

# International Republican Institute Survey of Somaliland Public Opinion - Baki District

June 29 - July 4, 2013



# Methodology

- The fieldwork was conducted from June 29-July 4, 2013 by Data and Research Solutions, a survey research company located in Hargeisa, Somaliland.
- Questionnaire design, sample design, analysis of the data and overall supervision of the project was performed by Bob Carpenter of Chesapeake Beach Consulting, an international opinion research and consulting firm.
- The population studied was registered voters in Baki District (16+). A representative random sample was designed based on the number of individuals who cast ballots in the November 2012 local elections.
- Enumeration areas within each sub-district were randomly selected from a list of established polling centers; 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.
- The sample size was 496. The questionnaire was offered in Somali language only.
- The total number of registered voters casting ballots in the 2012 local elections in the sample universe is equal to 17,408 (SOURCE: Somaliland National Elections Commission). The margin of error for the total sample is +/- 4.5 percent. *Please note that the margin of error for subsets (i.e. clans/age/education/etc.) is significantly higher and should be treated as indicative only.*
- The overall response rate (defined as the number of successful interviews divided by eligible houses visited) is 86 percent. To complete 496 interviews, 602 households were contacted.
- Due to rounding, and multiple response questions, not all percentages add to 100.

# Respondents' Demographic Information

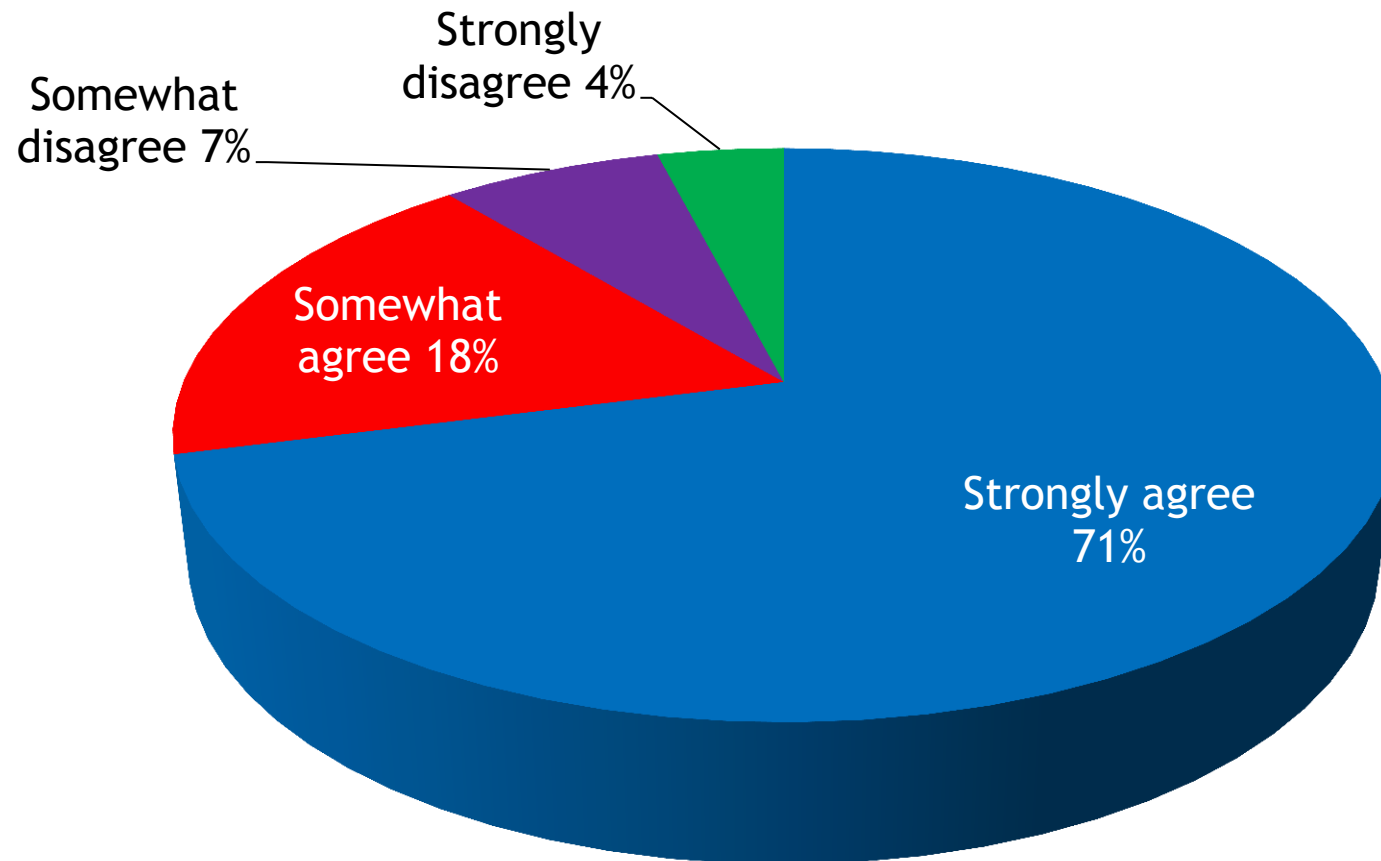
Gender		Employment Status	
Male	52%	Full-time, formal employee	18%
Female	48%	Part-time, formal employee	12%
Age Group		Informal employment	3%
		Business owner	10%
		Housewife	28%
		Student	8%
		Retired	5%
		Unemployed	16%
		16-25	32%
26-35	31%		
36-45	20%		
46-55	7%	South	38%
56-65	6%	Central	33%
66+	5%	West	28%
Education		Community Type	
No formal schooling	15%	Urban	9%
Some primary schooling	14%	Rural	91%
Primary schooling complete	10%	Language Spoken At Home	
Junior secondary/some secondary	5%		
Junior secondary/secondary school	3%		
Post-secondary	0%	Arabic	0%
Some university/university student	1%	Somali	99%
University complete	2%	English	1%
Masters or Doctorate degree	1%		
None	49%		

# General Direction

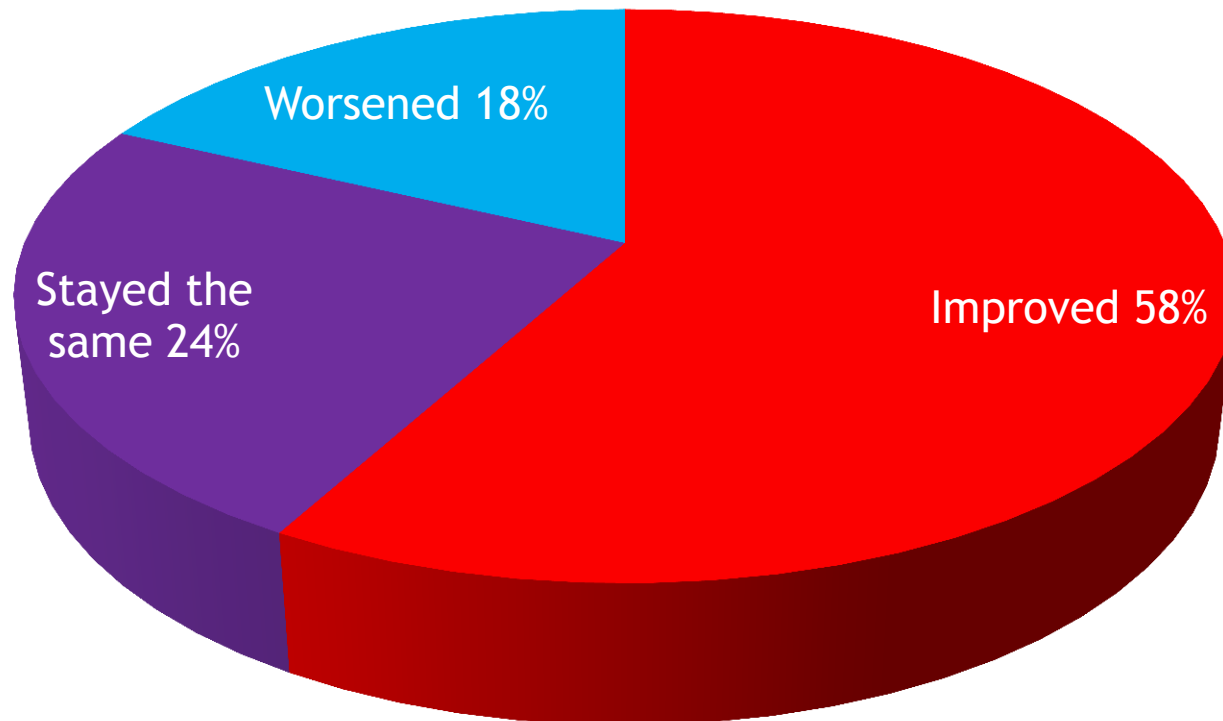


Taking all things into consideration, do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement:

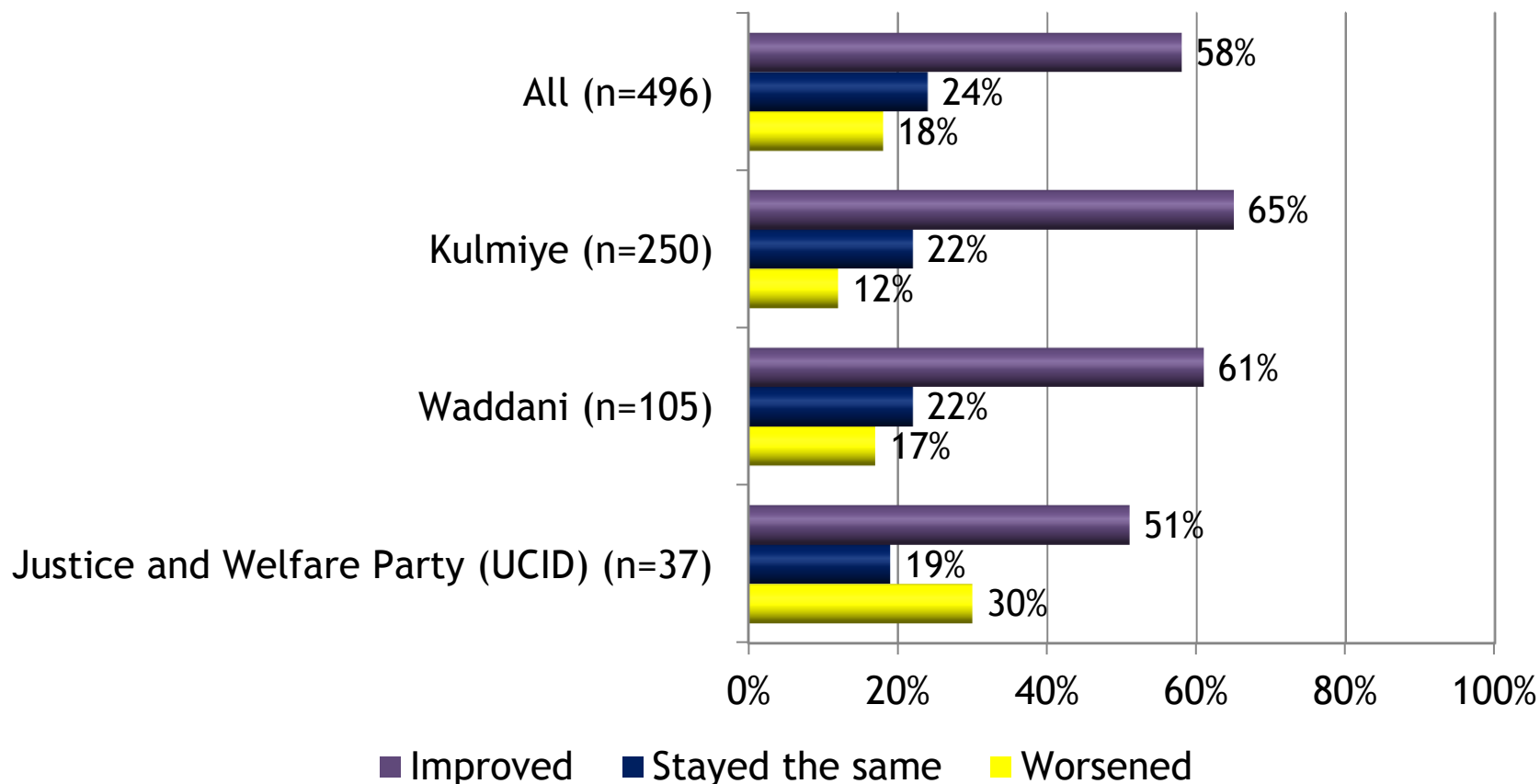
“My family’s and my future in Somaliland is bright.”



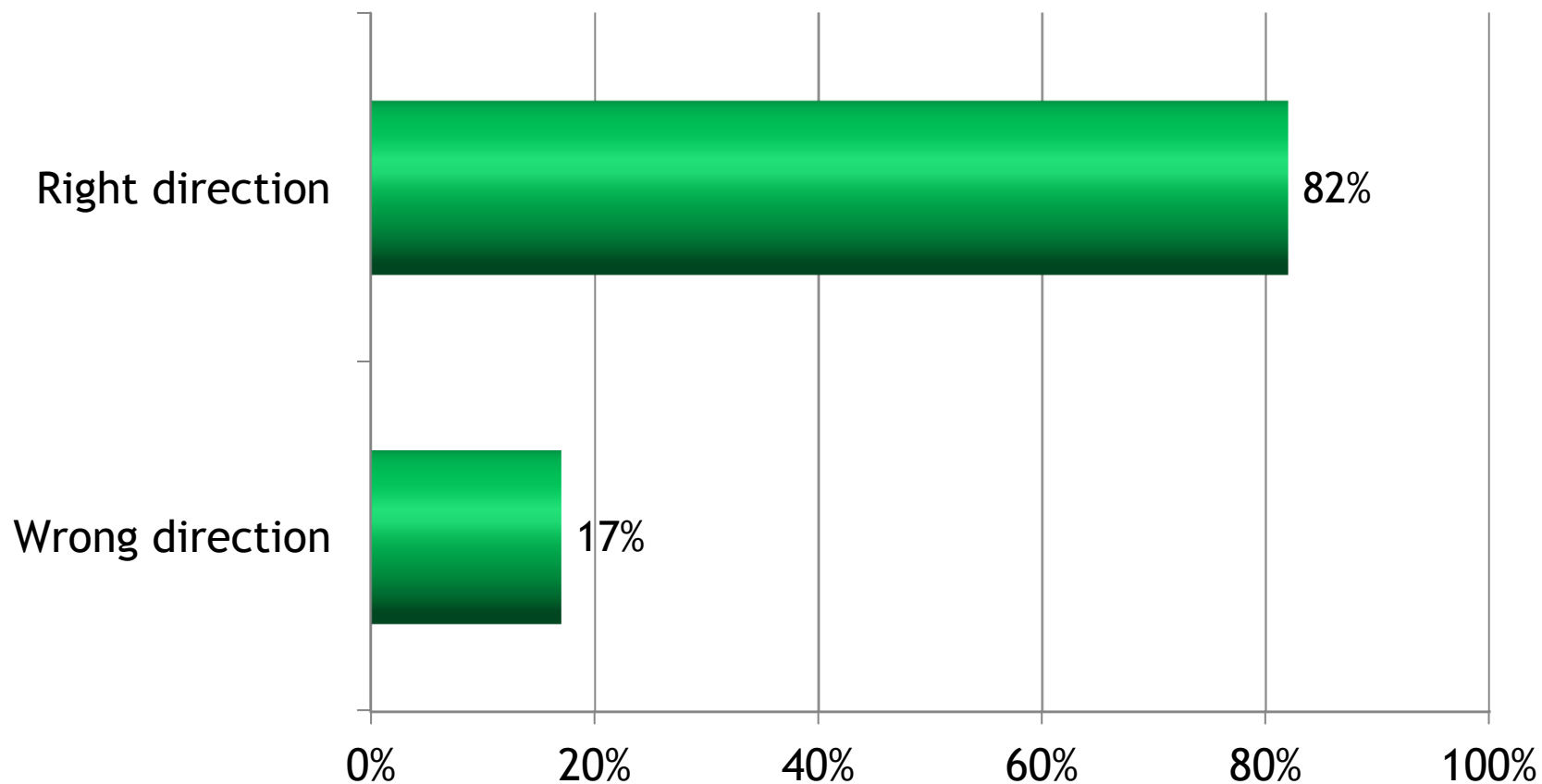
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Would you say that things in Somaliland have improved over the past year, stayed the same or worsened? (By political party)

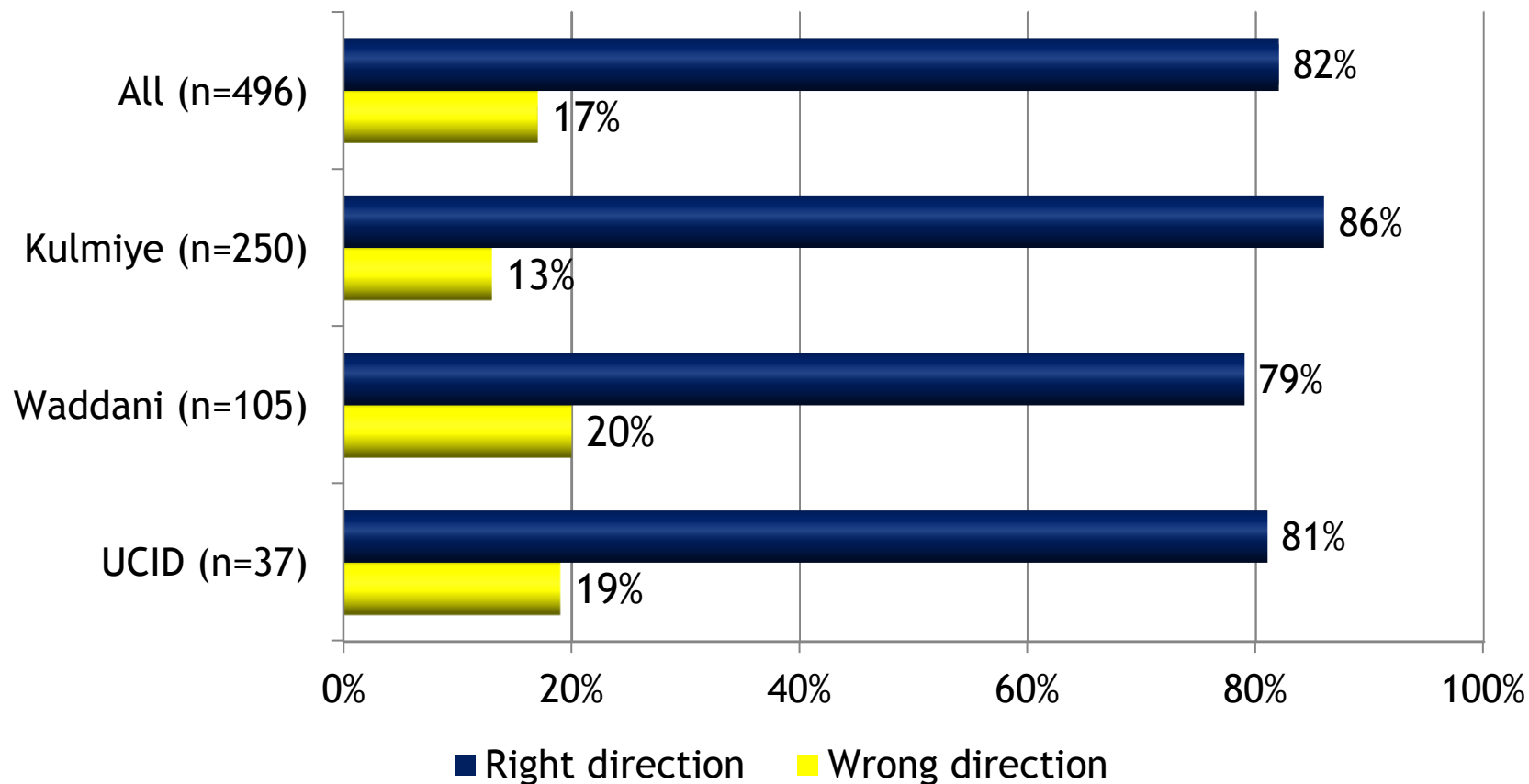


Overall, do you think things in Somaliland are headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

