



Survey of Iraqi Public Opinion

International Republican Institute
July 24 – August 2, 2004



Methodology: Survey Facts

- 3,230 face-to-face interviews conducted across all 18 governorates
- Survey conducted from July 24 to August 2, 2004
- Response rate of 88% - rendering a valid sample of 2,846
- Minimum of 150 interviews conducted in every governorate
- Margin of error of +/- 2.57%



Methodology: Sample Weighting

Why was weighting necessary?

- IRI wanted to be able to more accurately breakdown poll results by governorate, religion and ethnic group.
- Drawing a sample based on census data, some governorates required very few interviews, far less than the number needed to draw statistically valid conclusions
- IRI interviewed at least 150 people in every governorate and adjusted the nation-wide results to reflect a representative national sample

Methodology: Sample Weighting

	Percent of Population	Unweighted Sample		Weighted Sample		Coefficient
		Interviews	%	Interviews	%	
Baghdad	26.58%	590	18.27%	585	26.58%	0.991525424
Basrah	8.41%	190	5.88%	185	8.41%	0.973684211
Samarra	3.04%	150	4.64%	67	3.04%	0.446666667
Nasirria	5.18%	150	4.64%	114	5.18%	0.76
Umara	3.09%	150	4.64%	68	3.09%	0.453333333
Hilla	4.95%	150	4.64%	109	4.95%	0.726666667
Najaf	3.23%	150	4.64%	71	3.23%	0.473333333
Diwania	3.54%	150	4.64%	78	3.54%	0.52
Kut	3.45%	150	4.64%	76	3.45%	0.506666667
Karbala	2.23%	150	4.64%	49	2.23%	0.326666667
Ramadi	3.86%	150	4.64%	85	3.86%	0.566666667
Samawa	1.82%	150	4.64%	40	1.82%	0.266666667
Baquba	4.91%	150	4.64%	108	4.91%	0.72
Musil	9.22%	200	6.19%	203	9.22%	1.015
Kirkuk	4.13%	150	4.64%	91	4.13%	0.606666667
Sulaimania	5.77%	150	4.64%	127	5.77%	0.846666667
Duhok	2.09%	150	4.64%	46	2.09%	0.306666667
Erbil	4.50%	150	4.64%	99	4.50%	0.66

Demographics

Urban/Rural

URBAN	RURAL
67.0%	33.0%

Sex

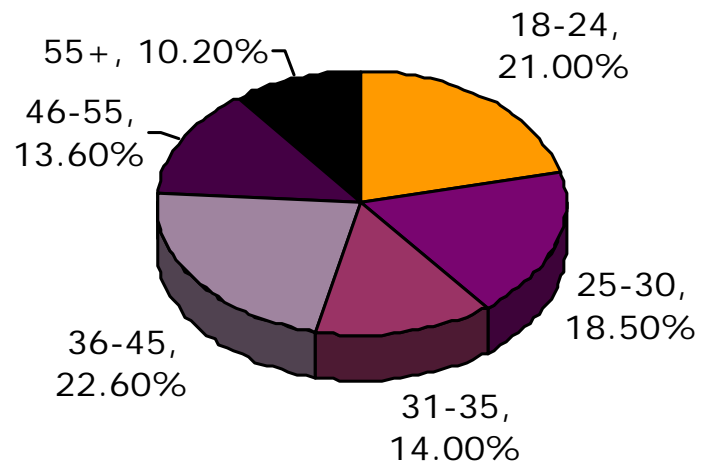
MALE	FEMALE
50.7%	49.3%

Ethnicity

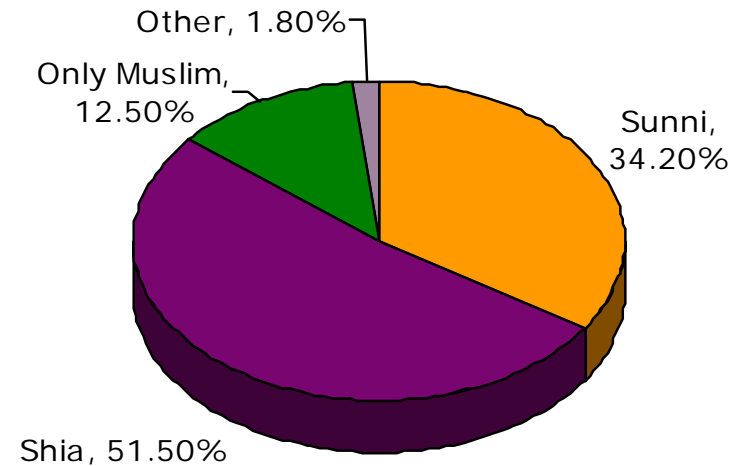
Arab	Kurd	Turkmen	Assyrian	Chaldean	Other
80.1%	15.4%	3.2%	0.3%	0.7%	0.2%

Demographics

Age



Religion



Demographics

Education

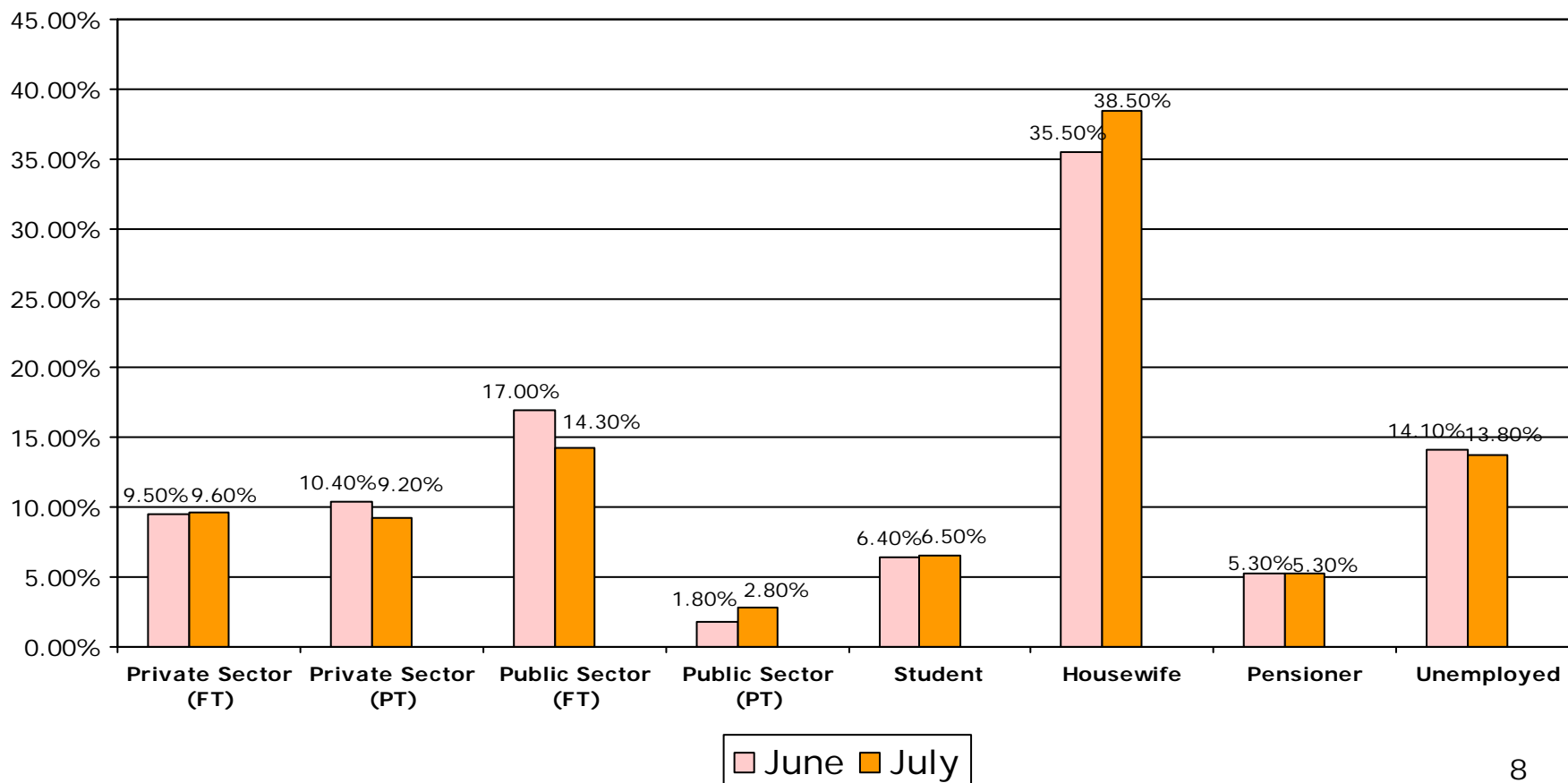
None	22.6%
Primary	27.6%
Intermediate	16.8%
Secondary	13.7%
Diploma	8.8%
College/Univ.	9.6%
Post Graduate	0.9%

Monthly Income

< US \$50	32.4%
\$50 - \$100	33.2%
\$101 - \$500	20.6%
\$501 - \$800	2.2%
\$801 - \$1,200	1.2%
\$1,201 - \$1,500	0.7%
> \$1,500	0.8%

