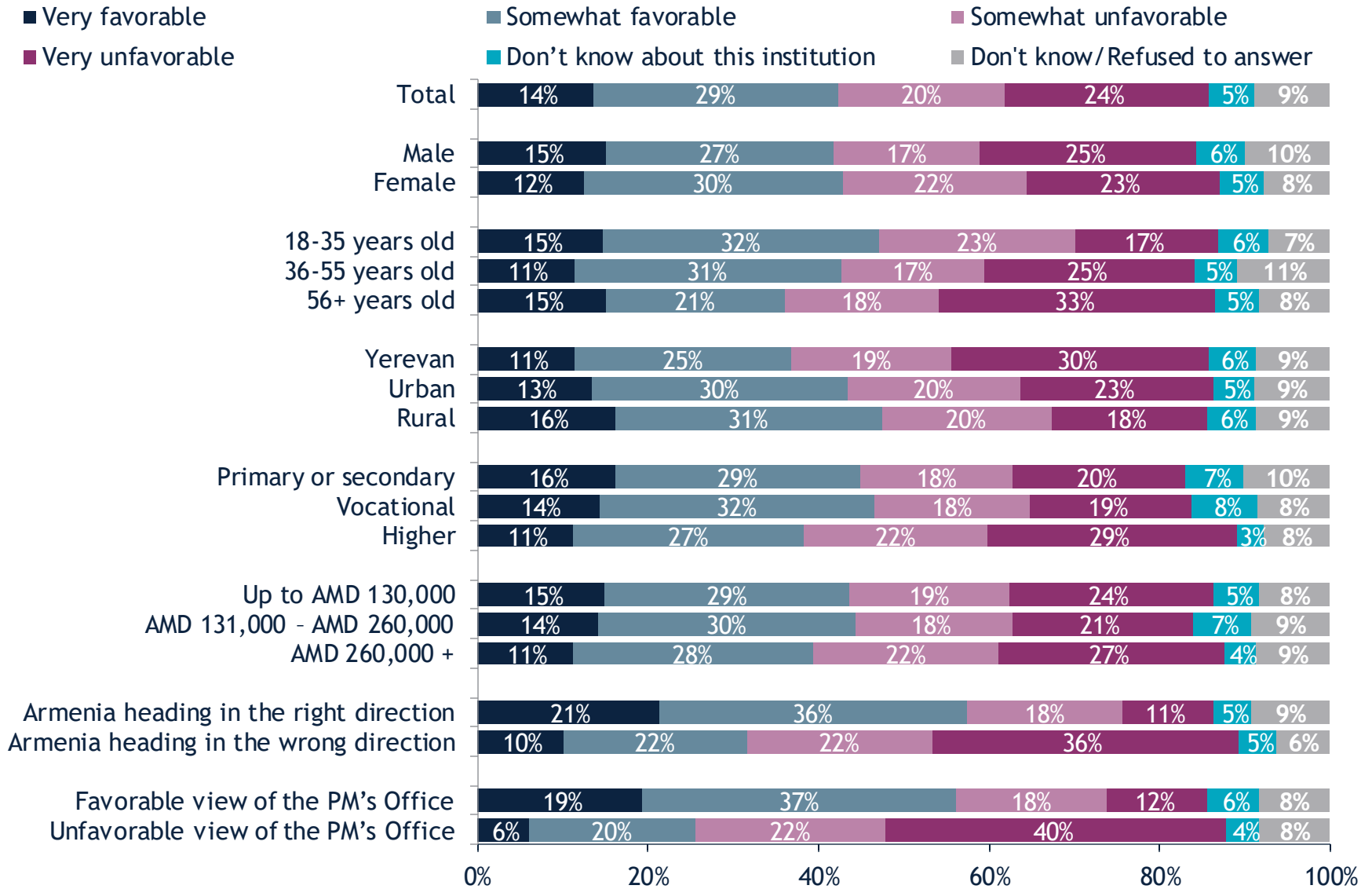
Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Human Rights Defender's Office

■ Very favorable
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 ■ Very unfavorable
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer*

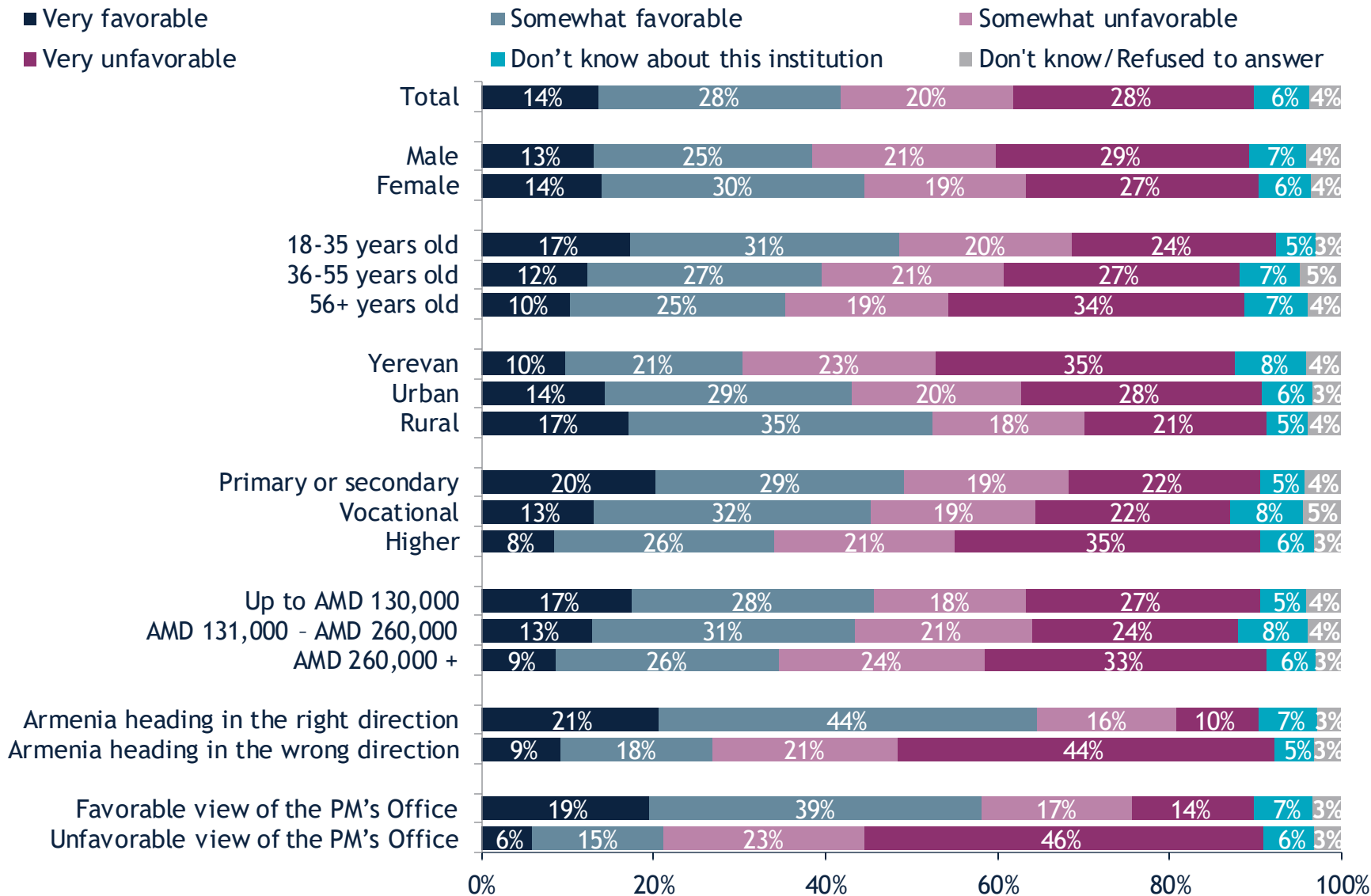


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Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Central Electoral Commission

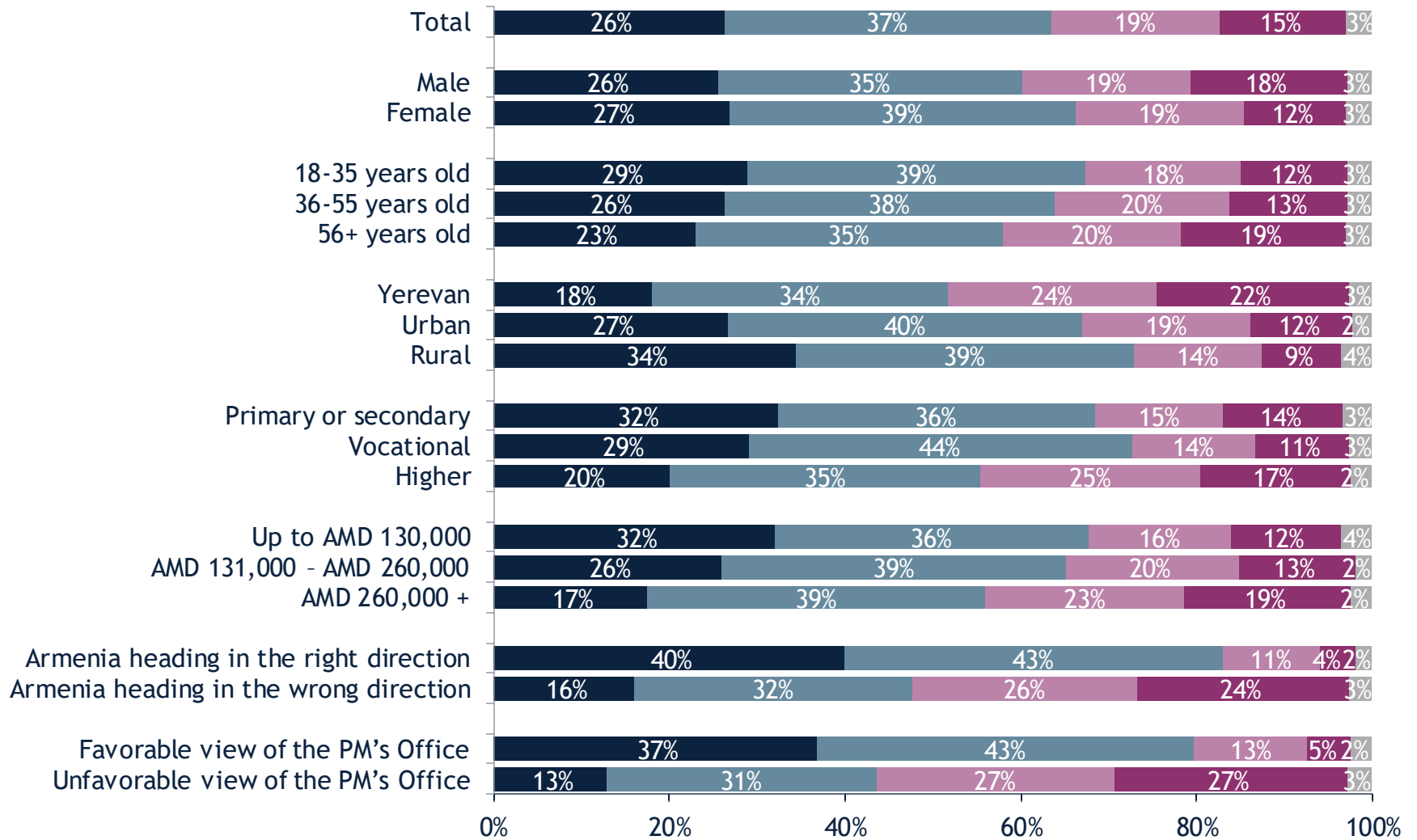


Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Corruption Prevention Commission



Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Police

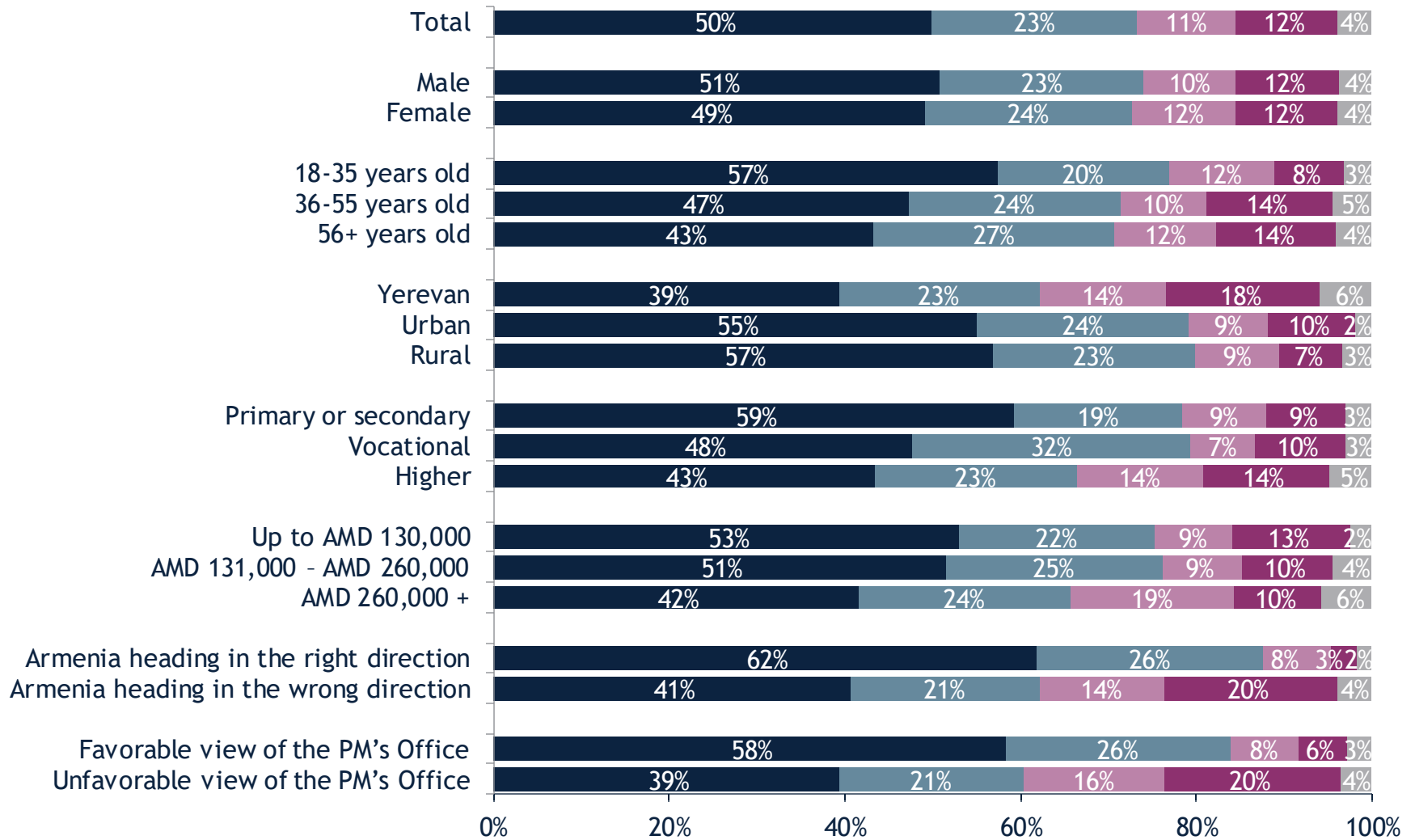
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Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Army

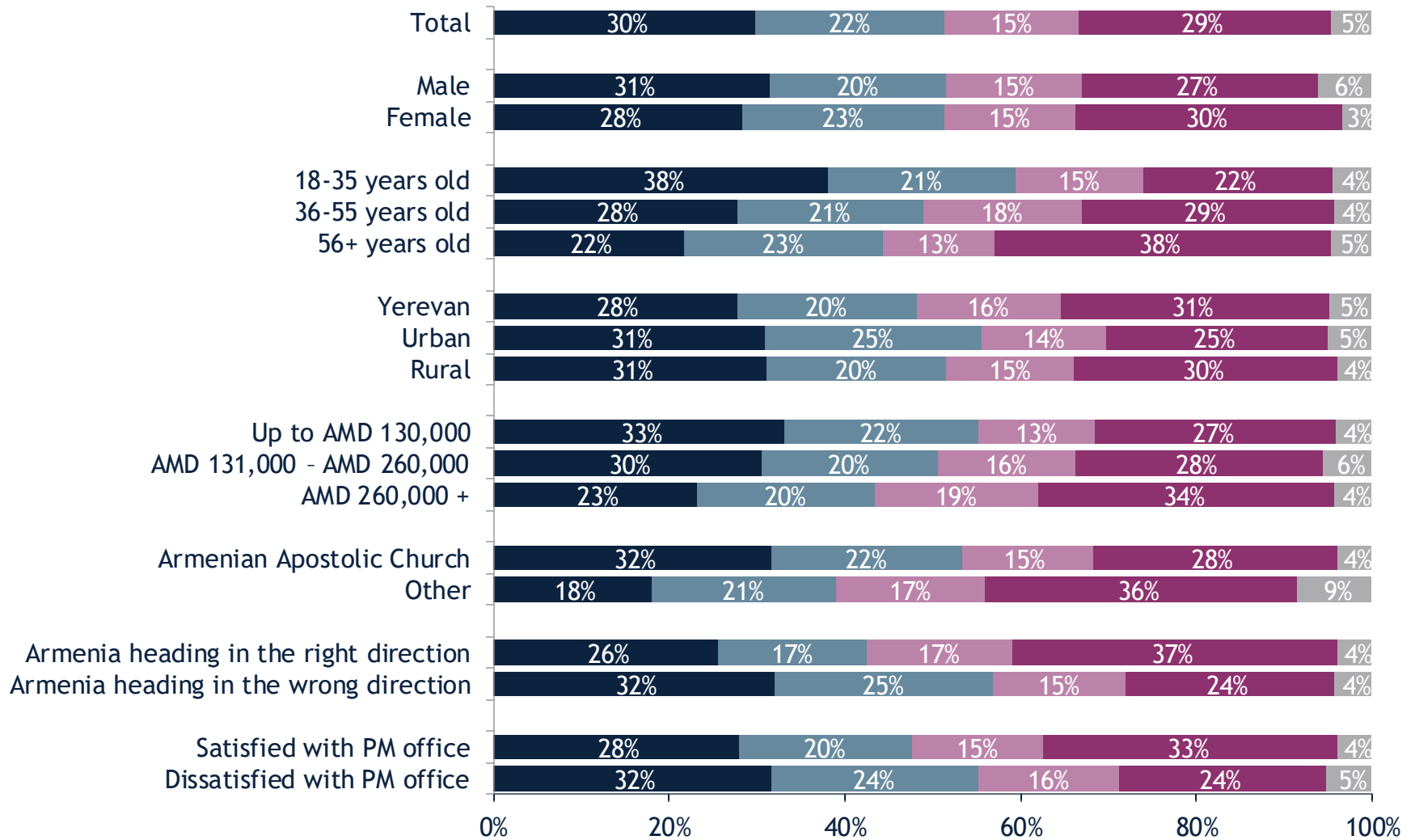
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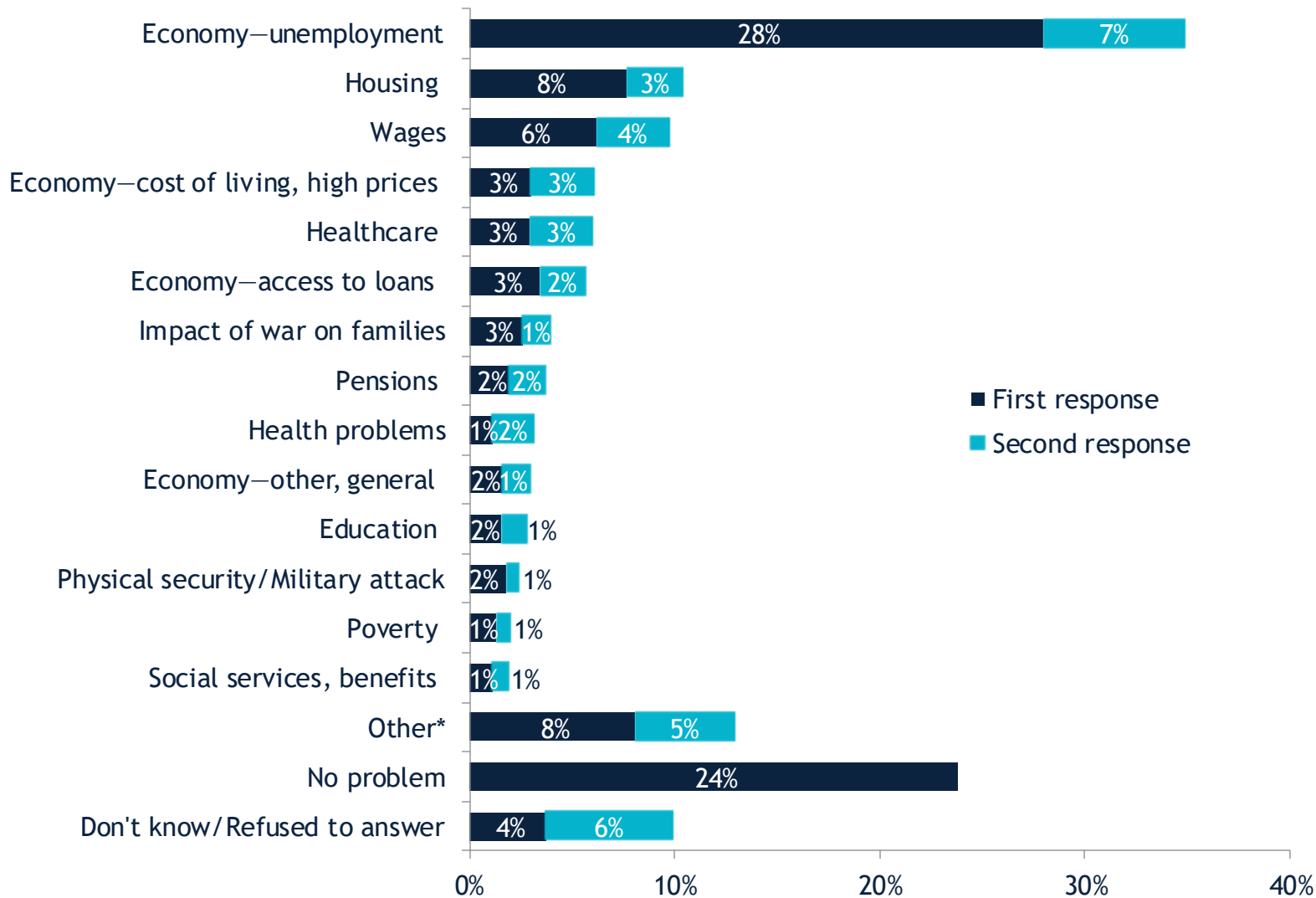
Please tell me your opinion about the work of the Armenian Apostolic Church

■ Very favorable
 ■ Somewhat favorable
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 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer*



