



National Survey of Timor-Leste Public Opinion

November 7 - 24, 2016



Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted by **INSIGHT Lda.**, based in Dili, Timor-Leste, under the supervision of **Chesapeake Beach Consulting** and the International Republican Institute between November 7 and November 24, 2016. The 2013 data is from a survey conducted between September 18 and October 19, 2013. The 2008 data is from a survey conducted between November 10 and December 16, 2008.
- Data was collected through in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by the 13 districts of Timor-Leste. Interviews were conducted in both urban and rural locations.
- The sample consisted of 1,200 respondents (response rate: 99 percent) age 17 and older, and was representative of voting-age adults nationally.
- The survey was conducted according to a random multistage stratified section process. The first stage of the survey was stratified by Timor-Leste's 13 districts. In the second stage, the survey was further stratified by *suco* (village). Next, *aldeias* (neighborhood administrative units) were chosen by random sampling, using the 2010 census information. Within each *aldeia*, households were selected from a random starting point and then every fifth house was chosen. Following random household selection, respondents in each household were chosen based on the Kish Grid method to select respondents 17 years and older.
- Interview teams were comprised of both men and women.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.9 percent at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent.
- 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 add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

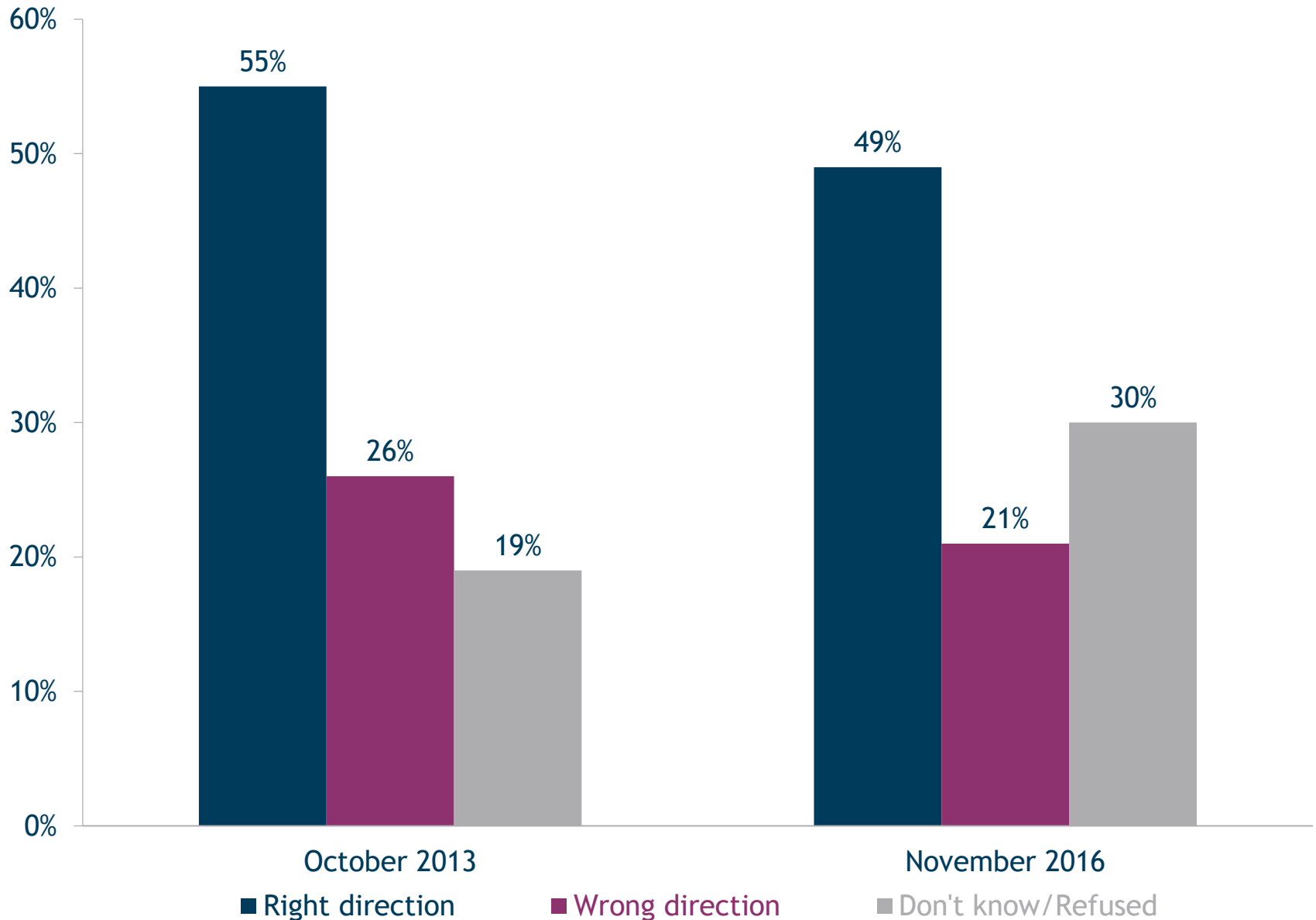


National Mood

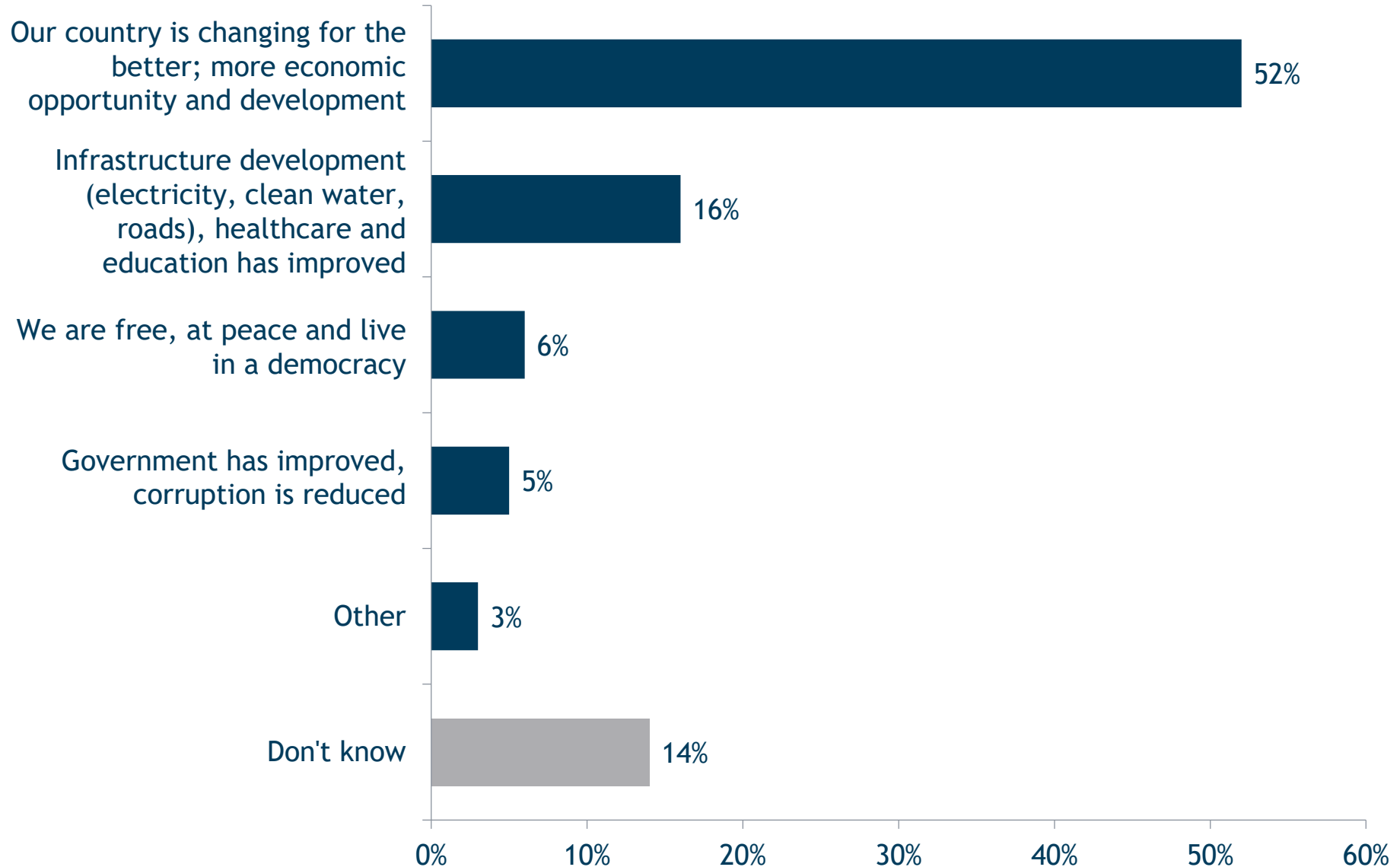


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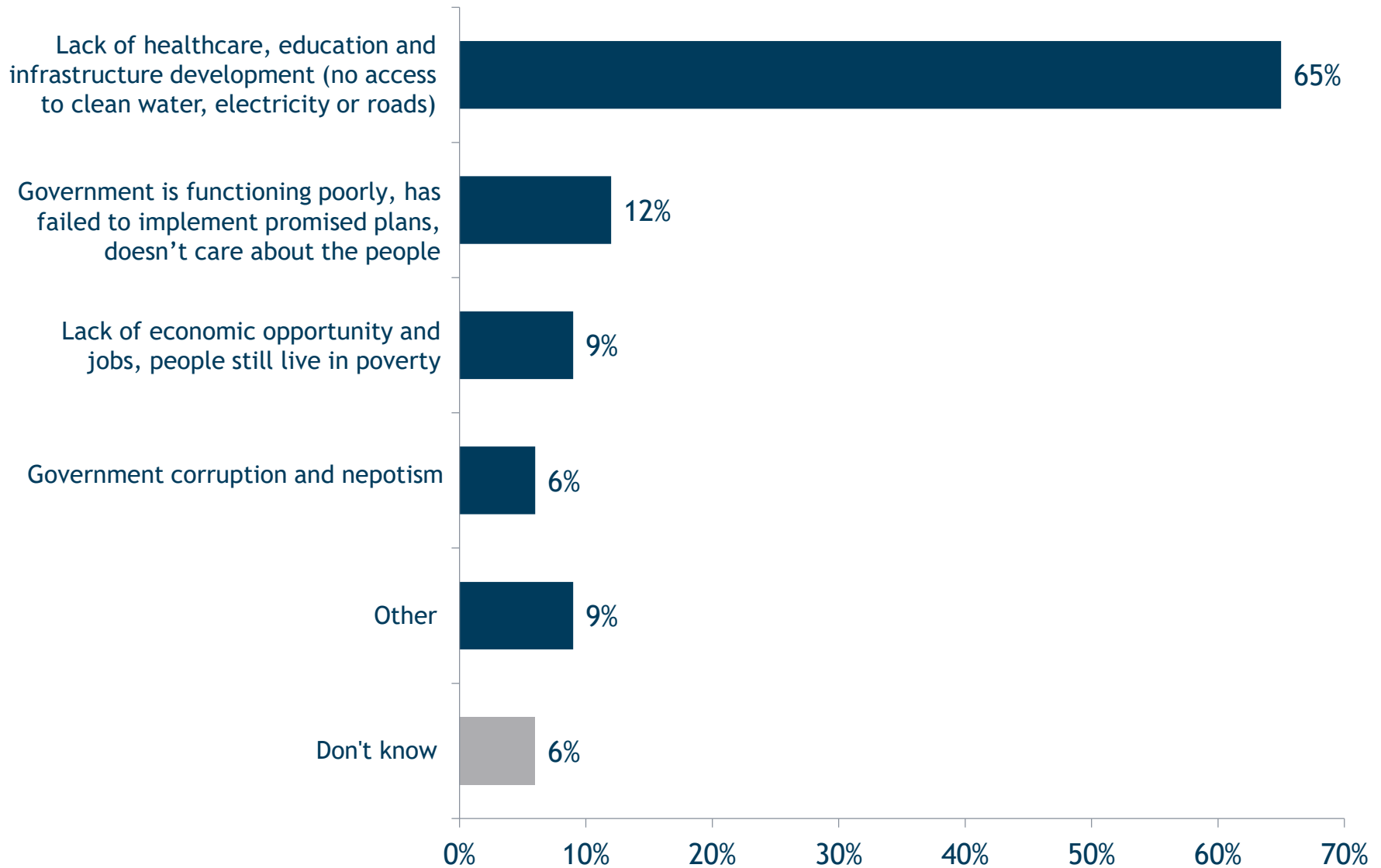
Are things going in the right direction or the wrong direction in Timor-Leste?



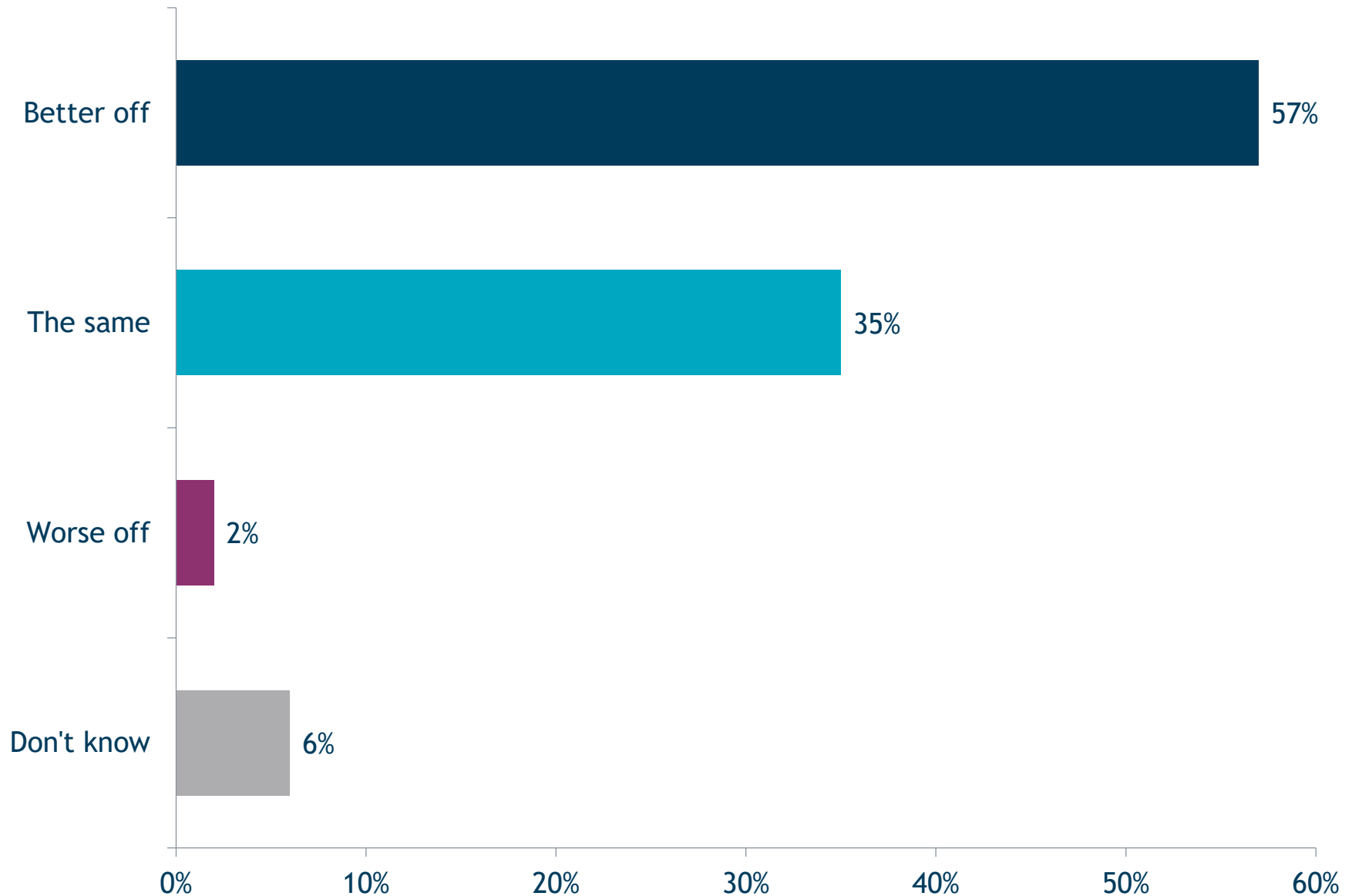
Why do you think the country is moving in the right direction? (Open-ended, n=586)