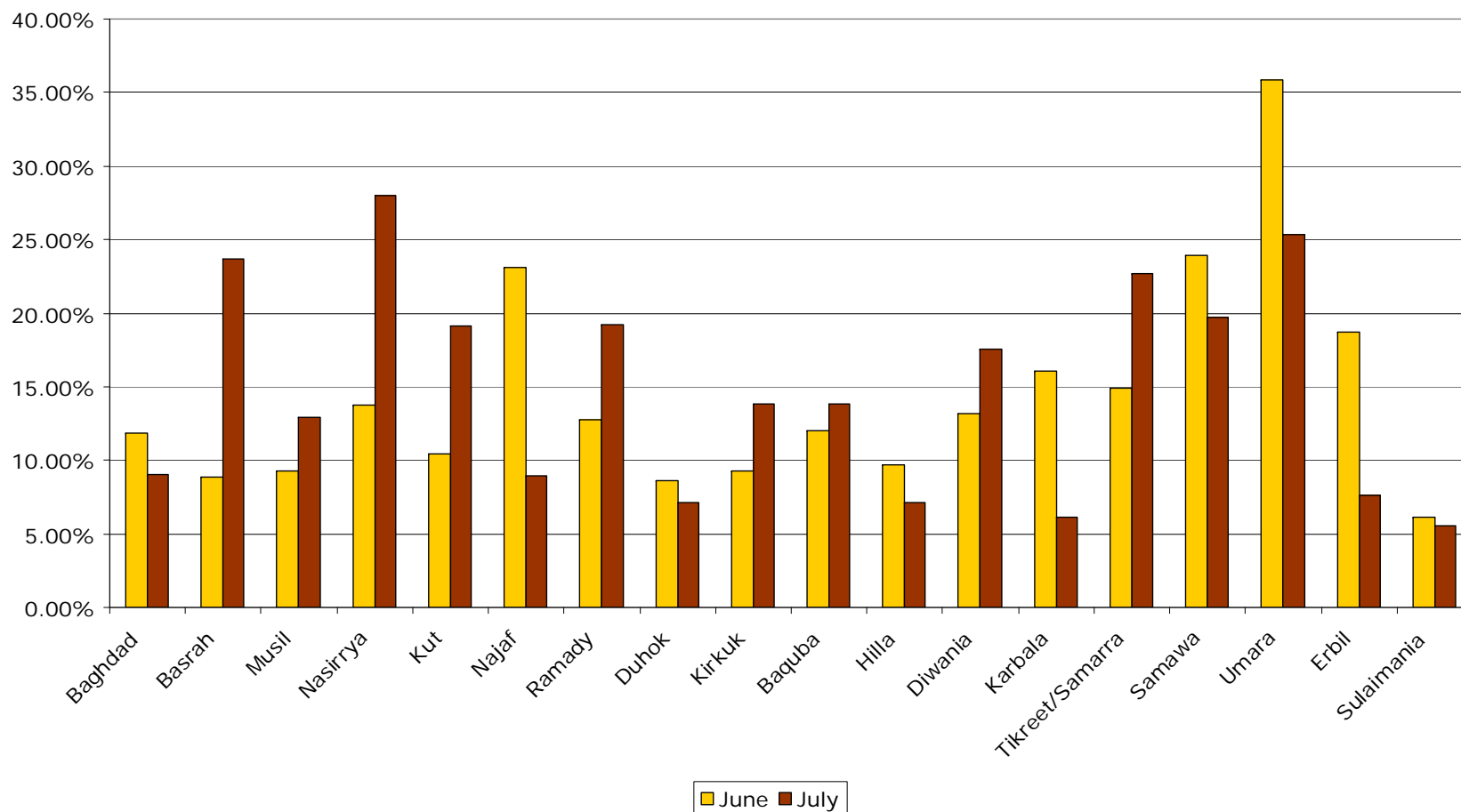
Demographics

Employment



Demographics

Unemployment by Province



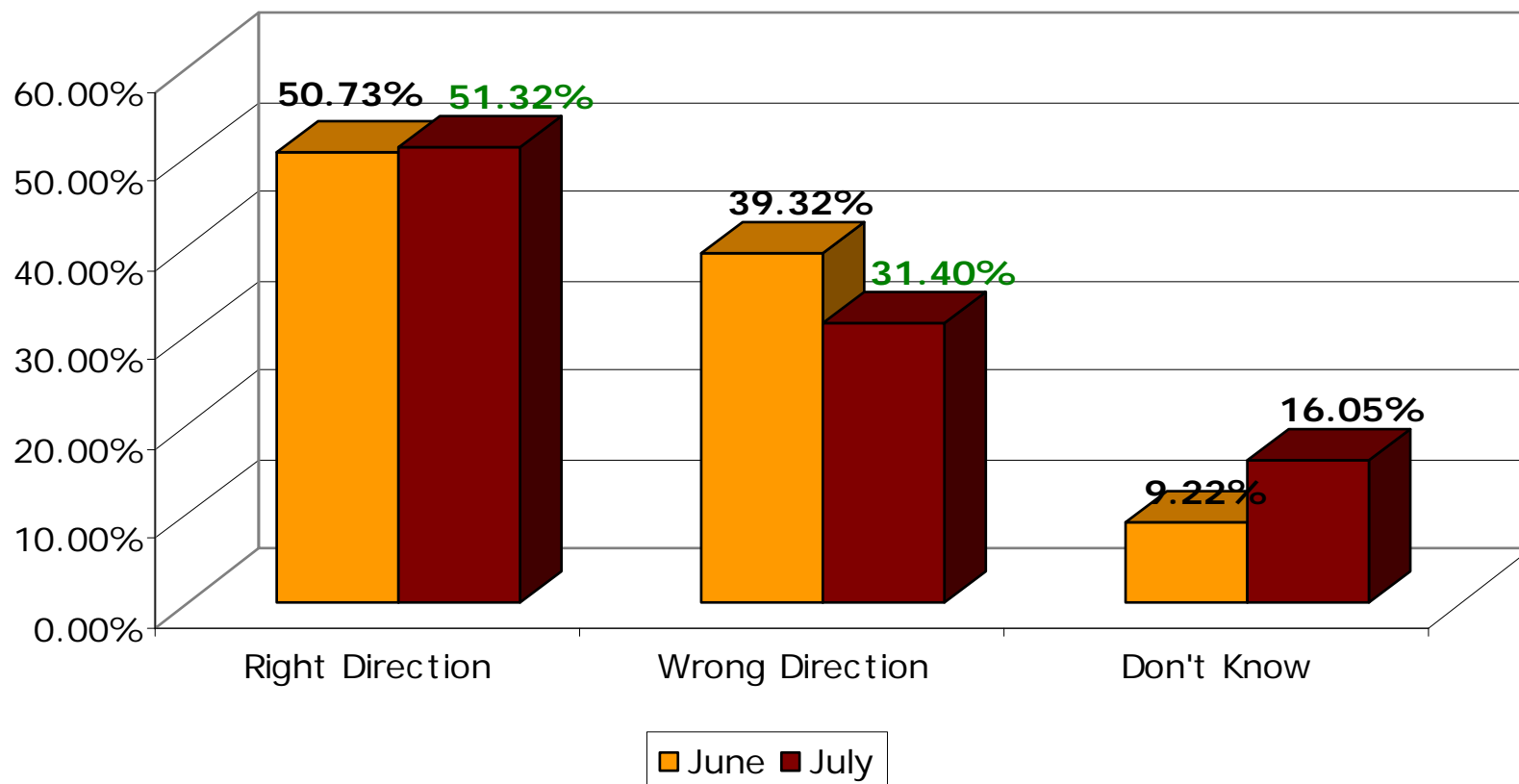


Survey Results

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Political Environment

Do you feel that Iraq is generally heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?



Political Environment

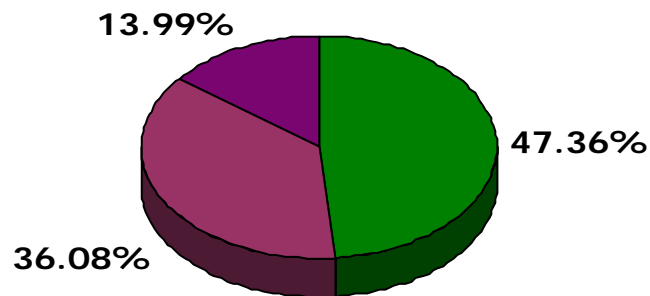
If you think Iraq is moving in the wrong direction, please briefly tell me why?

Security Situation	62.45%
Presence of Occupation Forces	17.42%
Unemployment	5.10%
Bias to Certain Groups of Iraqis	3.66%
Economic Situation	2.87%
Neglect of Infrastructure	1.71%

Political Environment

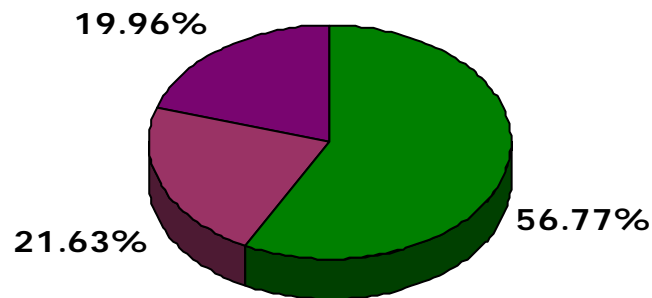
Thinking about the last two months, do you feel that the following have gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

