



Post-Election National Survey of Mongolian Public Opinion

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Detailed Methodology

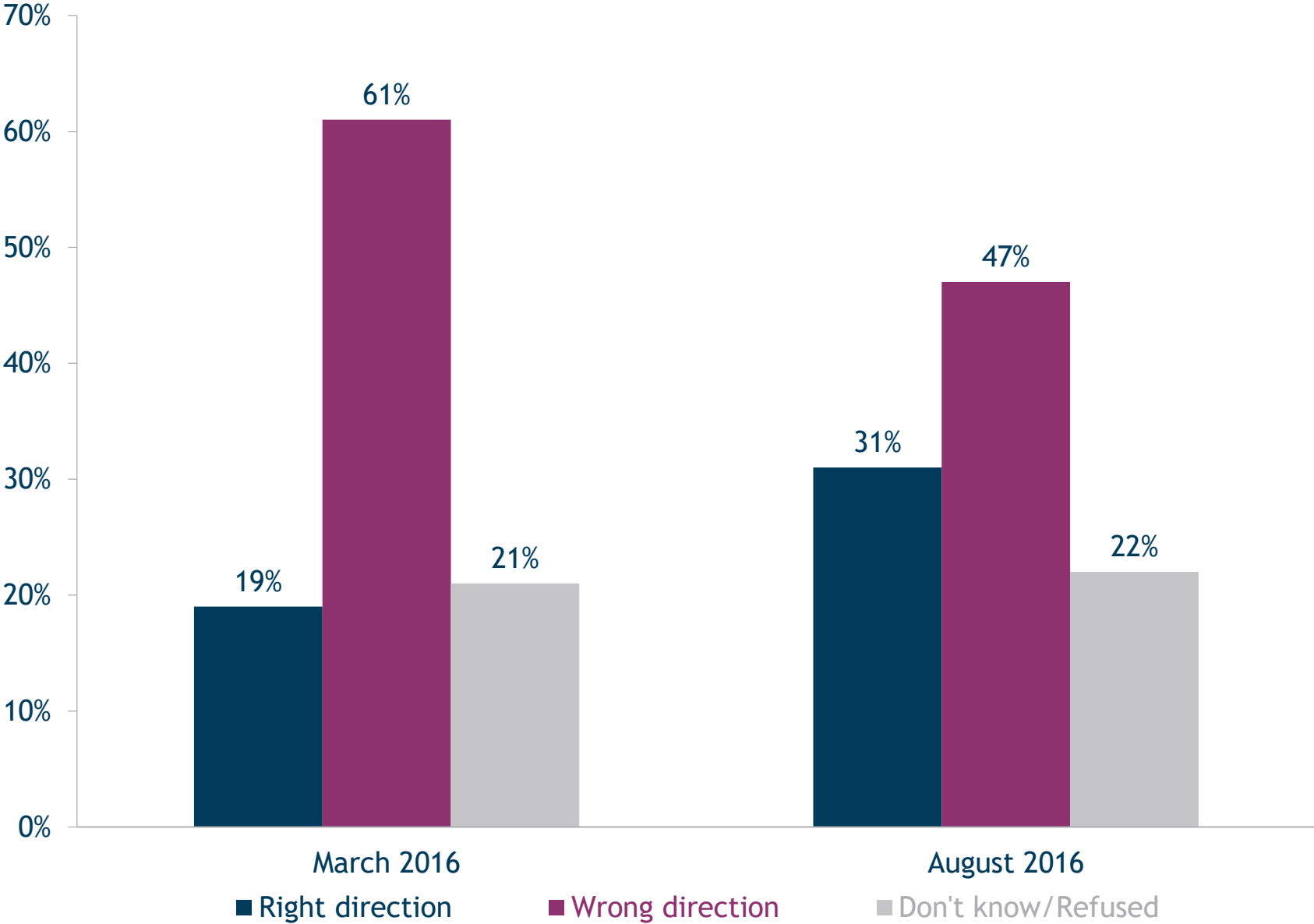
- The survey was conducted by **Social Policy Development Research Institute (SPDRI)** under the supervision of **Chesapeake Beach Consulting** and the International Republican Institute between August 16 - August 26, 2016. The March data is from a survey completed March 1 - March 15, 2016.
- Data was collected using in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by 13 of Mongolia's 21 *aimags* (provinces) and Ulaanbaatar and then by *soum* (town) or district. Interviews were conducted in both urban and rural locations.
- The sample consisted of 5,000 respondents (response rate: 96.15 percent) aged 18 and older, and was representative of voting-age adults nationally.
- Within each of the selected 13 *aimags* outside of Ulaanbaatar, 2,800 interviews were conducted in three randomly selected *soums*. All nine districts in Ulaanbaatar were surveyed, where 2,200 interviews were conducted. The total number of interviews to conduct within an *aimag* was determined by utilizing voter registration information from the 2013 presidential election.
- After identifying a centrally located starting point, a skip pattern was used to select appropriate households. Within each household, the Kish Grid was then used to select respondents 18 years and older.
- Interview teams were comprised of both males and females.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 1.4 percent at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies. Figures in charts and tables may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.



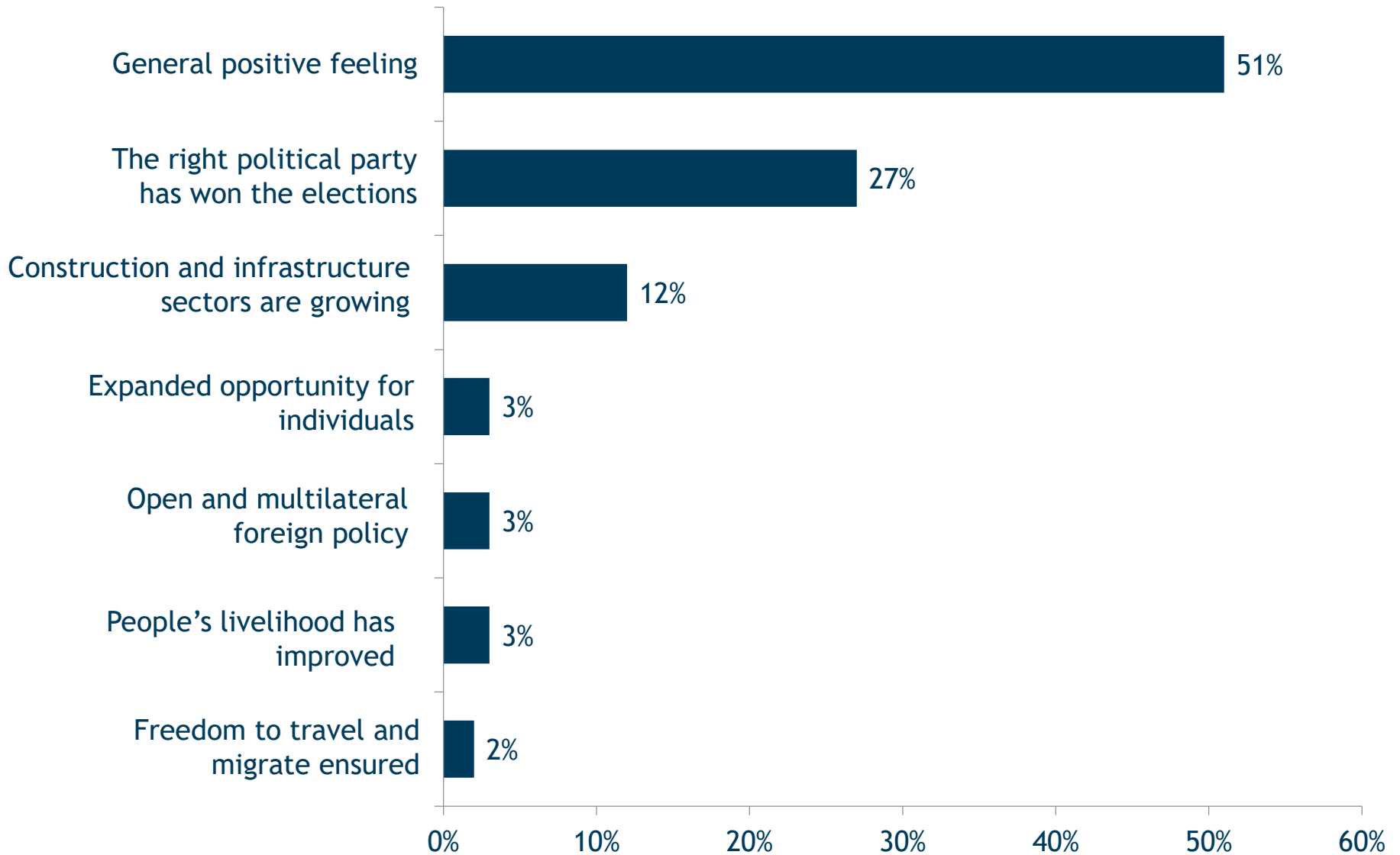
General Attitudes



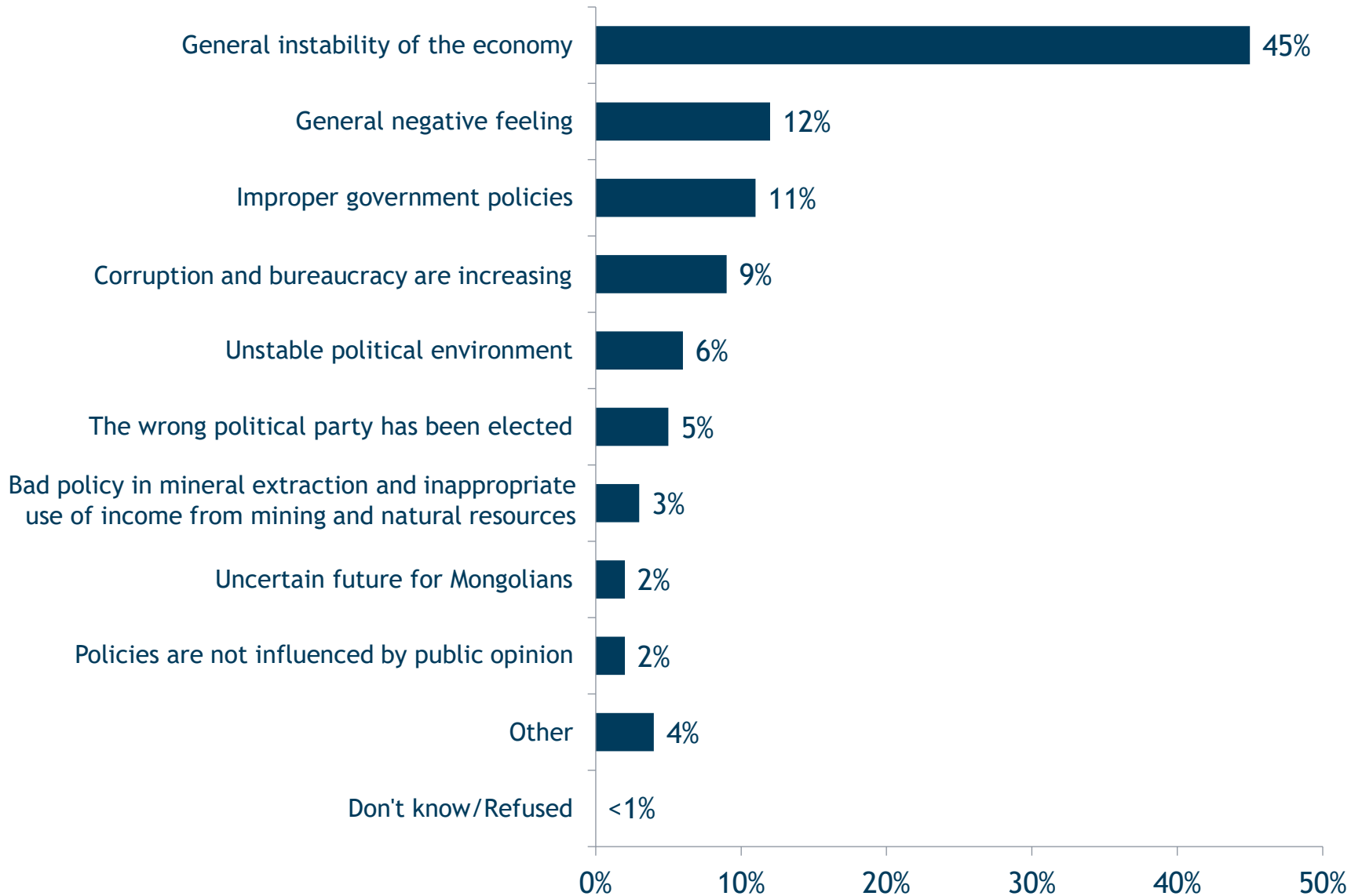
Overall, do you think Mongolia is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?



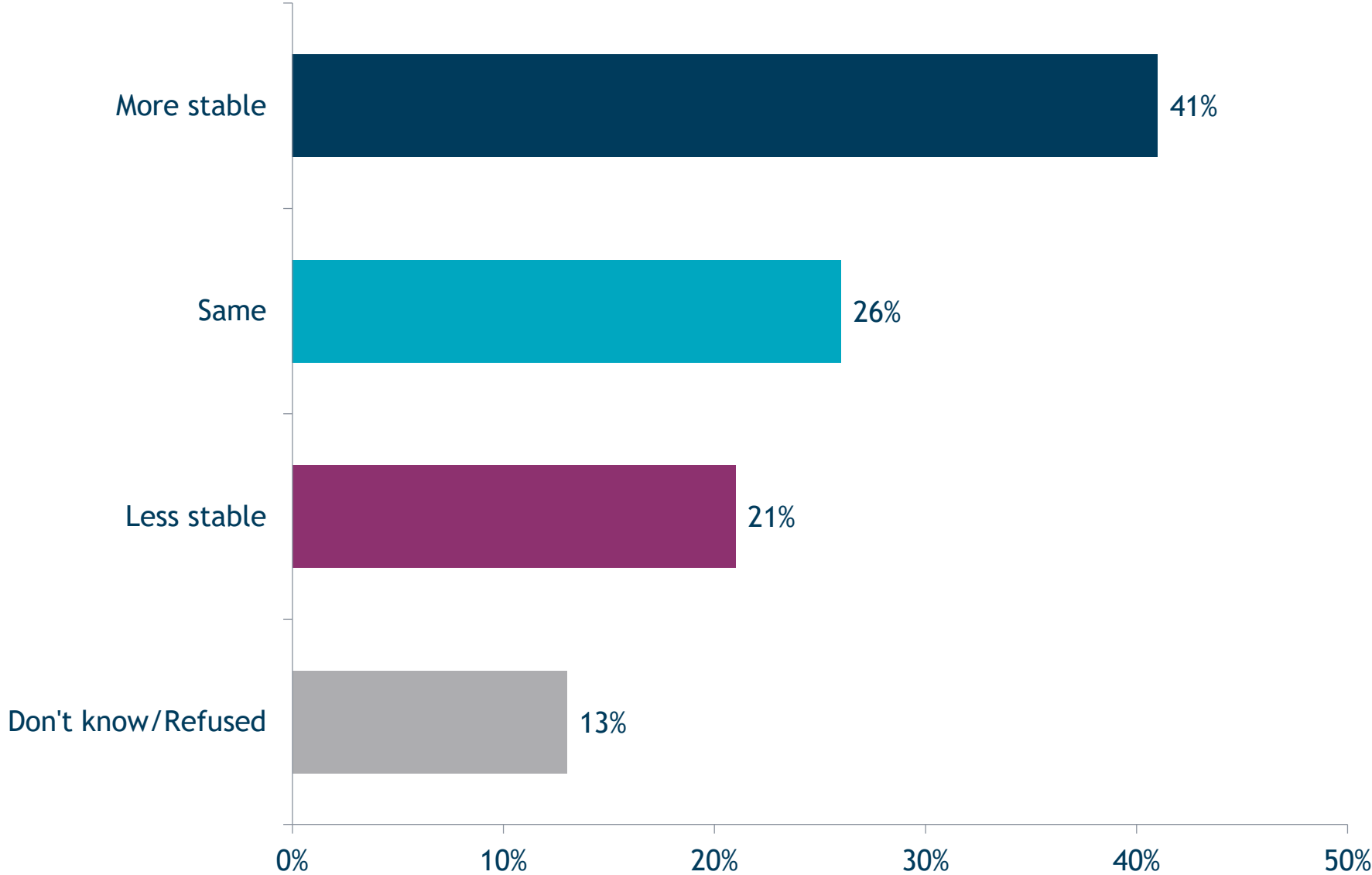
Why do you say right direction? (open-ended, n=1,551)



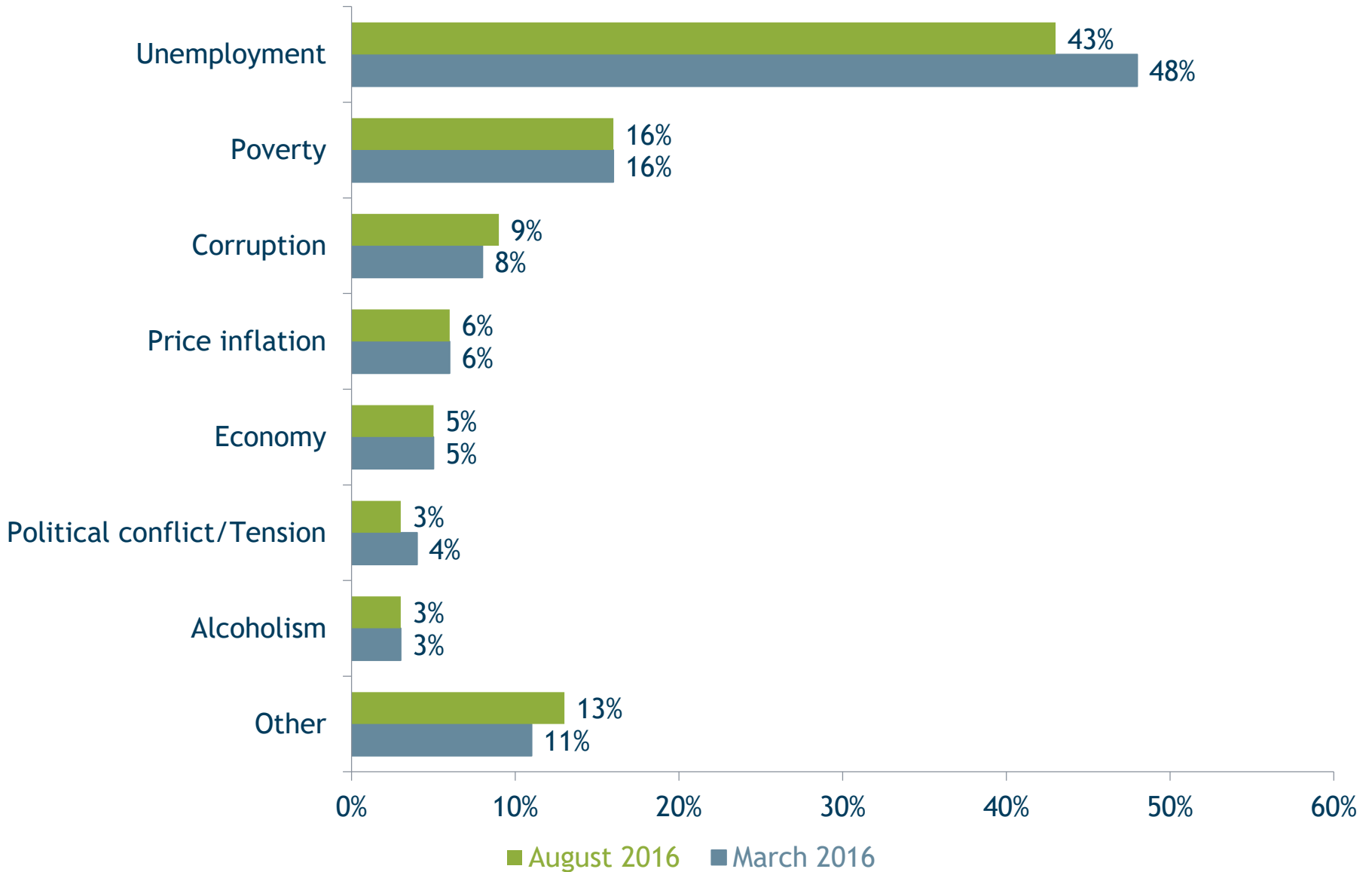
Why do you say wrong direction? (open-ended, n=2,340)



Do you expect the national government of Mongolia to be more stable, less stable or remain as it is now for the next four years?



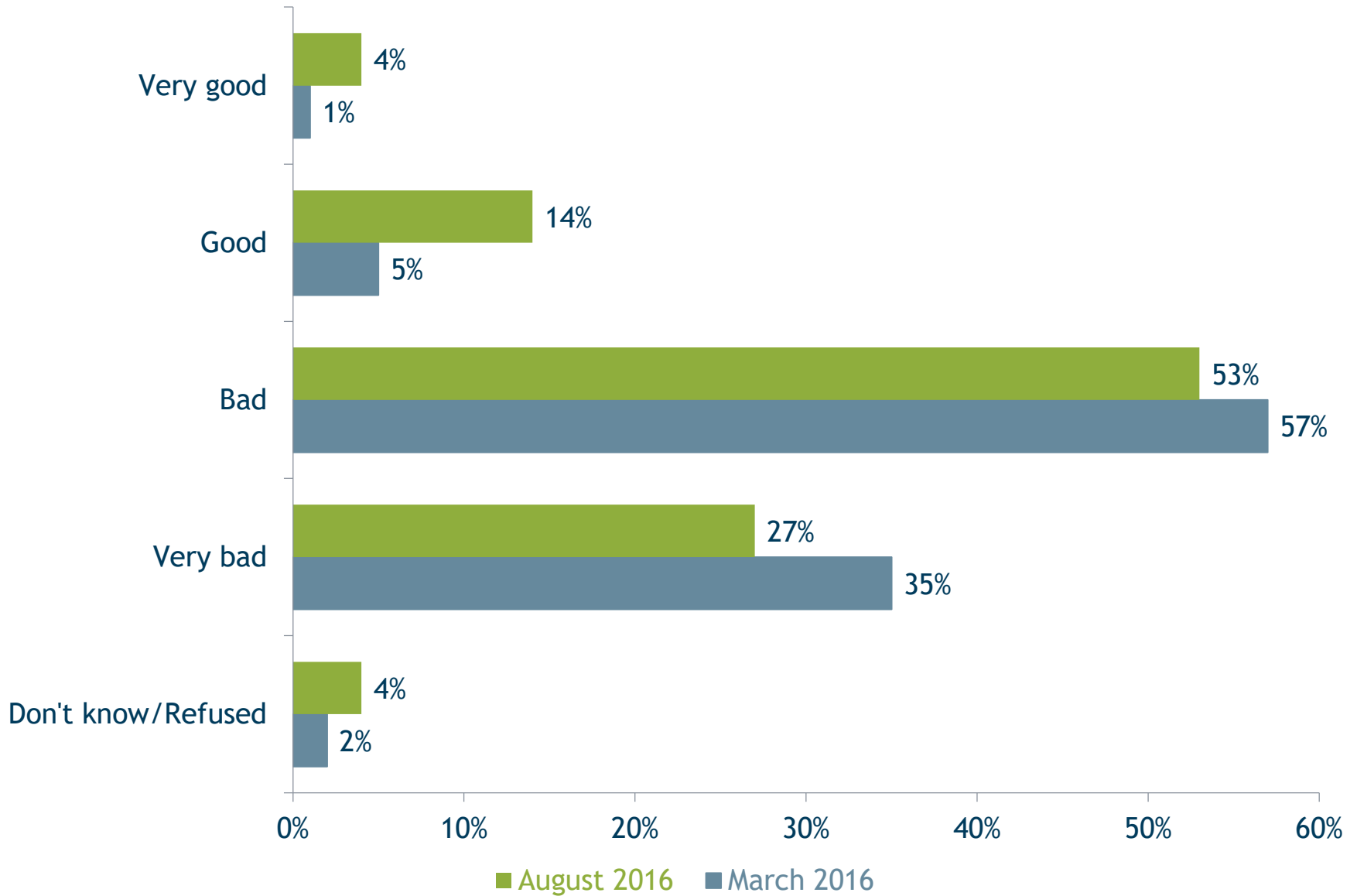
What are the three most important problems facing Mongolia? First answer mentioned (open-ended)



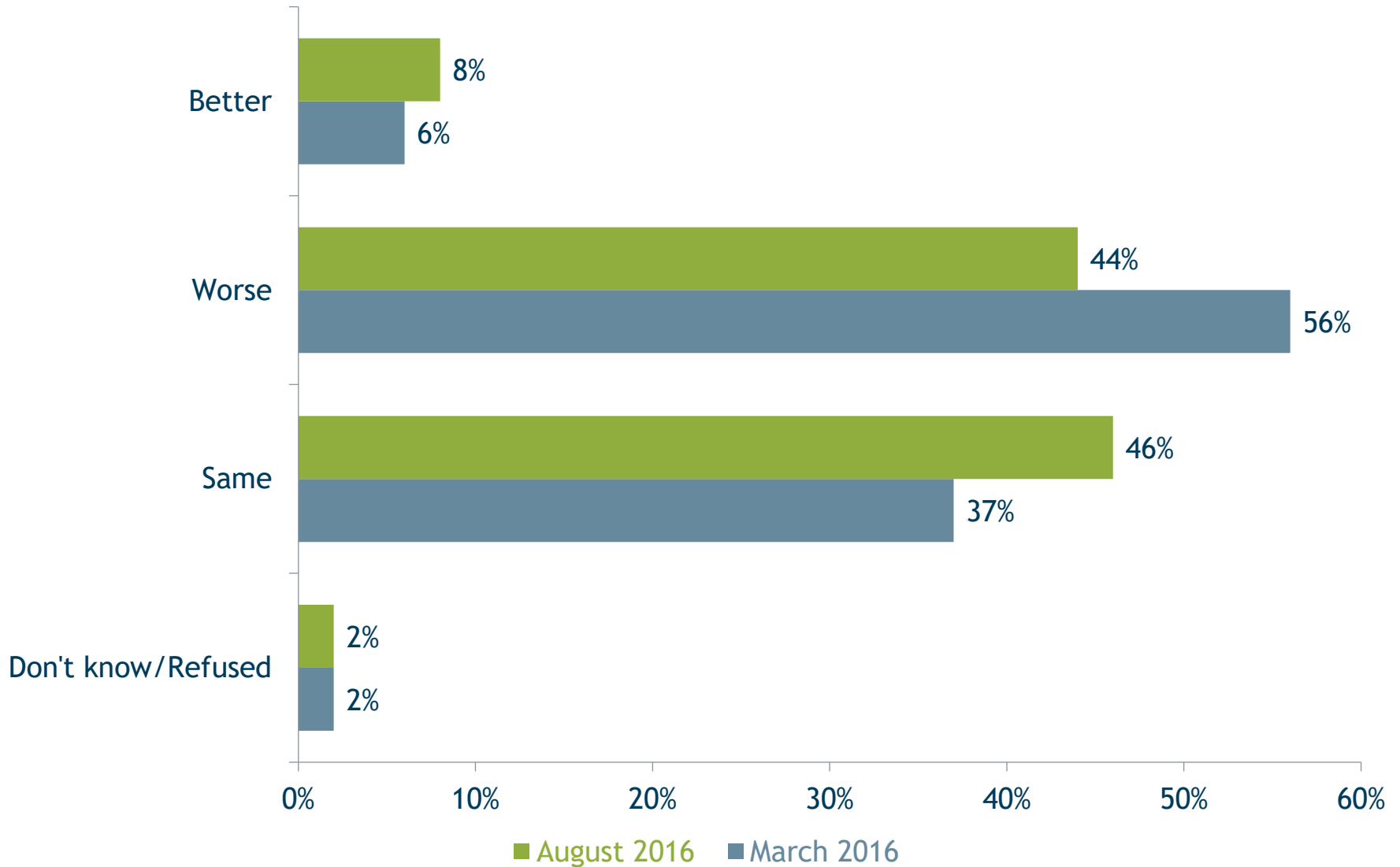
What are the top three issues that Parliament needs to focus on in the coming year? (open-ended)

Response	First	Second	Third
Decrease poverty and unemployment, increase job opportunities	25%	16%	7%
Sustainable development of economy, balance budget loss, decrease unnecessary spending, alleviate debt	12%	9%	5%
Combat bribery	11%	8%	4%
Ensure quality of education	4%	5%	3%
Increase salaries, pensions and social welfare	3%	3%	2%
Improve health care service	3%	4%	3%
Stabilize inflation	2%	4%	3%
Develop the country through good programs and supporting the private sector	2%	2%	2%
Support youth and young families	1%	1%	1%
Eliminate air pollution and environmental pollution	1%	2%	2%
Other	10%	11%	12%
Don't know/Refused	24%	36%	54%

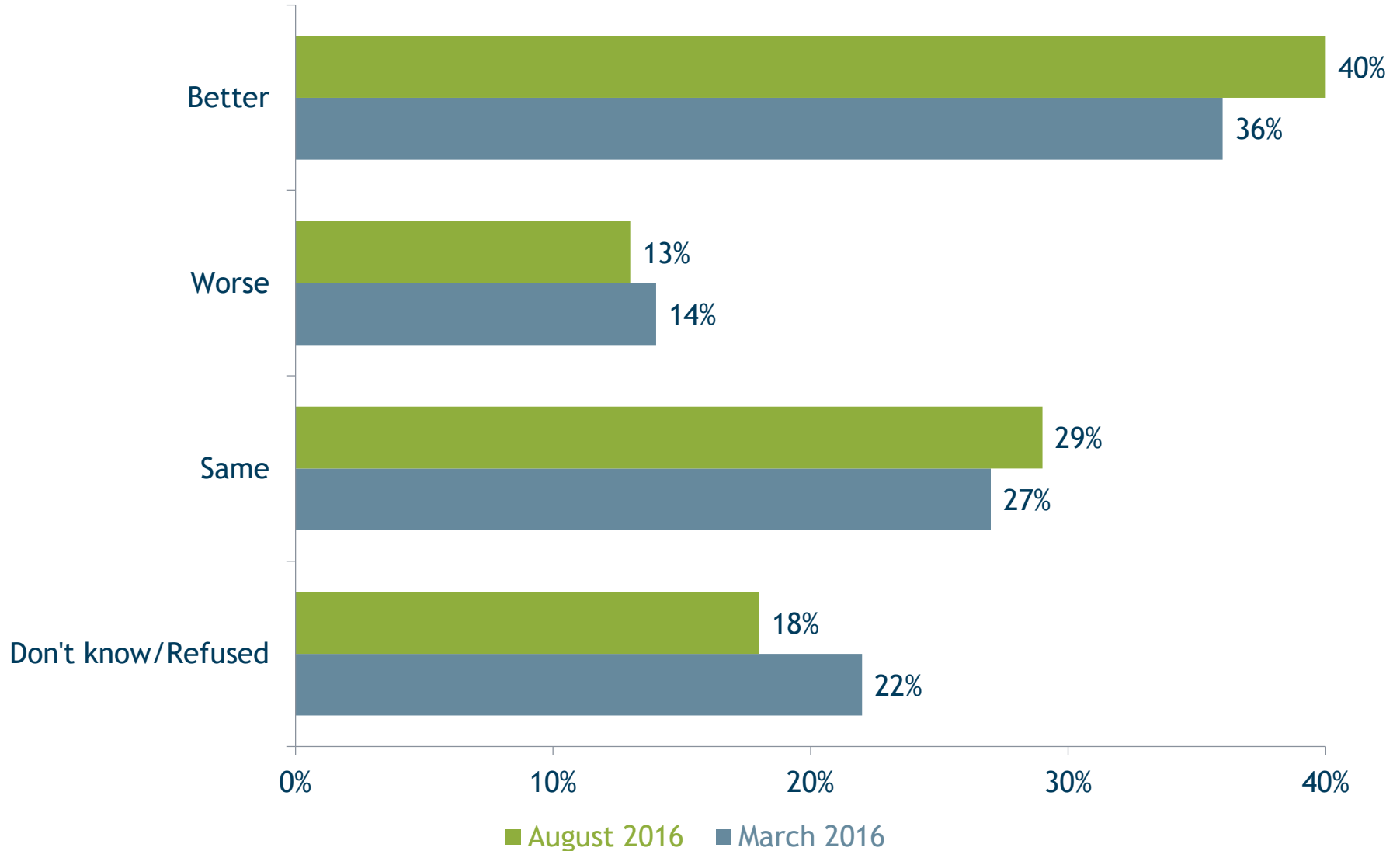
Overall, how would you rate the current economic conditions in Mongolia?



