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Pakistan Public Opinion Survey

January 19-29, 2008



Survey Methodology

- In-person, in-home interview
- National representative sample of adult resident of Pakistan
- n =3,485
- Conducted between January 19-29, 2008
- Margin of error ± 1.69 percent overall
- Data collected by Socio Economic Development Consultants (SEDCO)
- A multi-stage probability sample was used. In the first stage, the sample was stratified into four provinces. In the second stage, the sample was further stratified into districts within each province by rural and urban categories. In the third stage each district was further stratified by Union Councils.
- The sample was distributed at the provincial level, rural and urban, in all four provinces of Pakistan (except for the Federally Administrative Tribal Areas, Chitral and Kohistan). The sample was then post-weighted to make it proportionate to national representation by province.
- The eligibility criteria is age, which for this survey is 18 years and above.
- The response rate was just over 90 percent.
- Interview teams were comprised of both males and females; the female respondents were interviewed by female interviewers and male respondents by male interviewers.
- The Kish method was used to select respondents 18 years and older within the randomly selected household. The right hand method was used to select every third household in localities selected through area probability sample.
- 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 error.



Survey Demographics

Male 61% Female 39%

Urban 32% Rural 68%

Age

Up to 25 26%

26-35 37%

36-50 31%

50+ 6%

Education

Illiterate 21%

Primary 15%

Middle 16%

Matric 26%

Intermediate 12%

Graduate 7%

MA/Prof'l 2%

Monthly Household Income

Up to Rs 3,000 6%

Rs 3,001 – 10,000 54%

Rs 10,001 – 15,000 23%

Rs 15,001 – 25,000 8%

More than Rs 25,000 3%

Language

Urdu 8%

Punjabi 44%

Pashto 12%

Sindhi 17%

Seraiki 9%

Hindko 5%

Balochi 3%

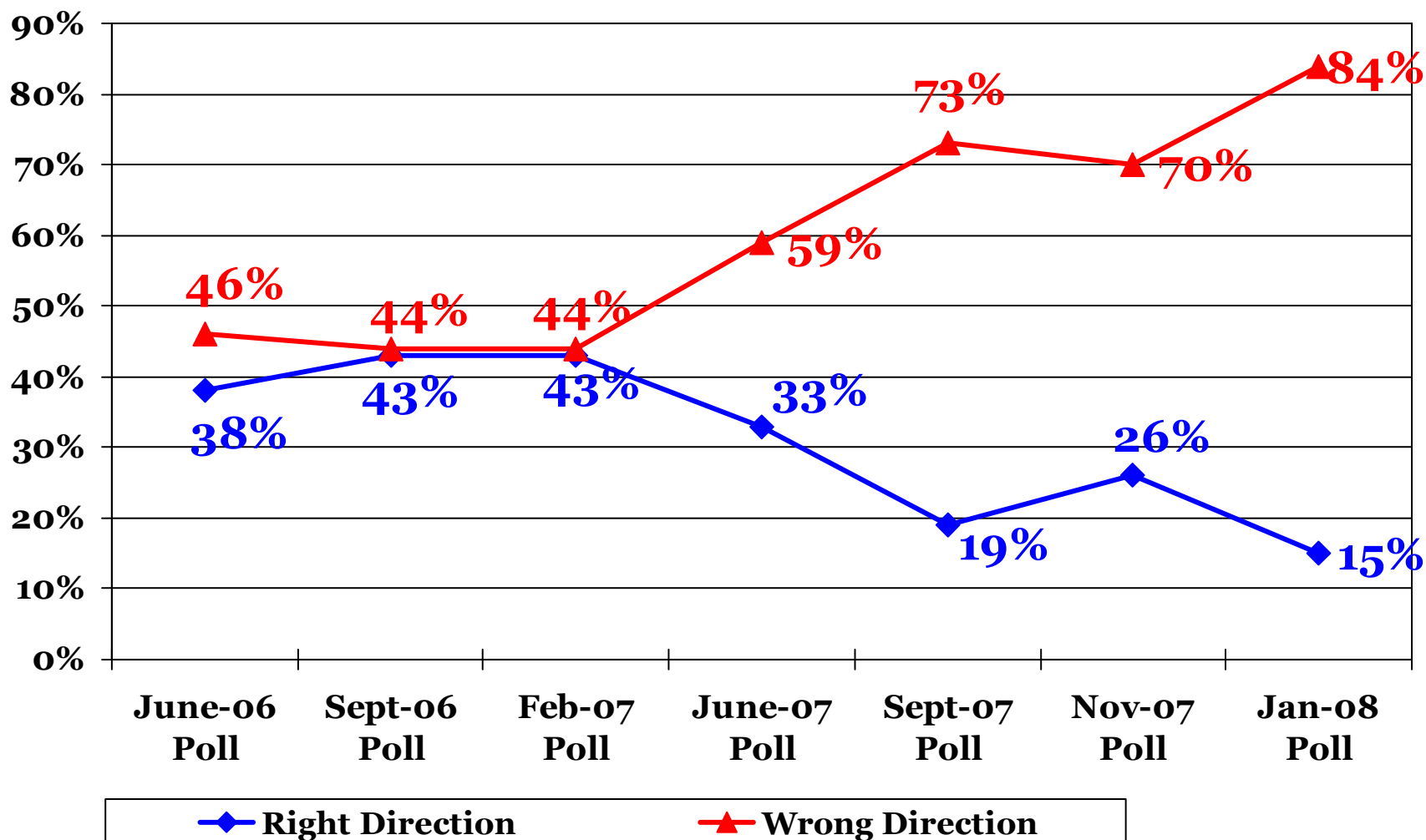
Other 3%



SOCIAL INDICATORS

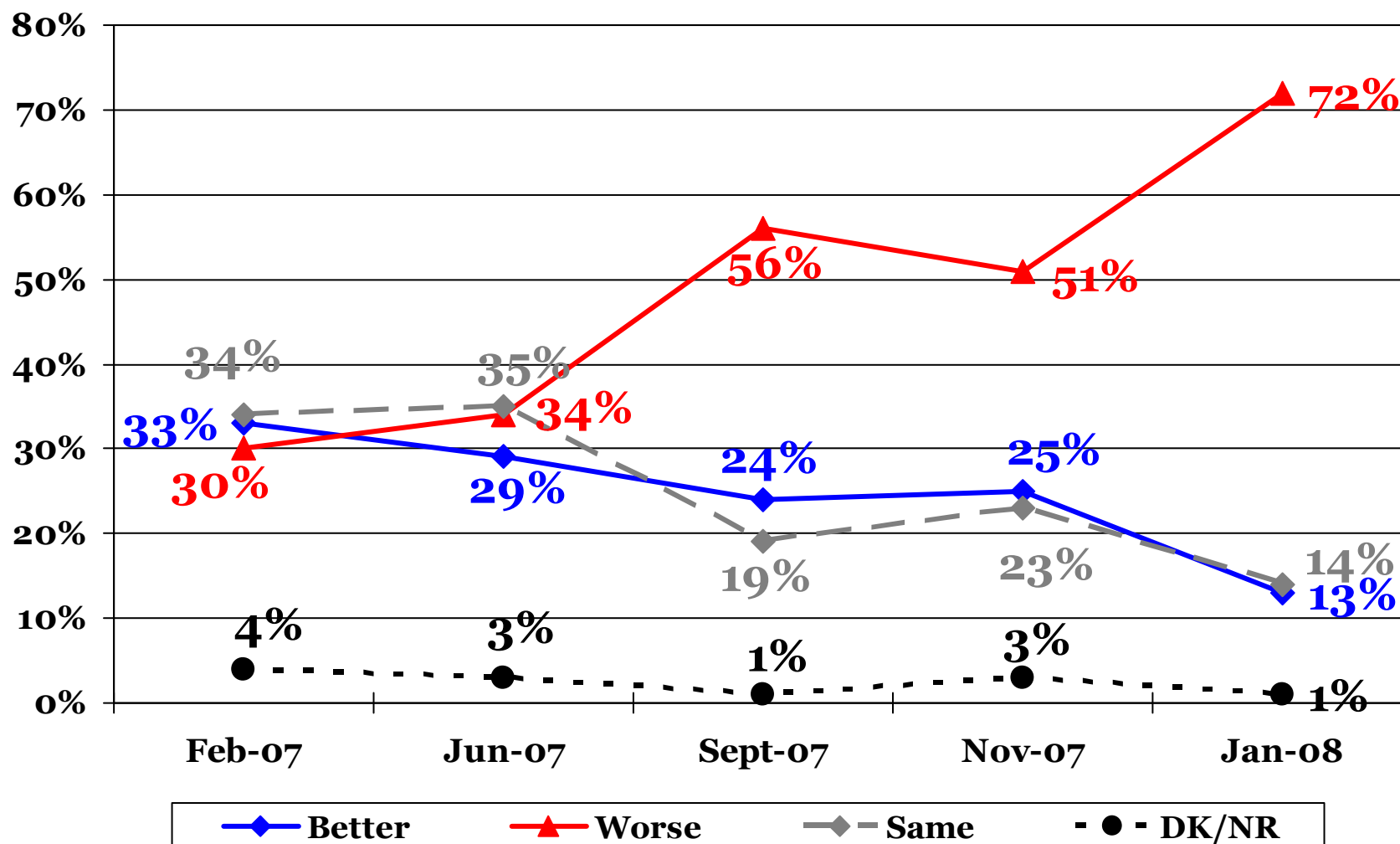


Do you think that Pakistan is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

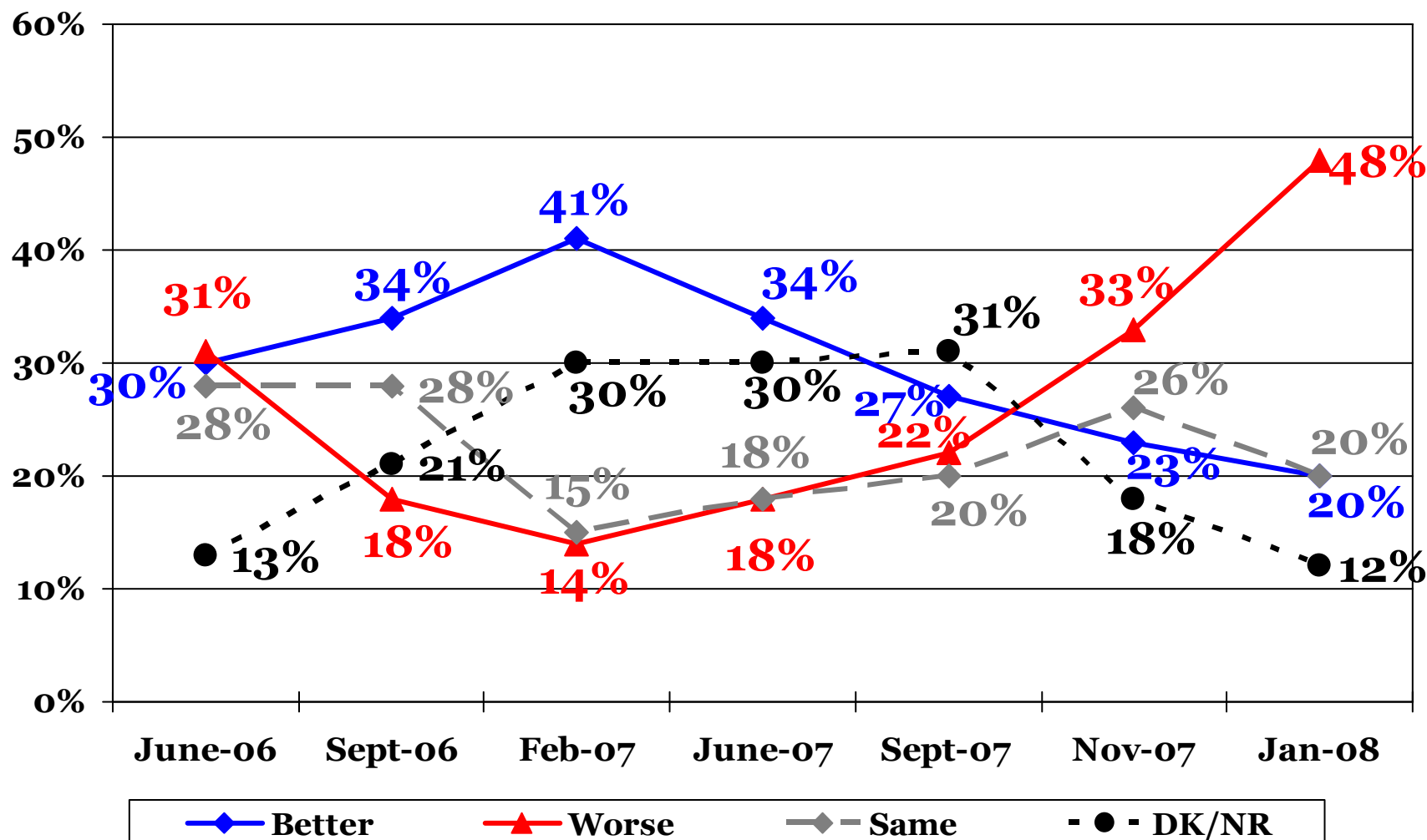




In the past year, has your personal economic situation improved, worsened or stayed the same?



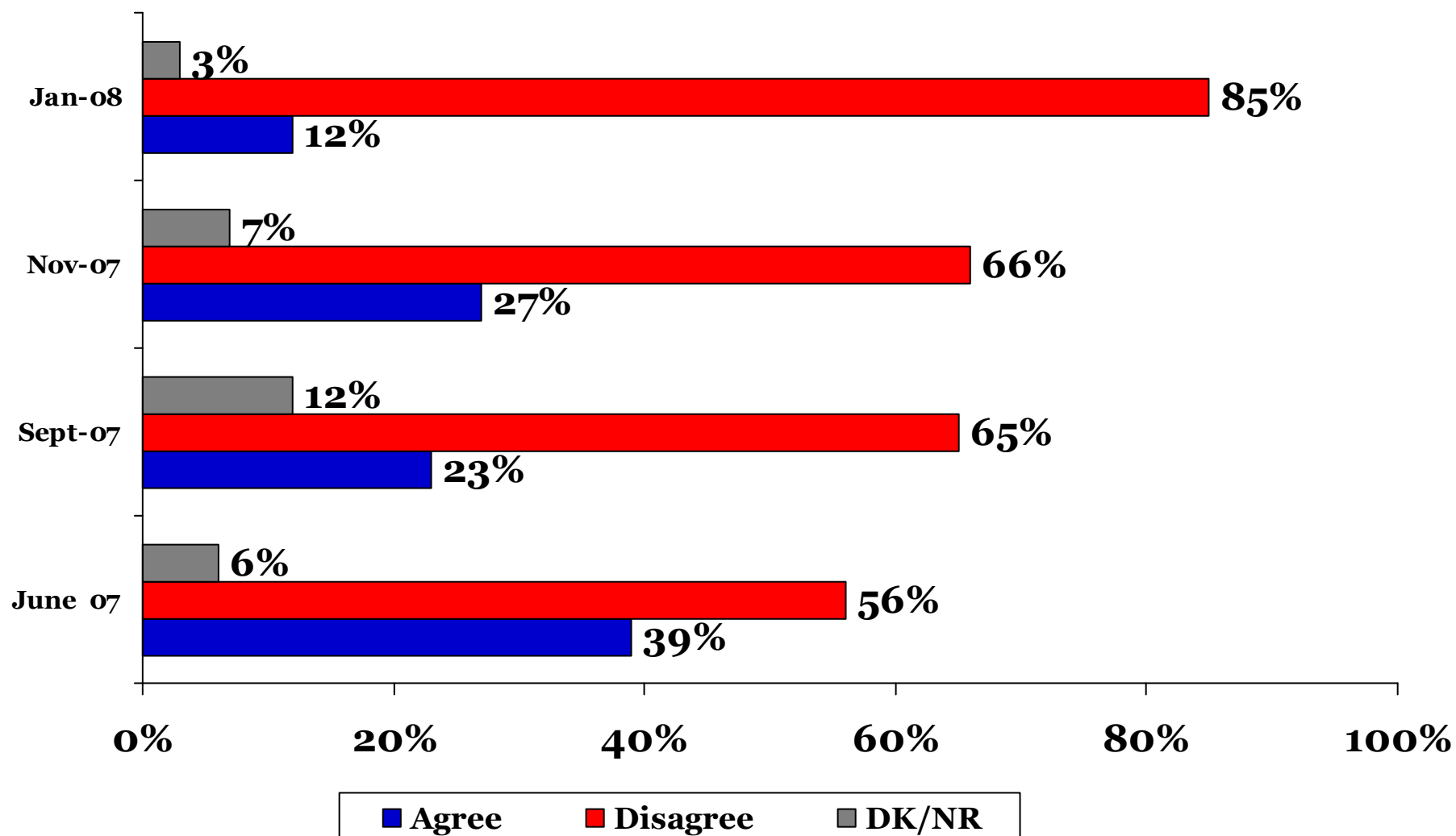
Thinking about next year, do you expect the economic situation in Pakistan to get better, get worse or stay the same?





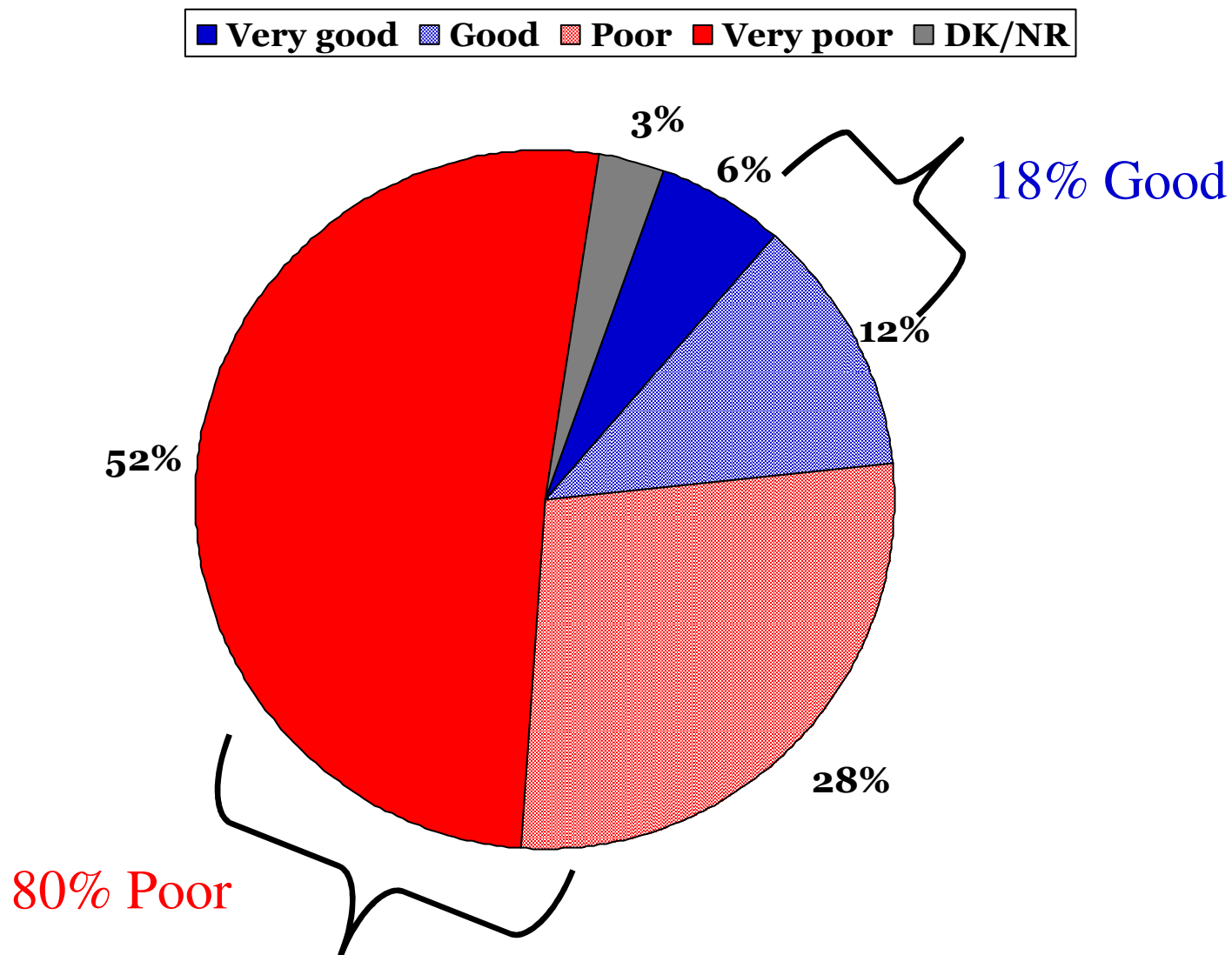
Agree or Disagree?

