



# Kyrgyzstan National Opinion Poll

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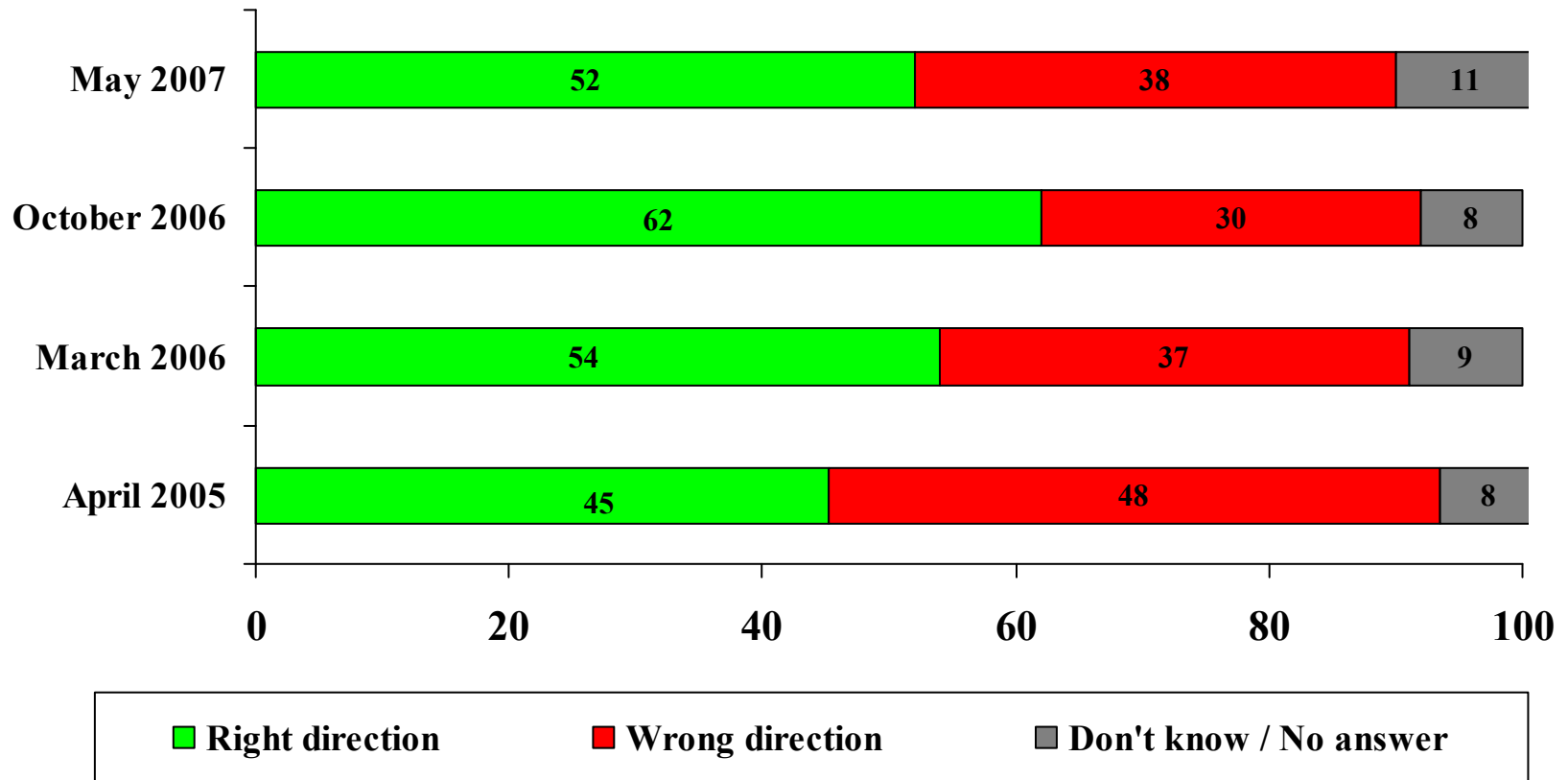
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# INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

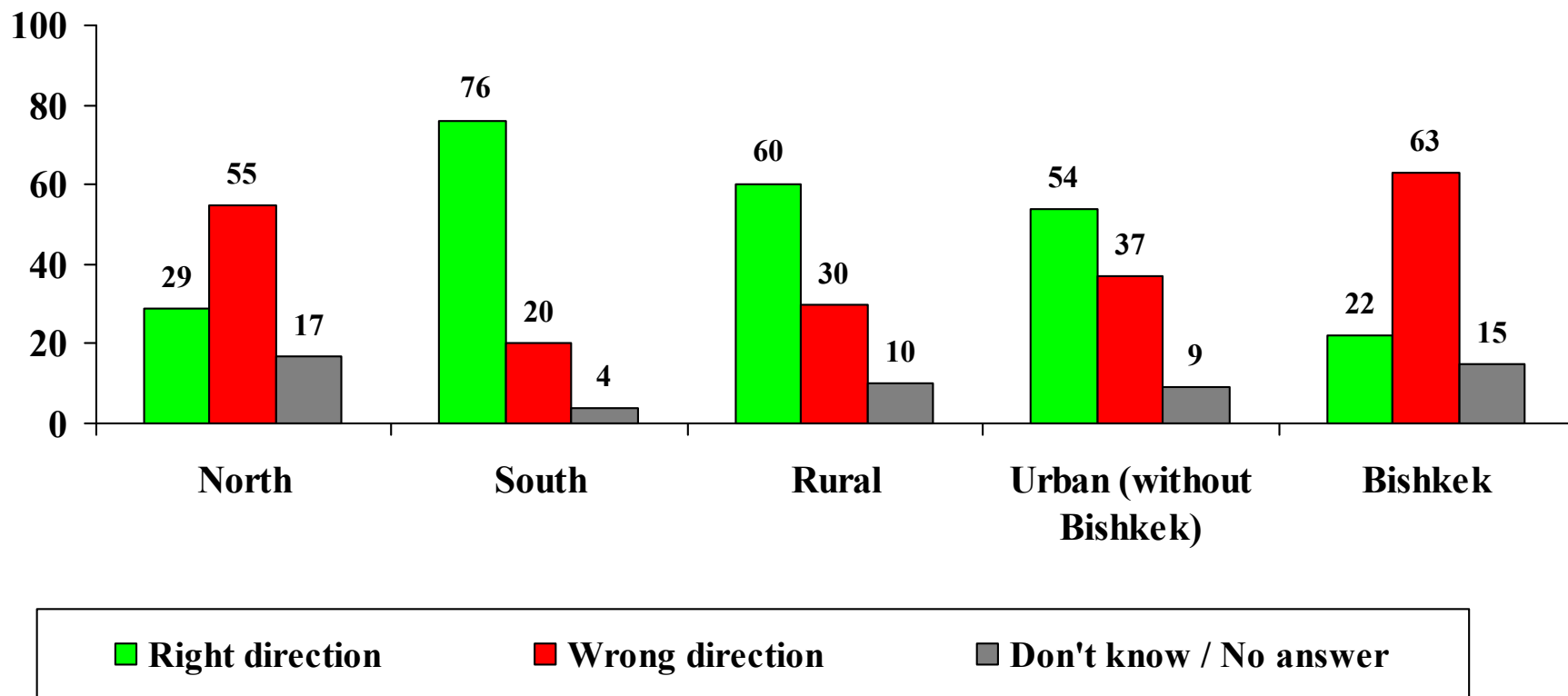
- This national representative survey was carried out on May 6-23, 2007.
- 1,500 Kyrgyzstan residents aged 18 years and older were interviewed face-to-face.
- The margin of error does not exceed three percent.
- The response rate was 67 percent.
- The survey was carried out on behalf of IRI and was funded by USAID.
- The study was designed, coordinated, and analyzed by IRI and Baltic Surveys / The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene).
- The fieldwork was carried out by SIAR-Bishkek.

# MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

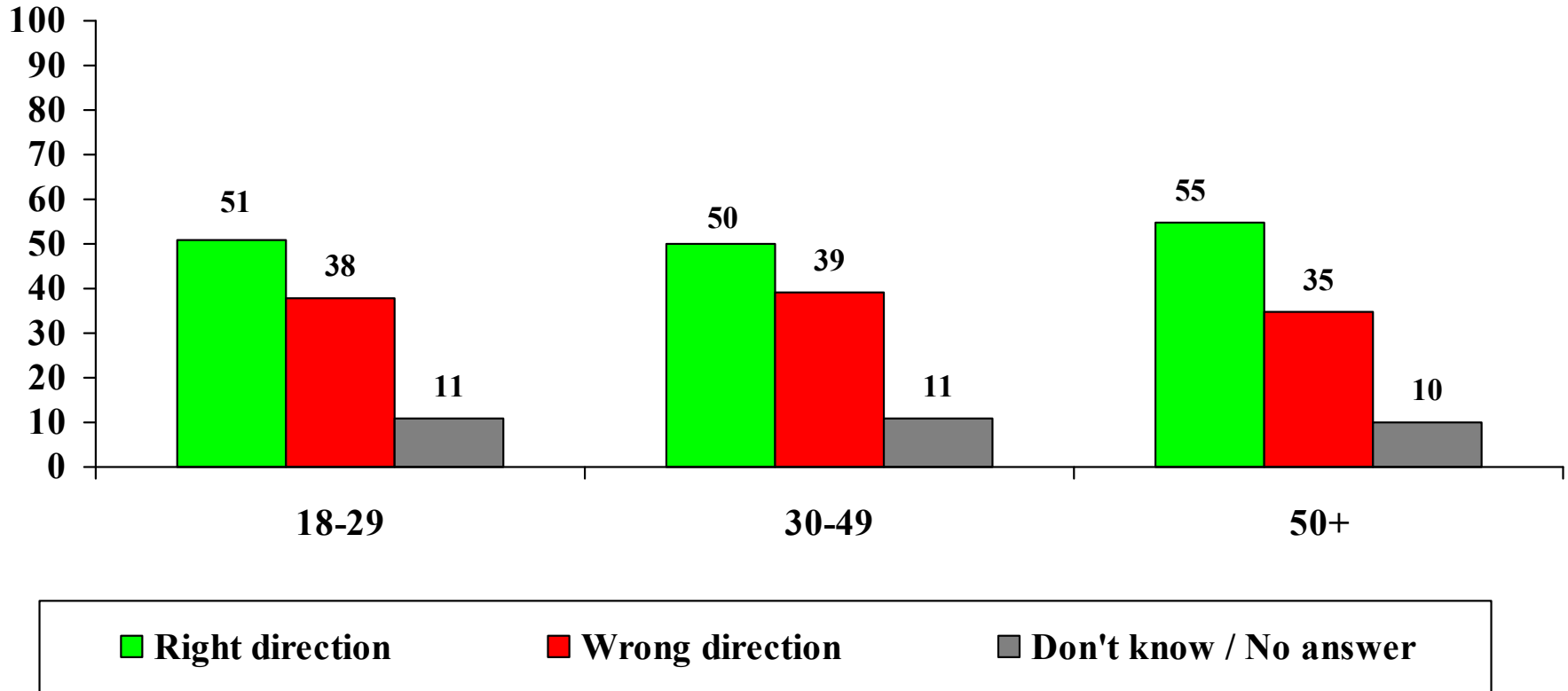
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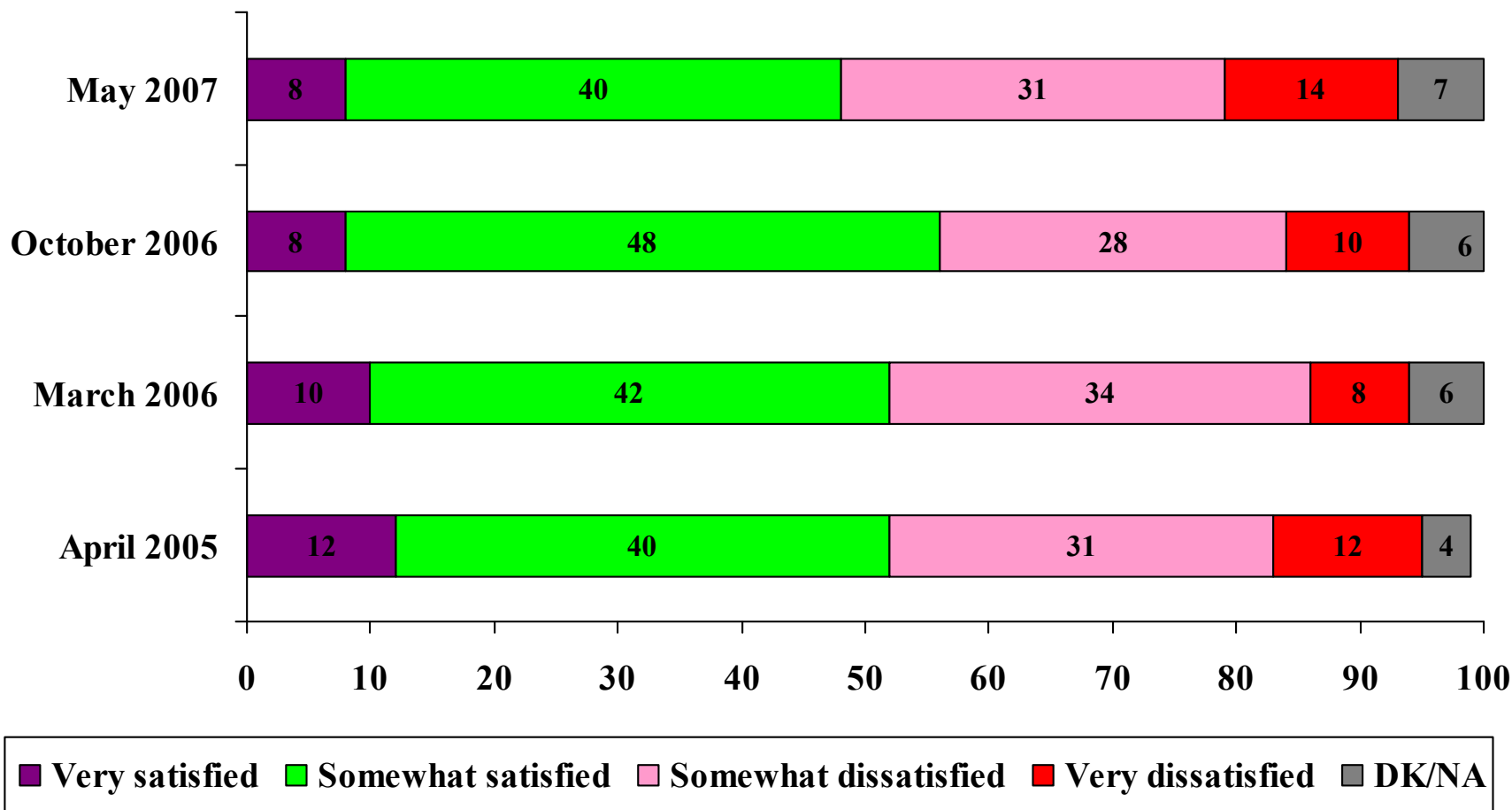
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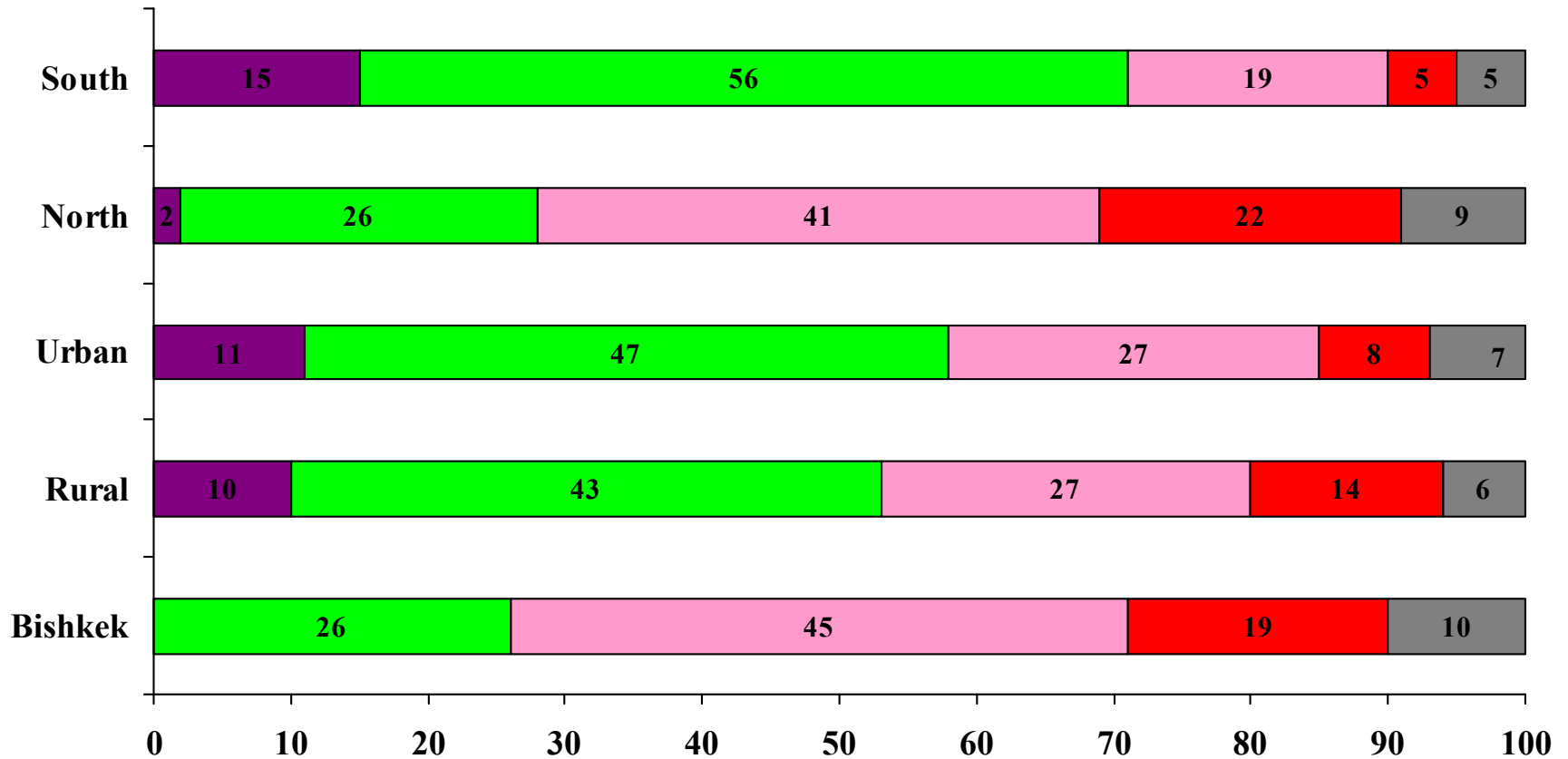
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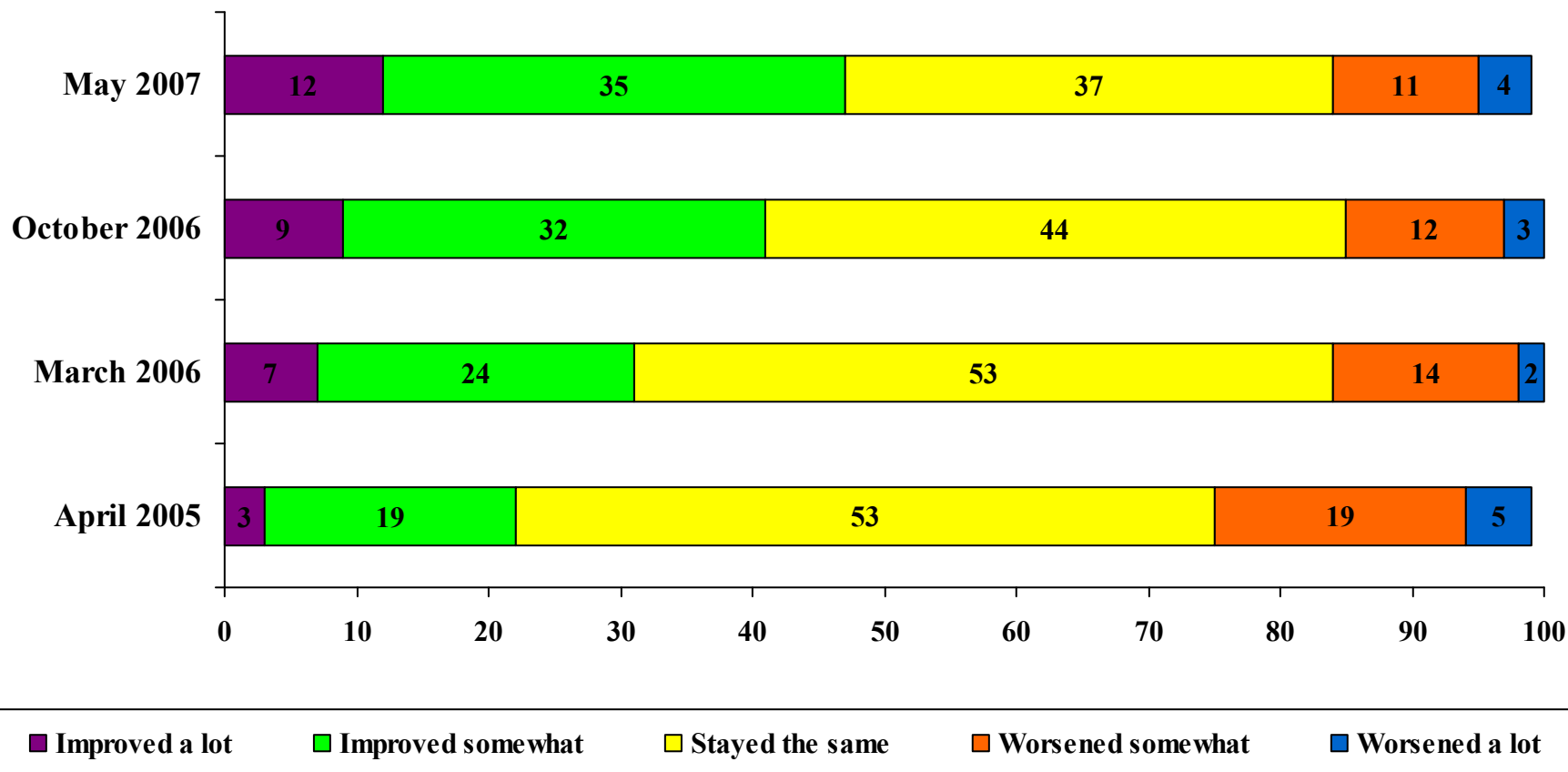
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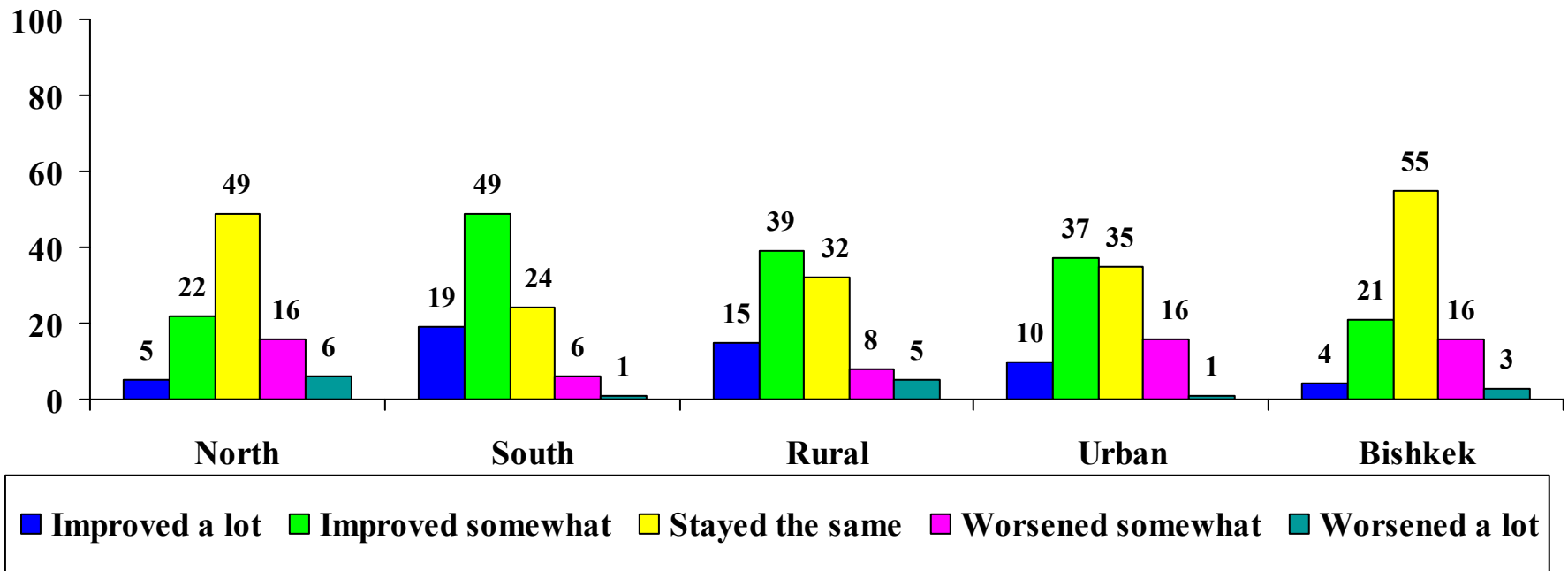
■ Very satisfied  
 ■ Somewhat satisfied  
 ■ Somewhat dissatisfied  
 ■ Very dissatisfied  
 ■ DK/NA