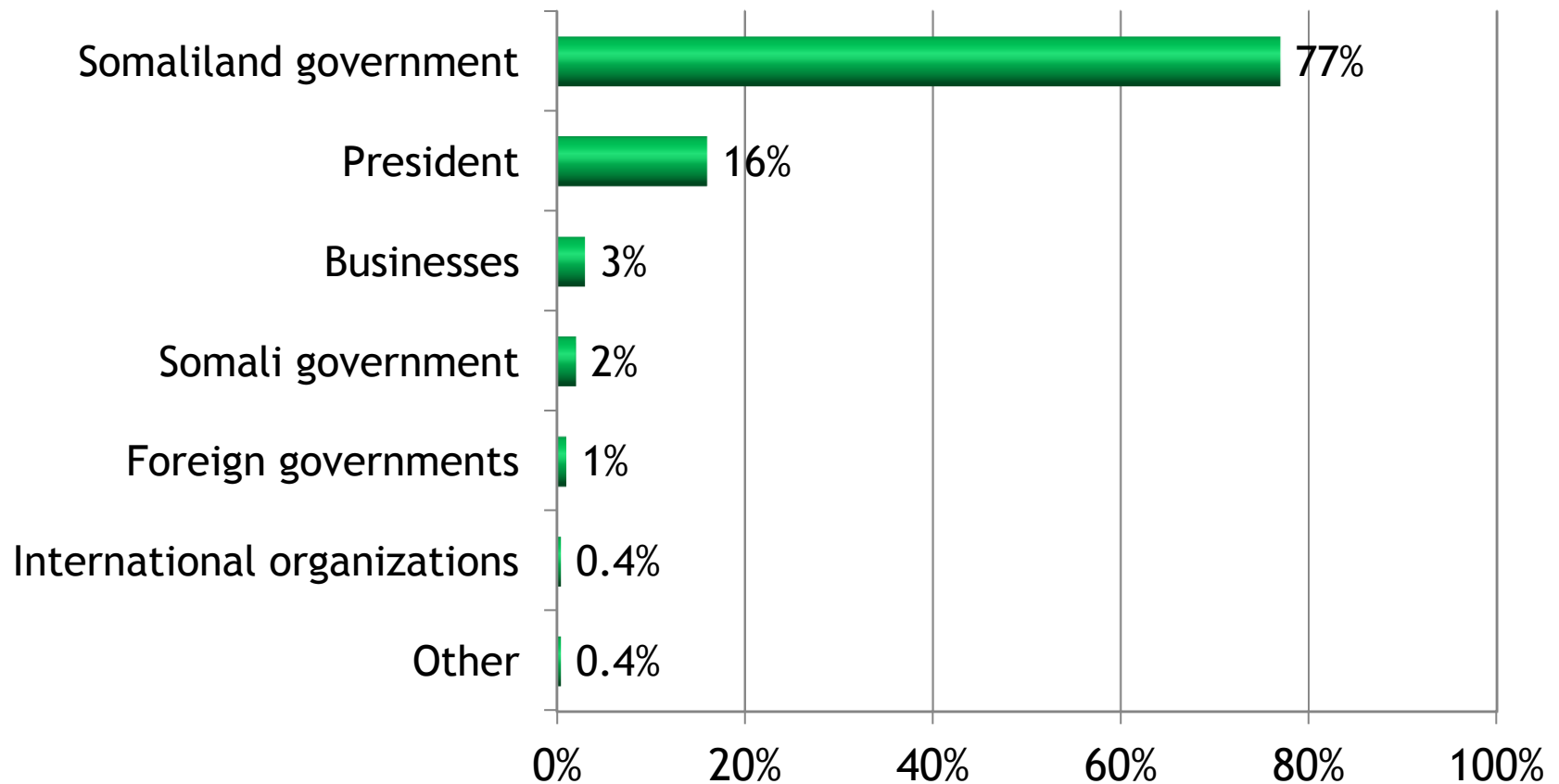




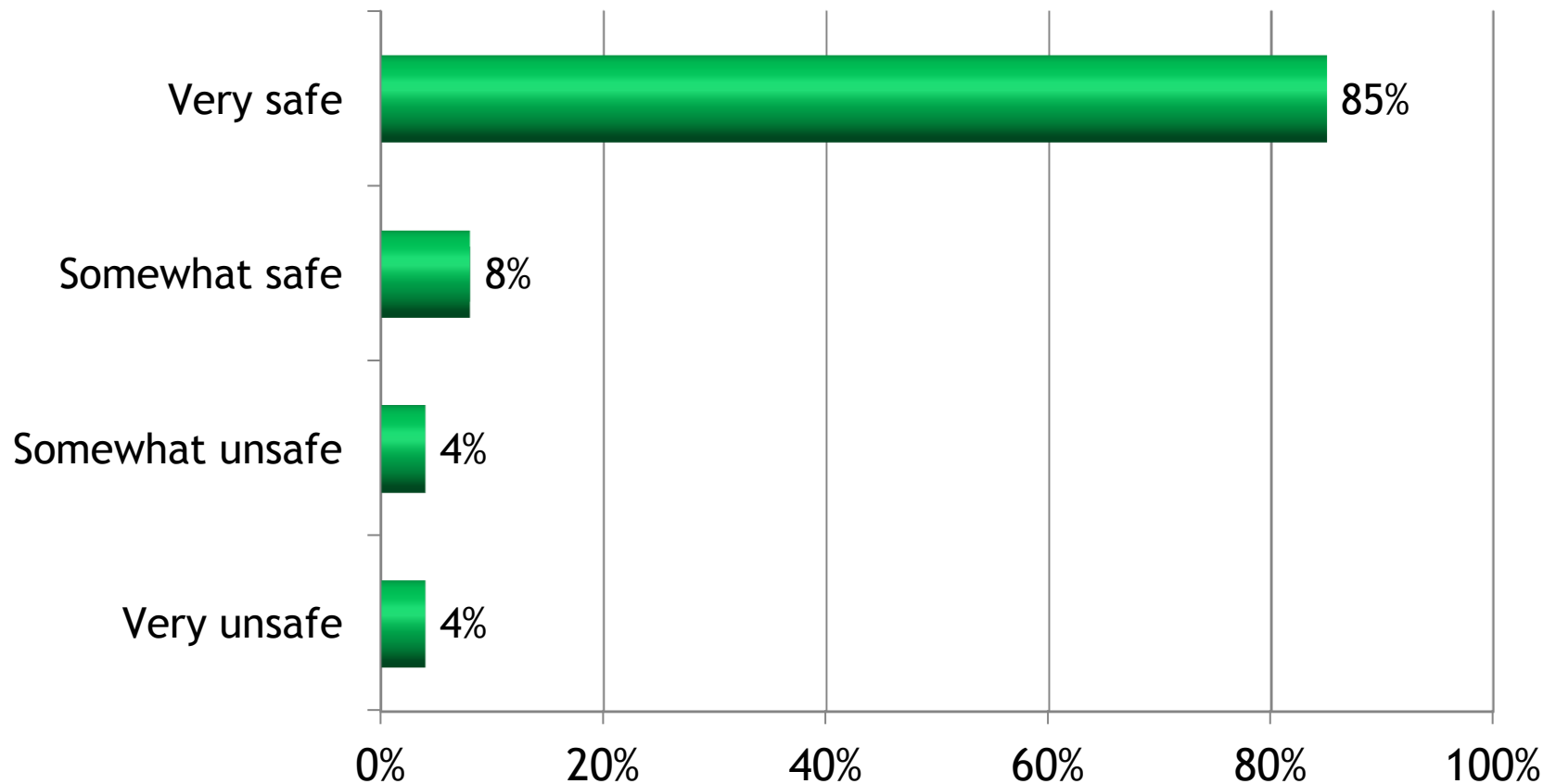
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Who do you think is responsible for this? What particular group or person?



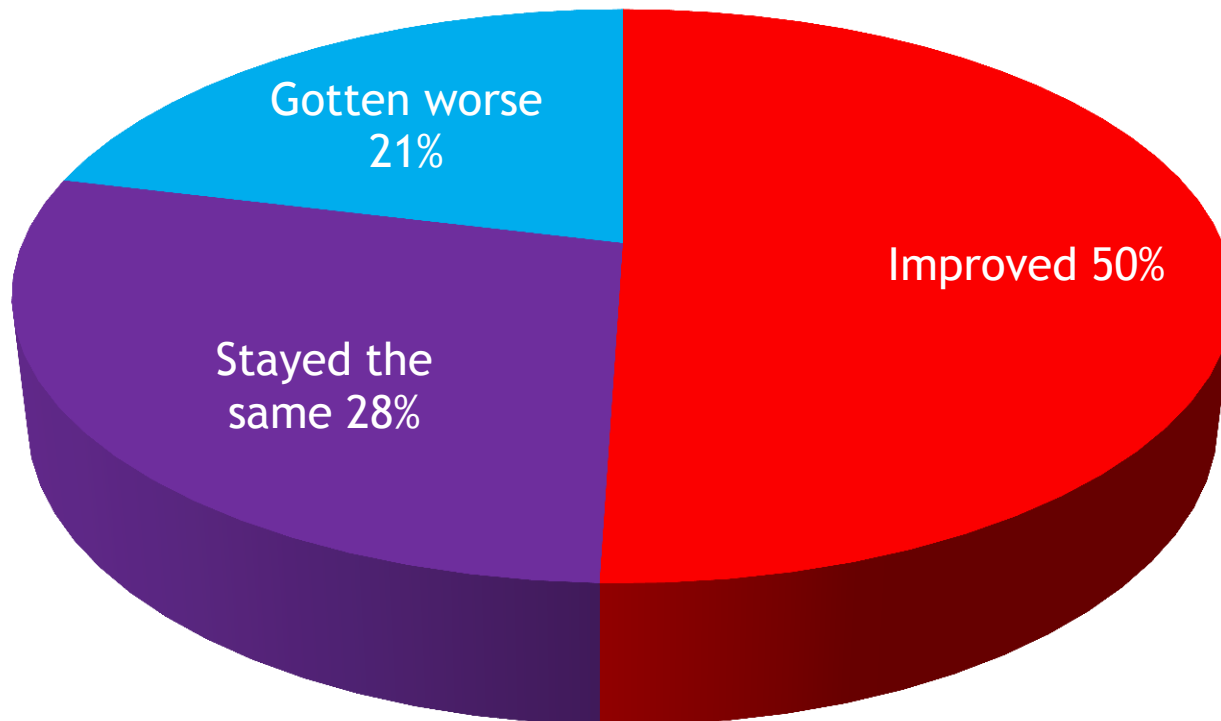
How safe do you feel in the area in which you live:  
very safe, somewhat safe, somewhat unsafe or very unsafe?



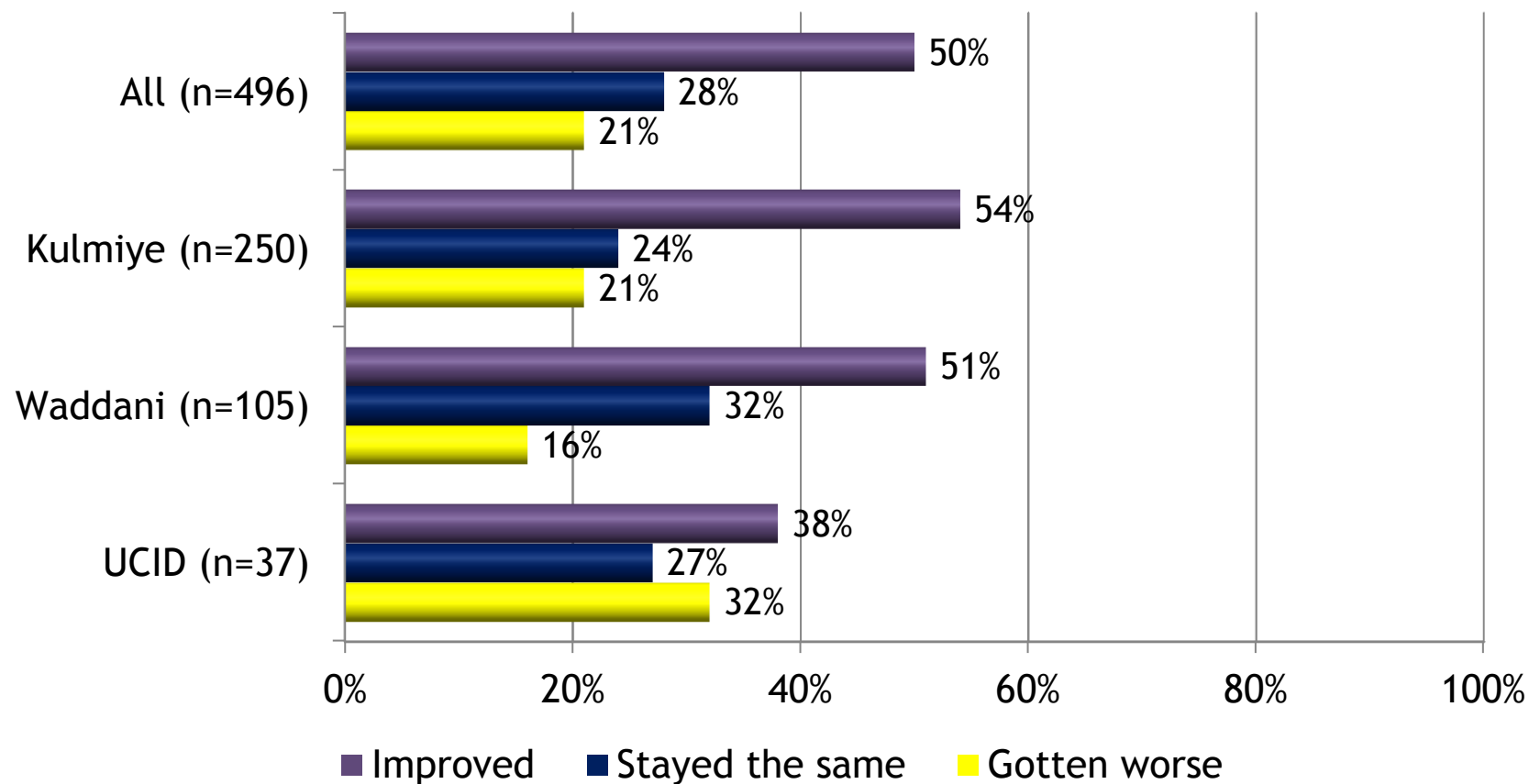
When thinking of Somaliland, which of the following do you fear most?  
And which of these are the second thing you fear most?

	1 <sup>st</sup> mention	2 <sup>nd</sup> mention
War/civil war/conflict	62%	8%
Political disintegration of Somaliland	11%	14%
Bad economy/lack of jobs/poverty/opportunity	5%	12%
Social/economic inequality	4%	10%
Sectarian violence/conflict (ethnic/religious tensions)	3%	10%
Poor governance/bad leaders	3%	5%
Violence/conflict (in general)	2%	9%
Bad elections/rigging of elections	2%	2%
Health/disease problems	2%	11%
Corruption	2%	9%
Insecurity/kidnapping	1%	5%
No opportunity for youth	1%	2%

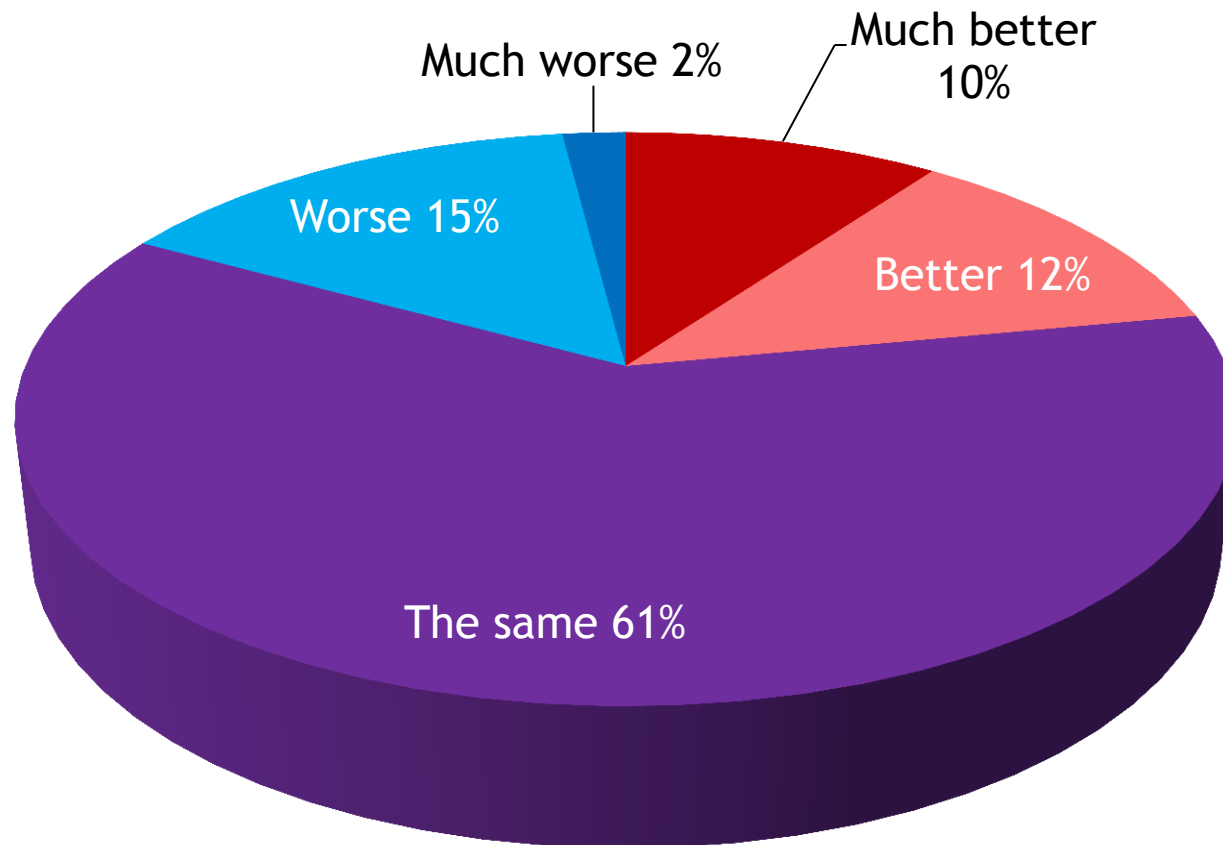
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In general, how would you compare your own and your family's economic situation to that of other Somalilanders?  
Is it much better, better, the same, worse or much worse?

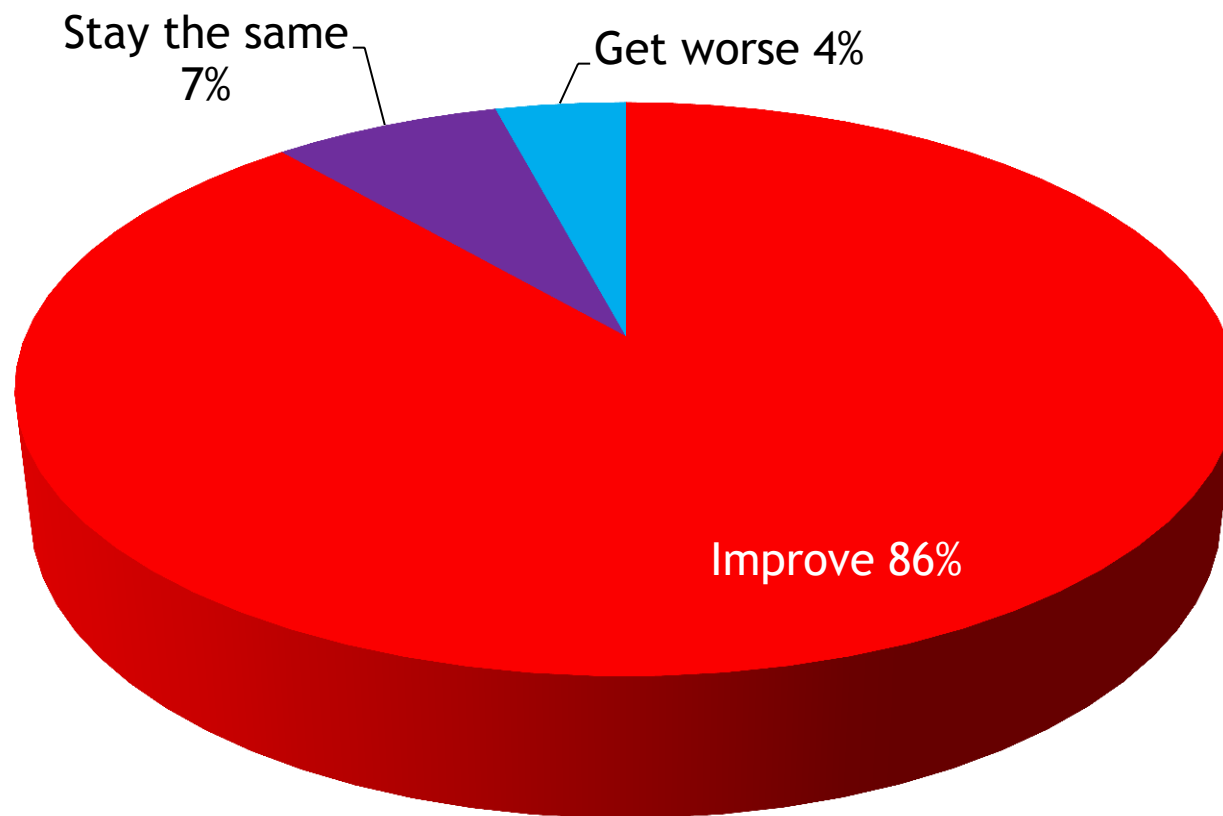


Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without:

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	2-3 times a year	Never
Enough food to eat	6%	4%	10%	16%	64%
Enough clean water for home use	32%	5%	10%	17%	37%
Medicine or medical treatment	24%	7%	12%	23%	33%
Enough fuel for cooking	9%	4%	9%	13%	66%
Cash income	19%	9%	16%	26%	30%



In the next year, do you expect the economic situation for you and your family to improve, stay the same, or get worse?



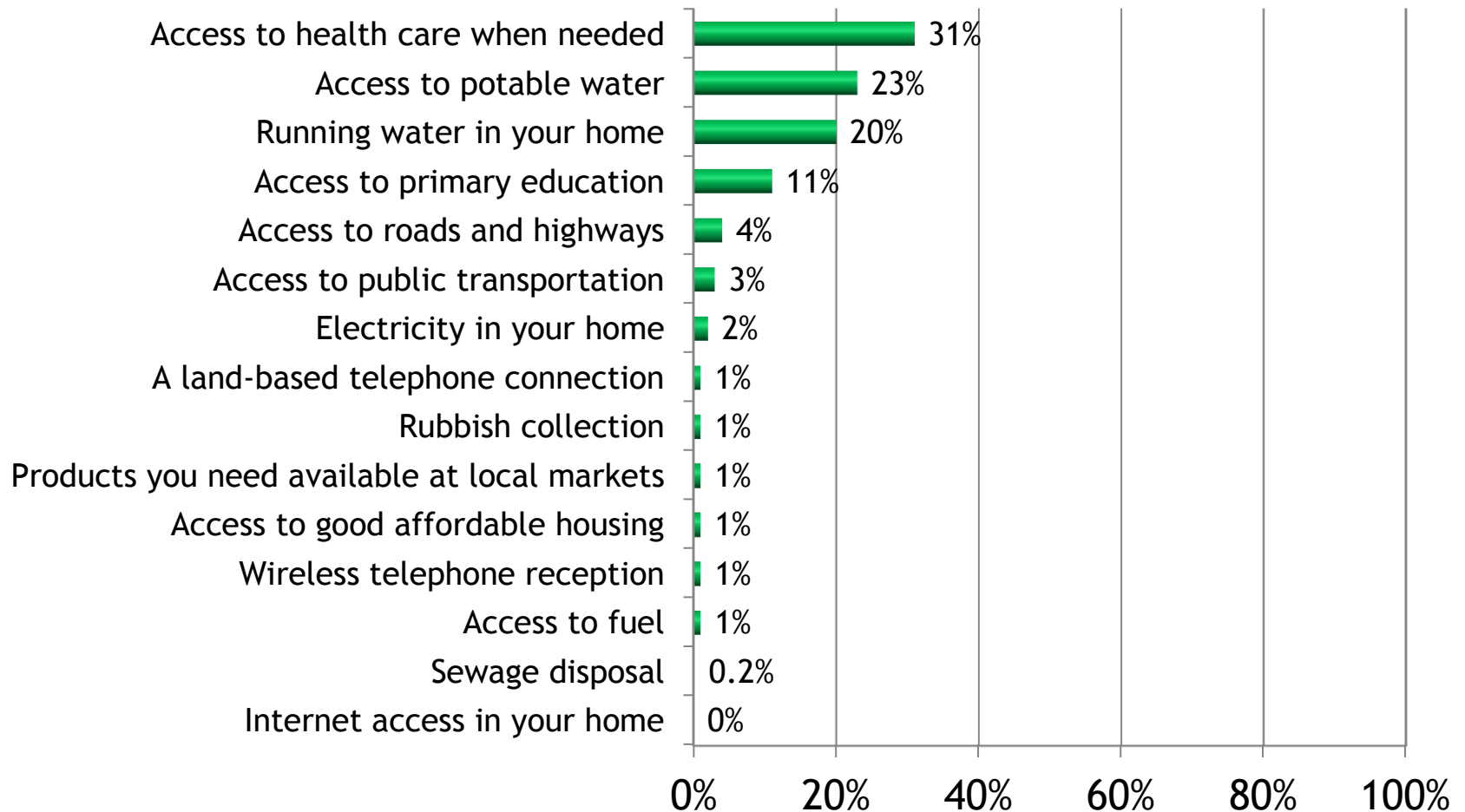
What are your family's three greatest needs at the present time?

