



Afghanistan Public Opinion Survey: July 16-26, 2009

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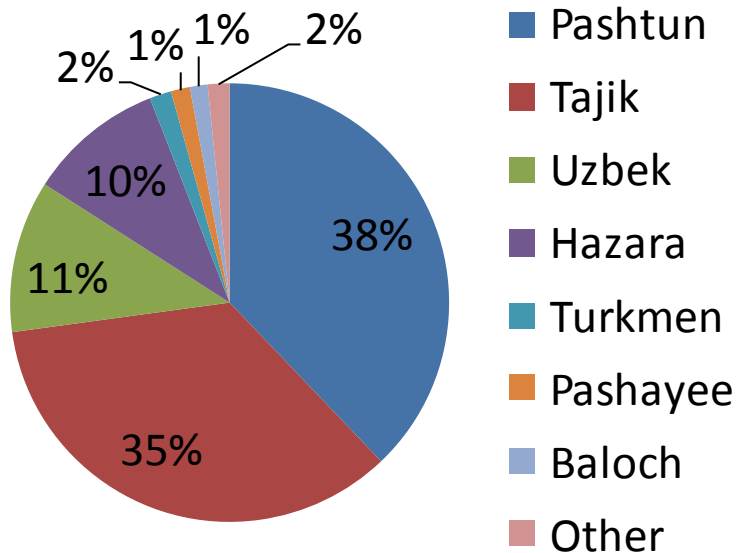
Survey Specifications

- International Republican Institute conducted.
- Supervision of fieldwork, oversight, and analysis provided by Lapis, Ltd., Kabul, Afghanistan and Williams & Associates of Salem, Massachusetts.
- The national survey was conducted from July 16-26, 2009.
- The sample was 2,400 adult Afghans (18+).
- The overall margin of error is 2.0 percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level.
- Interviews collected using in-person, face-to-face methodology by trained professional interviewers using a multistage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution, with random selection of households and respondents in 34 provinces of Afghanistan.
- Men interviewed men and women interviewed women.
- All 34 provinces were selected at the first level of stratification, and approximately five districts within each province were selected, including the provincial capital district and four other randomly selected districts. The clusters, which were the primary sampling unit, each contain between six and ten villages exhibiting similar characteristics.
- 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.
- All data shown is from either the May 3-16, 2009, national survey, a face-to-face survey (n=3,200, 1.76 percent margin of error at 95 percent confidence level) or this July 2009 survey, as indicated.
- Figures in charts and tables may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding error.

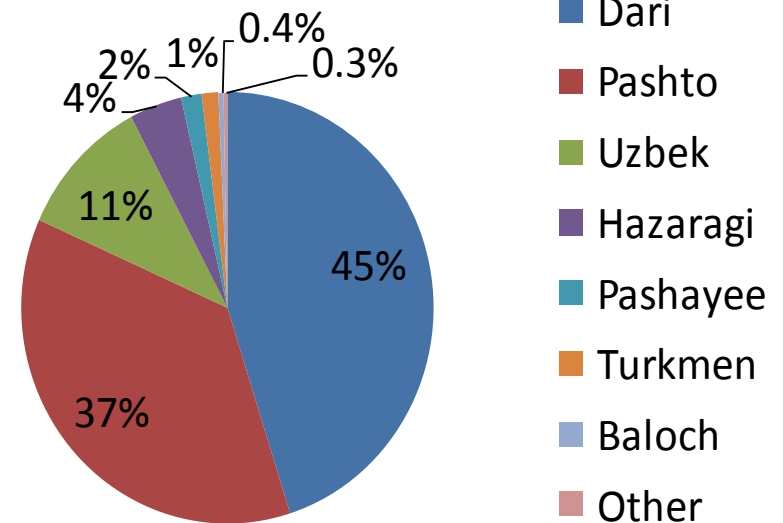
Survey Statistics

- 50 percent male to 50 percent female ratio of respondents

Ethnic Distribution of Respondents



Language Distribution of Respondents



Regional Breakdown by Province

Southwest Region

- Daikundi
- Helmand
- Kandahar
- Nimroz
- Urozgan
- Zabul

Southeast Region

- Ghazni
- Khost
- Paktia
- Paktika

East Region

- Kunar
- Laghman
- Nangarhar
- Nuristan

Central Region

- Kabul
- Kapisa
- Logar
- Panjsher
- Parwan
- Wardak

Northeast Region

- Badakhshan
- Baghlan
- Kunduz
- Takhar

Northwest Region

- Balkh
- Faryab
- Jowzjan
- Samangan
- Sar-e-Pul

West Region

- Badghis
- Bamiyan
- Farah
- Ghor
- Herat

Acronyms Legend

DK – Don't Know

REF – Refuse to Answer

NSP – National Solidarity Program

ISAF – International Security Assistance Force

ANA – Afghan National Army

ANP – Afghan National Police

CDC – Community Development Council

US – United States

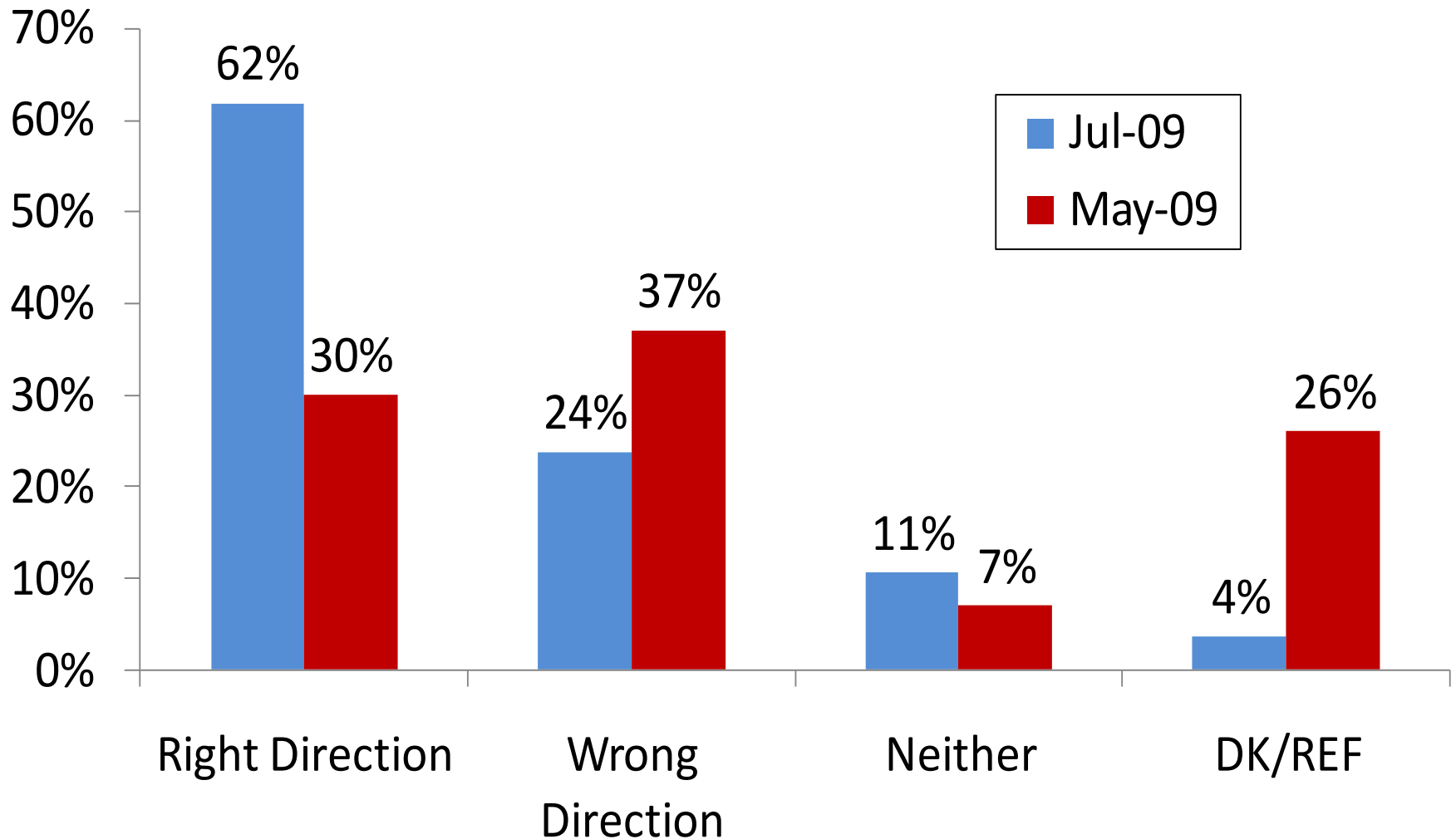
IEC – Independent Elections Commission

ECC – Electoral Complaints Commission

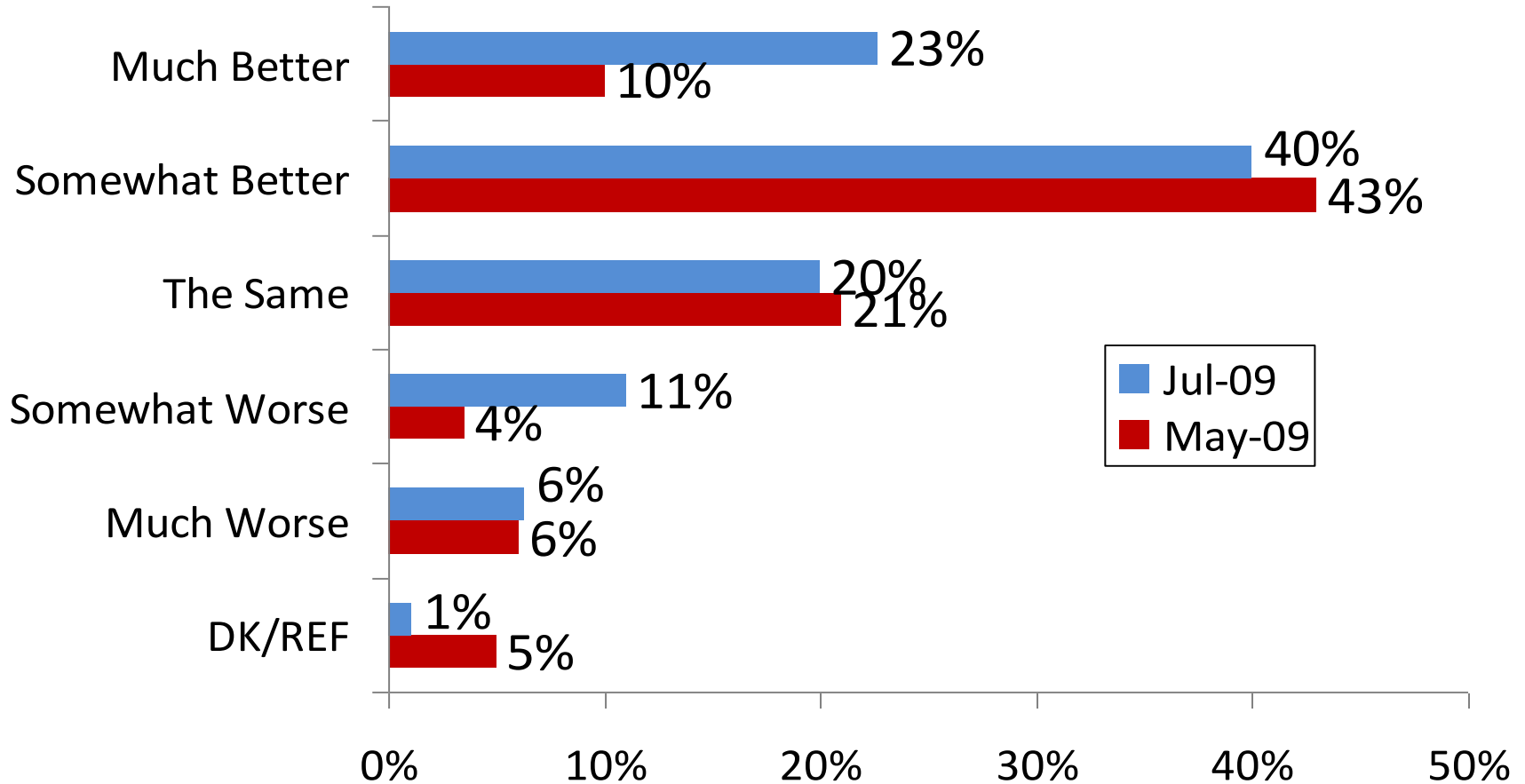


Afghanistan Environment

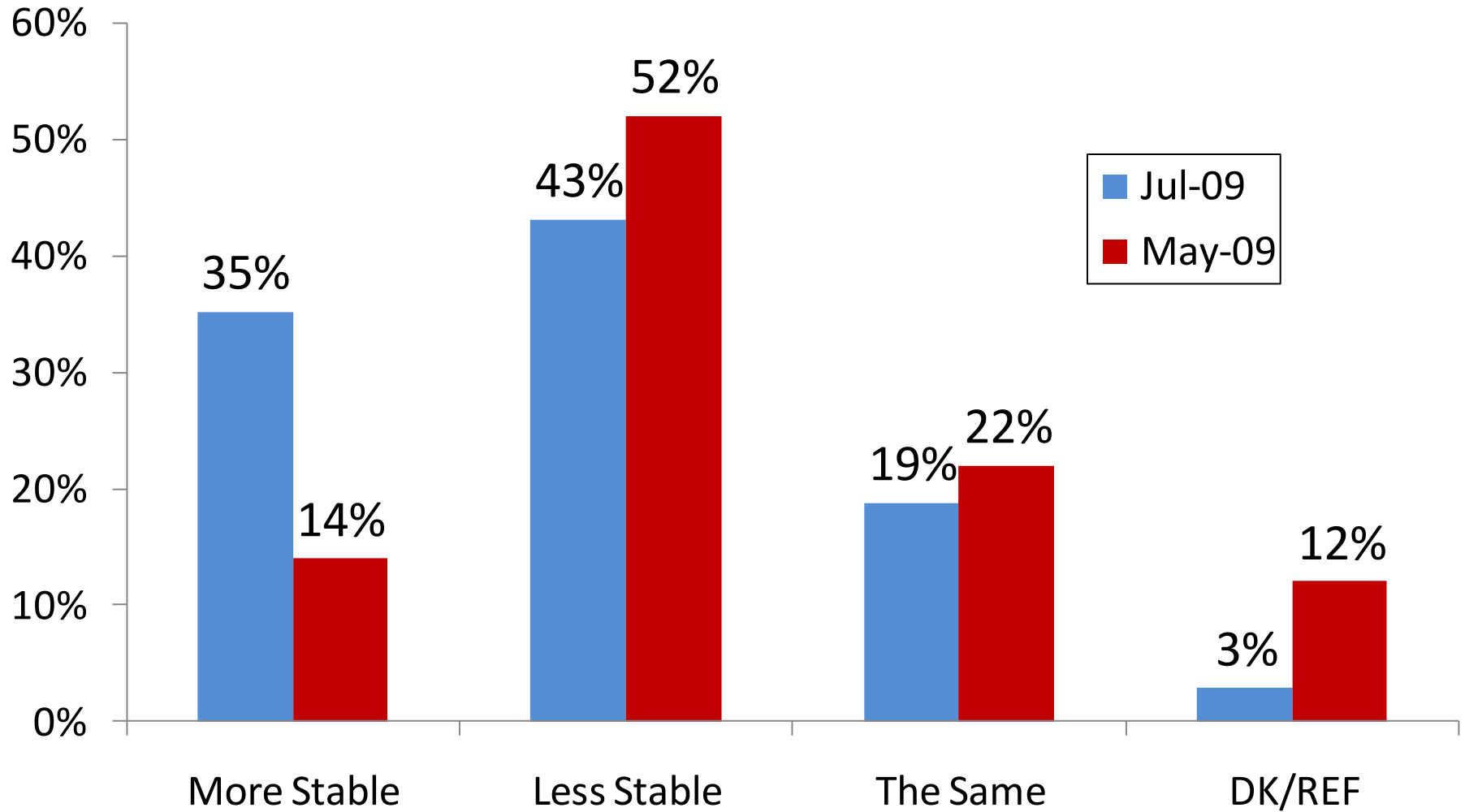
Do you think Afghanistan is moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?



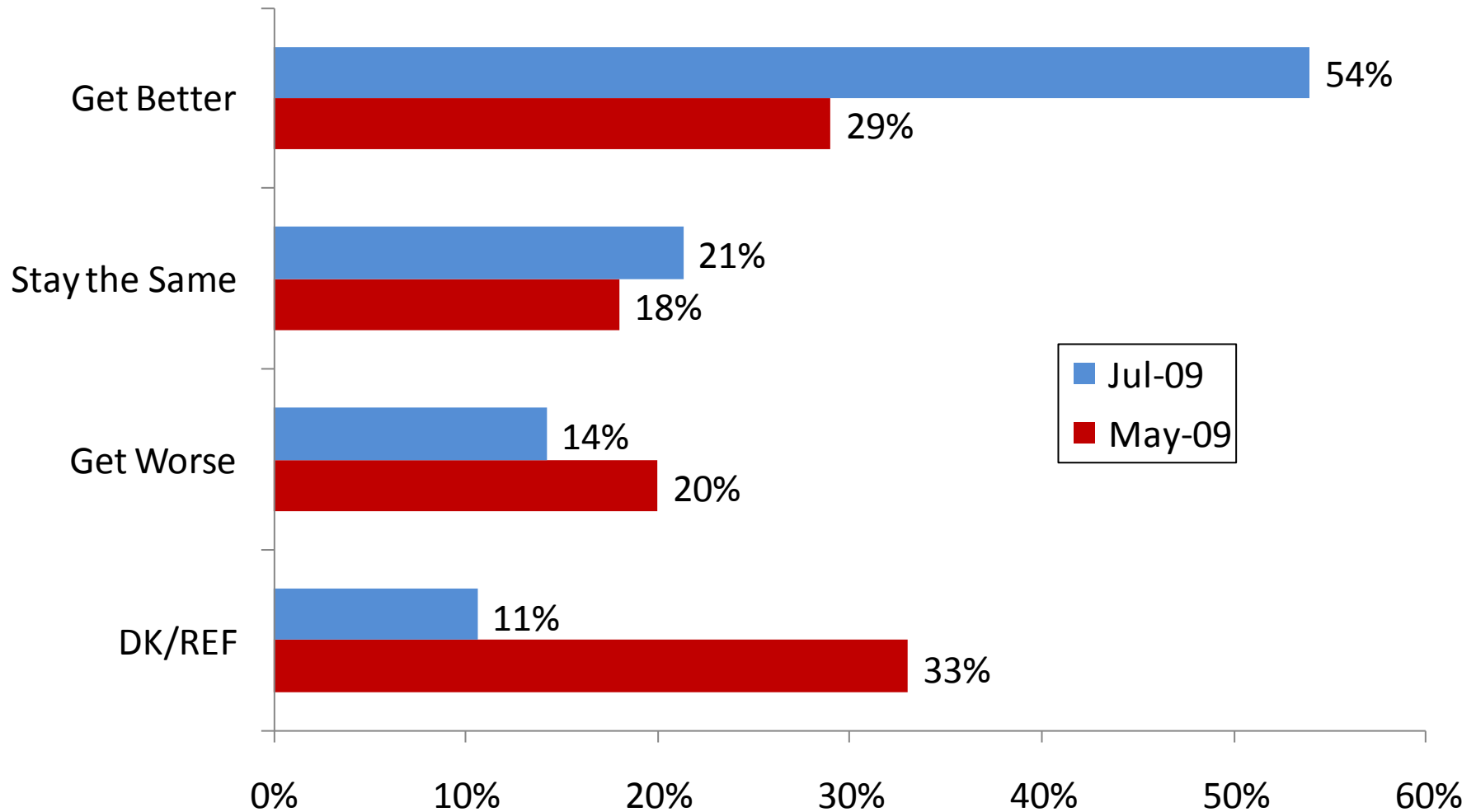
How is your family's economic situation compared to five years ago?



Is Afghanistan more stable today than it was one year ago?



