



# Public Opinion Survey Residents of Moldova

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February-March 2017



# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene from [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [International Republican Institute](#). The field work was carried out by [Magenta Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (with the exception of Transnistria) between February 13 and March 07, 2017 through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,510 permanent residents of Moldova aged 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education, region and settlement size.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, with random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
  - Stage One: All districts of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups; all regions (with the exception of Transnistria) were surveyed.
  - Stage Two: Selection of the settlements (cities and villages.)
    - Settlements were selected at random.
    - The number of settlements selected in each region was proportional to the share of population living in the 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.
- The response rate was 67 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- This survey was funded by the [National Endowment for Democracy](#).

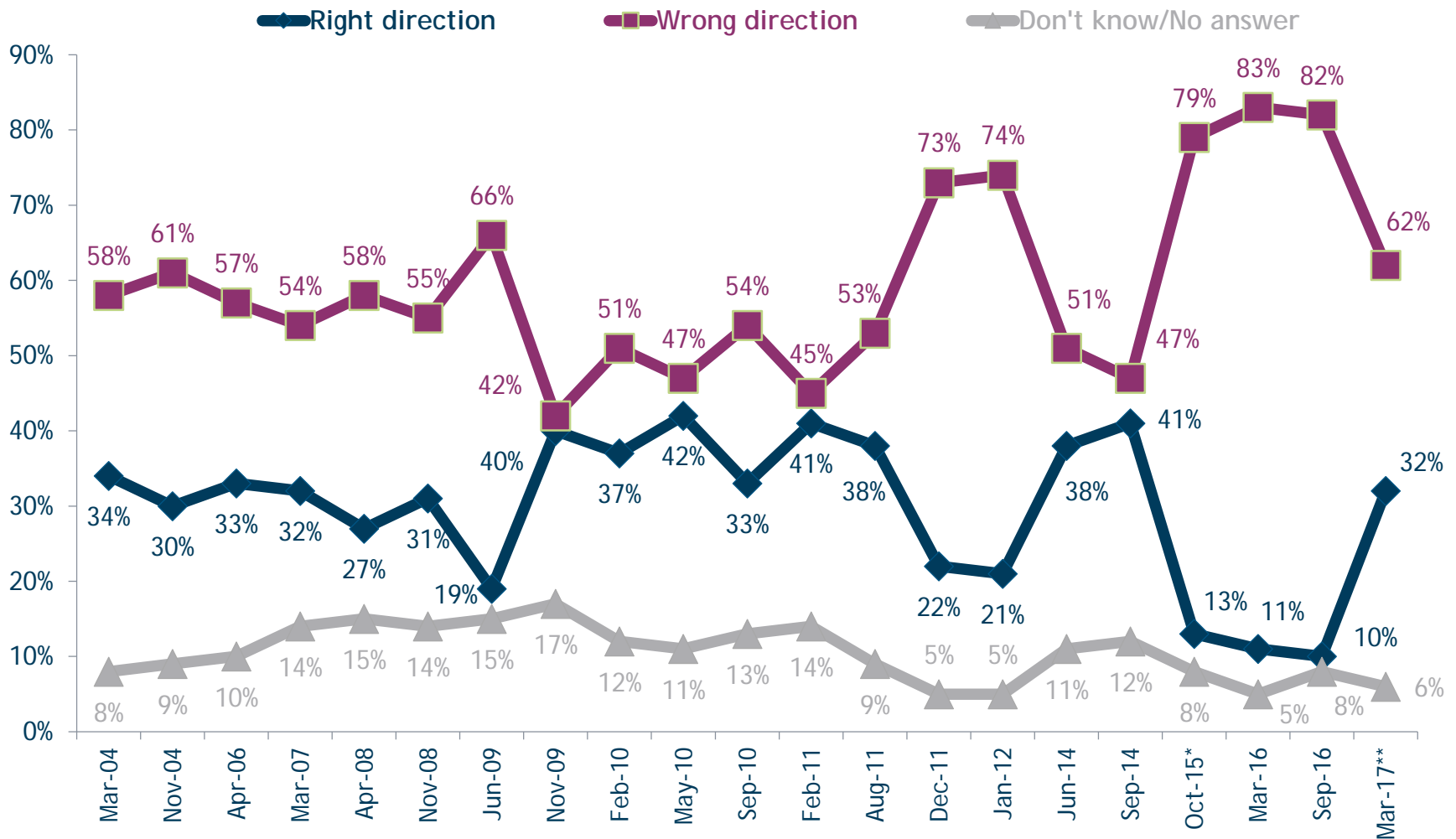


# Mood of the Country

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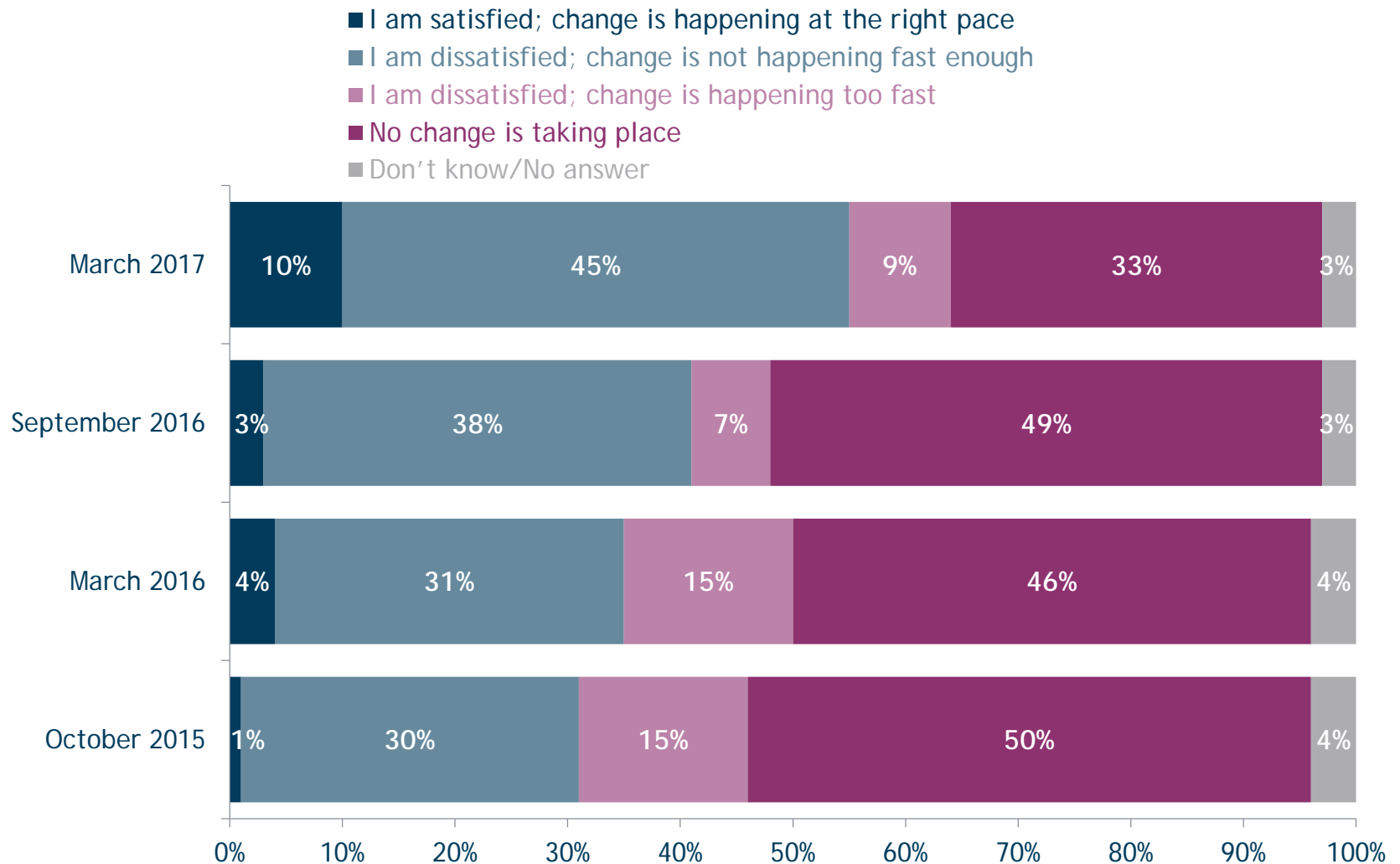
# Generally speaking, do you think that things in Moldova are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



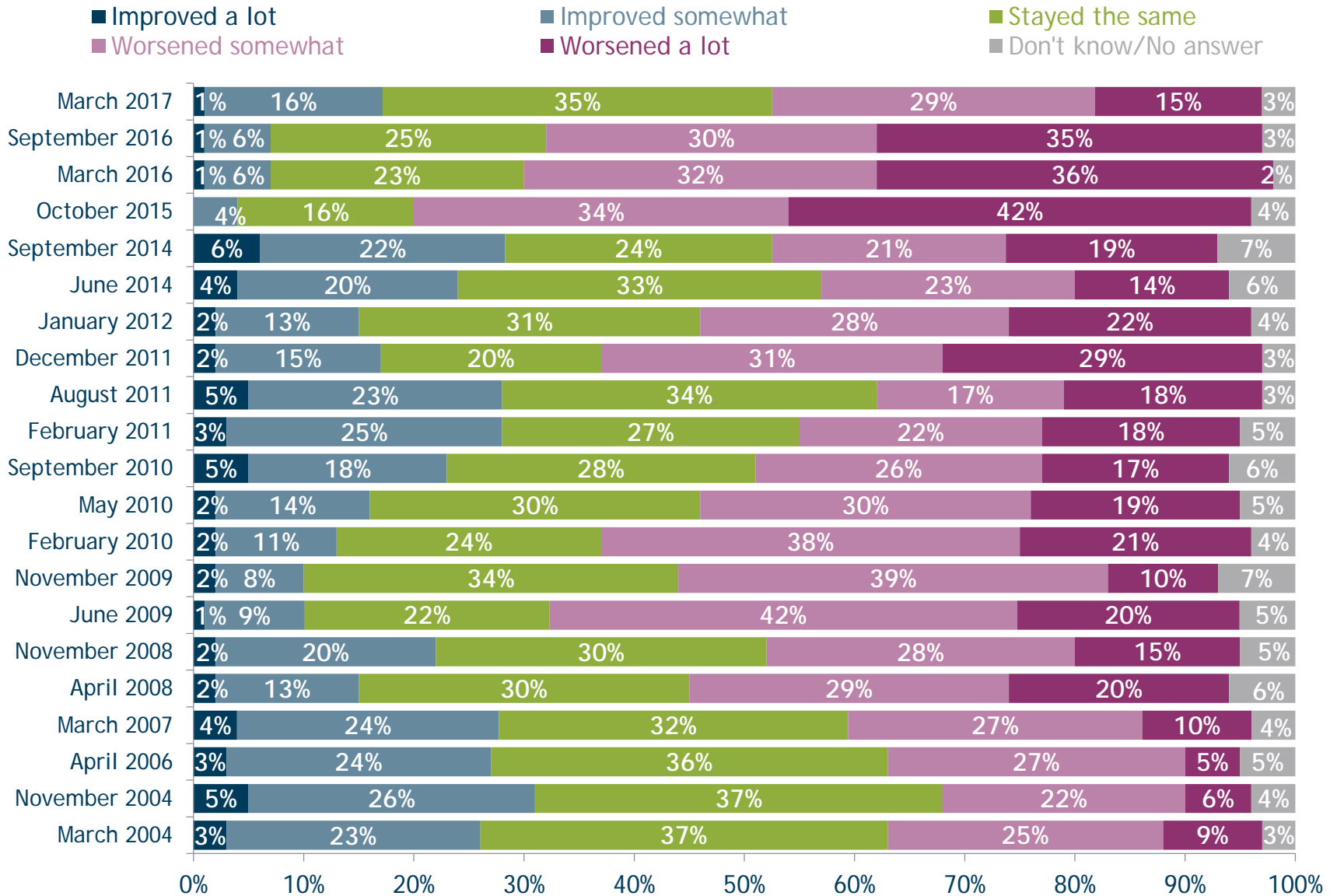
\*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal involving nearly \$1 billion missing from three state banks.

\*\*In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular election of the president since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second round contest on November 13, 2016.

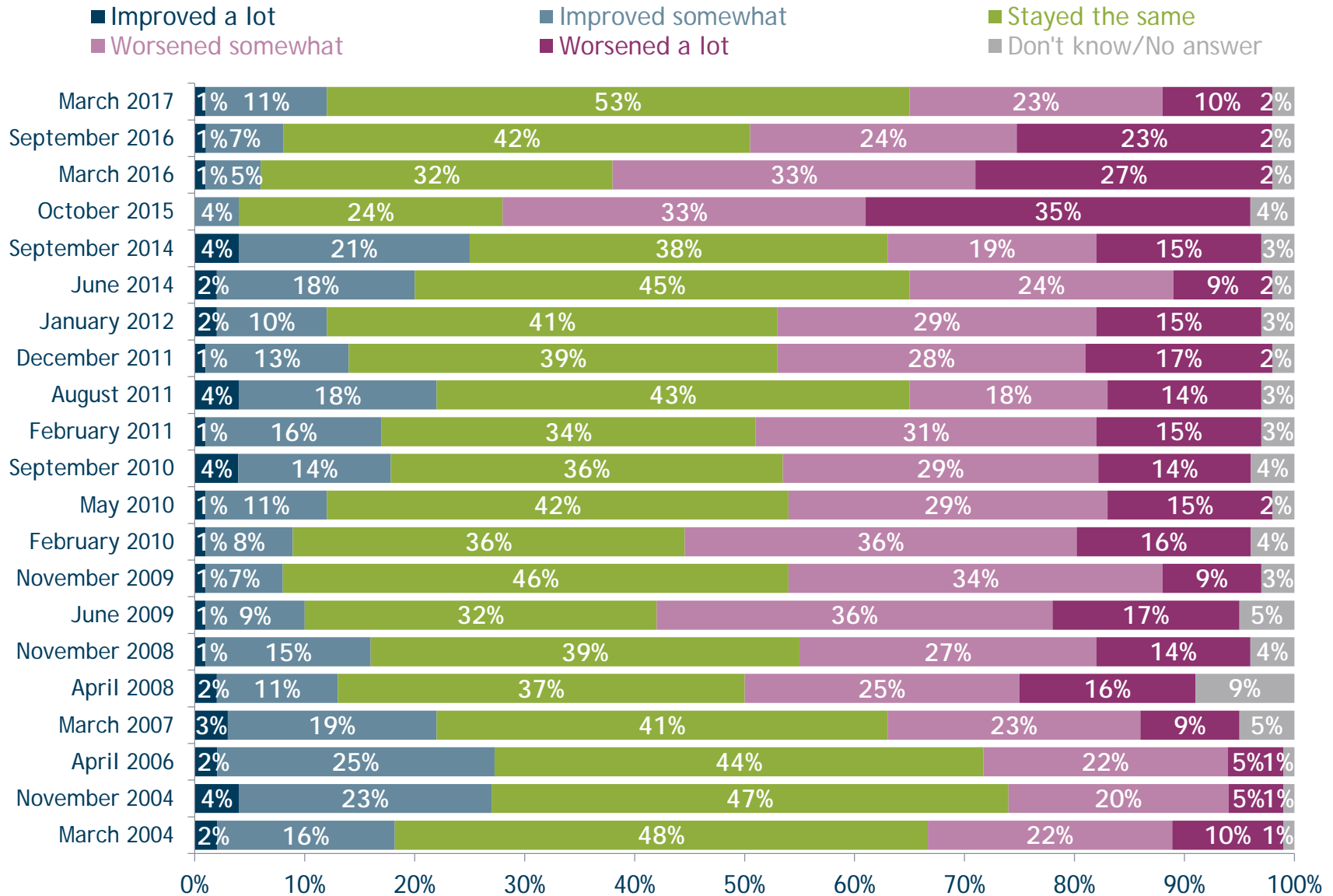
# Are you satisfied with the pace of change in Moldova today?



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

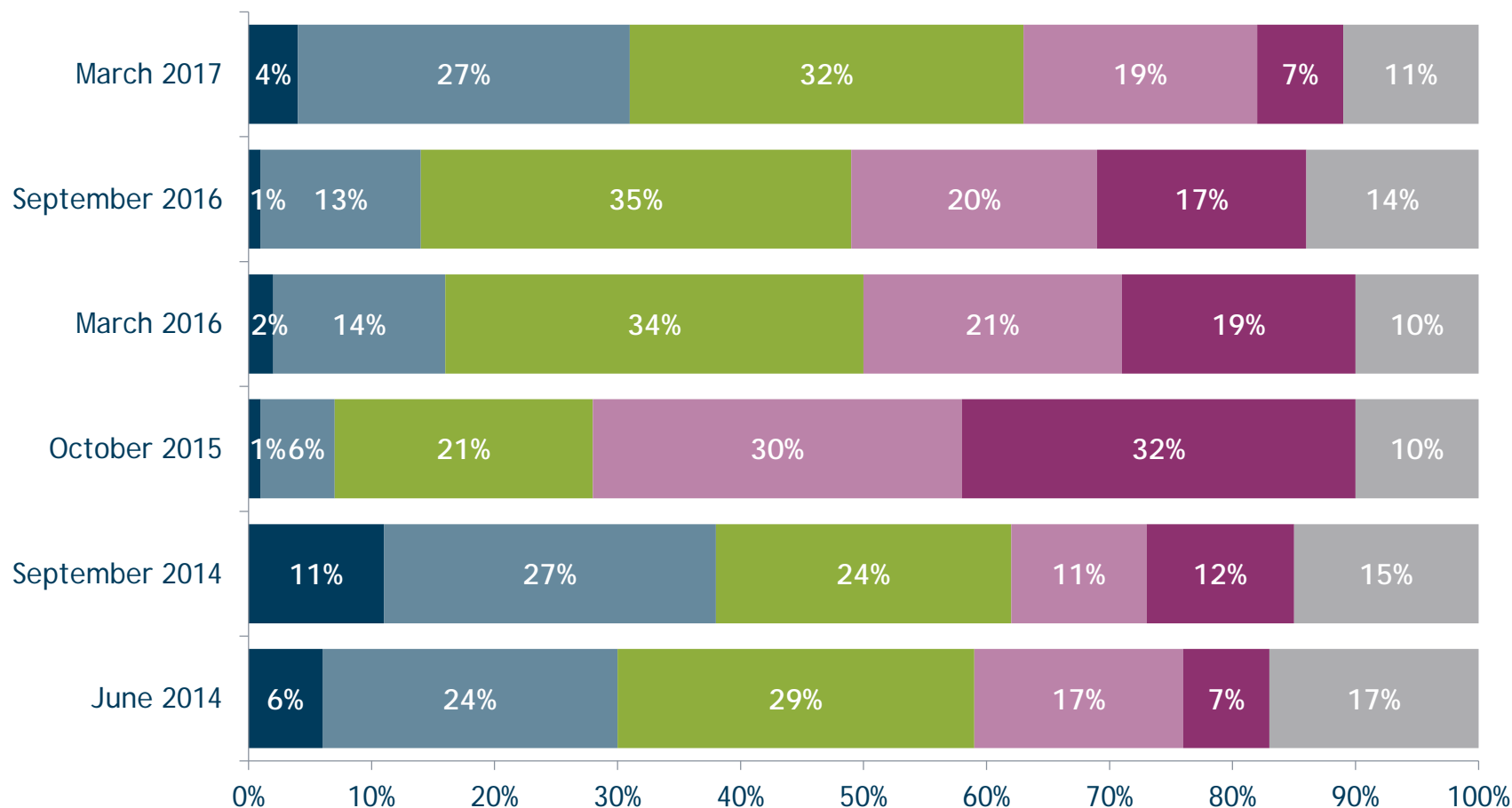


# Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?



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

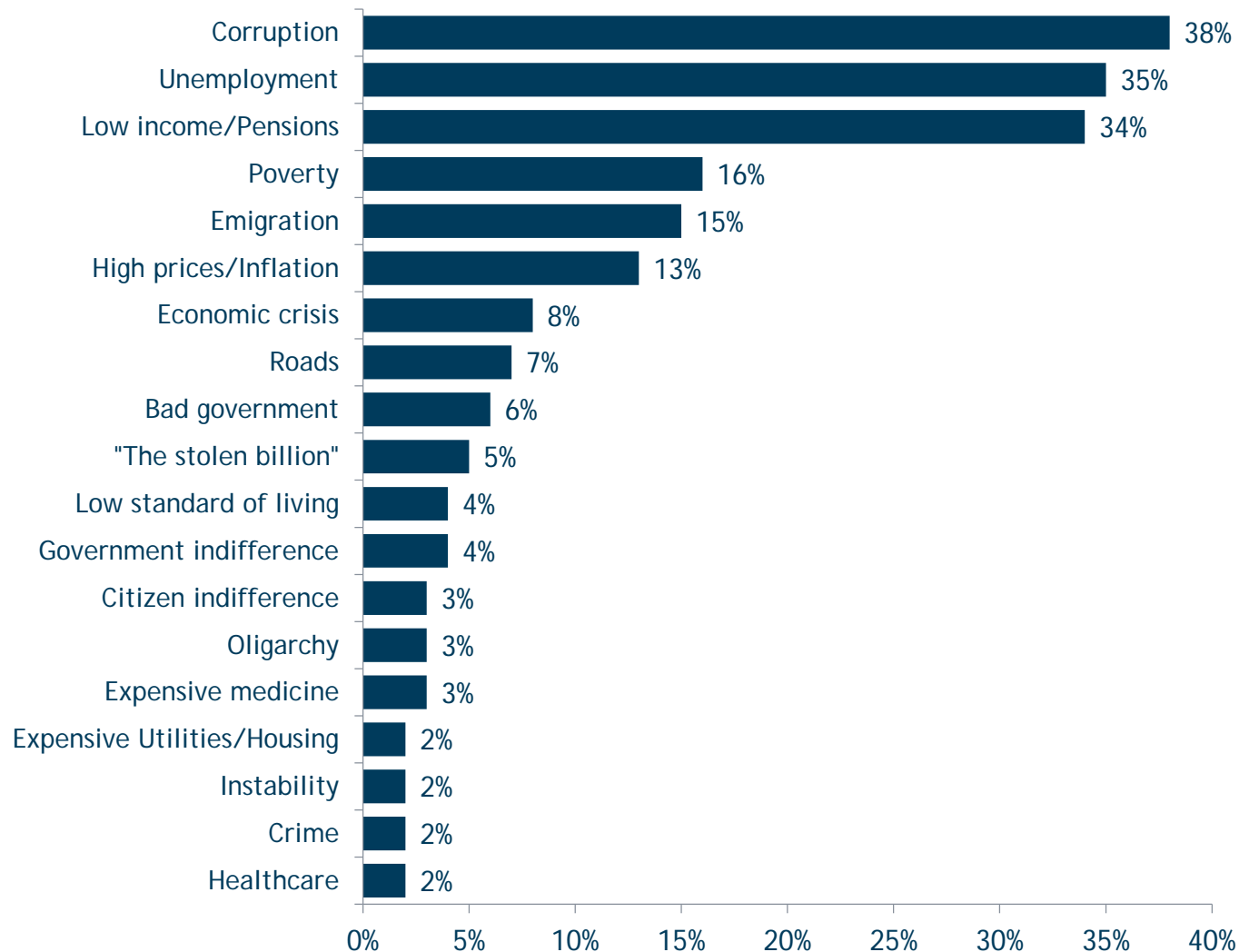
■ Improve a lot ■ Improve somewhat ■ Stay the same ■ Worsen somewhat ■ Worsen a lot ■ Don't know/No answer





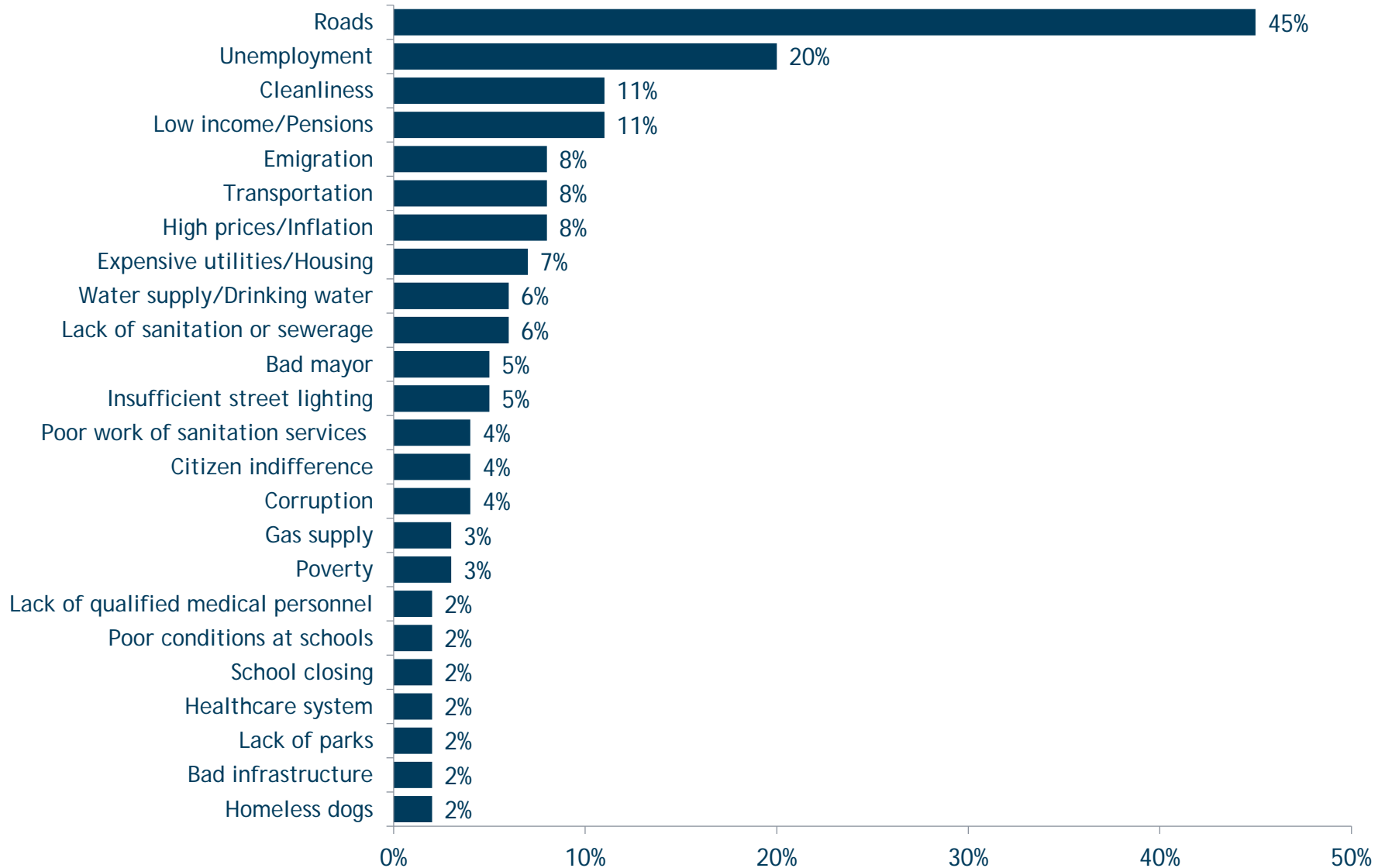
# What are the most important problems that Moldova is facing at the moment?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)



