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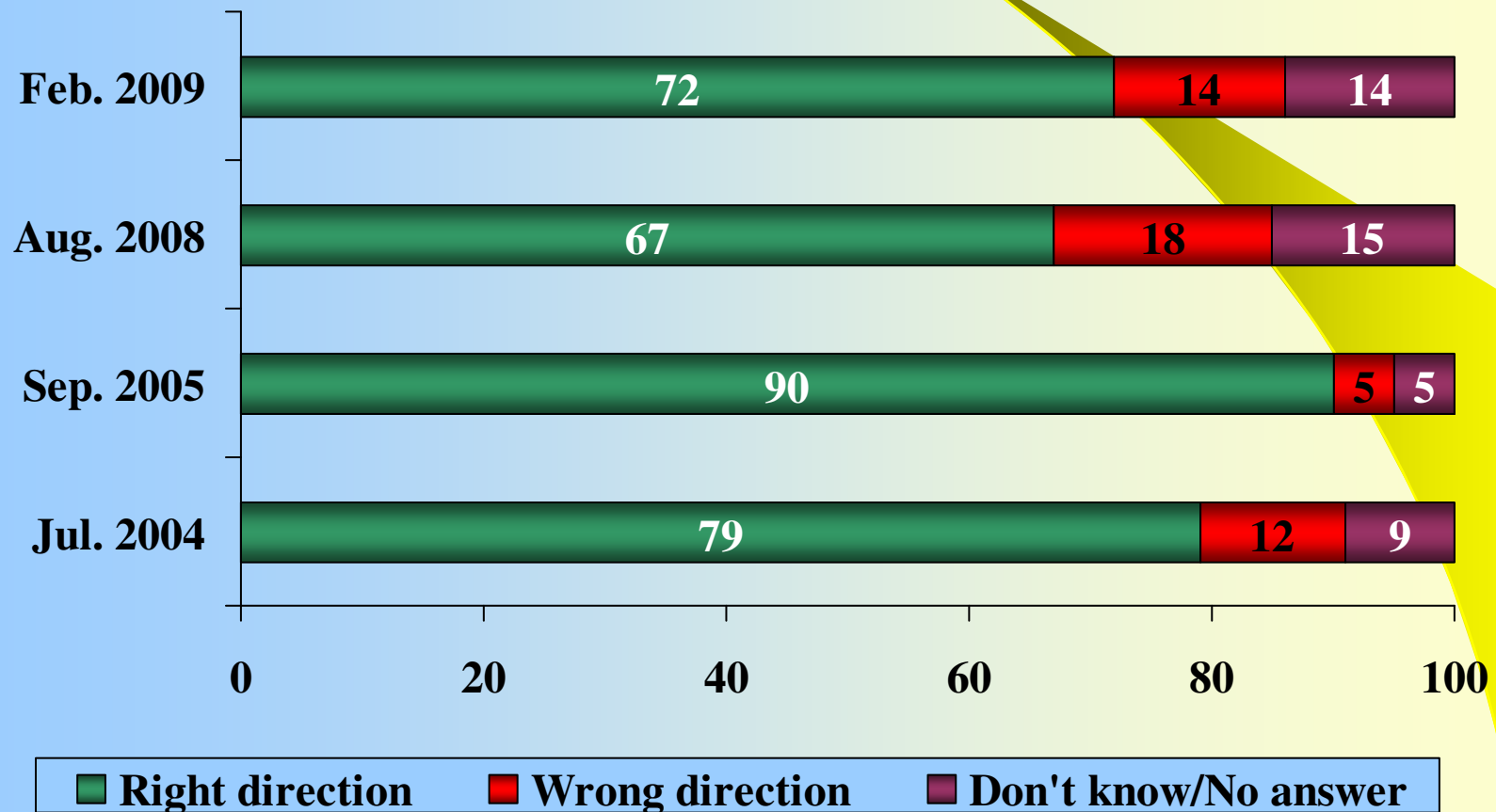


METHODOLOGY

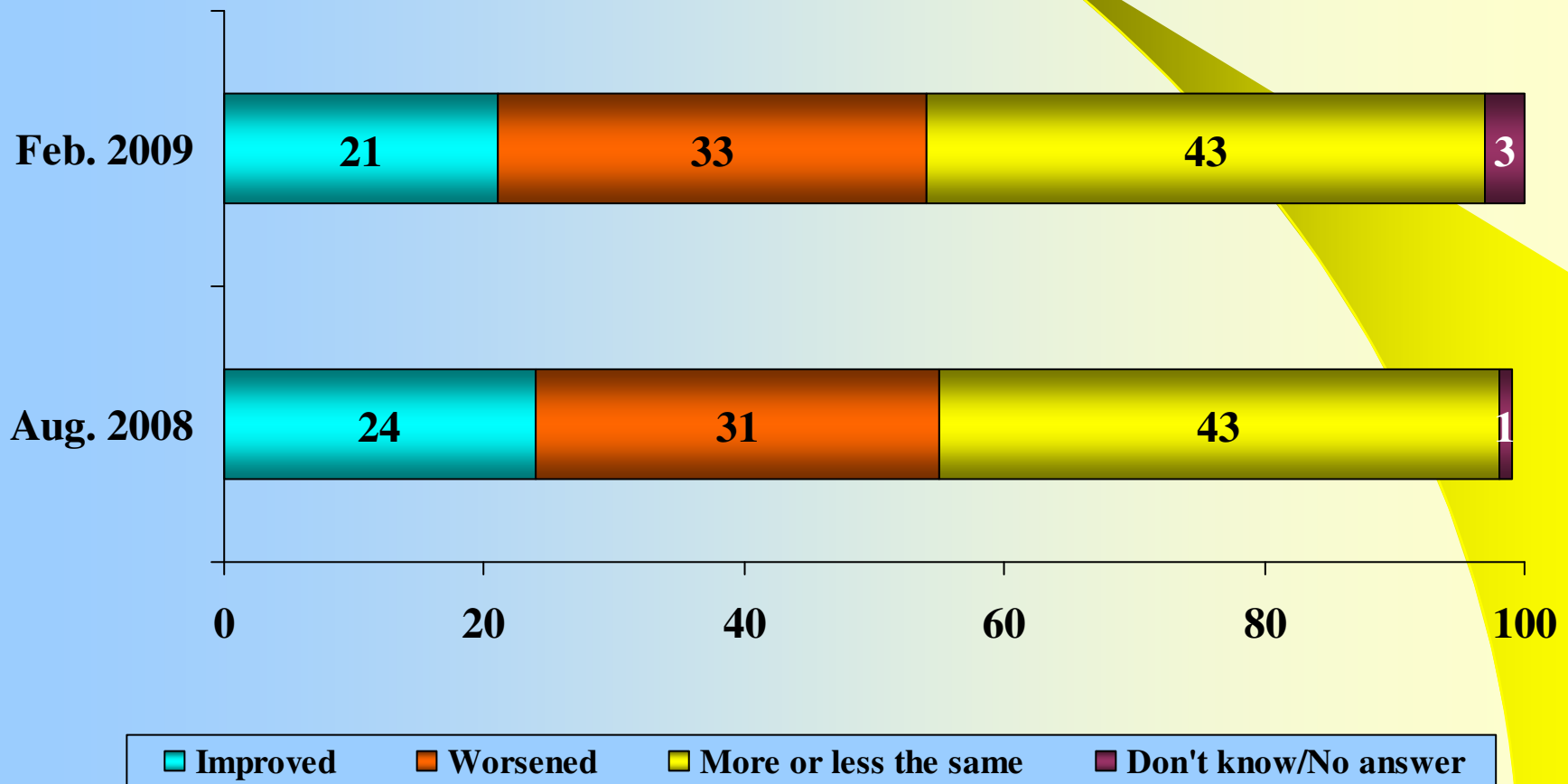
- **This survey was designed, coordinated and analyzed by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the International Republican Institute. Field work was carried out by the Institute for Comparative Social Research-Kazakhstan**
- **The national representative survey was carried out from February 14 to February 23, 2009. The eligibility criteria was based on age (18 years and older). A sample of 1,519 Kazakh participants were interviewed face-to-face in their homes.**
- **The sample design was a multi-stage probability sample.**
 - **Stage one: the sample was stratified into 16 regions.**
 - **Stage two: the sample was further stratified into rural, urban and metropolitan sampling units.**
 - **Stage three: Primary Sampling Units (PSU) were described.**
- **The closest birthday rule was used for the selection of the respondent. The households were selected using random route method.**
- **The sample was distributed at the regional level, in rural and urban areas, in all 16 regions of Kazakhstan.**
- **The response rate was 65 percent.**
- **The margin of error for the survey results does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent with the confidence level of 95 percent.**
- **One hundred and twenty-nine interviewers worked on the study, on average completing 10-12 interviews in one PSU. The interviews were done in Russian, Kazakh and Uzbek languages.**

SOCIAL INDICATORS INDEX

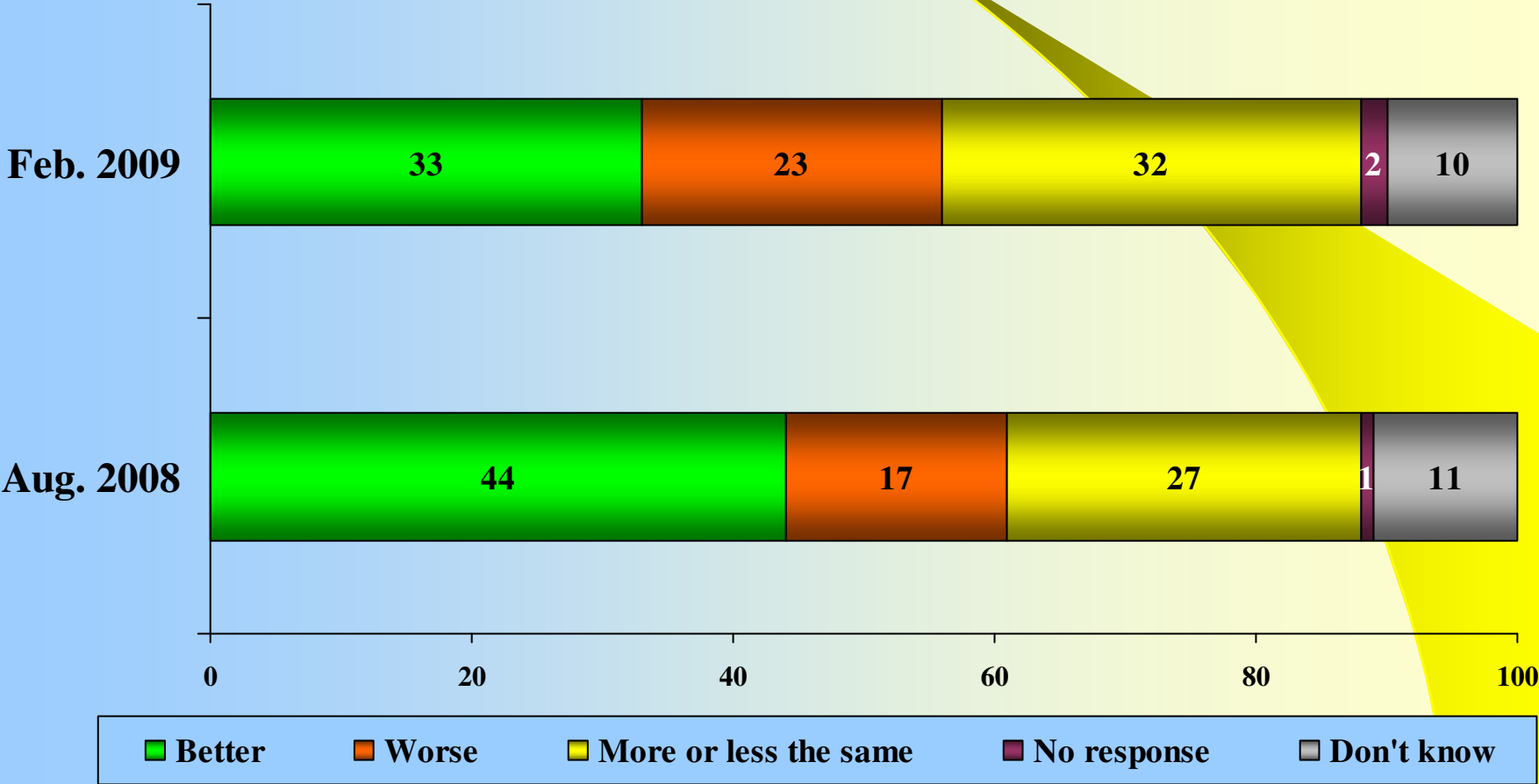
Generally speaking, things in Kazakhstan are going in the...



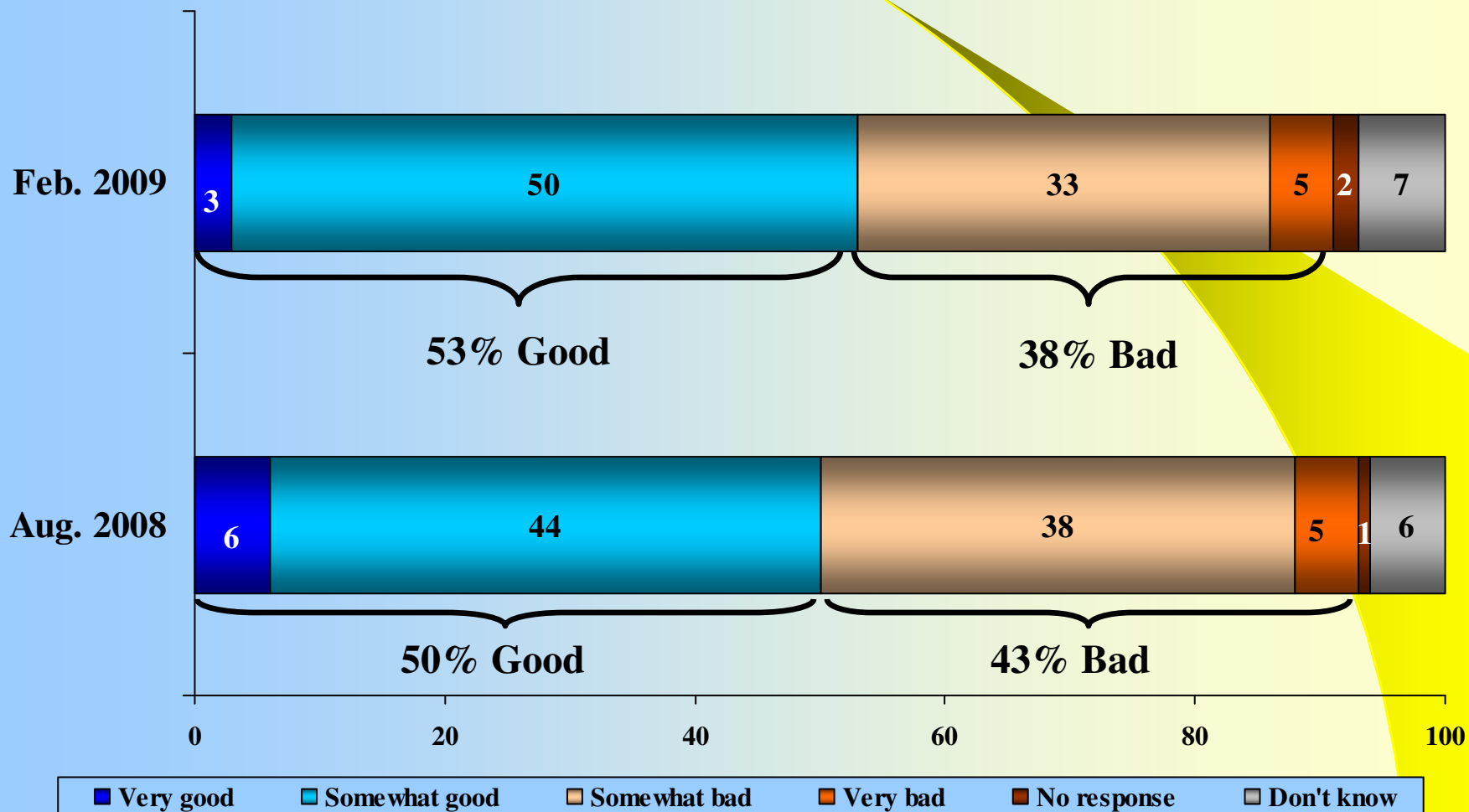
In the past year your personal financial situation...



In the next year, do you expect the economic situation in Kazakhstan to get...

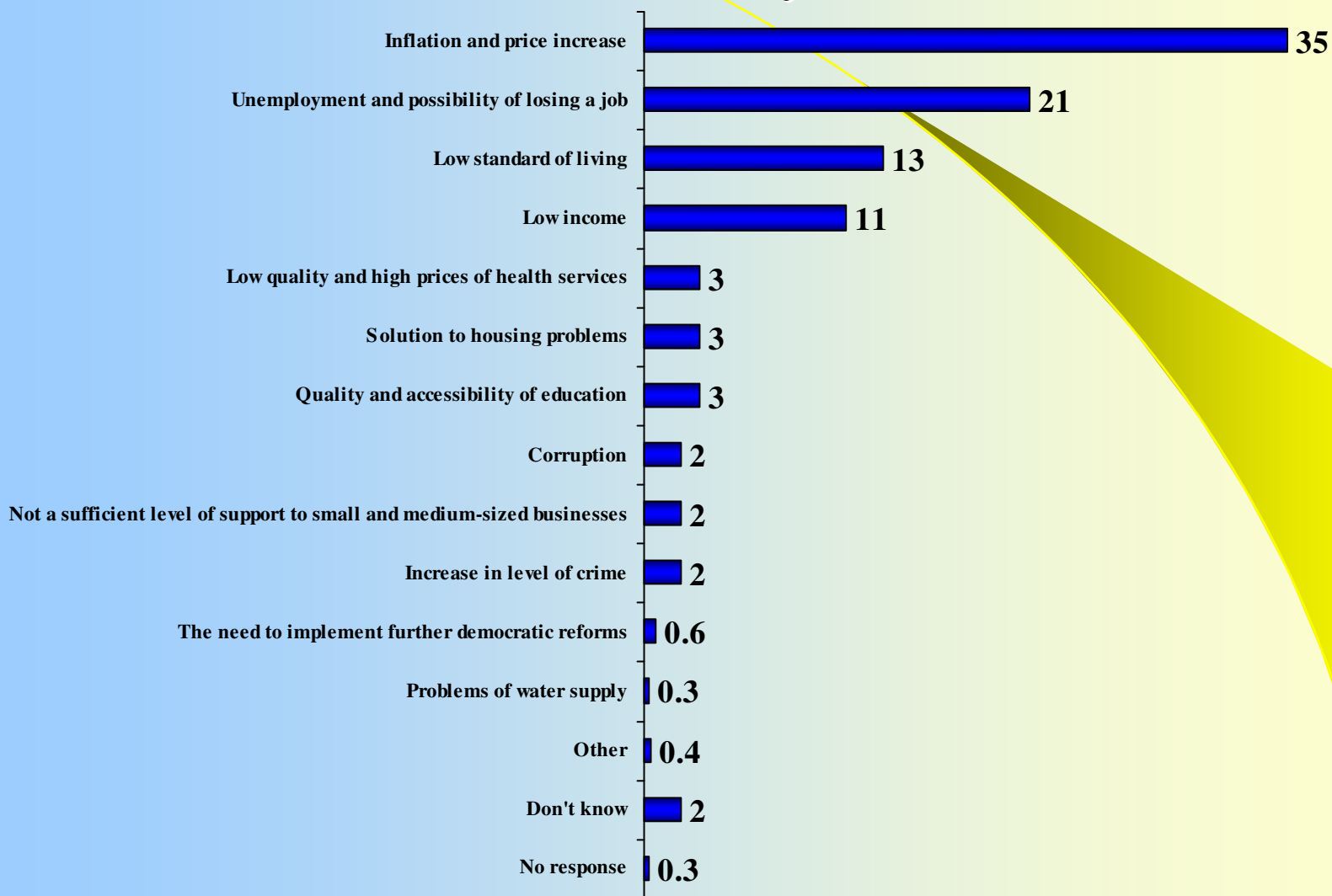


How would you describe the current economic situation in Kazakhstan?

