
Survey of Iraqi Public Opinion

International Republican Institute
February 27 – March 5, 2005

Methodology in Brief

- Face-to-face interviews were conducted February 27 – March 5, 2005.
- All field work was conducted by an Iraqi polling firm employing more than 200 trained interviewers across the country.
- Interviews occurred in 15 of 18 governorates, excluding Anbar (Ramadi), Ninewah (Mosul) and Dohuk for security reasons.
- A total sample of 1,967 valid interviews were obtained from a total sample of 2,200 rendering a response rate of 89.40 percent.
- The overall margin of error for the survey is +/- 3.0 percent.
- Please contact IRI if more detailed methodological information is required.

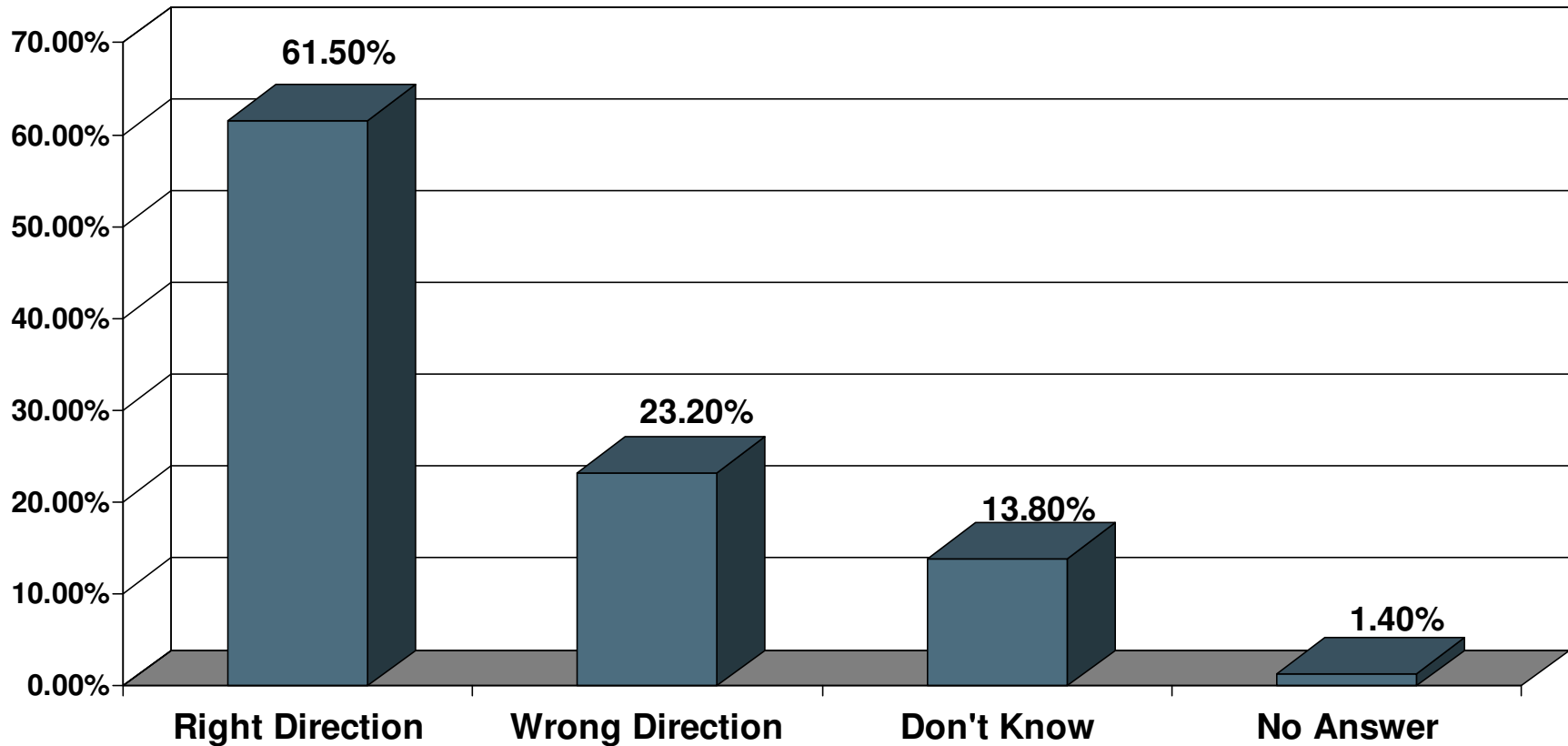
Demographics in Brief

- Representative of 15 of Iraq's 18 provinces—percentage of sample ranging from 5.1 percent in Umara to 17.0 percent in Baghdad.
- Urban sample accounts for 66.6 percent of respondents and rural respondents made up the remaining 33.4 percent.
- Male to female ratio of 45.8 percent to 54.2 percent, respectively.
- Ethnic distribution: Arabic (79.1 percent), Kurdish (17.5 percent), Turkman (2.4 percent), Chaldo-Assyrian (0.9 percent), No Answer (0.2 percent).
- Age distribution: 18-24 (20.0 percent), 25-34 (29.6 percent), 35-44 (23.2 percent), 45-54 (14.7 percent), 55 and over (12.4 percent).
- Religious Distribution: Sunni Muslim (25.0 percent), Shia Muslim (46.5 percent), Only Muslim (27.4 percent), Christian and other sects (1.1 percent).

Survey Results

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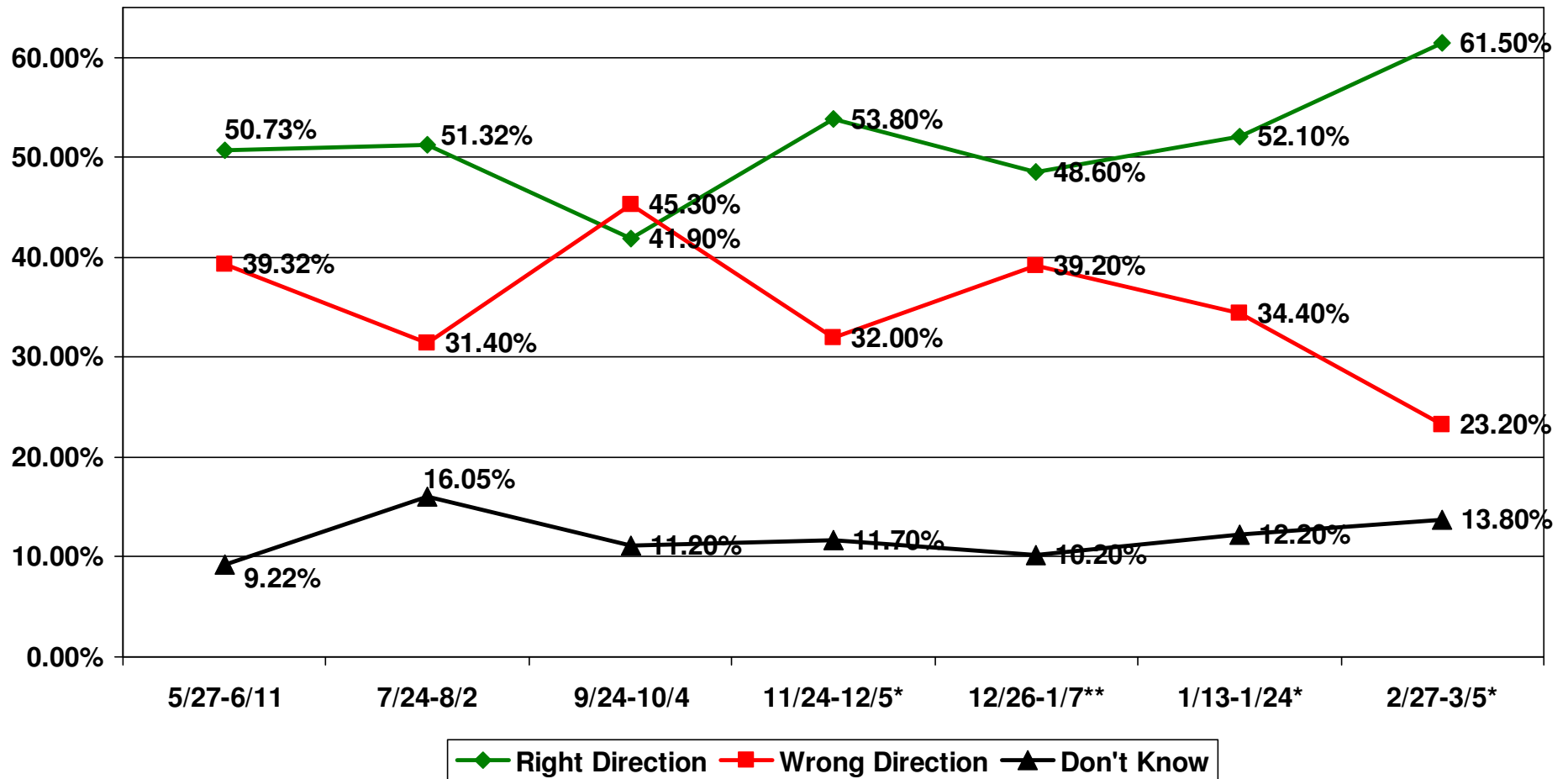


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Trends: May 2004 – March 2005



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Why do you think Iraq is heading in the right/wrong direction?

Right Direction

| | |
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| Replacement of Interim Government | 16.0% |
| Improving General Conditions | 13.4% |
| Holding Elections | 11.7% |
| Removing the Past Regime | 10.9% |
| Increased Freedoms | 10.1% |
| Maintaining Security | 9.8% |
| Improving Economy | 8.9% |

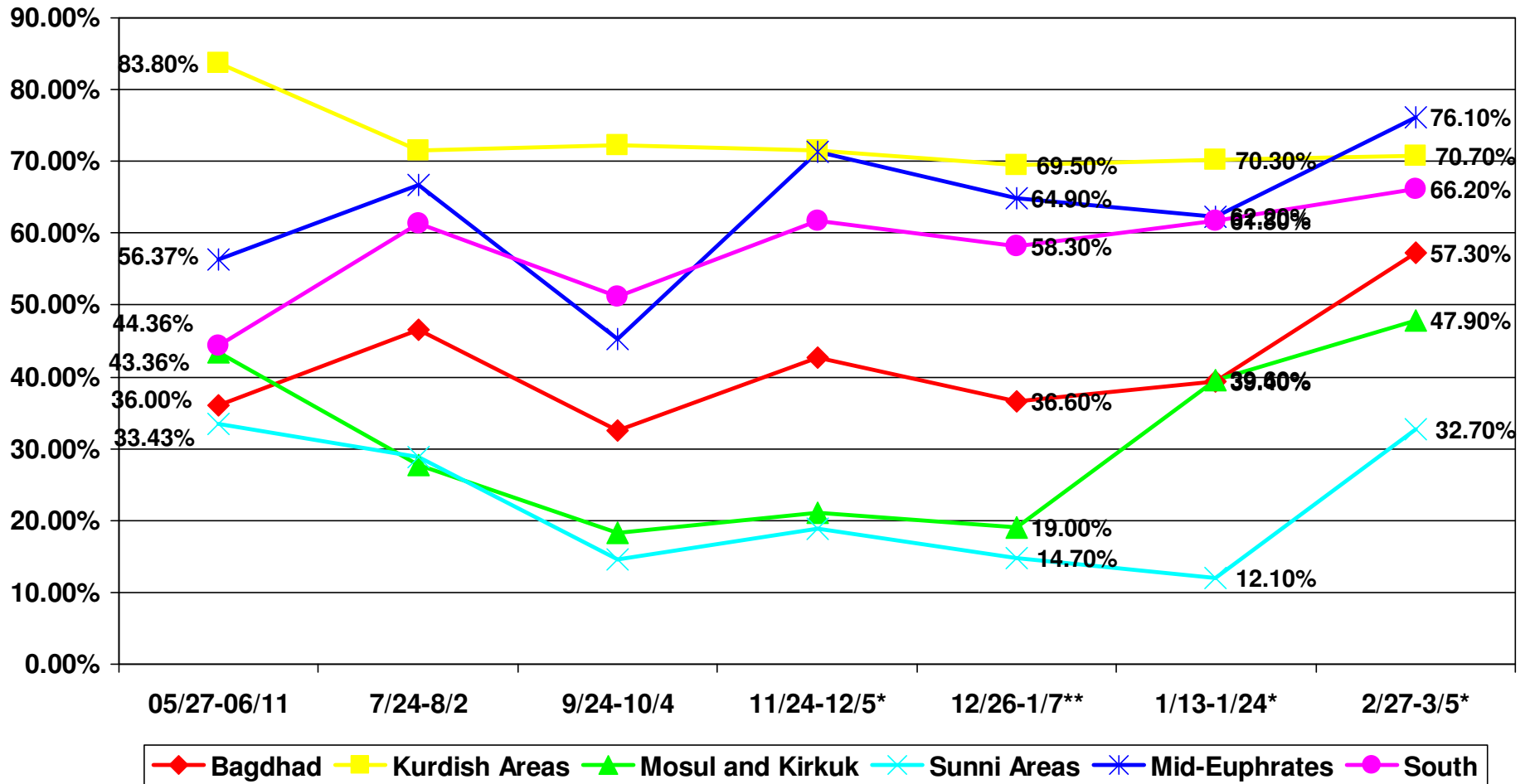
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Wrong Direction

