



# Public Opinion Survey Residents of Georgia

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May 20 - June 11, 2019



# Detailed Methodology

- The field work was carried out by [Institute of Polling & Marketing](#). The survey was conducted by [Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene](#) of the public and market research company Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the [International Republican Institute's](#) Center for Insights in Survey Research.
- Data was collected throughout Georgia between May 20 and June 11, 2019, through face-to-face interviews at respondents' home.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Georgia aged 18 or older and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and size of the settlement.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used with random route and next-birthday respondent selection procedures.
  - Stage one: All districts of Georgia are grouped into 10 regions. All regions of Georgia were surveyed (Tbilisi city - as separate region).
  - 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 the settlement in each region.
  - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus, or minus 2.5 percent and the response rate was 68 percent.
- The achieved sample is weighted for regions, gender, age, and urbanity.
- 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](#).



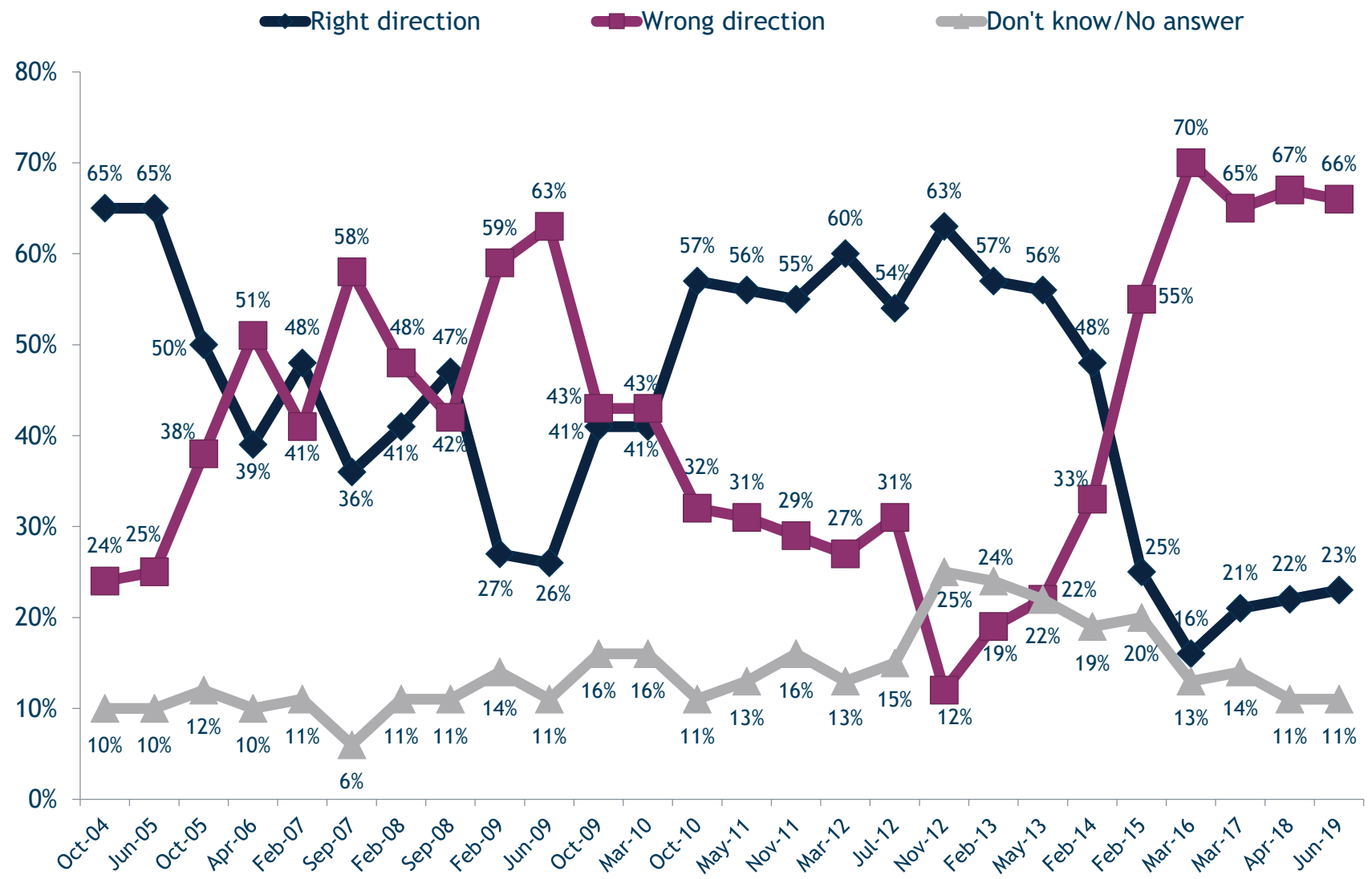
# National Outlook

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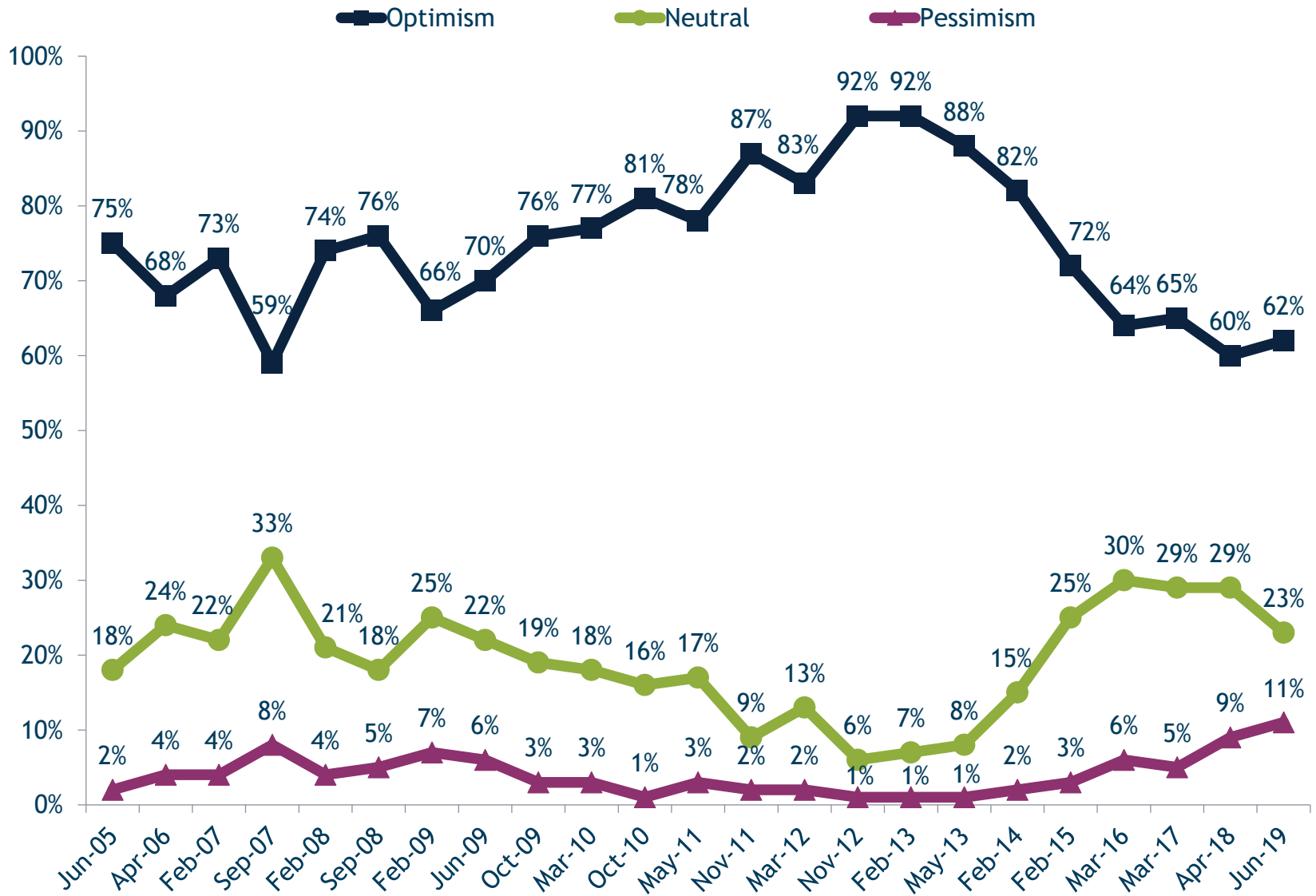


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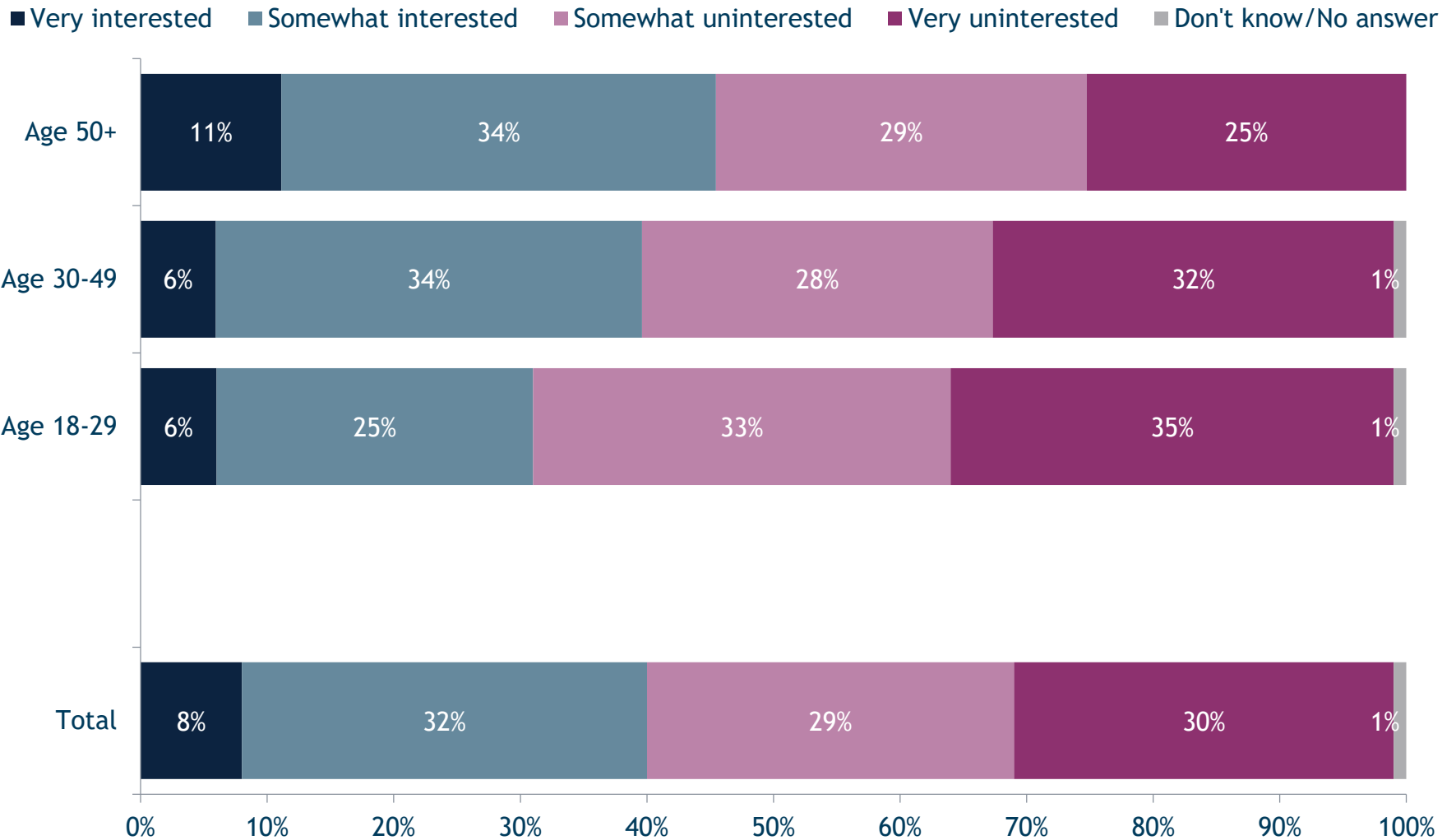
# In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?



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

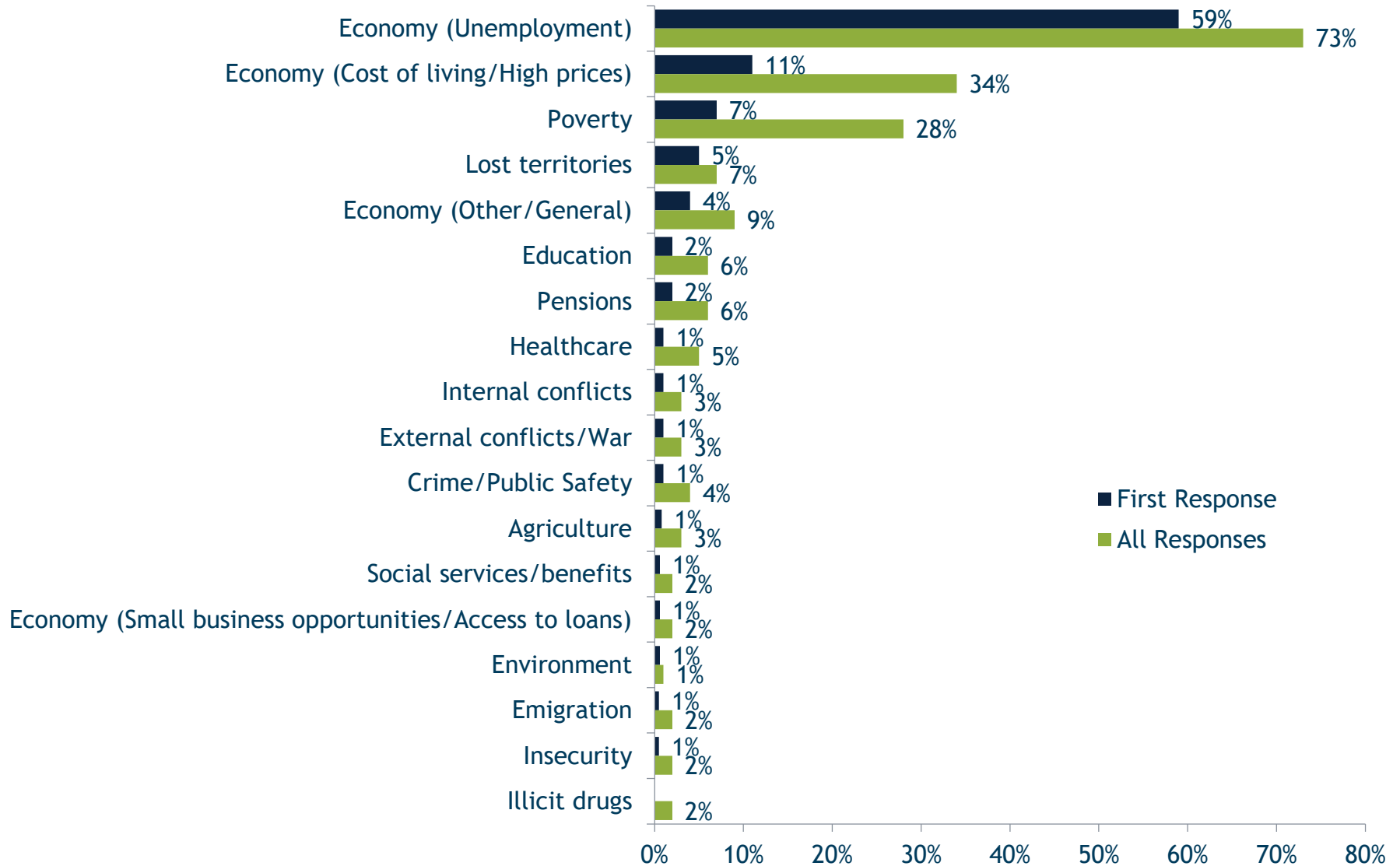


# How interested or uninterested are you in politics?

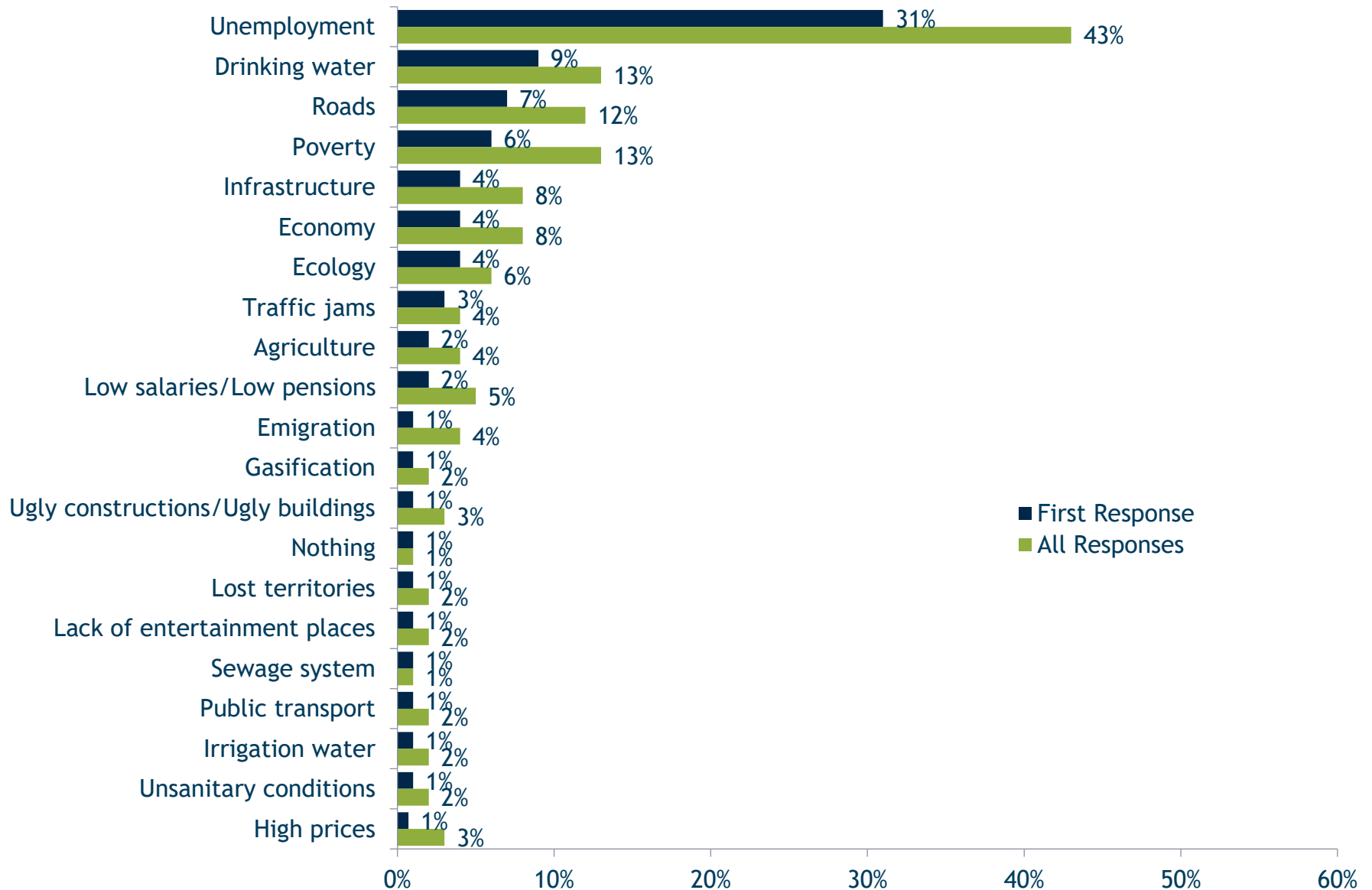


# What is the most important problem facing our country today?

(Spontaneous response; up to two responses permitted)



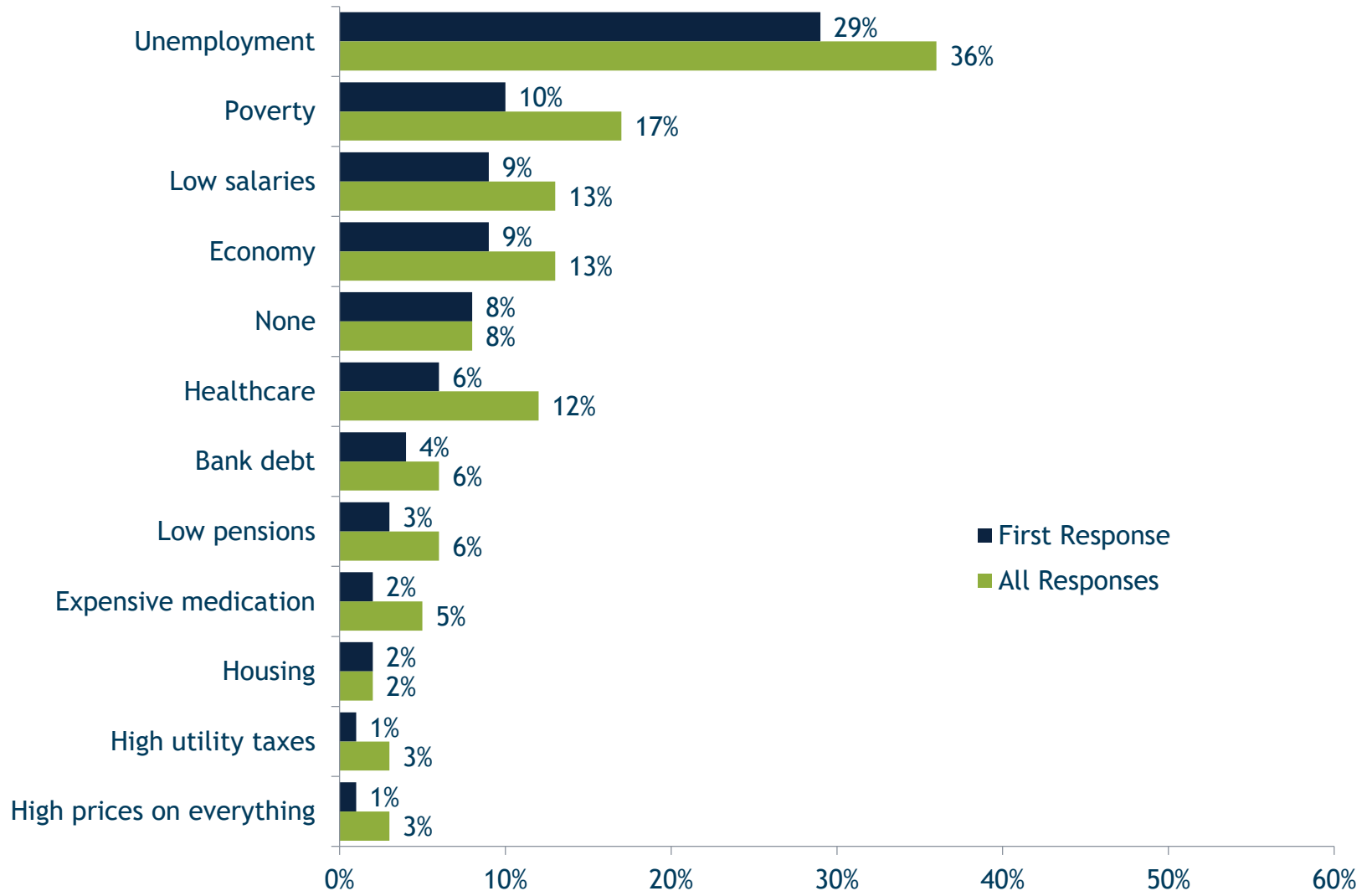
# What is the most important problem facing your town/village today? (Spontaneous response; up to two responses permitted)



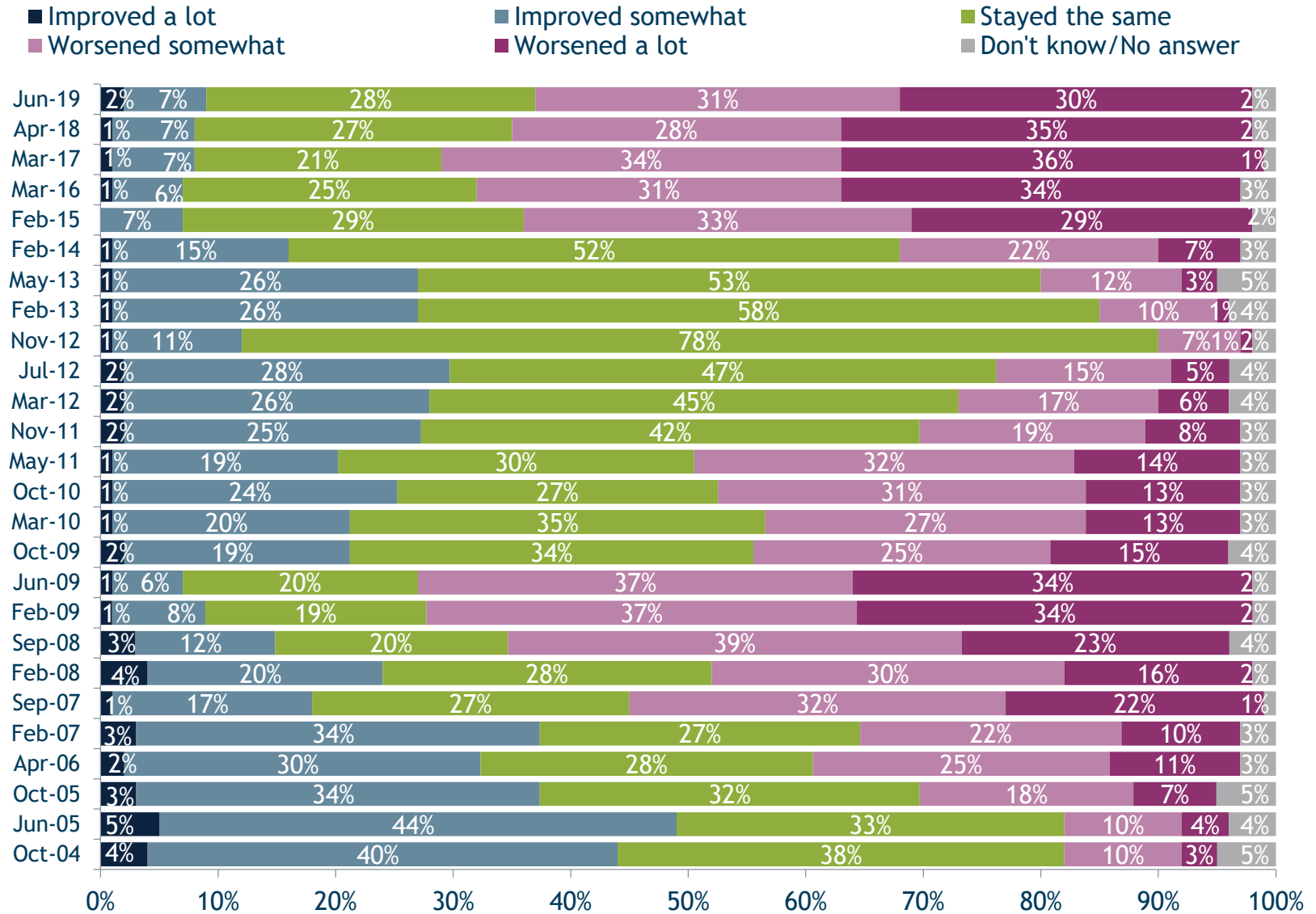


# What is the most important problem facing your household today?

(Spontaneous response; up to two responses permitted)

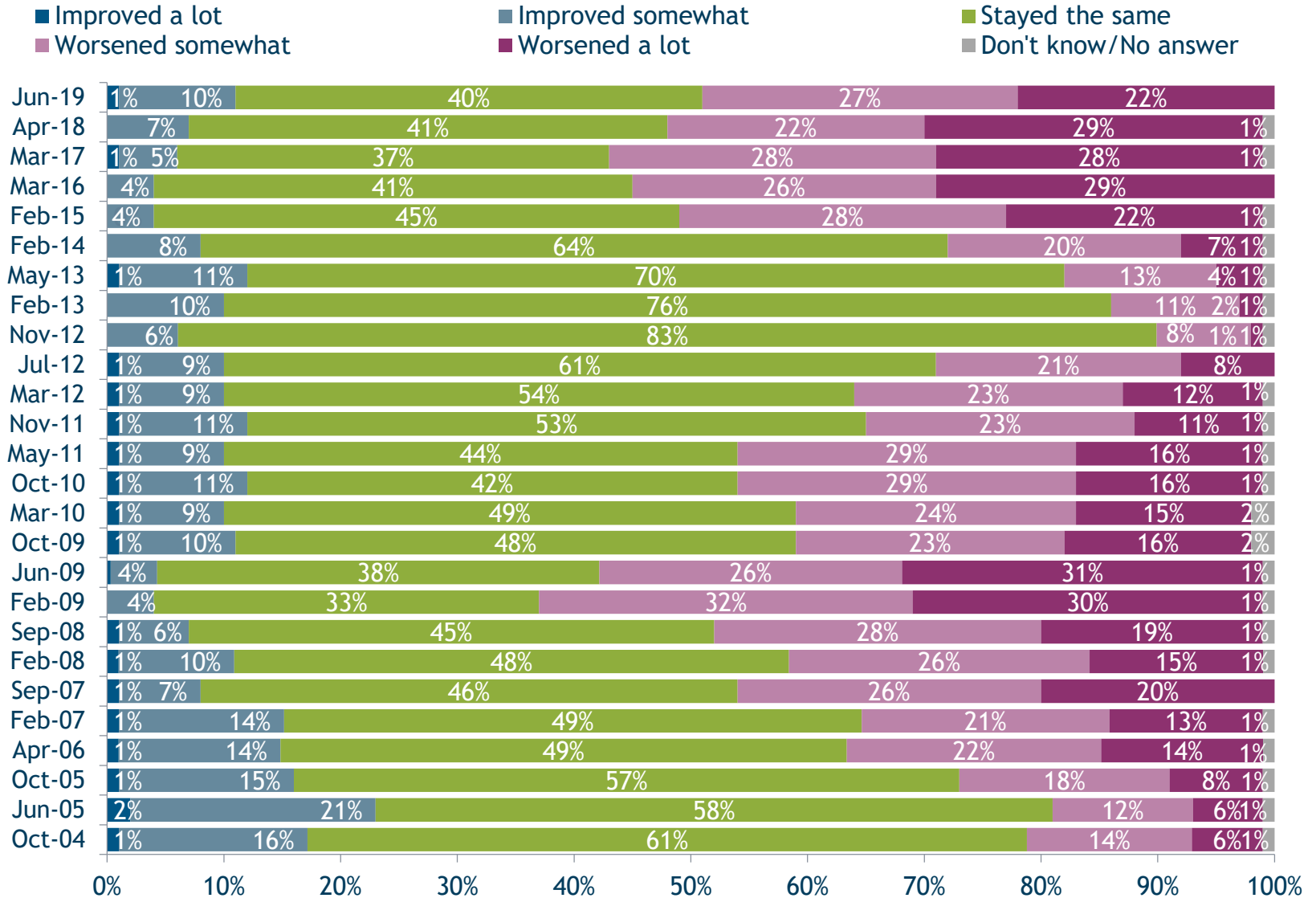


# Over the last 12 months\*, the economic situation in Georgia has...



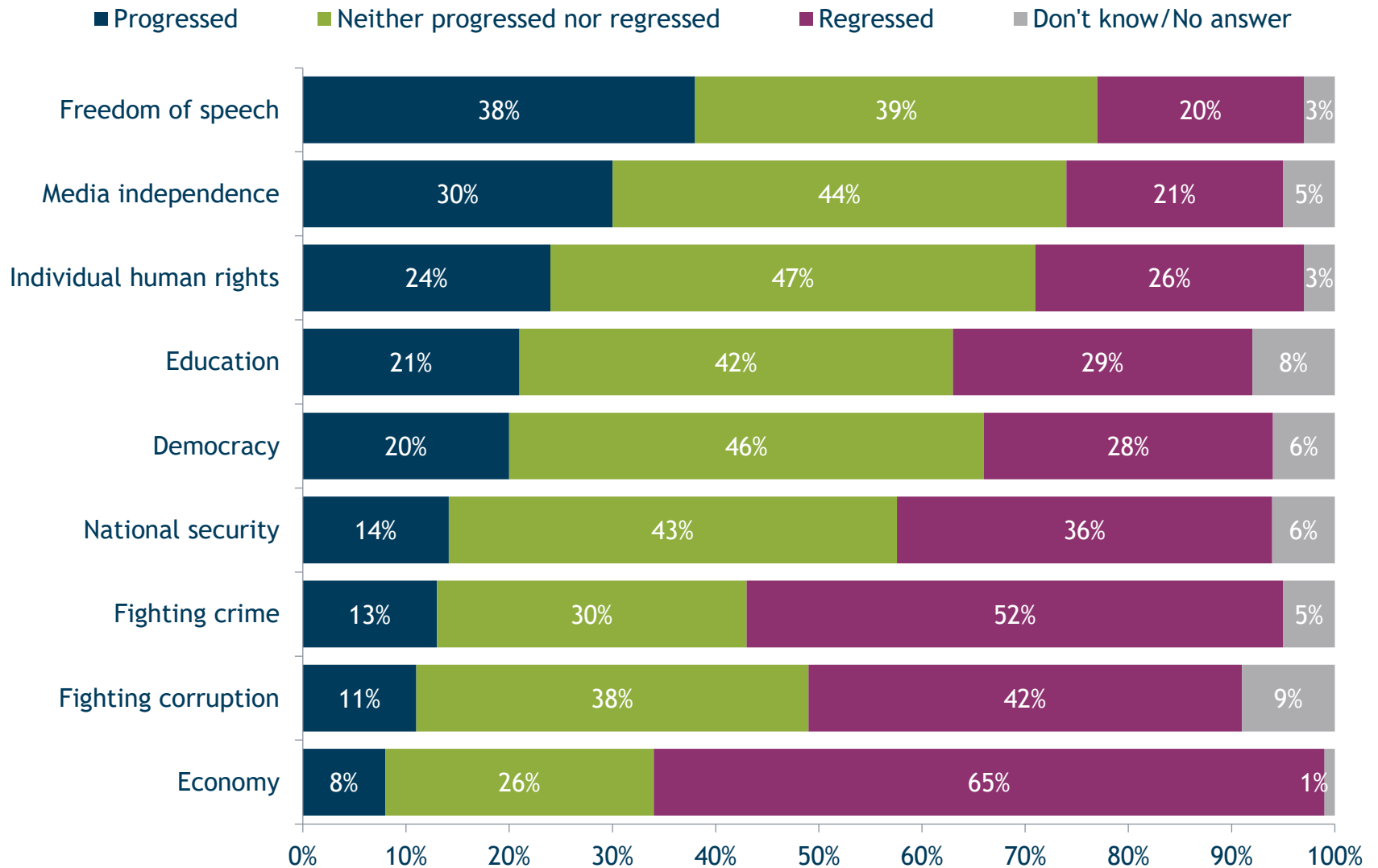
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# Over the last 12 months\*, how has the economic situation of your household changed?



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# How do you feel about the direction of each of the following issues during the past year?



