

NATIONAL PRIORITIES, GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL REFORM IN JORDAN

NATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION POLL #7

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Methodology

- Sample size is 1,000 individuals, 18 years of age or older, 50 percent men and 50 percent women.
- A stratified two stage cluster sample based on the 2004 Housing and Population Census for the selection of 100 clusters across the Kingdom. The Nyman allocation approach was used to distribute the sample of clusters among governorates.
- Ten households were drawn (with replacement allowing for non-contacts) from each cluster using a random start and a systematic procedure of selection to ensure representation of different parts of the cluster in sample and to reduce intra-class correlation.
- Researchers conducted one in-person interview per household, selected using the Kish method.
- Interviewers were provided with building maps identifying households selected for interview.
- The margin of error is ± 2.5 percent at 95 percent confidence level.
- Number of field researchers: 50
- The poll was conducted August 8-11, 2009.
- All data shown is from this August survey and a survey conducted [August 9-13, 2008](#), as indicated.
- Figures in charts and tables may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding error.



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Survey Demographics

Sex:

Male 50%

Female 50%

Geographic Location:

Center 63%

North 27%

South 9%

Age Groups

18-24 14%

25-34 26%

35-49 35%

50+ 26%

Education

Less than Secondary 38%

Secondary 34%

Higher than Secondary 27%

Income Levels

Less than 200 JD 16%

200-599 JD 68%

600-999 JD 11%

1,000 JD or Higher 4%

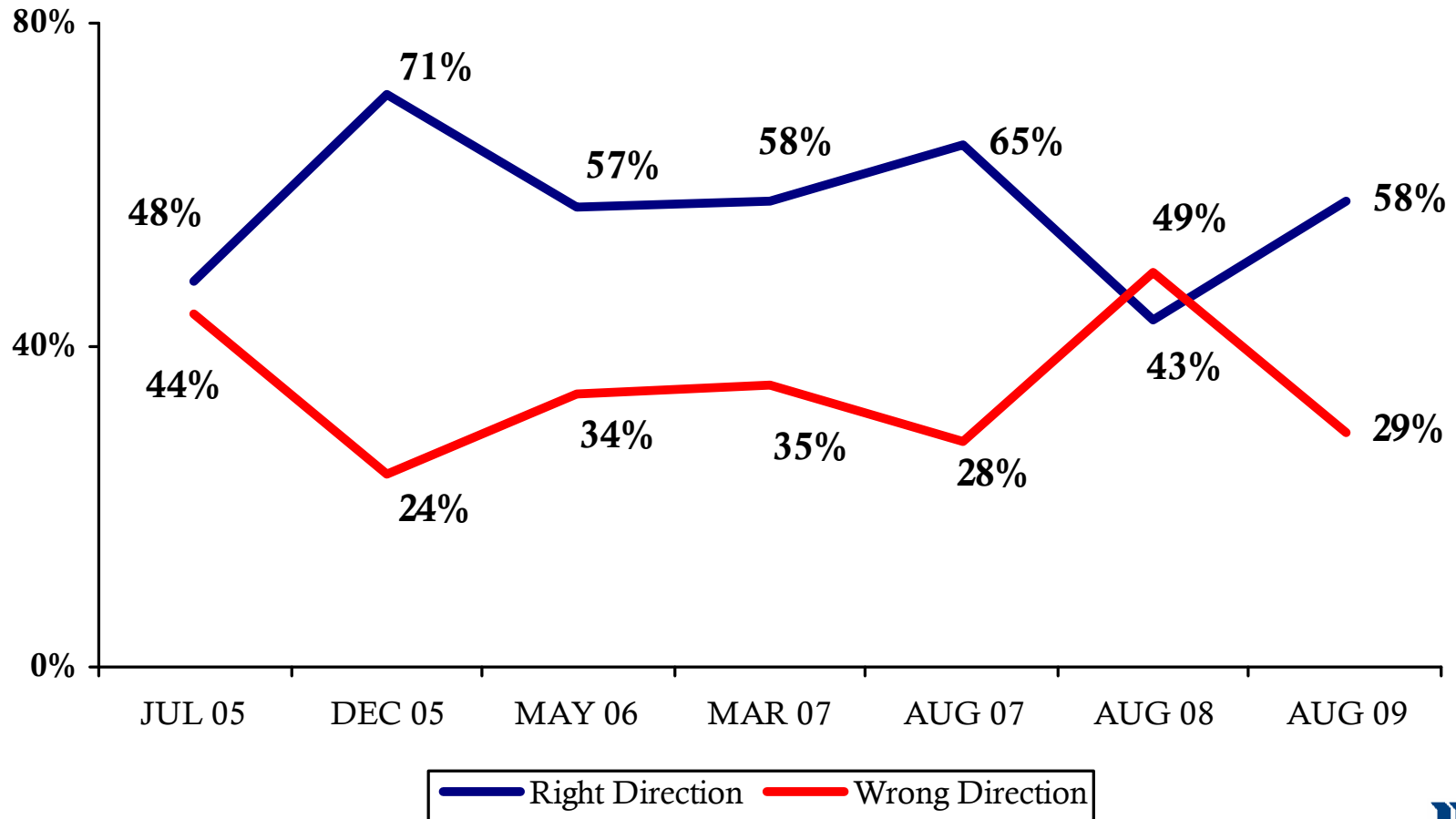
Not Sure/Don't Know 1%



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General State of Affairs

Q: In general, are things in Jordan going in the right or the wrong direction?

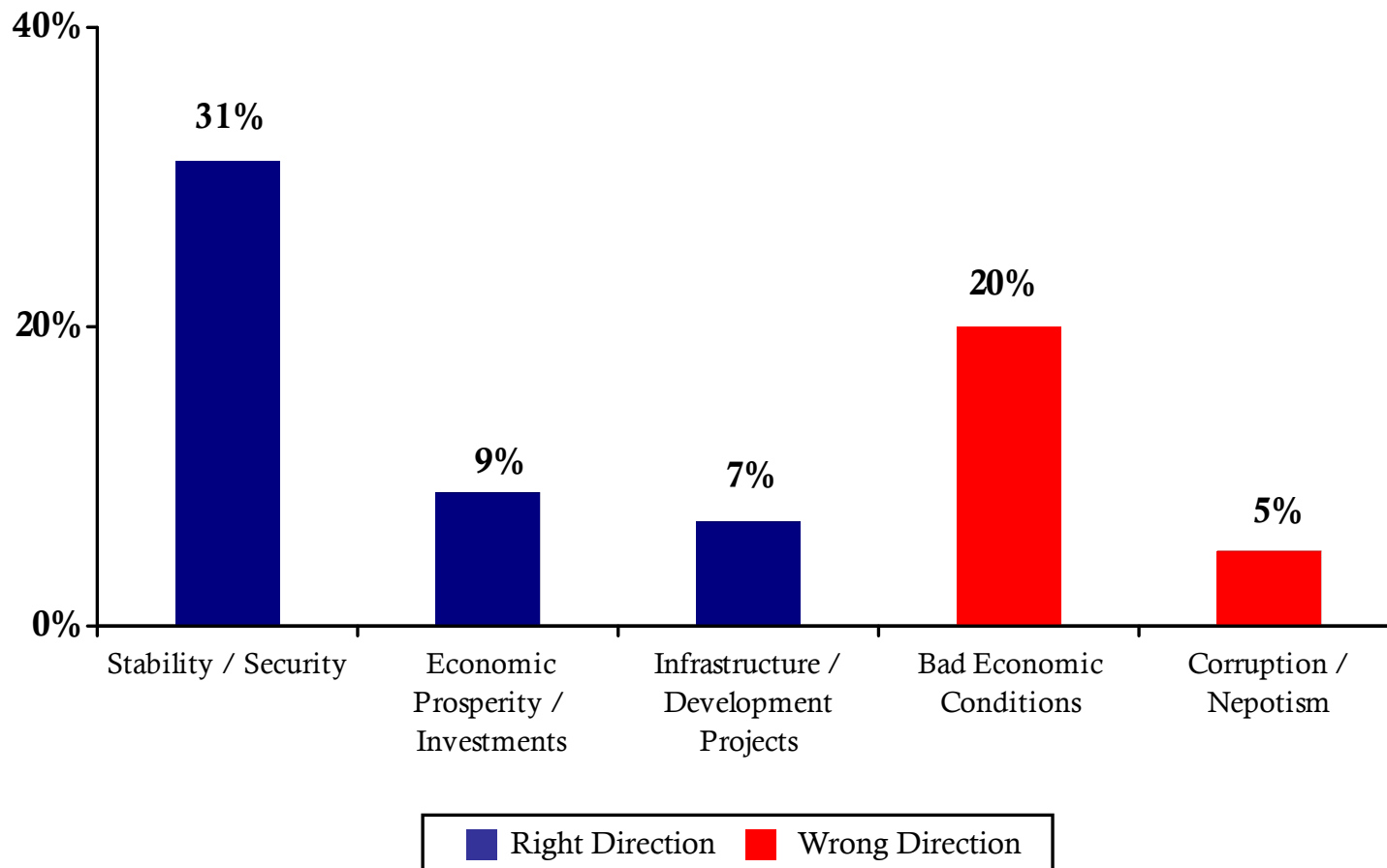




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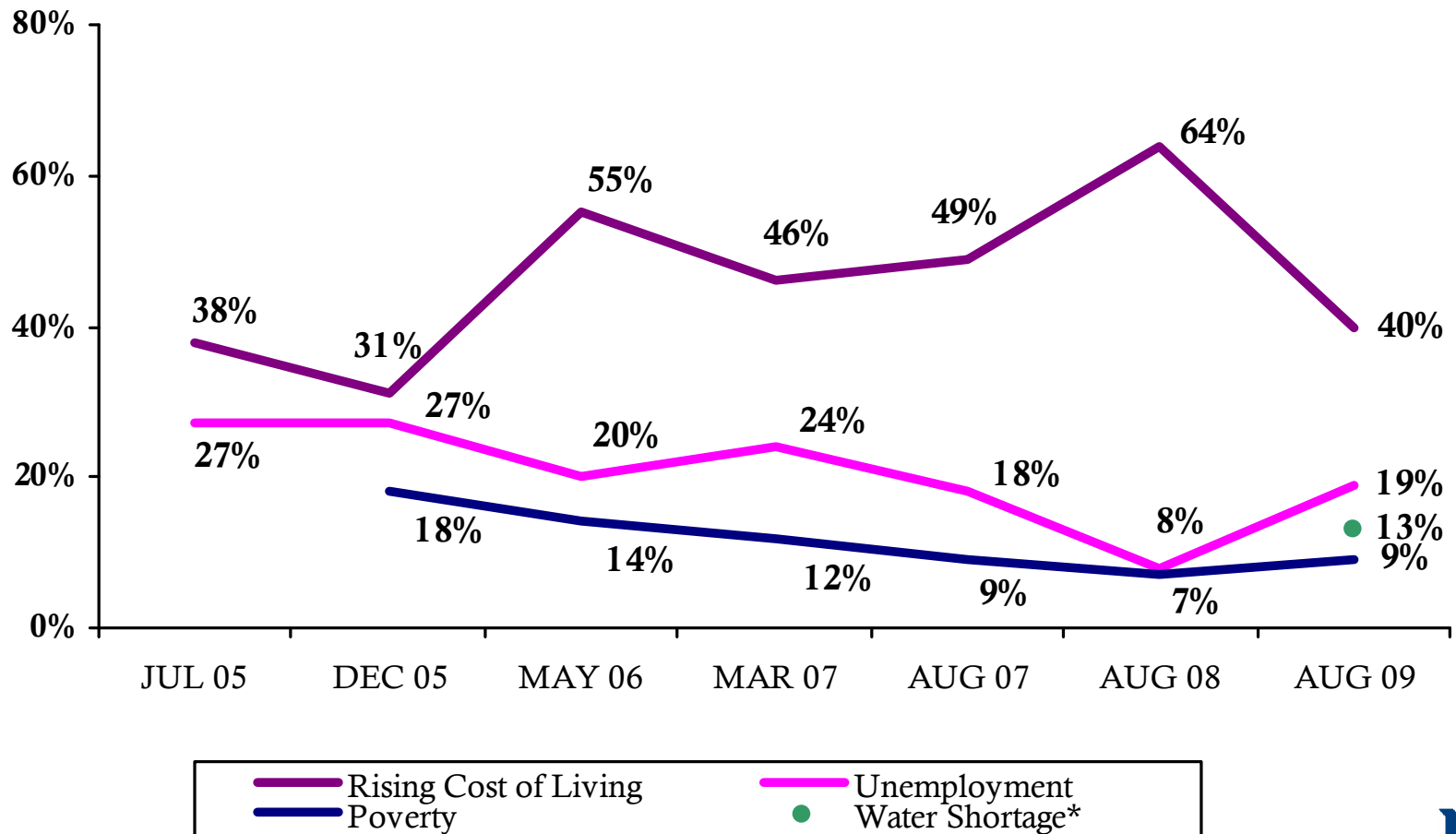
Q: Why do you think Jordan is going in the right/wrong direction? (n=583 for right direction; n=288 for wrong direction)



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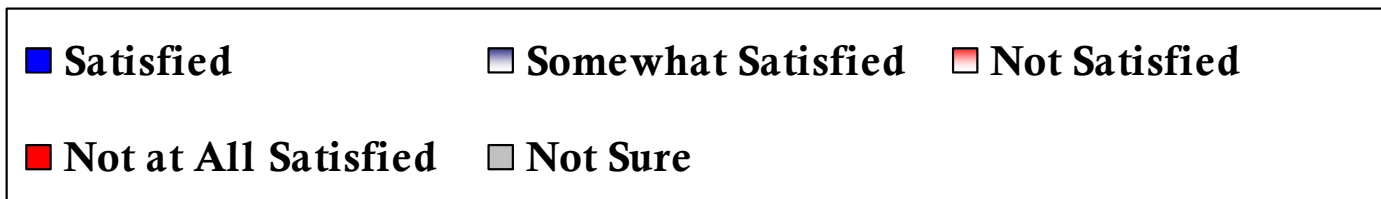
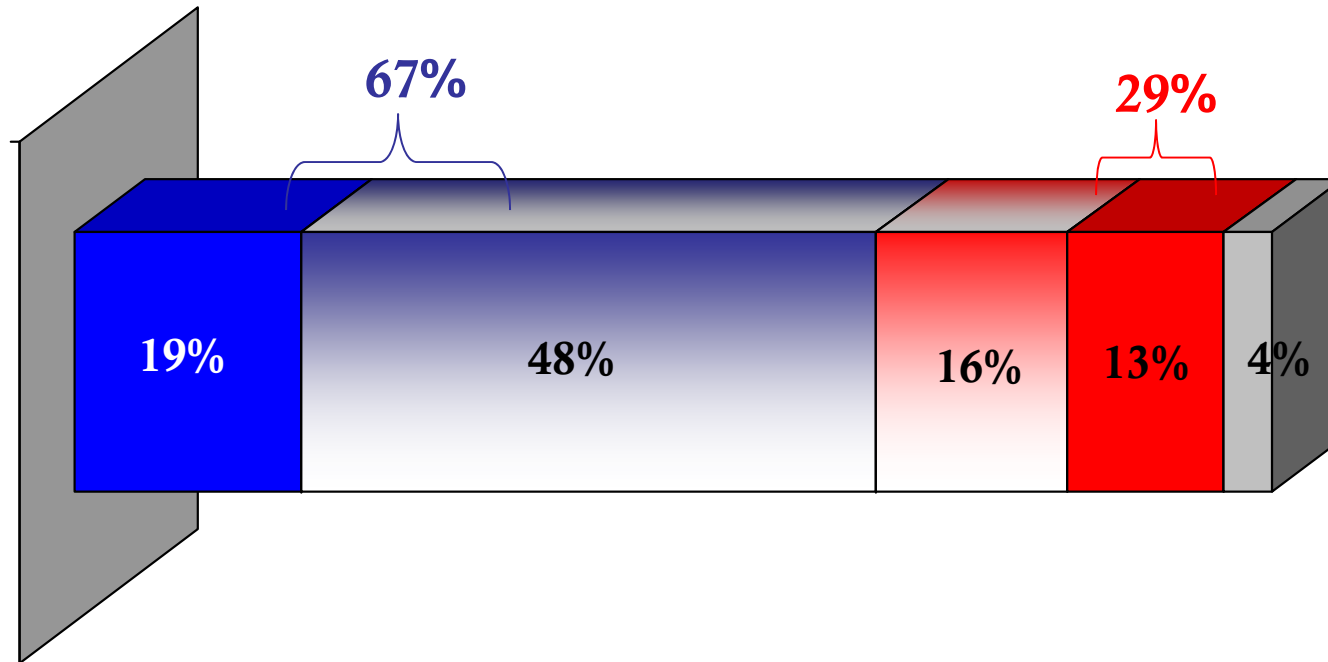
Q: Taking all things into consideration, what is the most important problem facing Jordan today?