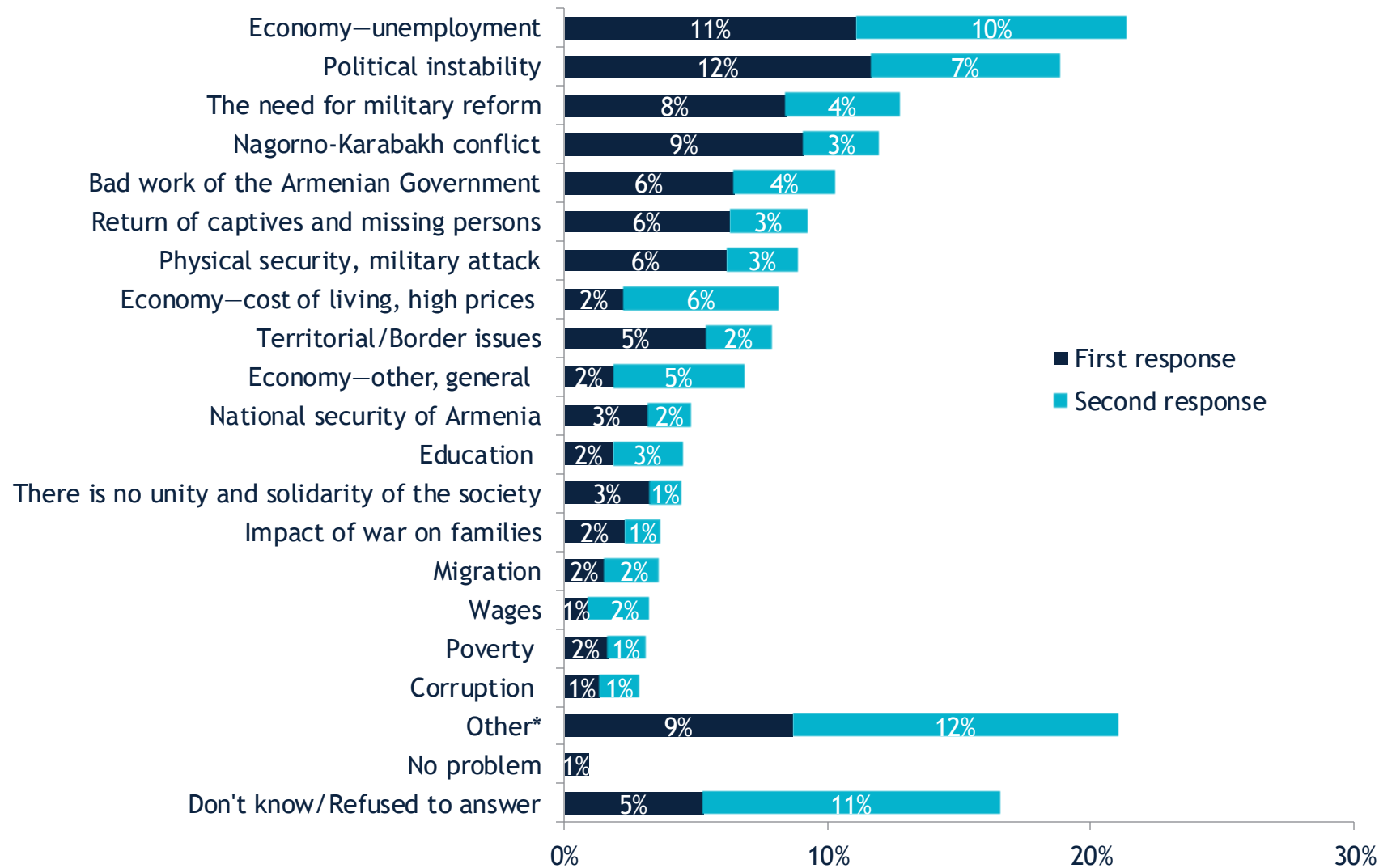
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What is the most important problem your household is facing today? And what is the second most important problem? (spontaneous responses)



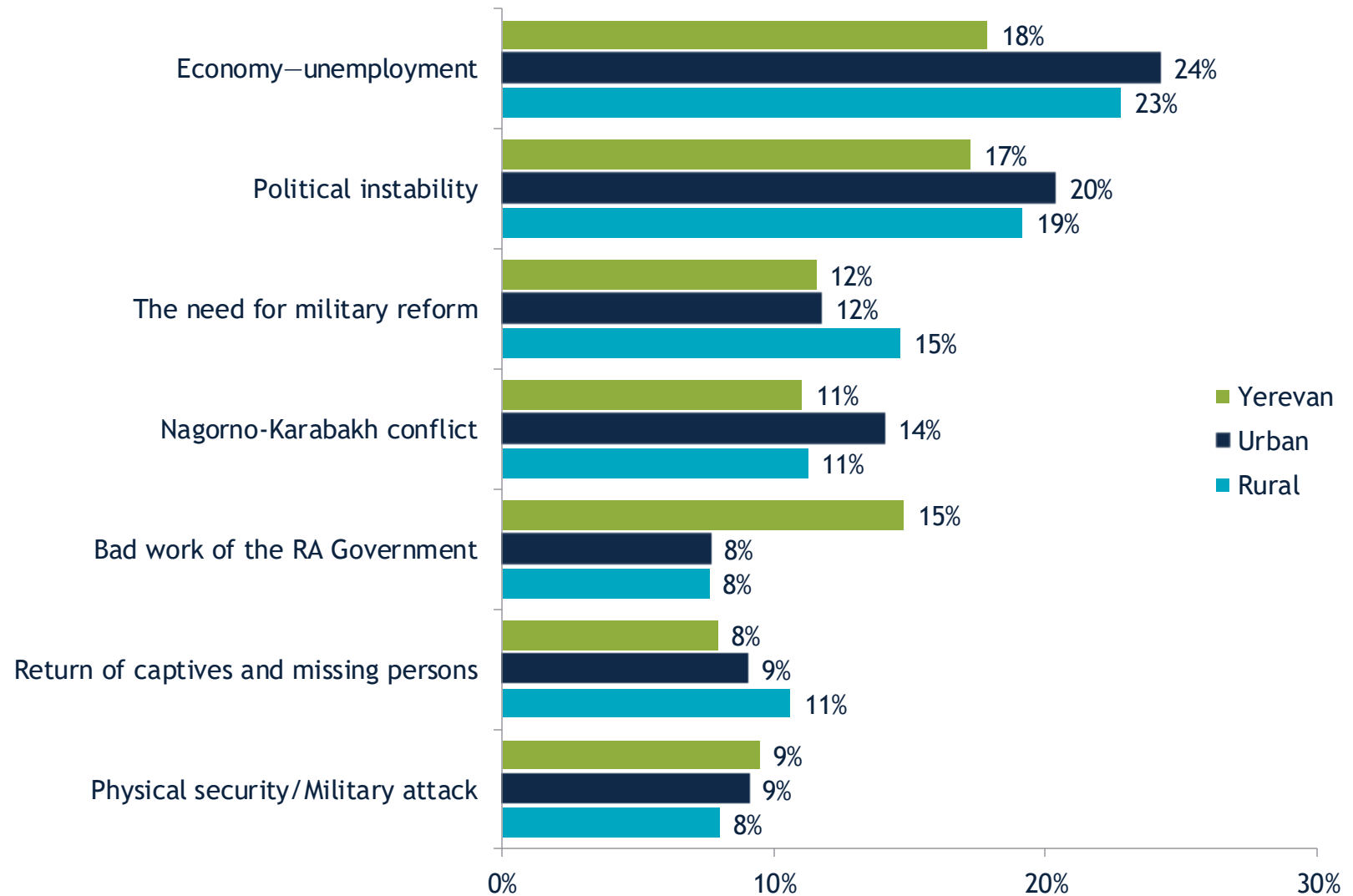
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What is the most important problem our country is facing today? And what is the second most important problem? (spontaneous responses)



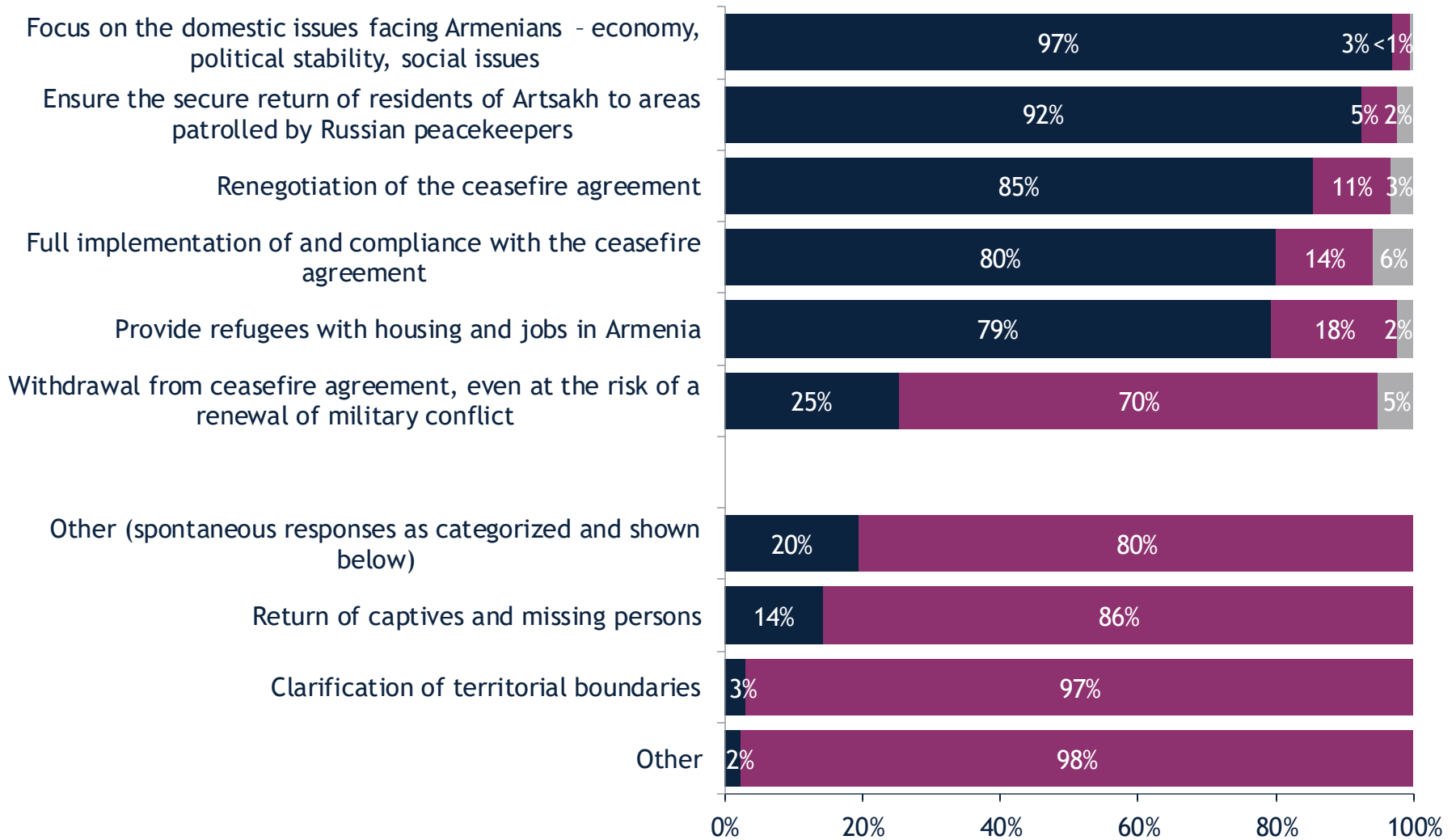
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What is the most important problem our country is facing today? And what is the second most important problem? (2 spontaneous responses)



What next steps do you believe should be the focus of the Government of Armenia in regard to the November 10 ceasefire agreement?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know /Refused to answer

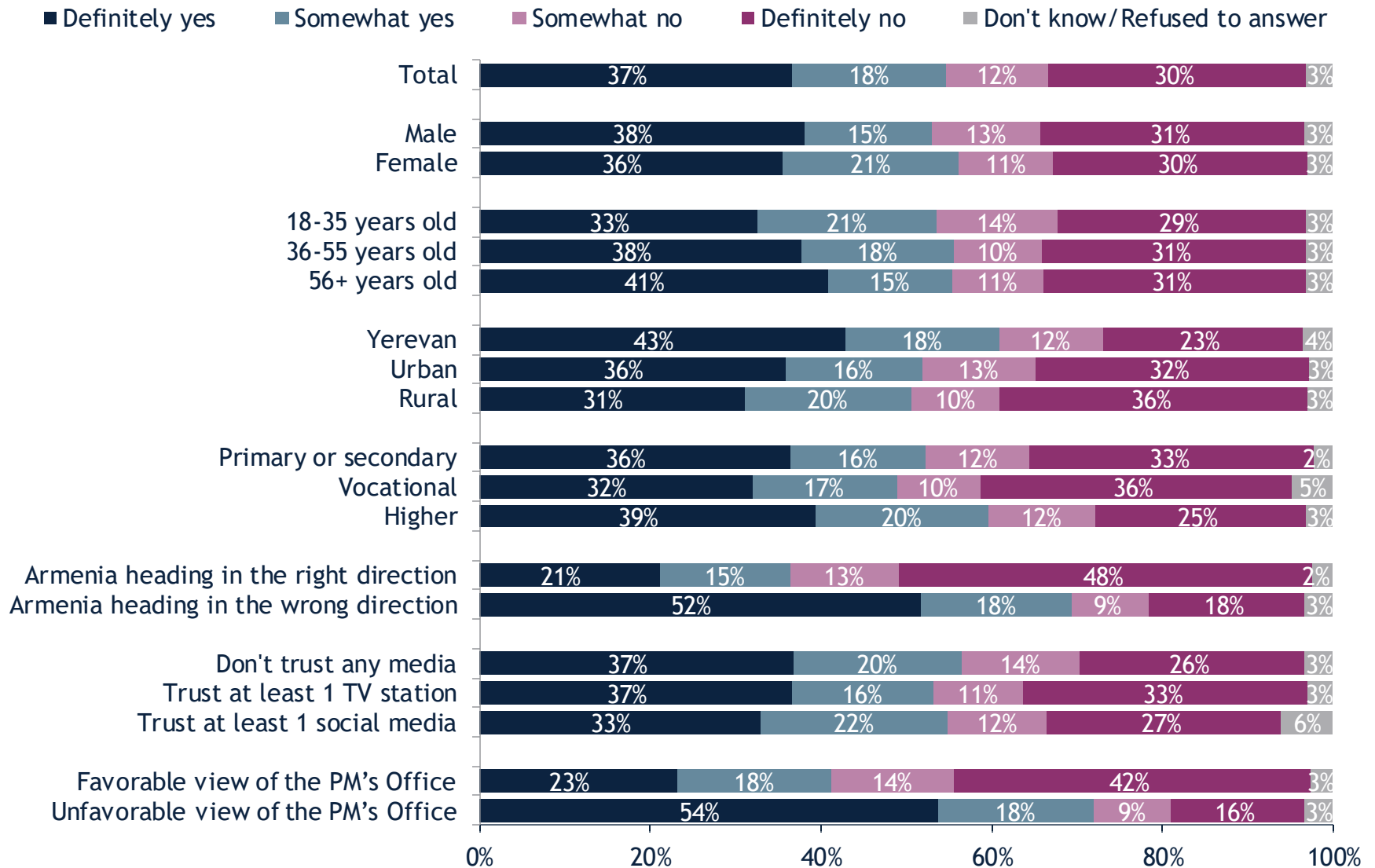




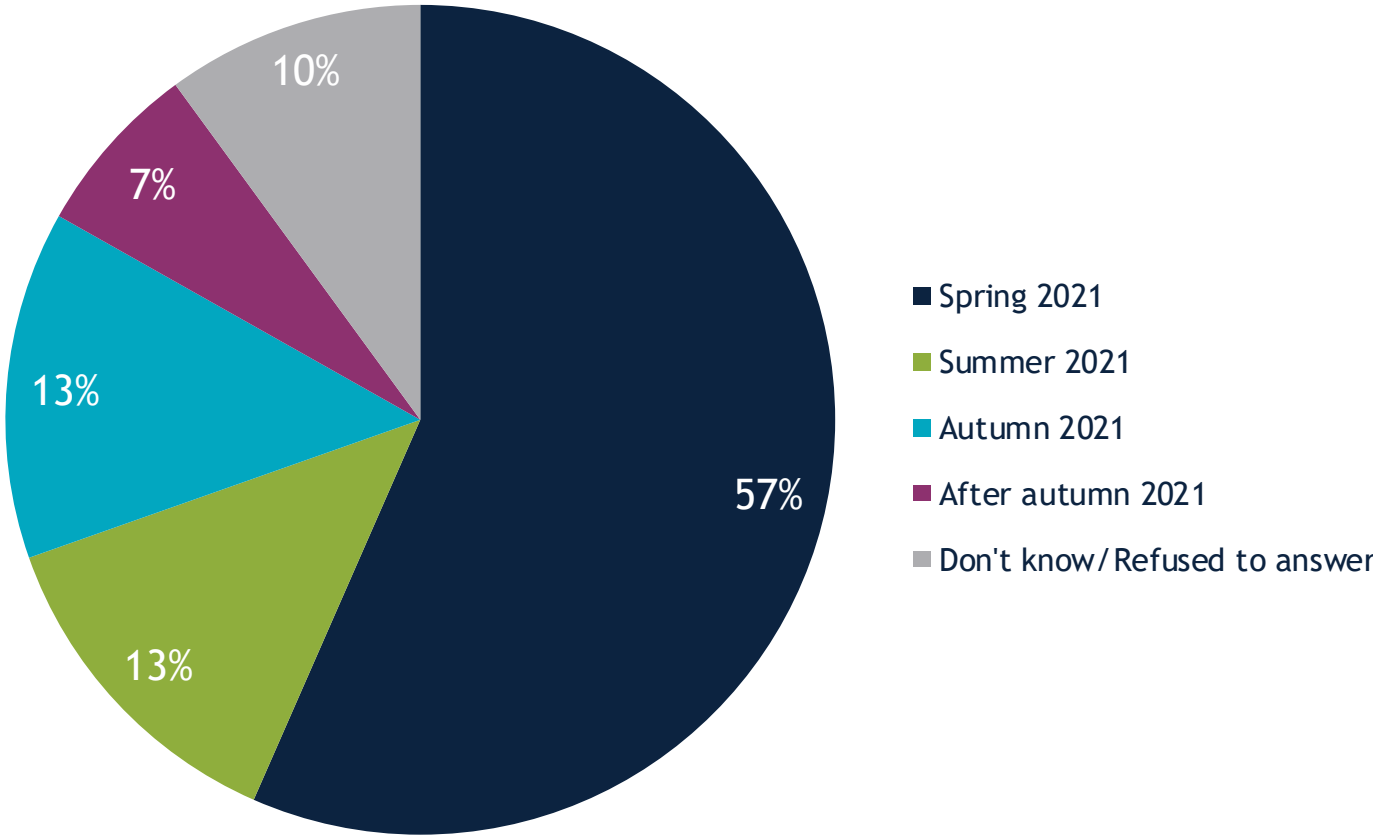
Electoral Reform and Voter Preferences



In your opinion should snap parliamentary elections be held?

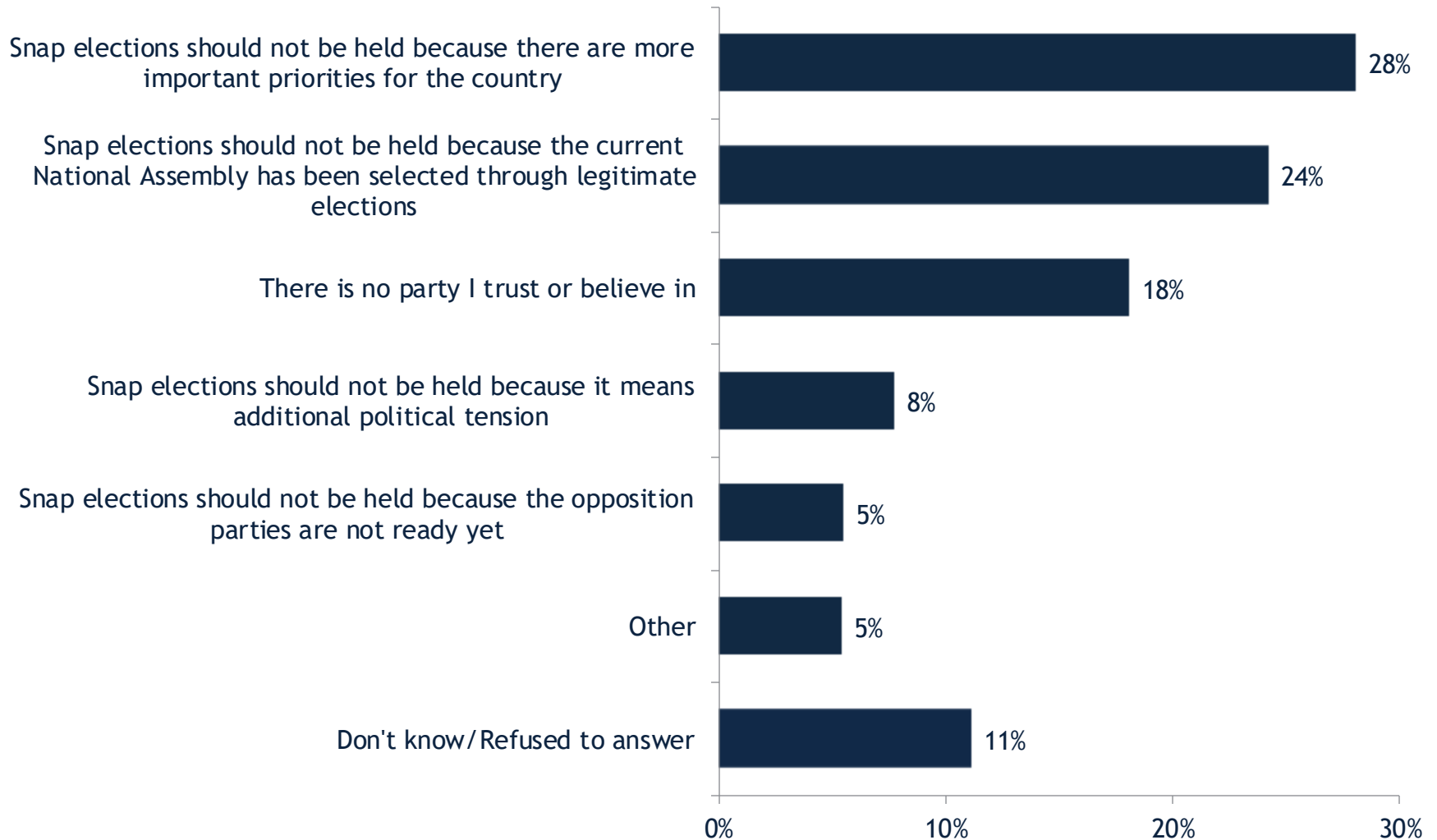


In your opinion, when should snap parliamentary elections be held? (n=826*)



**Those who answered “definitely yes” or “somewhat yes” to the following question: In your opinion should snap parliamentary elections be held?*

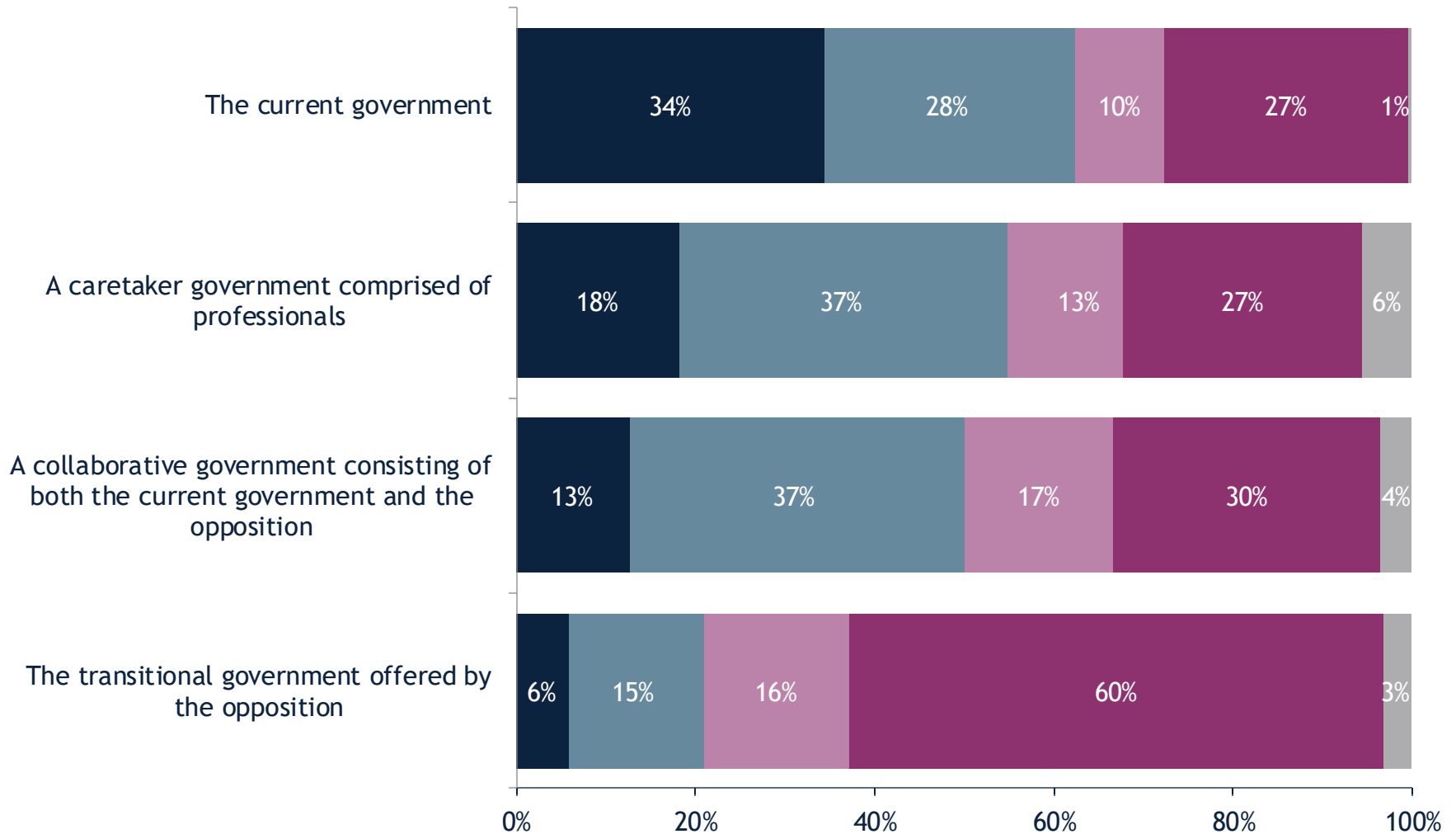
If you think snap parliamentary elections should not be held, could you tell us why? (Spontaneous response, n=636*)