	1 <sup>st</sup> mention	2 <sup>nd</sup> mention	3 <sup>rd</sup> mention	Need the most
Access to health care when needed	35%	36%	0%	31%
Access to potable water	1%	33%	18%	23%
Running water in your home	51%	0%	1%	20%
Access to primary education	0%	10%	37%	11%
Access to roads and highways	0%	3%	18%	4%
Access to public transportation	9%	4%	0%	3%
Electricity in your home	2%	9%	5%	2%

## What are your family's three greatest needs at the present time (continued)?

	1 <sup>st</sup> mention	2 <sup>nd</sup> mention	3 <sup>rd</sup> mention	Need the most
A land-based telephone connection	0%	2%	0%	1%
Rubbish collection	1%	0%	5%	1%
Products you need available at local markets	0%	1%	6%	1%
Access to good affordable housing	0%	0%	3%	1%
Wireless telephone reception	1%	2%	1%	1%
Access to fuel	0%	0%	2%	1%
Sewage disposal	0%	1%	2%	0%
Internet access in your home	0%	0%	2%	0%
Other	0%	0%	2%	1%

And, of those three needs, which one do you feel you need the most?



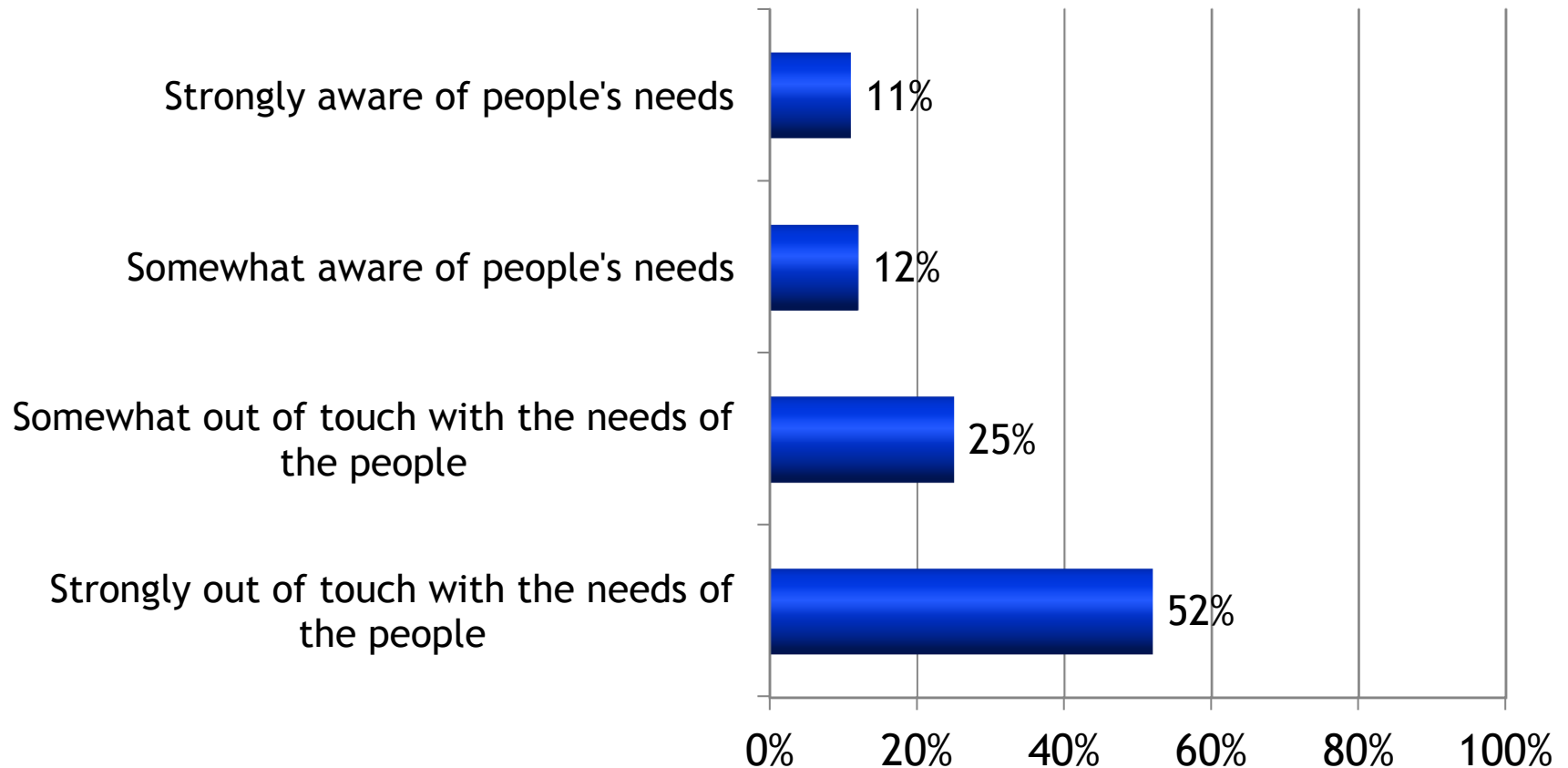
And, of those three needs, which one do you feel you need the most?

	All (n=496)	Male (n=258)	Female (n=238)	Kulmiye (n=250)	Waddani (n=105)	UCID (n=37)
Access to health care when needed	31%	33%	30%	32%	29%	27%
Access to potable water	23%	30%	16%	19%	24%	41%
Running water in your home	20%	14%	27%	20%	27%	8%
Access to primary education	11%	9%	13%	12%	9%	11%
Access to roads and highways	4%	5%	3%	4%	7%	3%
Access to public transportation	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	0%
Electricity in your home	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%
A land-based telephone connection	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Rubbish collection	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%
Products you need available at local markets	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	3%
Access to good affordable housing	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%
Wireless telephone reception	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Access to fuel	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Sewage disposal	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

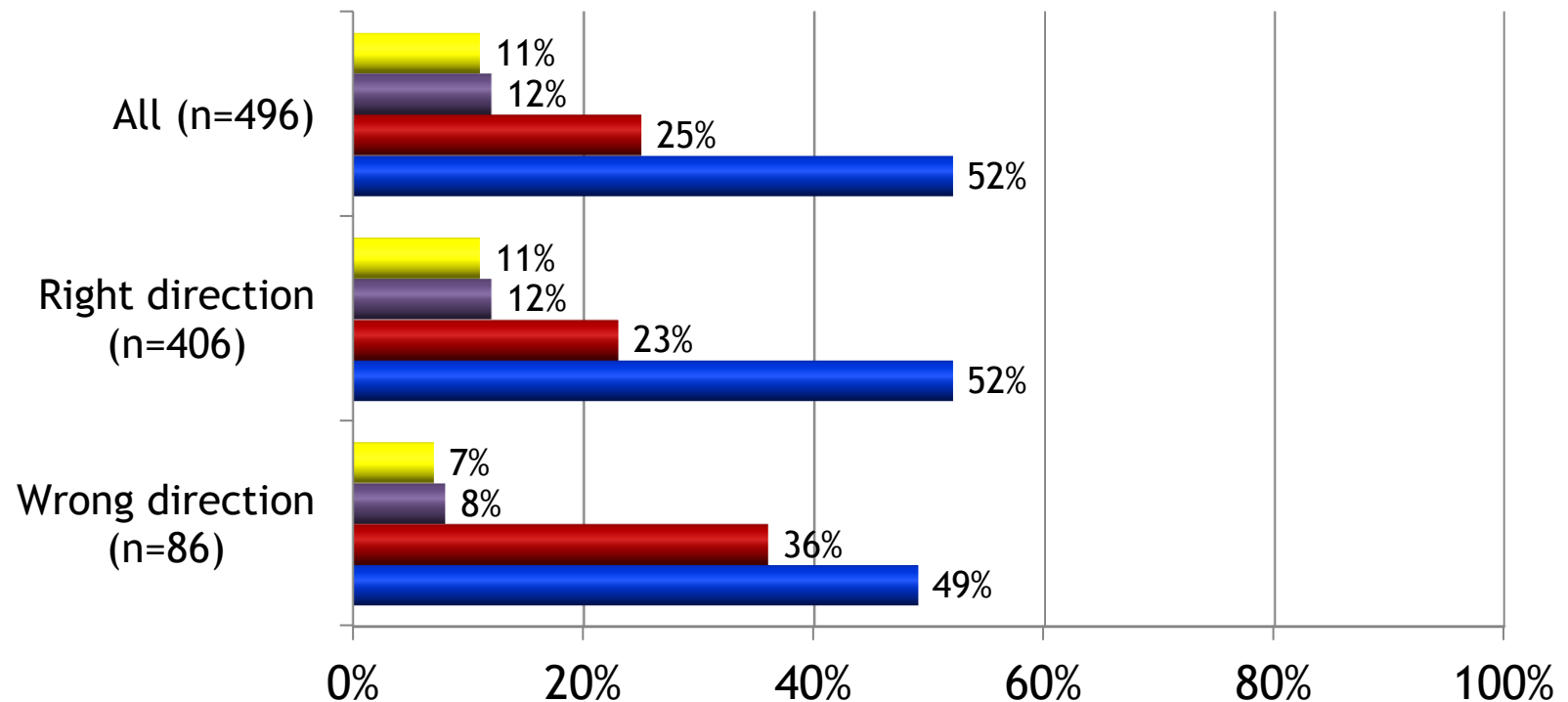
# Government Ability to Provide Services



Do you feel that the national government is out of touch with the needs of the people and is not doing enough to improve their situation?  
Or do you feel that the government is aware of the people's needs and is working to improve their situation?  
Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?



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Strongly aware of the people's needs

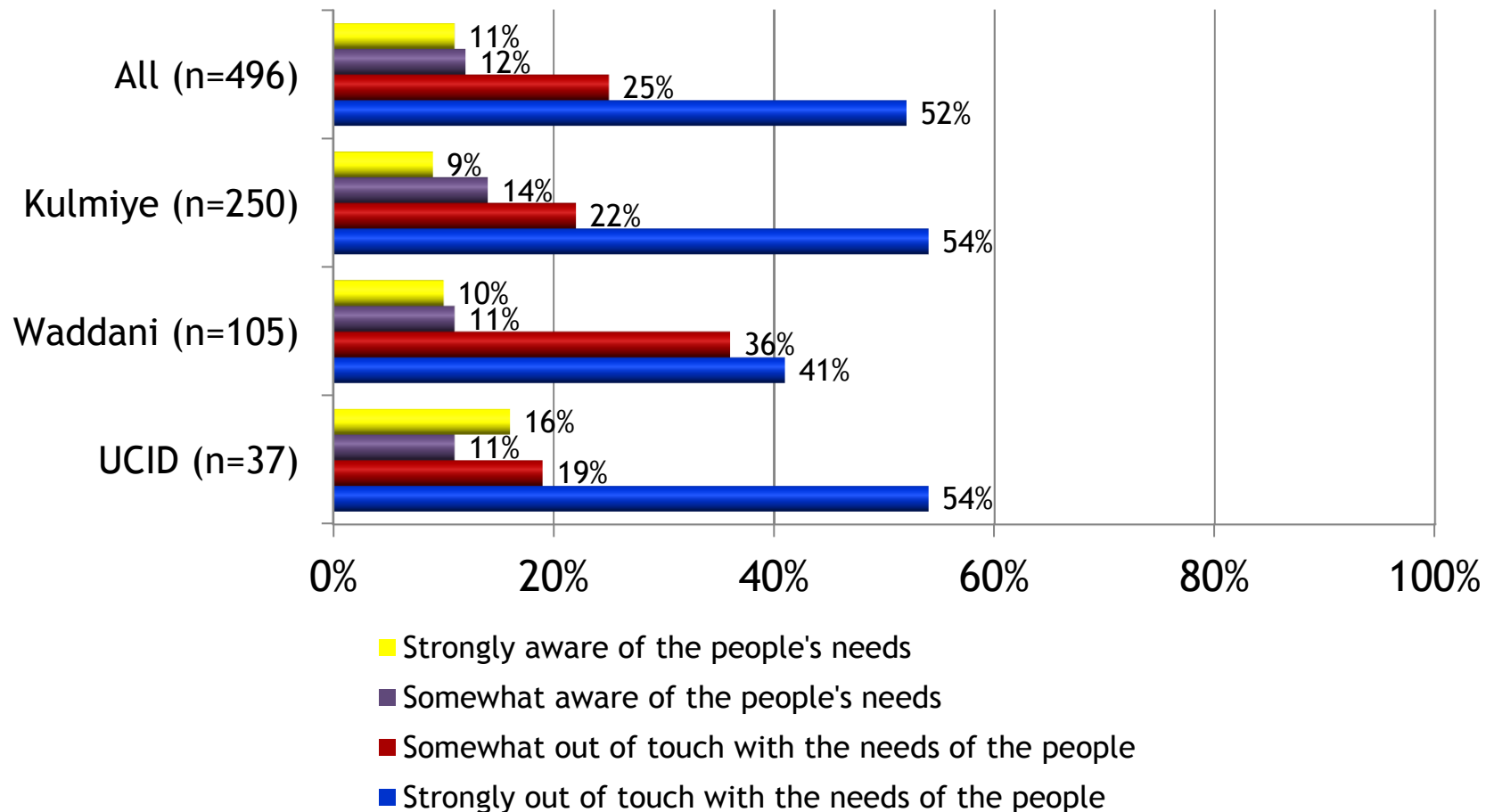
Somewhat aware of the people's needs

Somewhat out of touch with the needs of the people

Strongly out of touch with the needs of the people



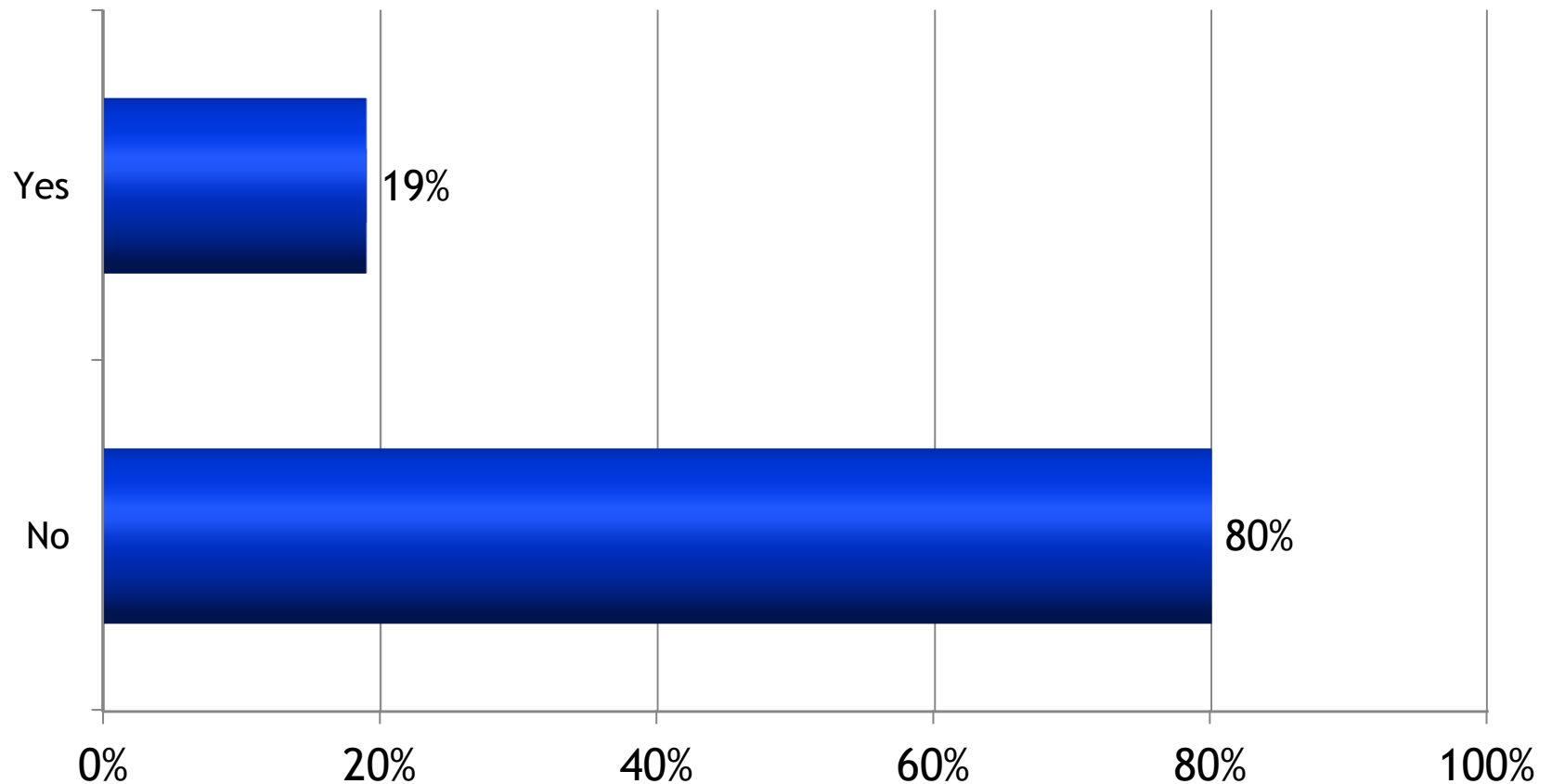
Do you feel that the national government is out of touch with the needs of the people and is not doing enough to improve their situation? Or do you feel that the government is aware of the people's needs and is working to improve their situation? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?



Would you say the current national government is handling the following matters, very well, fairly well, fairly badly or very badly?

	Very well	Fairly well	Fairly badly	Very badly
Managing the economy	6%	26%	19%	37%
Improving living standards of the poor	7%	20%	24%	49%
Creating jobs	8%	14%	17%	60%
Keeping prices down	9%	16%	17%	55%
Reducing crime	34%	28%	11%	23%
Improving basic health services	20%	25%	21%	33%
Addressing educational needs	29%	26%	18%	26%
Providing water and sanitation	10%	16%	20%	52%
Maintaining roads and bridges	11%	17%	17%	53%
Providing reliable supply of electricity	7%	9%	11%	66%

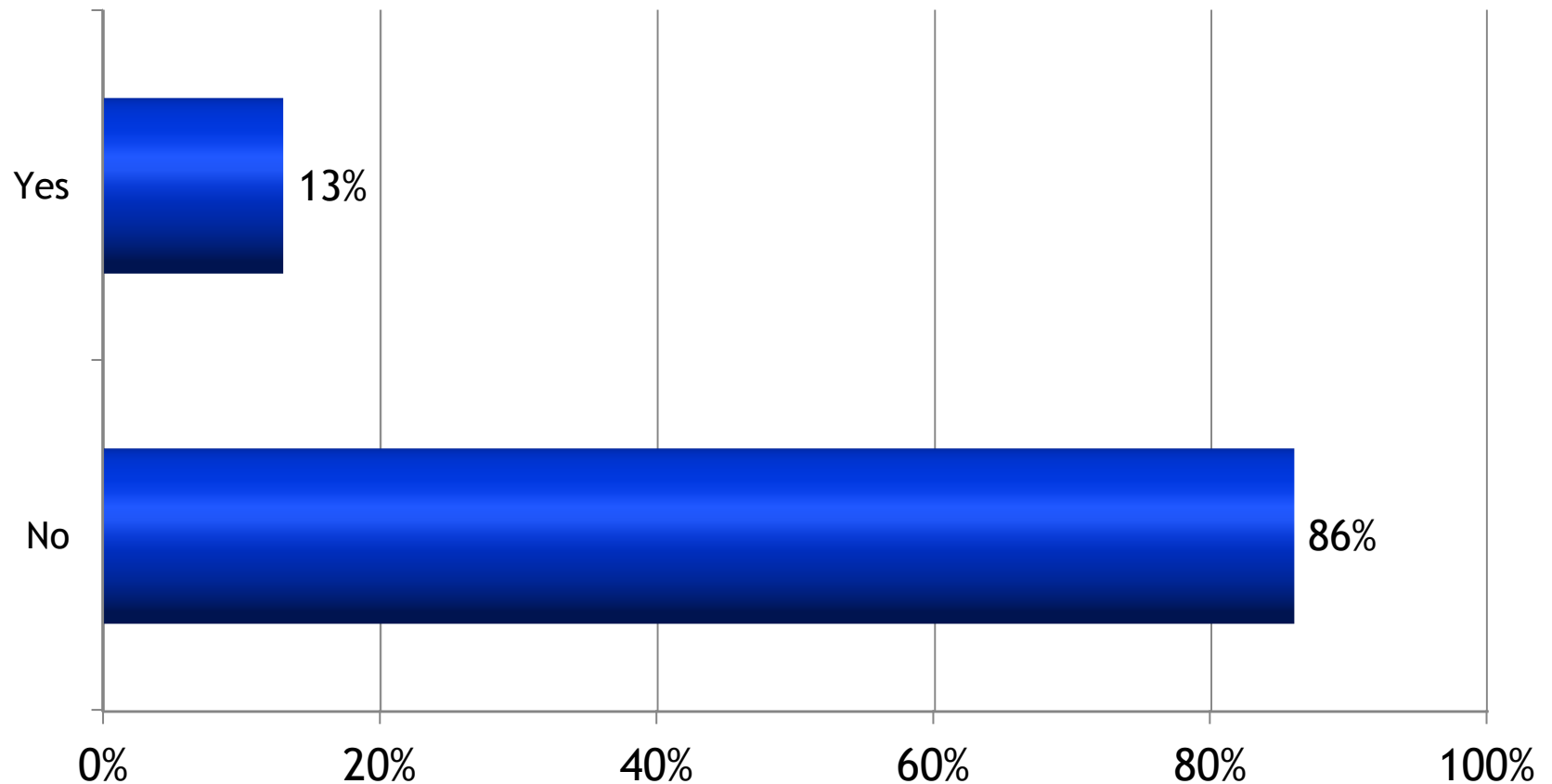
Have you yourself seen any problems with how local government was run before local elections in November 2012? (n=94)



How often, if at all, did you do any of the following in response to having seen these problems? (n=94)

