

# NATIONAL PRIORITIES, GOVERNANCE AND POLITICAL REFORM IN JORDAN

*NATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION POLL #9*

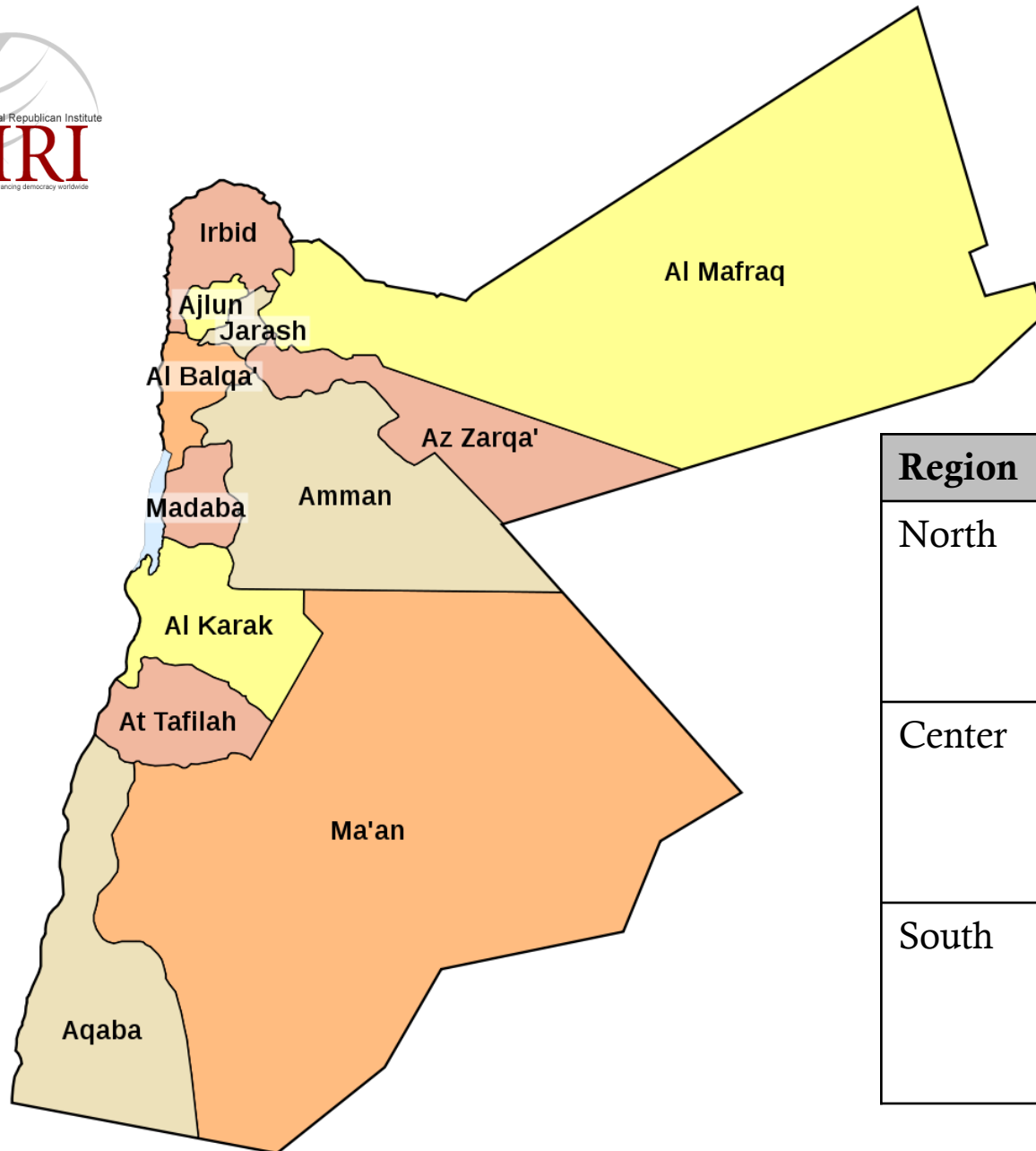
**July 17-20, 2012**



**MIDDLE EAST MARKETING AND  
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# Methodology

- This survey was designed, coordinated and analyzed by the Middle East Marketing and Research Consultants on behalf of the International Republican Institute.
- The national representative survey was carried out from July 17-20, 2012. The eligibility criteria was based on age (18 years of age or older). A sample of 1,000 individuals were interviewed face-to-face in their homes.
- The sample design was a multi-stage cluster sample:
  - Stage One: Break country into 100 clusters distributed among Jordan's twelve governorates based on the 2004 Housing and Population Census for the selection of 100 clusters across the Kingdom.
  - Stage Two: Select 10 households from each cluster in a random fashion based on settlement population while ensuring representation of different parts of the cluster in the sample. 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.
- The response rate for the survey was 98 percent.
- The margin of error for the survey does not exceed  $\pm 2.5$  percent with a confidence level of 95 percent.
- Figures in charts and tables may not add to 100 percent due to rounding.



Region	Governorates
North	Irbid Jarash Aljoun Mafrq
Center	Amman Zarqa Balqa Madaba
South	Karak Tafileh Ma'an Aqaba

# Survey Demographics

## Sex:

Male	50%
Female	50%

## Geographic Location:

North	28%
Center	63%
South	9%
Urban	80%
Rural	20%

## Age Groups

18-24	16%
25-34	30%
35-44	26%
45+	28%

## Education

Less Than Secondary	35%
Secondary	33%
Higher Than Secondary	32%

## Marital Status

Single	21%
Married	74%
Other	5%

## Household Total Monthly Income

Less Than JOD 250	20%
JOD 250 - 499	51%
JOD 500 – 999	22%
JOD 1000 +	5%
Not Sure	2%

# Survey Demographics

## Employment Status

Working	43%
Not Working	57%

## Employment Sector

*(respondents working, n=432)*

Public	33%
Private	67%

## Looking for a Job

*(respondents not working, n=568)*

Yes	27%
No	73%

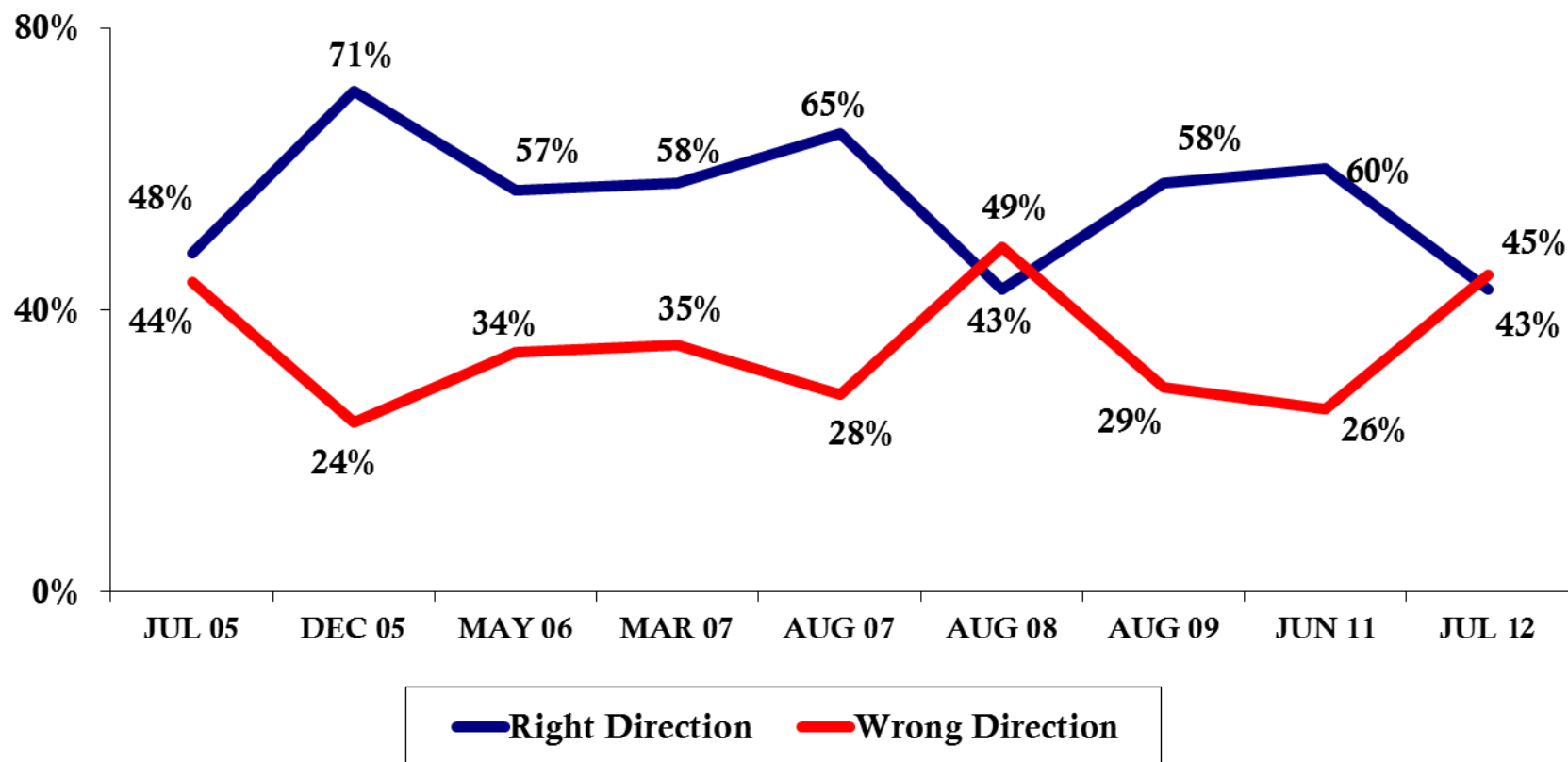
## How long have you been looking?

*(respondents looking for a job, n=153)*

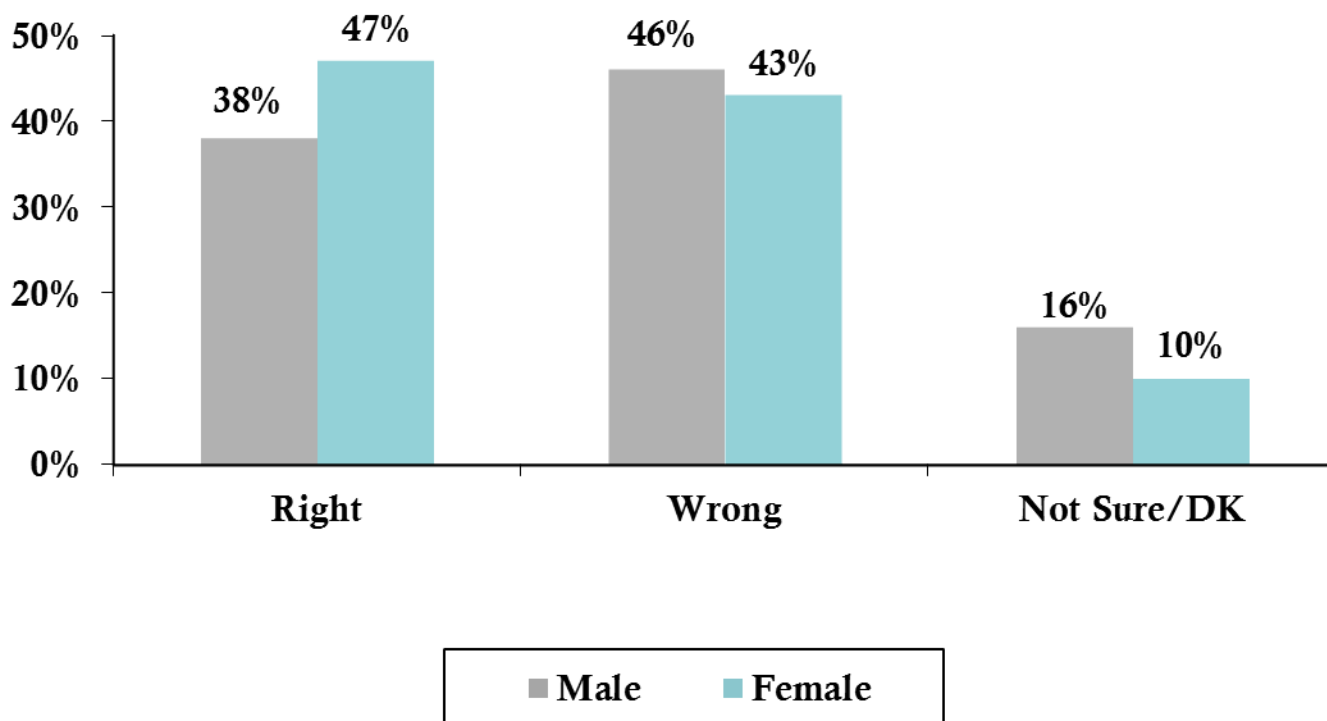
Less Than 3 Months	11%
3-6 Months	15%
6-12 Months	23%
More Than 12 Months	44%
Not Sure	7%
Refused to Answer	1%

# General State of Affairs

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

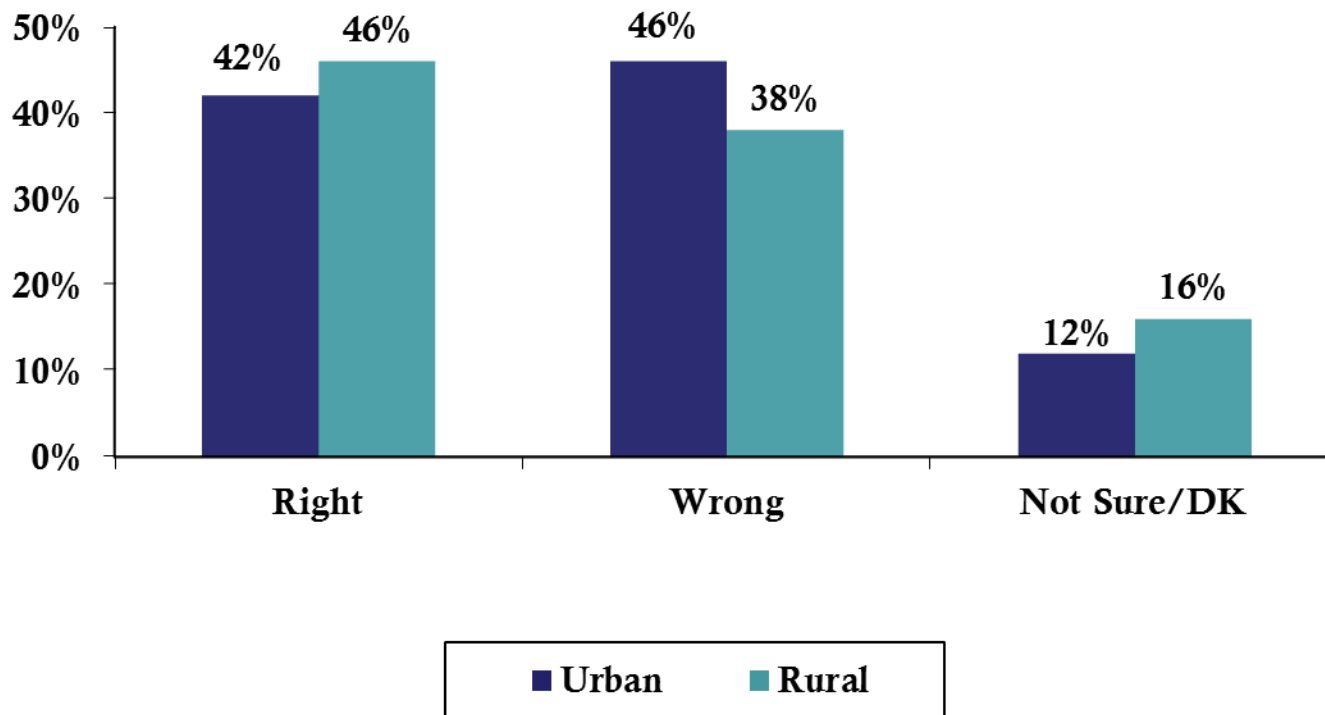


# In general, are things in Jordan going in the right direction or the wrong direction? (Gender breakdown)

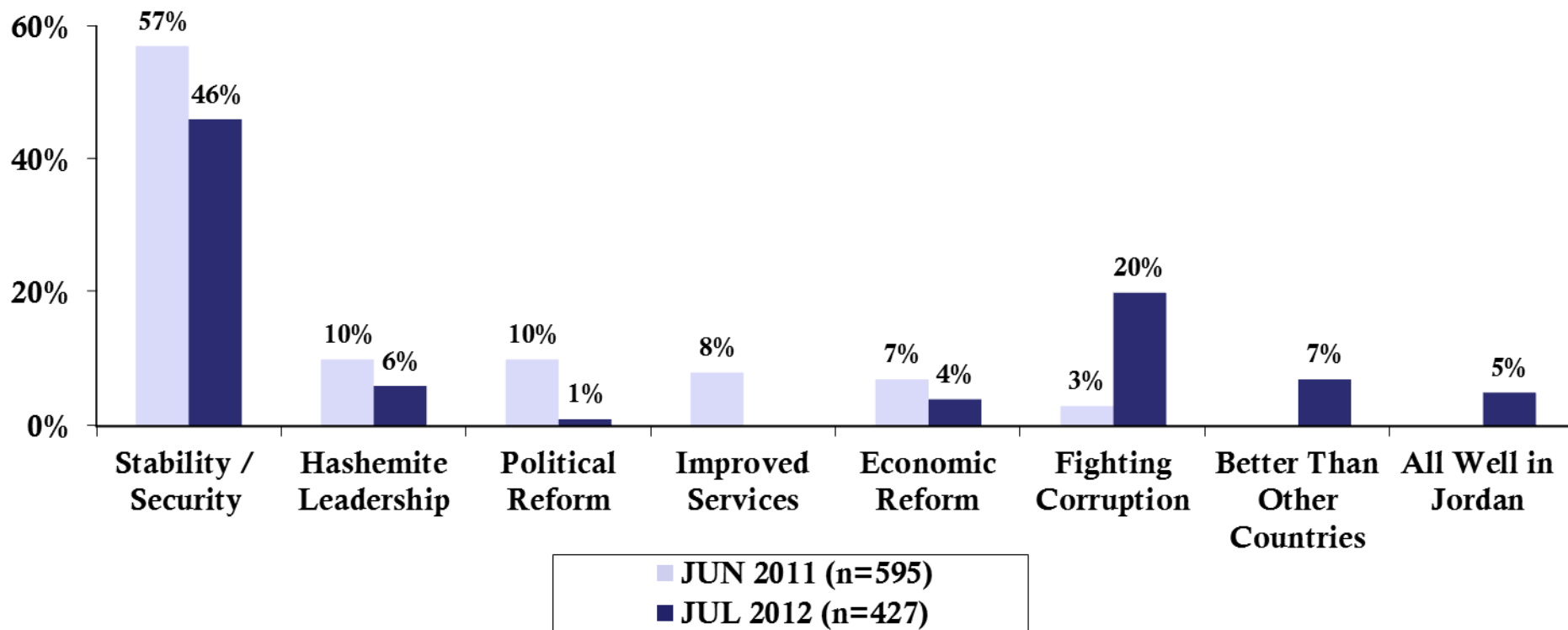




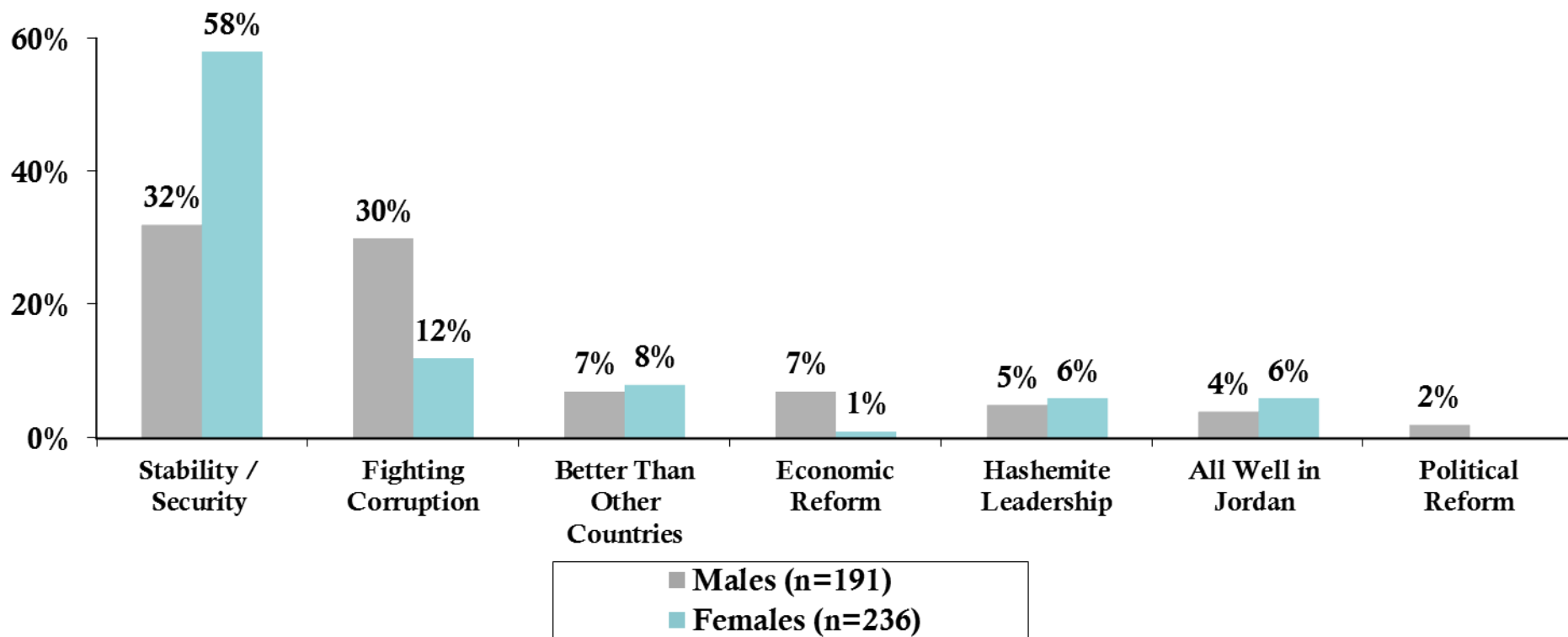
# In general, are things in Jordan going in the right direction or the wrong direction? *(Urban / rural breakdown)*



