



Sierra Leone Public Opinion Survey

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Detailed Methodology

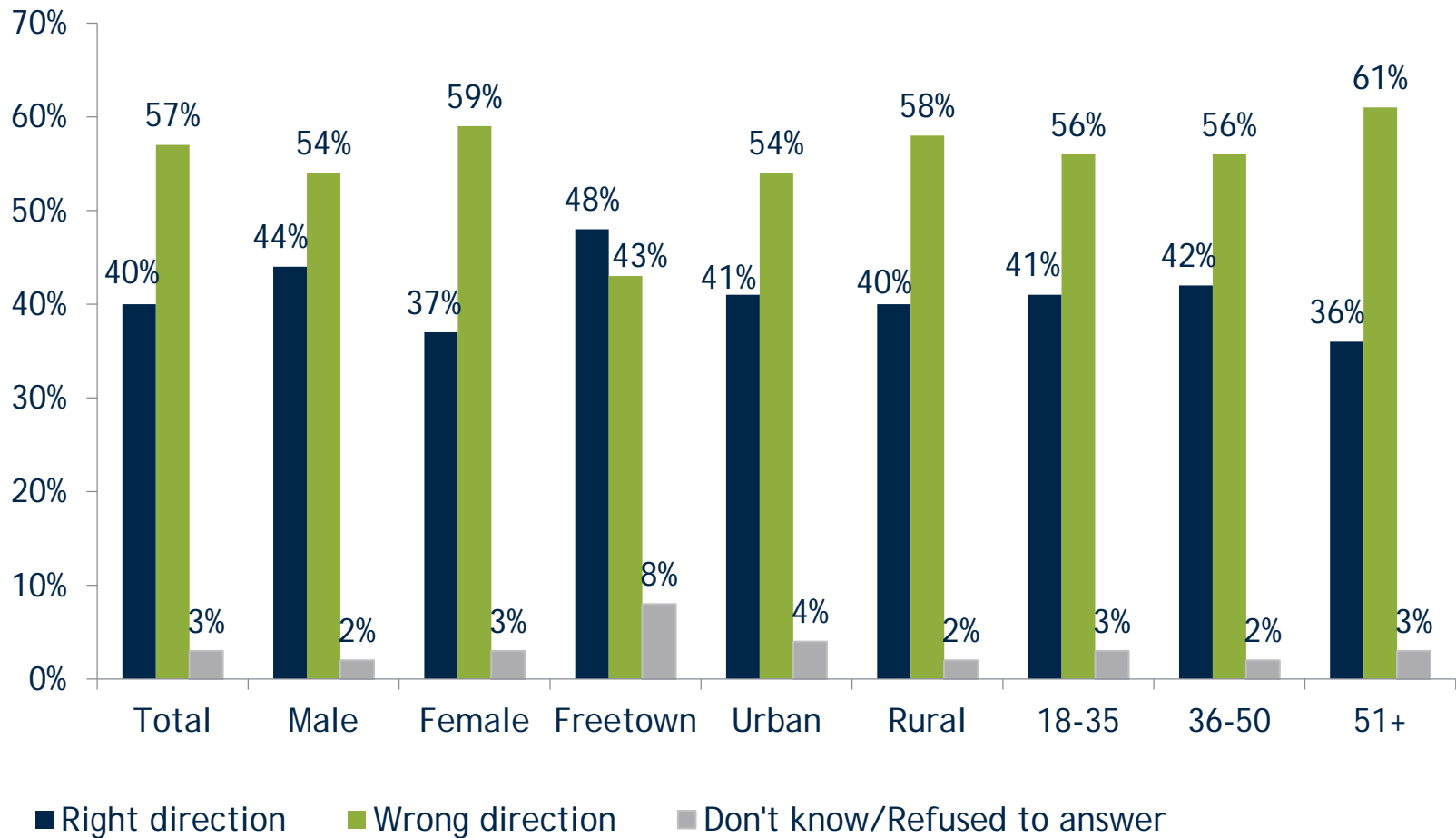
- This survey was conducted by [Pan African Field Services](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#).
- Data was collected throughout Sierra Leone between February 12 and 26, 2018 through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of n=1,526 adults in Sierra Leone, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of PSUs within each stratum. Households were selected by random walk in each of the 191 PSUs, and respondents were selected by Kish grid. The sampling frame was based on the 2015 Population and Housing Census of the Statistical Office of Sierra Leone.
- The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age groups, and formal versus no formal education.
- The response rate was 79 percent.
- The margin of error for the full sample does not exceed ± 1.95 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [United States Agency for International Development](#).



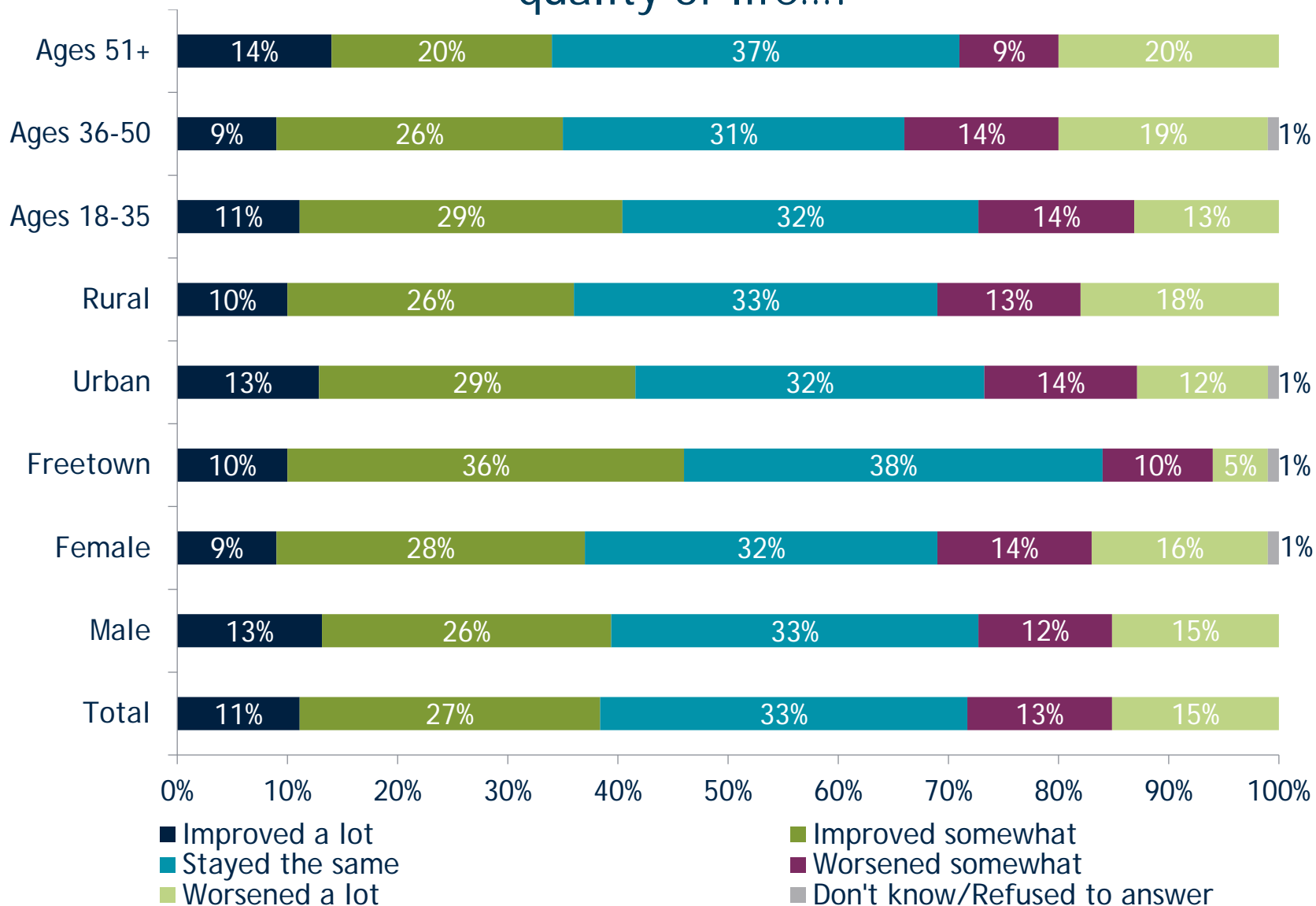
National Outlook



Generally speaking, would you say that Sierra Leone is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

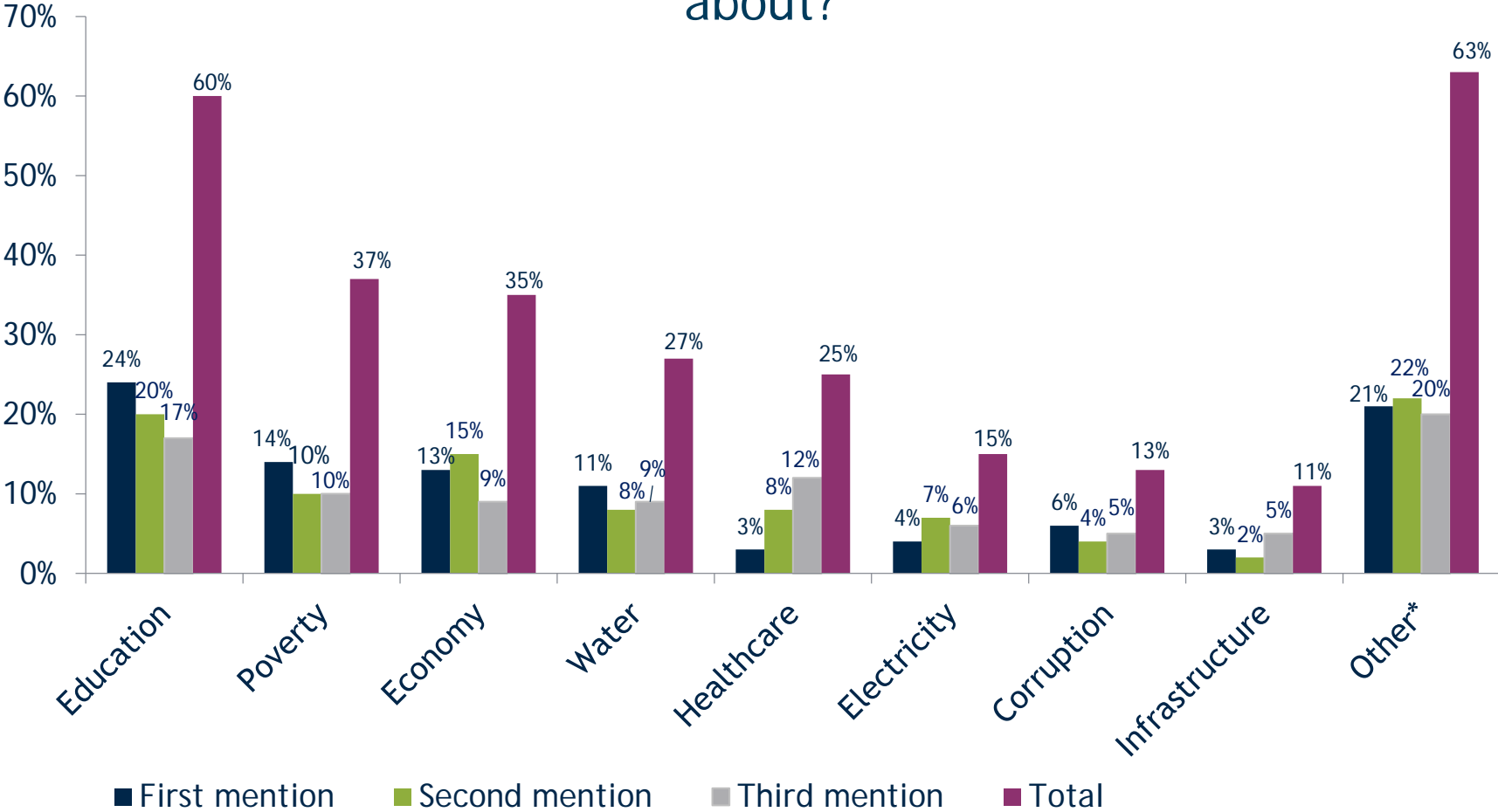


Speaking personally, over the past 12 months, has your overall quality of life...?



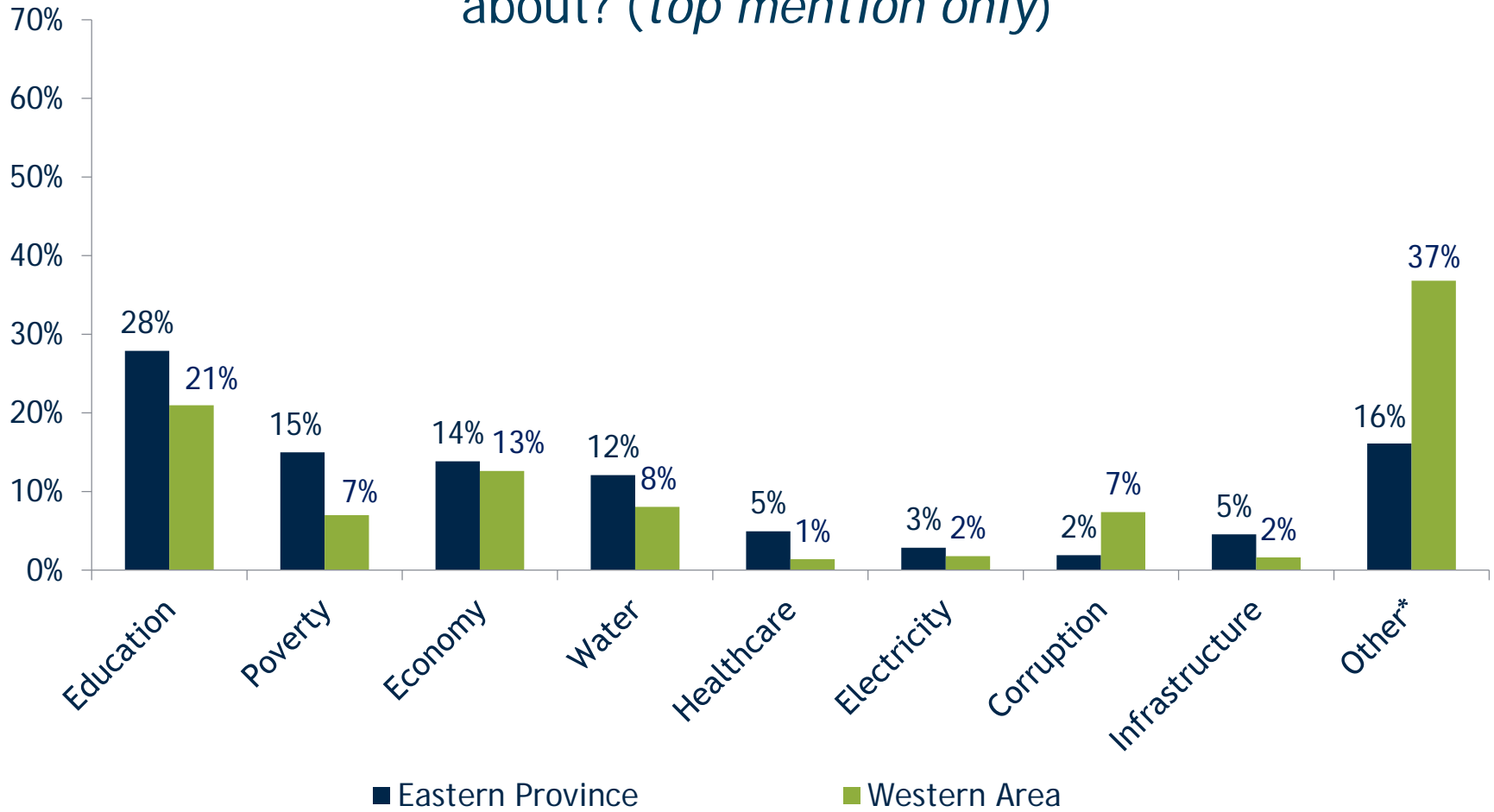
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What would you say is the biggest problem facing Sierra Leone today, that is, the one that you yourself are most concerned about?