**This is the first time water shortage appeared in the top three most important issues facing Jordan today.*

Government's Approval Ratings

Q : To what extent are you satisfied with the performance of the current government?

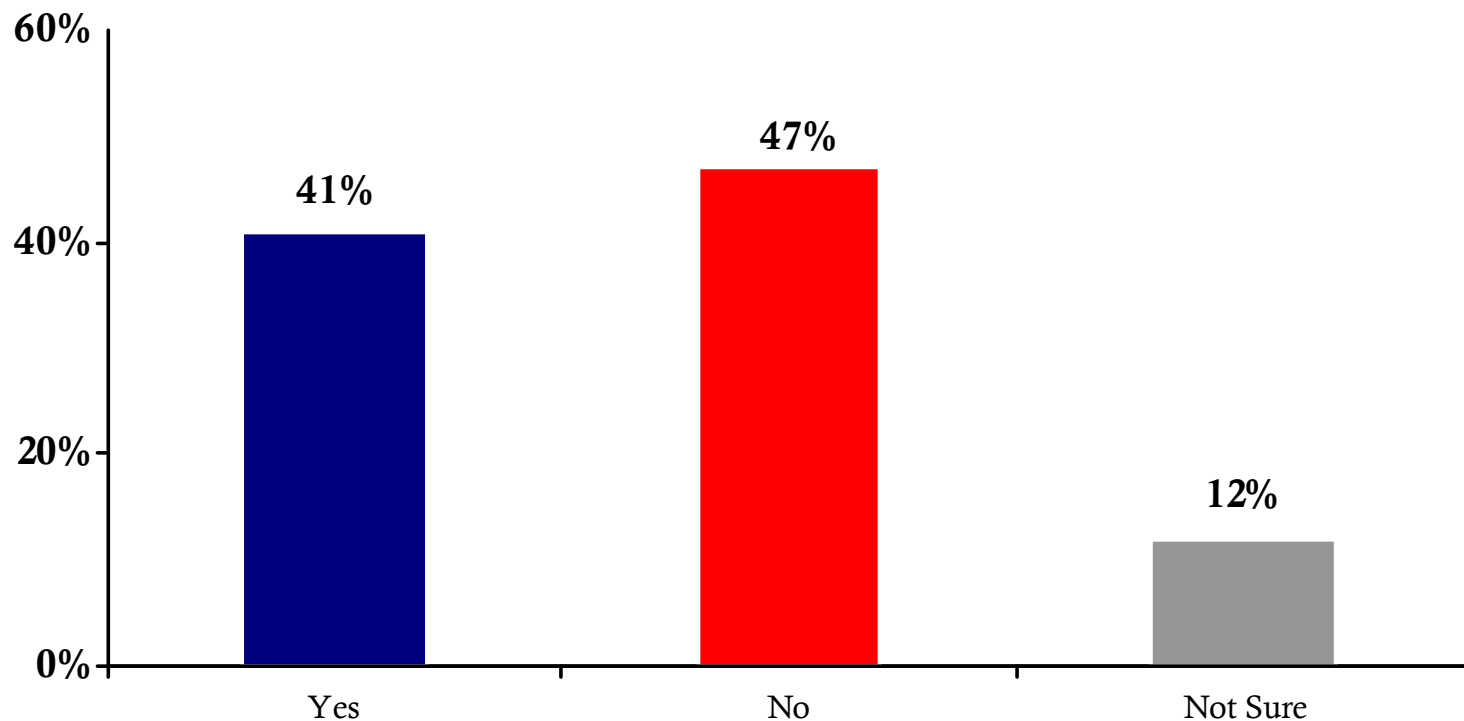




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Government's Approval Ratings

Q : Did the current government accomplish anything worthy of recognition?

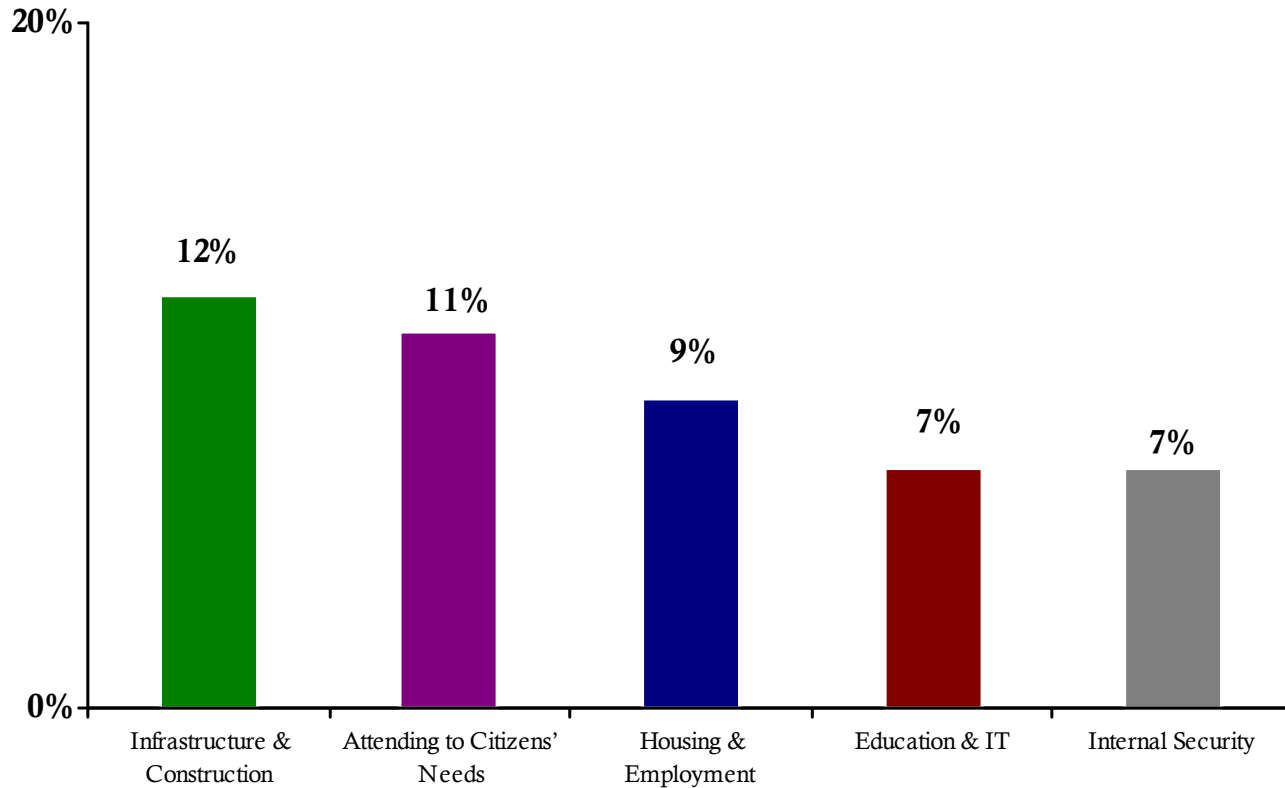




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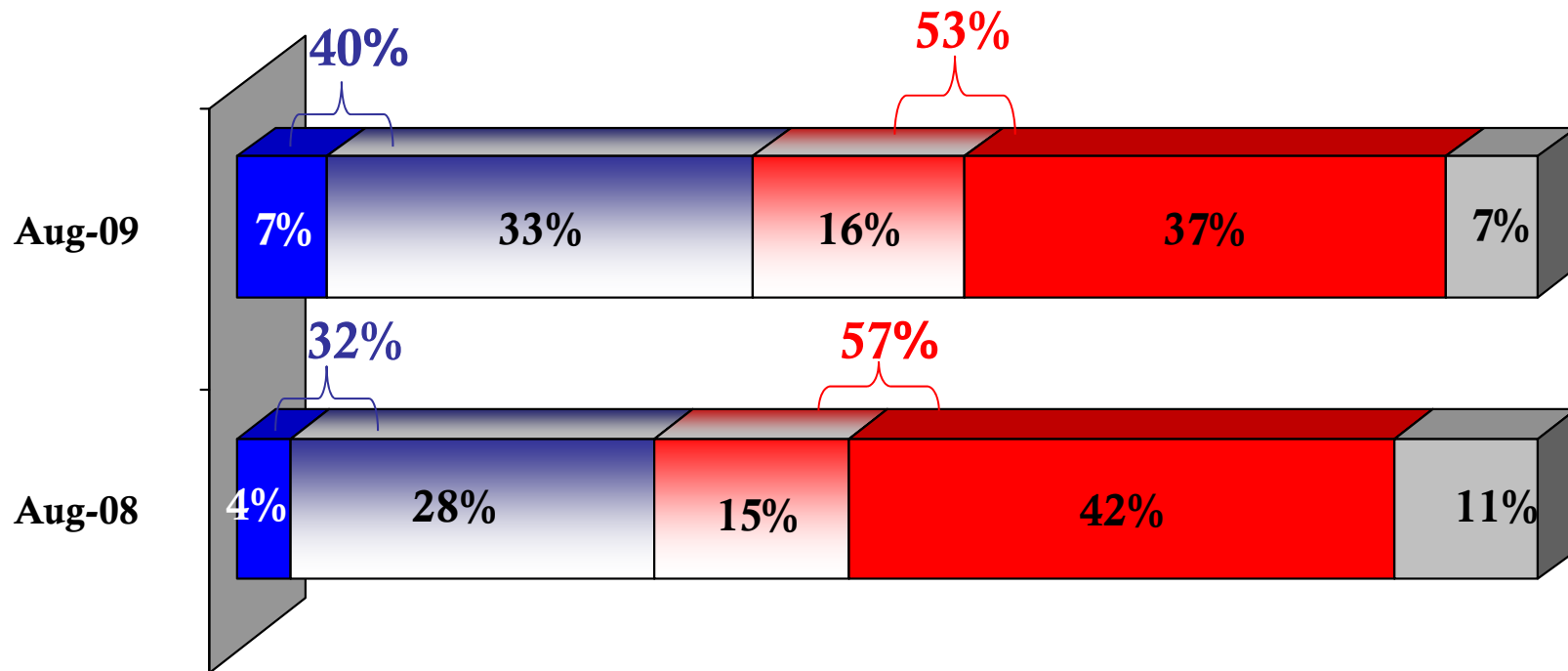
Government's Approval Ratings

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(Top five responses from total sample, n=1,000)*



Parliament's Approval Ratings

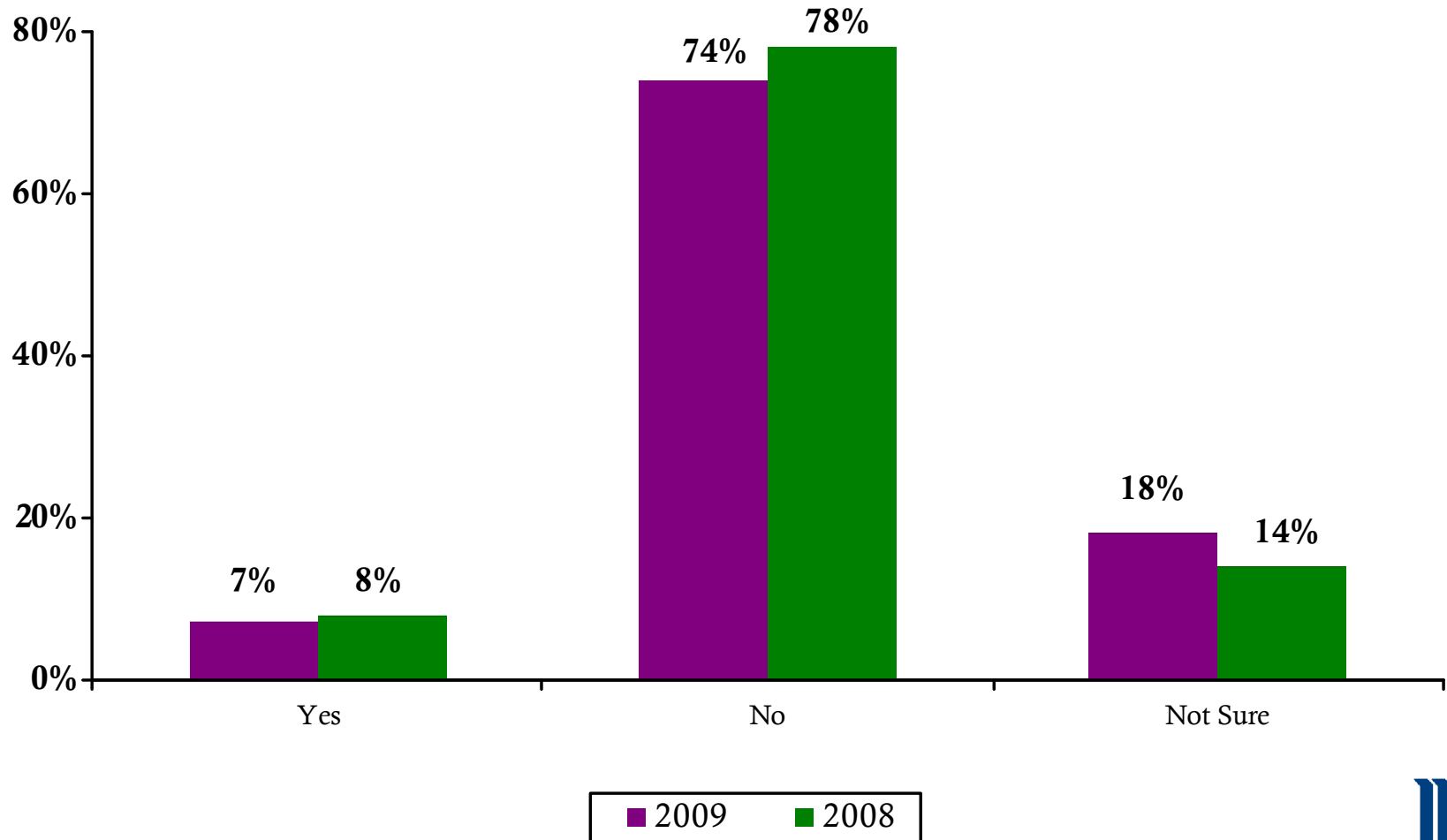
Q : To what extent are you satisfied with the performance of the current parliament?



