

# Public Opinion Survey Residents of Ukraine

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February 18 - March 4, 2016

# Methodology

- The survey was conducted by [Rating Group Ukraine](#) on behalf of [International Republican Institute](#).
- The survey was conducted throughout Ukraine (except the occupied territories of Crimea and part of the Donbas) between February 18 and March 4, 2016, through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 2,400 permanent residents of Ukraine aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. The sample is representative by sex, age, region, and size of the settlement. Additionally, 1,125 respondents were surveyed in Mykolaiv and Kherson *oblasts*. Multi-stage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday methods for respondent selection.
  - First stage: The territory of Ukraine was split into 25 administrative regions (24 regions of Ukraine and Kyiv). The survey was conducted throughout all regions of Ukraine, except for occupied territories of Crimea and Donbas.
  - Second stage: The territory of each region was split into villages and city units. Settlements were grouped into subtypes according to their size:
    - Cities with more than 1 million residents
    - Cities with 500,000-999,000 residents
    - Cities with 100,000-499,000 residents
    - Cities with 50,000-99,000 residents
    - Cities with up to 50,000 residents
    - Villages
  - Cities and villages were selected at random. The number of selected cities/villages in each of the regions is proportional to the share of population living in the cities/villages in each region.
  - Third stage: Primary sample points (PSP) were defined.
- The margin of error does not exceed 2.0 percent.
- The average response rate was 63.0 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was financed by the [U.S. Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#).

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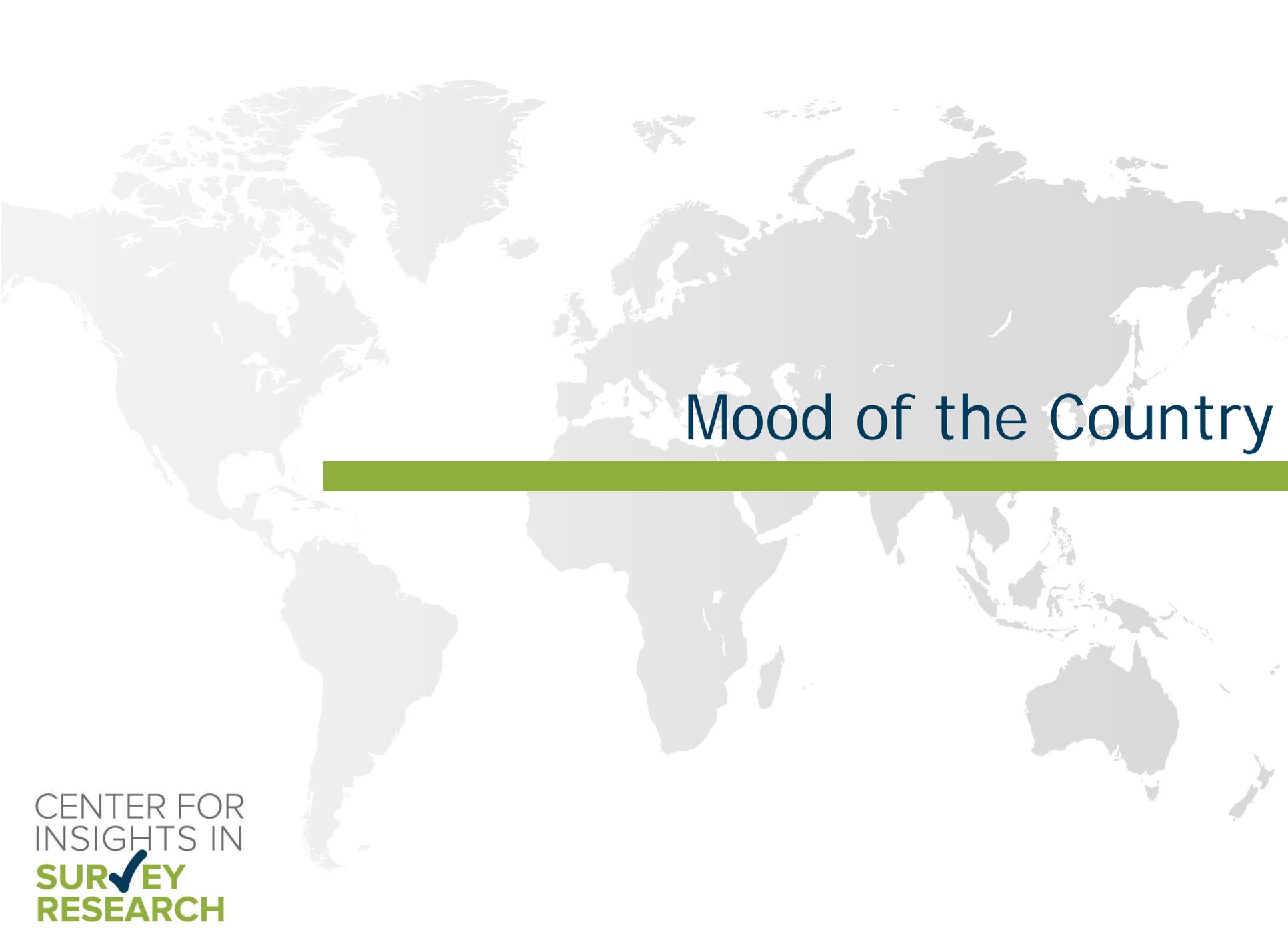
## *Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample*

- Data was collected throughout Mykolaiv and Kherson *oblasts* between February 18 and March 4, 2016, through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,125 citizens from Mykolaiv and Kherson *oblasts* aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. The sample is representative of the general population by sex, age, and settlement size.
- Multi-stage probability sampling method was used with random route and next birthday procedures.
  - First stage: The sample was proportionally split between Mykolaiv and Kherson *oblasts*. The survey was conducted throughout all *rayons* of the *oblasts*.
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  - Third stage: Primary sample points (PSP) were defined.
- The margin of error does not exceed 2.9 percent.
- The average response rate was 64.0 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

# Geographical Key



Due to the Russian occupation of Crimea and the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine, residents of Crimea and the separatist-controlled territories of Donetsk and Luhansk *oblasts* were not included in this poll.

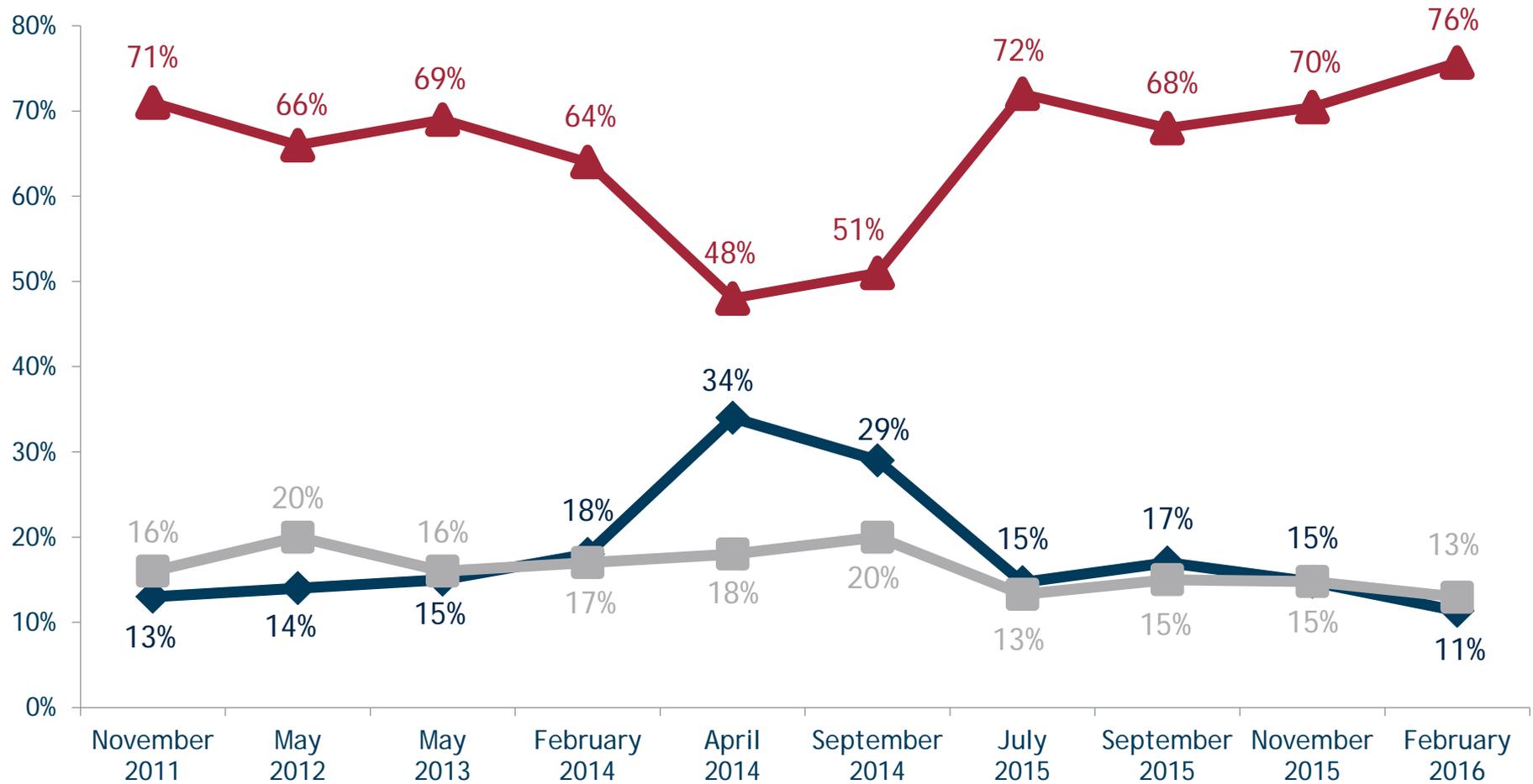


# Mood of the Country

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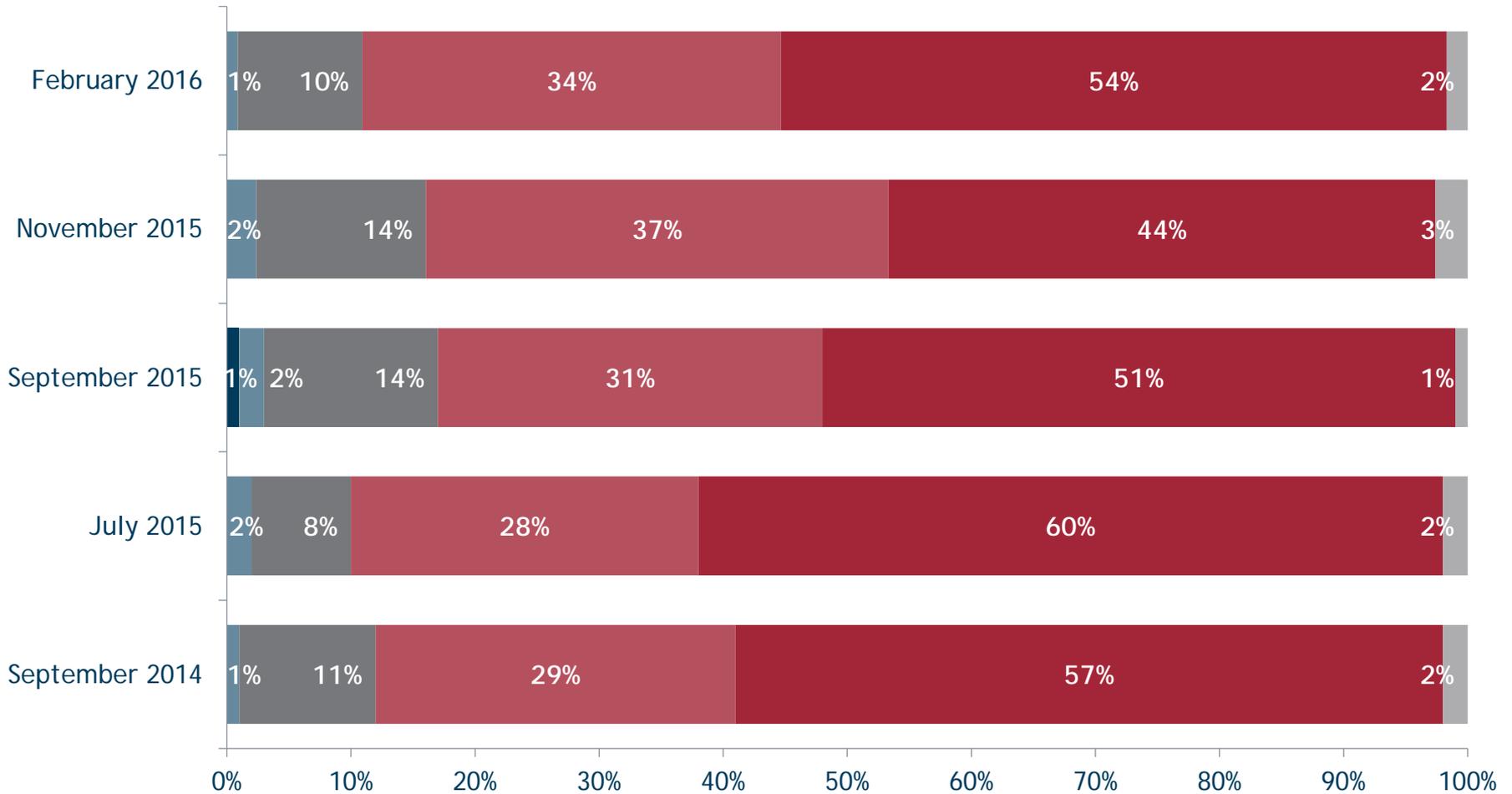
# Generally speaking, do you think that things in Ukraine are going in the right direction or wrong direction?

Right direction Wrong direction Difficult to answer

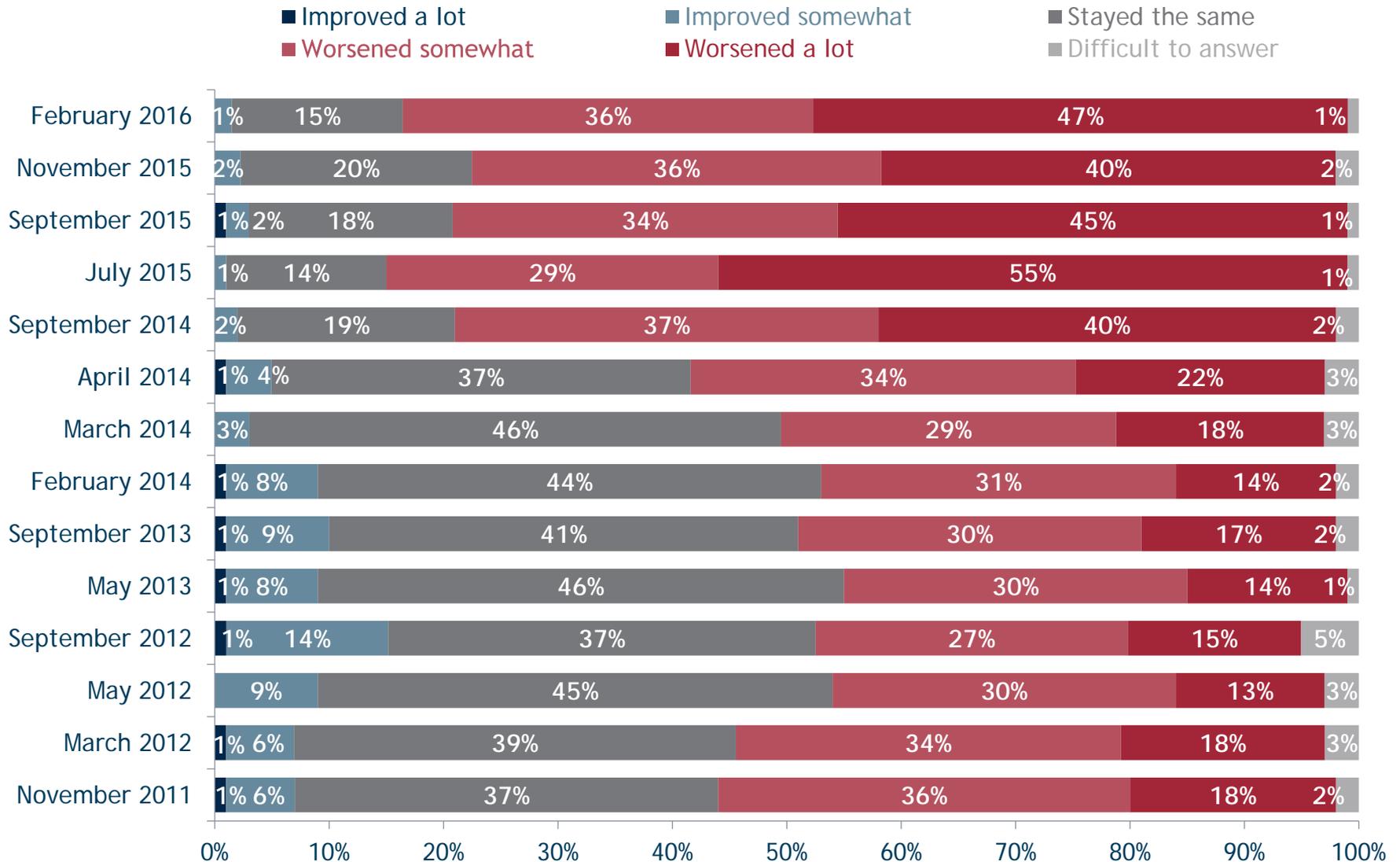


# Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Ukraine changed?

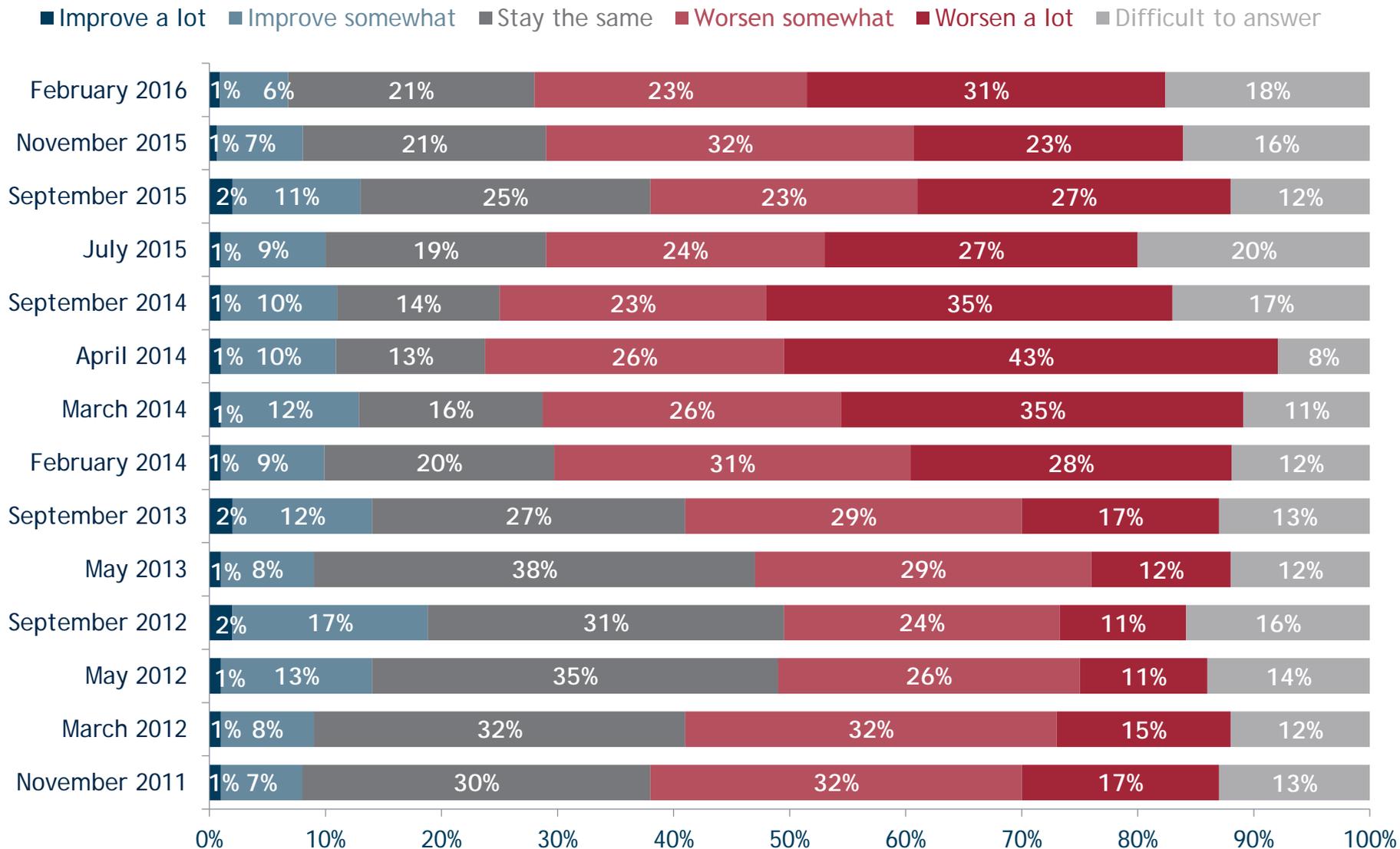
- Improved a lot
- Improved somewhat
- Stayed the same
- Worsened somewhat
- Worsened a lot
- Difficult to answer

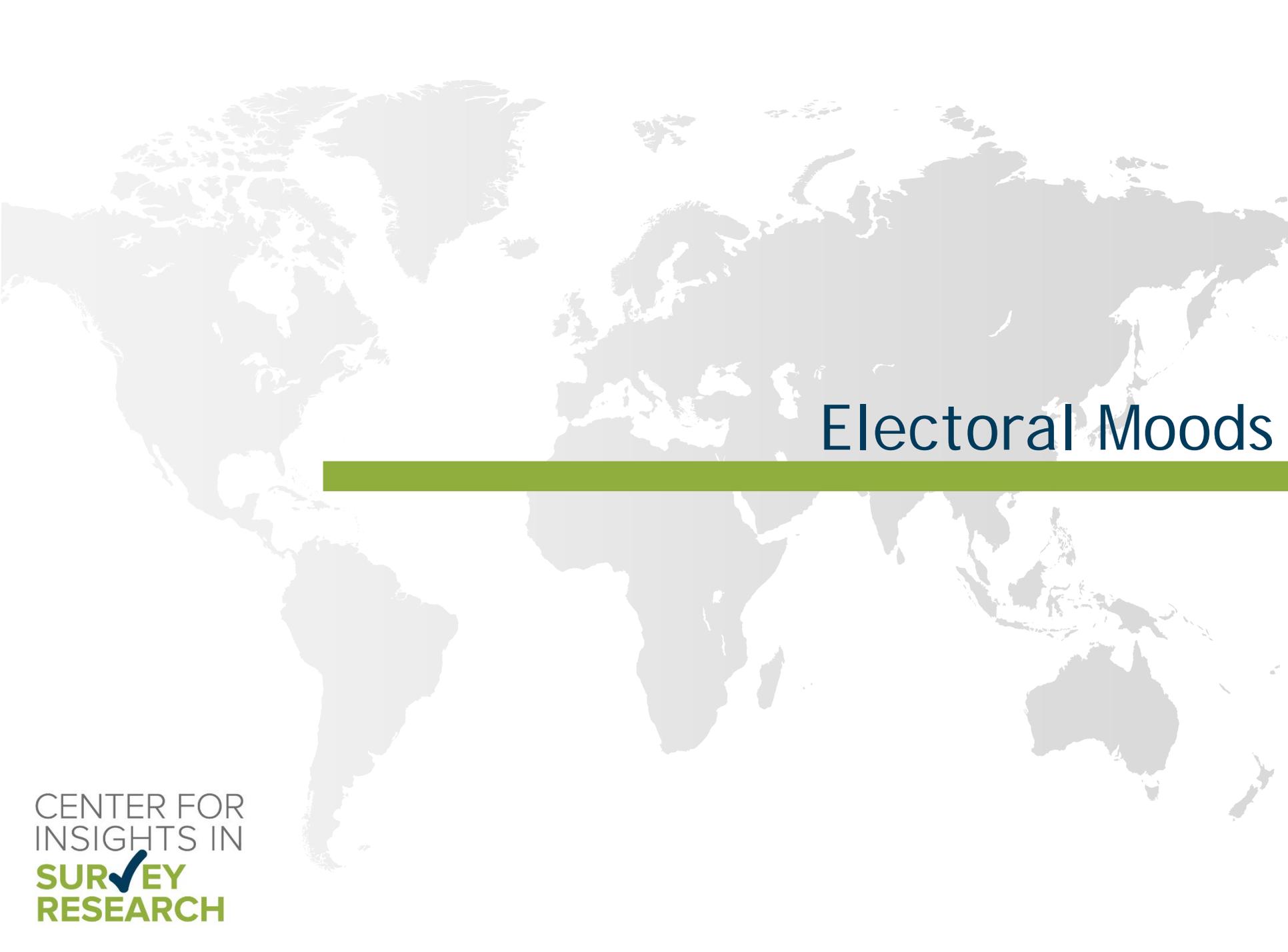


# Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation of your household changed?



# In the next 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation in Ukraine to change?

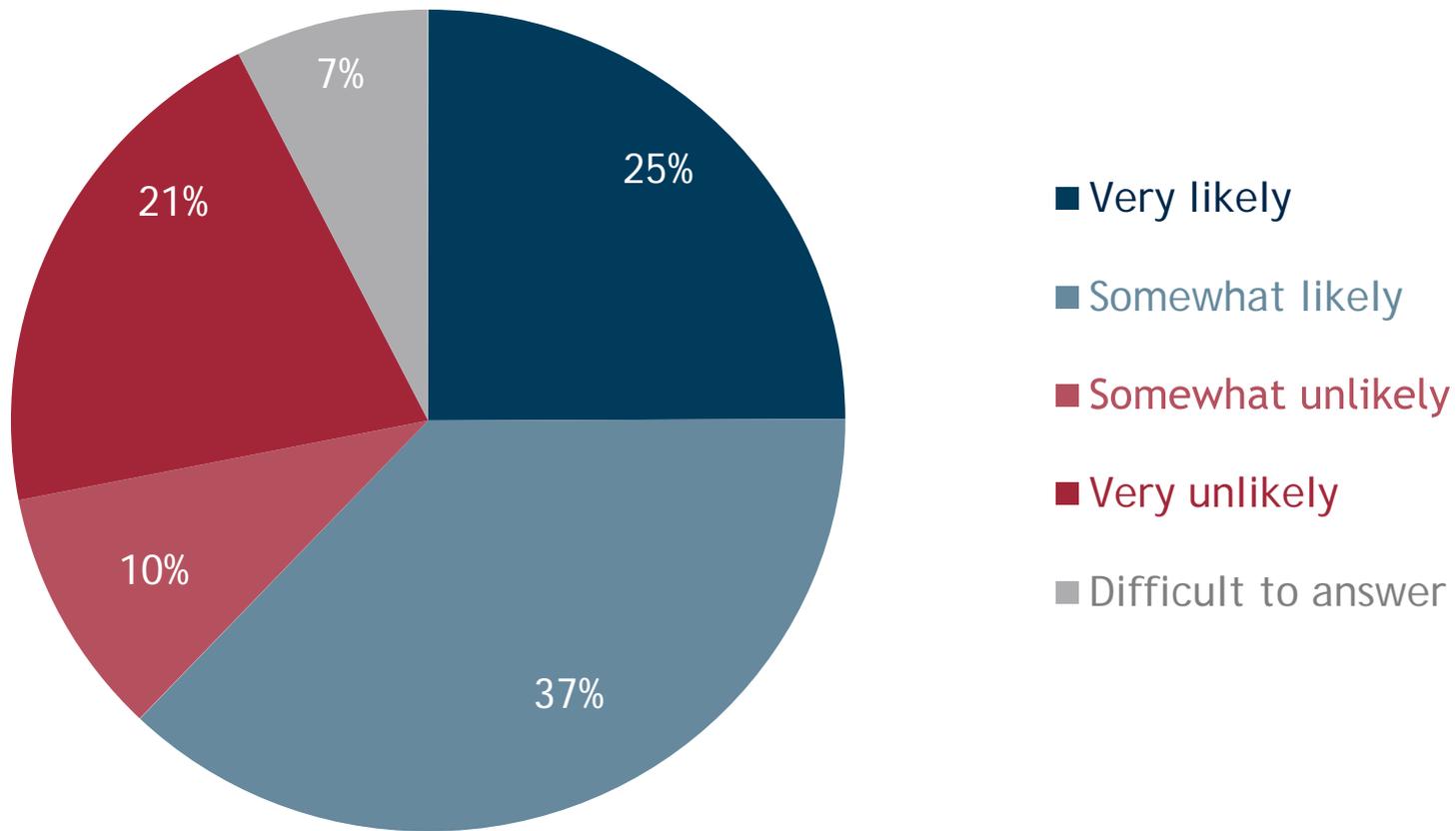




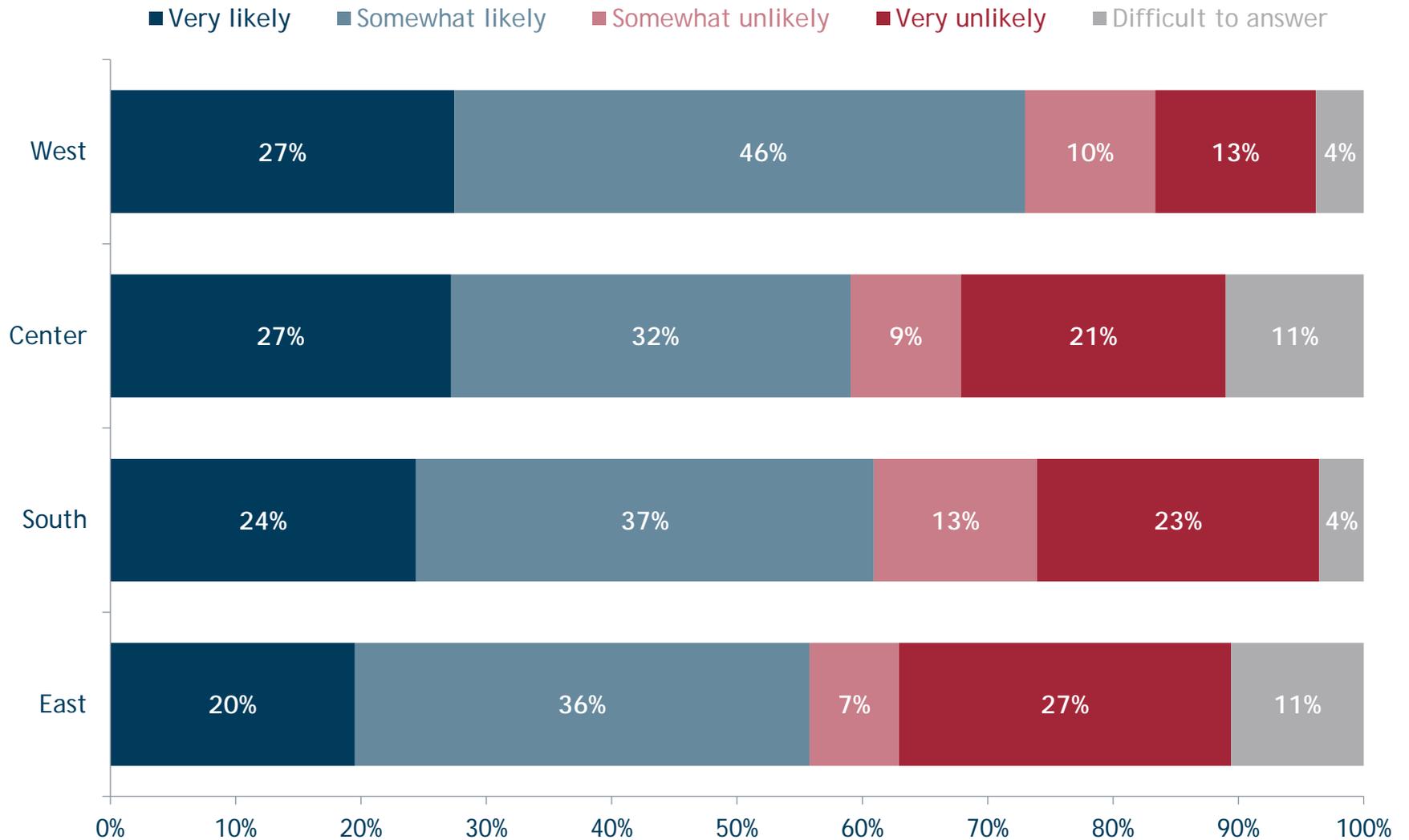
# Electoral Moods

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# How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the local elections if they were held next Sunday?

