

Survey of Tunisian Public Opinion

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Survey Specifications

- The International Republican Institute (IRI) conducted a national survey of adult Tunisians (18+ years) from October 1-12, 2013.
- Data was collected in the field by a Tunisian owned and operated marketing research firm, ELKA Consulting, under the supervision of David Williams from Williams and Associates of Salem, Massachusetts.
- Interviewing was collected using the in-person, face-to-face methodology by trained professional interviewers using a multi-stage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution.
- The Kish method was used to select respondents 18 years and older within the randomly selected household. The left-hand method was used to select every third household in localities selected through an area probability sample.
- Stratification was based on three stages: a proportional division among Tunisia's 24 governorates, proportional division of urban and rural categories, and proportional division by gender and age group according to the most up-to-date data from Tunisia's National Statistics Institute collected in July 2009. The sample was then post-weighted to make it proportionate to national representation by province.
- Each of Tunisia's 24 governorates was divided into territorial sections or districts. In every territorial section at least one point of survey was selected with the overall number of points determined by population density. In every point of survey, interviewers were called to do no more than 10 interviews. Points of survey were distributed proportionally between rural and urban areas in every governorate and in every geographical section of the governorate. Points of survey in a territorial section within a governorate were selected randomly.
- A total of 1,236 interviews were completed yielding an overall margin of error of ± 2.84 percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level.
- The male-to-female ratio of respondents was 50 percent male to 50 percent female.
- The urban-to-rural ratio of respondents was 67 percent urban to 33 percent rural.
- The geographic and demographic distributions conform to the most recent generally accepted official statistics available.
- Stratification is based on population distribution according to the latest census.
- The information in this report has been compiled in accordance with international standards for market and social research methodologies.
- Figures in charts and tables may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.
- This poll was conducted with support from the [Middle East Partnership Initiative](#).

Acronym Legend

Congress for the Republic

Don't know/refused

The Workers' Party

Radio Tunis National Channel

Progressive Democratic Party

CPR

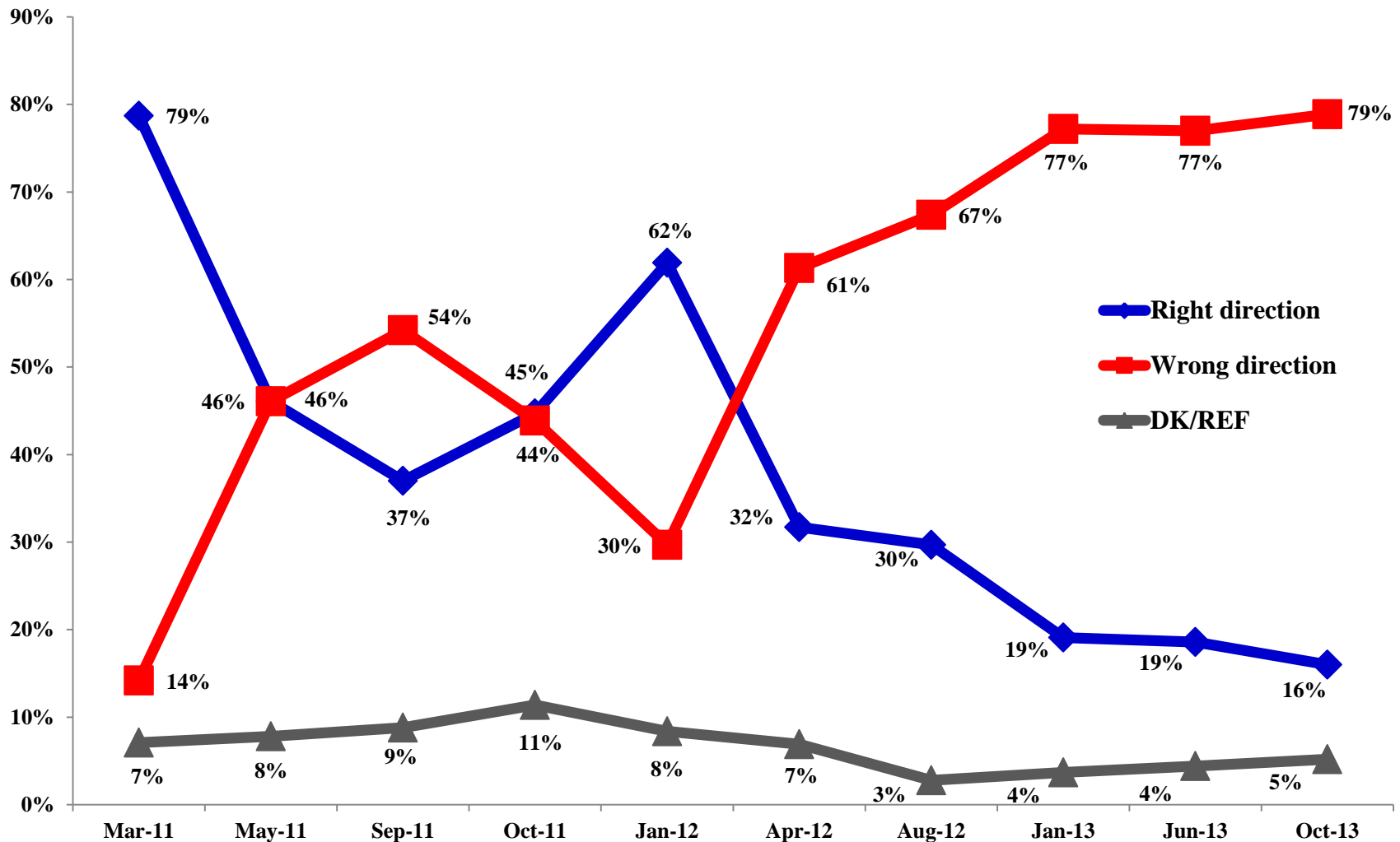
DK/REF

POCT

RTCN

PDP

How would you say that things are going in Tunisia these days? Are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction?

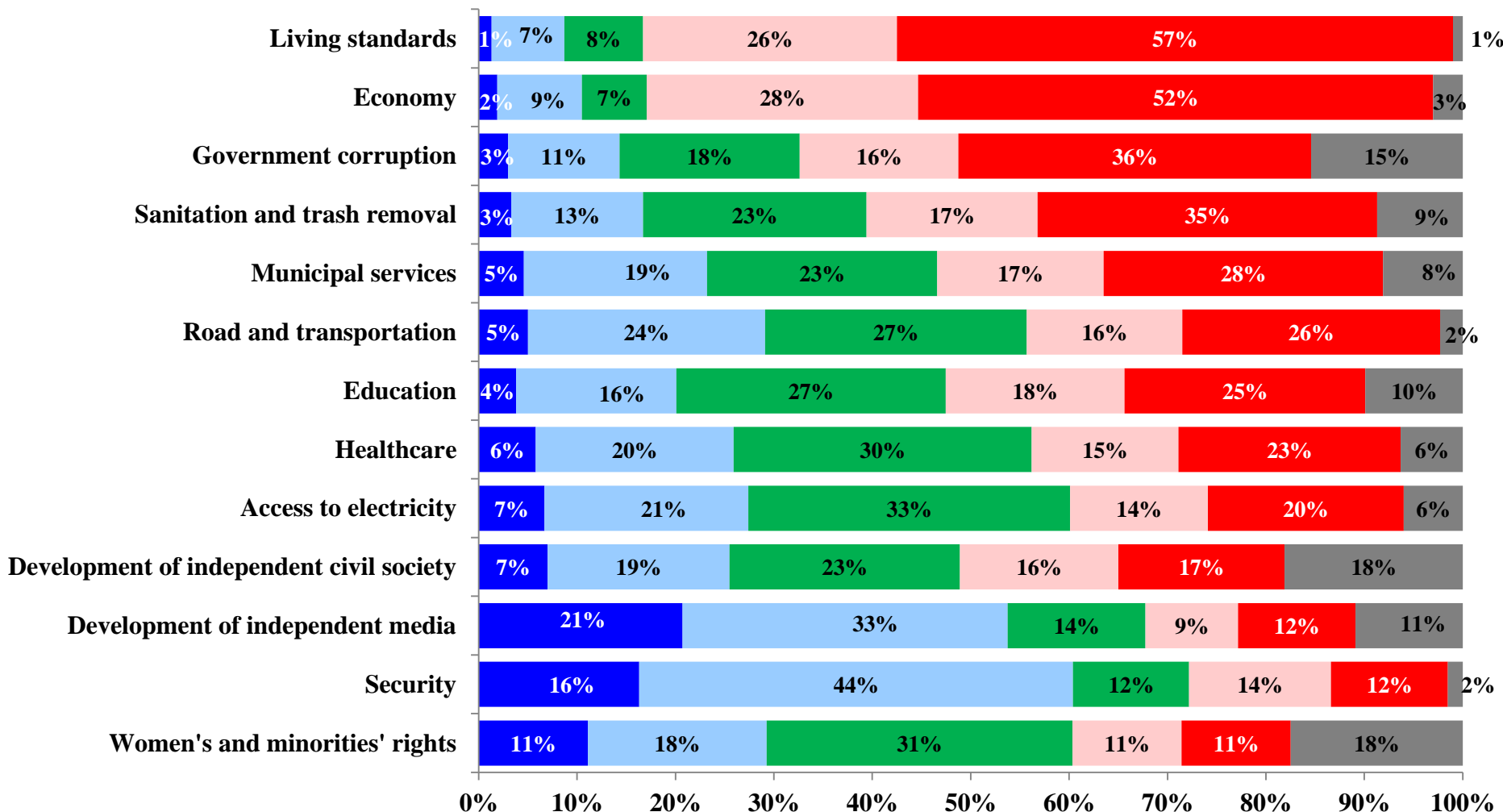


What would you say are the most important problems facing Tunisia as a whole? (open-ended, top responses only)

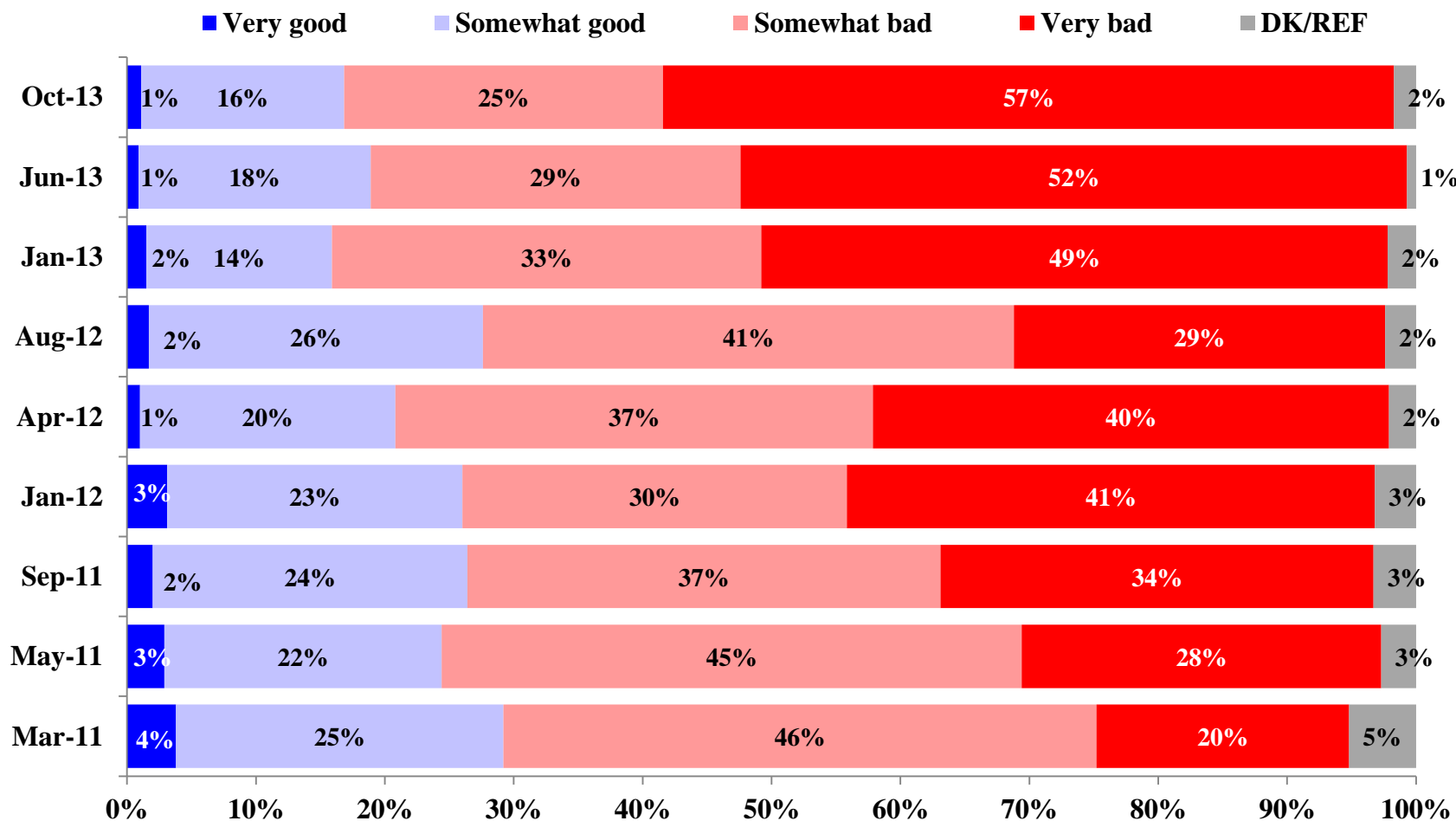
	First mention	Second mention	Third mention	Total
Economy and financial crisis	19%	27%	14%	60%
Unemployment	28%	19%	12%	59%
Security	15%	17%	13%	46%
Terrorism	12%	7%	6%	25%
Political conflicts and tensions	10%	5%	6%	21%
Strikes and sit-ins	4%	5%	5%	14%
Violence, delinquency and vandalism	2%	3%	5%	10%
Corruption and transparency	2%	3%	5%	10%
Standard of living/Increasing prices	5%	2%	3%	10%
Finishing the constitution	0%	1%	2%	3%
DK/REF	1%	8%	26%	35%

For each of the following issues, do you feel that the situation has become better, worse or stayed the same over the last year?

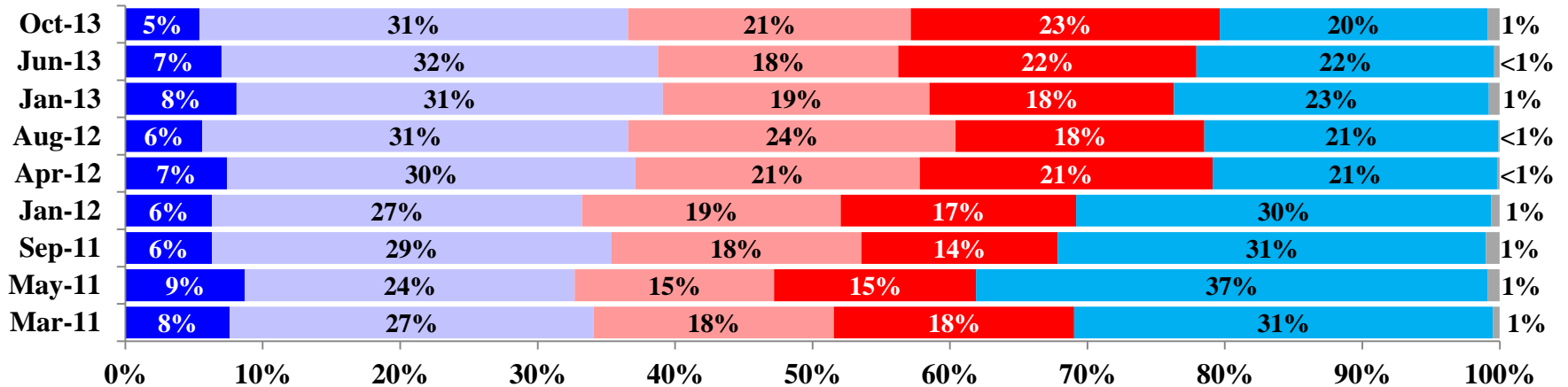
■ Much better ■ Somewhat better ■ Same ■ Somewhat worse ■ Much worse ■ DK/REF



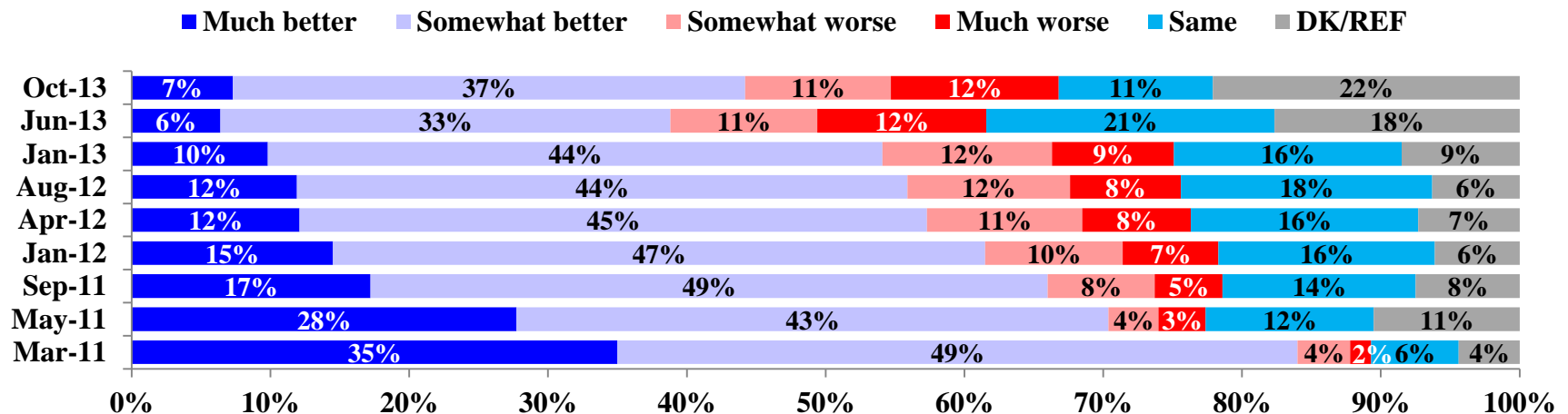
How would you describe the current economic situation in Tunisia?



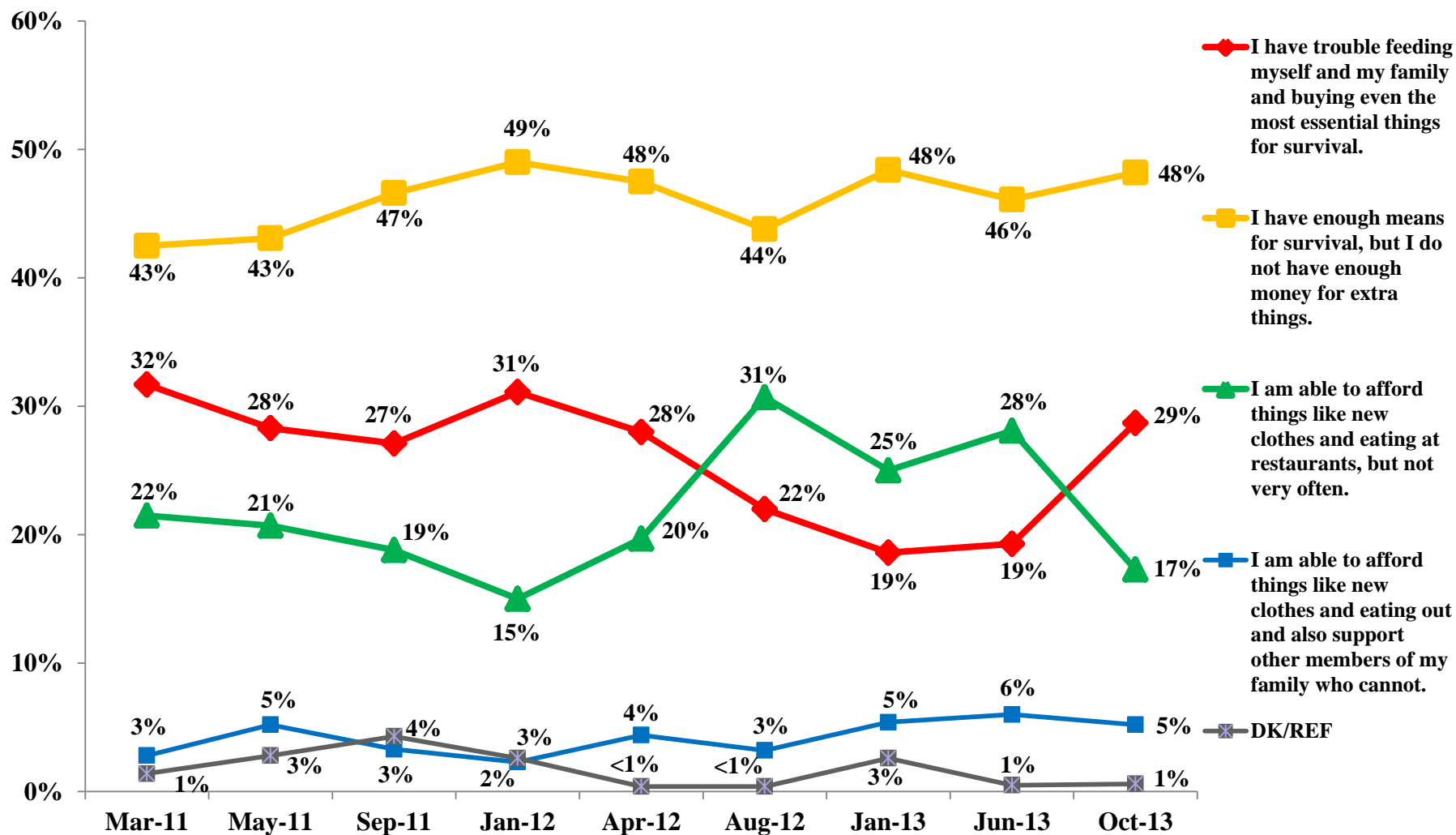
Has your household's financial situation become better or worse over the last year?



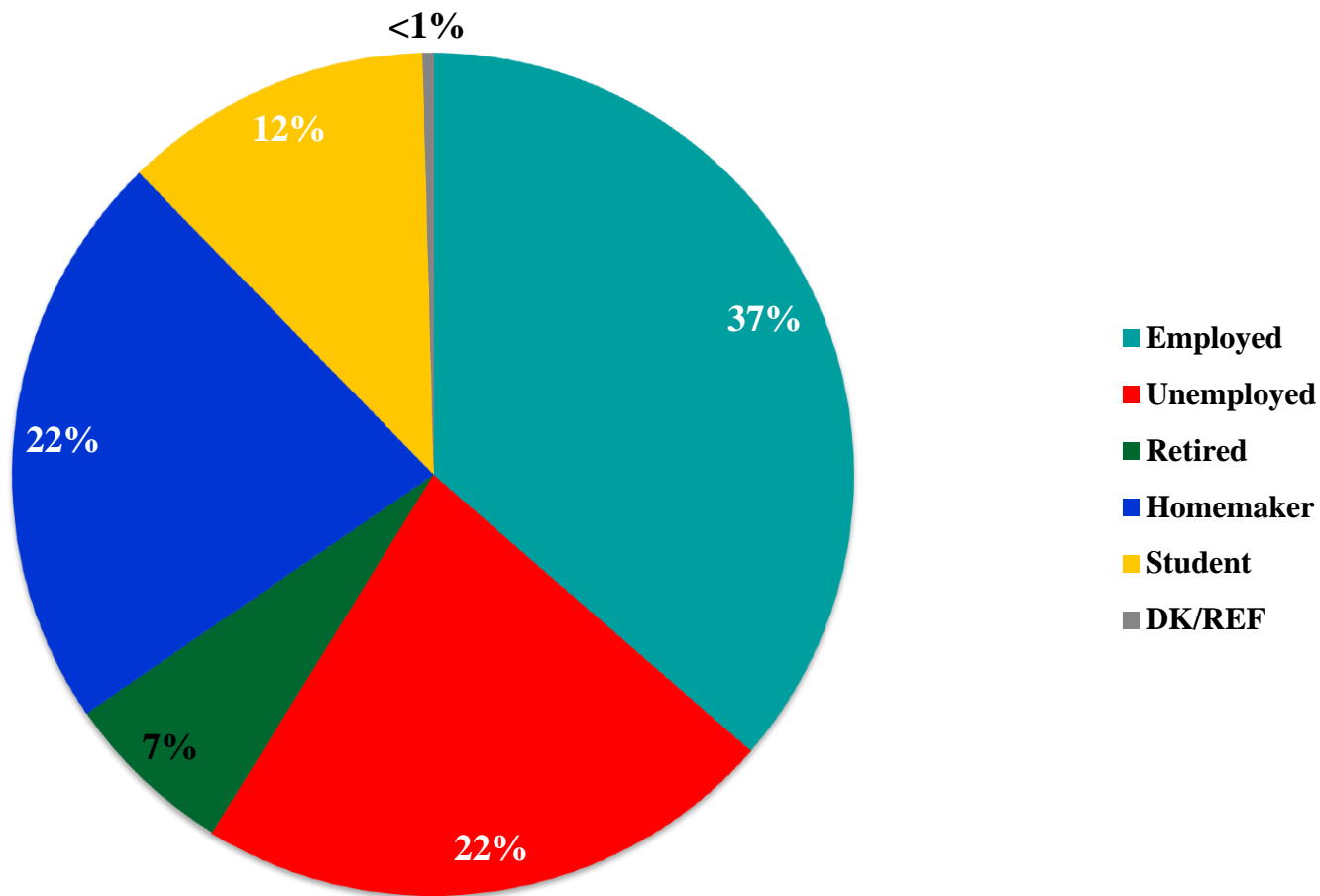
Thinking ahead to next year, do you expect your household's financial situation to be better or worse?



