



Kyrgyzstan National Opinion Poll

February 4 – February 27, 2012



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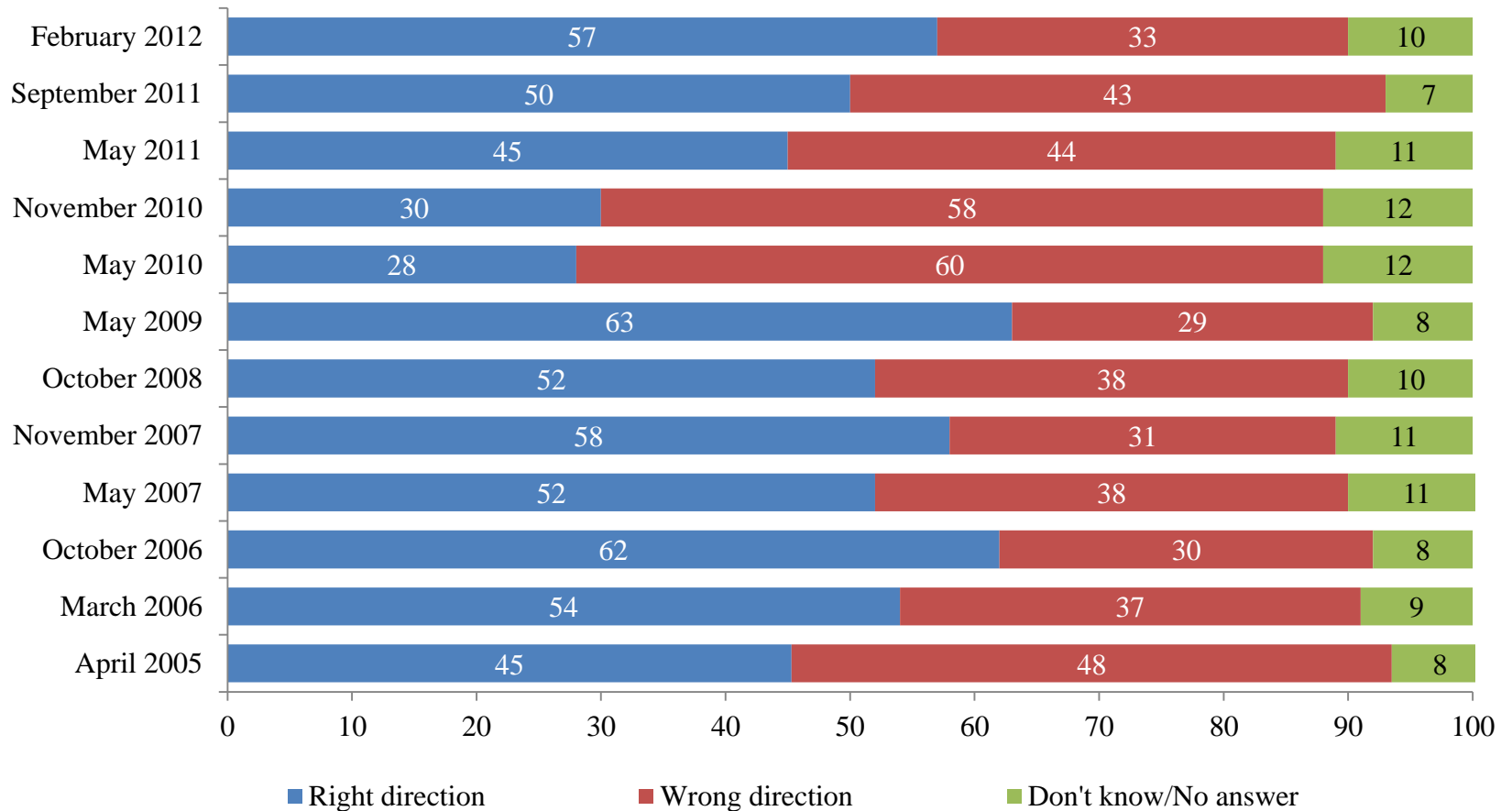


INFORMATION ABOUT THE SURVEY

- This national representative survey was carried out on February 4-27, 2012 by SIAR-Bishkek for Baltic Surveys/Gallup on behalf of the International Republican Institute (IRI).
- The sample consisted of 1,500 Kyrgyzstan residents older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education and religion.
- The sample design was a multi-stage random sample.
 - Stage One: Break country into official administrative regions.
 - Stage Two: Select clusters of sampling points based on settlement population (rural and urban areas). One sample point = approximately one percent of survey population (12-17 surveys). Sampling points within each region were selected by the probability proportional to size sampling.
- Respondents were selected by the random route method, using a Kish table to select a respondent from within a household.
- Data is collected through face-to-face interviews with the respondents.
- Fifty-five interviewers worked on the survey. Interviews were conducted in Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek languages.
- The response rate for the survey was 56 percent.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus three percent.
- The study was designed, coordinated, and analyzed by IRI and Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization (Dr. R. Alisauskiene).
- Due to rounding, some charts may not add to 100 percent.

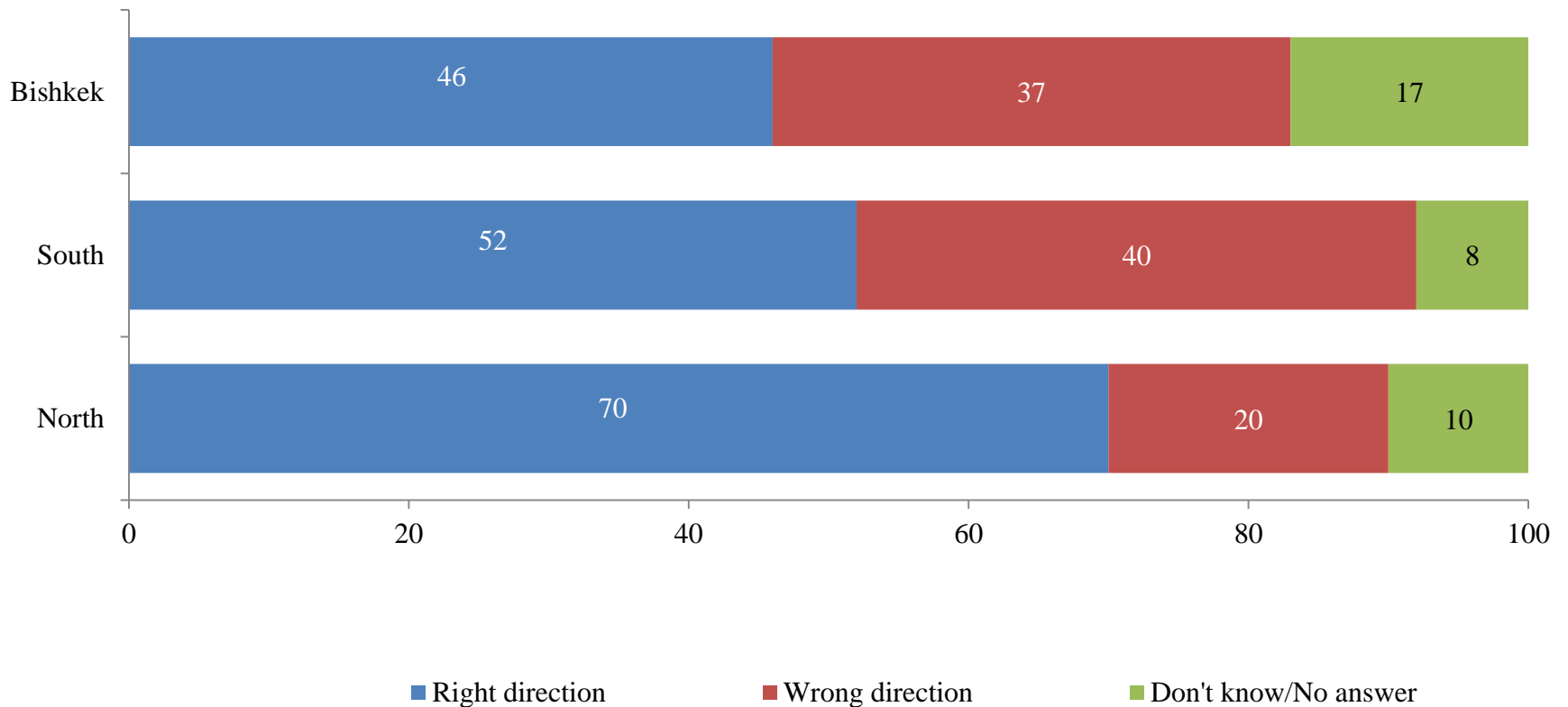
MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

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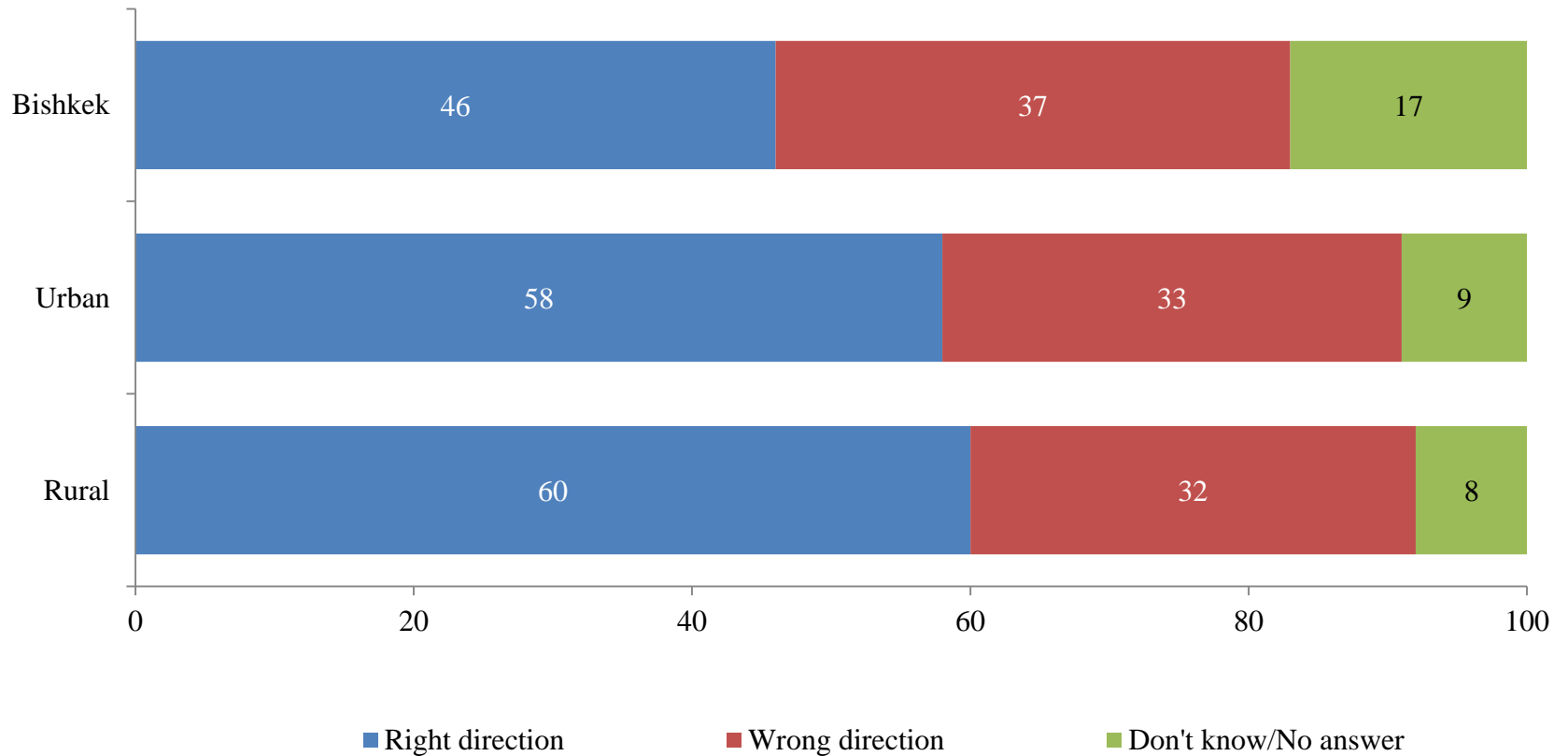
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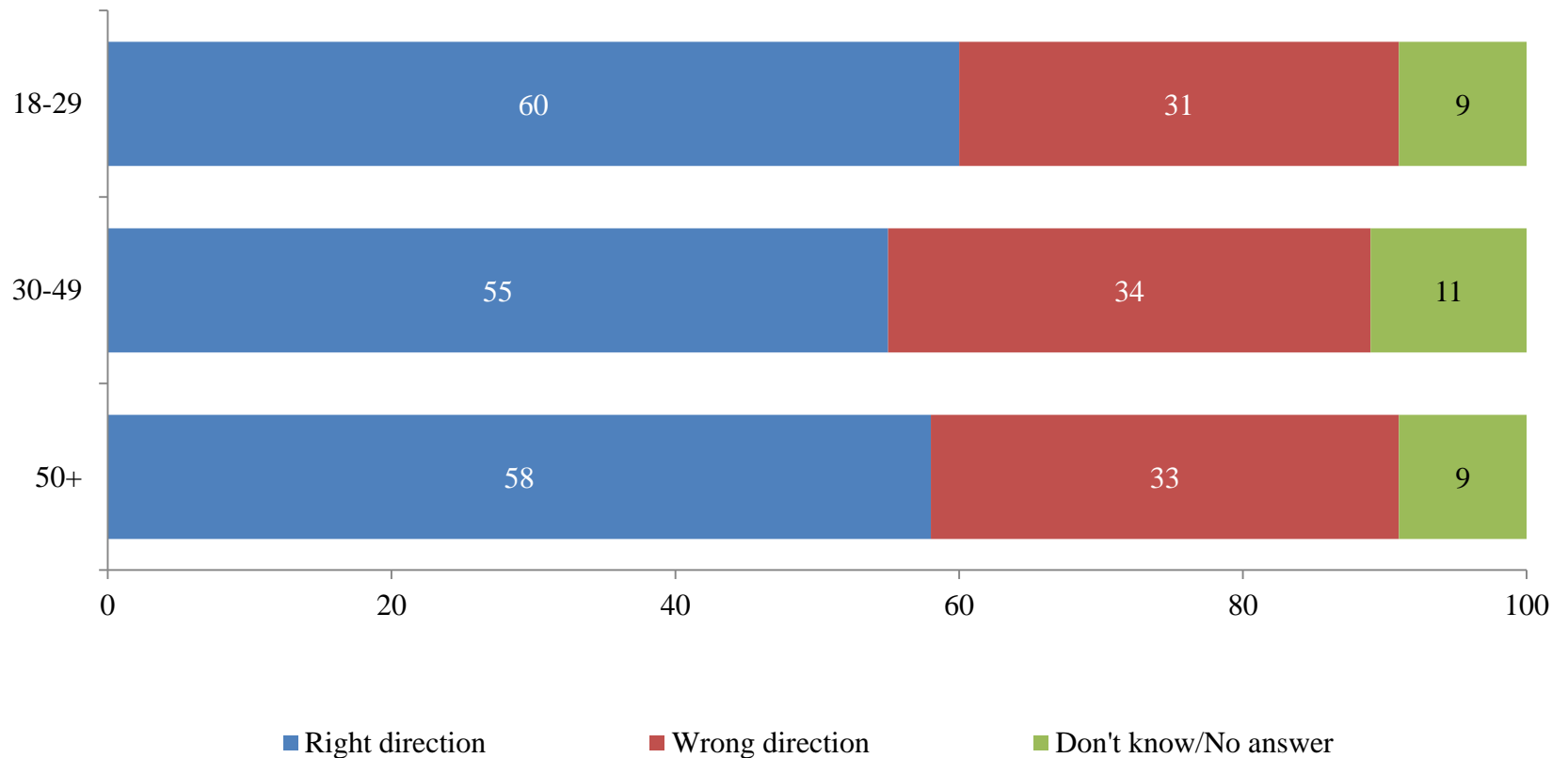
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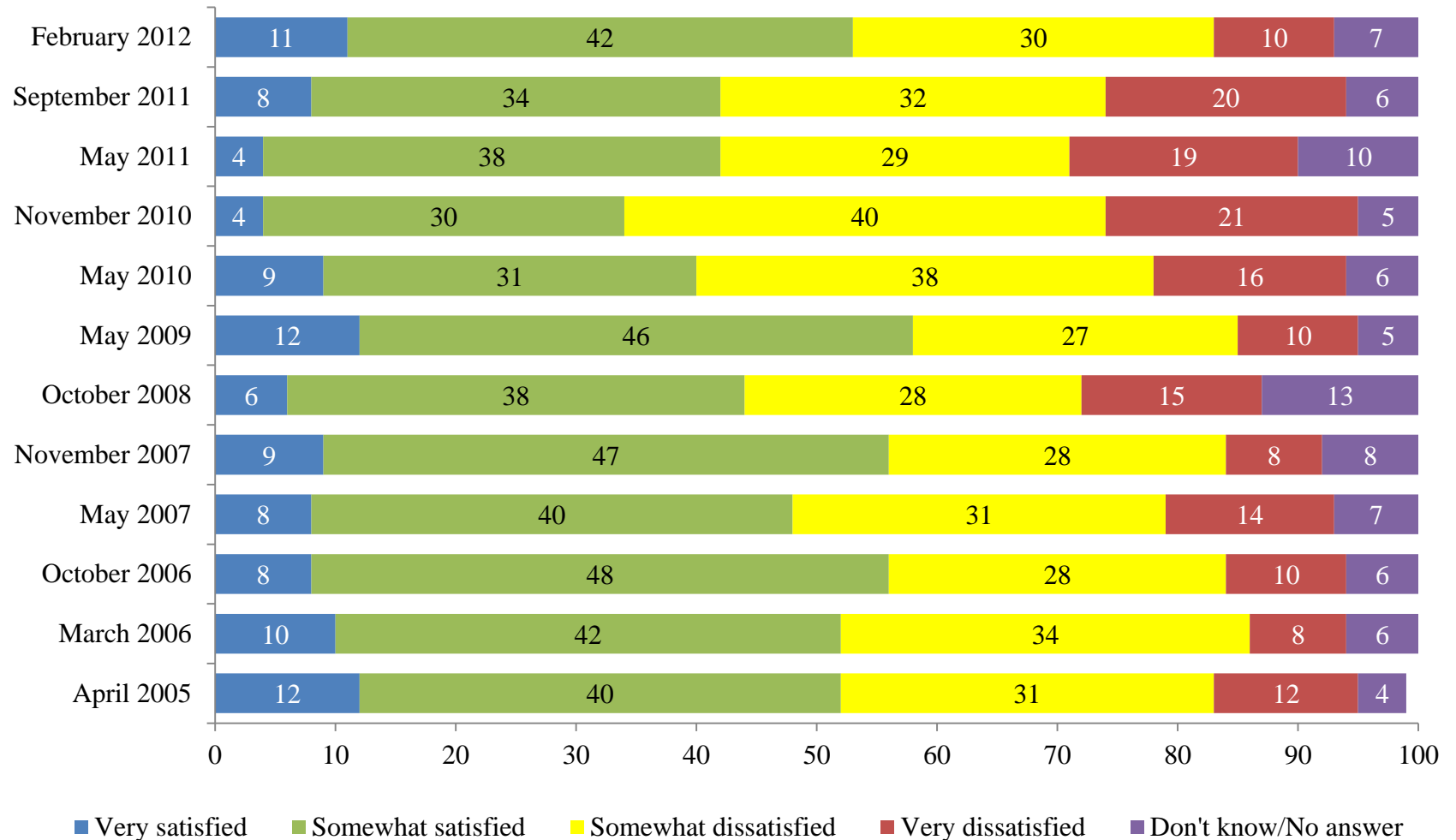


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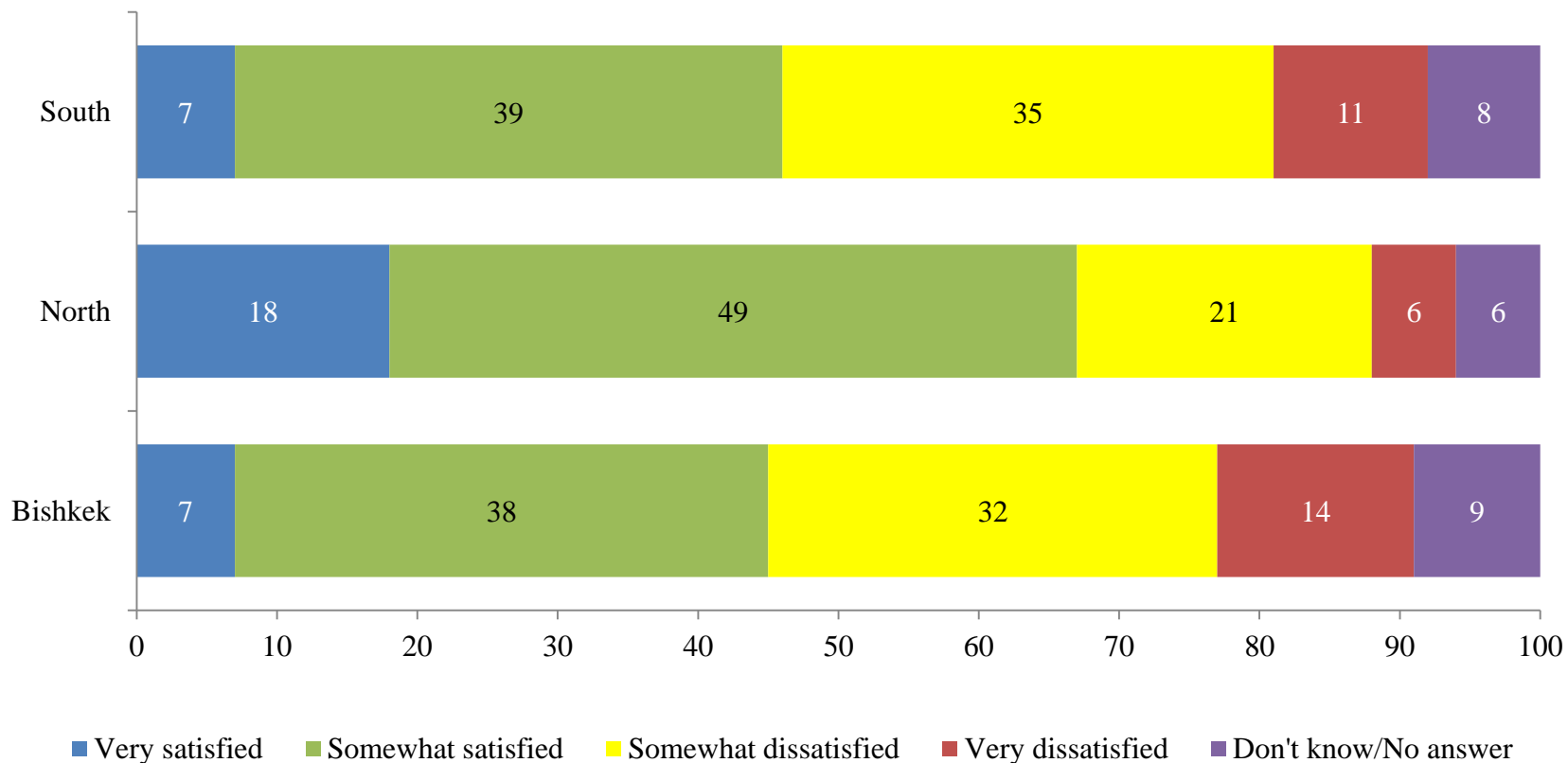


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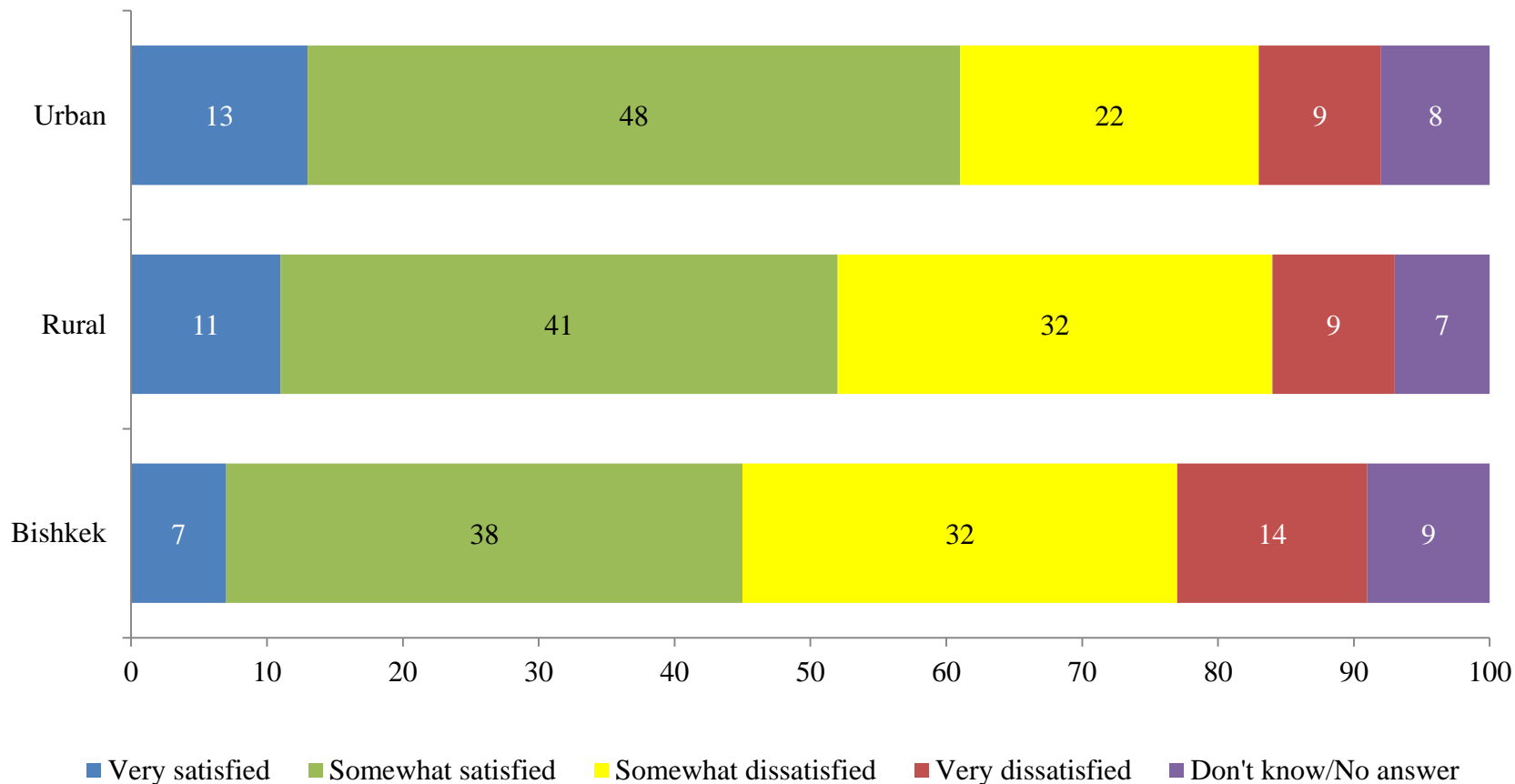
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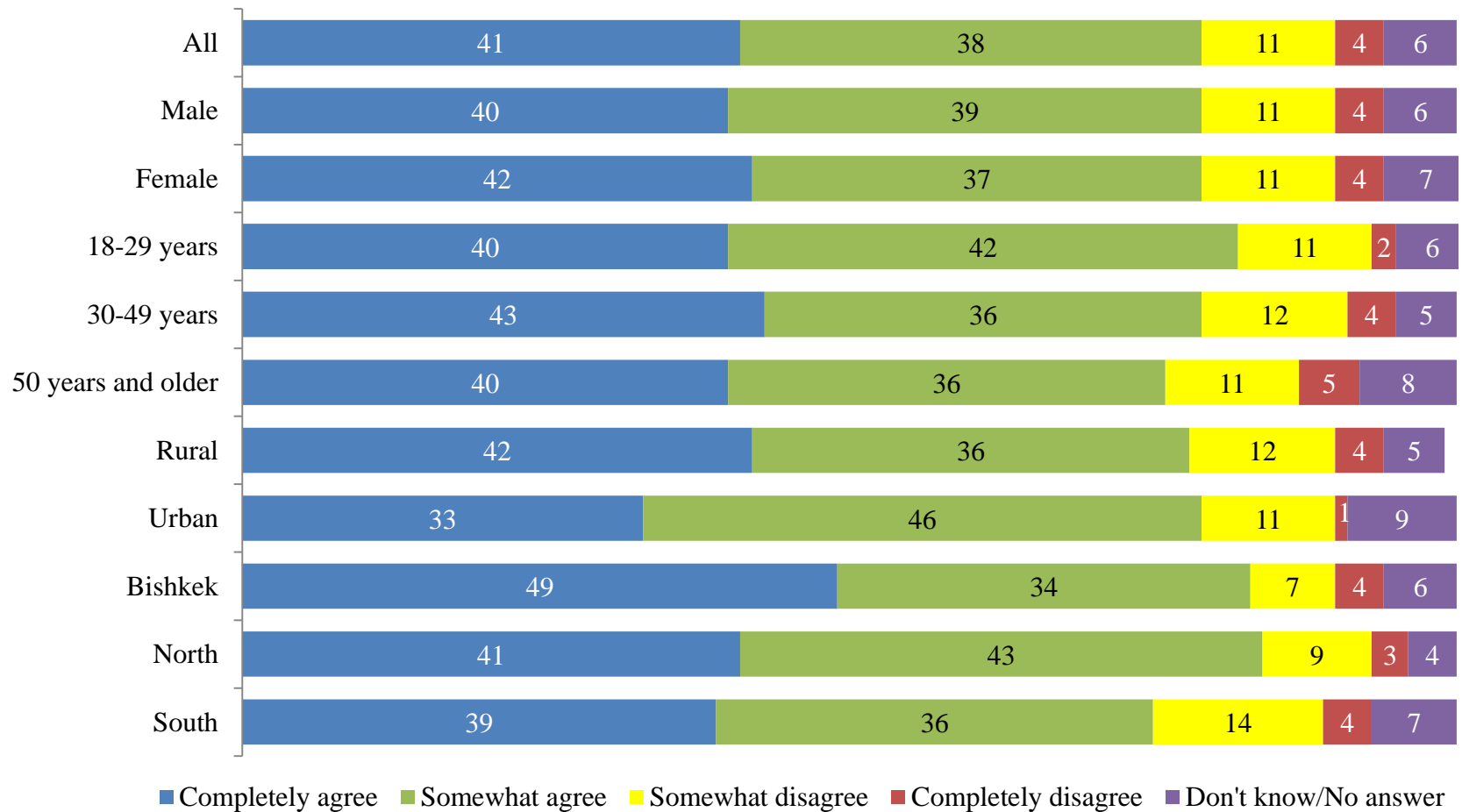