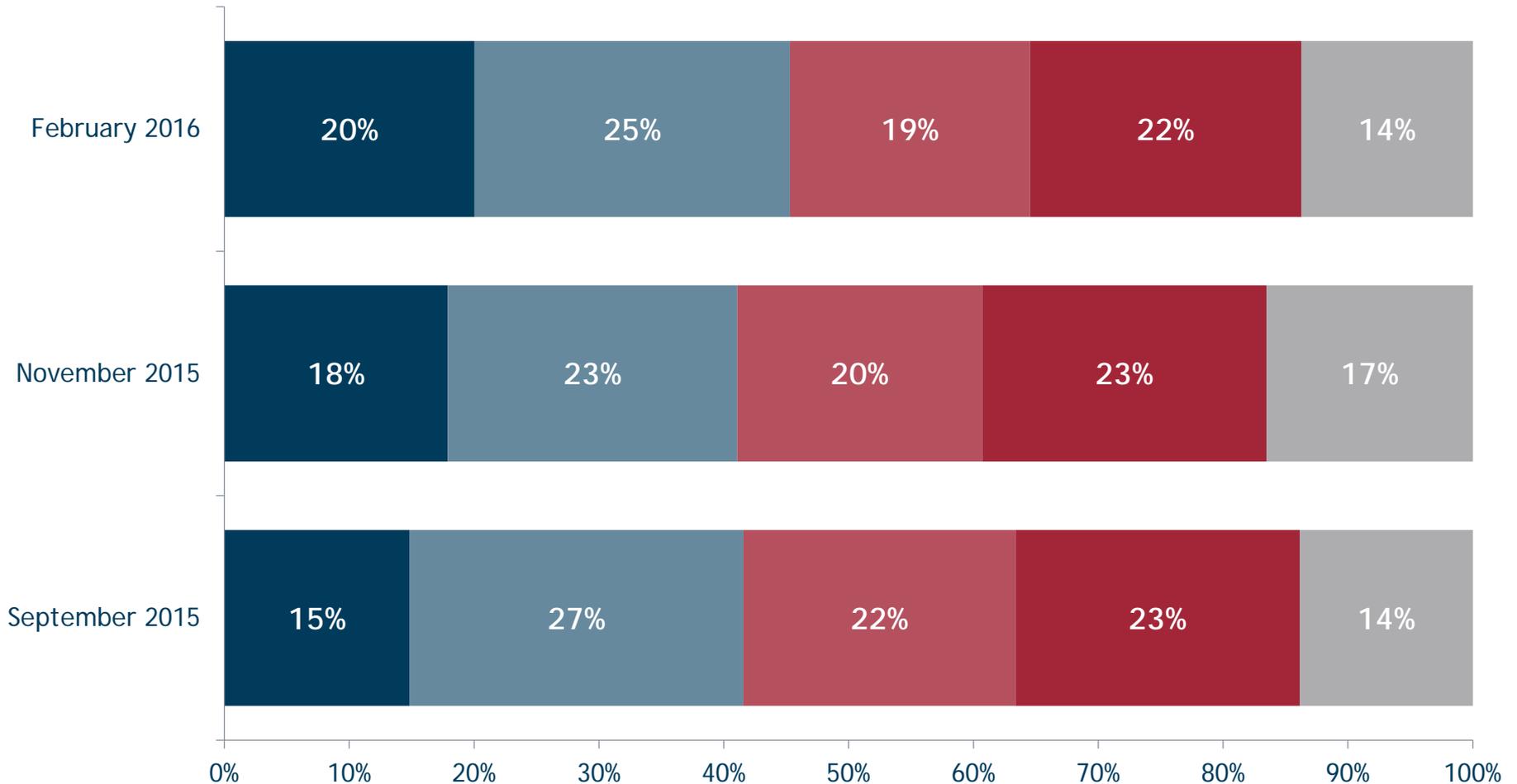


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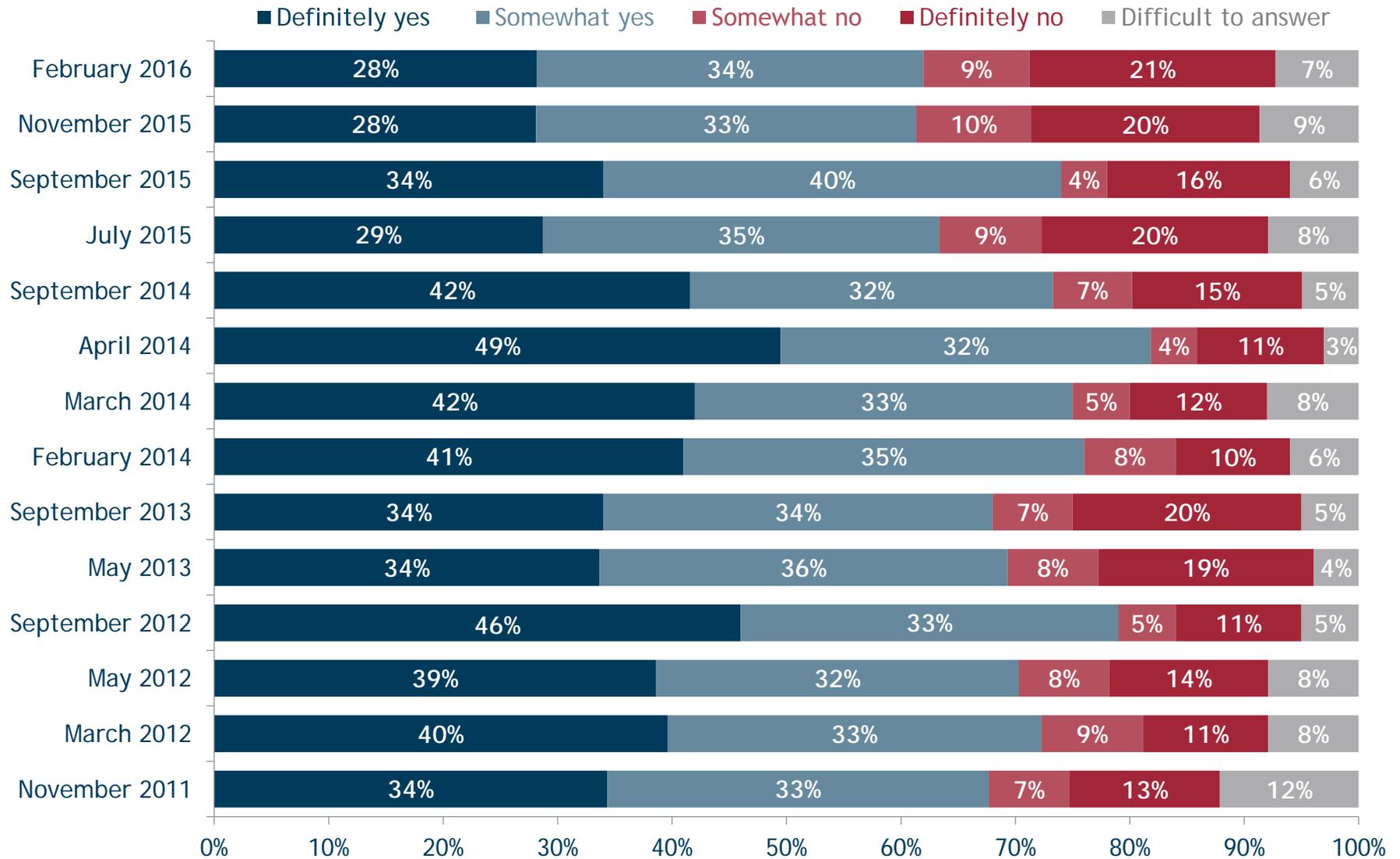


# Do you support the idea of pre-term parliamentary elections in Ukraine?

■ Definitely yes   ■ Somewhat yes   ■ Somewhat no   ■ Definitely no   ■ Difficult to answer

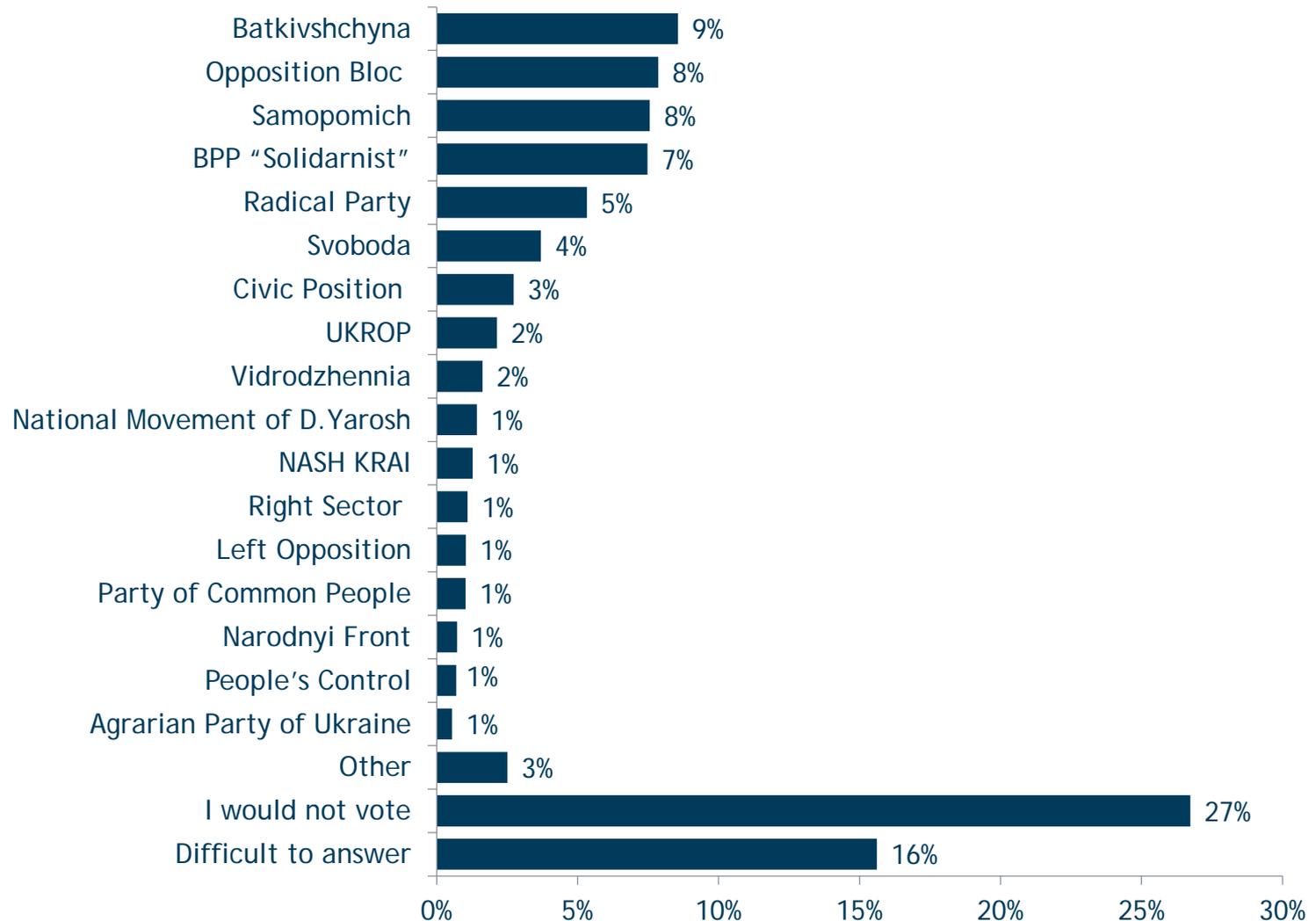


# If pre-term parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, would you vote?



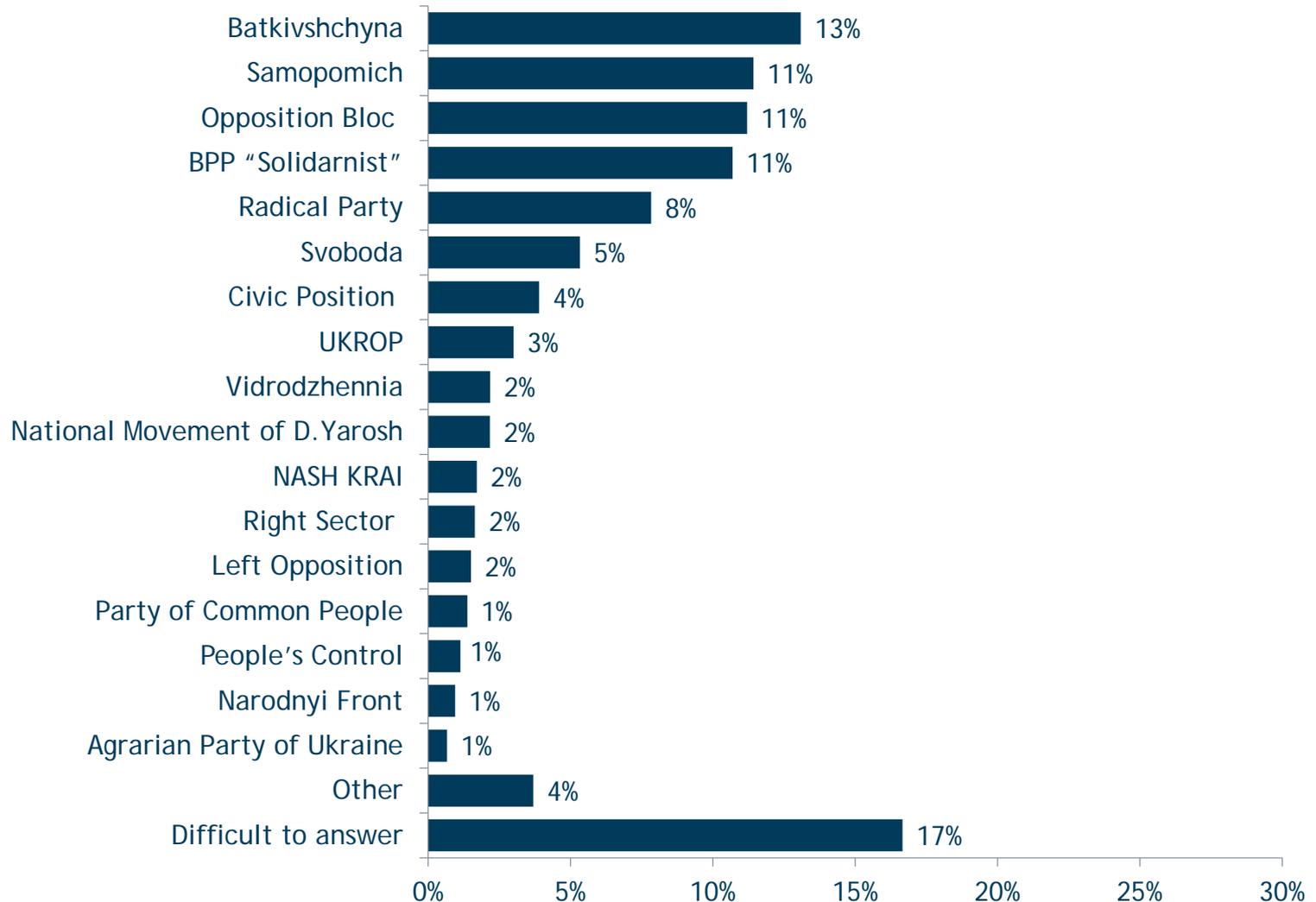
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(Among All Respondents)



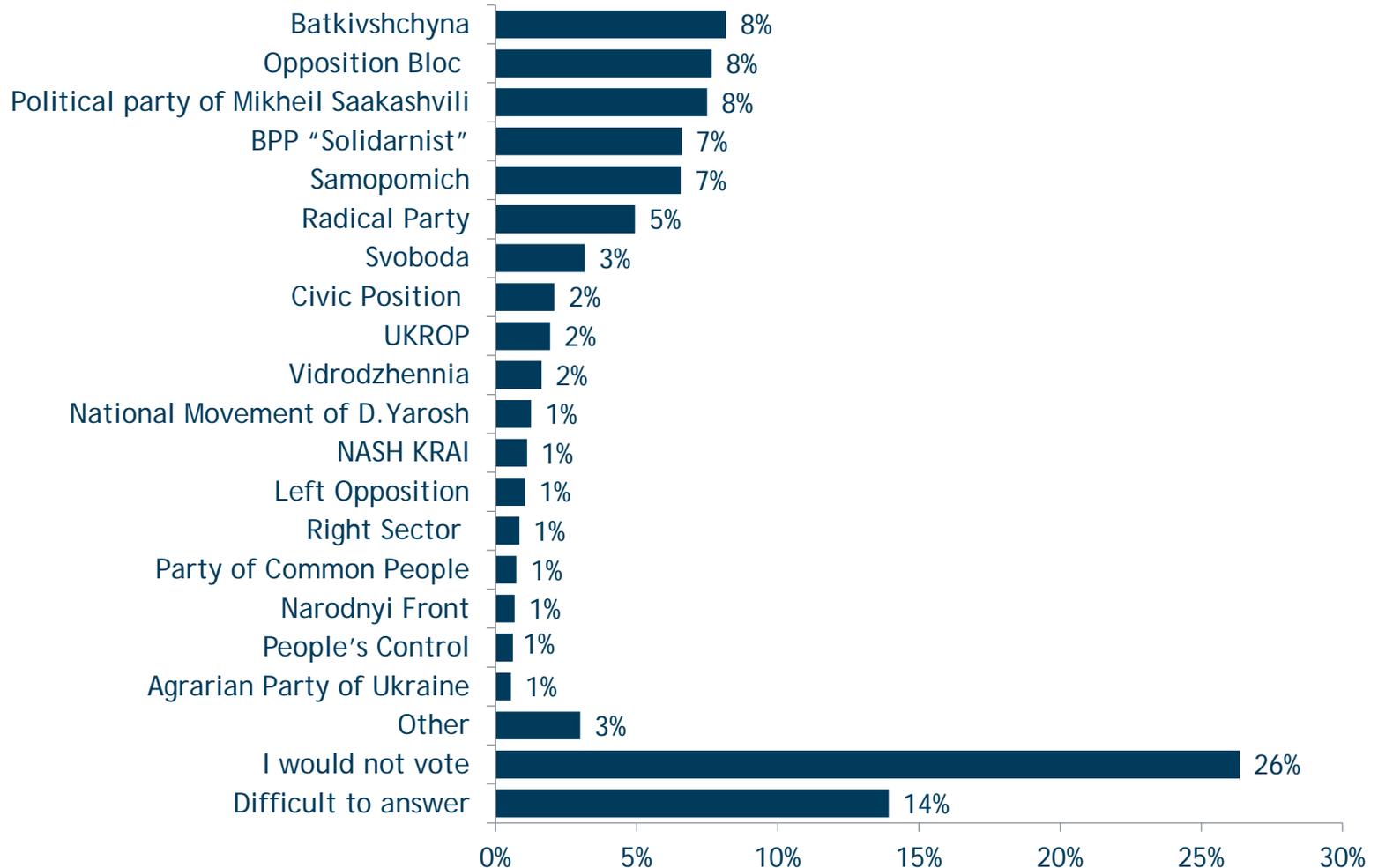
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(Among Likely Voters, n=1,487)



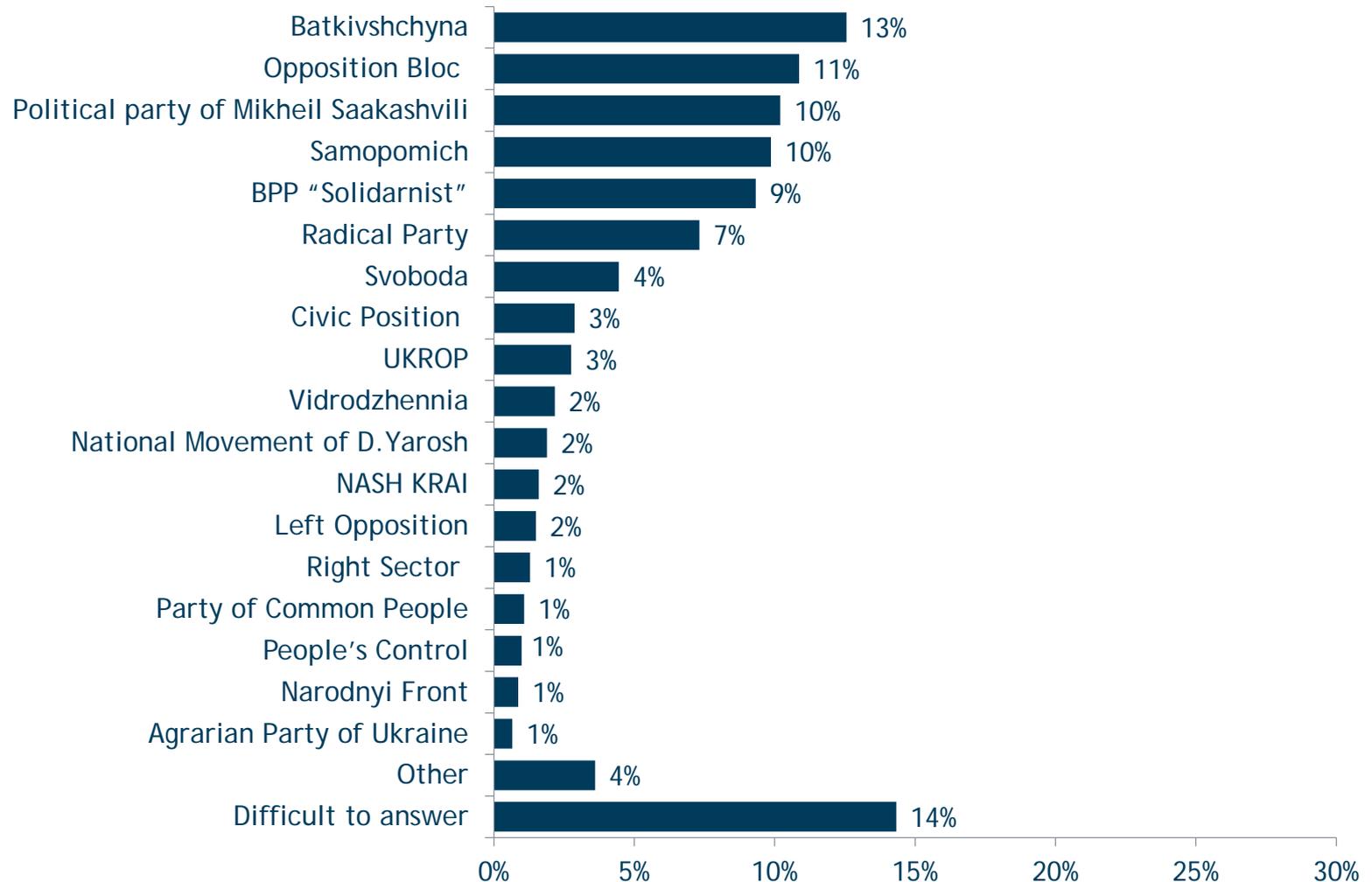
# If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties - including a political party of Mikheil Saakashvili - participated in the elections, for which political party would you vote?

(Among All Respondents)



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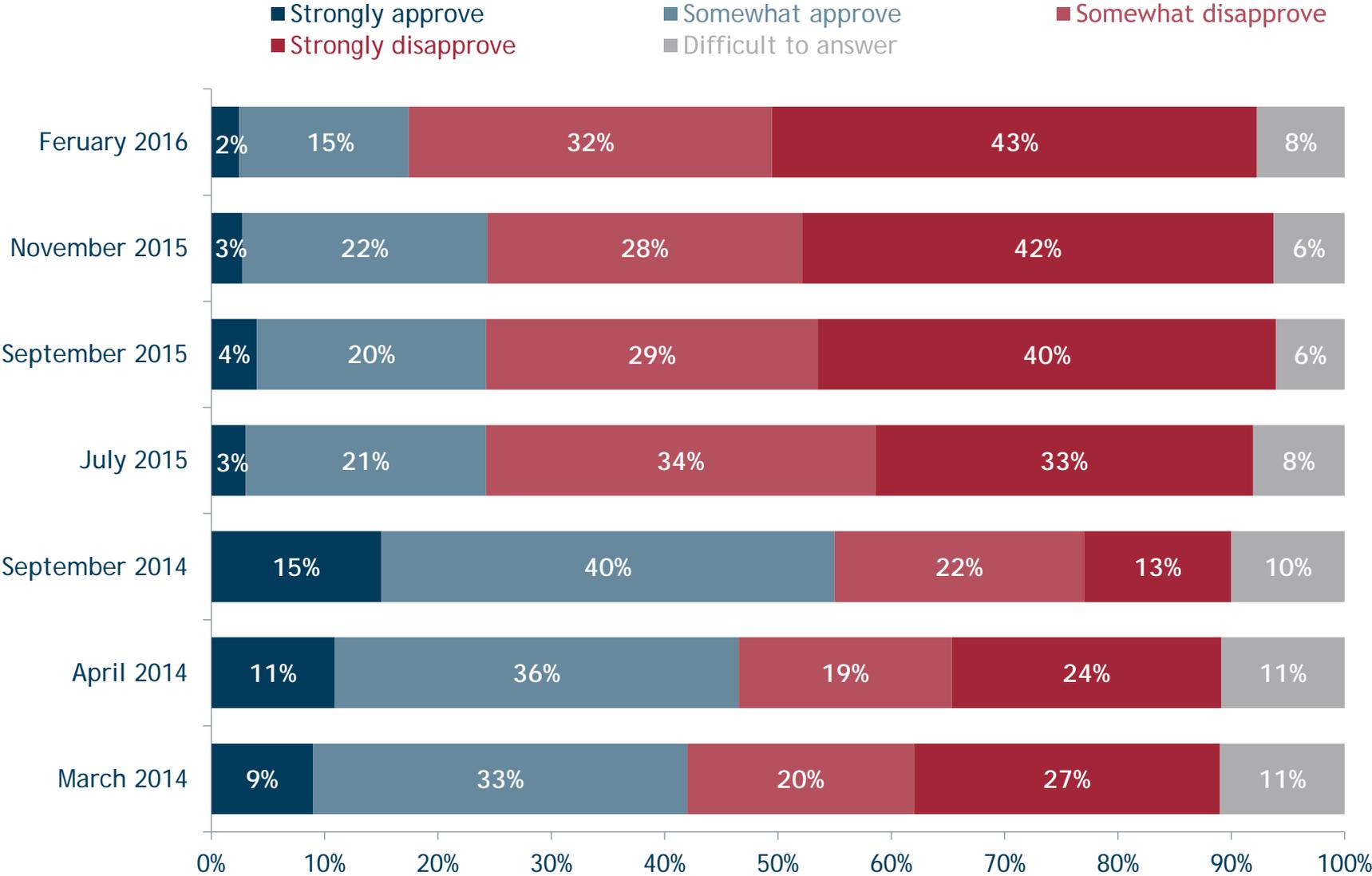




# Assessment of Ukrainian Authorities' Performance

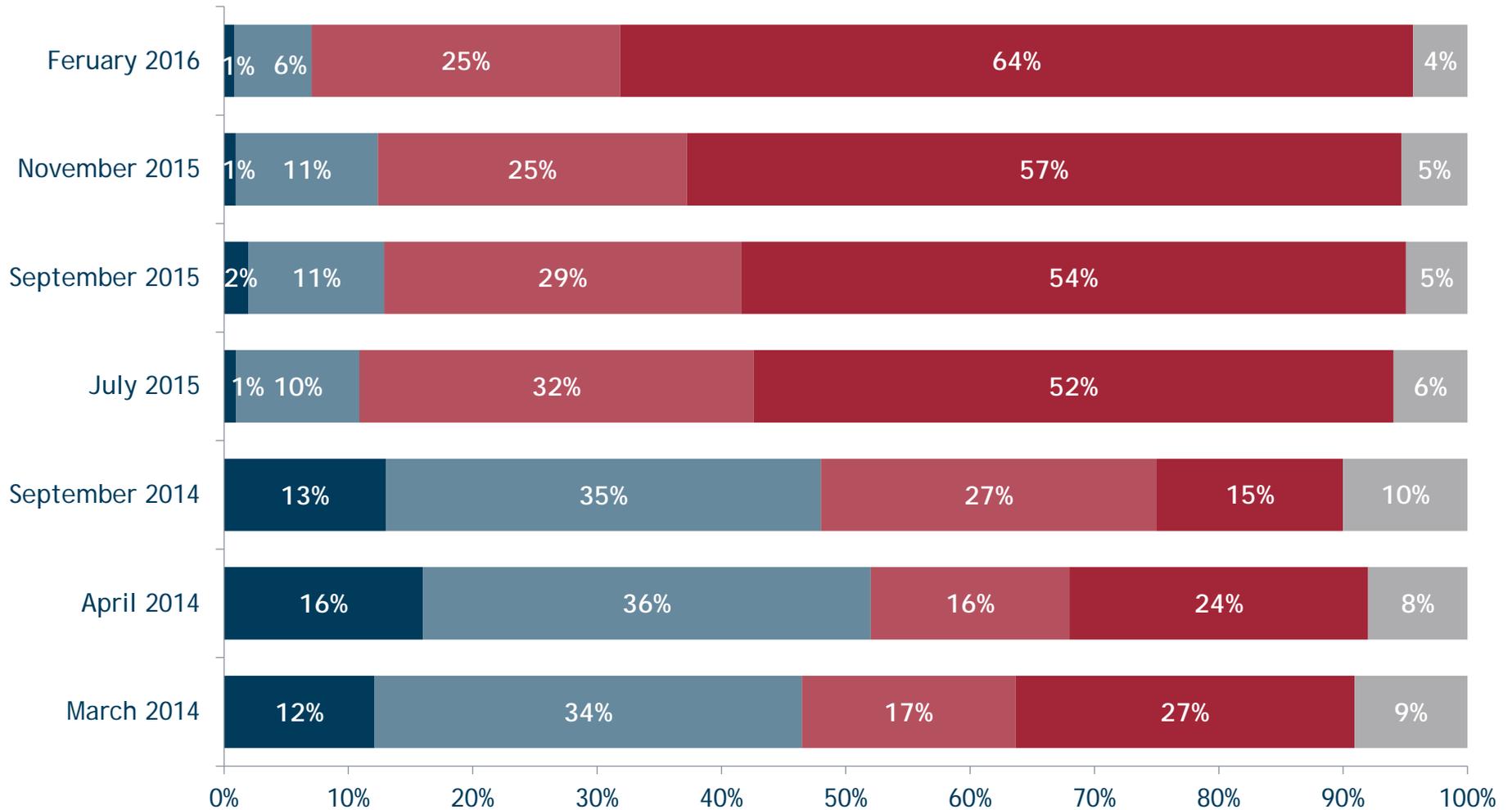
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# Do you approve or disapprove of the job the President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko is doing?

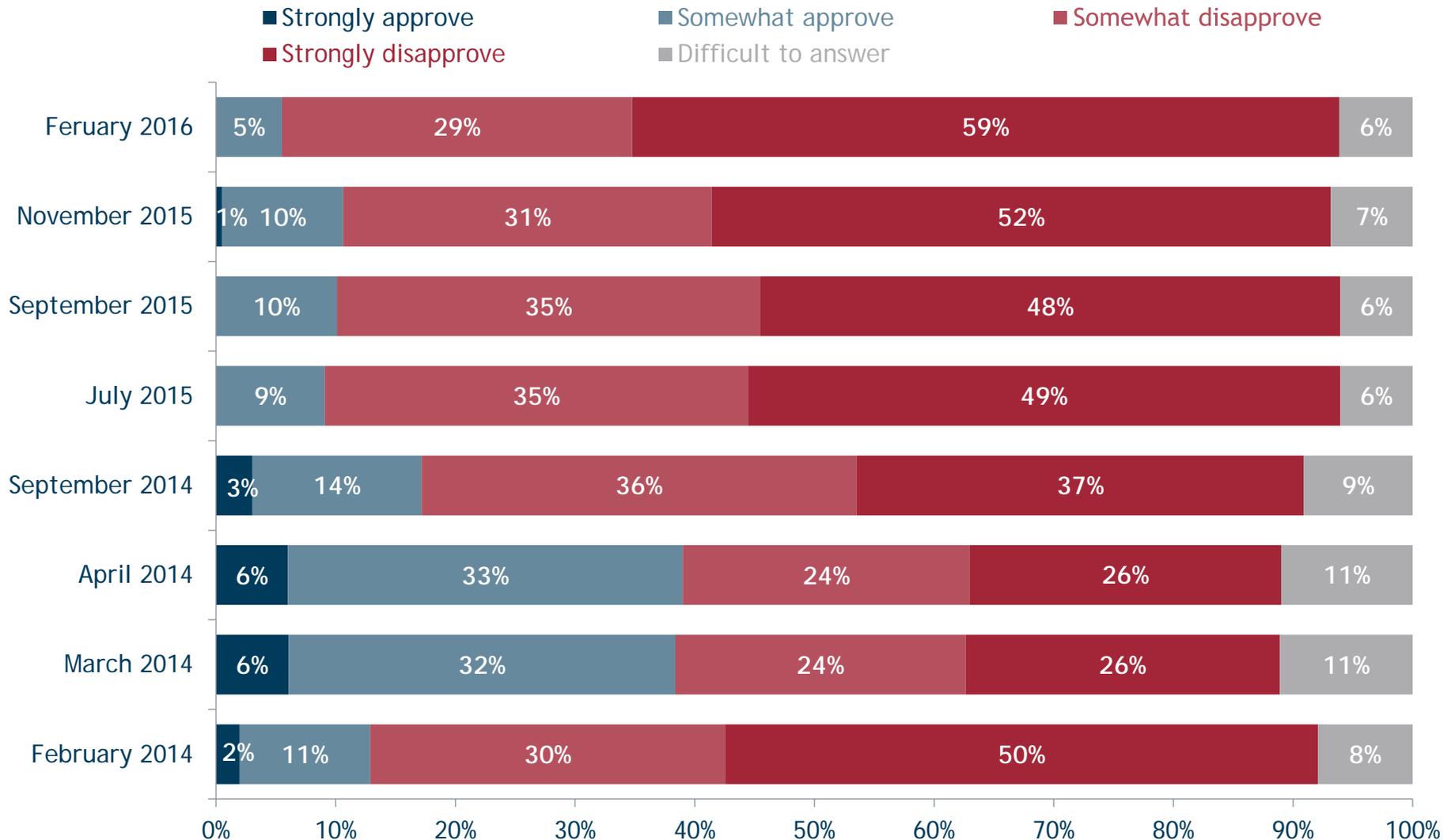


# Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Government of Ukraine under the leadership of Arseniy Yatsenyuk is doing?