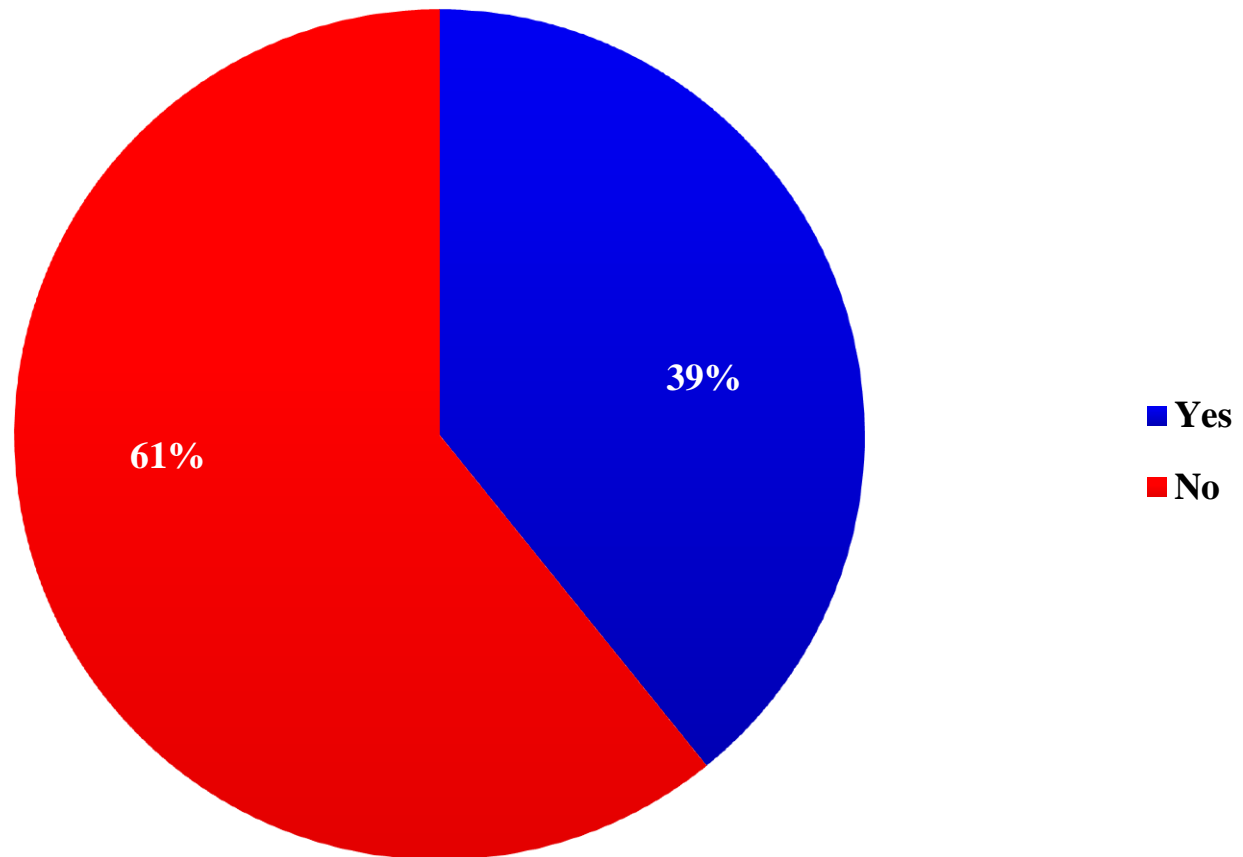
Which answer best describes your current economic situation?



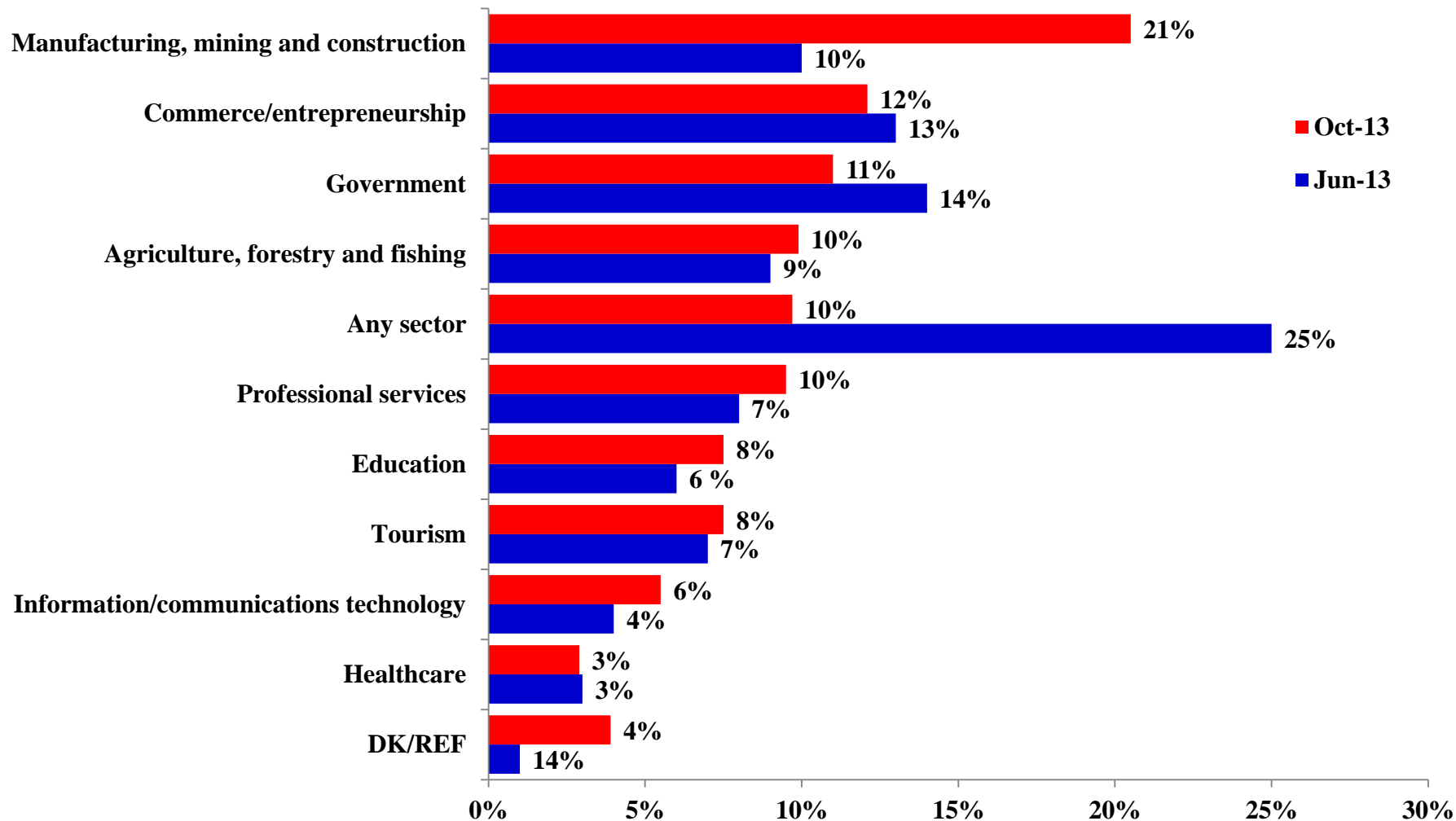
What is your occupational status?



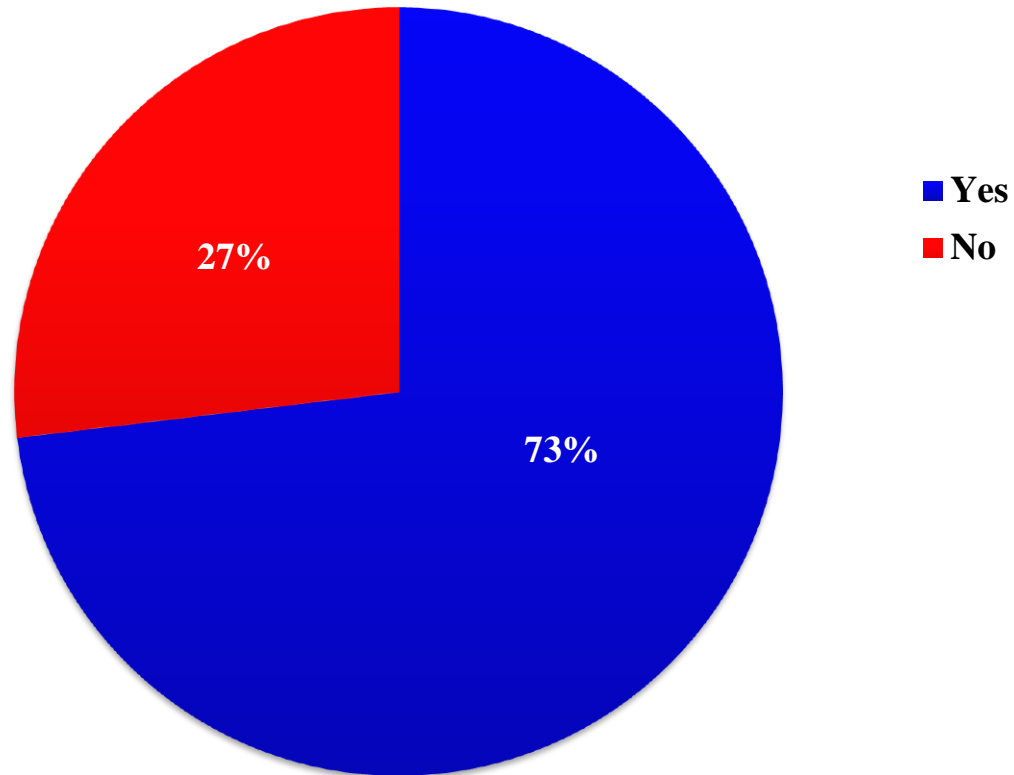
Are you seeking a job? n=1,157



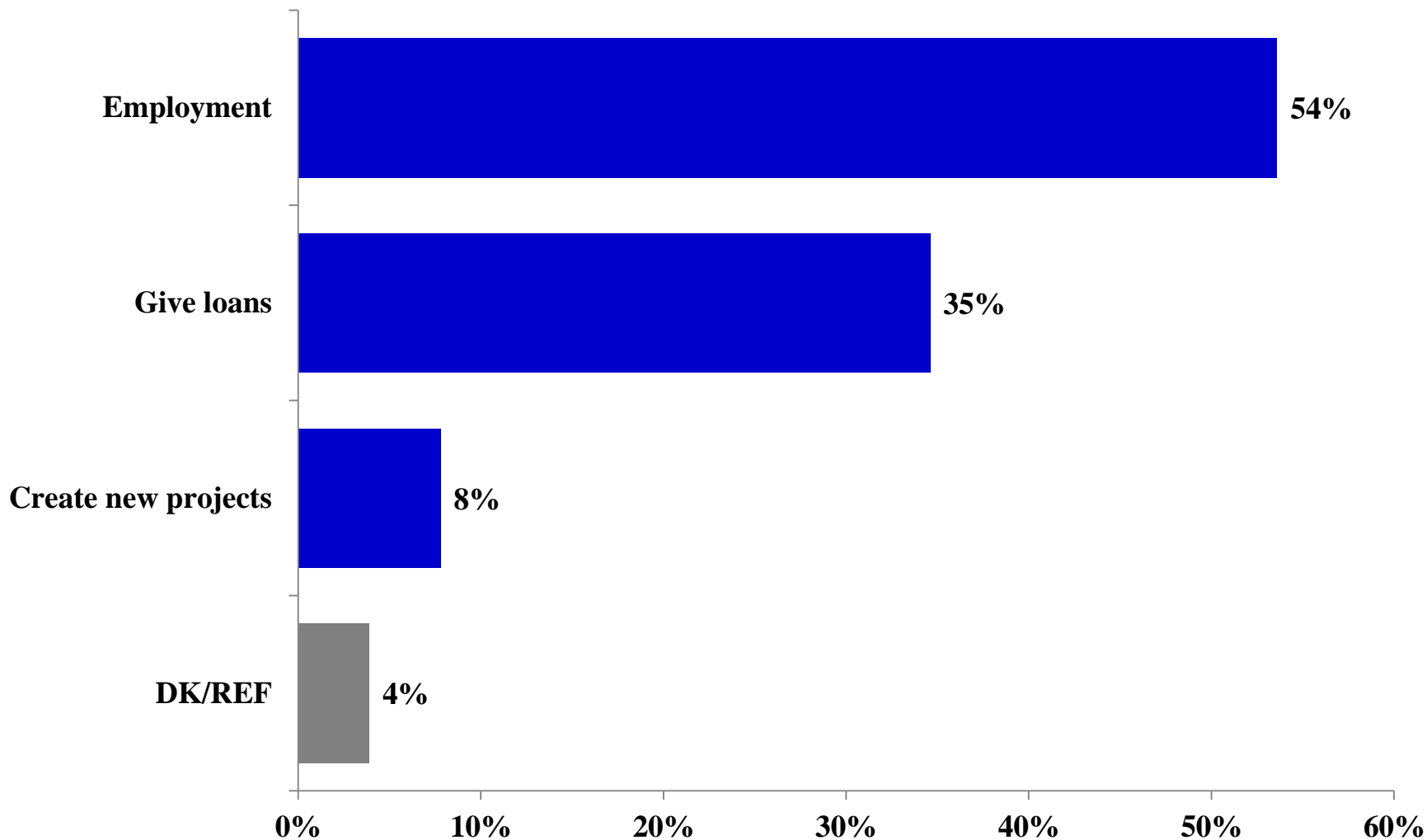
What kind of job are you looking for? (open-ended) (June n=431; Oct n=454)



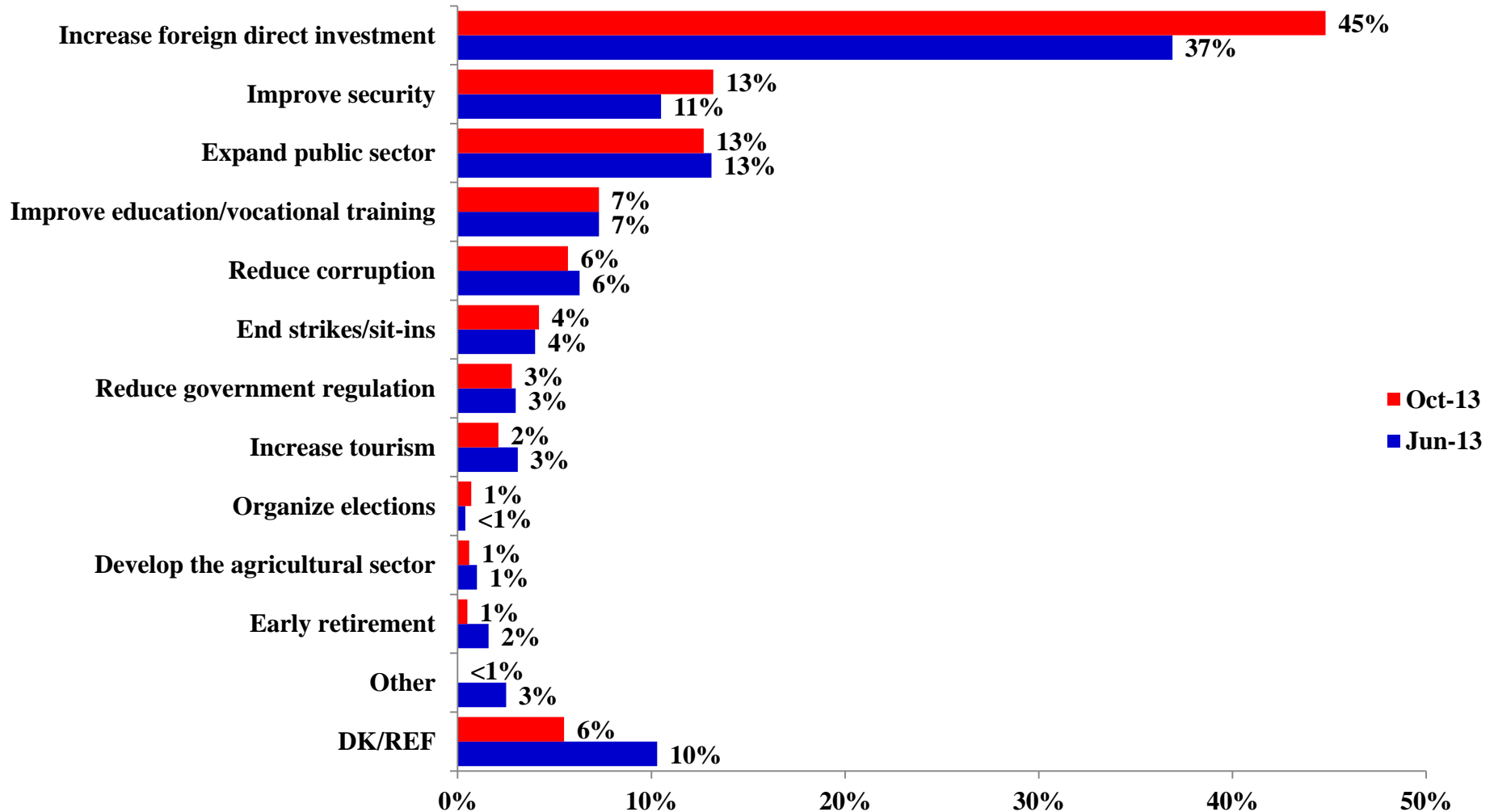
If you are seeking a job, do you expect help from the government in finding a job? (n=454)



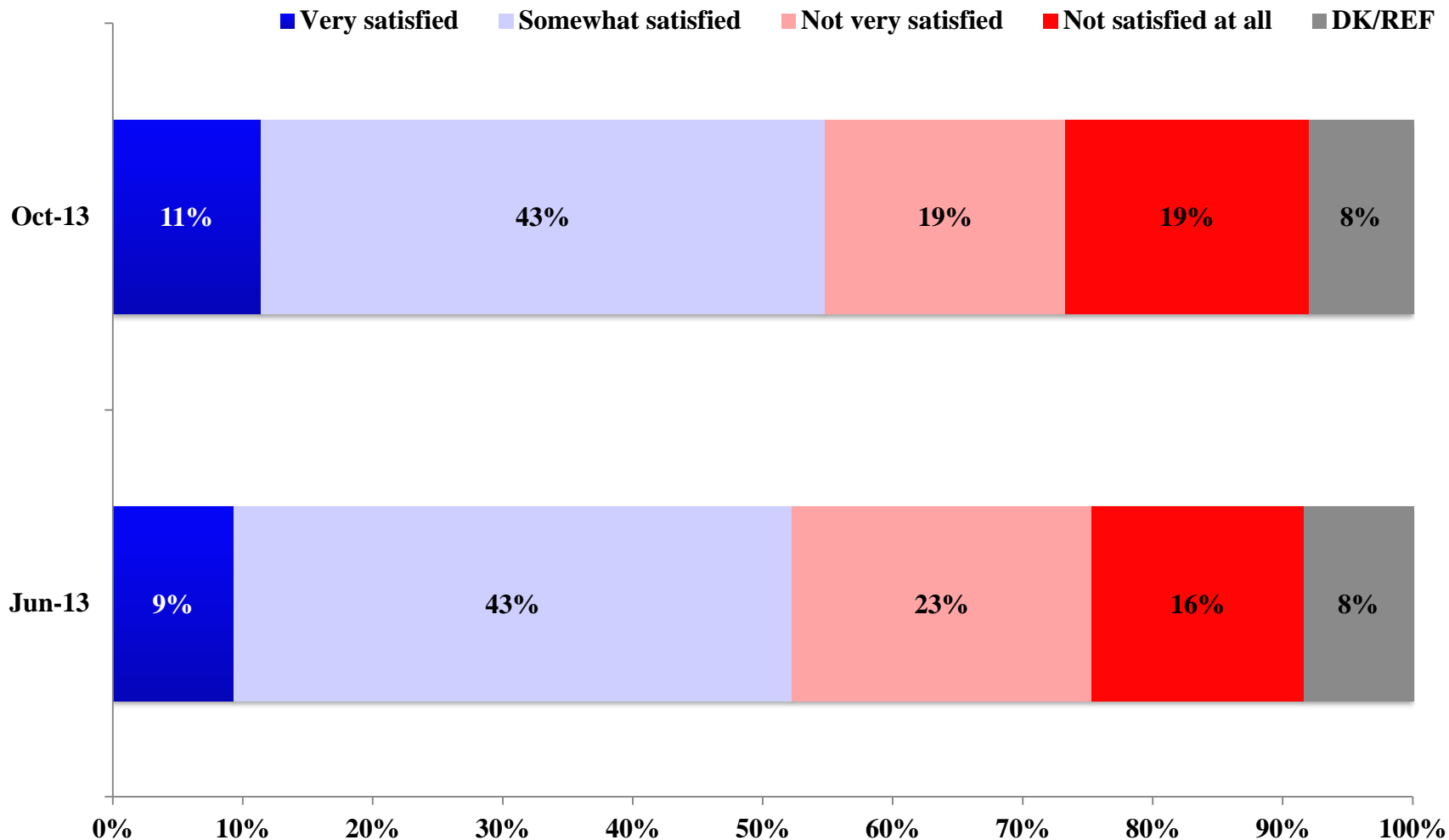
What kind of help should the government provide? (open-ended, n=334)



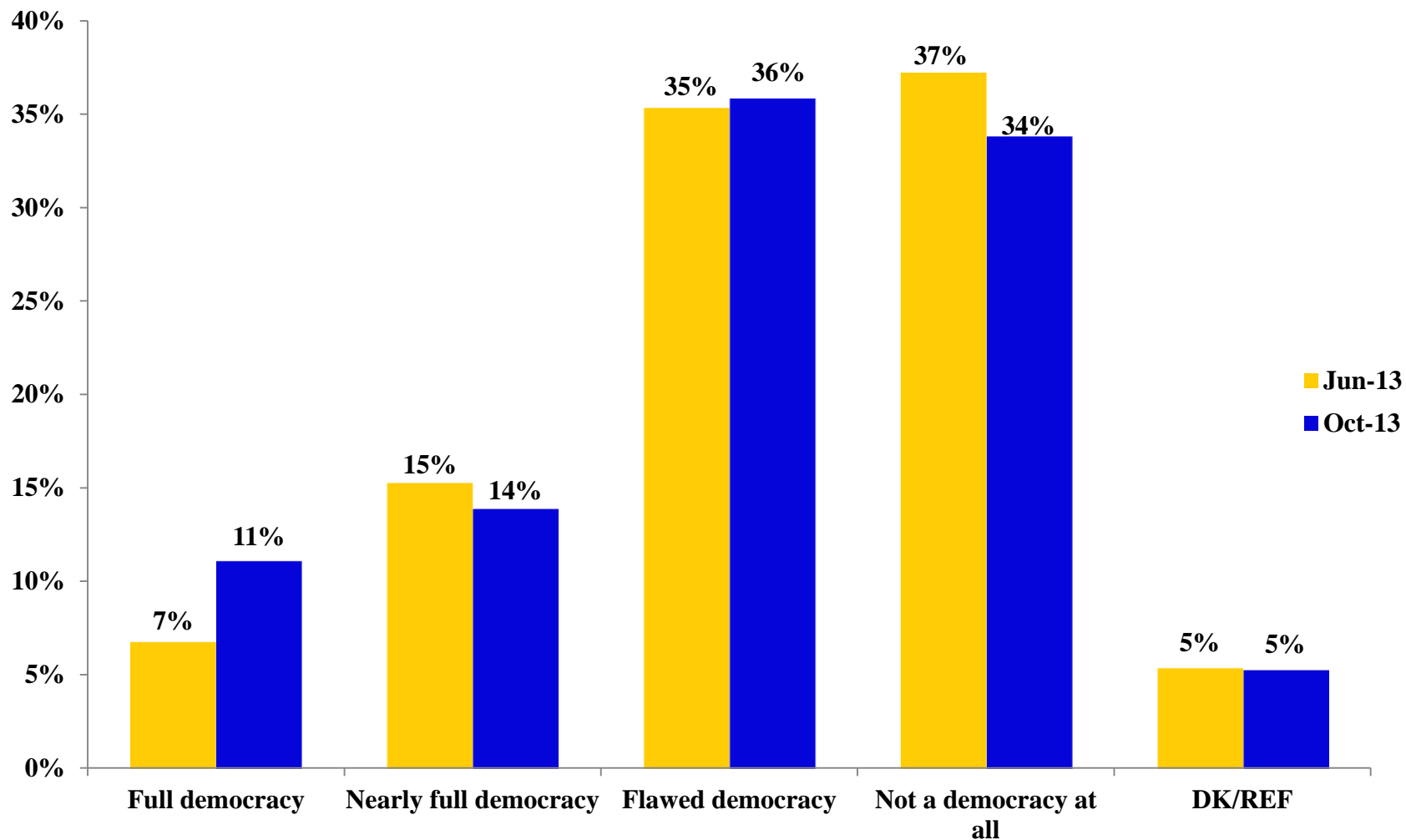
What do you think is the best way to increase jobs in Tunisia? (open-ended)