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| Poor Security Situation | 60.2% |
| Presence of Occupation Forces | 12.9% |
| Imbalanced General Conditions | 9.2% |
| Infrastructure Issues | 3.9% |
| Bad Economic Situation | 3.1% |
| Divisions Between Iraqis | 2.4% |
| Unemployment | 1.5% |

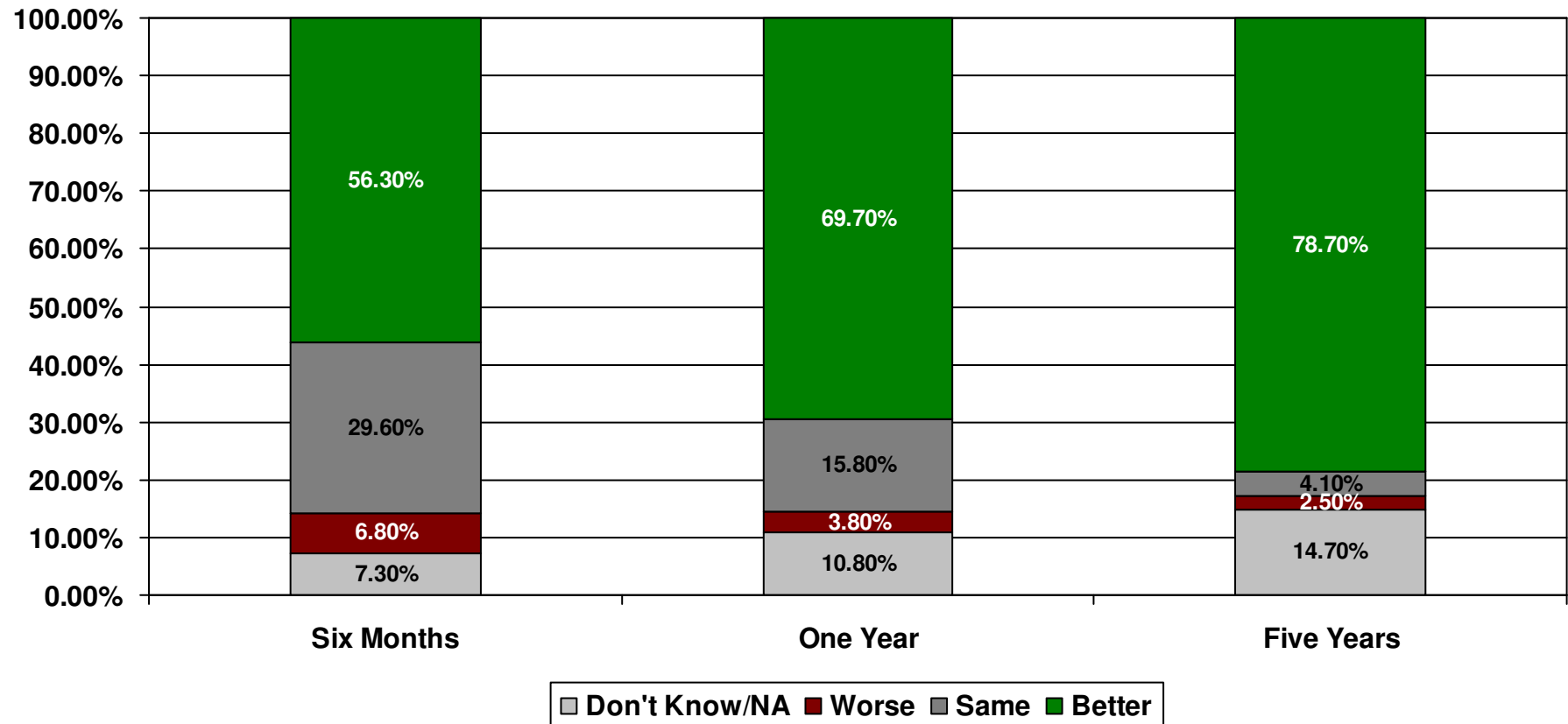
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Right Direction: Regional Trends



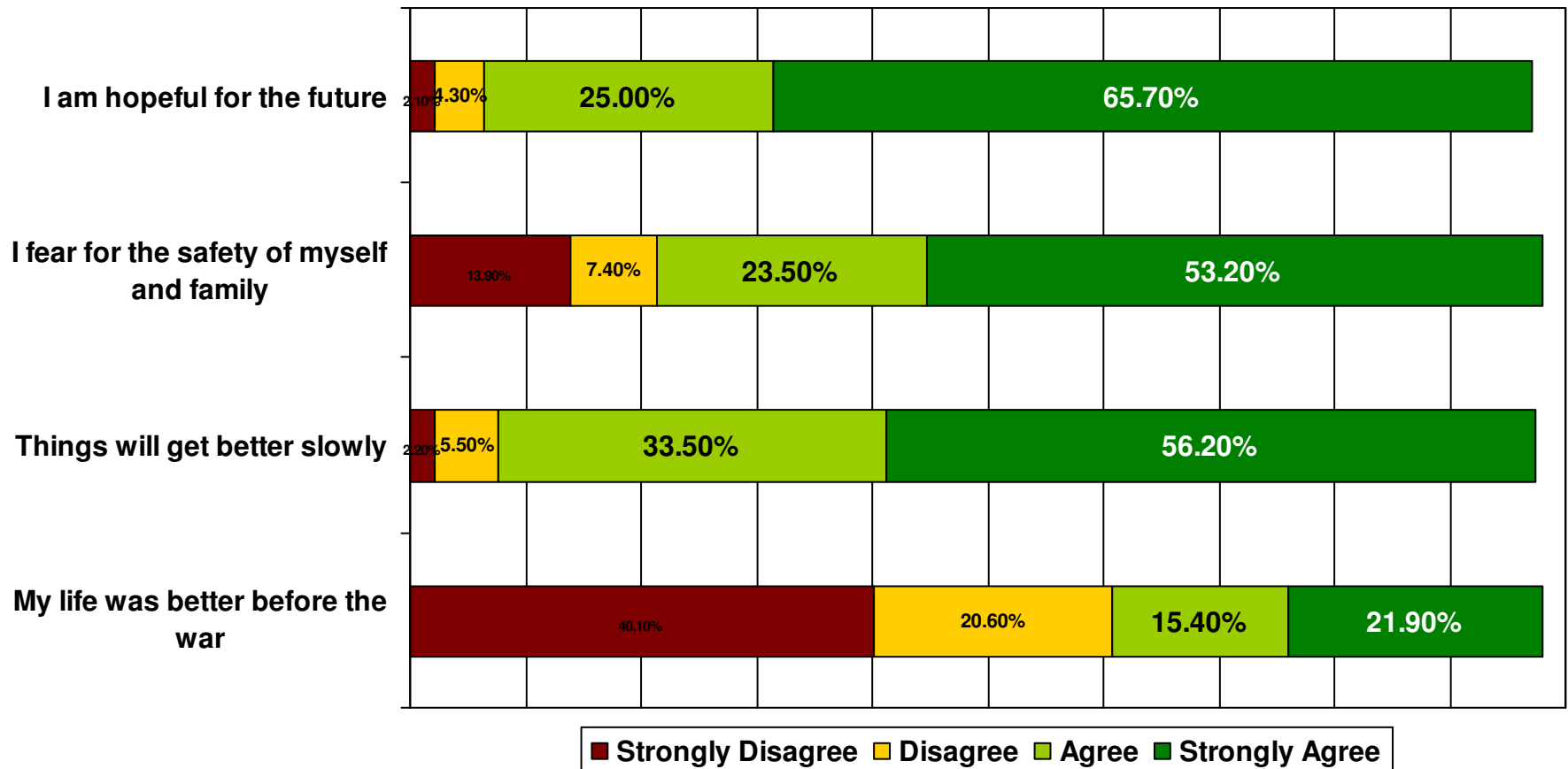
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Thinking about the future, do you feel that things will be better,
the same or worse in:



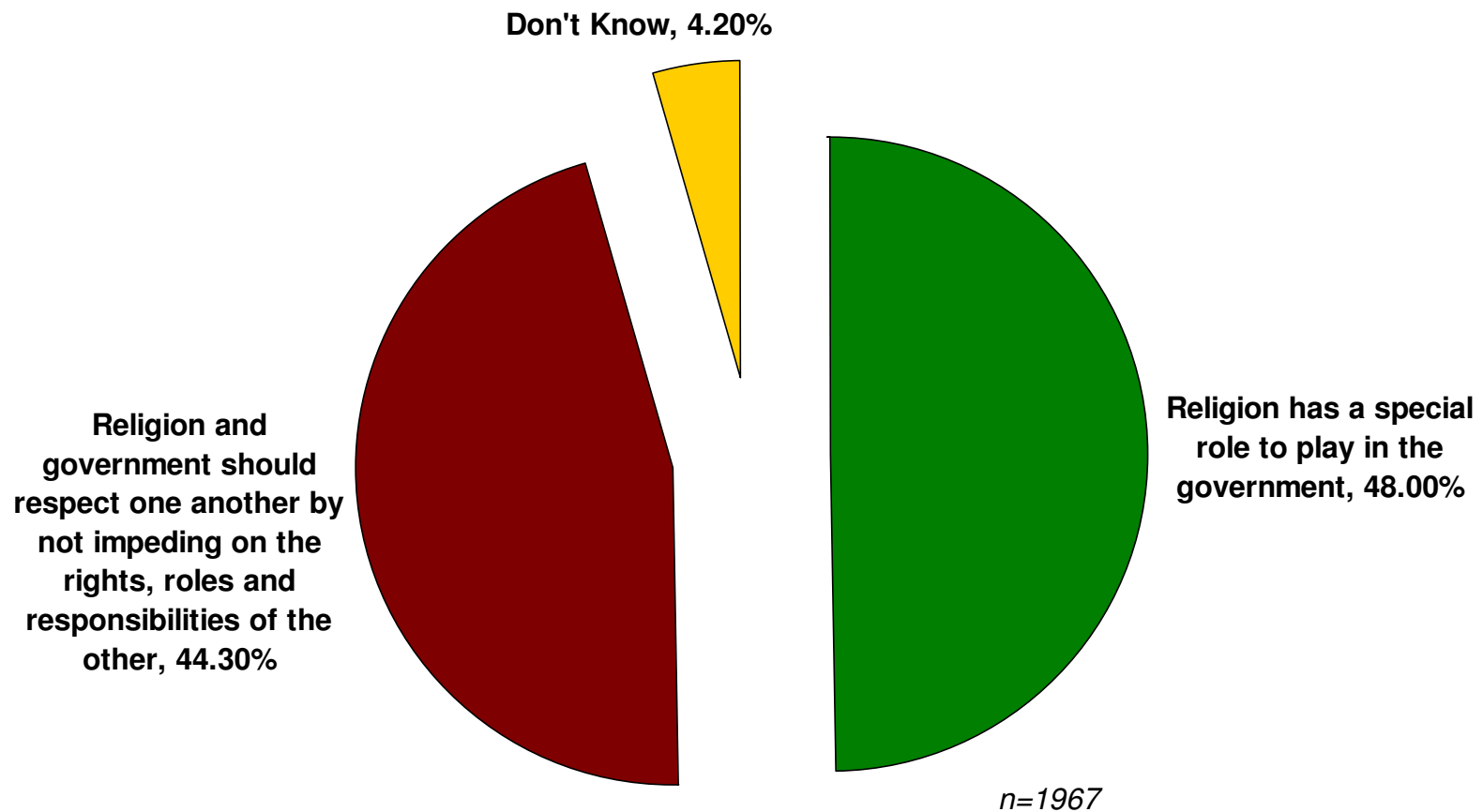
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Thinking about your life today, please tell me to what extent you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