Economy



■ Better ■ Same ■ Worse

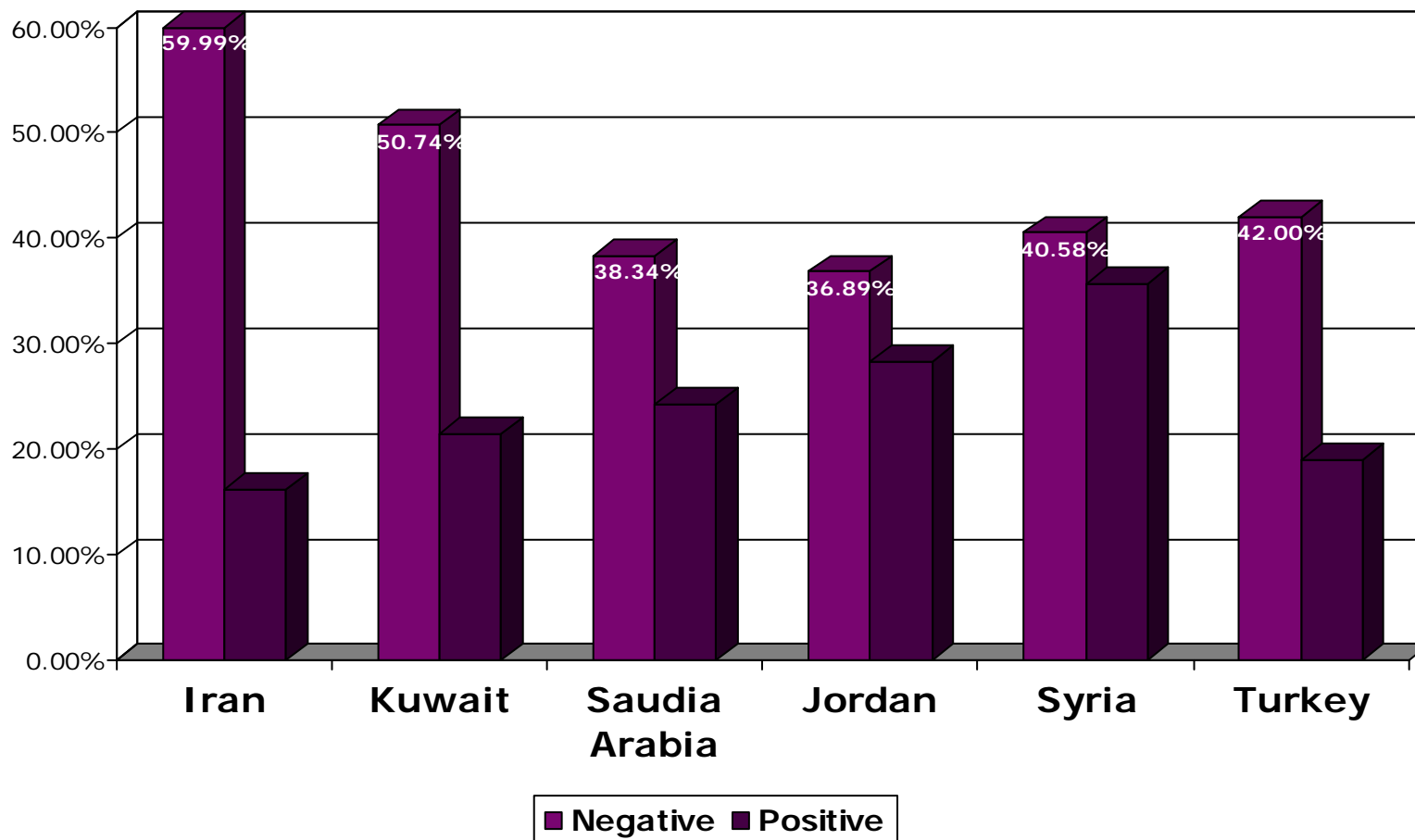
Security



■ Better ■ Same ■ Worse

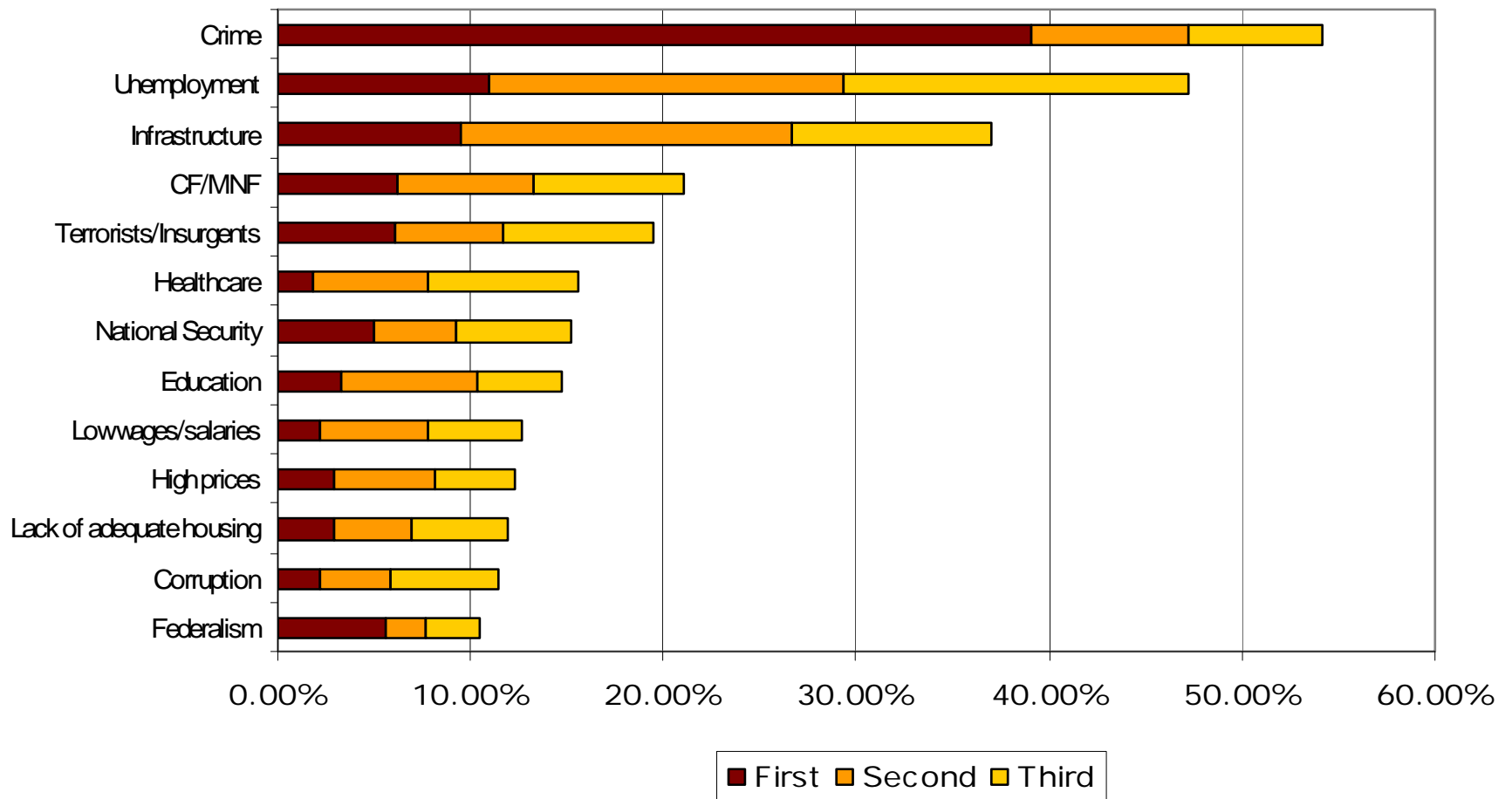
Political Environment

Do you believe that Iraq's neighbors have a positive or negative influence on politics in Iraq?



Issues

In order of importance, please tell me the three issues most important to you:



Issues-National Security

Have you heard about the national security law passed by the Interim Government during the first week of July?

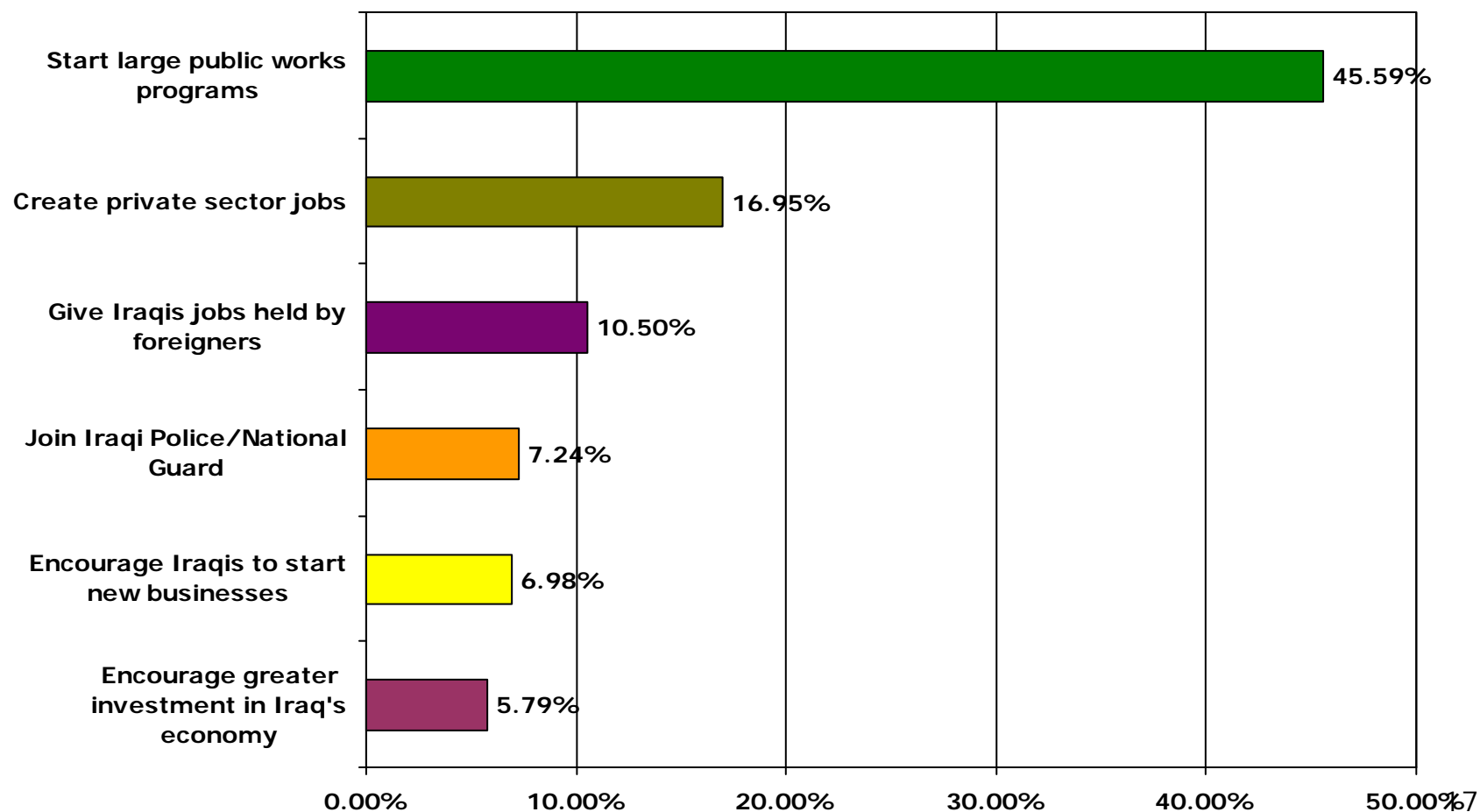
YES	28.4%
NO	64.9%

If you have heard of it, which of the following most closely characterizes your opinion of the national security law?

AGREE , but feel the law is not strong enough	20.5%
AGREE , think the law was necessary	41.5%
AGREE , but have concerns about implementation	21.8%
DISAGREE , believe the law will have negative impact on the rights of Iraqis	4.0%
DISAGREE , believe the law will not change the situation or make it worse	3.5%

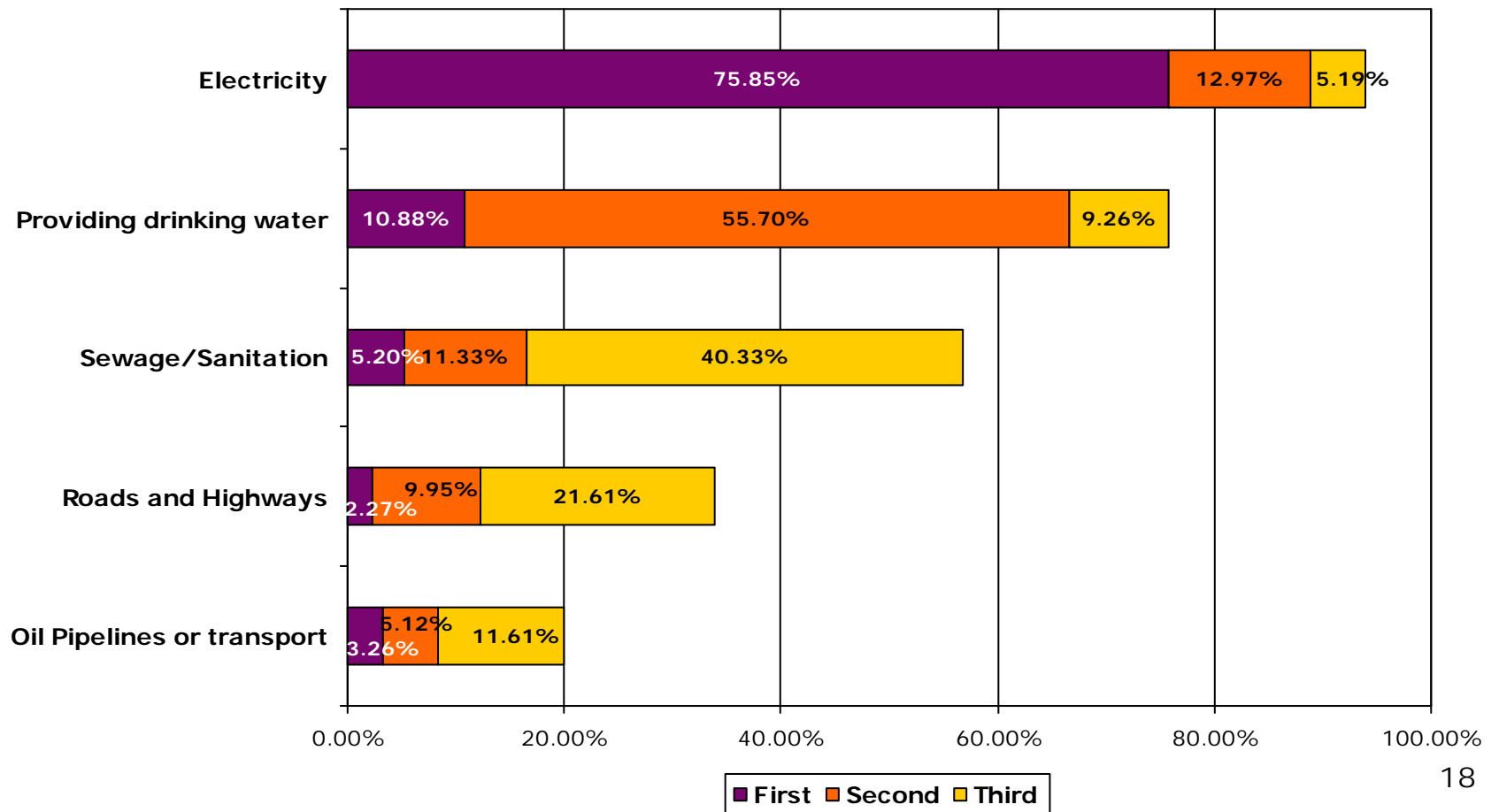
Issues-Unemployment

Which one of the following do you think would be the best solution to the problem of unemployment?