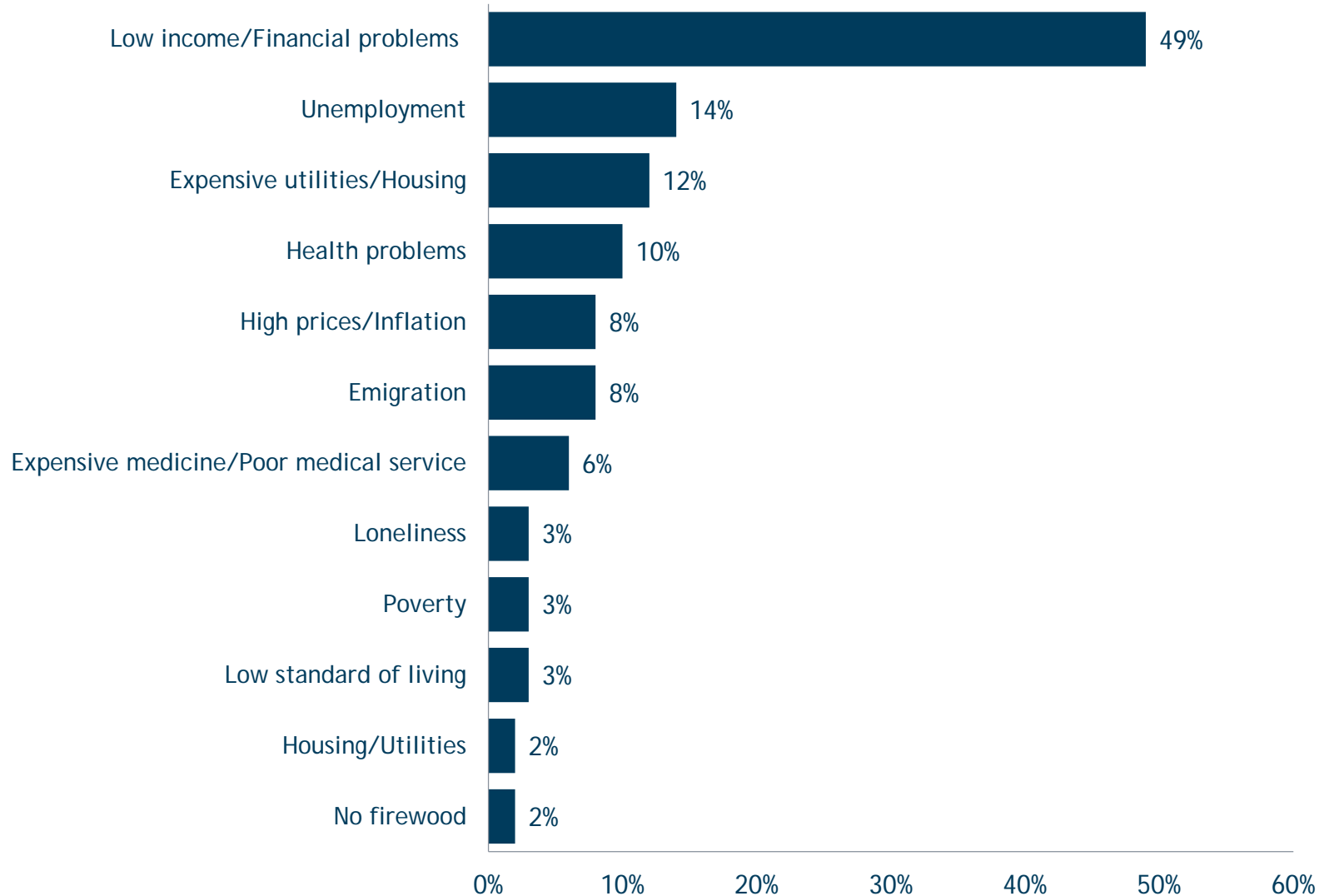
# What are the most important problems facing your village/town at the moment?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)

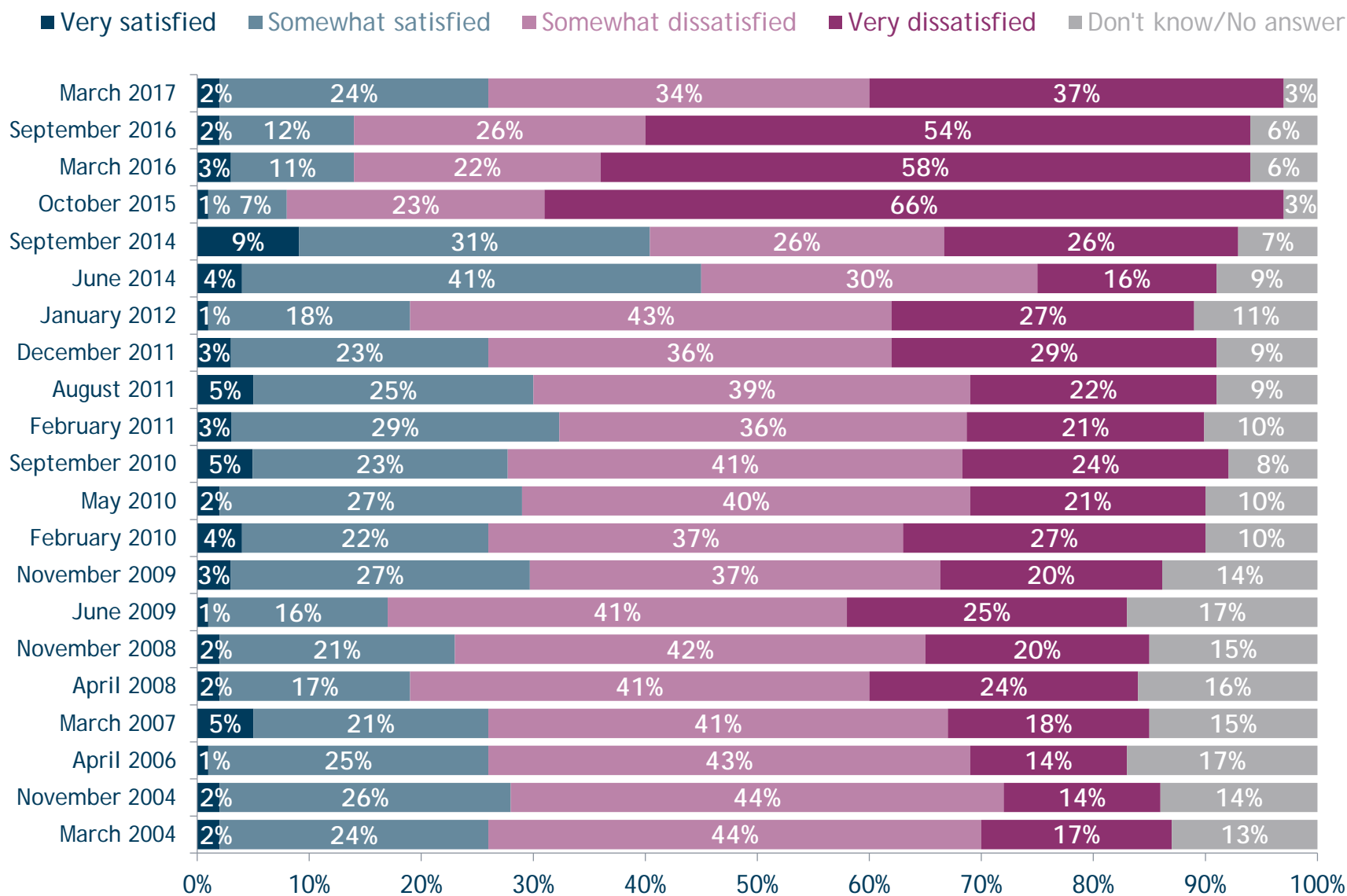


# What are the most important problems facing you and your household?

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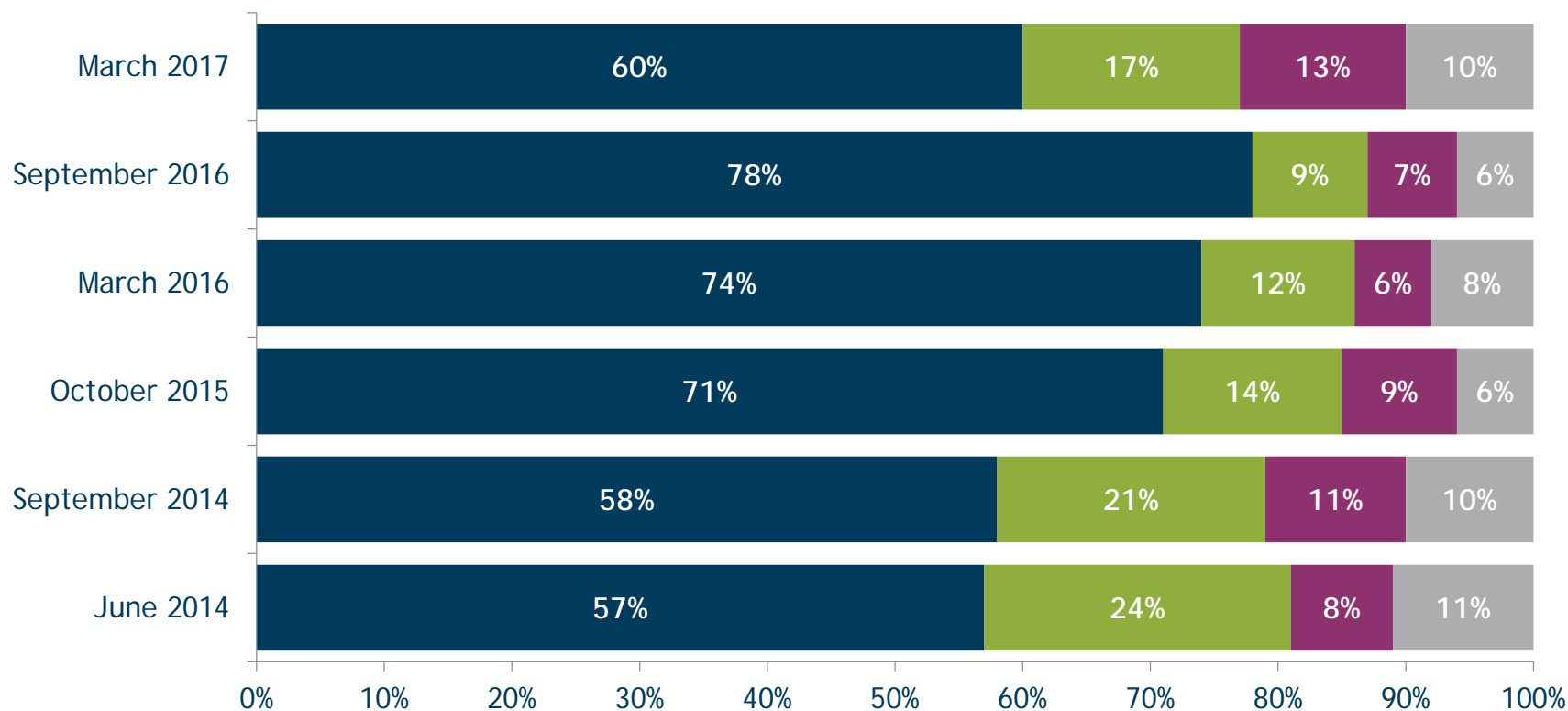


# How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Moldova?

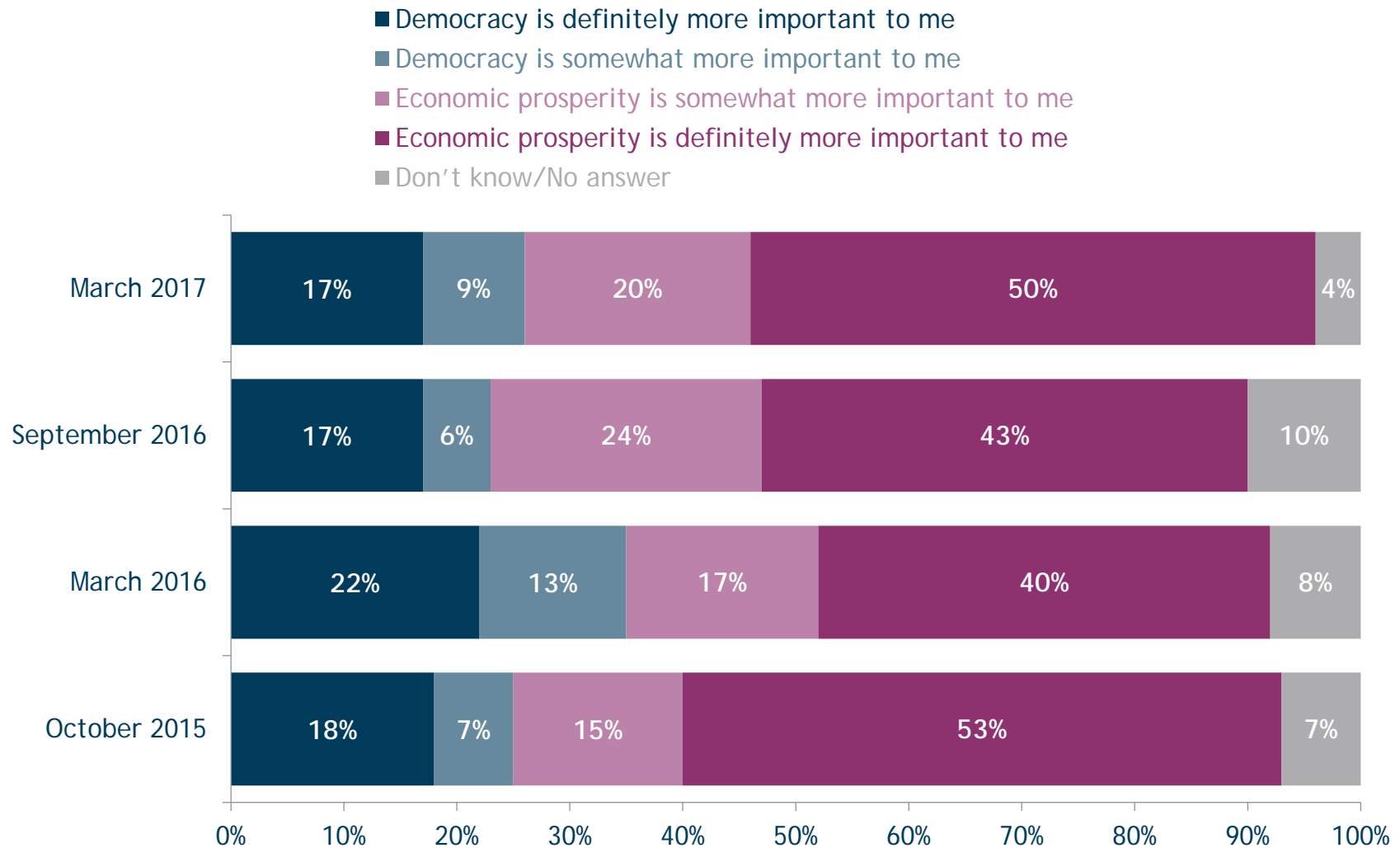


# Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?

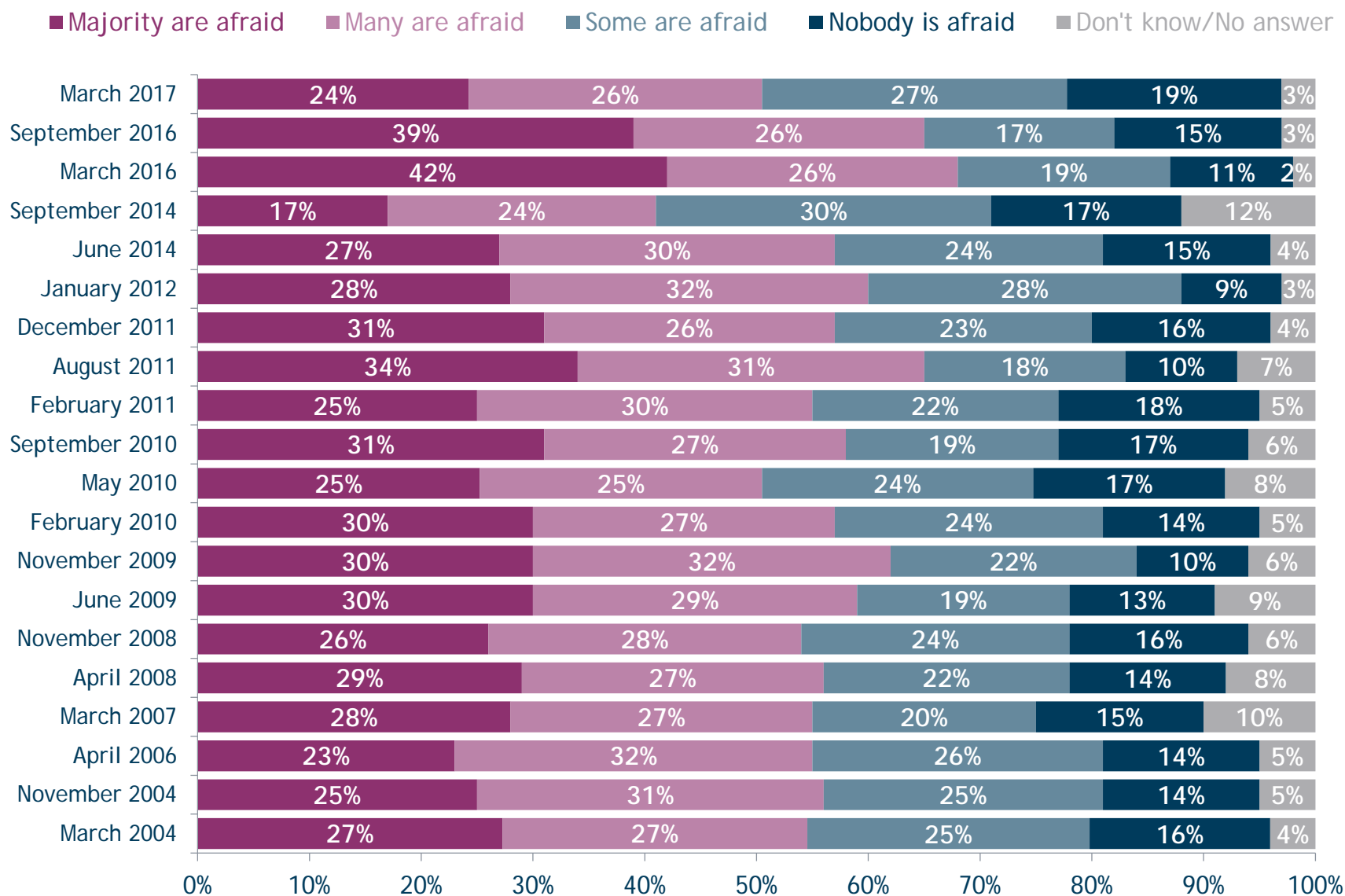
- Our society needs serious reforms (structural and systemic change)
- Our society needs gradual reforms which preserve the existing system
- Our society has to be protected from the forces who want to change the current order
- Don't know/No answer



# If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



# Are people in Moldova afraid to openly express their political views?





# Views on Corruption

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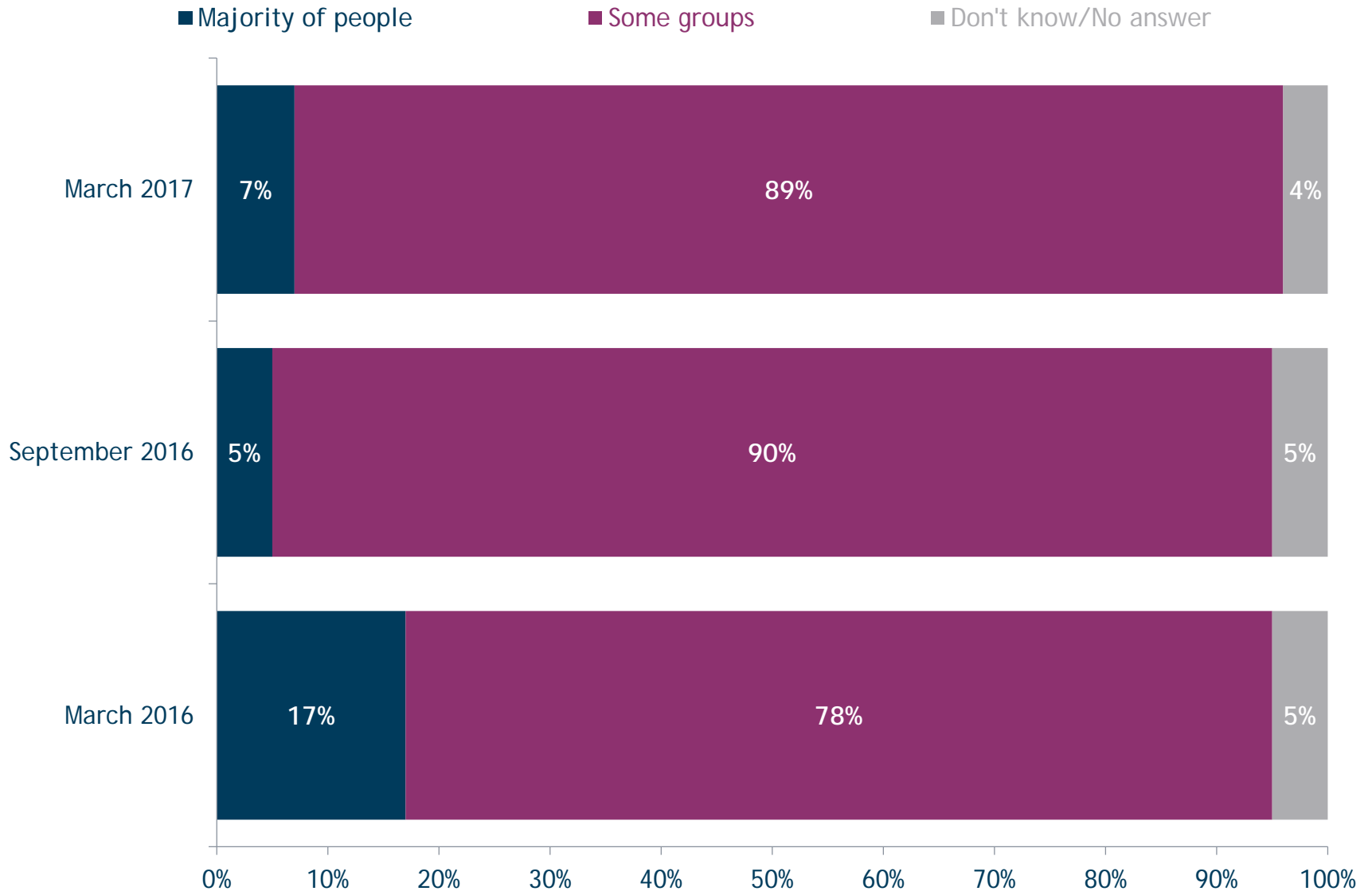