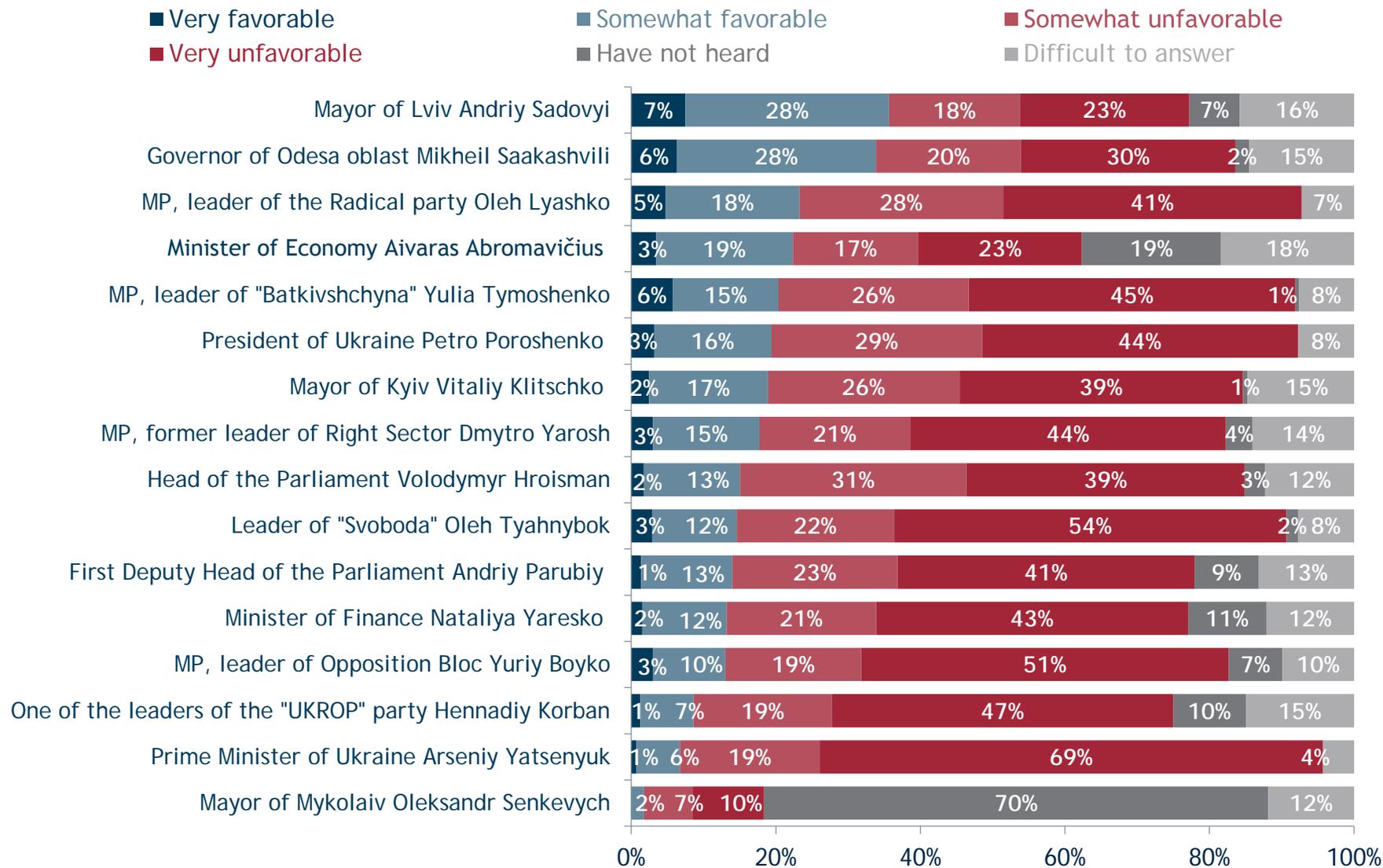
■ Strongly approve     
 ■ Somewhat approve     
 ■ Somewhat disapprove  
■ Strongly disapprove     
 ■ Difficult to answer



# Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Parliament of Ukraine is doing?



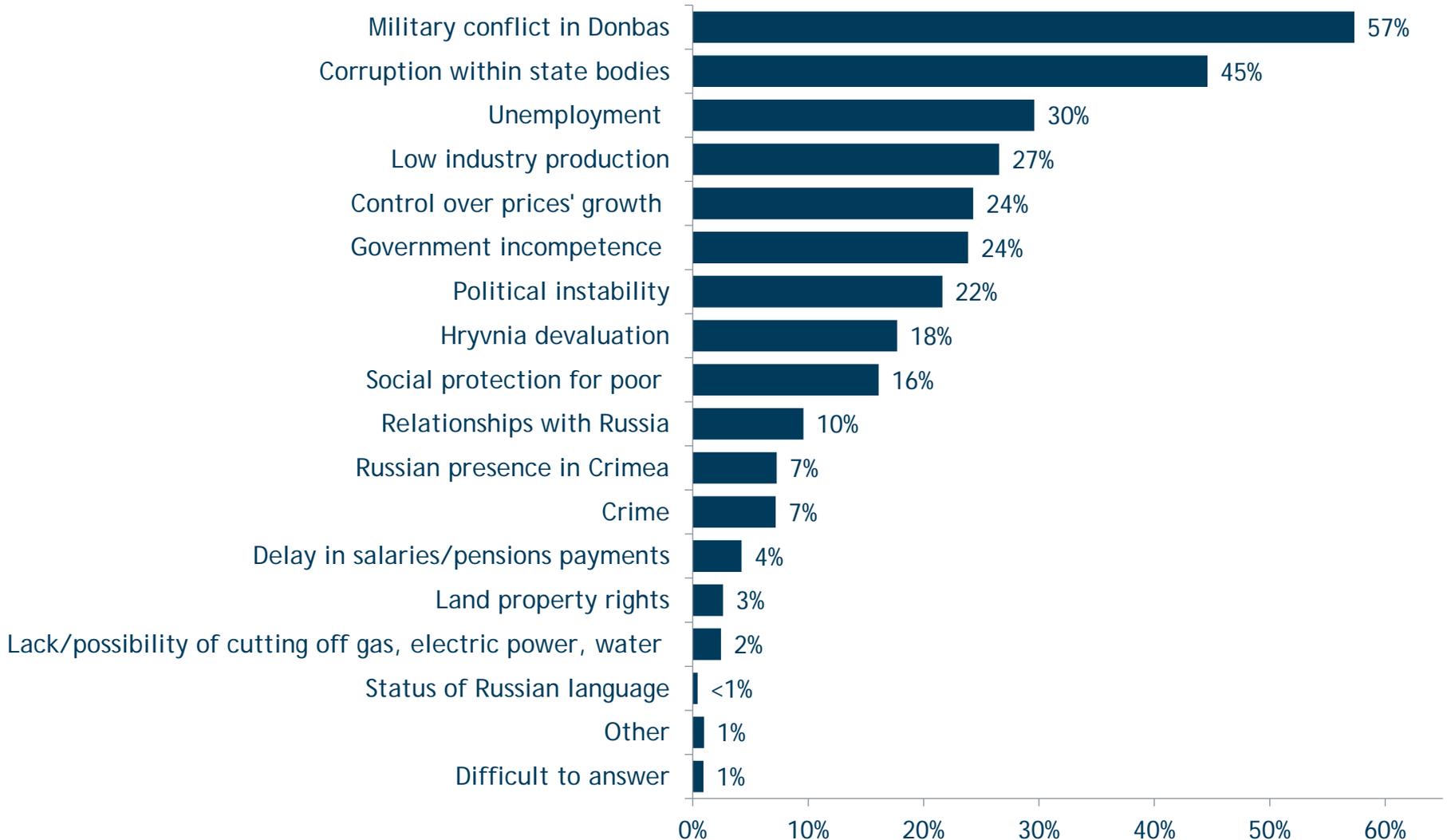
# What is your opinion of each of the following Ukrainian politicians and members of the Ukrainian government?



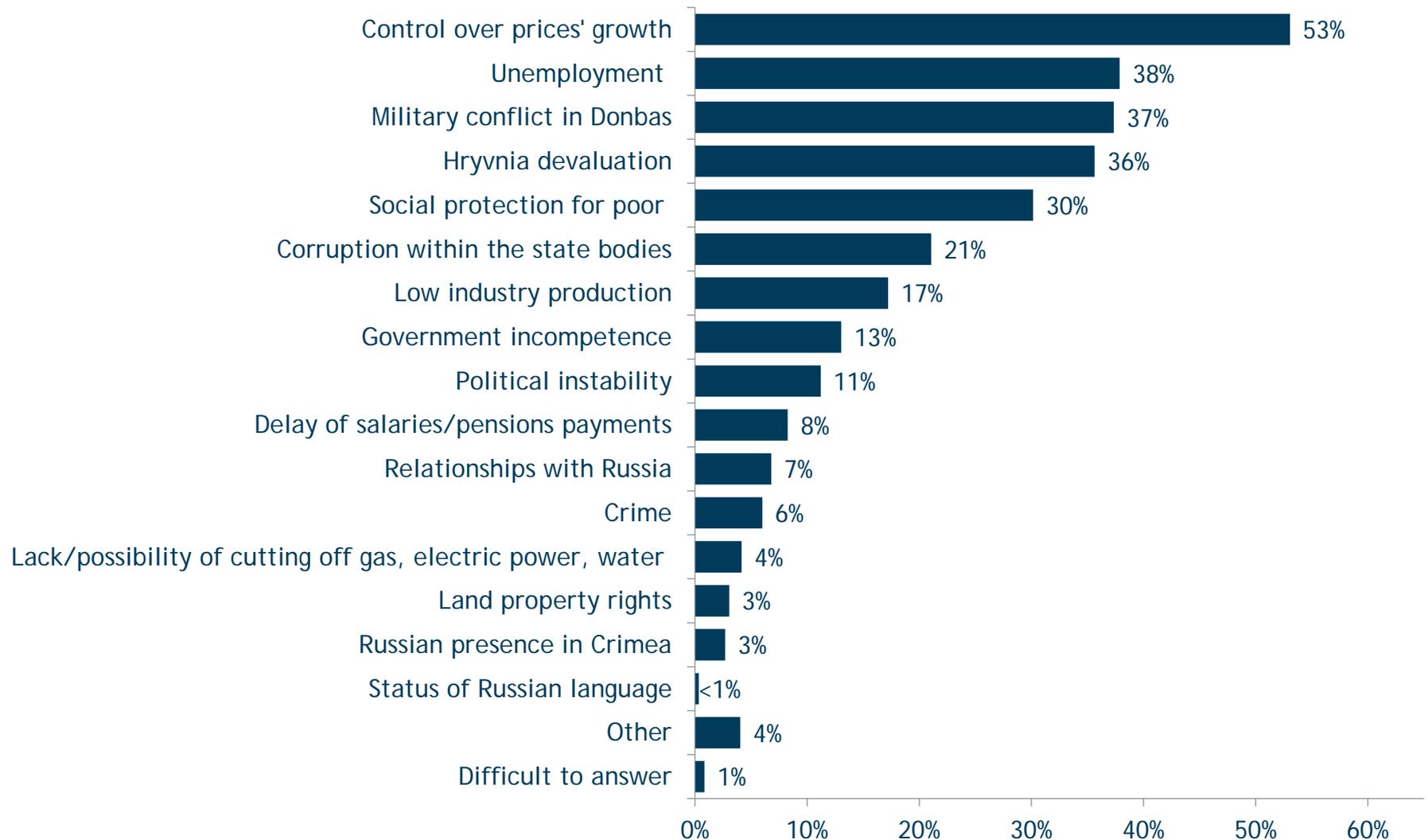


# Views on Issues

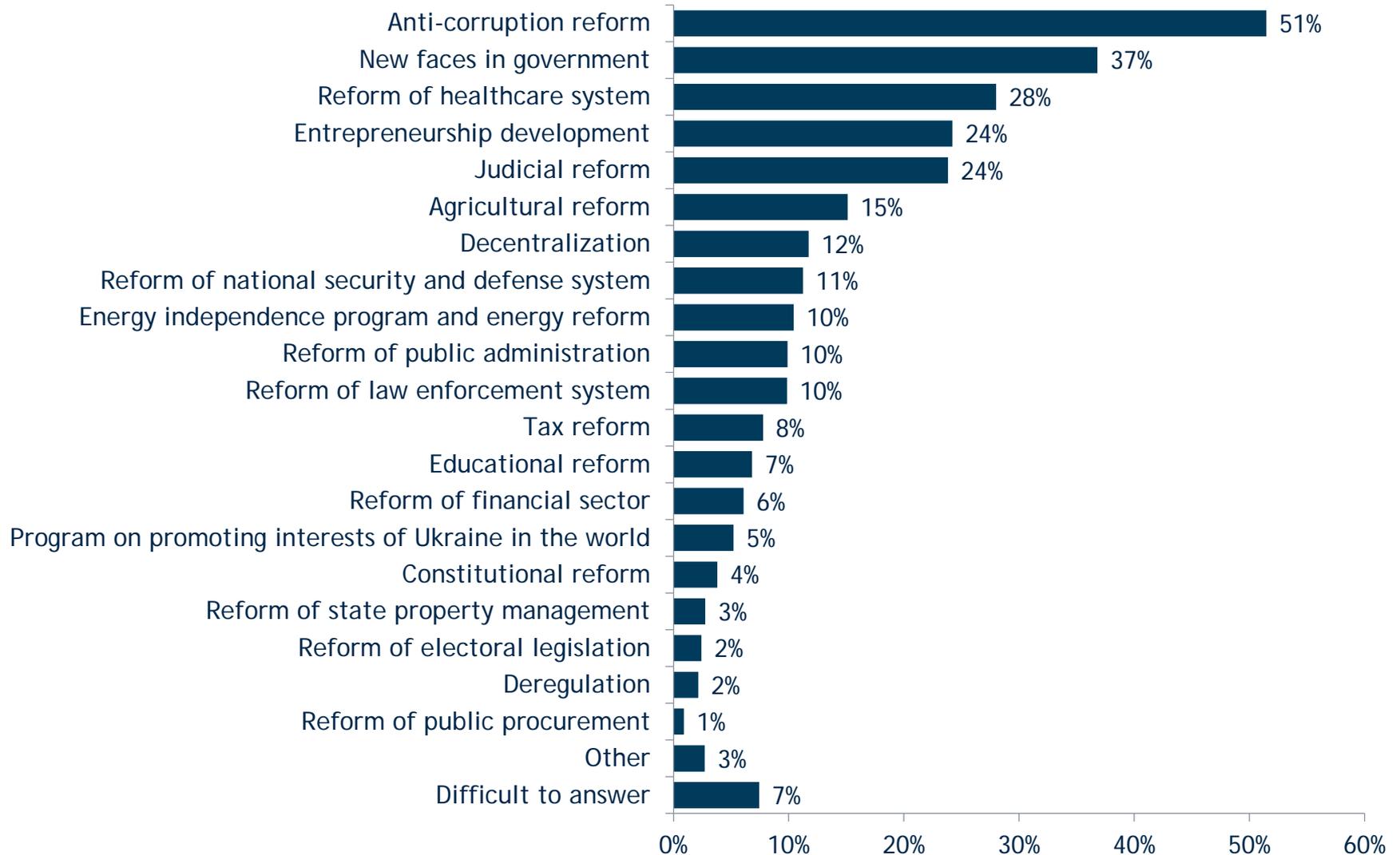
# Which three of the following issues are the most important for Ukraine?



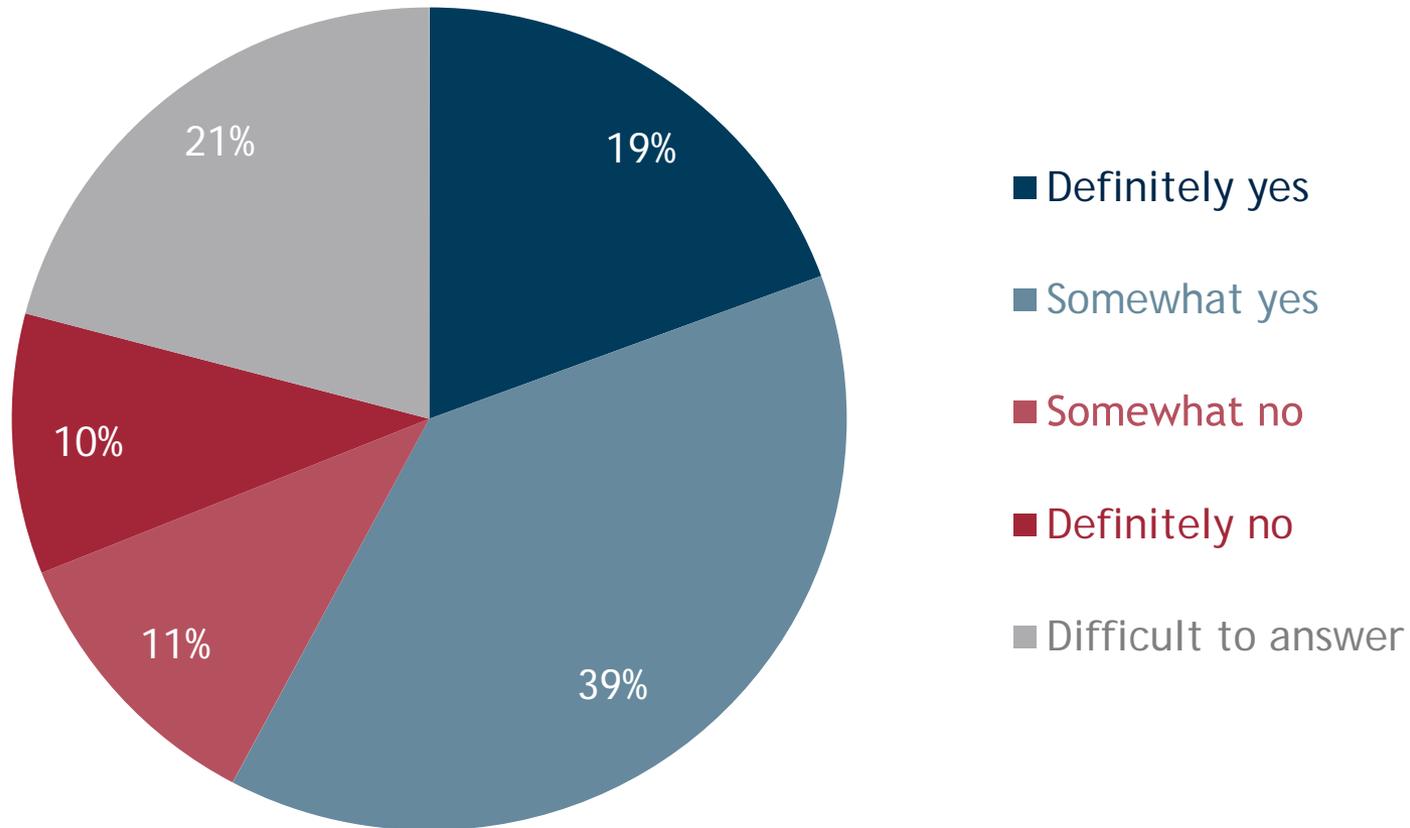
# Which three of the following issues are the most important for you personally?



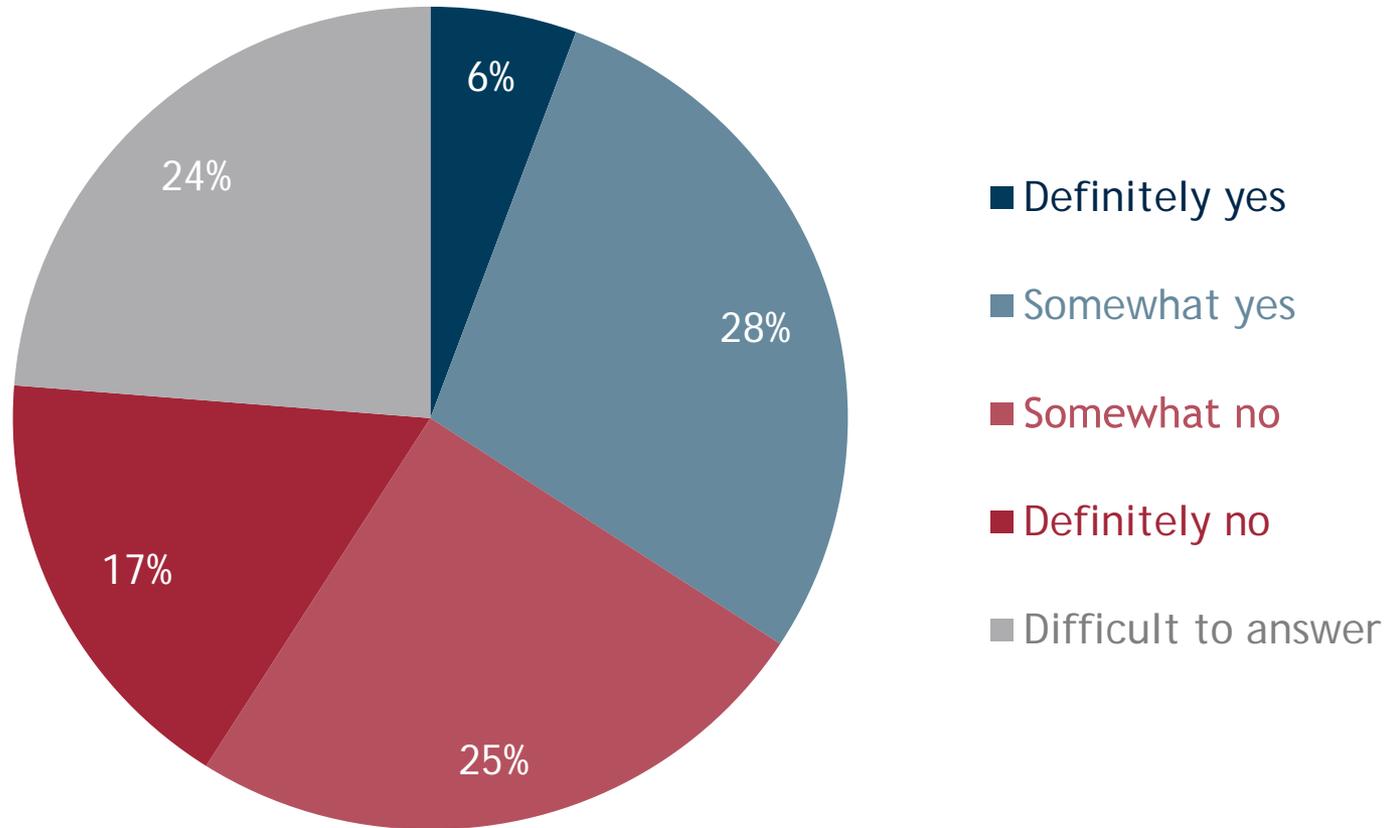
# Which three of the following areas should be a priority for the national authorities of Ukraine?

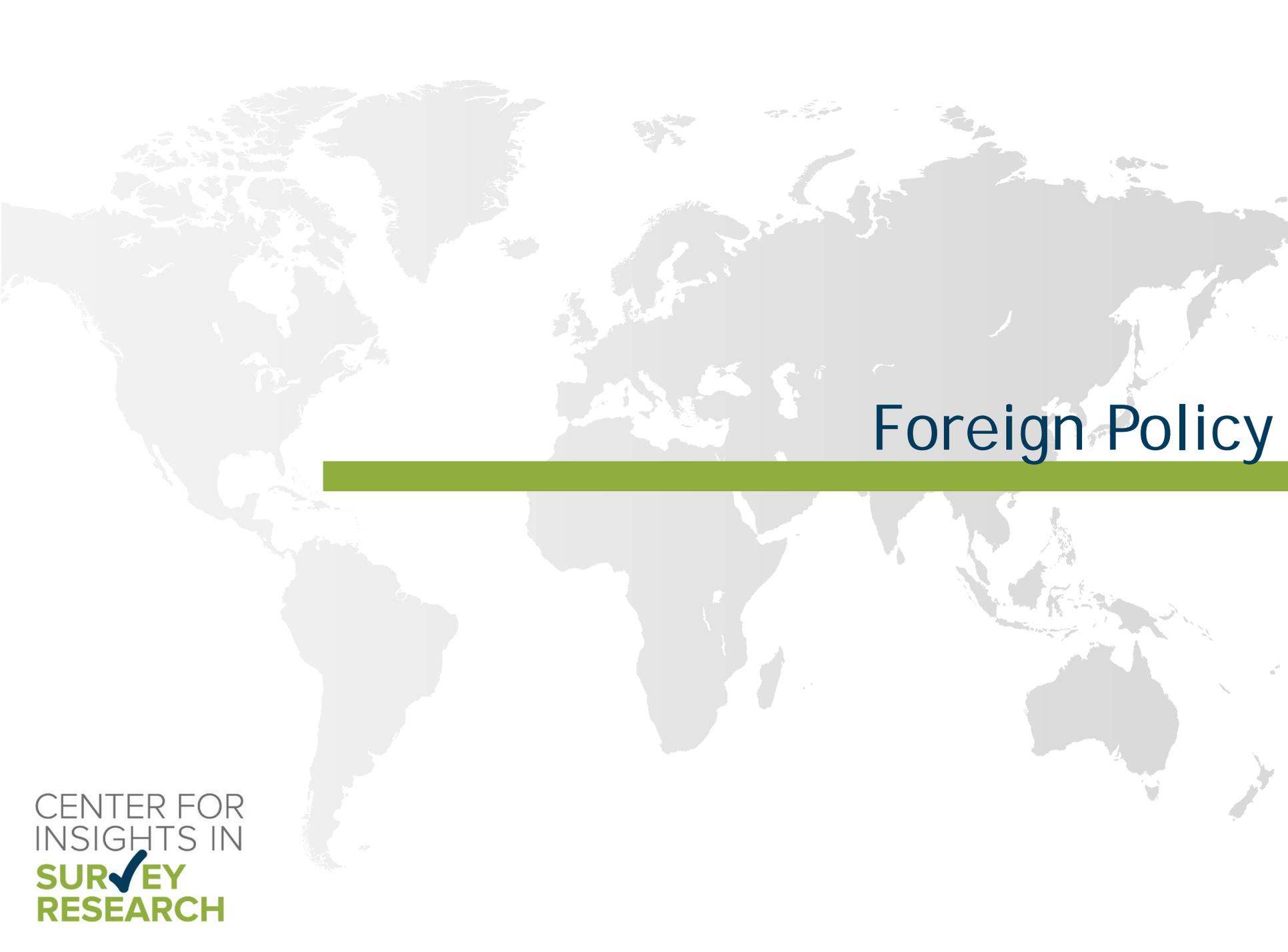


# Do you support the establishment of new anti-corruption entities in Ukraine to tackle corruption?



# Do you think that those newly established anti-corruption entities of Ukraine will effectively tackle corruption?



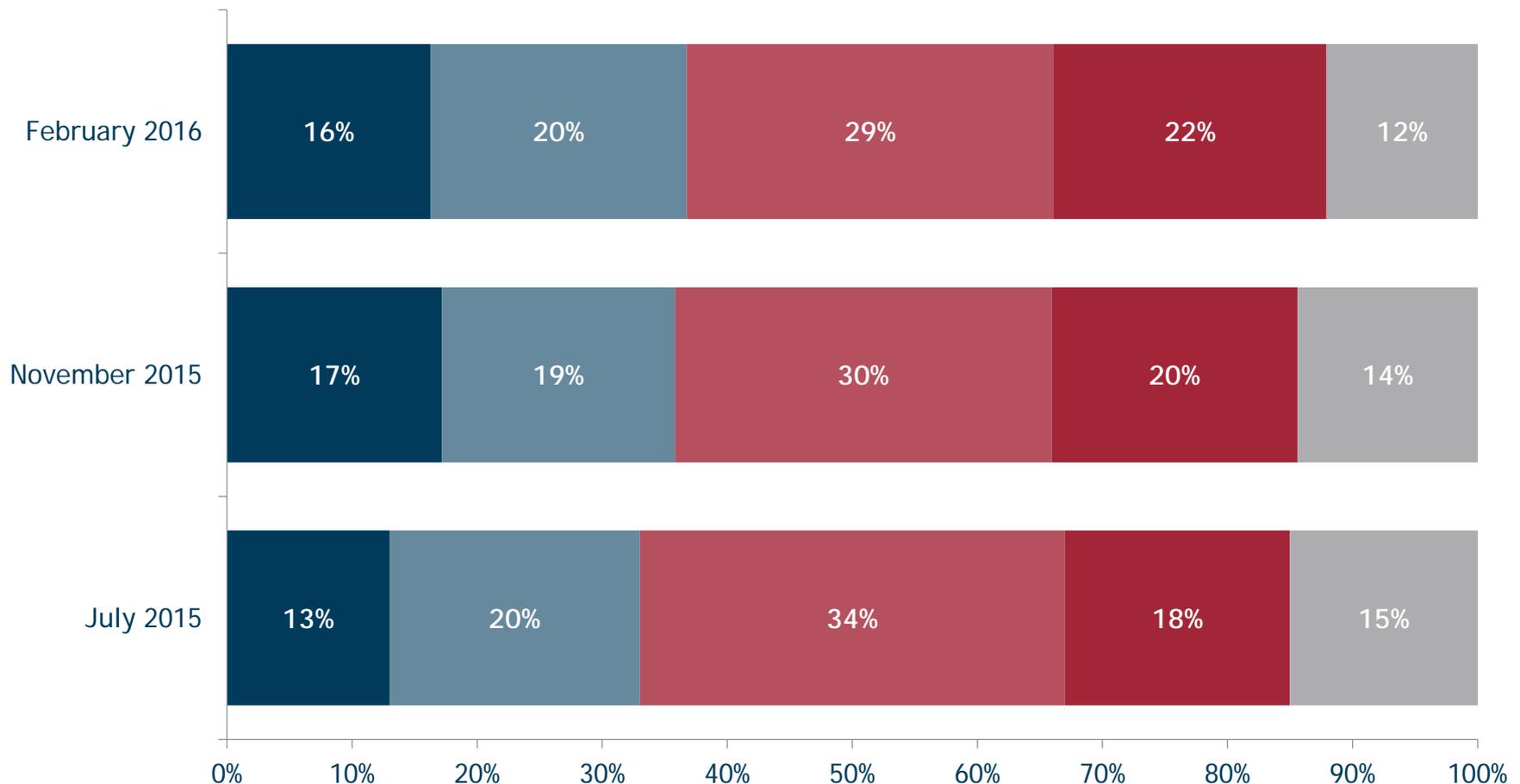


# Foreign Policy

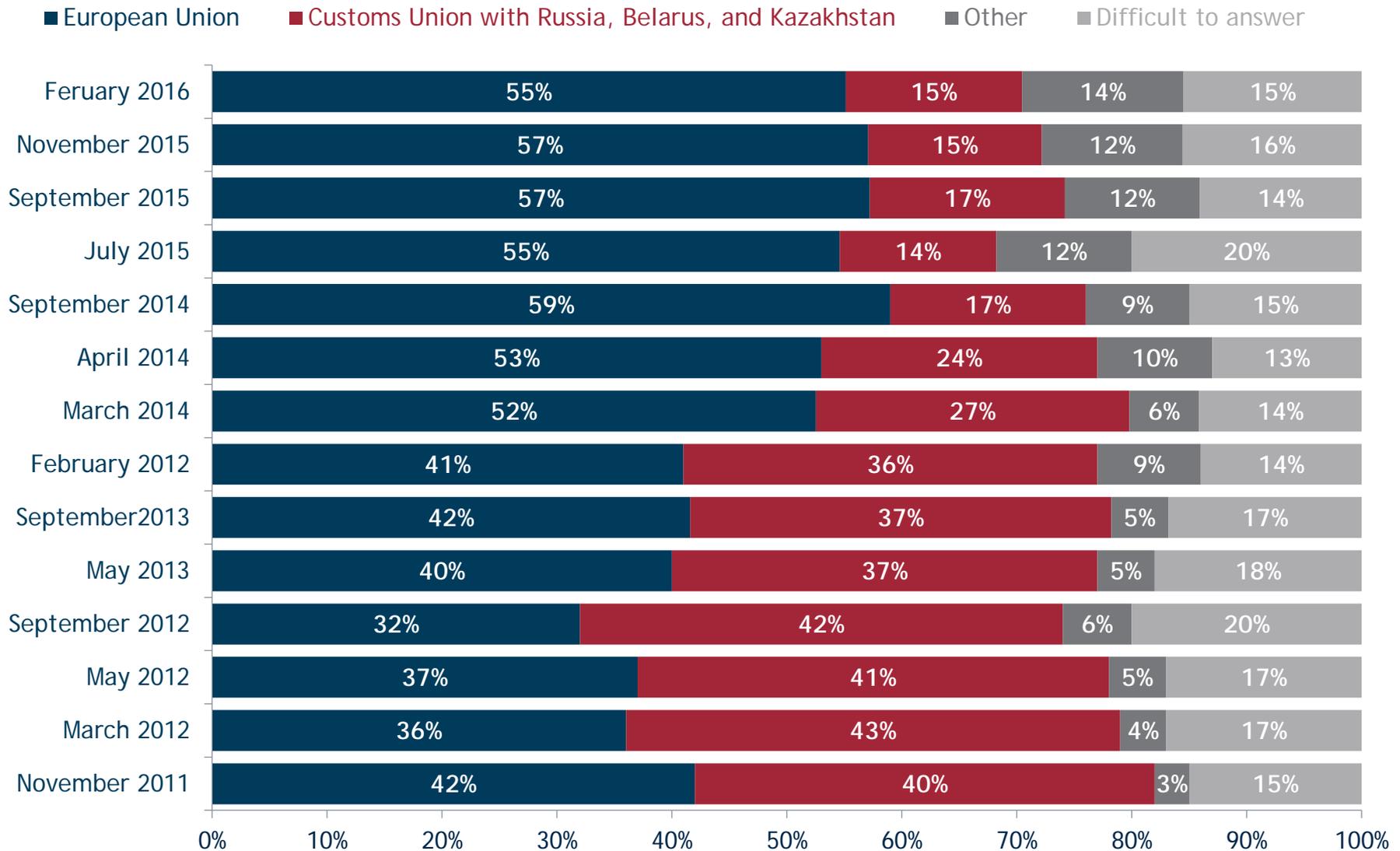
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# If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?

