

# NIGERIAN NATIONAL SURVEY

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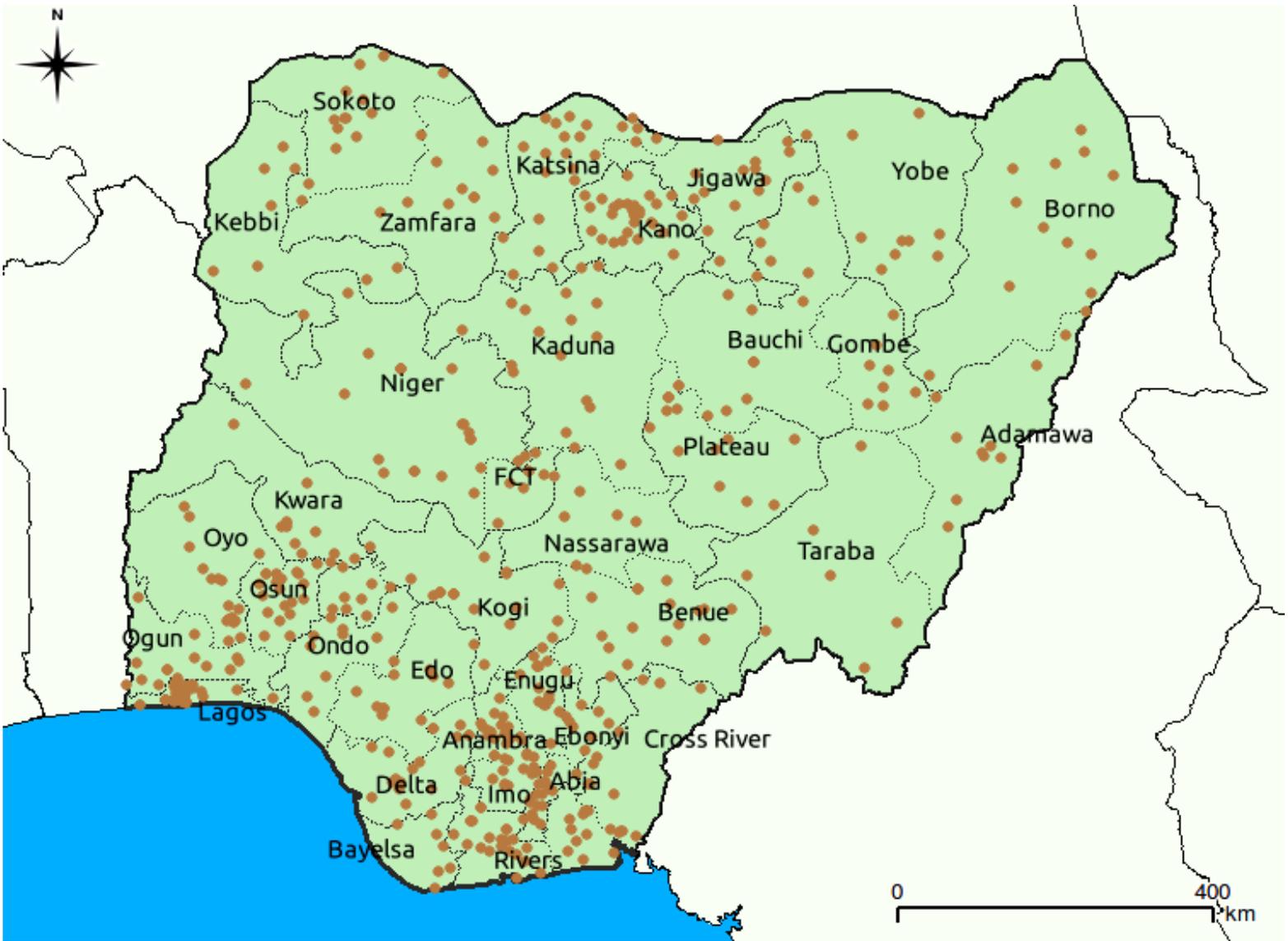
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# Methodology Overview

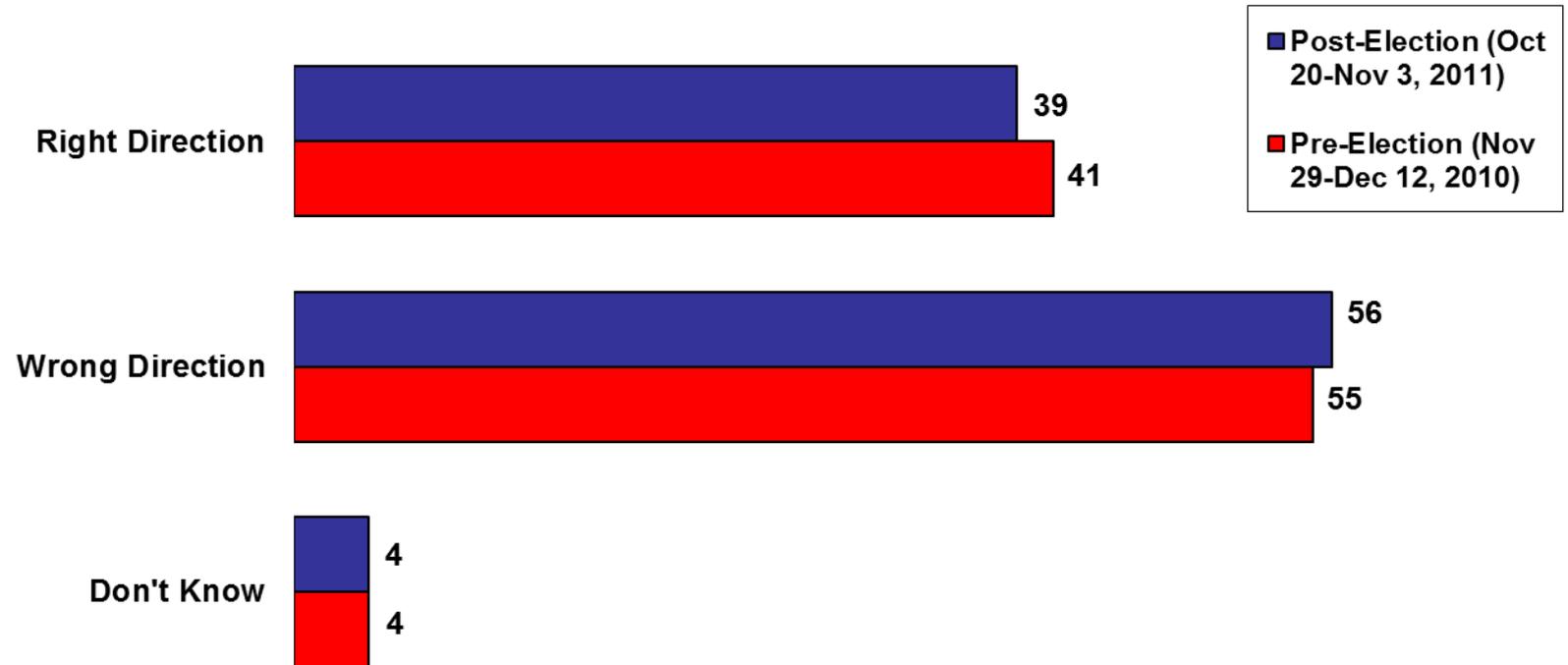
- Analysis, oversight and execution of poll was performed by international opinion research firm, Opinion Research Business.
- The population studied was all Nigerian adults of legal voting age (18+). A nationally representative two-stage random-stratified sample was utilized based on Nigeria's 2006 census, extrapolated to 2011. The sample was first stratified by zone (region) and state, then by urban/rural population.
- Enumeration areas within each region were randomly selected; households within each sampling point were then identified using a random walk method and a skip pattern; respondents were randomly chosen using a Kish grid. A 1:1 ratio of male-to-females was maintained during data collection phase and weighted for analysis.
- Sample size was 3,078. In addition to voting age, potential respondents were also filtered to exclude non-Nigerians or those who were not in their state of residence. The questionnaire was offered in English, as well as Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo. The overall response rate was 87 percent.
- The margin of error at the national level is +/- 1.8 percent. For region-to-national comparisons and region-to-region comparisons the margin of error is +/- 7.8 percent and +/- 9.4 percent, respectively.
- Data was collected via face-to-face interviews between October 20 and November 3 using a local Nigerian firm, Practical Sampling International.
- Due to rounding, and multiple response questions, not all percentages add up to 100. An asterisk represents a figure greater than 0.0% and less than 0.5%
- Where appropriate data has been compared to [IRI's pre-election national poll](#) of 3,030 respondents conducted by ORB from between November 29 and December 12, 2010

# Sample Distribution



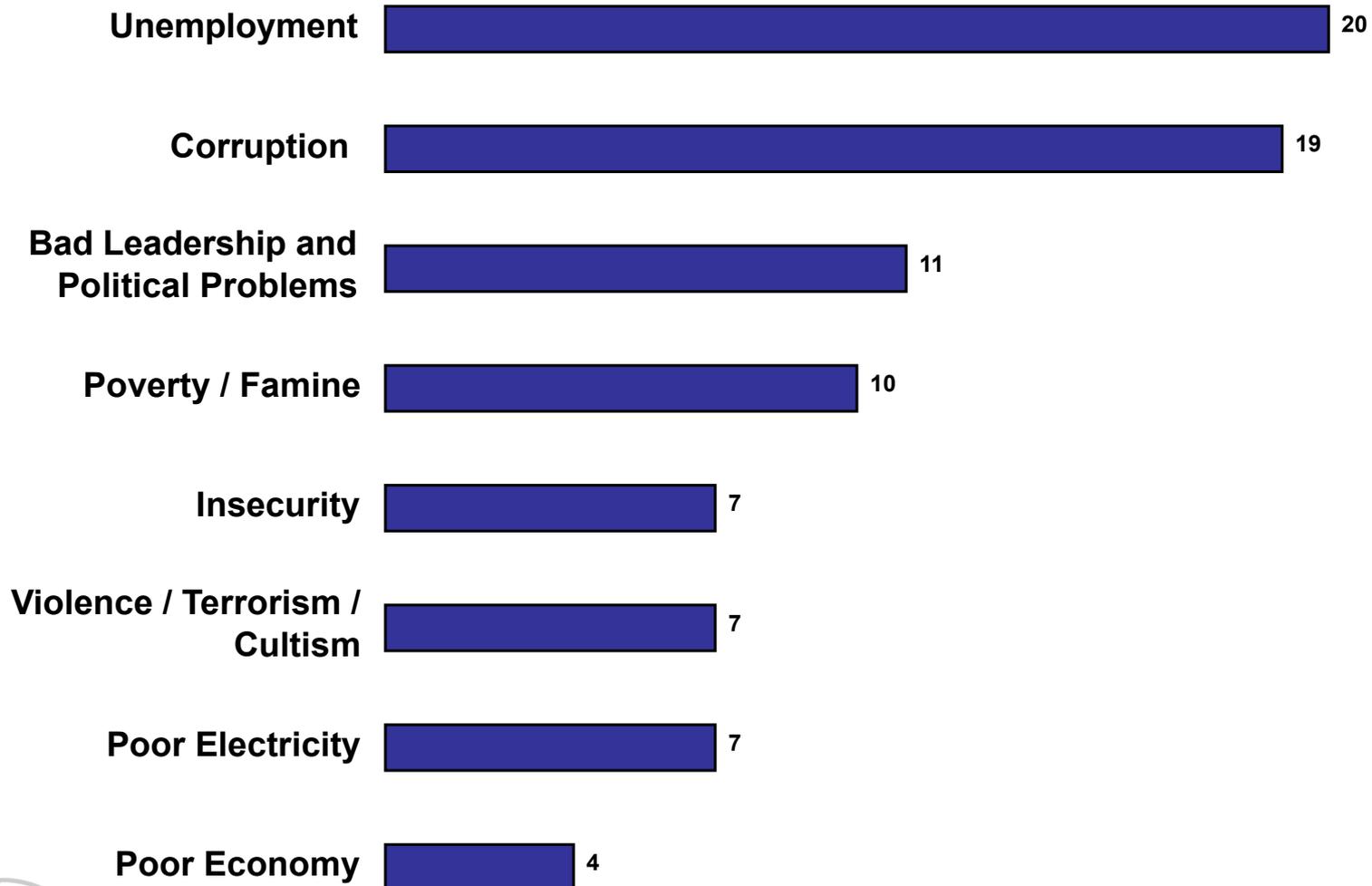
# GENERAL MOOD AND PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT

Overall, do you think that things in Nigeria are headed in the right direction or the wrong direction? (%)



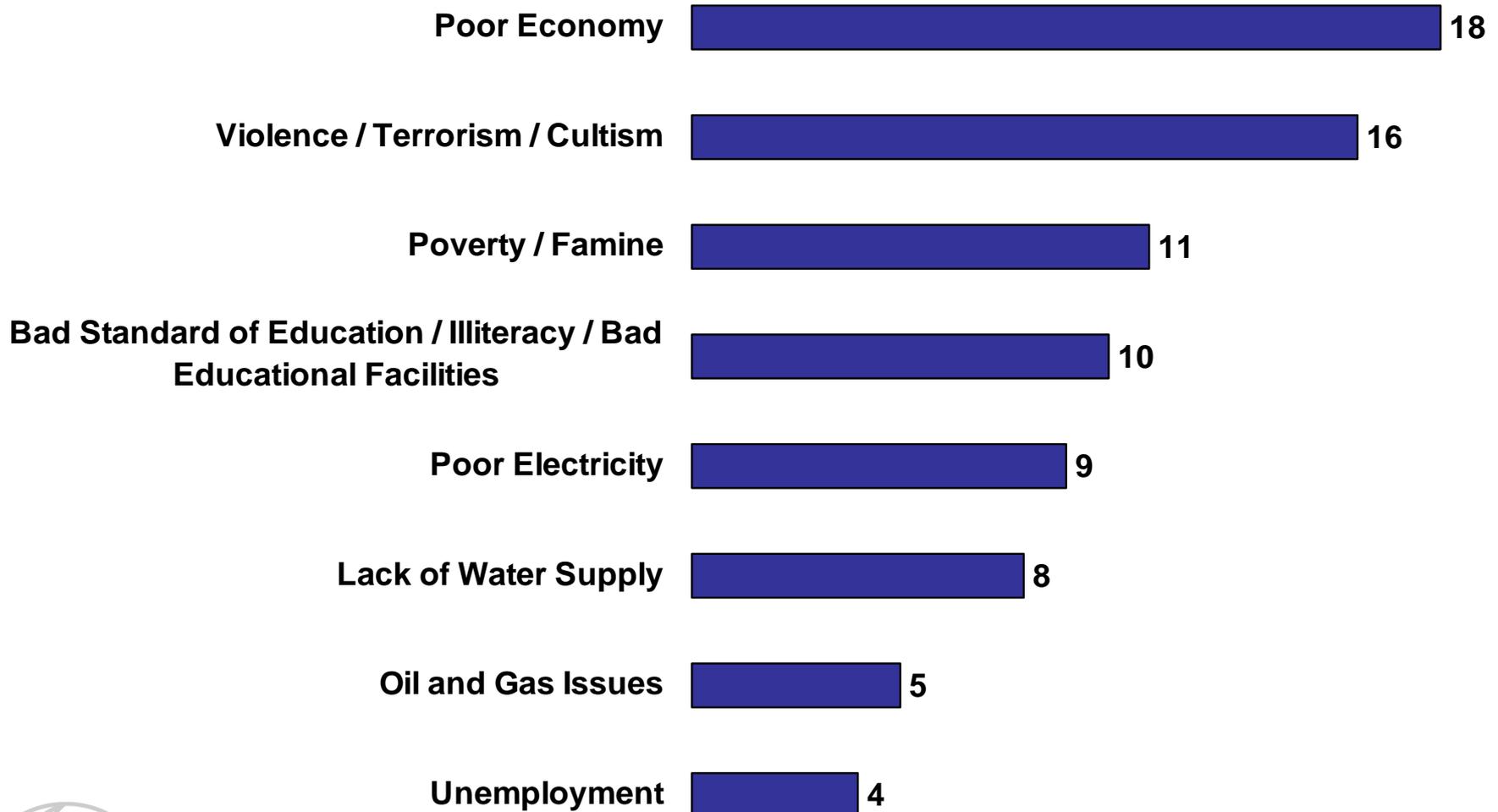
## What is the most important issue/problem facing Nigeria at the present time? (%)