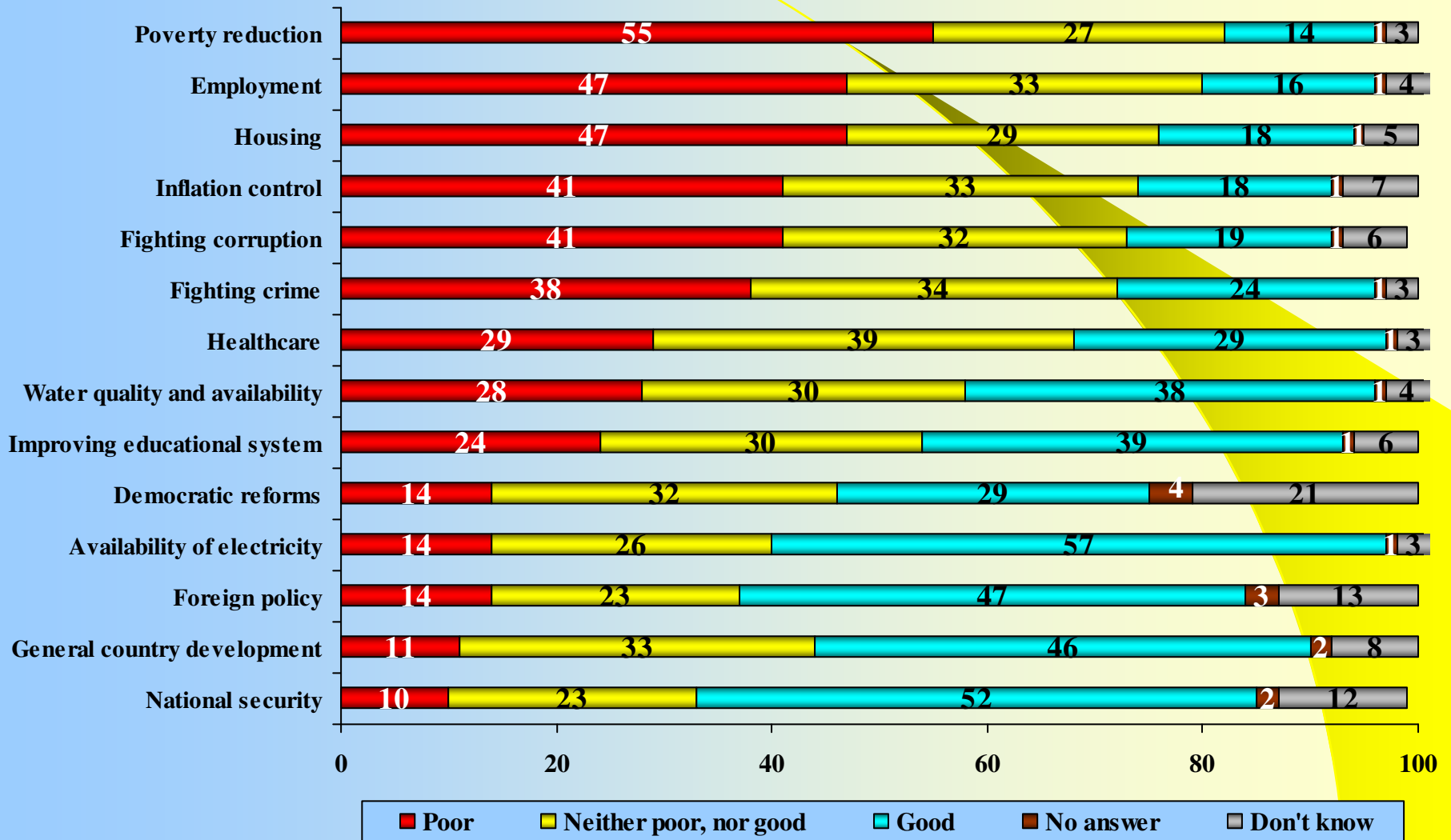


ISSUES AND ATTITUDES INDEX

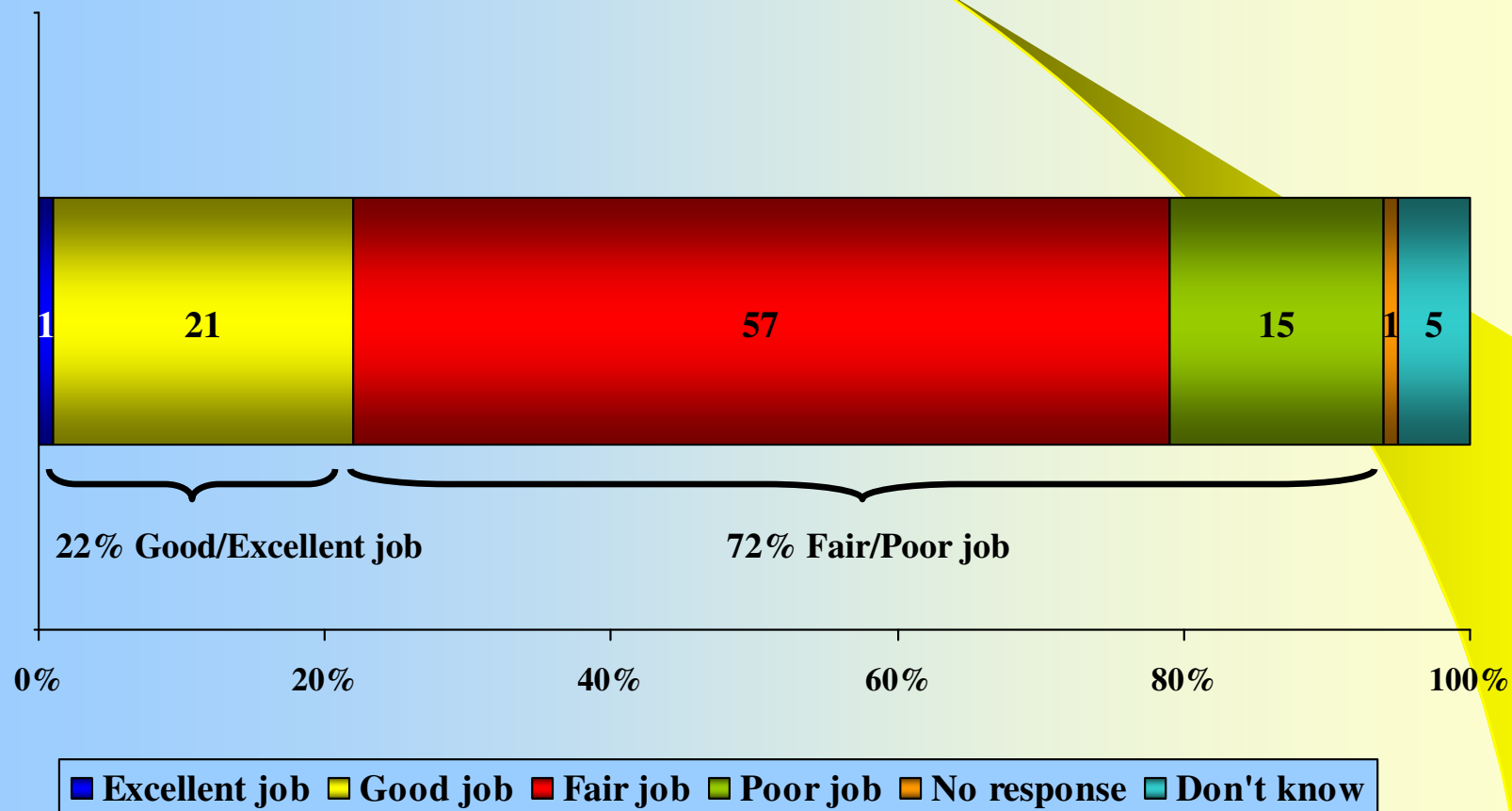
Which one of the following issues is of the greatest concern to you?



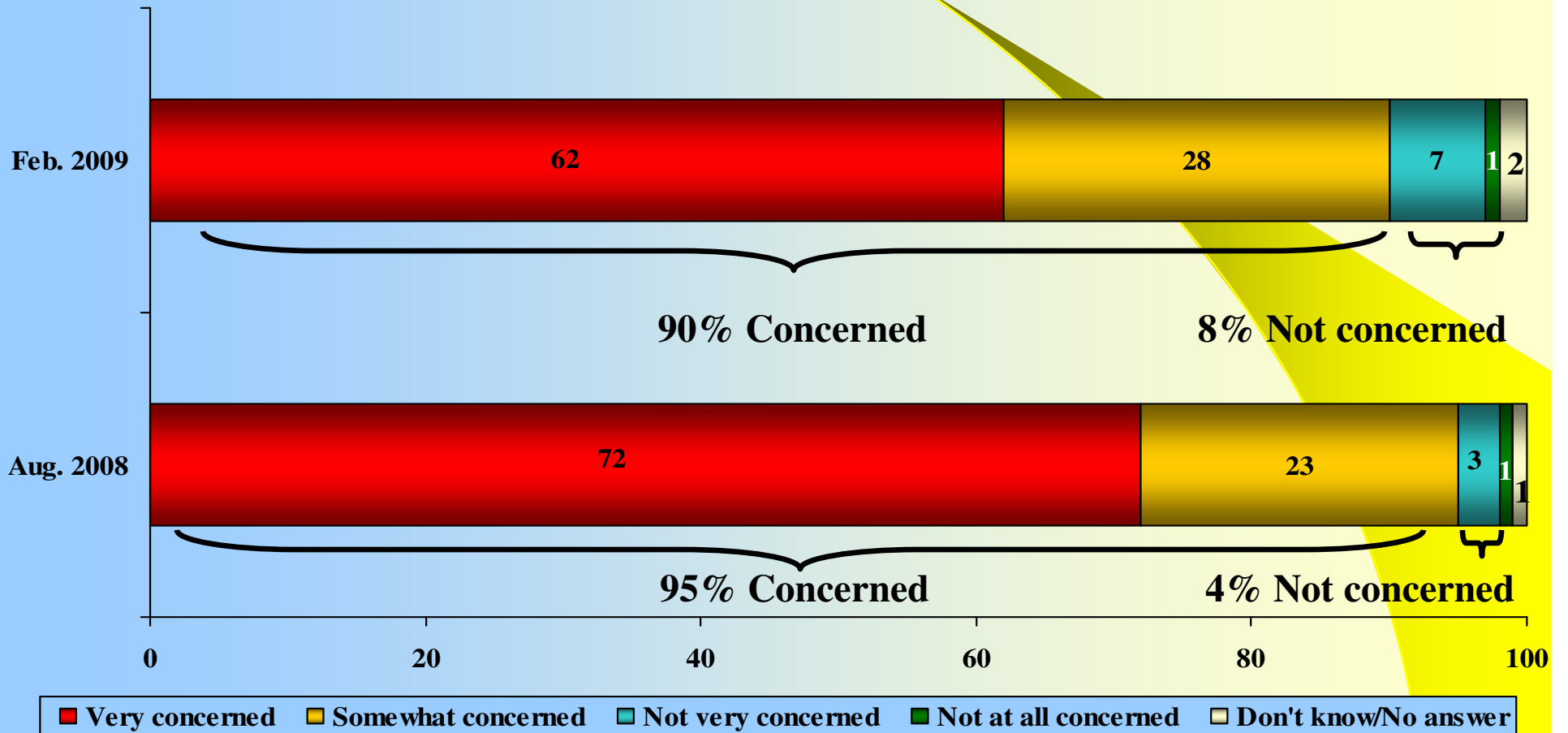
Please rate the national authorities' performance on the issues listed below on a ladder scale from one to five, where one means very poor and five means very good.



Do you think that the government is doing an excellent, good, fair or poor job handling the problems caused by the global financial crisis?



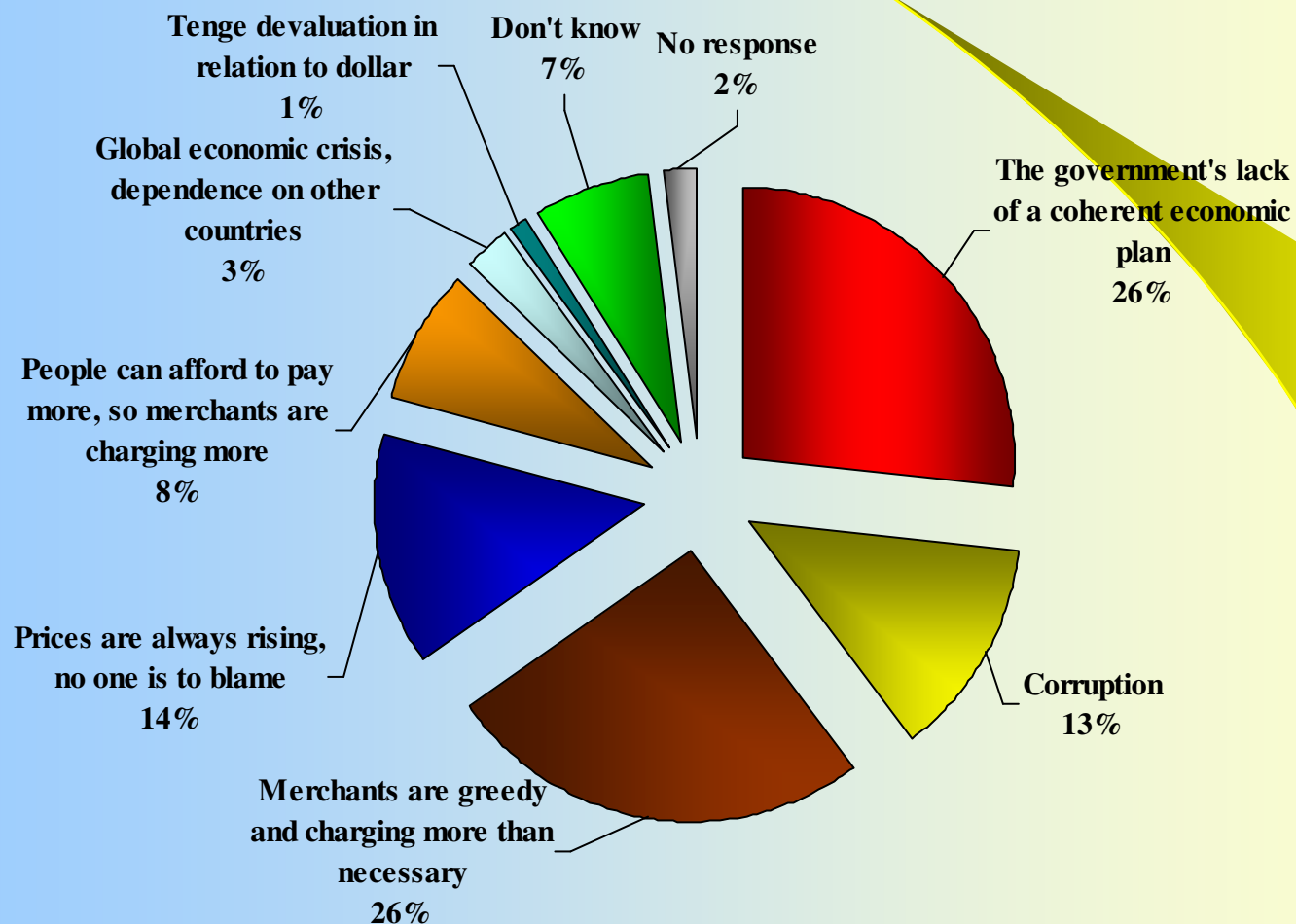
What is your opinion about high prices? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned or not at all concerned?



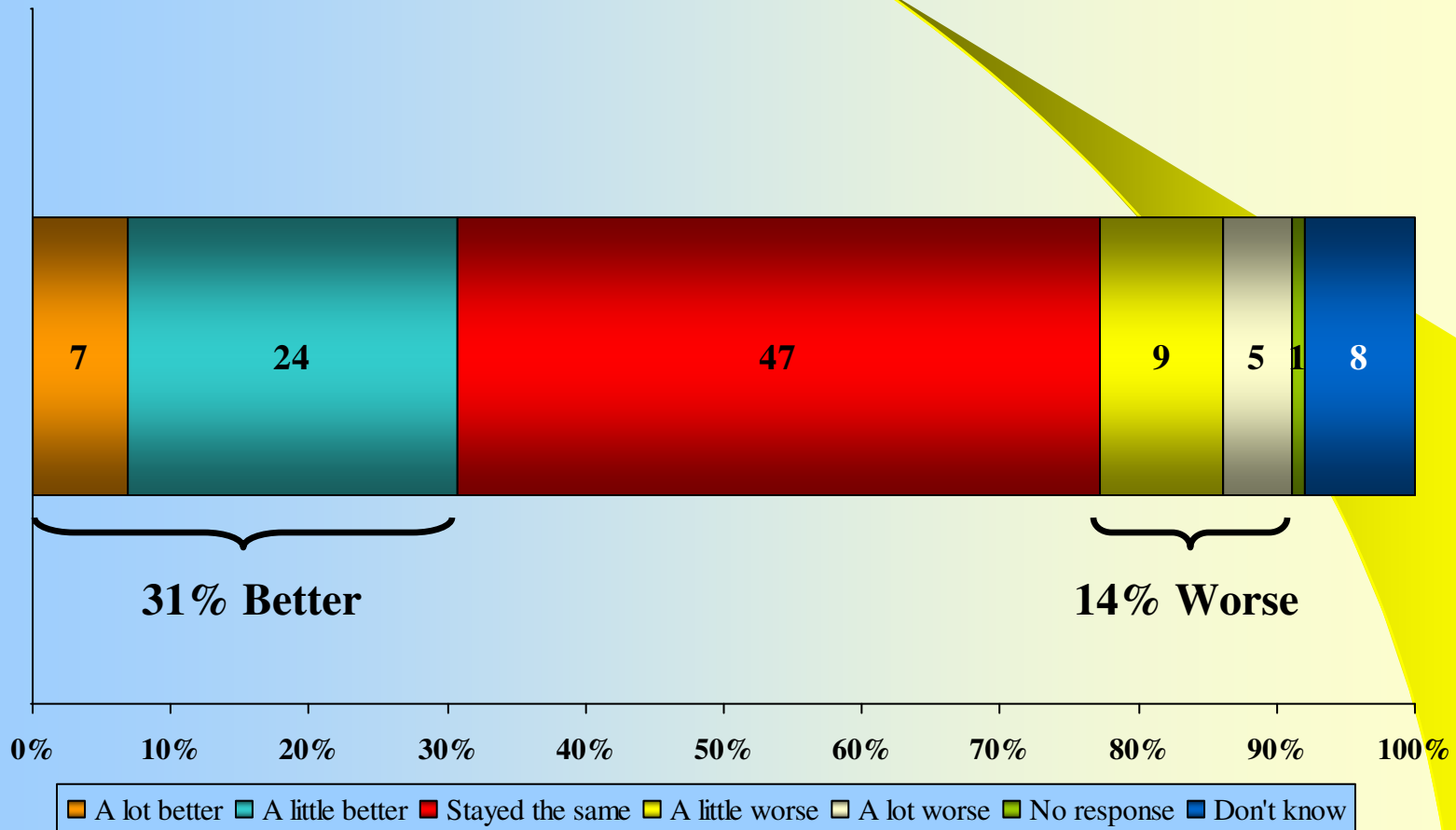
In your view, which of the following is mostly to blame for high prices?