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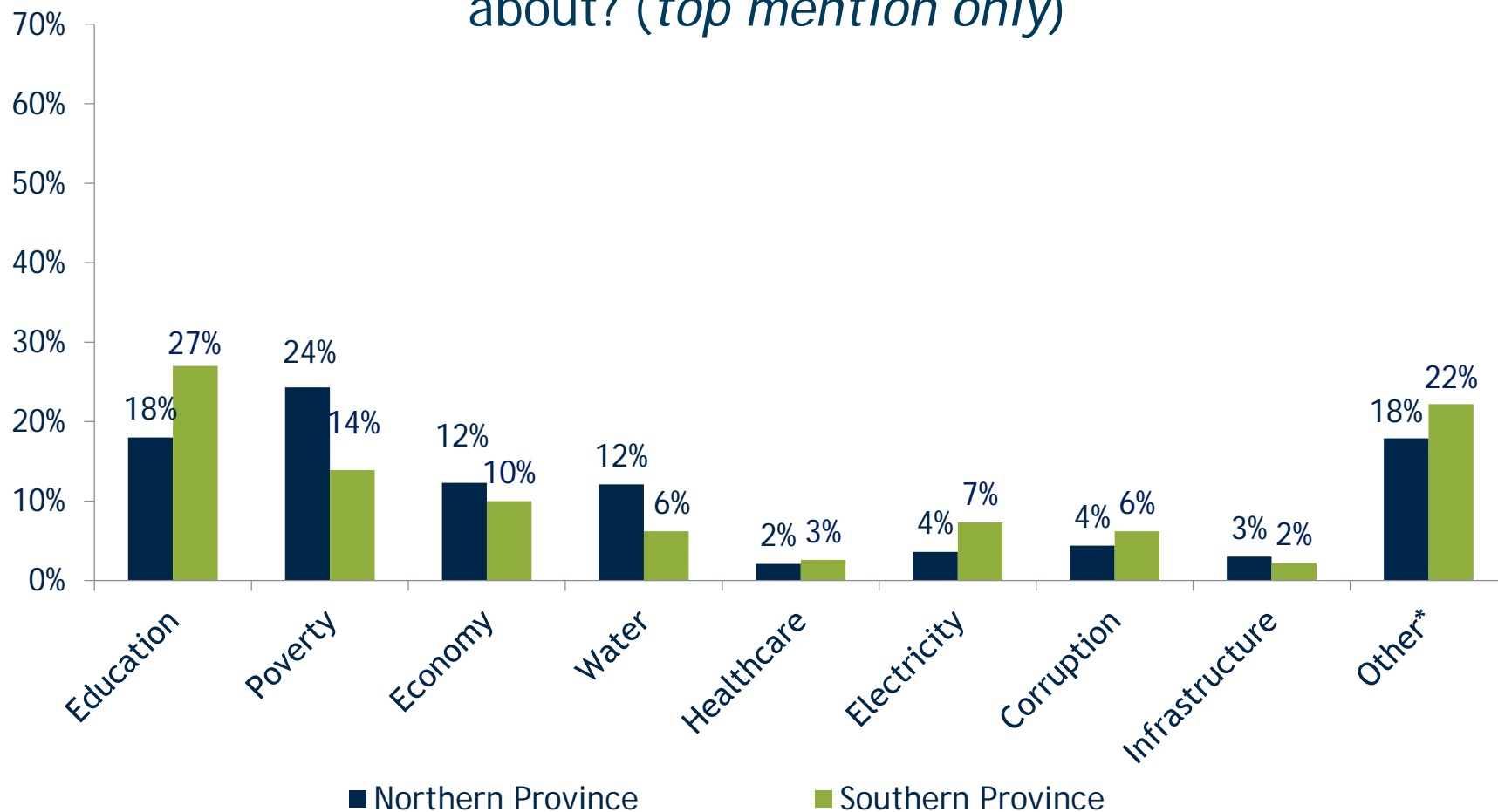
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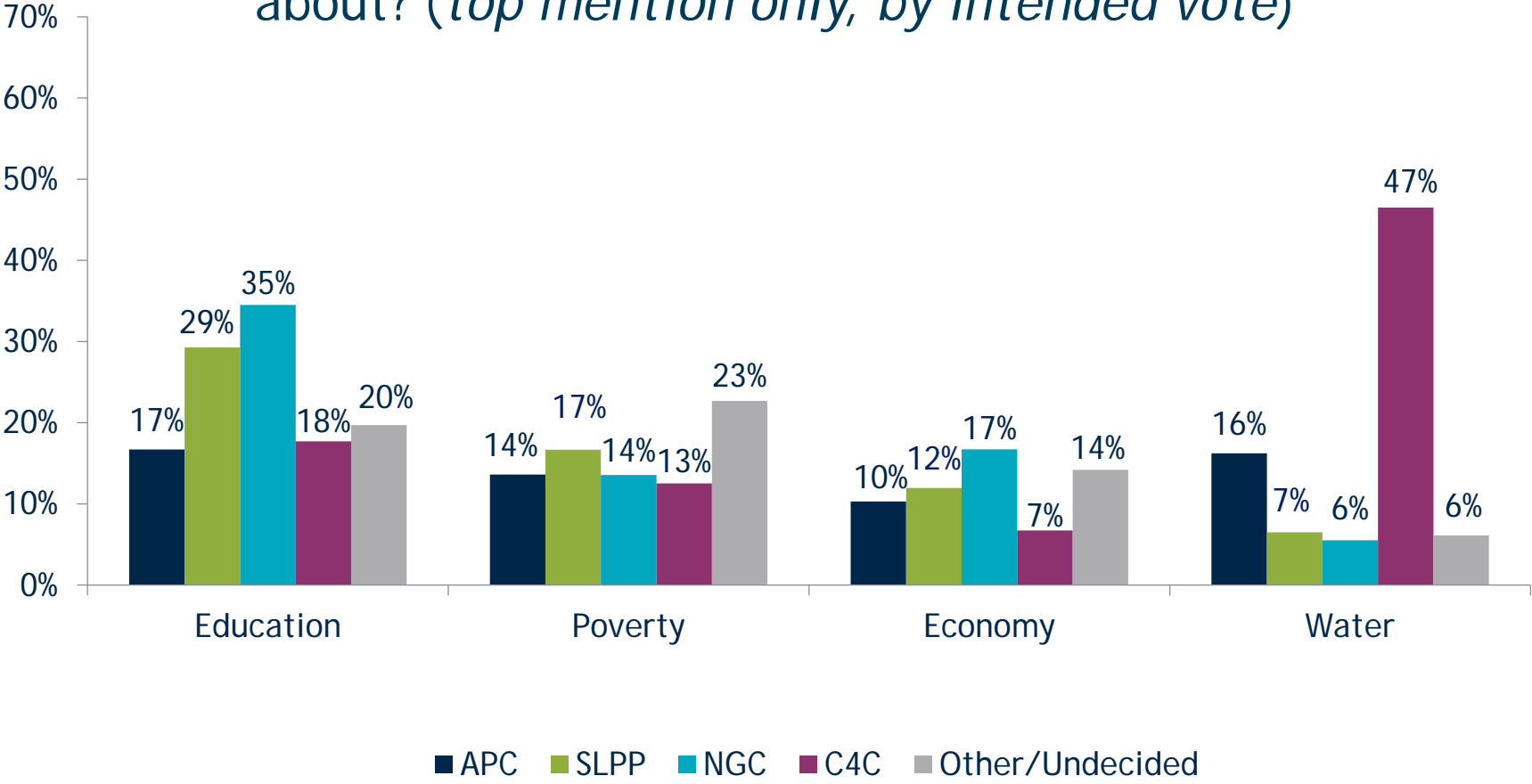
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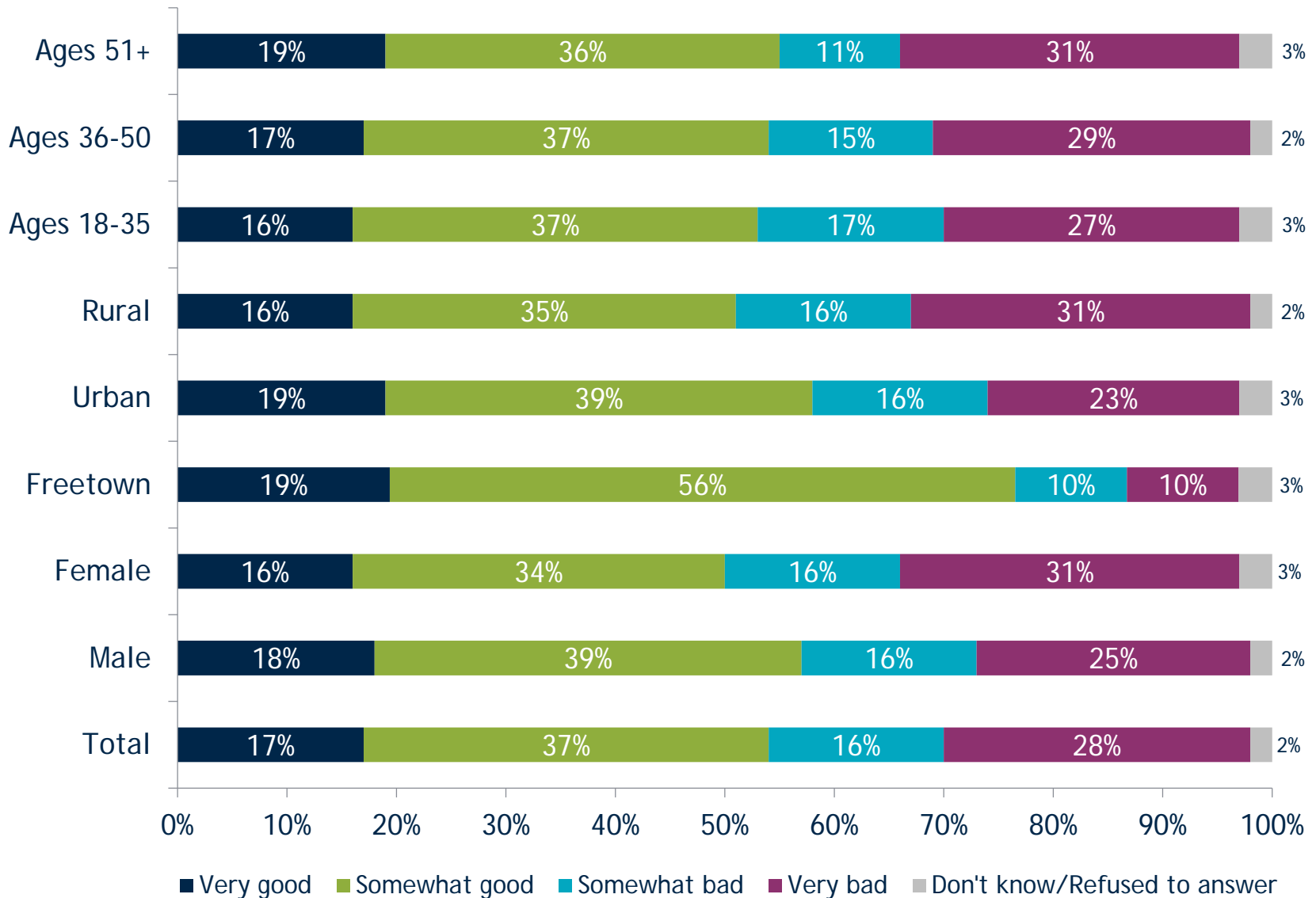
Bases: Northern Province n= 544, Southern Province n= 313

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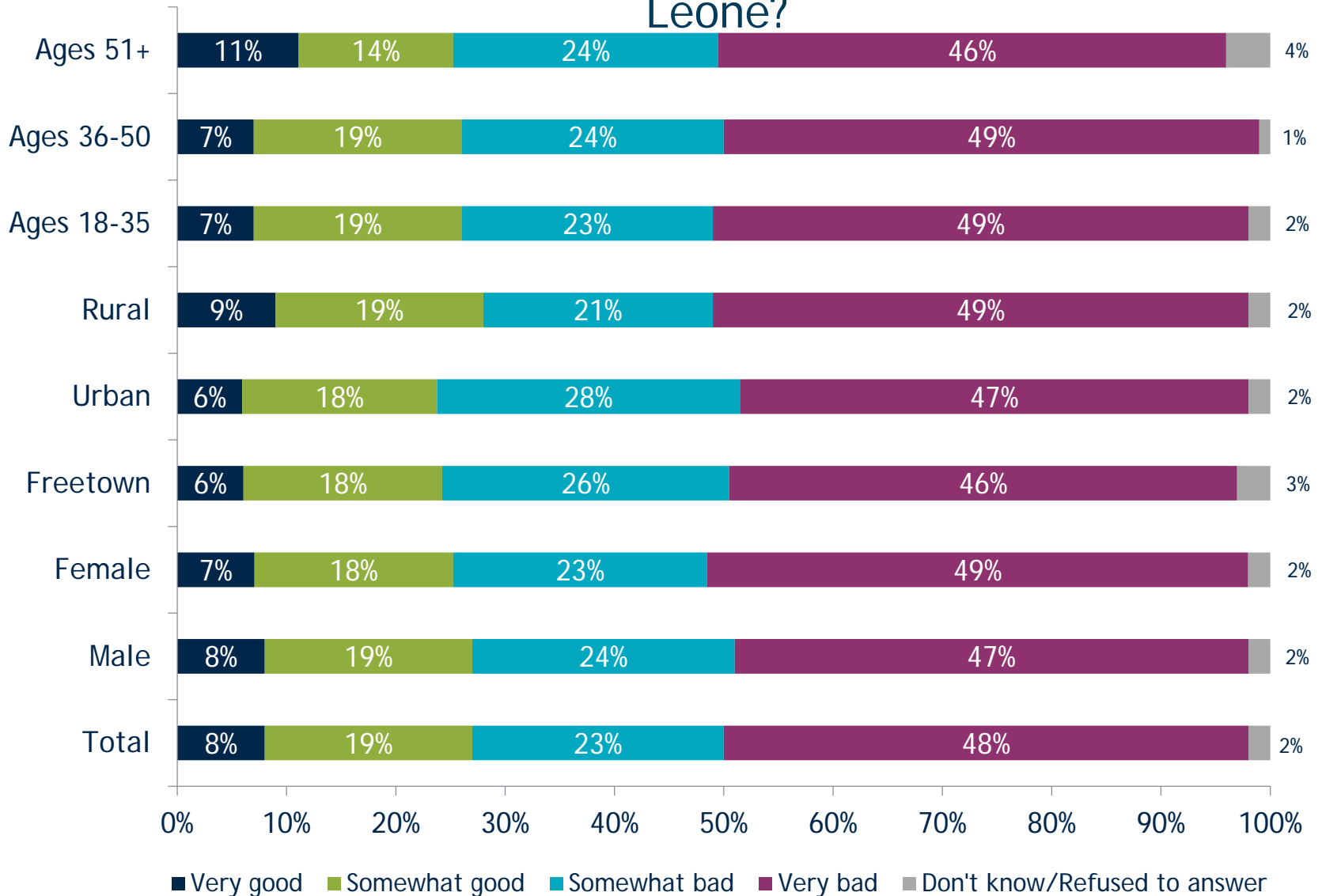


