

Kazakhstan National Opinion Poll

Conducted: April 3-13, 2010



International Republican Institute

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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 April 3 - 13, 2010. The eligibility criteria was based on age (18 years and older). A sample of 1,527 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 61 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 thirty-two interviewers worked on the study, on average completing 8-13 interviews in one PSU. The interviews were done in Russian, Kazakh and Uzbek languages.
- Due to rounding, charts may not add up to 100 percent.

Survey Demographics

Male 47% Female 53%

Urban 60% Rural 40%

Age

18 to 29	31%
30-49	41%
50+	28%

Education

Primary	2%
Secondary unfinished	3%
Secondary	29%
Vocational	31%
Higher unfinished	9%
University, higher	27%

Monthly Household Income

Up to 25,000 tenge	23%
25,001 - 40,000 tenge	18%
40,001- 60,000 tenge	16%
More than 60,000 tenge	25%
No answer	18%

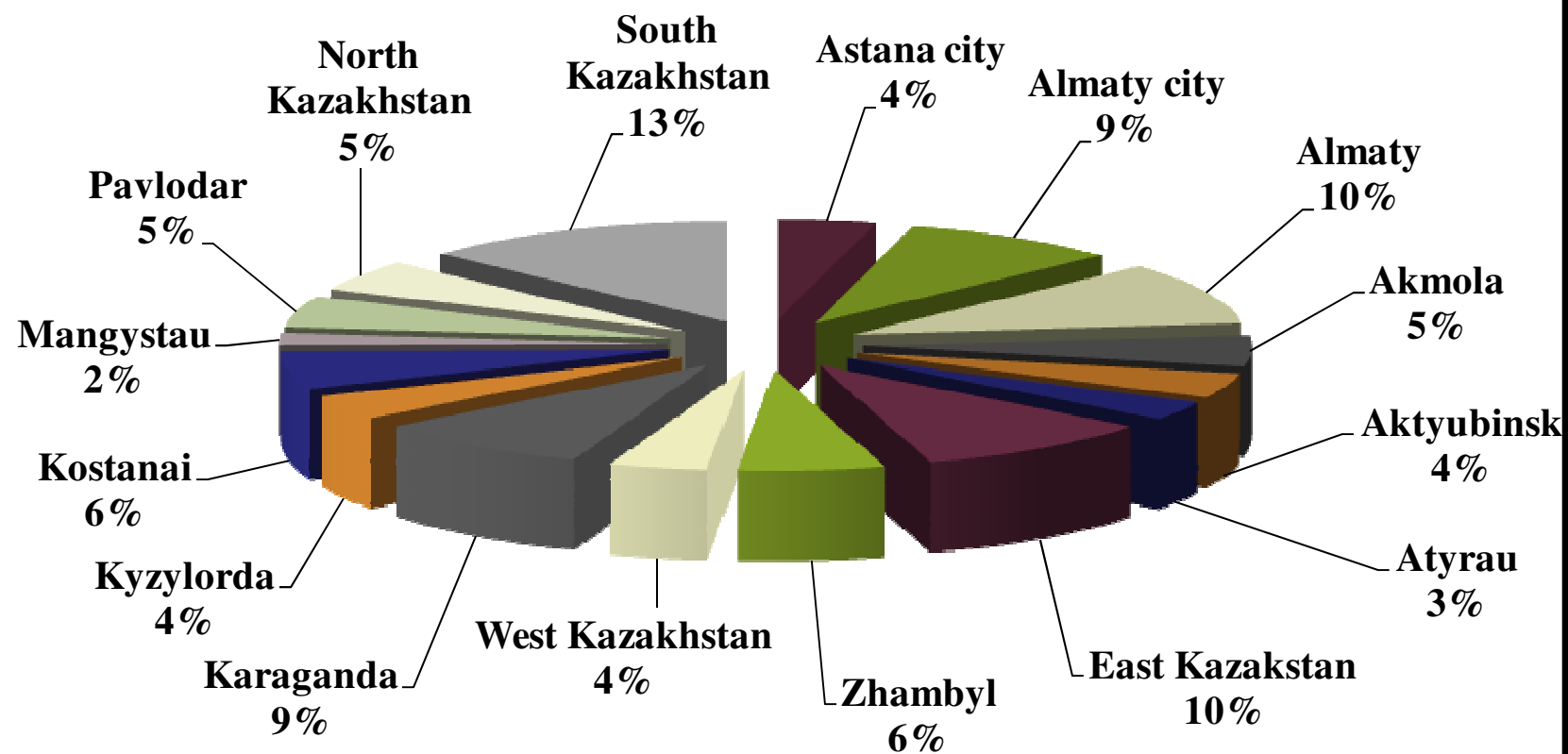
Ethnicity

Kazakh	56%
Russian	30%
Uzbek	4%
Ukrainian	2%
Tartar	3%
Other	3%

Language of Interview

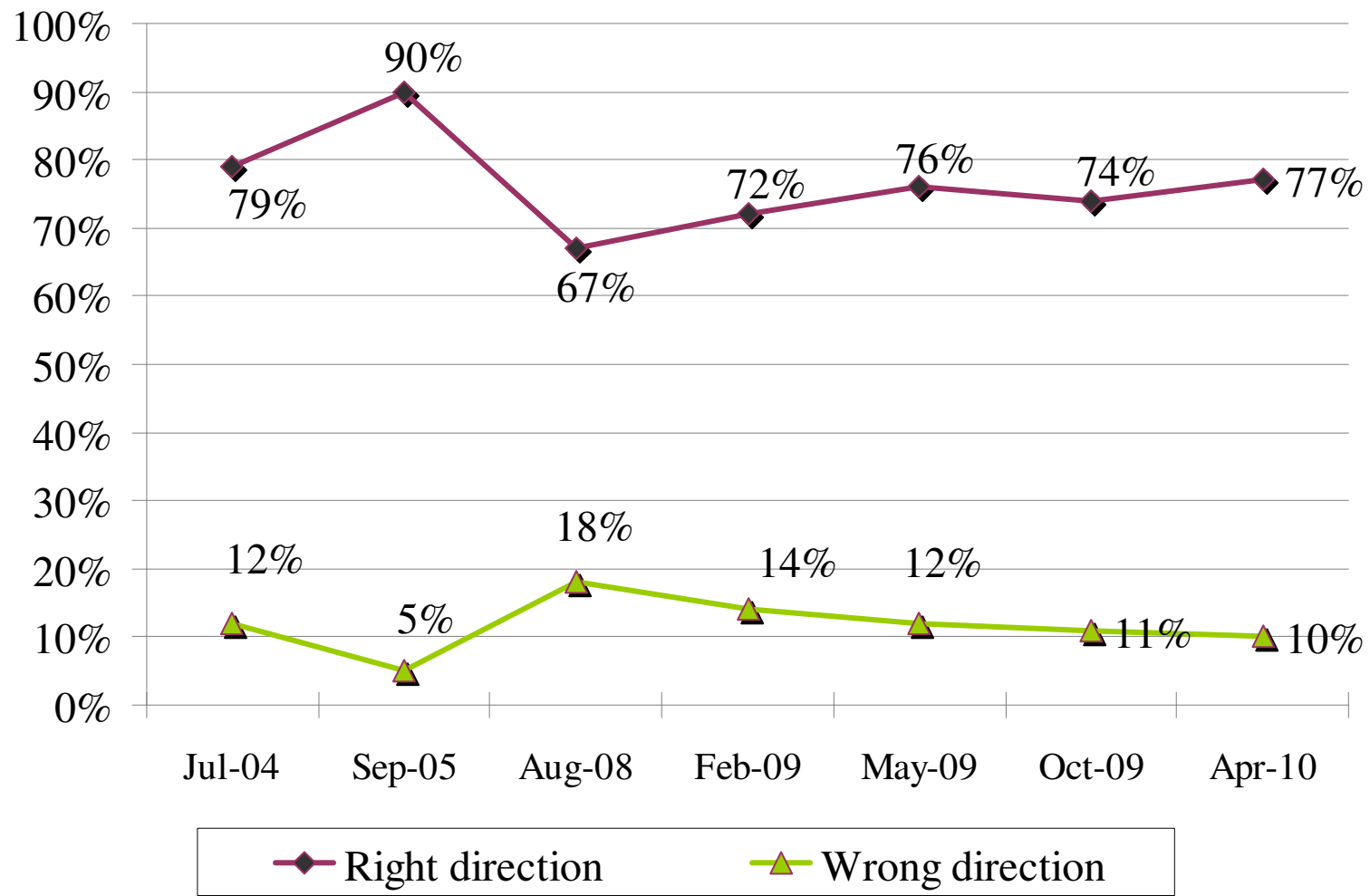
Russian	80%
Kazakh	17%
Uzbek	3%

Region

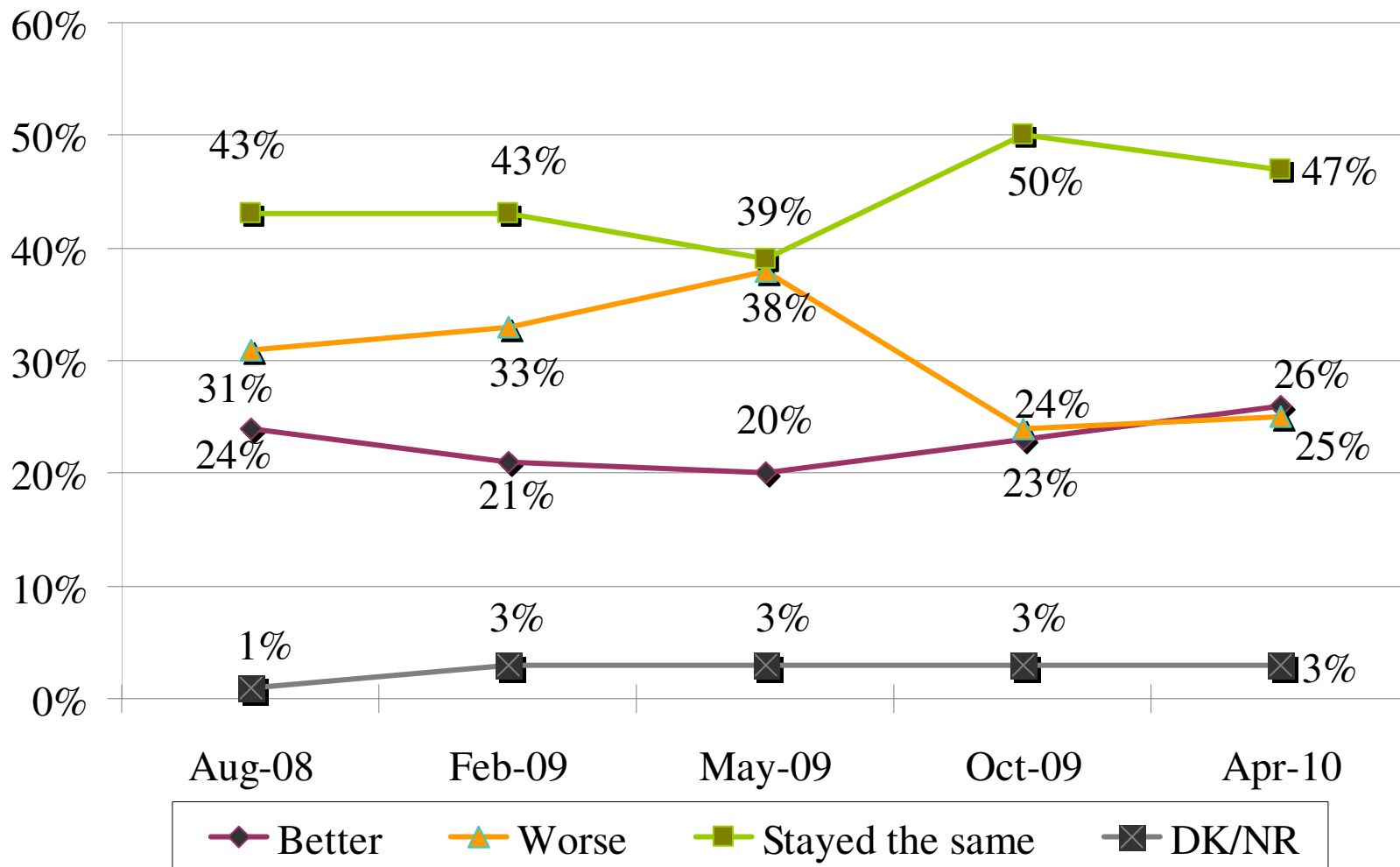


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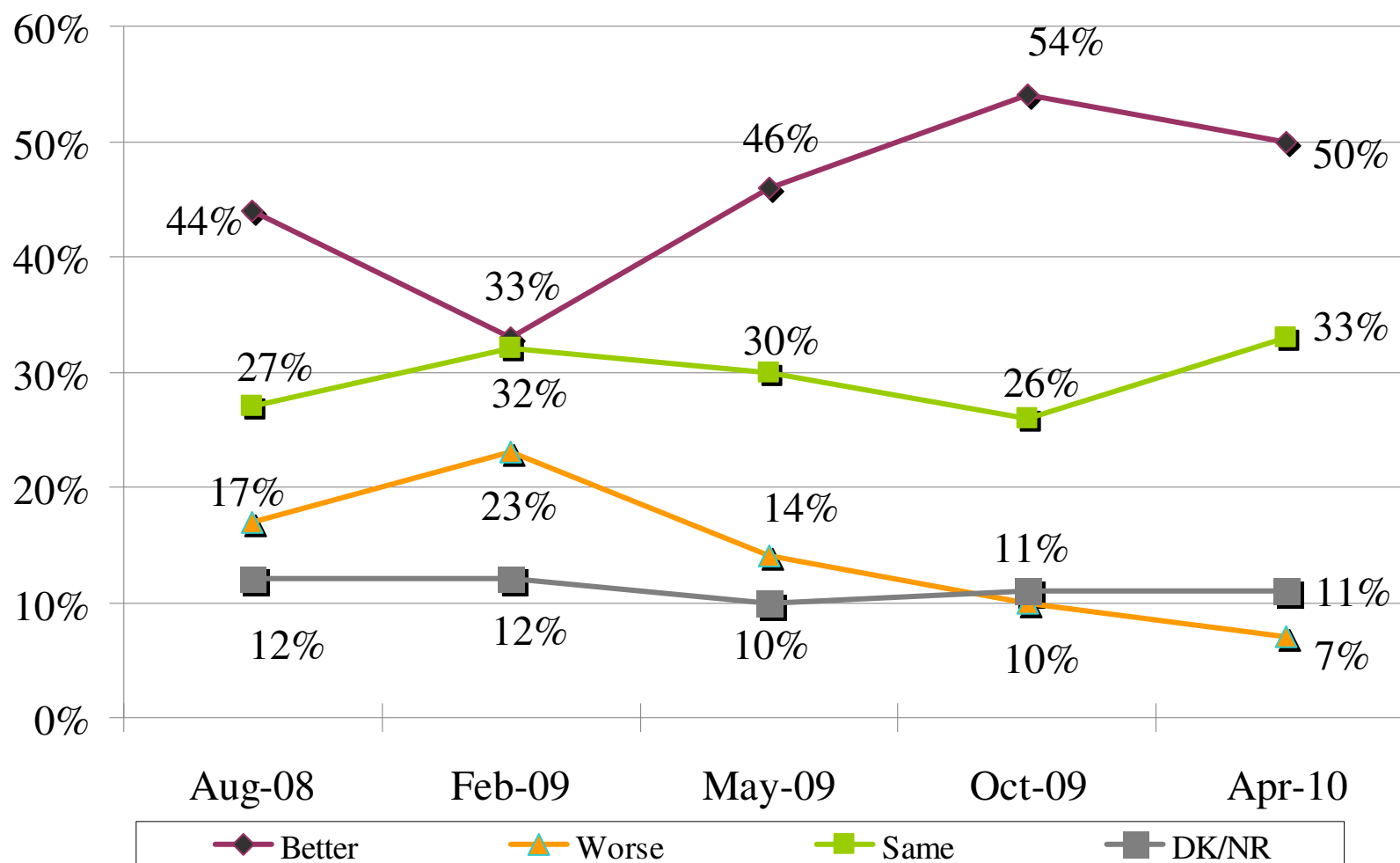
Generally speaking, would you say that things in Kazakhstan are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



In the past year, has your personal financial situation gotten better, worse or stayed the same?

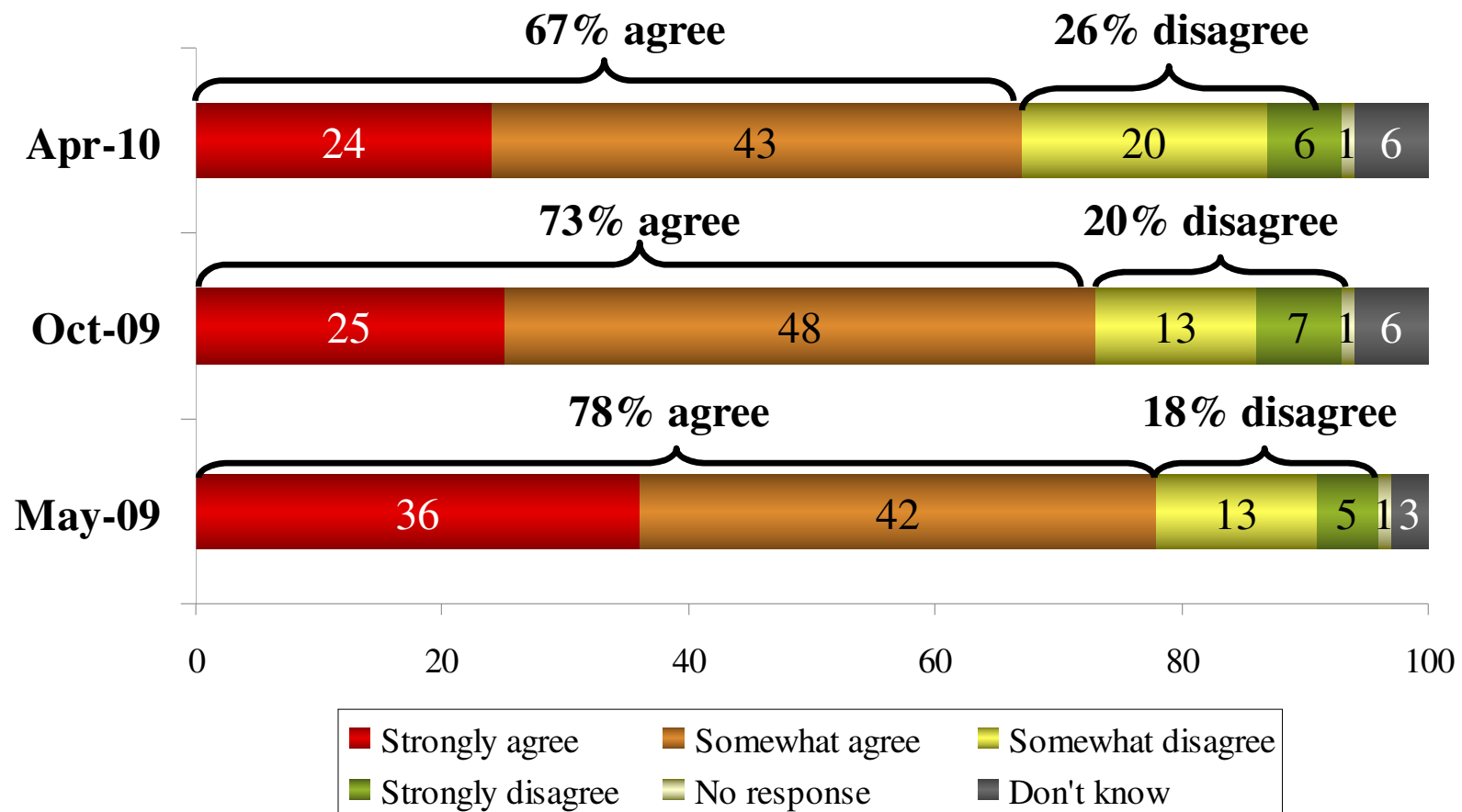


In the next year, do you expect the economic situation in Kazakhstan to get better, worse or stay the same?