## Over the last 12 months, the financial situation of your household has...



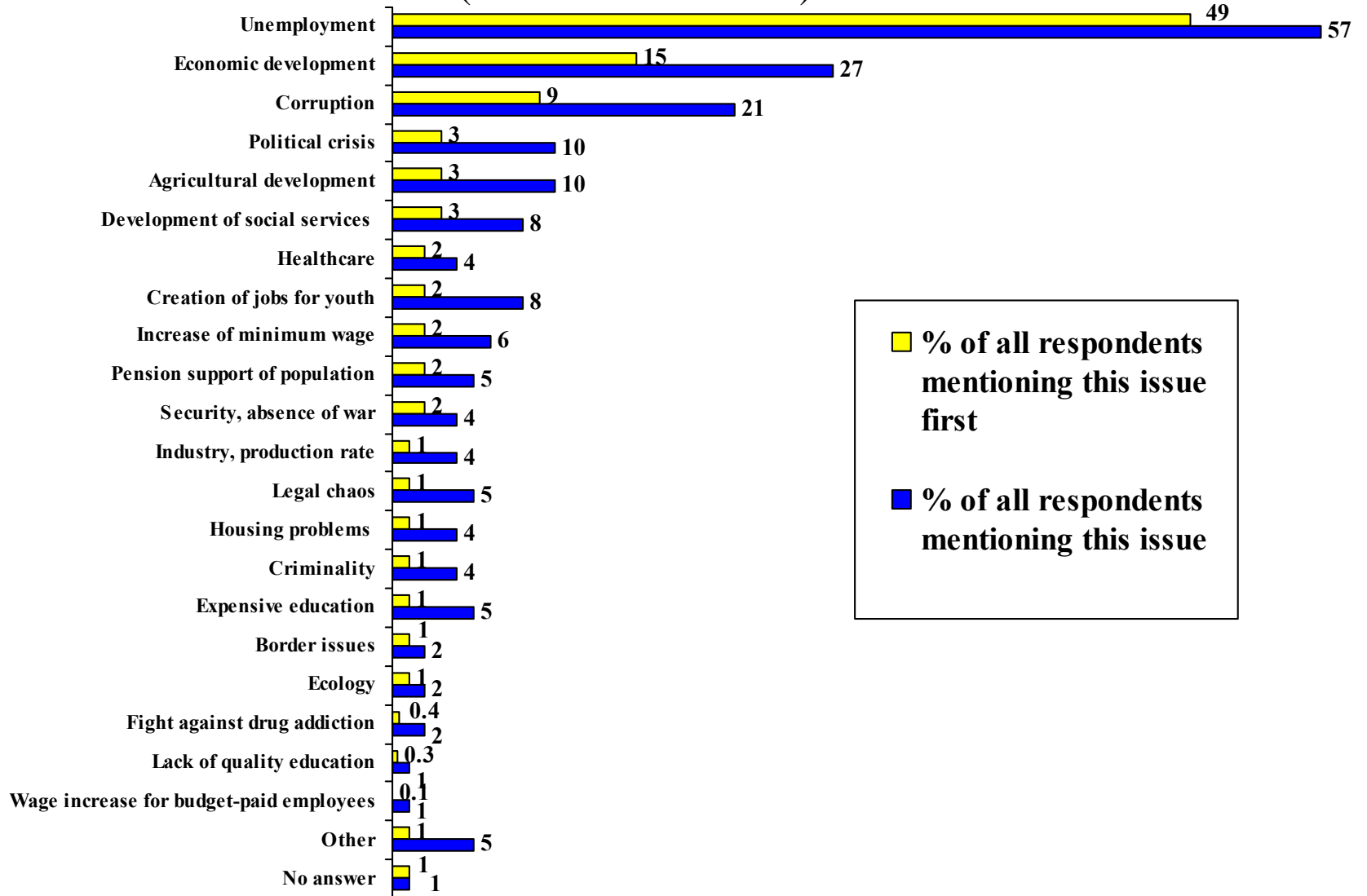
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# ISSUES

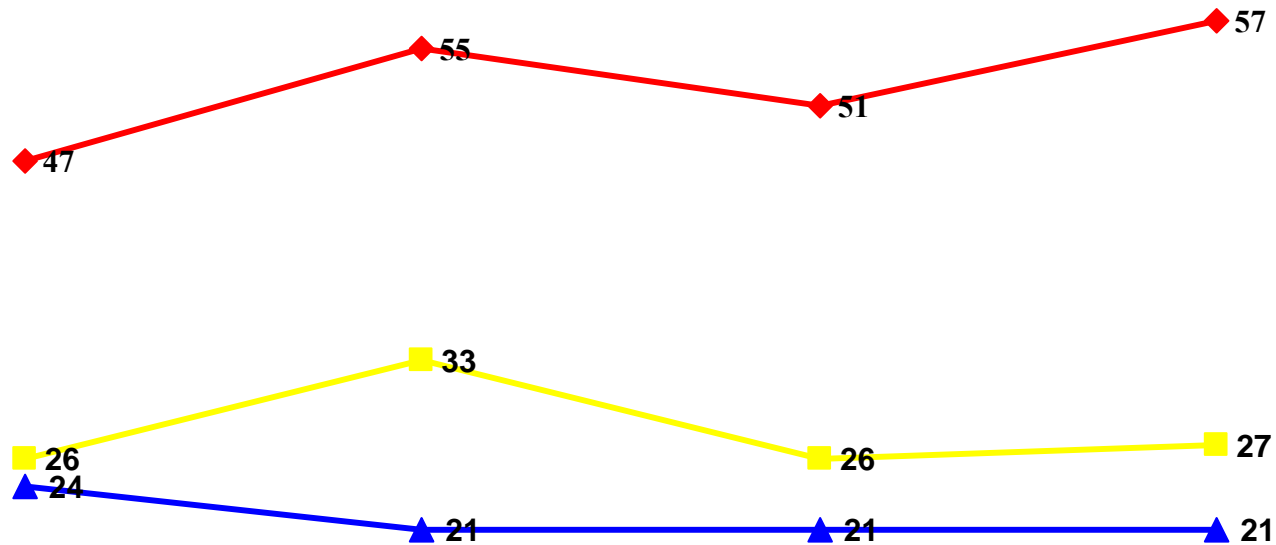
# Most important issues Kyrgyzstan is facing

(two answers allowed)



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(two answers allowed - % of all respondents who mentioned this issue)