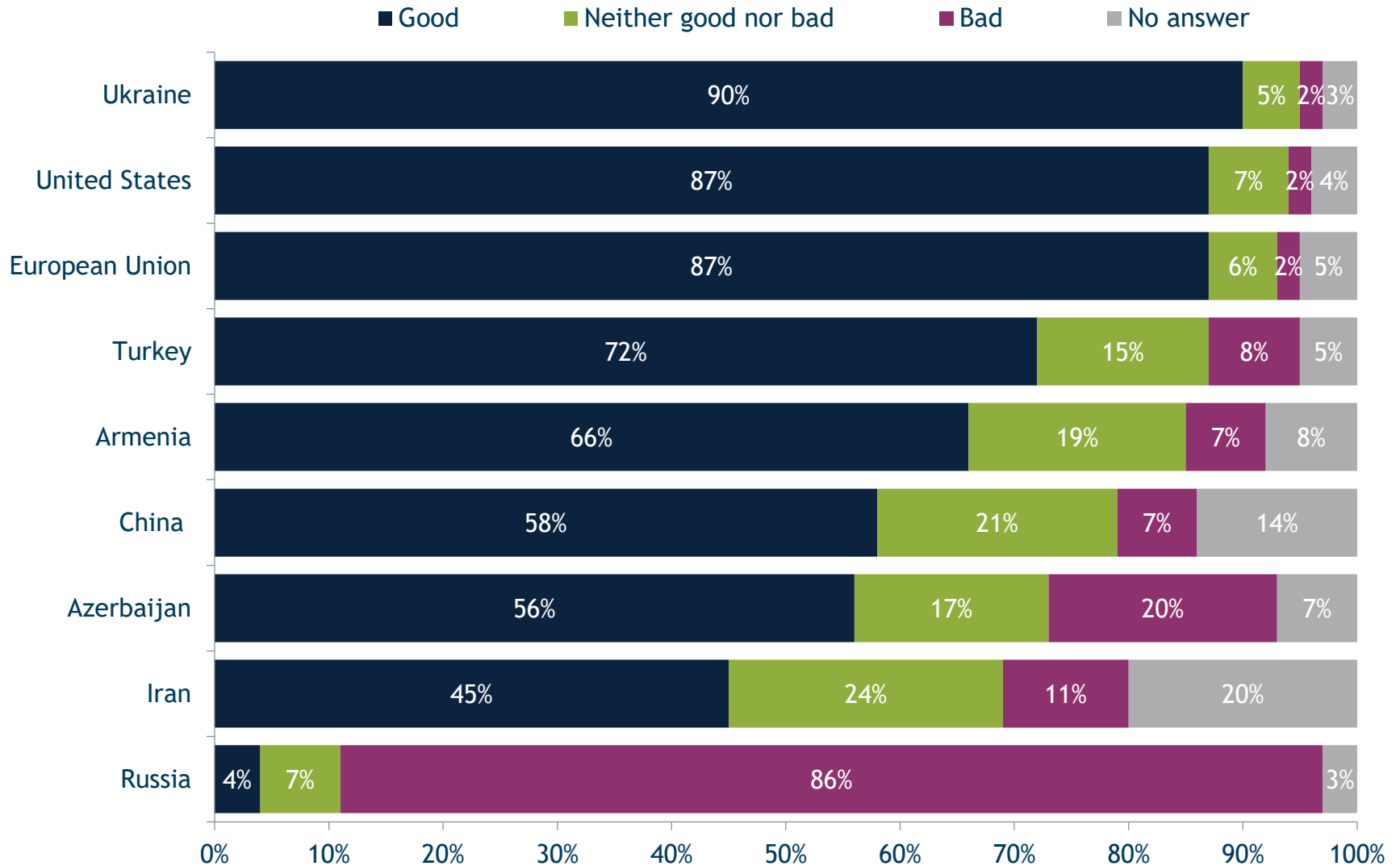


# International Relations

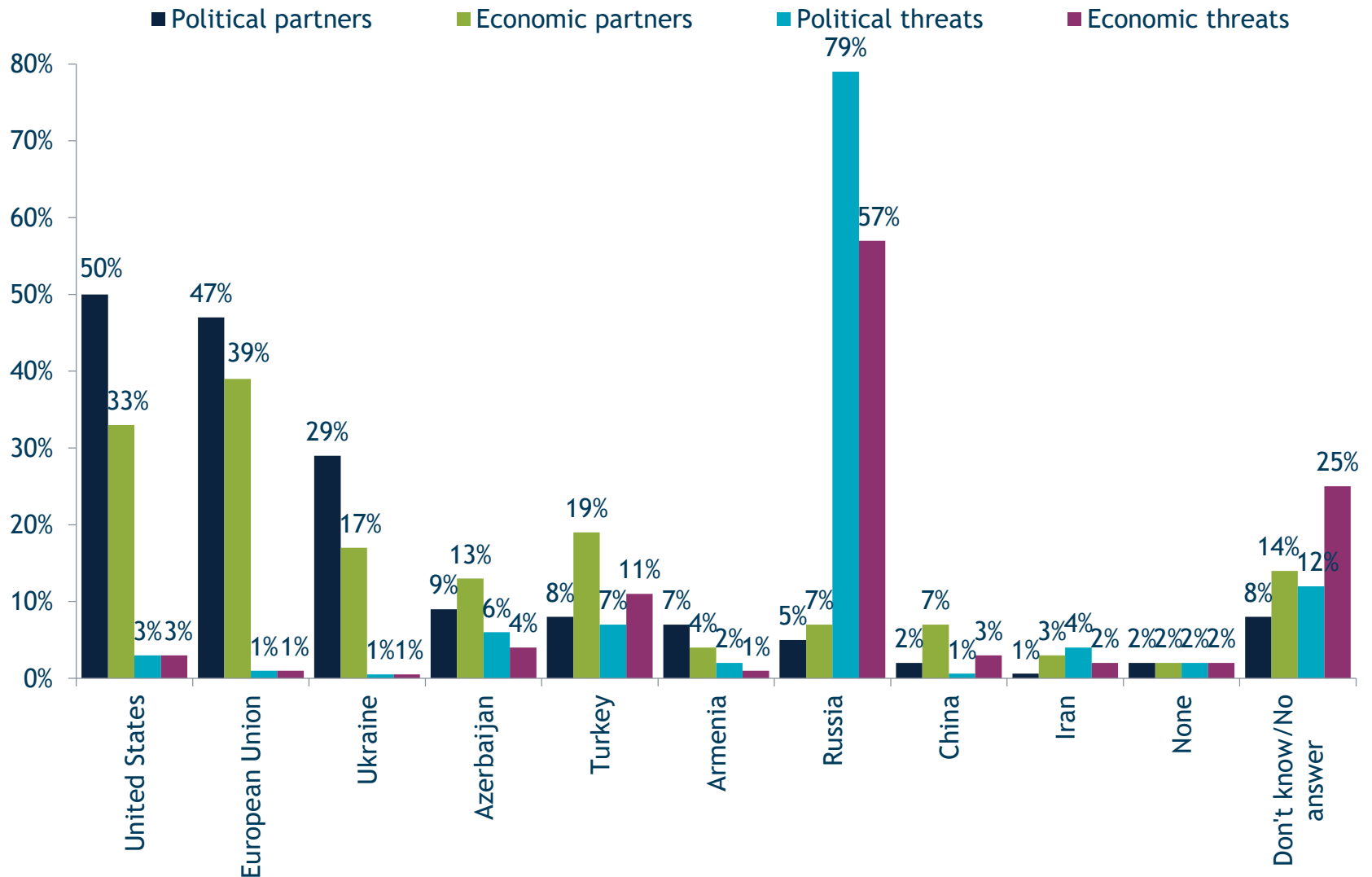
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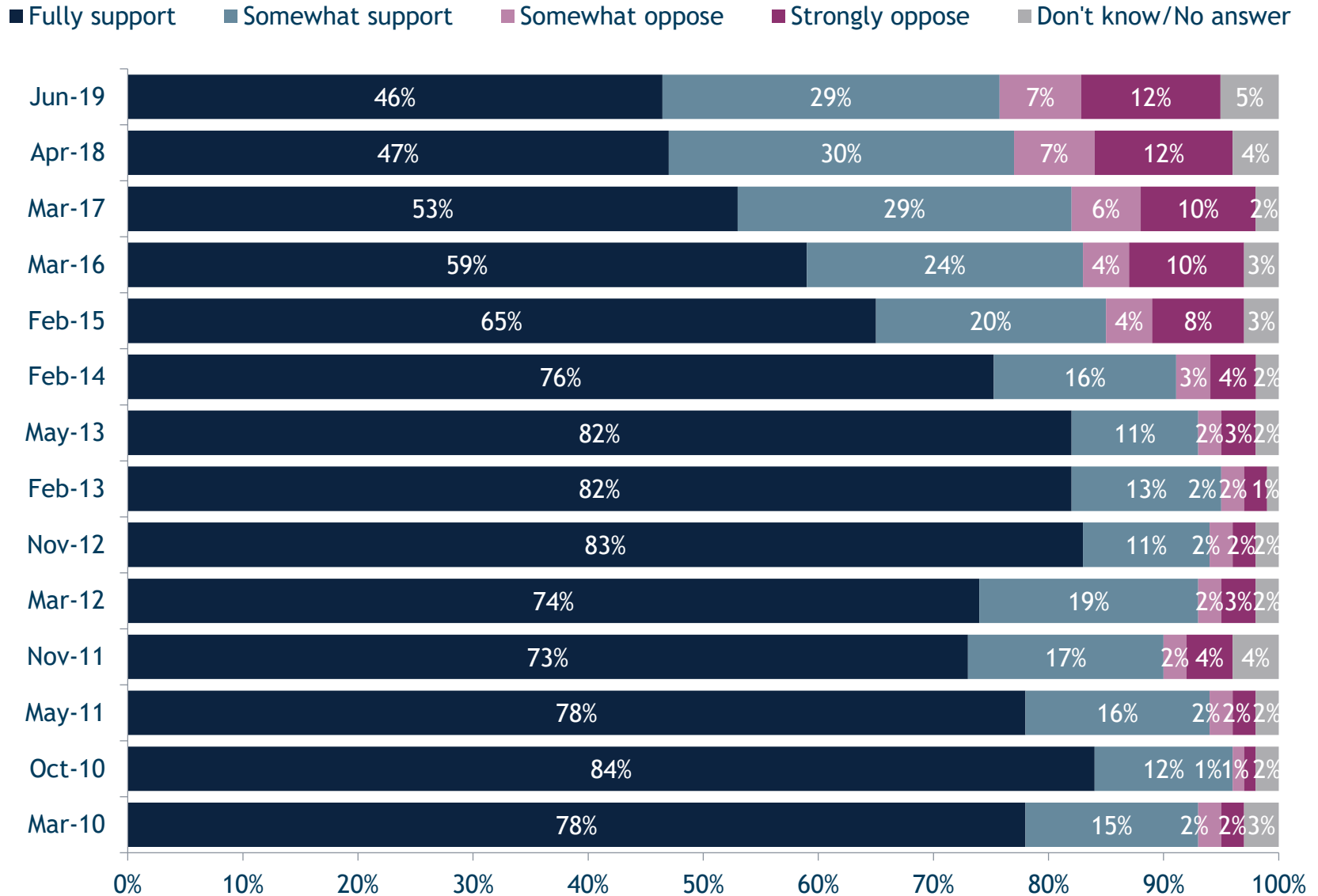
# How would you evaluate the current state of the relationship between Georgia and the following countries?



# Which of these countries do you consider the most important political/economic partners for Georgia? Which of these countries do you consider the greatest political/economic threat to Georgia?

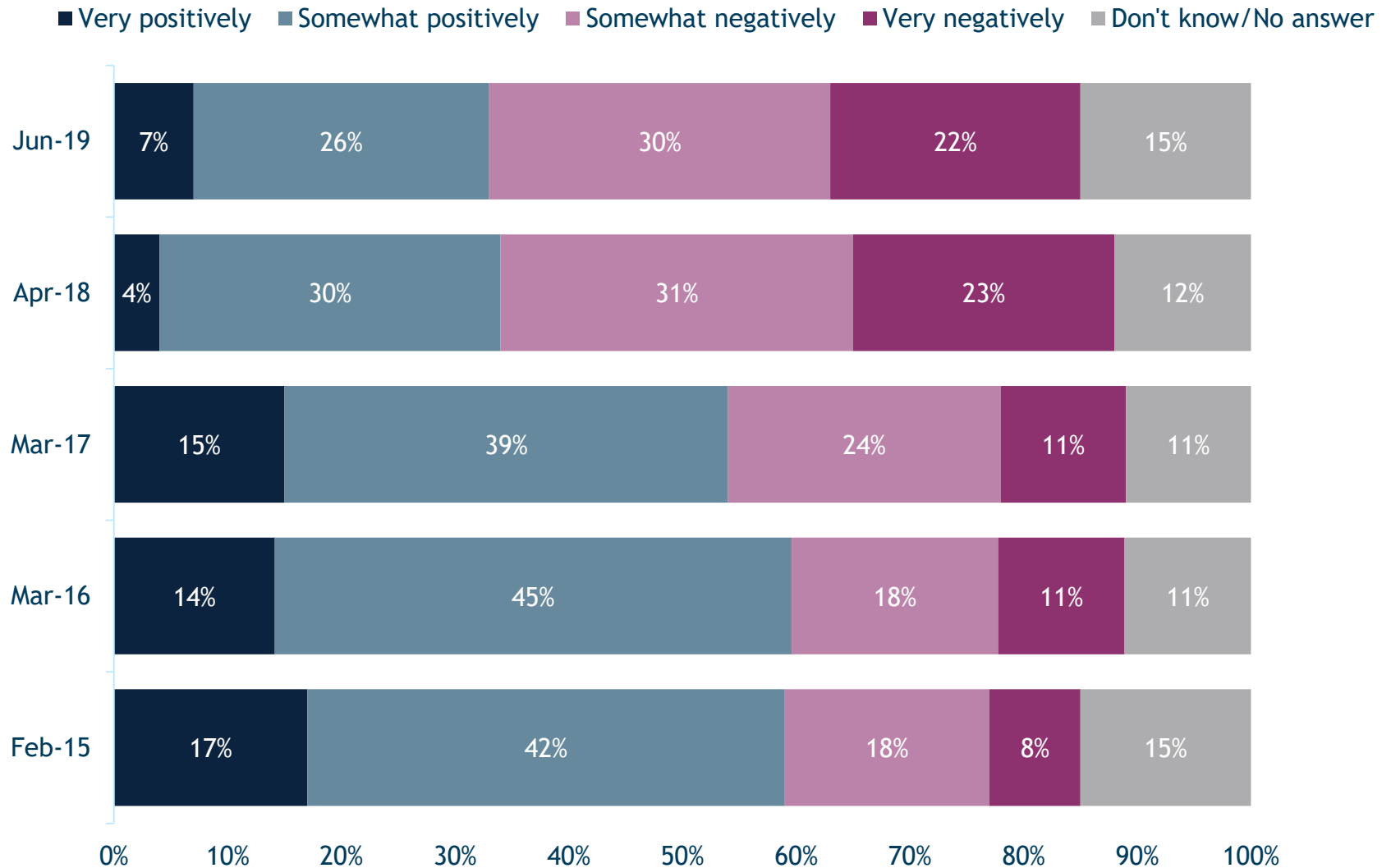


# Do you support or oppose further dialogue with Russia?



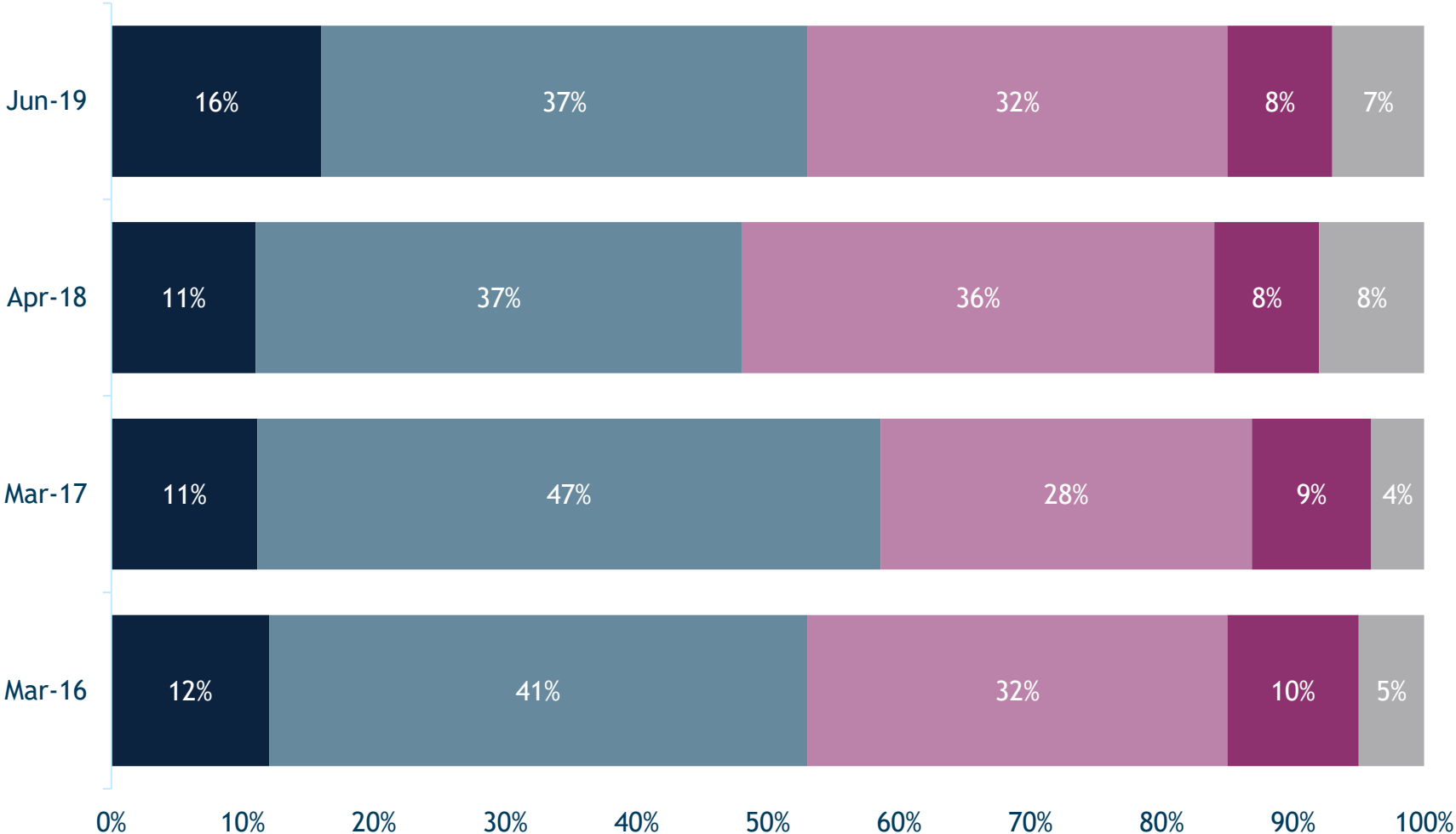


# How do you rate the current government's handling of Georgia's relationship with Russia?



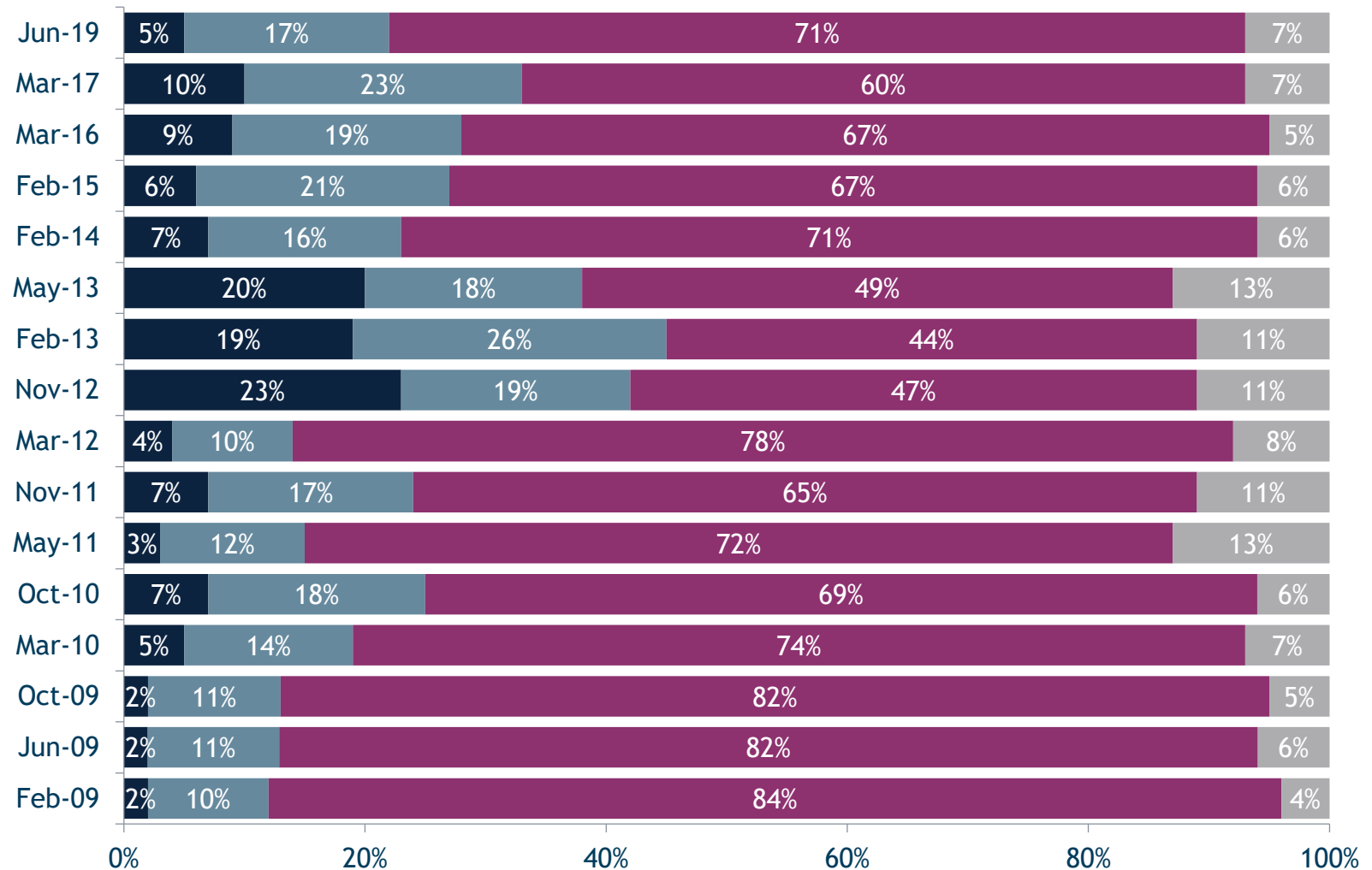
# Given the current state of Georgia's relationship with Russia, how secure do you feel living in Georgia?

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



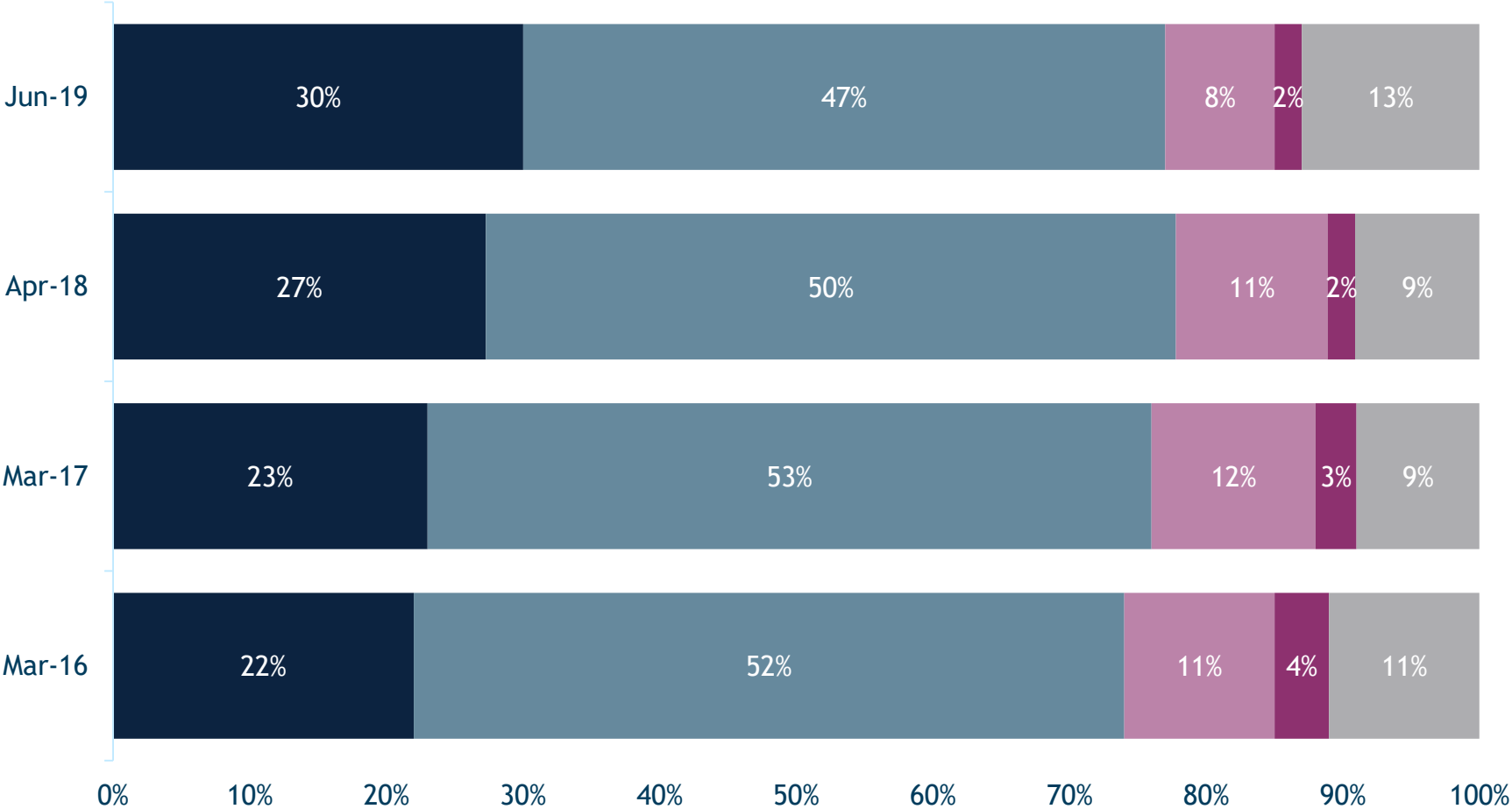
# Do you think that Russian aggression towards Georgia is over or is it still going on?

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

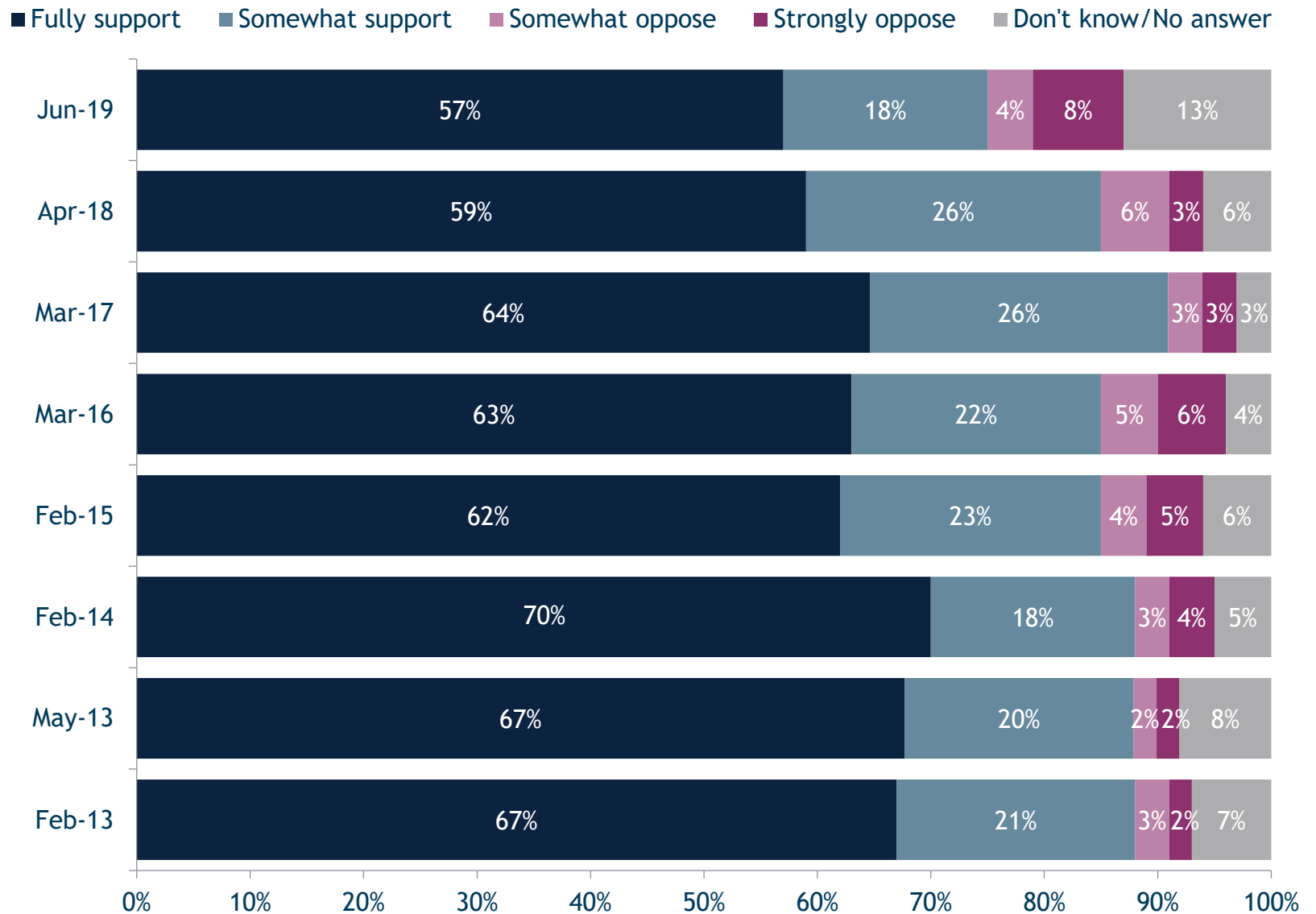


# In your opinion what should Georgia's foreign policy course be?

- 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

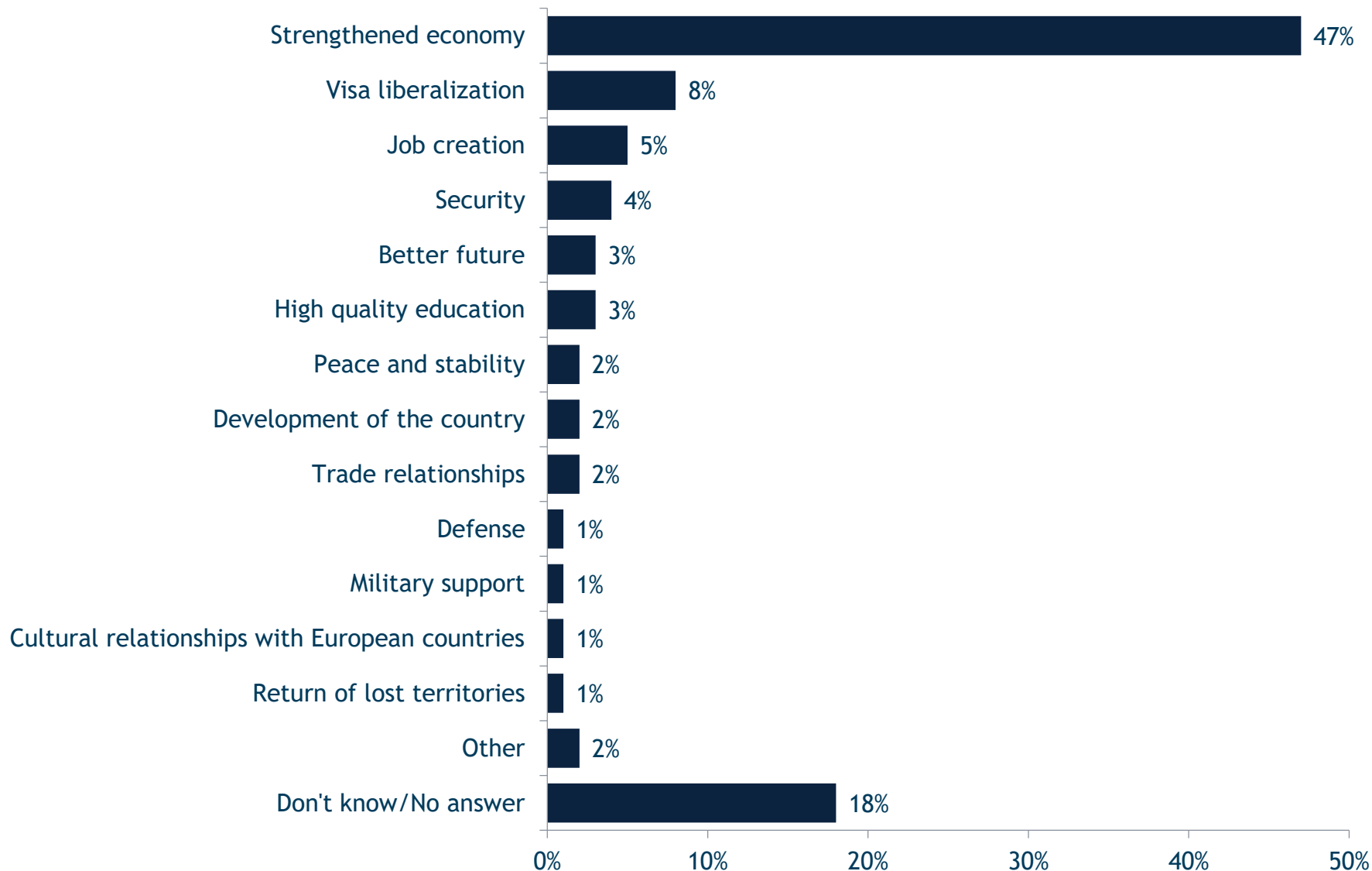


# Do you support or oppose Georgia joining the European Union?

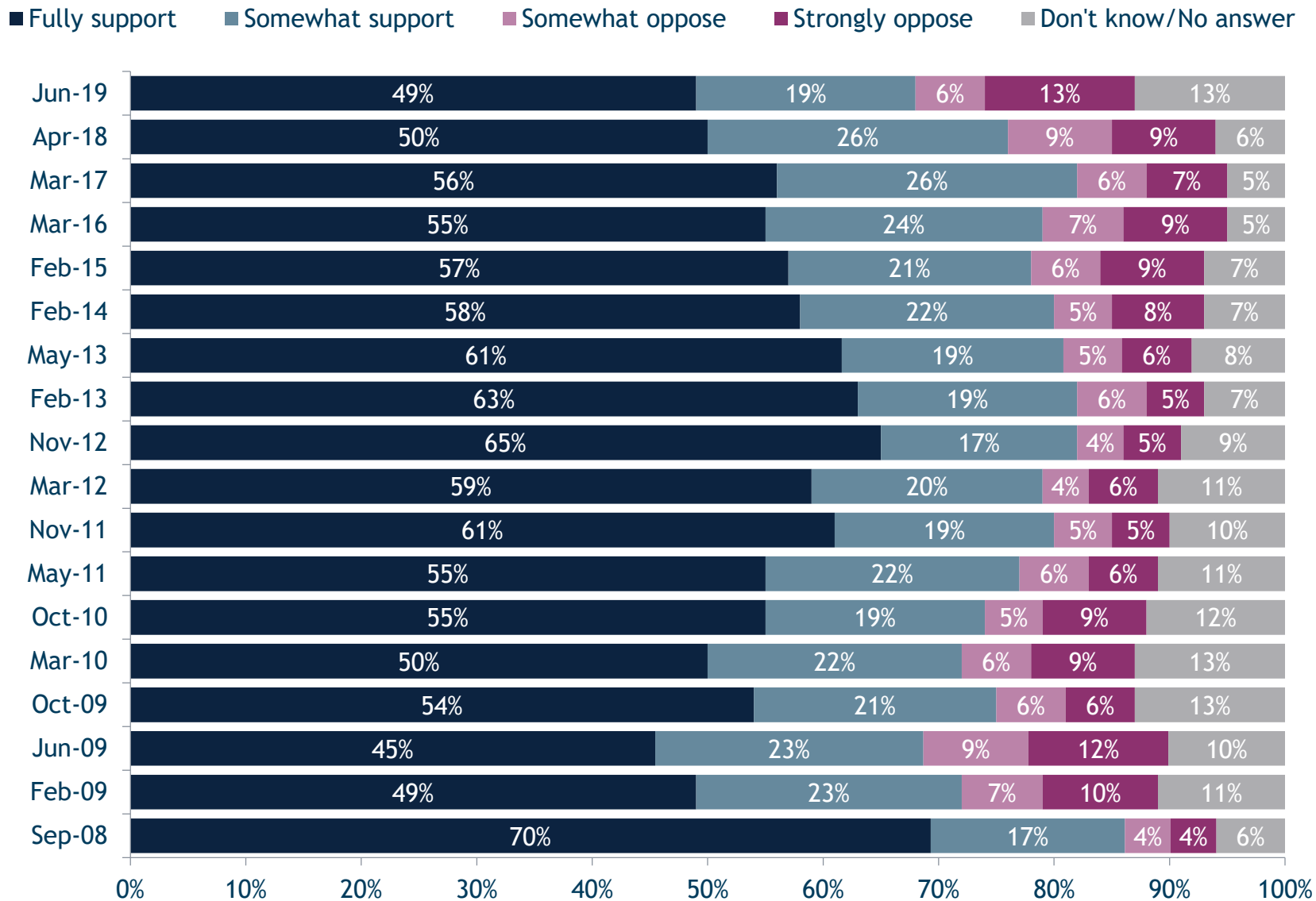


# If you support, what is the main benefit of joining the European Union?

(Respondents supporting Georgia joining the European Union: n=1,128)

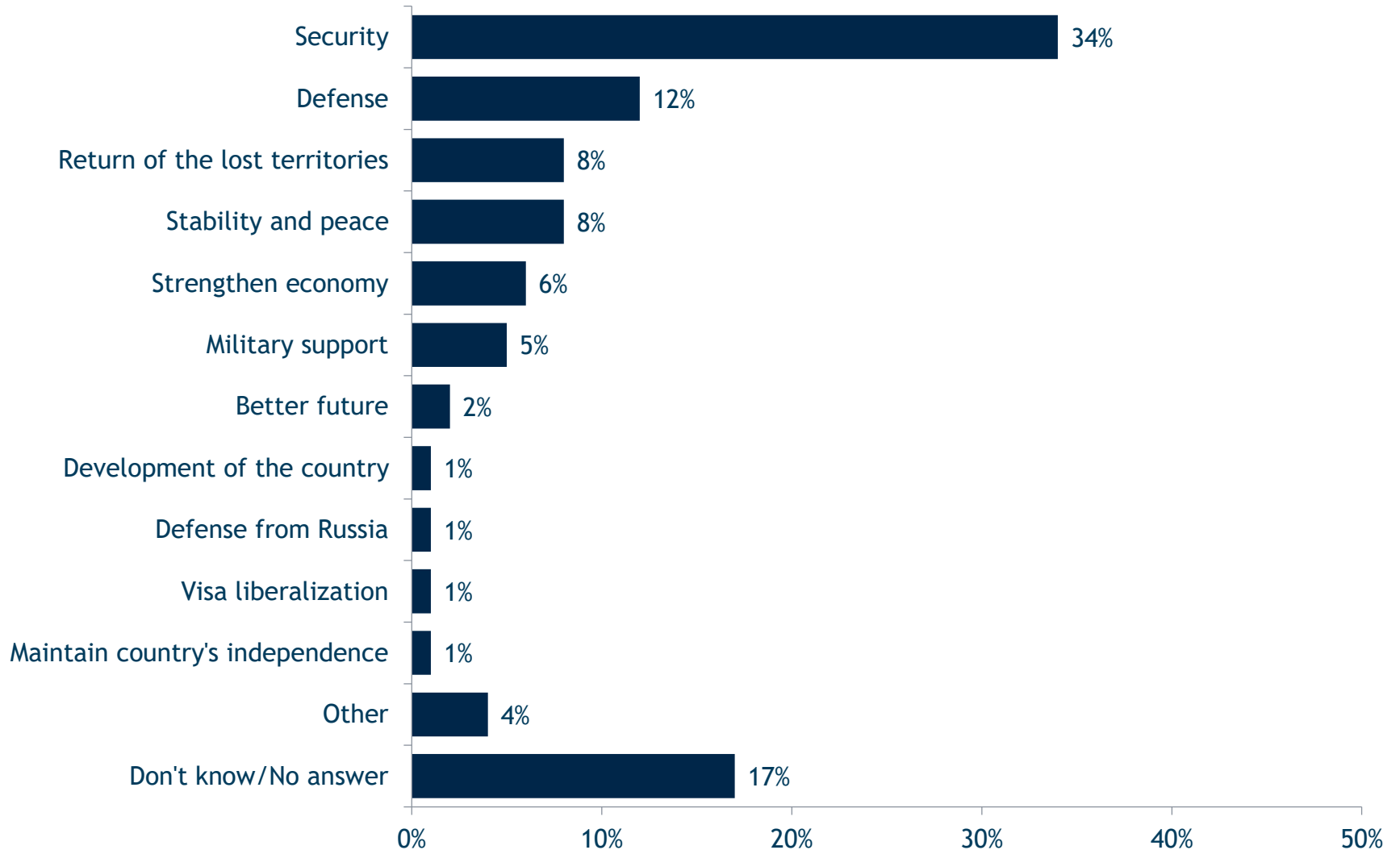


# Do you support or oppose Georgia joining NATO?



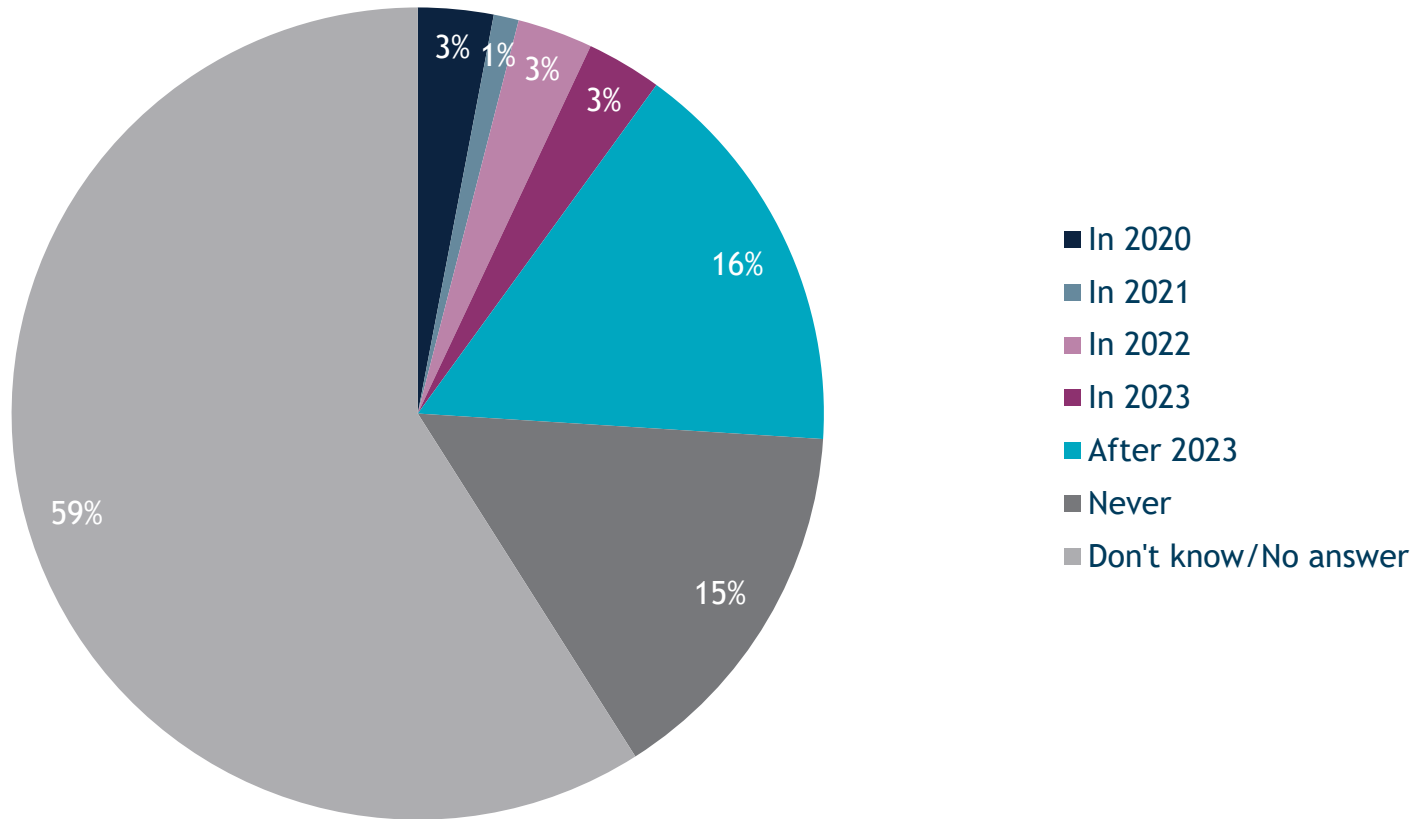
# If you support, what are the main benefits of joining NATO?