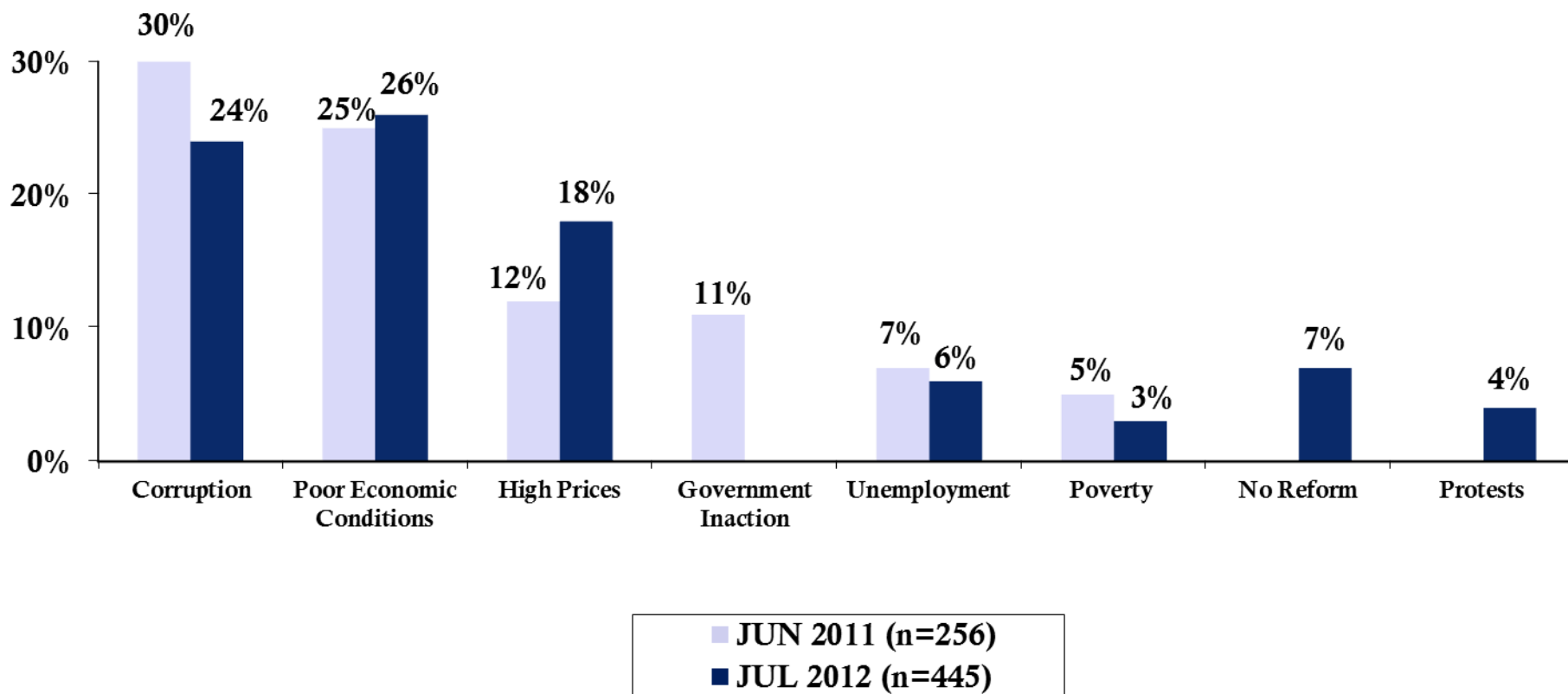
# Why do you think Jordan is going in the right direction? (Open-ended)



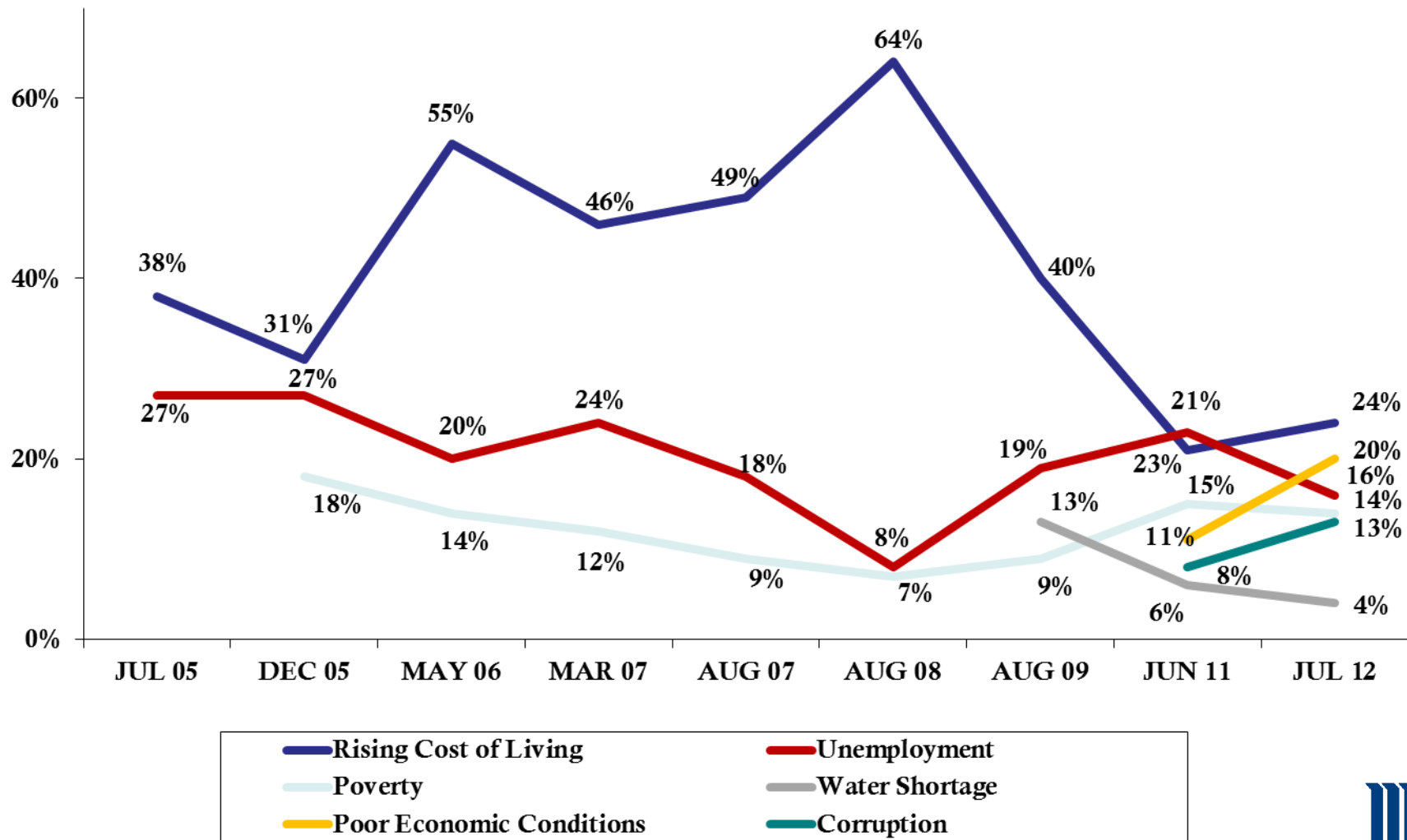
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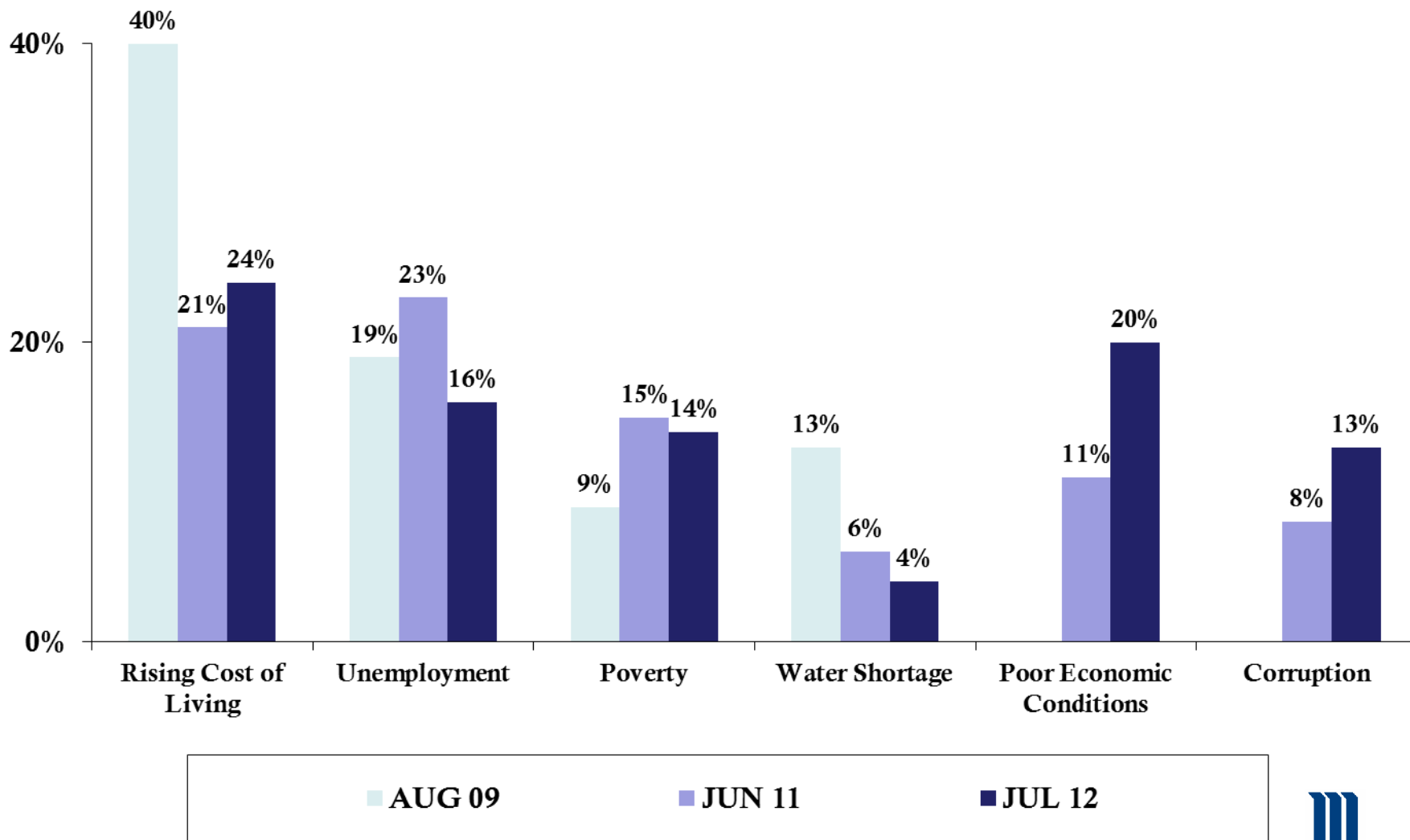
# Why do you think Jordan is going in the wrong direction? (*Open-ended*)



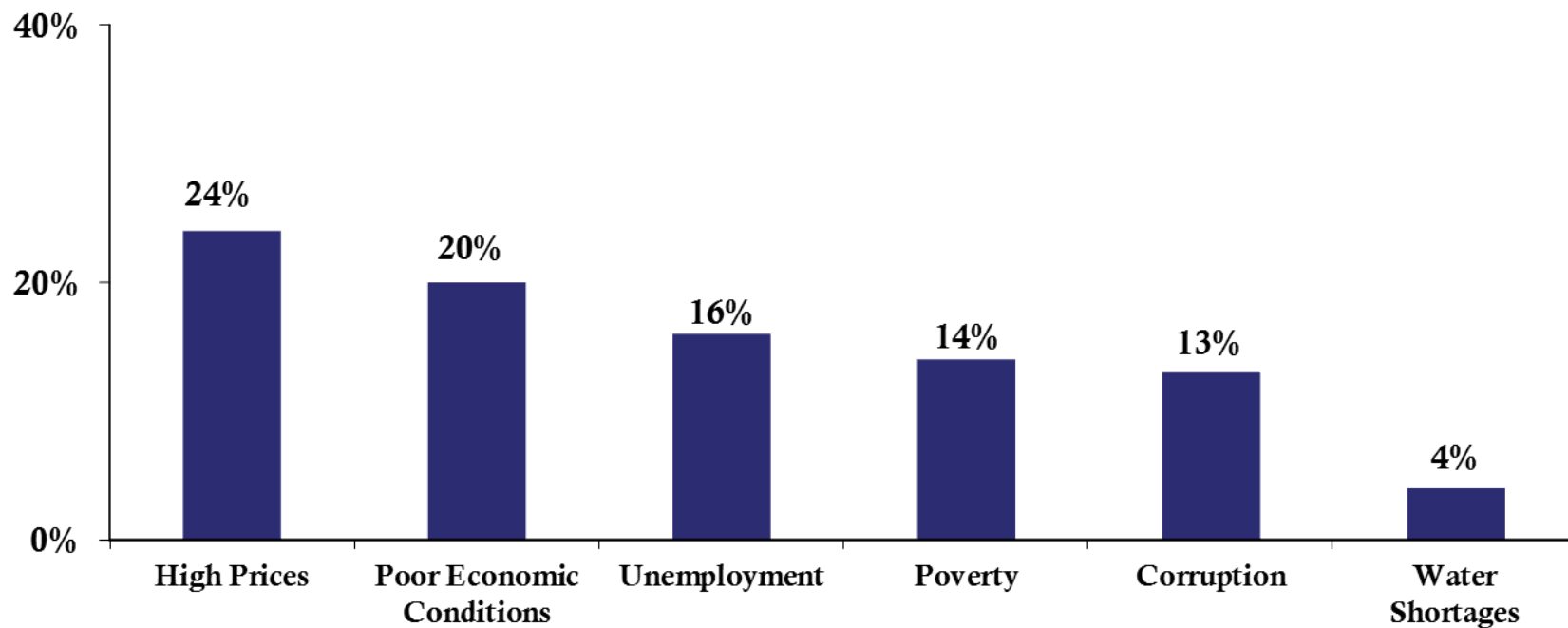
# Taking all things into consideration, what is the most important problem facing Jordan today? (*Open-ended*)



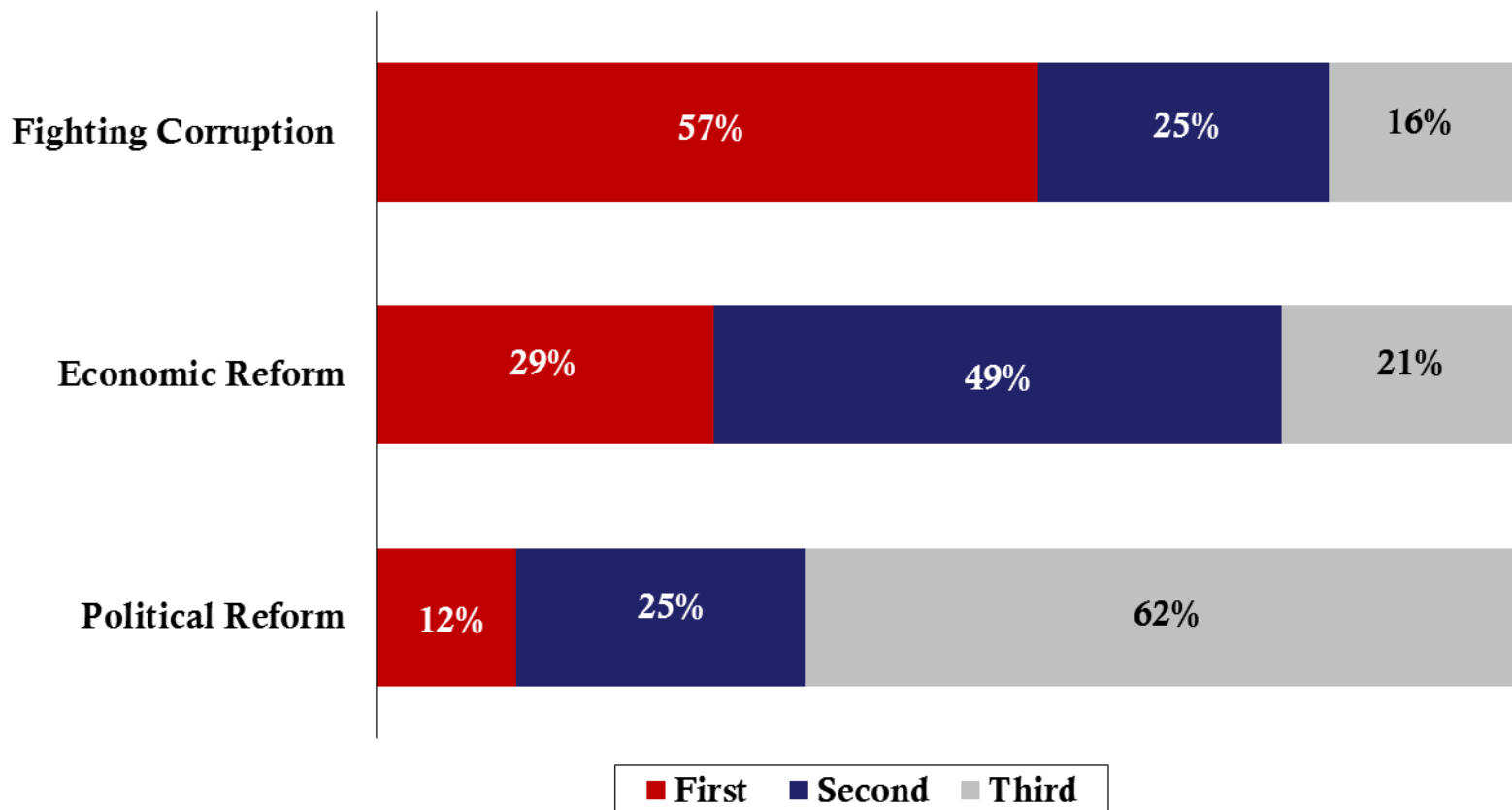
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## What in your opinion is the single biggest problem facing Jordan as whole? (*Open-ended*)