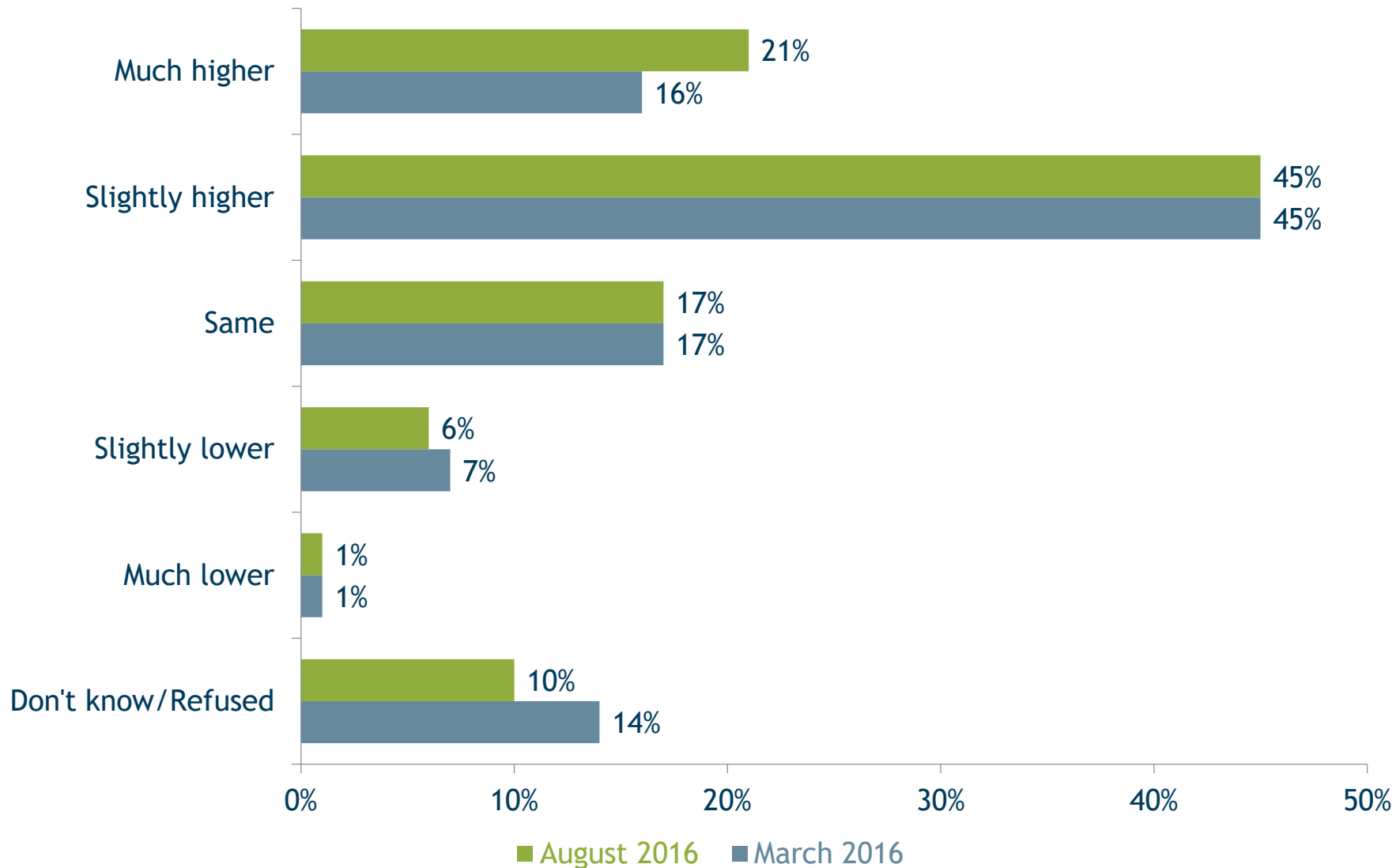
Thinking about the personal economic situation of you and your family, over the past year has it gotten better, worse or is it about the same?



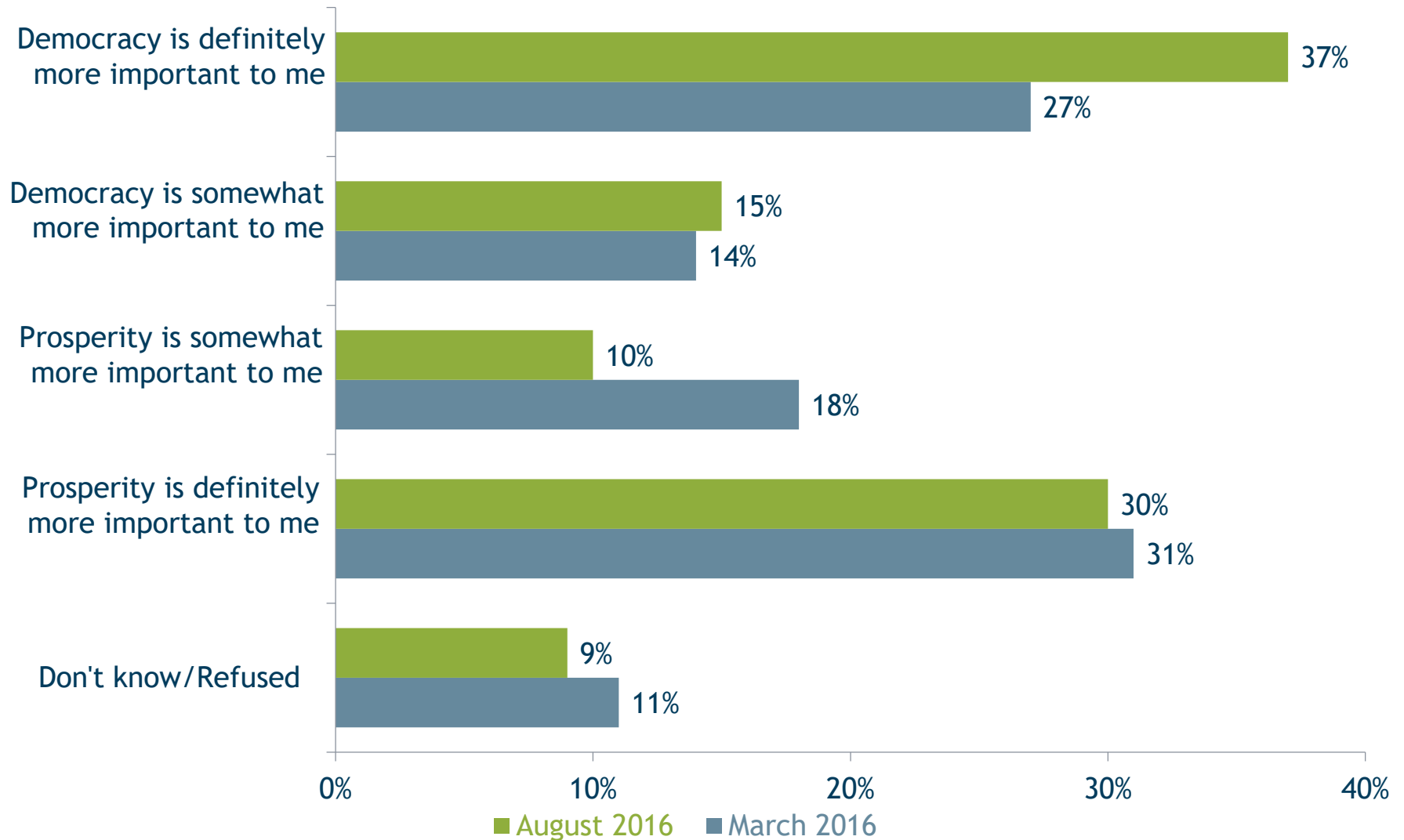
Thinking some more about your personal economic situation, in the coming year do you think that it is going to get better, worse or stay about the same?



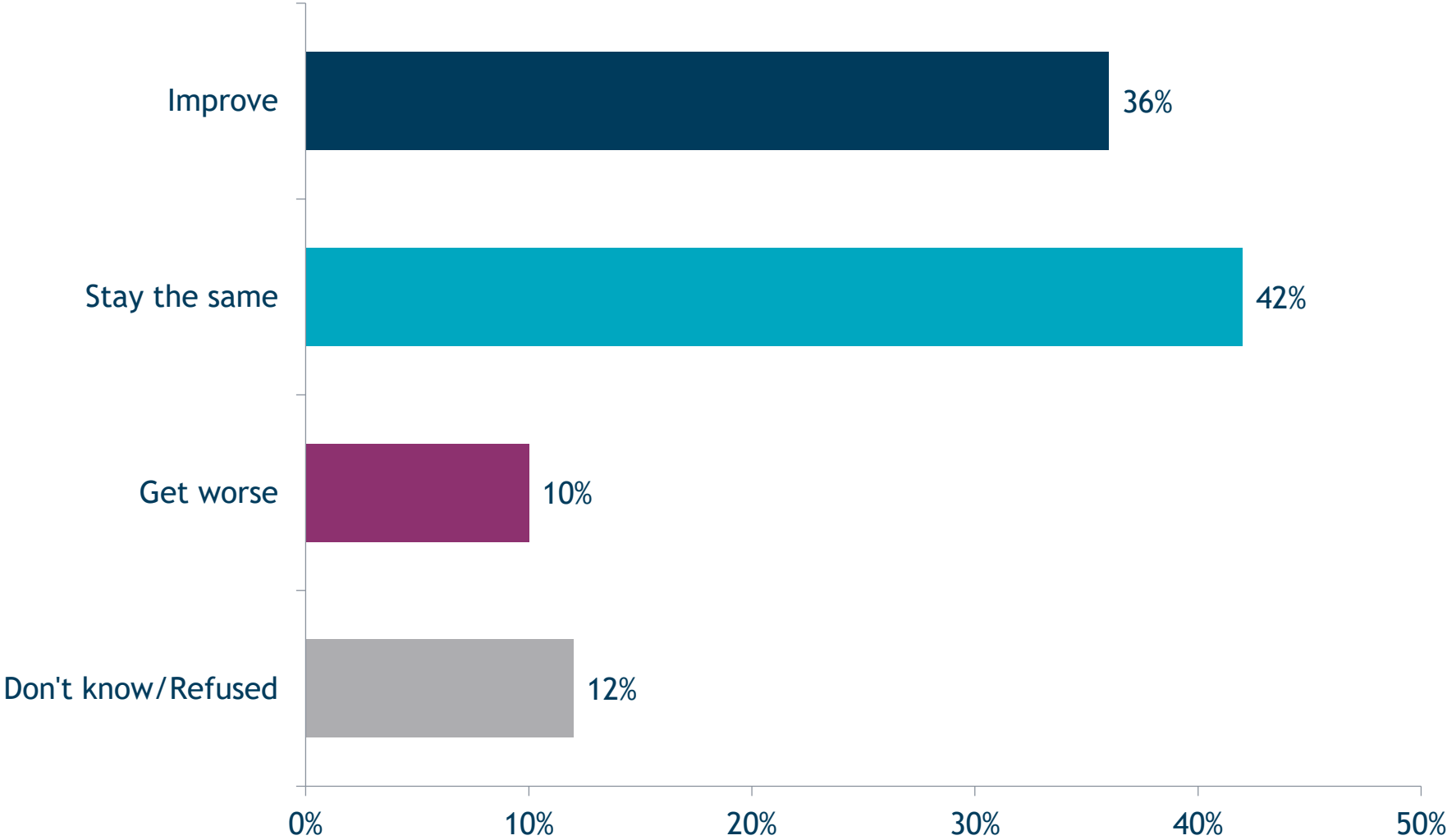
Do you expect the price of basic commodities such as milk, bread and meat to be higher or lower one year from now?



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



Do you expect the condition of democracy in Mongolia to improve over the next four years, stay the same or get worse?



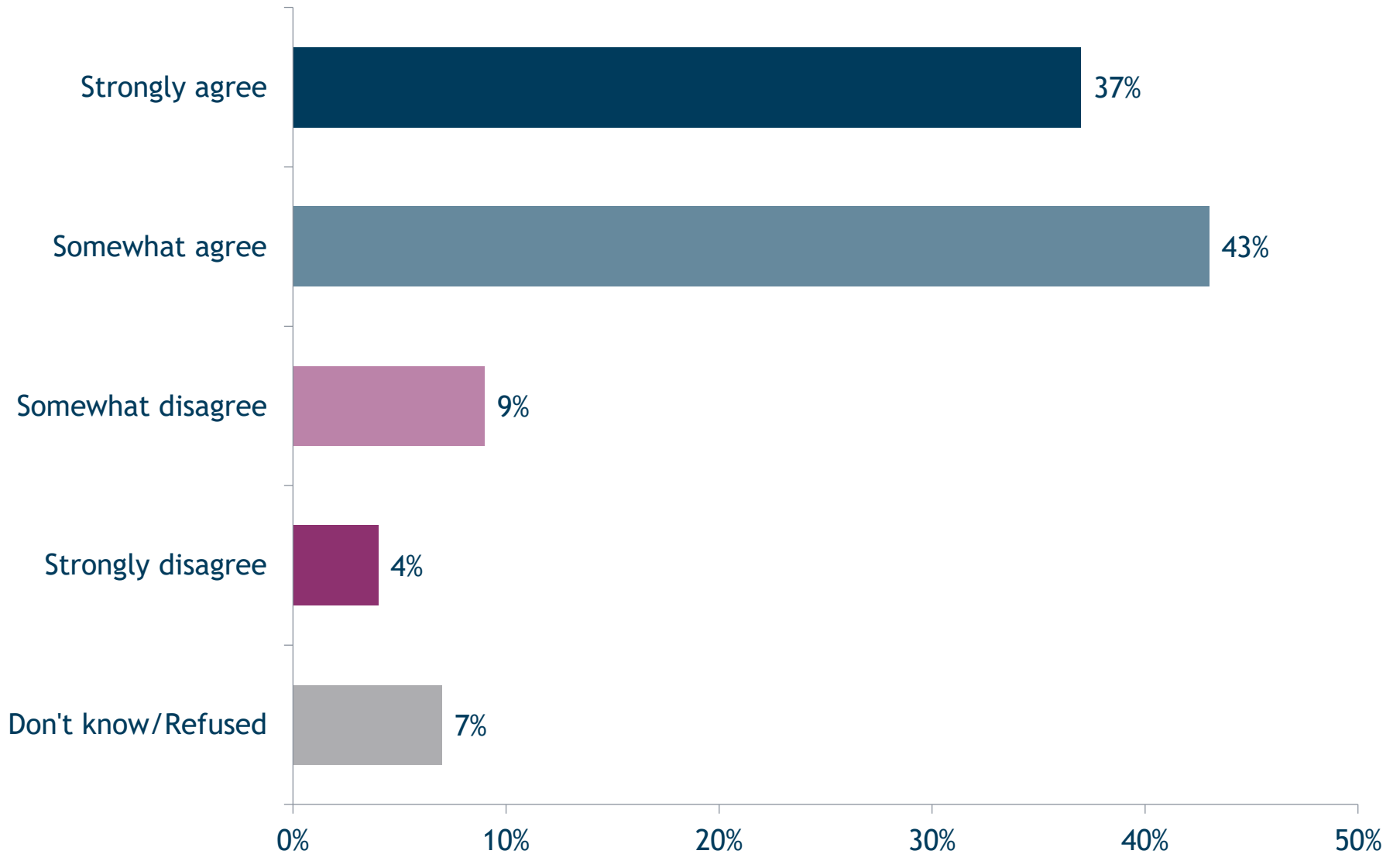


Voting and Elections

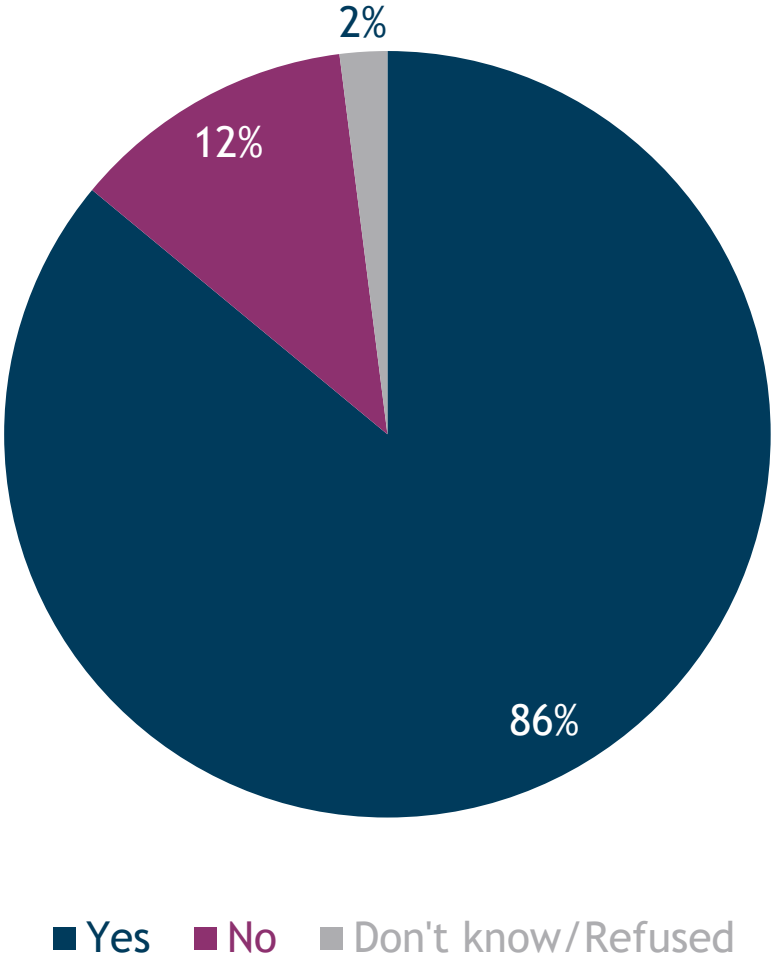


Agree or Disagree?

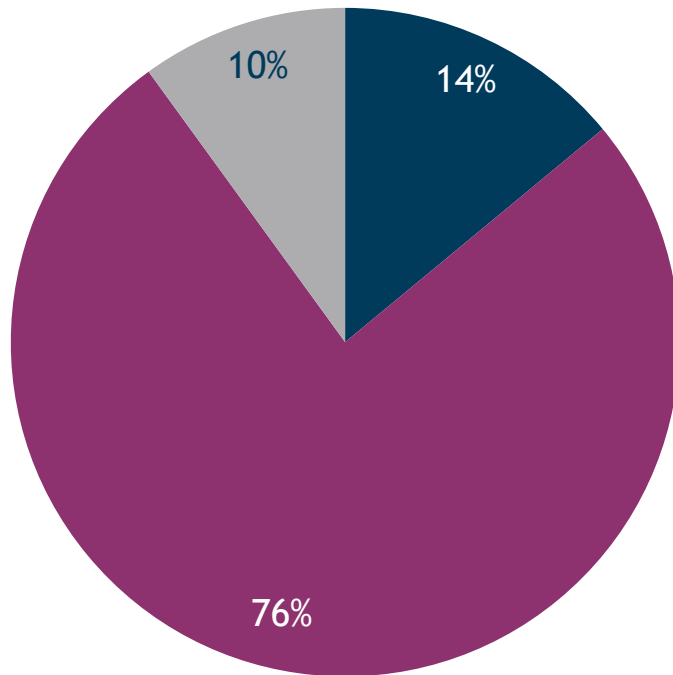
Voting gives me a chance to influence decision-making in the country.



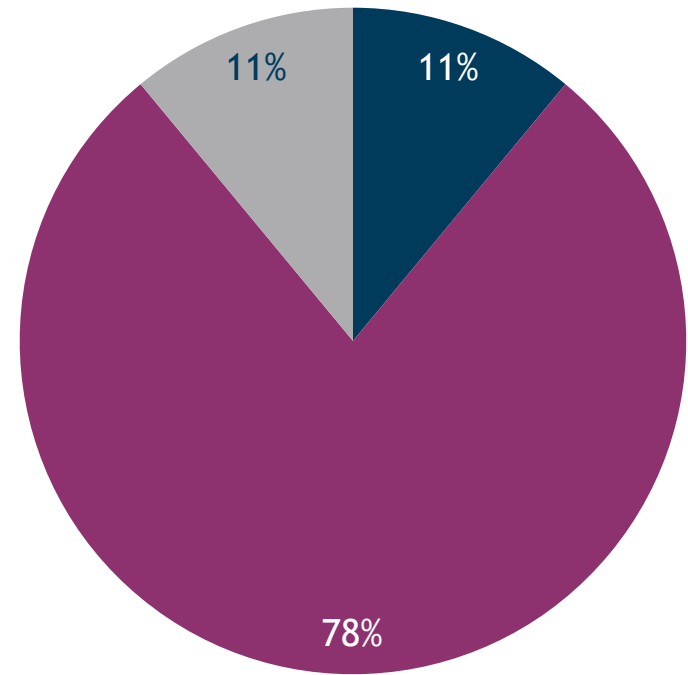
Thinking now about elections, did you vote in the 2016 parliamentary elections?



During the 2016 parliamentary elections, were you or anyone you know personally offered a bribe in exchange for their vote?

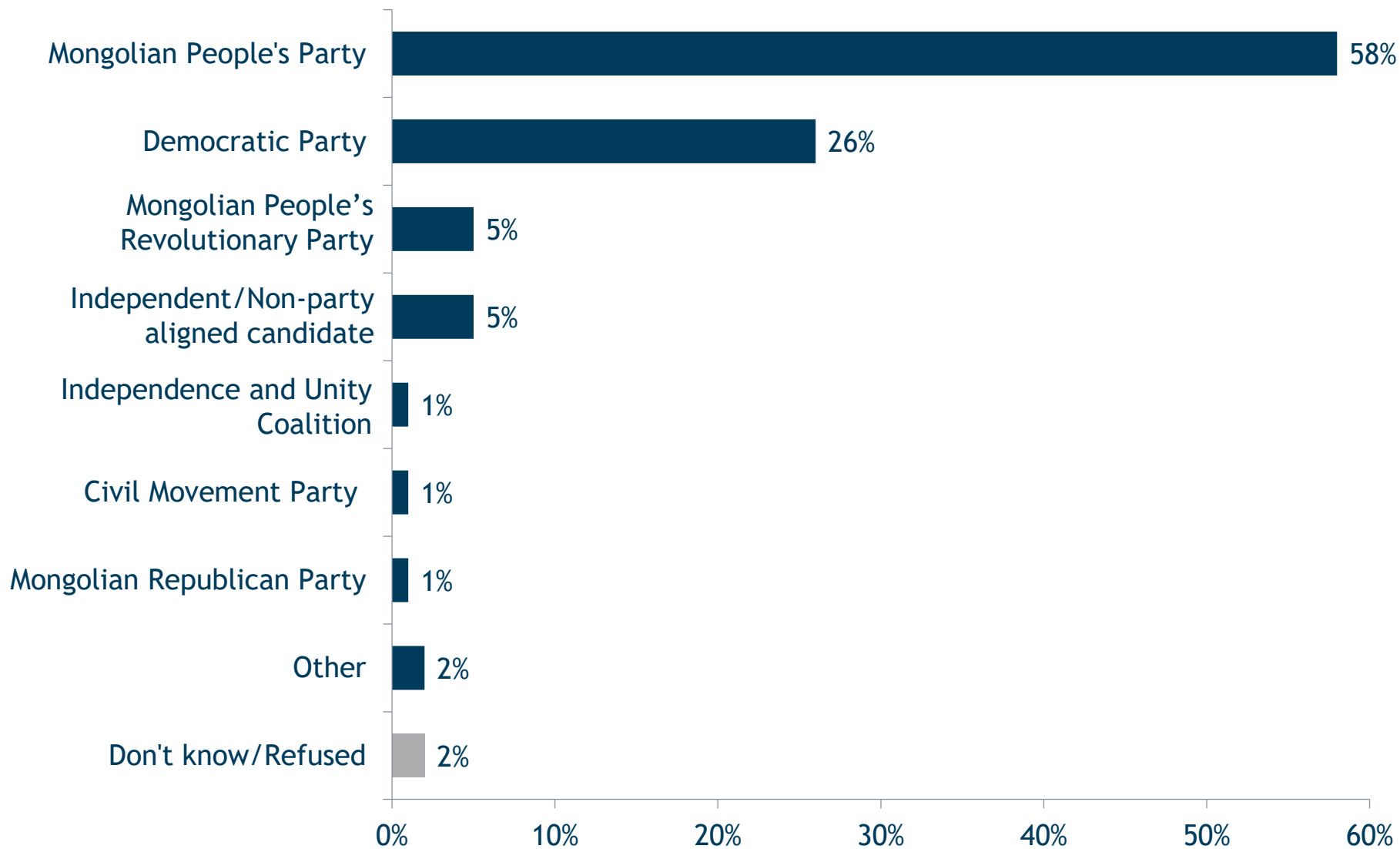


During the 2016 parliamentary elections, were you or anyone you know personally told by a party representative, business owner or government official to change their voter registration to a district other than the one in which they actually live?



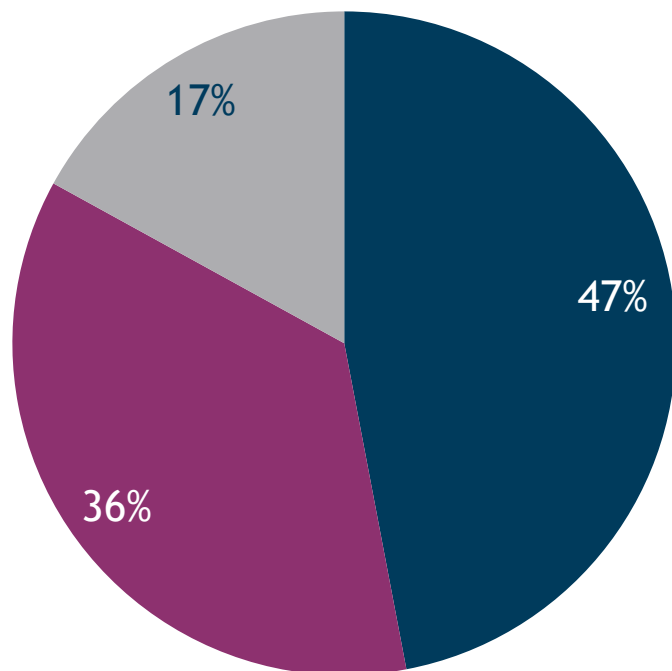
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If you voted in the 2016 parliamentary elections, which party did you vote for? (n=4,274)

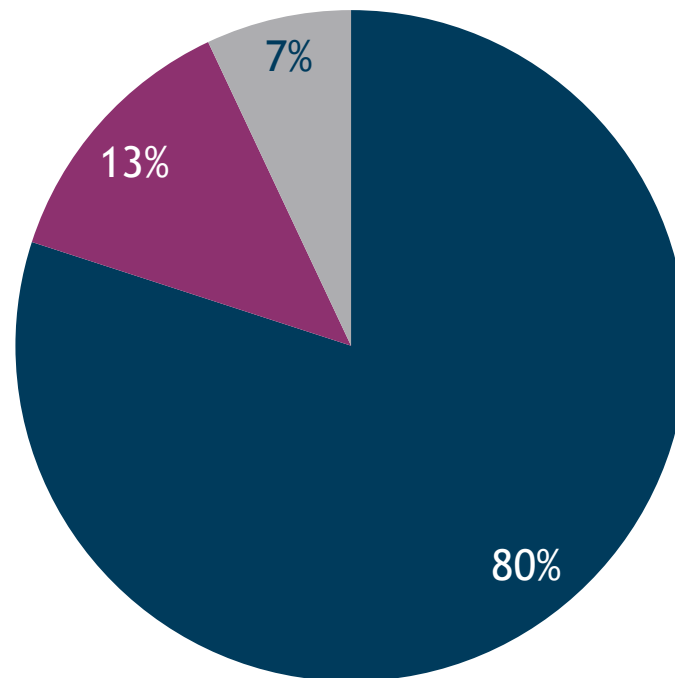


In the 2016 parliamentary elections the Mongolia People's Party gained a super majority resulting in its control of 65 of the 76 seats - or 86% of Parliament.

Do you believe that this Parliament is representative of the range of political viewpoints in Mongolia?