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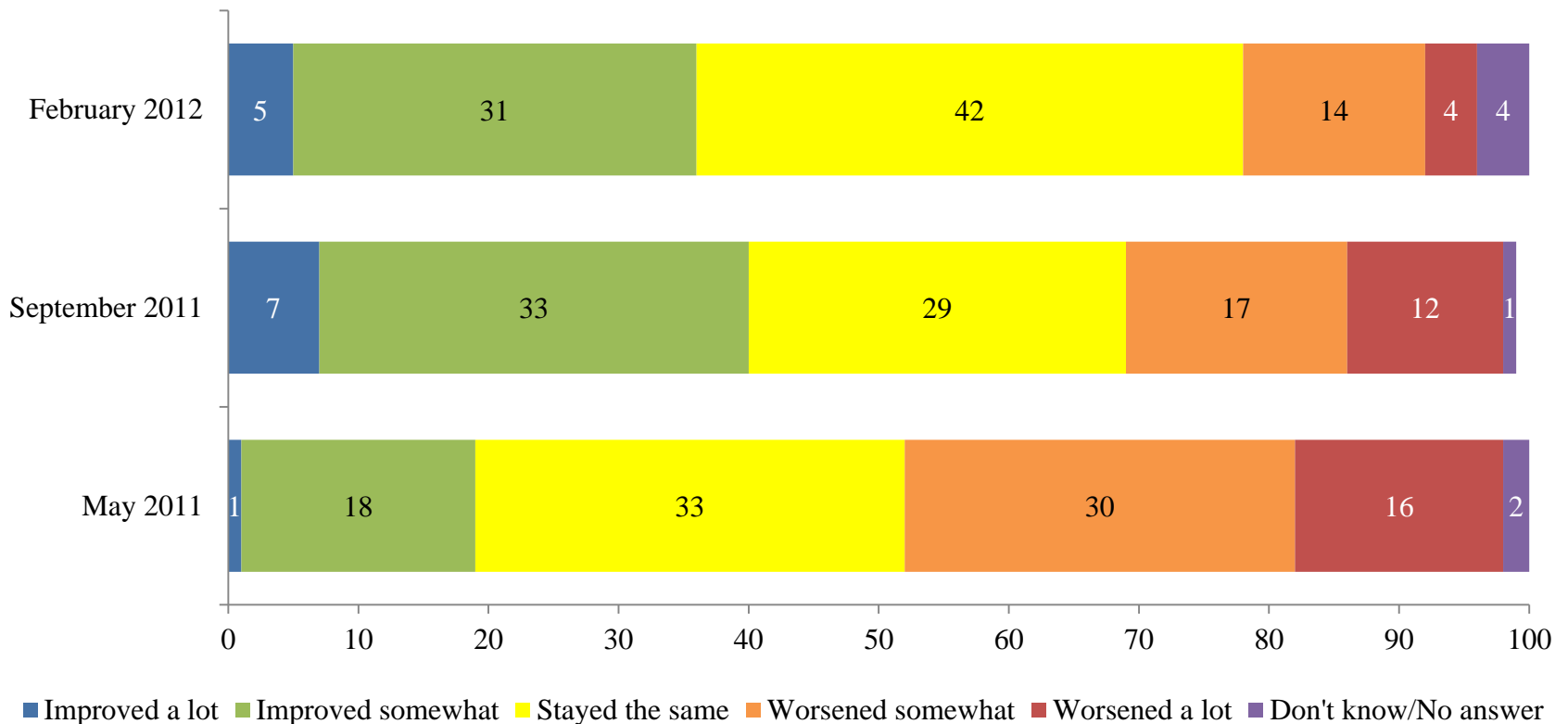
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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Democracy is necessary in Kyrgyzstan.

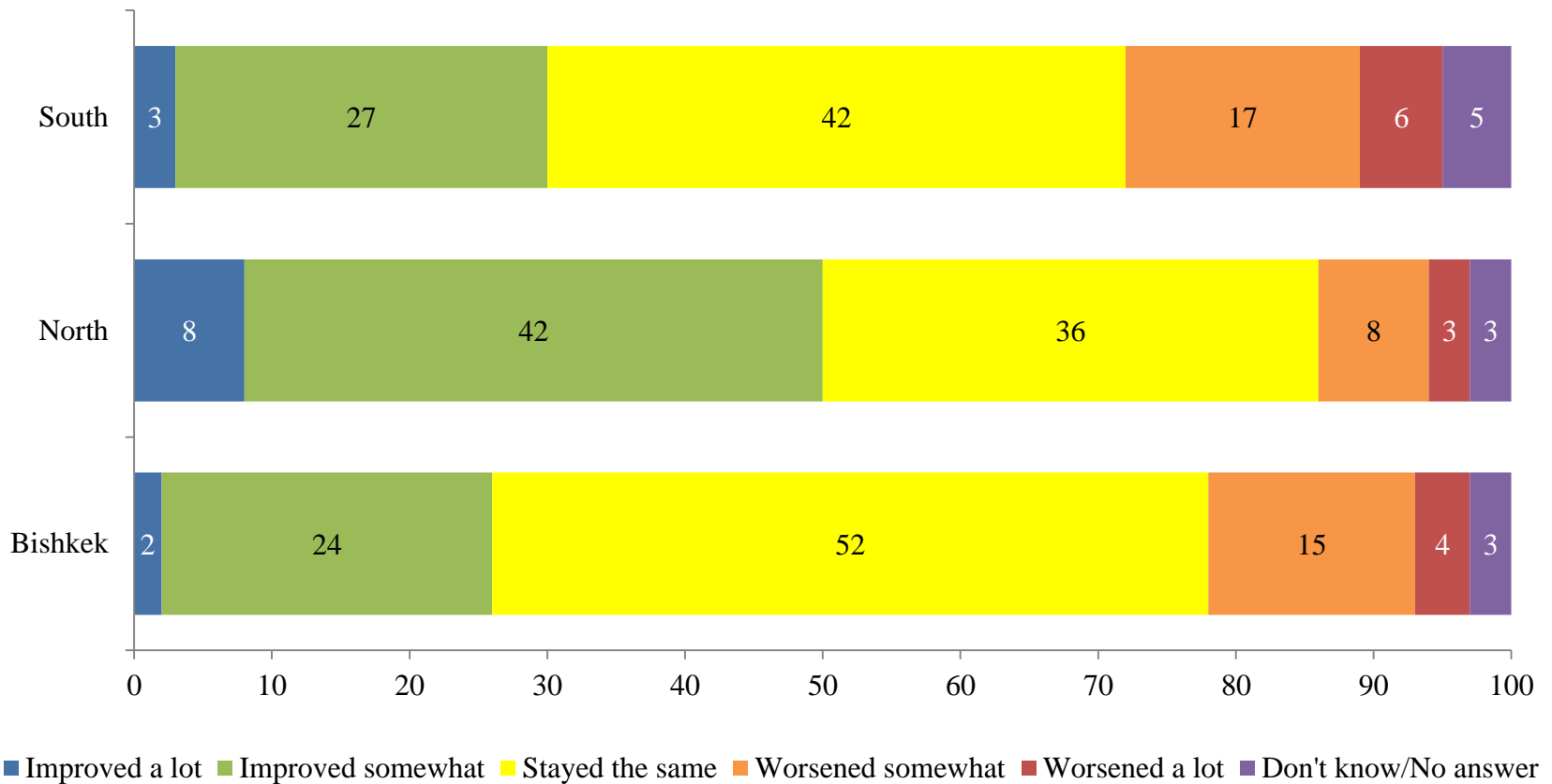


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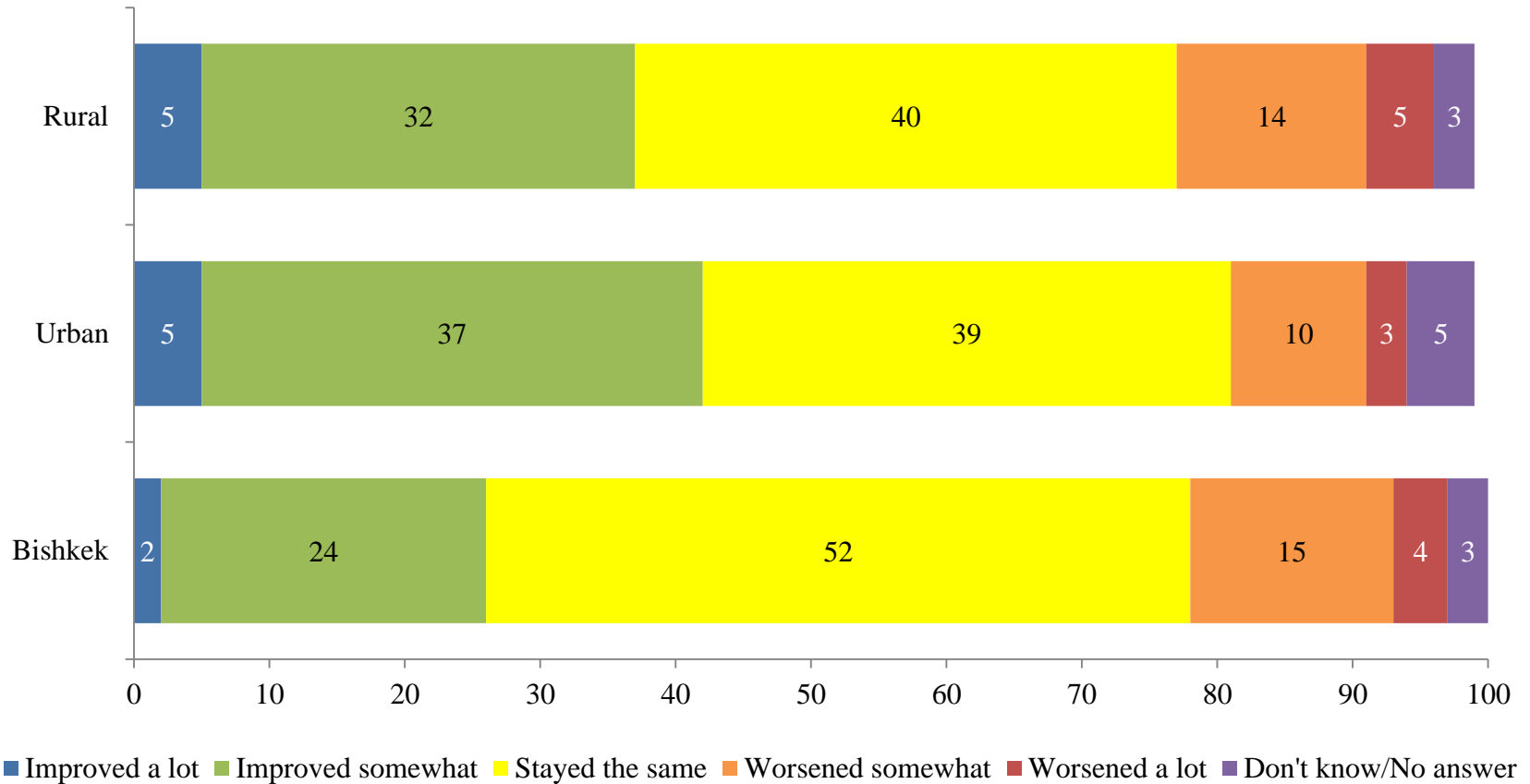
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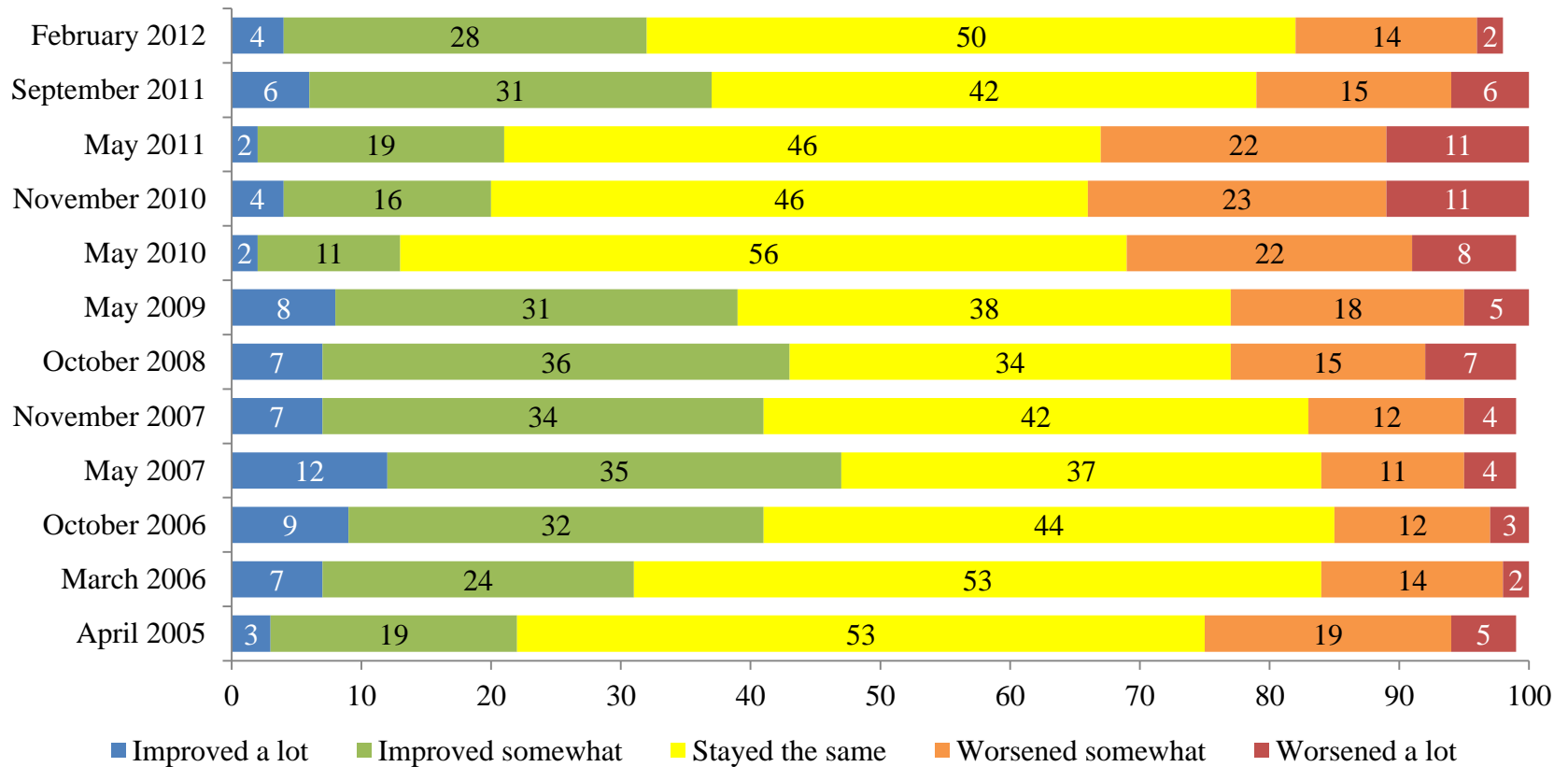


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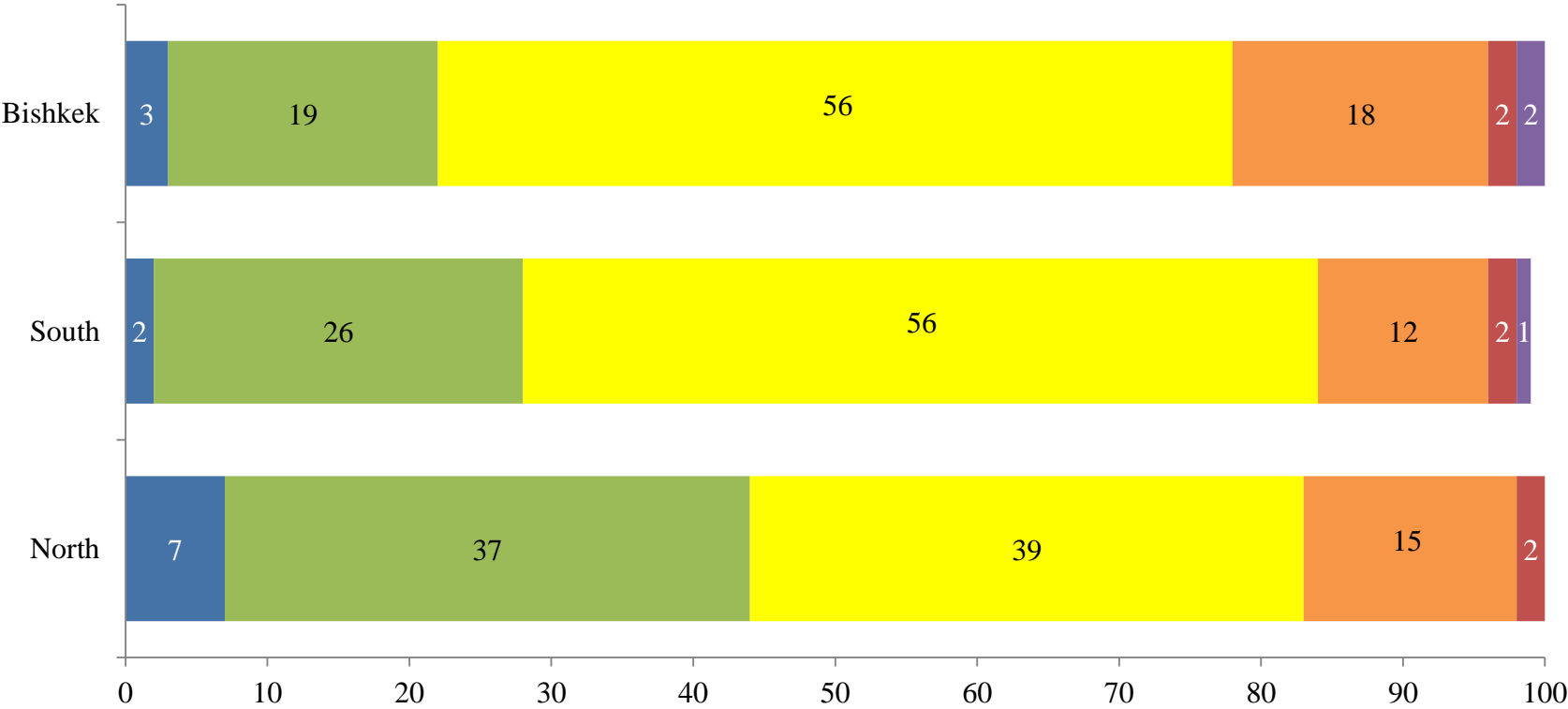


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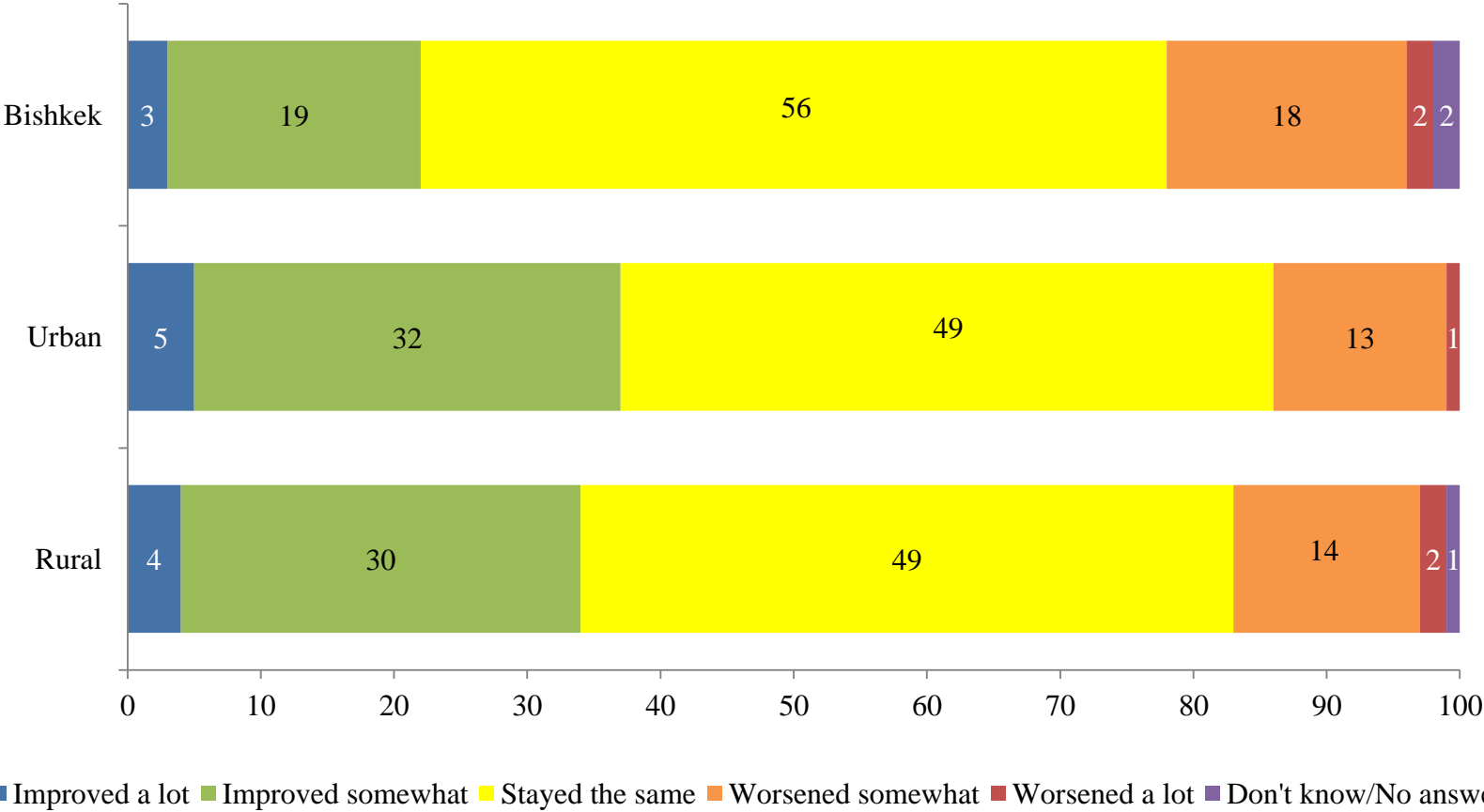
(Breakdown by region)



■ Improved a lot ■ Improved somewhat ■ Stayed the same ■ Worsened somewhat ■ Worsened a lot ■ Don't know/No answer

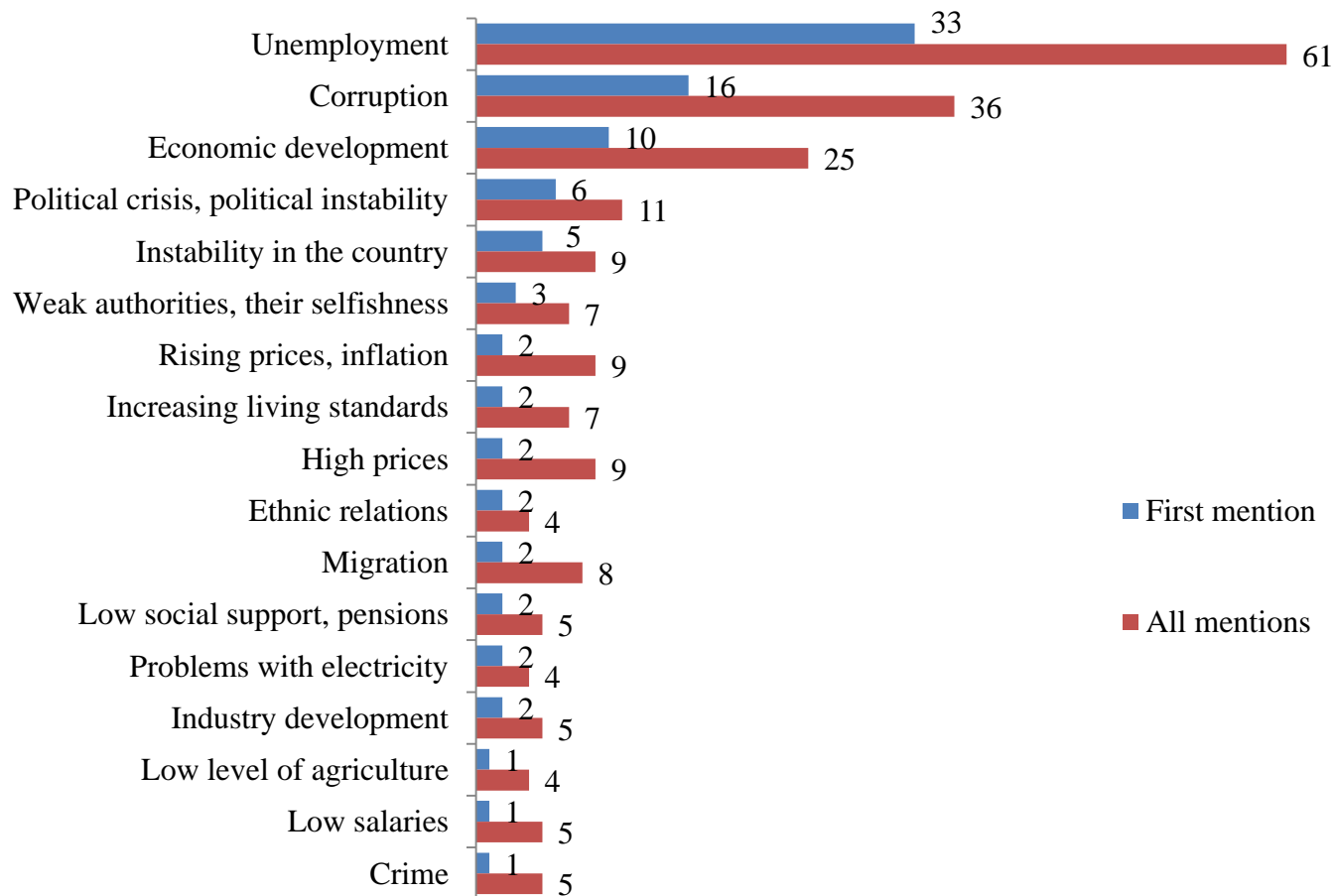
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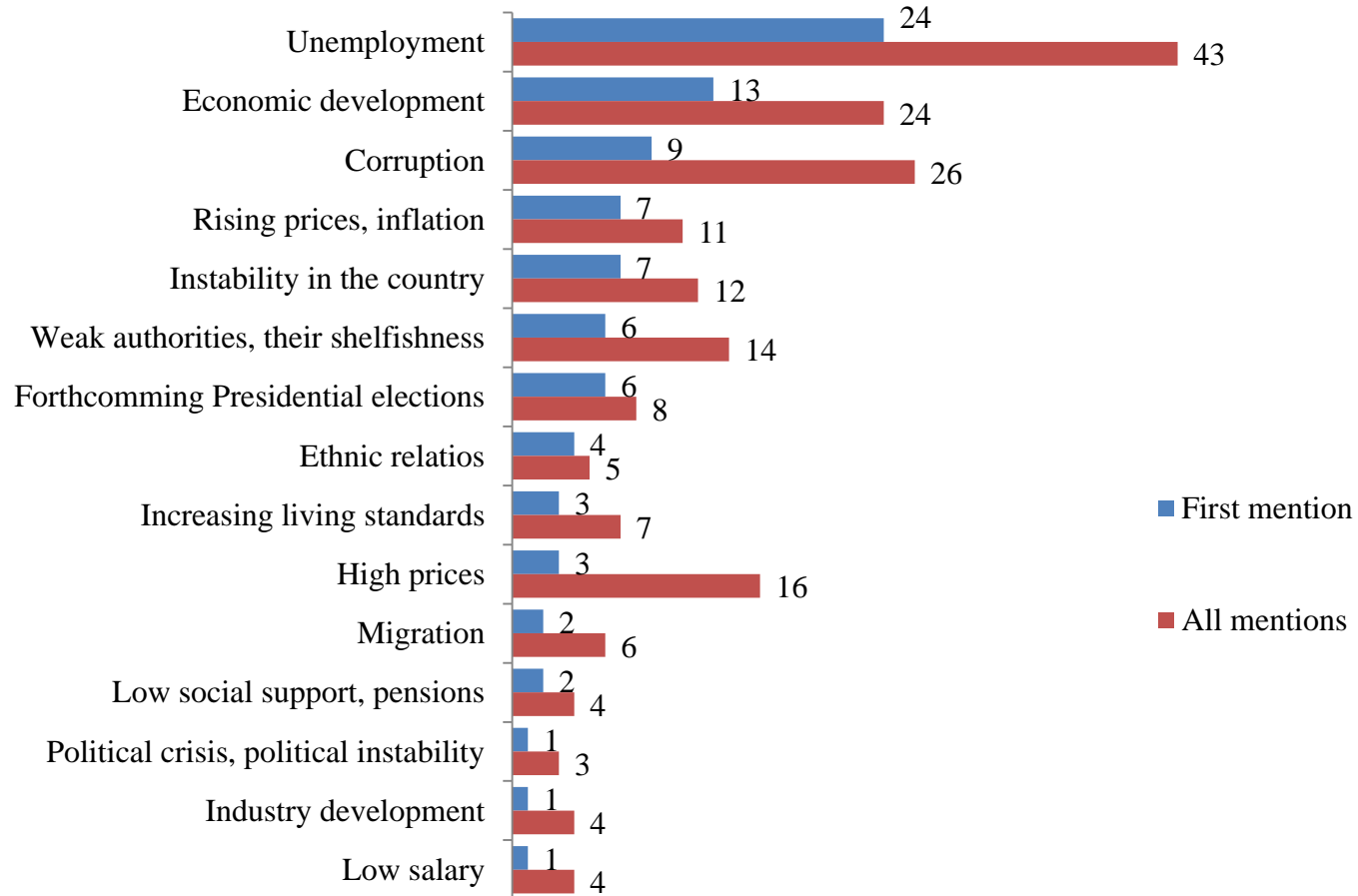
ISSUES