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Some argue that Kazakhstan is now experiencing a serious financial crisis. Do you agree or disagree with this idea?

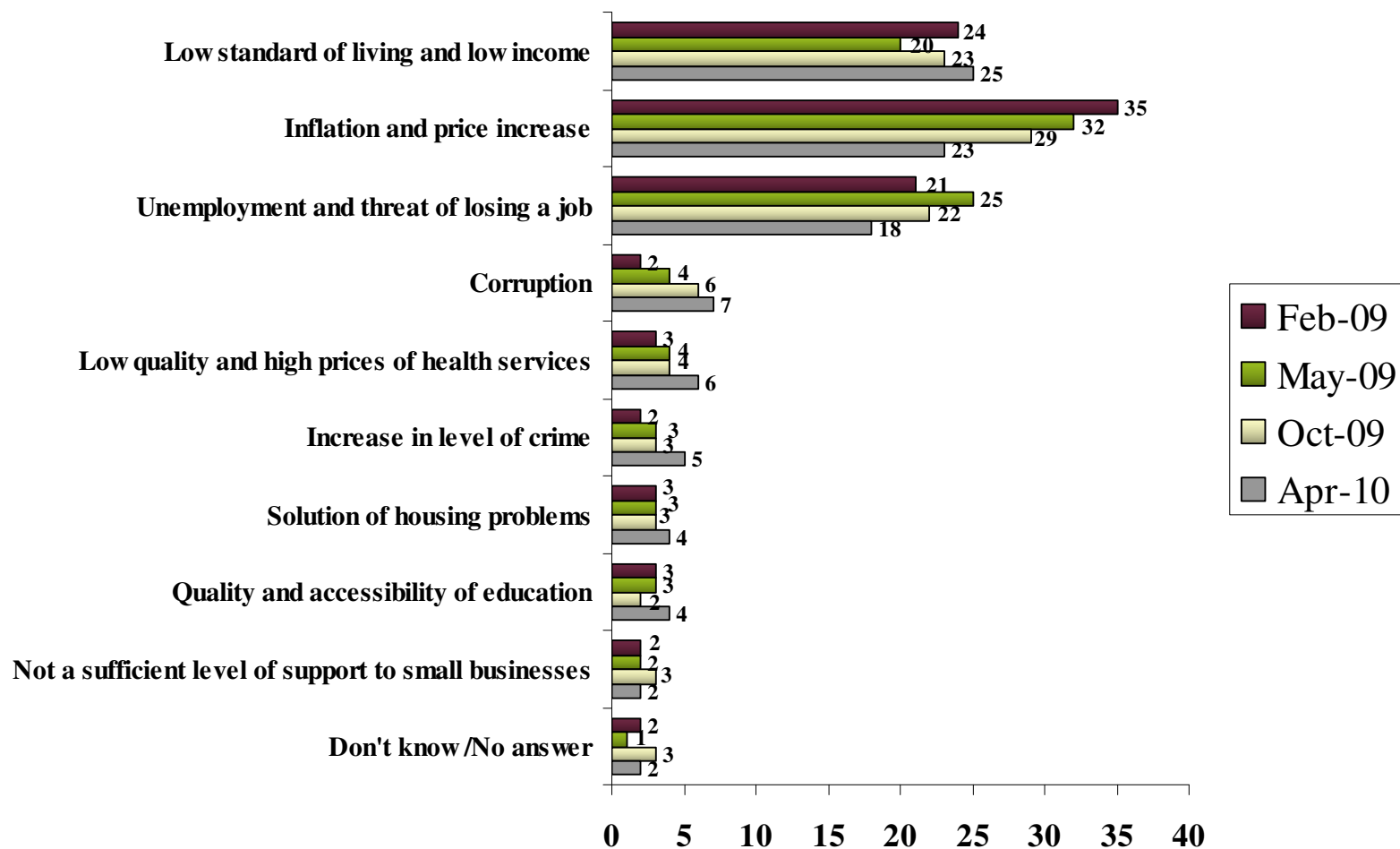


Do you think the government is doing a very good, good, bad or very bad job handling the problems of the world financial crisis?

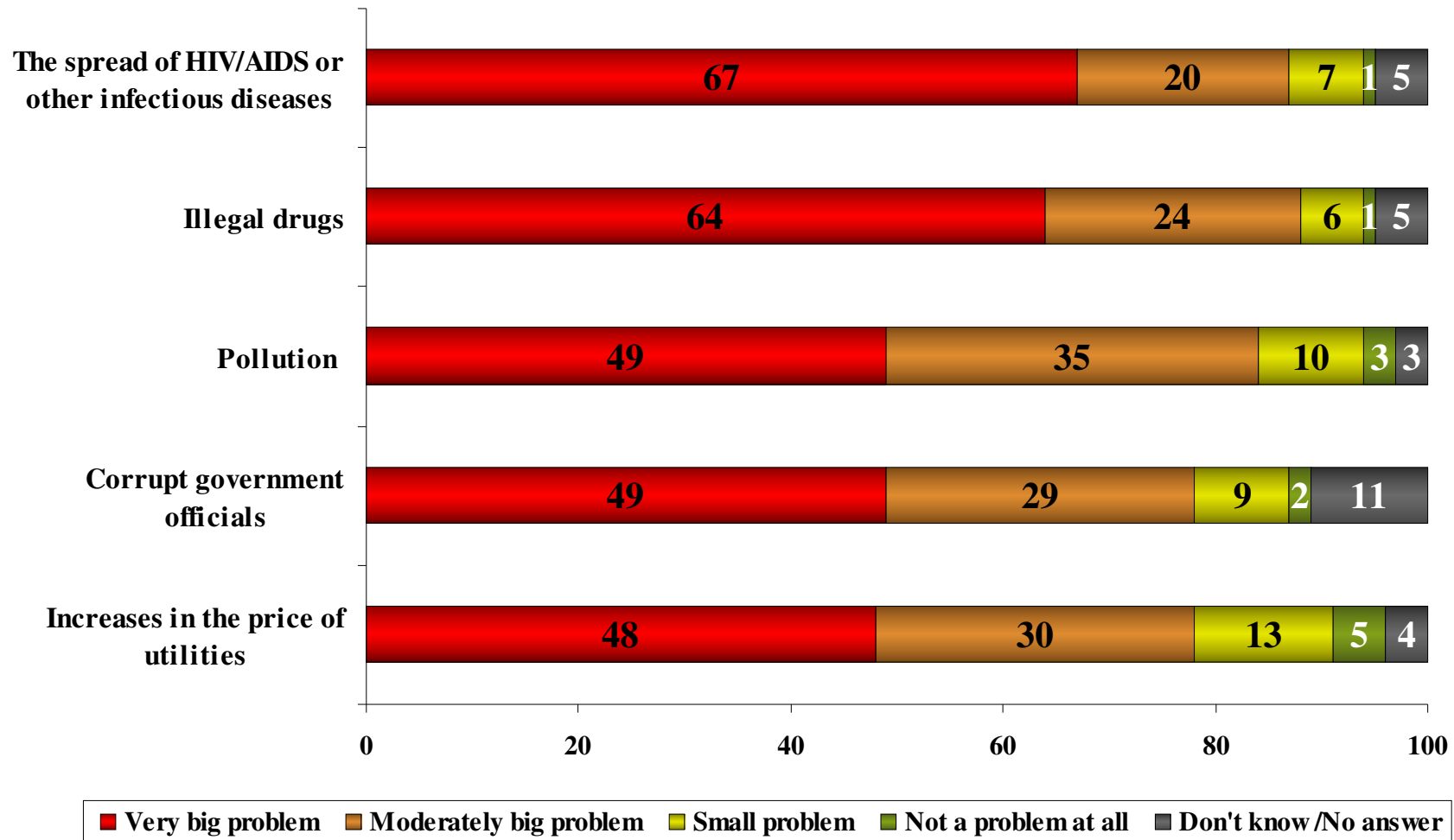


Which one of the following issues is of the greatest concern to you?

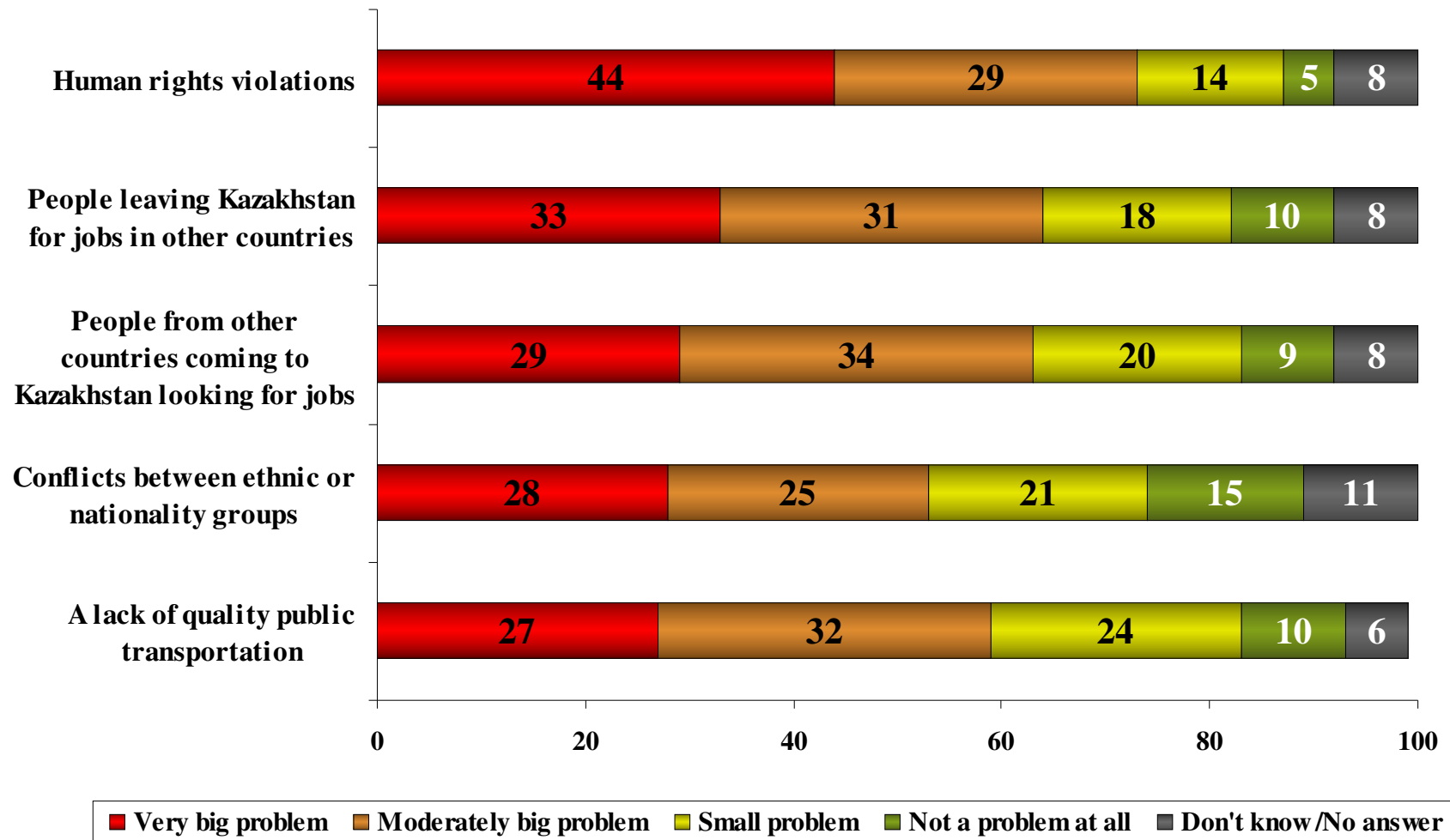
(Responses 2% or greater)



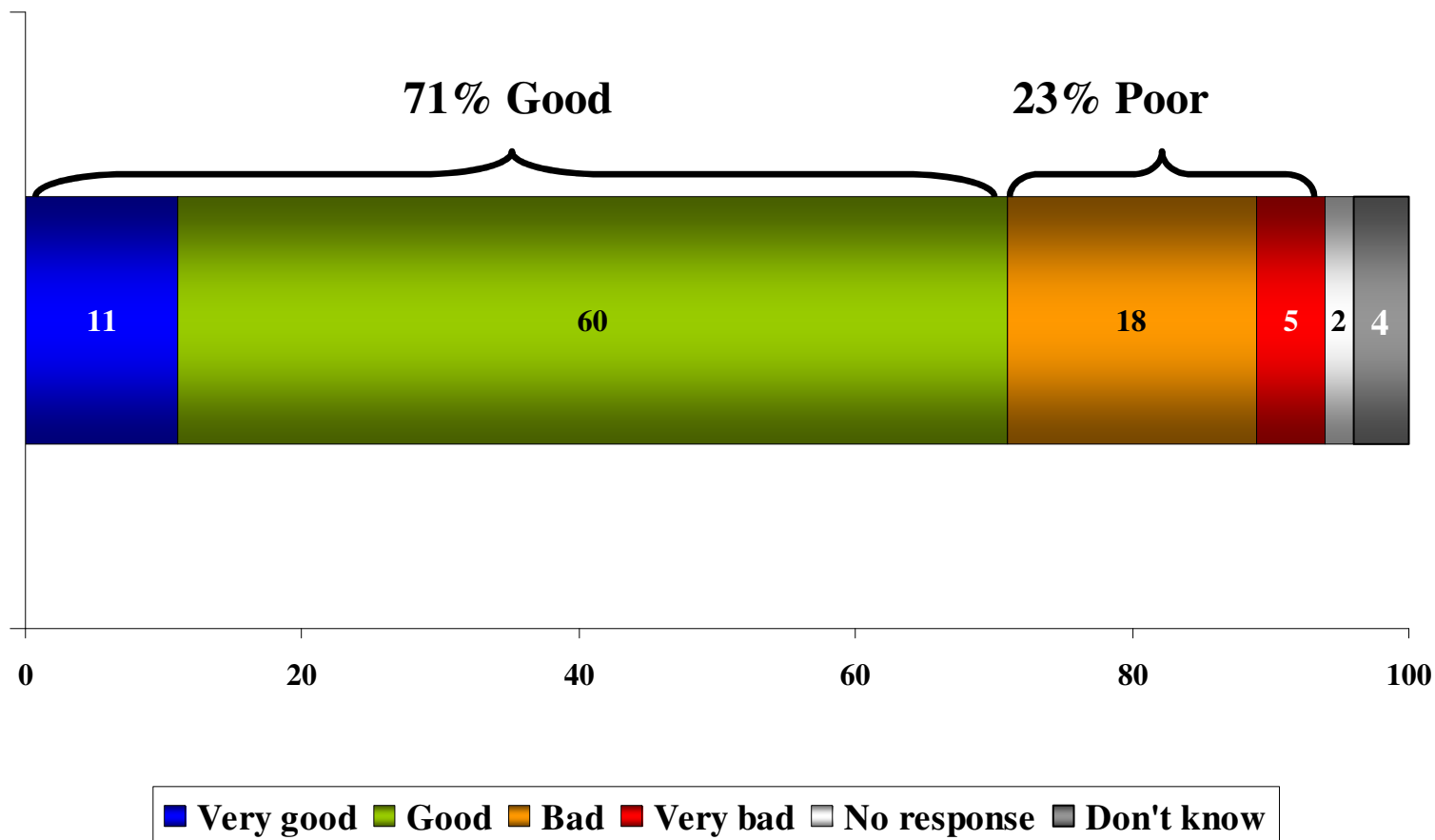
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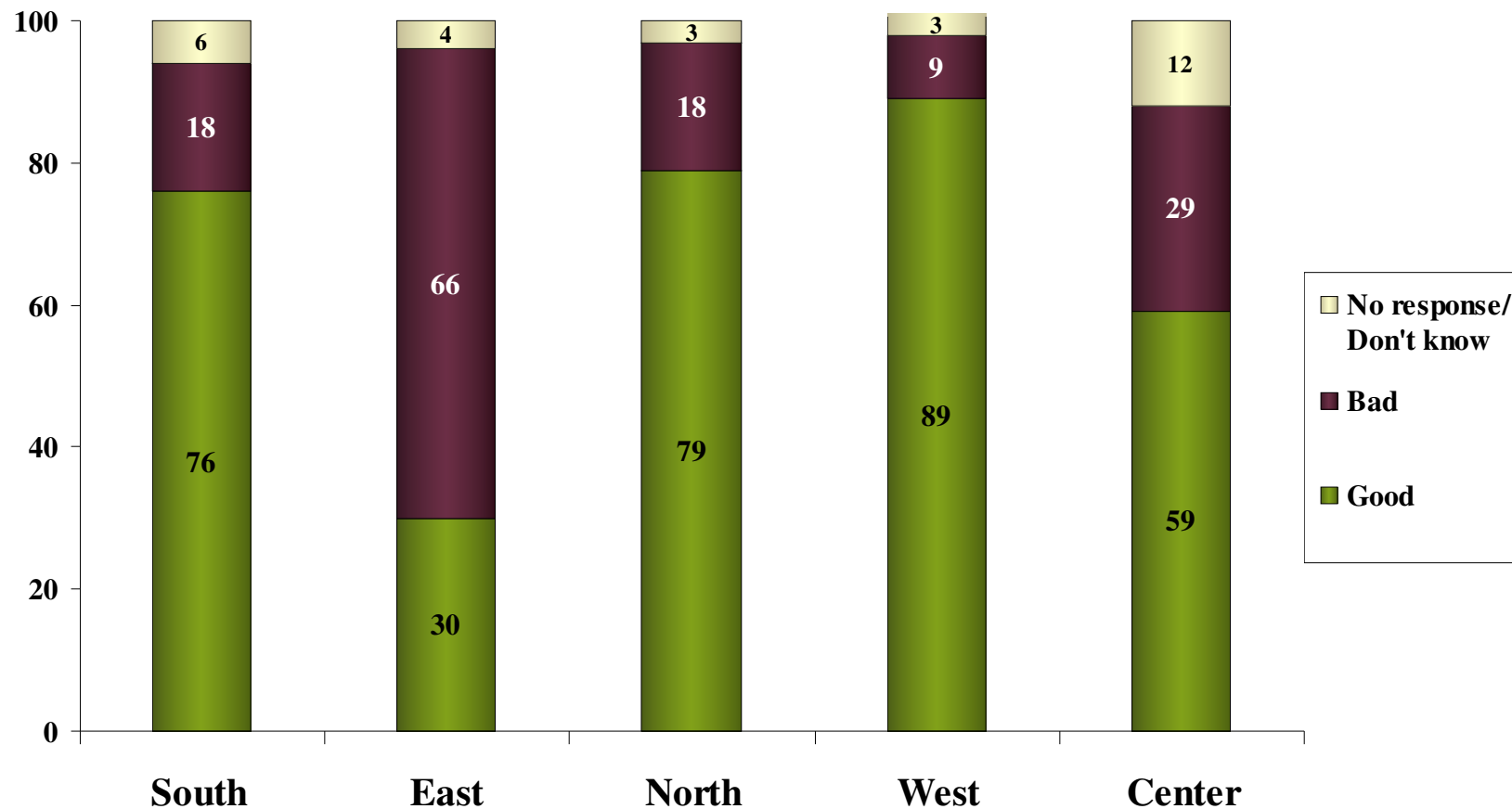
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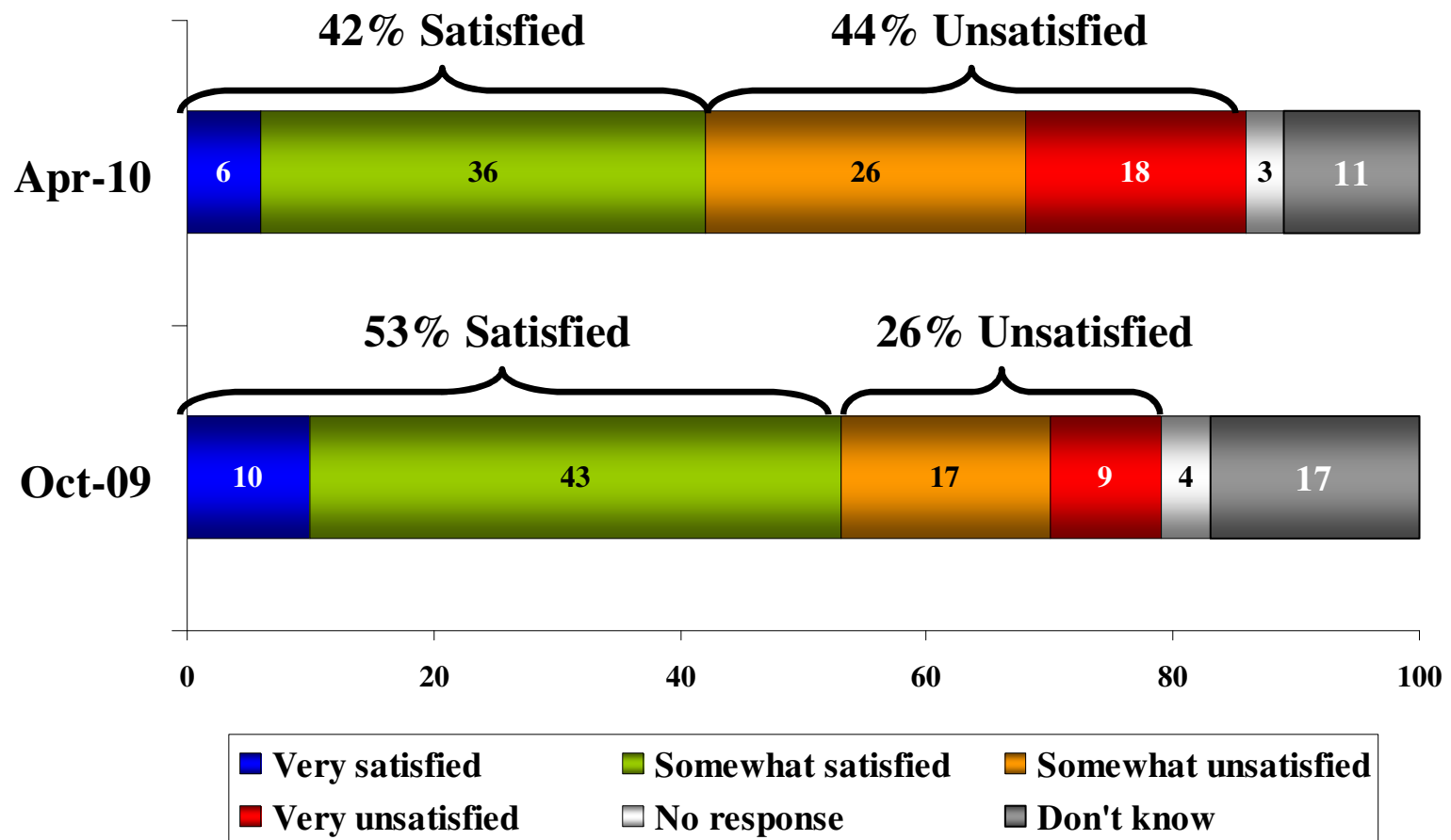
Thinking about this past winter, how would you rate the service of your basic utilities heat, gas and electricity – very good, good, bad or very bad?