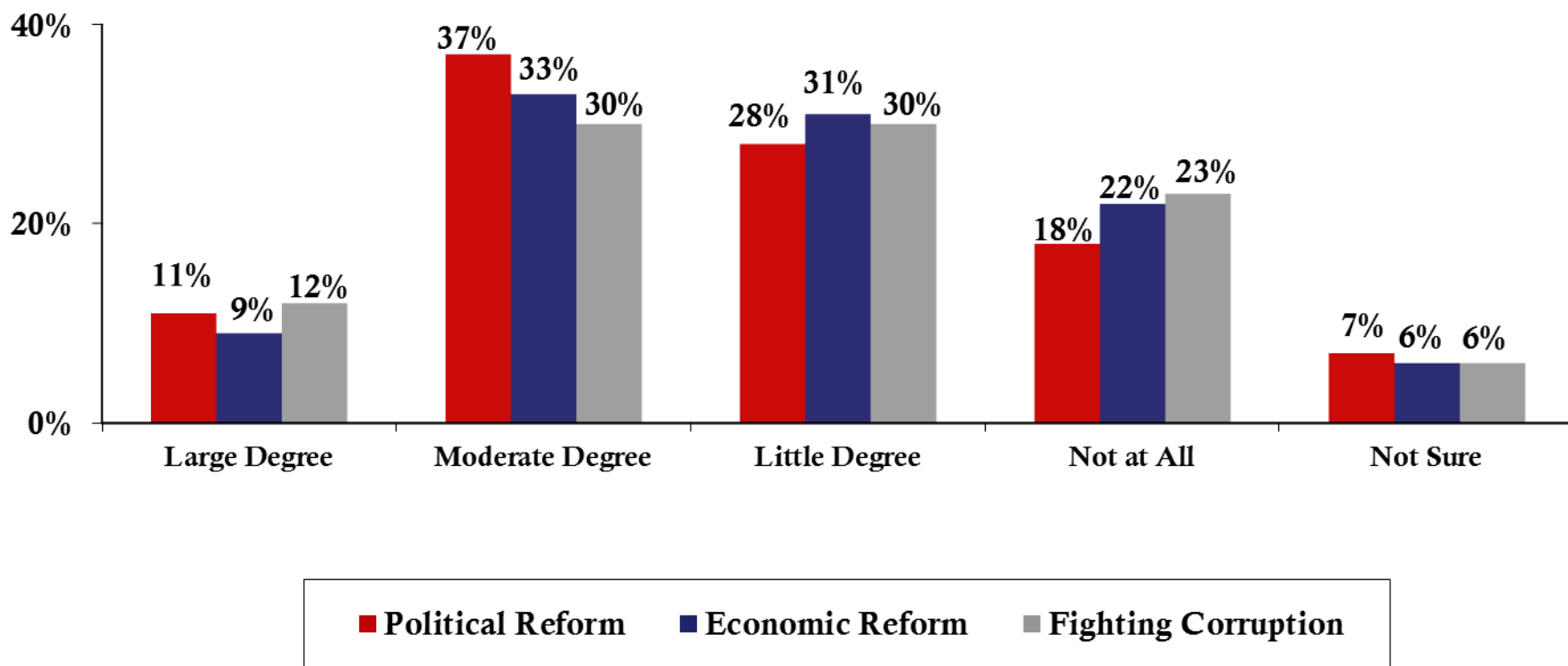


## Which of the following reforms is most important, second most important and third most important? (Closed list)



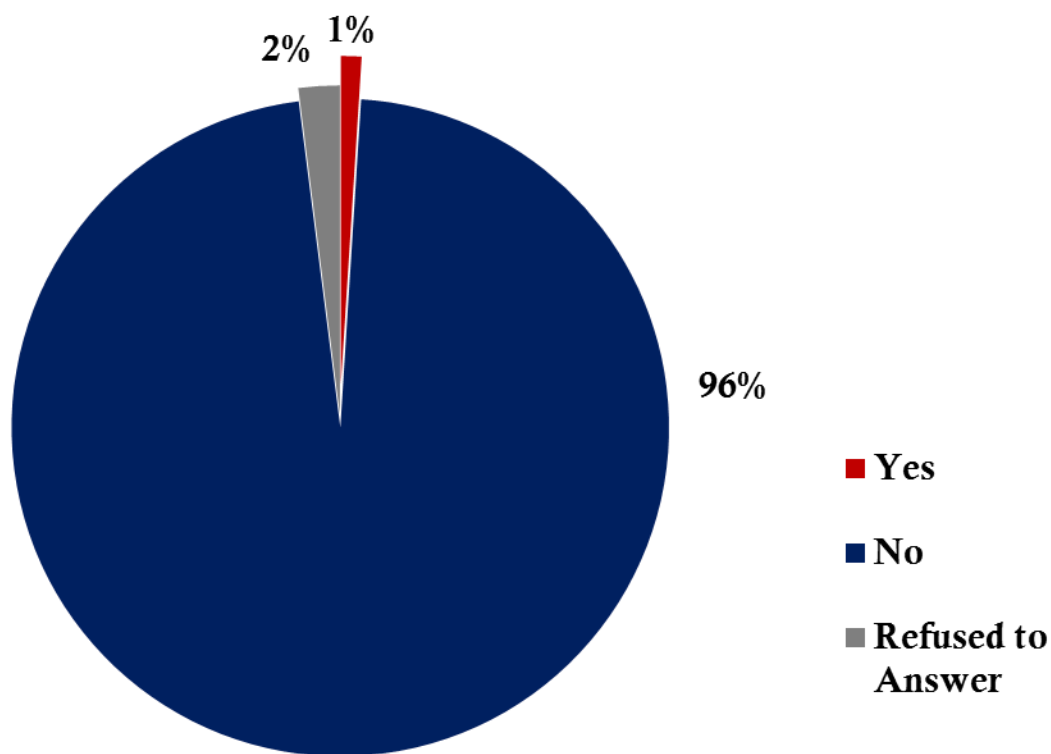


# To what degree do you think the government has implemented political reforms, economic reforms, and is fighting corruption?

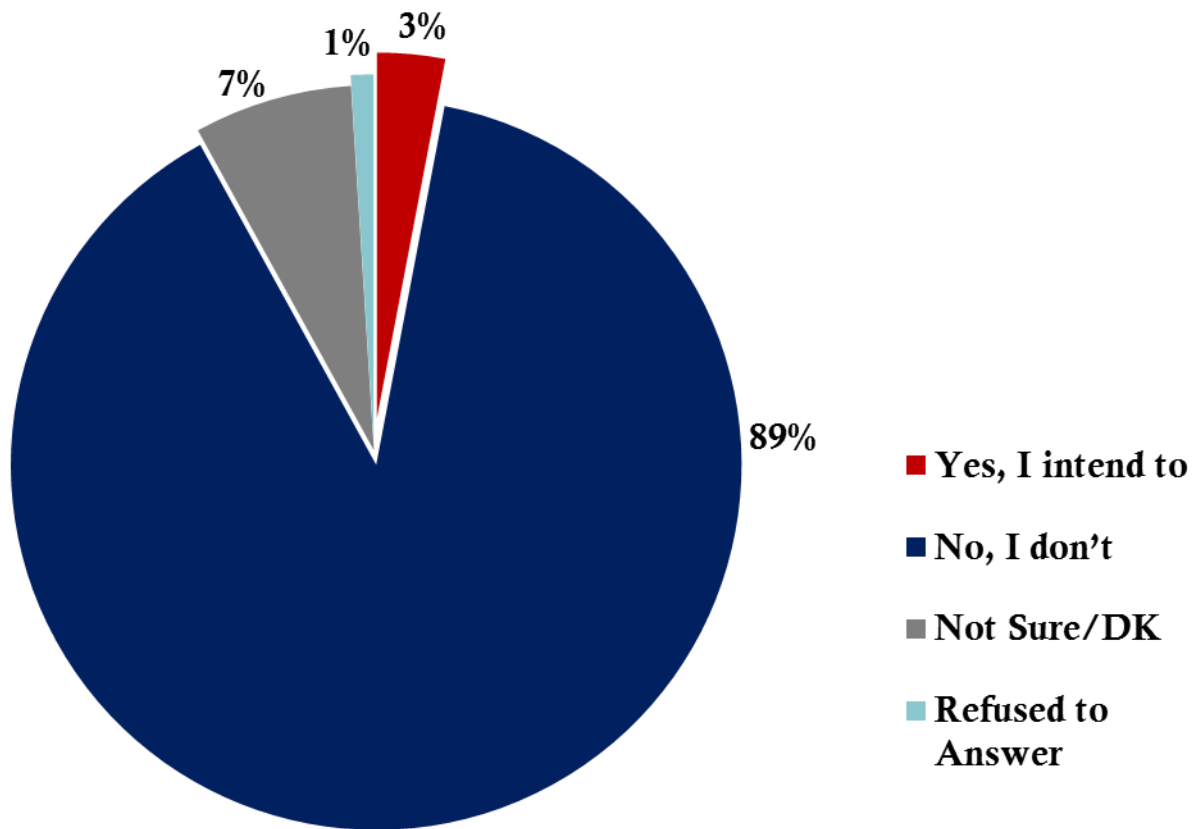


# Political Parties

## Are you currently a member of any political party?



## Do you intend to join any political party in the near future? (*n*=962)

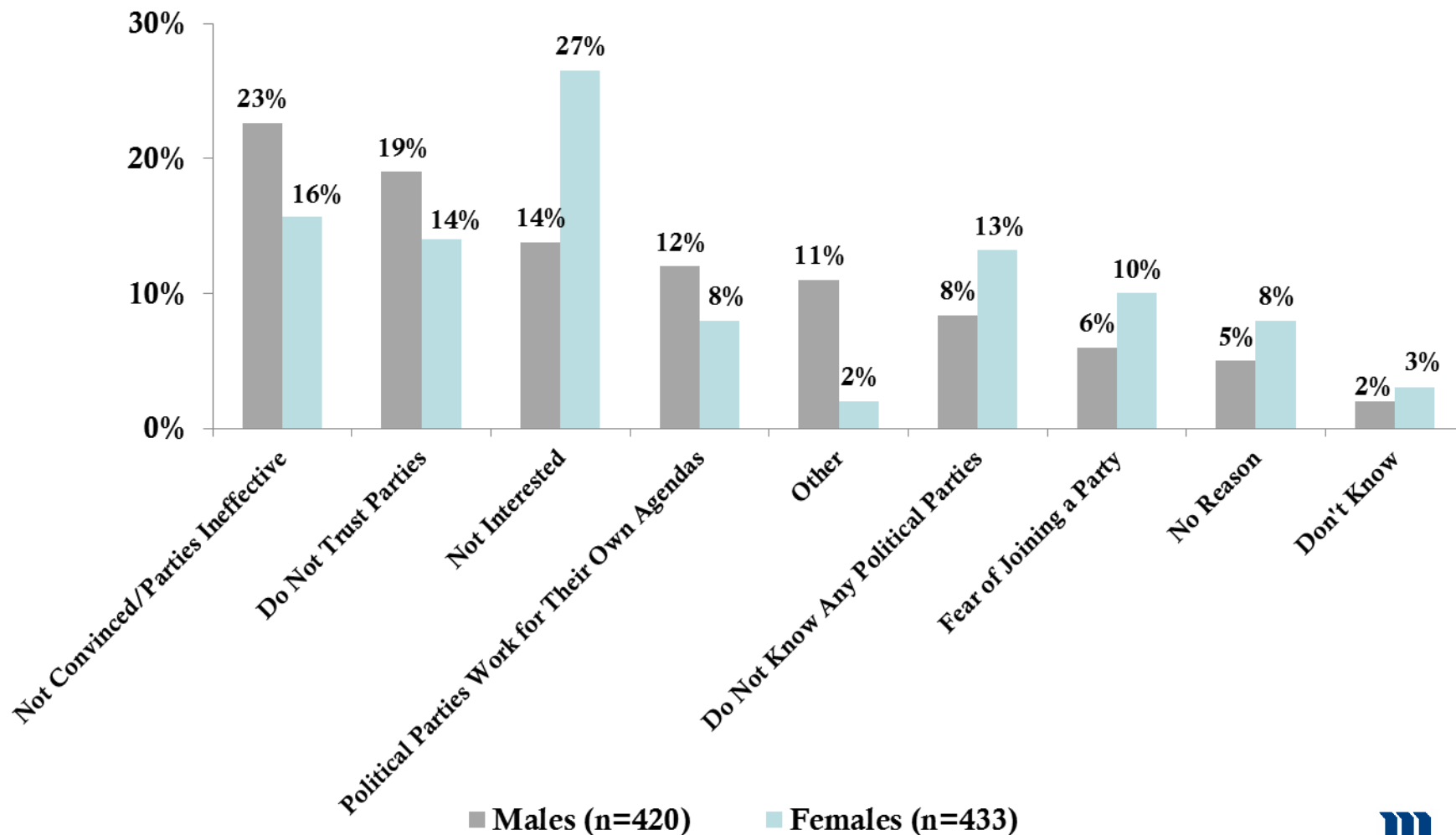


# Why wouldn't you join a political party?

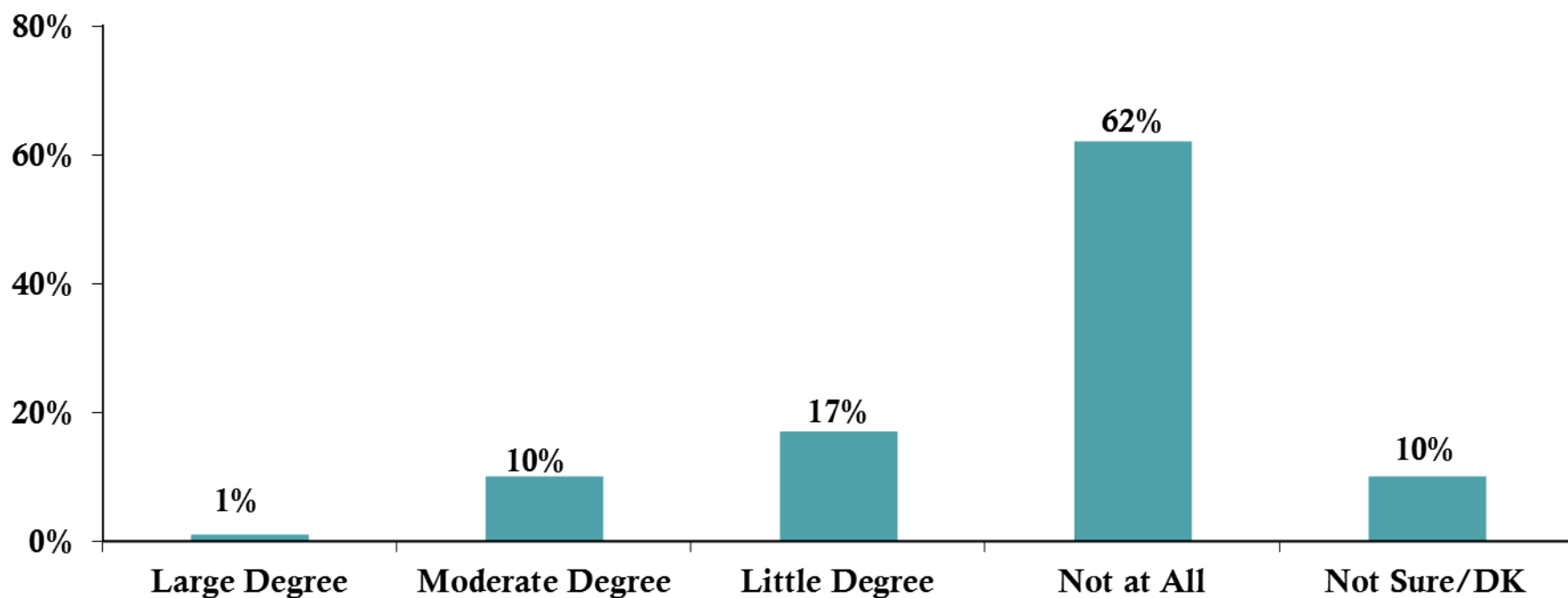
*(Open-ended; multiple responses accepted; n=855)*

<b>Not Interested</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Not Convinced/Ineffective Parties/Useless</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Do Not Trust Political Parties</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Do Not Know Any Political Party</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Political Parties Work for Their Own Agenda</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Fear of Joining a Political Party</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>No Reason</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Don't Know</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>6%</b>

# Why wouldn't you join a political party? (Gender breakdown)



# To what degree do you trust political parties ?



# Have you heard of any of the following political parties? If so, are you aware of the political platform of this party?