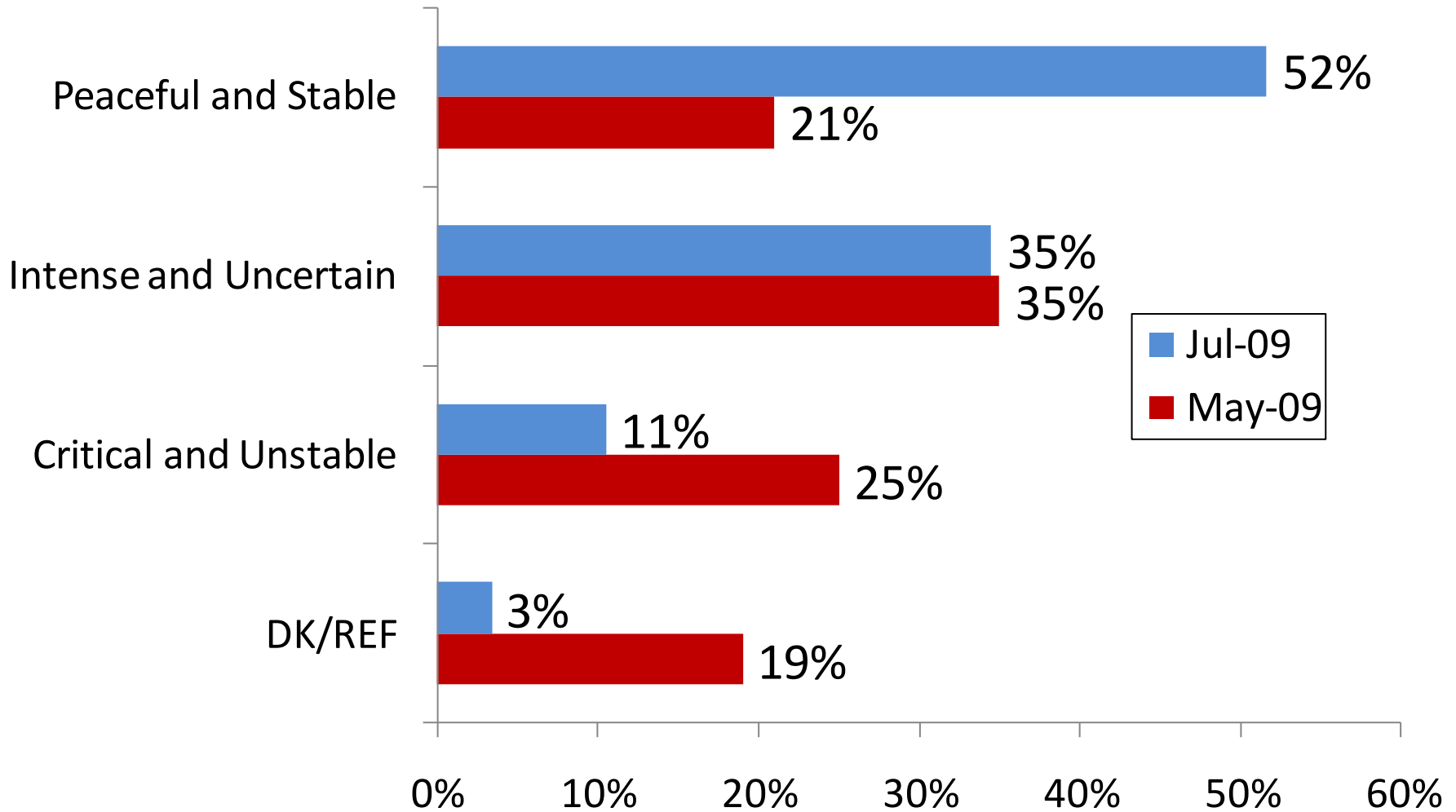
In the next year, do you think the economy in Afghanistan will get better, get worse or stay the same?



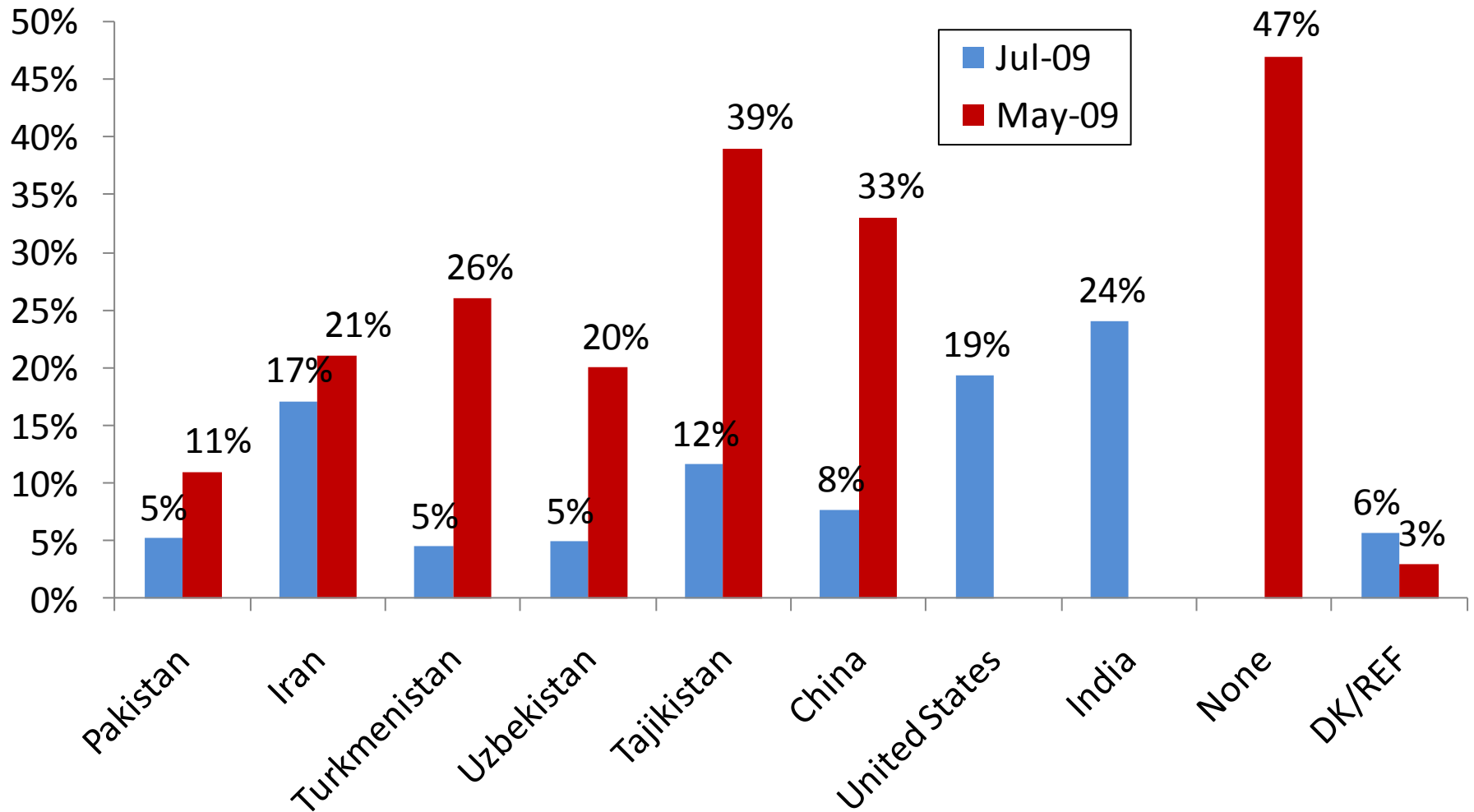
What are the two most important problems facing Afghanistan today? (open-ended question)

	First Issue	Second Issue	Total July 2009	Total May 2009
Security	34%	22%	56%	57%
The Economy	16%	19%	35%	26%
Jobs and Unemployment	17%	16%	33%	20%
Corruption	4%	6%	10%	8%
Illiteracy	4%	4%	8%	--
Poverty and Standard of Living	4%	3%	7%	9%
Lack of Transparency in Elections	4%	1%	5%	9%
Internal Conflicts	5%	4%	9%	9%
Lack of Educational Opportunities	2%	2%	4%	7%
Lack of Power, Roads and Water	2%	2%	4%	2%
Need for Reconstruction/Rebuilding the Country	2%	1%	3%	5%
Drugs and Narcotics	2%	1%	3%	5%
Foreign Forces	2%	1%	3%	4%
Terrorism	2%	1%	3%	6%
Lack of Freedom	1%	2%	3%	2%
Agriculture	1%	1%	2%	2%
Improvised Explosive Devices	1%	1%	2%	2%
Other	4%	5%	9%	22%
DK/REF	1%	4%	5%	7%

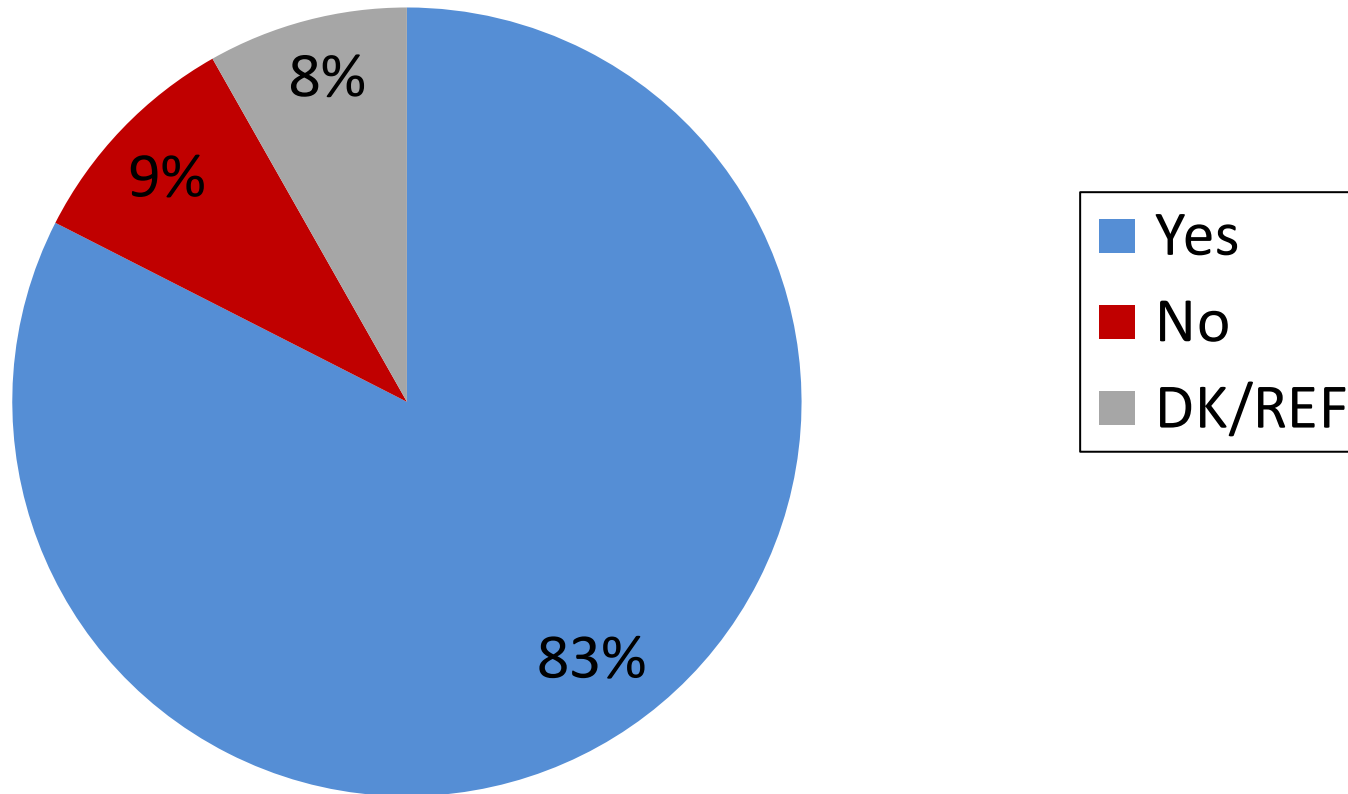
How would you describe the political and security situation in the region?



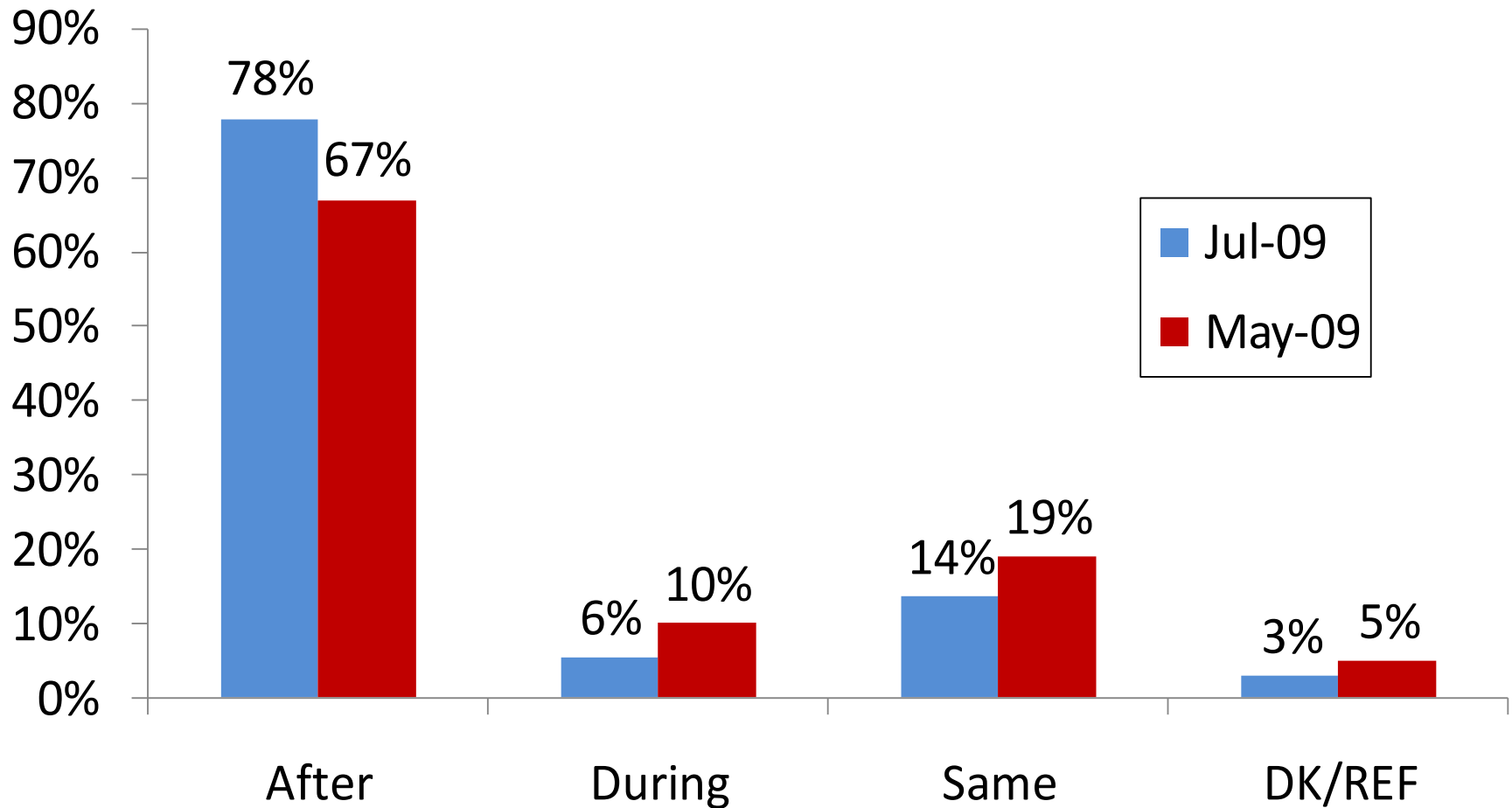
In your opinion which of the following countries have good relations with Afghanistan?



Do you think Afghanistan needs to change direction in the next five years?



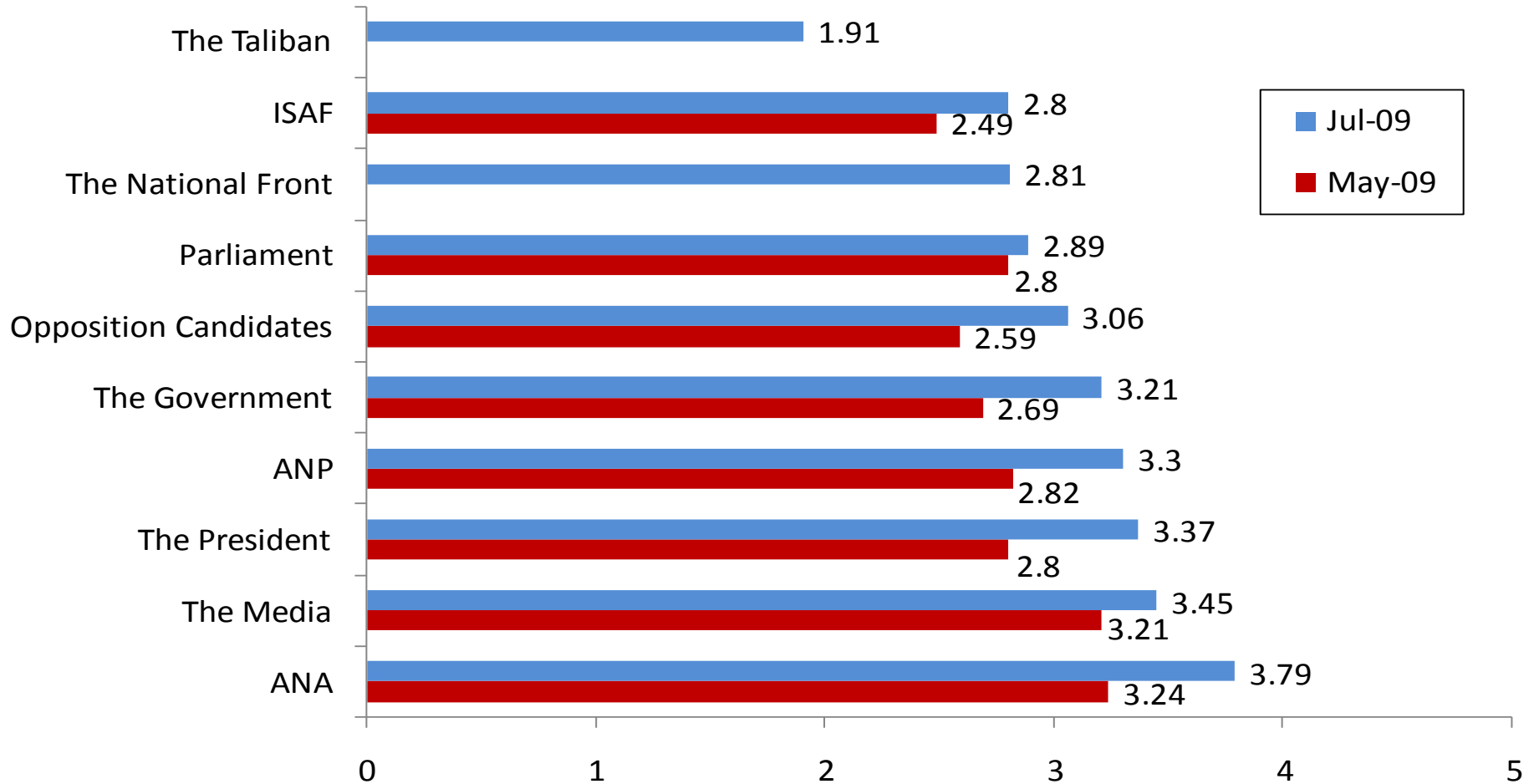
Do you have more personal freedom during or after Taliban rule?