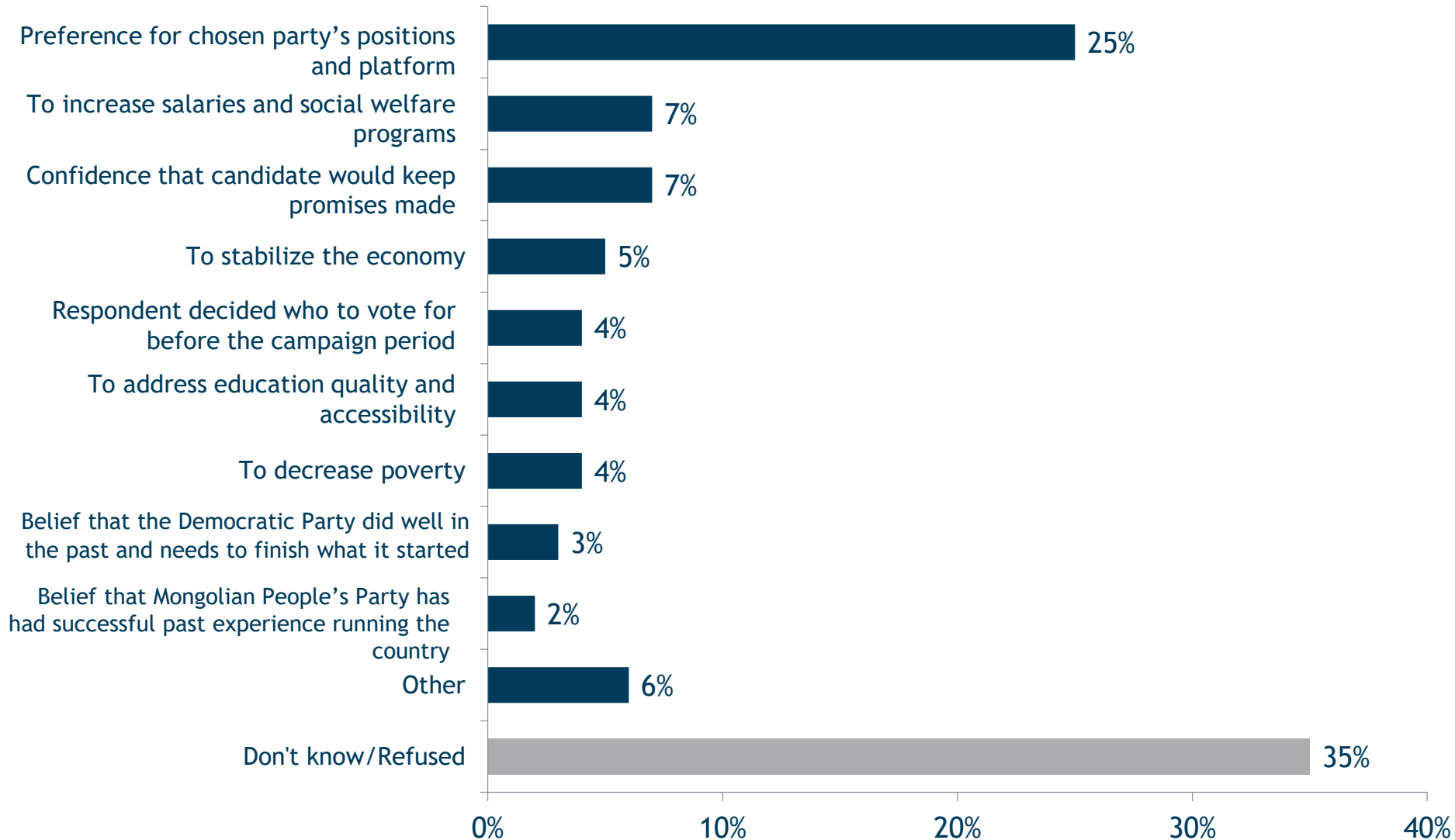


If the parliamentary elections were held today, would you vote the same way that you voted on June 29?
(n=4,274)

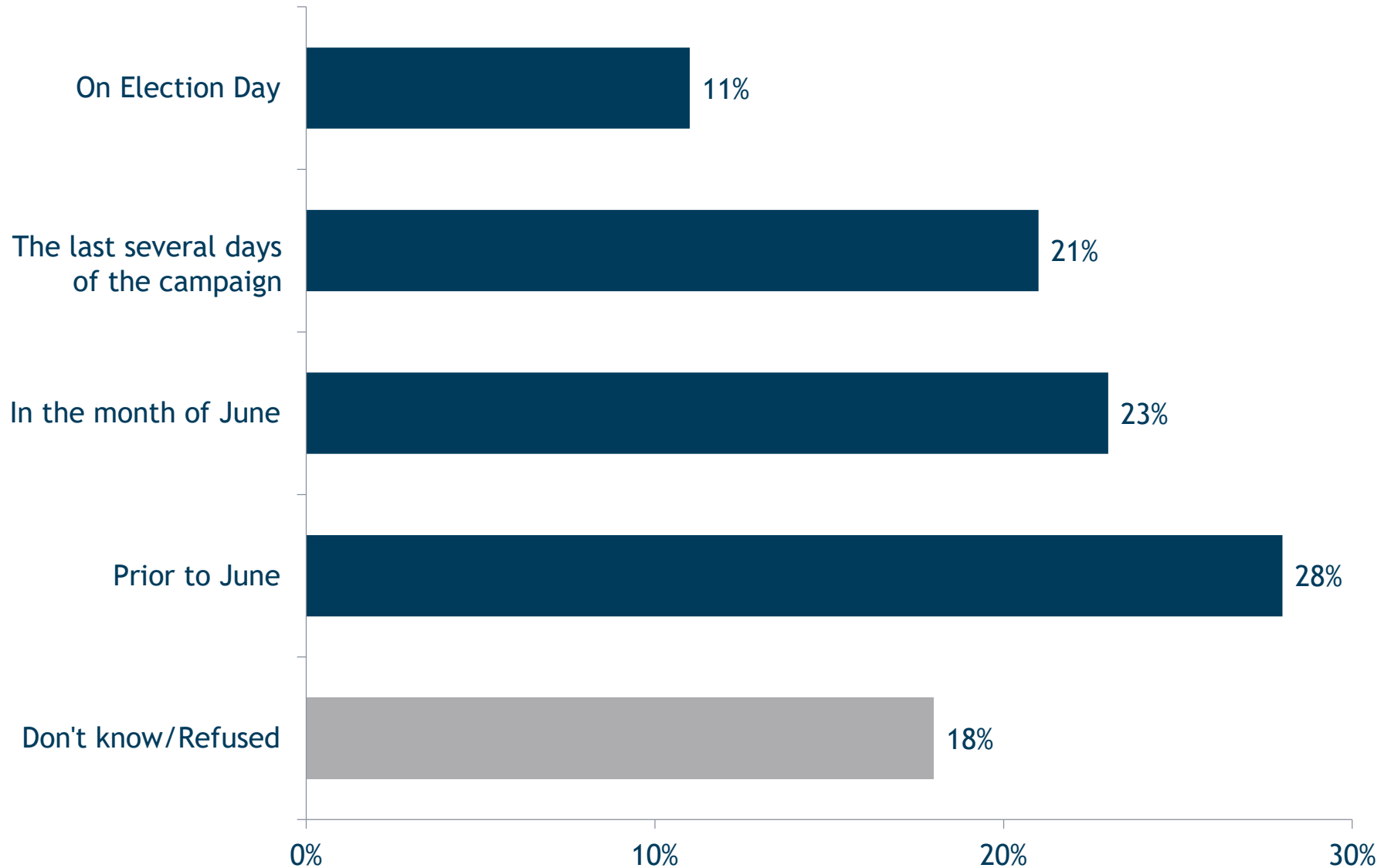


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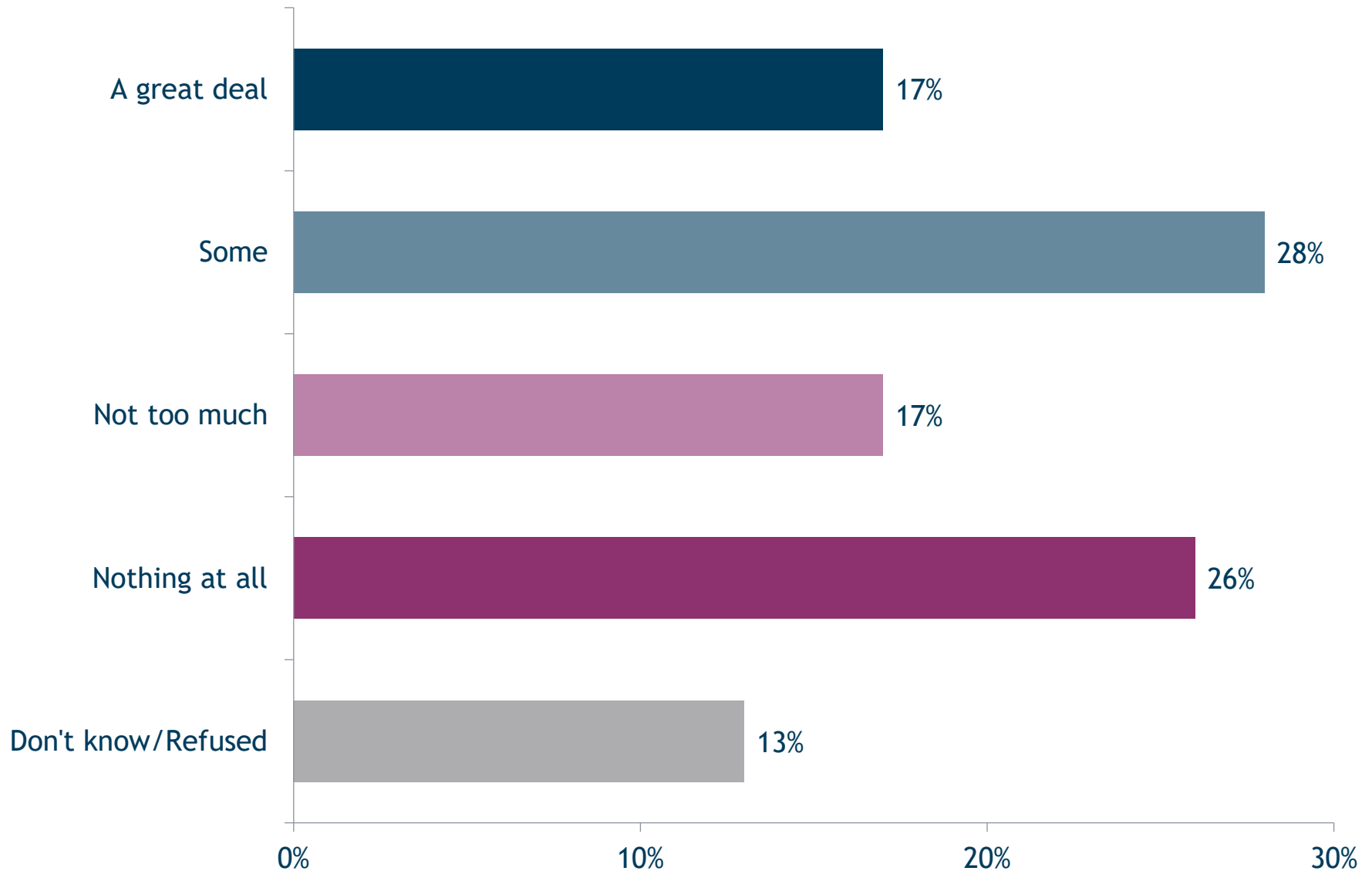
Of all the things that were said by the candidates and political parties during the campaign, what one campaign statement or promise most influenced your vote? (open-ended, n=4,274)



When did you make up your mind as to which candidate or party you would vote for on Election Day?

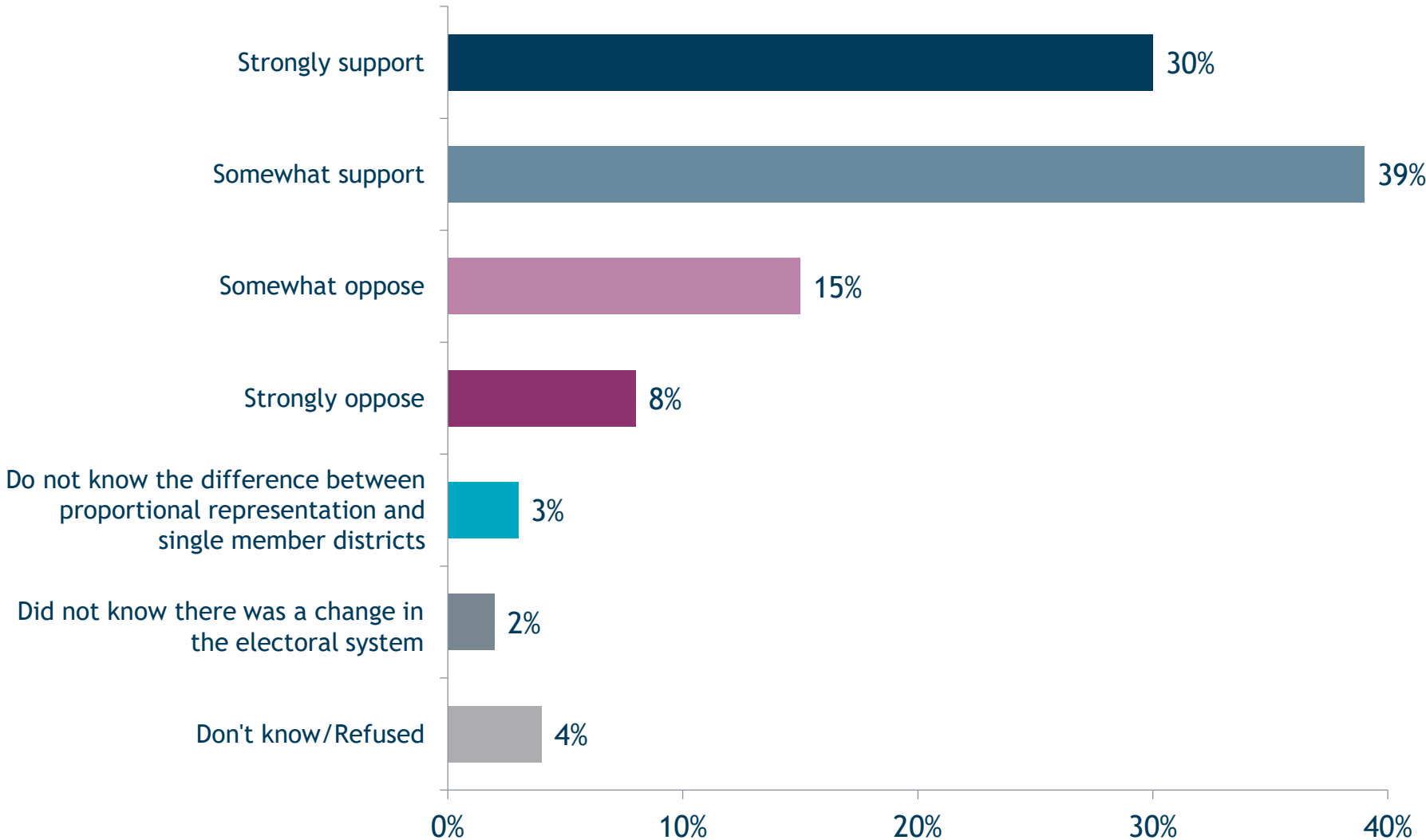


On Election Day, how much would you say that you knew about the change in the manner in which Members of Parliament were to be elected?

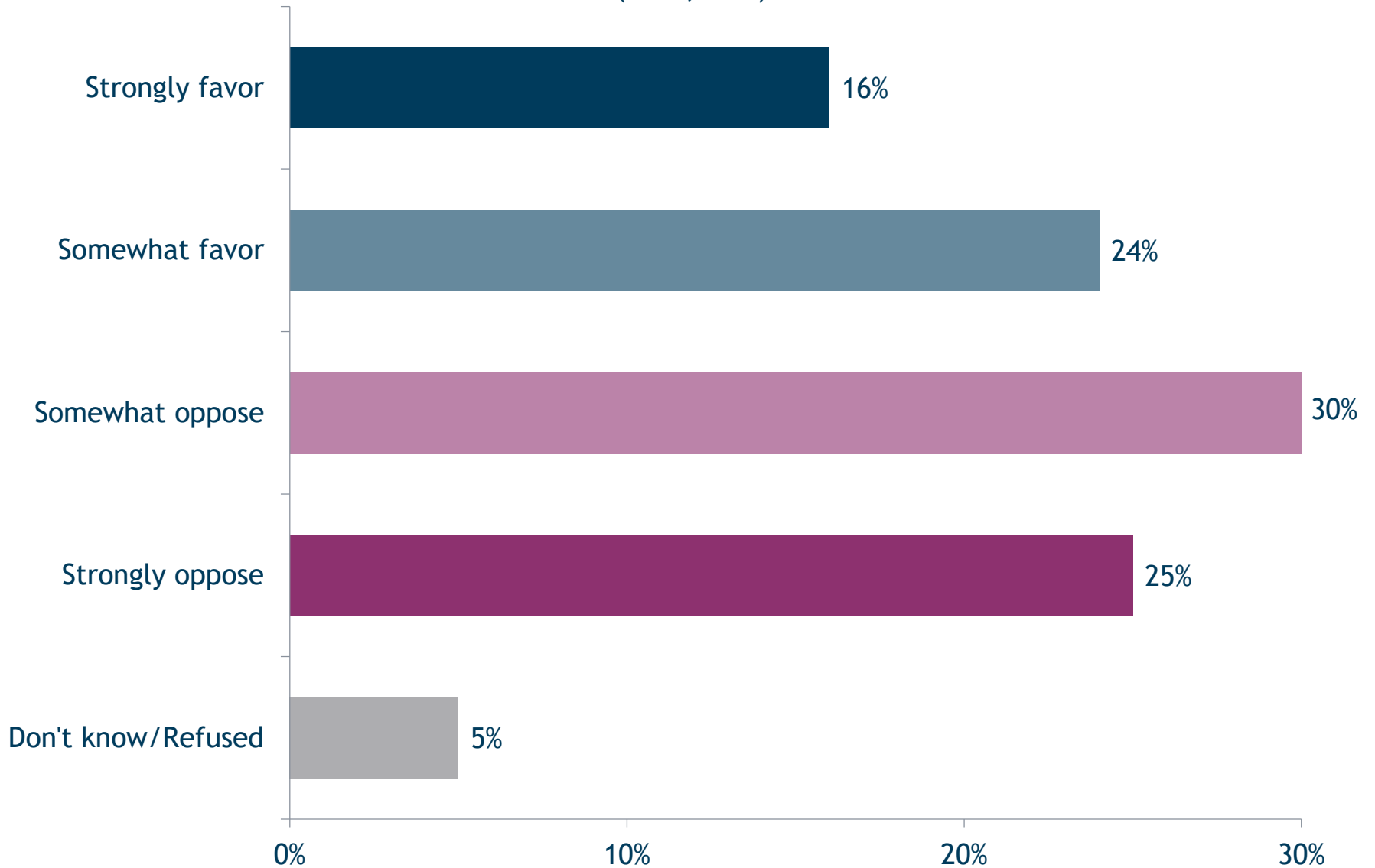


In the 2016 parliamentary elections, all 76 Members of Parliament were elected from single member districts, a change from the 2012 parliamentary elections in which 48 parliamentarians were elected from single member districts and the remaining 28 were elected by nationwide party-list based on proportional representation.

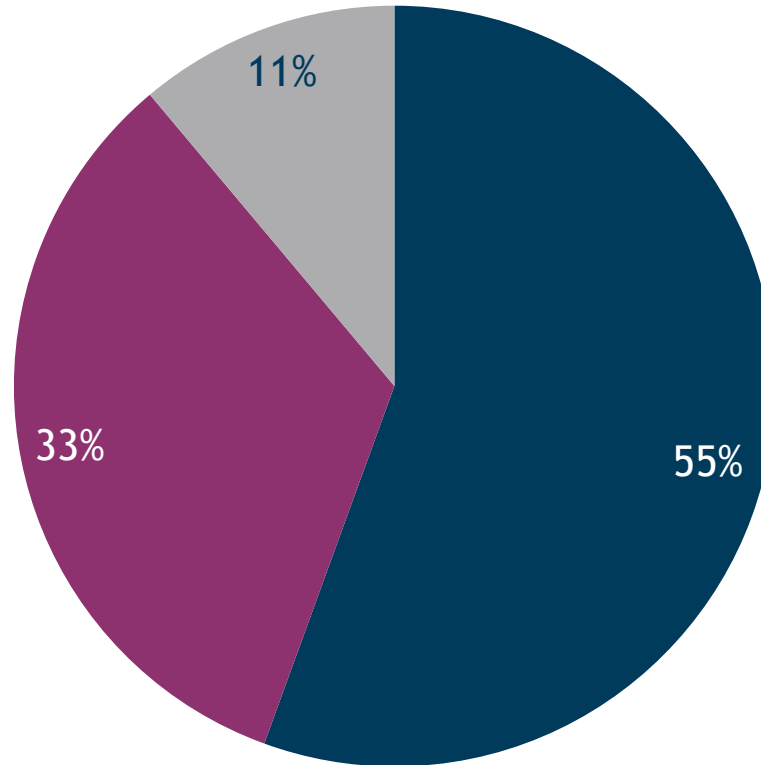
Do you support or oppose this change to Mongolia's election system?
(n=3,053)



Would you favor or oppose a change back to the election system used in 2012? (n=2,774)

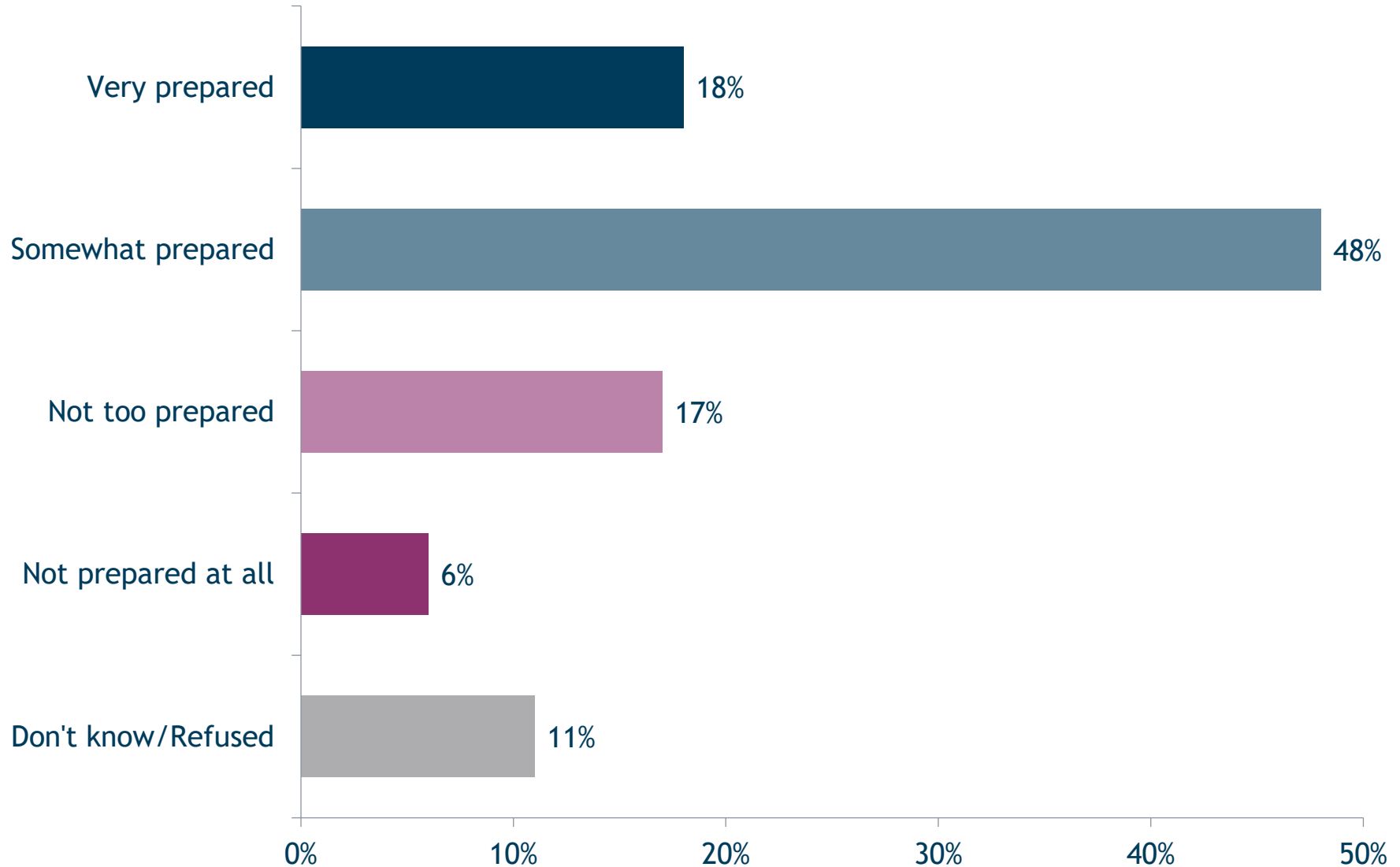


Do you think the change to the election system earlier this year resulted in better candidates being elected?
(n=2,774)

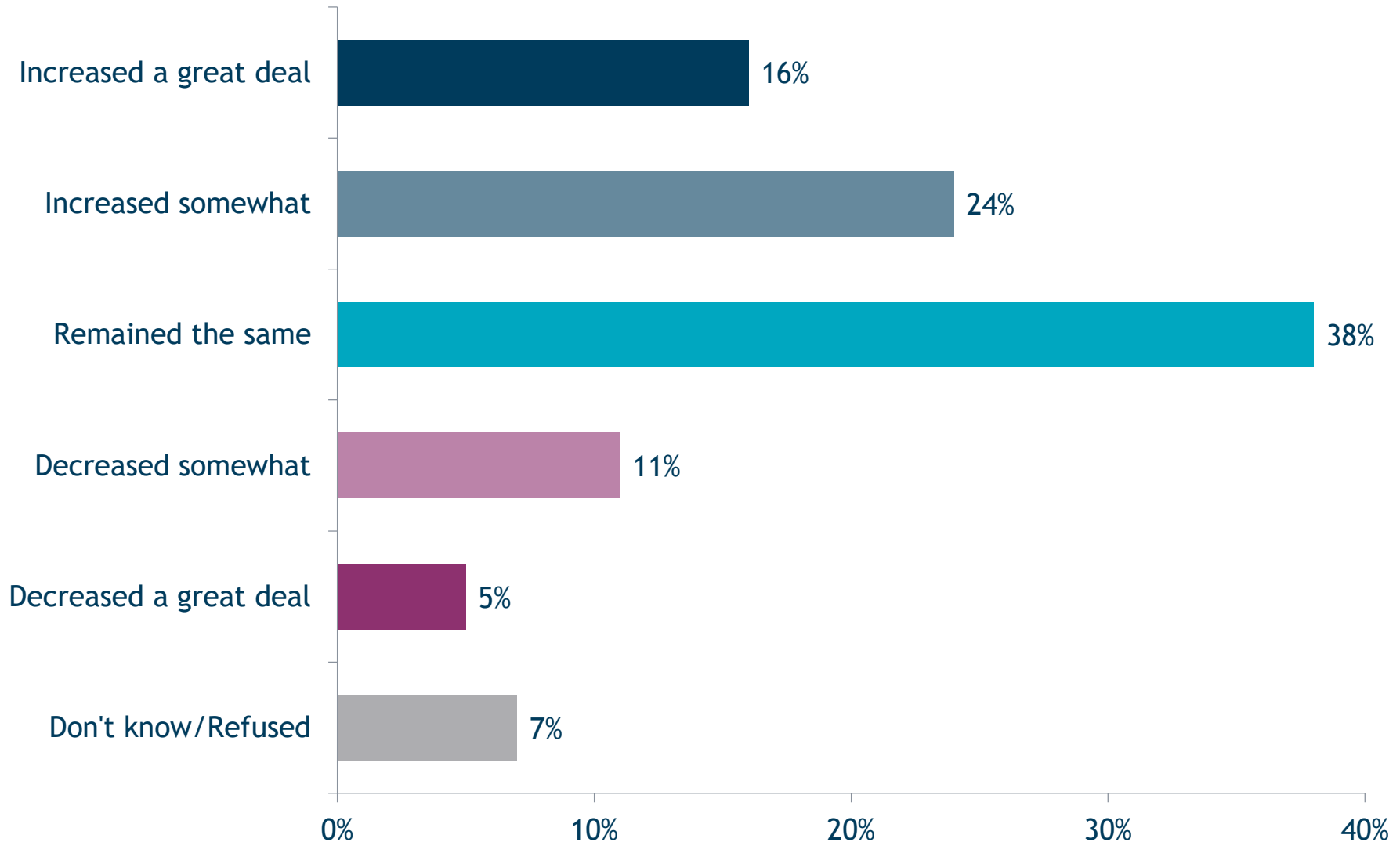


■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/Refused

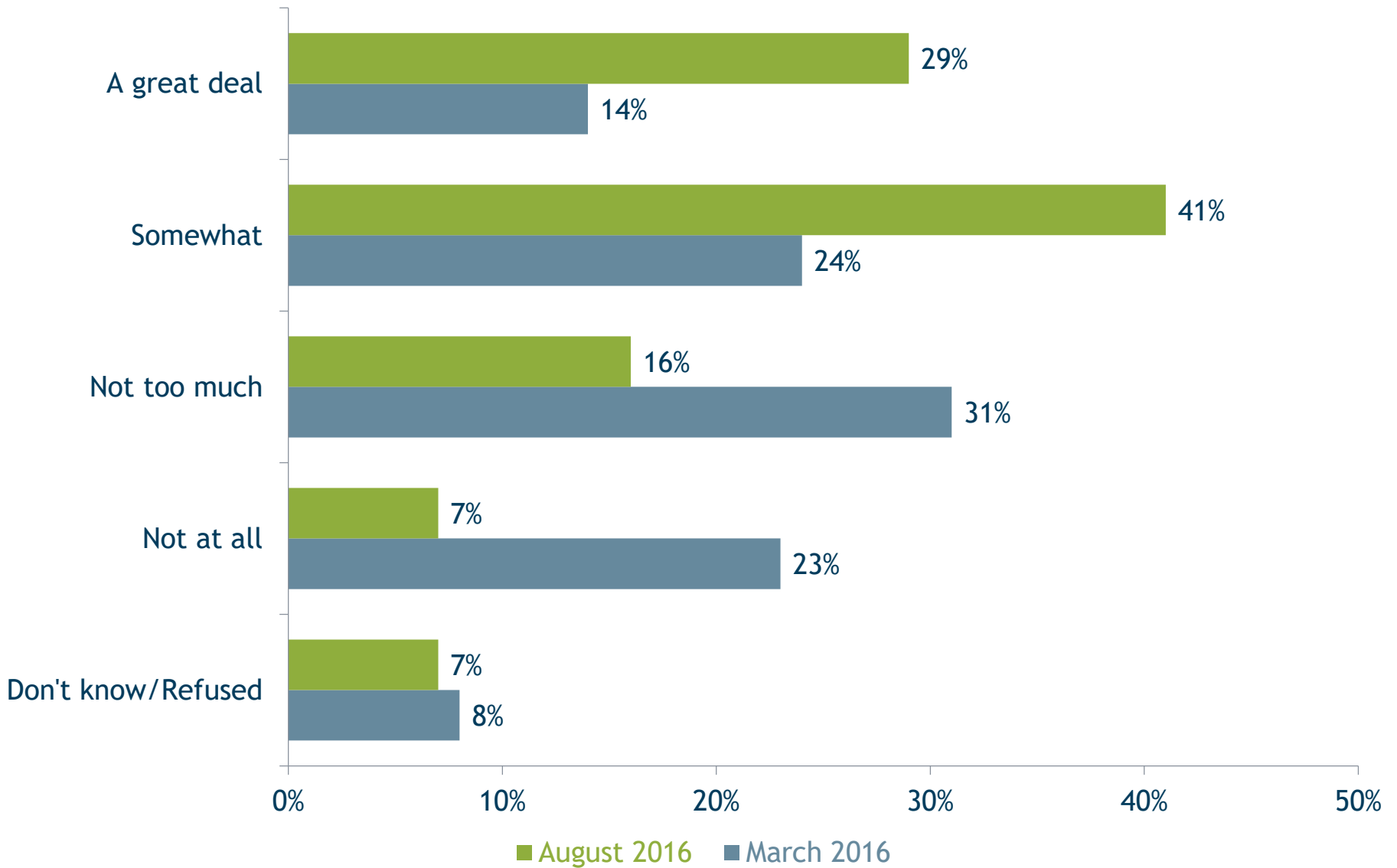
How prepared would you say Mongolian voters were with regards to access to information about the procedures and processes for the 2016 parliamentary elections?