Bases: APC n= 475, SLPP n= 464, NGC n= 117, C4C n= 47, Other/Undecided = 423

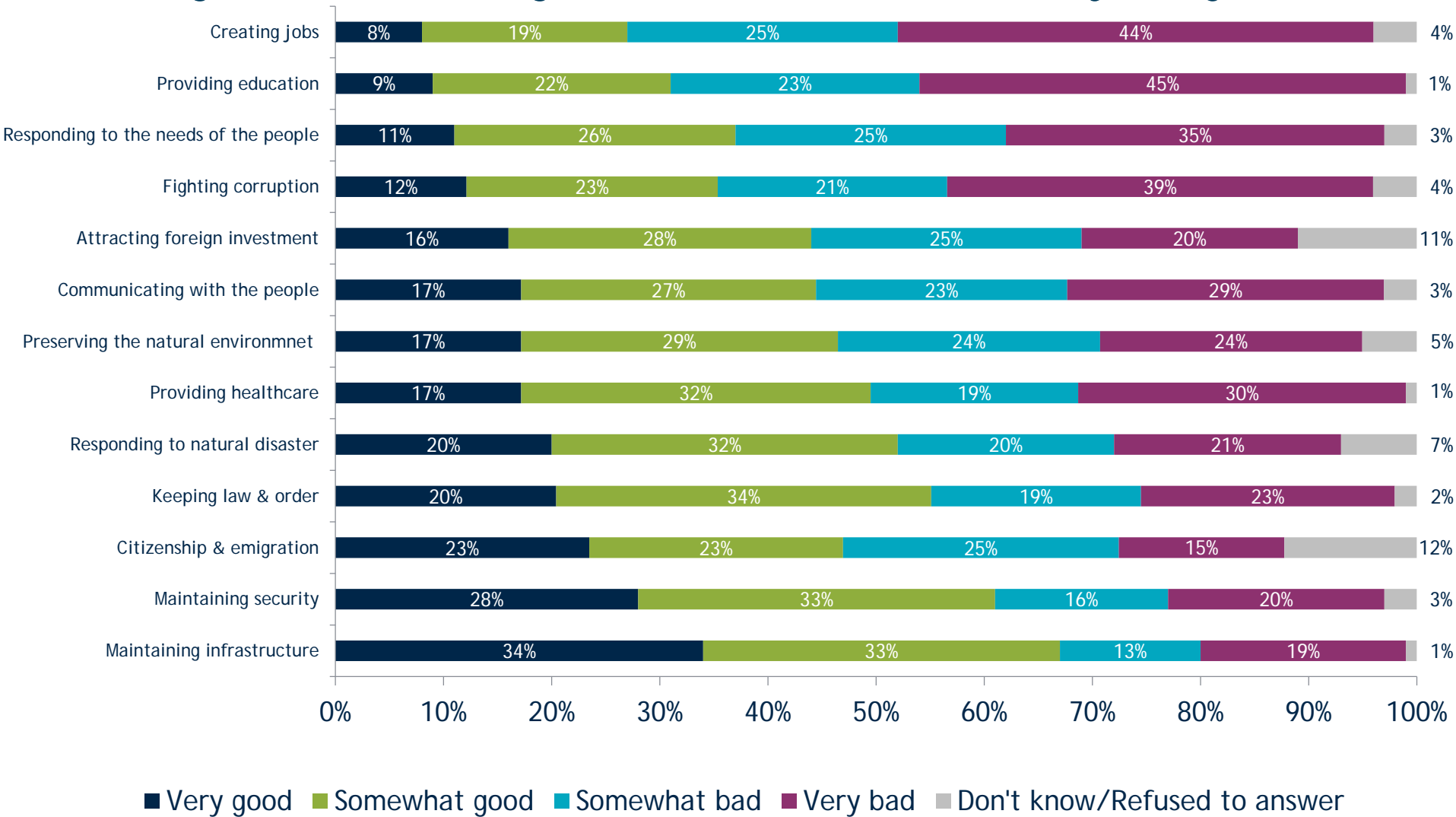
How would you rate the performance of the current government?



How would you describe the current economic situation in Sierra Leone?



For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?

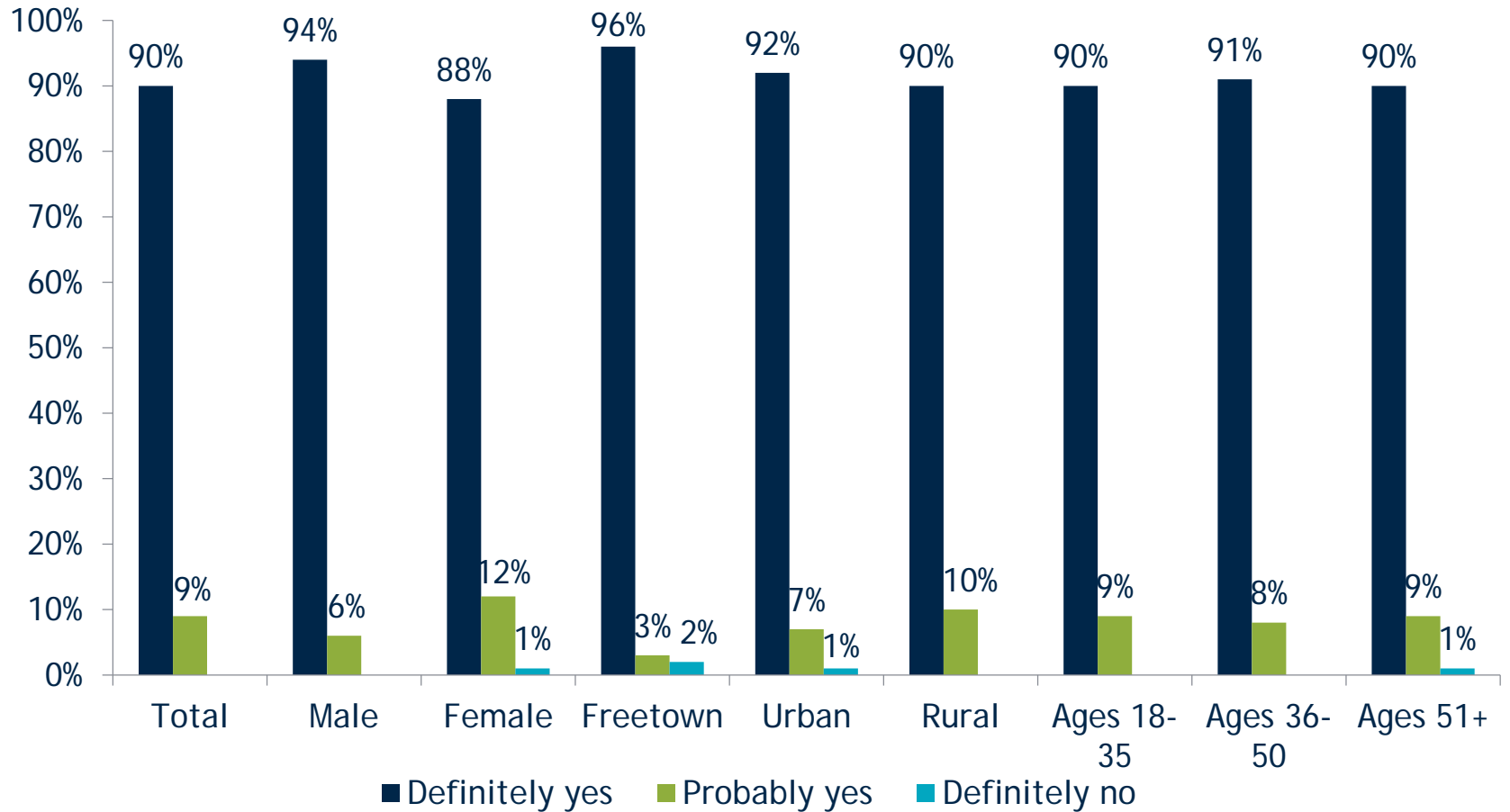




Pre-Election Outlook

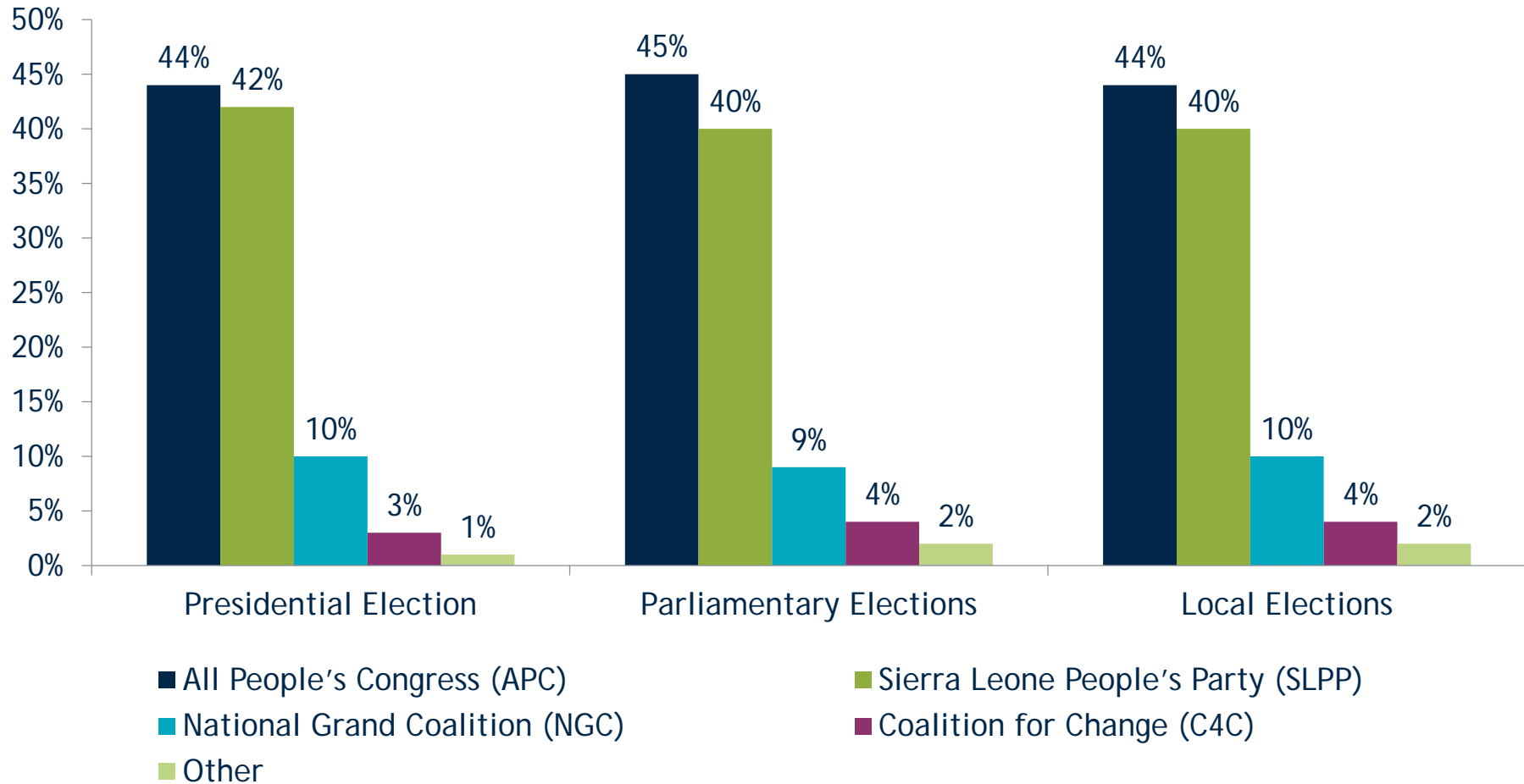


Will you vote in the March 7, 2018 elections?



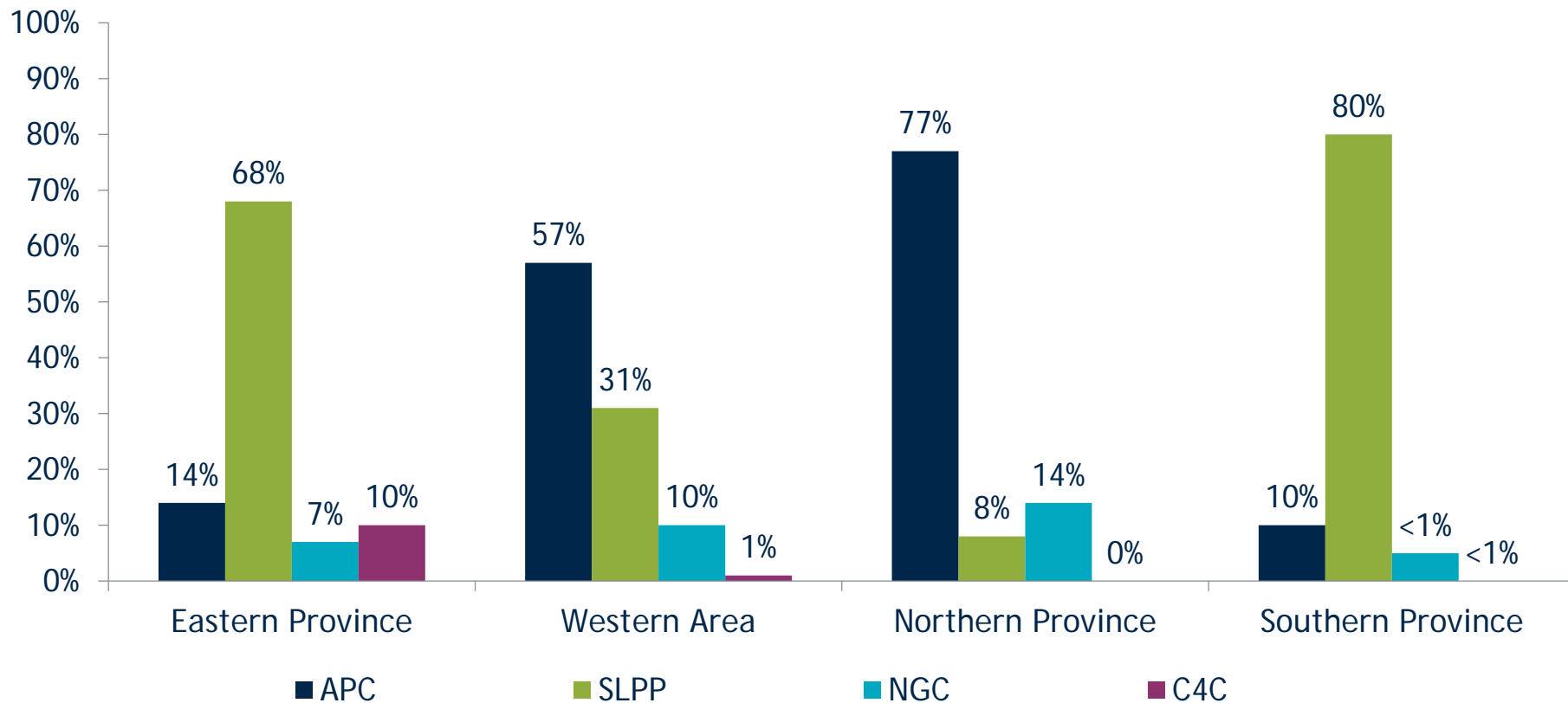
For which party, if any, do you intend to vote on March 7, 2018 in the presidential/parliamentary/local elections?