I feel more secure this year than I did last year.



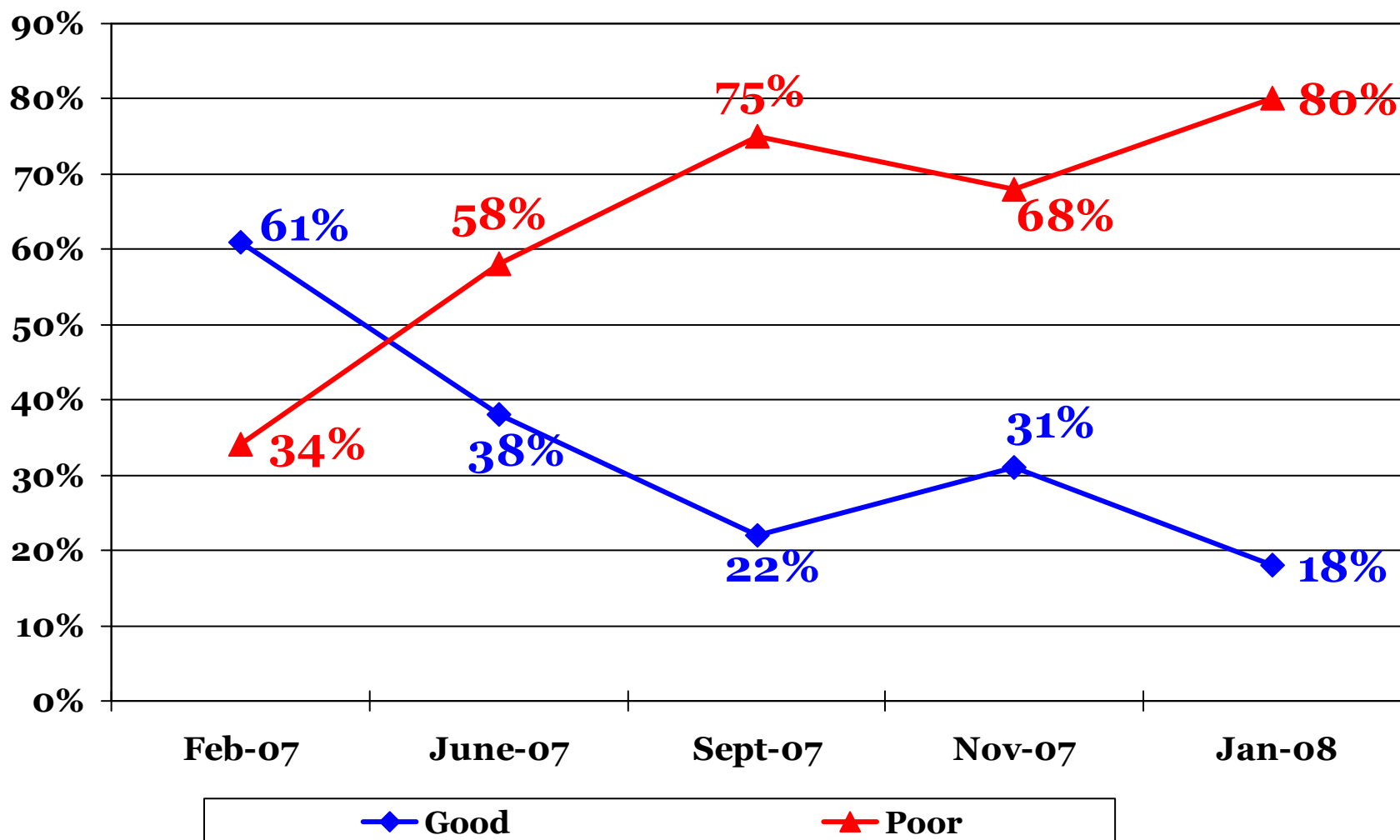


In your opinion, how has the government performed on the issues that are important to you?



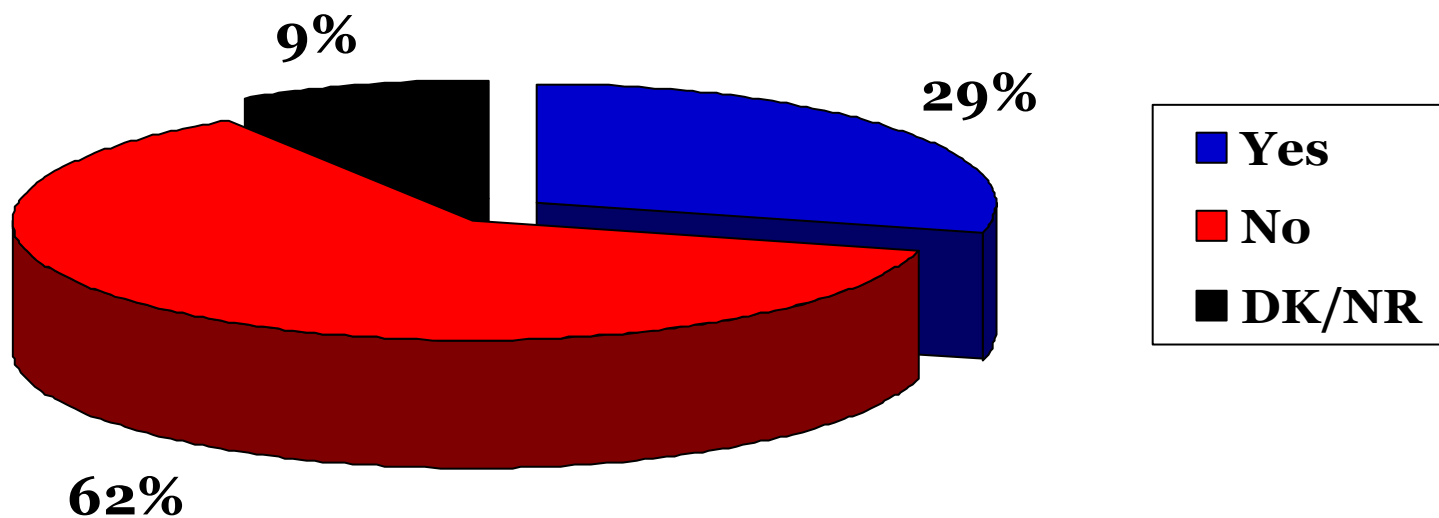


In your opinion, how has the government performed on the issues most important to you?





Would you say that the ruling coalition has done a good enough job to deserve re-election?

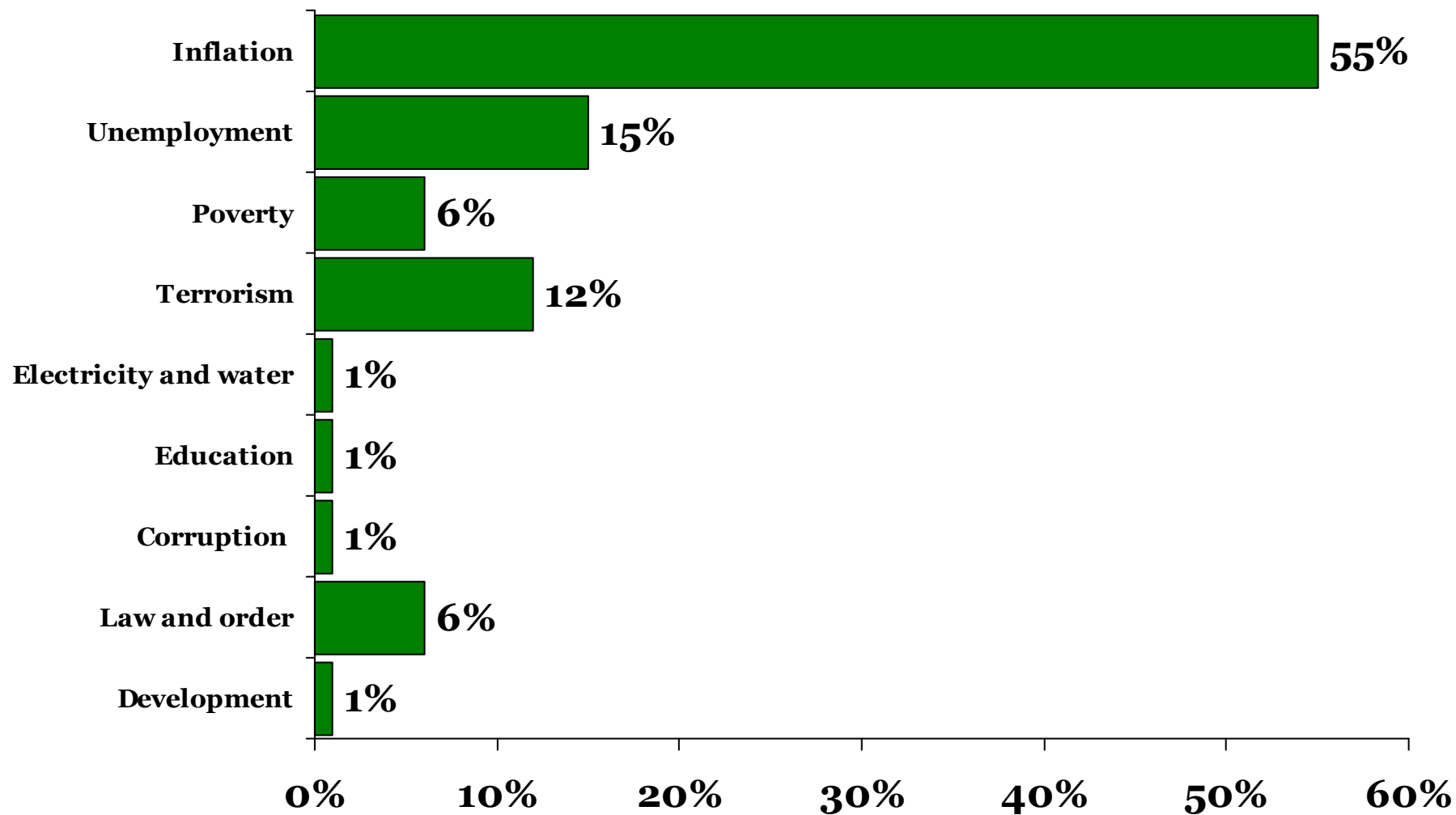




Issues

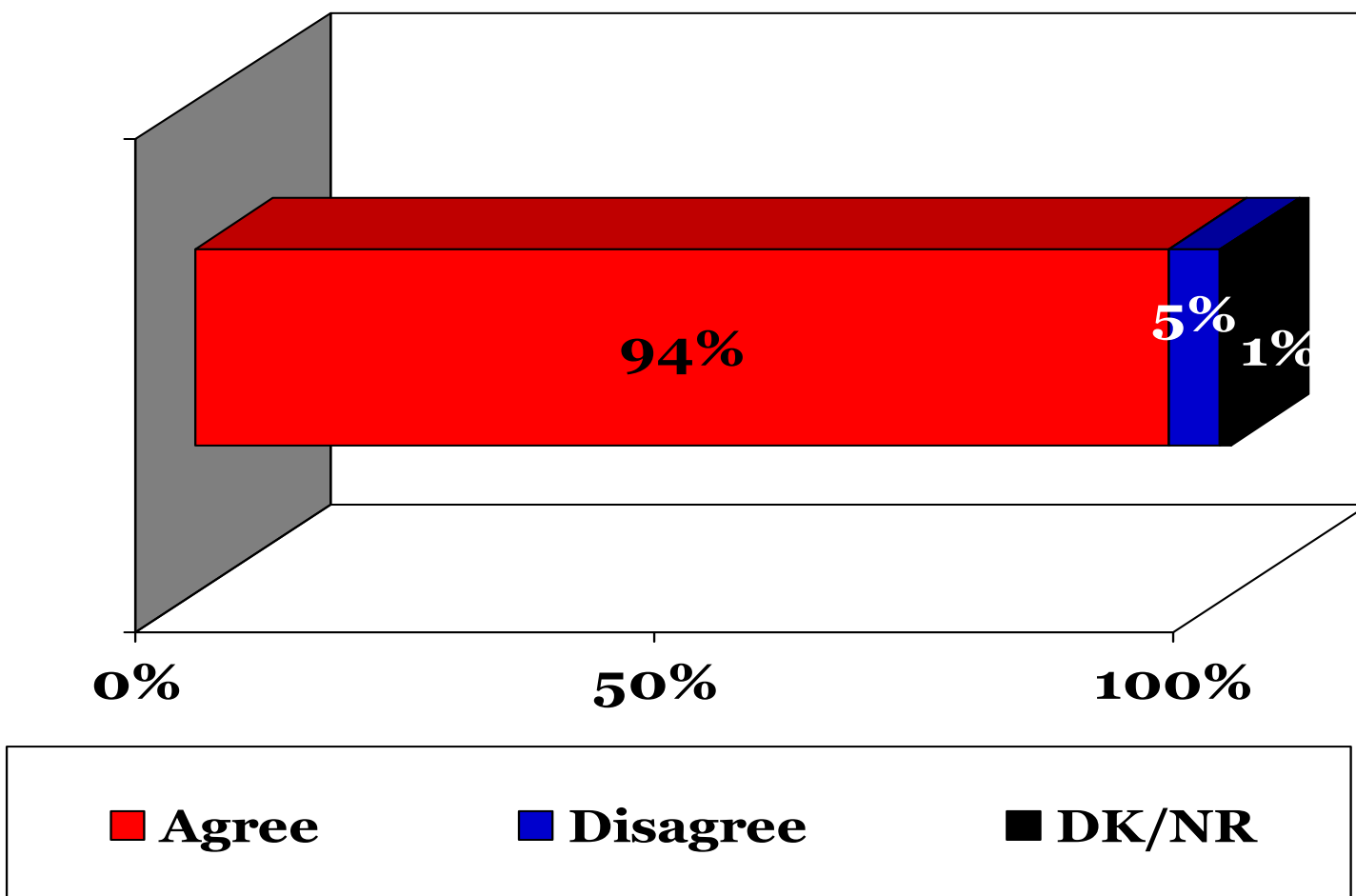


When it come to casting your vote in the next election, which one of these issues determine which party you will vote for?



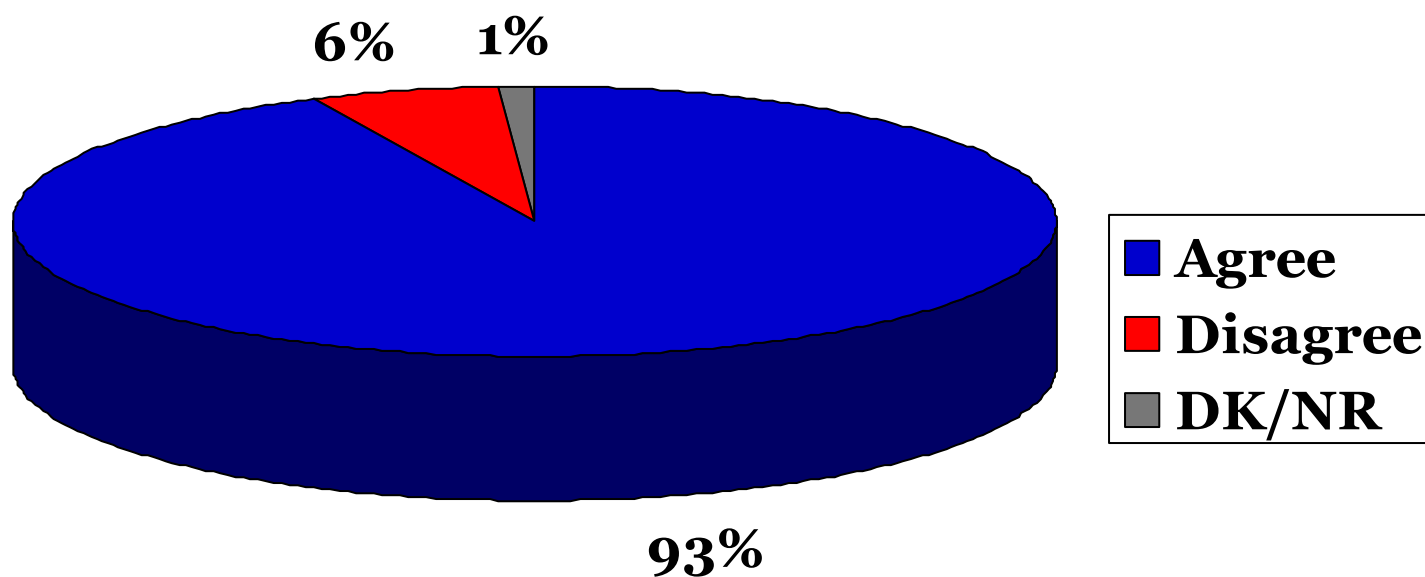


Agree or Disagree? The shortages of wheat, petrol, natural gas, and electricity are a serious problem.