	Every time	Several times	Once or twice	Never
Discuss the problems with others in your community	14%	21%	20%	45%
Join with others in your community to address the problem	10%	20%	17%	53%
Discuss the problem with community, religious, or traditional leaders	22%	15%	16%	47%
Write a letter to a newspaper or call a radio show	6%	11%	12%	68%
Make a complaint to local government officials	15%	15%	11%	60%
Make a complaint to other government officials	8%	10%	10%	68%

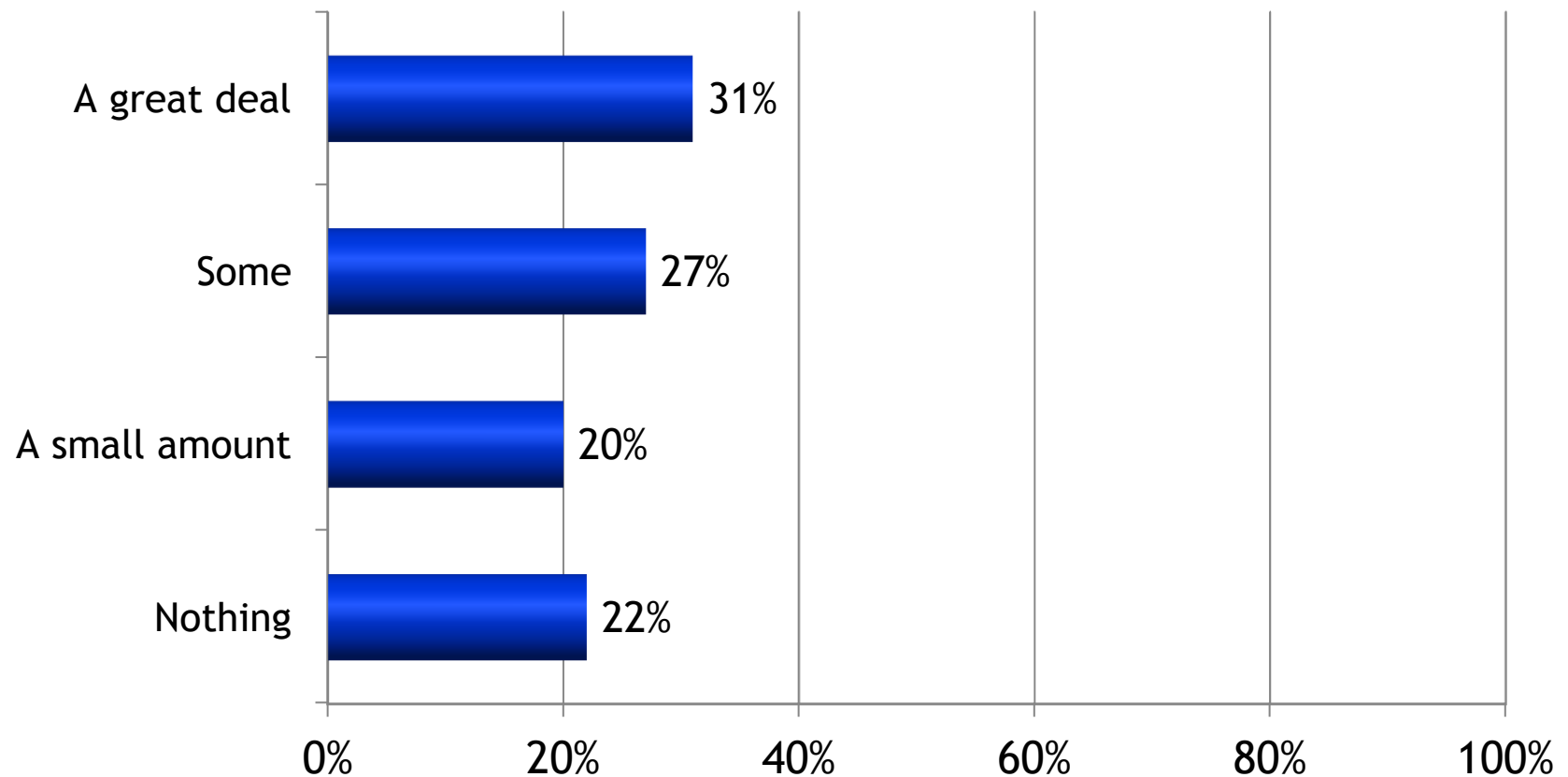
Have you yourself seen any problems with how local government was run after local elections in November 2012? (n=66)



How often, if at all, did you do any of the following in response to having seen these problems? (n=66)

	Every time	Several times	Once or twice	Never
Discuss the problems with others in your community	11%	21%	20%	47%
Join with others in your community to address the problem	8%	8%	24%	59%
Discuss the problem with community, religious, or traditional leaders	24%	17%	11%	47%
Write a letter to a newspaper or call a radio show	9%	8%	8%	71%
Make a complaint to local government officials	11%	12%	15%	58%
Make a complaint to other government officials	8%	9%	9%	65%

When there are problems with how the local government is run in your community, how much do you think an ordinary person can do to improve the situation: a great deal, some, a small amount or nothing?



## What is the most important issue or problem facing Somaliland at the present time?

	1 <sup>st</sup> mention n=491	2 <sup>nd</sup> mention n=467	3 <sup>rd</sup> mention n=363
International (lack of recognition/intervention of Somalia/unkept border)	32%	17%	10%
Economic (inflation/poor development/poor economy/poverty/unemployment/poor production)	28%	34%	28%
Government (political crisis/lack of leadership/lack of activities of the government/poor governance/lack of cooperation between the government and its society/President dishonest/President must resign)	6%	9%	8%
Water (droughts/shortage or rain/lack of water/lack of well drills)	4%	5%	4%
Health care (lack of maternal health centers/poor health)	1%	2%	4%
Transportation (poor transportation/rough road)	0%	2%	3%
Other (corruption/instability/migration/tribalism/injustice/unfairness)	27%	29%	38%
No problem facing Somaliland	1%	0%	0%



## What is the most important local issue or problem facing your community at the present time?

	1 <sup>st</sup> mention n=487	2 <sup>nd</sup> mention n=482	3 <sup>rd</sup> mention n=392
Water (lack of water/lack of water catchment/lack of water pipes/droughts/shortage of rain)	47%	32%	18%
Health care (lack of centers/lack of doctors/lack of drugs/lack of maternal health centers/poor health)	11%	21%	19%
Environment (deforestation/soil erosion/grassland being taken by the people)	10%	7%	4%
Transportation (lack of transportation/rough roads)	8%	6%	7%
Economic (inflation/poverty/lack of wealth/poor production/poor economy/unemployment)	6%	9%	15%
Education (lack of education/lack of schools/poor quality of teachers)	6%	8%	12%
Sanitation (lack of latrines/lack of sewages/poor hygiene and sanitation/poor waste disposal)	3%	3%	1%
Agriculture (poor farms/lack of investment in farms/lack of farming materials/poor production/shortage of livestock/monkeys eating livestock/monkeys eating crops/floods destroying farms/lack of drugs for animals)	2%	3%	7%
Government (lack of activity/poor governance/lack of leadership)	1%	2%	3%
Other (instability/lack of electricity/corruption/shortage of food/land disputes/tribalism/injustice/unfairness/civil wars)	5%	10%	12%

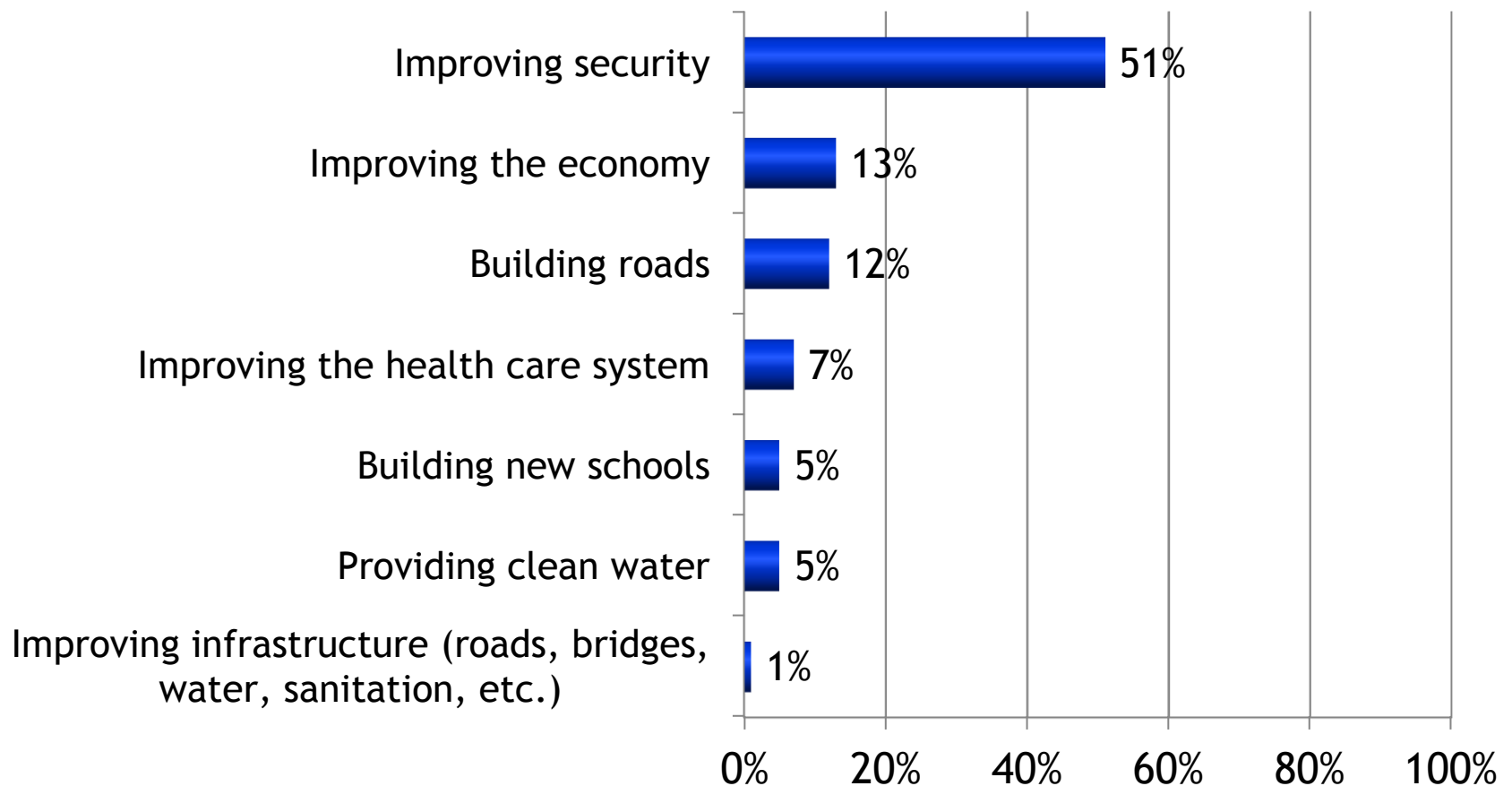
Who do you think actually has primary responsibility for managing each of the following tasks? Is it the central government, local government, traditional leaders or members of your community?

	National (Somaliland) government	Local (district) government	Traditional leaders	Members of the community	None of them
Keeping the community clean	12%	61%	4%	17%	2%
Managing schools	62%	13%	5%	9%	5%
Collecting income taxes	3%	88%	3%	2%	1%
Solving local disputes	21%	16%	49%	11%	1%
Allocating land	7%	72%	10%	8%	1%
Protecting rivers and forest	33%	24%	9%	12%	8%
Maintaining law and order	58%	16%	12%	5%	3%

Now, I am going to read you a list of things that the government could try to do. For each one, please tell me whether you think it is a very high priority, a priority, a low priority or not a priority at all.

	Very high priority	Priority	Low priority	Not a priority at all
Improving the economy	40%	21%	15%	23%
Building roads	35%	26%	16%	23%
Improving the health care system	48%	16%	14%	21%
Providing clean water	44%	19%	13%	24%
Improving security	67%	18%	8%	7%
Building new schools	36%	29%	17%	16%
Improving infrastructure (roads, bridges, water, sanitation, etc.)	32%	23%	15%	28%

## Which should be the top priority of the government?



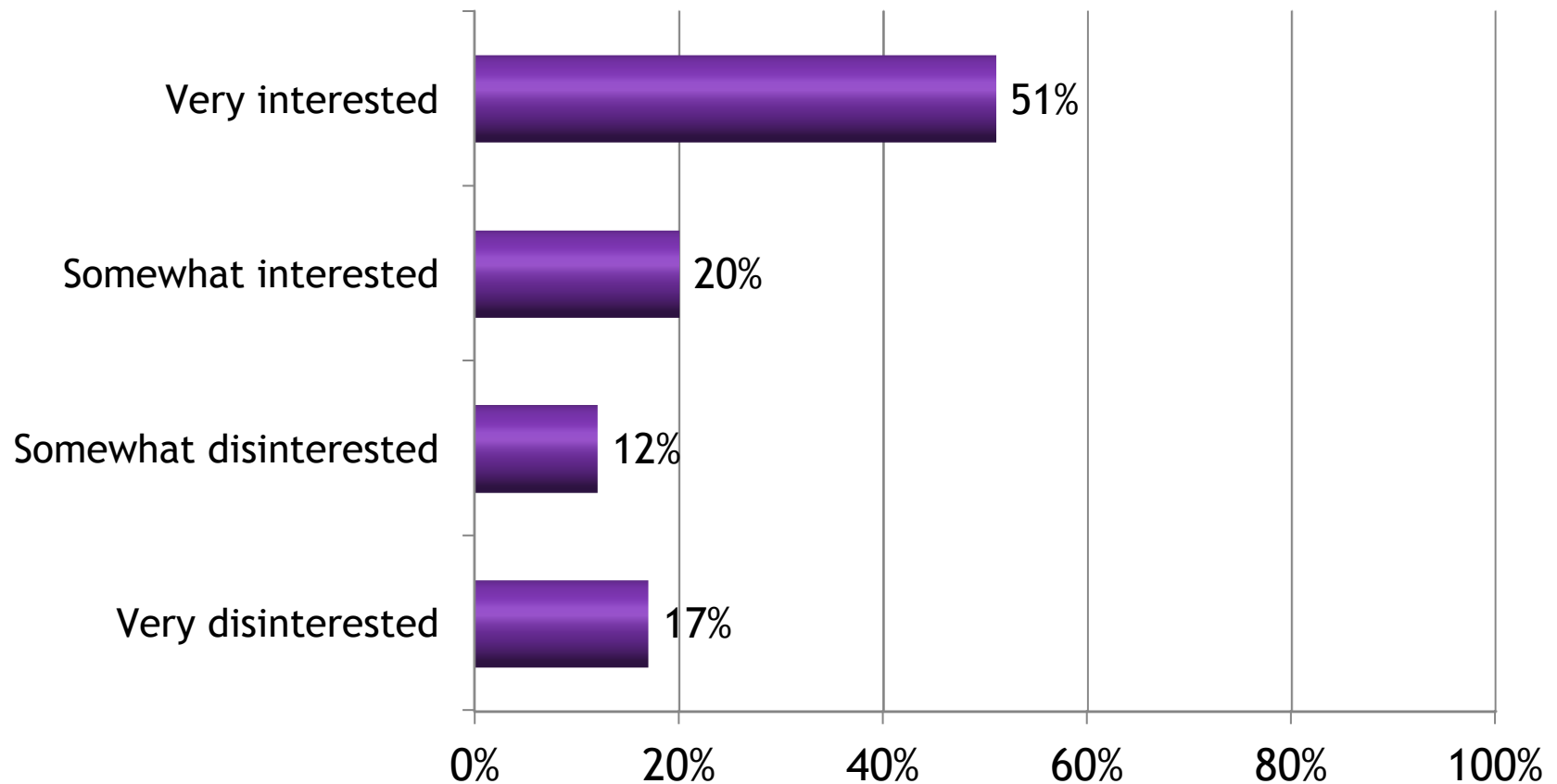
## Which should be the top priority of the government? (By political party)

	All (n=496)	Kulmiye (n=250)	Waddani (n=105)	UCID (n=37)
Improving security	51%	50%	56%	57%
Improving the economy	13%	14%	12%	11%
Building roads	12%	10%	13%	11%
Improving the health care system	7%	8%	5%	8%
Building new schools	5%	6%	5%	8%
Providing clean water	5%	6%	0%	3%
Improving infrastructure (roads, bridges, water, sanitation, etc.)	1%	1%	1%	0%

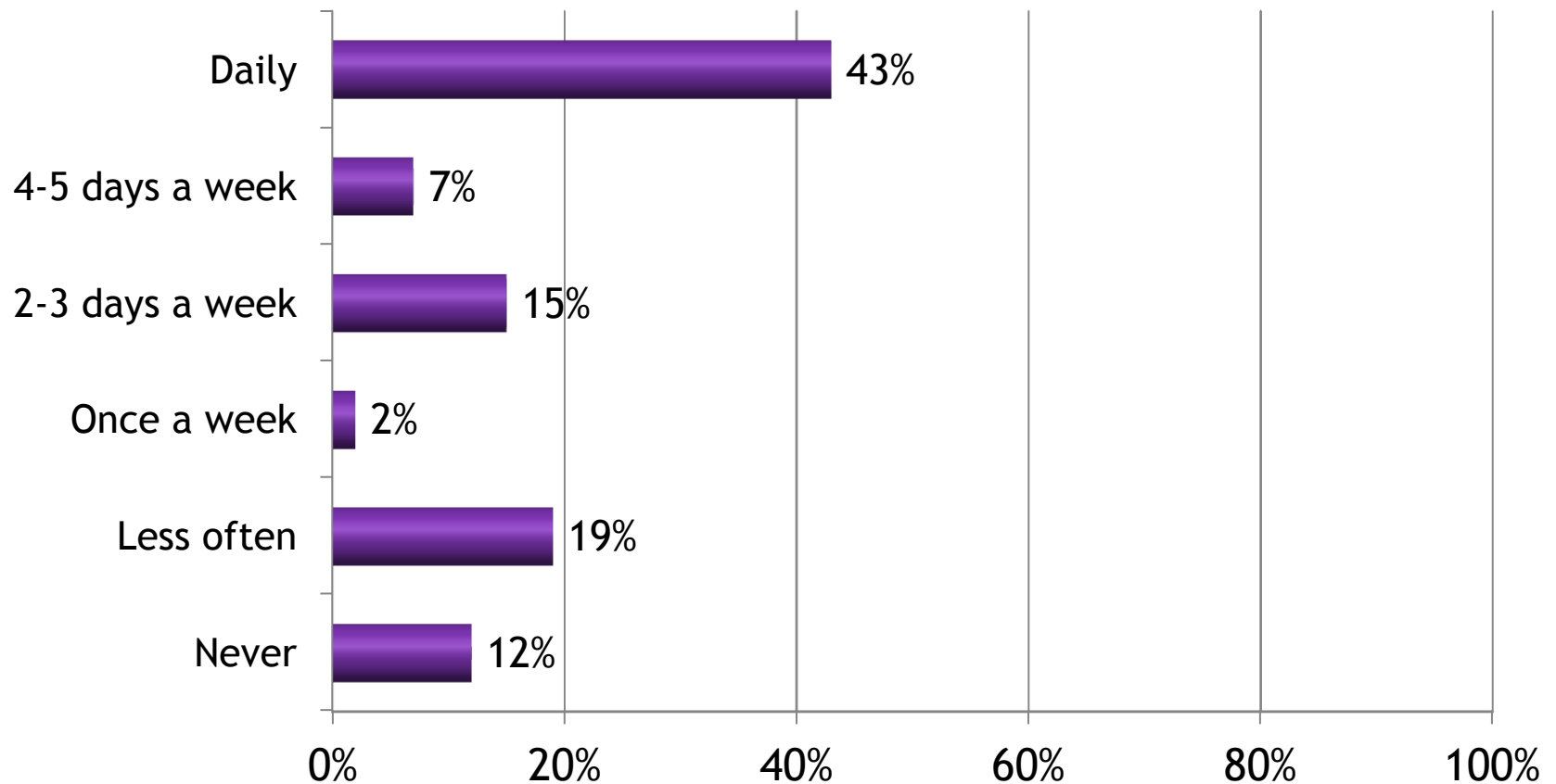
# News and Media Habits



In general, how interested are you in following the news about government, politics and current events? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, somewhat disinterested or very disinterested?

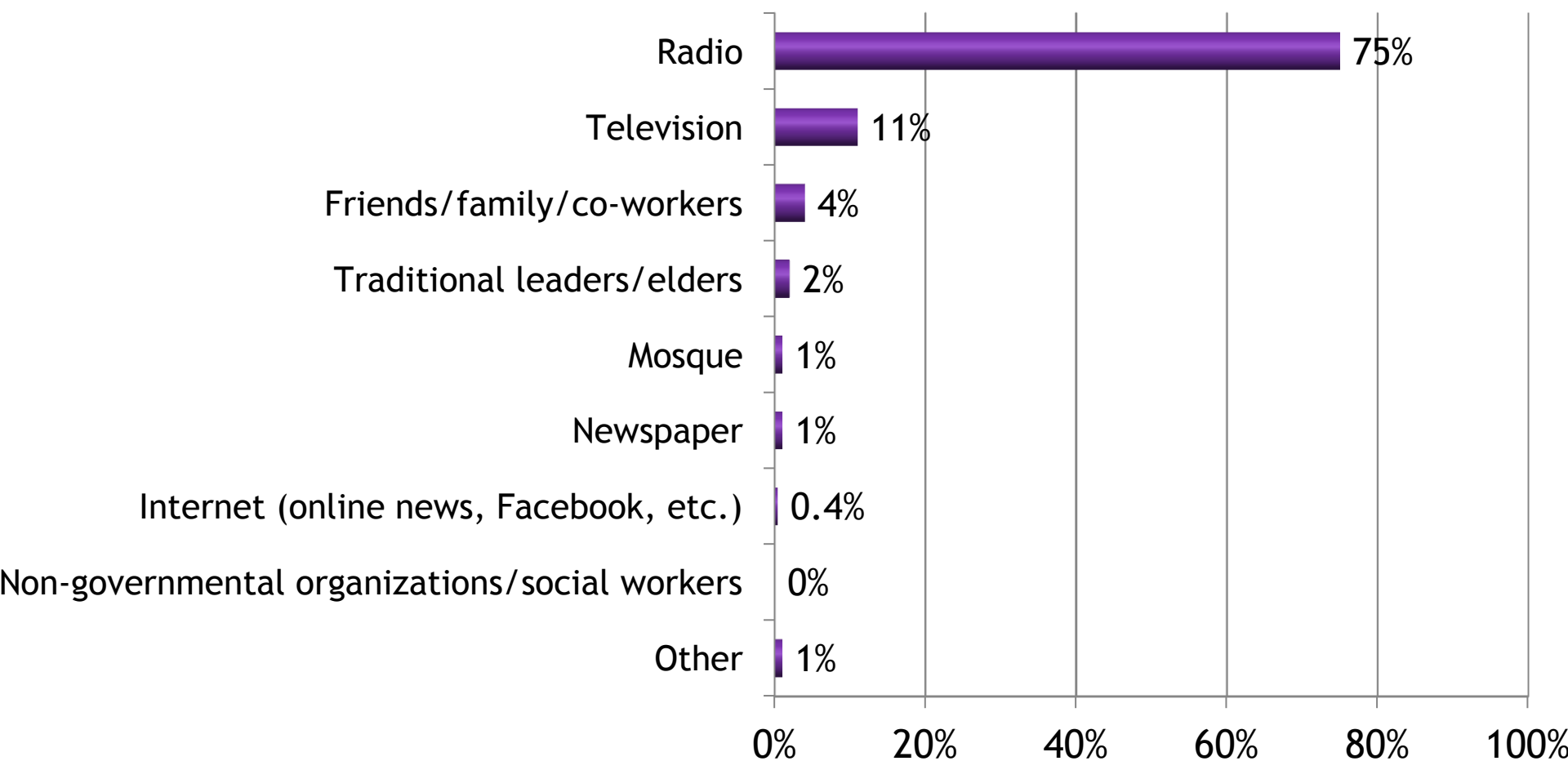


## How often do you read or watch the news?





## What is your main source of information for news and information about political leaders?



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 confidence, not very much confidence or no confidence at all?