Still thinking about the 2016 parliamentary elections, would you say that your confidence in the Mongolian General Election Commission increased?



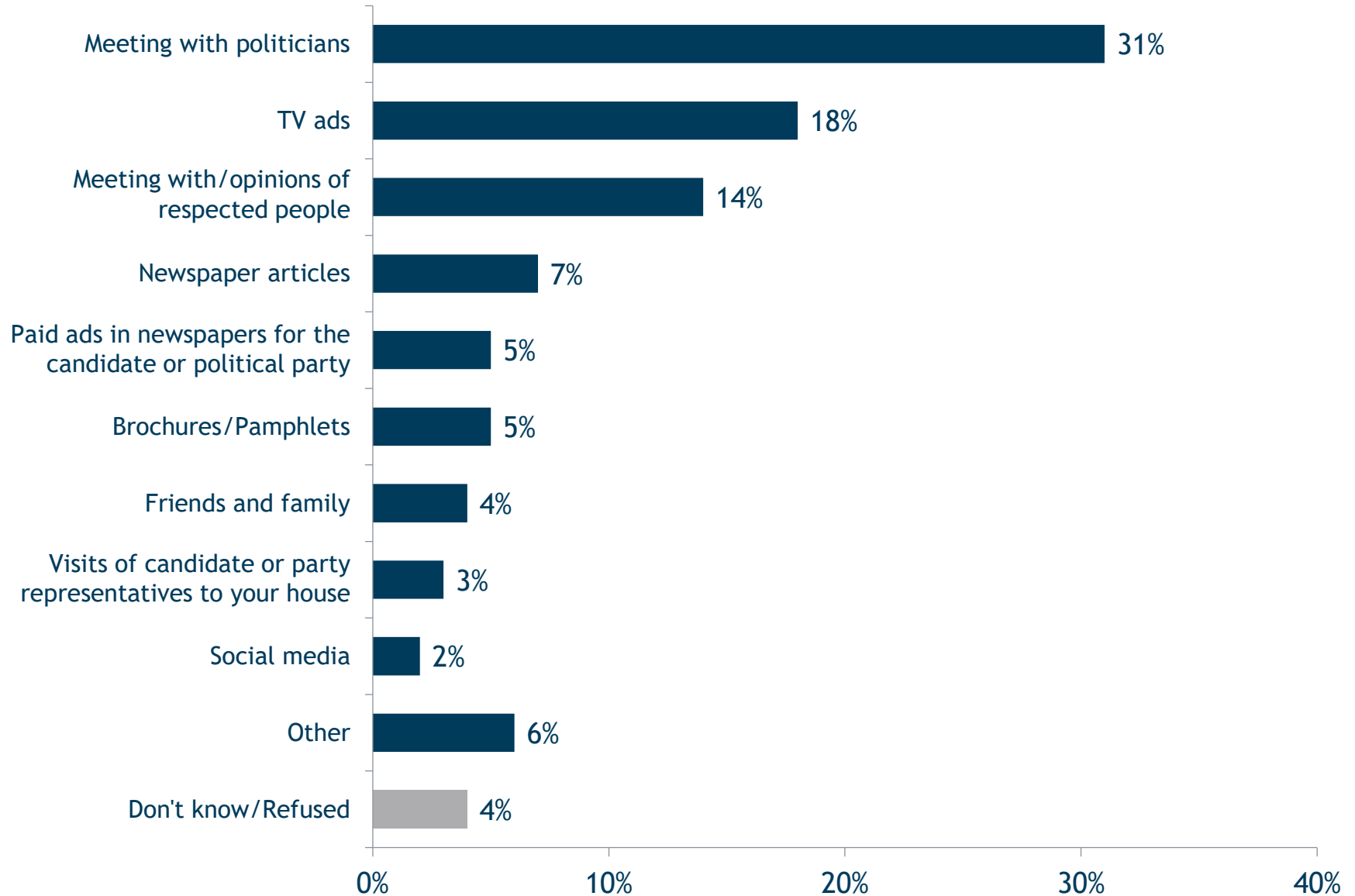
Do you trust the current electronic voting system or black machine to accurately record your vote?



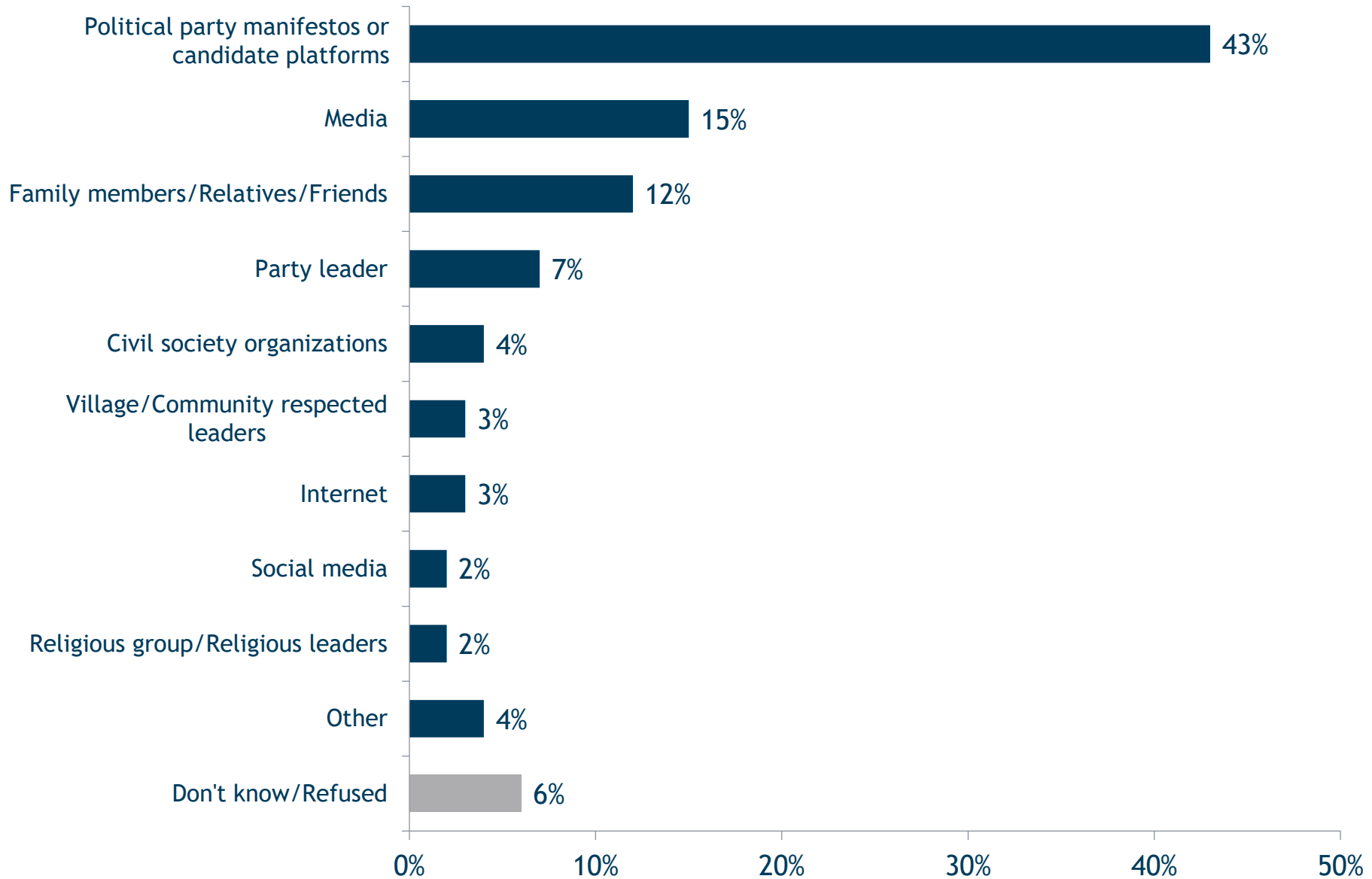


Views on Parliament

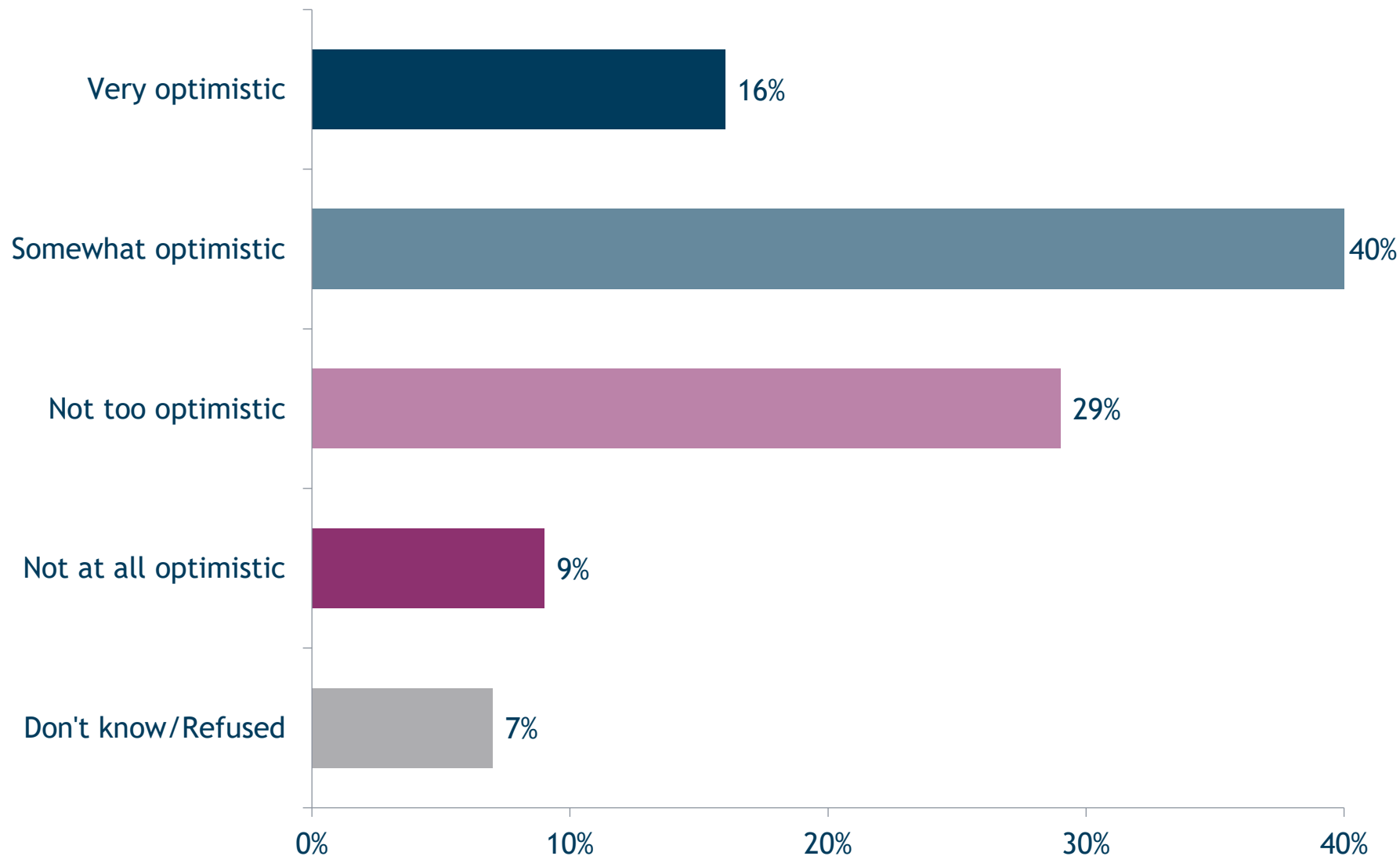
In the 2016 parliamentary elections, which of the following most influenced your views of candidates and political parties?



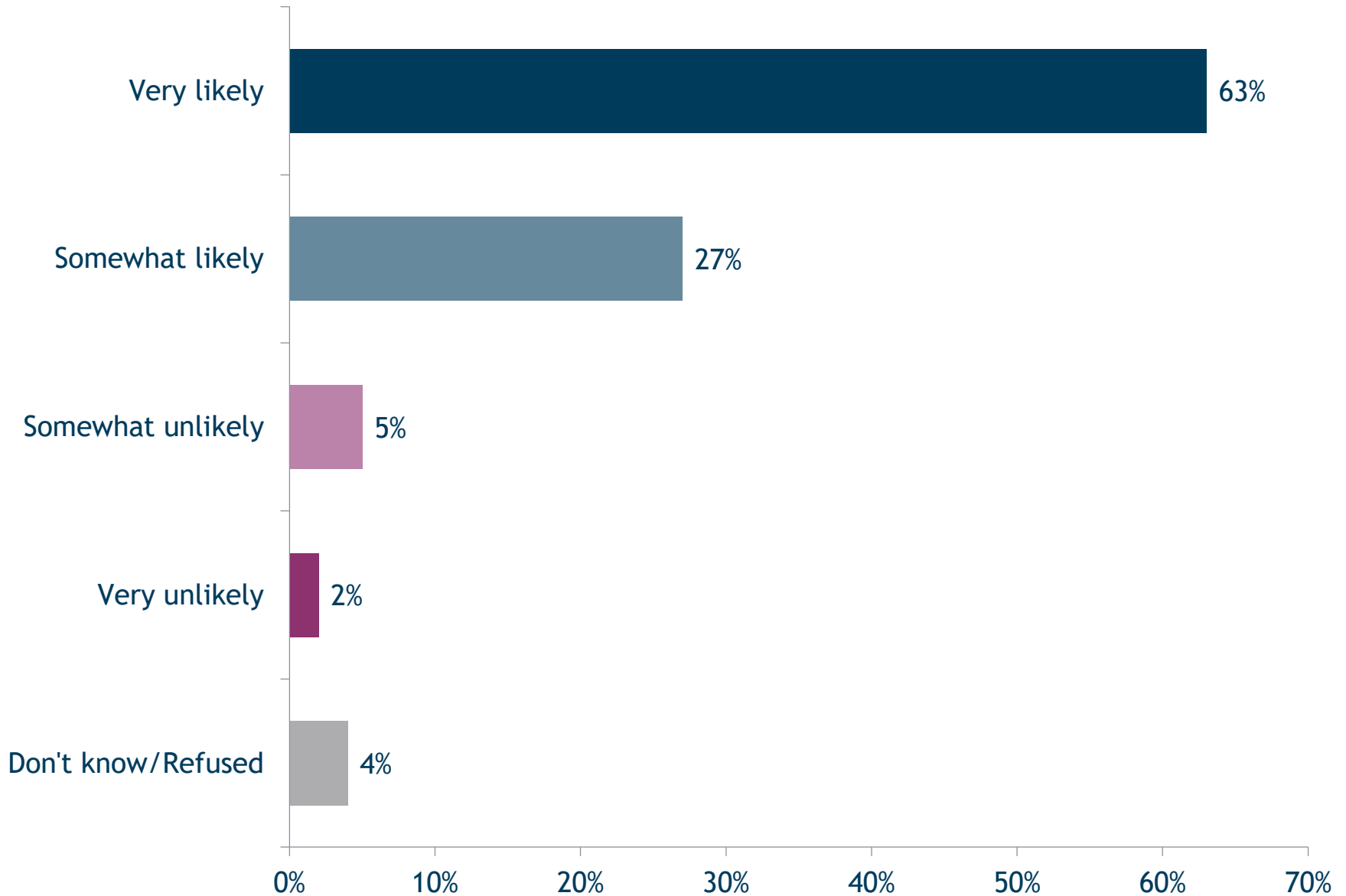
During the 2016 parliamentary elections, what or who influenced your voting decision the most?



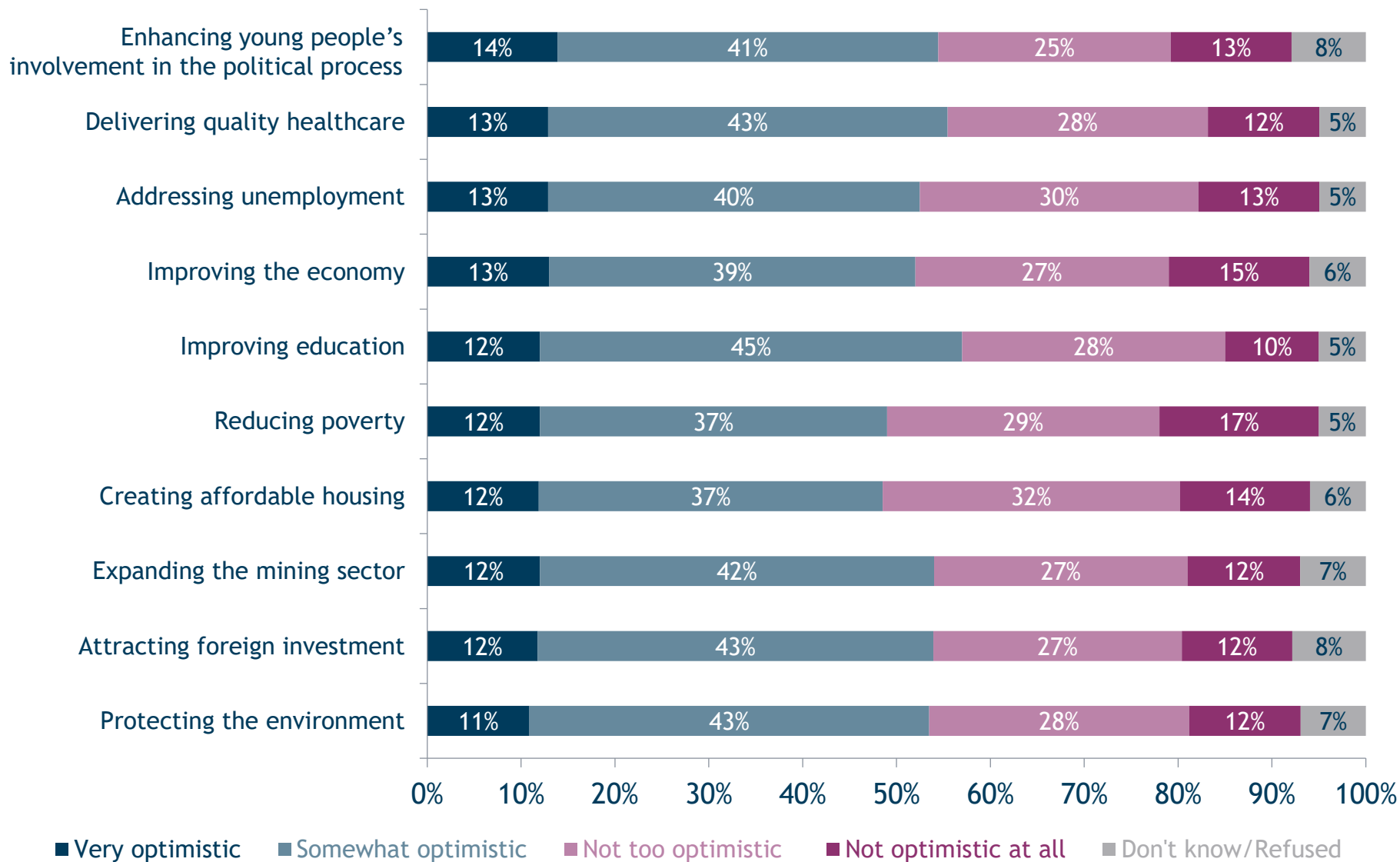
Based on the various statements made by candidates and the political parties during the recent parliamentary elections, would you say you are optimistic that promises will be fulfilled?



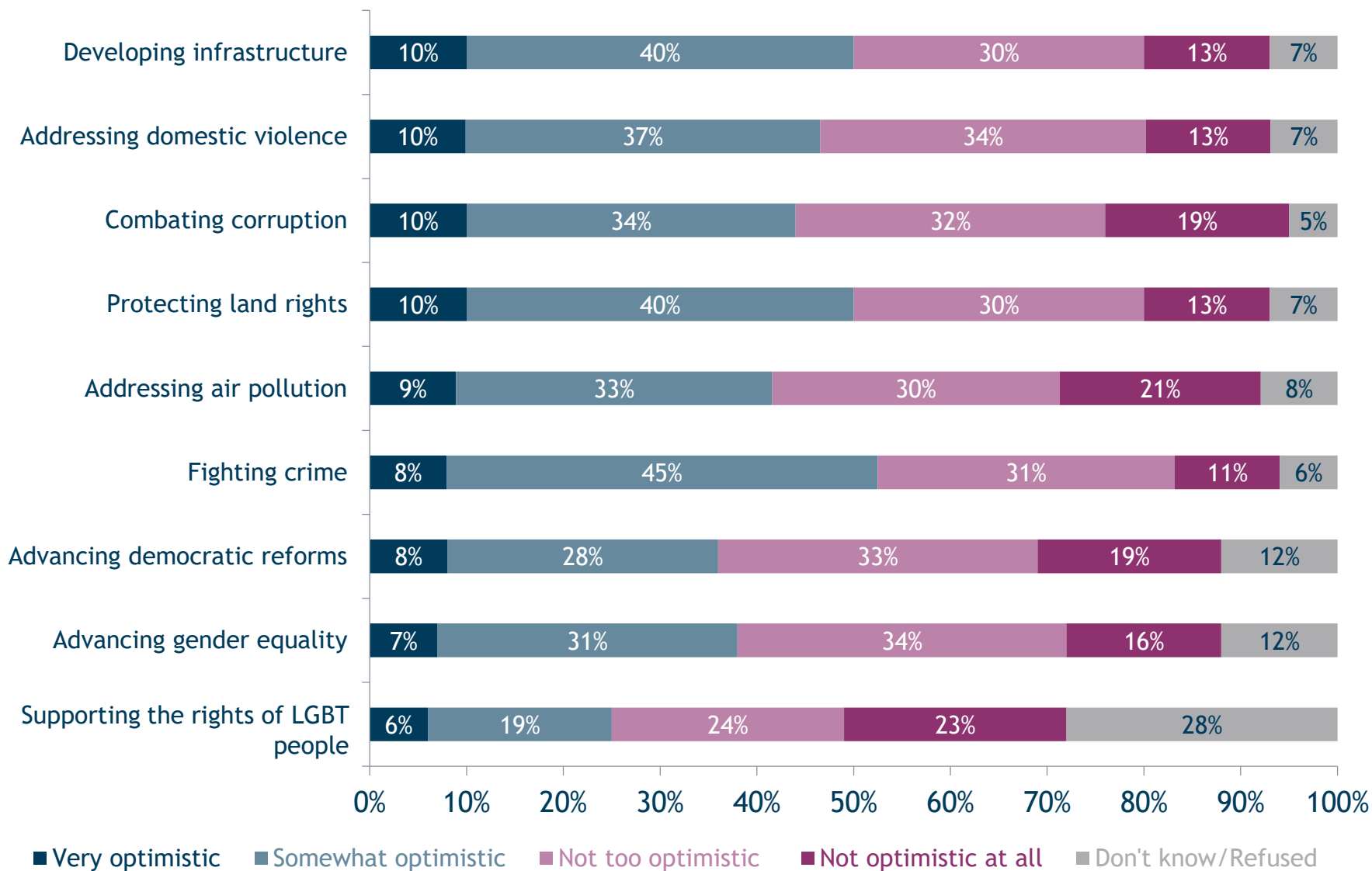
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the presidential election, which will be held in 2017?



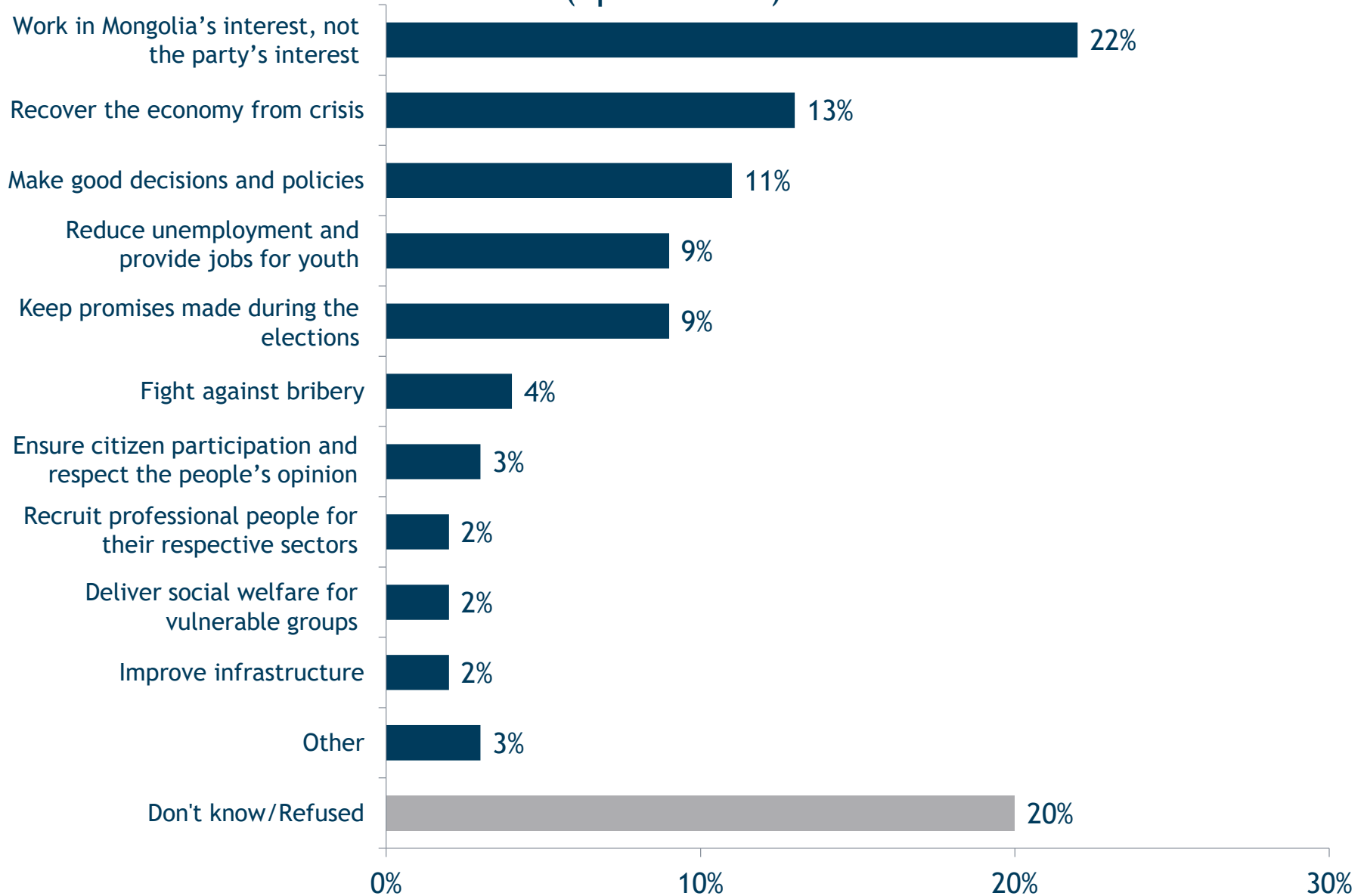
Thinking about the new national government, how optimistic are you about the new government dealing with each of the following issues?