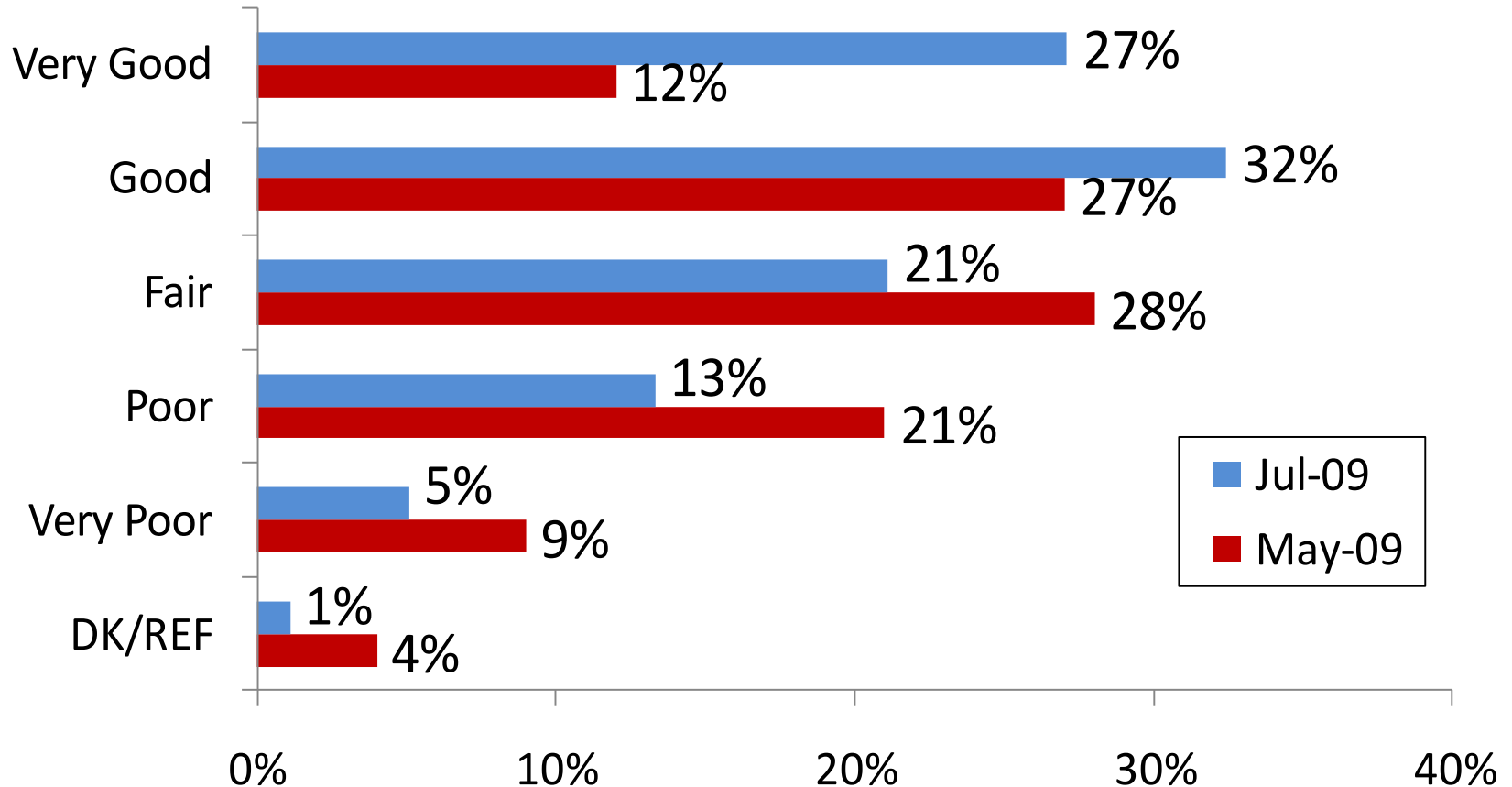


Performance of Government

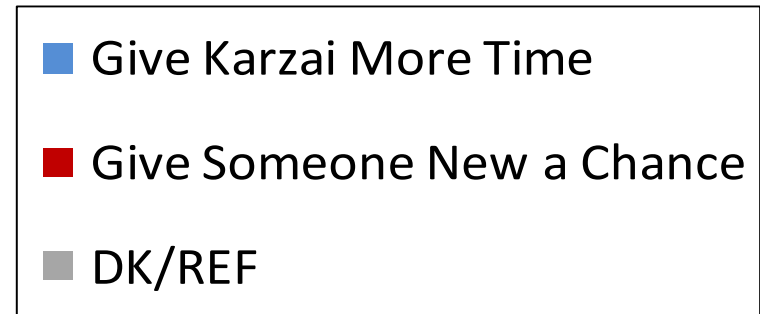
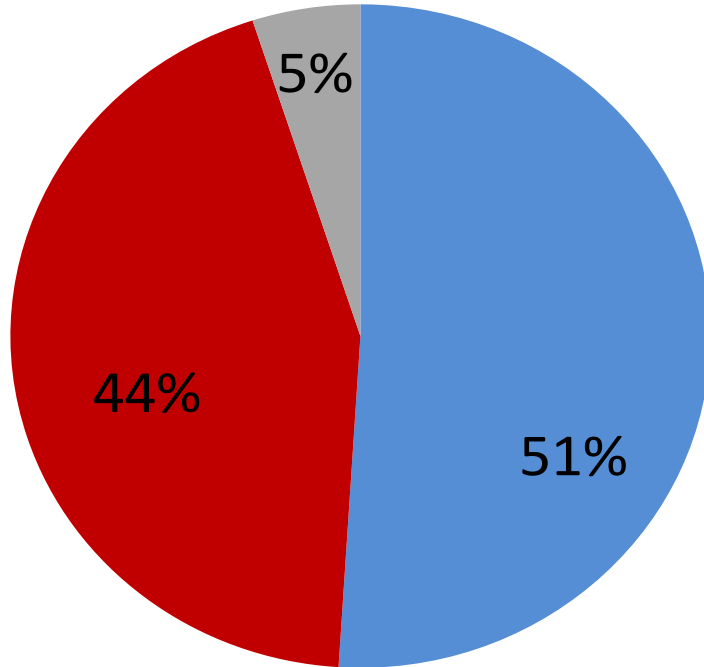
Using a scale from one to five where one is lowest and five is highest, what grade would you give the overall performance of...?



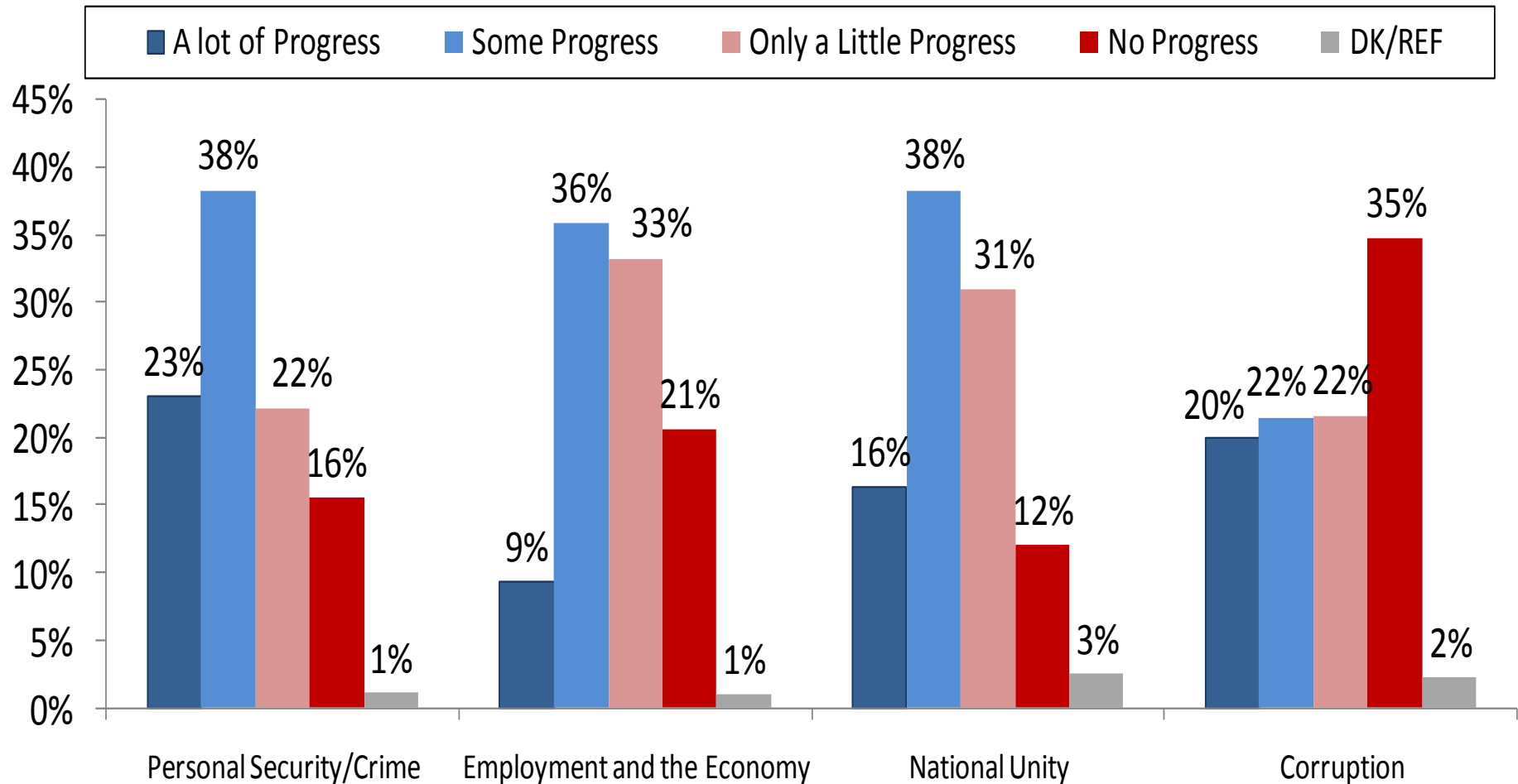
How would you rate Hamid Karzai's performance as president?



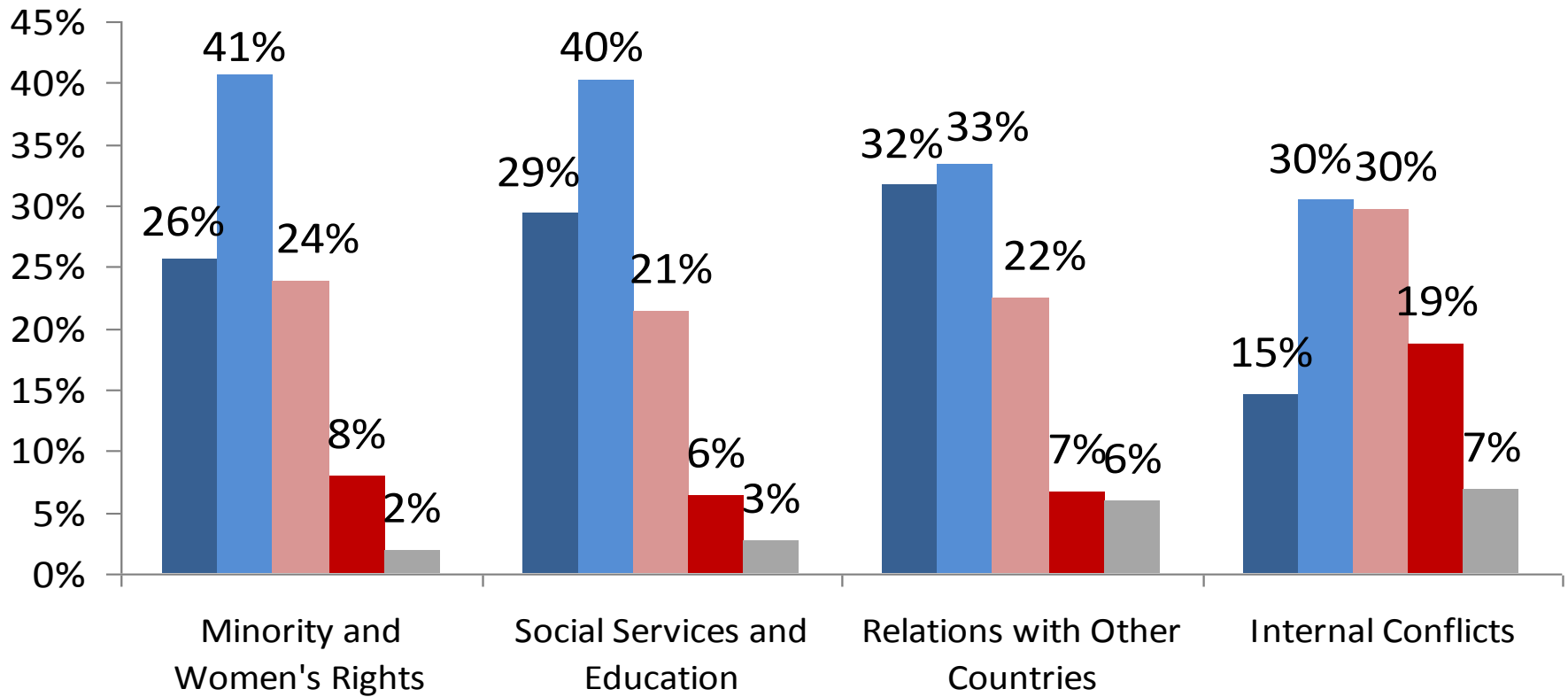
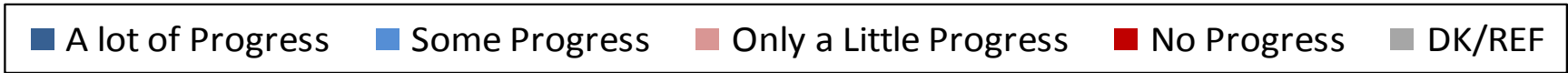
Some people say that Hamid Karzai should have five more years as President. Other people say that he has had his chance and now it's time to give someone else the opportunity to move Afghanistan forward. Which of these two views is closer to your own?



What has been Hamid Karzai and the current government's progress in addressing each of the following problems:



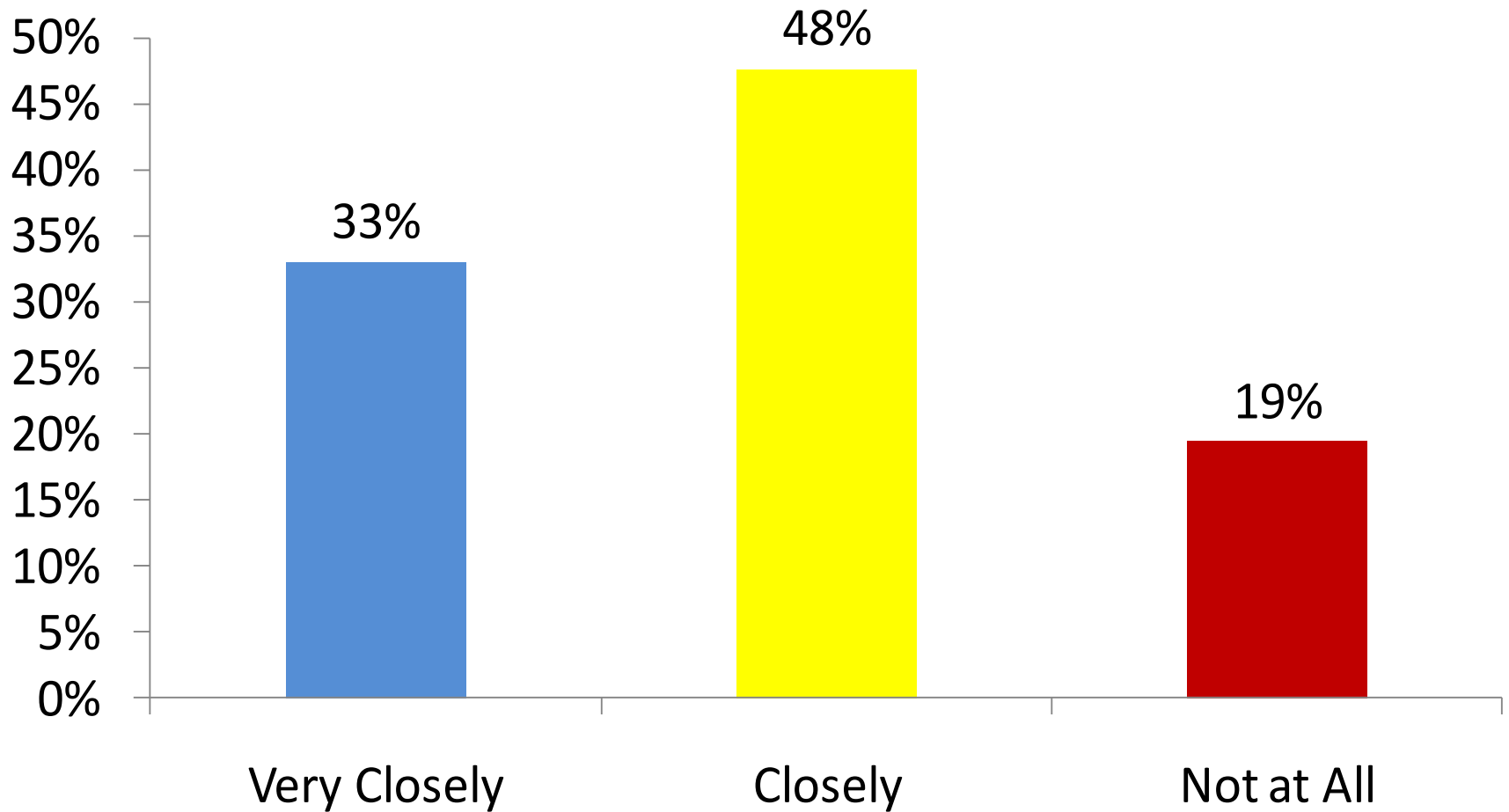
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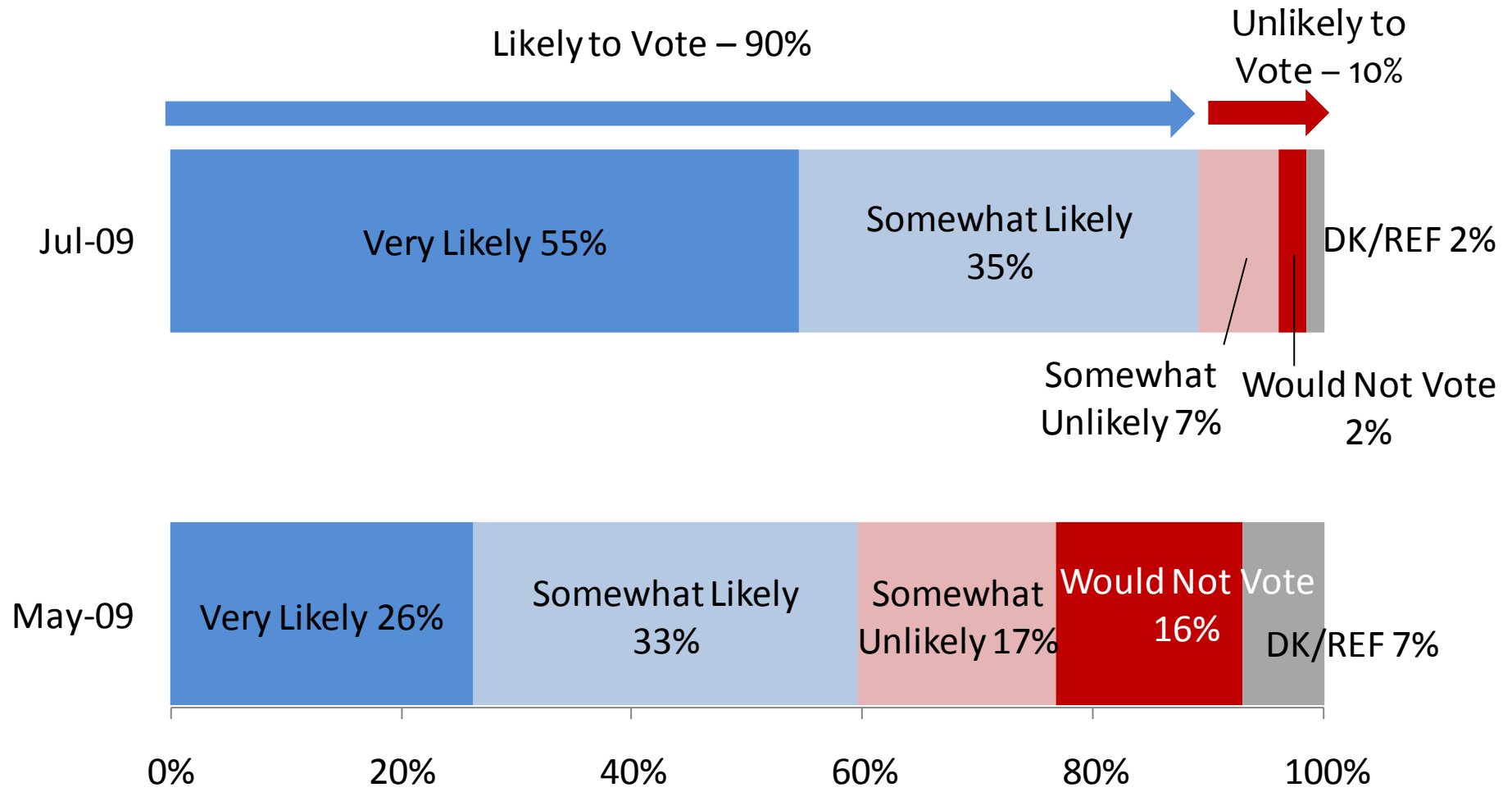


Elections

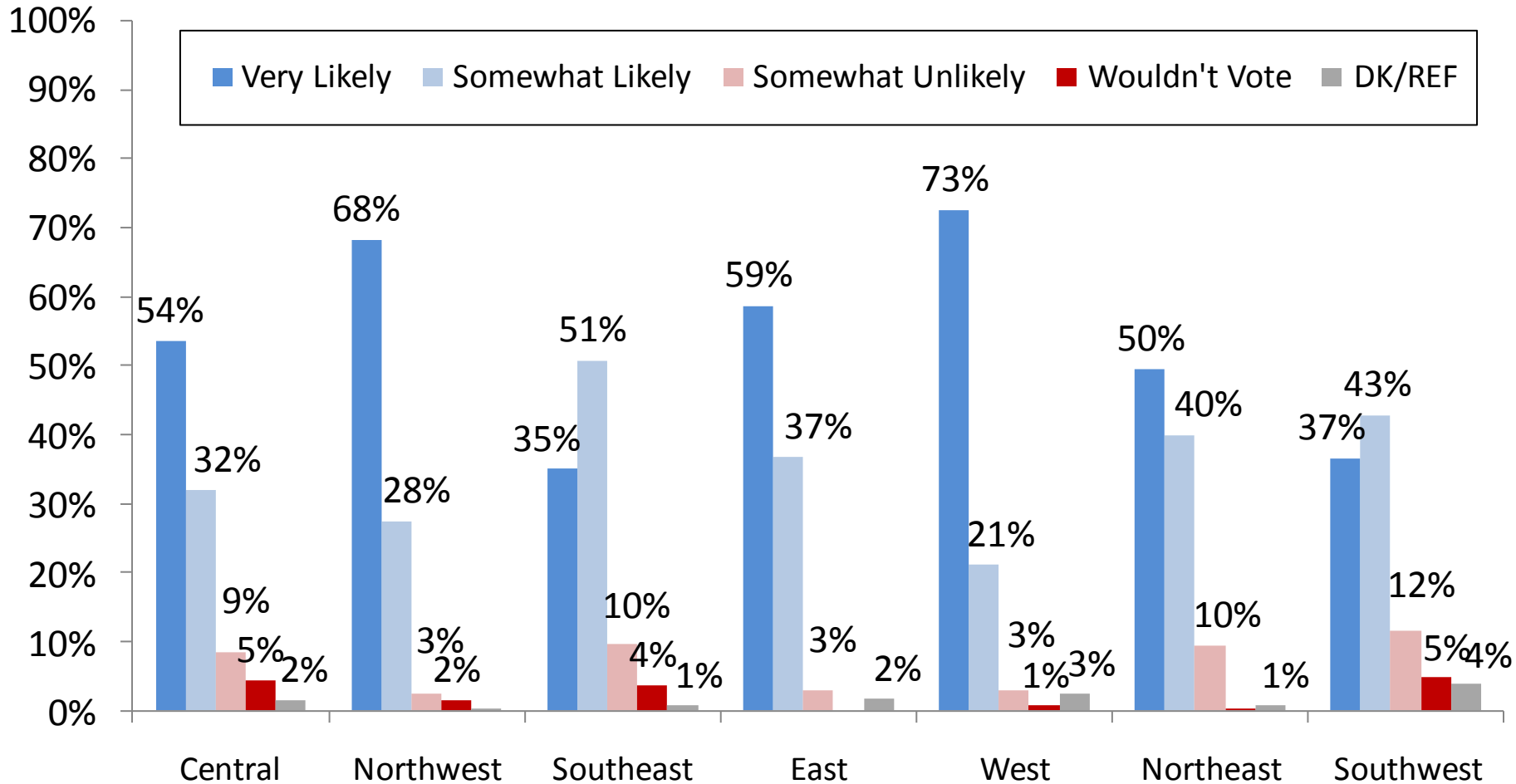
How closely are you following this presidential election?



