



Public Opinion Survey Residents of Moldova

September 29 - October 21, 2015

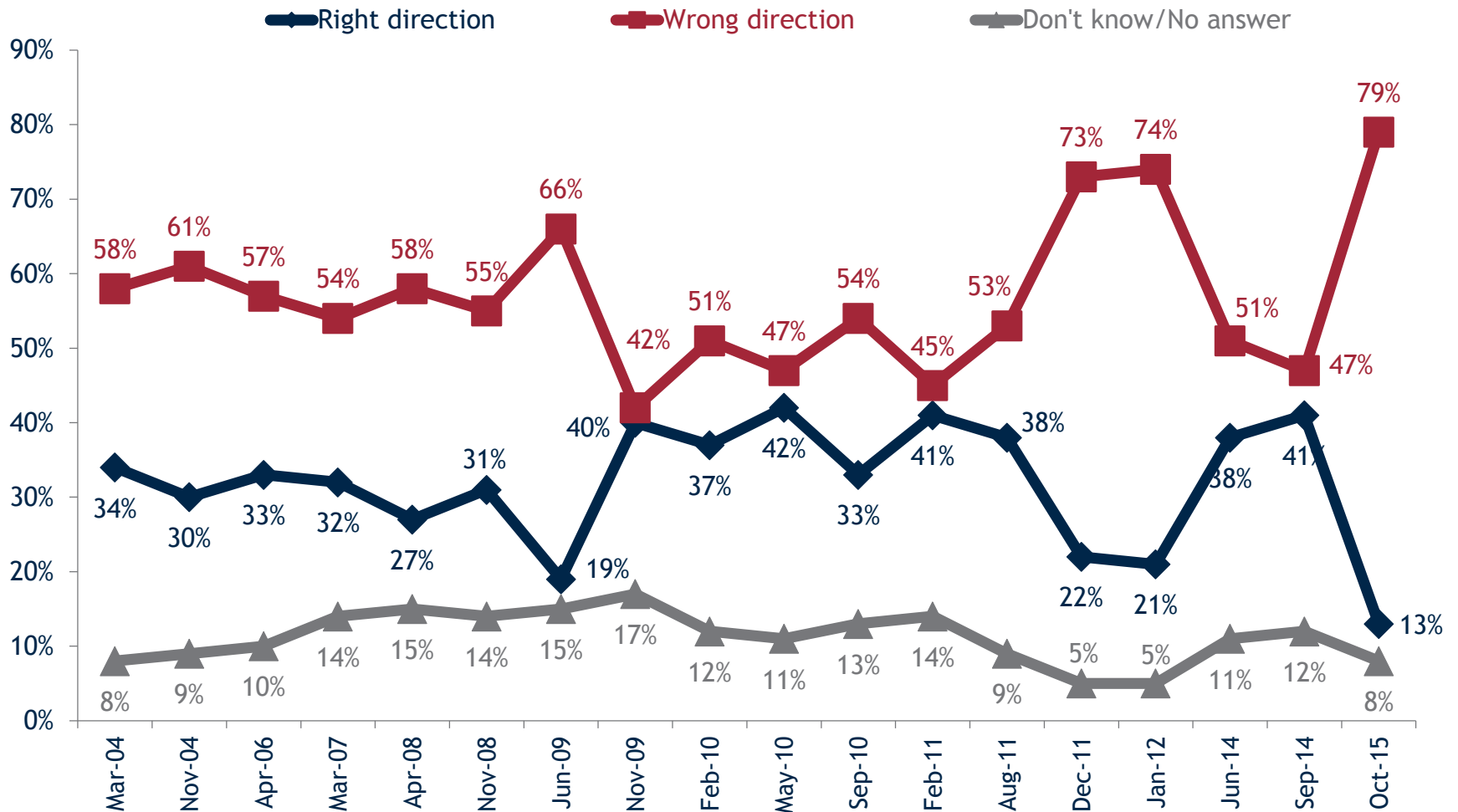
Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted by Dr. R. Alisauskiene of [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [International Republican Institute](#). The field work was carried out by [Magenta Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (except in Transnistria) between September 29 - October 21, 2015, through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Moldova older than the age of 18 and eligible to vote with an oversample in the capital Chisinau. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, education, region and size of the settlement.
- Multistage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday respondent's selection procedures.
 - Stage one: All districts of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups. All regions of Moldova were surveyed.
 - Stage two: selection of the settlements - cities and villages.
 - Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a particular type of the settlement in each region.
 - Stage three: primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.8 percent.
- Response rate was 62 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [National Endowment for Democracy](#).



Next Prime Minister Must Fight Corruption and Deliver on Promised Reforms

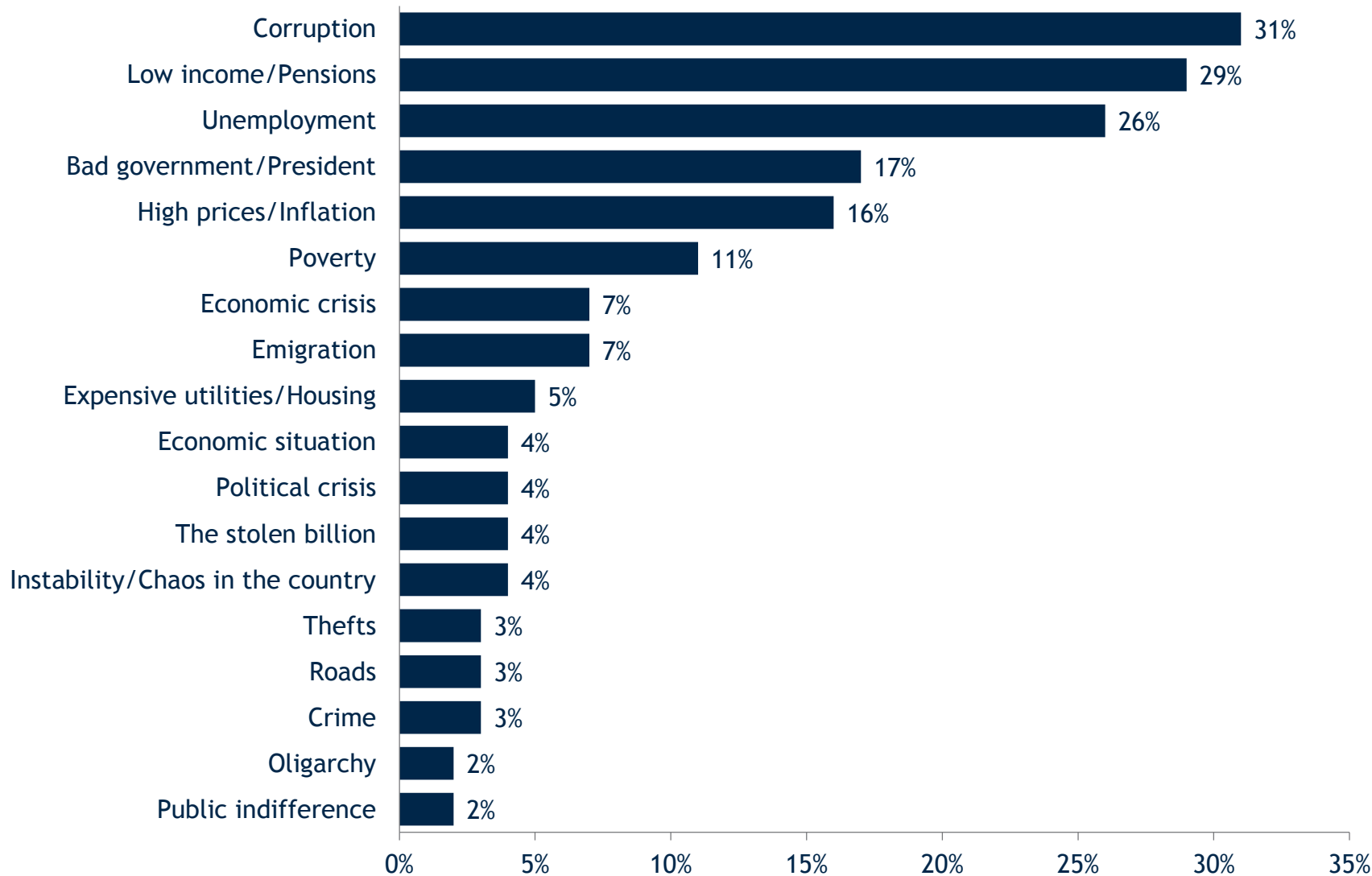
Generally speaking, do you think that things in Moldova are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



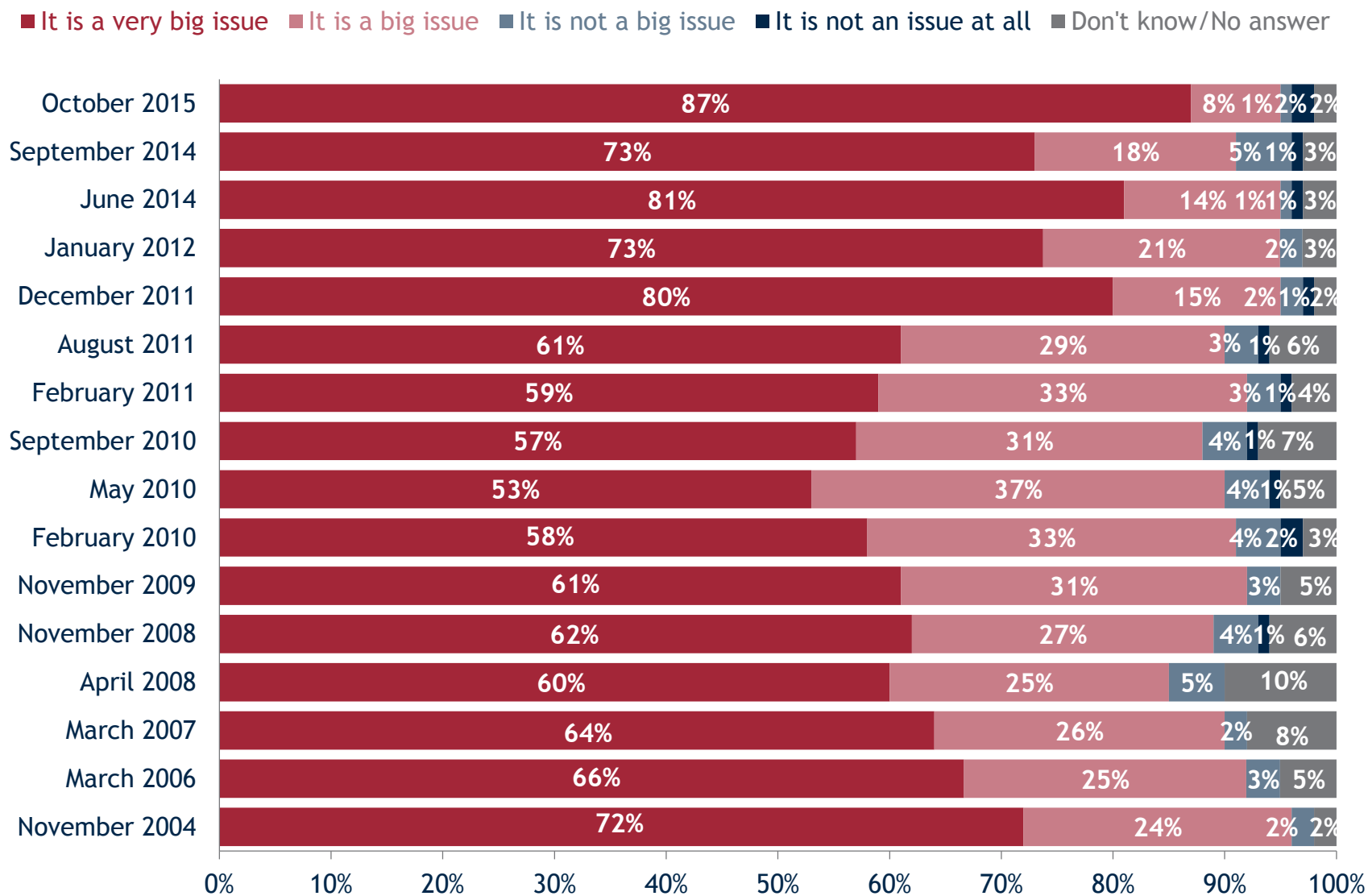
*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal which resulted in nearly \$1 billion missing from three state banks. On October 15, 2015, former Prime Minister Vlad Filat was detained as part of the ongoing investigation into the banking scandal.

What are the most important problems that Moldova is facing at the moment?

(Three spontaneous answers)

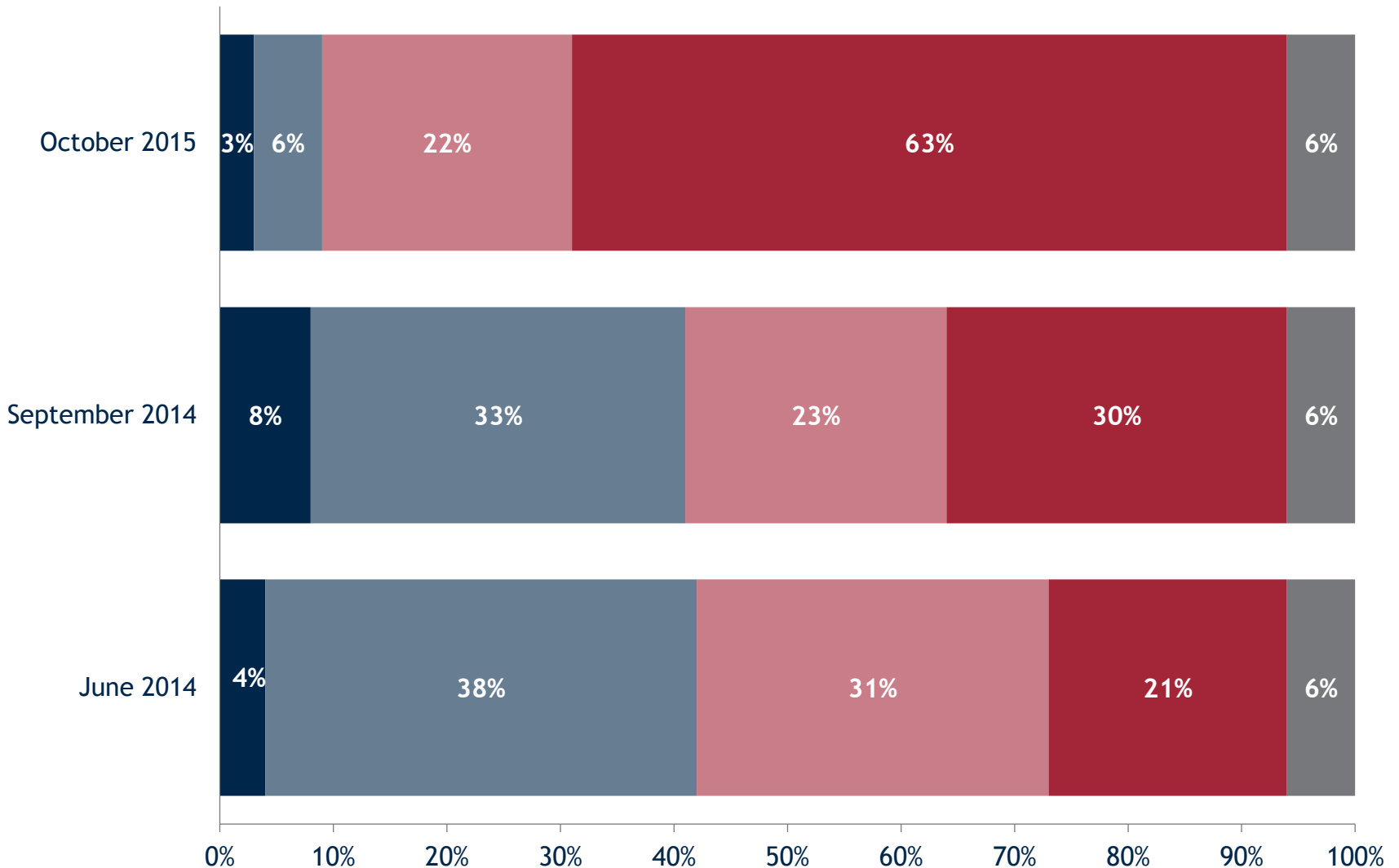


Is corruption a big problem in Moldova today?

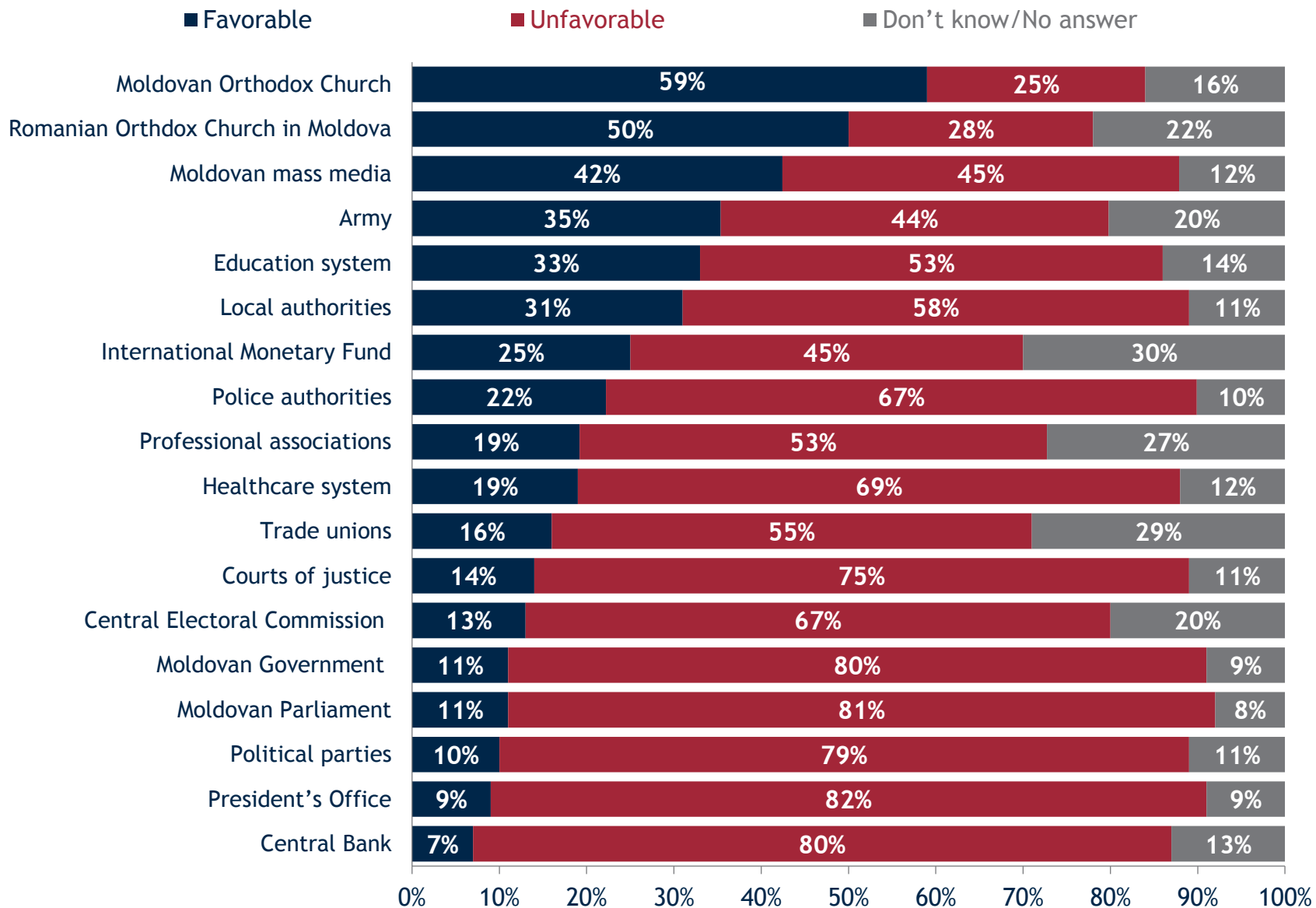


Do you approve or disapprove of the way the government is doing its job?