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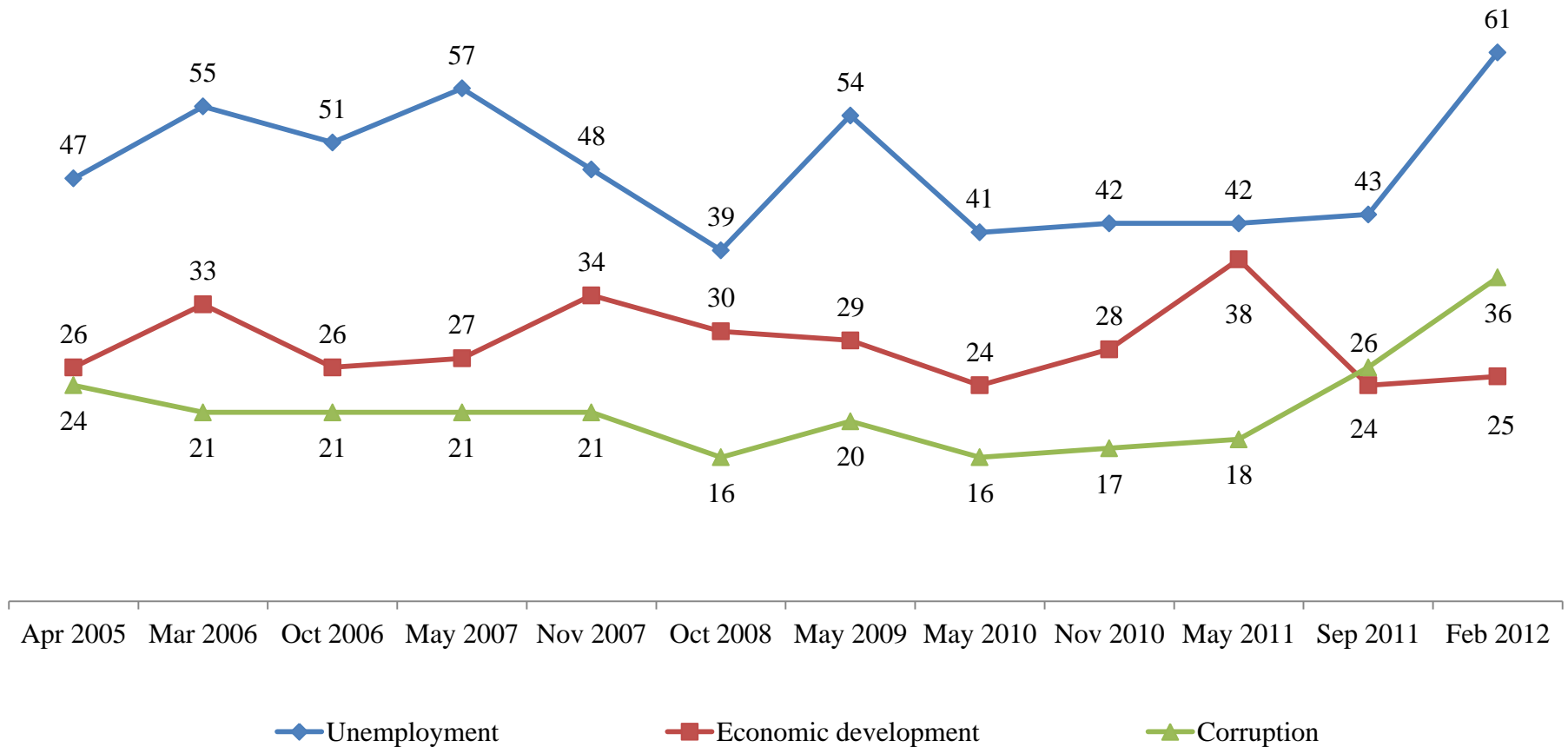


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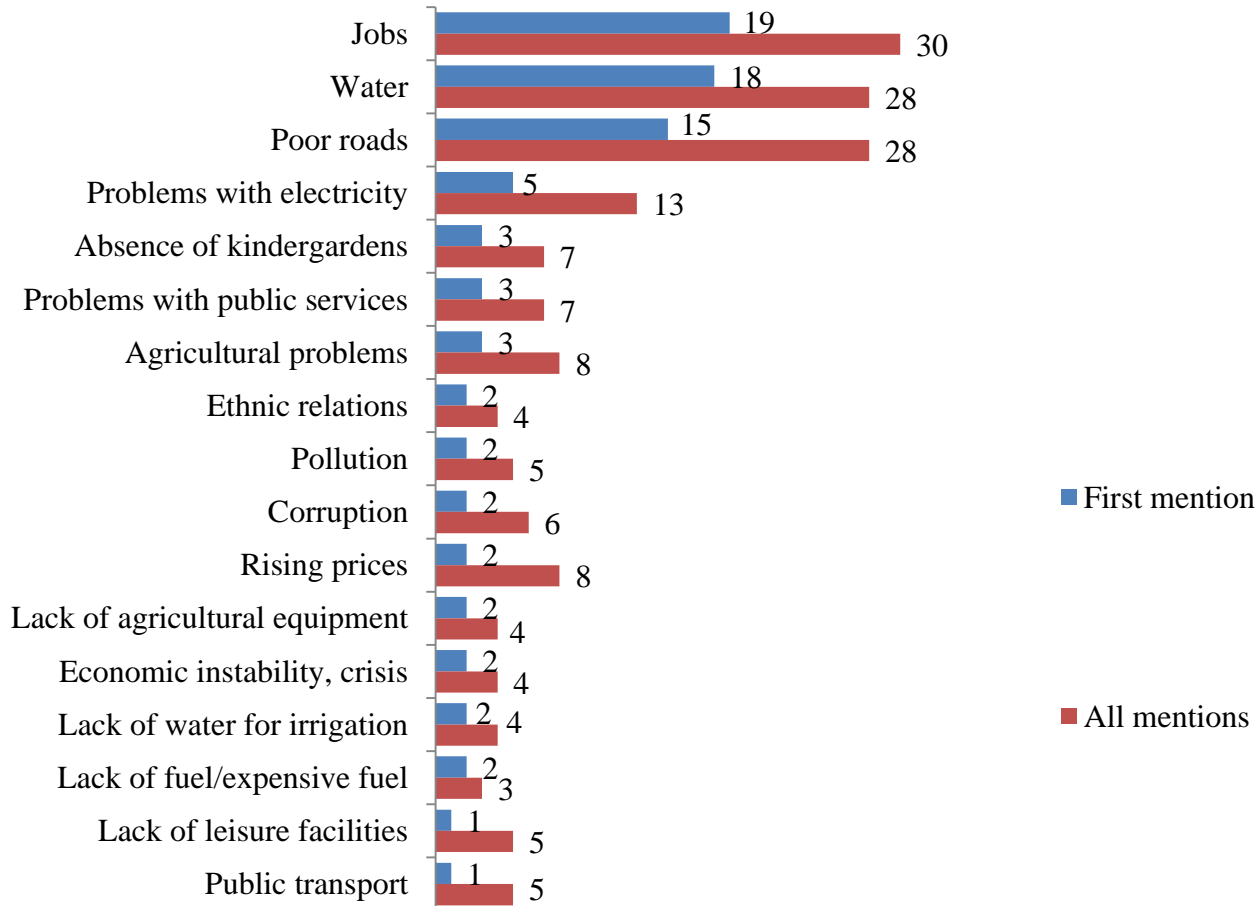


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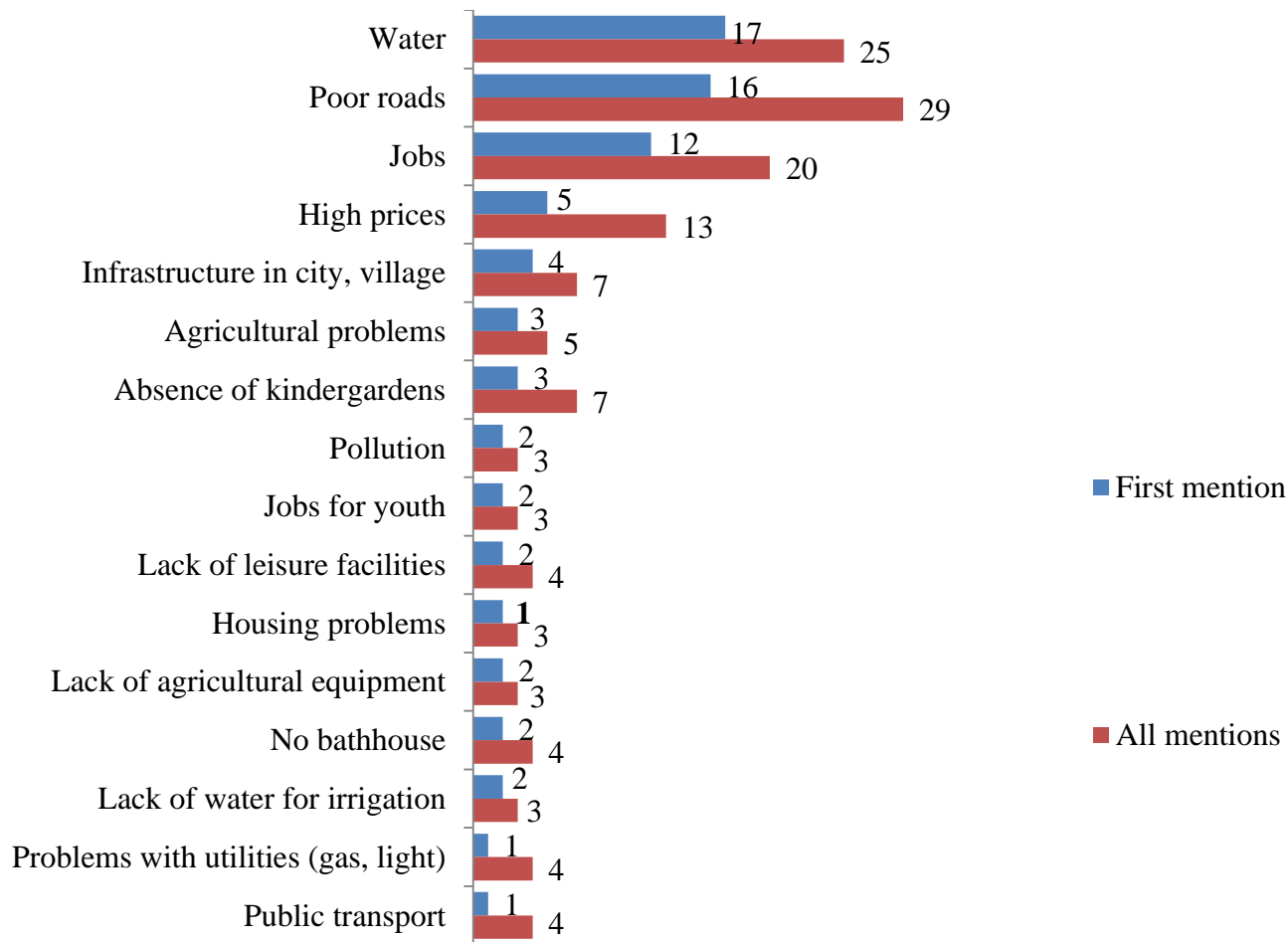
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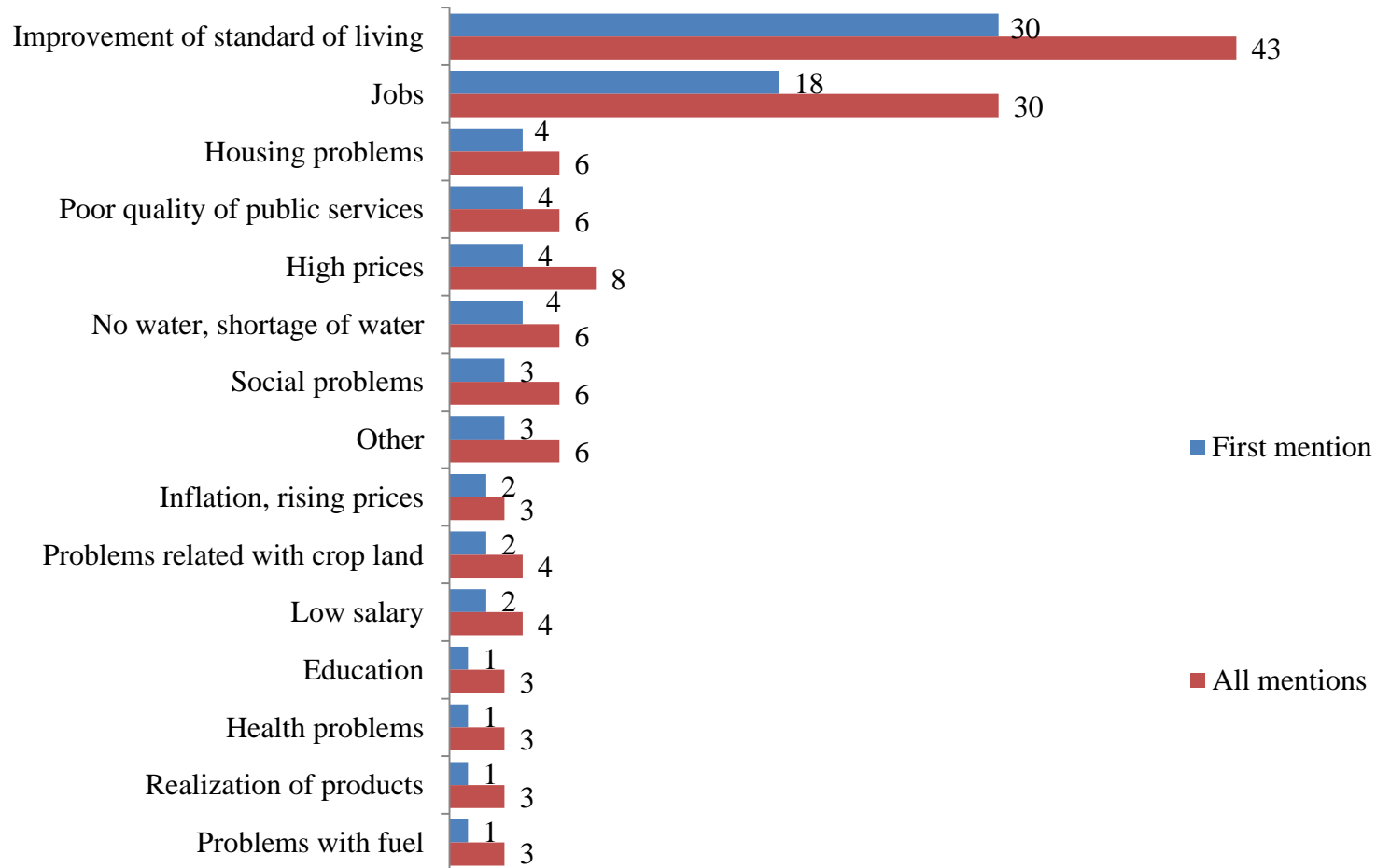
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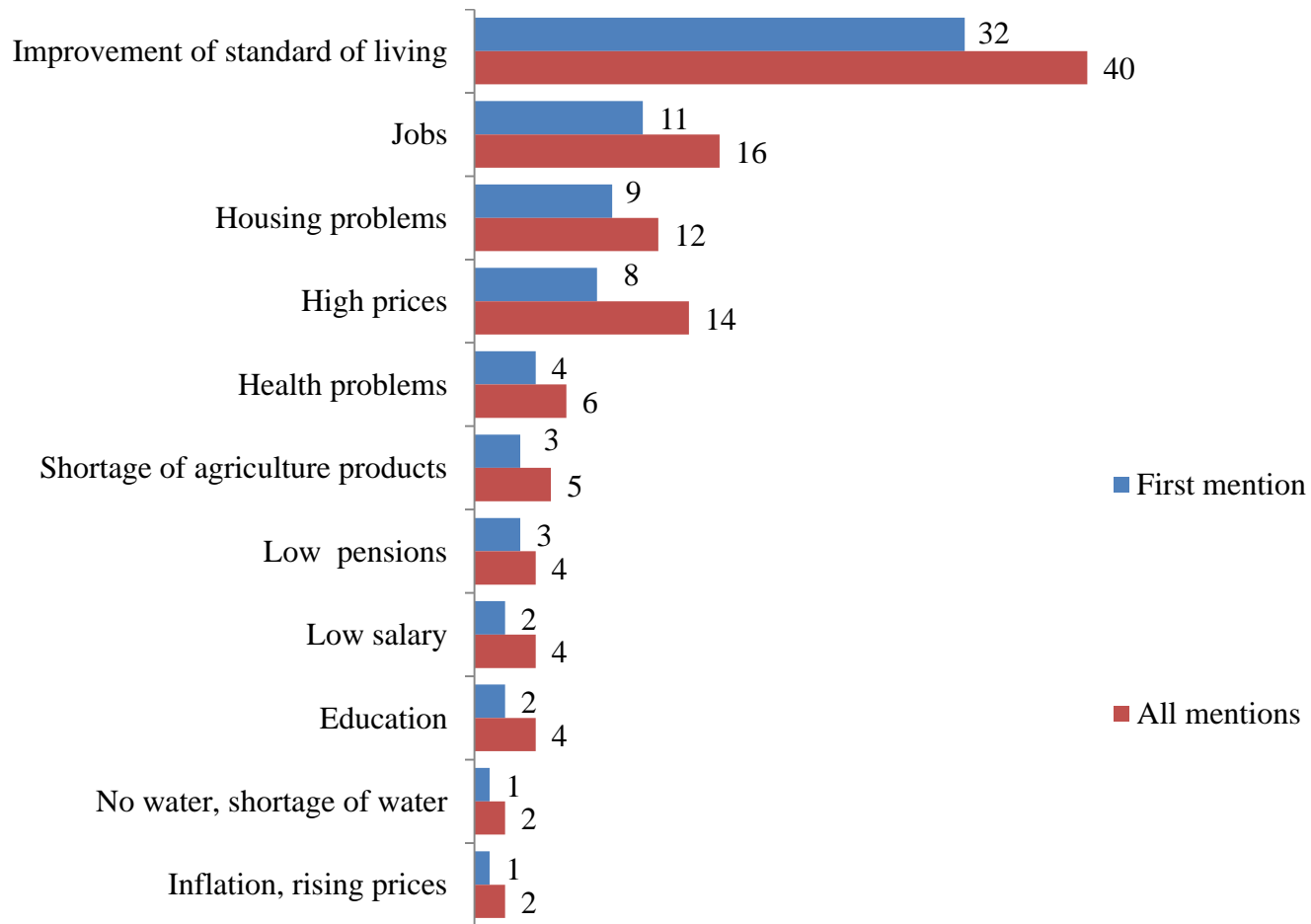
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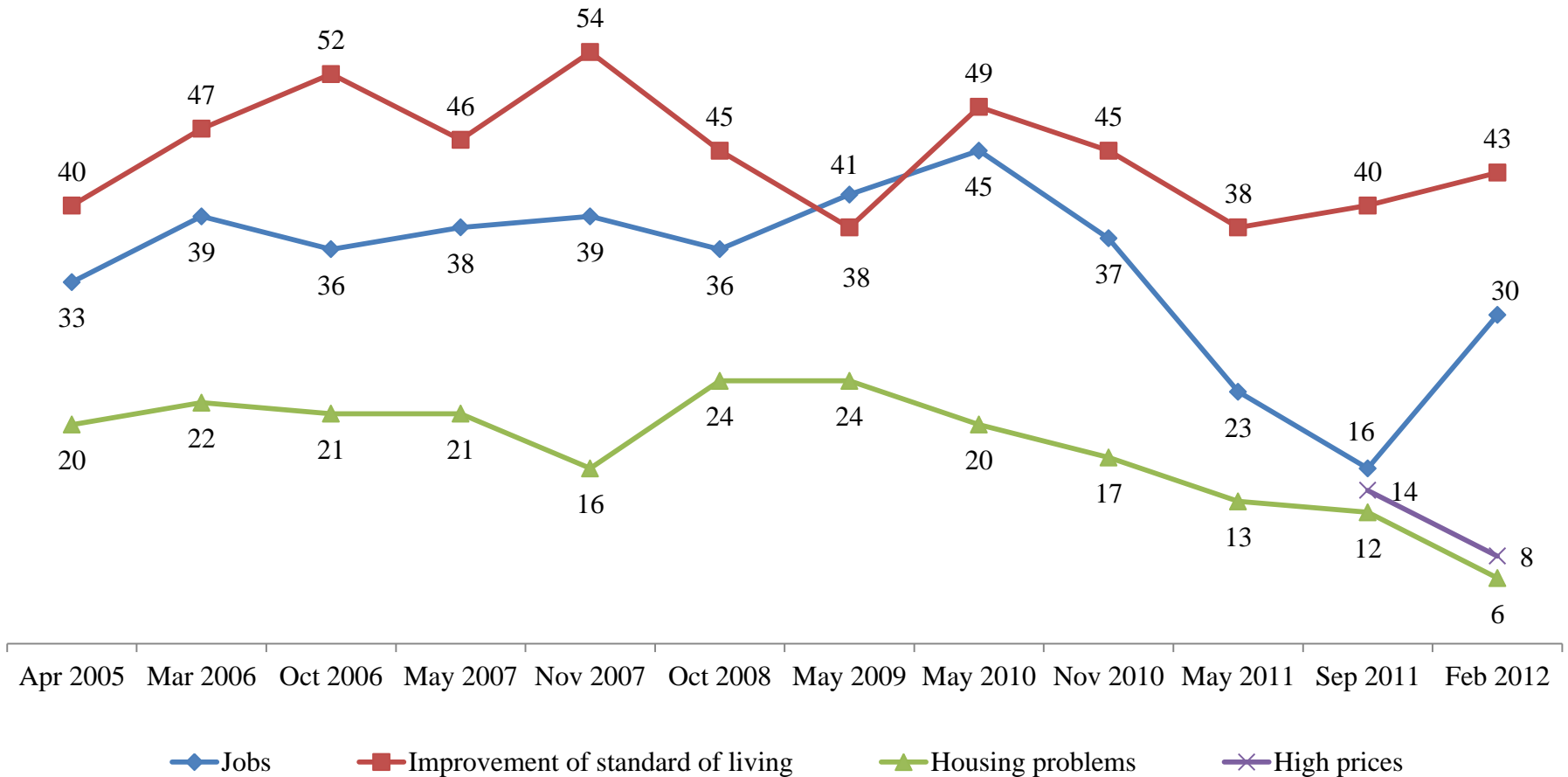
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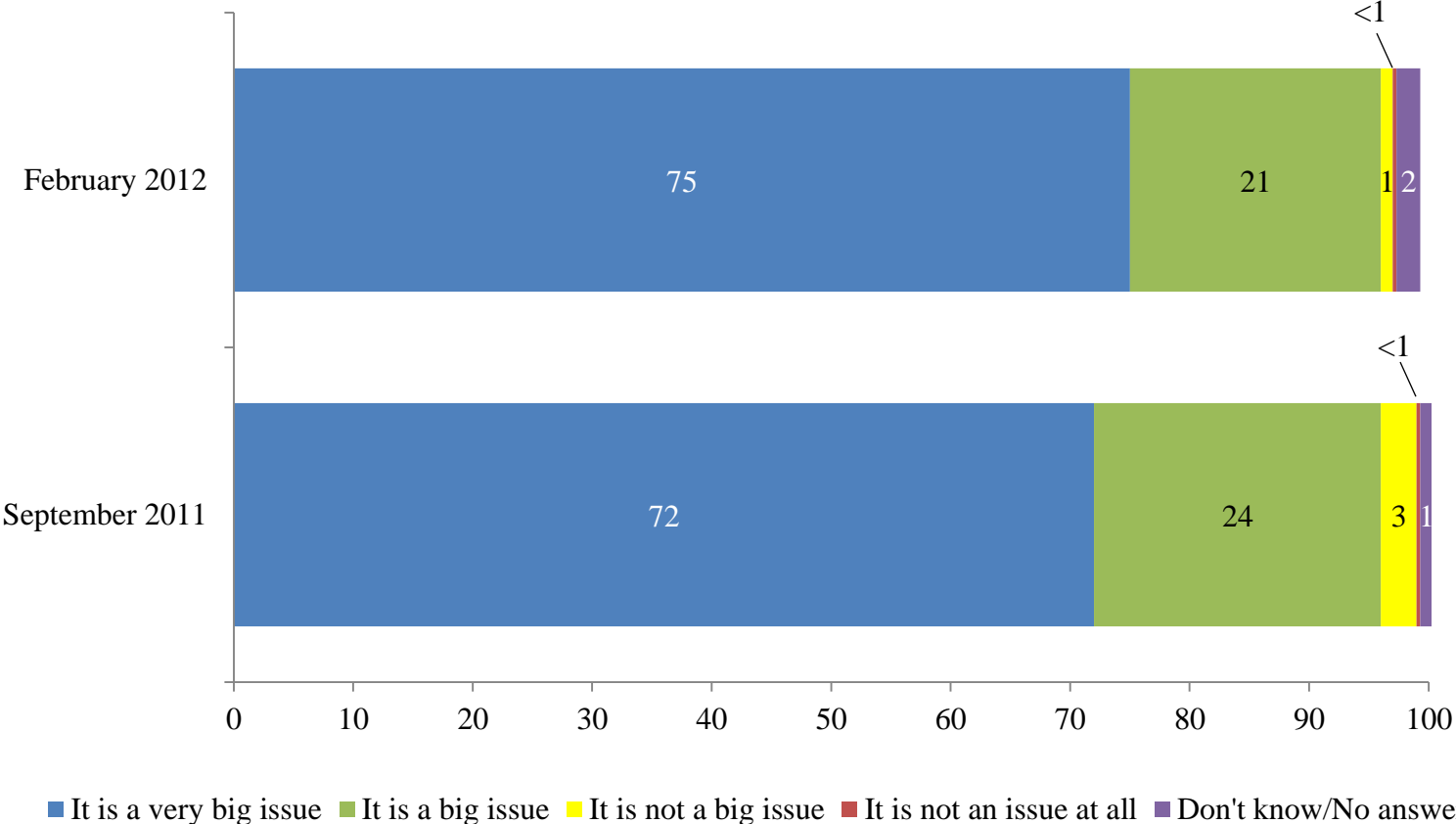