Respondents who are very or somewhat concerned about high prices.

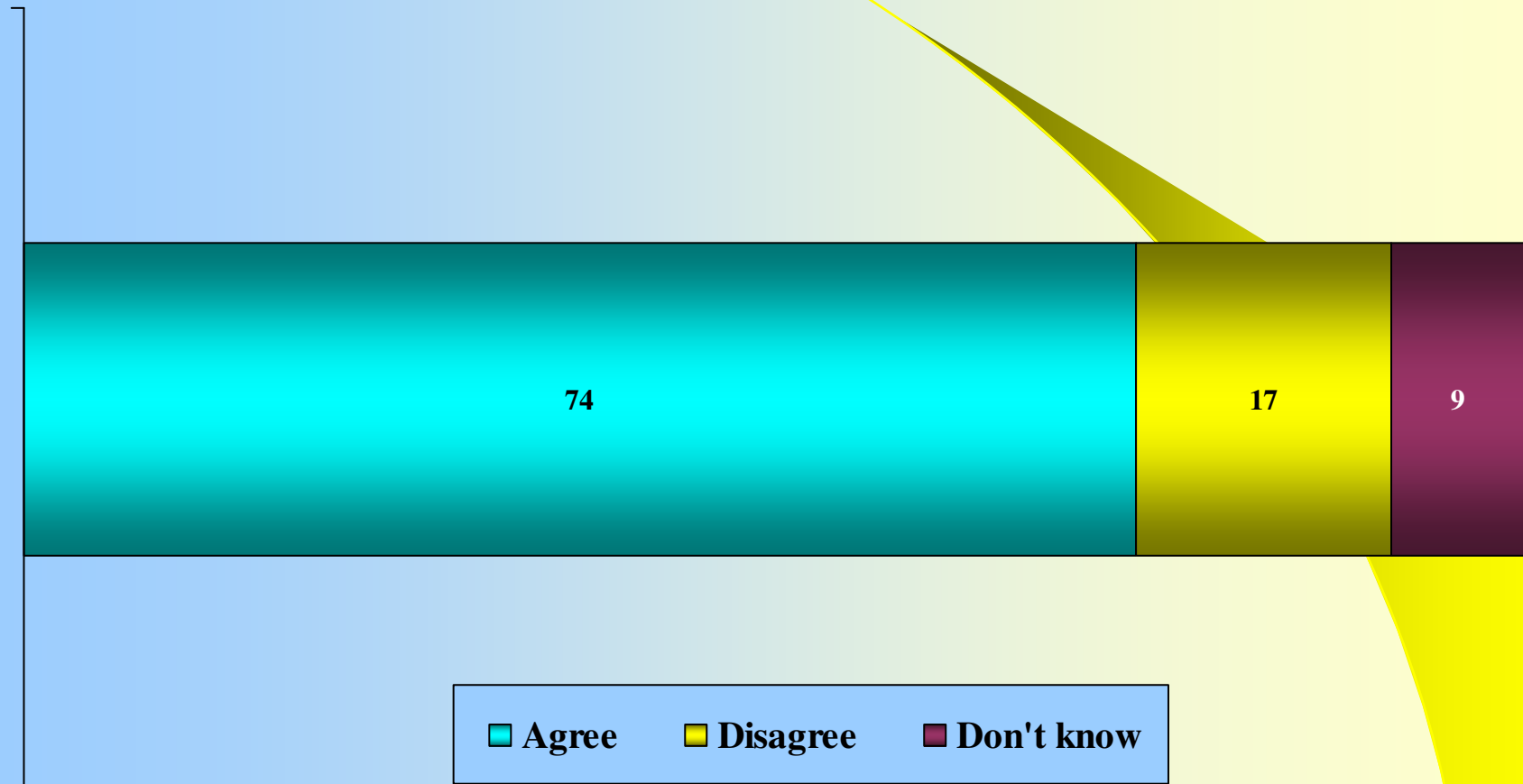
N=1,359



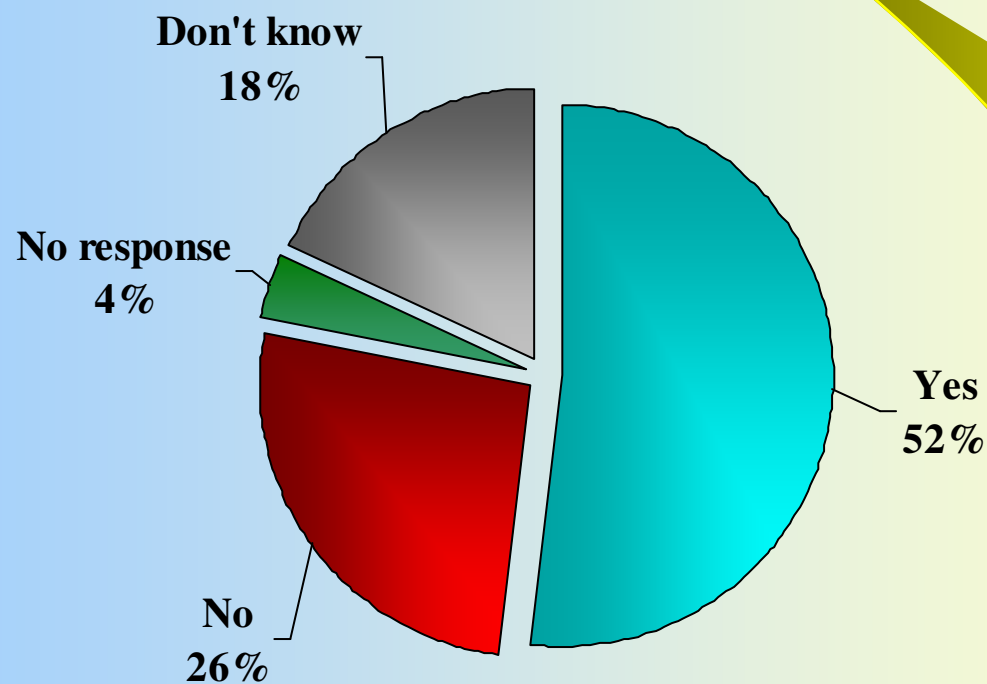
Compared to a few years ago, do you think corruption in Kazakhstan has gotten a lot better, gotten a little better, stayed the same, gotten a little worse or gotten a lot worse?



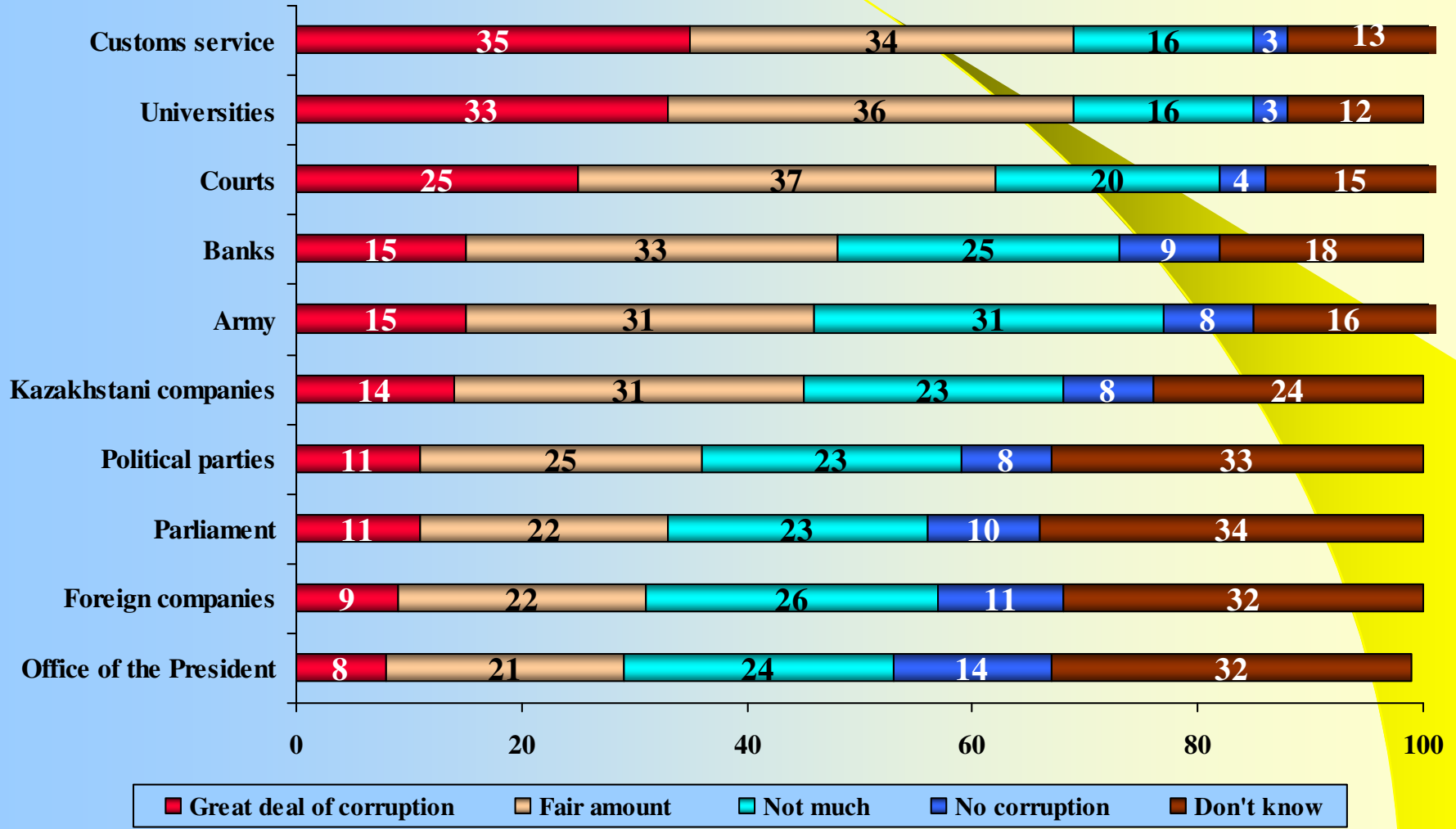
**How much do you agree with the following statement?
Bribery is a usual part of doing business in Kazakhstan.**



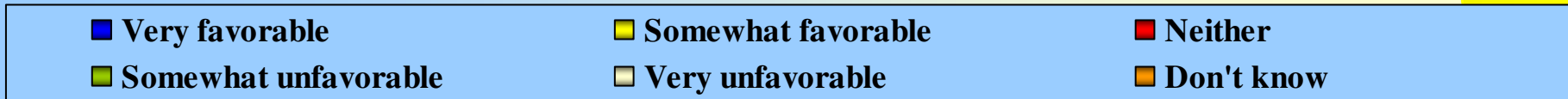
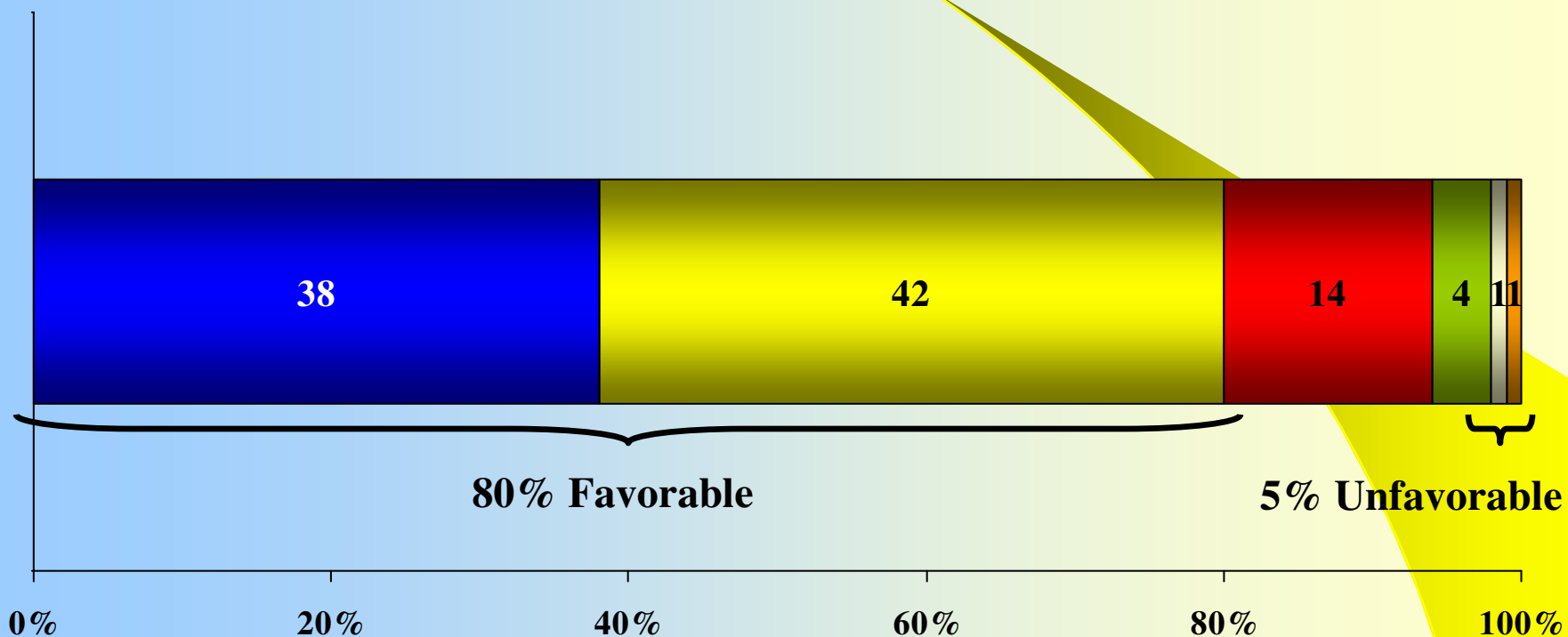
Thinking of the next few years, do you think that the current political leadership is capable of significantly reducing the level of corruption in Kazakhstan?



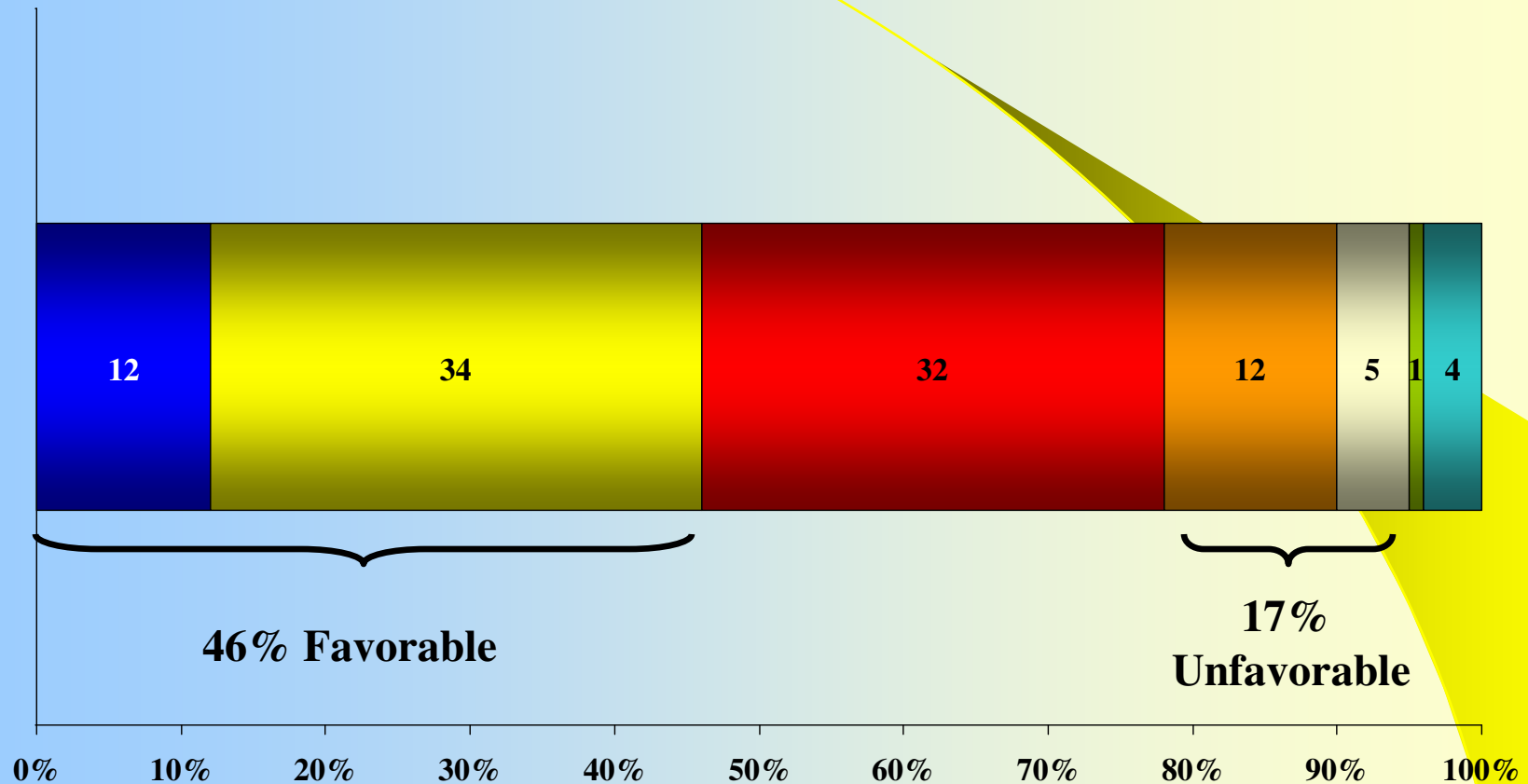
Please tell how much corruption you think there is among each of the following institutions. Do you think there is none, not very much, a fair amount or a great deal?