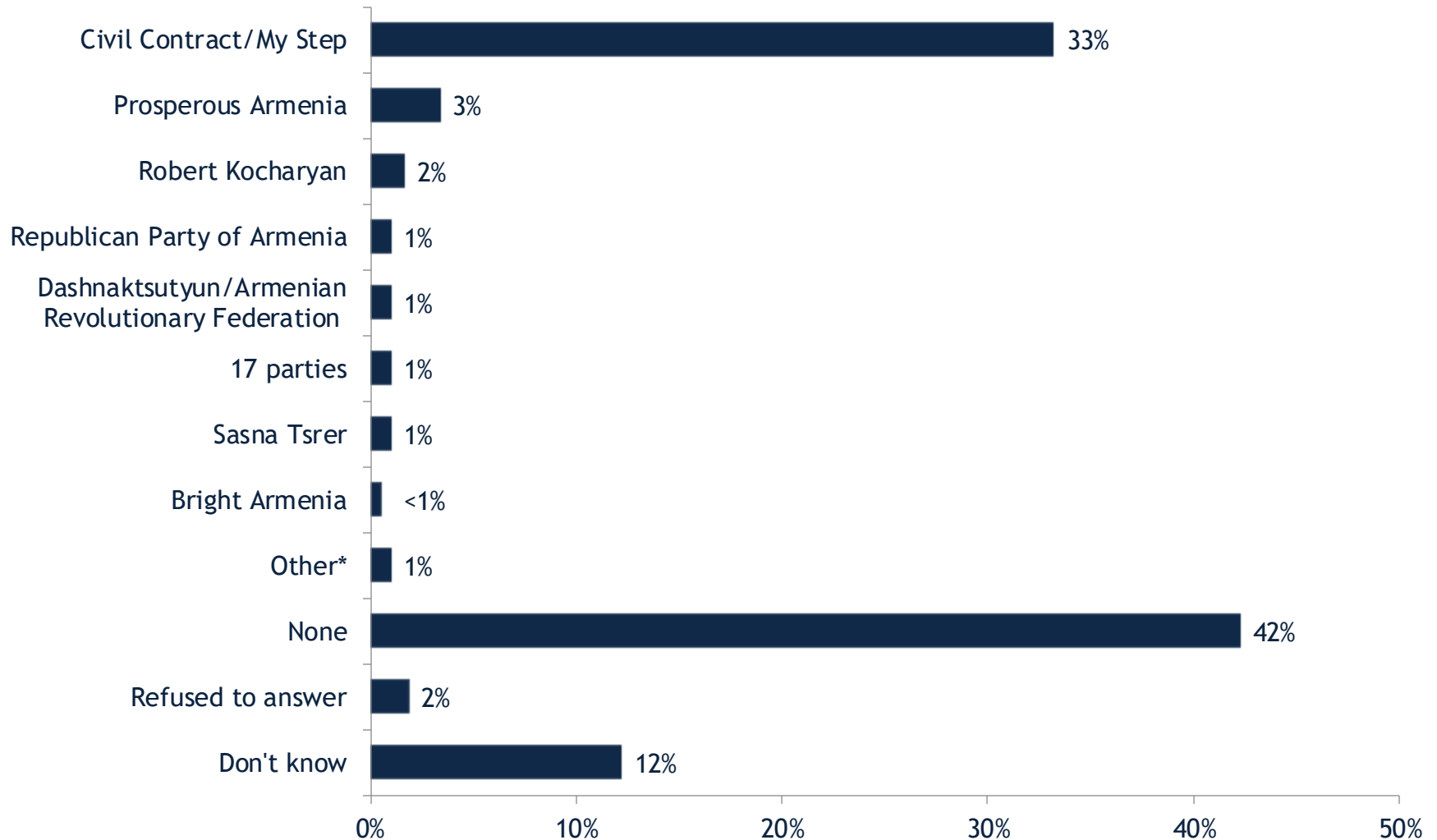
**Those who answered “definitely no” or “somewhat no” to the following question:
In your opinion should snap parliamentary elections be held?*

There are different views about who shall oversee the organization of snap parliamentary elections, if such elections are held. I will read those views now. Please evaluate how much you would trust the election results if these options oversee the organization of election.

■ Definitely trust
 ■ Somewhat trust
 ■ Somewhat not trust
 ■ Not at all trust
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

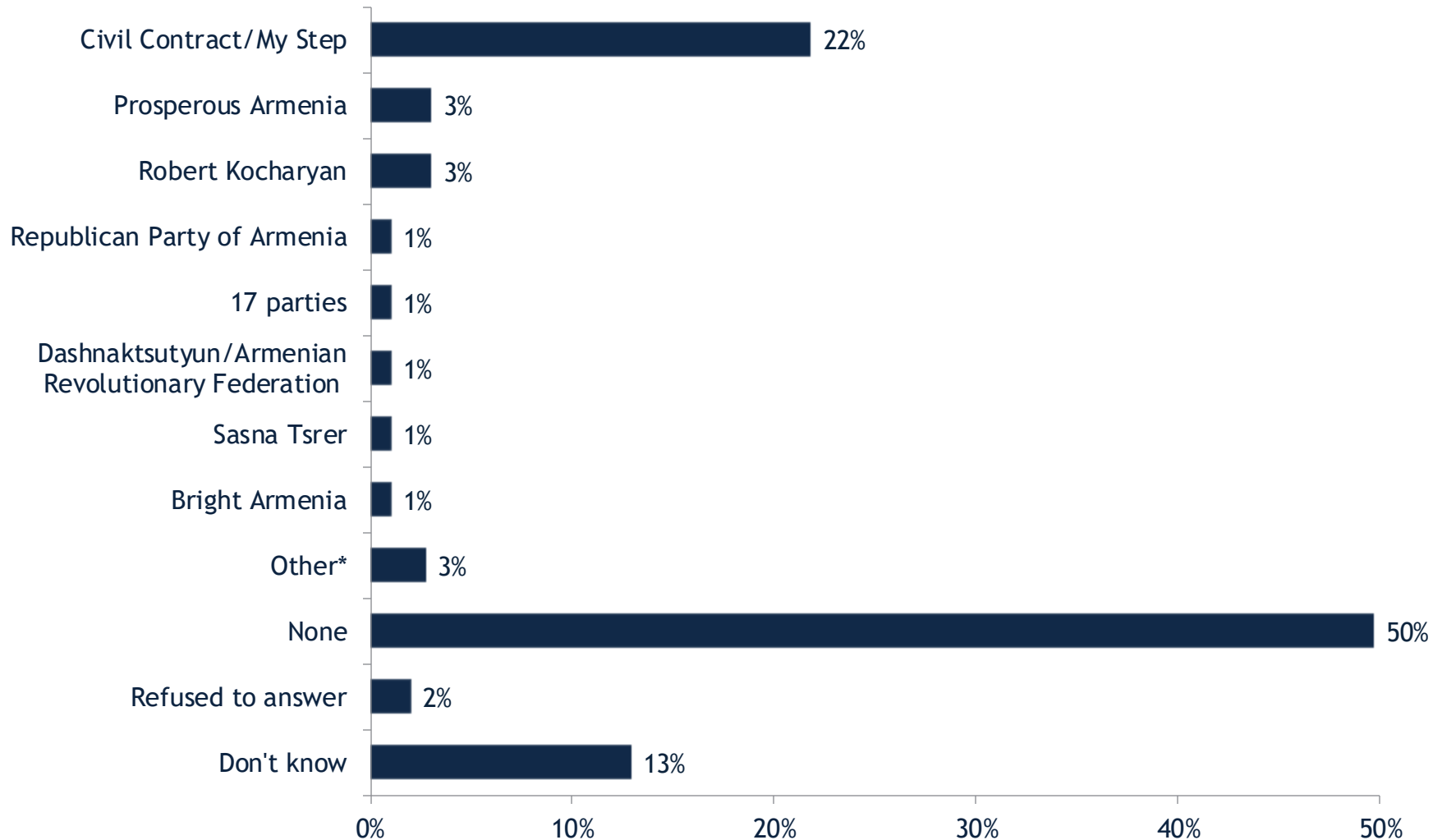


Please tell me which political party, if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday. (Spontaneous response, Armenia, n=1,510)



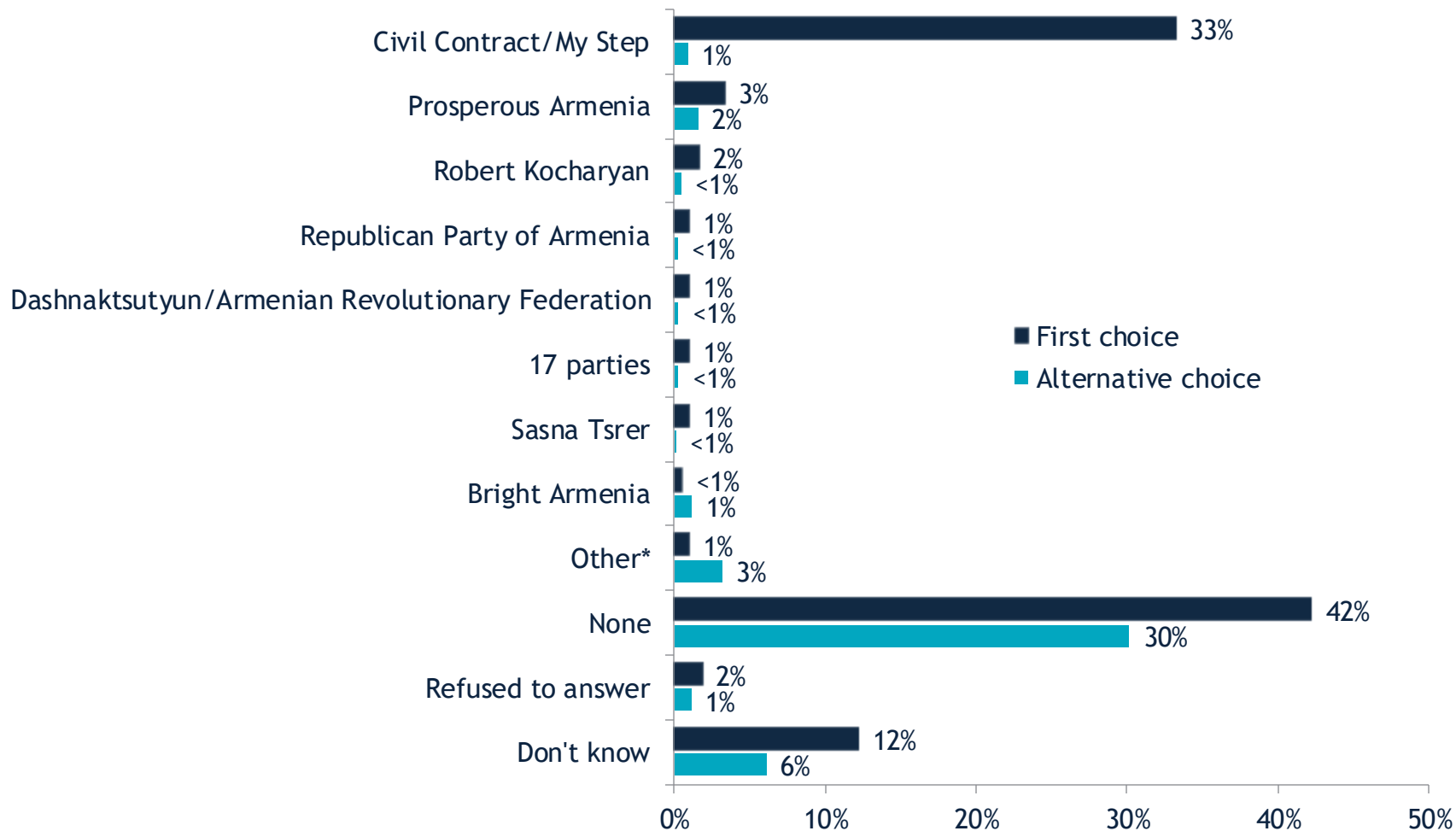
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Please tell me which political party if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday. (Spontaneous response, Yerevan, n=559)



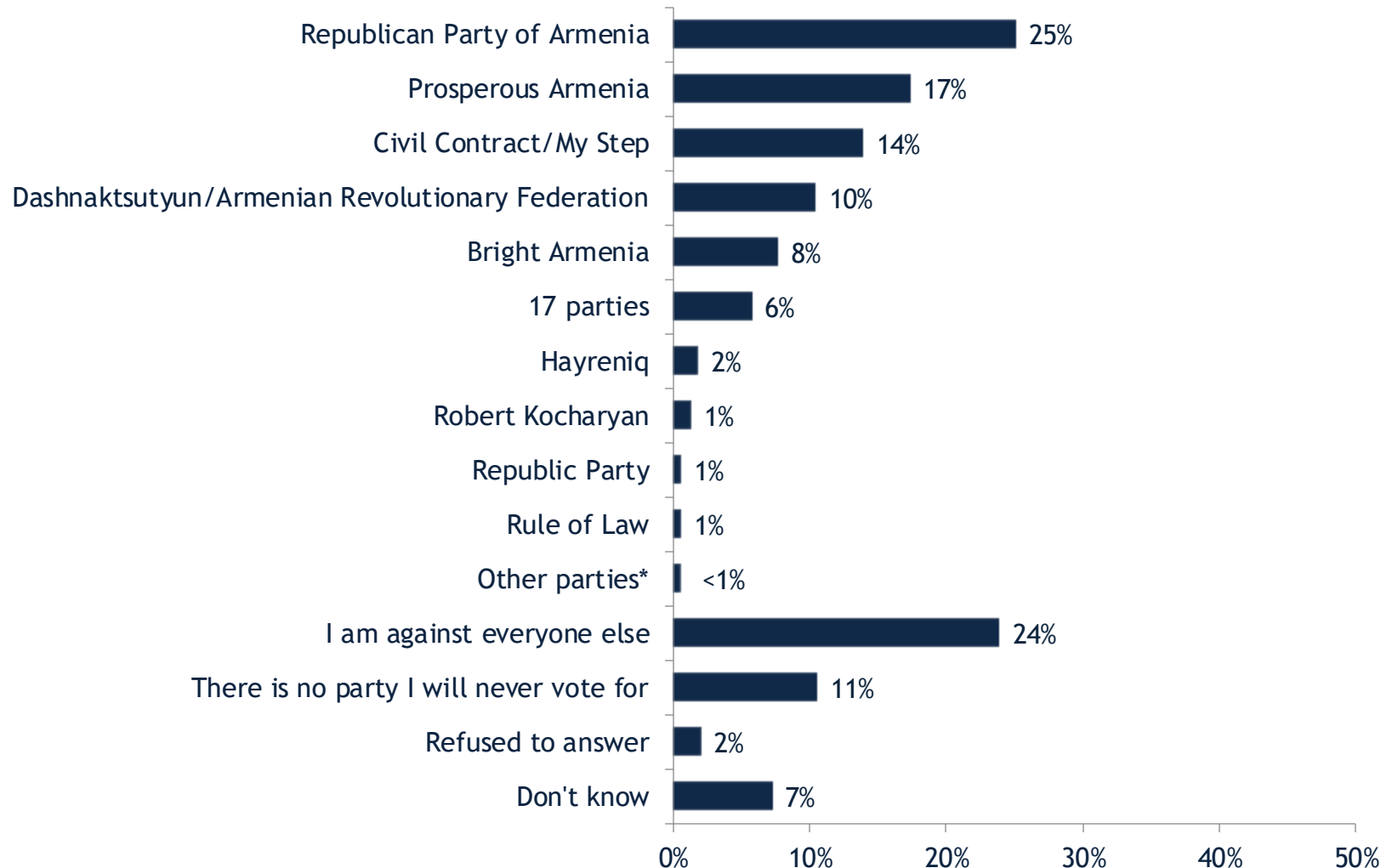
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Please tell me which political party if any, you would vote for if national parliamentary elections were held next Sunday. Which party, if any, might you vote for if for some reason your first choice is not available? (Spontaneous response, Armenia, n=1,510)



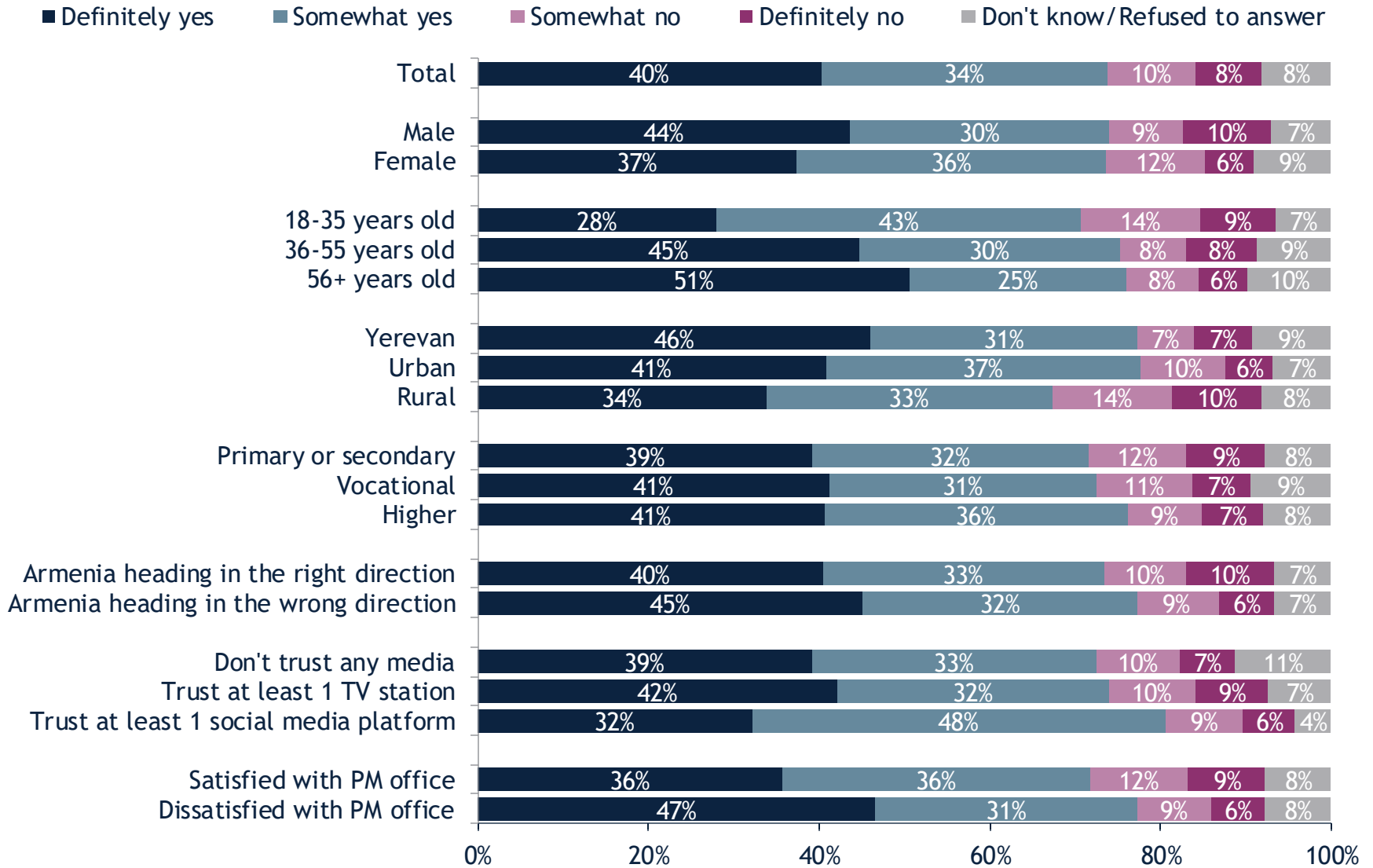
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For which political parties, if any, would you never vote? (Several answers are possible, spontaneous responses)