April 2005

March 2006

October 2006

May 2007

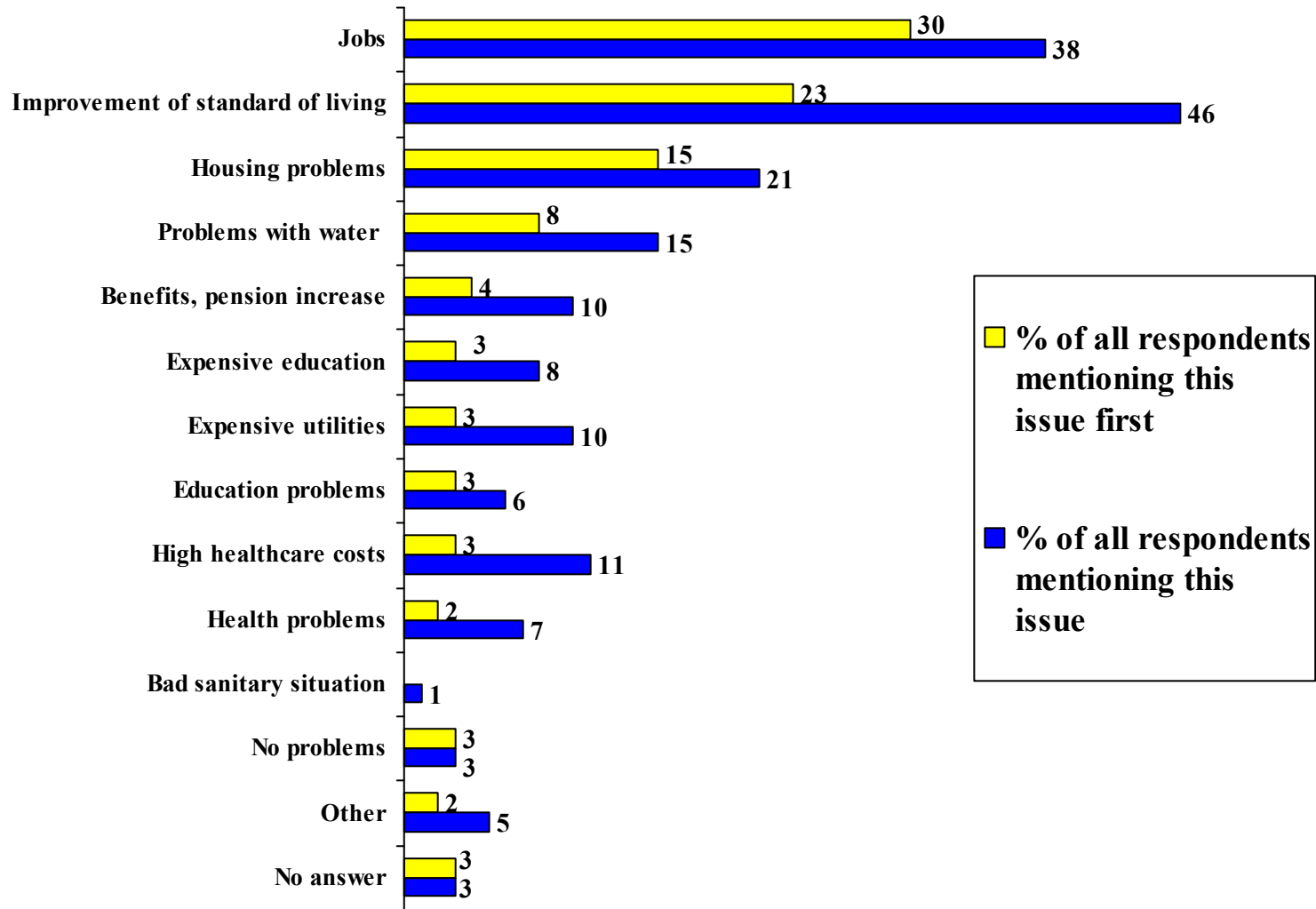
◆ Unemployment

■ Economic development

▲ Corruption

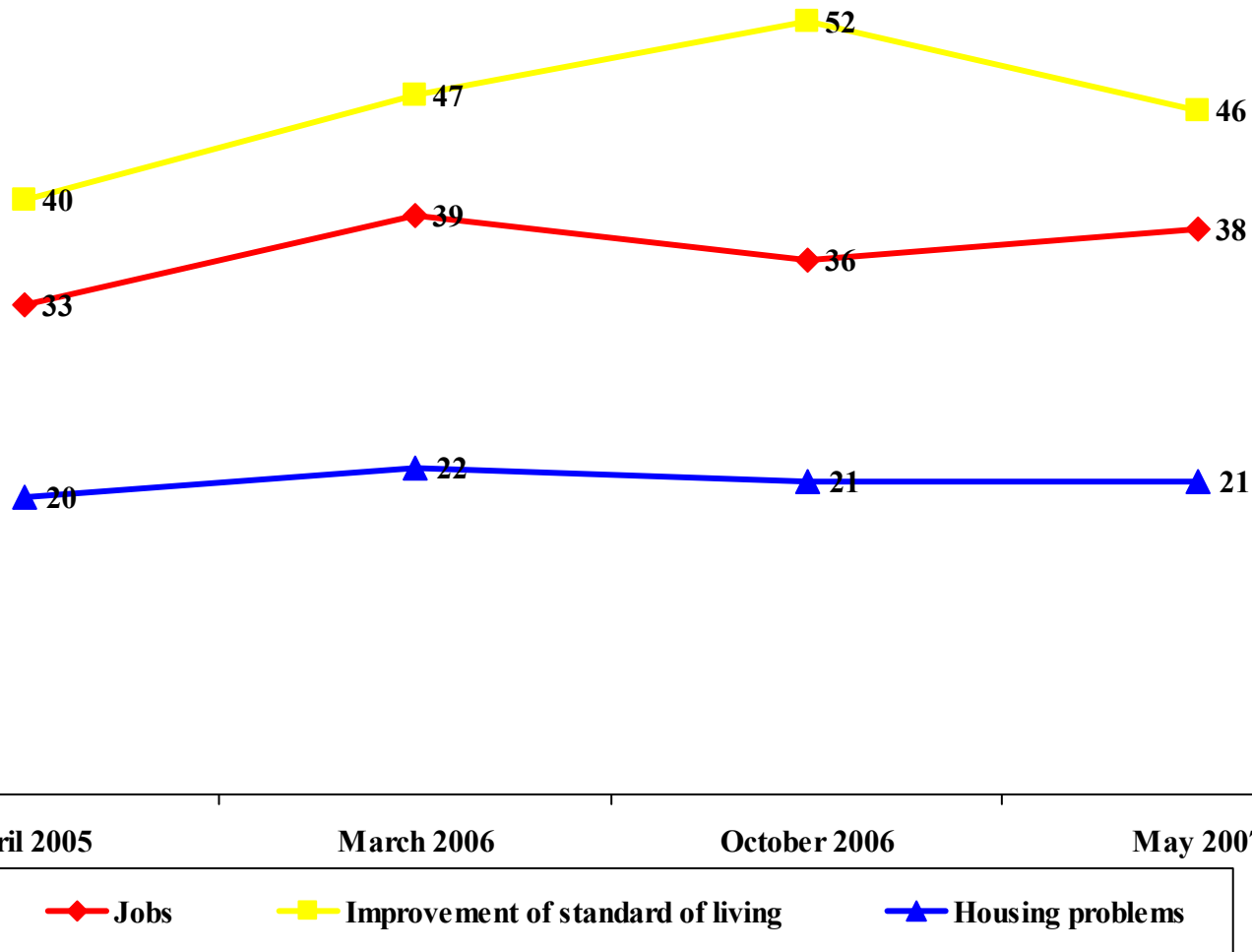
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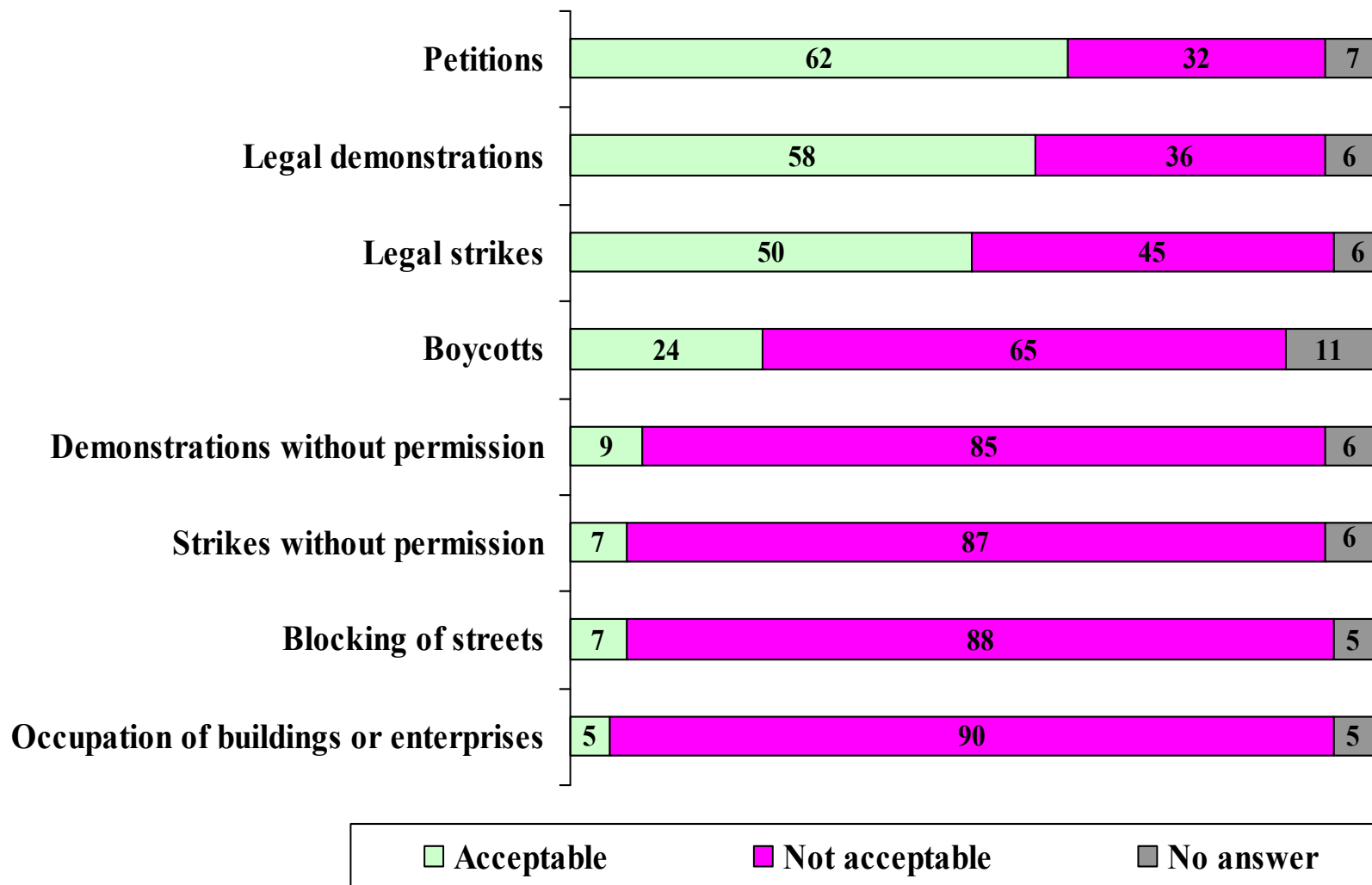


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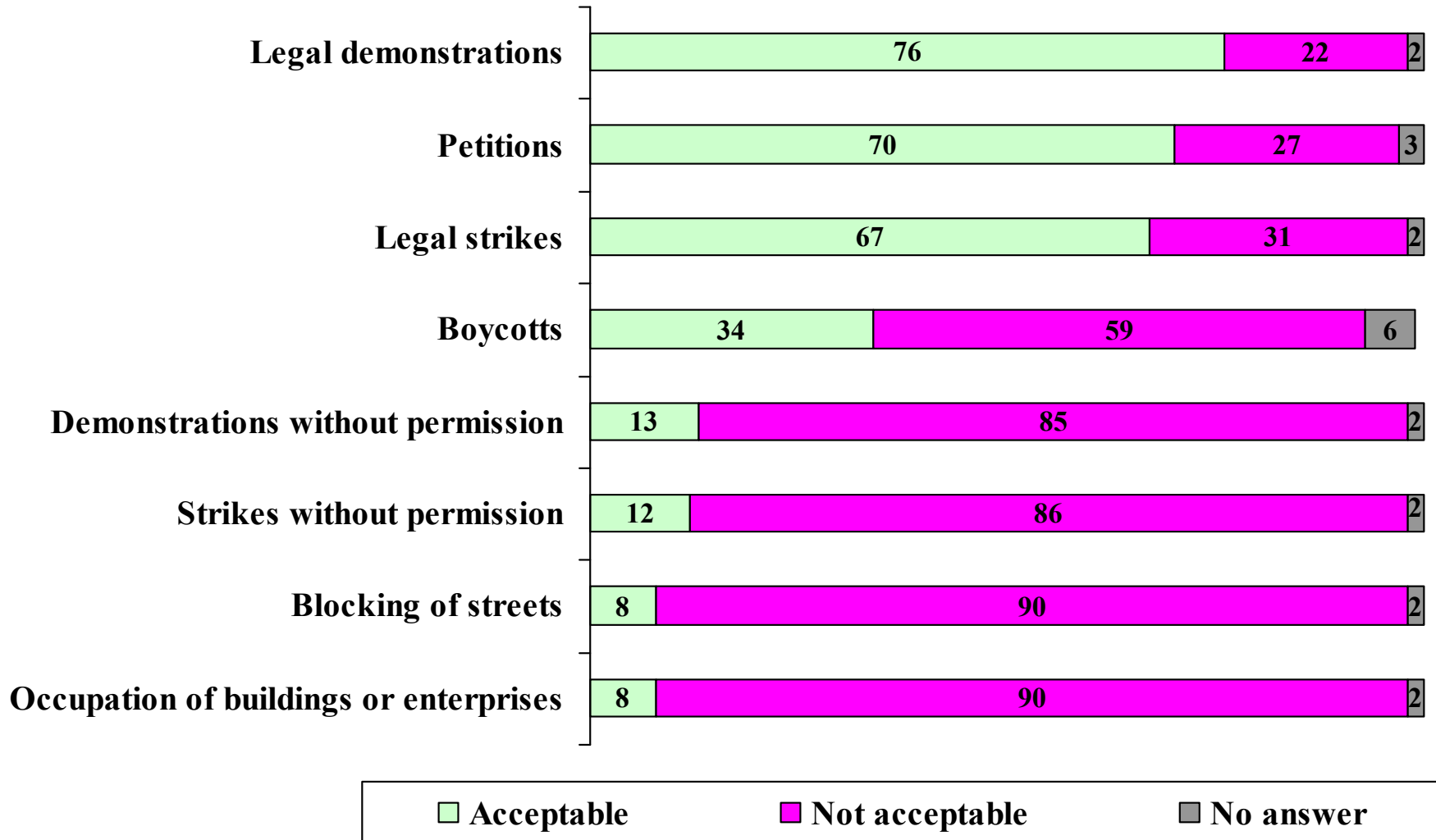


# Acceptability of forms of social protest - May 2007



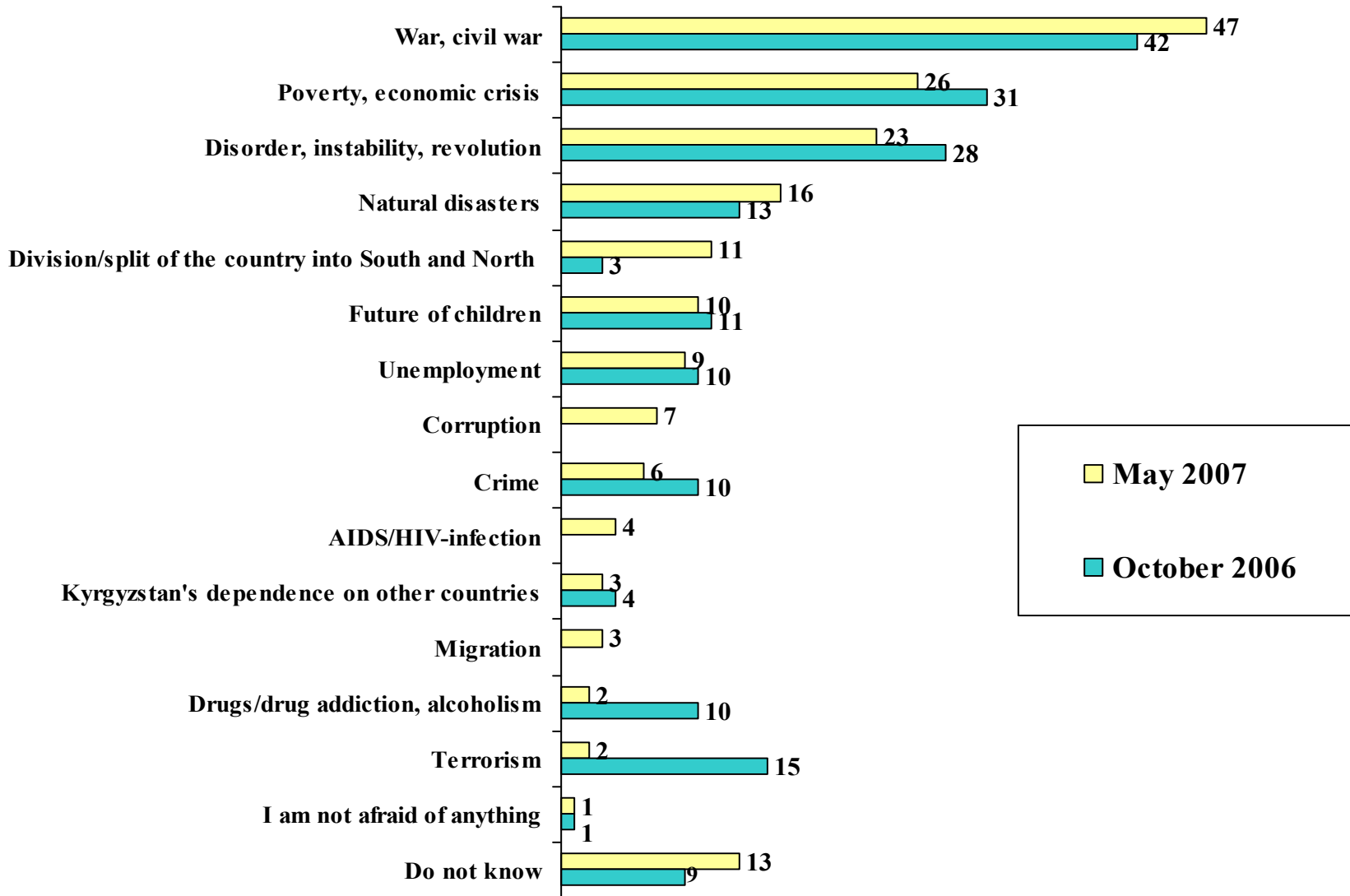


# Acceptability of forms of social protest - October 2006



# Fear the most

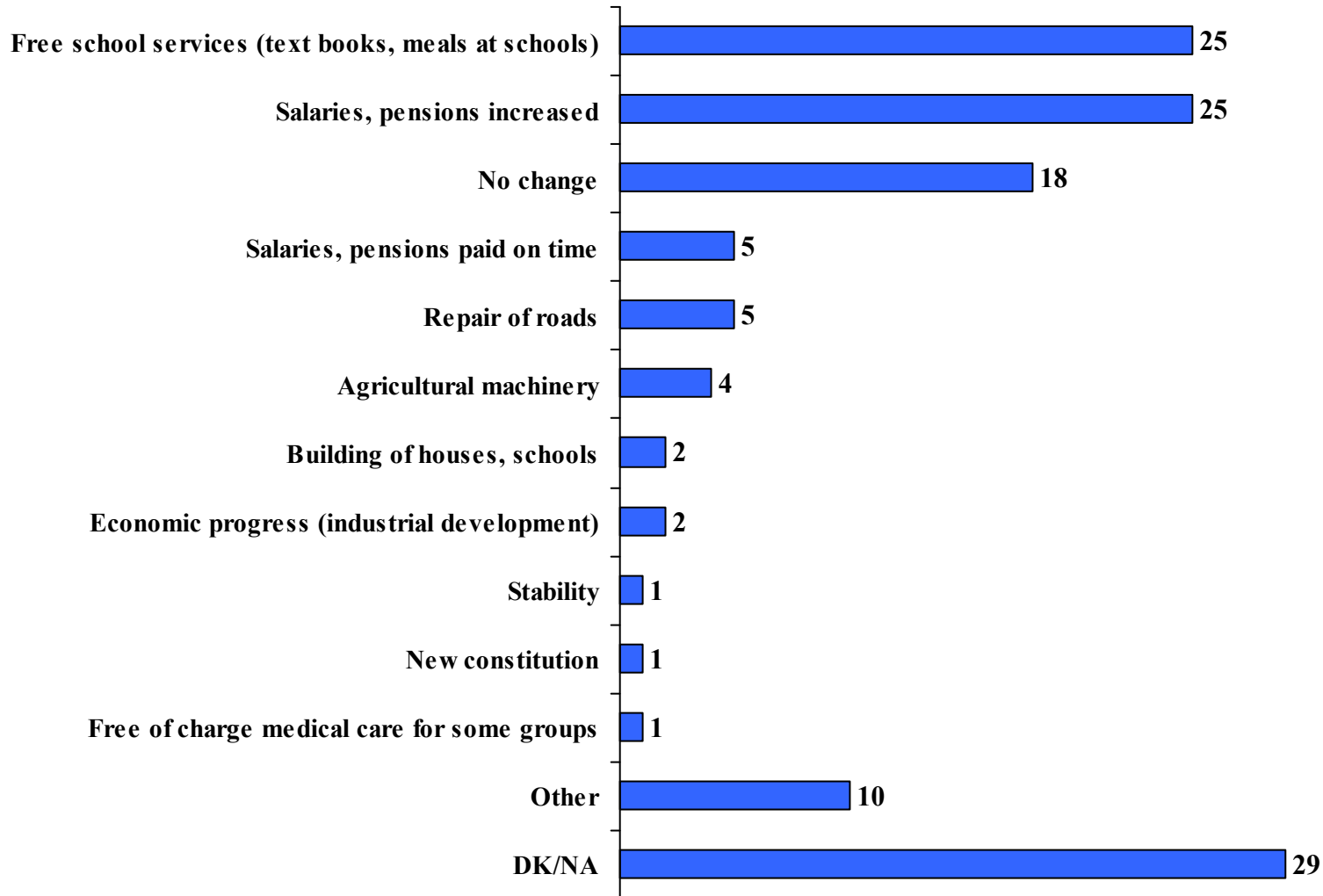
(% of all respondents mentioning this issue - three answers allowed)