Party	Are Aware of Party	Have Knowledge of Platform
Islamic Action Front Party	57%	12%
National Stream Party (National Current Party)	25%	3%
Wasat Islamic Party	21%	2%
Arab Ba'athist Socialist Party	20%	2%
National Constitutional Party	17%	3%
Communist Party	16%	2%
Democratic People's Party	16%	2%
Jordanian Unified Front Party	15%	3%
National Jordanian Party	15%	2%
Jordanian National Youth Party	14%	3%
Justice and Development Party	13%	2%
Jordan National Labour Party	12%	2%
Democratic Popular Unity Party	11%	2%
Rafah Party	11%	2%
Al Rissalah Party	11%	1%
Ba'athist Arab Progressive Party	10%	2%
Du'aa Party	10%	1%
Al Hayat Party	10%	2%
Justice and Reform Party	10%	1%
Freedom and Equality Party	10%	2%
National Movement for Direct Democracy	9%	1%
Jordan Reform Party	9%	2%
Jordan National Union	7%	1%

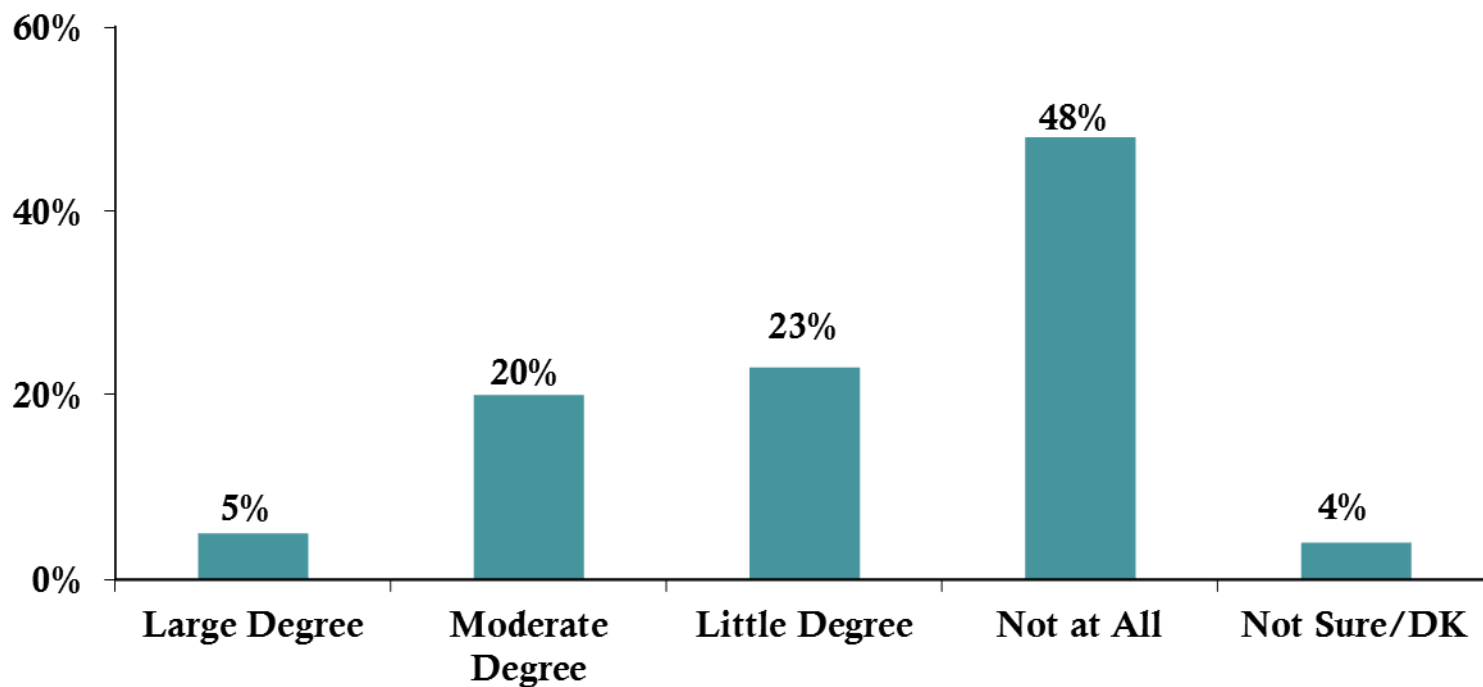


# Election Law

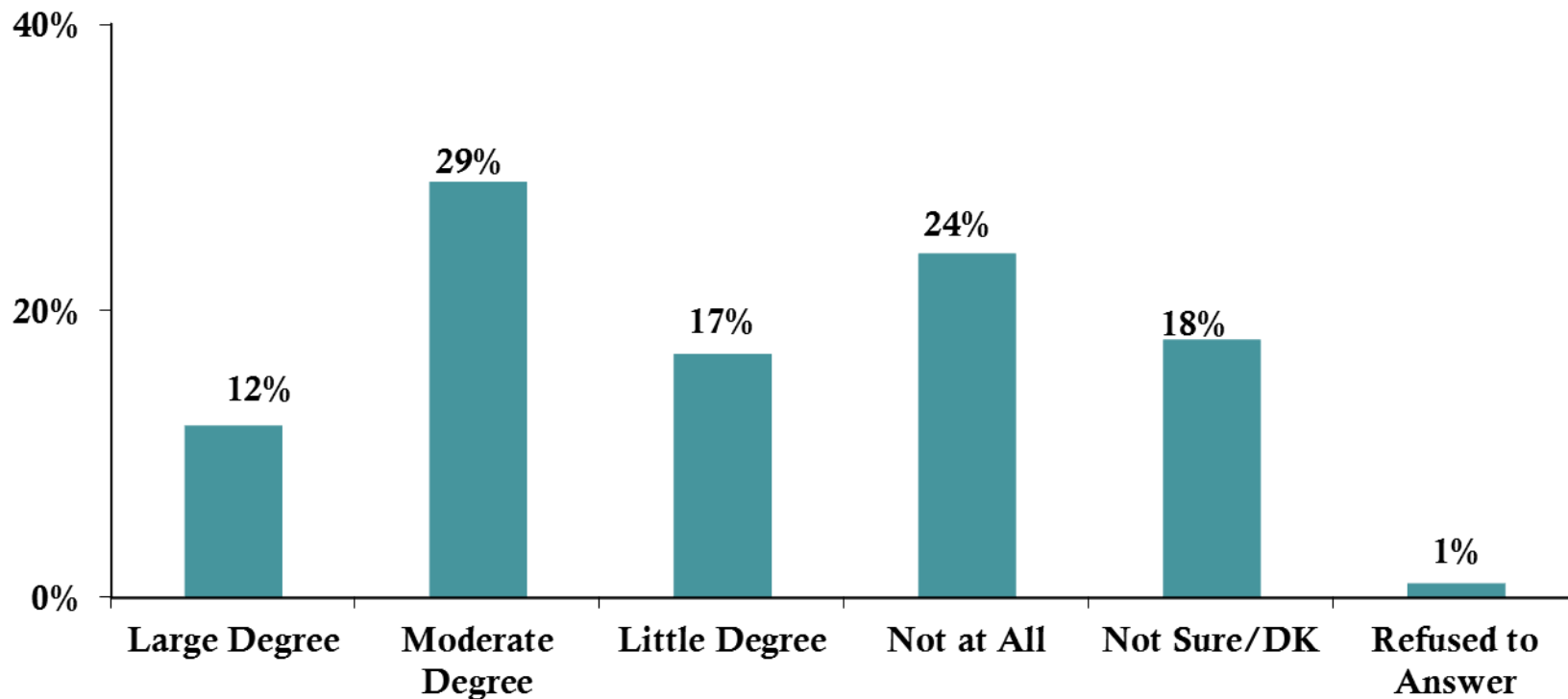
**A new election law has been issued by Parliament giving the voter two votes - one for the district candidate, the other for a national candidate.**

- Number of districts remains 45.**
- There are 108 seats (same as 2010 elections without virtual sub-districts).**
- A national proportional list was newly allocated with 27 seats.**
- Women's quota increased from 12 seats to 15 seats.**
- Total number of seats 150.**

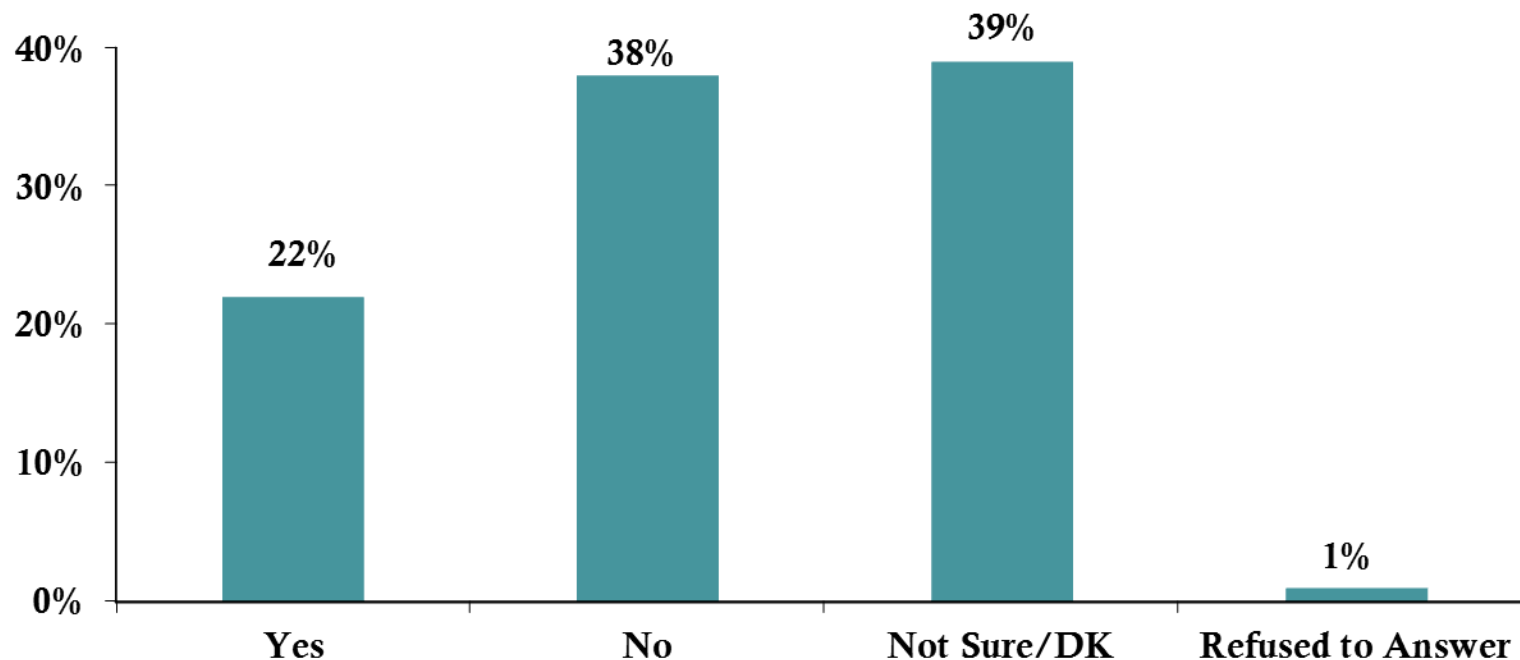
# To what degree are you aware of the content of this law?



# To what degree is this new law an improvement from the previous law?



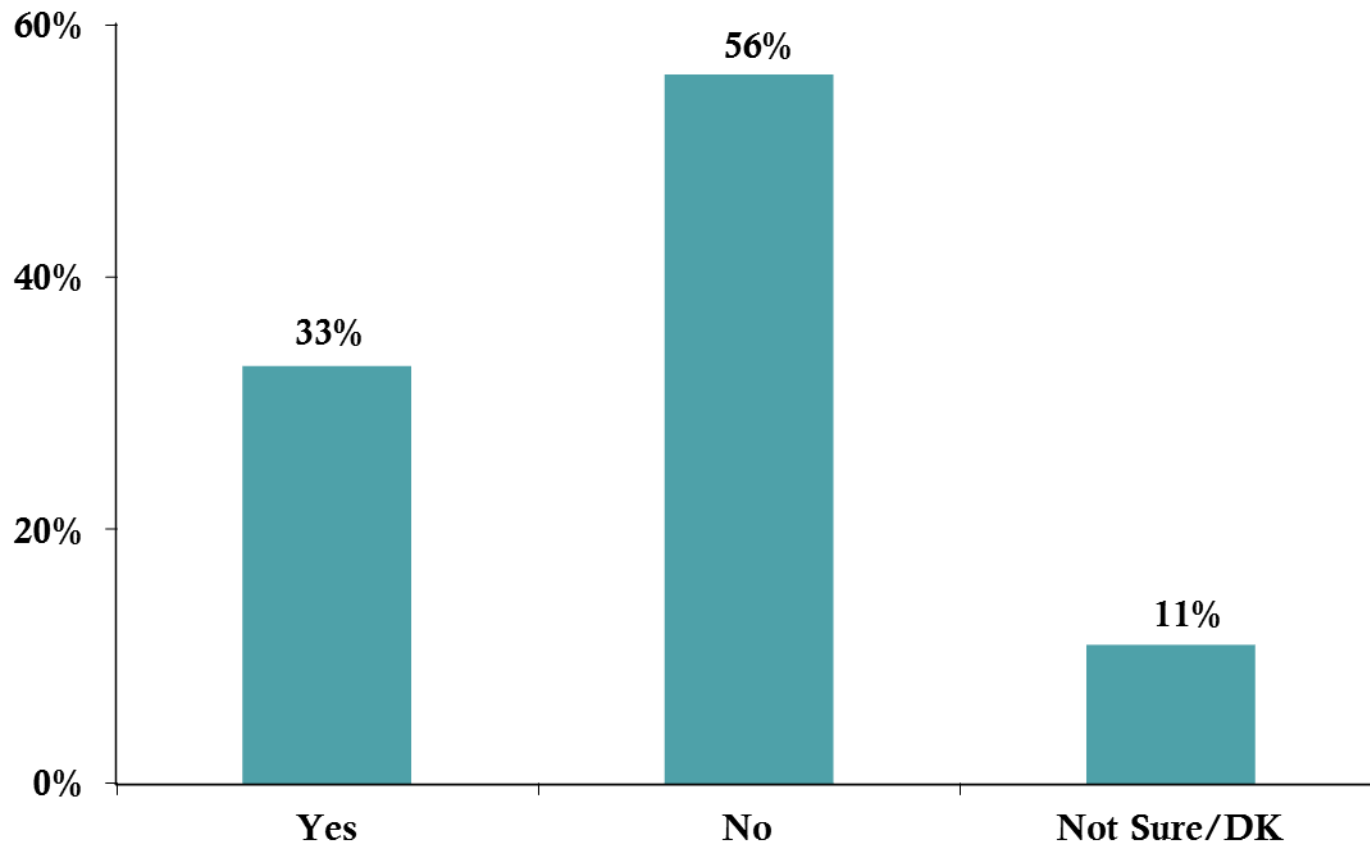
# Do you believe the increase in the number of seats allocated to national proportional lists from 17 to 27 seats will contribute to the development of political parties in Jordan?



# Independent Electoral Commission

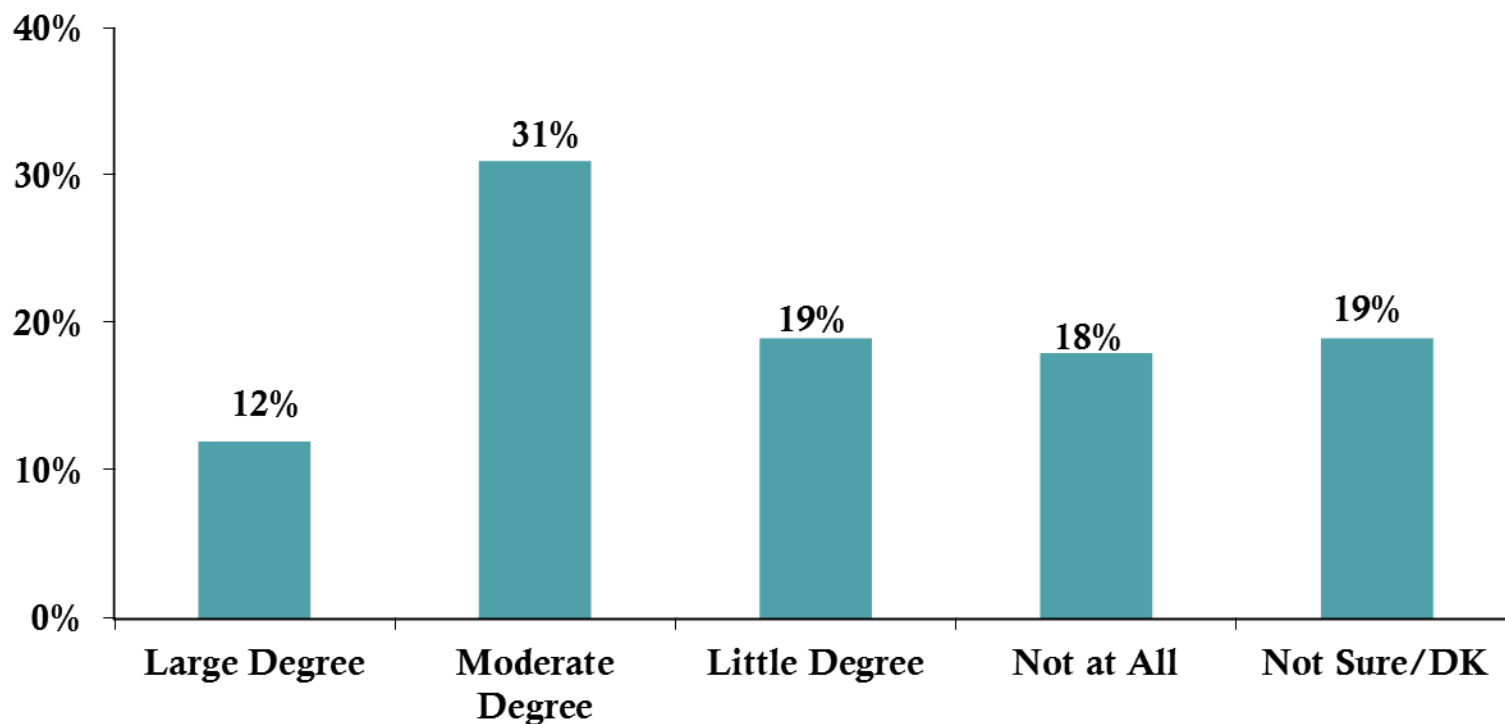
**Parliament has also ratified the formation of an Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) with the mandate of managing and supervising the parliamentary elections. It is now the responsibility of the IEC instead of the Ministry of Interior.**