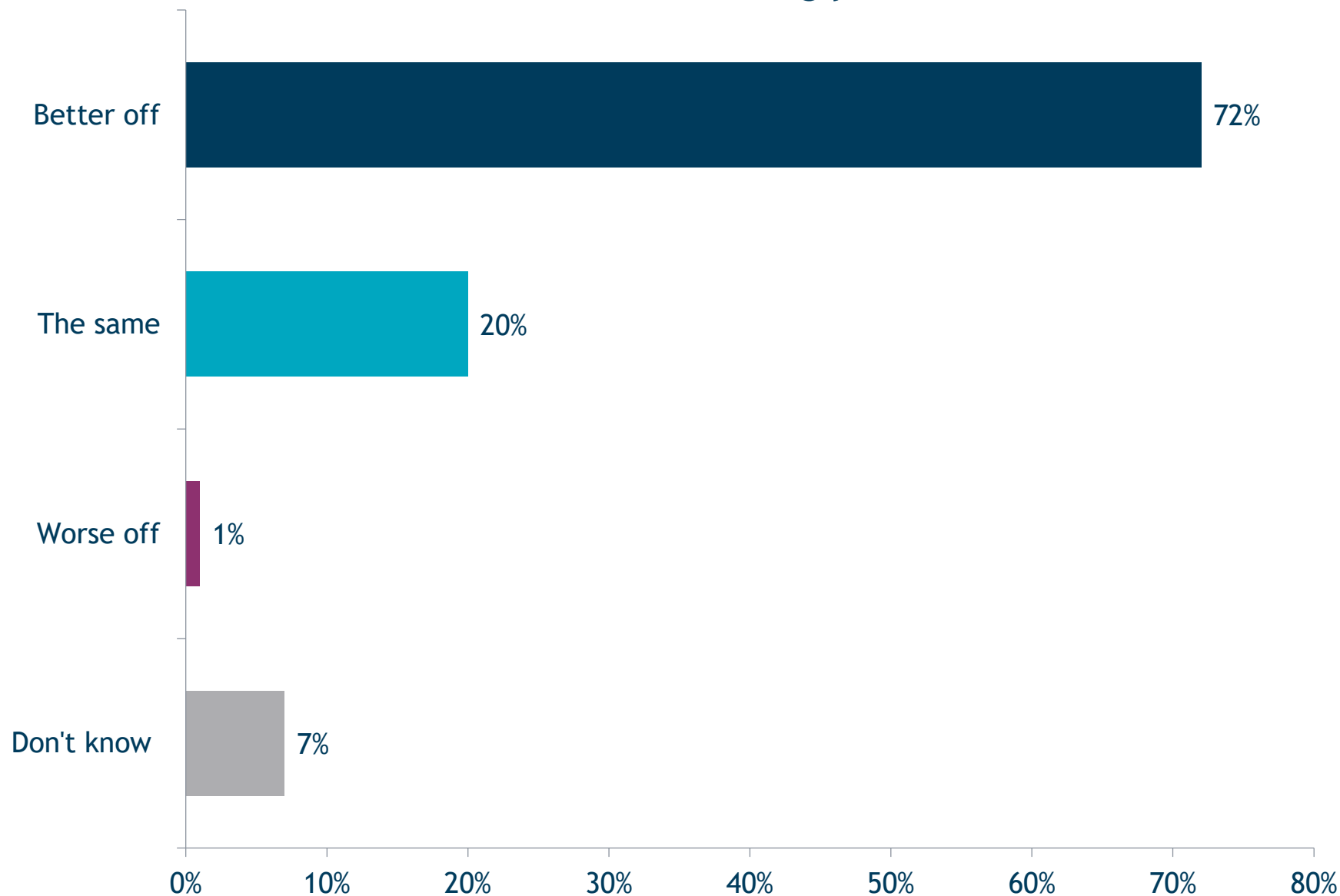
Why do you think the country is moving in the wrong direction? (Open-ended, n=257)



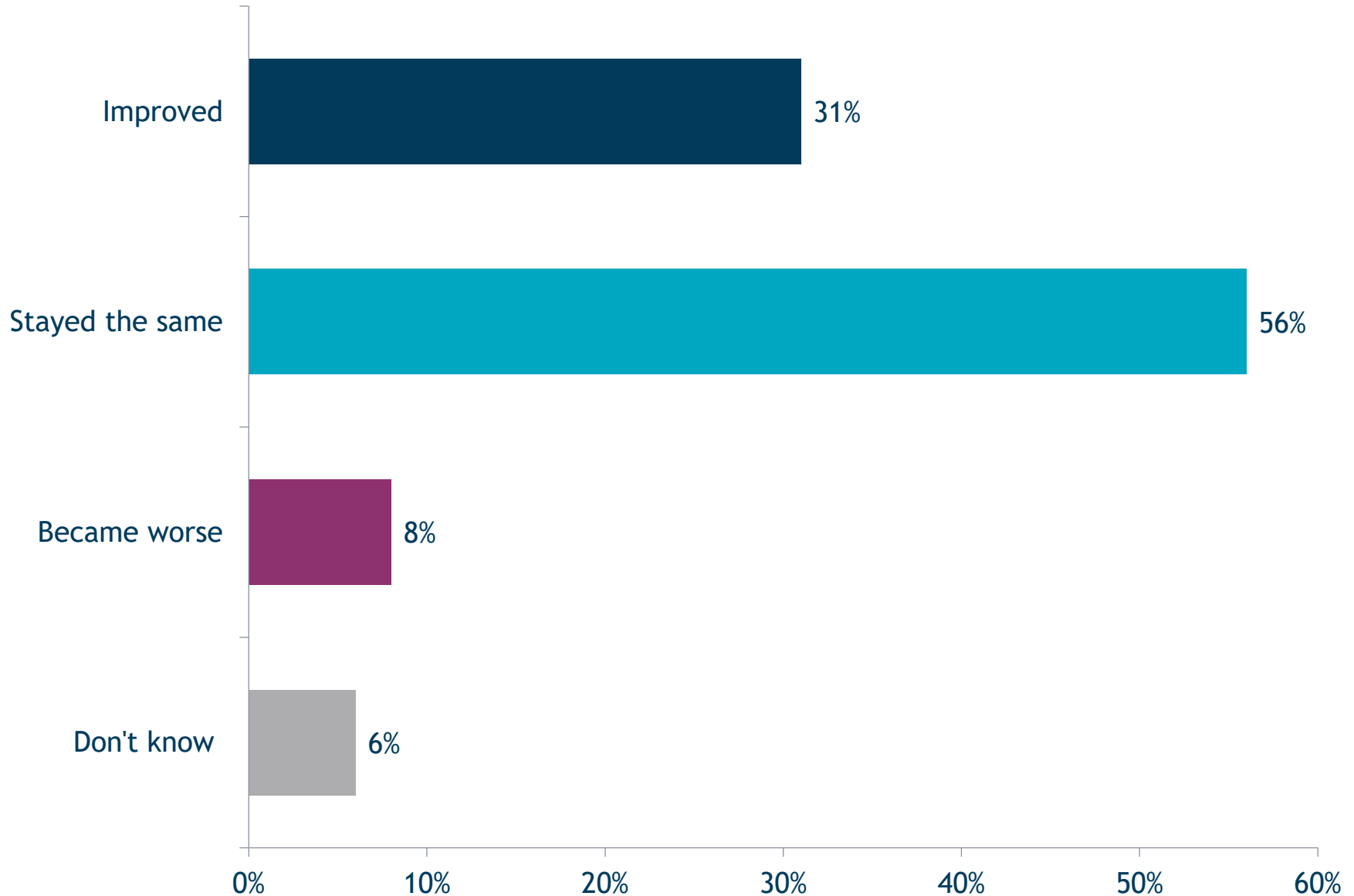
In your opinion, do you think Timor-Leste is better off, the same or worse off than last year?