(n=1,120 presidential; n=1,085 parliamentary; n=1,096 local)



For which party, if any, do you intend to vote on March 7, 2018 in the presidential election?*

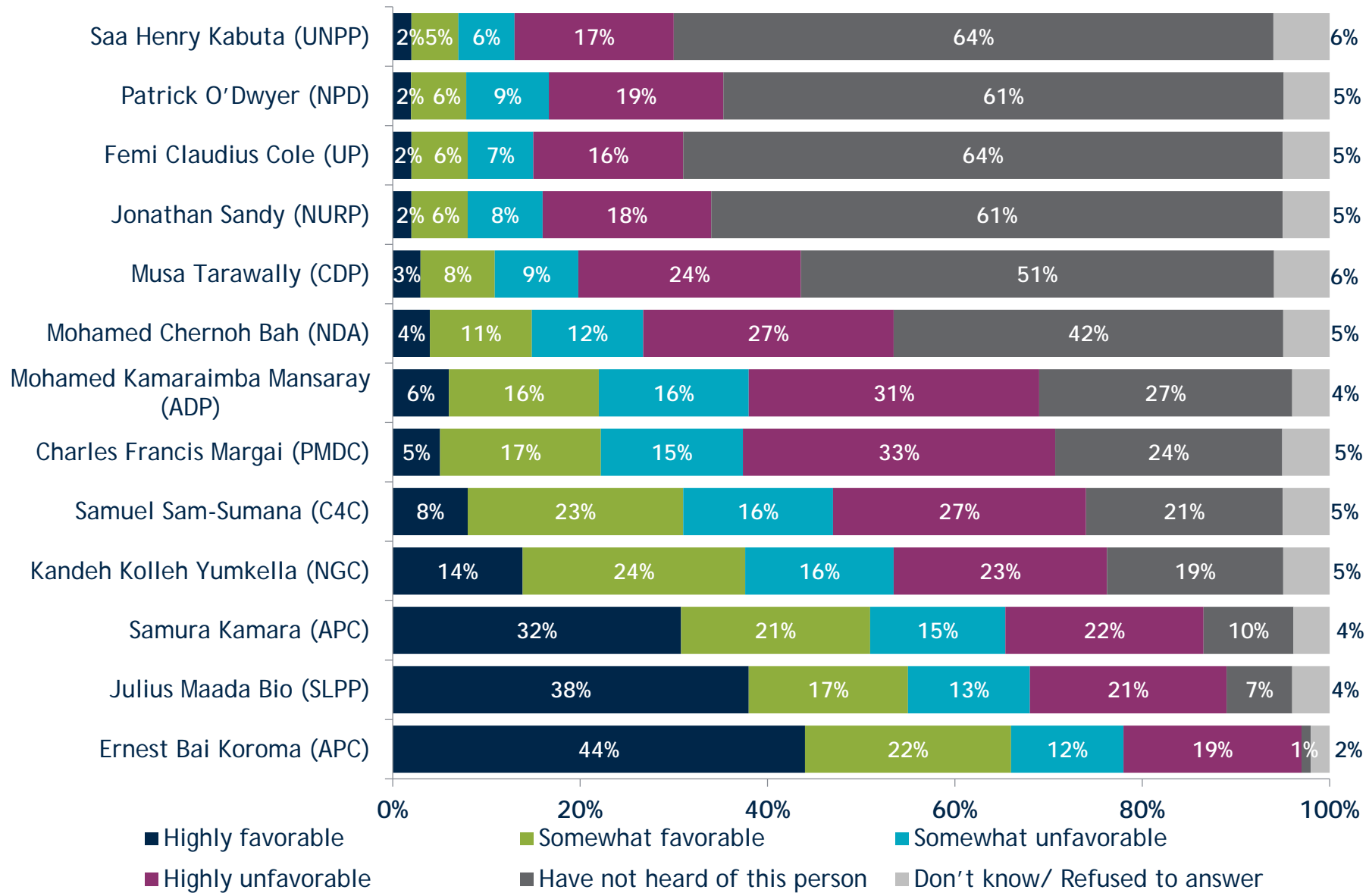
(Likely voters: n=1,120)



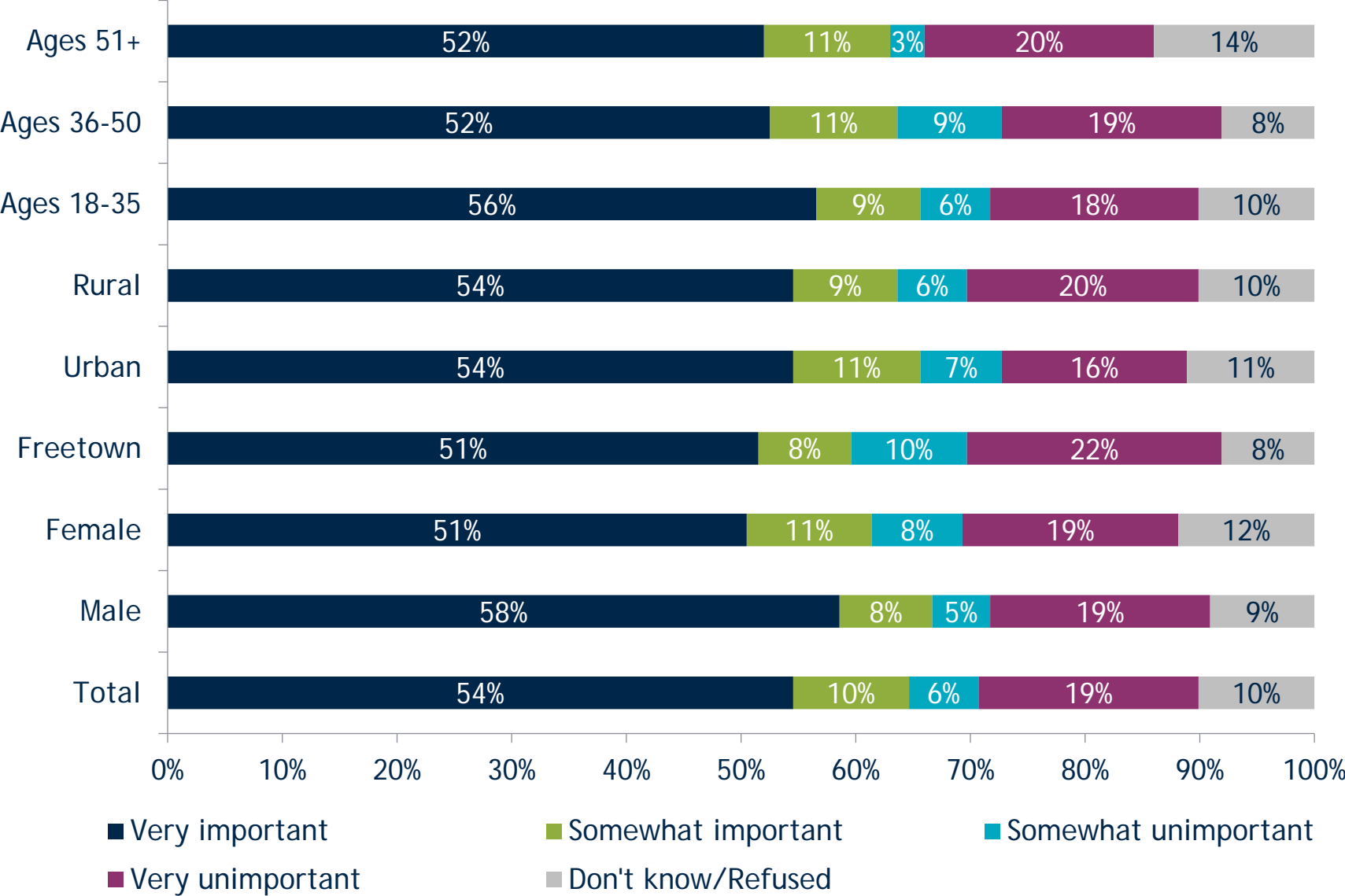
*Results show only parties that received at least 5 percent in at least one region. Other parties are not shown as none received more than a 3.5% response rate.

Bases: Eastern Province n= 315; Western Area n= 223; Northern Province n= 375; Southern Province n= 207

For each of the following national political figures, please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or highly unfavorable opinion.

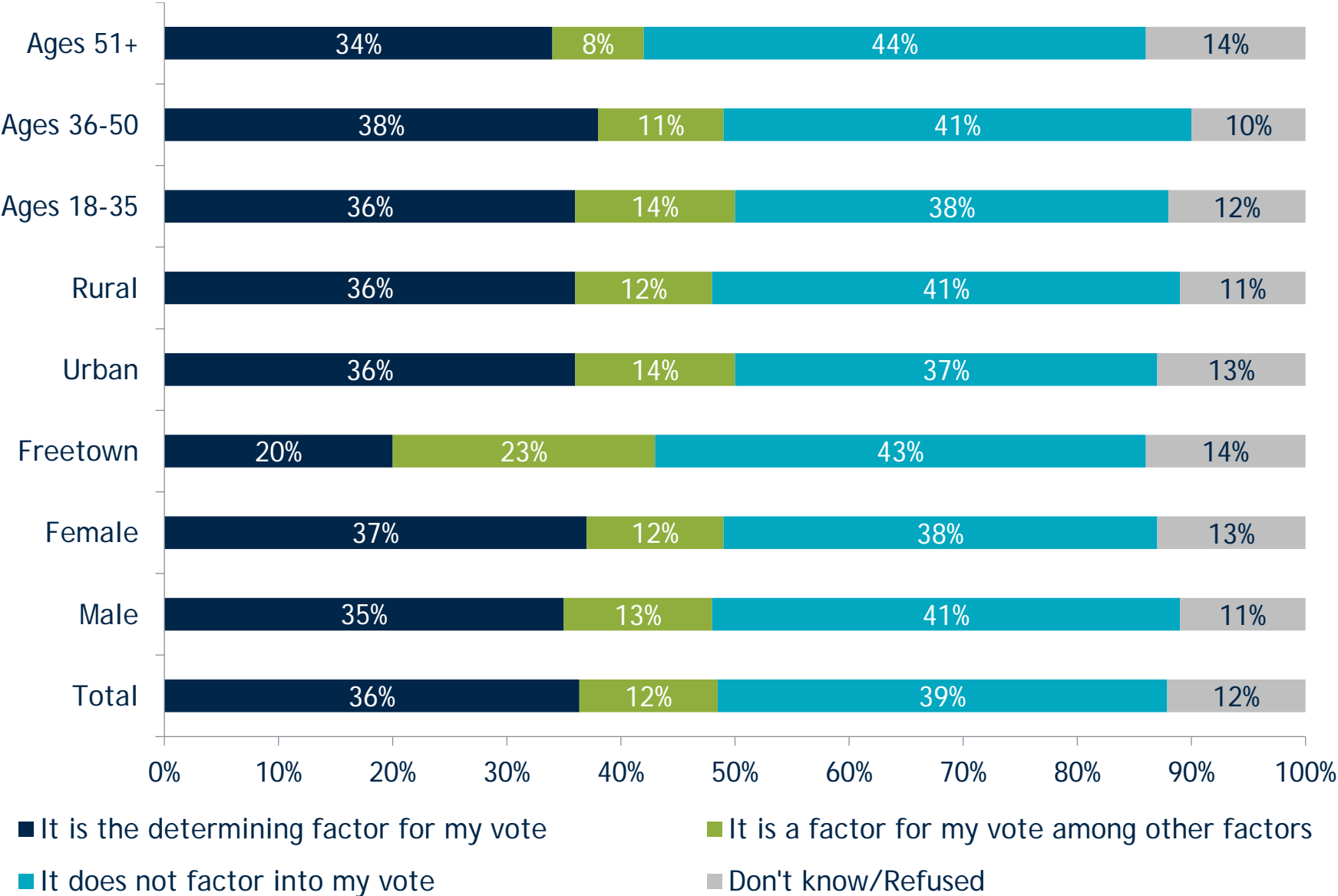


How important is the current debate on dual citizenship for candidates for office to you?



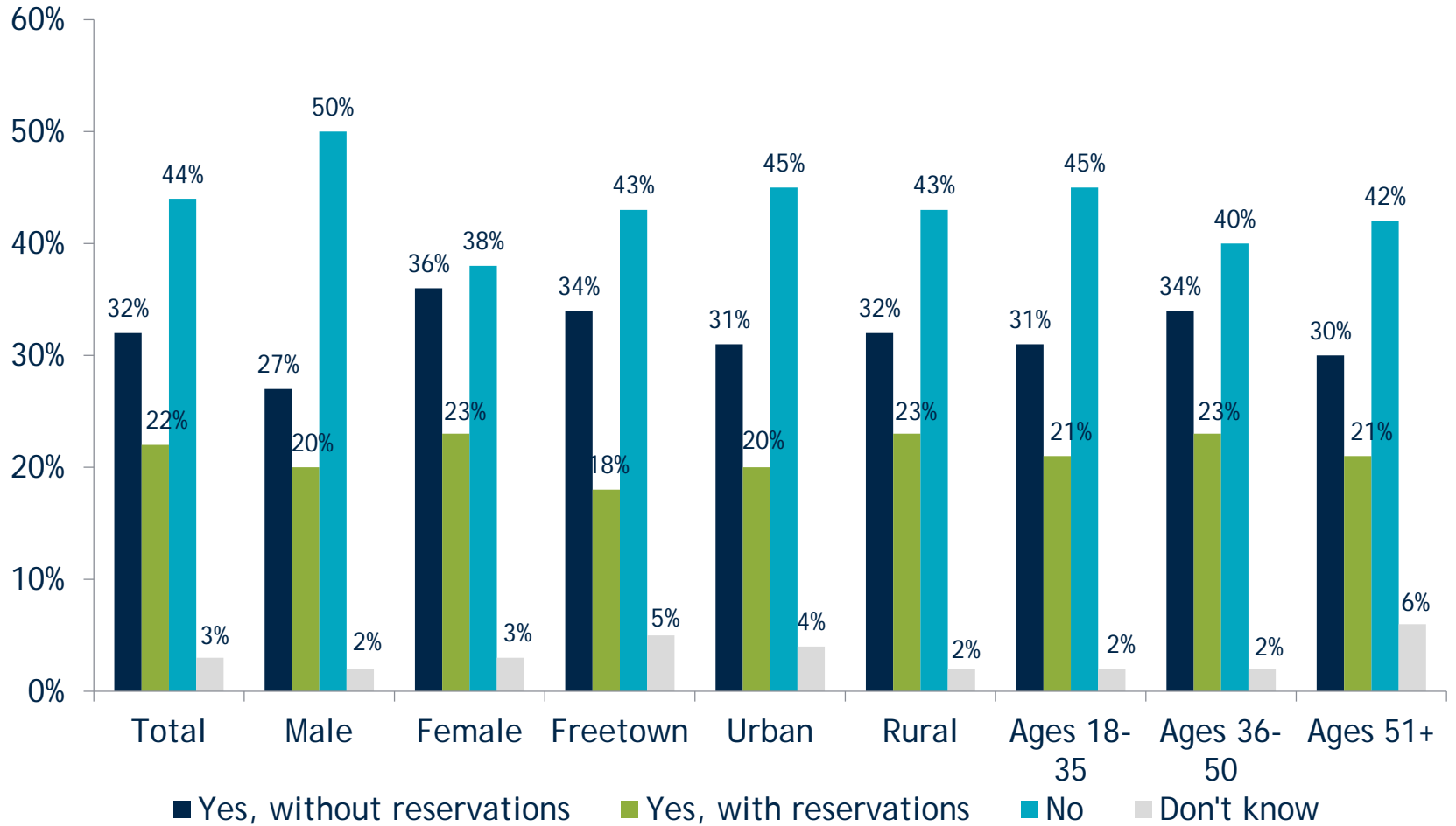
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How much does a candidate's dual citizenship factor into your vote?

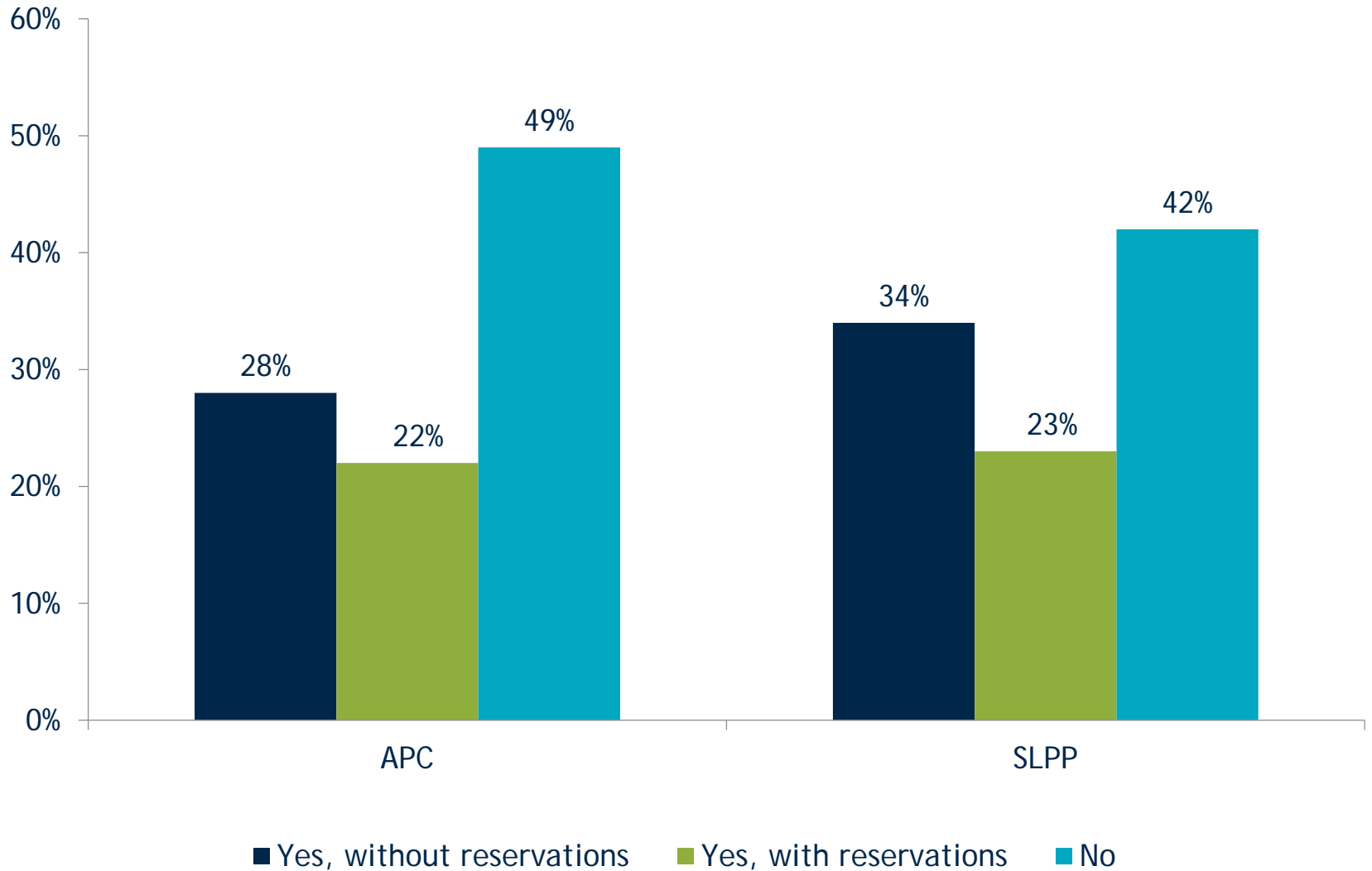


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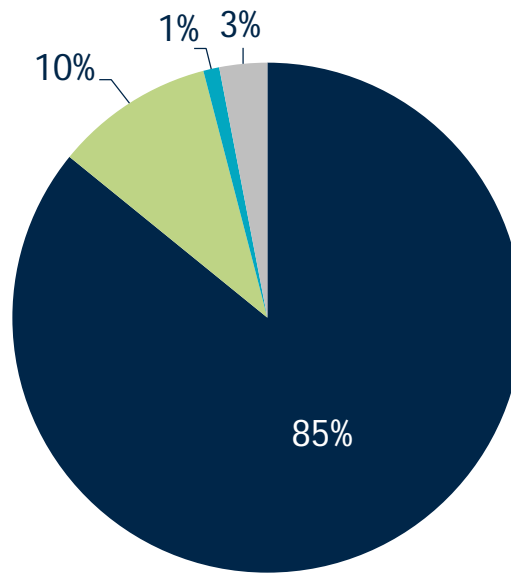
All qualifications being equal, would you be willing to vote for a woman candidate against her male counterpart?