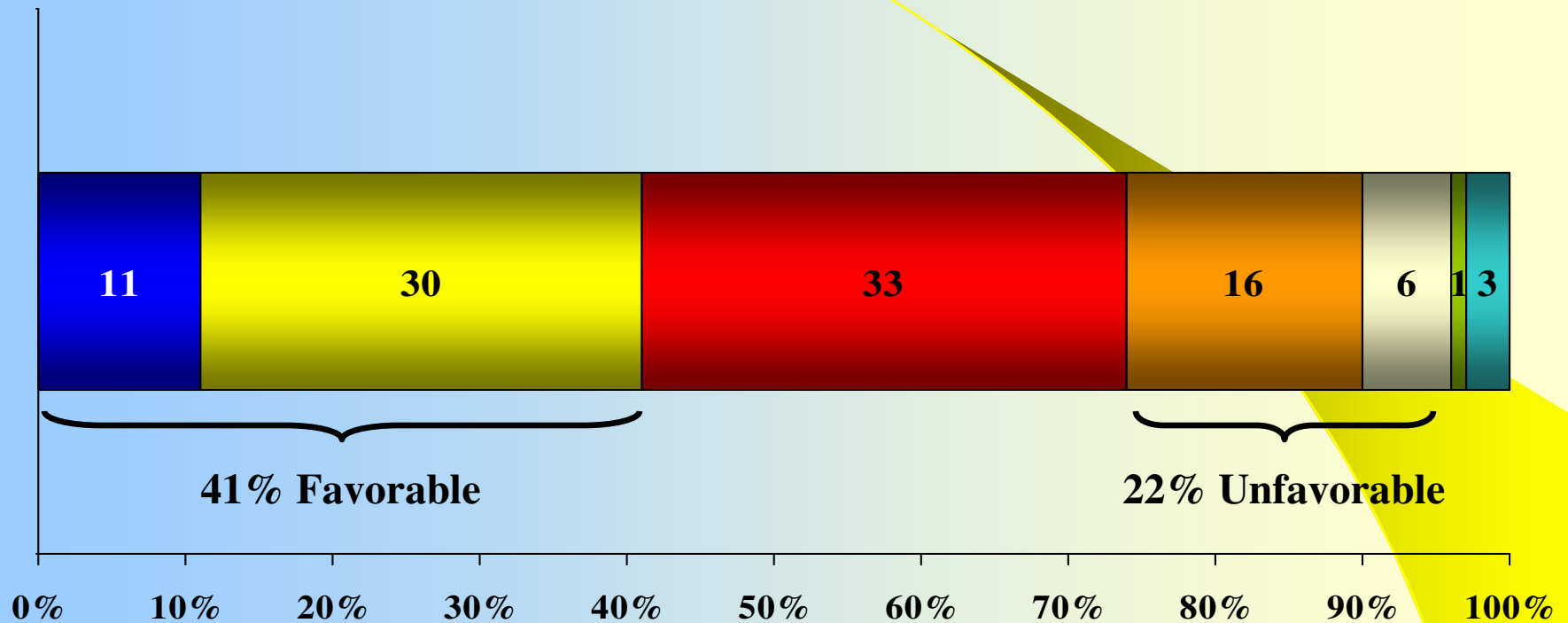
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Russia?



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of China?

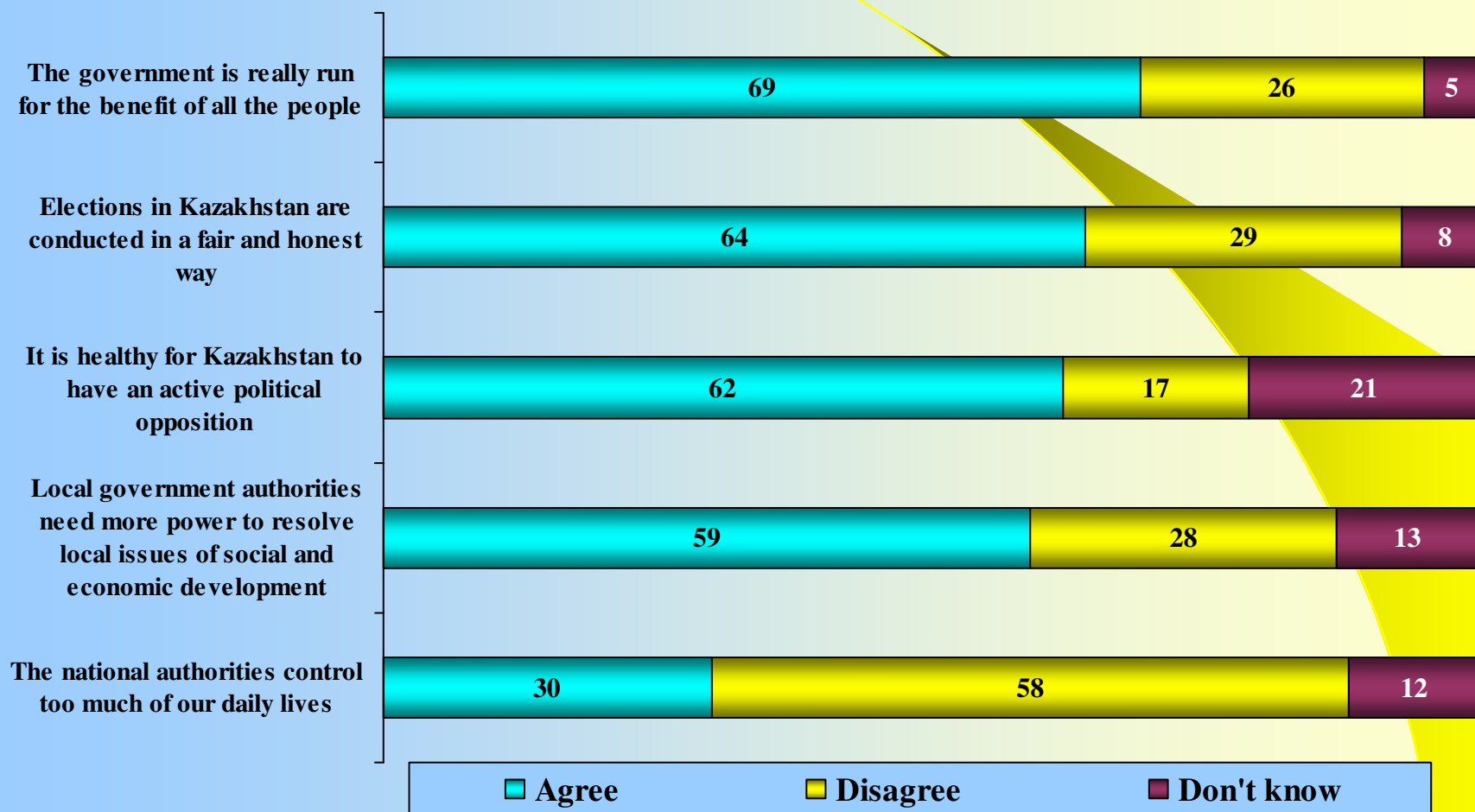


Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the USA?



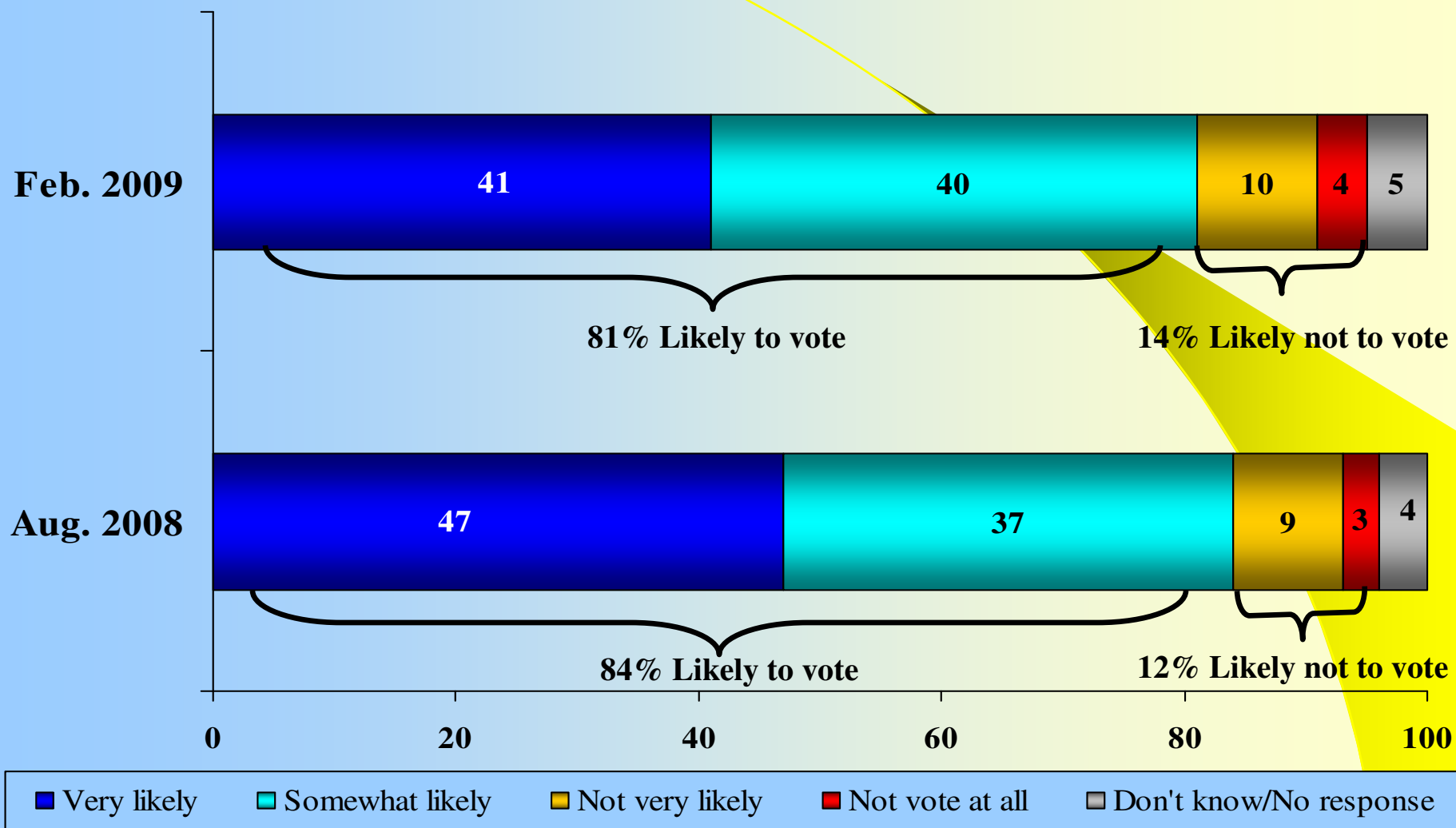
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| Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Neither | Somewhat unfavorable |
| Very unfavorable | No answer | Don't know | |

How much do you agree with each of following statements?



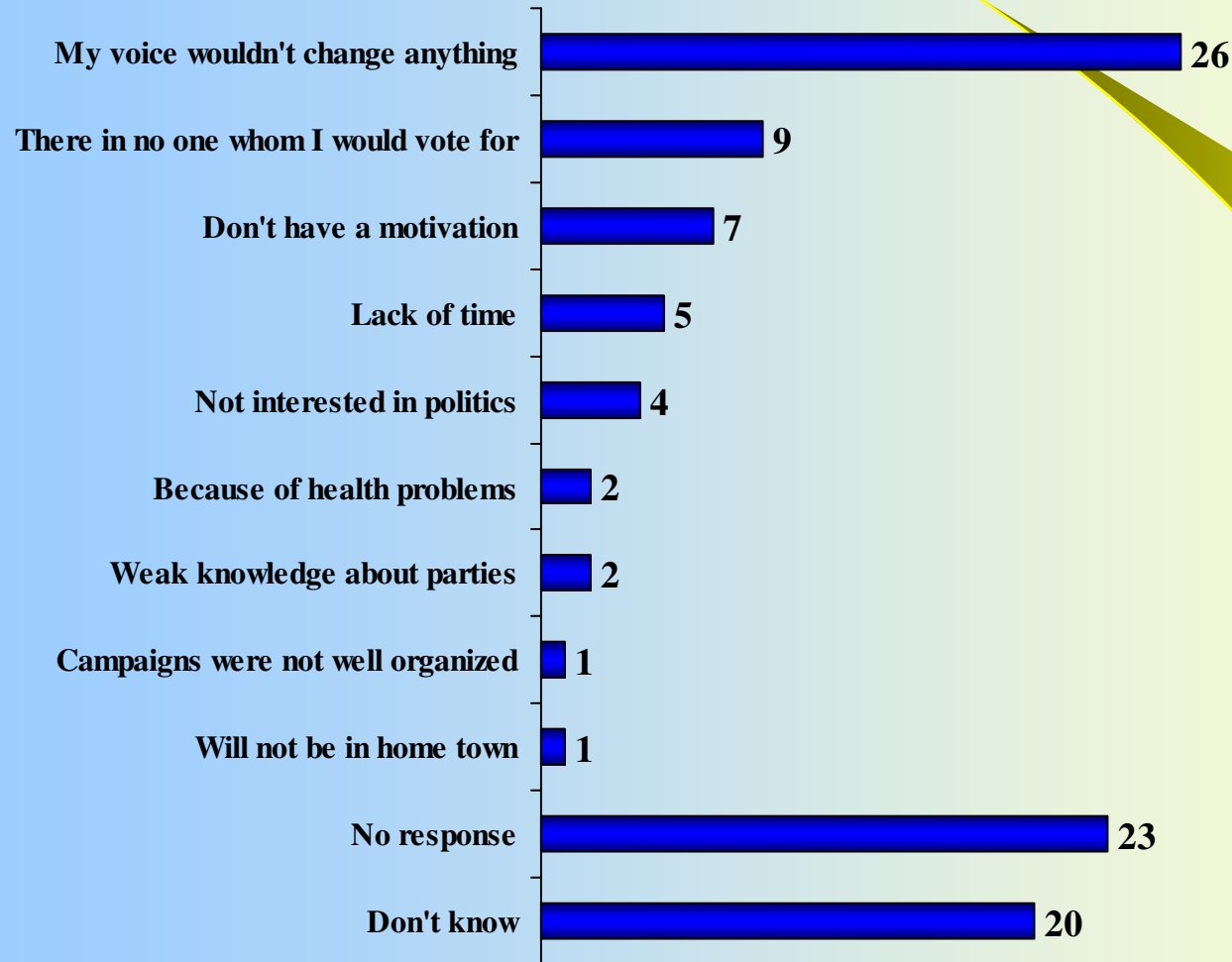
ELECTION INDEX

If parliamentary elections were held next week, how likely is it that you would vote?

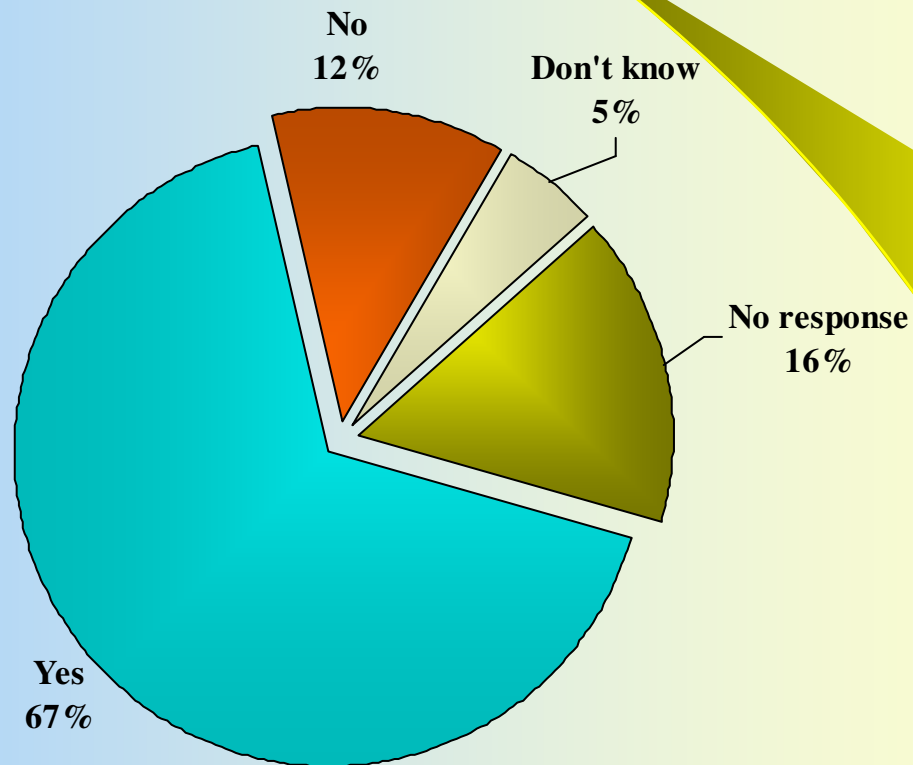


If parliamentary elections were held next week, why wouldn't you vote?

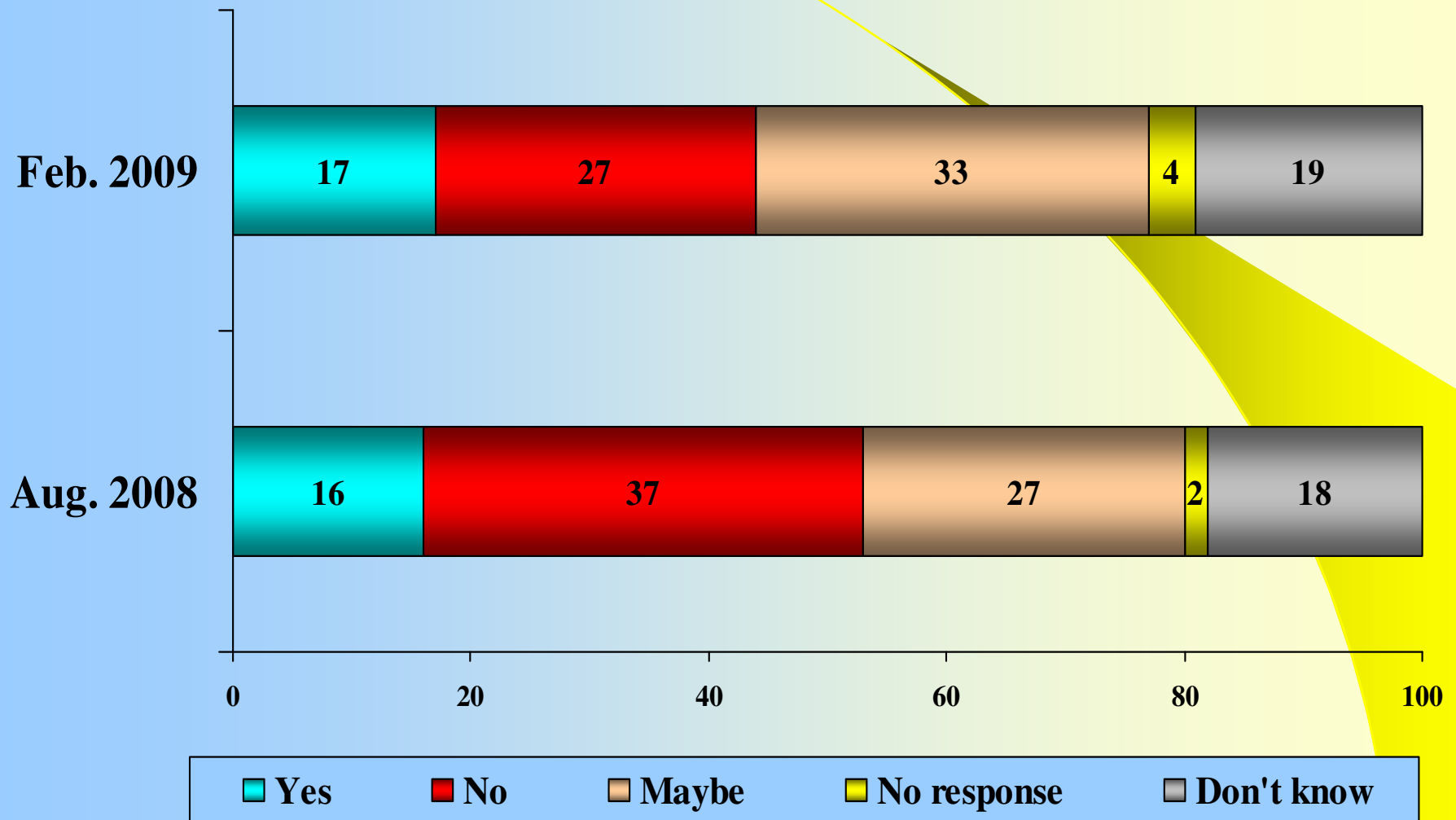
(If not very likely to vote or not at all. N=213)