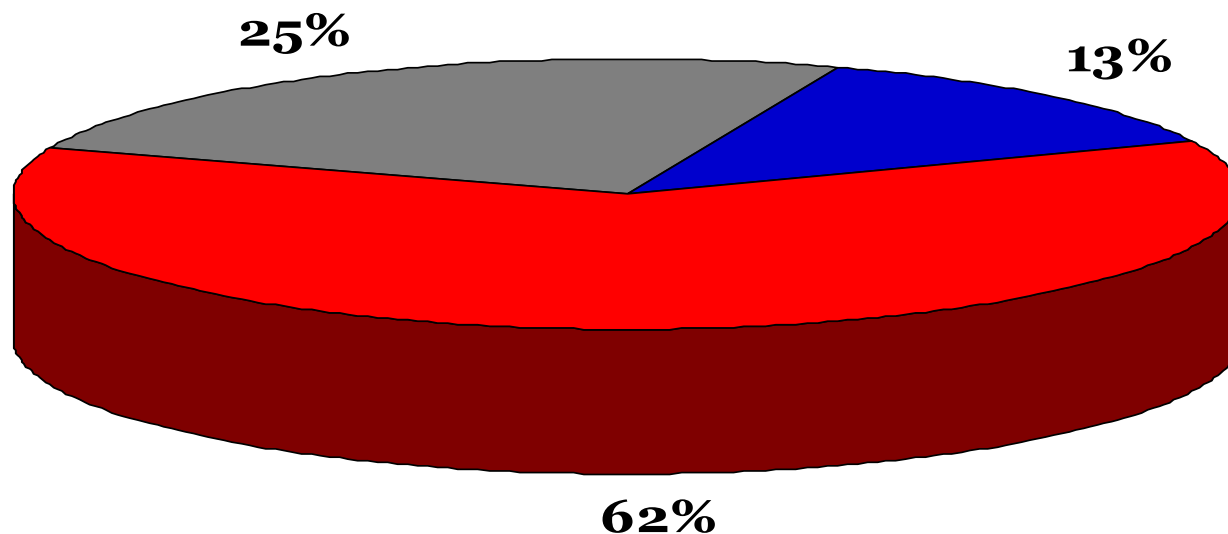


Do you agree or disagree that the assassination of Benazir Bhutto has weakened the federation?





President Musharraf says that Al-Qaeda was responsible for Benazir Bhutto's death, while some people are saying that the government itself was involved. Which do you think is more correct?



■ Al-Qaeda

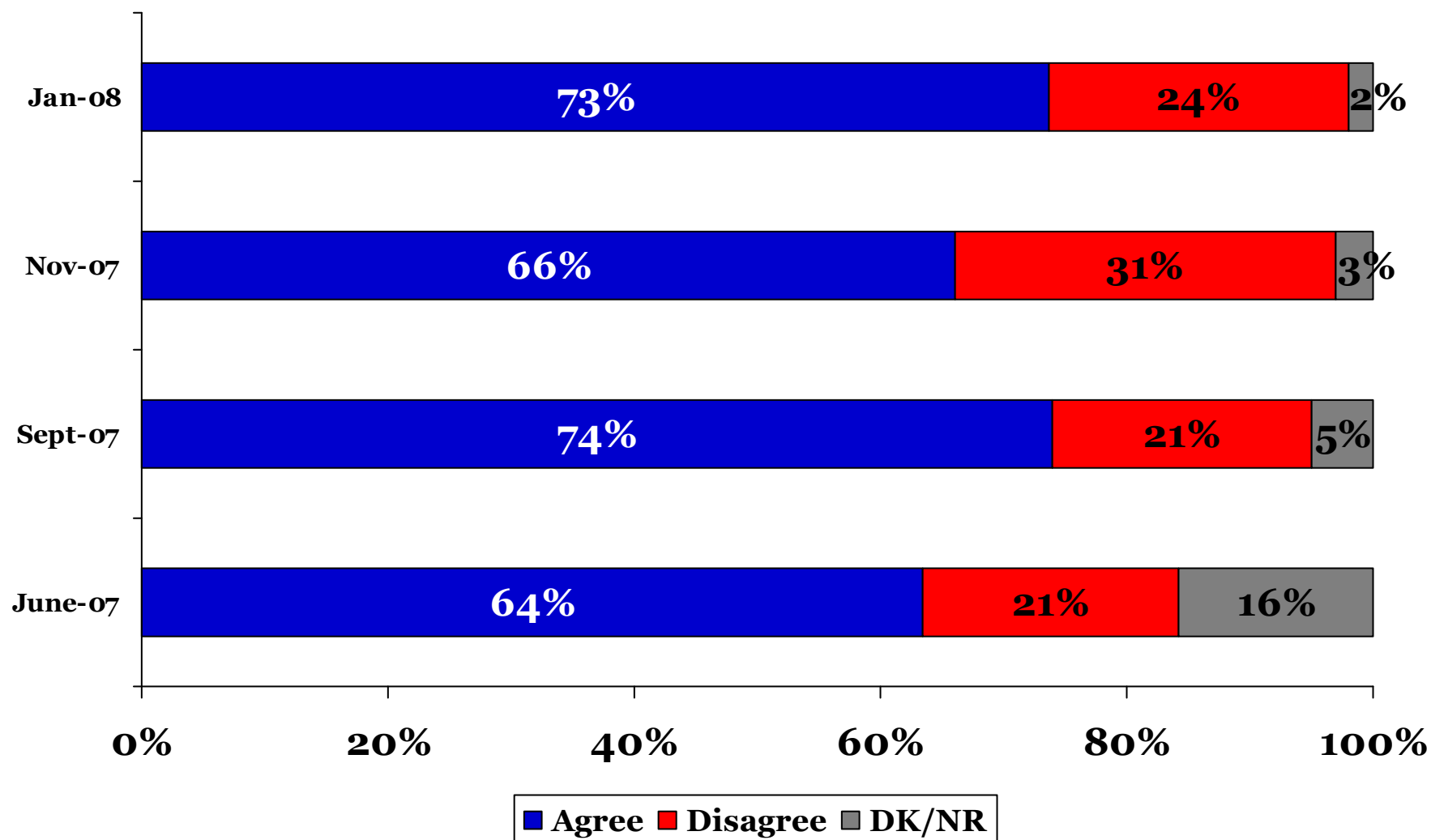
■ Government

■ DK/NR



Agree or Disagree?

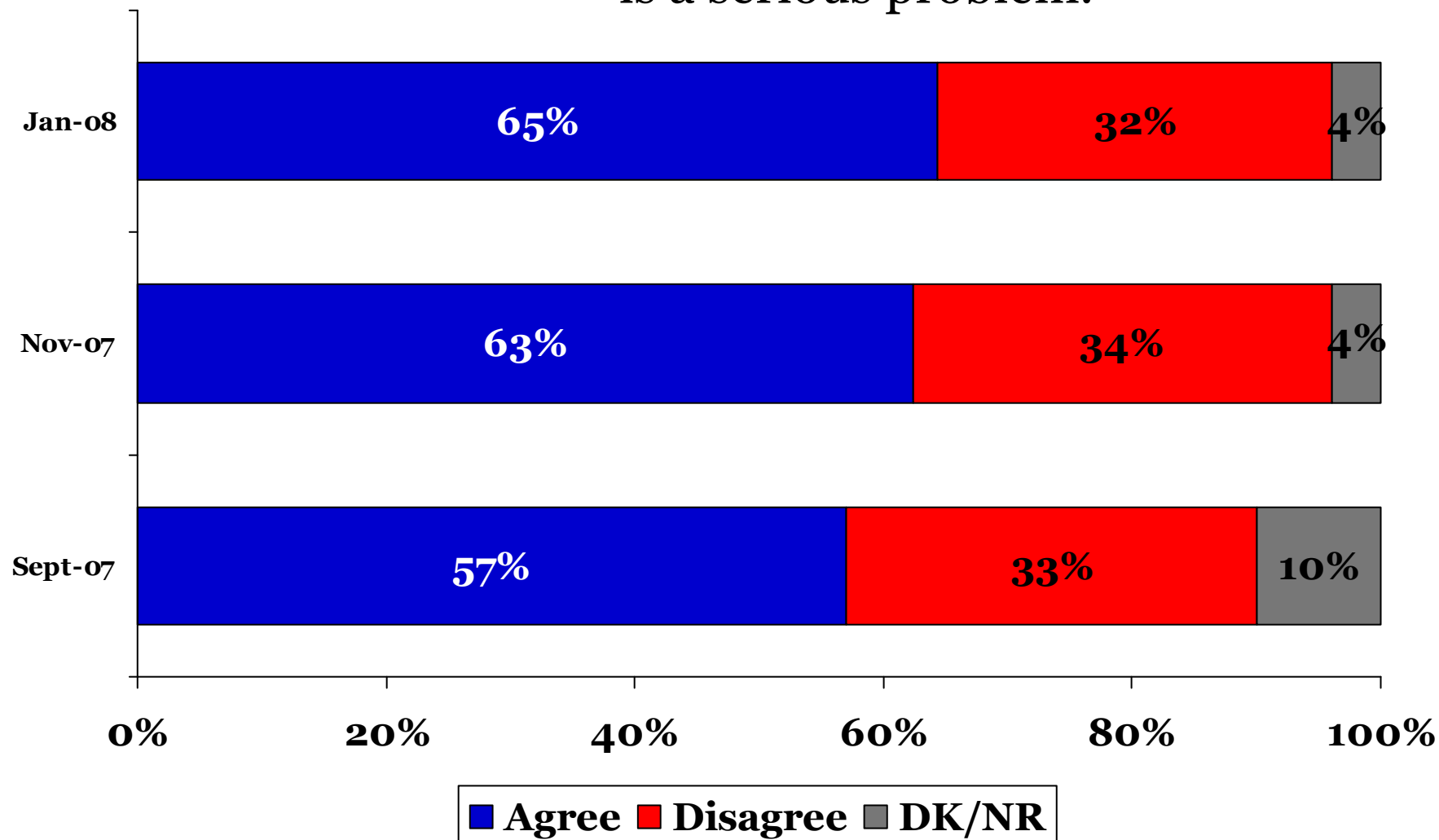
Religious extremism is a serious problem in Pakistan.





Agree or Disagree?

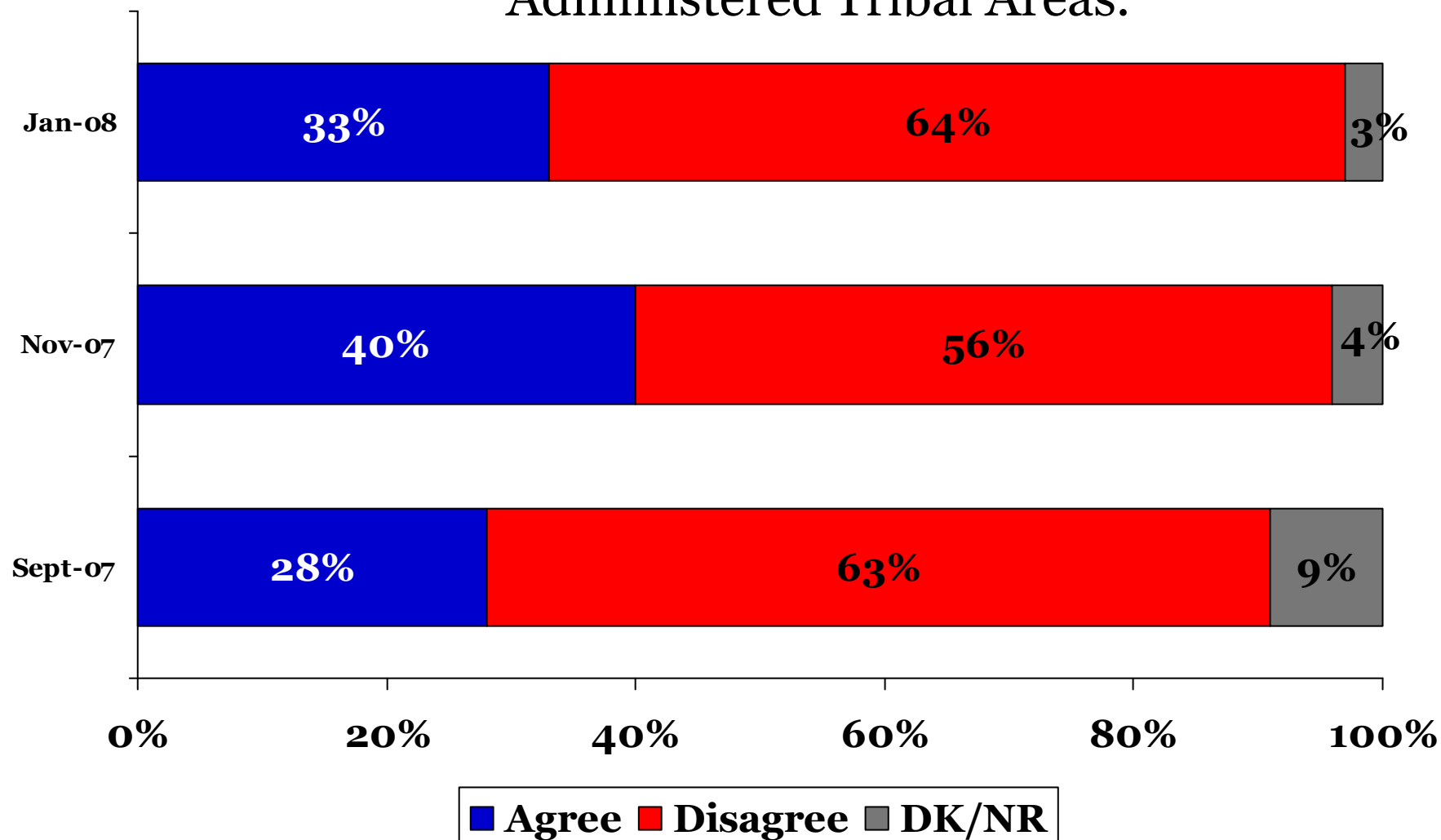
The Taliban and Al-Qaeda operating in Pakistan is a serious problem.





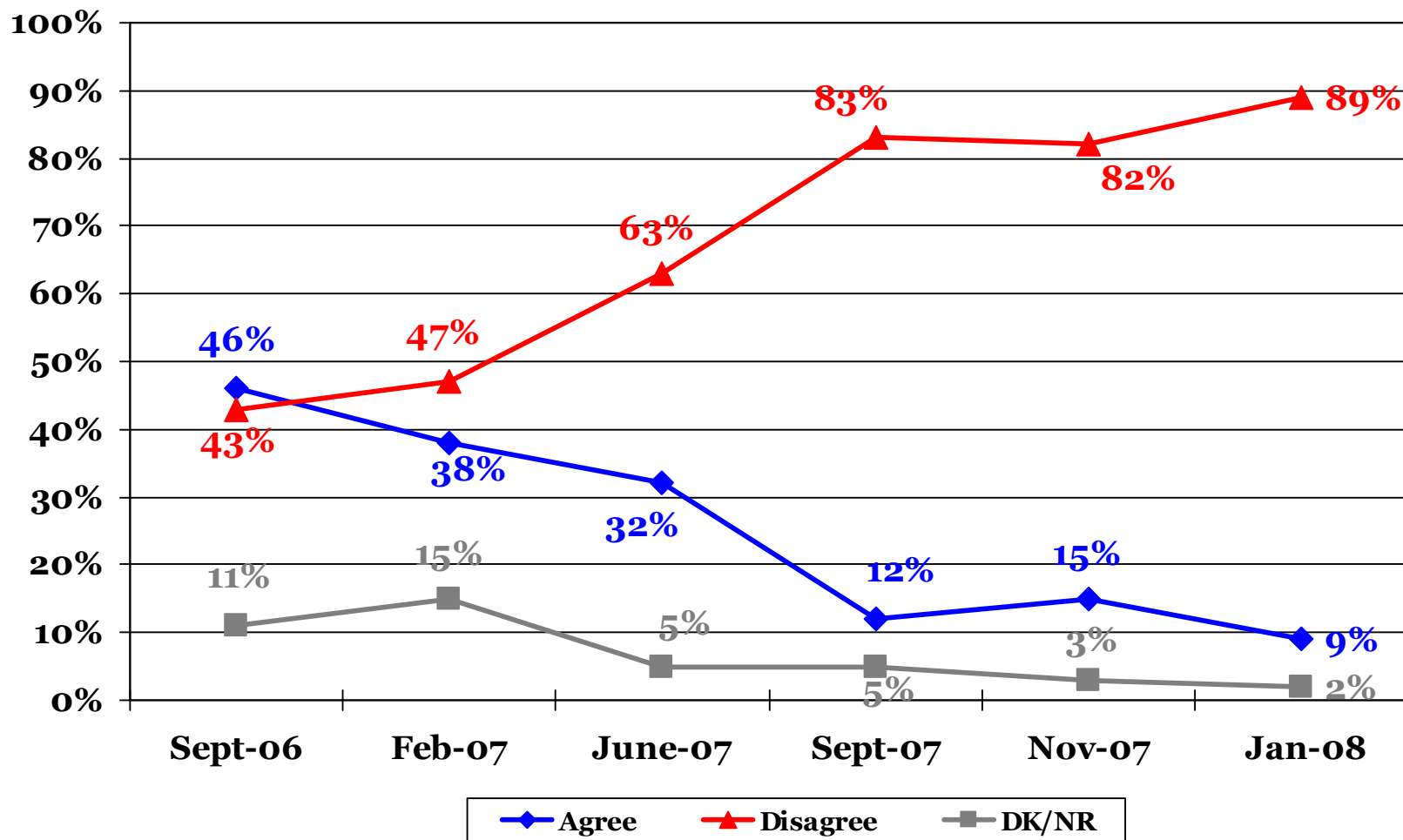
Agree or Disagree?

I support the Army fighting the extremists in the Northwest Frontier Province and Federally Administered Tribal Areas.