■ Satisfied
 ■ Somewhat Satisfied
 ■ Not Satisfied
■ Not At All Satisfied
 ■ Not Sure

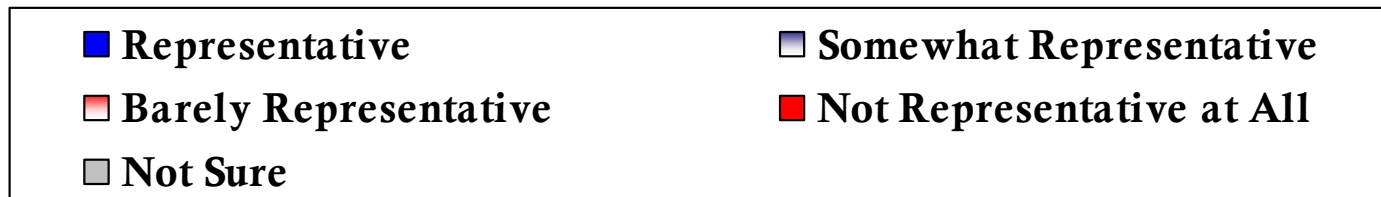
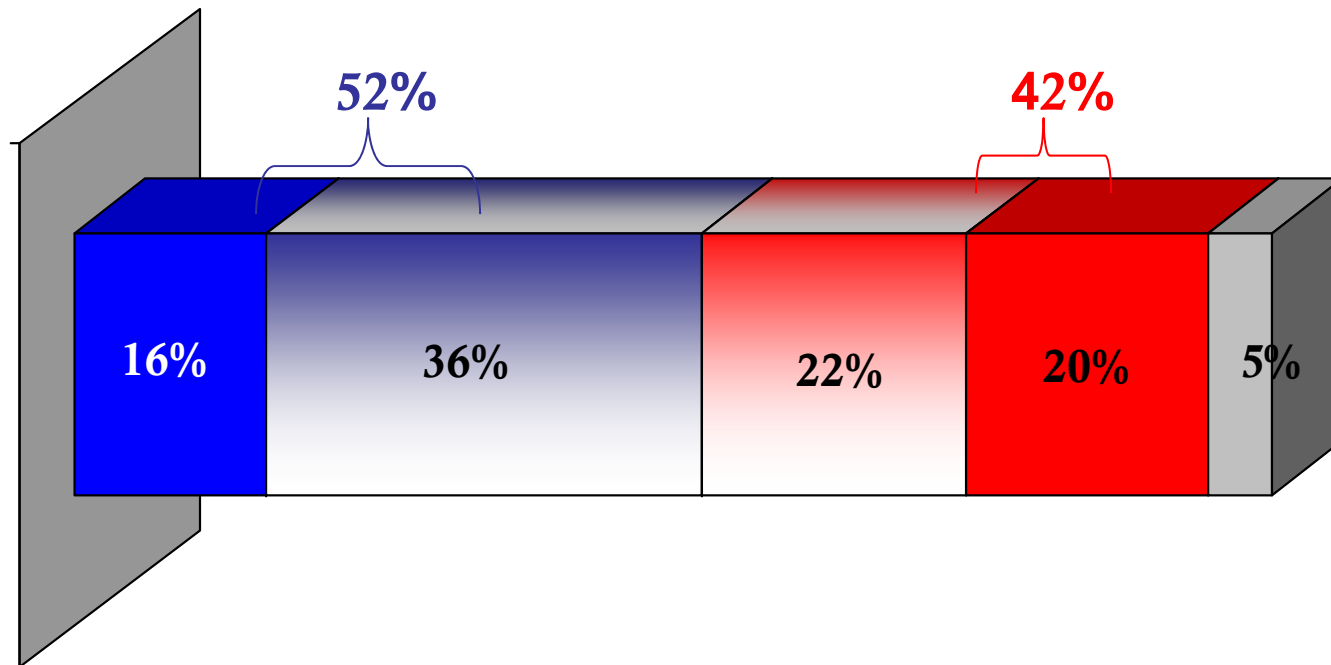
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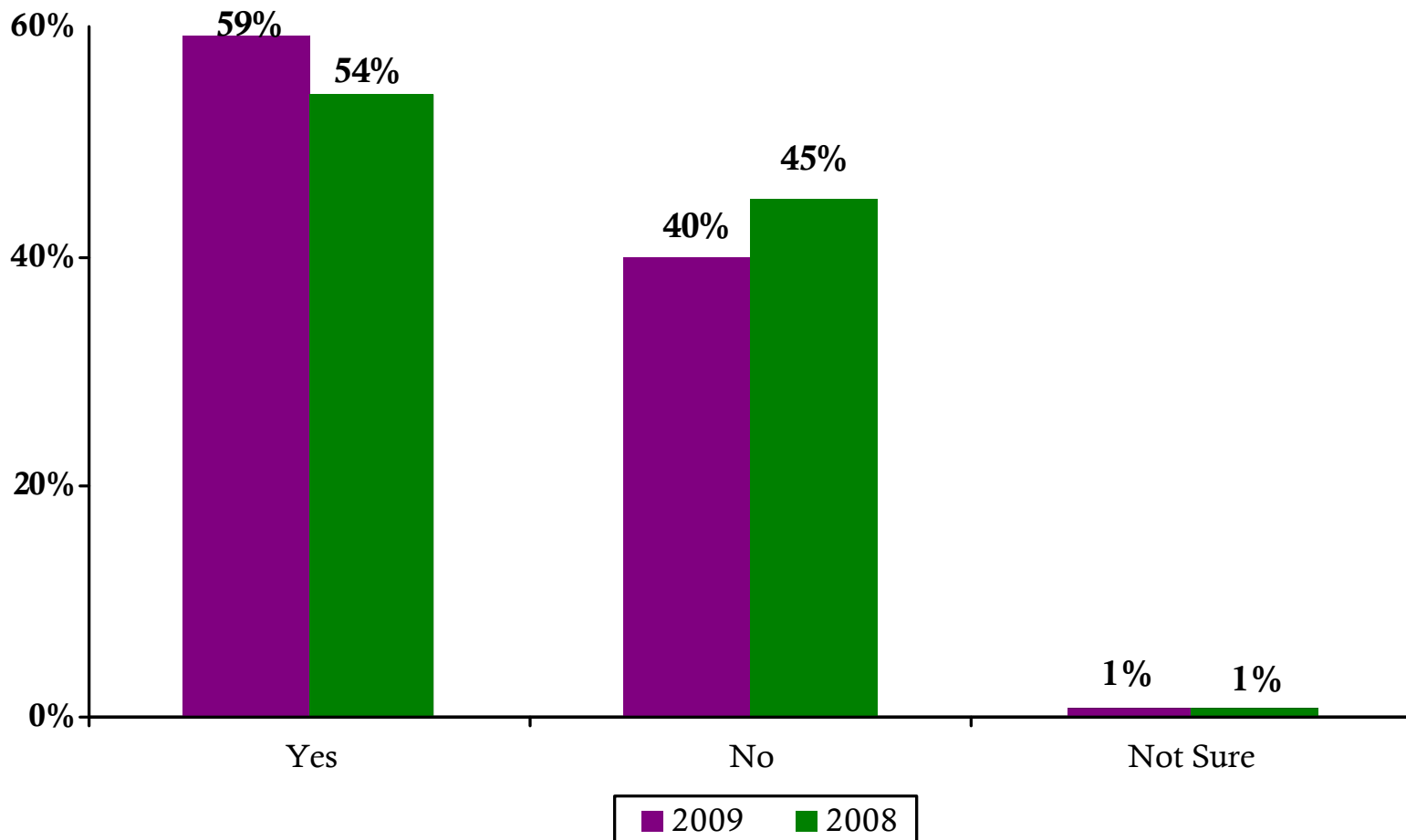
Parliamentary Representation

Q : To what extent is the current parliament representative of all Jordanians?



Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

Q : Did you vote in the last parliamentary elections that were held in November 2007?



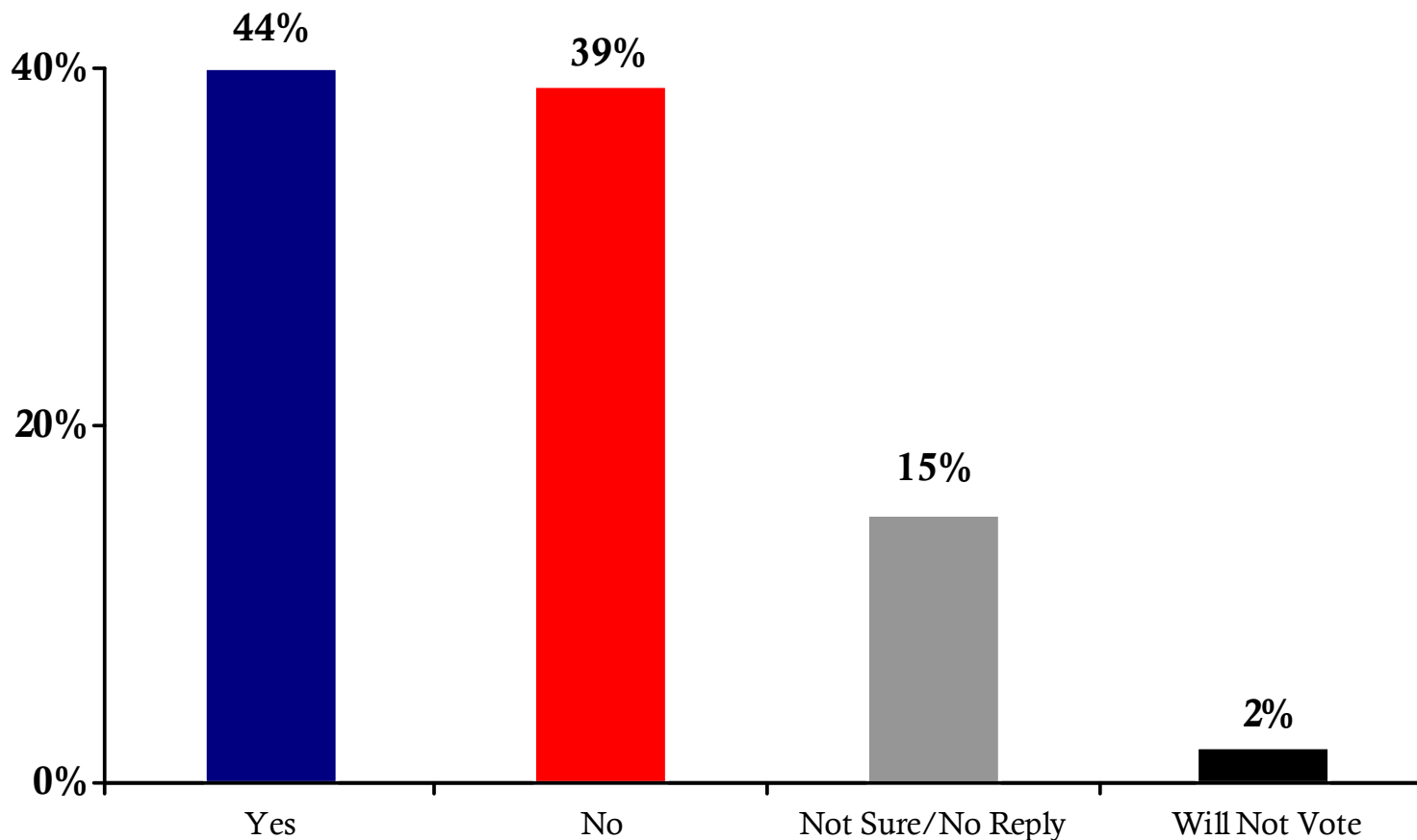
According to the Jordanian government, official numbers show 55% turnout in the 2007 elections.



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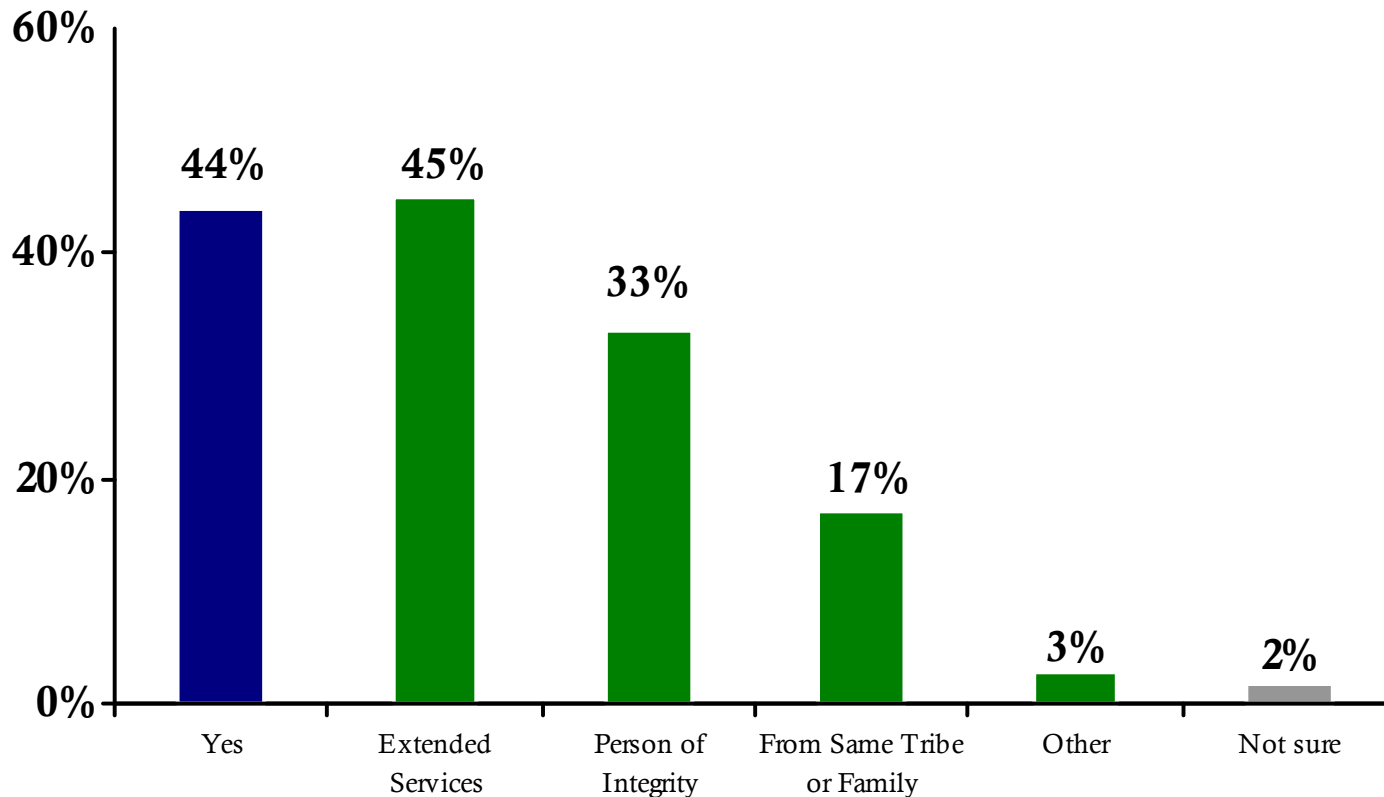
Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

Q : If the winning candidate you voted for in the last elections decides to run again in the next parliamentary elections, would you vote for him / her again? (n=591, those who would vote for him / her again)