(Respondents supporting Georgia joining NATO: n=1,018)





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





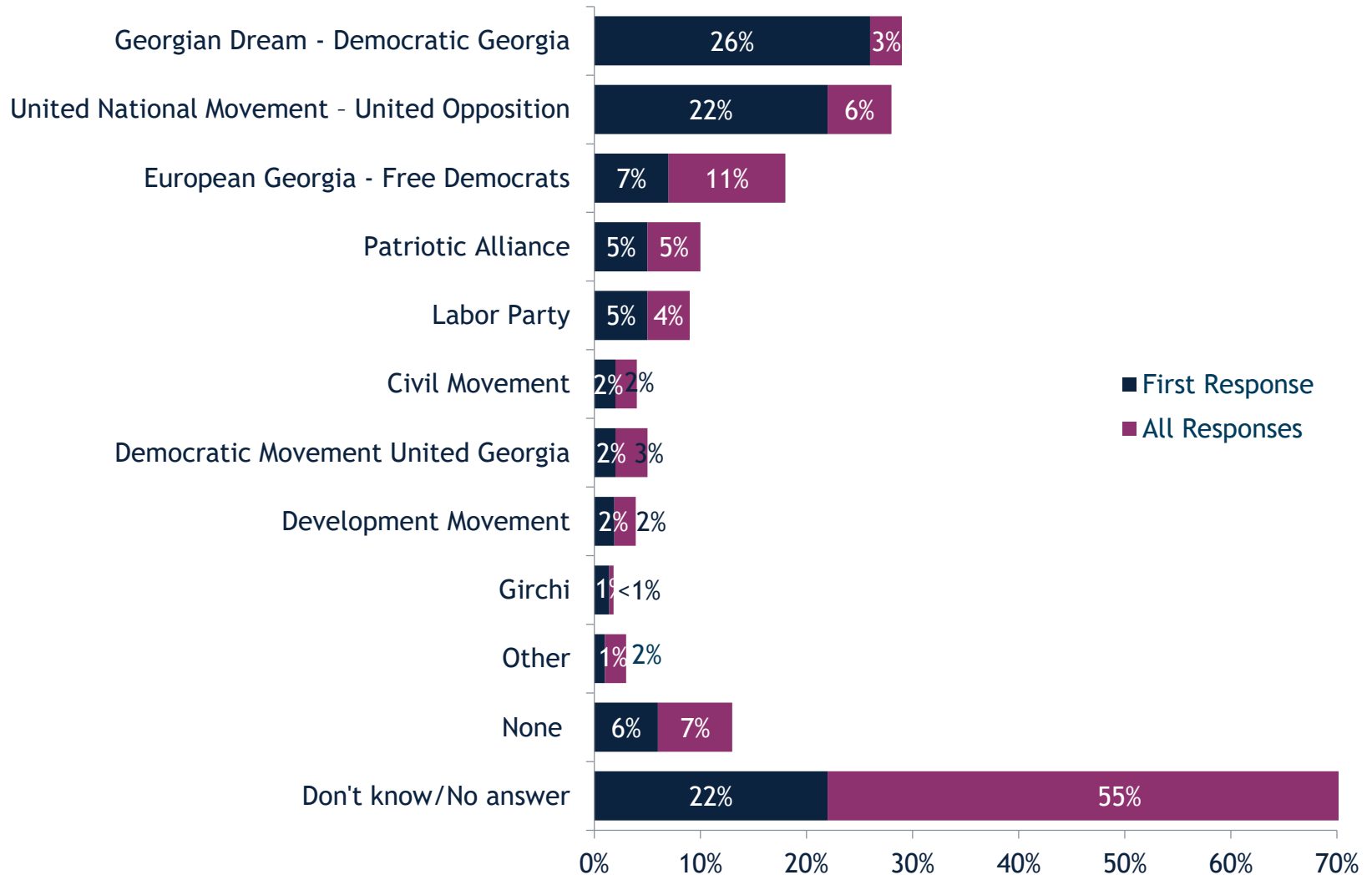
# Political Parties

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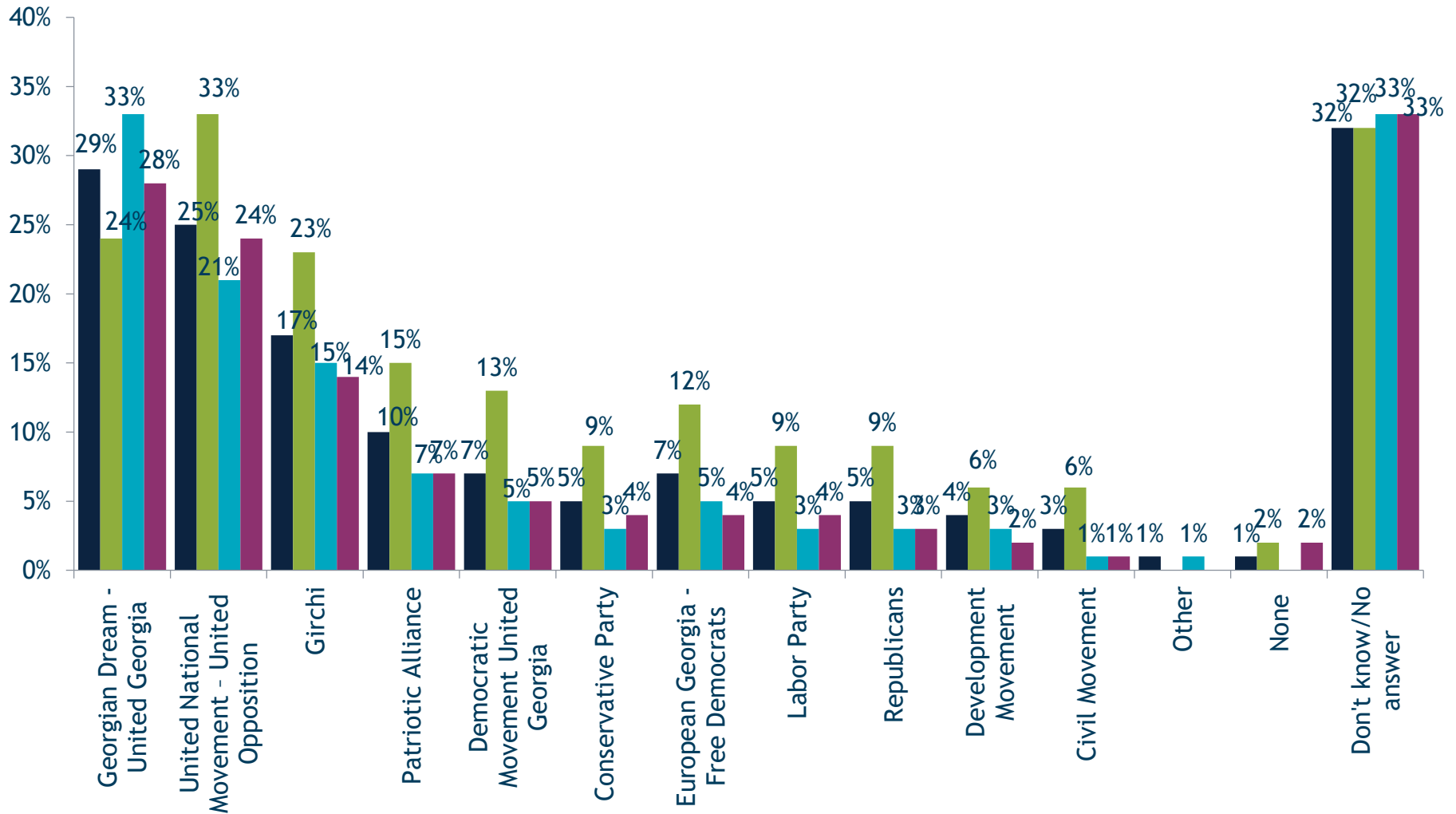
If elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote? (First choice)  
 If your first-choice party would not be on the ballot, who would you vote for instead? (Second choice)



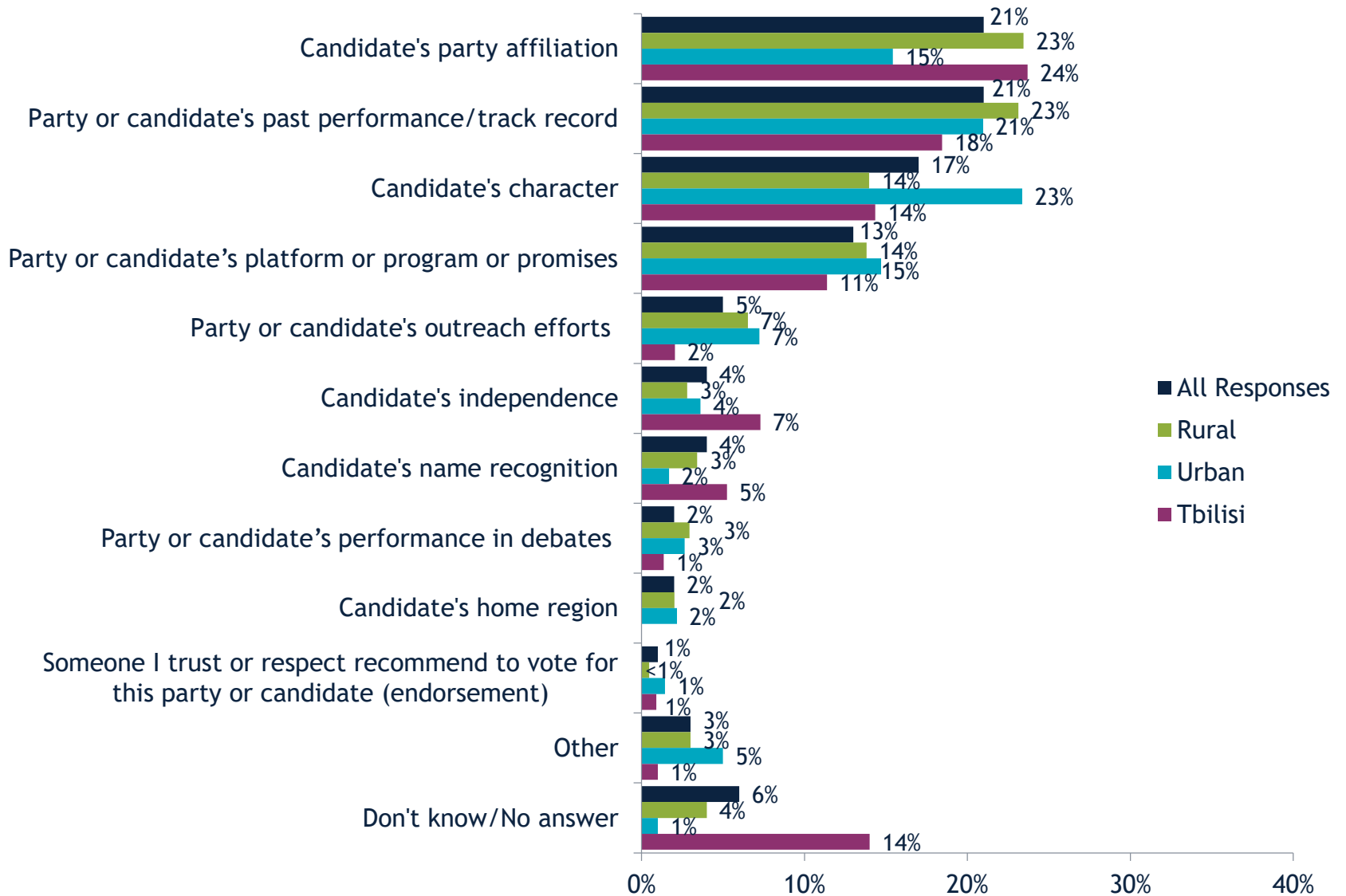
# Which parties, if any, would you not vote for under any circumstances?

(Multiple responses permitted)

■ All respondents ■ Tbilisi ■ Rural ■ Urban

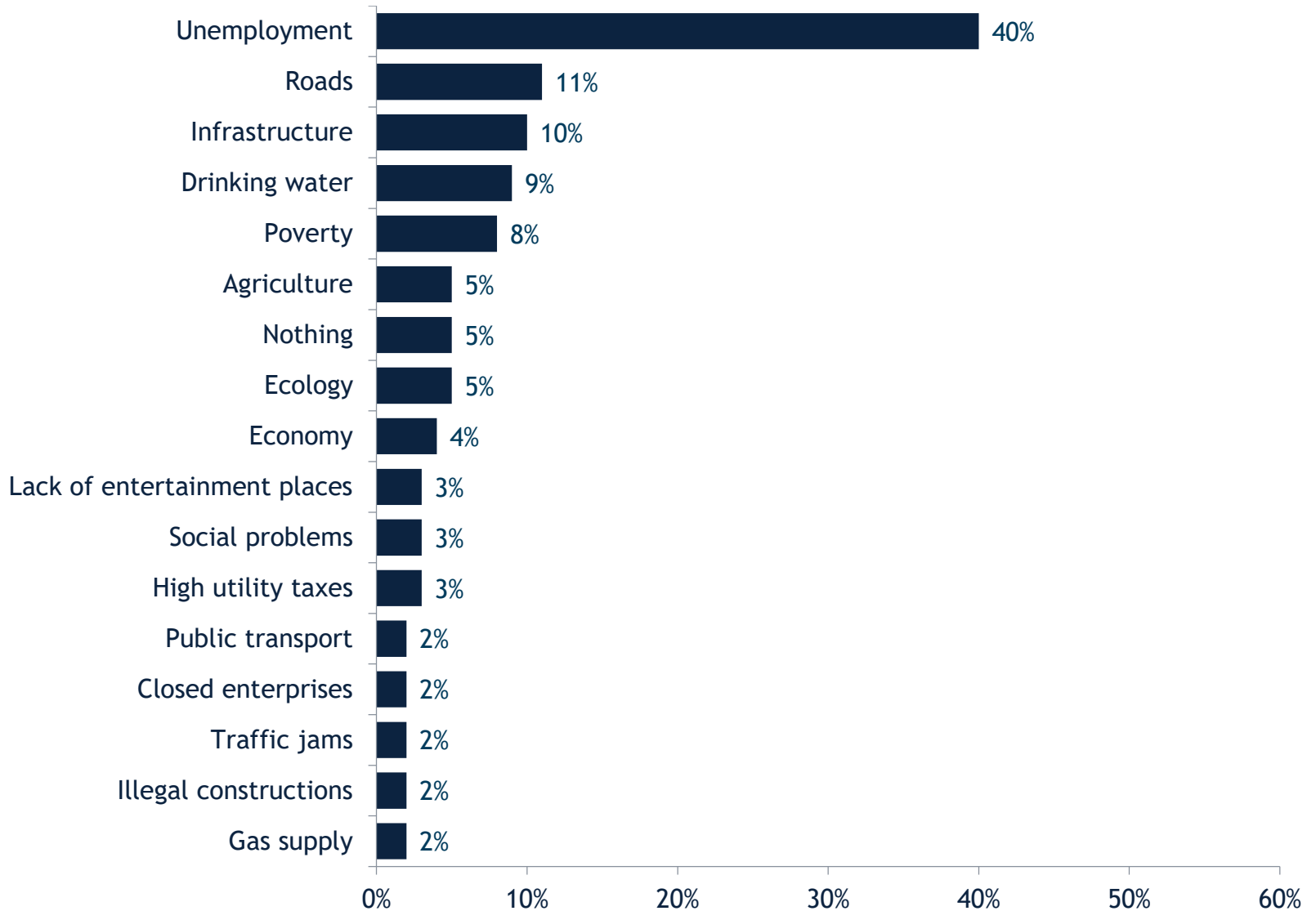


# What will be the most important factor in determining your vote? (Spontaneous response)

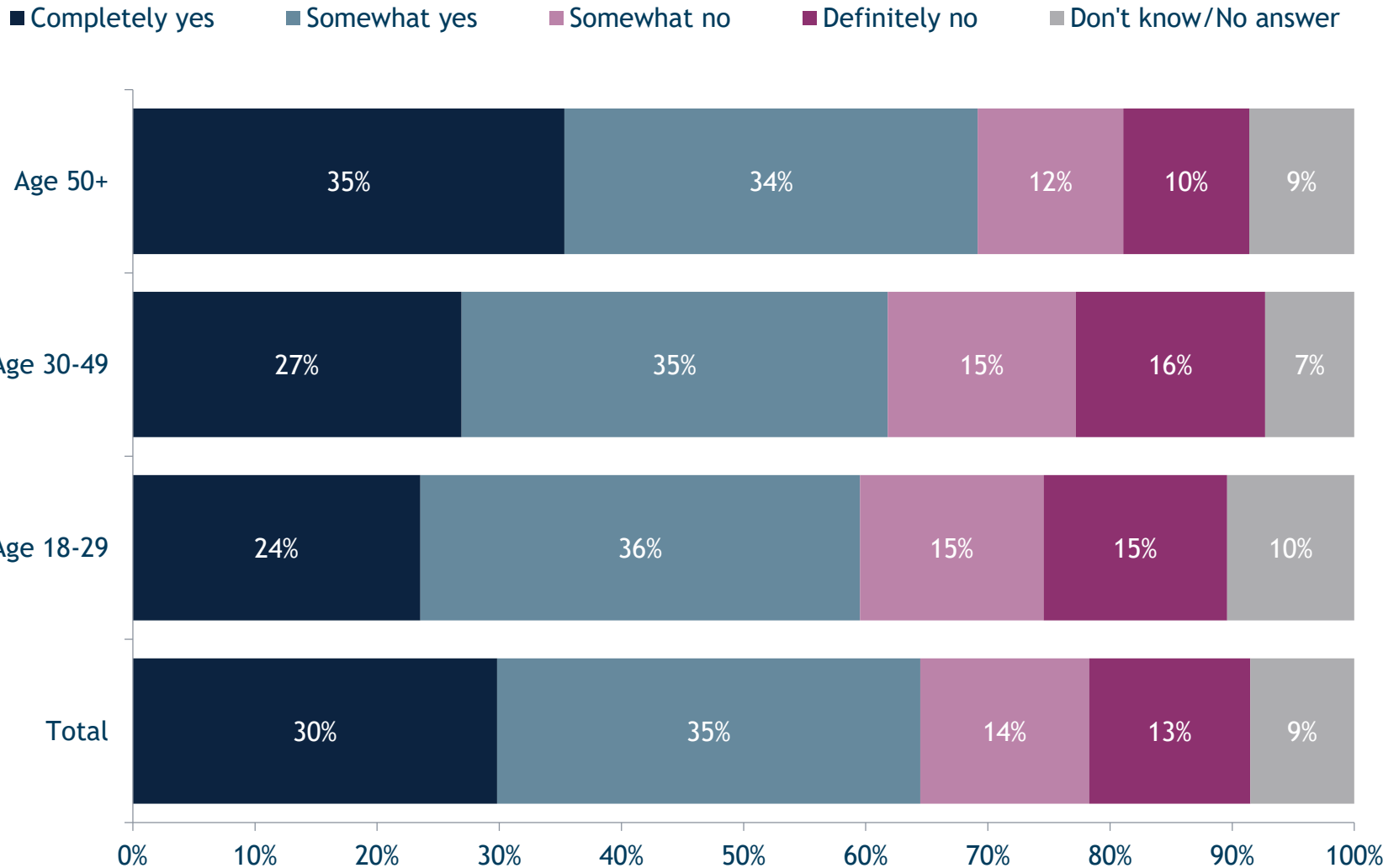


# Which issue is the most relevant for your city, district, or village?

(Spontaneous response; up to two responses permitted)

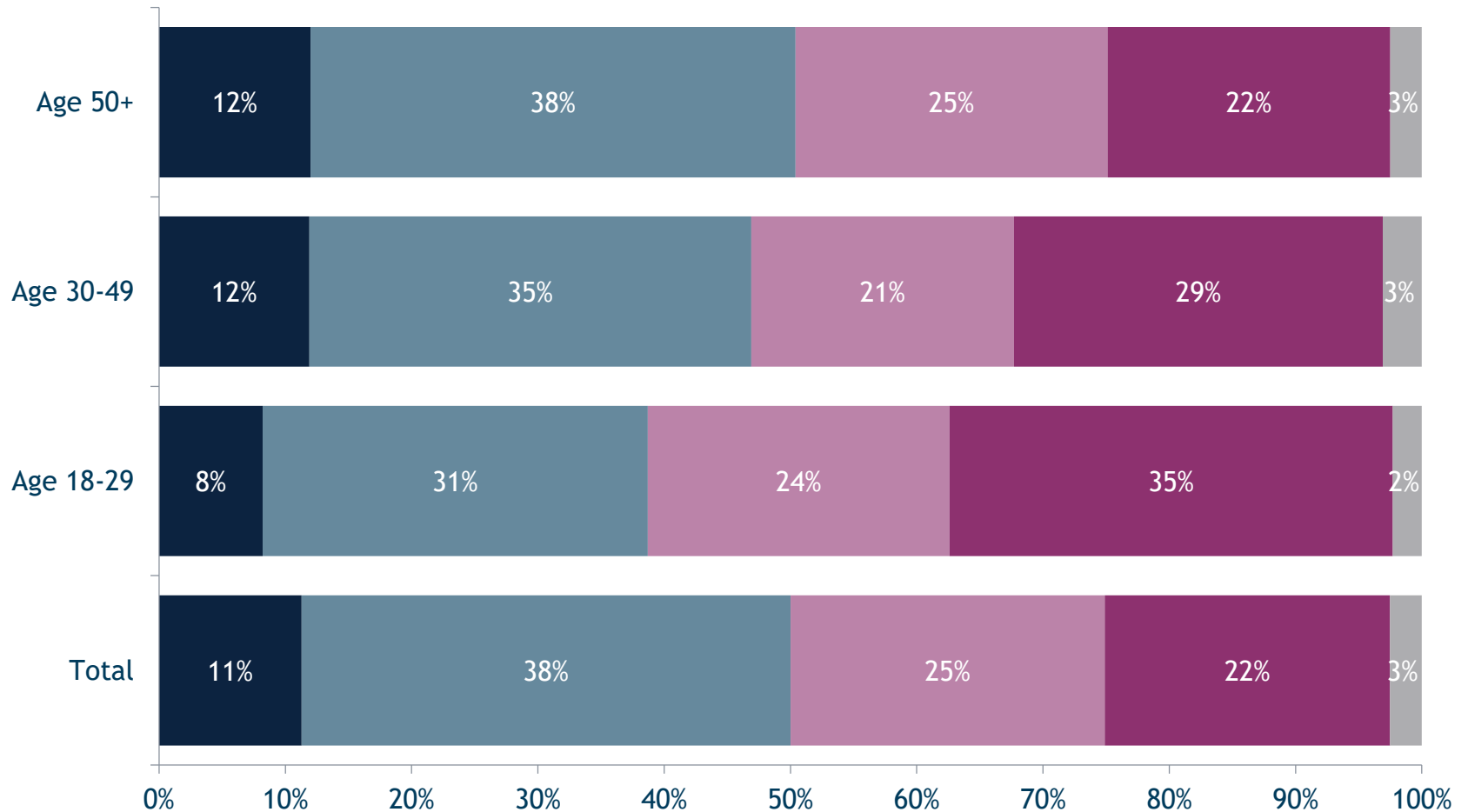


# Do you believe that at least one political party in Georgia represents your interests?



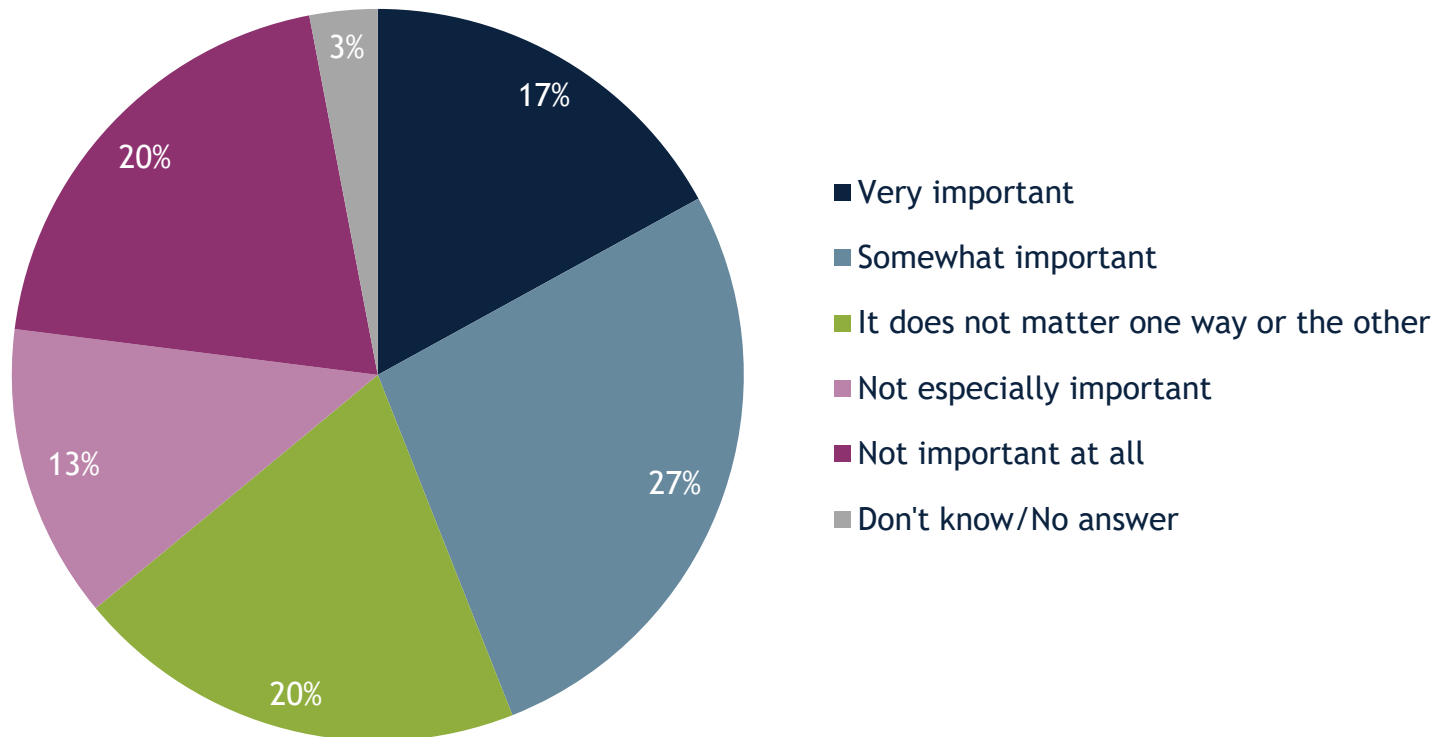
# Generally, are you familiar with the election program of the parties/candidates running in your district?

■ Very familiar   ■ Somewhat familiar   ■ Somewhat unfamiliar   ■ Very unfamiliar   ■ Don't know/No answer

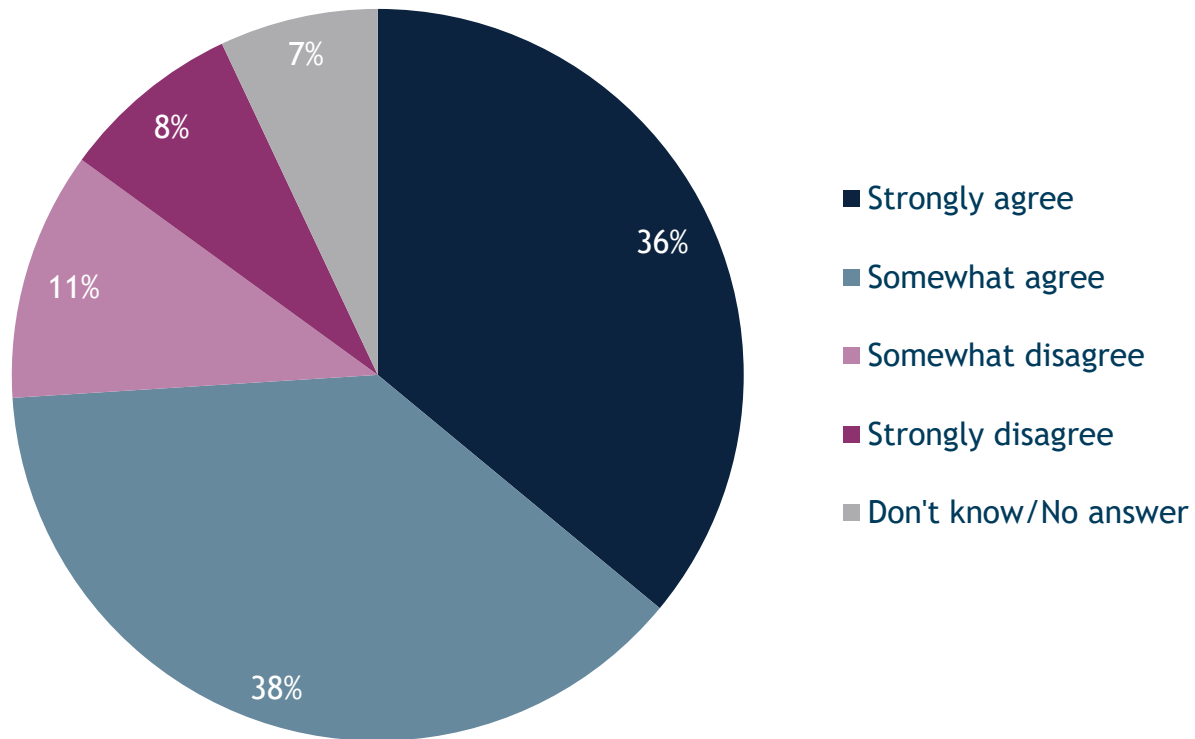




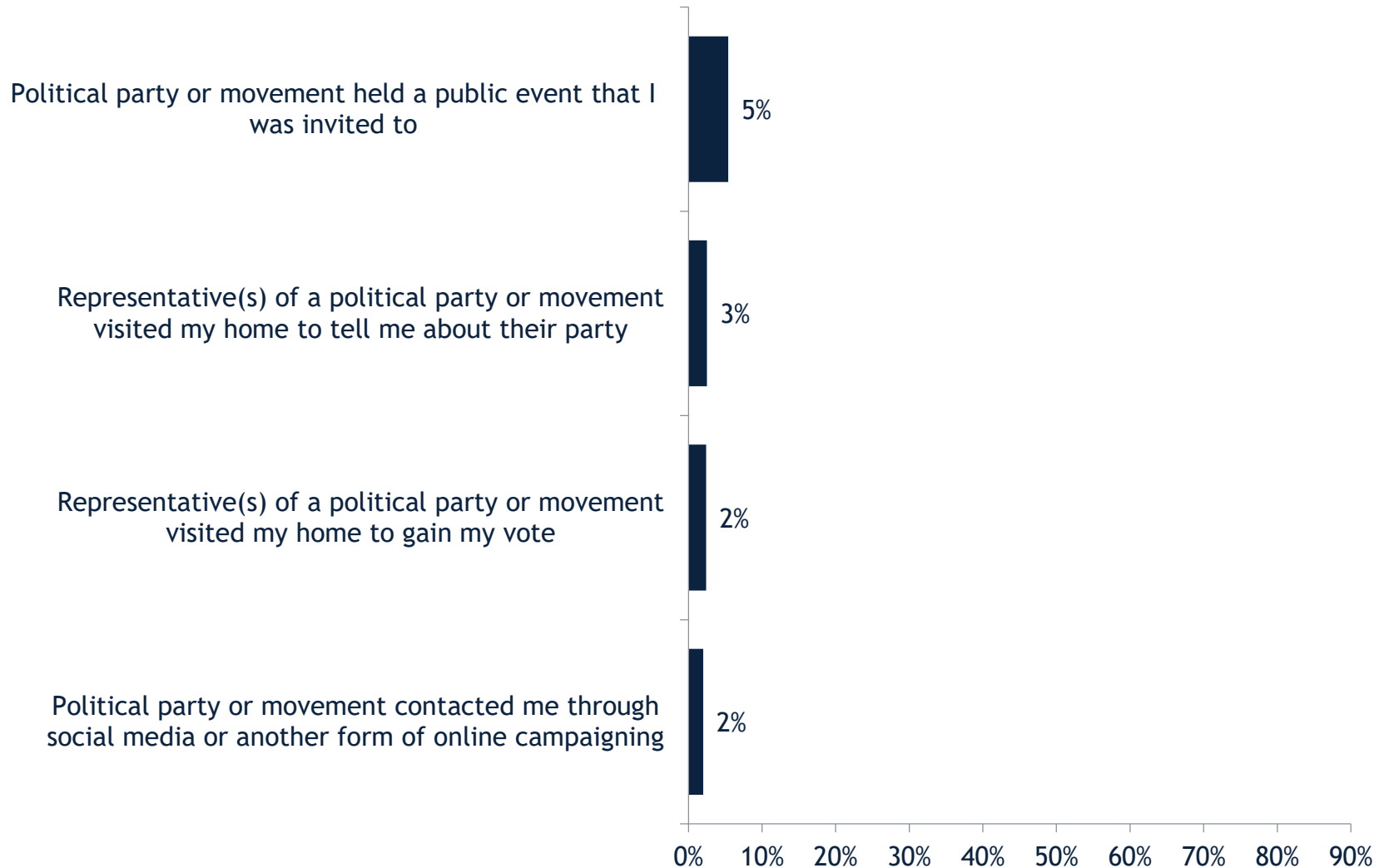
# When deciding which candidate to support, how important is it to you that a candidate visit your household or meet with you in-person?