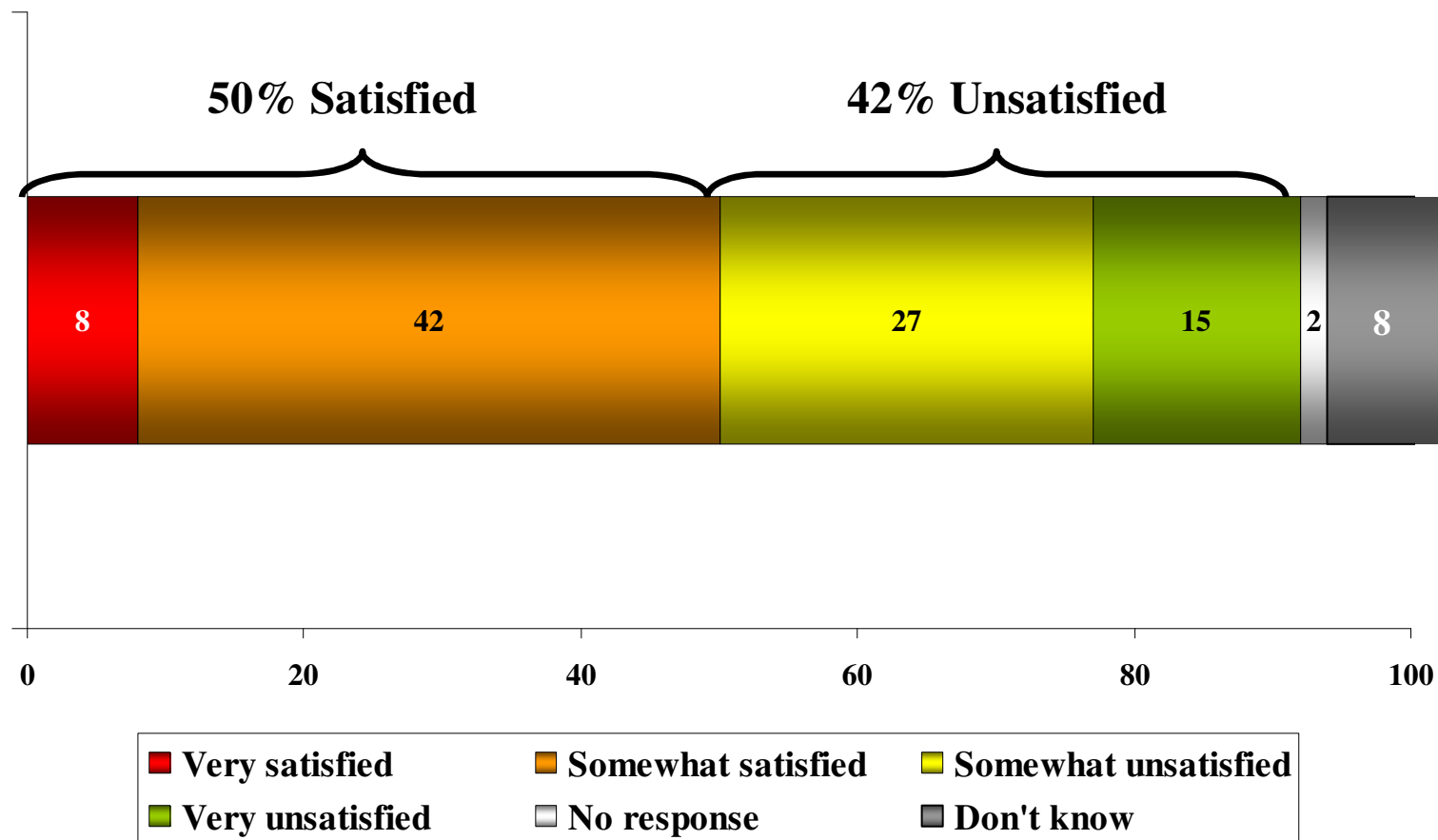
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(Breakdown by region)



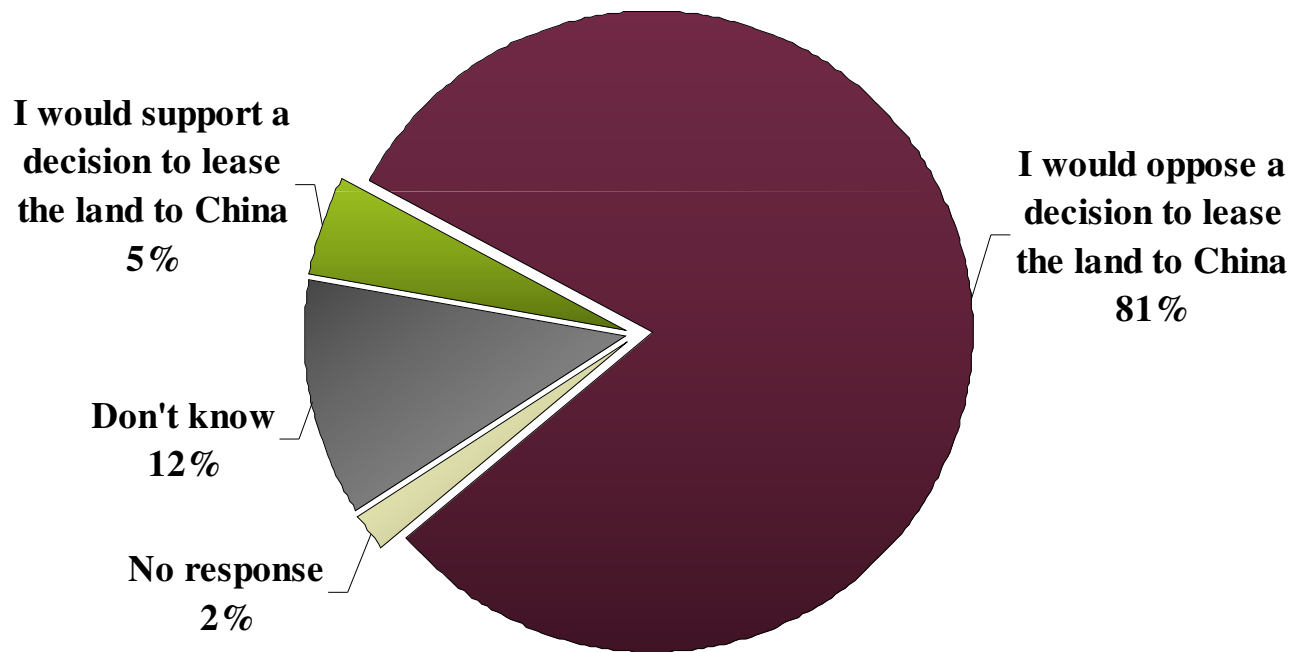
Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the government's efforts to fight corruption?



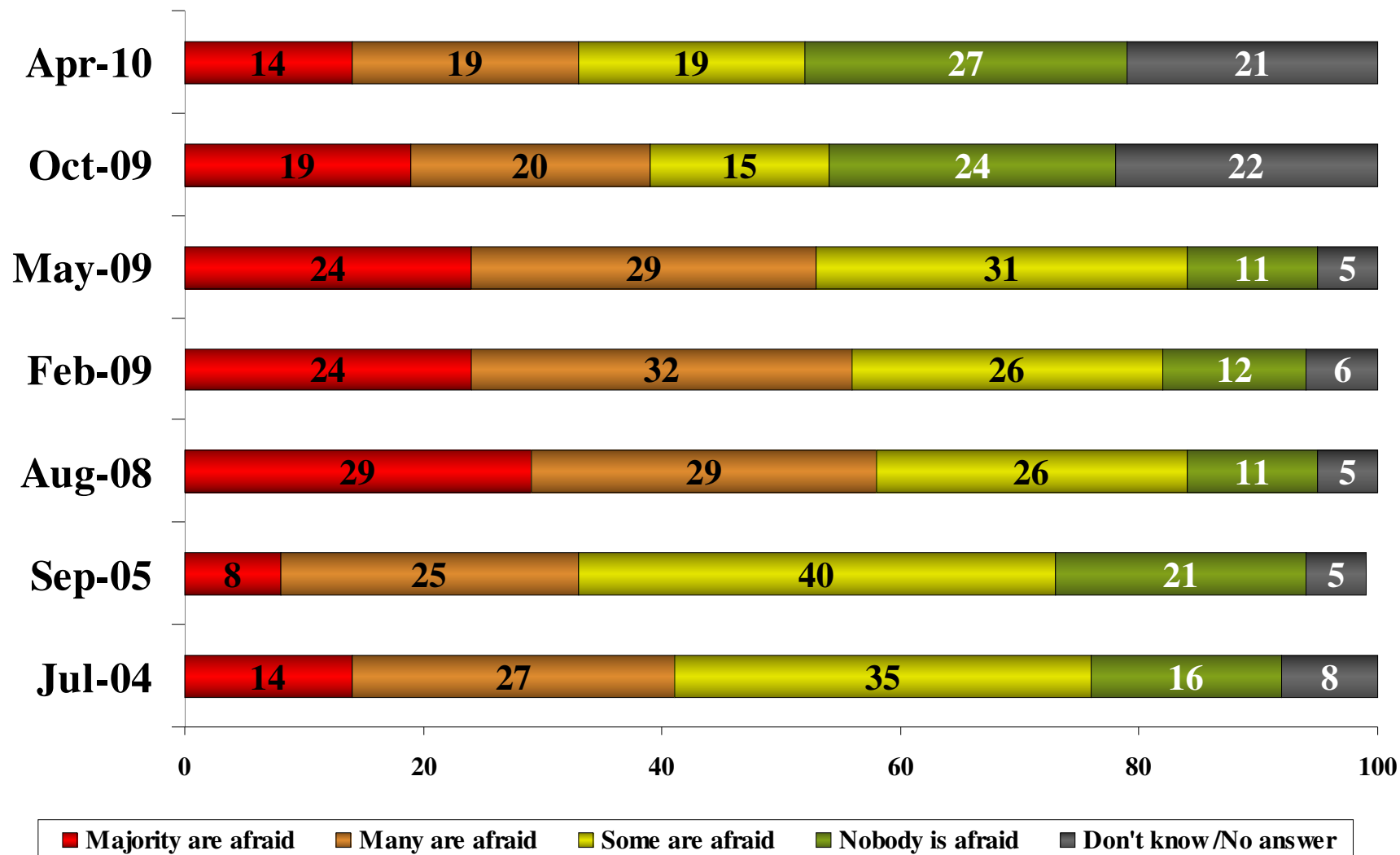
Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with the government's efforts to reduce unemployment?



There are reports that the government is considering a plan to lease a large area of Kazakhstani land to China for agricultural use. Would you support or oppose the government leasing Kazakhstani land to China?

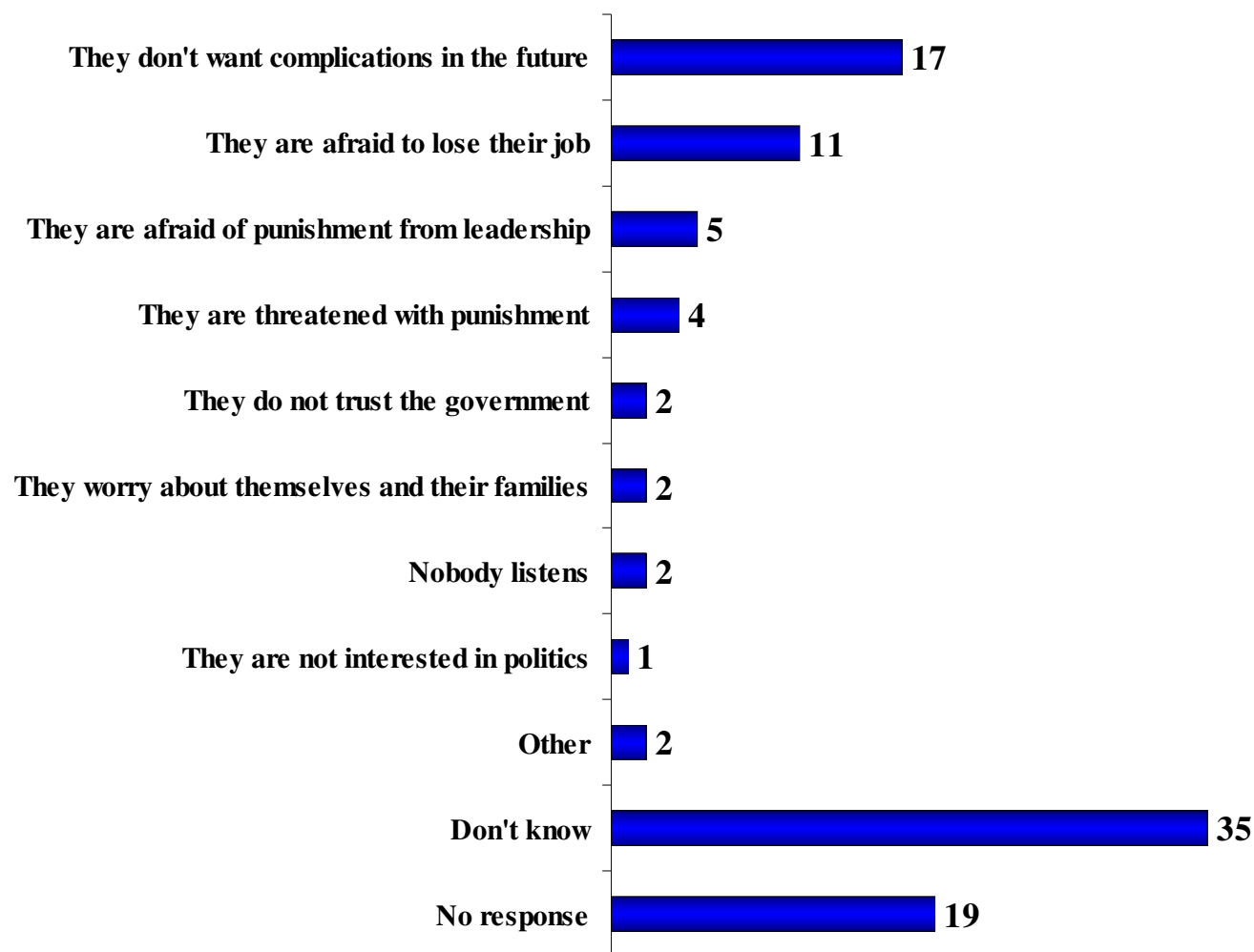


Are people in Kazakhstan afraid to openly express their political views?