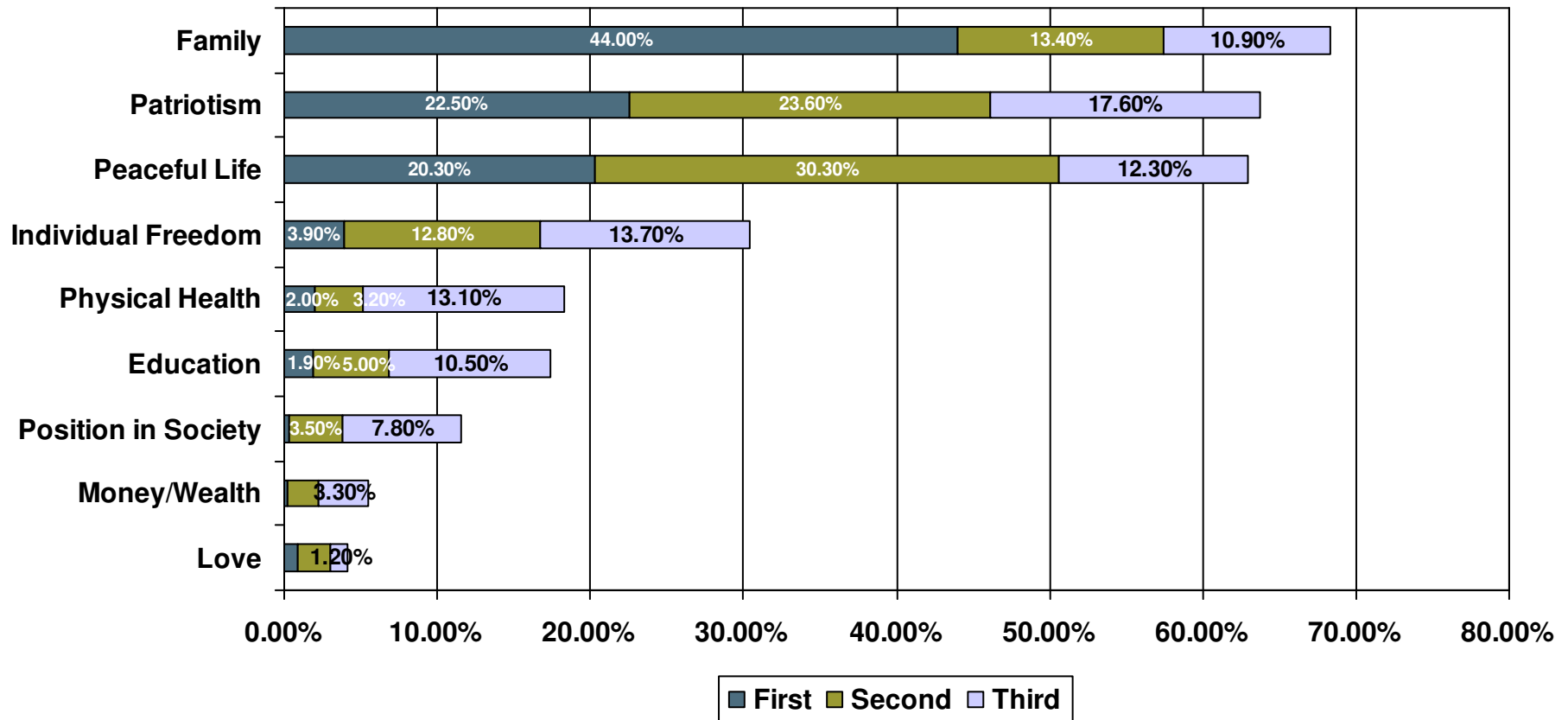


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Some people say that religion has a special role to play in the government today, while others believe that religion and the government should respect one another but remain separate. Do you believe that:

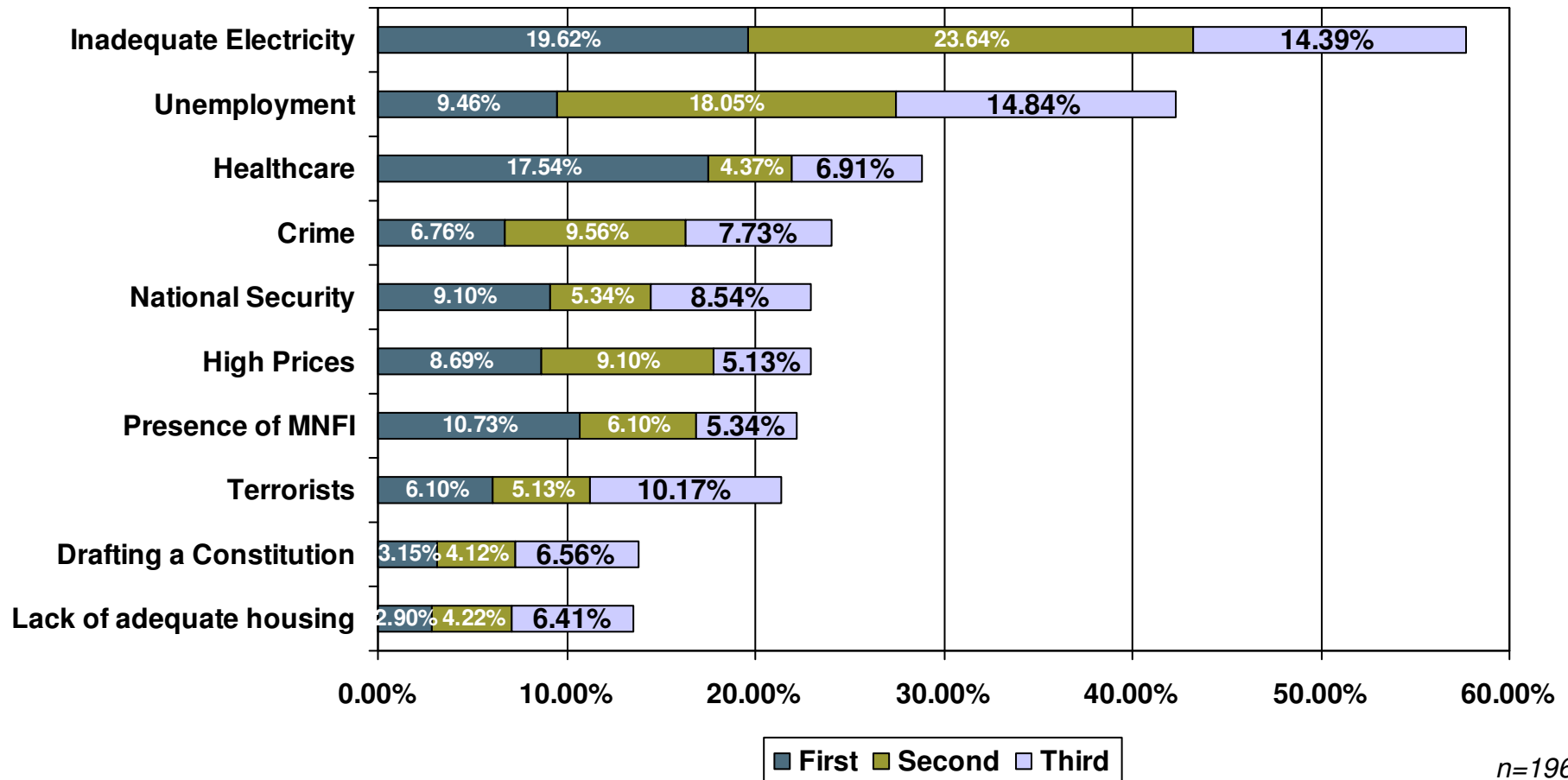


Everyone has certain values that are important to them. Among the values listed below, please indicate in priority order which among the following are the three most important to you personally?