# Are you aware of the Independent Electoral Commission?



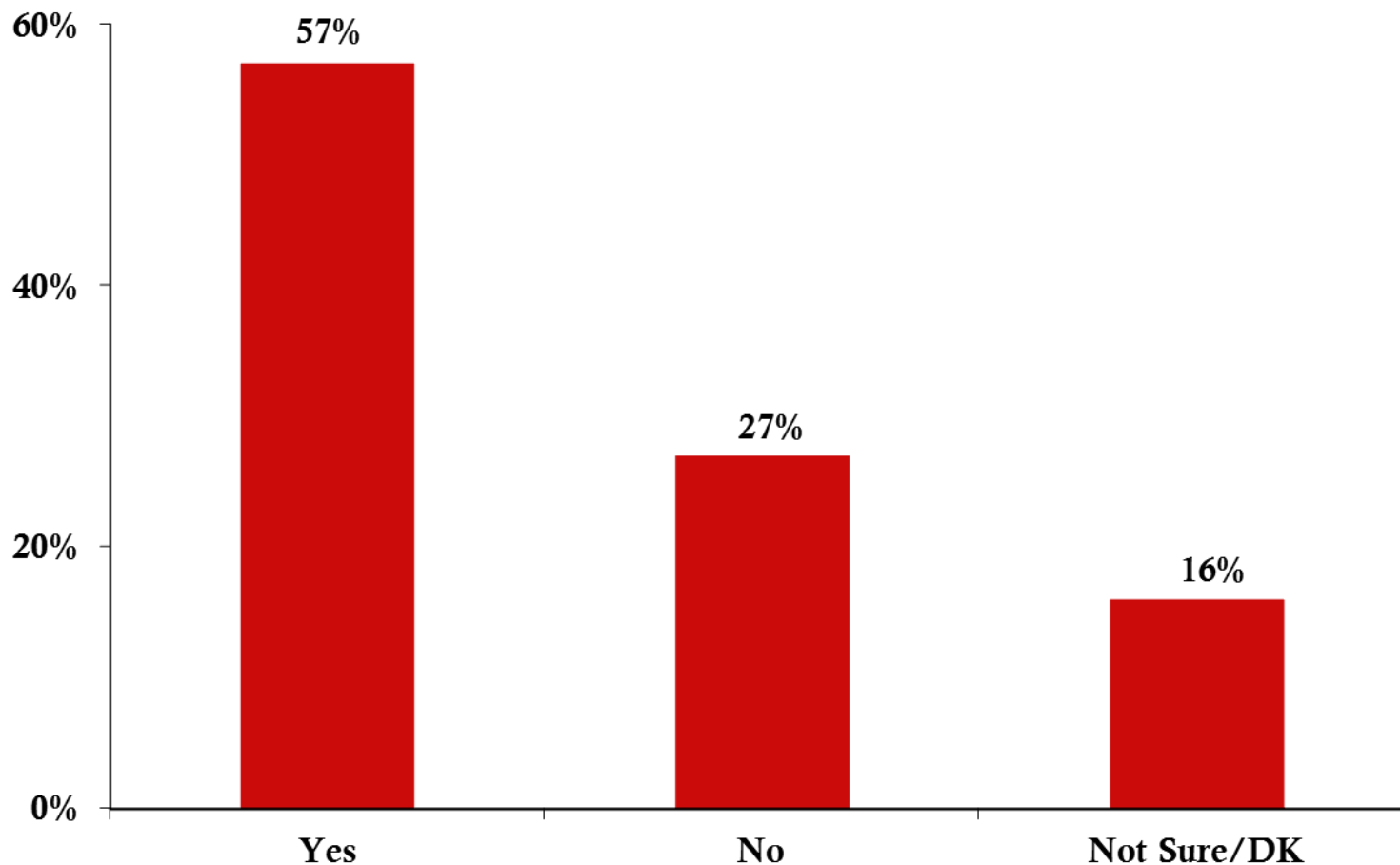


# To what degree do you believe this commission will ensure having fair and transparent elections?

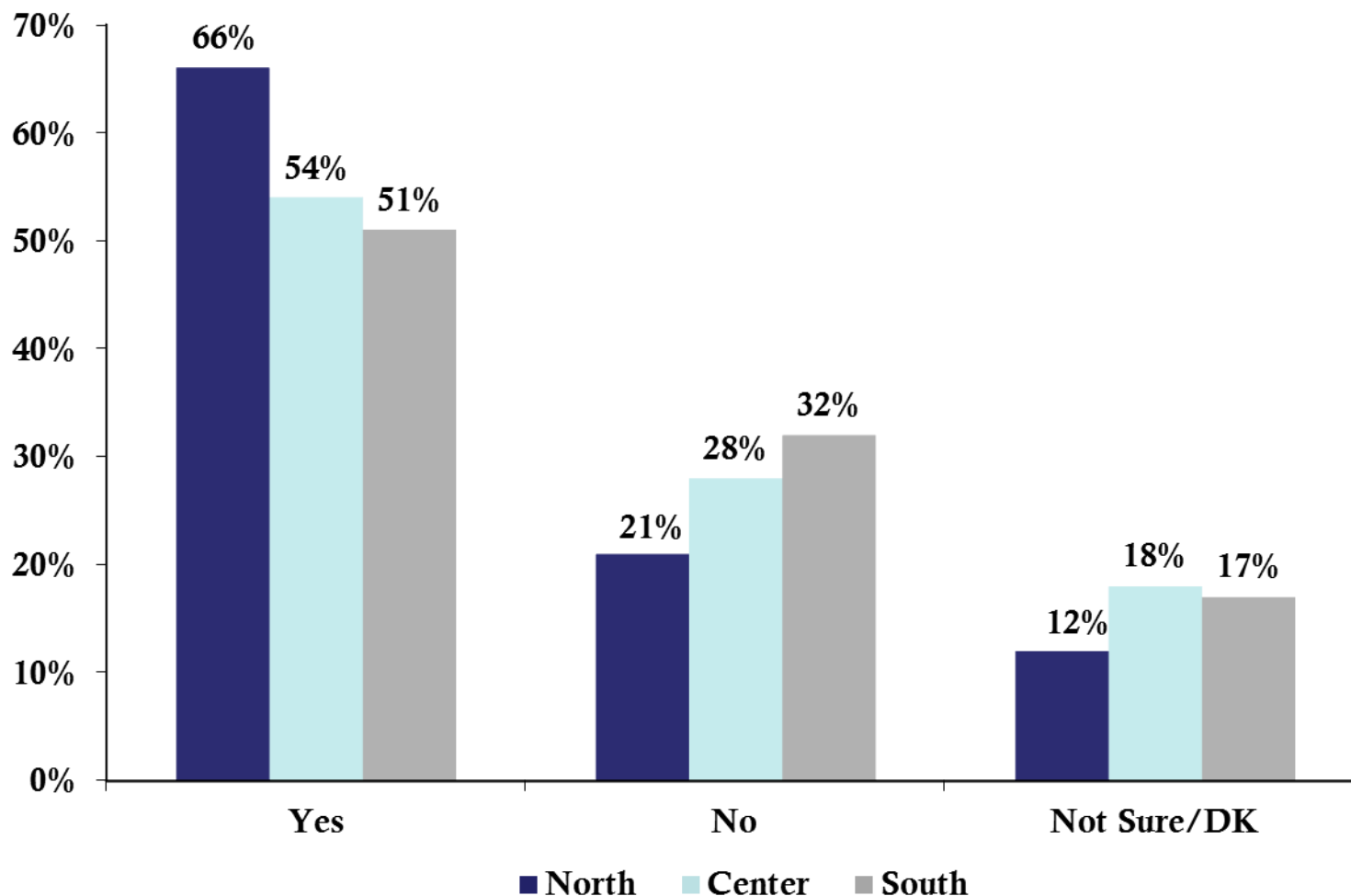


# Elections

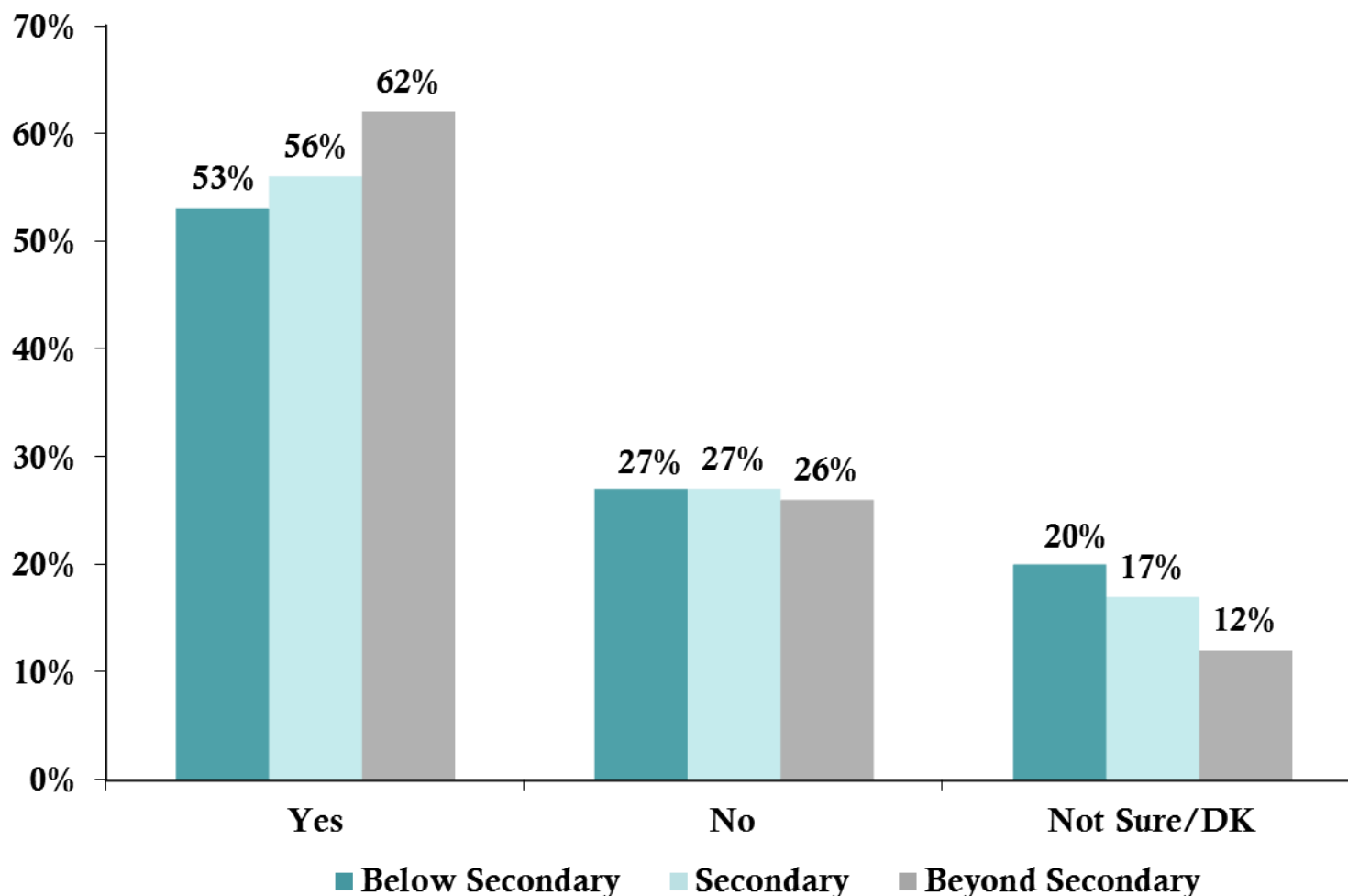
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## If parliamentary elections were held today under the new election law, would you participate in these elections? *(Regional breakdown)*

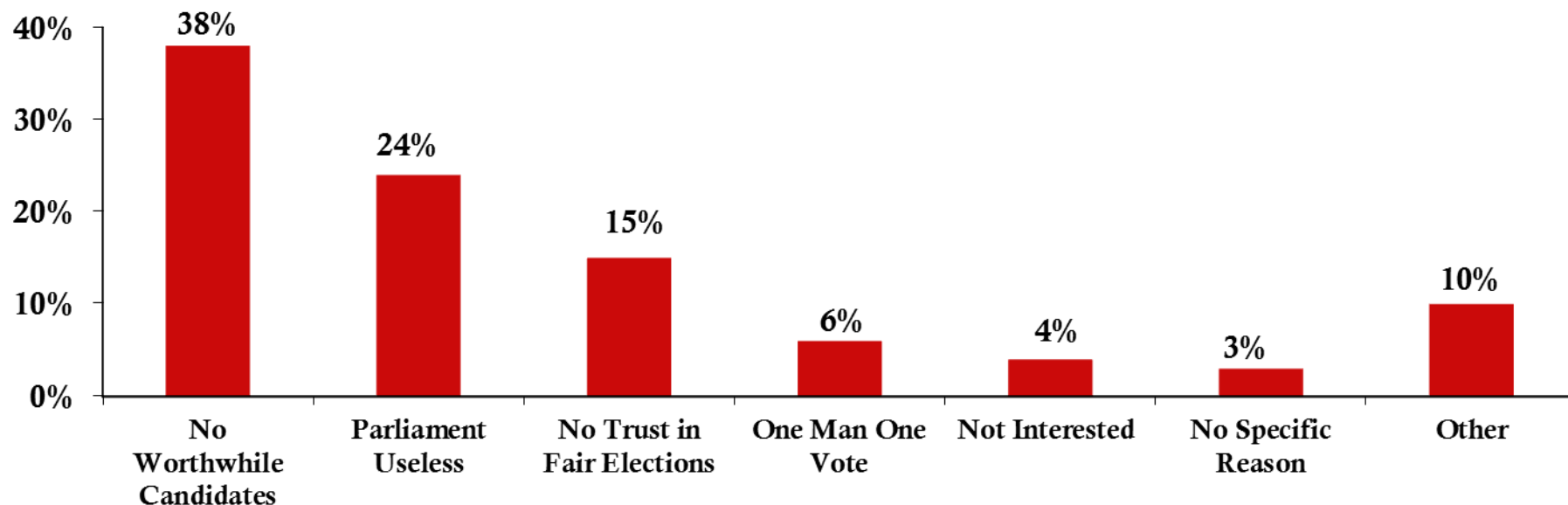


# If parliamentary elections were held today under the new election law, would you participate in these elections? *(Breakdown by educational level)*

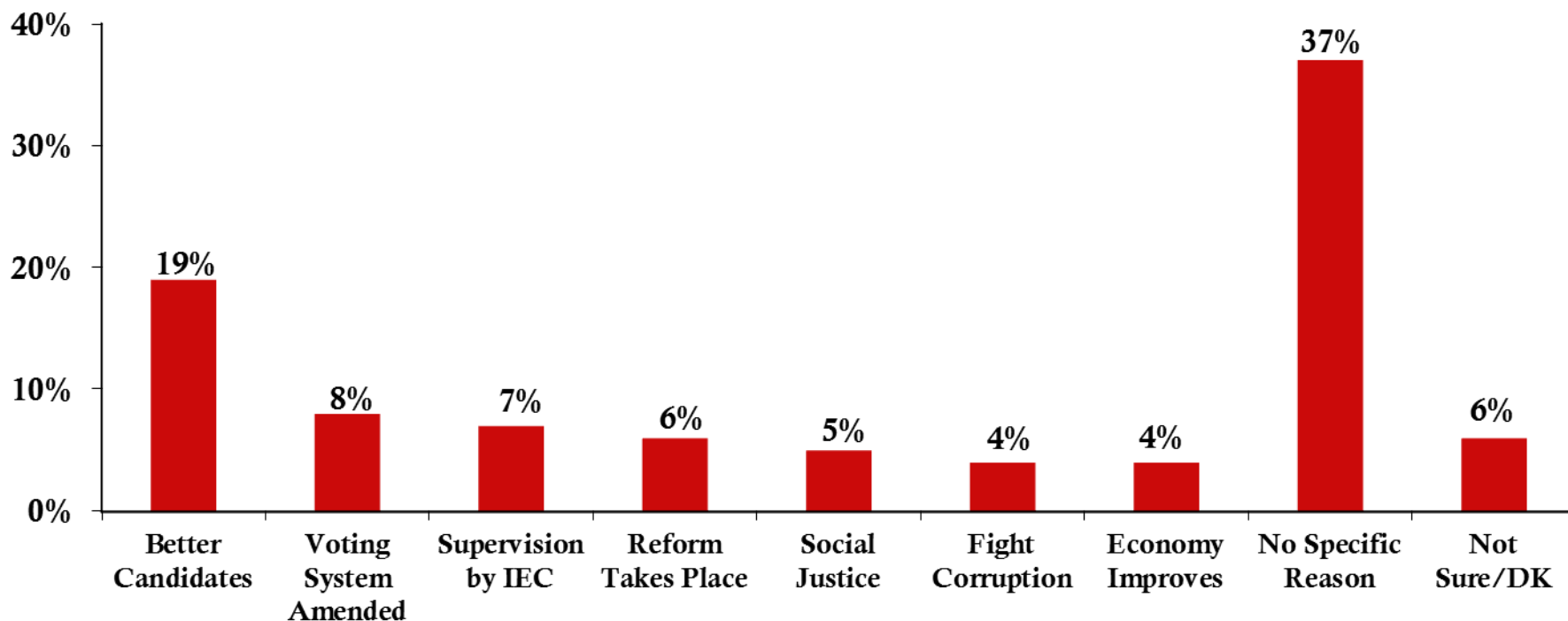


# Why wouldn't you vote?

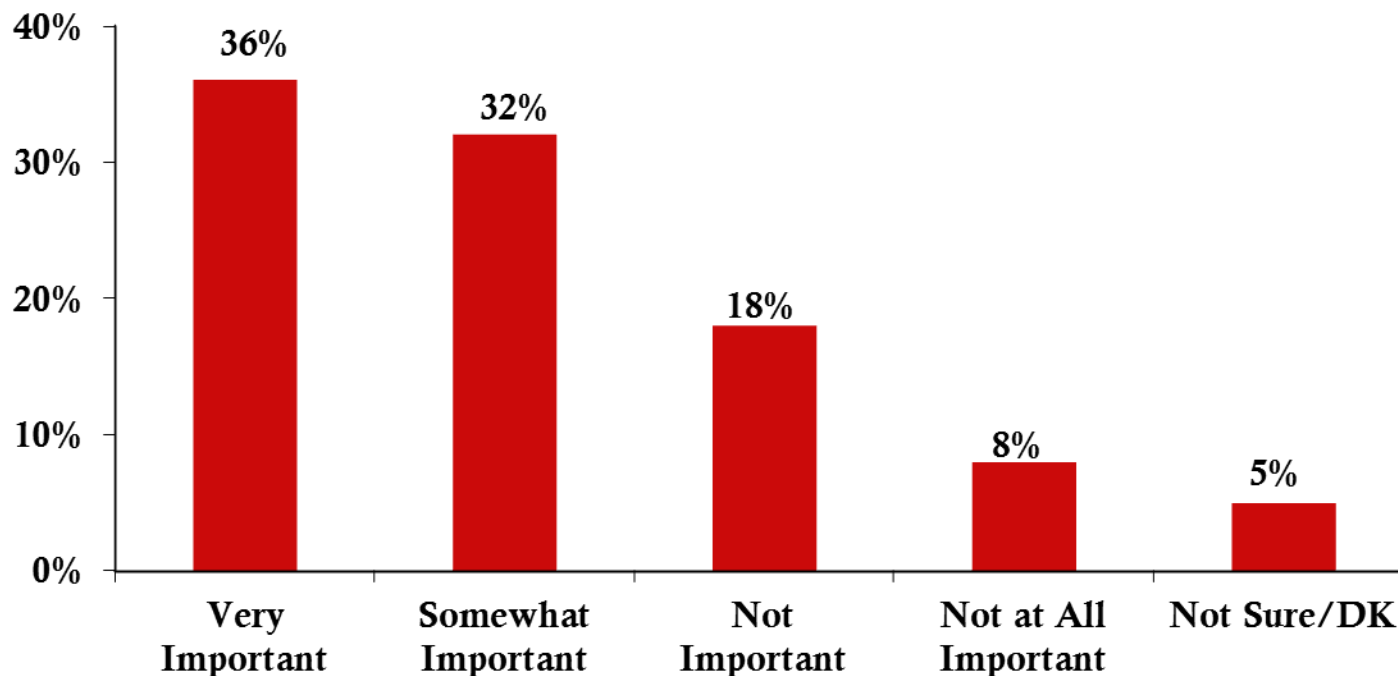
*(Open-ended, multiple responses accepted; n=270 )*



# Under what condition(s) would you change your mind and participate in the upcoming parliamentary elections? (Open-ended; multiple responses accepted; n=270)