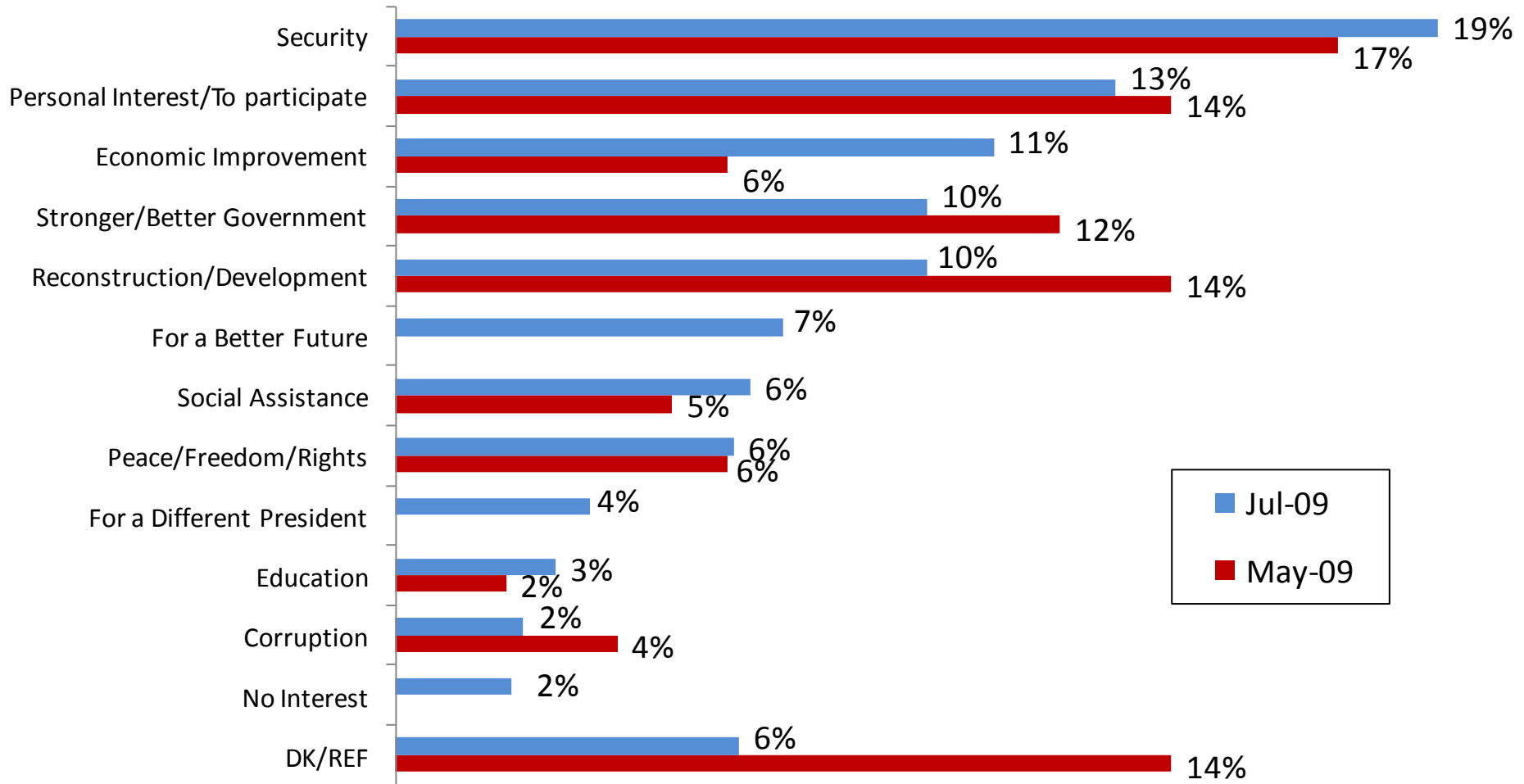
If the presidential election was held today how likely is it that you would vote?



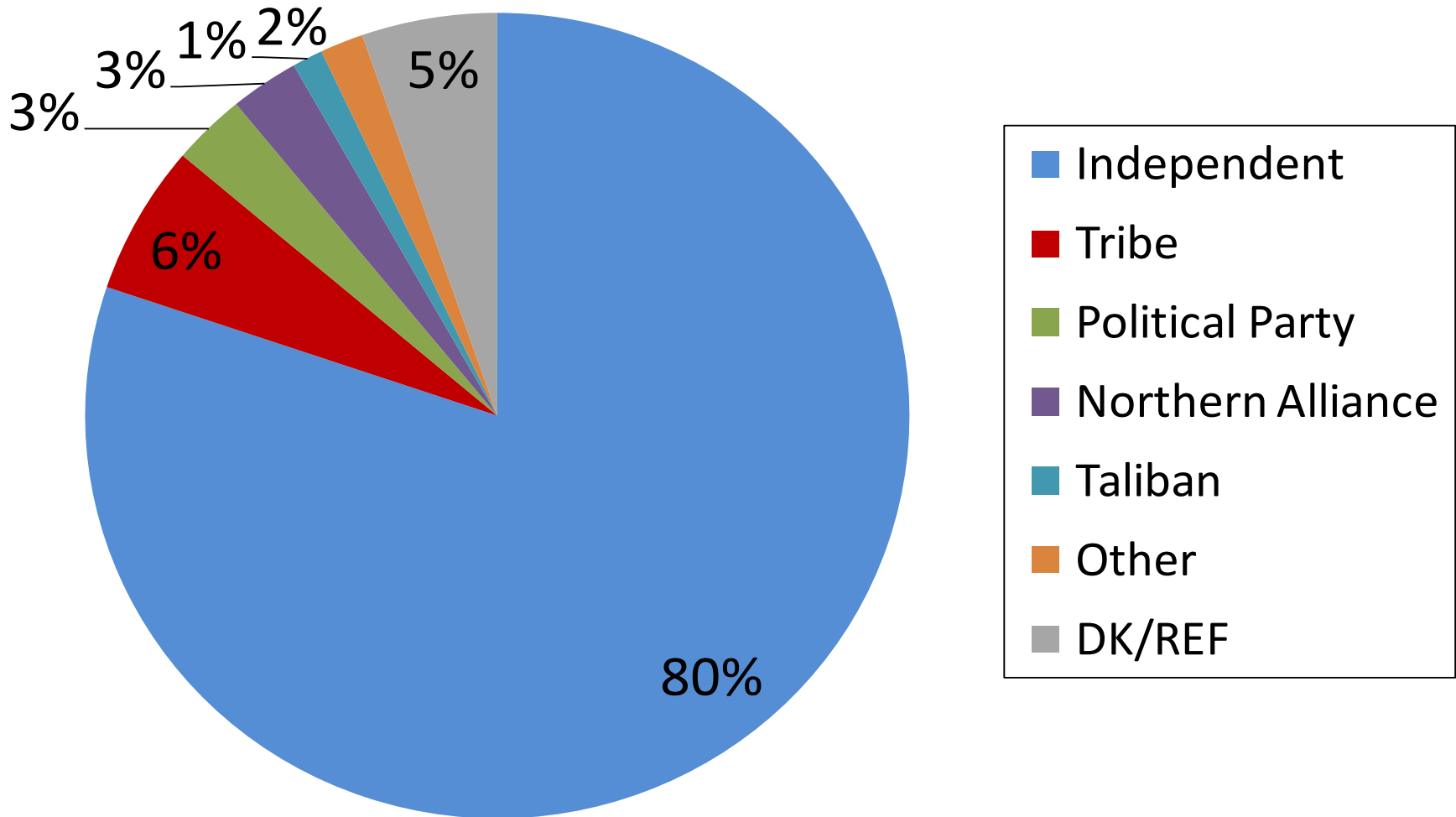
If the presidential election was held today, how likely would you be to vote? (likelihood of voting by region)



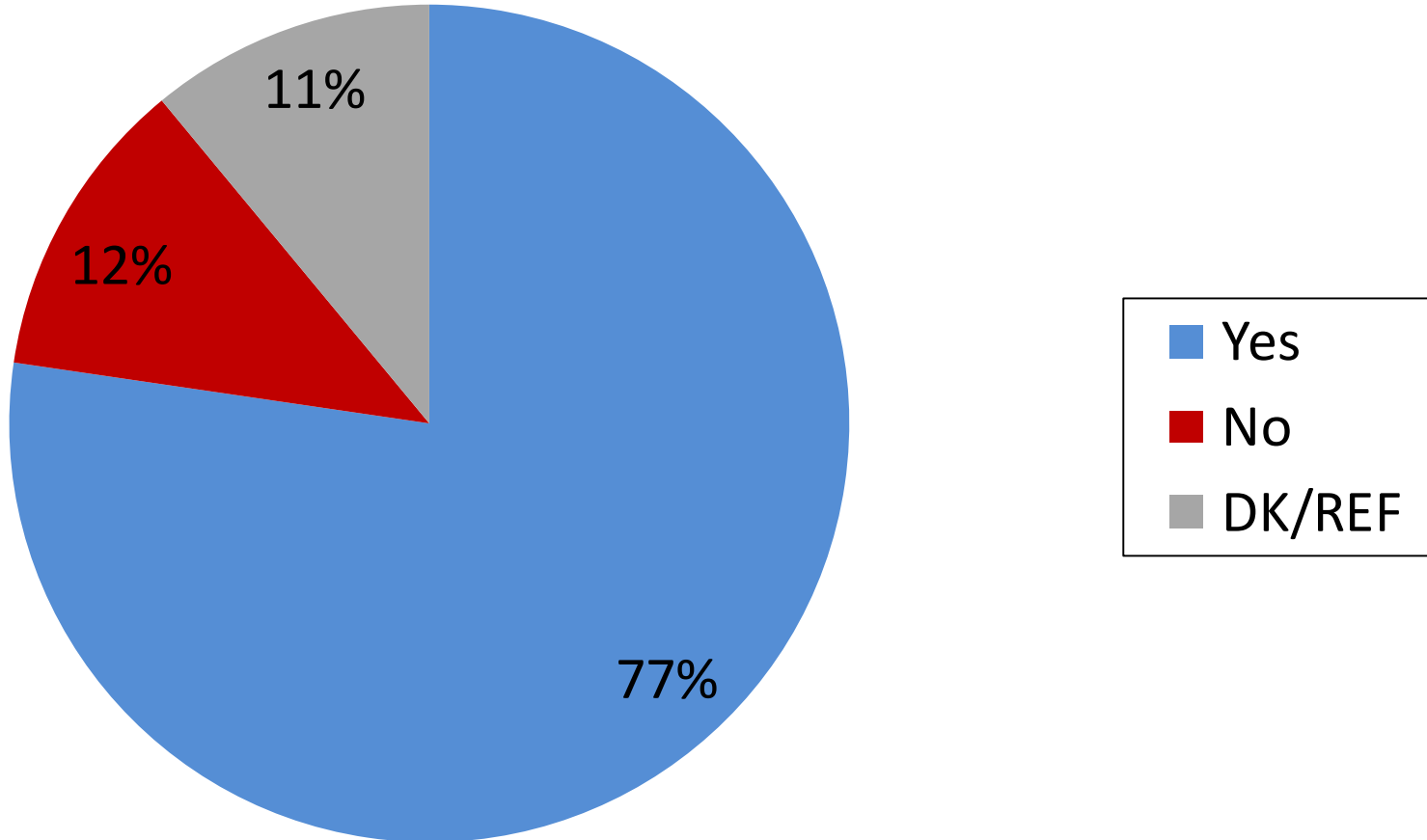
What is your personal motivation to vote in the upcoming presidential election? (open-ended question)



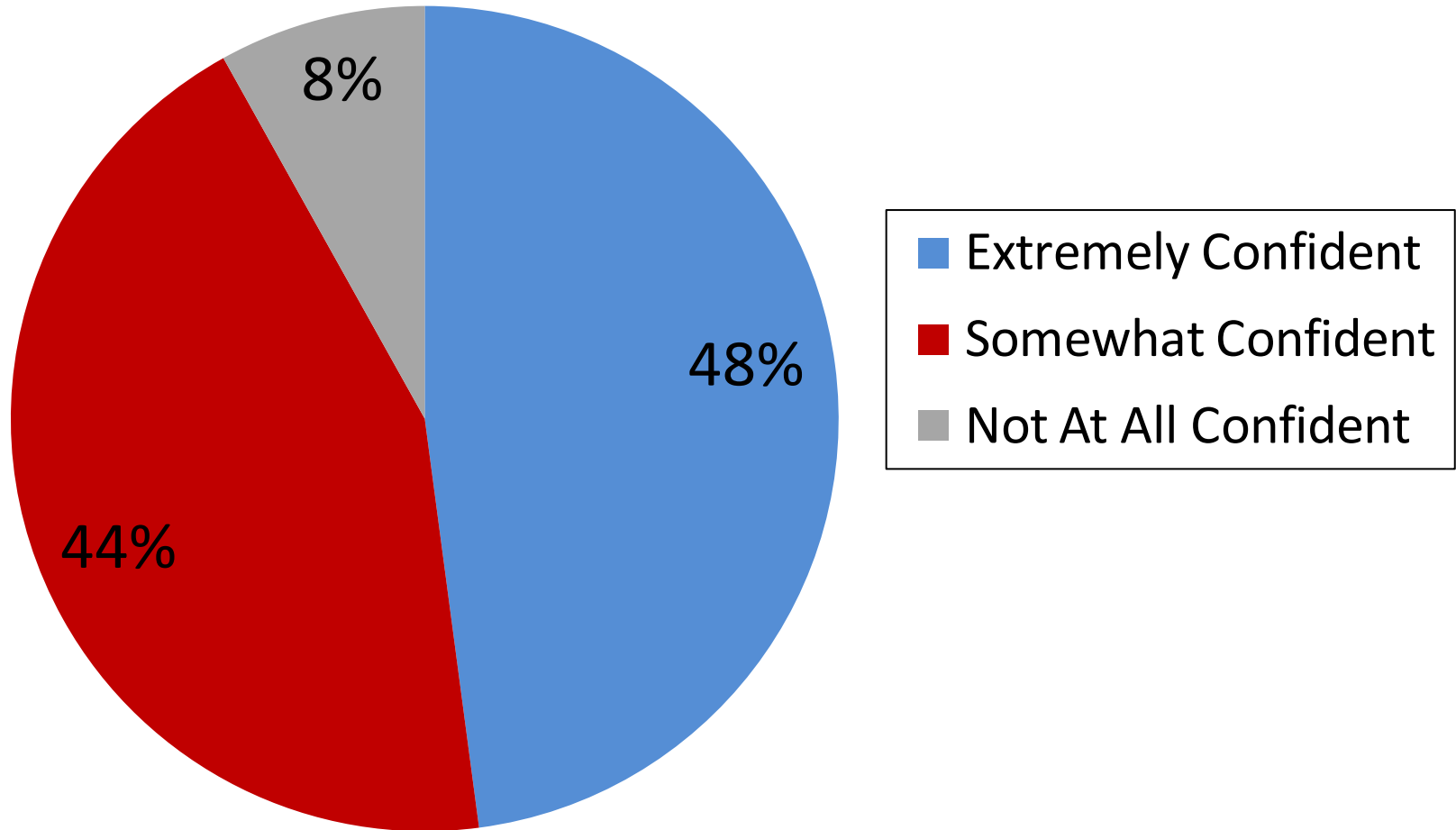
How do you politically identify yourself?



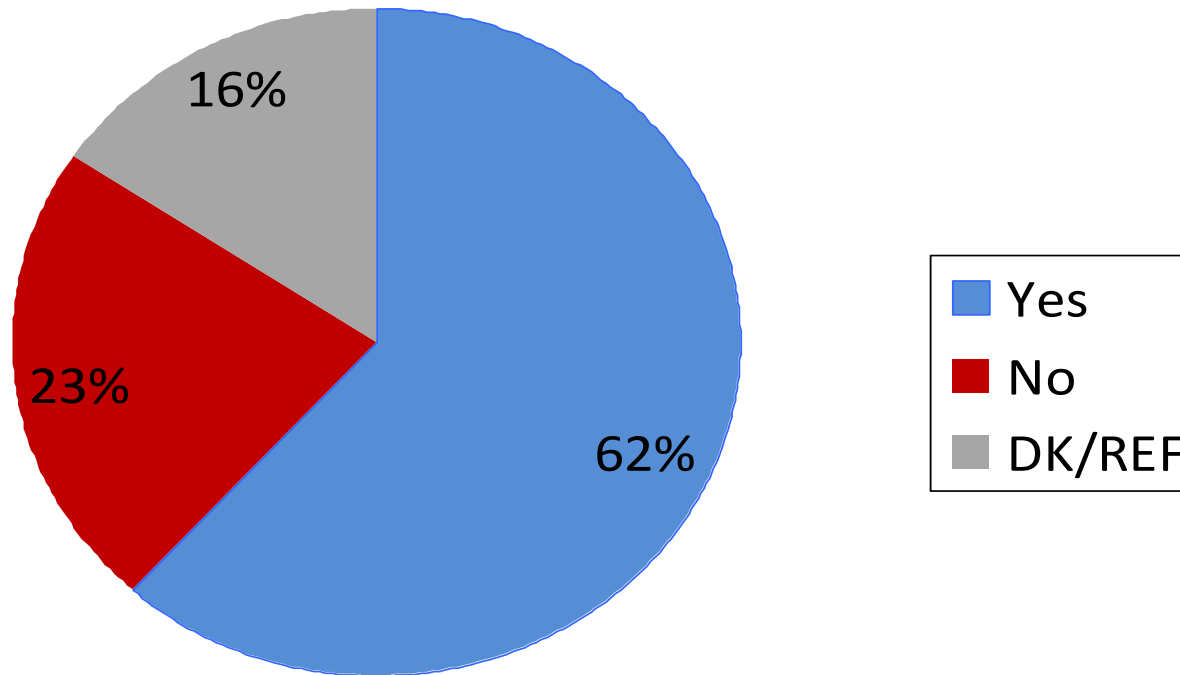
Do you believe your vote is secret?