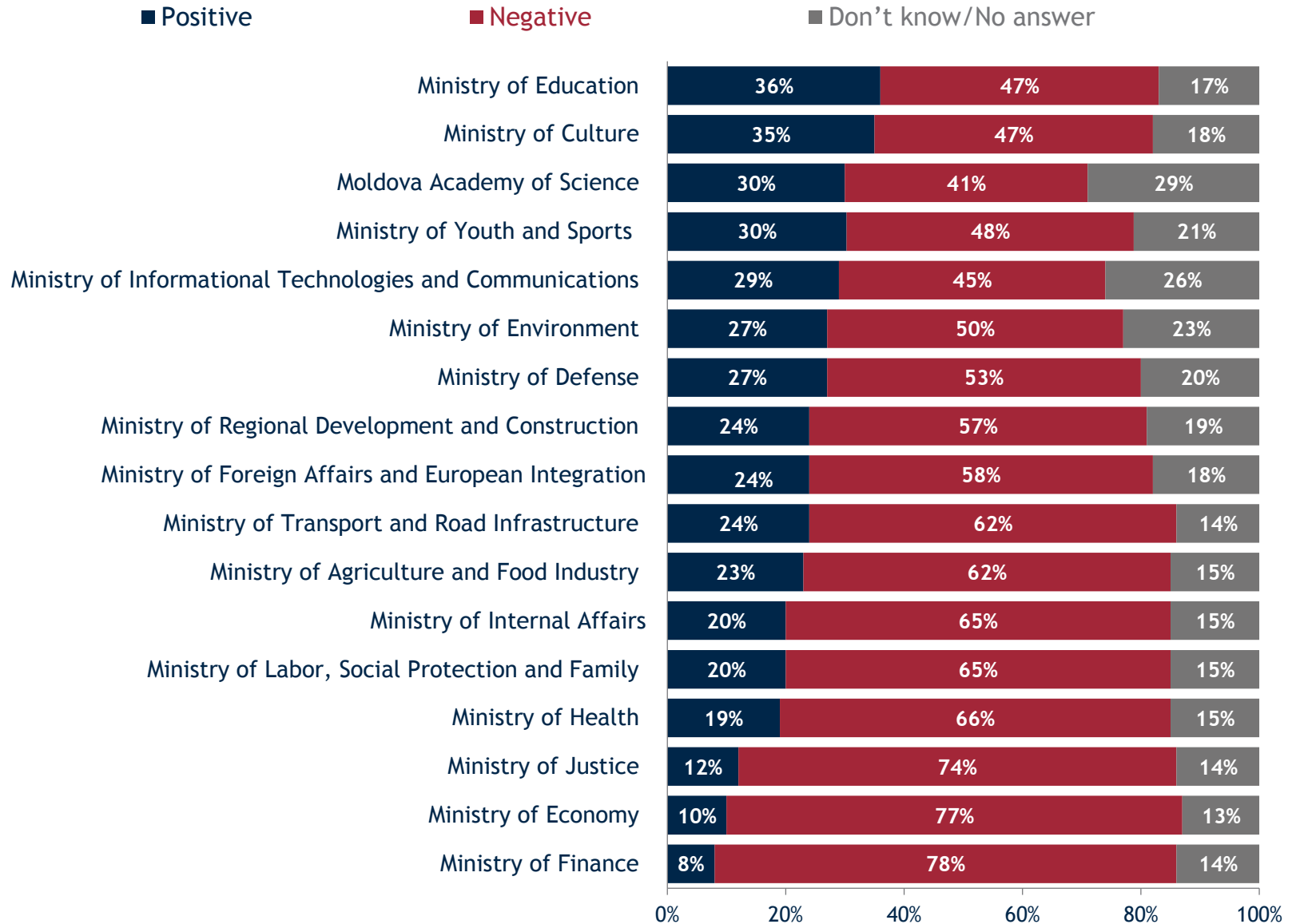
■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Somewhat disapprove ■ Strongly disapprove ■ Don't know/No answer



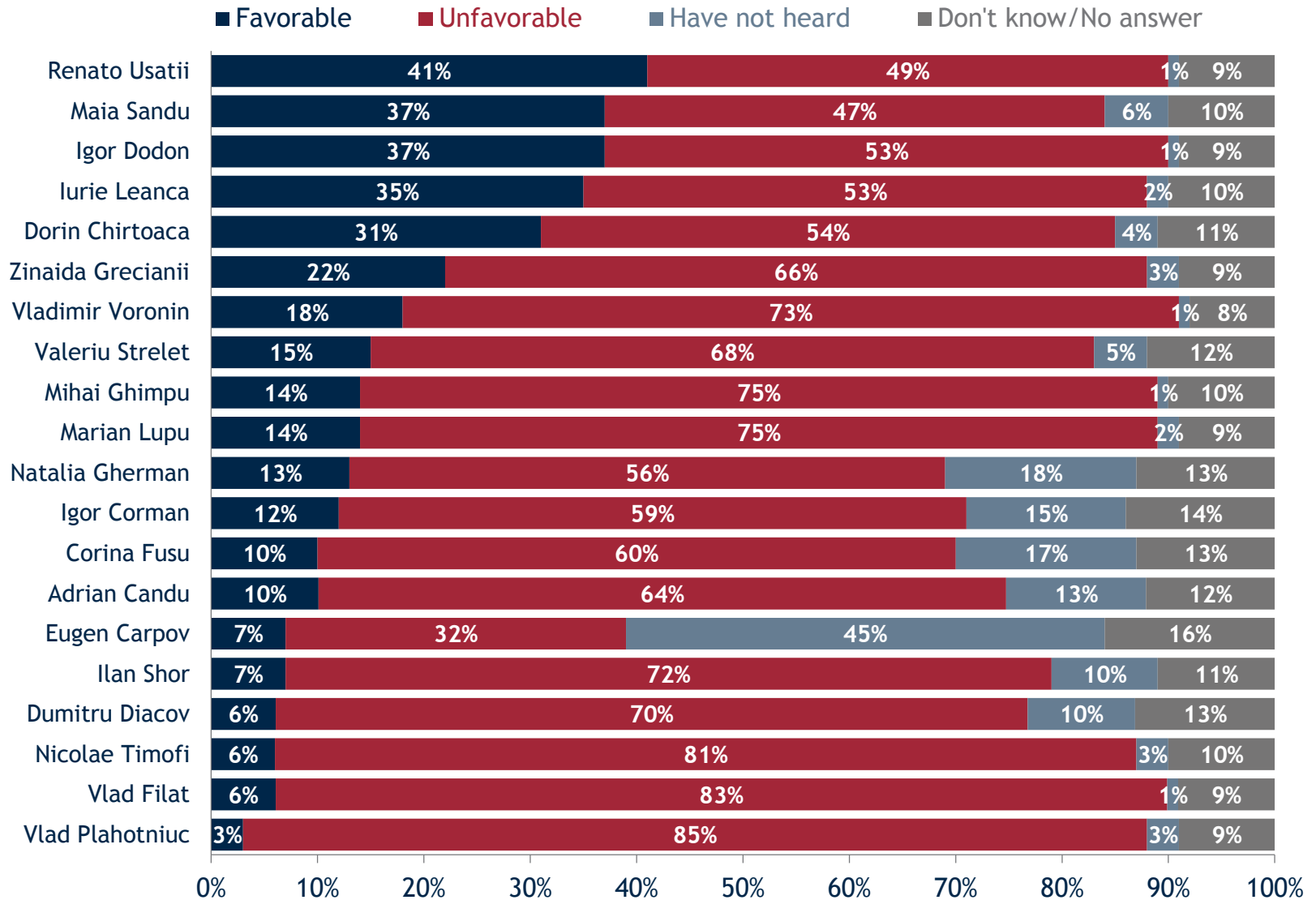
What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?



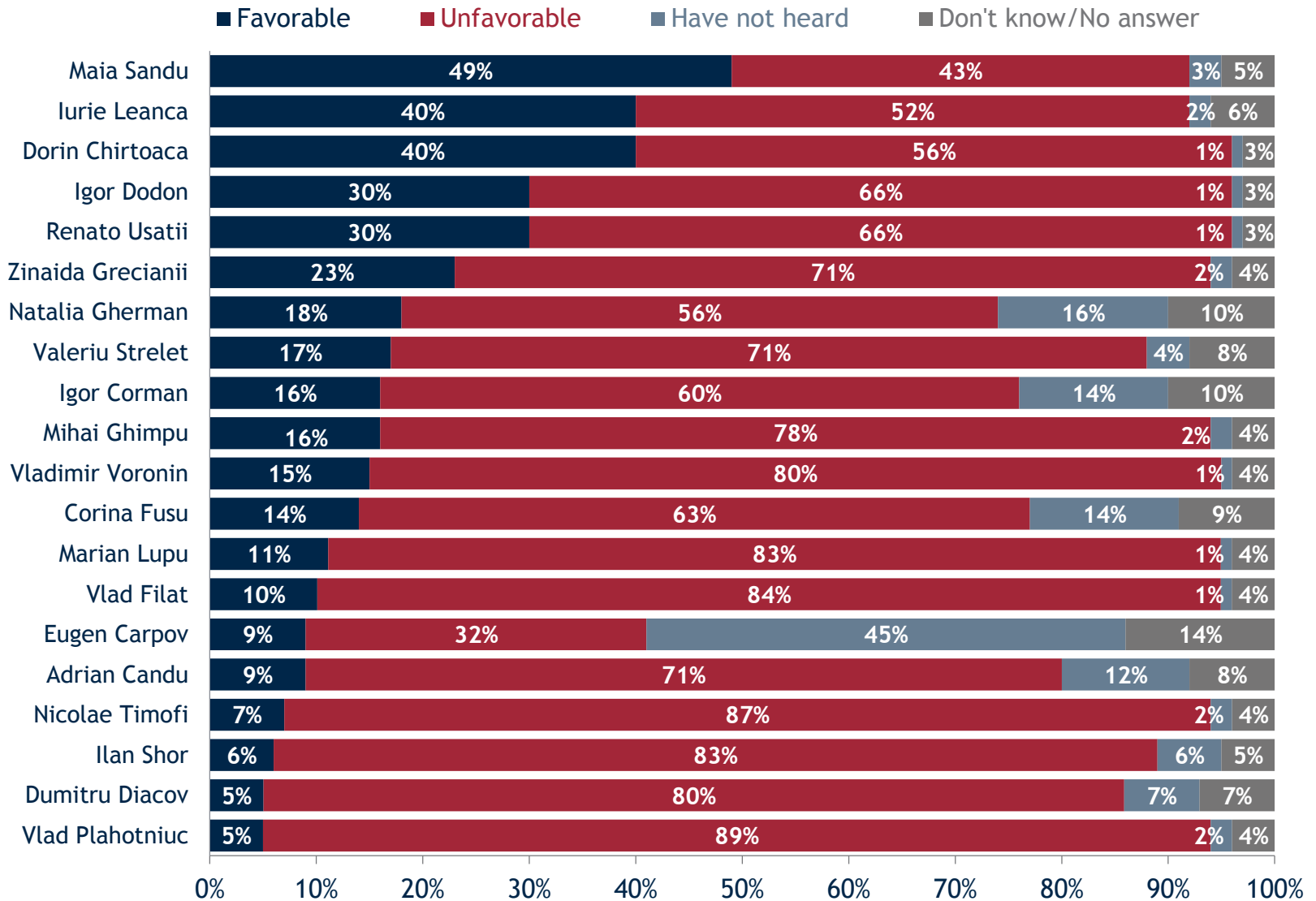
What is your opinion of the activity of each of the following ministries?



What is your opinion of each of the following Moldovan politicians or members of the Moldovan government? (Nationwide)

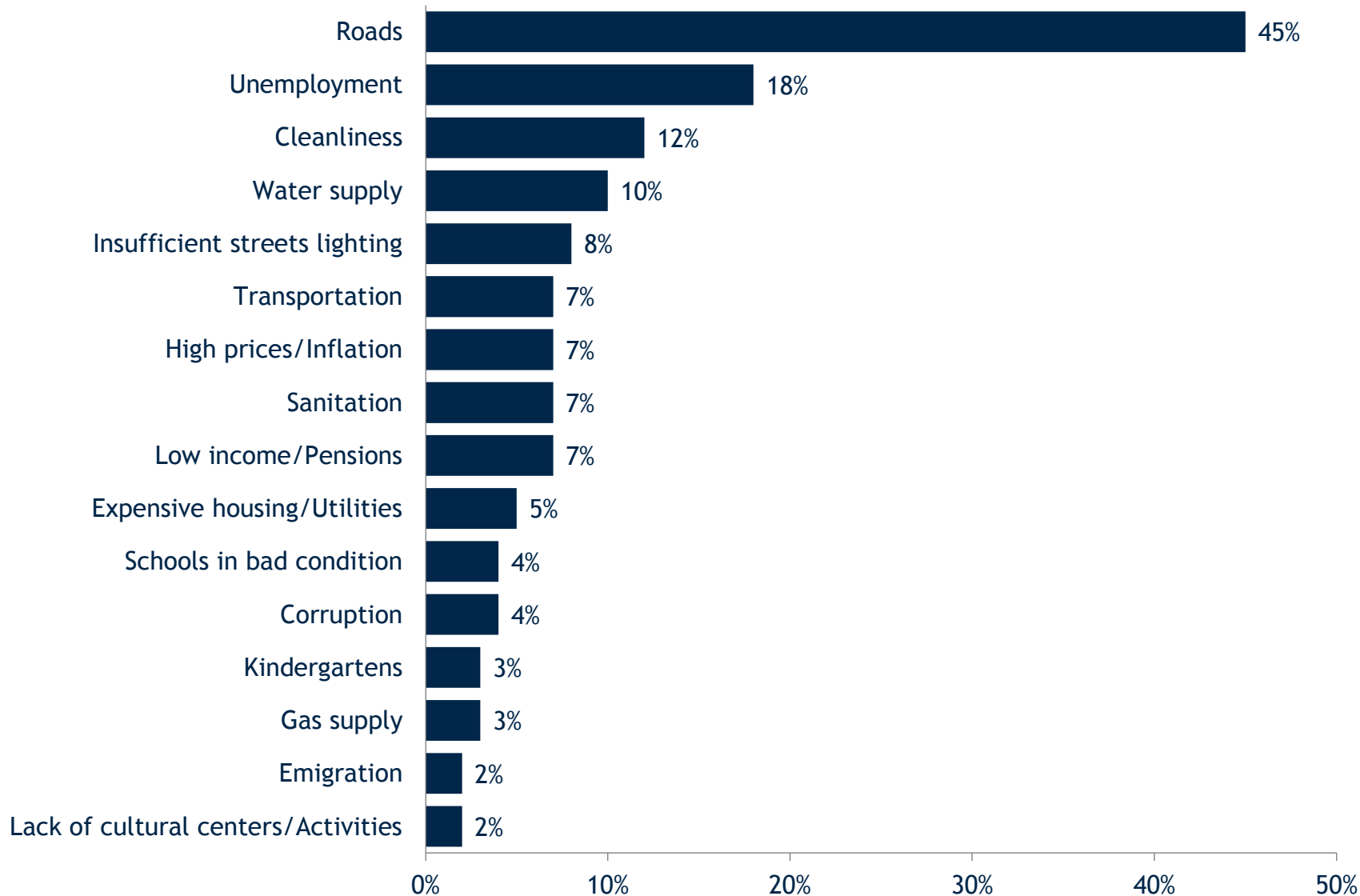


What is your opinion of each of the following Moldovan politicians or members of the Moldovan government? (Chisinau)



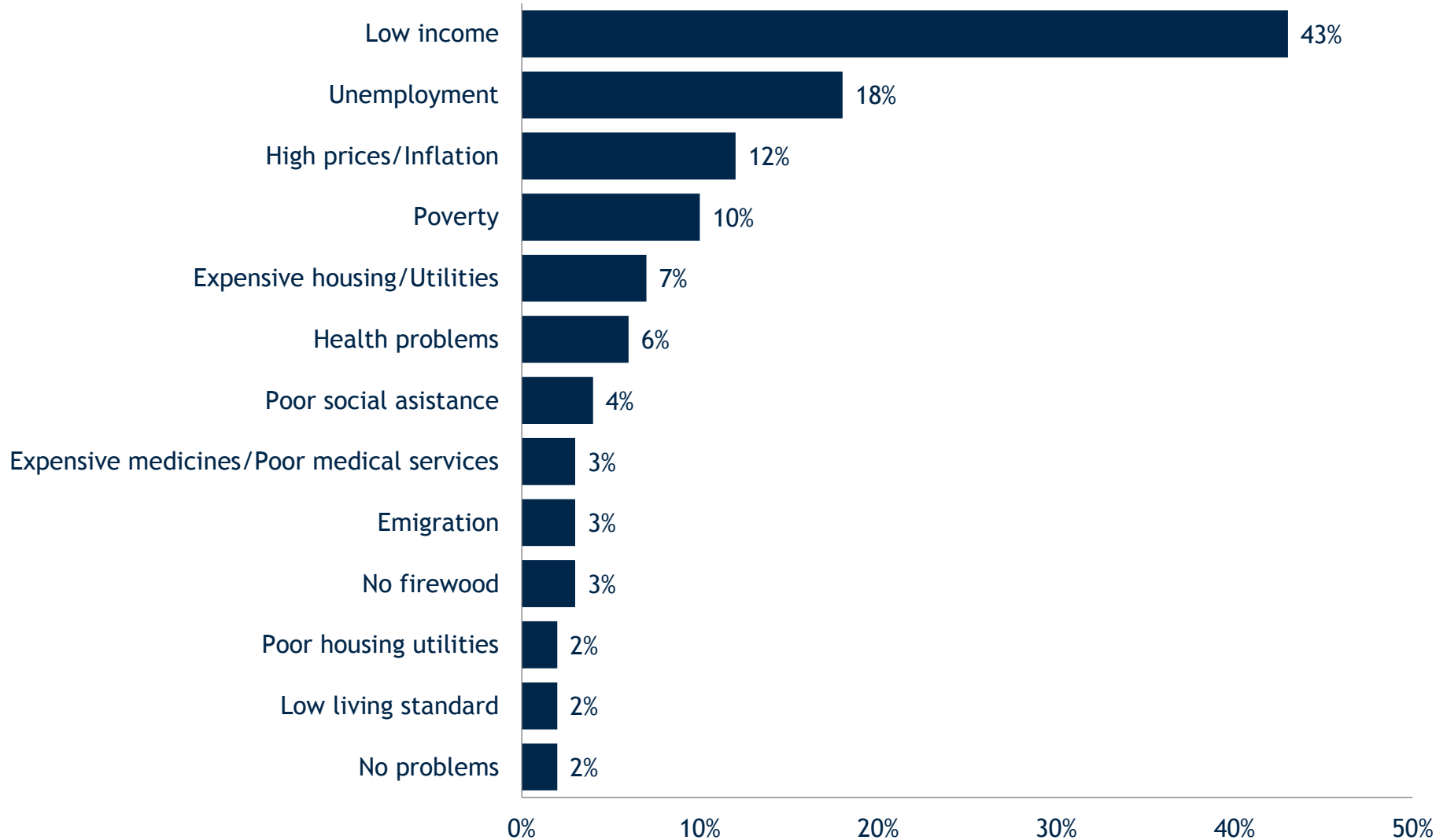
What are the most important problems your town/village is facing at the moment?

(Three spontaneous answers)



What are the most important problems facing you and your household?

(Three spontaneous answers)

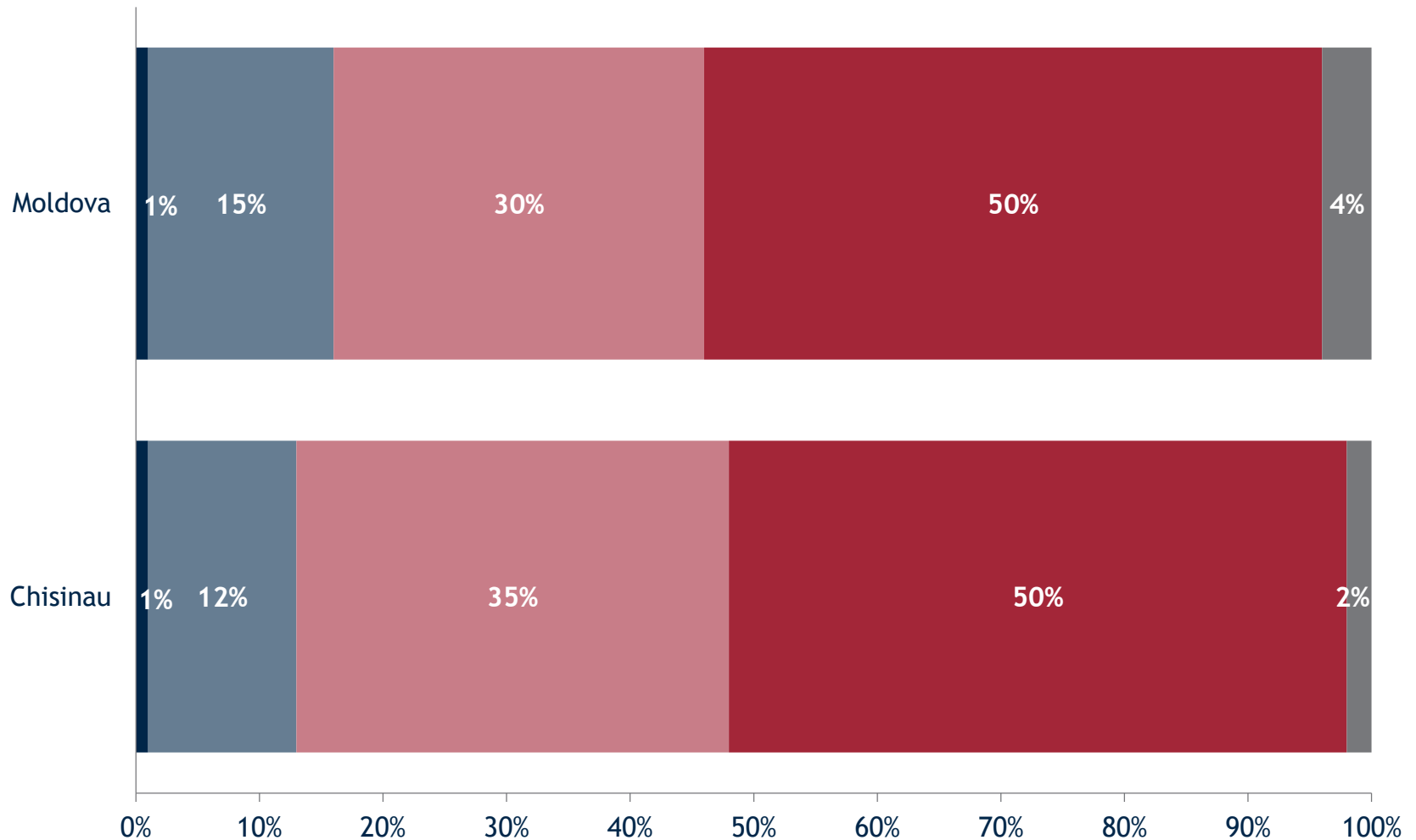




Government Corruption and Lack of Reform a Regional Challenge

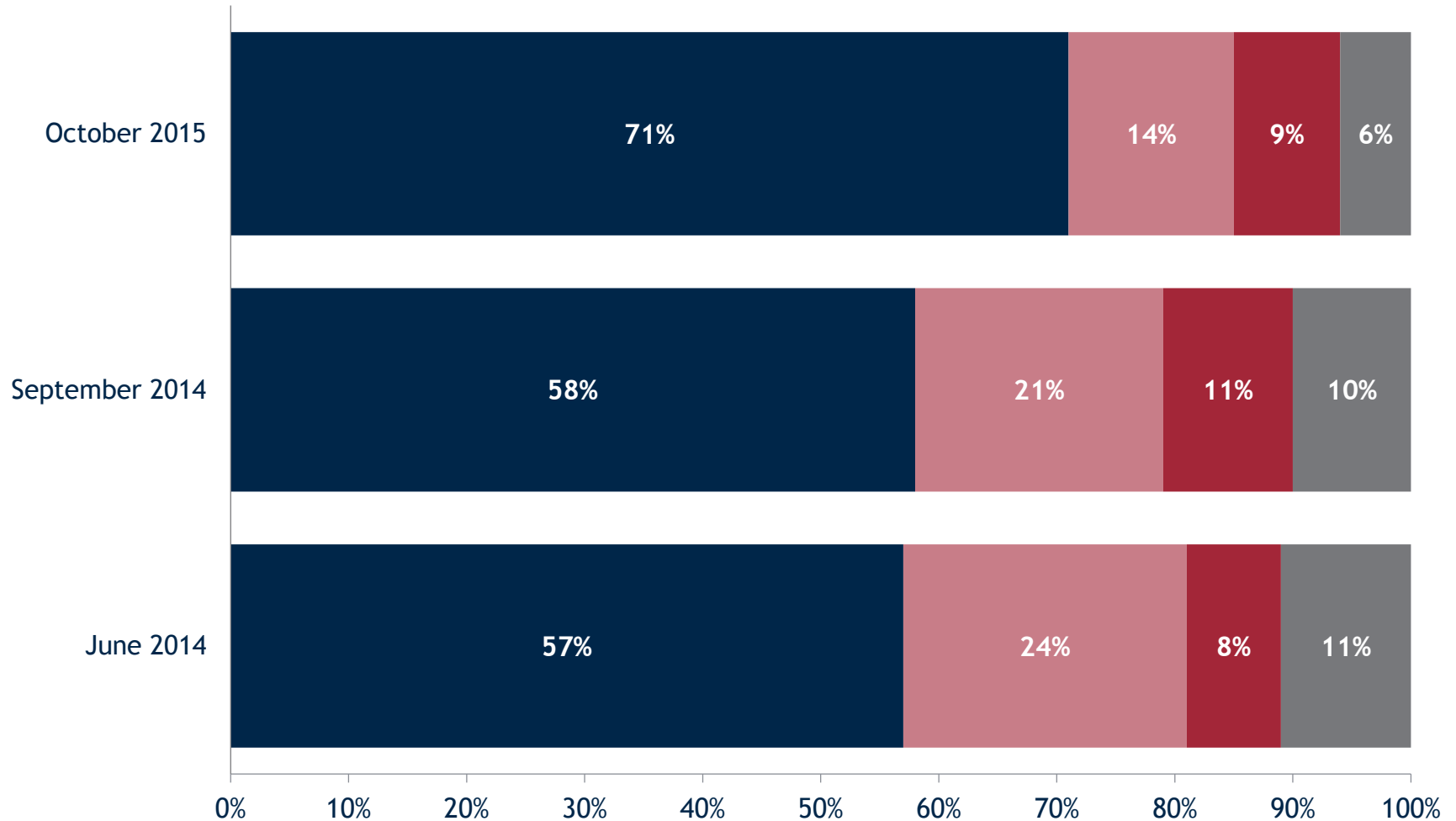
Are you satisfied with the pace of change in Moldova today?