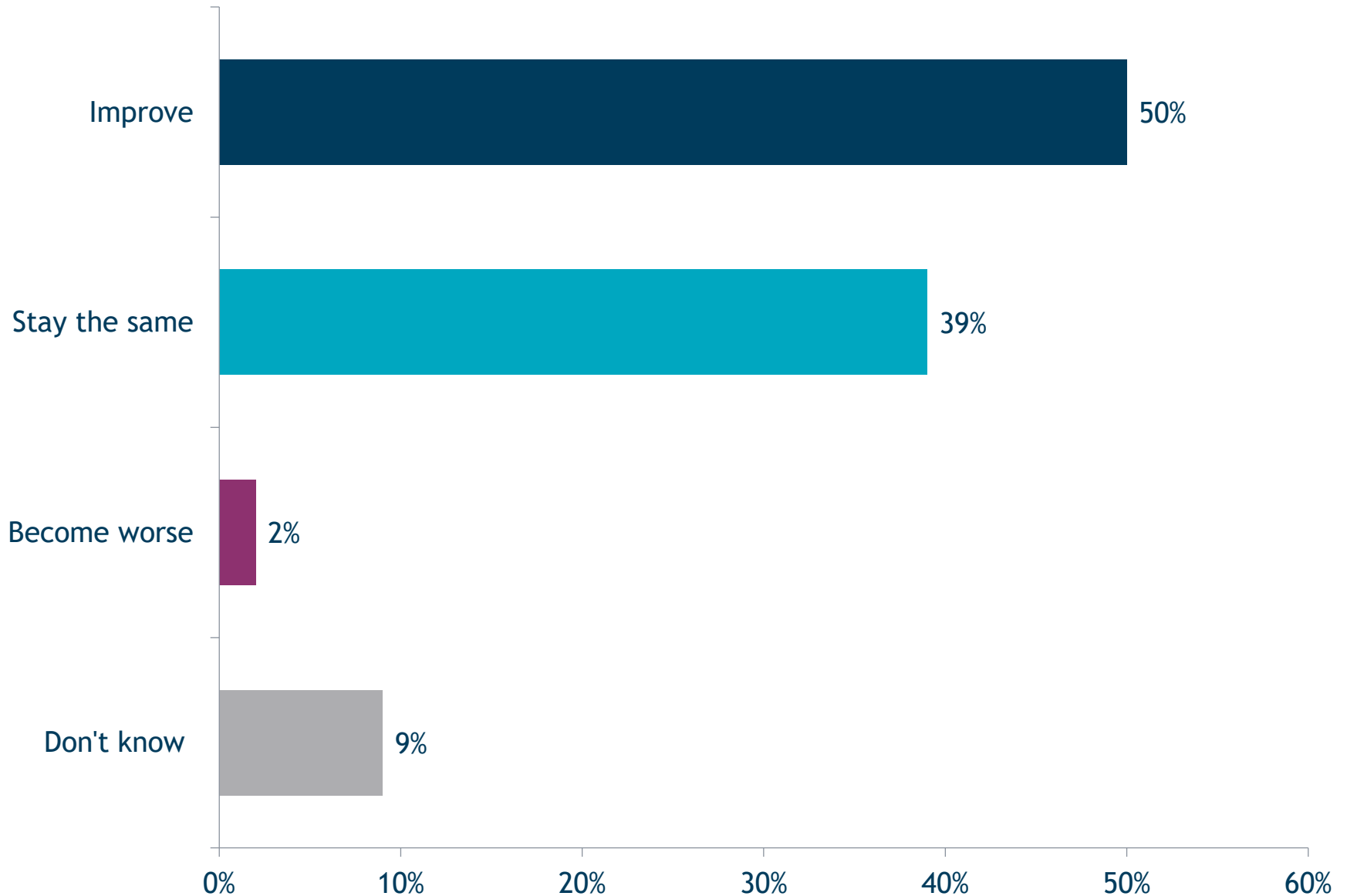
Thinking ahead, do you think Timor-Leste will be better off, the same or worse in the coming year?



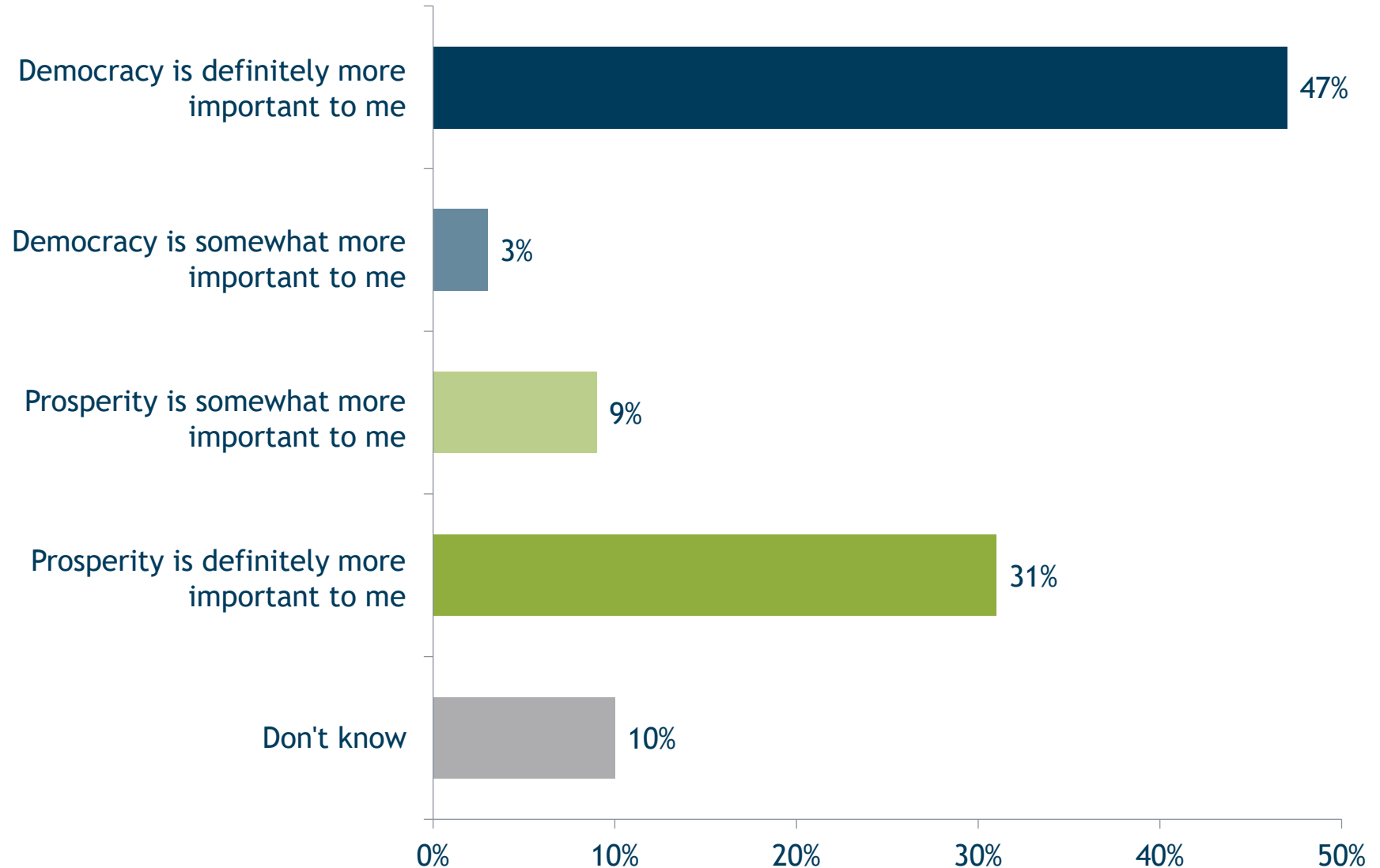
In the last year, did you and your family's financial situation improve, stay the same or become worse?



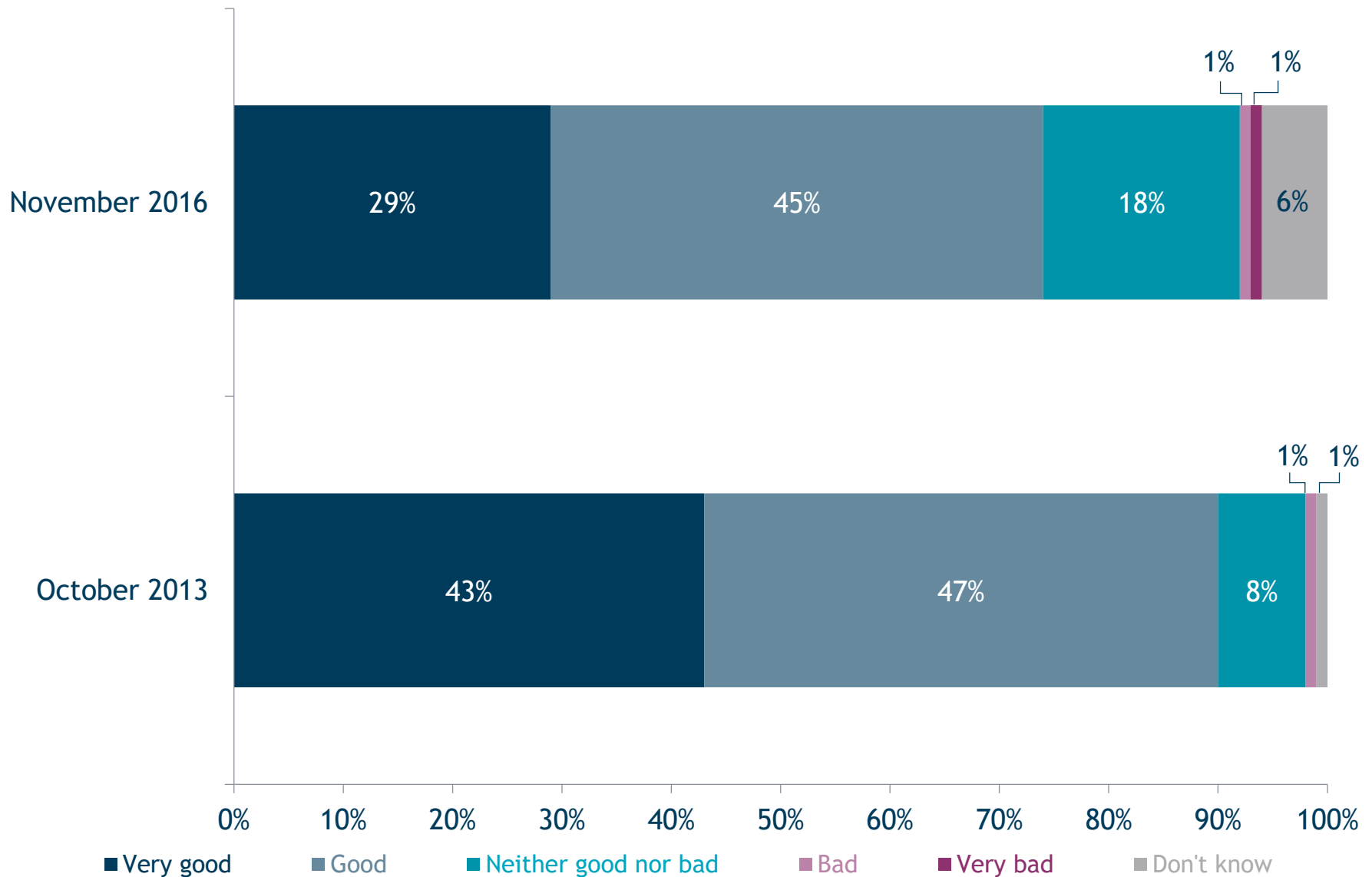
Do you think you and your family's financial situation will improve, stay the same or become worse in the coming year?