### Top Responses Only

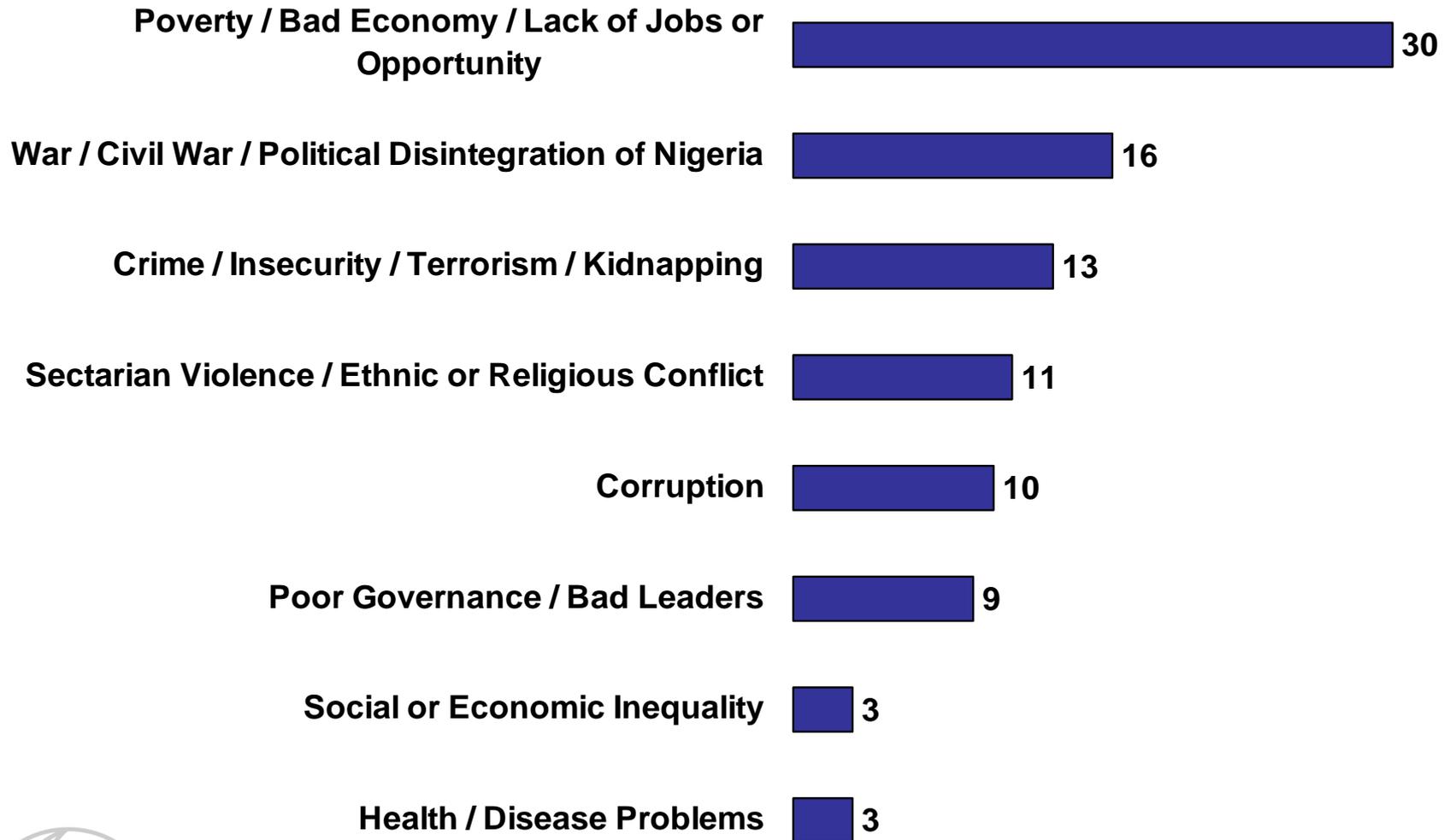


## What is the most important local issue/problem facing your community at the present time? (%)

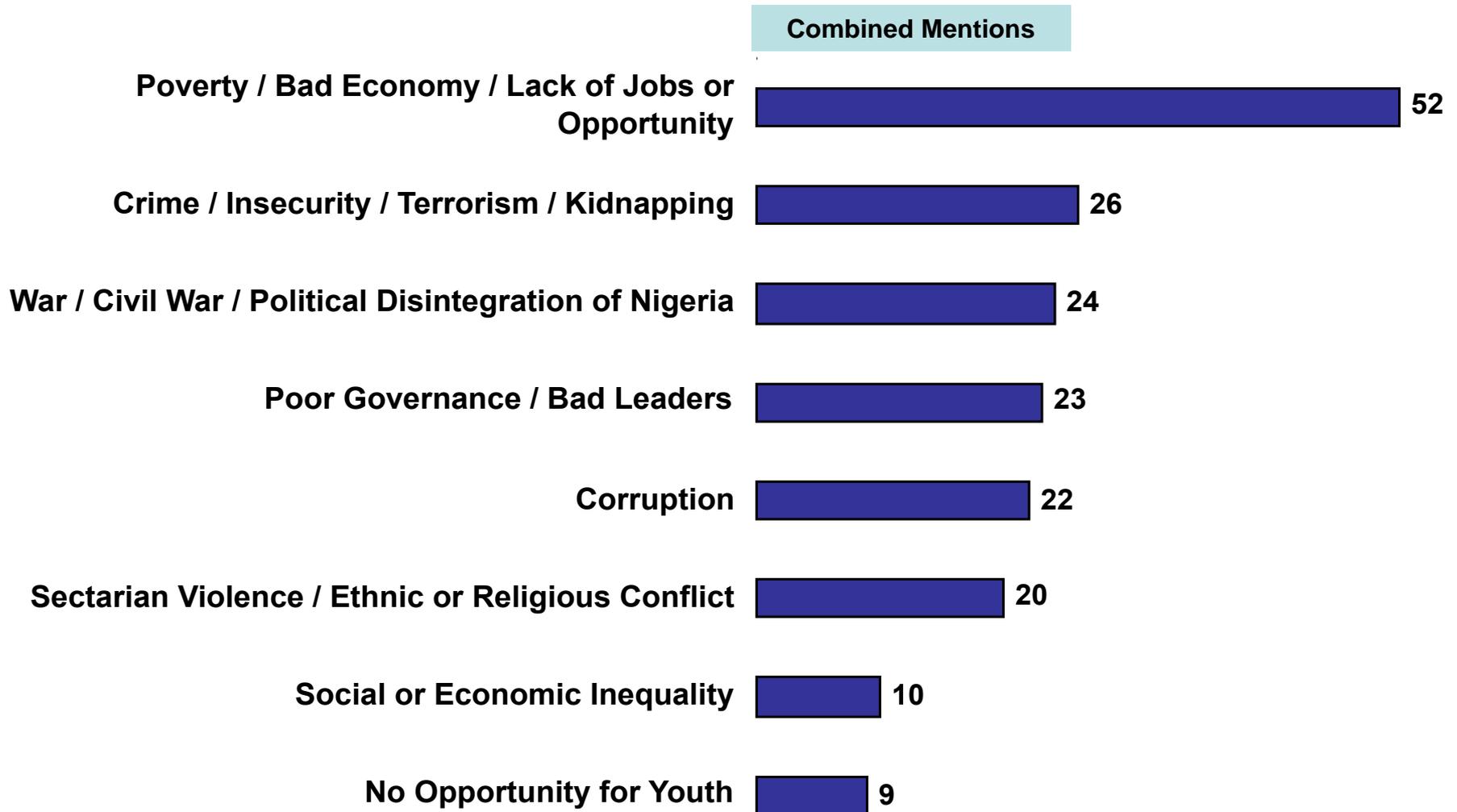
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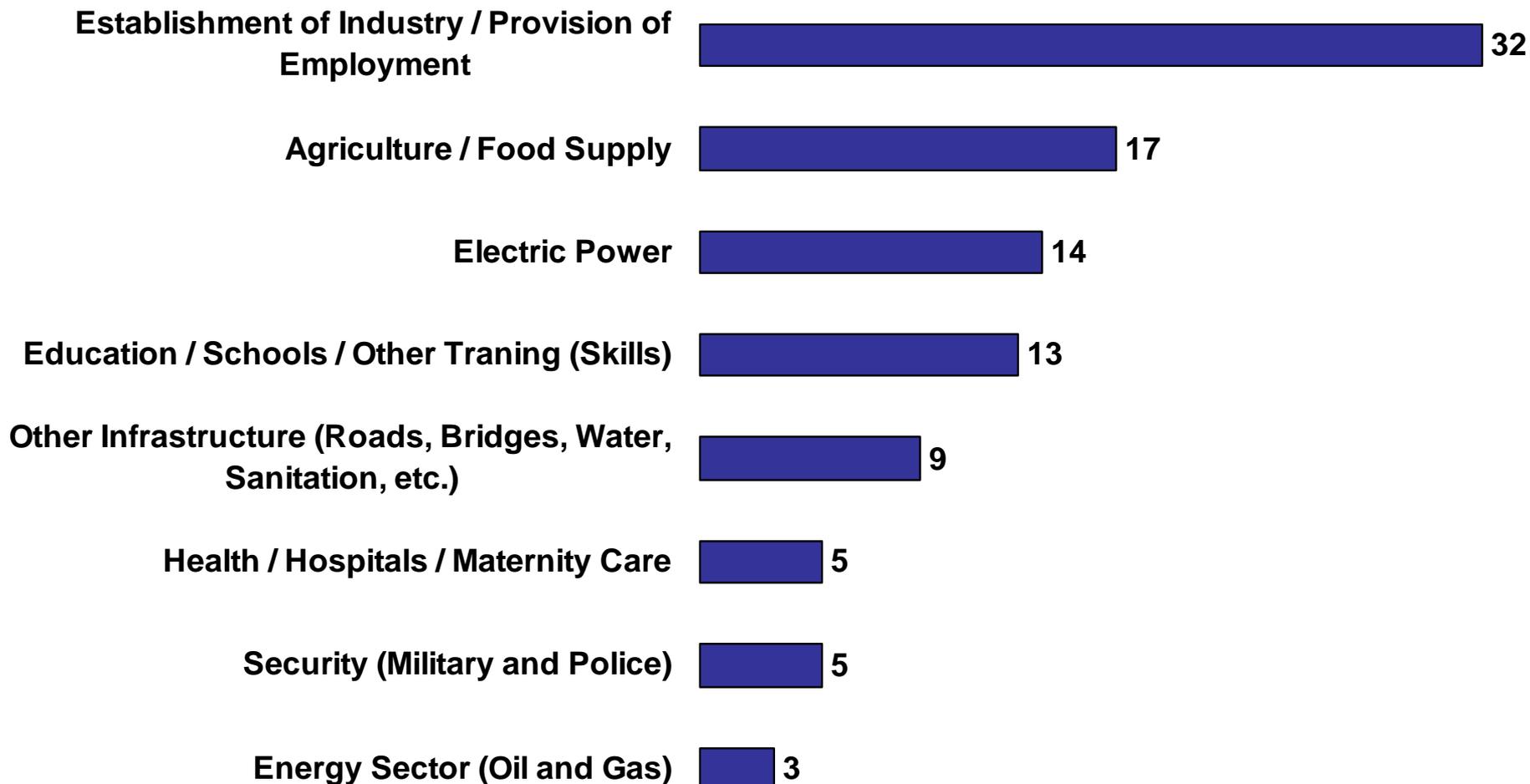
When thinking about the future of Nigeria, which of the following do you fear most? (%)



**A. When thinking about the future of Nigeria, which of the following do you fear most?  
B. And which of these is the second thing you fear the most for the future of Nigeria? (%)**

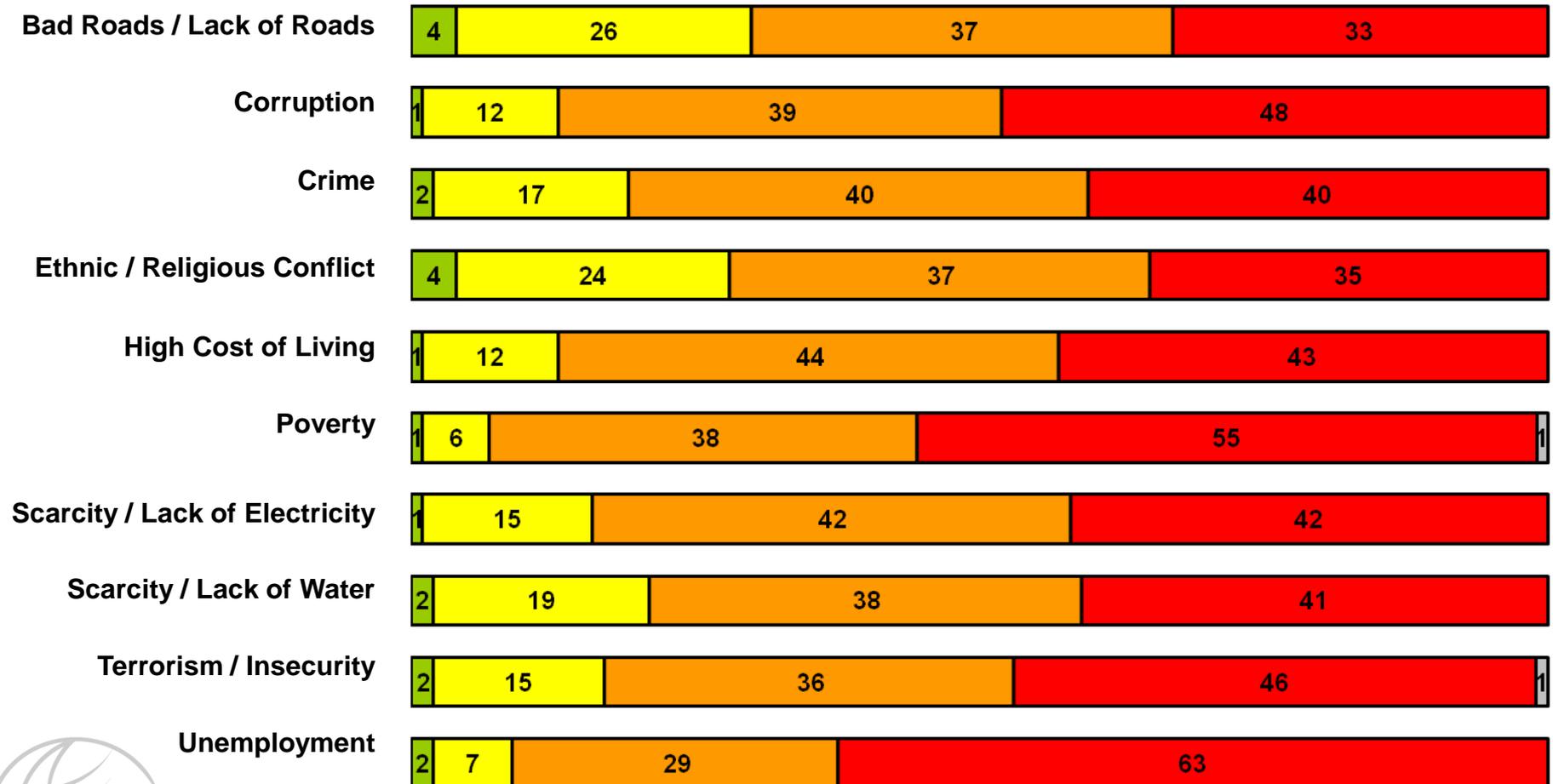


**What should be the main thing government should prioritize in terms of investing revenue obtained from the oil sector? (%)**

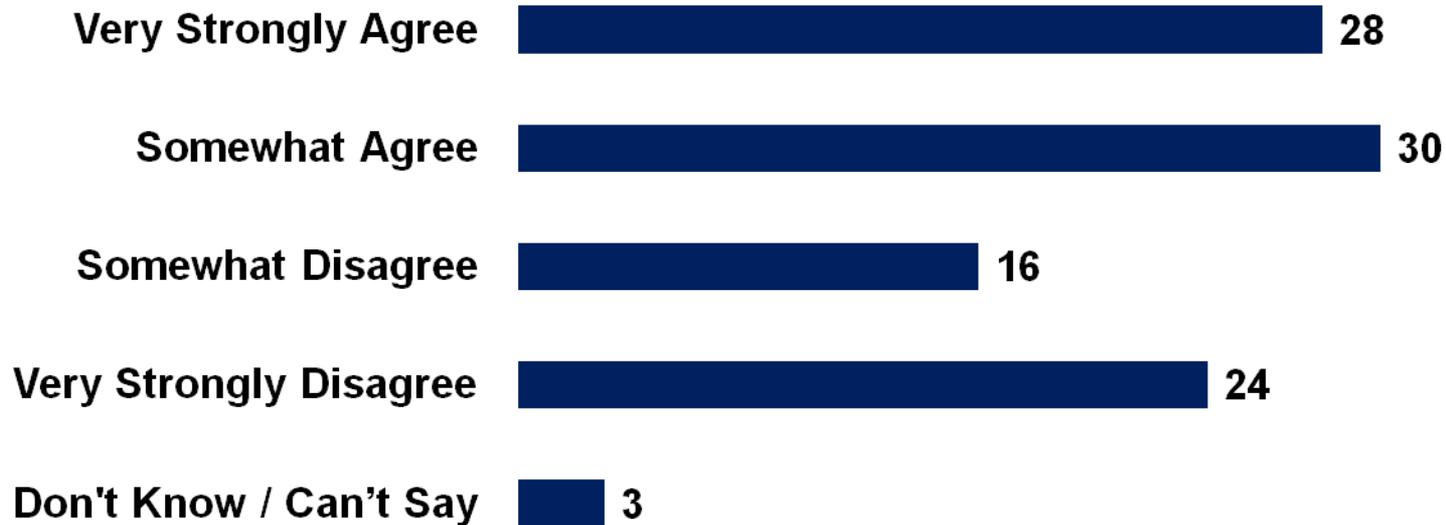


Please indicate how you would rate the new government's efforts so far in stopping or reducing the following problems. For each one please tell me whether you are very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with the new government's efforts. (%)

■ Very Satisfied  
 ■ Somewhat Satisfied  
 ■ Somewhat Dissatisfied  
 ■ Very Dissatisfied  
 ■ Don't Know / Can't Say

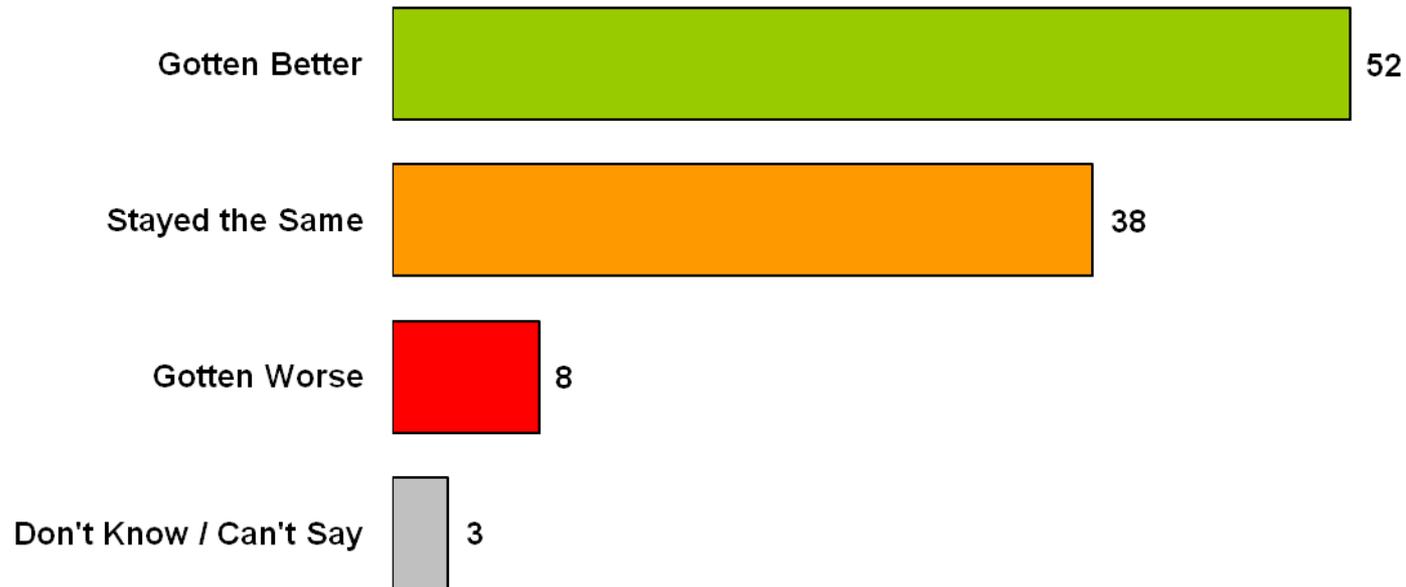


**How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In Nigeria each state should be allowed to create and maintain its own state police force. (%)**