- I am satisfied, change is happening at the right pace
- I am dissatisfied, change is happening too fast
- I am dissatisfied, change is not happening fast enough
- No change is taking place
- Don't know/No answer



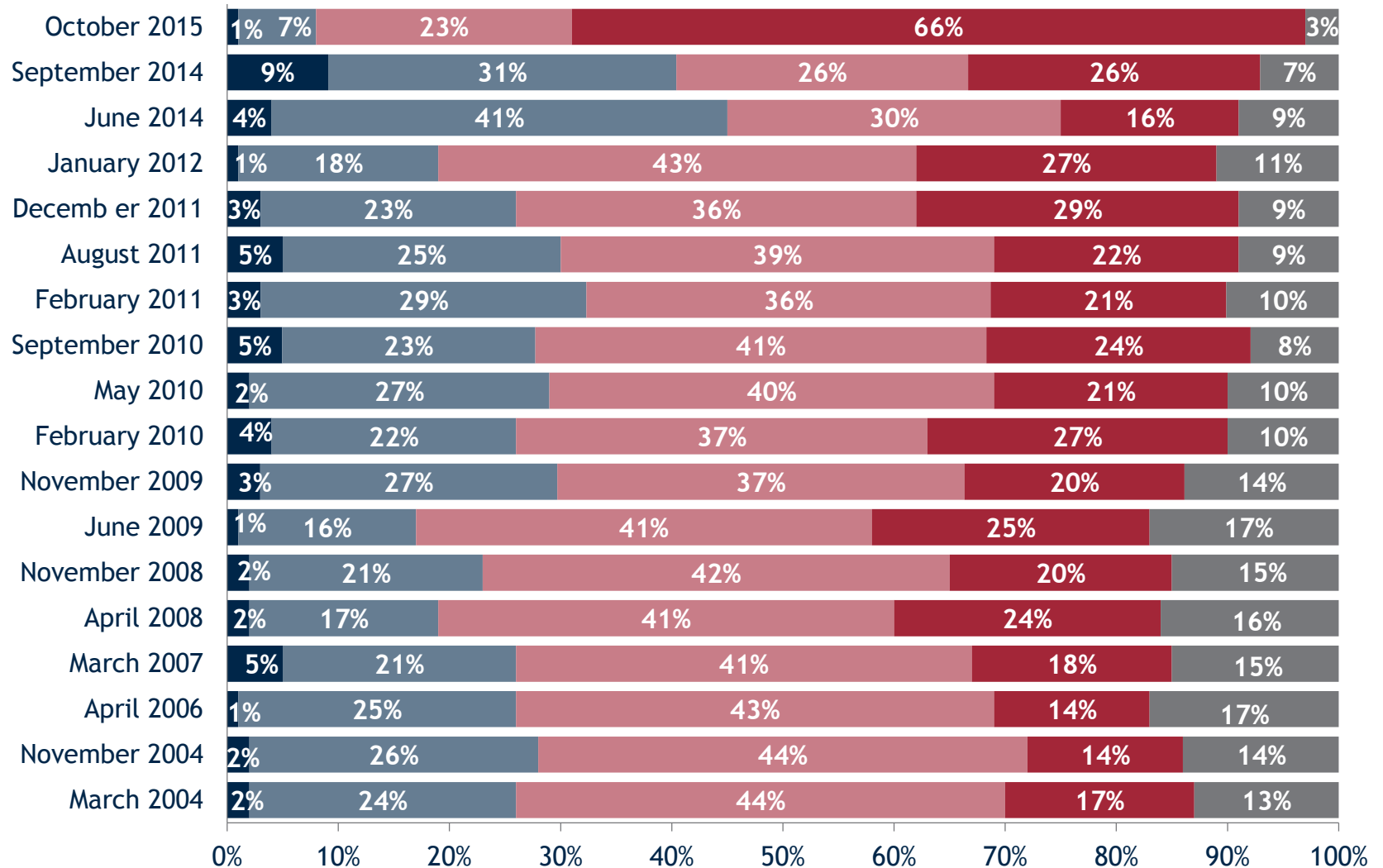
Which of these statements is closest to your point of view?

- Our society needs serious reforms (structural and systemic change)
- Our society needs gradual reforms which preserve the existing system
- Our society has to be protected from the forces who want to change the current order
- Don't know/No answer

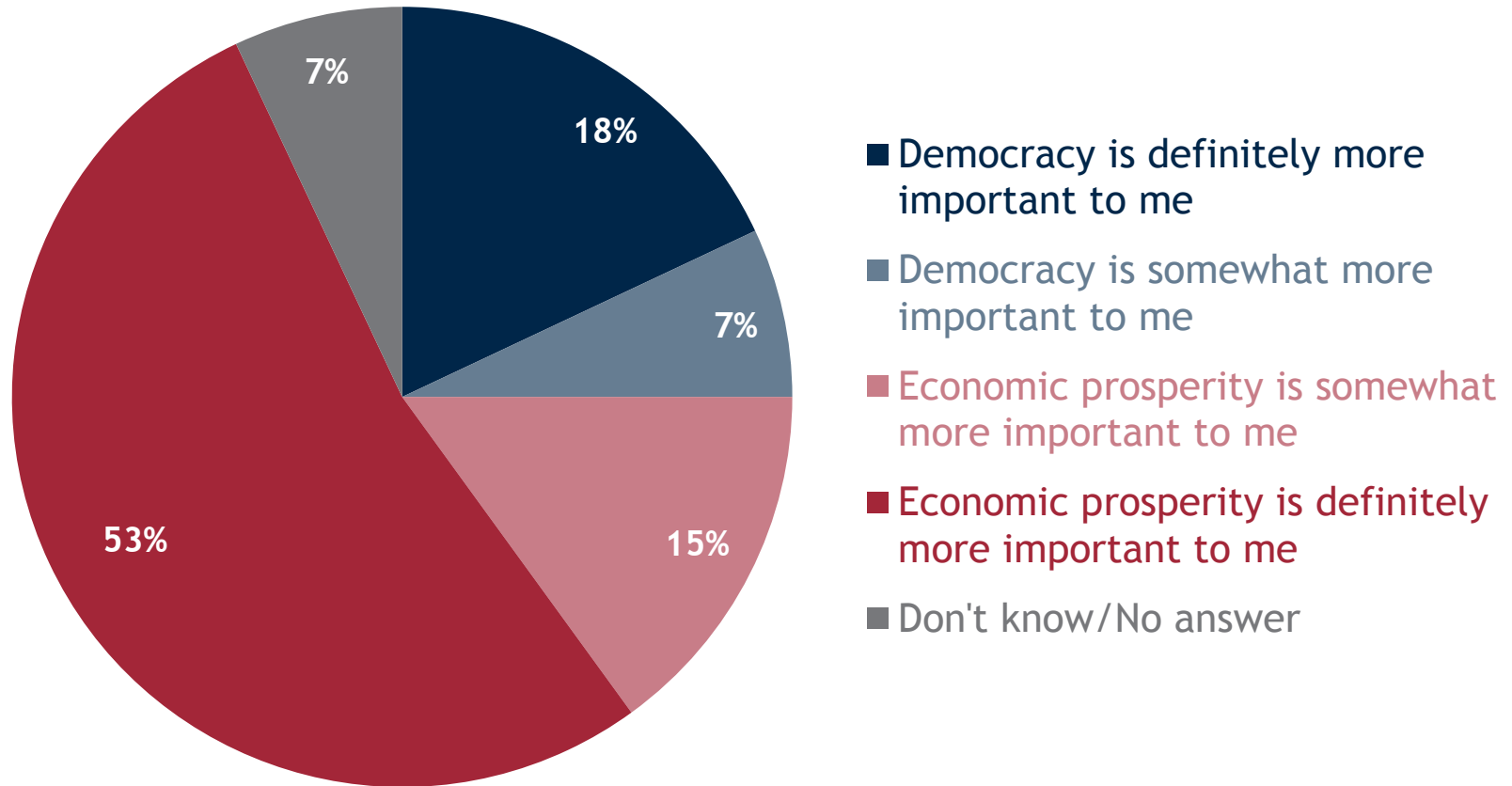


How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Moldova?

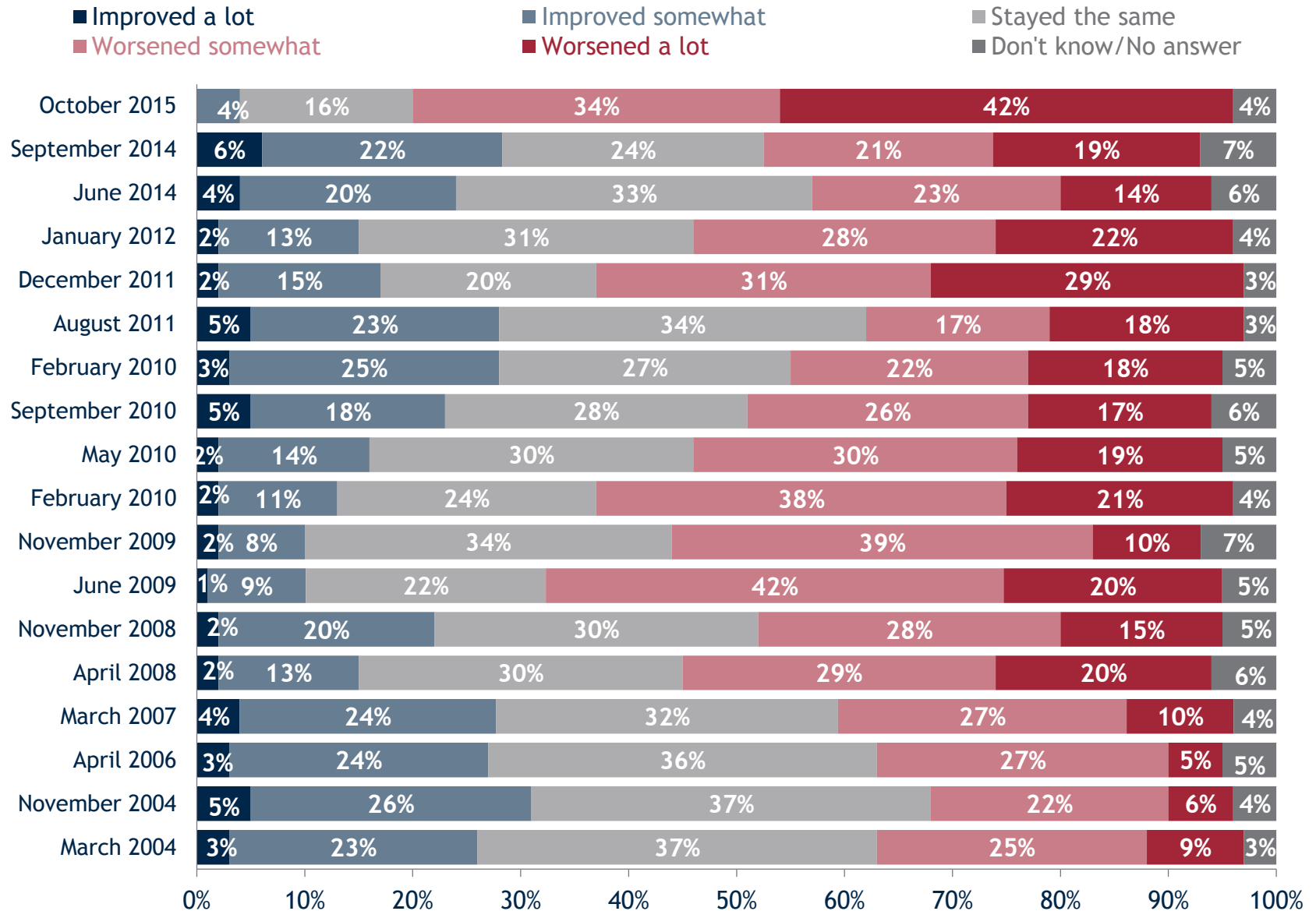
■ Very satisfied
 ■ Somewhat satisfied
 ■ Somewhat dissatisfied
 ■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ Don't know/No answer



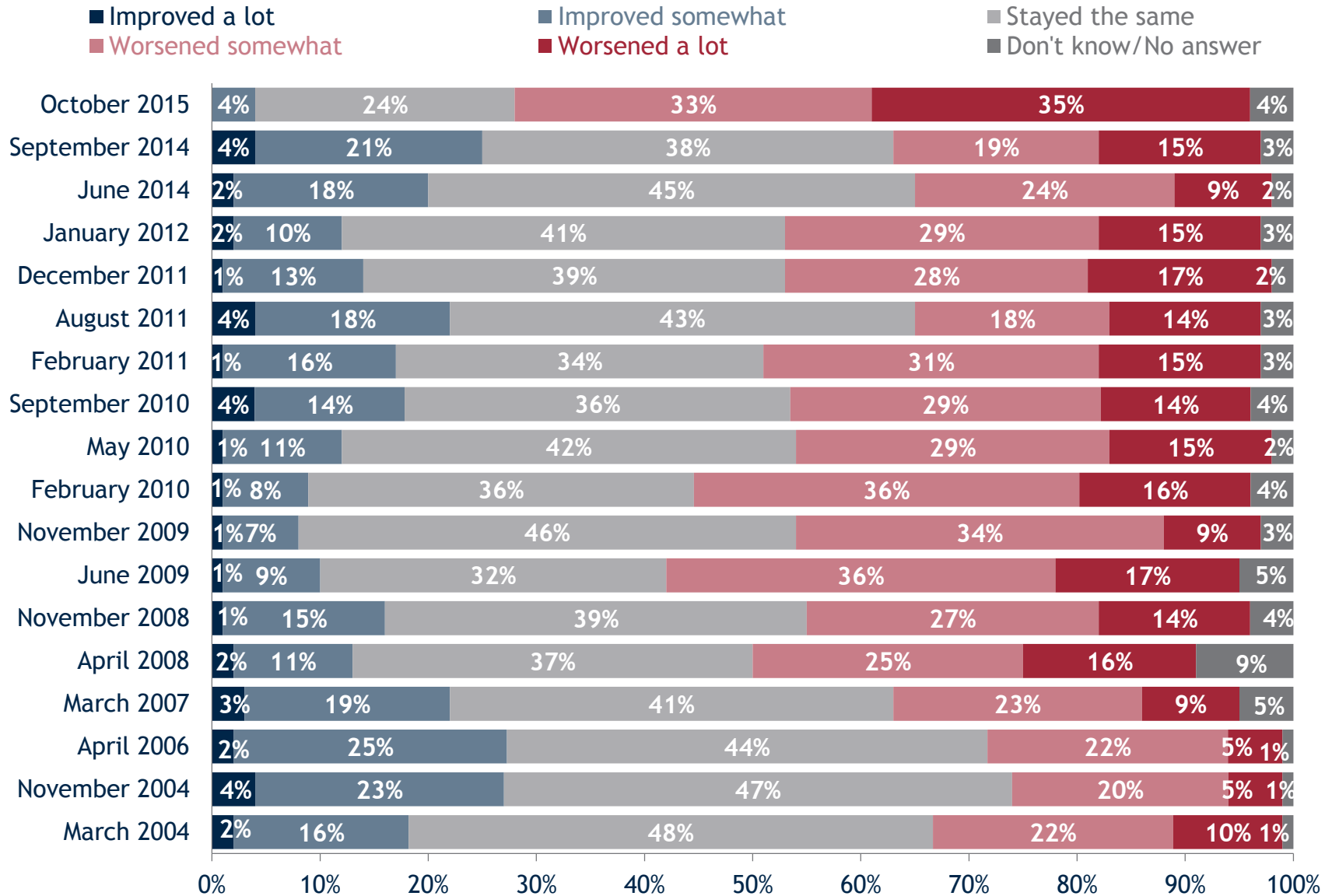
If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Moldova changed?