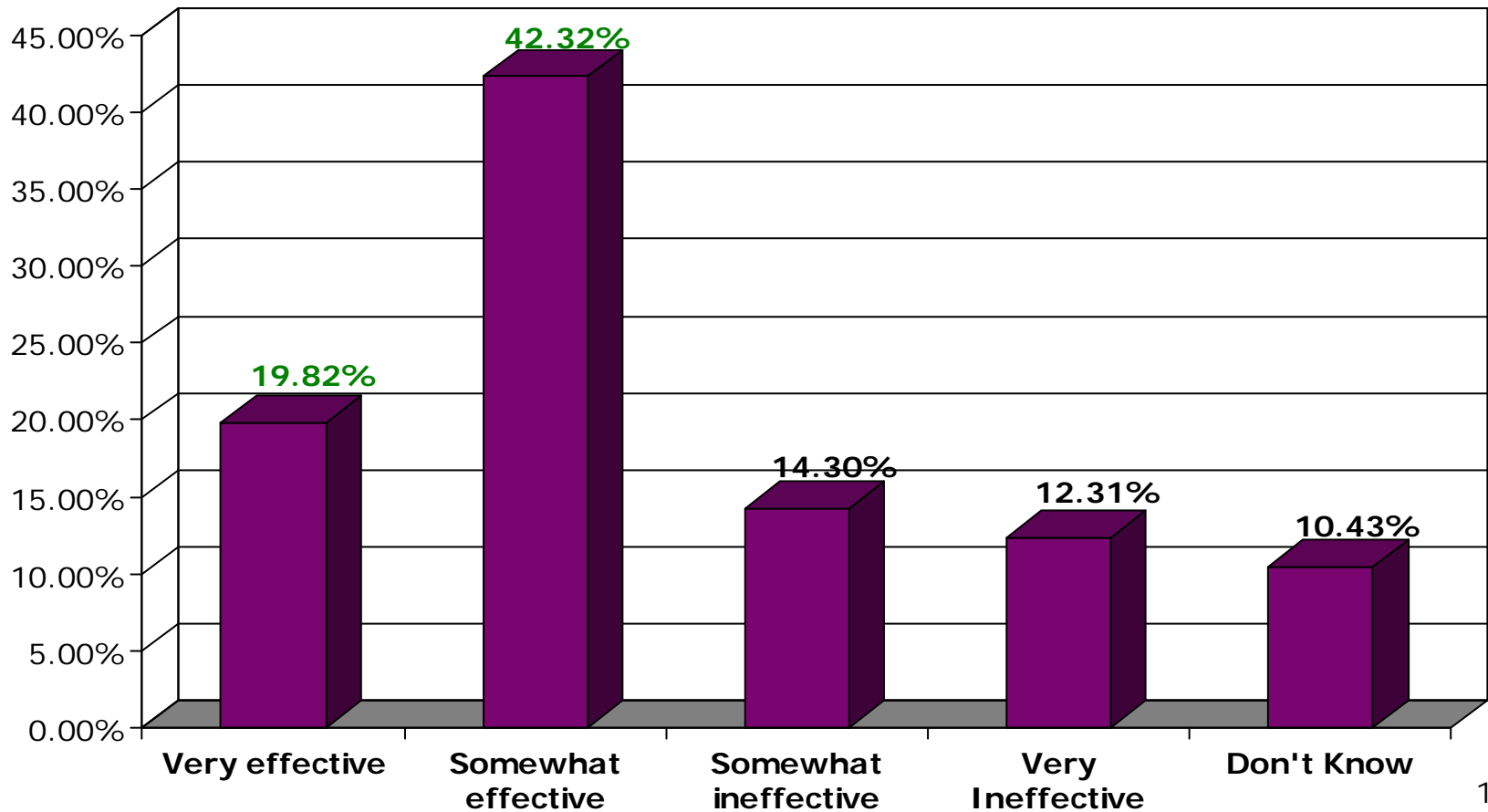
Issues-Infrastructure

Many people have cited rebuilding Iraq's infrastructure as one of the most pressing issues in the country. Which of the following are the most important to you?



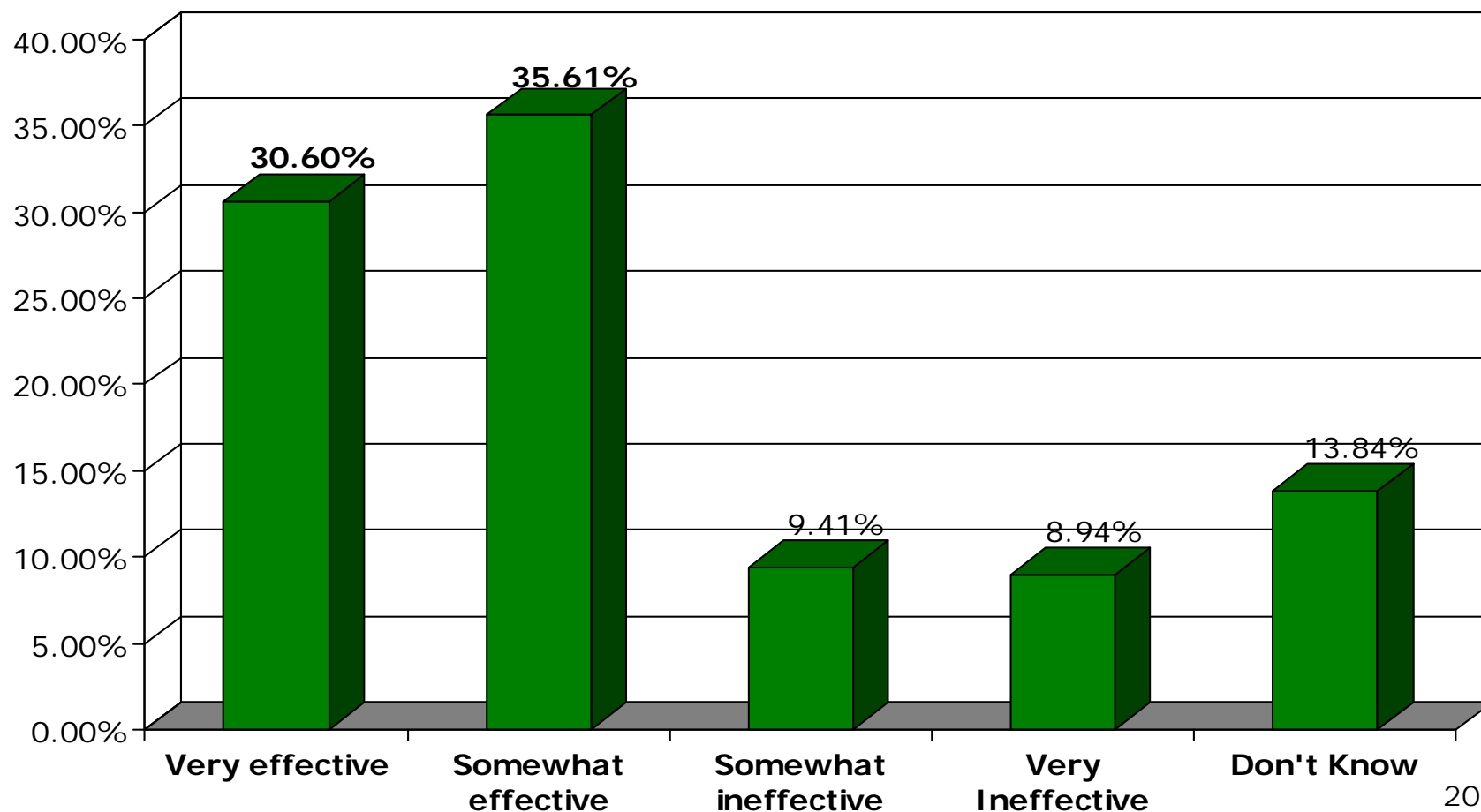
Interim Government

To what degree do you feel that the Interim Government has been effective since the handover of authority on June 28?



Interim Government

To what degree do you feel that PRIME MINISTER AYED ALLAWI has been effective since the handover of authority on June 28?



Interim Government

On what issue do you feel that PRIME MINISTER AYED ALLAWI has been **MOST** effective since the handover of authority on June 28? **LEAST** effective?

MOST Effective

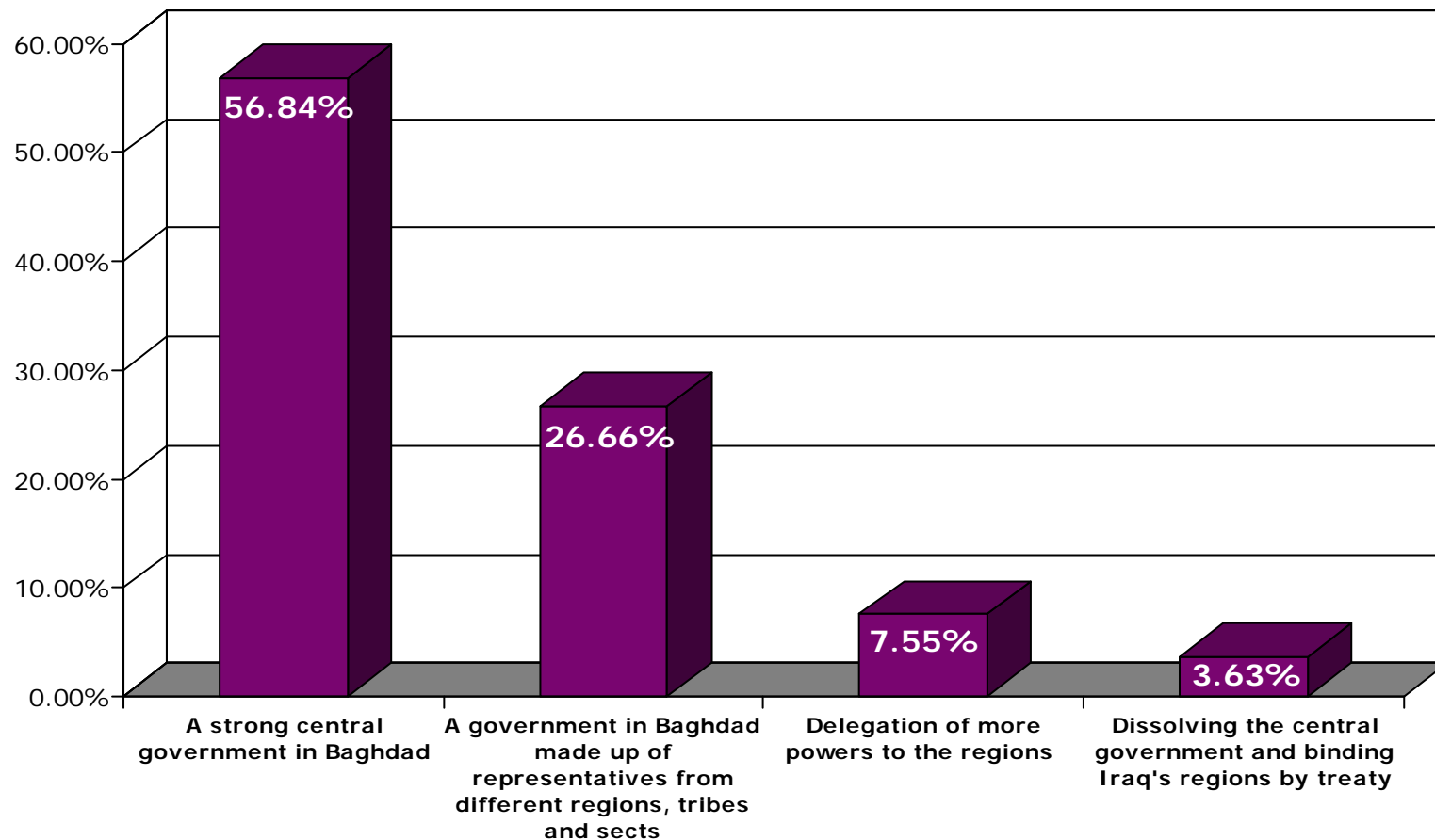
Improving Security	45.20%
Don't Know	16.40%
Improving outside relationships	13.29%
Improving Economy	2.80%
Solving Unemployment	1.07%
Solving housing crisis	0.88%

LEAST Effective

Don't Know	26.24%
Rebuilding Infrastructure	15.45%
Improving Security	9.52%
Improving Economy	7.54%
Solving Unemployment	6.73%
Removal of CF/MNF from Iraq	2.47%