# VOTER REGISTRATION / VOTER TURNOUT

Thinking back to the time before the national election process started, would you say that your confidence in the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse? (%)



**In the pre-election poll (November 29-December 12, 2010), 63% had confidence in the INEC while 36% did not.**

**Thinking back to the time before the national election process started, would you say that your confidence in INEC has gotten better, stayed the same or gotten worse? (%)**

		<b>The General Elections Were Free, Fair and Credible</b>	
	<b>National</b>	<b>Net Agree</b>	<b>Net Disagree</b>
<b>Gotten Better</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Stayed the Same</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Gotten Worse</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Don't Know / Can't Say</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Refused to Answer</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>

## What is the main reason that your opinion of INEC changed in this way? (%)

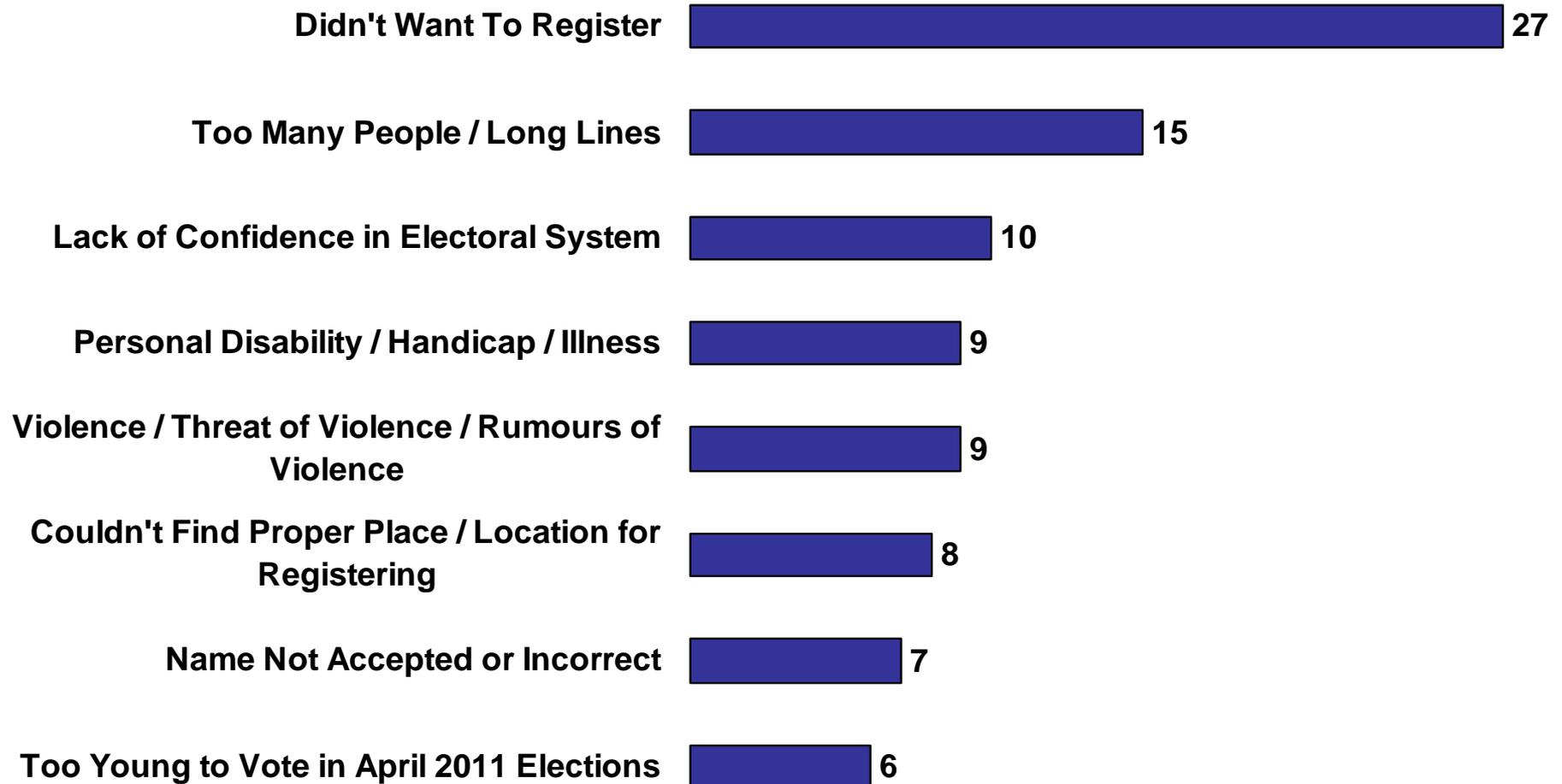
Top Reasons for Confidence Increase N=1597	Top Reasons for Confidence Decrease N=233
Free and Fair Election / Transparency (43%)	Don't Perform Well / Processes are Poor / Corruption and Lack of Trust (48%)
INEC Conduct Better and More Organised Election (9%)	Not Free and Fair Election / Transparency (13%)
Good Performance and Good Election Process (8%)	They Have Found a New Way of Rigging (5%)
No Violence/ Rigging or Crisis During the Election (7%)	They Couldn't Provide Security During the Election (4%)
Recruitment of Staff and Security (5%)	Recruitment of Staff and Security (3%)
Competent and Honest People Used to Conduct Election (5%)	They are Not Fully Independent (3%)
Good and Adequate Materials were Provided (4%)	Violence, Rigging or Crisis During the Election (2%)

## Did you register to vote for the 2011 elections? (%)

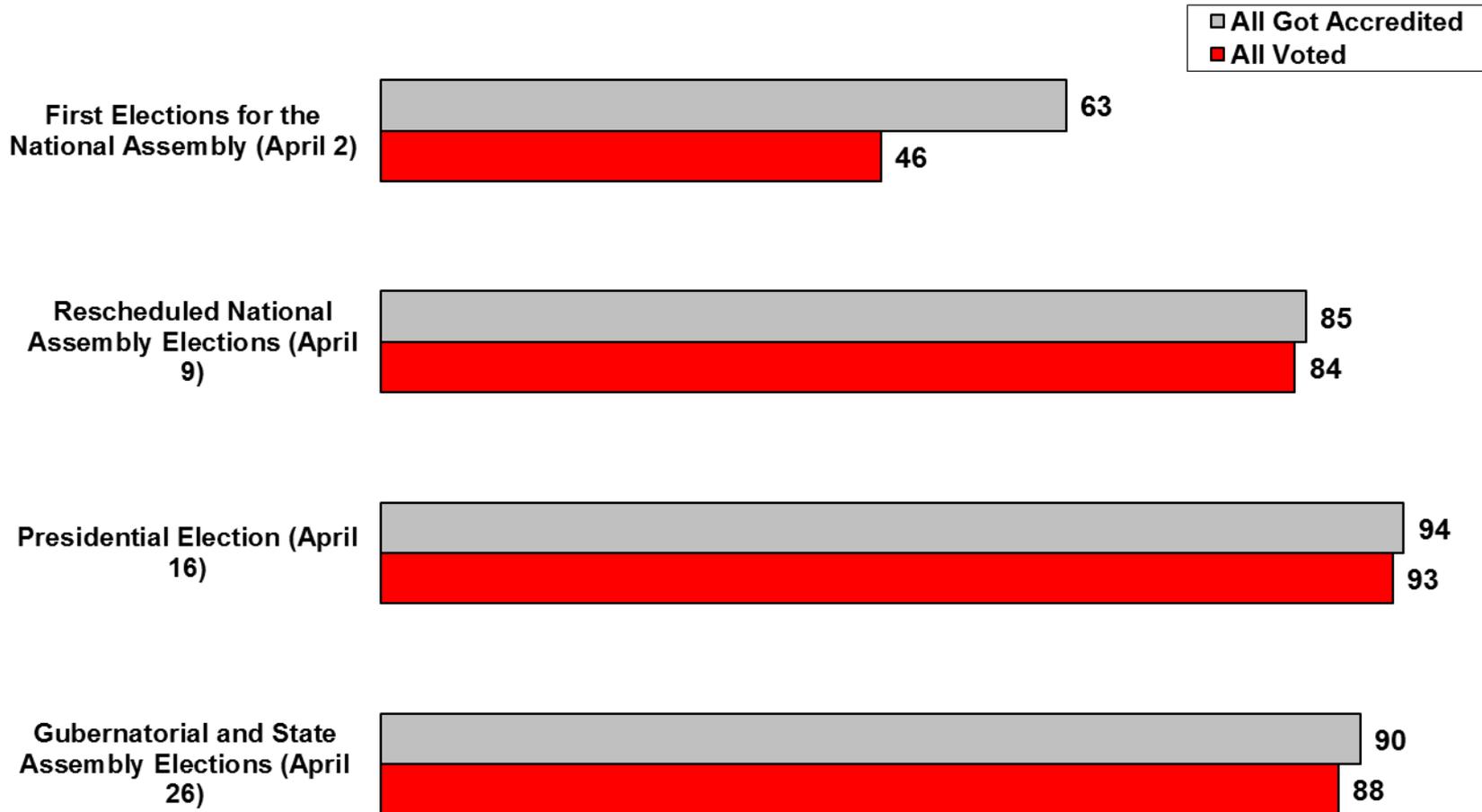


## Why didn't you register (to vote)? (%)

Base: N=233



## With respect to following election did you get accredited? Did you vote? (%)



What is the reason(s) you were unable to vote or get accredited? (%)

Base: All Who Were Unable to Vote / Get Accredited N=360

## Top Reasons for Being Unable to Vote / Get Accredited

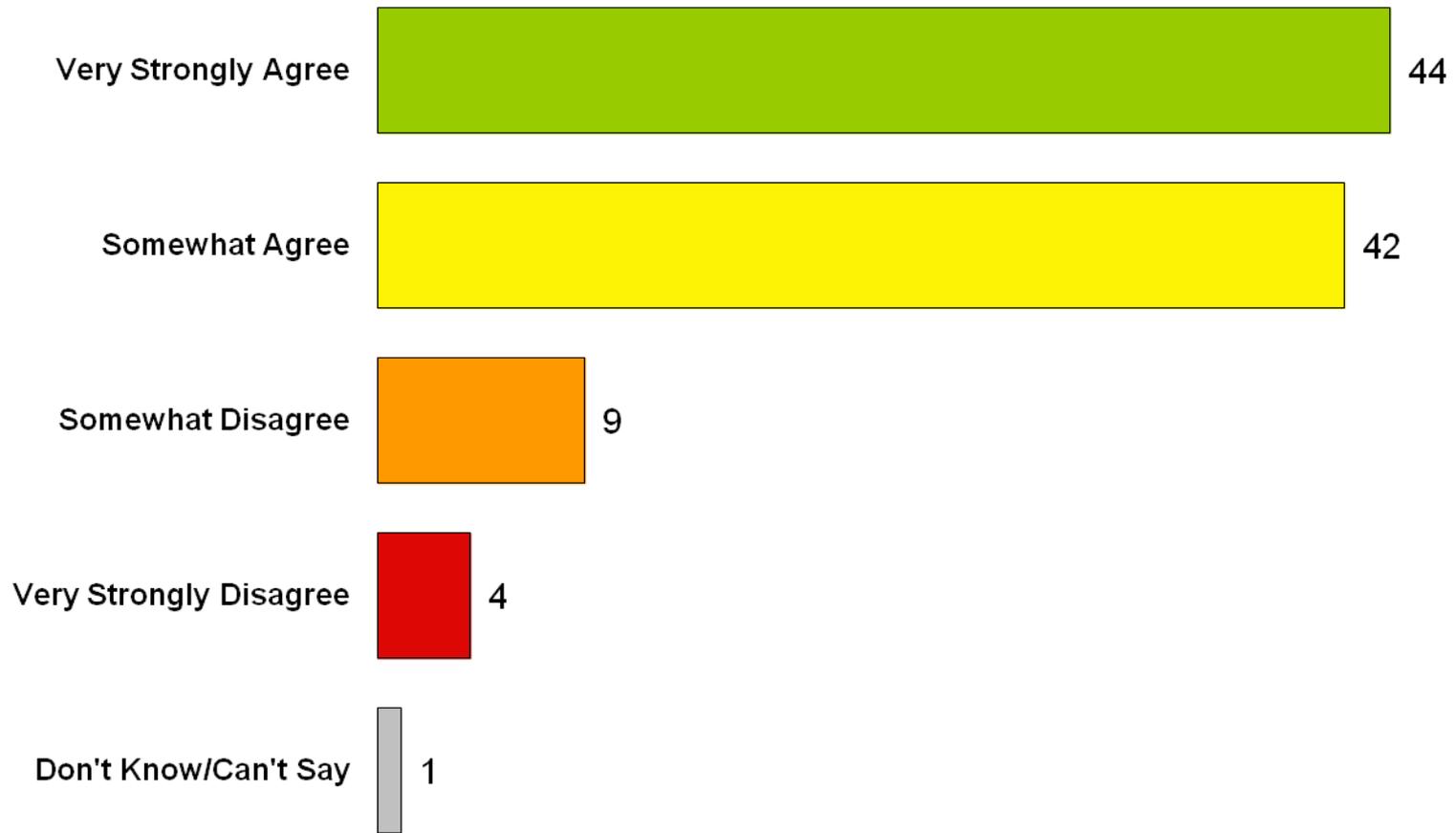
Too Many People / Long Lines (23%)
Couldn't Find the Proper Polling Place (8%)
Violence / Threat of Violence / Rumor of Violence (8%)
Registration Card not Accepted on Election Day (7%)
Lack of Required Election Materials at Polling Place (7%)
Intimidation / Crowd of People Intimidating Voters (6%)
Polling Staff Slow / Incompetent (5%)

Did you vote in any of the previous national elections, e.g. in 1999, 2003 or 2007? (%)

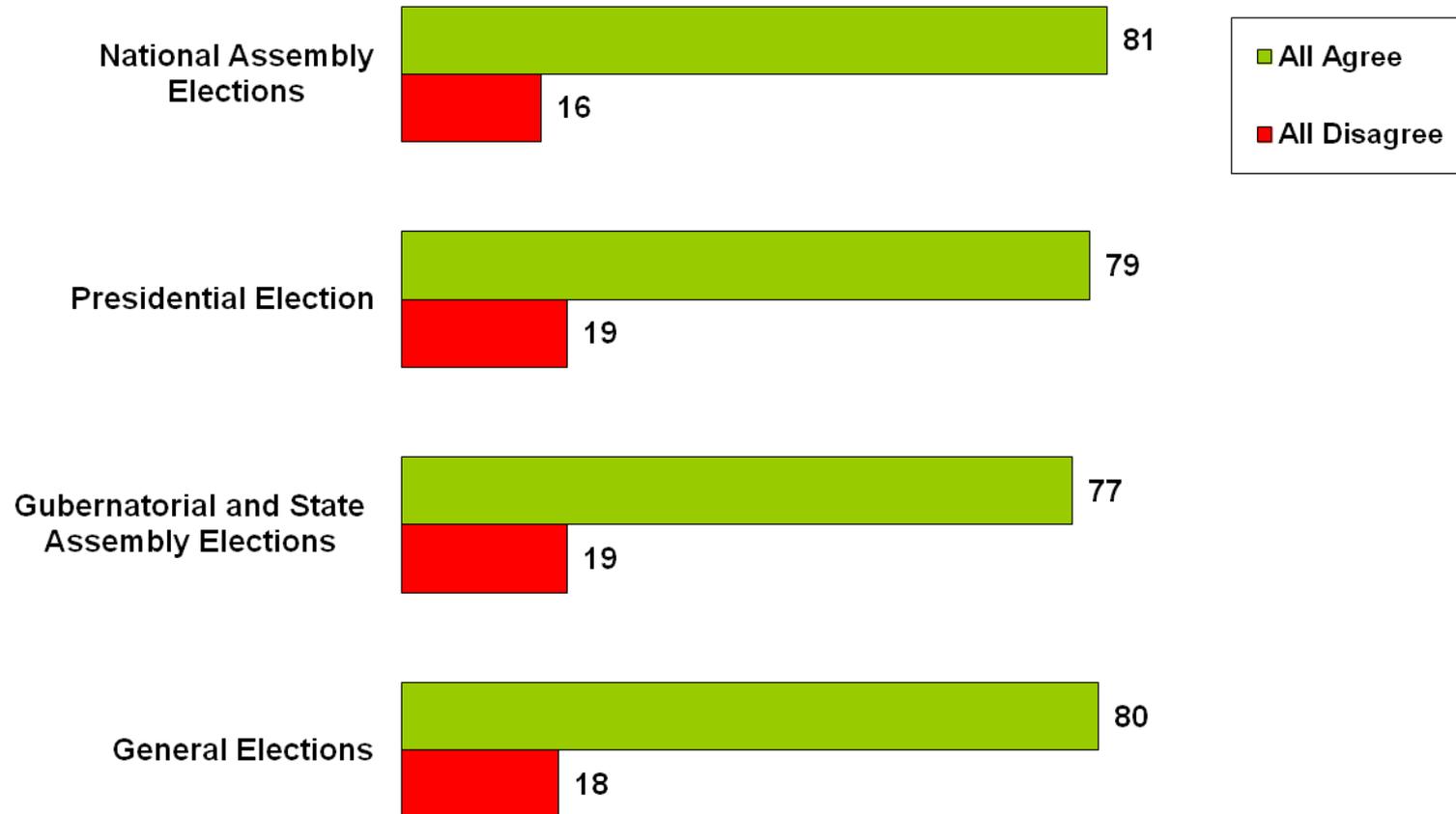


# CREDIBILITY OF ELECTIONS

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Nigeria was well prepared for the general elections in April 2011. (%)