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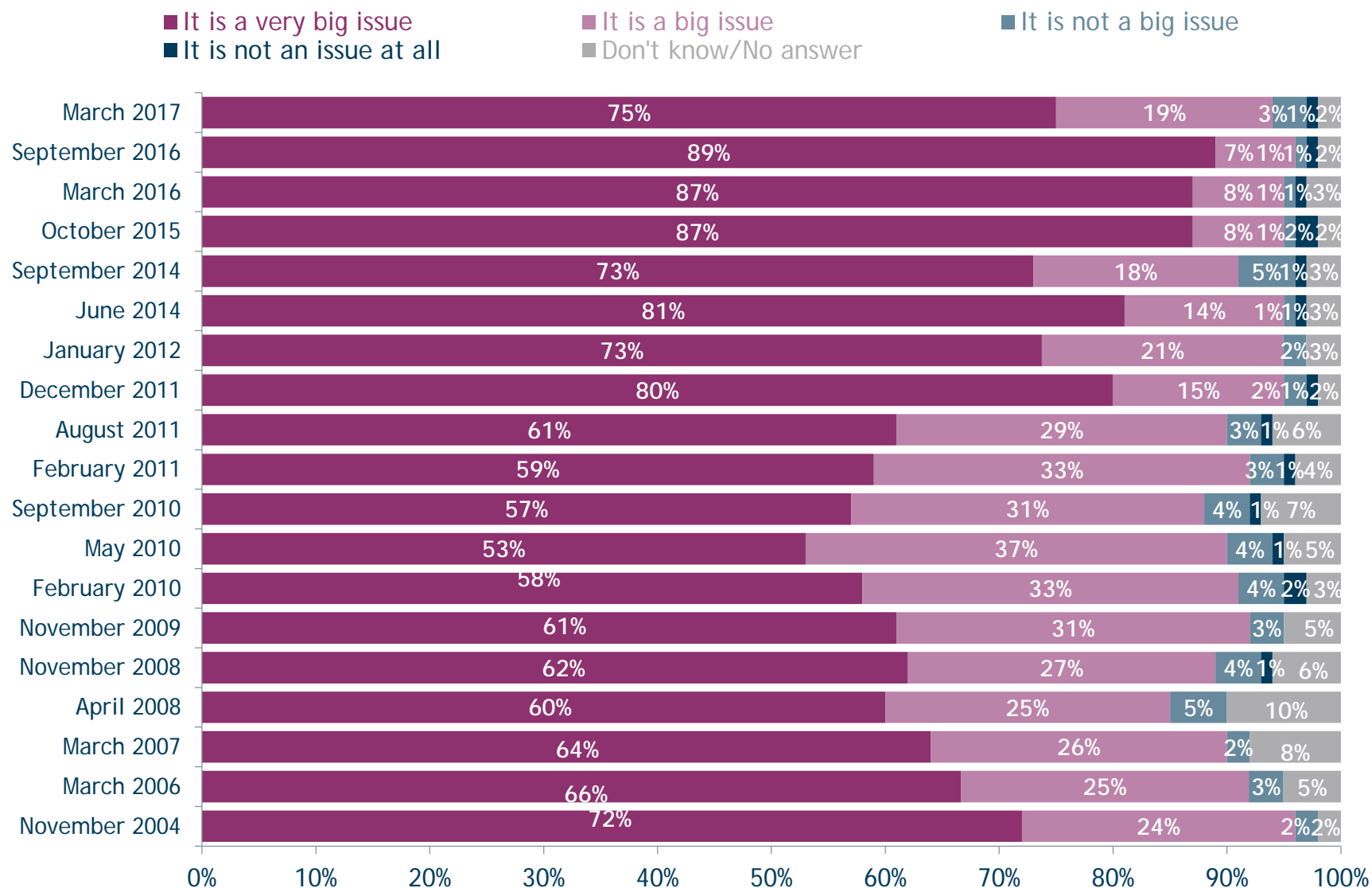
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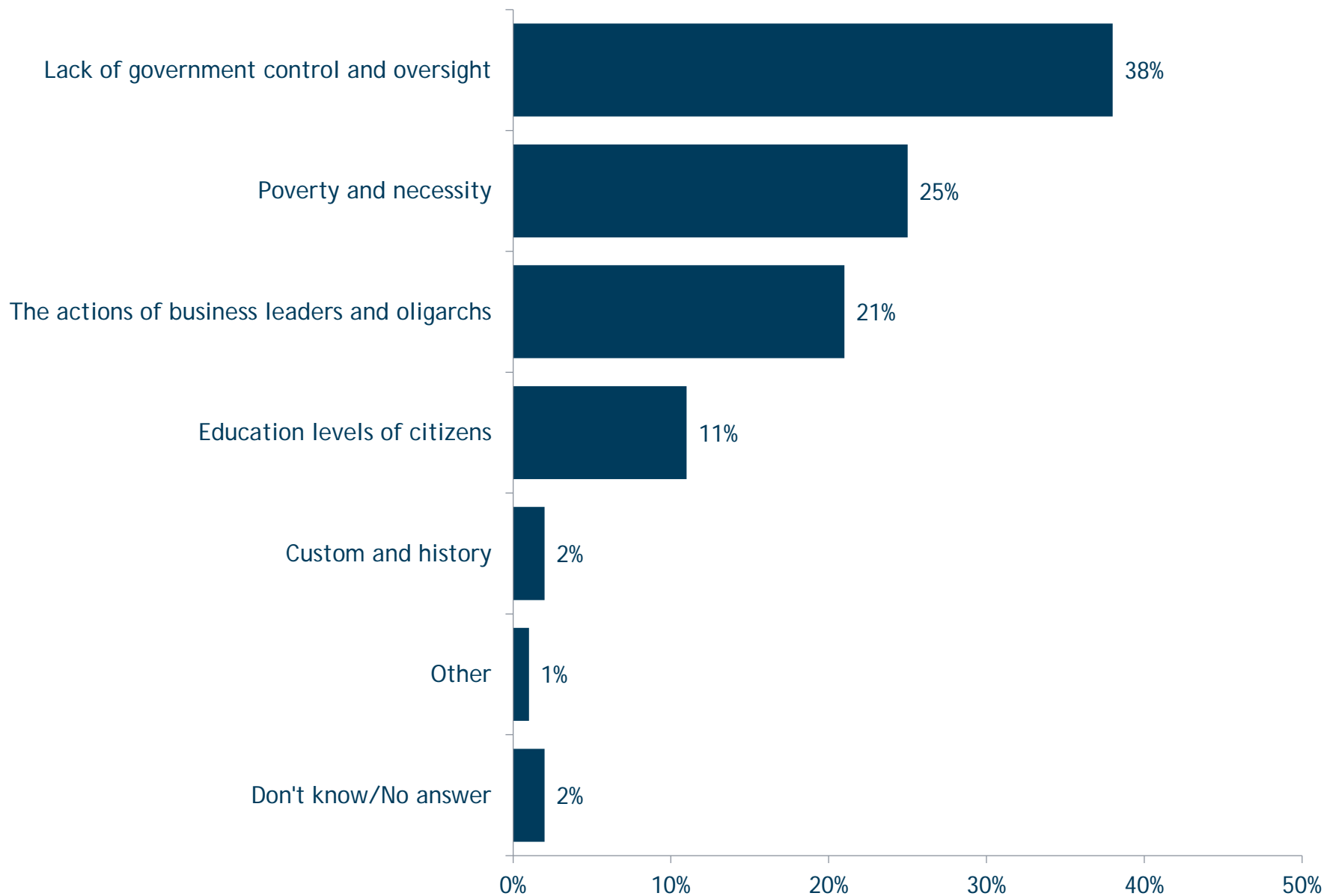
# Do you consider the country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or the interest of some groups?



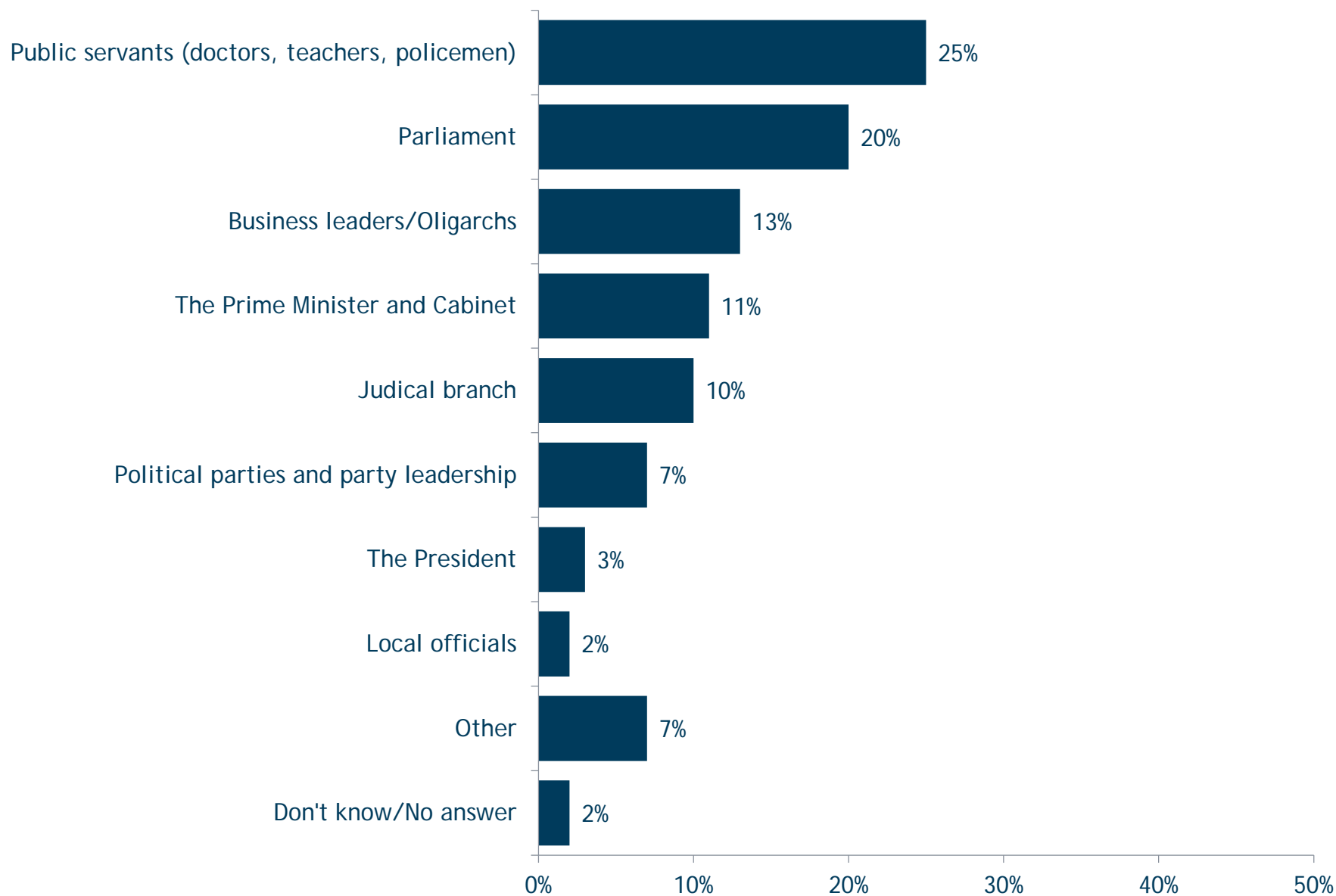
# Is corruption a big problem in Moldova today?



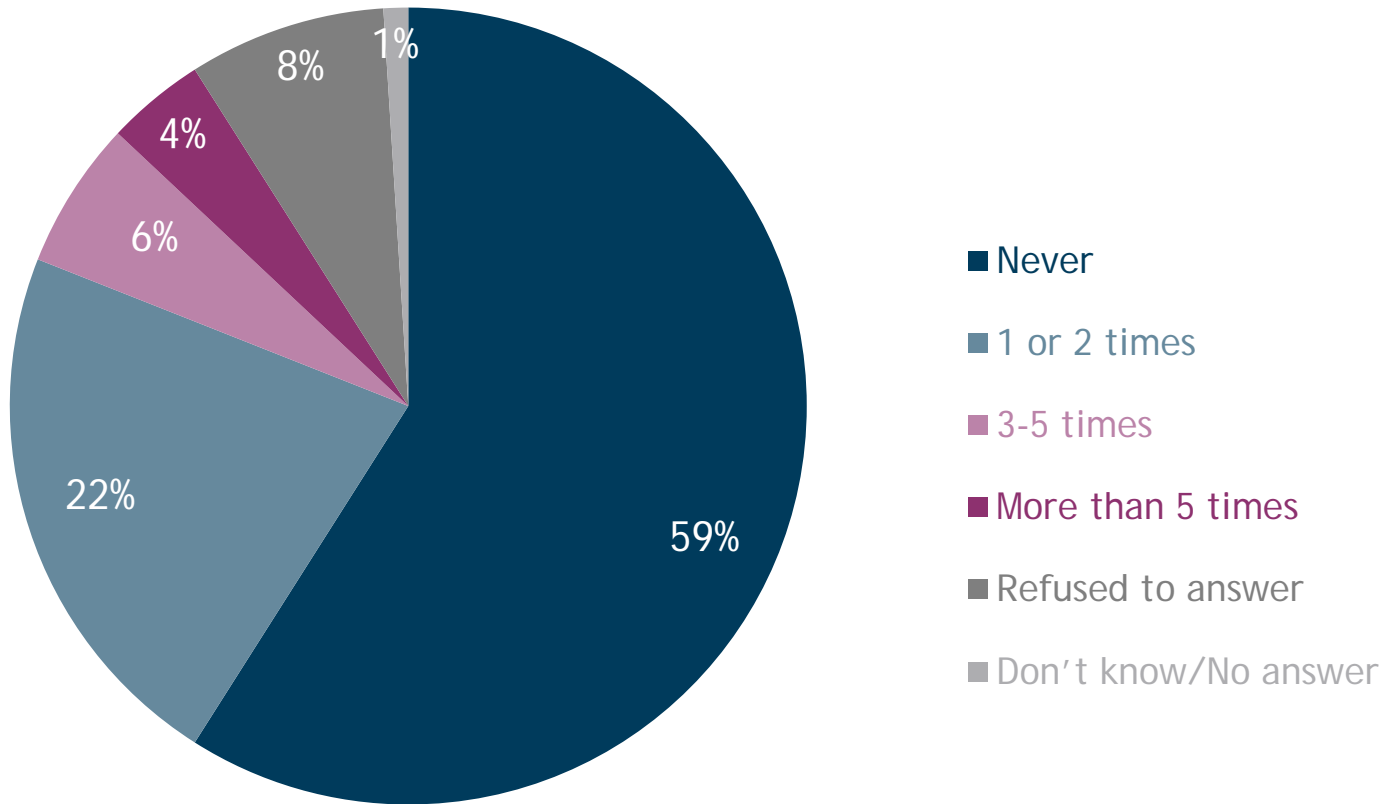
# What, in your opinion, is the greatest cause of corruption in Moldova?



# Where, in your opinion, is corruption most present in Moldova?

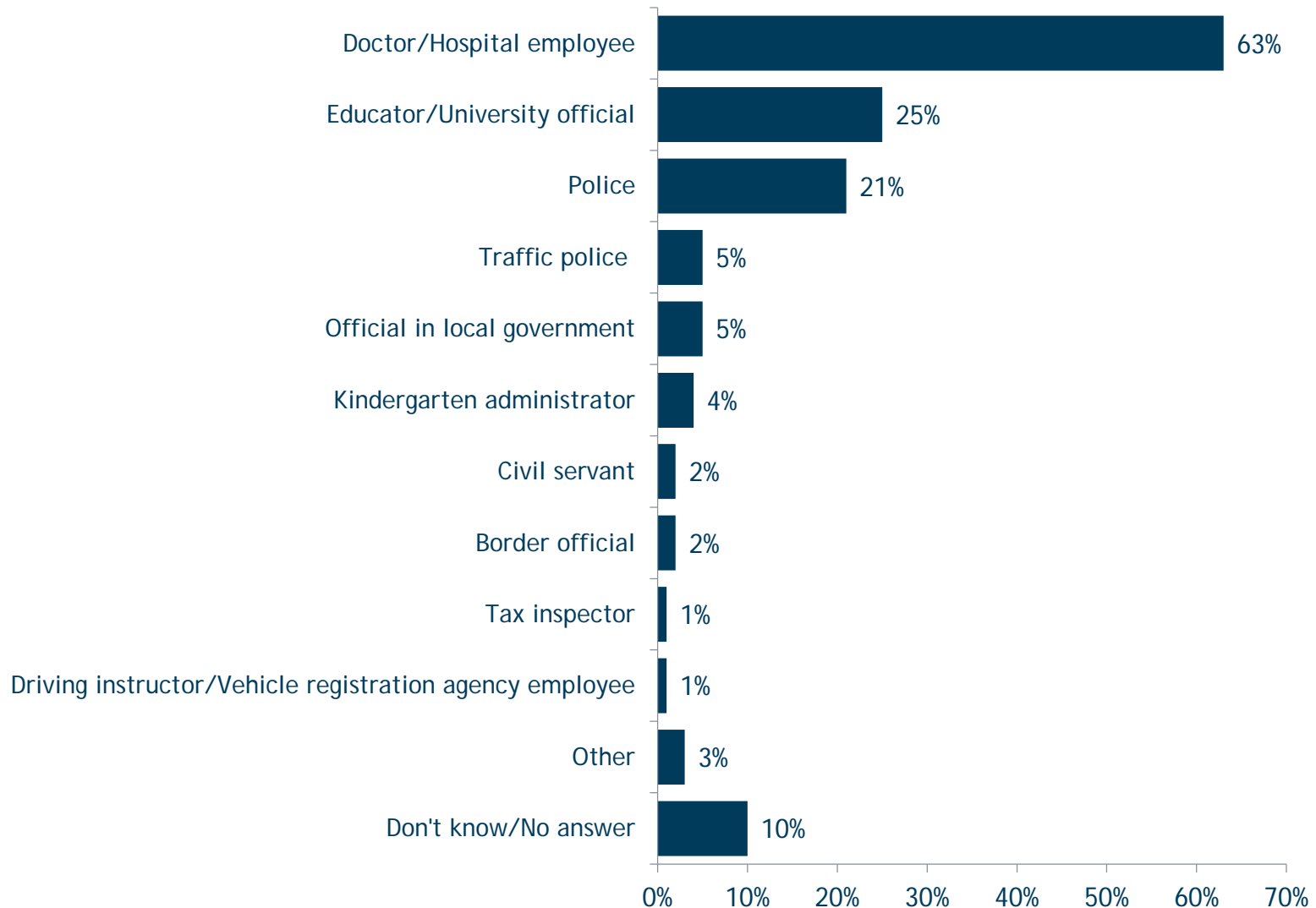


In the past 12 months, how often, if ever, have you done a favor, given a gift or paid a bribe in order to receive services?



# For whom did you do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe in order to receive services?

(Respondents who had to do this in the last 12 months, N=478;  
Permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)





# Politics

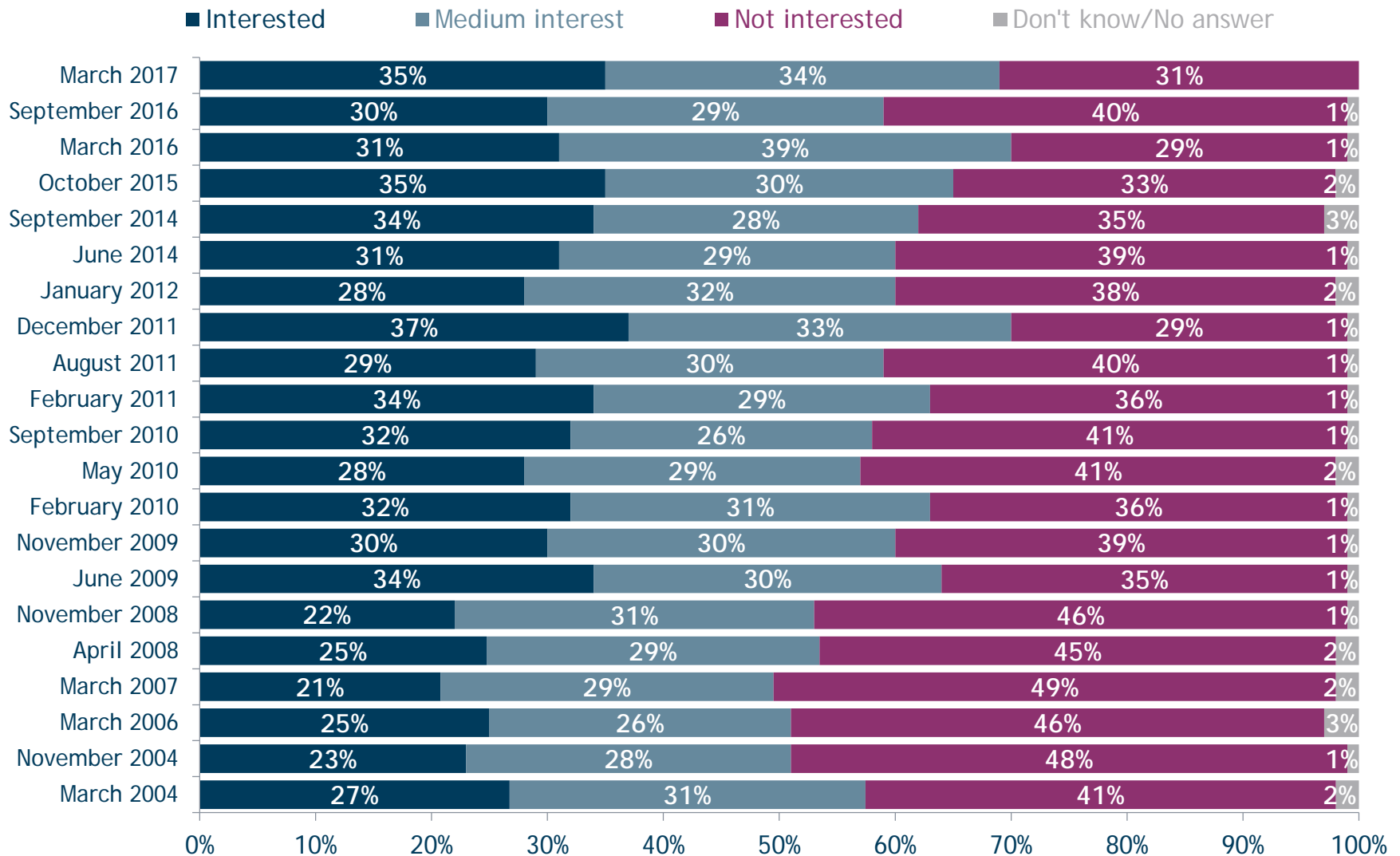
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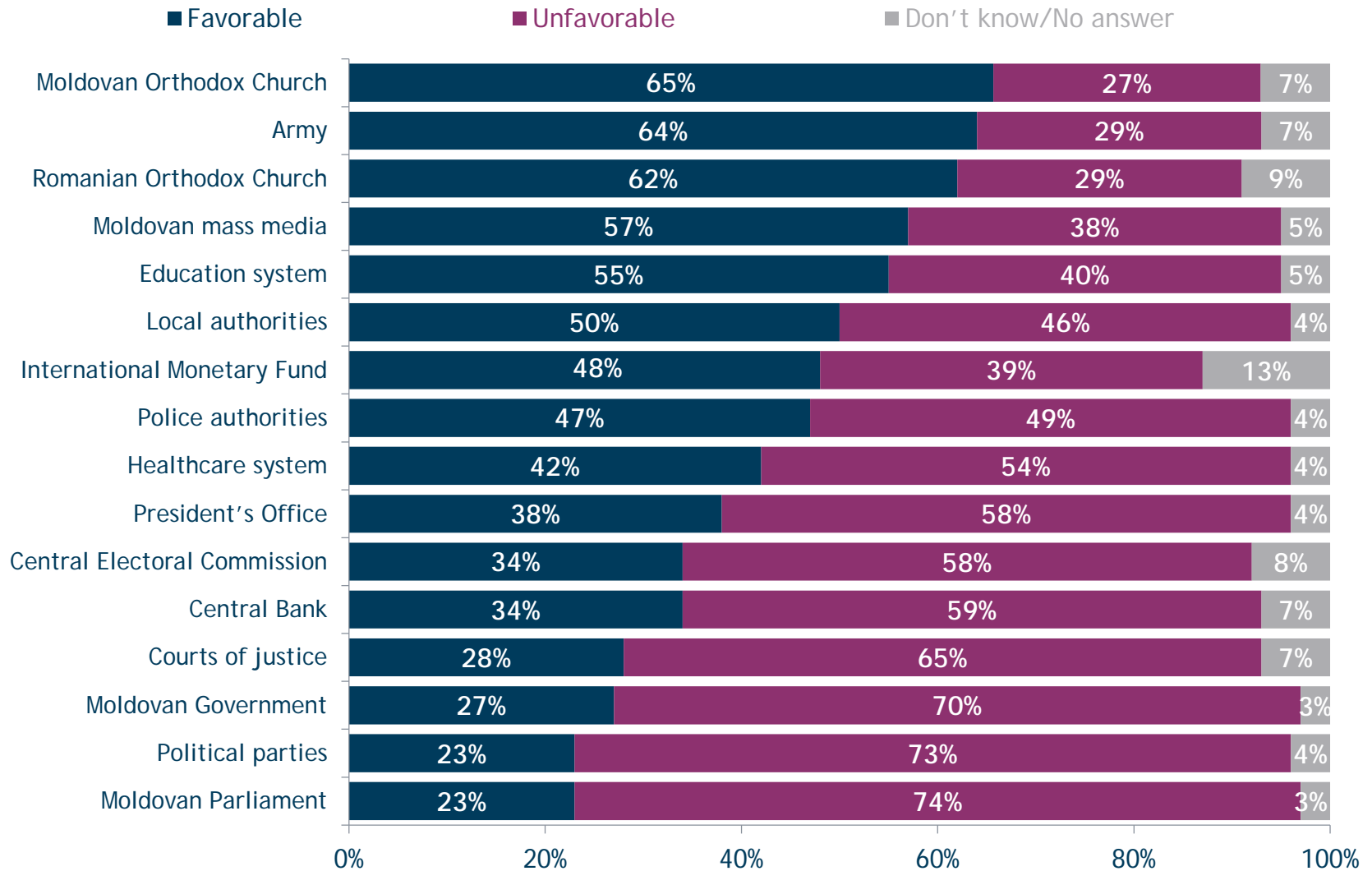
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# How much interest do you have in politics?