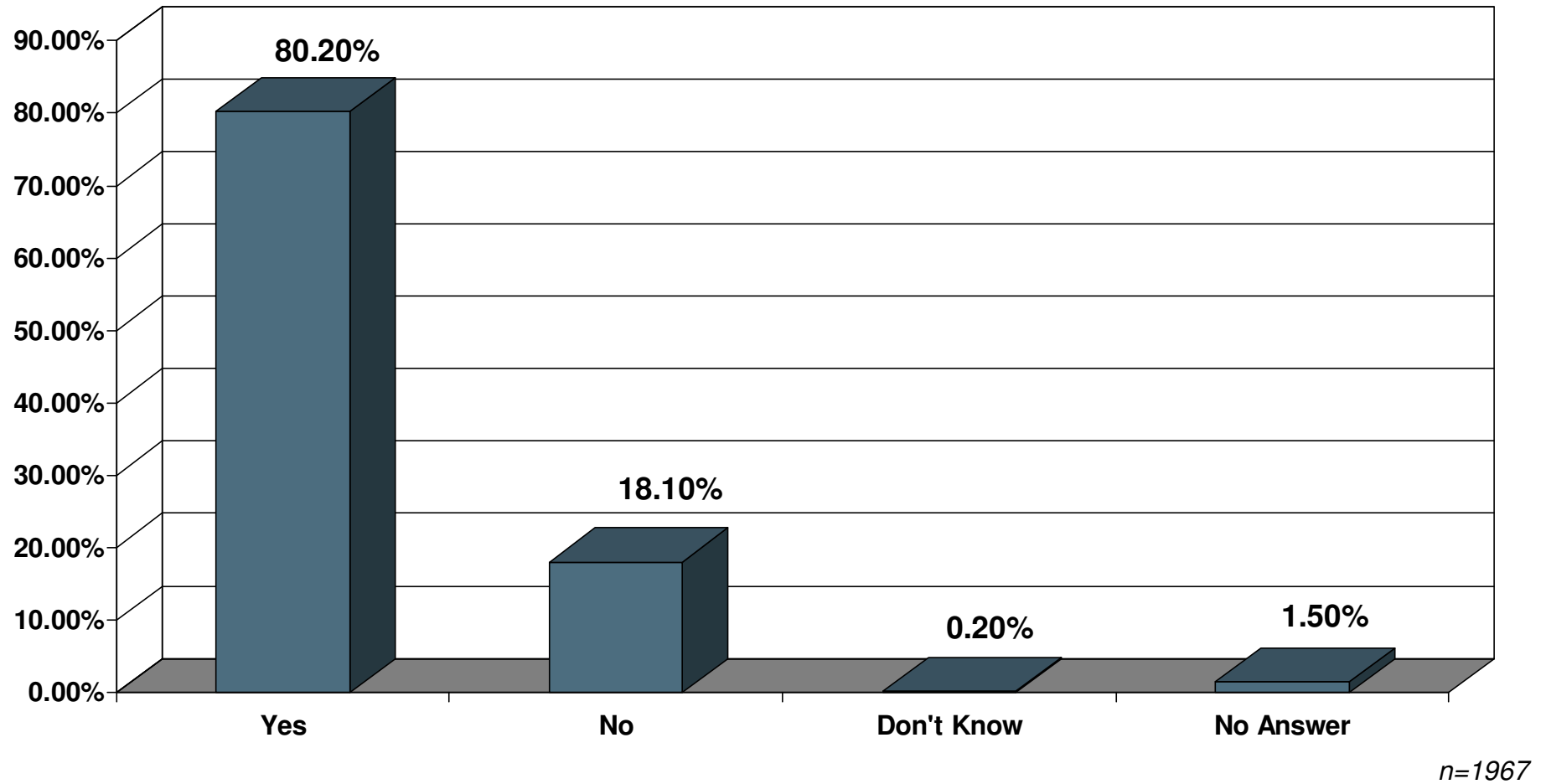


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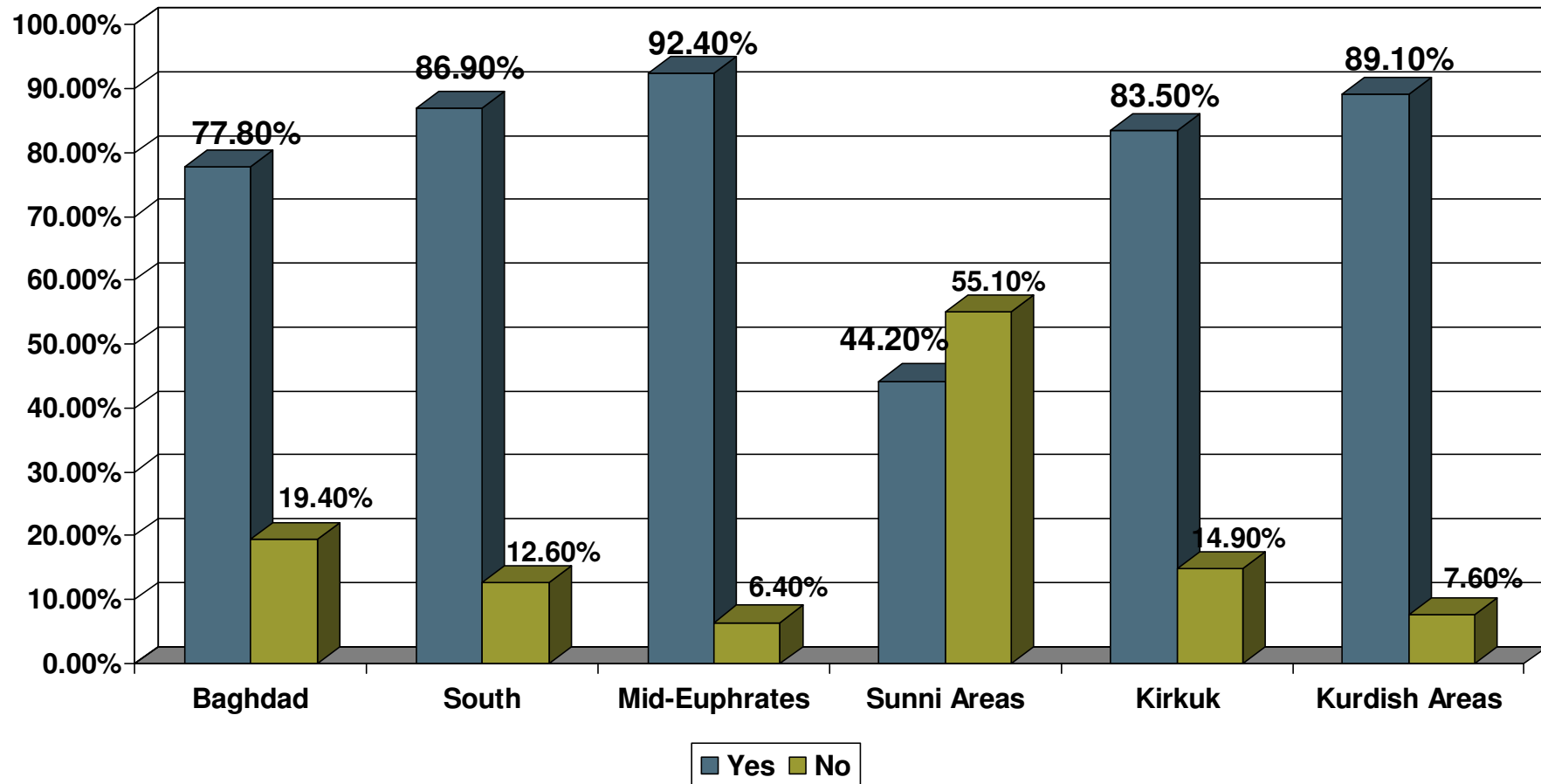
In order of importance, which of the following do you feel is the most important issue requiring a political or governmental solution?



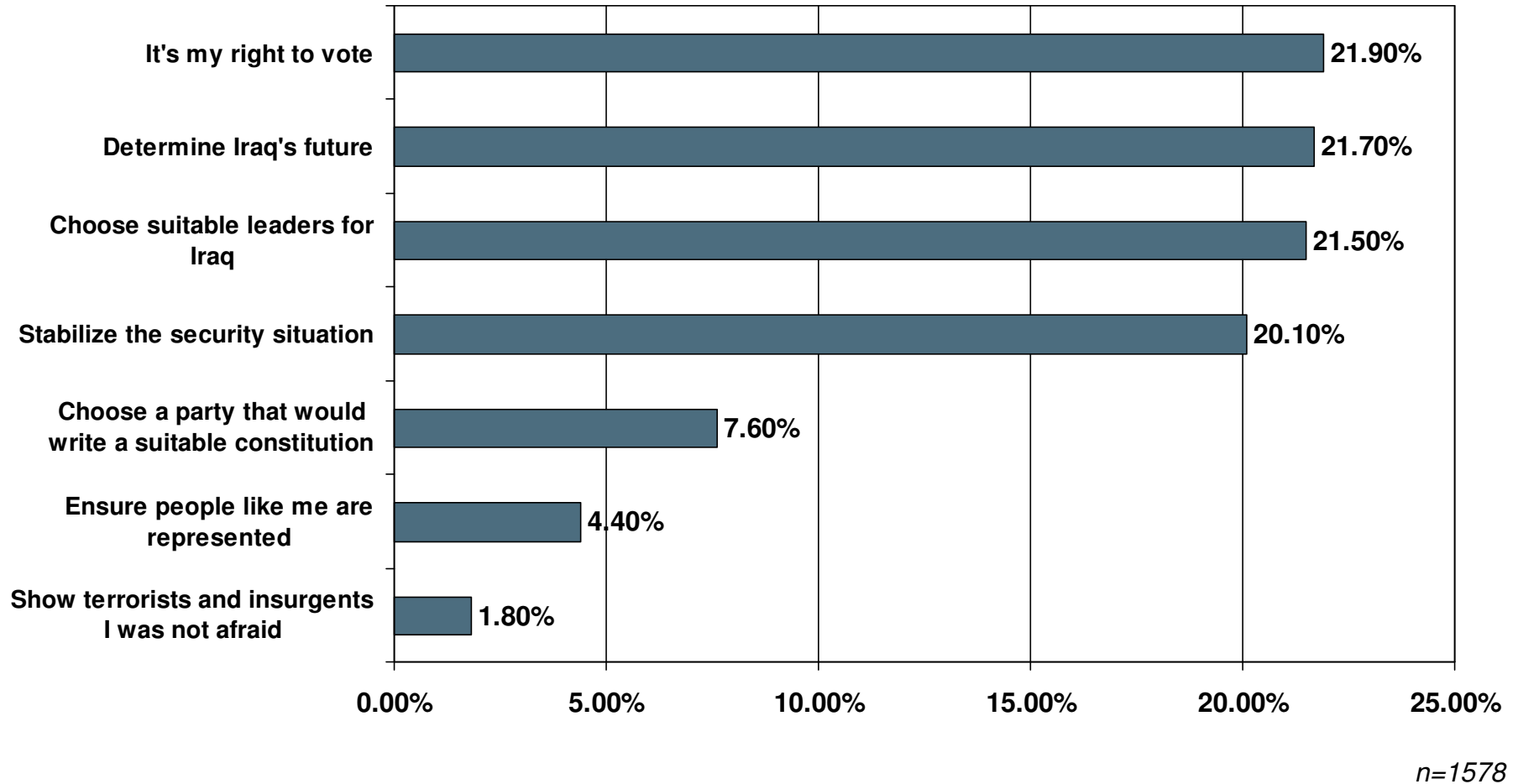
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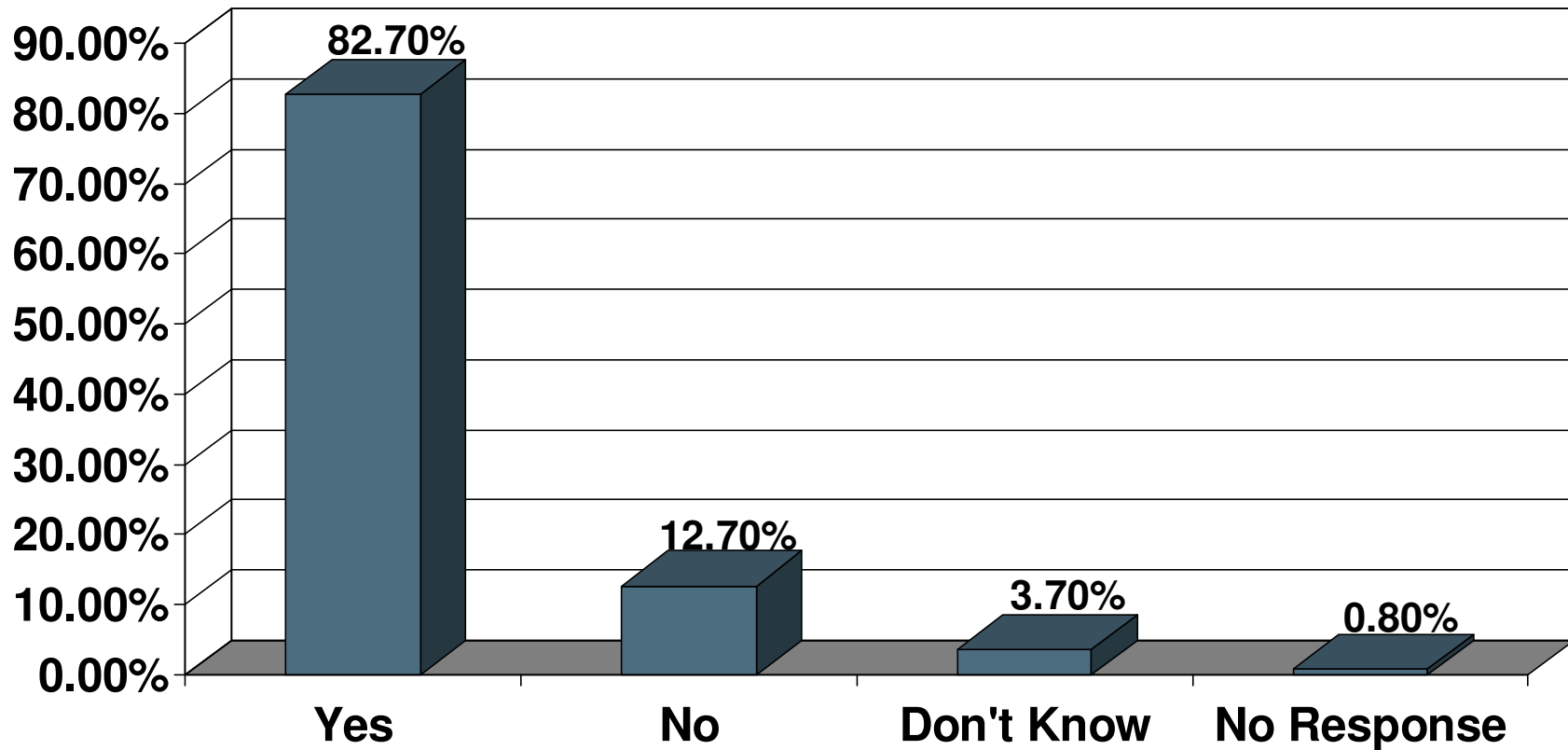
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Breakdown by Region



If you did vote, which of the following best describes the reason why?