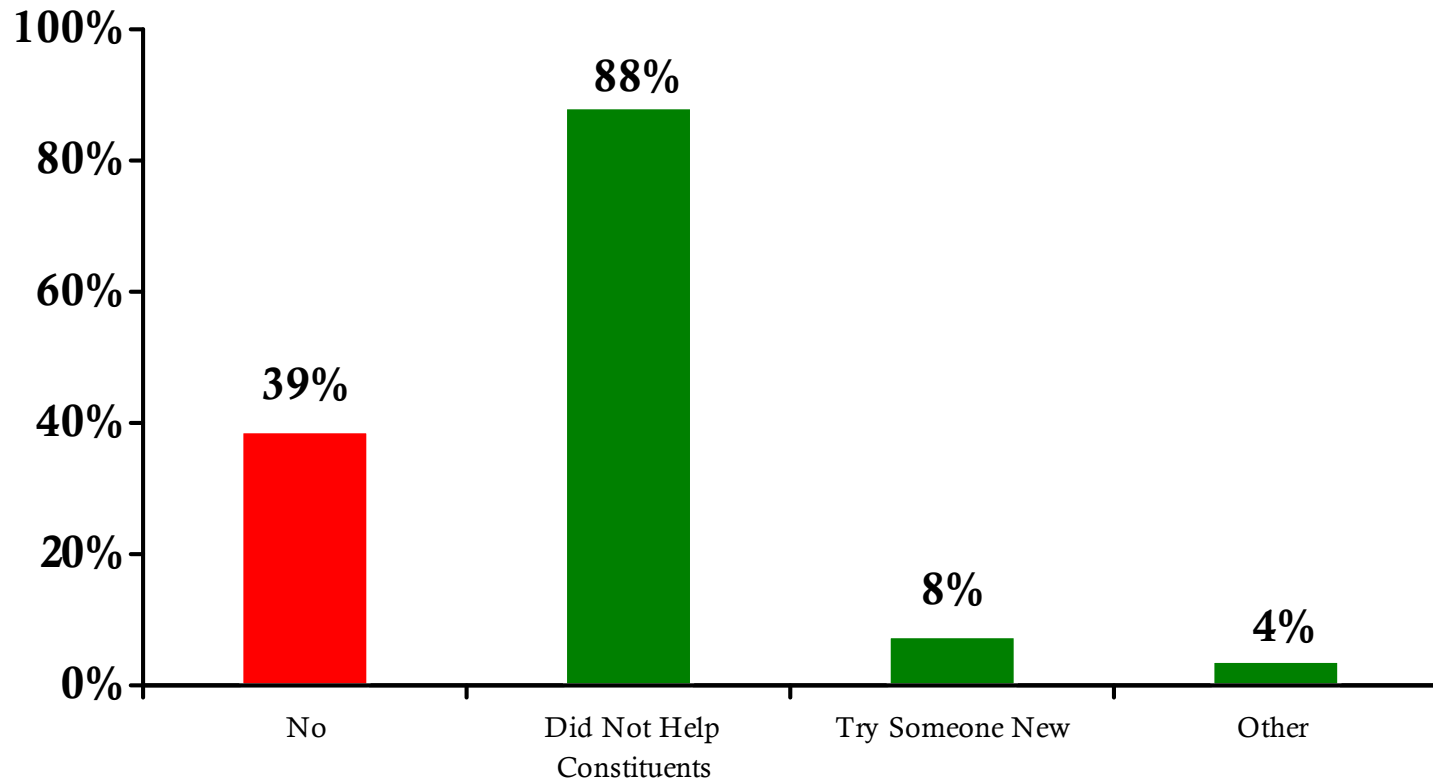
Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

Q : If the winning candidate you voted for in the last elections decides to run again in the next parliamentary elections, would you vote for him / her again? Why? (n=260, those who said they would vote for the same candidate again)



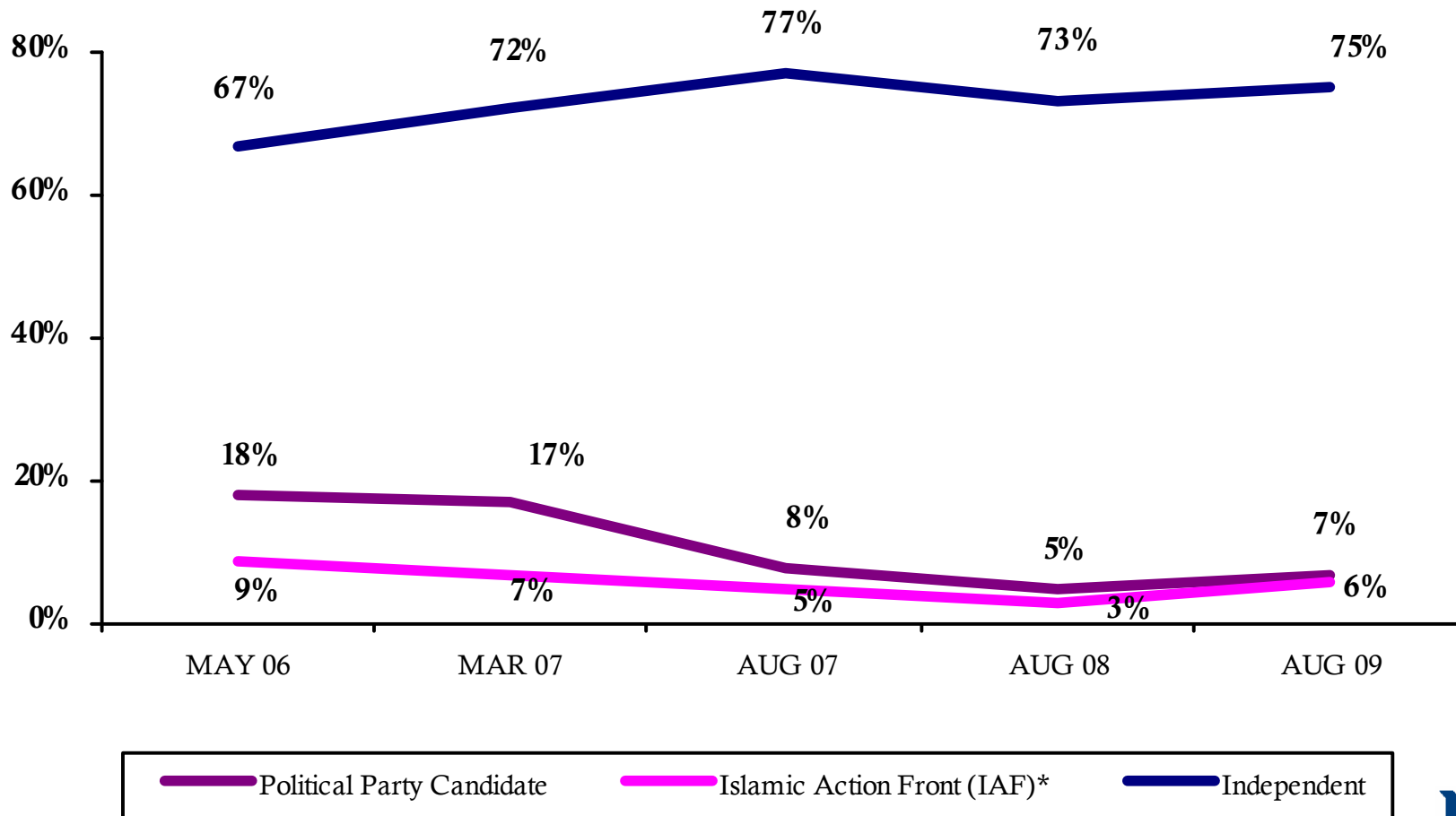
Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

Q : If the winning candidate you voted for in the last elections decides to run again in the next parliamentary elections, would you vote for him / her again? Why not? (n=231, those who said they would not vote for the same candidate again)



Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

Q : If parliamentary elections were held in the near future, would you vote for a political party candidate or an independent candidate?



*IAF is the only registered party in Jordan which receives support above the margin of error.

Electoral Culture & Voter Attitudes

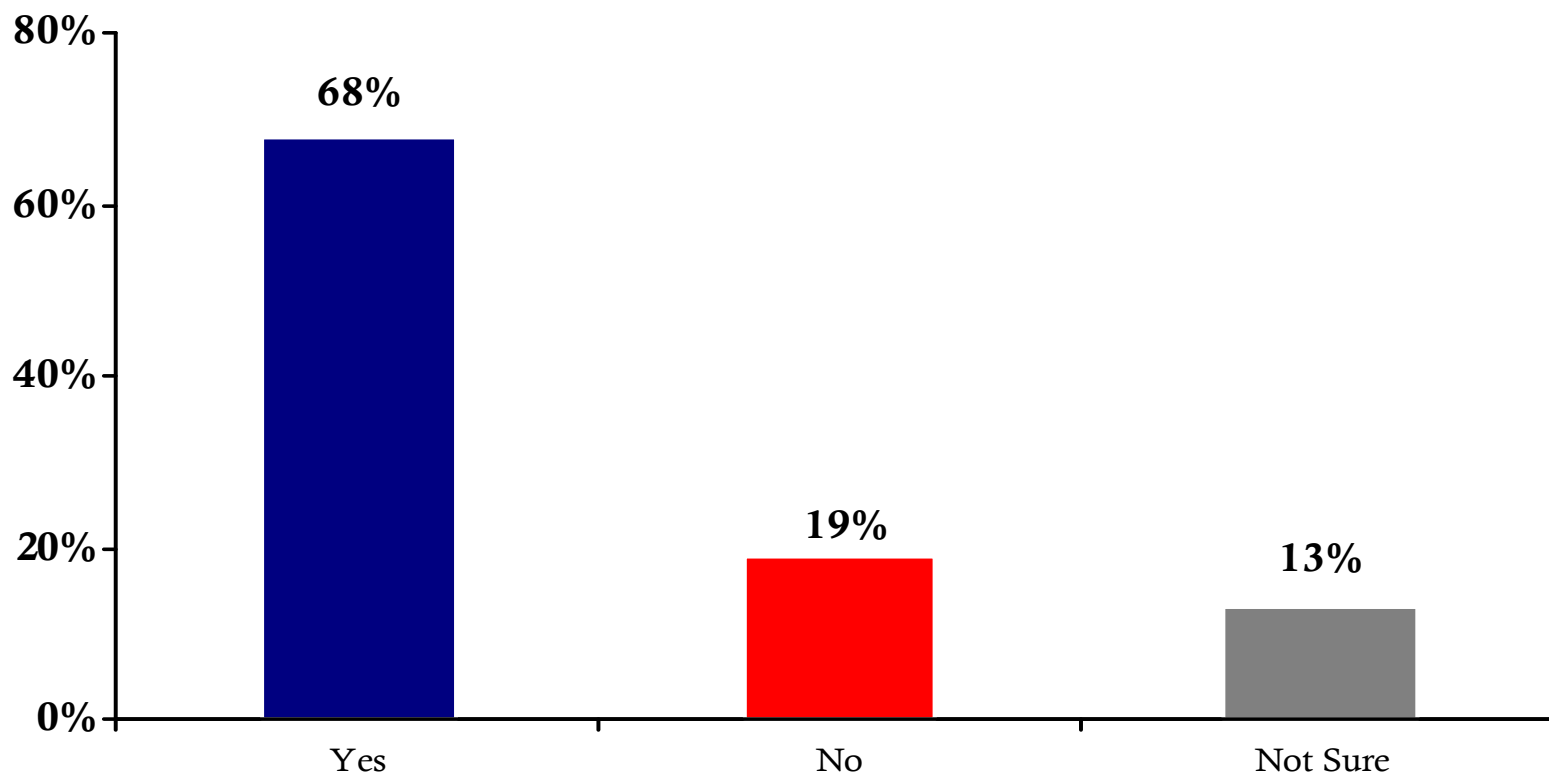
Q : For which party would you vote?

(Respondents who said they would vote for a political party candidate, n=73)

	<i>Name of Party</i>	Percent	Percent of Total Sample
1	IAF	79.1	5.7
2	People's Democratic Party "HASHED"	0.9	0.1
3	"Al-Ahed" Party [No longer a registered party]	2.8	0.2
4	"Jordan" Party [Never existed]	1.7	0.1
5	"Watan" Party [Never existed]	1.7	0.1
6	Al-Ba'ath Party	1.5	0.1
7	Did not name a party	1.2	0.1
8	Refused to answer	2.9	0.2
9	Not sure/Don't know	8.2	0.7
10	Total	100.0	7.3

Current Parliamentary Representation

Q : Does the current number of electoral districts (45) ensure a true representation in parliament of all Jordanians?

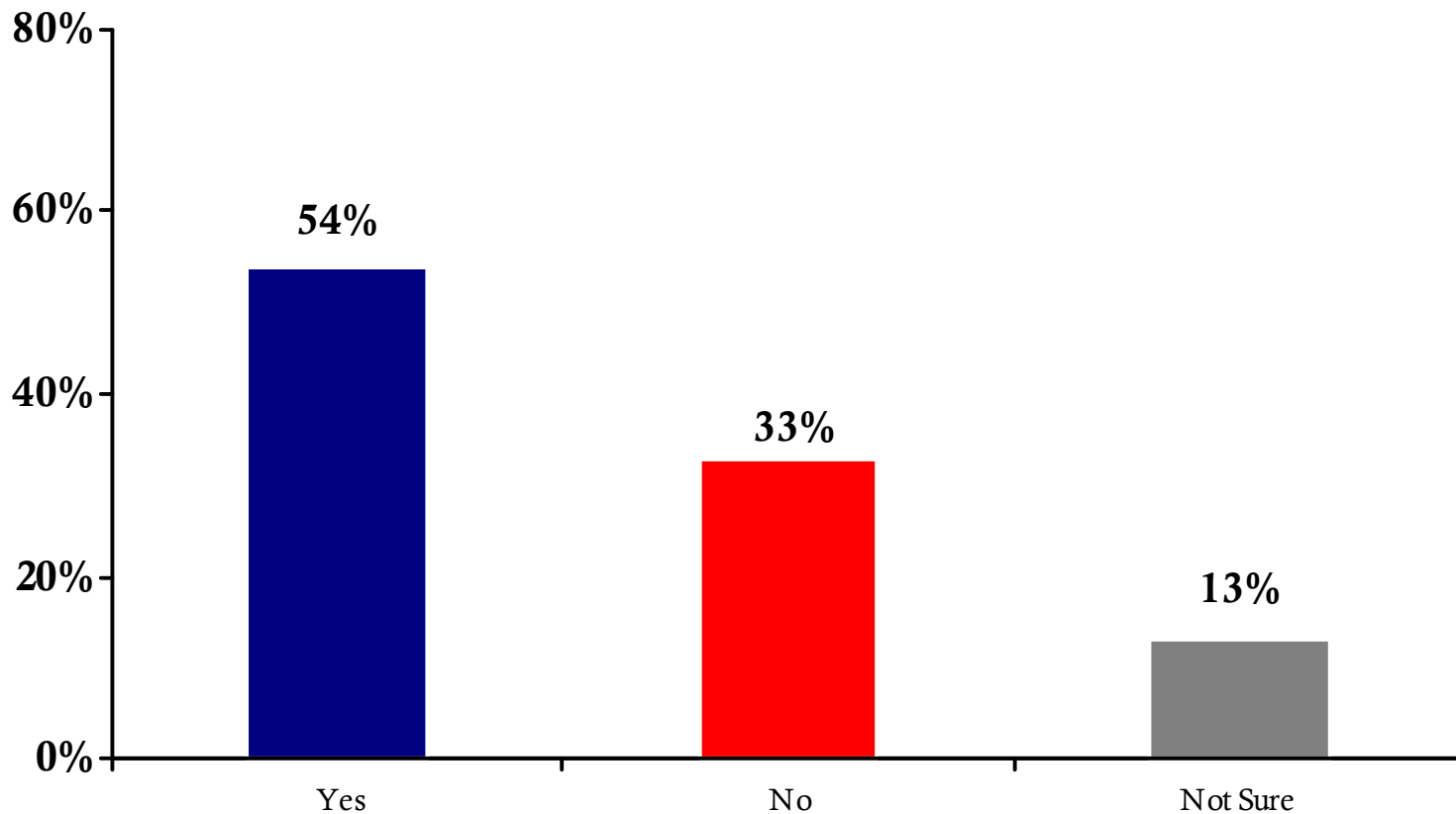




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Current Parliamentary Representation

Q : Does the number of parliamentary seats allocated to your electoral district ensure a true representation of your district in parliament?