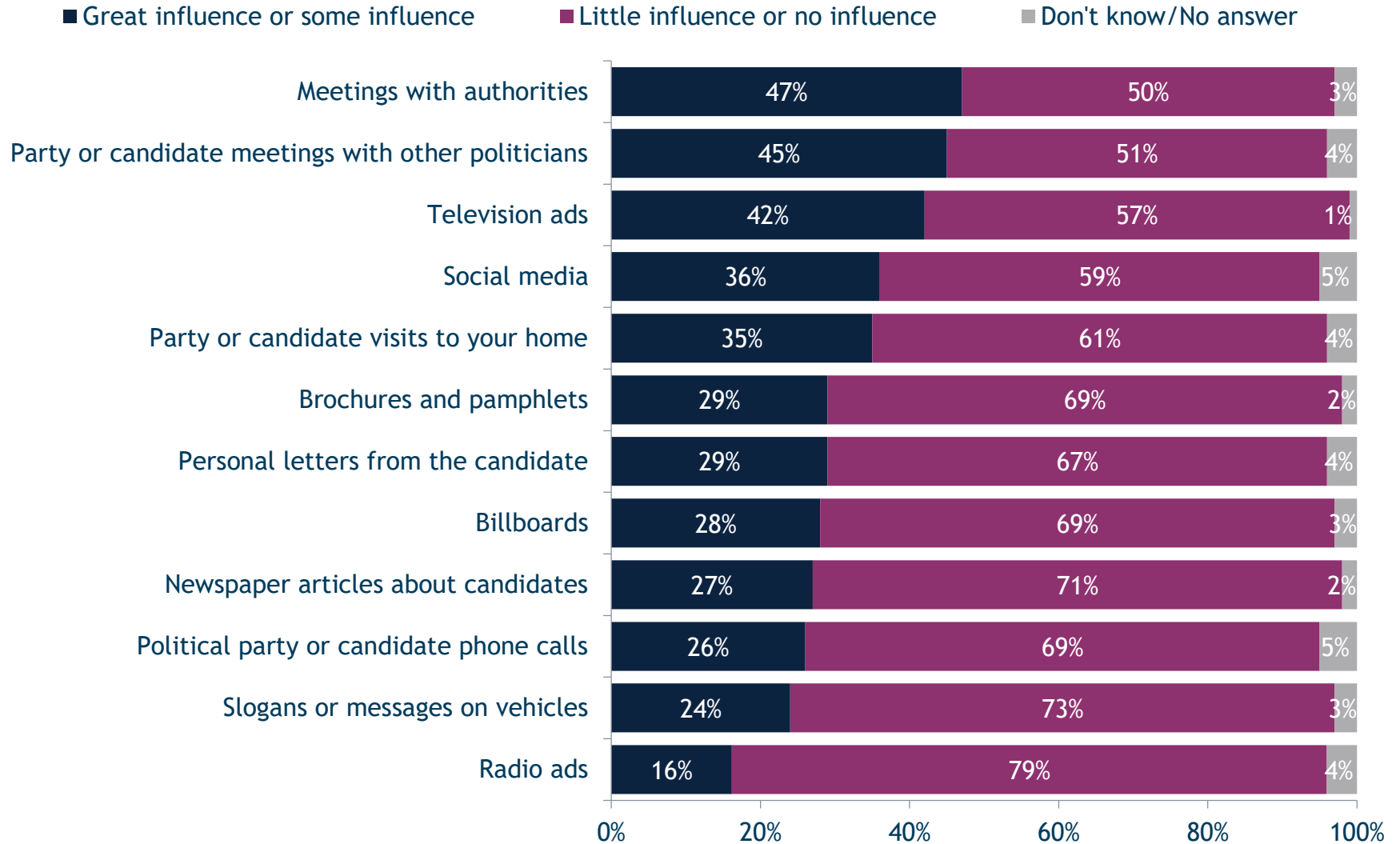
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
“It is healthy for Georgia’s democracy to have multiple parties in  
power?”



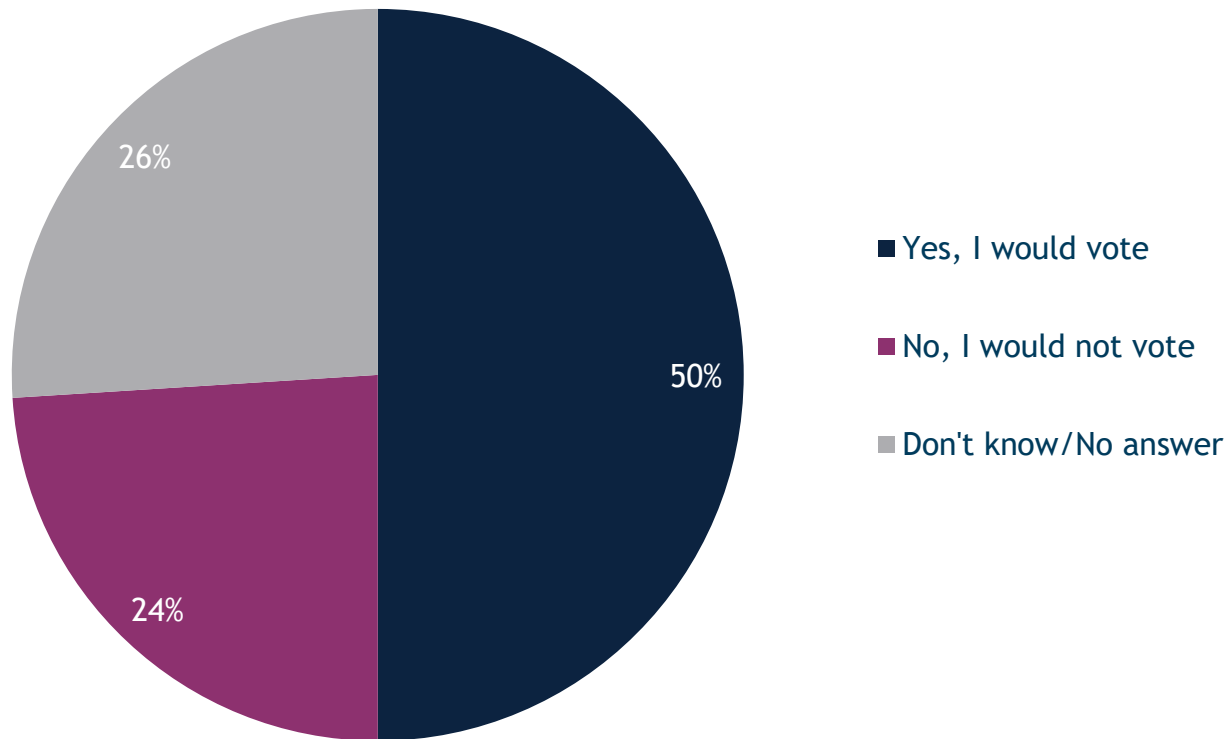
# In the past six months, has any of the following happened to you? (Percentage “yes”)



# For each of the items I will read to you, please tell me how they influence your views of parties or candidates:

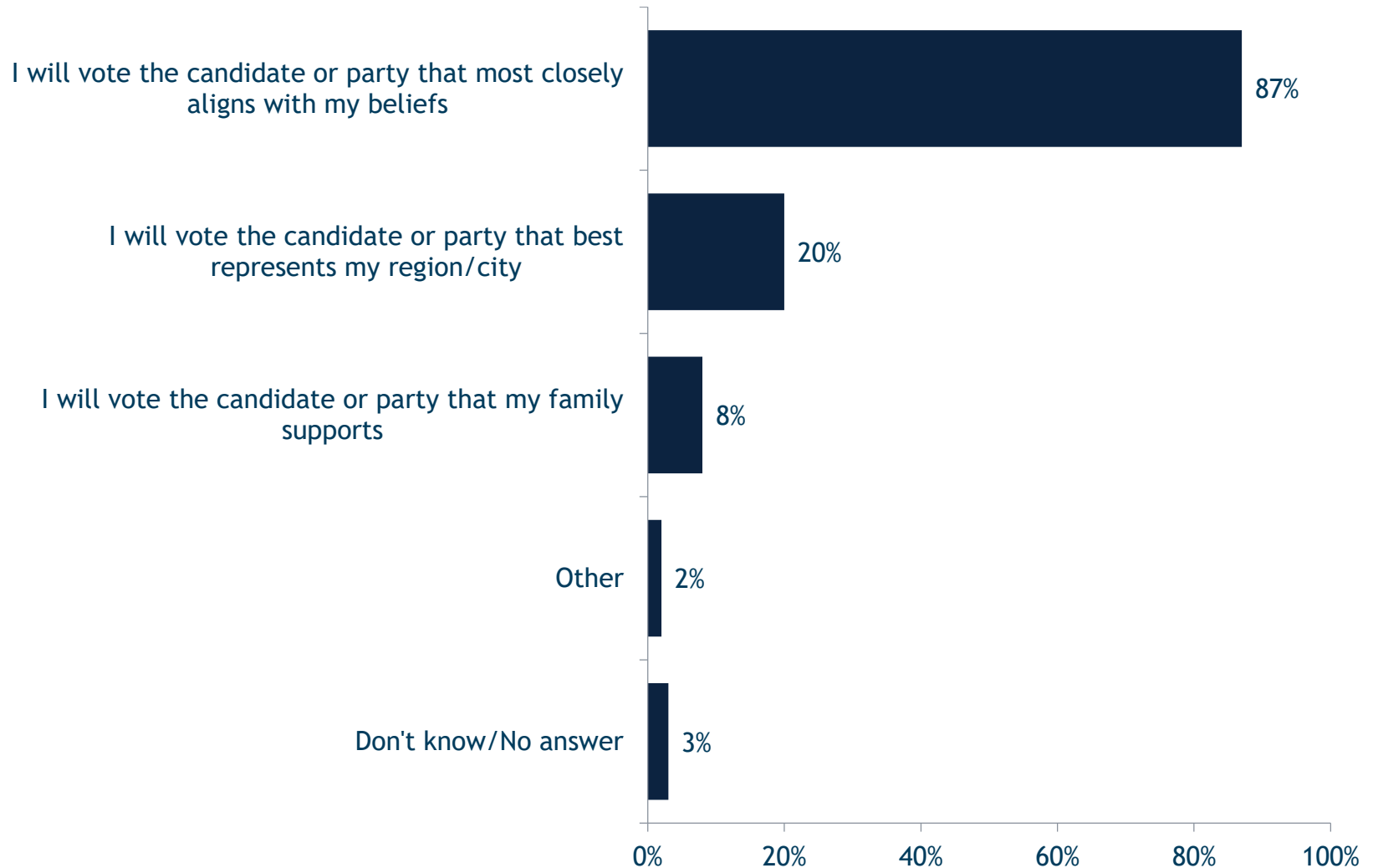


# Would you vote for a candidate who did not post billboards and campaign materials across the city?



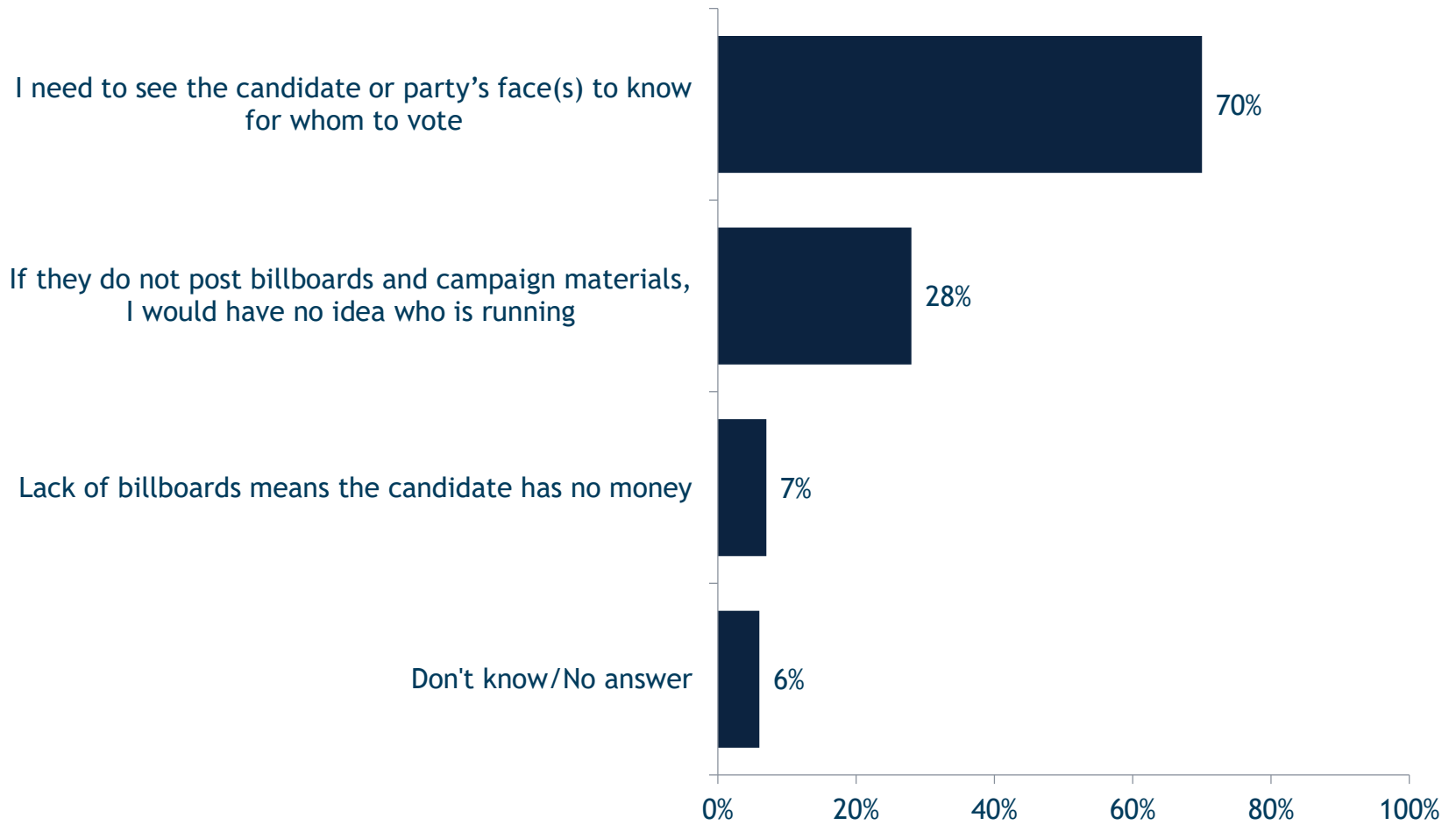
# If yes, why?

(Respondents who said that would vote for such candidate: n=750; multiple responses permitted)

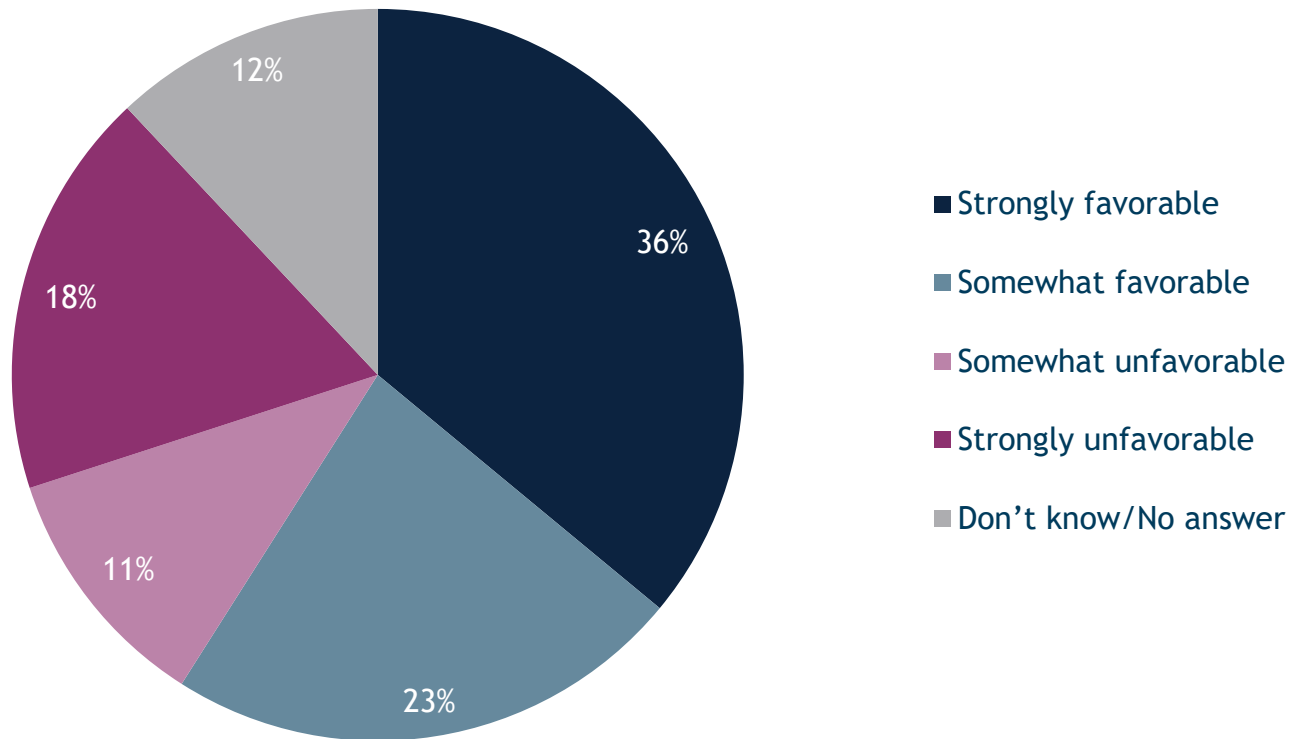


# If no, why not?

(Respondents who said that would not vote for such candidate: n=366; multiple responses permitted)

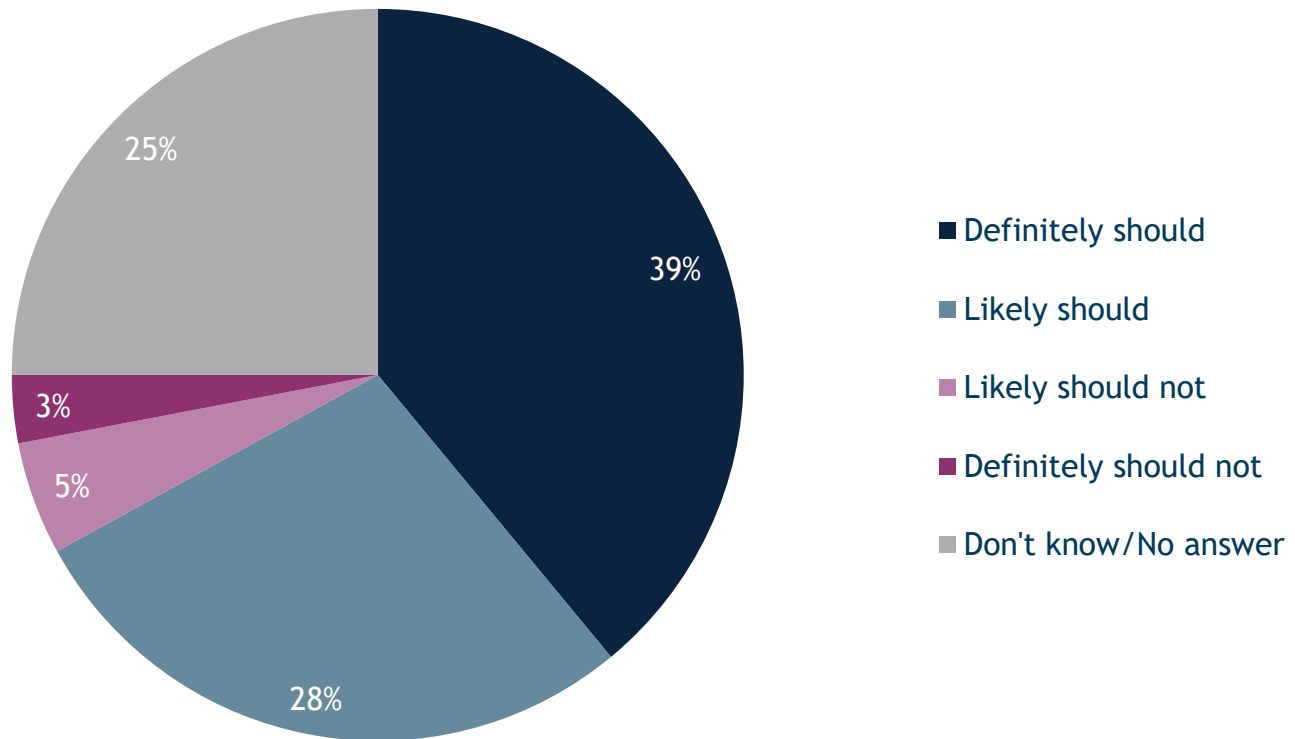


# How would you evaluate the parliamentary pension reform initiative that makes participation voluntary and offers tax concessions to participants?





# Should the Georgian government officially congratulate the Ukrainian Church for gaining autocephaly?



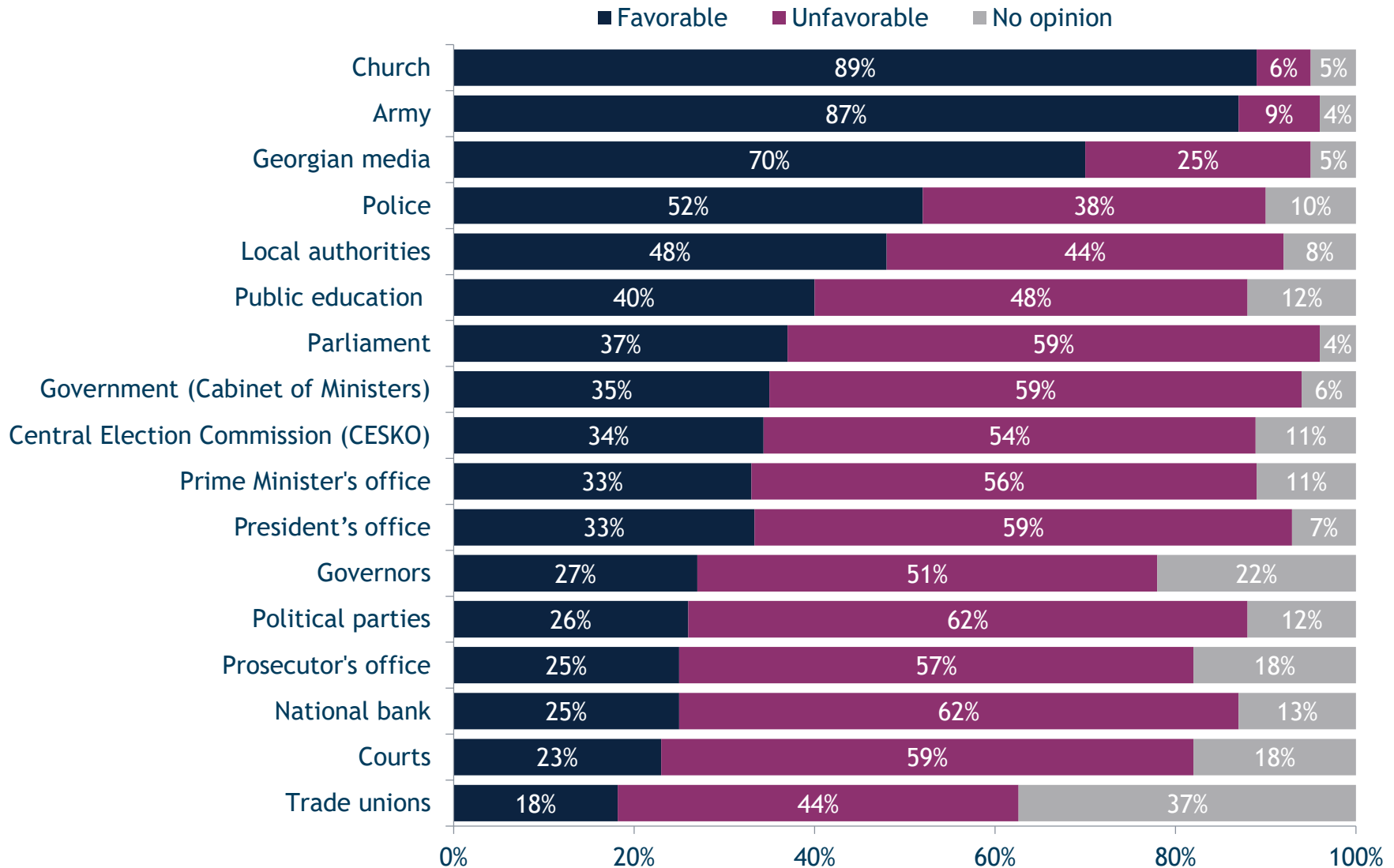


# Persons and Institutions

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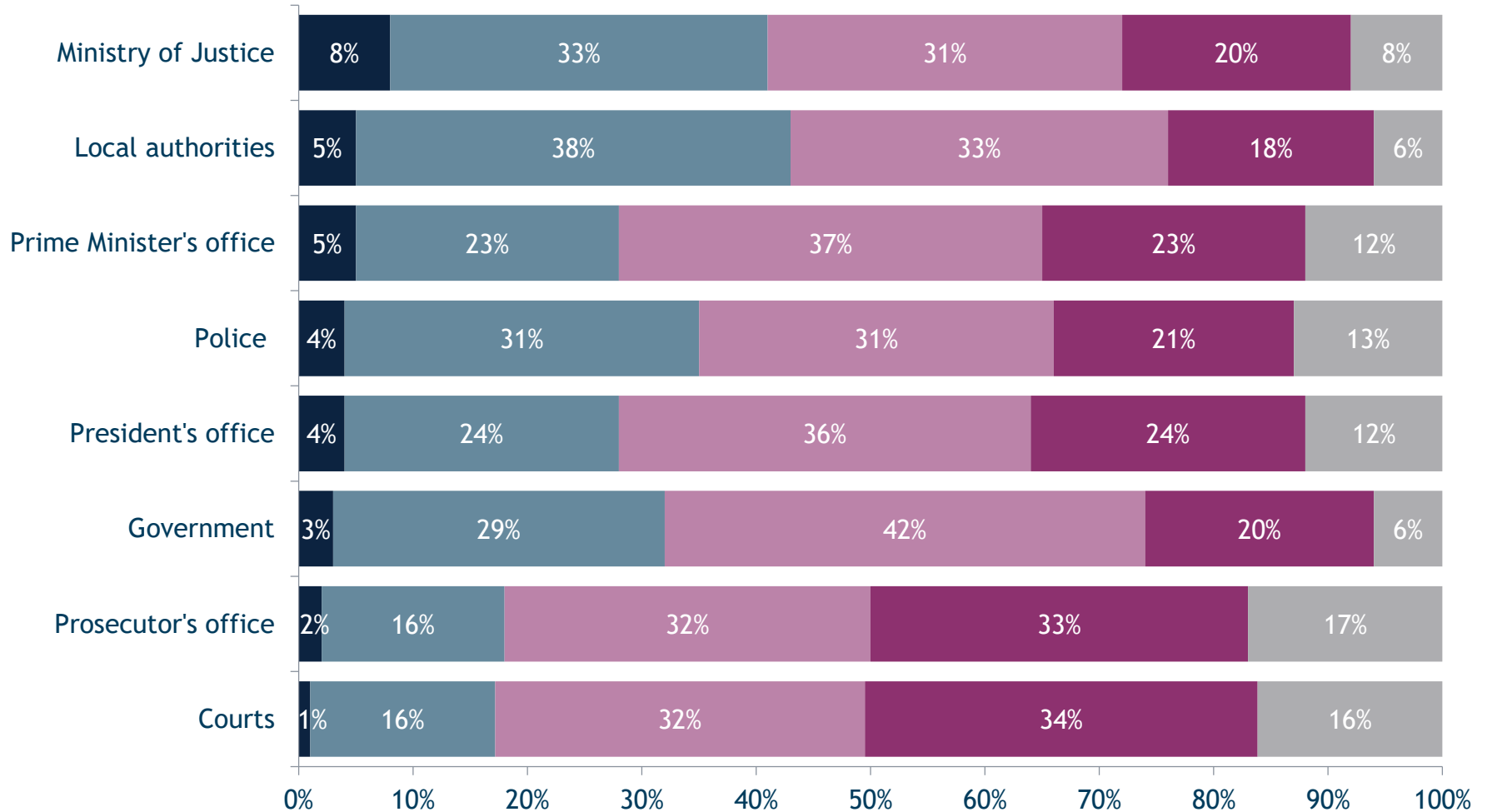


I am going to read you the names of some Georgian institutions and organizations. Please tell me your opinion about the work of each of these institutions:

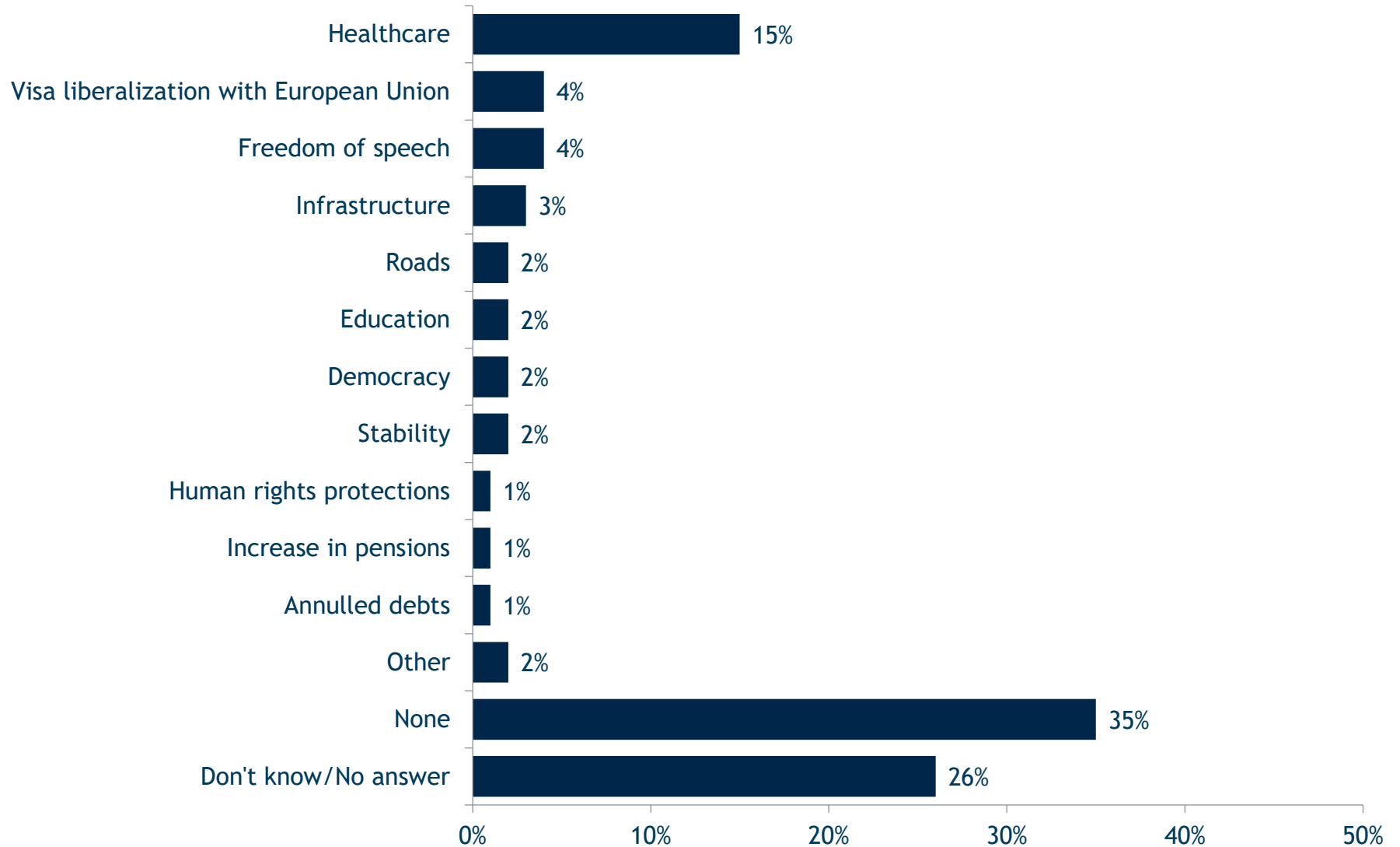


# How do you assess performance of the following institutions in terms of openness and transparency?

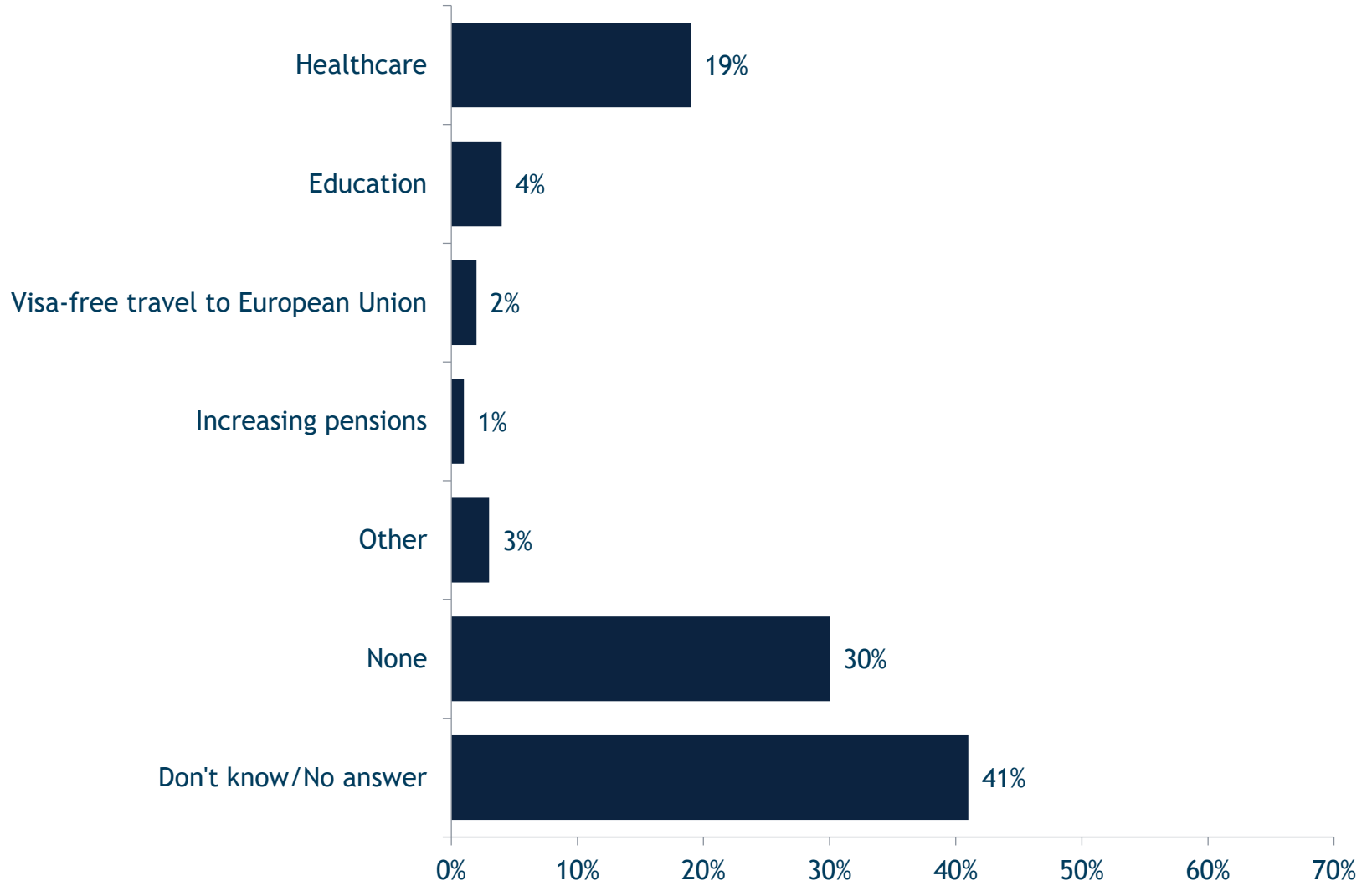
Very open and transparent
  Somewhat open and transparent
  Somewhat not open and transparent
  Not at all open and transparent
  Don't know/No answer



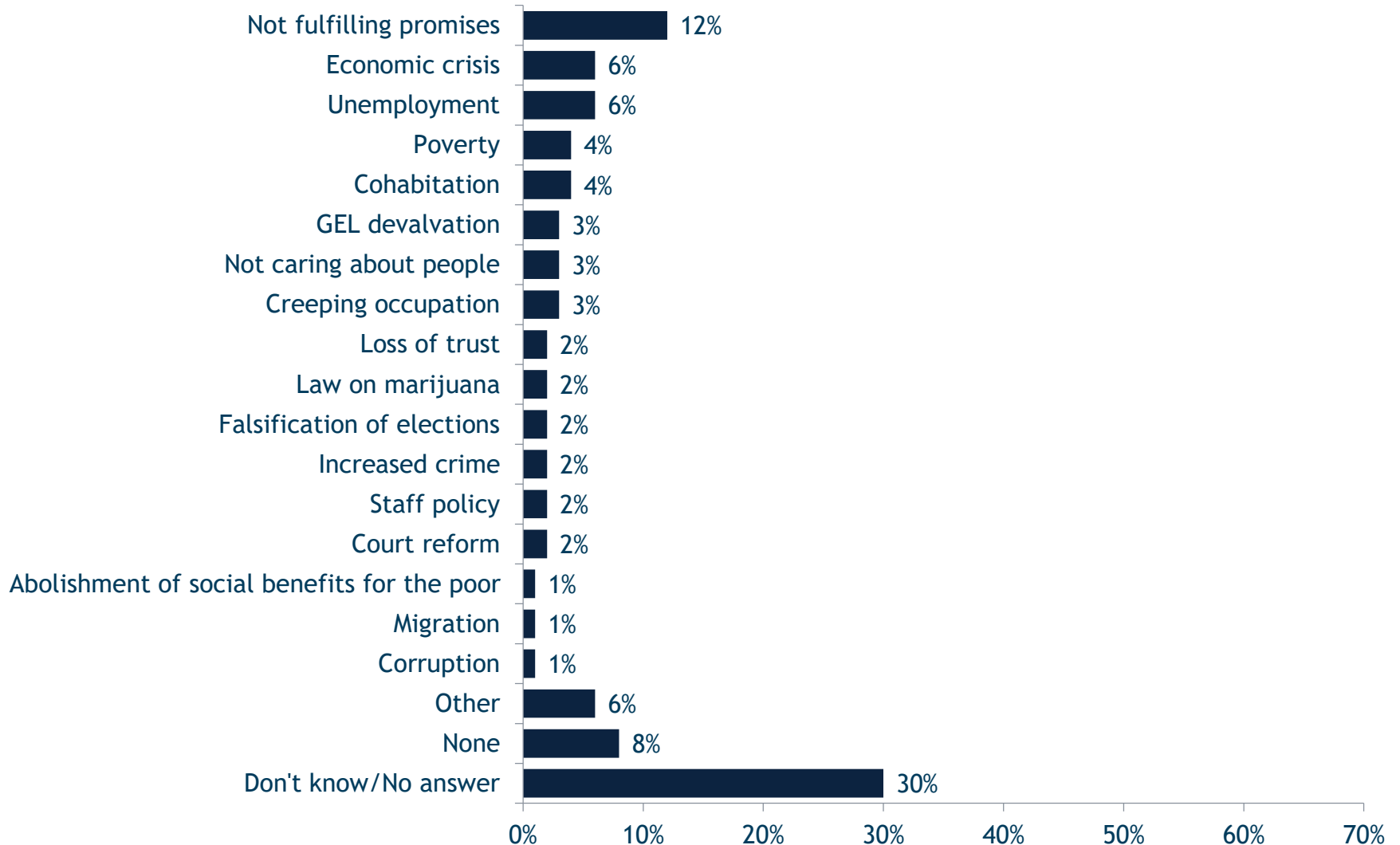
# What is the main accomplishment of the current Government? (Spontaneous response)