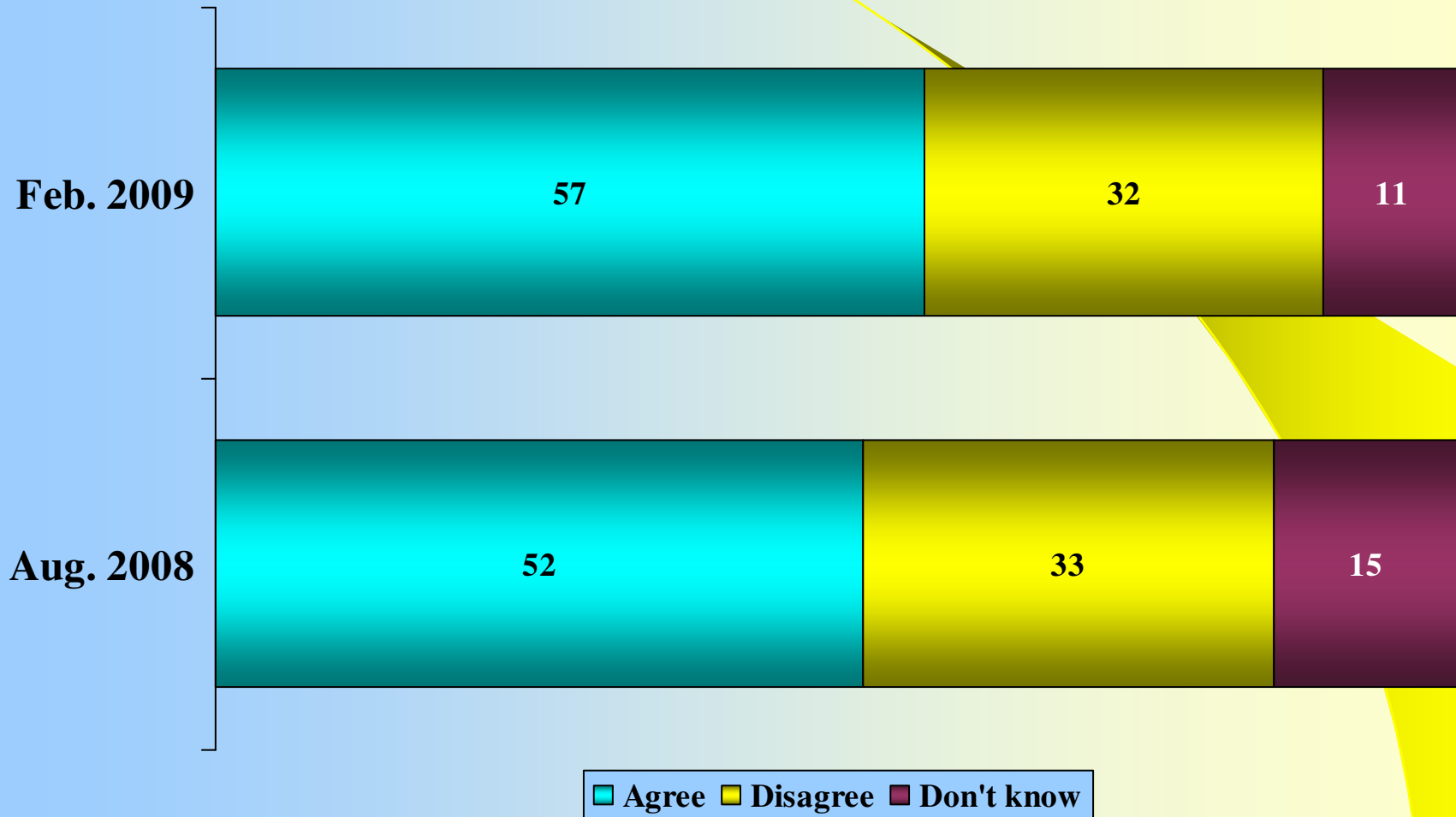
Will elections held under President Nazarbaev be free and fair?



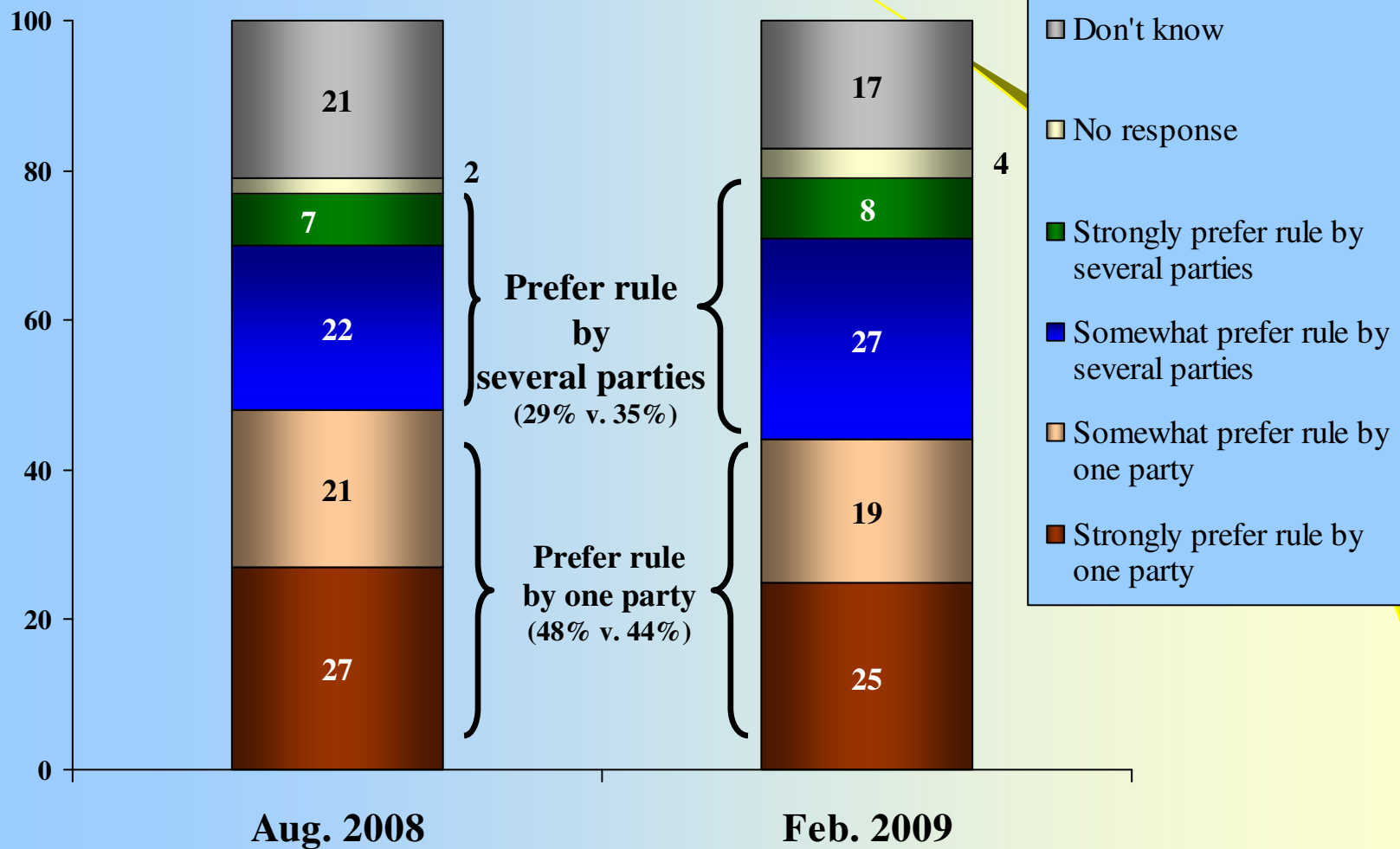
If the opposition political parties decided to form a Grand Opposition Alliance, would you support this Grand Alliance or not?



**How much do you agree with the following statement?
President Nazarbaev should be allowed to stay in office
for an unlimited number of terms.**

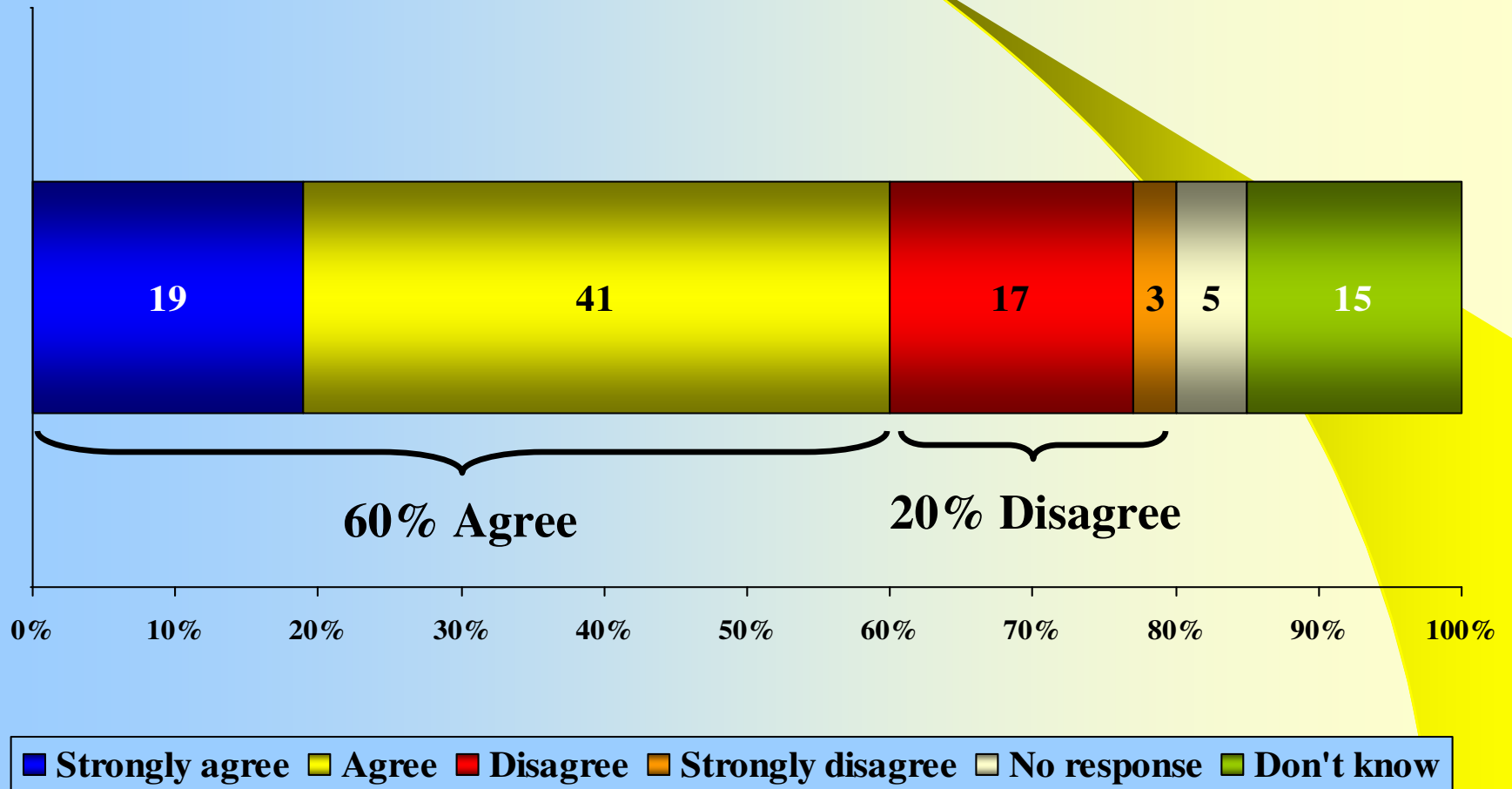


In principle, do you prefer rule by one party or by a coalition of several parties?

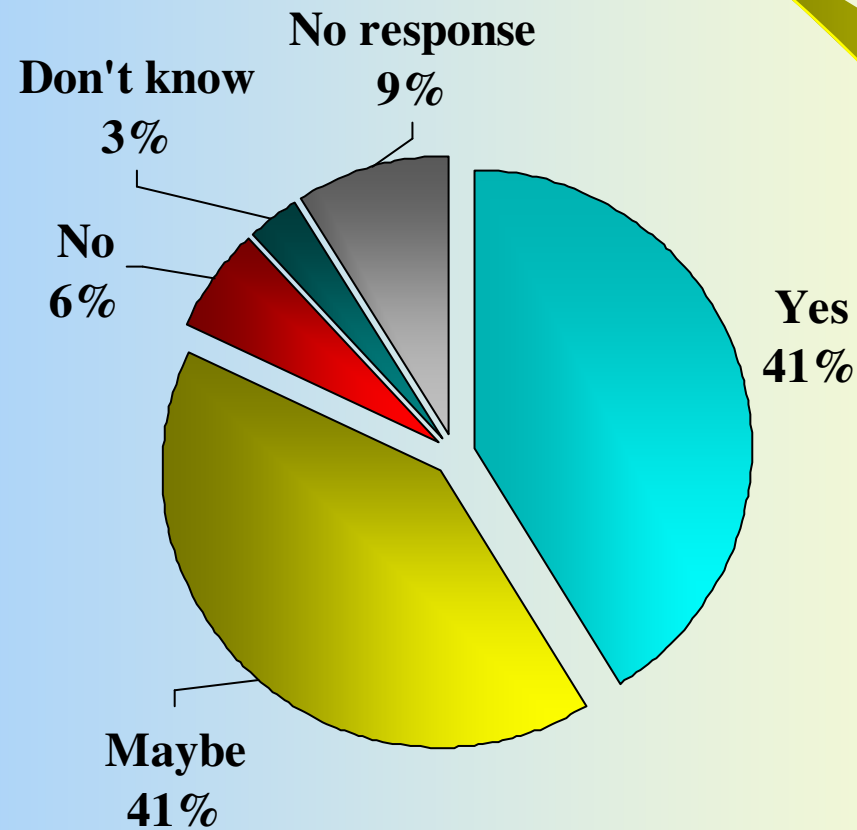


OTHER ISSUES

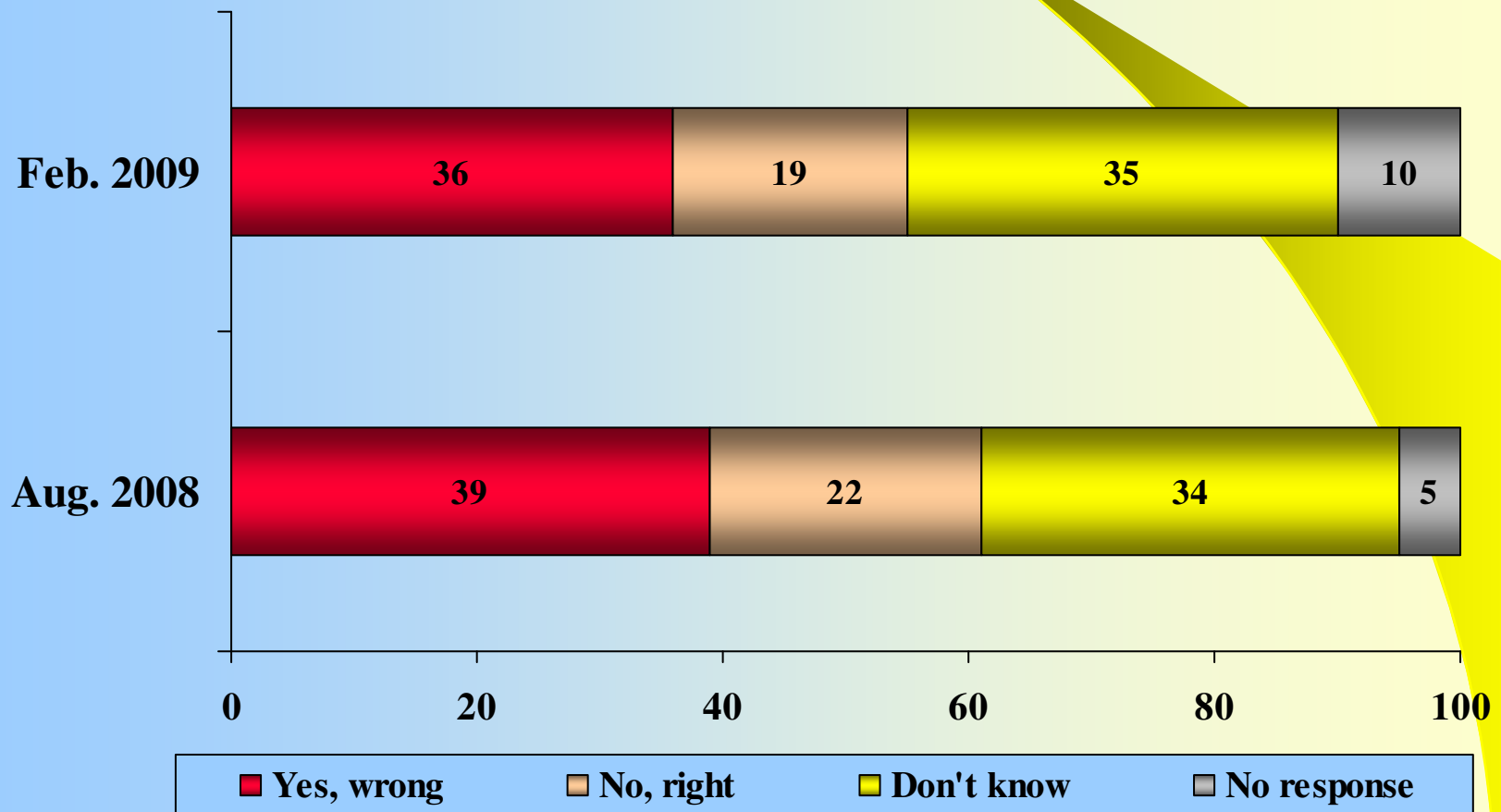
**How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
Only under democracy will the government be forced to do something
about the economy, unemployment and corruption?**



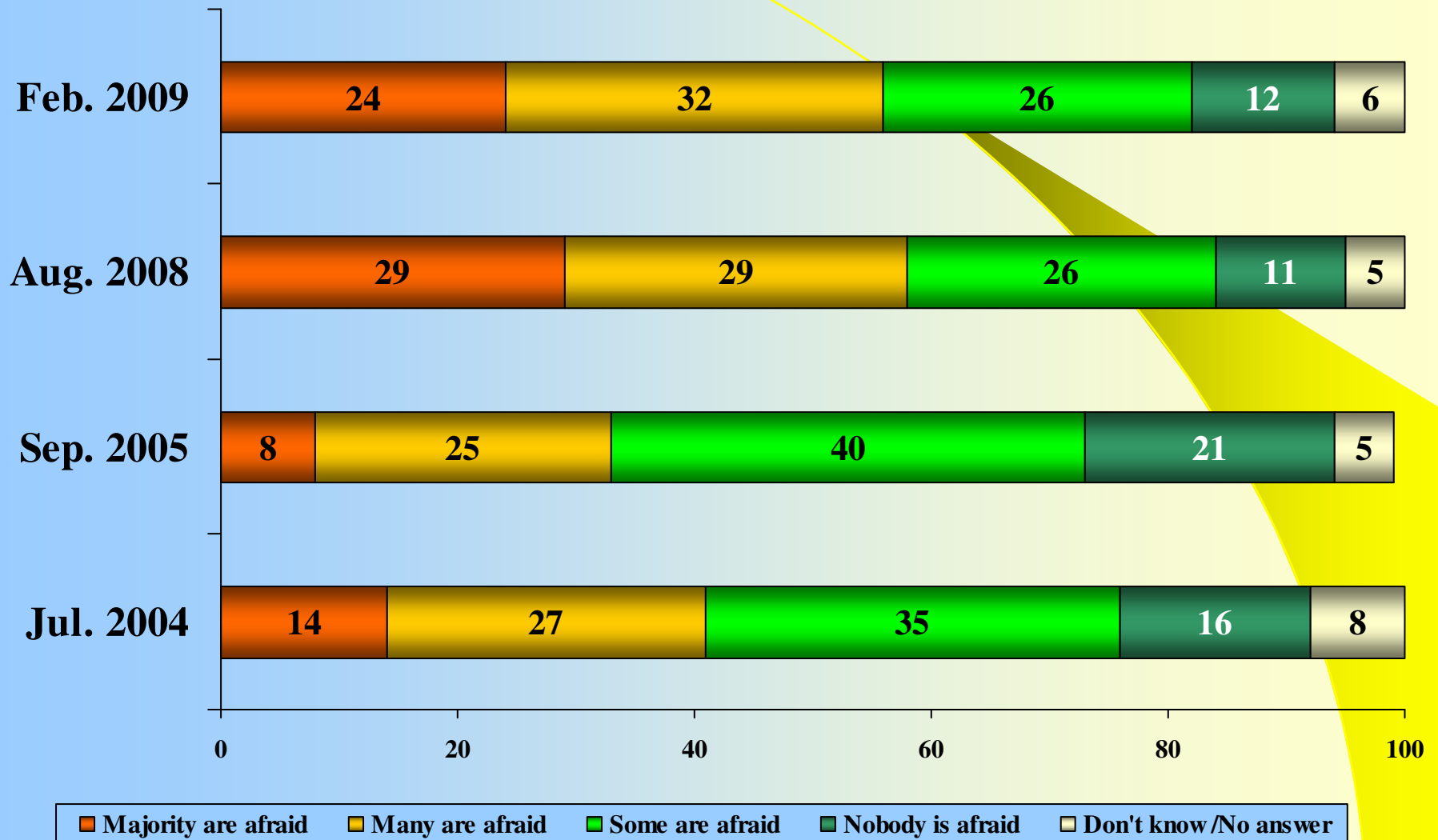
Do you believe that democracy is the right form of government for Kazakhstan?