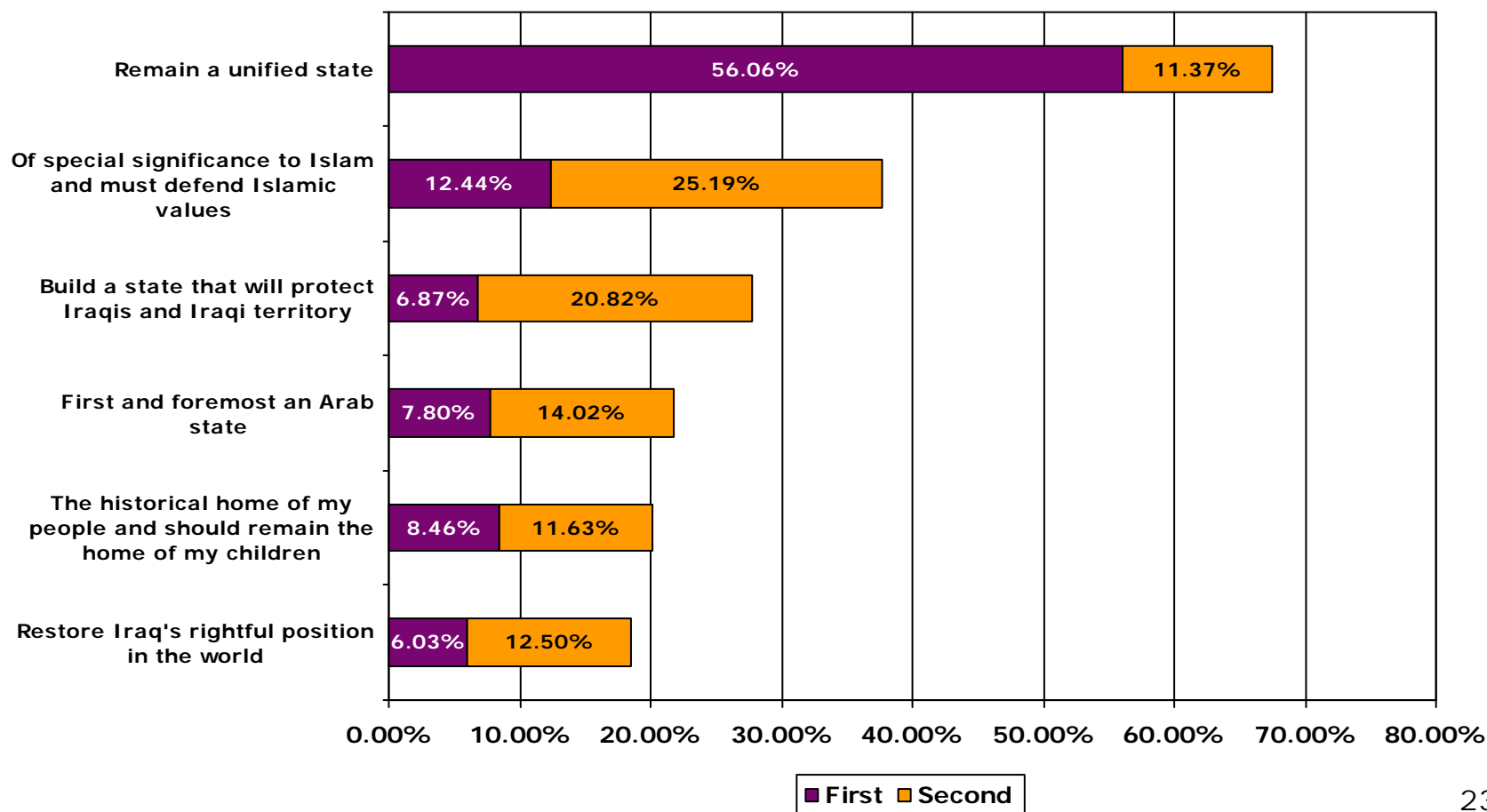
Political Ideology

Which of the following types of government do you think would best serve your interests?



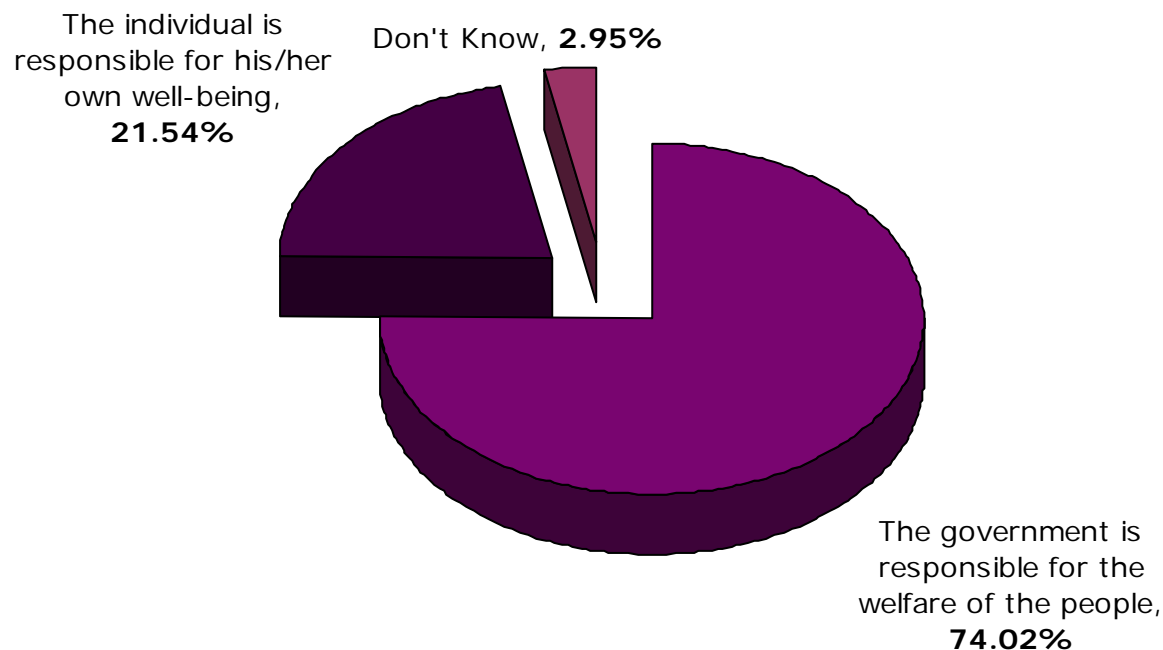
Political Ideology

Which of the following statements best describes your feelings about Iraqi you think the country SHOULD BE? Iraq is/must . . .



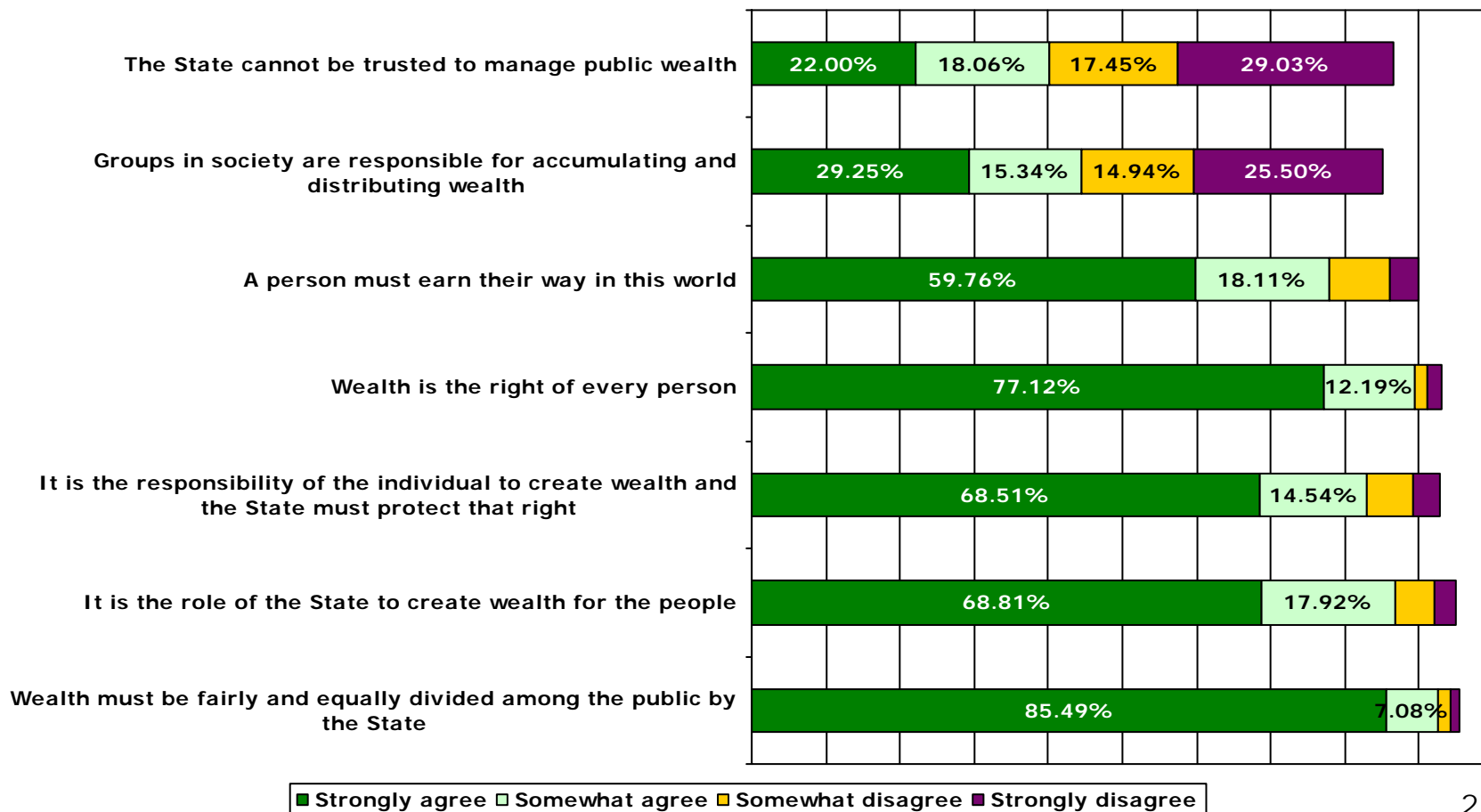
Political Ideology

Some people believe that the wealth of a country and its people ought to be fairly divided among the people. Others believe that people should be able to succeed without government interference regardless of how much wealth a person obtains. Which of the following most closely matches your own opinion?



Political Ideology

Thinking about the relationship between the State and the people, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?



Political Ideology

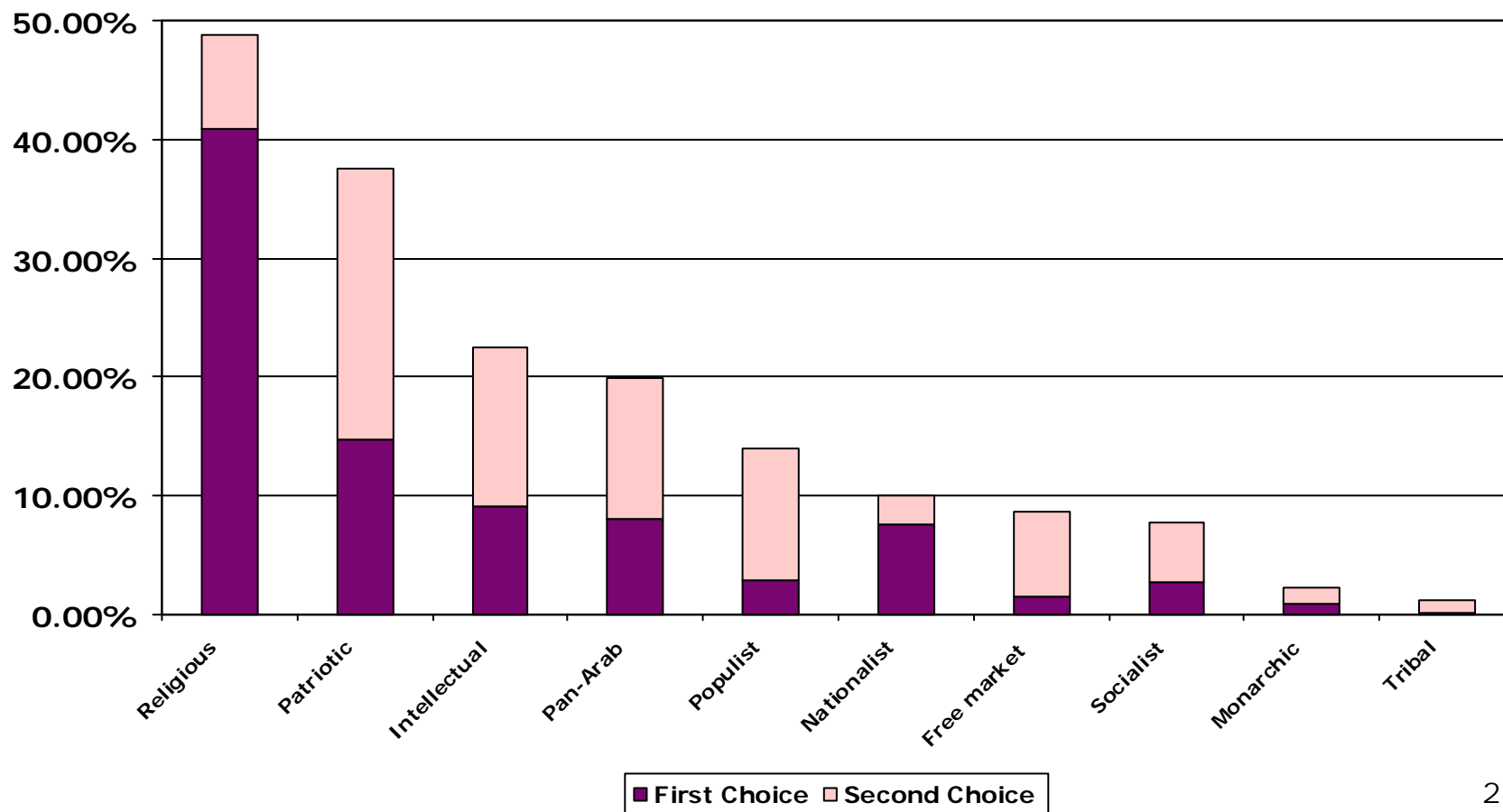
Thinking about a permanent constitution for Iraq, to what extent would you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

The new Iraqi constitution should . . .