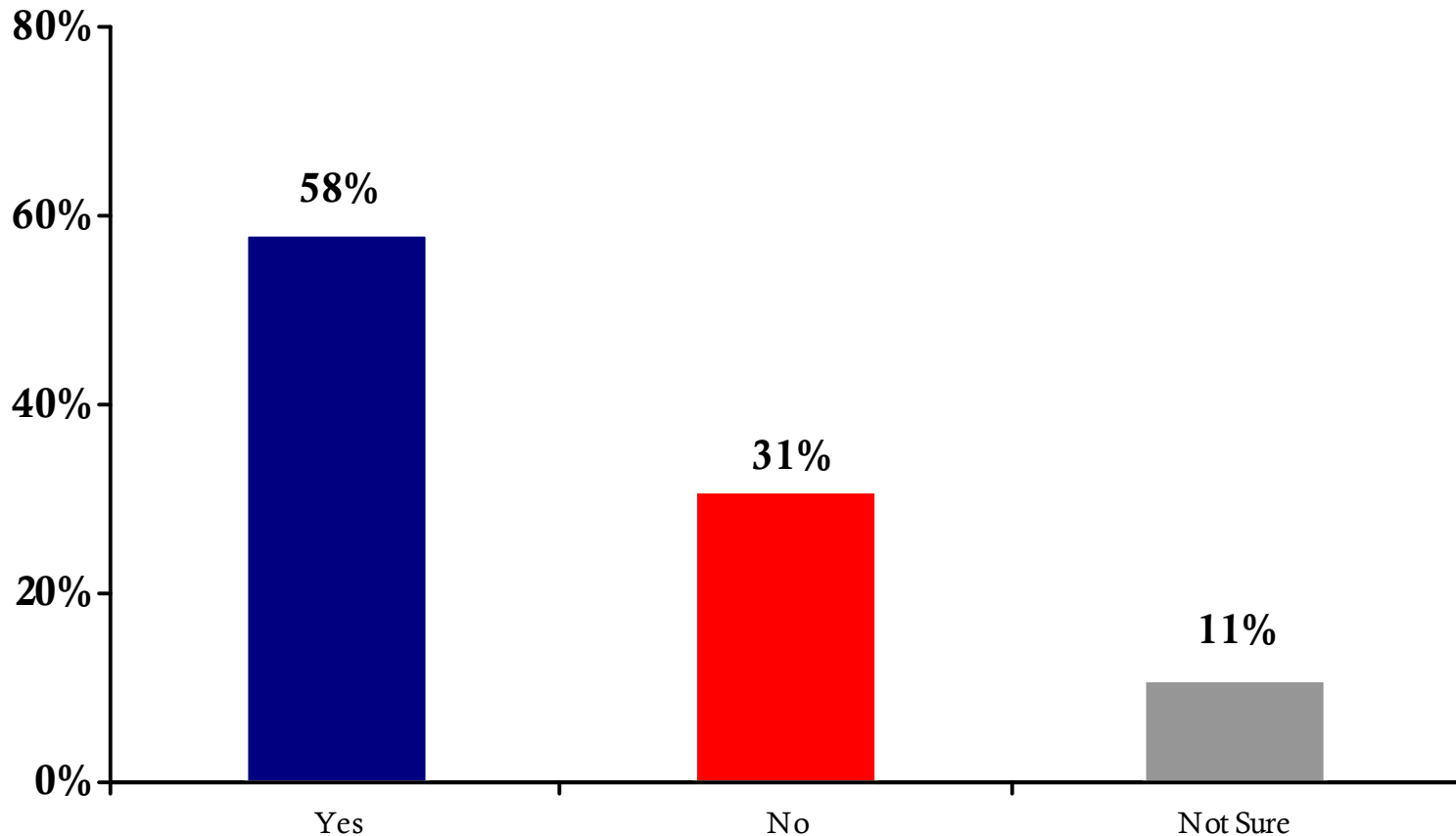




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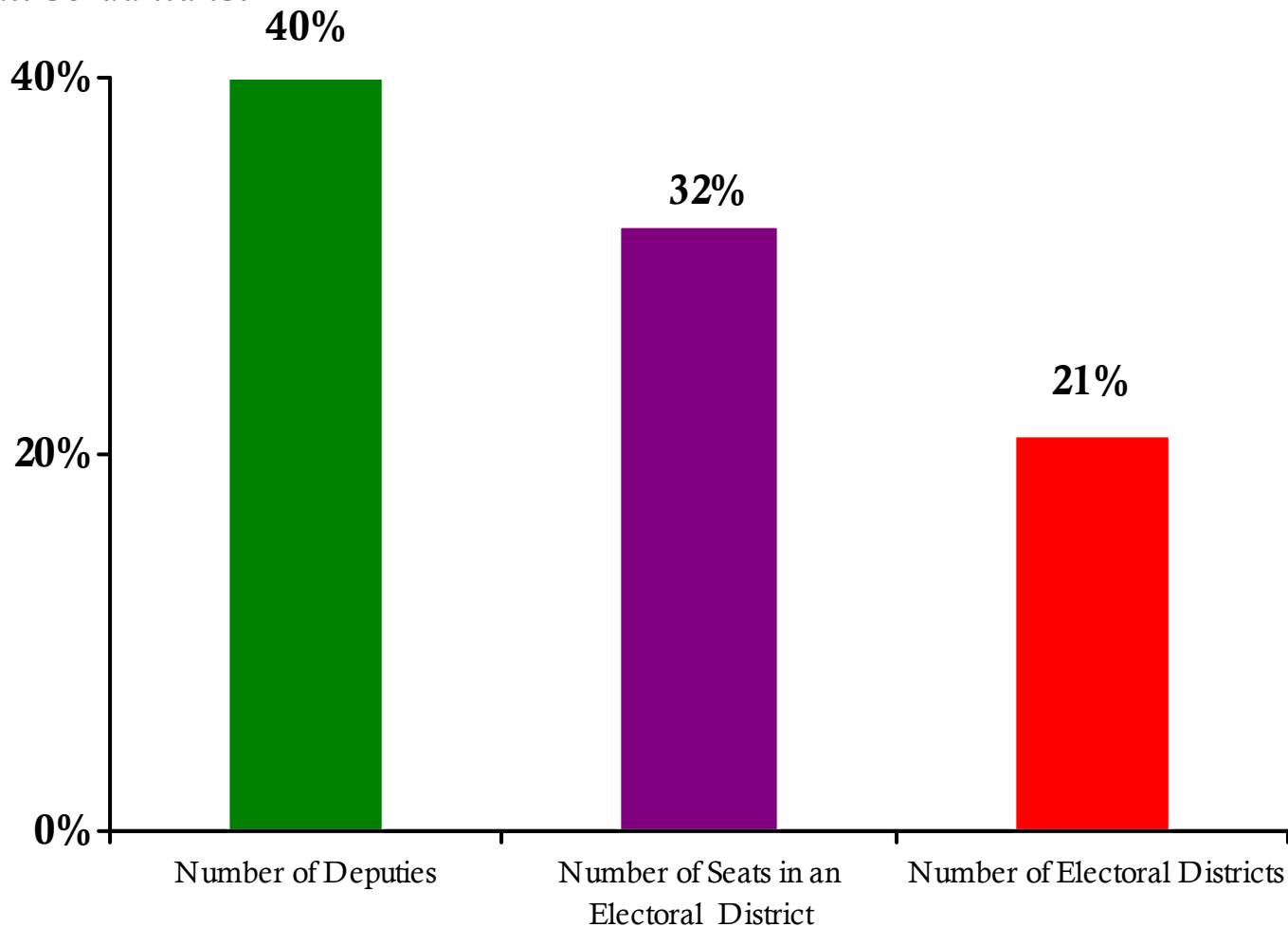
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Q : Does the number of deputies in parliament (110) ensure a true representation of all Jordanians?



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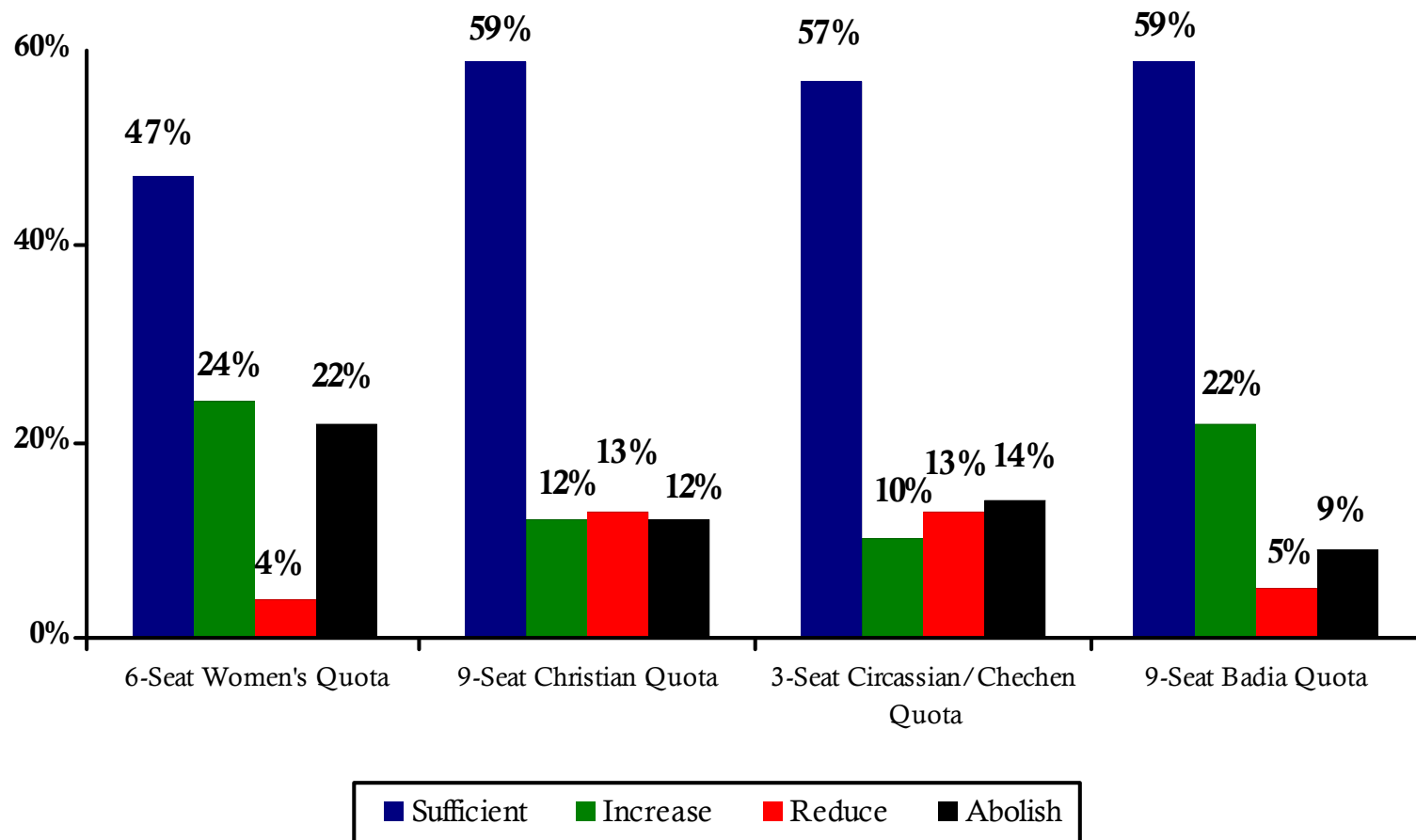
Q : Could you please rank in order of importance each of the following items in a parliamentary electoral law that would ensure a better representation in Parliament of all Jordanians?



Figures represent the percentage of respondents ranking the issue as most important.

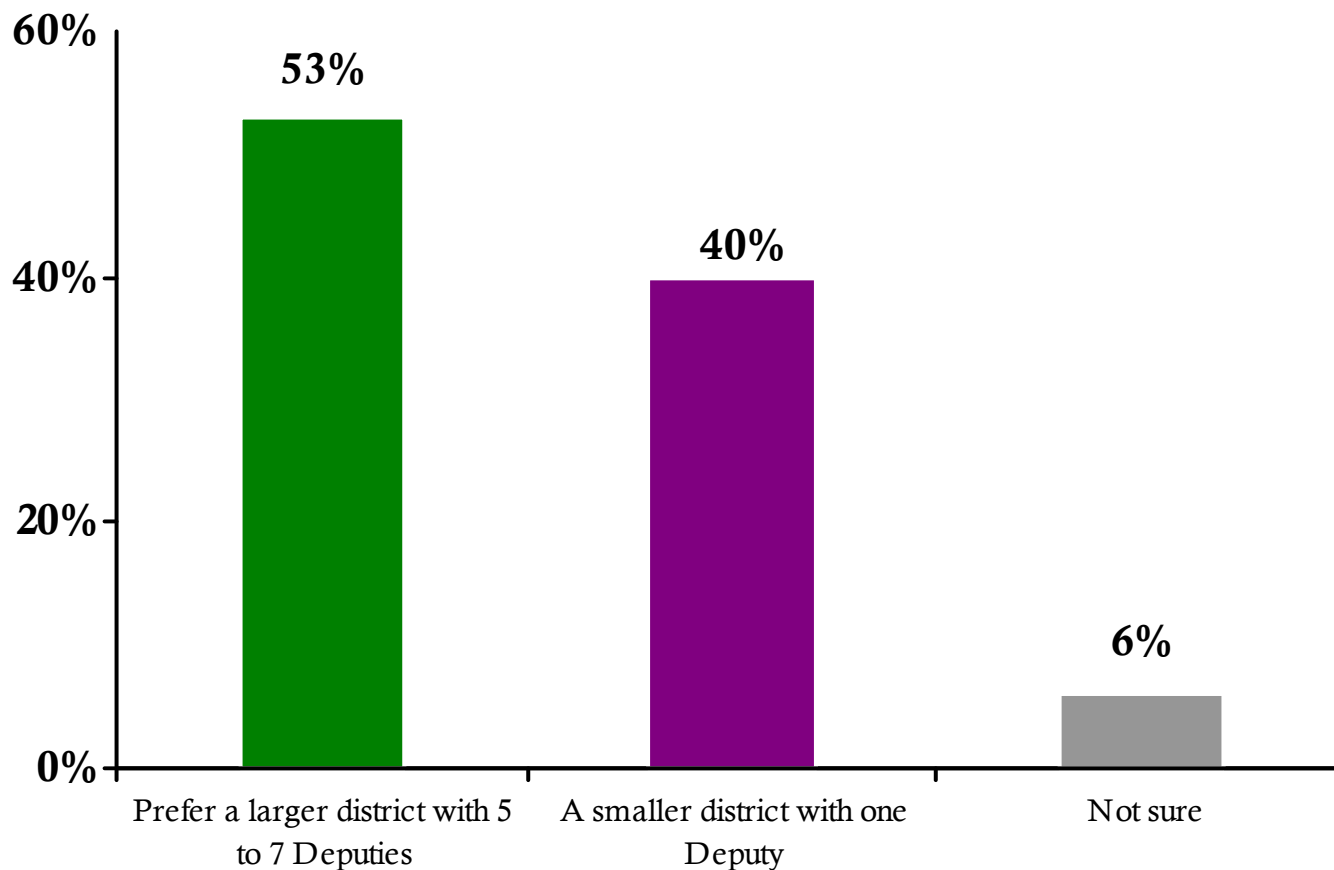
Current Parliamentary Quotas

Q : Are you in favor of keeping as is, increasing, reducing or abolishing the following quotas in Parliament?