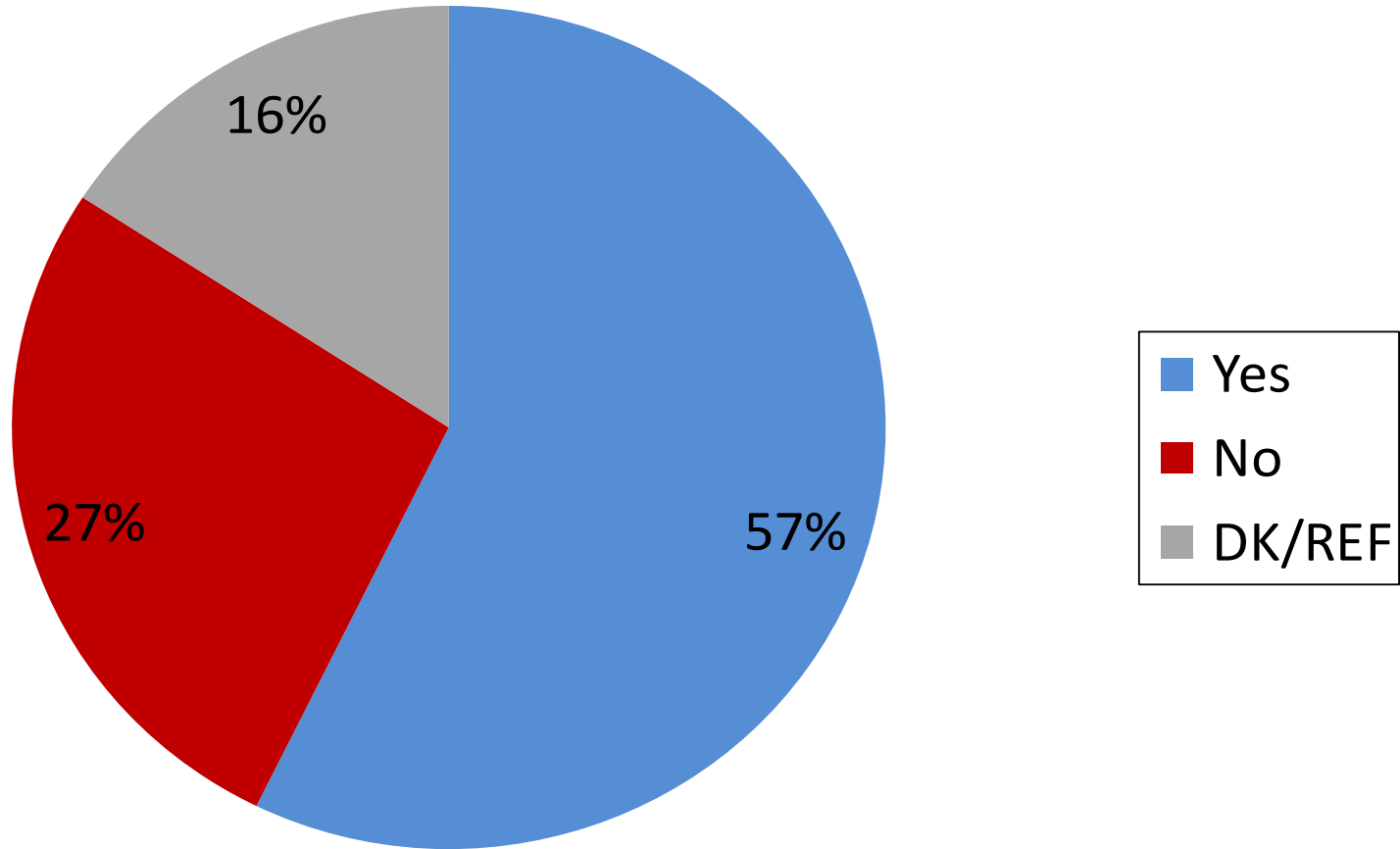
In the upcoming election for president of Afghanistan, how much confidence do you have that Afghanistan's IEC will preside over a free and fair election?



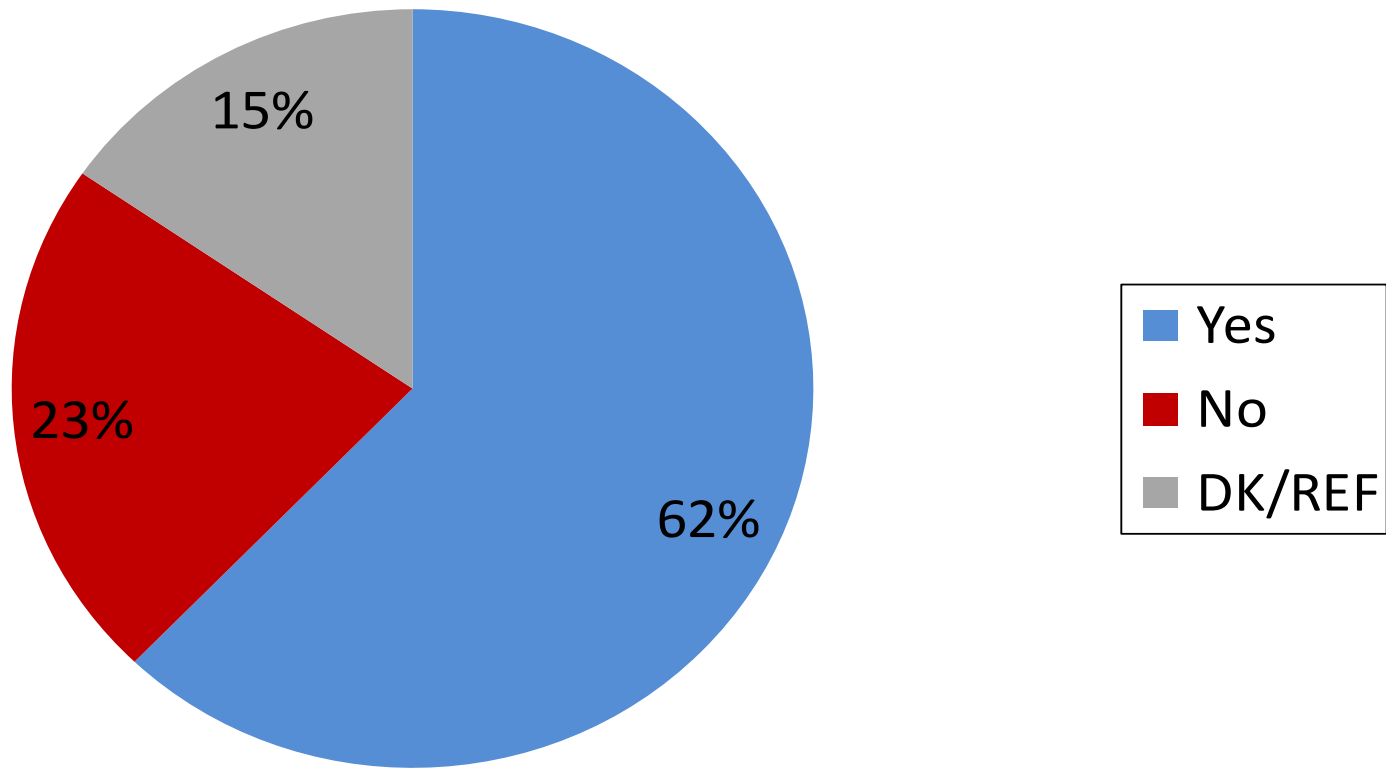
Do you believe the ECC is seriously investigating incidents of electoral violations and fraud?



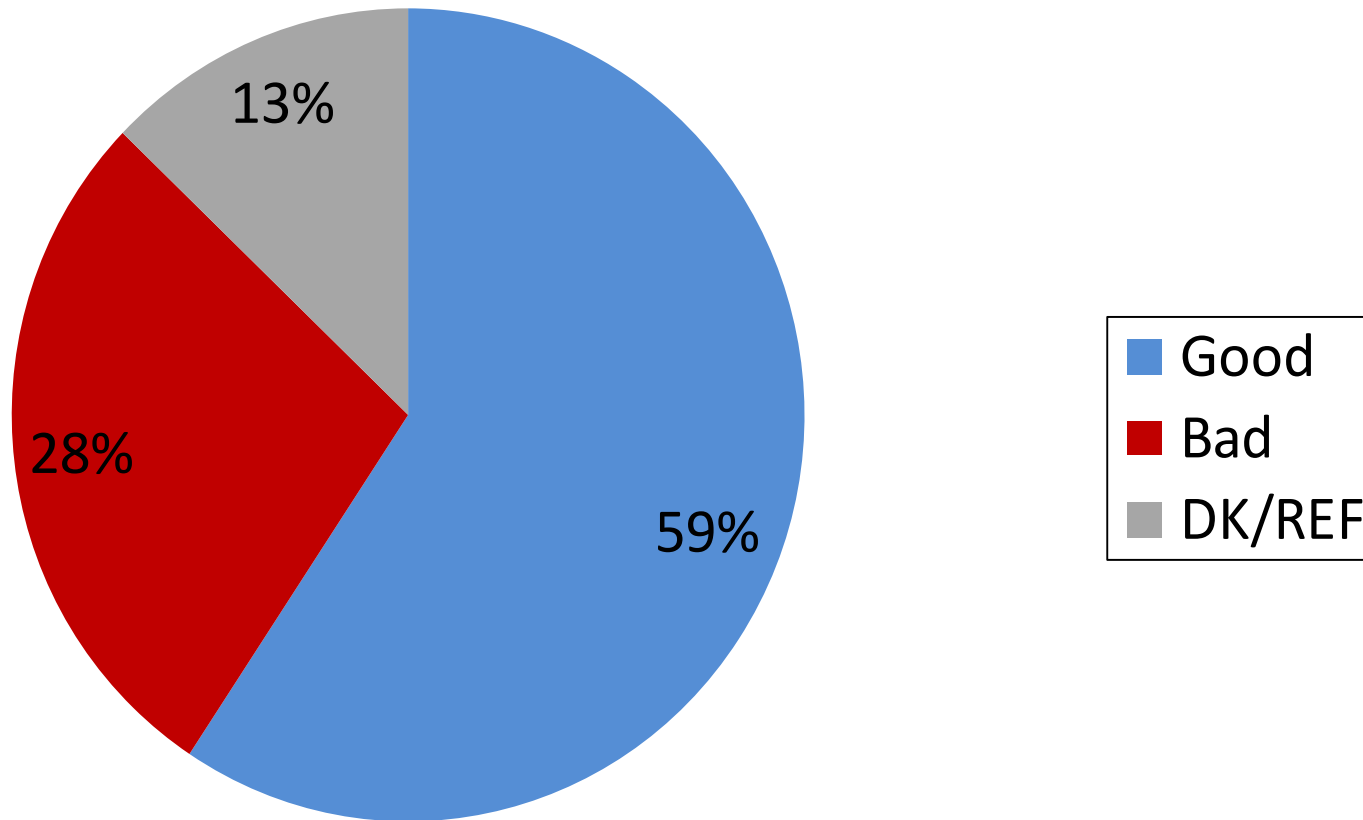
Is your provincial governor respecting the rules of neutrality in this election?



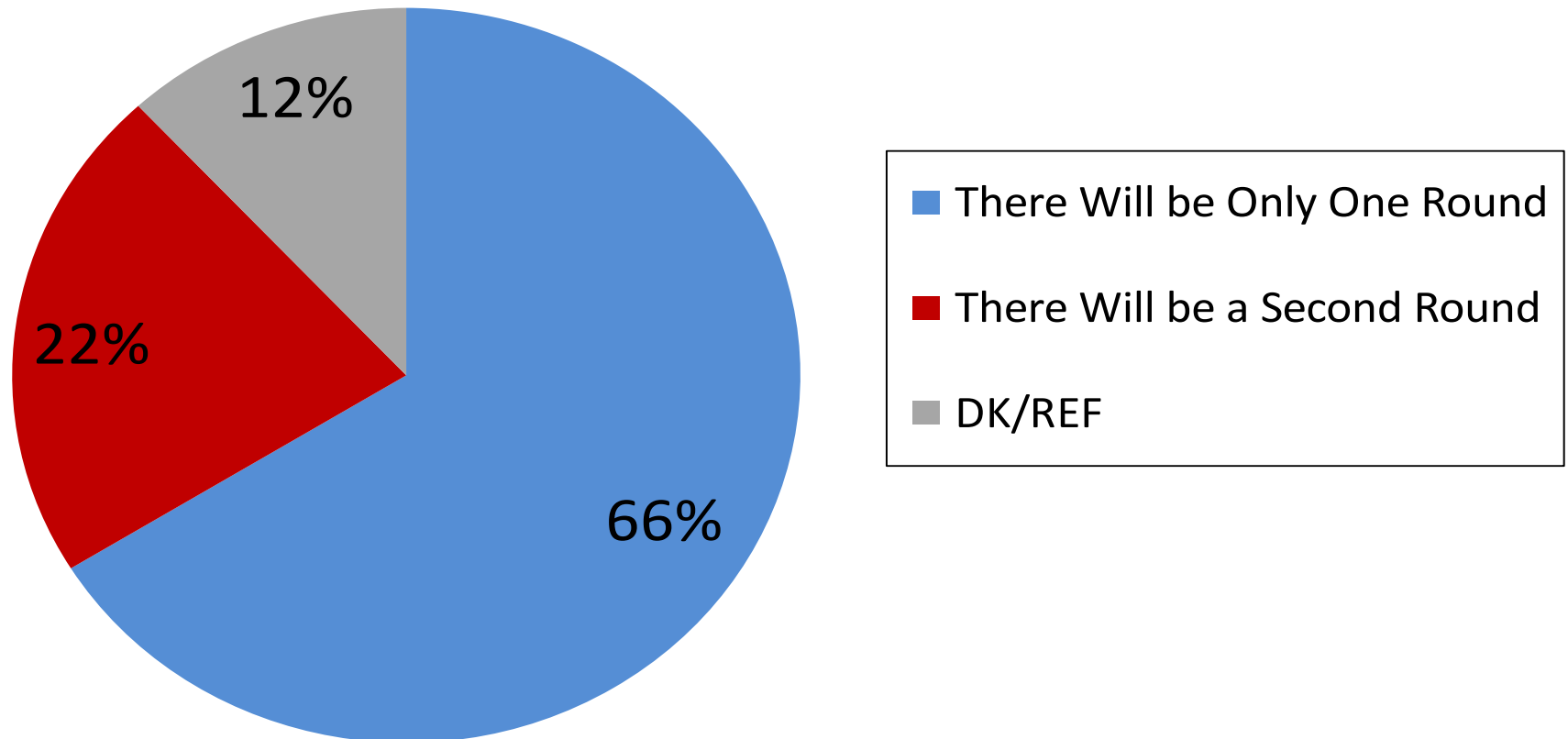
Do you believe the international community supports a credible, secure and inclusive election without supporting a particular candidate in this presidential election?



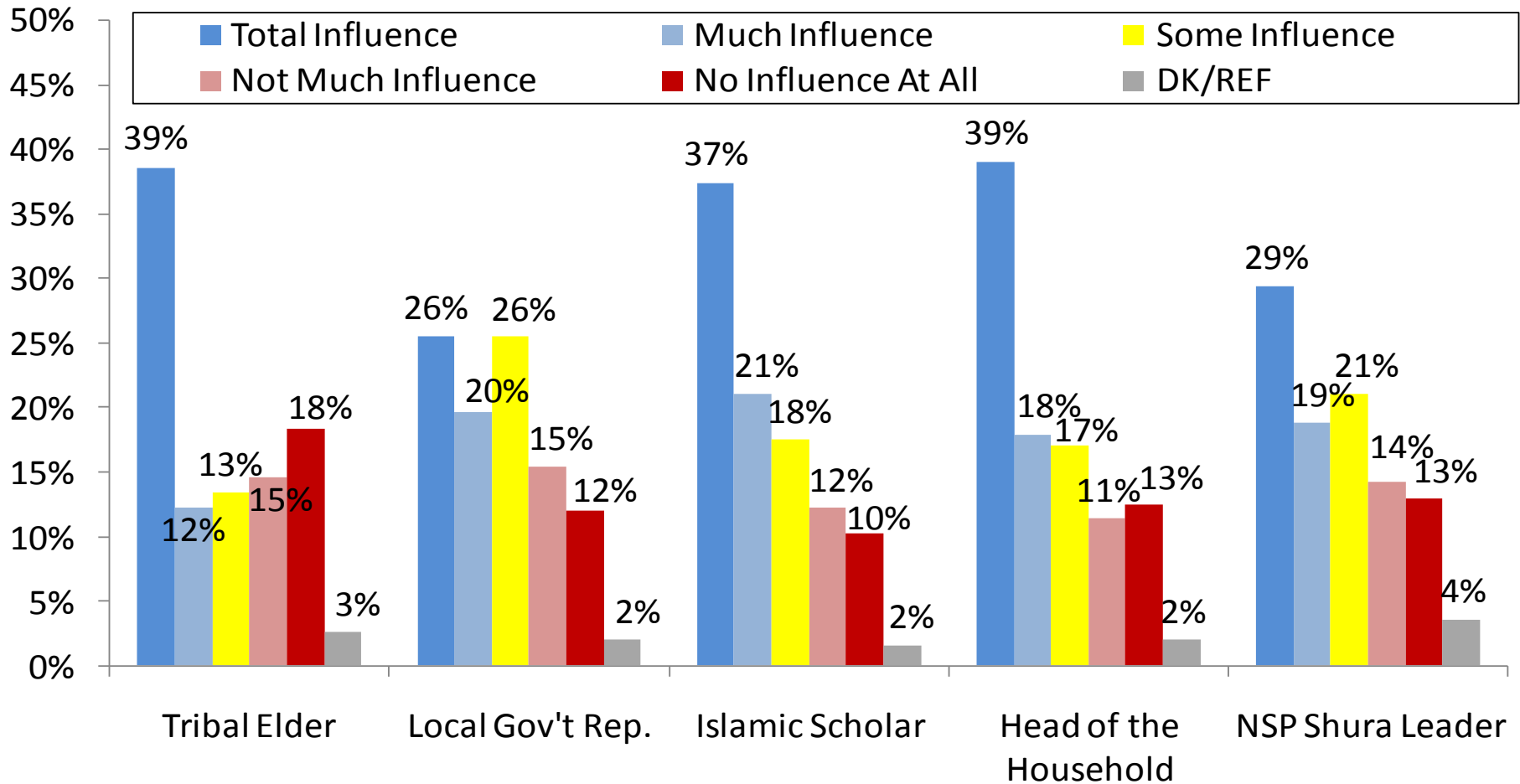
Would a second round of voting between the top two candidates be good or bad for Afghanistan?



Do you think the eventual winner will win in the first round, or do you think there will be a second round election to determine the next president of Afghanistan?



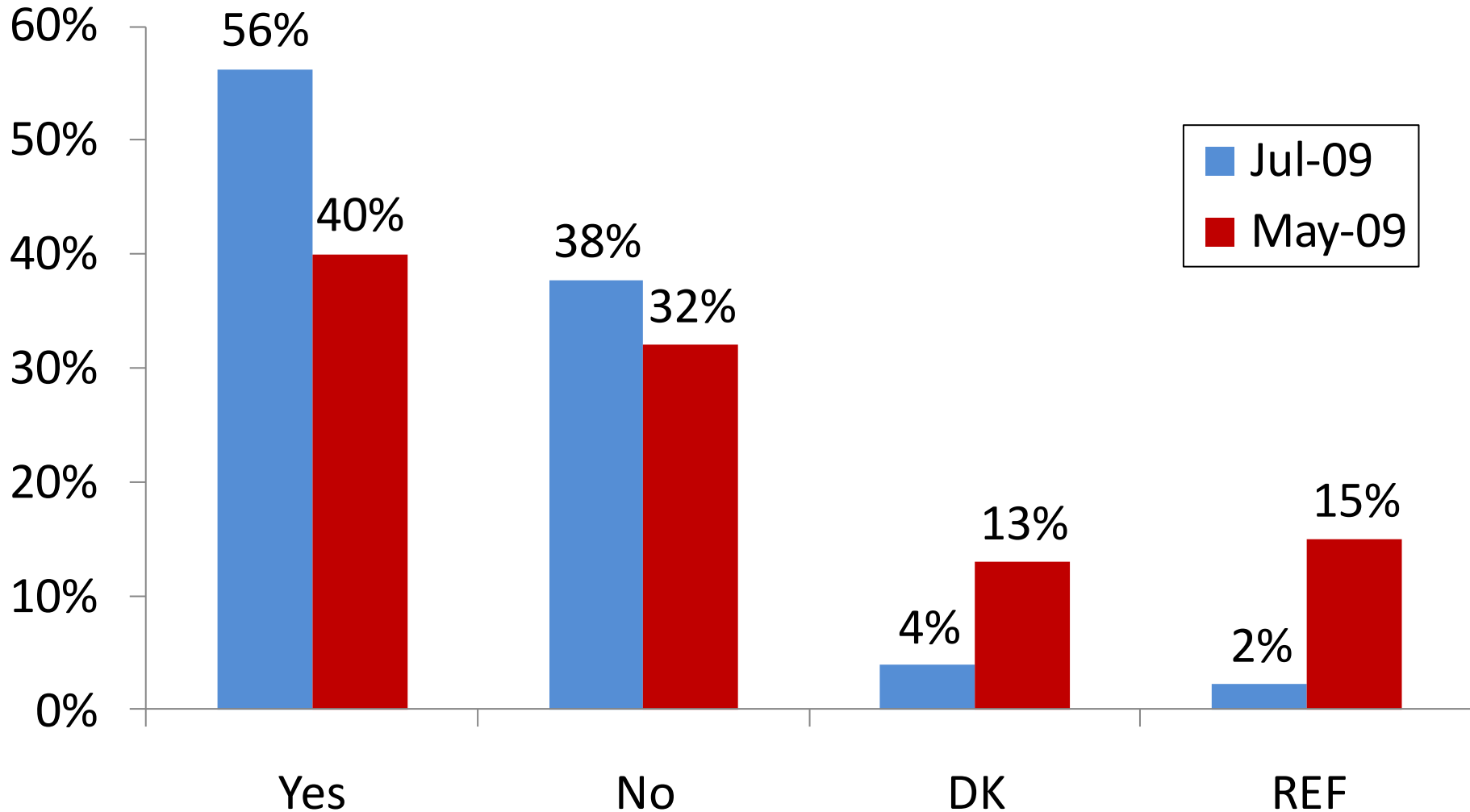
For each of the following, how much influence – on a scale of one to five – does each one have on you in deciding whom you will vote for to be president?