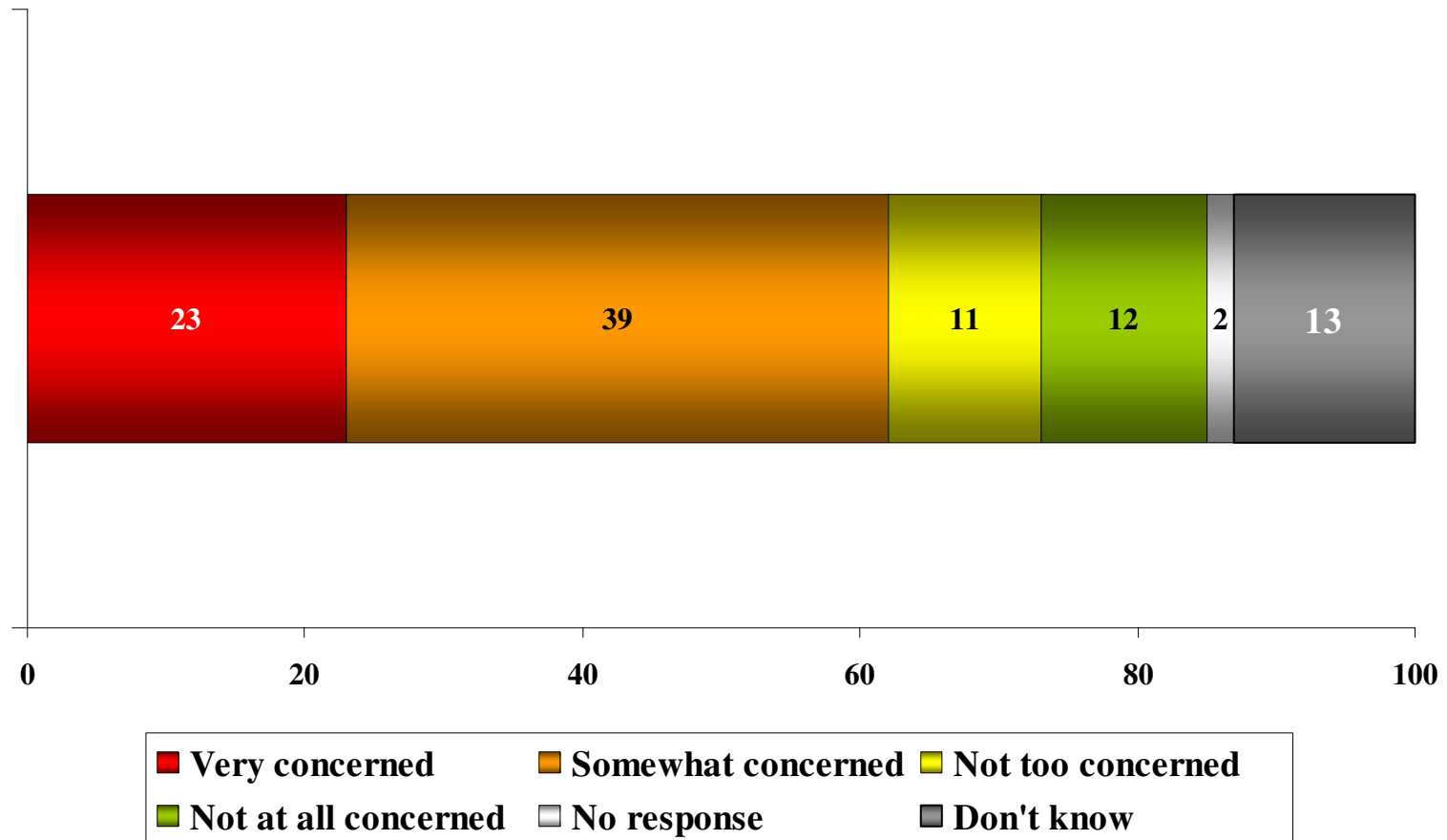


Why do you think people are afraid to openly express their political views?

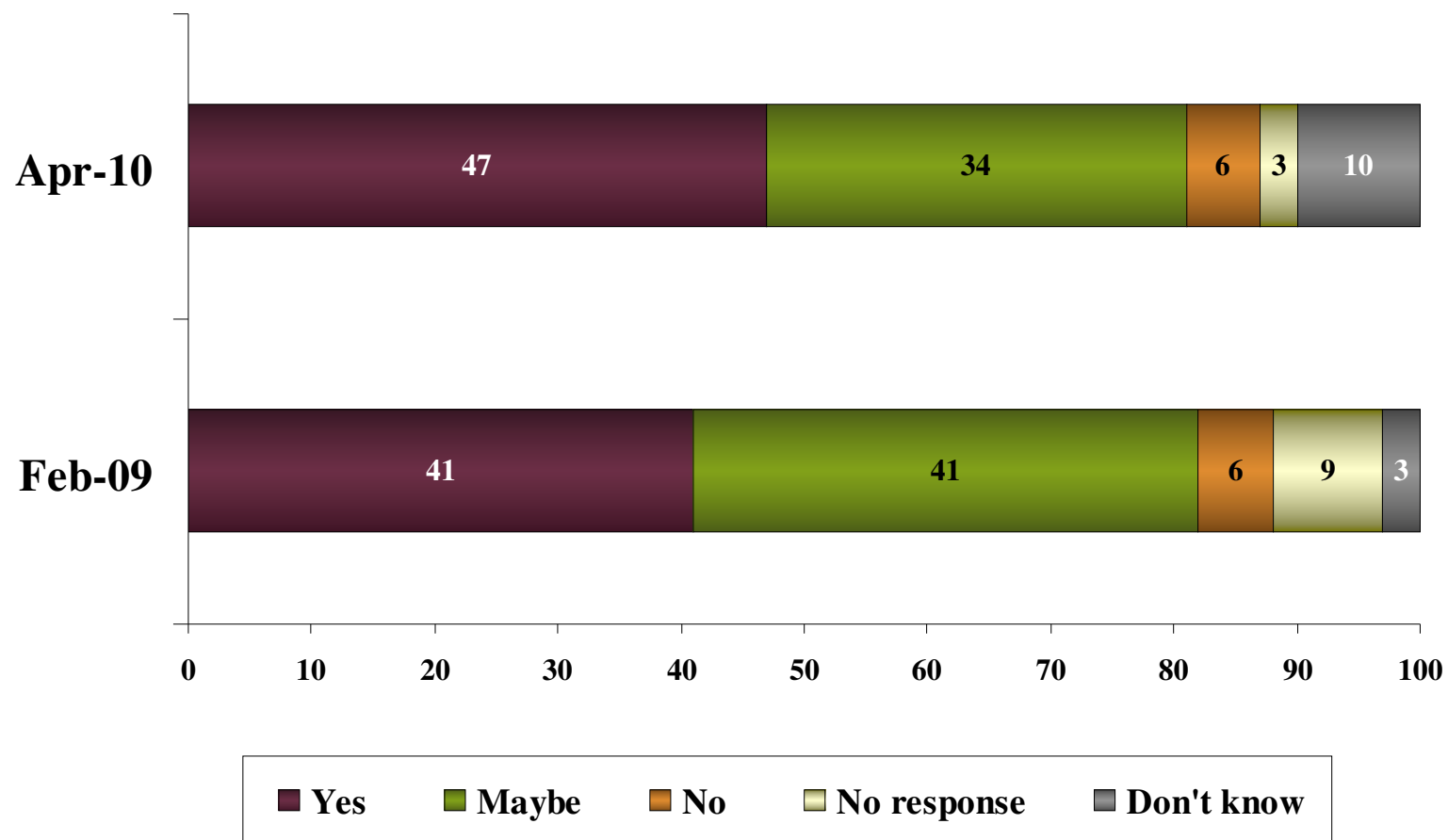
(Respondents who think that people are afraid, N=788)



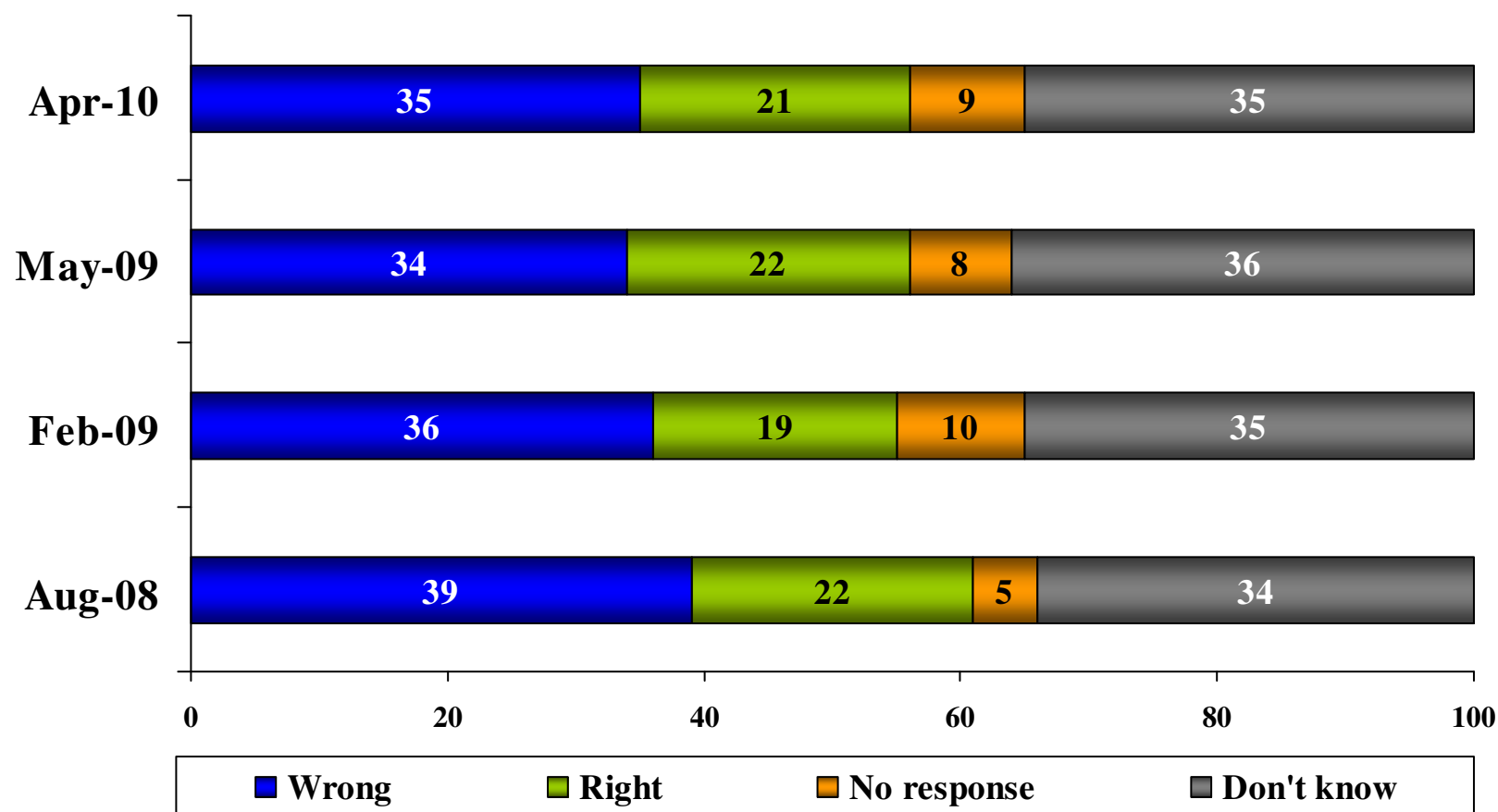
How concerned, if at all, are you about the rise of Islamic extremism in Kazakhstan these days? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?



Do you believe democracy is the right form of government for Kazakhstan or not?

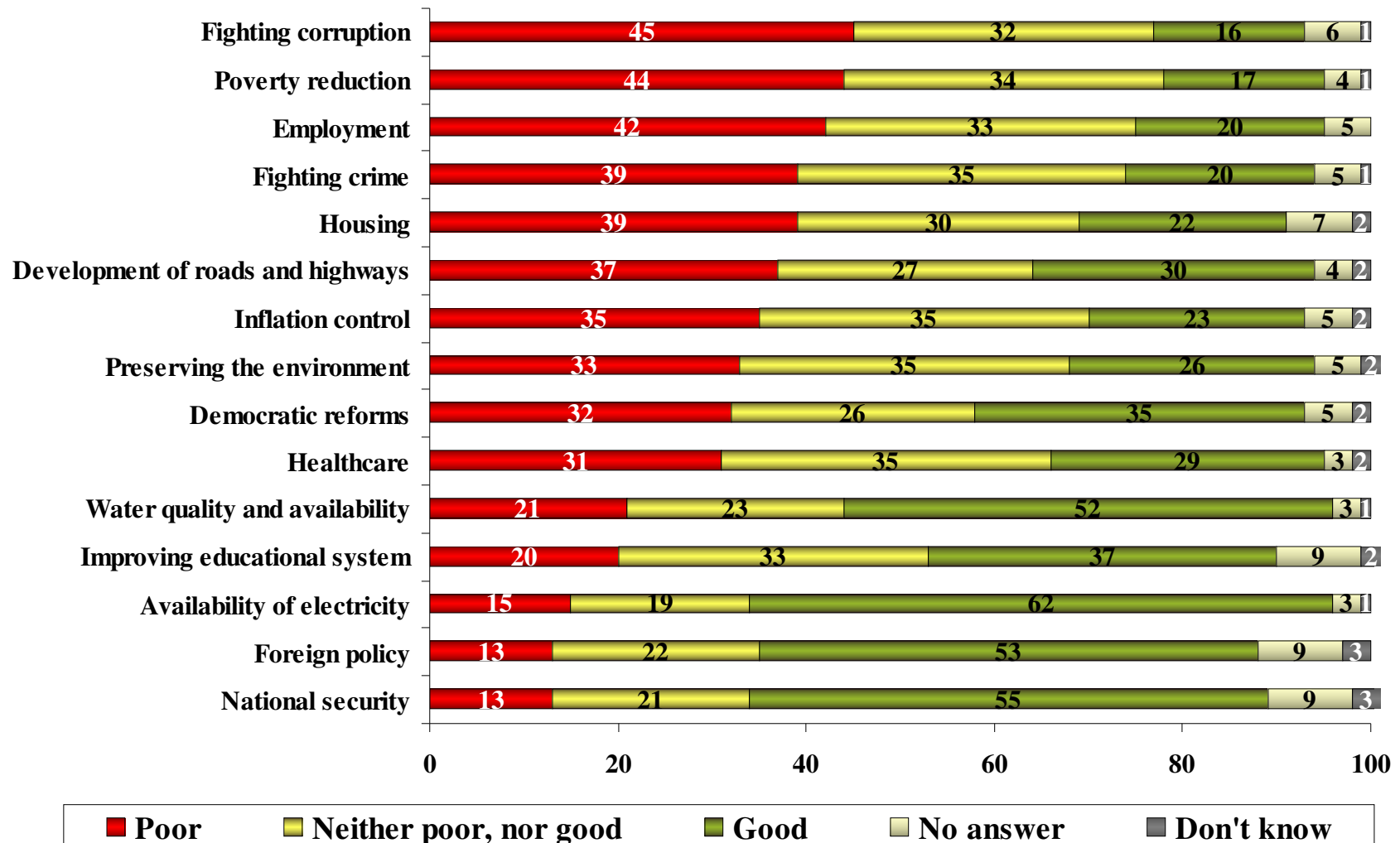


Since Democratic Choice of Kazakhstan (DCK) was banned in 2005, its successor Alga (DCK) has been unable to obtain registration with the Ministry of Justice. Do you believe that it is wrong for the government to deny legal status to a major opposition party?