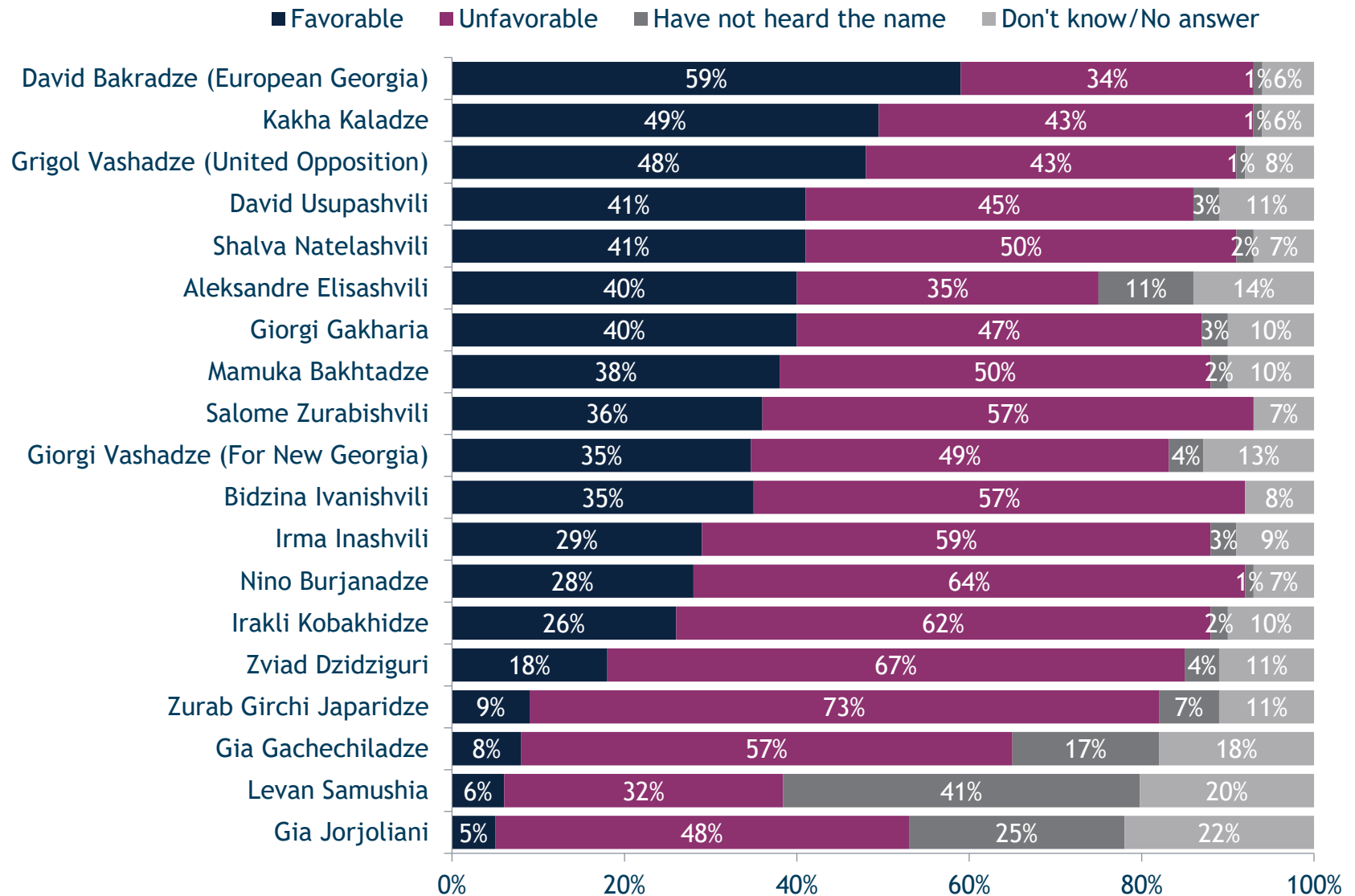
# In your opinion, what is the most successful reform adopted by parliament? (Spontaneous response)



# What is the biggest failure of the government? (Spontaneous response)

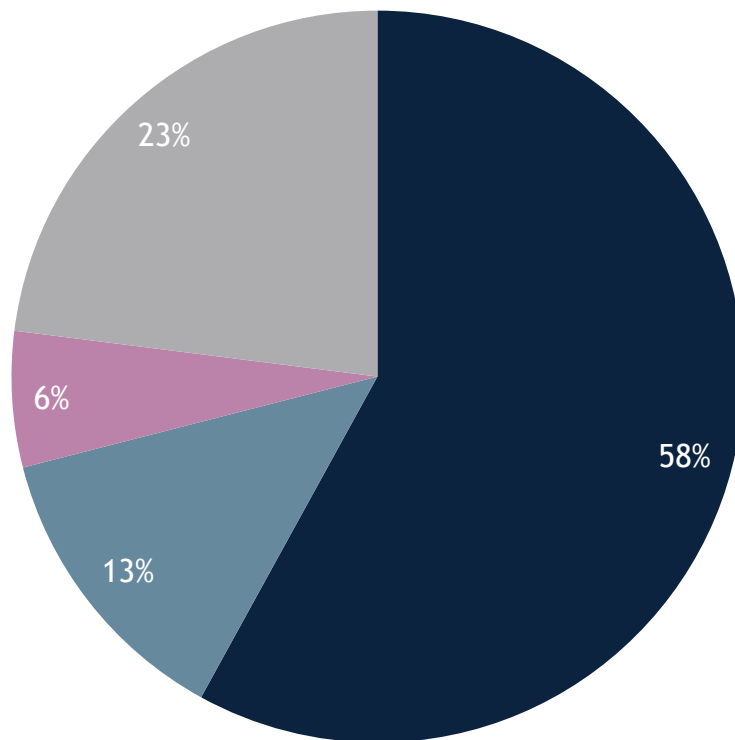


# I am going to read you the names of Georgian politicians and public figures. Please tell me your opinion of him/her.



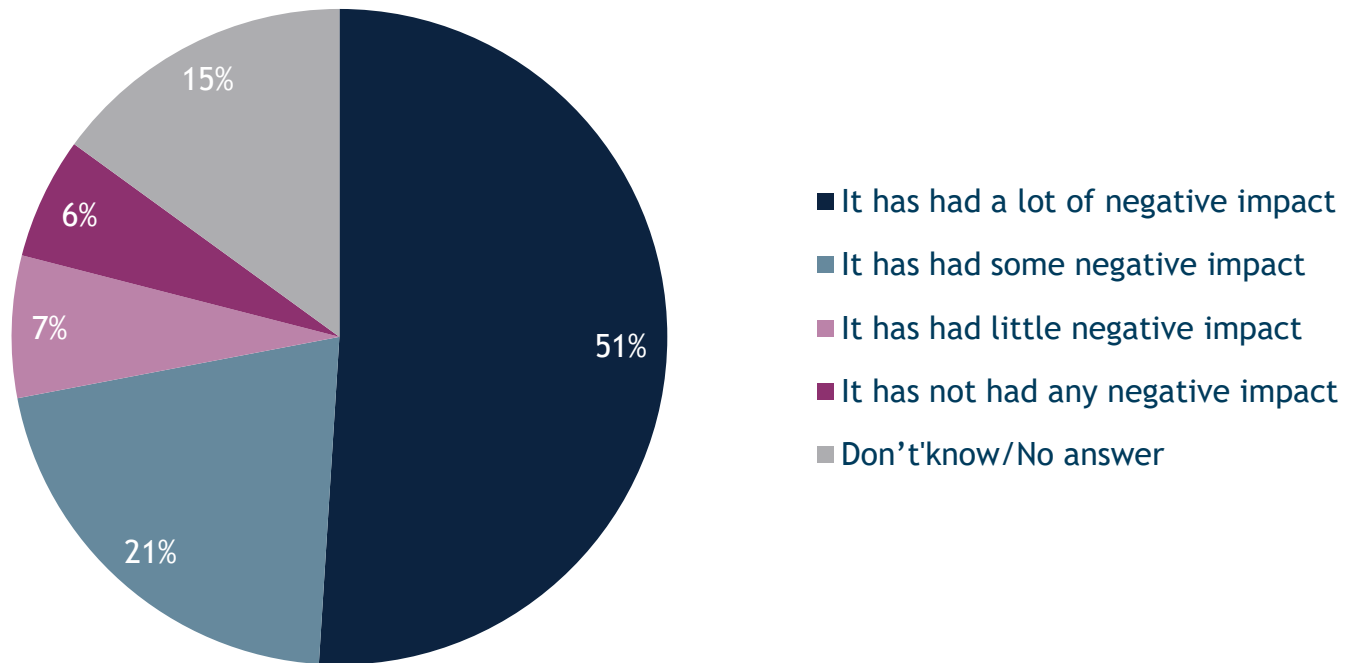


# Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

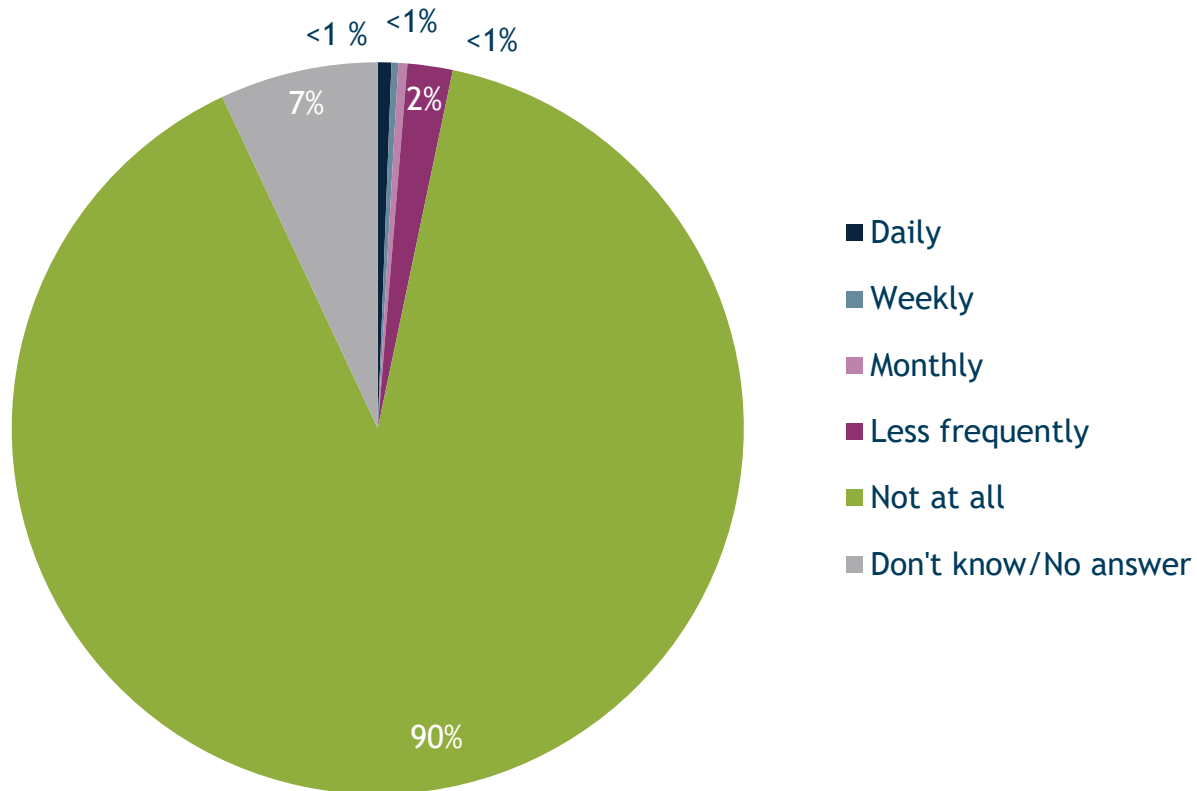


- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy.
- Don't know/No answer

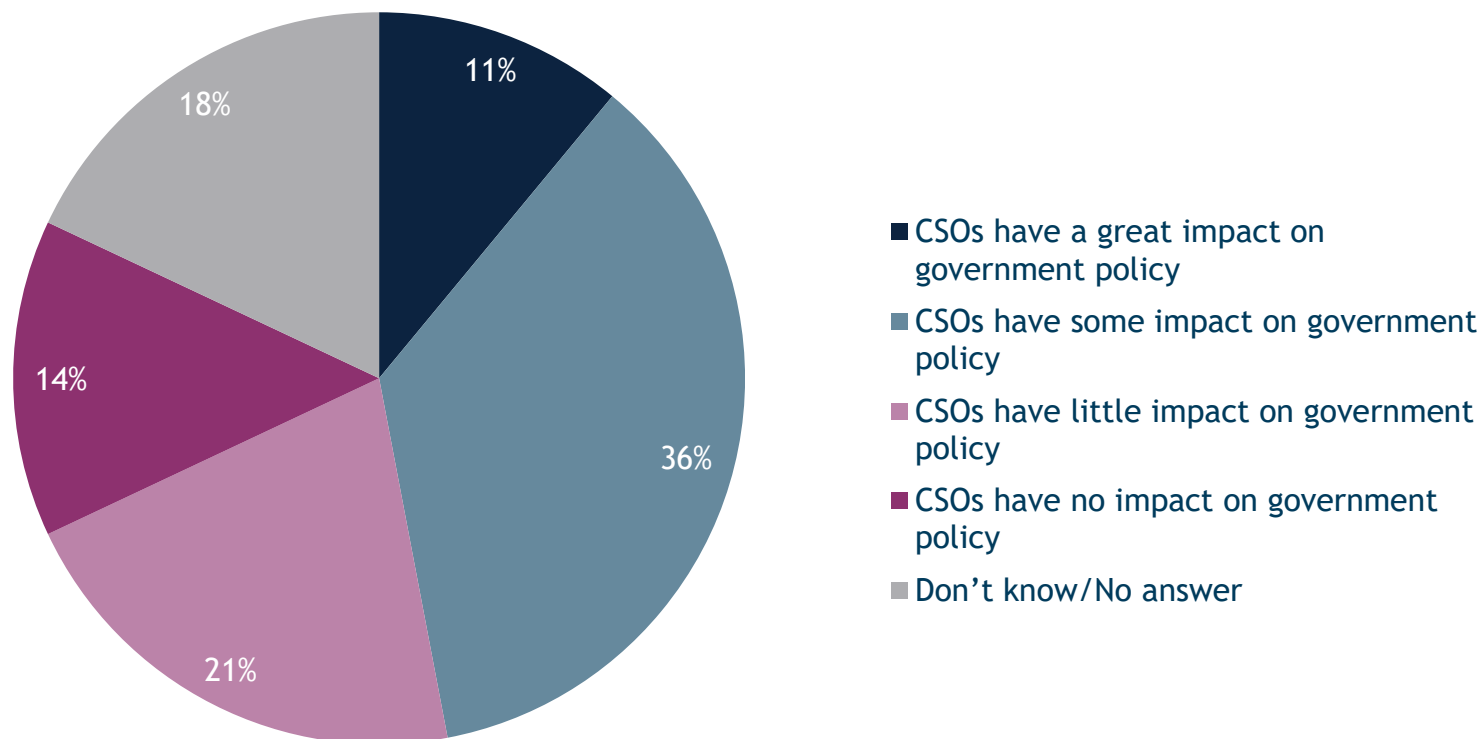
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



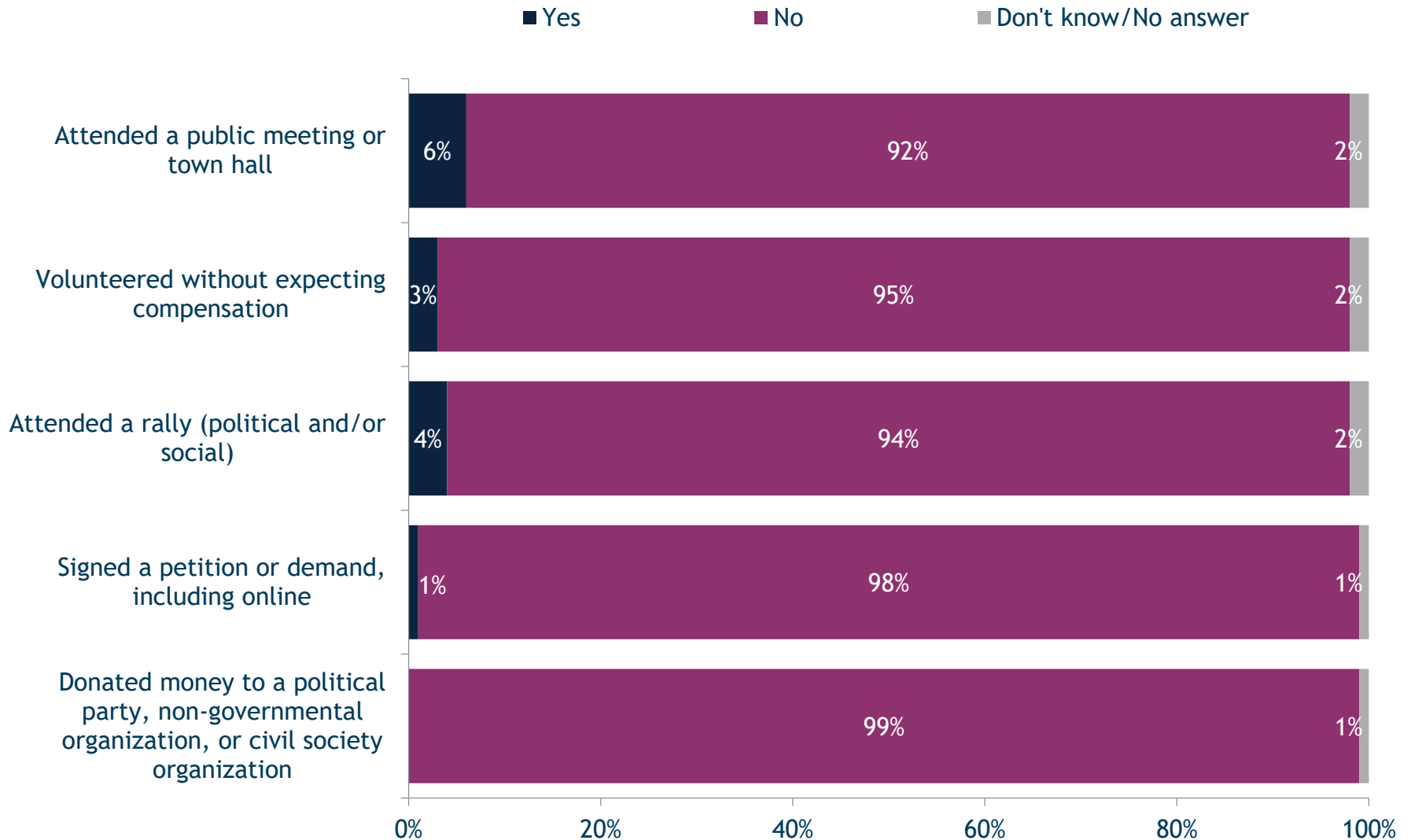
In the past 12 months, how often have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?



## What is your perception of the level of impact of civil society organizations (CSOs) in Georgia?



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





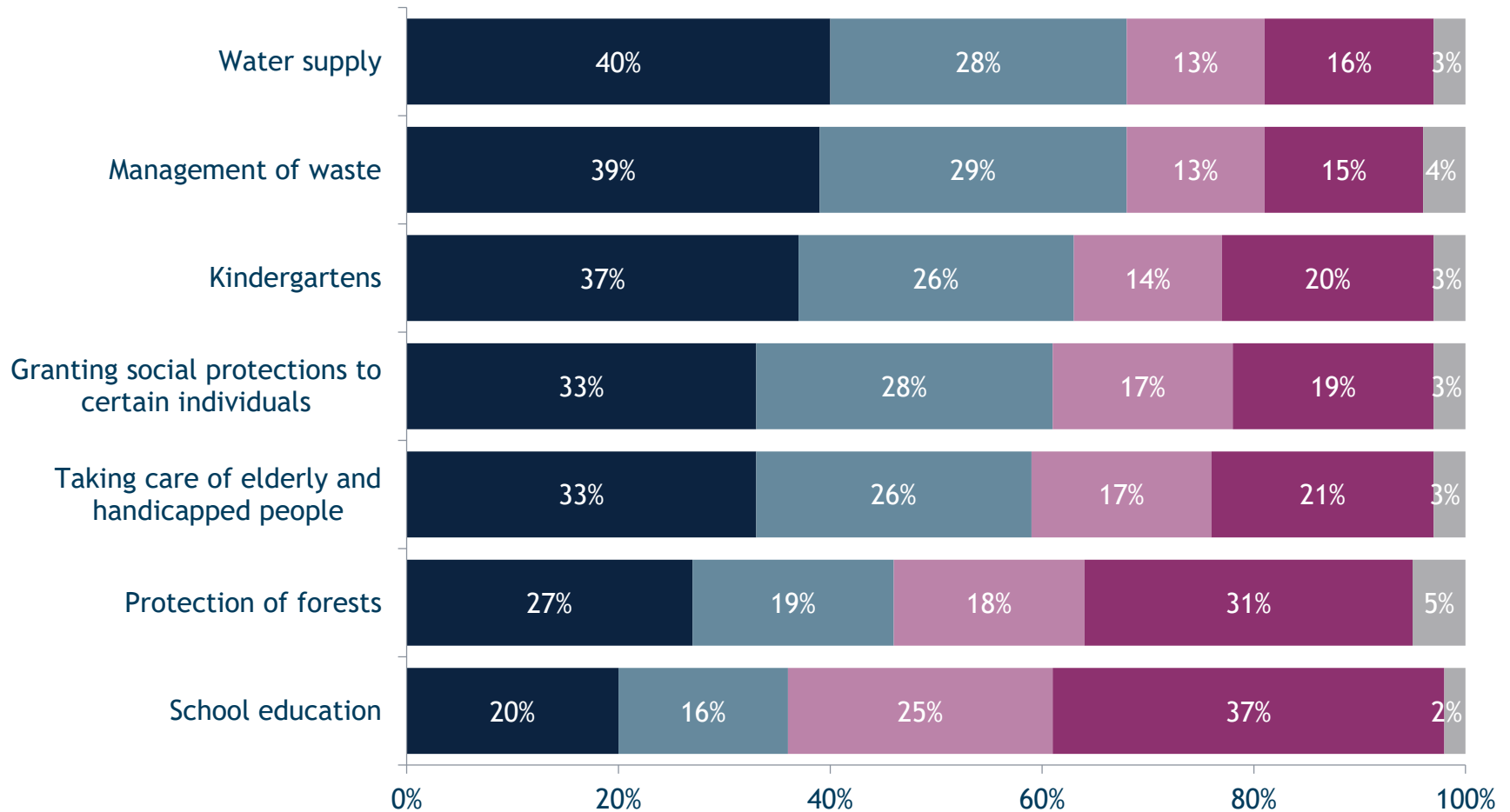
# Local Governance

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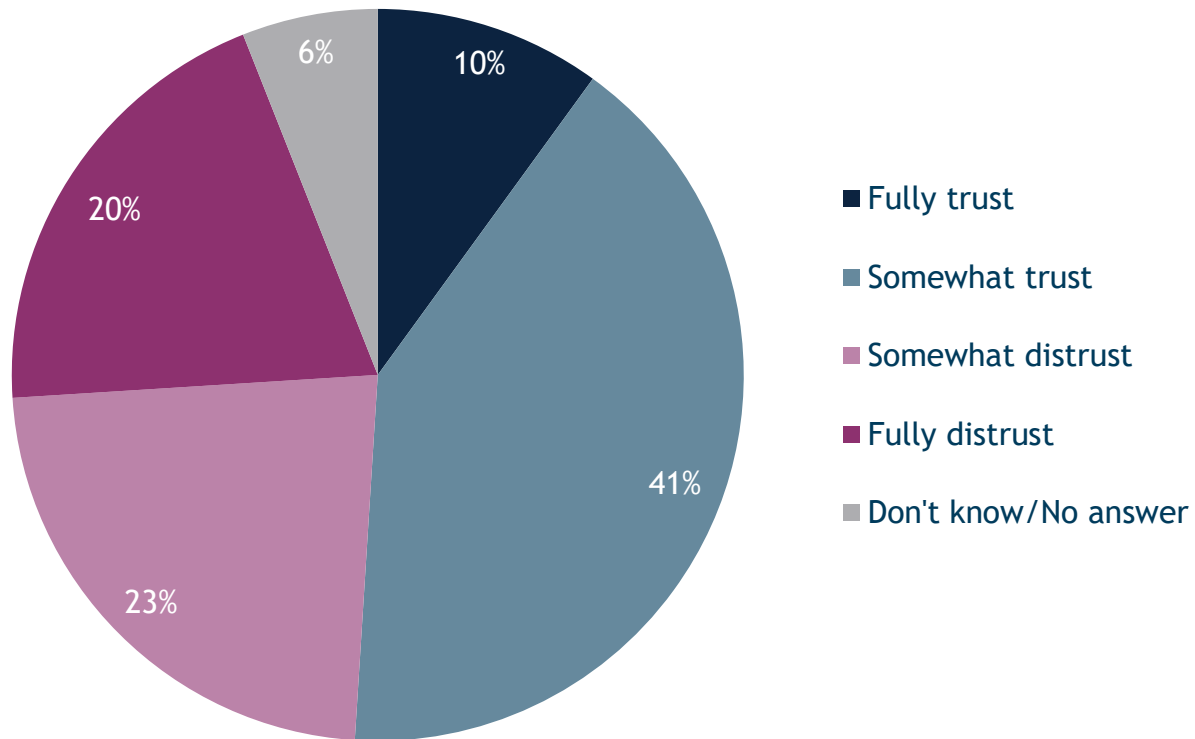


# Do you think that the following services should be provided by local/municipal governments or by the central government?

- Definitely by local government
- Probably by local government
- Probably by central government administration
- Definitely by central government administration
- Don't know/No answer



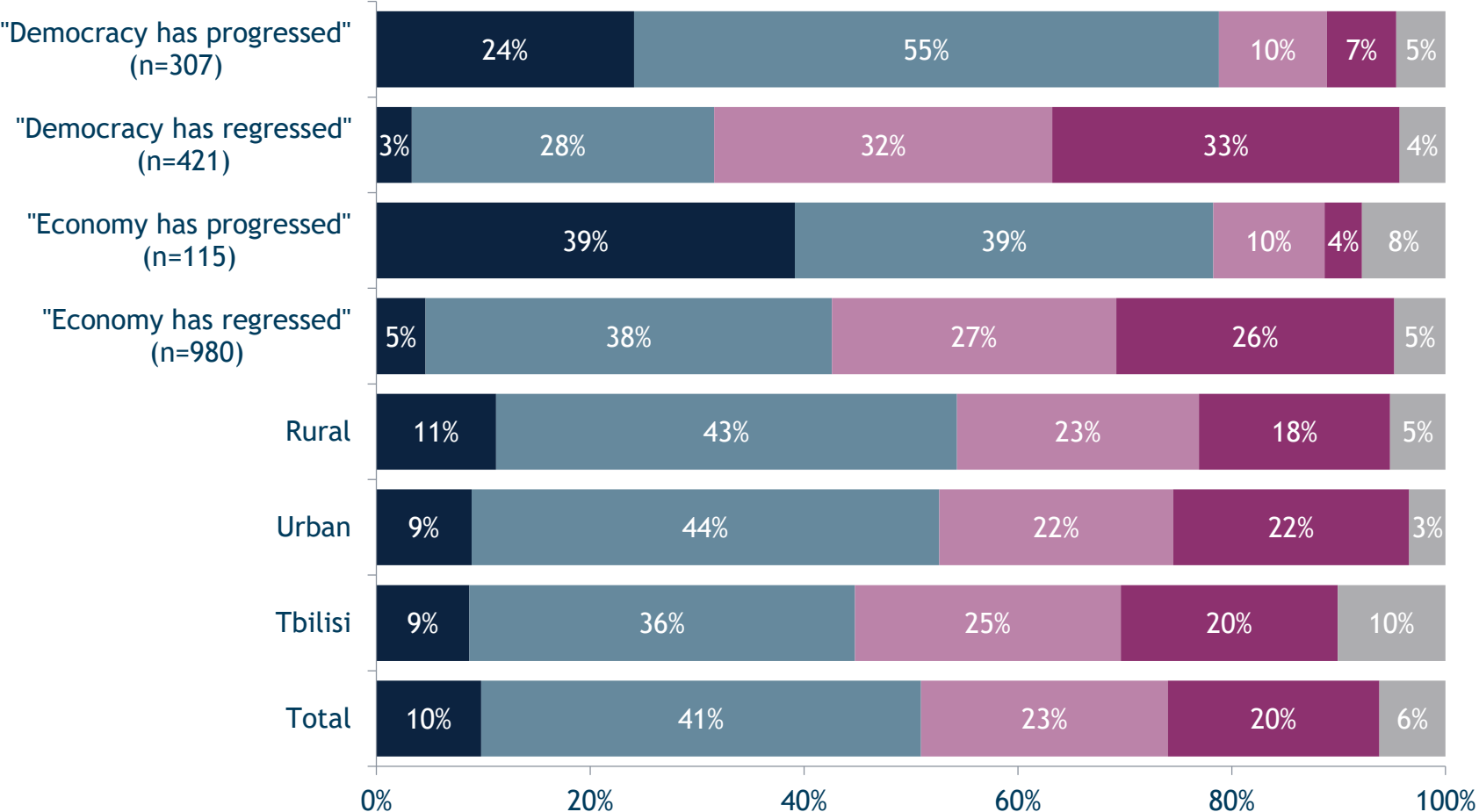
# How much do you trust or distrust Georgia's local government bodies?



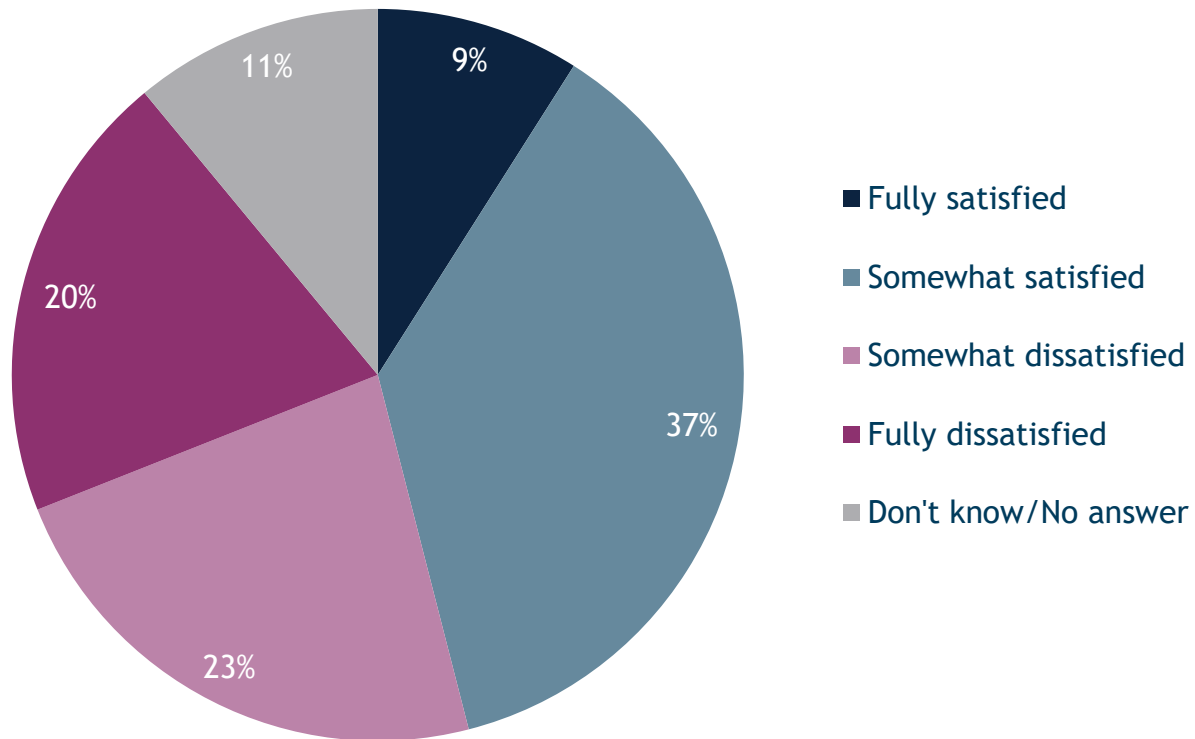


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Fully trust
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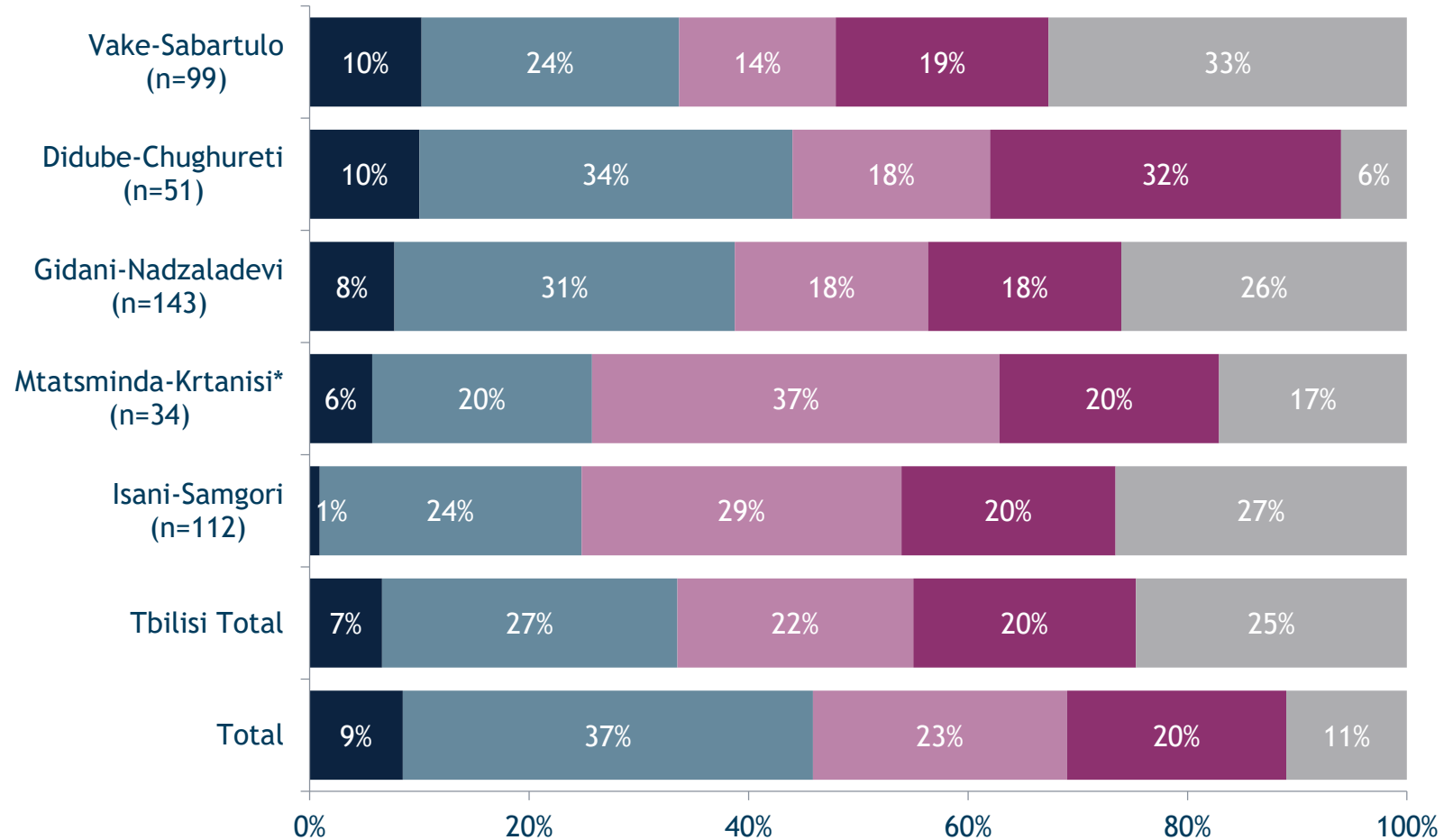


# How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local Sakrebulo's performance?



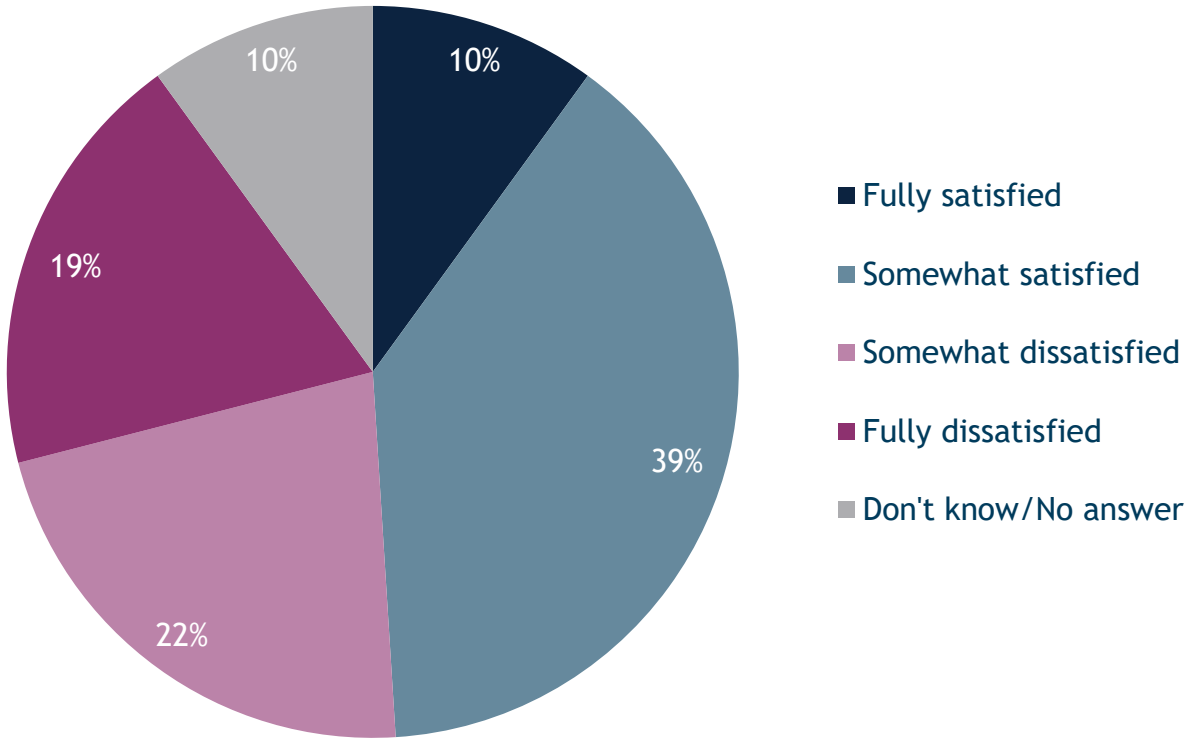
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  Fully dissatisfied
  Don't know/No answer