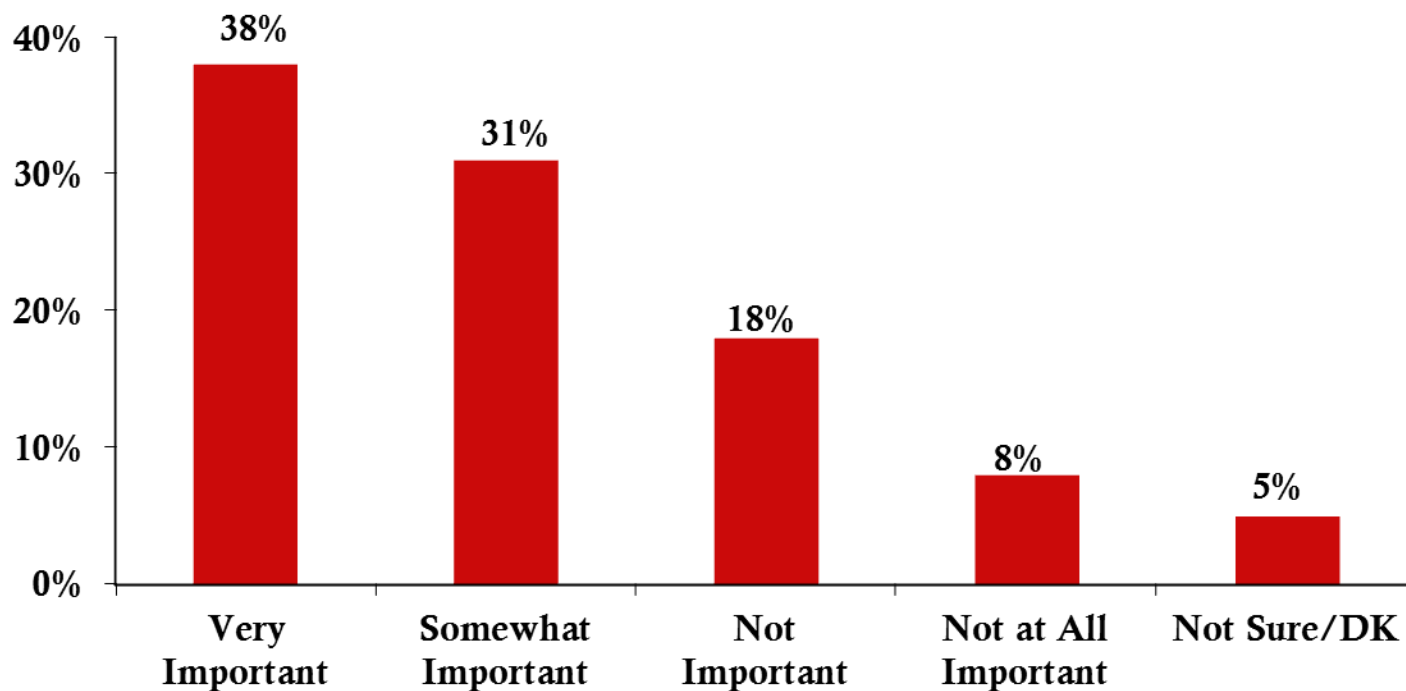


# How important is it for you for parliamentary elections to be held before the end of this year?





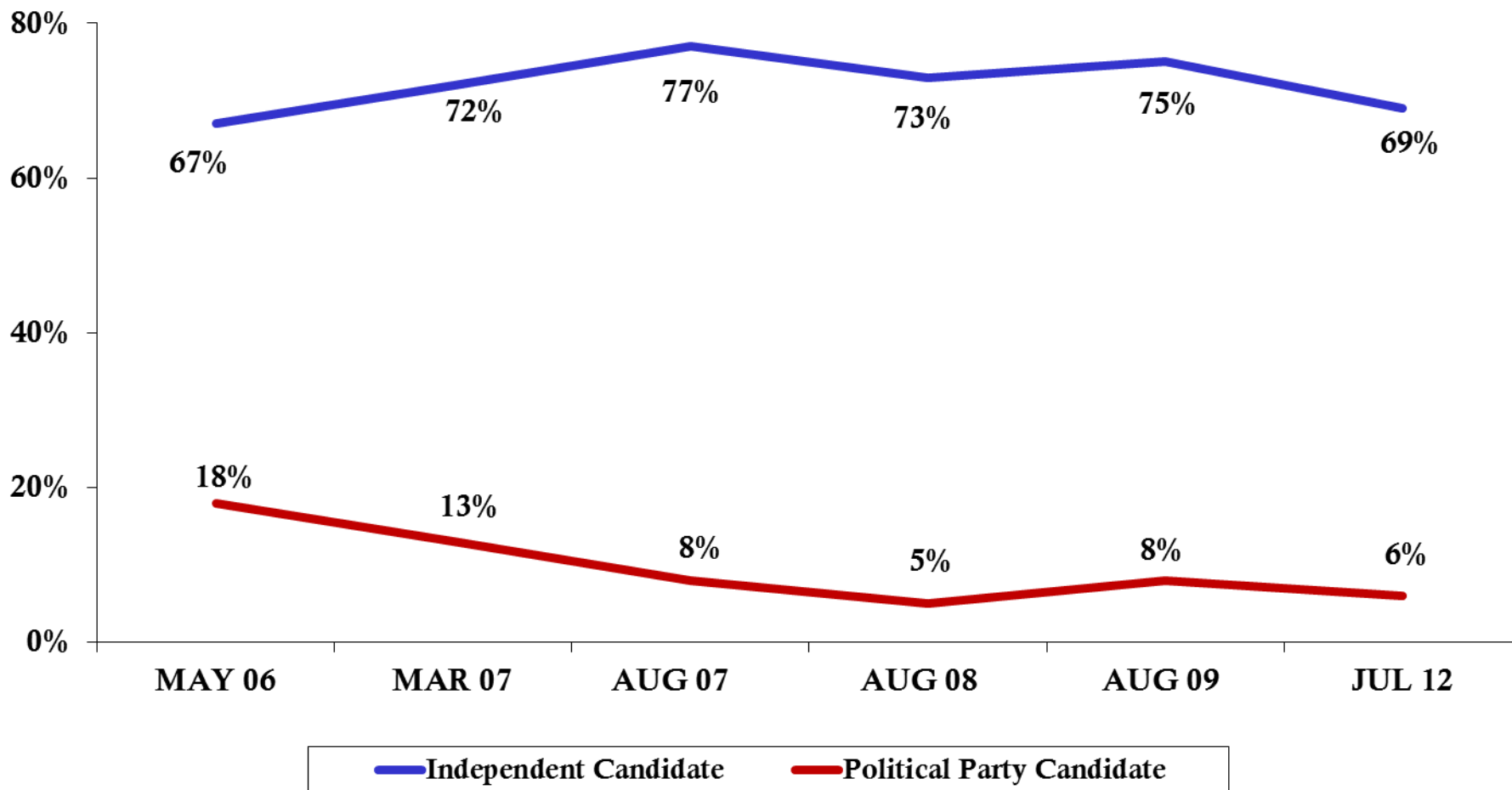
# How important is it for you for municipal elections to be held within the next 12 months?



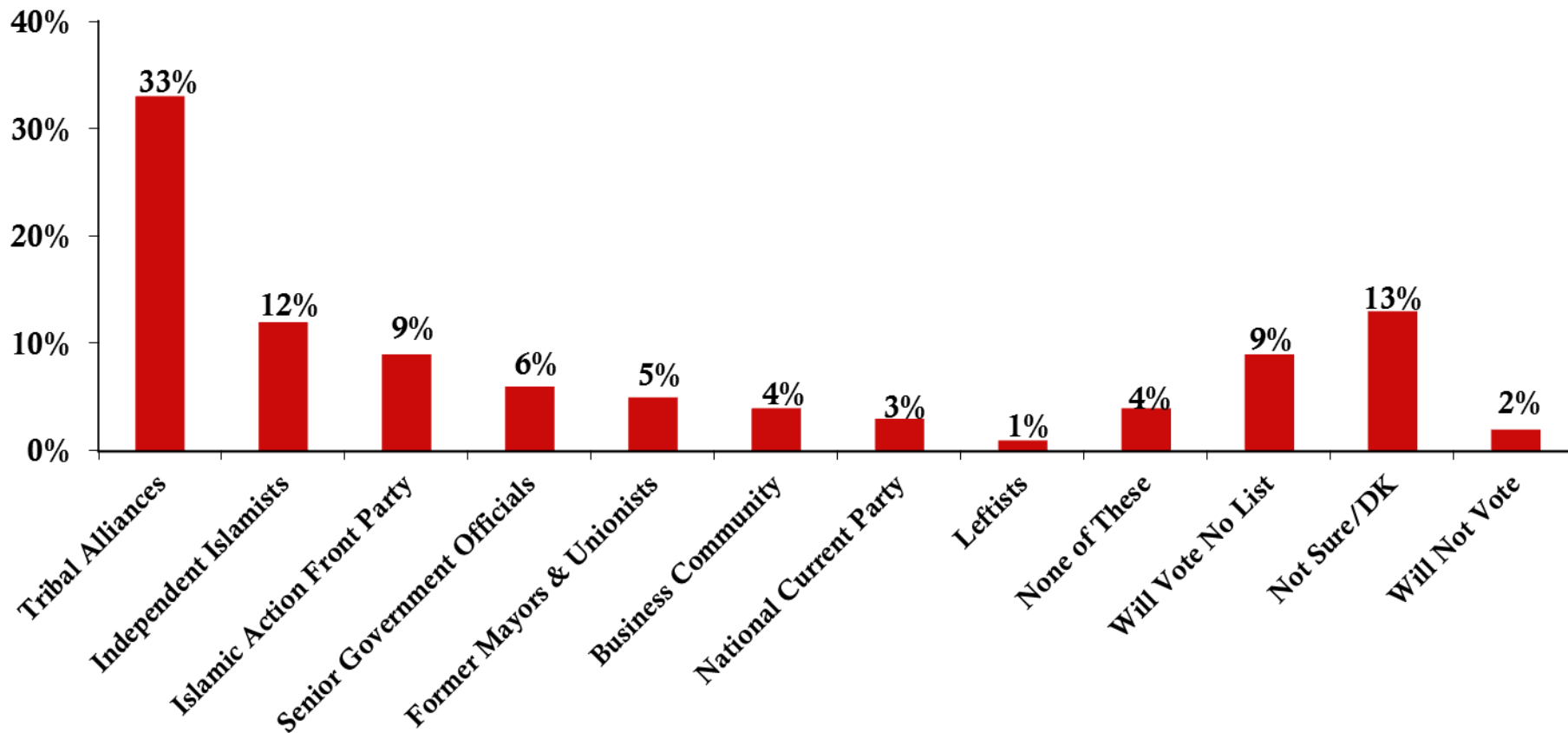
**Under the new Election Law, Jordanians, for the first time, will have the opportunity to cast two votes in these coming elections:**

- 1. One vote for a candidate from the district; and**
- 2. One vote for a national, proportional list.**

Assuming you decided to participate in the forthcoming parliamentary elections, would you vote for a political party candidate or for an independent candidate?

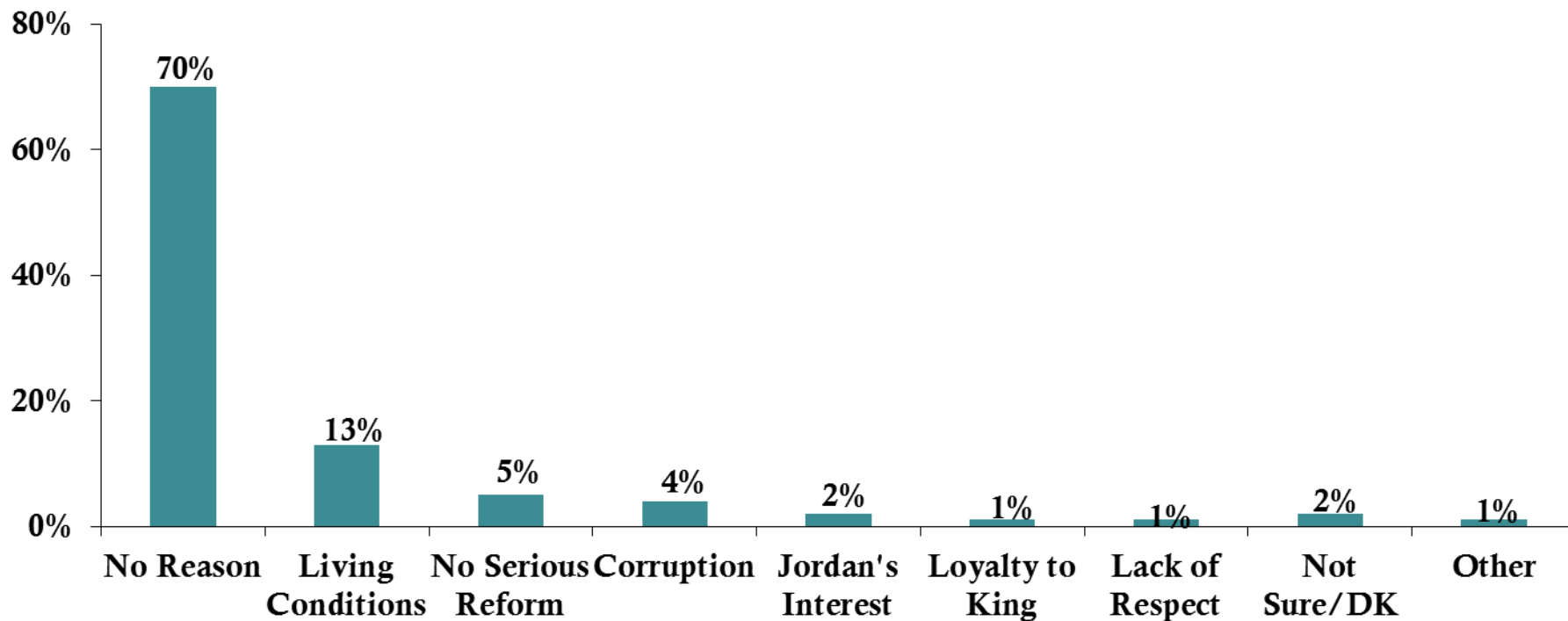


# Which of the following national lists are you likely to give your list vote to? (*Closed list; n=894*)



# Protest Movement

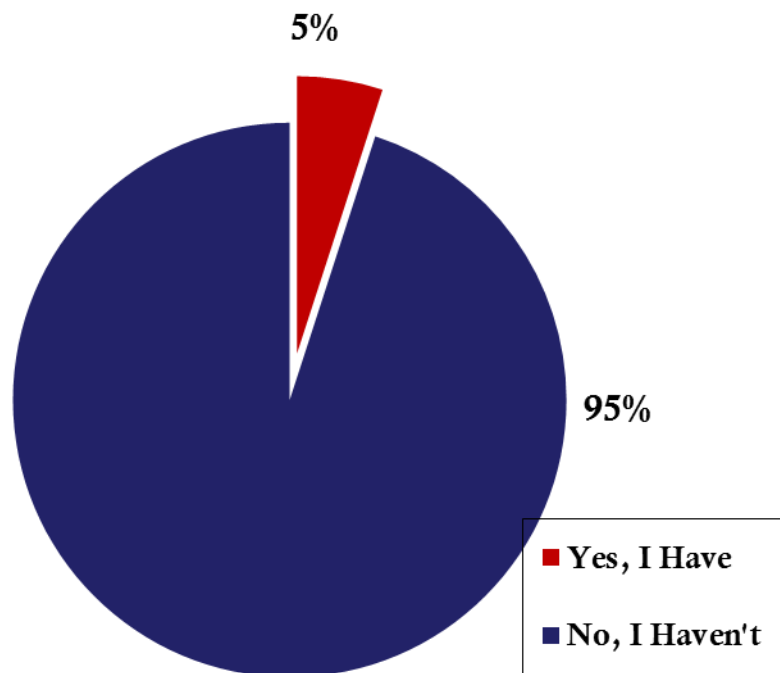
# What is the most important reason that would motivate you to participate in rallies and protests in the future? (Open-ended)



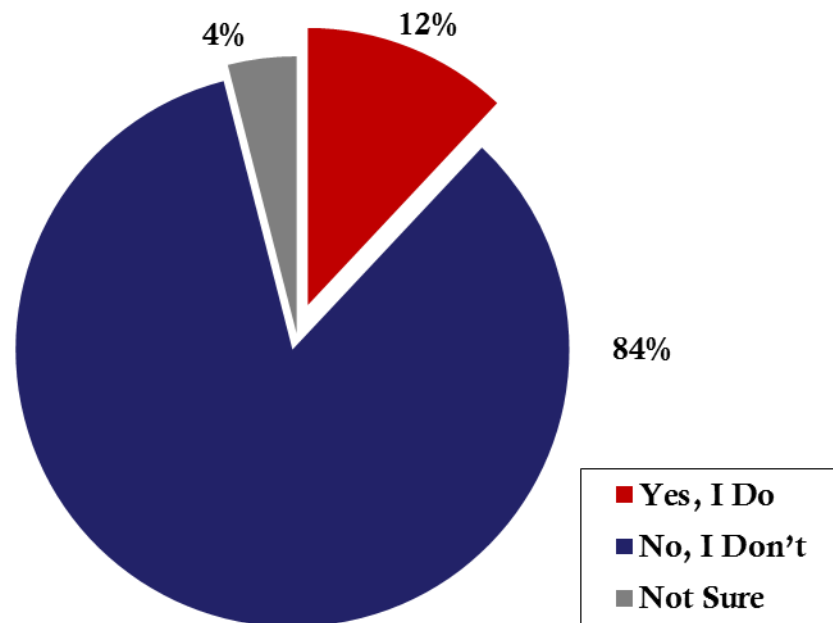
# Have you ever participated in any Friday rallies or protests?