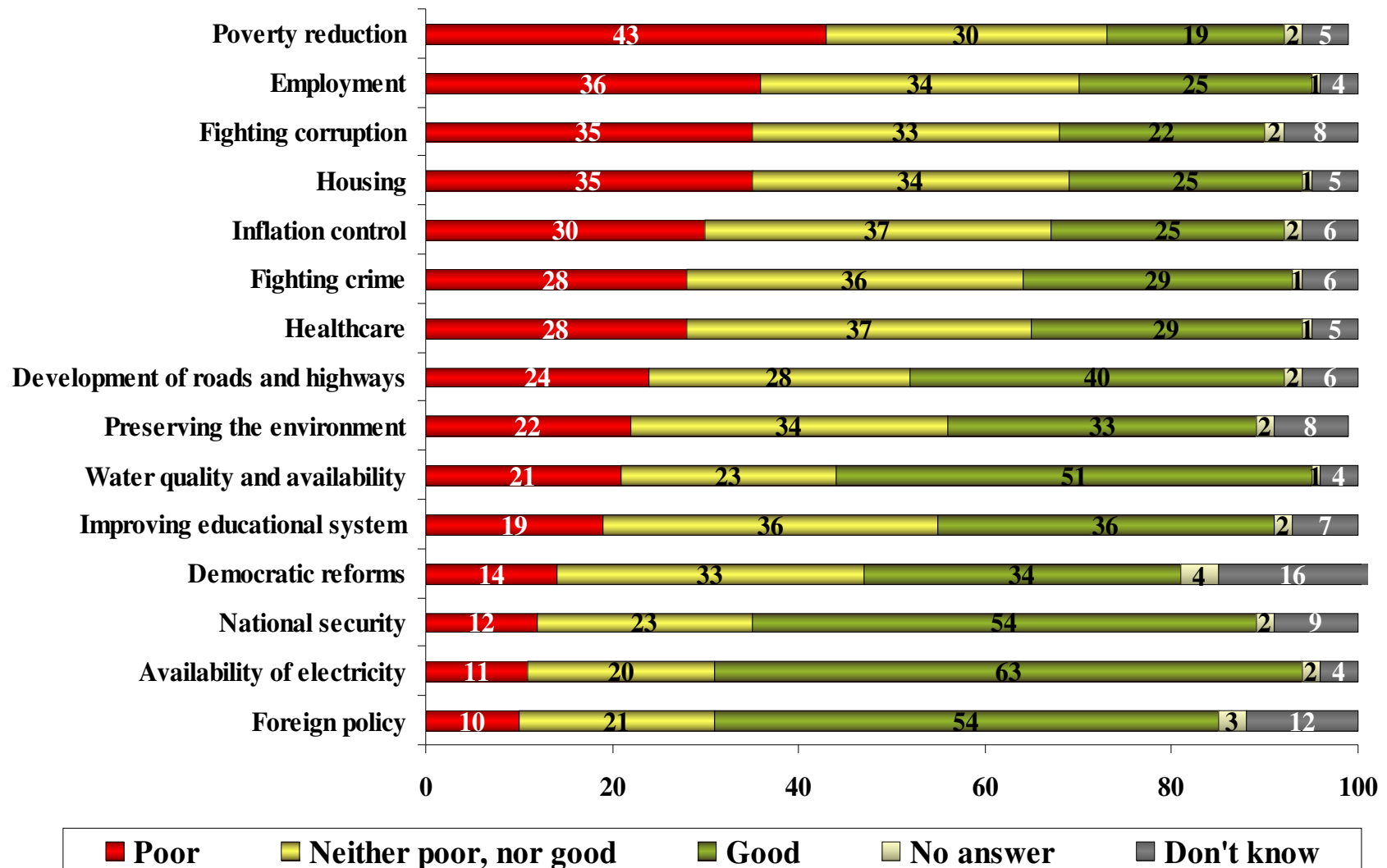
INSTITUTIONAL RATINGS

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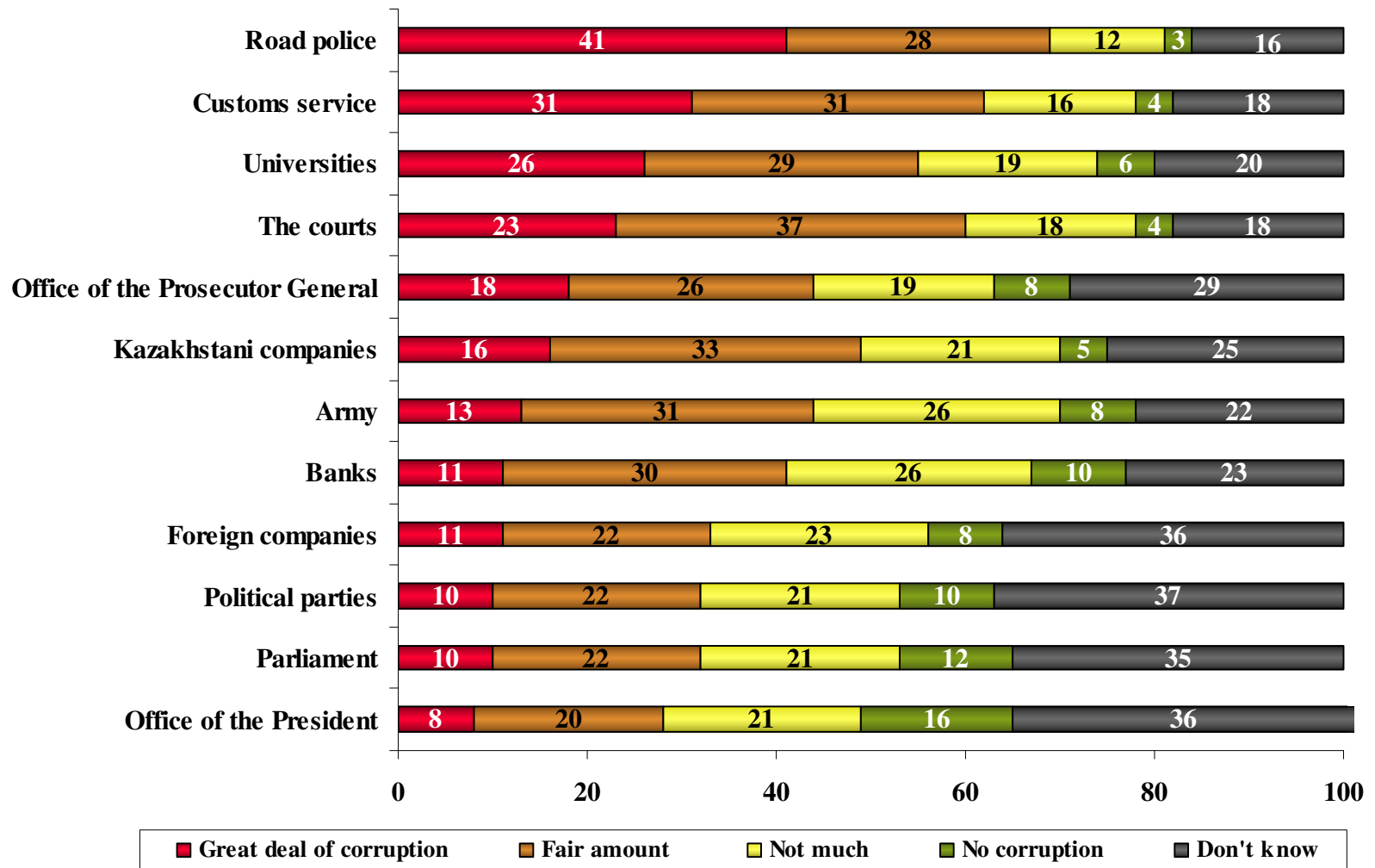


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(Only those responding that the government's performance is poor)

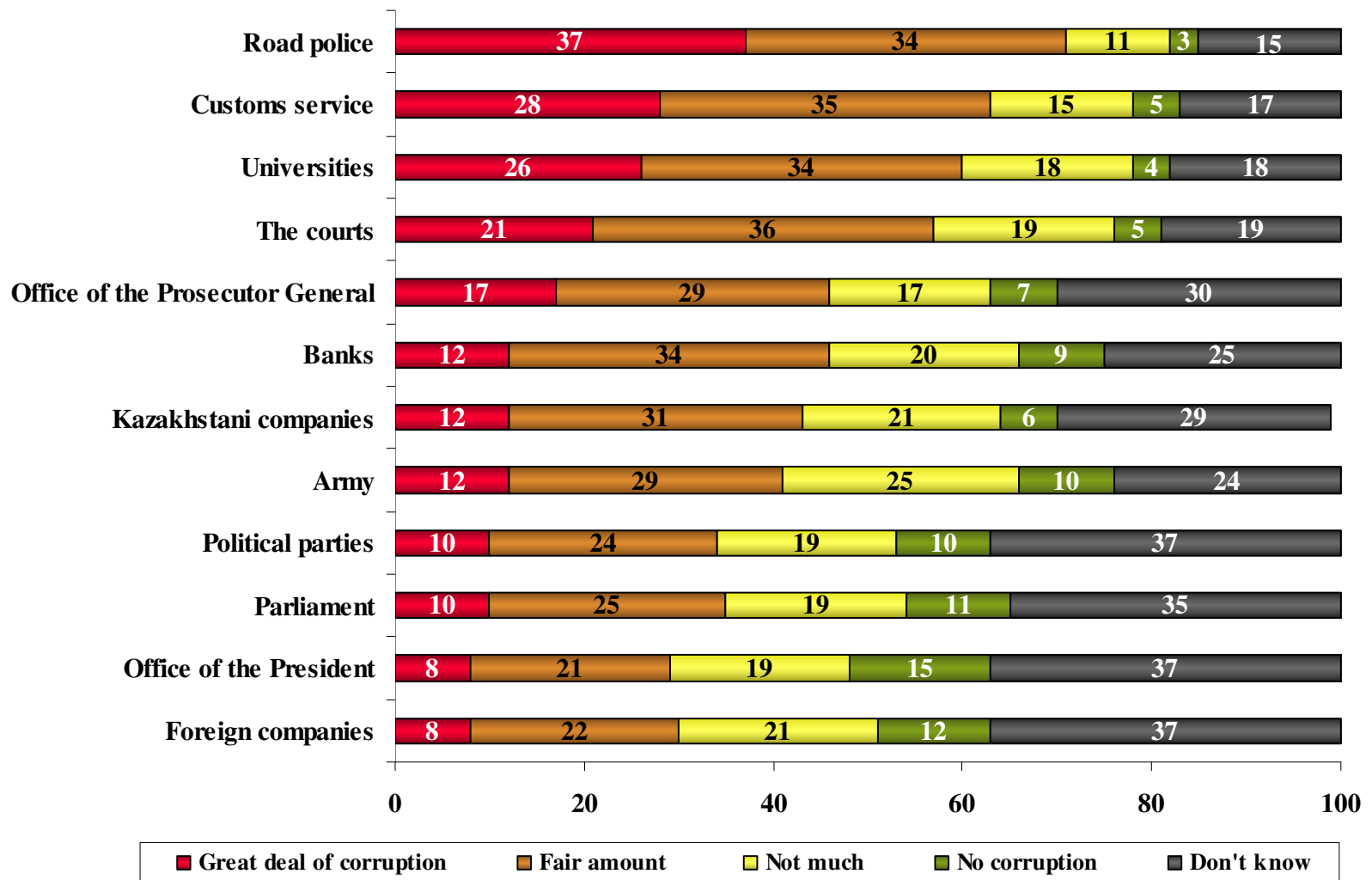
	October 2009	April 2010	% Change from Oct-09 to Apr-10
Poverty reduction	43%	44%	+1%
Employment	36%	43%	+7%
Fighting Corruption	35%	45%	+10%
Housing	35%	39%	+4%
Inflation Control	30%	35%	+5%
Fighting crime	28%	39%	+11%
Healthcare	24%	31%	+7%
Development of roads and highways	24%	37%	+13%
Preserving the environment	22%	33%	+11%
Water quality and availability	21%	21%	
Improving the educational system	19%	20%	+1%
Democratic reforms	14%	32%	+18%
National Security	12%	13%	+1%
Availability of electricity	11%	15%	+4%
Foreign policy	10%	13%	+3%

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

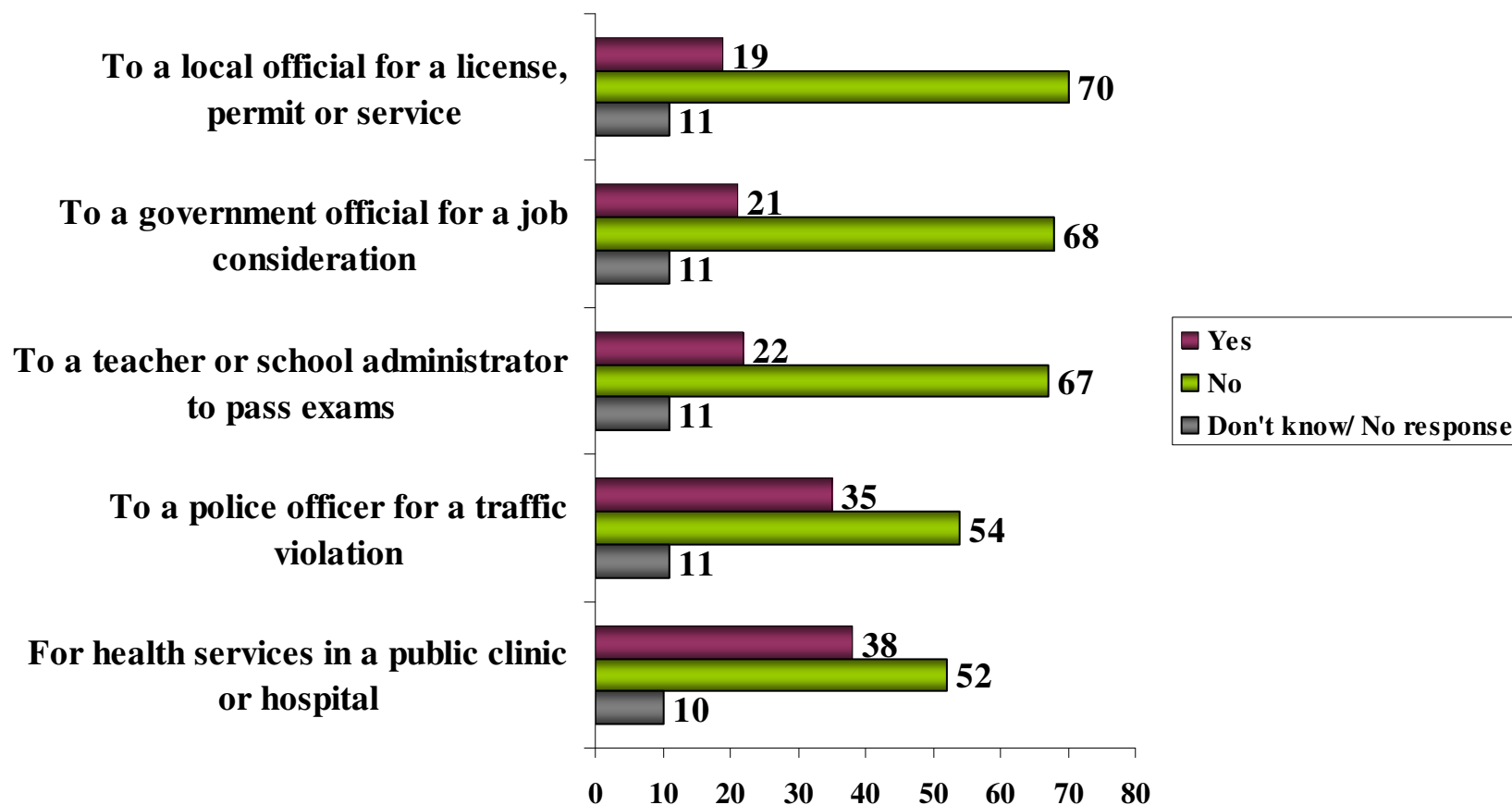


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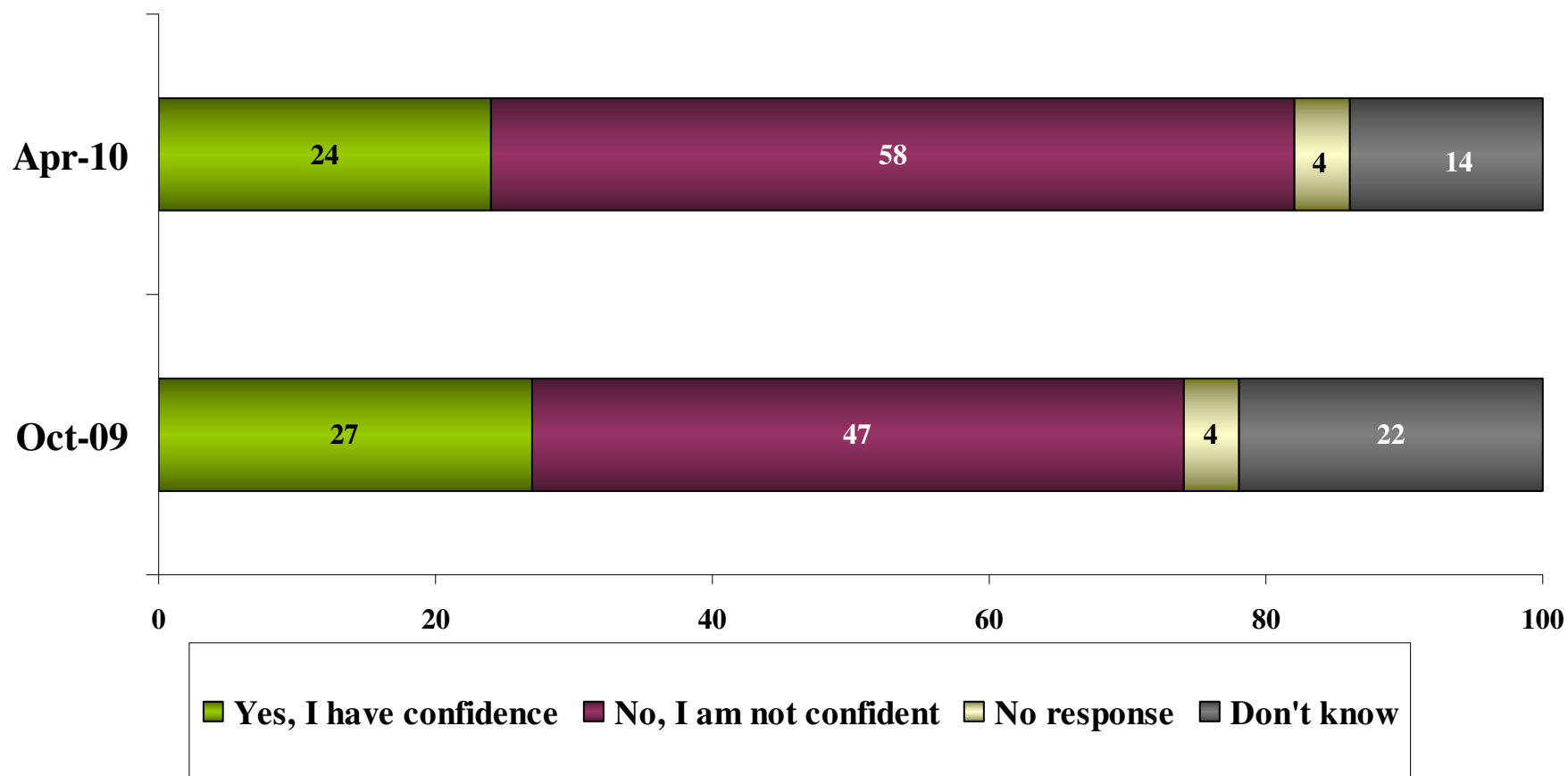
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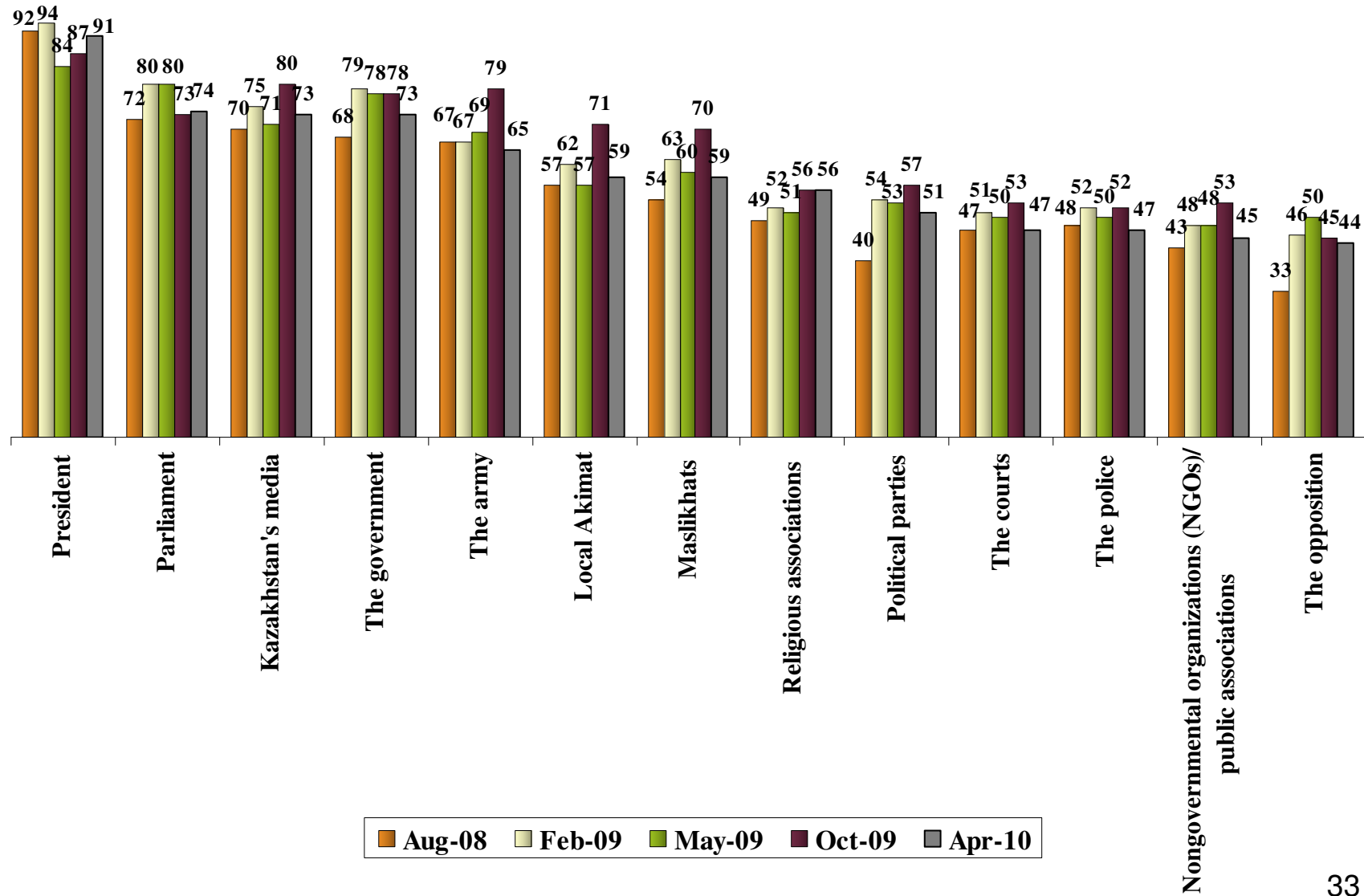
Have you or someone you know had to pay a bribe or offer a gift to a government employee or official in the following situations?