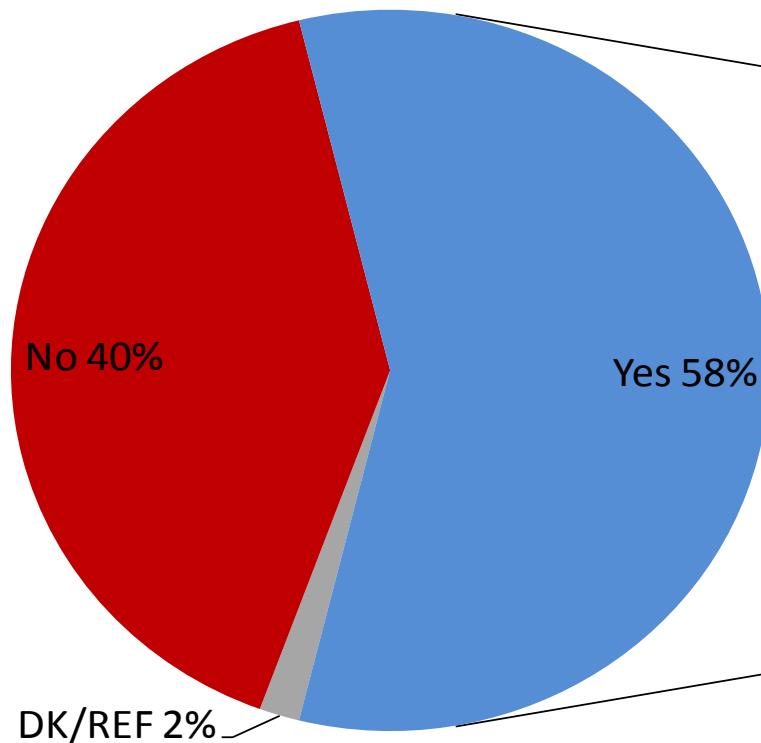


Candidates

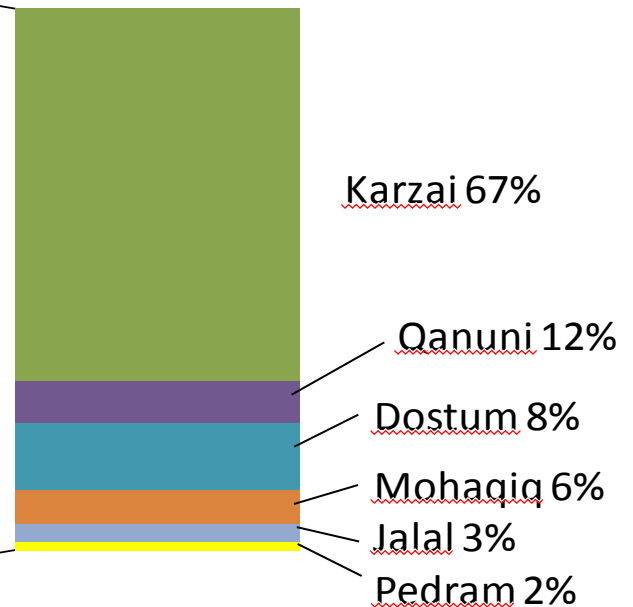
Has President Karzai done his job well enough to deserve re-election?



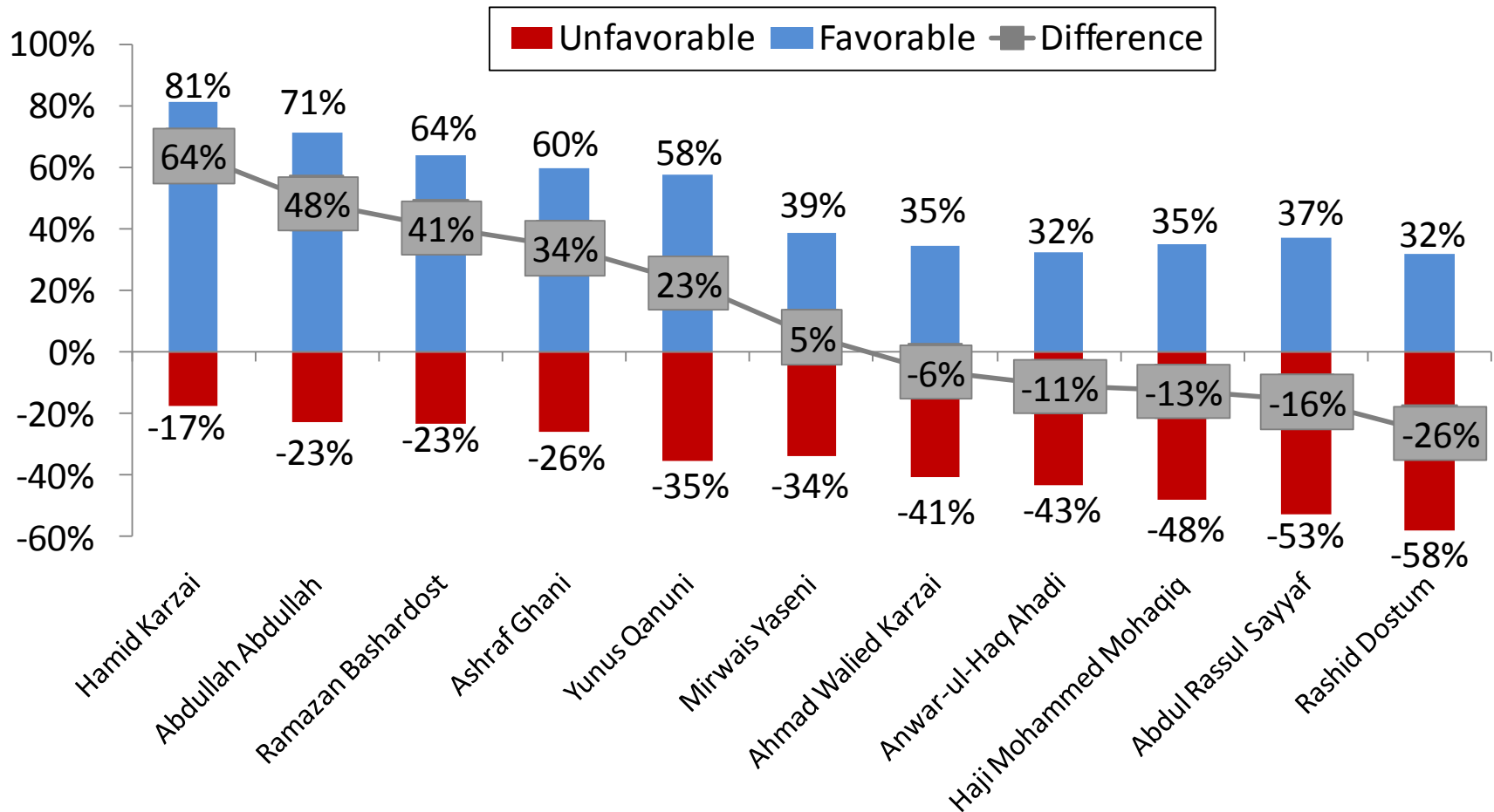
Did you vote in the 2004 presidential election?



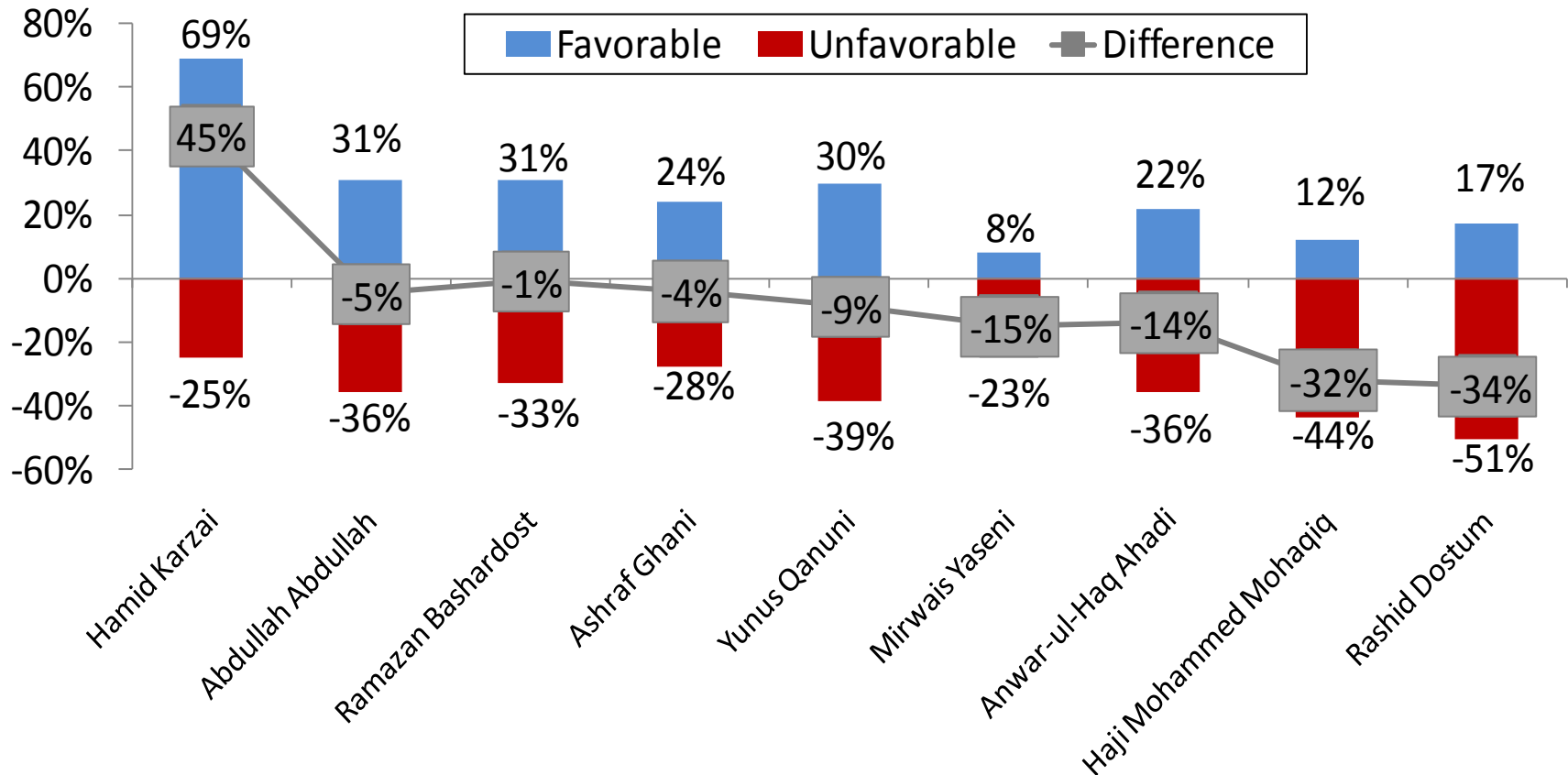
If yes, for whom did you vote? (n=1,386)



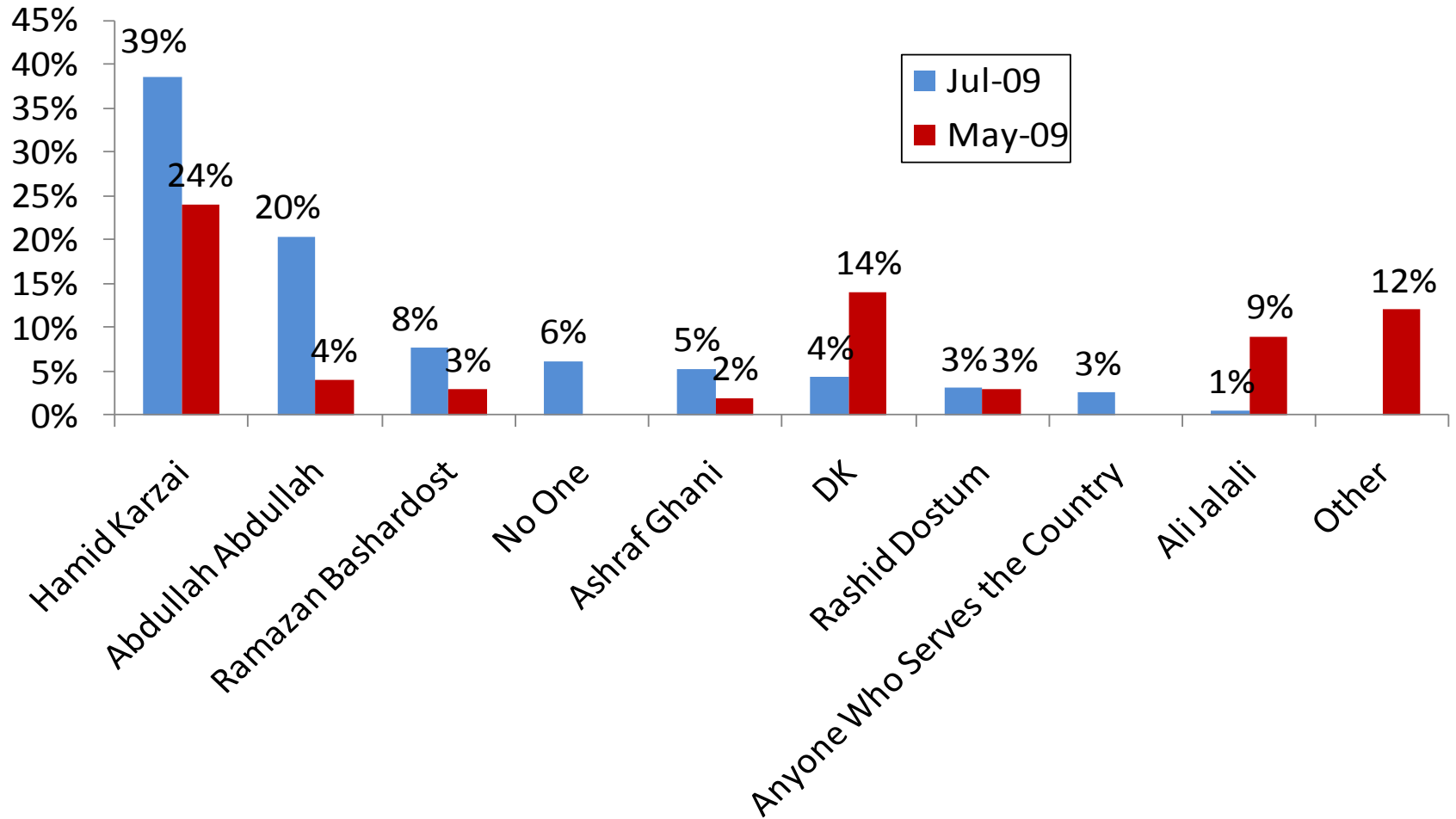
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following individuals leadership qualities? (July 2009)



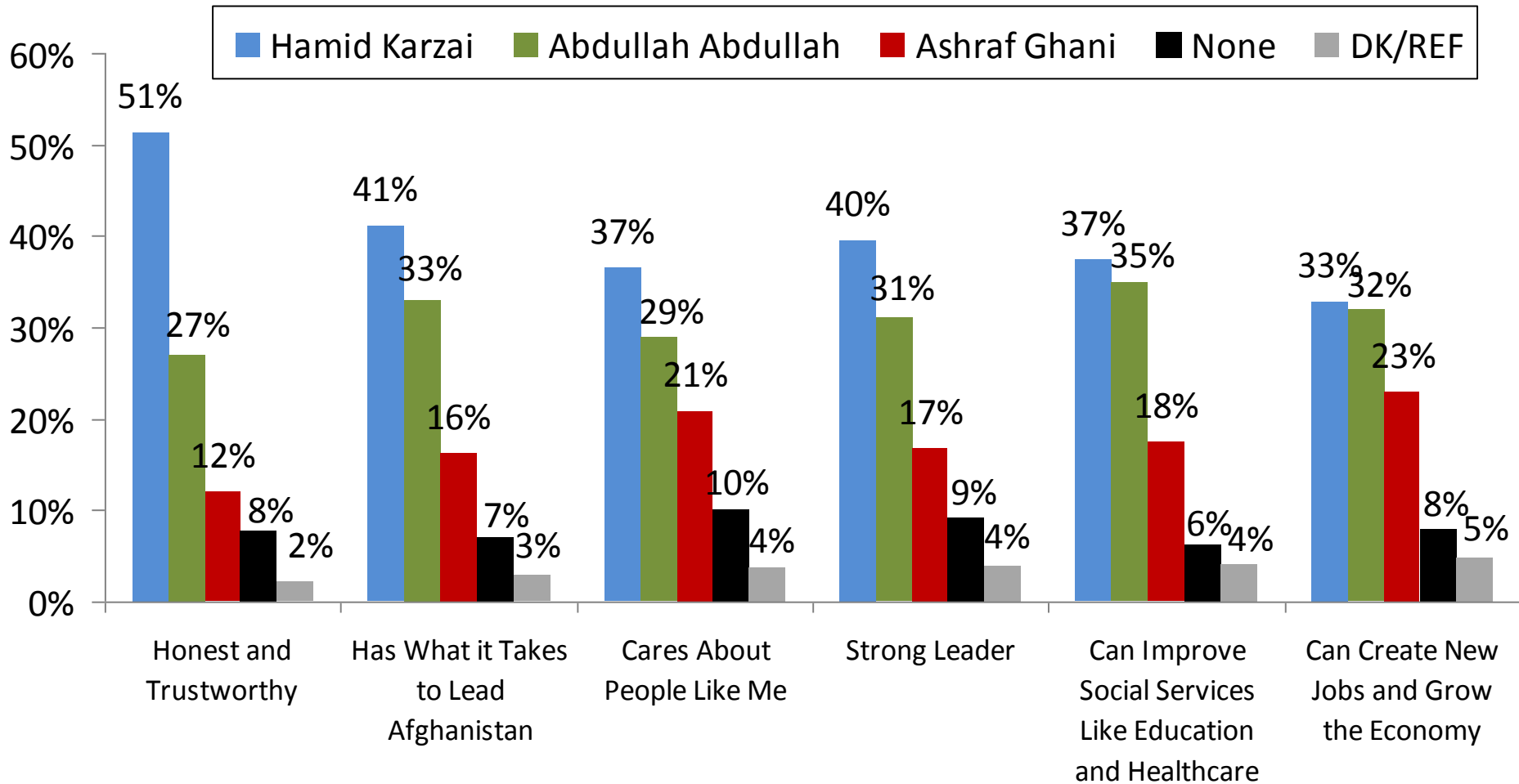
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following individuals leadership qualities? (May 2009)



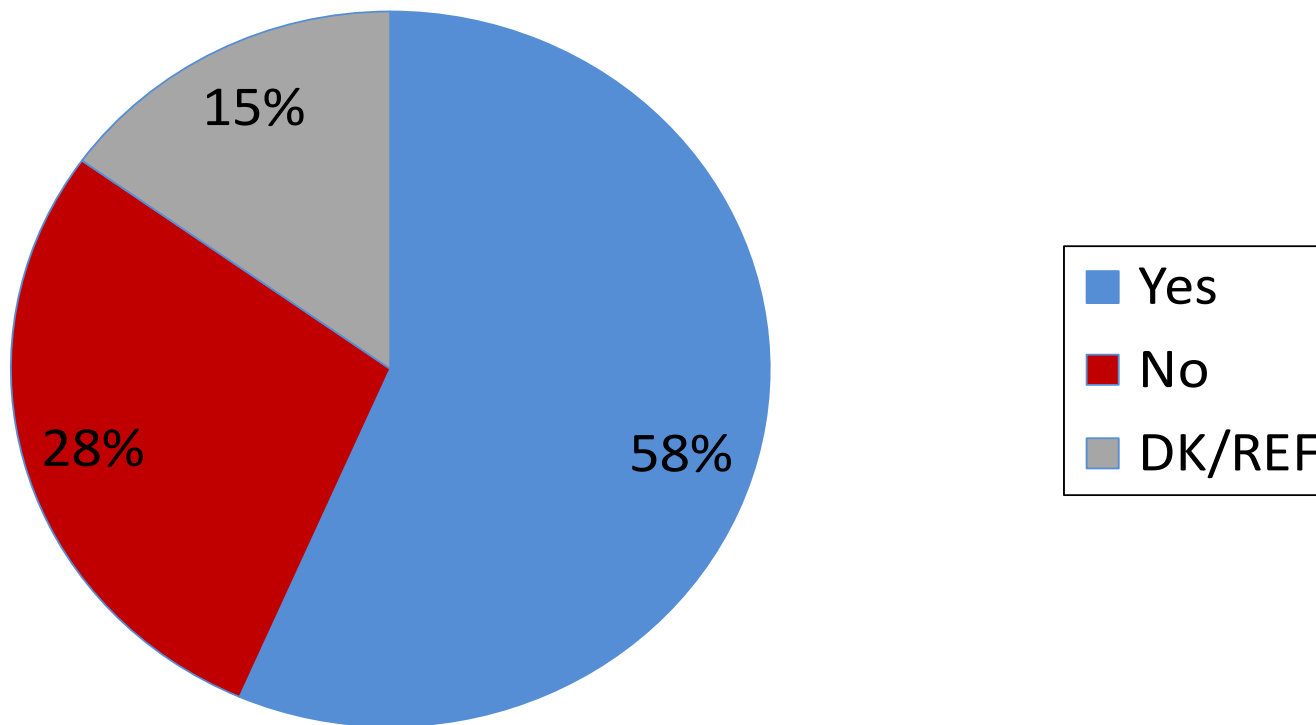
When you think about people in political life, who is the one person in Afghanistan that you view most favorably? (open-ended question)