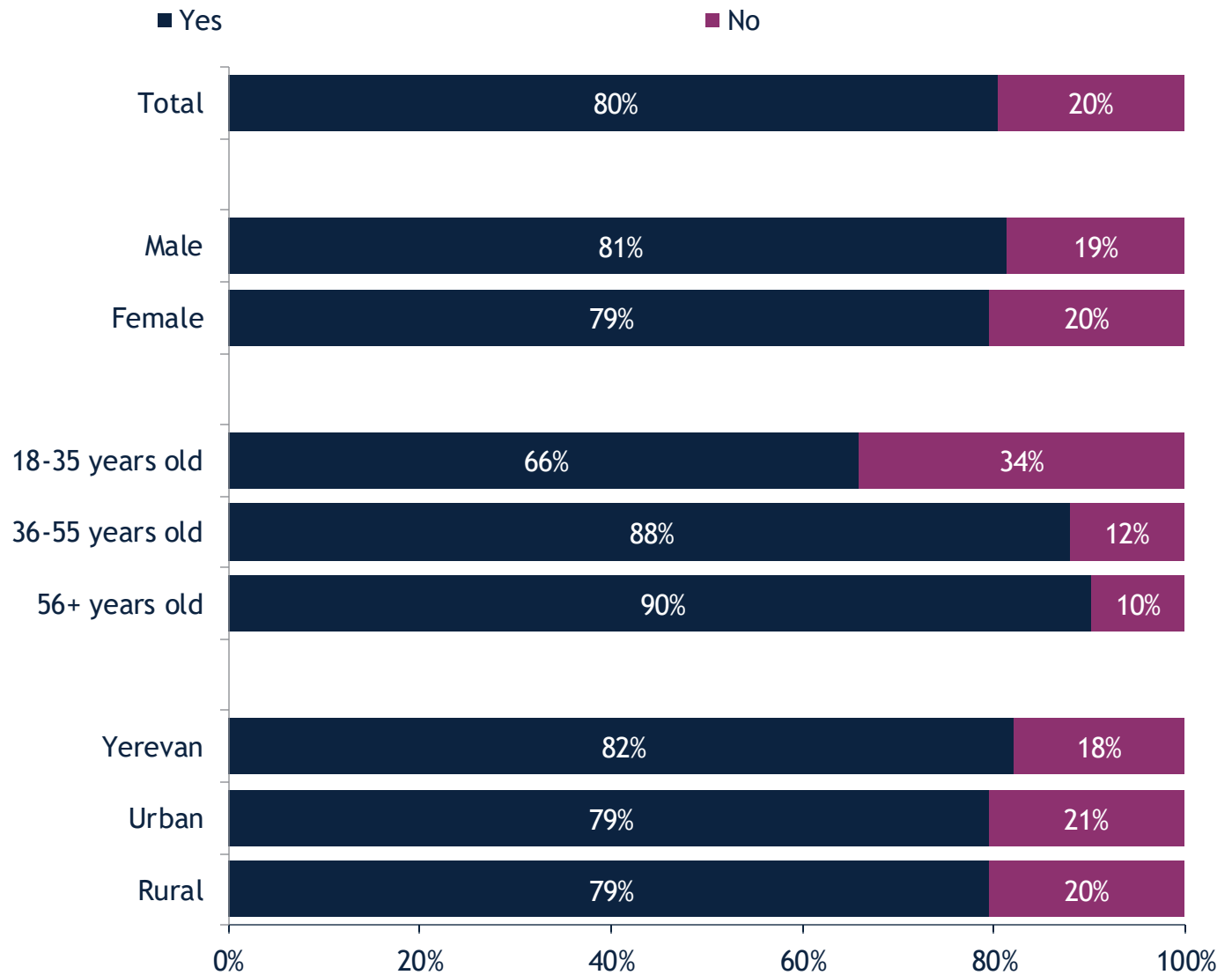


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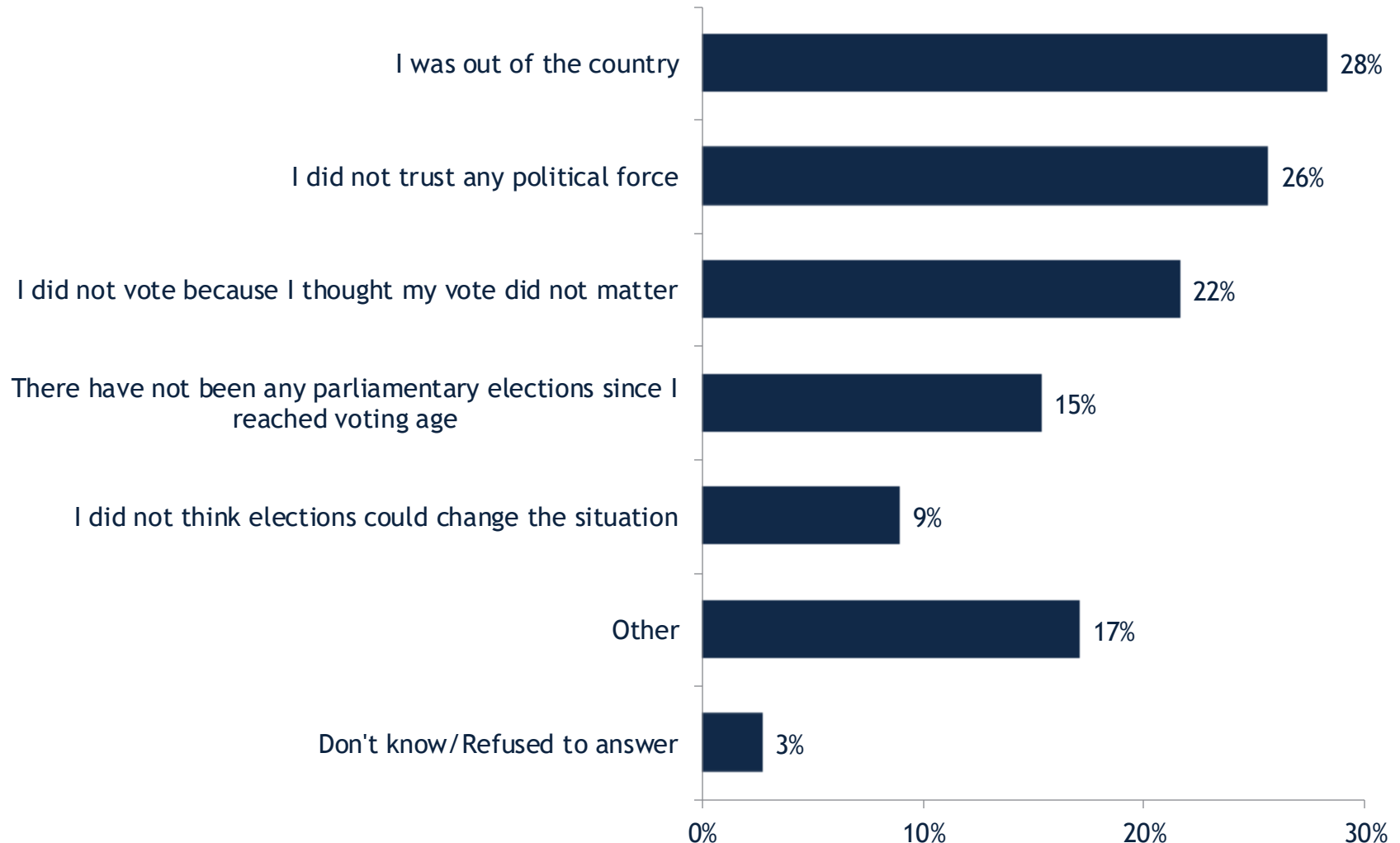
Do you believe that the electoral code needs to be reformed?



Have you ever voted in parliamentary elections?

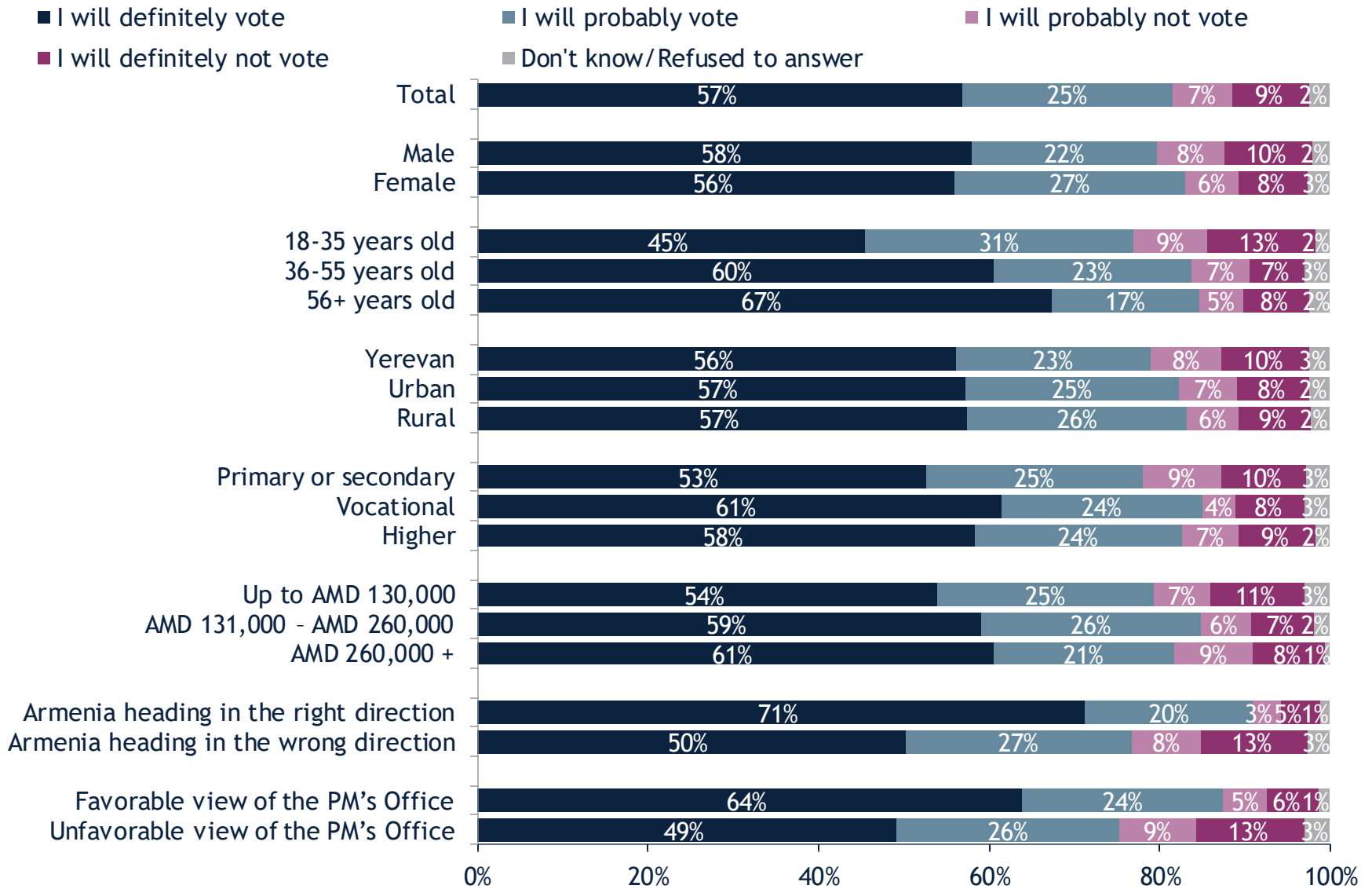


Could you explain why you have never voted in parliamentary elections since reaching voting age? (Multiple responses allowed, n=296*)



**Those who answered “no” to the following question:
Have you ever voted in parliamentary elections?*

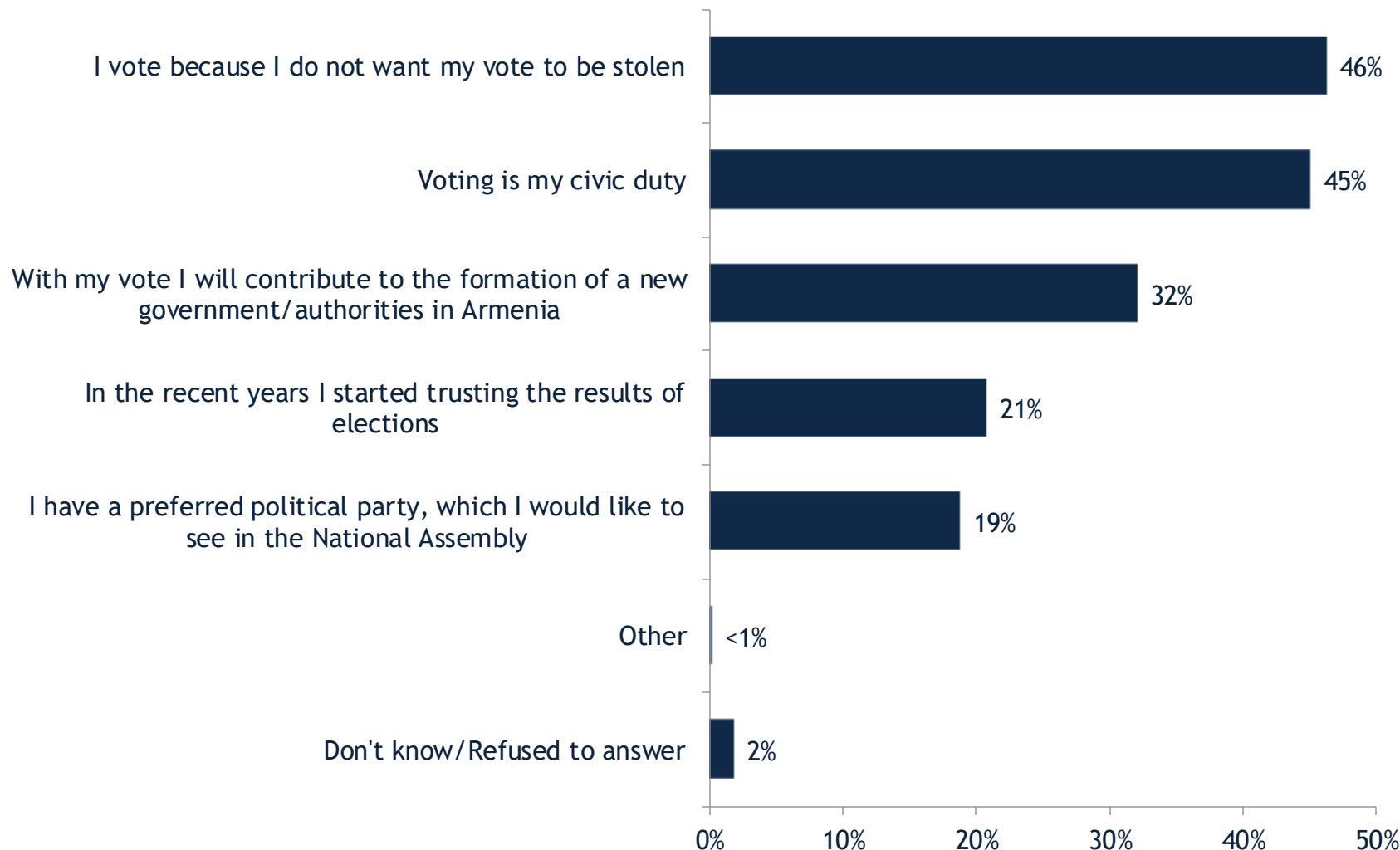
Are you going to vote in the next parliamentary elections?



Which one of the following options best explains your stance?

I will vote because:

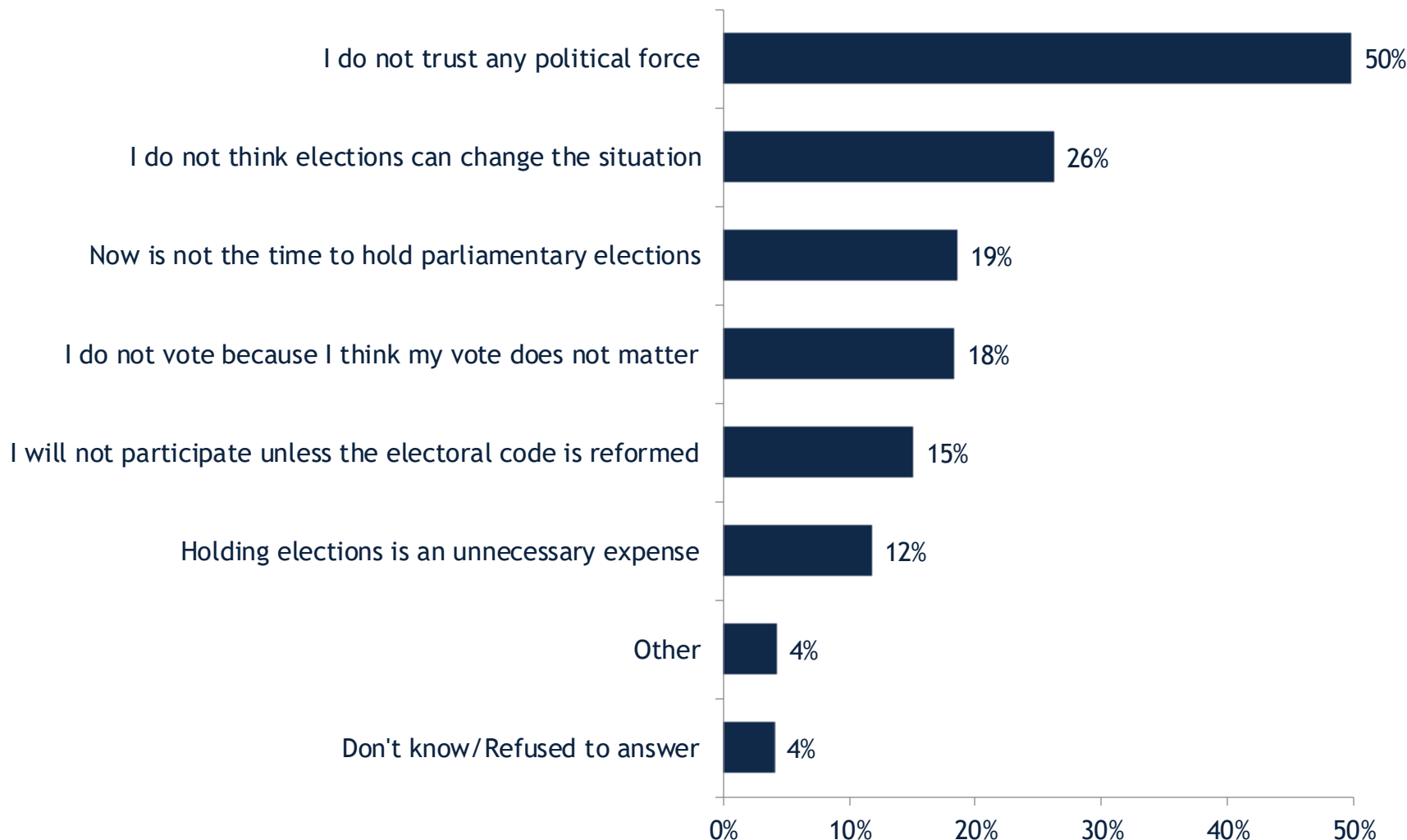
(Multiple responses allowed, n=1,230*)



*Those who answered “I will probably vote” or “I will definitely vote” to the following question:
Are you going to vote in the next parliamentary elections?

Which one of the following options best explains your stance?

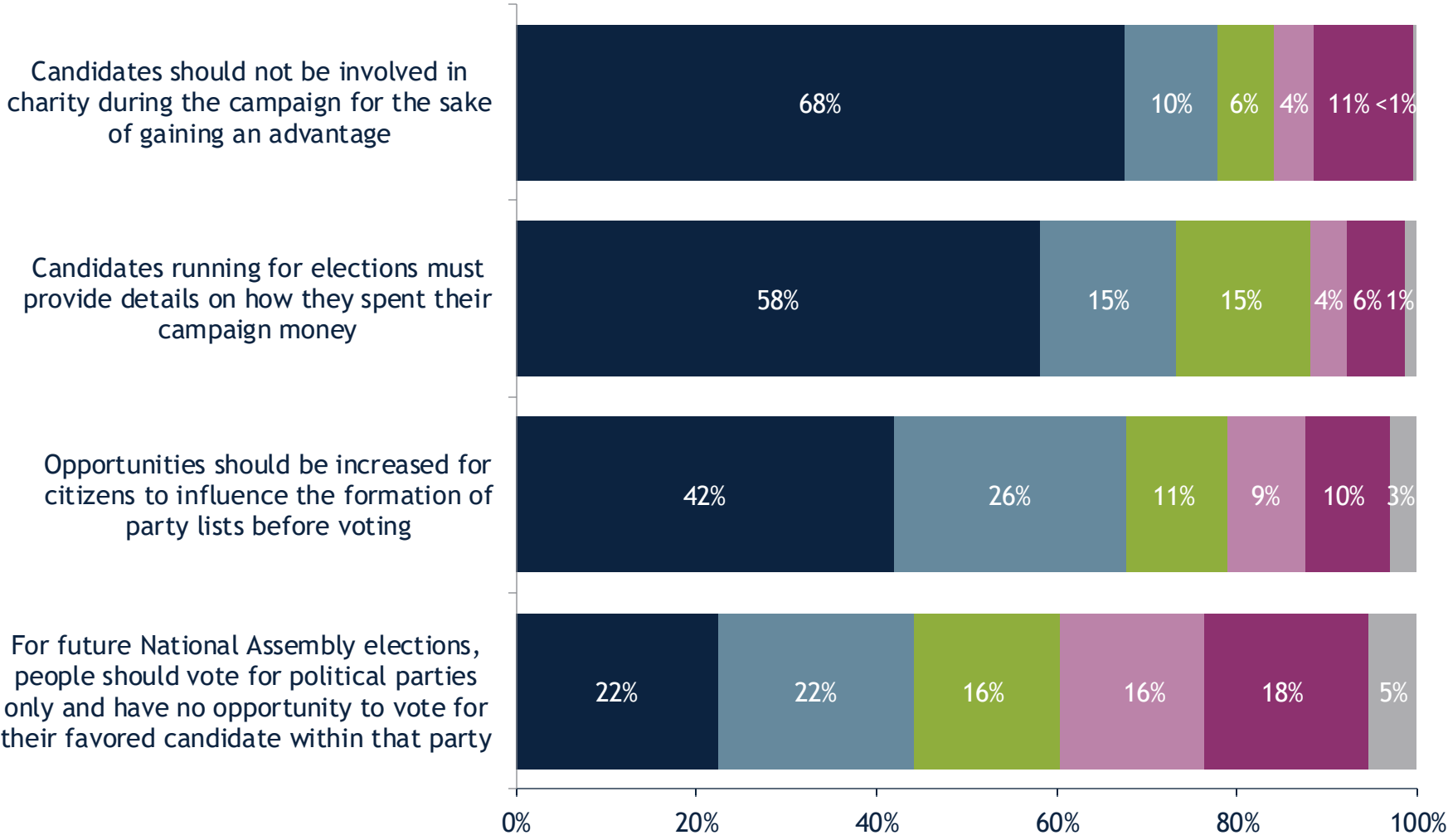
I will not vote because:
(Multiple responses allowed, n=244*)



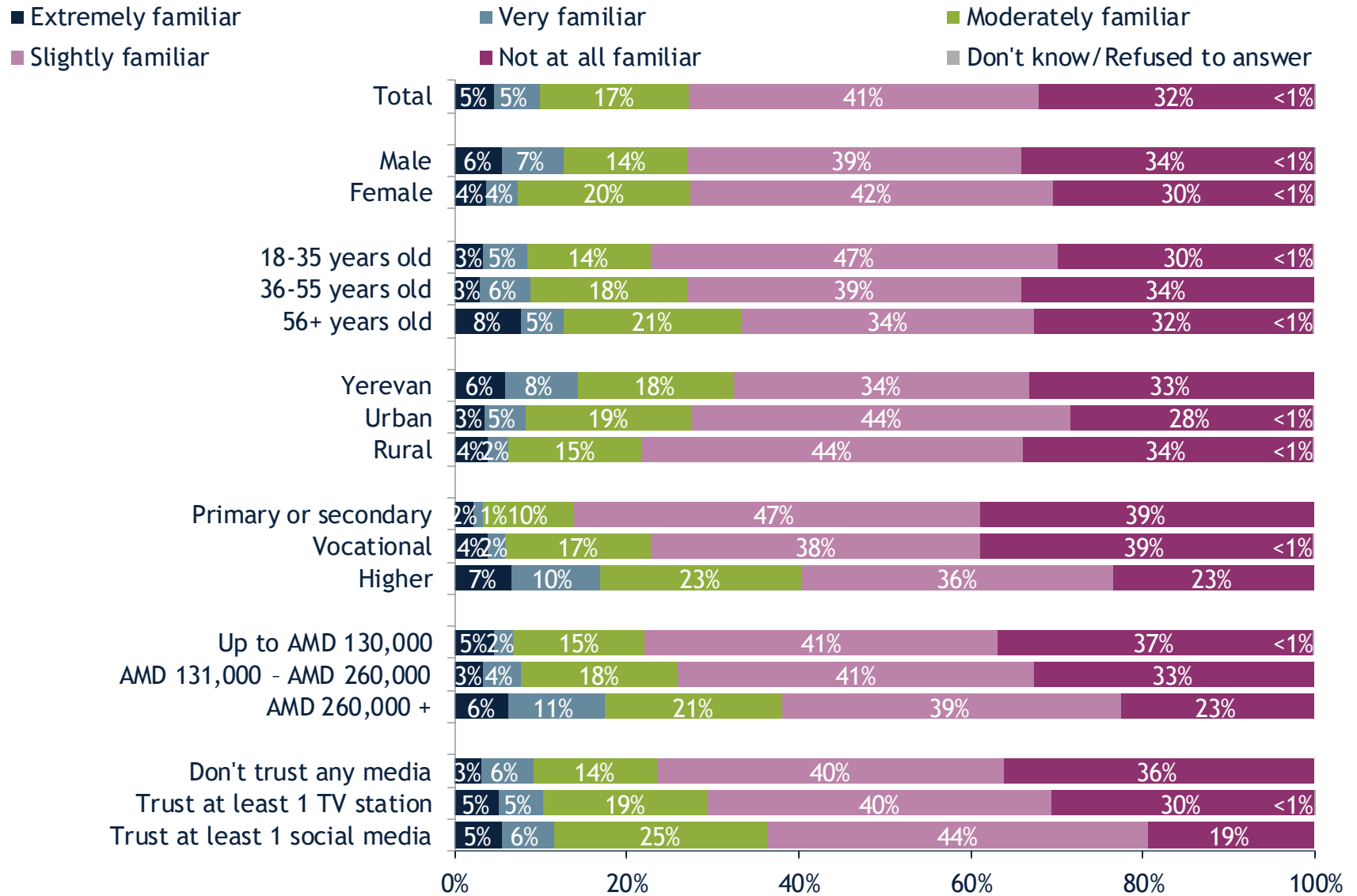
**Those who answered “I will probably not vote” or “I will definitely not vote” to the following question:
“Are you going to vote in the next parliamentary elections?”*

To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements?