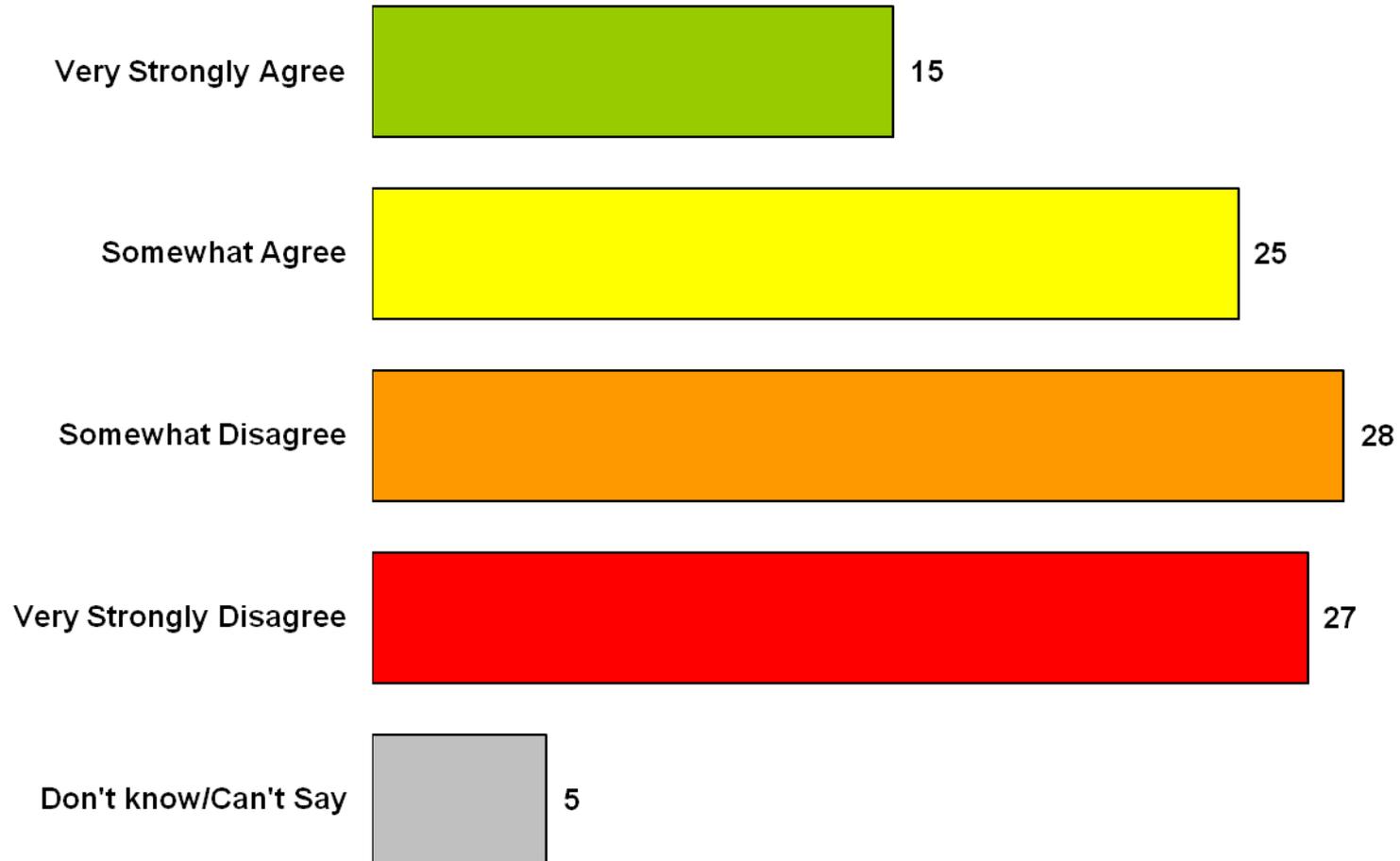
Thinking specifically about the following election, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement that the election was free, fair and credible? (%)



**Overall, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The general elections in April 2011 were free, fair and credible? (% by age)**

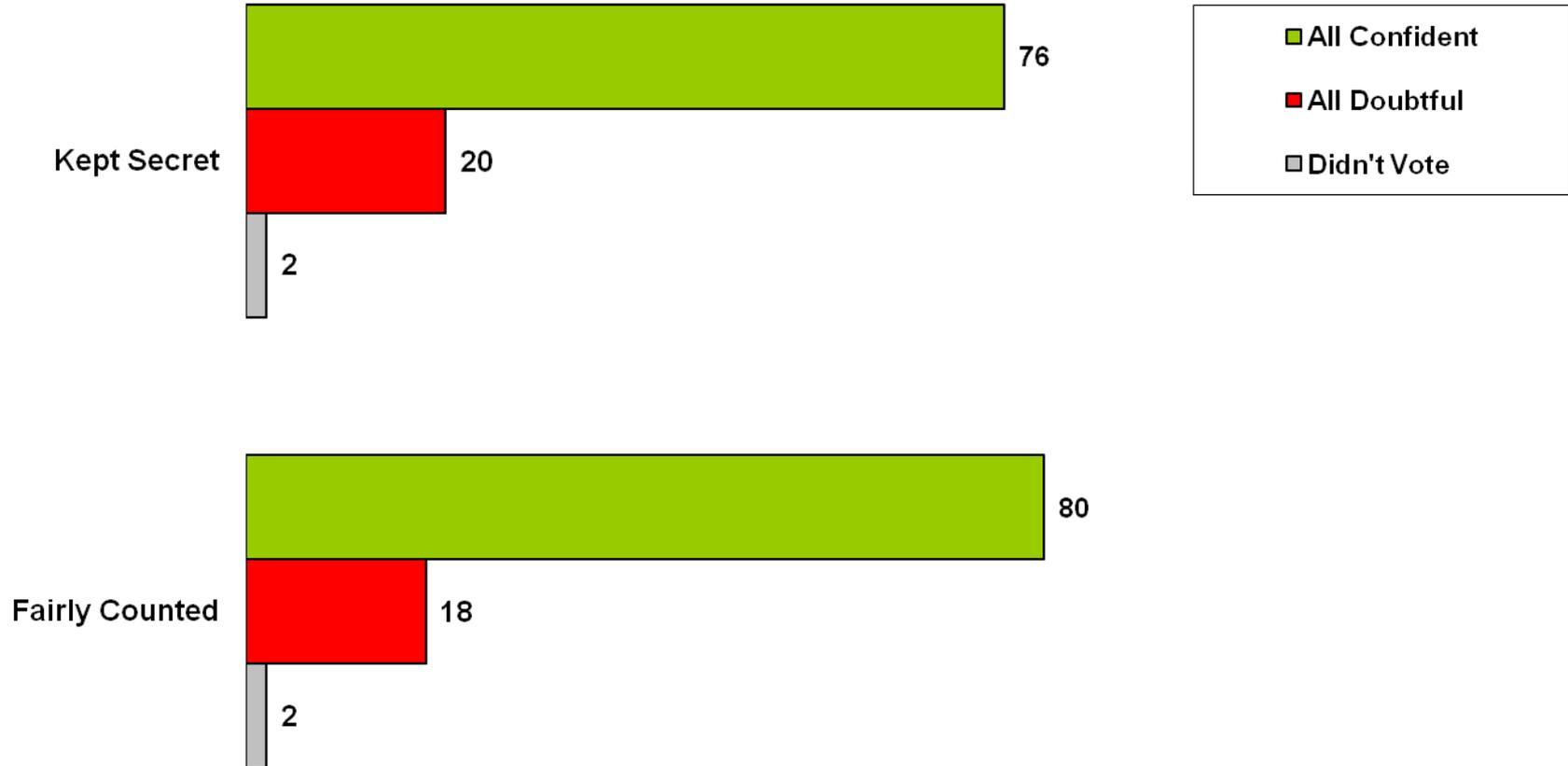
	<b>National</b>	<b>18-24</b>	<b>25-34</b>	<b>35-44</b>	<b>45-54</b>	<b>55-64</b>	<b>65+</b>
Very Strongly Agree	36	36	37	34	35	36	51
Somewhat Agree	44	44	46	44	41	34	30
Somewhat Disagree	12	12	11	13	14	12	10
Very Strongly Disagree	6	5	4	8	8	13	6
Don't Know / Can't Say	2	3	2	2	2	5	3
Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

**How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In the April 2011 general elections, the state I live in suffered more vote-rigging than the rest of the country. (%)**

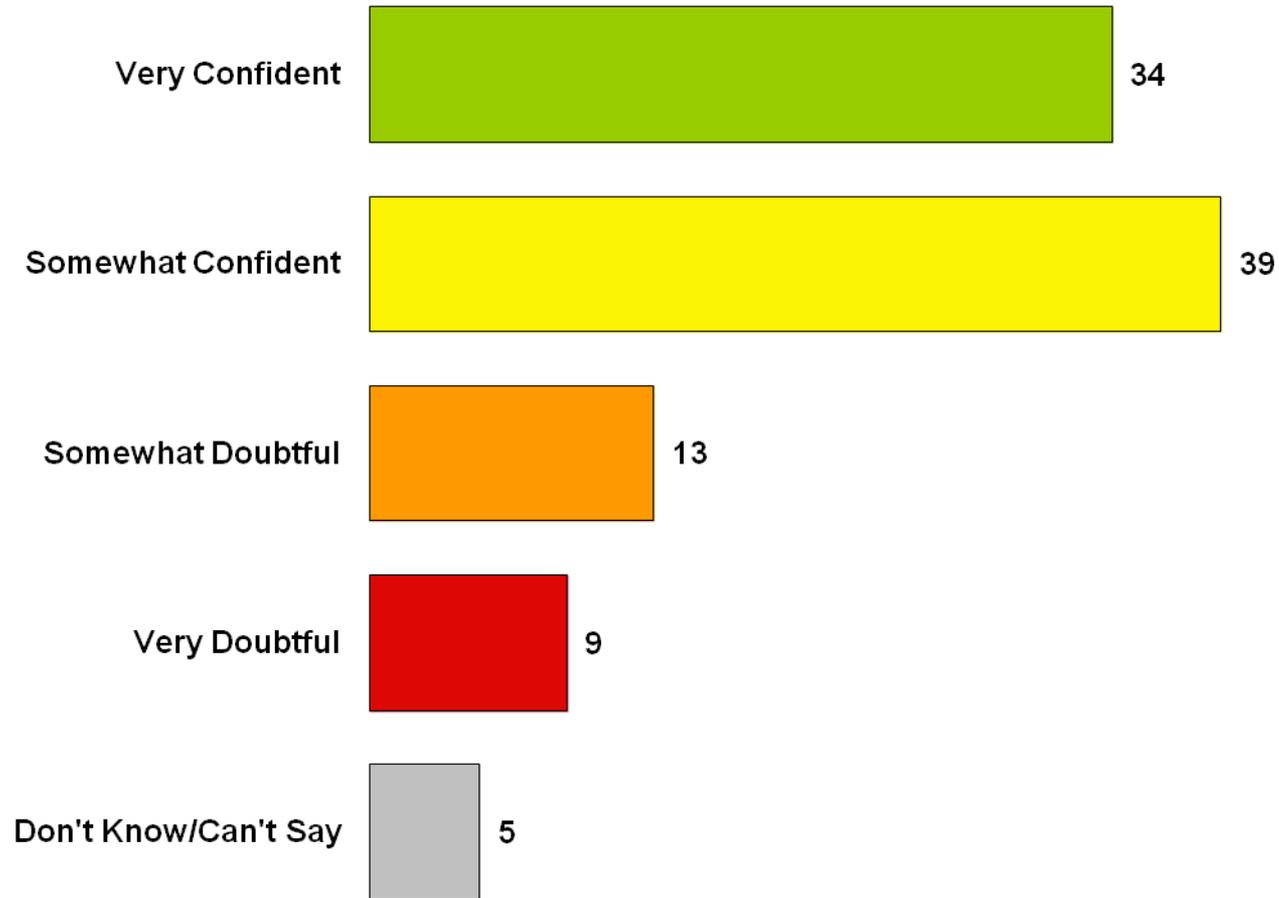


If you voted in any of the general elections in April 2011, how confident are you that your vote was....? (%)

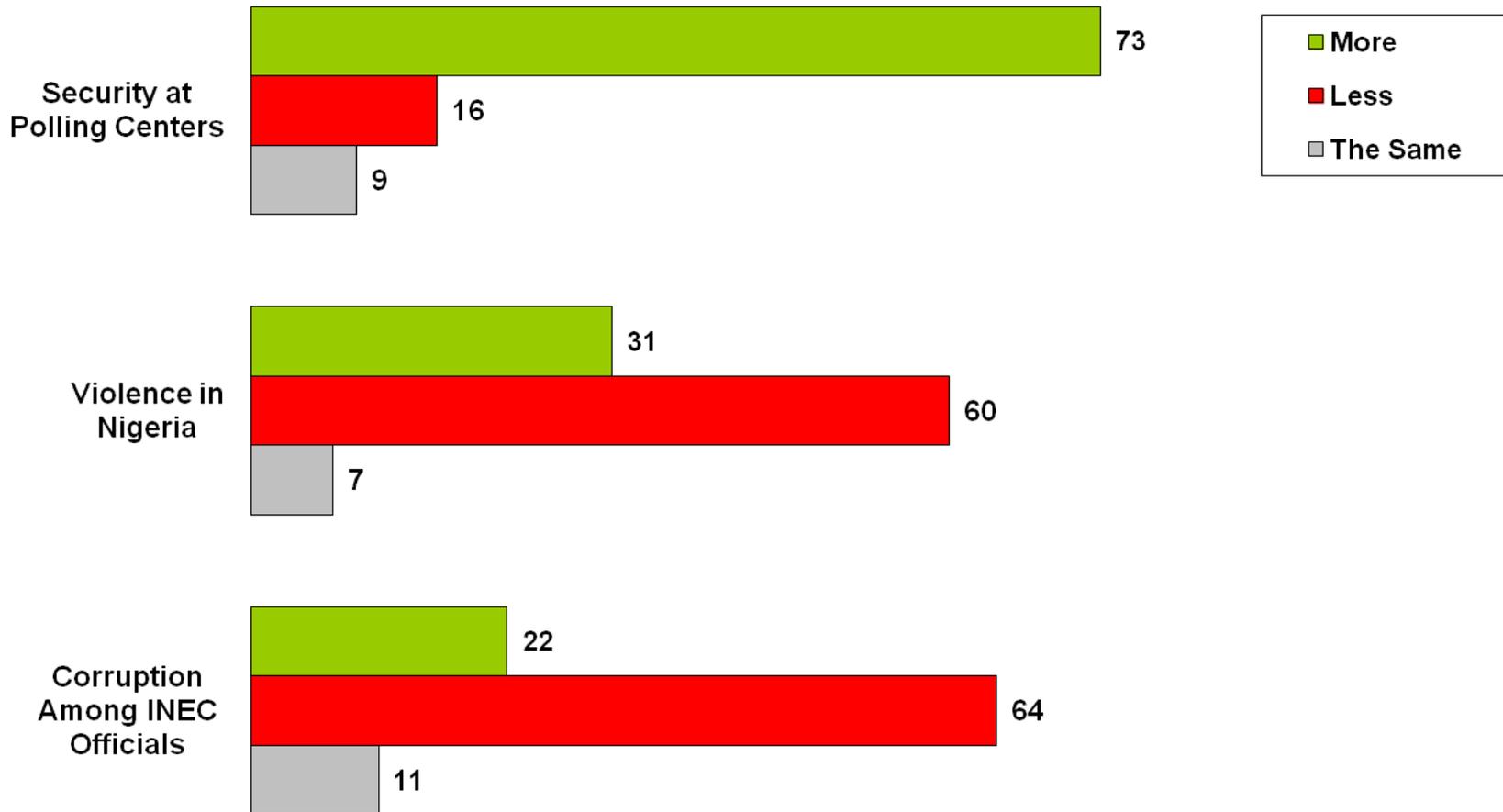
Base: All who voted N=2,697



**Overall, how confident are you that the ballots cast in your state were collated without error, interference or tampering by INEC, parties or politicians? (%)**