## Do you intend to participate in any of these rallies or protests in the future?

**Ever Participated**



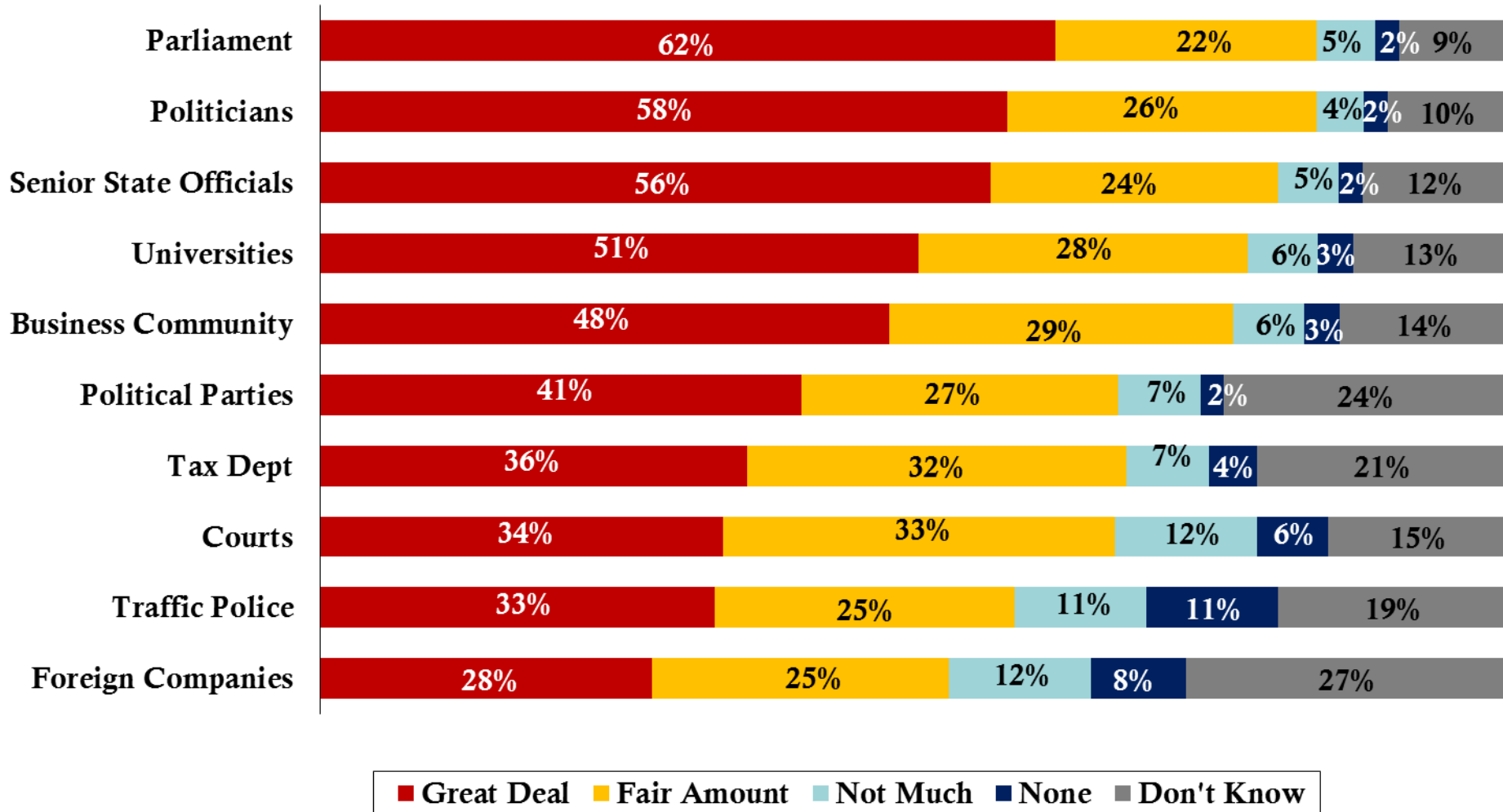
**Intend to Participate**



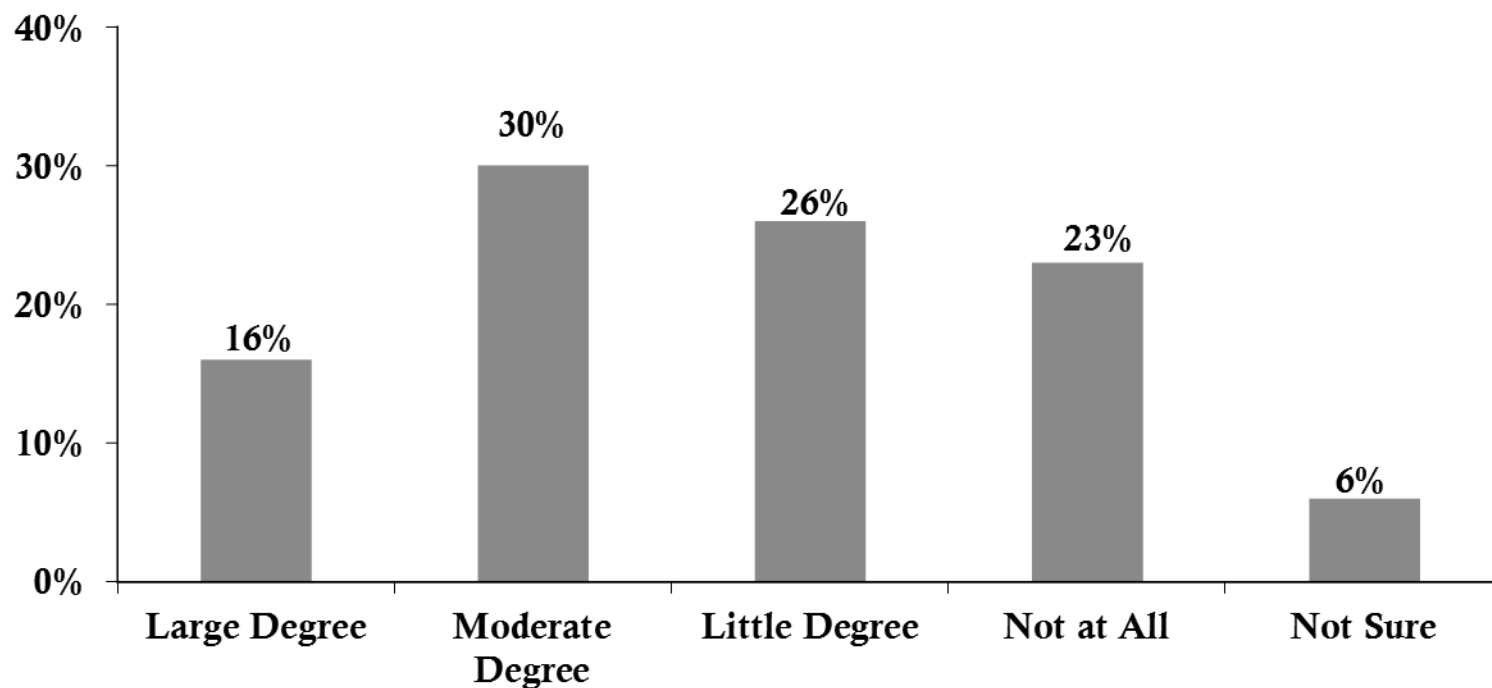
# Corruption



# Please tell me how much corruption you think there is among each of these groups or organizations.

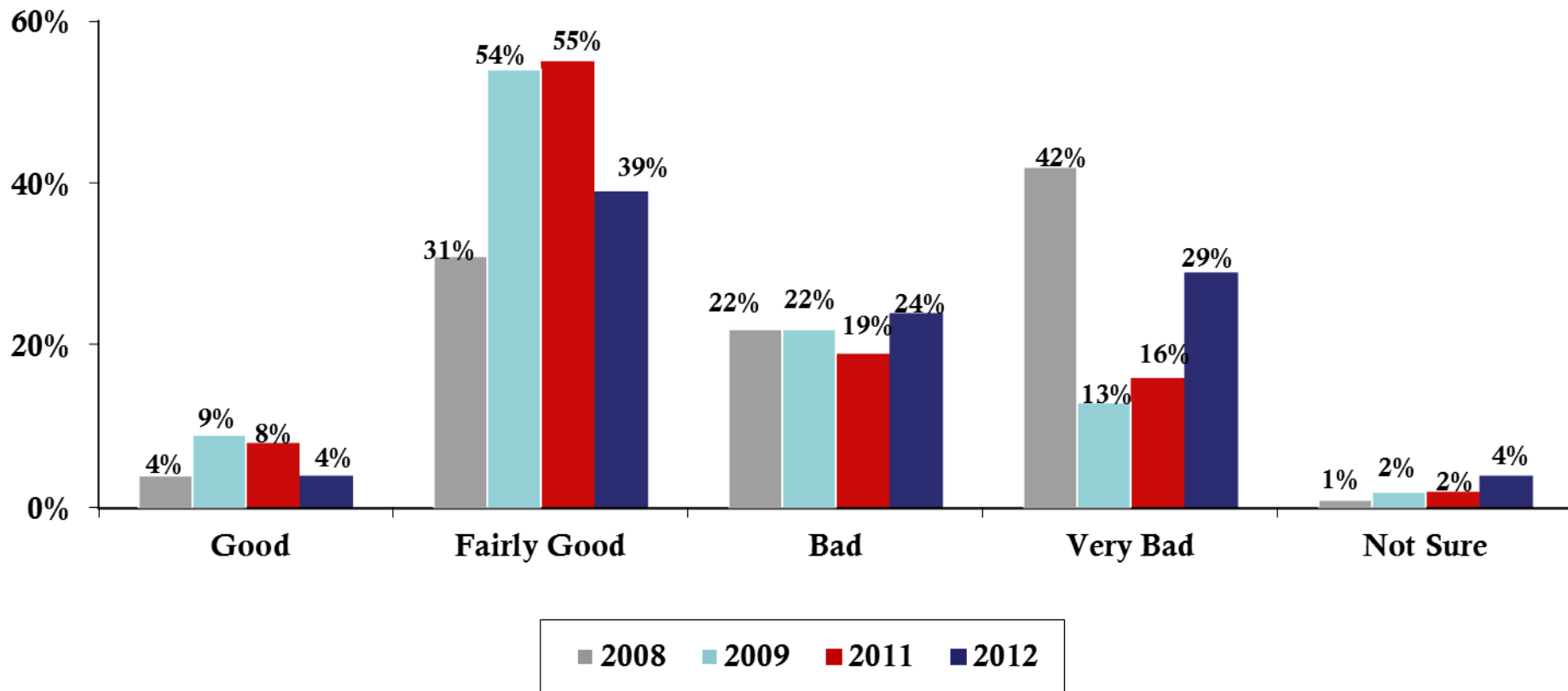


# To what degree do you think the Government is serious about combating or fighting corruption?



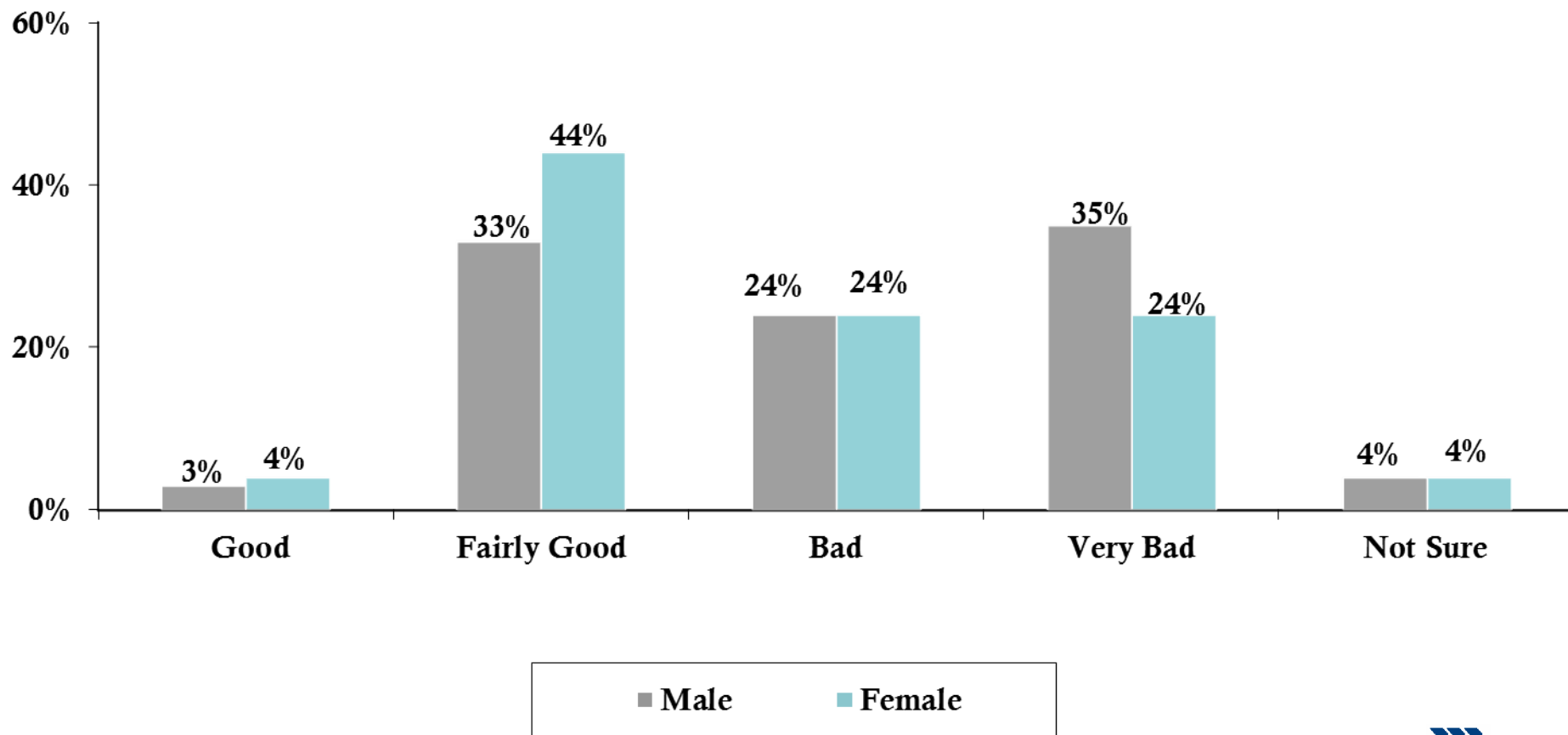
# The Economic Situation

# How would you describe the current economic situation in Jordan?

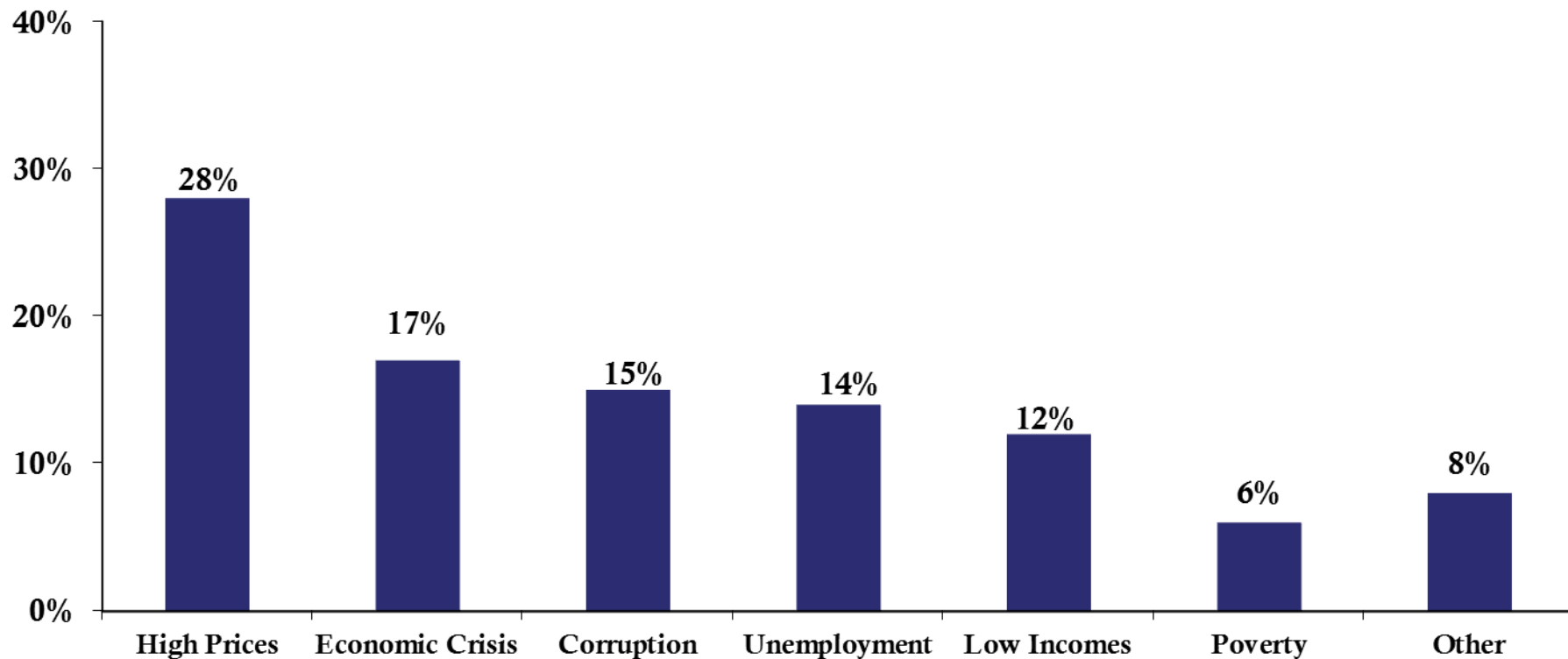


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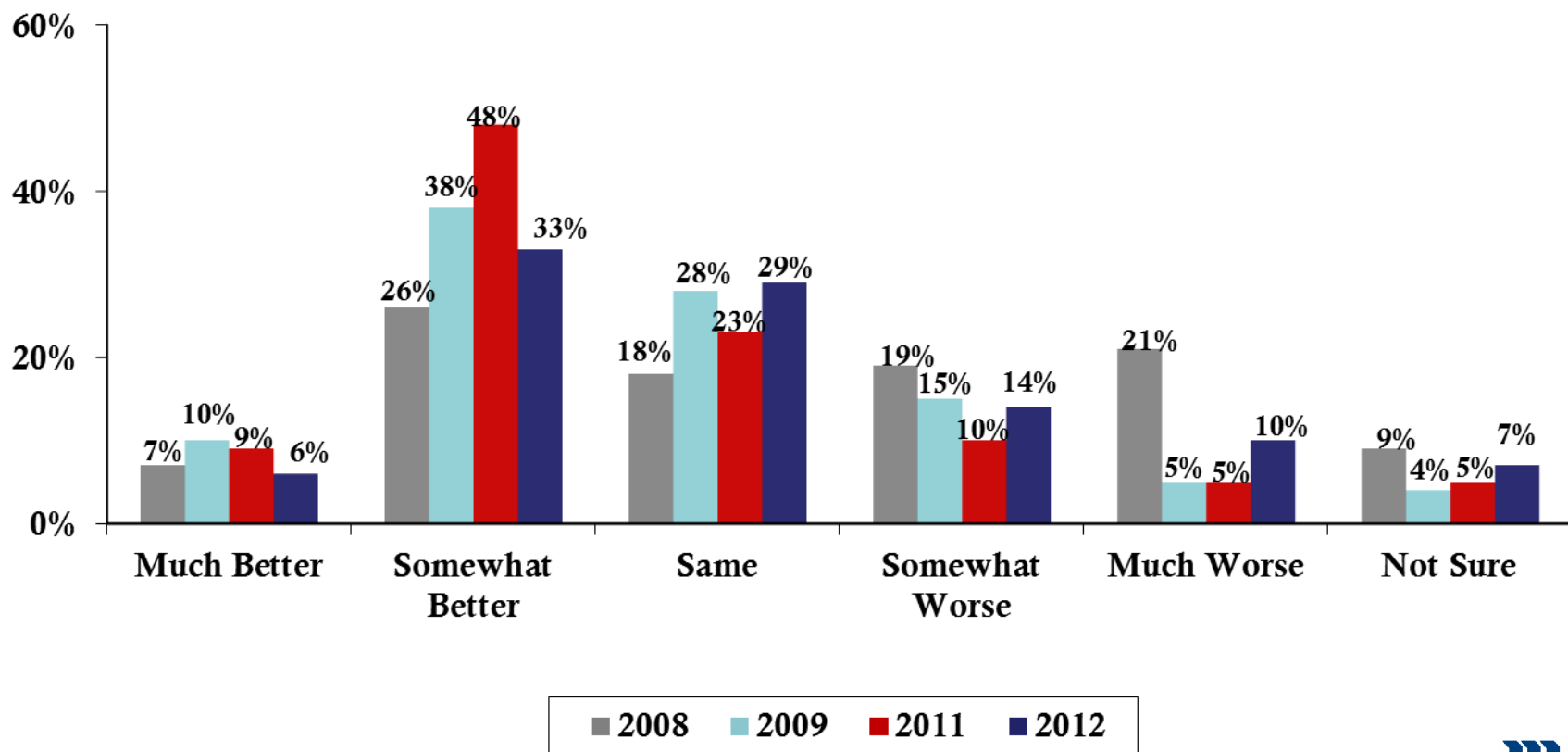
*(Gender breakdown)*



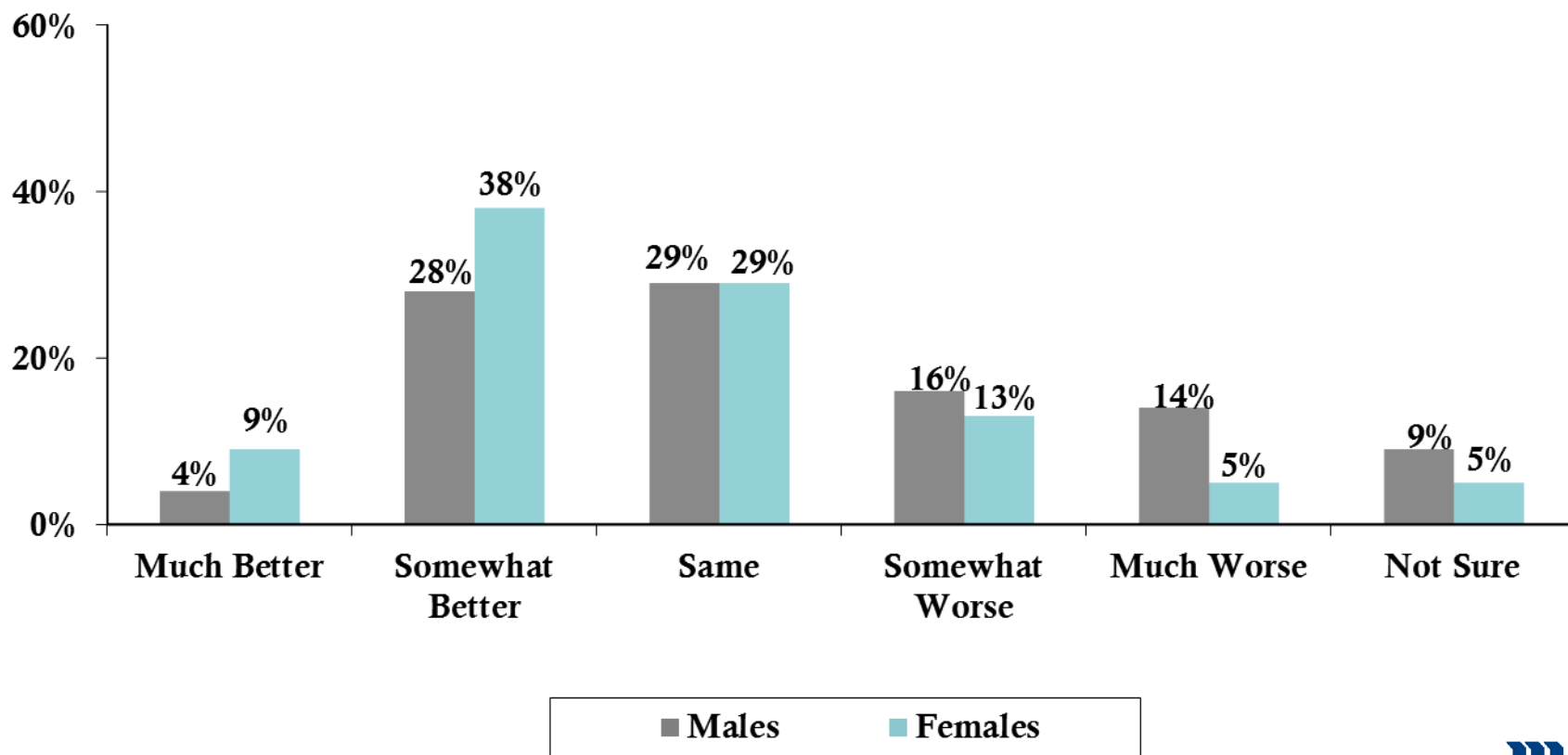
# Why do you describe the current economy in Jordan as bad or very bad? (*n*=537)



# Is the general economic situation in Jordan over the next 12 months likely to get much better, somewhat better, somewhat worse, much worse or remain the same?