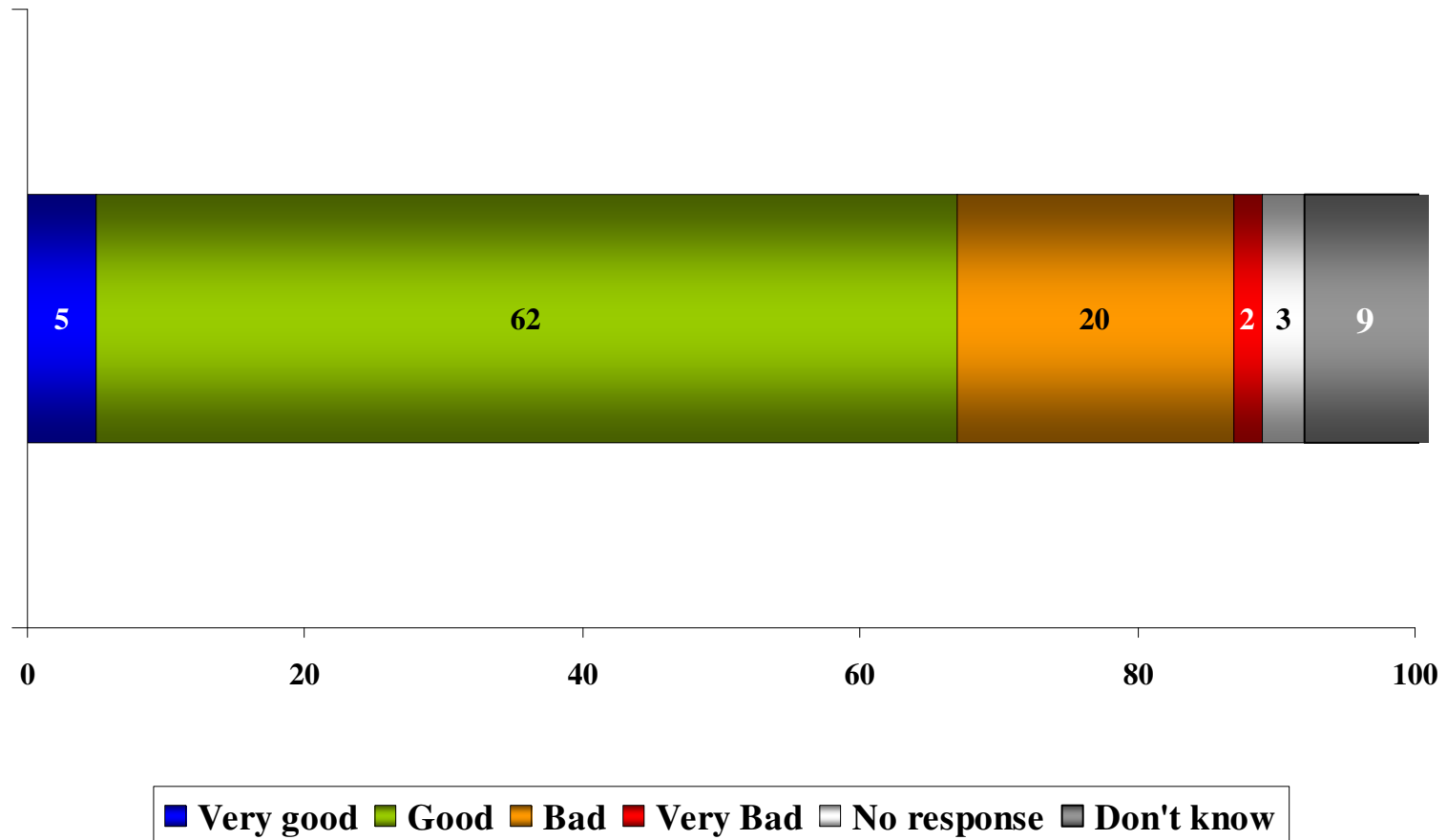
Do you have confidence in the fairness of the judicial system and courts in the country?



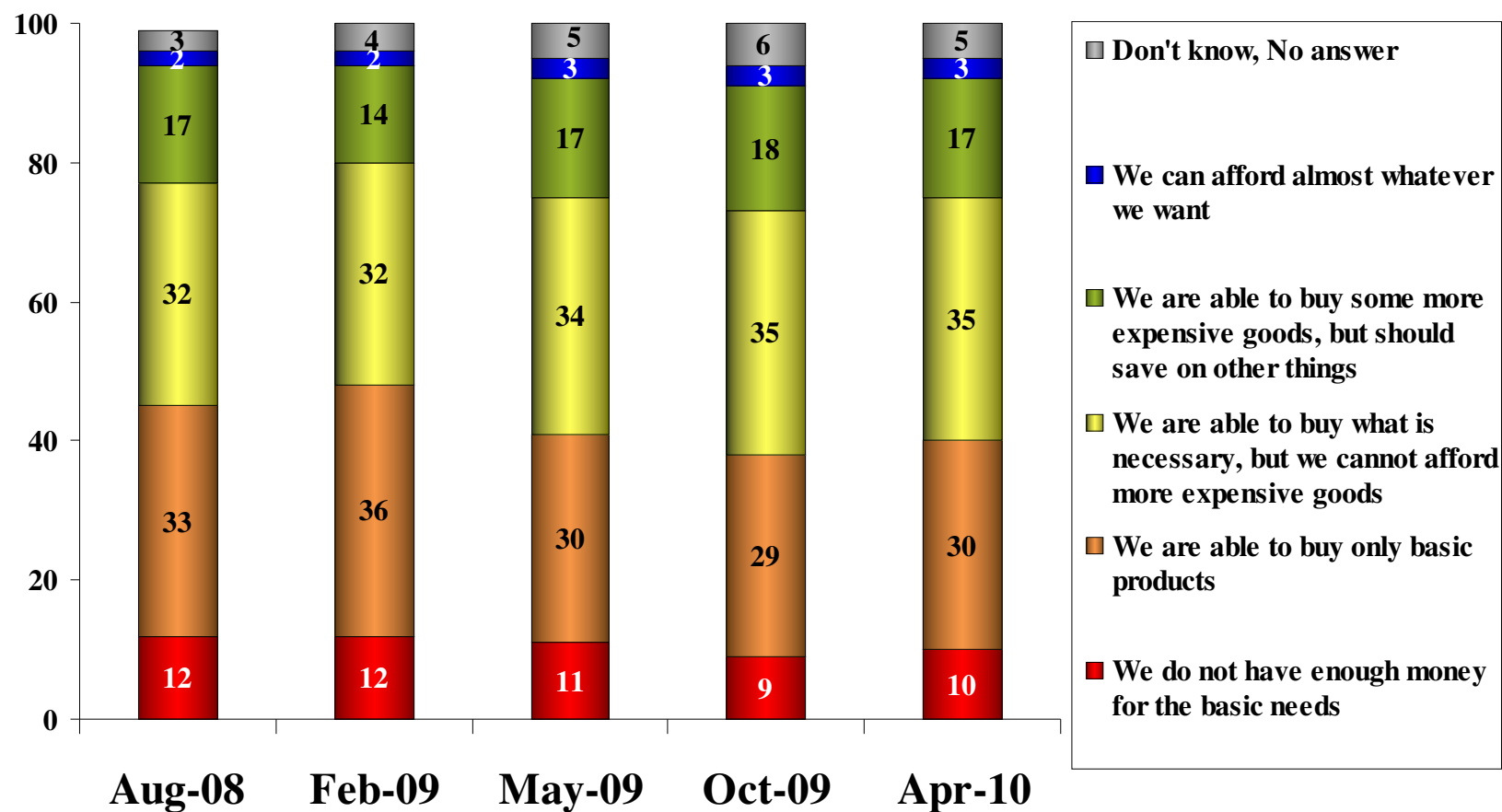
How would you rate each of the following institutions? (Favorable responses only)



Would you describe your household's current standard of living as very good, good, bad or very bad?

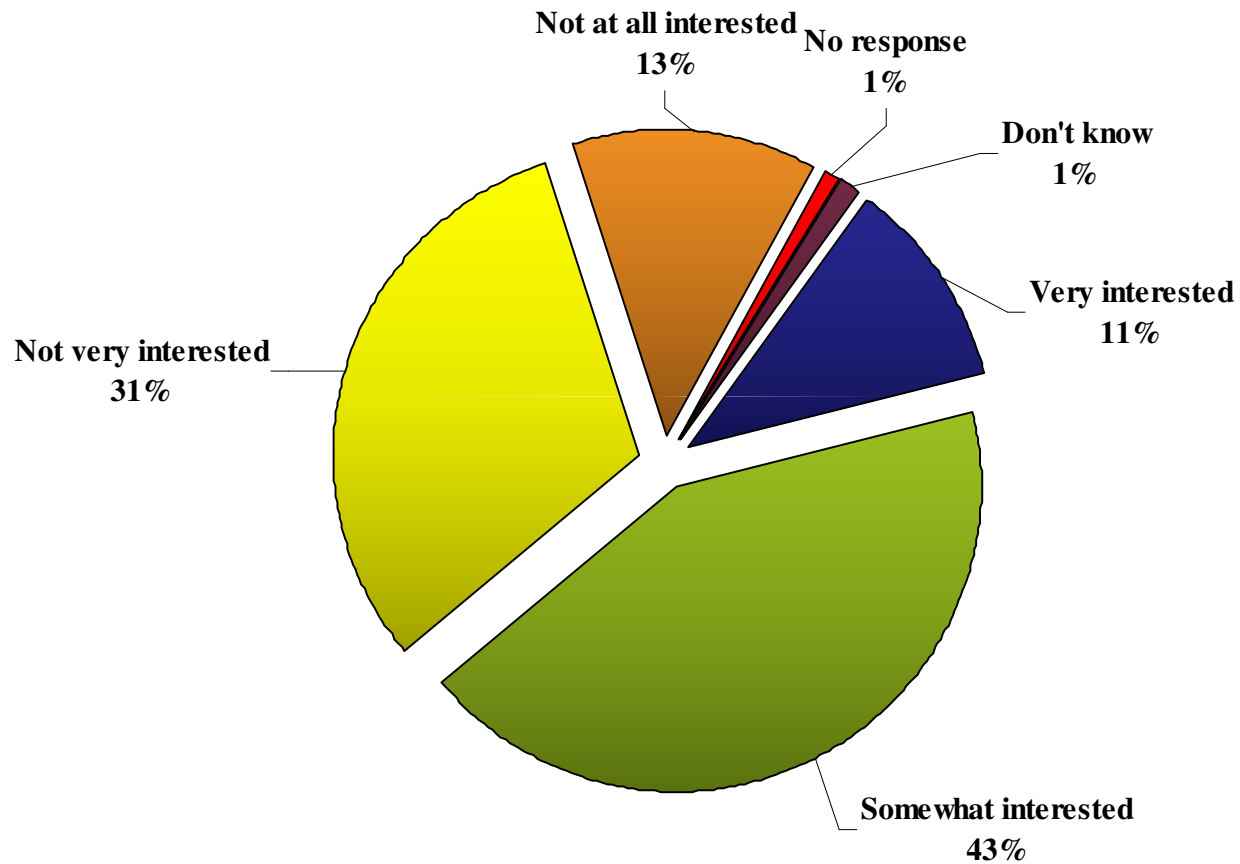


How would you evaluate the income of your household?

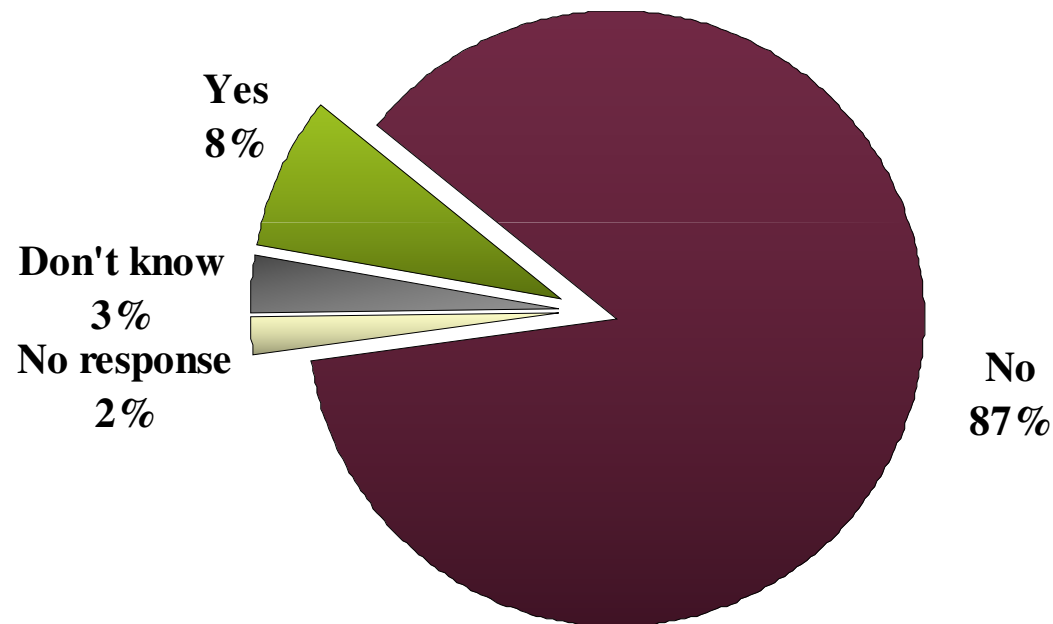


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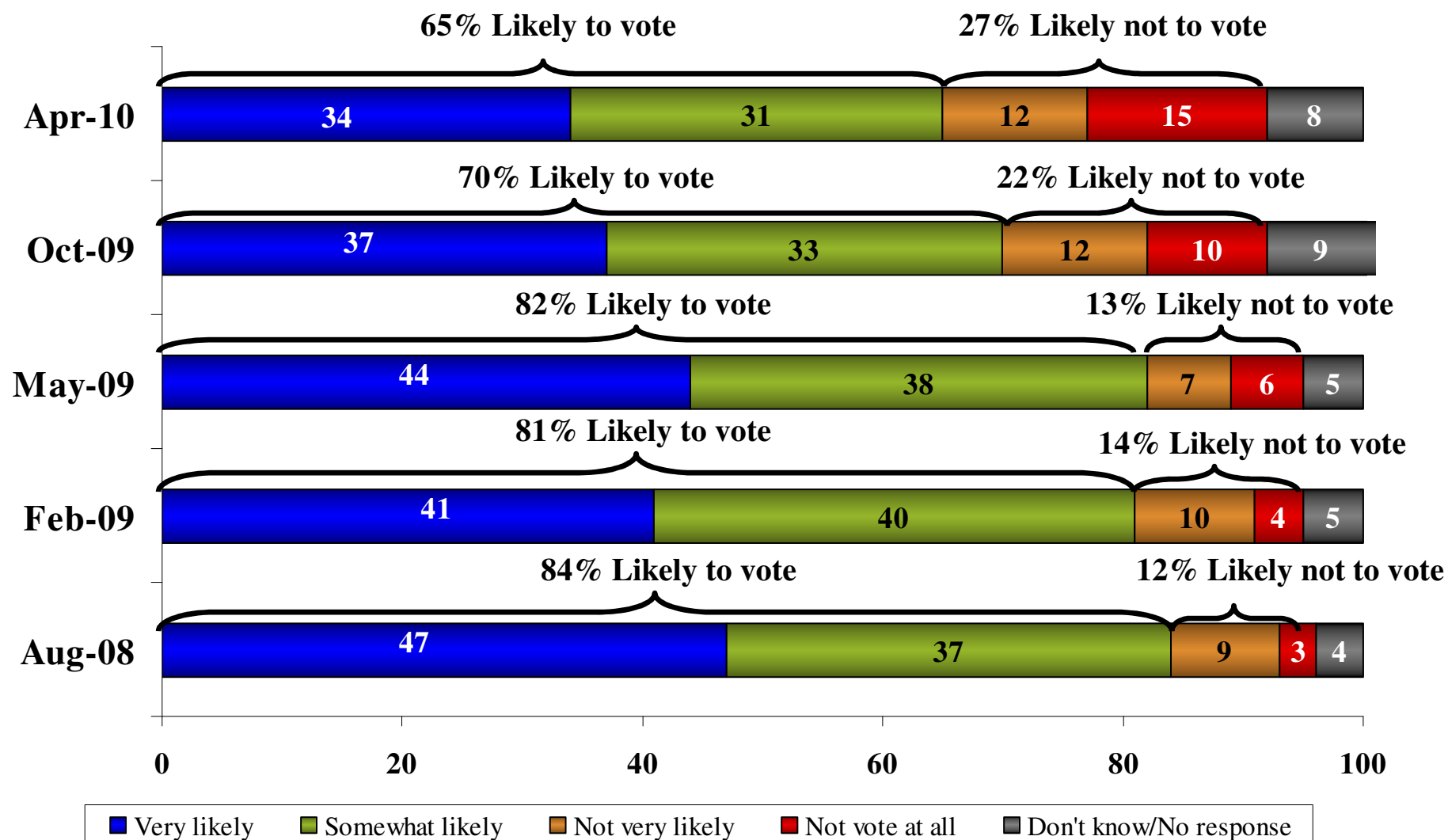
To what extent are you interested in politics?