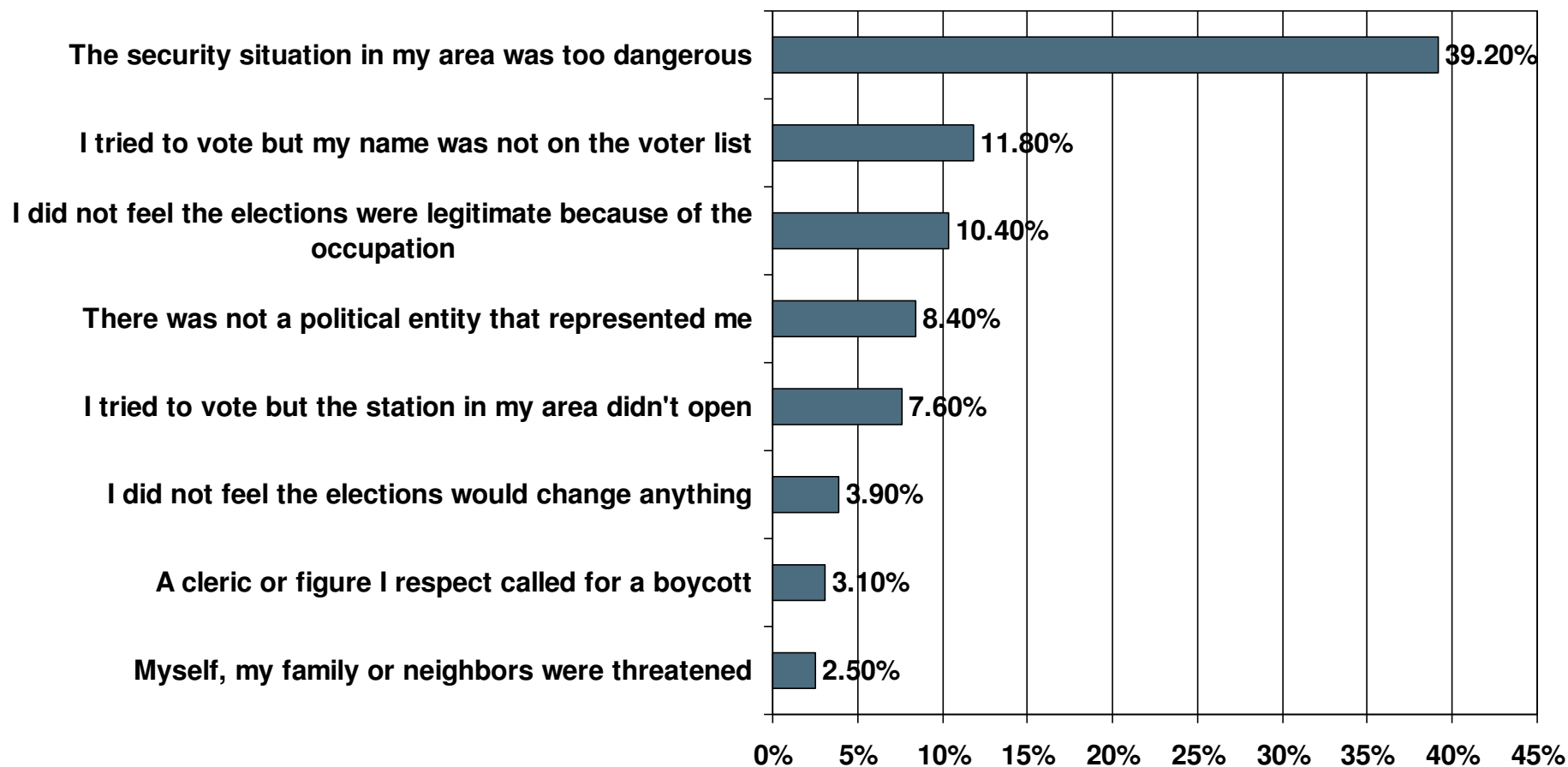


If you did vote, do you feel that the election results reflect the choices of the Iraqi people?



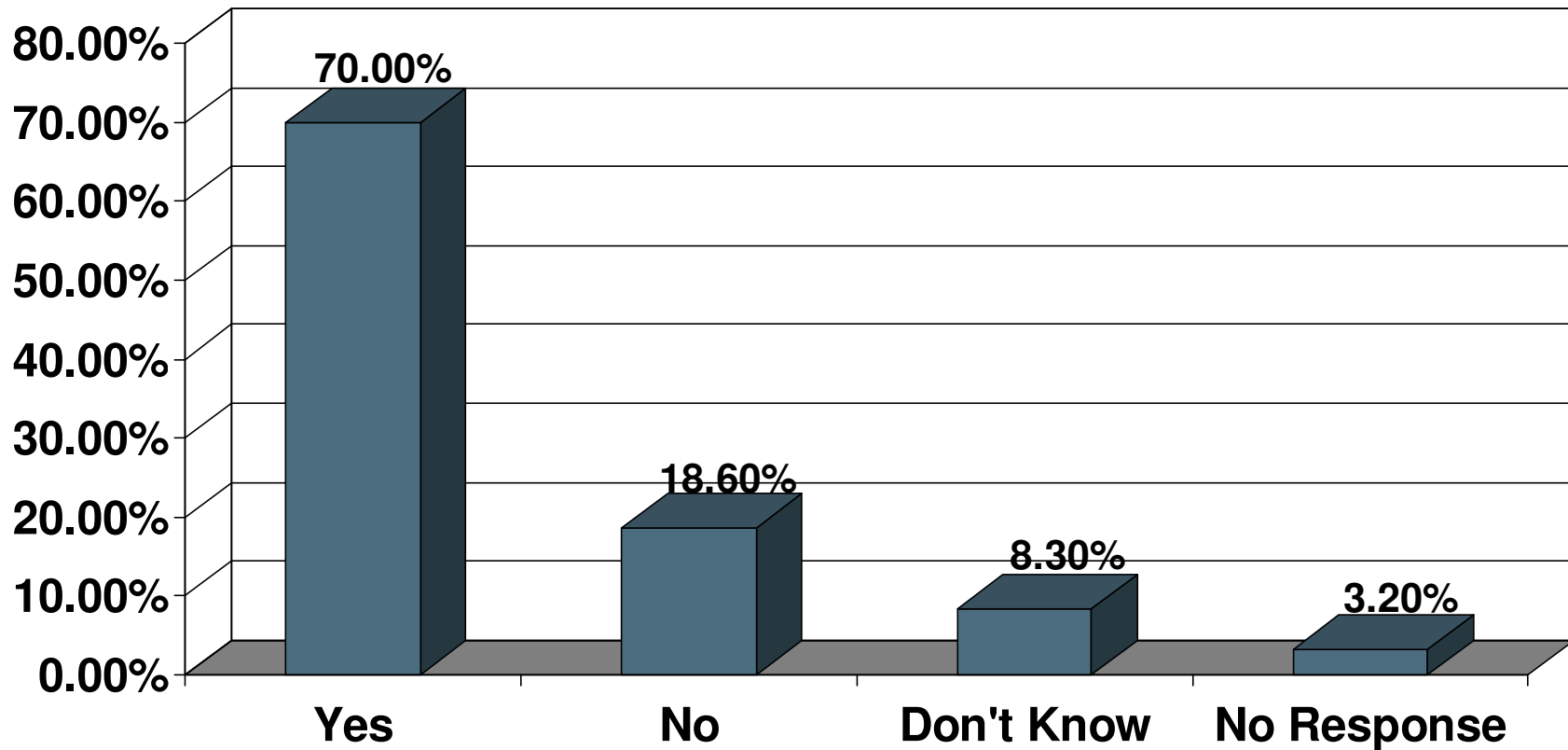
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If you did not vote, which of the following best describes the reason why?



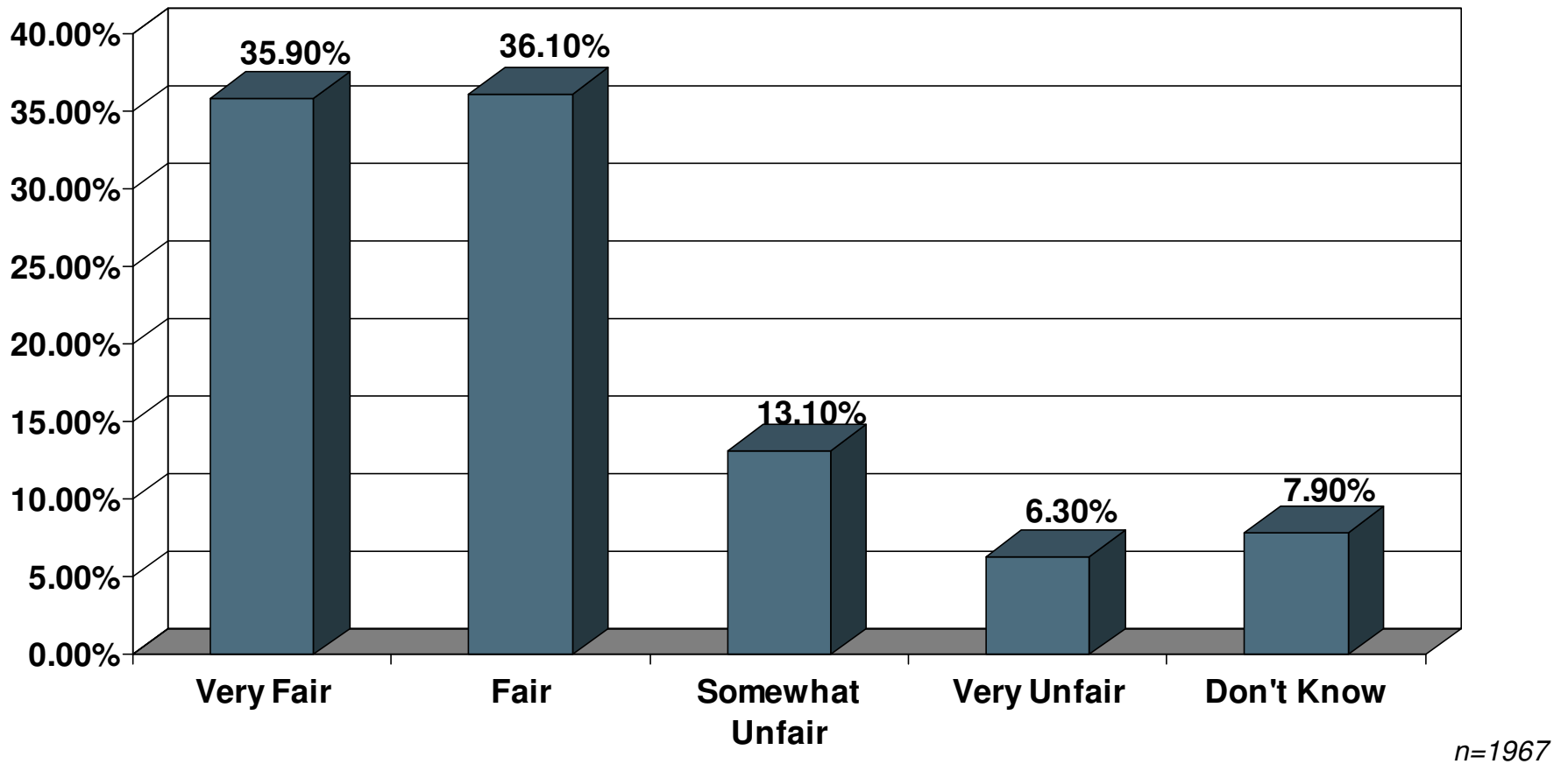
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Regardless of whether or not you voted, do you feel that the Transitional National Assembly will represent the Iraqi people as a whole?

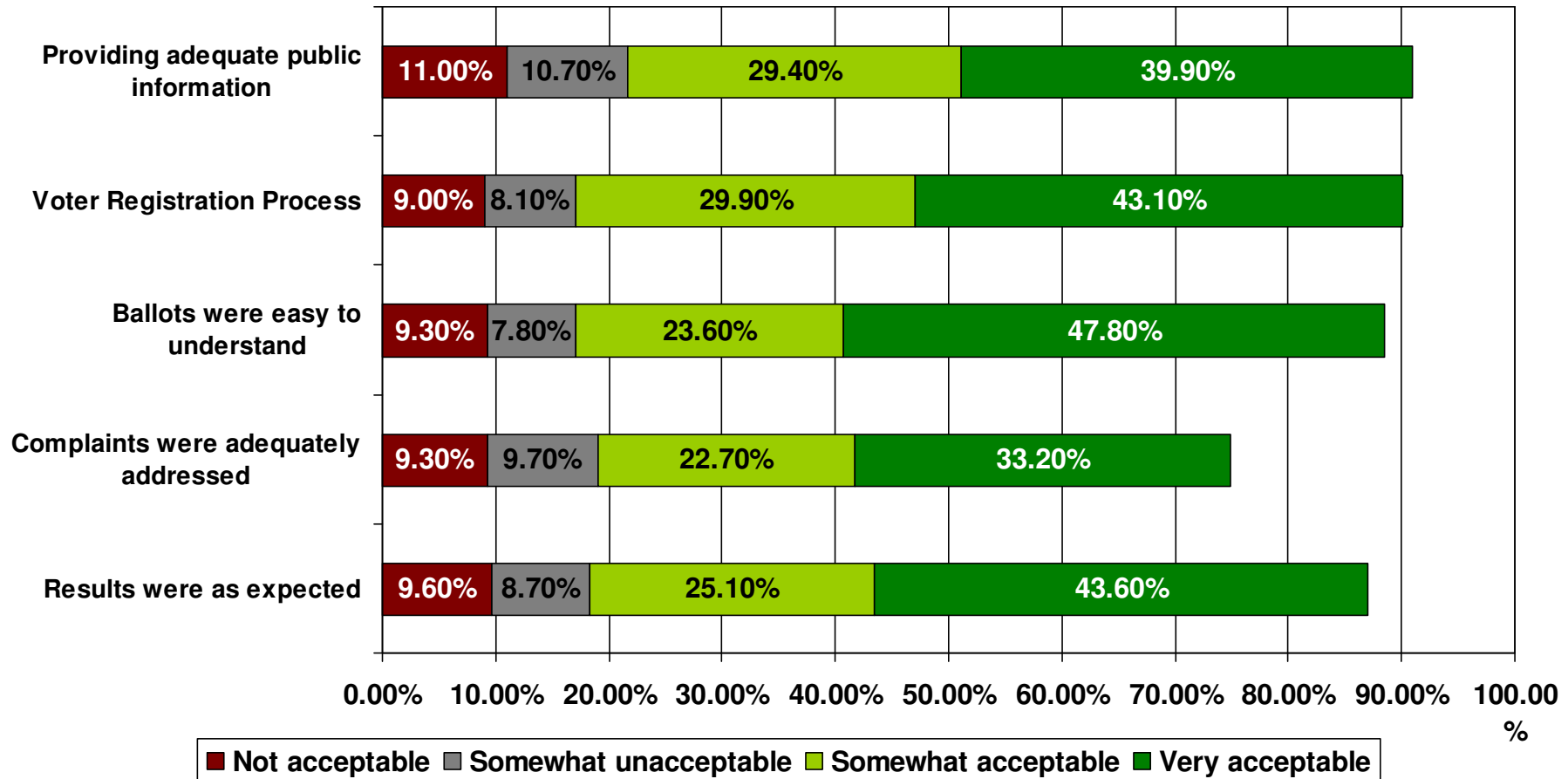


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The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) was responsible for ensuring that the election was held on January 30. To what degree do you feel that the election was fair and impartial?