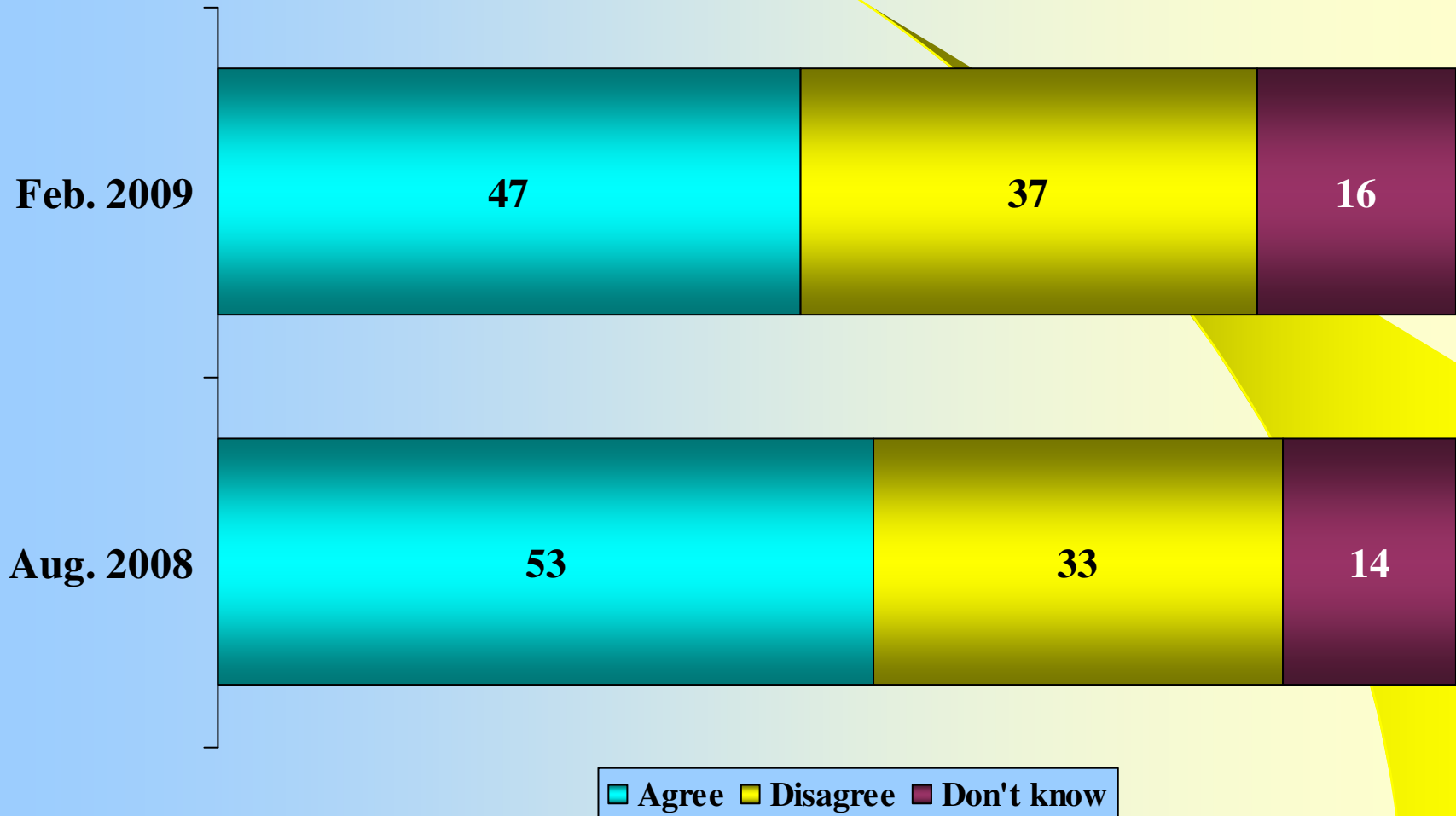
Since Democratic Choice of Kazakhstan was banned in 2005, its successor Alga has been unable to obtain registration with the Ministry of Justice. Do you believe that it is wrong for the government to deny legal status to a major opposition party?



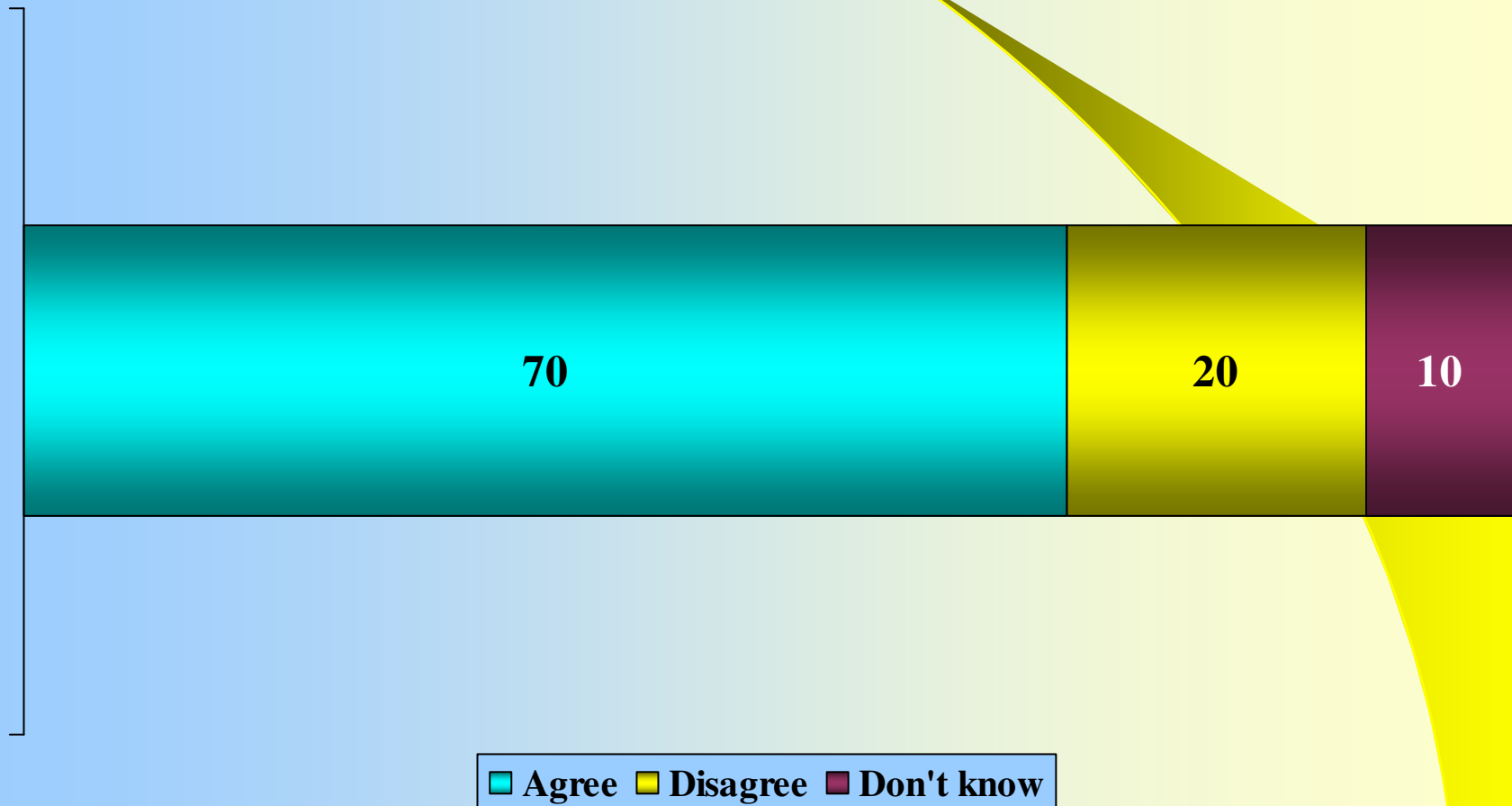
Are people in Kazakhstan afraid to openly express their political views?



How much do you agree with the following statement? Religious extremism is a threat to Kazakhstan.

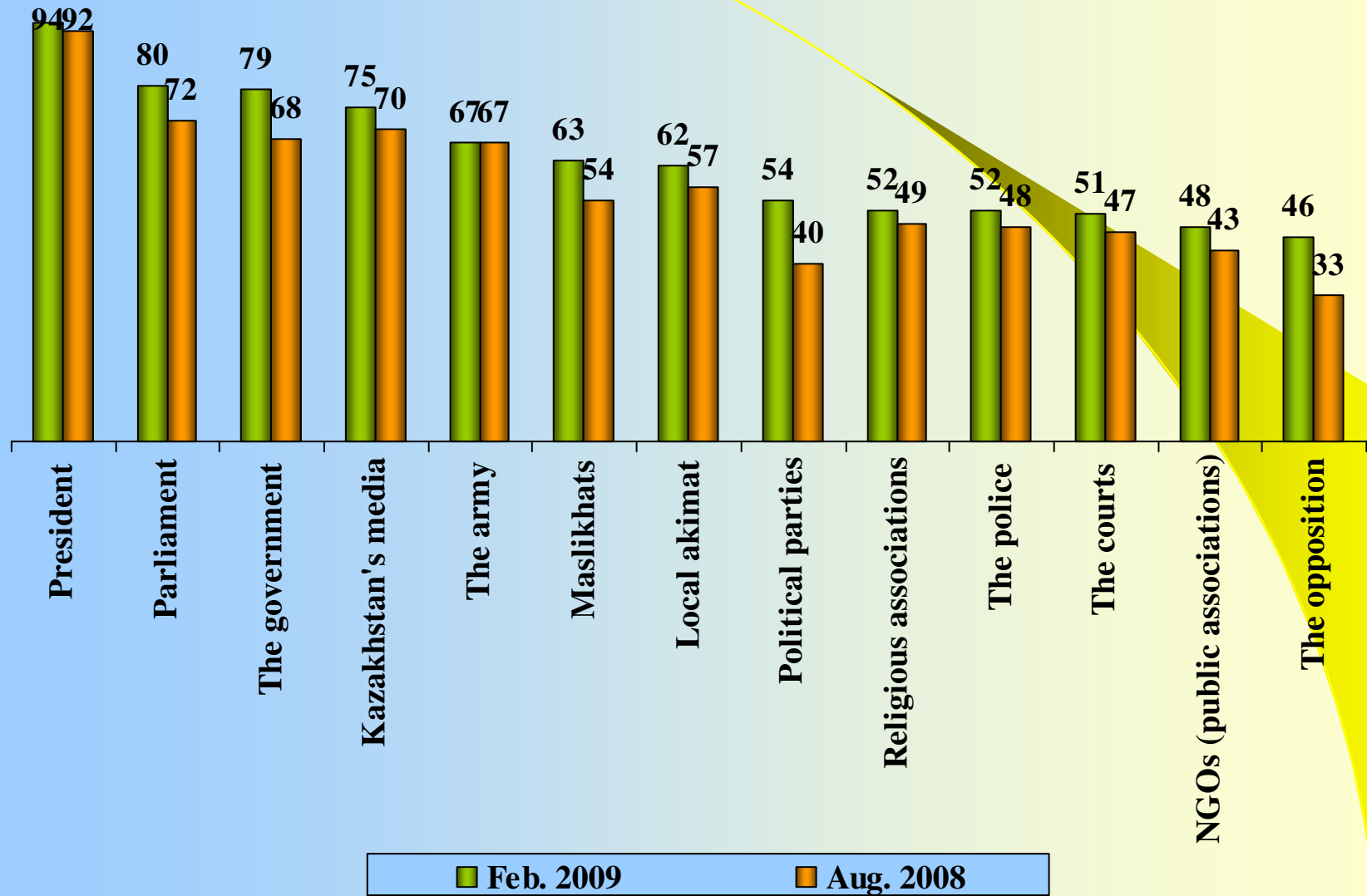


**How much do you agree with the following statement?
The Government should implement more policies that
promote Kazakh language.**

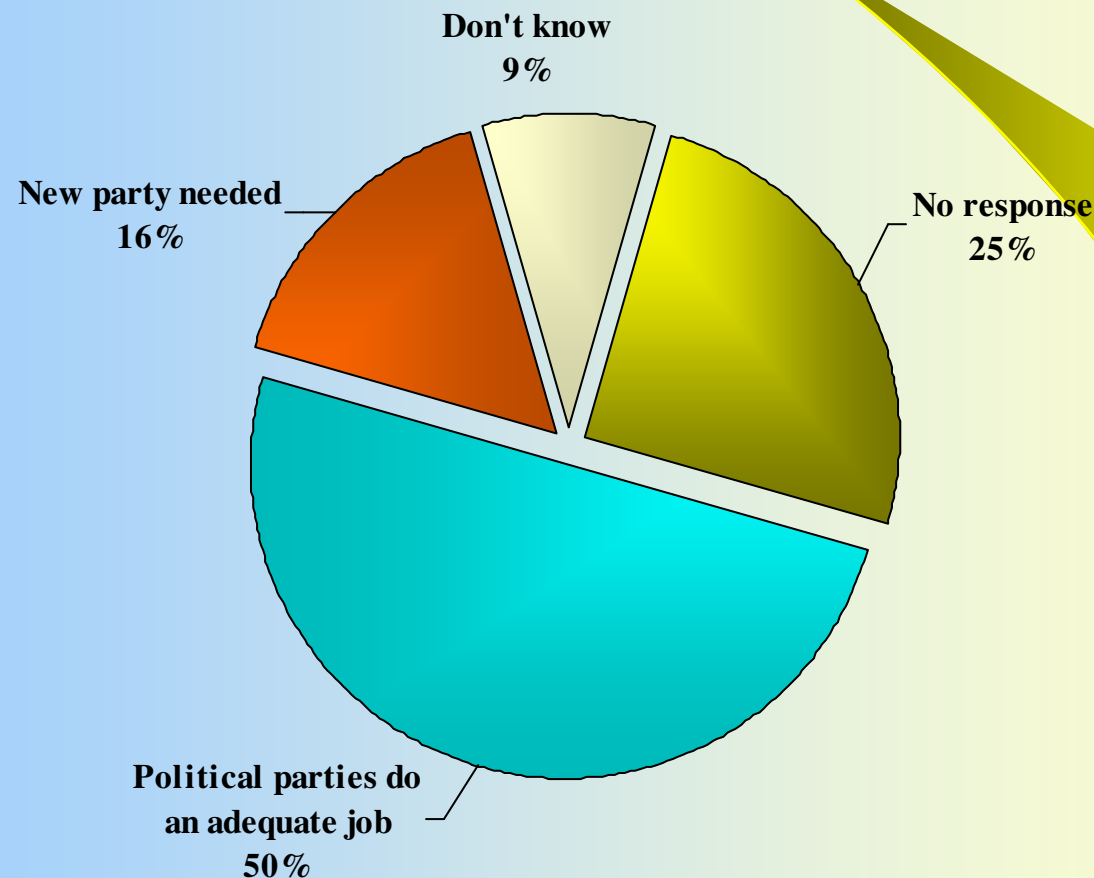


INSTITUTIONAL RATINGS

How would you rate each of the following institutions? (Favorable)

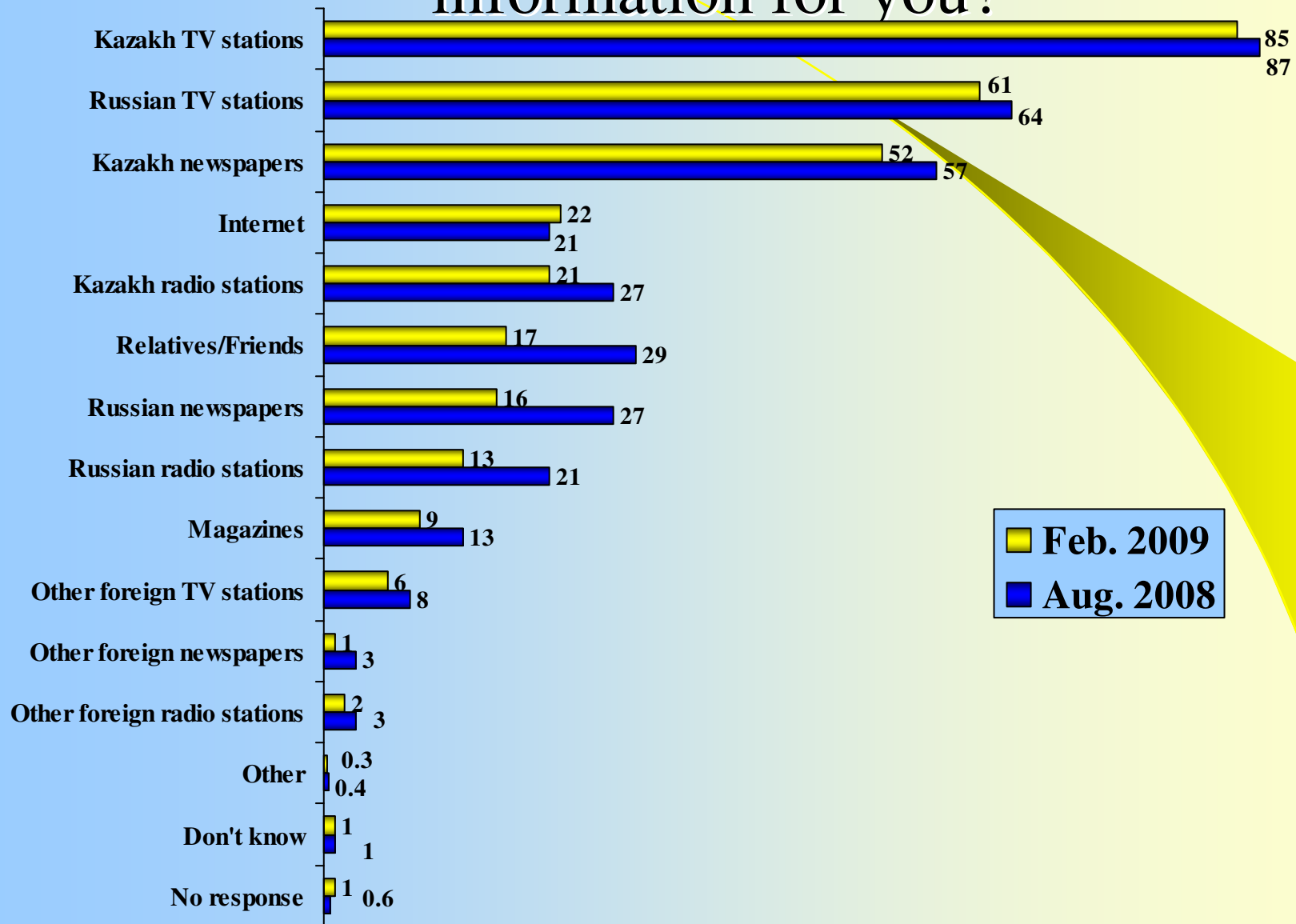


Do existing political parties do an adequate job of representing the Kazakhstani people, or do they do such a poor job that a new party is needed?