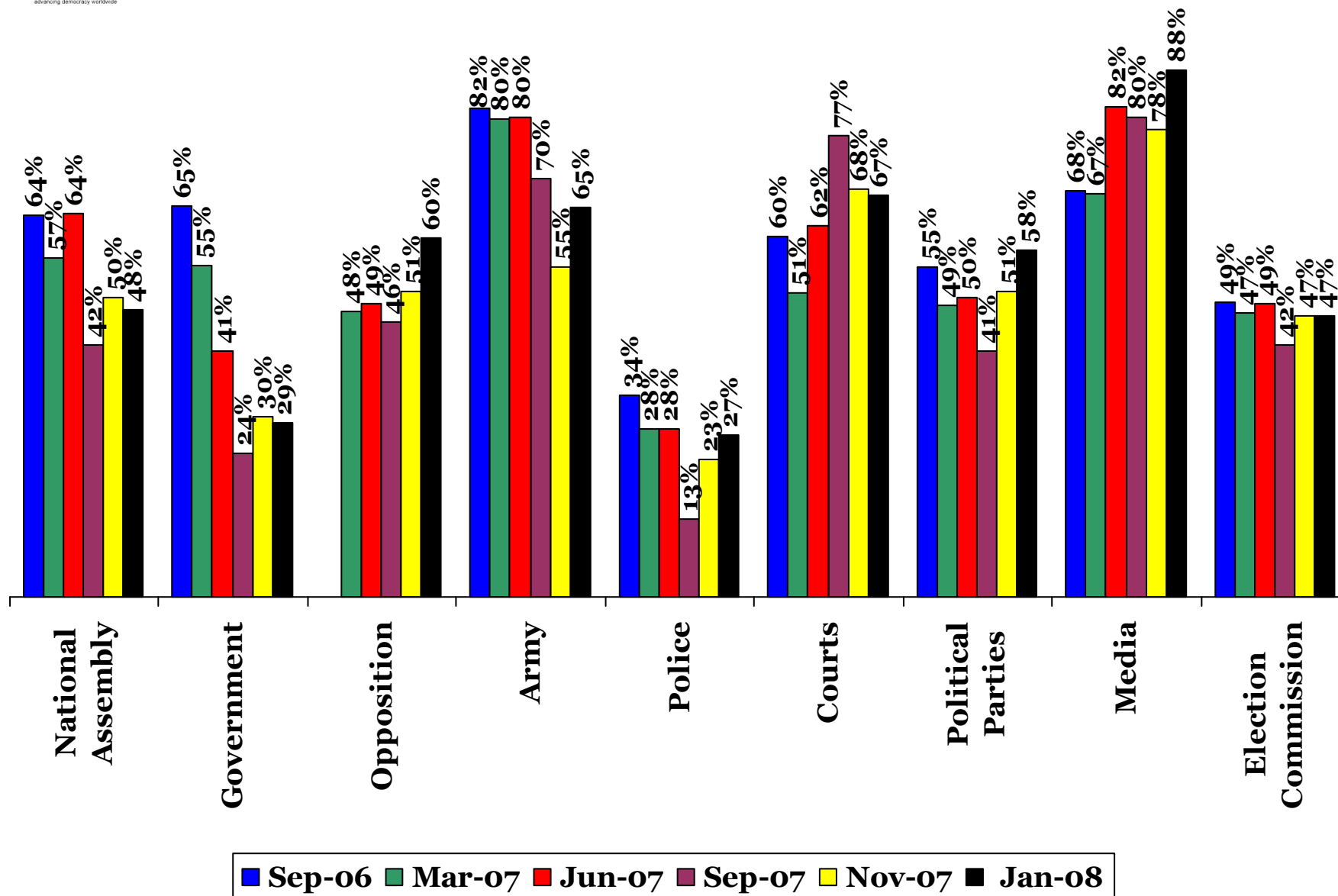
Do you think that Pakistan should cooperate with the United States on its war against terror?



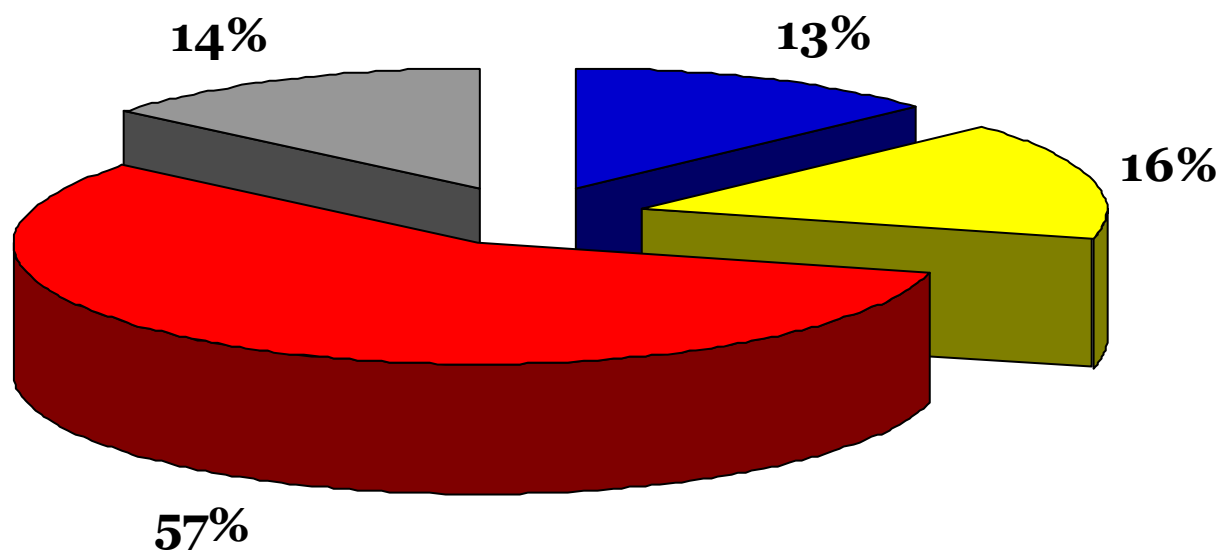


INSTITUTIONAL RATINGS

How would you rate each of the following institutions?



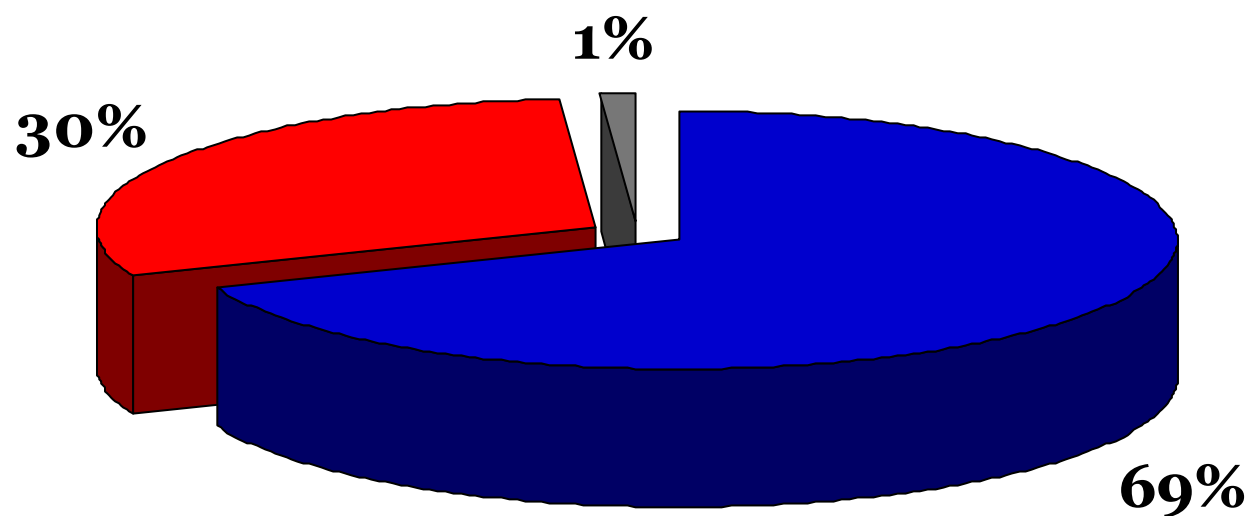
How has the performance of President Musharraf affected your opinion of the Army ?



■ Higher opinion of the Army ■ No change in opinion
■ Lower opinion of the Army ■ DK/NR



Agree or Disagree:
The Army should have no role in the civilian
government.



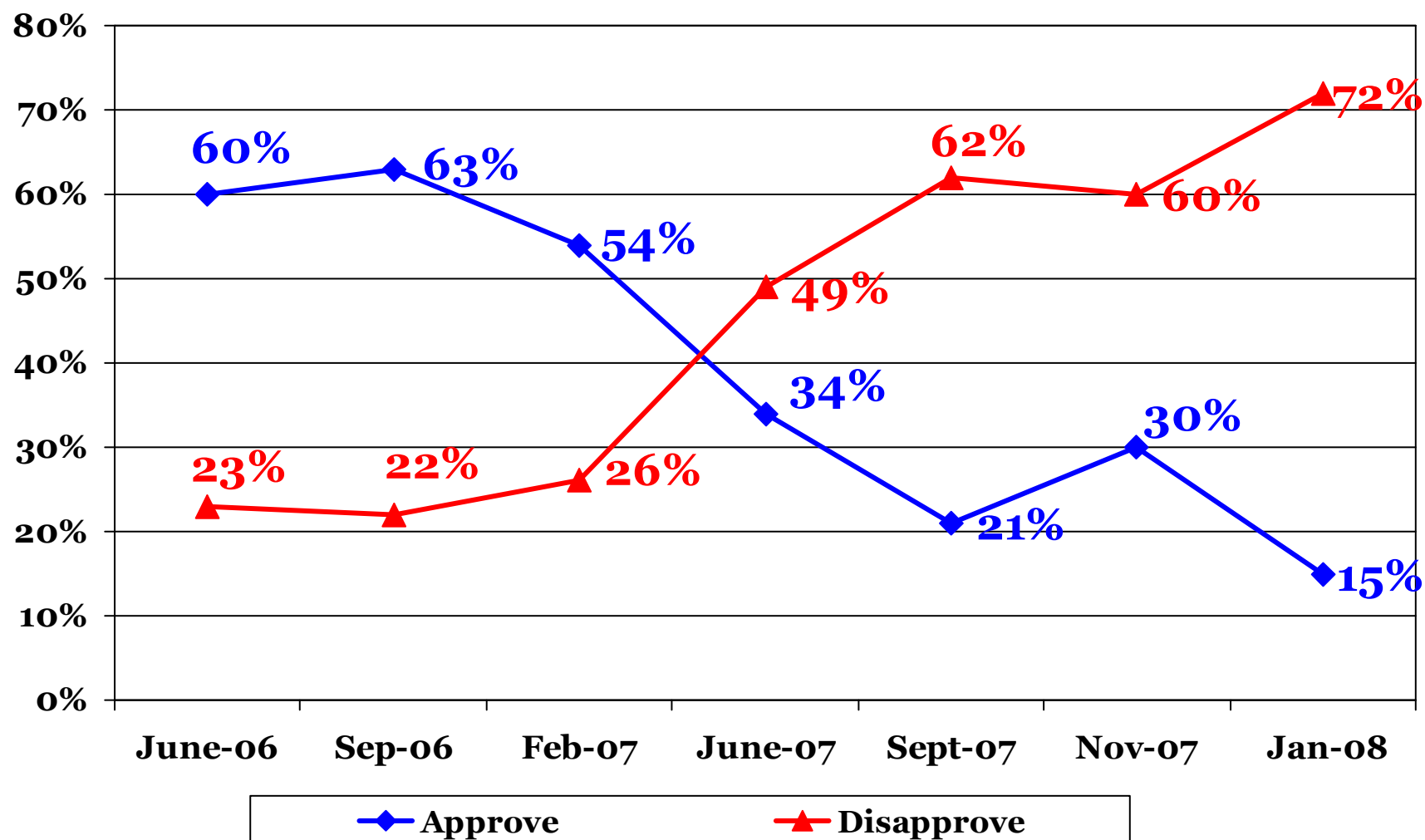
■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ DK/NR



Leadership Index

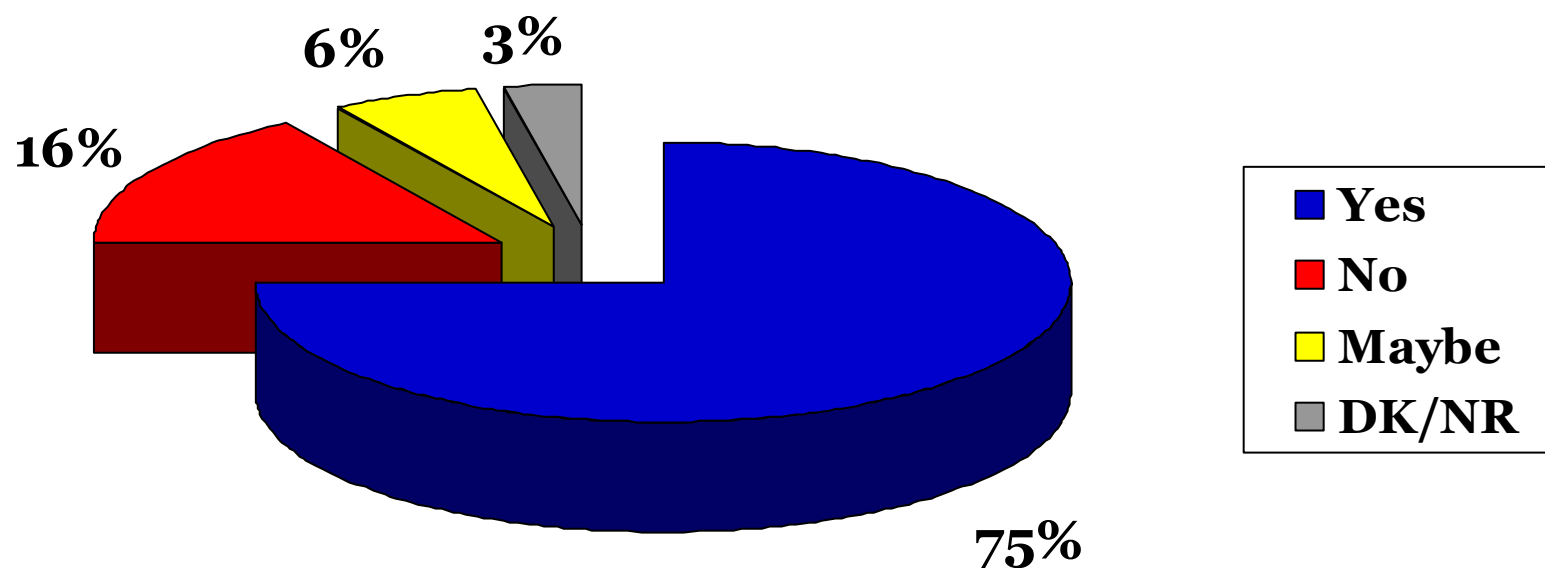


Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Musharraf is doing?



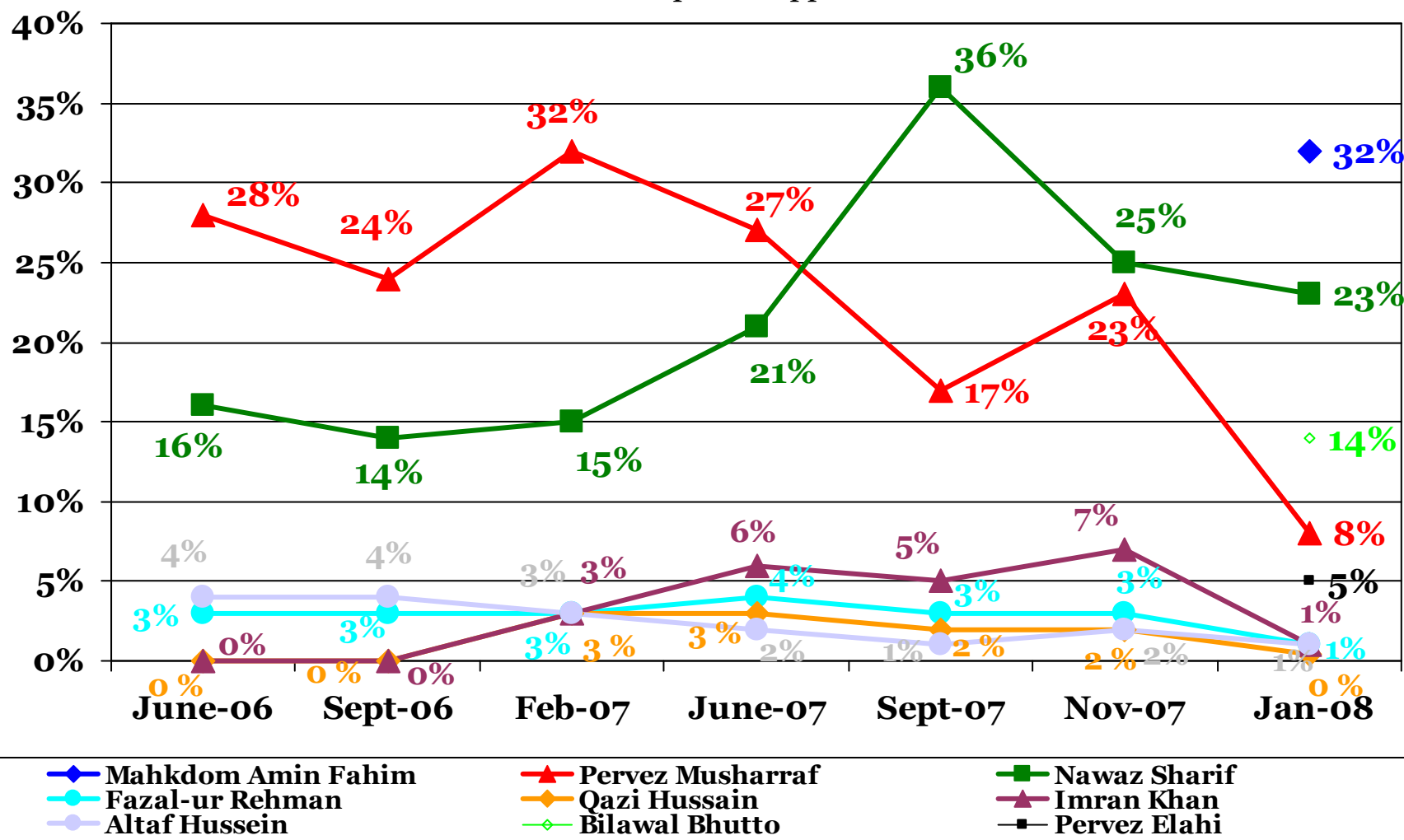


Some people have called for the resignation of President Musharraf. Do you think he should resign?

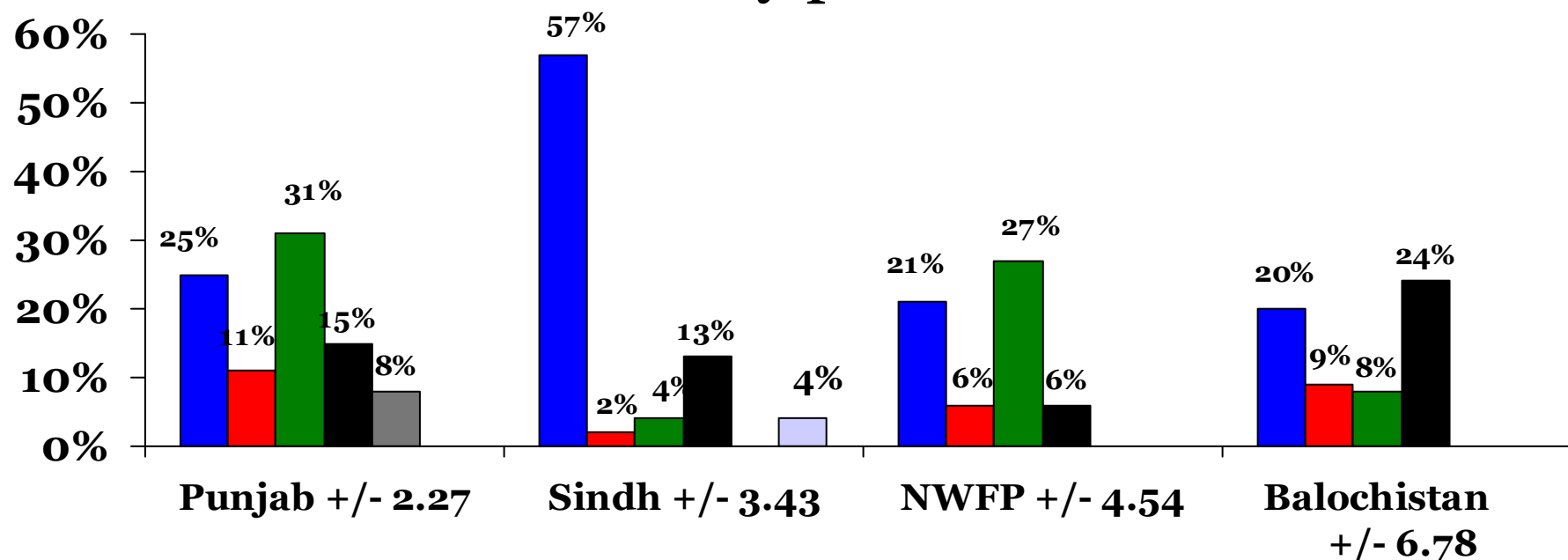


Which one leader do you think can best handle the problems facing Pakistan?