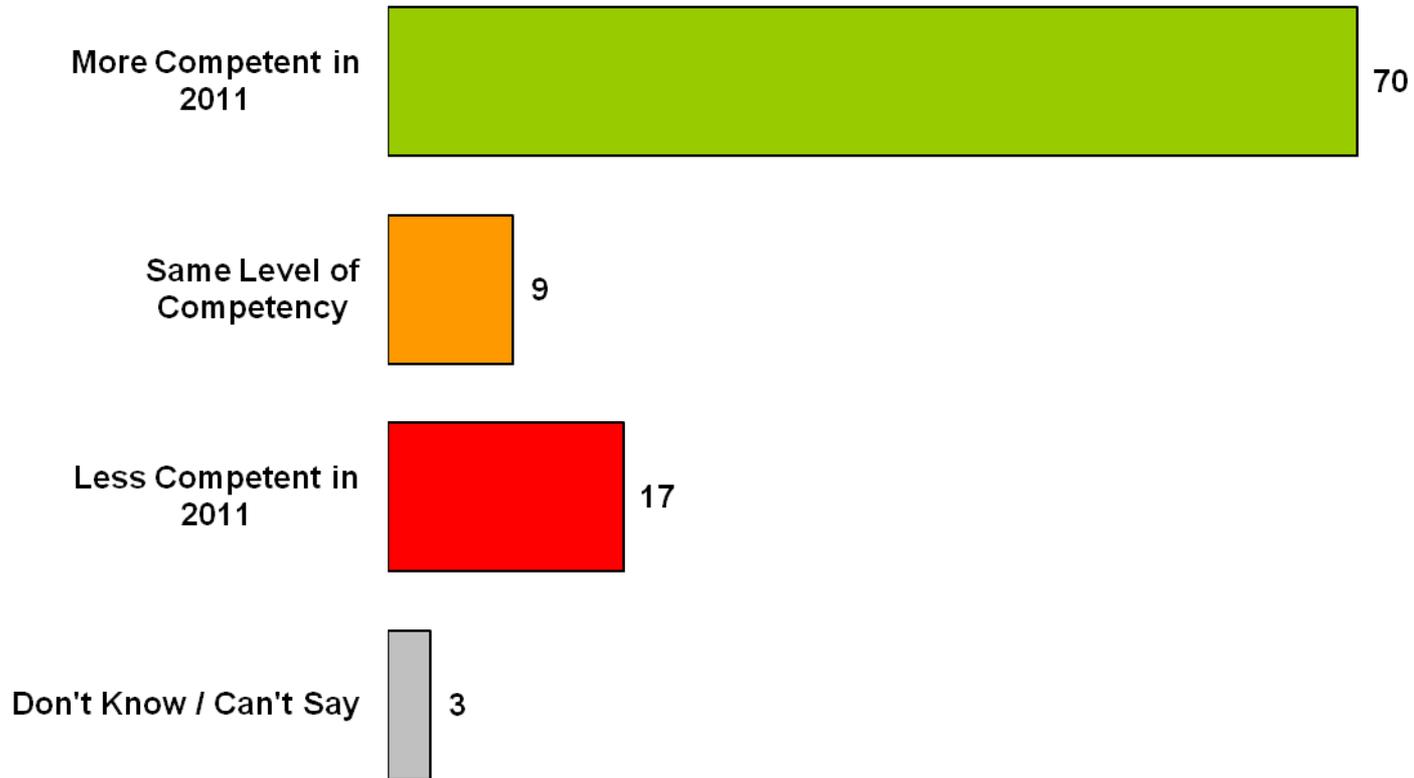
In comparison to previous election years, do you think there was more [INSERT STATEMENT], less [INSERT STATEMENT] or the same amount of [INSERT STATEMENT] in the April 2011 general elections? (%)



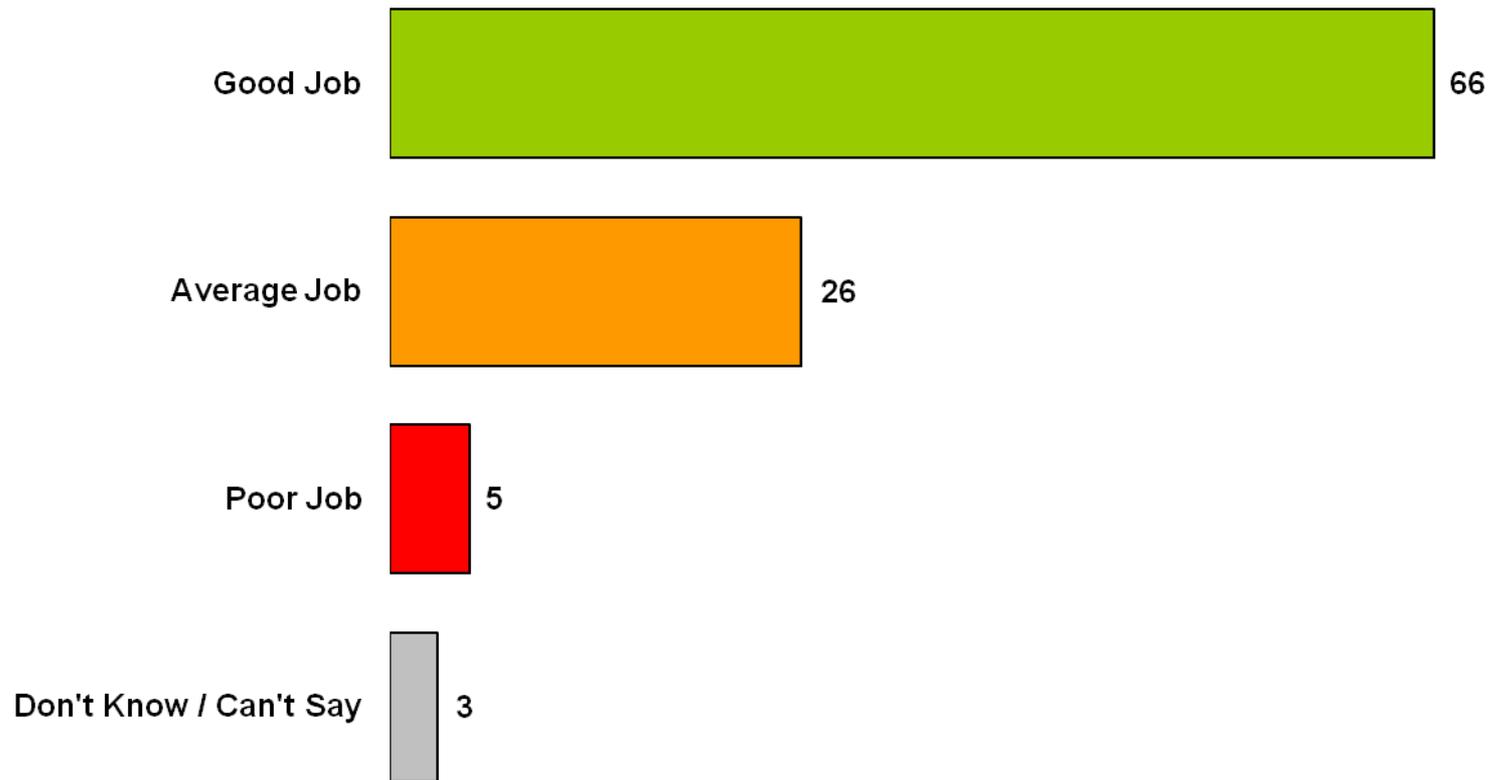
## Do you think polling centers provided voters with sufficient election materials? (%)



In comparison to previous elections, do you think election officials were more competent or less competent during the April 2011 general elections? (%)

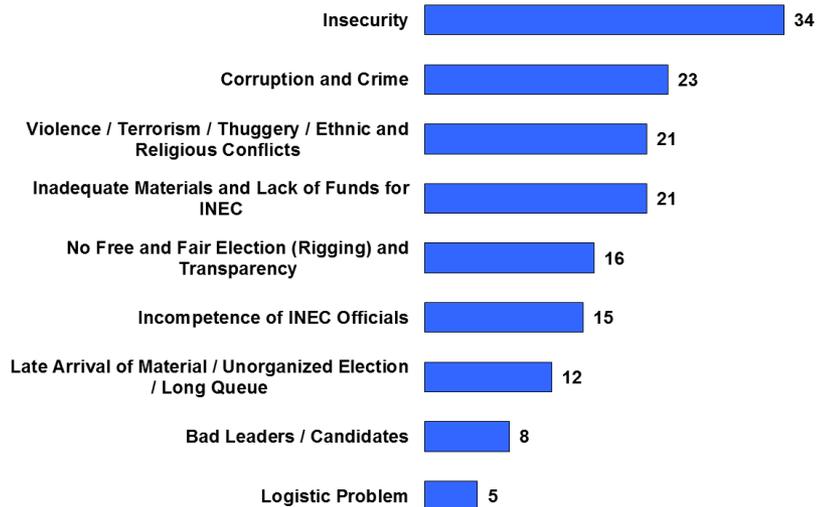


In the recent April 2011 elections, INEC enlisted National Youth Service Corps volunteers to help out at the polls. Based on your experience, do you think these volunteers did a good job, average job or a poor job? (%)



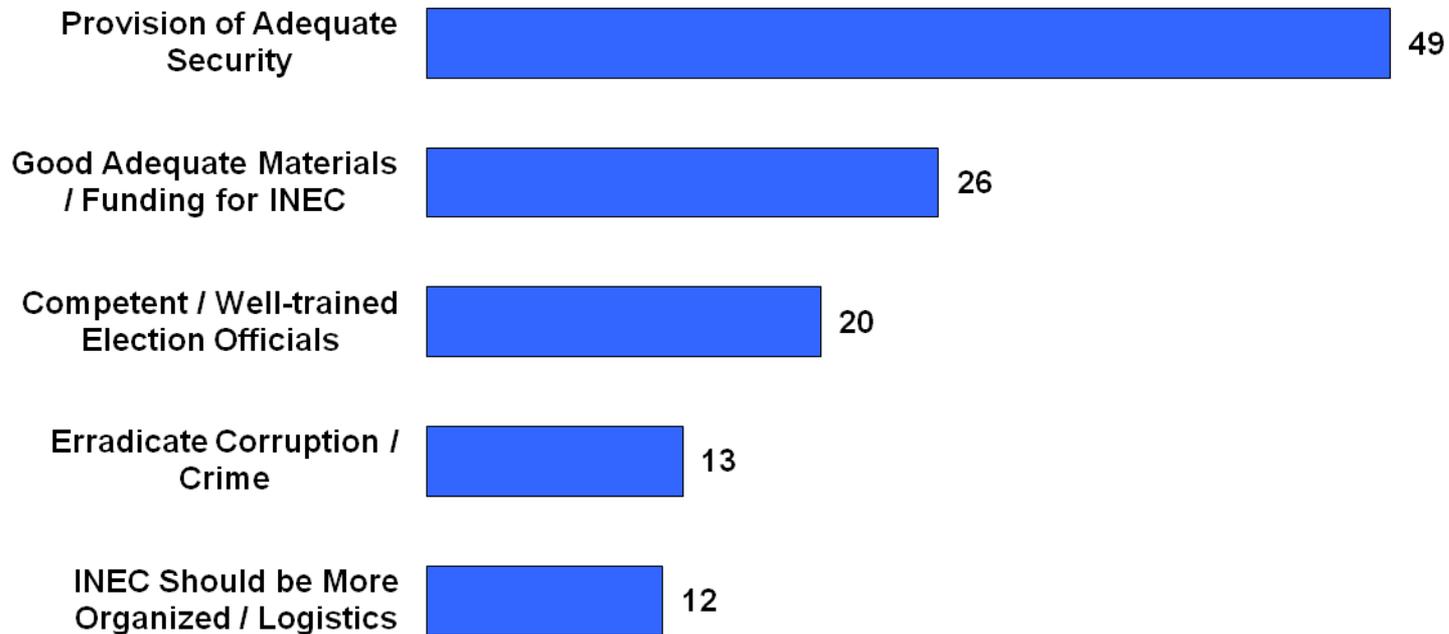
**Based on your experience during the past April 2011 elections, what will be the greatest challenge, or obstacle, in the future to conducting freer and fairer elections in Nigeria? (%)**

### Main Responses Only

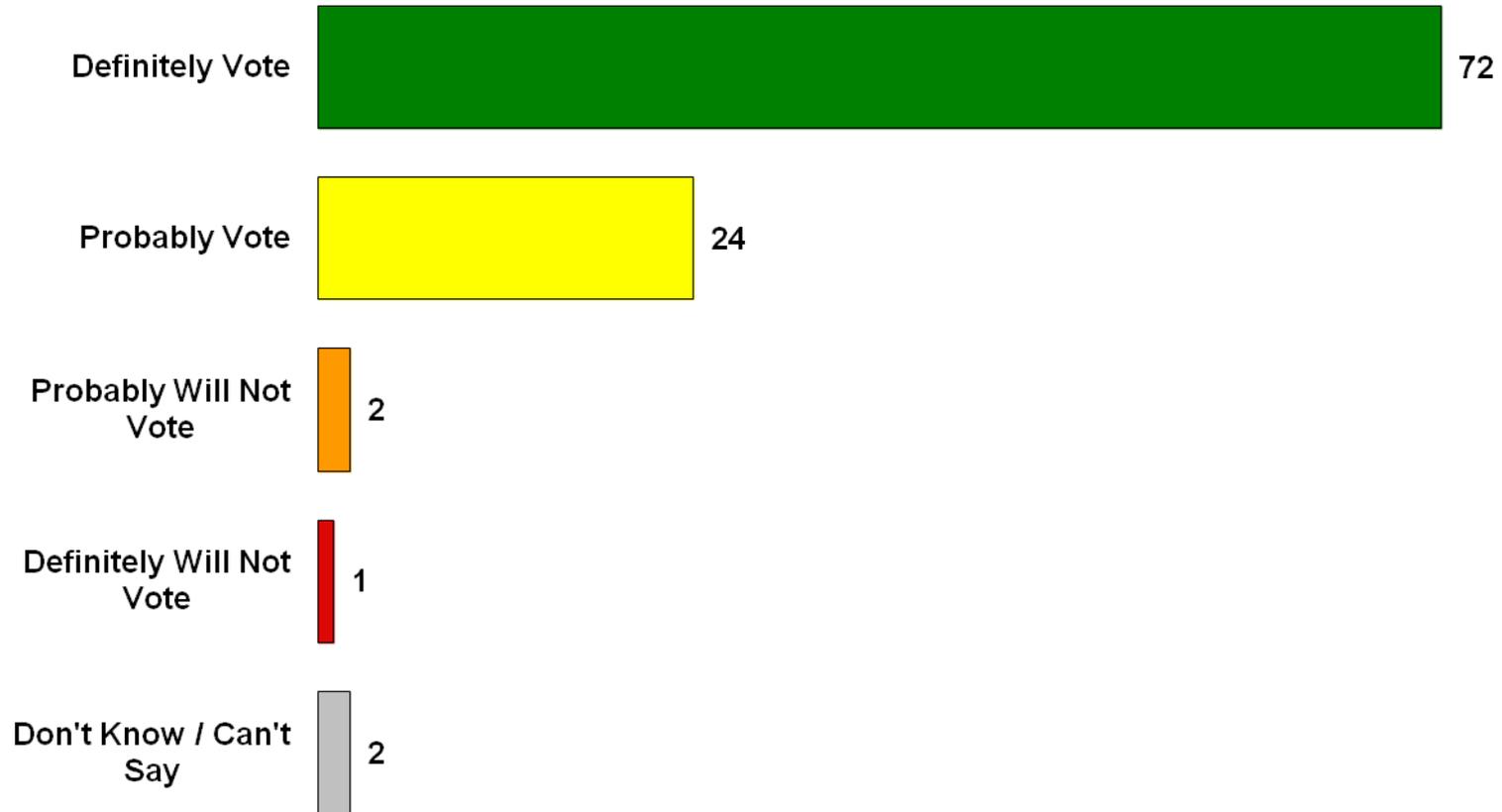


And what do you think the government needs to do to ensure more free and fair elections in the future? (%)

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Overall, how certain are you that you will vote in the next national elections or other upcoming state elections, if any? (%)