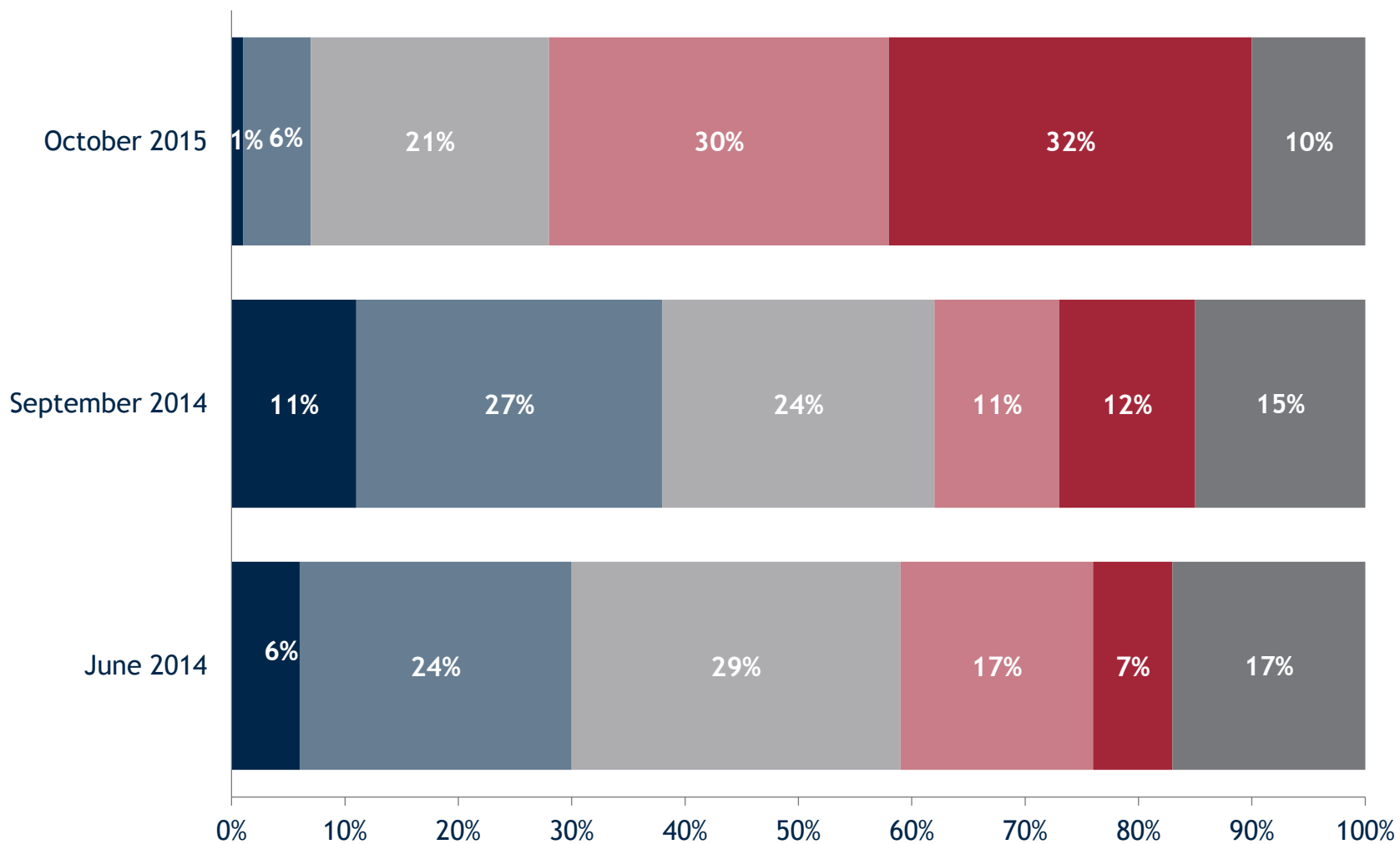


Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

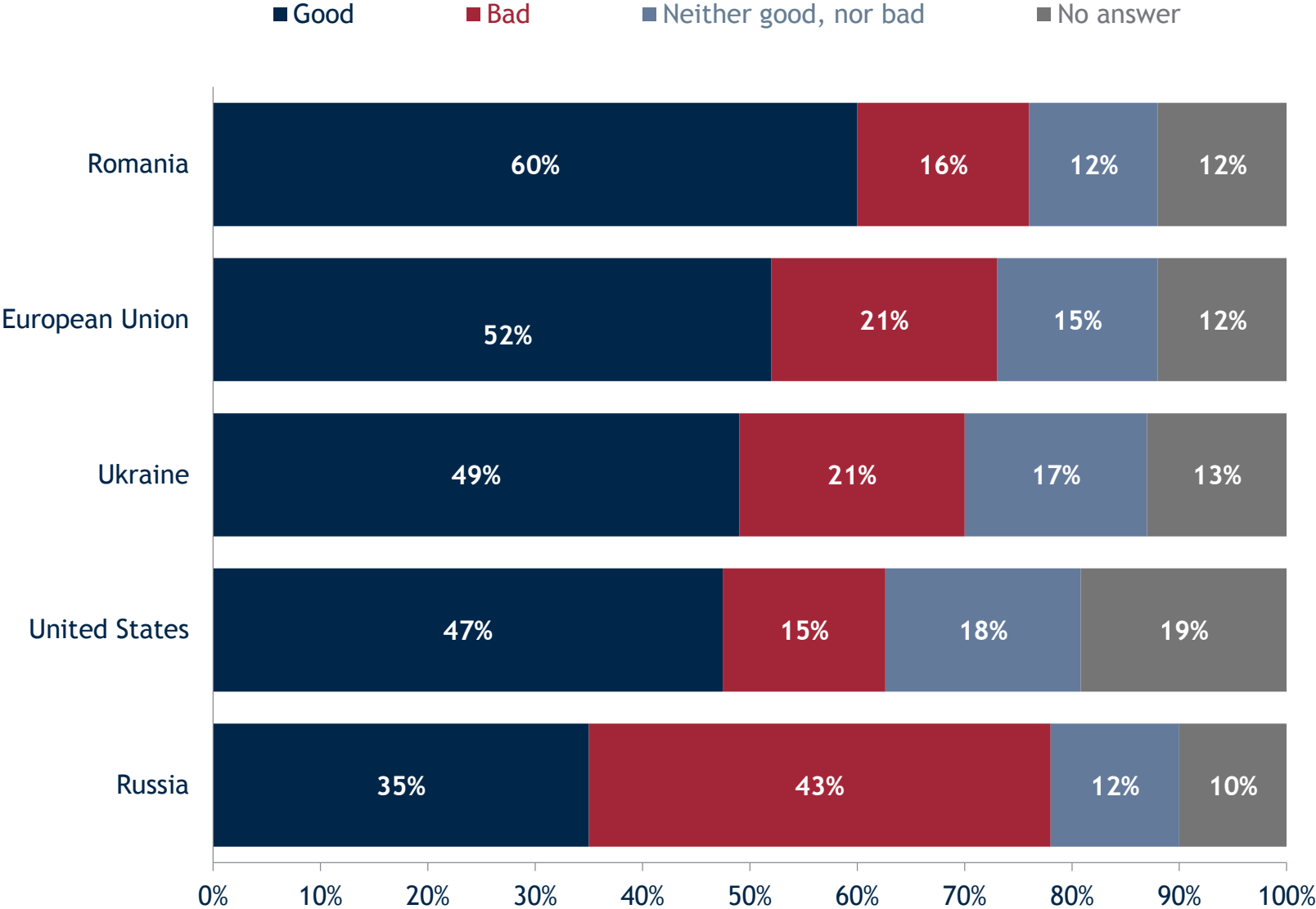


In your opinion, how will economic situation of Moldova change in the next 12 months?

■ Improve a lot ■ Improve somewhat ■ Stay the same ■ Worsen somewhat ■ Worsen a lot ■ Don't know/No answer

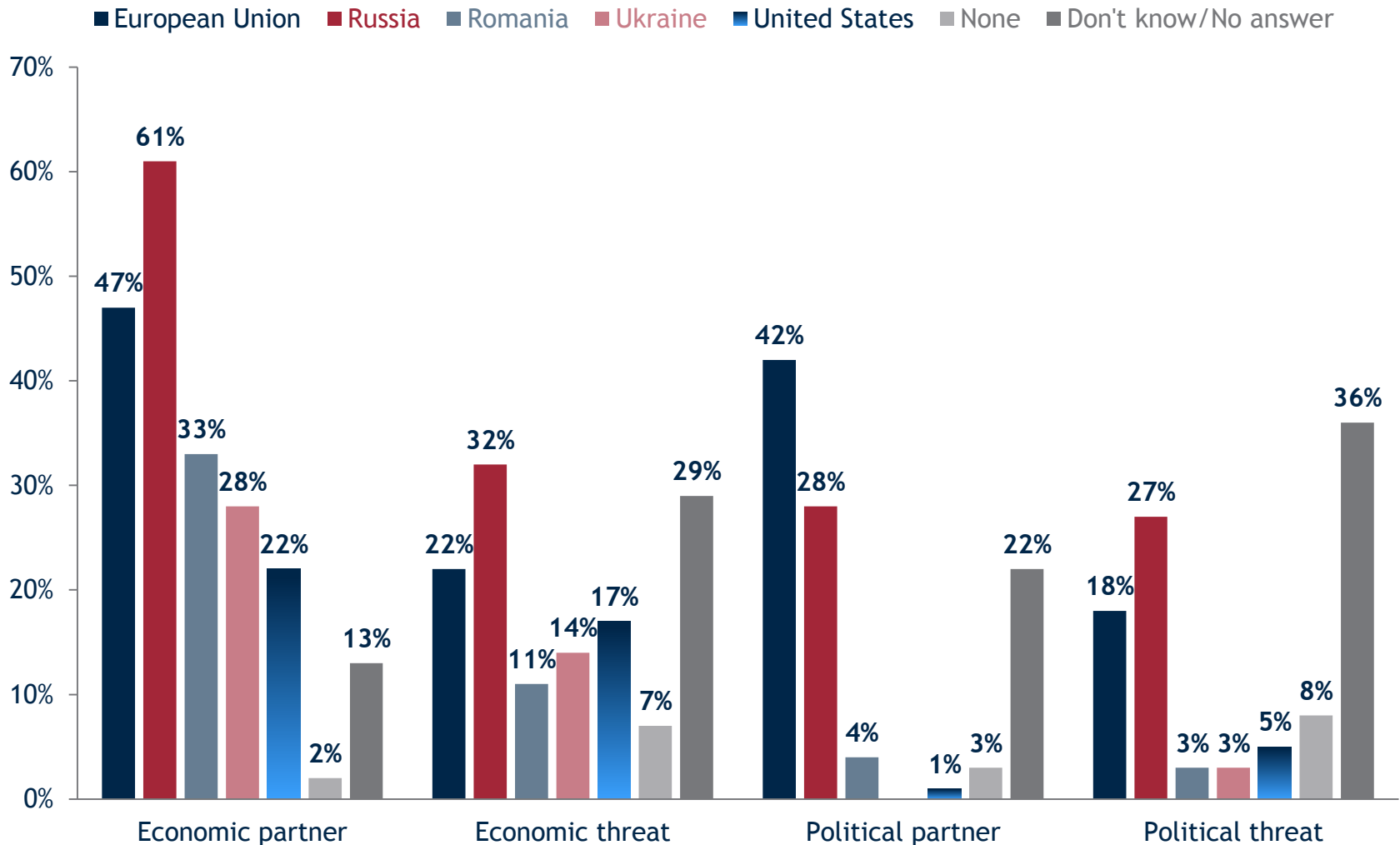


How would you assess the current relations between Moldova and...



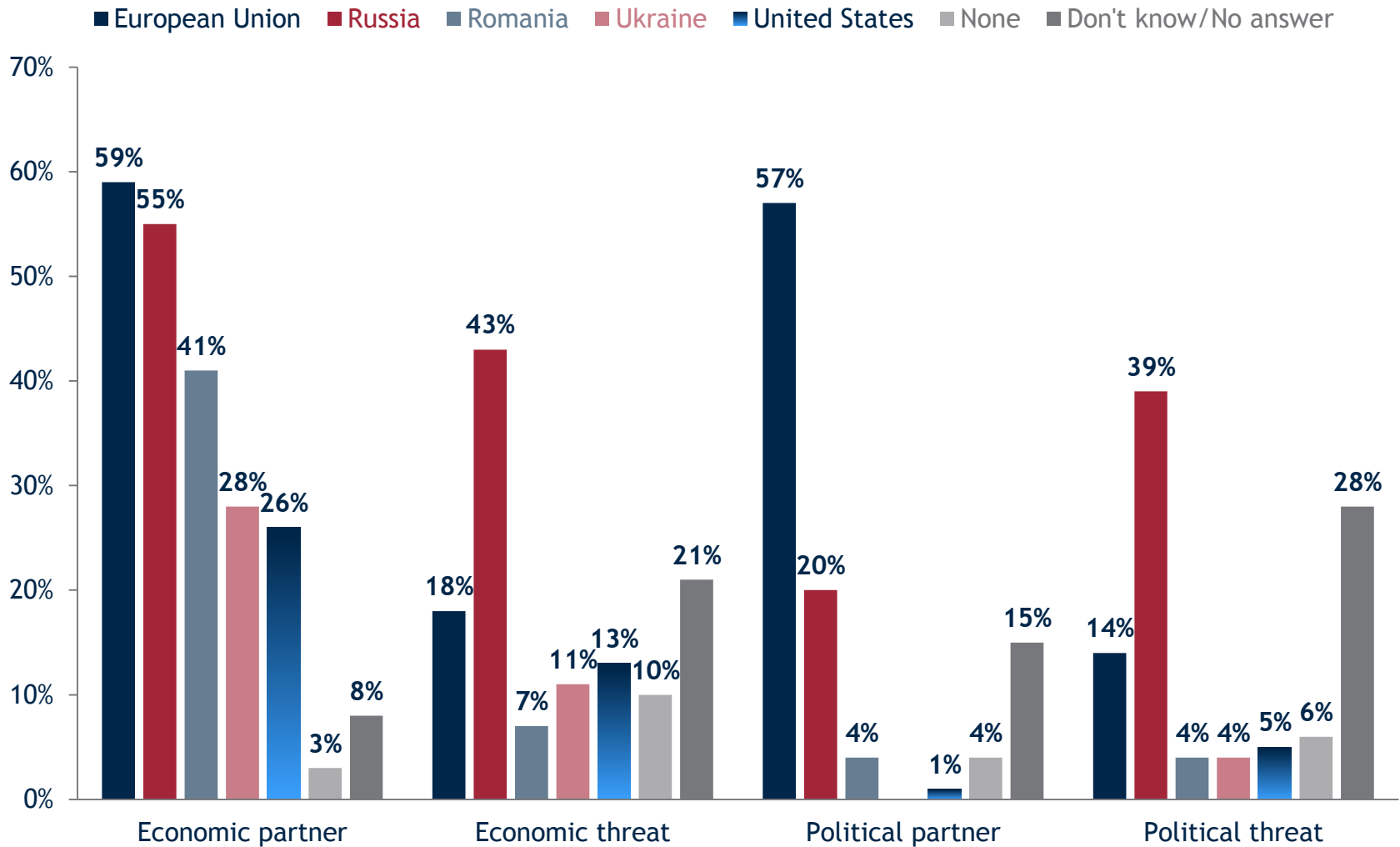
Which of these countries do you consider to be the greatest economic partner, economic threat, political partner and political threat for Moldova?

(Nationwide)

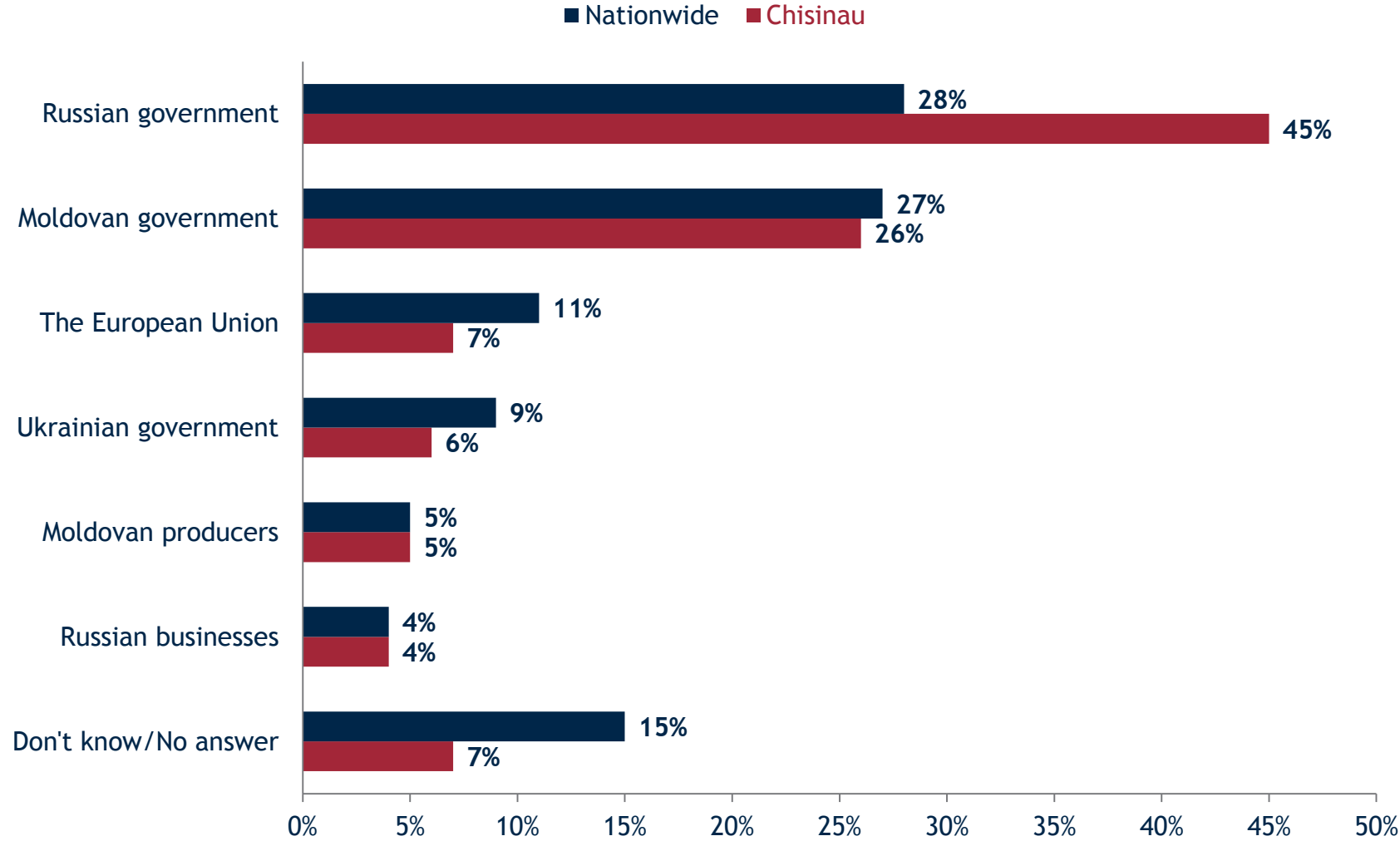


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(Chisinau)

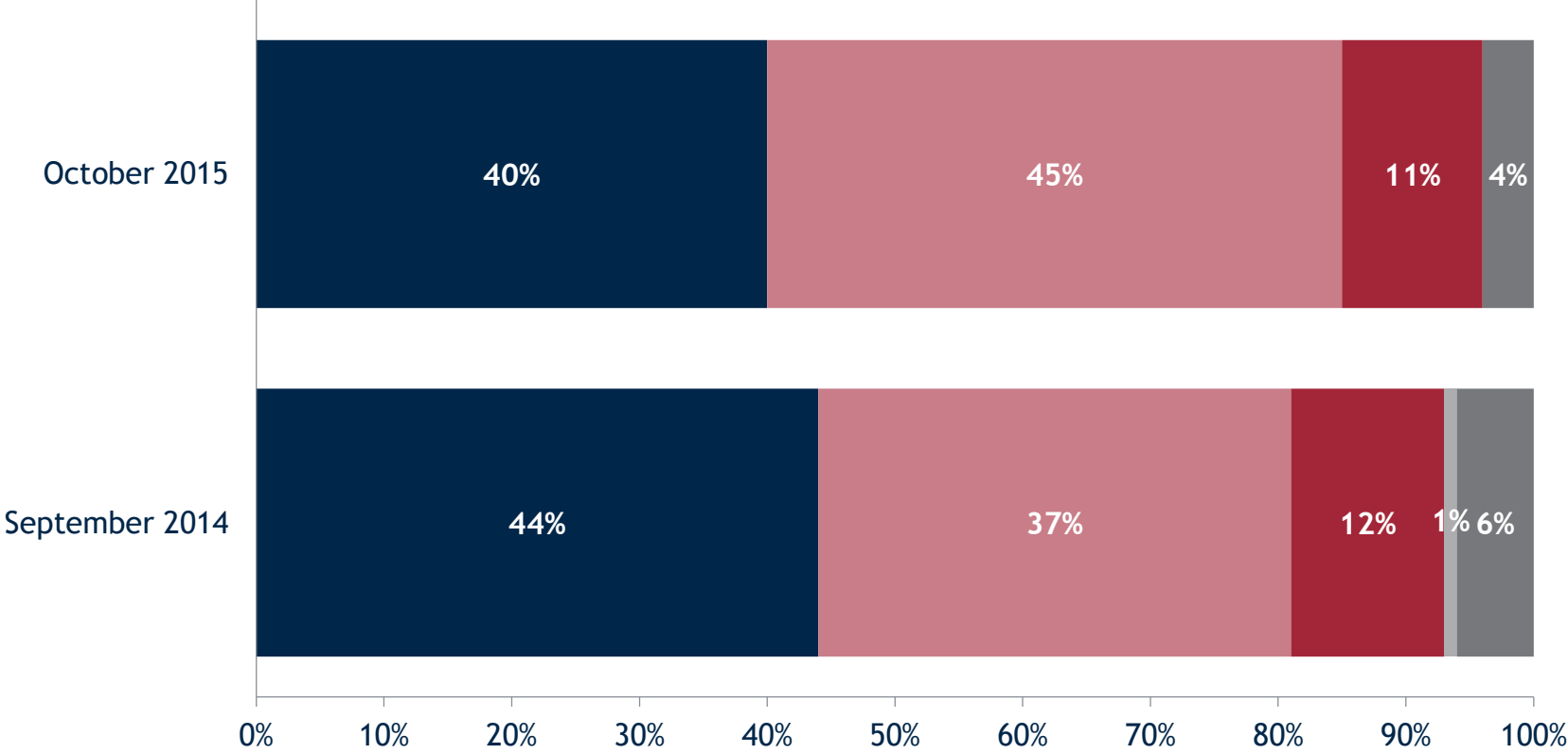


Who is responsible for the blockage of some Moldovan exports to Russia?

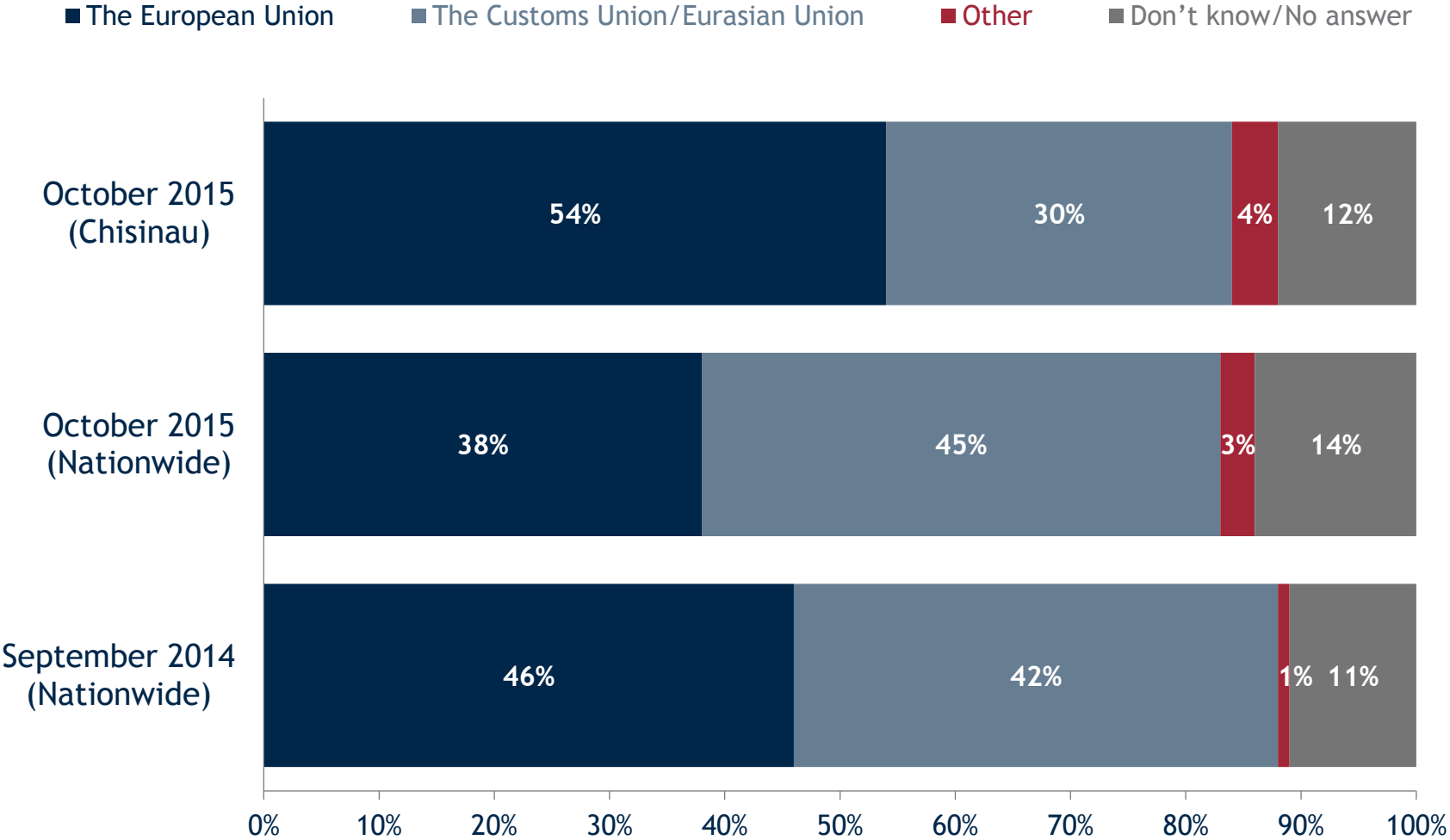


What should Moldova do in response to the Russian blockage of some Moldovan exports?