(in past polls respondents picked names from a list, in this poll the question was open-ended therefore some responses appear for the first time)



Which one leader do you think can best handle the problems facing Pakistan? (by province)



■ Makhdom Amin Fahim

■ Pervaz Musharraf

■ Nawaz Sharif

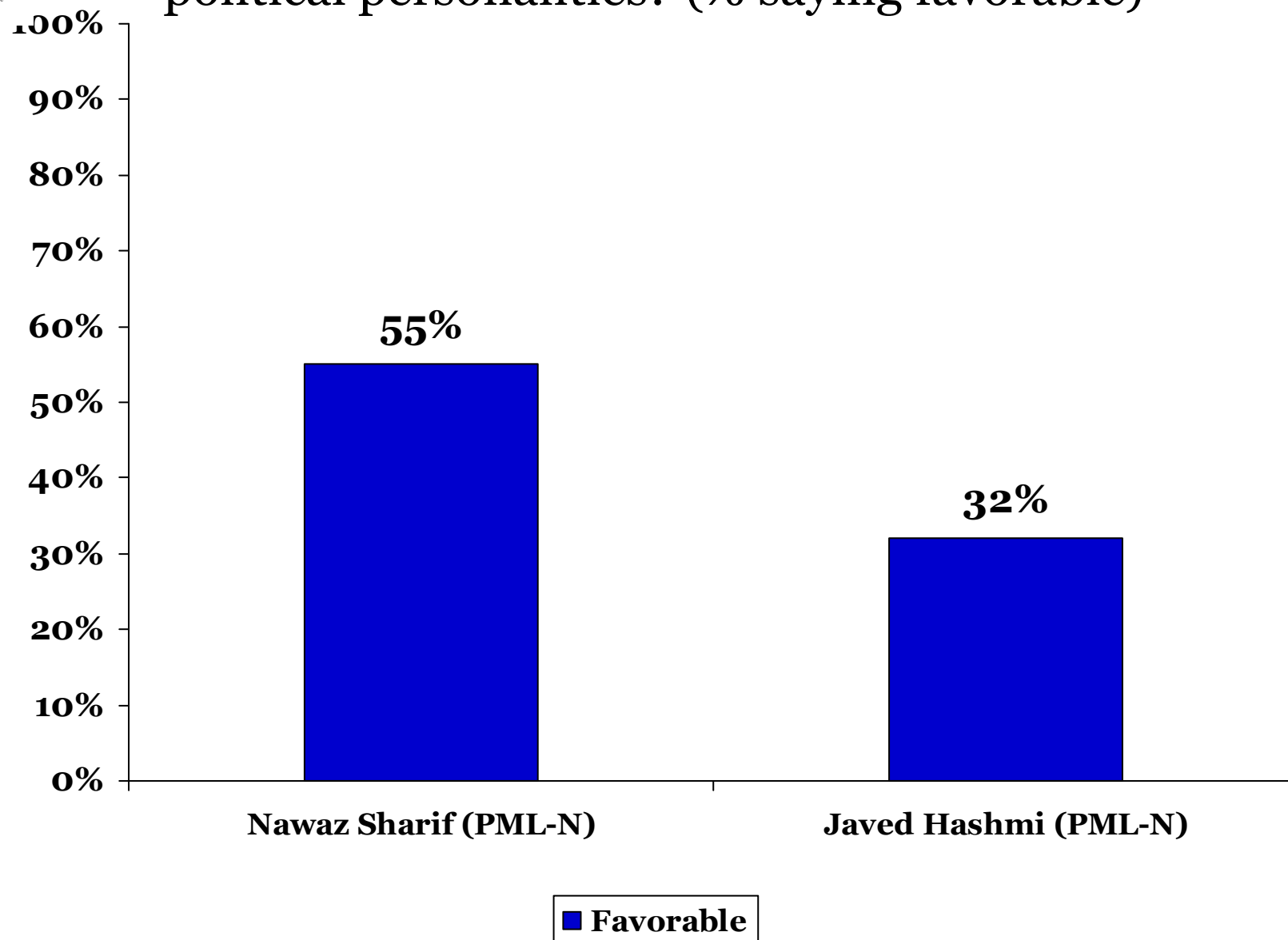
■ Bilawal Bhutto

■ Pervaz Elahi

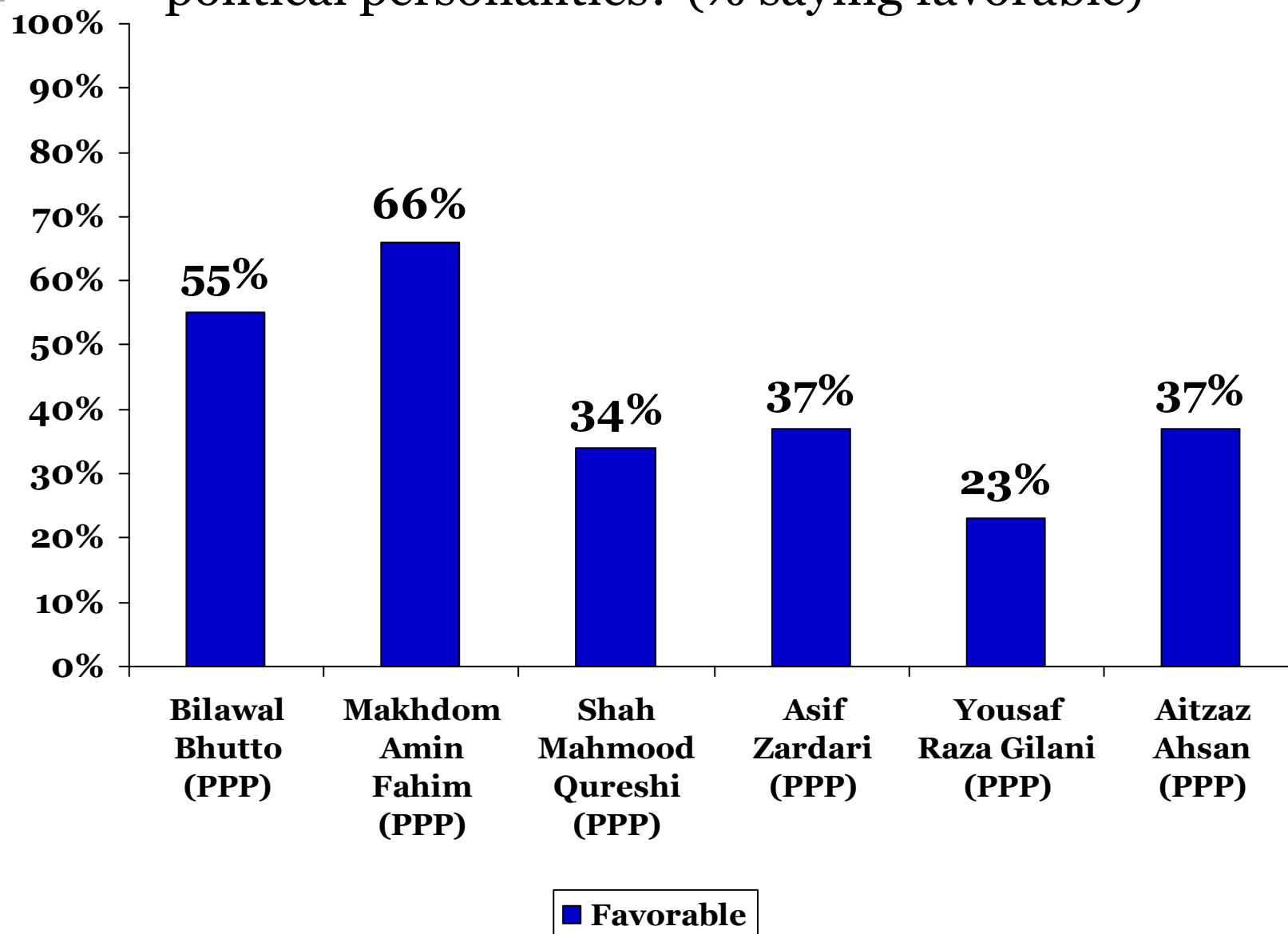
■ Altaf Hussain



How would you rate each of the following political personalities? (% saying favorable)

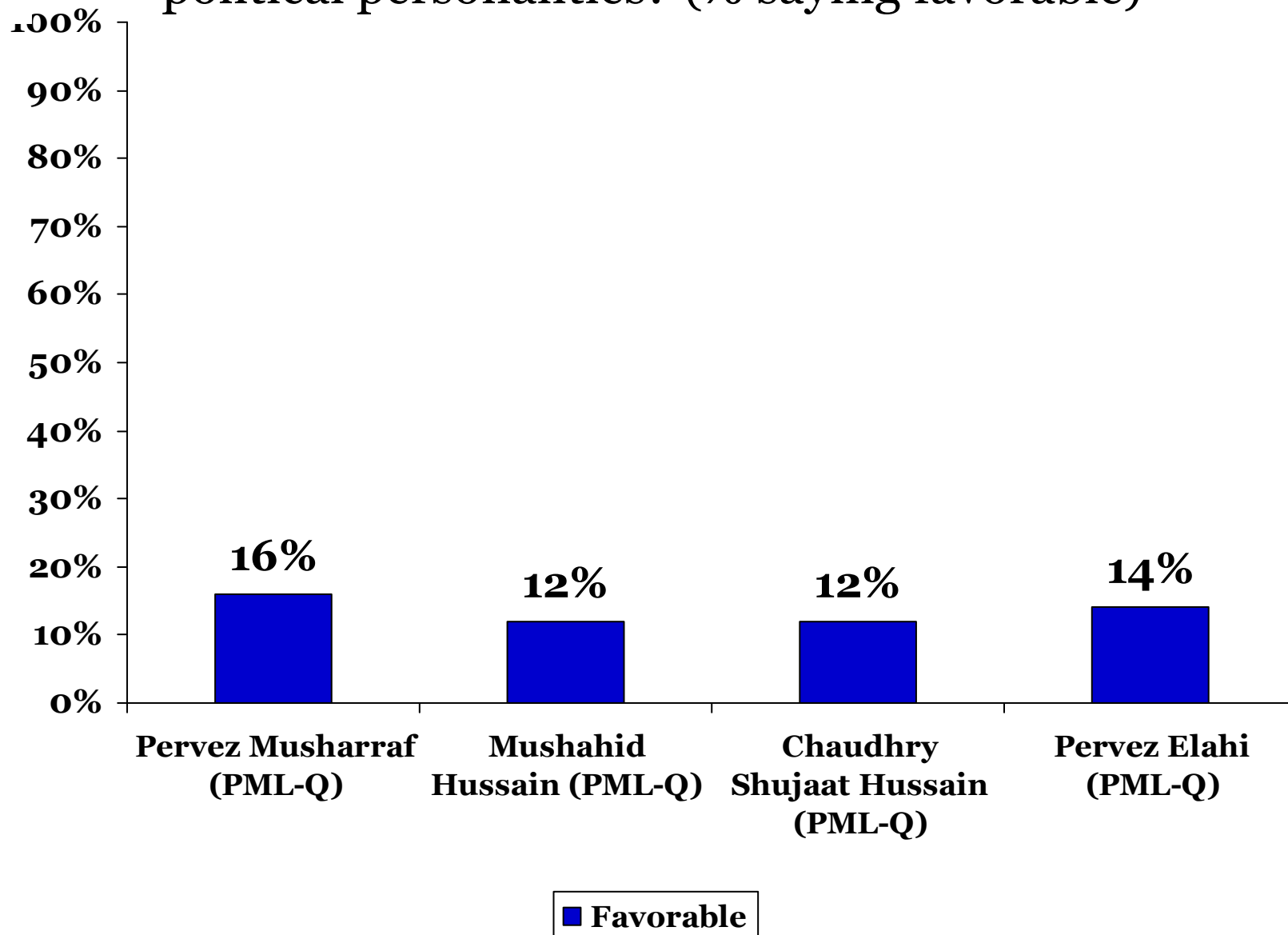


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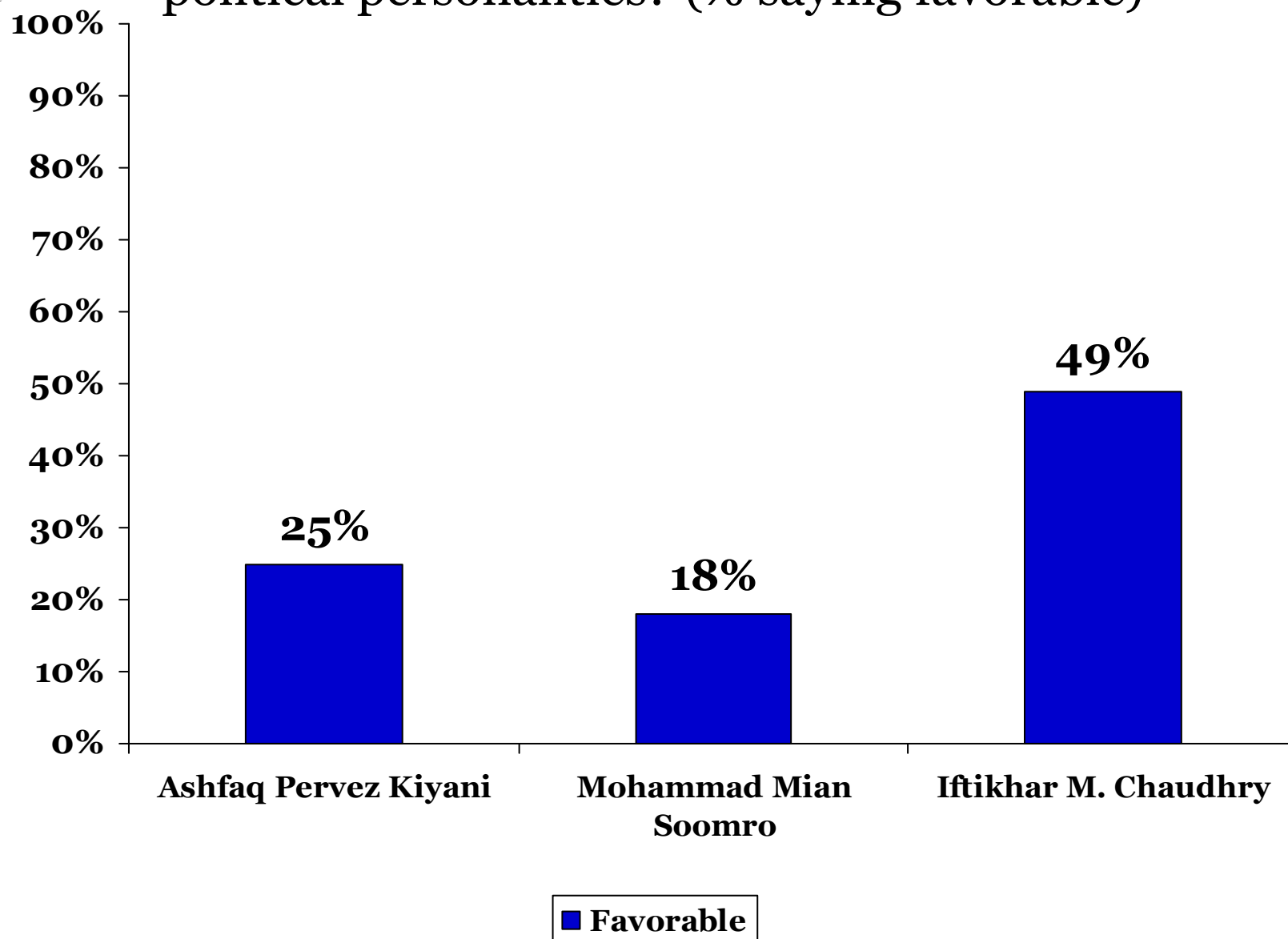


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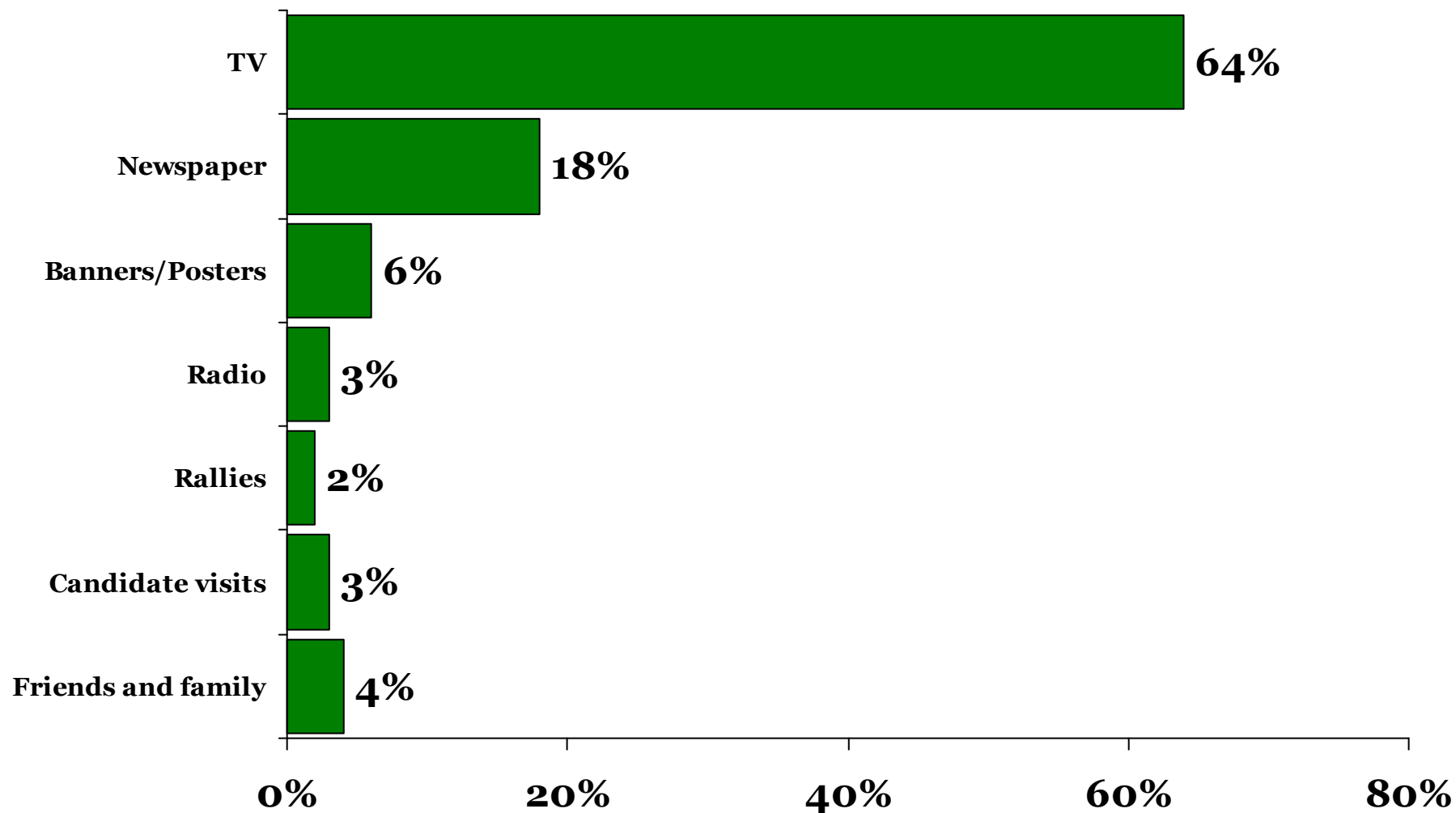