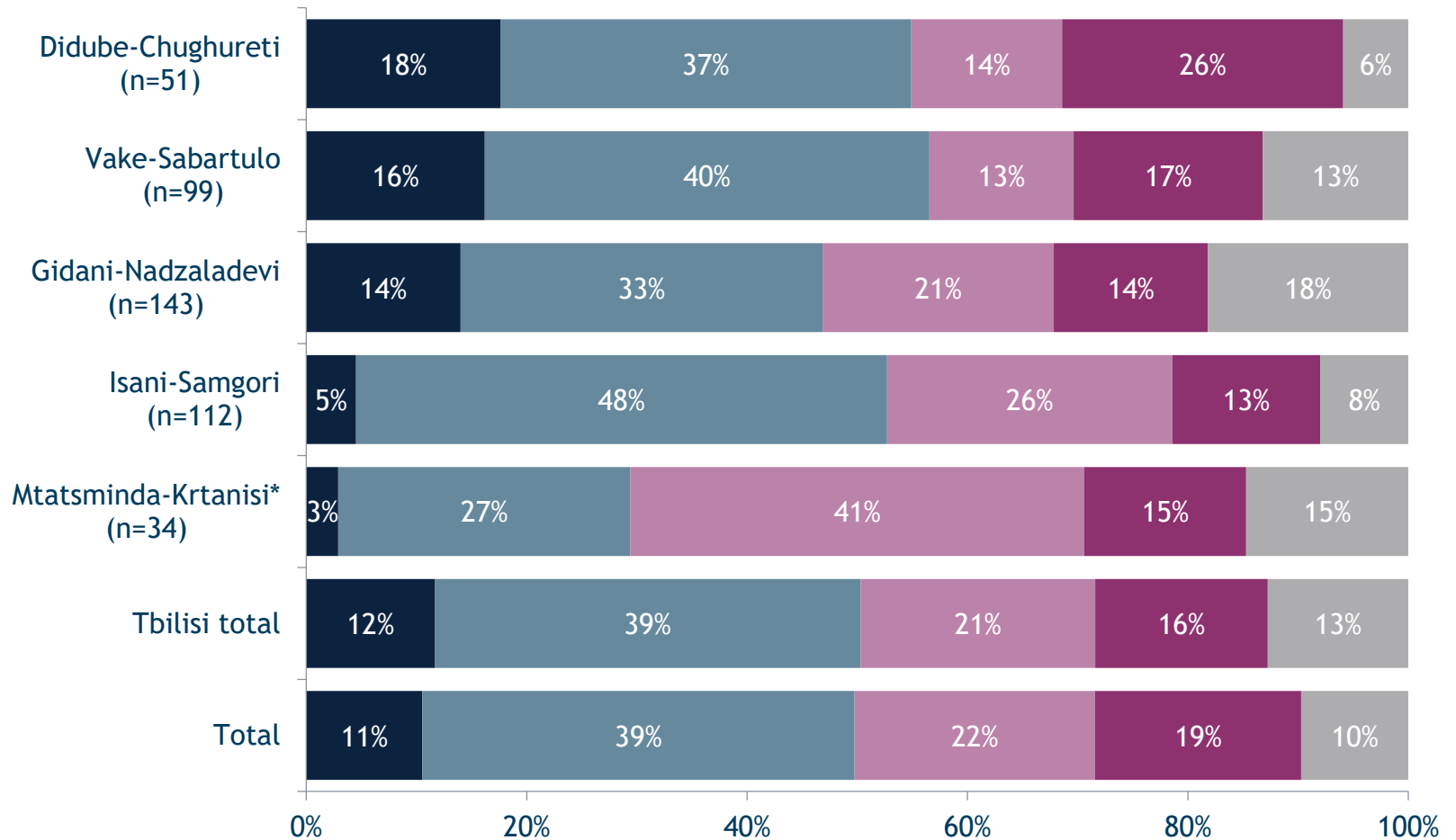
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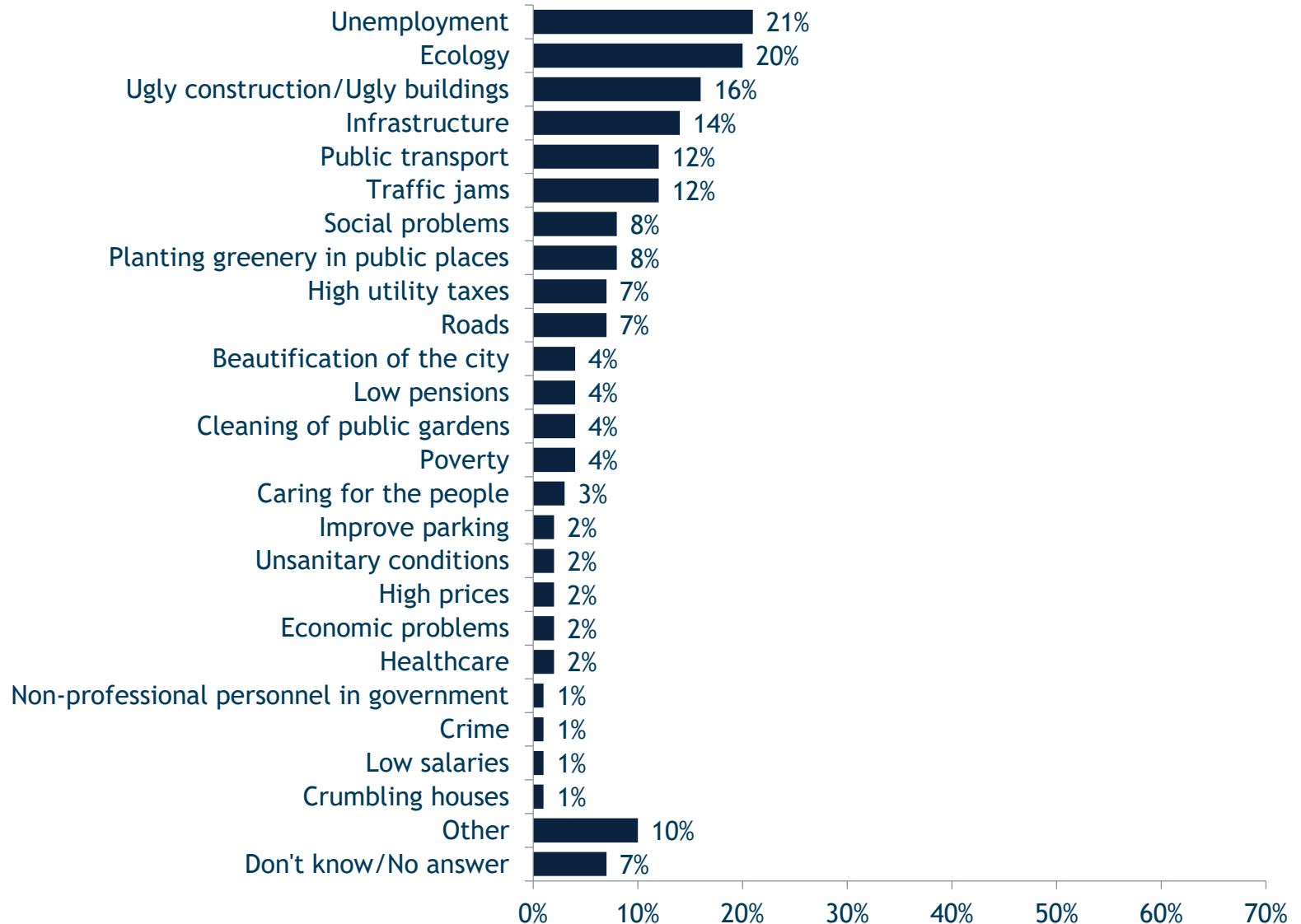
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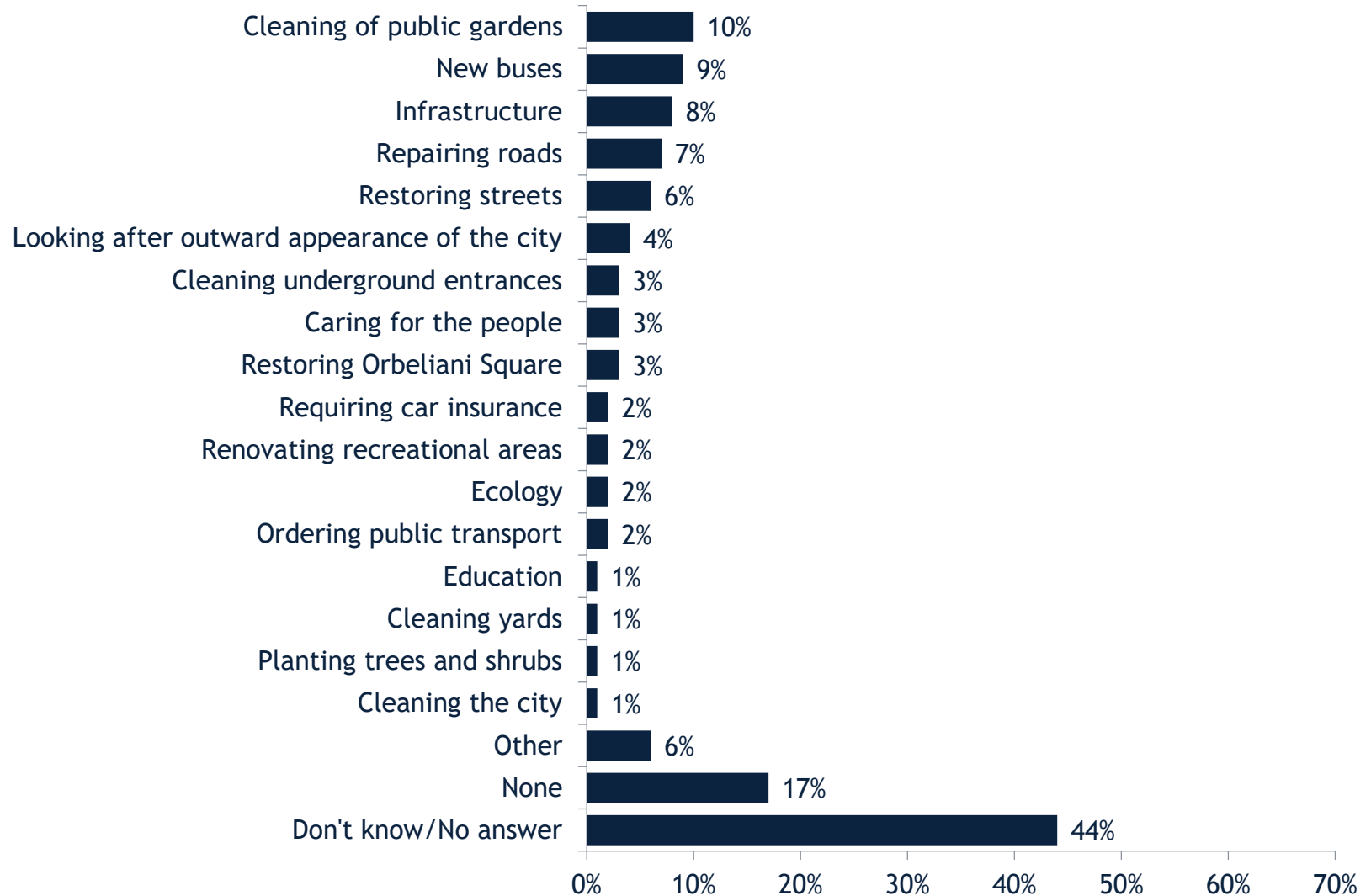
# What are the two main problems that Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze needs to address?

(Residents of Tbilisi: n=440; spontaneous response; up to two responses permitted)



# What are the two major accomplishments of Tbilisi Mayor Kakha Kaladze's in office?

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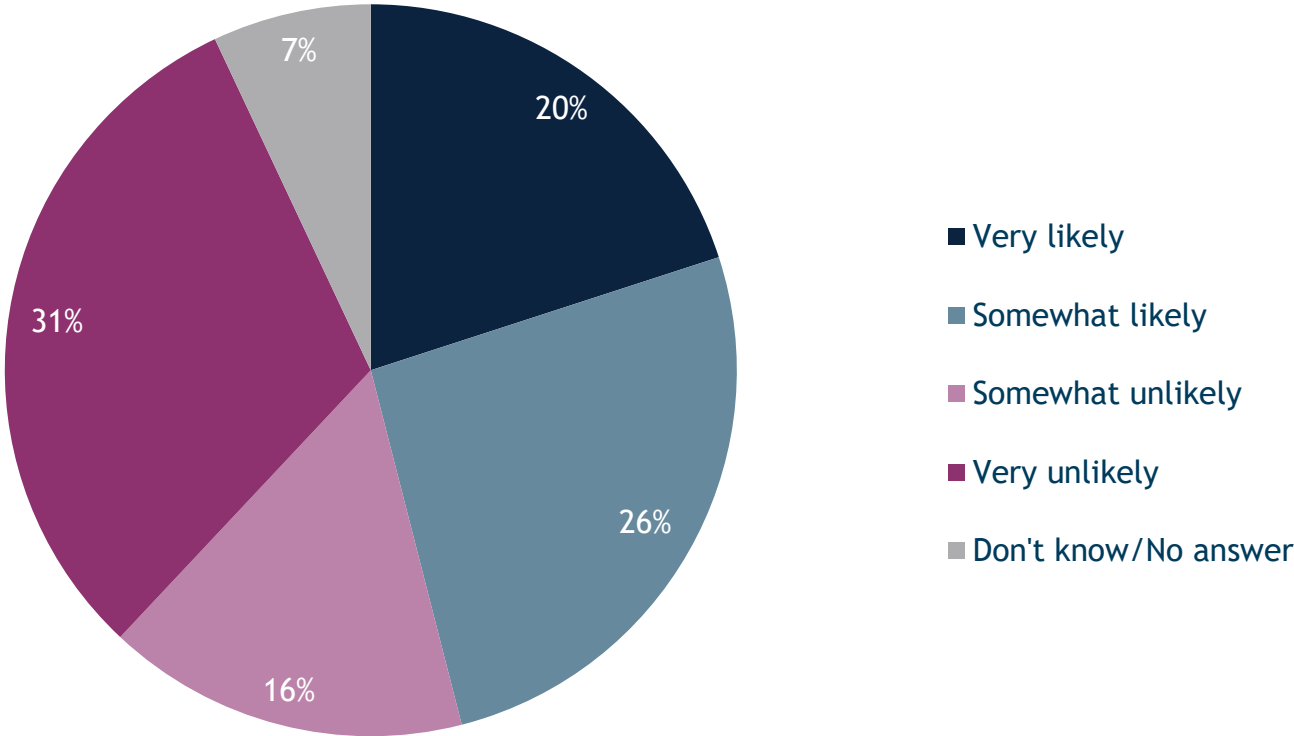


# Elections and Electoral Integrity

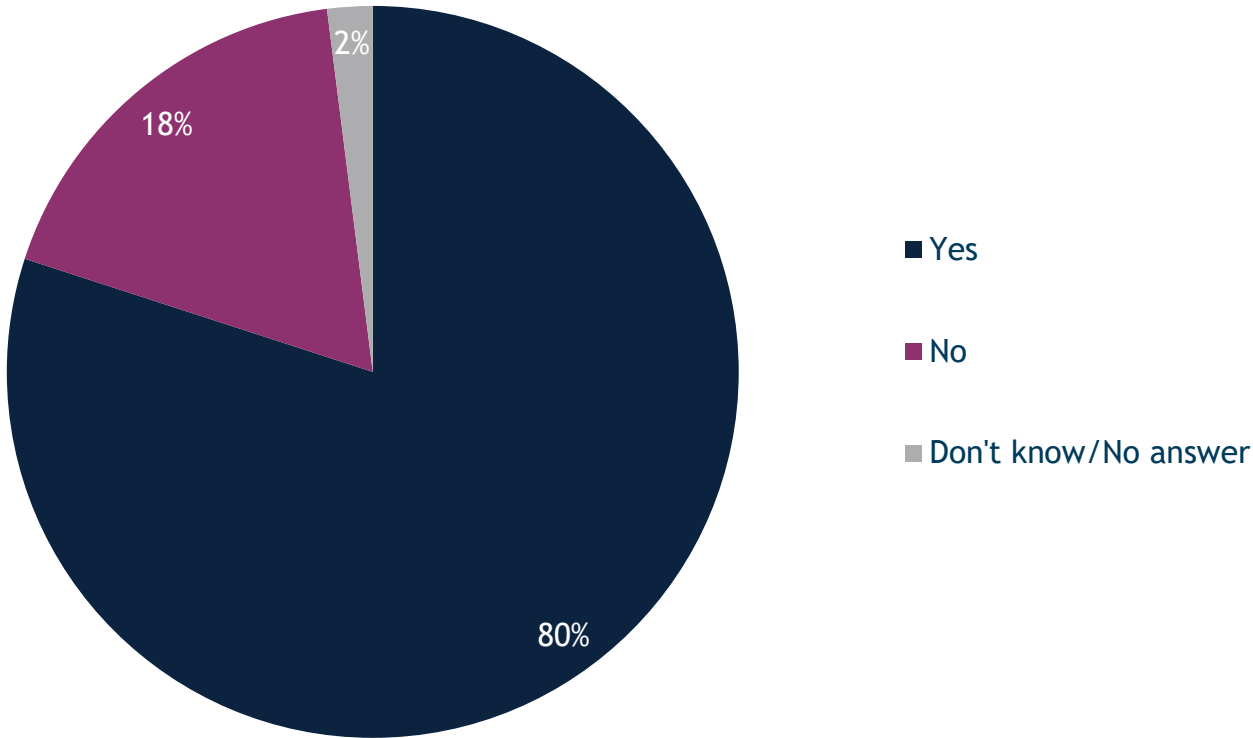




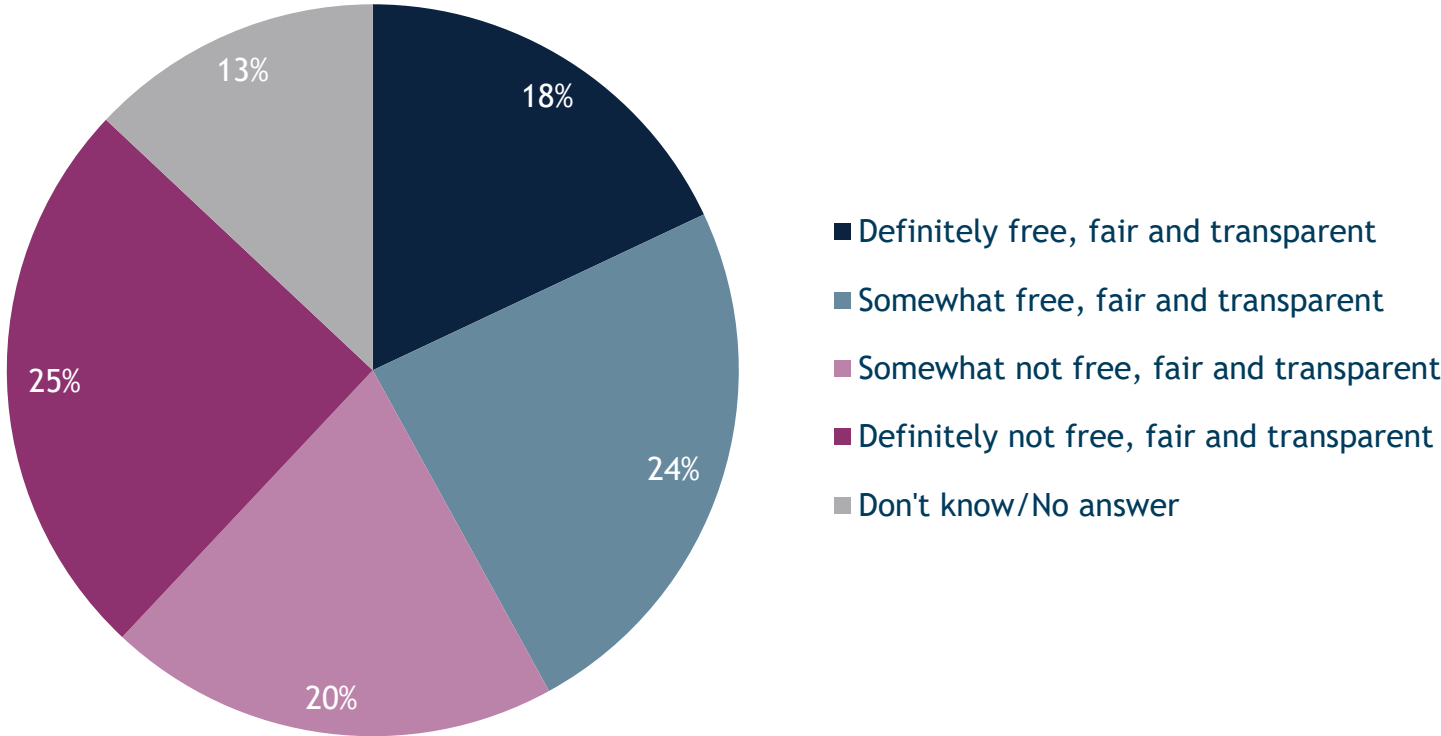
# How likely is it that ordinary people can influence decisions made in our country?



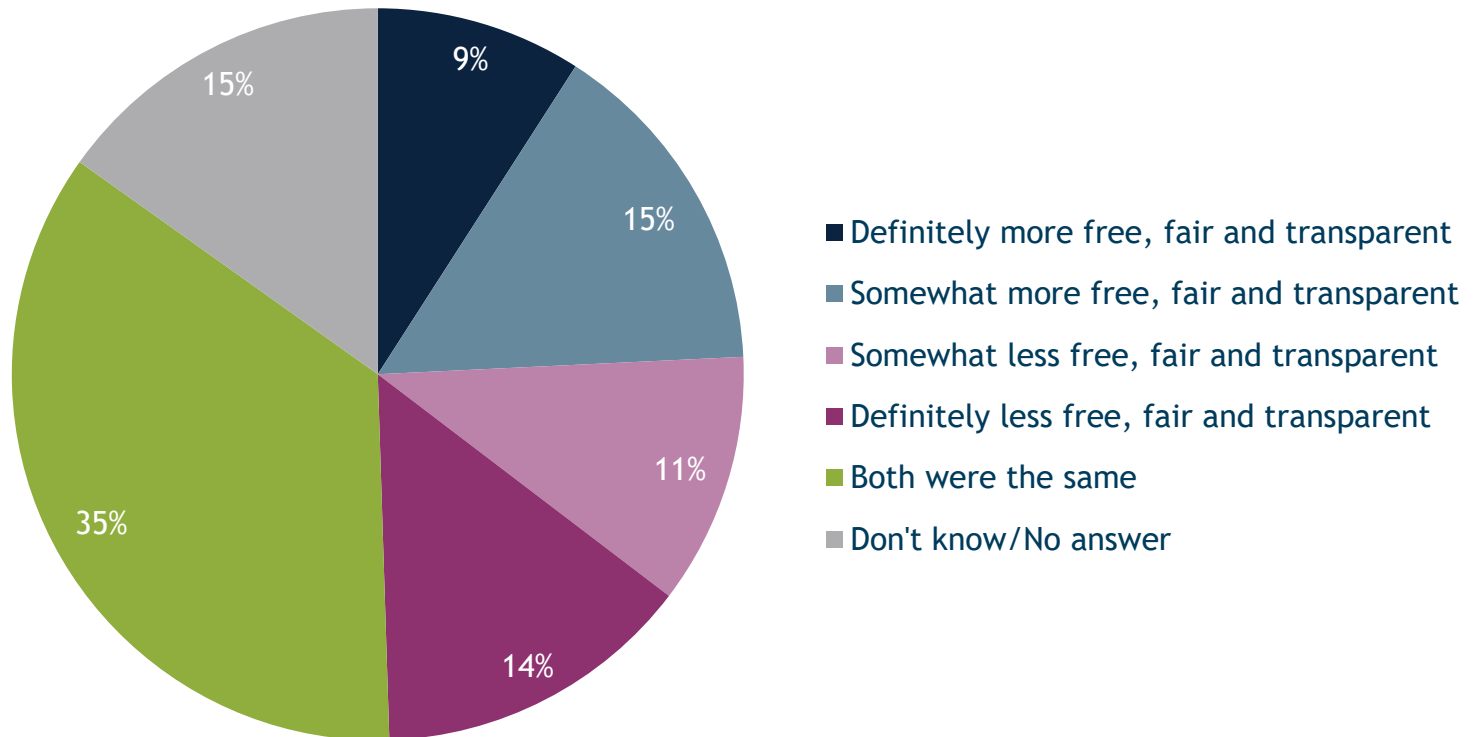
# Did you vote in the 2018 presidential elections?



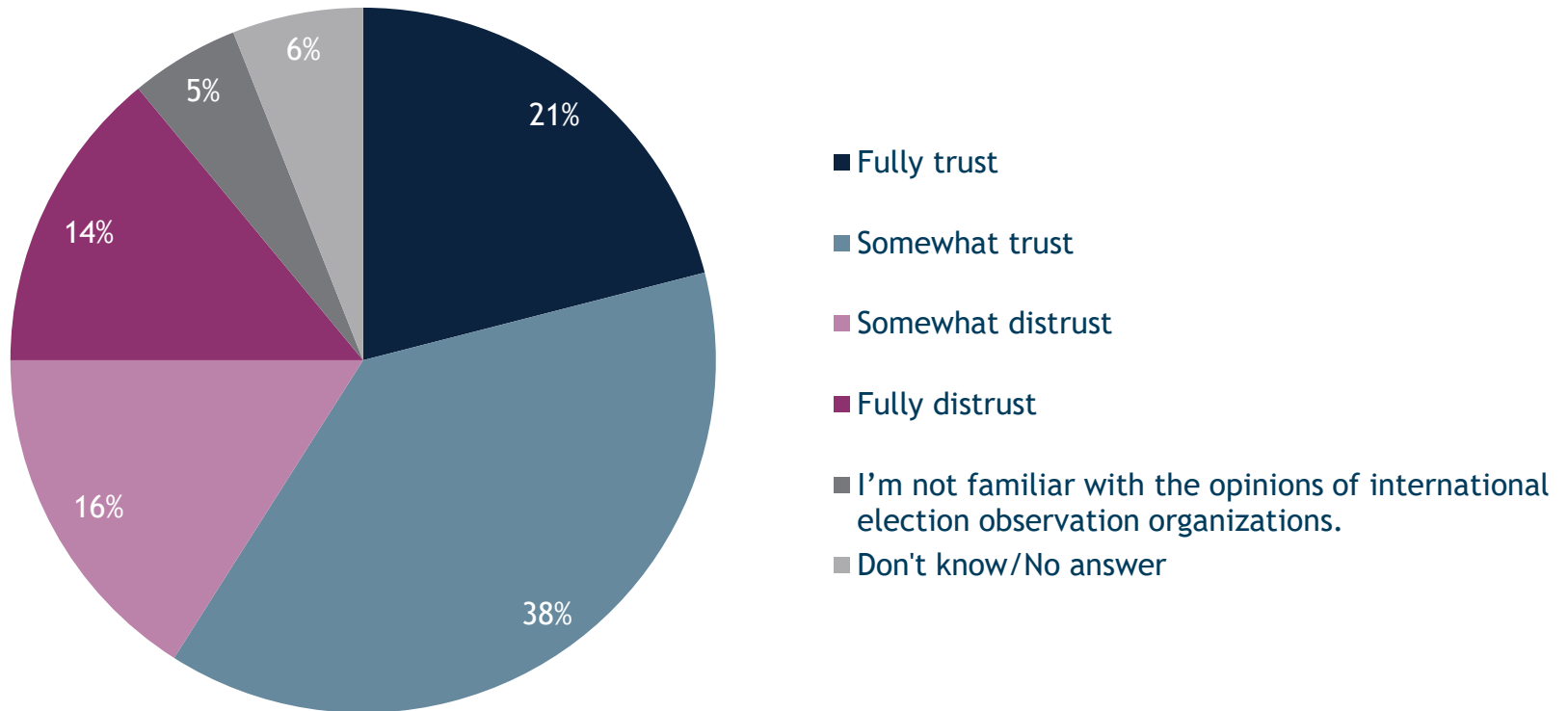
# Thinking about the 2018 presidential elections, do you believe the election was free, fair and transparent?



# Do you believe that the 2018 presidential election was more or less free, fair and transparent than the previous election?

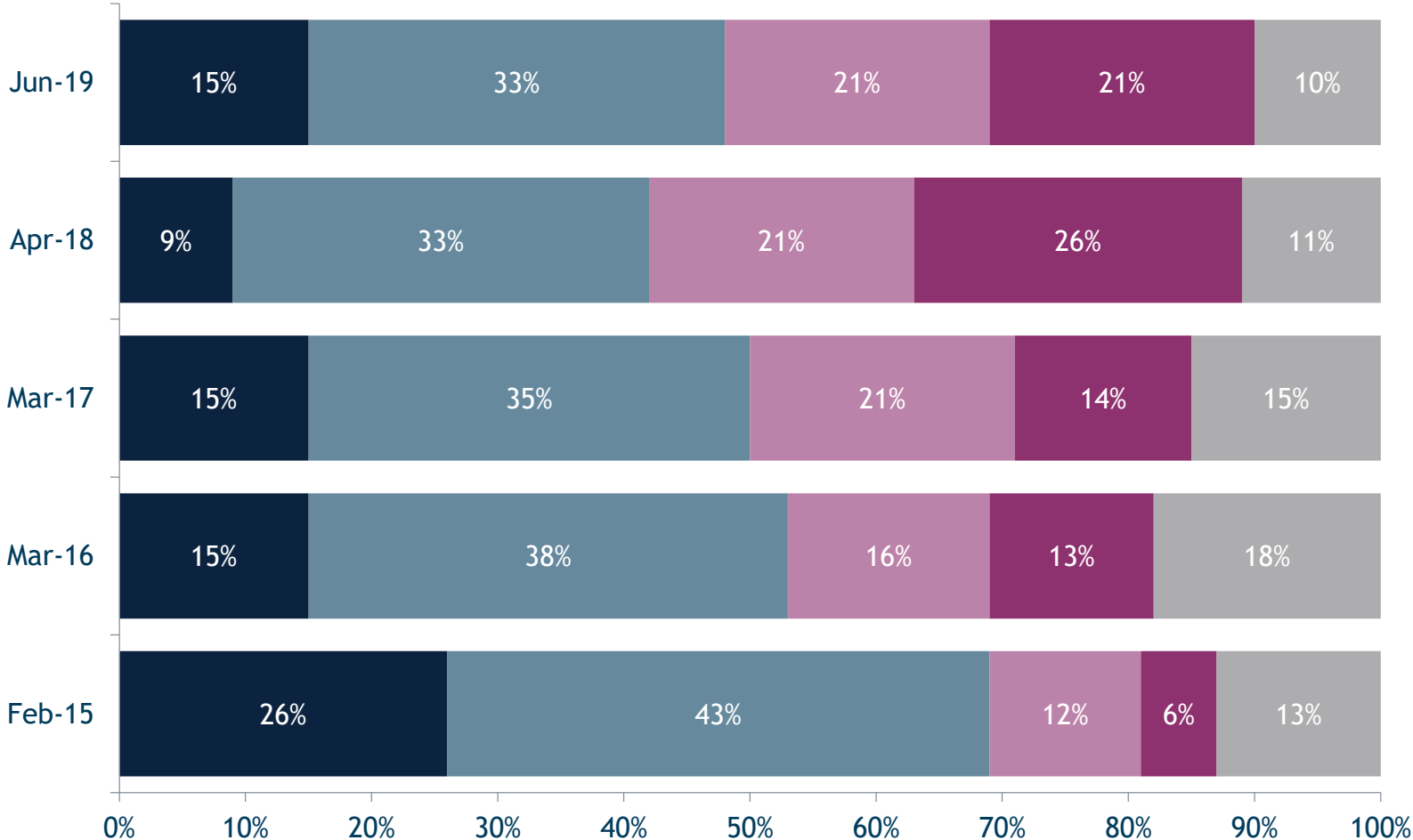


# Do you trust the opinions of international election observation organizations regarding whether or not an election was free, fair and transparent?

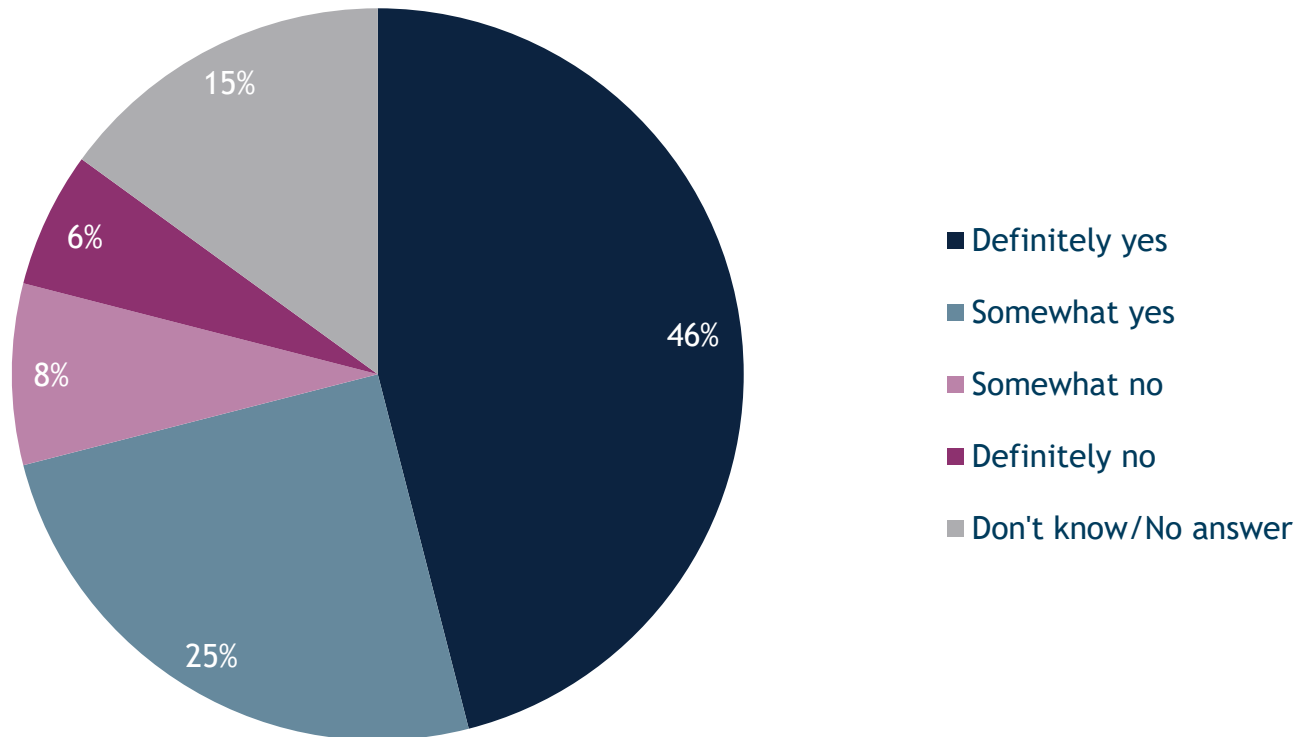


# Do you agree or disagree that the Central Election Commission (CESKO) performs its work in a trustworthy manner?

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

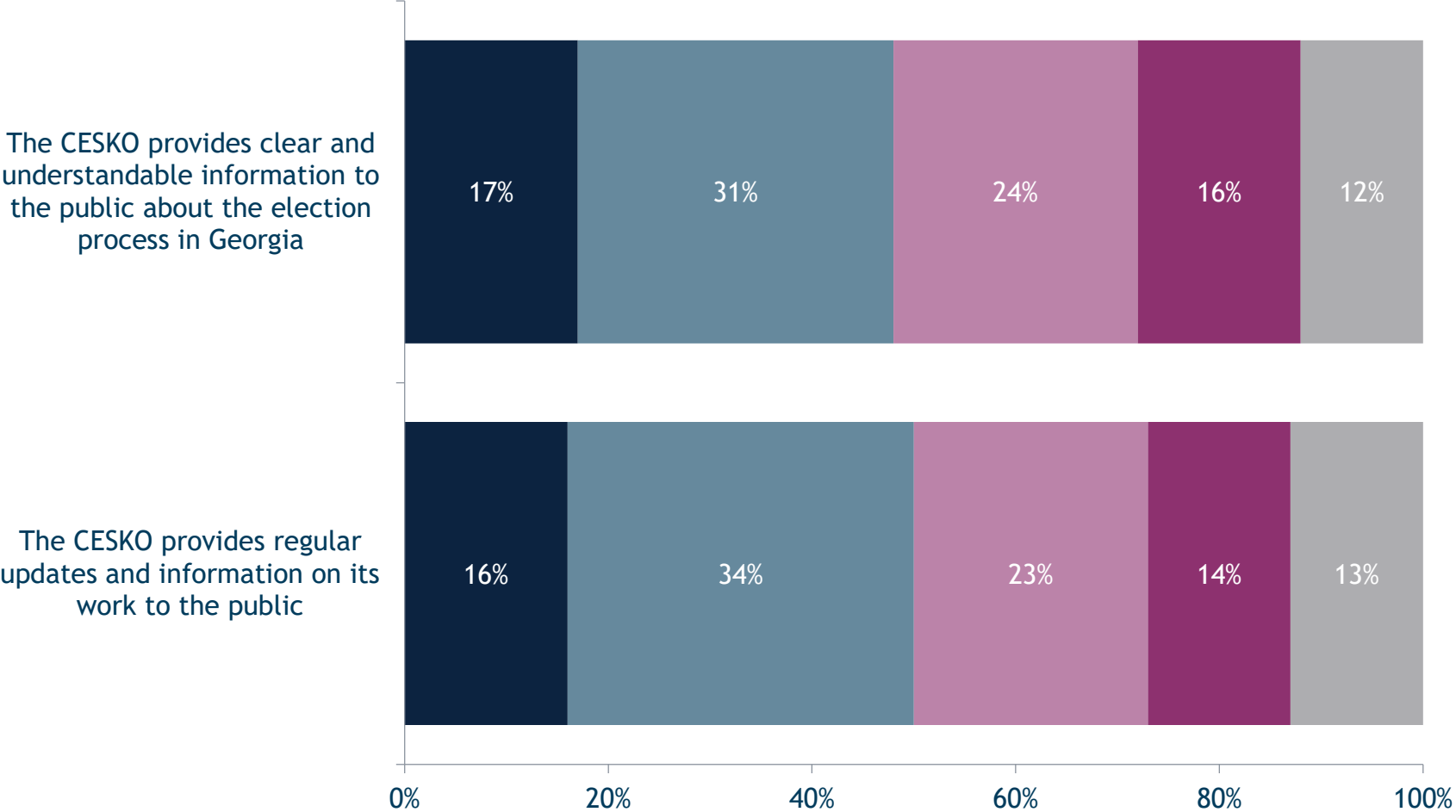


In the 2018 presidential election, was your polling station a safe environment for you to vote confidently and without fear of violence or intimidation?