# POLITICS

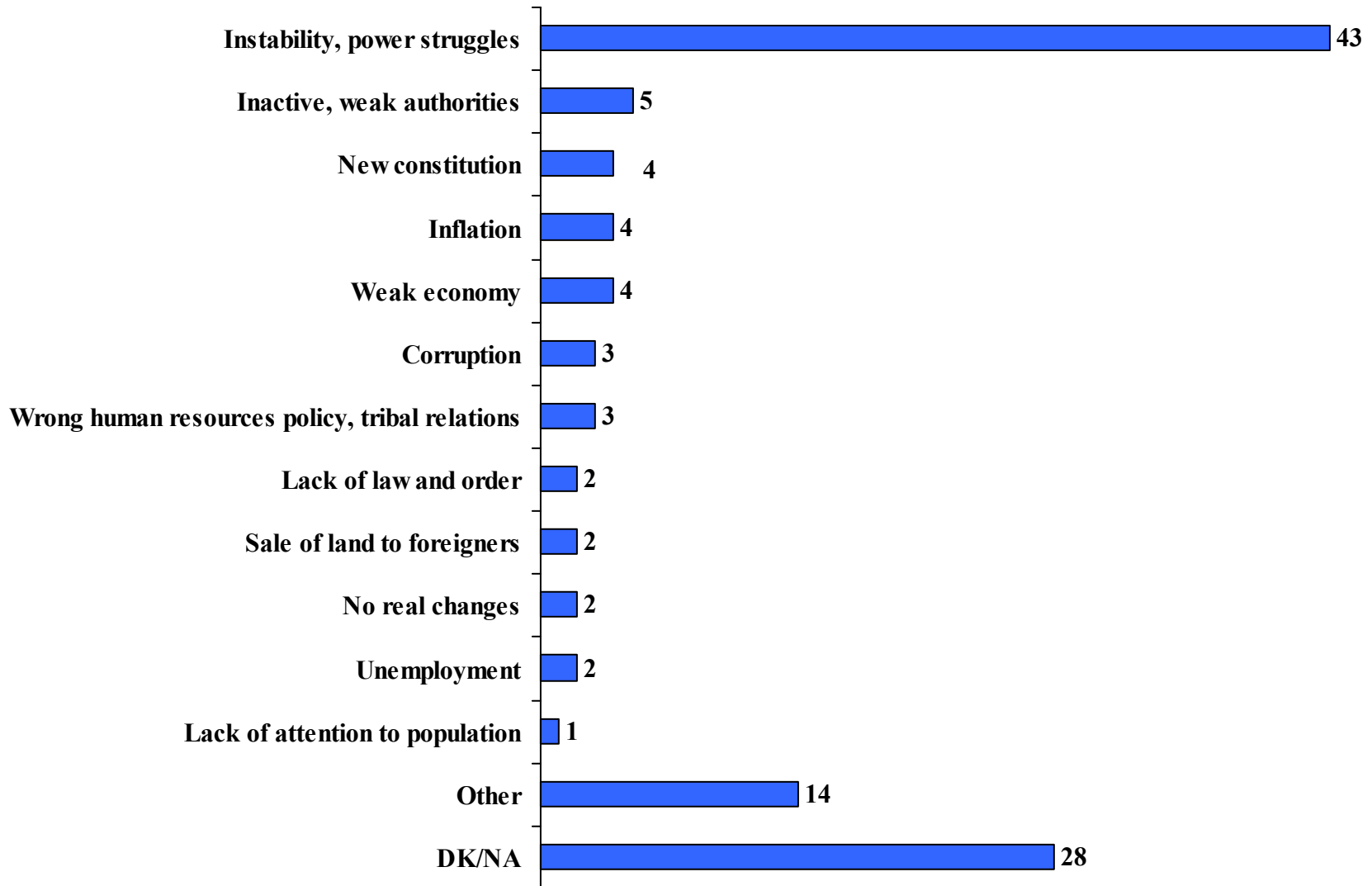
# Most important achievements of the government

(% of all respondents mentioning this issue – two answers)



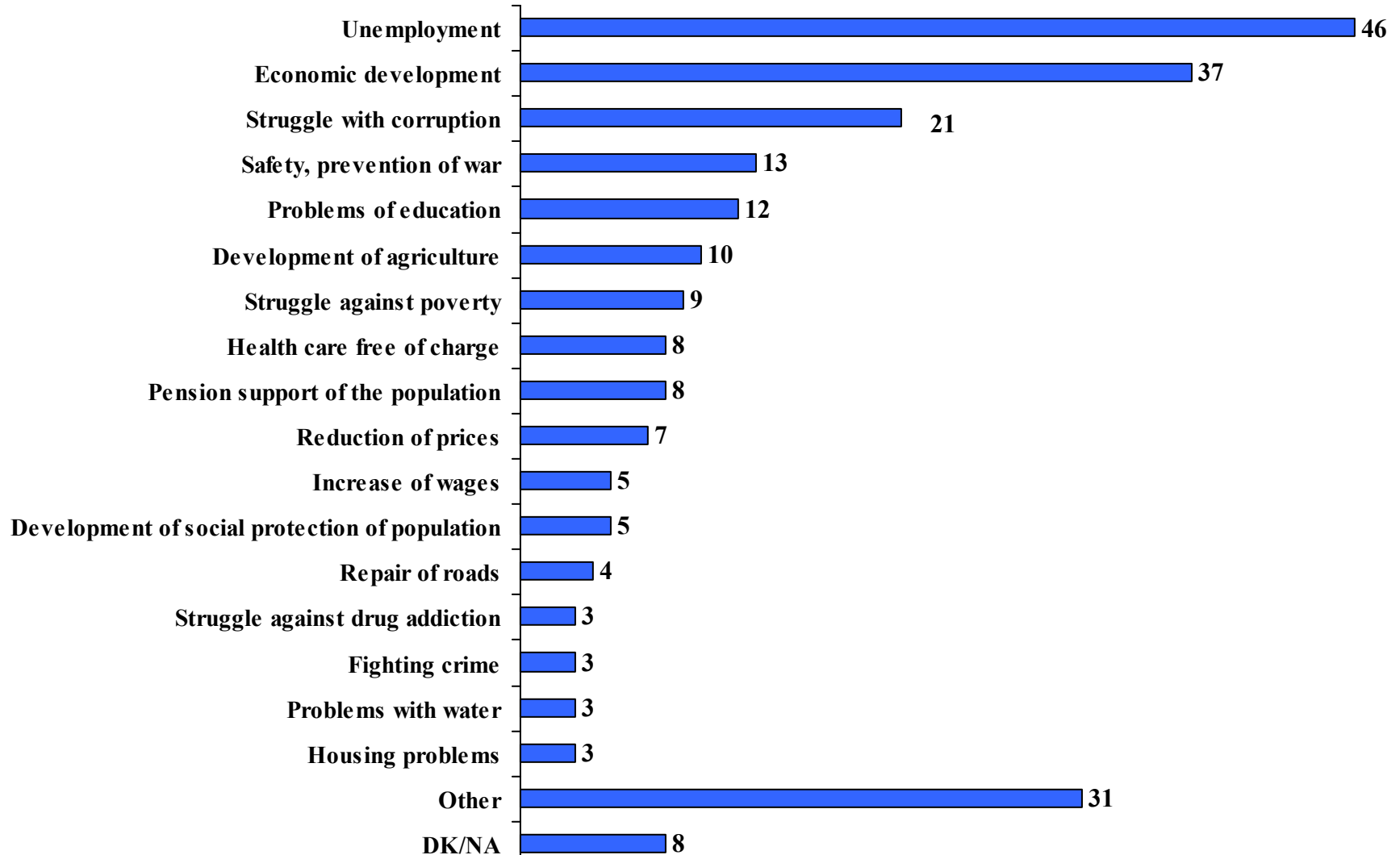
# Biggest mistakes of the government

(% of all respondents mentioning this issue – two answers allowed)

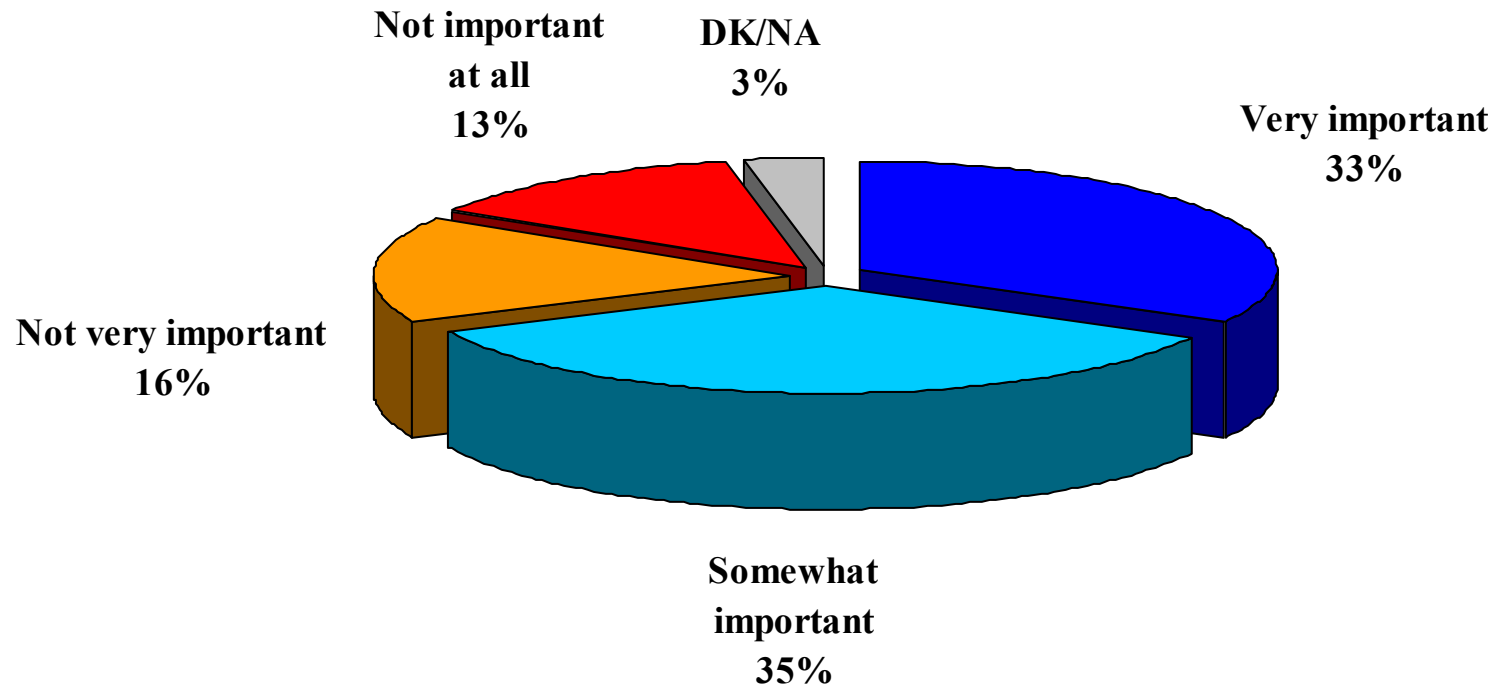


# Most important problems/issues the government should pay attention to

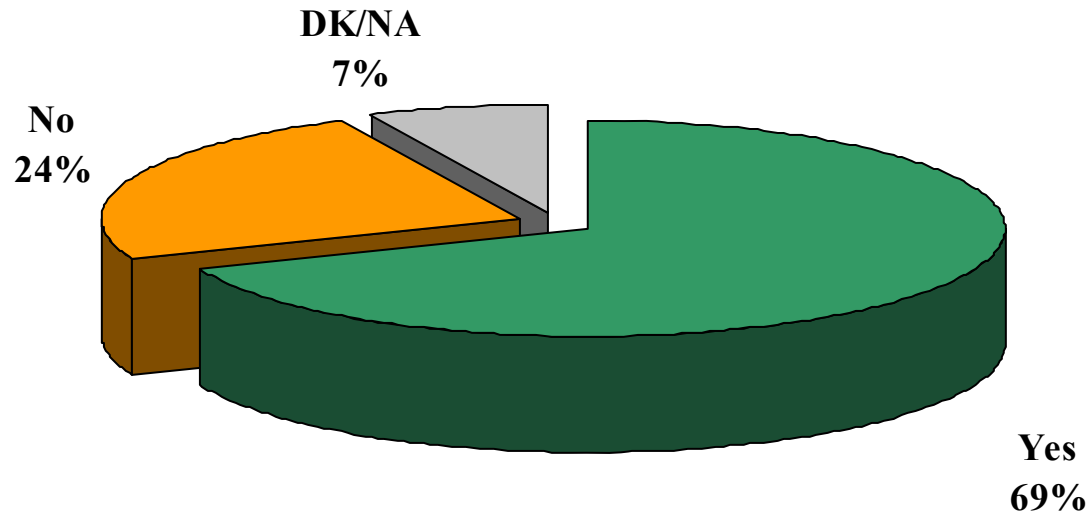
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# How important is the participation of women in politics?



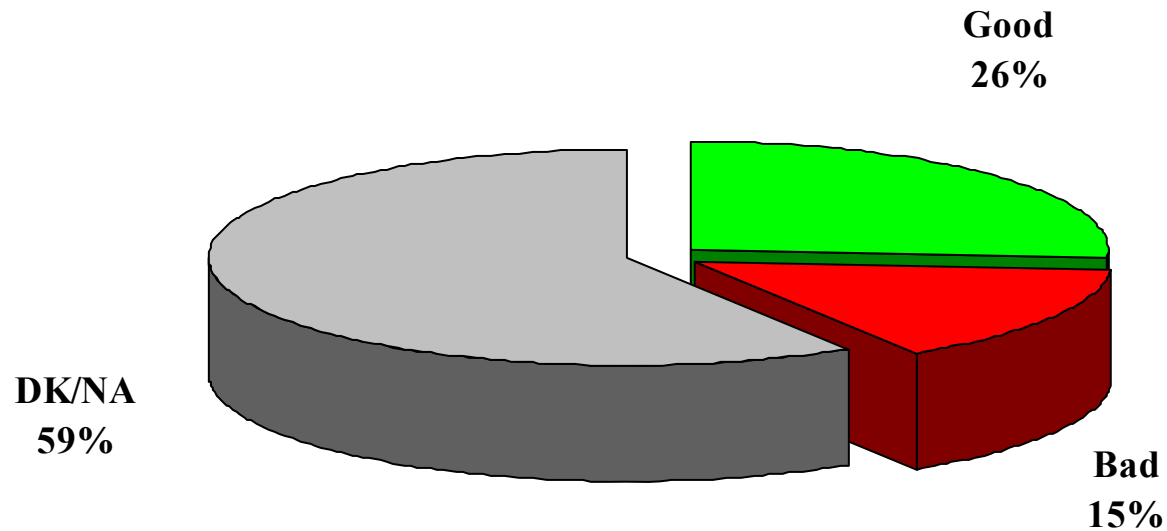
# Do you think a law should be introduced in Kyrgyzstan to ensure that women get seats in Parliament?





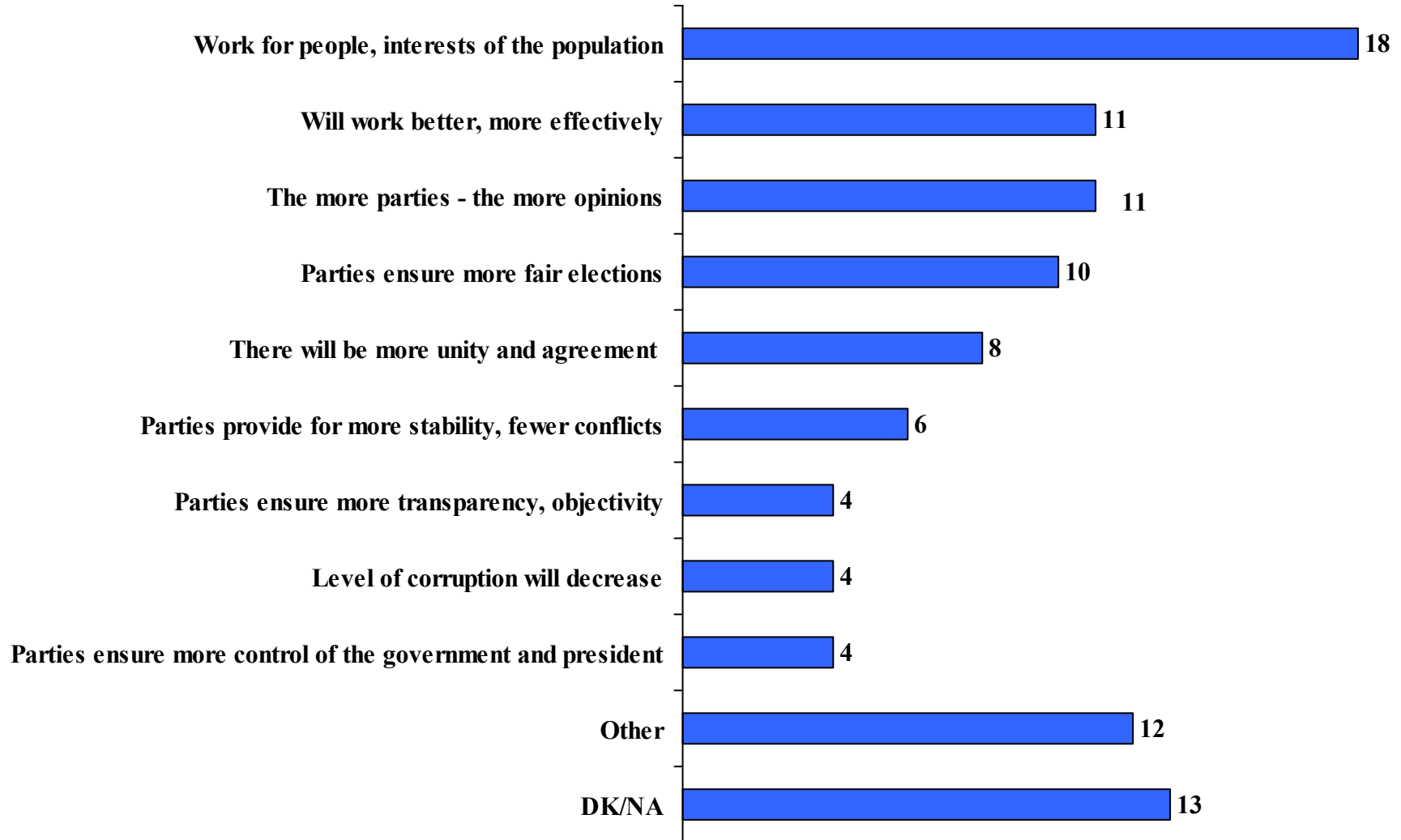
# POLITICAL PARTIES

**According to the new constitution, political parties will play a bigger role in the parliament and in formation of the government. Is this good or bad?**