ELECTIONS

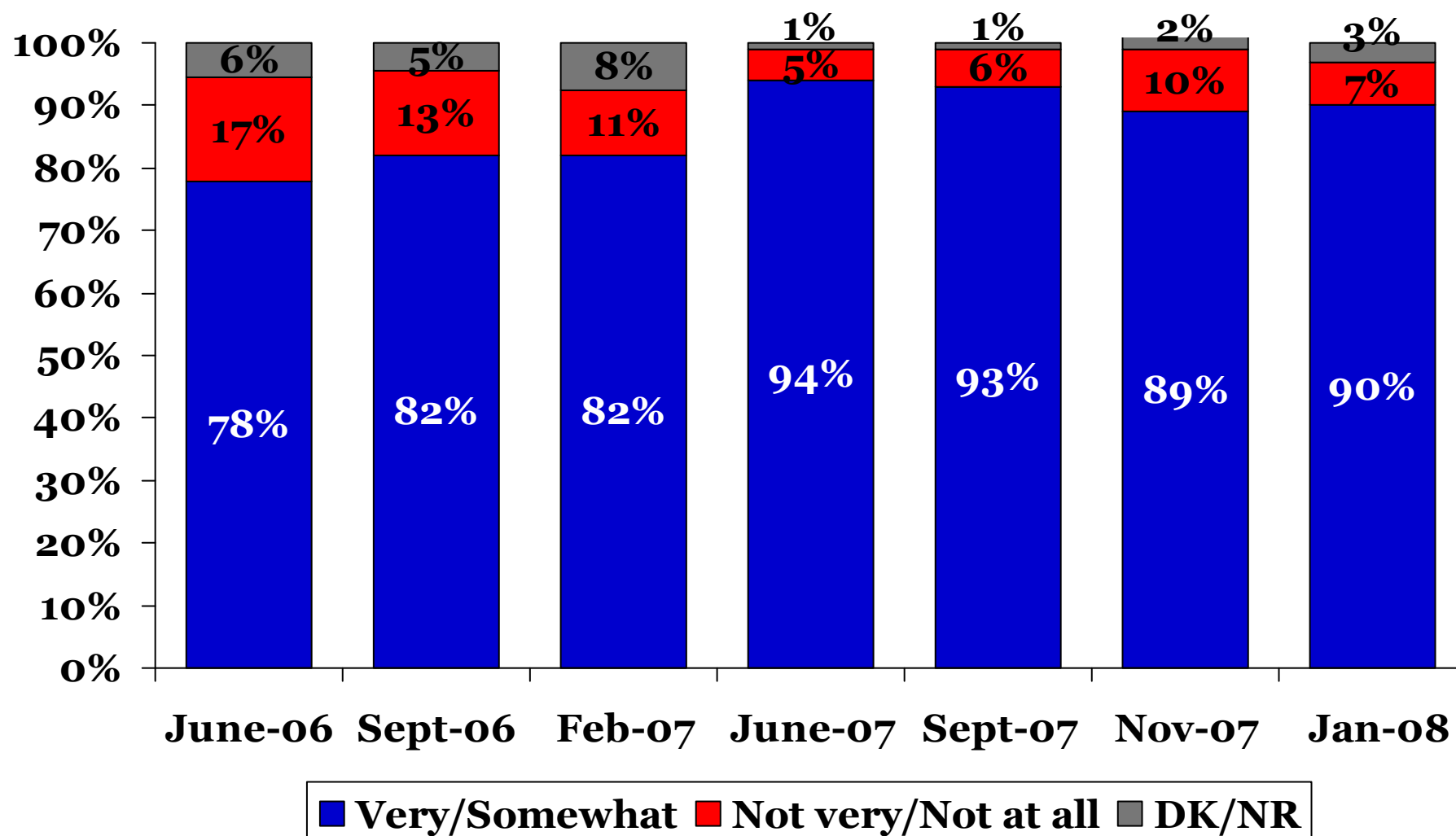


What is your primary source of information about the coming elections?



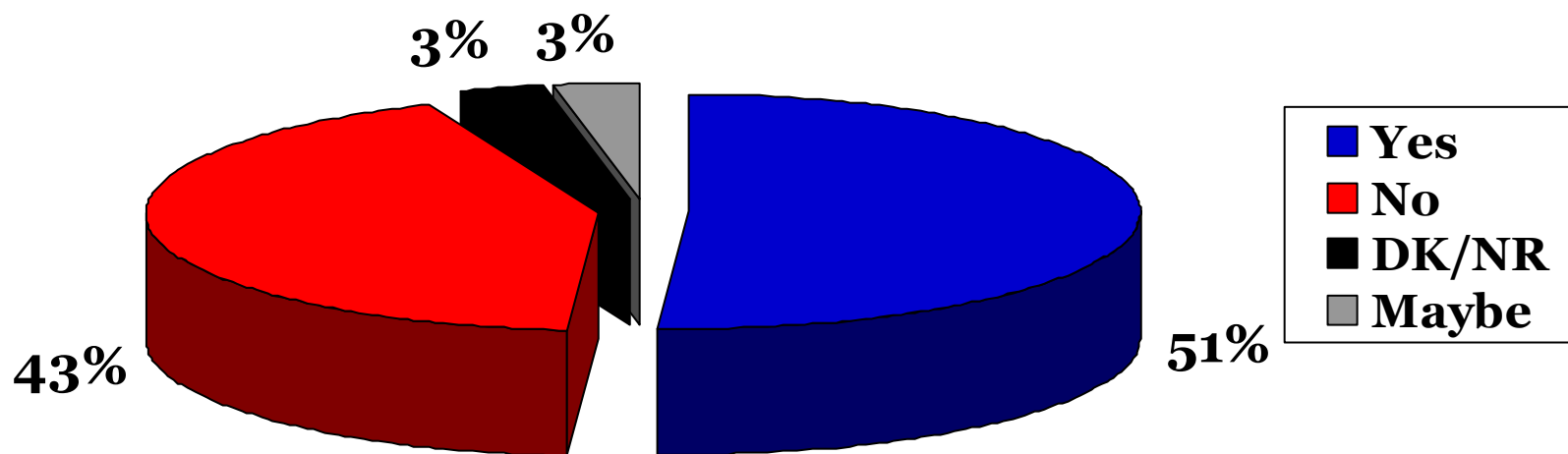


If elections for national assembly were held this weekend how likely is it that you would vote?



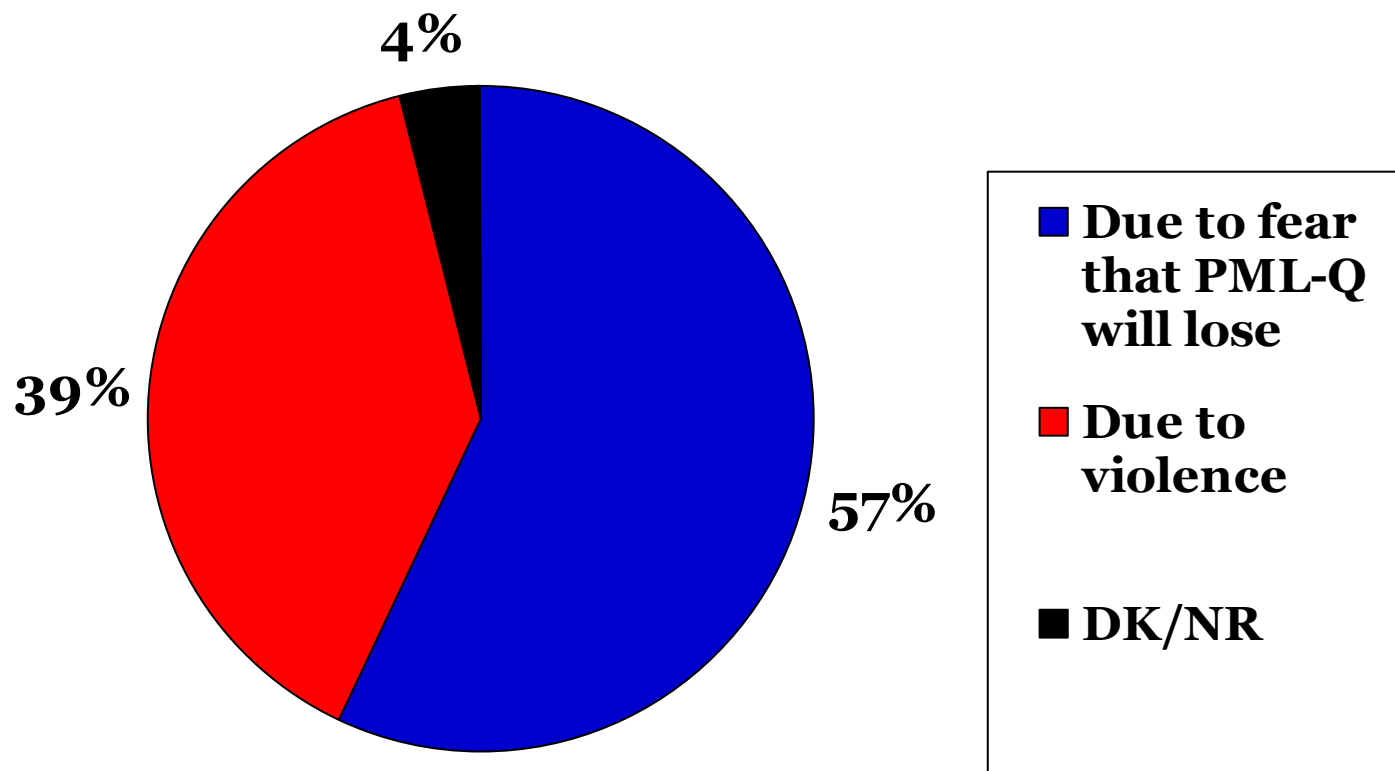


Pakistan's parliamentary elections have been delayed from January 8 until February 18. Do you support this delay?



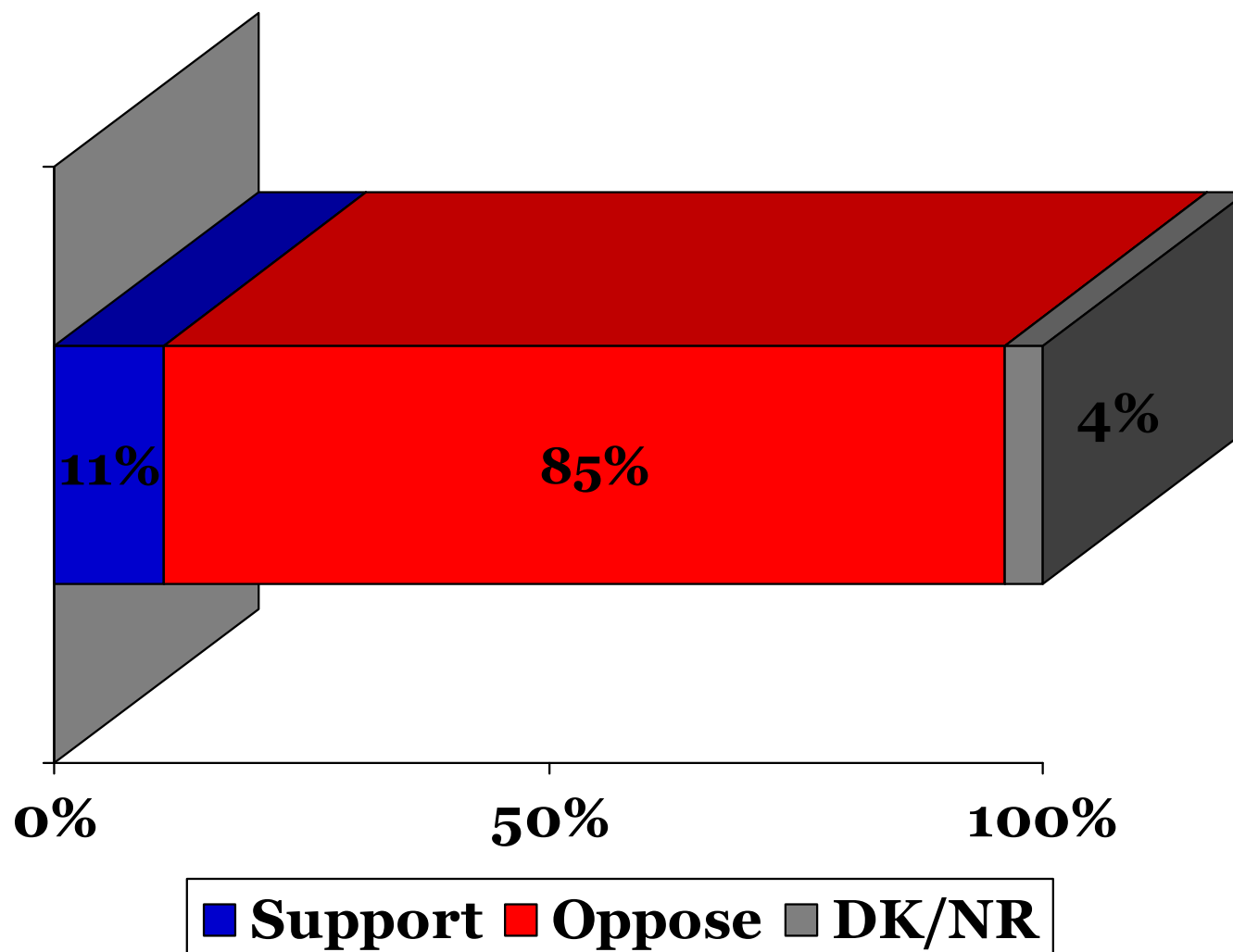


President Musharraf says that the elections were delayed due to the violence after Bhutto's death. The opposition parties are saying that Musharraf delayed the elections because he feared that PML-Q would not win. Which do you think is more correct?

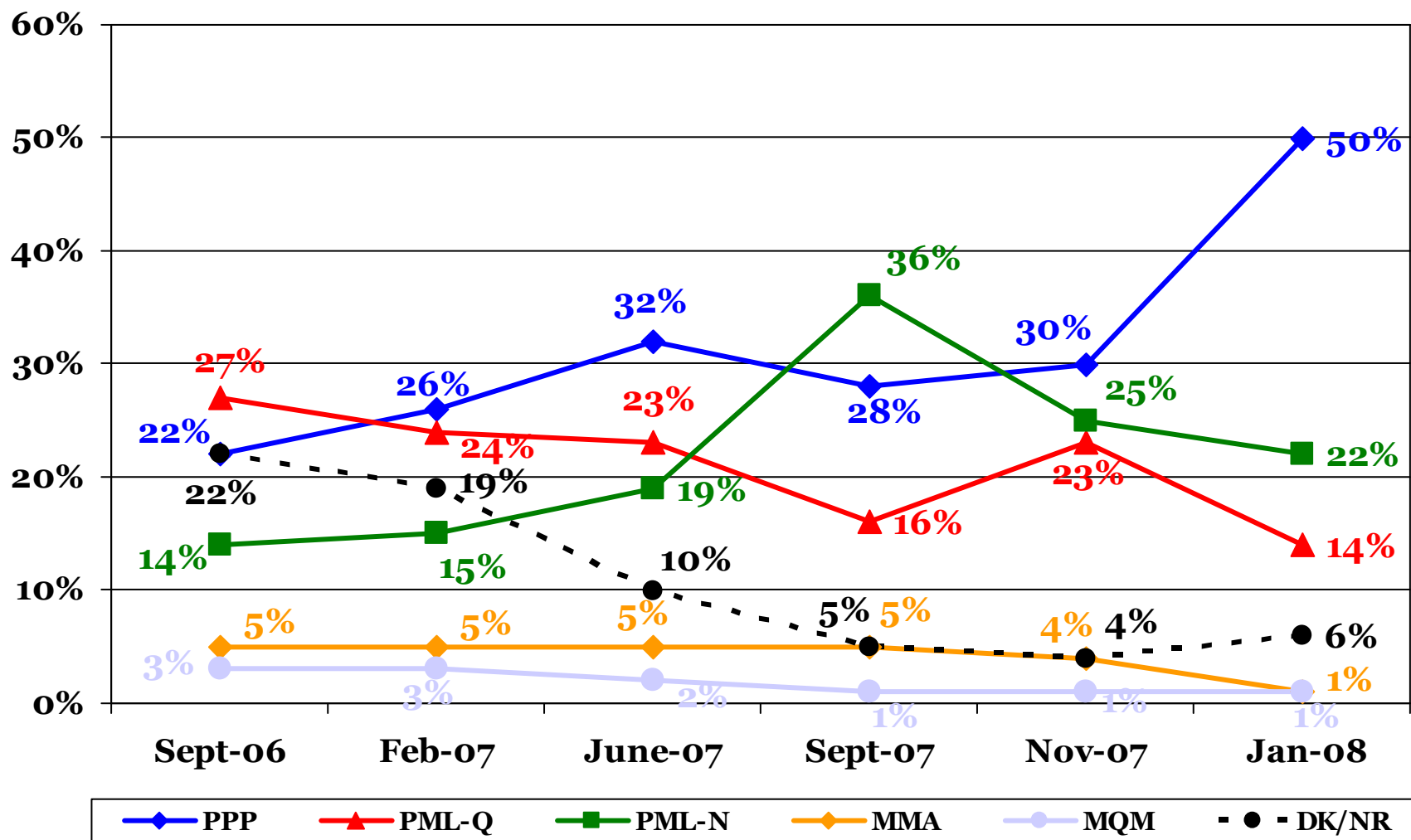




Would you support the further postponement of elections
for up to a year?



If the elections for national assembly were held next week, for which party would you vote?