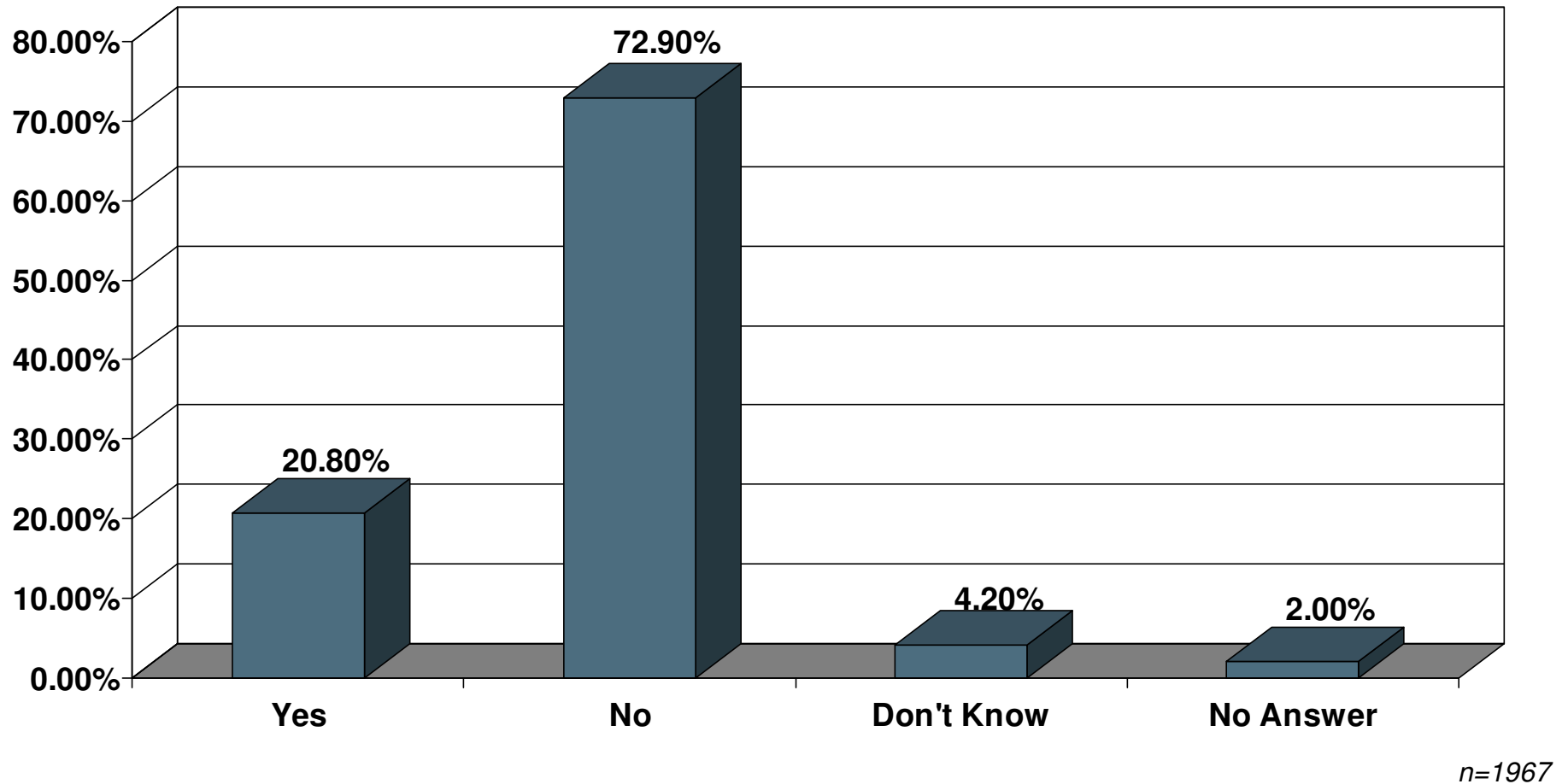


For each of the following aspects of the election, please tell me how you would rate the performance of the IECI?

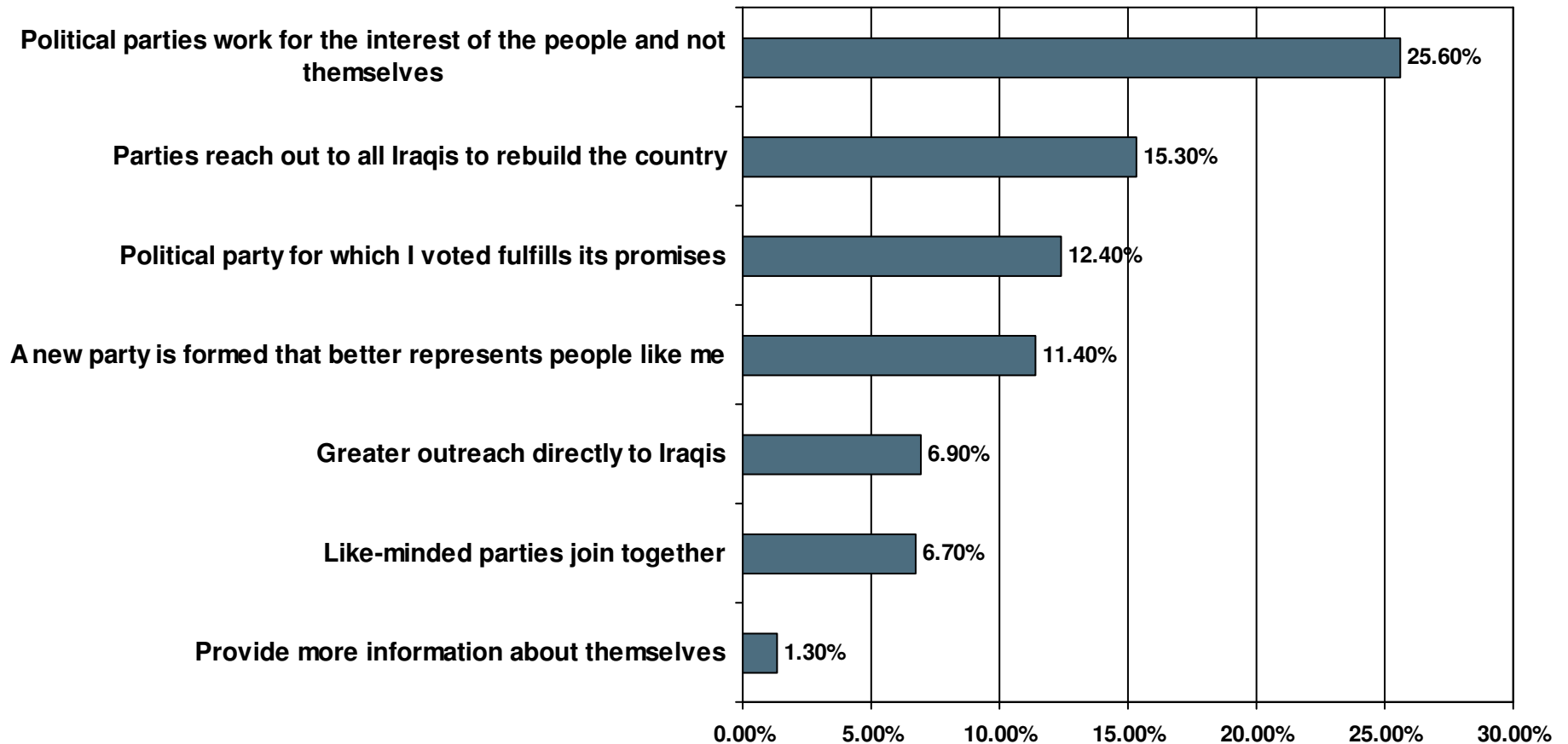


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Is there a political party or figure that you currently support or feel shares your own values or ideas?

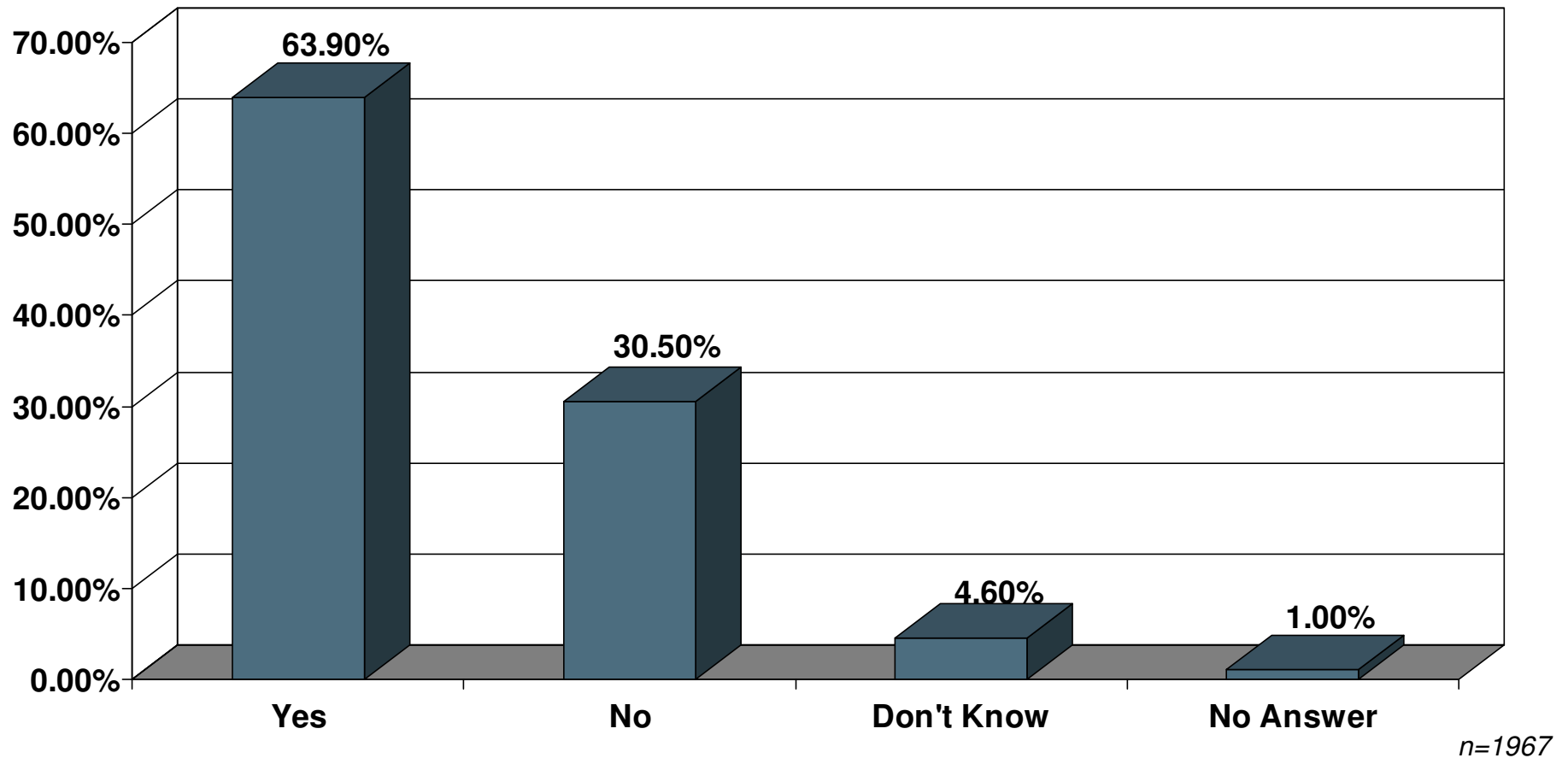


Which of the following activities would make you more likely to support a political party or figure in a future election?