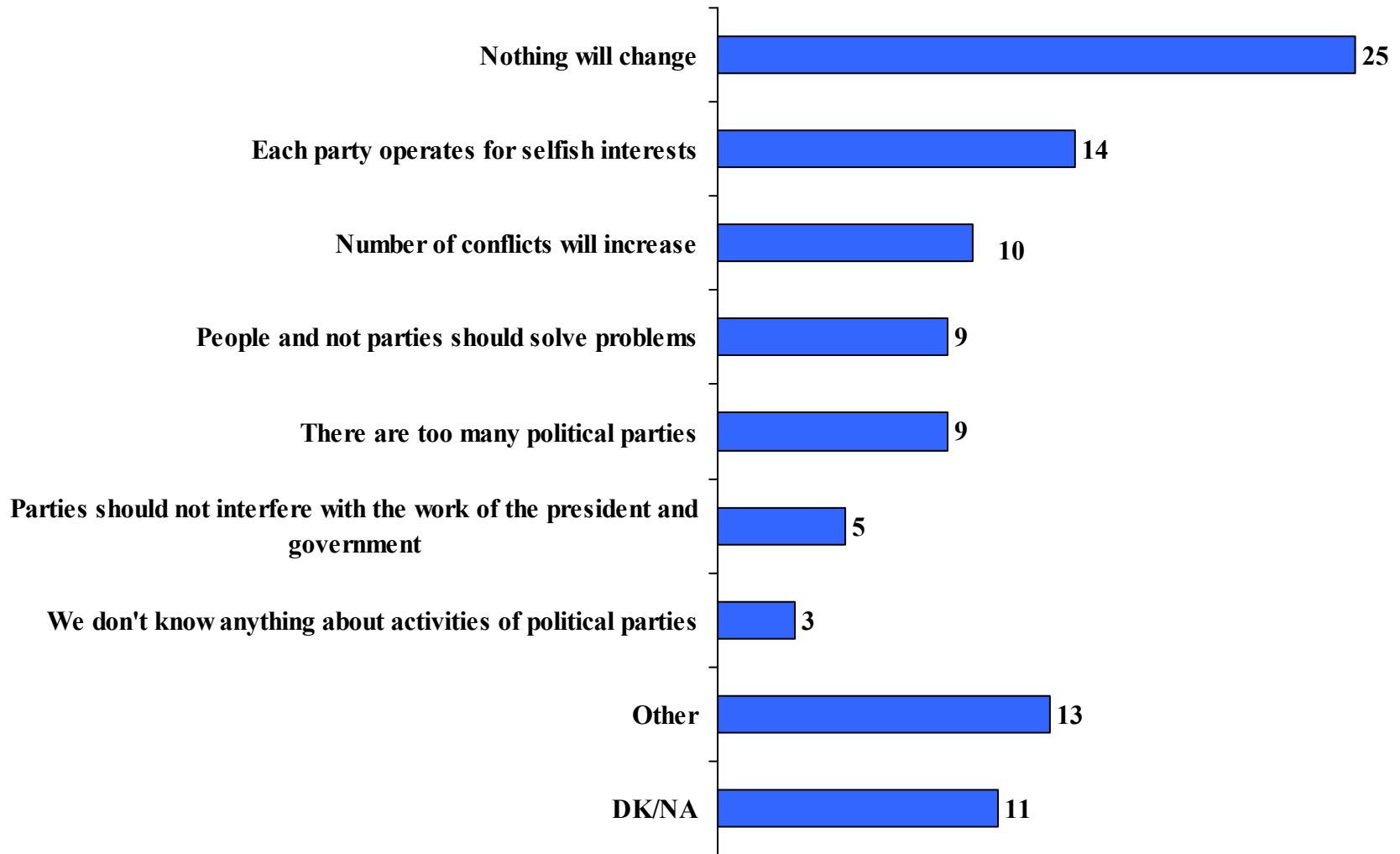
# Why is it good that political parties will play a bigger role in parliament and in the formation of the government?

(% of respondents thinking that it is good. N=412)

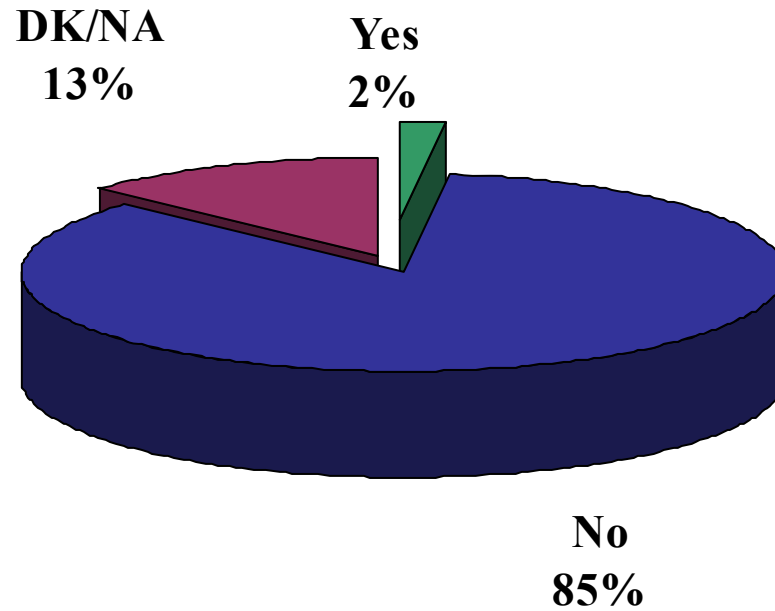


# Why is it bad that political parties will play a bigger role in parliament and in the formation of the government?

(% of respondents thinking that it is bad. N=233)

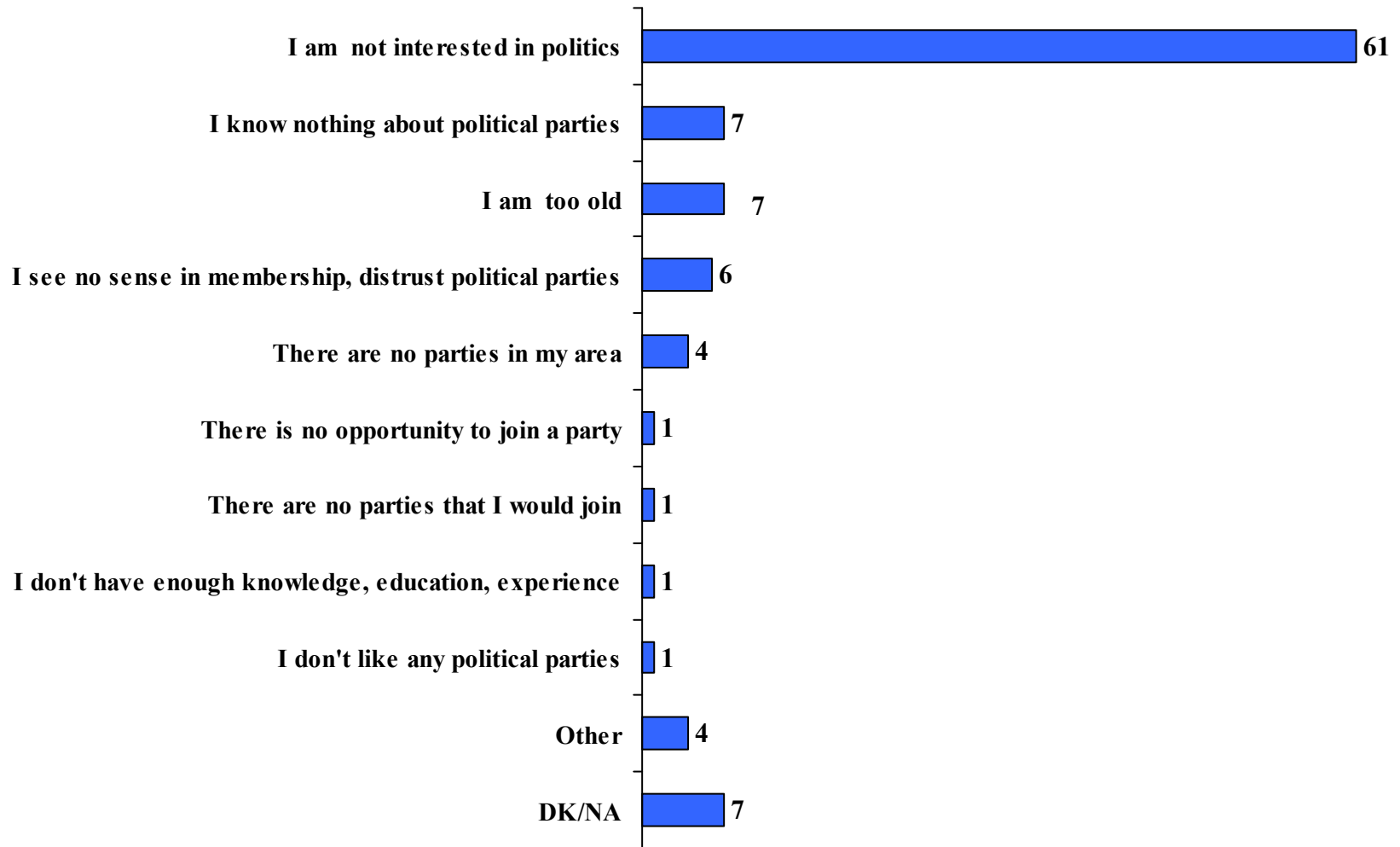


# Are you a member of a political party?

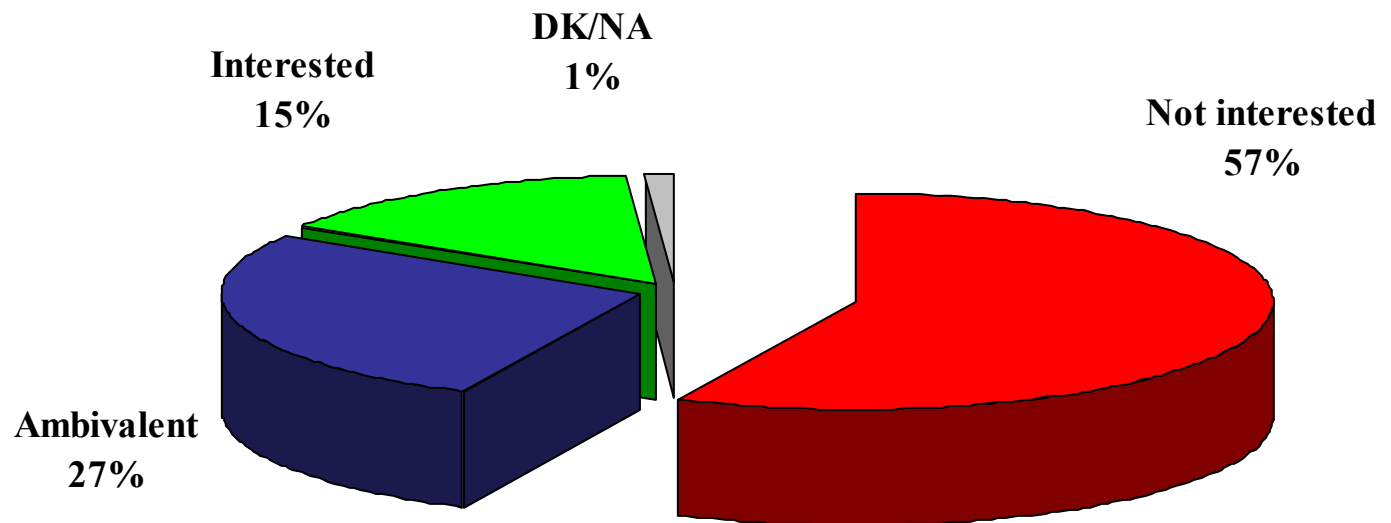


# Reasons why respondents are not members of political parties

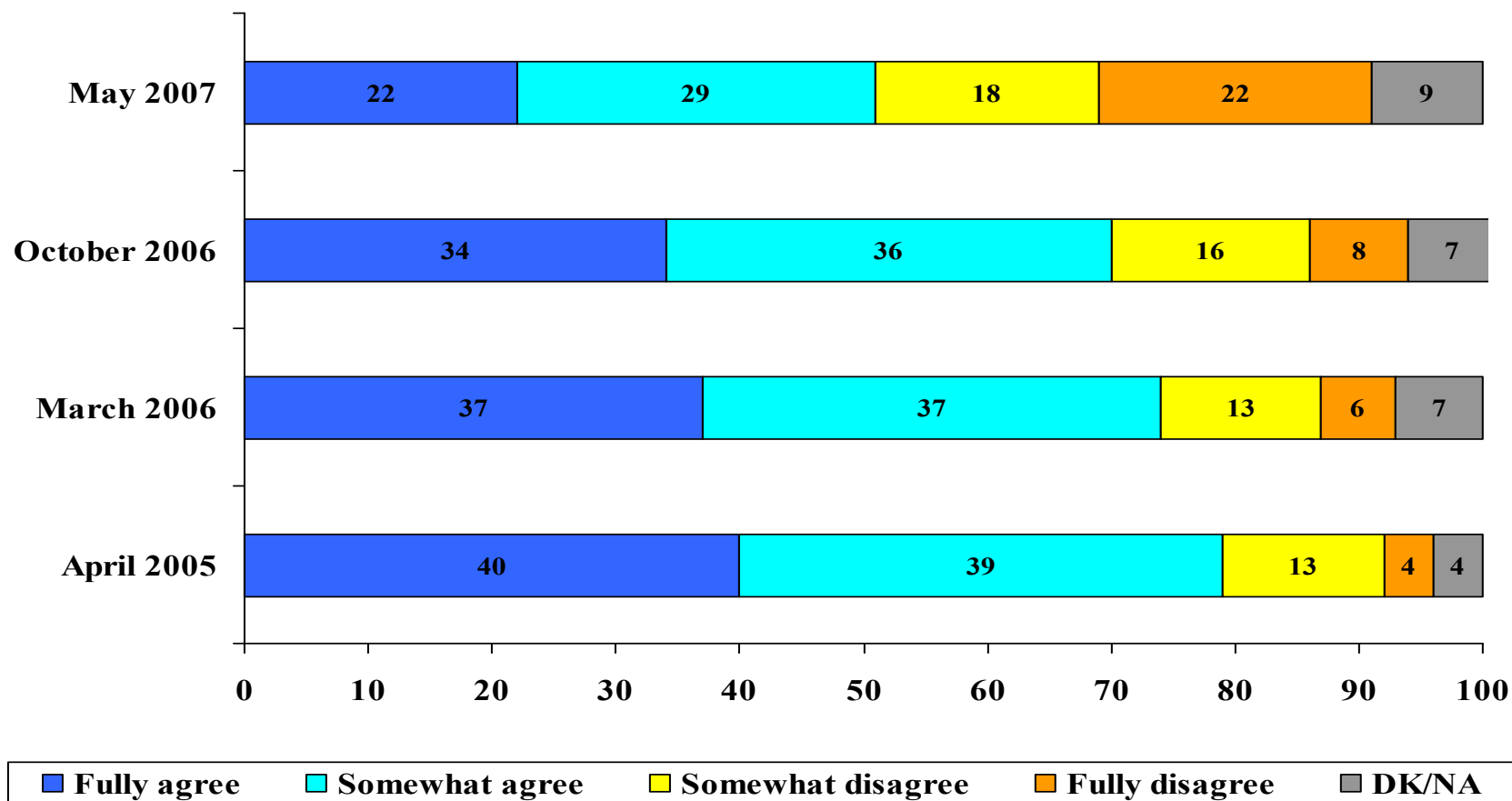
(% of respondents – non-members of political parties. N=1,337)



# How much interest do you have in politics?

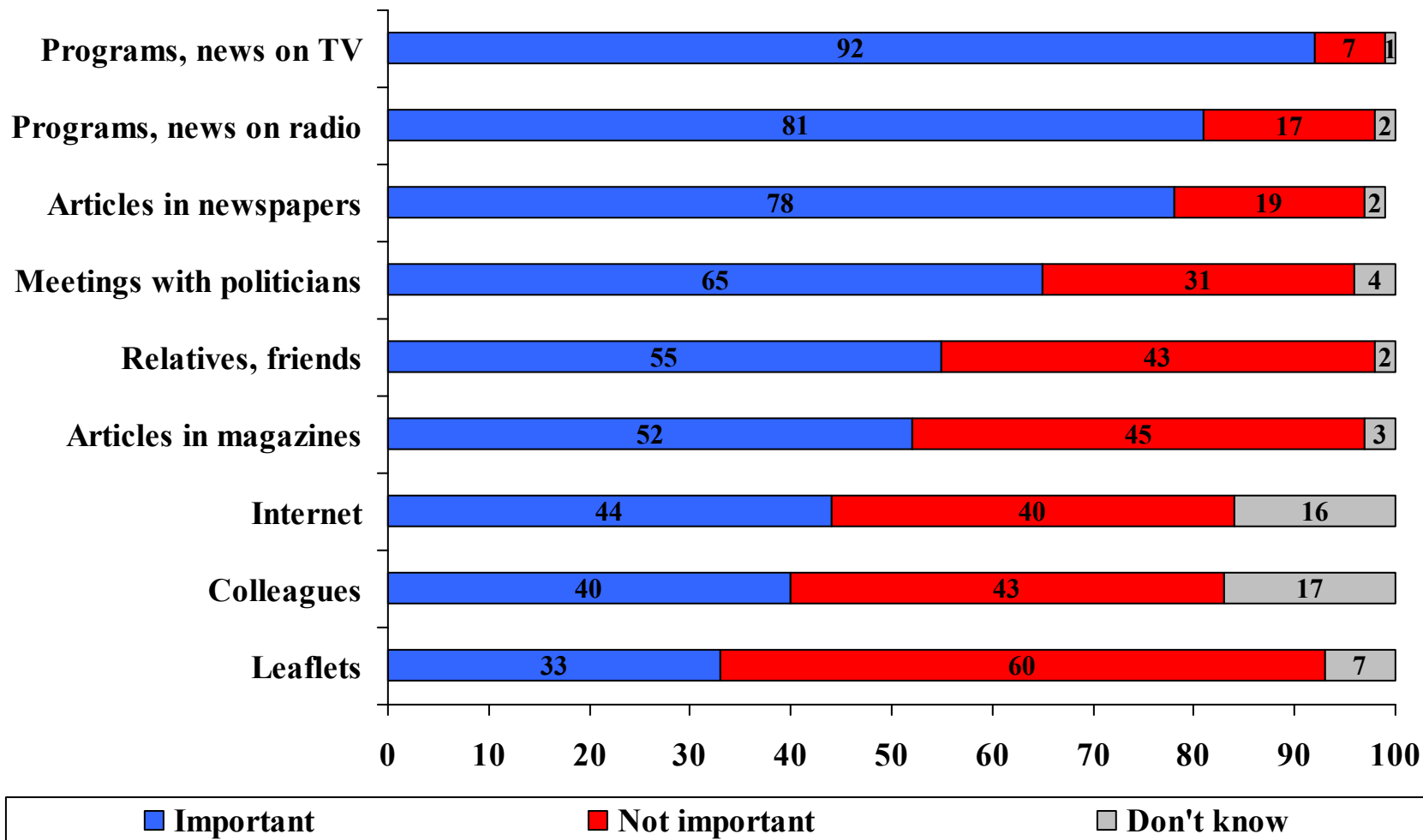


# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “It is healthy for Kyrgyzstan to have an active opposition.”