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



How would you rate the job of the government of Timor-Leste?



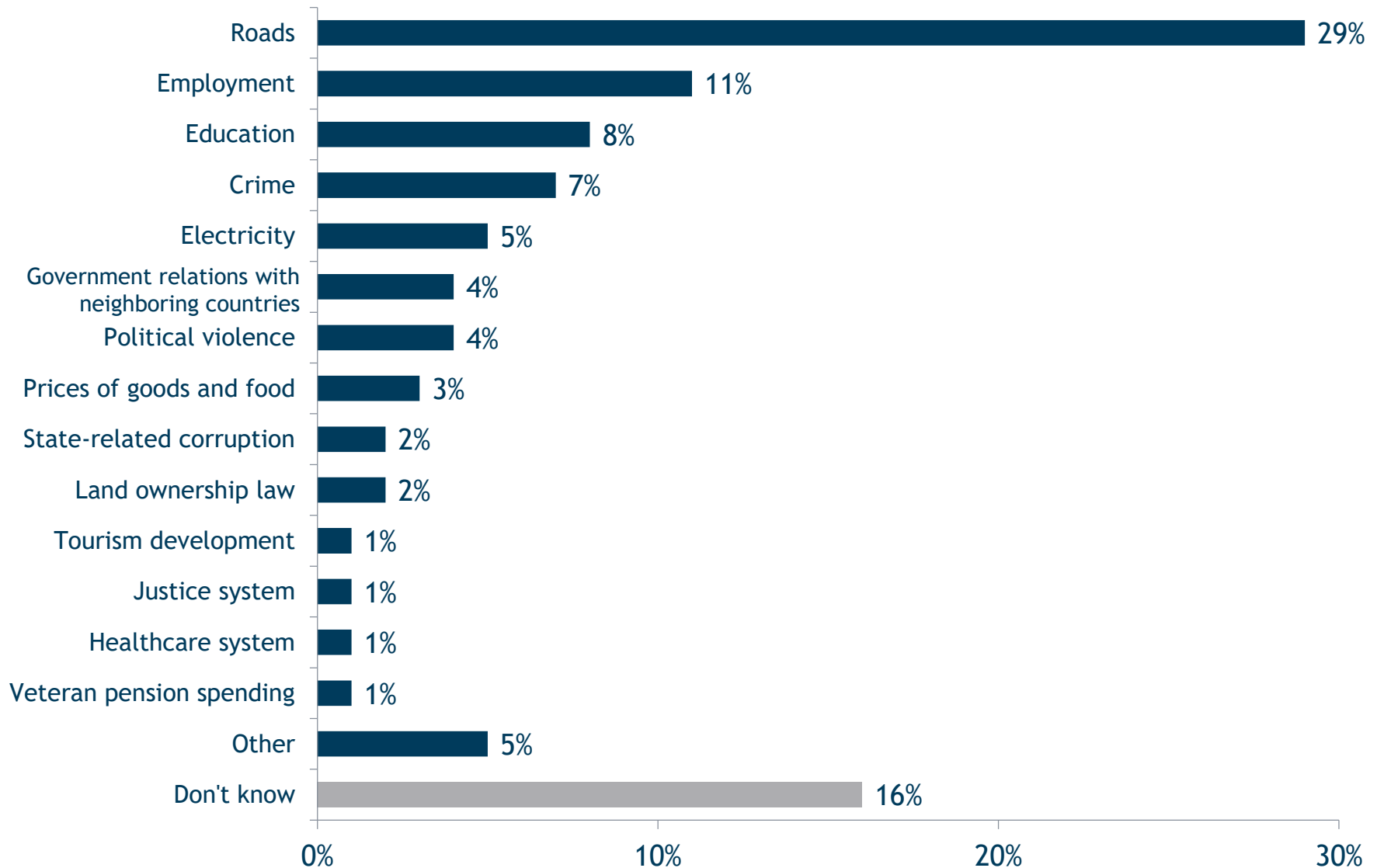


Issues and Priorities



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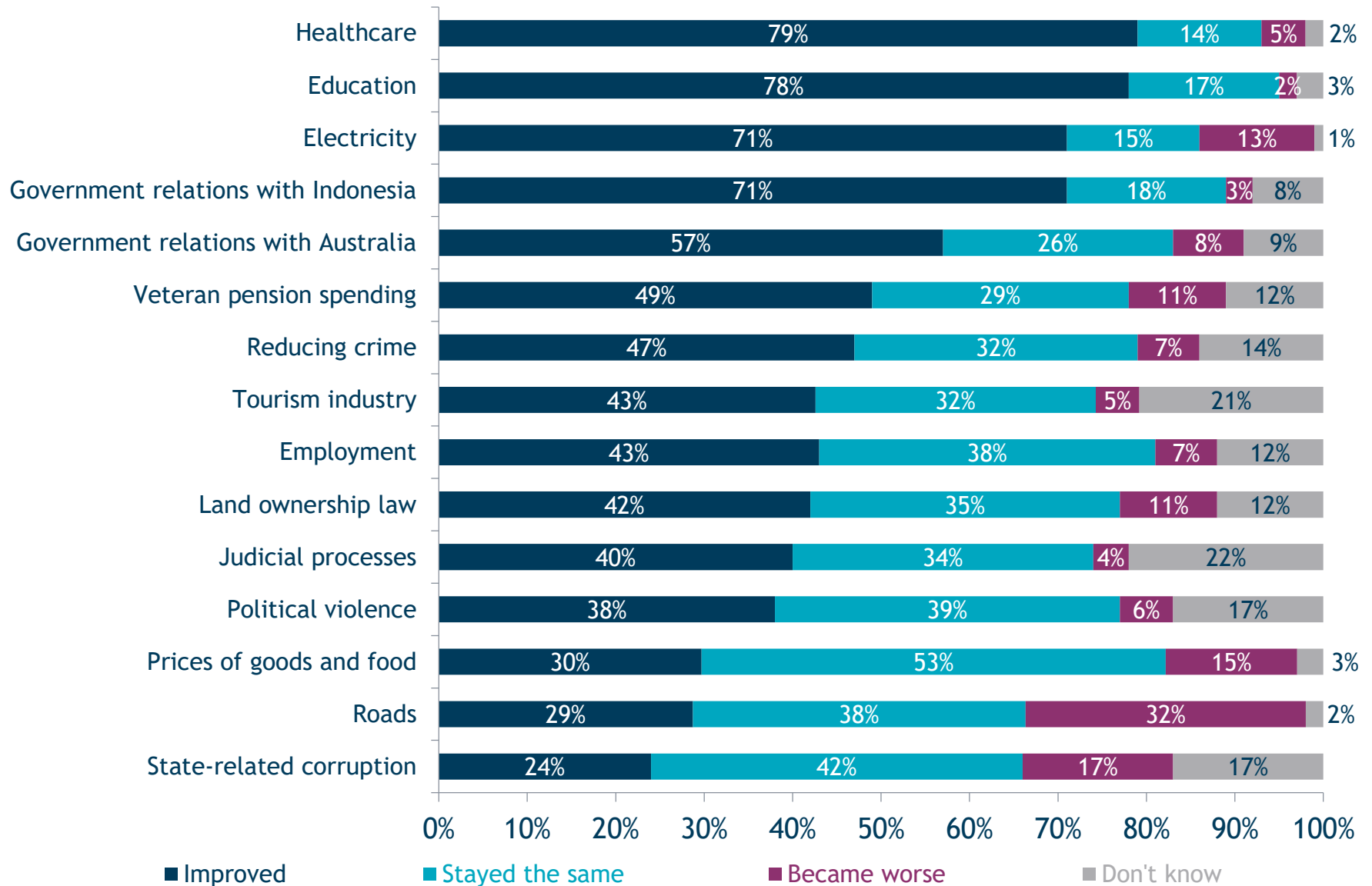
In your opinion, what is the most important issue/problem facing Timor-Leste? (Open-ended)