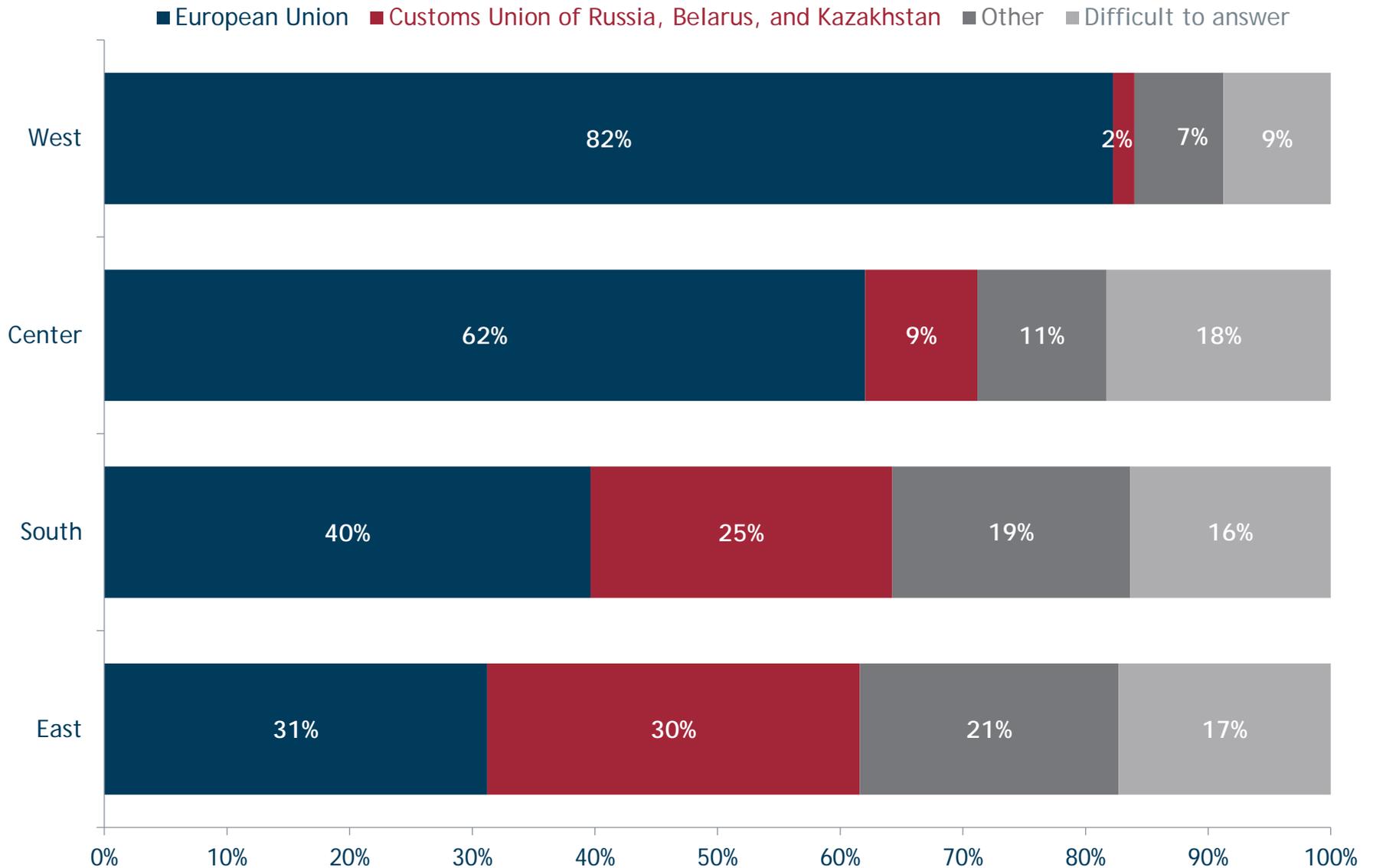
- Democracy is definitely more important to me
- Democracy is somewhat more important to me
- Prosperity is somewhat more important to me
- Prosperity is definitely more important to me
- Difficult to answer



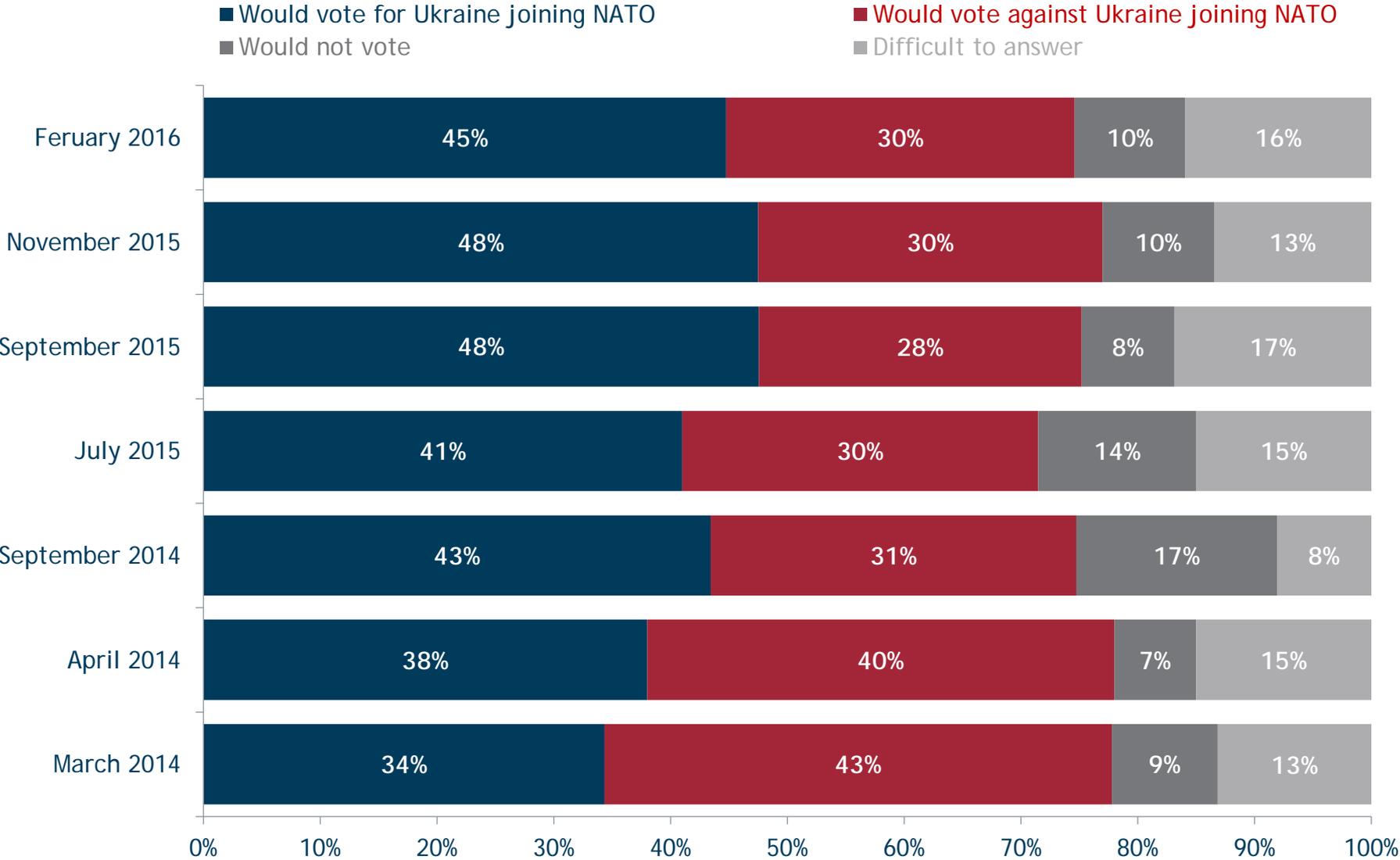
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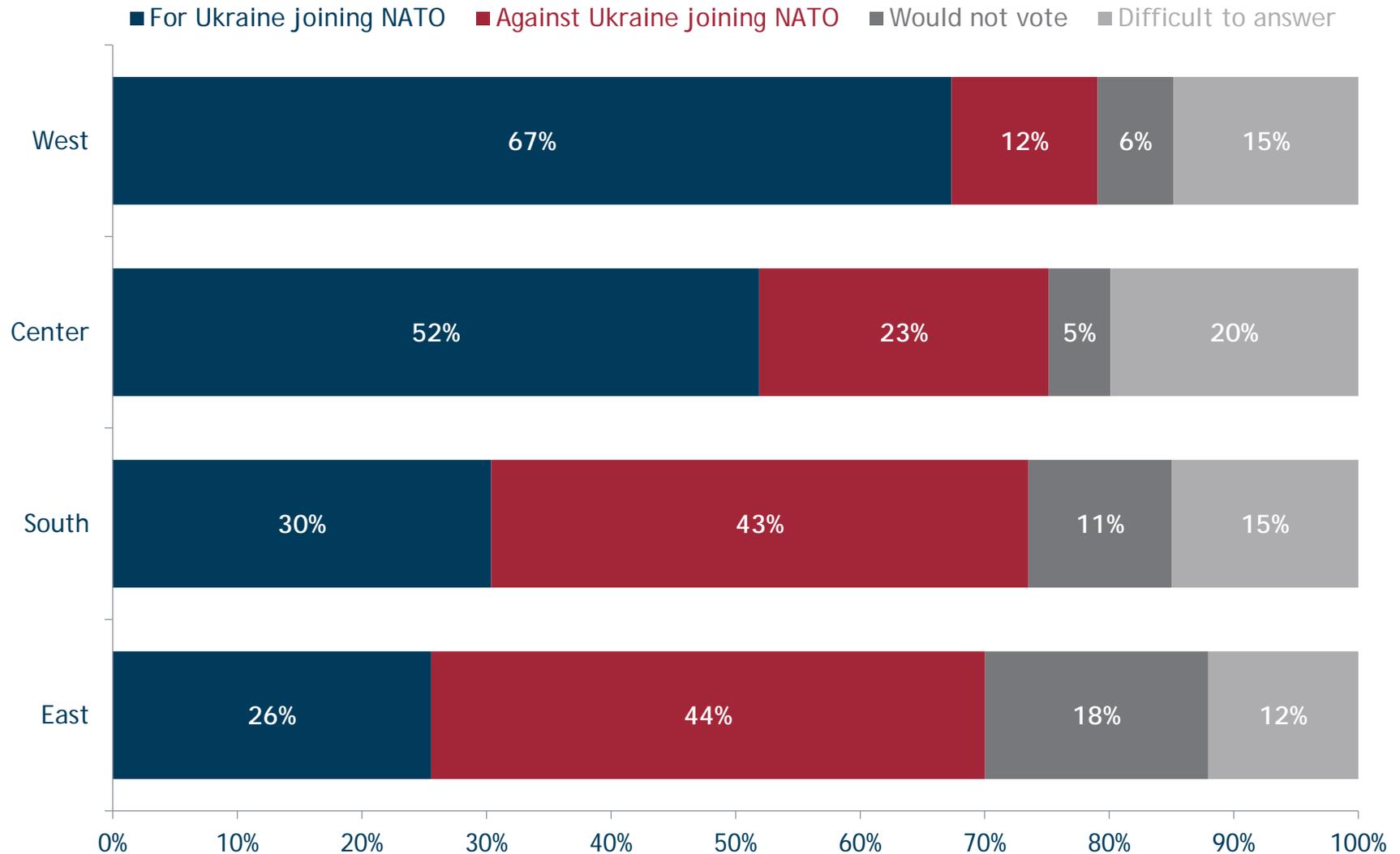
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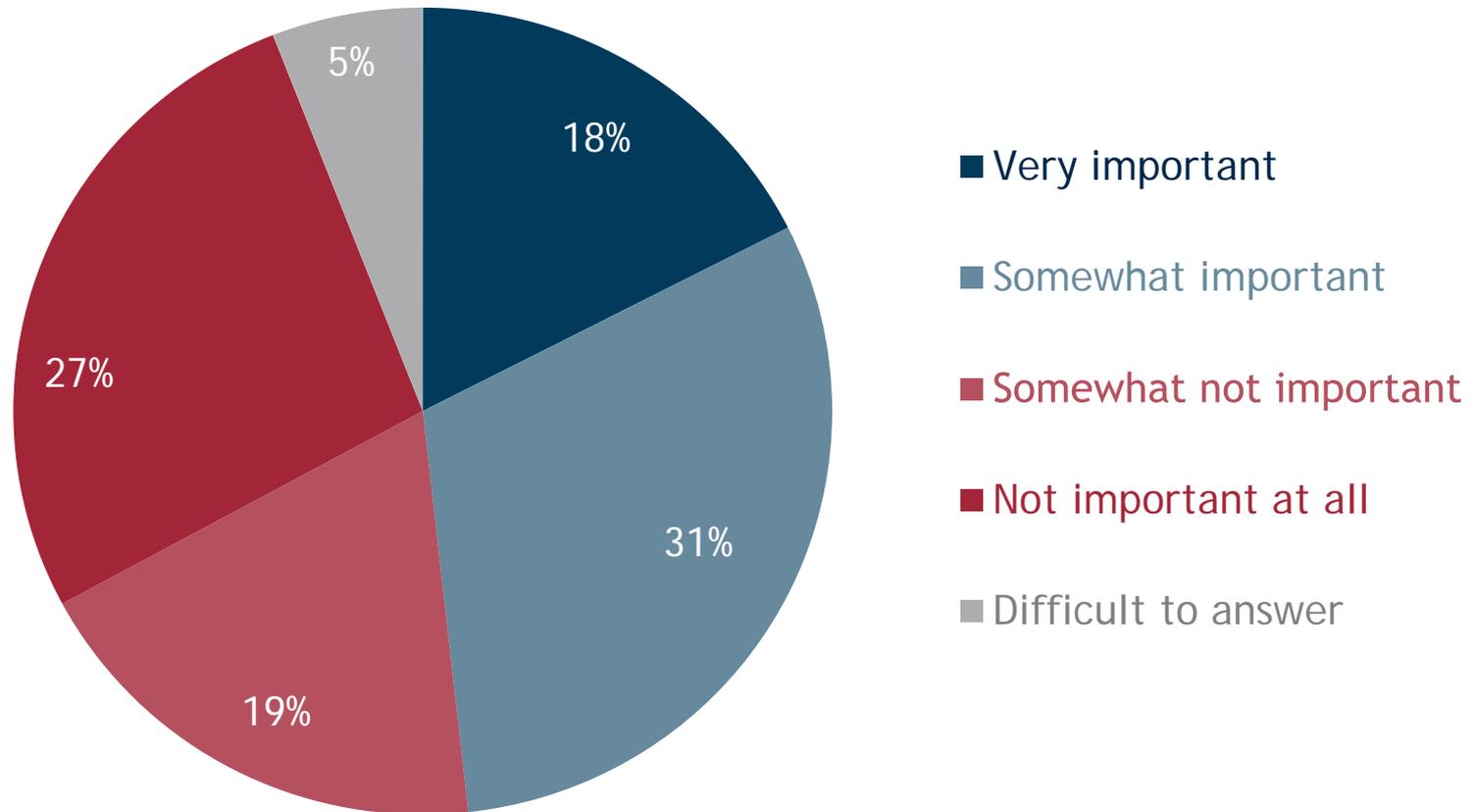
# If a referendum on Ukraine joining NATO were held today, how would you vote?



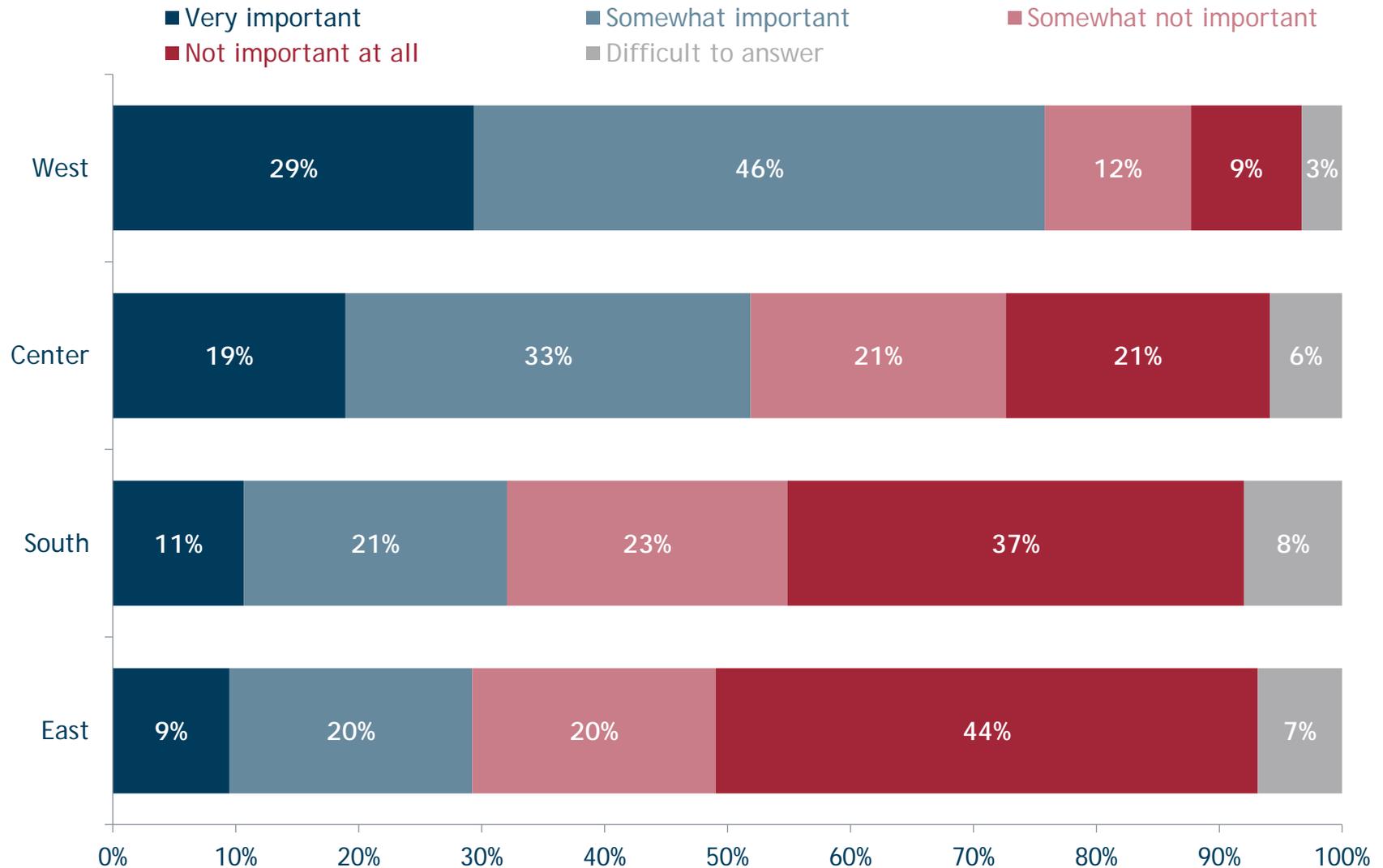
# If a referendum on Ukraine joining NATO were held today, how would you vote?



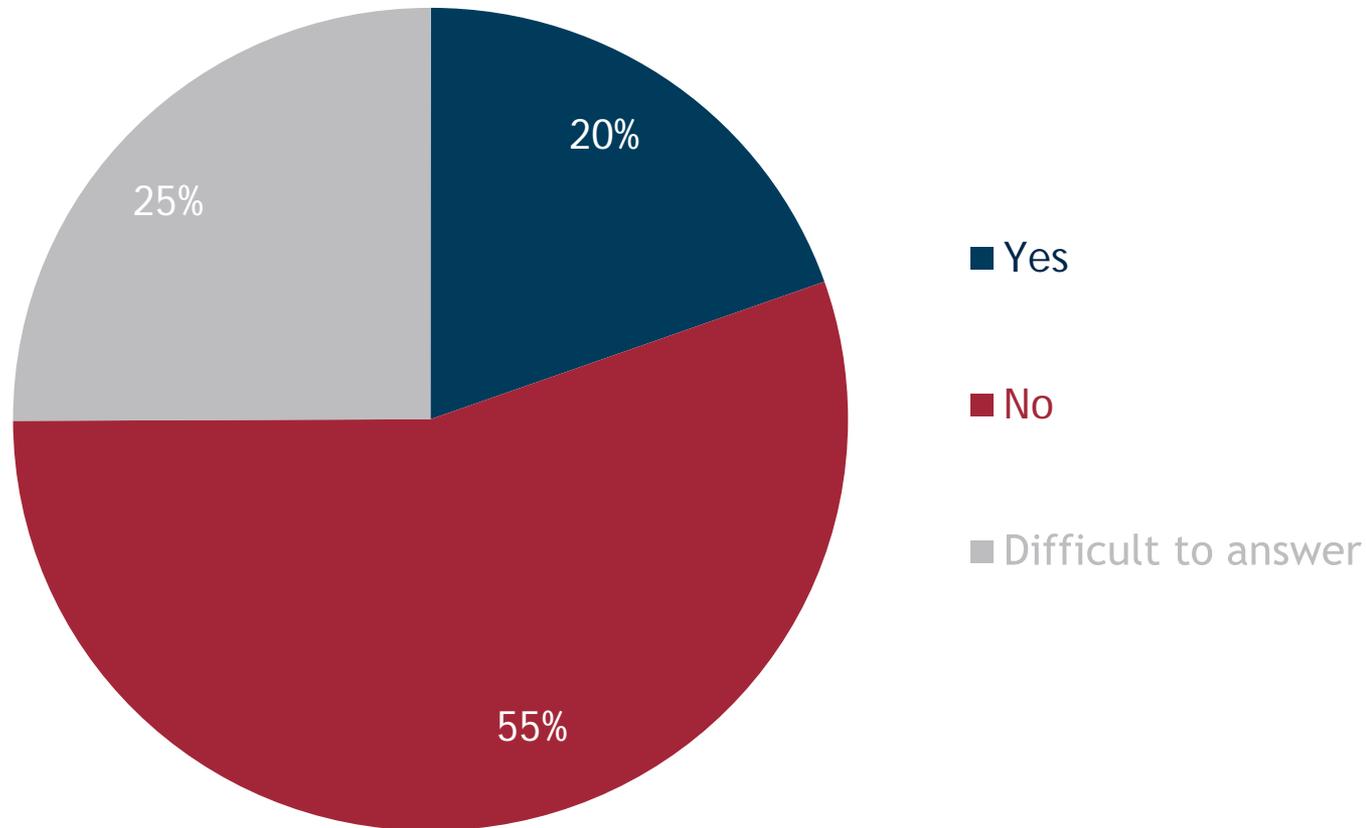
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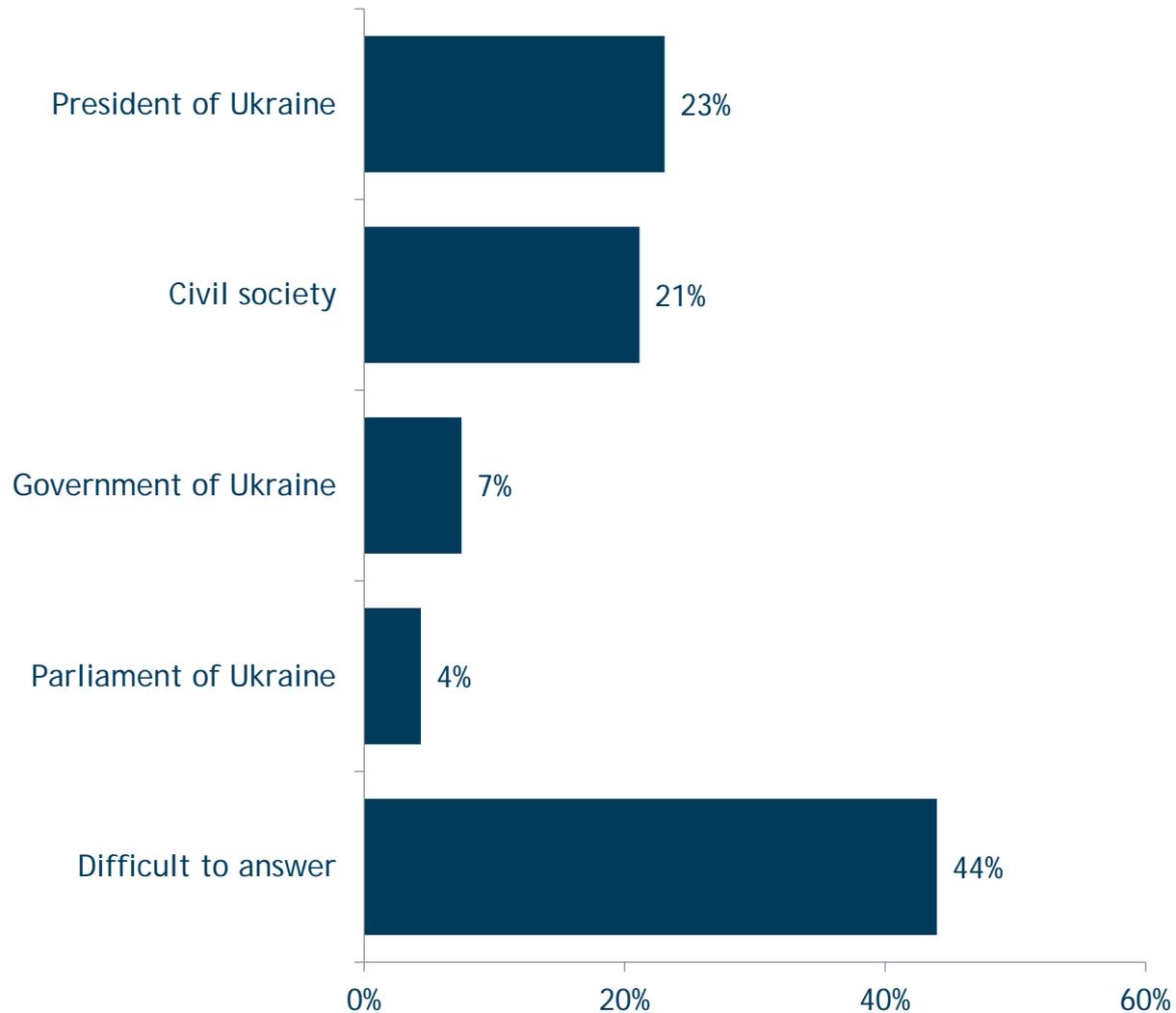
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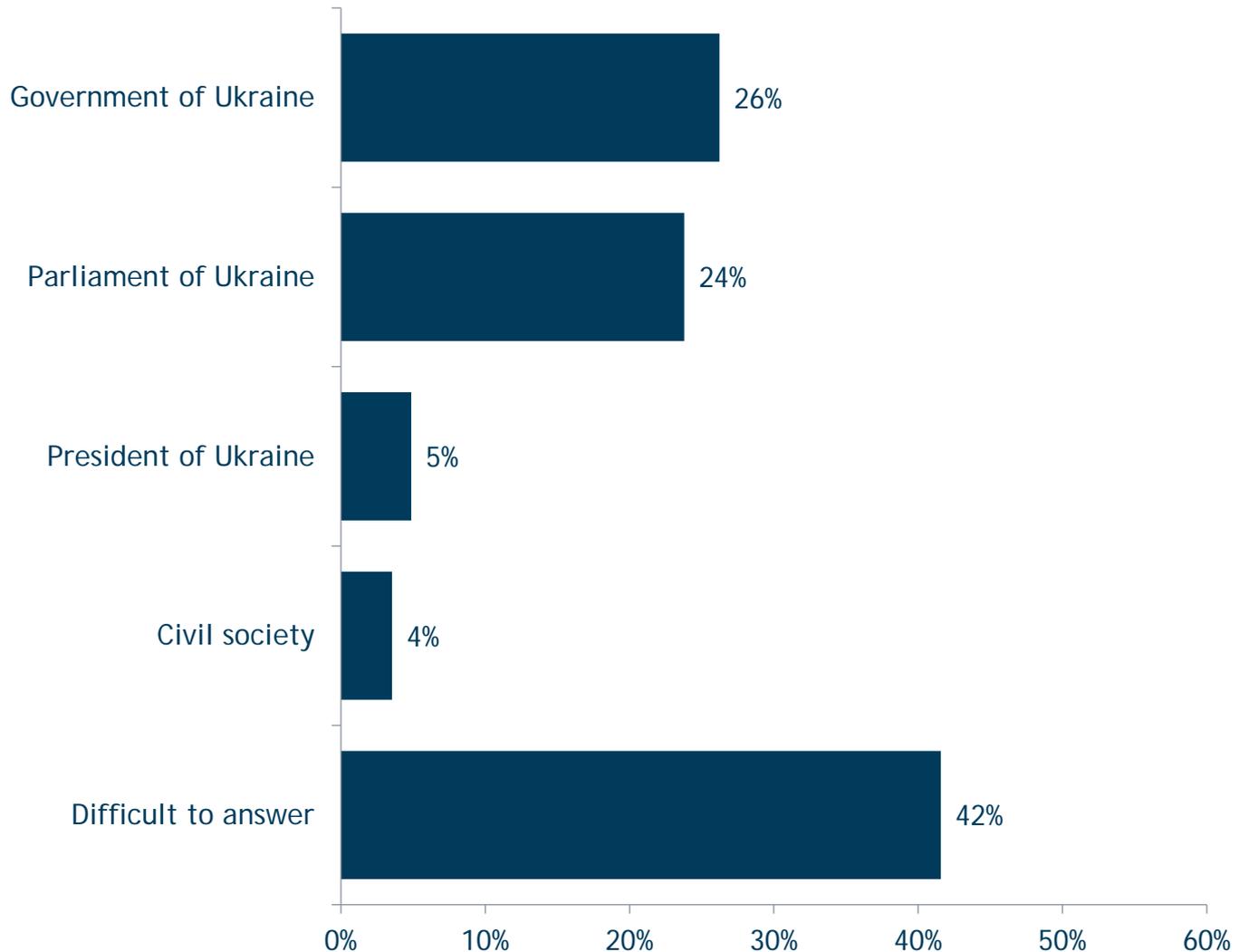
# Do you believe that a visa-free regime between Ukraine and the European Union will be achieved this year?