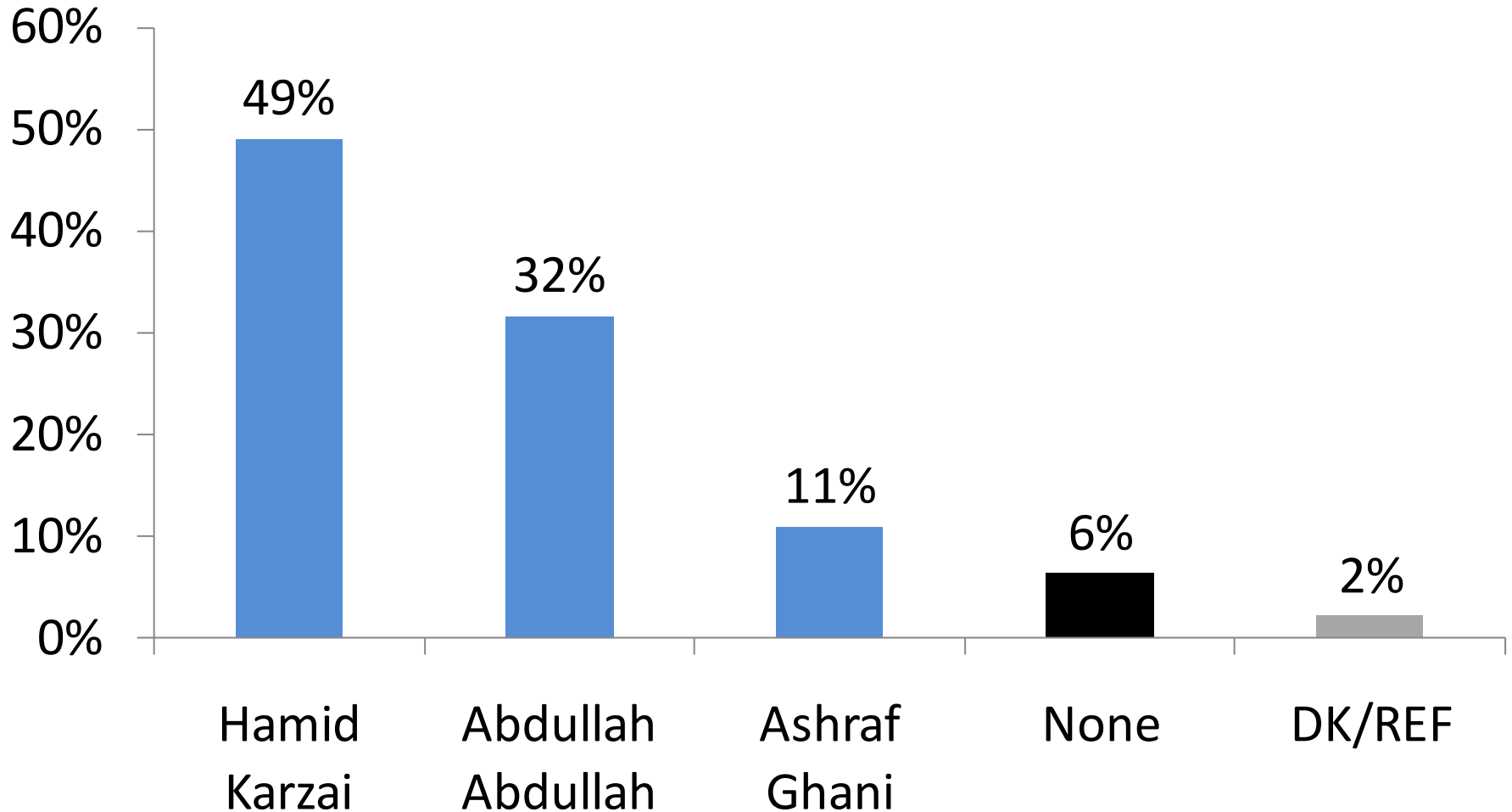
For each word or phrase, please choose from the list the person best described.



Do you think a unified team of Abdullah Abdullah and Ashraf Ghani is a good option for Afghanistan?

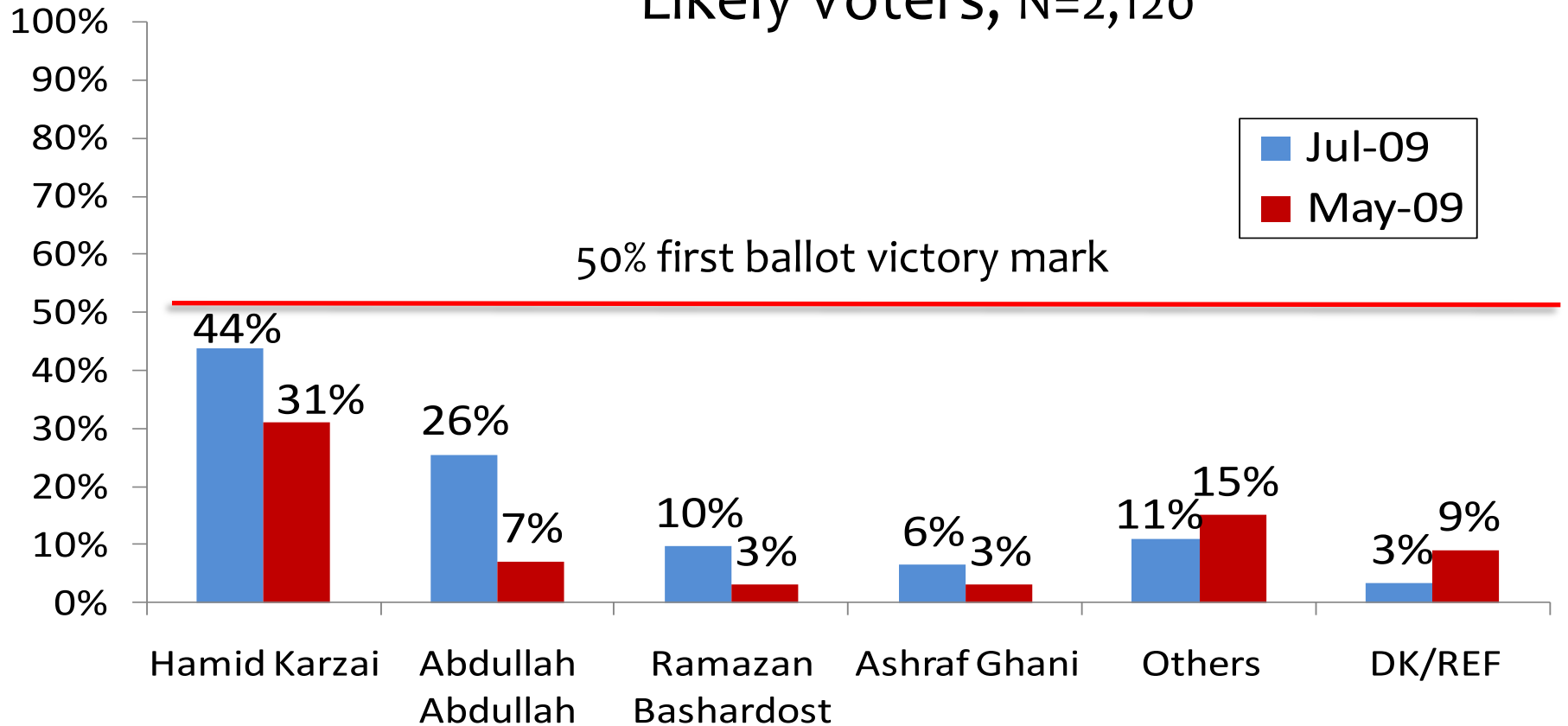


If the presidential race were among only three people – Hamid Karzai, Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah – which one of these would you vote for president?

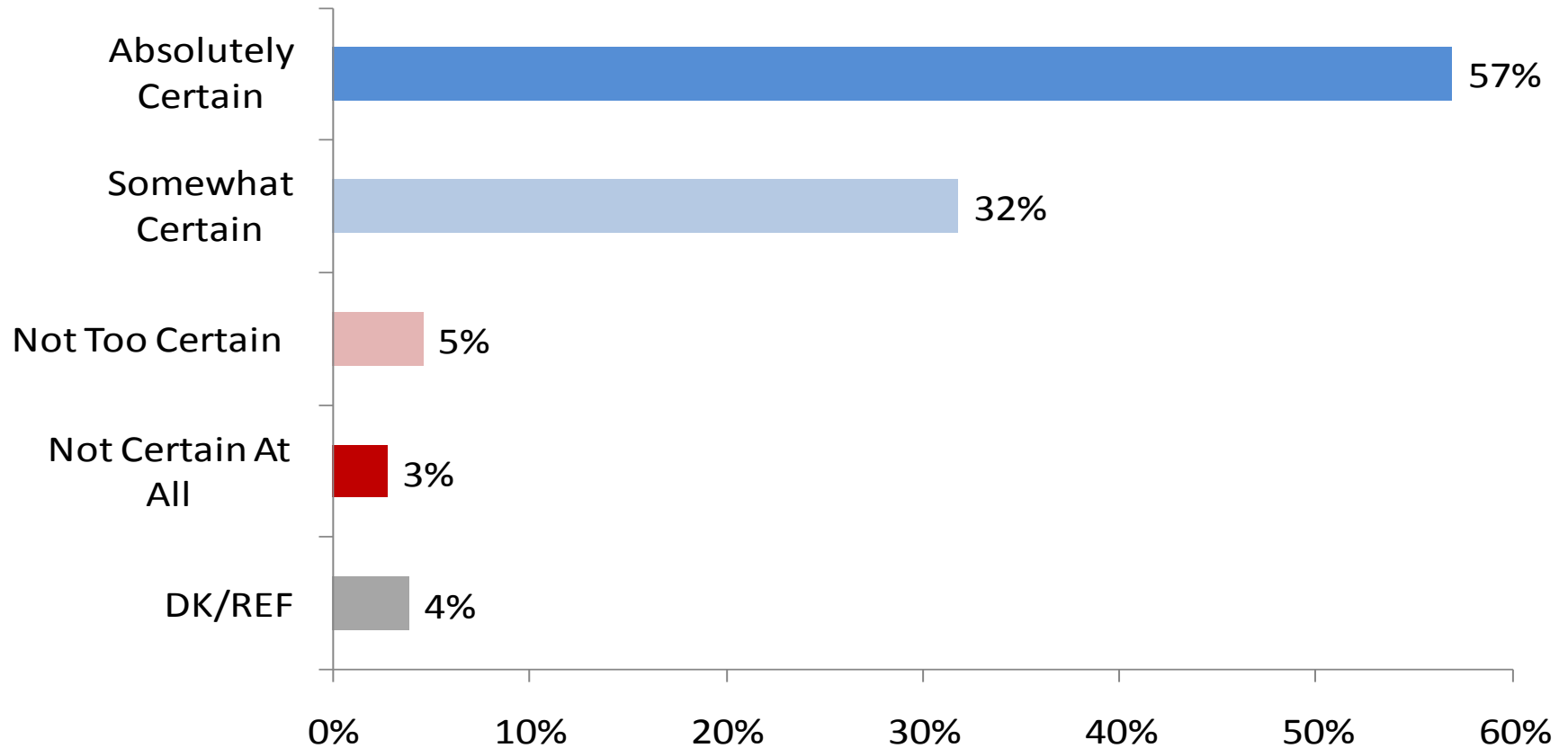


If the presidential election was held today, for whom would you vote? (responses greater than 2%)

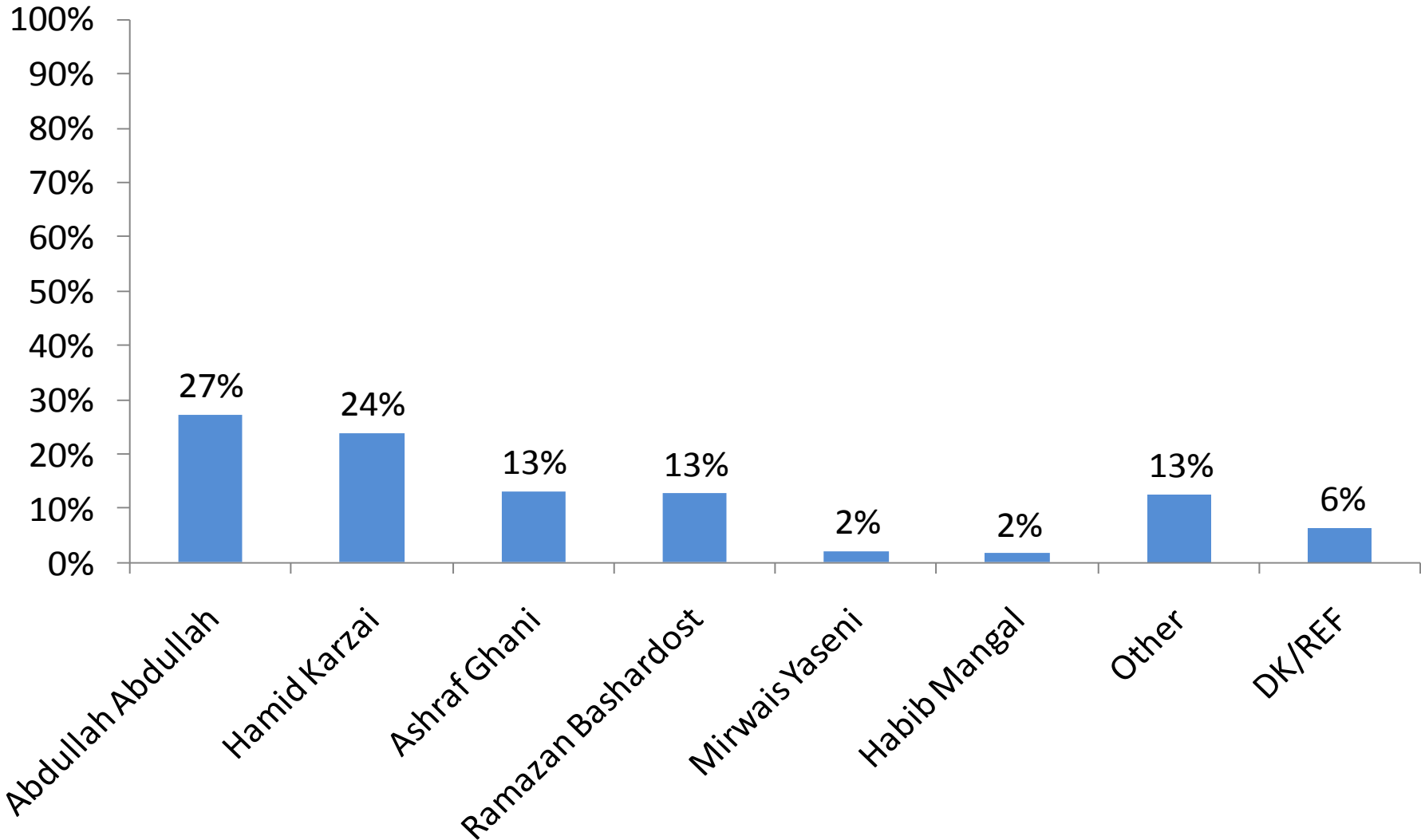
Likely Voters, N=2,120



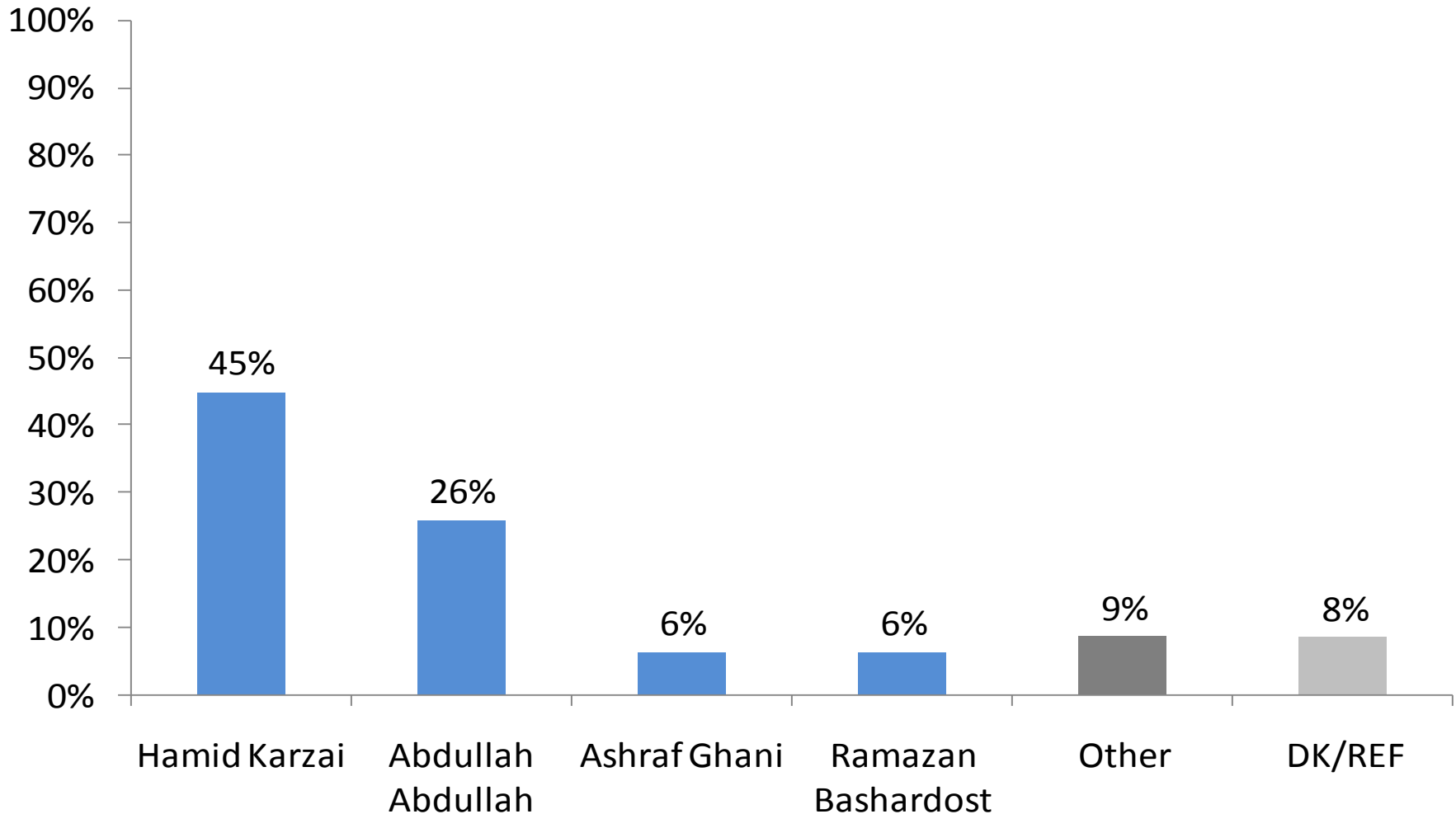
How certain are you that you would vote for that person for president?