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Take Islam and the Shari'a as the sole basis for all laws and legislation	69.5%	13.8%	4.3%	4.0%
Ensure the Islamic identity of Iraq	73.3%	14.5%	2.8%	1.9%
Guarantee the basic rights of all Iraqis	82.1%	8.2%	1.9%	0.7%
Create a secular state that respects that rights of all religious, tribal and ethnic groups	37.1%	11.8%	11.9%	27.9%
Give significant power to Iraq's governorates	44.0%	17.5%	18.8%	10.3%

Political Ideology

Thinking about the type of political party you are most likely to support, regardless of whether or not it exists in Iraq today, which of the following do you find closest to your own views?



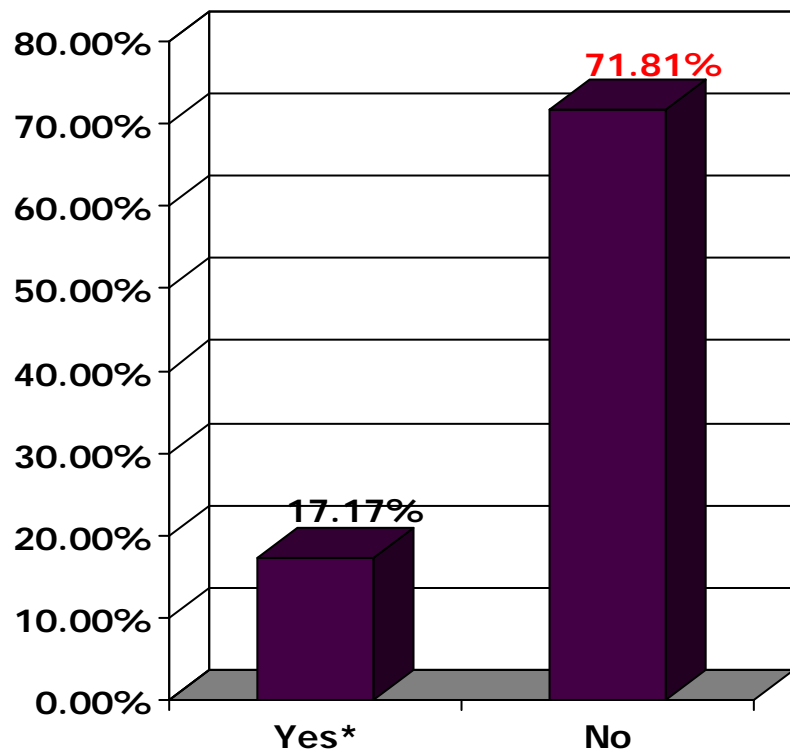
Campaigns and Candidates

Whether or not you support a political party right now, please tell me which of the following factors would be most important to you in choosing a party to vote for in Iraq's first elections?

	First	Second	Total
The party can maintain order and stability	19.15%	17.22%	36.37%
Qualifications of the party's candidates	14.51%	3.69%	18.20%
Party ideology	10.16%	7.06%	17.22%
<i>Community actions taken by the party</i>	<i>9.47%</i>	<i>7.13%</i>	<i>16.60%</i>
The party's religious ties	4.74%	7.45%	12.20%
The party is from my religious group	4.52%	7.35%	11.87%
The party is from my ethnic group	4.28%	6.26%	10.54%
Party's leaders	3.80%	5.96%	9.76%

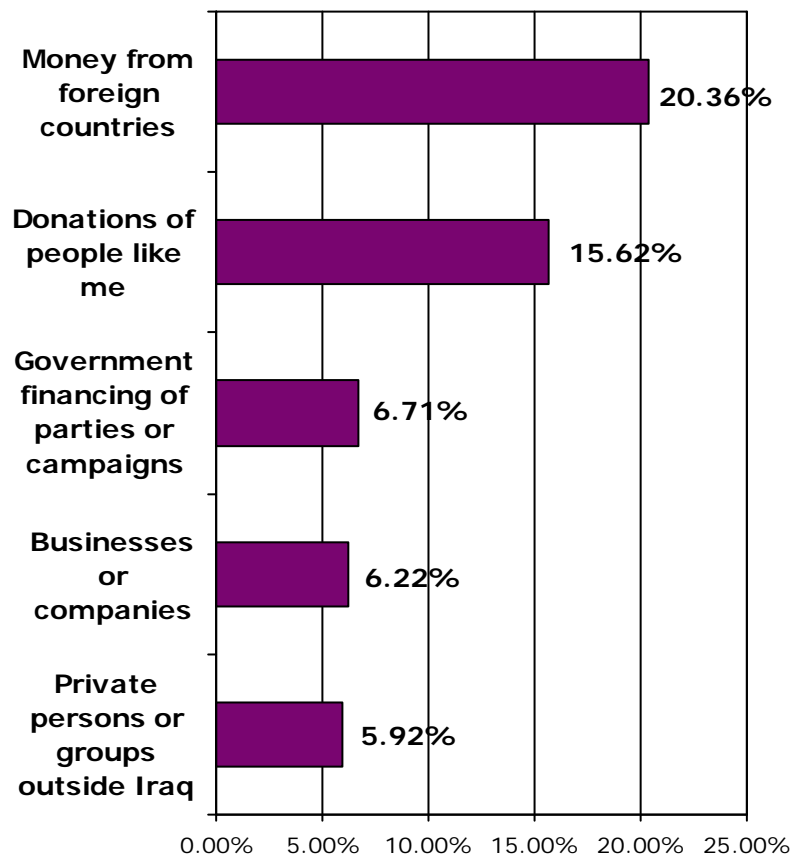
Campaigns and Candidates

If there were a party or candidate that you supported, would you consider donating money to help that party or candidate's election campaign?



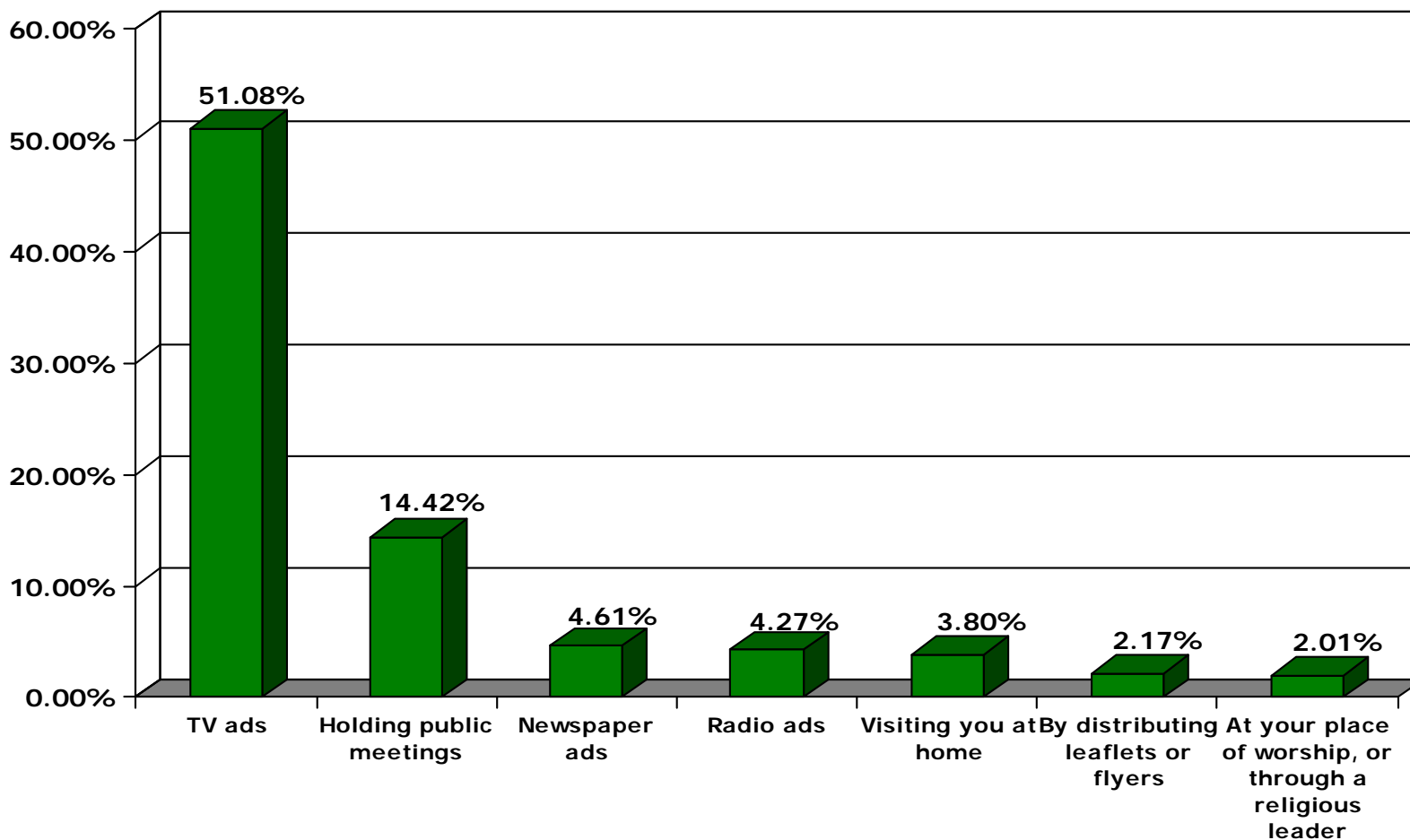
*Among those who said that they currently supported a political party, 48.6% said that they would consider donating money to a campaign or candidate.

Which of the following do you think is the **LEAST ACCEPTABLE** way for political parties or movements to finance themselves?