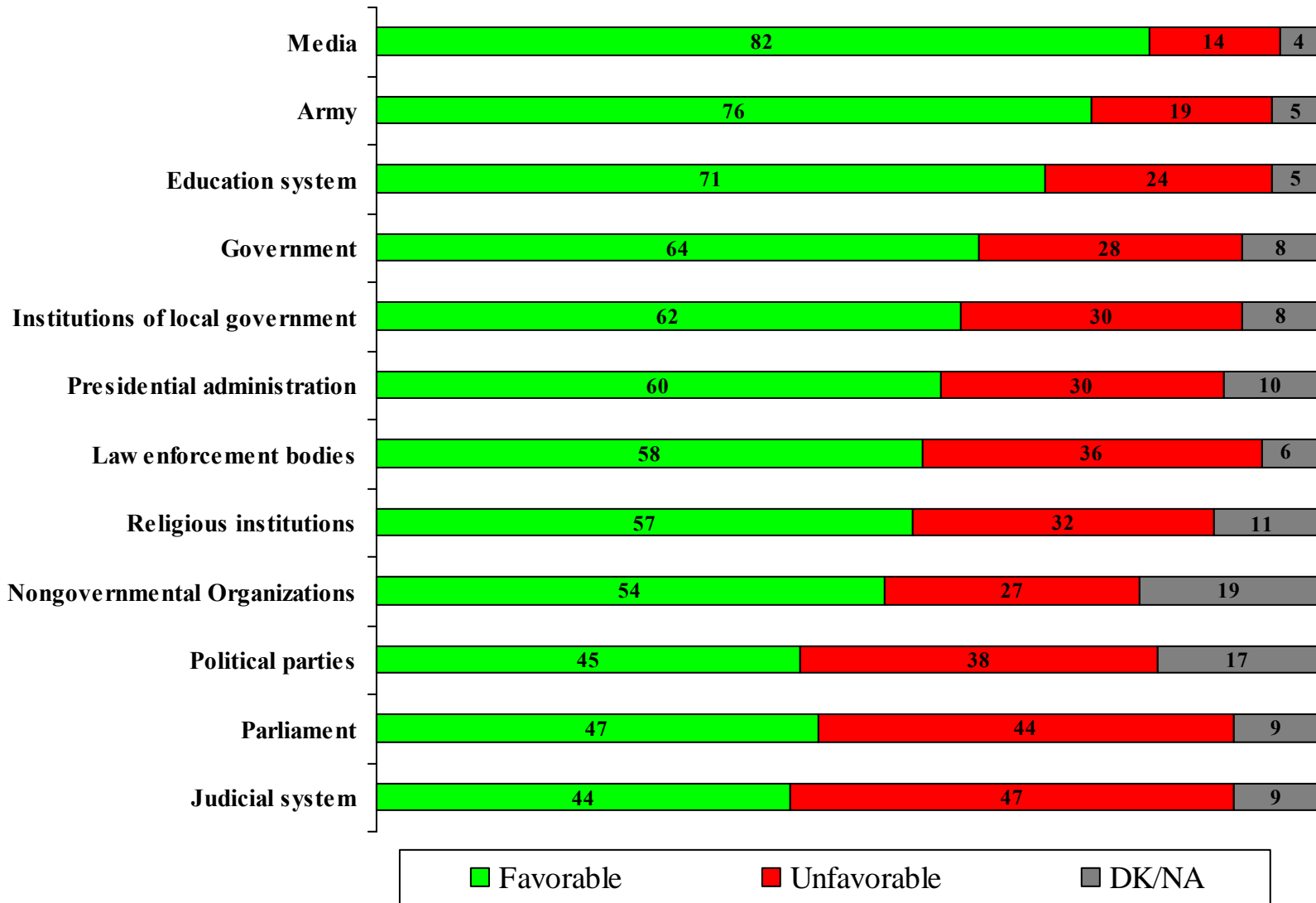


# What sources of information are important for you to be informed about politics?

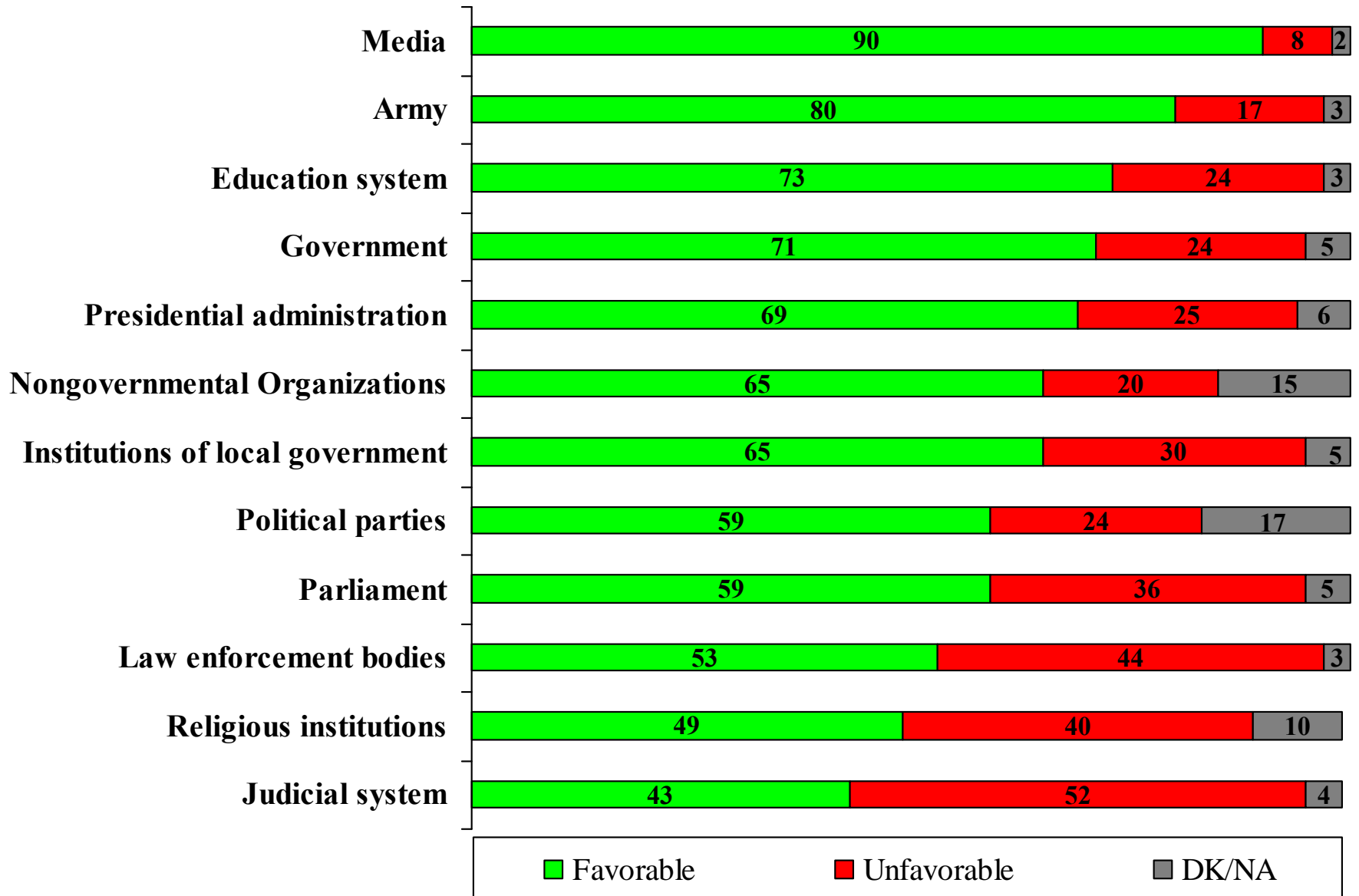


# INSTITUTIONS

# Confidence in institutions – May 2007



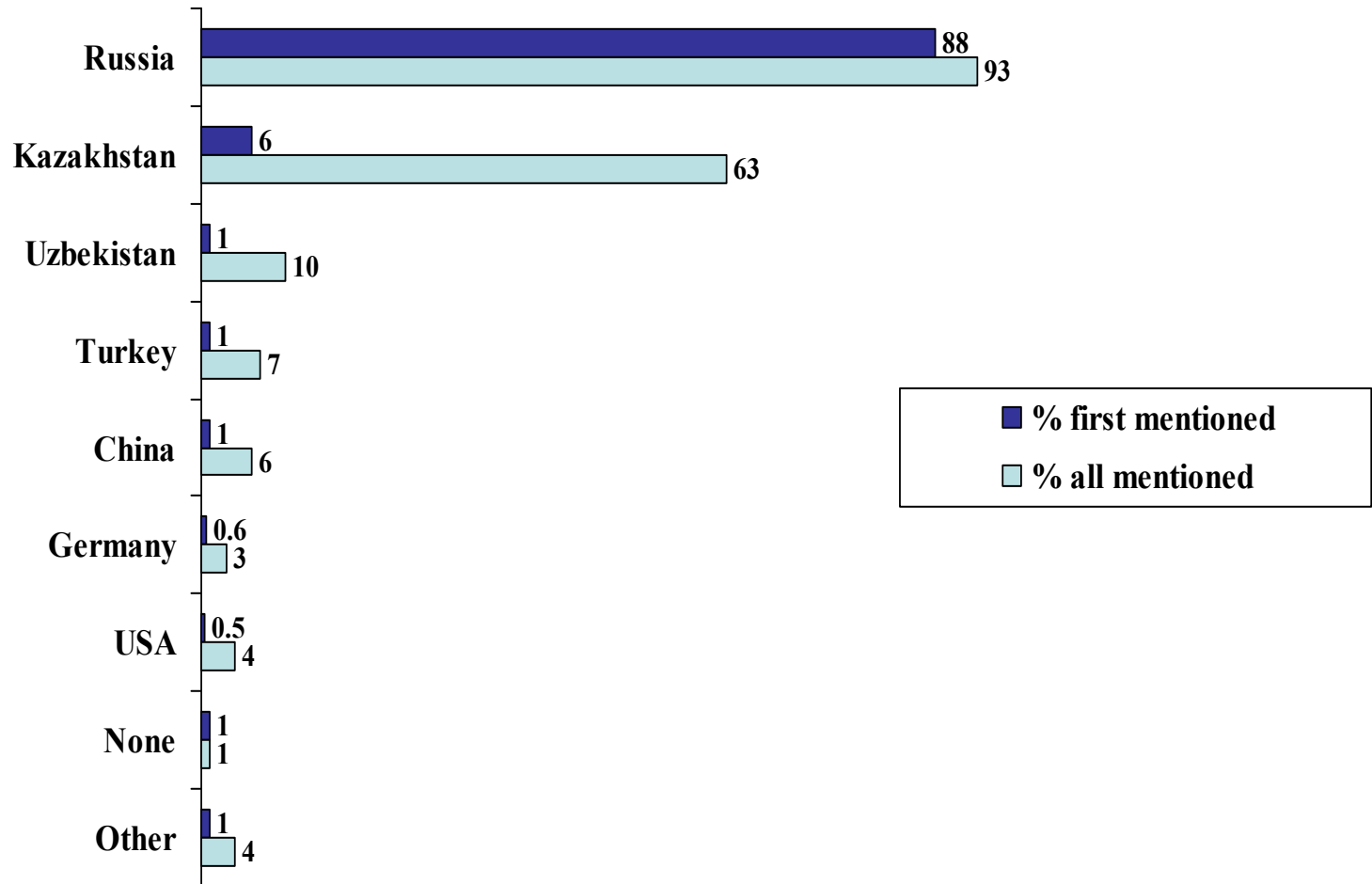
# Confidence in institutions – October 2006



# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

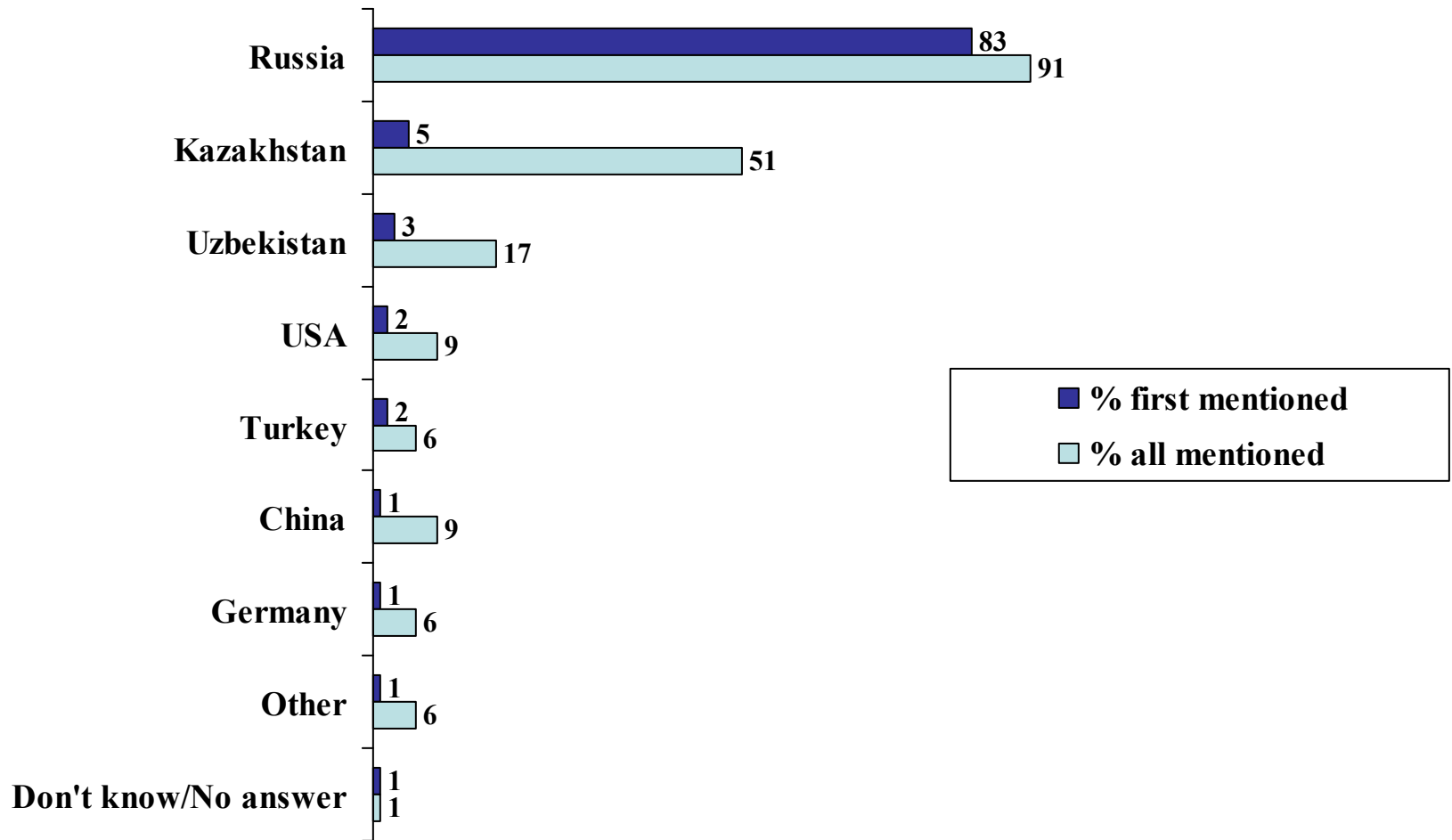
# Which country should Kyrgyzstan give priority to in its international relations? (May 2007)

(two answers allowed)



# Which country should Kyrgyzstan give priority to in its international relations? (October 2006)

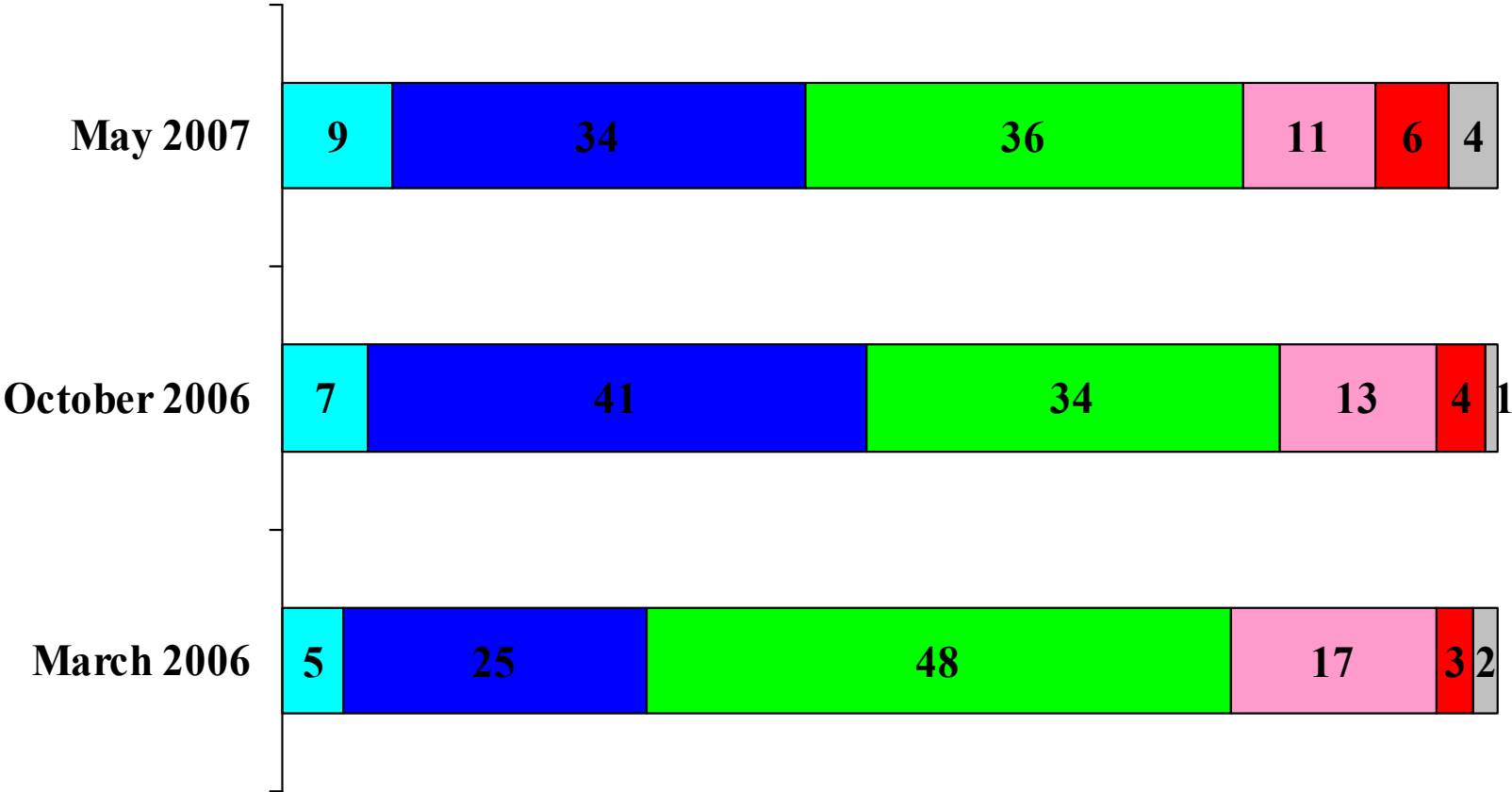
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# ECONOMY