If the elections for national assembly were held next week, for which party would you vote?
(by province-PUNJAB +/- 2.27)

	Feb-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Nov-07	Jan-08
PPP	17%	22%	14%	24%	44%
PML-Q	30%	27%	21%	30%	19%
PML-N	23%	30%	54%	36%	32%



If the elections for national assembly were held next week, for which party would you vote?
(by province-SINDH +/- 3.43)

	Feb-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Nov-07	Jan-08
PPP	57%	60%	64%	50%	74%
PML-Q	9%	14%	8%	16%	5%
PML-N	3%	4%	4%	6%	4%
MQM	11%	6%	5%	6%	5%



If the elections for national assembly were held next week, for which party would you vote?
(by province-NWFP +/- 4.54)

	Feb-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Nov-07	Jan-08
PPP	12%	25%	17%	16%	37%
PML-Q	18%	20%	17%	10%	6%
PML-N	9%	11%	27%	27%	18%
MMA	10%	9%	10%	6%	4%
ANP	7%	7%	3%	7%	12%

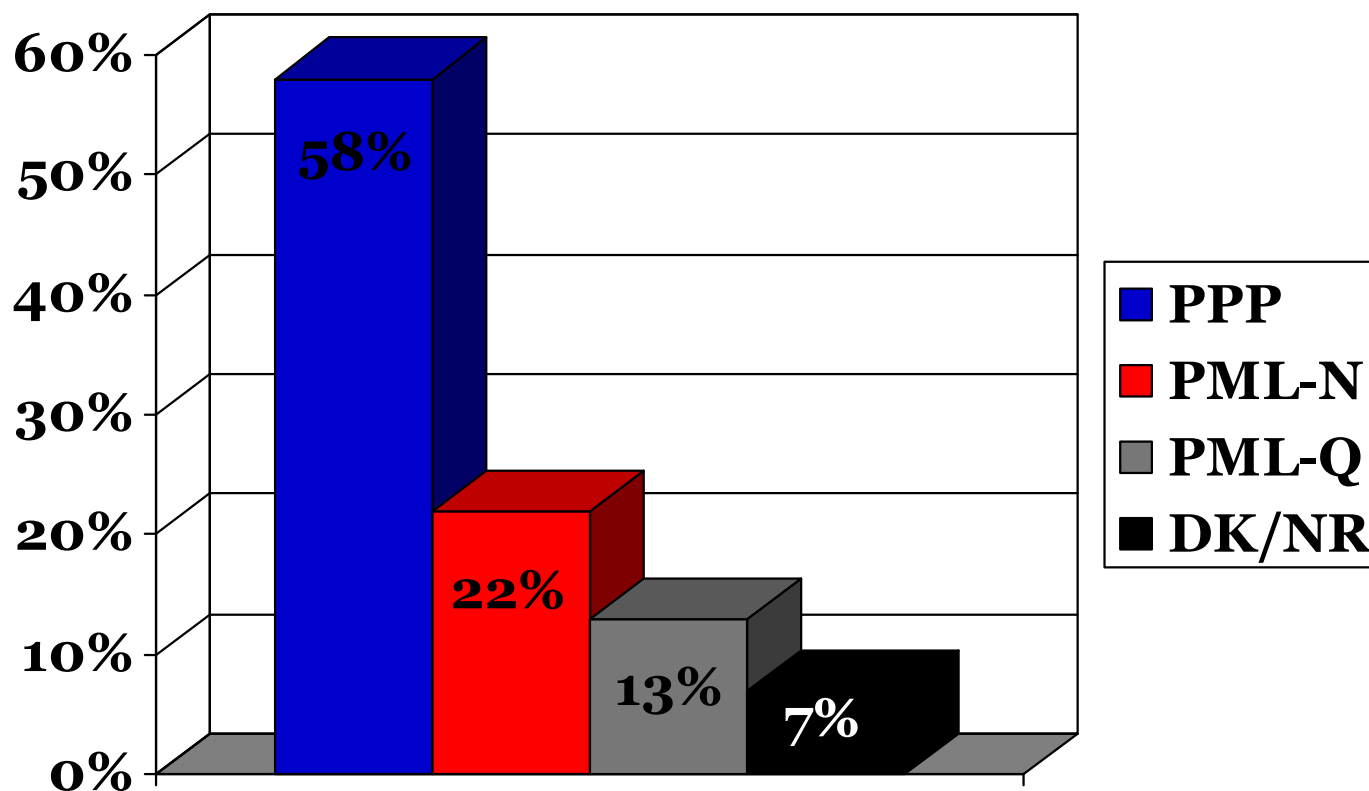


If the elections for national assembly were held next week, for which party would you vote?
(by province-BALUCHISTAN +/- 6.78)

	Feb-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Nov-07	Jan-08
PPP	22%	34%	29%	40%	44%
PML-Q	44%	27%	12%	16%	15%
PML-N	1%	1%	9%	5%	6%
MMA	9%	20%	15%	15%	4%

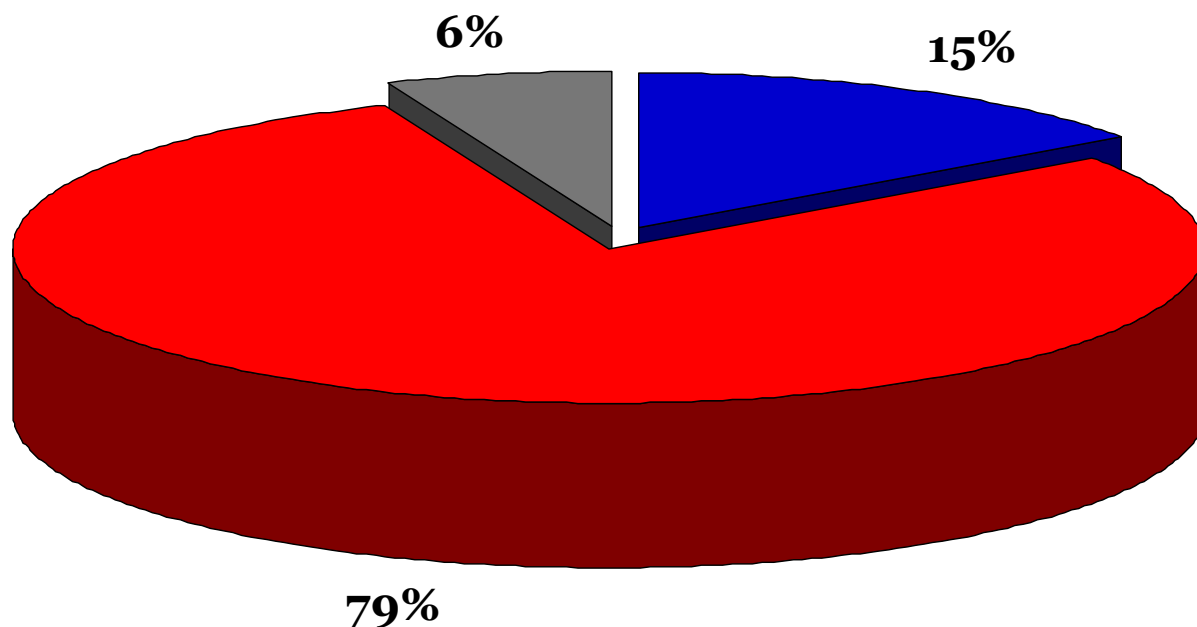


If the elections for the national assembly are free and fair,
which party do you believe will win the most seats?





If, after the elections are held, it is announced that PML-Q won the most seats, would you think that the election was free and fair or that it was rigged?



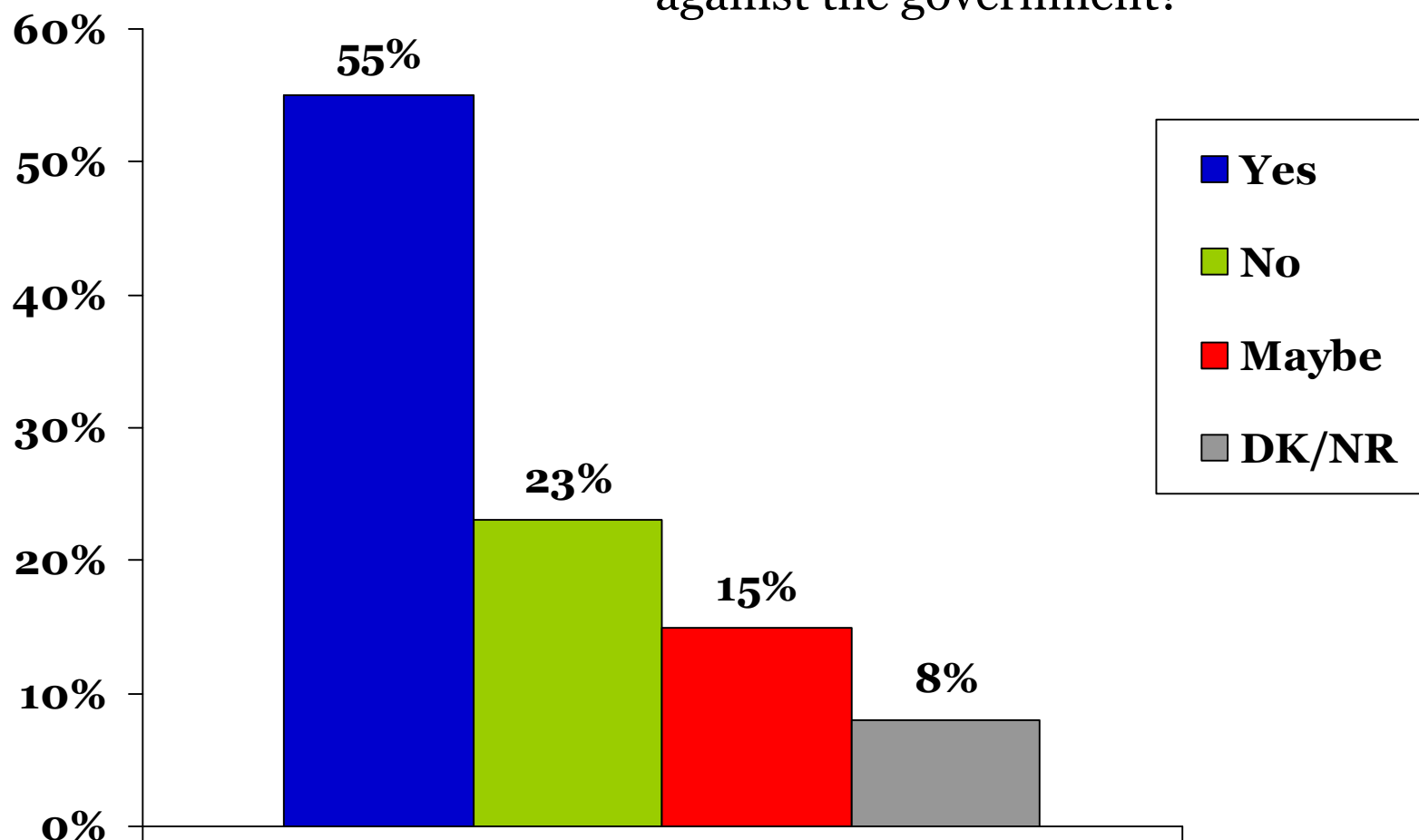
■ Free and Fair

■ Rigged

■ DK/NR

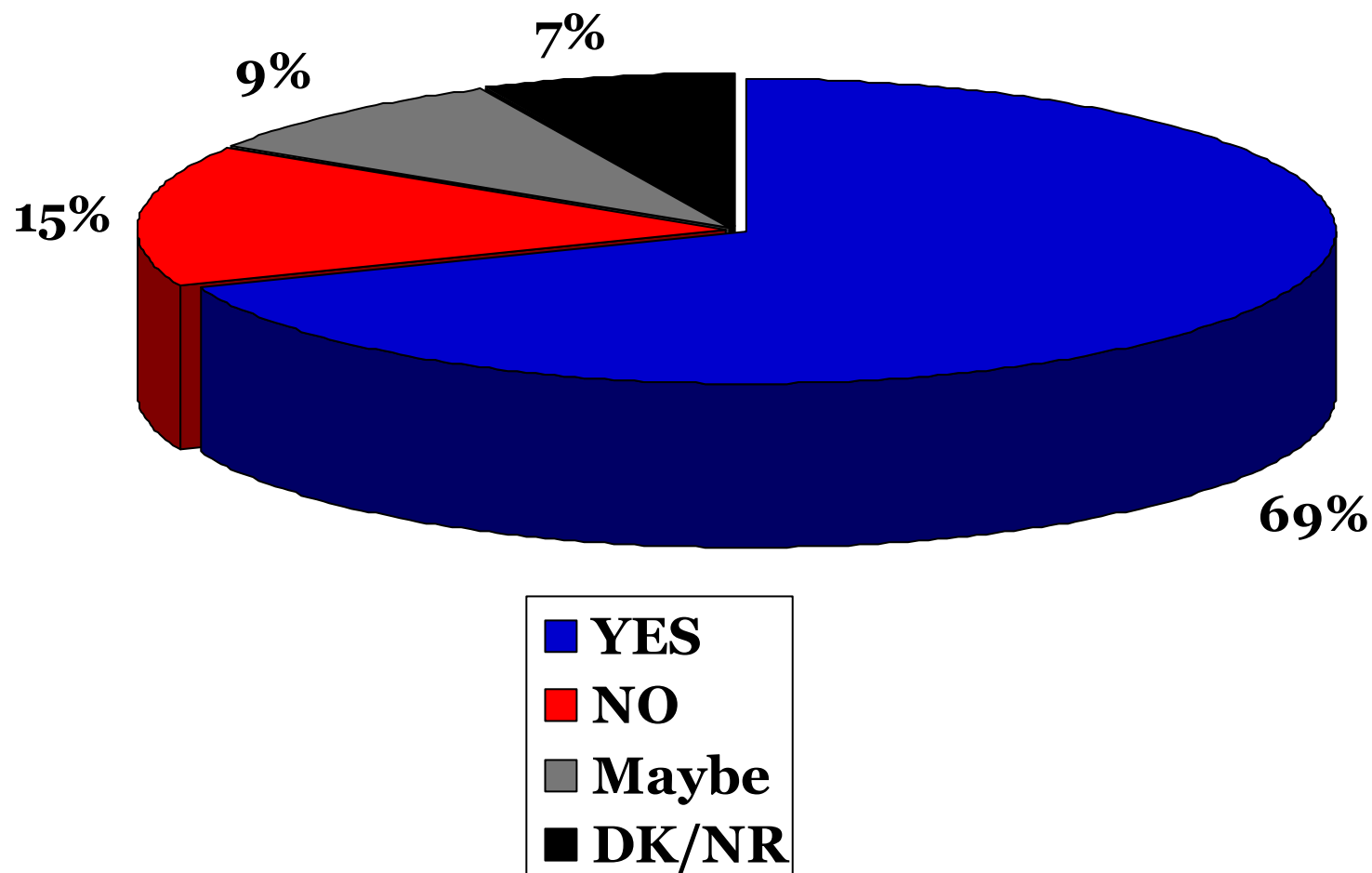


Opposition parties are saying that if the election is rigged, they will “go to the streets” in protest. If it is announced that PML-Q won the most seats, would you support protests against the government?

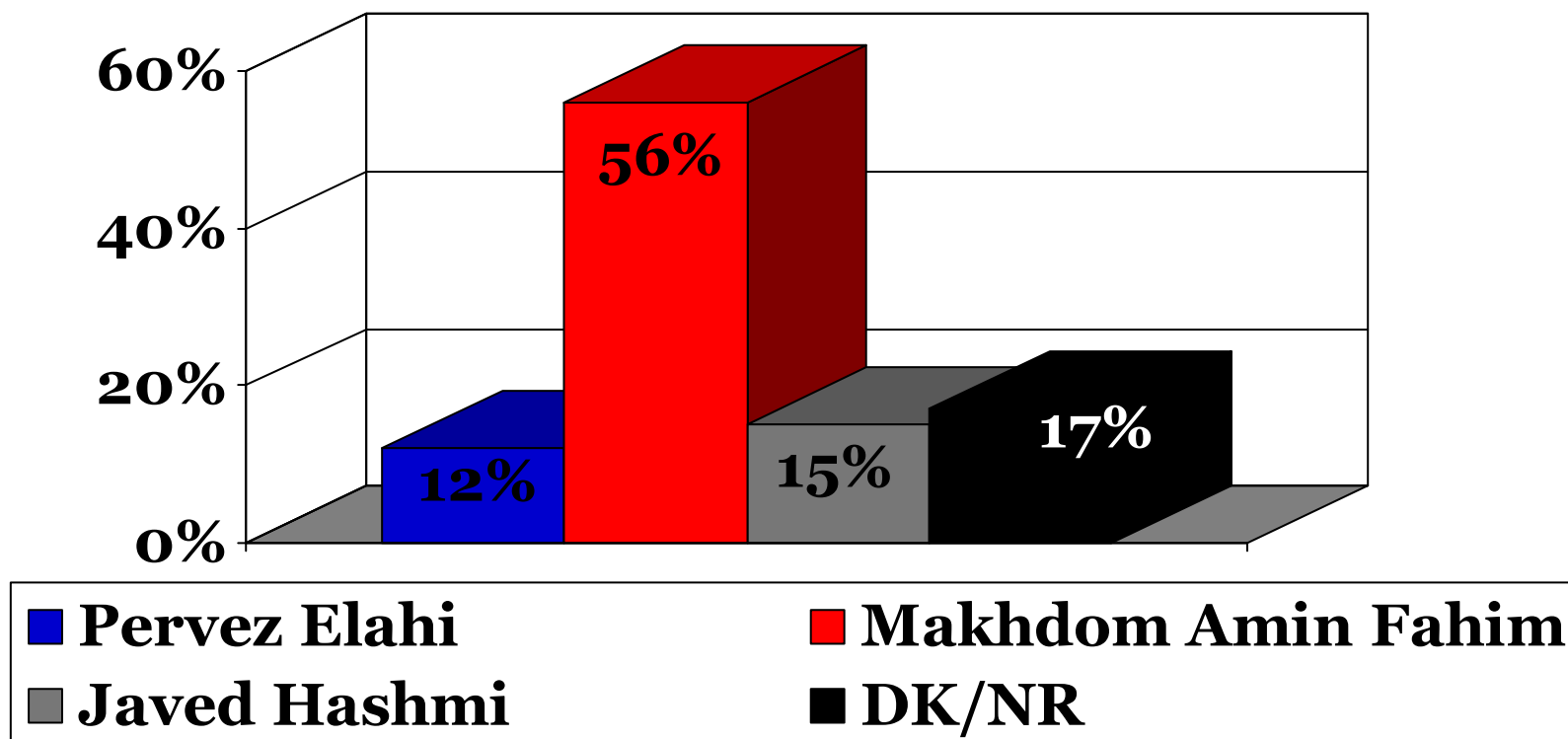




Would you support the following scenario: President Musharraf resigns, a national unity government of all political parties is formed, and free and fair elections are held?