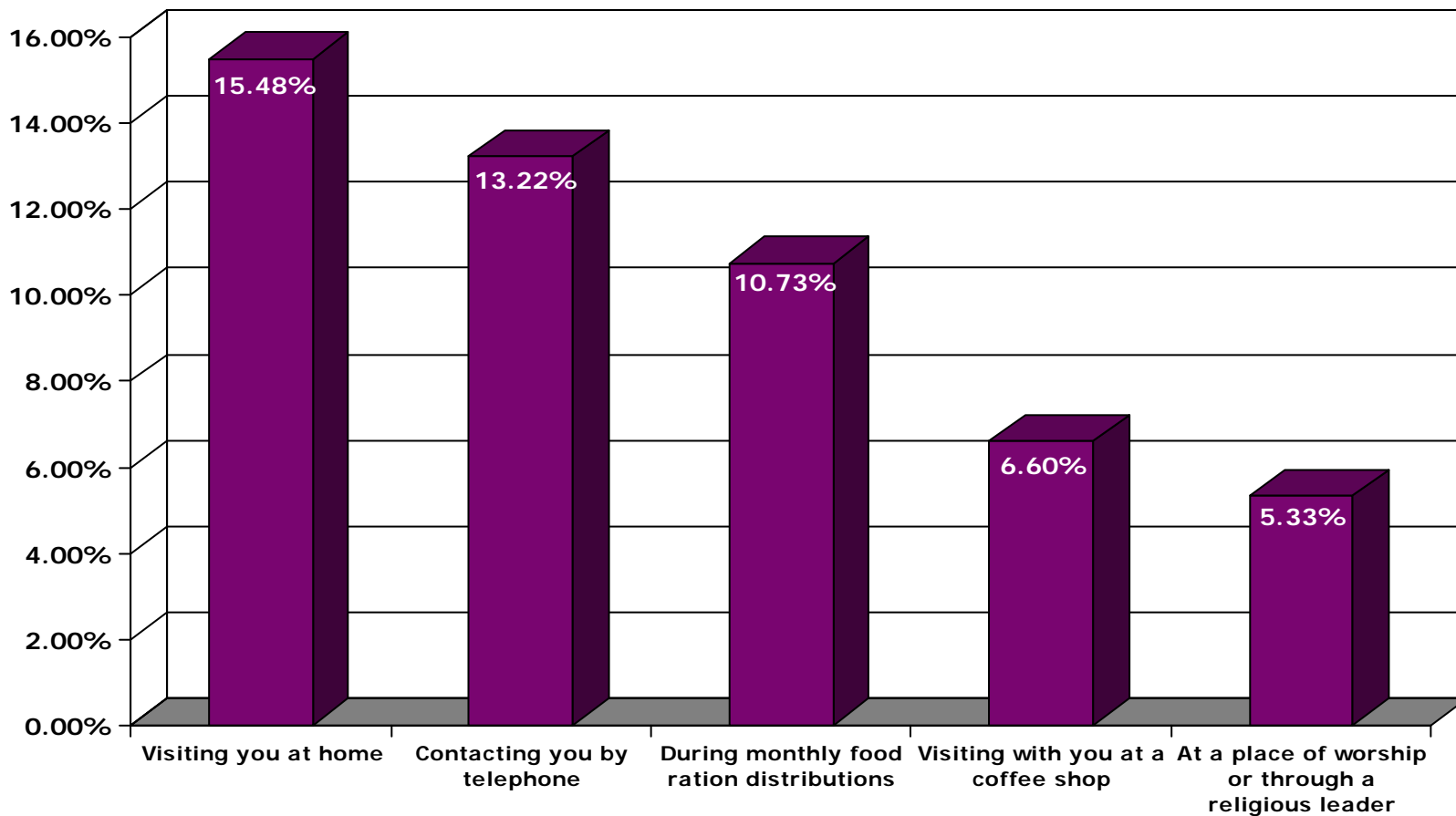
Campaigns and Candidates

In your opinion, which of the following would be the **BEST** way for a party to get you attention?



Campaigns and Candidates

In your opinion, which of the following would be the **WORST** way for a party to get your attention?



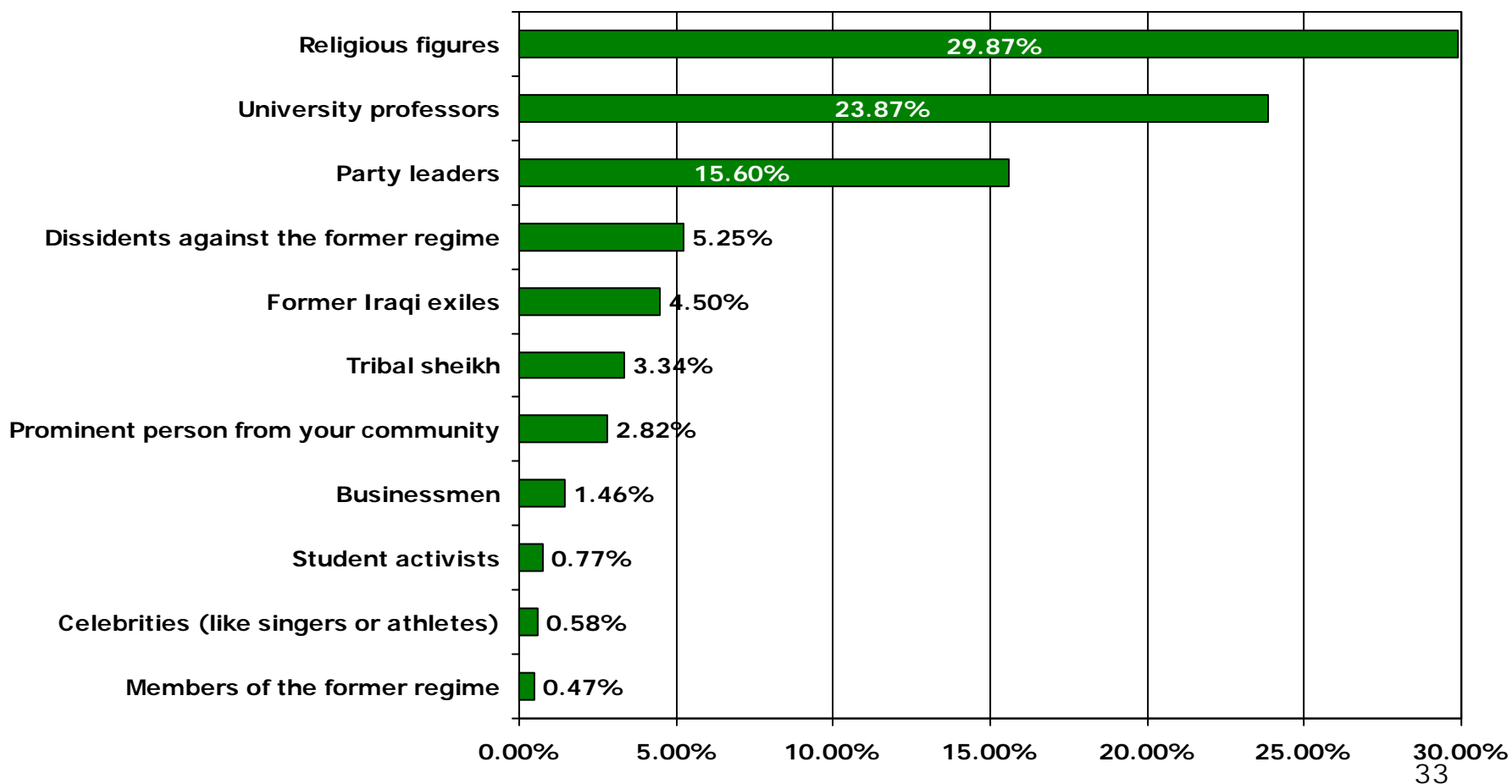
Campaigns and Candidates

Would you consider taking part in any of the following activities in support of a political party or independent candidate's campaign?

Talking to family, friends and neighbors about the party or candidate	26.67%
Handing out leaflets about the party or candidate	9.95%
Take part in an activity to improve the community sponsored by the party	4.37%
Participating in rallies	3.67%
Talk to the media about the party or candidate	2.60%
Help fellow party or candidate supporters register to vote	2.45%

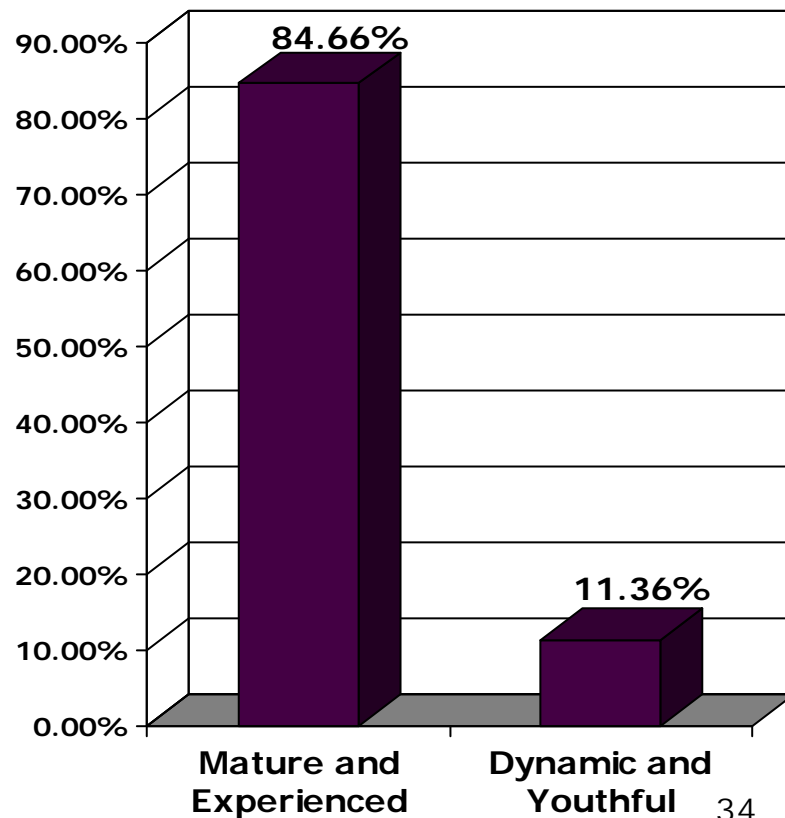
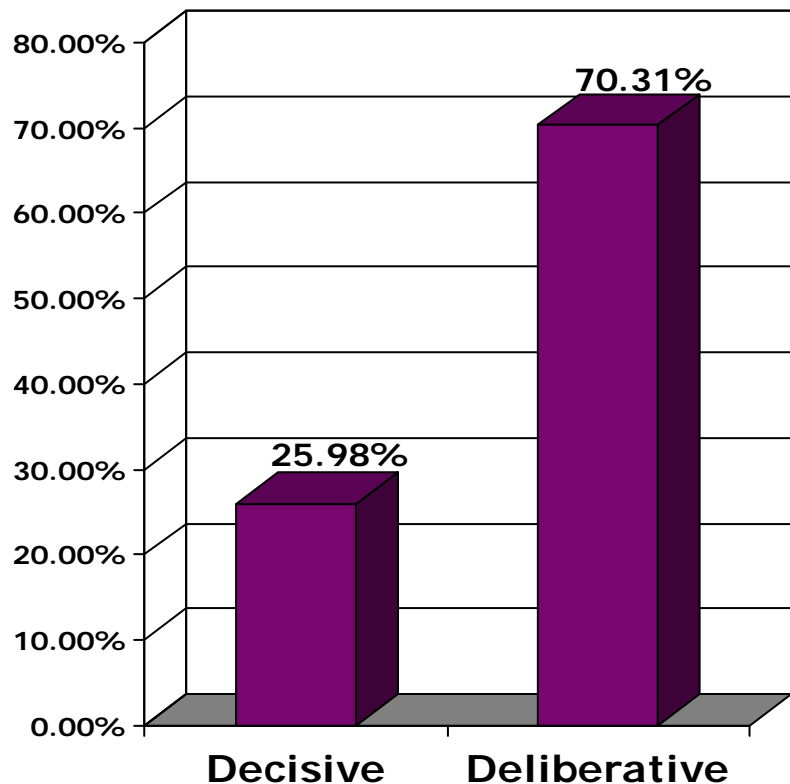
Campaigns and Candidates

Which of the following types of people do you think would make the **BEST** candidates for Iraq's future elections?