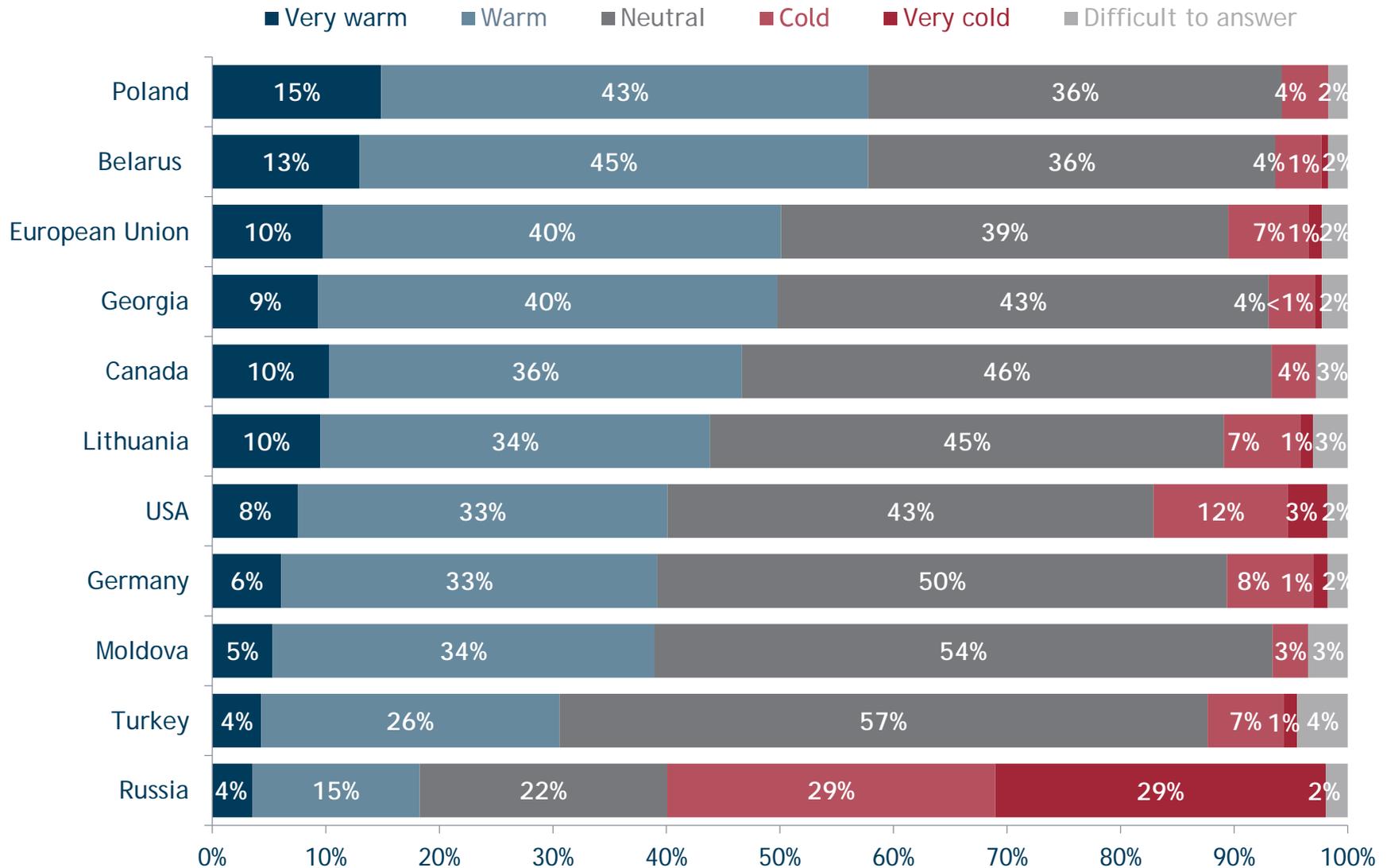
# In your opinion, who is doing the most to achieve a visa-free regime between Ukraine and the European Union?



# In your opinion, who is doing the most to interfere with the process of achieving a visa-free regime between Ukraine and the European Union?



# How do you evaluate your attitude toward each of the following countries?

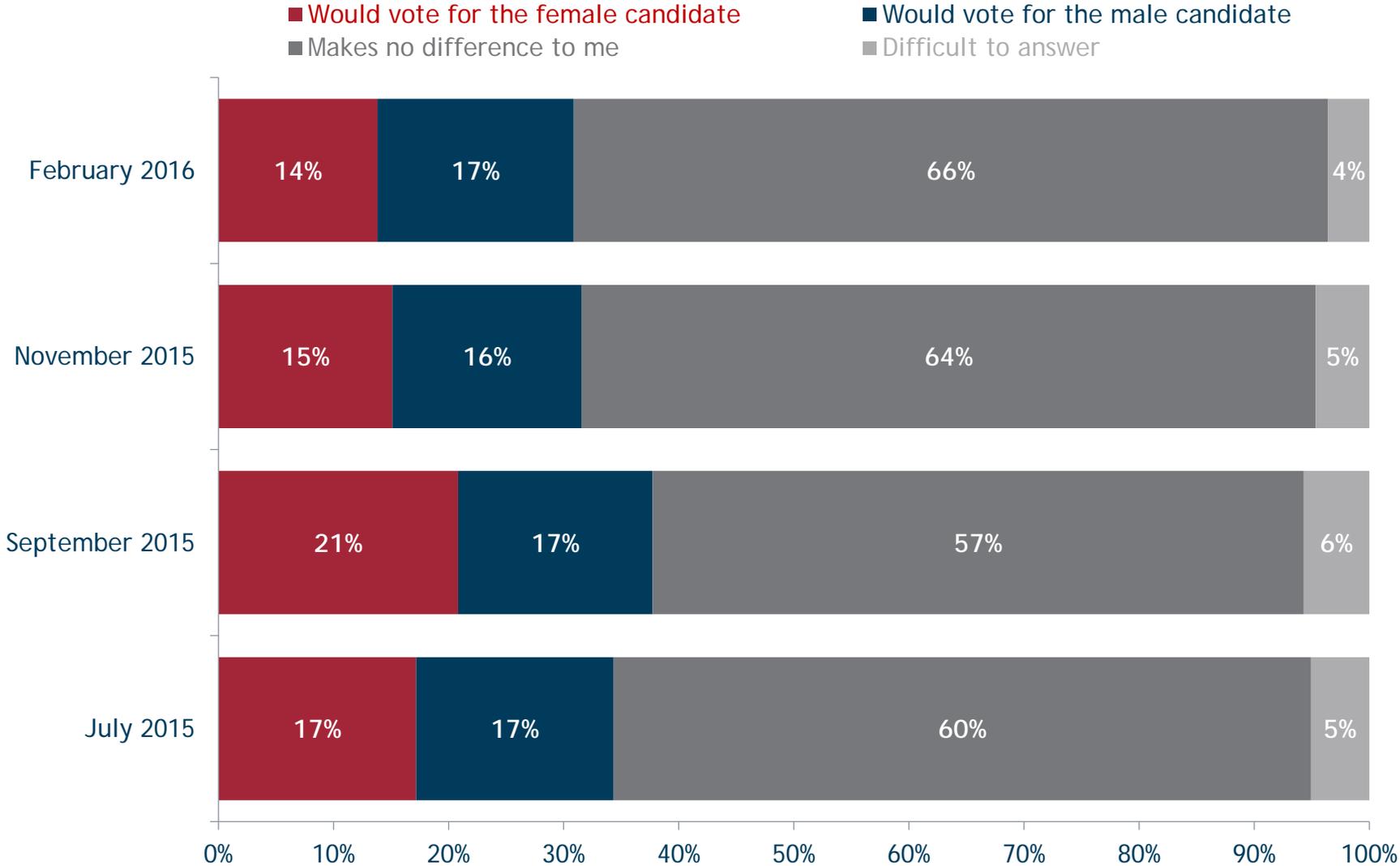




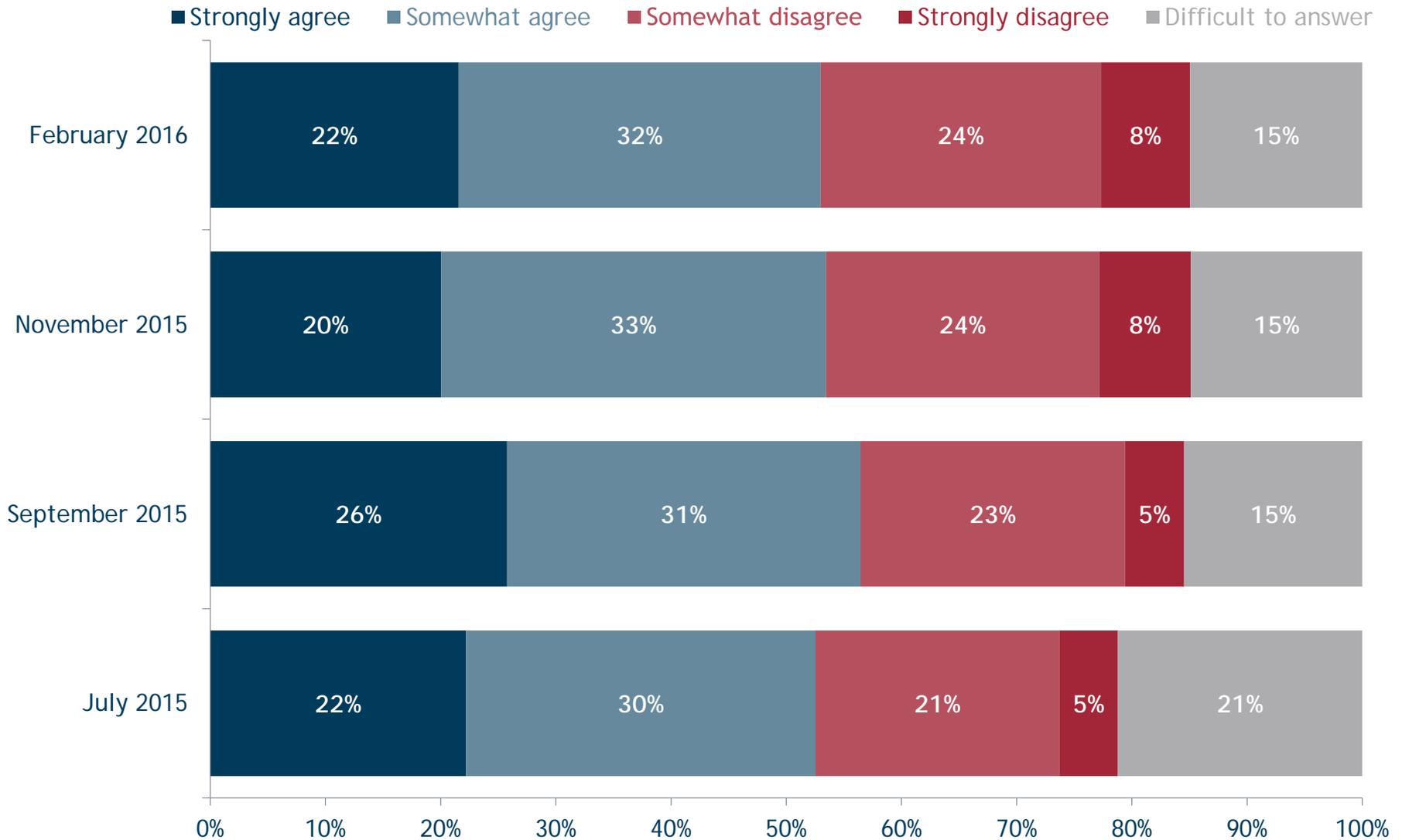
# Women and Youth in Ukraine

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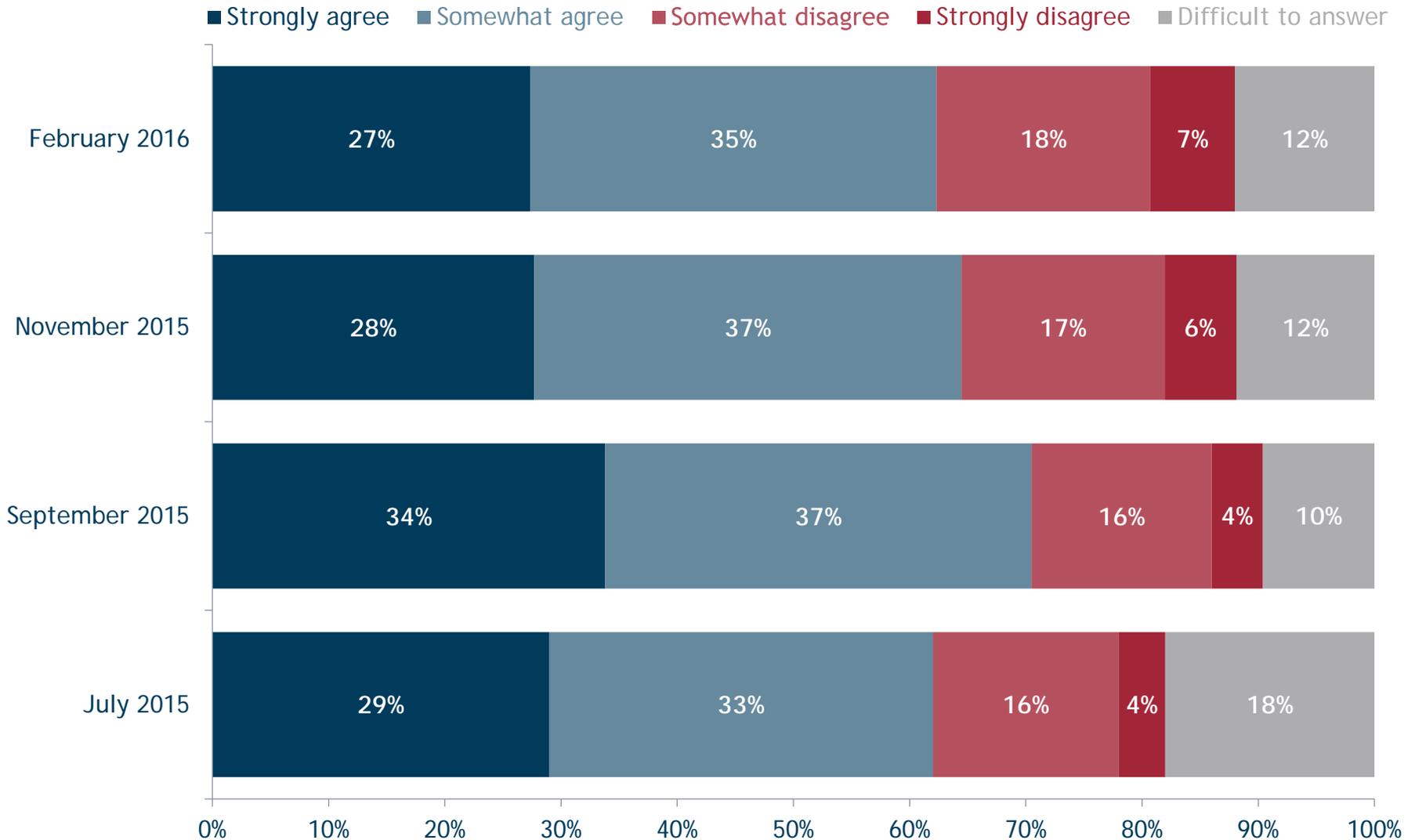
# If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?

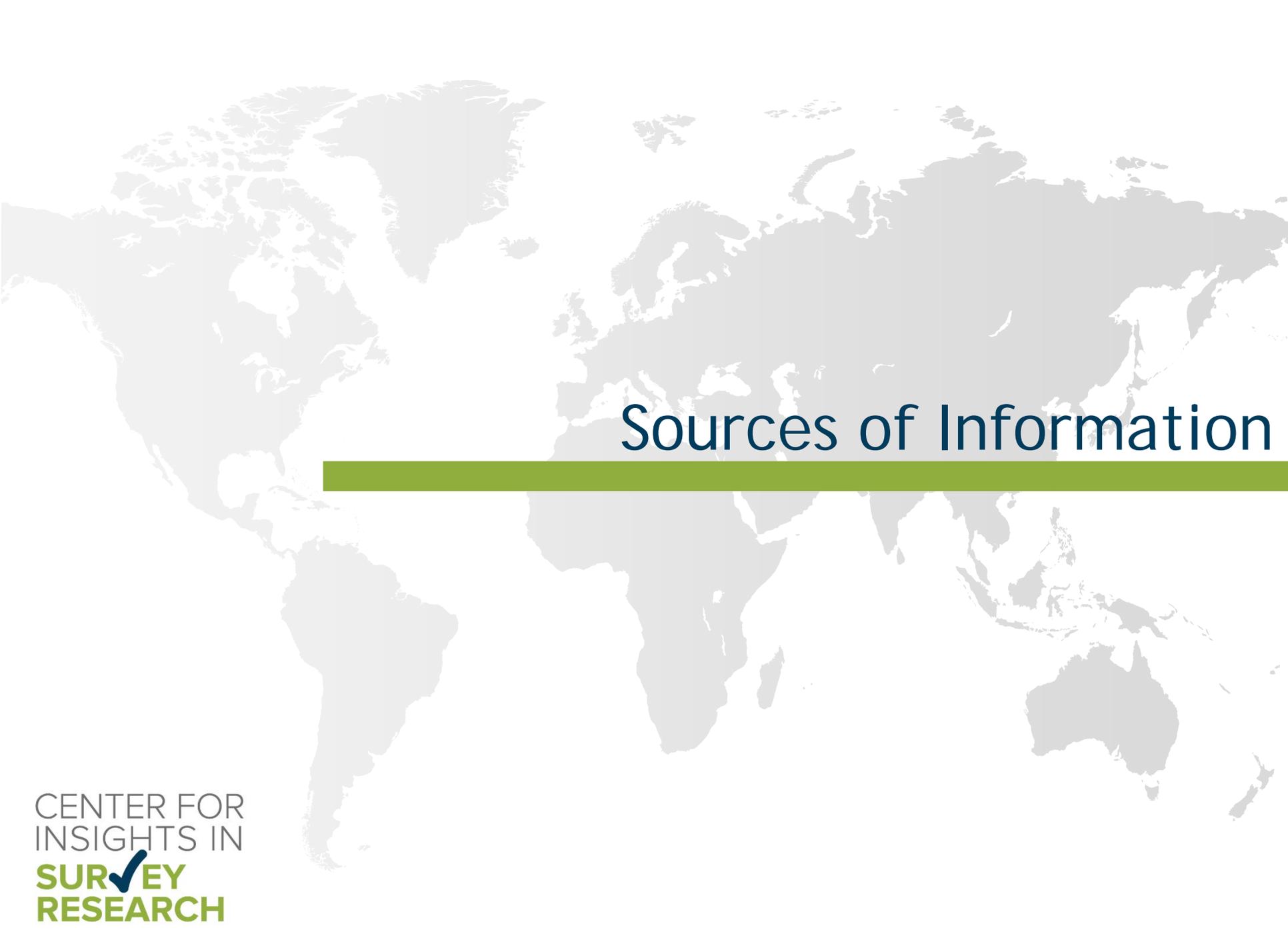


# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women”?



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

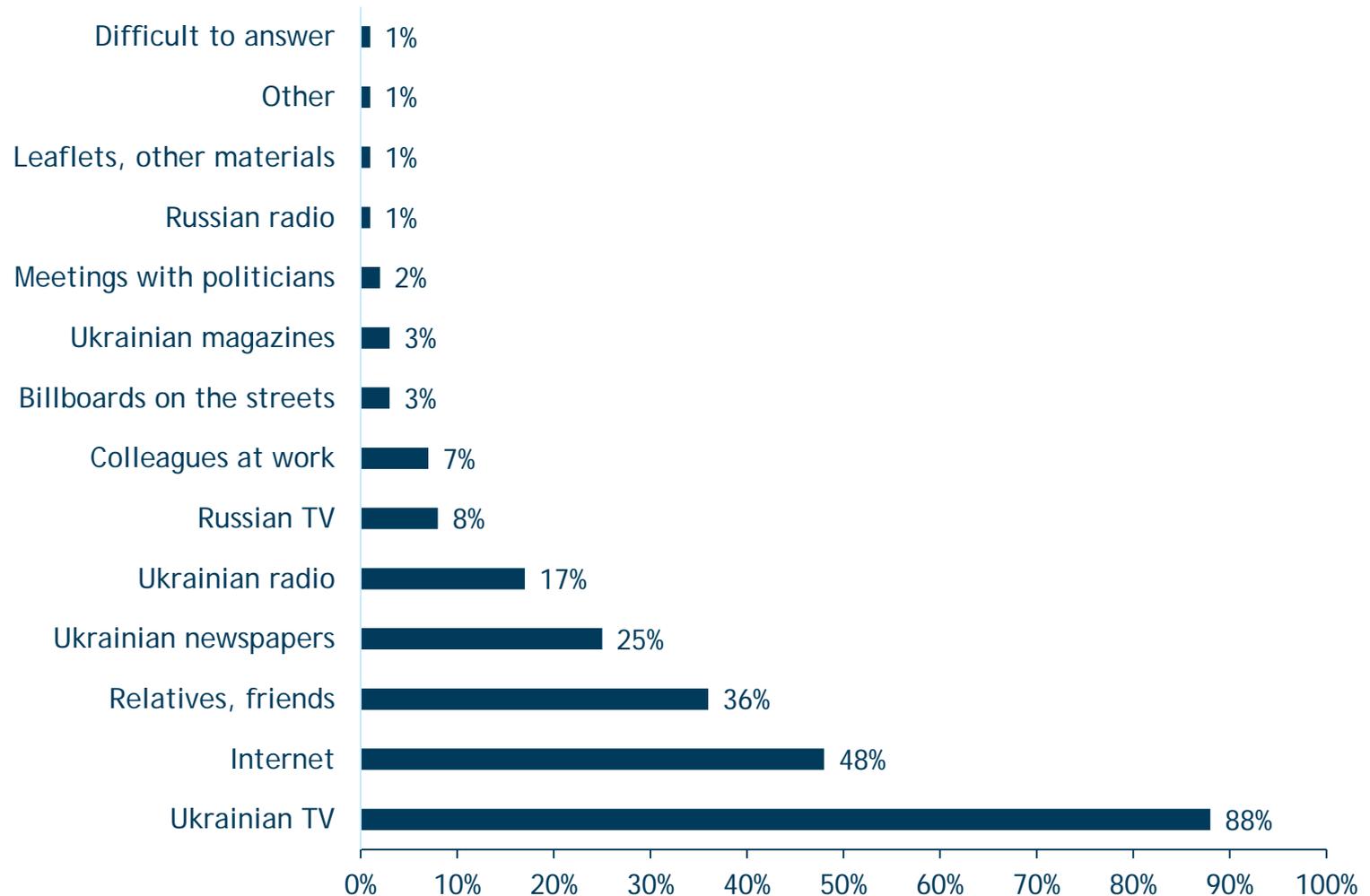




# Sources of Information

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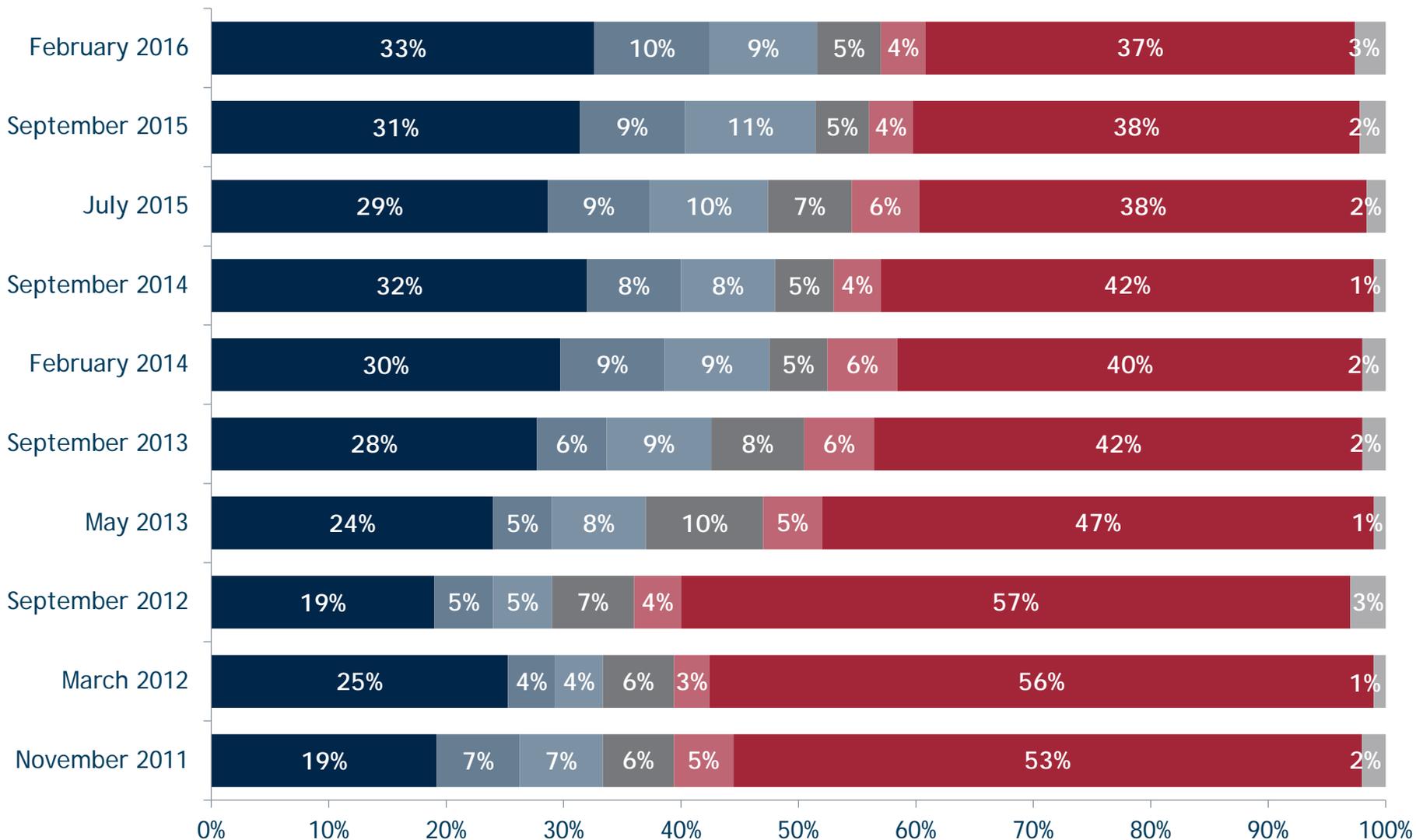
(Several Answers Possible)

	Support joining EU	Support joining Customs Union
Ukrainian TV	90%	82%
Internet	54%	41%
Relatives, friends	34%	45%
Ukrainian newspapers	30%	19%
Ukrainian radio	18%	16%
Russian TV	4%	23%
Colleagues at work	8%	8%
Billboards in the streets	3%	7%
Ukrainian magazines	3%	2%
Meetings with politicians	2%	1%
Russian radio	1%	2%
Leaflets, other materials	0%	4%
Other	0%	1%
Difficult to answer	0%	1%

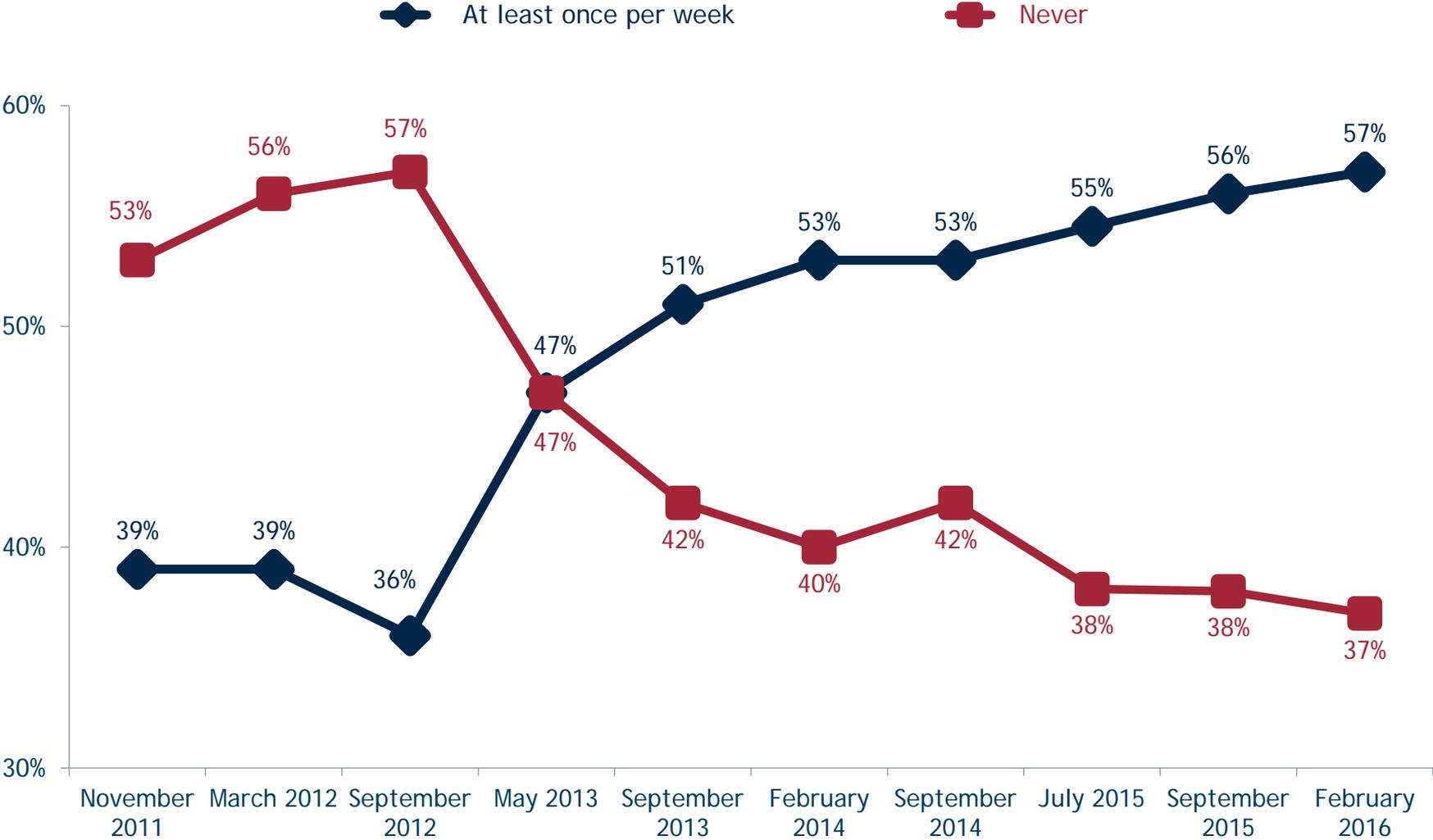
	Support joining NATO	Don't support joining NATO
Ukrainian TV	90%	85%
Internet	54%	45%
Relatives, friends	35%	40%
Ukrainian newspapers	32%	20%
Ukrainian radio	20%	15%
Russian TV	4%	16%
Colleagues at work	8%	7%
Billboards in the streets	3%	5%
Ukrainian magazines	3%	2%
Meetings with politicians	2%	1%
Russian radio	1%	1%
Leaflets, other materials	0%	3%
Other	0%	1%
Difficult to answer	0%	1%

# How many times per week do you access the Internet?

■ Everyday
■ 5-6 times per week
■ 3-4 times per week
■ 1-2 times per week
■ Less often
■ Never
■ Difficult to answer