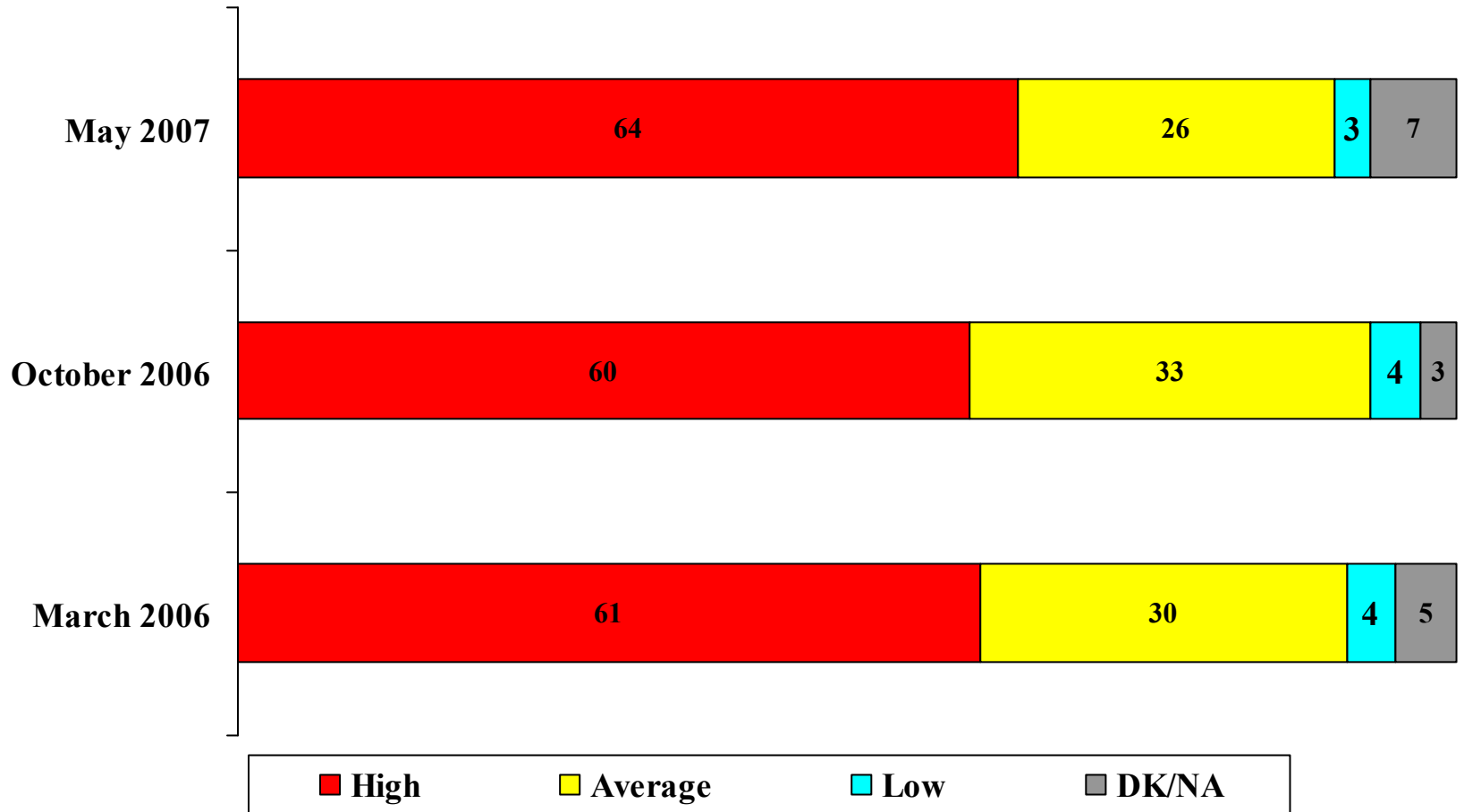


# Over the last 12 months, the economy in the Kyrgyz Republic...

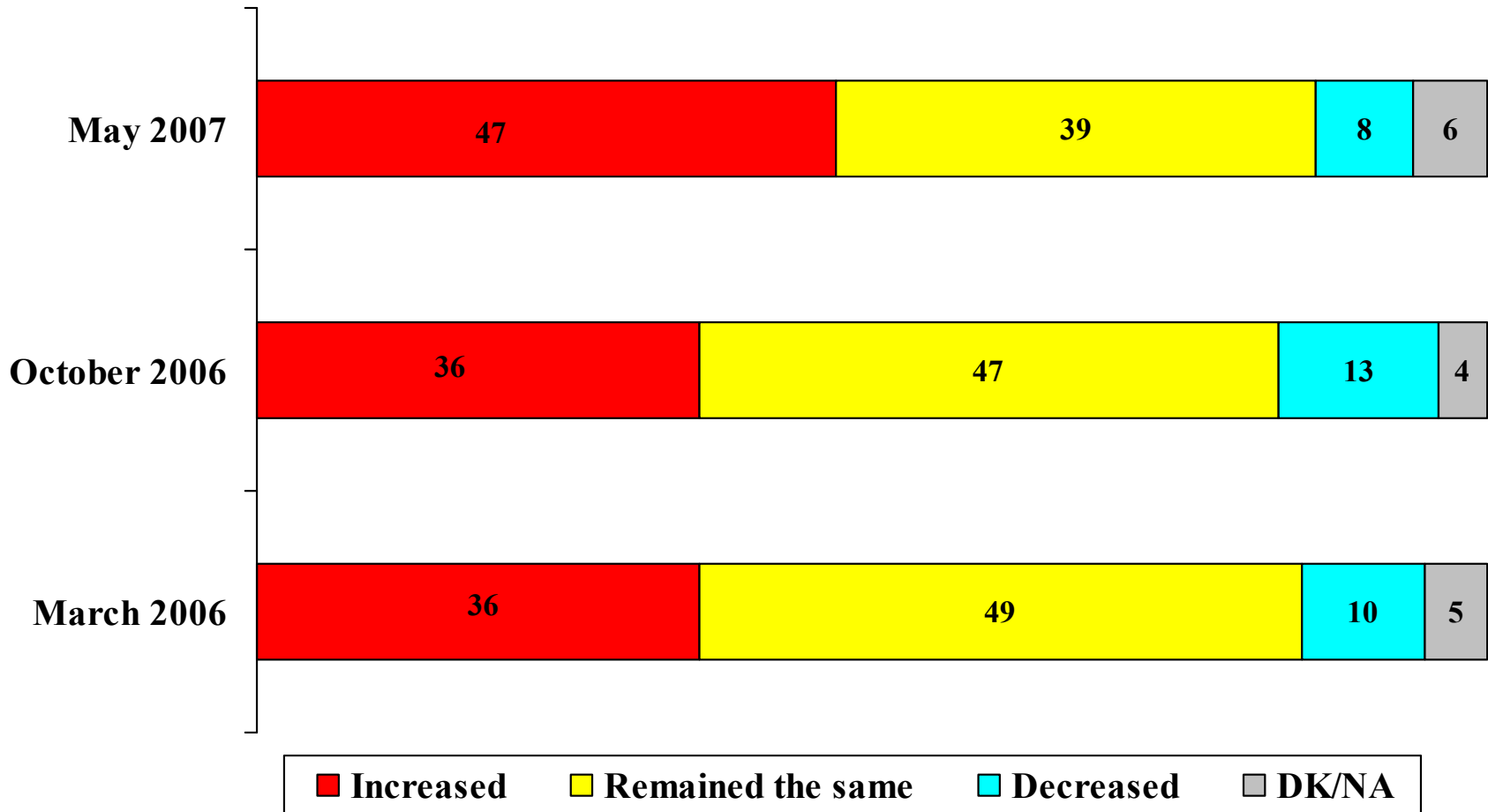


# CORRUPTION

# Perception of the current level of corruption in Kyrgyzstan



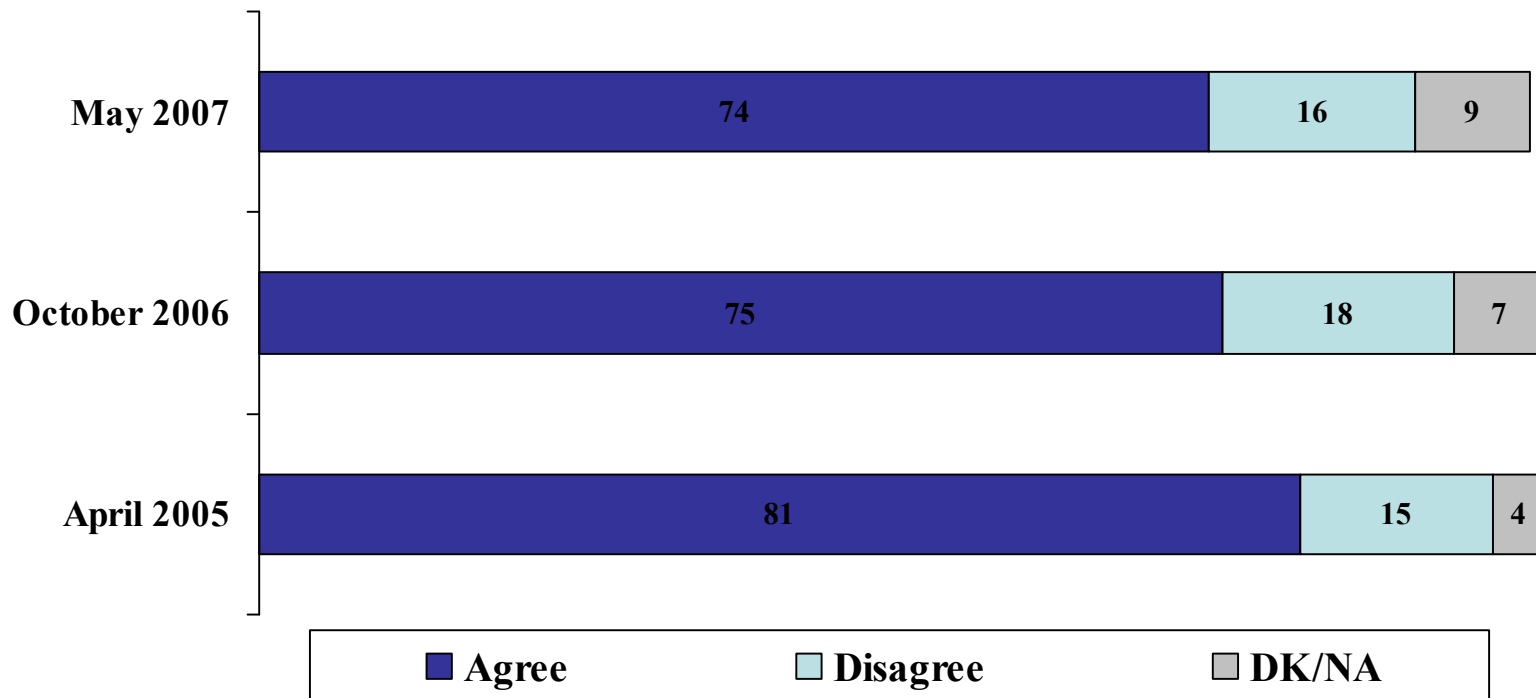
# In your opinion, the level of corruption in Kyrgyzstan after the events of March 24, 2005 has...



# VALUES

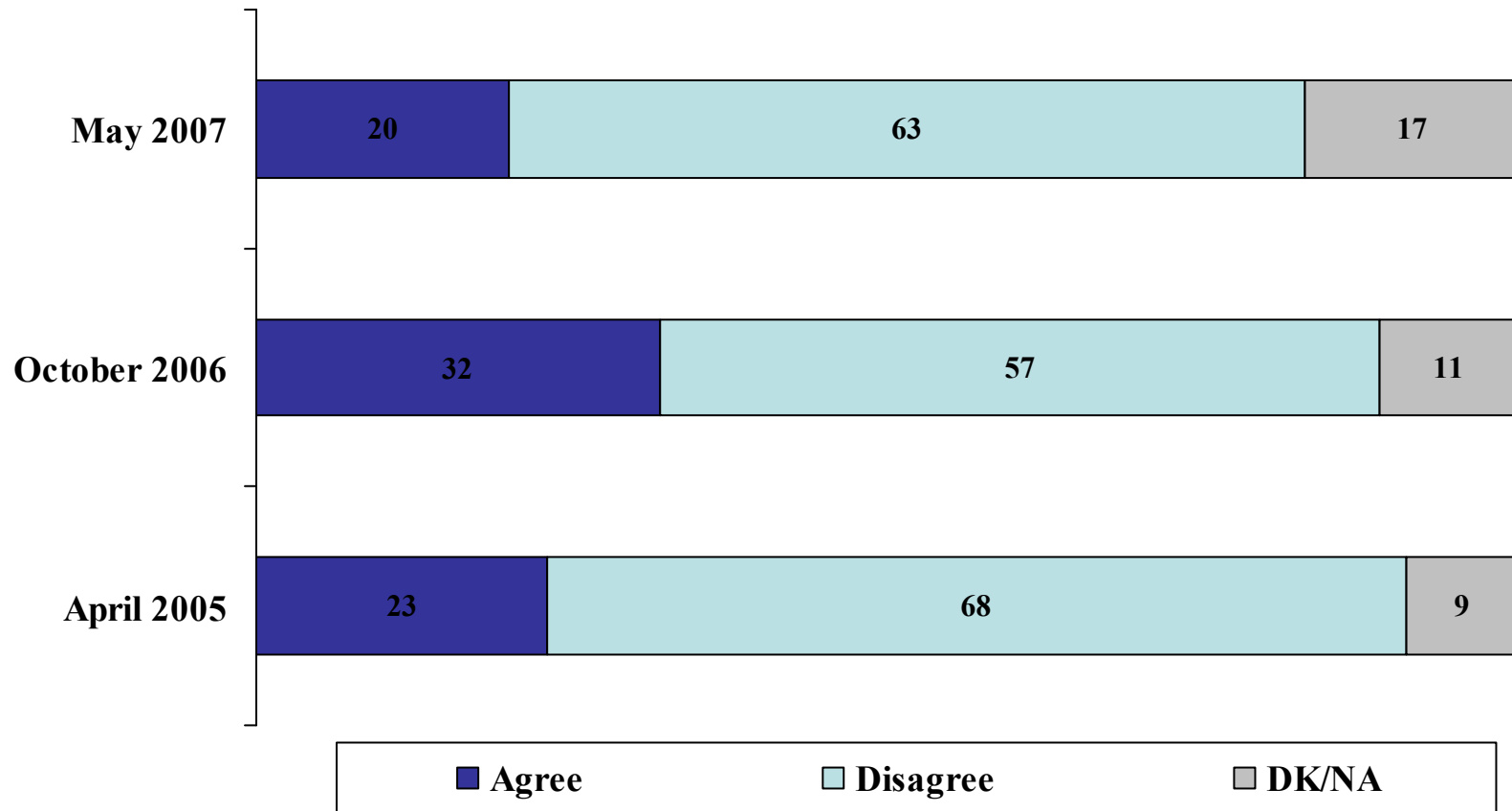
# Tolerance

**It is good when society consists of people of different religious and ethnic backgrounds.**



# Tolerance

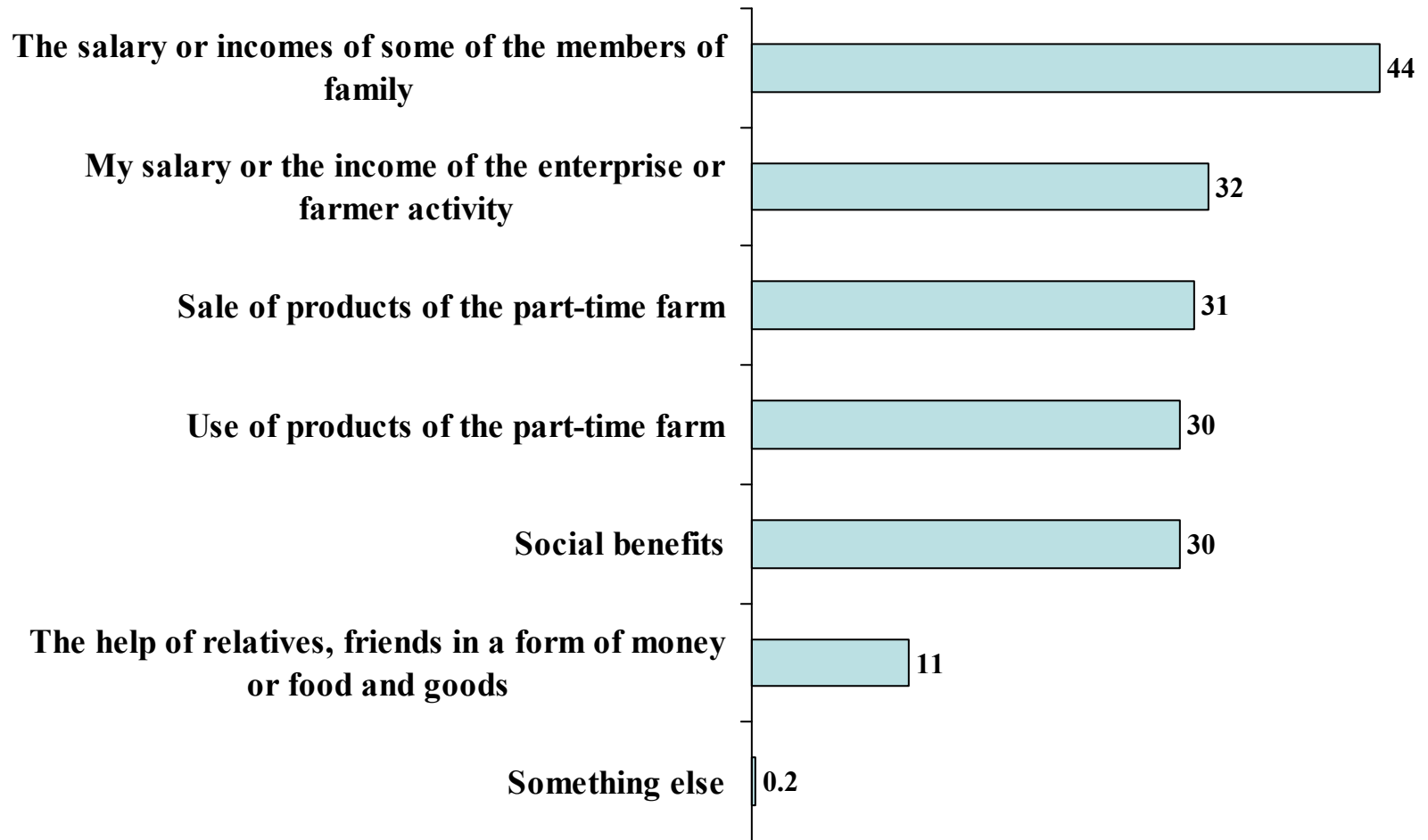
**If there were more people in the republic belonging to religious or national minorities, we could have problems.**