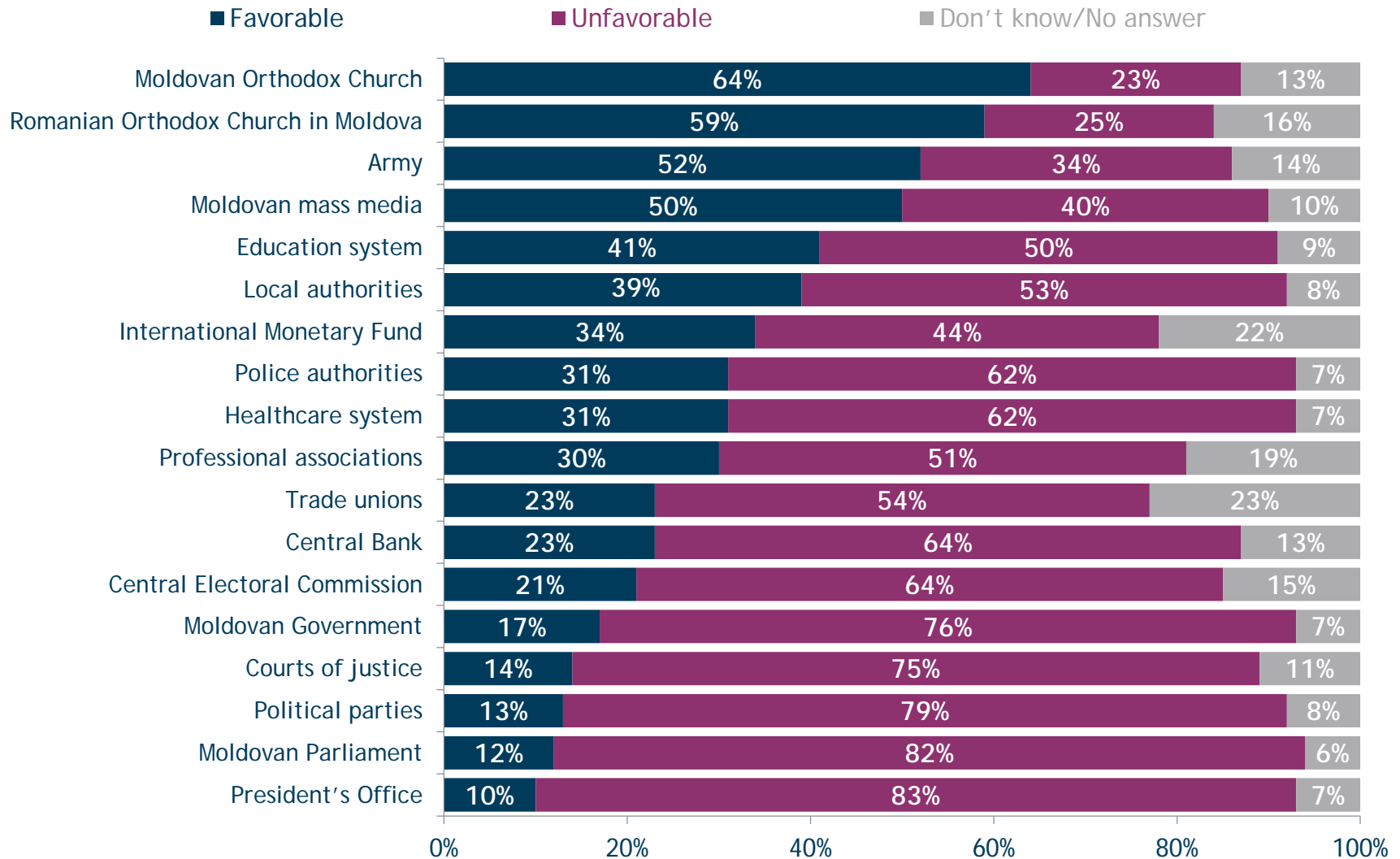




# What is your opinion of each of the following institutions? (March 2017)



# What is your opinion of each of the following institutions? (September 2016)





# The Government

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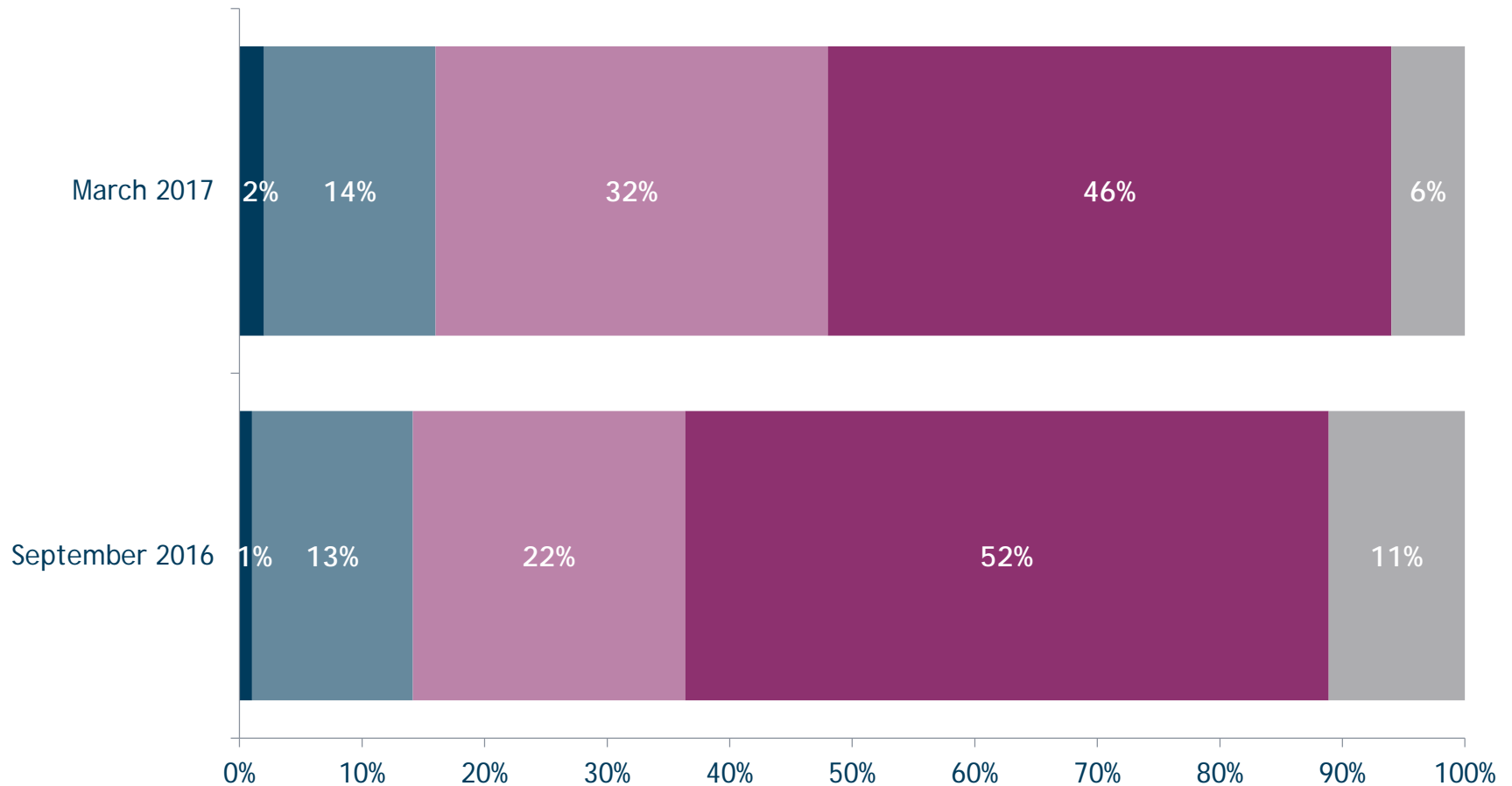


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# Do you approve or disapprove of the parliamentary majority consisting of the Democratic Party, Liberal Party and former members of the Liberal Democratic Party and Communist Party\*?

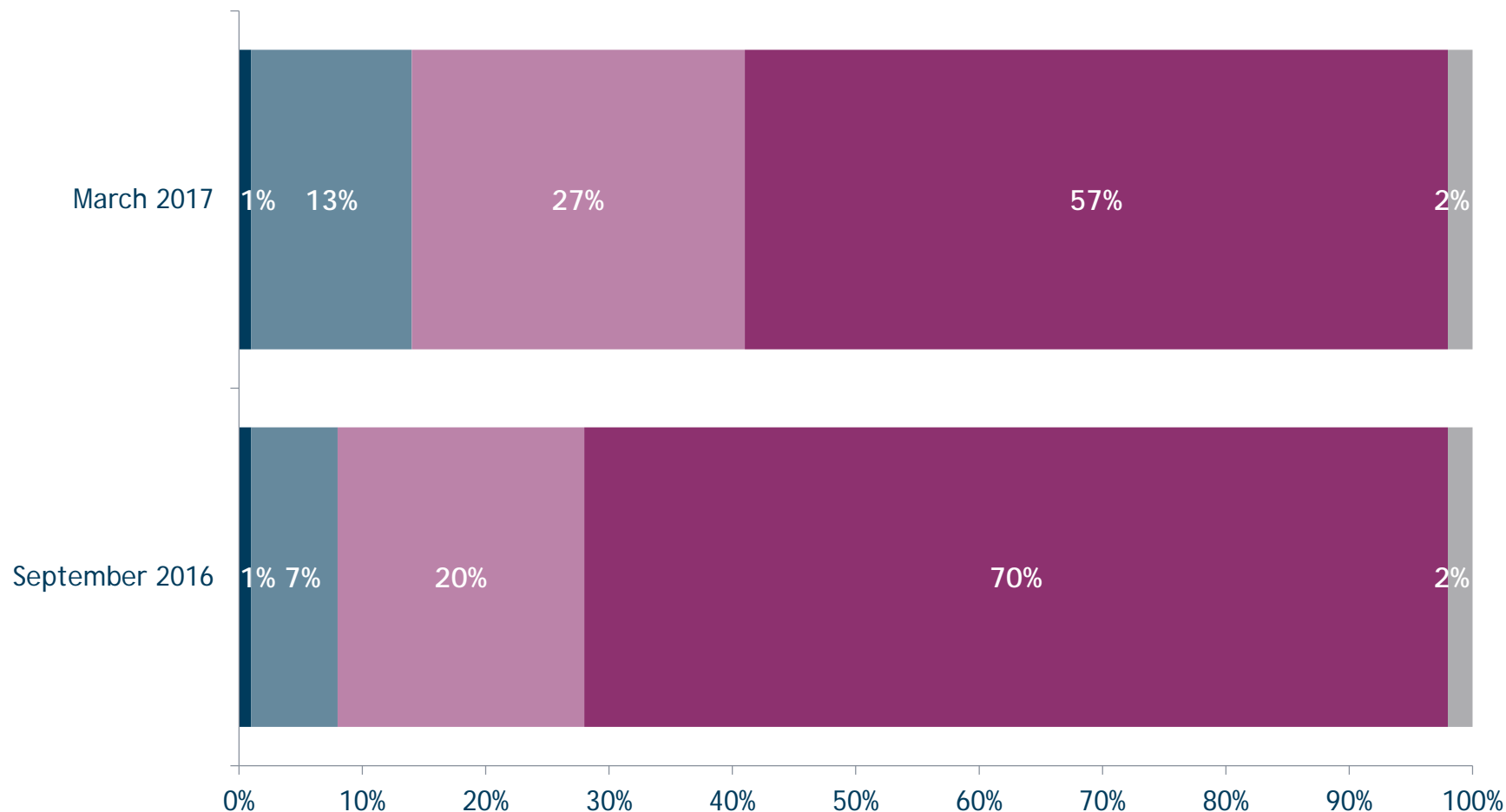
■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Somewhat disapprove ■ Strongly disapprove ■ Don't know/No answer



\*On March 10, 2014, the 14 former members of the Communist Party who joined the parliamentary majority in January 2017 formally joined the Democratic Party's parliamentary faction.

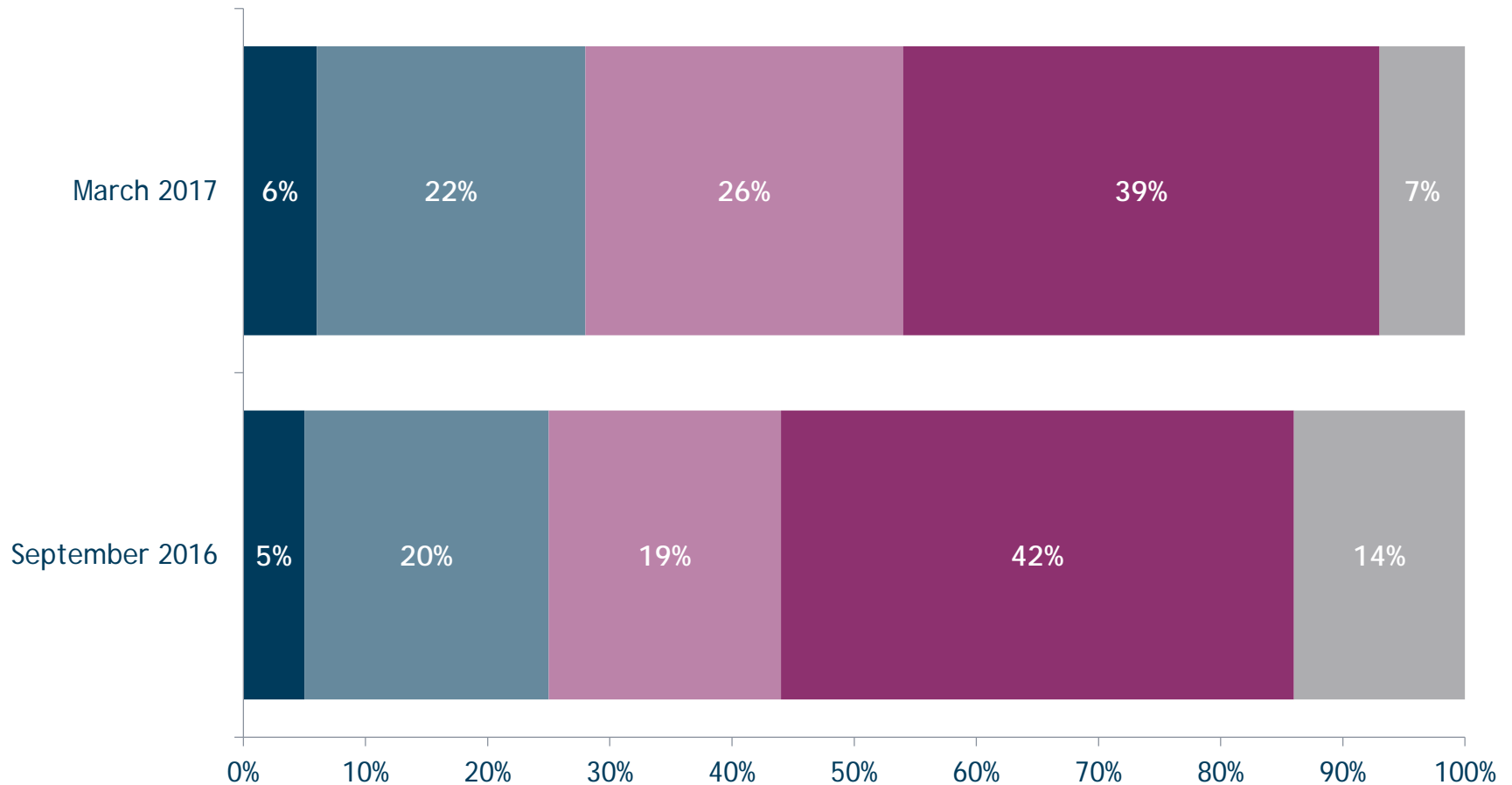
# Do you think that the Moldova Parliament is responsive to the needs of citizens like you?

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



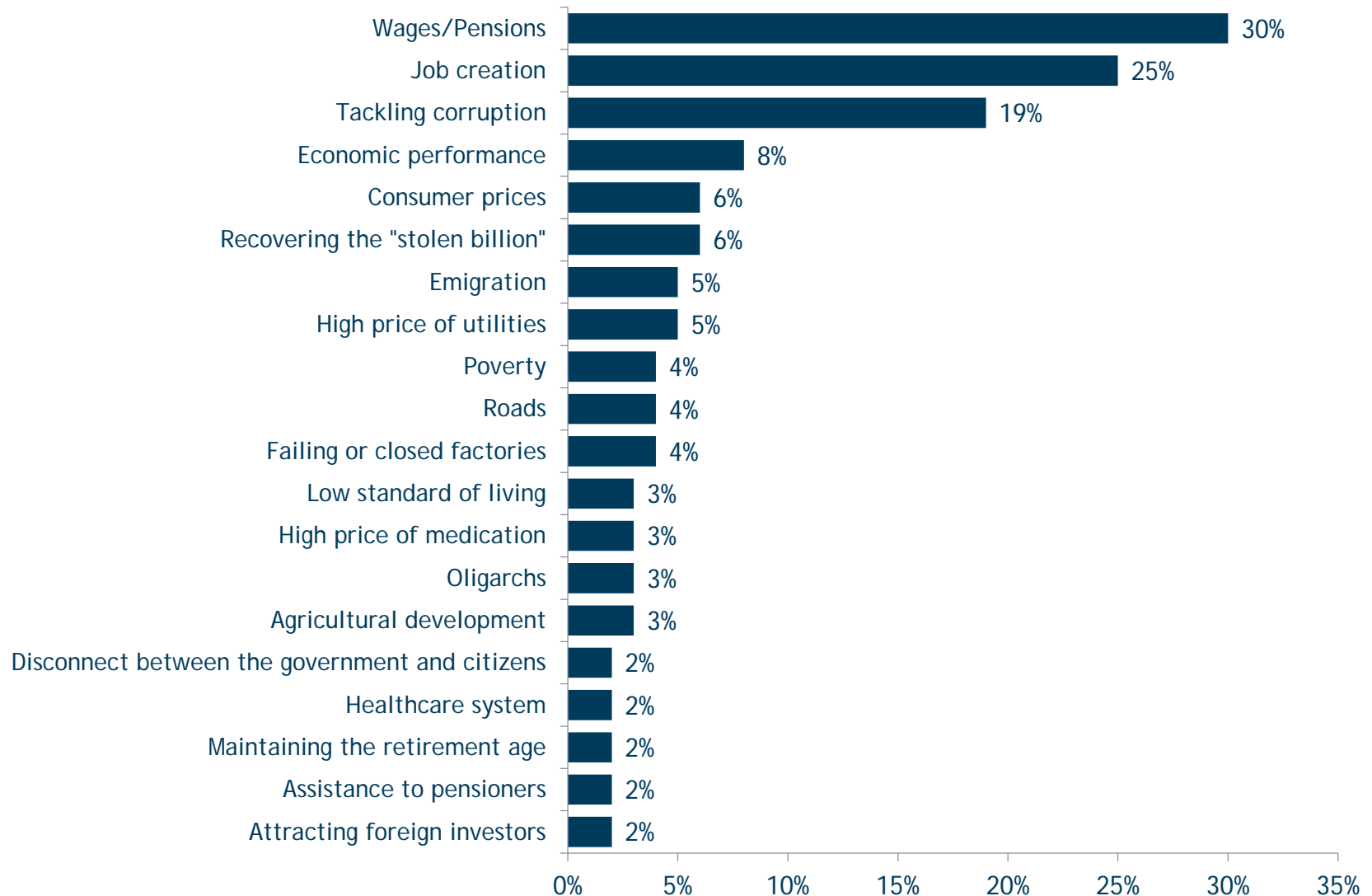
# Do you approve or disapprove of the Filip government?

■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Somewhat disapprove ■ Strongly disapprove ■ Don't know/No answer



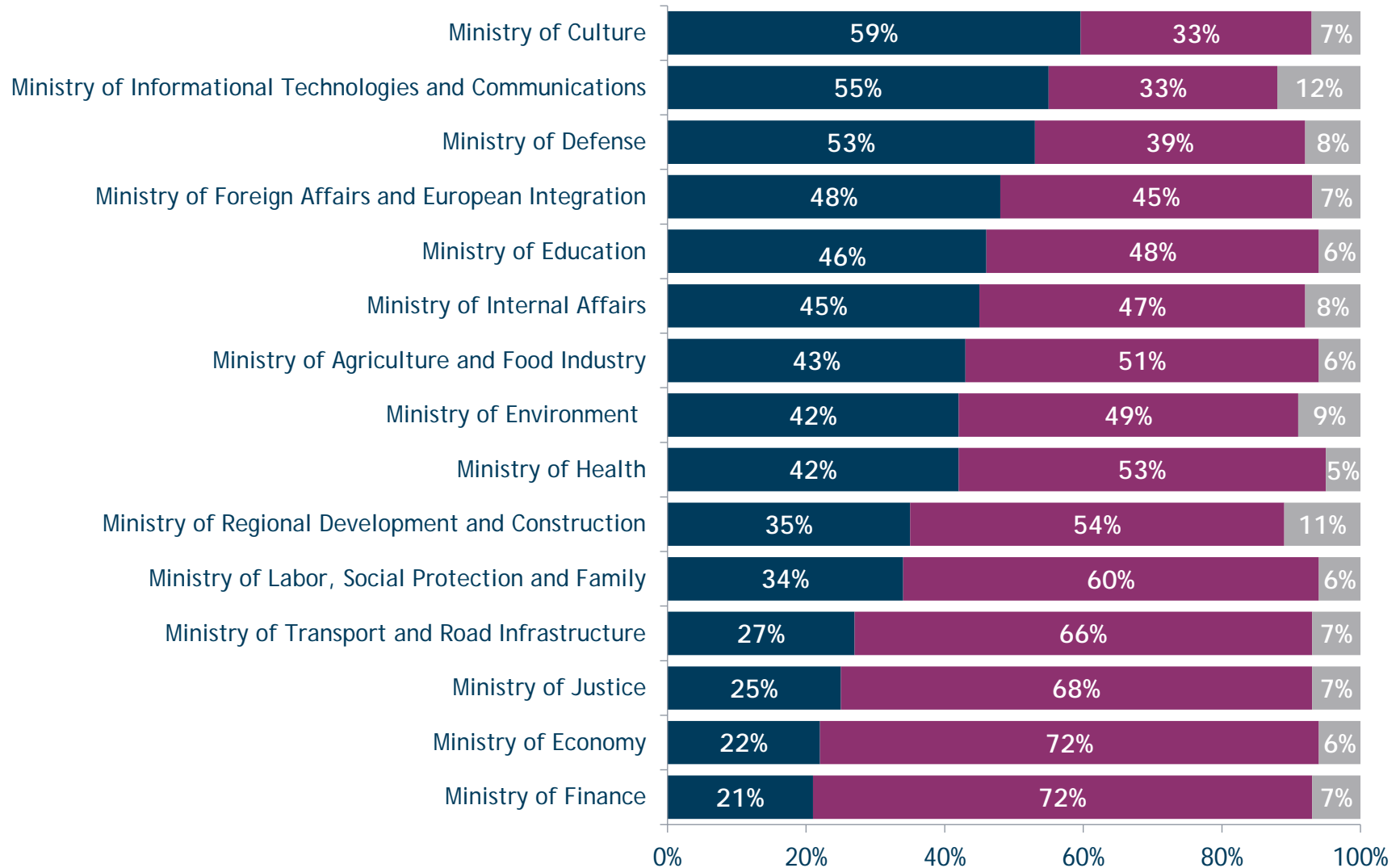
# What are the most important problems that the Filip government must solve?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)