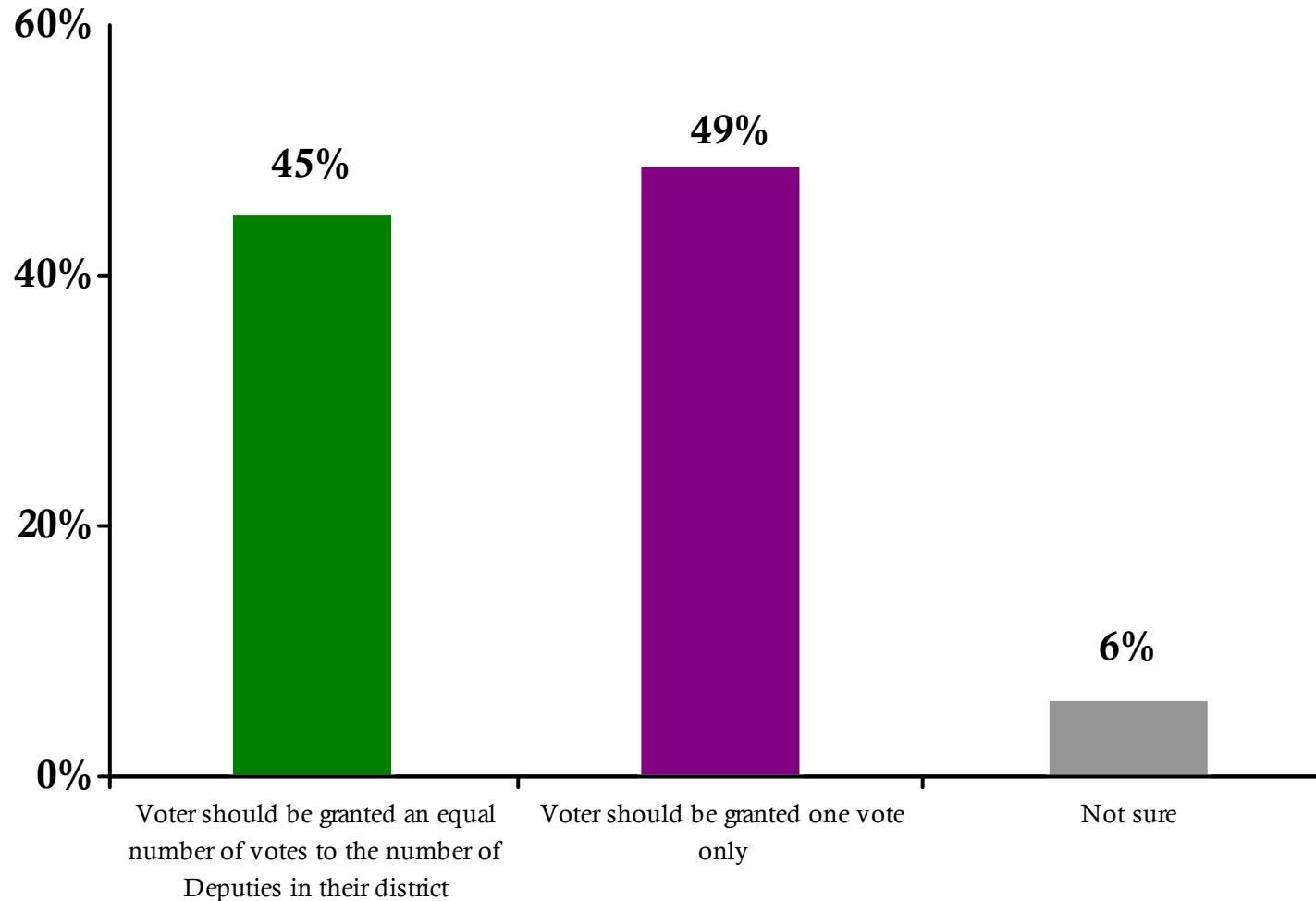
Current Electoral System

Q : Which of the two statements do you agree with most?



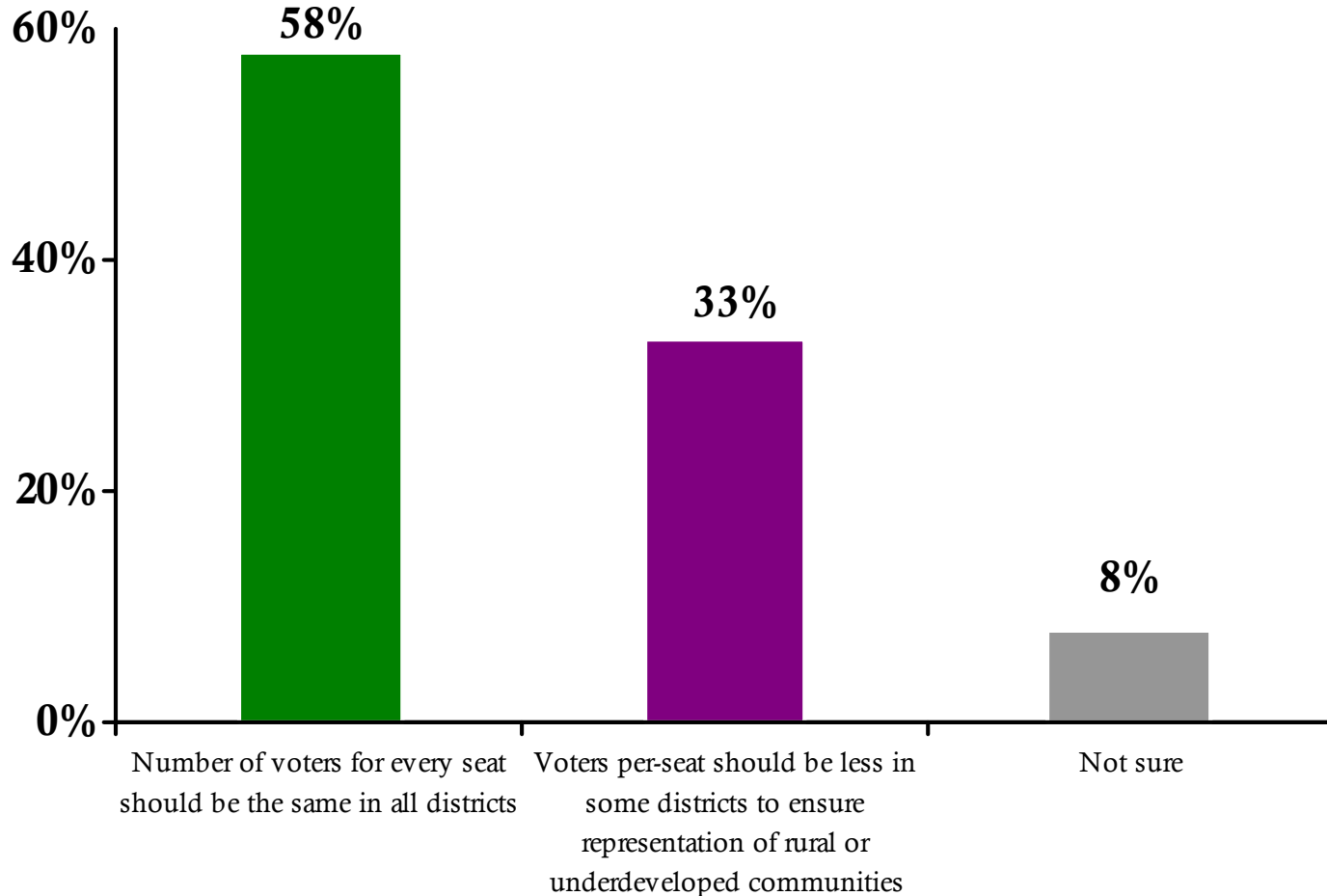
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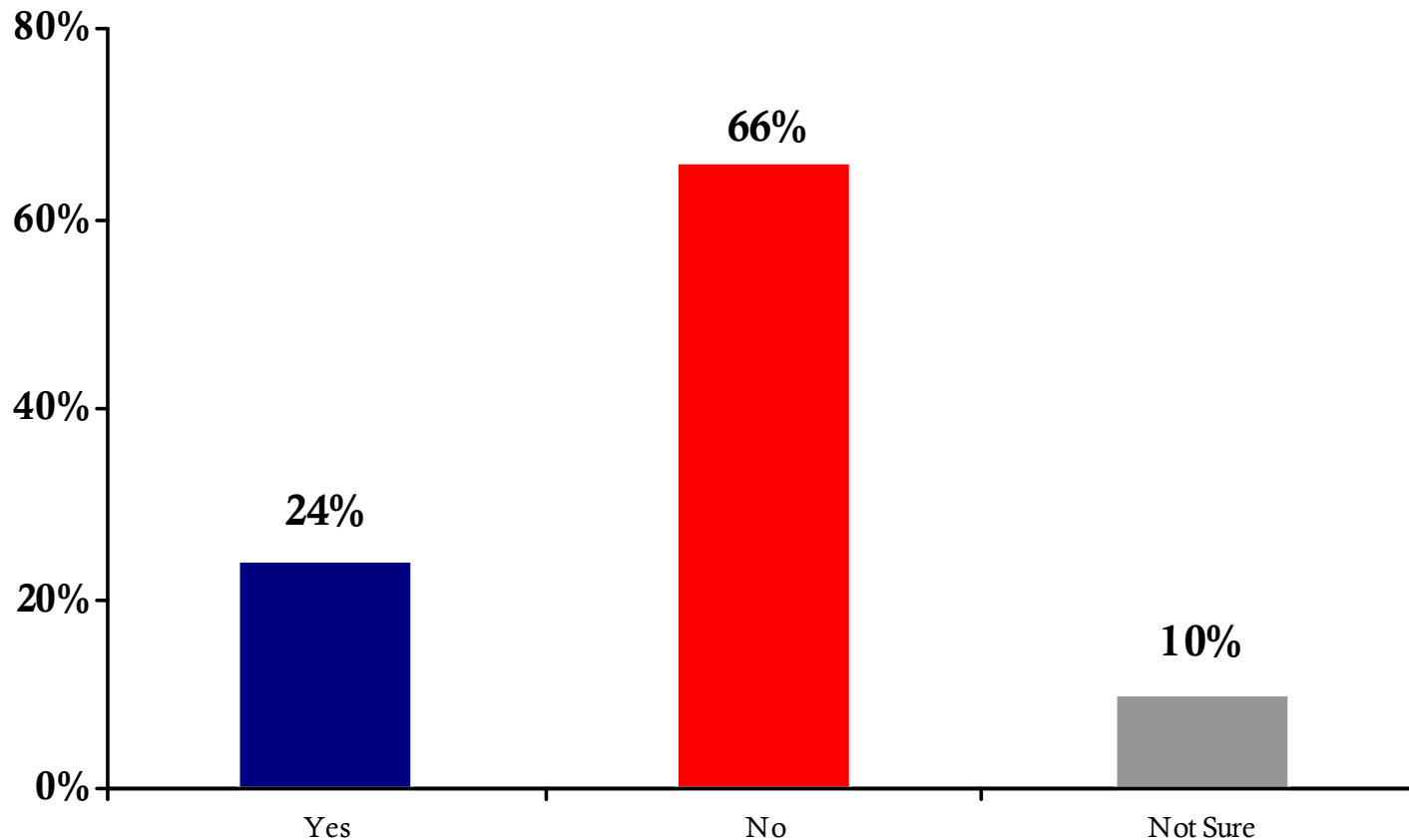




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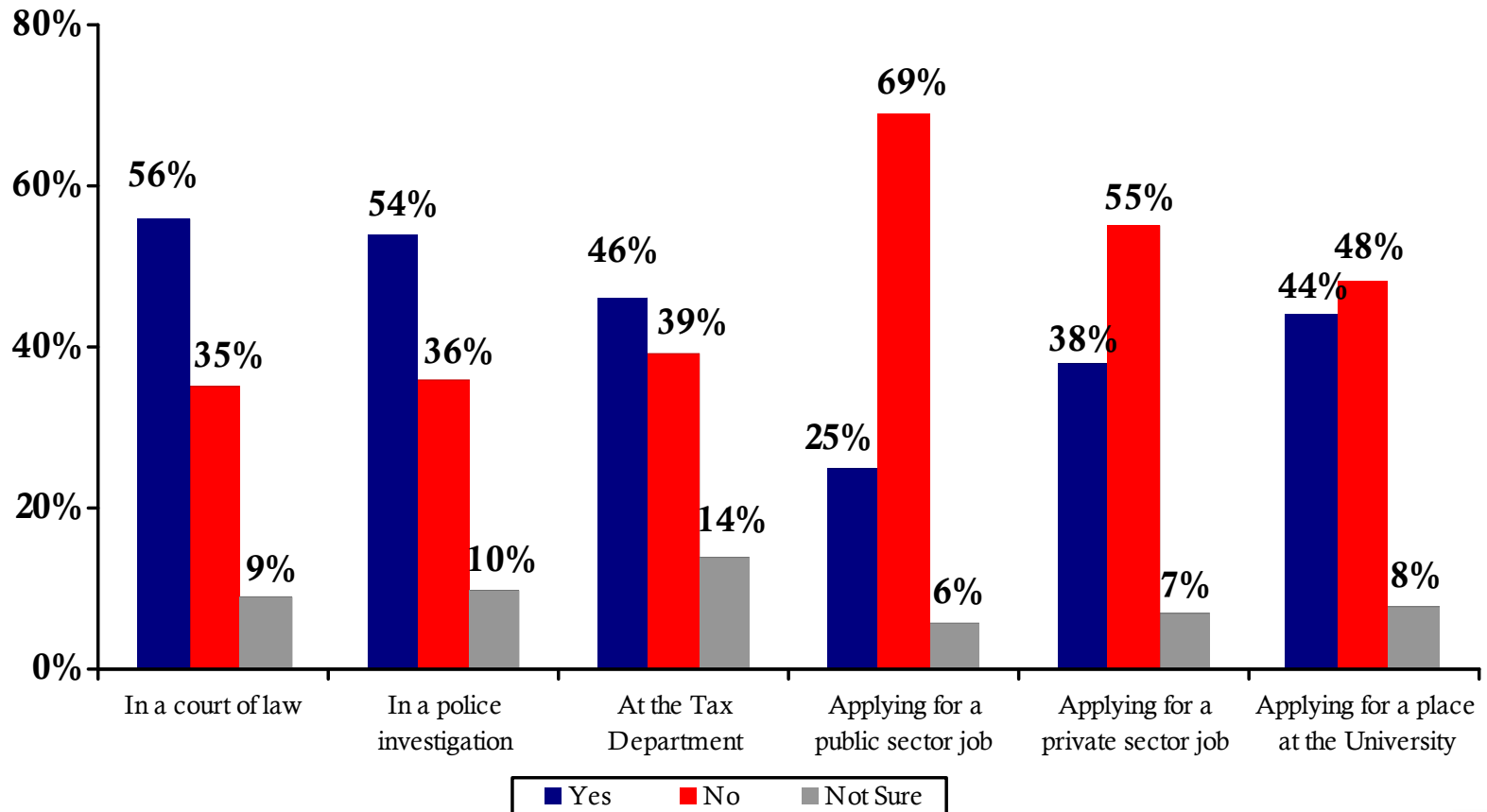
Current Electoral System

Q : Are you in favor of allocating a quota for registered political parties in a new parliamentary elections law?