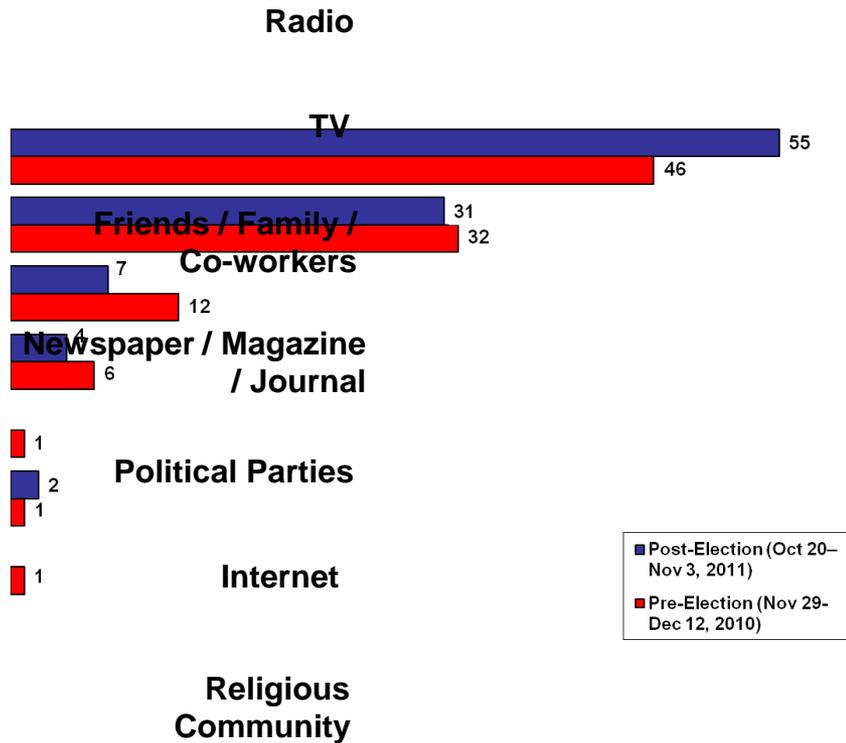


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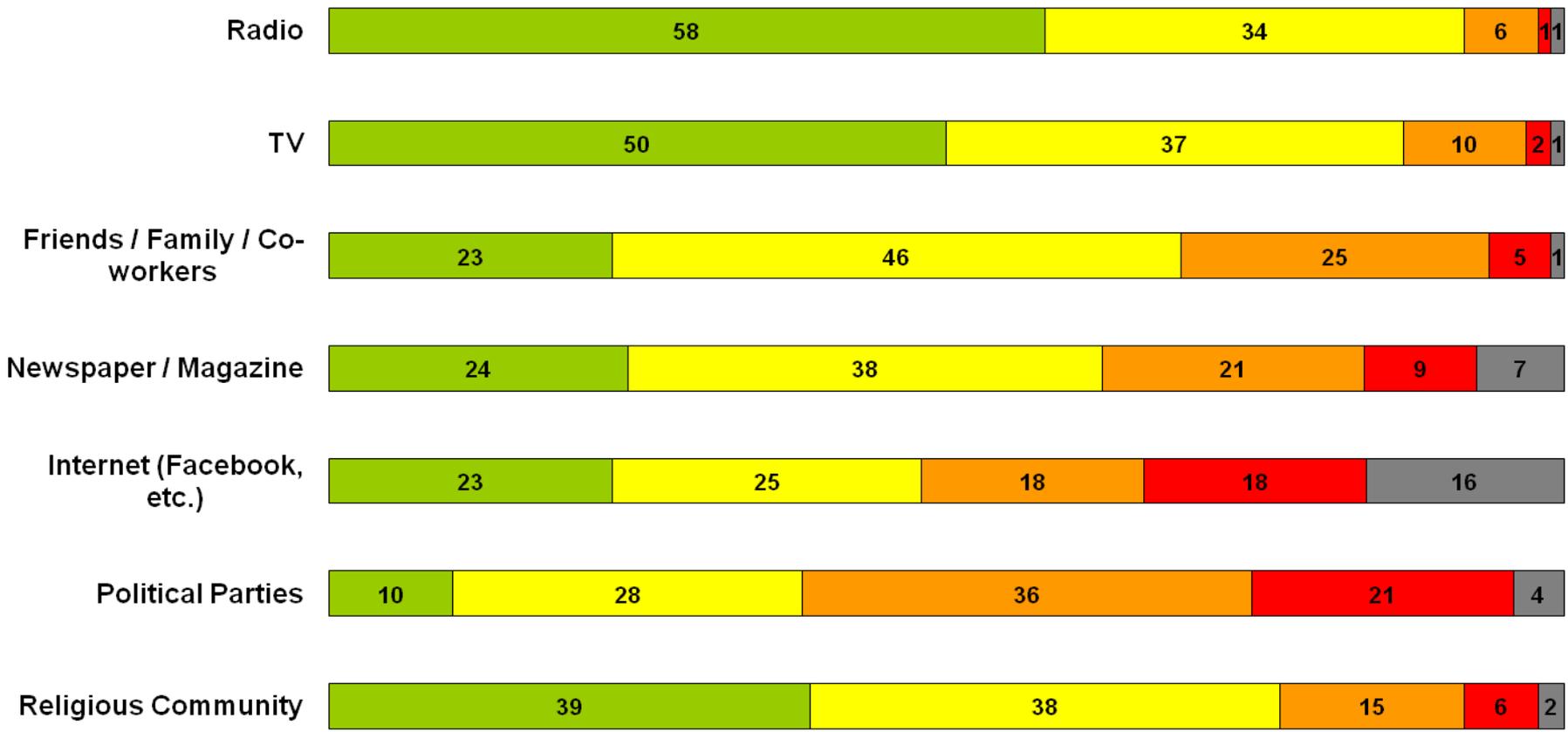
			Agreement That General Elections Were Free, Fair and Credible			
			National	Upcoming Gubernatorial Elections	Very Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree
<b>Definitely Vote</b>	72	71	85	68	60	57
<b>Probably Vote</b>	24	22	13	29	34	27
<b>Probably will Not Vote</b>	2	5	1	2	5	9
<b>Definitely will Not Vote</b>	1	1	1	*	1	3
<b>Don't Know / Can't Say</b>	2	1	1	2	1	3
<b>Refused to Answer</b>	*	*	*	*	0	1

# POLITICAL PERCEPTIONS

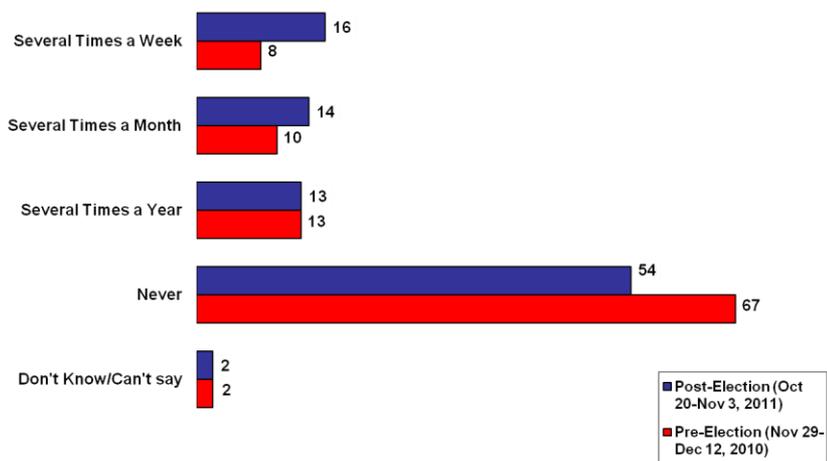
## What is your main source of information for news and political updates? (%)



# How much confidence do you have in each of these information sources? For each one please tell me whether you have a lot of confidence, some, not very much or no confidence at all? (%)



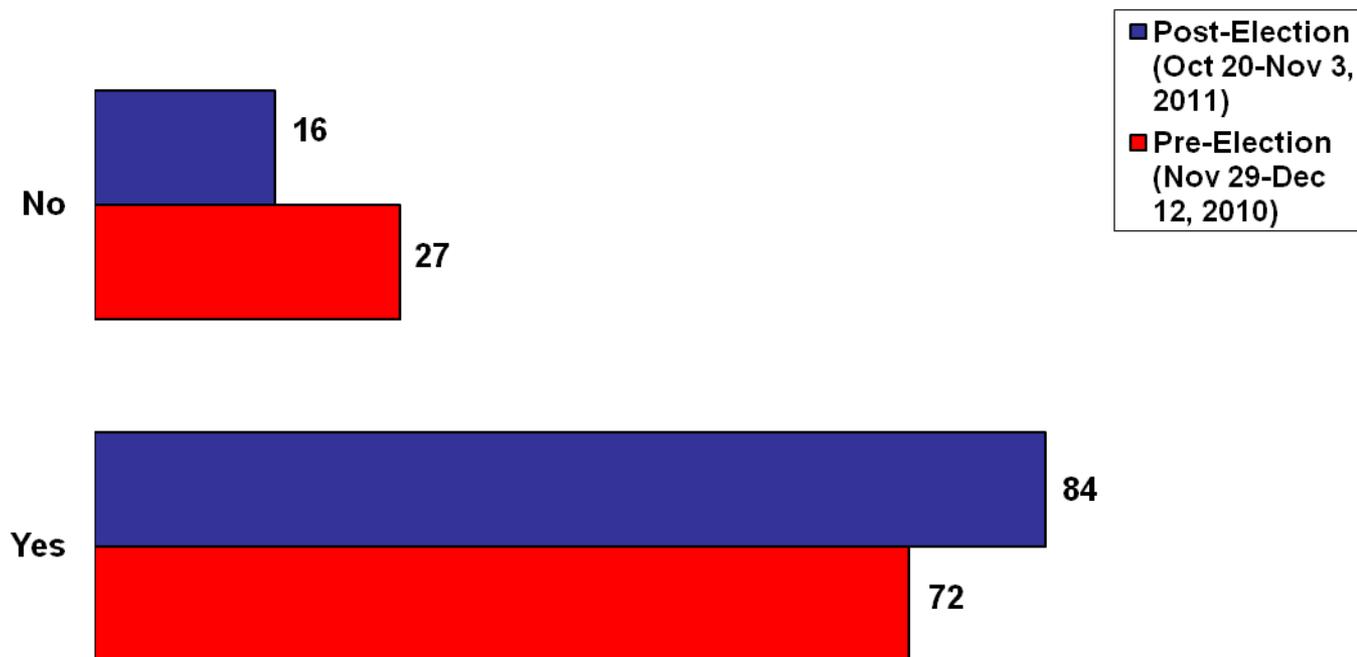
## How often, if at all, do you access the Internet? (%)



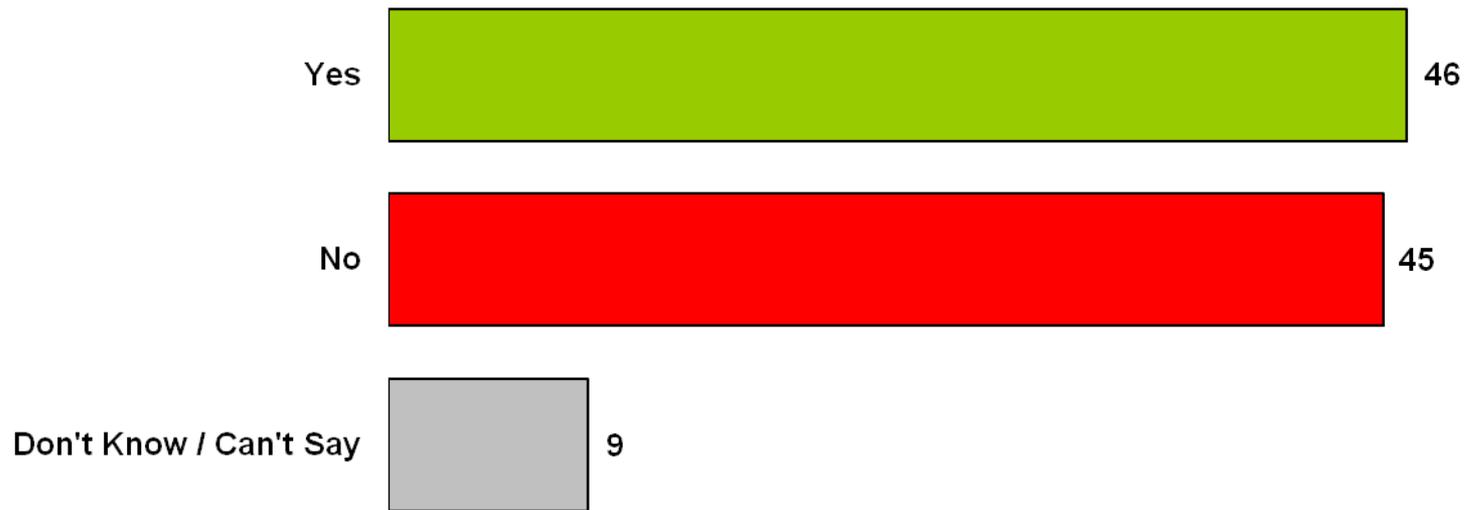
## How often, if at all, do you access the Internet? (% by age)

	National	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Several Times a Week	16	18	19	10	13	9	4
Several Times a Month	14	19	16	11	7	4	*
Several Times a Year	13	13	14	13	10	5	8
Never	54	47	48	62	68	82	84
Don't Know / Can't Say	2	2	3	3	1	*	3
Refused	1	1	*	1	1	1	*

## Do you own or have regular access to a GSM/mobile phone? (%)



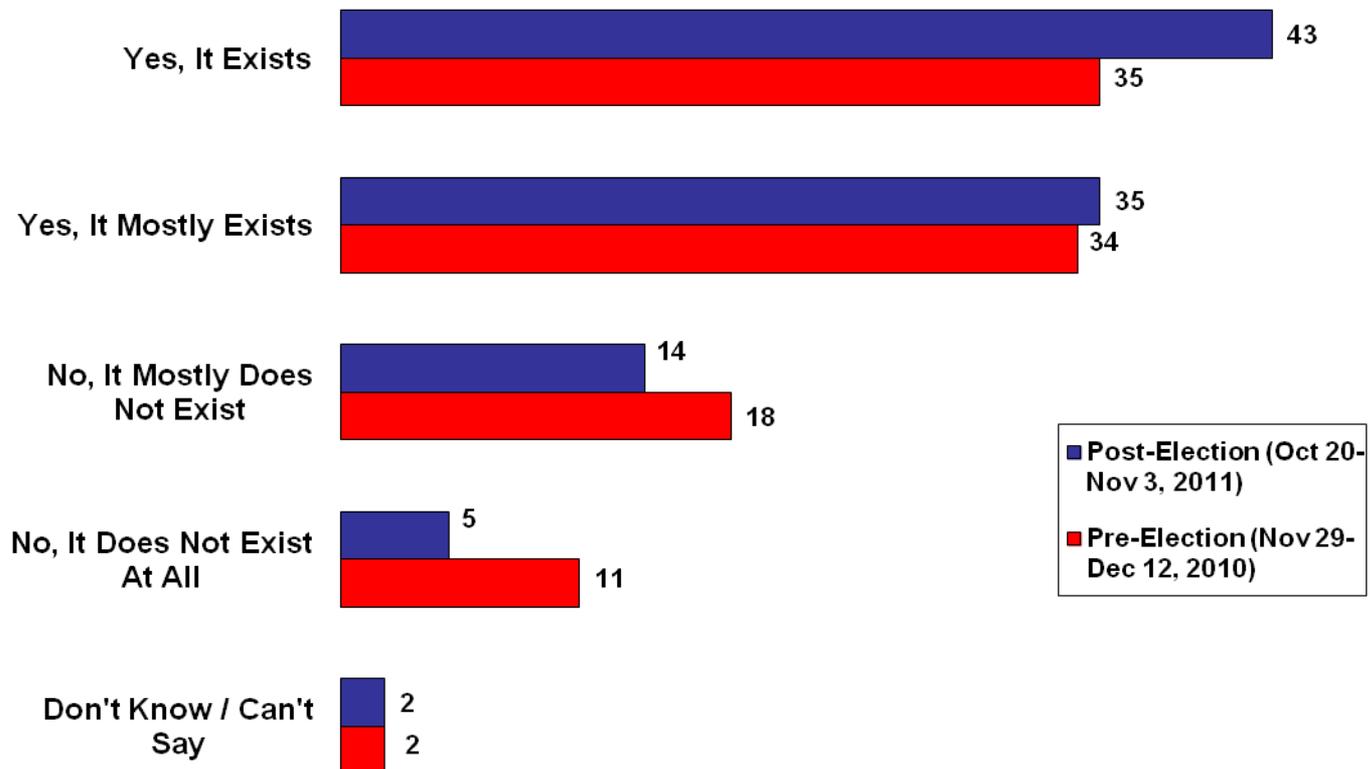
## Do you believe that the practice of zoning\* is dead in Nigeria? (%)



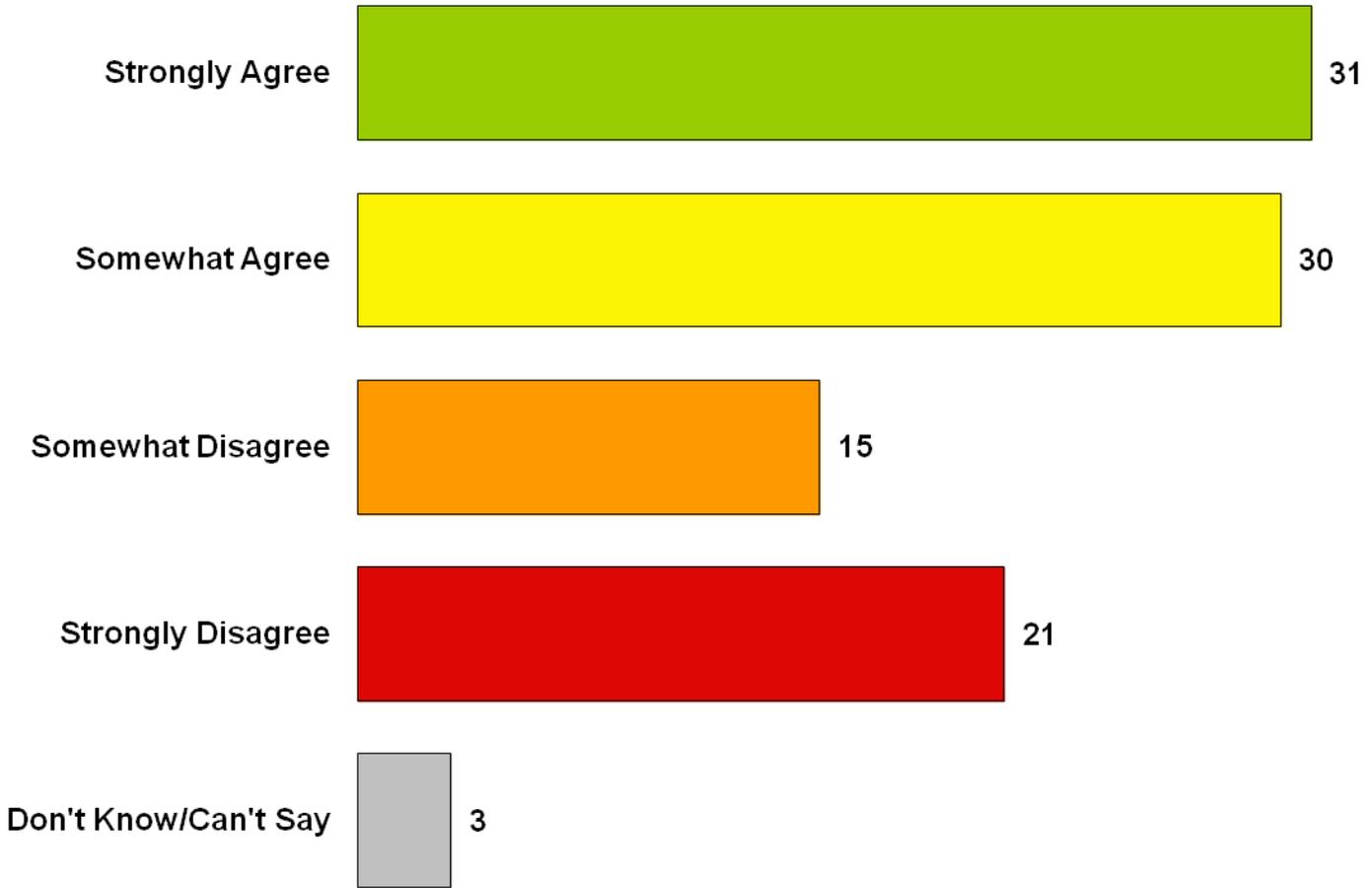
\*Zoning is the practice among politicians of rotating key elected offices between northern and southern and candidates every two terms.