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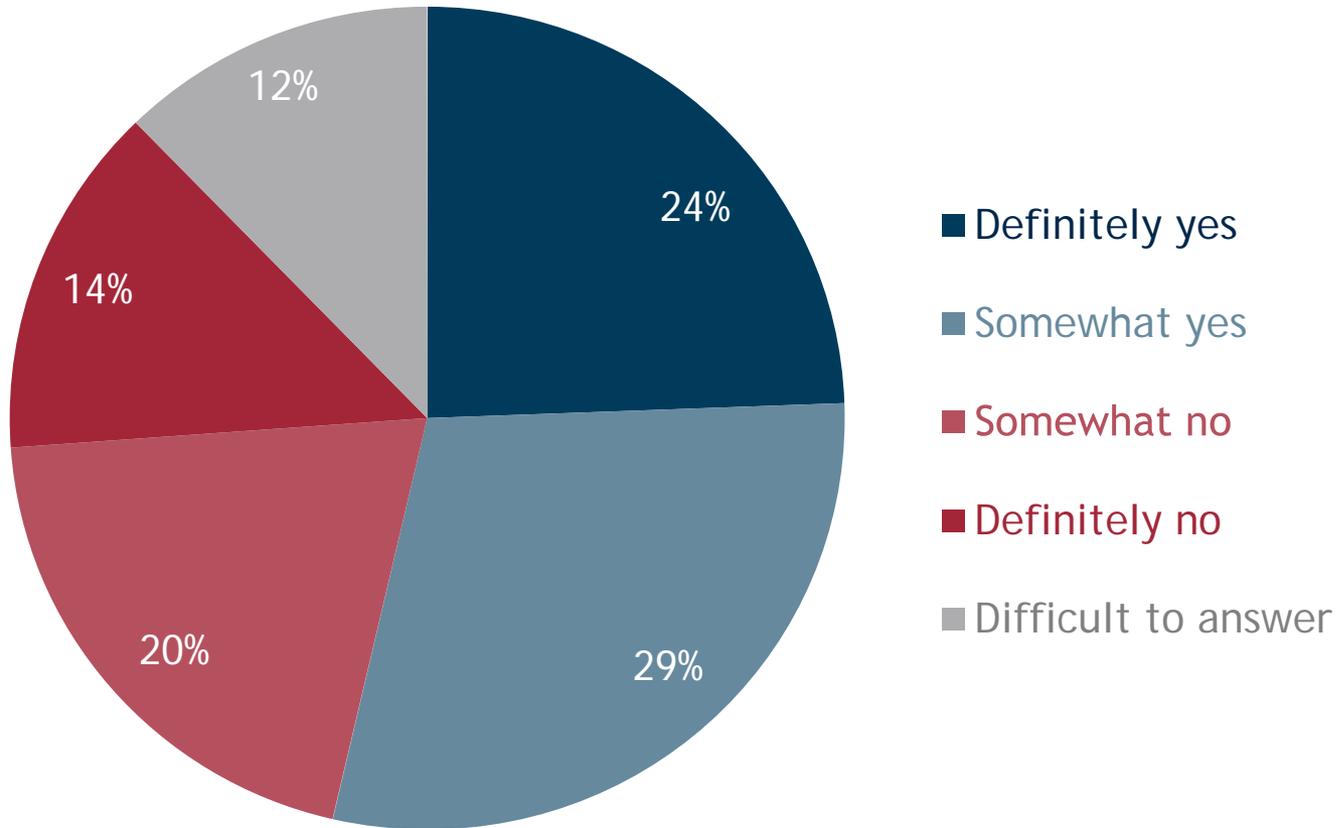
Mykolaiv and Kherson Region, n=1,125

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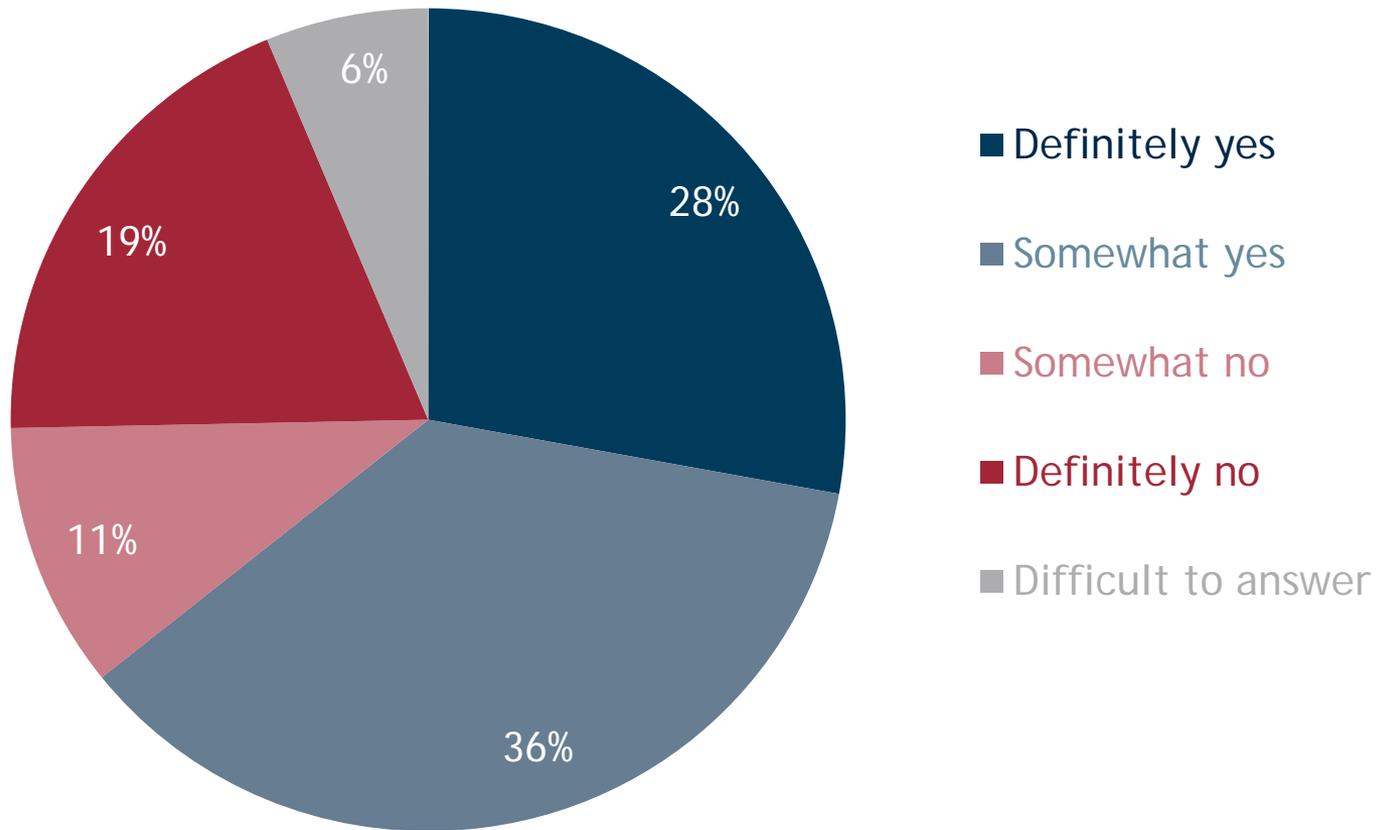
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(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



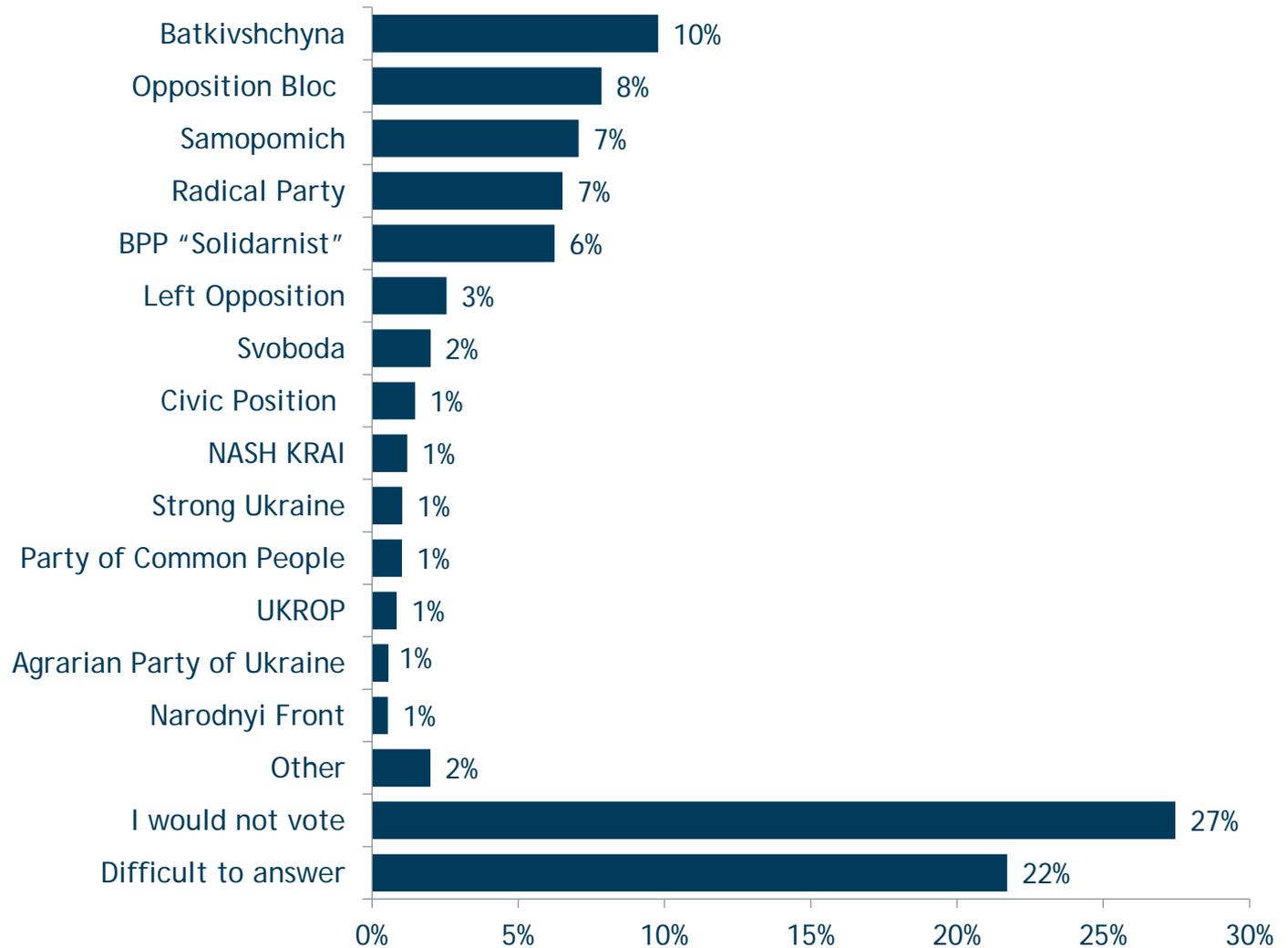
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(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



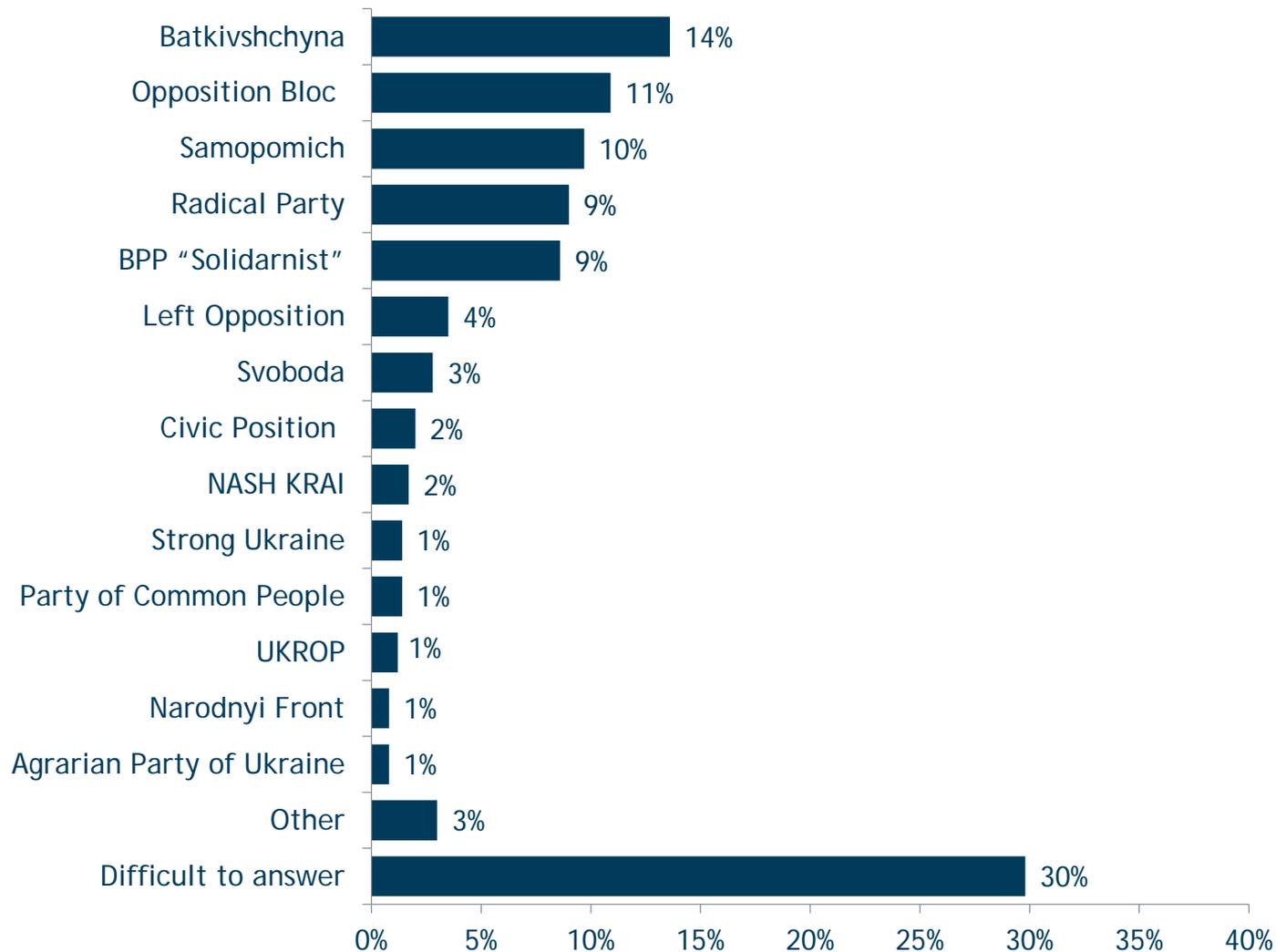
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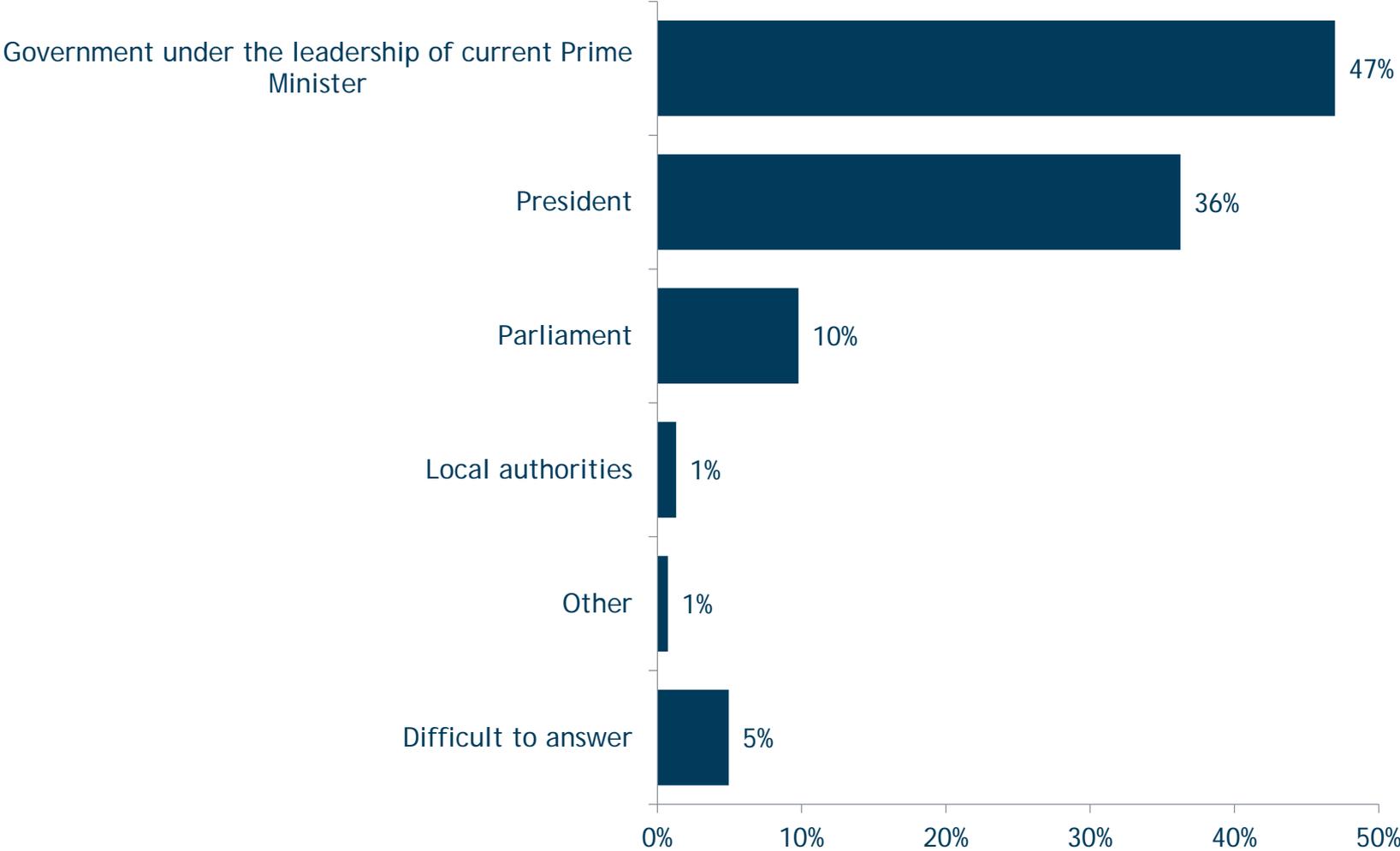
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(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample; Among Likely Voters, N=726)



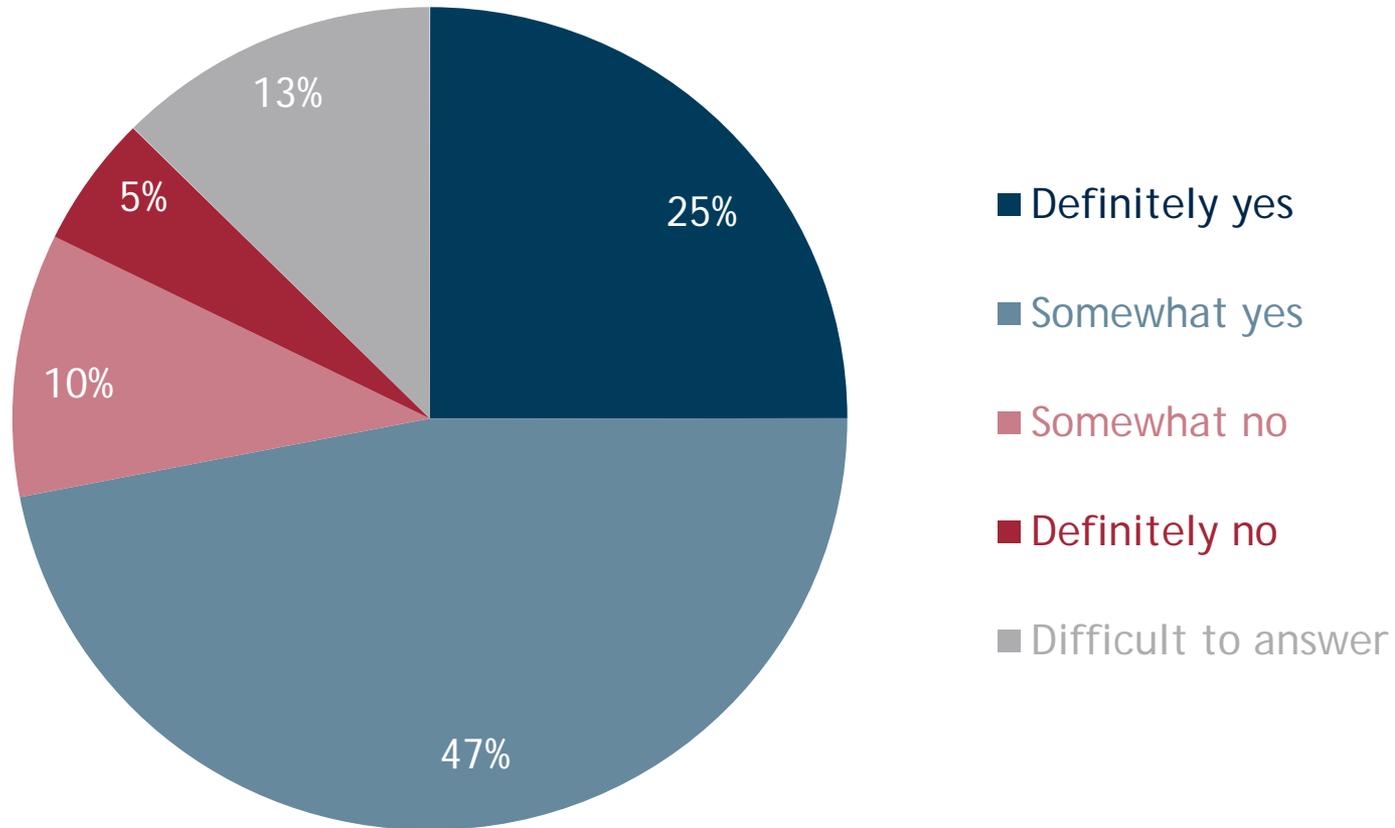
# In your opinion, which institution is most responsible for improving the standard of living and quality of life for Ukrainians?

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



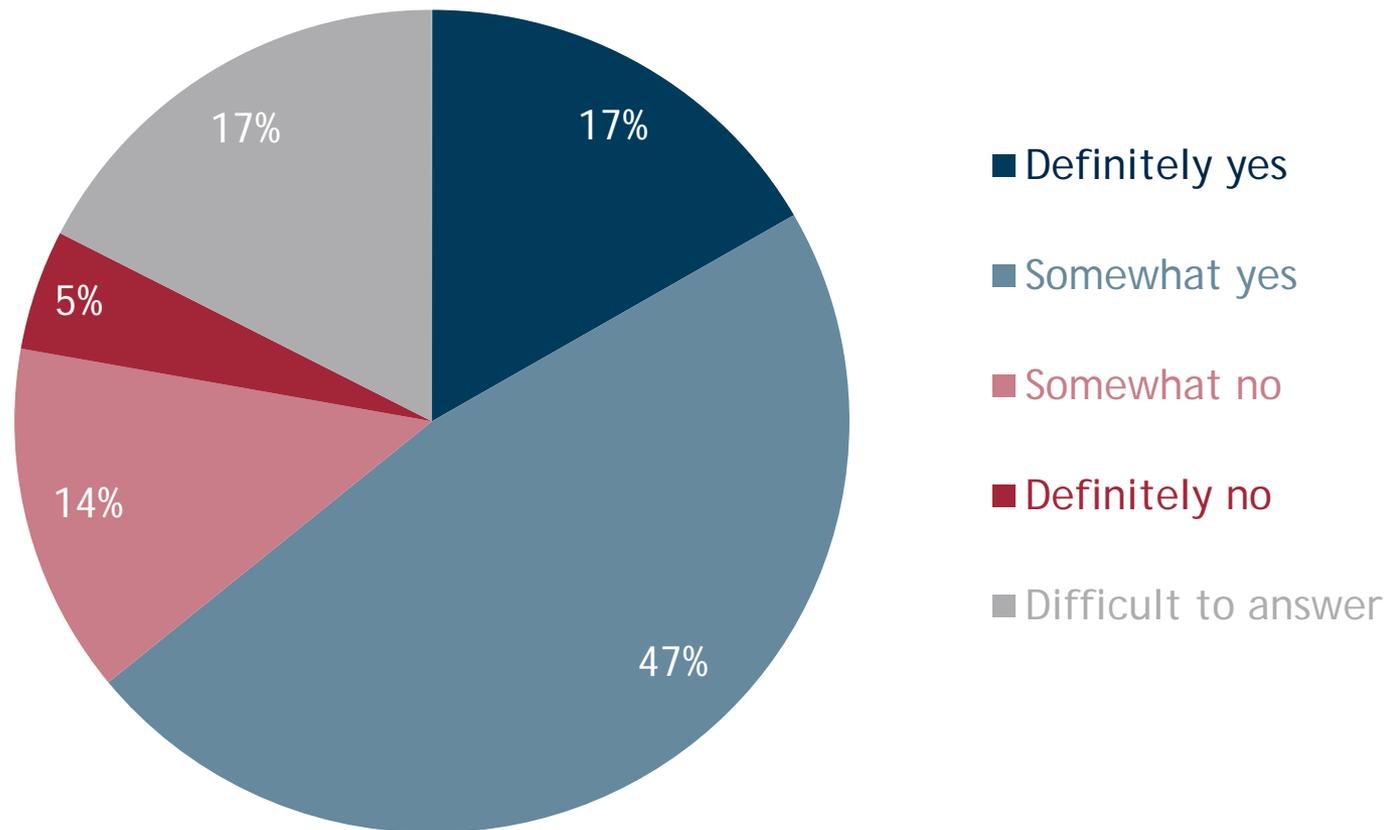
# In your opinion, should more rights be transferred from central authorities to local authorities and communities?

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



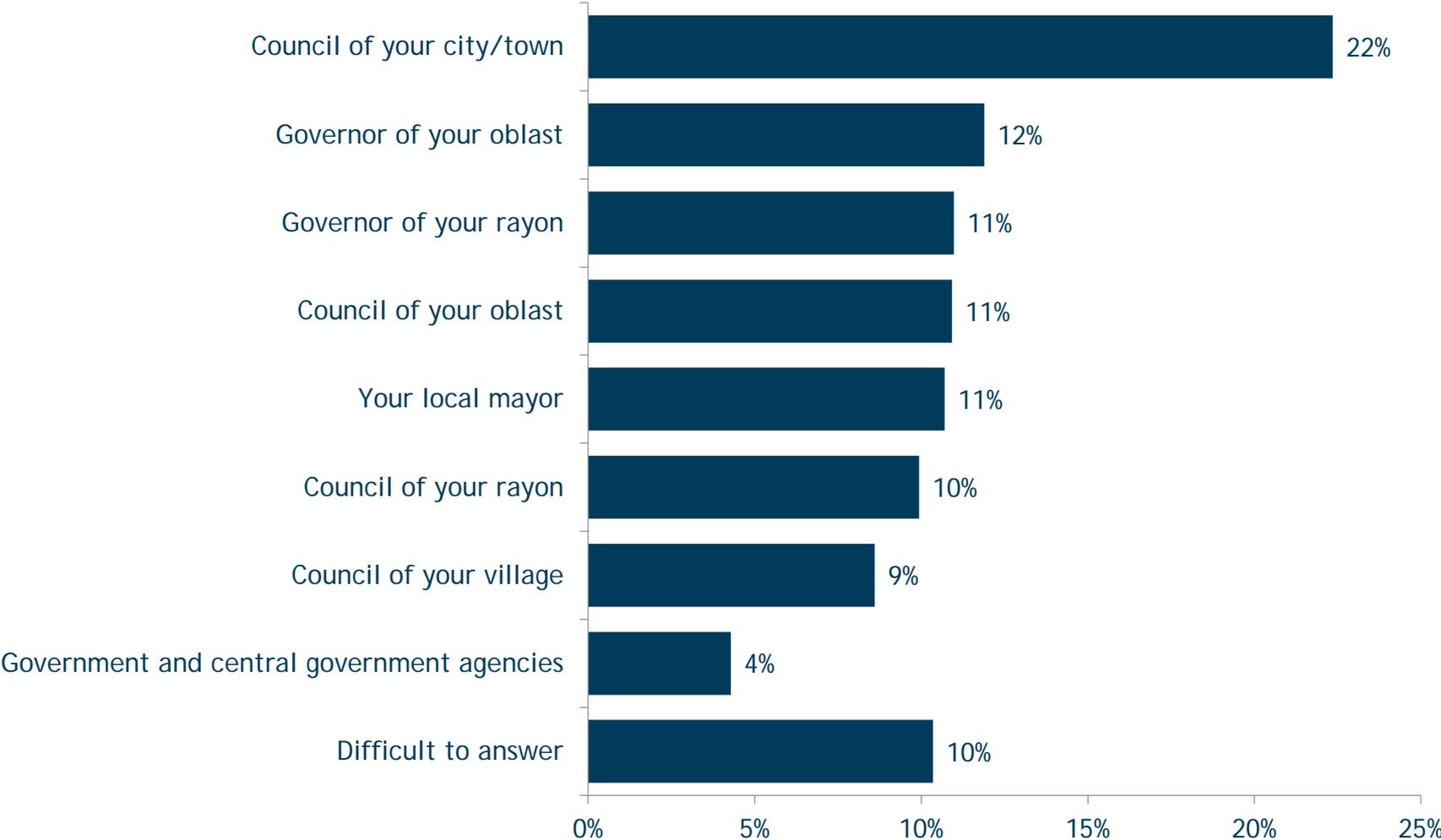
In your opinion, are your local authorities, who were elected in the last local elections, able to cope with more responsibilities that might result from the adoption of decentralization reform?

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



# Who do you think should hold the most responsibility for addressing local issues and providing services to your community?

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



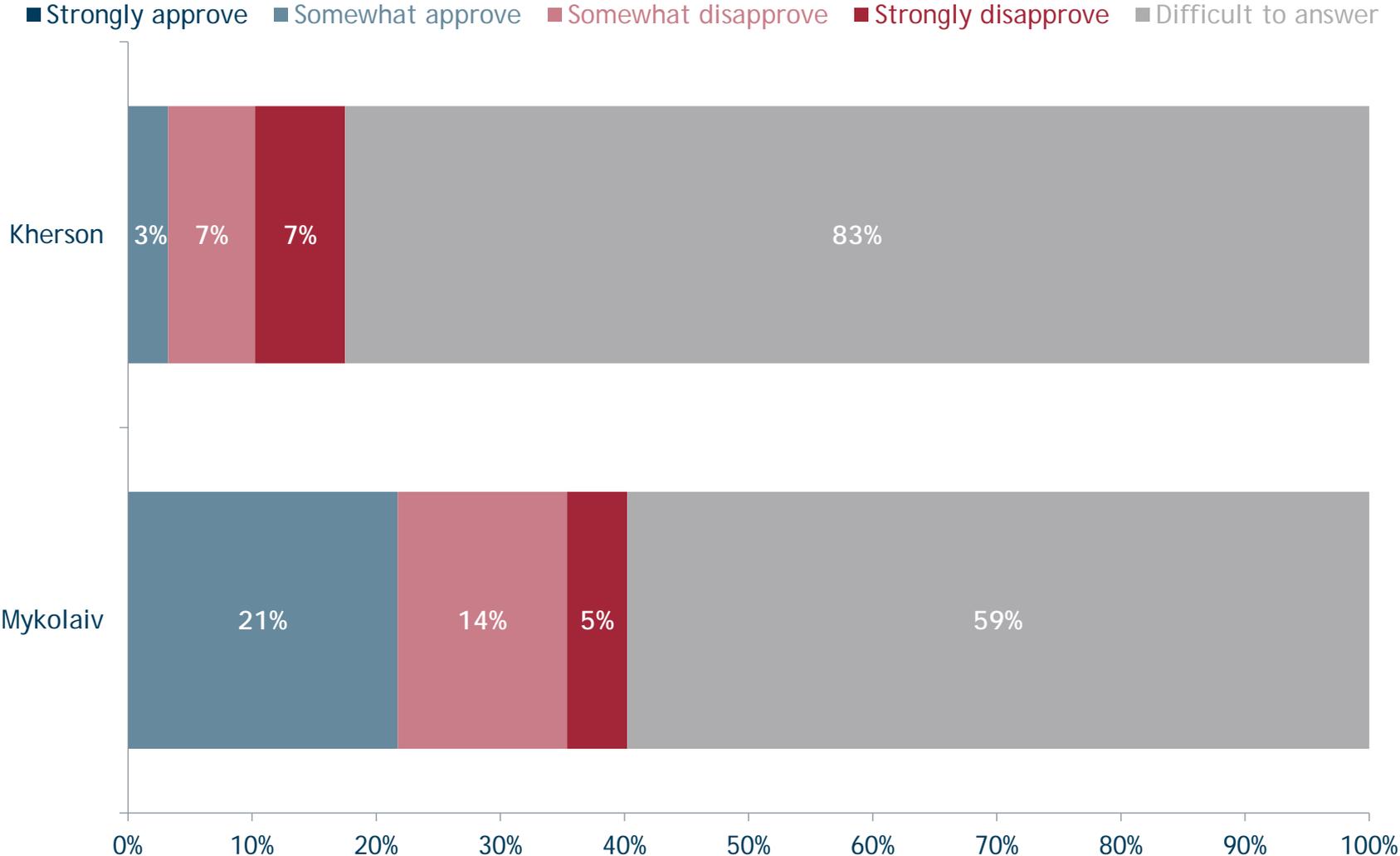
# In your opinion, which areas should be a priority for the authorities of your oblast?