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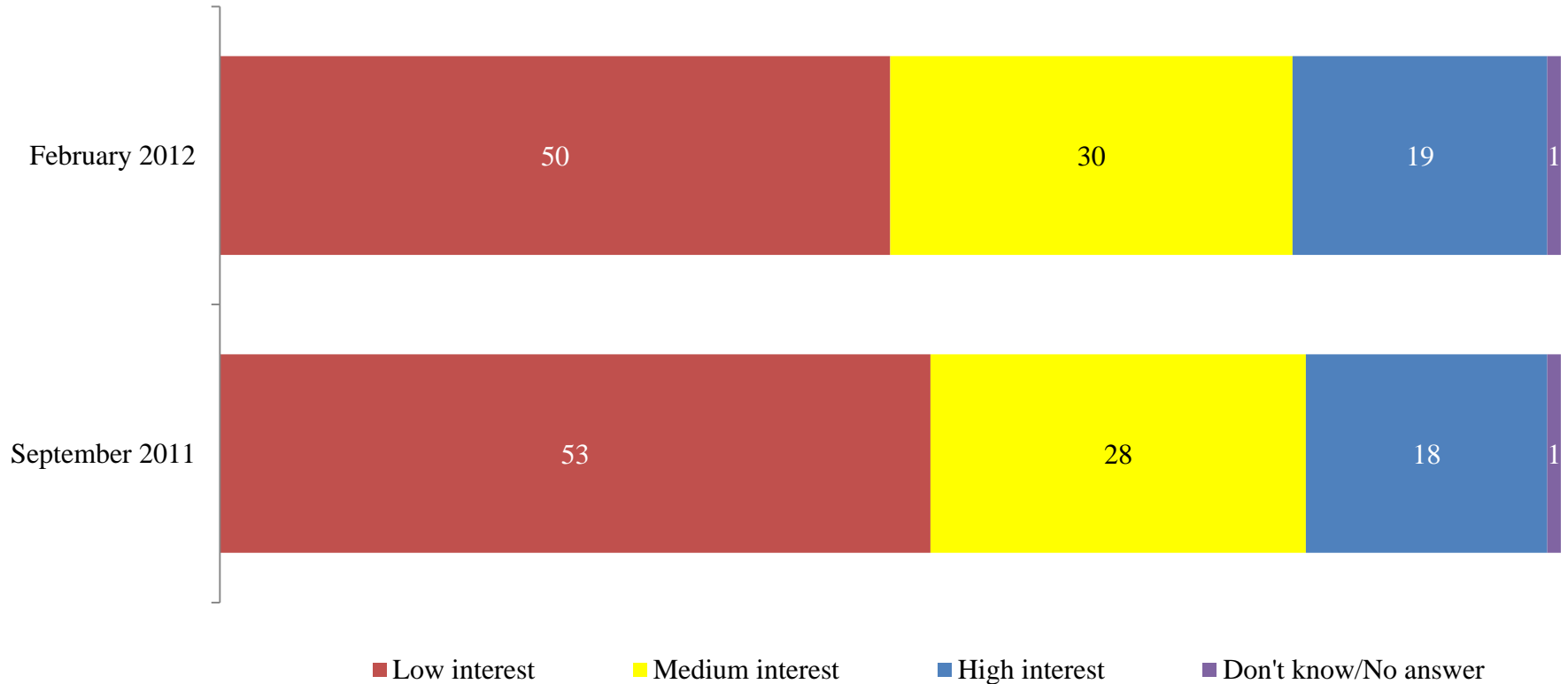


Is corruption a big problem in Kyrgyzstan?

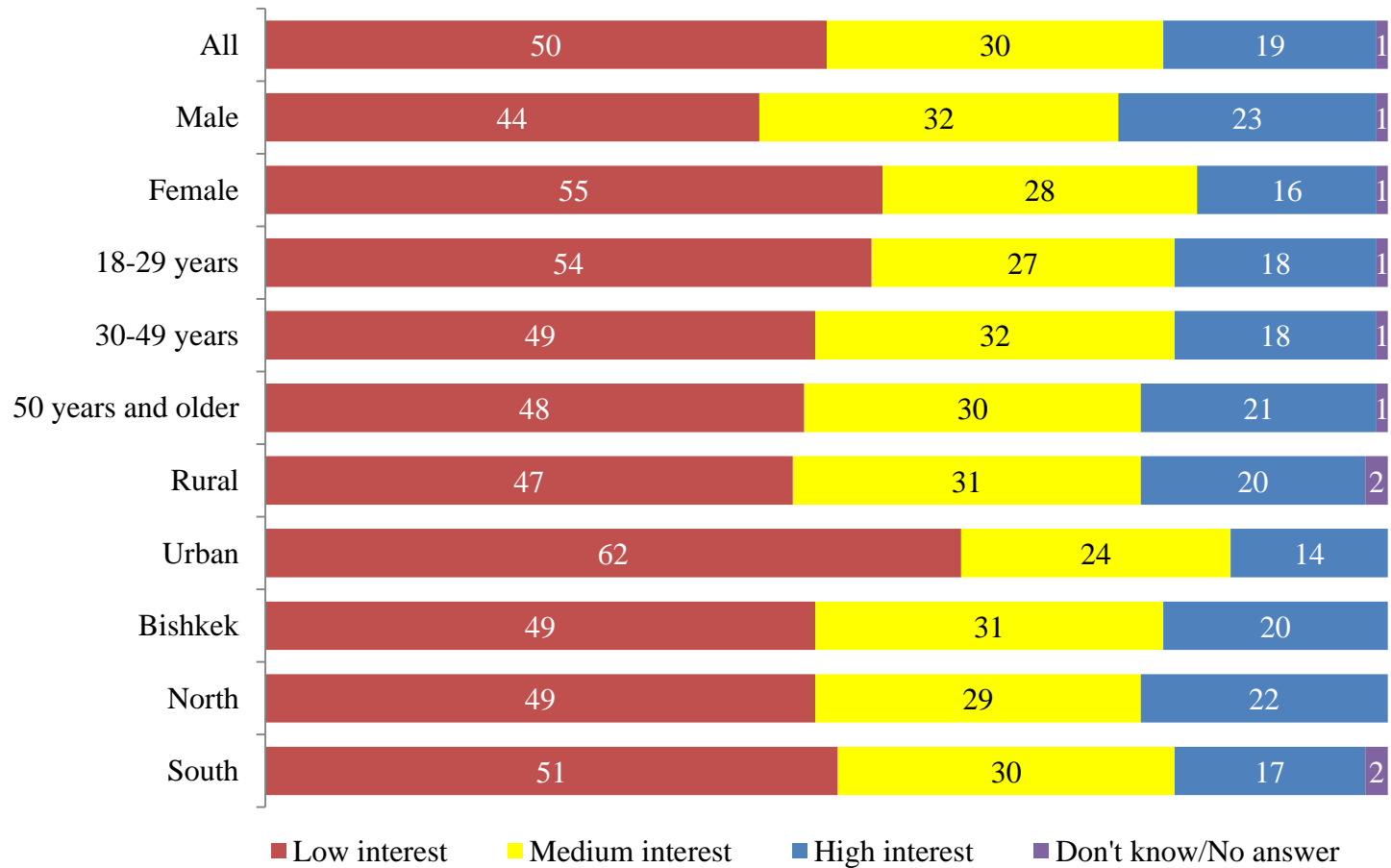


POLITICS

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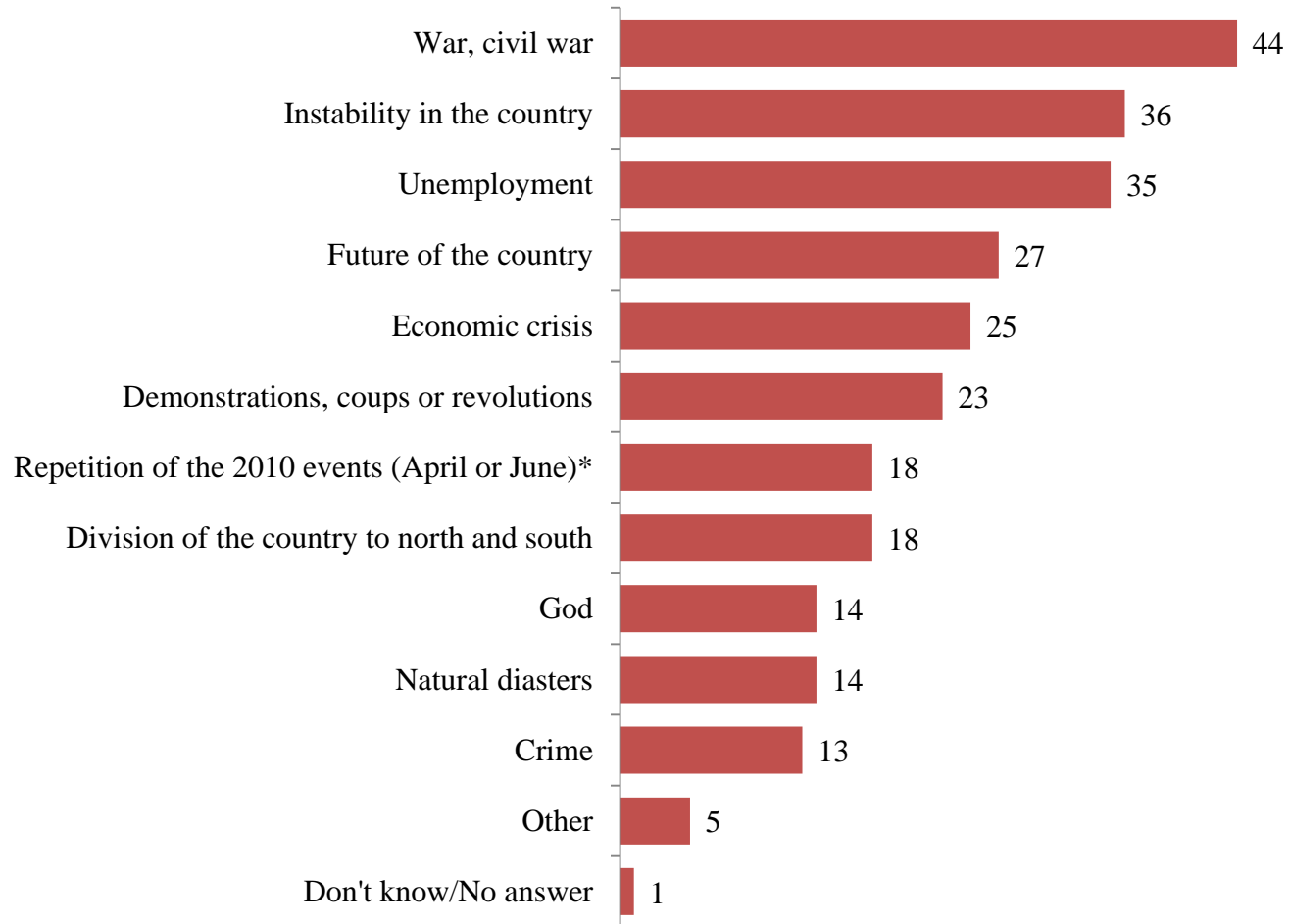


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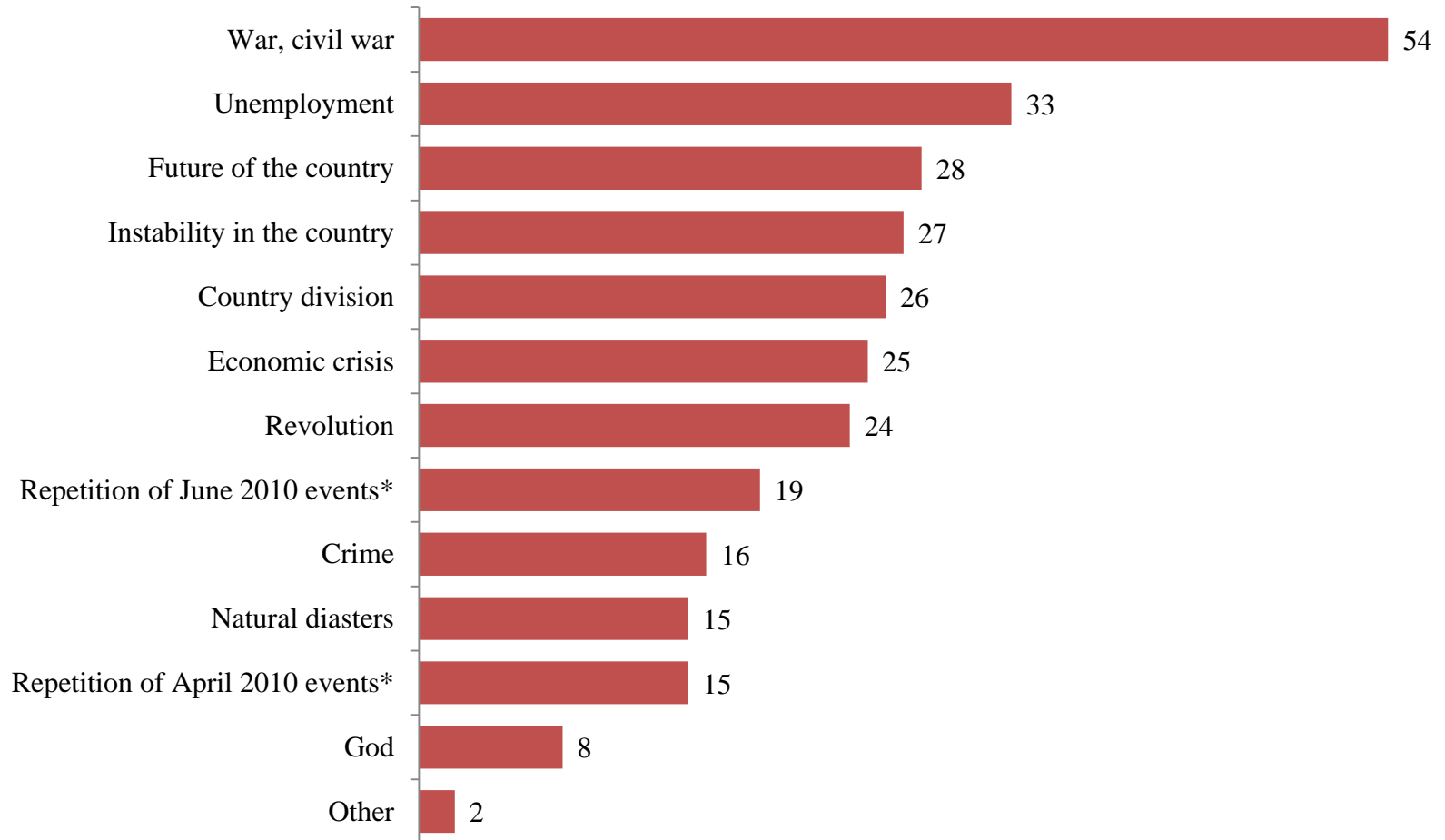
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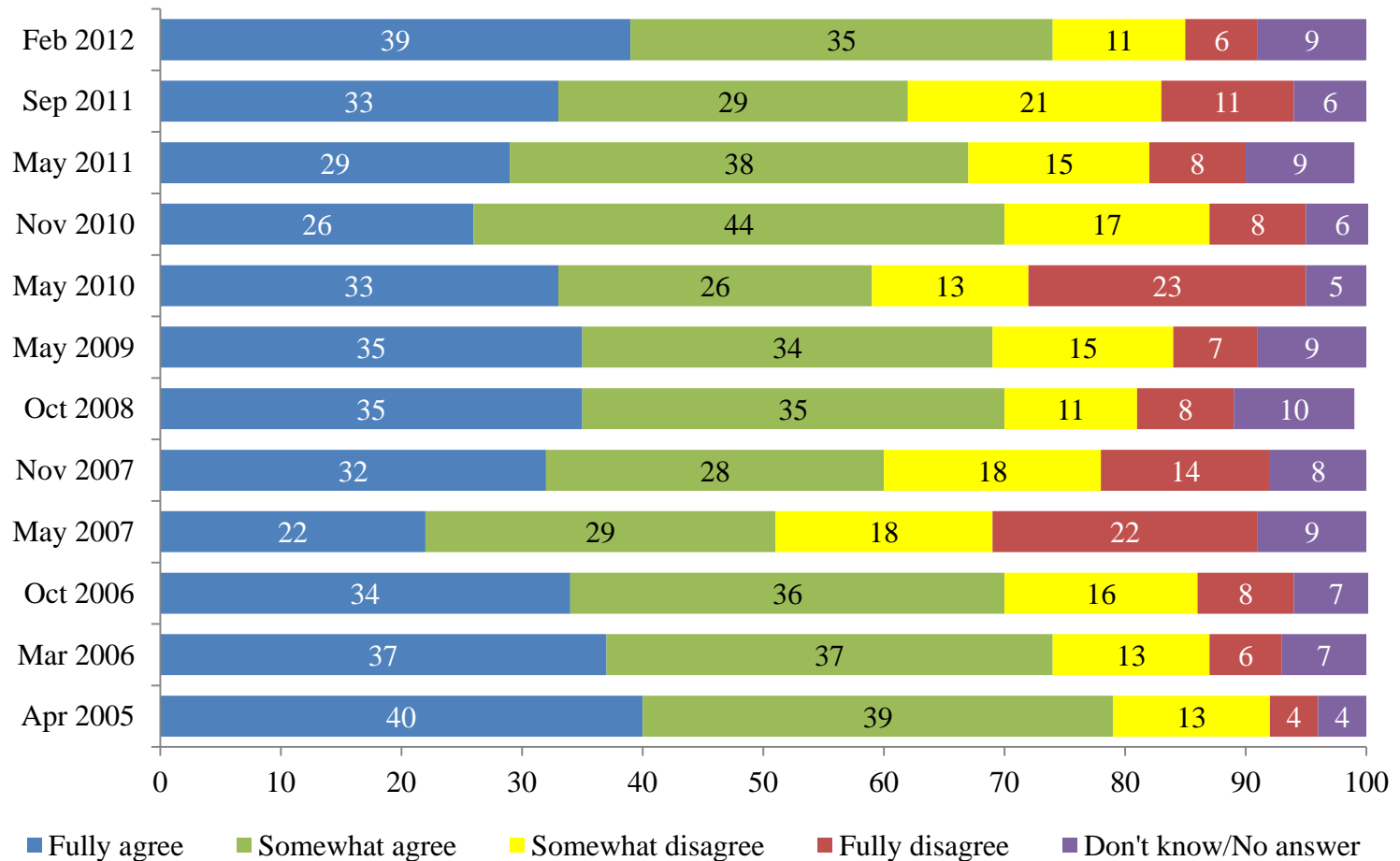
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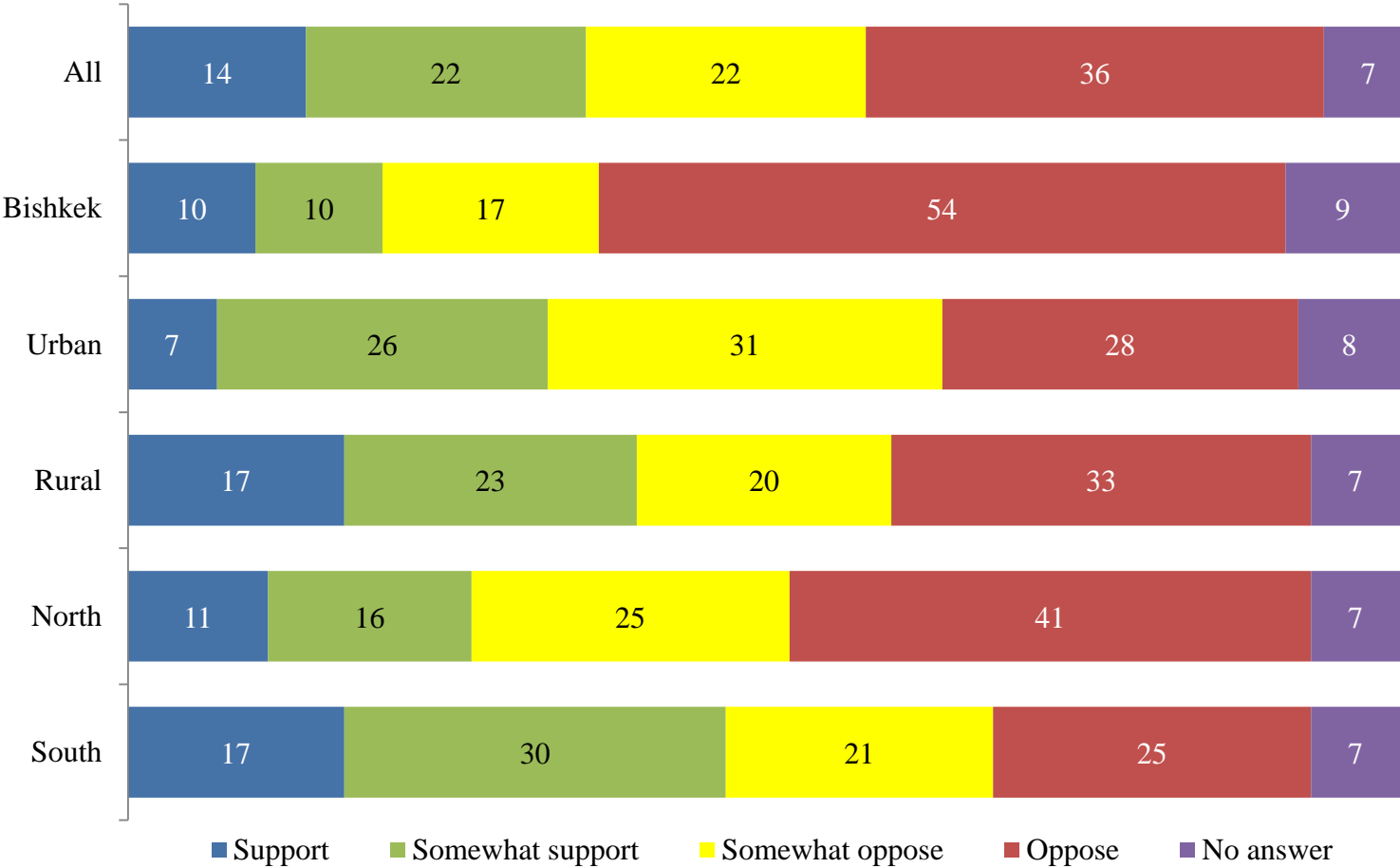
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POLITICAL PARTIES

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is healthy for Kyrgyzstan to have an active opposition.

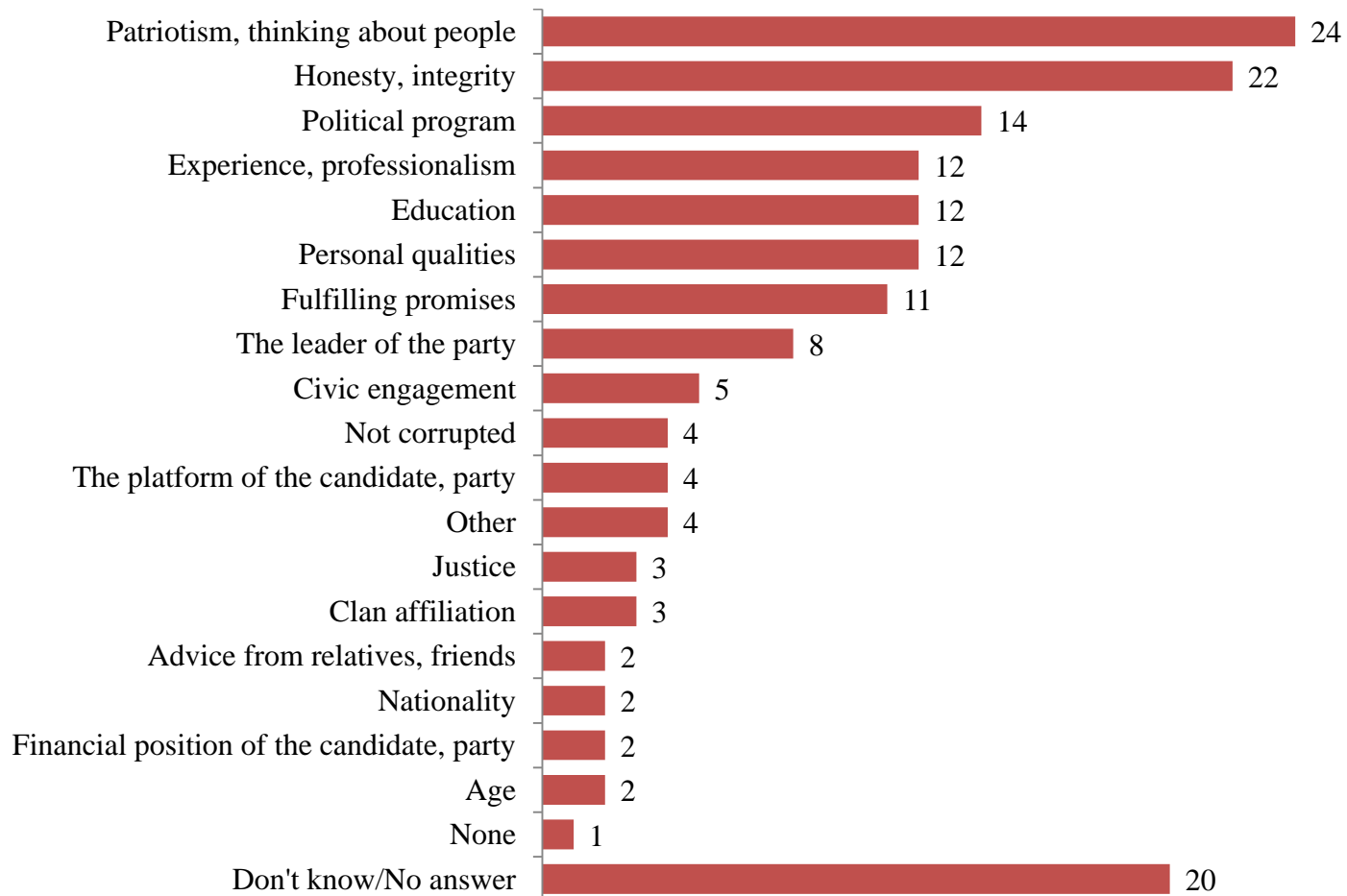


What would be your level of support if parliamentary elections were called earlier than scheduled?