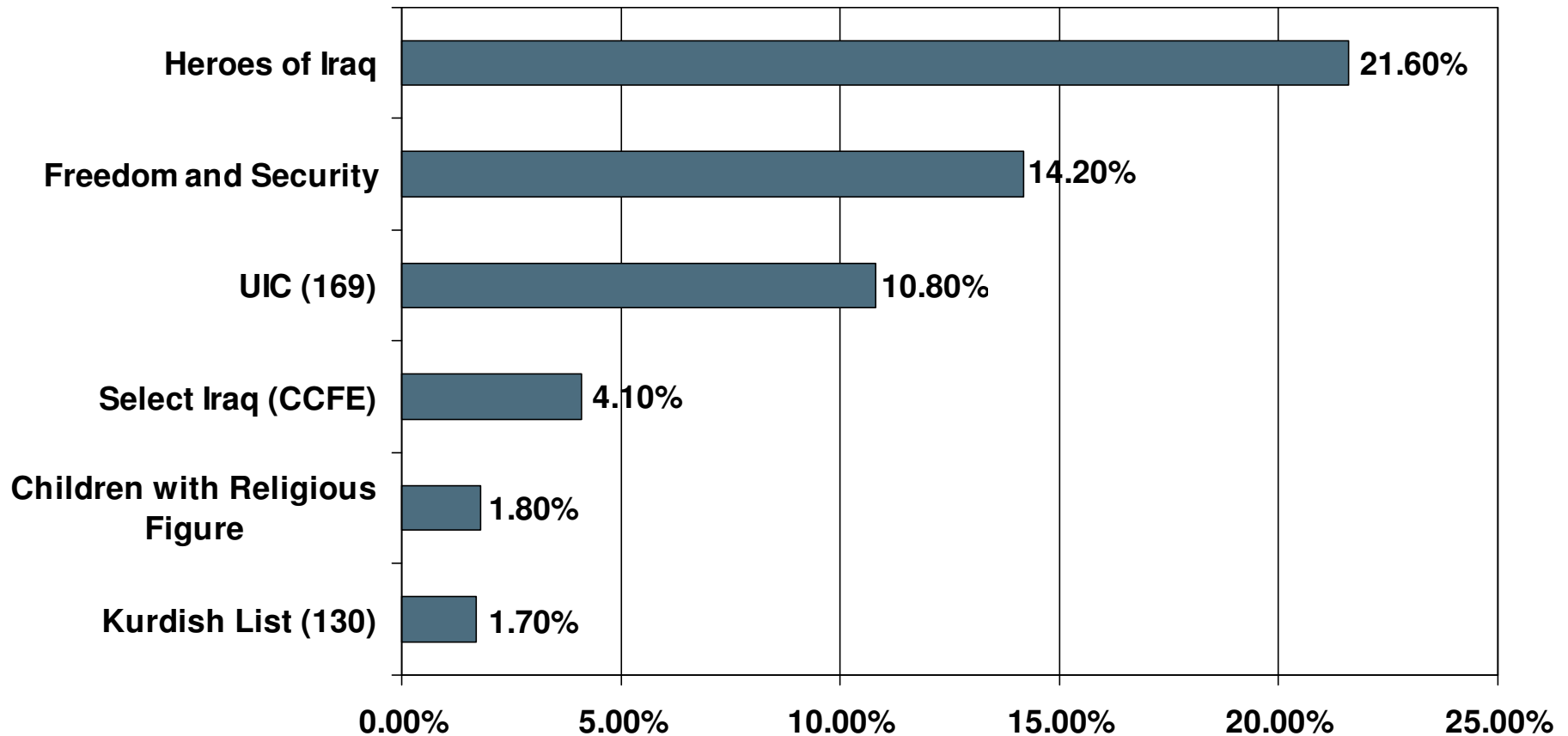


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In the lead up to the election (between December 1 and January 30), did you see, read or hear advertisements or programs that attempted to encourage Iraqis to vote?

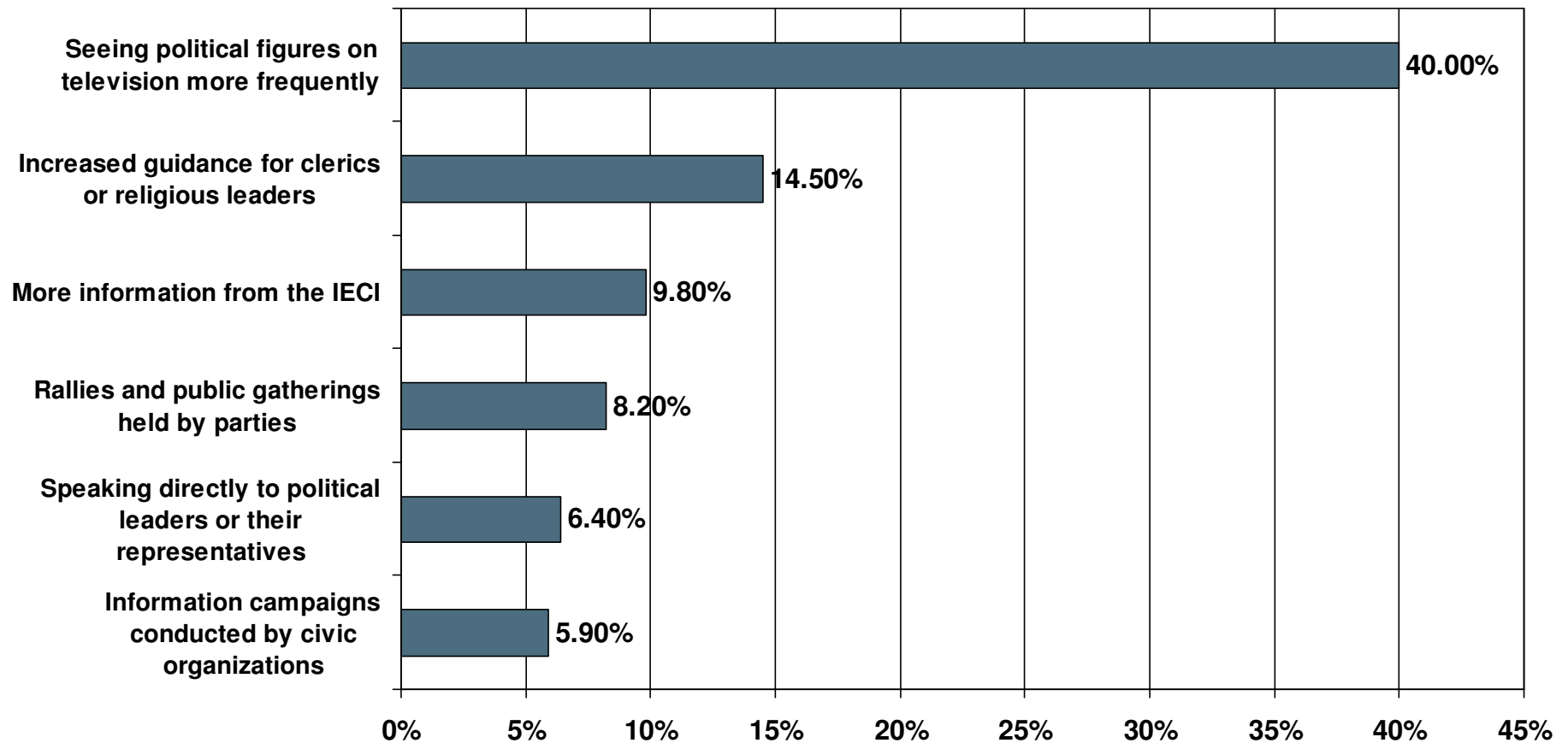


If you did see any advertisements that encouraged Iraqis to vote, was there one that you remember in particular or that you liked more than the others?



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Which of the following do you feel would be most effective in getting more Iraqis to participate in future elections?



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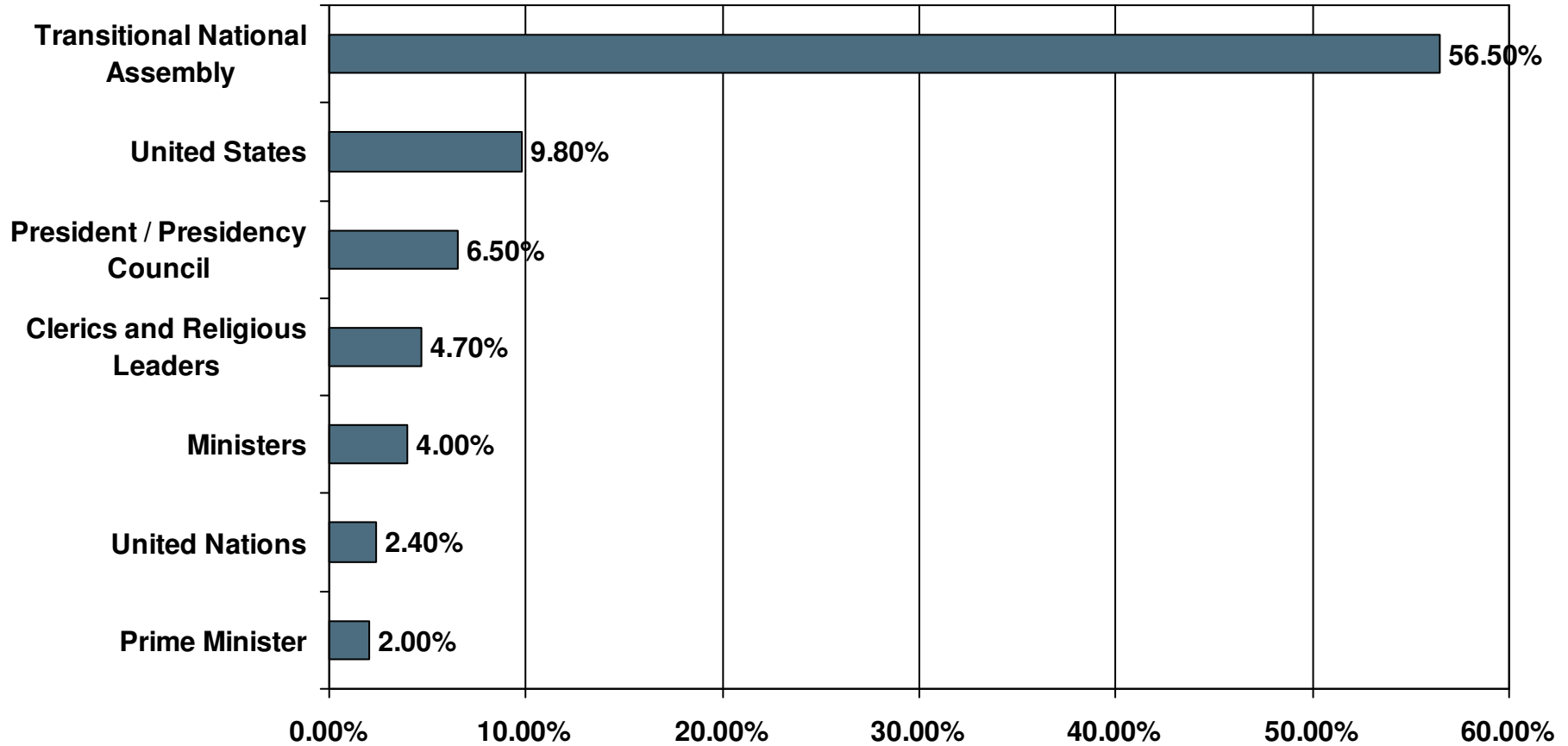
On a scale of 1 to 10, please rank the level of trust you have in information about the election and political process coming from each of the following sources (Median Scores):