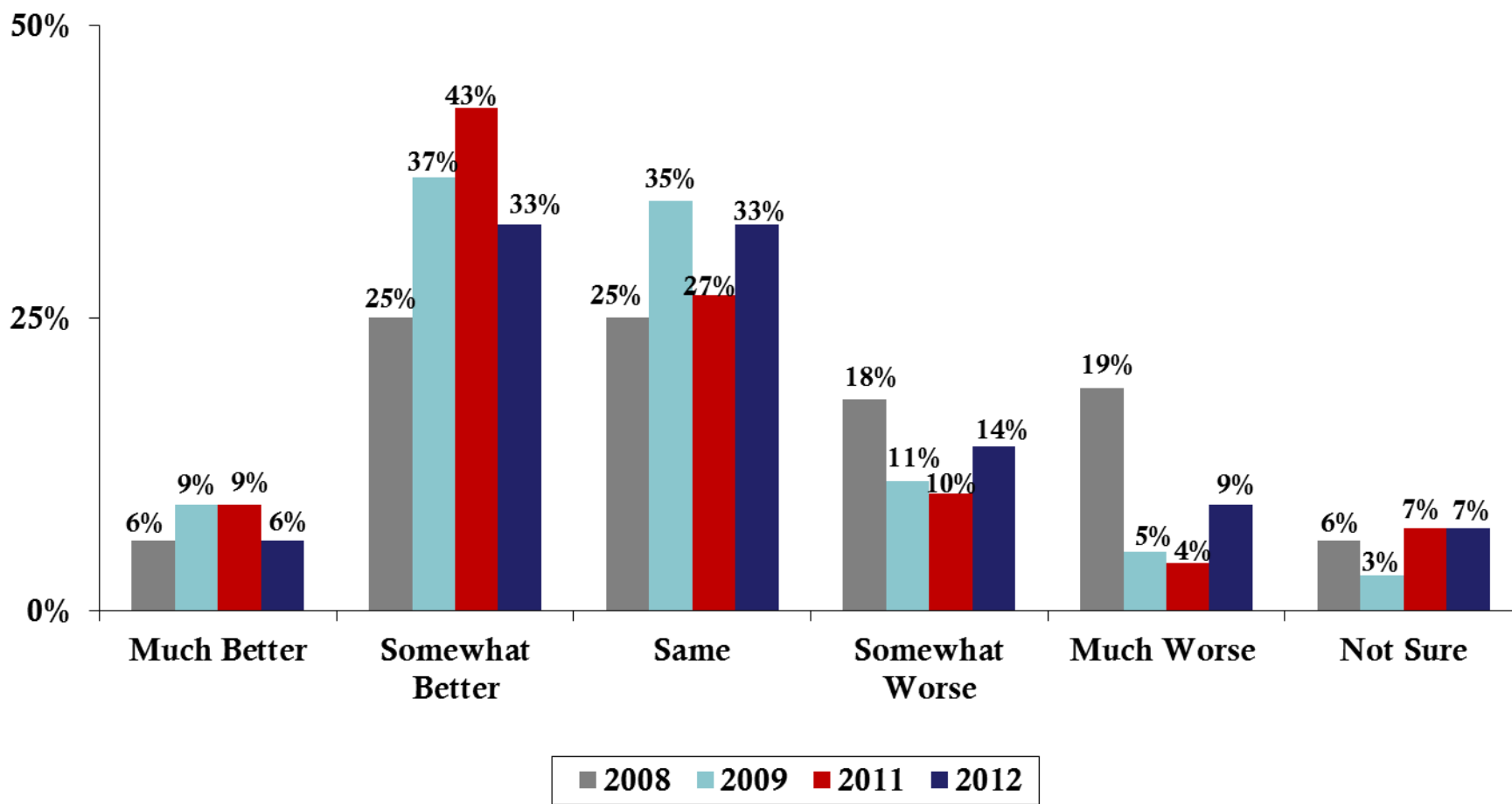


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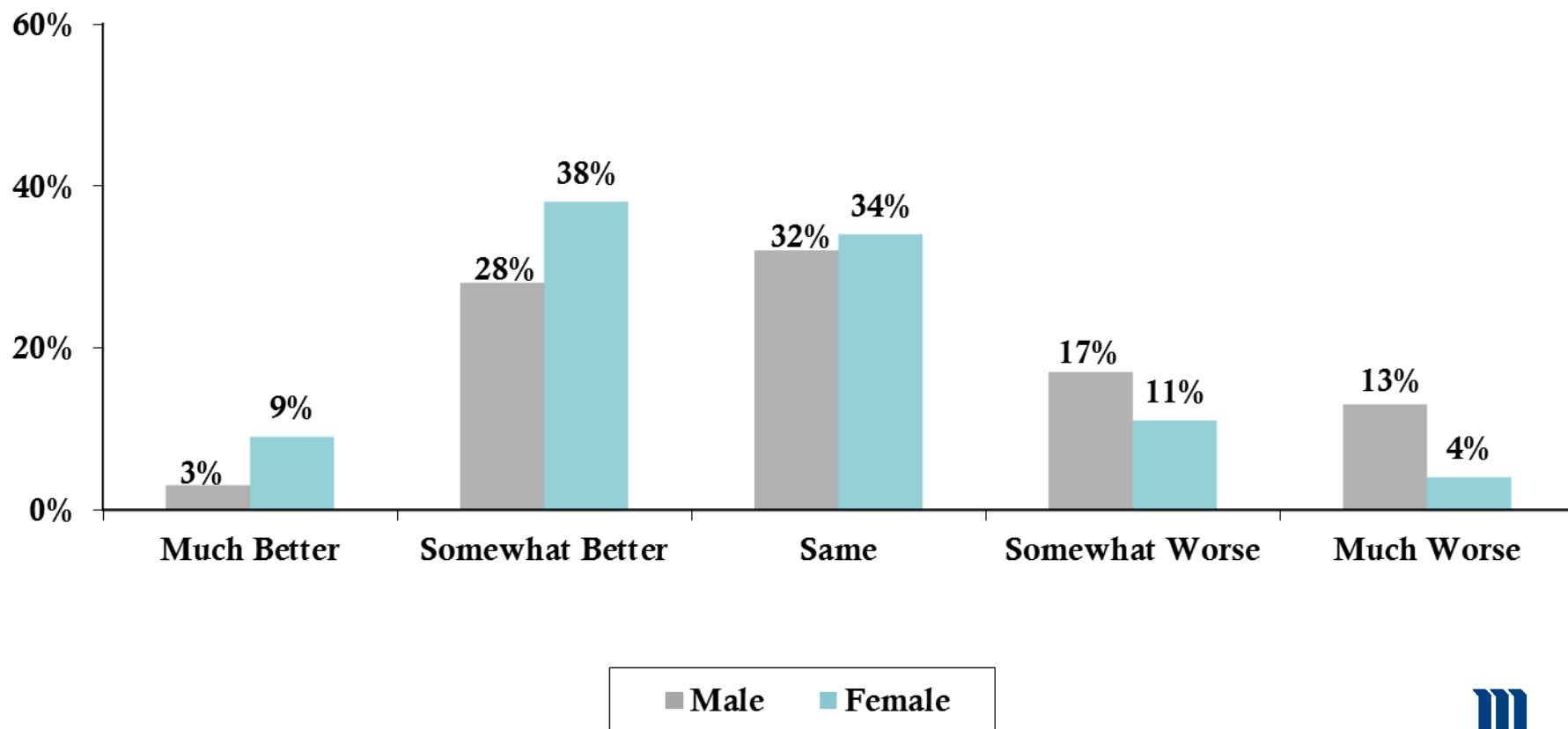




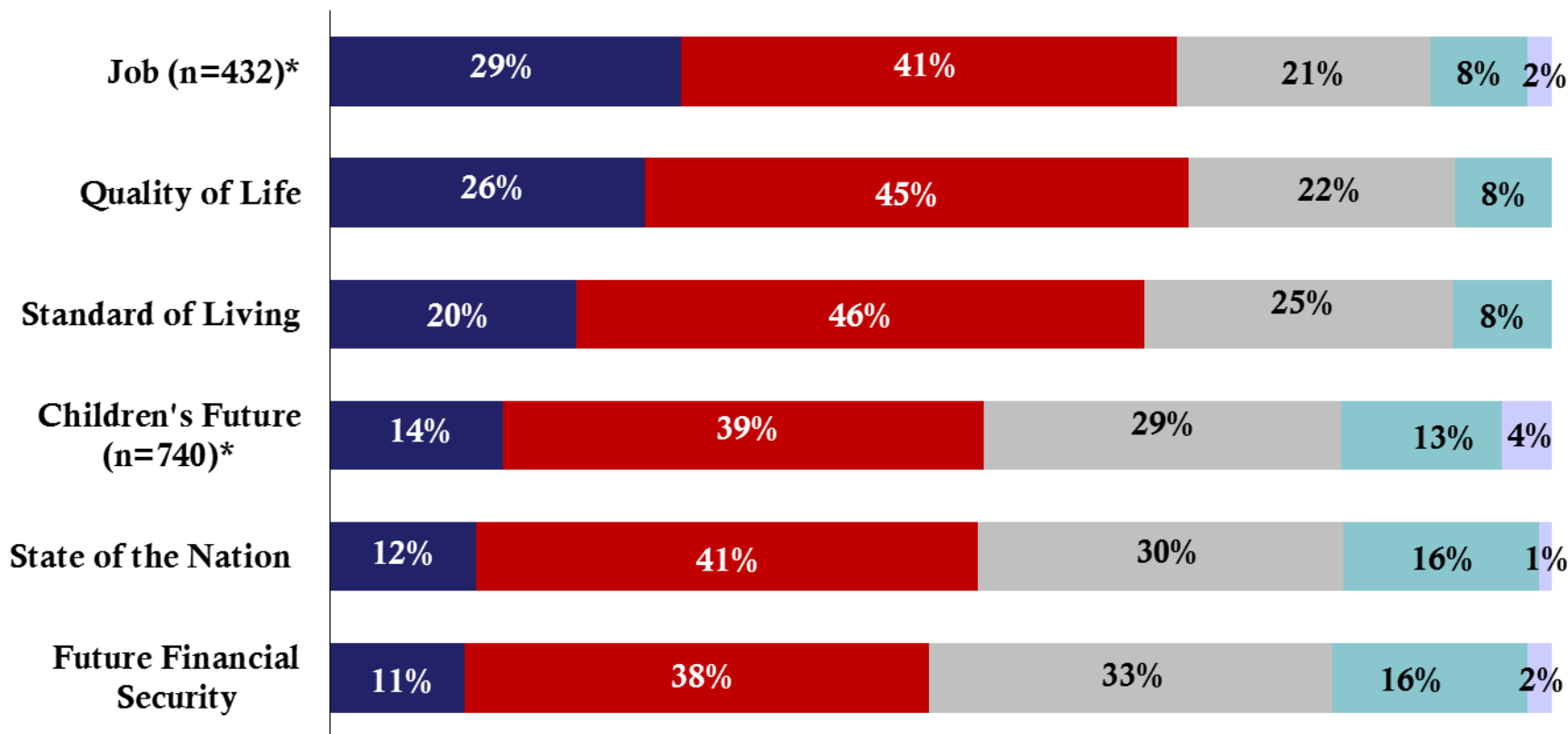
Thinking now about your own household economic situation and comparing it with one year ago, do you think it is now much better, somewhat better, the same, somewhat worse or much worse?



Thinking now about your own household economic situation and comparing it with one year ago, do you think it is now much better, somewhat better, the same, somewhat worse or much worse? (*Gender breakdown*)



# Do you feel satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not satisfied, or not at all satisfied about each of the following?

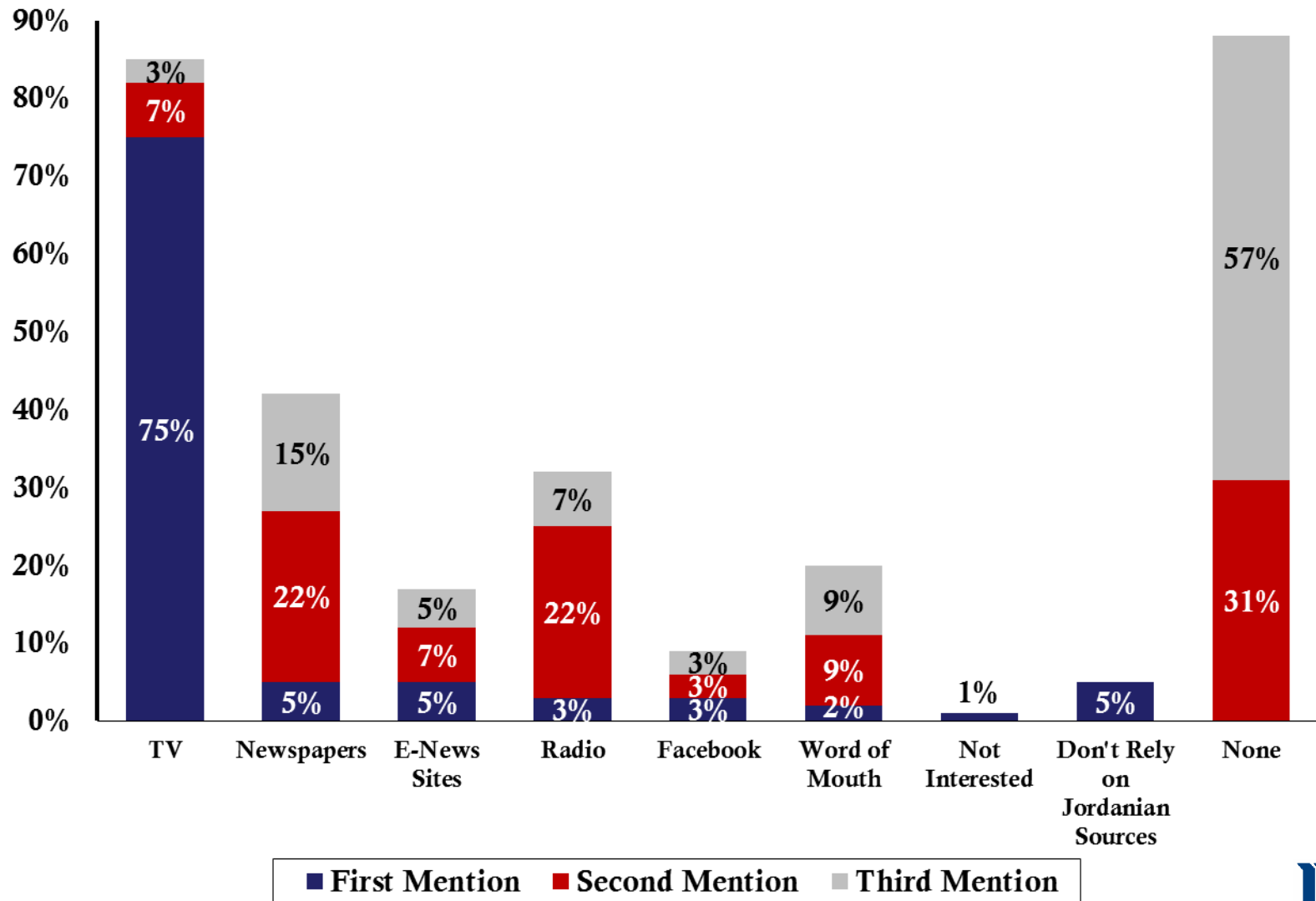


■ Satisfied ■ Somewhat Satisfied ■ Not Satisfied ■ Not Satisfied At All ■ Not Sure

*\*N values reflect only those individuals who are employed or who have children, respectively.*

# Source of News

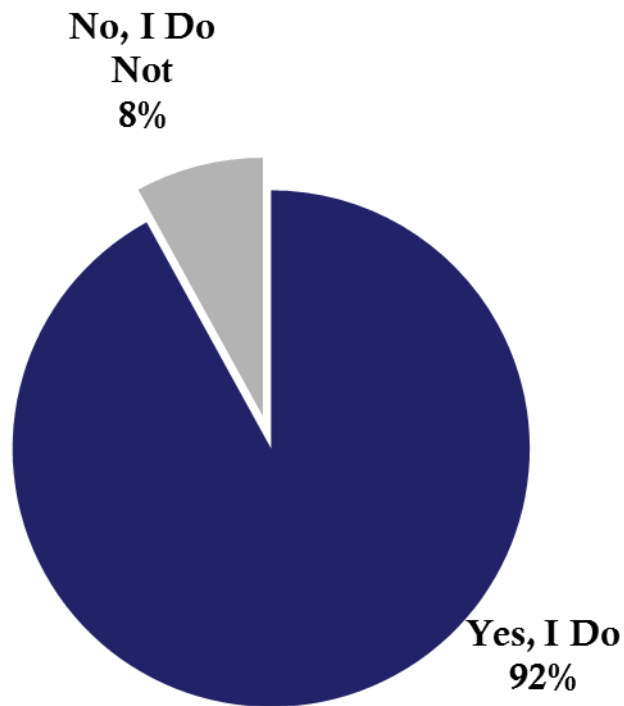
# Which Jordanian source of information do you rely on most for news about politics and current events? (Closed list; multiple responses accepted)



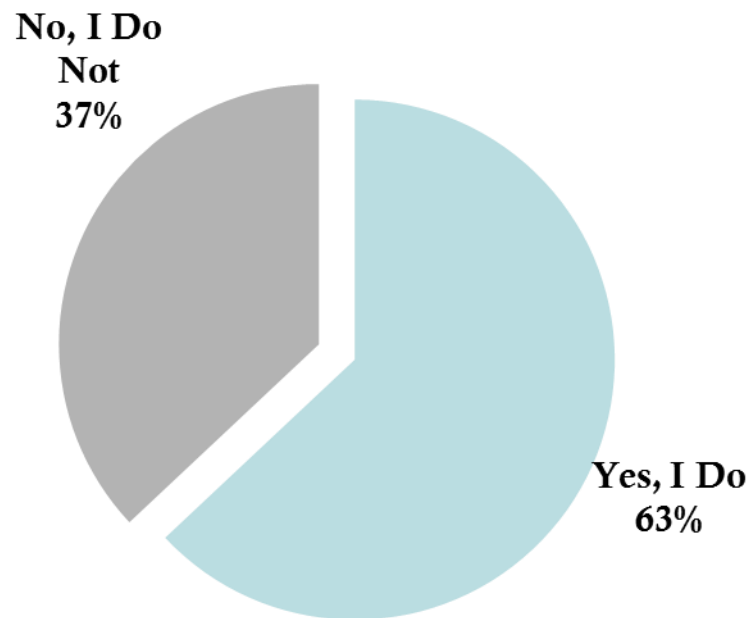
# Do you own a mobile phone?

## Do you use SMS/text messaging to communicate with friends and family?

**Mobile Phone**



**SMS Messaging (n=921)**



# Do you use the Internet?

## How do you access the Internet?

## How often do you access the Internet?