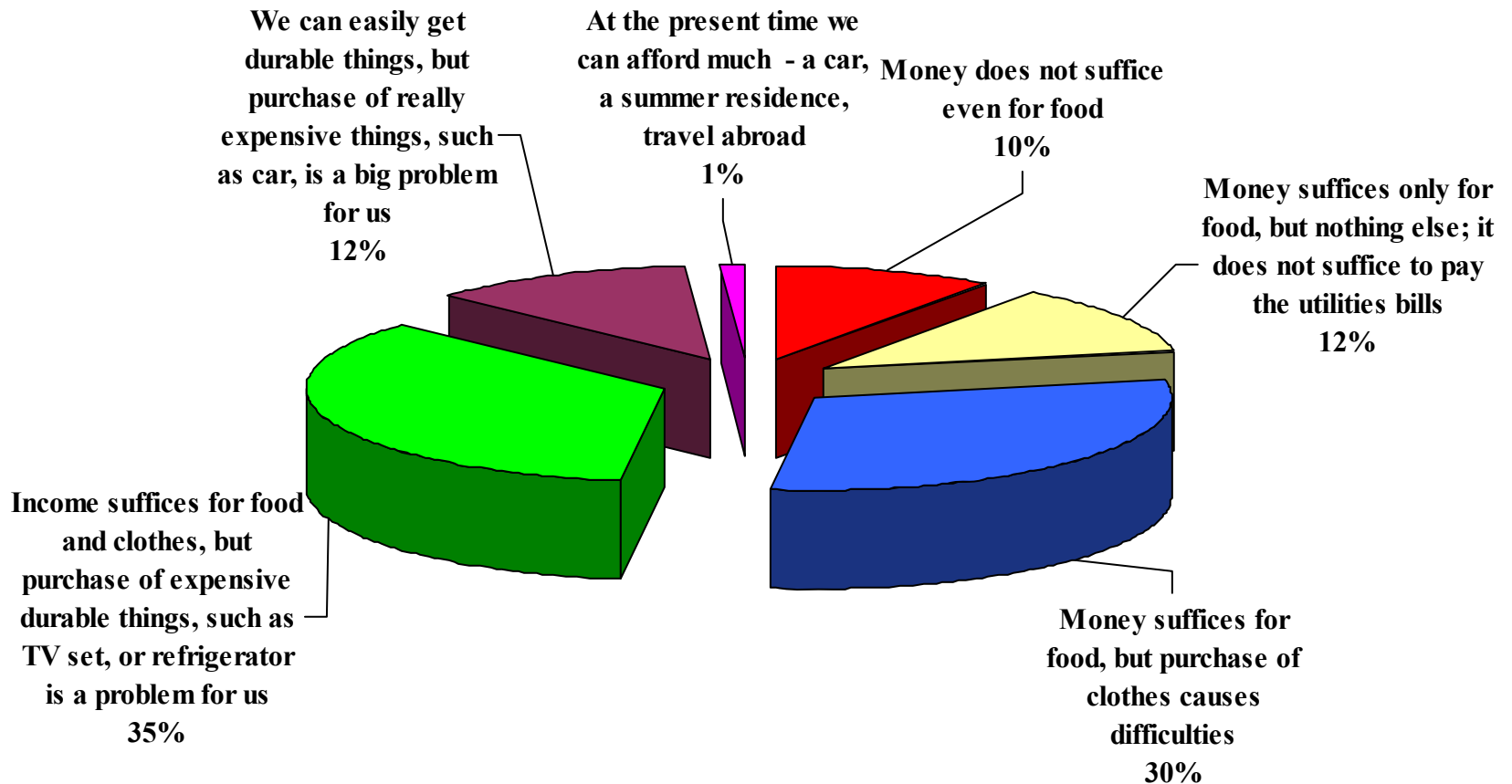
# MEANS OF SUBSISTENCE



# What are the basic sources of livelihood of your family?

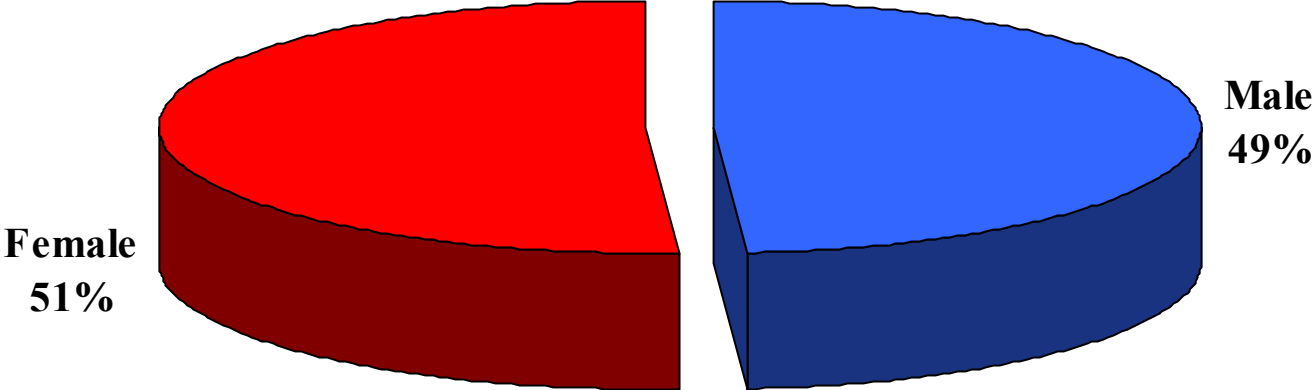


# Estimation of financial position of households

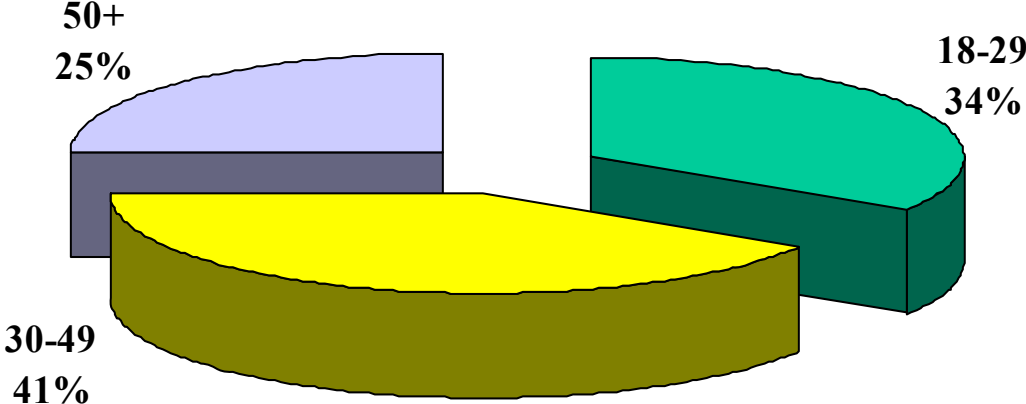


# SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

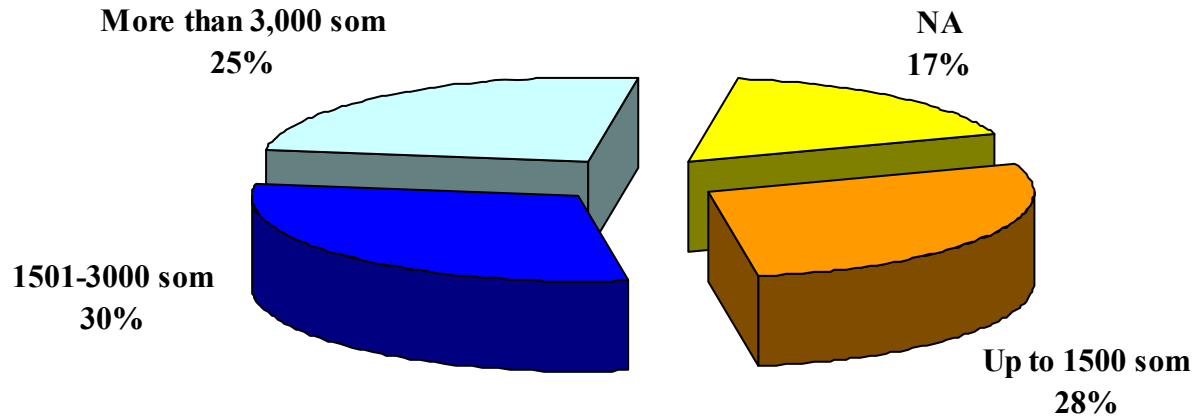
# Gender



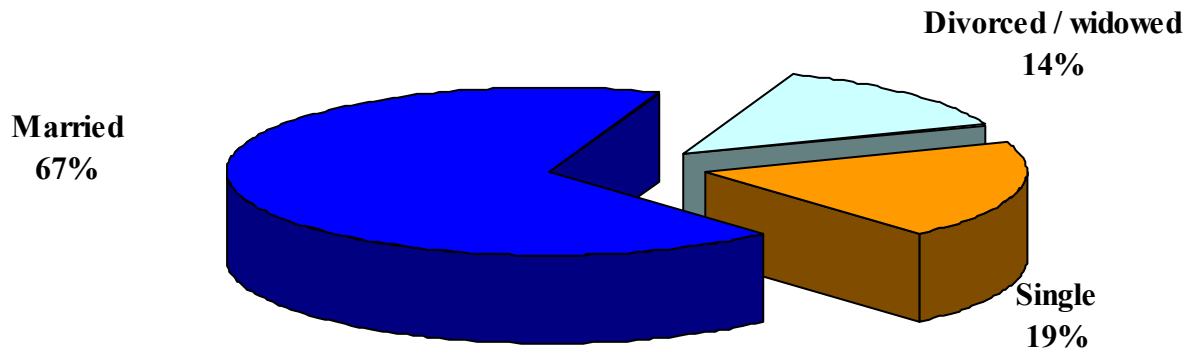
# Age groups



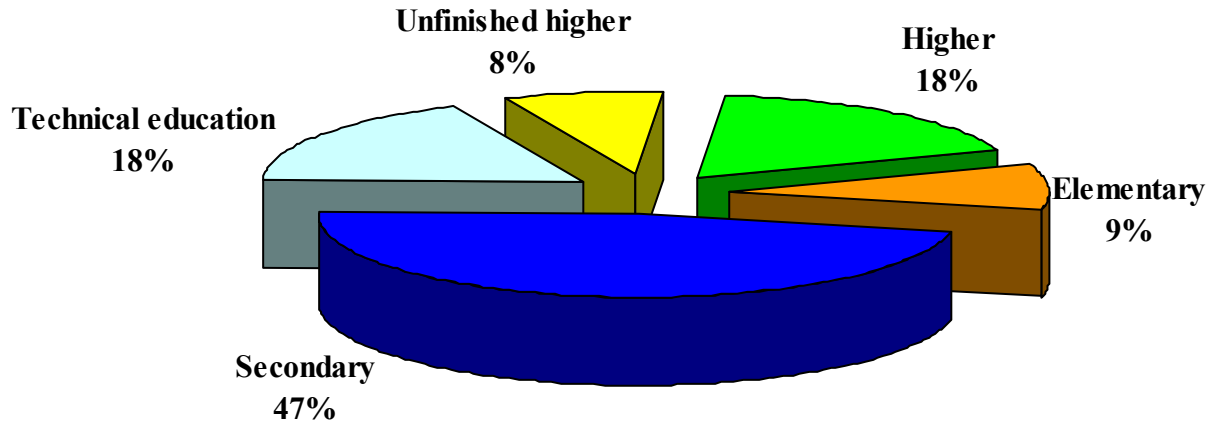
## Household income



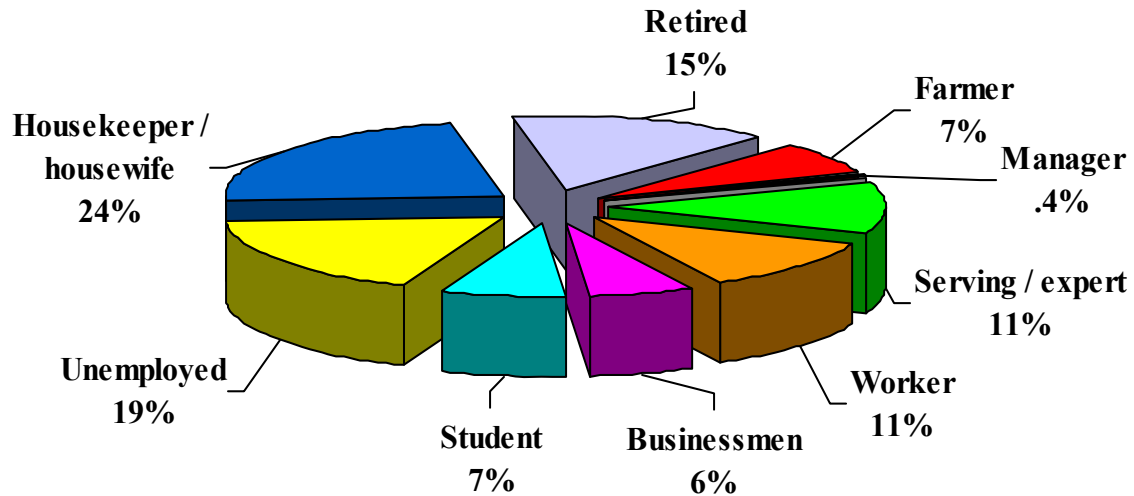
## Marital status



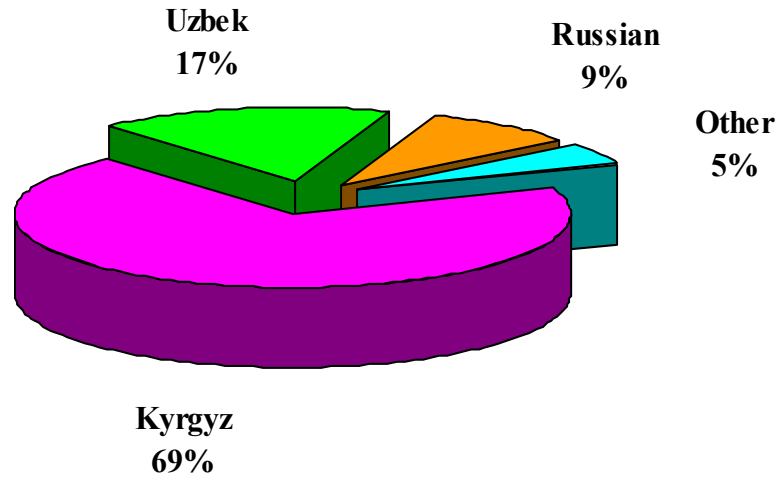
# Education



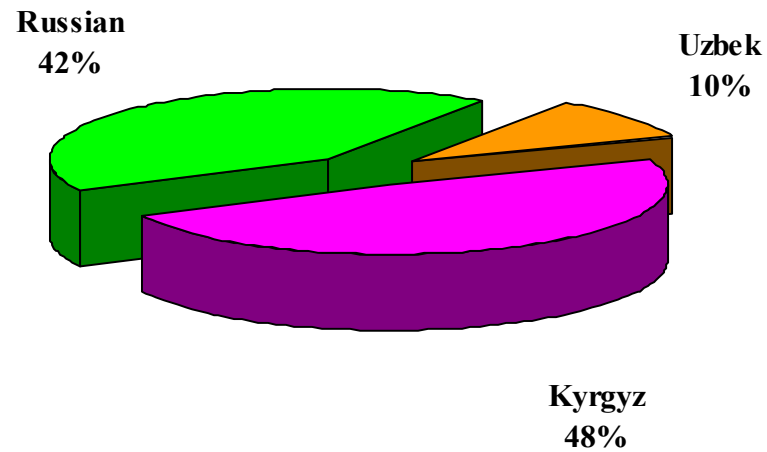
# Occupation



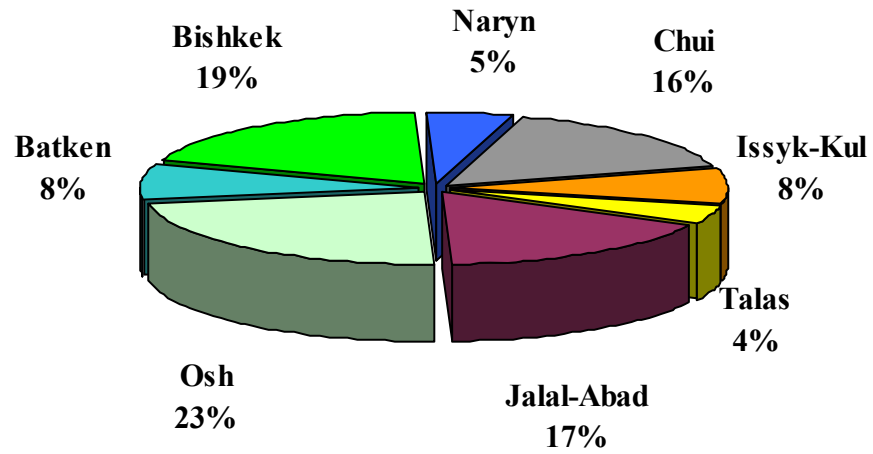
## Nationality



## Language of the interview



## Regions



## Size of settlement