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| Religious Figures | 7.81 |
| IECI | 7.29 |
| Iraqi TV | 7.20 |
| Friends, family or neighbors | 7.07 |
| Civil Society Organizations | 6.23 |

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|---------------------------------|------|
| Satellite TV (Outside Iraq) | 6.11 |
| Radio | 6.00 |
| Newspapers | 5.74 |
| Tribal Sheikhs or Organizations | 5.70 |
| Political Parties | 5.68 |

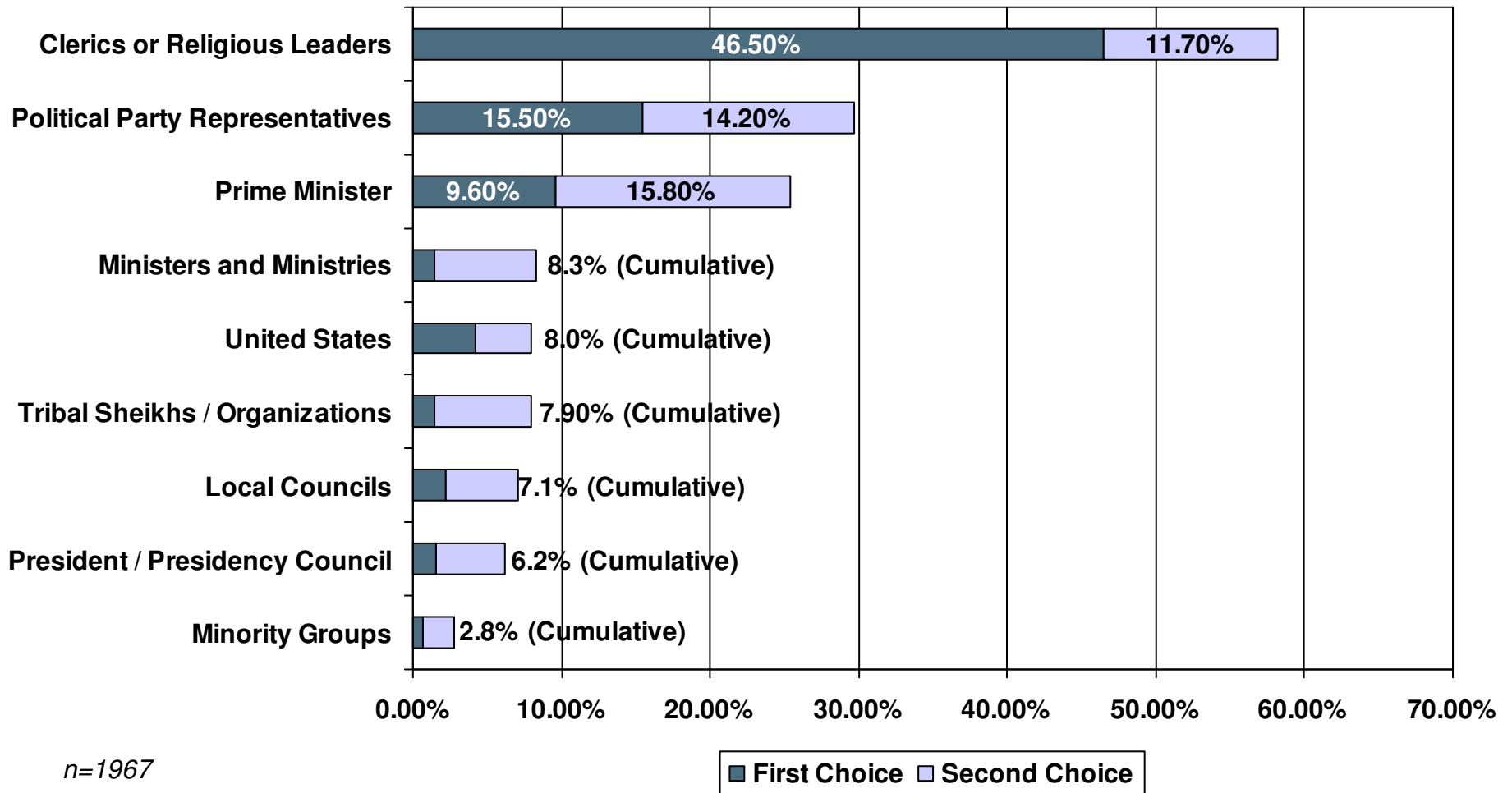
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To the best of your knowledge, who is responsible for writing a permanent constitution for Iraq?

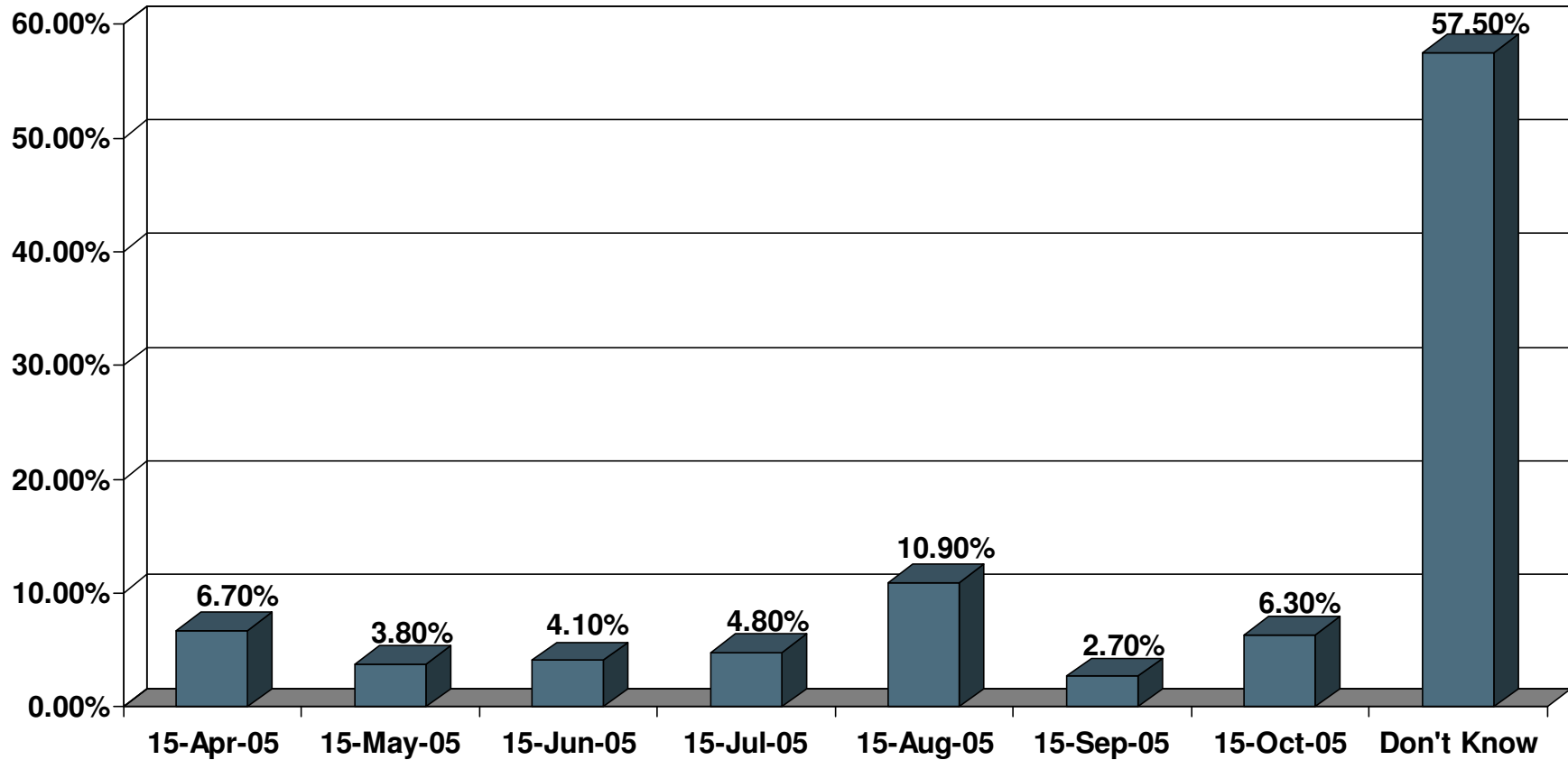


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In writing the constitution, whose input do you feel should be most important in creating a document that is acceptable to the Iraqi people?

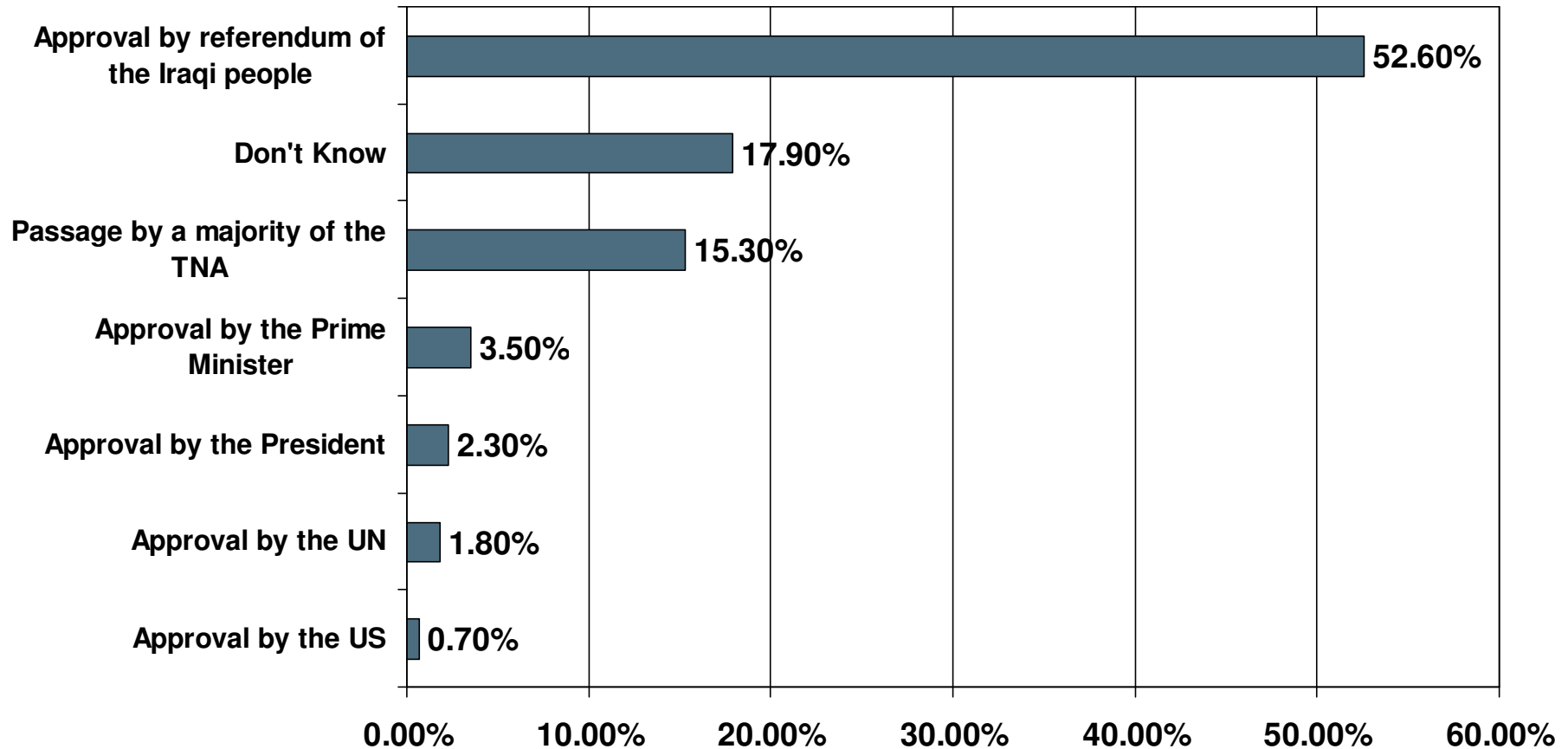


By what date does the Transitional Administrative Law mandate that a draft constitution be written?



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Once a draft constitution is written, how will that document be enshrined as the permanent constitution for Iraq?



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Which of the following will be most important for you to see written into Iraq's future constitution?