# What is your opinion of the activity of each of the following Moldovan ministers?

■ Positive ■ Negative ■ Don't know/No answer







# The President

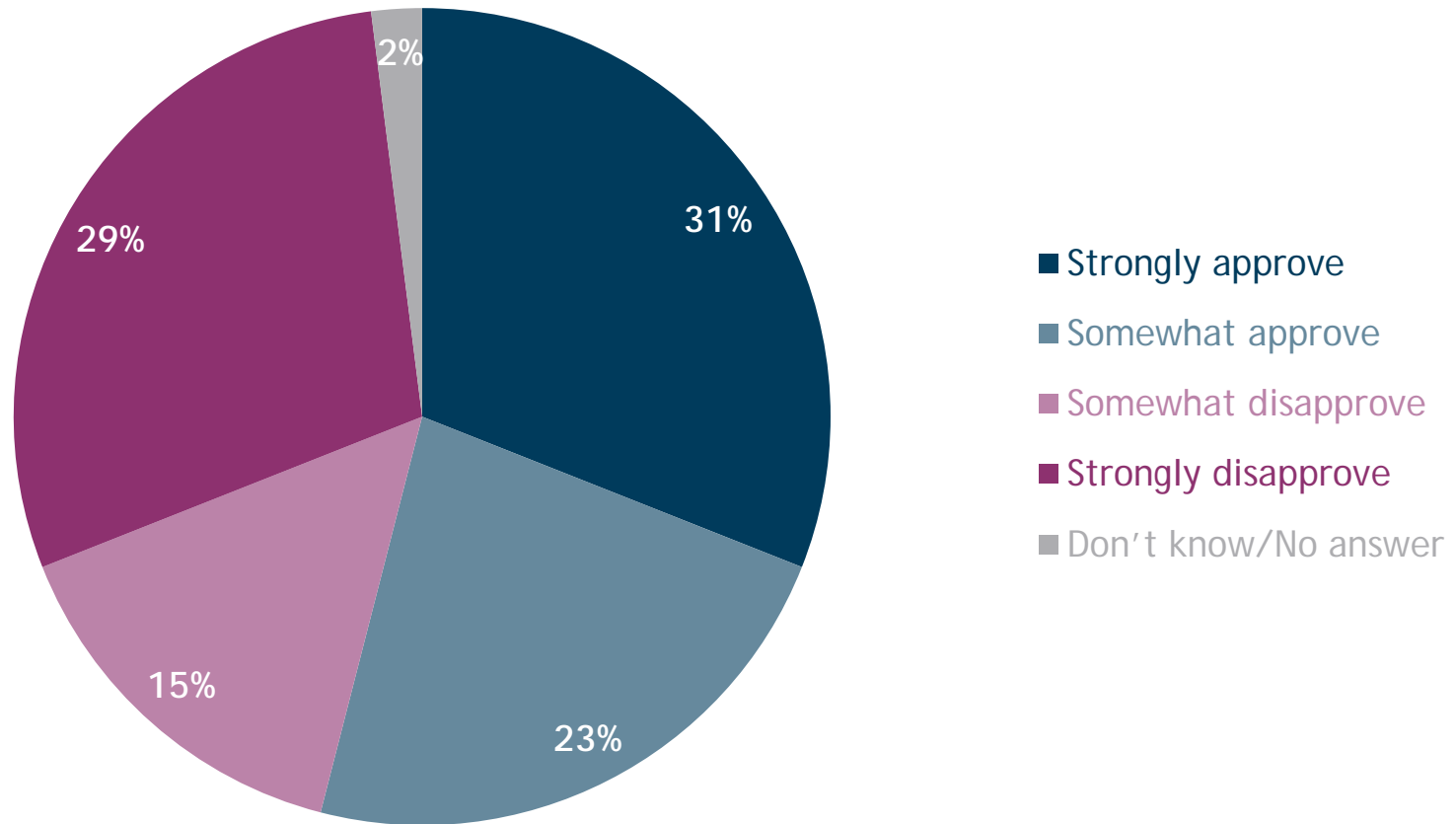
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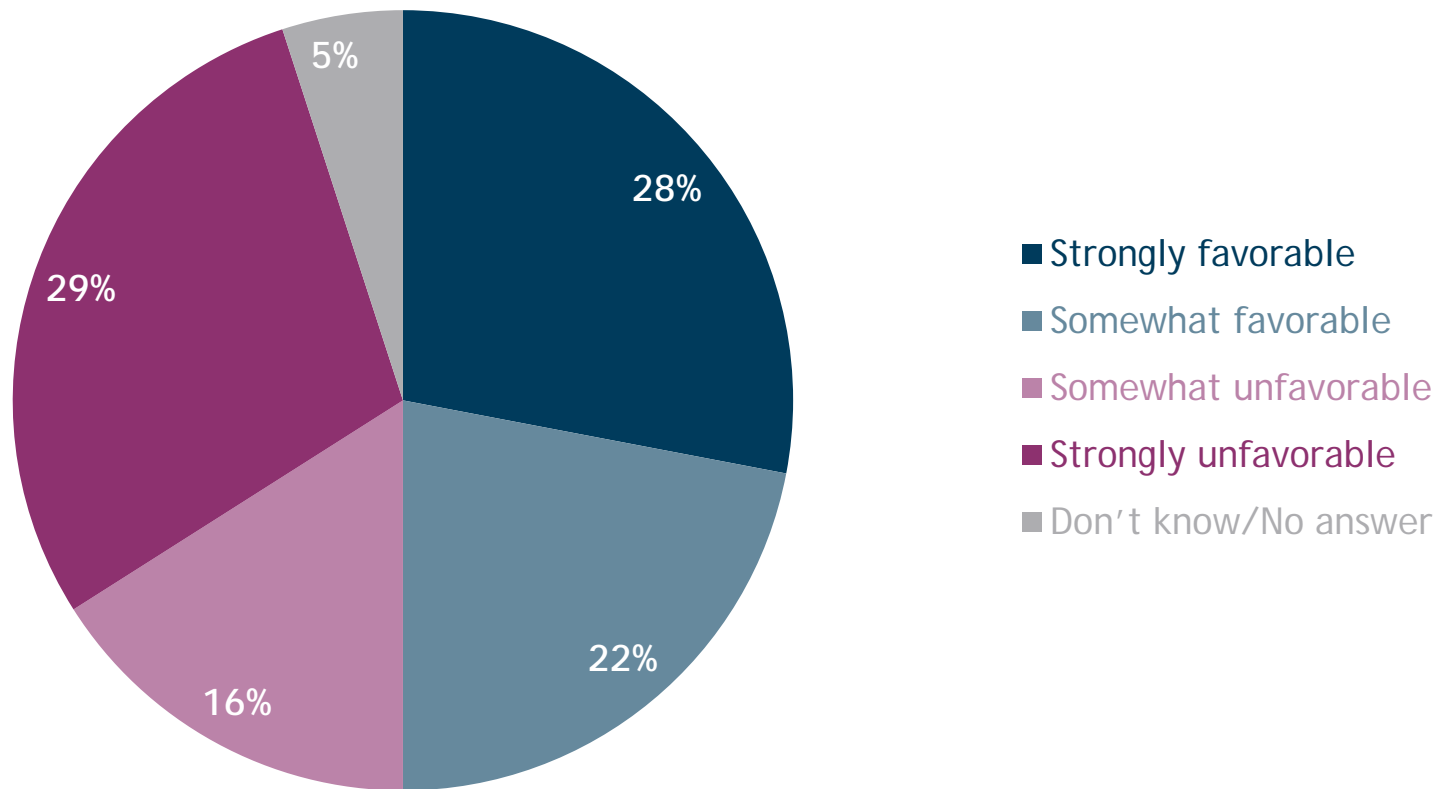
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## Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of President Igor Dodon?



\*Igor Dodon was elected president in November 2016. He is the first popularly-elected president since 1996.

President Dodon has proposed holding a referendum to expand the powers of the presidency, including expanding the president's ability to dissolve the parliament. What is your opinion of this proposed expansion of the president's powers?





# Parliamentary Elections

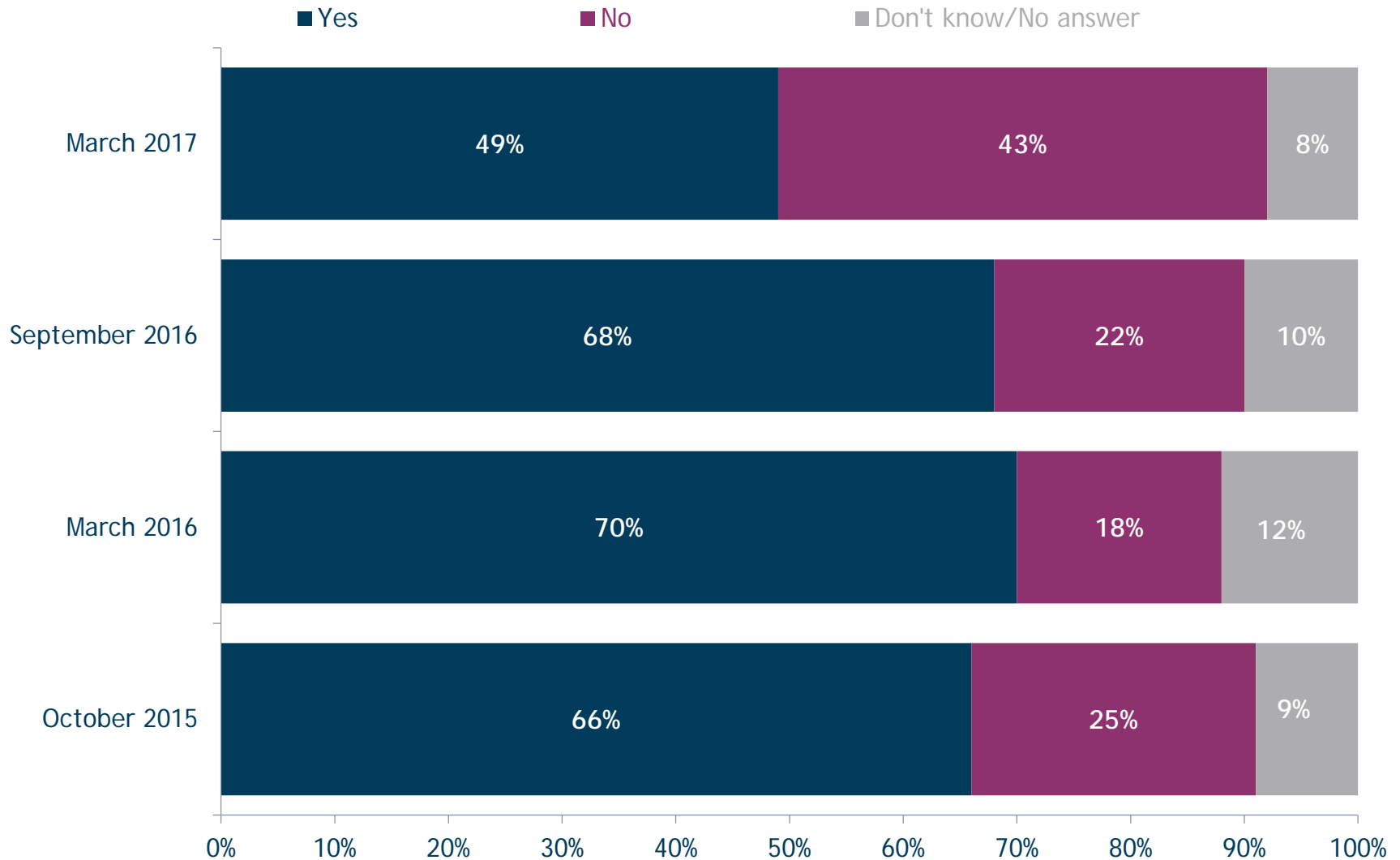
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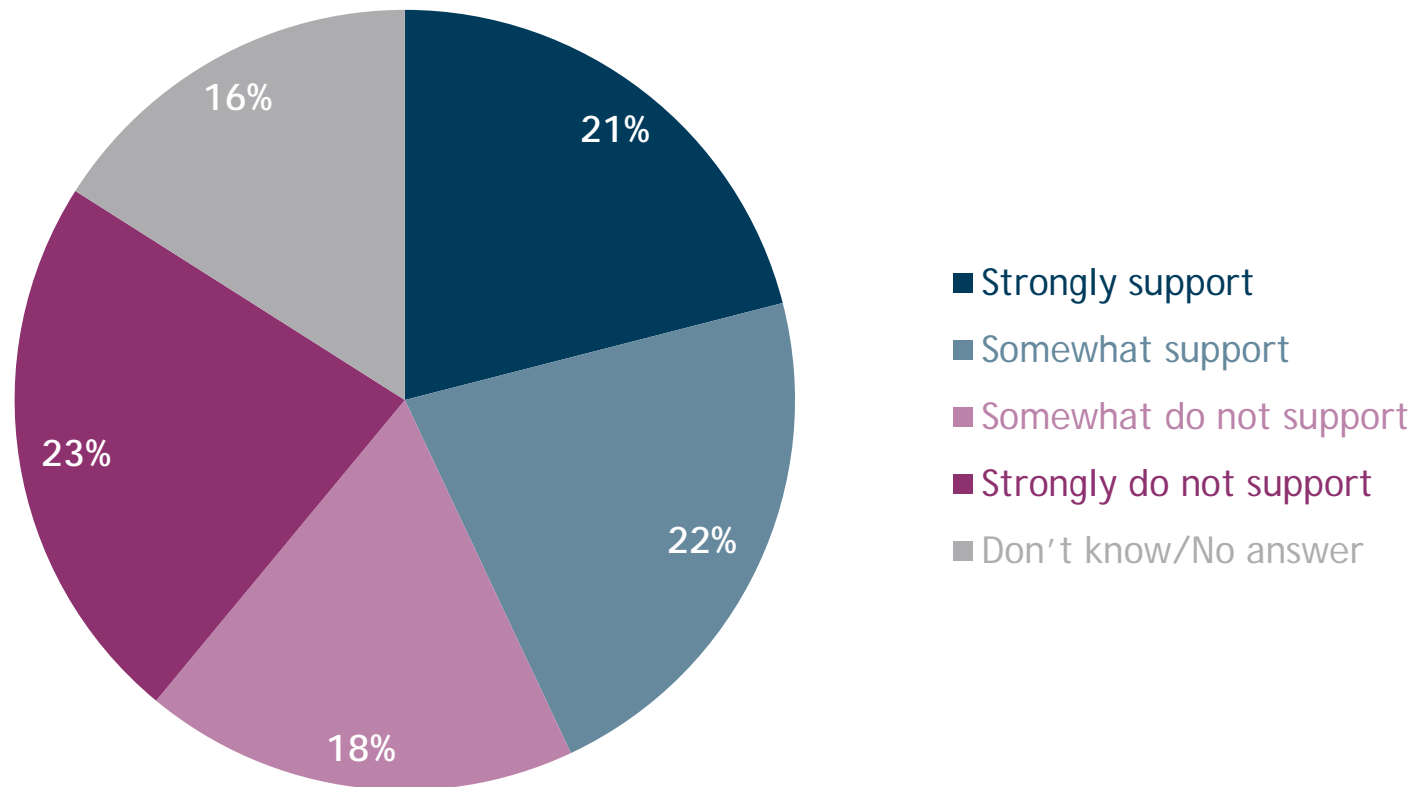
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# Do you support the idea of early parliamentary elections?

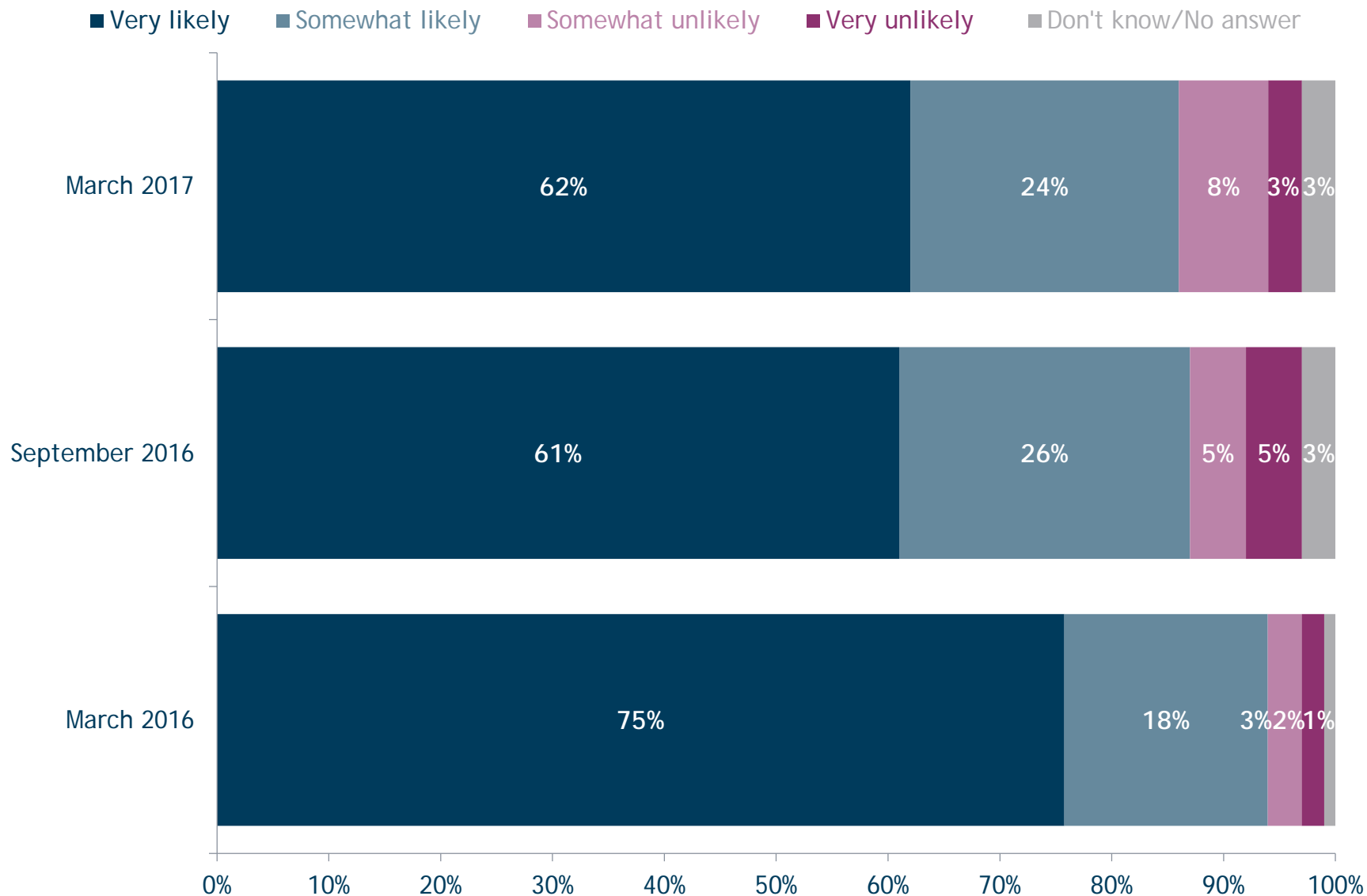


Would you support reforming the electoral law to include a mixed system, with half of the deputies elected on party lists and half in single-mandate constituencies?\*



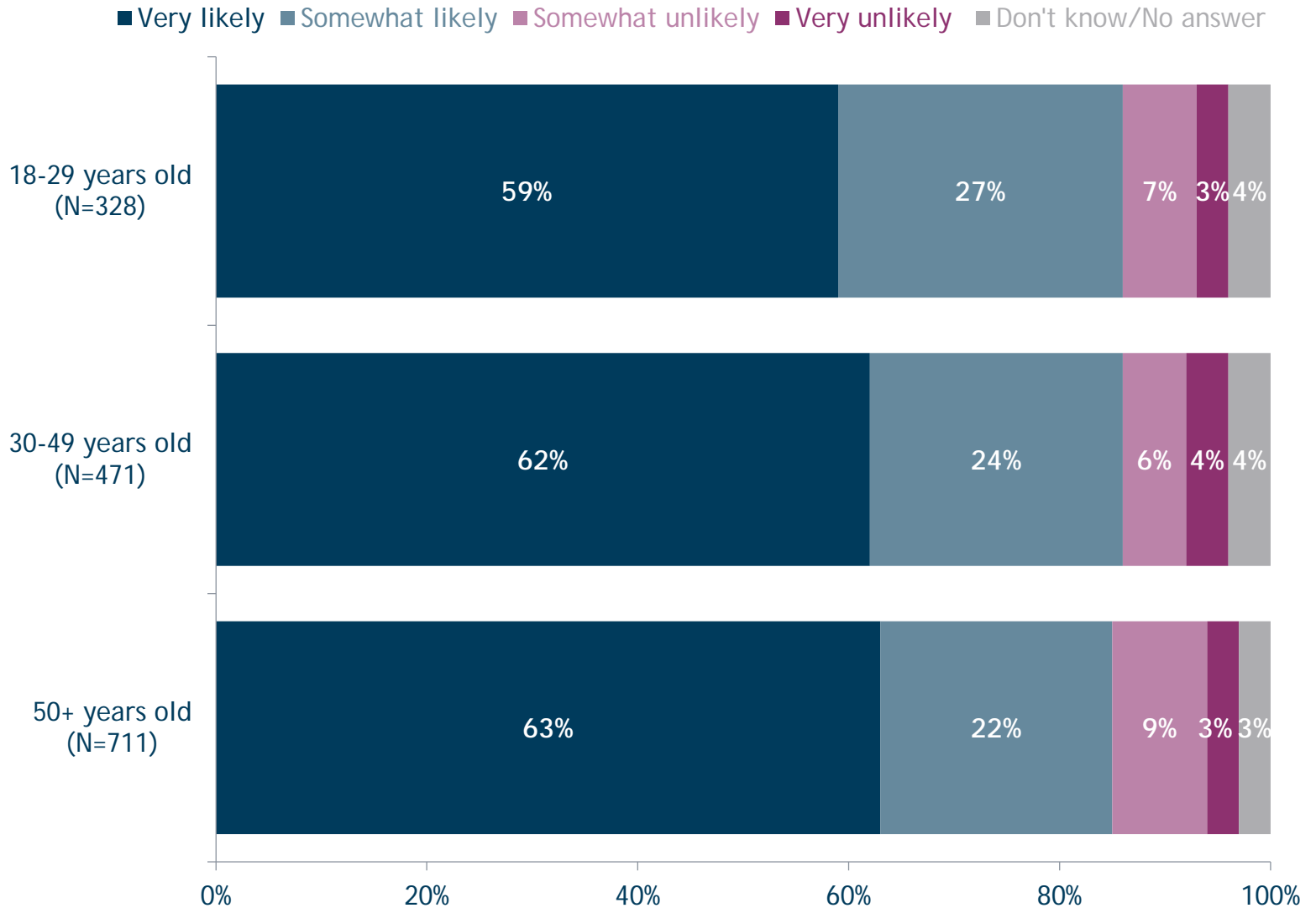
\*The electoral system in Moldova has been an issue of discussion in recent months. Although many expected a mixed system to be proposed, on March 6, 2017, the governing Democratic Party of Moldova announced an initiative to institute an electoral system in which all members of parliament are elected in single-mandate constituencies. A draft law has been submitted to the parliament for review.

# How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections?



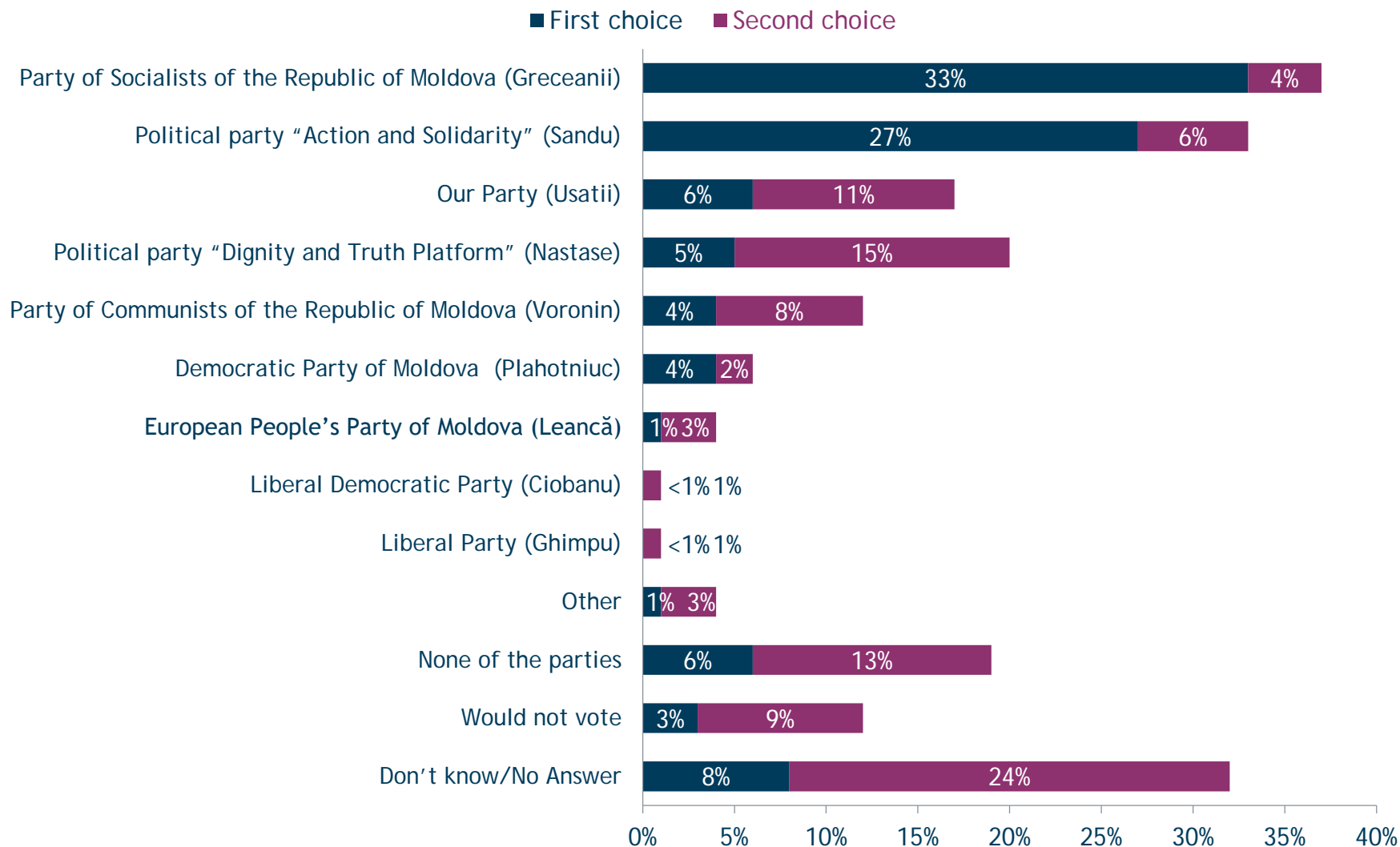
# How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections?