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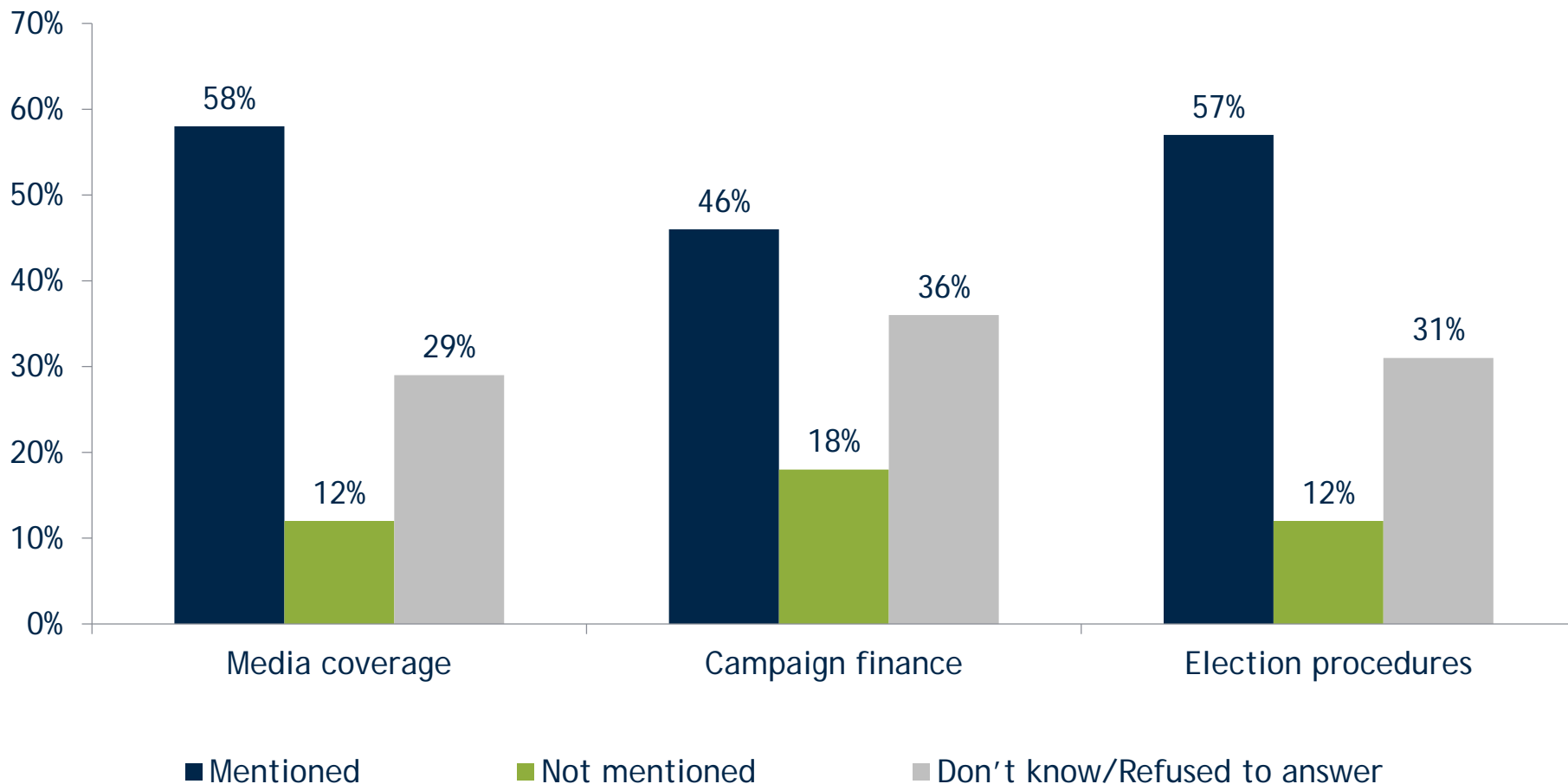
Do you expect the March 7, 2018 elections to be free and fair?



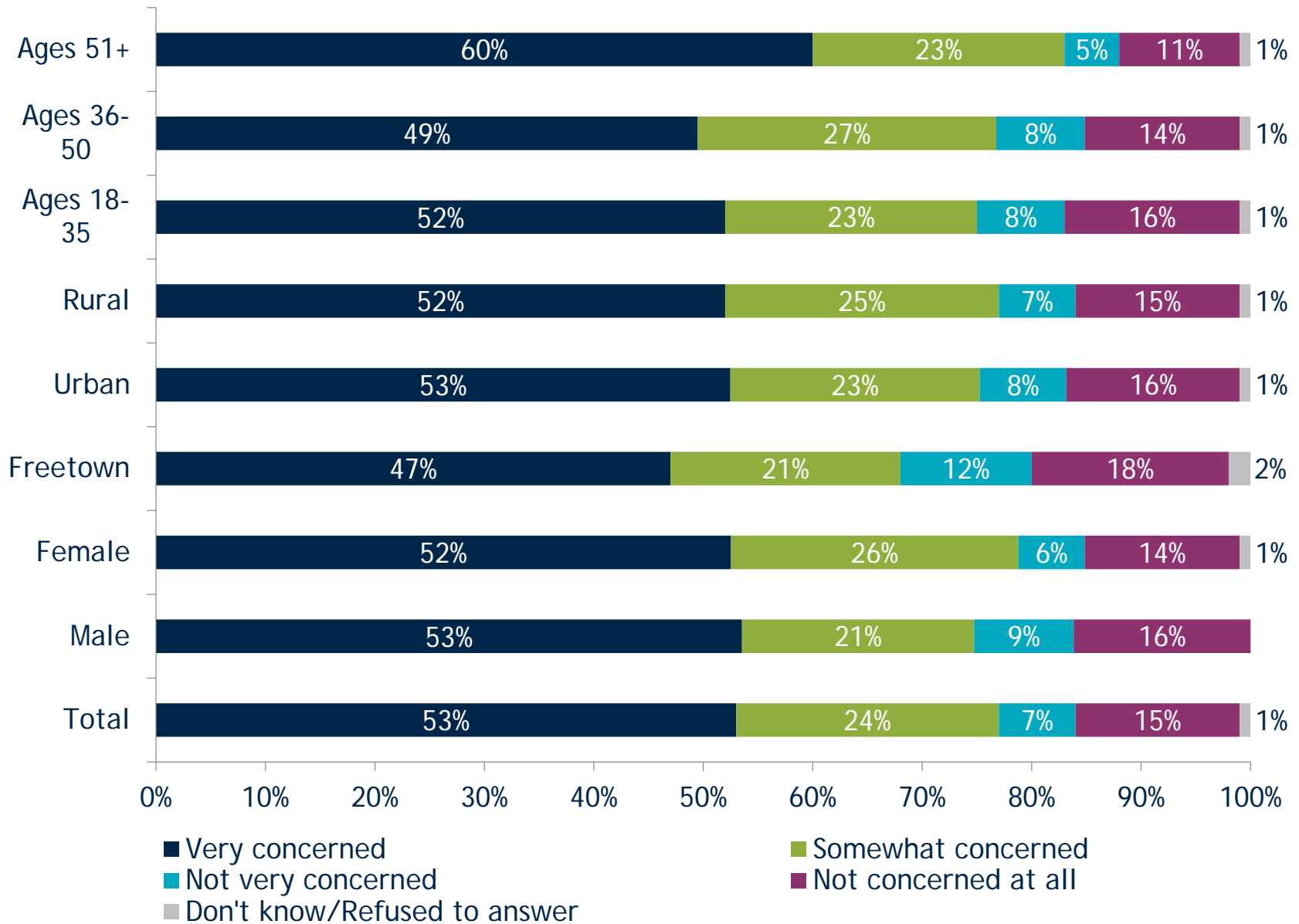
■ Definitely yes ■ Probably yes ■ Probably no ■ Don't know/Refused

What aspects of the elections do you think may be less than free and fair?

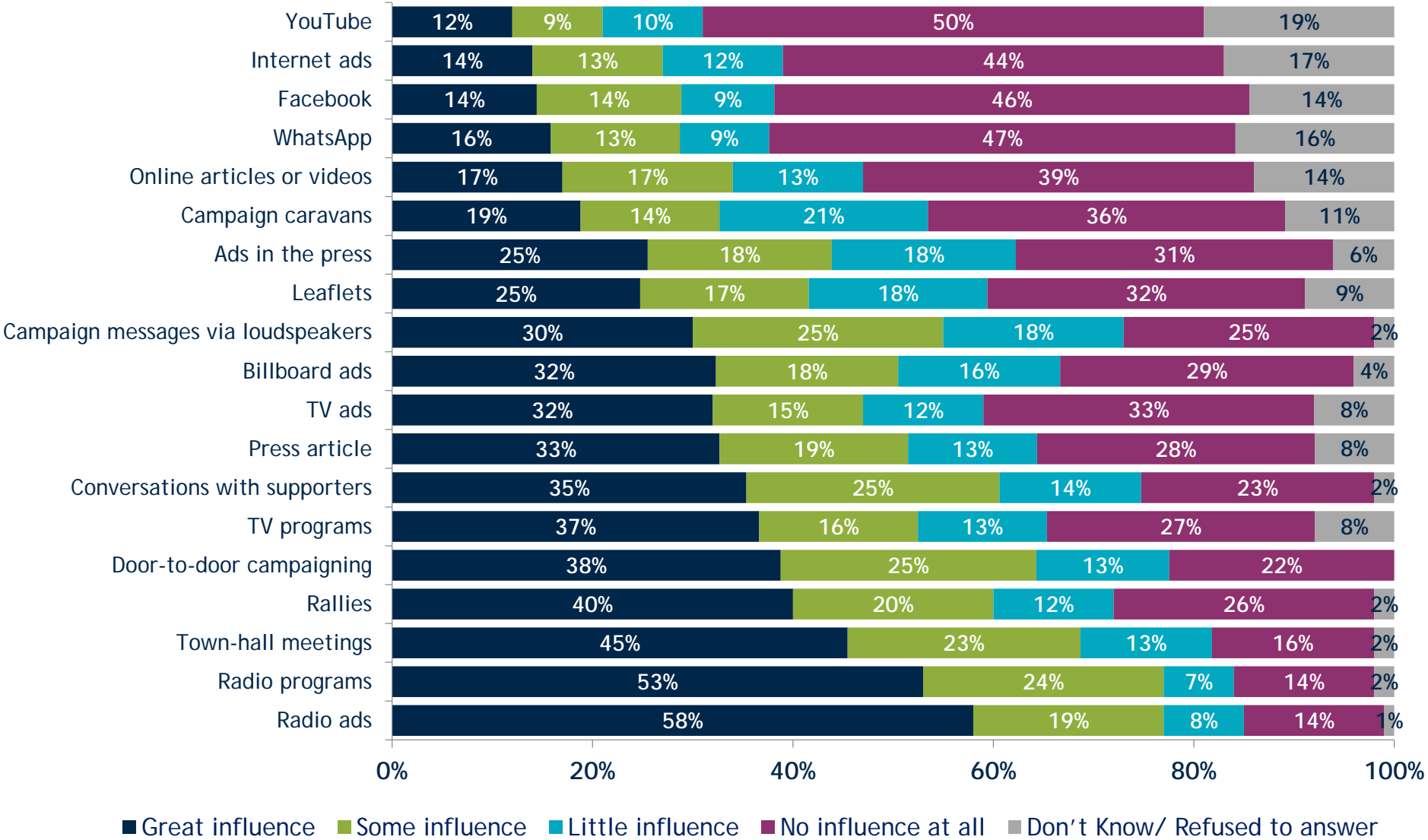
(n=184 respondents who stated “probably yes” and “probably no” when asked if the March 7, 2018 elections will be free and fair)



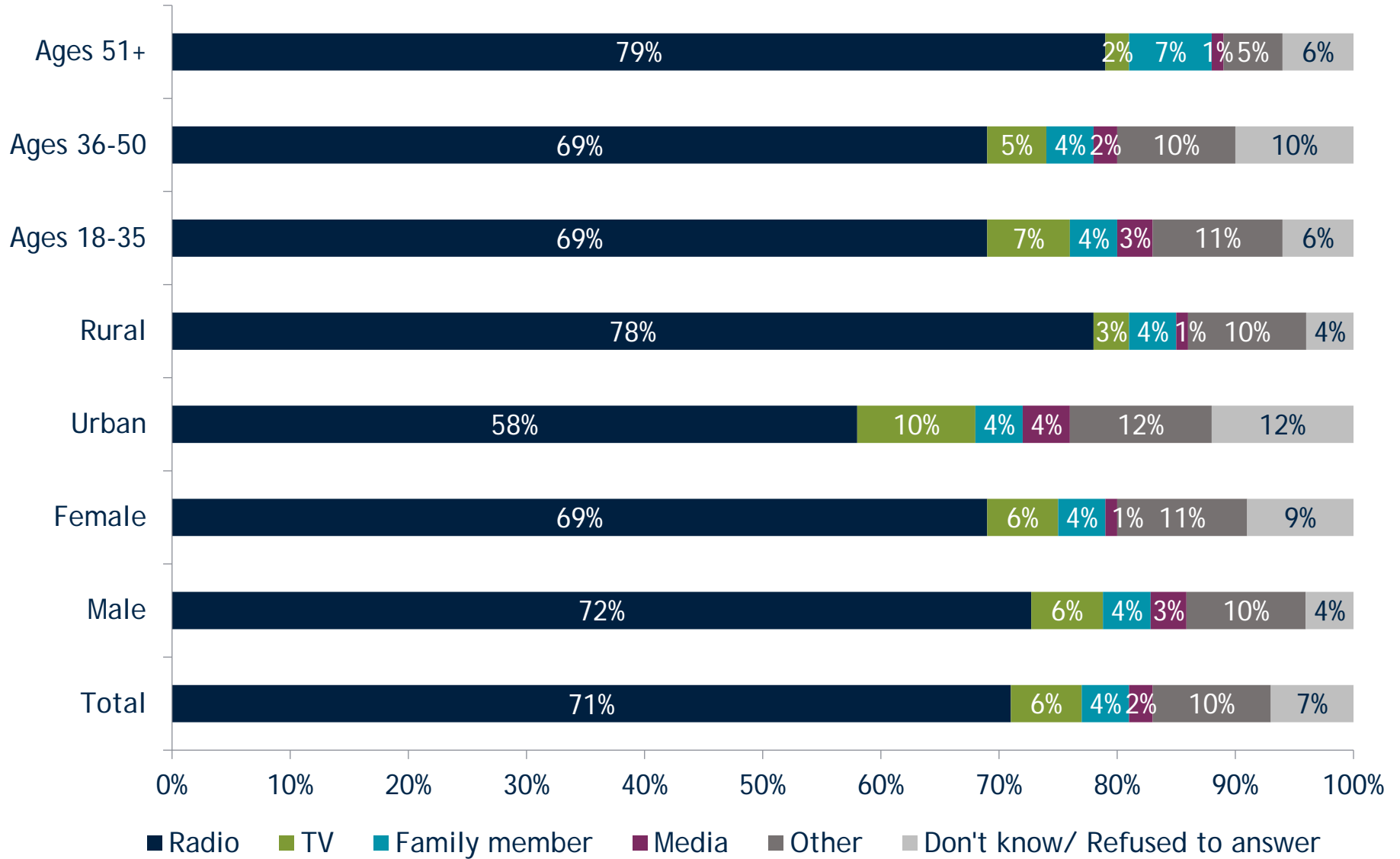
How concerned are you, if at all, about election-related violence?