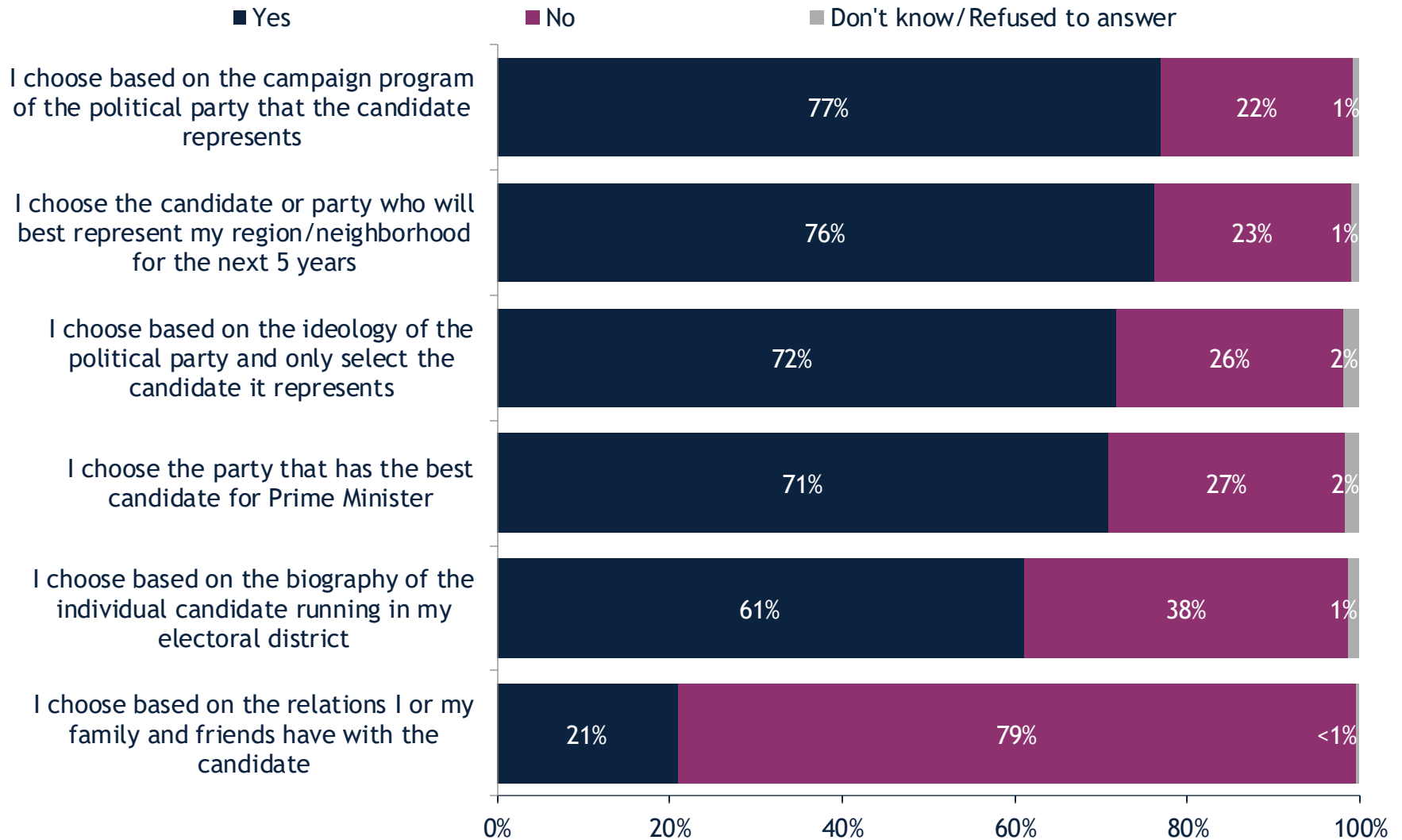
■ Fully agree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Does not matter
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Fully disagree
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



How familiar are you with the mechanisms by which the National Assembly is elected?

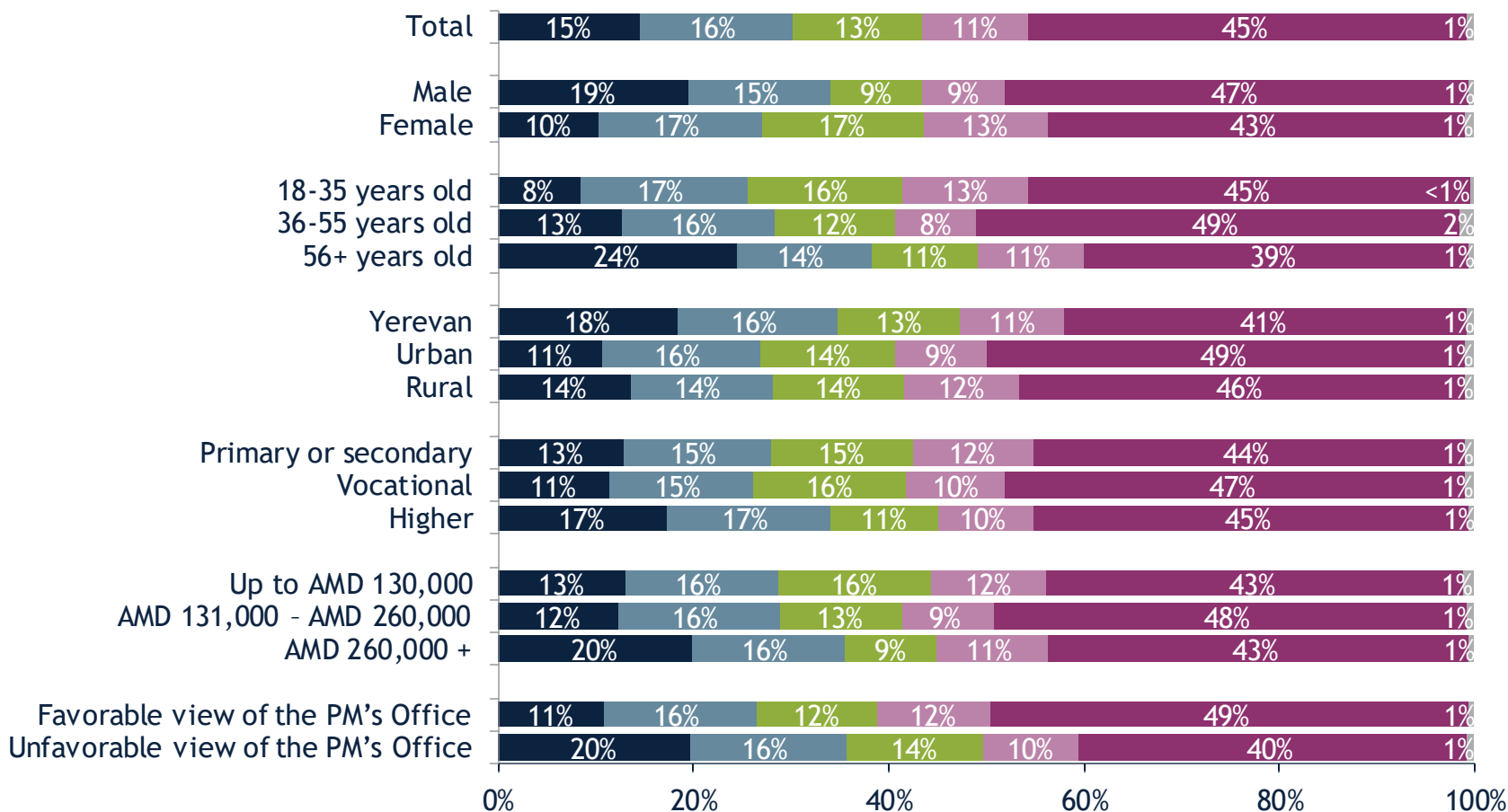


Which, if any, of these options guide your decision-making during National Assembly elections?



Based on the provided information* do you agree or disagree that the voting threshold should be lowered so that more political parties can be represented in the National Assembly?

■ Fully agree
 ■ Rather agree
 ■ Does not matter
 ■ Rather disagree
 ■ Fully disagree
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

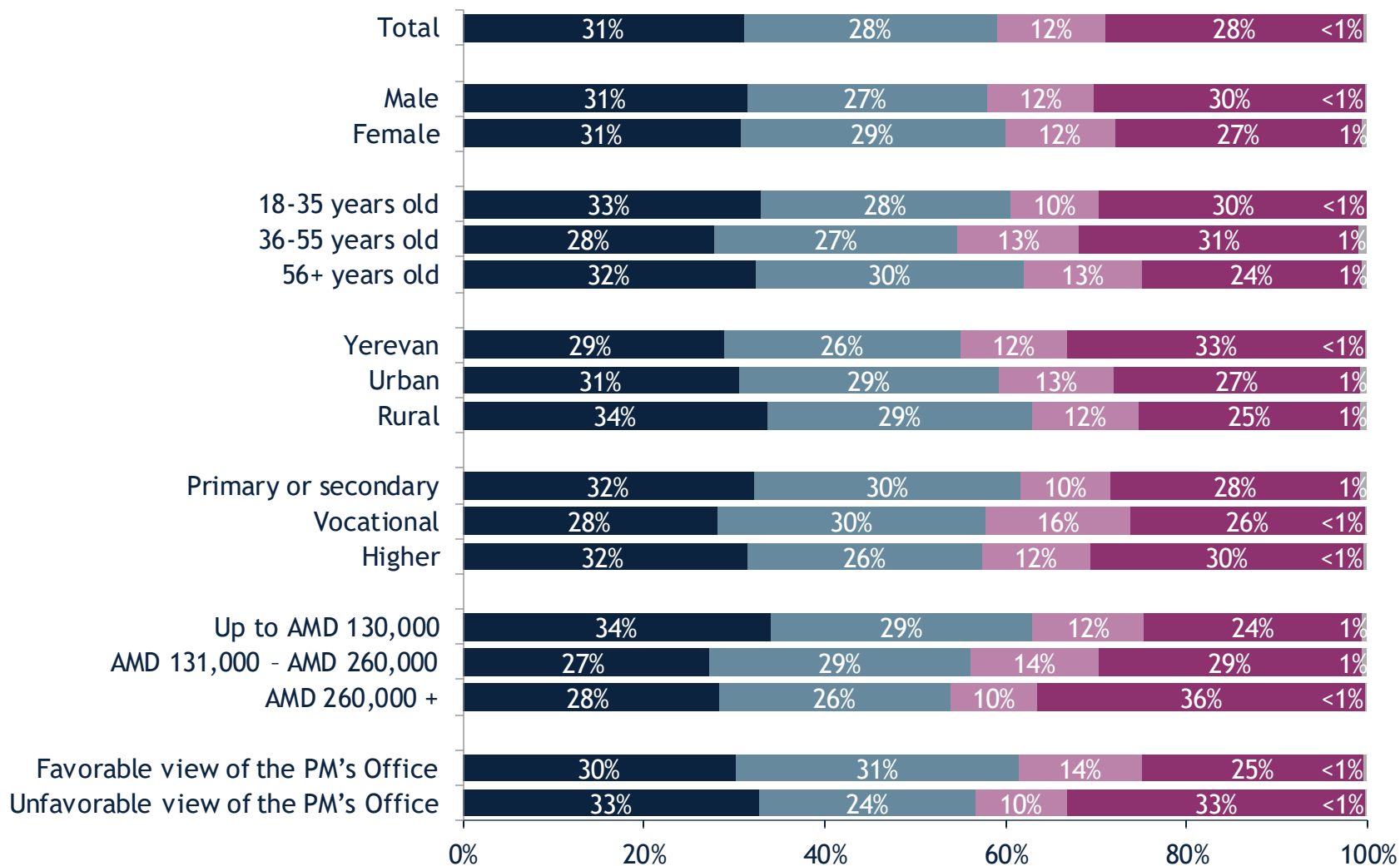


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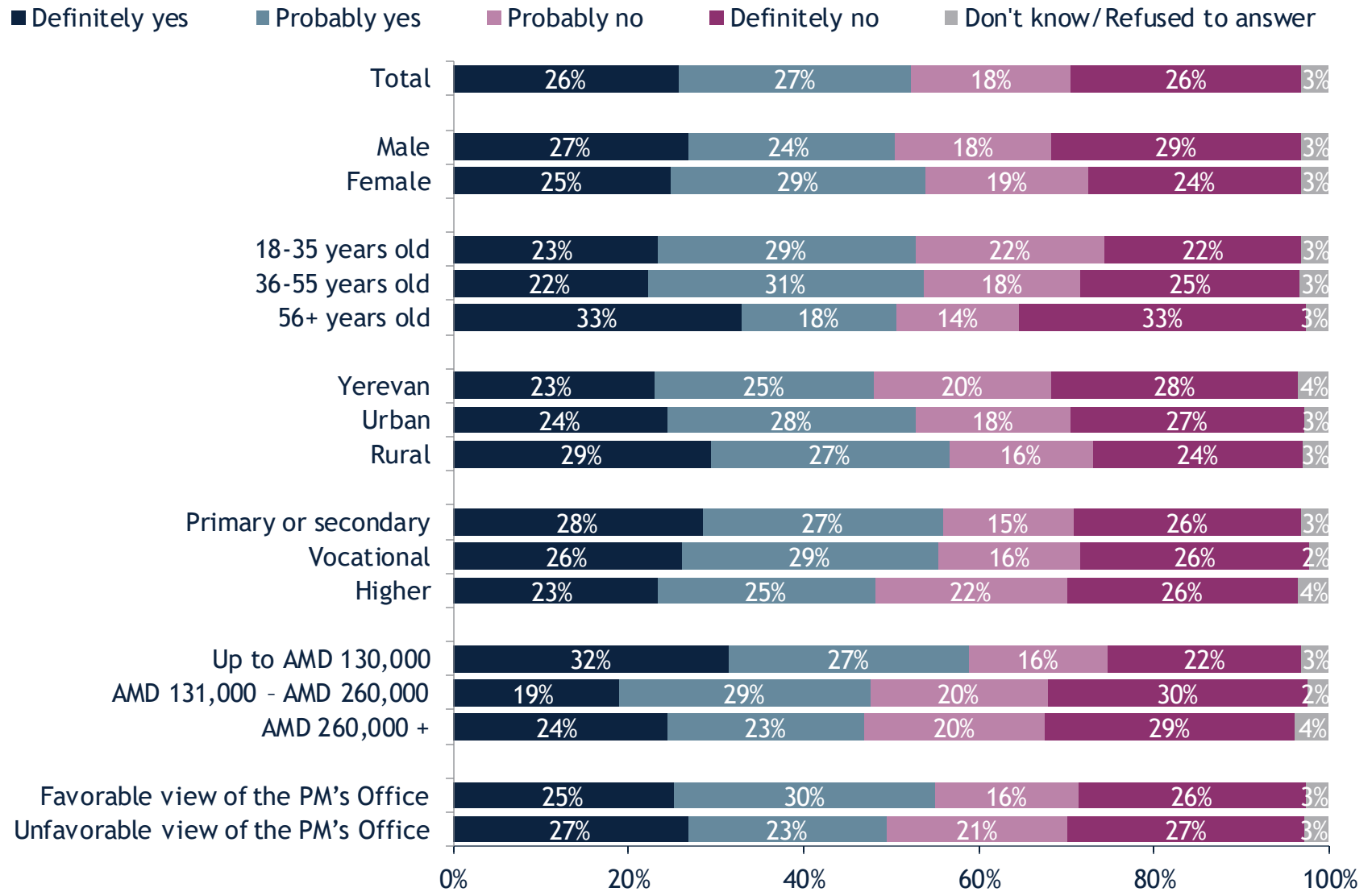
At present, if any party wants to have a mandate in the parliament, it must cross the minimum voting threshold. According to the current Electoral Code the threshold for political parties is 5%, and 7% for alliances.

How important is it for you to have a balance between men and women representatives in the Parliament?

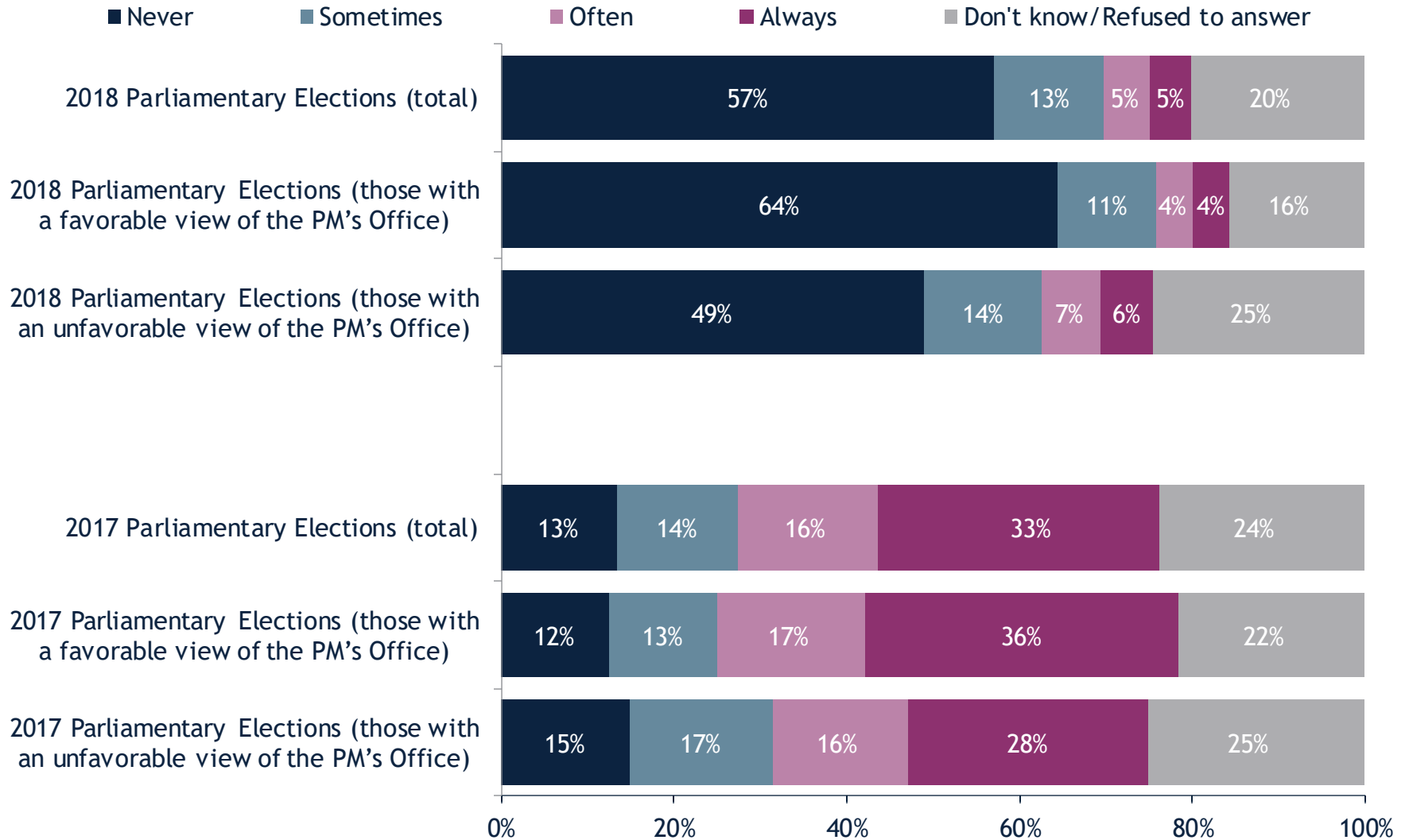
■ Very important
 ■ Somewhat important
 ■ Somewhat not important
 ■ Not at all important
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



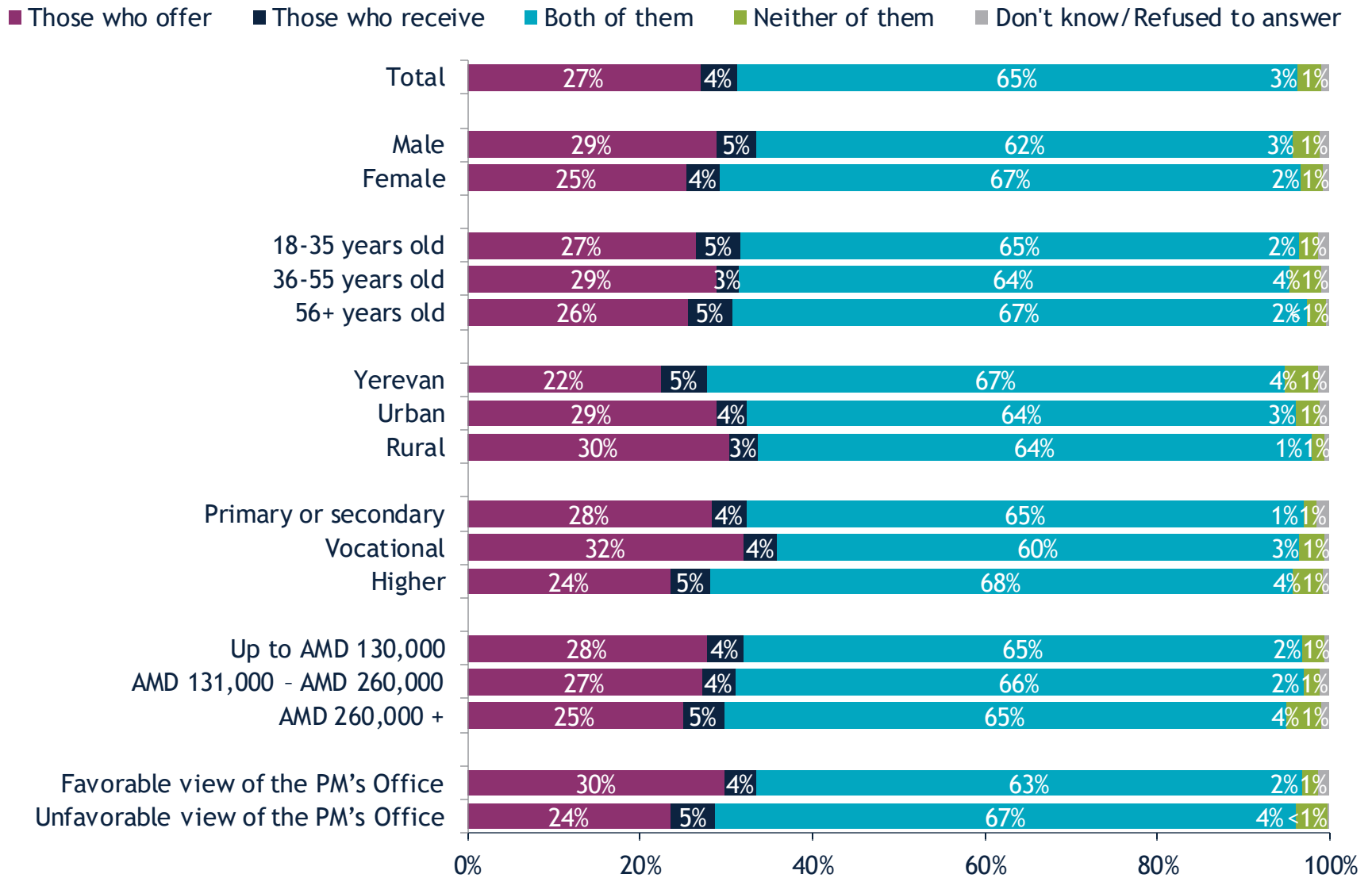
According to the current Electoral Code, the quota for women in the lists of candidates is 30%. In your opinion, to ensure the involvement of women in the parliament, should this quota be increased to 40 percent?



In your opinion how often, if ever, have voters been bribed during the following election campaigns?