- Seek other markets for Moldovan goods
- Reason with Russia to accept Moldovan goods but without changing the priority of Moldovan foreign policy
- Fully support the policy of Russia in order to win Russia's support
- Other
- Don't know/No answer

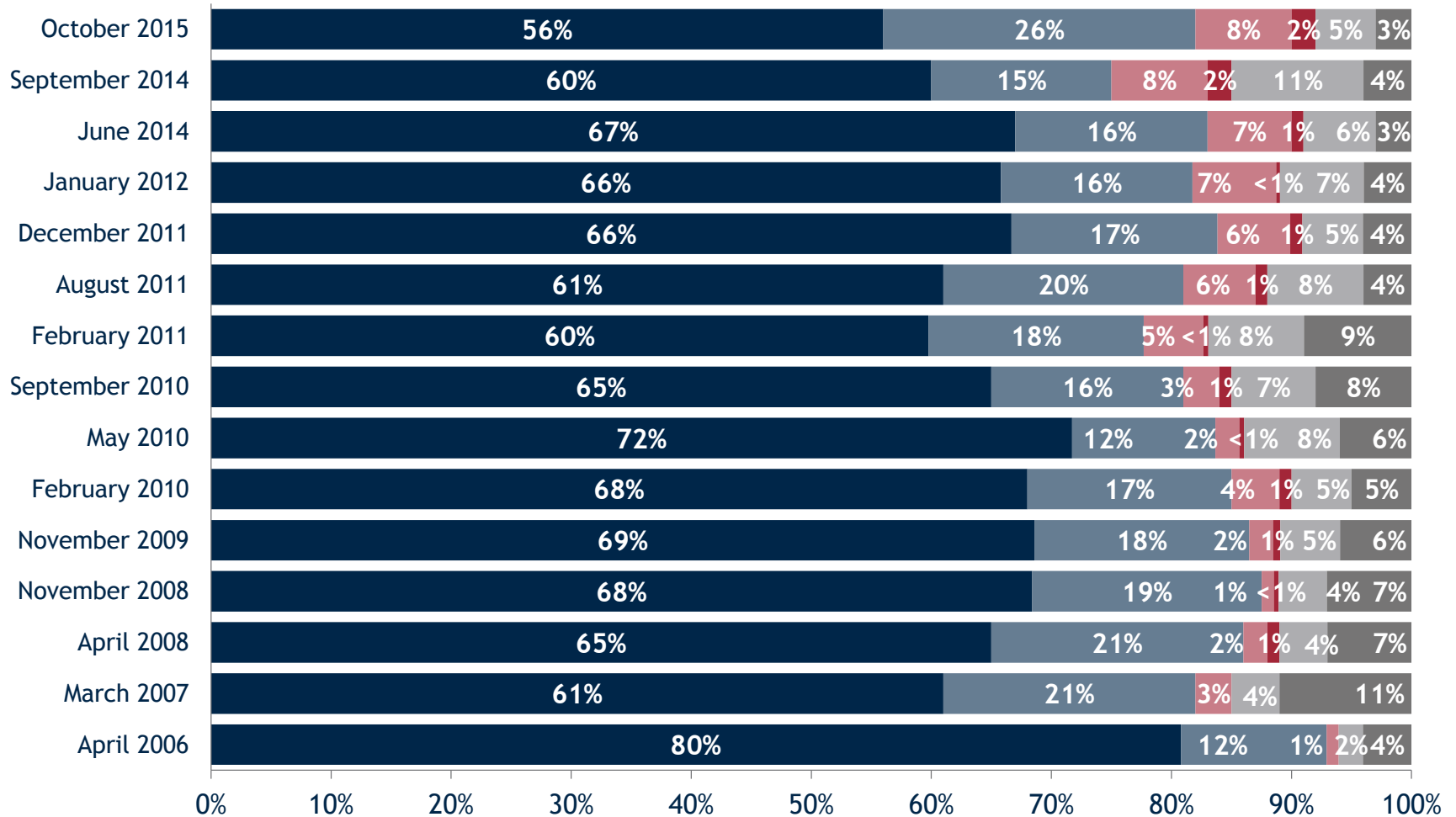


If Moldova could only join one international economic union, which one should it be?



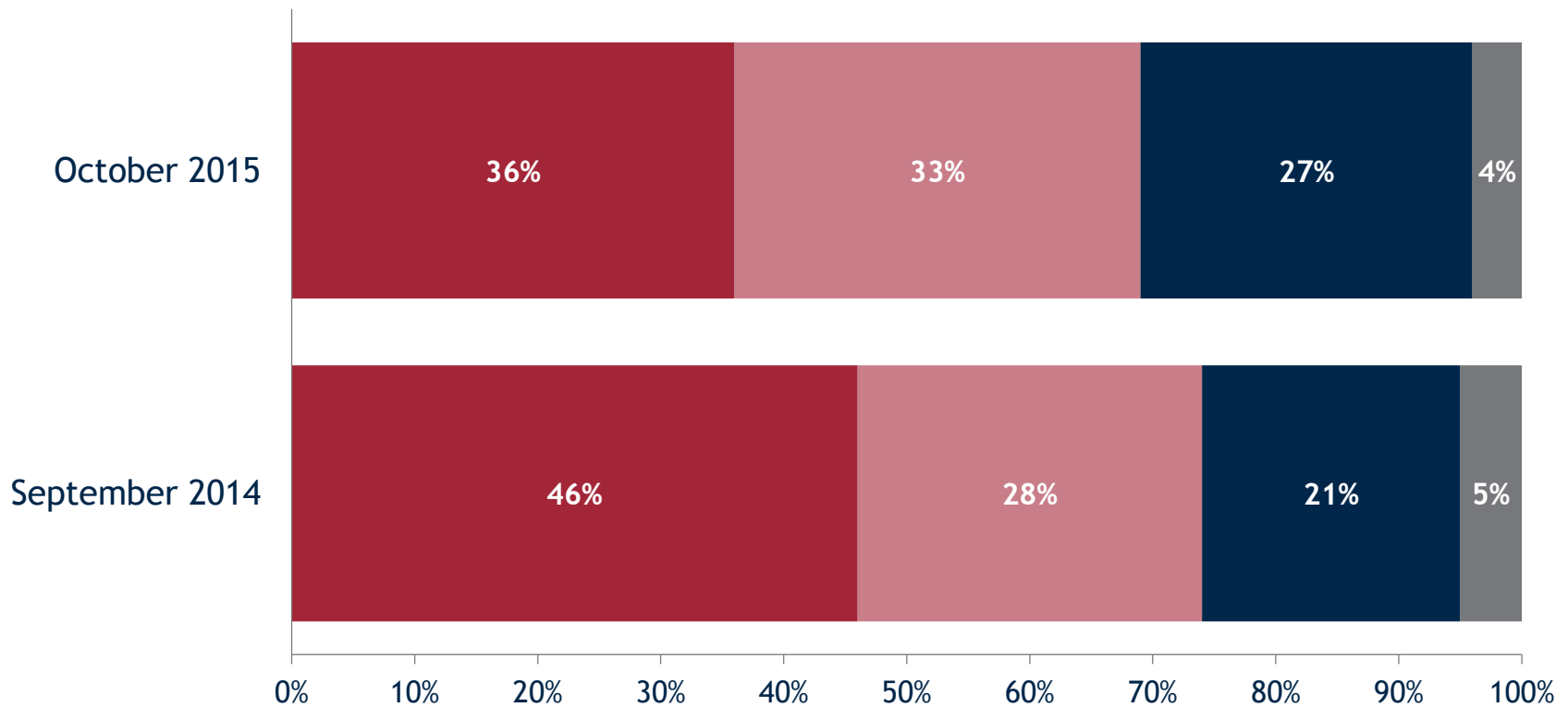
What do you think the future of Transnistria should be?

- Ordinary region of Moldova, without any autonomy
- Autonomy within the Republic of Moldova
- A part of the Russian Federation
- A part of Ukraine
- Independent
- Don't know/No answer



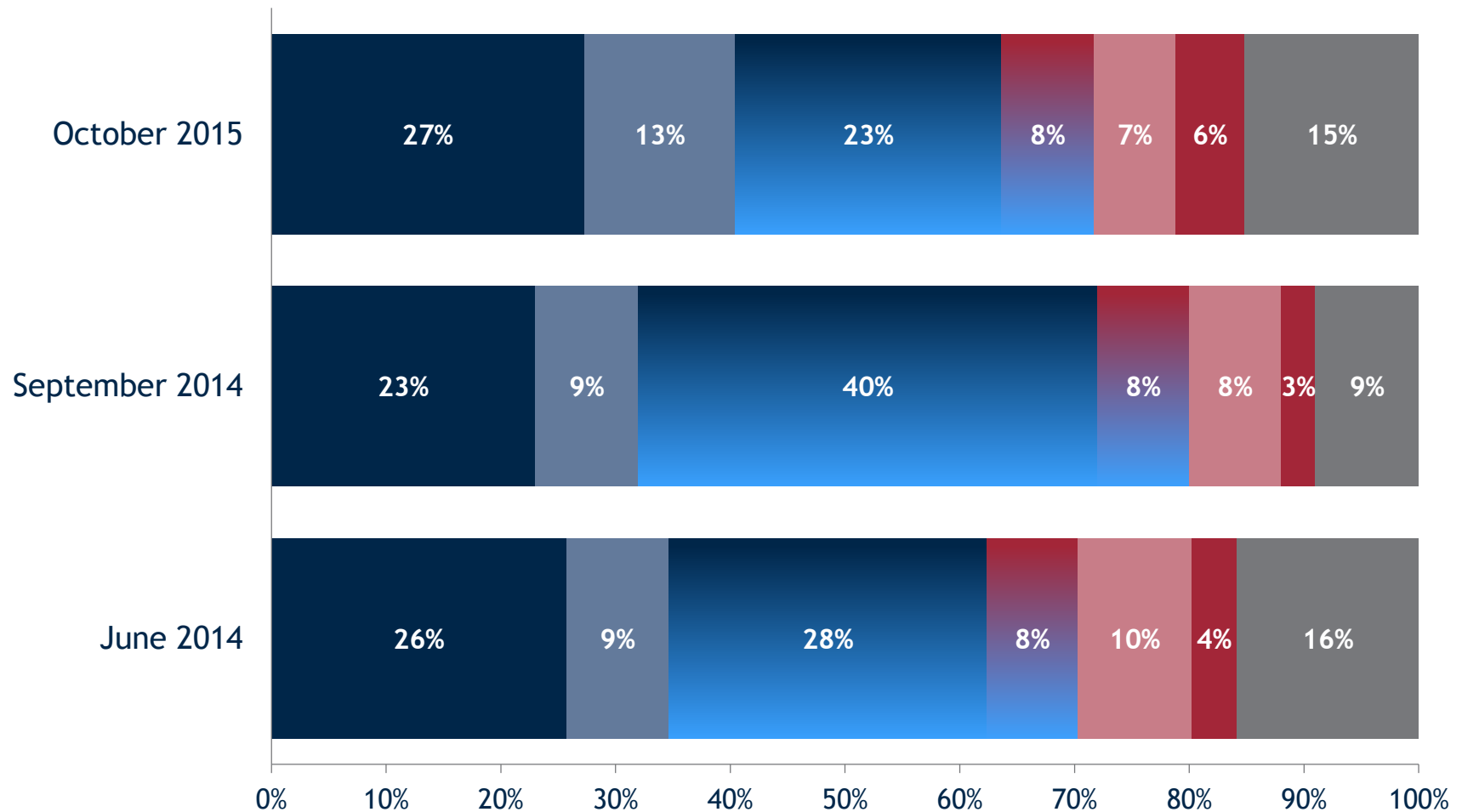
Given the current Russian activities in Ukraine, do you consider Russian troops in Transnistria to be a threat to Moldova?

- They are a real threat to Moldova
- They are maybe a threat to Moldova, depending on events in Ukraine
- They are not a real threat to Moldova
- Don't know/No answer

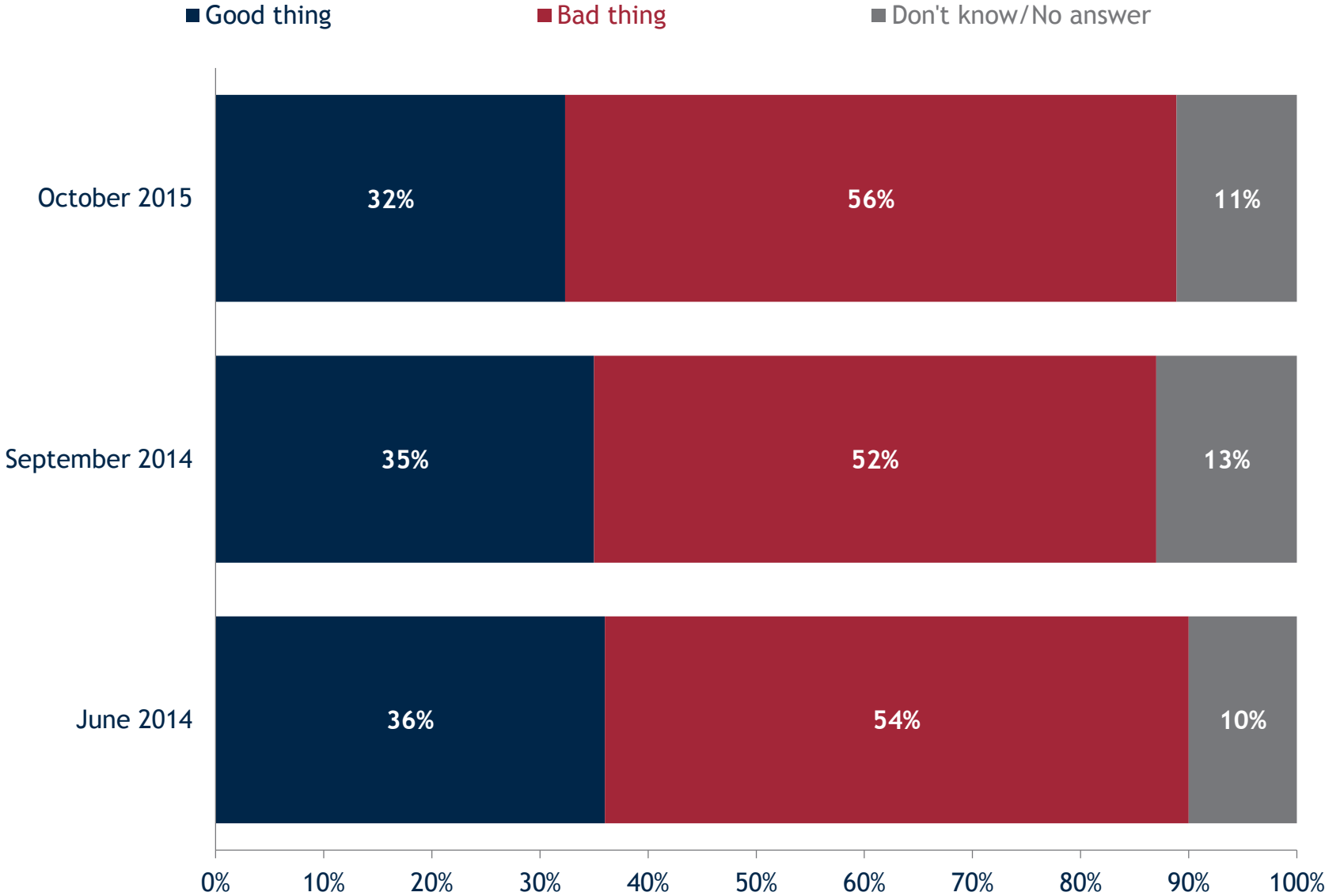


Who do you believe is responsible for the current crisis in Ukraine?

- Previous Ukrainian government
- New Ukrainian government
- Russia
- European Union
- Certain groups of Ukrainian people
- Other
- Don't know/No answer

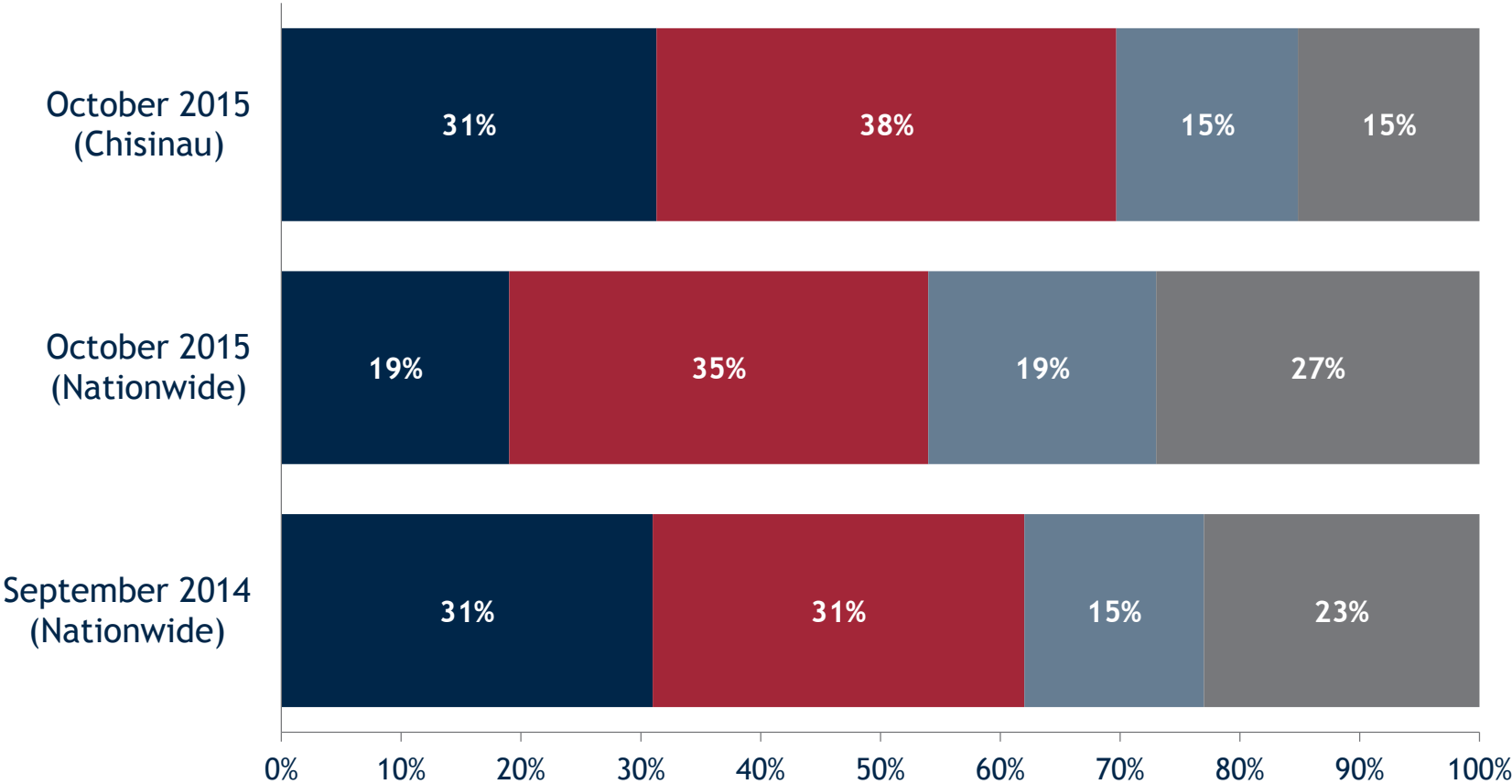


Do you think the dissolution of the Soviet Union was a good or bad thing?



If a referendum was held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?