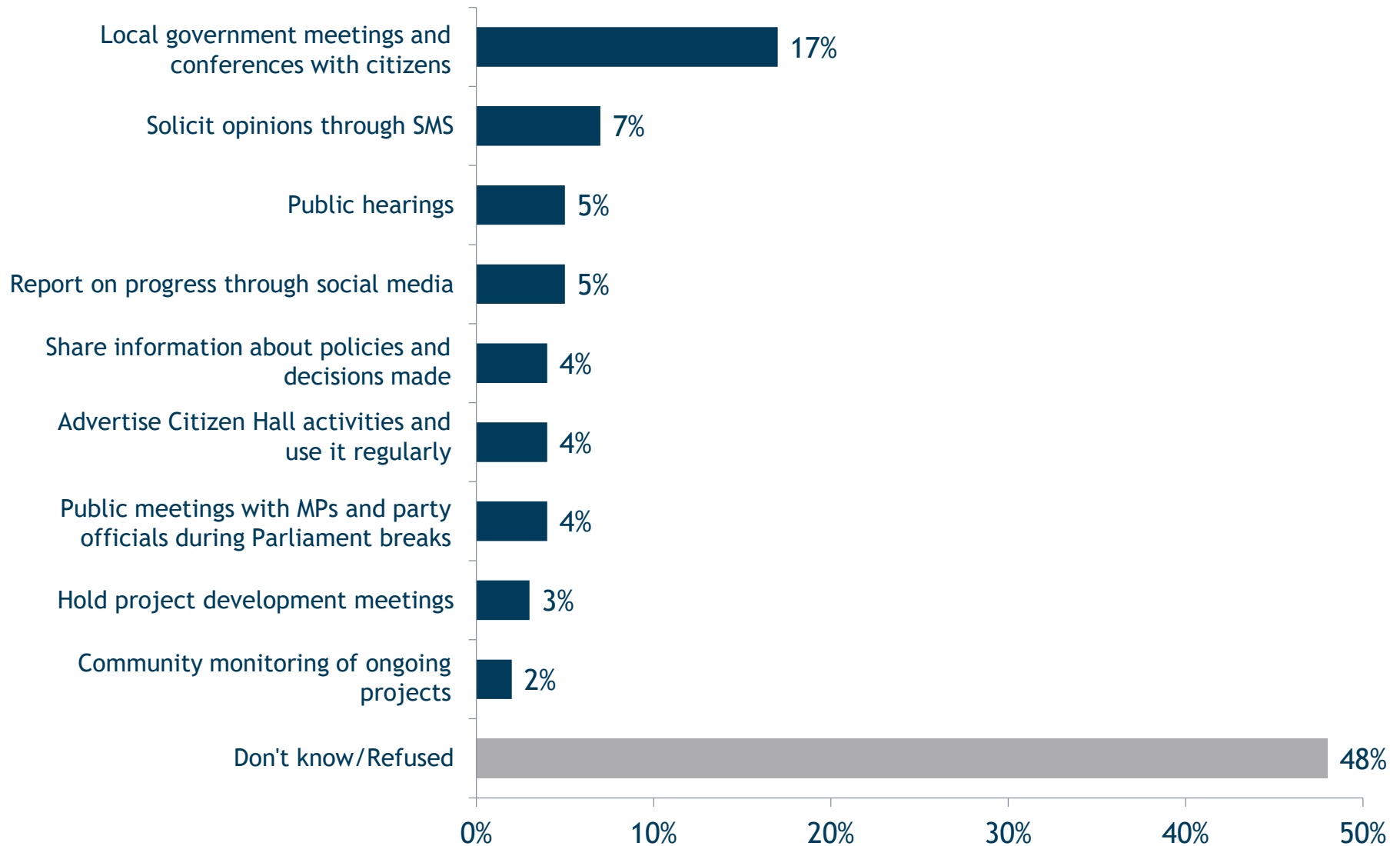
Thinking about the new national government, how optimistic are you about the new government dealing with each of the following issues?



If you could give one piece of advice to the leaders of the new government, what would that advice be? (open-ended)



What is the most effective way for the new government to engage people like you? (open-ended)



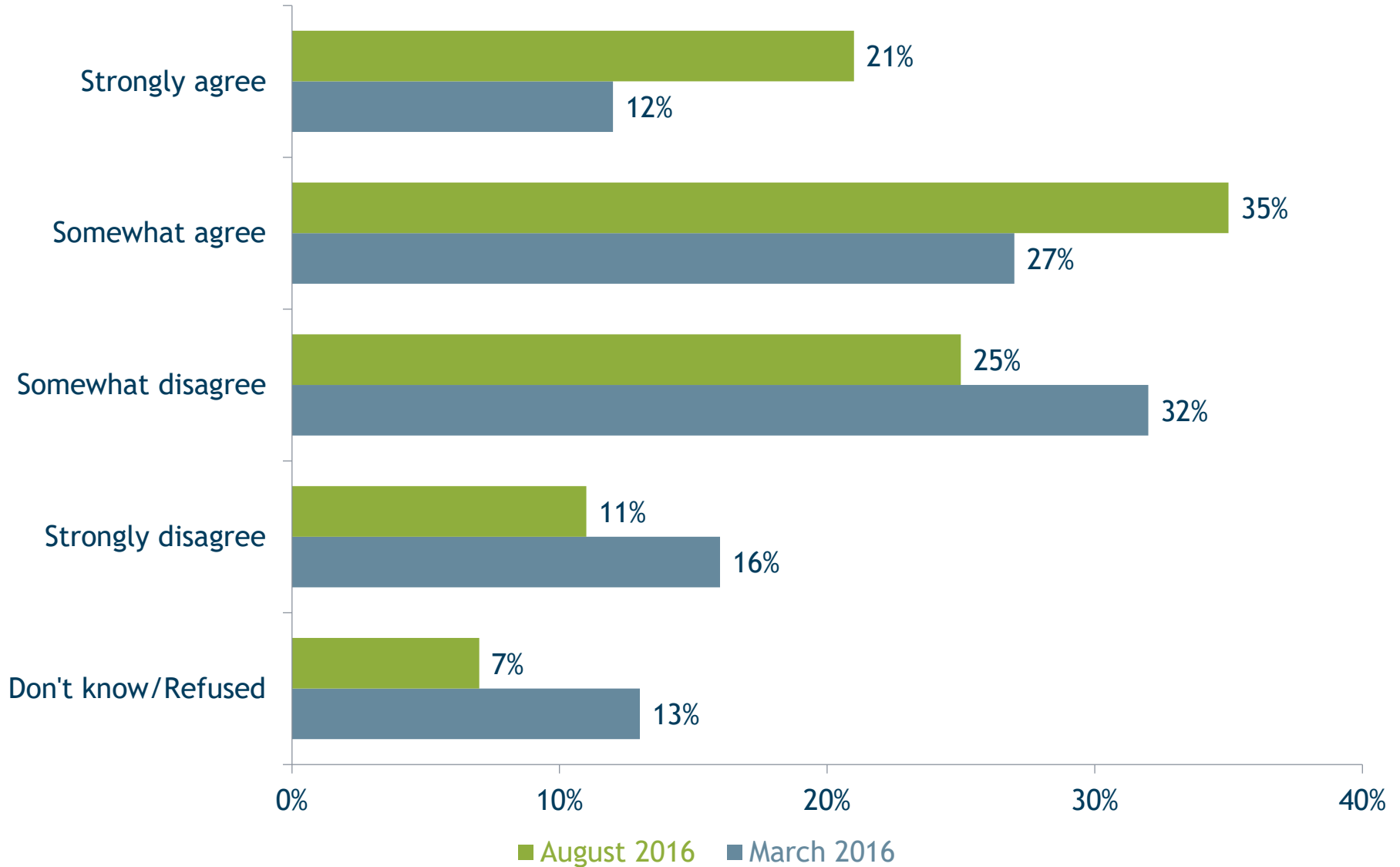


Women and Youth

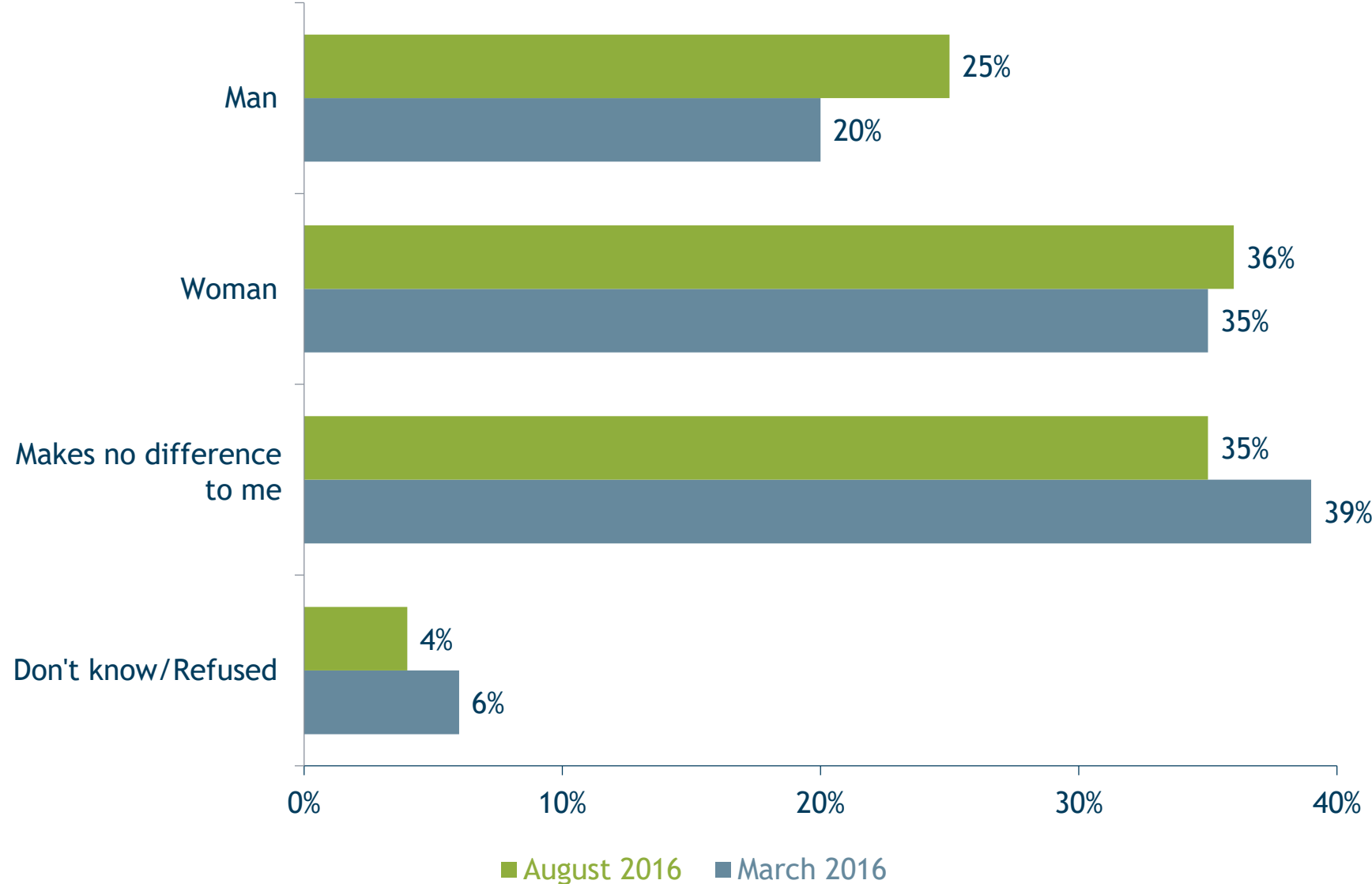


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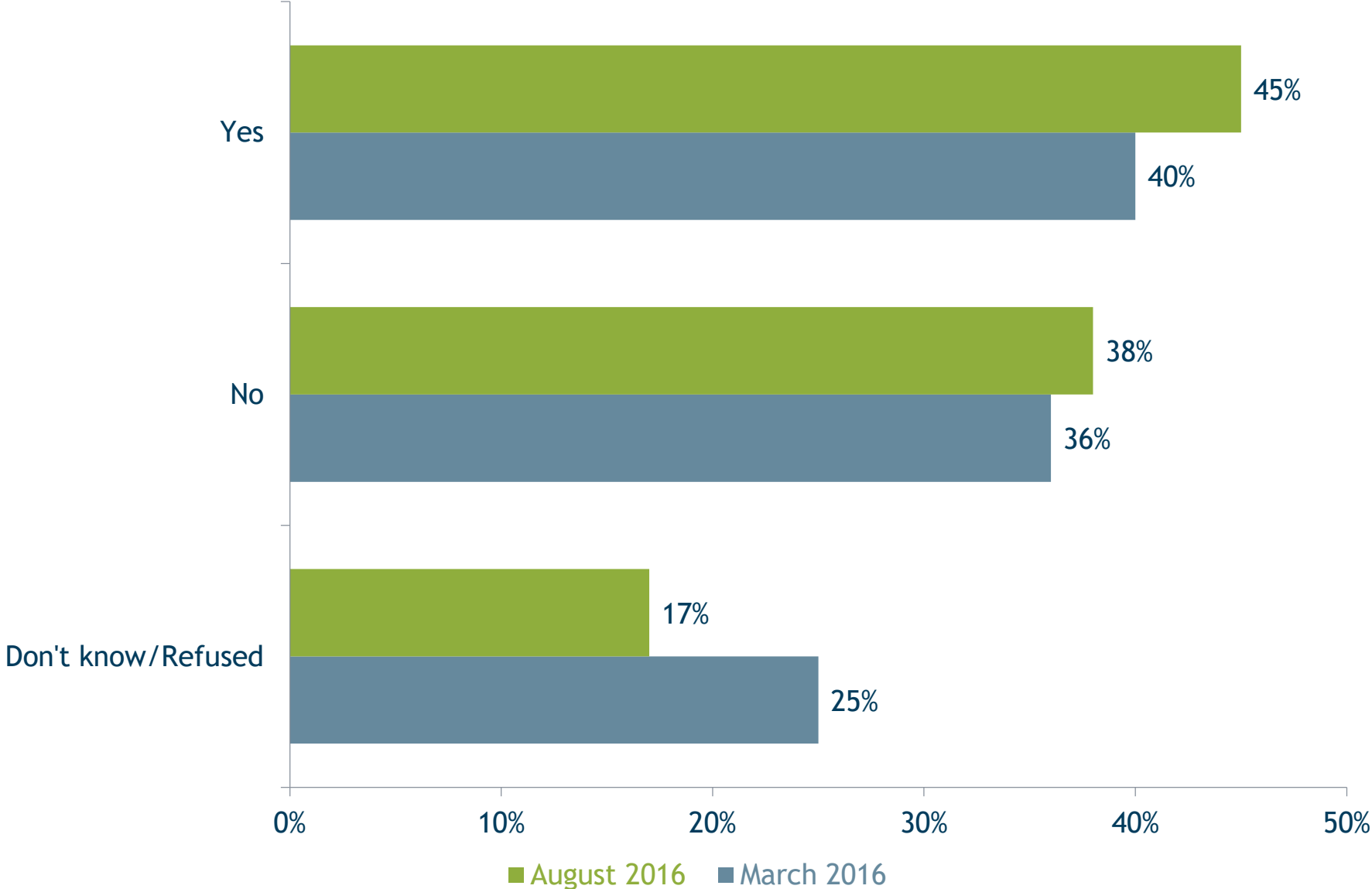
Women are equally represented in political decision-making positions in Mongolia.



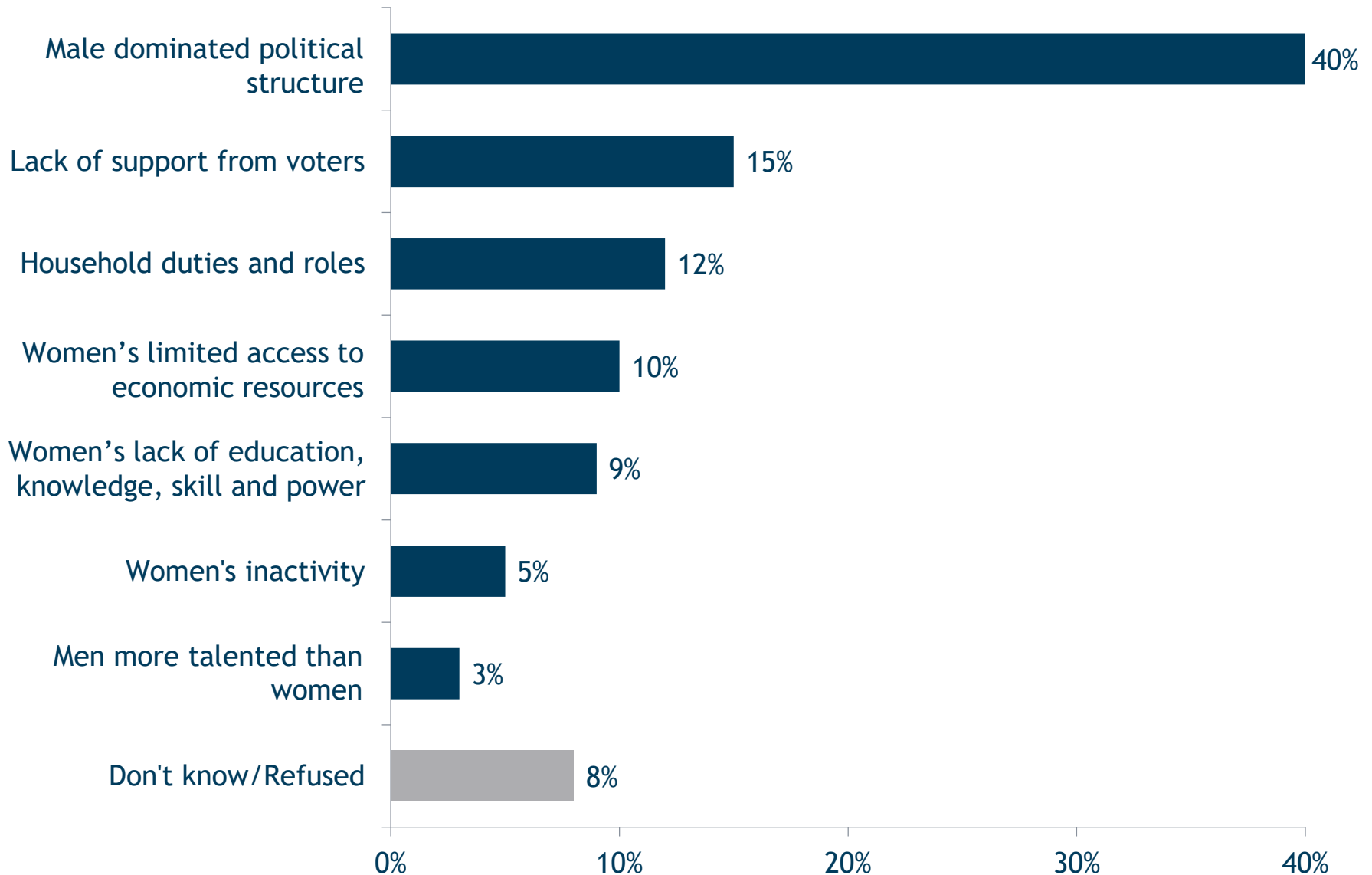
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



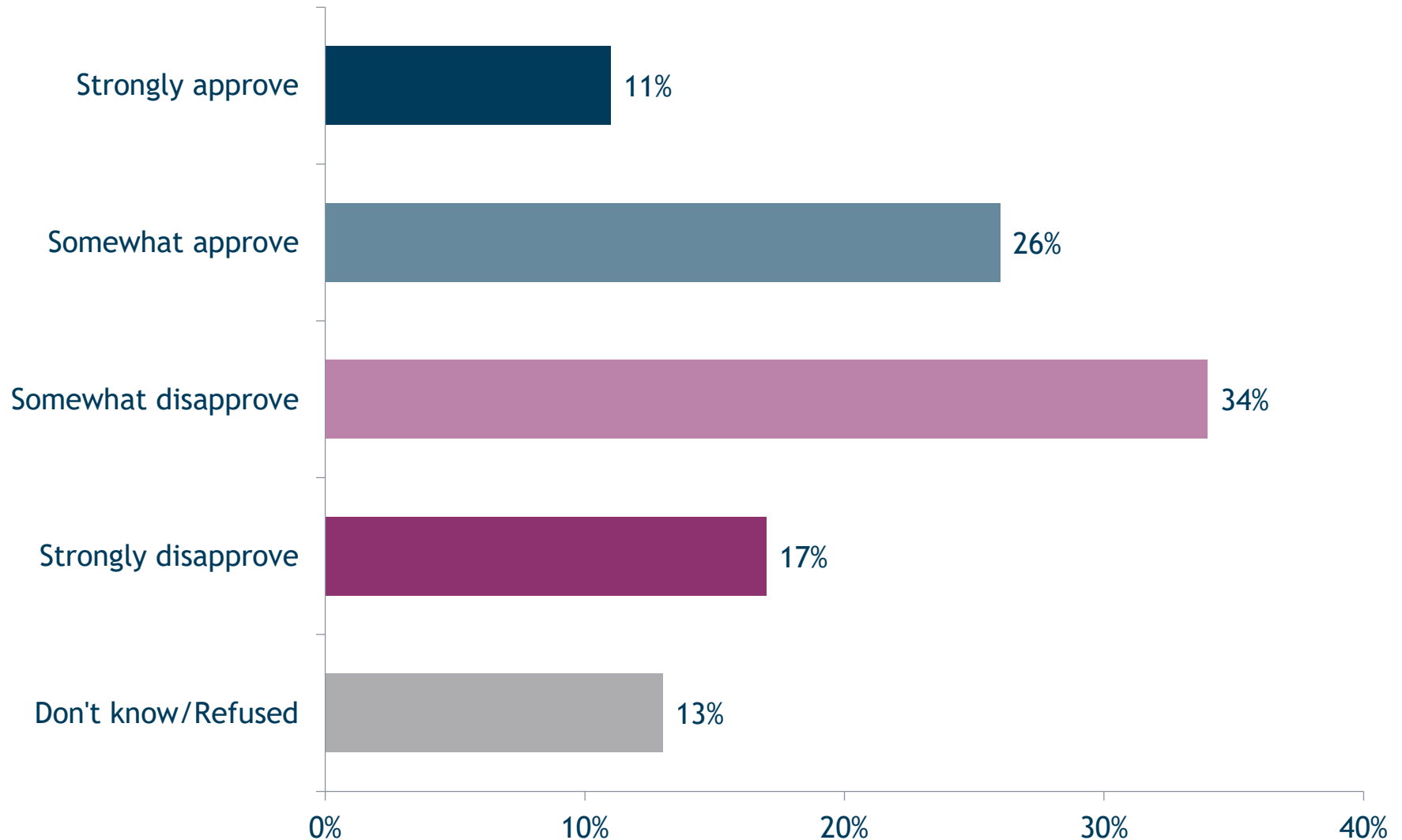
In your view, are women government officials generally less corrupt than their male counterparts?



Which of the following would you say is the greatest barrier to greater women's participation in political decision making?

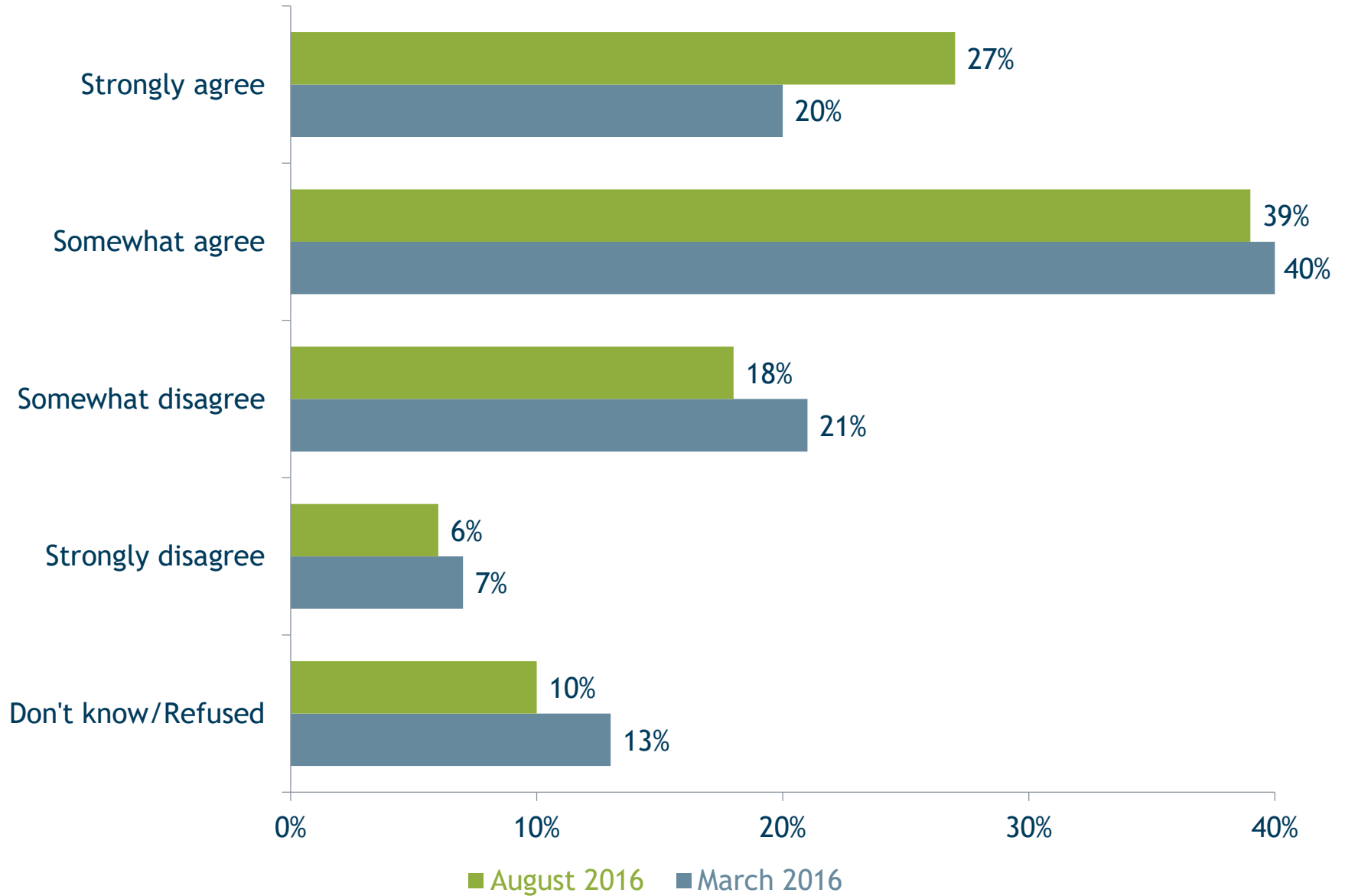


Prior to the 2016 parliamentary elections, Parliament reduced the requirement that at least 30 percent of candidates nominated by a political party be women to 20 percent. Do you approve or disapprove of this change?

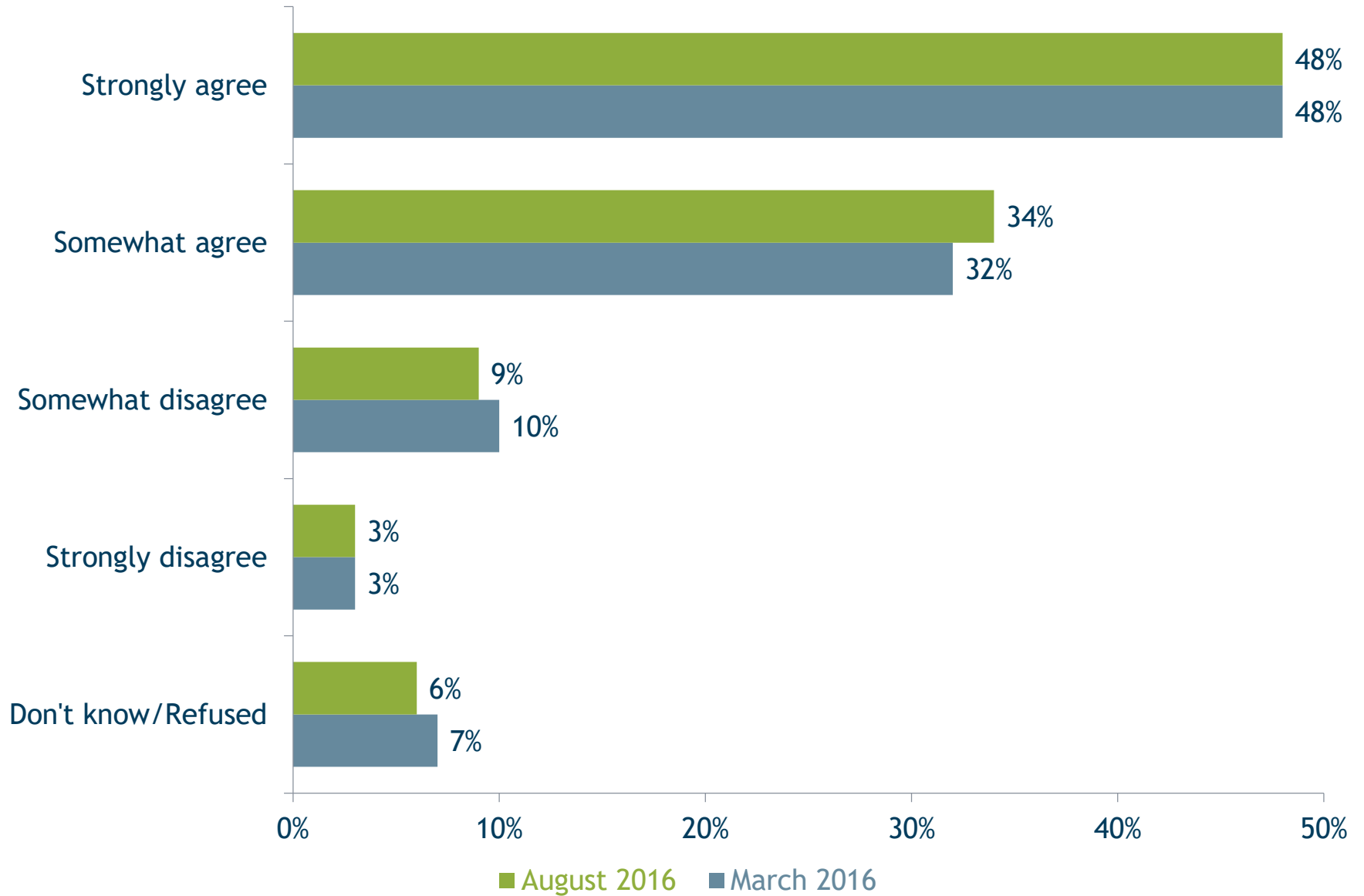


Agree or Disagree?

Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.