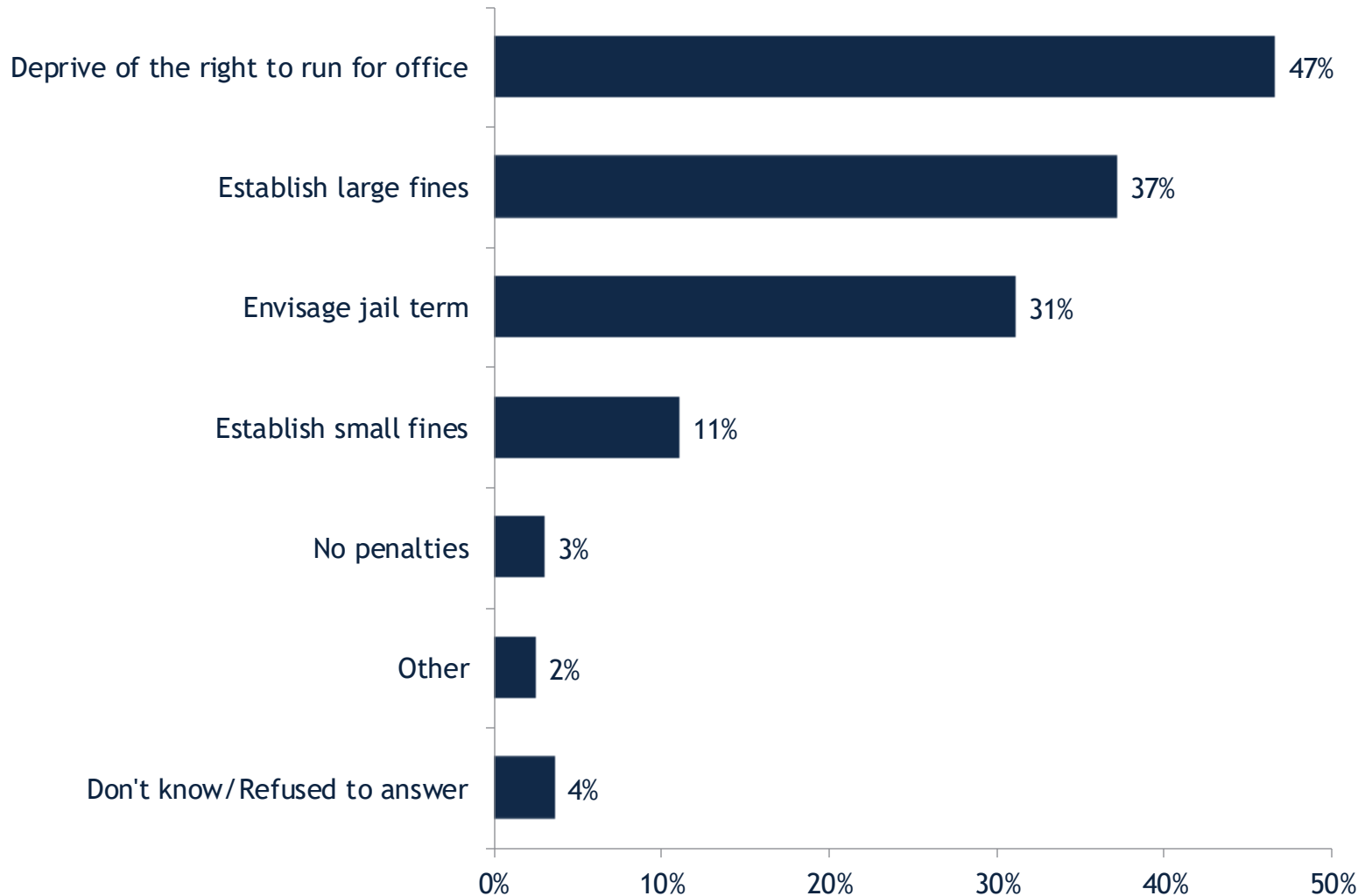


Who do you think should be punished: those who receive or those who offer electoral bribes?

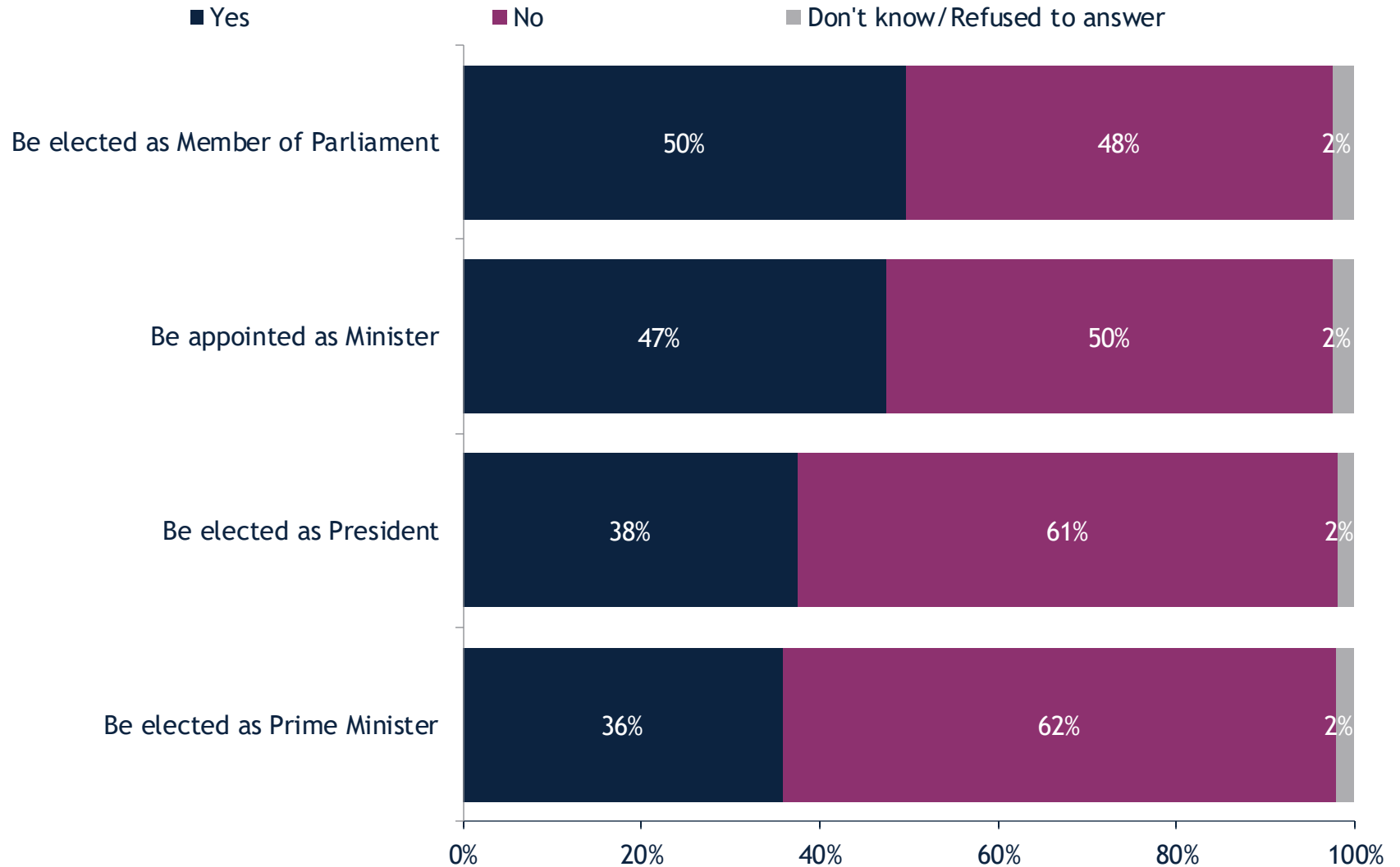


In your opinion, how should vote bribing be handled by the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia?

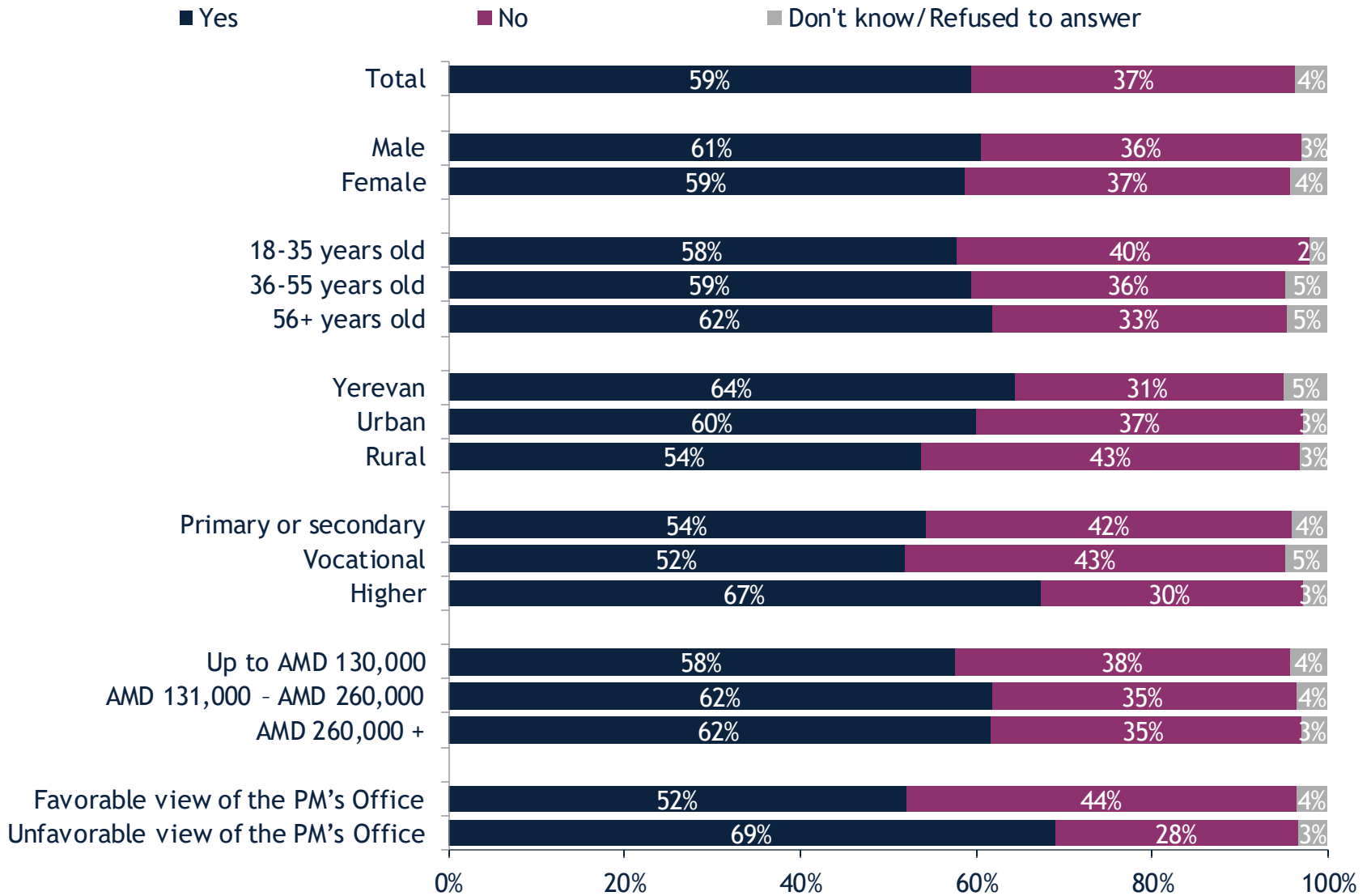
(Multiple responses allowed)



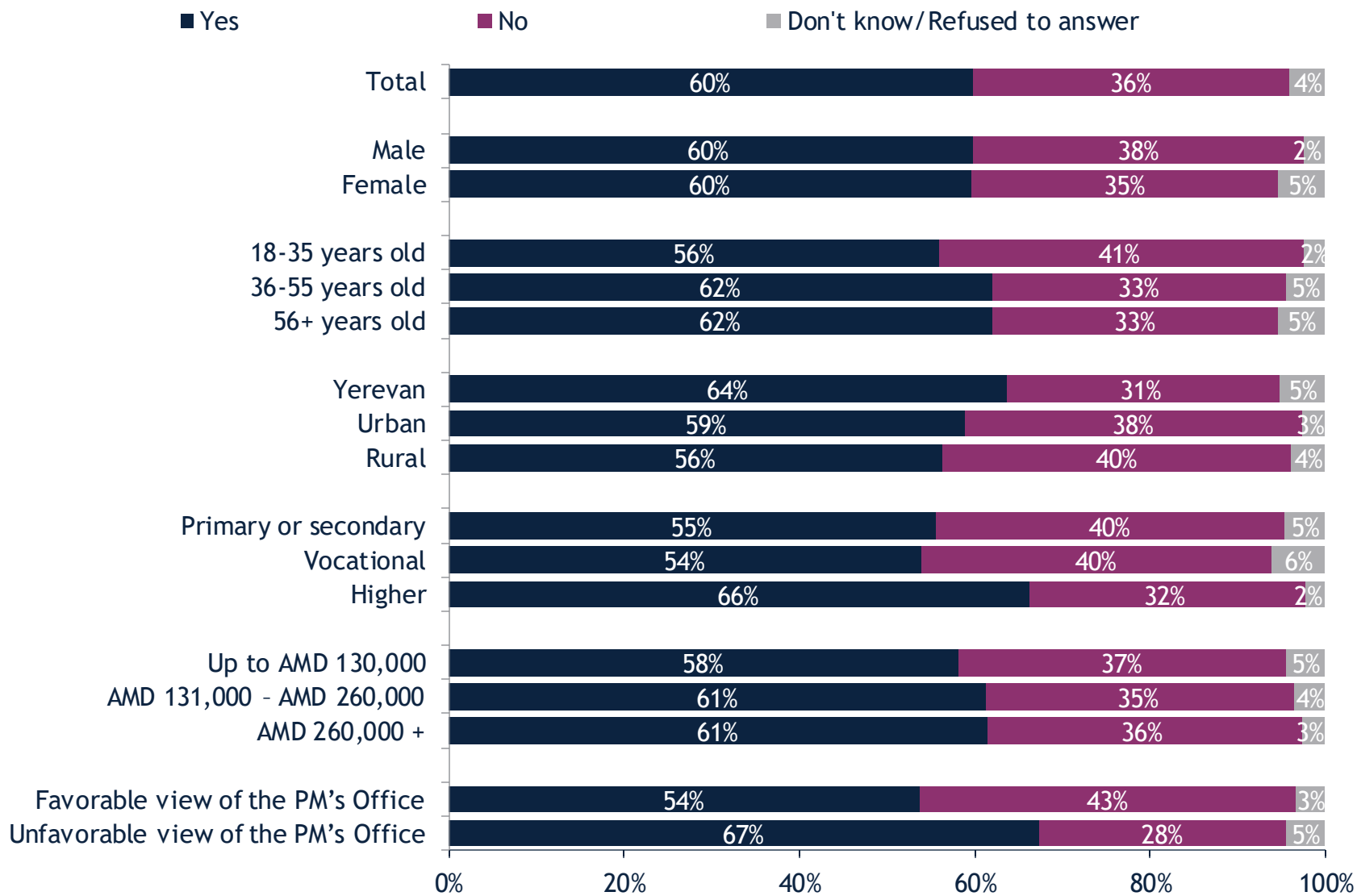
Should Armenians who have dual citizenship be provided with the opportunity to...?



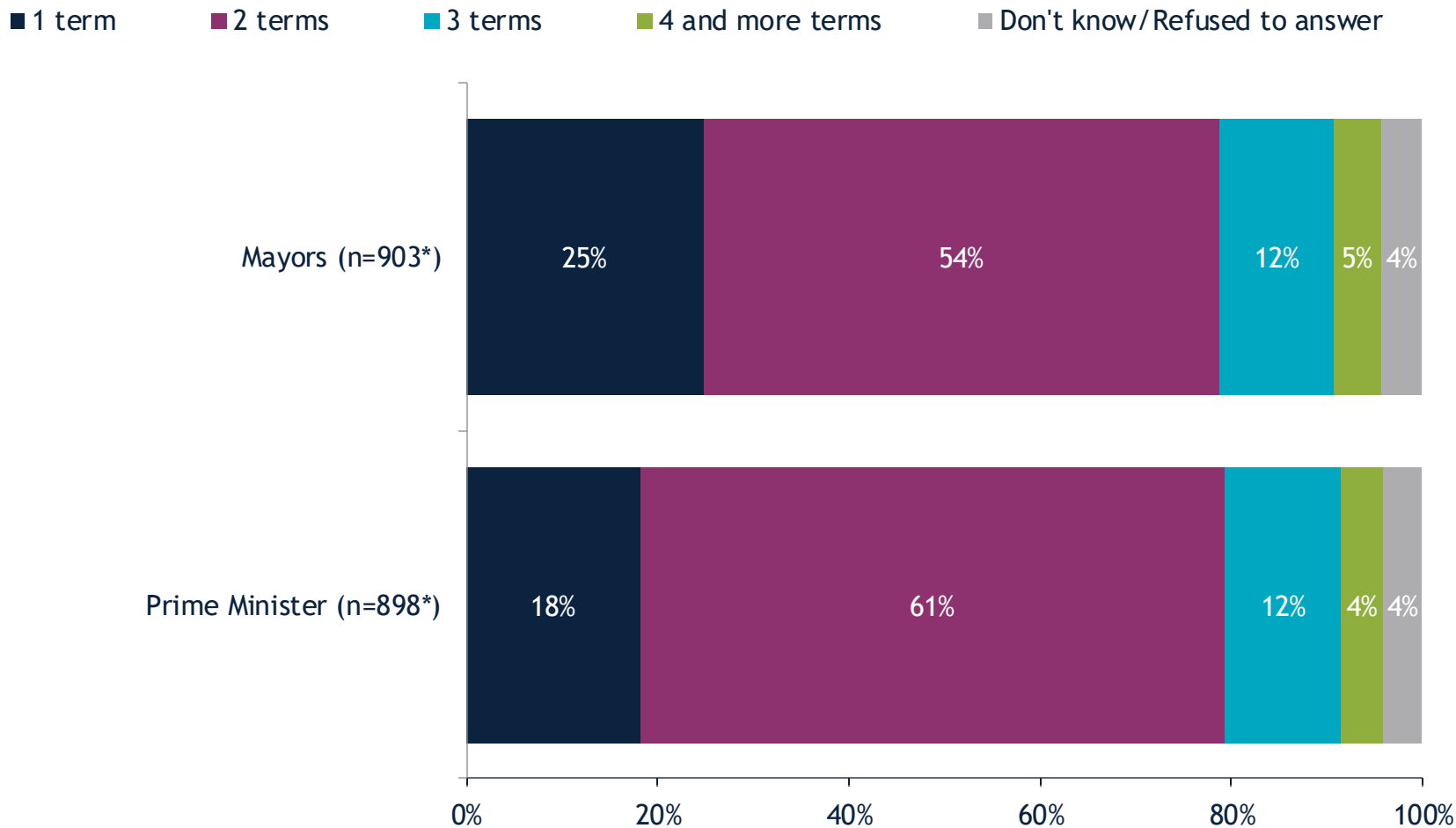
In your opinion, should the Prime Minister have a limit on how many terms they can be elected?



In your opinion, should Mayors have a limit on how many terms they can be elected?

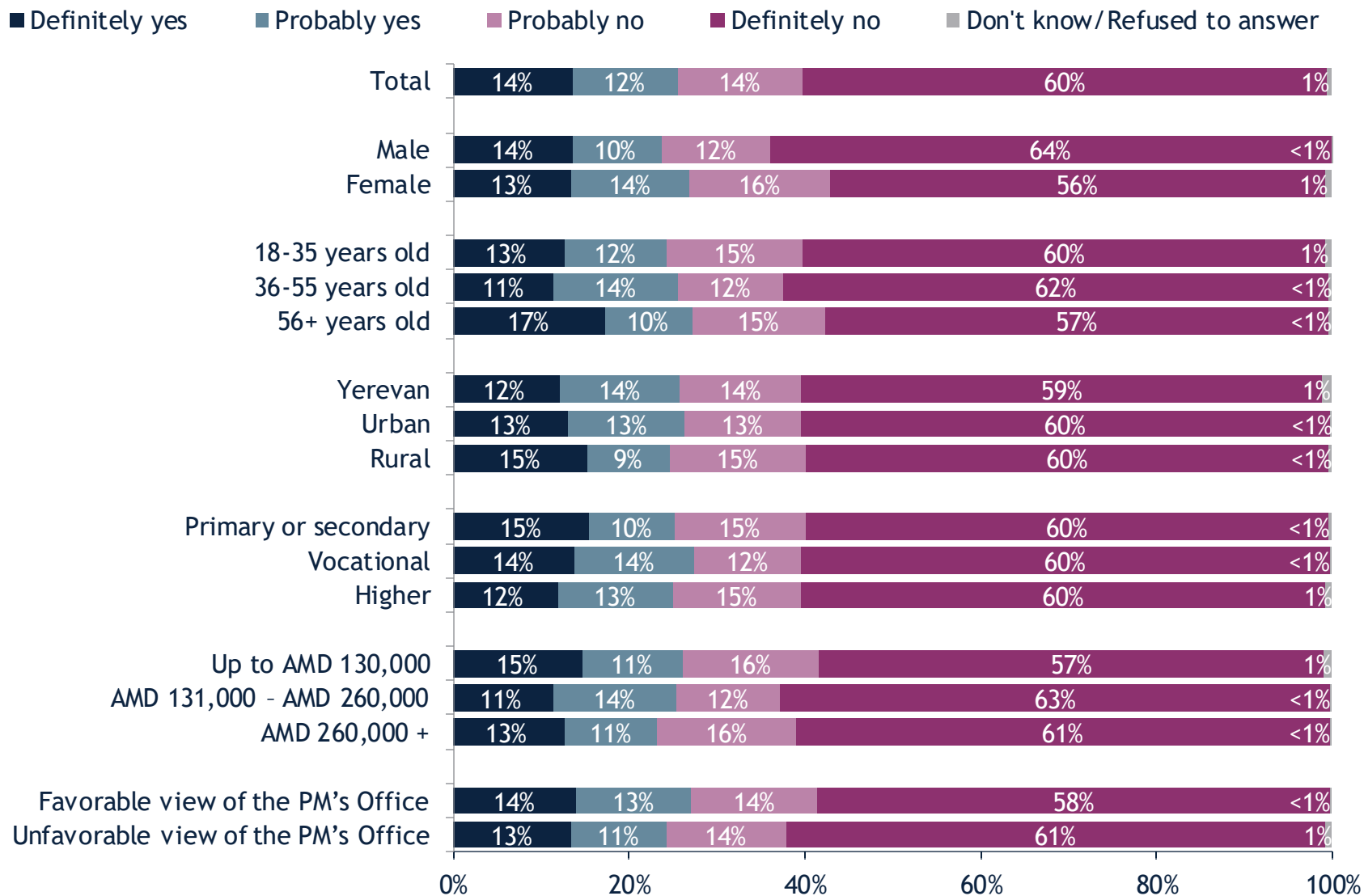


How many terms should the Prime Minister and Mayors be allowed to serve? (Spontaneous responses)



*Asked to those who answered “yes” to the following question:
“In your opinion should the Prime Minister and Mayors have a limit on how many terms they can be elected?”

In your opinion, should the right to vote in local self-government elections be granted to people aged 16 and older (the current age is 18)?