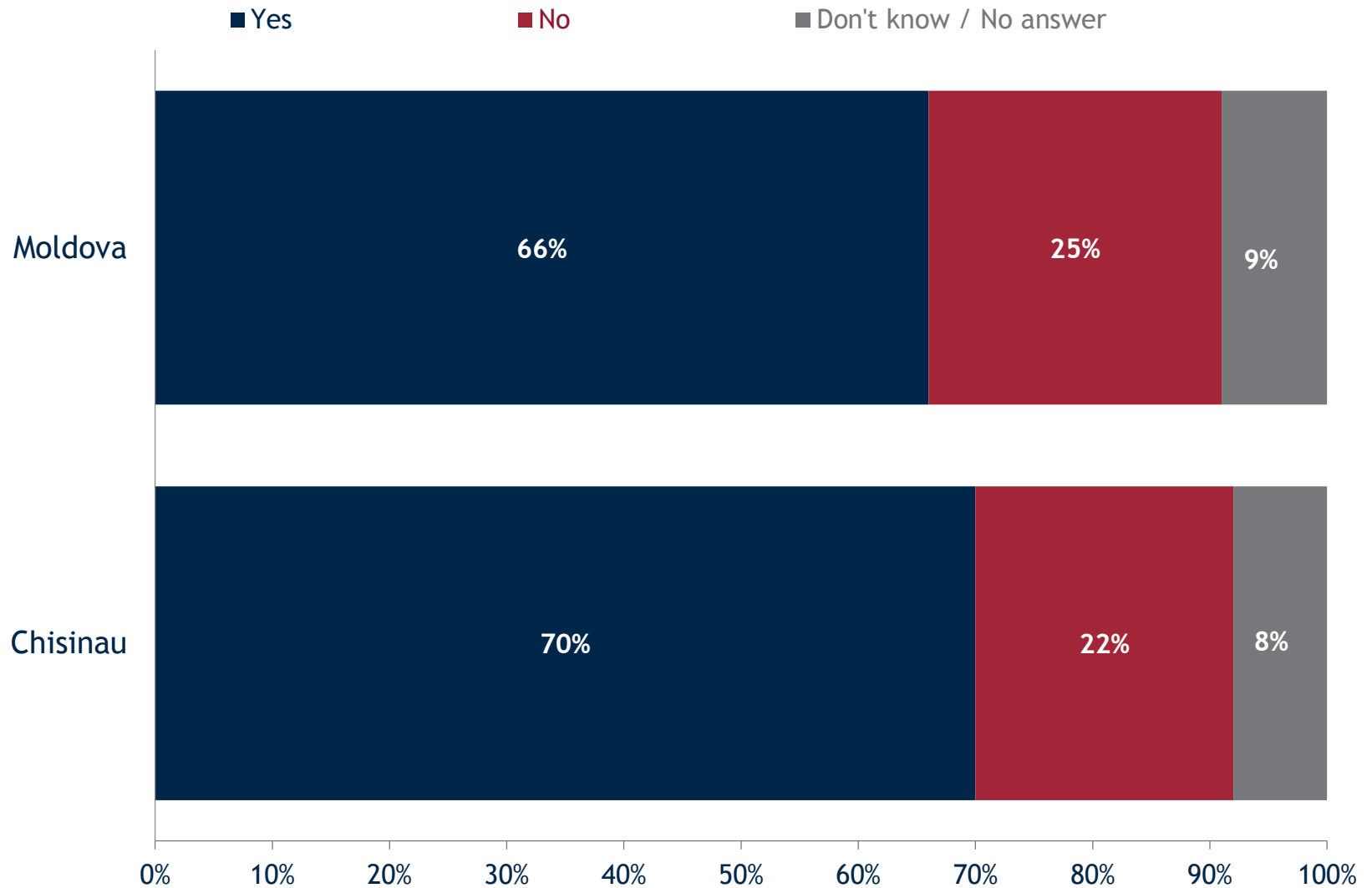
■ For Moldova joining NATO ■ Against Moldova joining NATO ■ Would not vote ■ Don't know/No answer





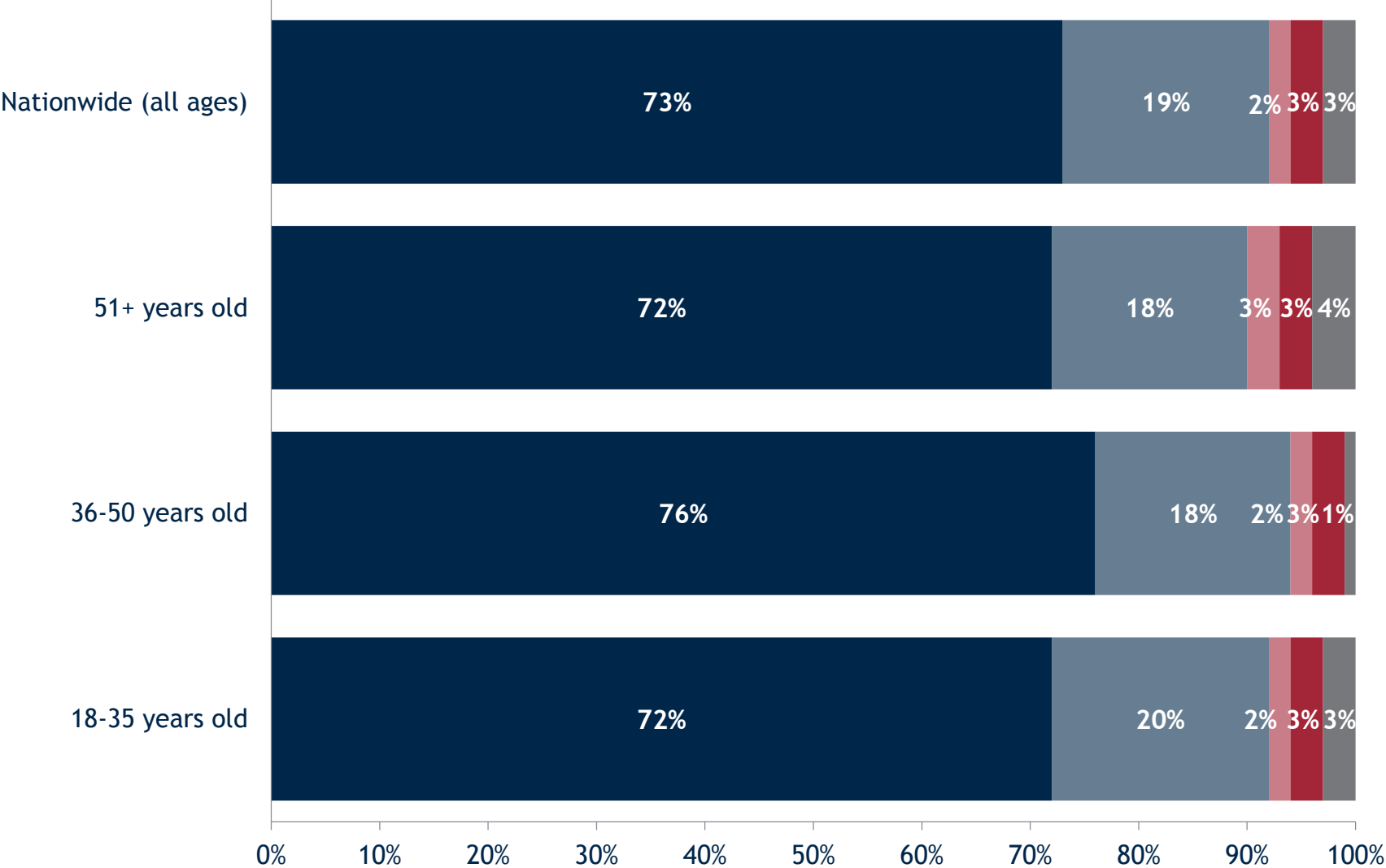
Moldovans Looking for New Leaders

Do you support the idea of early parliamentary elections?



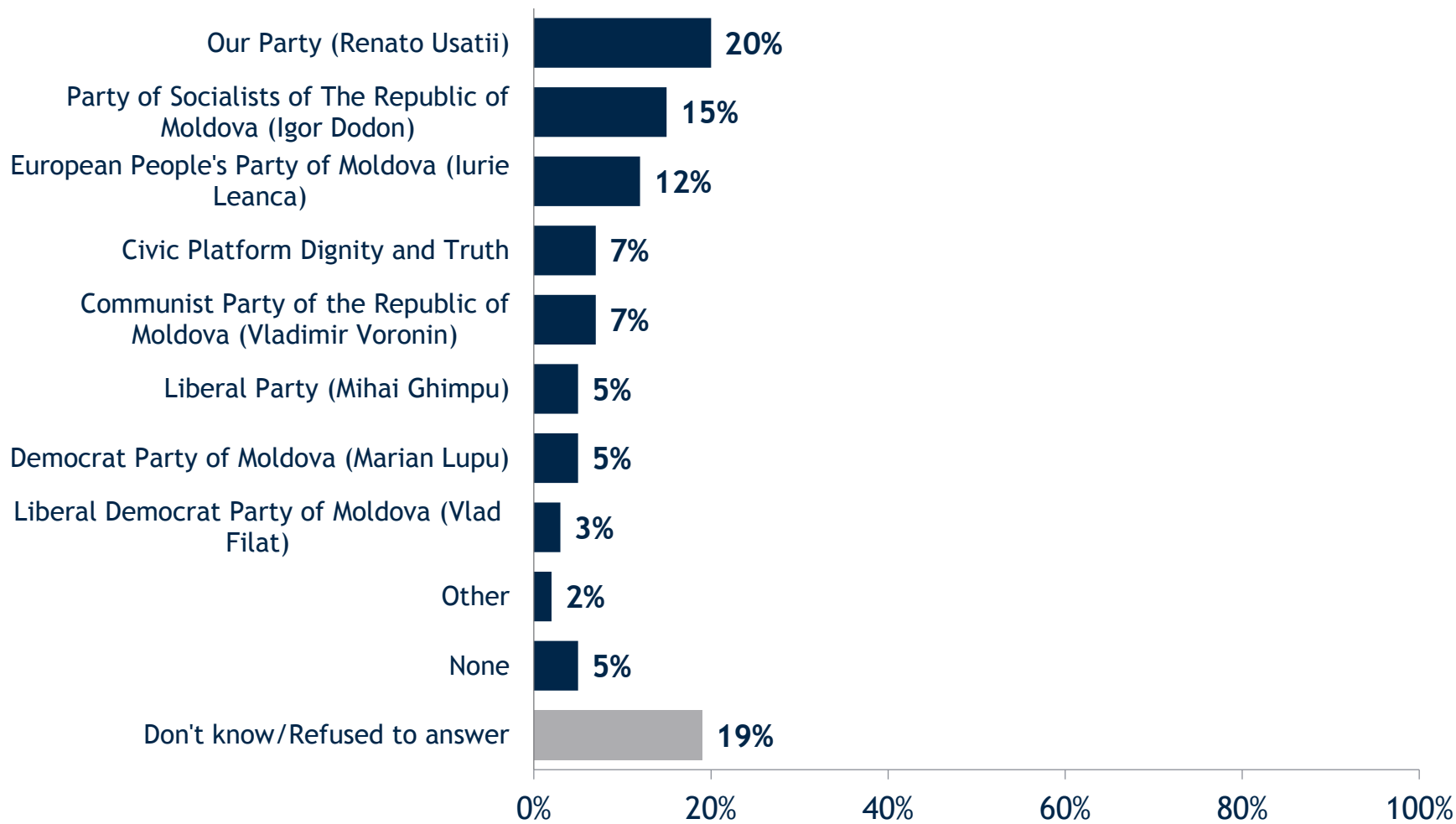
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next elections? (by age)

Very likely Somewhat likely Somewhat unlikely Very unlikely Don't know/No answer



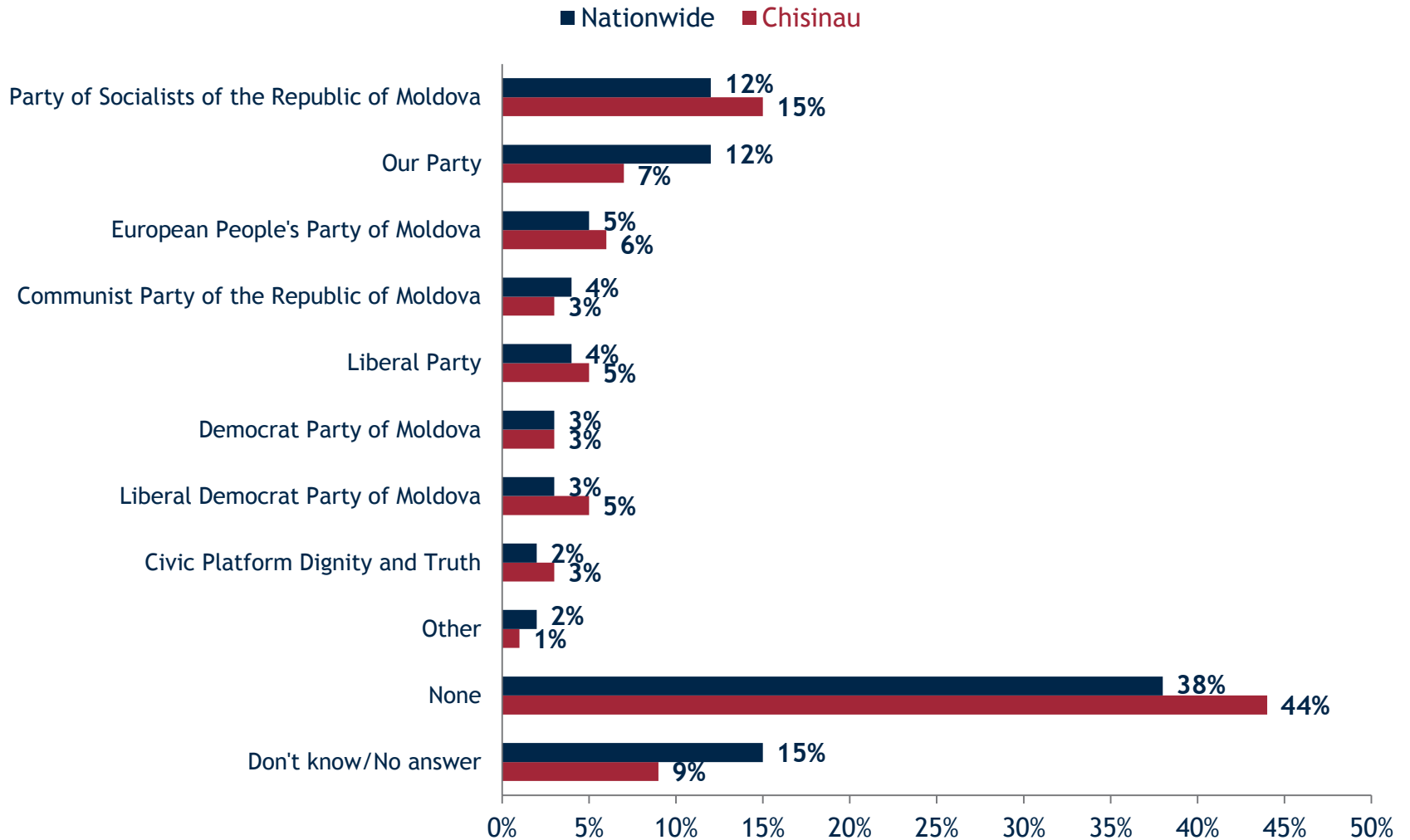
If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated in the election, for which political party would you vote?

Likely voters, N=1102

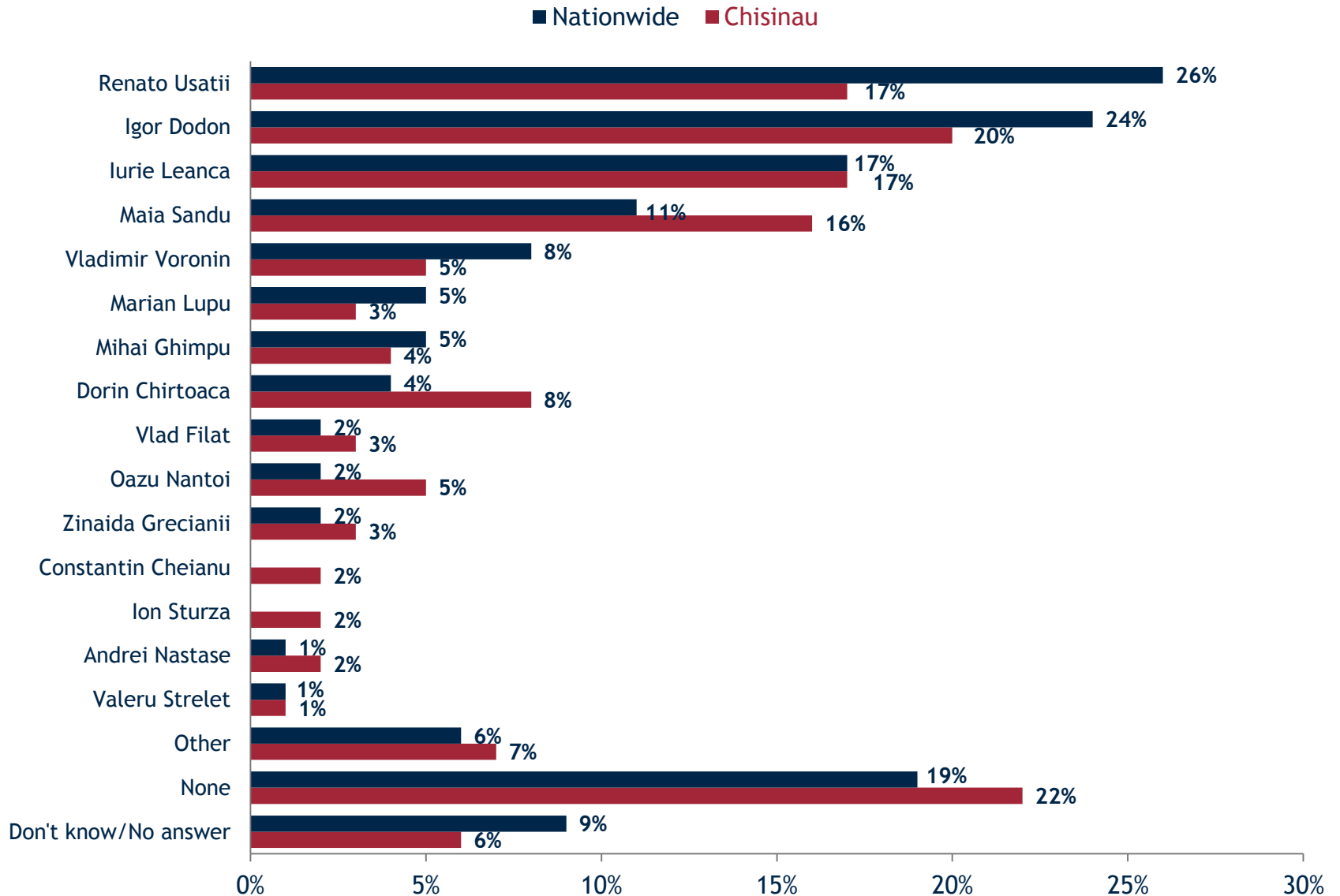


*Civic Platform is not a registered political party. It is an umbrella group launched in early 2015 that has organized peaceful protests in Chisinau against corruption and advocating for further European integration. There have been discussions of formalizing the movement into a party, but at the moment it remains a civil society movement.

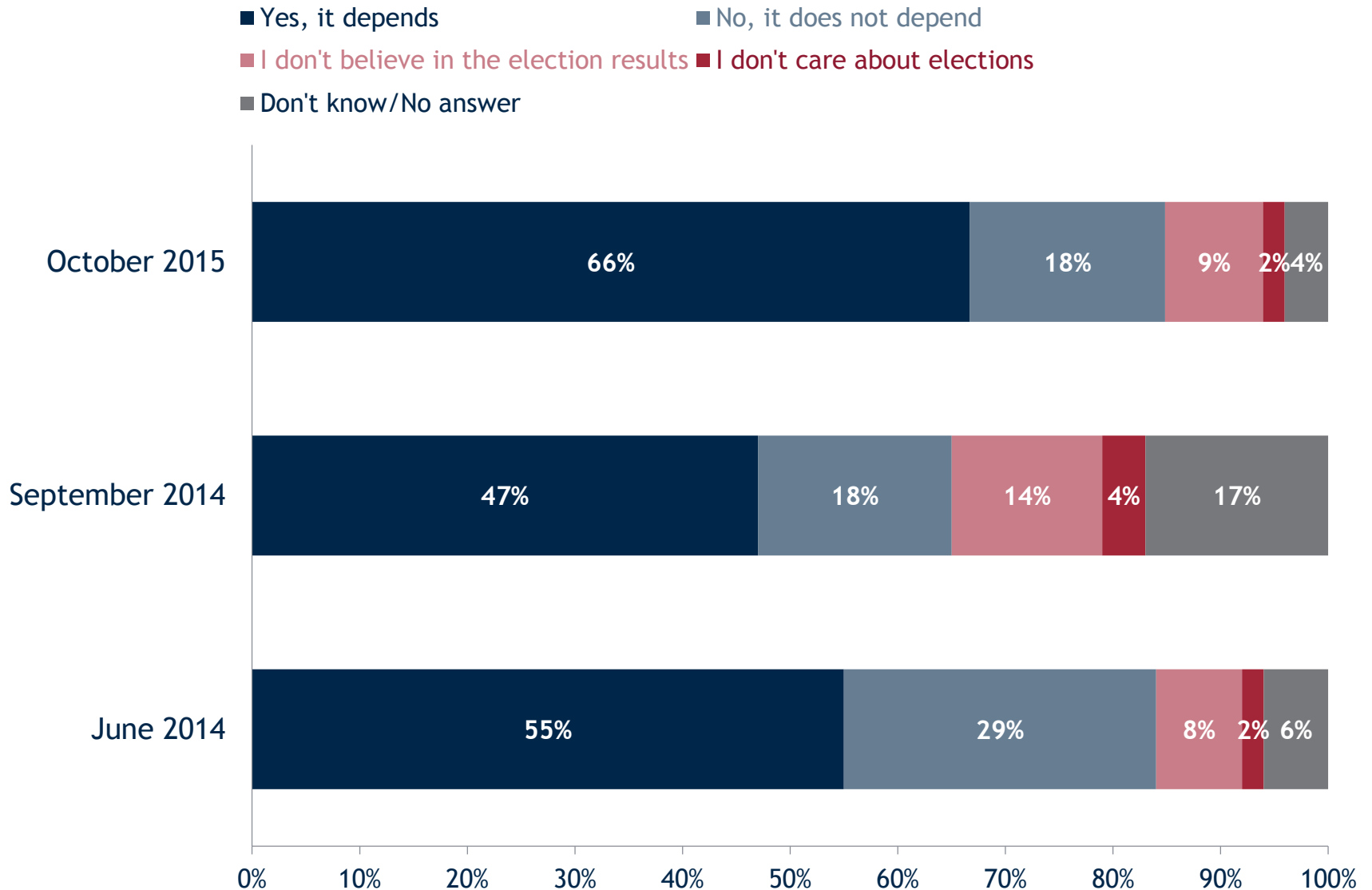
Which political party best represents your point of view? (Spontaneous)



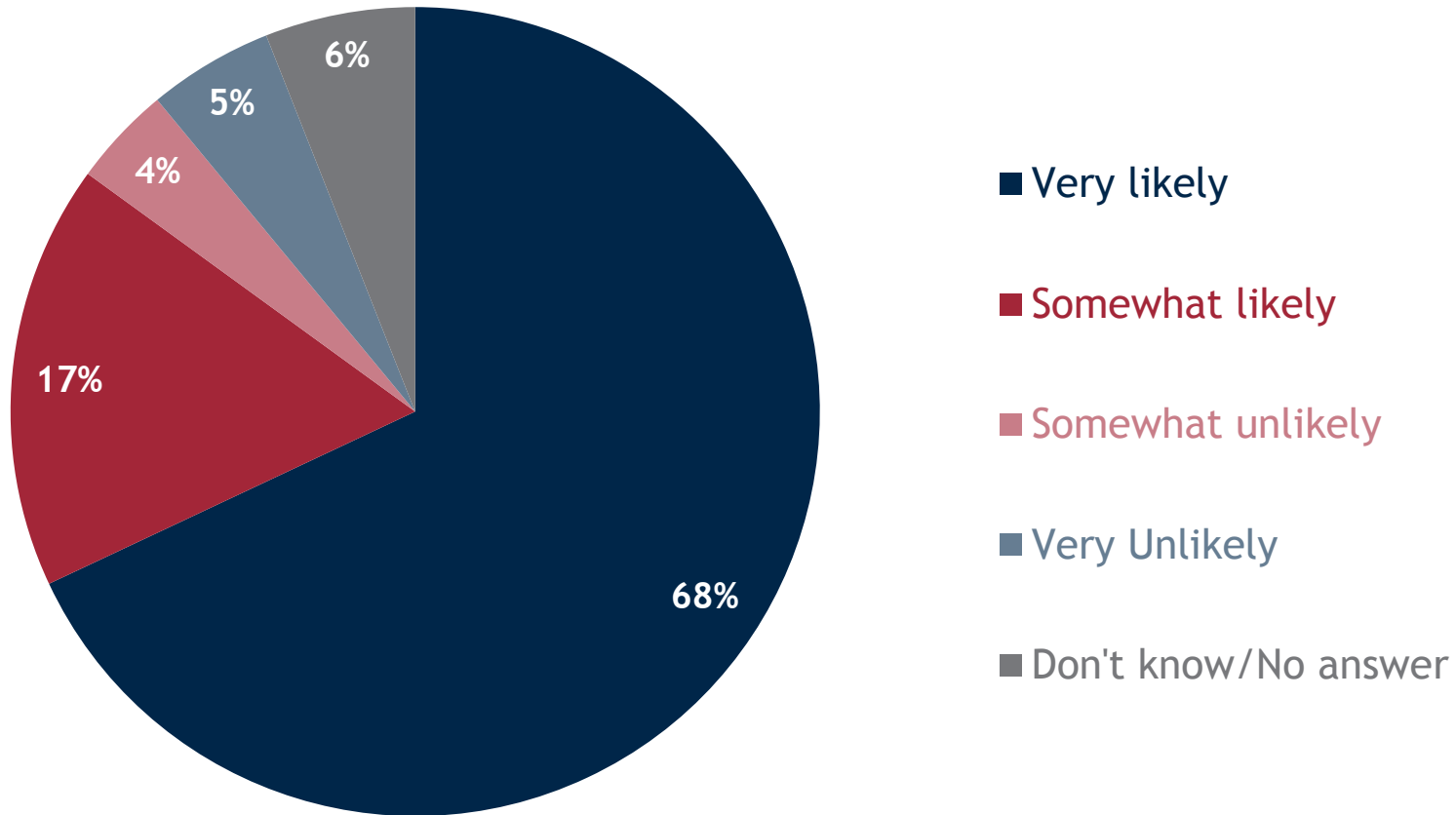
Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most? (Spontaneous)



In your opinion, does your financial situation depend on the results of elections in general?