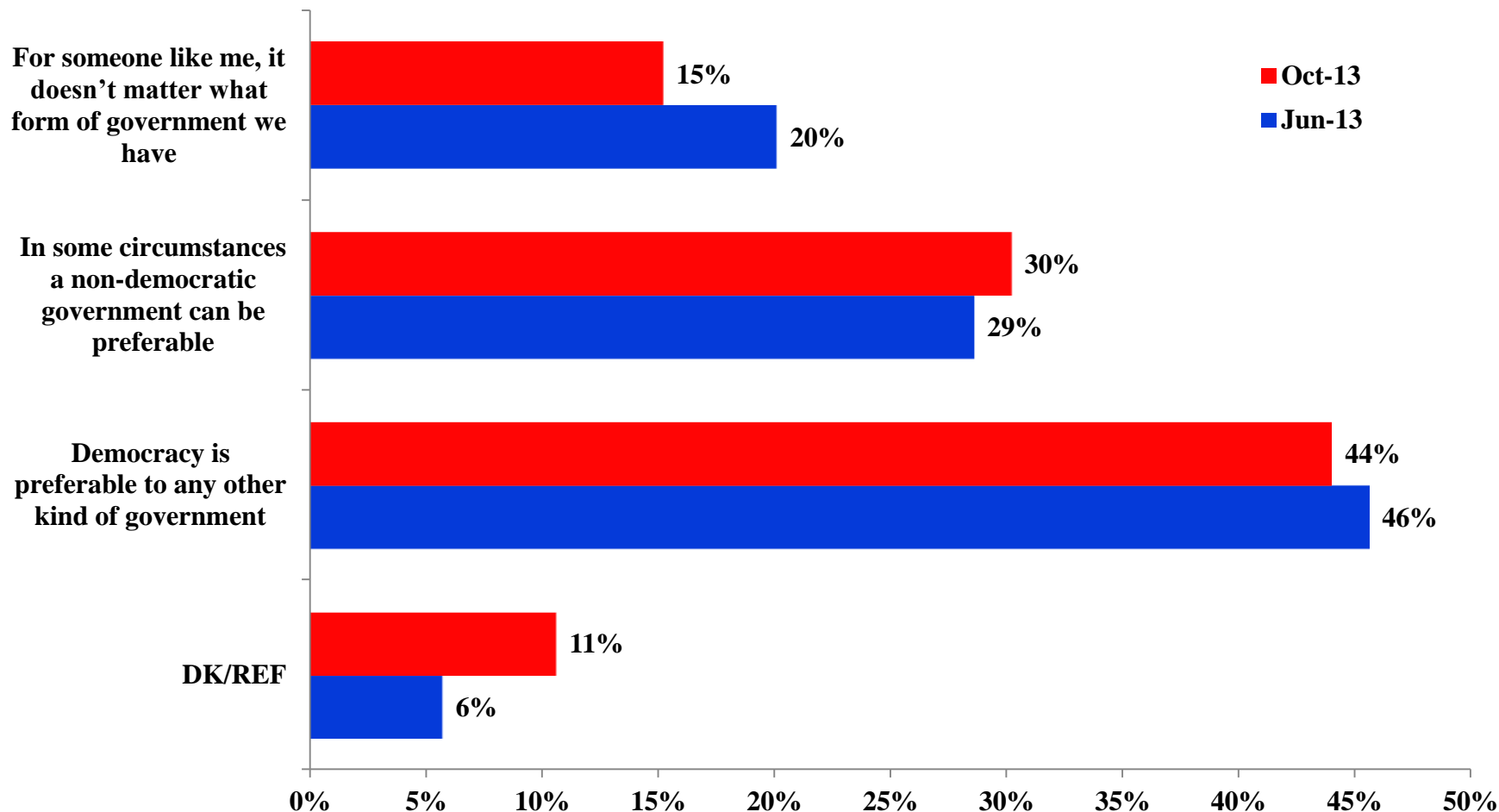
How satisfied are you with democracy in Tunisia at present?



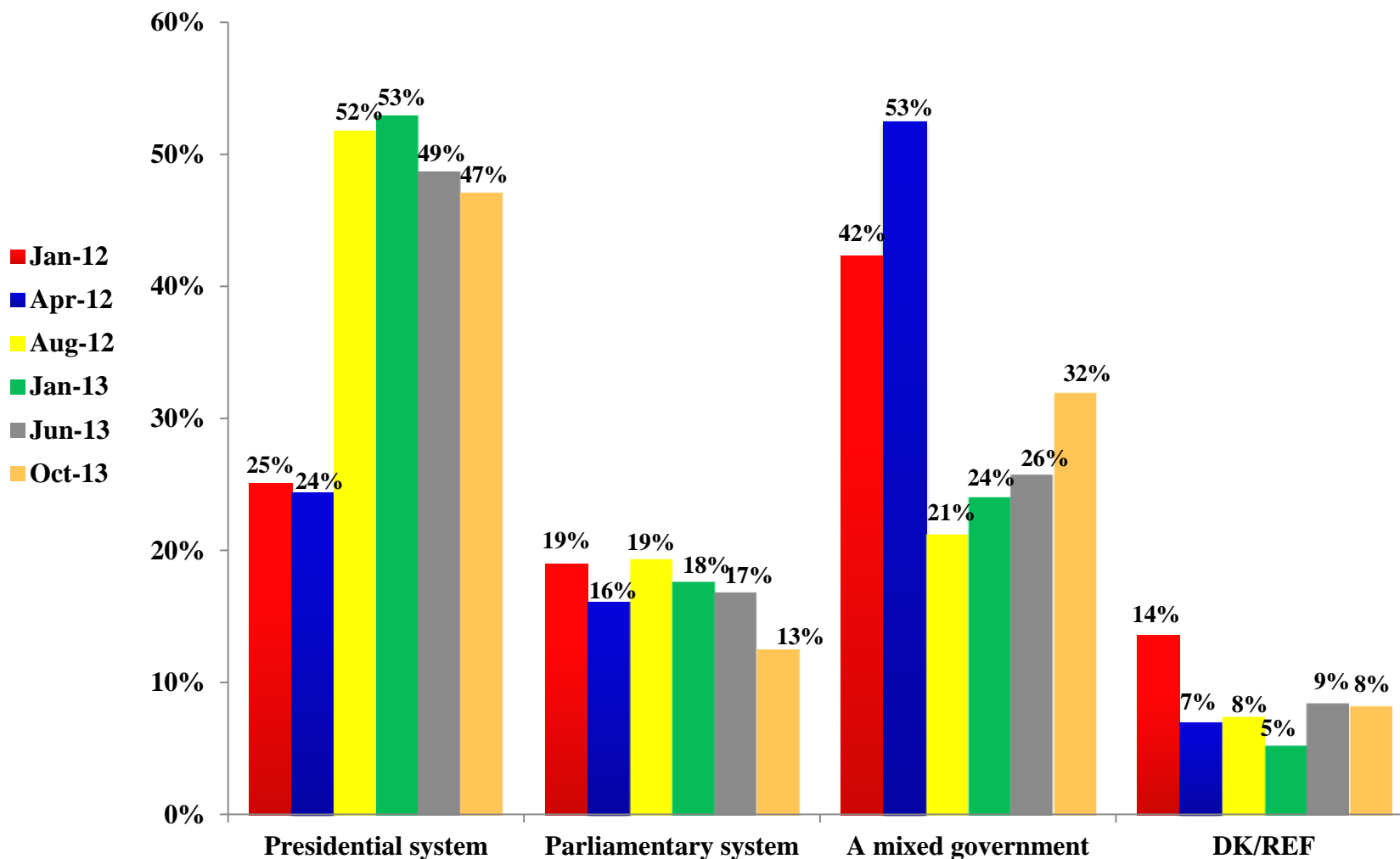
Thinking about Tunisia's current political system, do you believe Tunisia is a democracy at present?



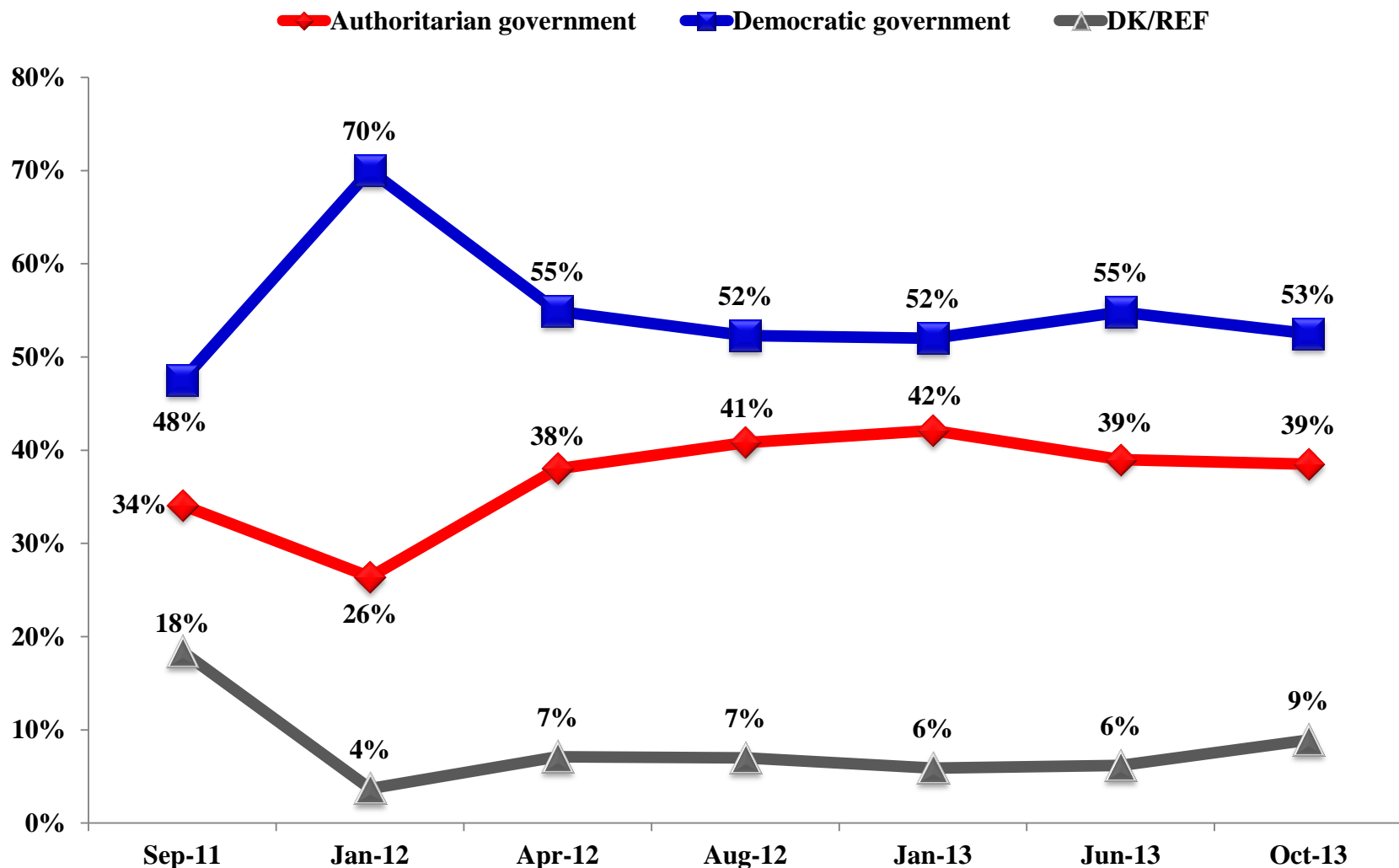
I am going to read you three statements. Please indicate which is closest to your own opinion.



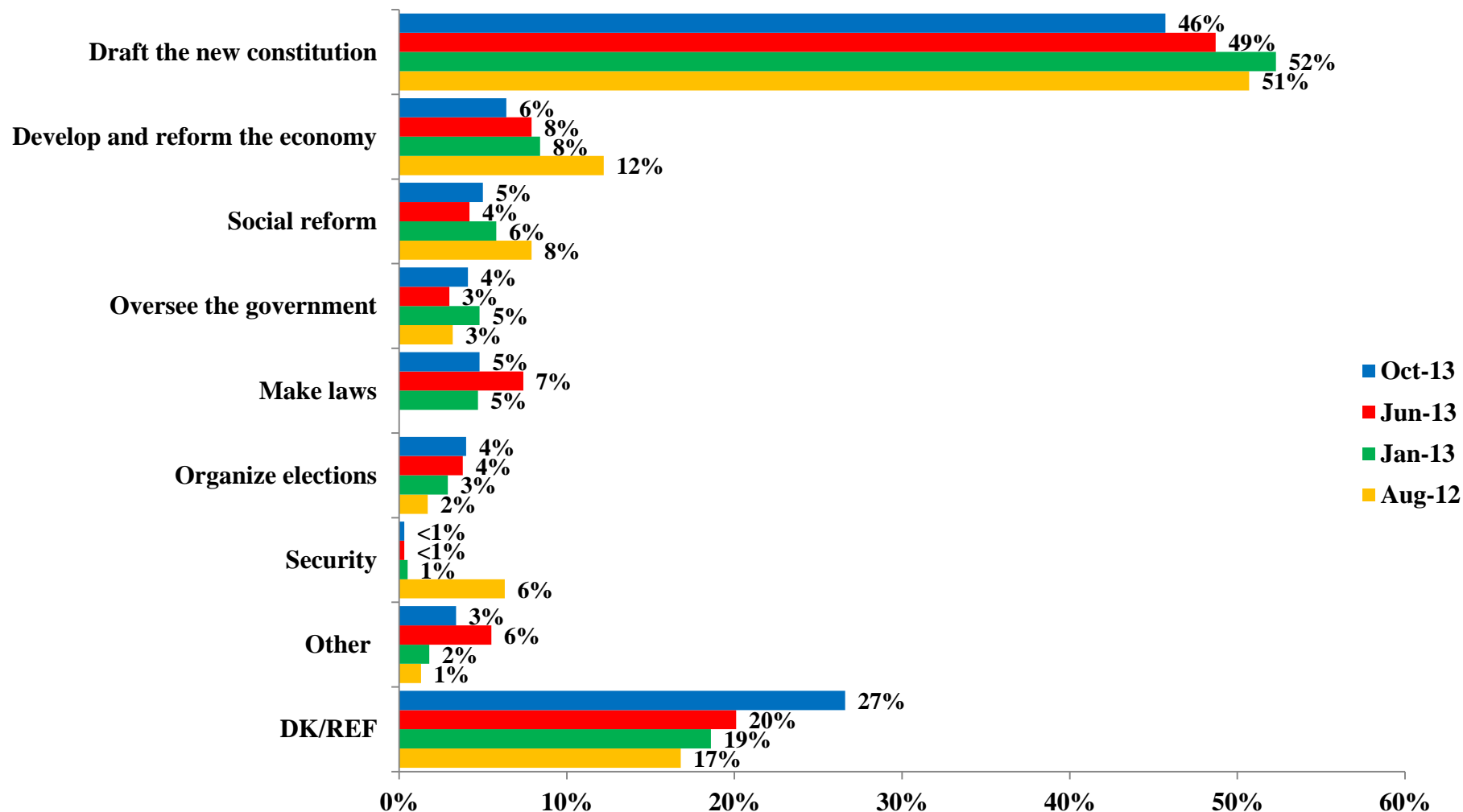
If you could pick, which type of government would you prefer in Tunisia?



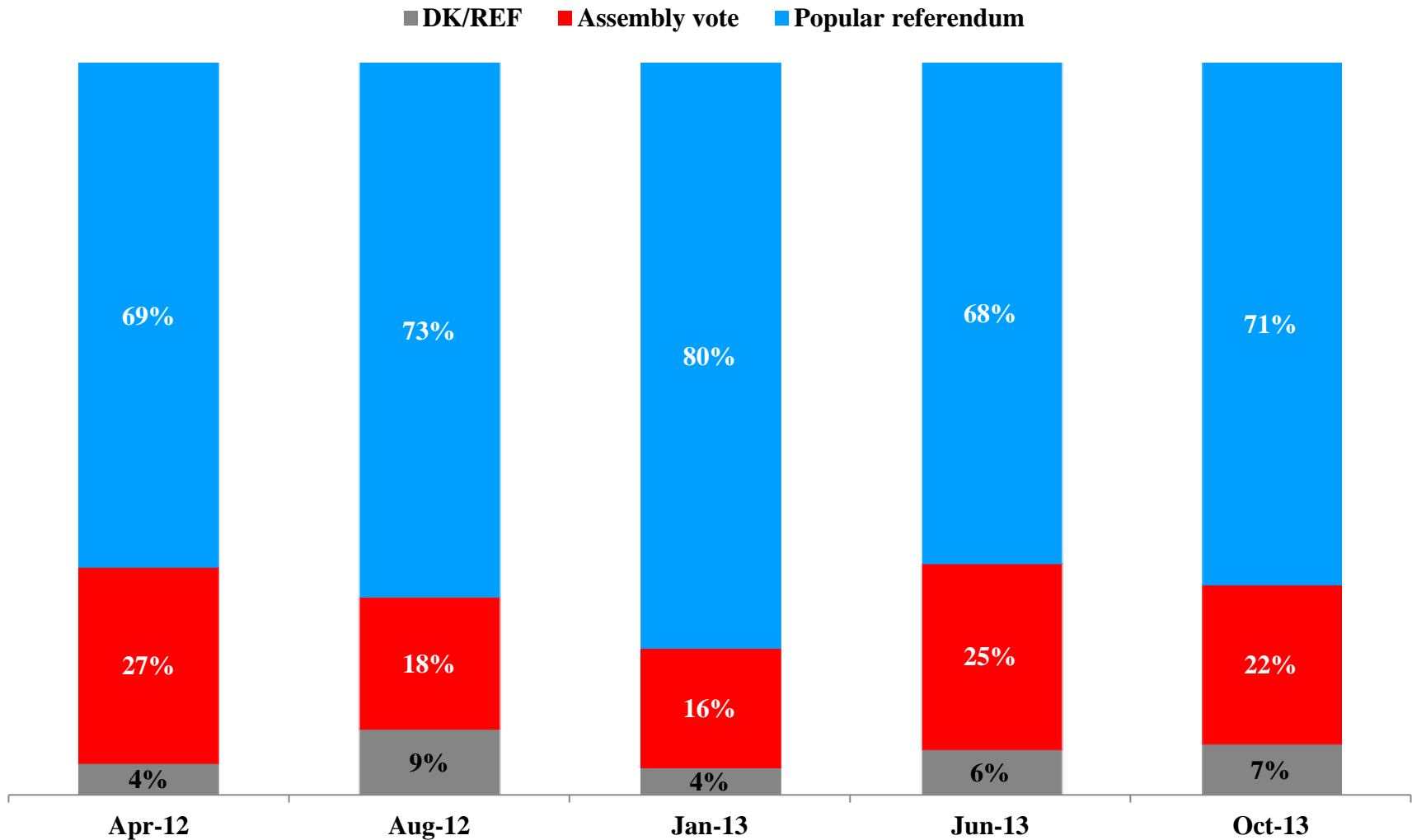
If you had a choice between a stable and prosperous Tunisia that was ruled by a non-democratic government, or a democratic government that led to an unstable and insecure Tunisia, which would you choose?



What do you believe is the primary role of the National Constituent Assembly?

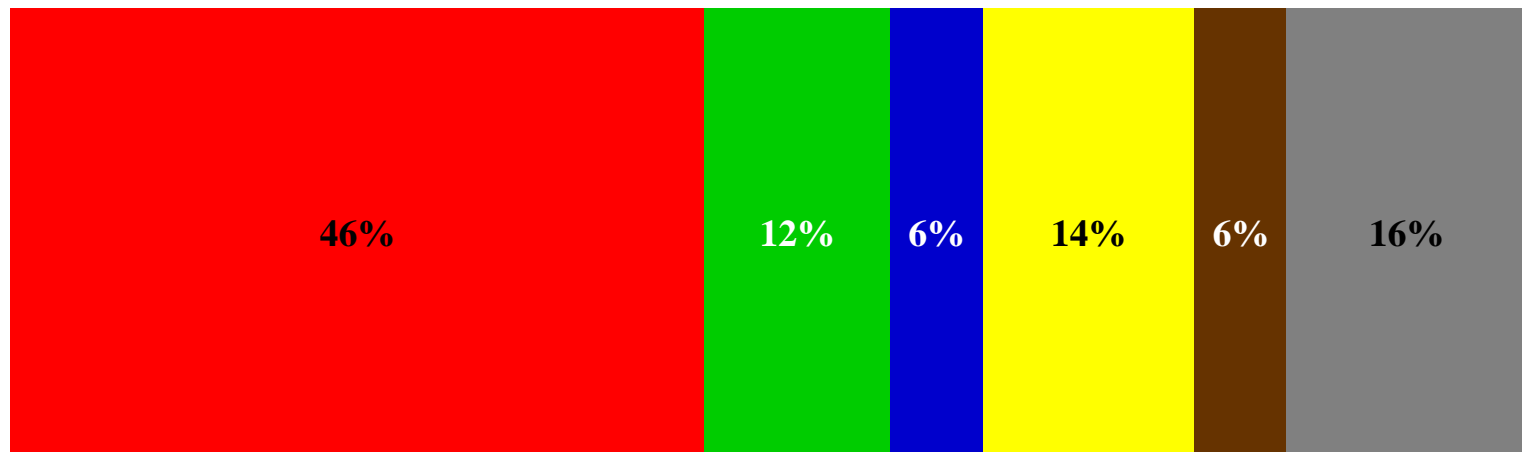


Once the constitution is complete, would you prefer that it be submitted to a referendum or a vote within the National Constituent Assembly?