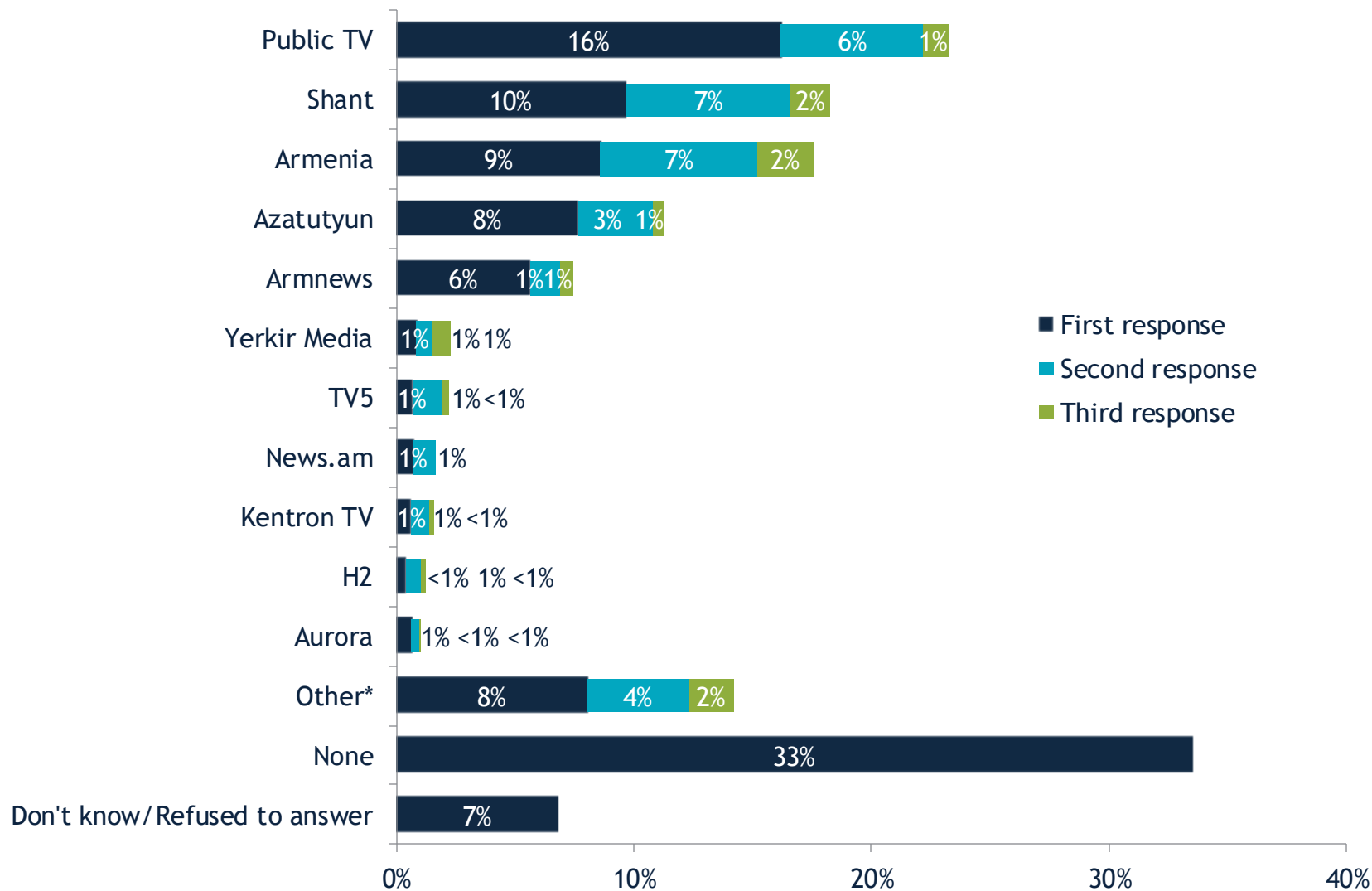




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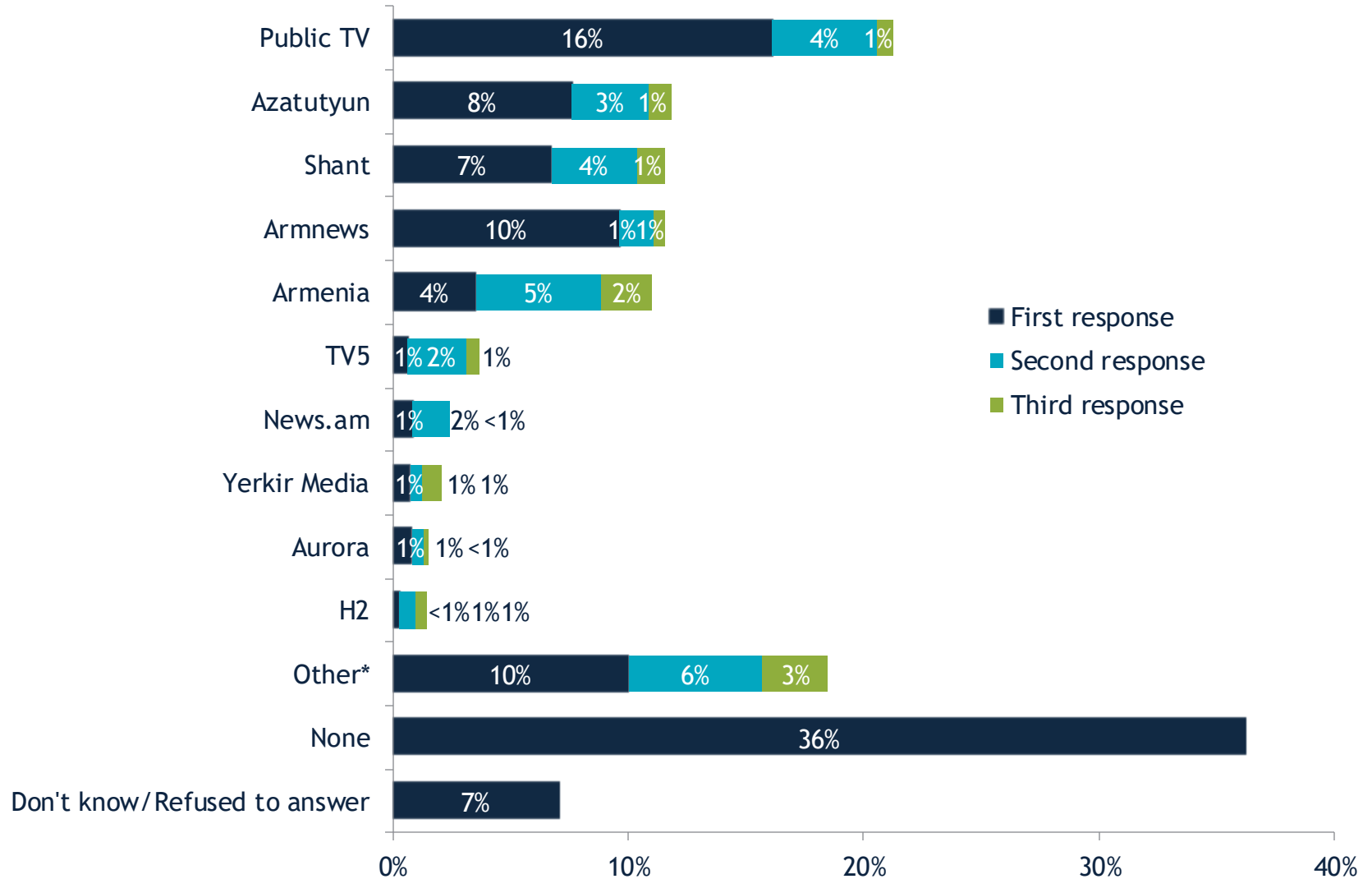
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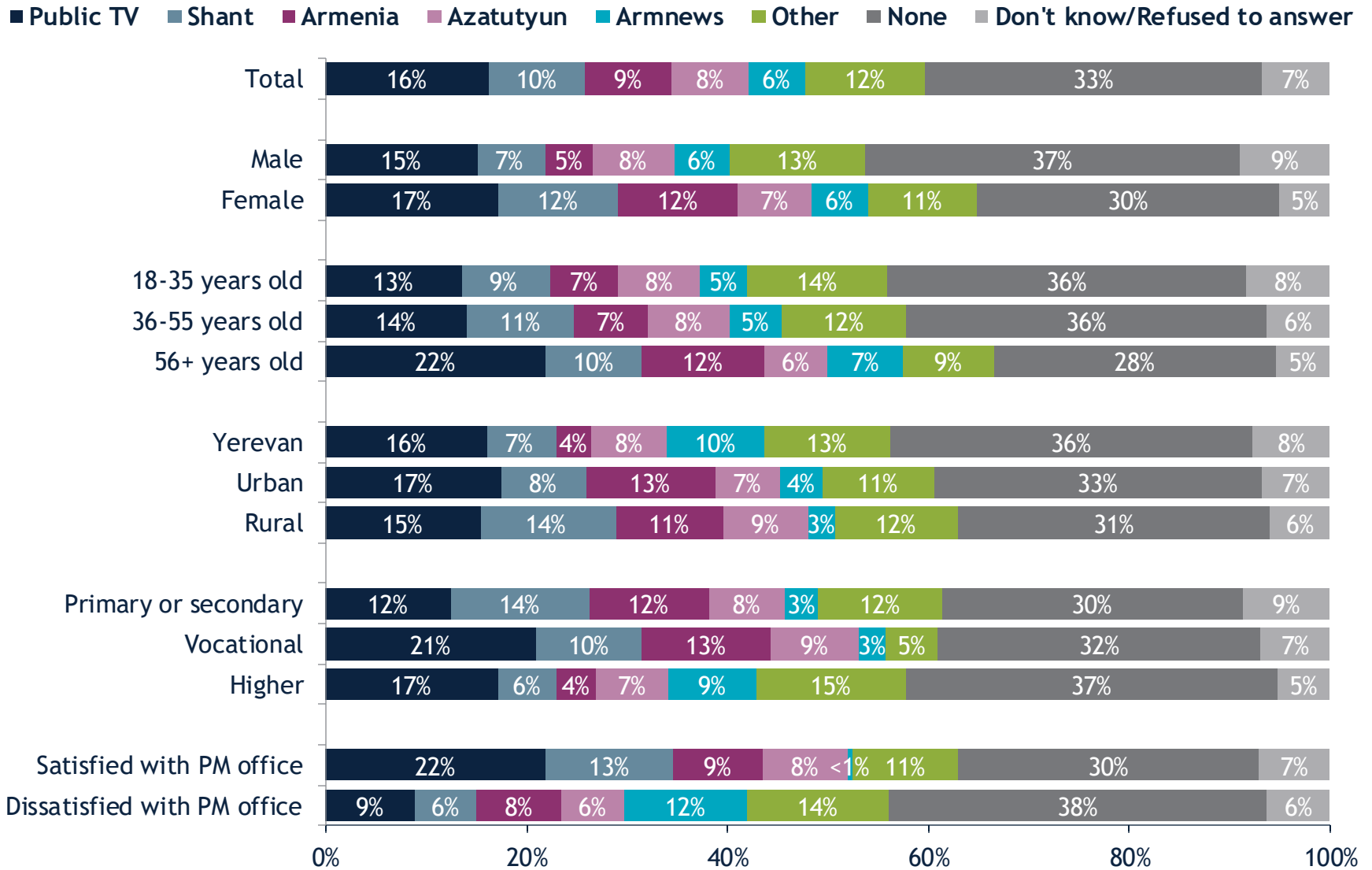
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Among respondents who live in Yerevan, n=559

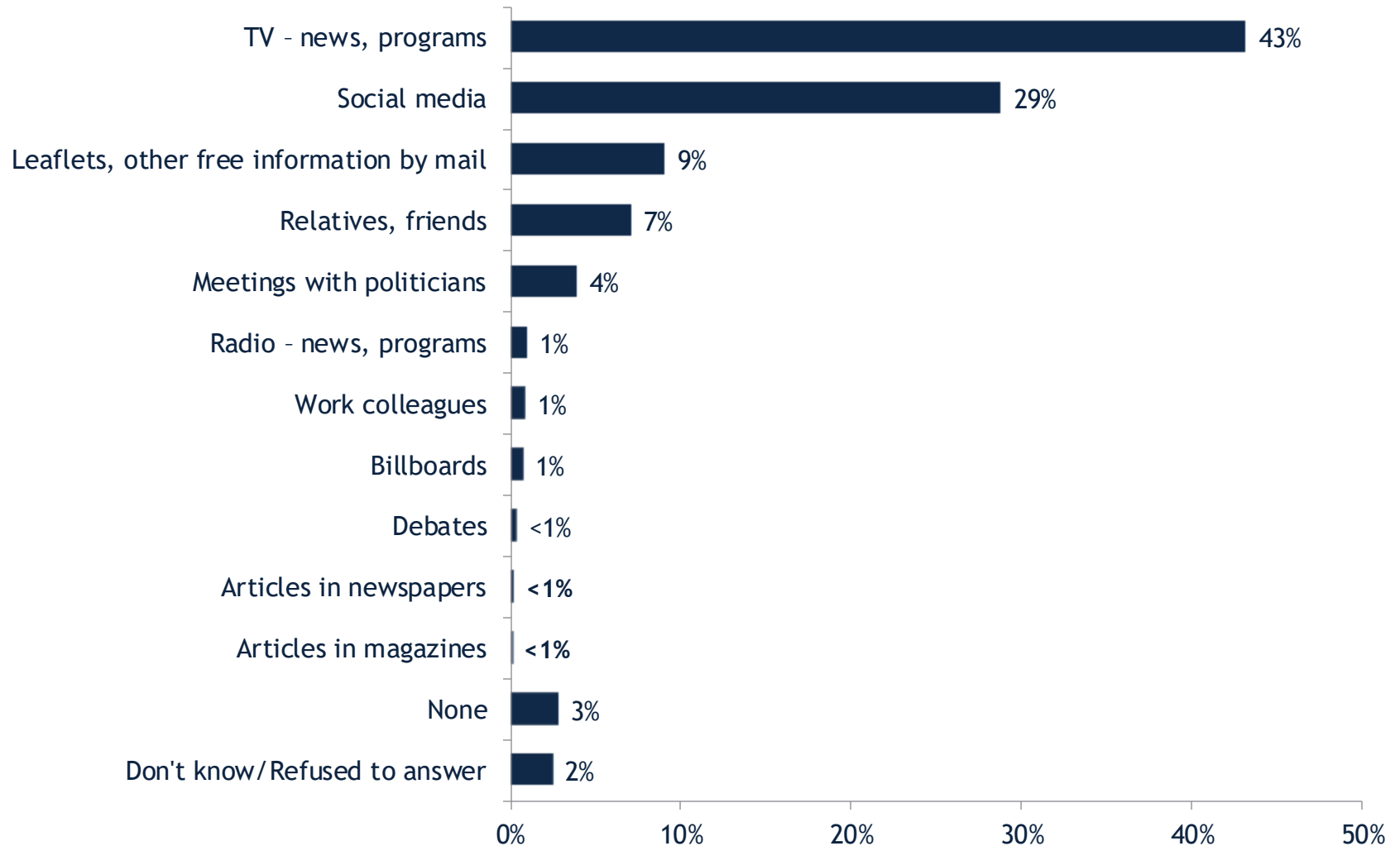


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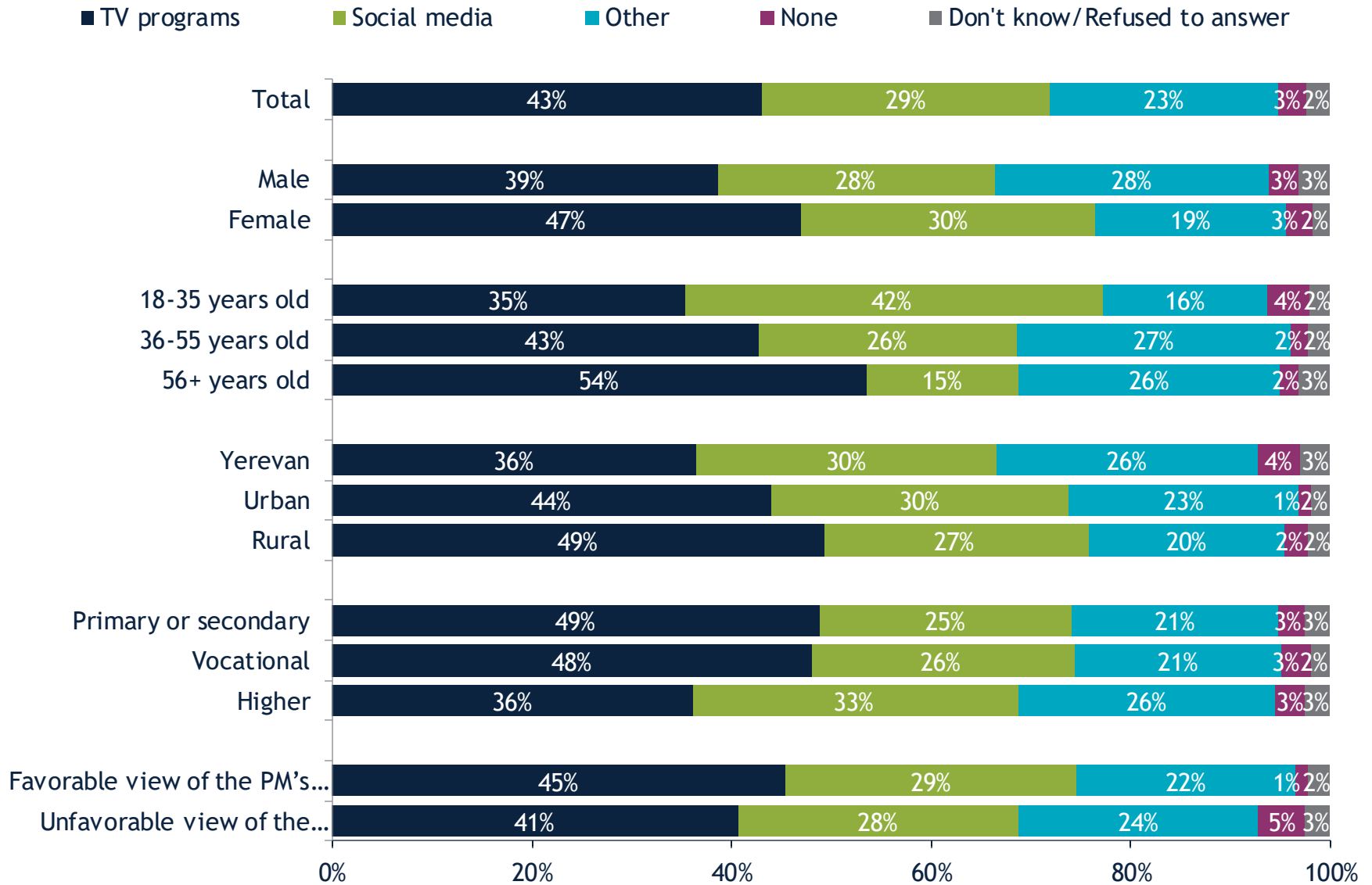
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How do you get information about the candidates running for elections? (Spontaneous response)



How do you get information about the candidates running for elections? (Spontaneous response)

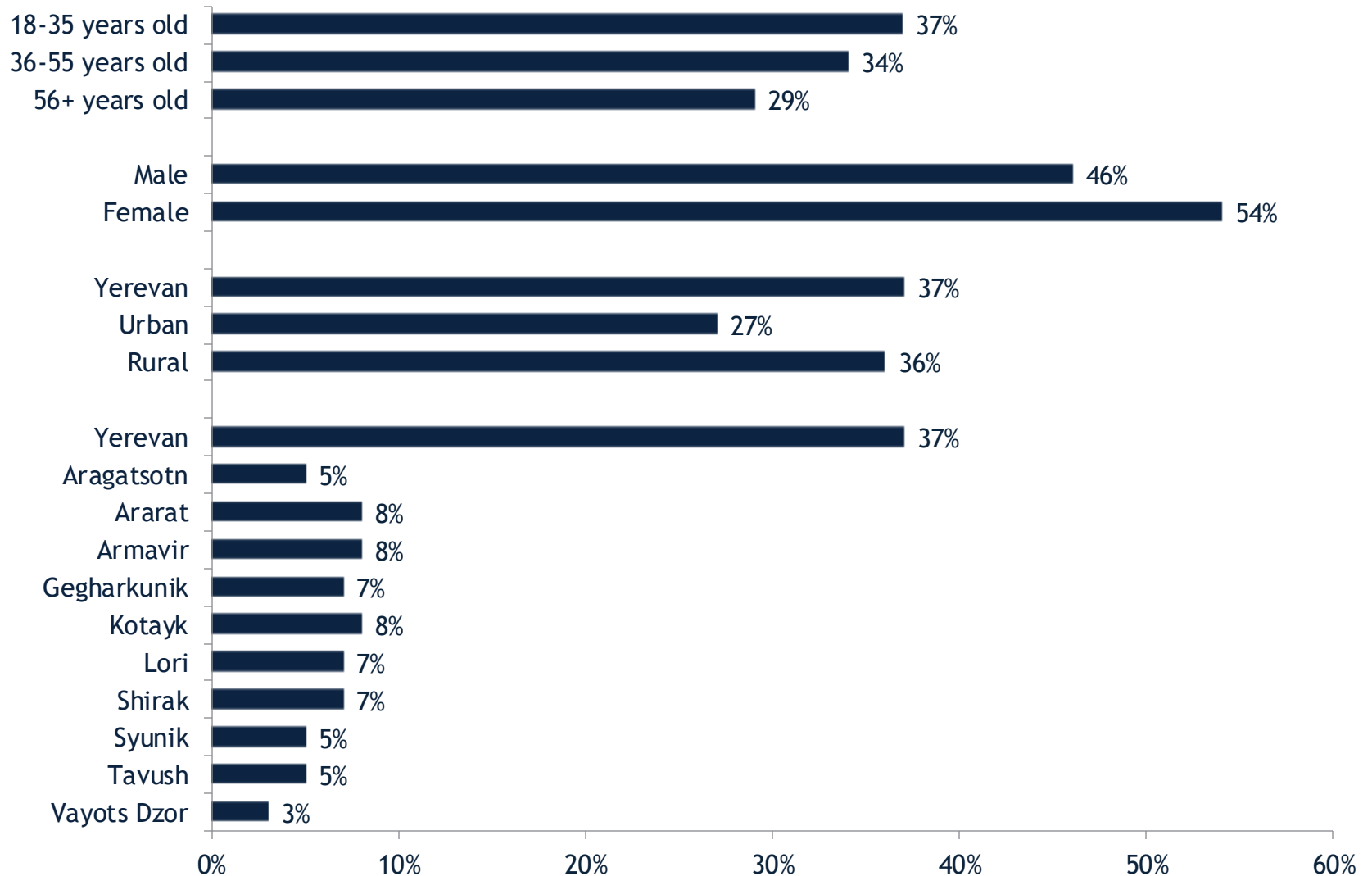




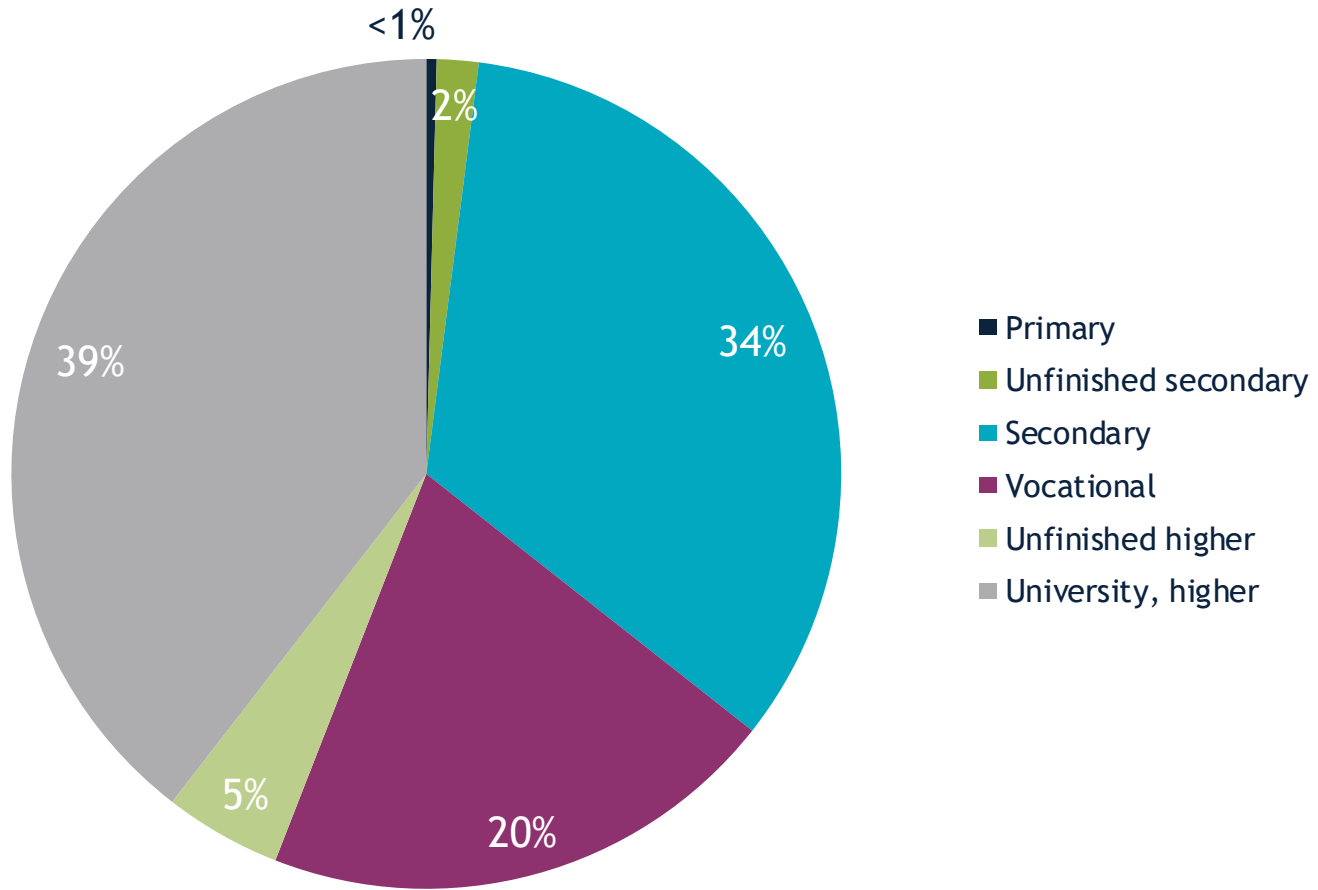
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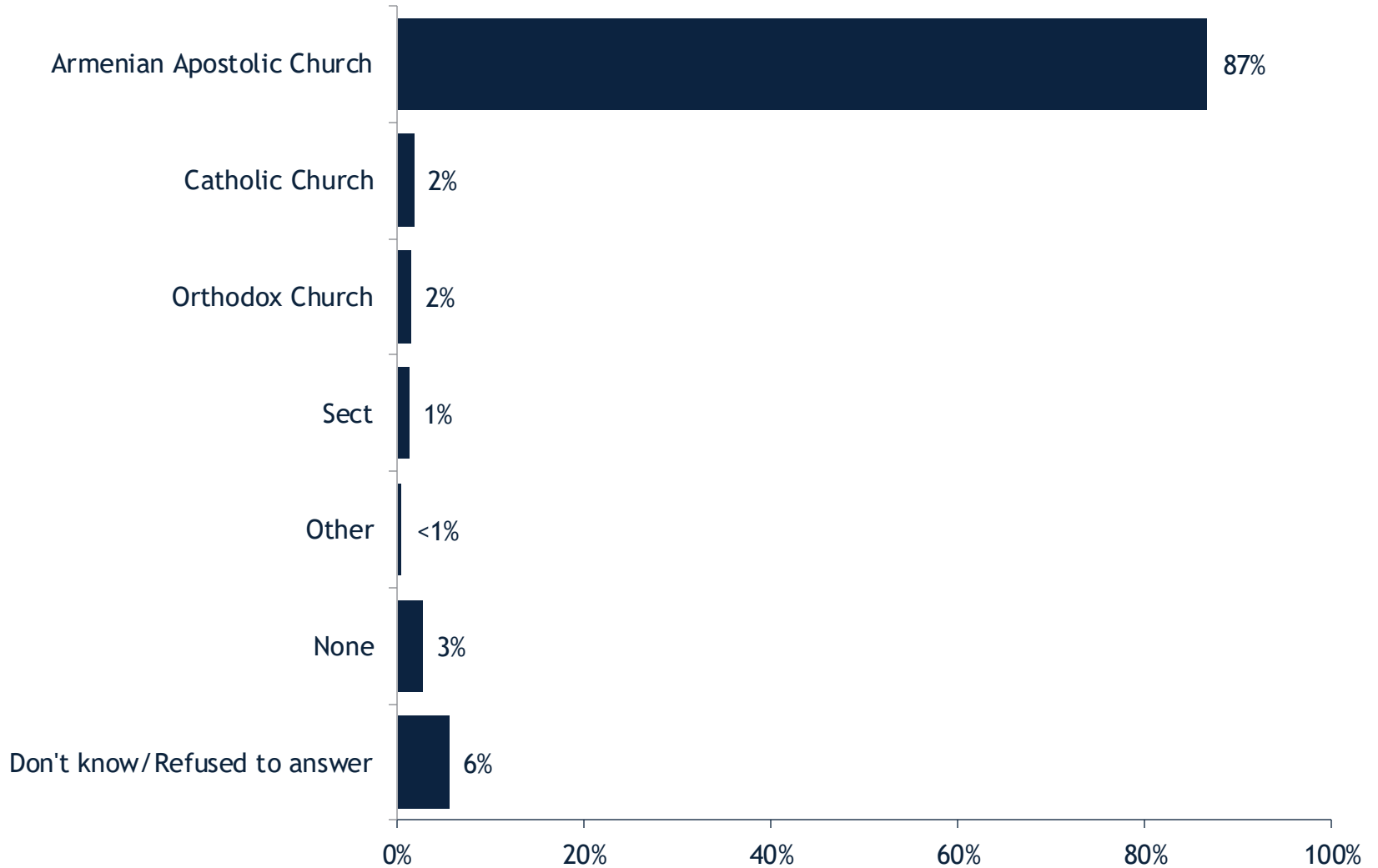
Age, Gender, Community Type, Province Distribution