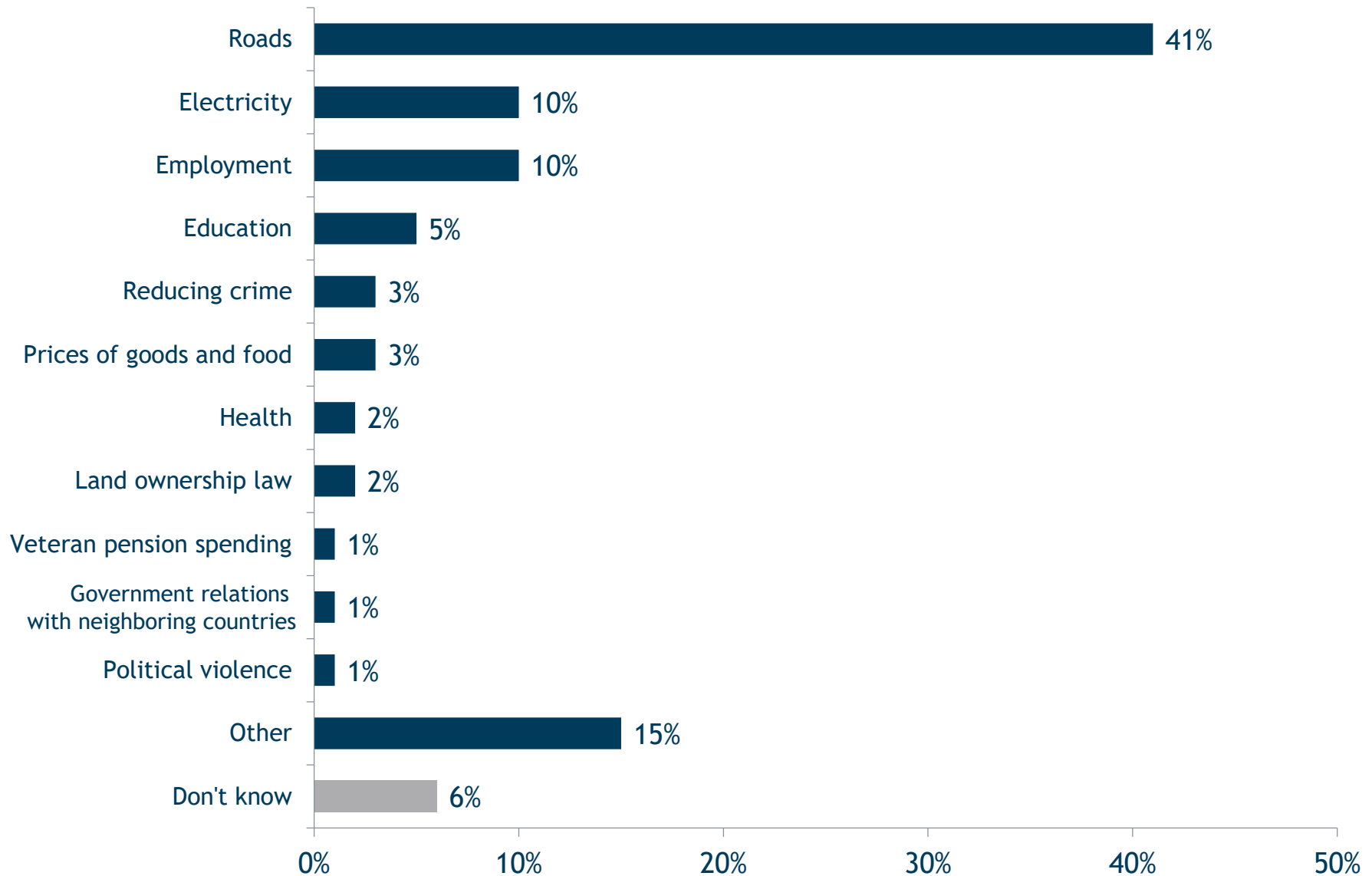
In your opinion, what is the most important issue/problem facing Timor-Leste? (Open-ended)

Issue	November 2016	October 2013	December 2008
Roads	29%	25%	16%
Employment	11%	8%	10%
Education	8%	9%	33%
Crime	7%	4%	1%
Electricity	5%	8%	7%
Political violence	4%	1%	0%
Government relations with neighboring countries	4%	<1%	1%
Prices of goods and food	3%	5%	6%
Land ownership law	2%	<1%	<1%
State-related corruption	2%	3%	<1%
Veteran pension spending	1%	1%	1%
Healthcare system	1%	4%	5%
Justice system	1%	<1%	1%
Tourism development	1%	Not Asked	Not Asked
Other	5%	15%	12%
Don't know	16%	19%	10%

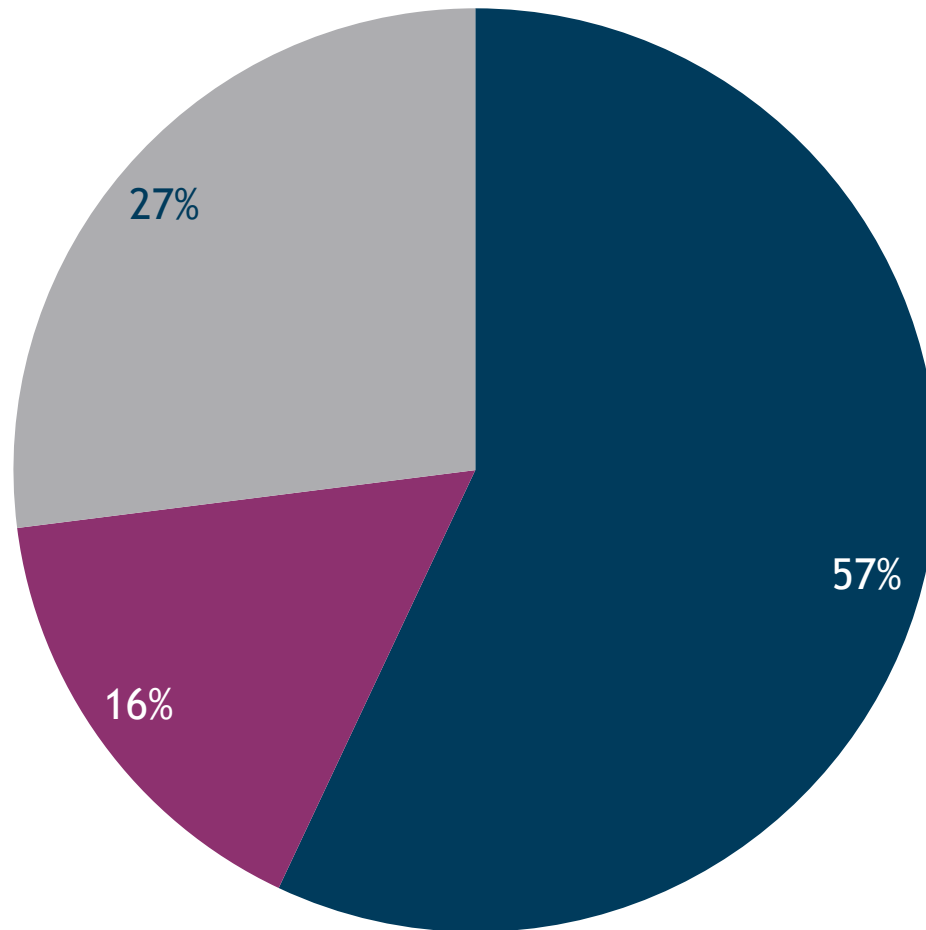
I'm going to read you a list of issues, and for each one, please tell me how you feel the situation has changed in the last year.