	A lot of confidence	Some confidence	Not very much confidence	No confidence at all
Television	19%	11%	10%	36%
Radio	54%	19%	8%	10%
Newspaper	8%	11%	14%	41%
Internet (online news, Facebook, etc.)	5%	5%	9%	45%
Friends/family/co-workers	33%	25%	11%	18%
Traditional leaders/elders	47%	17%	8%	19%
Non-governmental organizations/social workers	12%	17%	18%	36%
Mosque	75%	7%	2%	11%

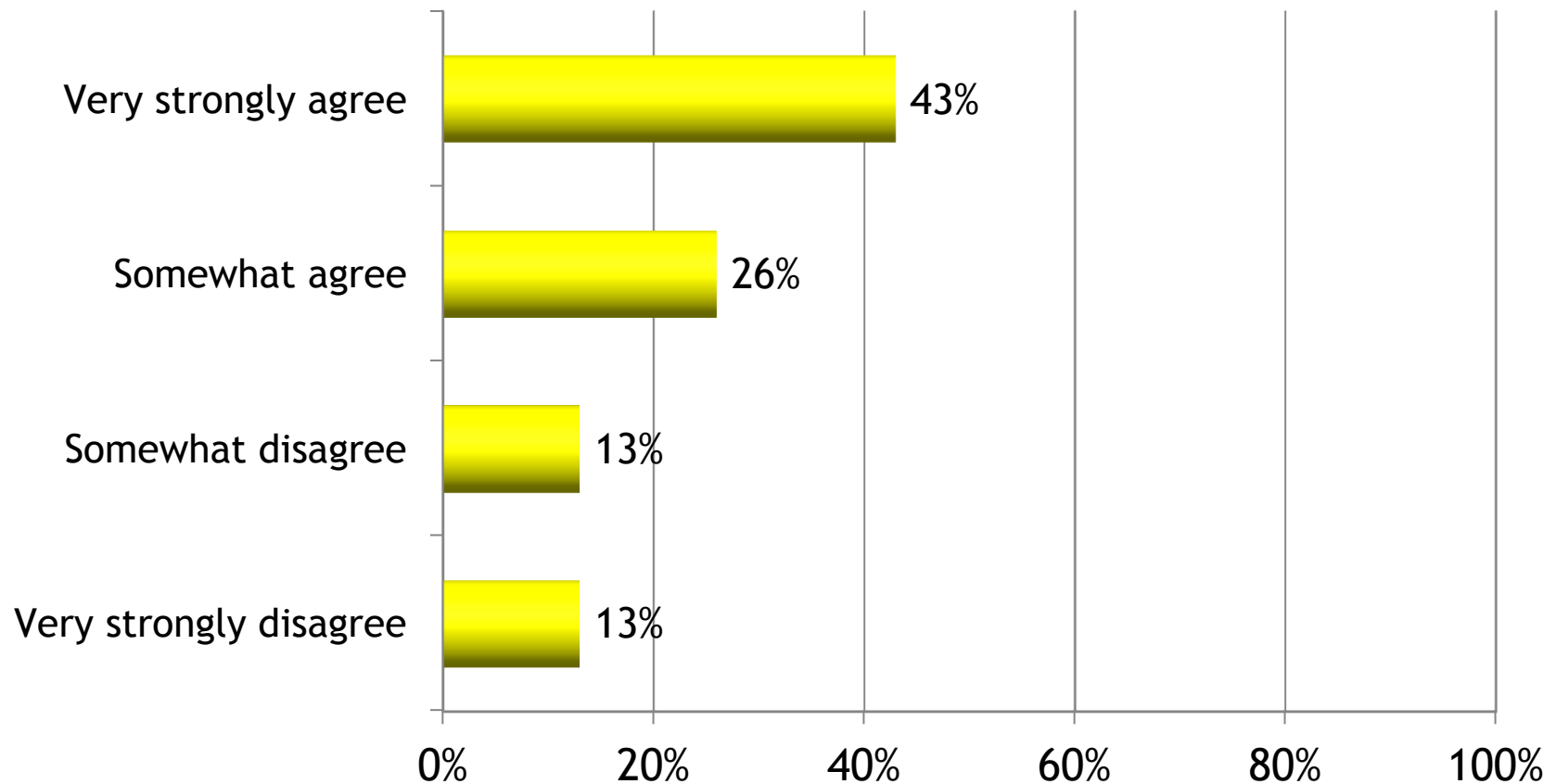
# Politics and Political Parties



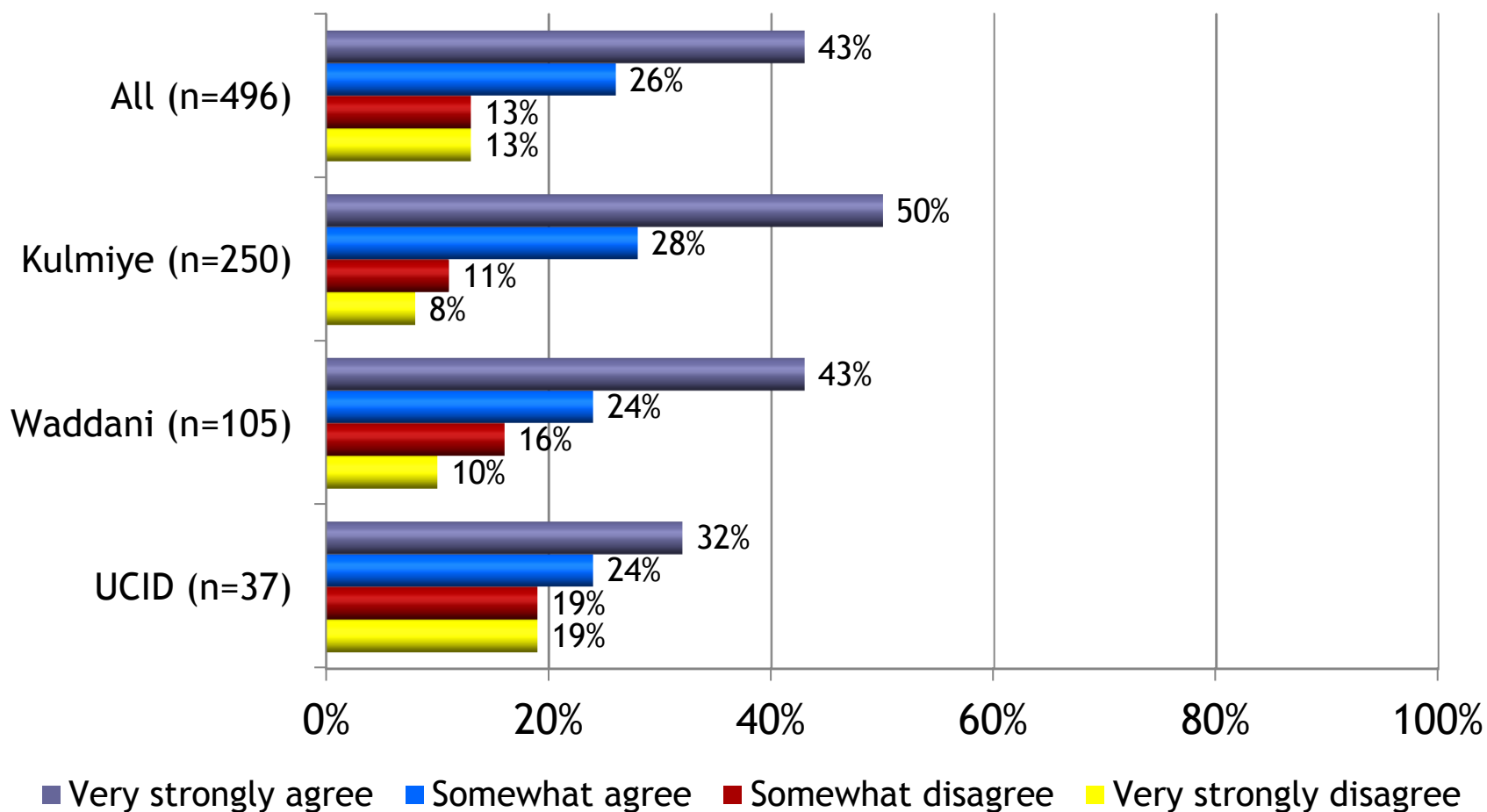
Now, I will read you a list of organizations and leaders. For each one, please tell me whether you think very favorably, favorably, unfavorably or very unfavorable about each of them.

	Very Favorably	Favorably	Unfavorably	Very Unfavorably
President	57%	16%	9%	18%
Parliament	28%	30%	15%	25%
Baki mayor	66%	18%	7%	8%
Baki District Council	55%	23%	9%	11%
Waddani	29%	24%	15%	30%
UCID	21%	23%	19%	34%
Kulmiye	55%	14%	9%	21%
Religious leaders	83%	7%	4%	5%
Your clan leaders	67%	16%	7%	9%
Other clans' leaders	37%	26%	15%	21%
Local non-governmental organizations	22%	27%	16%	26%
Foreign non-governmental organizations	21%	22%	14%	33%

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
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How much of the time do you think the following leaders listen to what people like you have to say?

	Always	Often	Some- times	Never
National government representatives	9%	16%	30%	39%
Members of Parliament	6%	15%	25%	46%
Local government representatives	19%	32%	24%	22%
Traditional leaders/elders	44%	25%	15%	13%
Religious leaders	65%	15%	9%	9%

How much of the time do you think the following leaders listen to what people like you have to say? (By age)

**National government representatives**

	Always	Often	Some-times	Never
All (n=496)	9%	16%	30%	39%
Females (n=238)	11%	24%	33%	25%
Males (n=258)	7%	9%	28%	53%
16 to 25 (n=156)	12%	16%	33%	35%
26 to 35 (n=155)	8%	19%	34%	34%
36 to 45 (n=99)	8%	15%	22%	47%
46 to 55 (n=34)	9%	15%	24%	50%
56 to 65 (n=29)	0%	10%	31%	48%
66+ (n=23)	9%	13%	30%	43%



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**Members of Parliament**

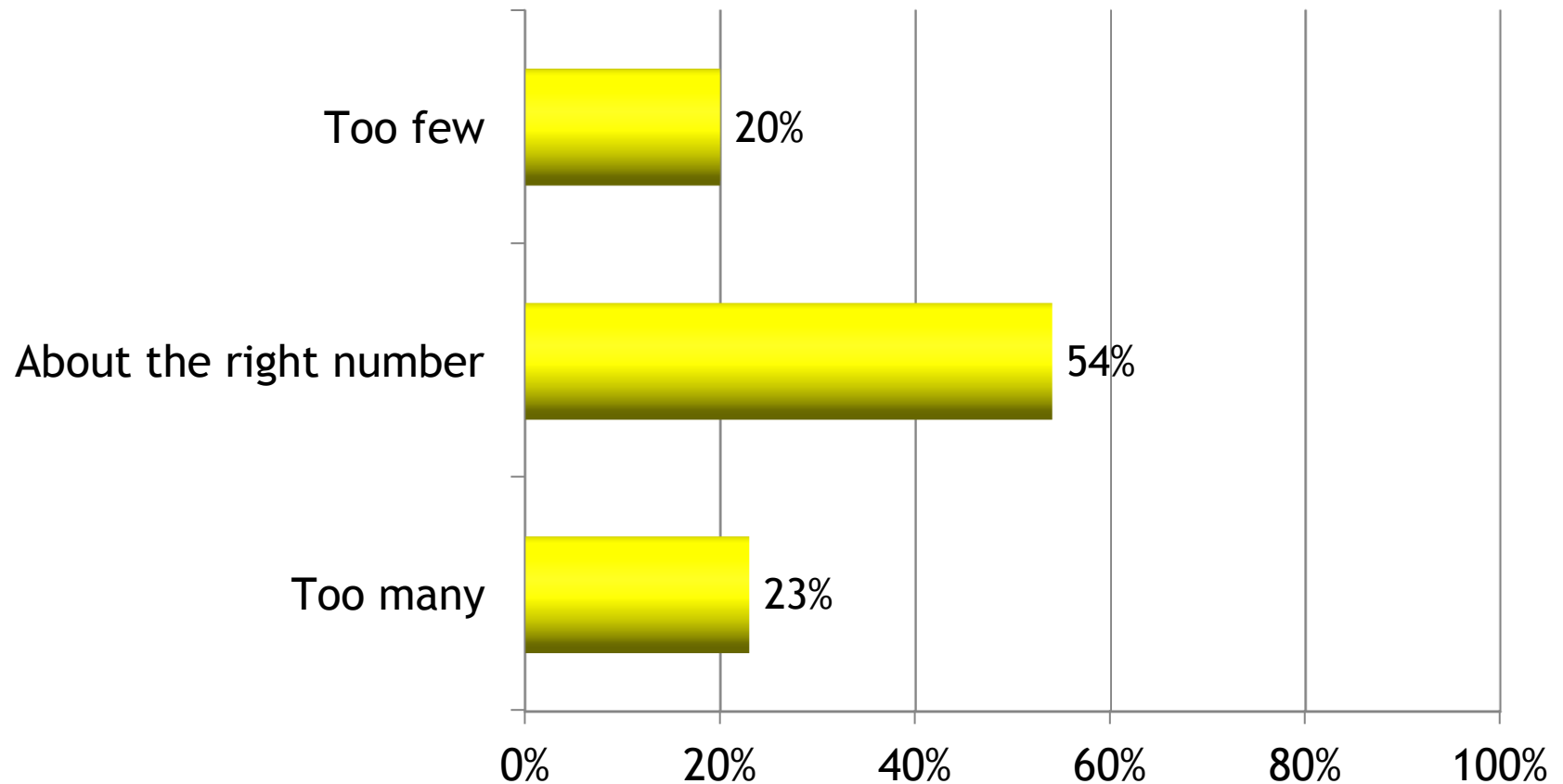
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Females (n=238)	8%	18%	37%	29%
Males (n=258)	4%	12%	15%	62%
16 to 25 (n=156)	8%	17%	29%	40%
26 to 35 (n=155)	7%	14%	31%	42%
36 to 45 (n=99)	1%	19%	17%	56%
46 to 55 (n=34)	6%	12%	18%	56%
56 to 65 (n=29)	0%	10%	17%	55%
66+ (n=23)	13%	9%	17%	52%

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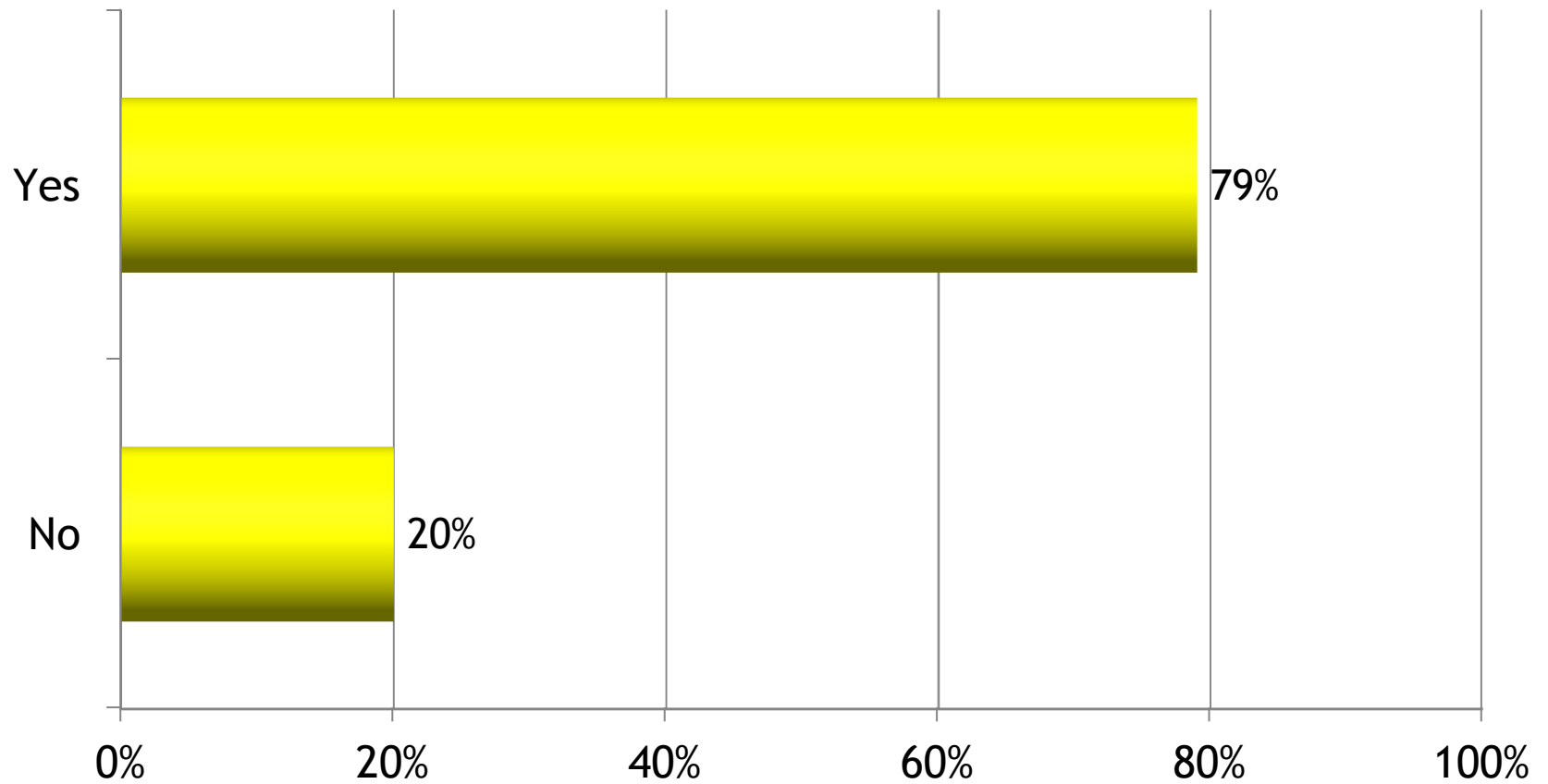
**Local government representatives**

	Always	Often	Some-times	Never
All (n=496)	19%	32%	24%	22%
Females (n=238)	17%	31%	26%	19%
Males (n=258)	21%	32%	22%	24%
16 to 25 (n=156)	26%	25%	27%	17%
26 to 35 (n=155)	16%	30%	28%	22%
36 to 45 (n=99)	16%	43%	14%	22%
46 to 55 (n=34)	18%	29%	24%	26%
56 to 65 (n=29)	3%	31%	28%	34%
66+ (n=23)	22%	39%	9%	22%

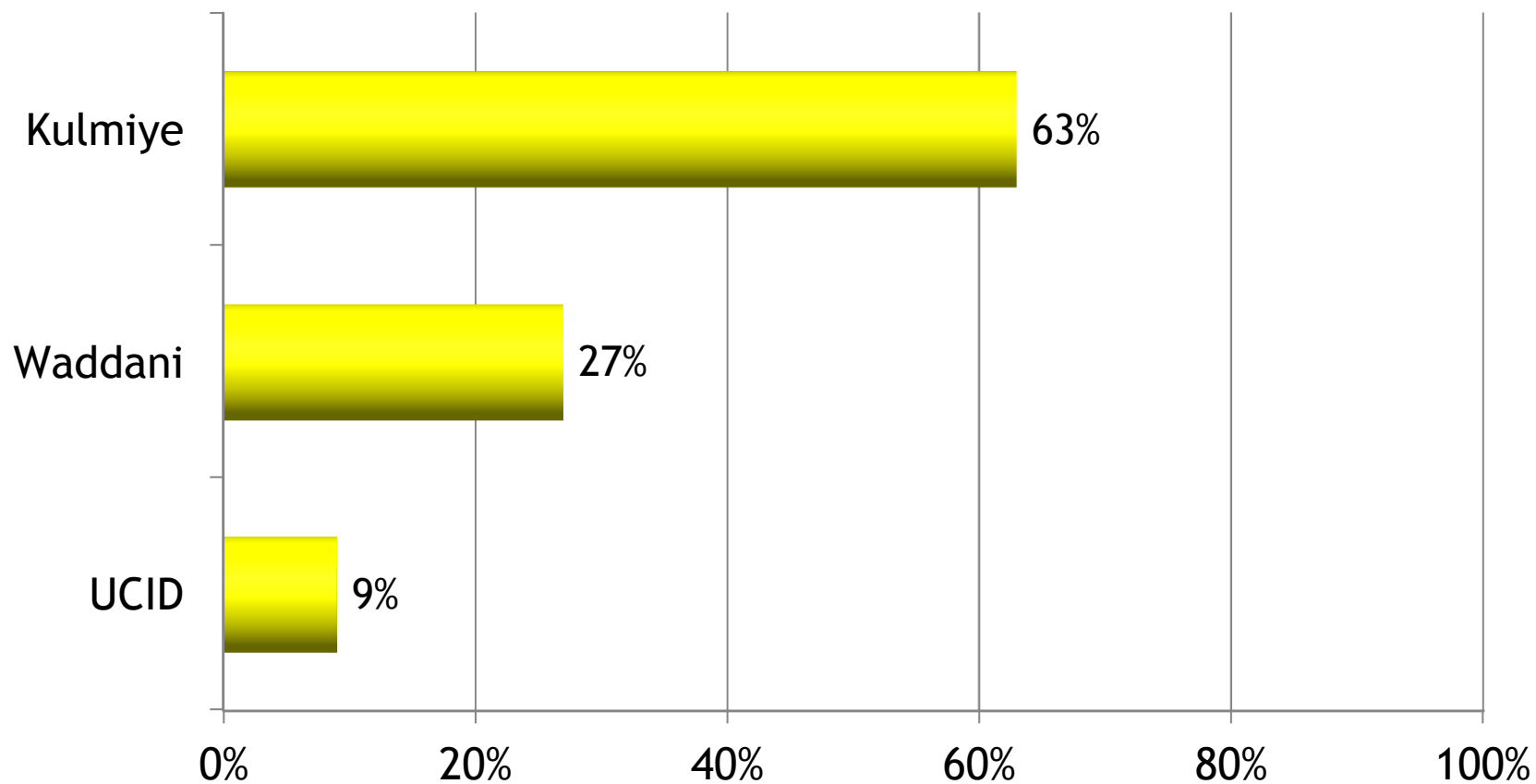
Do you think that currently there are too few, too many or about the right number of political parties?