## According to your own definition, does democracy exist in Nigeria? (%)

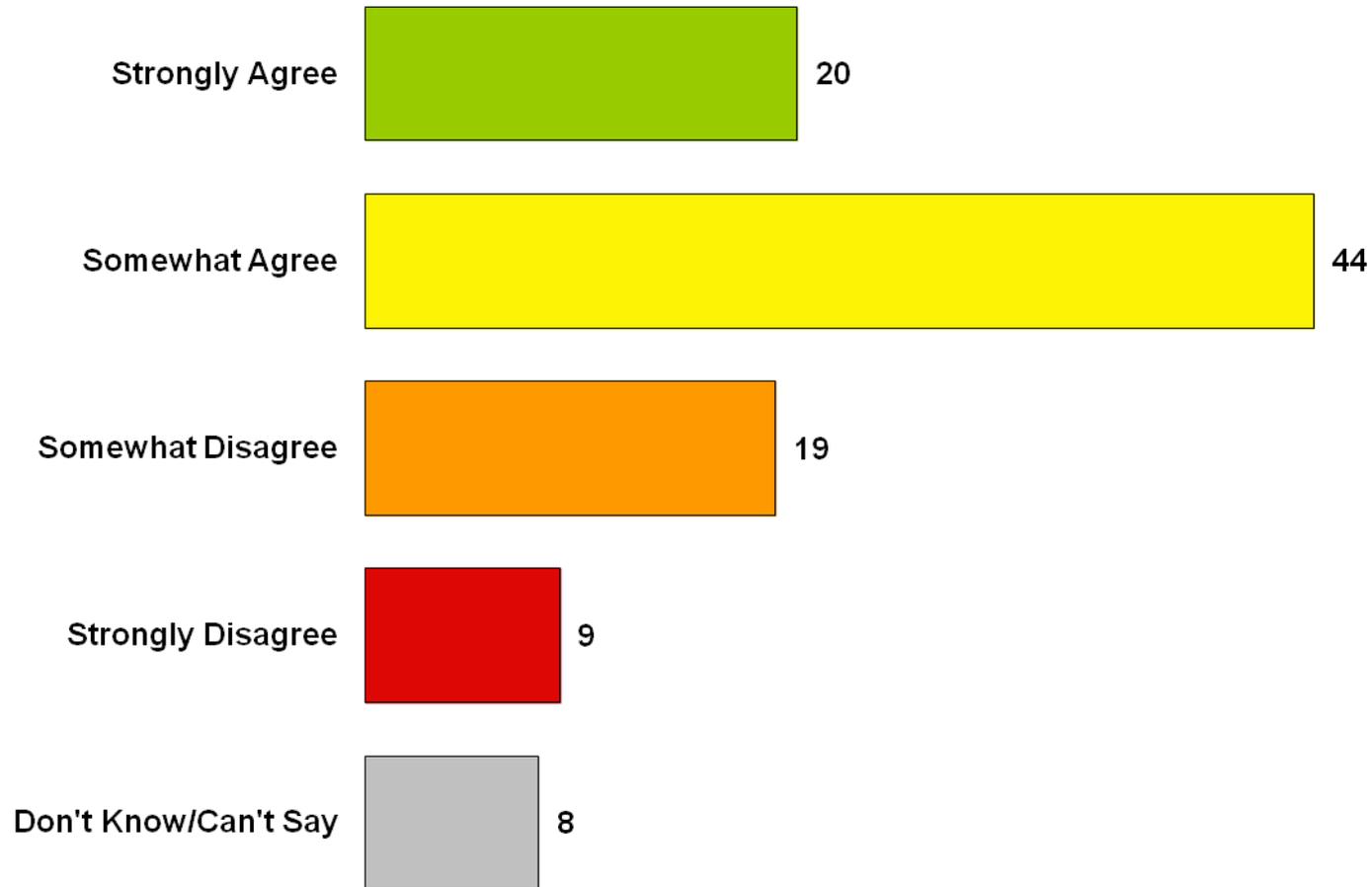
Base: All (Pre-Election: N=3,030, Post-Election: N=3,082)



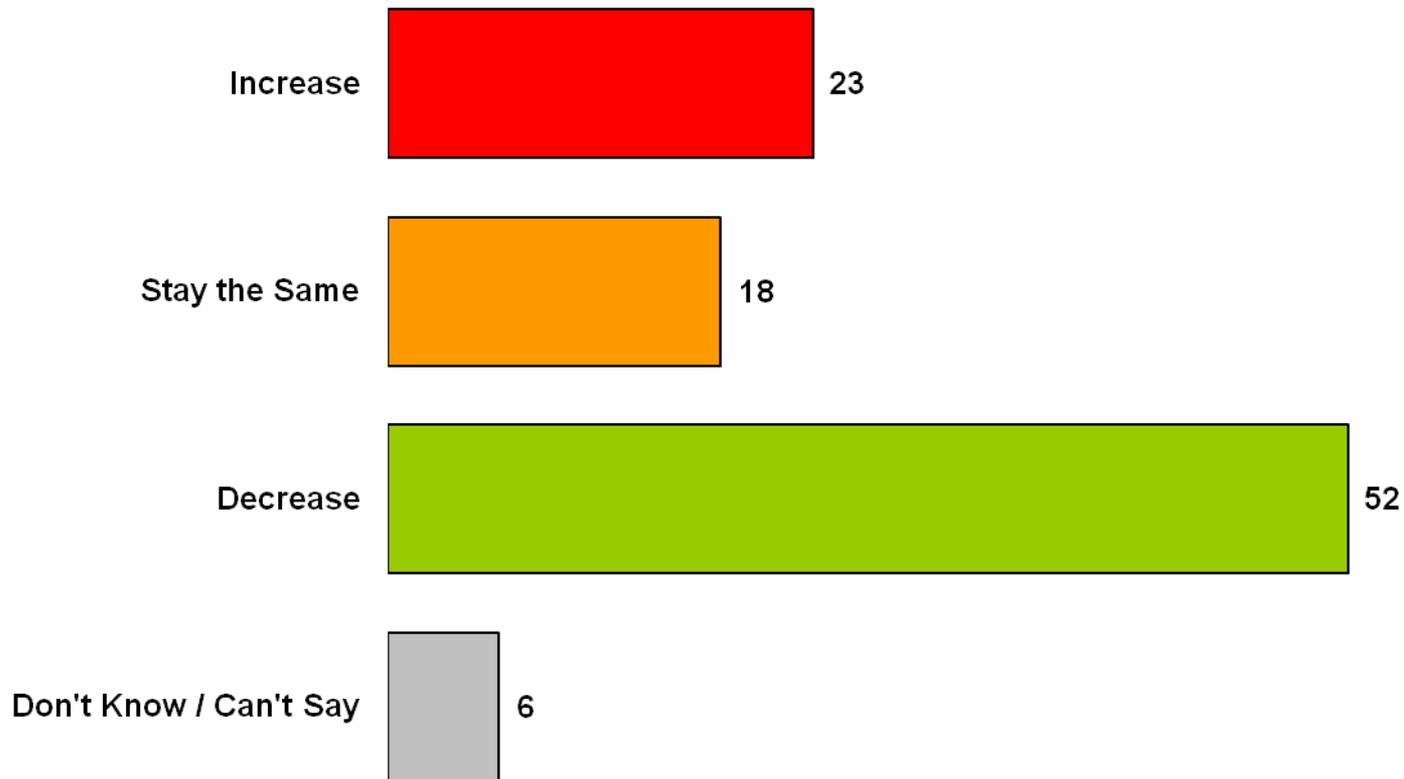
Currently, the president and state governors serve four-year terms and can run for re-election. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The constitution should be amended so that the offices of president and state governor be limited to only single six-year term in office, without the possibility of re-election. (%)



**How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In the recent April 2011 elections, those who were elected and assumed office in May are more concerned than their predecessors with respect to the issues and priorities that most affect the people. (%)**

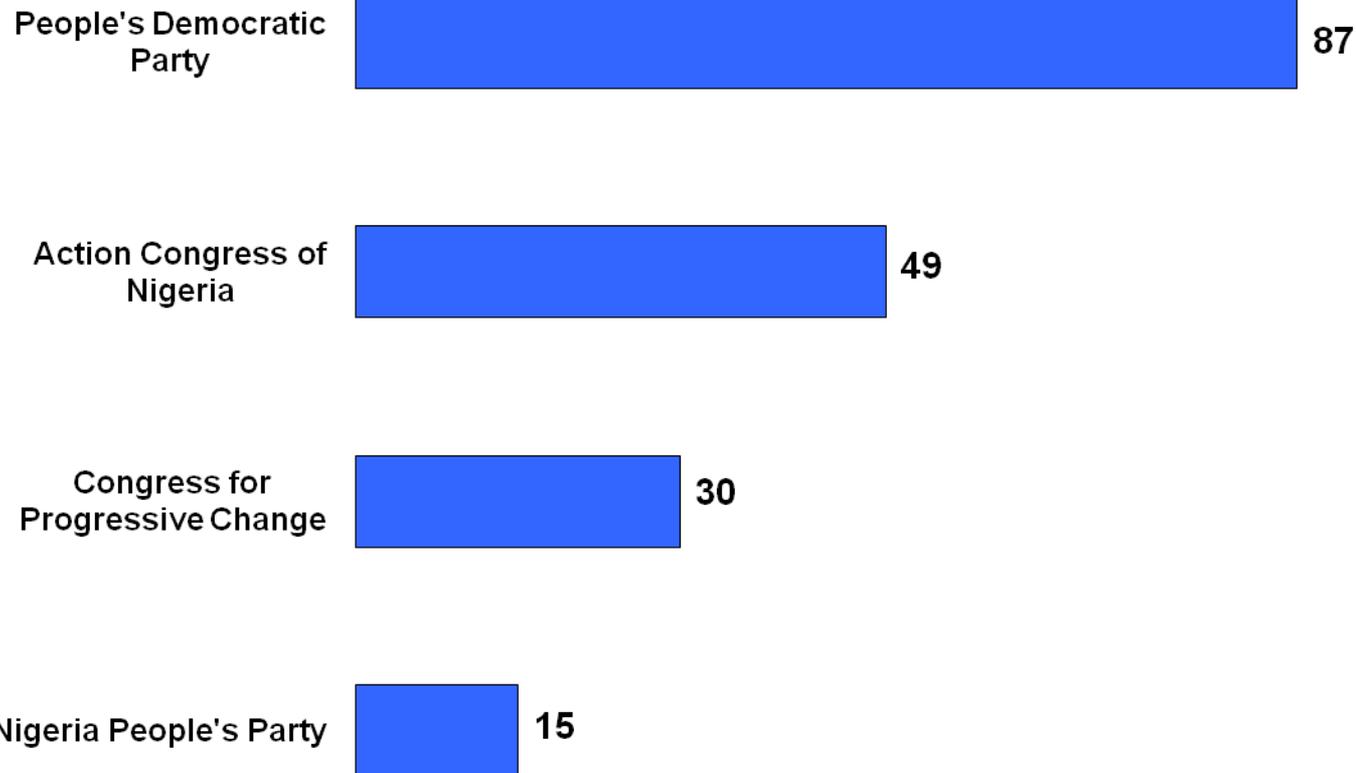


And still thinking about the recent April 2011 elections and those who were elected and assumed office in May, do you think the level of corruption will increase, decrease or stay the same? (%)



There are many registered political parties in Nigeria that put forth national- and state-level candidates in the April 2011 elections. Irrespective of the party you voted for, generally speaking, please name the two parties that you feel did the best job of advertising their candidate's campaign promises and ideas to voters. (%)

Main Responses Only



If elections were held (again) tomorrow, which political party would you vote for? (%)

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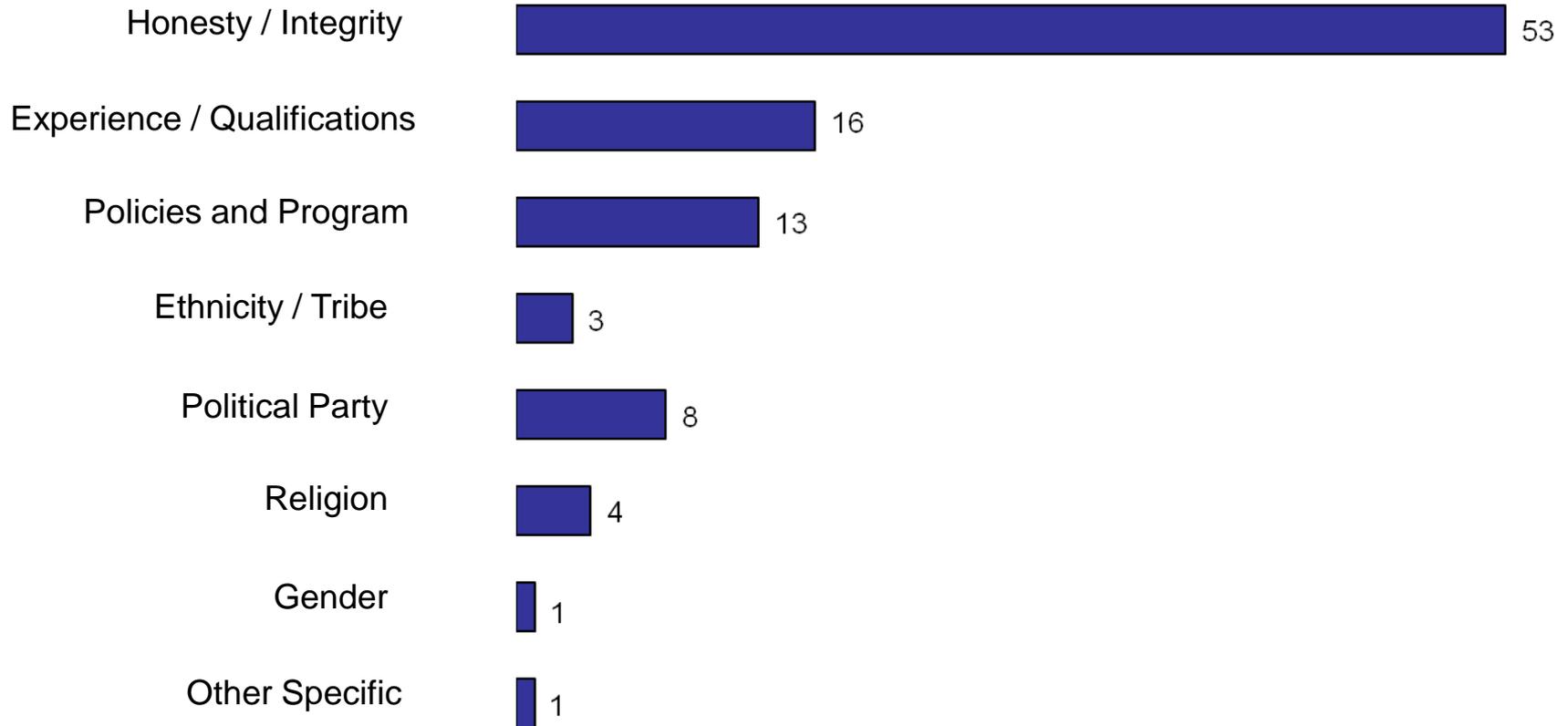
People's Democratic Party 40

Action Congress of Nigeria 24

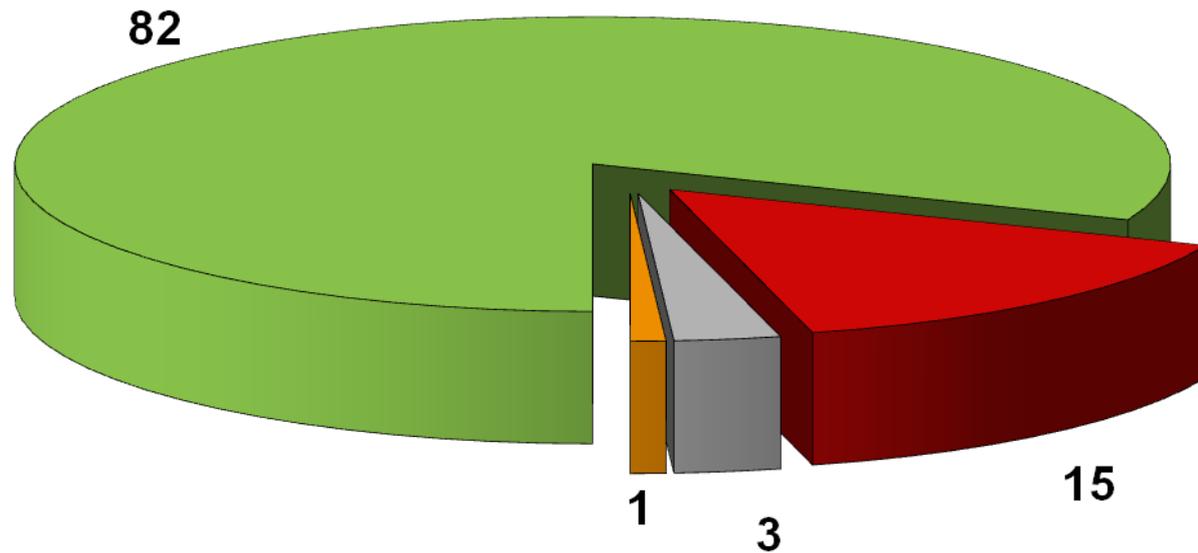
Congress for Progressive Change 16

All Nigeria People's Party 4

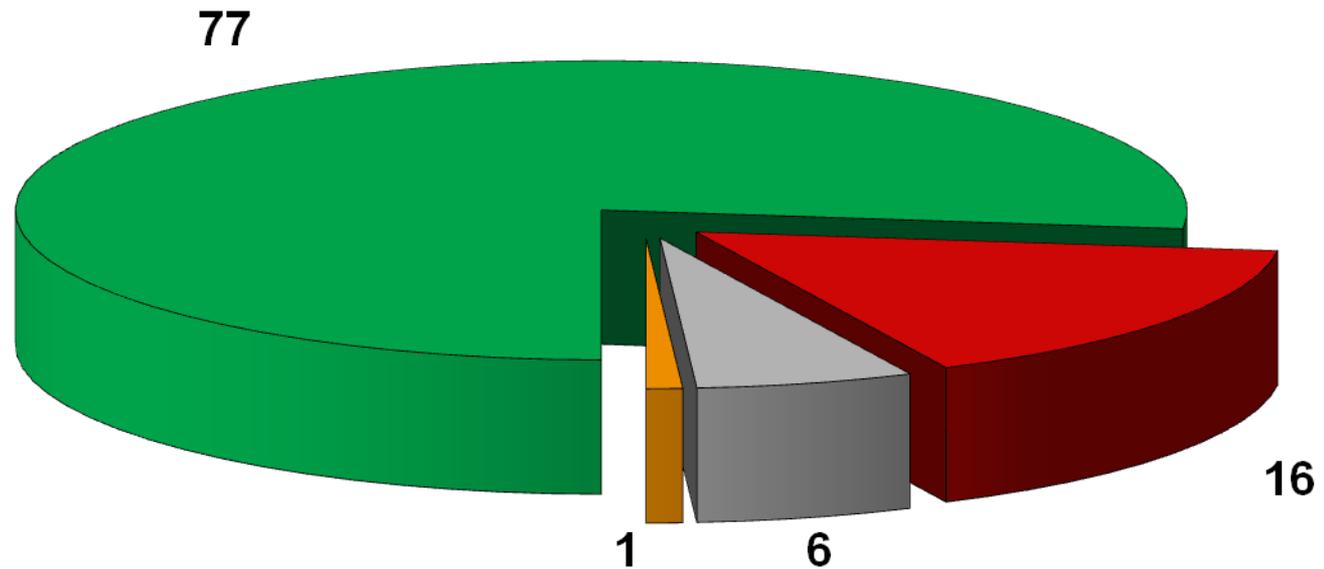
**Overall, what characteristic was most important to you in deciding which candidates to vote for? (%)**