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample; Up to Three Answers)

	Mykolaiv <i>oblast</i> (N=588)	Kherson <i>oblast</i> (N=537)
Industry	69%	25%
Fight against corruption	45%	33%
Infrastructure (roads, etc.)	41%	31%
Agriculture and land	24%	22%
Defense and military	12%	33%
Healthcare	17%	19%
Security in the city	16%	18%
Pensions and social benefits	10%	15%
Energy	13%	12%
Lustration	5%	18%
Housing and communal economy	10%	12%
Sea fleet	14%	6%
Law-enforcement agencies, including local police	3%	18%
Deregulation and support of entrepreneurship	4%	7%
Taxation	3%	7%
Ecology	4%	5%
Schools and kindergartens	2%	5%
Youth	3%	3%
Education and science	1%	4%
Culture	2%	0%
Other	2%	1%

# Do you approve or disapprove the activities of the Governor of the Mykolaiv *Oblast*, Vadym Merikov?

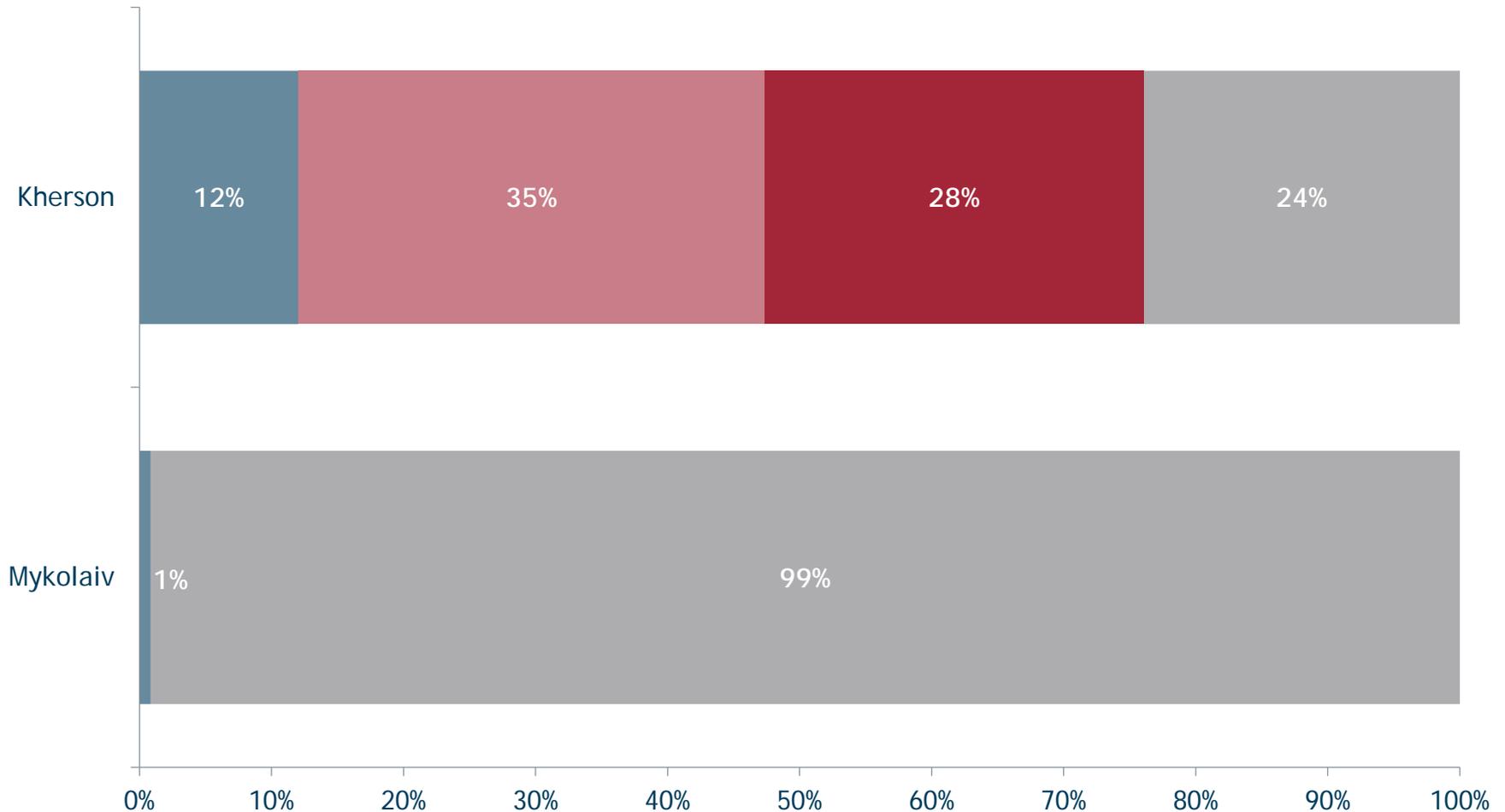
(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



# Do you approve or disapprove the activities of the former Governor of the Kherson *Oblast*, Andriy Putilov?

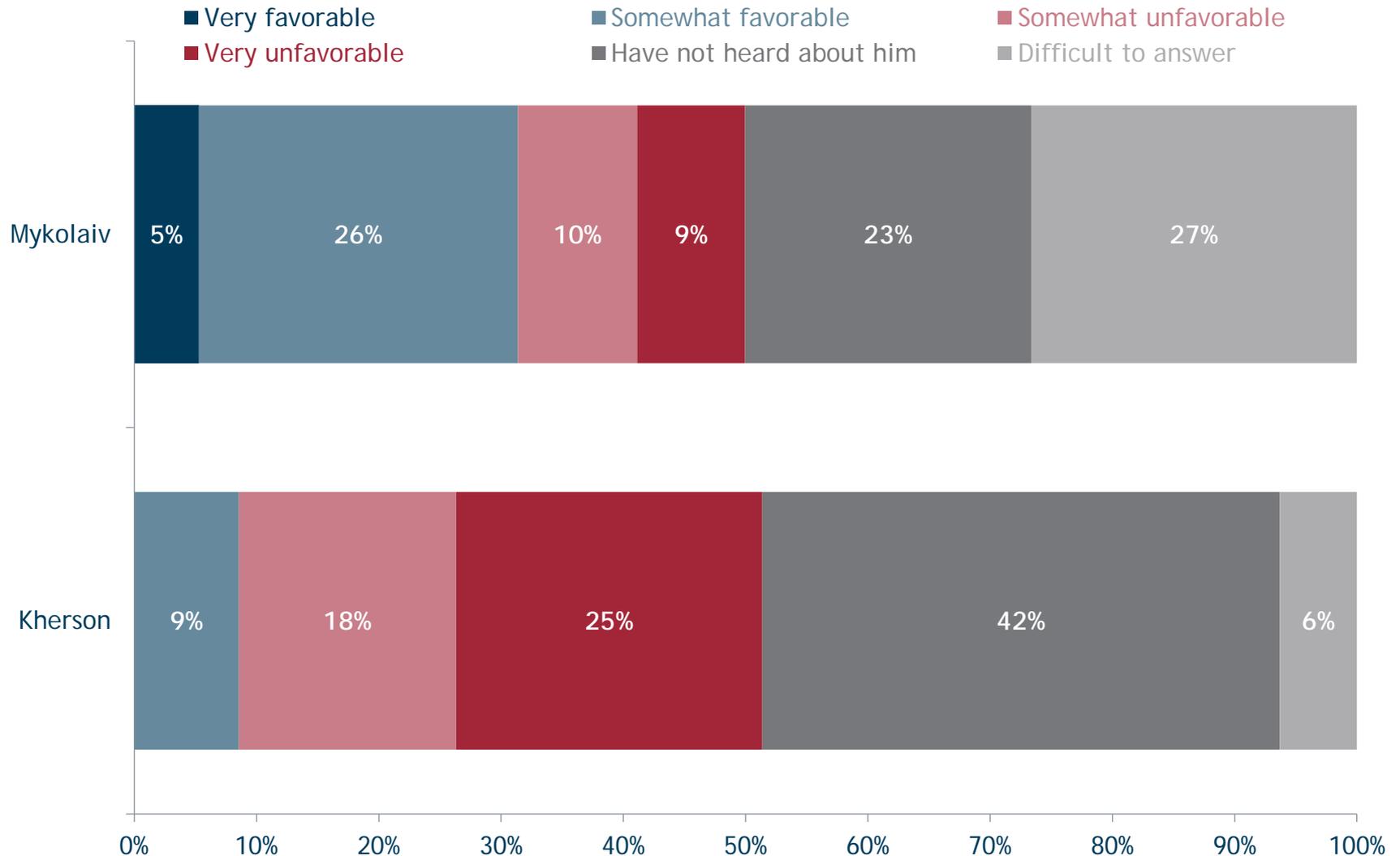
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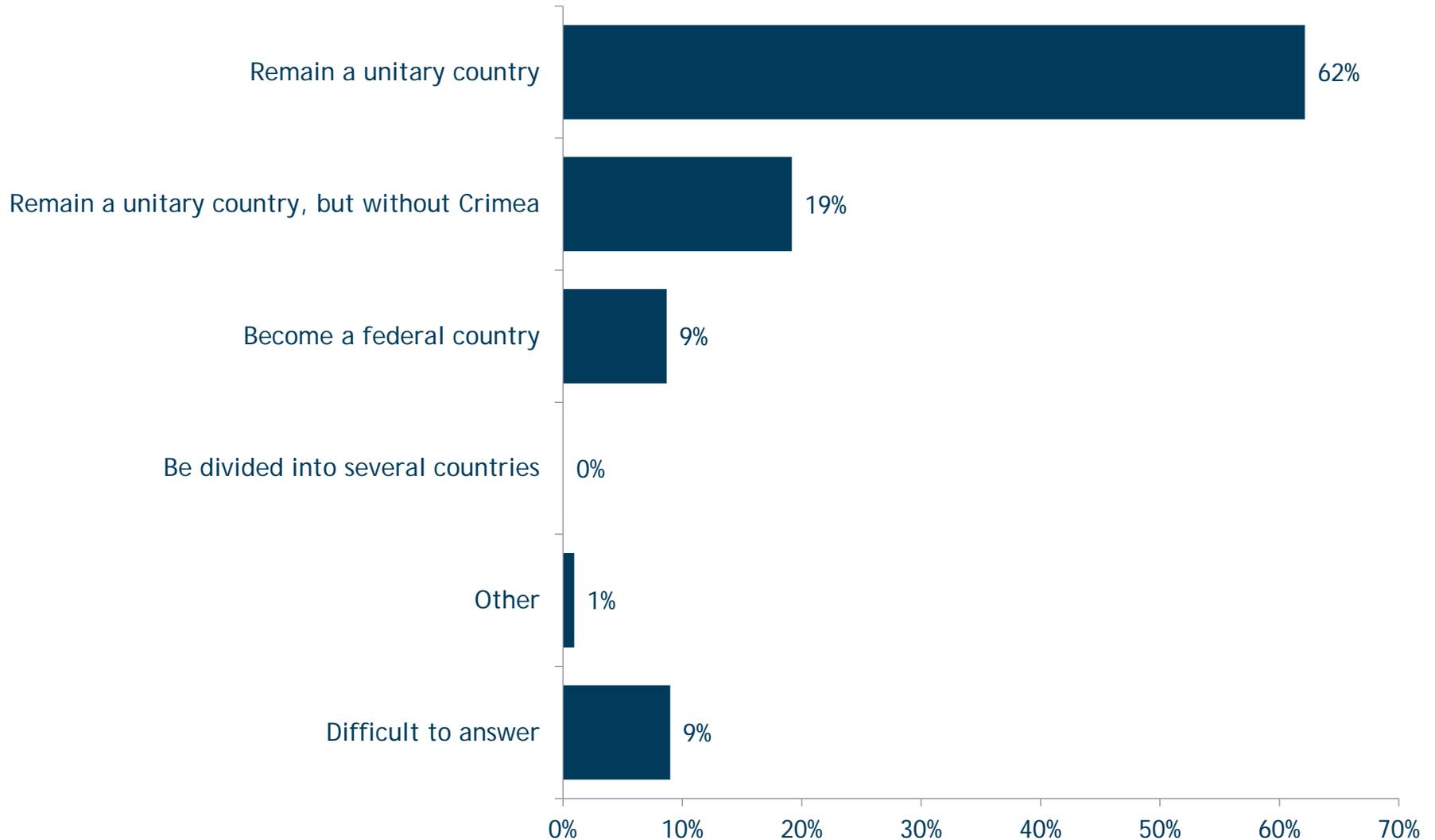
# What is your attitude toward the current mayor of Mykolaiv, Oleksandr Senkevych?

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



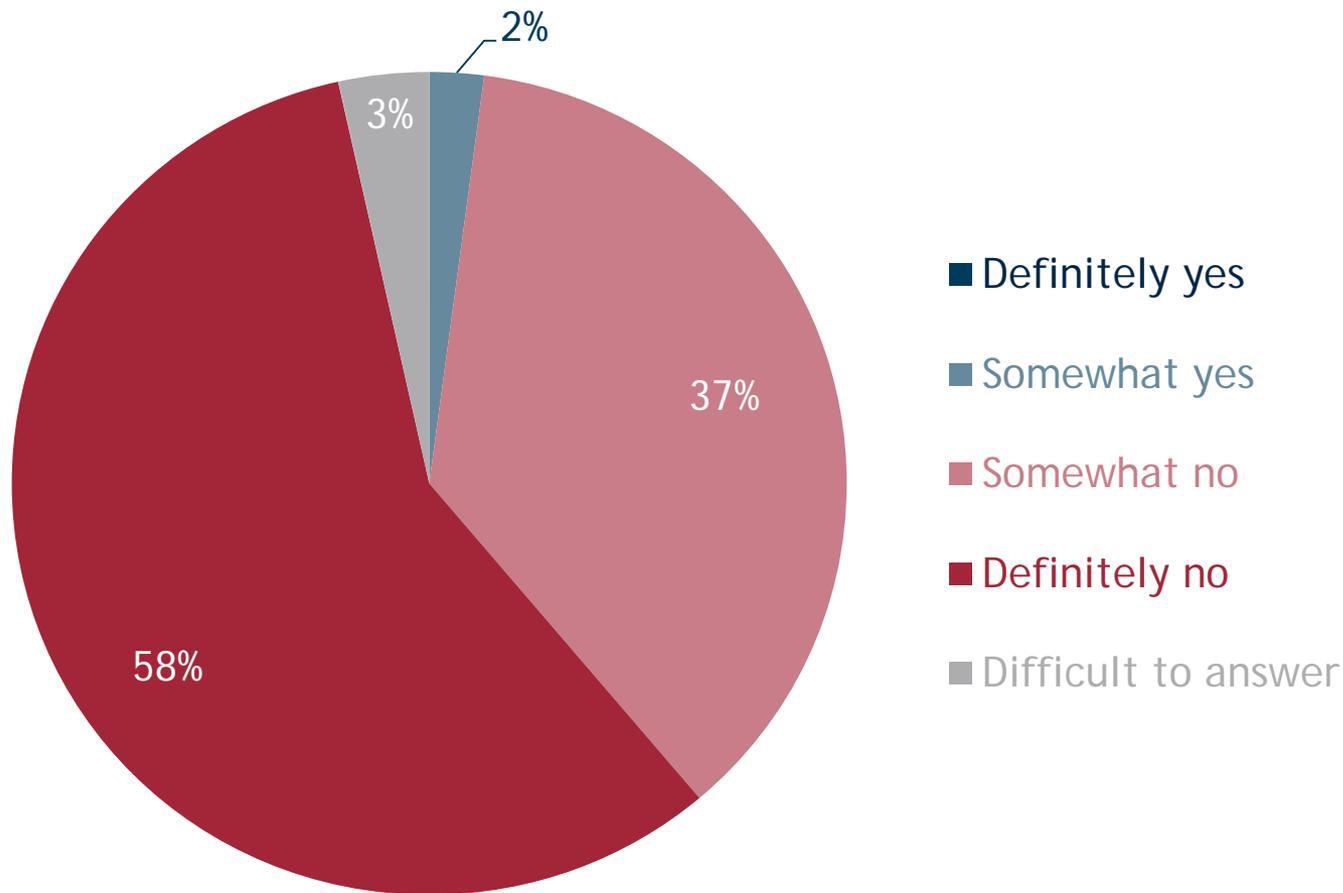
# In your opinion, which of the following should Ukraine do?

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



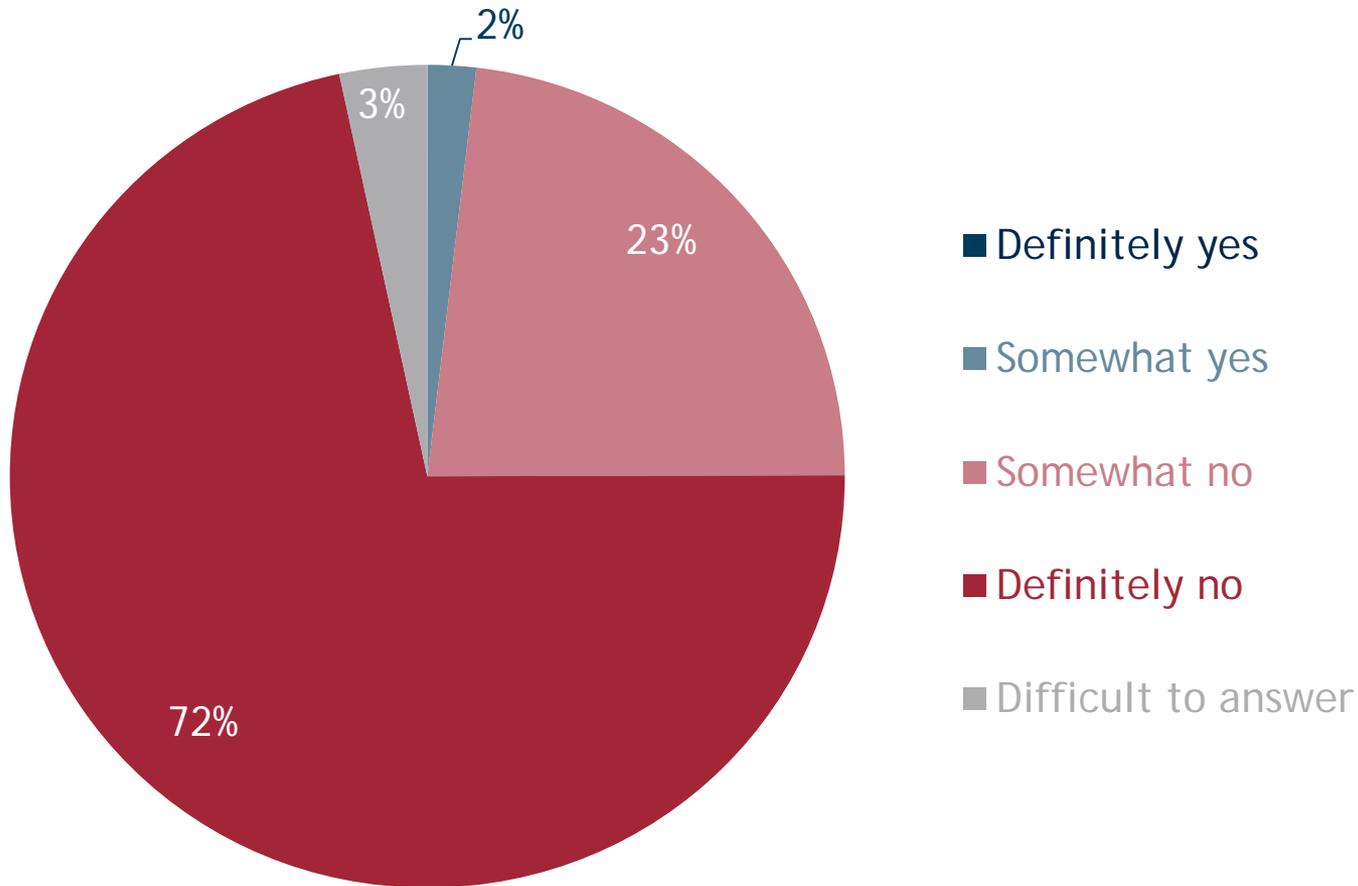
# Do you feel that citizens of Ukraine whose native language is Russian are under pressure or threat because of their language?

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



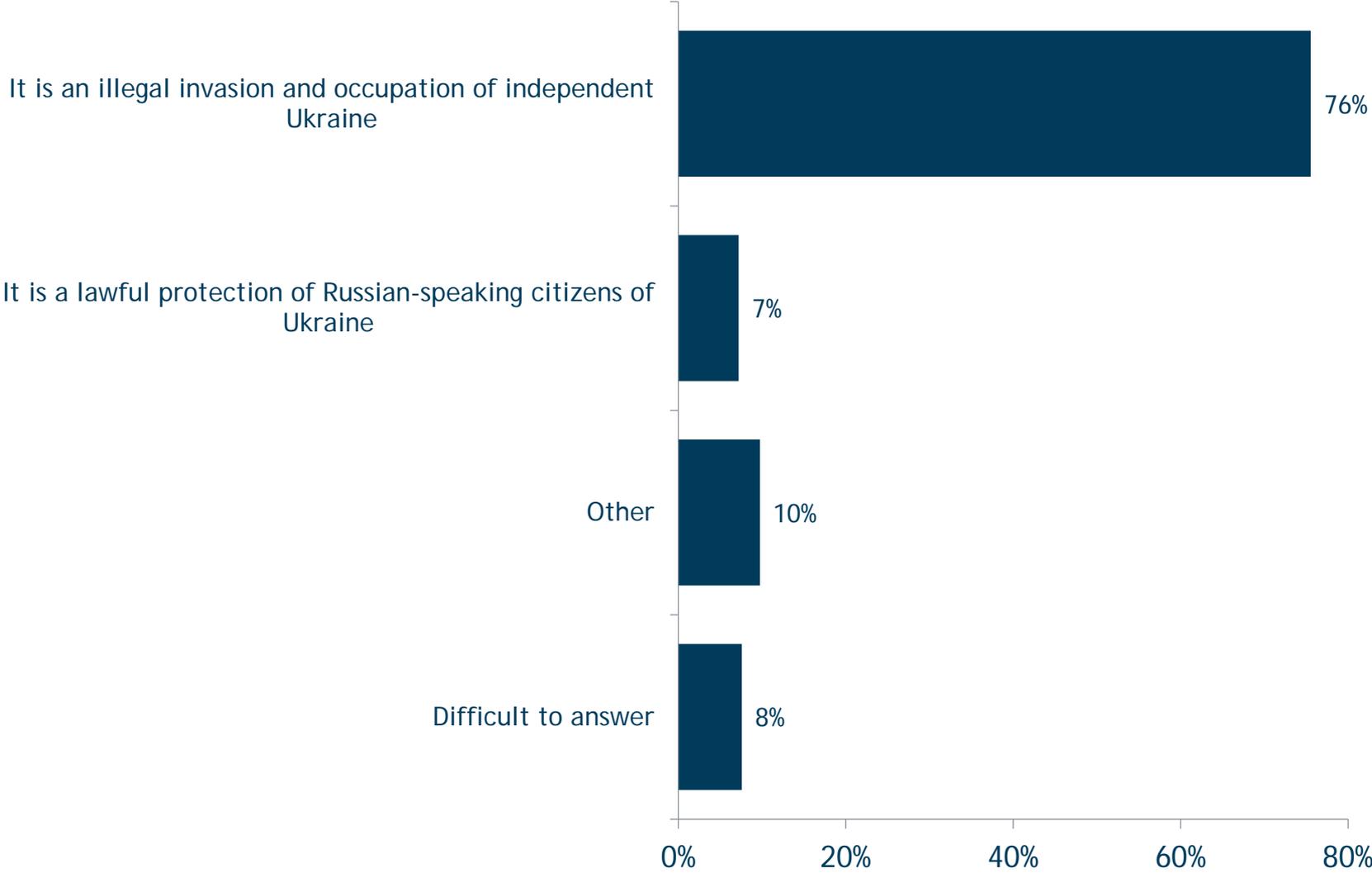
# Do you support the decision of the Russian Federation to send its army “to protect Russian-speaking citizens of Ukraine?”

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)

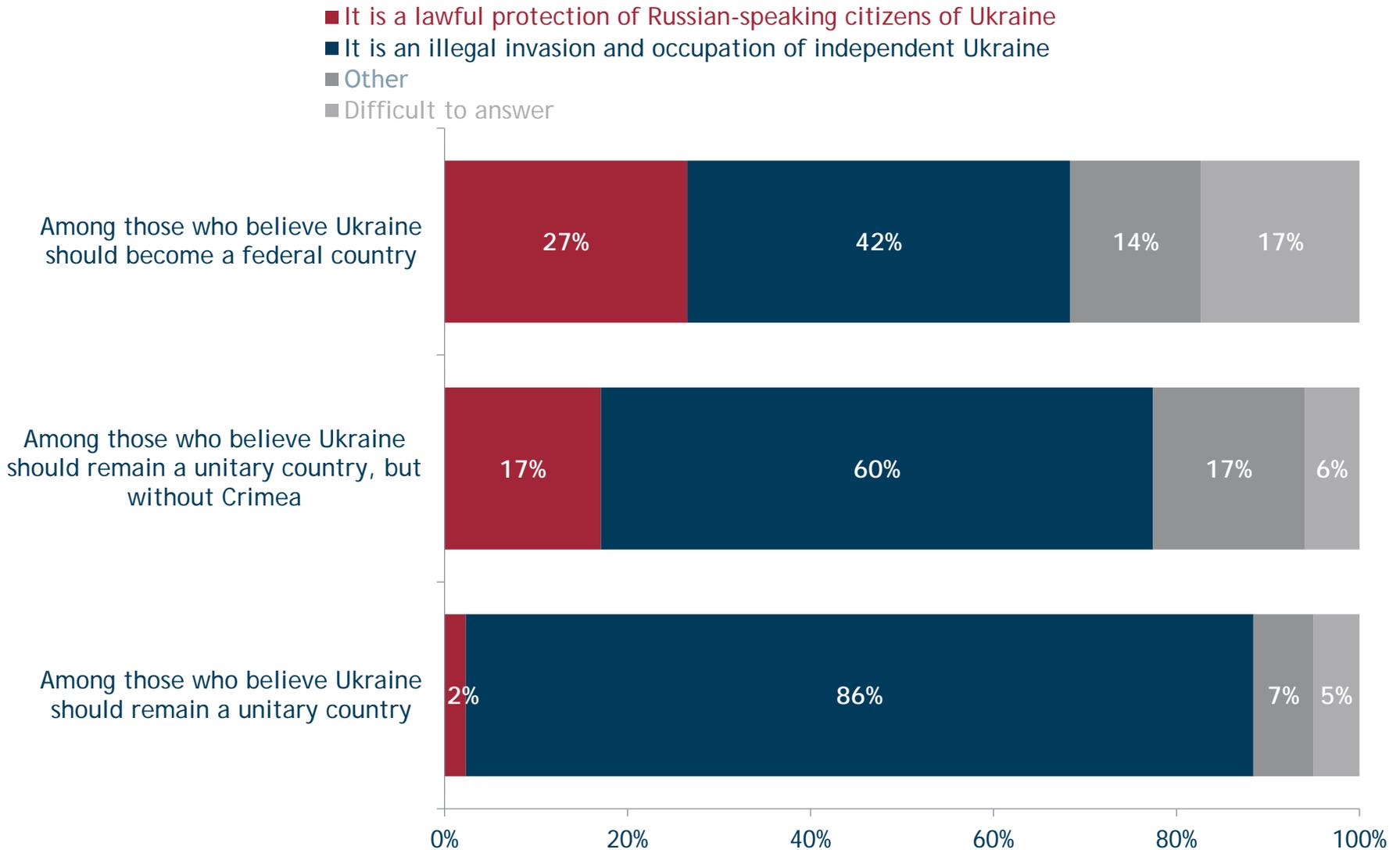


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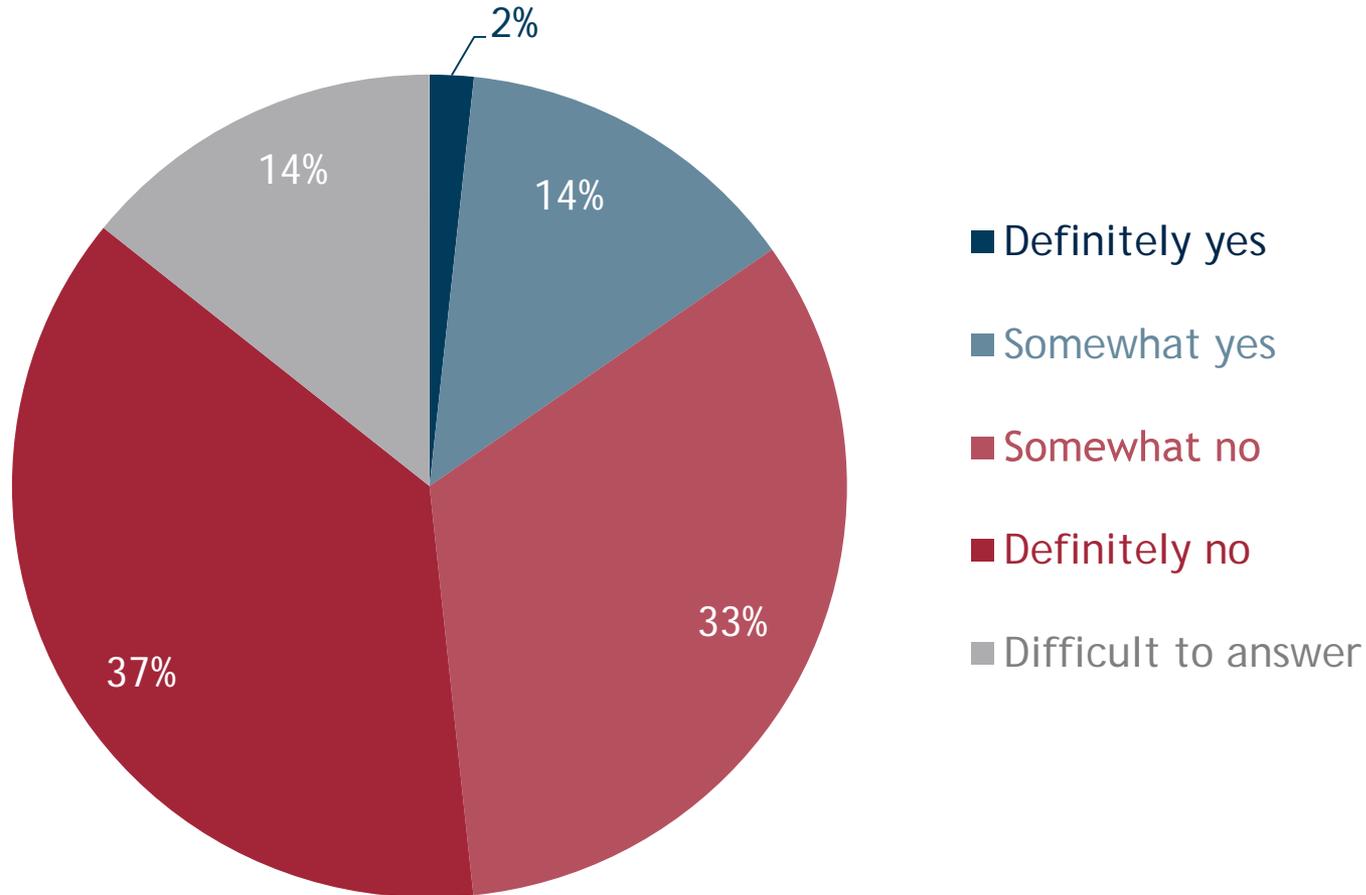


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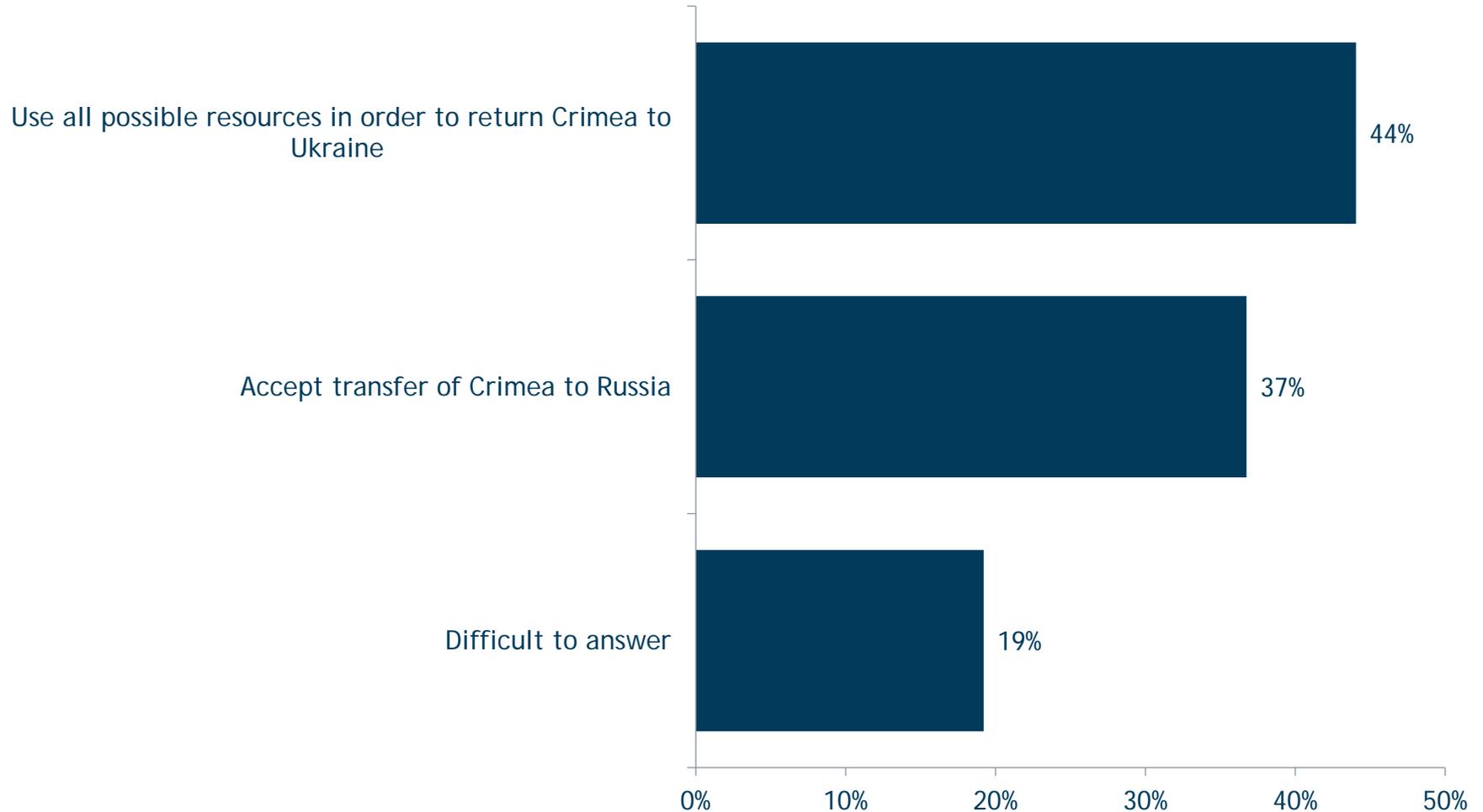
# In your opinion, are Ukrainian authorities doing enough to ensure the return of Crimea?