In your opinion, what is the most important issue/problem in your local community? (Open-ended)

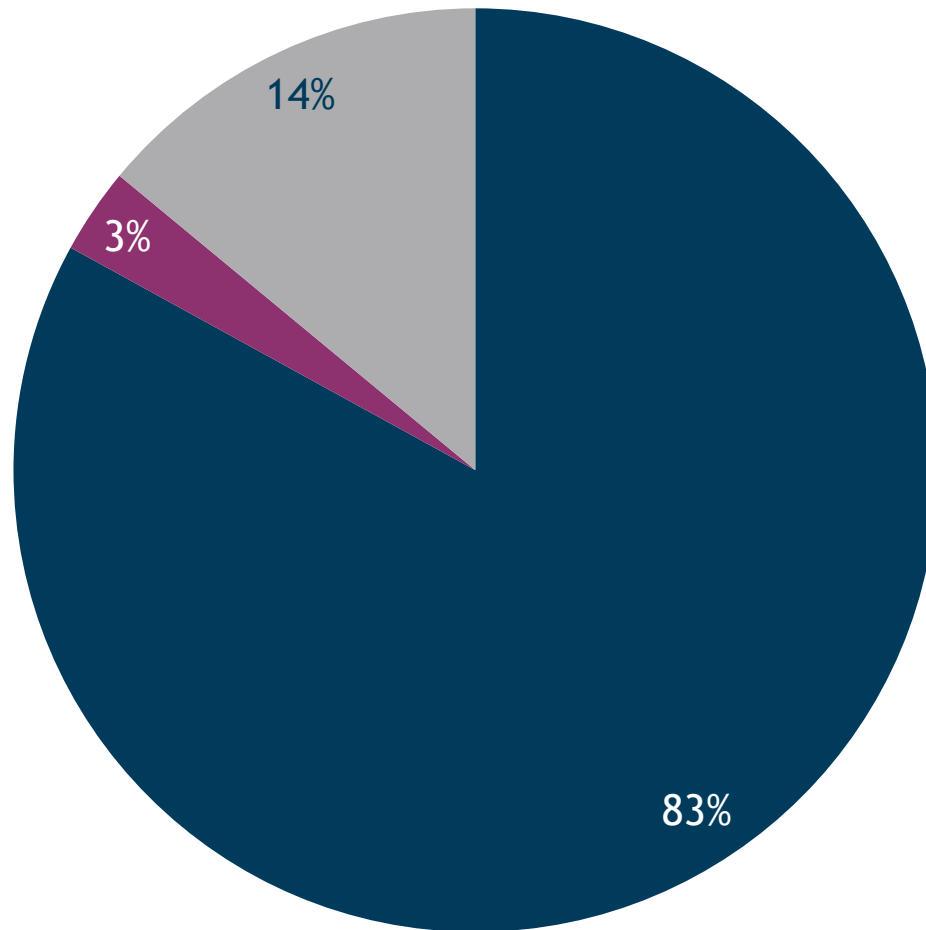


Do you believe the districts/municipalities should have more control over local spending, taxing and administration?



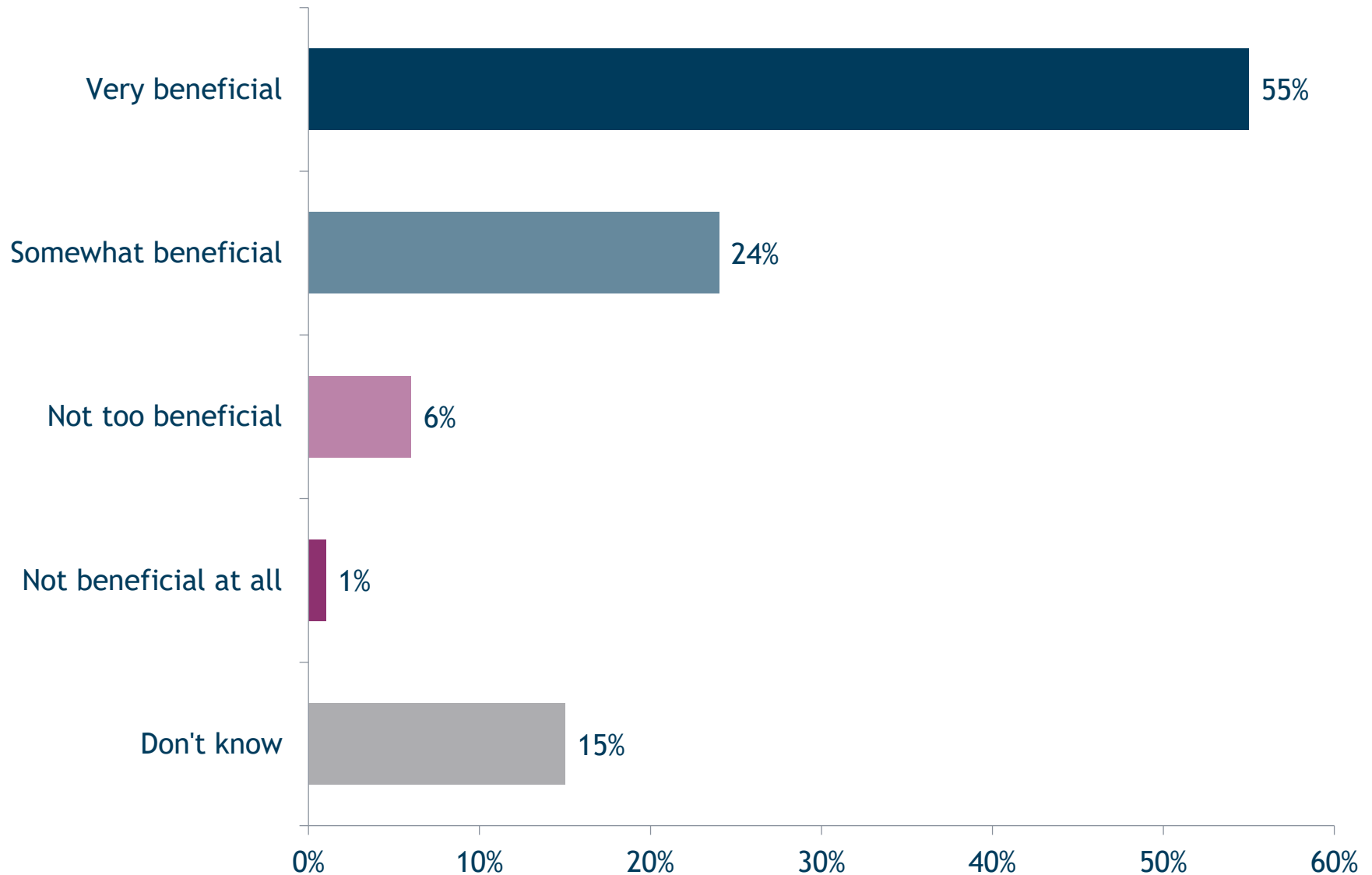
■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

In general, do you favor or oppose the government's plan to create directly-elected municipal assemblies?