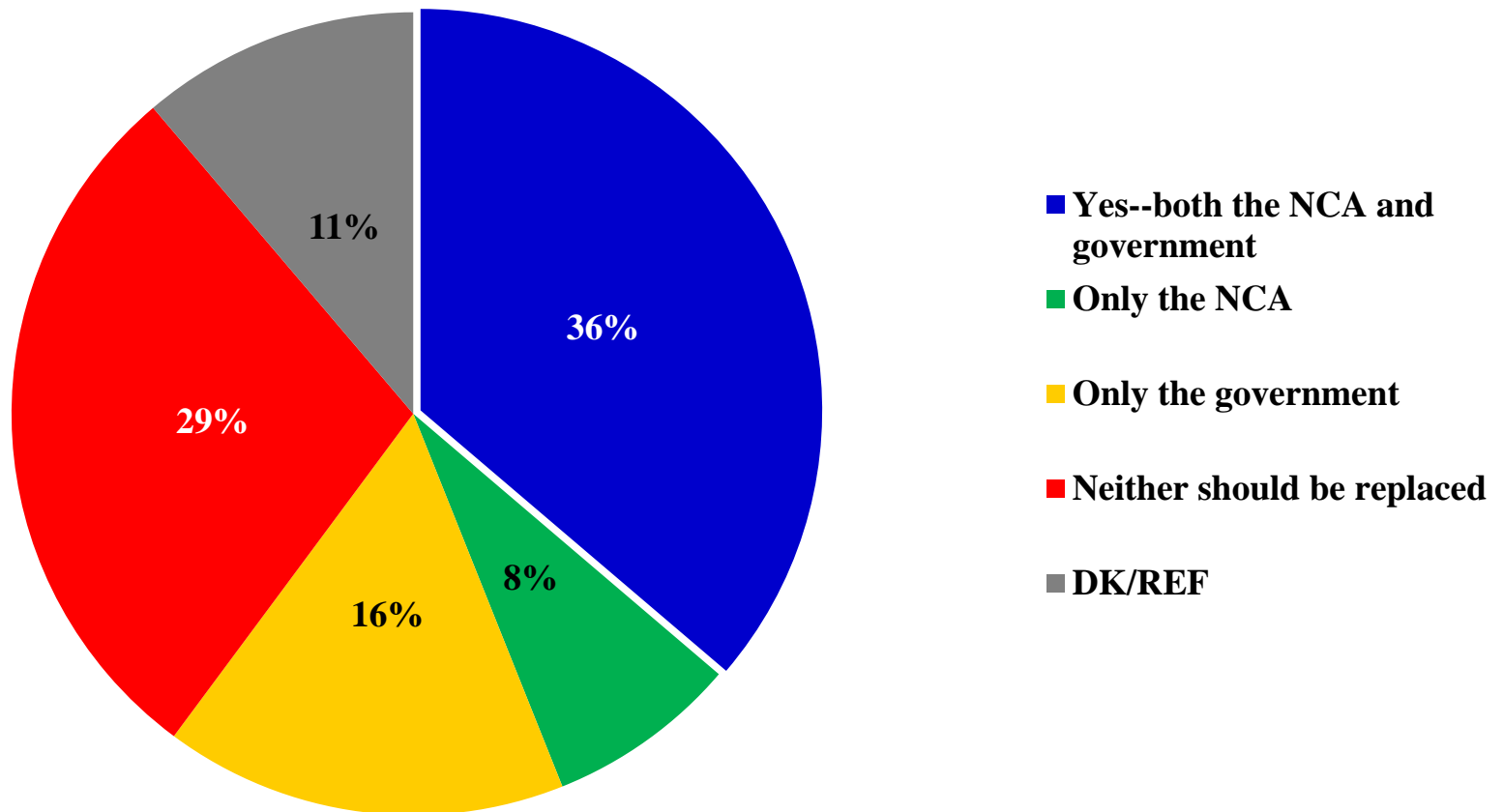
How much longer do you believe the National Constituent Assembly should take to complete its mandate? (open-ended)

- Less than one month
- Between one and three months
- Between three and six months
- Between six months and one year
- More than one year
- DK/REF

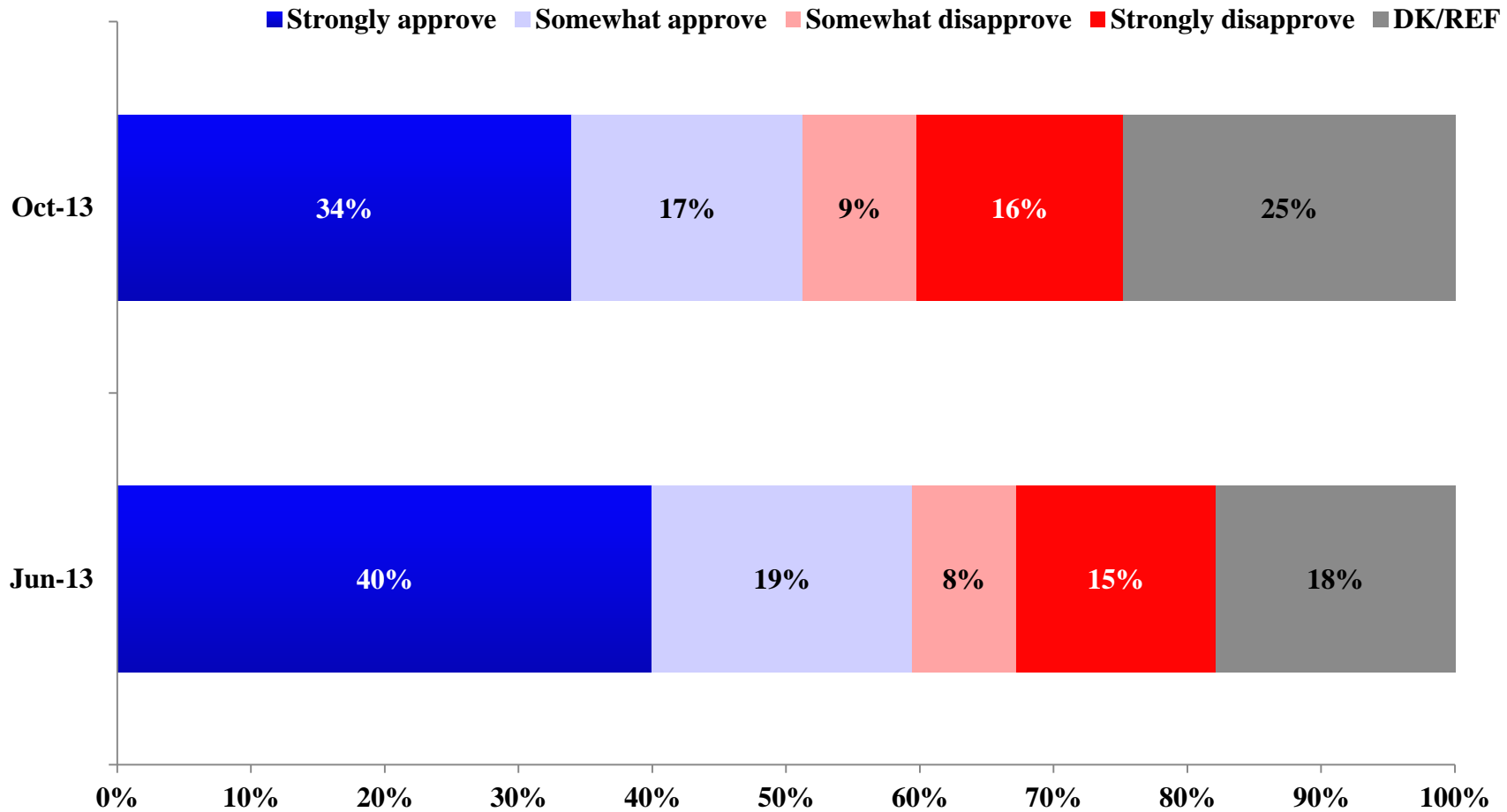


*Previously, this question was asked as “How long do you believe the Constituent Assembly should take to complete its mandate?”

Do you think that the National Constituent Assembly (NCA) and the government should be replaced by unelected non-partisan technocrats before the constitution is finished?

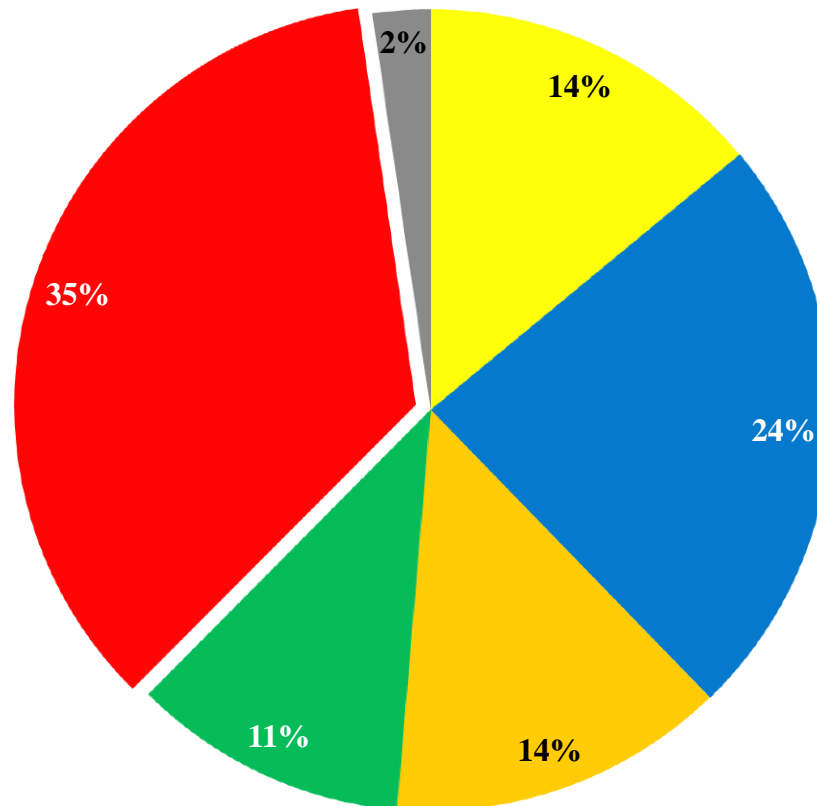


There are discussions going on currently about a threshold for the next parliamentary elections, for which any party or candidate list would need to reach a certain minimum percentage of votes to earn a seat in parliament. What is your opinion of a threshold?

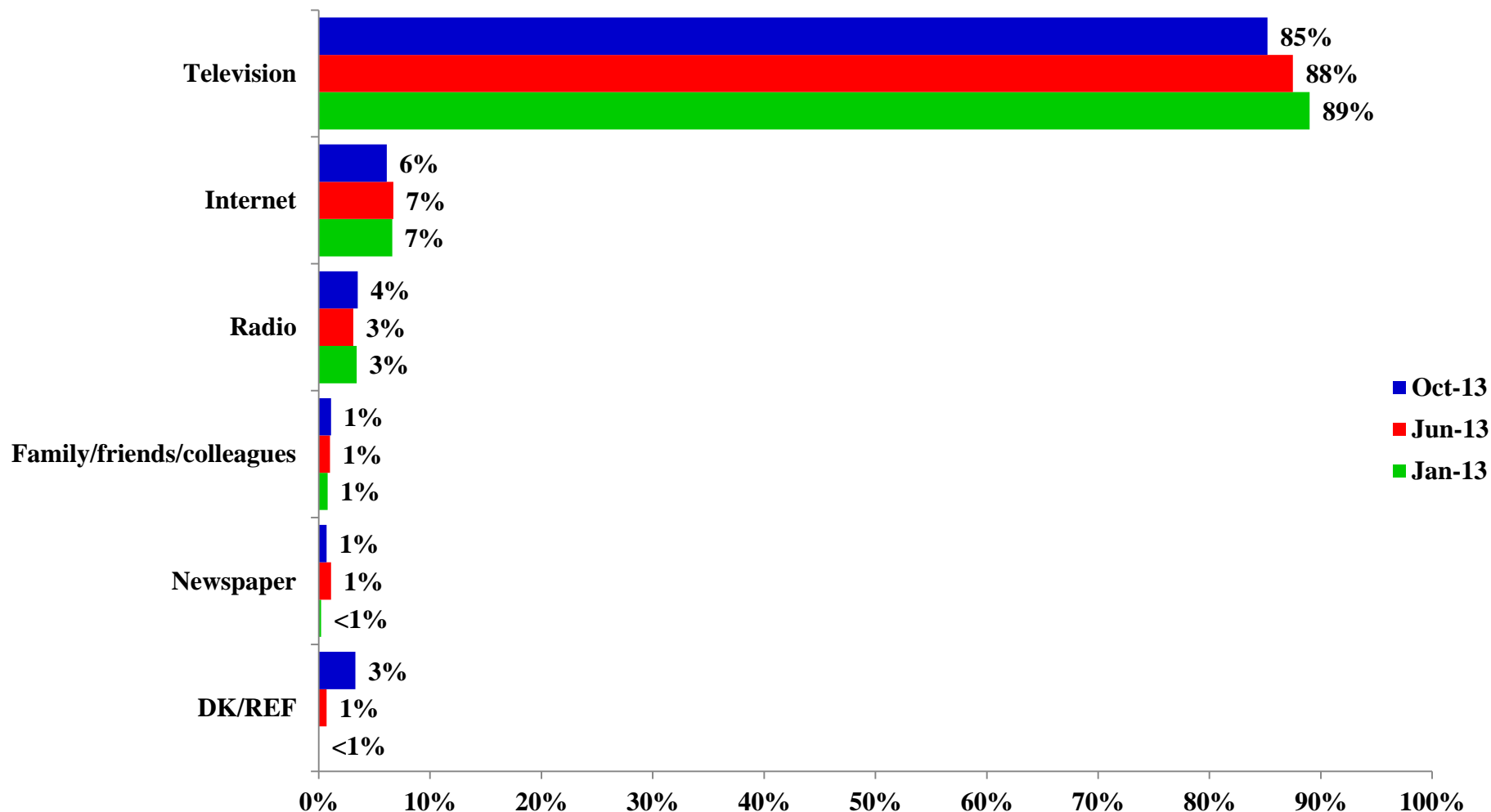


How often do you keep informed about the National Constituent Assembly's work?

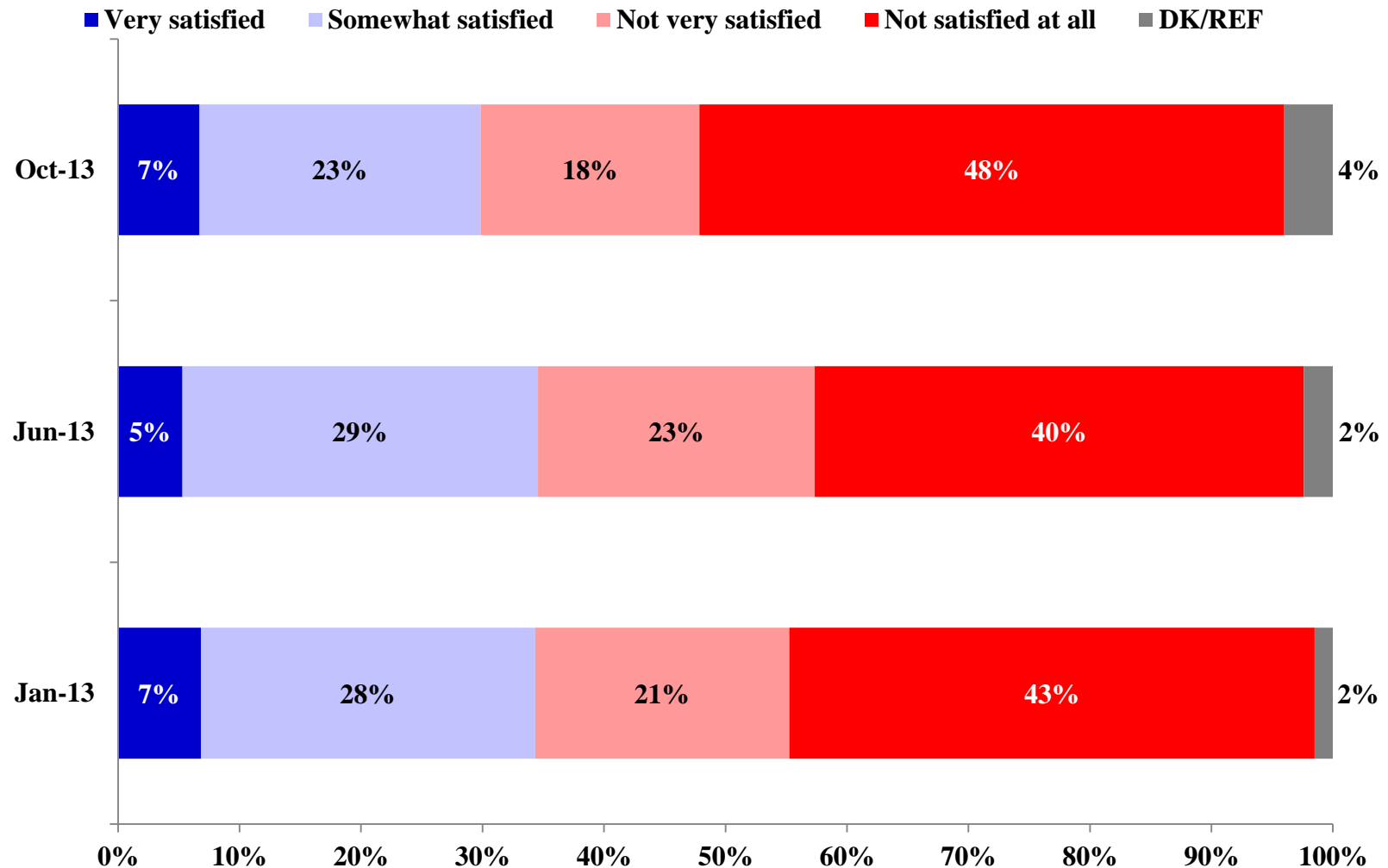
Once a day Once a week Once a month Less than once a month Never DK/REF



Where do you get your information about the work of the National Constituent Assembly?



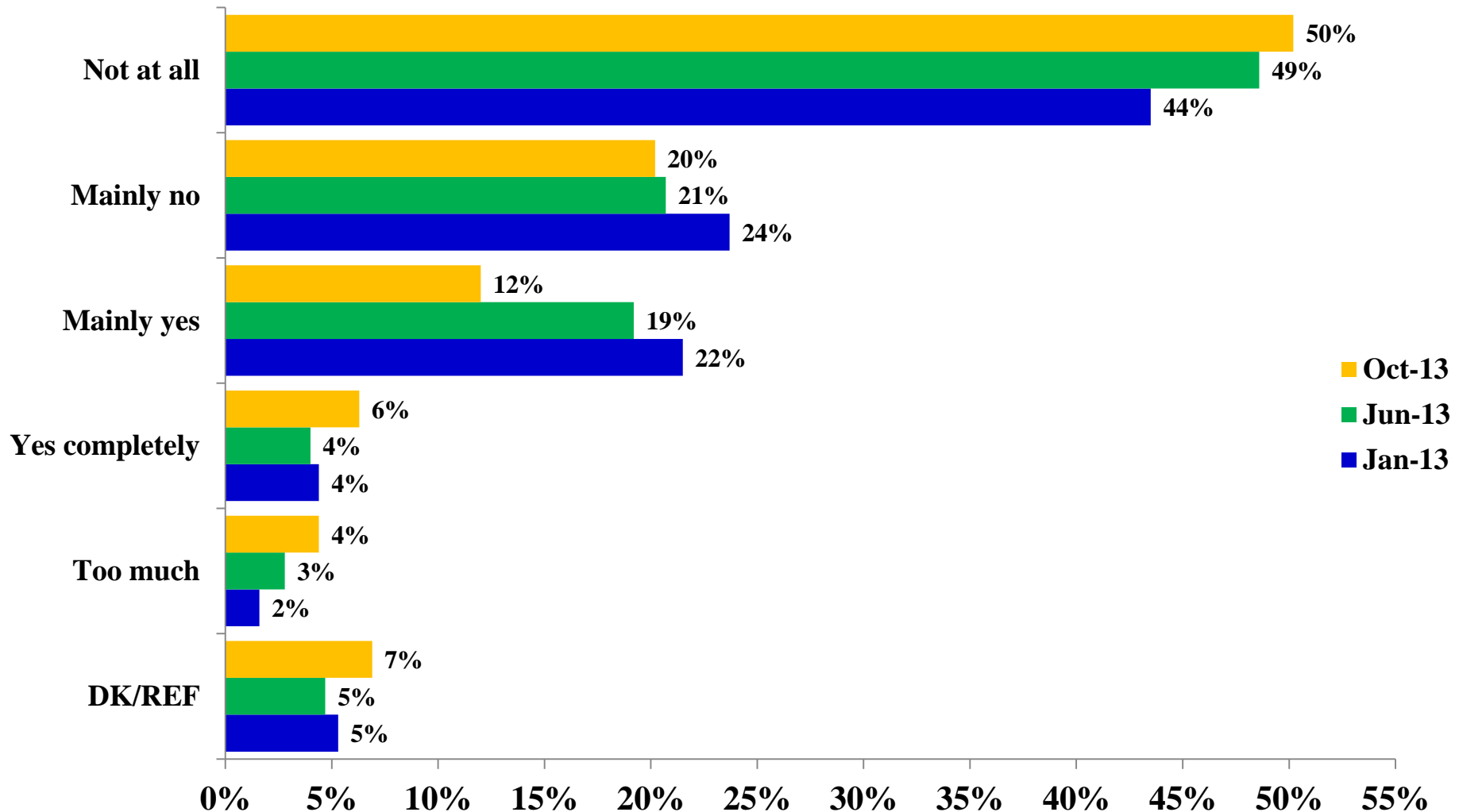
Thinking about the current government, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied or not satisfied at all with the current government's performance?



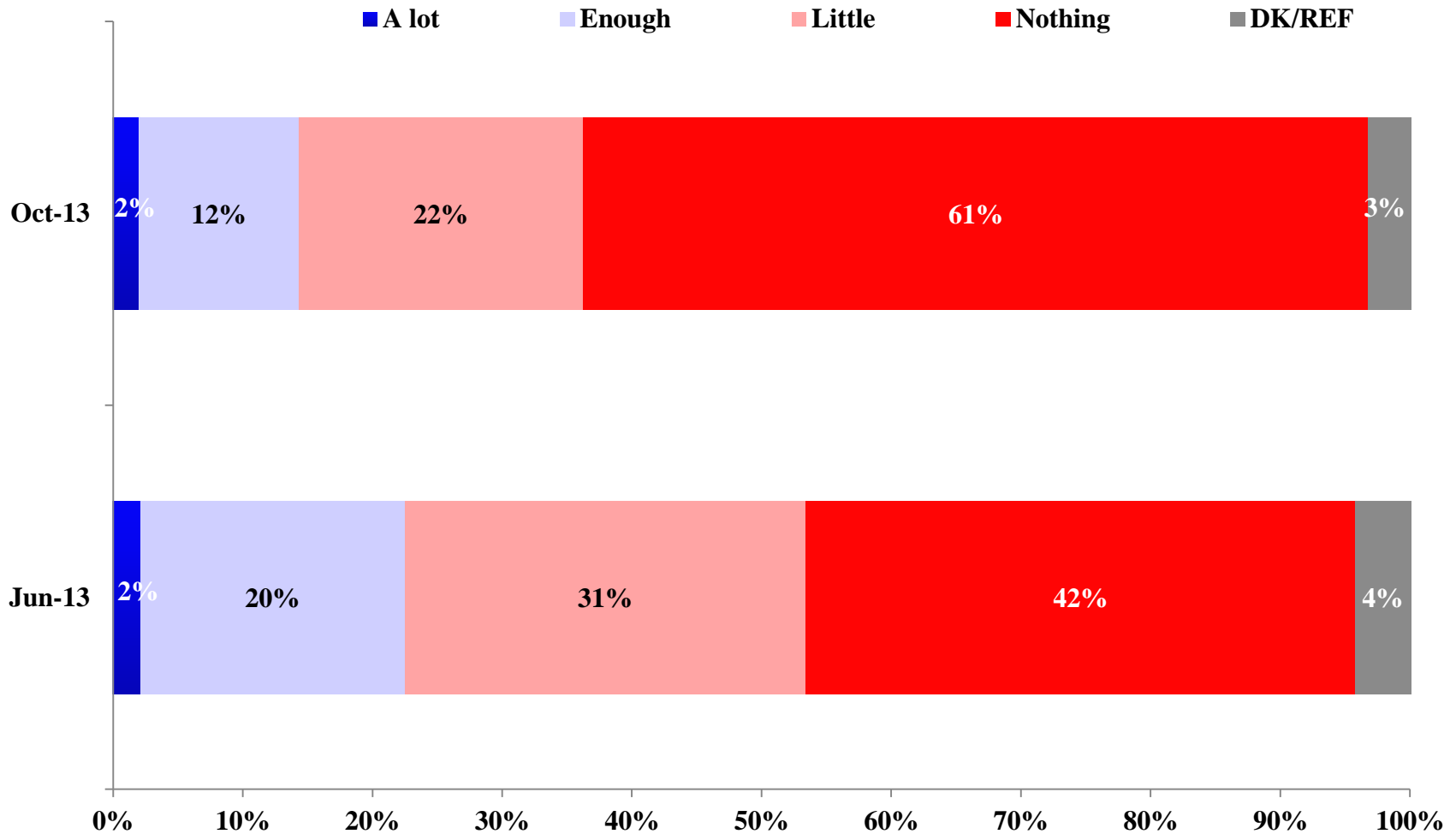
Which of the following should be a top priority for the current government? (open-ended, top responses only)

Issue	First mention	Second mention	Third mention	Total
Employment	33%	20%	12%	65%
Economic development and reform of the economy	17%	20%	13%	50%
Security	17%	17%	13%	47%
Living standards	12%	17%	15%	44%
Social reforms	3%	6%	7%	16%
Organize elections	4%	3%	3%	10%
Corruption and transparency	3%	3%	2%	8%
Regional development	2%	2%	4%	8%
Draft the new constitution	2%	2%	2%	6%
Achieve the goals of the revolution	2%	1%	2%	5%
Reform education system	1%	1%	1%	3%
DK/REF	2%	6%	24%	32%