(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)

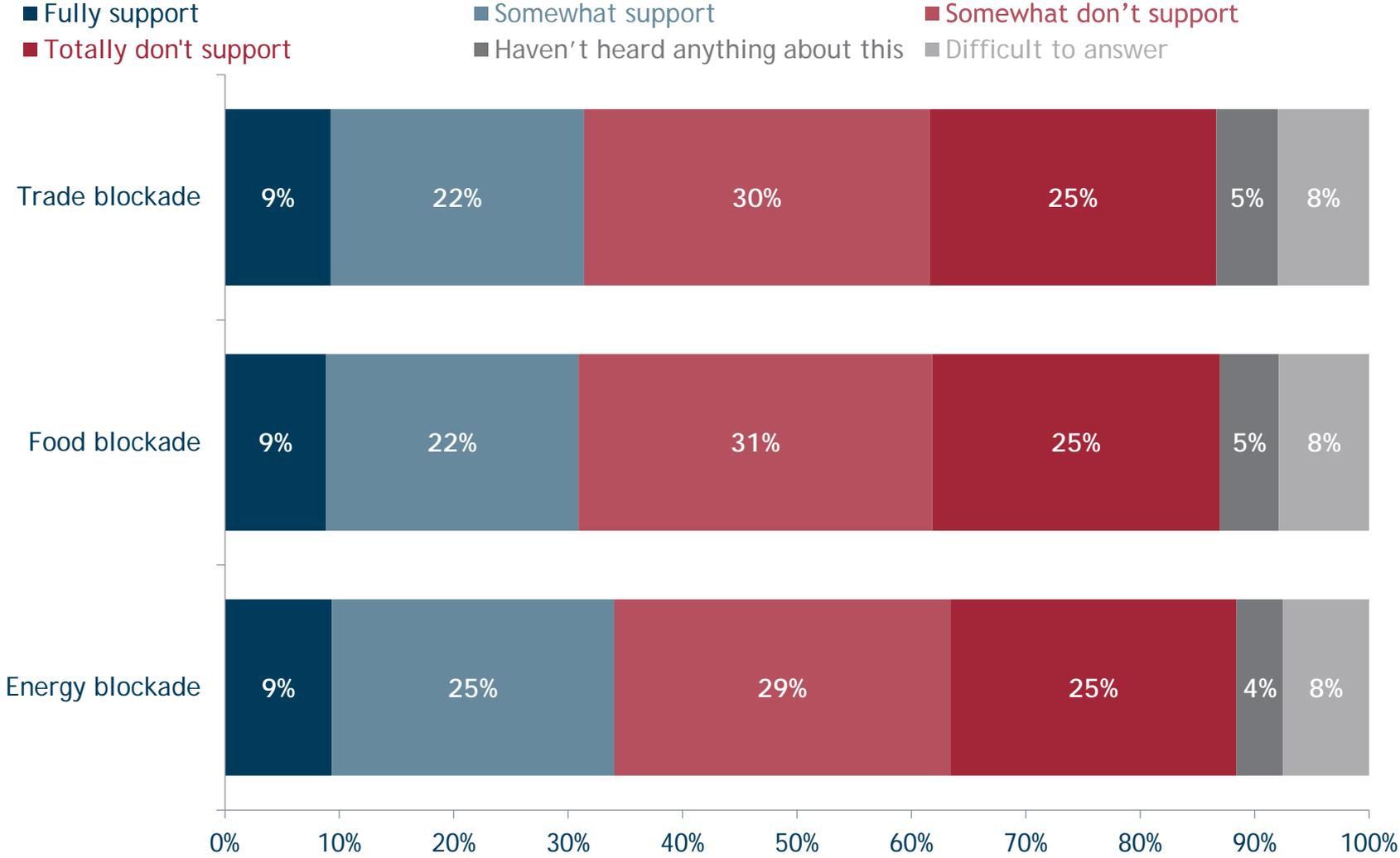


# In your opinion, how should Ukraine act regarding Crimea today: use all possible resources in order to return Crimea to Ukraine or accept the transfer of Crimea to Russia?

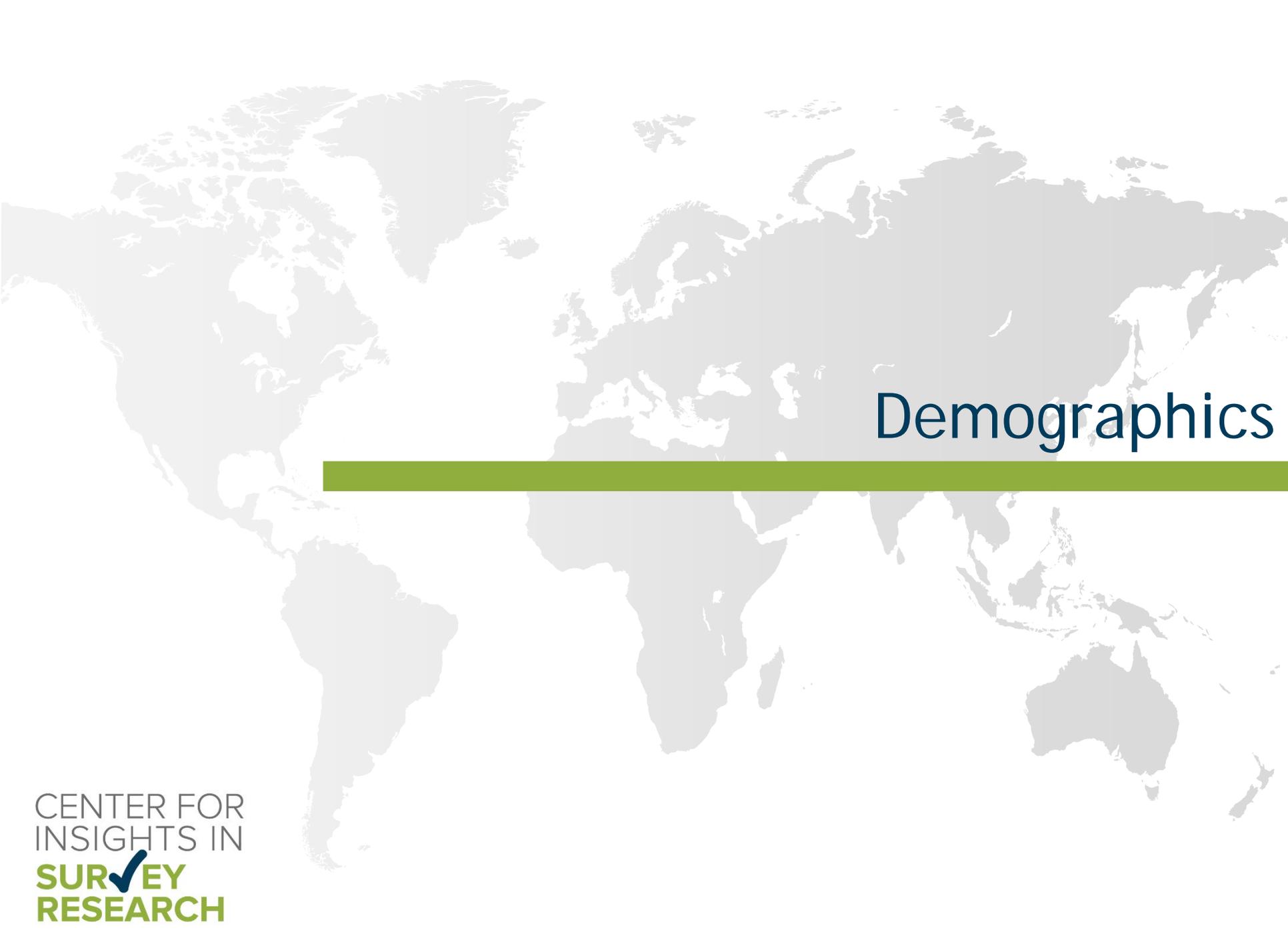
(Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



# How would you rate your support of these actions towards Crimea? (Mykolaiv and Kherson Oversample)



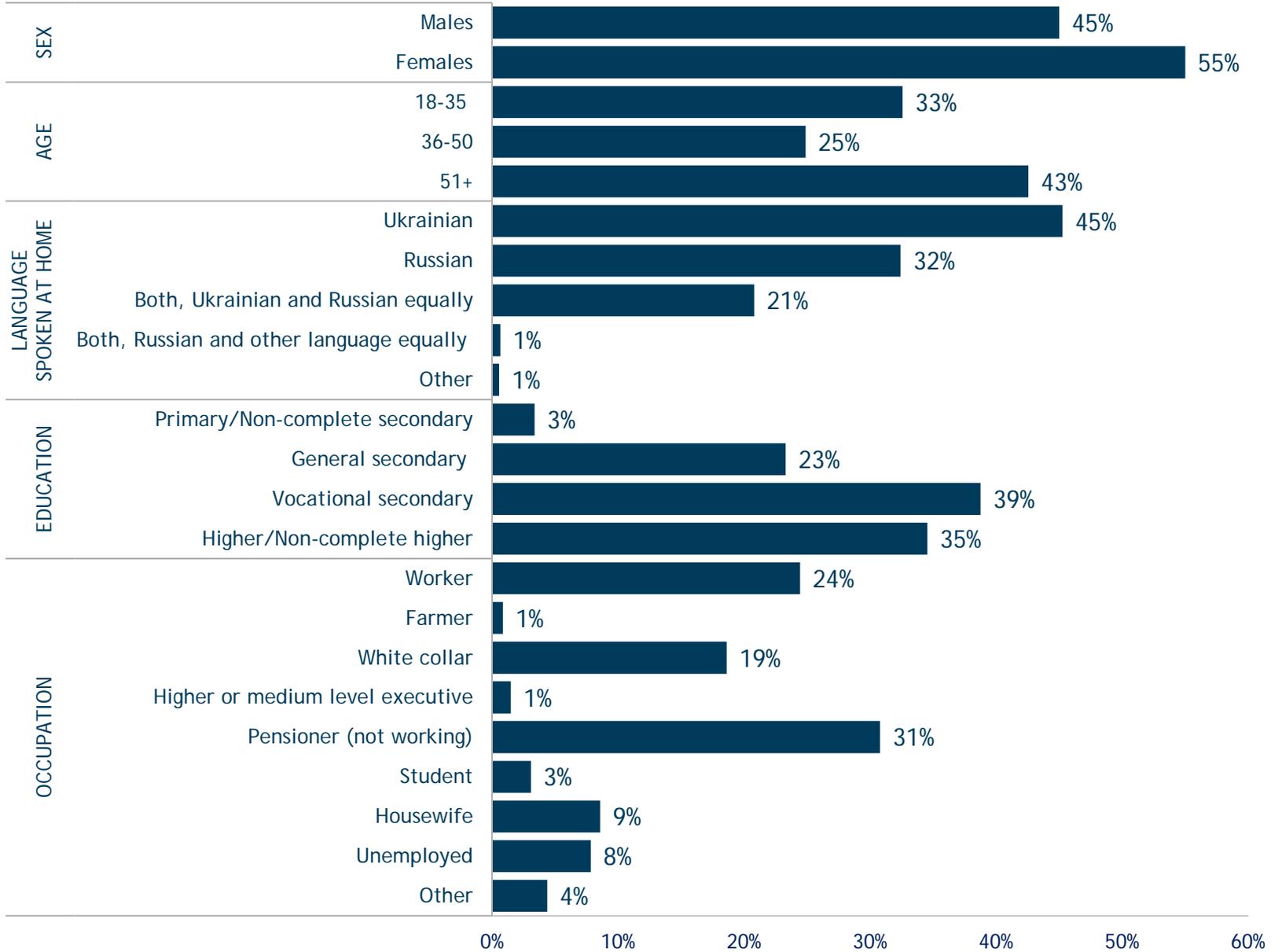
Since September, 2015, Crimean activists have supported a blockade to prevent the shipment of goods from mainland Ukraine to the peninsula.



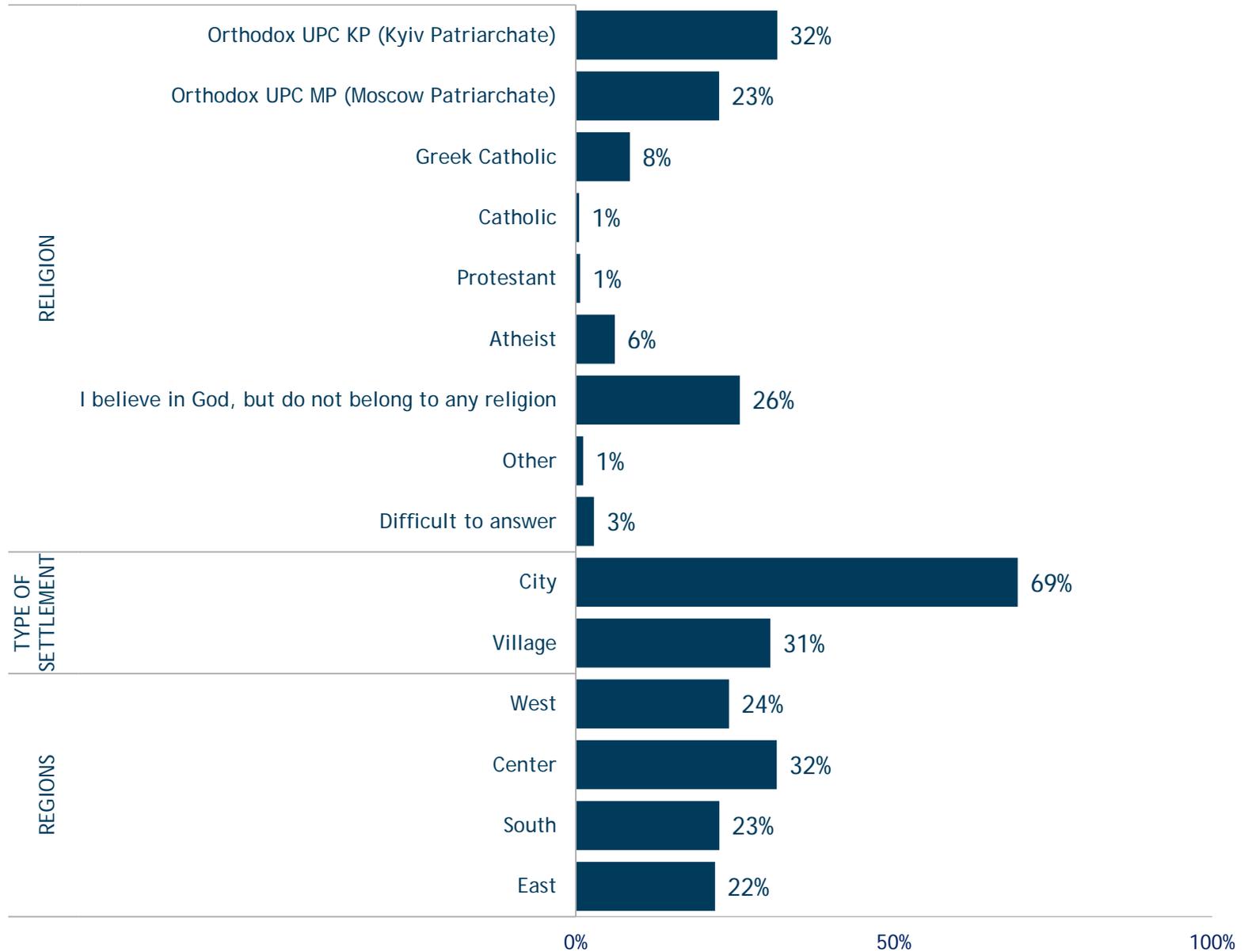
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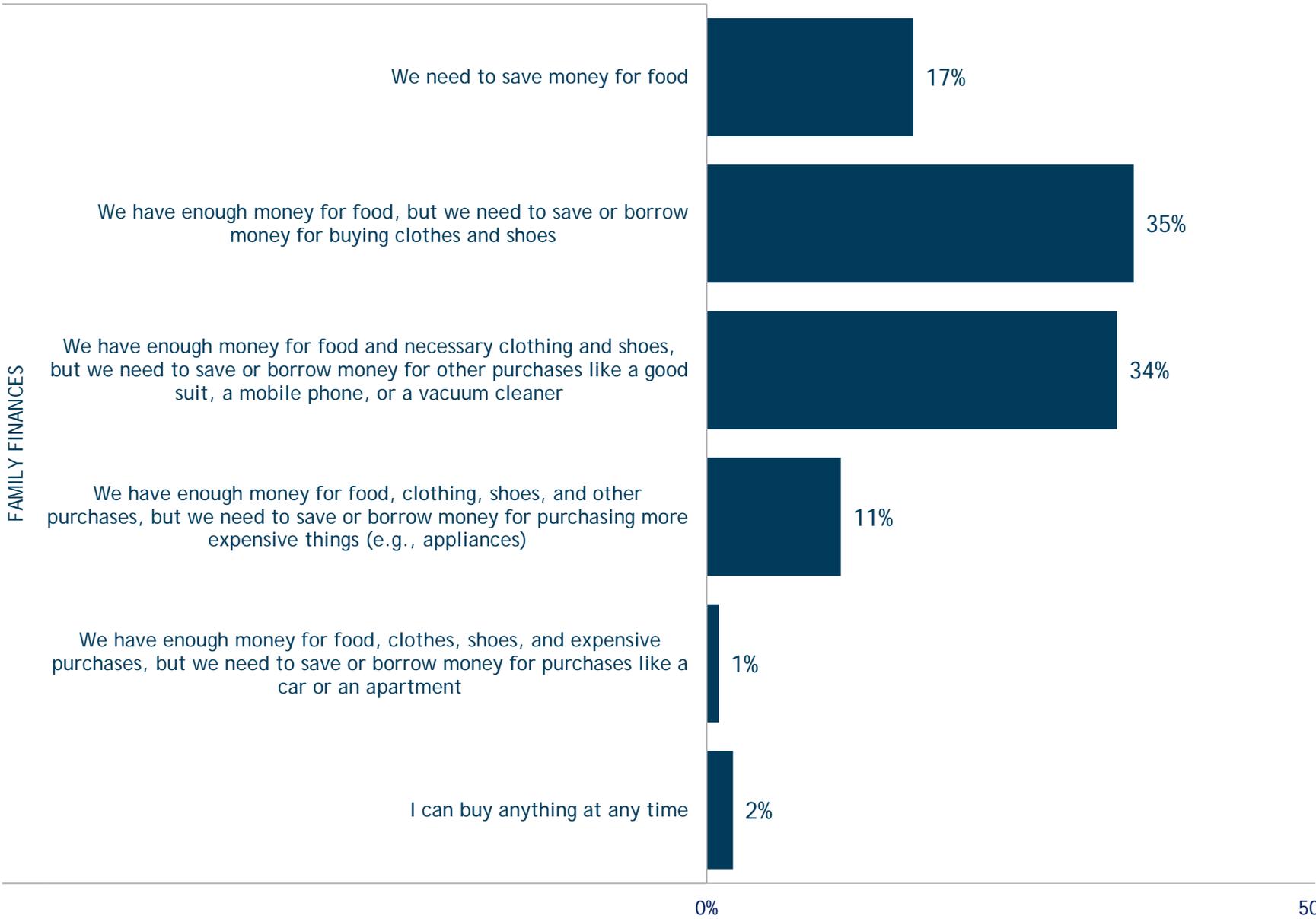
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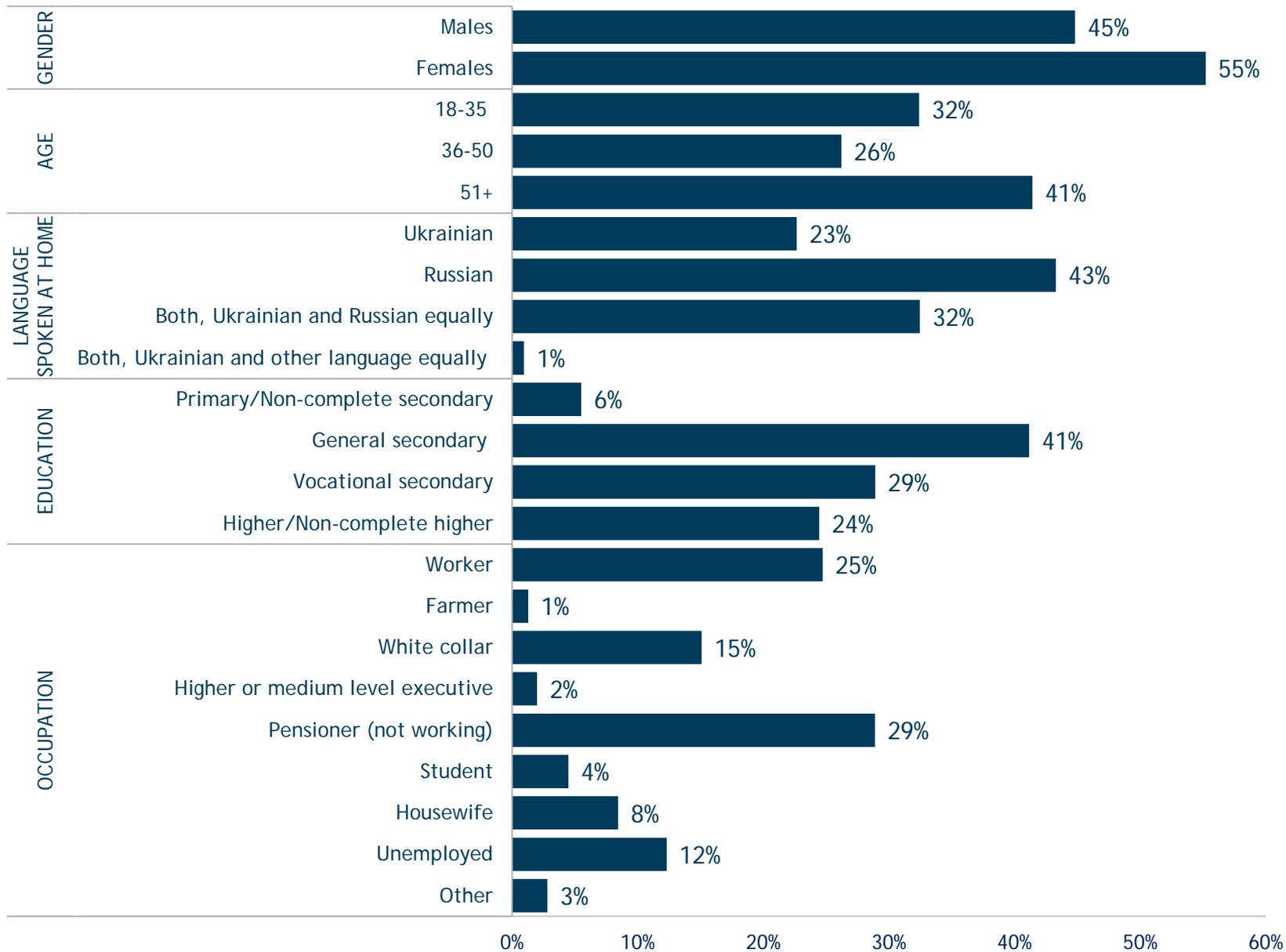


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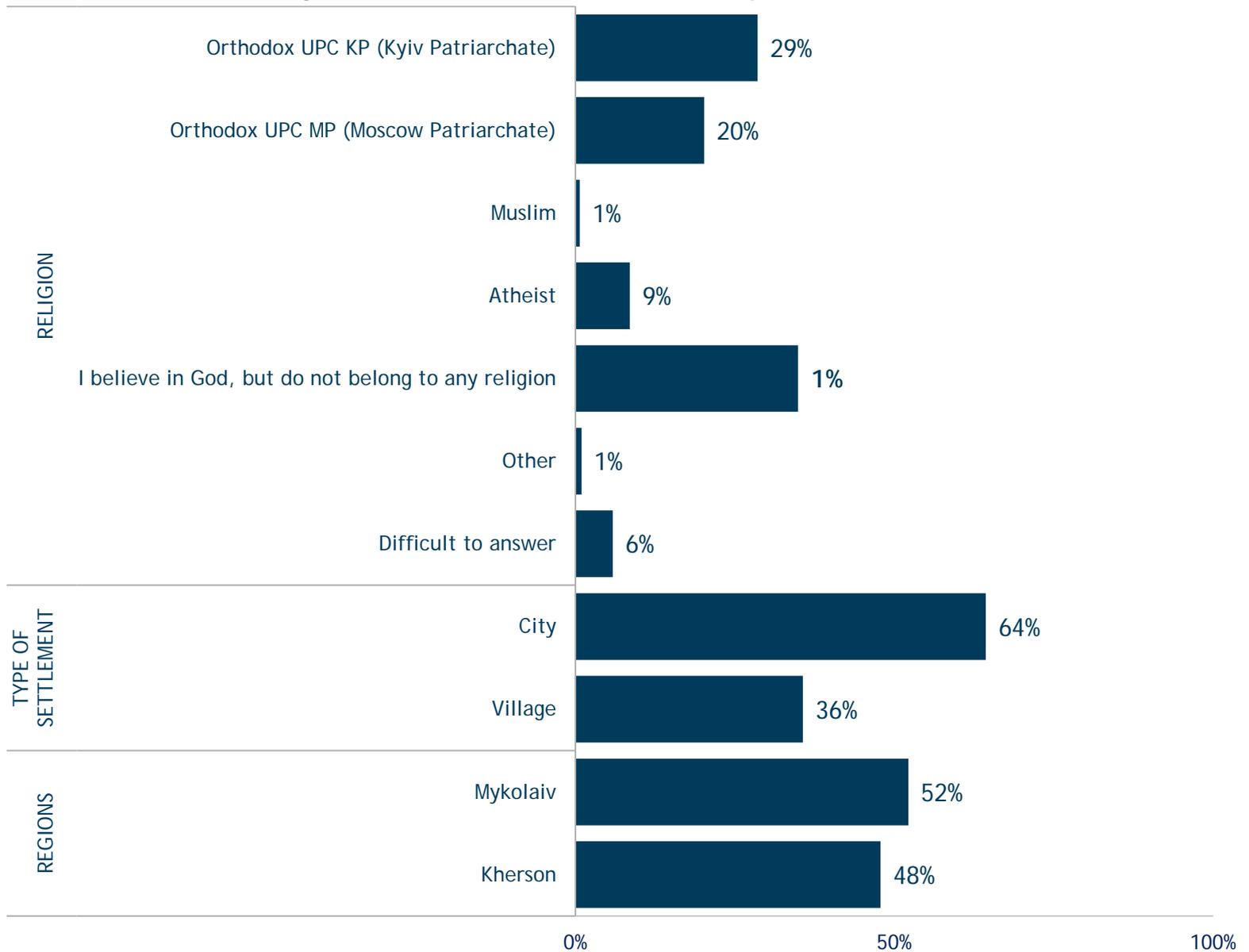
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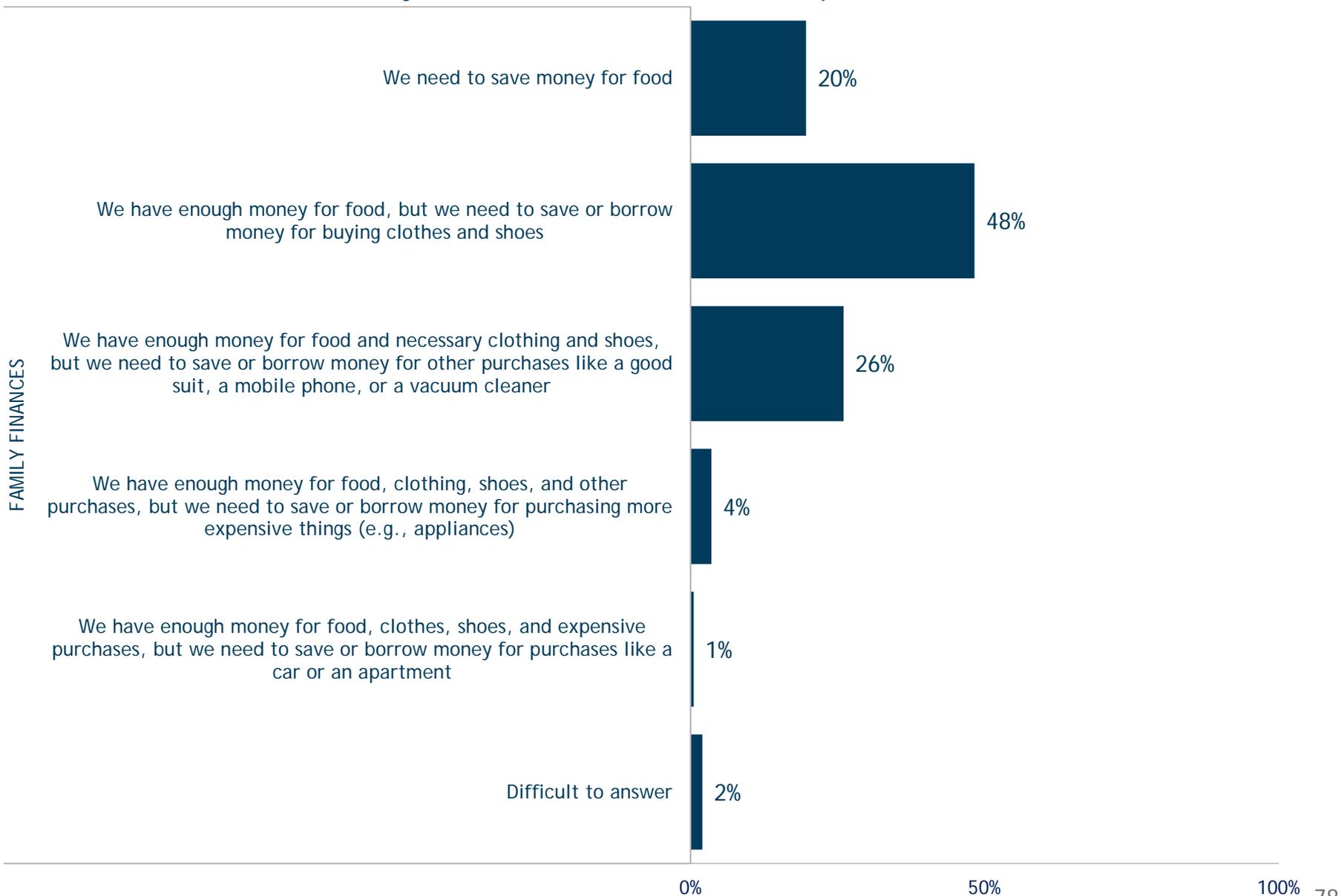
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