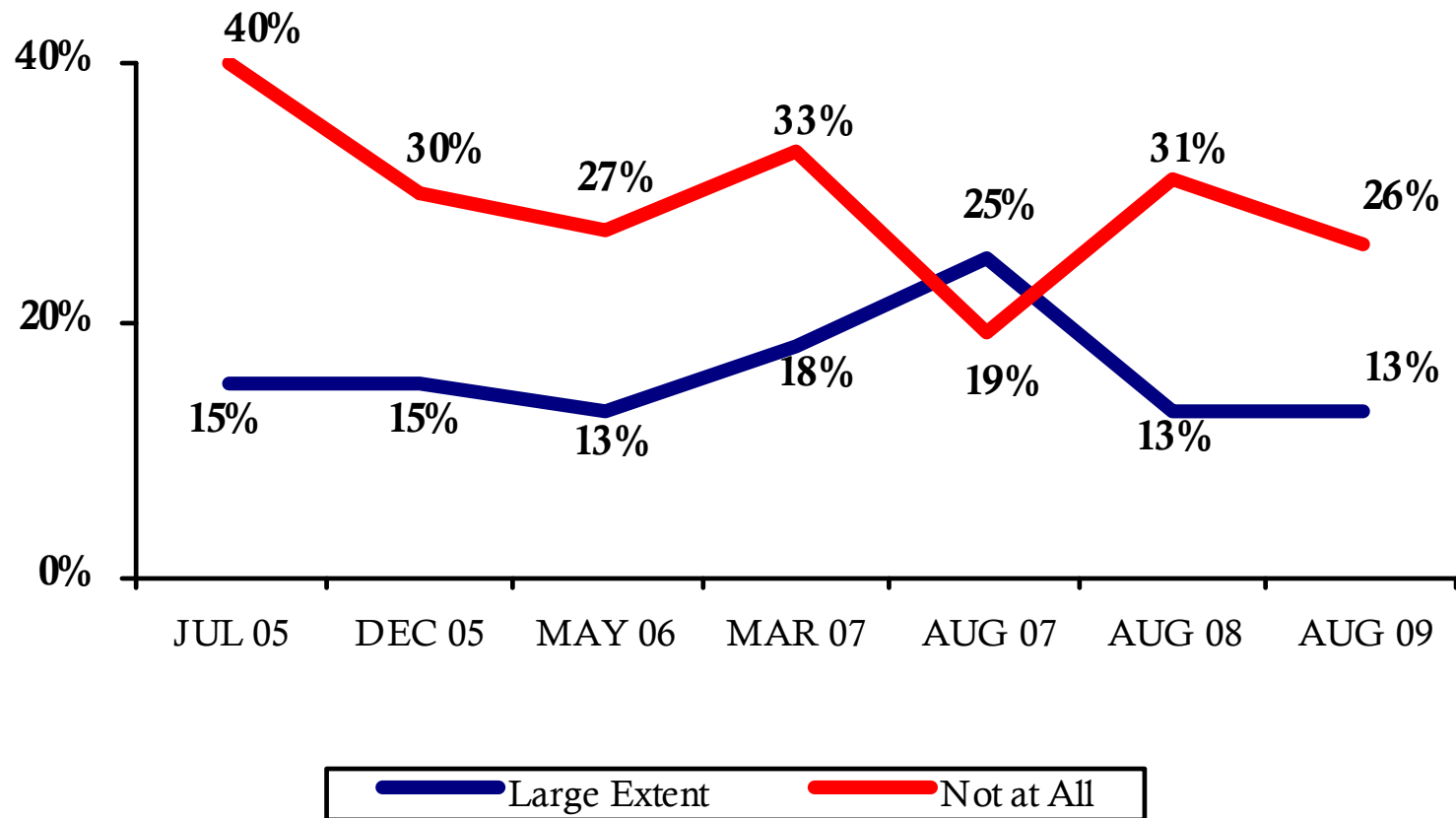
Fairness and Equality

Q: Do you think that there is a good chance for Jordanians to get fair and just treatment in following situations?



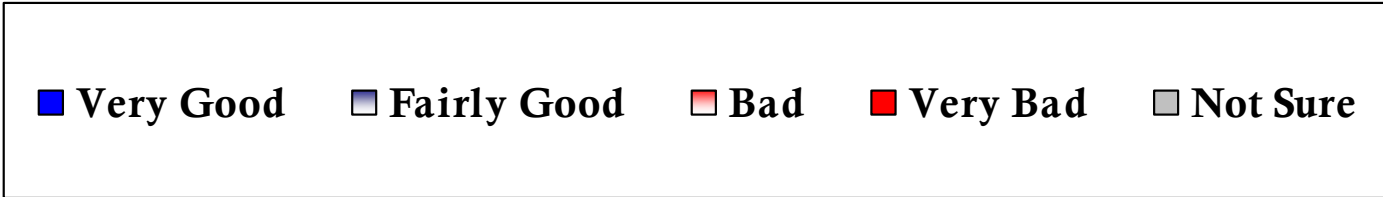
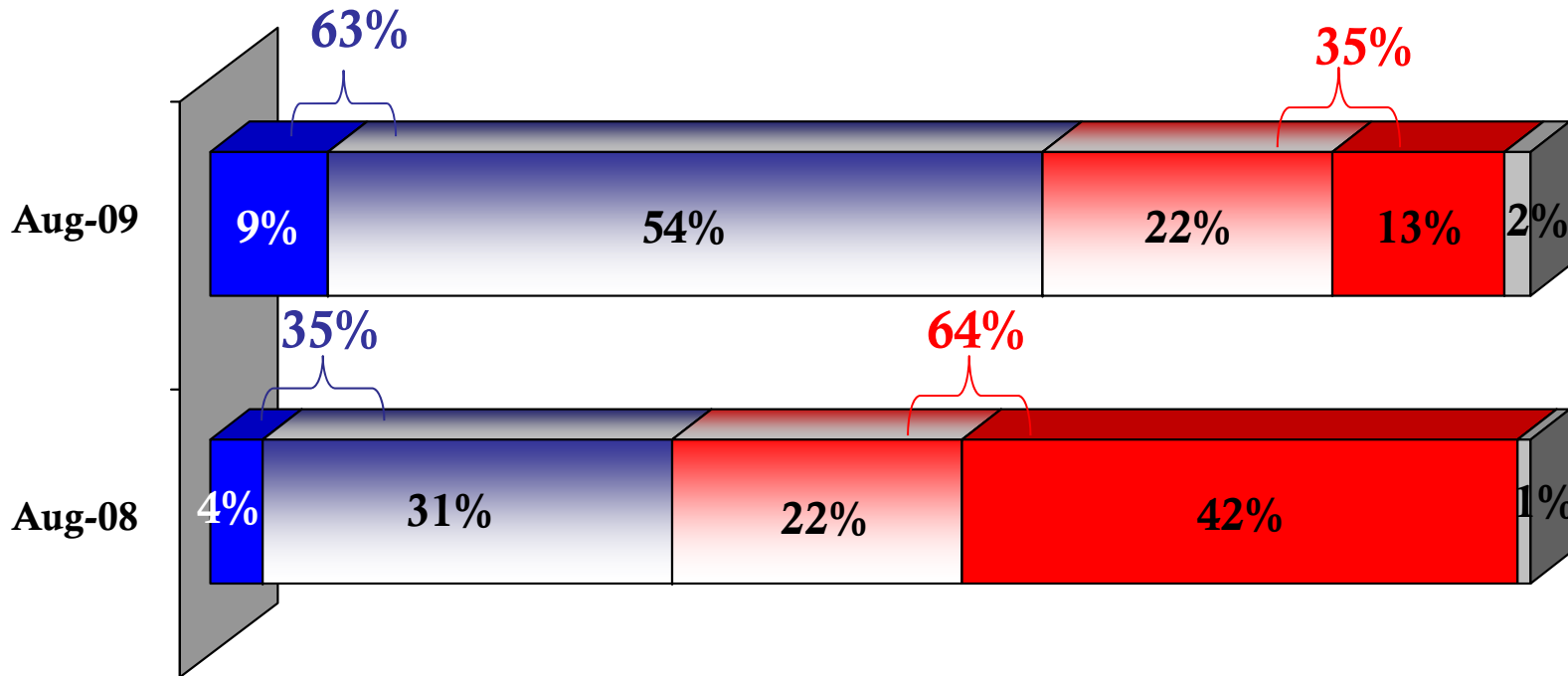
General State of Affairs

Q : To what degree do you think that the freedom to publicly criticize the government's decisions and policies is guaranteed in Jordan?



The Economic Situation in Jordan

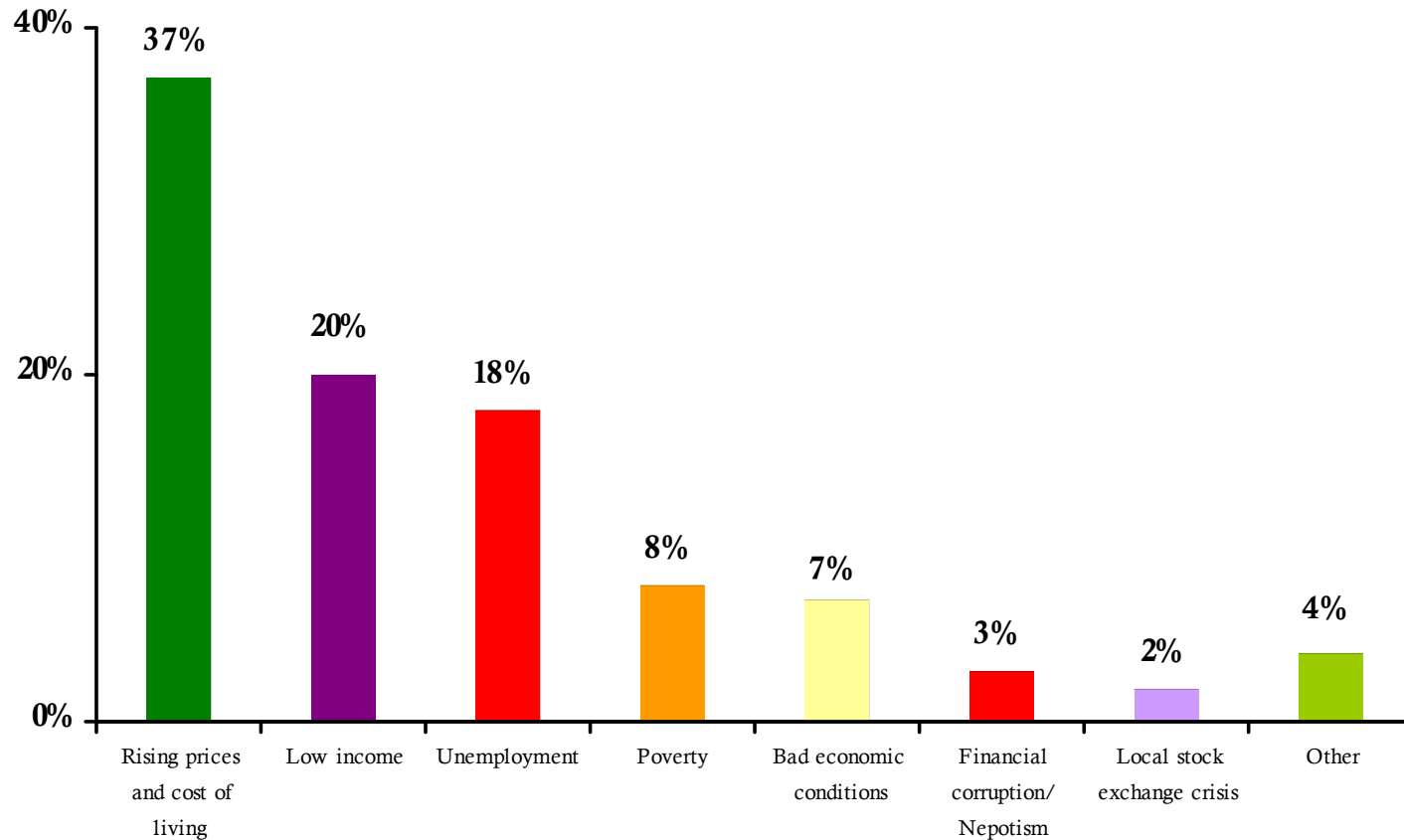
Q : How would you describe the current economic situation in Jordan?



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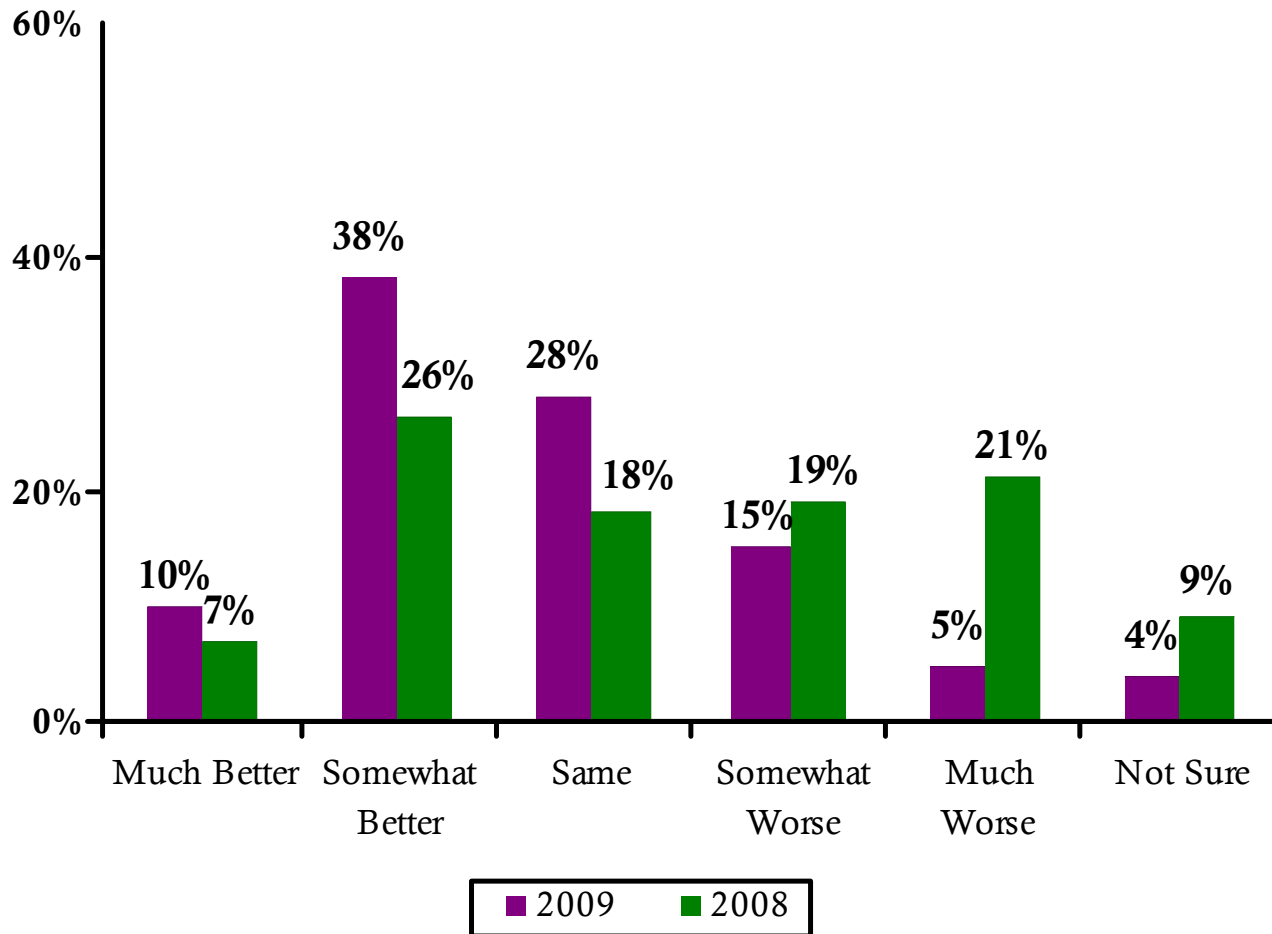
The Economic Situation in Jordan