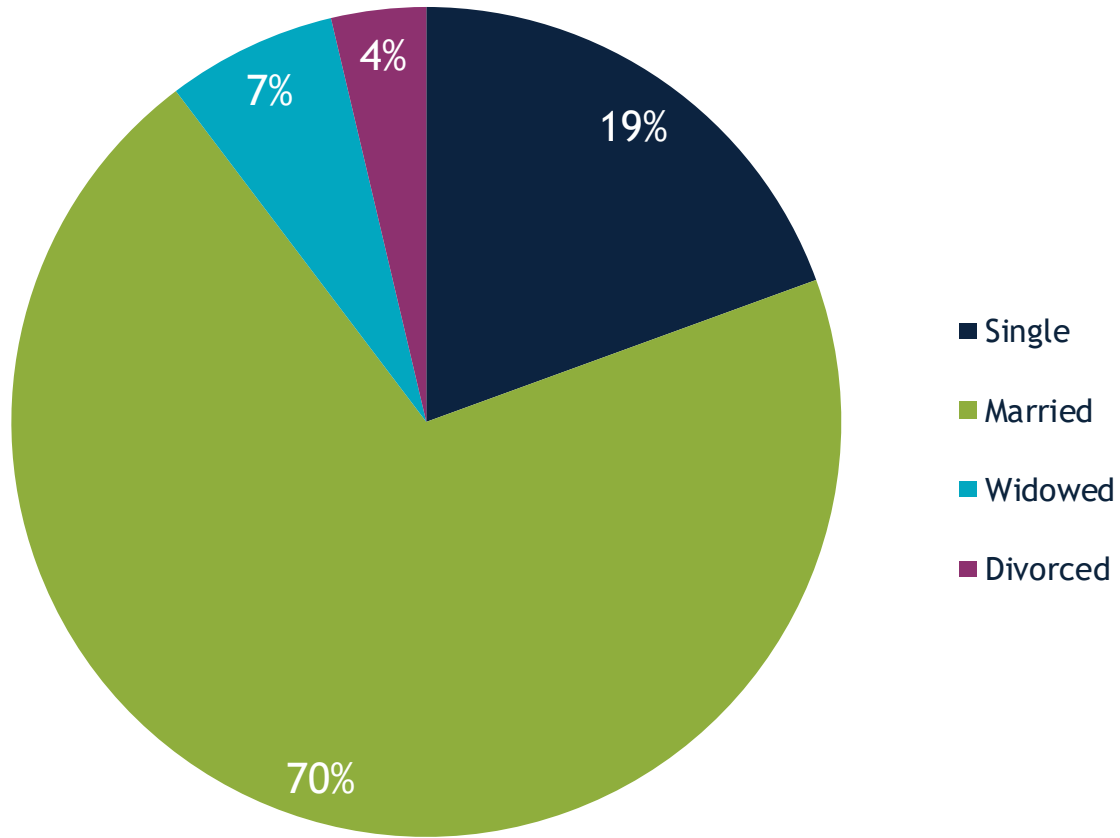
What is the highest level of education you have attained?



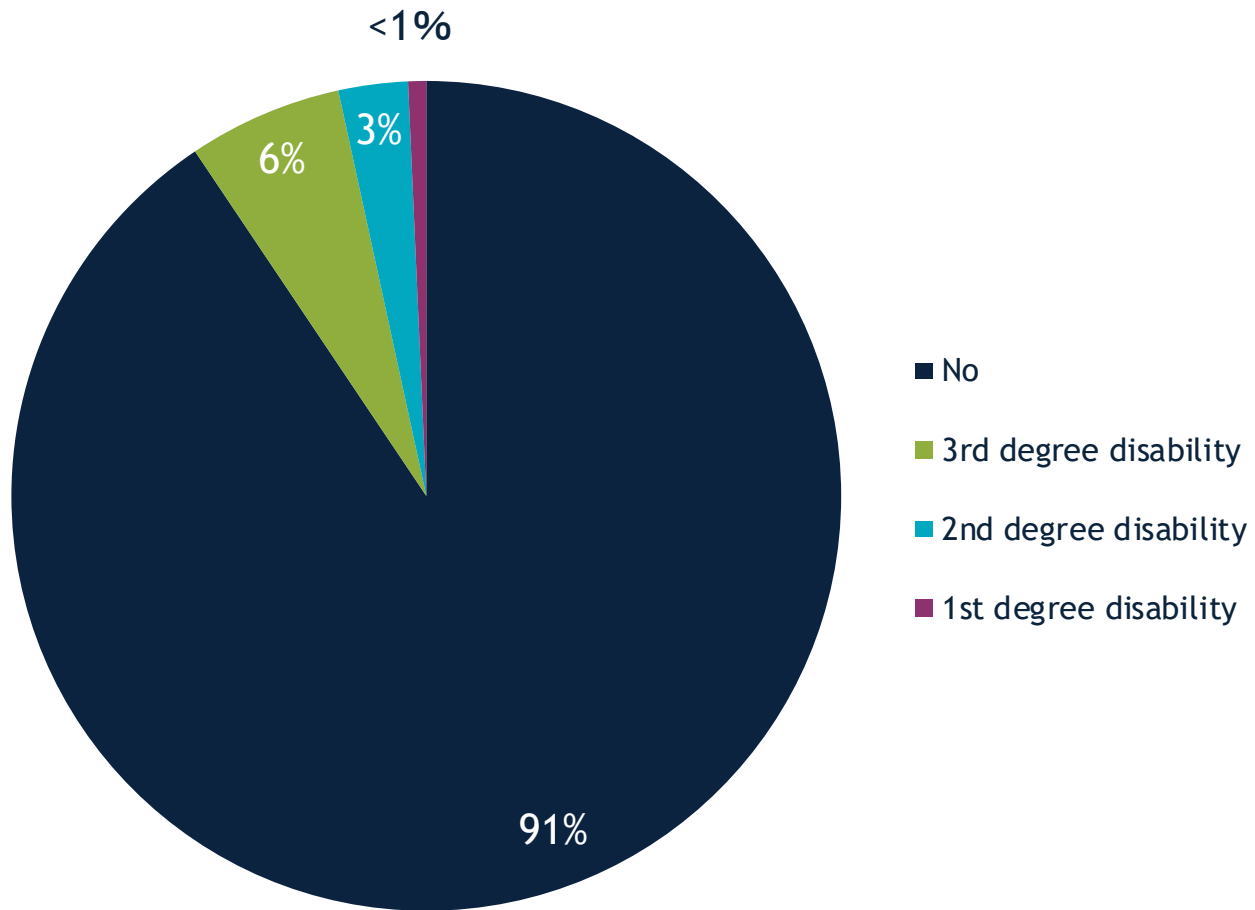
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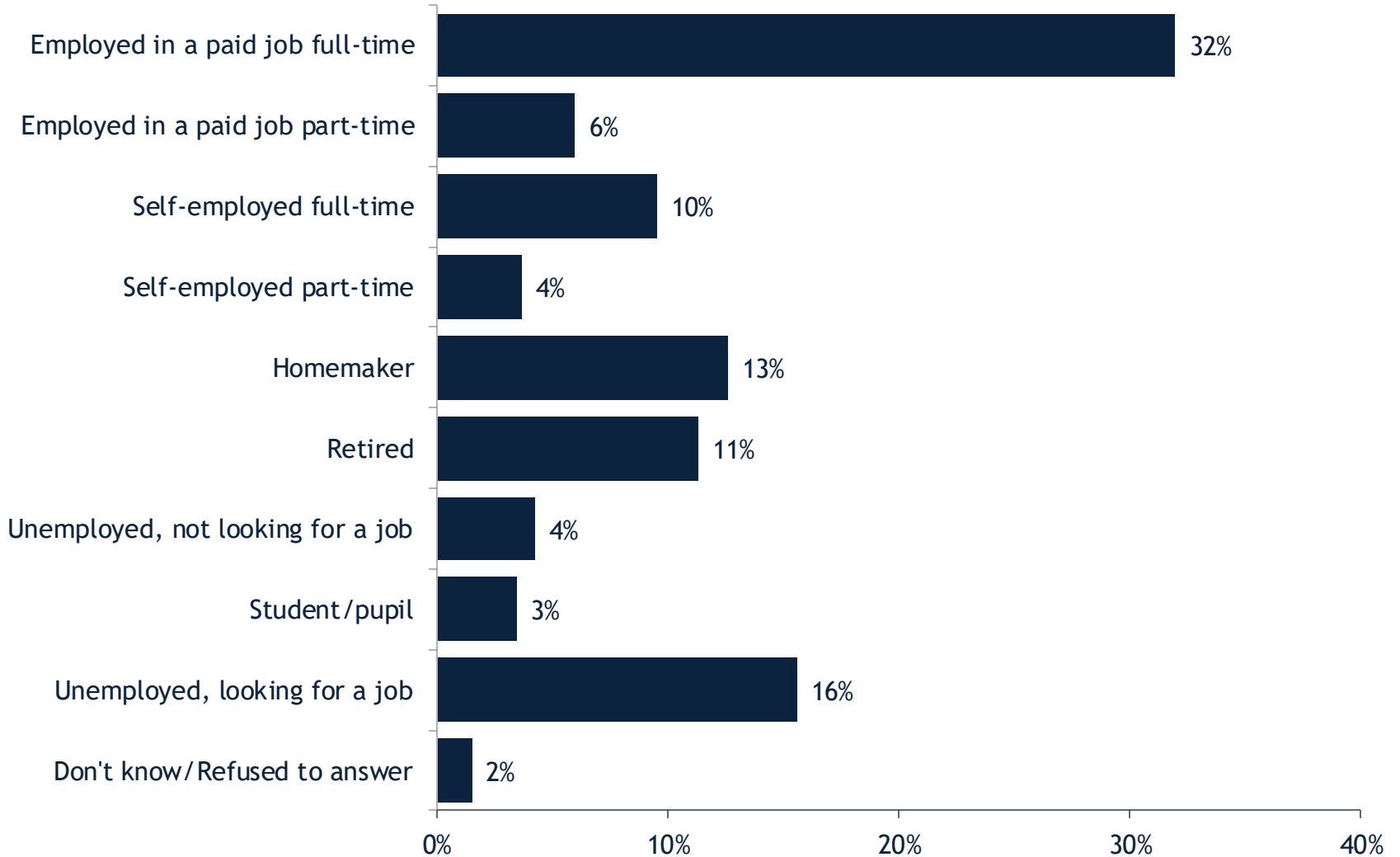
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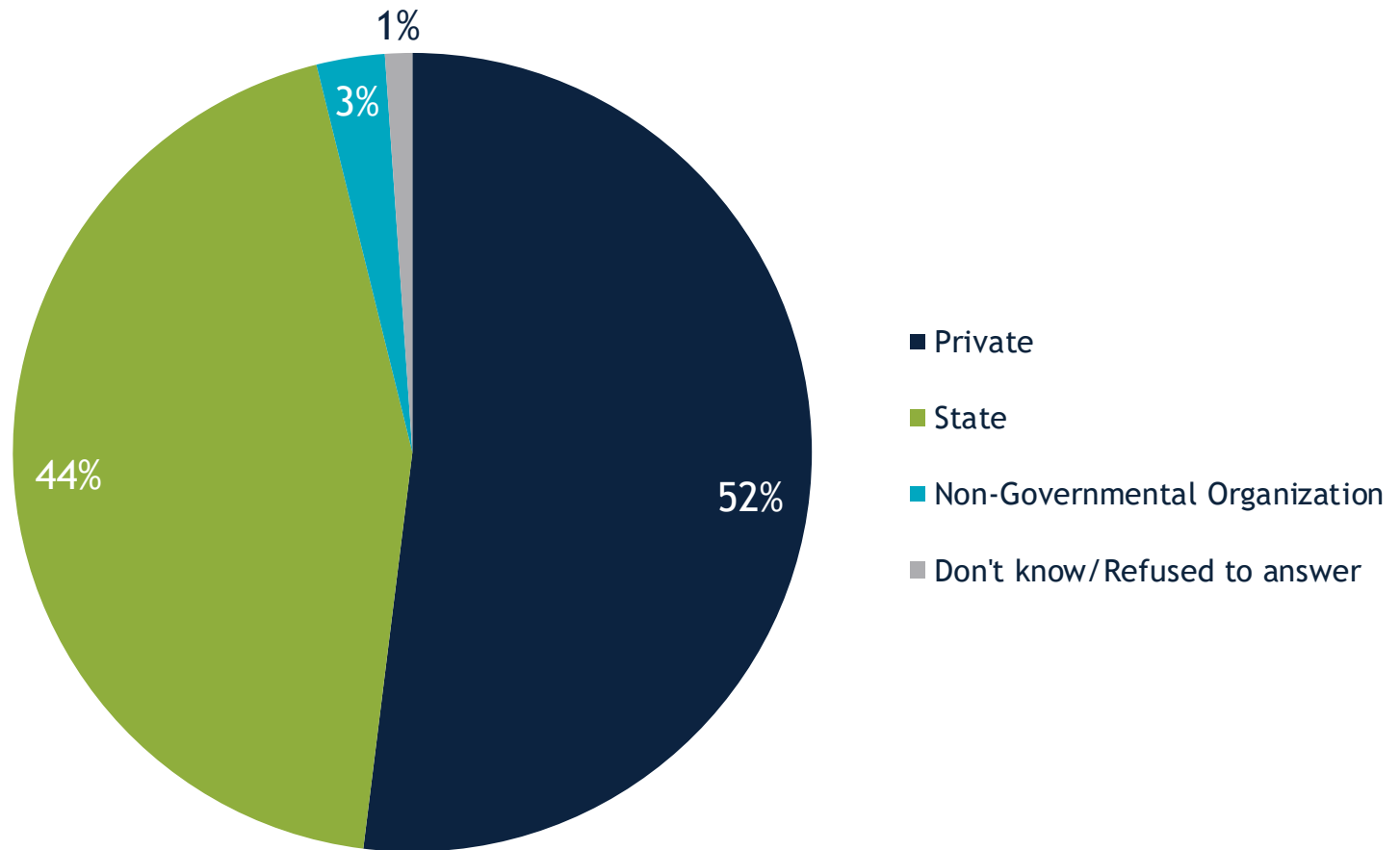
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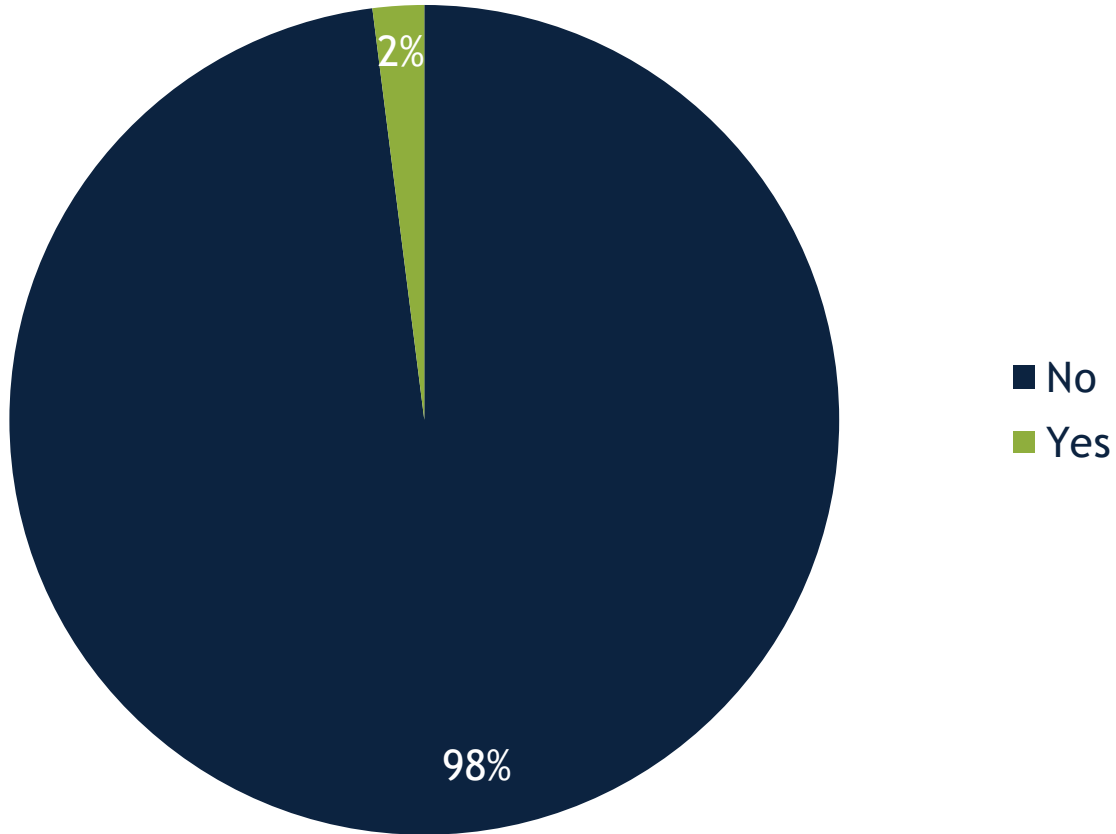
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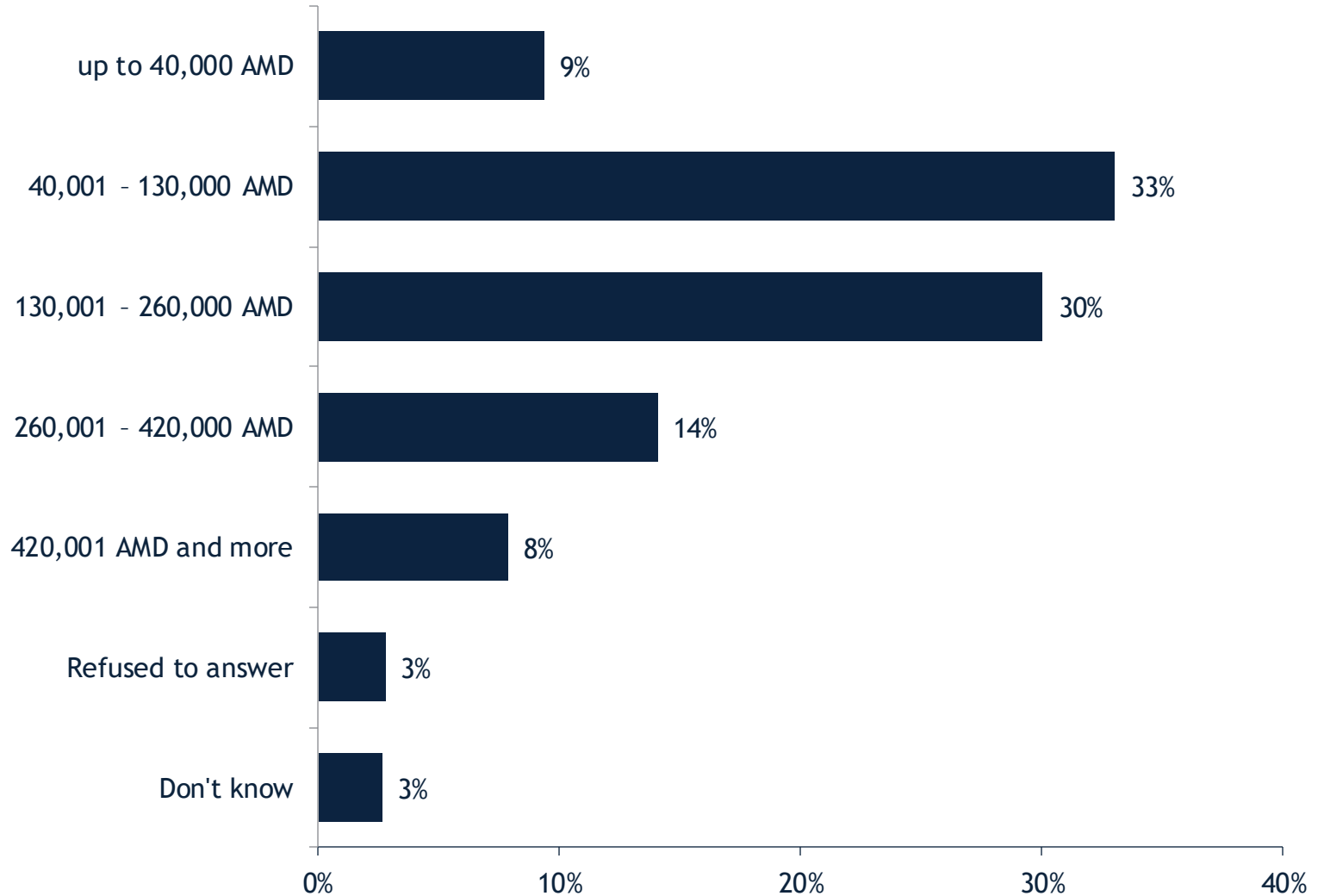
In which sector are you employed? (Those who are employed, n=573)



Are you a member of any political party?



What is your monthly household income?



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