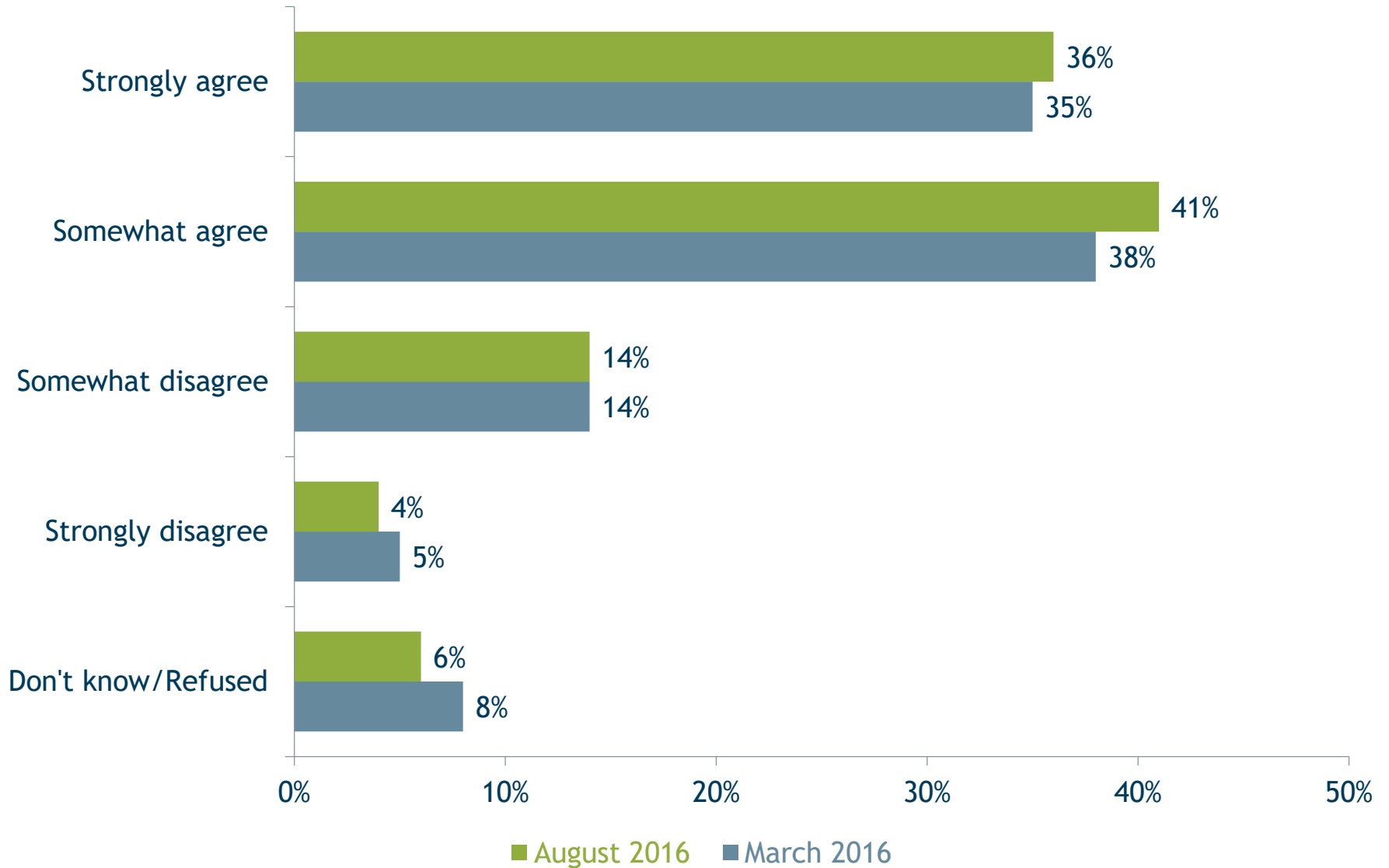


Agree or Disagree? Domestic violence is a problem in Mongolia.



Agree or Disagree?

Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.

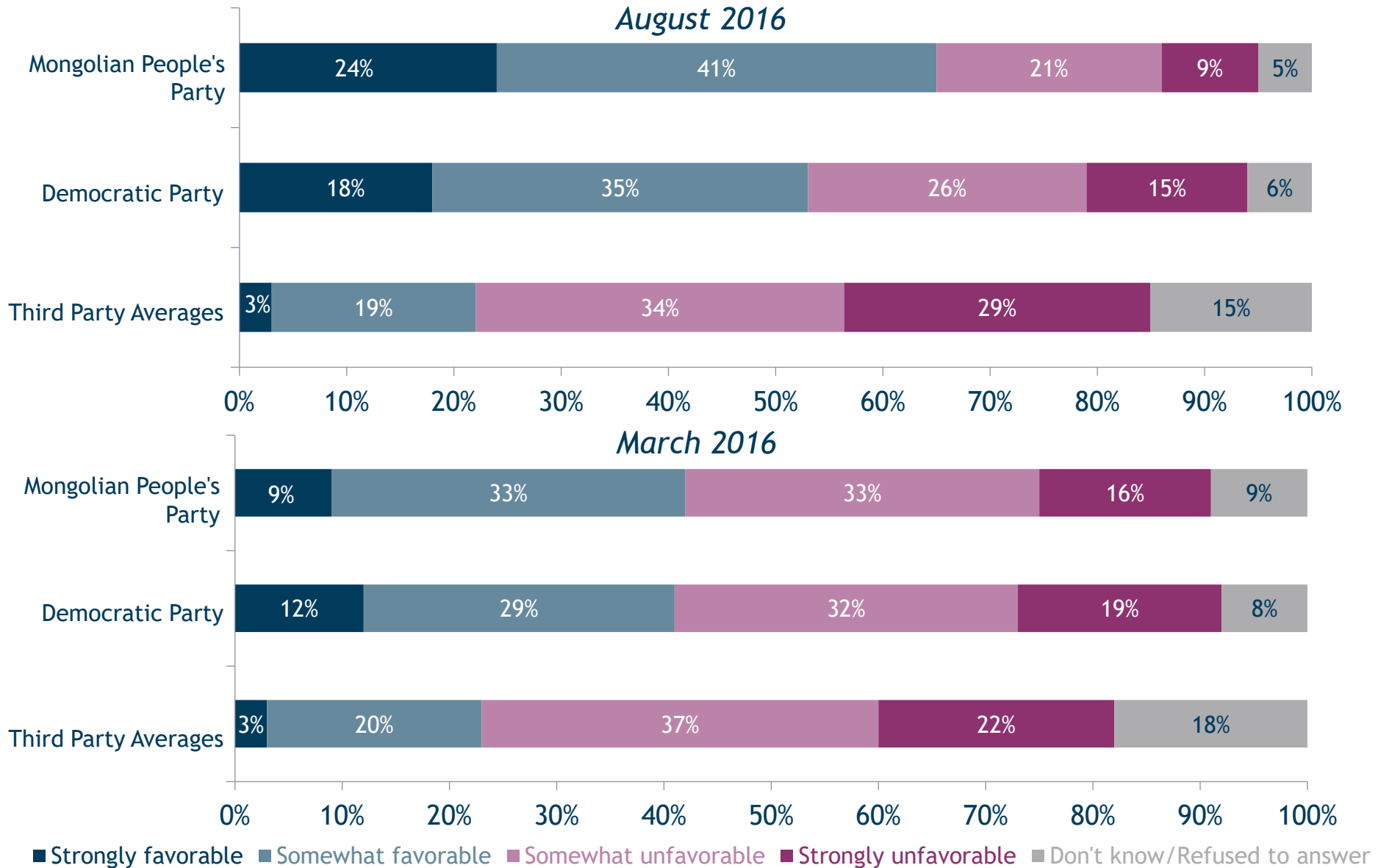




Political Parties



Would you say that you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

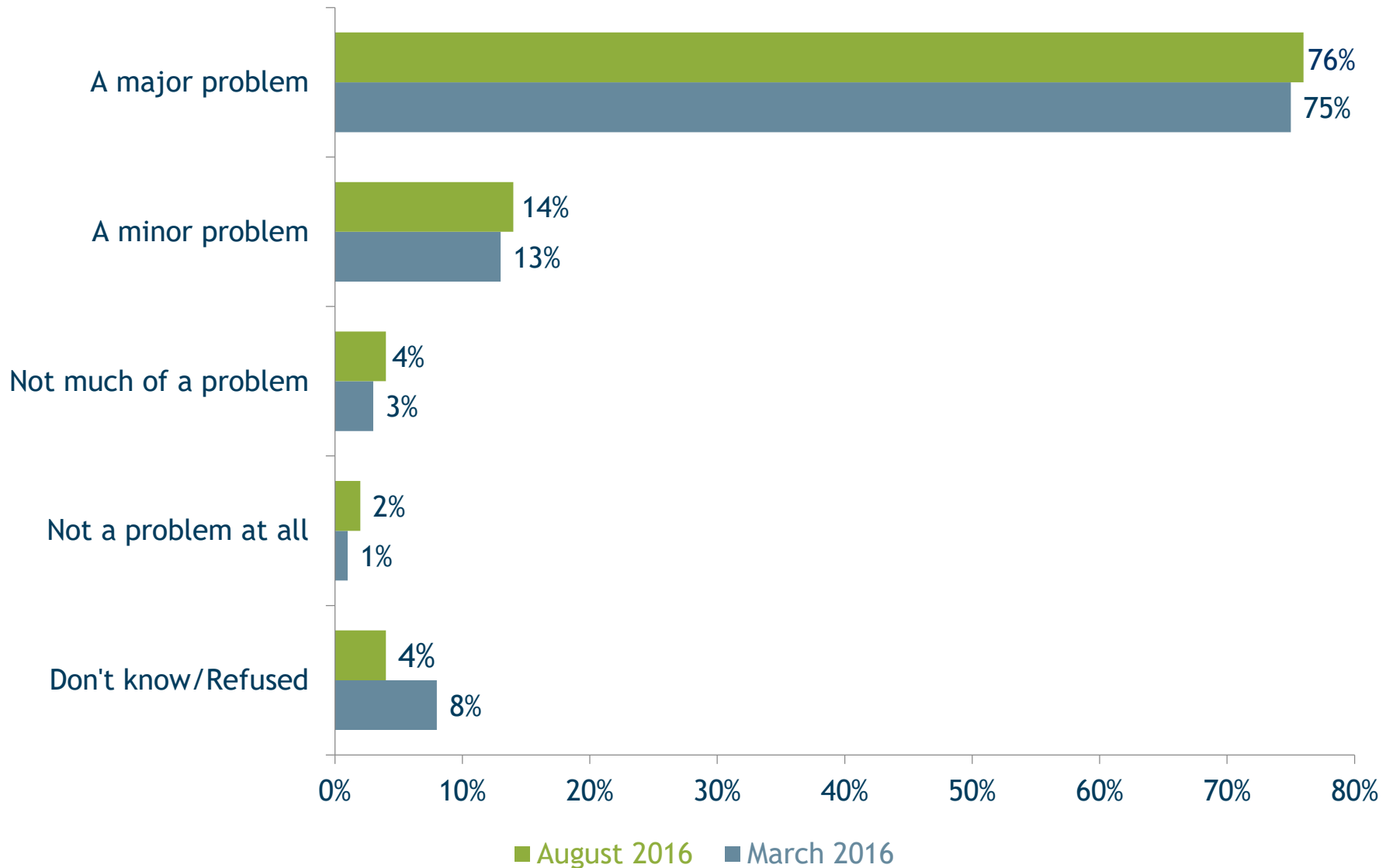




Views on Corruption

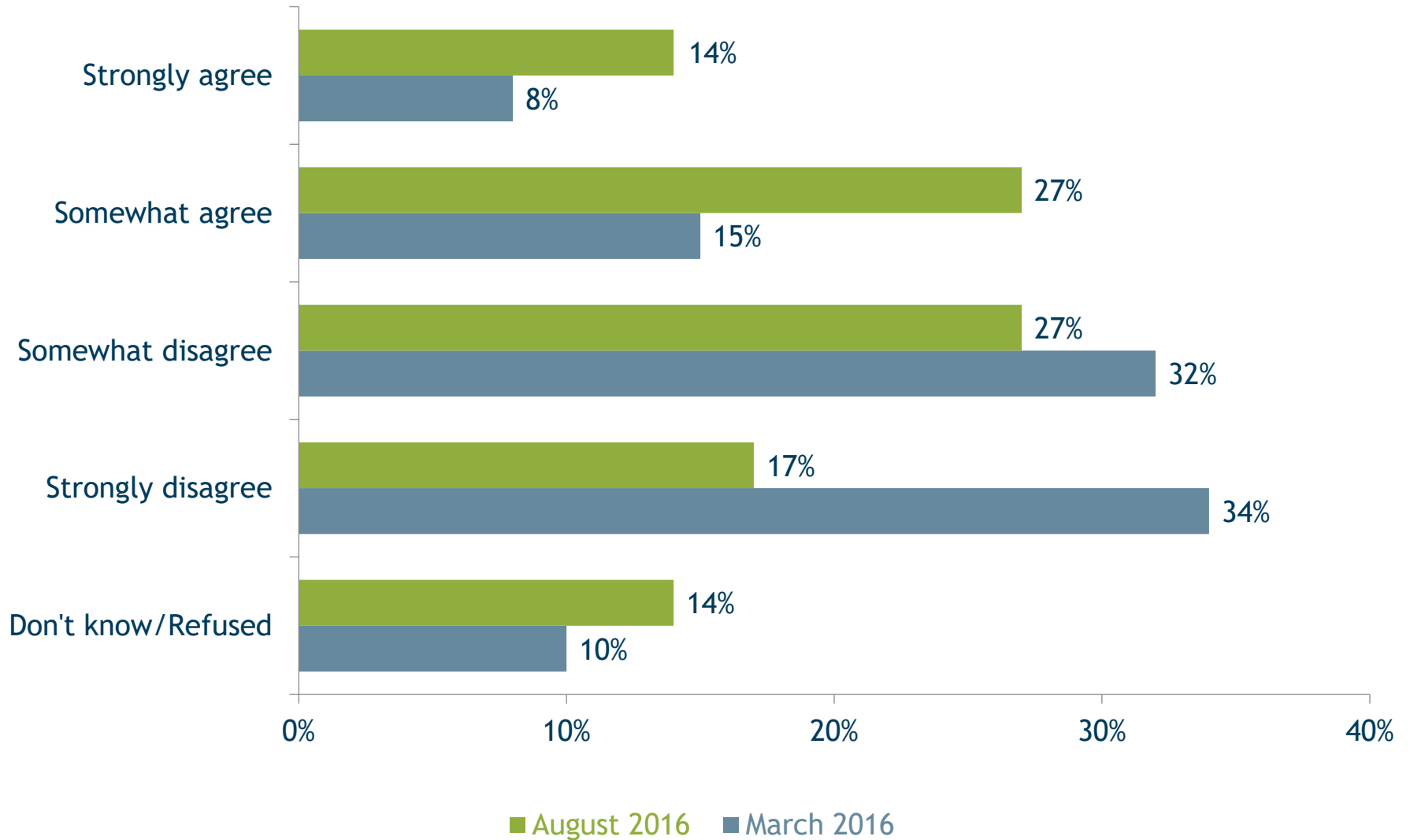


Do you believe that corruption is a major problem, a minor problem, not much of a problem or not a problem at all?



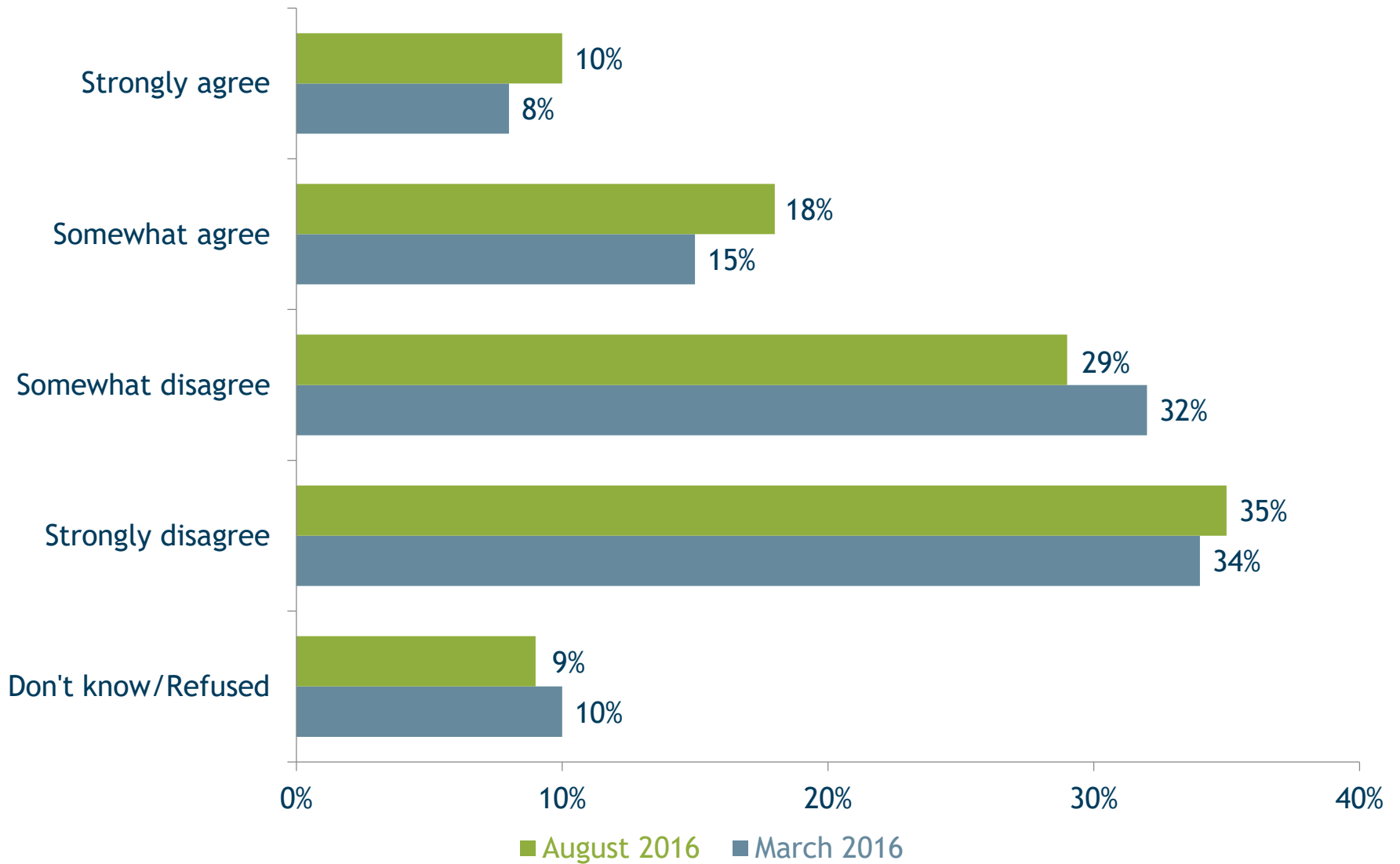
Agree or disagree?

The government allocates enough resources to address the corruption that exists in Mongolia today.



Agree or Disagree?

Officials who commit corruption abuses are adequately punished.

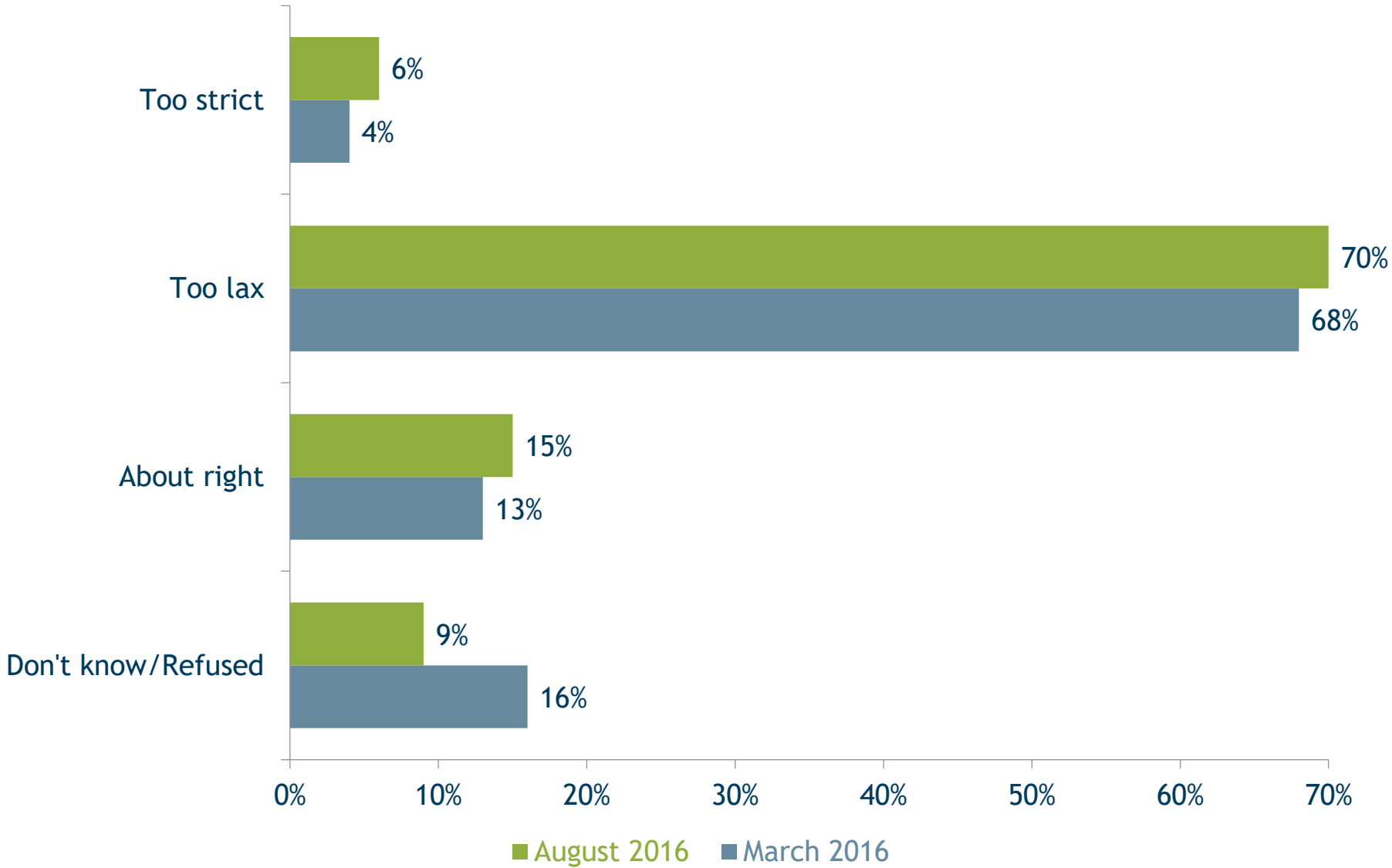




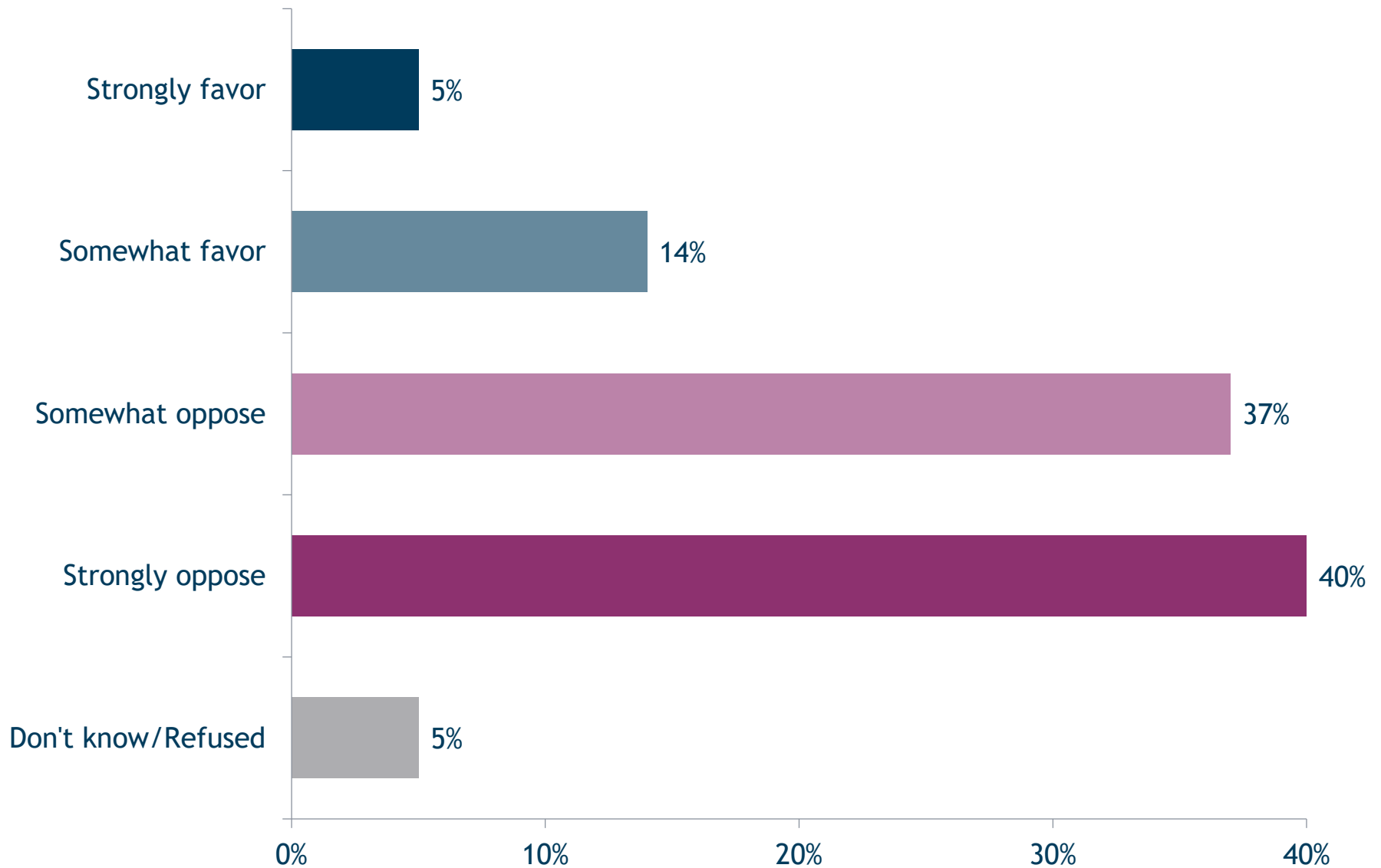
Views on Mining Practices



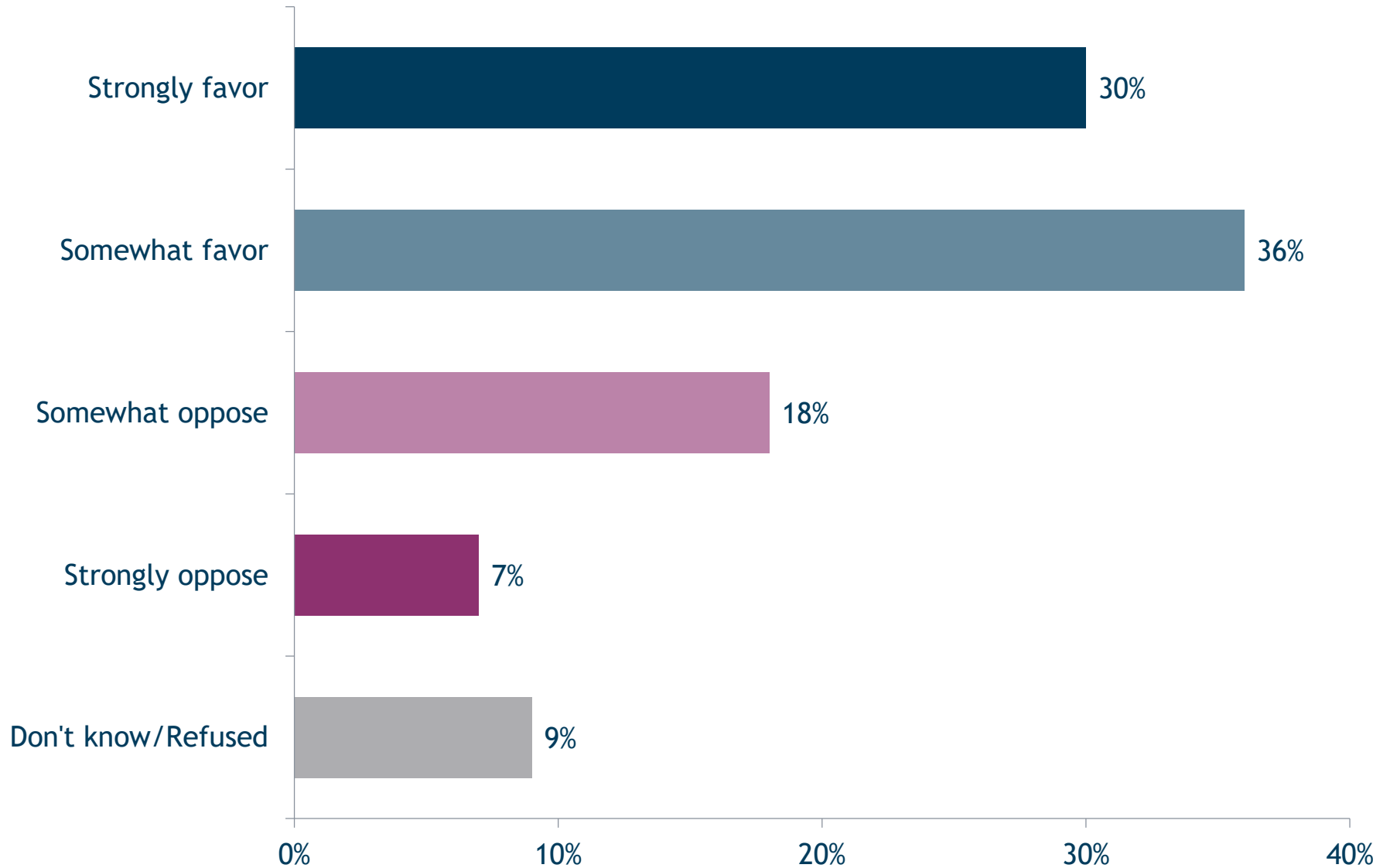
Overall, do you think the level of regulation on mining in Mongolia is too strict, too lax or about right?



Do you favor or oppose foreign companies having control over mining operations in Mongolia?