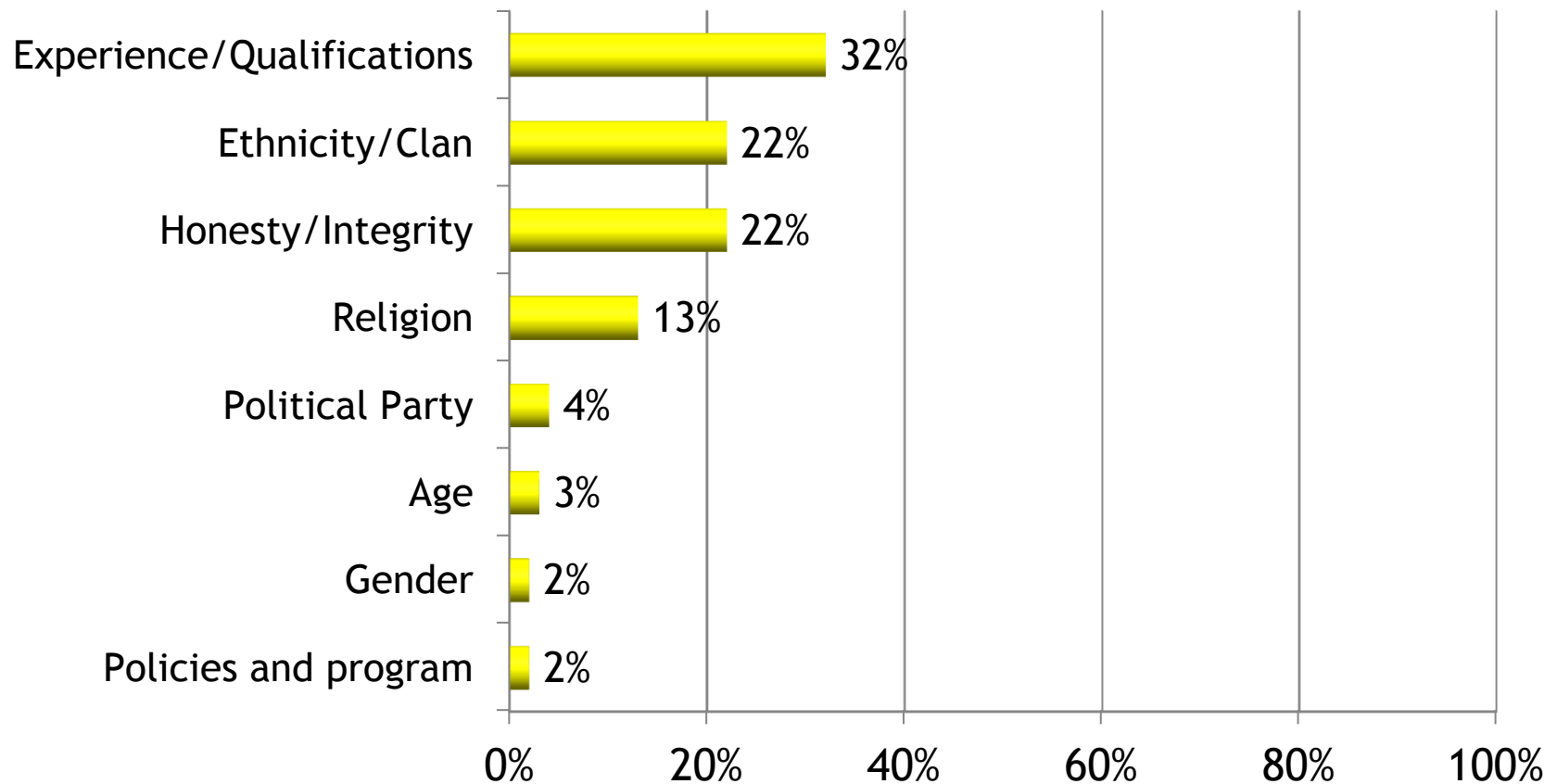
Are you a member of a political party?



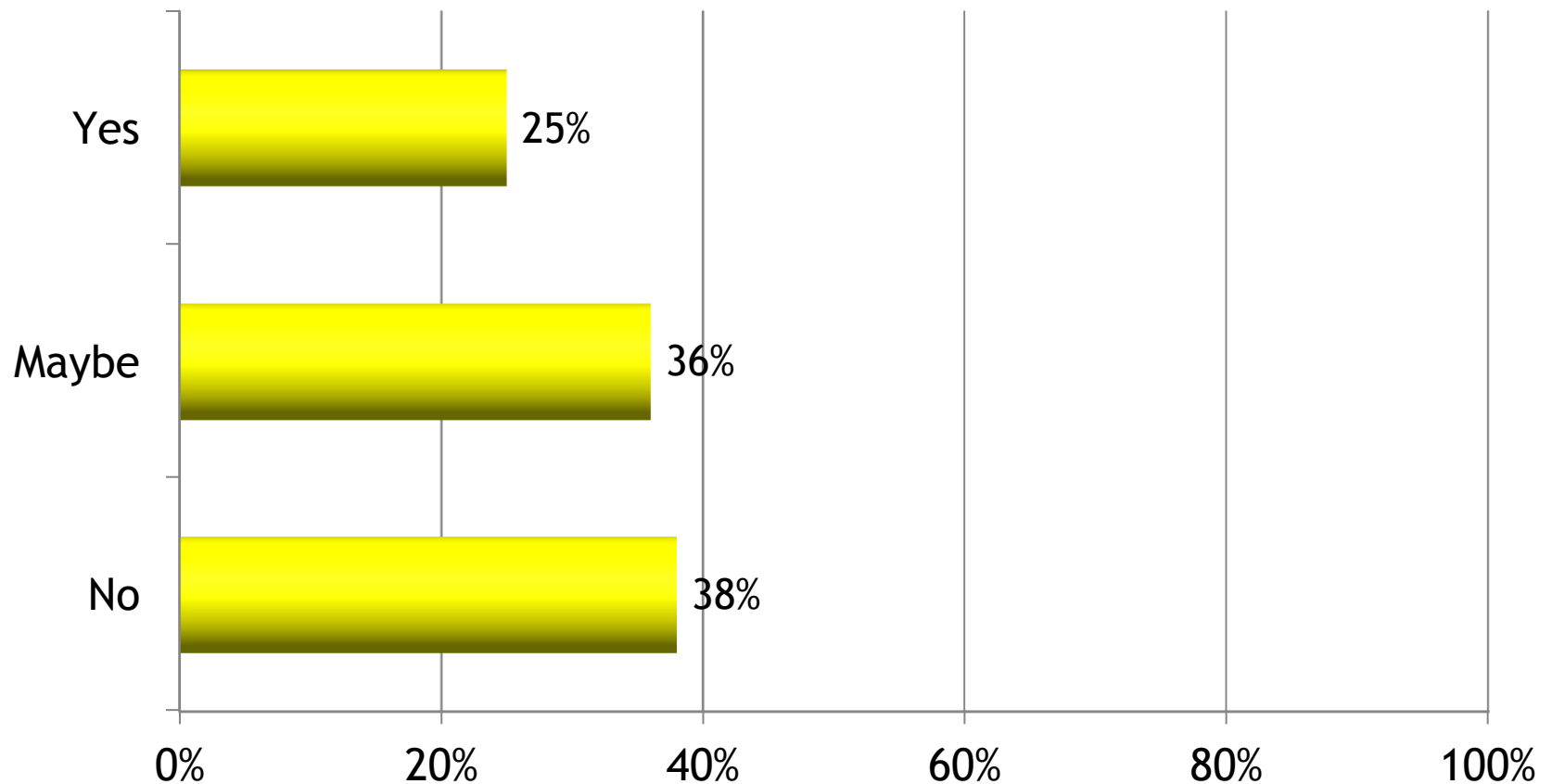
If yes, which party? (n=393)



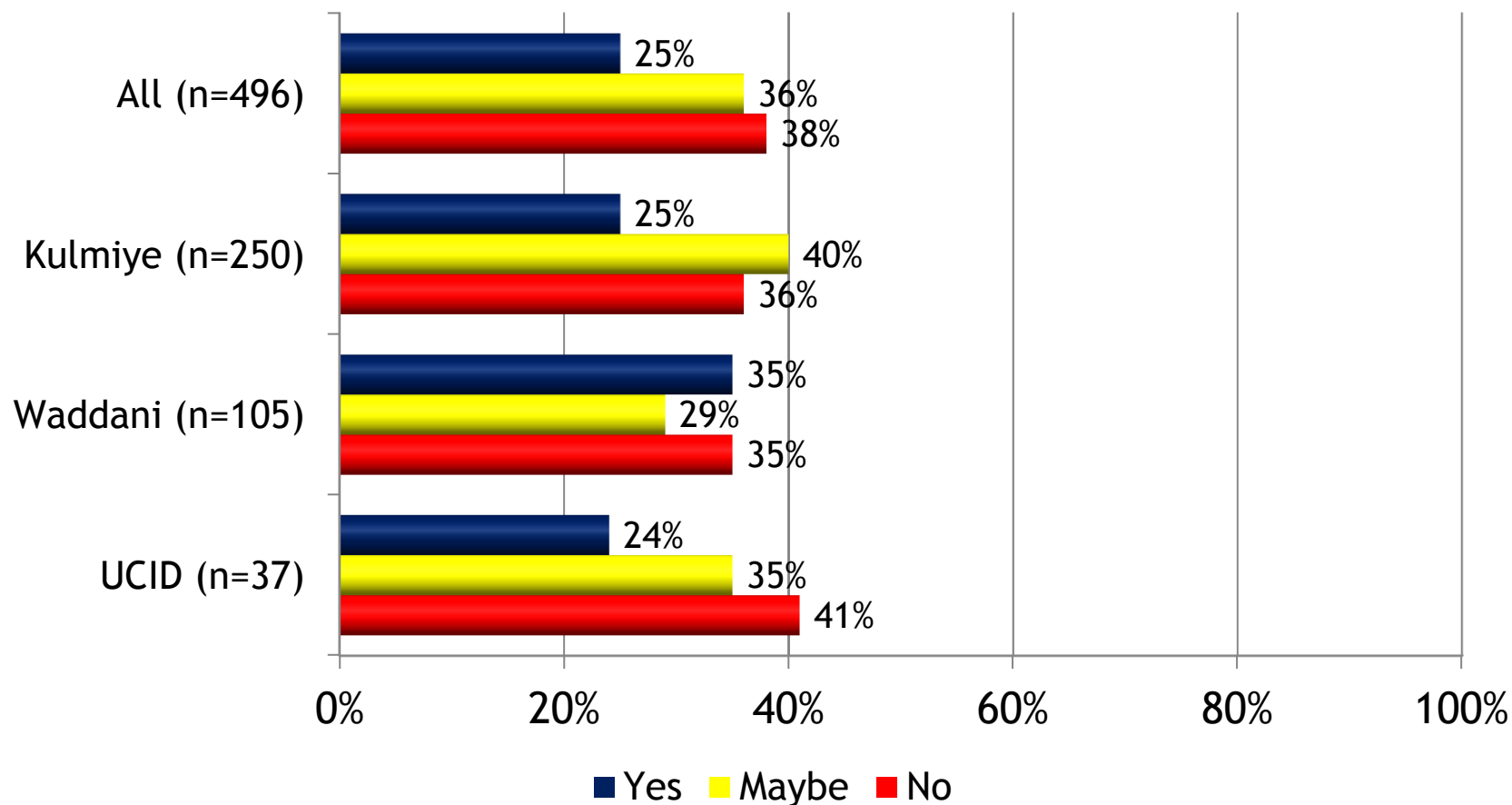
In terms of voting for political leaders, which of the following characteristics is most important?



If you are a member of a current party, would you consider switching to a new political party for the next election? (n=393)



If you are a member of a current party, would you consider switching to a new political party for the next election? (By political party)





Which of the following non-governmental organizations are you familiar with?

	Yes	No
Nagaad (women's umbrella movement)	14%	77%
HAVAYOCO (Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee)	19%	71%
SONYO (Somaliland National Youth Organization)	11%	79%
Candlelight for Health, Education & Environment	5%	85%
ADO (Agriculture Development Organization)	8%	82%
GAVO (General Assistance Voluntary Organization)	4%	86%
Gaaroodi	3%	87%

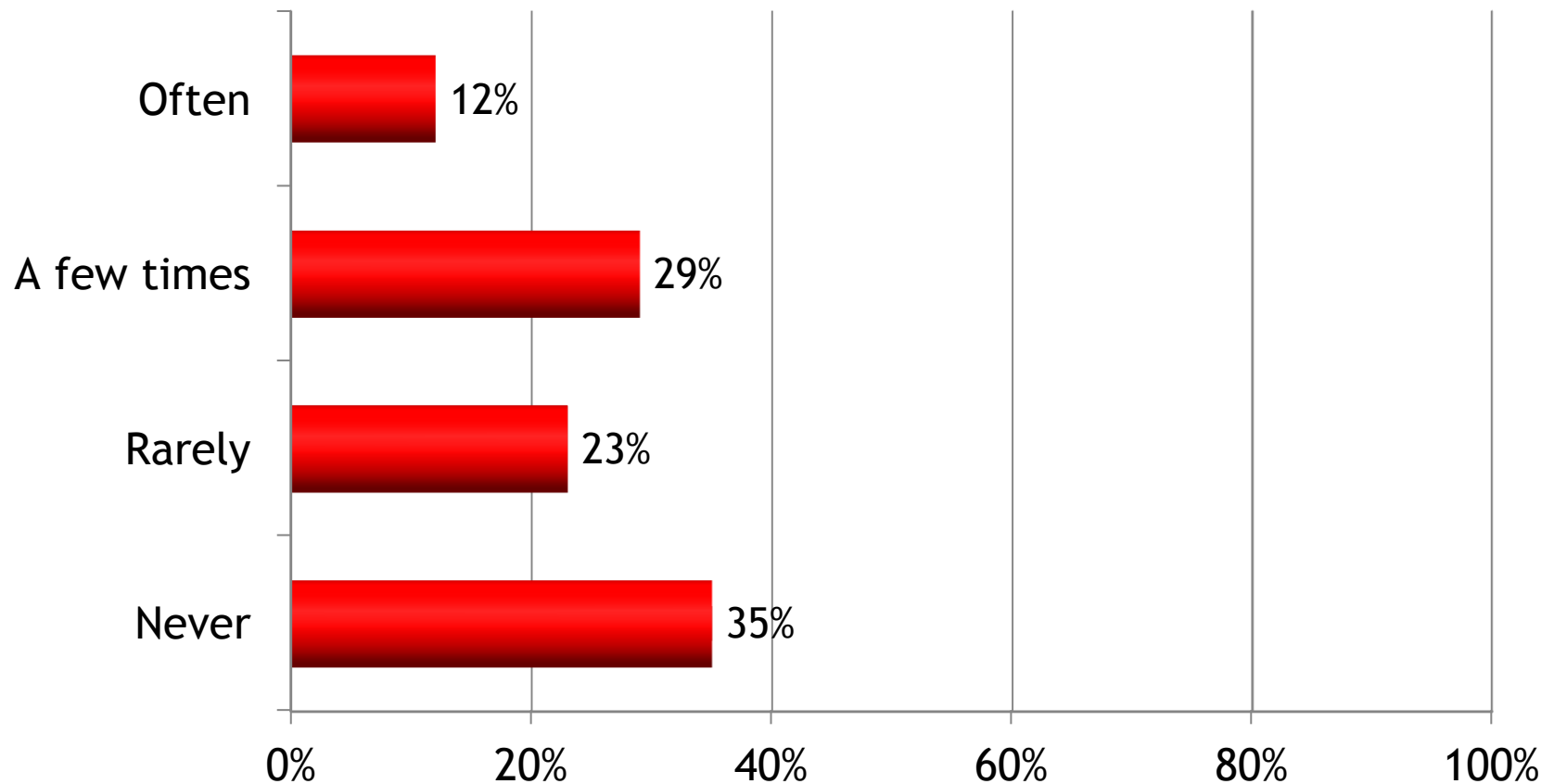
And, generally, do you have a very favorable, favorable, unfavorable or very unfavorable view of them?

	Very favorable	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Never heard of
Nagaad	7%	4%	3%	3%	76%
HAVAYOCO	9%	8%	2%	5%	71%
SONYO	5%	5%	2%	4%	78%
Candlelight for Health, Education & Environment	2%	2%	2%	4%	83%
ADO	4%	3%	2%	3%	81%
GAVO	2%	2%	2%	3%	85%
Gaaroodi	1%	2%	0%	4%	86%

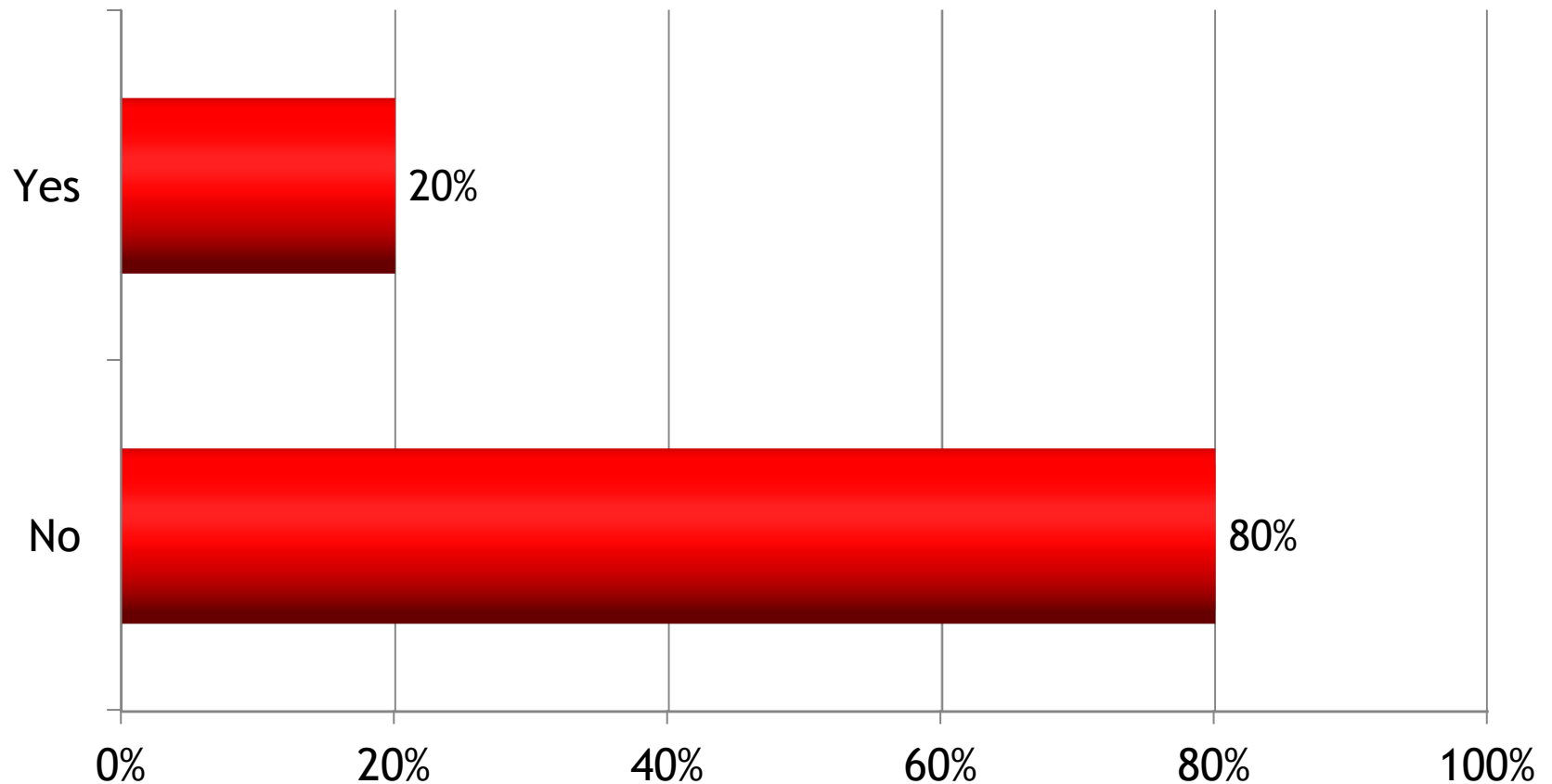
# District Council and Councilors



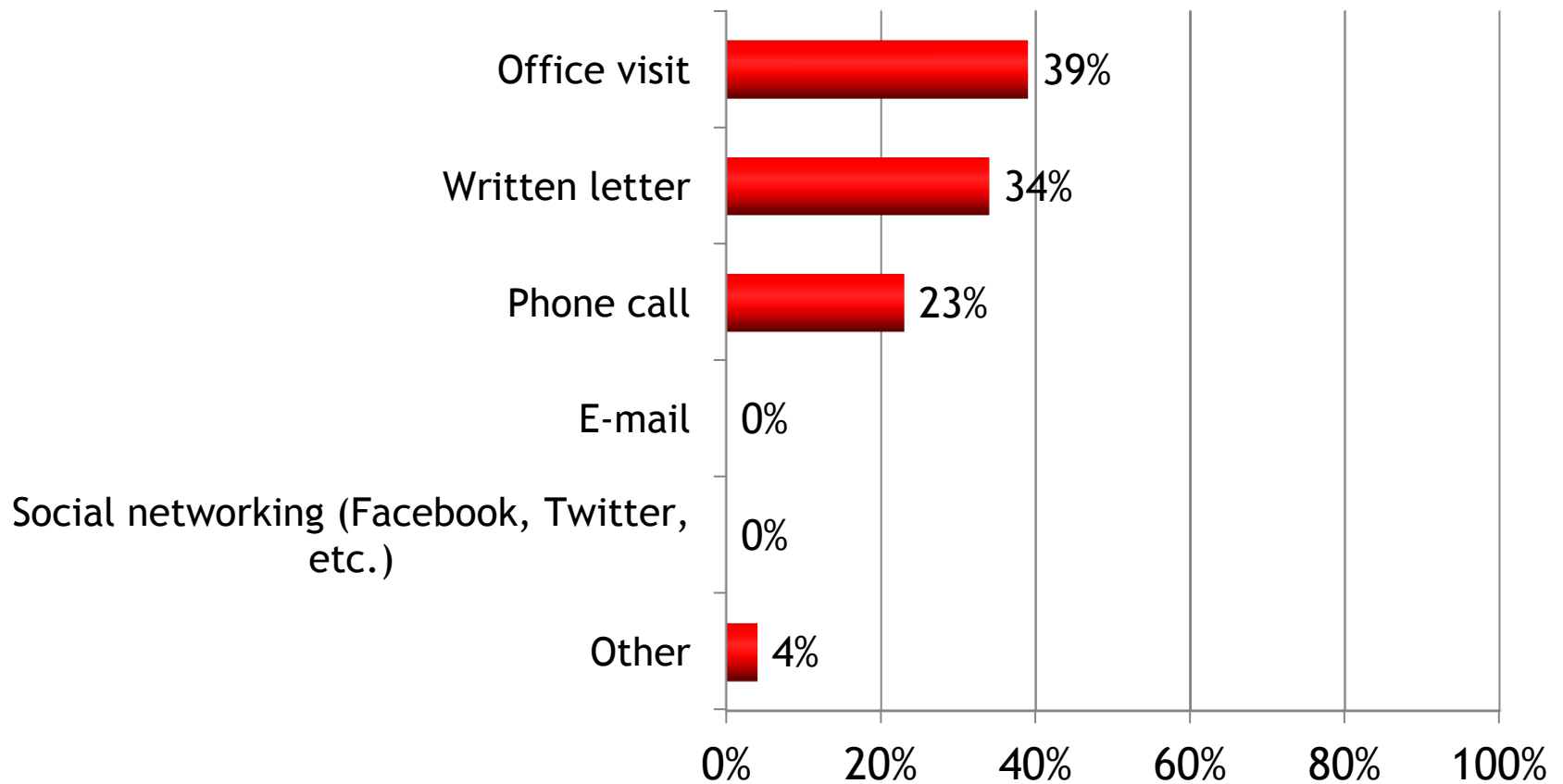
In the last six months, would you say that you have seen, read or heard something about the district council often, a few times, rarely or never?