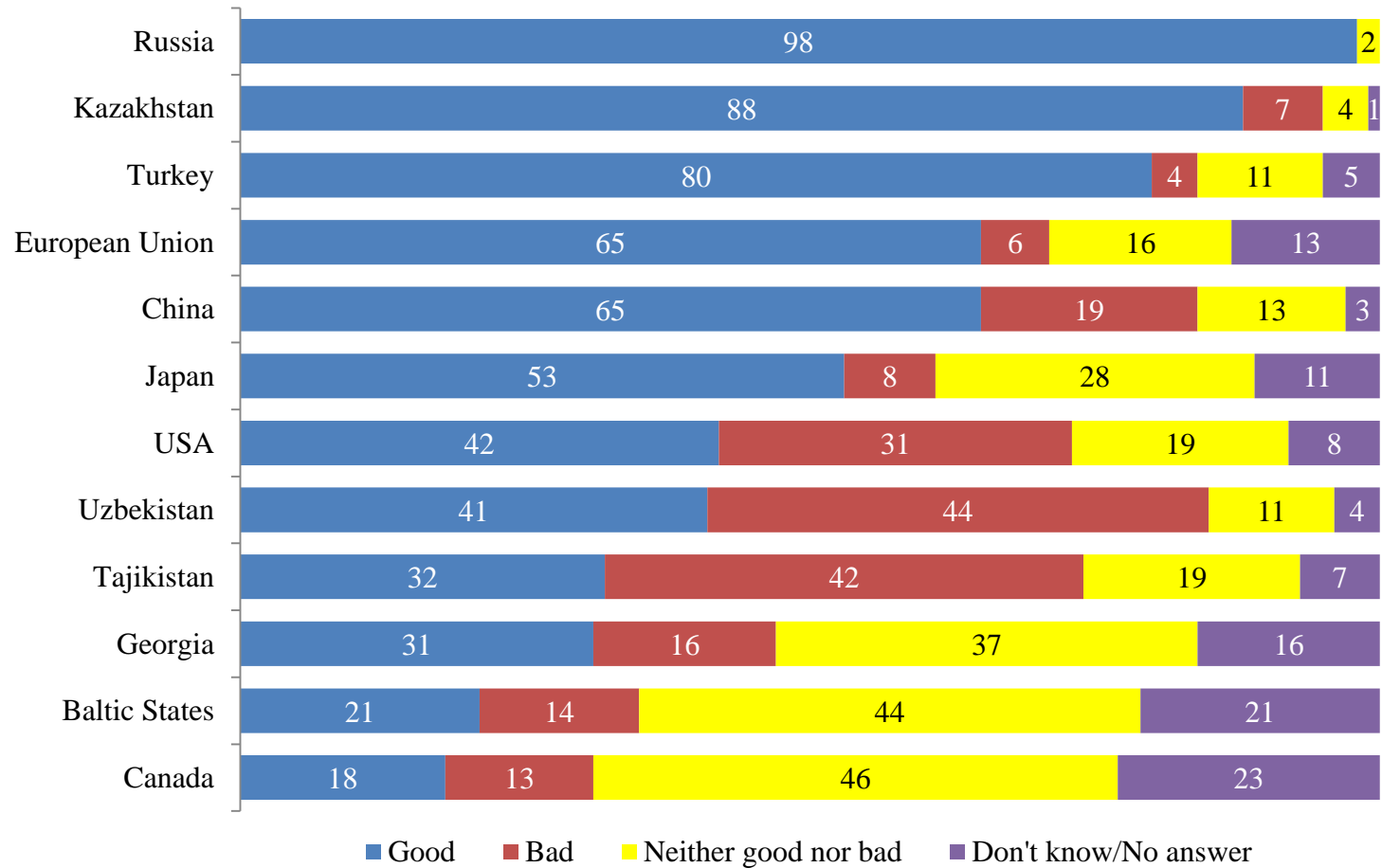
Which factors or issues will most influence your decision on which party candidate to vote for in local elections?

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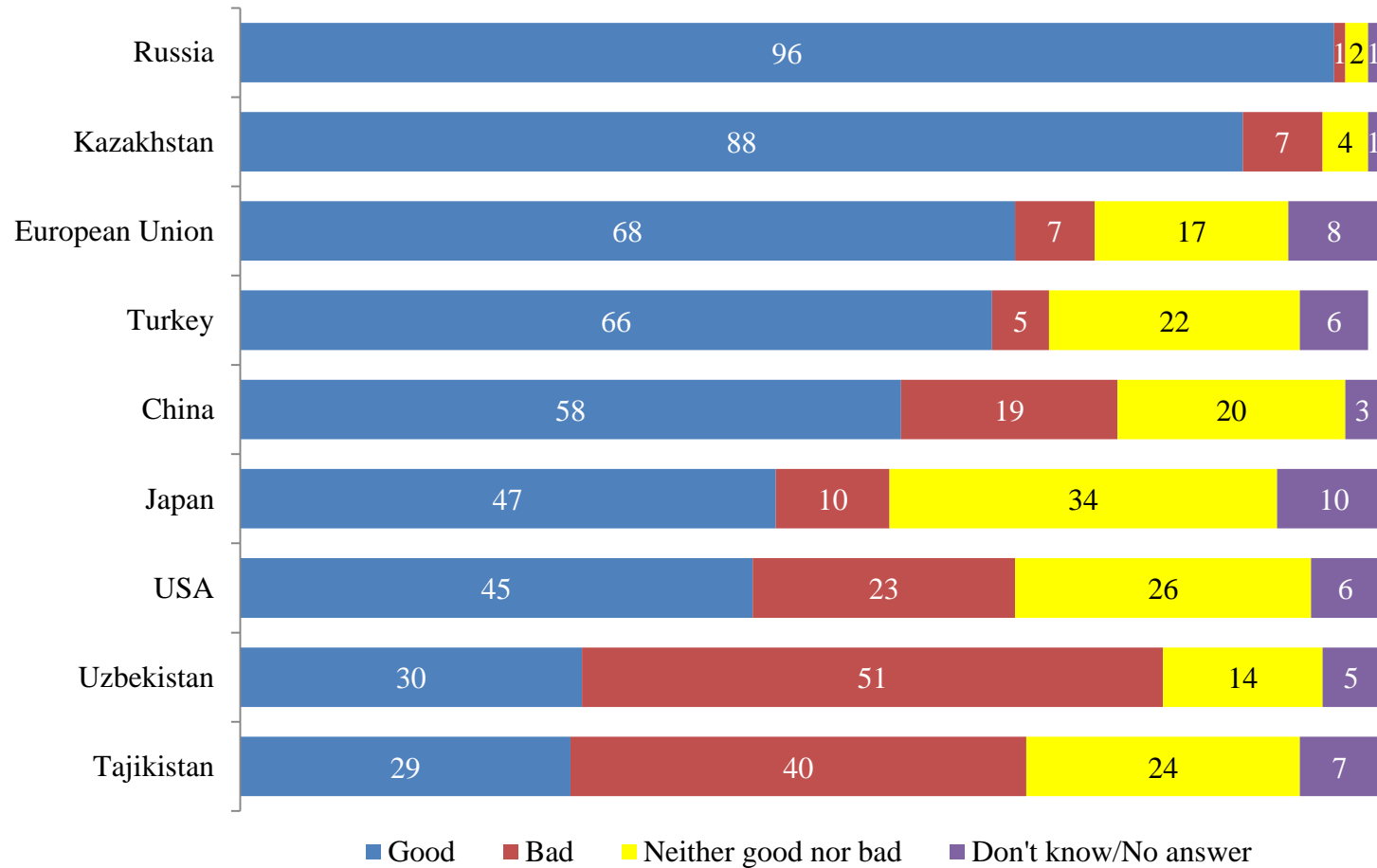


INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

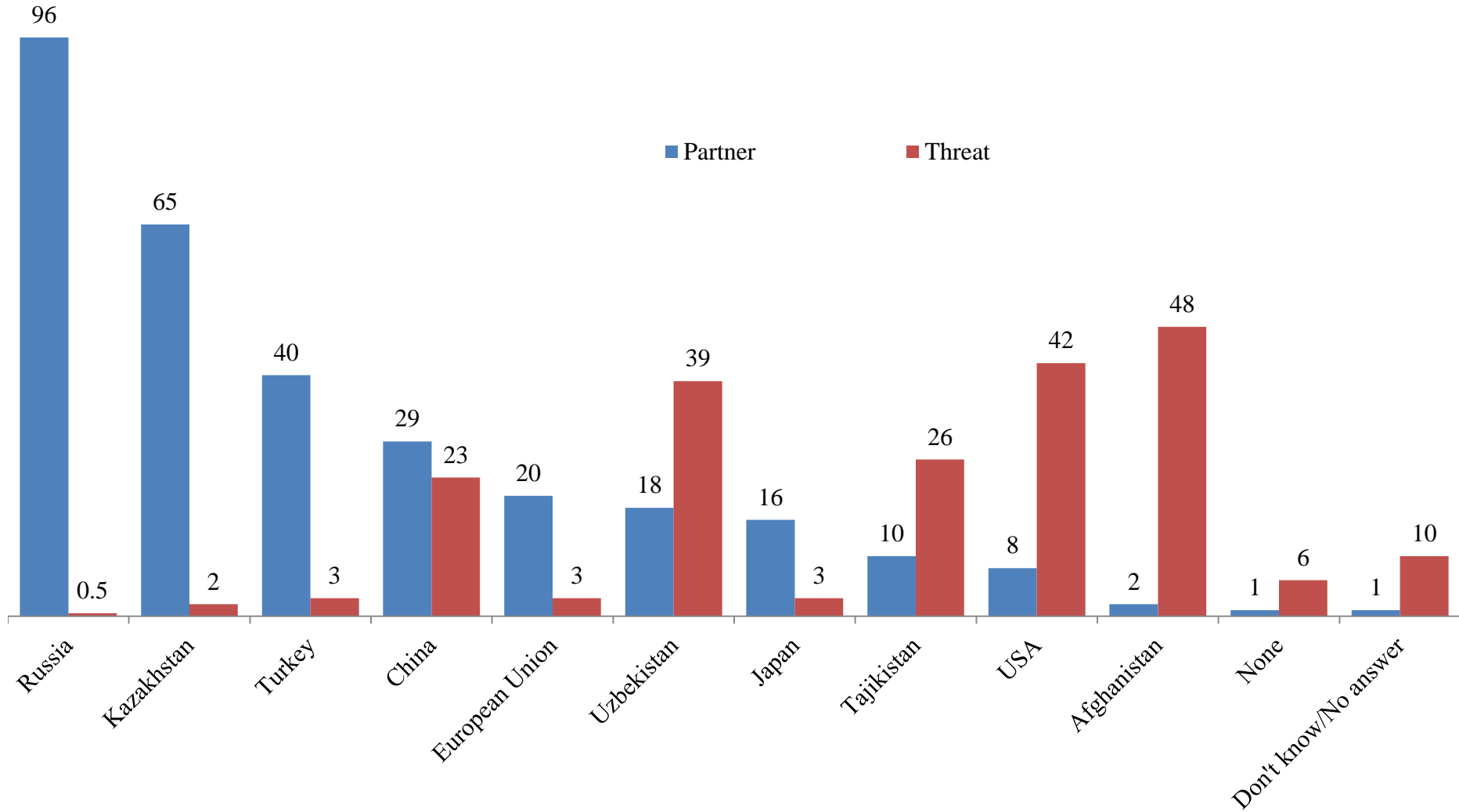
How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and the following countries?



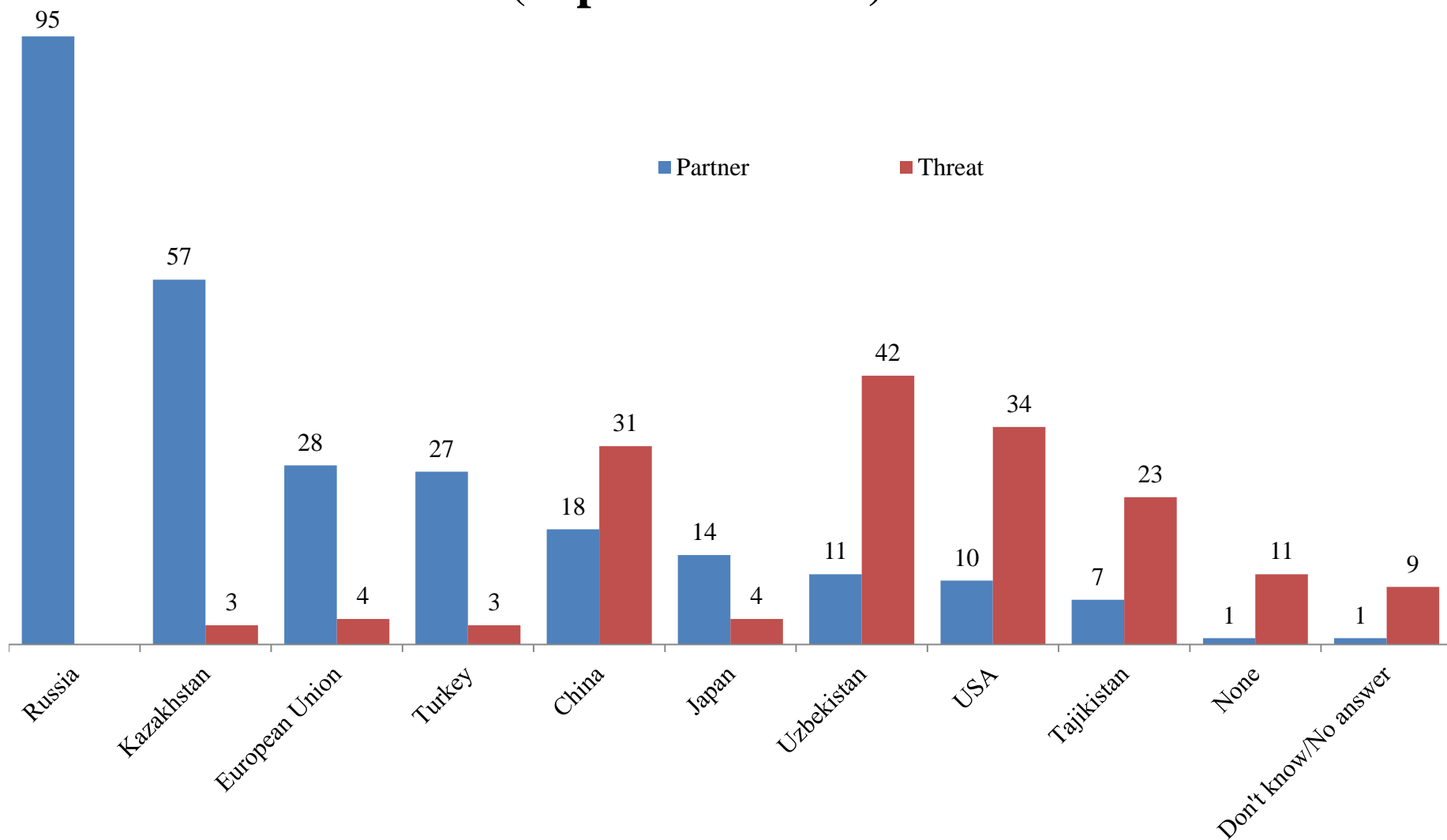
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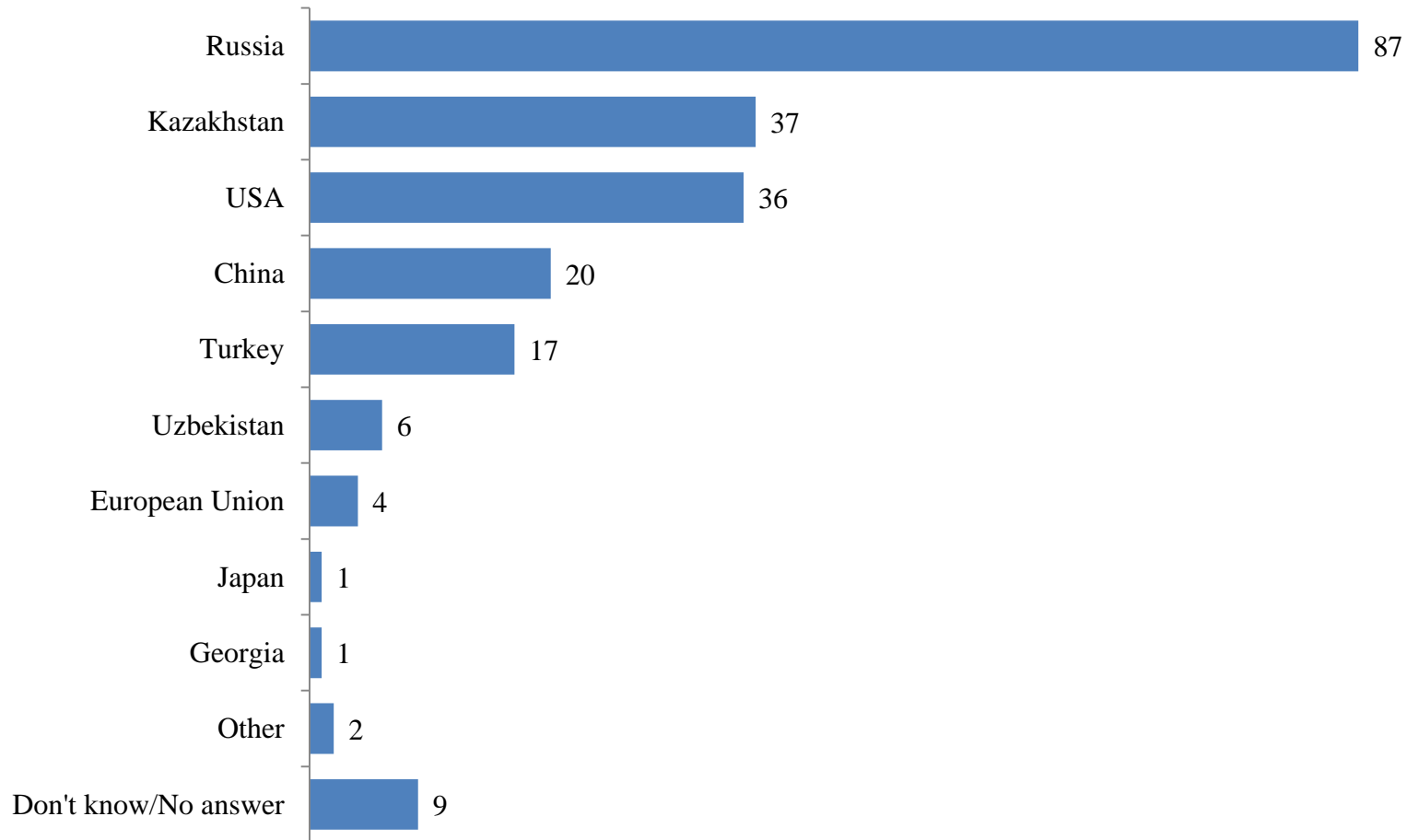
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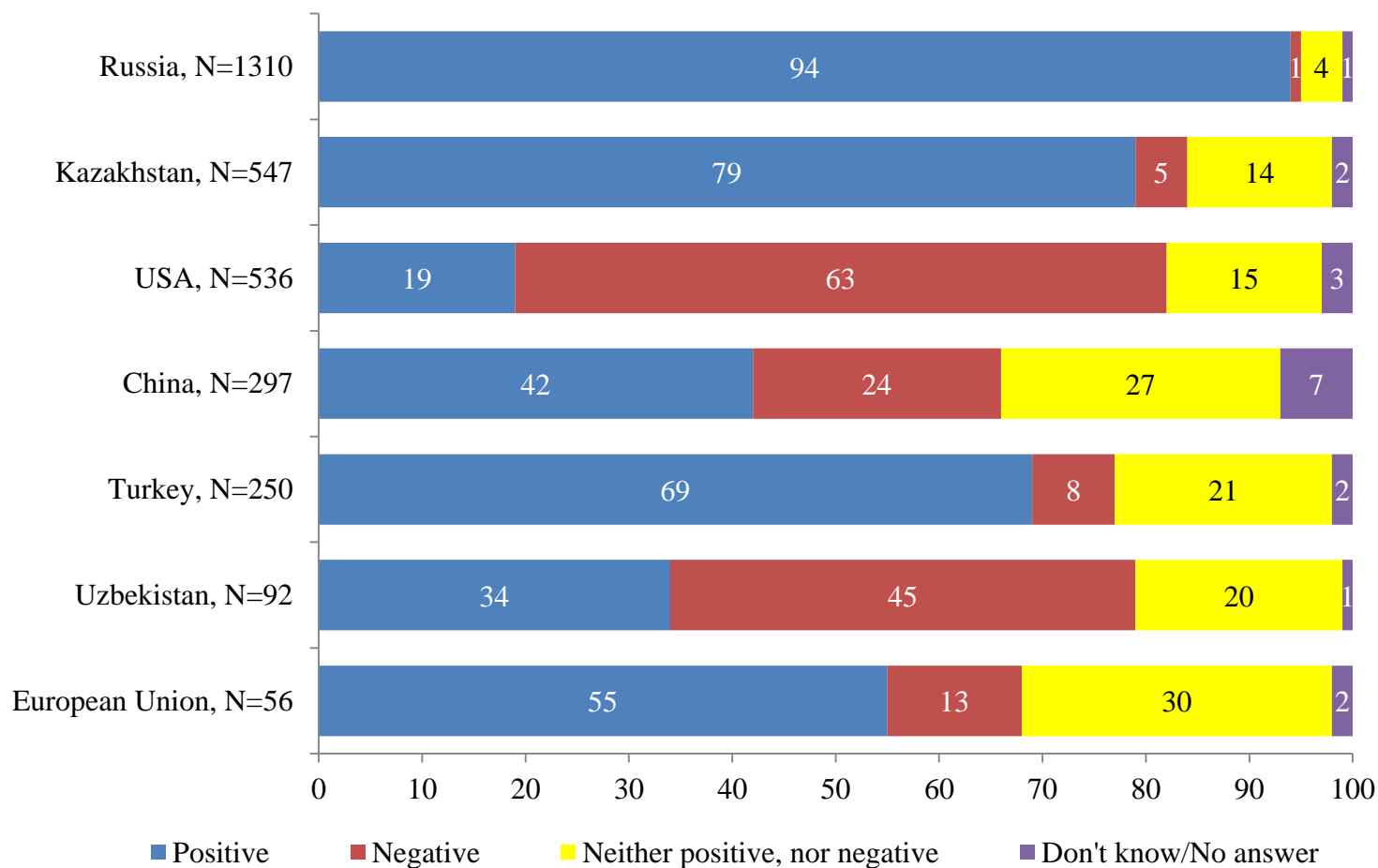
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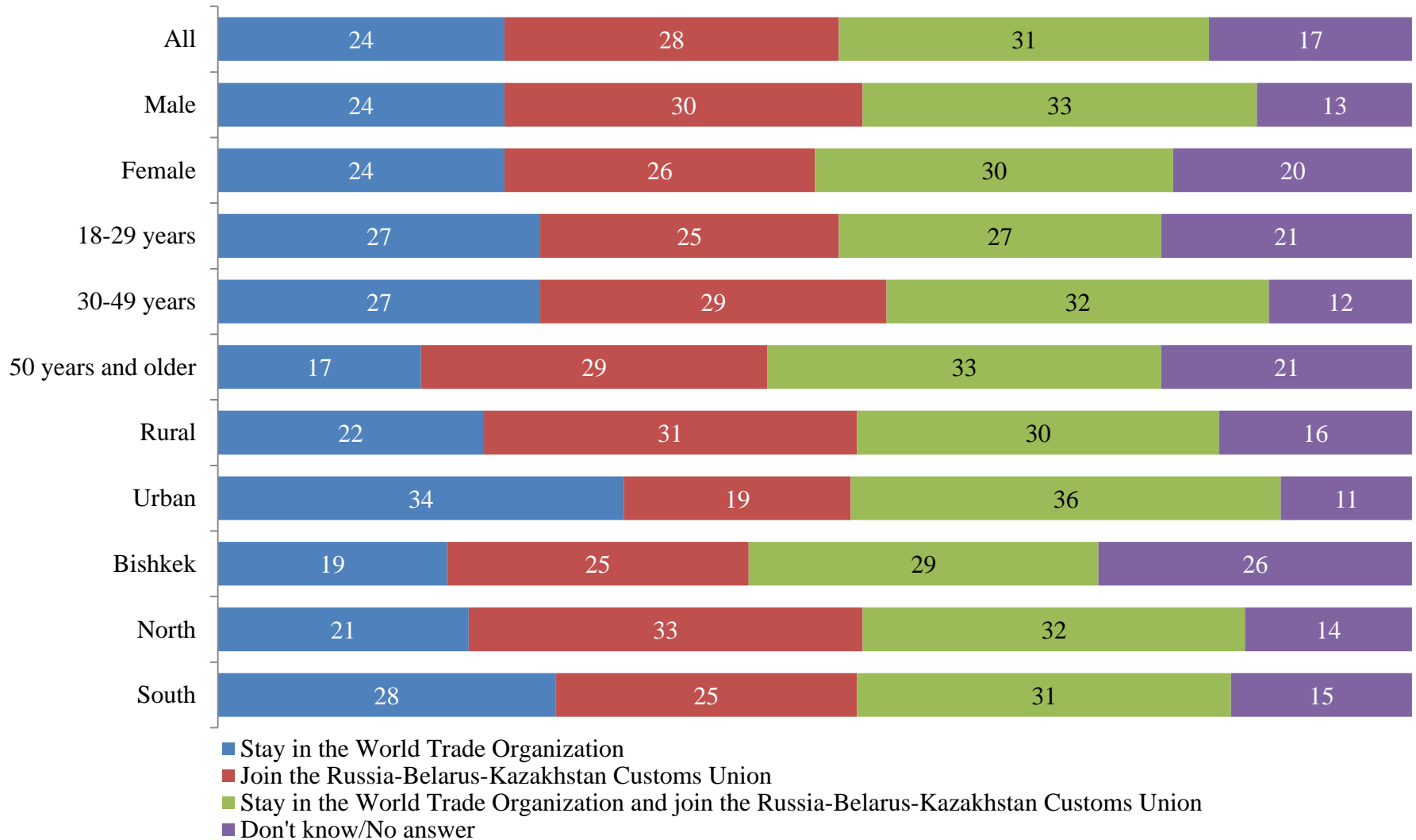
In your opinion, what are the top three countries that currently influence the political process in Kyrgyzstan? (three answers allowed)



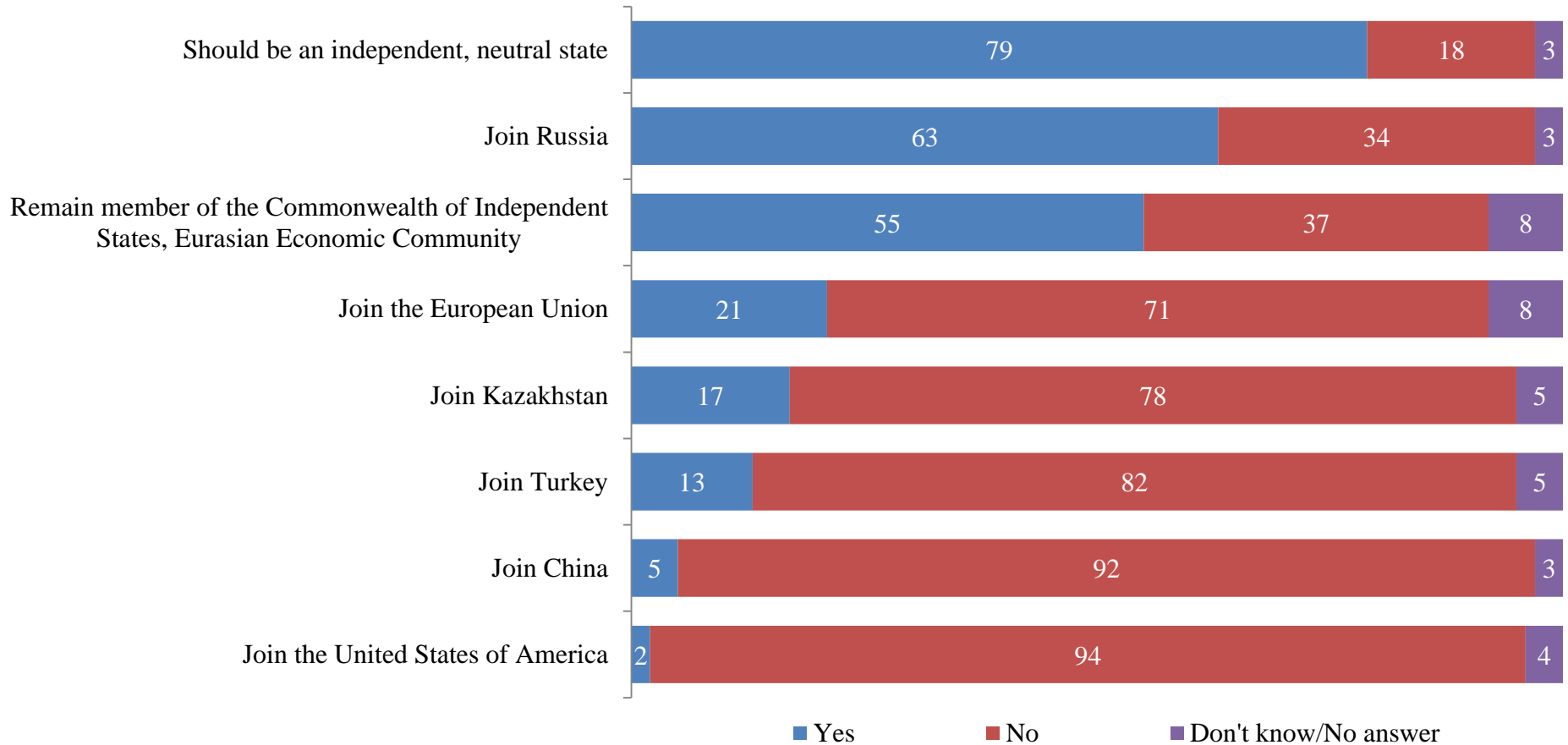
For each previously mentioned country, do you view their influence as positive or negative to the development of democracy in Kyrgyzstan?