(Disaggregated by age)



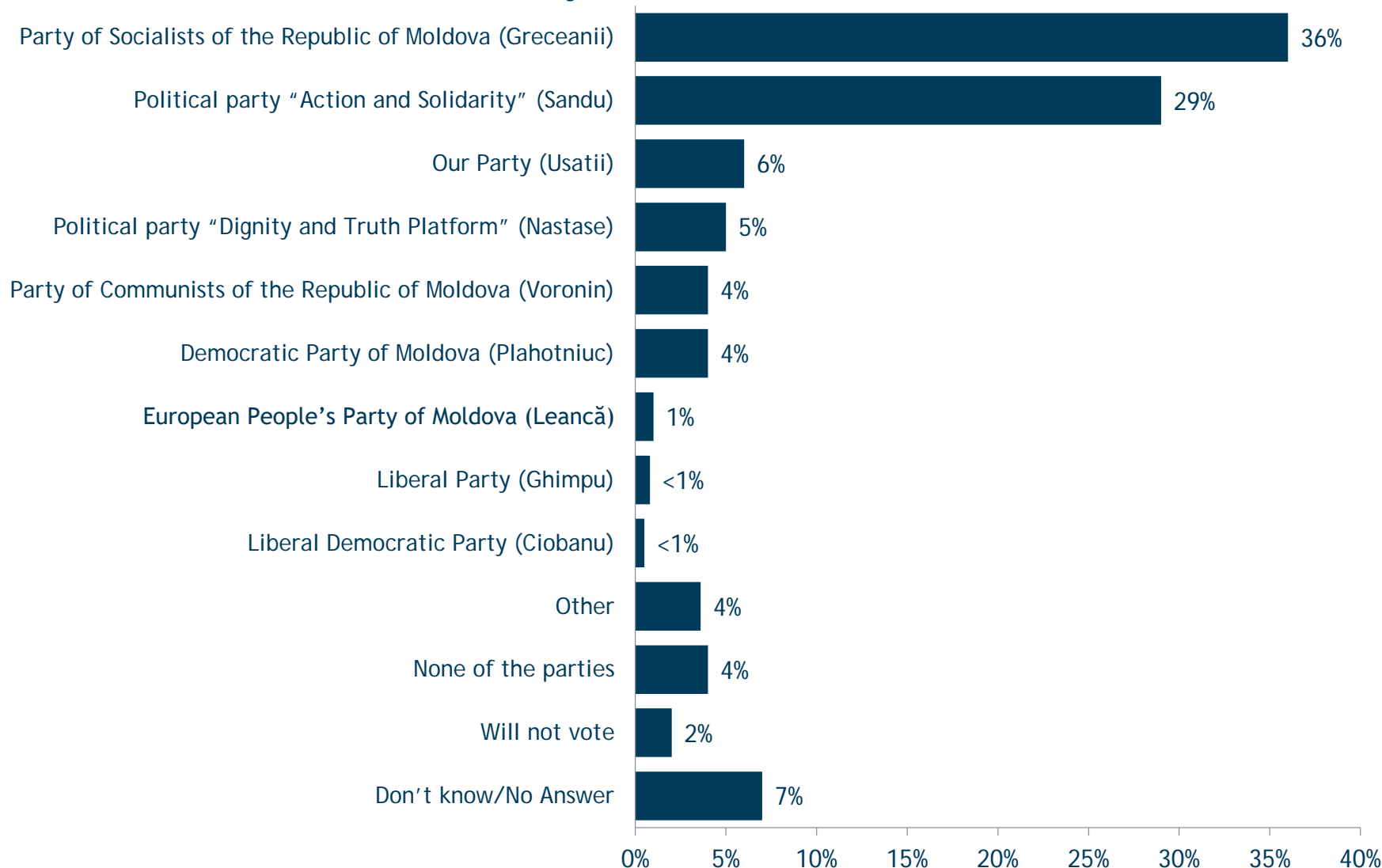


# If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated in the election, for which political party would you vote?

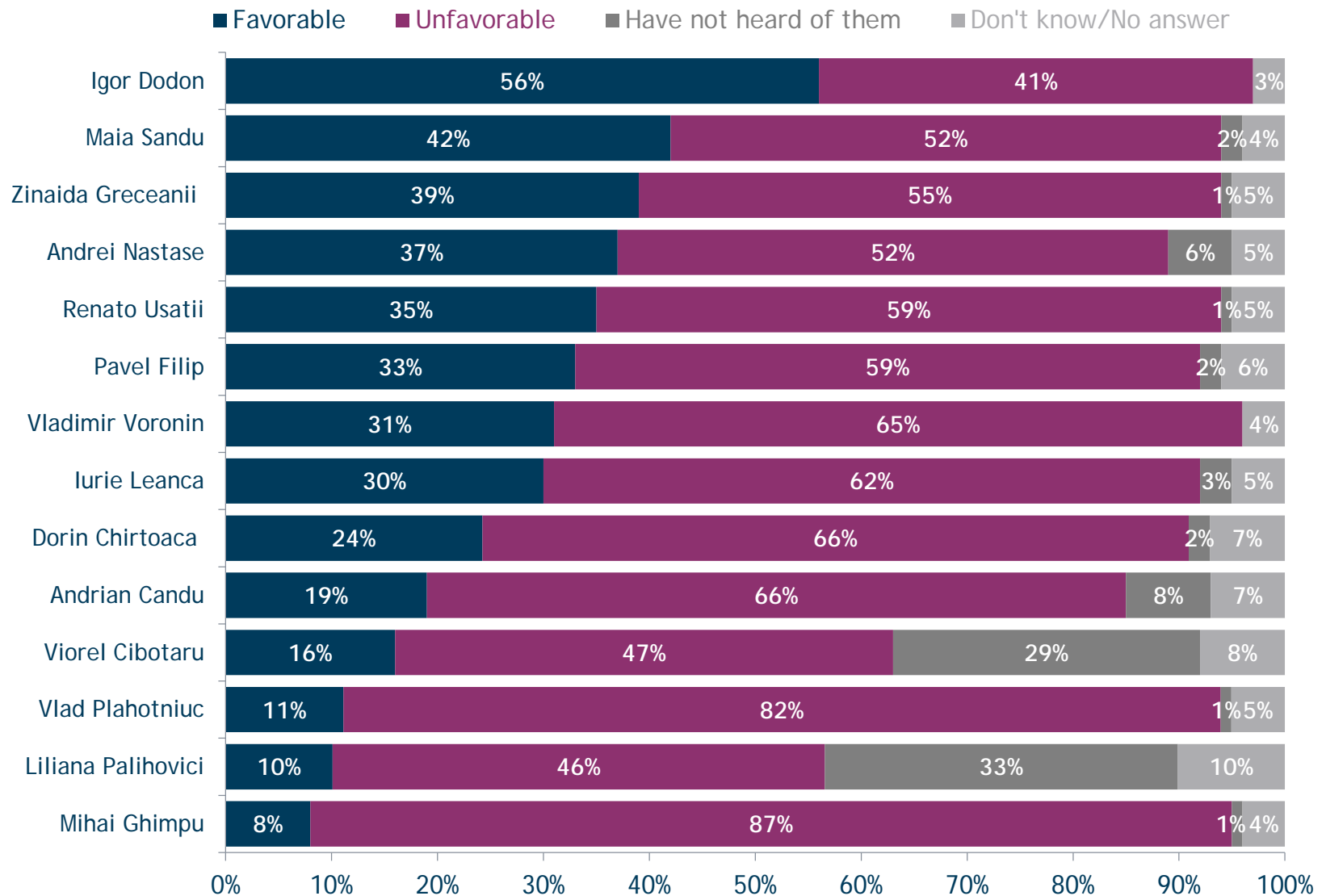


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(Likely voters, N=1294)

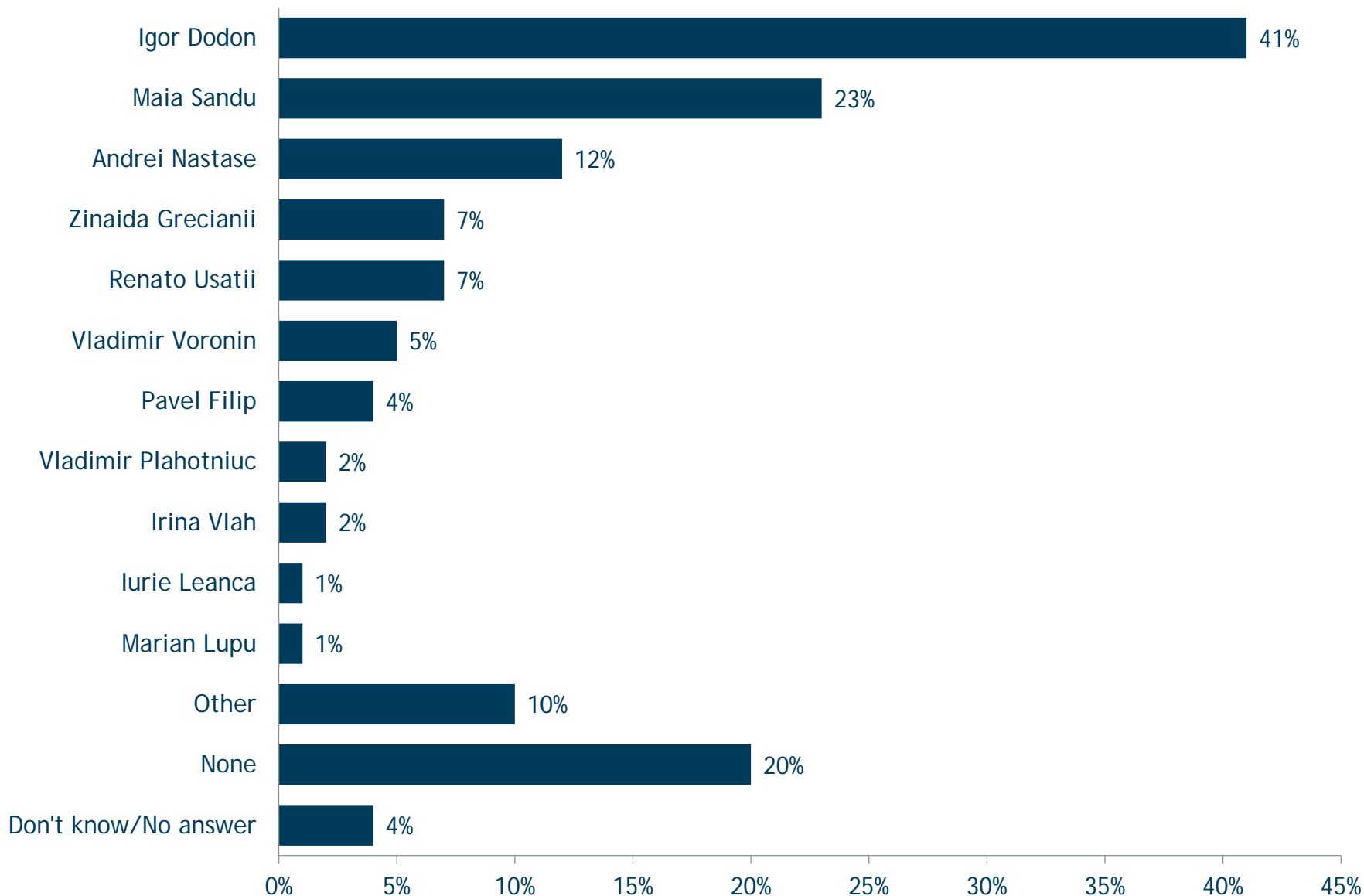


# What is your opinion of the following Moldovan politicians or members of the Moldovan government?

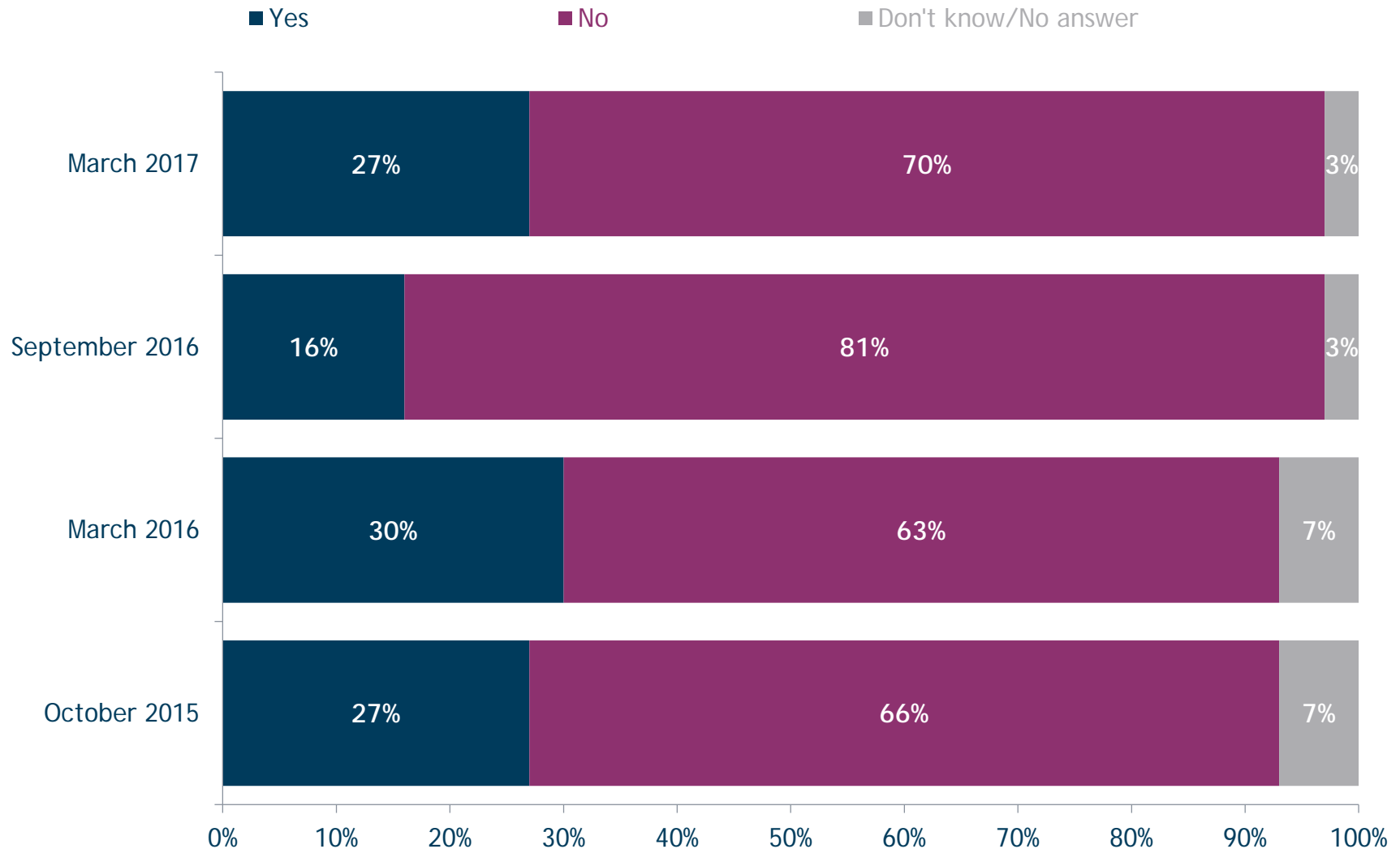


# Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)

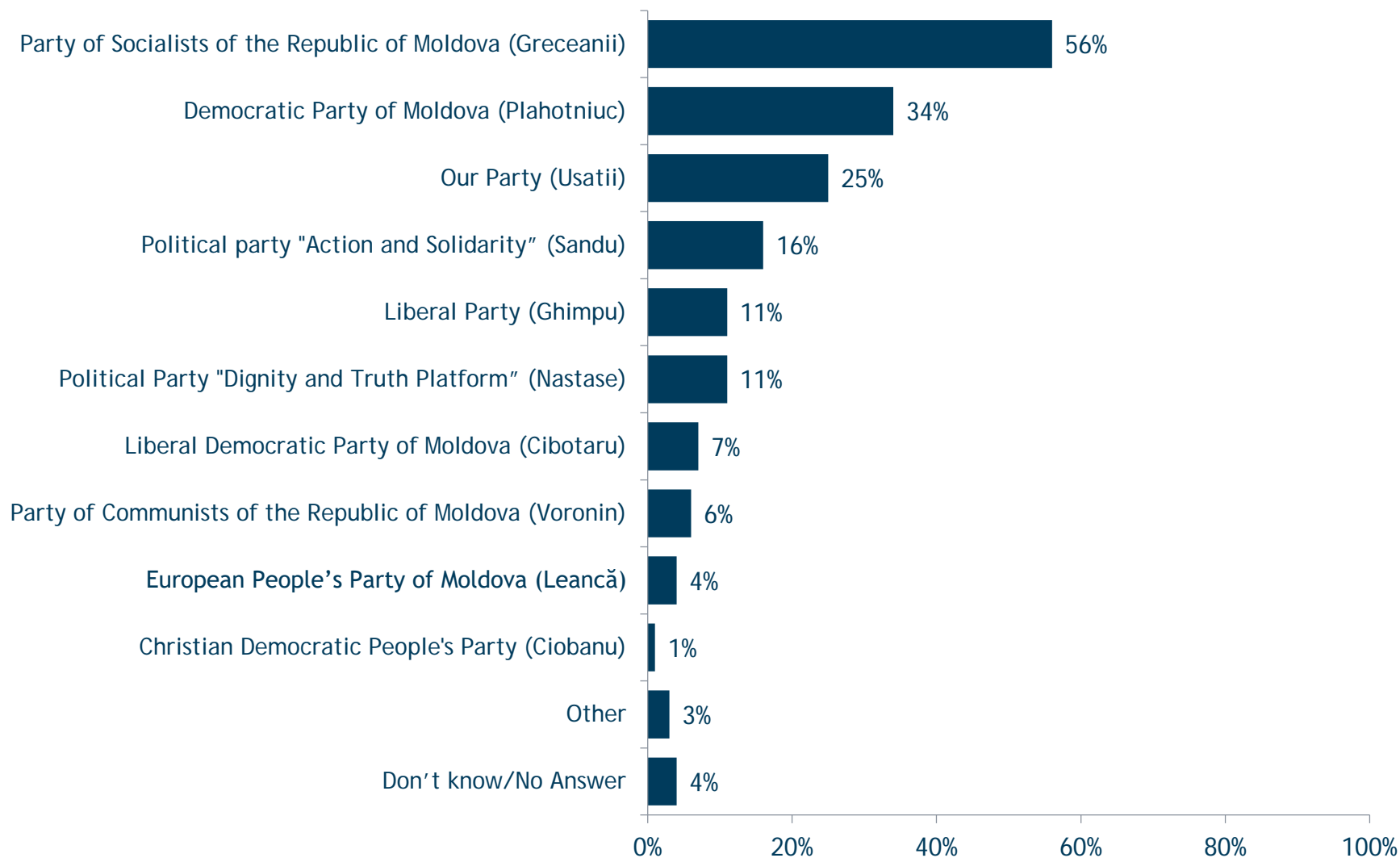


# Have you seen any political activists working in your area in the last 12 months?



# If yes, which political party did the political activists in your area represent?

(Respondents who have seen political activists working in their area, N=406)





# Women and Youth

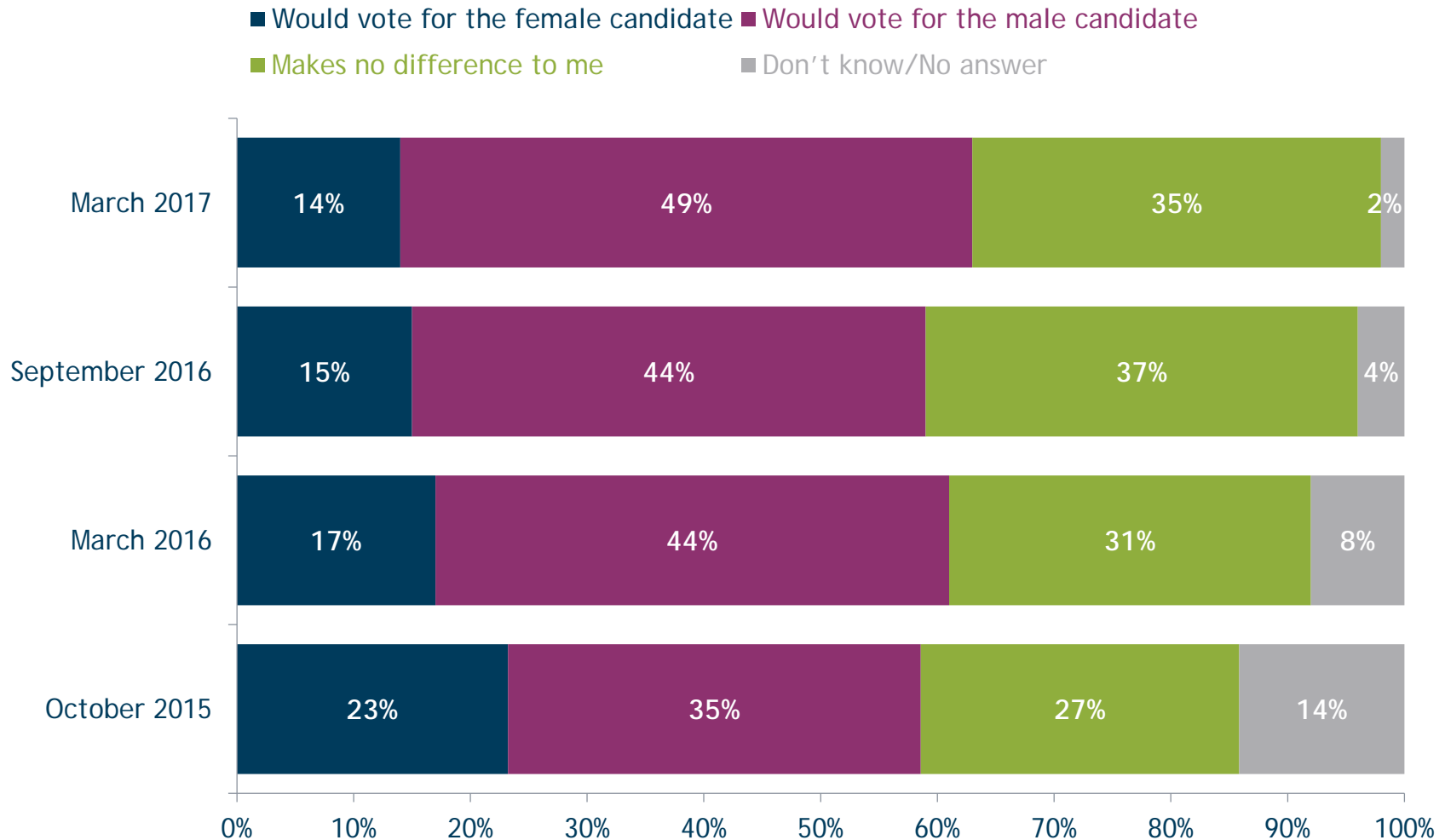
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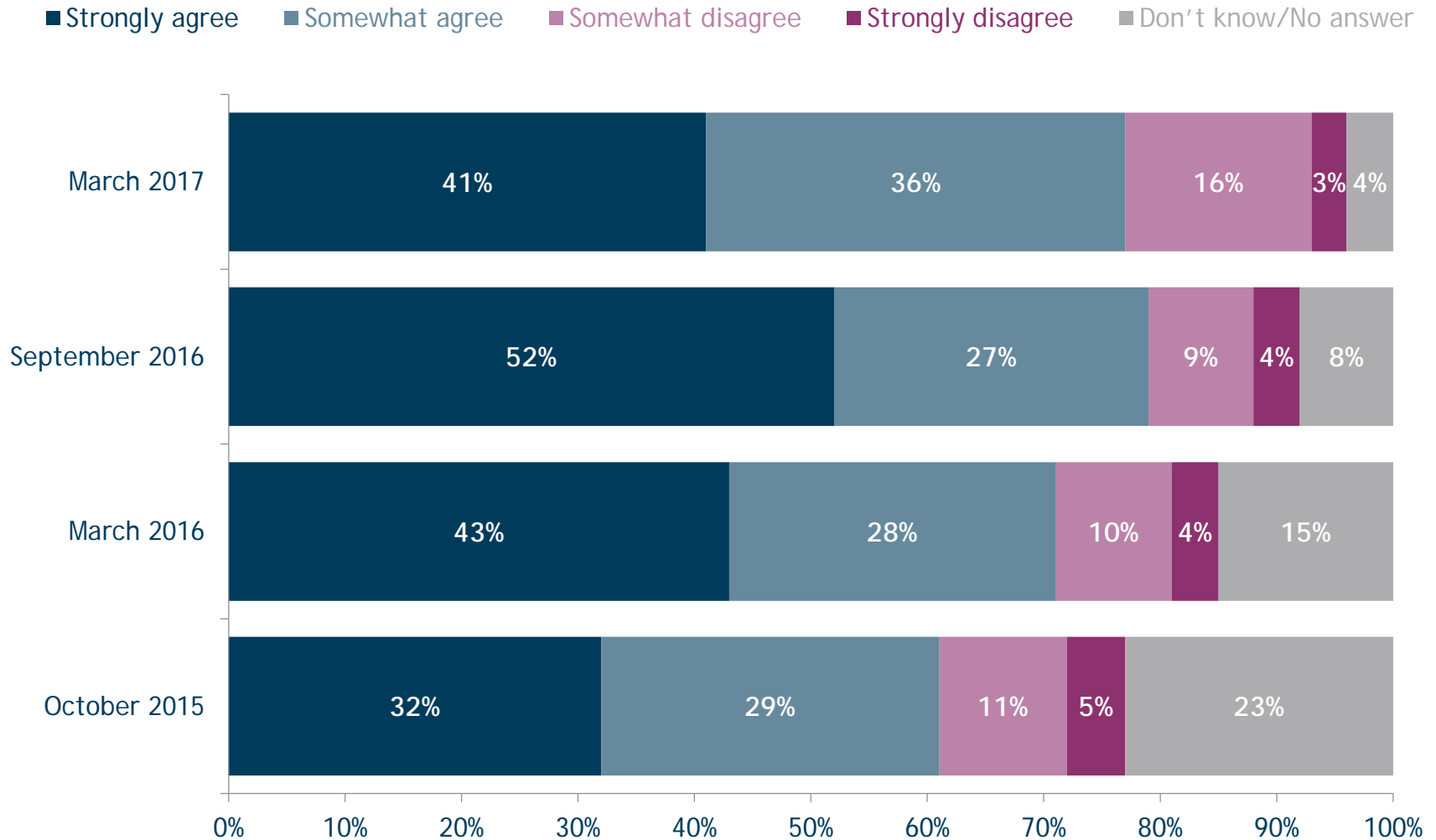
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If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?