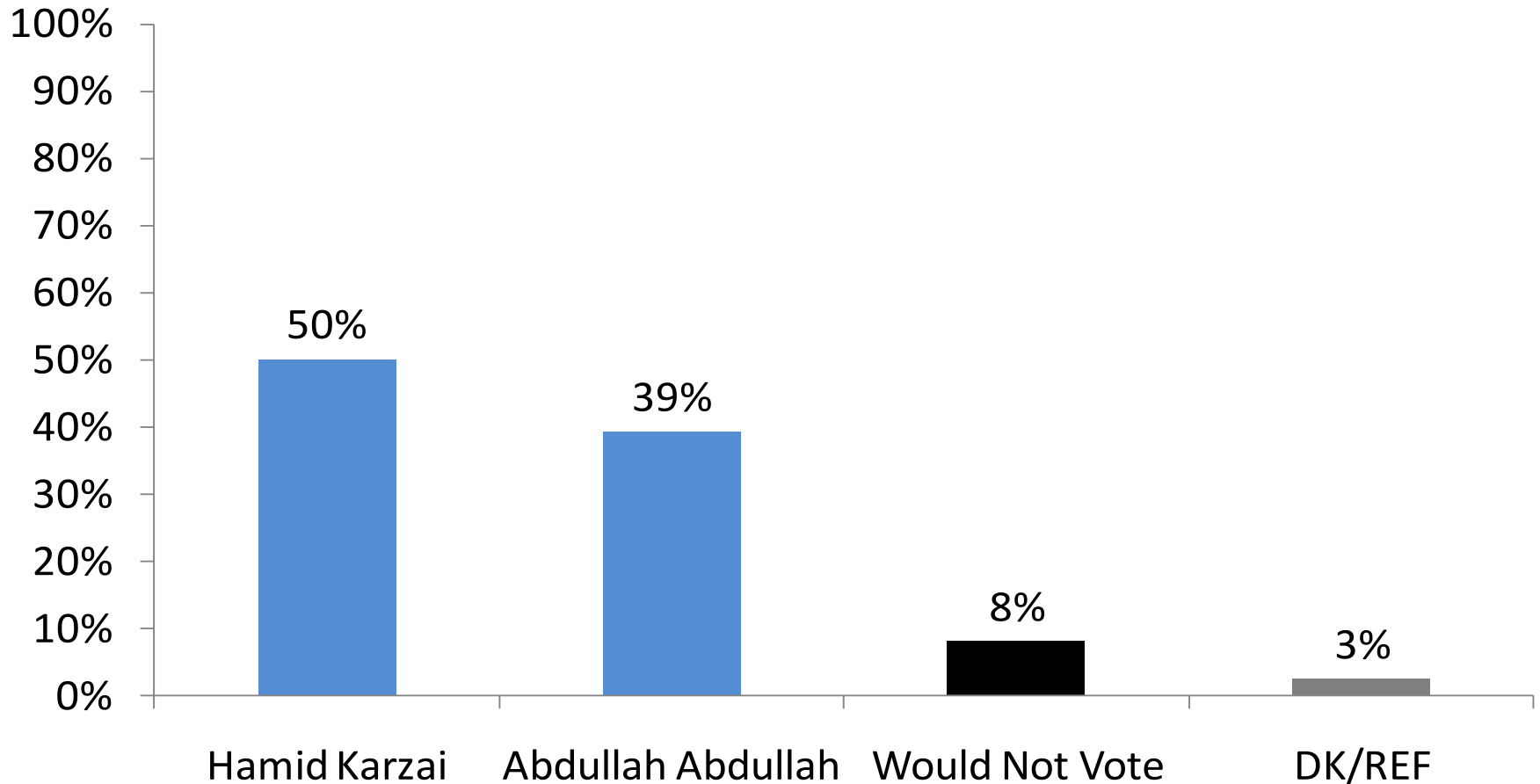
Who would be your second choice for president? (responses greater than 2%)



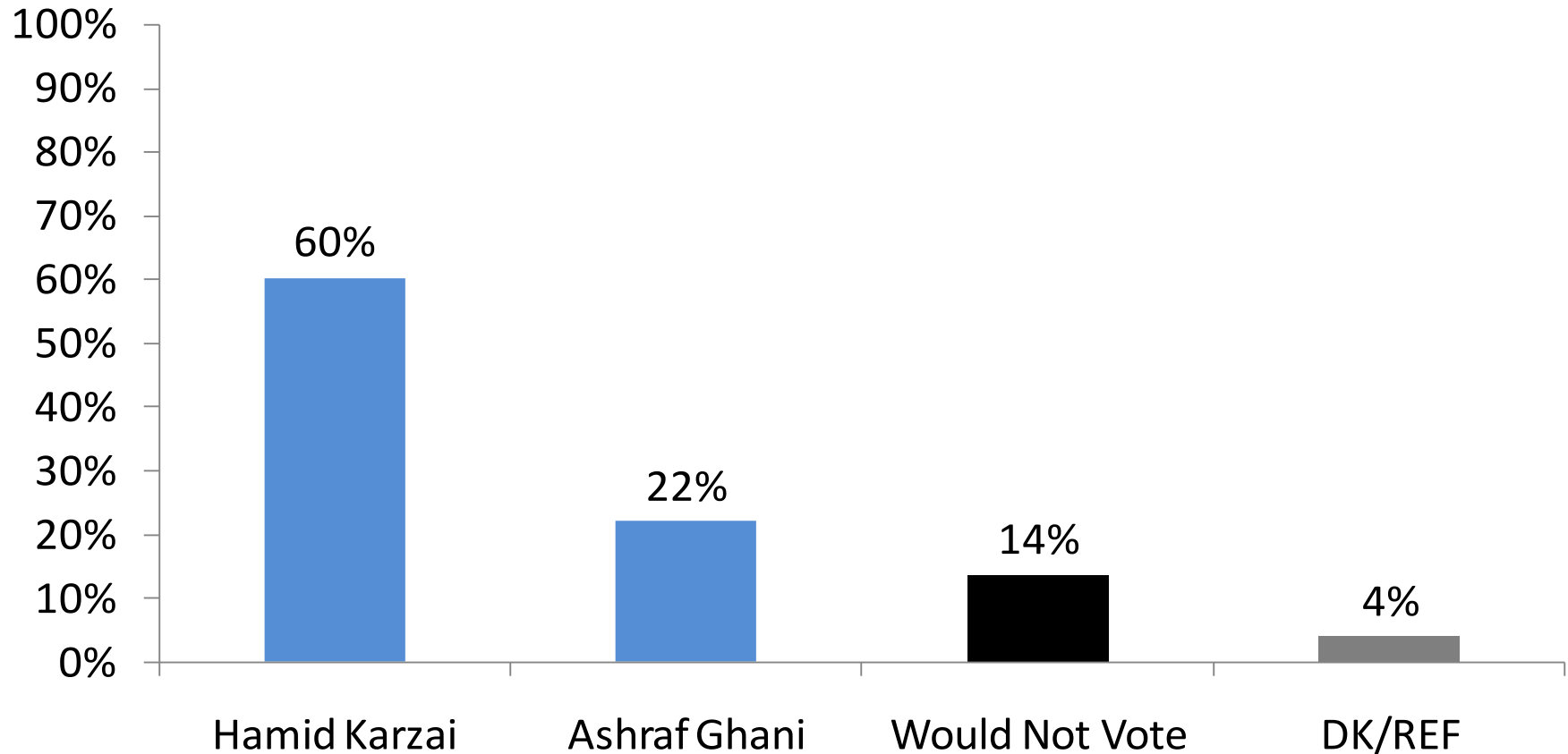
Regardless of who you support for president, who do you think will actually win the presidential election?



If there is a second round election and the candidates are Hamid Karzai and Abdullah Abdullah, for whom would you vote?



If there is a second round election and the candidates are Hamid Karzai and Ashraf Ghani, for whom would you vote?



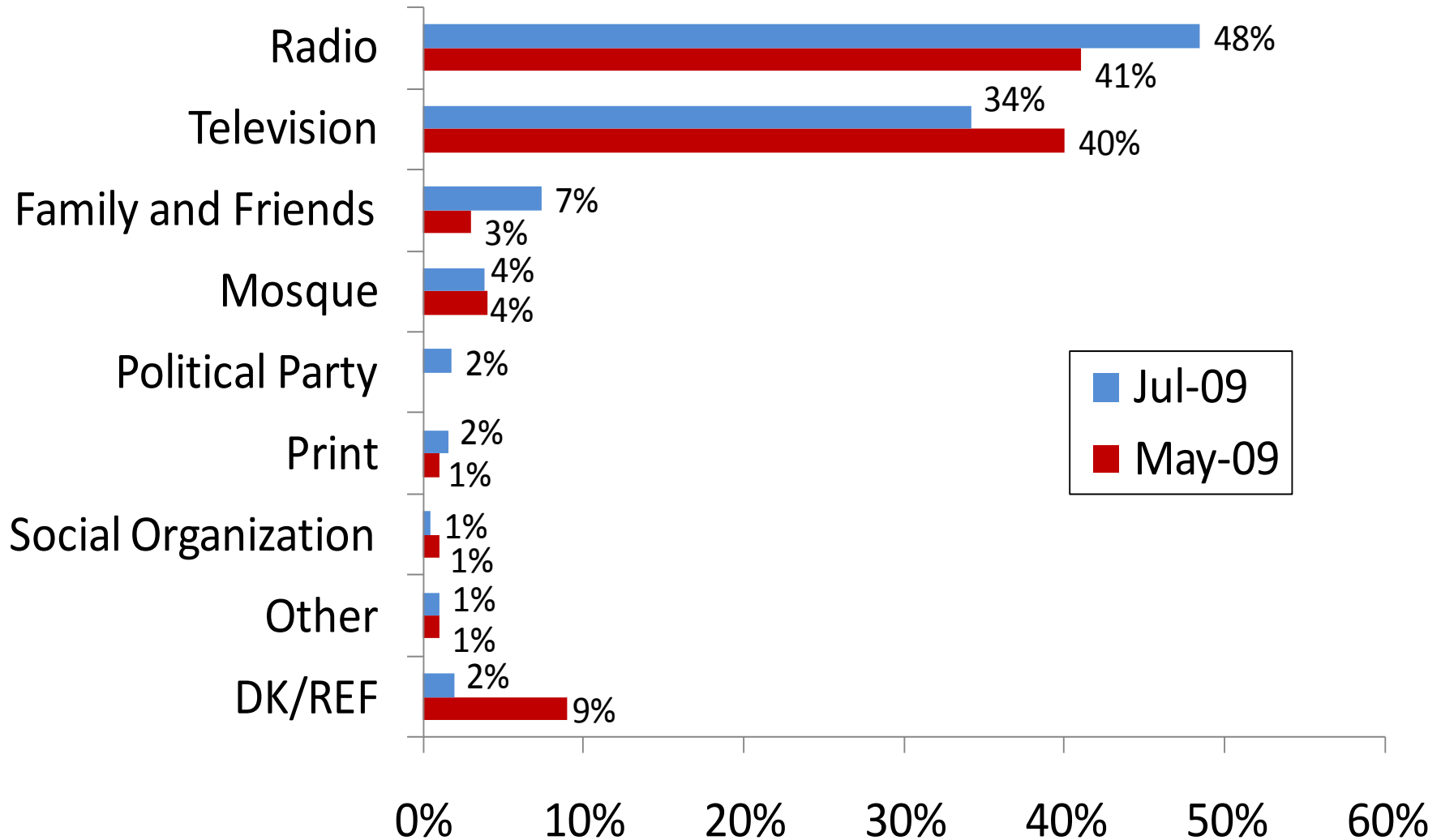
What should be the first priority of the president after the election? (open-ended question)

First Priority	May 2009	July 2009
Security	42%	30%
The Economy/Unemployment/Improving Standard of Living	12%	22%
Reconstruction/Development/Improving Infrastructure	7%	11%
Social Assistance/Helping Citizens	7%	7%
Education	4%	6%
Improving Government	0%	4%
Rule of Law/Peace/Justice	4%	4%
Corruption/Abuse of Power	3%	4%
Human Rights	3%	2%
Religion/Cultural Issues	3%	2%
Terrorism/Ending Internal Violence	5%	2%
International Relations	2%	1%
Other	5%	3%
DK/REF	3%	3%

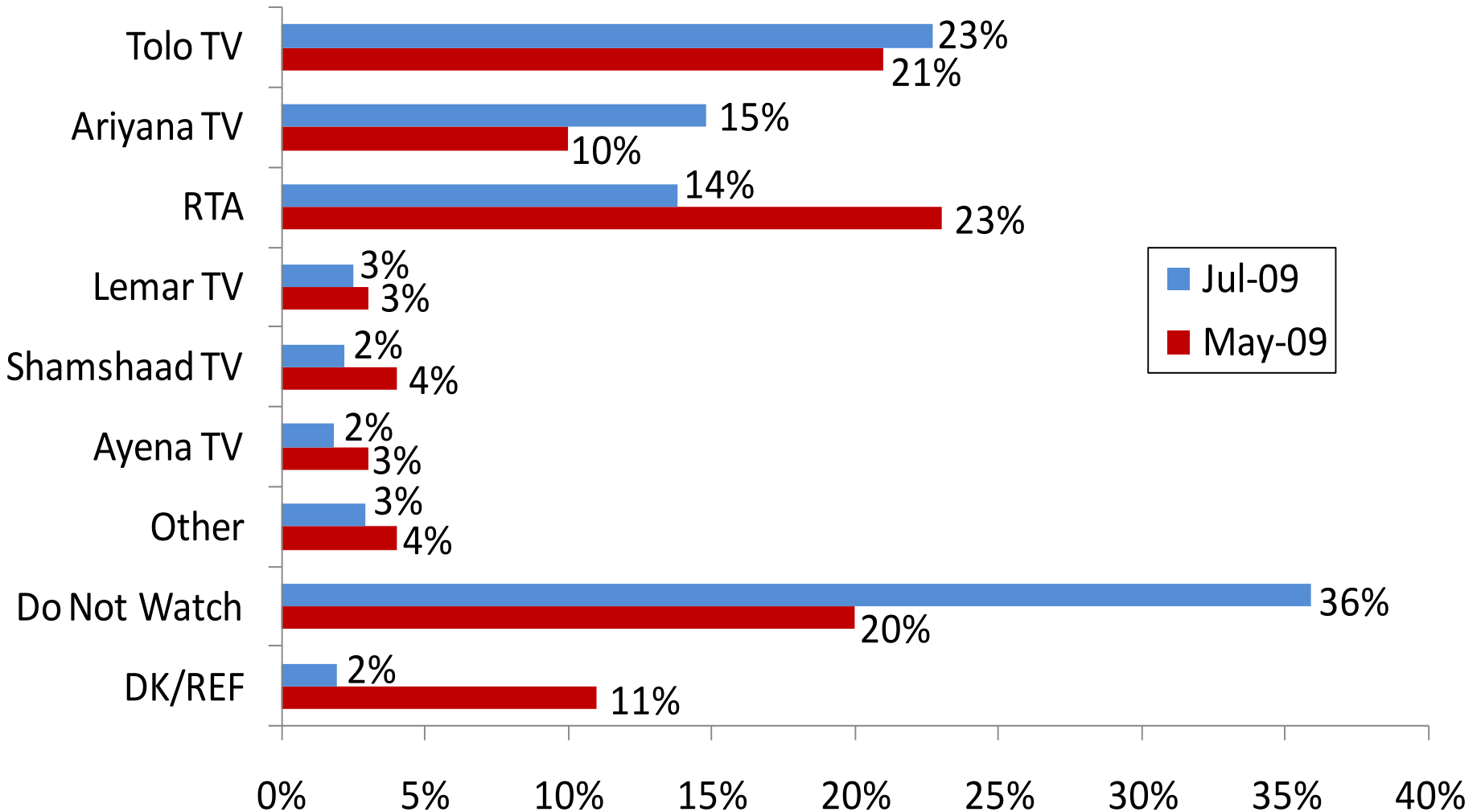


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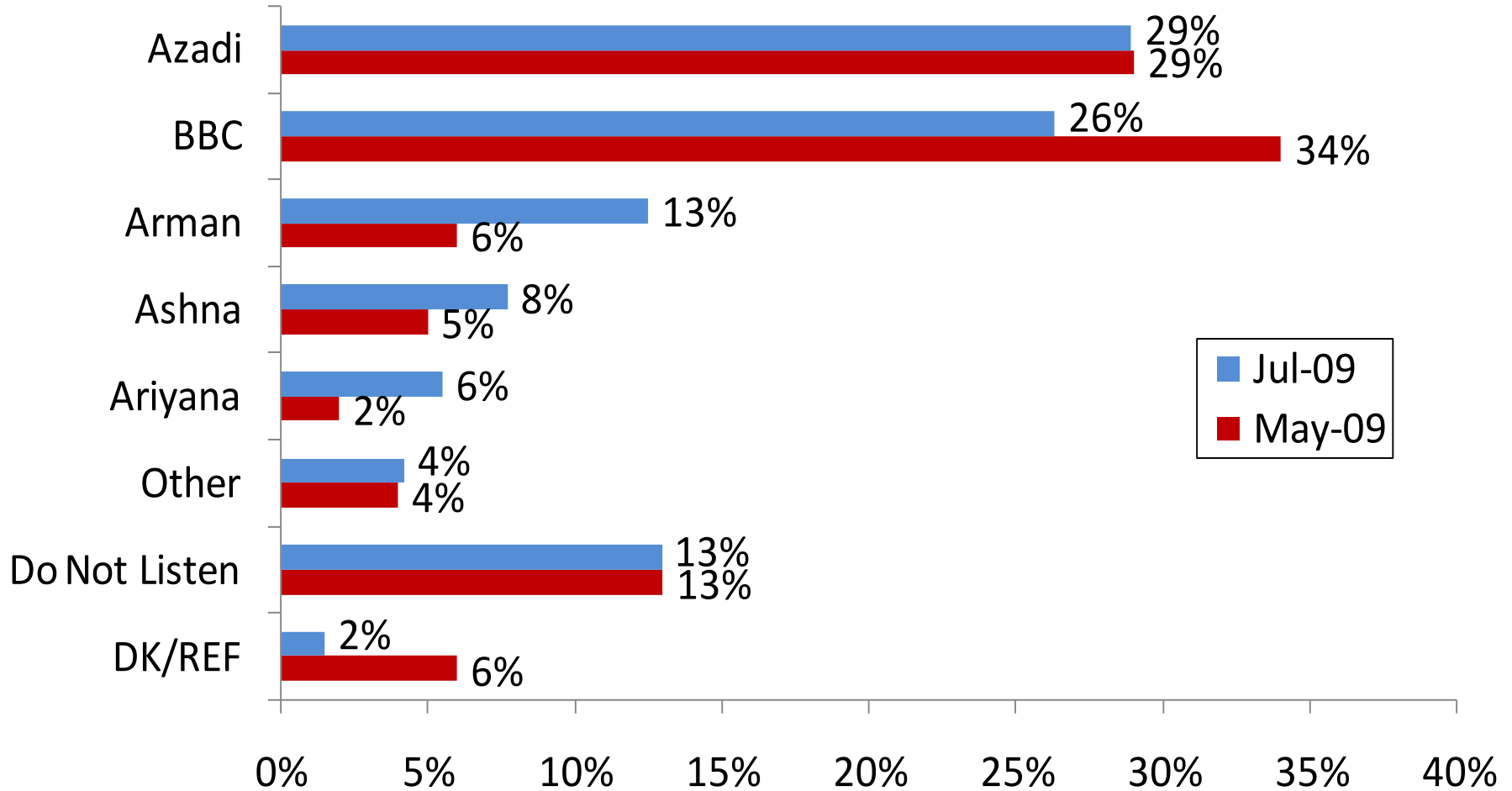
What is your primary source of political news?



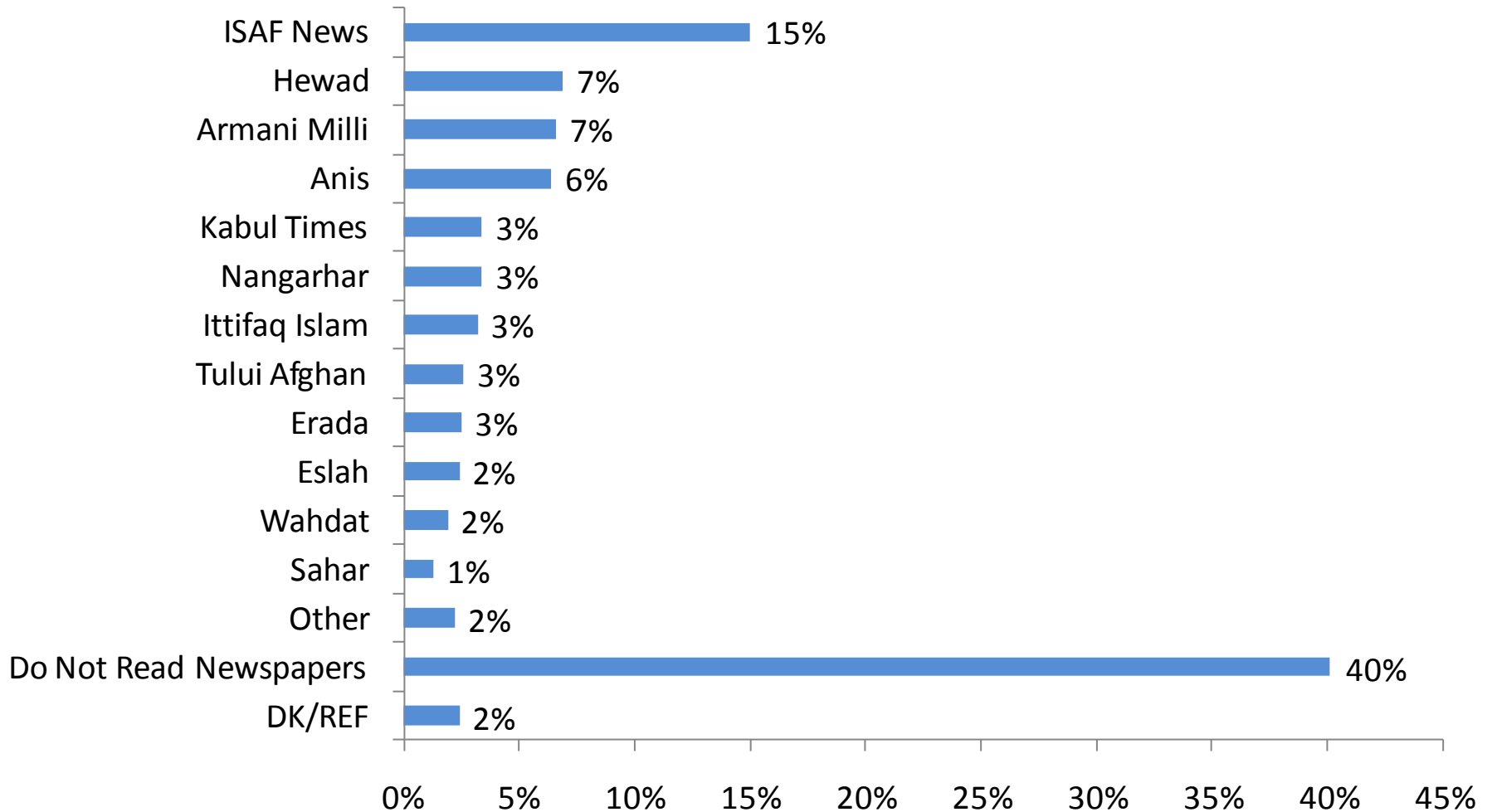
Which television station do you watch most often for political news?



What radio station do you listen to most often for political news?



What newspaper do you read most often for political news? (n=1,181)





International Forces & Foreign Assistance

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups, organizations, or countries?