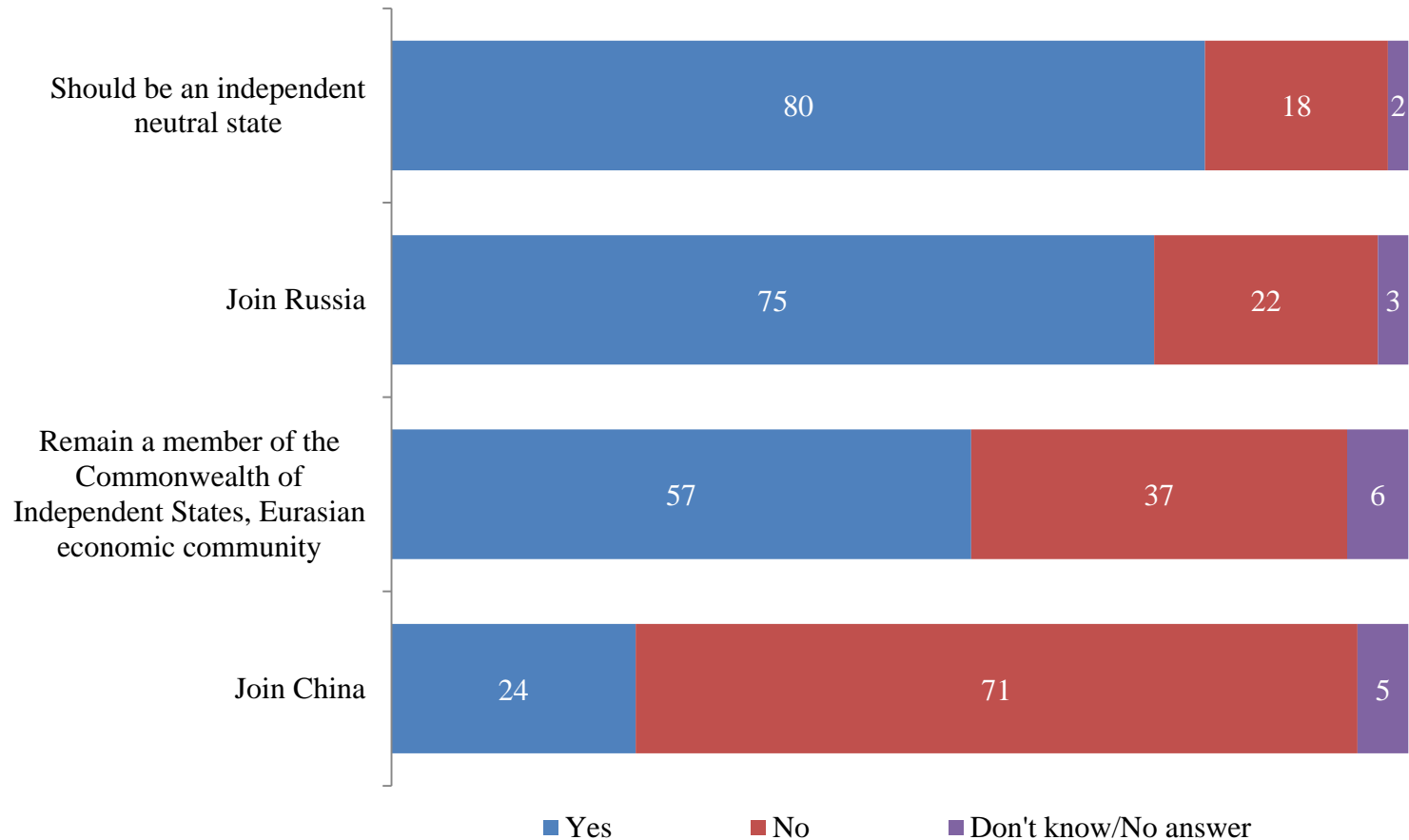
What is more advantageous to Kyrgyzstan?



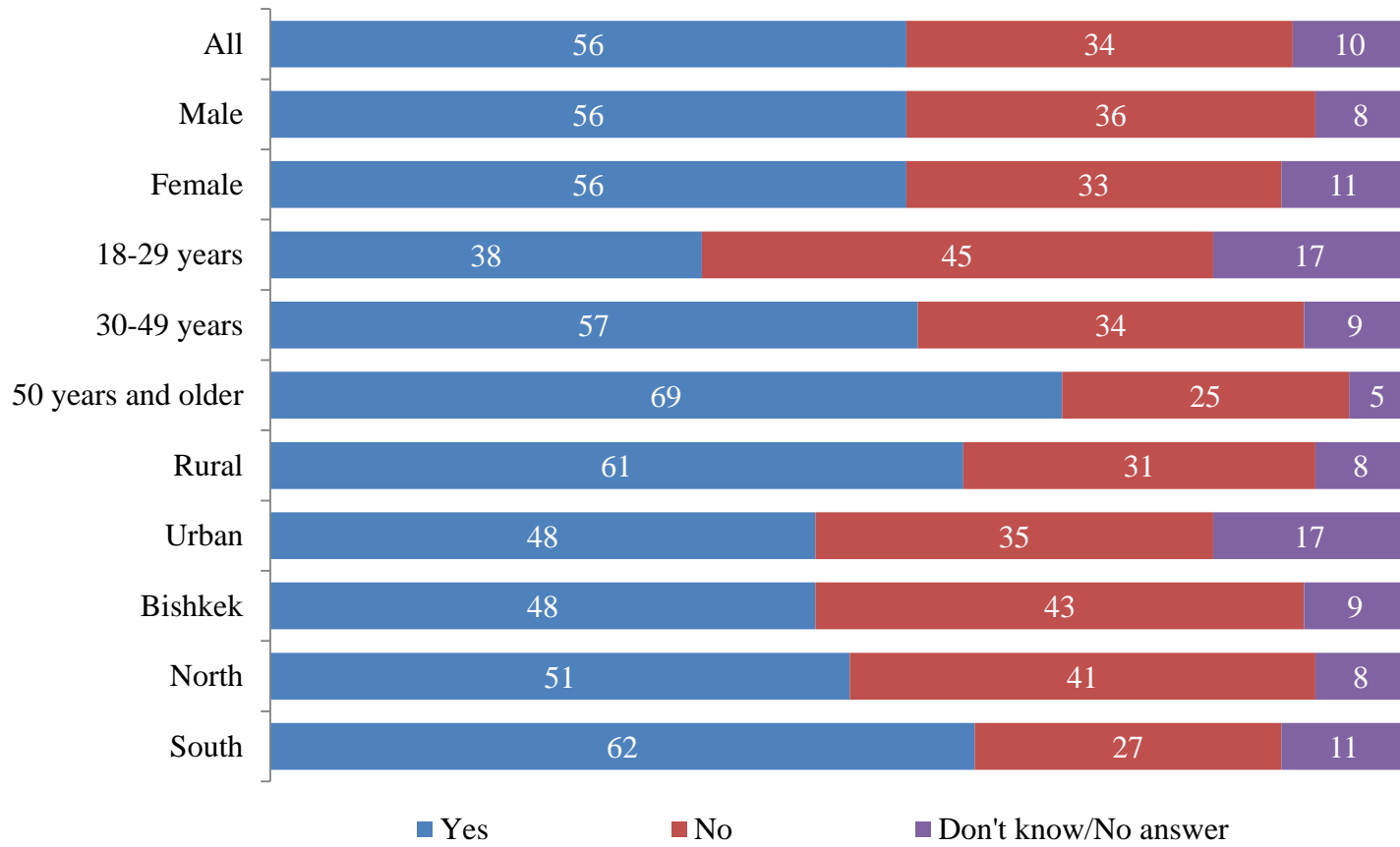
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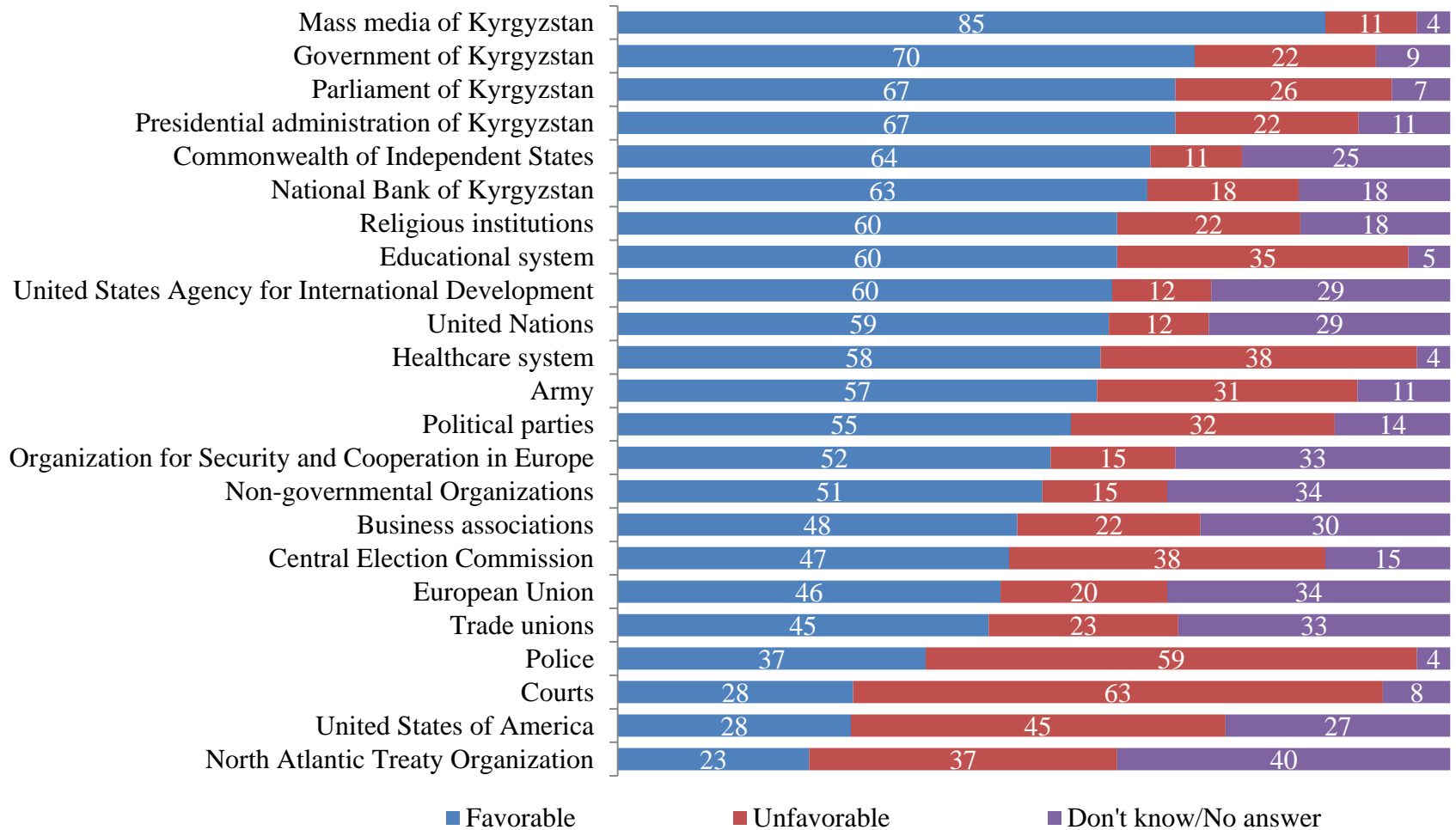


Would you like the return of the USSR?

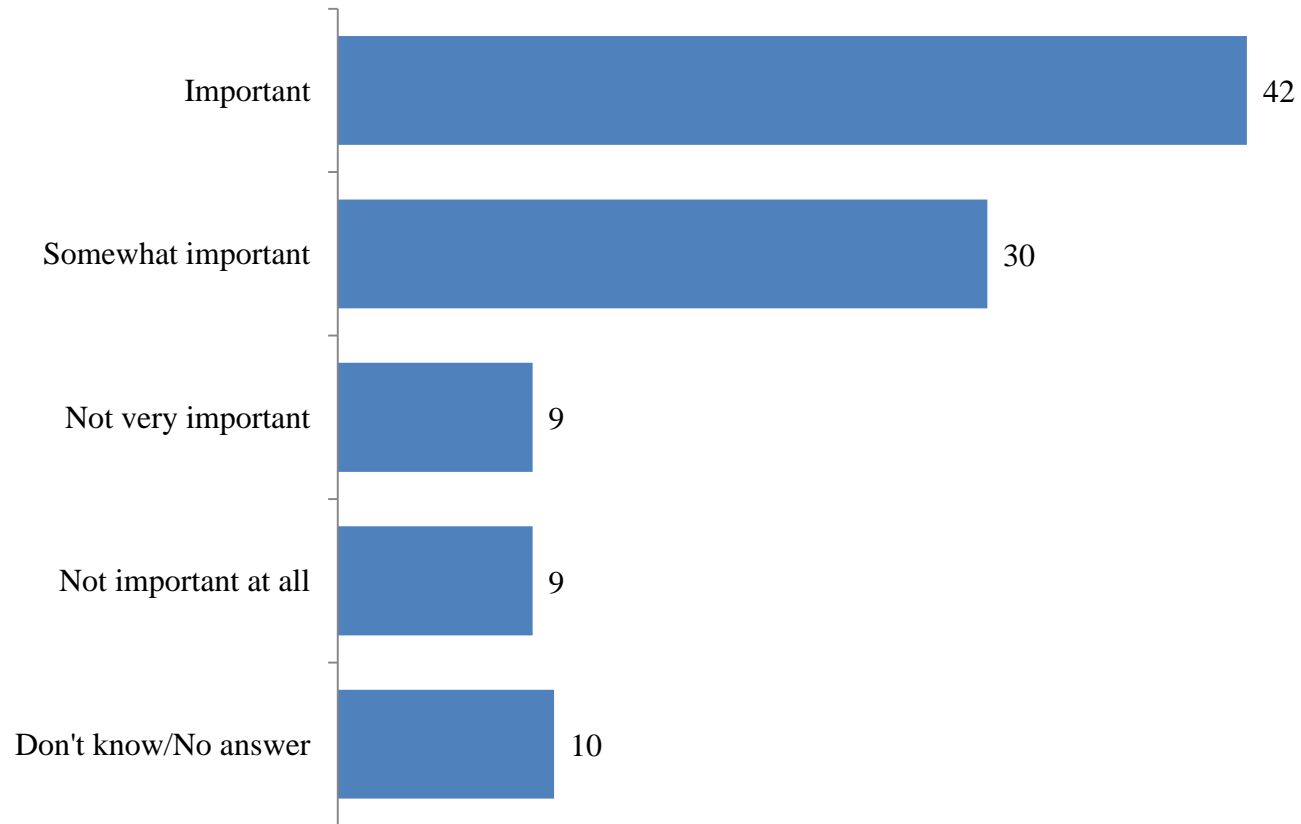


INSTITUTIONS

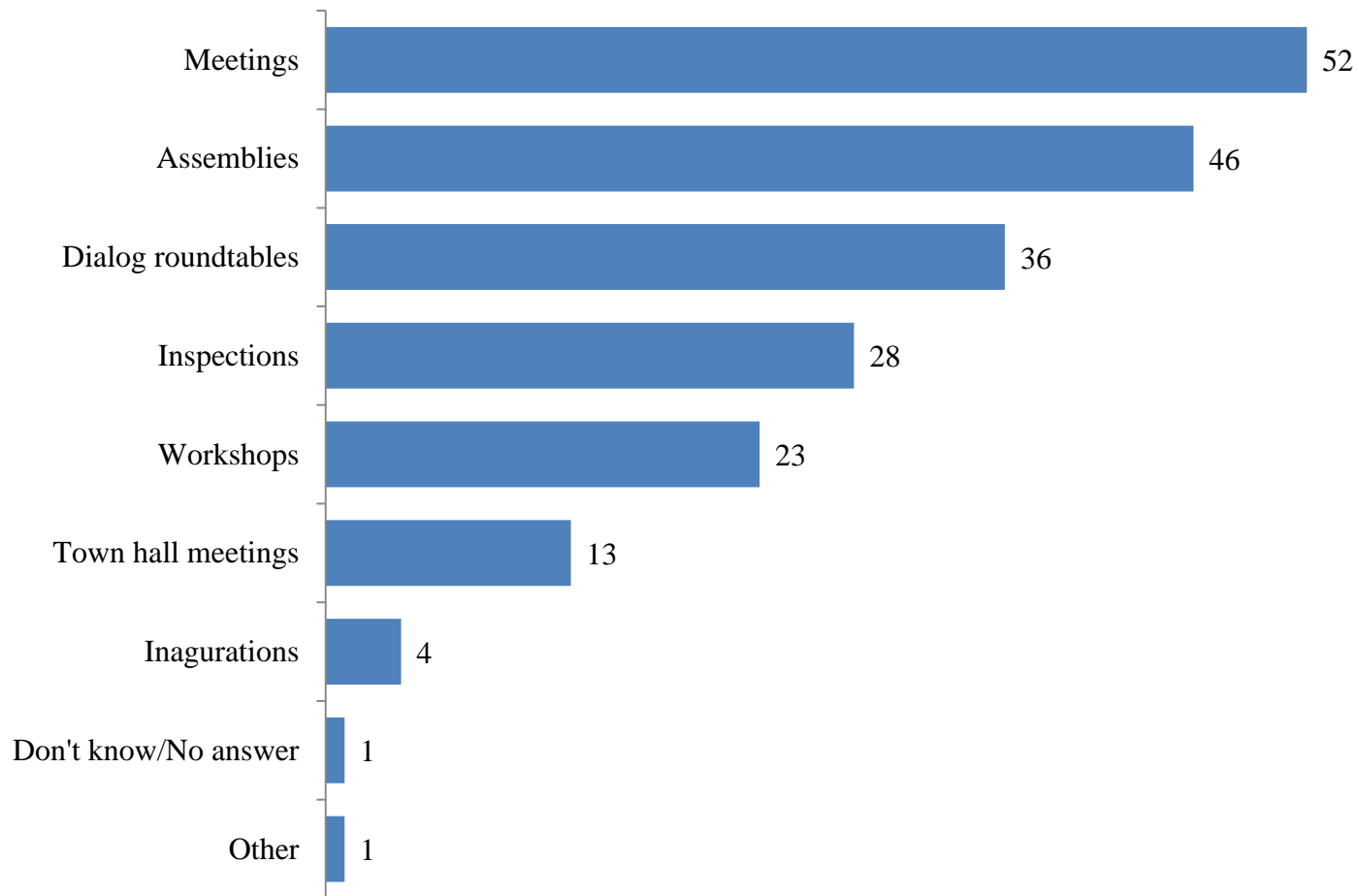
What is your opinion of the activity of each of the following institutions?



How important to you is citizen participation in government decision-making?

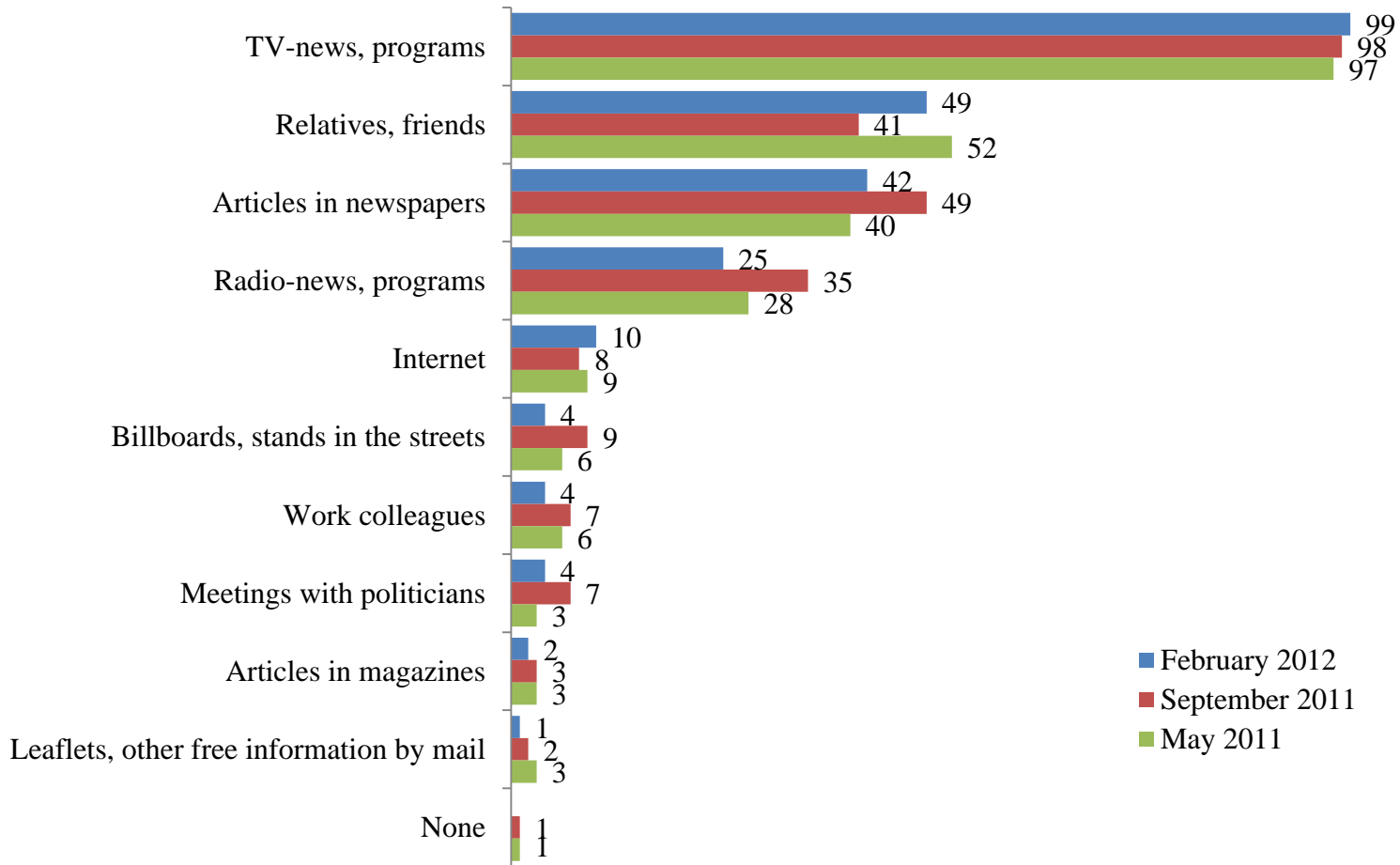


Of the following, which type of citizen–government dialogue would you most likely participate in?

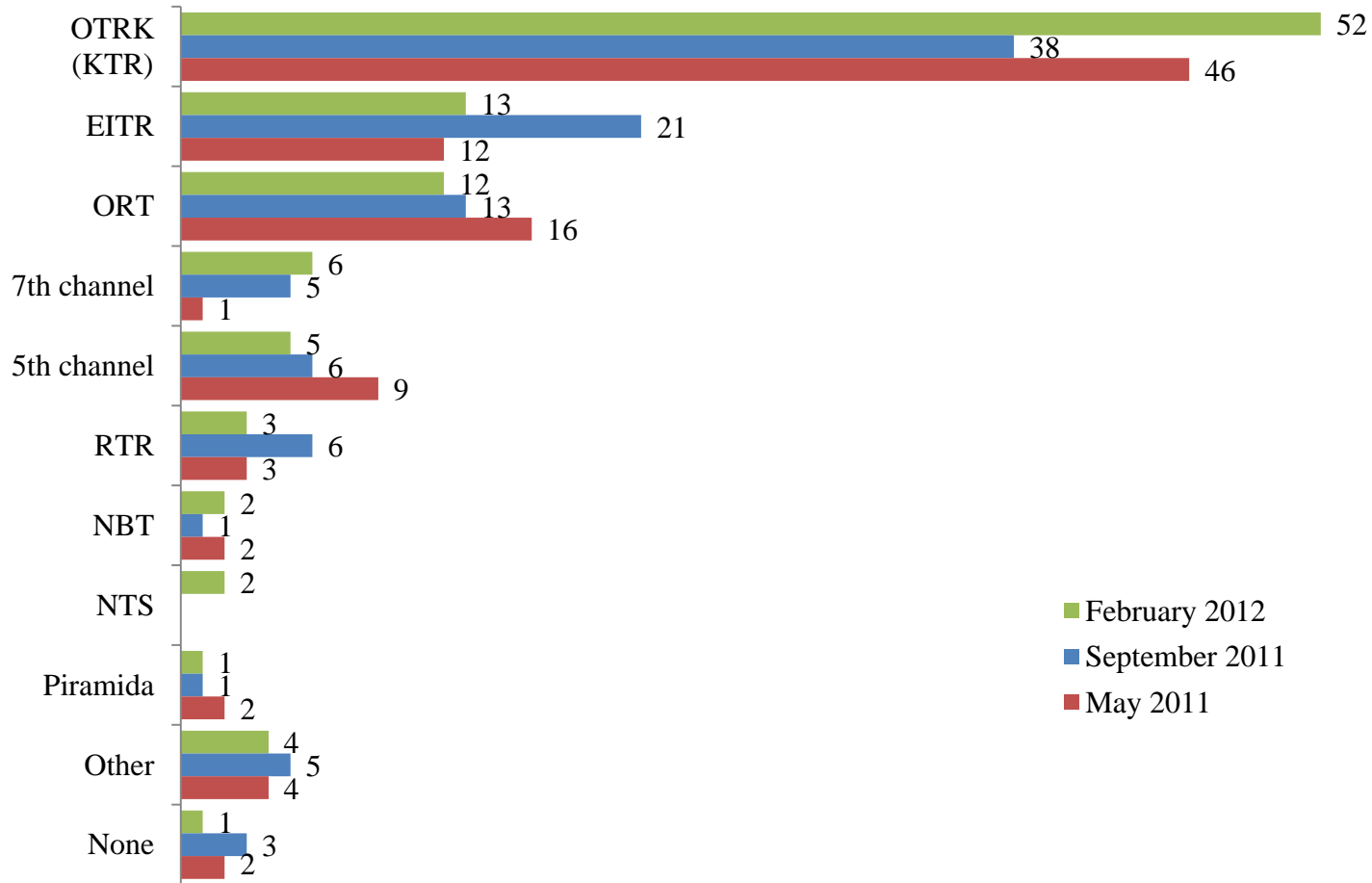


Media

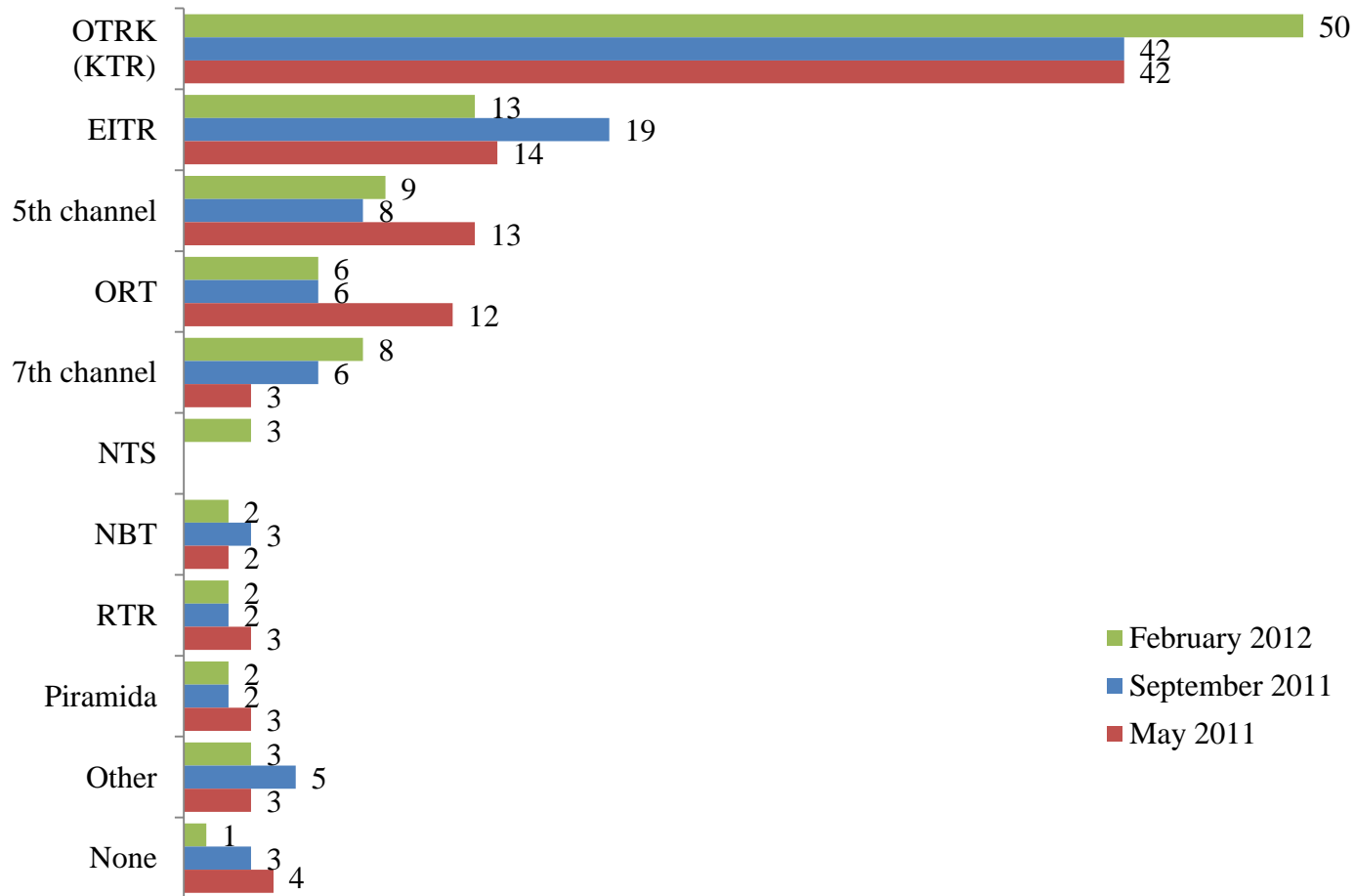
Which of these sources do you use to obtain political information?