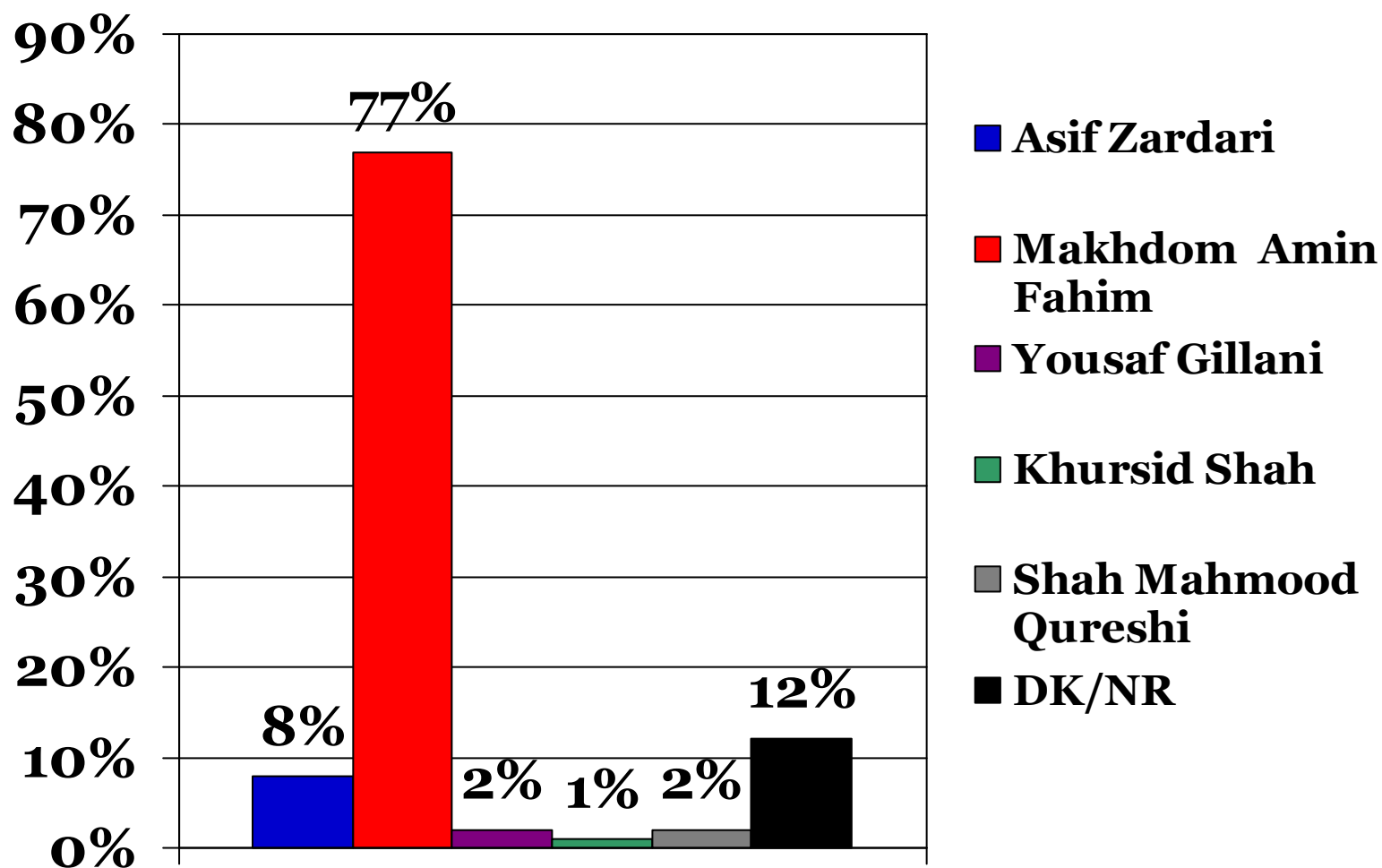


Who would you prefer to be the next Prime Minister?



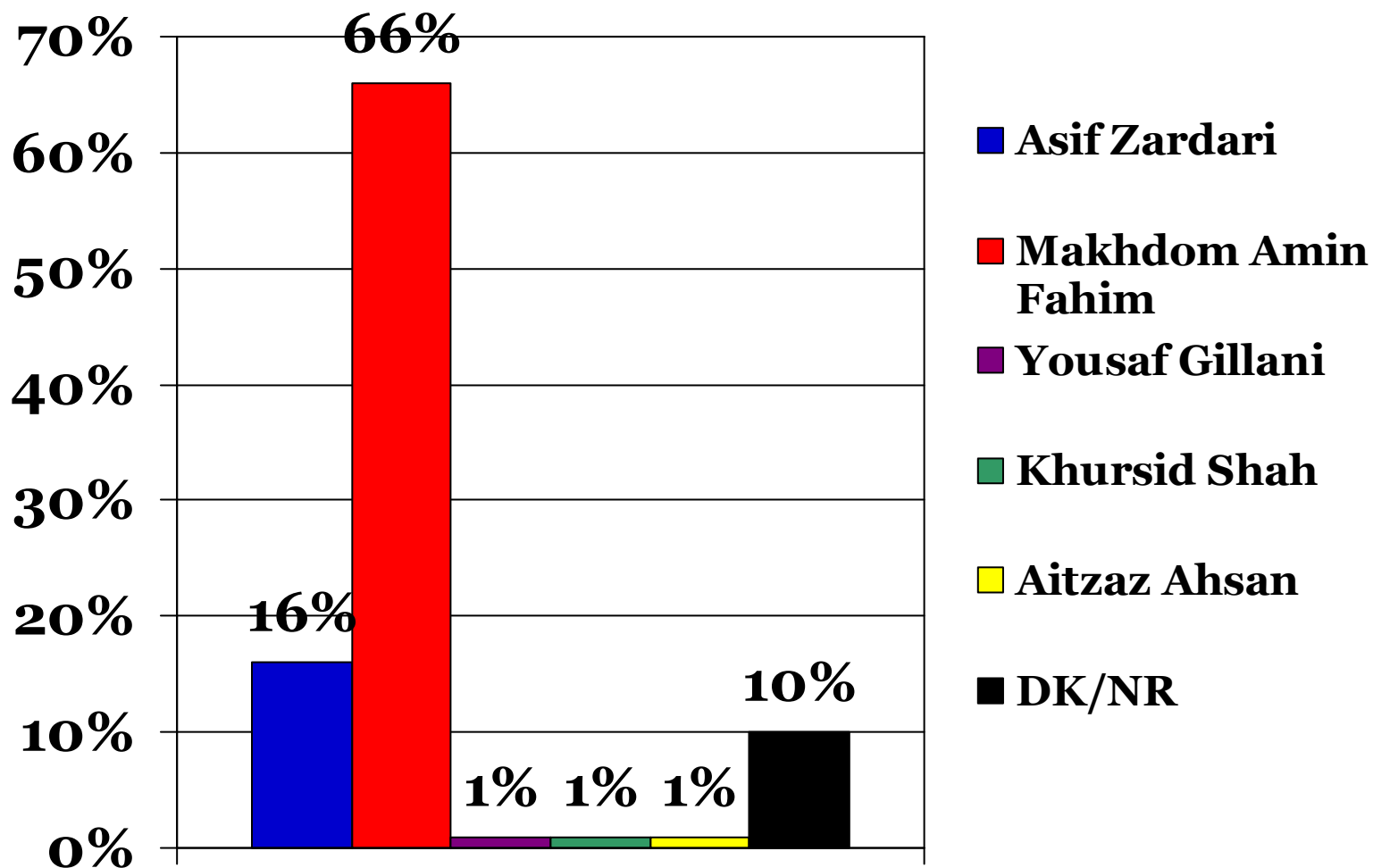


Who would you prefer be the PPP's candidate for Prime Minister?



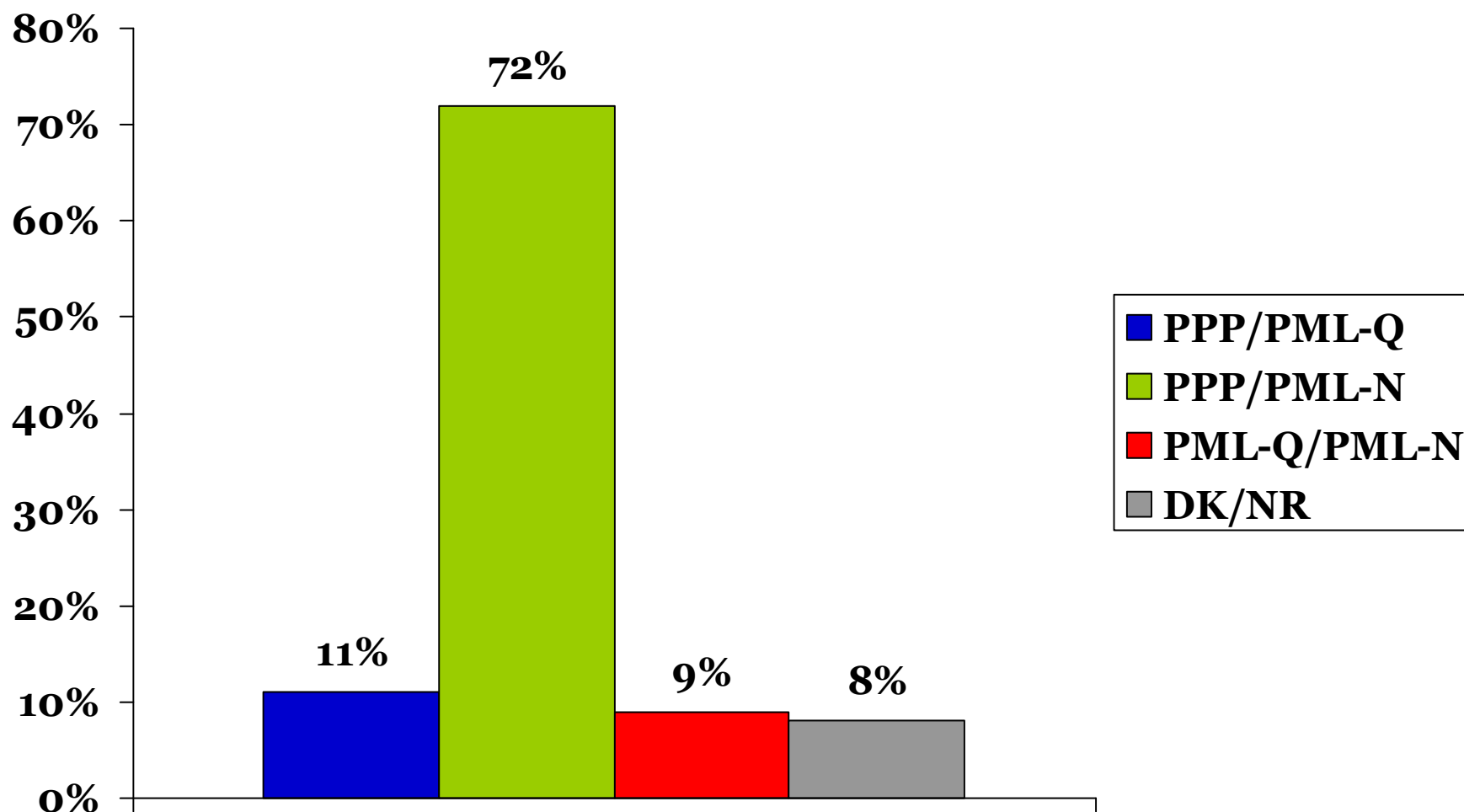


With Bilawal Bhutto Zardari finishing his studies, who would you prefer to lead the party until he returns?



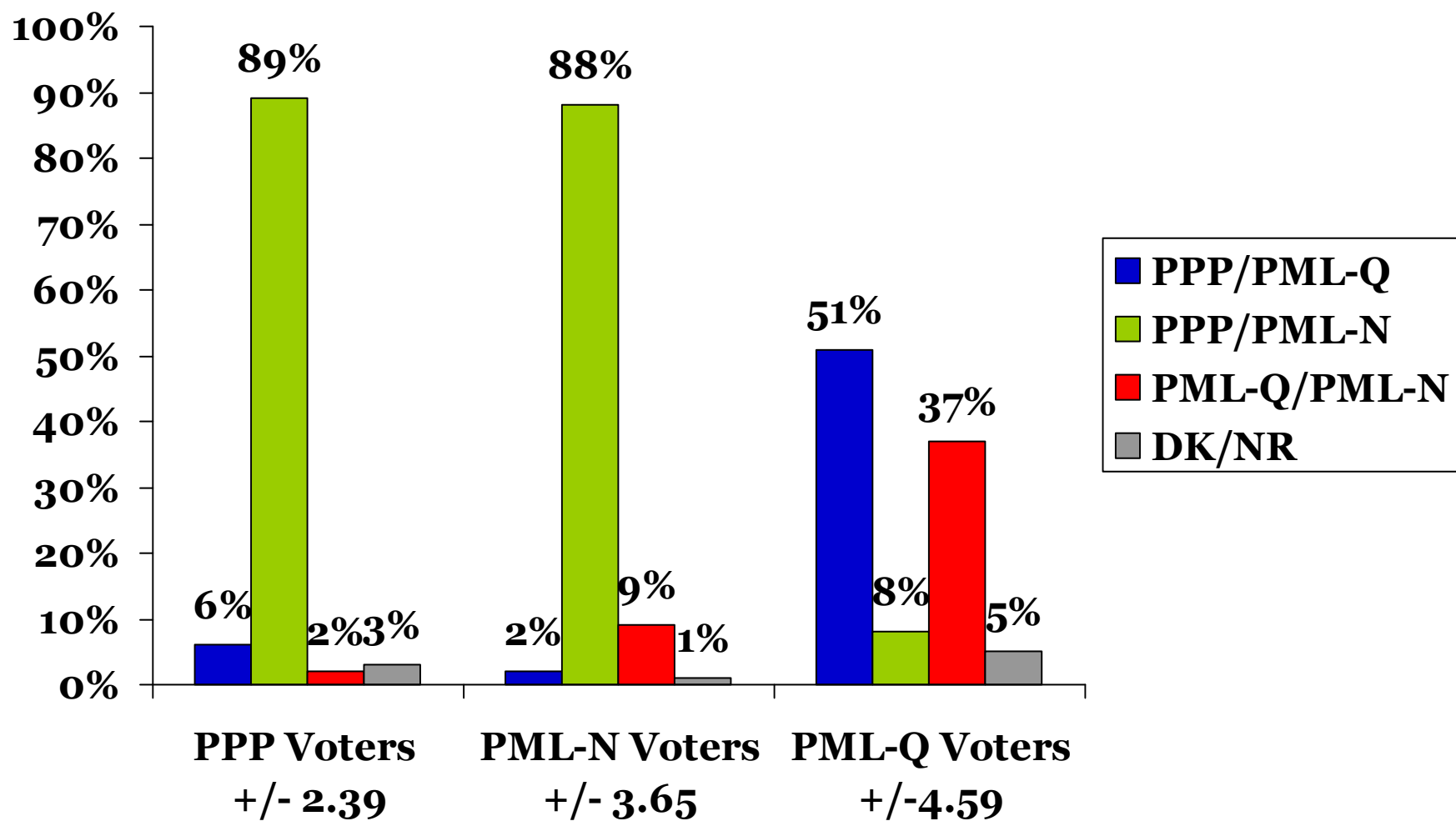


Which of the following party partnerships would you prefer as the next ruling coalition ?



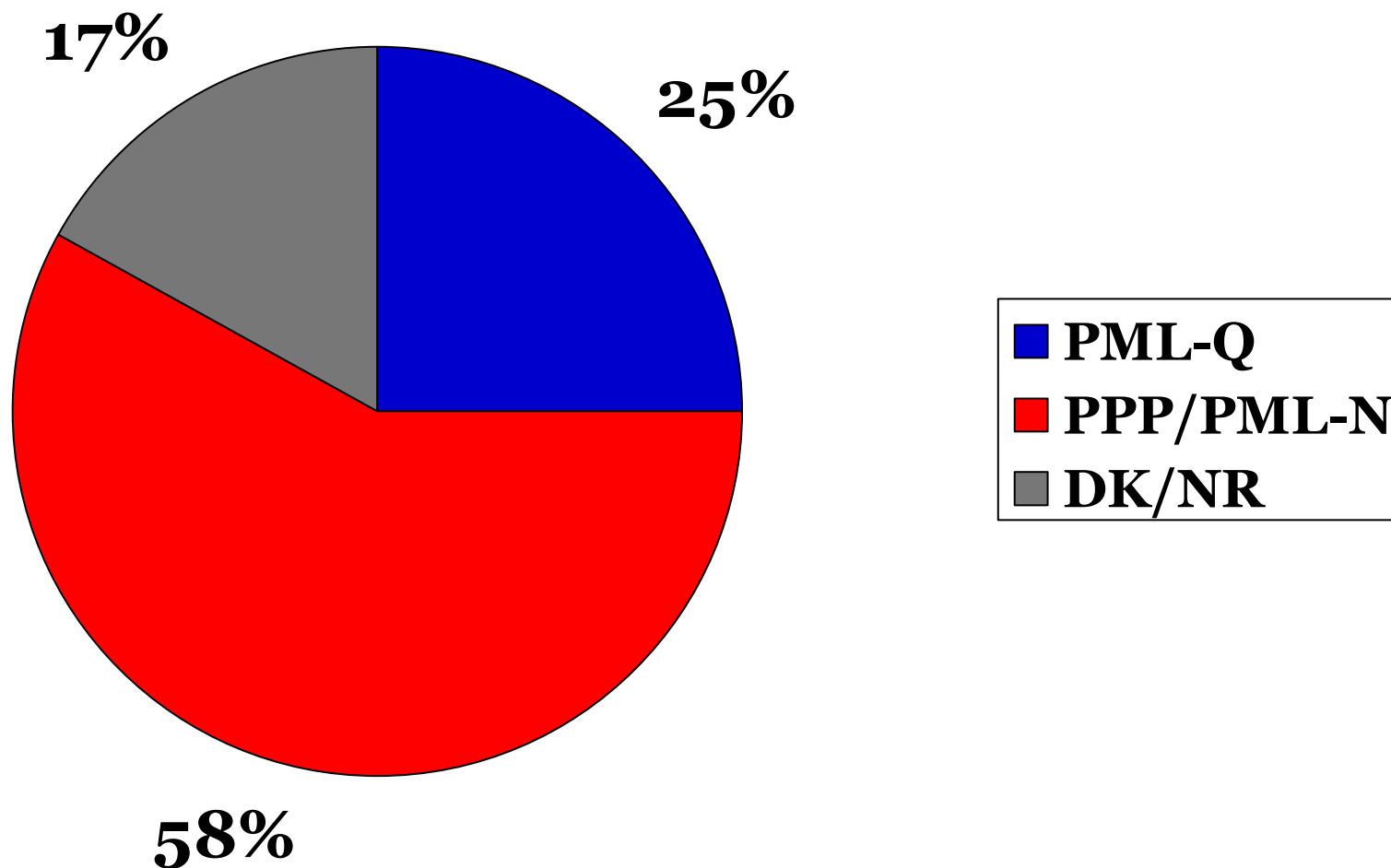


Which of the following party partnerships would you prefer as the next ruling coalition ?





In a future government coalition, would you rather see MQM form a ruling coalition with PML-Q or with PPP and PML-N?





If President Musharraf were to resign, would you feel better or worse about the future of Pakistan?