Thinking about the April 2011 presidential election, which was more important to you in deciding who to vote for, the candidate or the political party? (%)

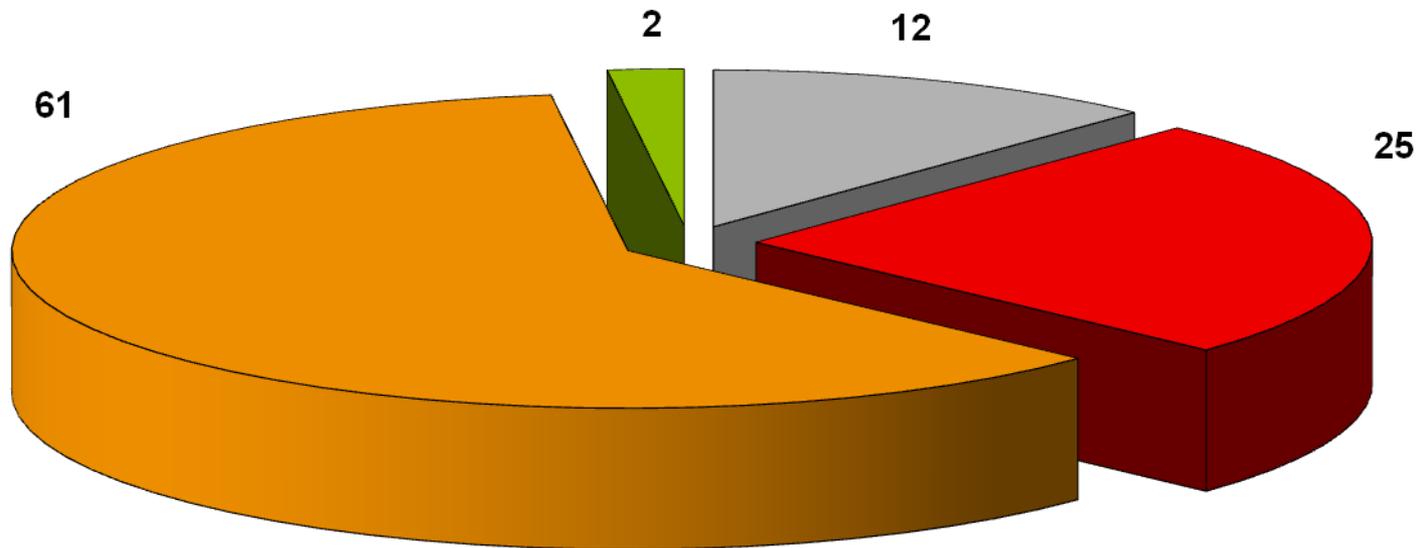


Thinking about the April 2011 election for governor in your state, which was more important to you in deciding who to vote for, the candidate or the political party? (%)



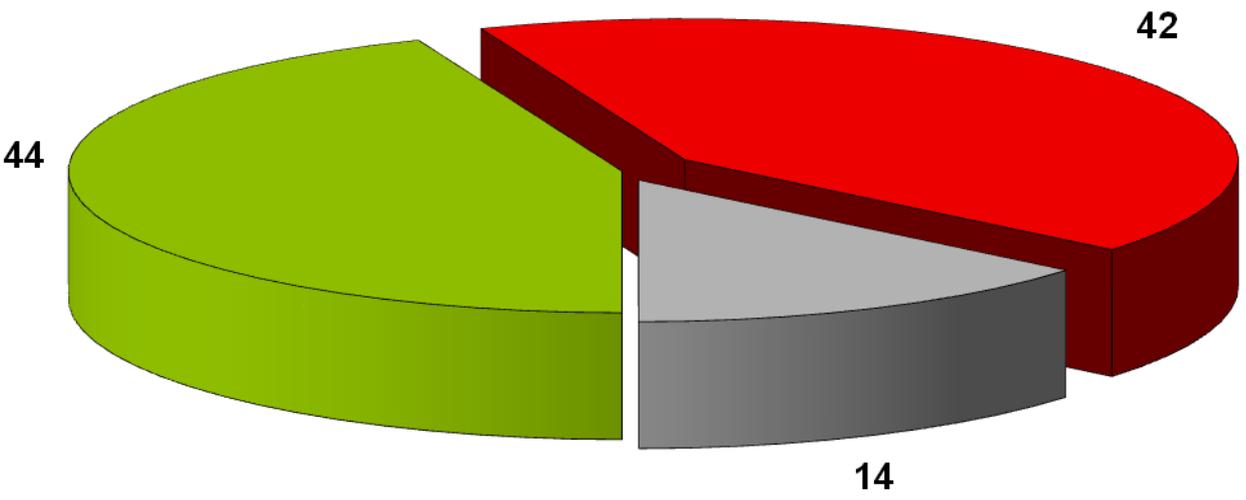
## Which of the following applies to you? (%)

- I am a Party Member that Votes and is Active in Other Ways (Attending Rallies, Volunteering, etc.)
- I am a Party Member that Votes but am Not Active in Other Ways
- I am Not a Party Member
- Don't Know / Can't Say



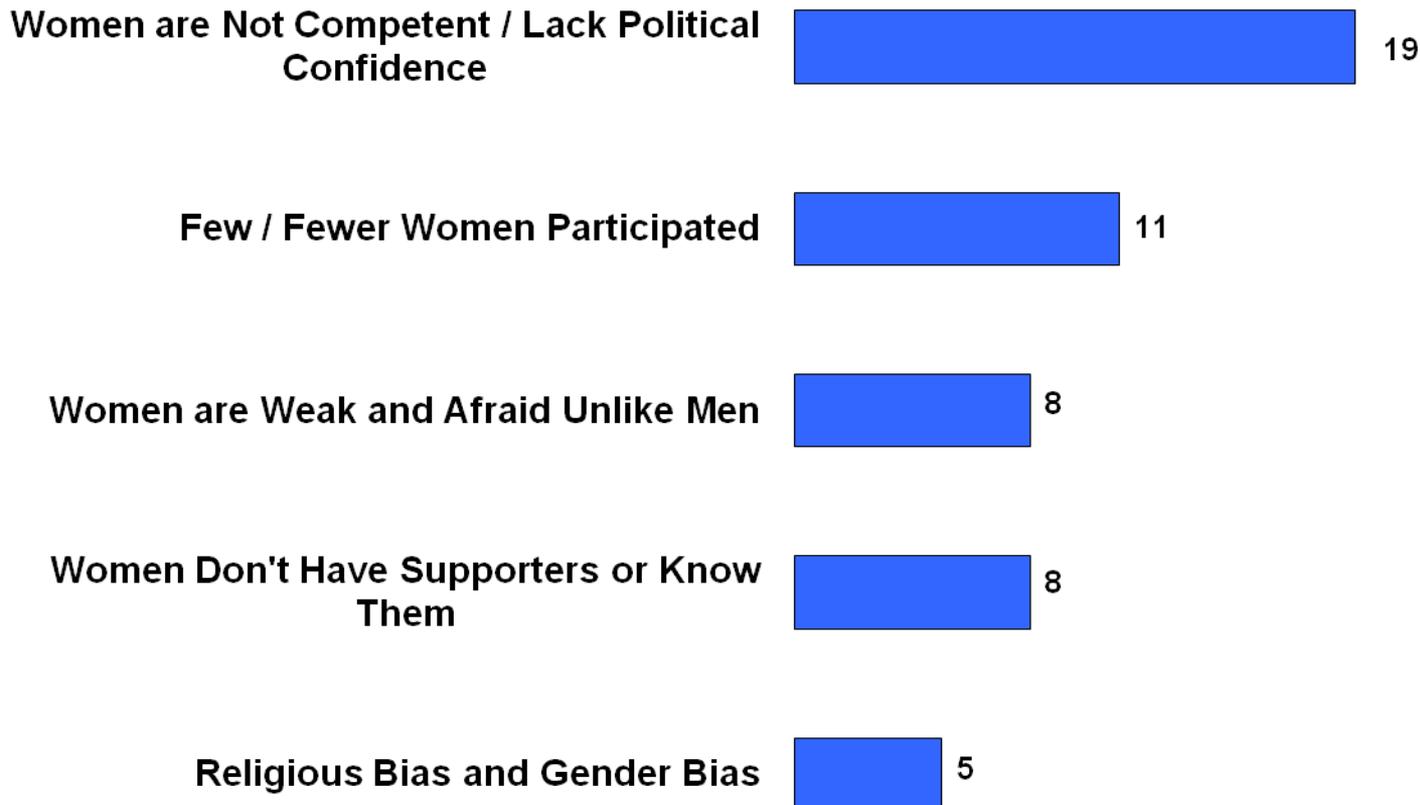
Some people have argued that de-registering parties that failed to field any winning candidates in the recent April 2011 elections will strengthen democracy in Nigeria while others have argued that such a move would weaken democracy. Which of these views is closest to your own opinion (%)

- De-Registration of these Parties Will Strengthen Democracy in Nigeria
- De-Registration of these Parties Will Weaken Democracy in Nigeria
- Don't Know/Can't Say



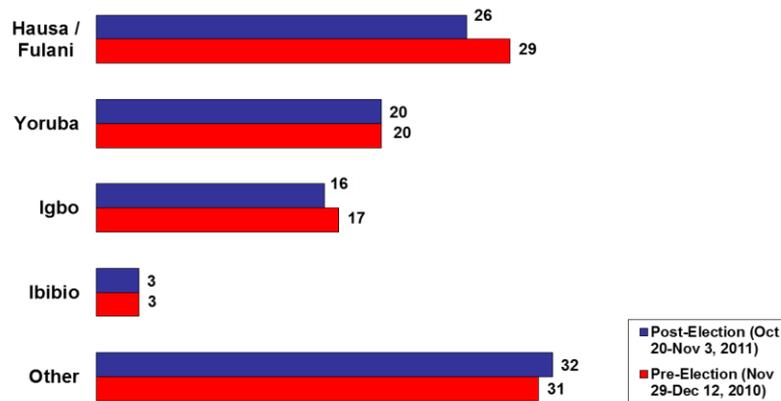
In the recent April 2011 elections, less women candidates were elected to the national assembly than in the 2007 elections. Why do you think less women were elected this time? (%)

Main Responses Only



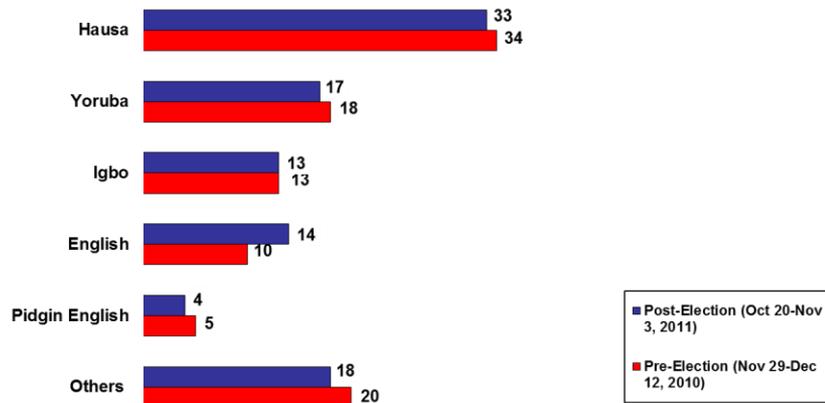
## Ethnic group (%)

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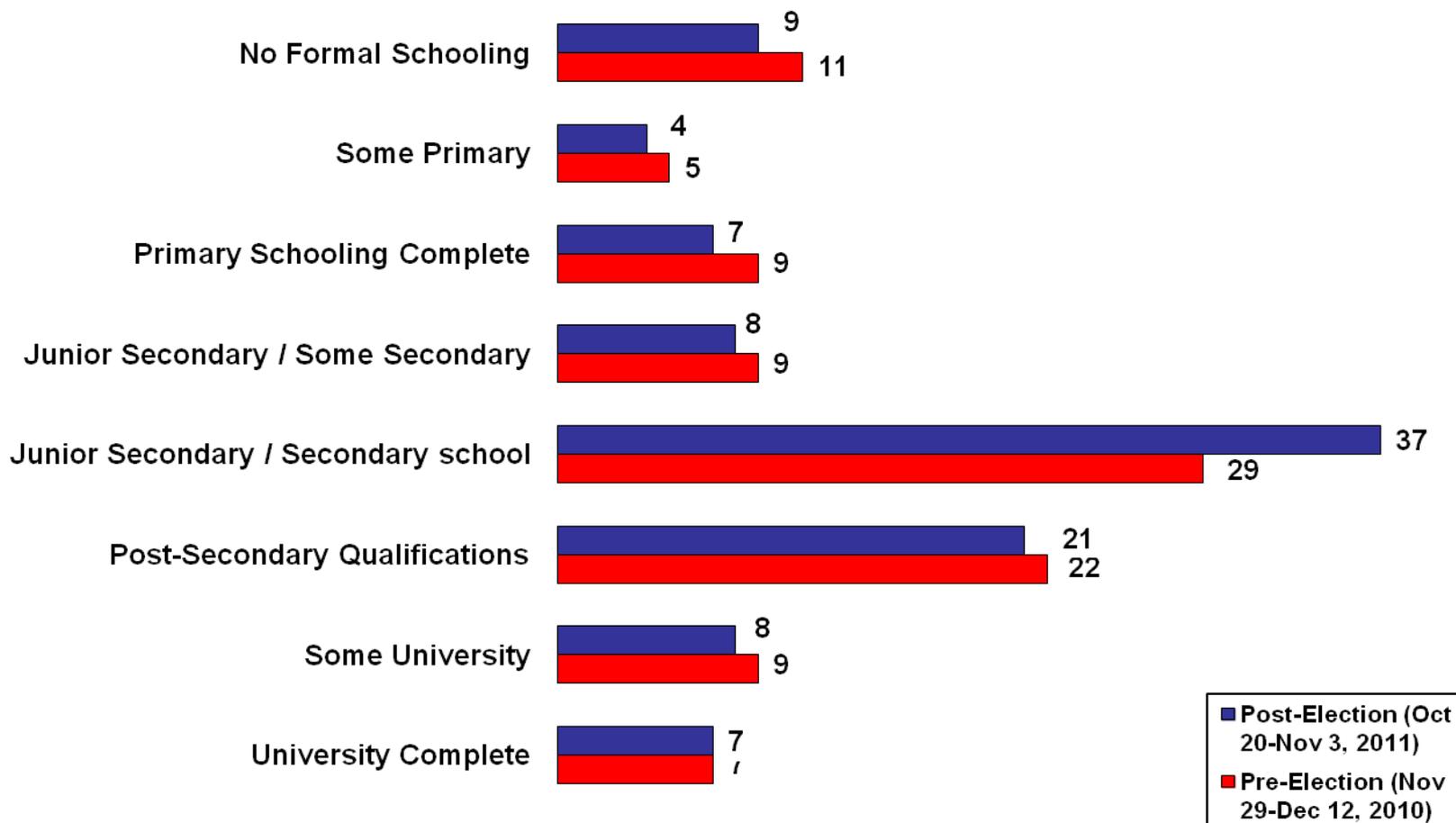


# Language spoken at home (%)

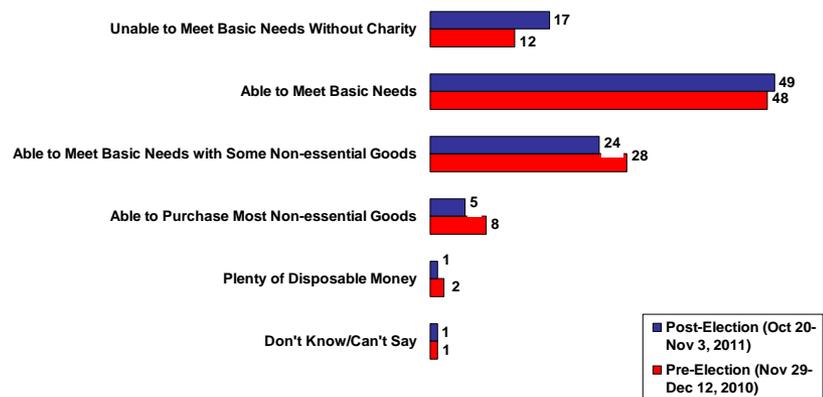
## Main Responses Only



## Level of schooling (%)



## Monthly household income (%)



## How safe do you feel here in the community? (%)