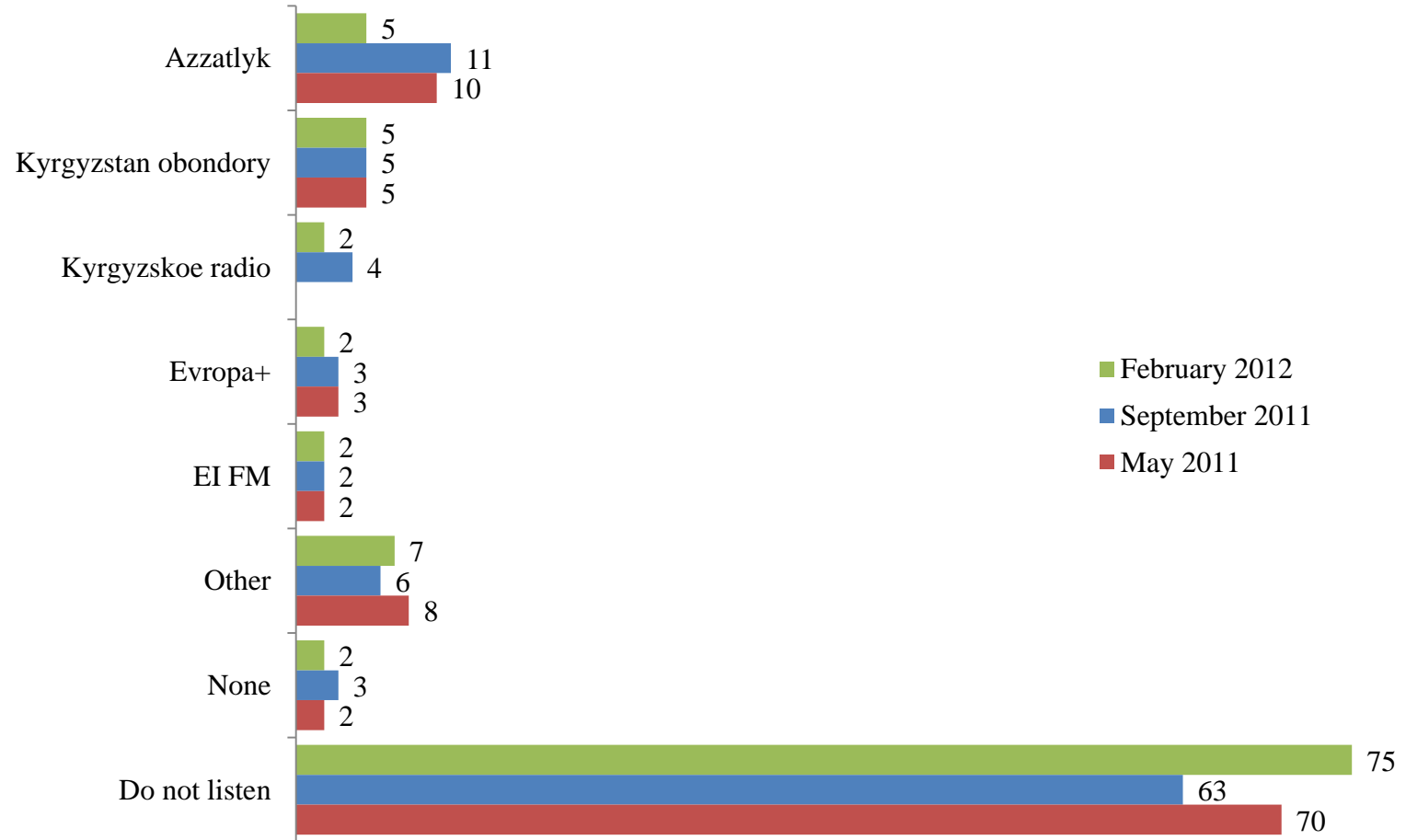
Which TV news channel do you watch the most?



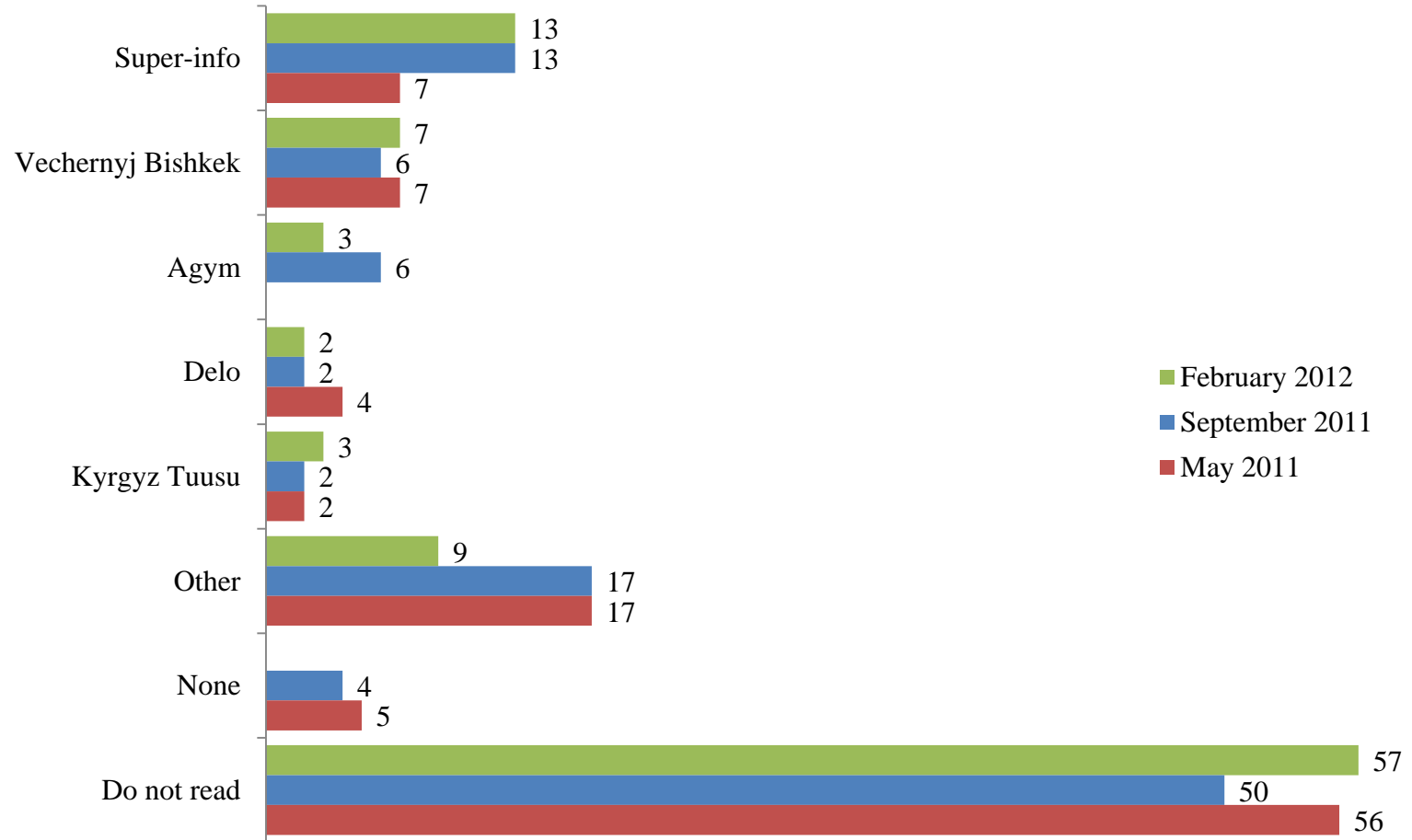
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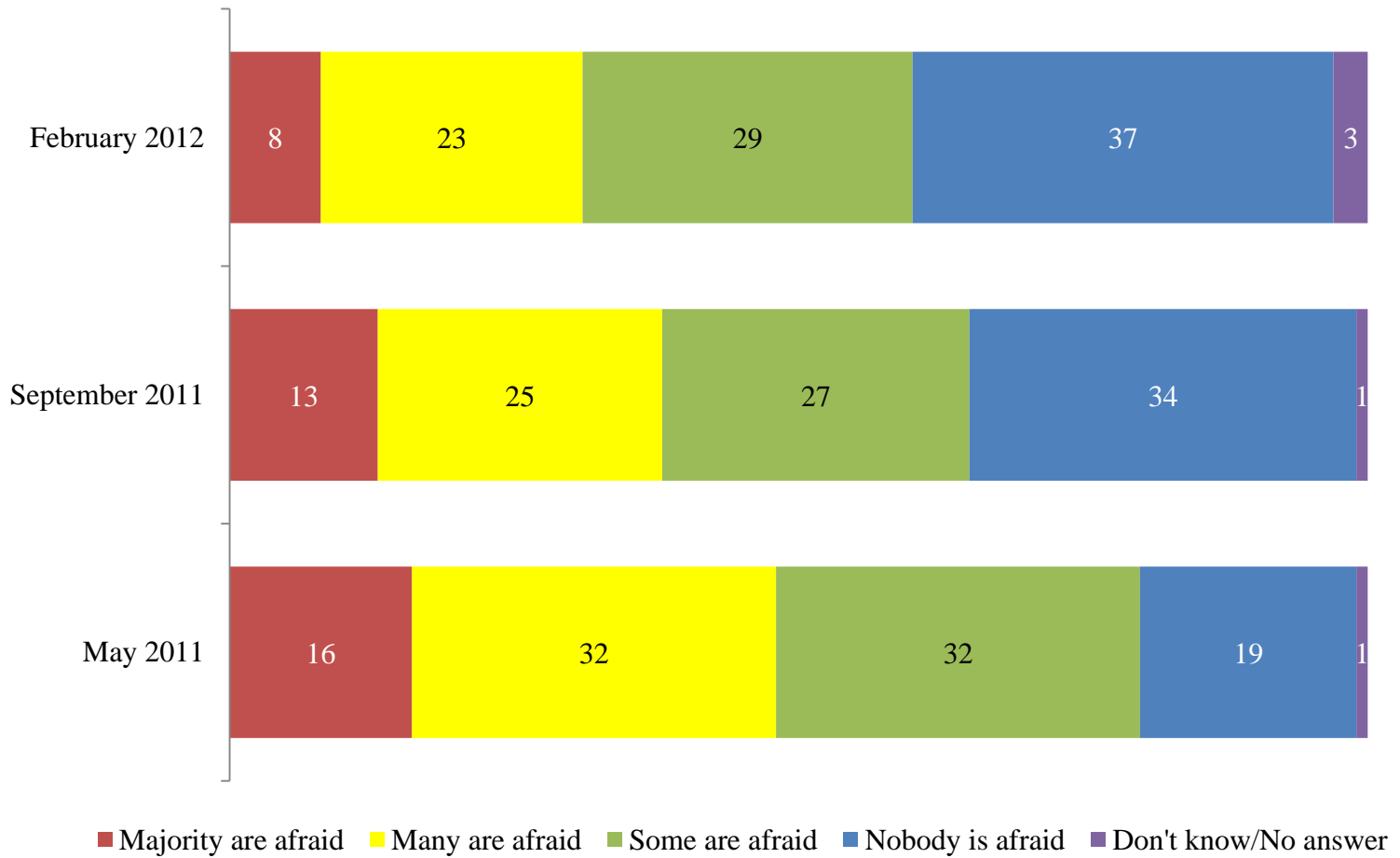
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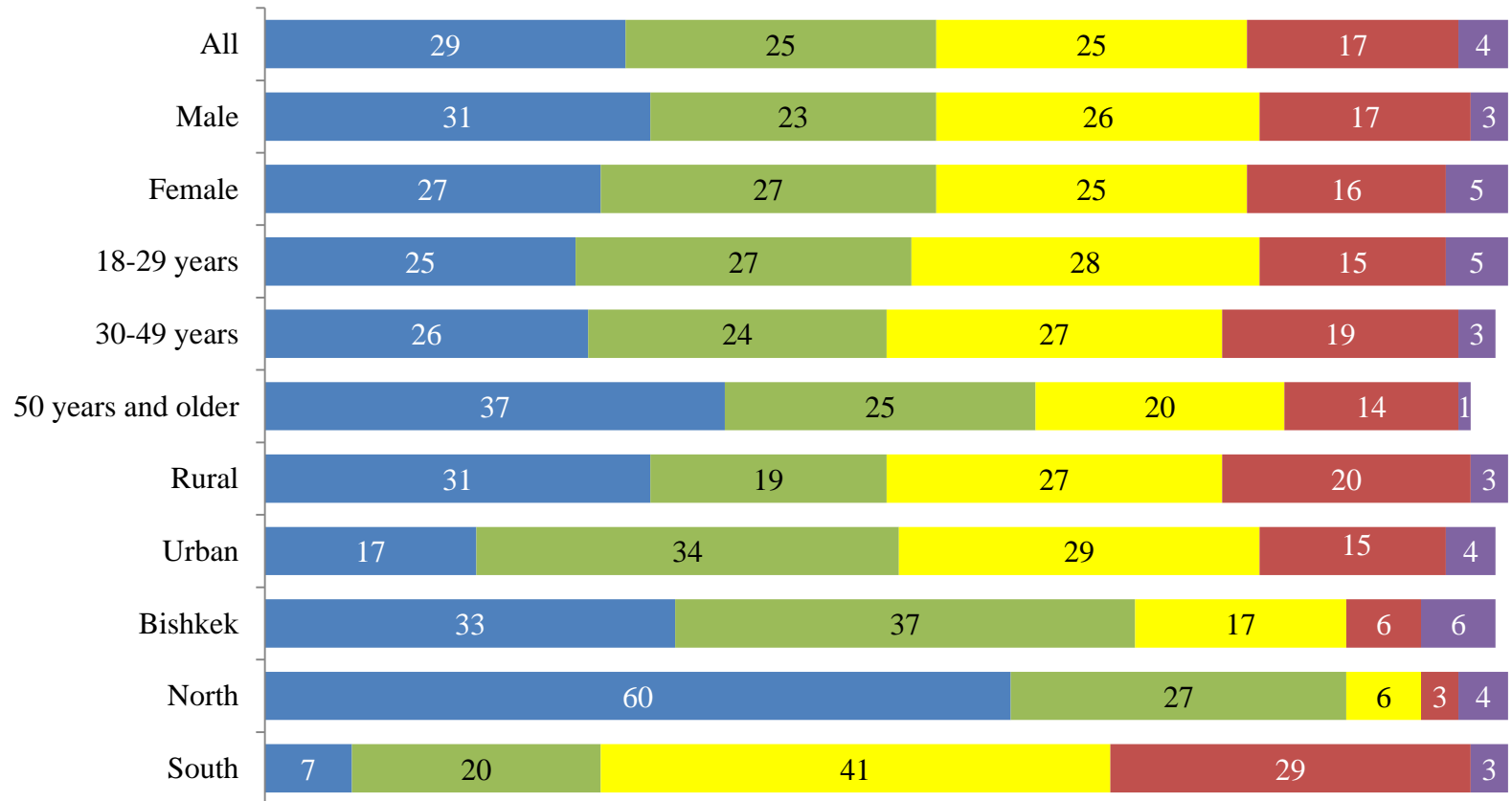
Which Kyrgyz newspaper's news and political information do you trust most?



In your opinion, are people in Kyrgyzstan afraid to openly express their political views?

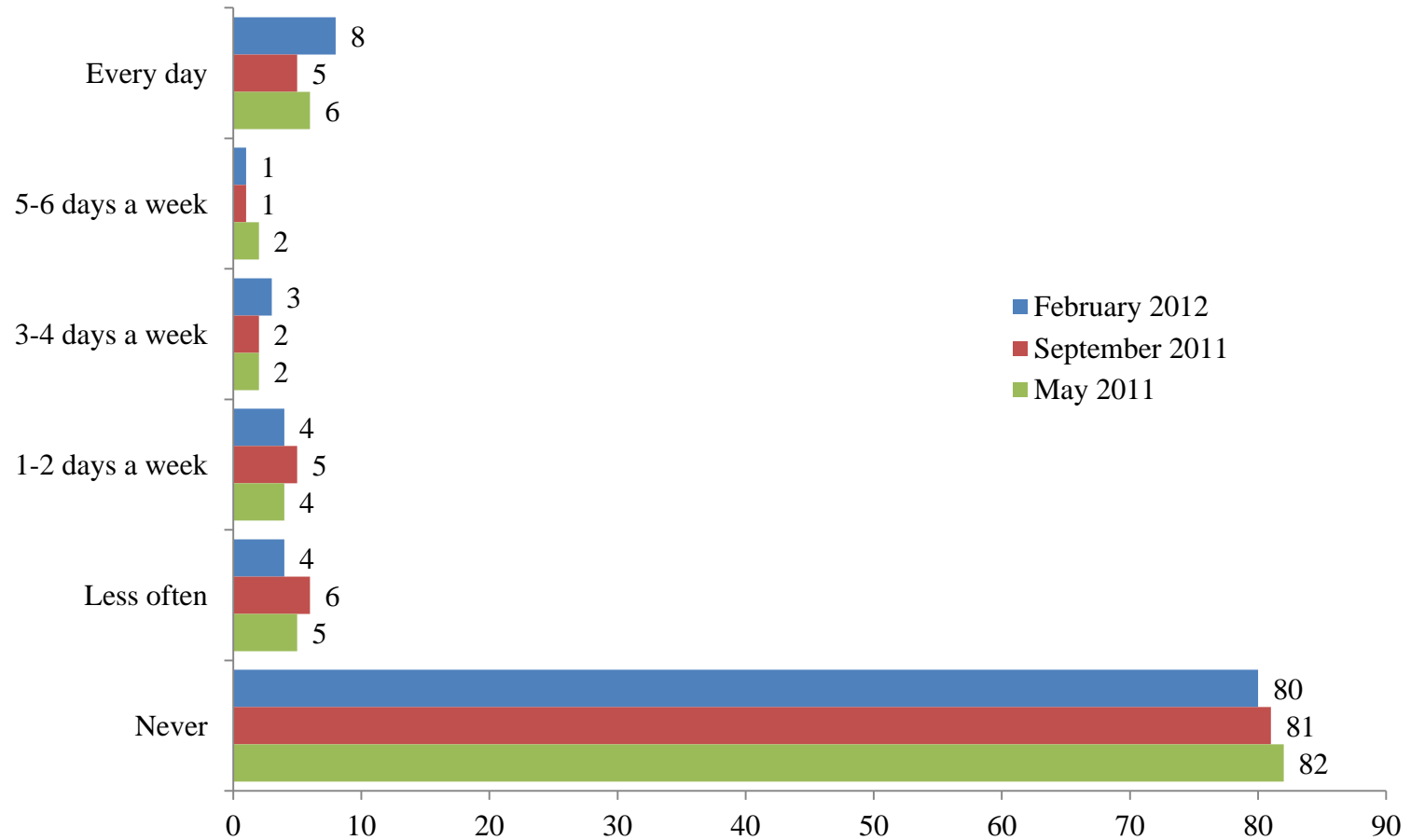


In your opinion, was the 2011 presidential election free and fair?



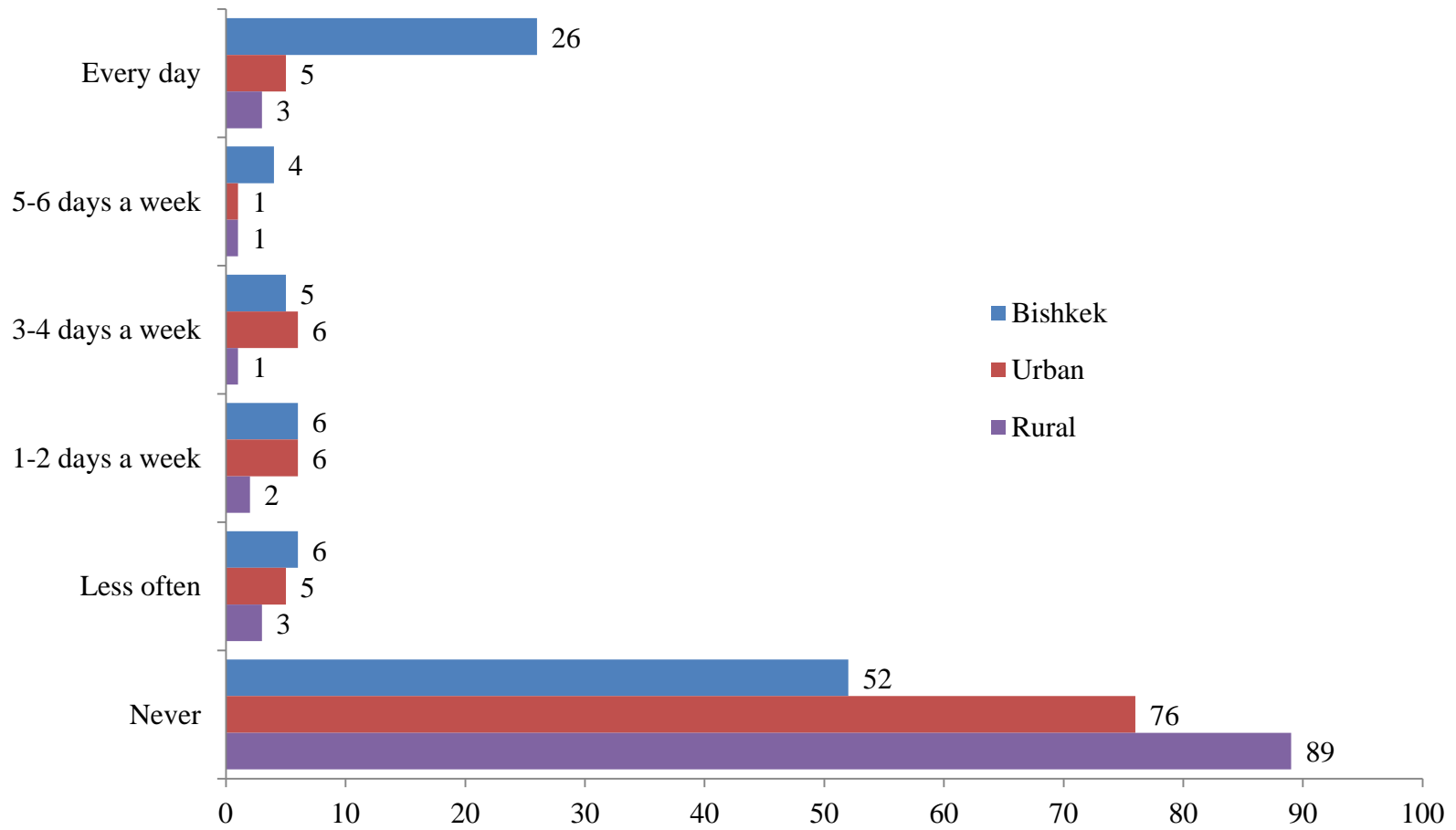
■ Free and fair ■ Somewhat free and fair ■ Somewhat unfree and unfair ■ Unfree and unfair ■ Don't know/No answer

How often do use the Internet ?