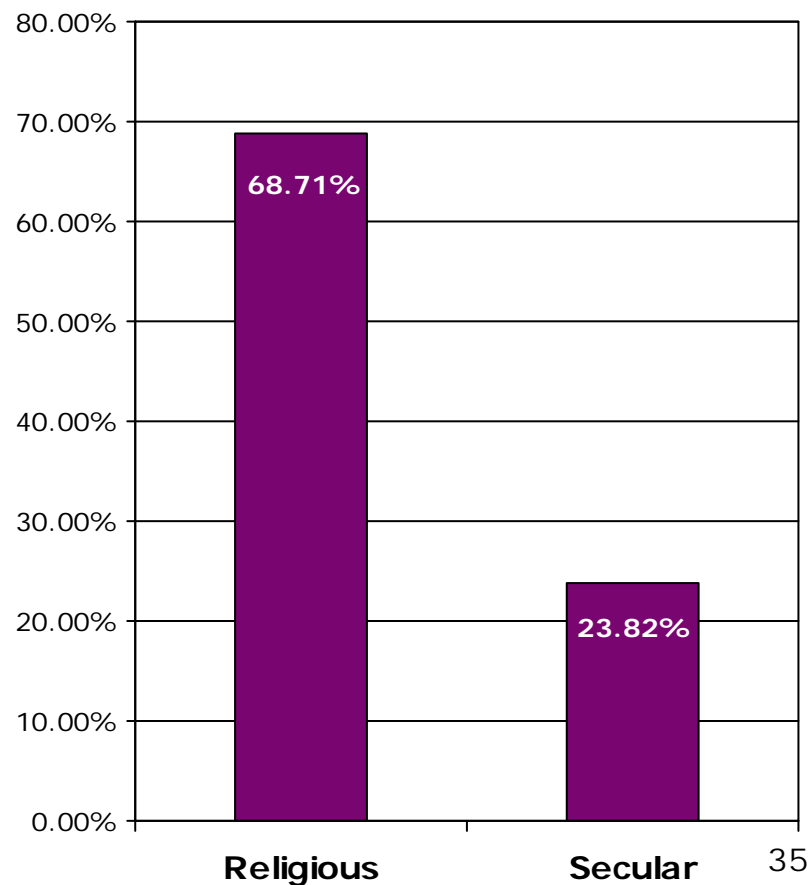
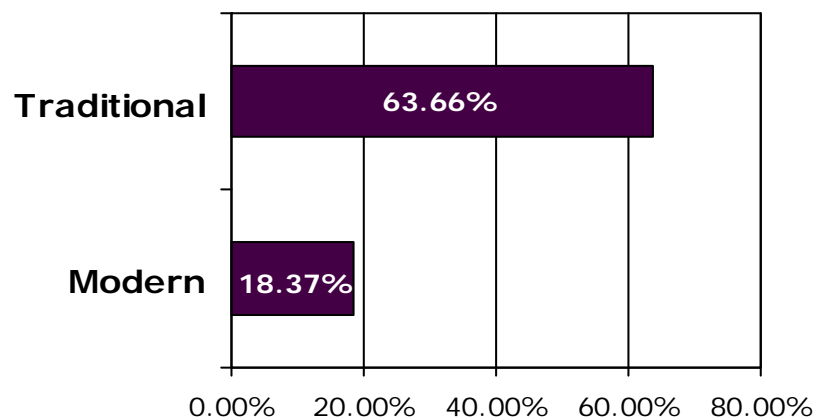
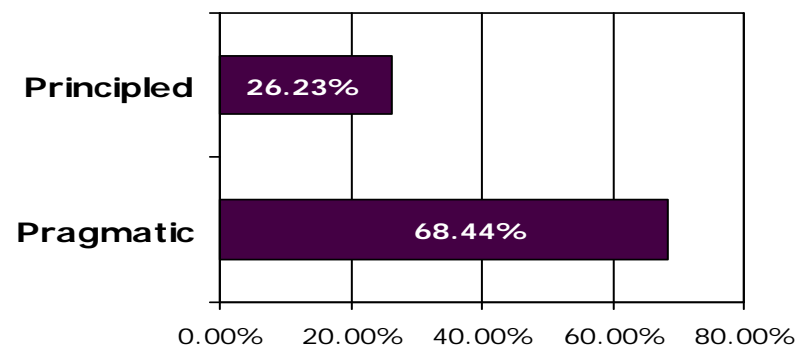
Campaigns and Candidates

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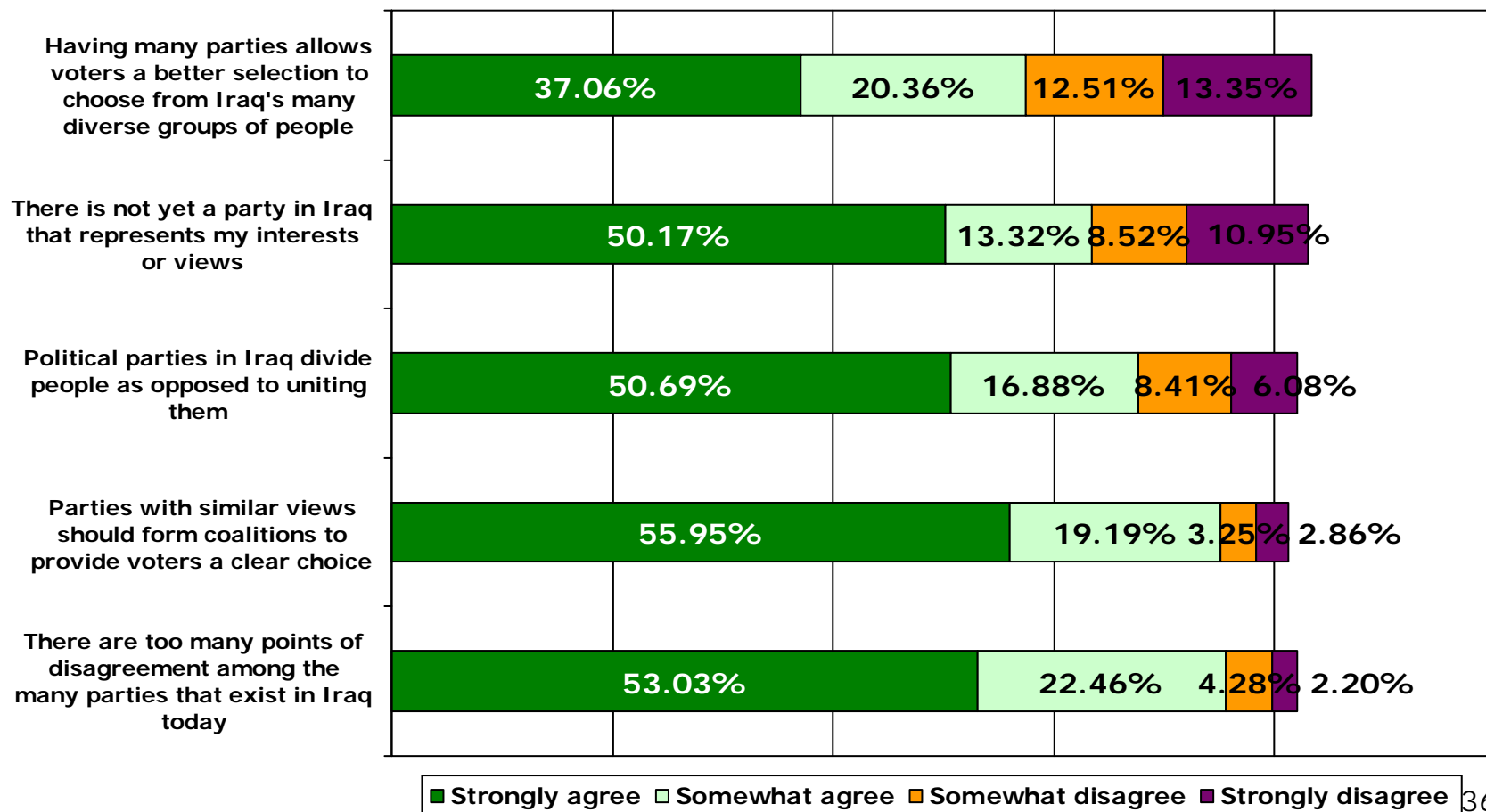
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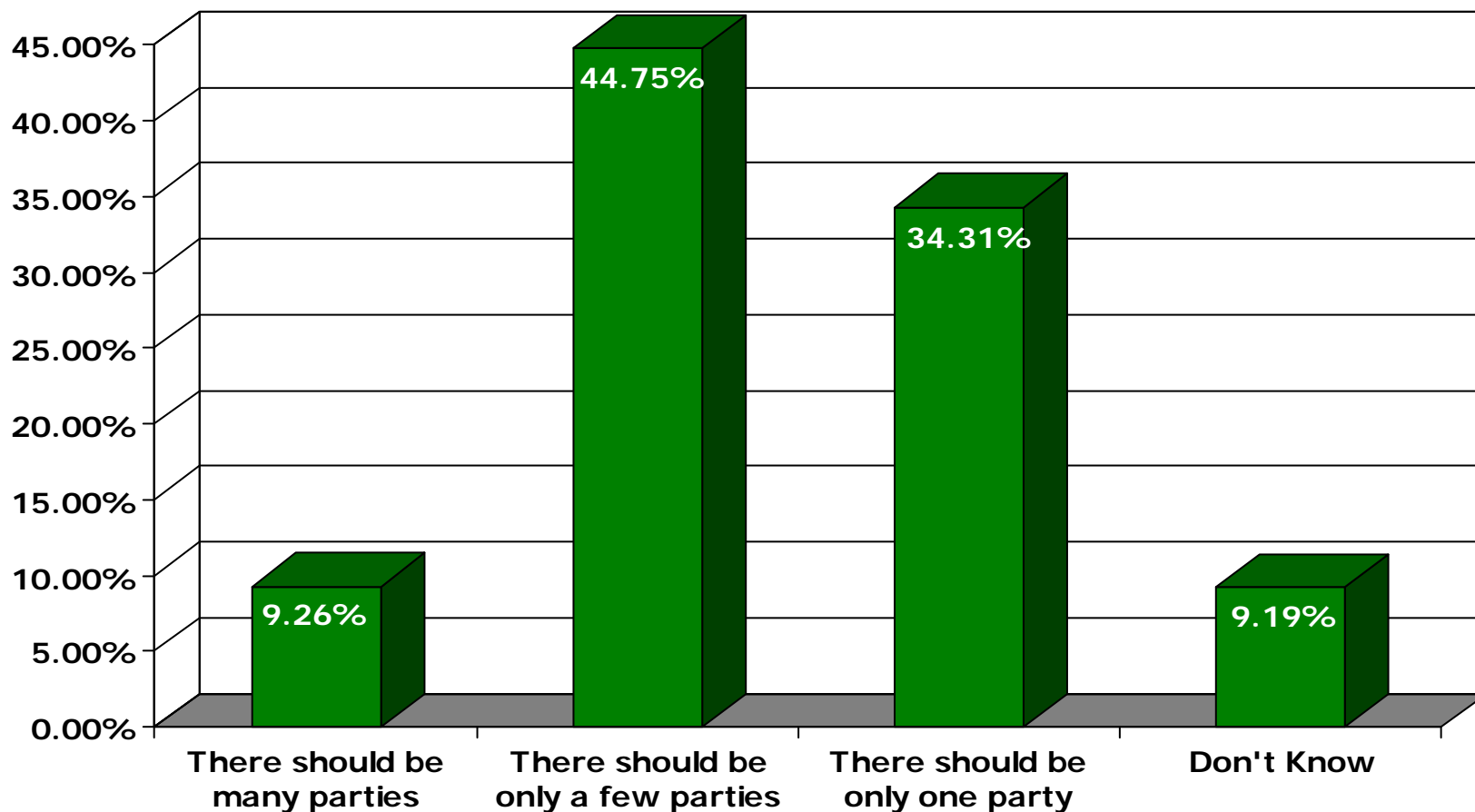
Political Parties

Thinking about the number of political parties in Iraq, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?



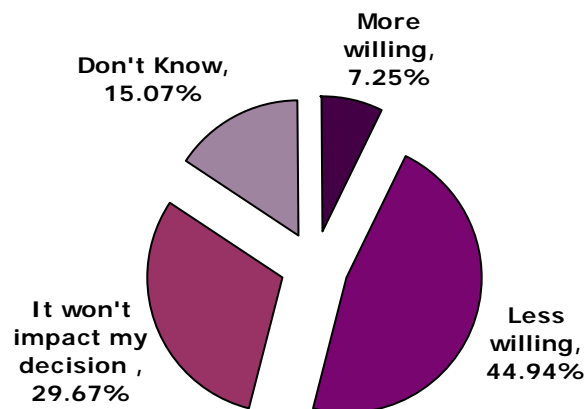
Political Parties

Today there are many political parties in Iraq, well over 100. Which of the following do you think would be best for Iraq?



Political Parties

Does the knowlege that a party maintains a militia make you more or less willing to support that party?



If you would be less willing to support a party that maintains a militia, please briefly tell me why?

Party militias will abuse civilians	32.46%
Maintaining a militia means that the party is not peaceful	21.56%
Having a militia will lead to a less stable security environment	17.24%
Already have national security forces and there is no need for militias	8.21%
Party's will use militias to increase their own power and intimidate other parties	6.72%