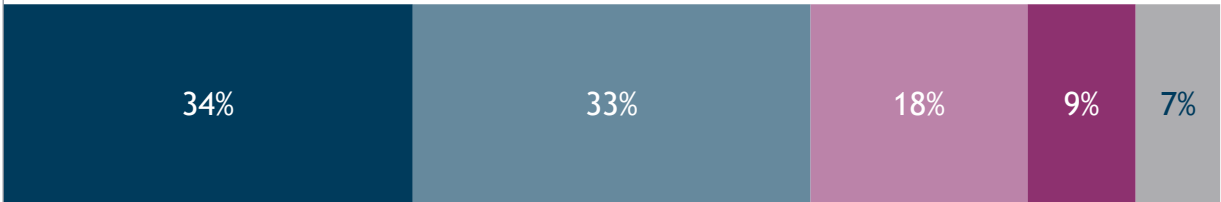


Would you favor or oppose Parliament passing laws that would prevent any foreign investment in mining operations in Mongolia?

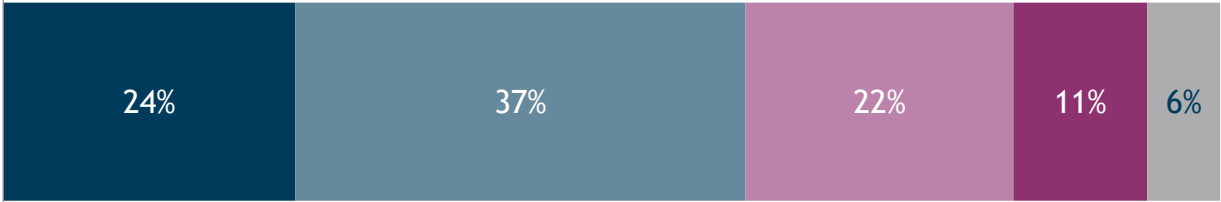


Now I am going to ask you your level of agreement or disagreement to various statements or your position on various issues.

The province should be given a proportional share of revenue from natural resources to address the problems affecting the province



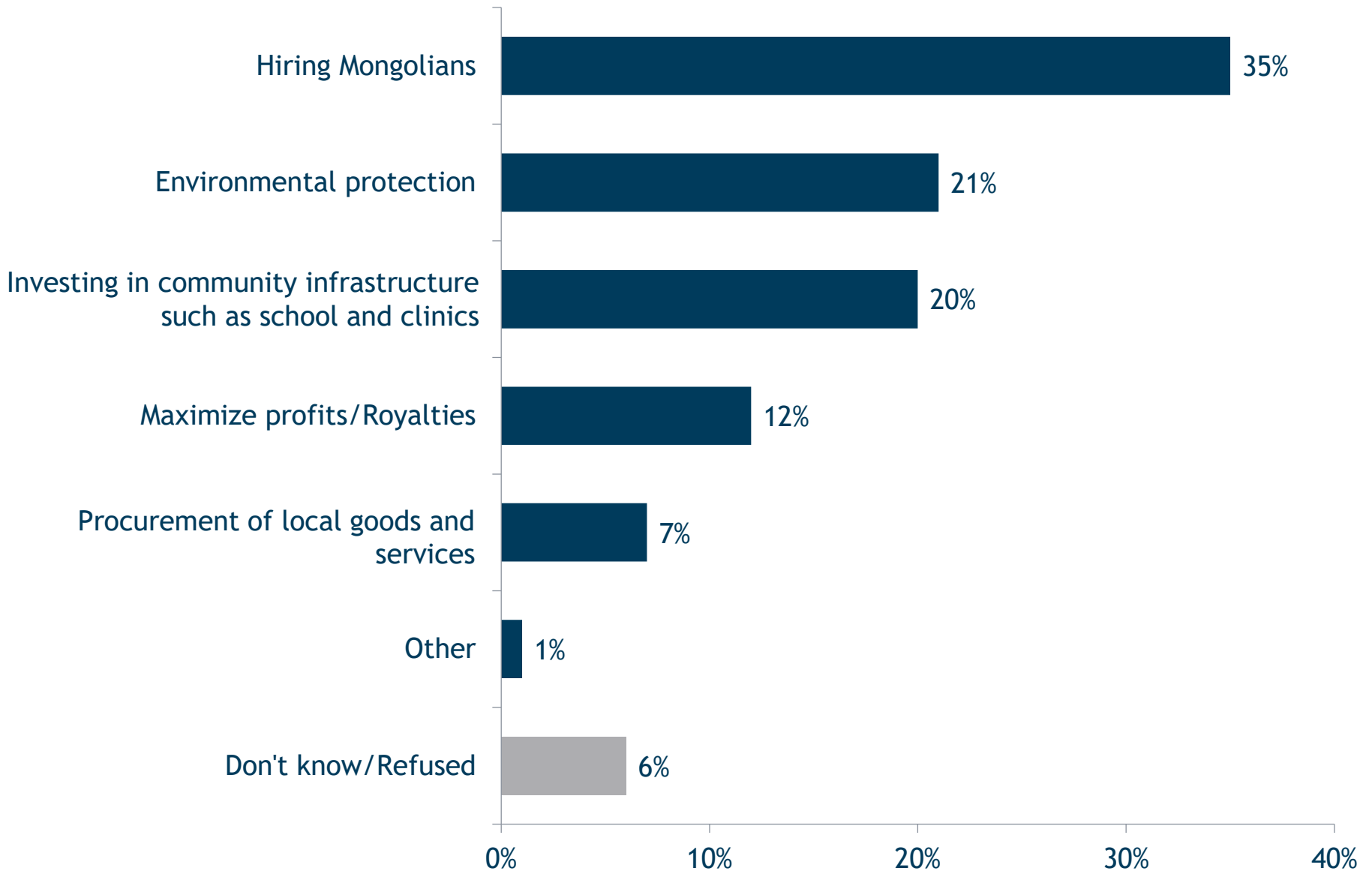
The best way for Mongolia to reduce unemployment is to attract foreign investment



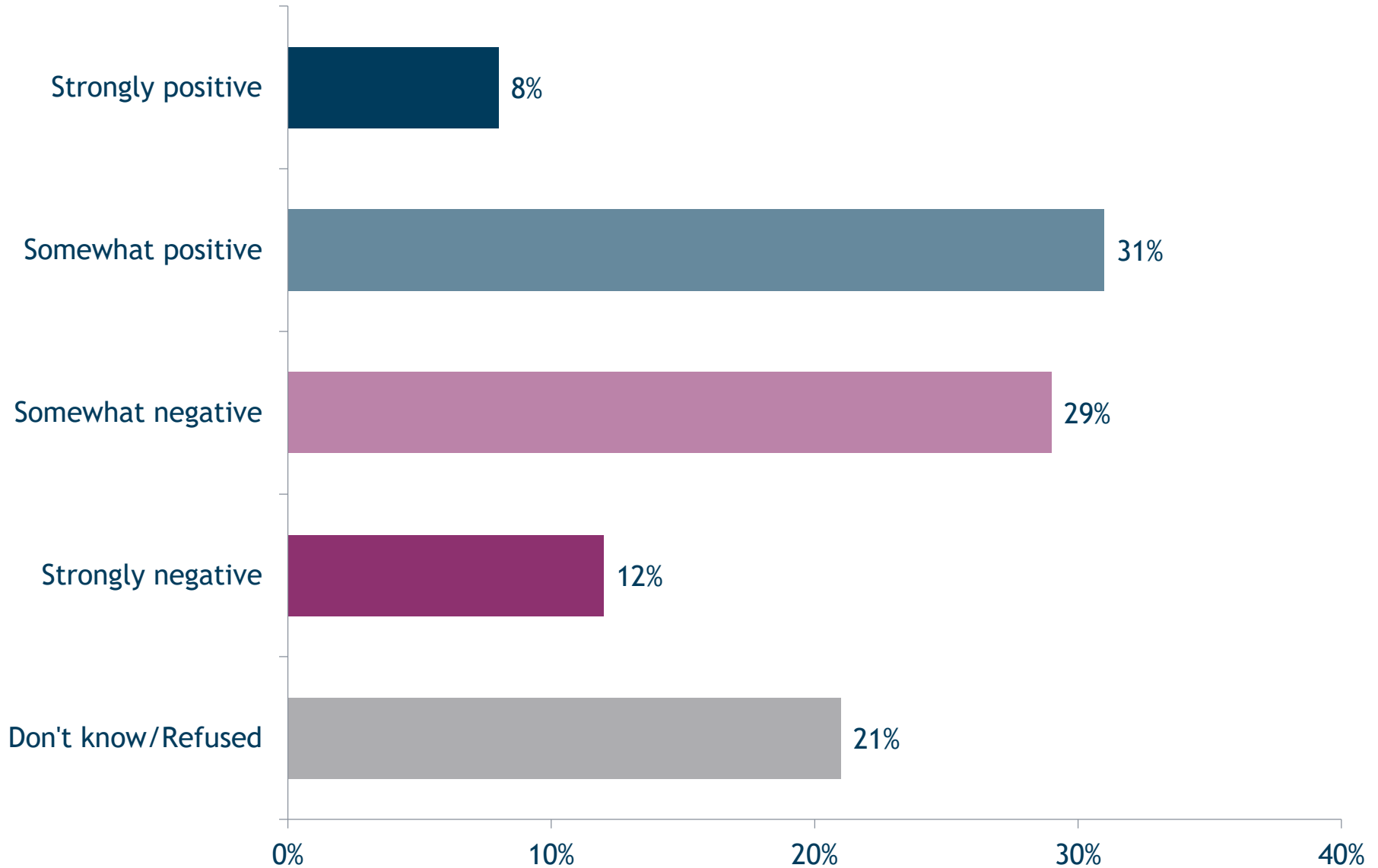
0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

■ Strongly Agree ■ Somewhat Agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know/Refused

What do you think foreign investors in mining in Mongolia should focus on the most?



Would you say your opinion of *Oyu Tolgoi/Rio Tinto* is strongly positive, somewhat positive, somewhat negative or strongly negative?

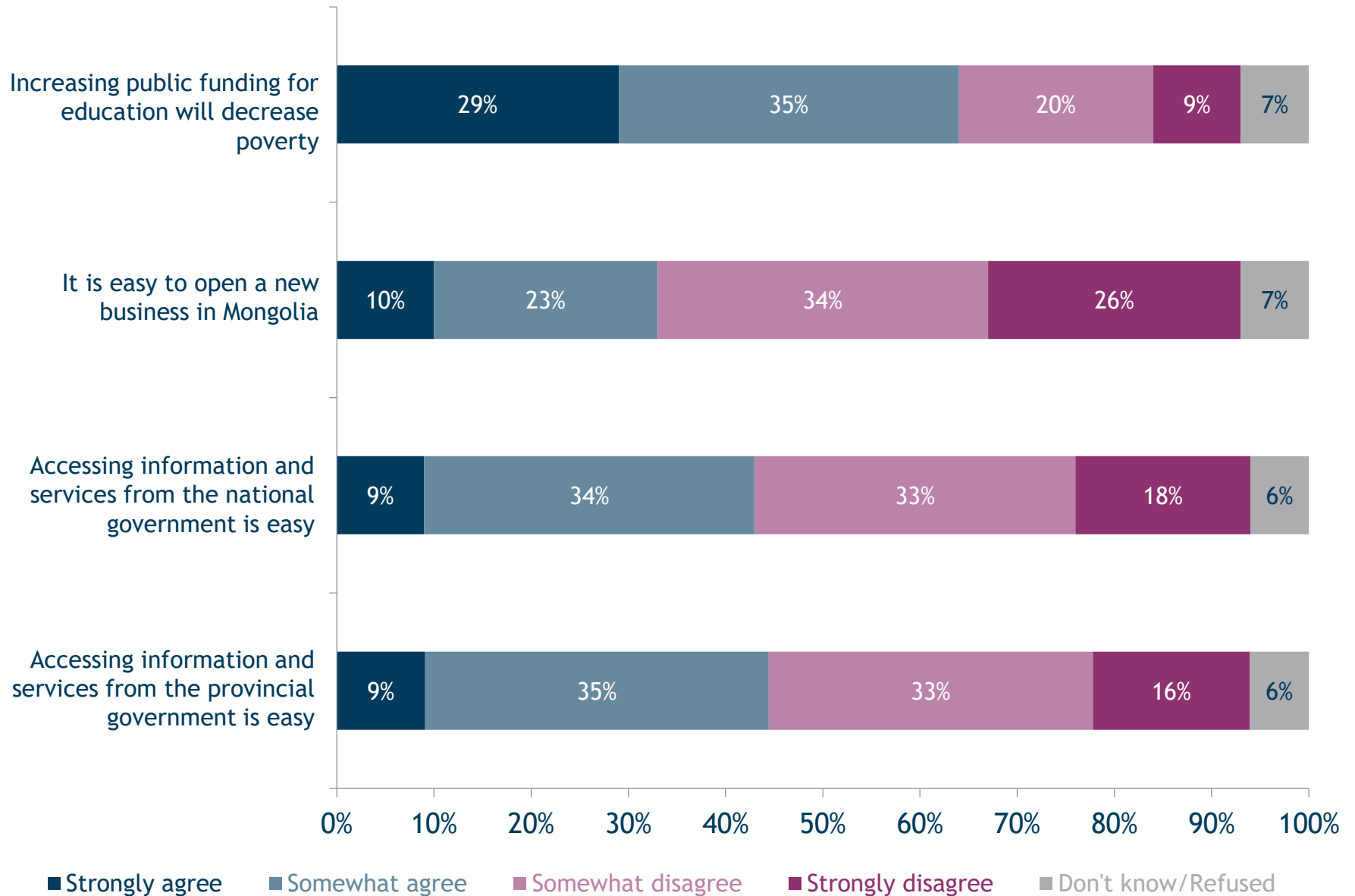




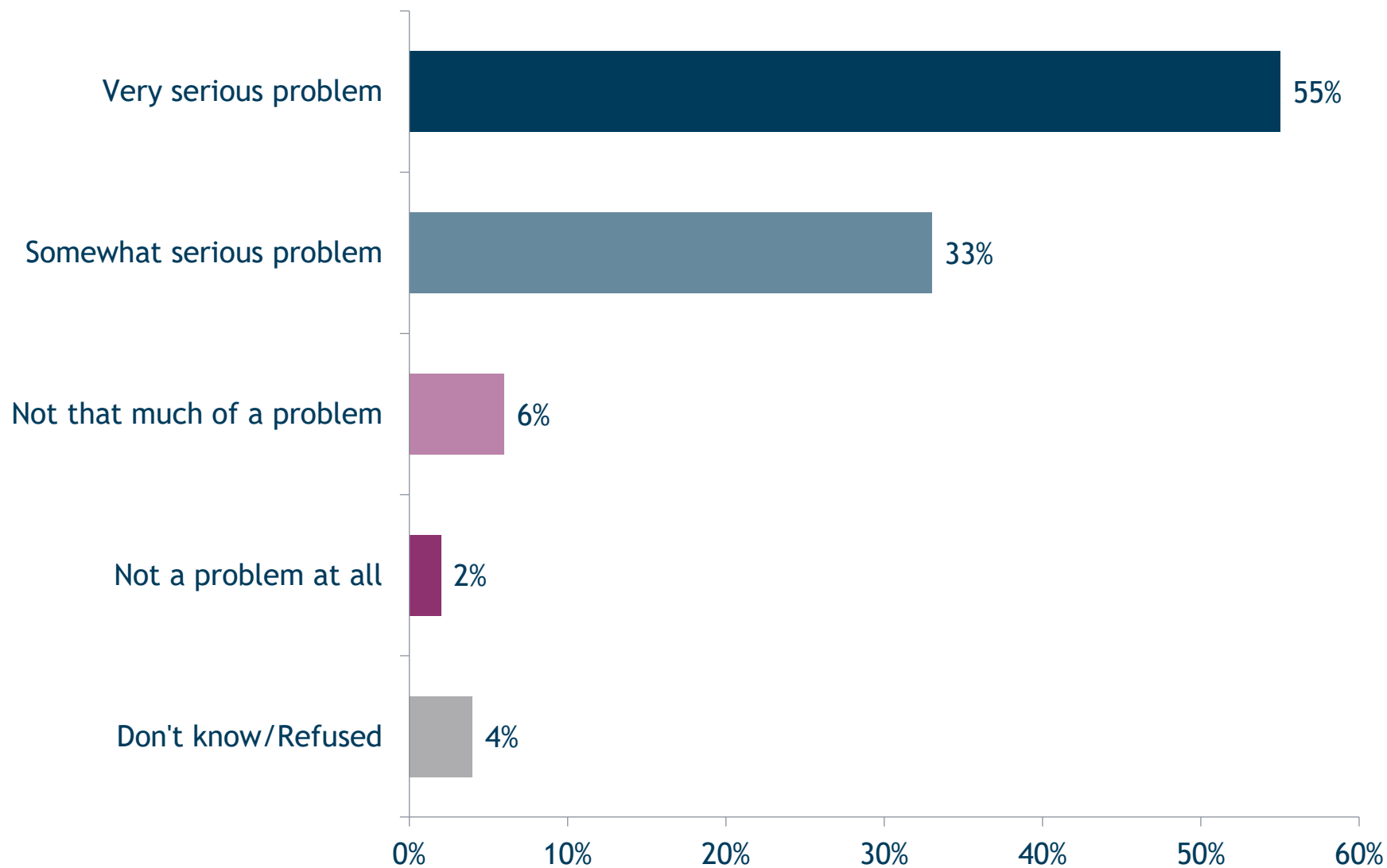
Views on Public Policy



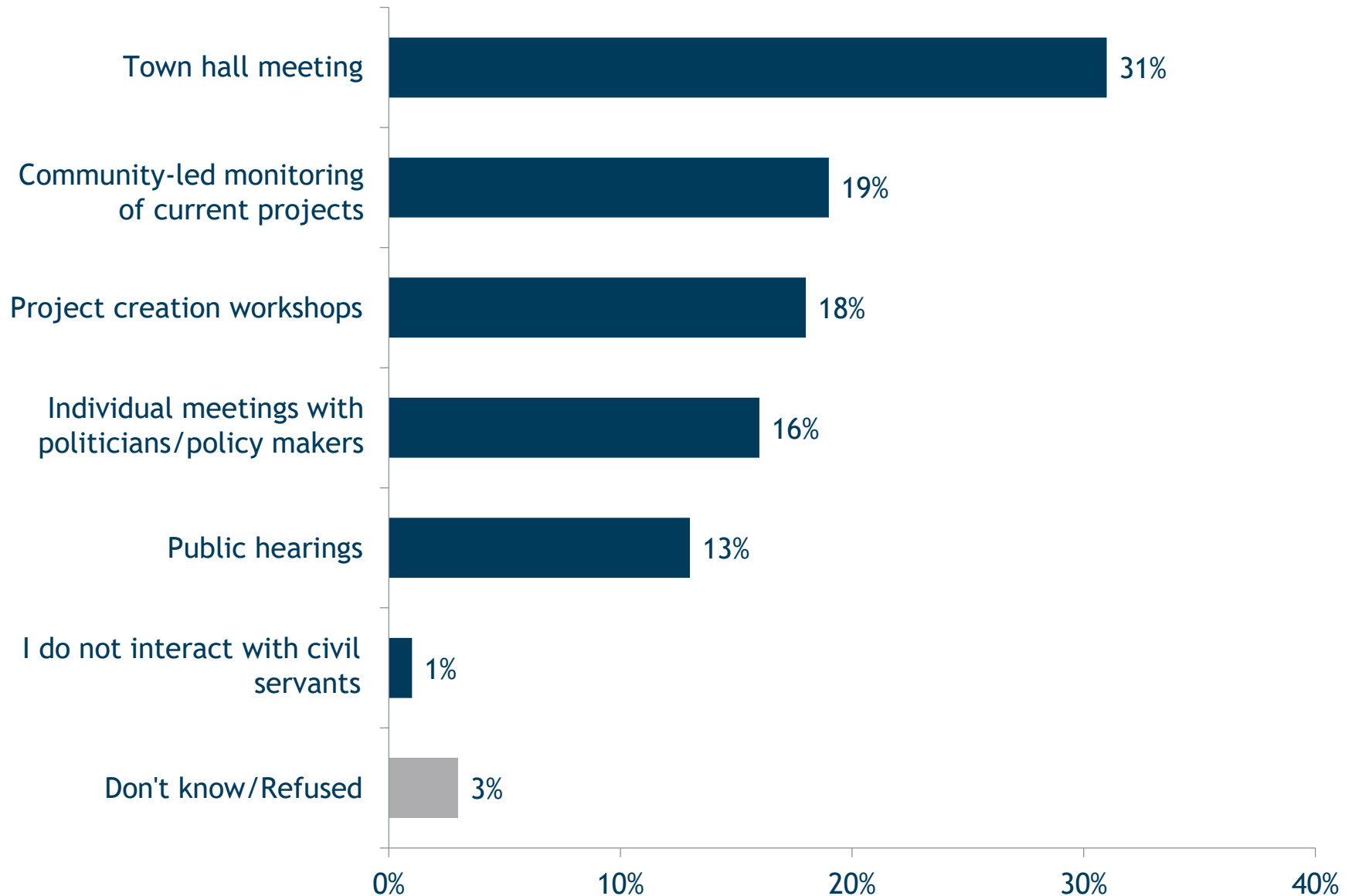
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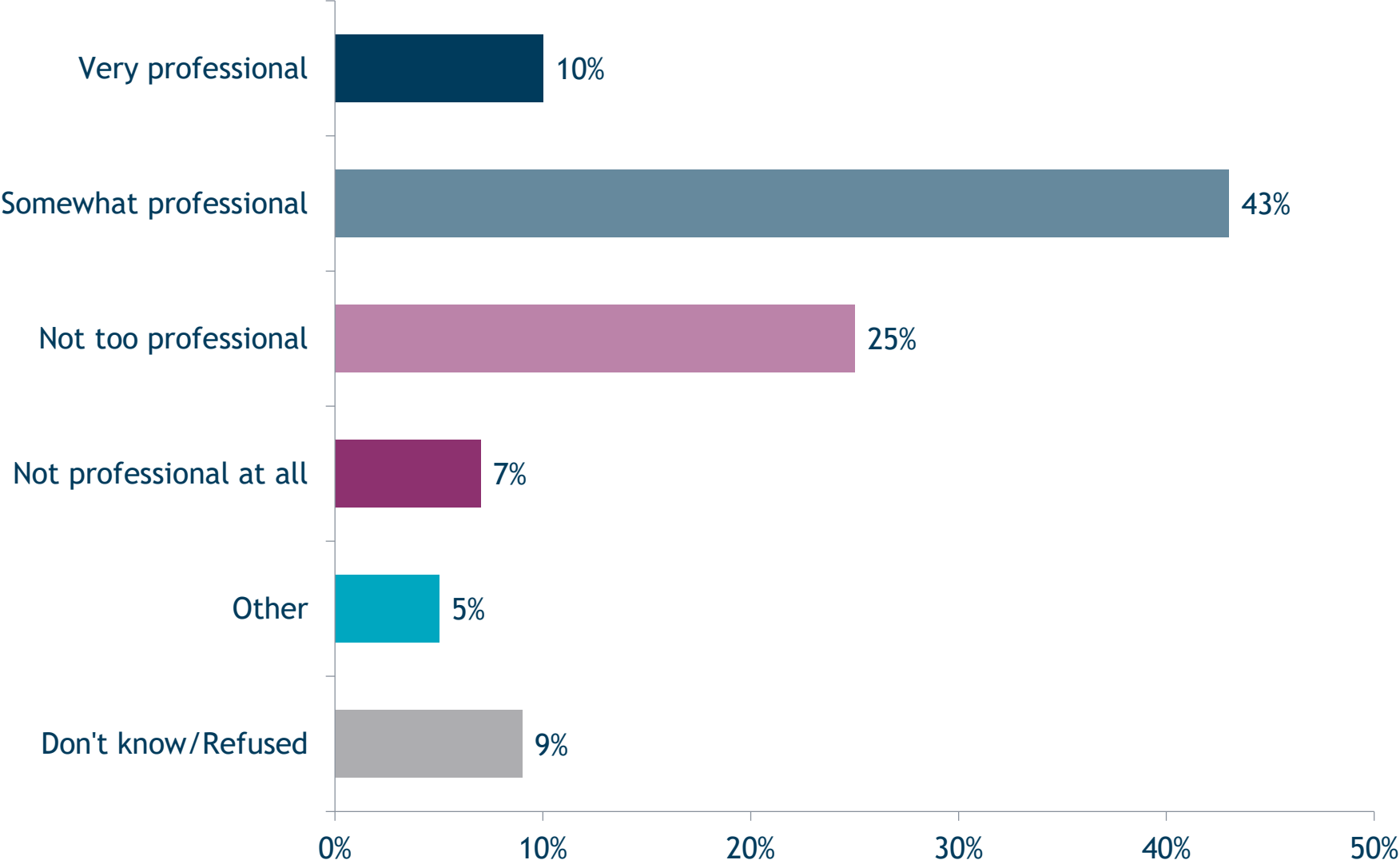
Thinking about the issue of climate change, would you say that climate change is a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not that much of a problem or not a problem at all?



Which type of activity would you be most interested in participating in to develop your community? (n=4,527)

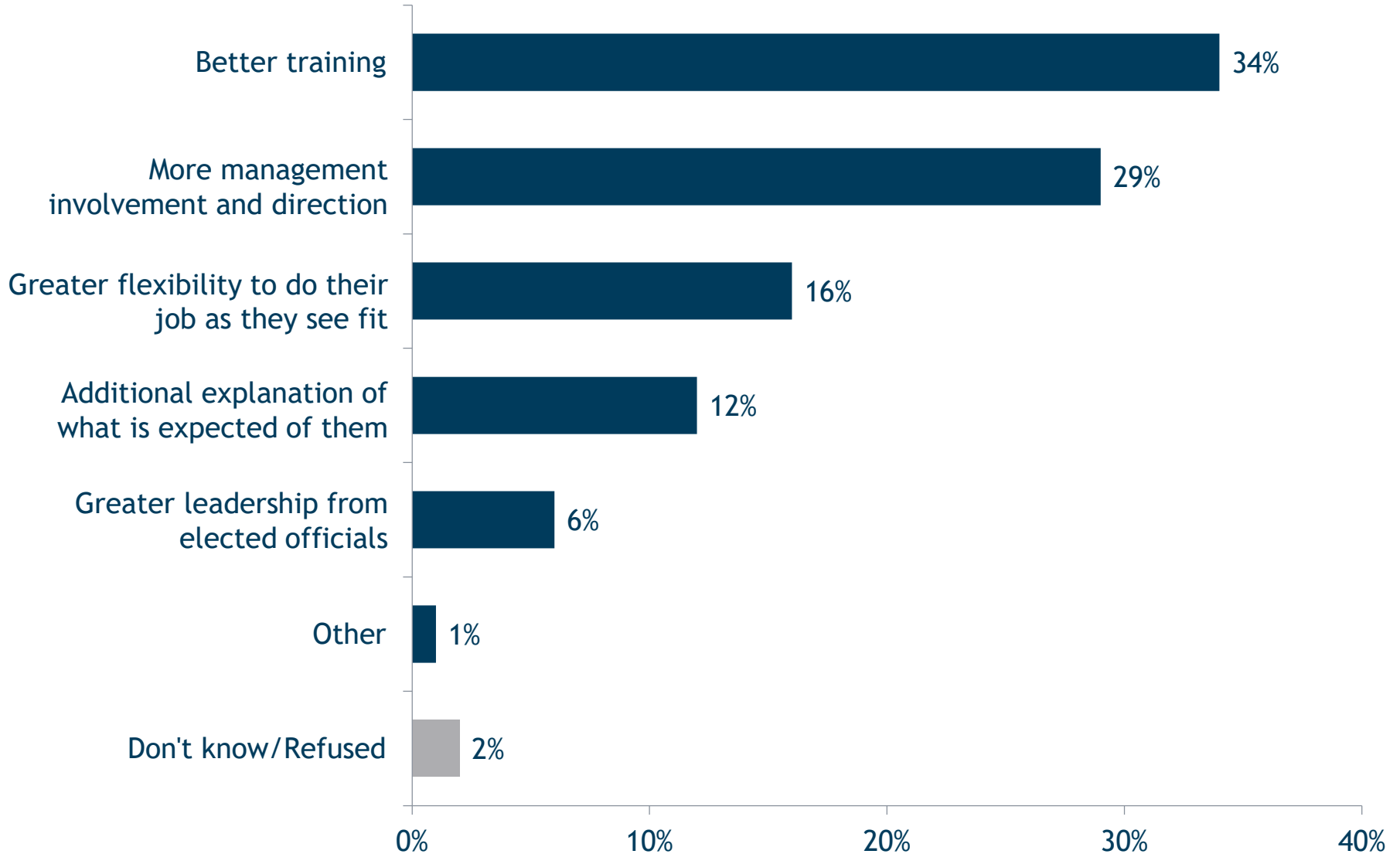


Would you say that civil servants, meaning non-elected government employees, are very professional, somewhat professional, not very professional or not professional at all?



Which of the following do you believe would do the most to improve the level of professionalism among civil servants, meaning non-elected government employees?