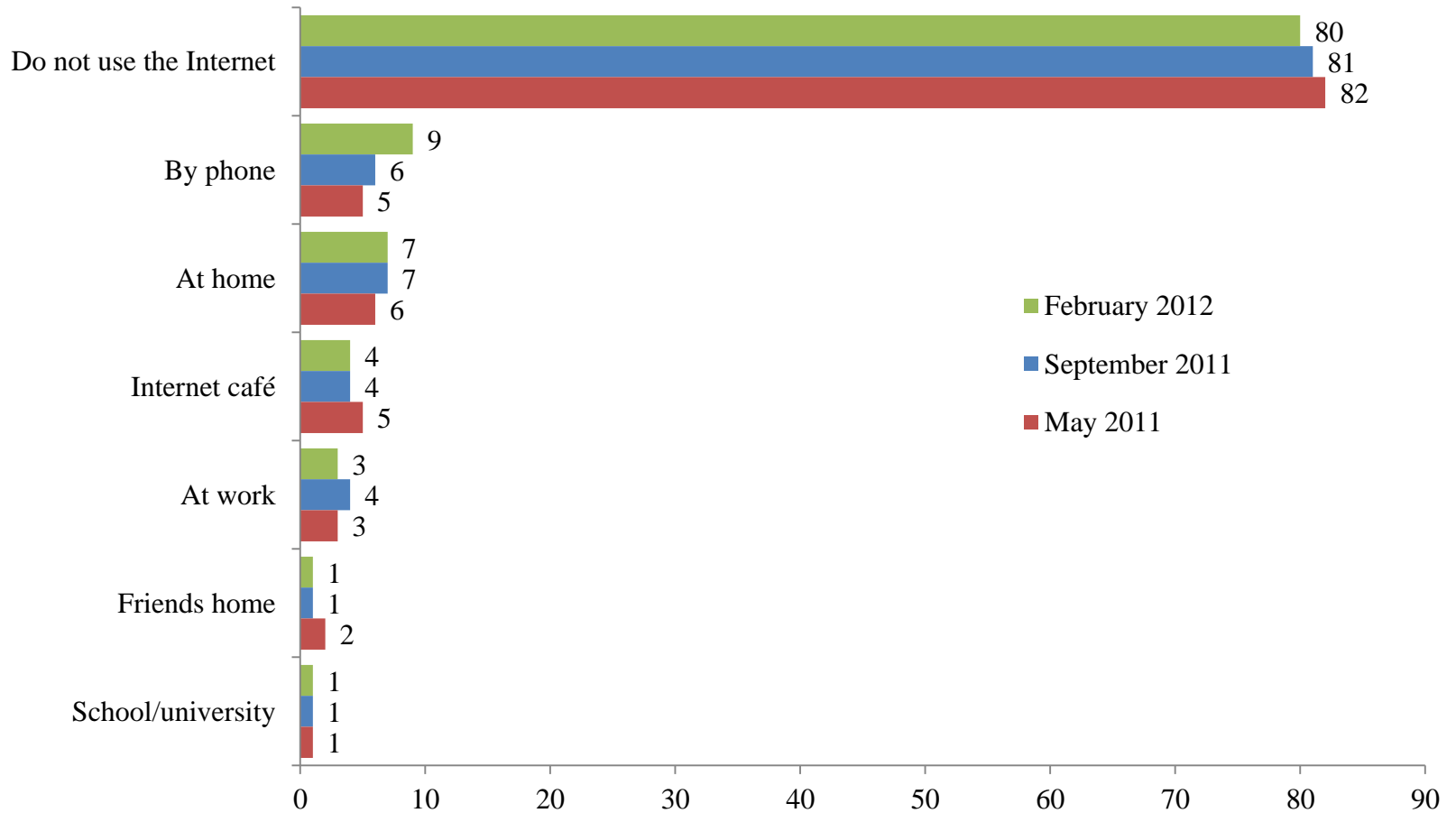


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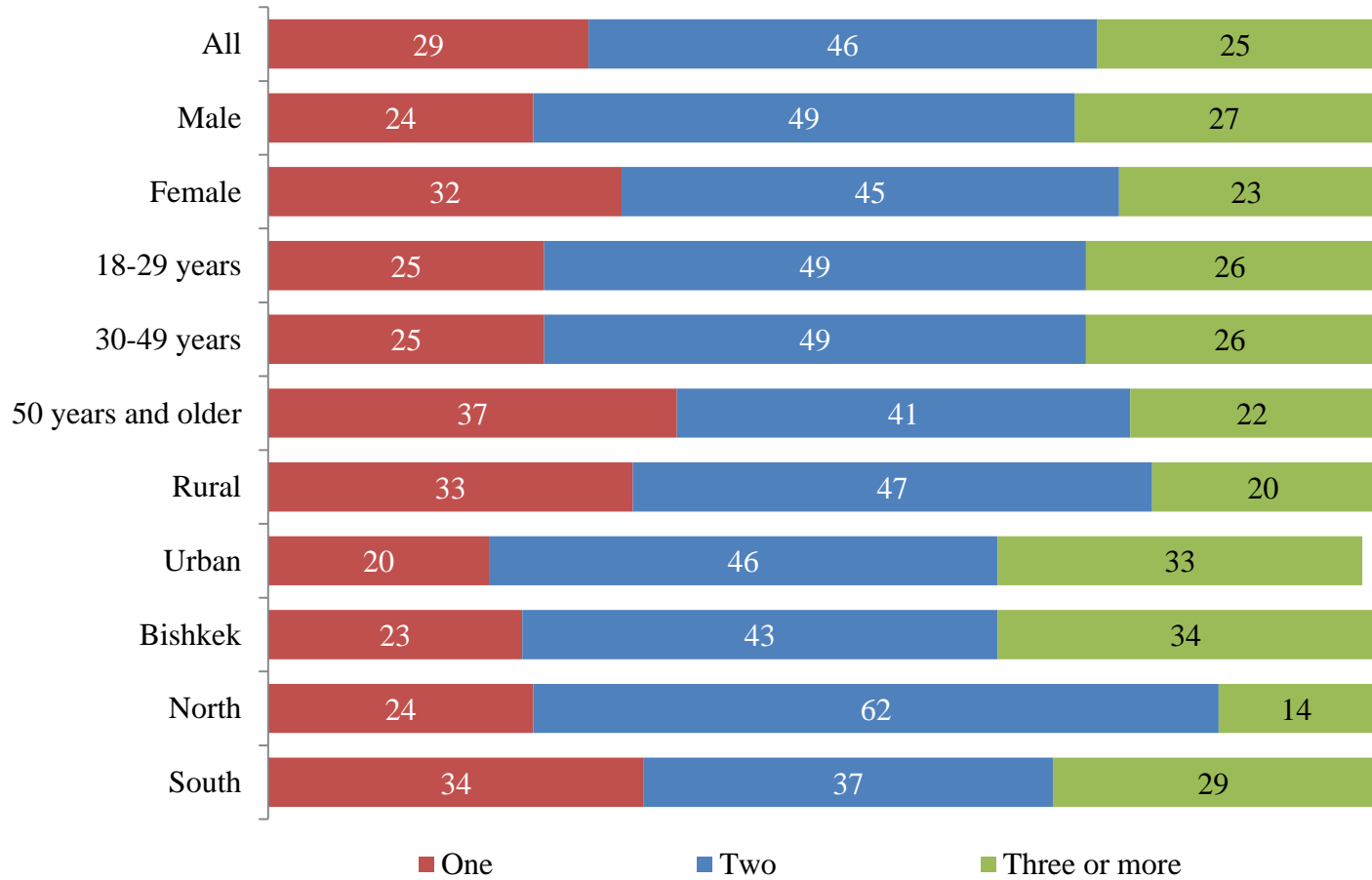
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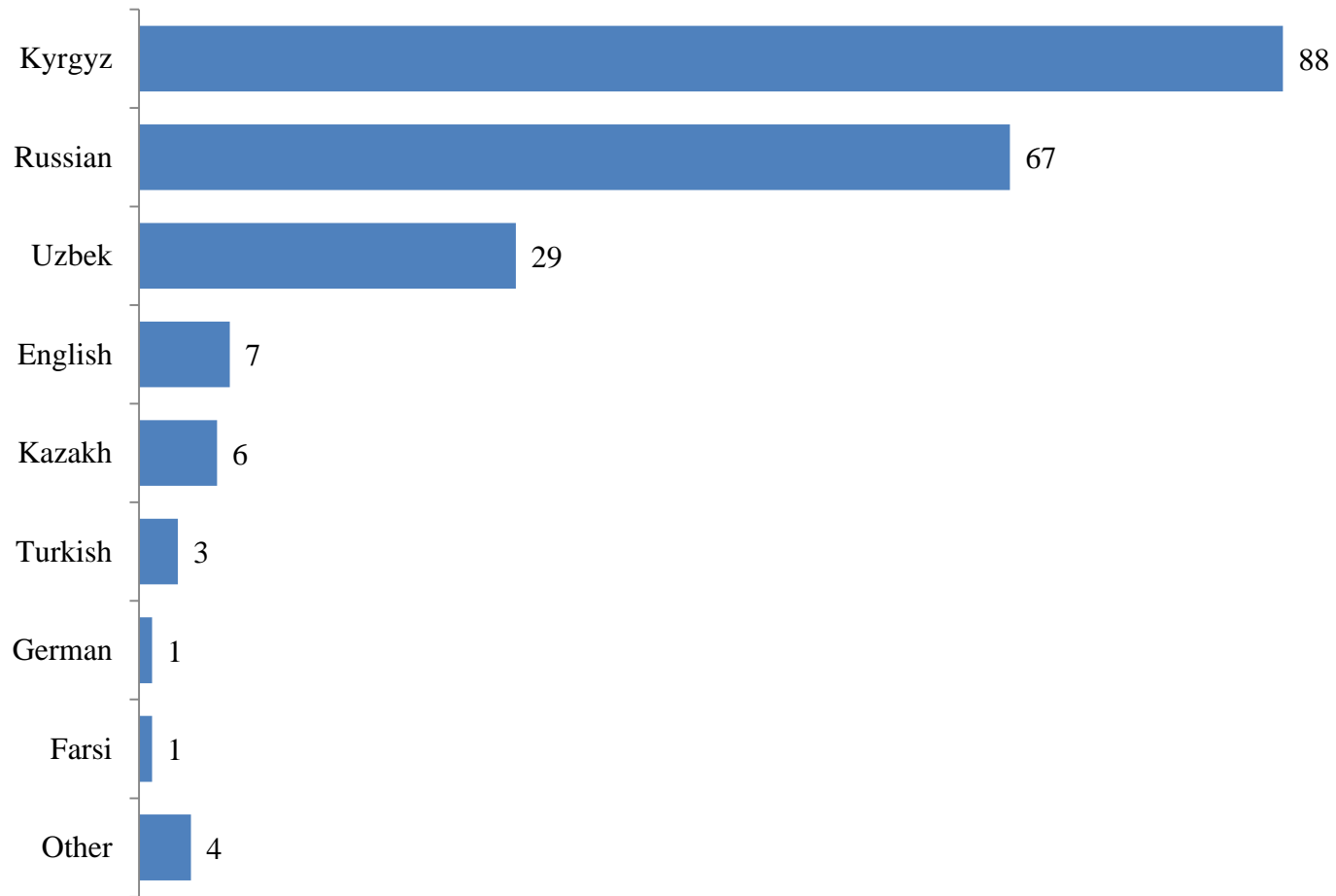
Where do you access the Internet?



How many languages do you know (including native language)?

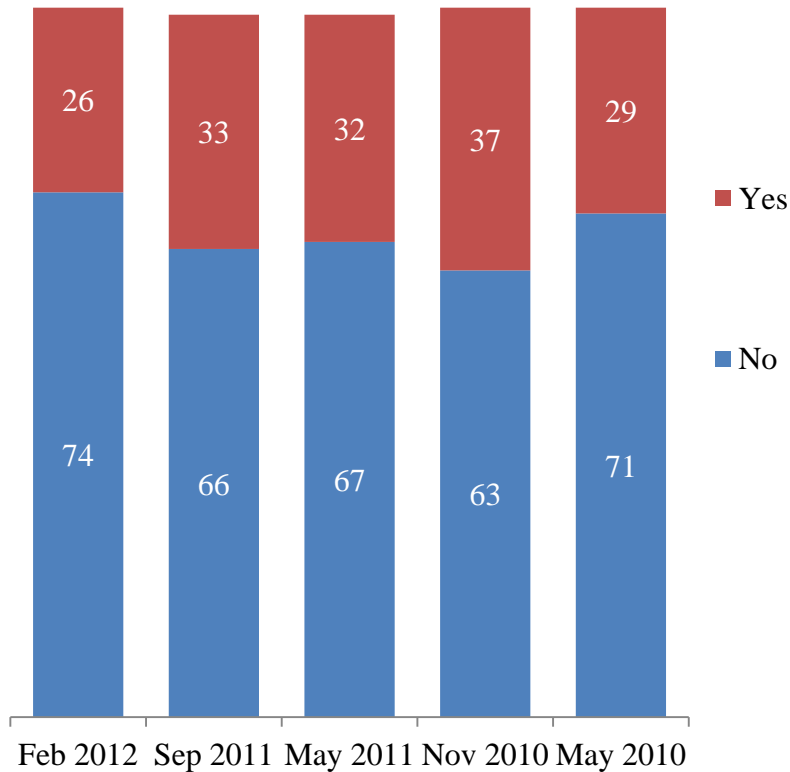


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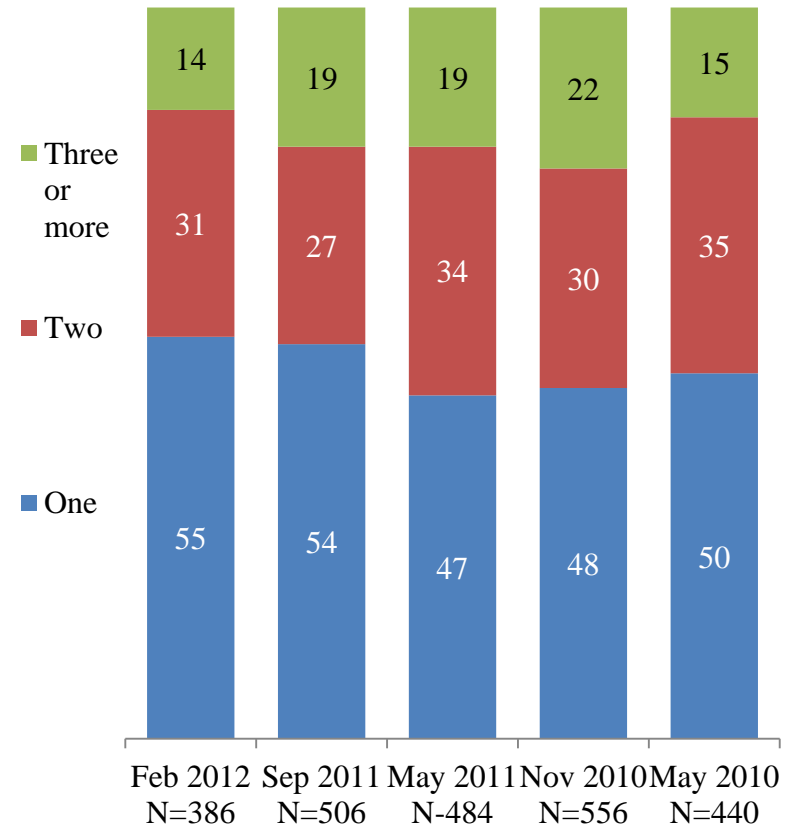


SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHICS

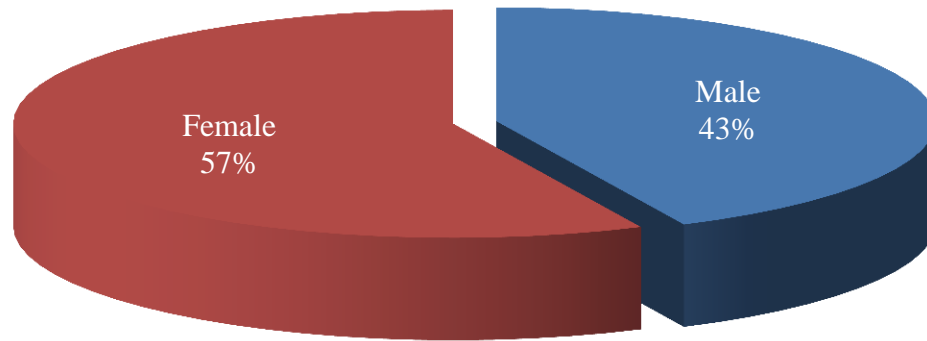
Do you have any family members who have left Kyrgyzstan in order to work and/or live abroad for a longer time?



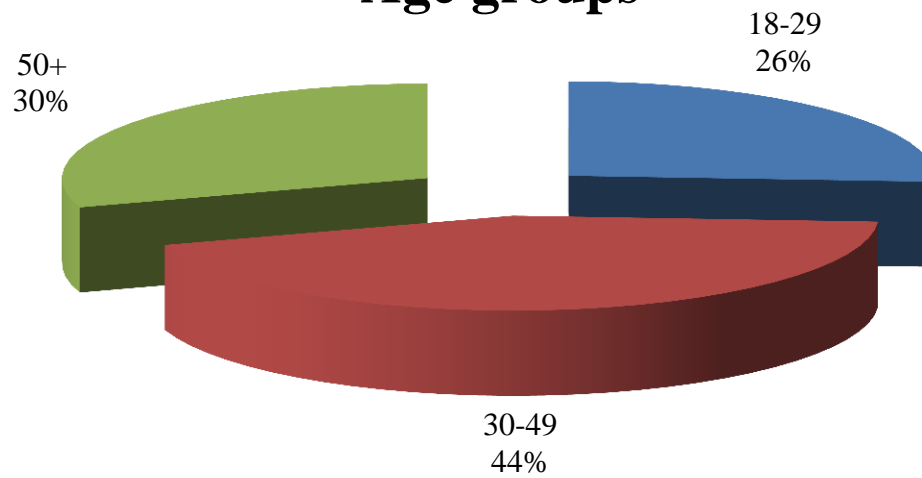
If yes, how many family members?



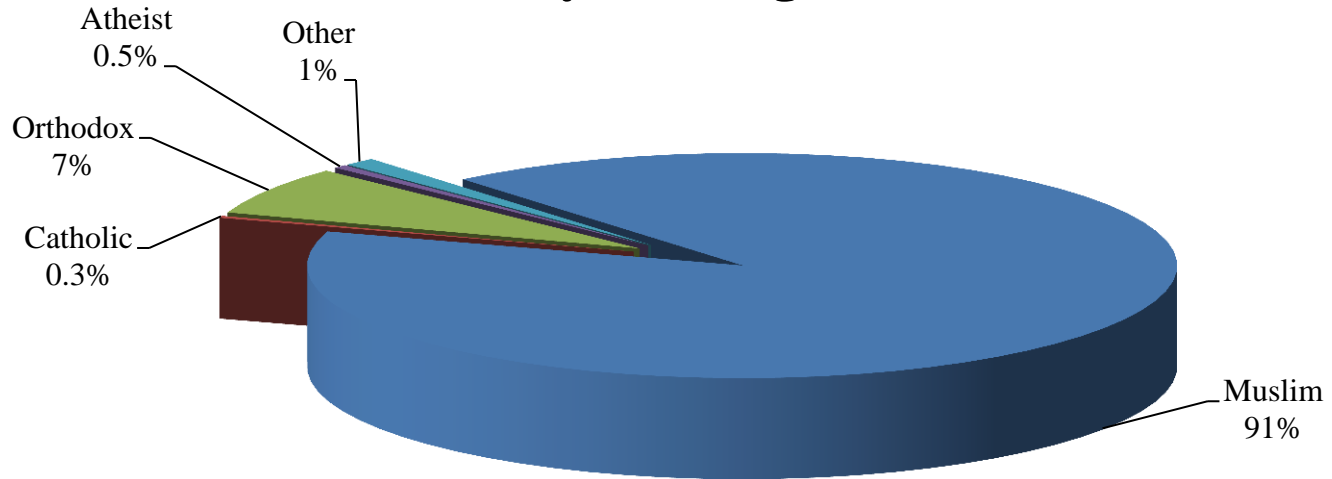
Gender



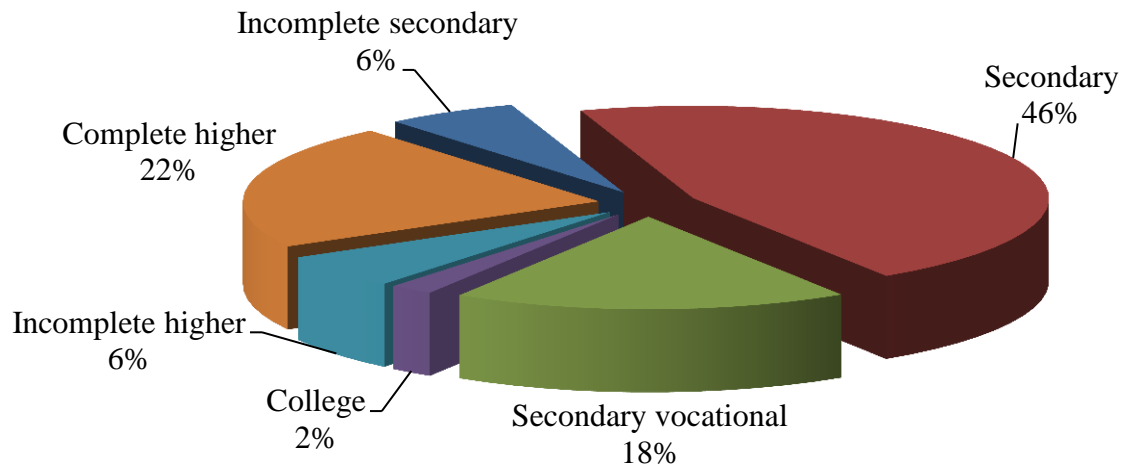
Age groups



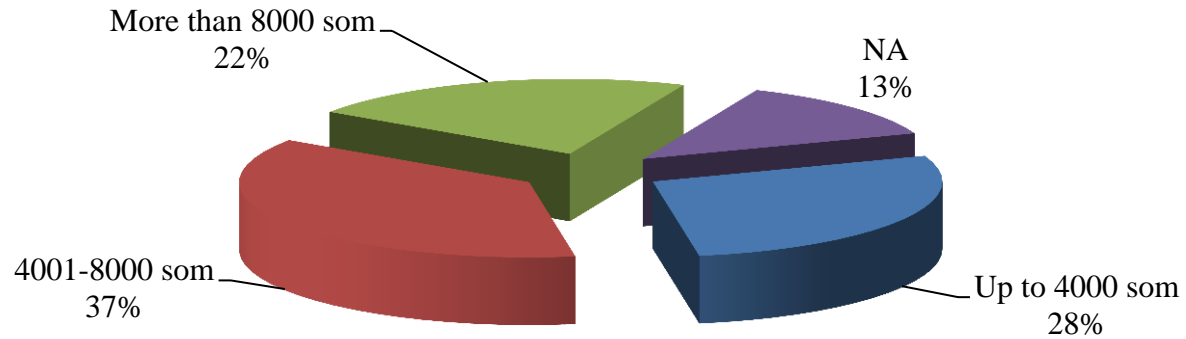
What is your religion ?



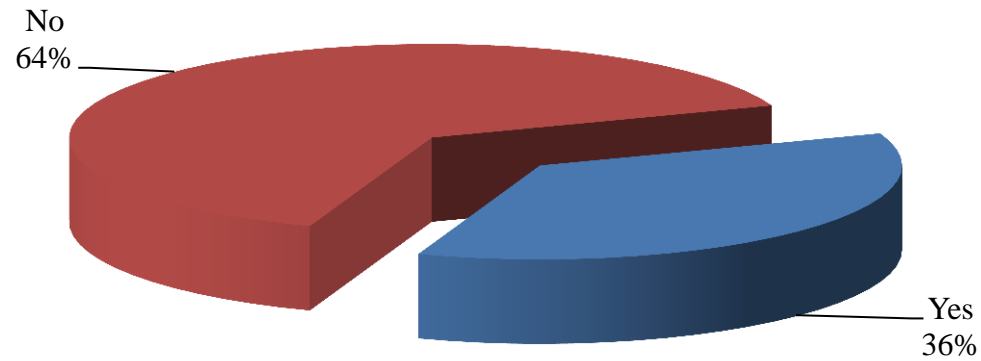
What is your level of education?



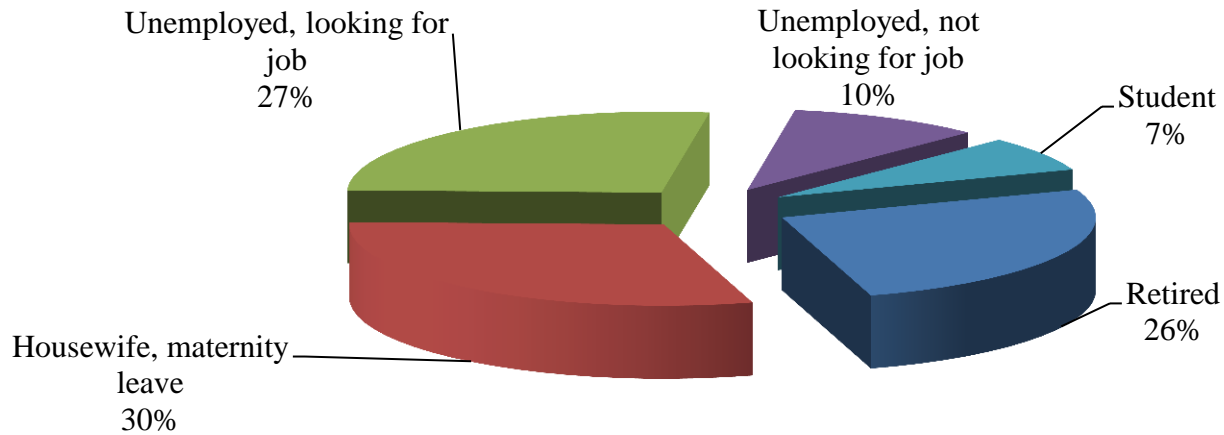
Household income



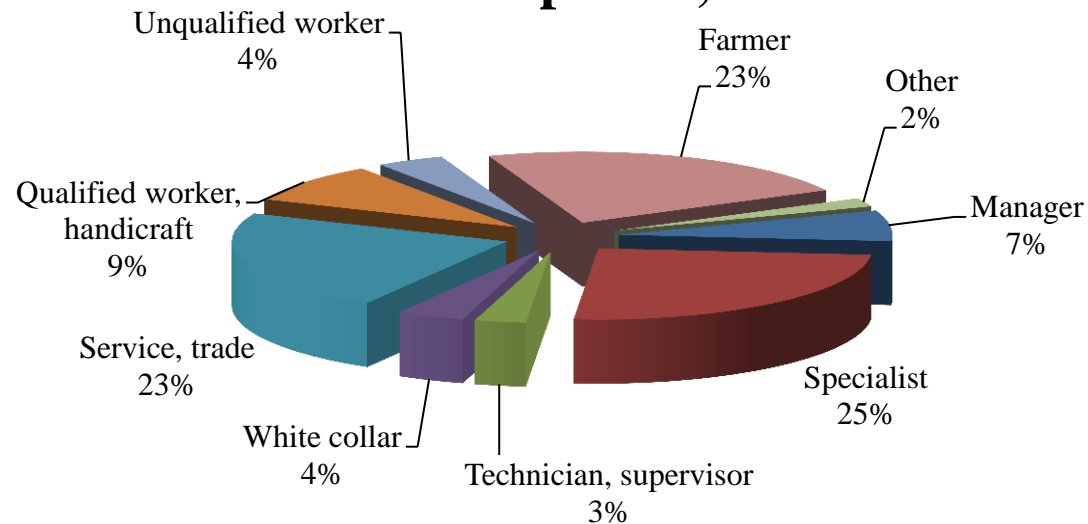
Do you work?



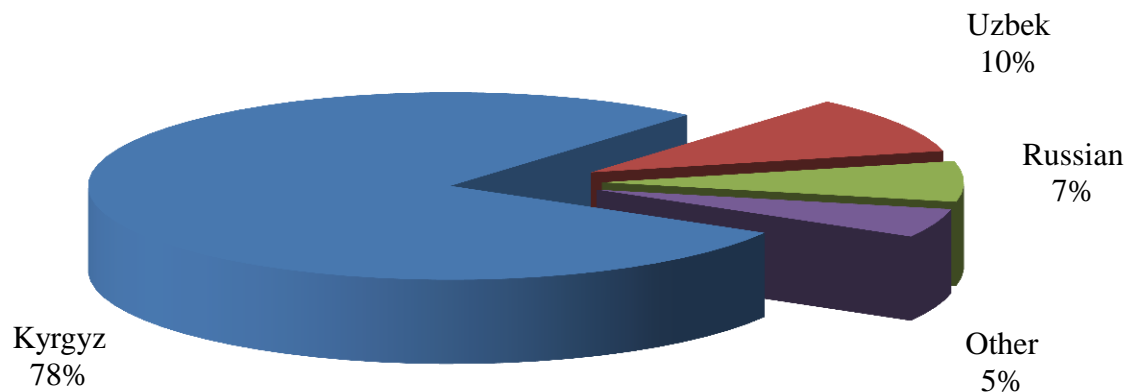
If you don't work, what is your status? N=959



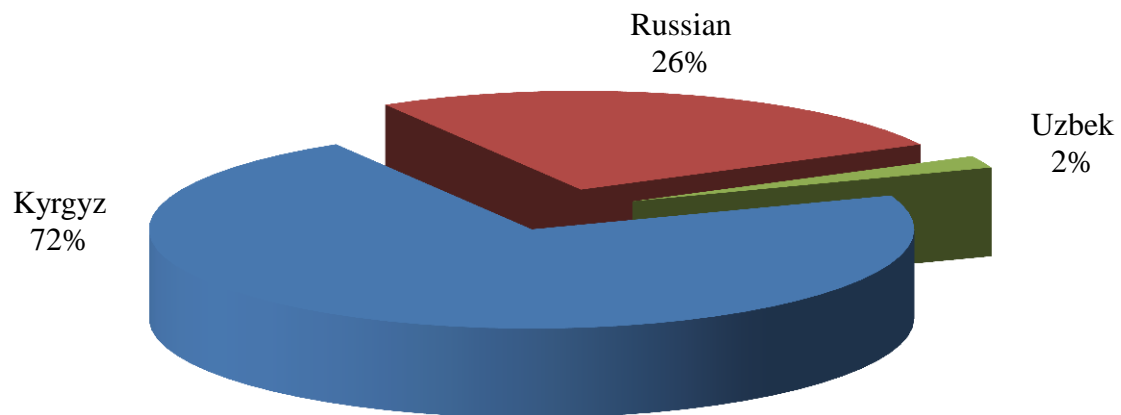
Occupation, N=541



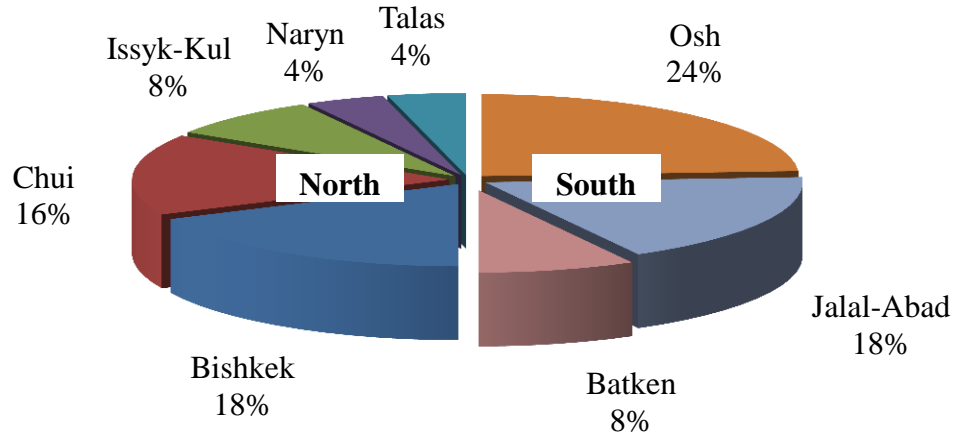
Nationality



Language of the interview



Regions



Size of settlement