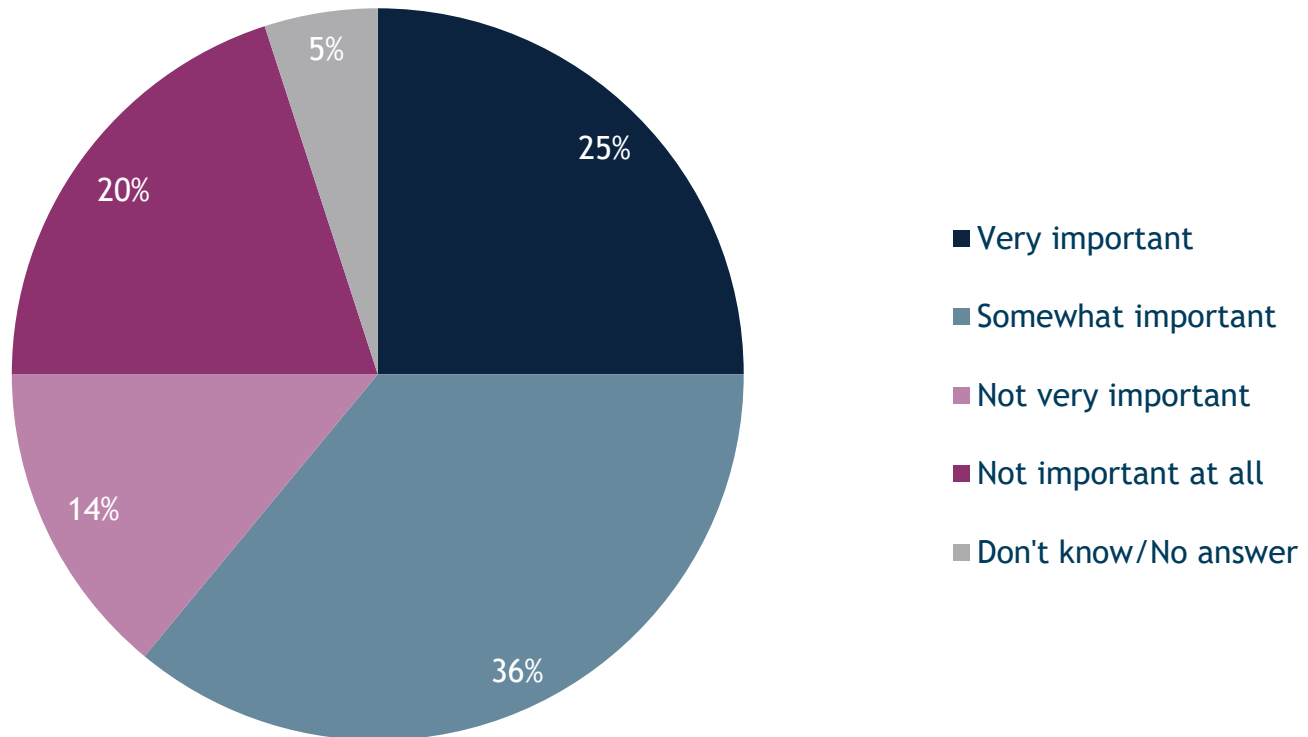
# To what degree do you either agree or disagree with the following statements about the work of the CESKO?

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



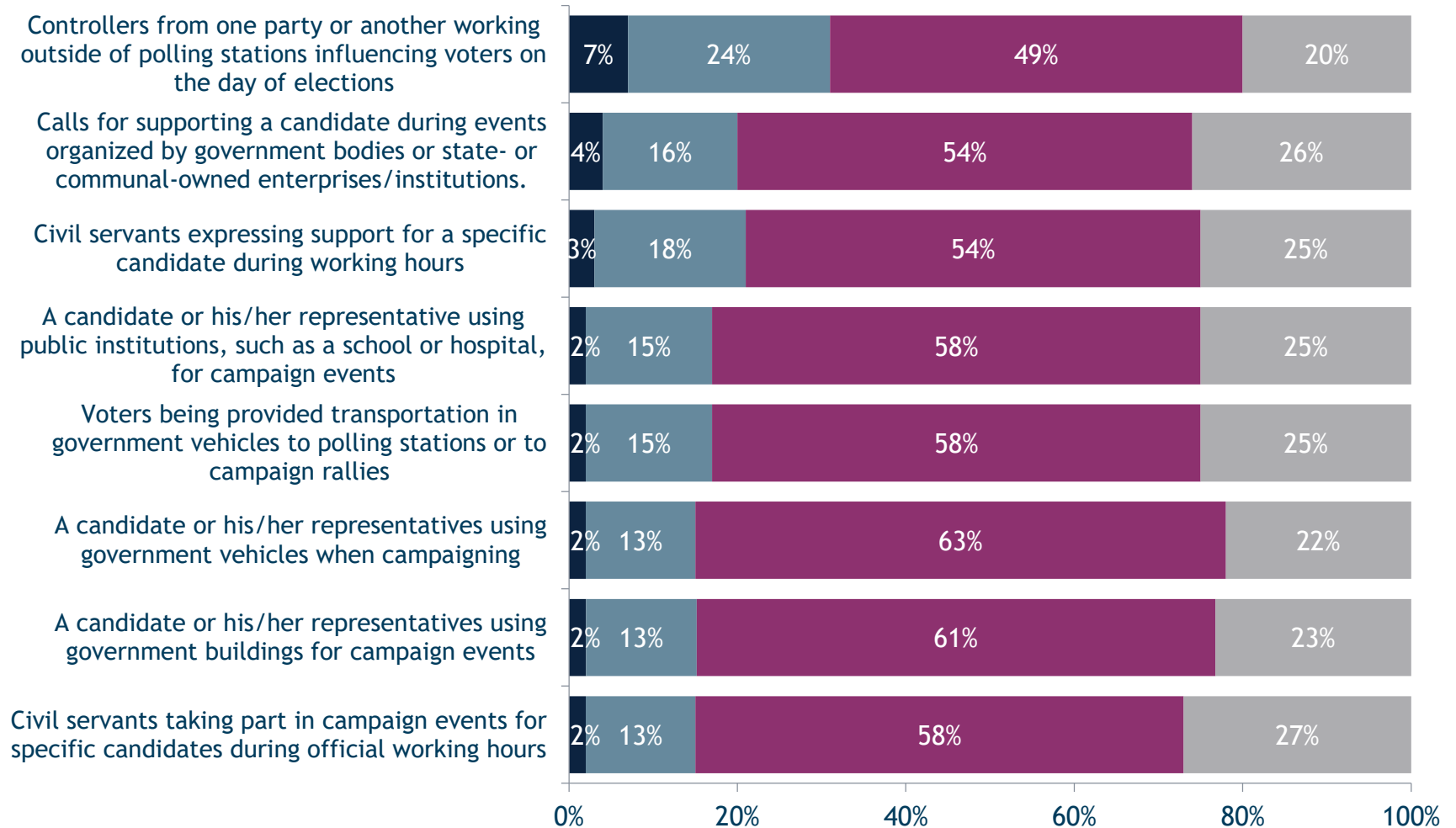


# How important is it for you to receive information regarding sources of funding for political parties and candidates when you are making your electoral choice?

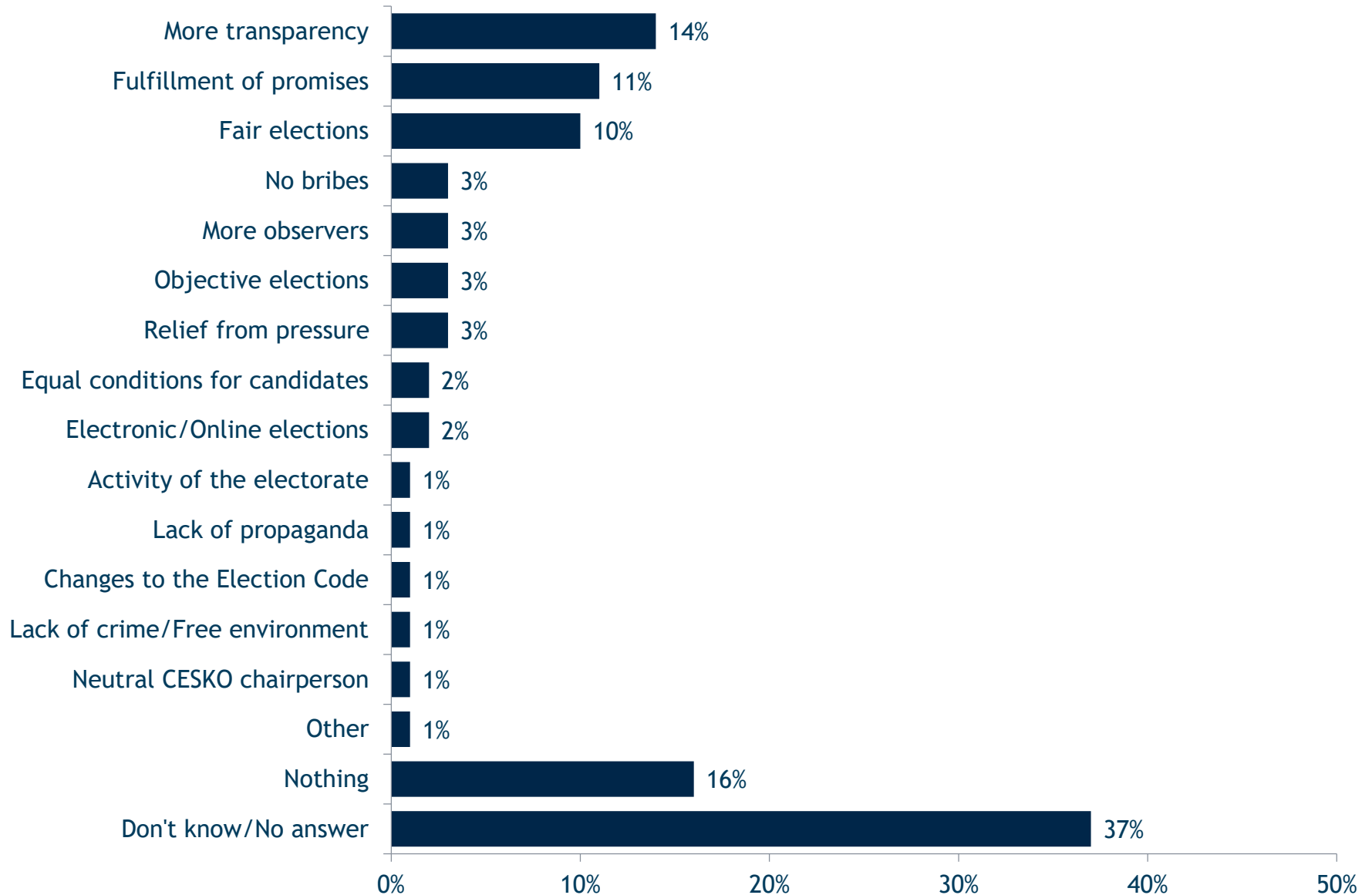


# Did you personally witness or hear about any of the following things during the 2018 presidential elections?

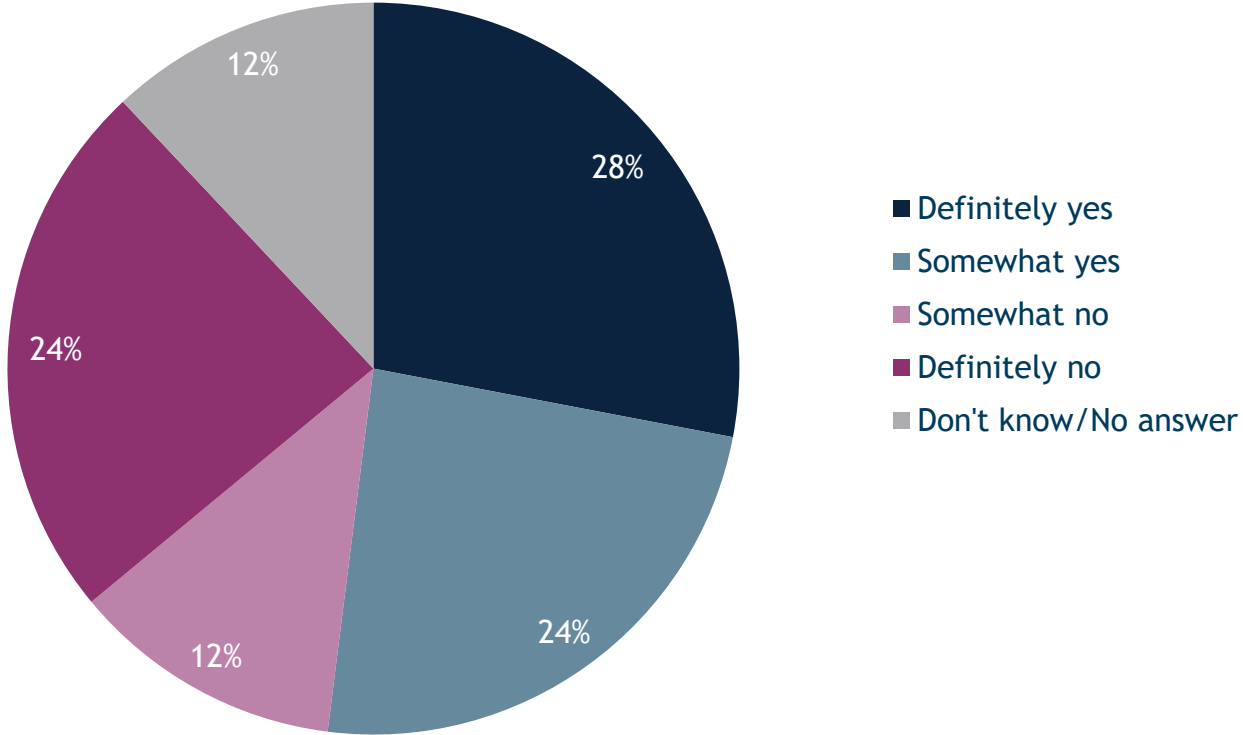
Yes, witnessed
  Yes, heard about it
  No
  Don't know/No answer



# What would increase your overall trust in the electoral process? (Spontaneous response; up to two responses permitted)



# Do you support snap parliamentary elections in Georgia?

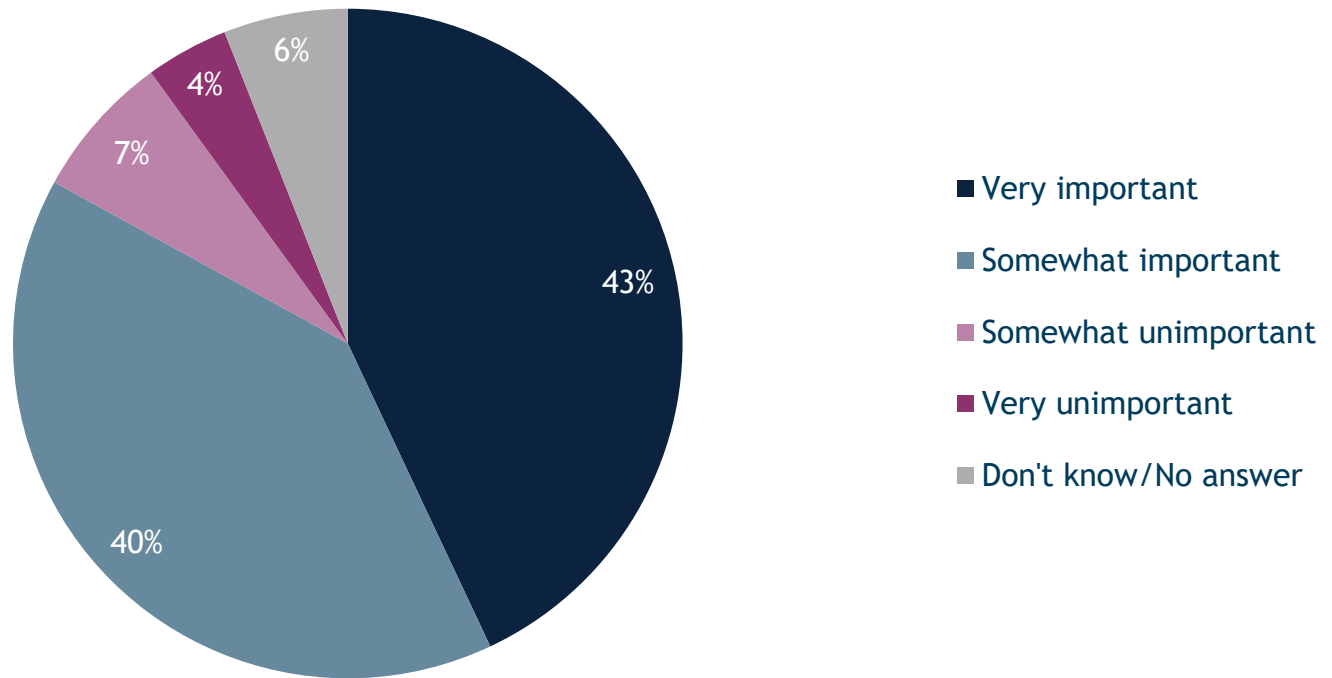




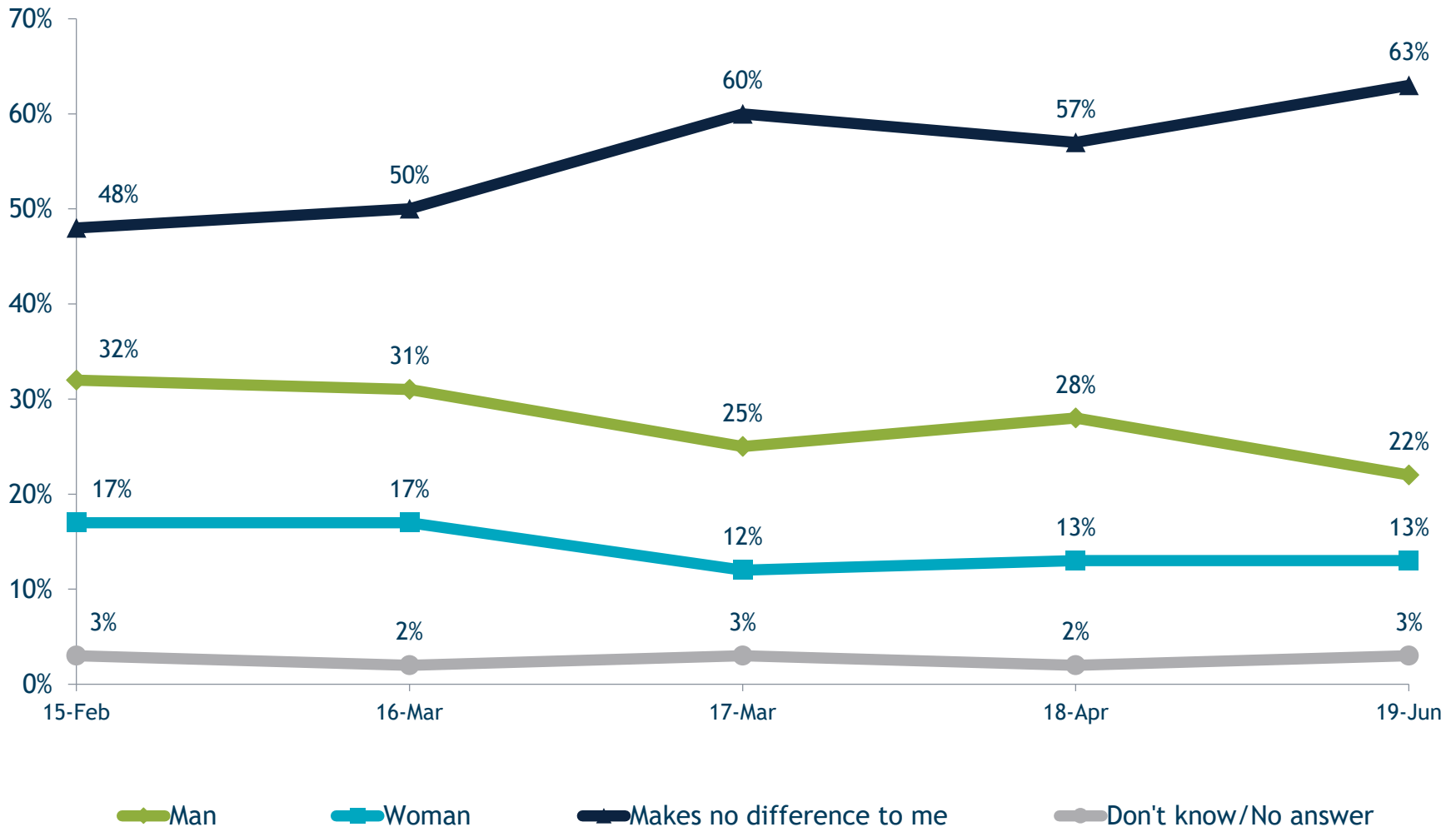
# Underrepresented Groups



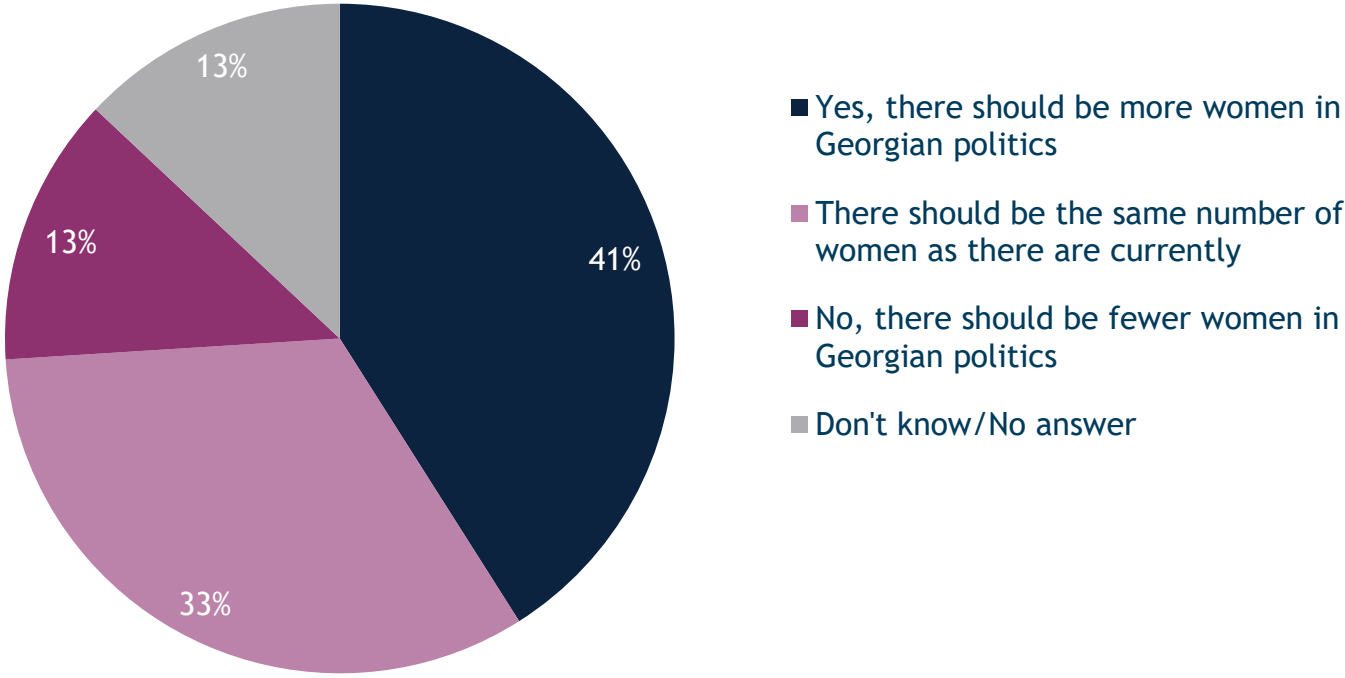
# How important is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, youth, minorities, and persons with disabilities, are included in political decision making?



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?

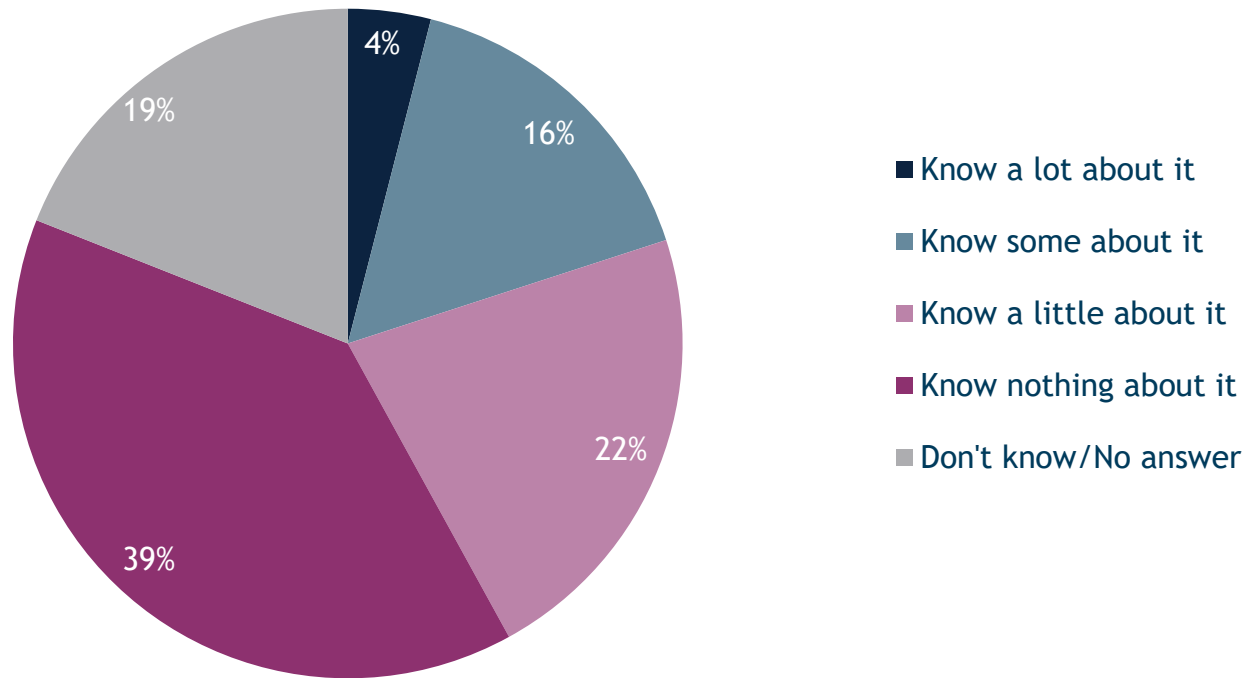


# In your opinion, should there be more women in Georgian politics?

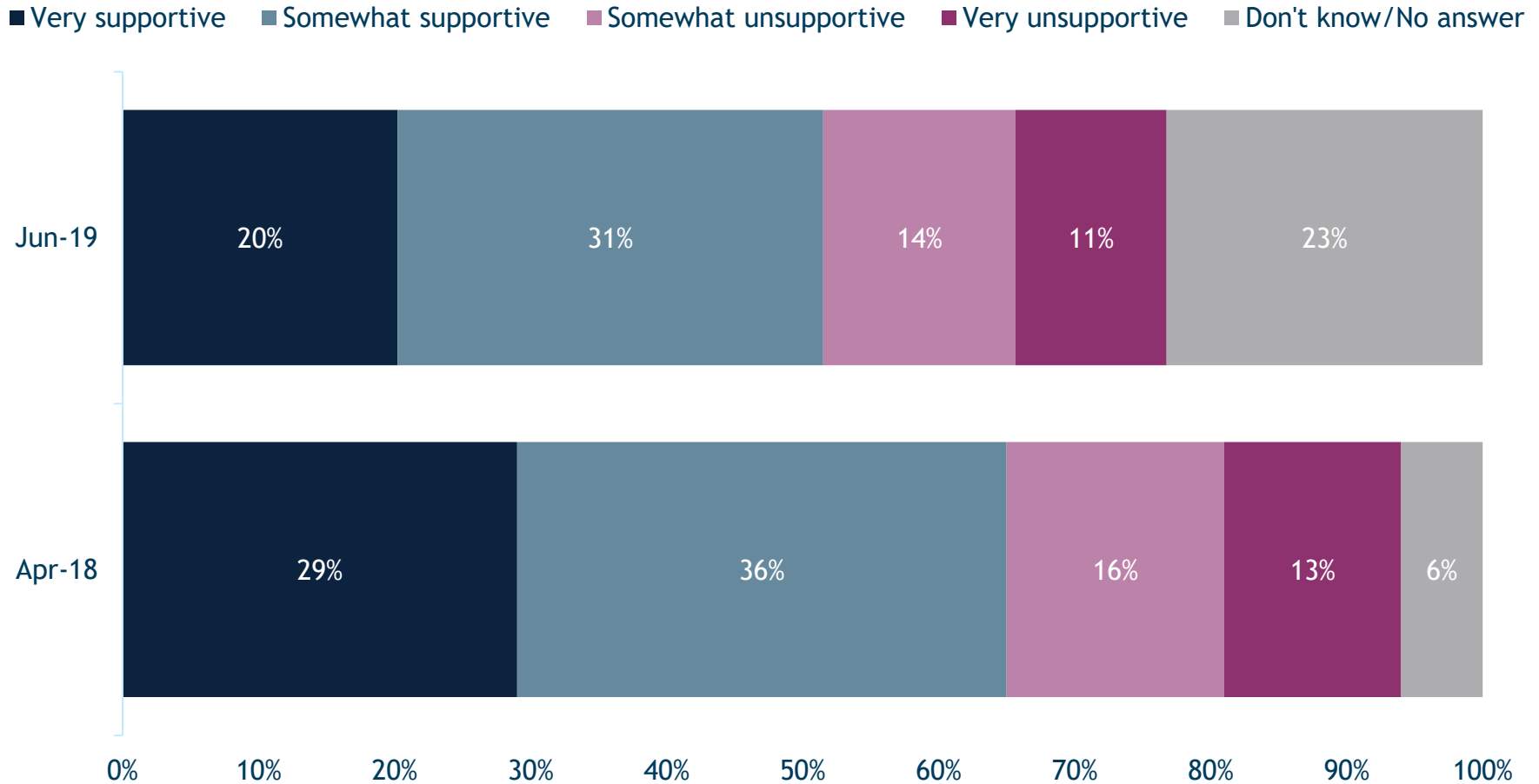




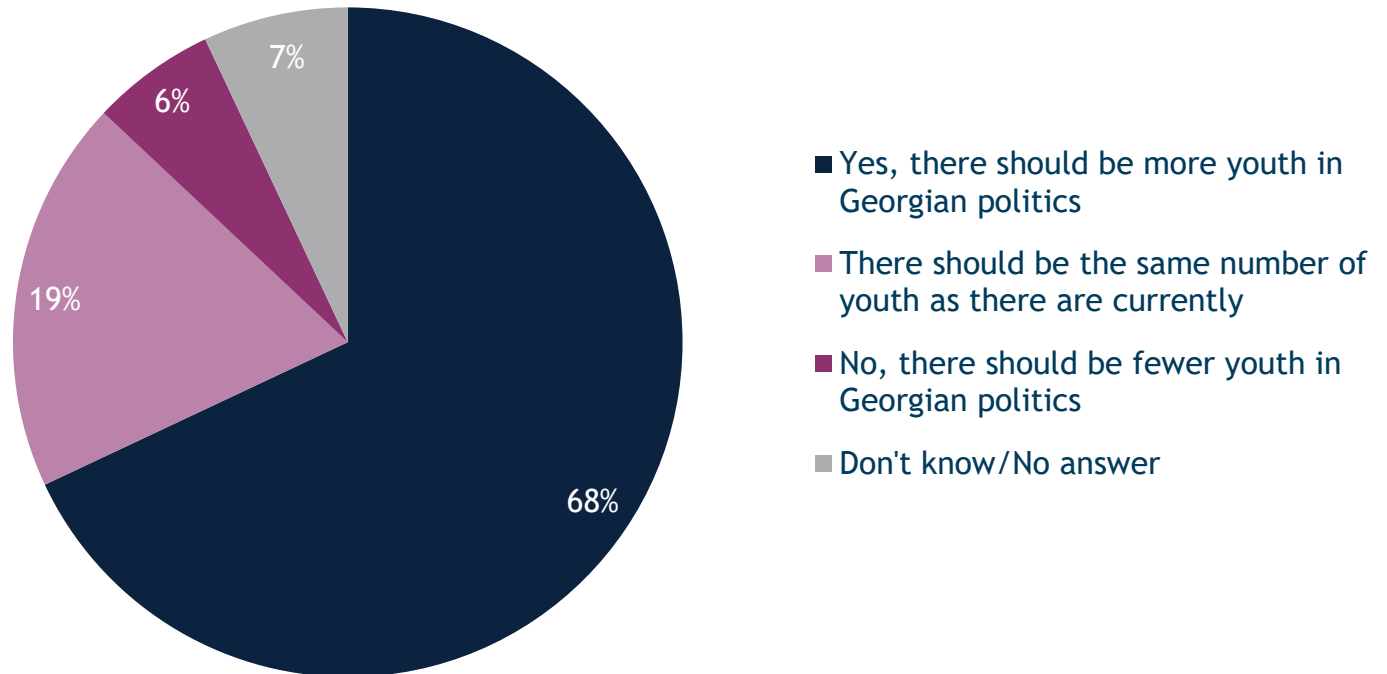
# Are you familiar with the legislative proposal to institute a quota which would guarantee a certain percentage of women on political party candidate lists?