In general, what level of influence do each of these forms of election campaigning have on you: a great influence, some influence, little influence or no influence at all?



Please name your most trusted source of information.



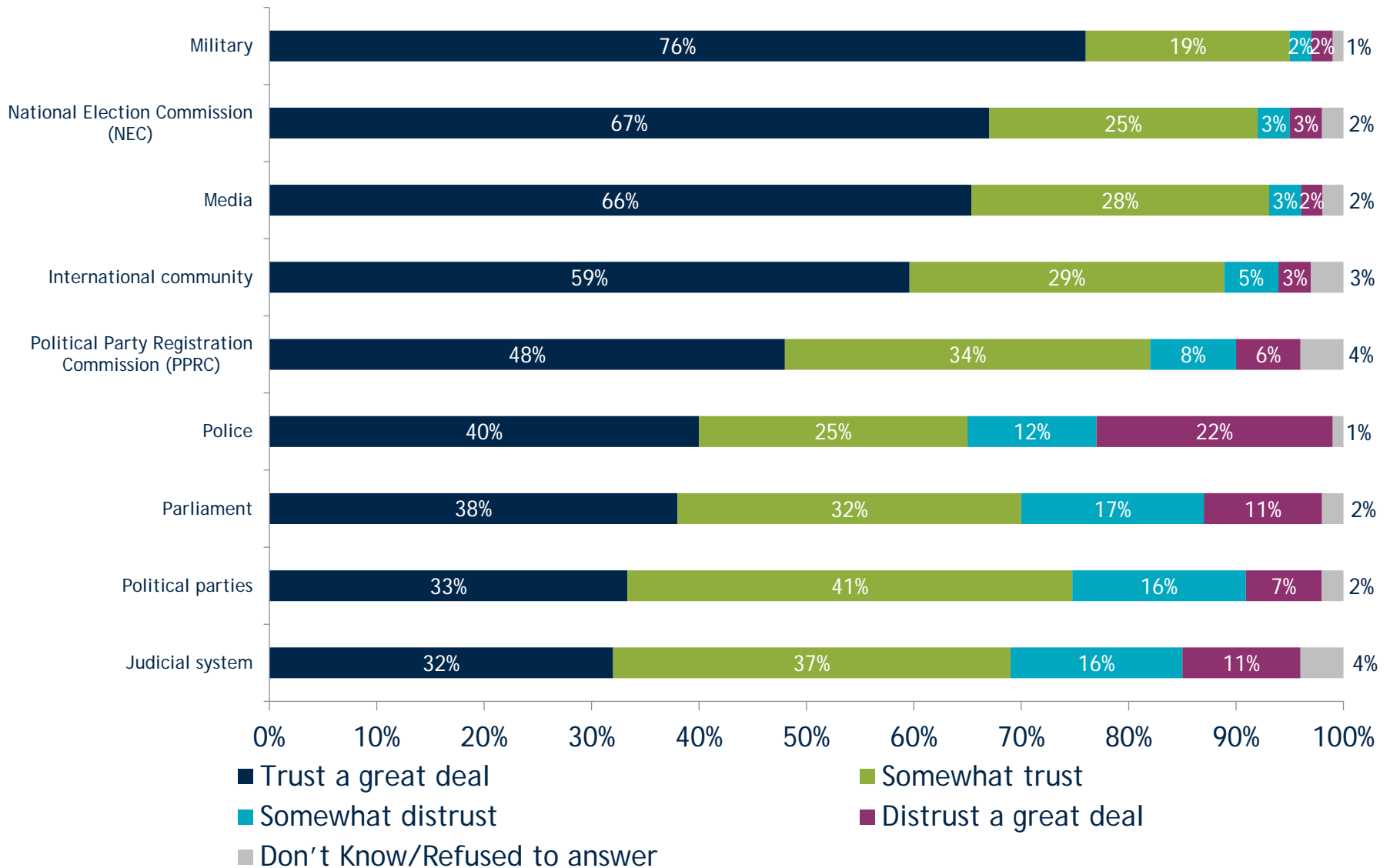
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Trust in Institutions

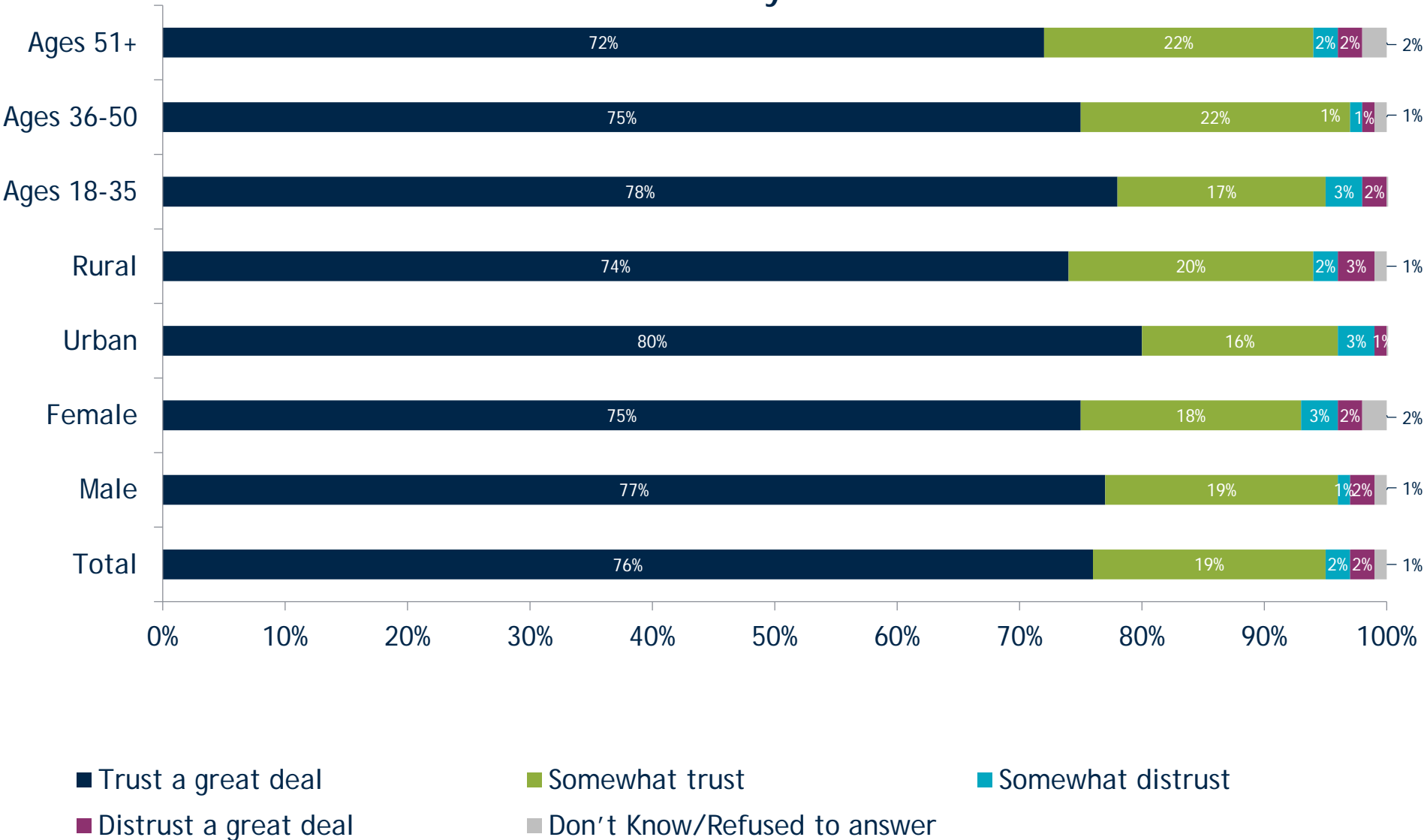


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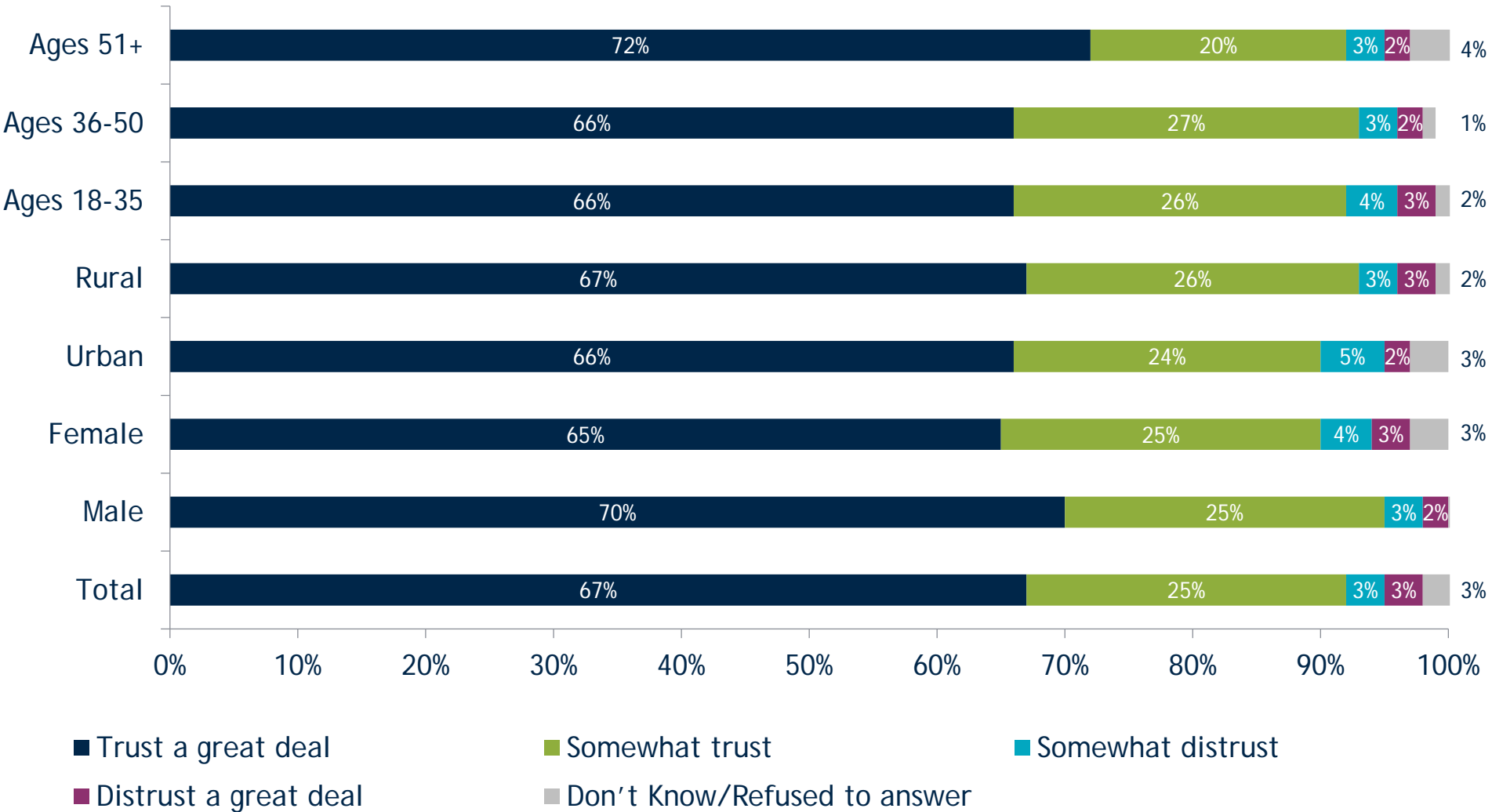
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Military



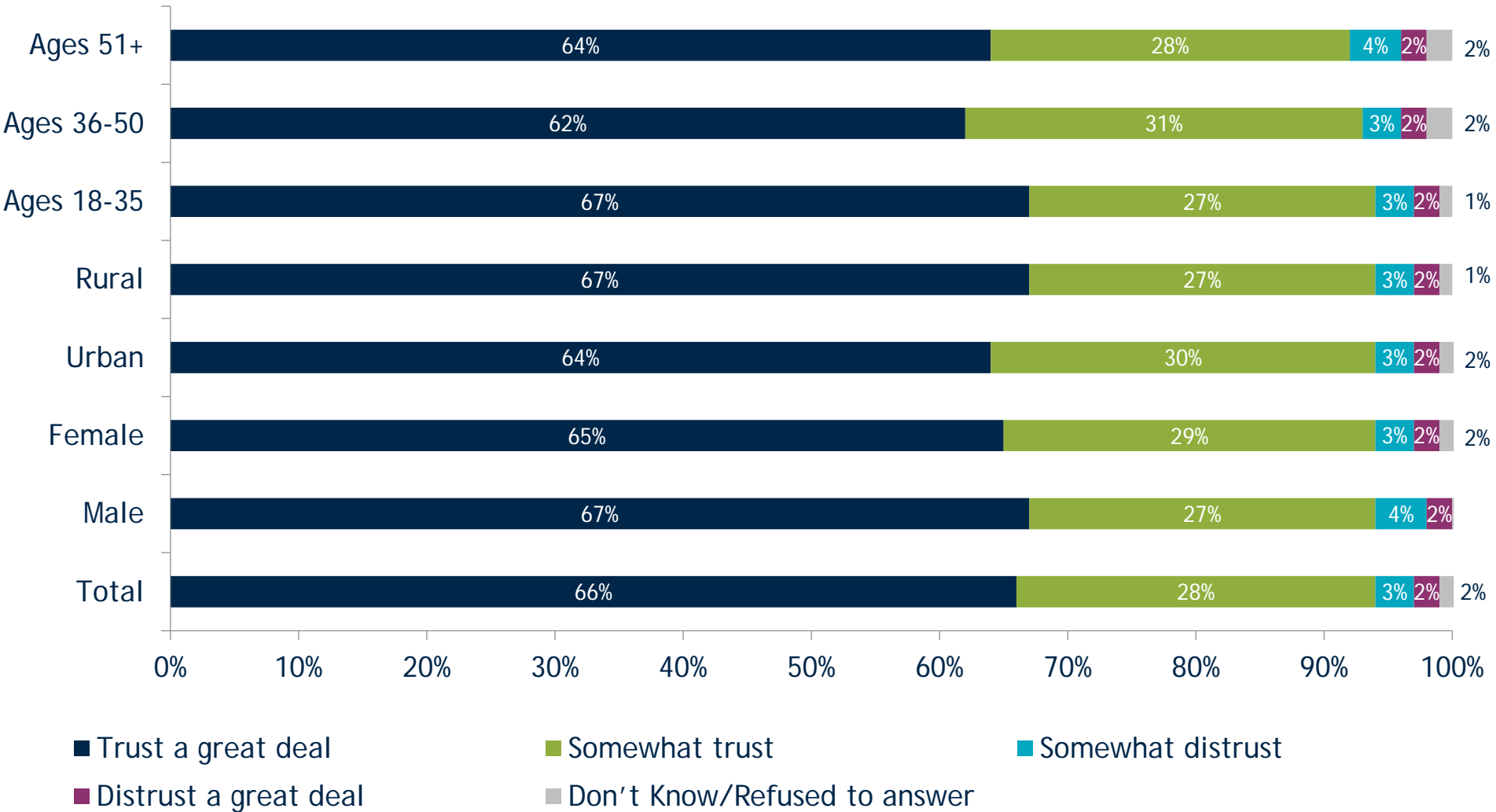
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National Election Commission (NEC)