In the past year, have you been an active member of any group that tries to influence public policy or government?

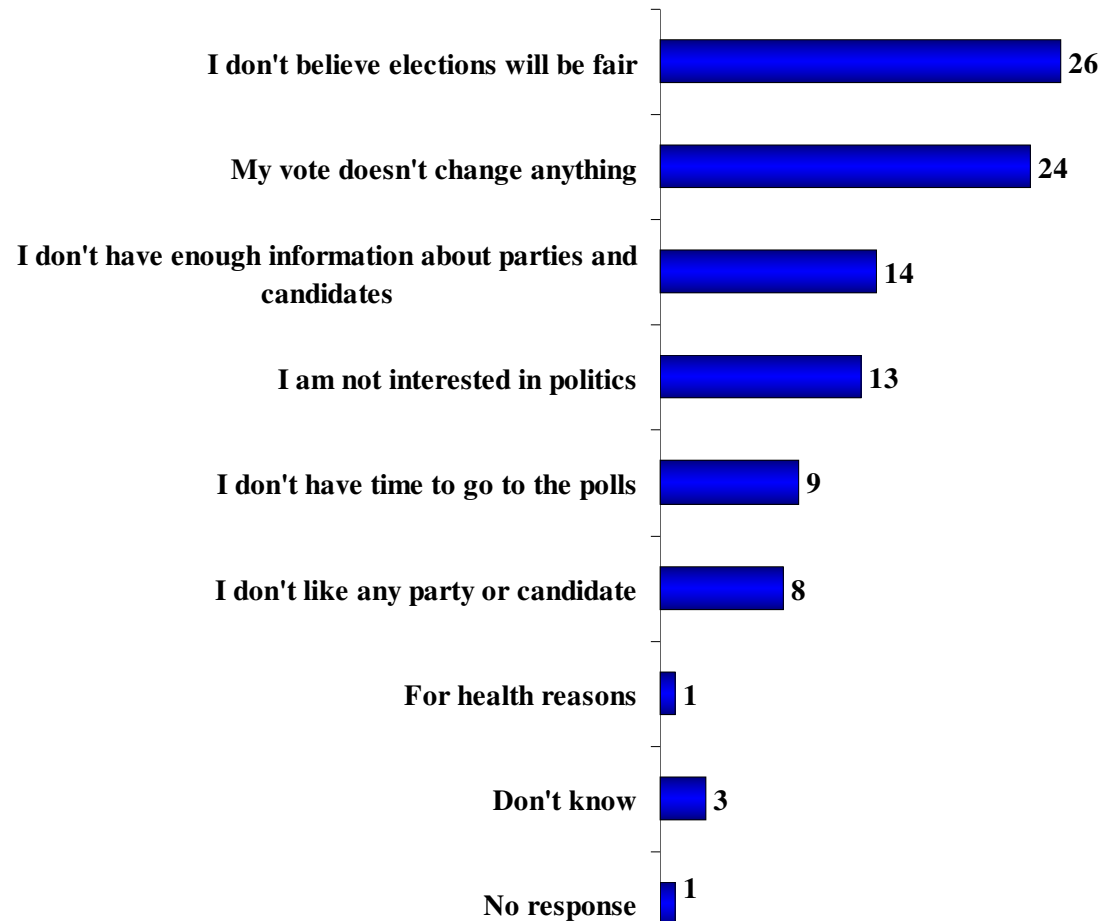


If parliamentary elections were held next week, how likely is it that you would vote?

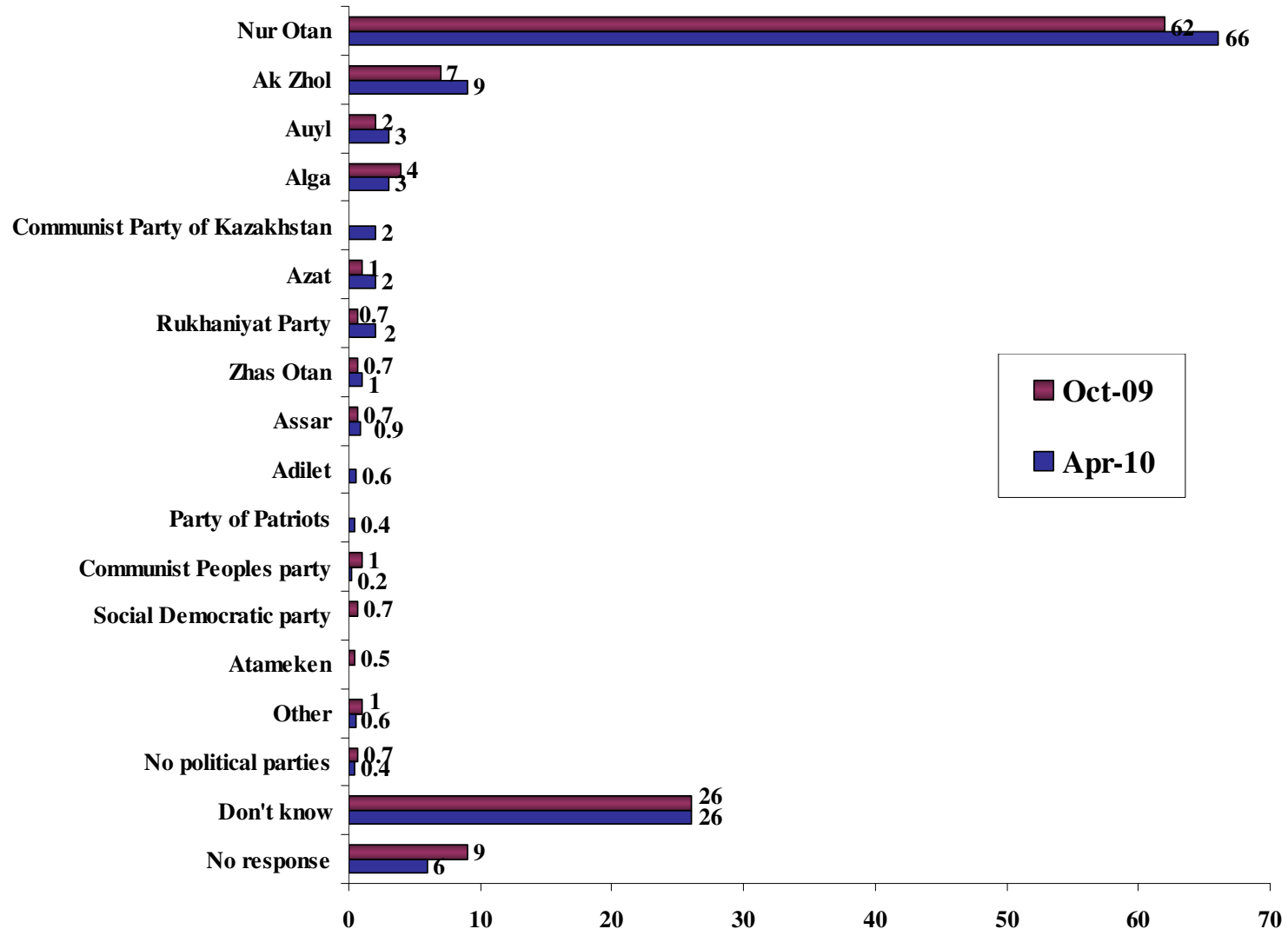


Why wouldn't you vote in parliamentary elections if they were held next week?

(If not very likely to vote or not at all, N=408)

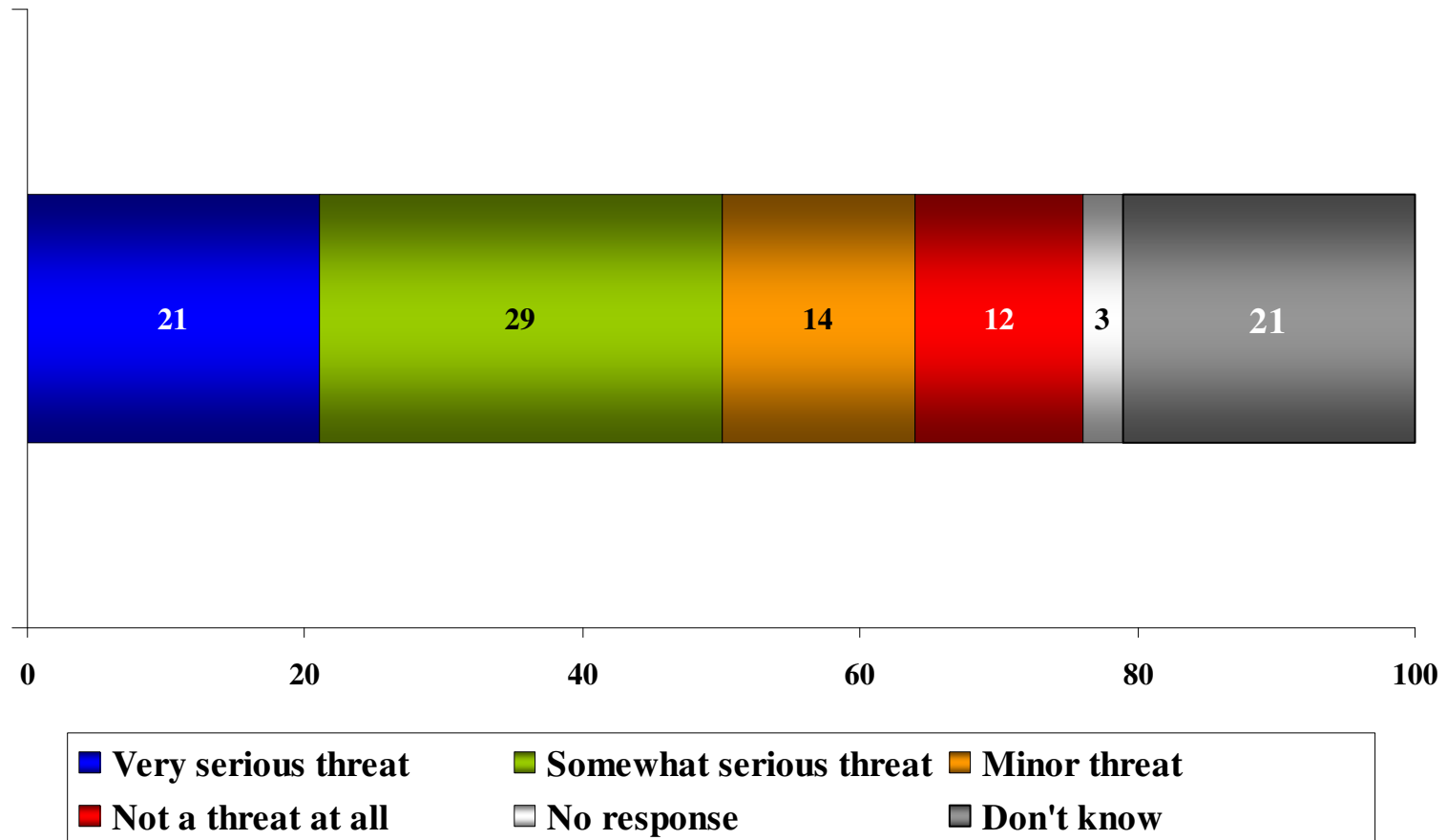


Which political parties working in your region do you know? (Open ended, all mentioned)



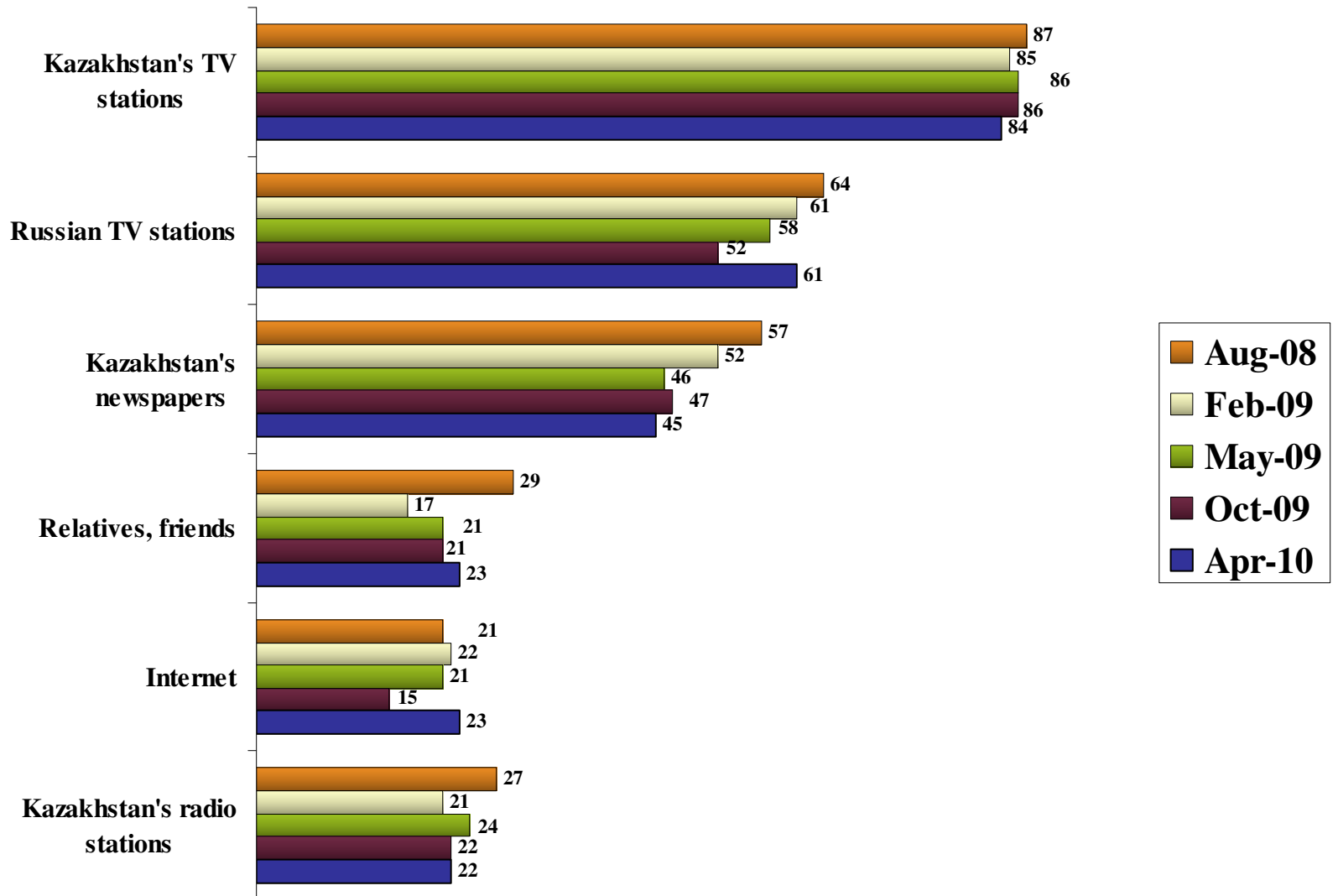
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

How serious of a threat is al Qaeda to Kazakhstan? Is it a very serious threat, a somewhat serious threat, a minor threat or not a threat at all?

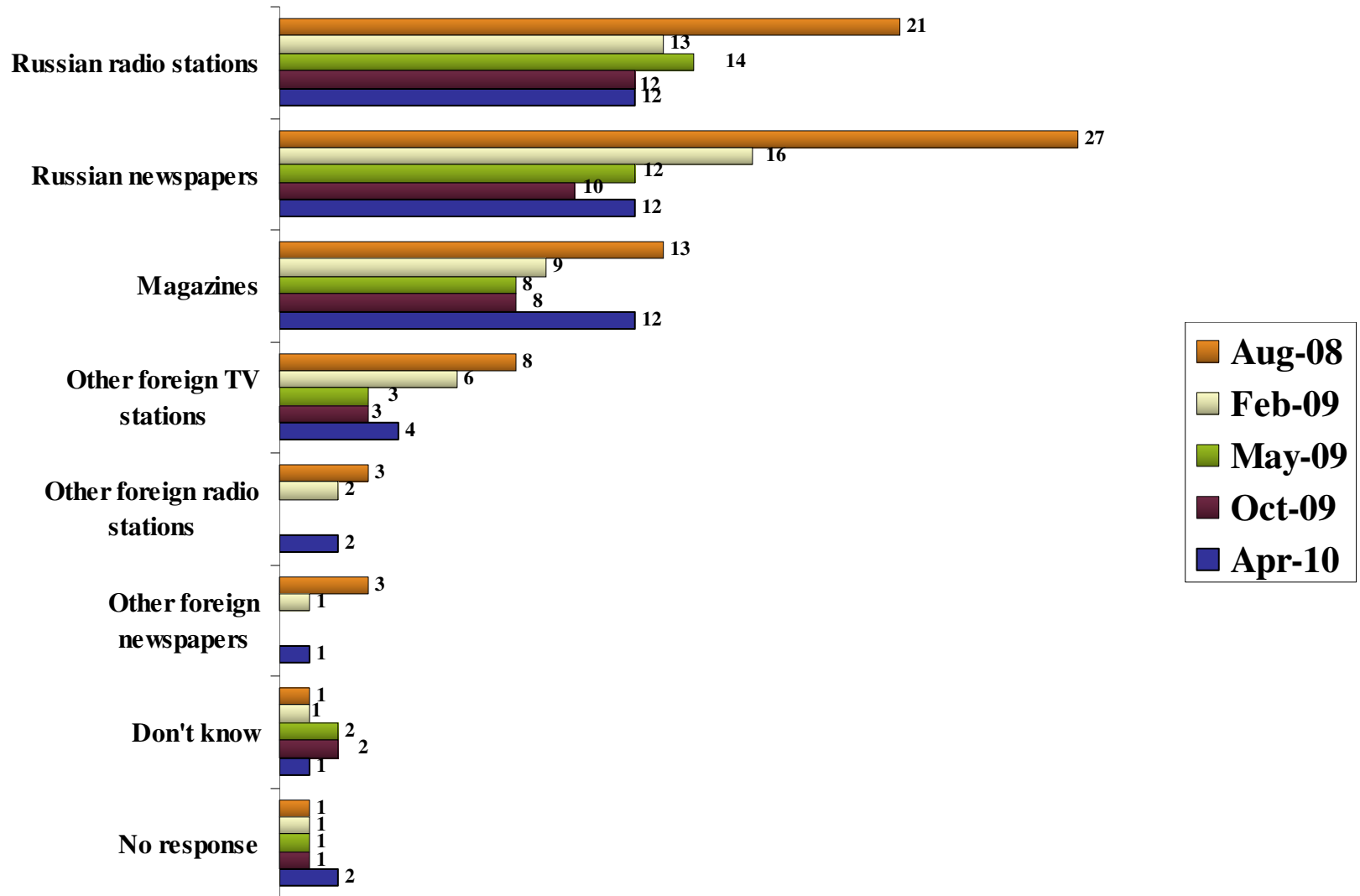


SOURCES OF INFORMATION

What are the main sources of political information for you?