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



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



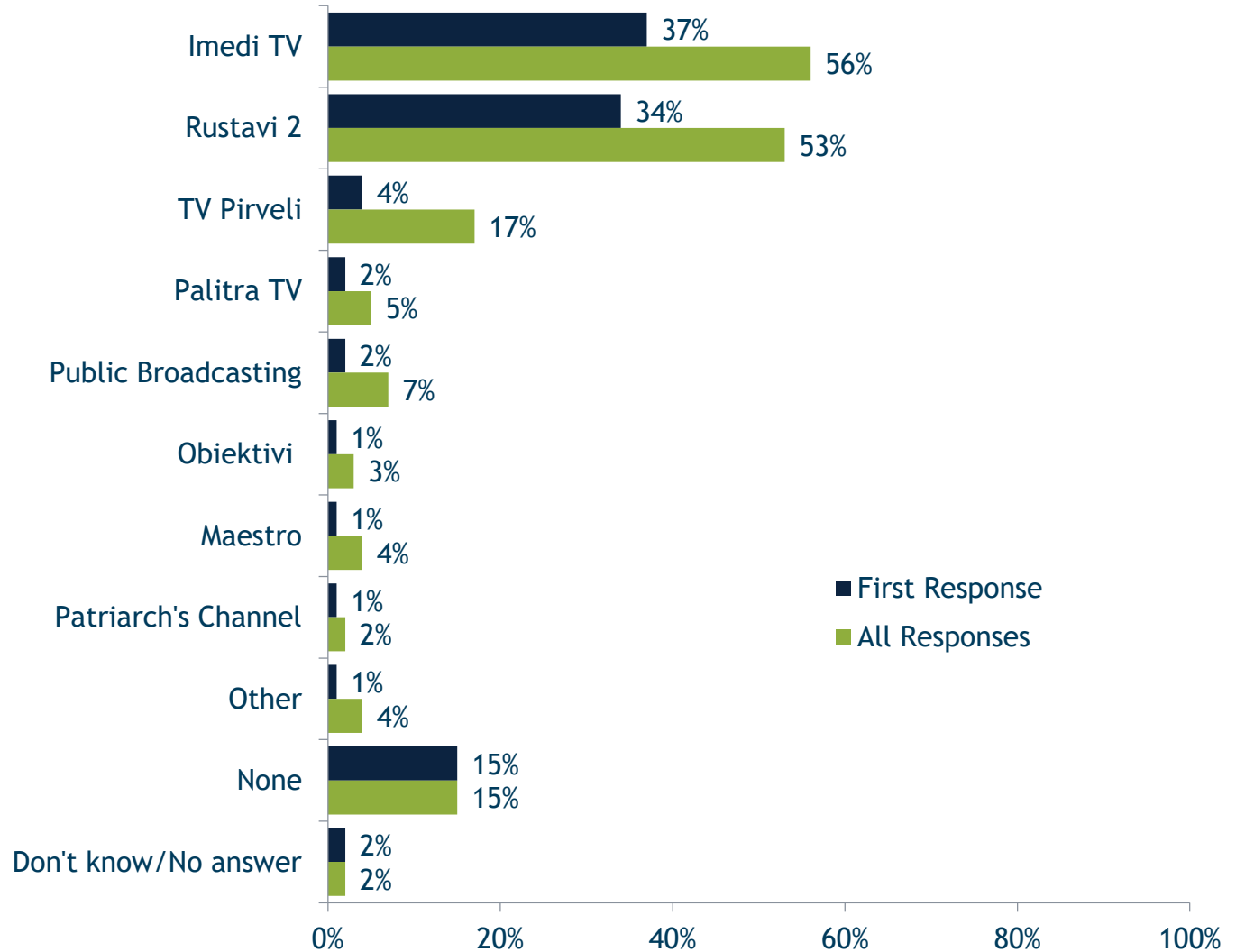


# Media Usage and Viewership

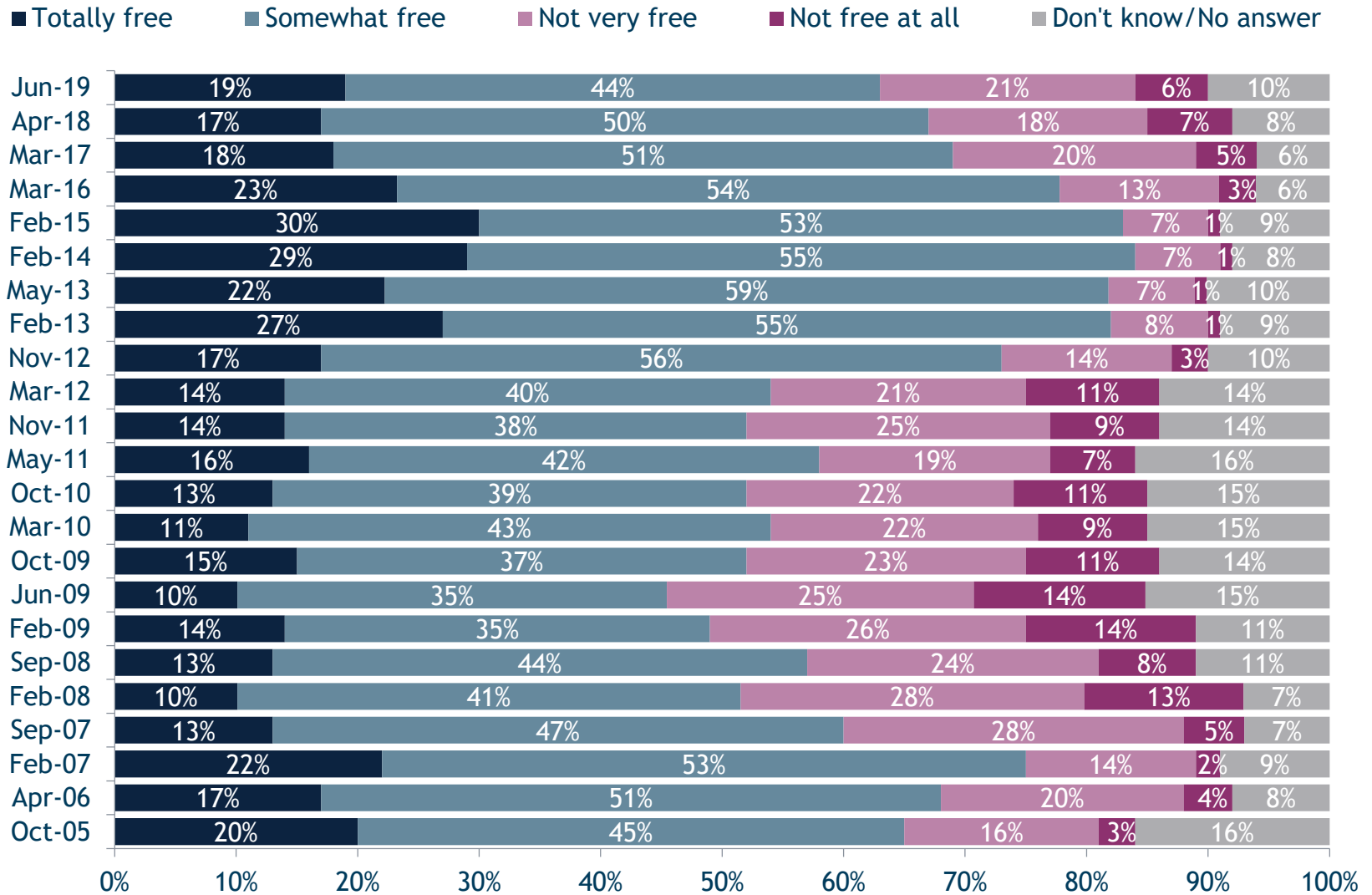
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# Which Georgian TV station's news and political information do you trust the most? (Up to two responses permitted)

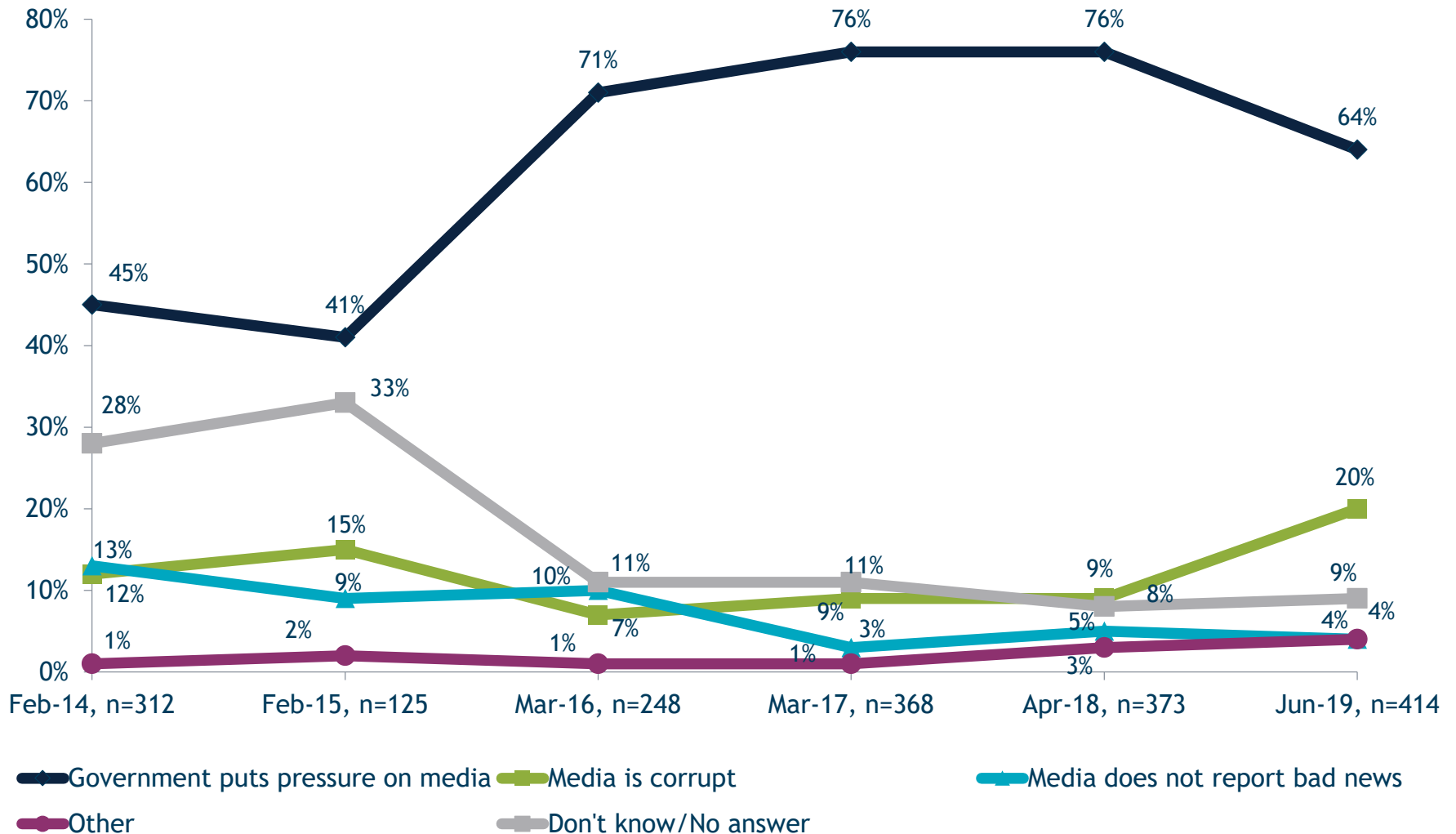


# In your opinion, is Georgian mass media free to express various political views?



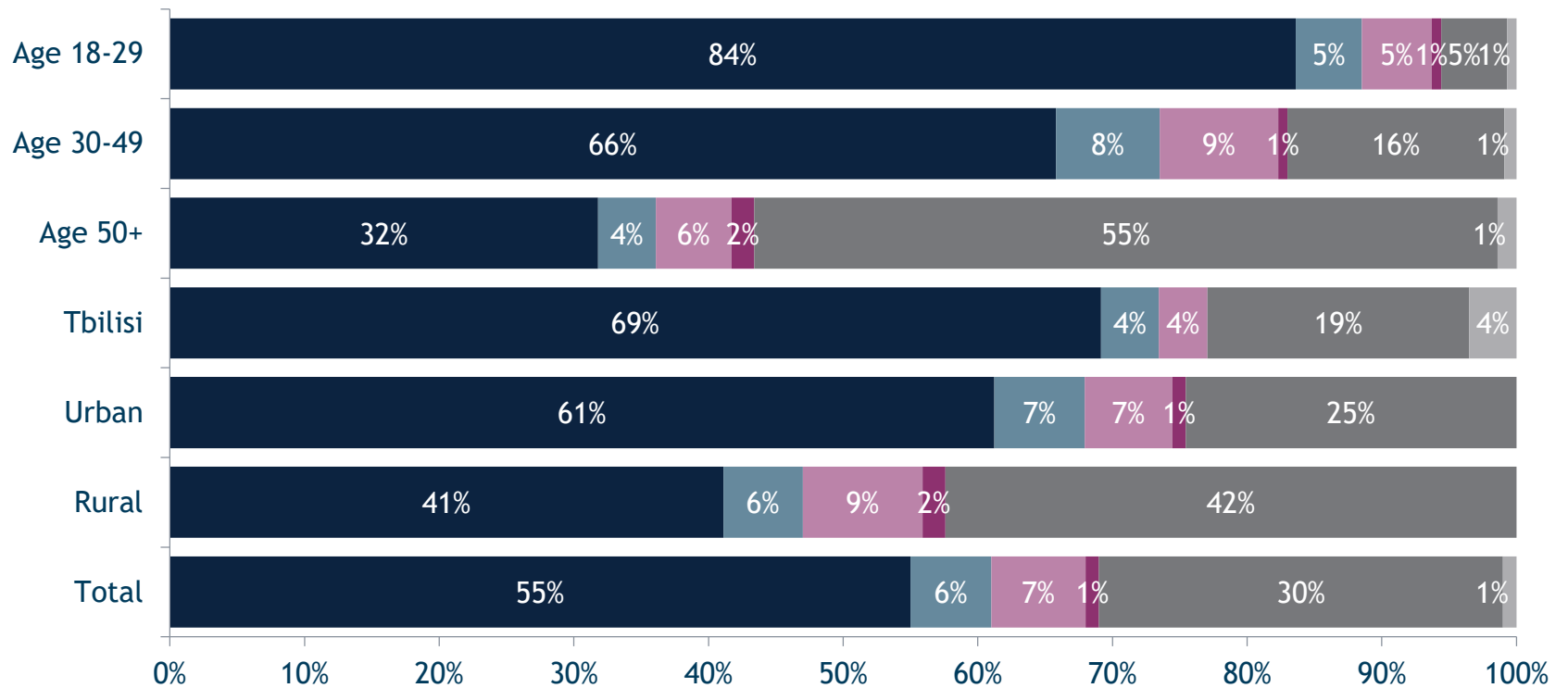
# Why do you think that Georgian mass media is not free to express various political views?

(Among those believing that mass media is *not* free)



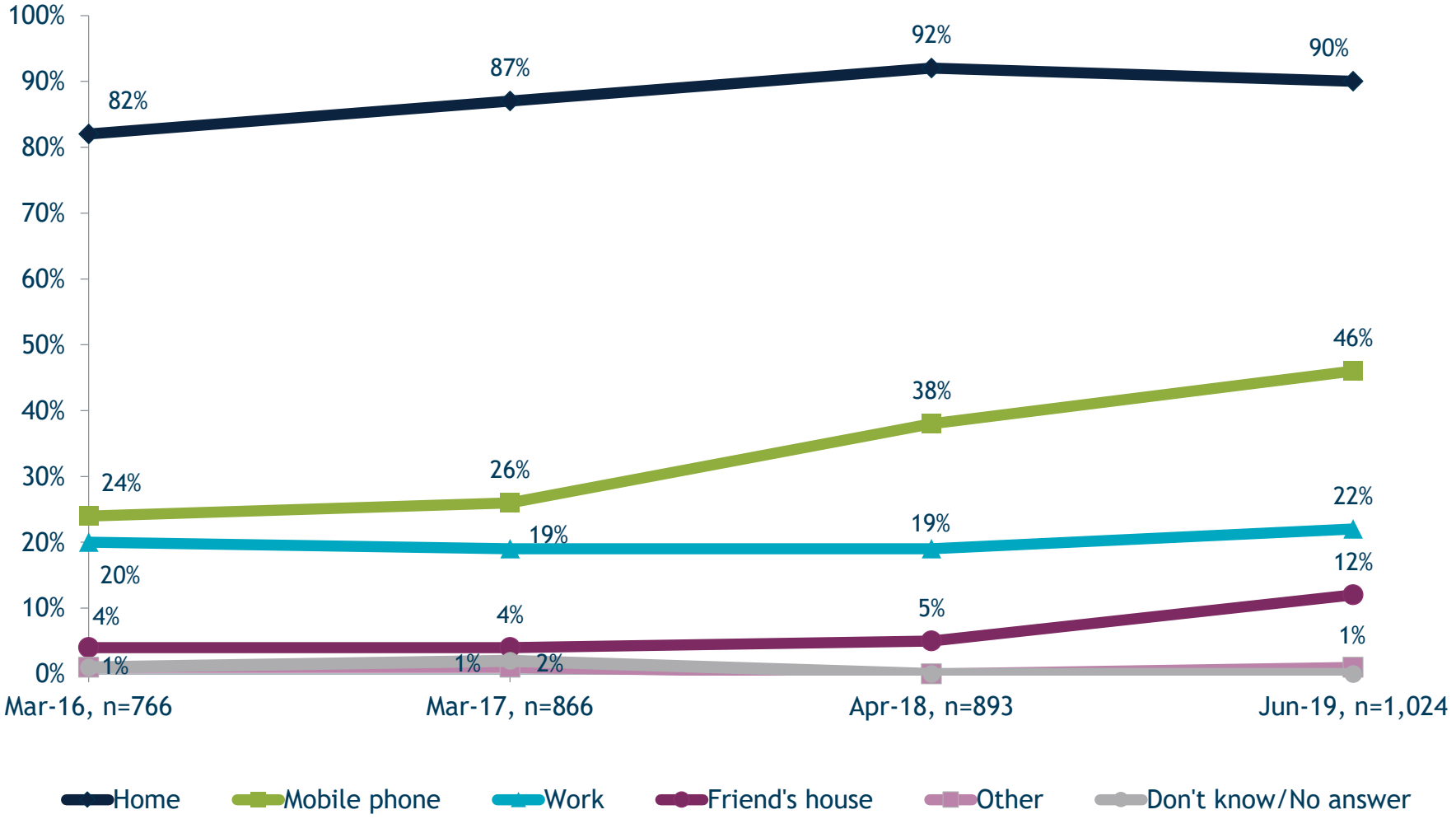
# How many times per week do you access the internet?

■ Every day
■ 4-6 times per week
■ 1-3 times per week
■ Monthly
■ Never
■ Don't know/No answer

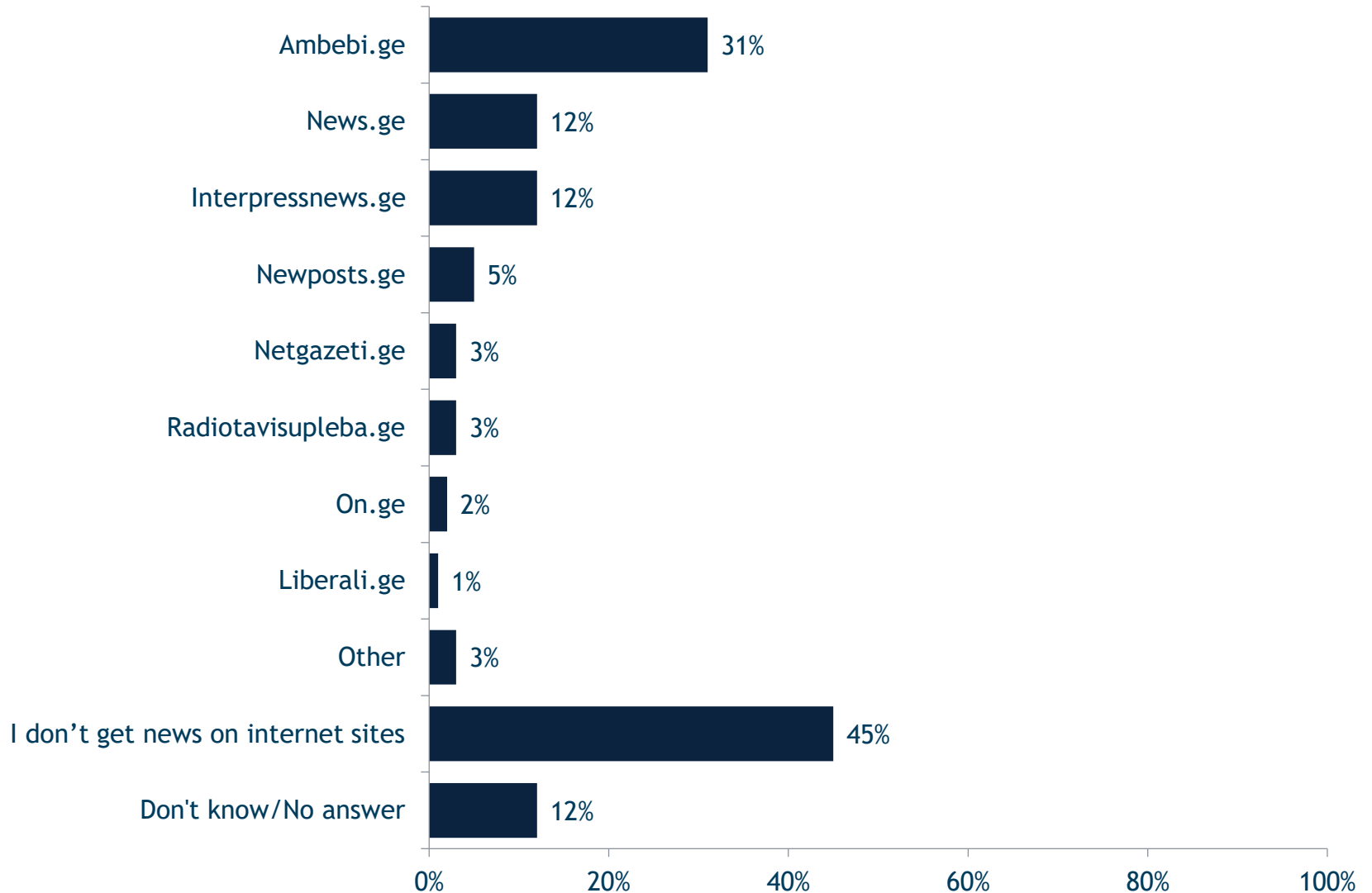




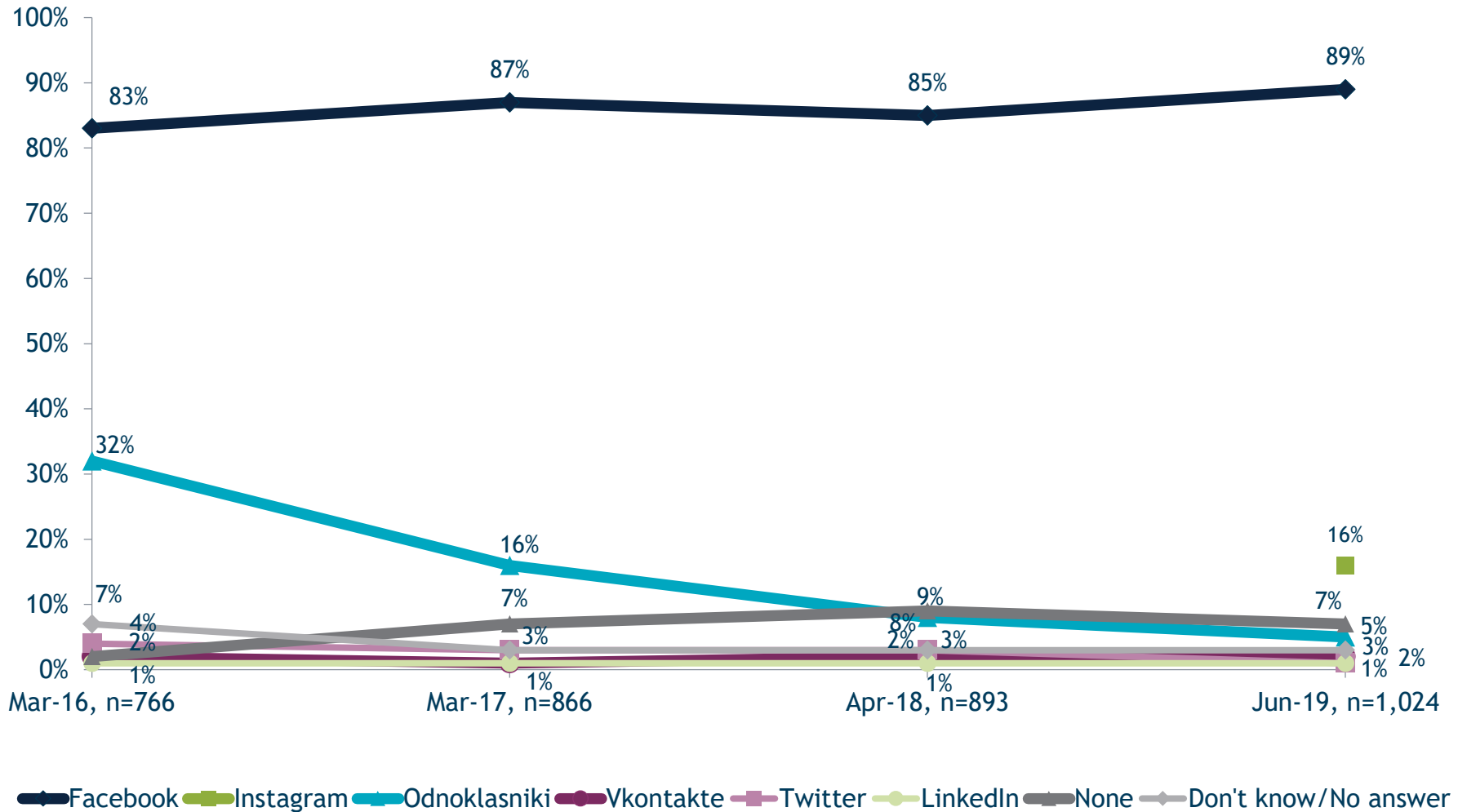
# Where do you access the internet? (Among those who use the Internet; multiple responses permitted)



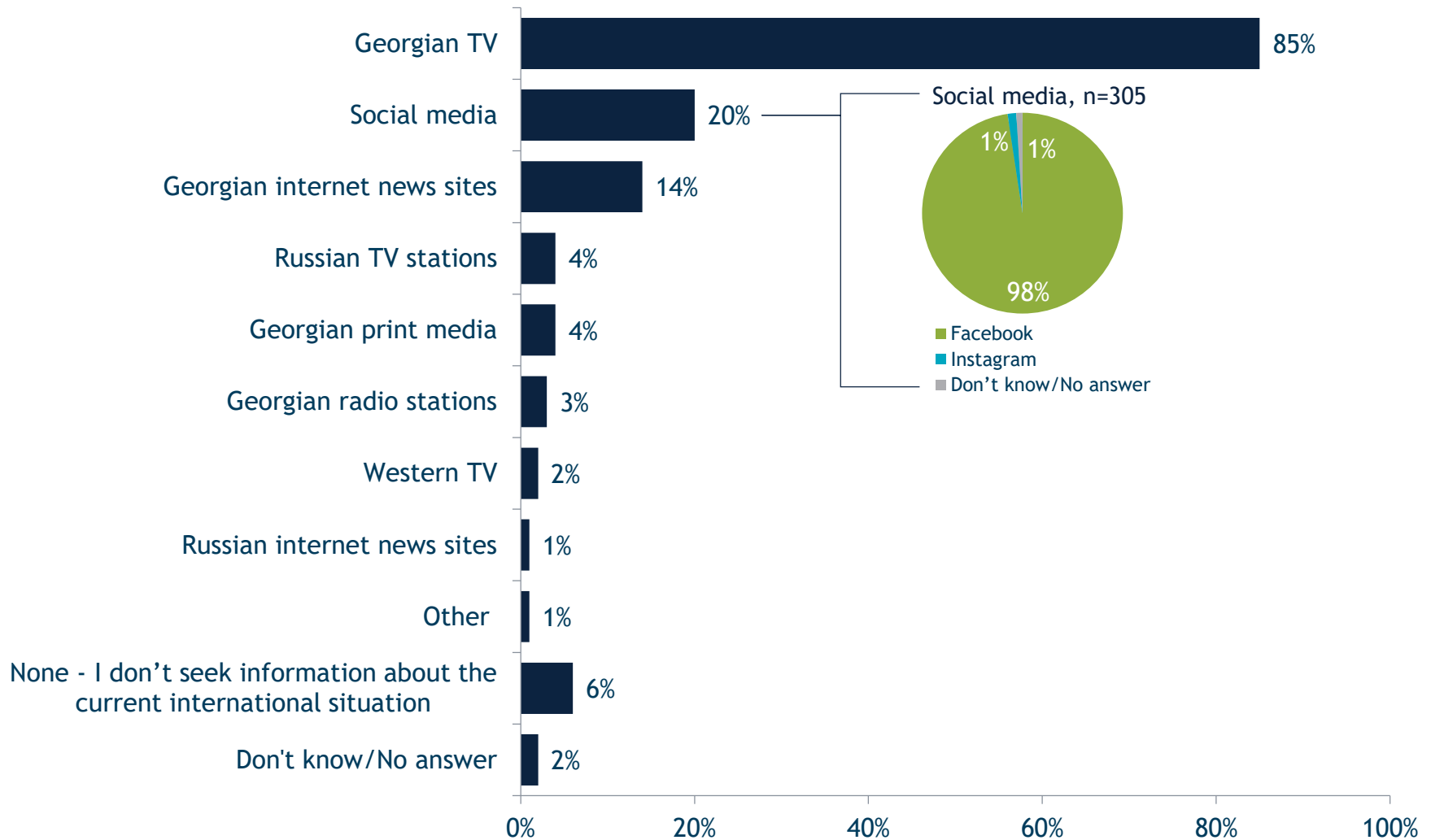
# What internet sites do you visit most often for getting news? (Internet users: n=1,024; up to three spontaneous answers)



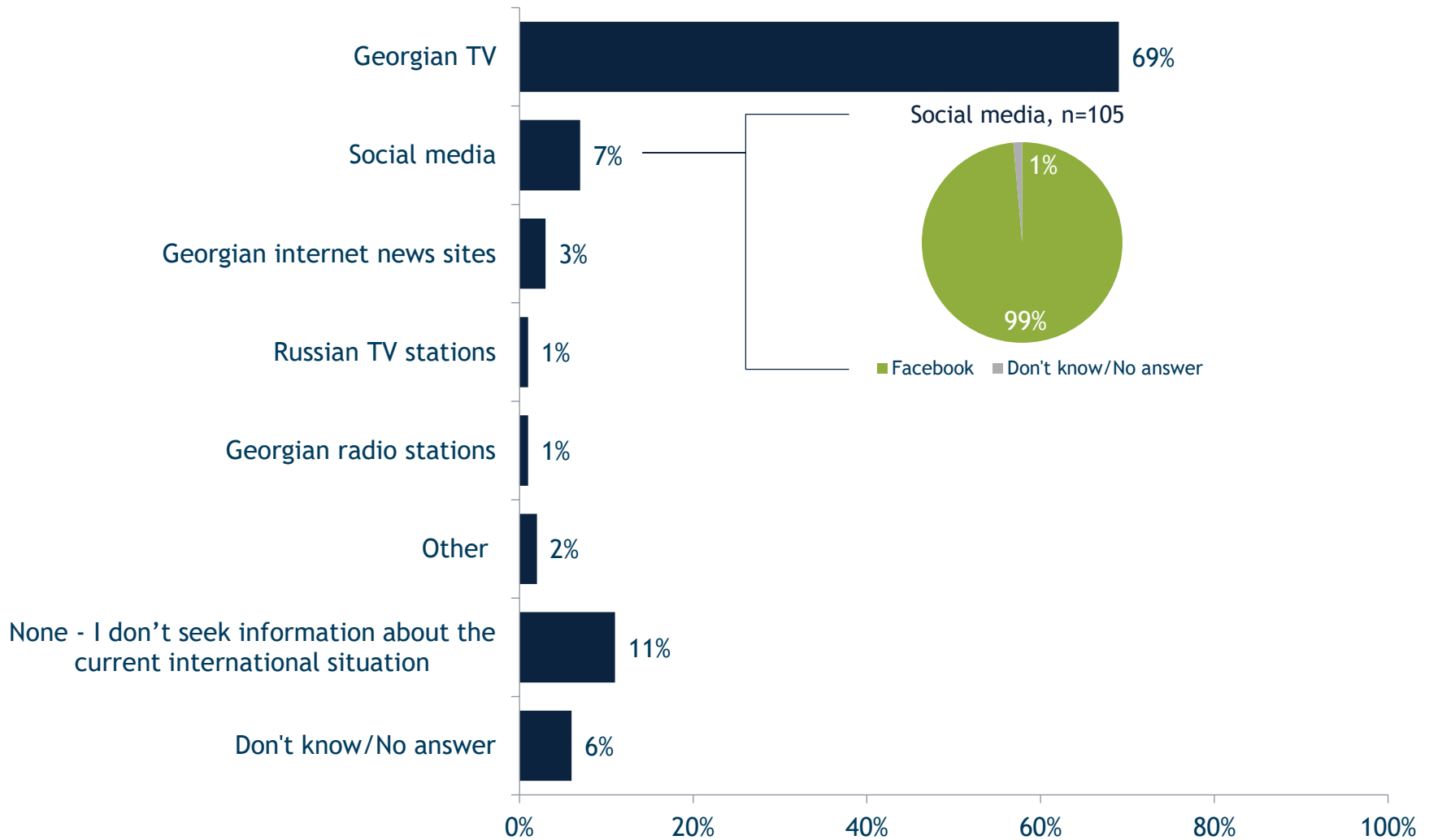
# Which social media sites do you use most often? (Internet users; up to three spontaneous answers)



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



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



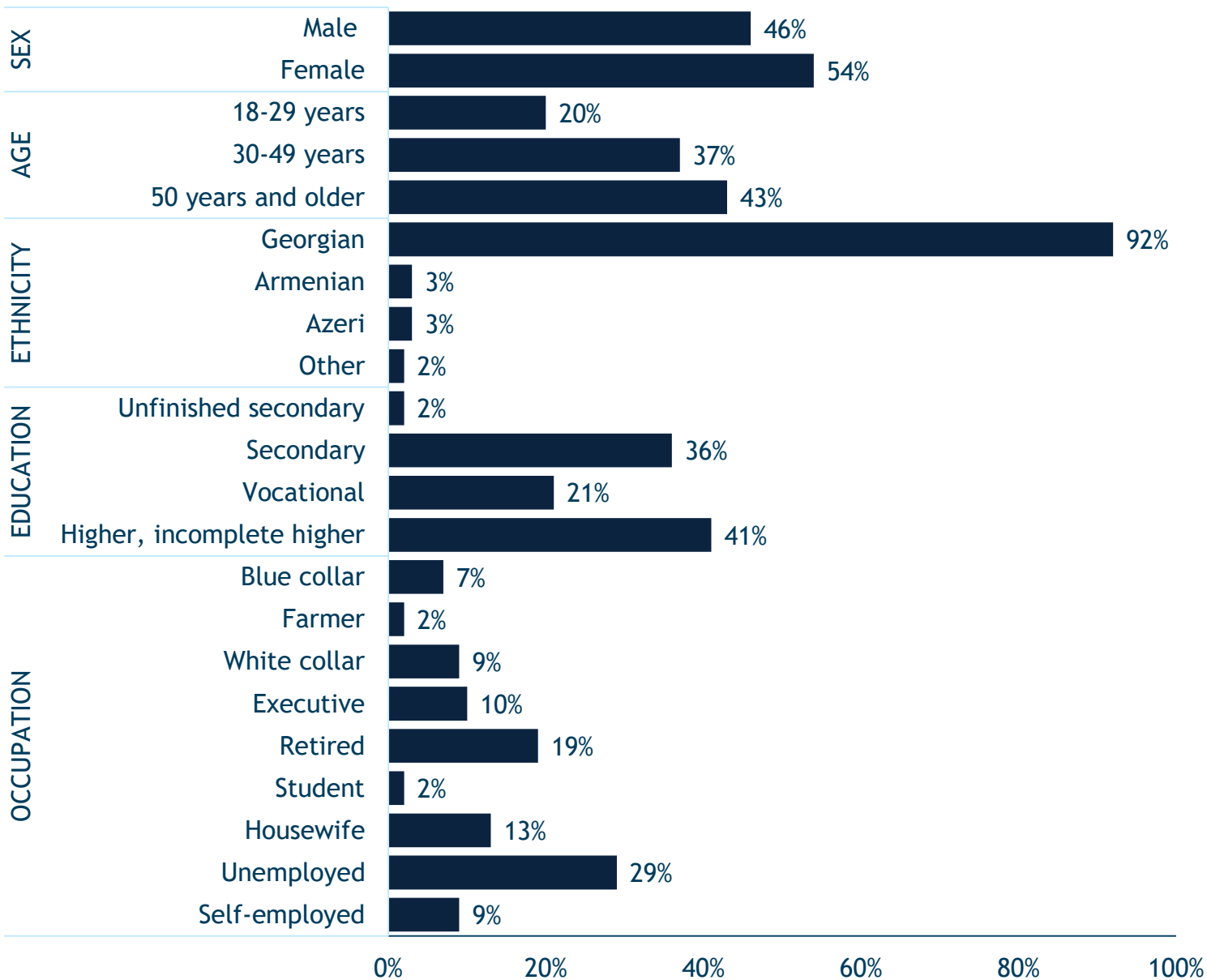


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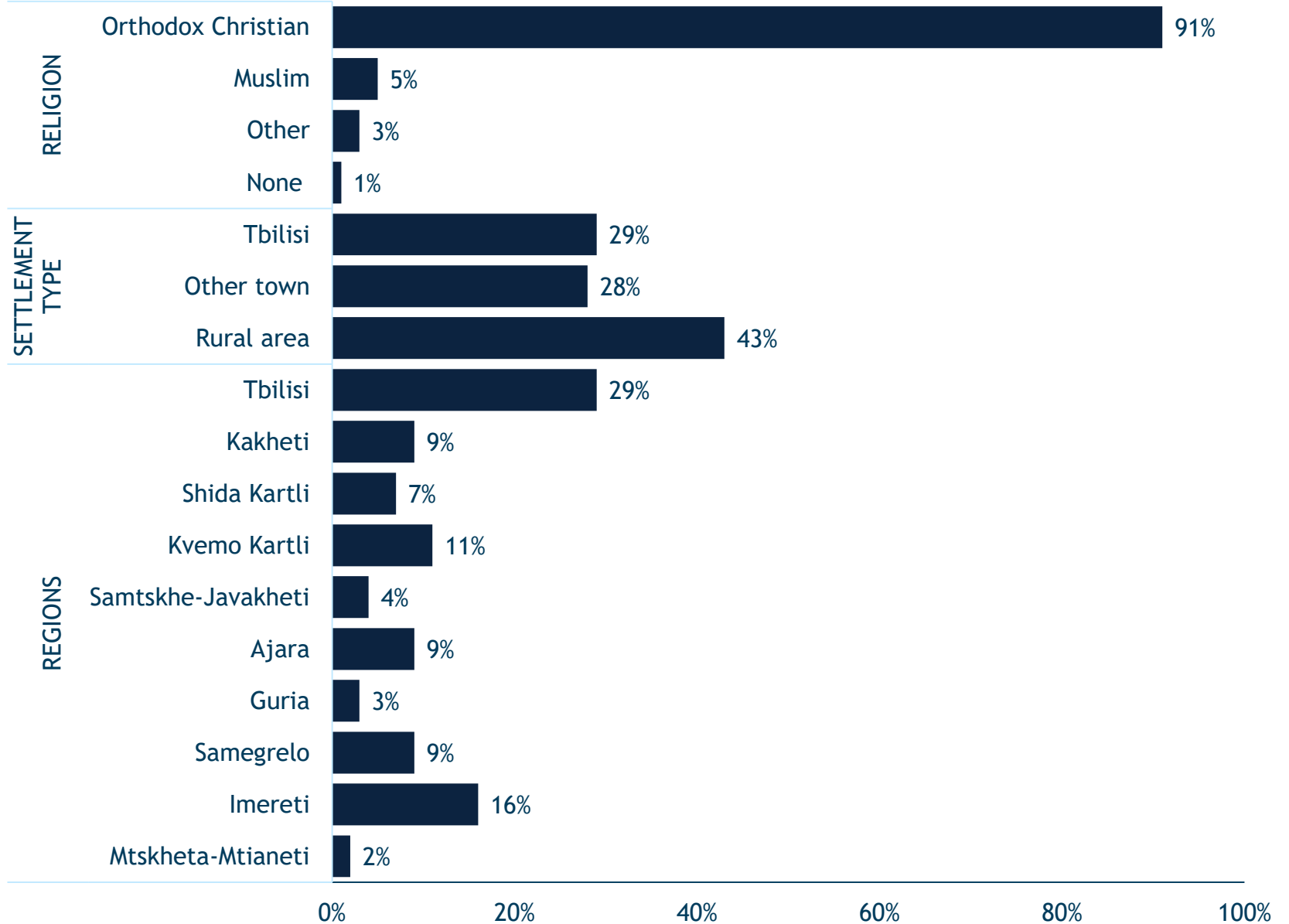
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