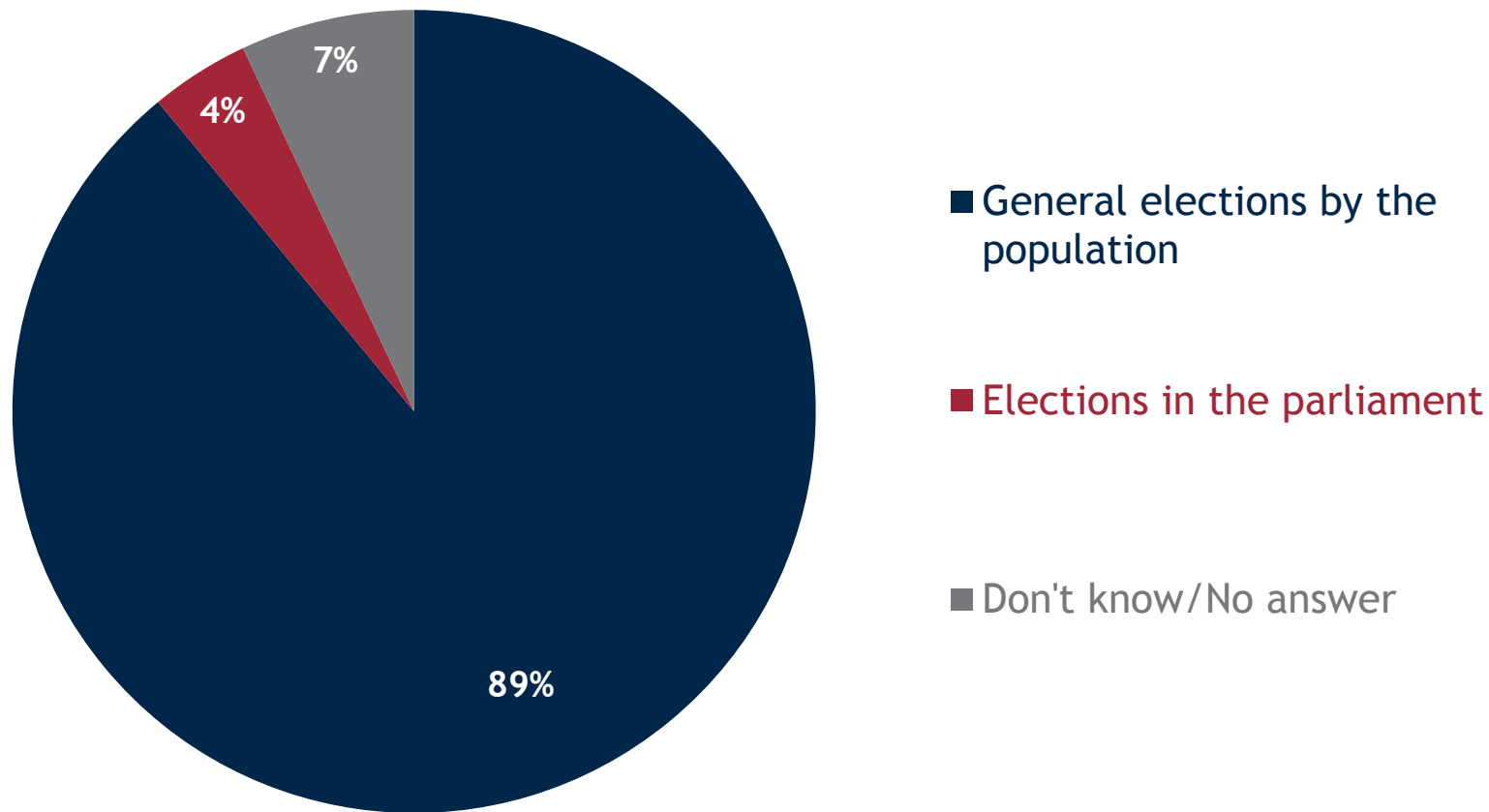


How likely, if at all, are you to vote in a referendum on the method of electing the president?



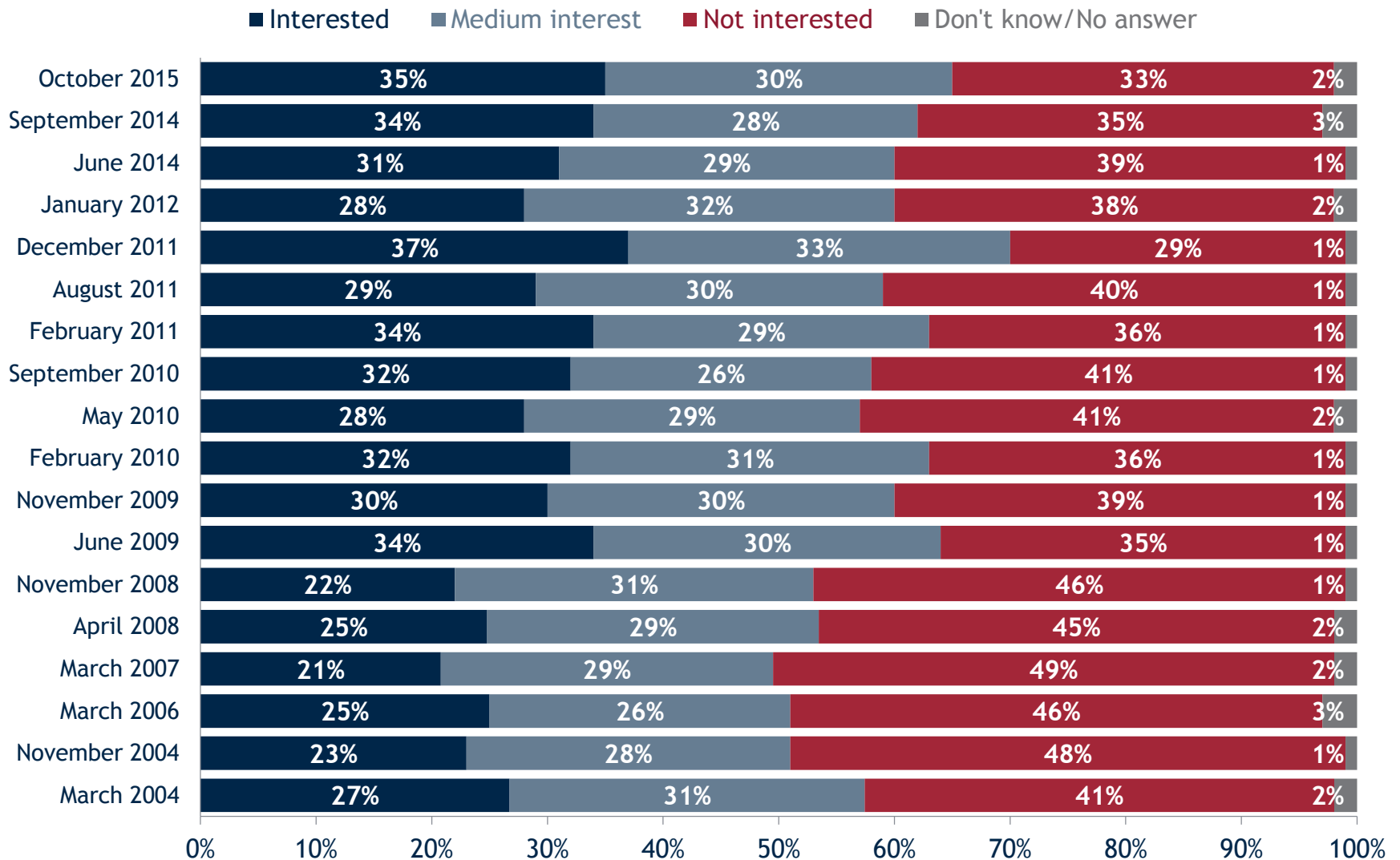
*There is no concrete proposal for a new referendum on the method of electing the president. A September 2010 referendum on the issue failed to pass due to an insufficient turnout. Currently, there are informal discussions within the parliament for a new referendum as the current president's mandate is set to expire March 19, 2016.

Which method of electing the president do you support?

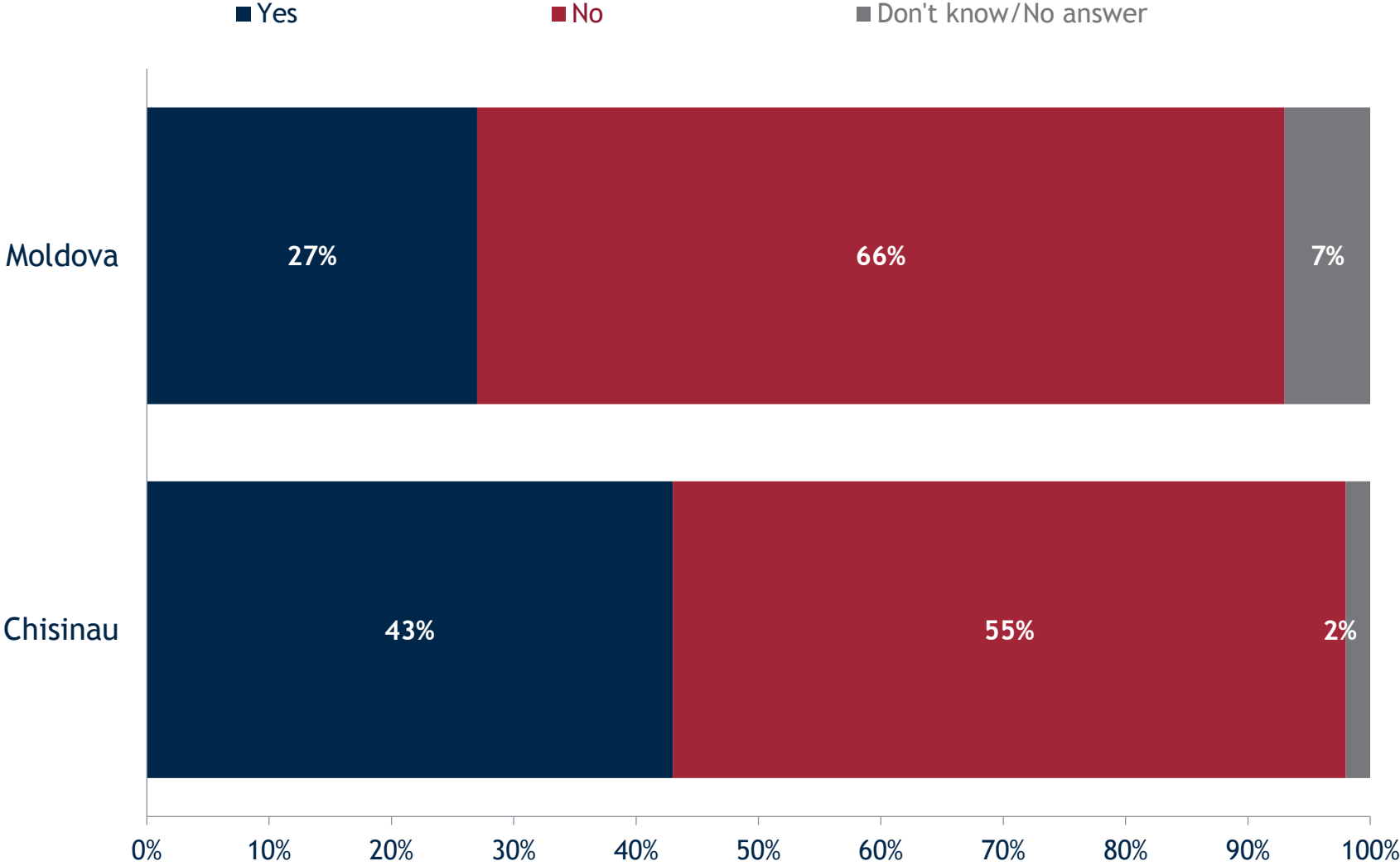


*Currently, the Moldovan Parliament elects the country's president.

How much interest do you have in politics?

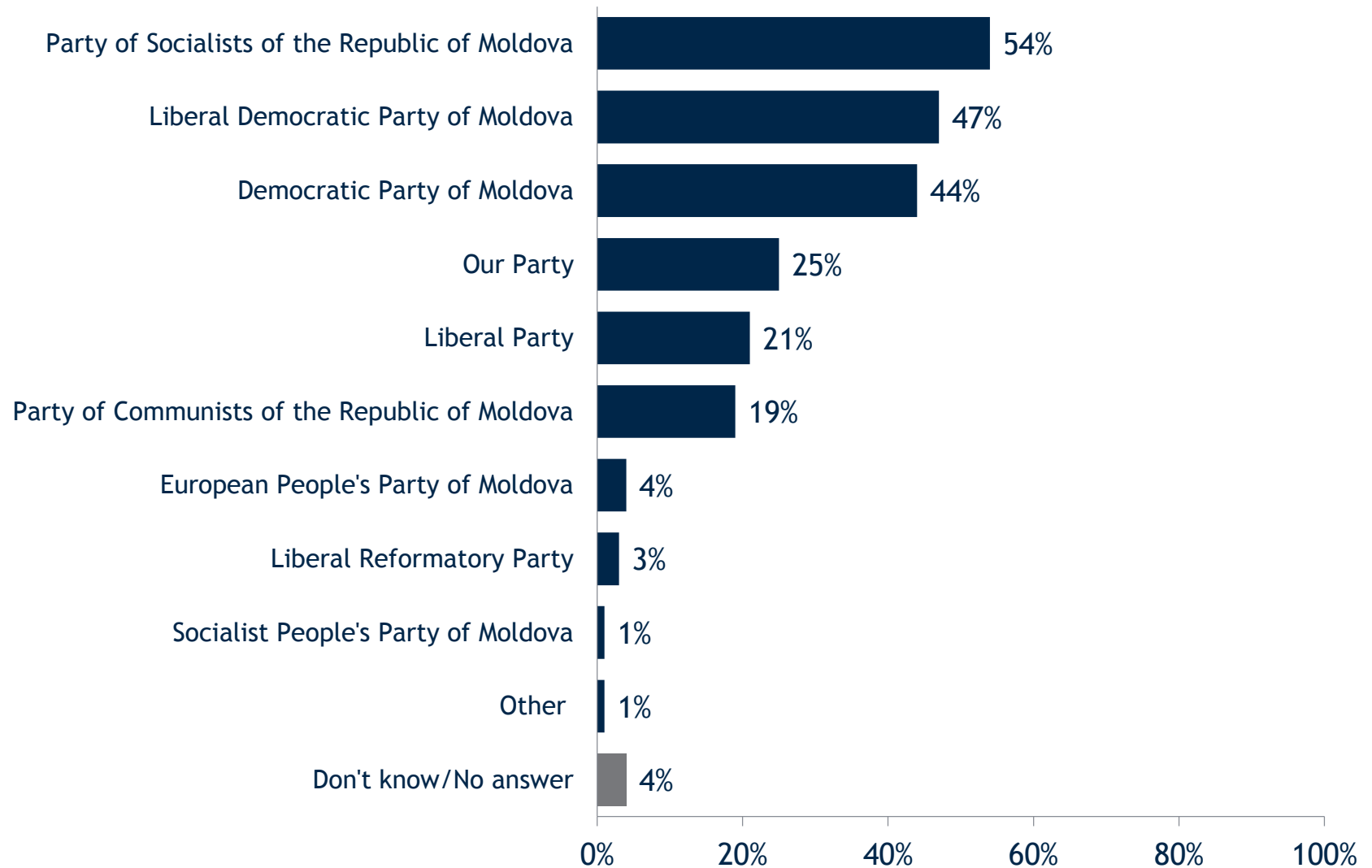


In the last 12 months, have you ever seen political activists working in your area?



If yes, which political party did the political activists in your area represent?

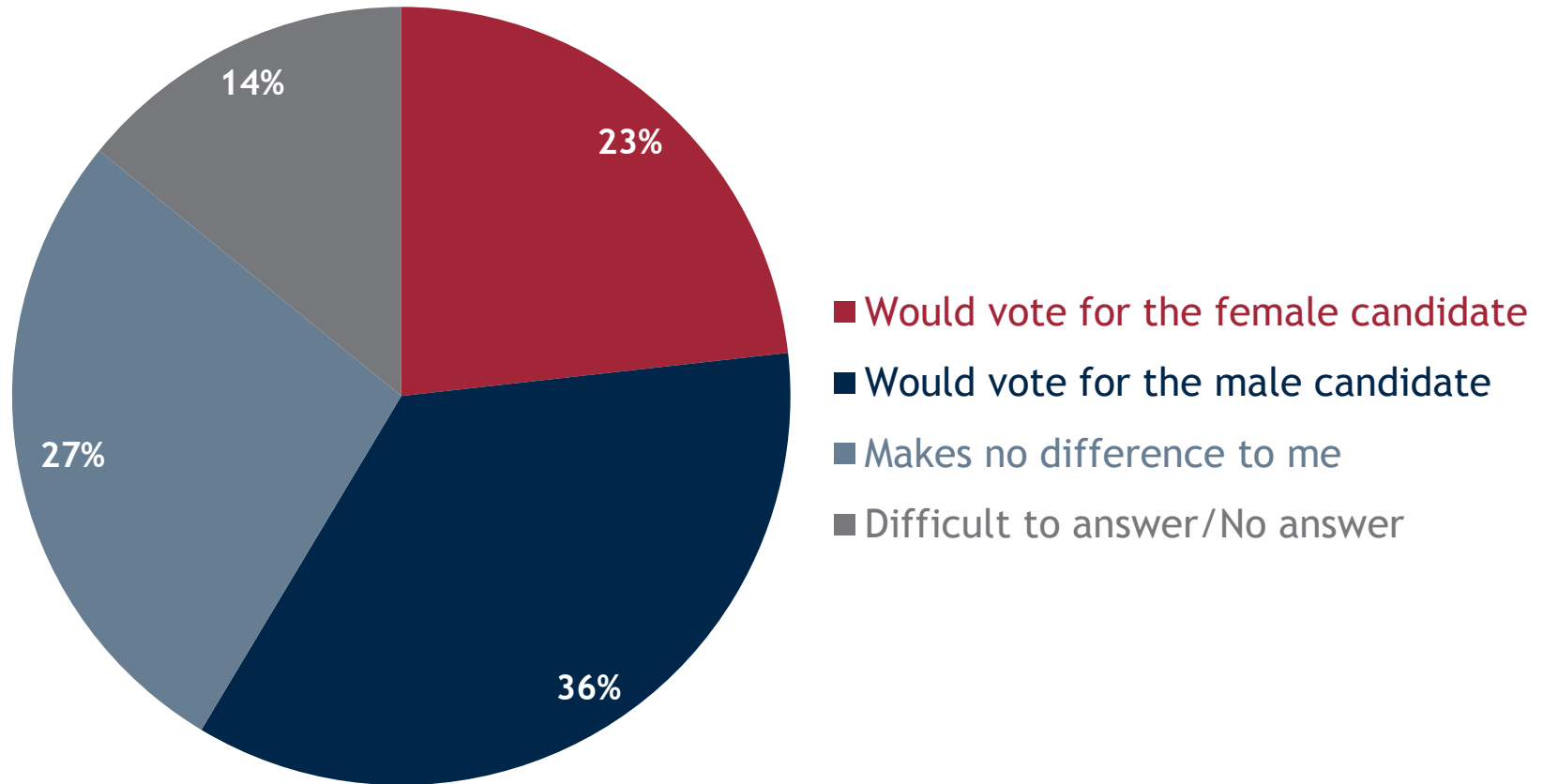
Respondents who have seen political activists working in their area, N=324