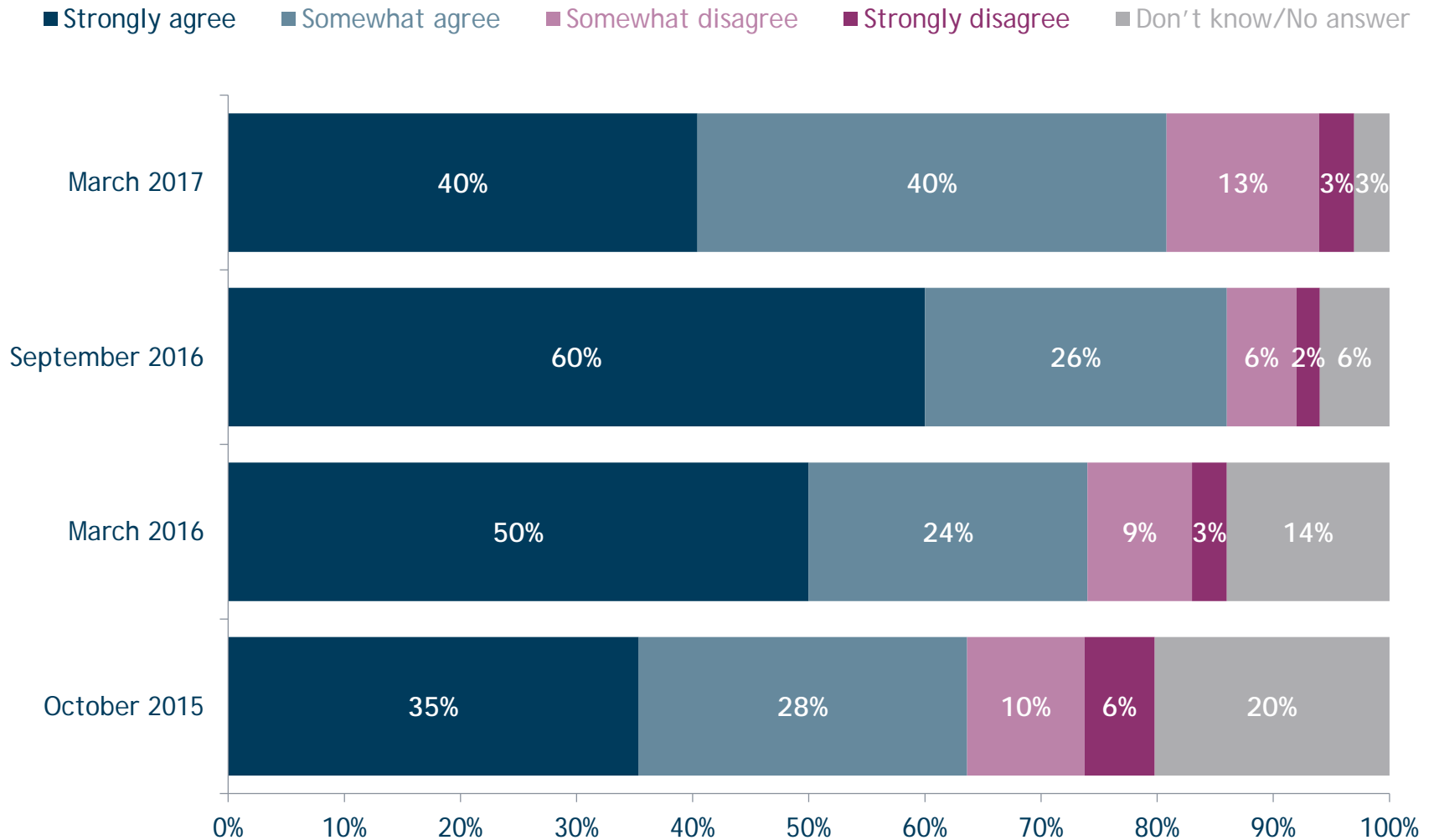




# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”



# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”





# International Relations

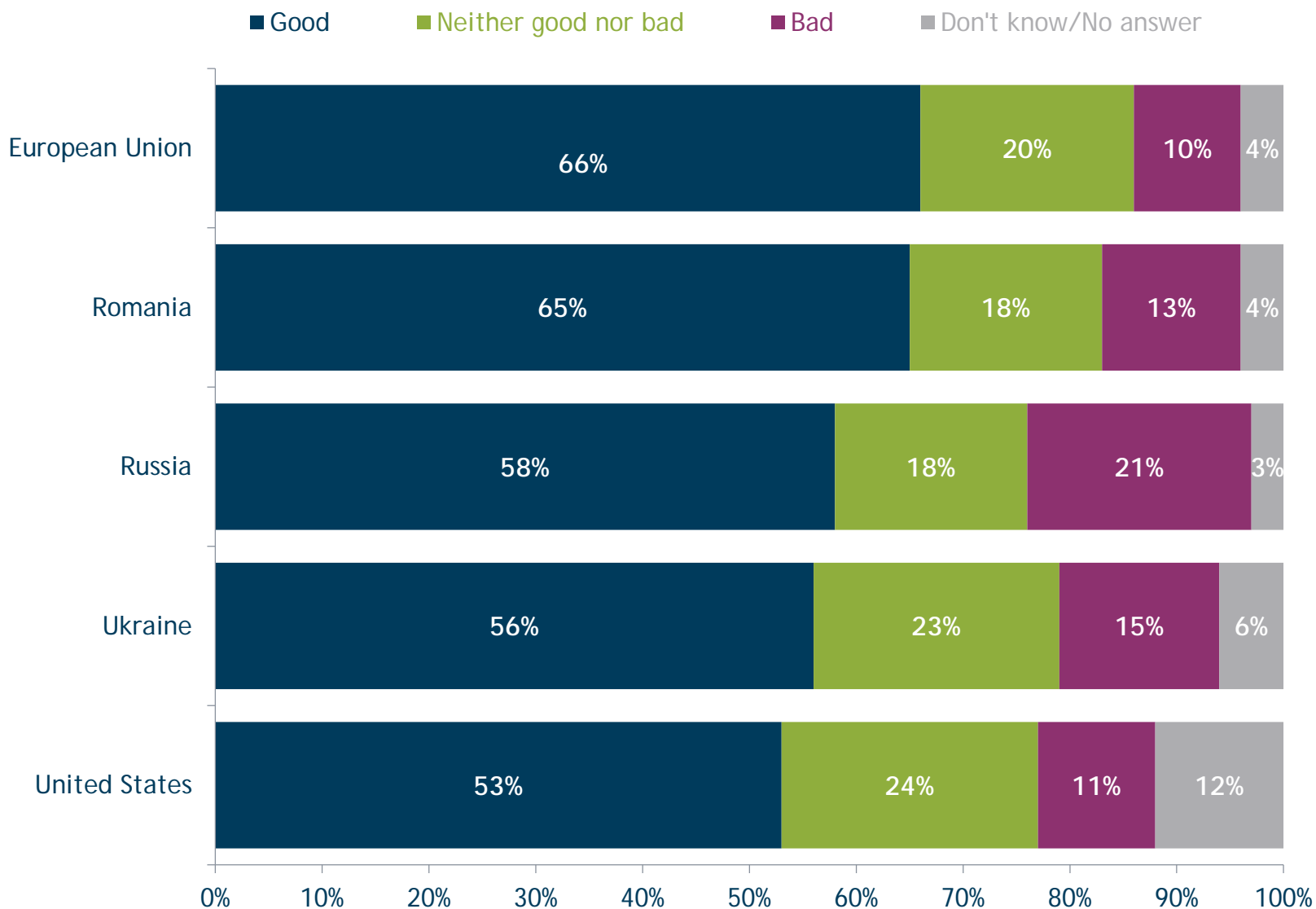
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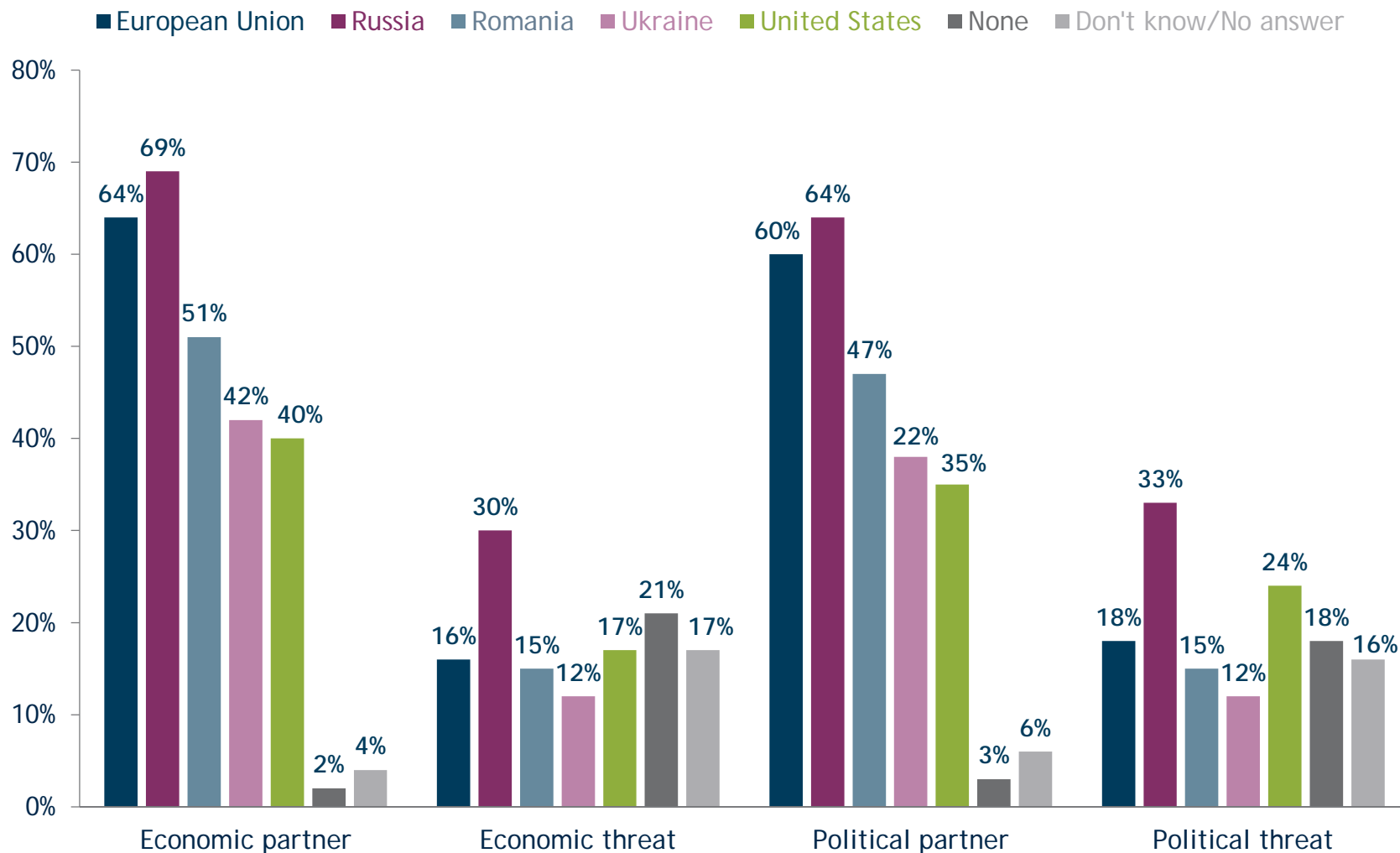
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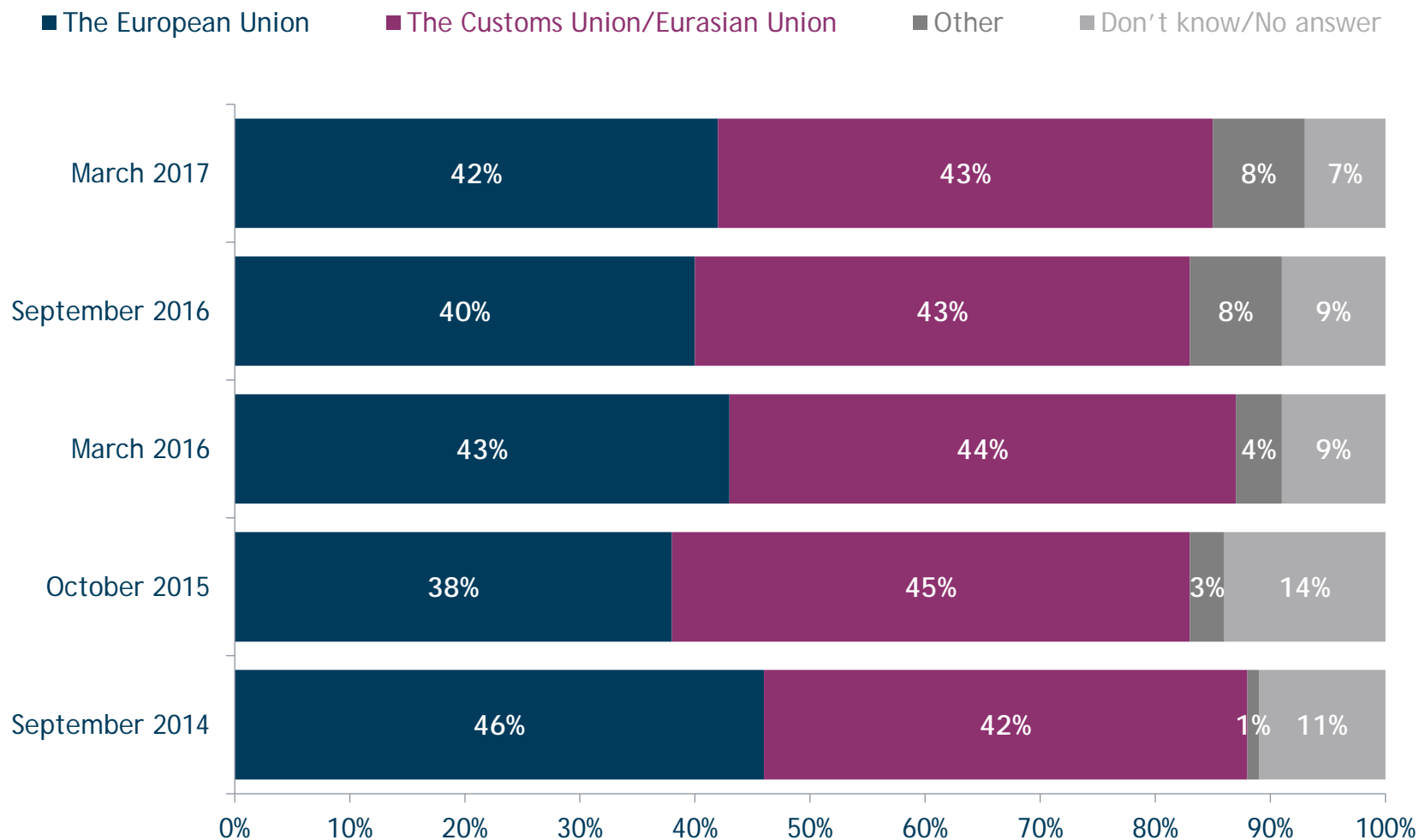
# How would you assess the current relations between Moldova and each of the following countries?



# Which of these countries do you consider to be the greatest economic partner, economic threat, political partner and political threat for Moldova?

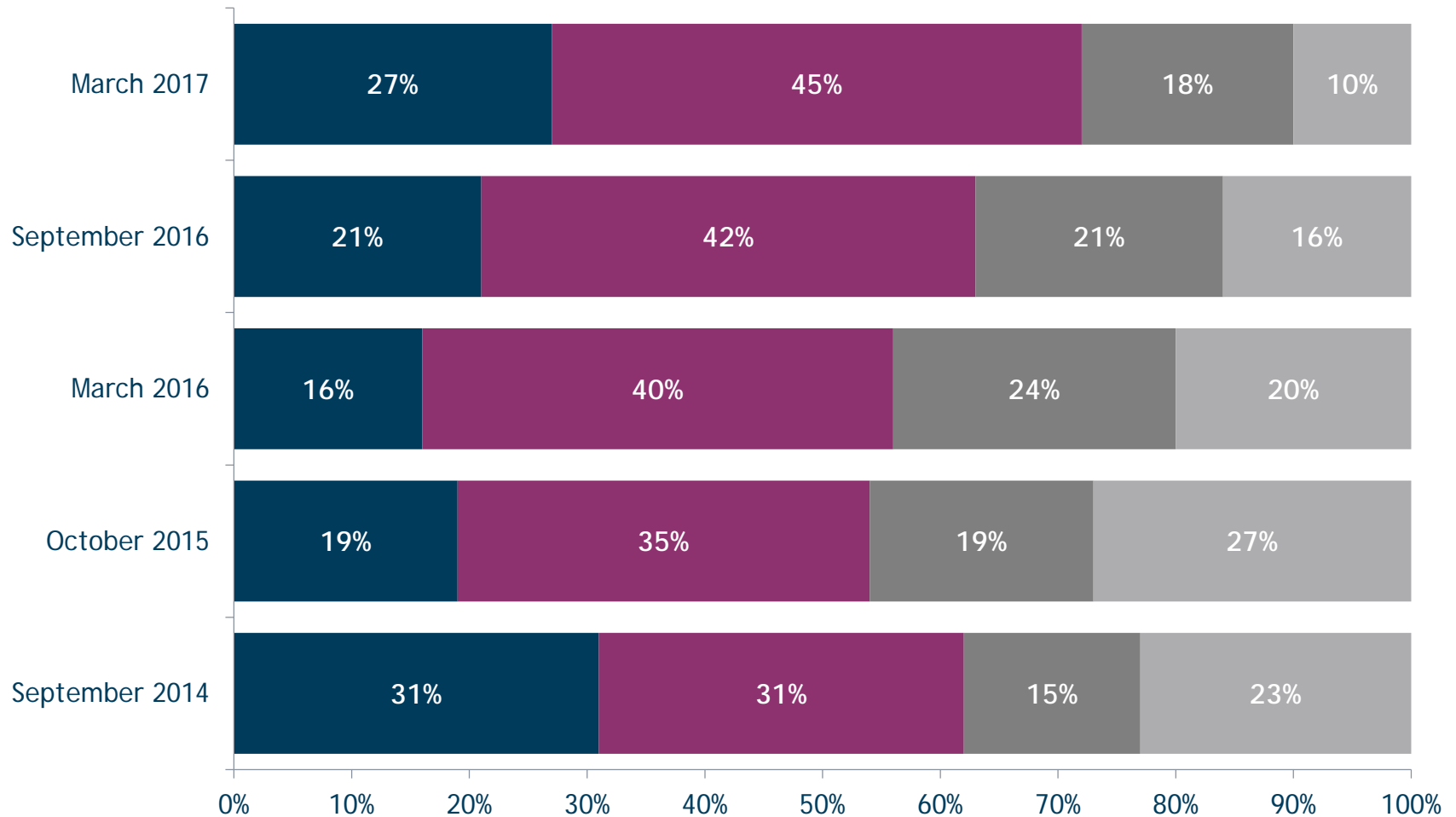


# If Moldova could only join one international economic union, which one should it be?

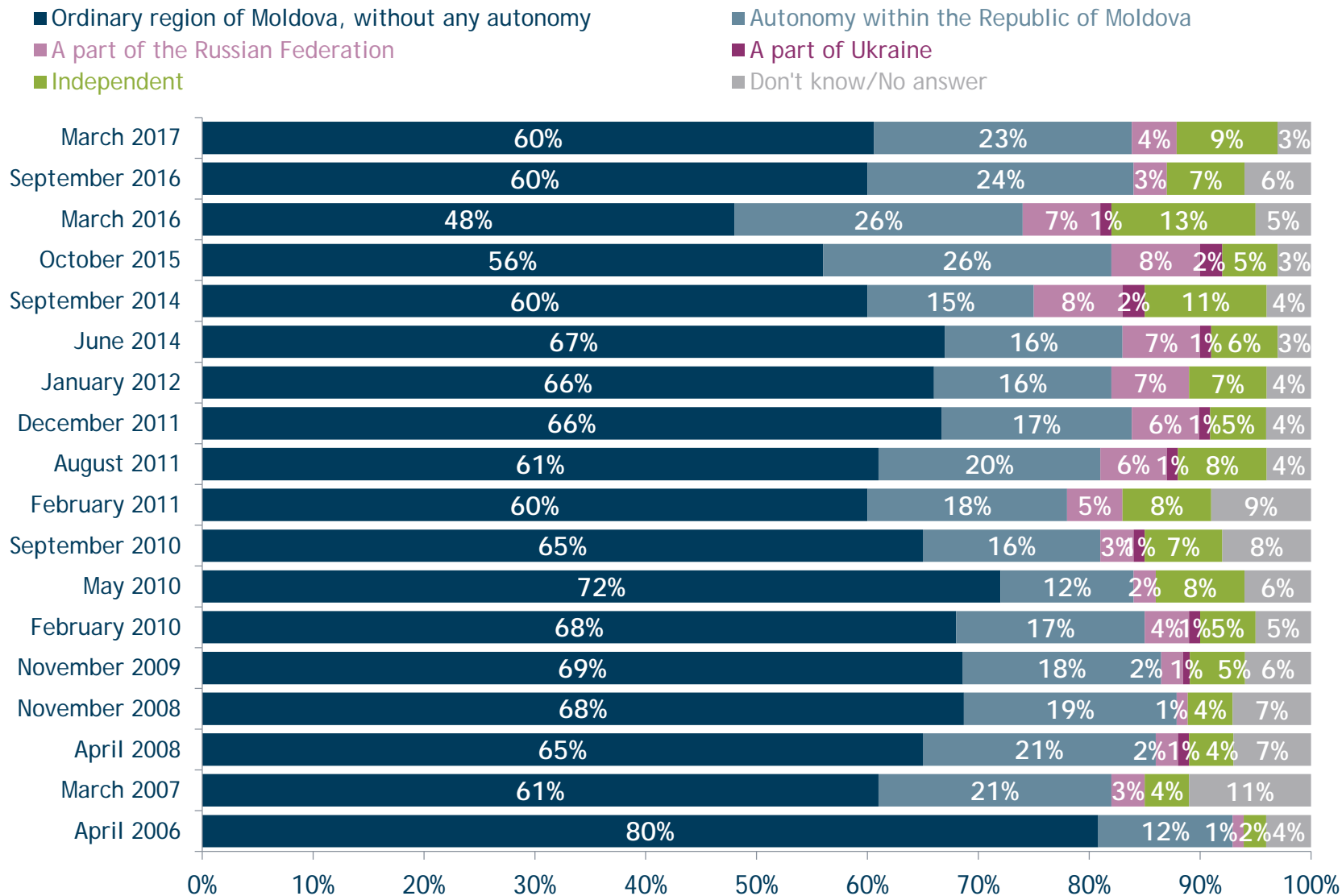


# If a referendum were held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?

■ For Moldova joining NATO ■ Against Moldova joining NATO ■ Would not vote ■ Don't know/No answer