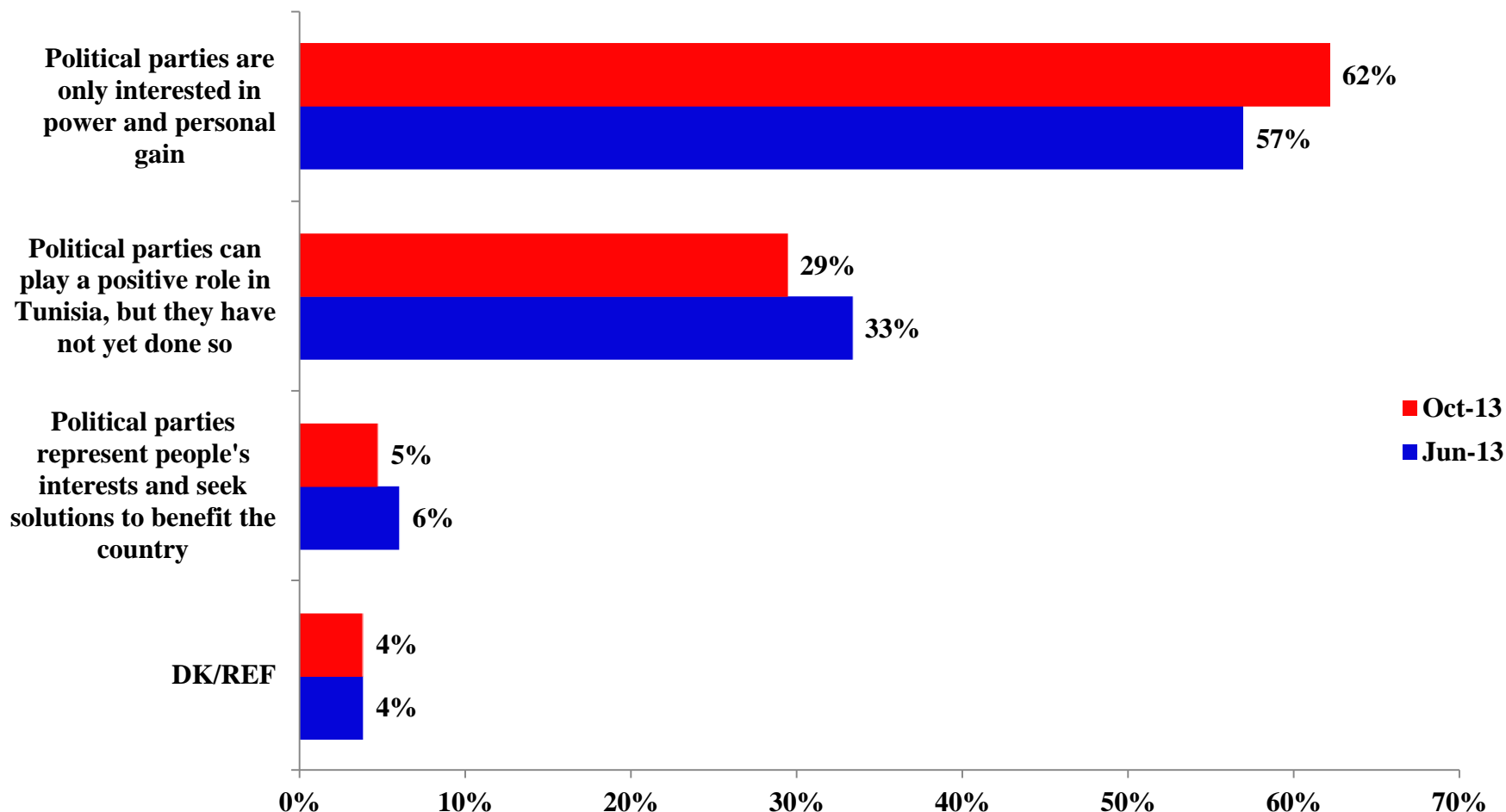
Do politicians in Tunis care enough about local problems in the rest of the country?



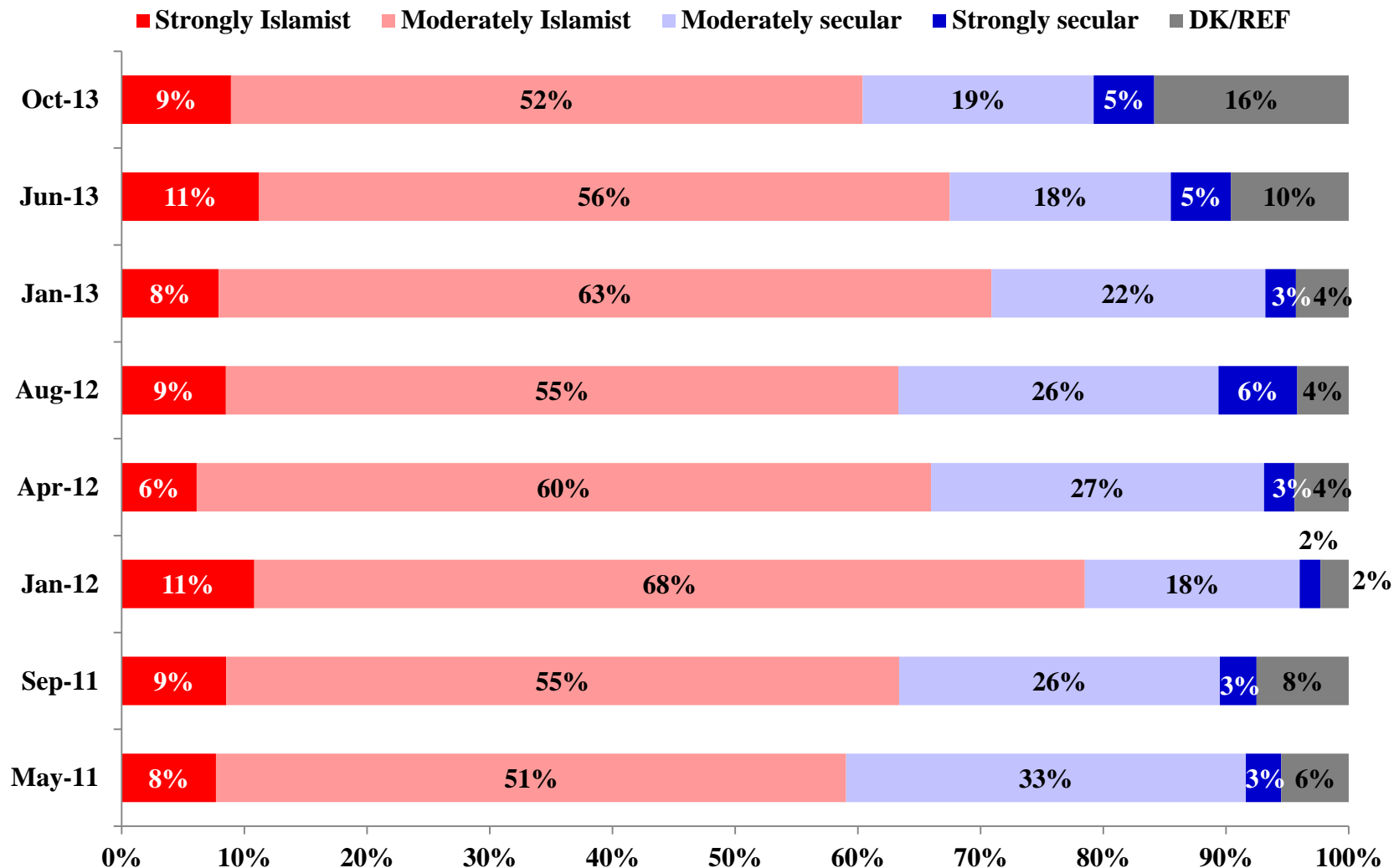
In general, are political parties doing a lot, enough, little or nothing to address the needs of people like you?



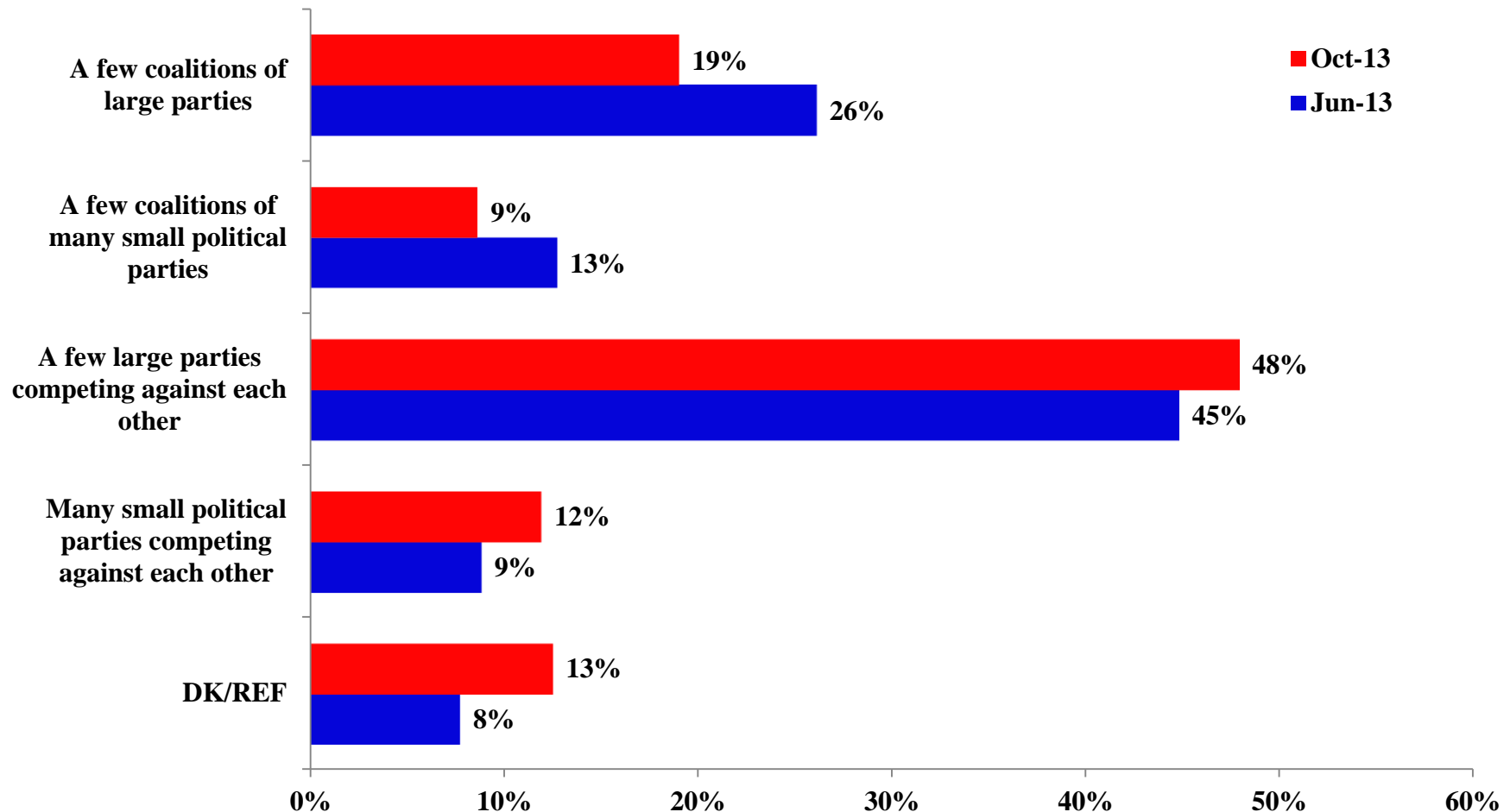
Which of the following statements best describes the role that political parties play in Tunisia?



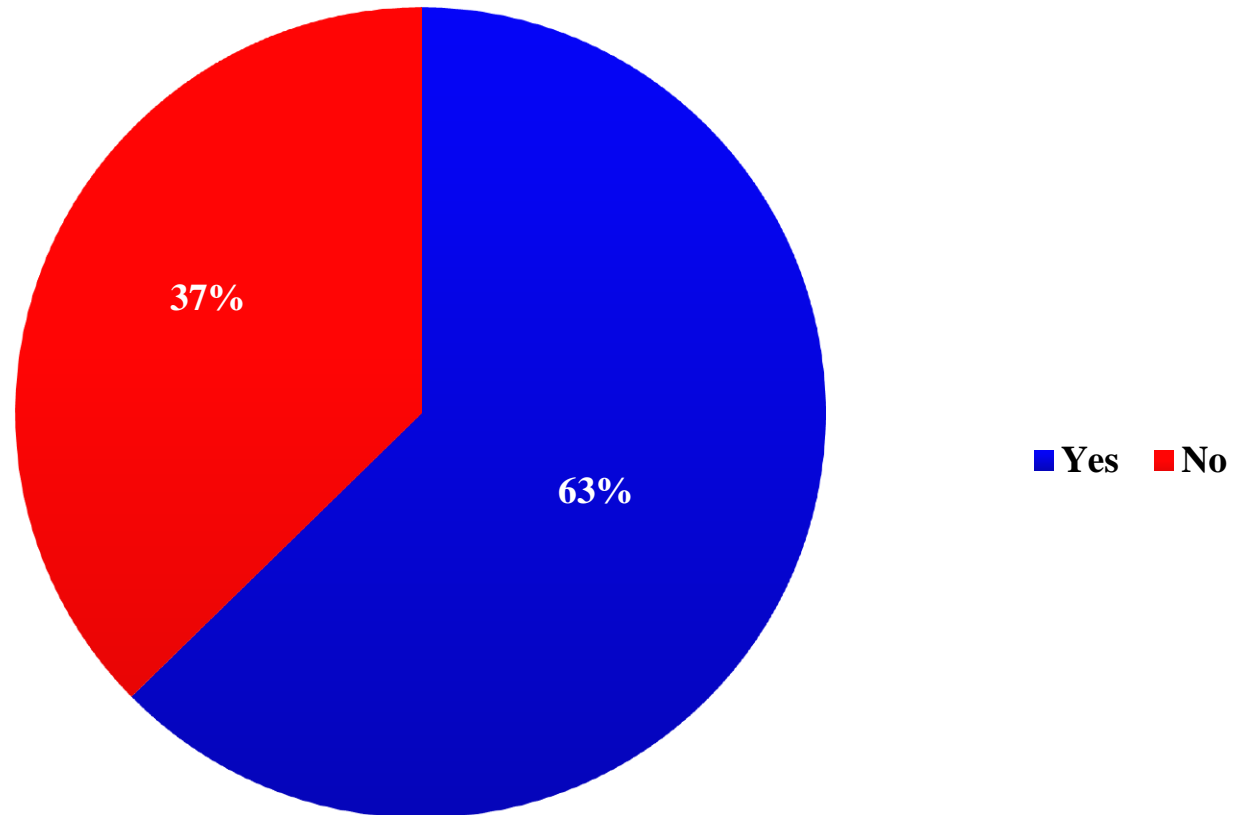
Would you prefer to see more political parties or entities that are Islamist or secular in the National Constituent Assembly?



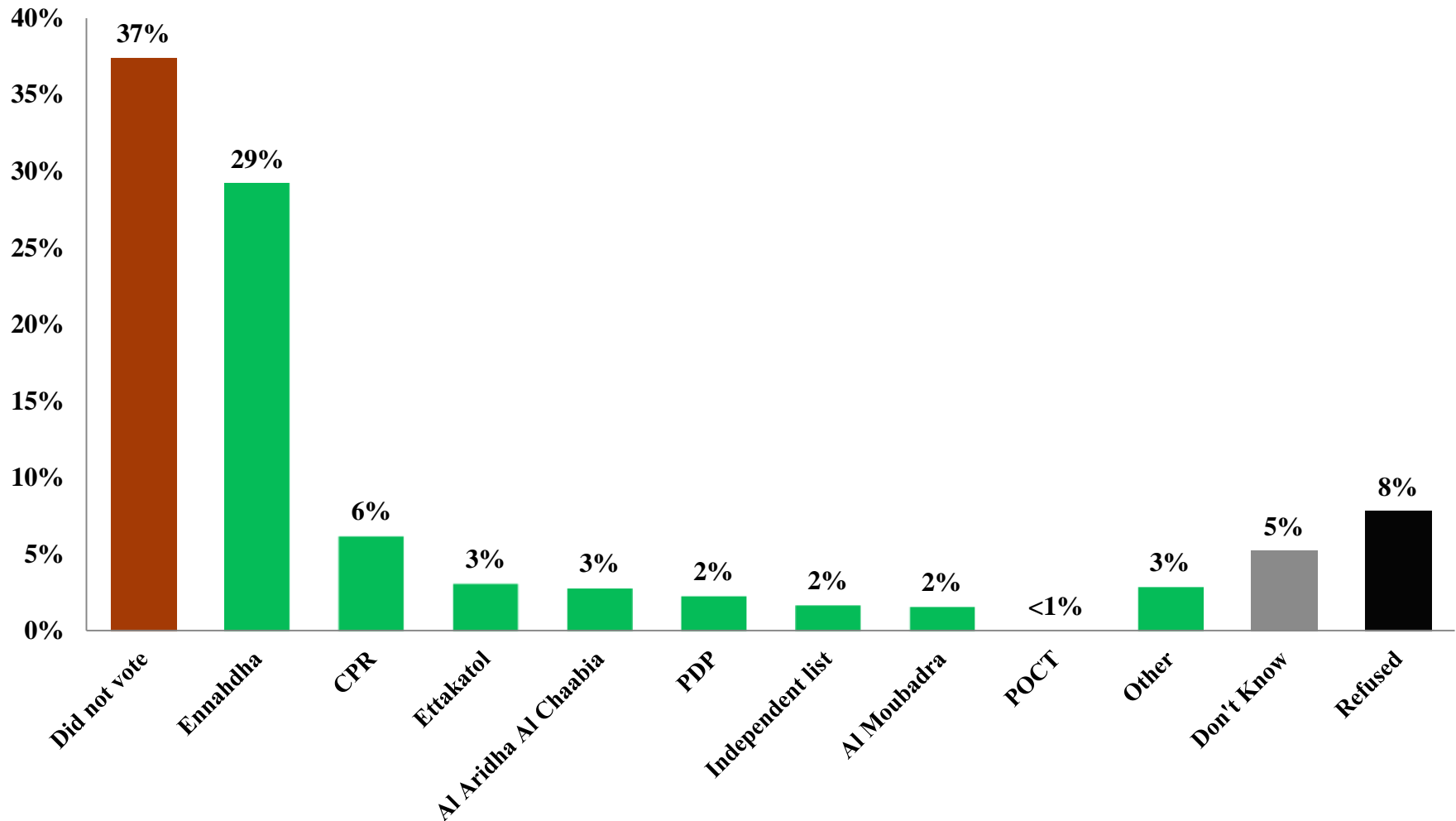
For the next elections, which of the following choices would be best for Tunisia?



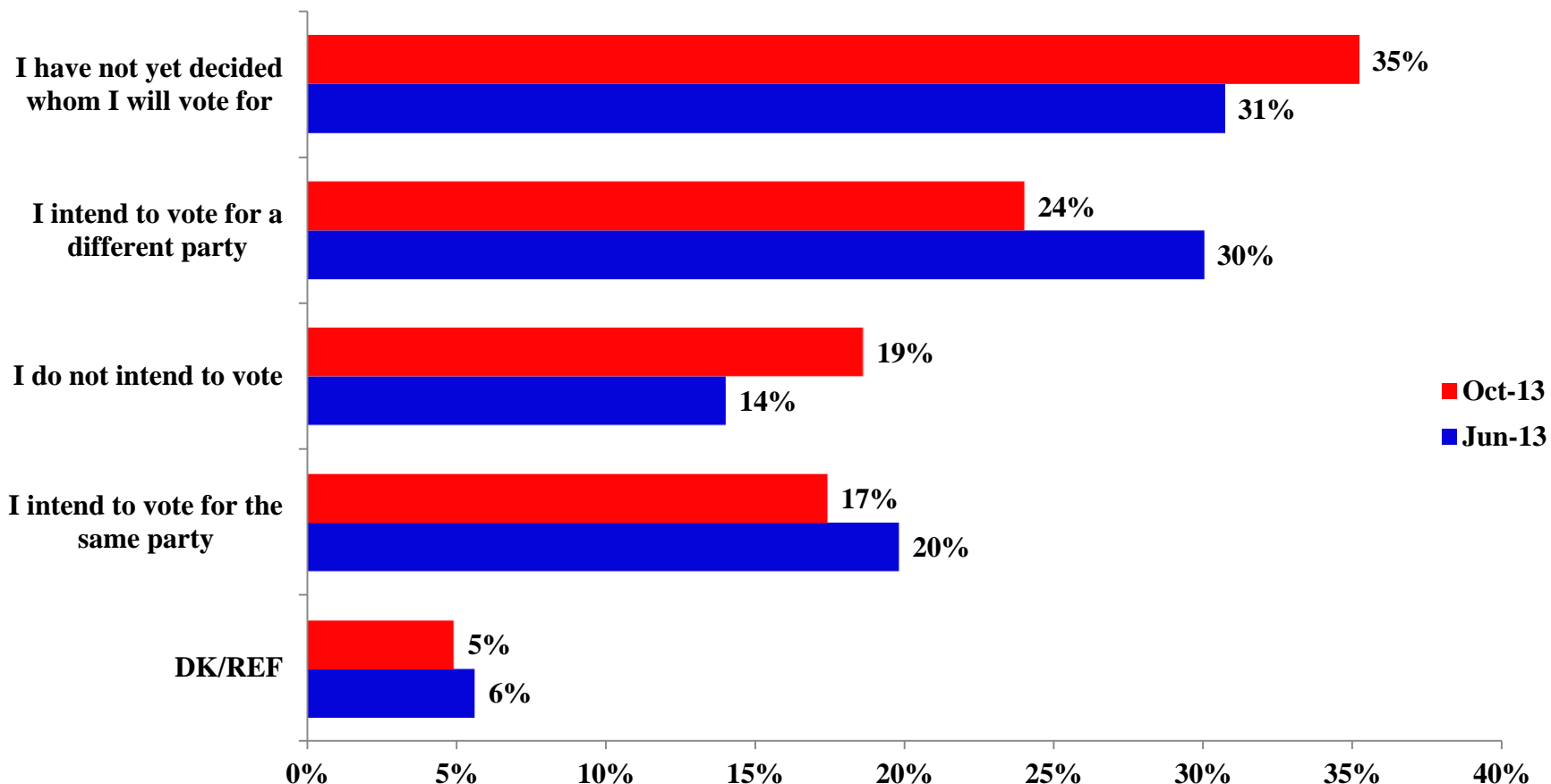
Did you vote in the October 23, 2011 national constituent assembly elections?



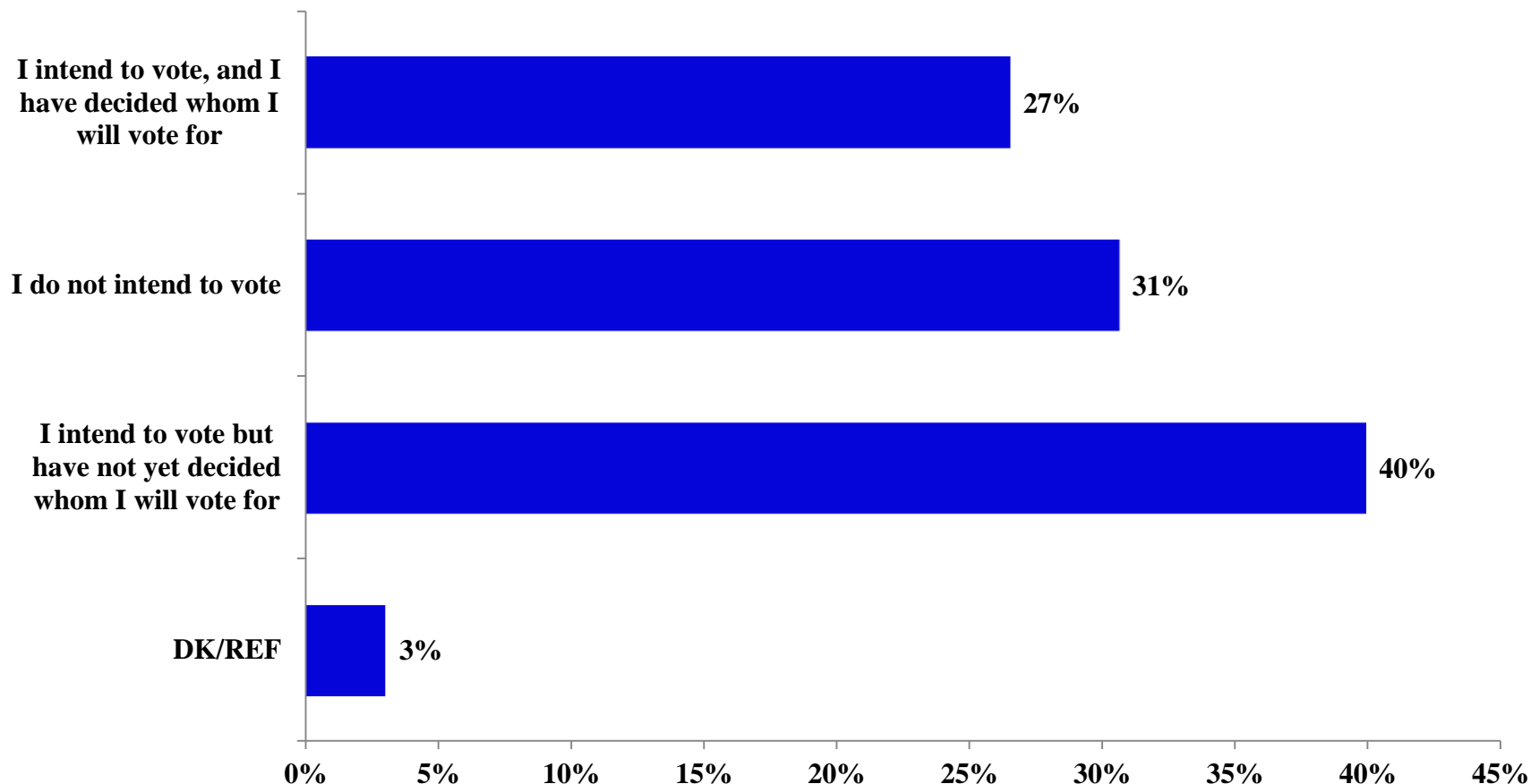
For whom did you vote in the national constituent assembly elections?