(n=4,265)

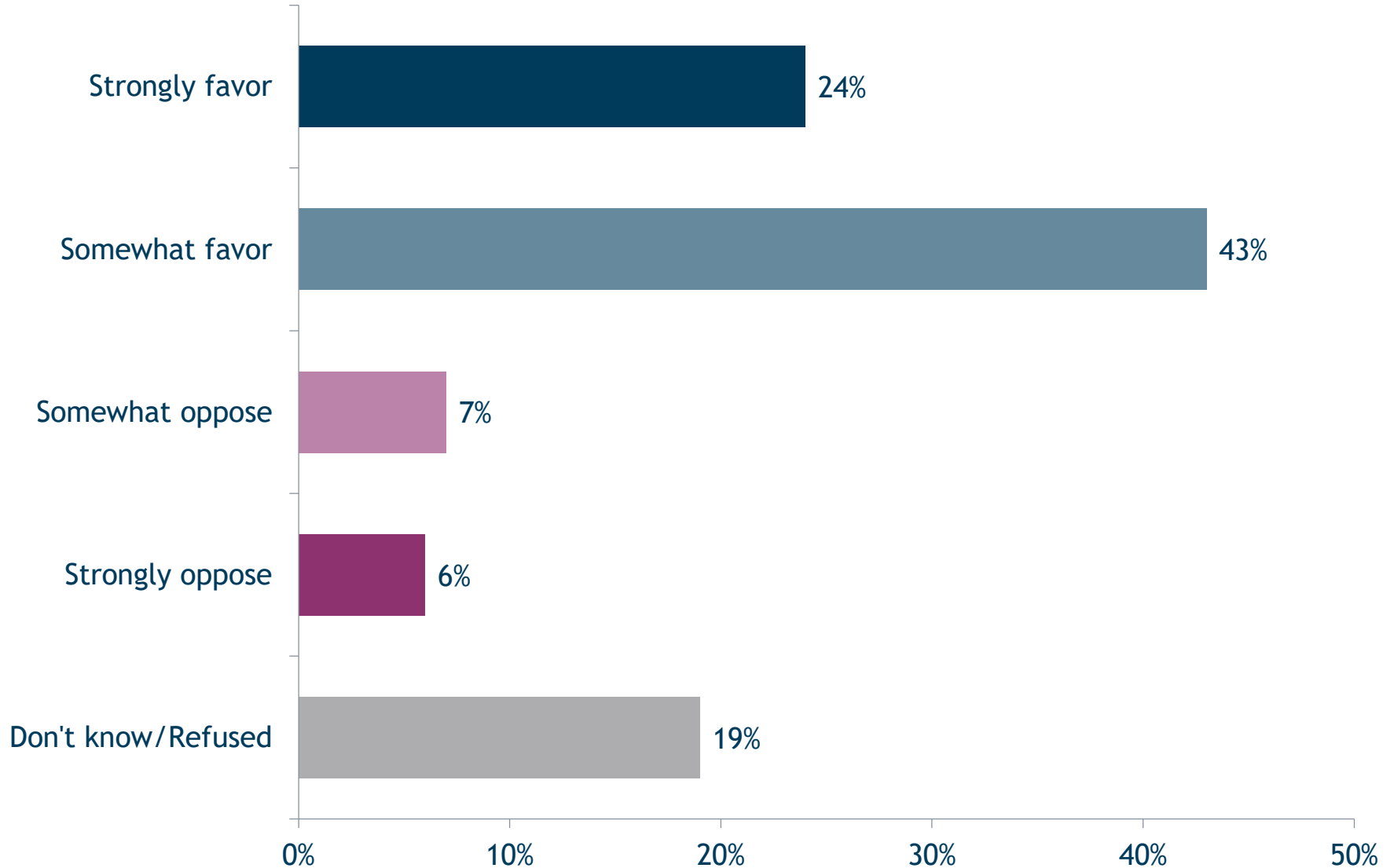




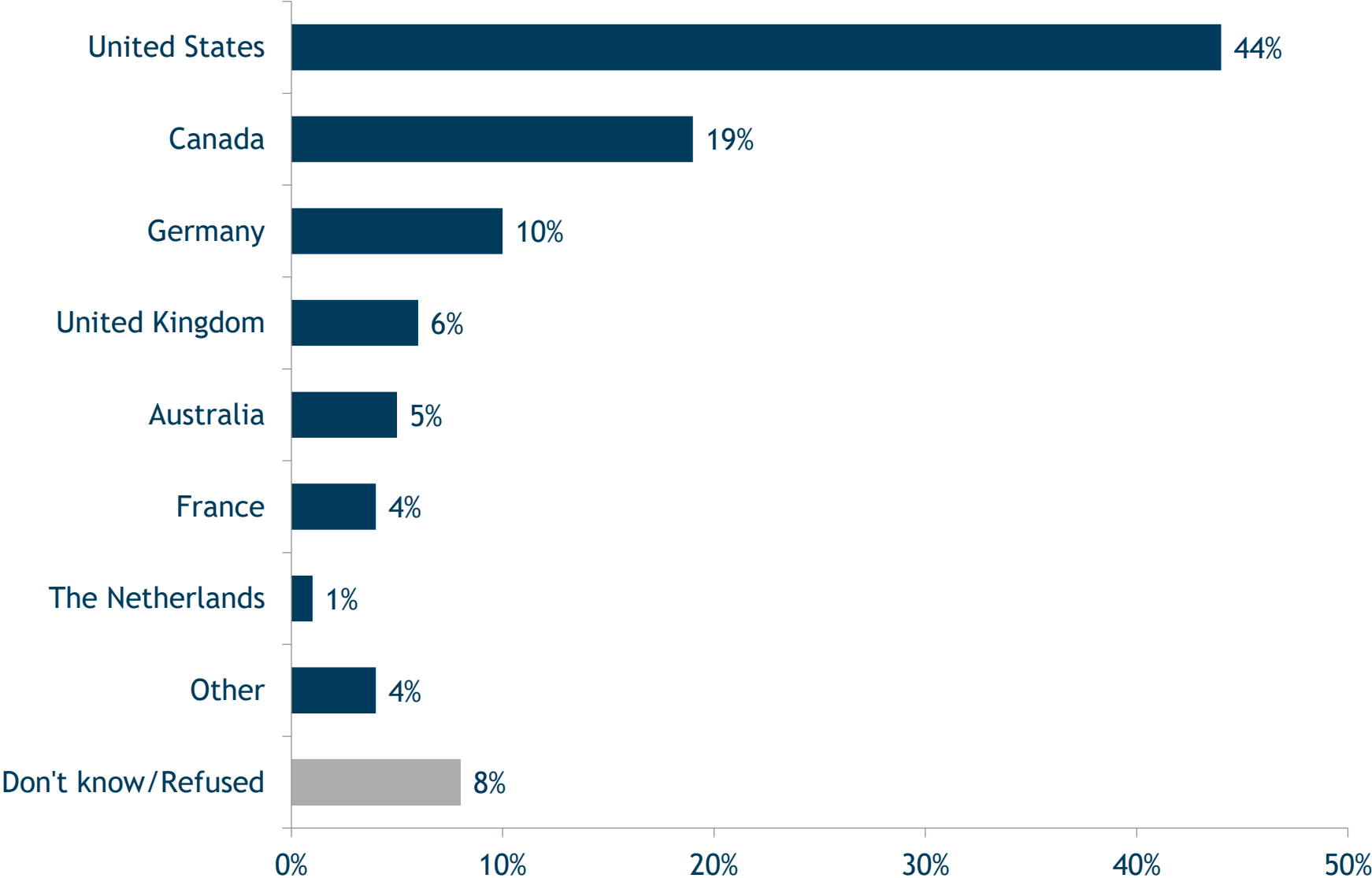
International Relations



Thinking again about foreign investment in Mongolia, particularly investment from countries in the West, would you favor or oppose more investment from western countries such as Canada, the United States, Australia and western European countries?



Thinking about other countries investing money and resources in Mongolia, which one of the following countries would you most favor investing additional money and resources in Mongolia? (n=3,742)



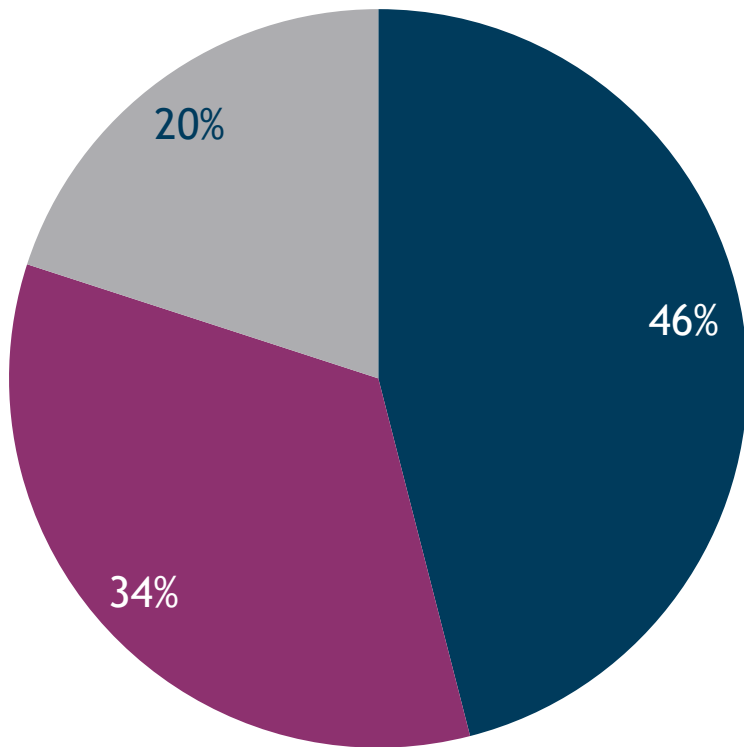


Media

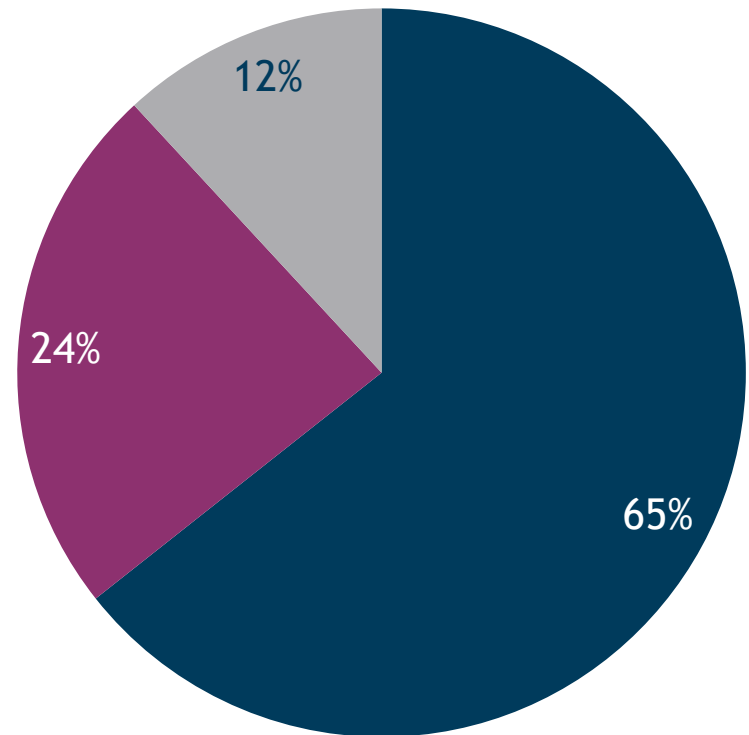


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Do you believe the media is free, fair and unbiased?

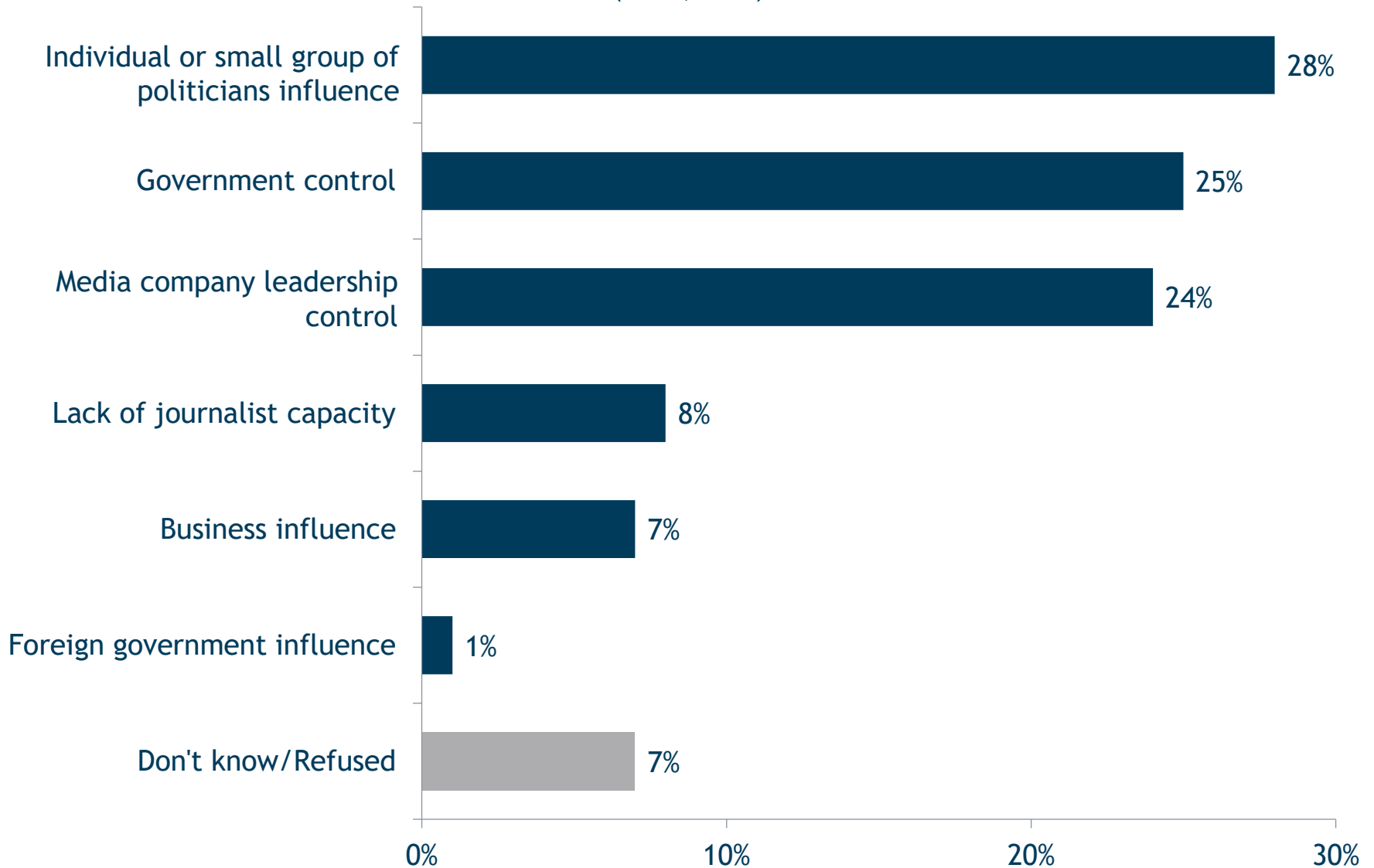


Do you expect the media to remain free, fair and unbiased under the new government?
(n=2,276)

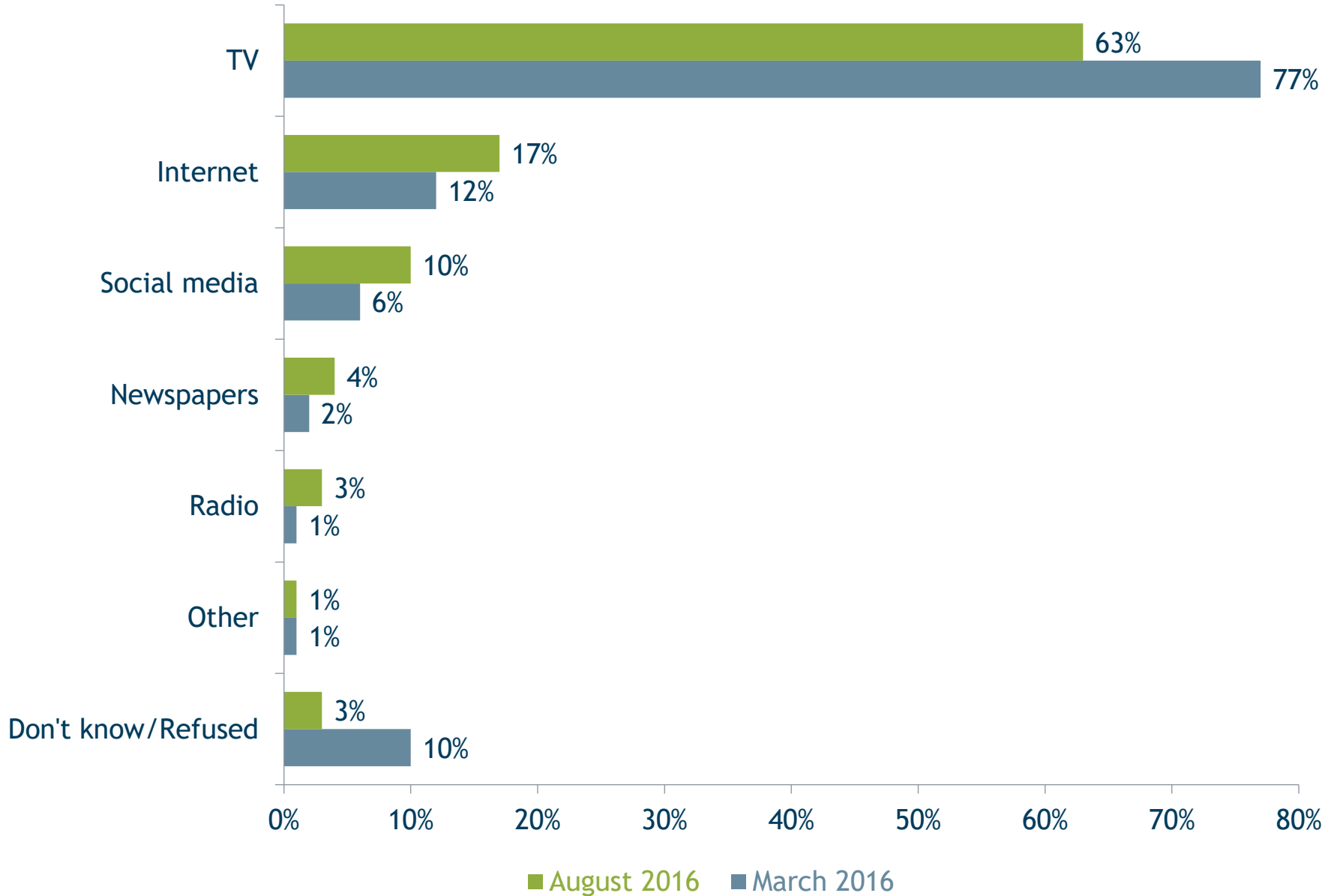


■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/Refused

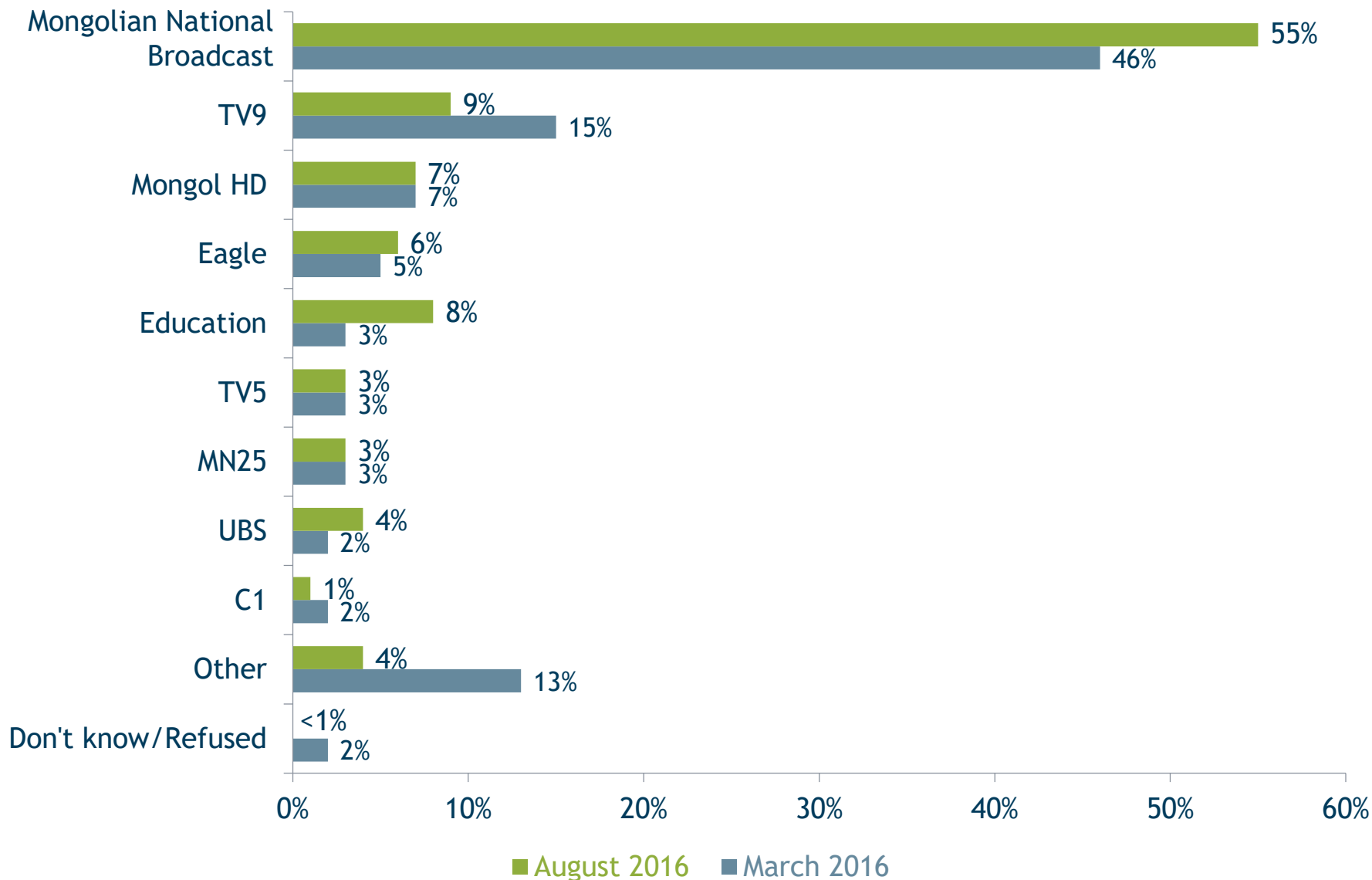
What is the primary reason you believe the media is not or will no longer be free, fair or unbiased? (n=2,258)



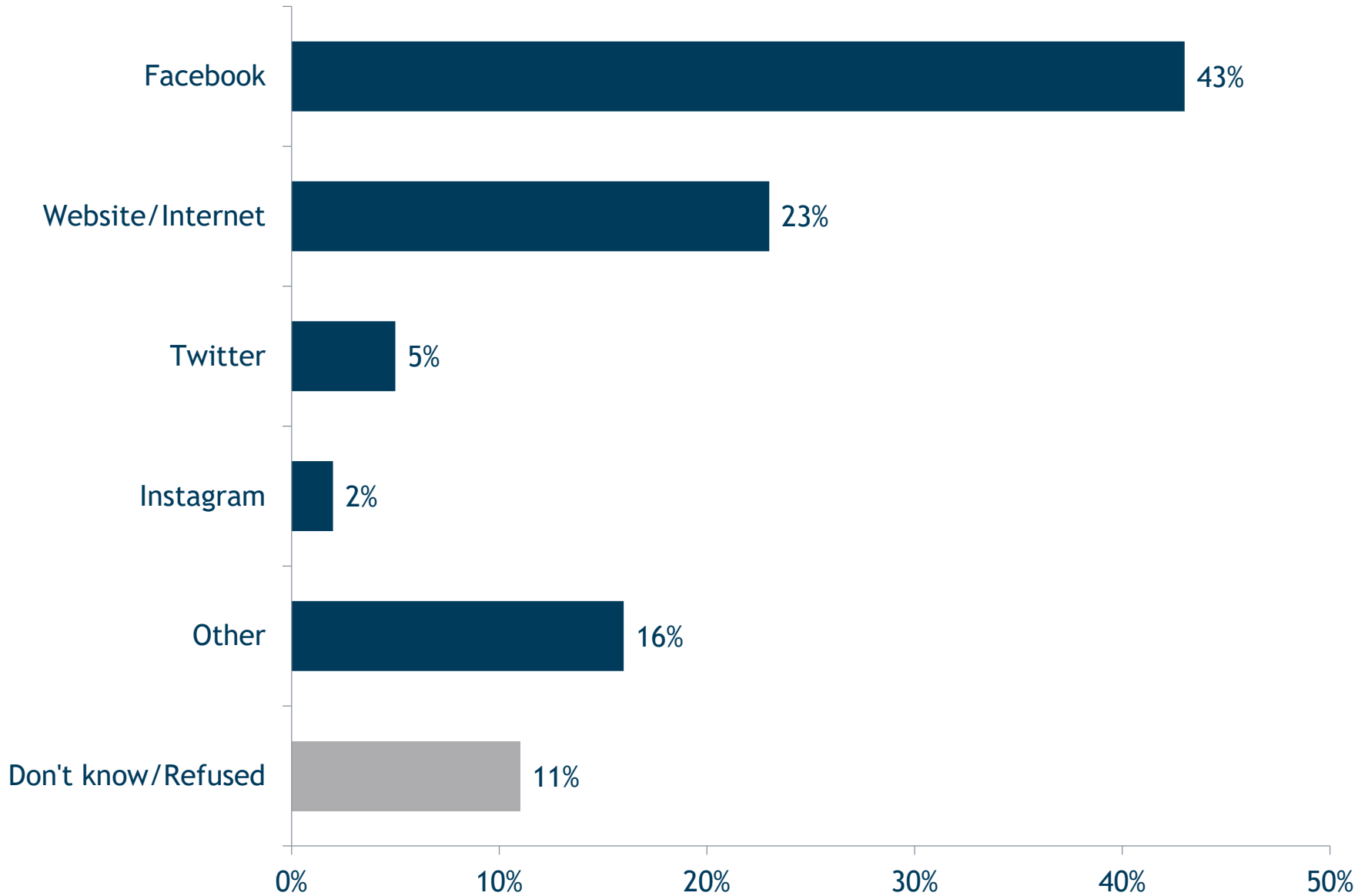
From which type of media are you most likely to get your news?



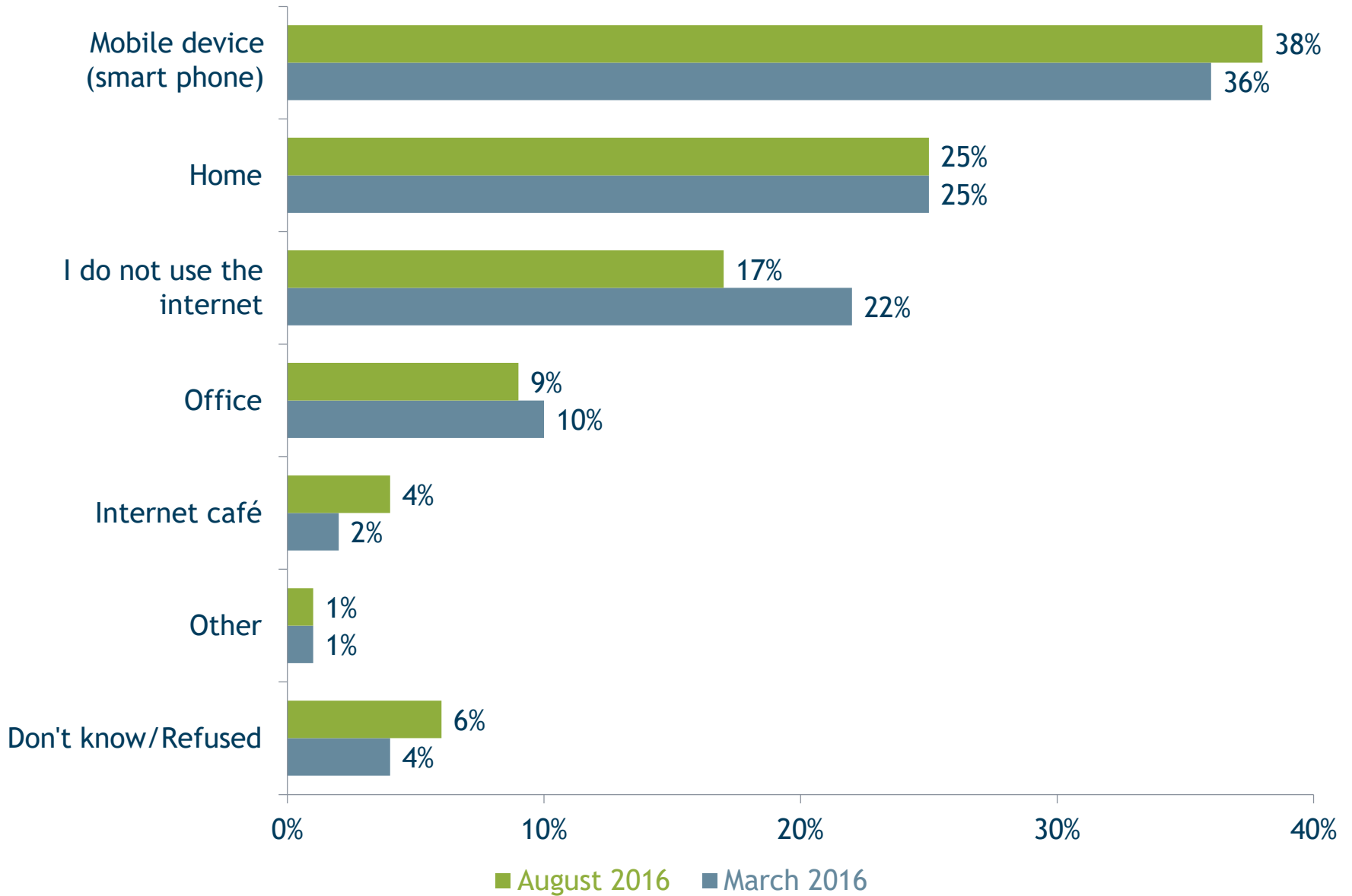
For those answering TV, which TV station do you most often watch? (March n=3,835/August n=3,158, open-ended)



Which social media platform do you rely on most for political news?



Where do you most often access the Internet?



Demographics

Gender

Female	51%
Male	49%

Age

18-30	35%
31-40	26%
41-50	20%
51-60	12%
61+	7%

Monthly Income*

0-300,000 MNT	12%
300,001-500,000 MNT	21%
500,001-700,000 MNT	17%
700,001-900,000 MNT	14%
900,001-1,100,000 MNT	8%
1,100,001-1,600,000 MNT	8%
1,600,001-2,100,000 MNT	2%
2,100,001+ MNT	1%

Aimag

Urban	53%
Aimag Center	36%
Soum/Rural	11%

Religion

Buddhism	48%
Not religious	24%
Shamanism	11%
Islam	6%
Christianity	5%
Other/Refused	6%

Political Party Affiliation

Unaffiliated	58%
Democratic Party	12%
Mongolian People's Party	21%
Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party	3%
Civil Will-Green Party	1%
Mongolian National Democratic Party	1%
National Labor Party	<1%
Other	<1%

Education

No formal schooling	1%
Primary	3%
Partial secondary	13%
Full secondary	32%
Vocational	14%
College/University	35%

Employment Status

Full-time worker	28%
Self-employed	23%
Unemployed	8%
Contract worker	12%
Retired	12%
Student	9%
Disabled	2%
Take care of children	4%
Other	<1%

Marital Status

Married	68%
Single	22%
Widowed	4%
Divorced	3%
Partnered	2%

*MNT means Mongolian National *Tugrik*, the official currency of Mongolia.

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