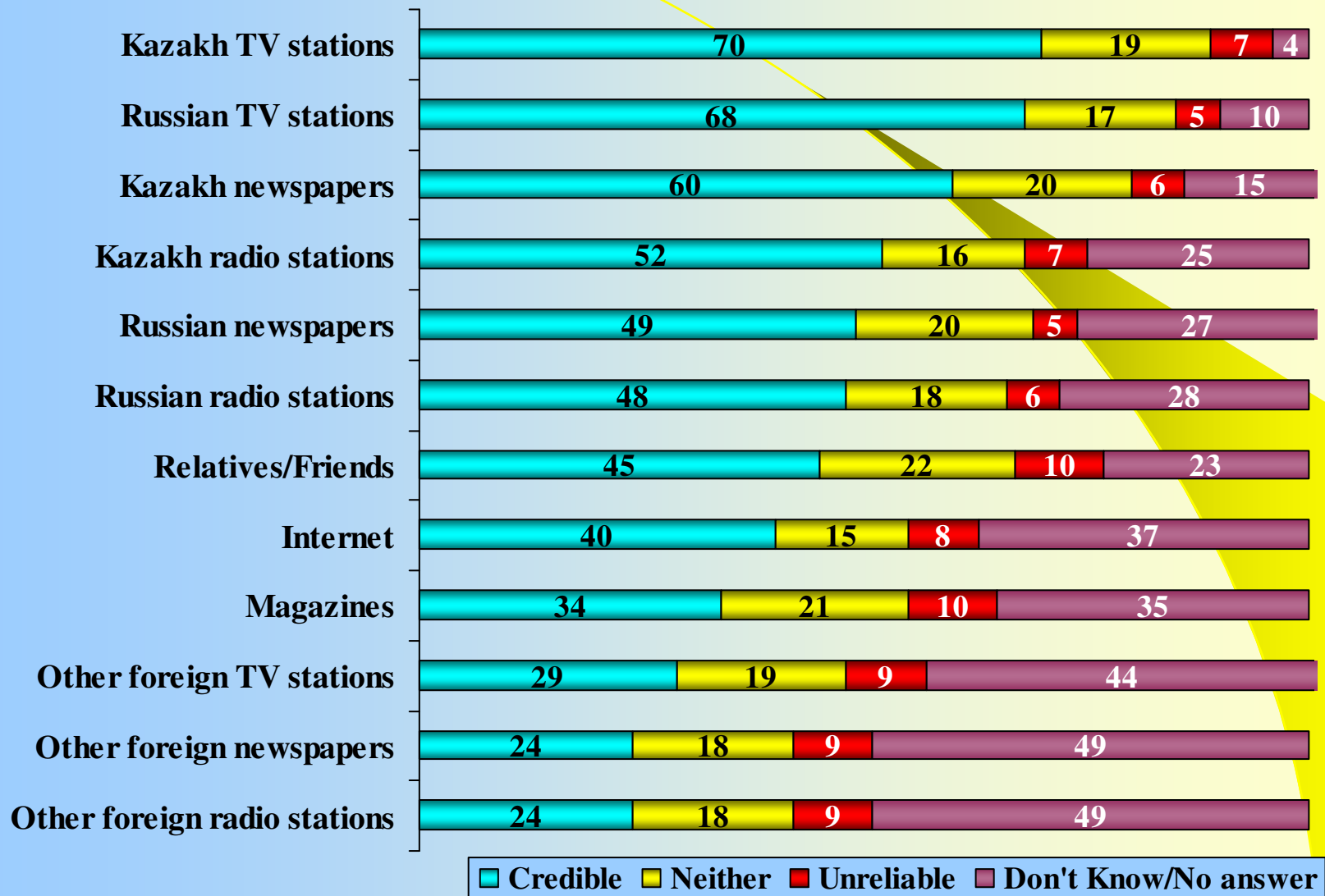


SOURCES OF INFORMATION

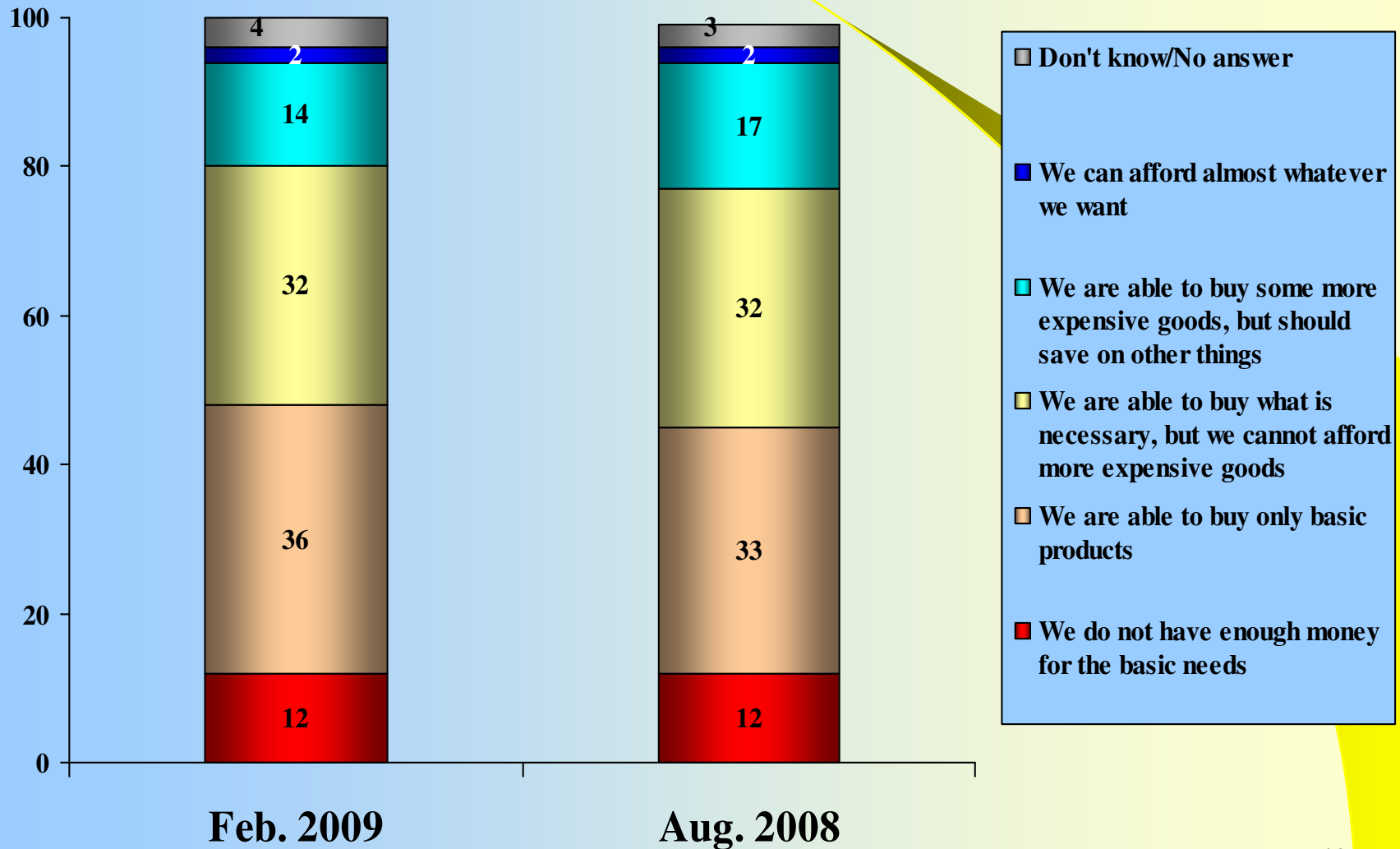
What are the main sources of political information for you?



How do you evaluate the credibility of each of these information sources on a scale of one to five, where one means very unreliable and five means very credible?

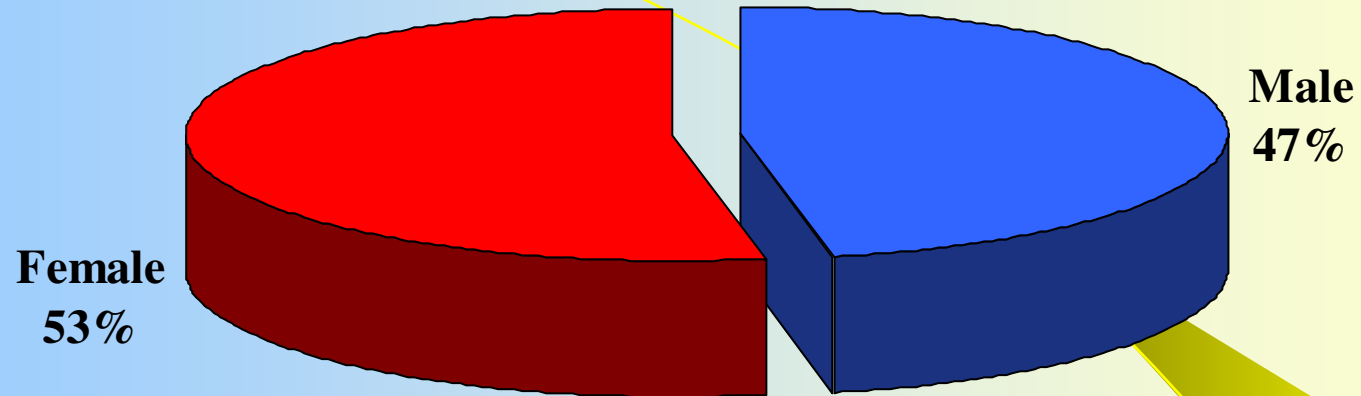


How would you evaluate the incomes of your household?