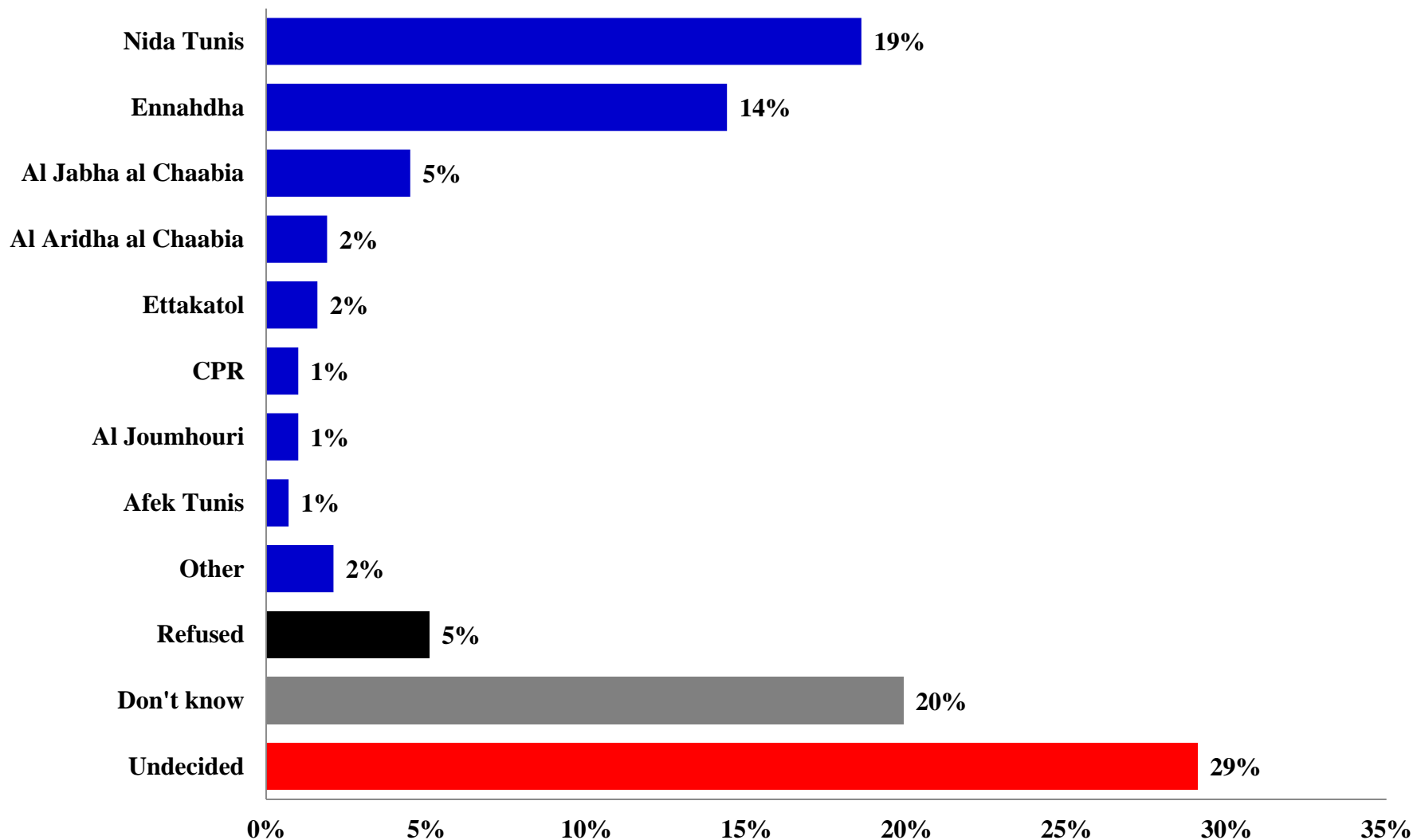
Looking ahead to the next elections, do you intend to vote for the same party or a different party? (only those who voted in 2011, n=776)



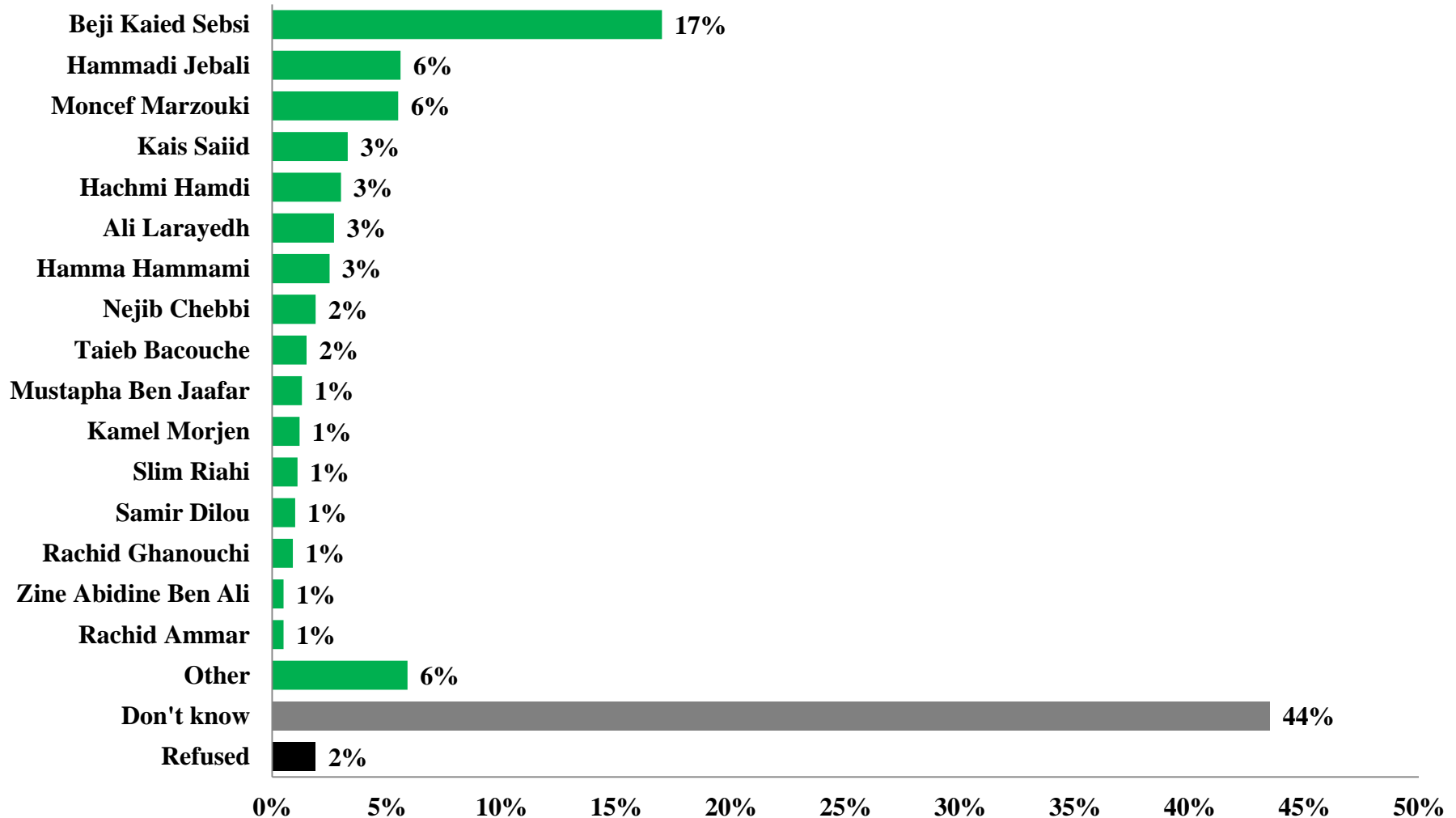
So you did not vote in the last elections. Do you intend to vote in the next elections? If so, do you know how you will vote? (n=464)



If you had to choose from the following political parties, for whom would you vote in the next elections?



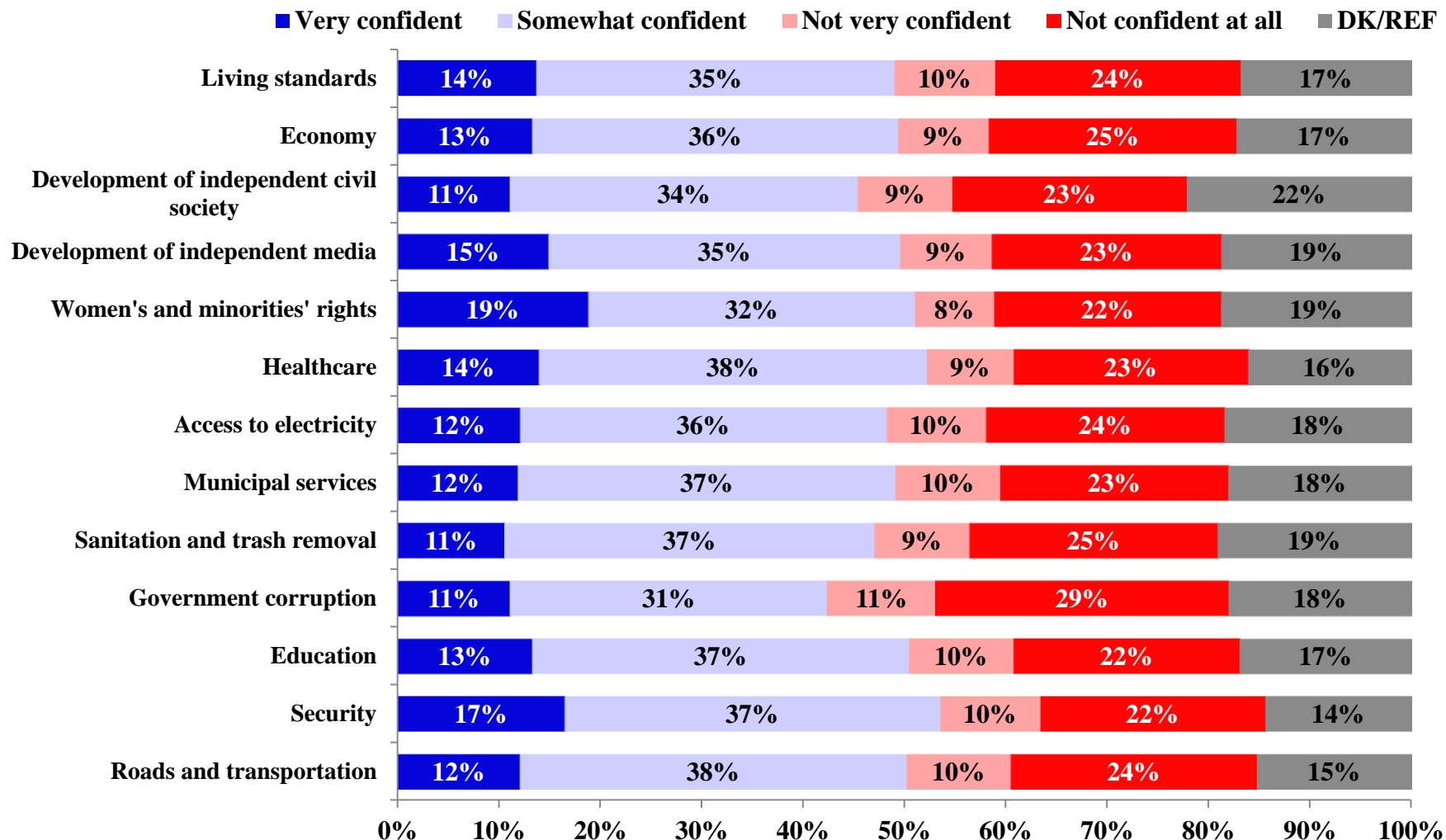
If you had to choose a candidate for president, for whom would you vote in the next elections (open ended)?



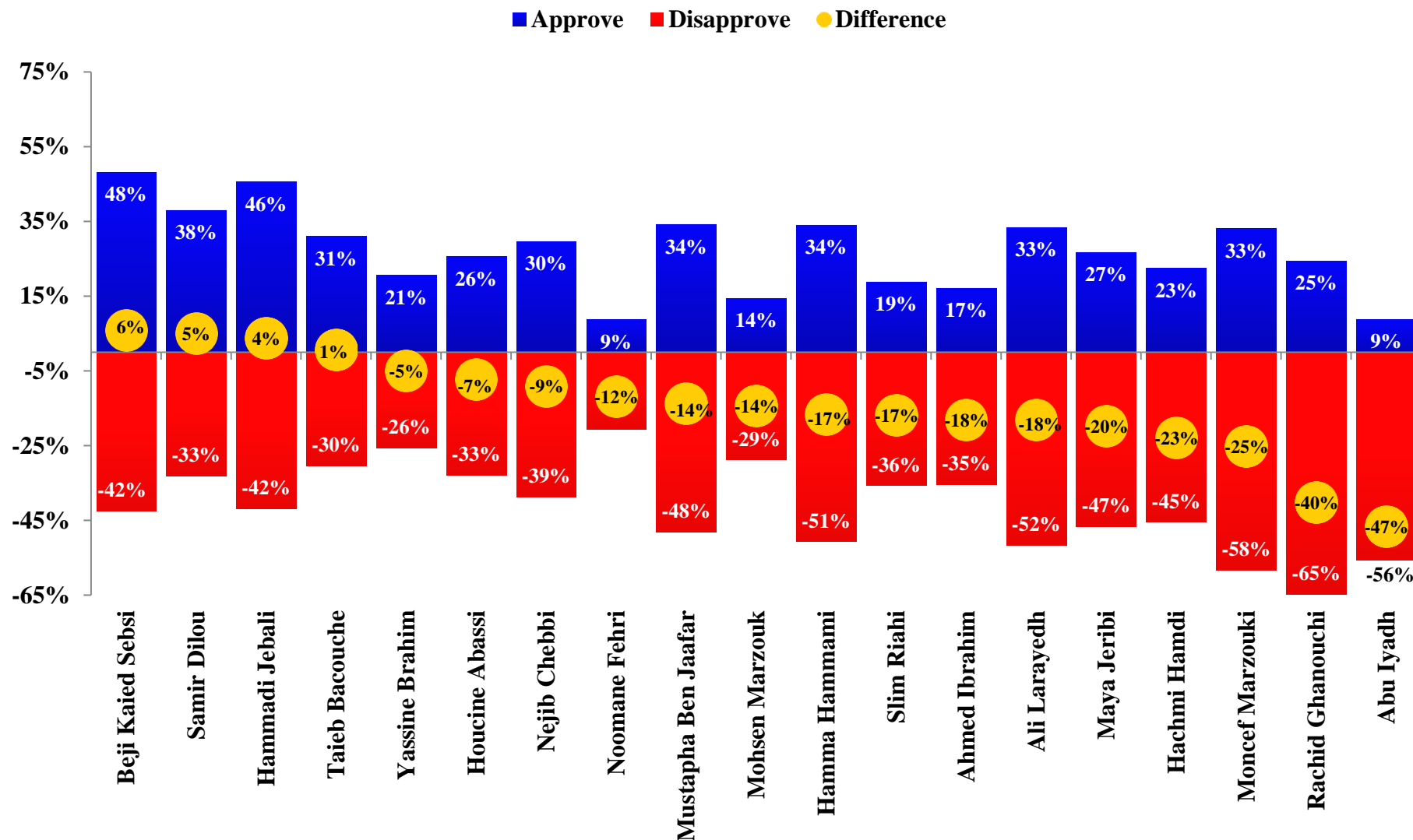
Regardless of which party you support, which party do you think would do the best job handling the following issues?

	Roads and transportation	Security	Education	Government corruption	Sanitation and trash removal	Municipal services	Access to electricity	Healthcare	Women's and minorities' rights	Development of independent media	Development of independent civil society	Economy	Living standards
Afek Tunis	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Al Jomhouri	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Al Aridha Al Chaabia	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
CPR	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Ennahda	13%	17%	13%	14%	11%	13%	13%	14%	11%	11%	11%	14%	14%
Ettakatol	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Al Jabha Al Chaabia	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Nidaa Tunis	16%	19%	18%	14%	15%	16%	15%	16%	18%	15%	15%	19%	17%
Other	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%
DK/REF	59%	53%	58%	61%	63%	61%	62%	58%	59%	62%	62%	56%	58%

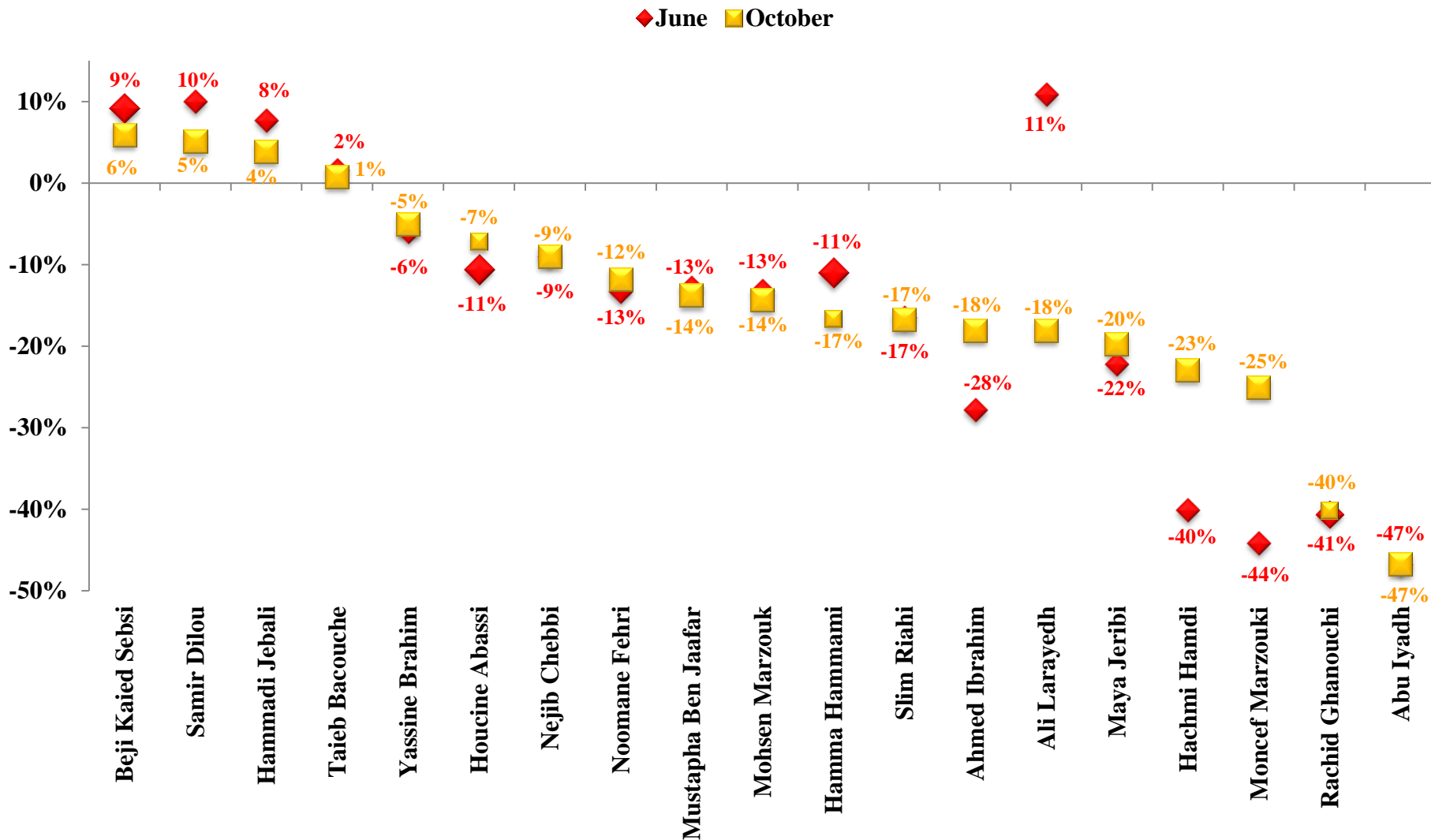
Regardless of which party you support, in your opinion how confident are you in the opposition to handle the following issues:



I would like to ask you about your impressions of the following people. Do you approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or disapprove of the following:

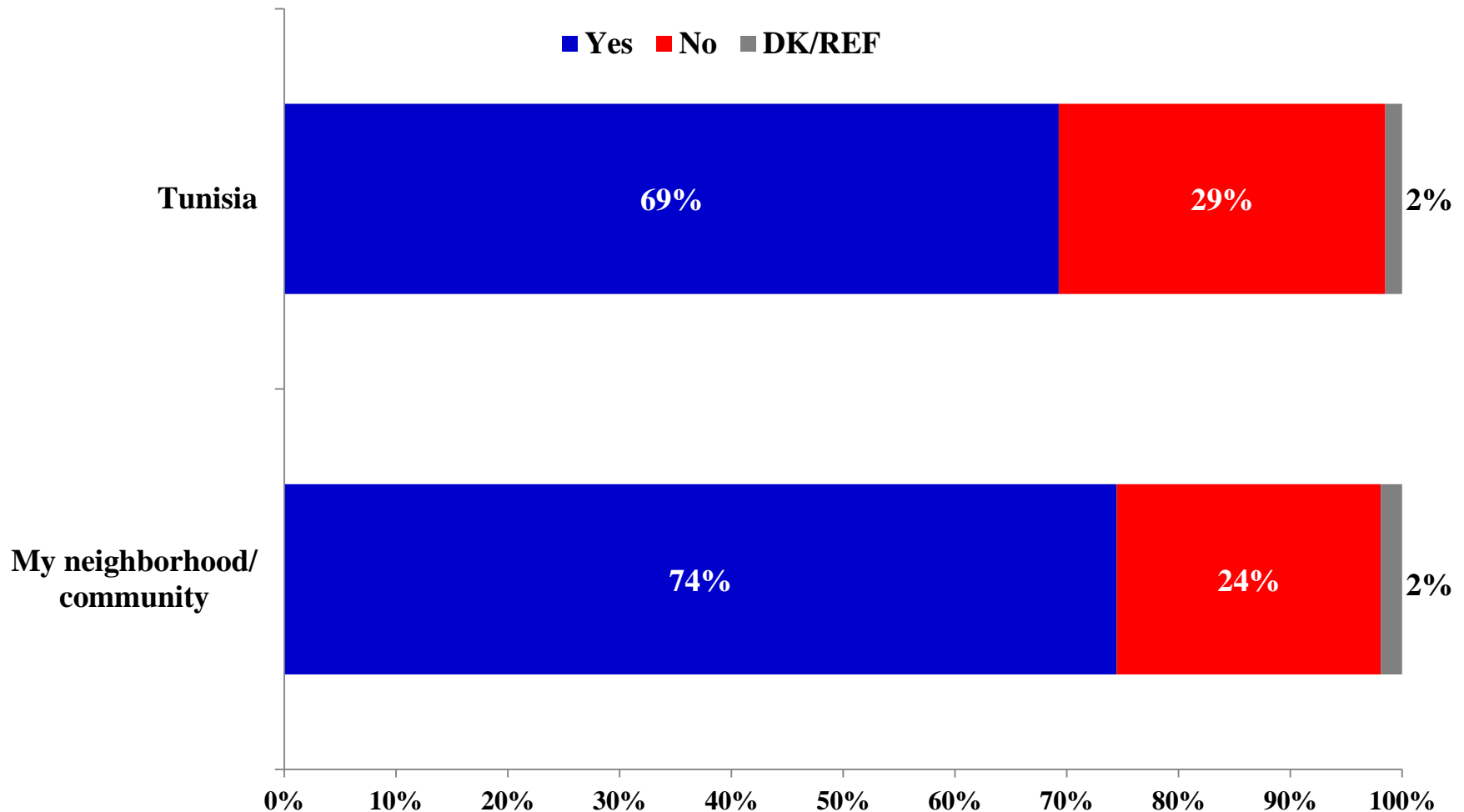


Comparing Overall Approval Ratings June-October 2013

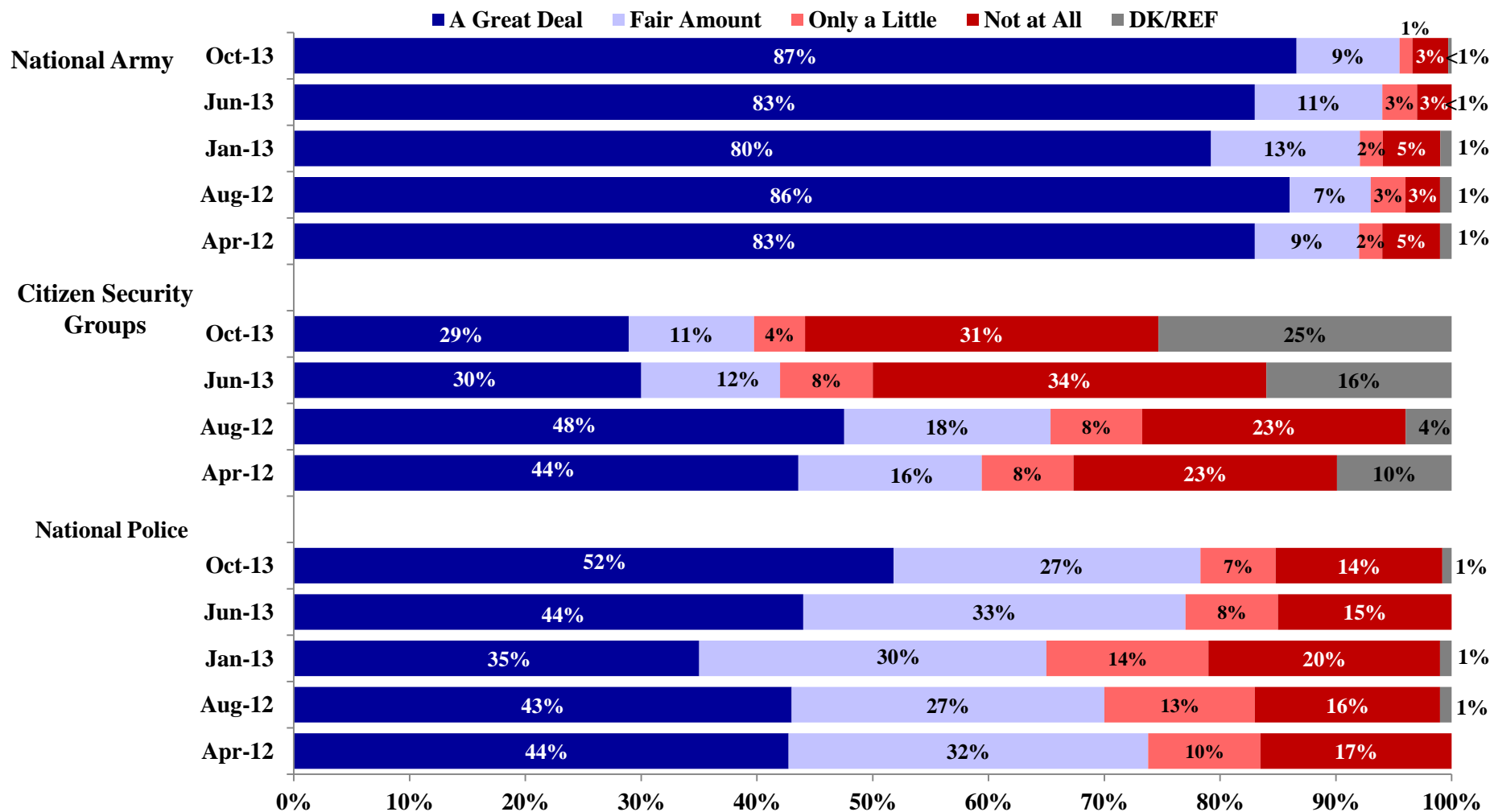


**In your opinion, has security in Tunisia improved since the elections?
What about the security of your neighborhood or community?**

■ Yes ■ No ■ DK/REF

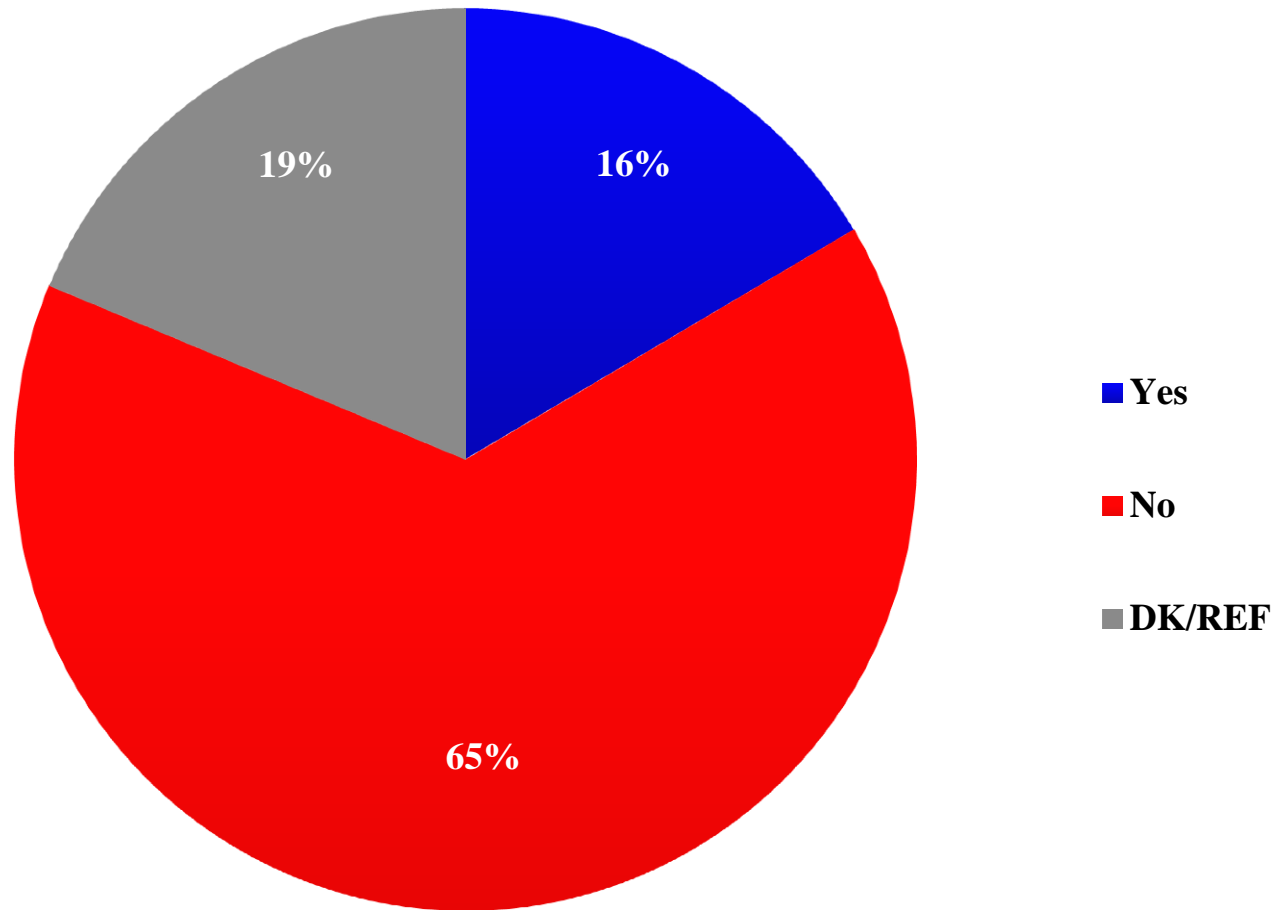


How much do you trust each of the following to protect your neighborhood?

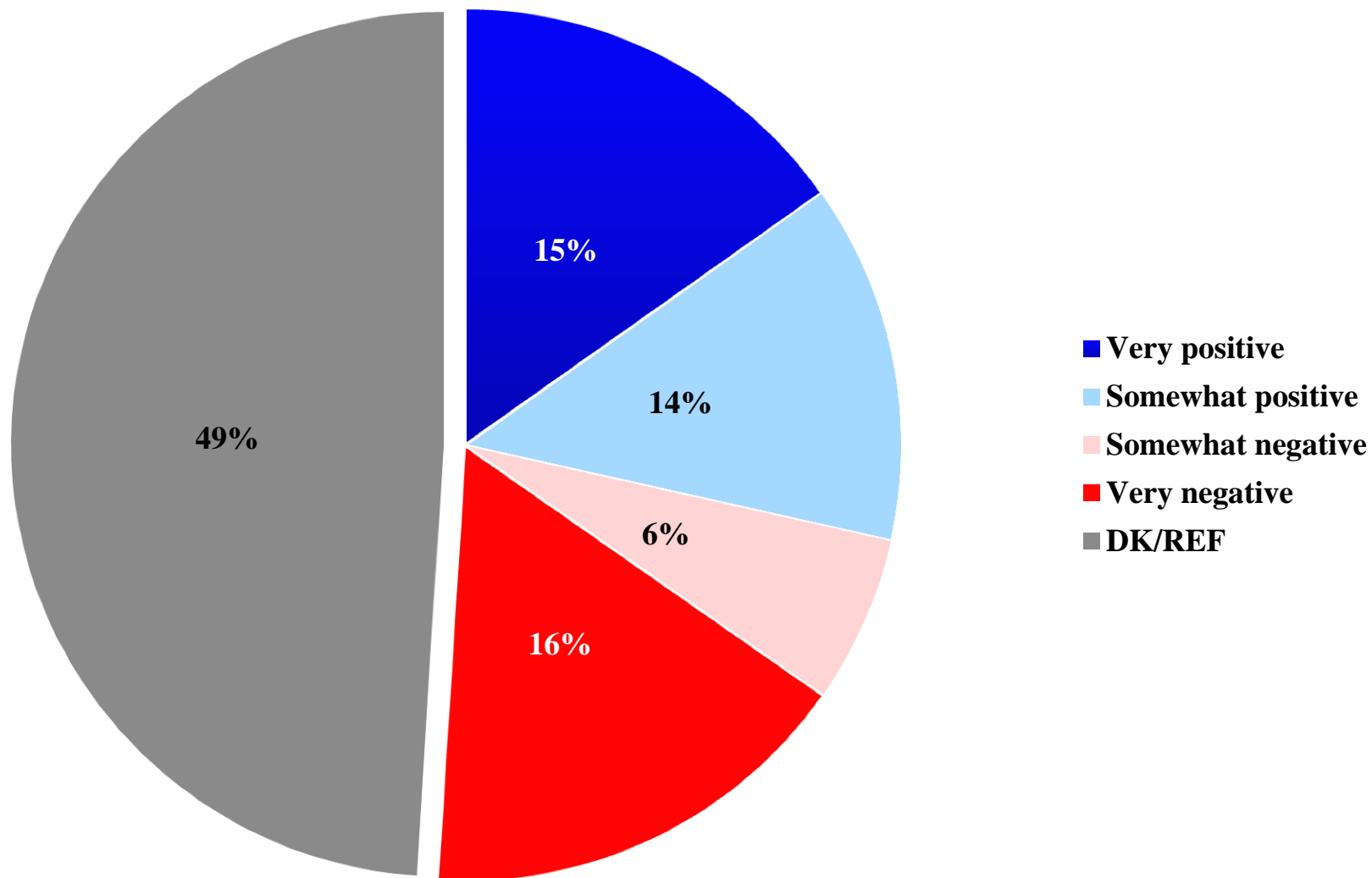


*In January 2013, participants were not asked to rate their level of trust in citizen security groups.

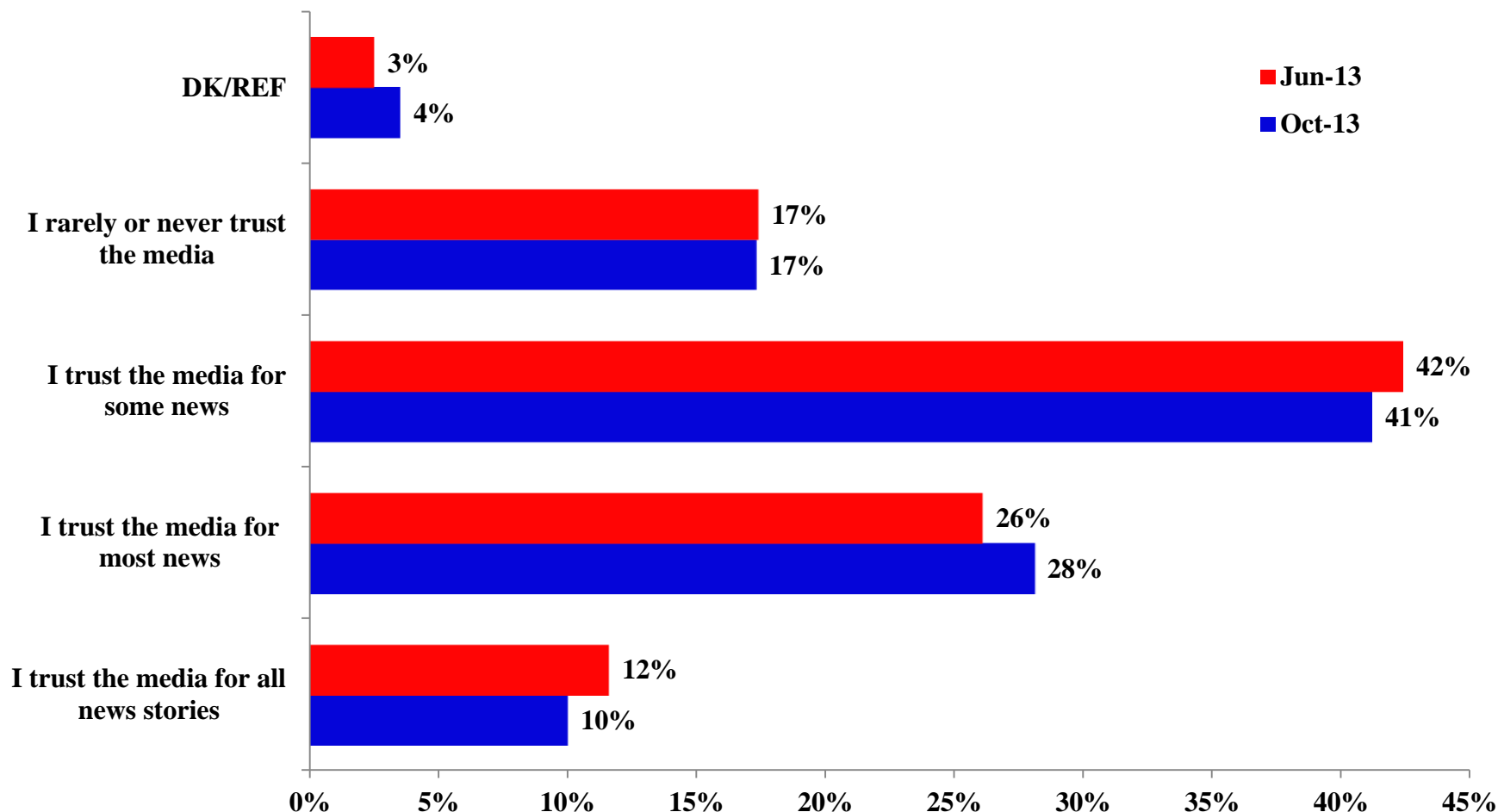
Are the Leagues for the Protection of the Revolution active in your neighborhood?



**In your opinion, how would you rate the effect of the Leagues for
Protection of the Revolution on security in your neighborhood?**
(n=435)



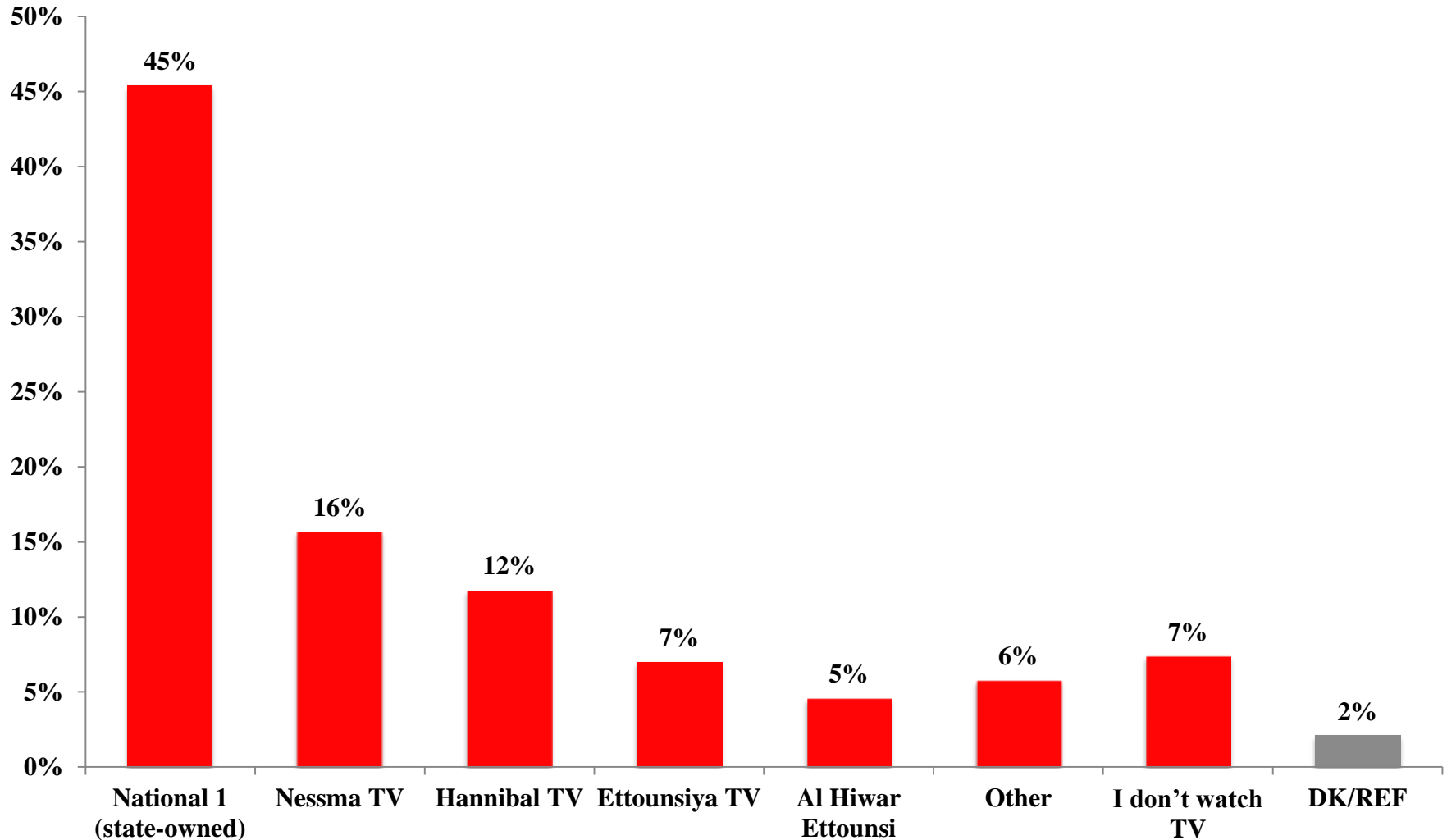
Thinking about Tunisia media in general, do you trust the media to provide accurate and unbiased information?



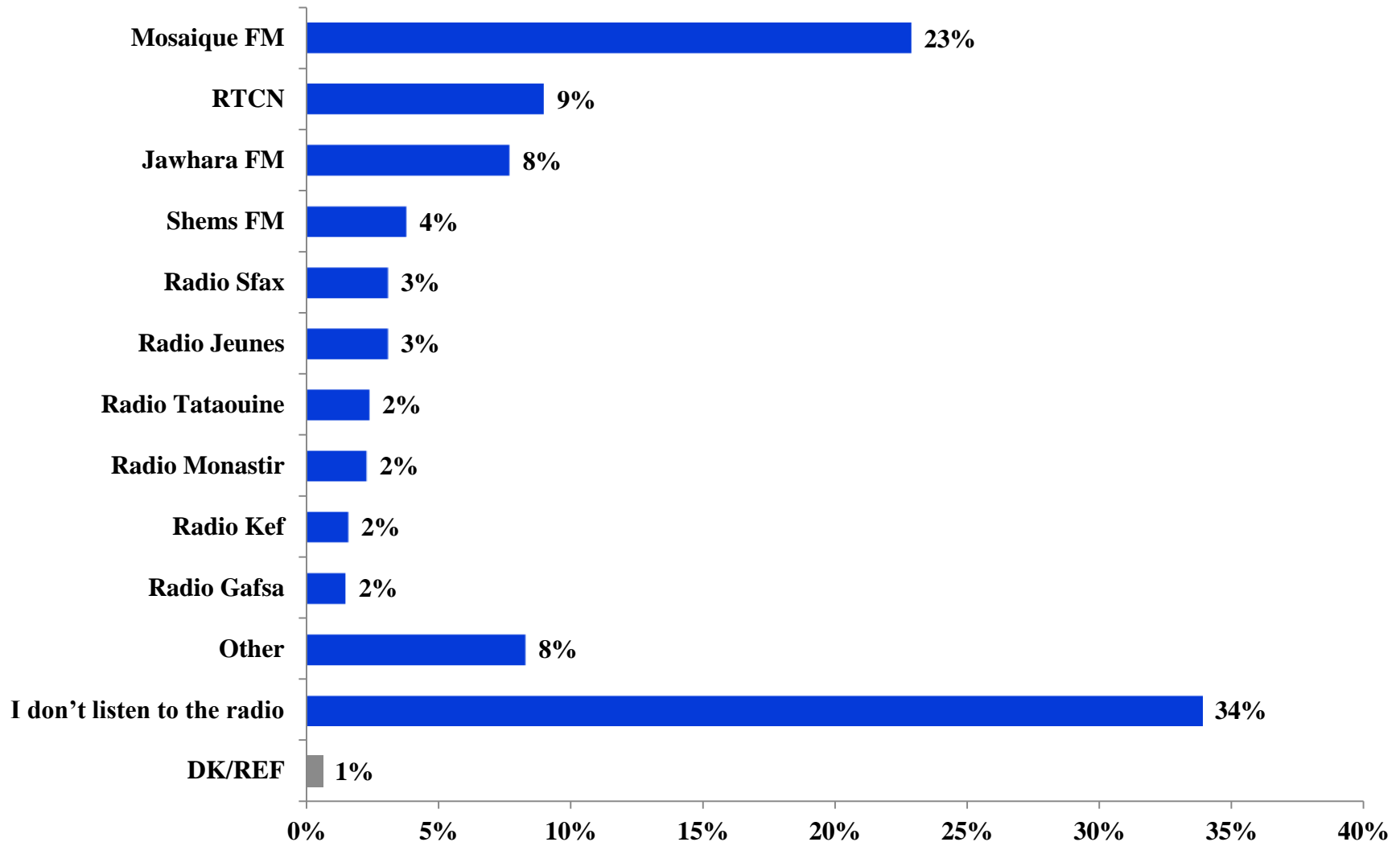
Where are you most likely to get your local news and information?