# What do you think the future of Transnistria should be?





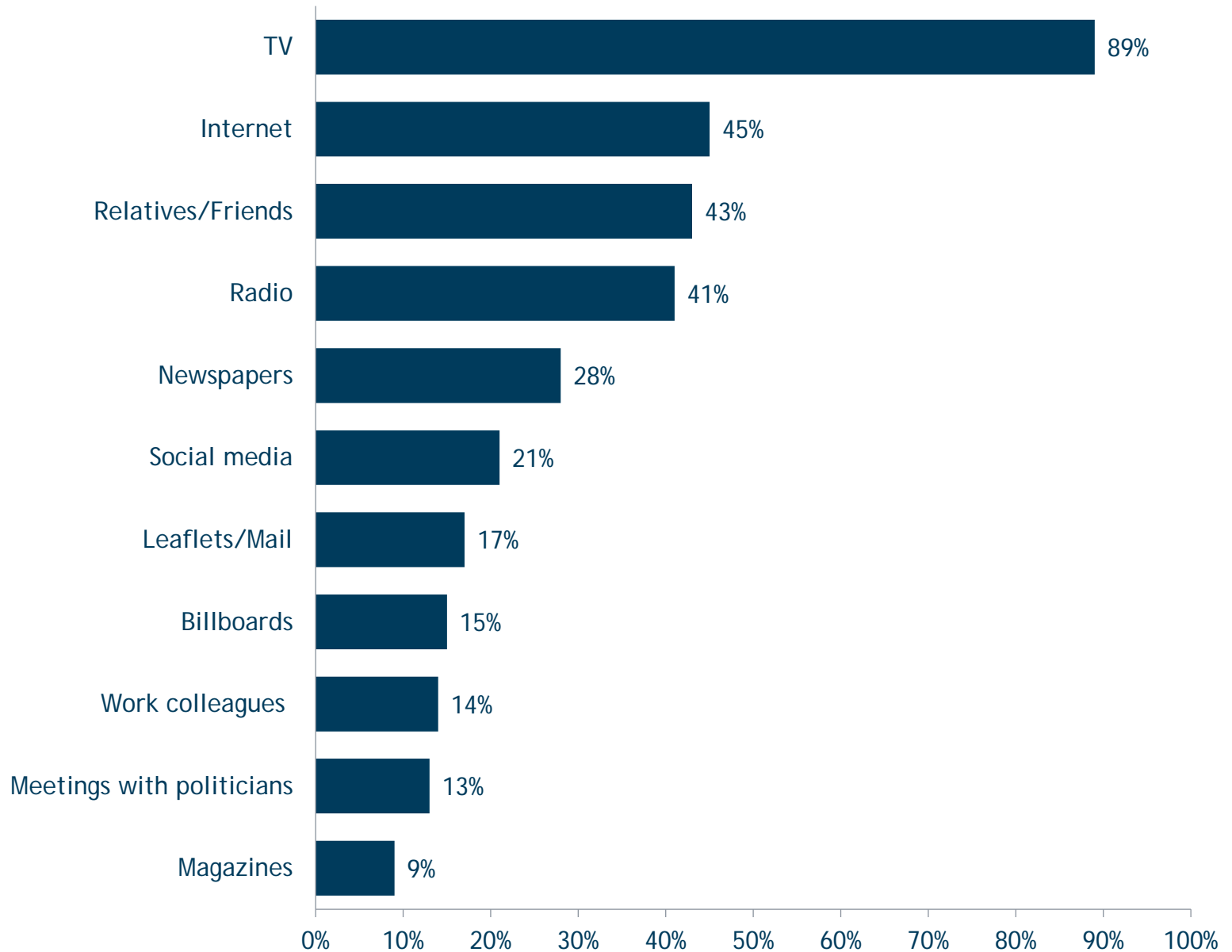


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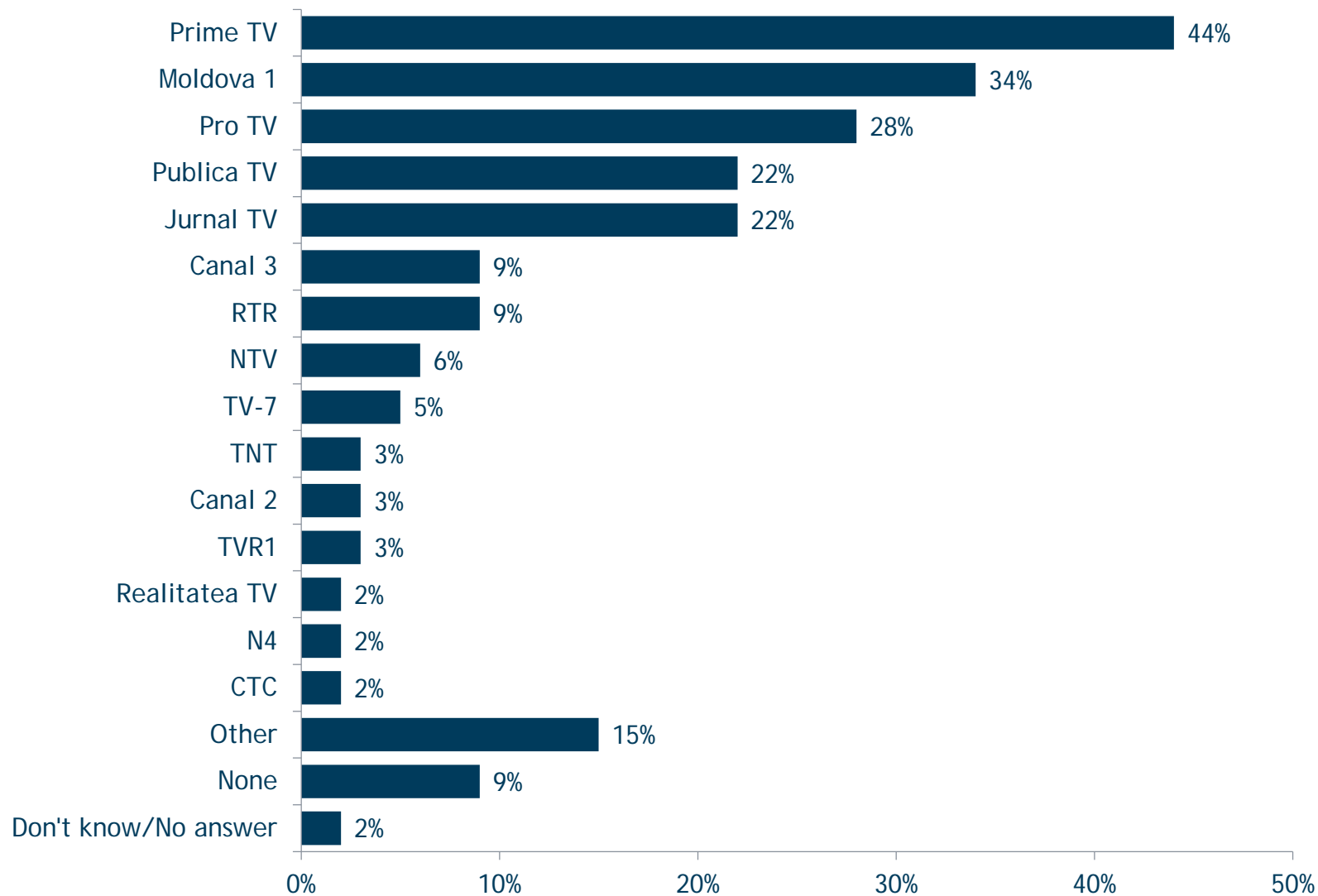
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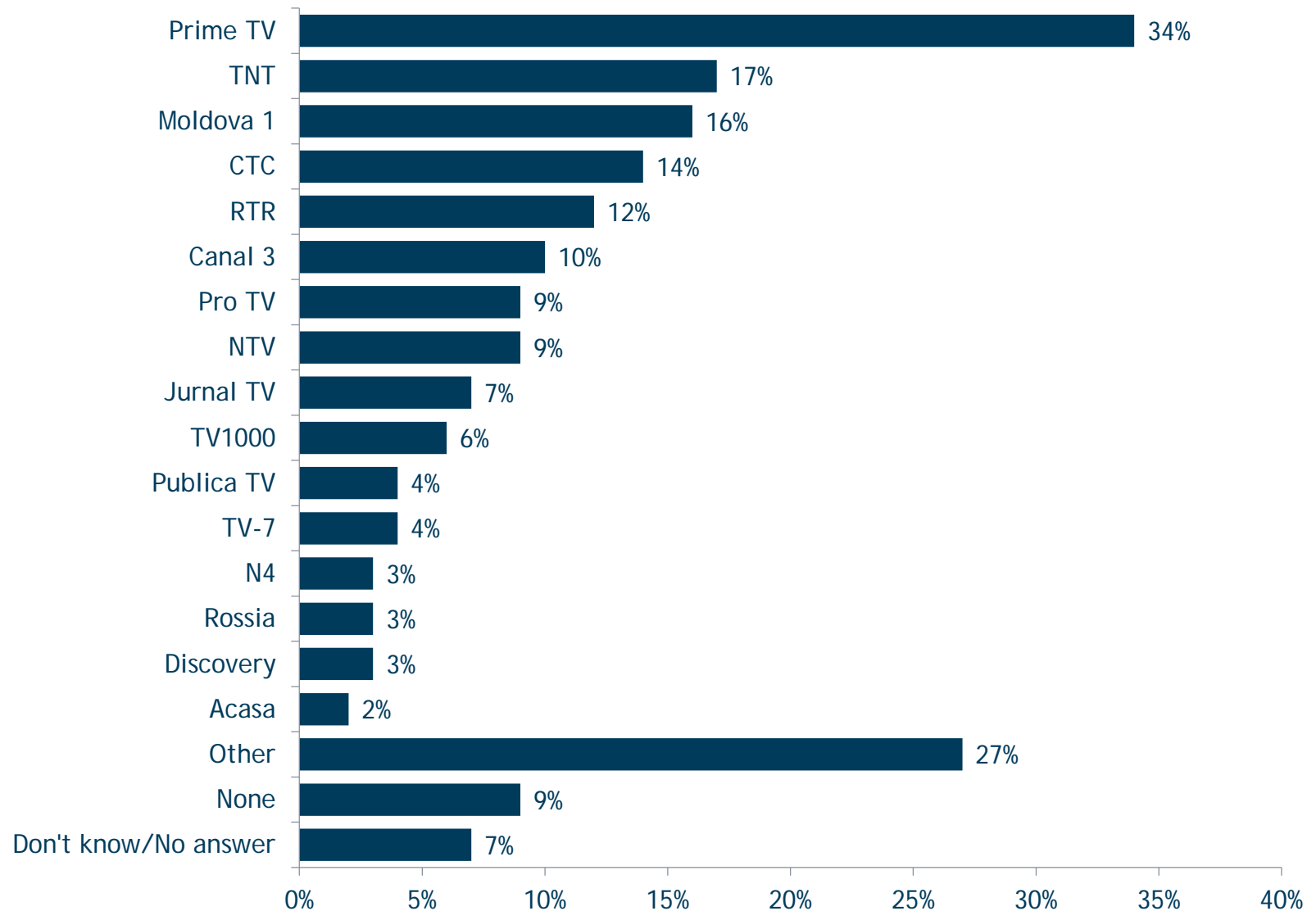
# Which of these media outlets do you use to gain political information?



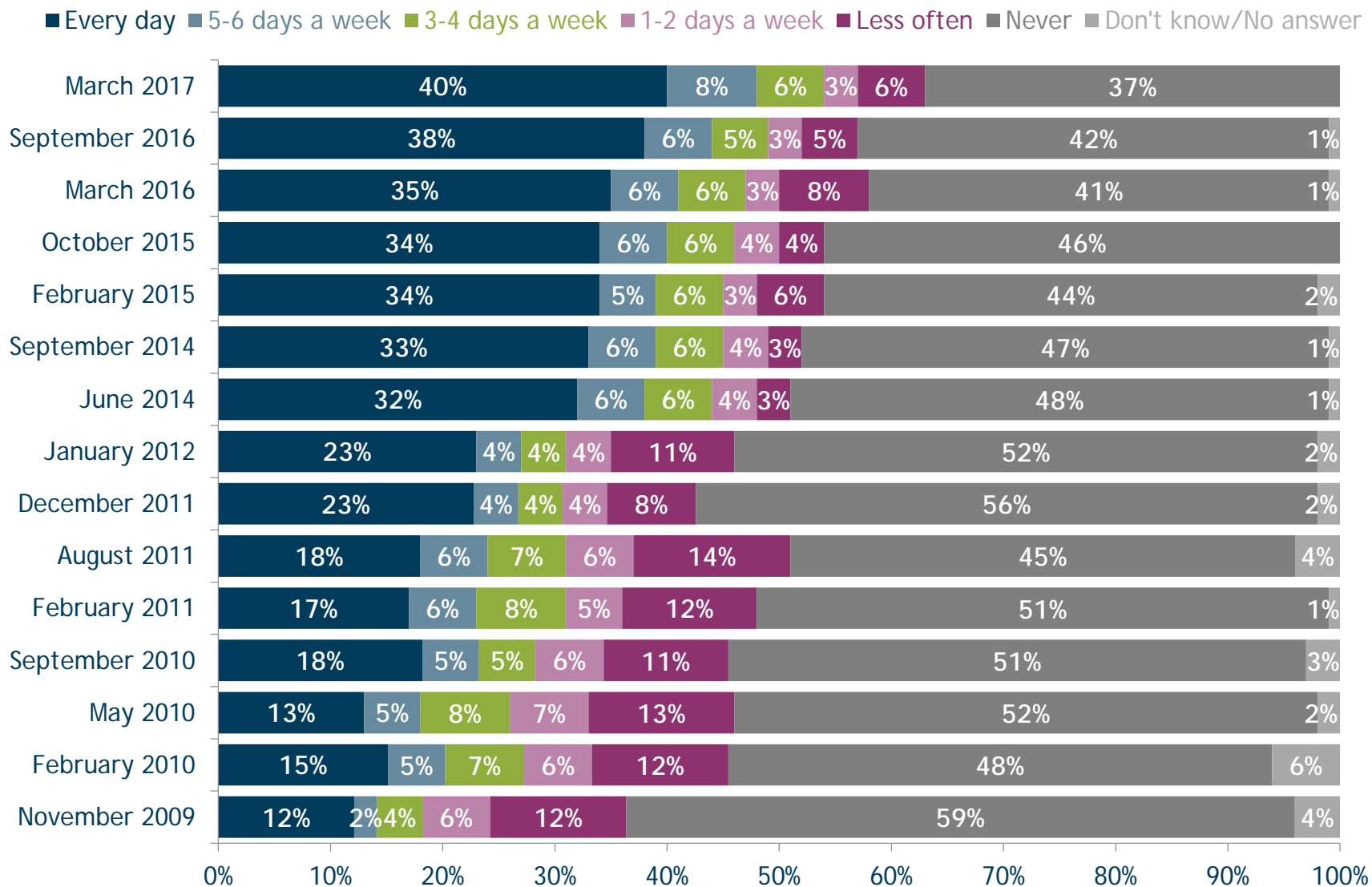
# Which television channels do you watch for political information?



# Which television channels do you watch for entertainment?

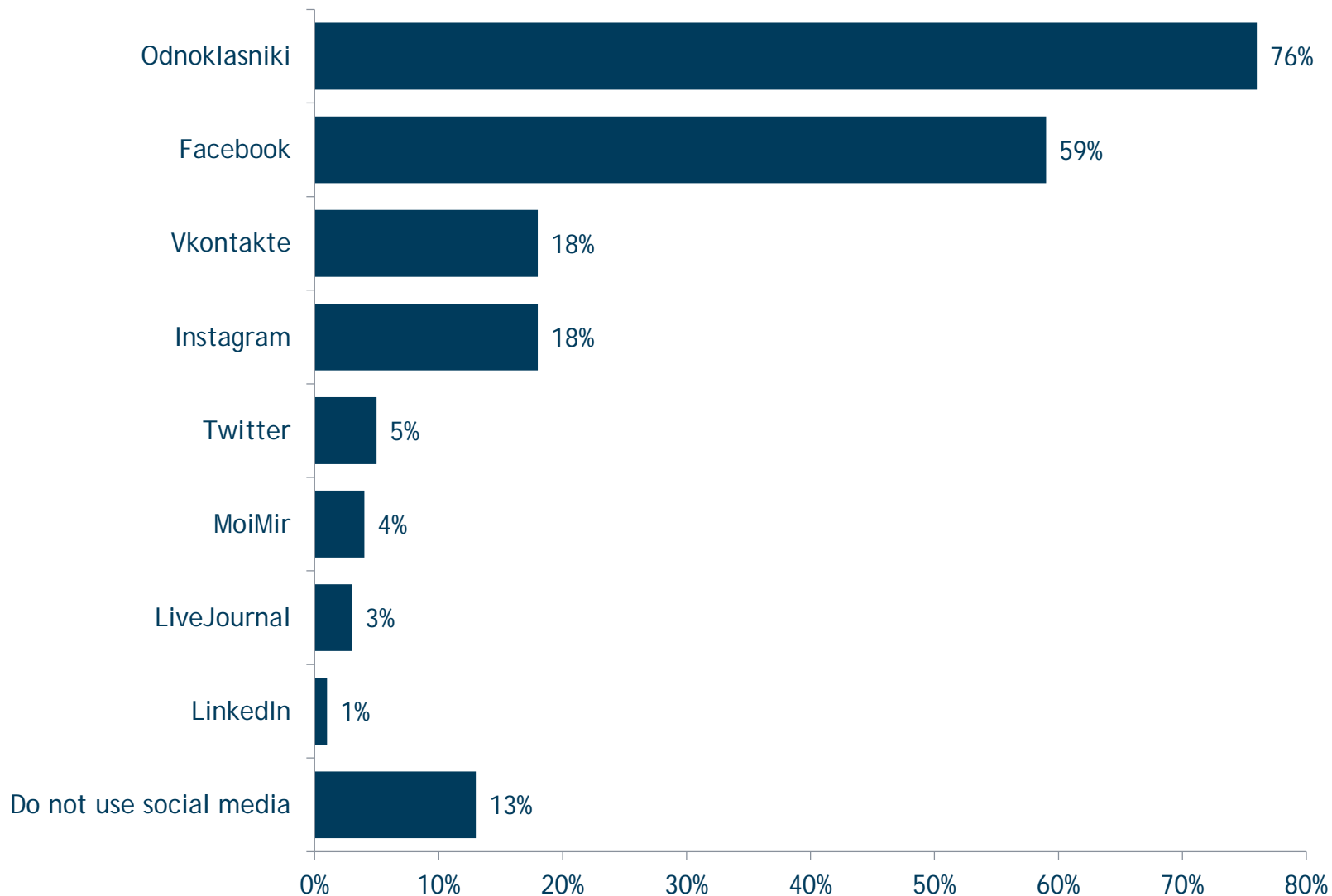


# How often do you use the internet?



# Do you use any of the following social media sites?

(Internet users, N=946)





# Demographics

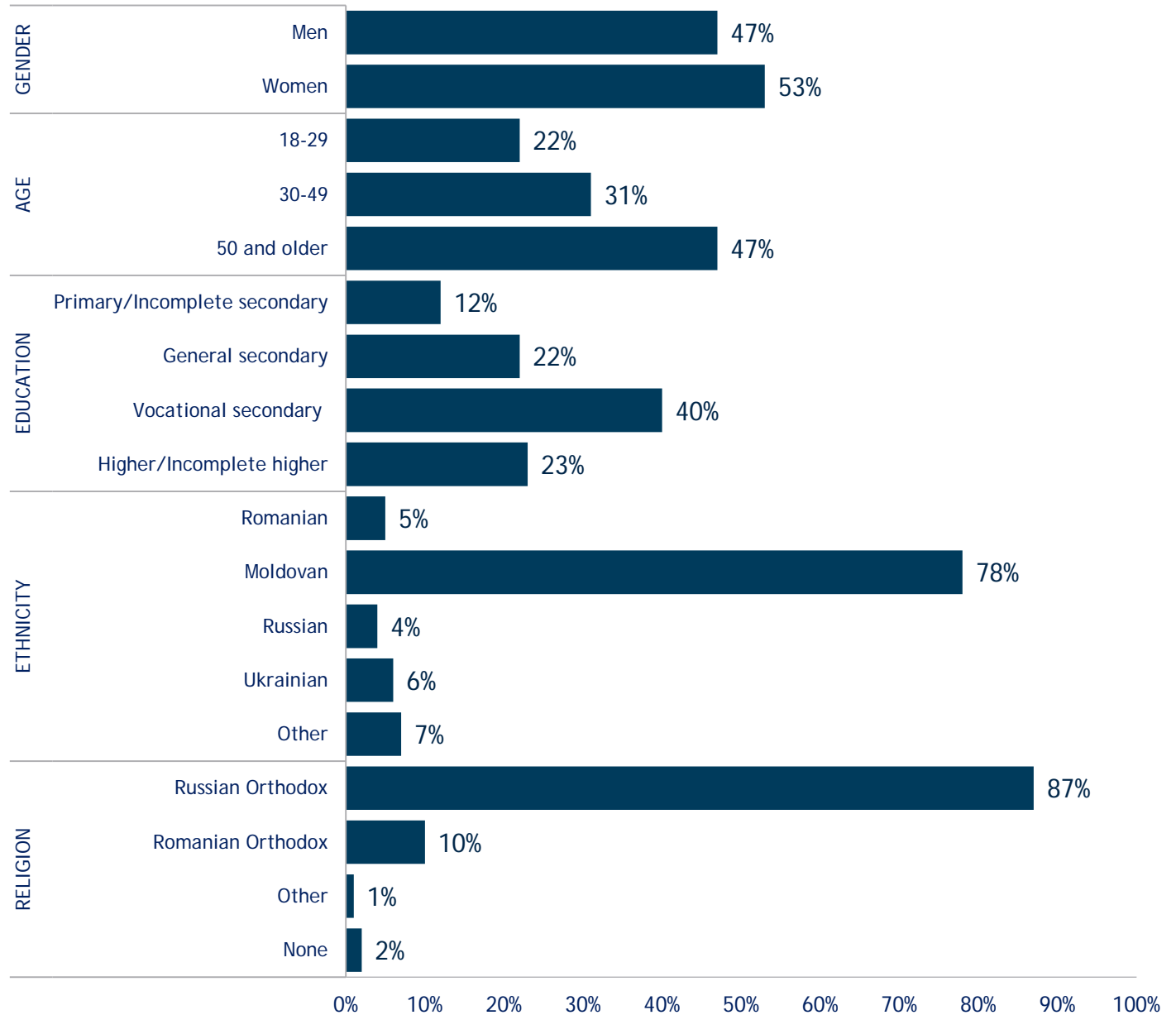
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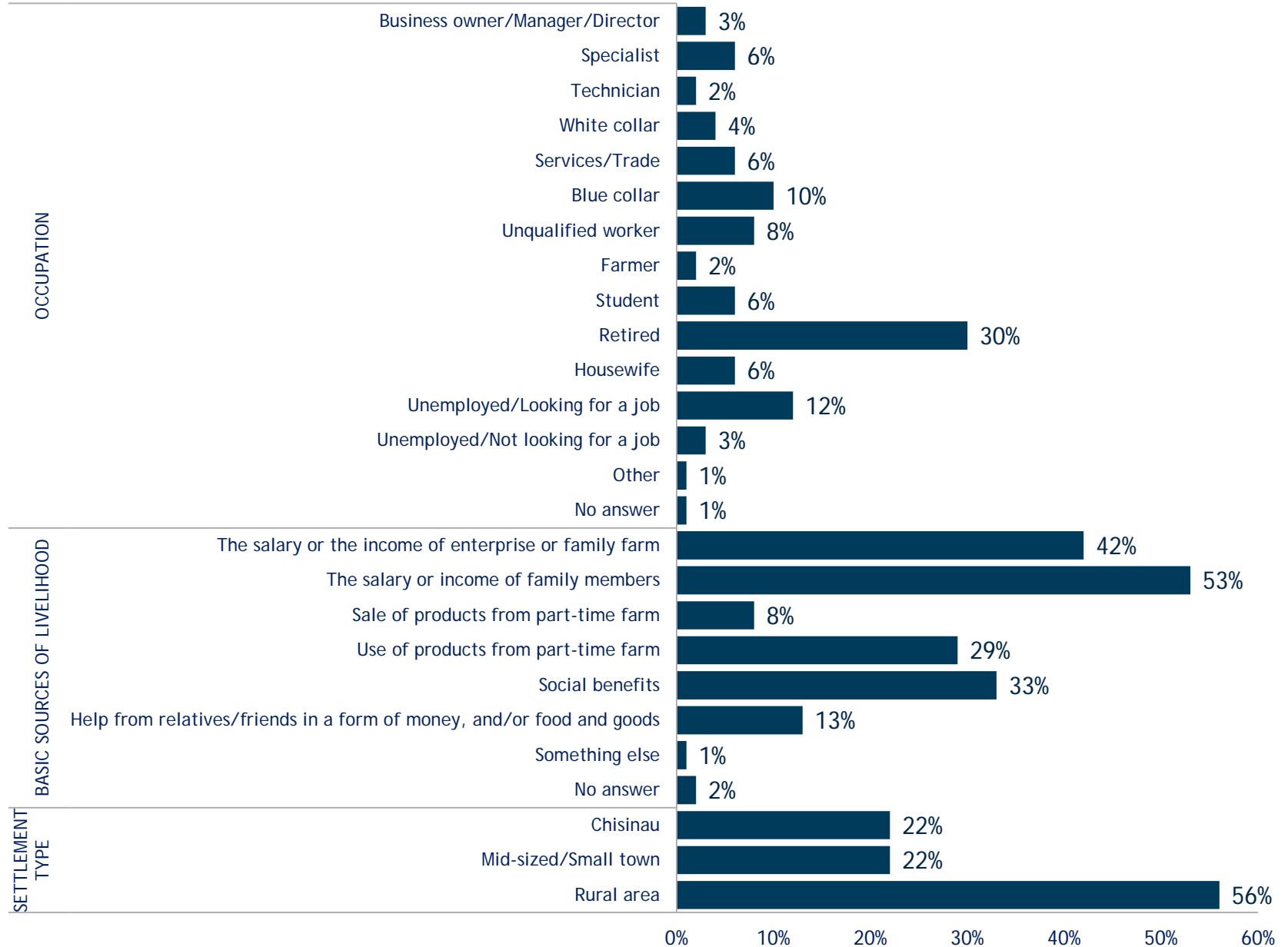
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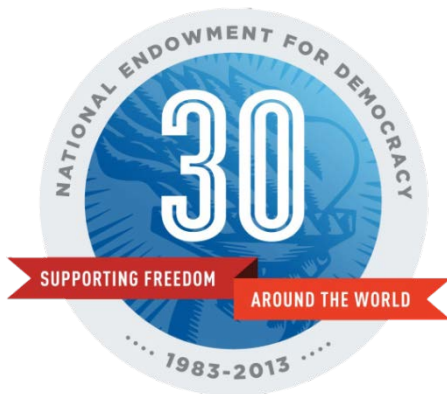
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