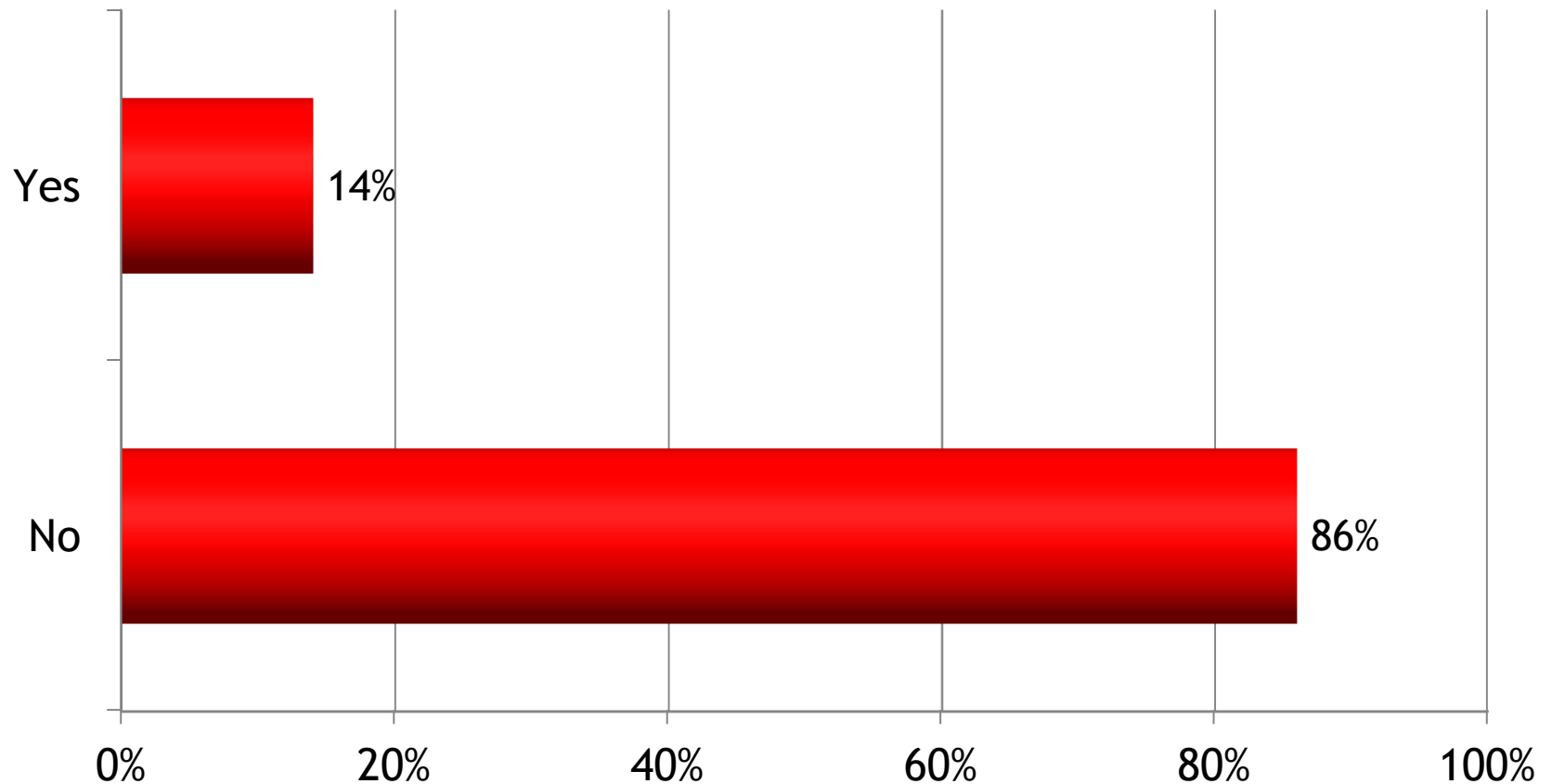
Have you ever contacted a district councilor about an issue that was important to you or your community?



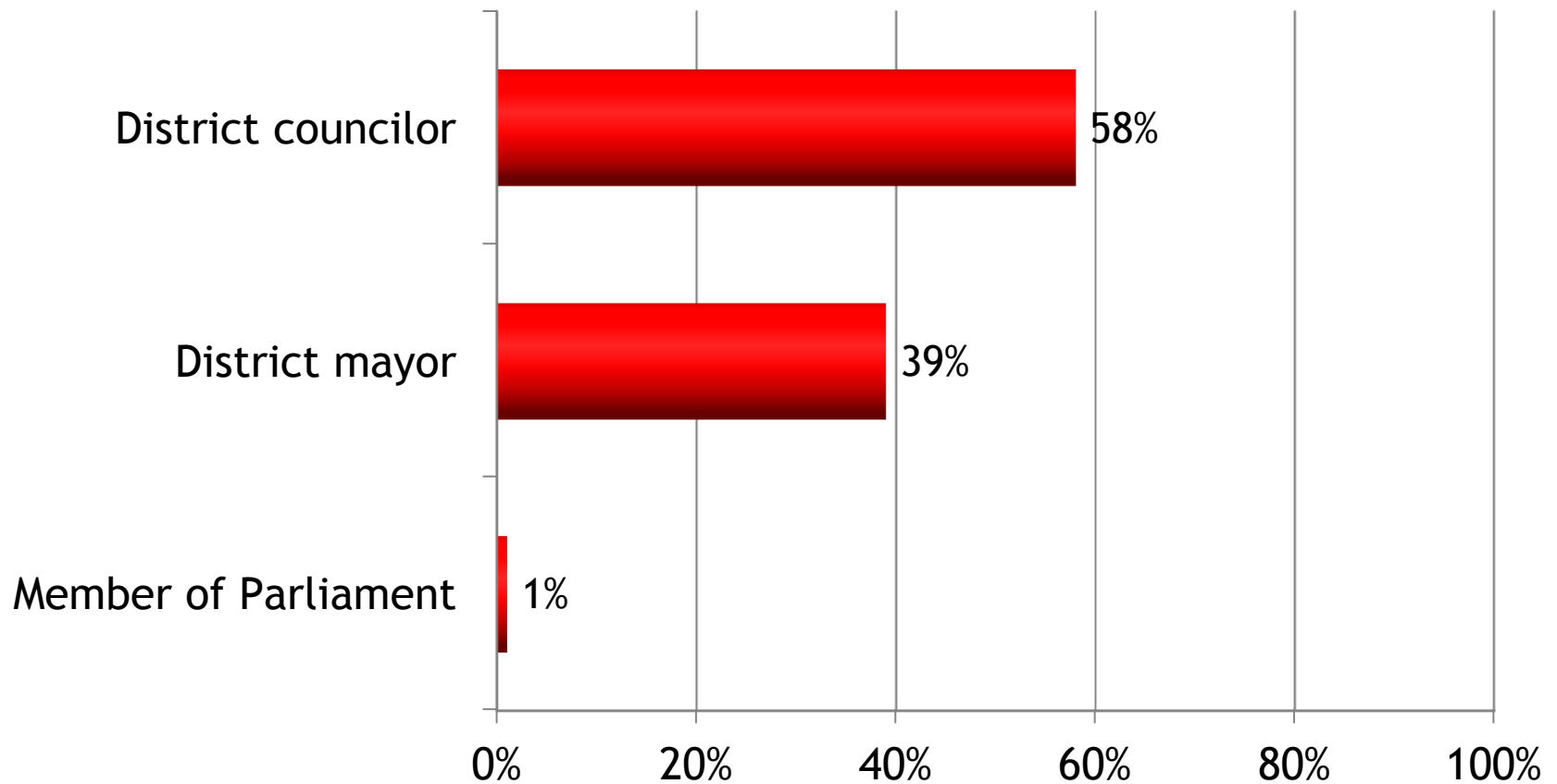
How did you contact that person? (n=97)



Within the last year, have you attended a public meeting  
with an elected official?

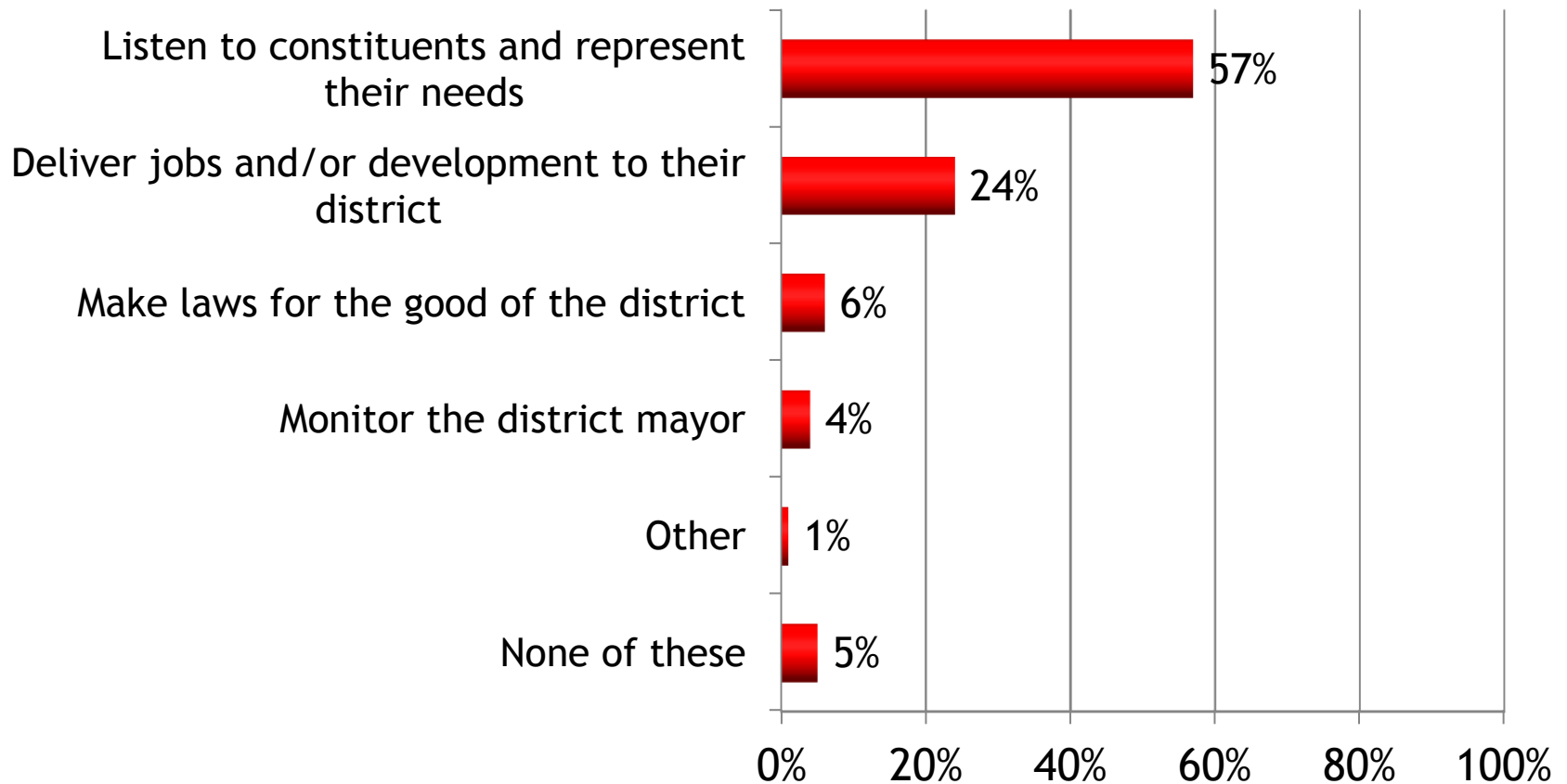


If yes, which elected representative? (n=71)

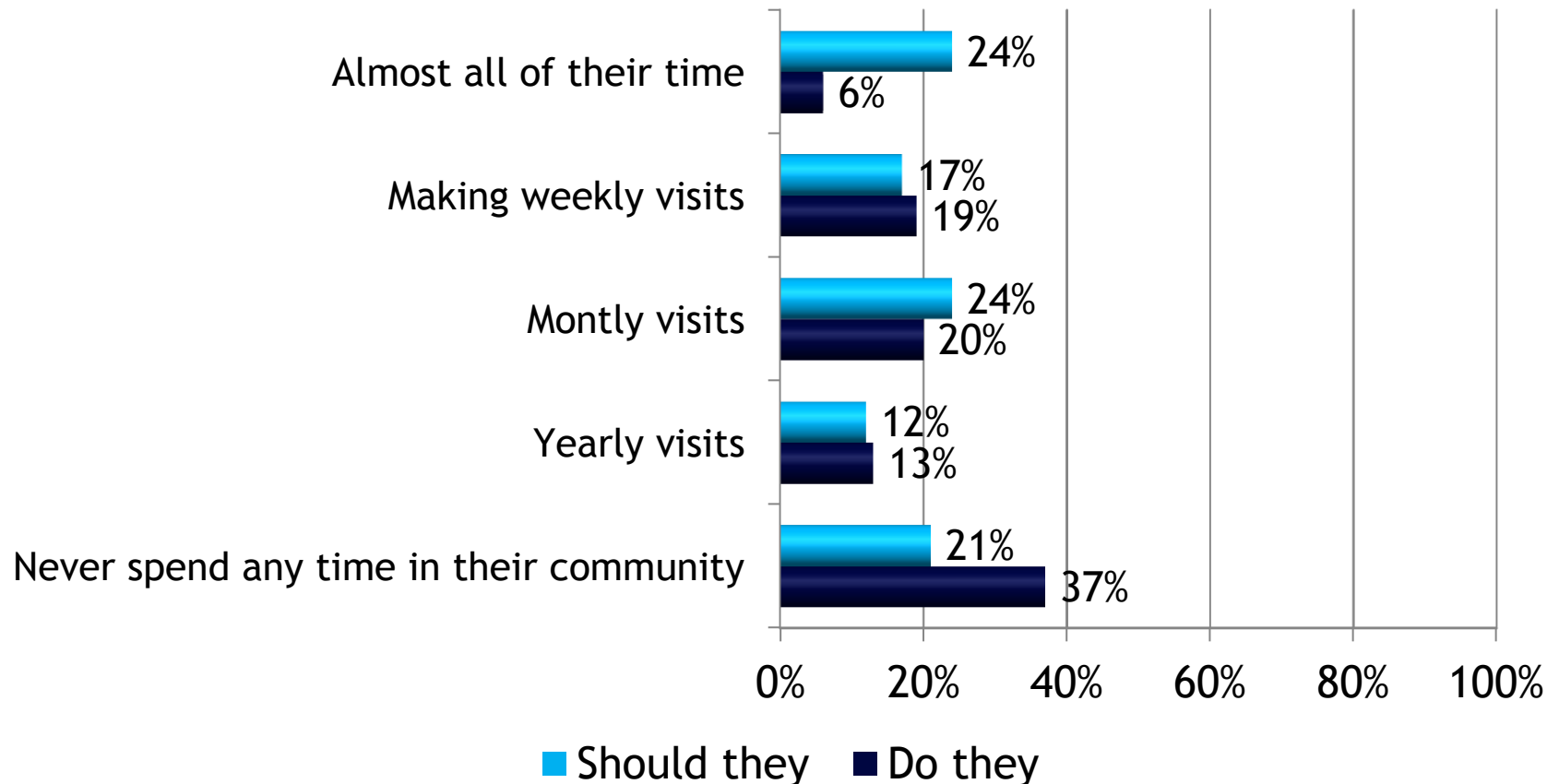




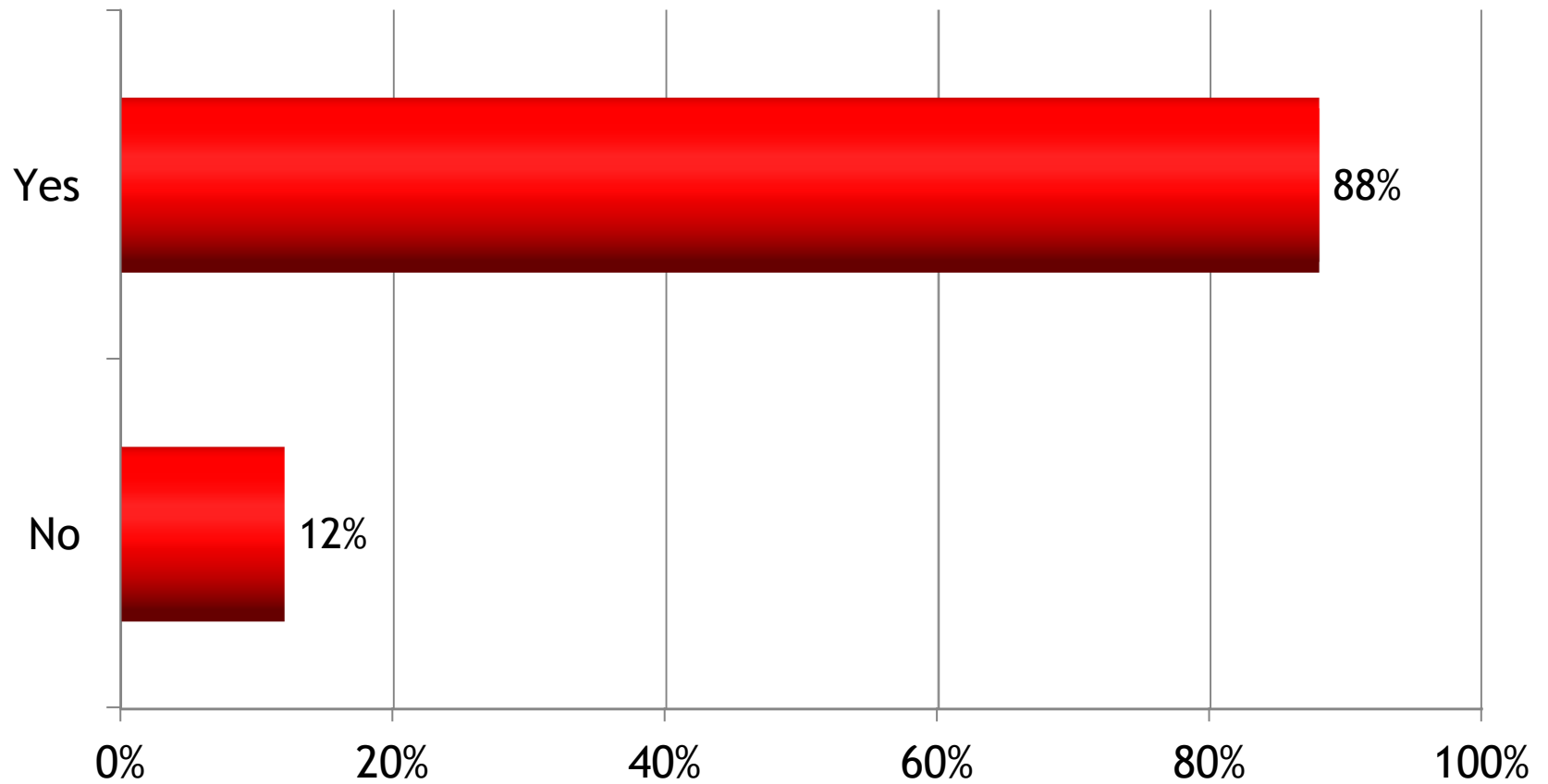
District councilors have different responsibilities.  
Which of the following do you think is the most important?