Source	First mention	Second mention	Third mention	Total
Tunisian television	60%	22%	6%	88%
Radio	11%	31%	11%	64%
Internet	17%	9%	7%	33%
Newspaper	3%	9%	13%	25%
Gatherings at public places	6%	8%	10%	24%
SMS	0%	0%	1%	1%
Mosque	0%	1%	0%	1%
Other	0%	1%	1%	2%
DK/REF	2%	19%	53%	74%

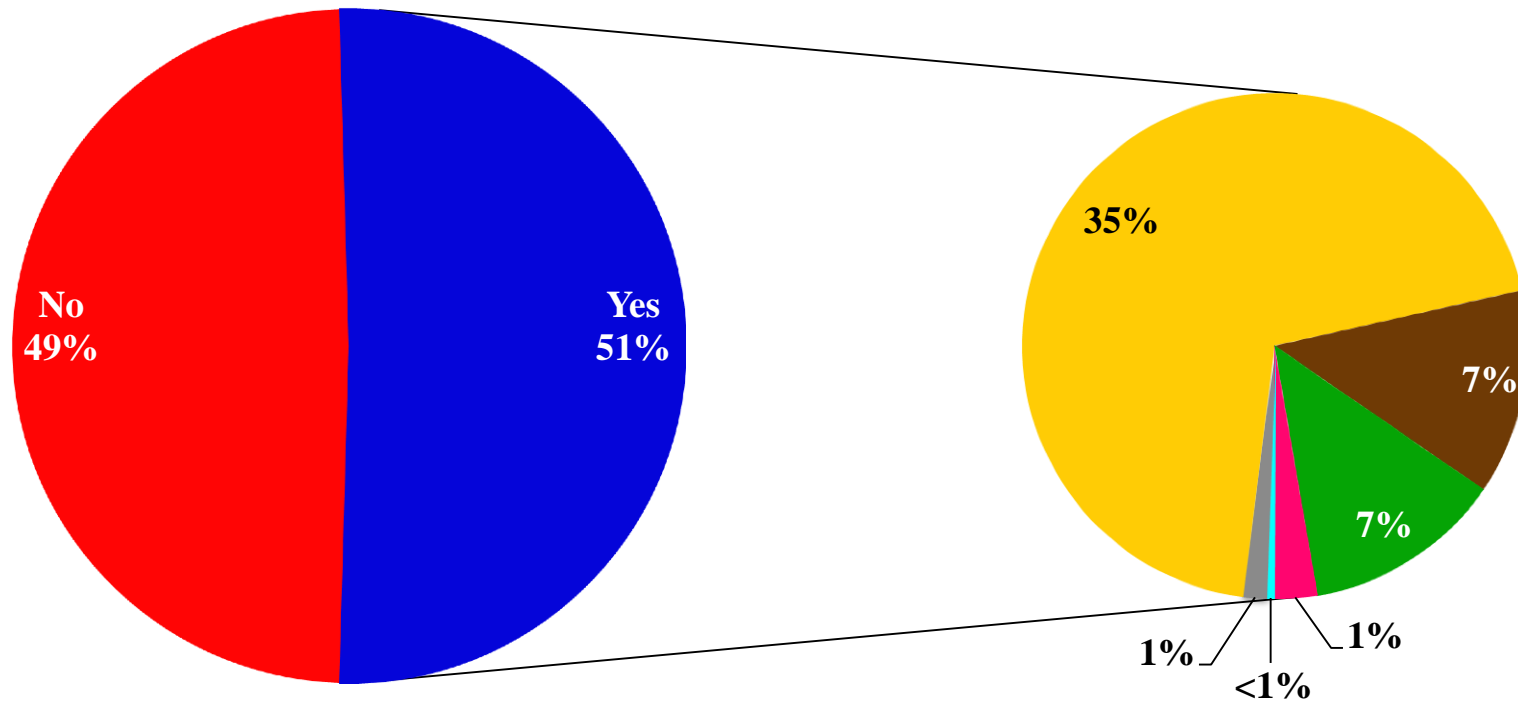
Which national television station do you watch to get your news?



Which national radio station do you listen to get your news?

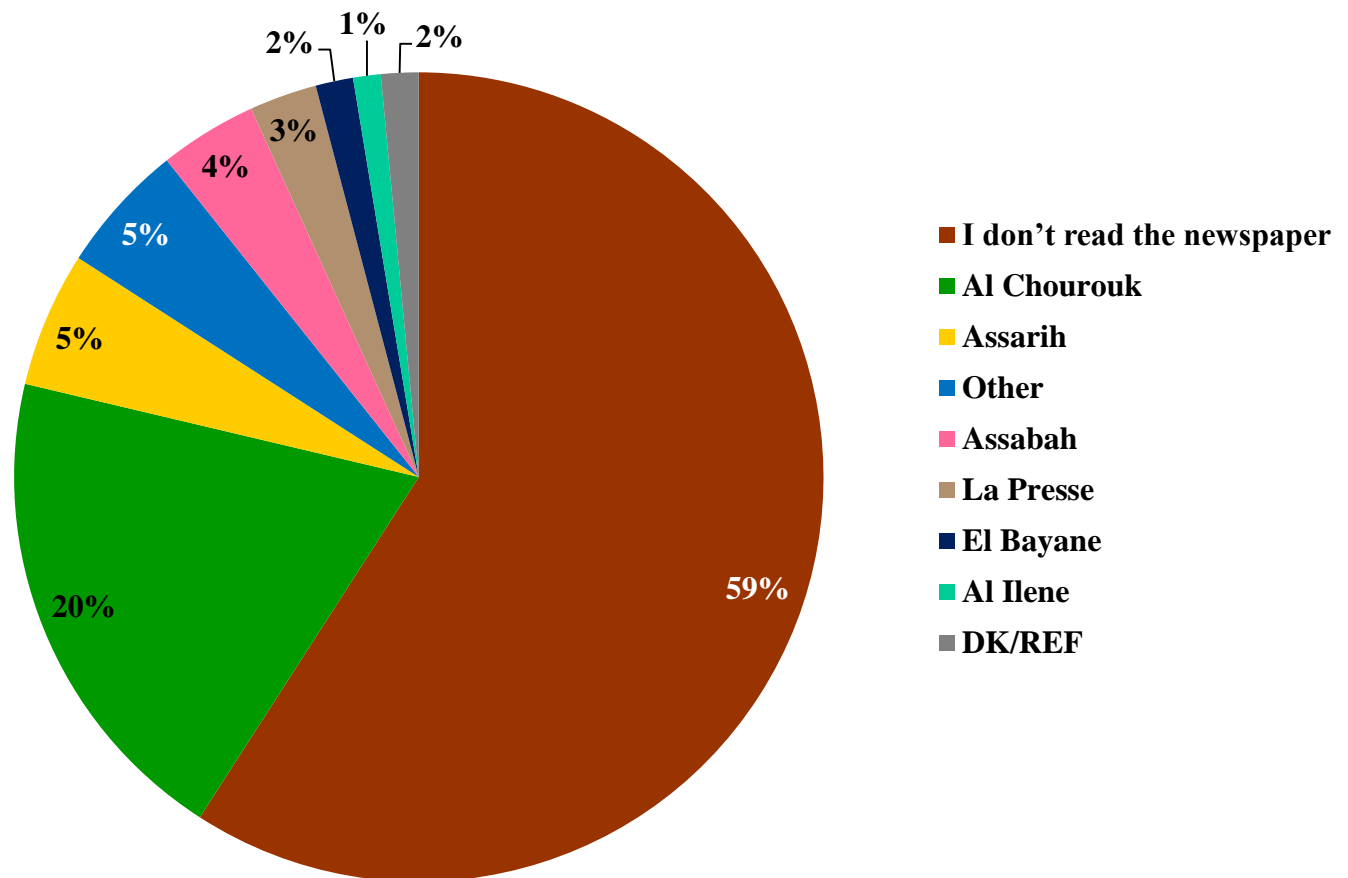


Do you have access to the Internet? If yes (n=611), where do you usually access it?

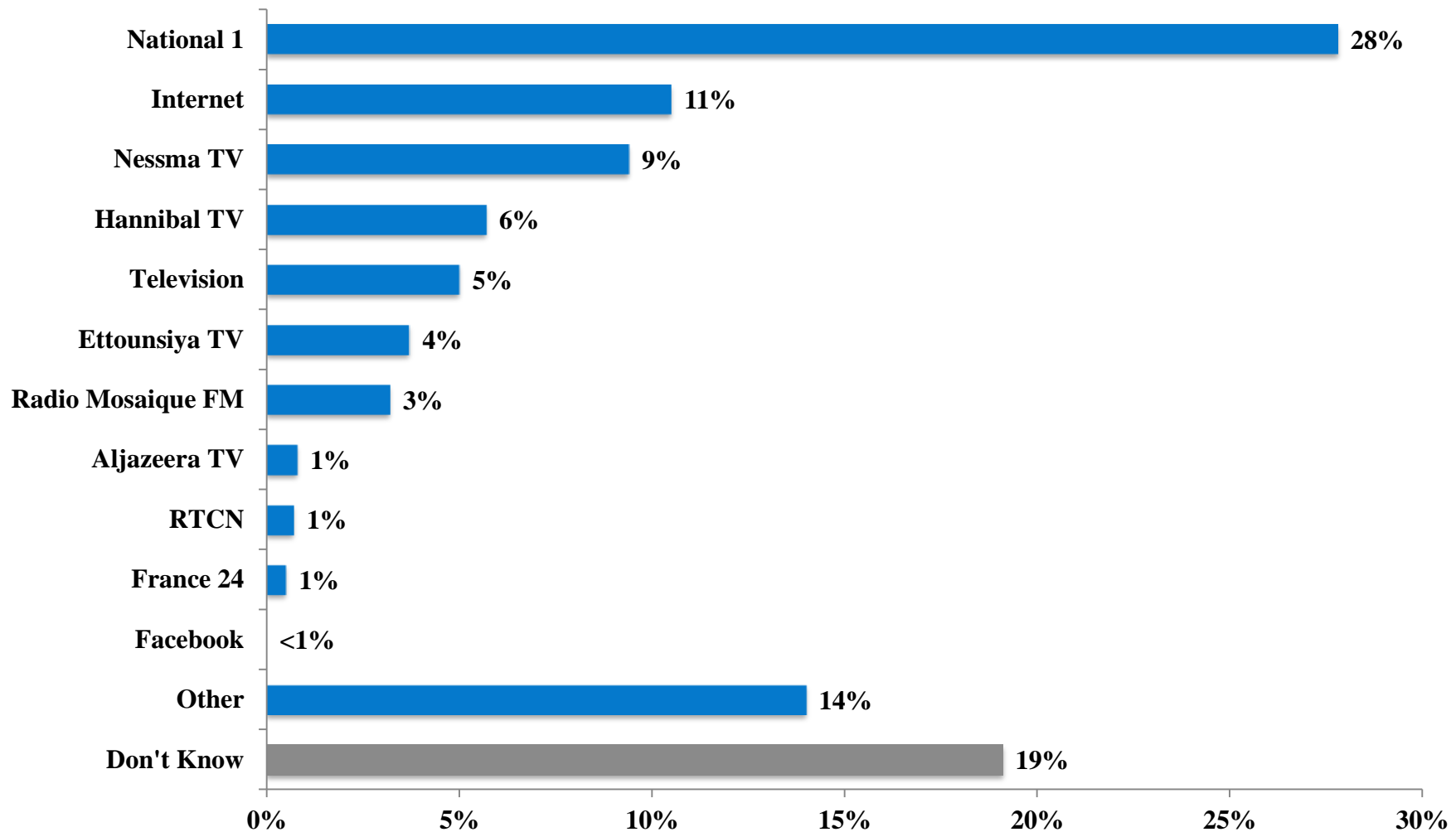


■ DK/REF ■ Home ■ Mobile phone ■ Other ■ Work ■ School

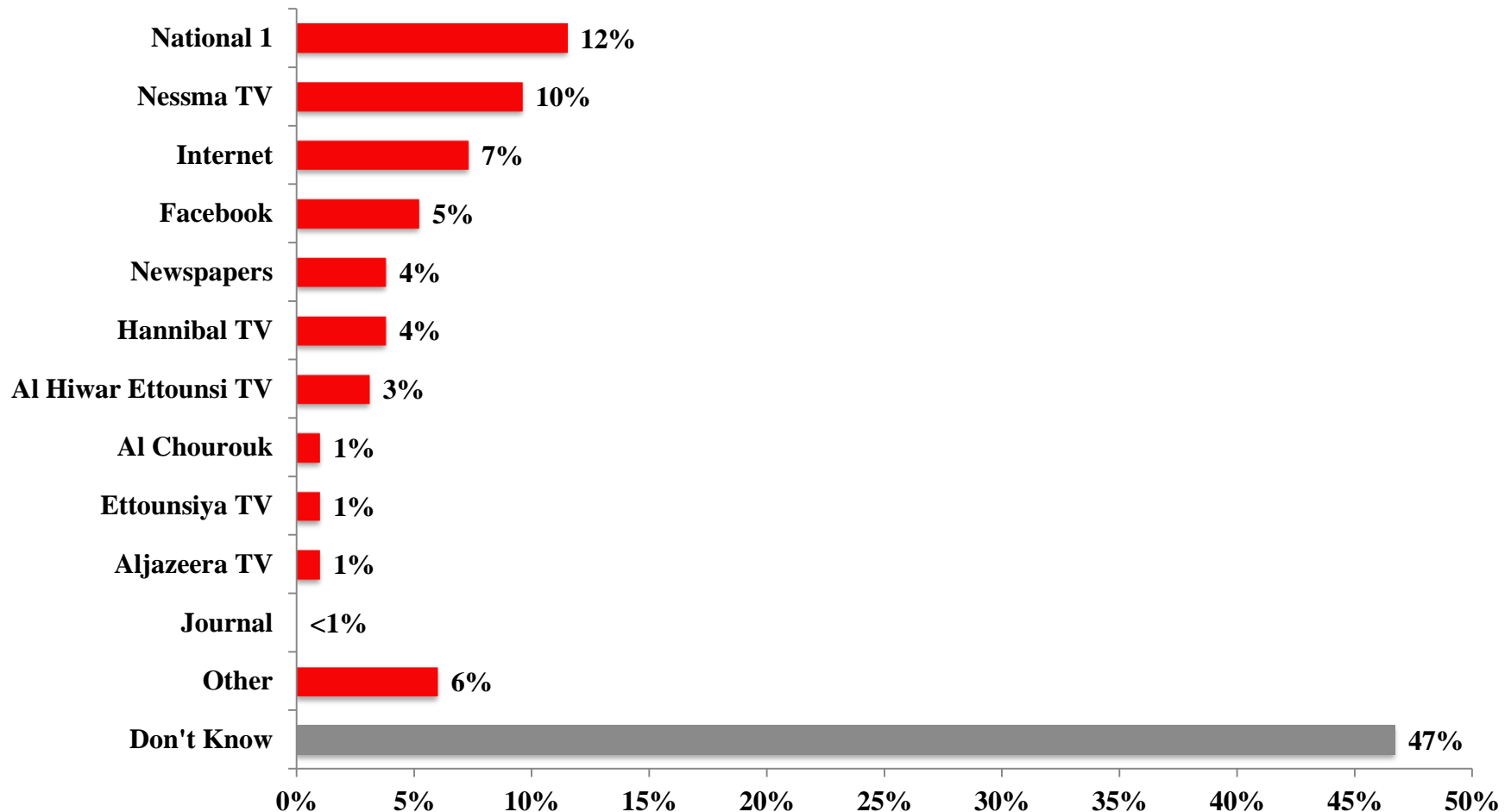
Which national newspaper do you read to get your news?



Which specific media source do you trust most for your political news? (open-ended)



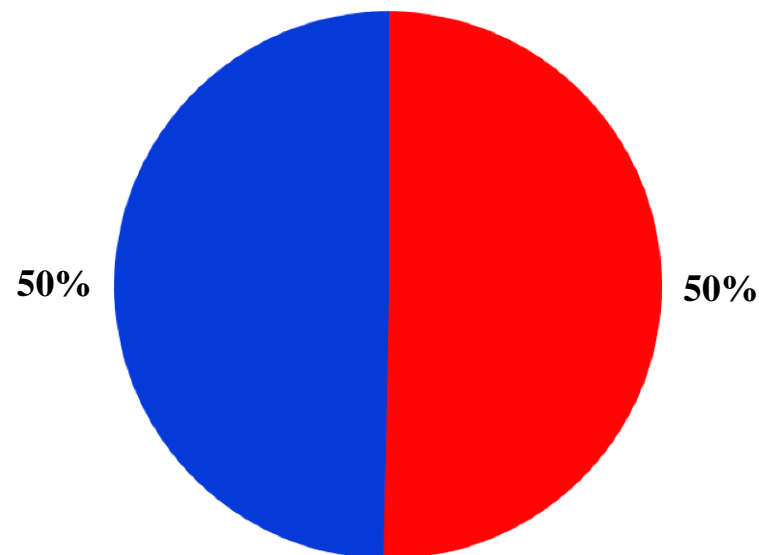
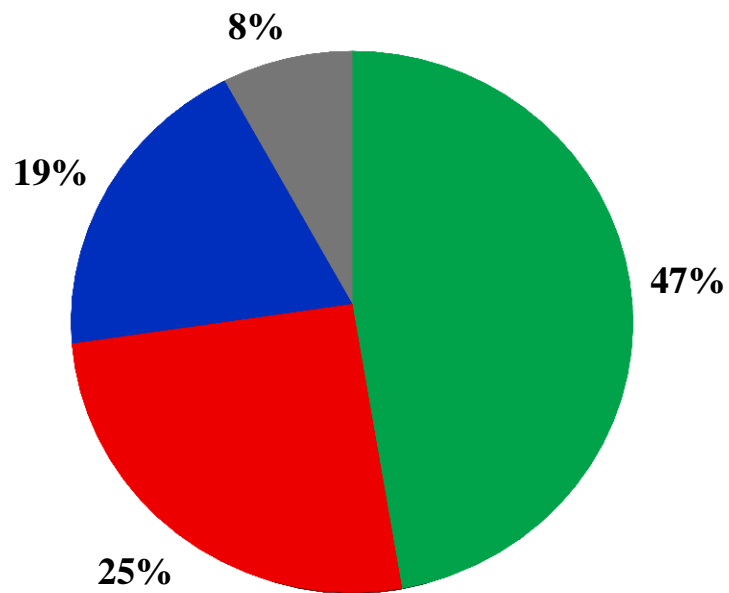
Which specific media source do you trust the least for your political news? (open-ended)



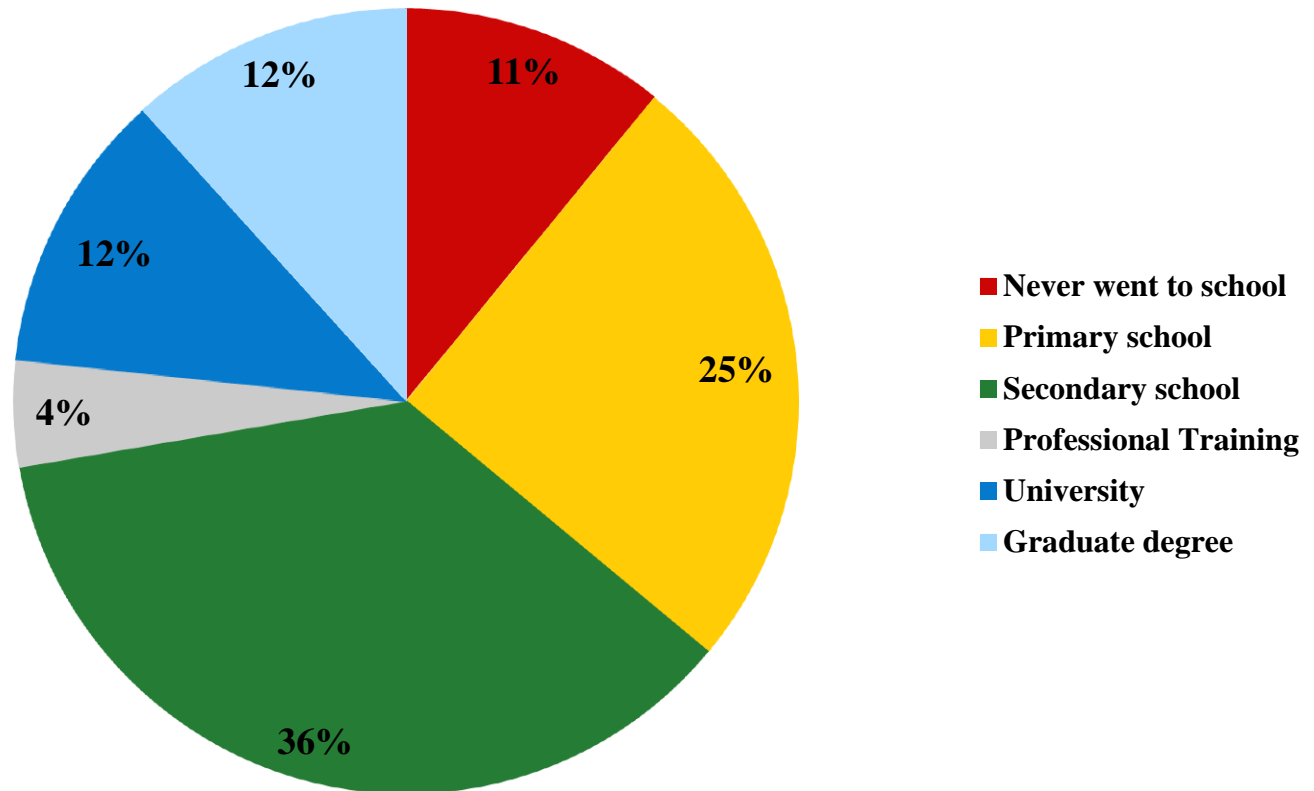
Demographics

■ 18-35 ■ 36-49 ■ 50-65 ■ 65 and older

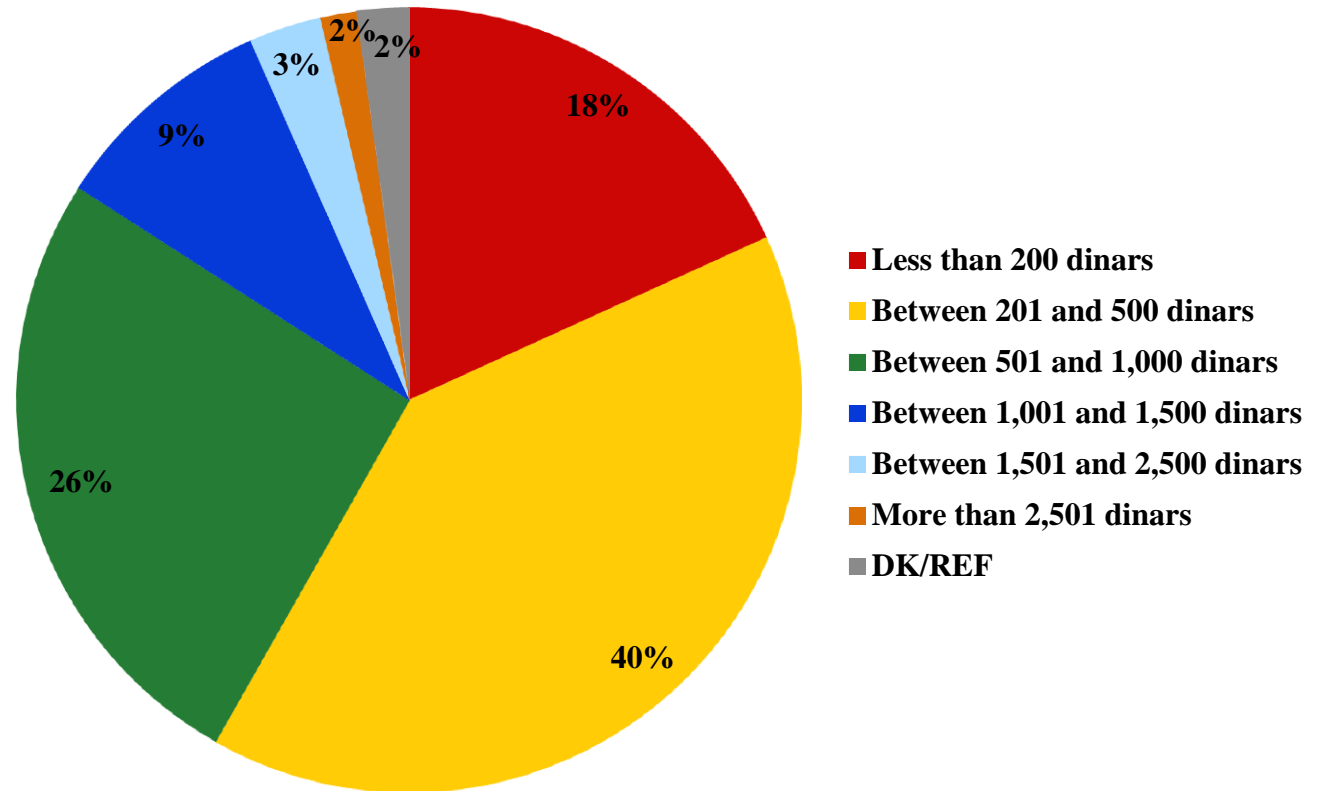
■ Male ■ Female



What is the highest level of school you completed?



How much does your household earn per month?



Do you or your family own your own home?