*Q : Why, in your opinion, is the current economic situation in Jordan bad/very bad?
(n=350, respondents who said economy was bad or very bad)*



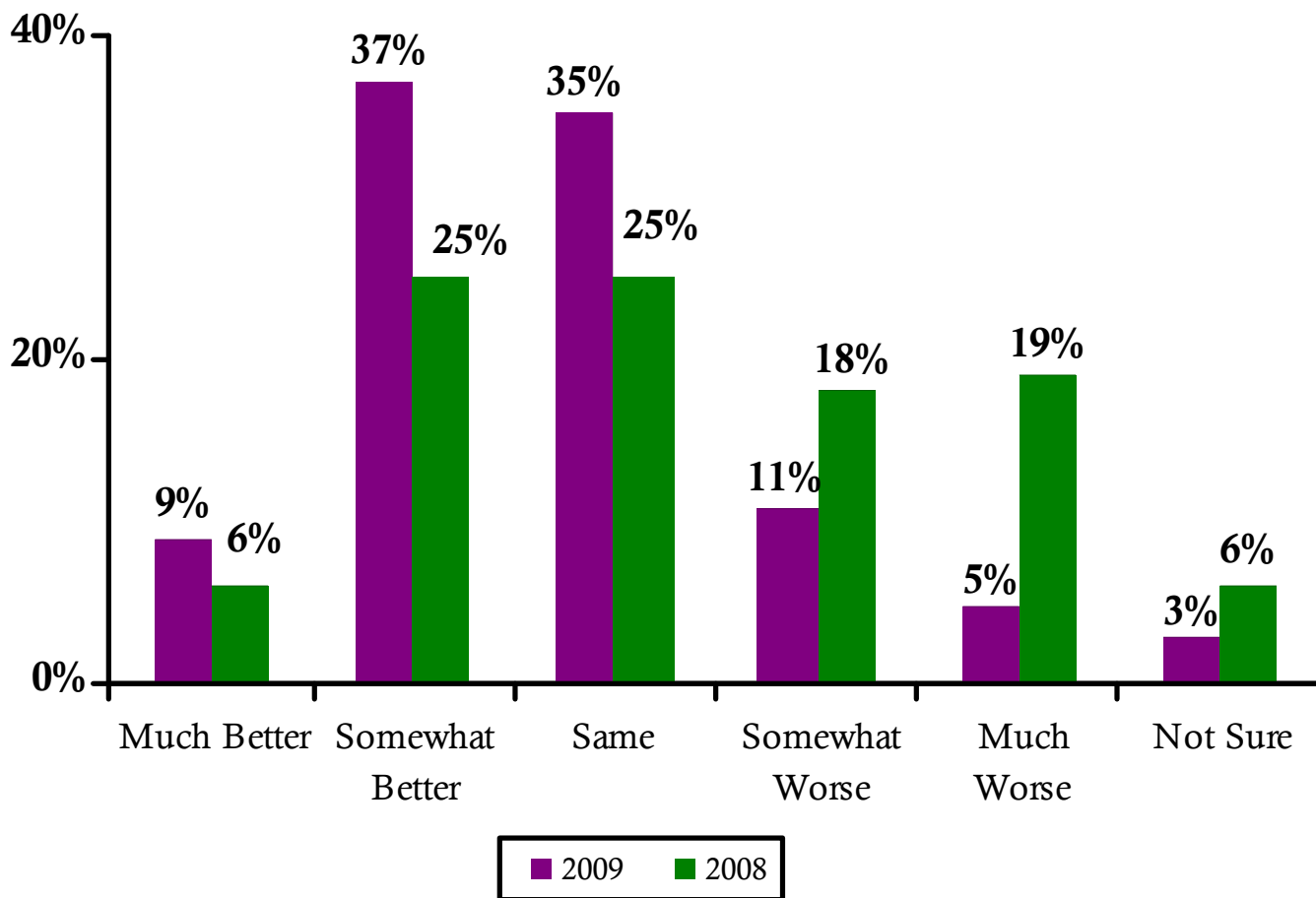
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Q : Is the general economic situation in Jordan over the next 12 months likely to get...?



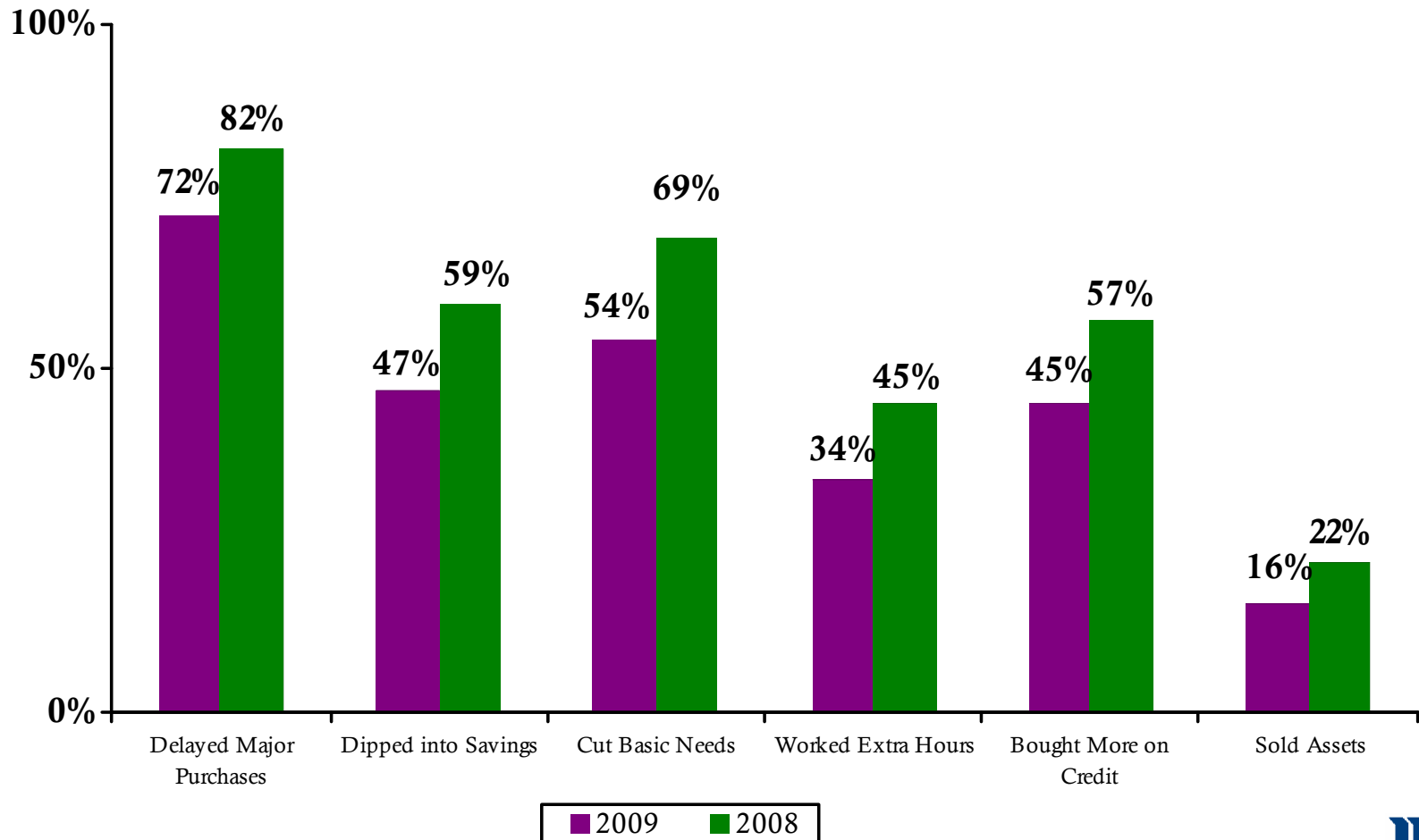
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Q : Thinking now about your own household economic situation and comparing it with one year ago, do you think it is now...?



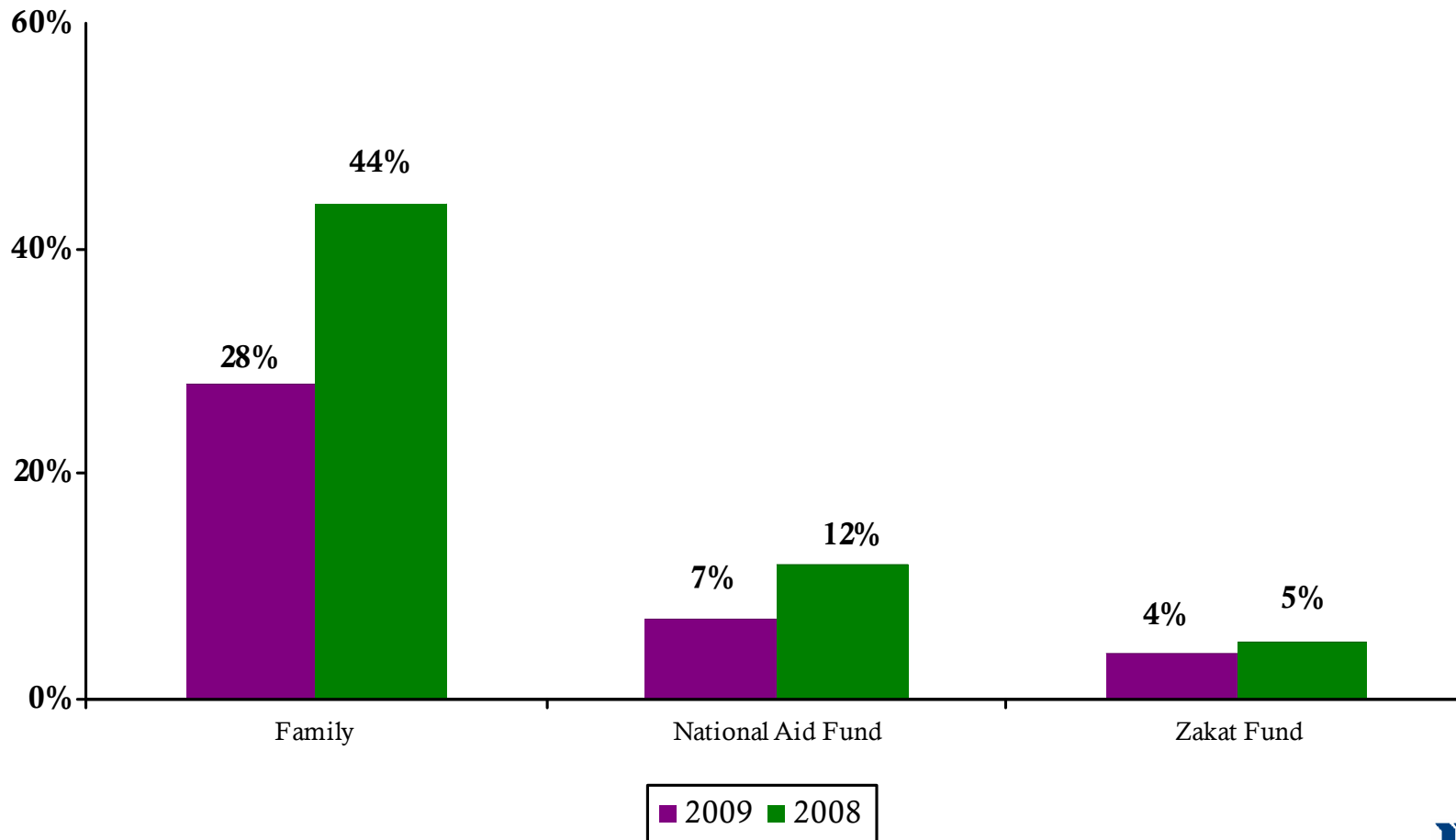
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Q : Over the past 12 months what have you had to do in order to meet family expenses?



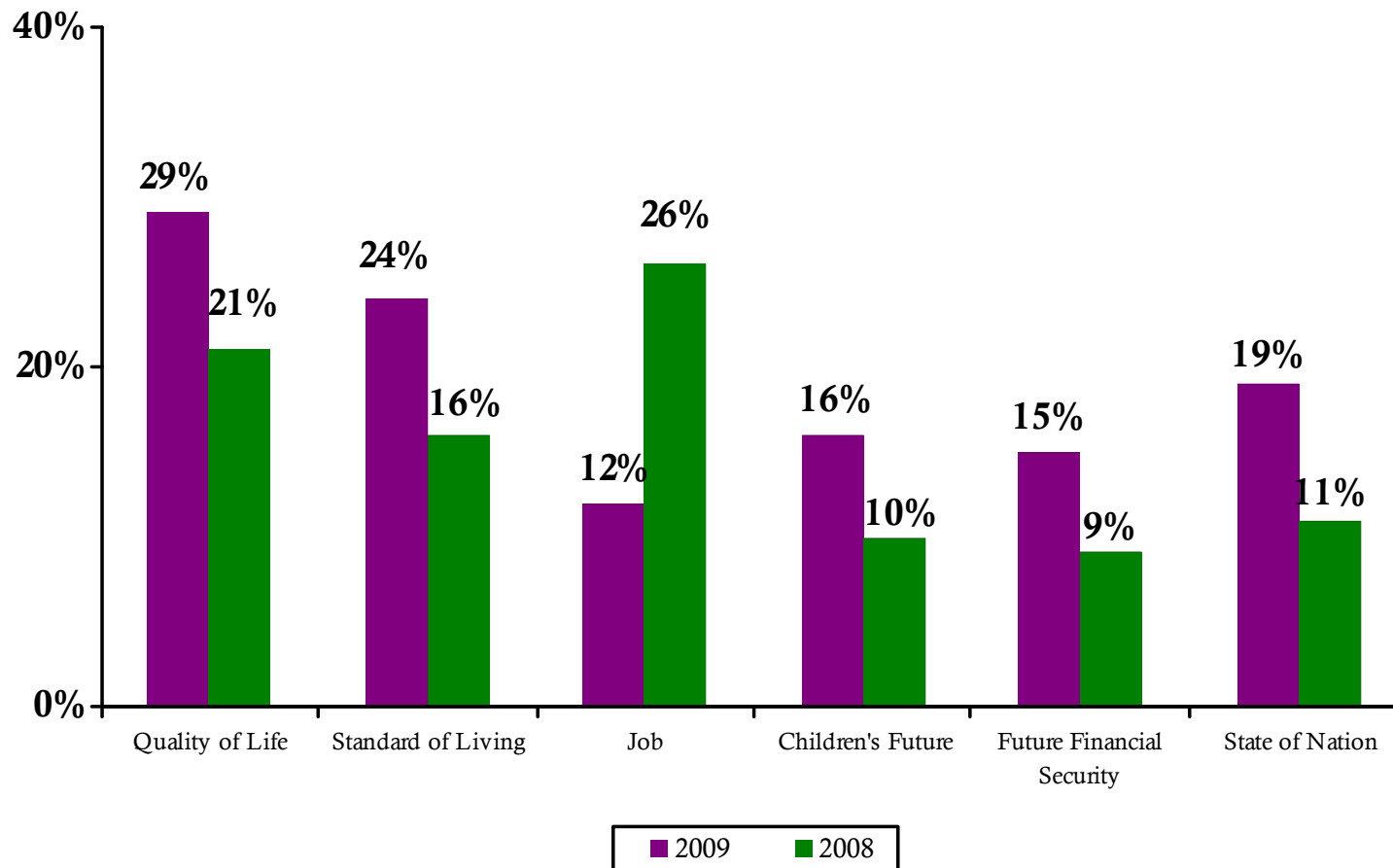
The Economic Situation in Jordan

Q : Over the past 12 months, did you ask for help from [...] in order to meet family expenses?



Quality of Life Indicators

Do you feel good about your...?



Bars represent six separate questions and respondents who answered yes; each question was asked of the full sample.