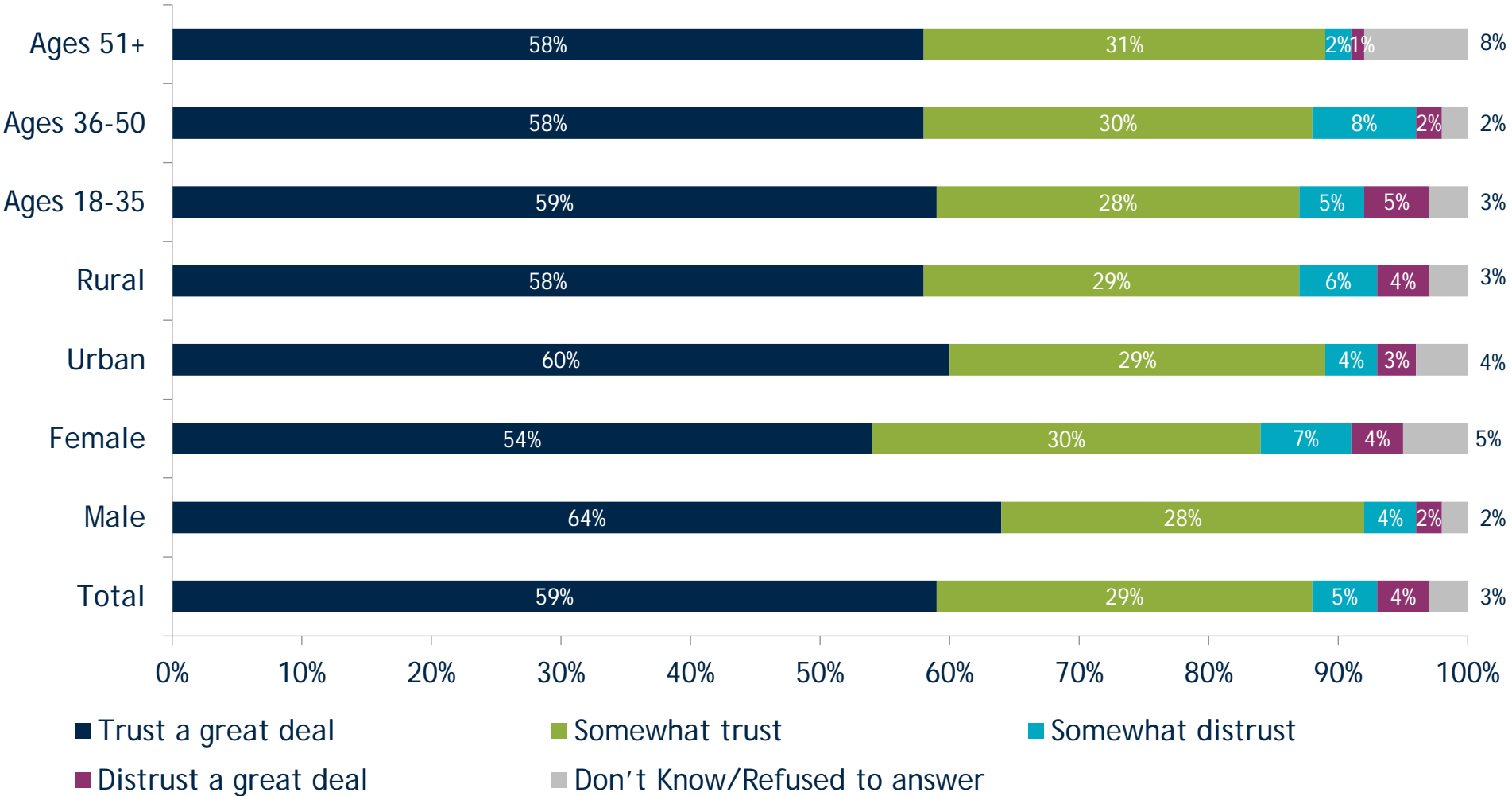
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Media



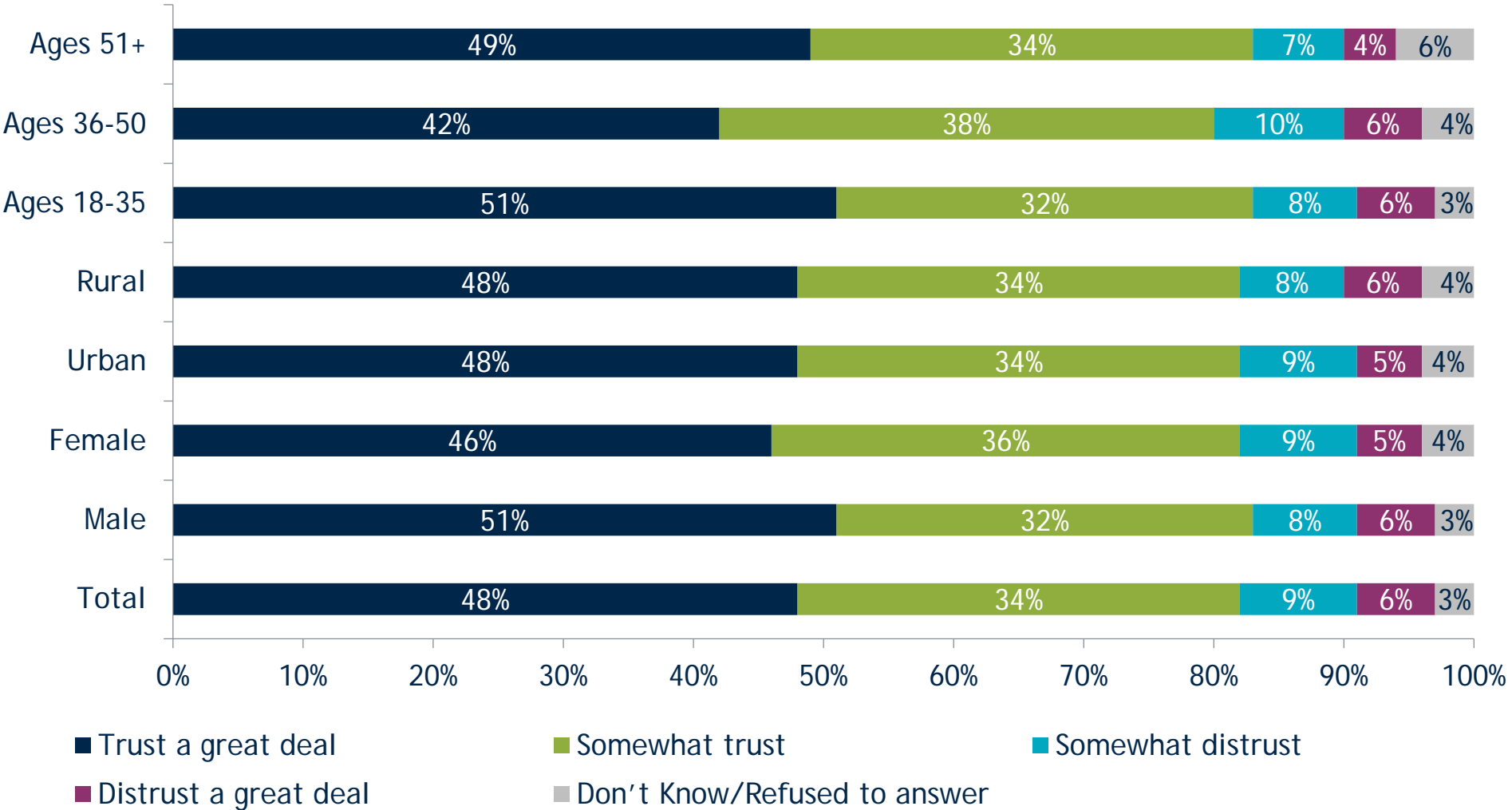
Please indicate your level of trust in the following institutions:

International Community



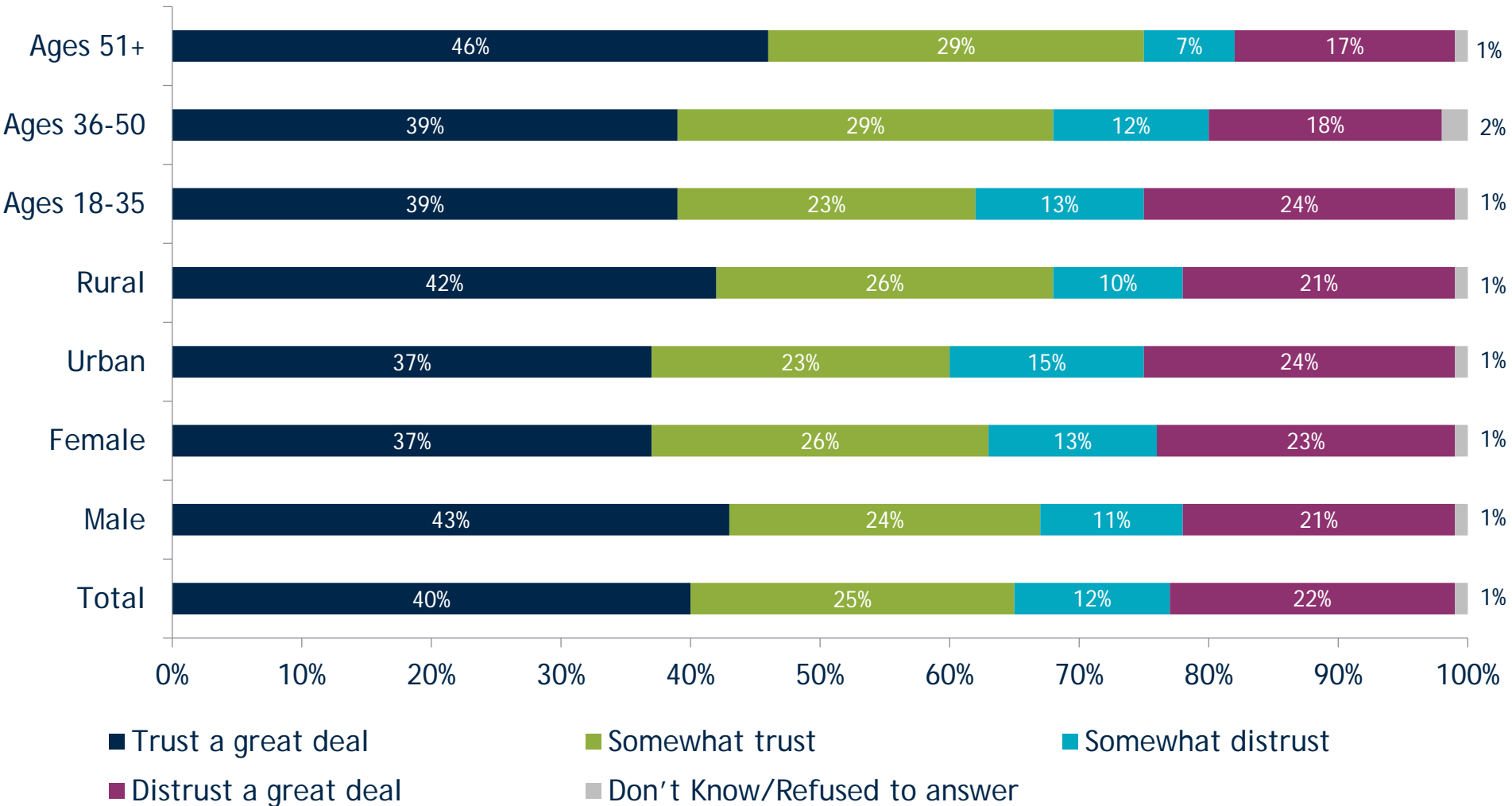
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Political Party Registration Commission (PPRC)



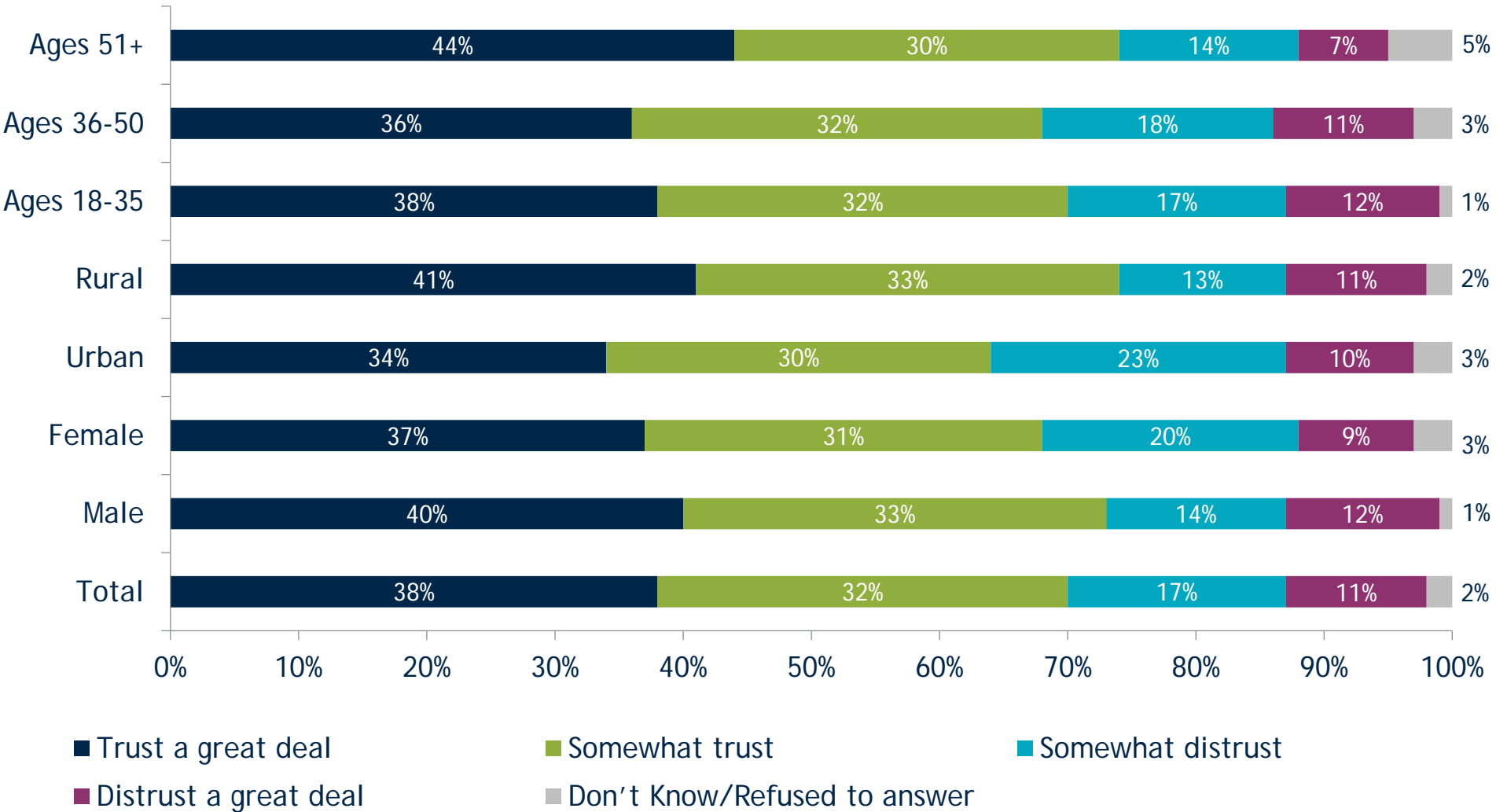
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Police