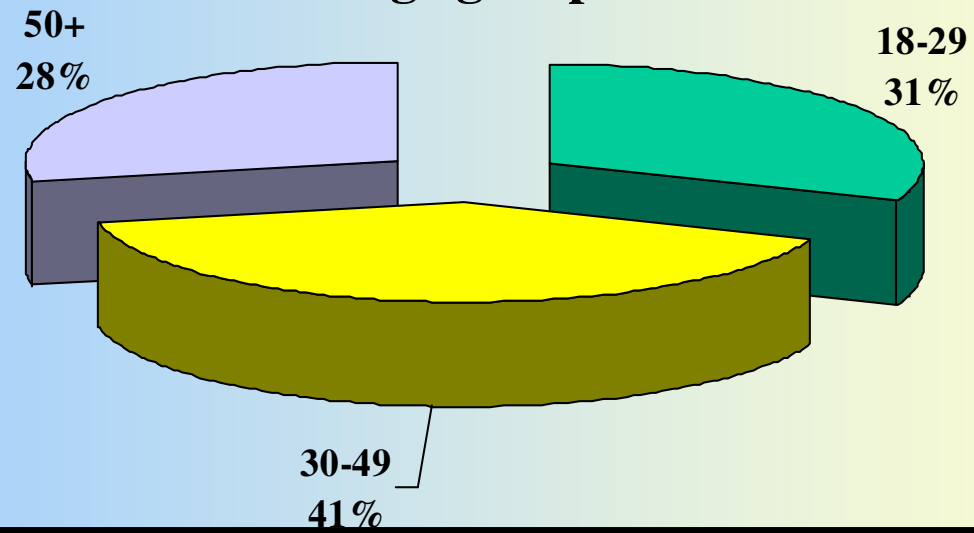


SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

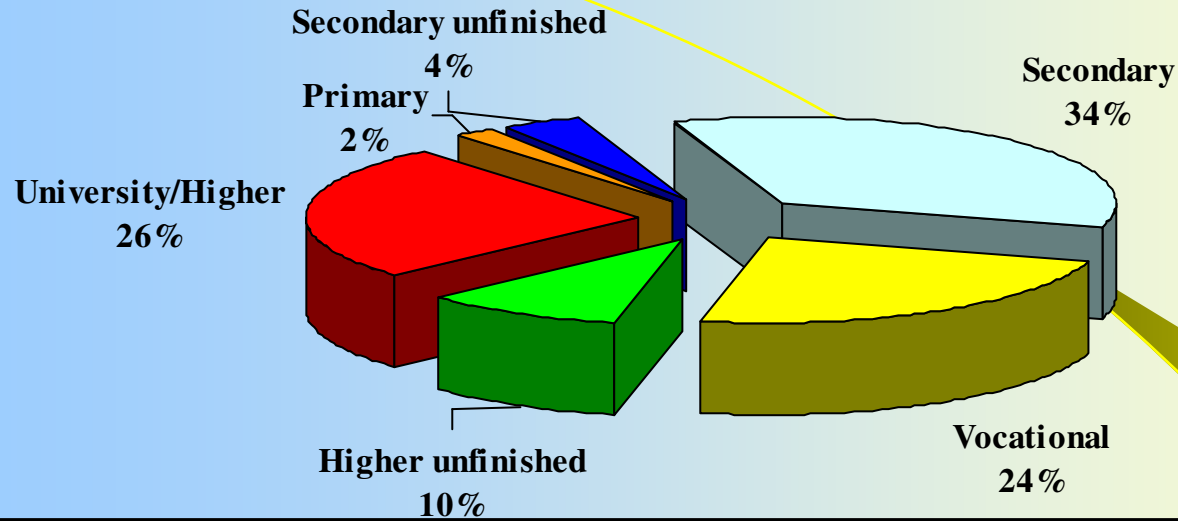
Gender



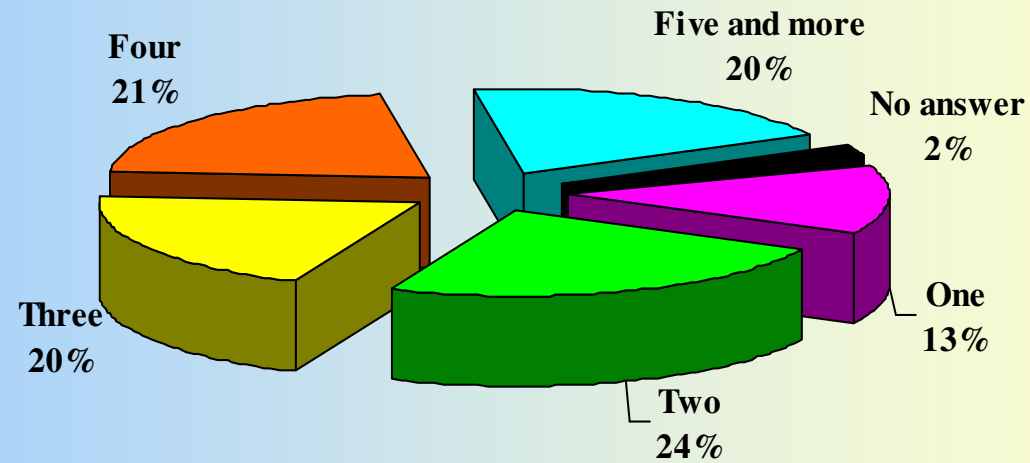
Age groups



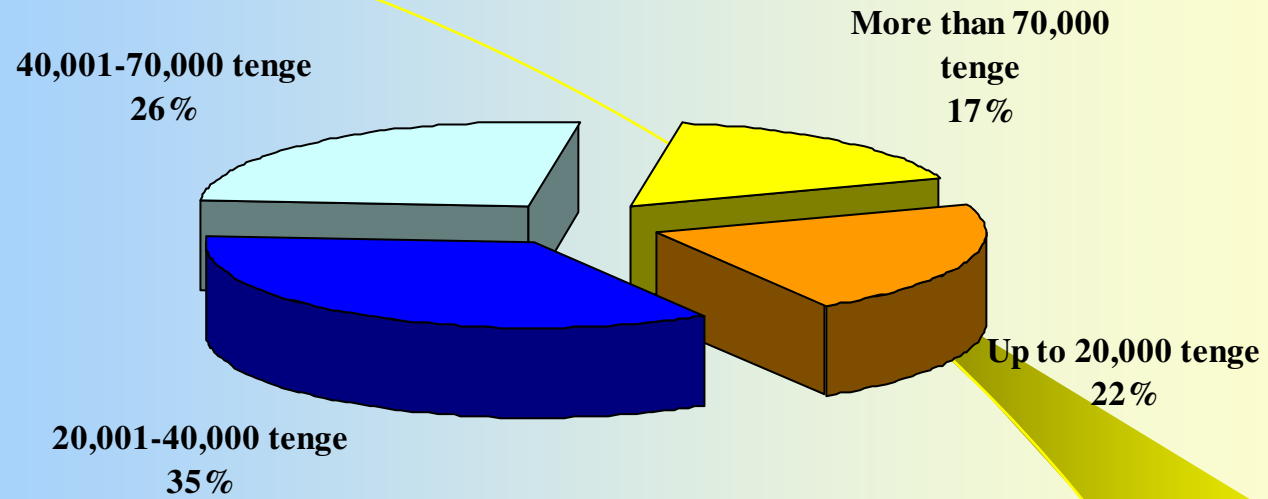
Education



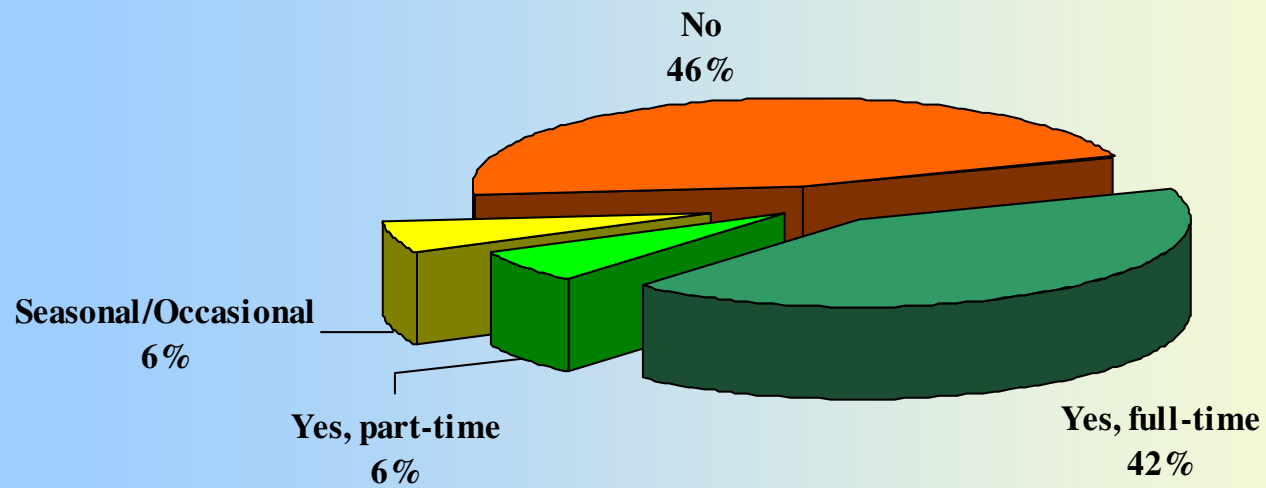
Household size



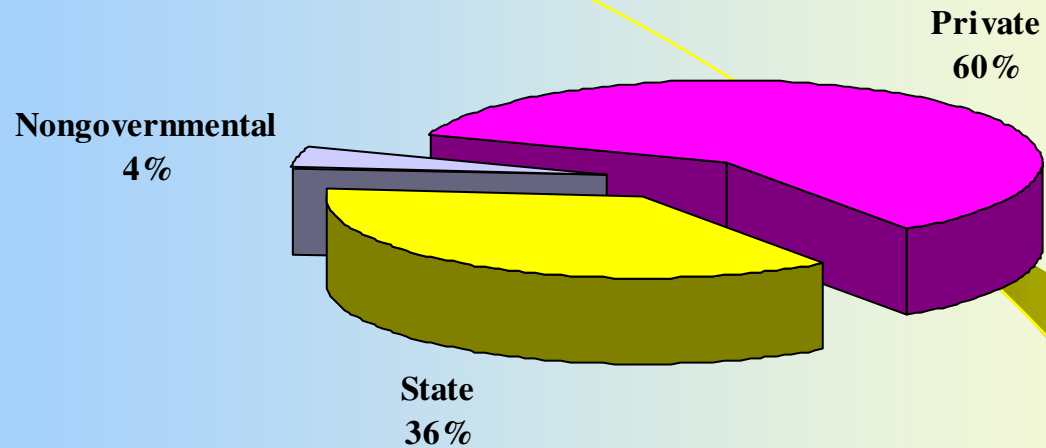
Household income



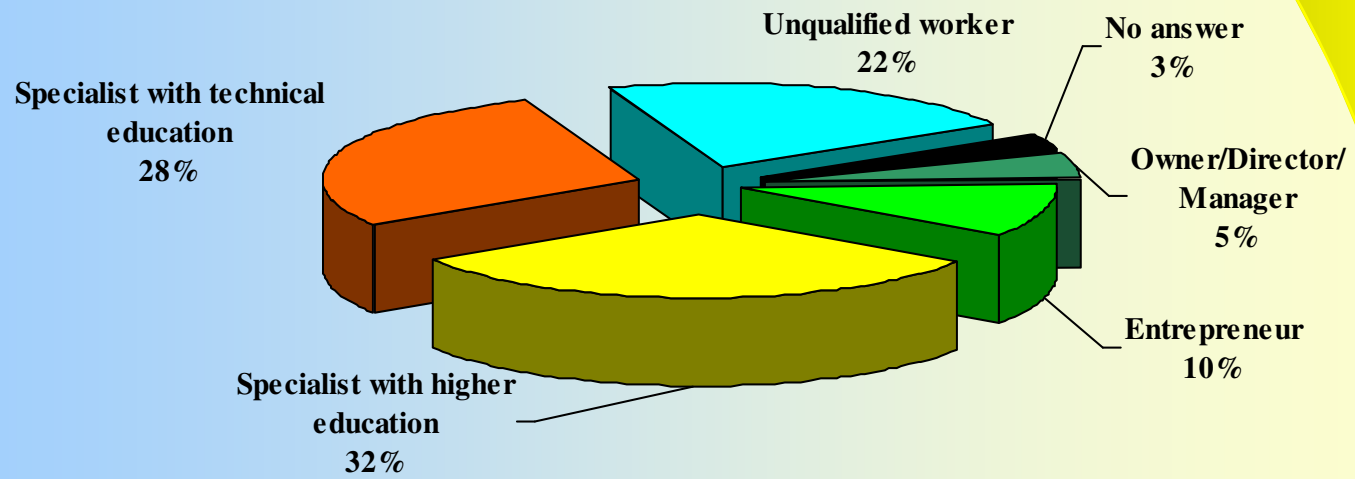
Working status

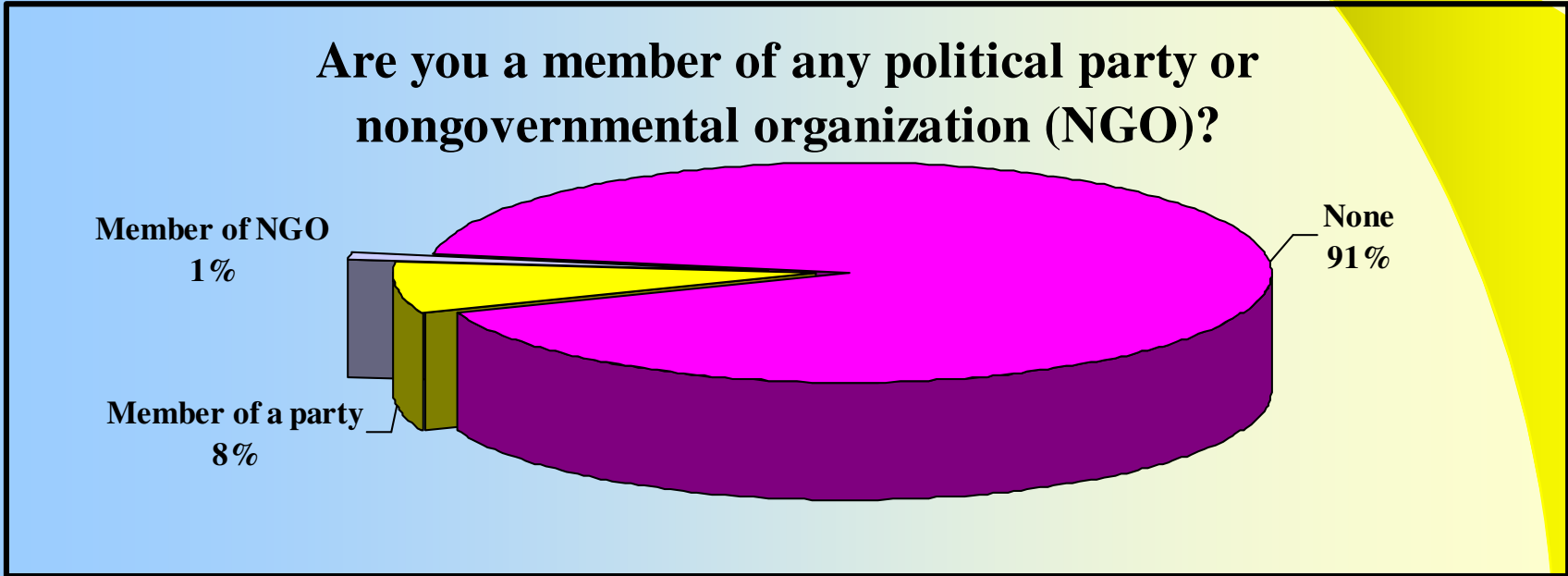
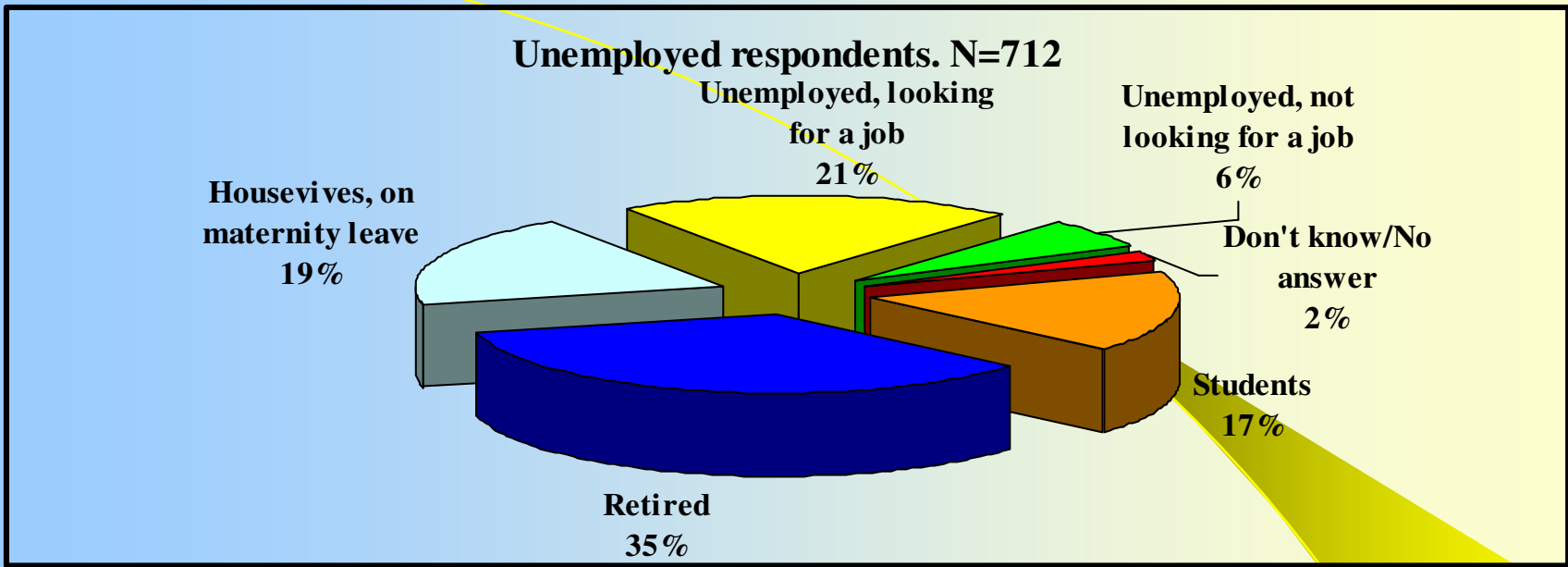


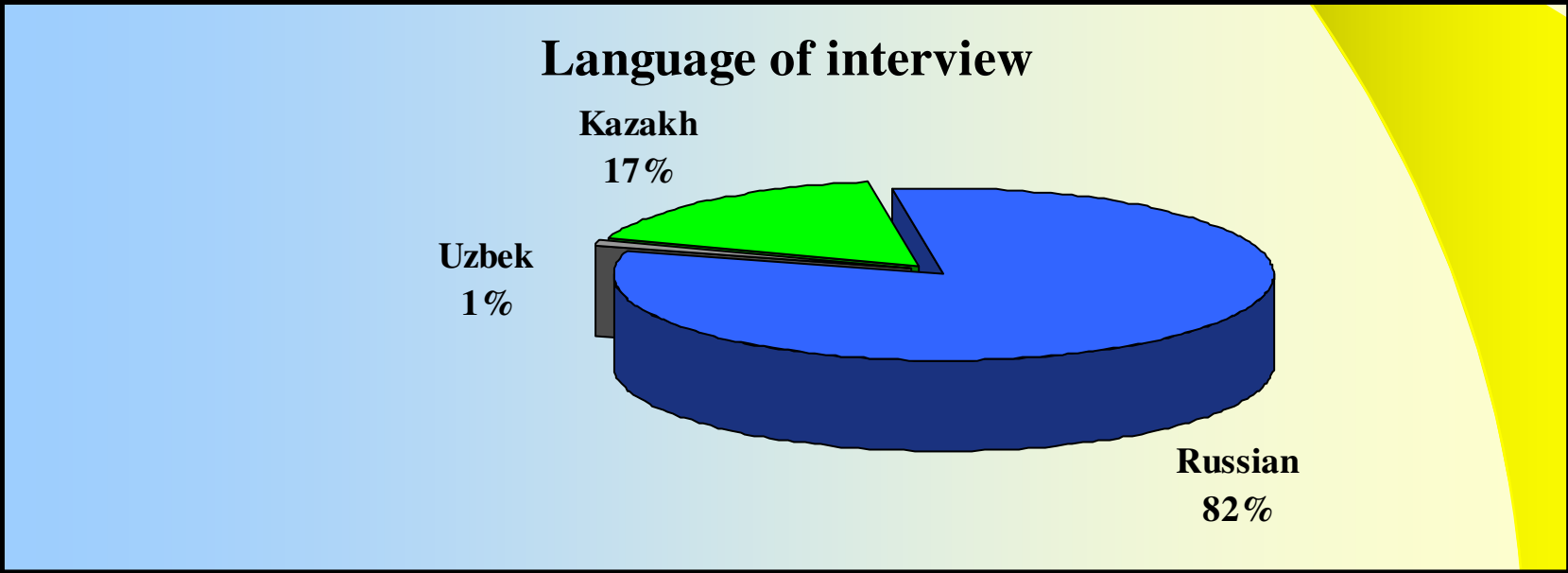
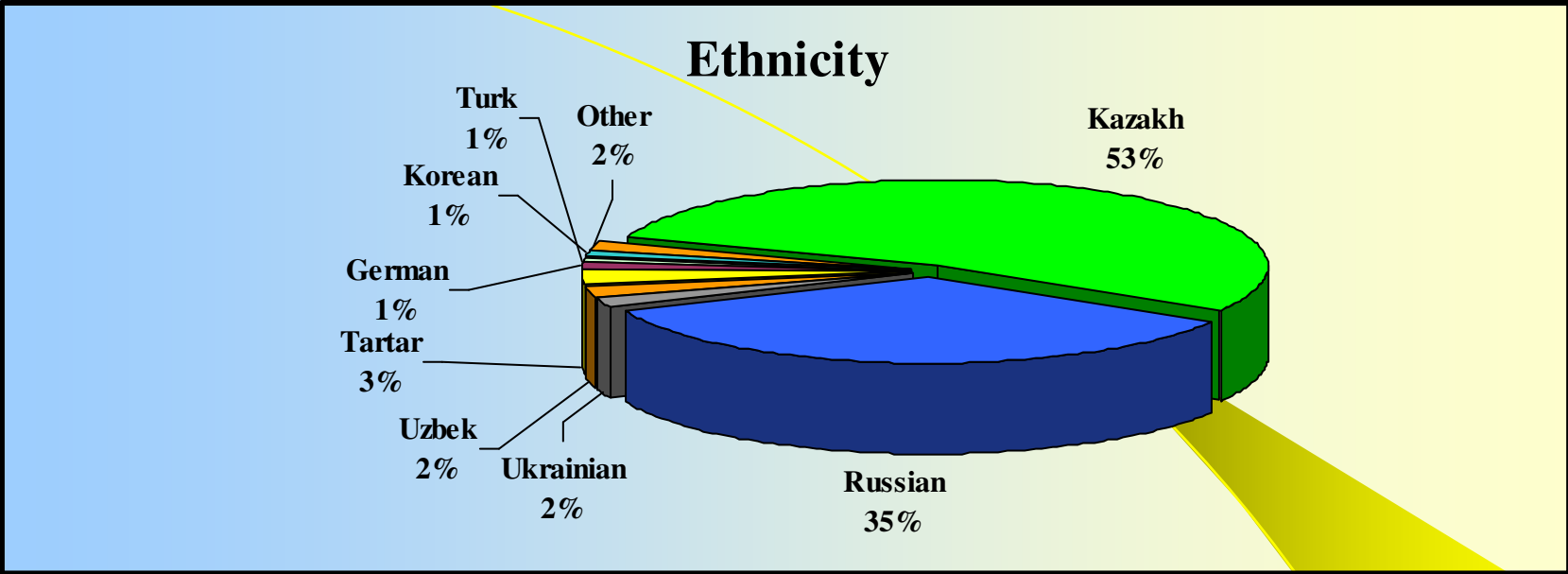
Sector of employed respondents. N=808



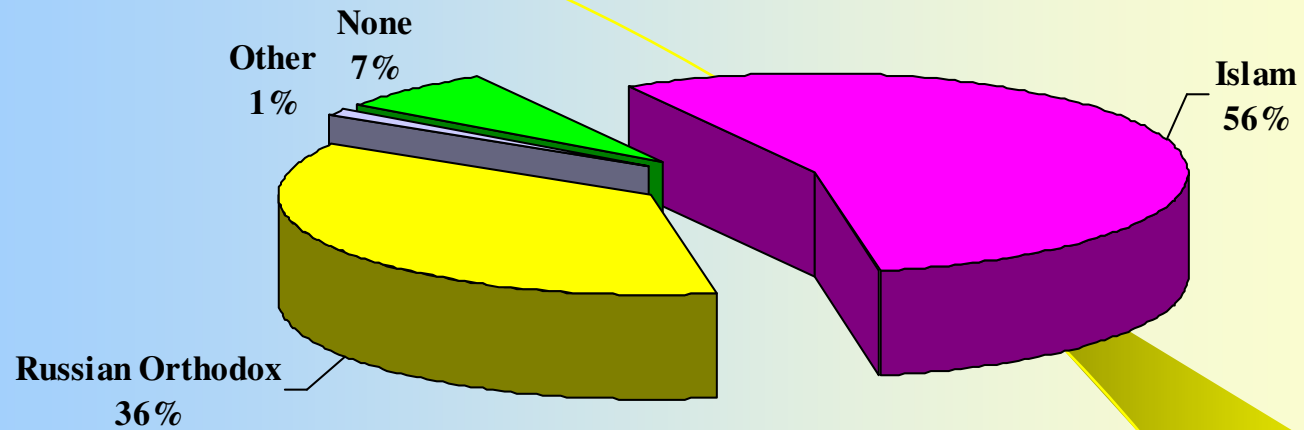
Occupations of employed respondents. N=808



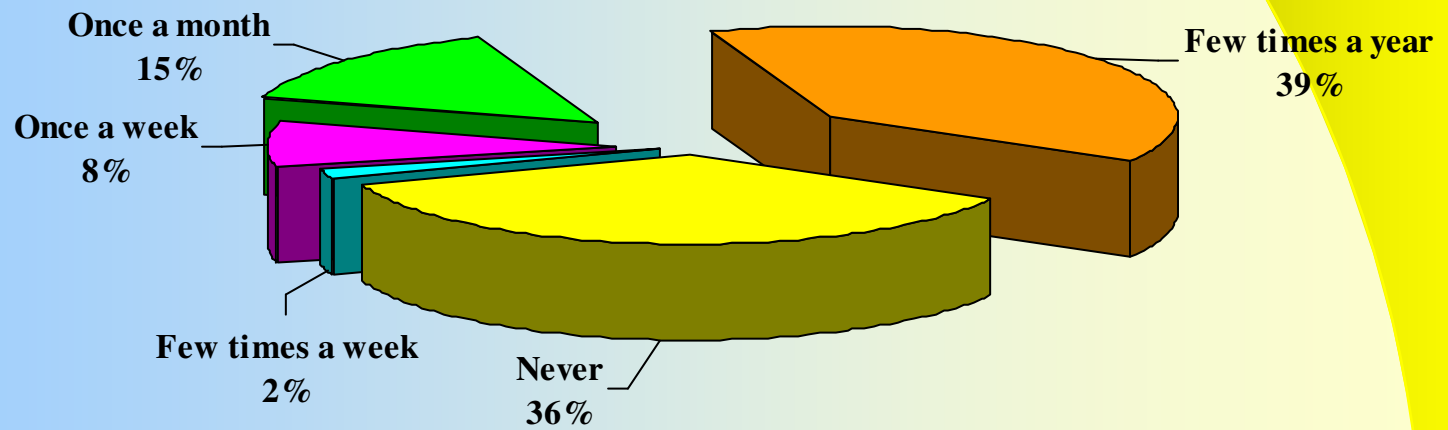




Religion



Attendance of religious service



Region