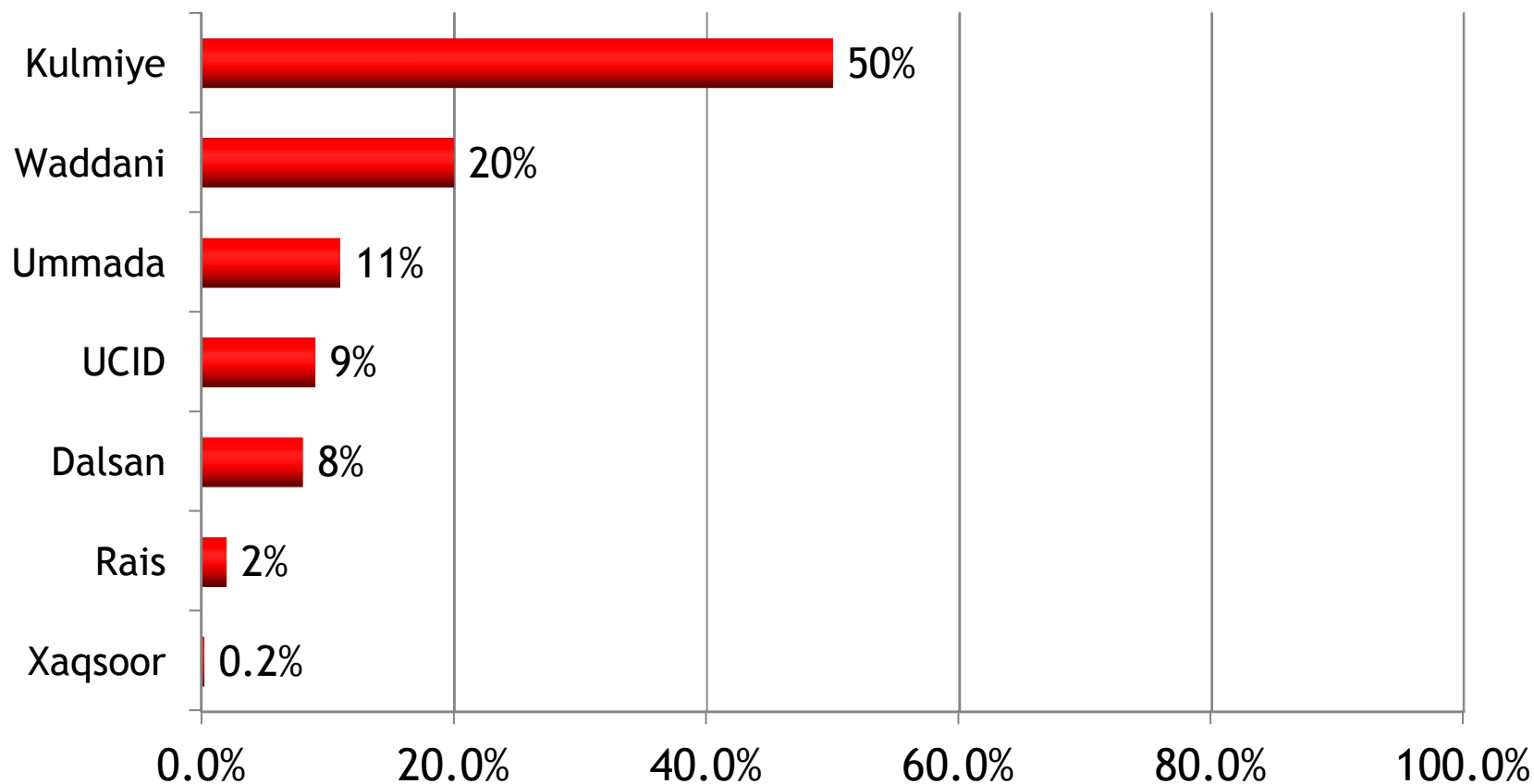
How much time do you believe your district councilors should be spending in their community: almost all of their time, making weekly visits, monthly visits, yearly visits, or never spend any time in their community? And how much time does he or she currently spend in their community?



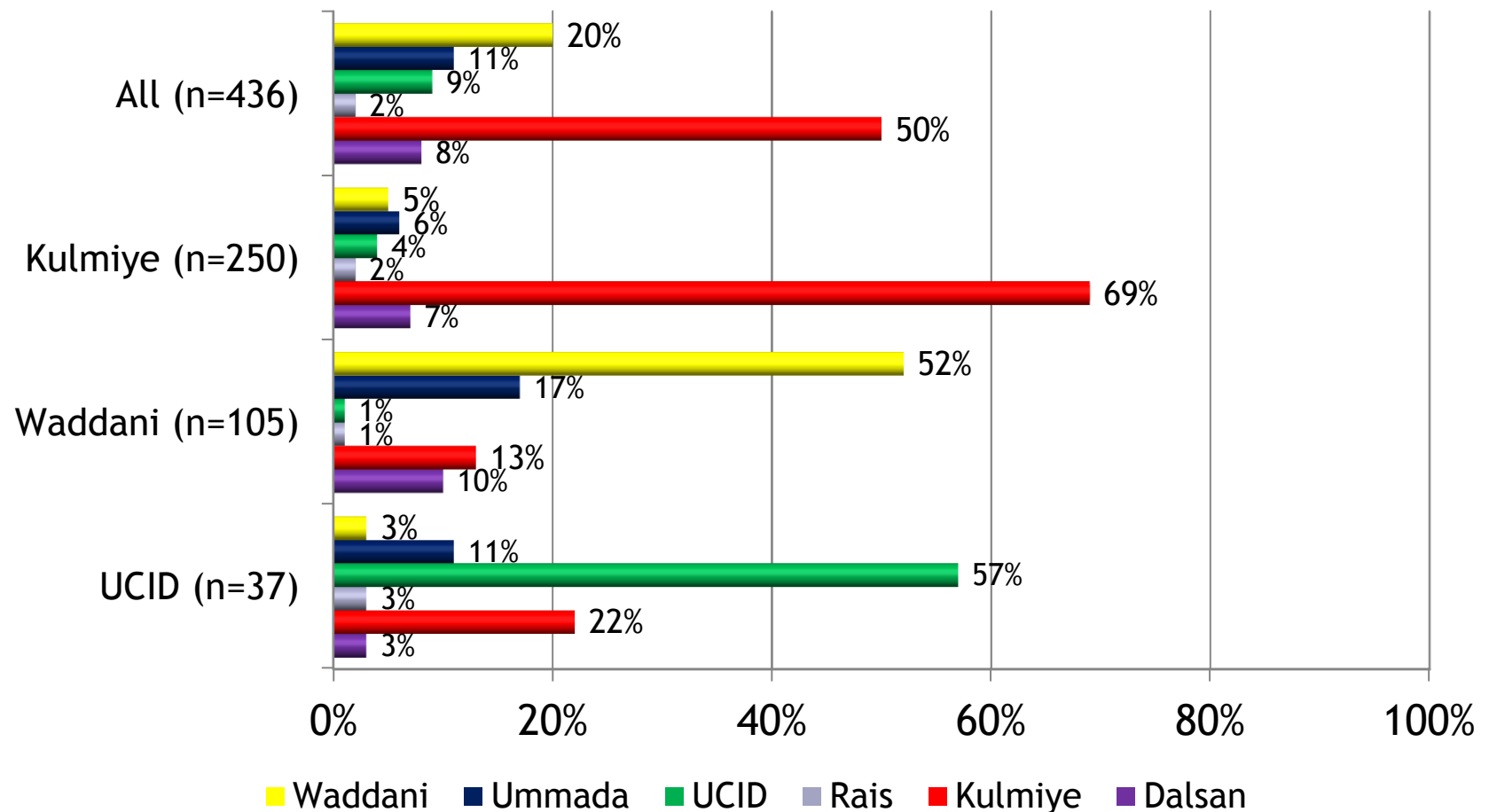
Did you vote in the last local election?



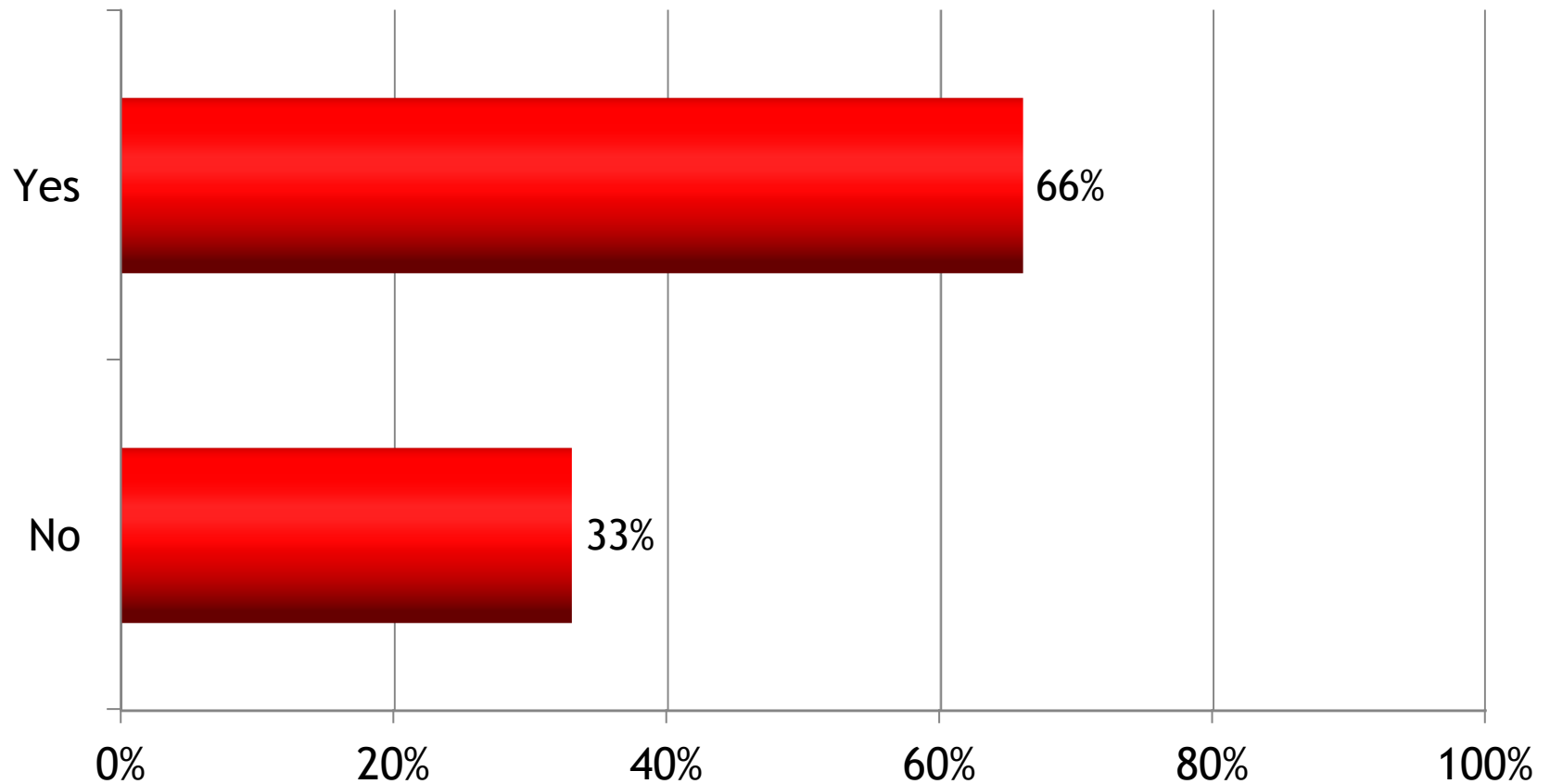
If yes, which party/association did you vote for? (n=436)



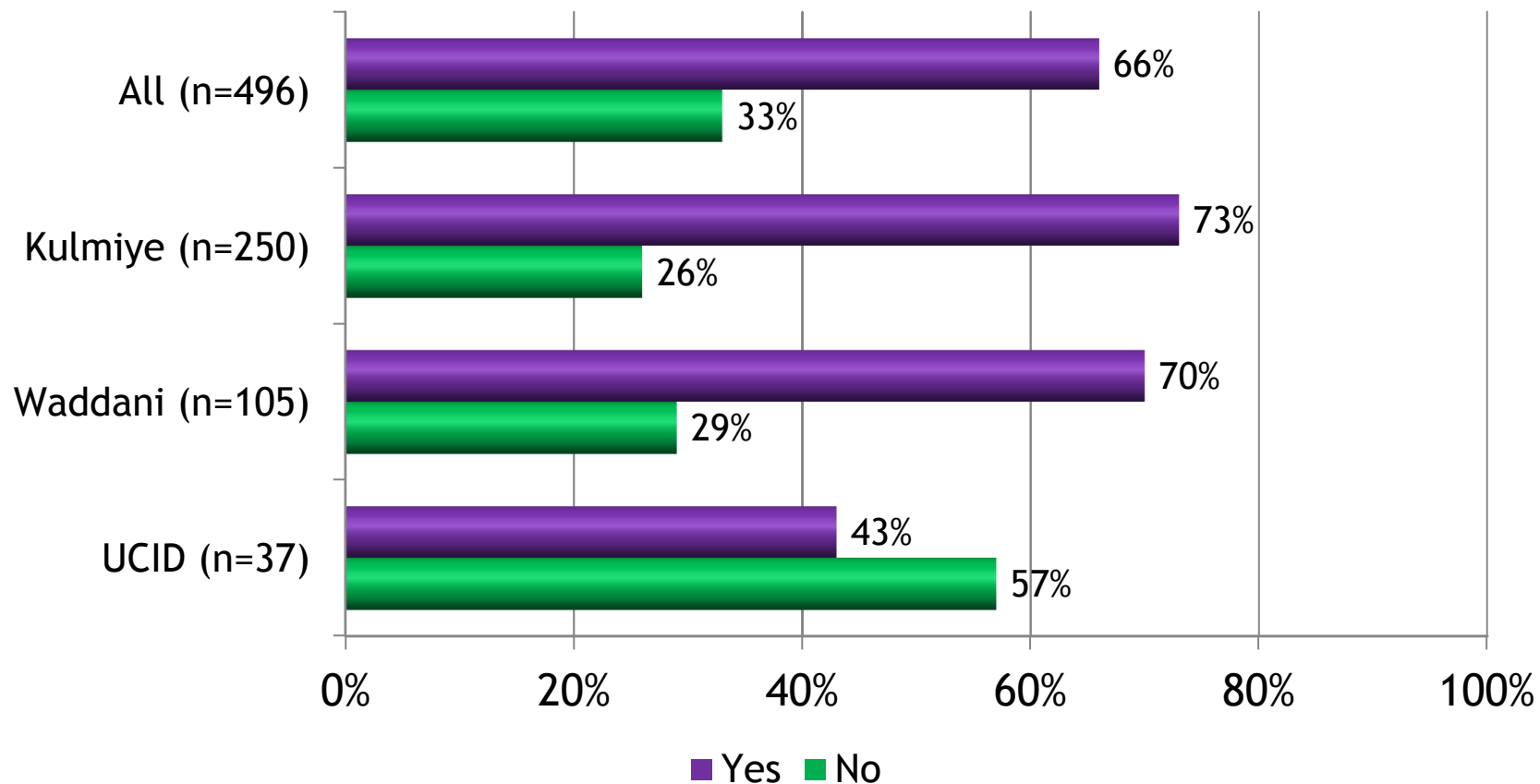
If yes, which party/association did you vote for? (n=436)



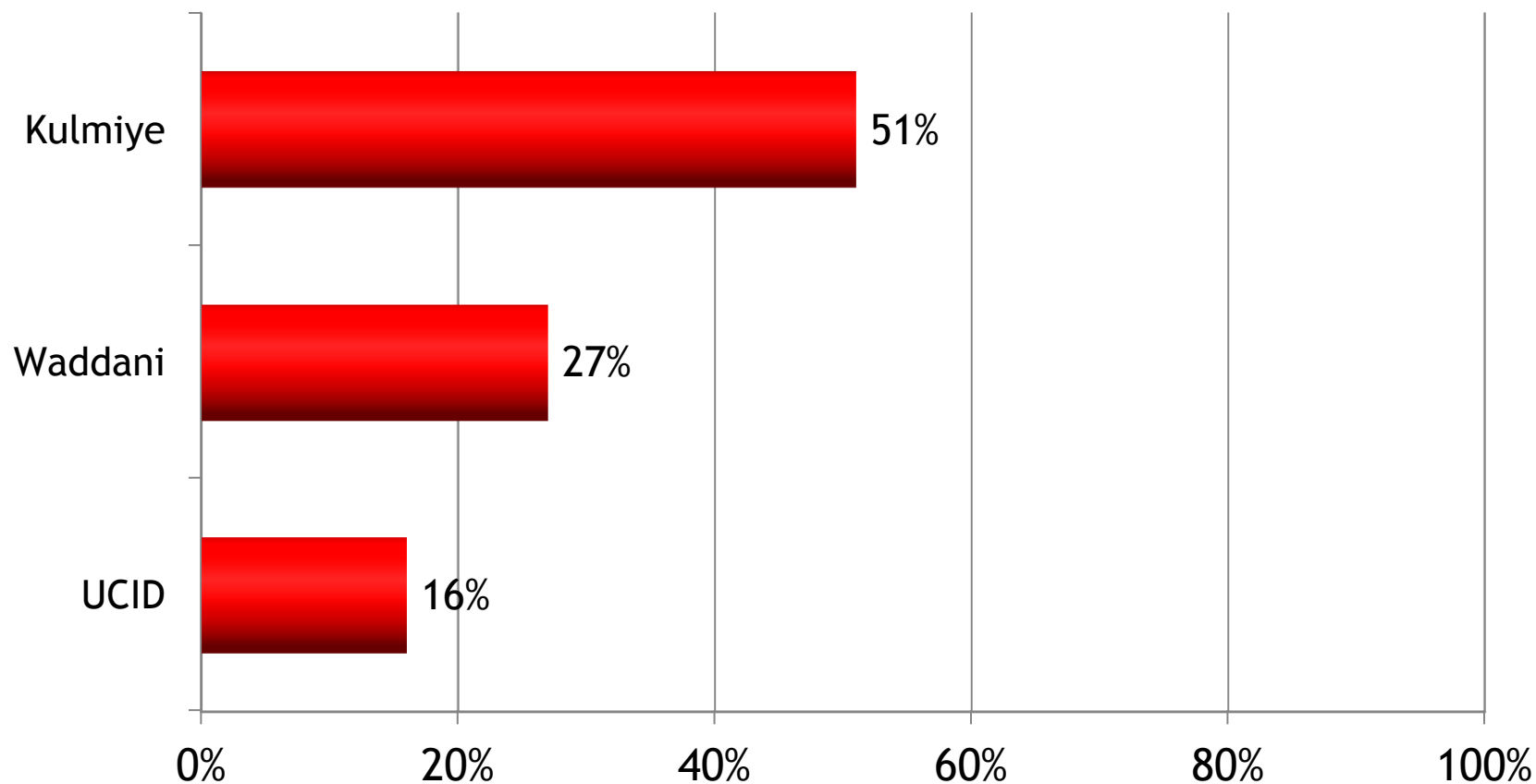
If elections were held today, would you vote for the current district councilors?



If elections were held today, would you vote for the current district councilors? (By political party)

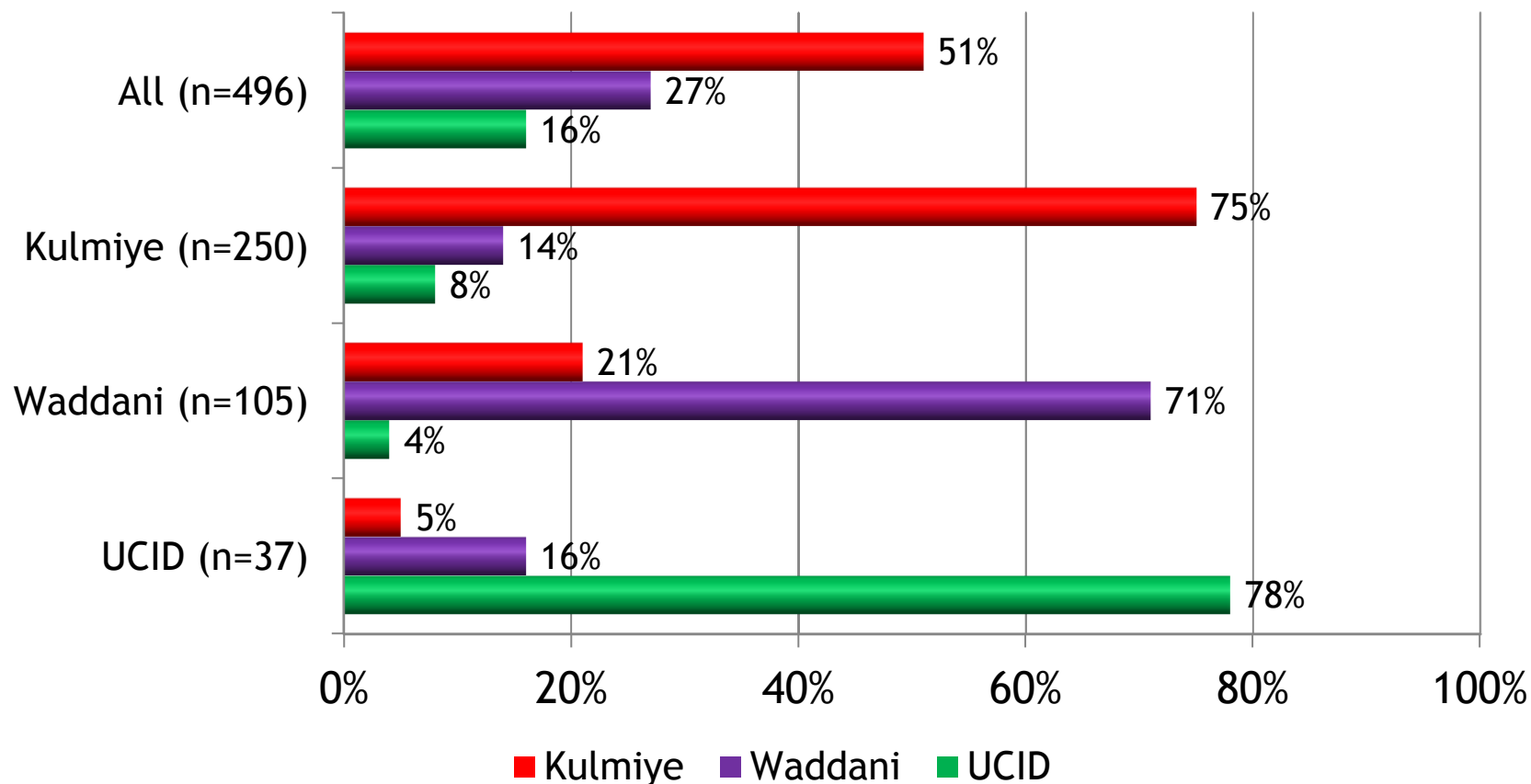


If local elections were held today, which party would you vote for? (By political party)





If local elections were held today, which party would you vote for? (By political party)



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