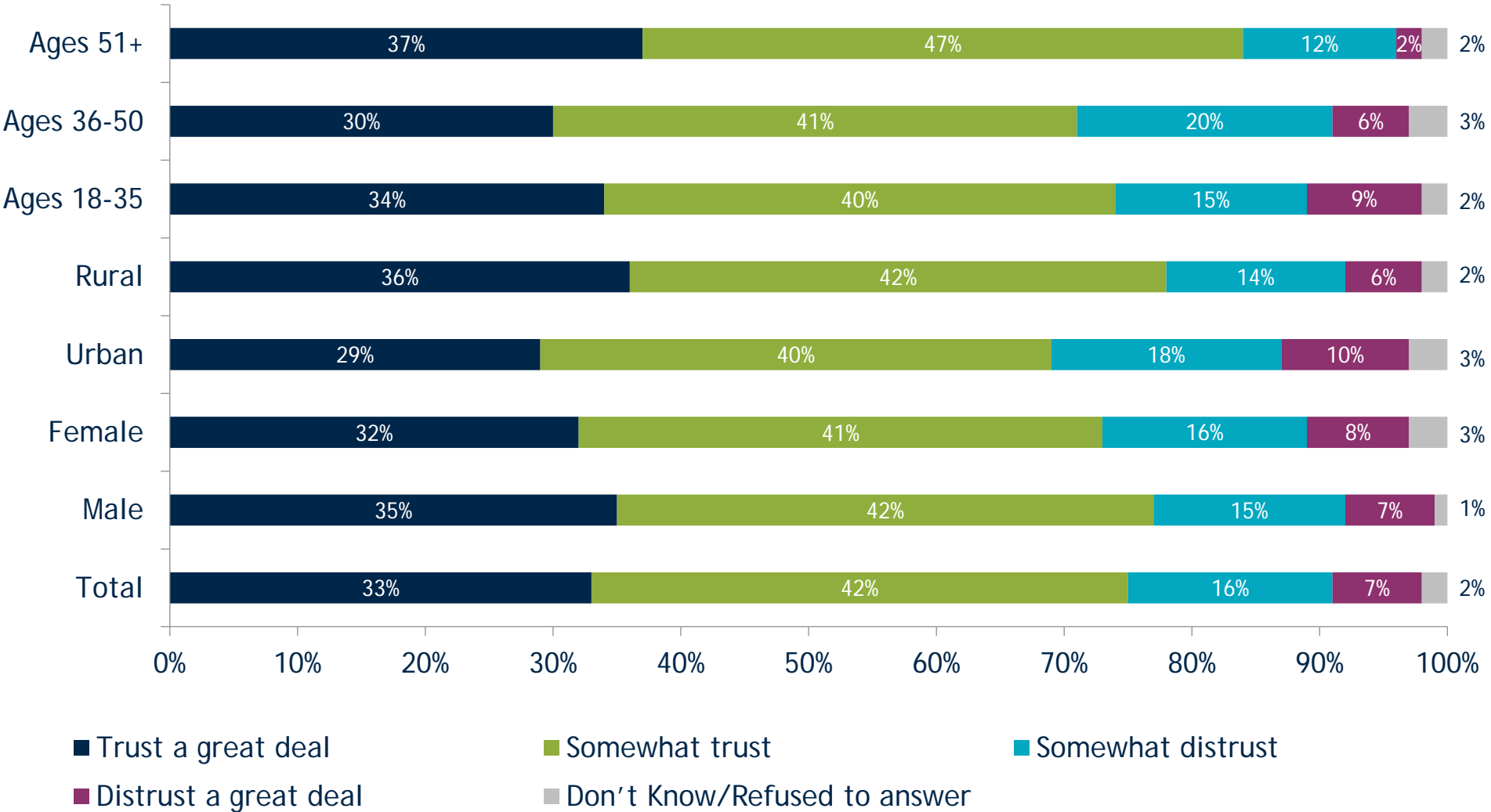
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Parliament



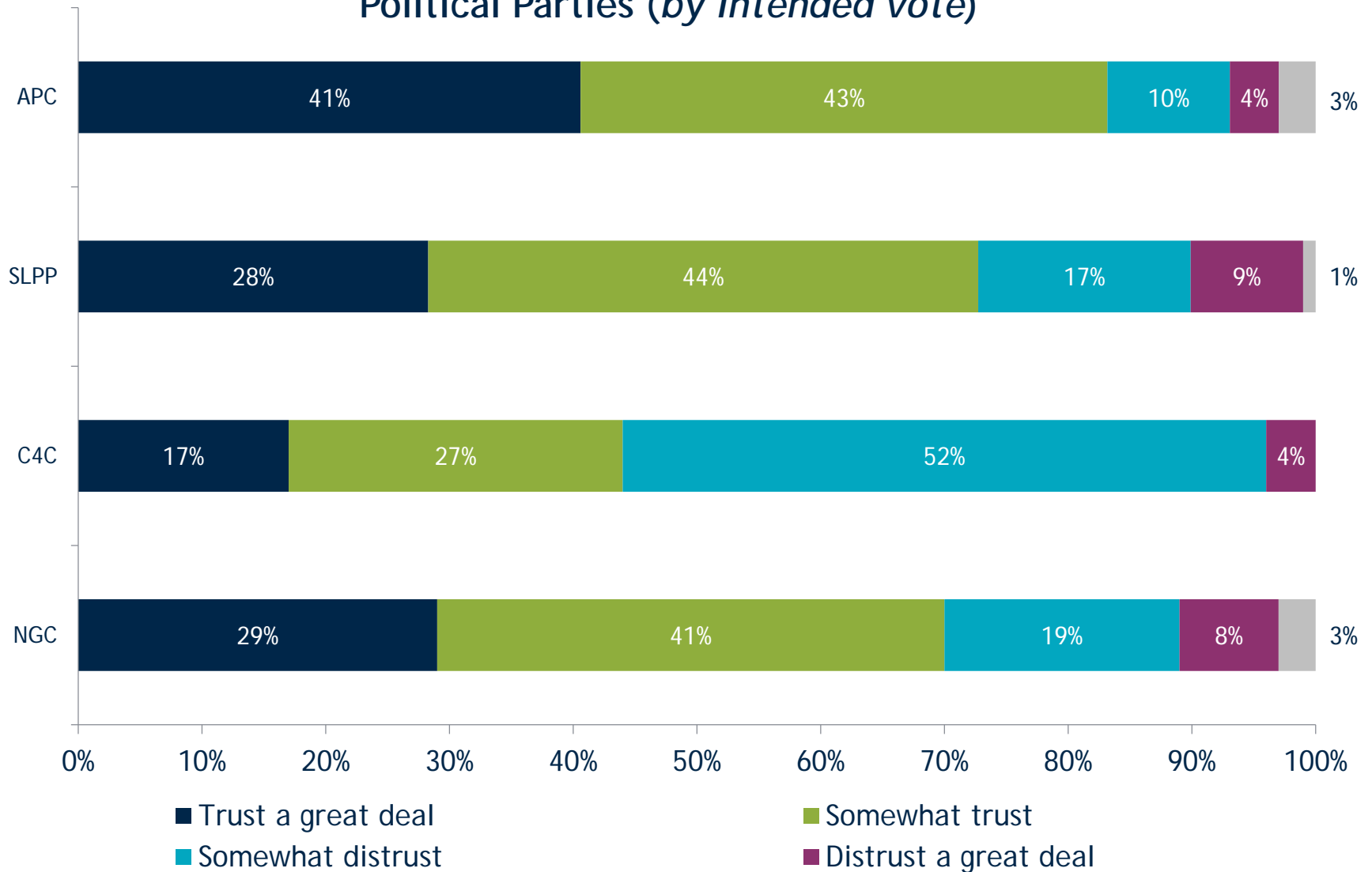
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Political Parties



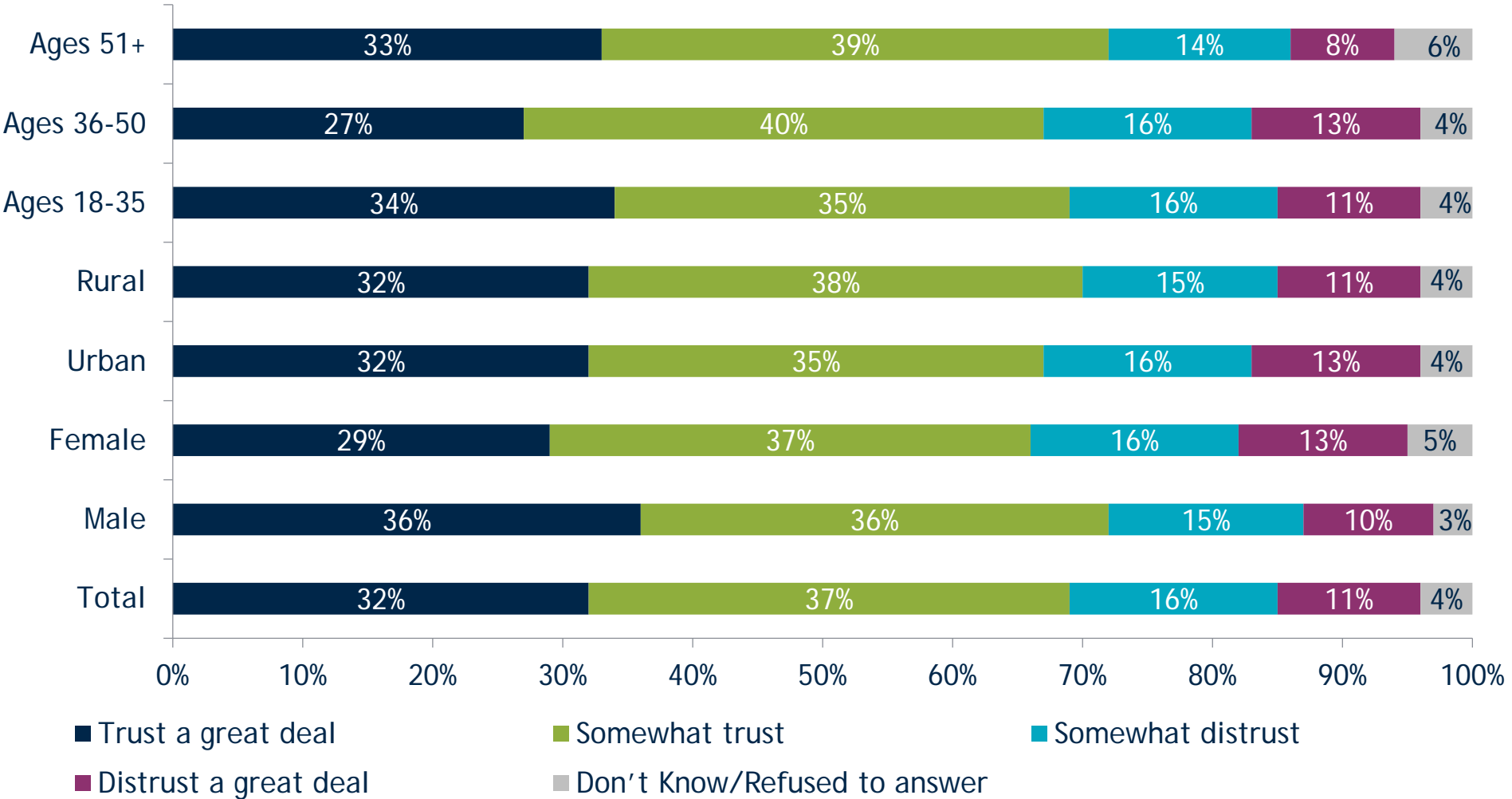
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Political Parties (*by intended vote*)



Please indicate your level of trust in the following institutions:

Judicial system



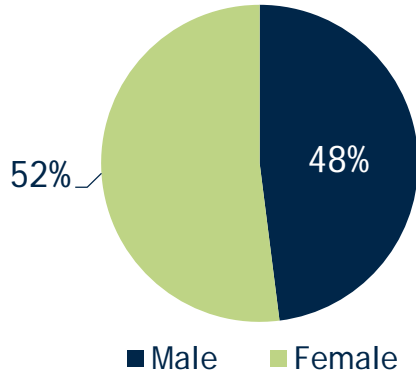


Demographics

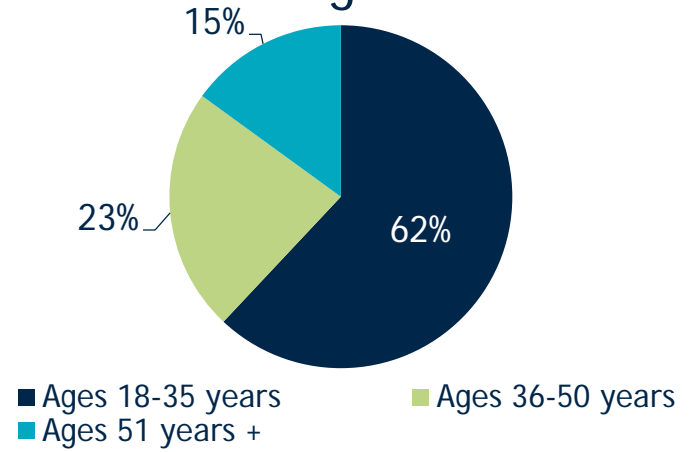


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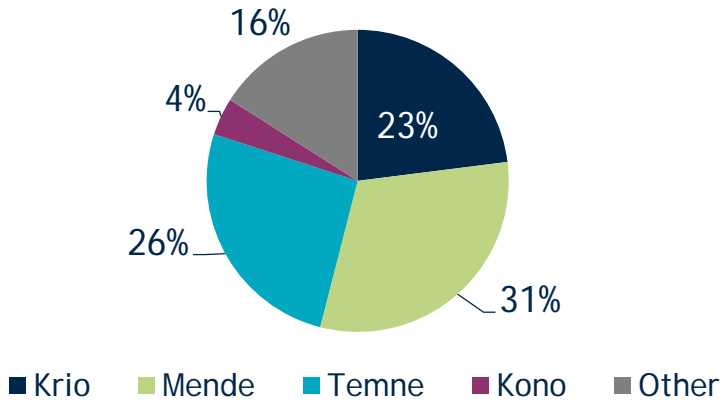
Gender



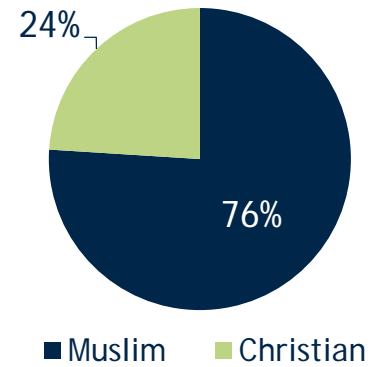
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Language Spoken at Home

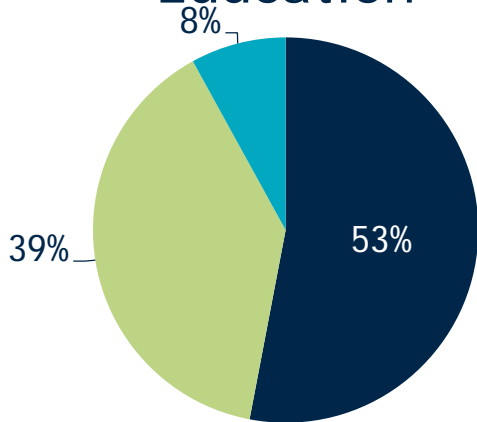


Religion



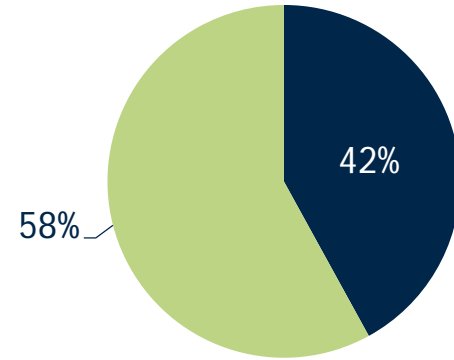
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Education



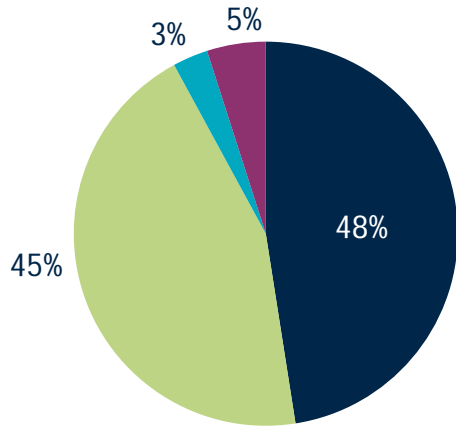
- No formal education
- Some education
- Diploma/First Degree/Bachelor Degree/Master's Degree/PhD

Type of Settlement



- Urban
- Rural

Economic Situation



- I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival
- I have enough means for survival, but I do not have enough money for extra things
- I am able to afford things like new clothes and eating at restaurants but not often
- I am able to afford things like new clothes and eating out and also support other members of my family who are not able to do these things

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