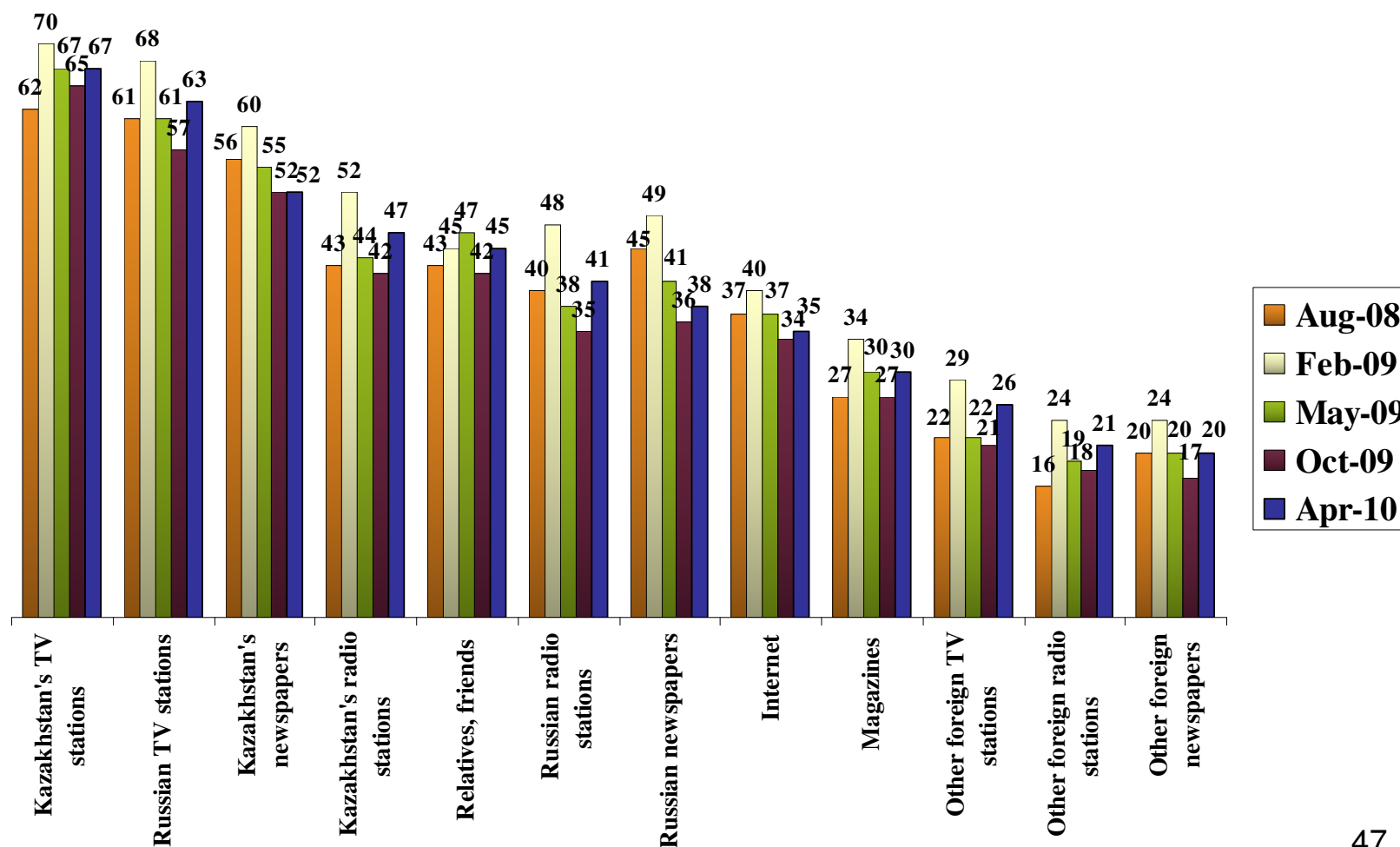


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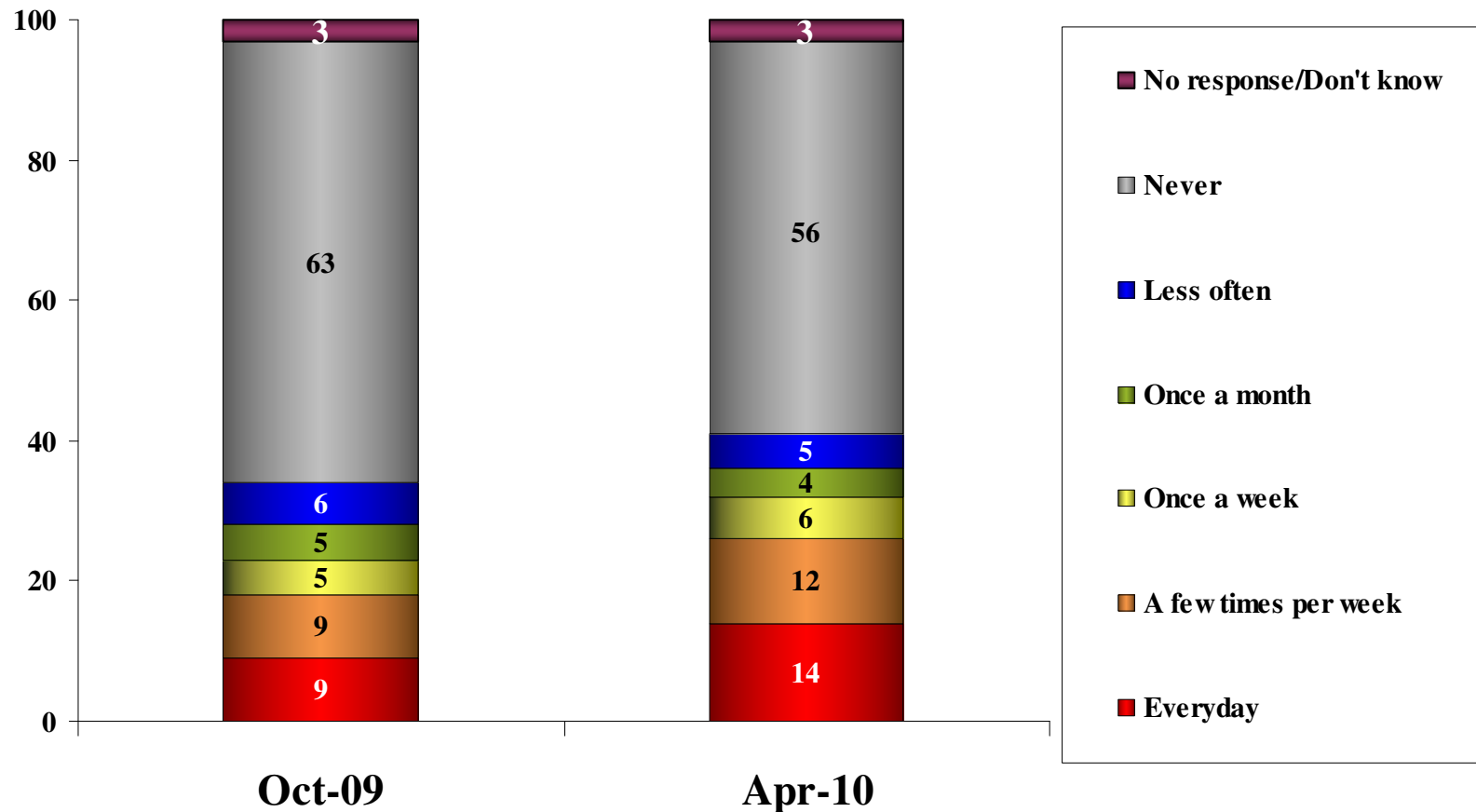


How do you rate the credibility of these information sources on a five-point scale where one means very unreliable and five means very credible?

(Credible responses only)



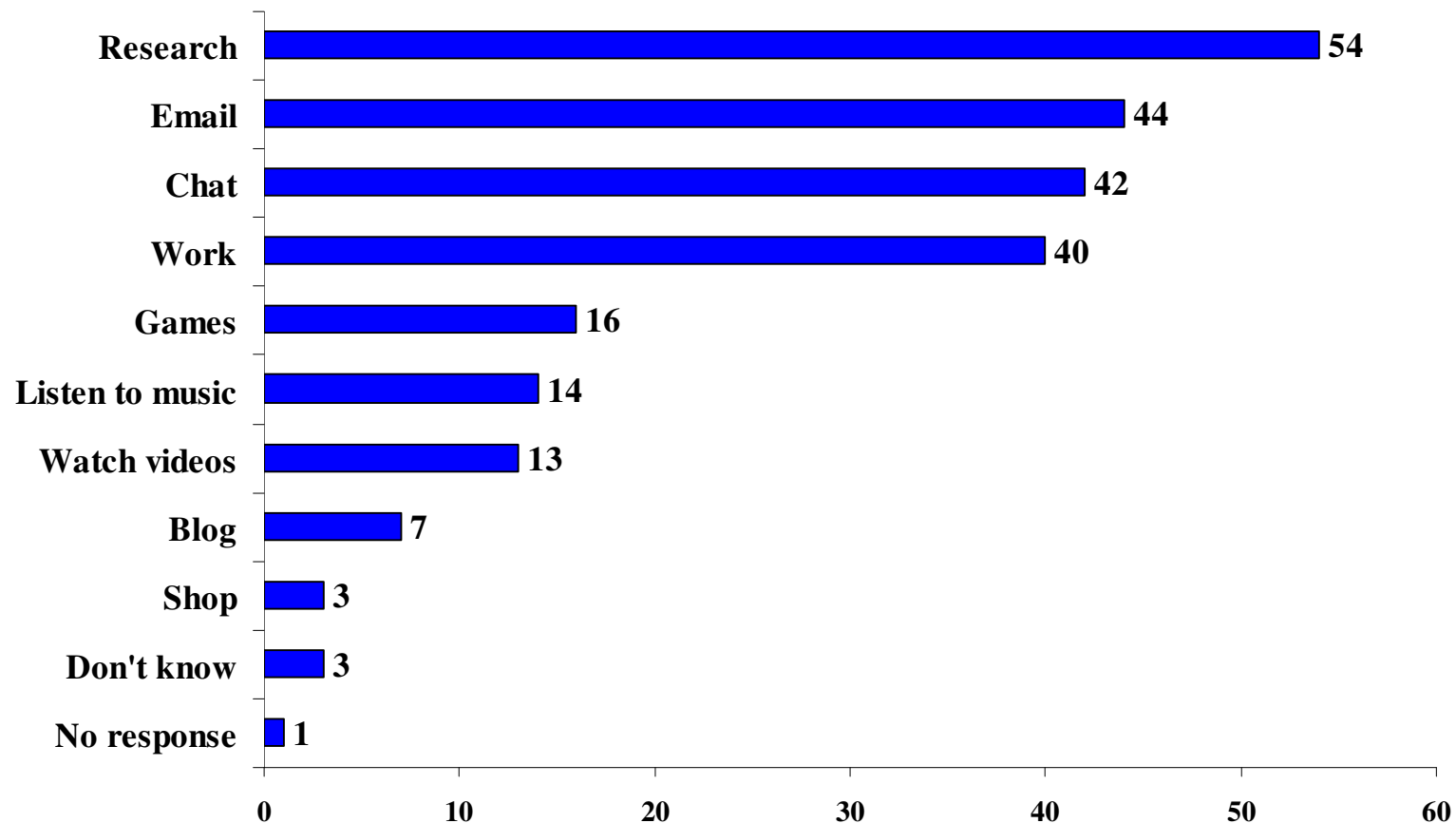
On average, how often do you use Internet?



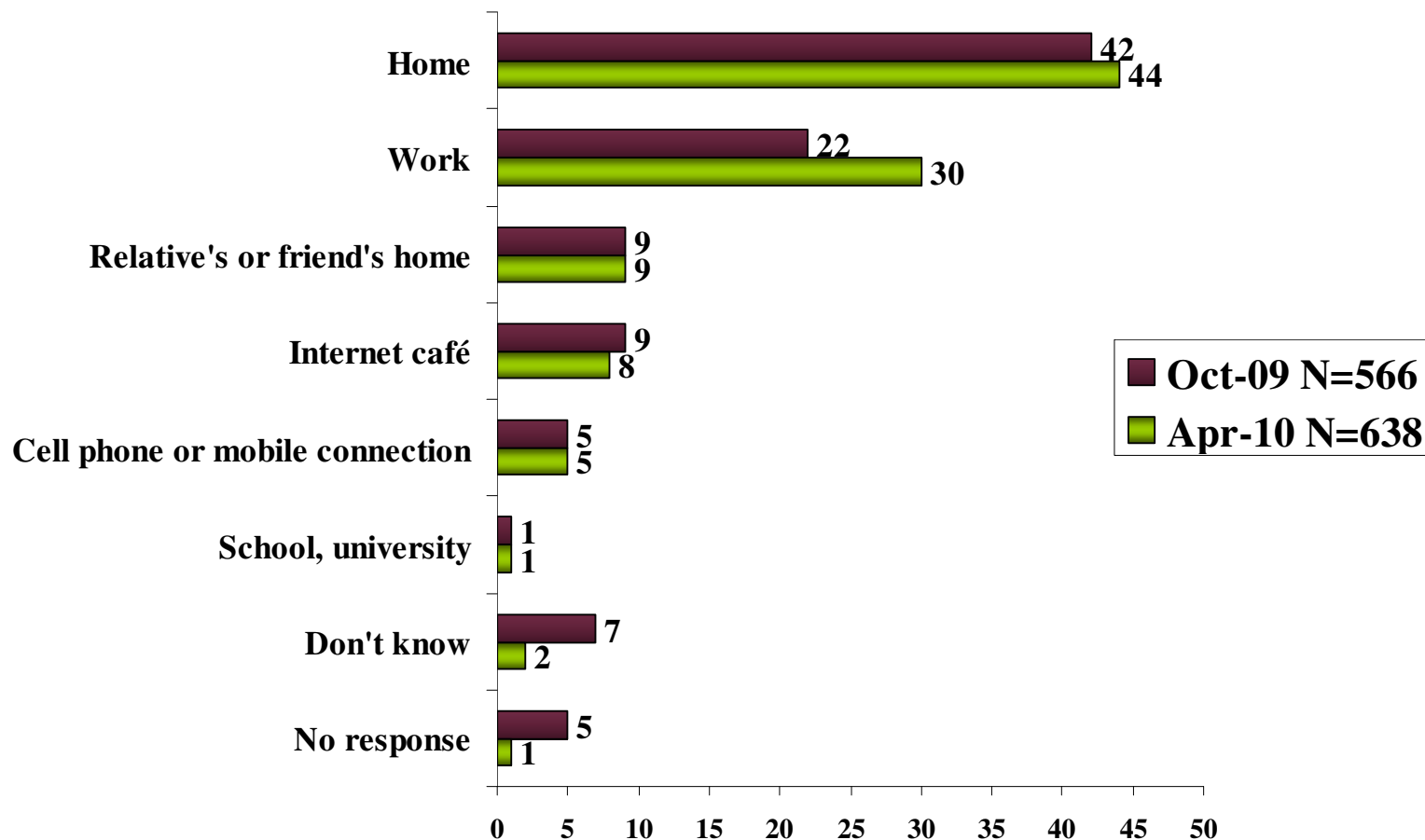
What do you use the Internet for mostly?

Users of Internet, N=638

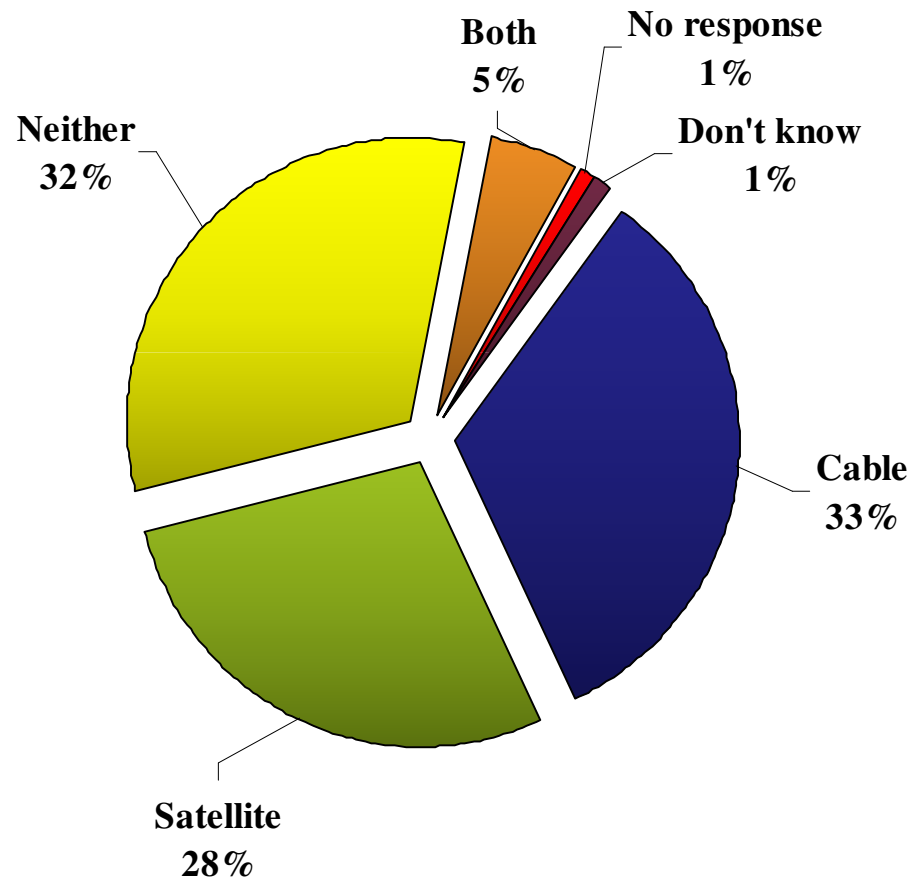
(All mentioned)



Where do you most regularly access the Internet?



Does your home have satellite or cable TV?



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(Breakdown by population density)