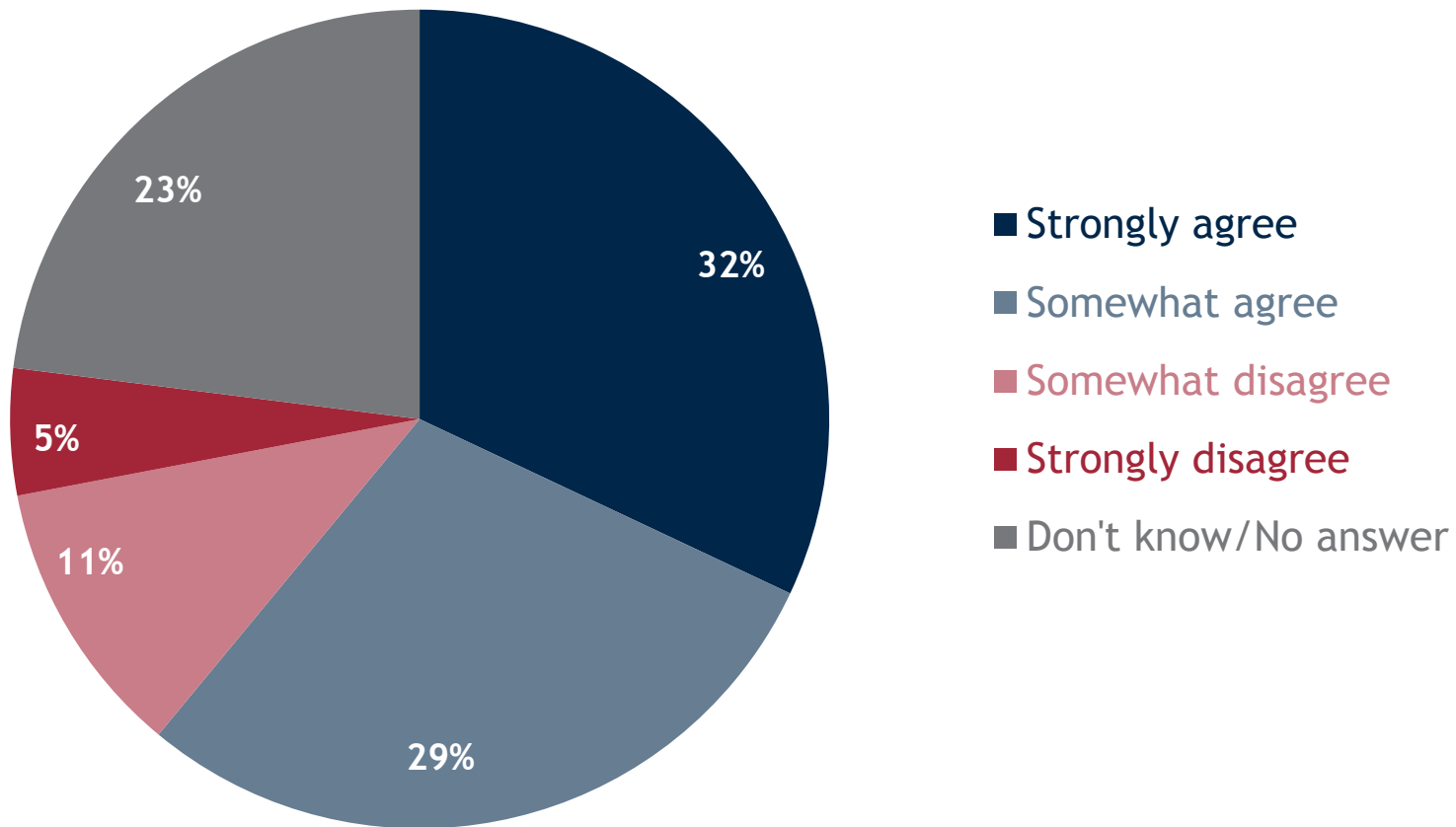


Women and Youth in Moldova

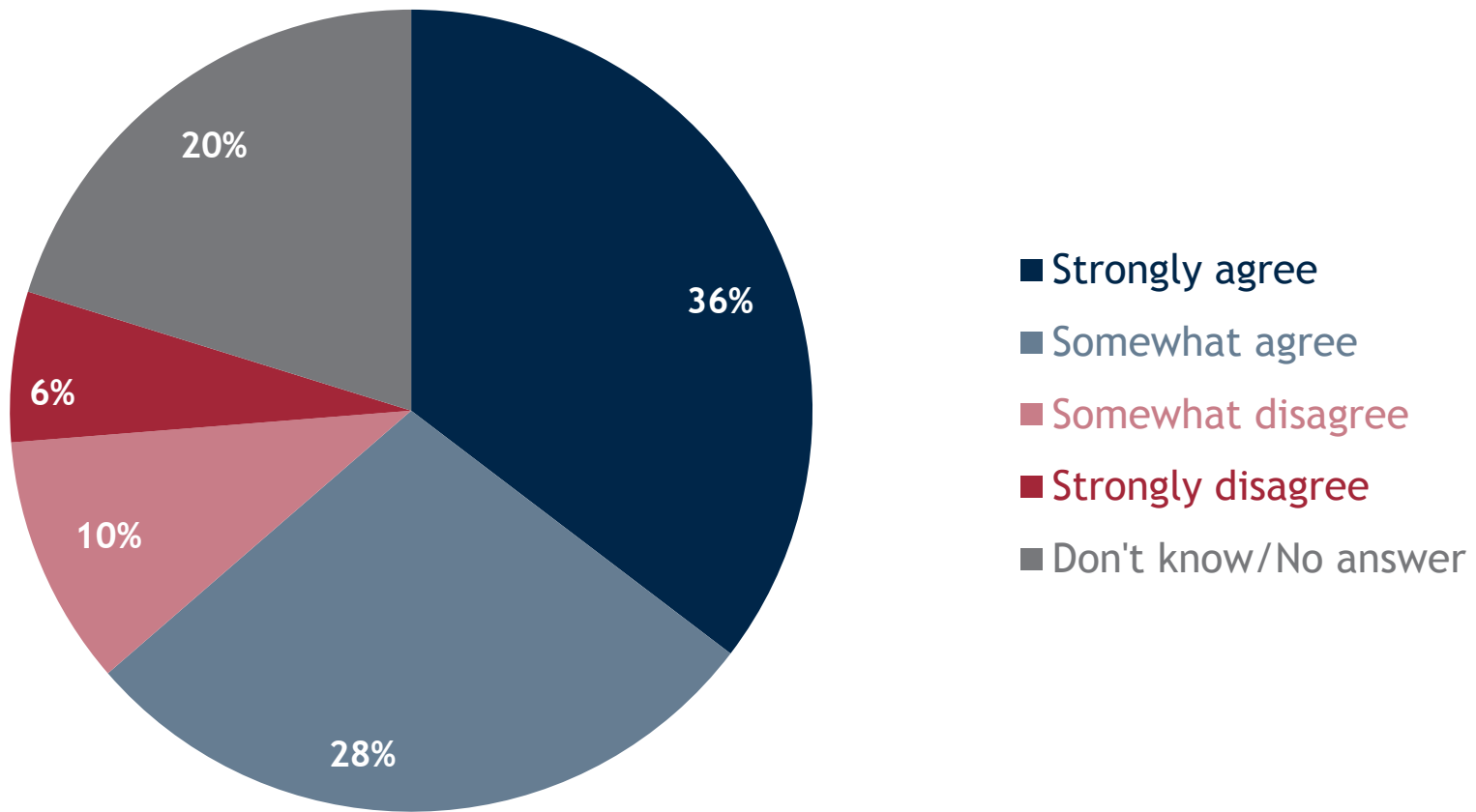
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
“Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women”



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
“Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people”

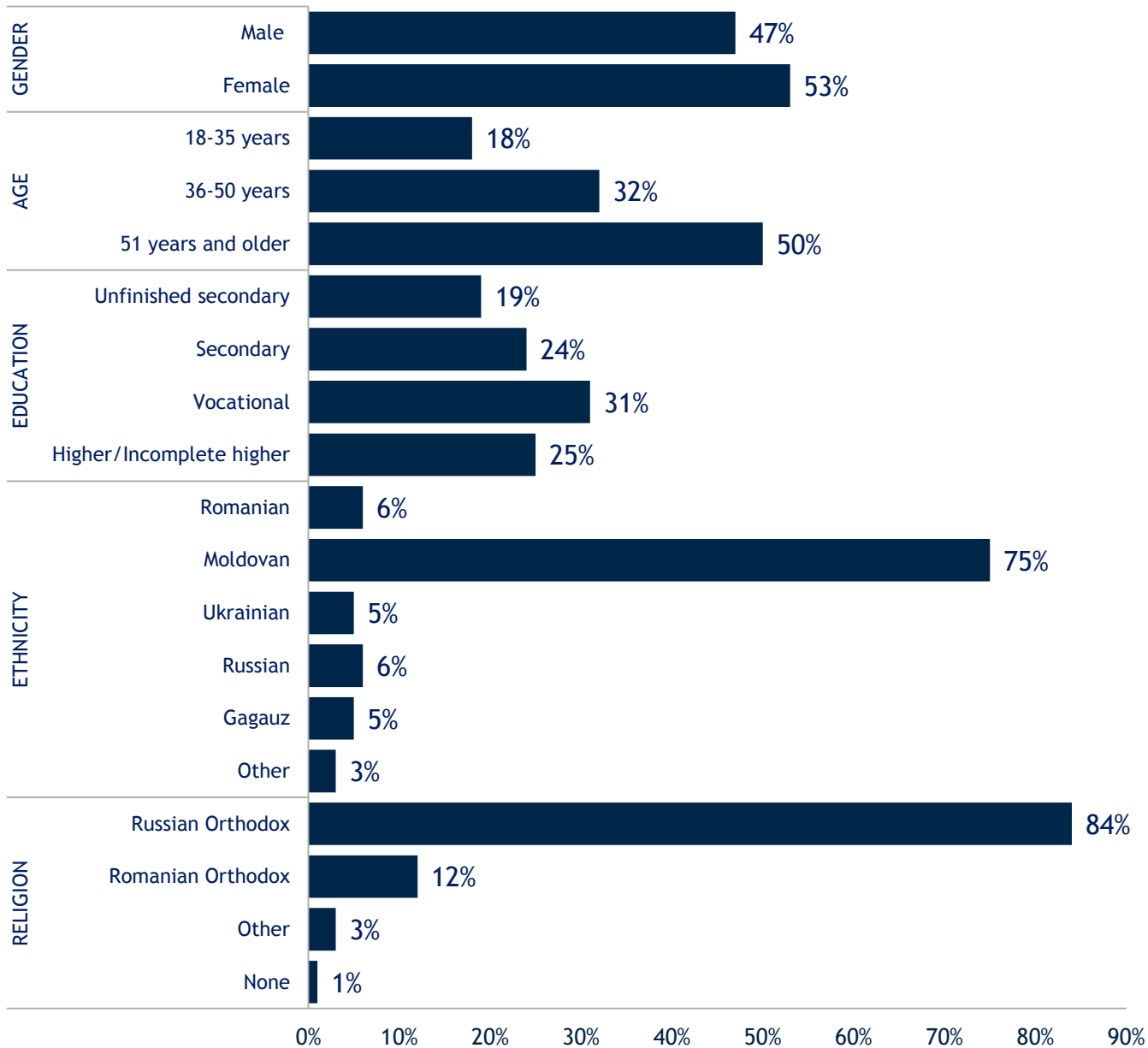


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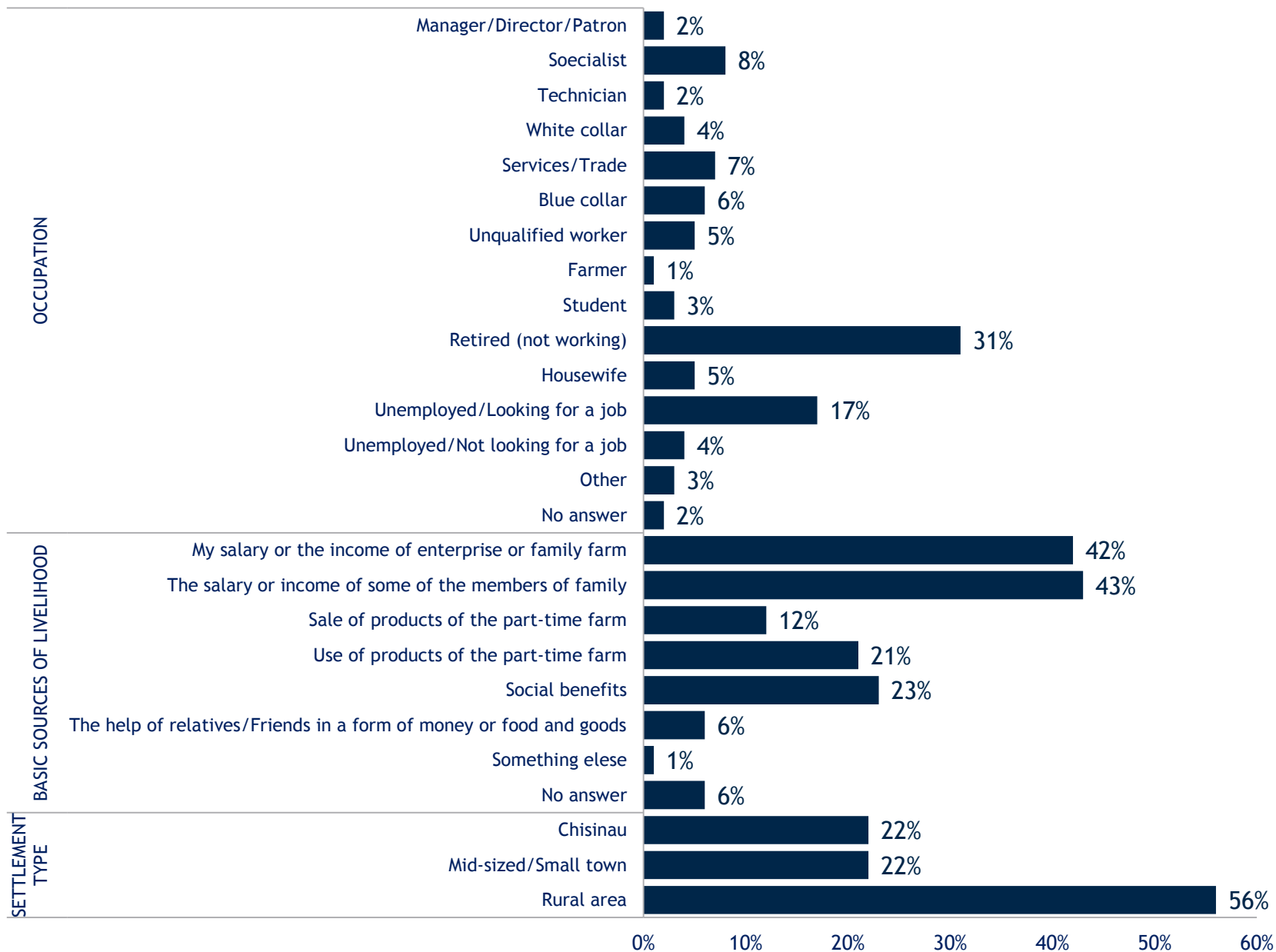
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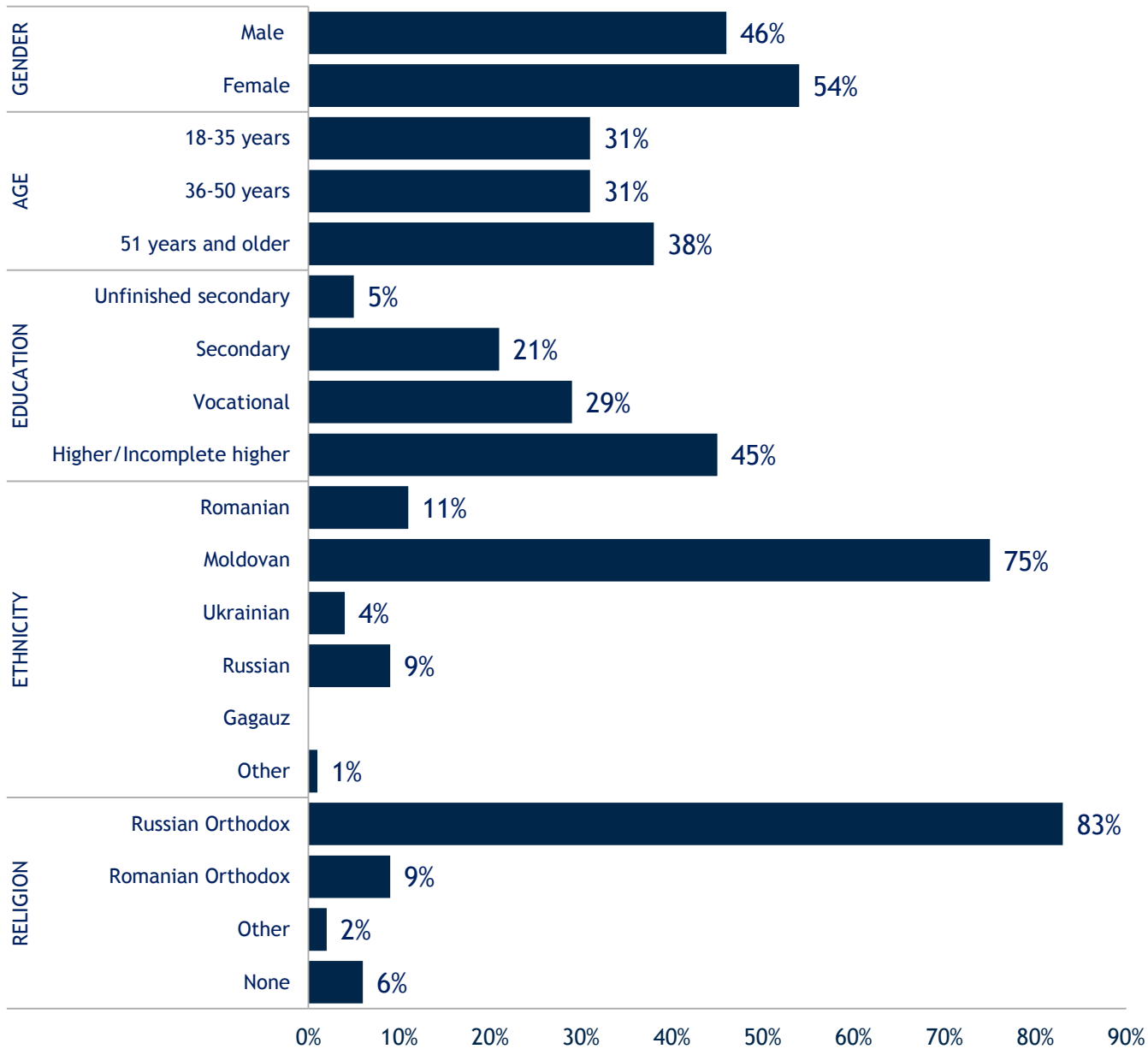


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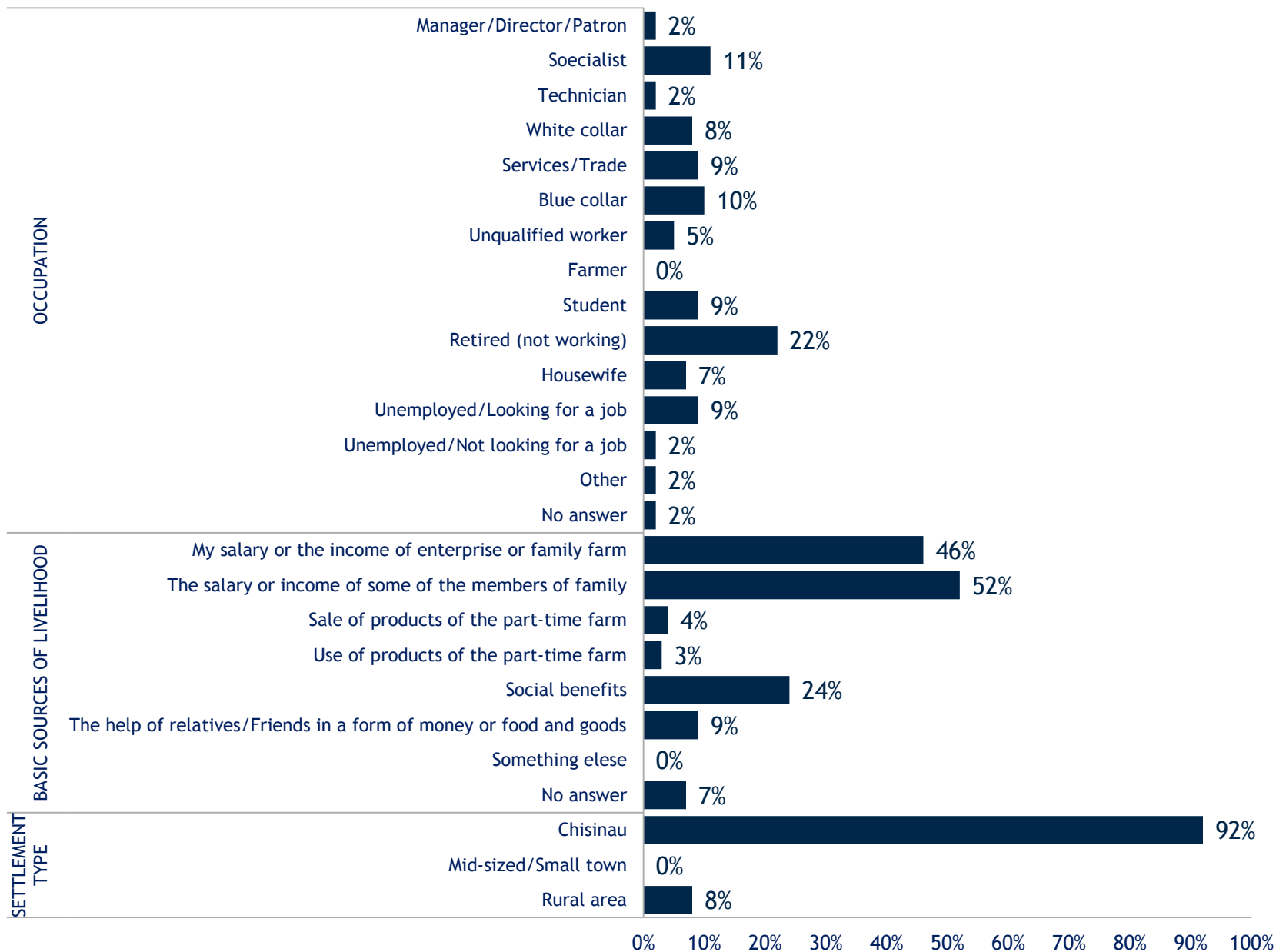
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