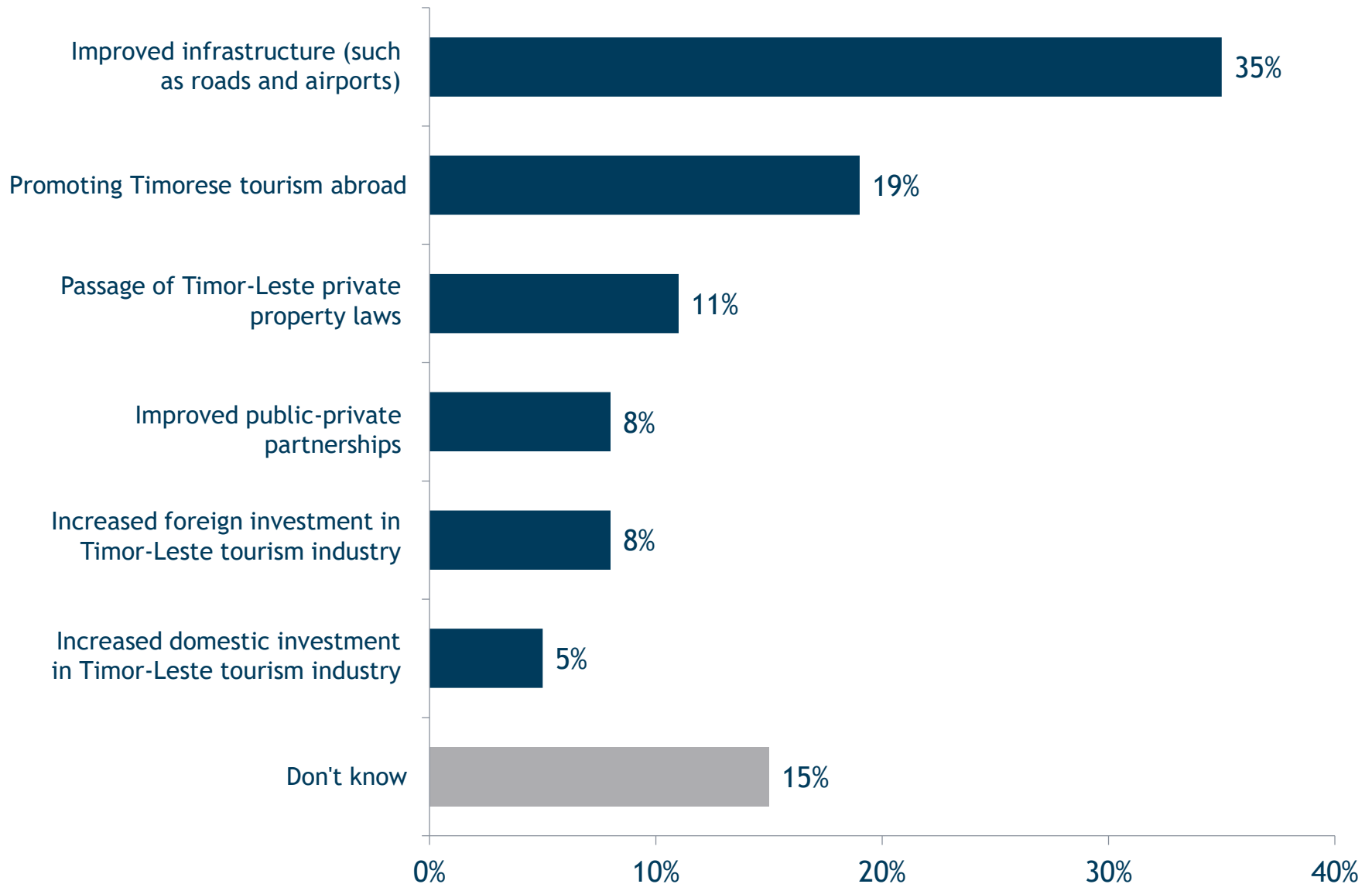


■ Favor ■ Oppose ■ Don't know

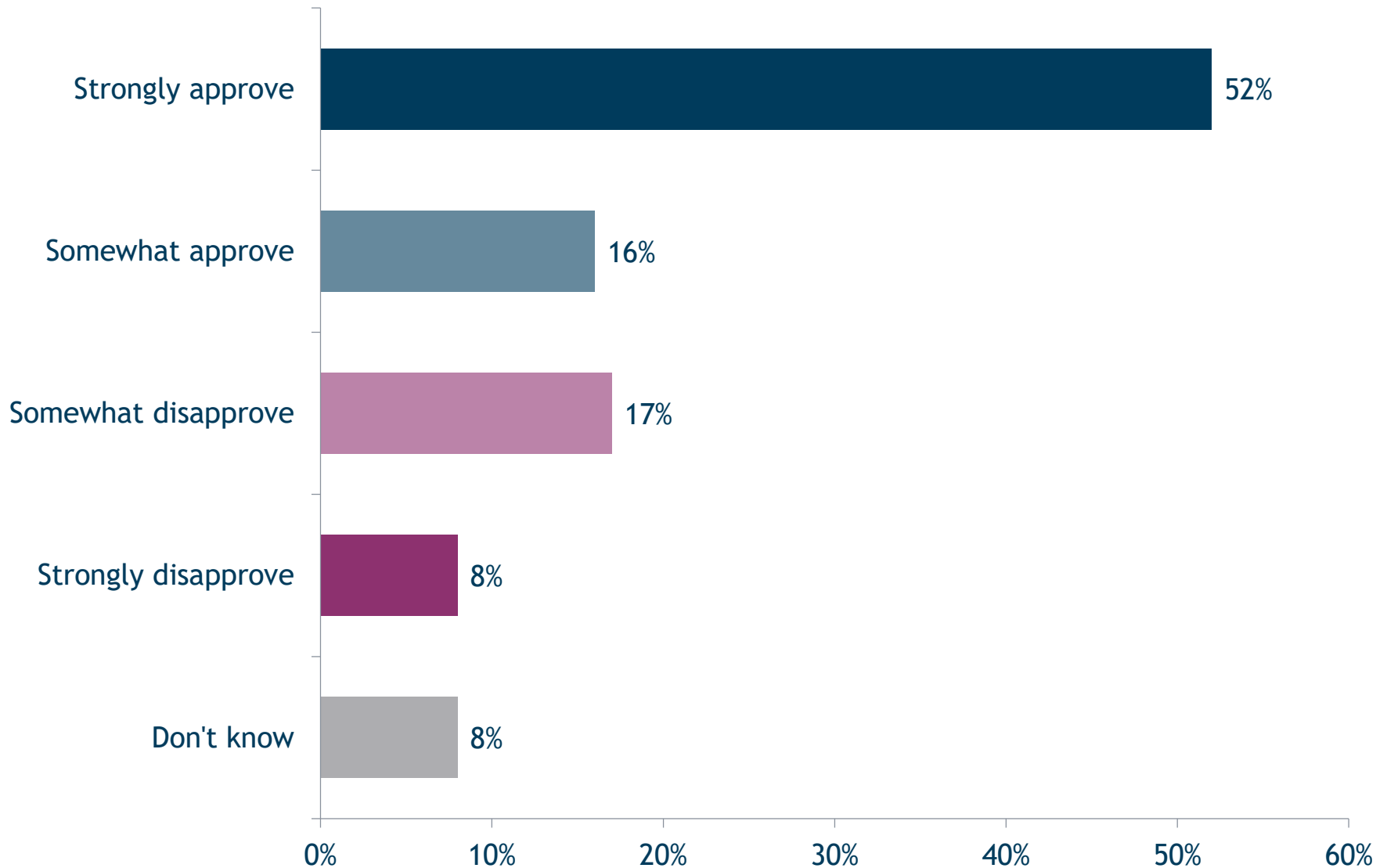
Do you think the government emphasizing and encouraging tourism would be beneficial for Timor-Leste?



Which of the following do you think would do the most to develop and encourage tourists to visit Timor-Leste?

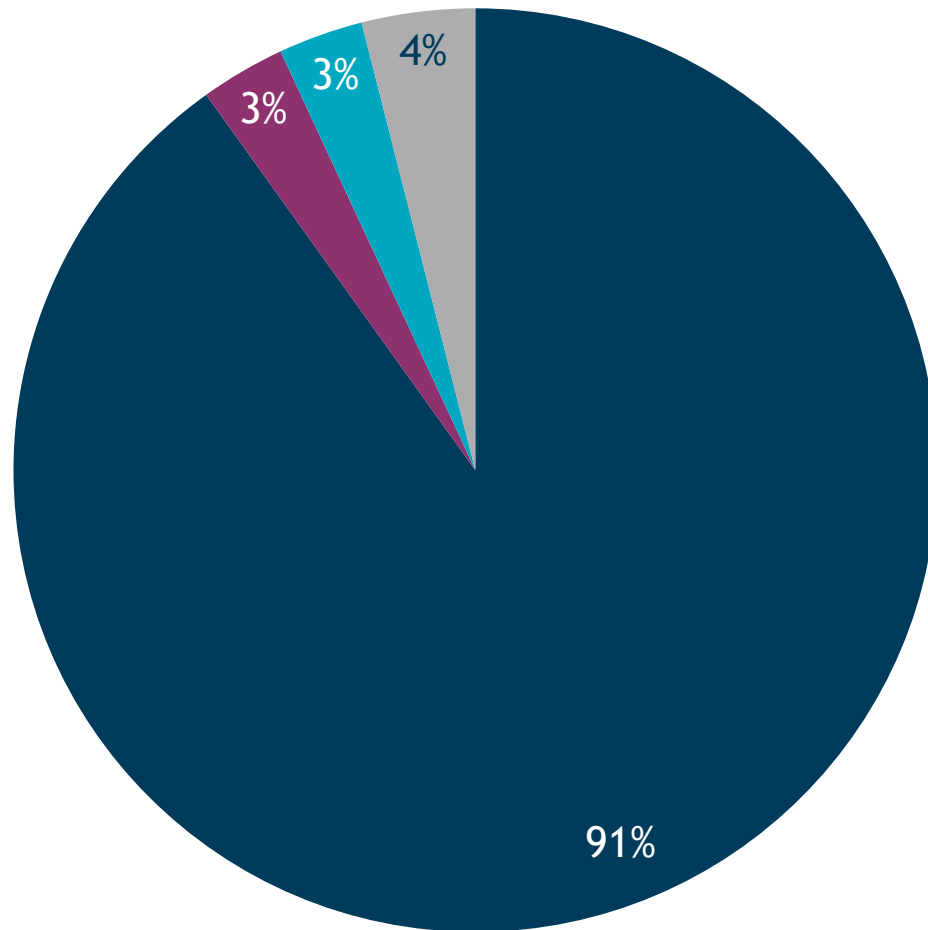


Based on your prior knowledge, do you approve of how the government is spending the petroleum fund* money?



*The petroleum fund is a wealth fund into which the revenue from exported Timorese petroleum and gas is deposited.

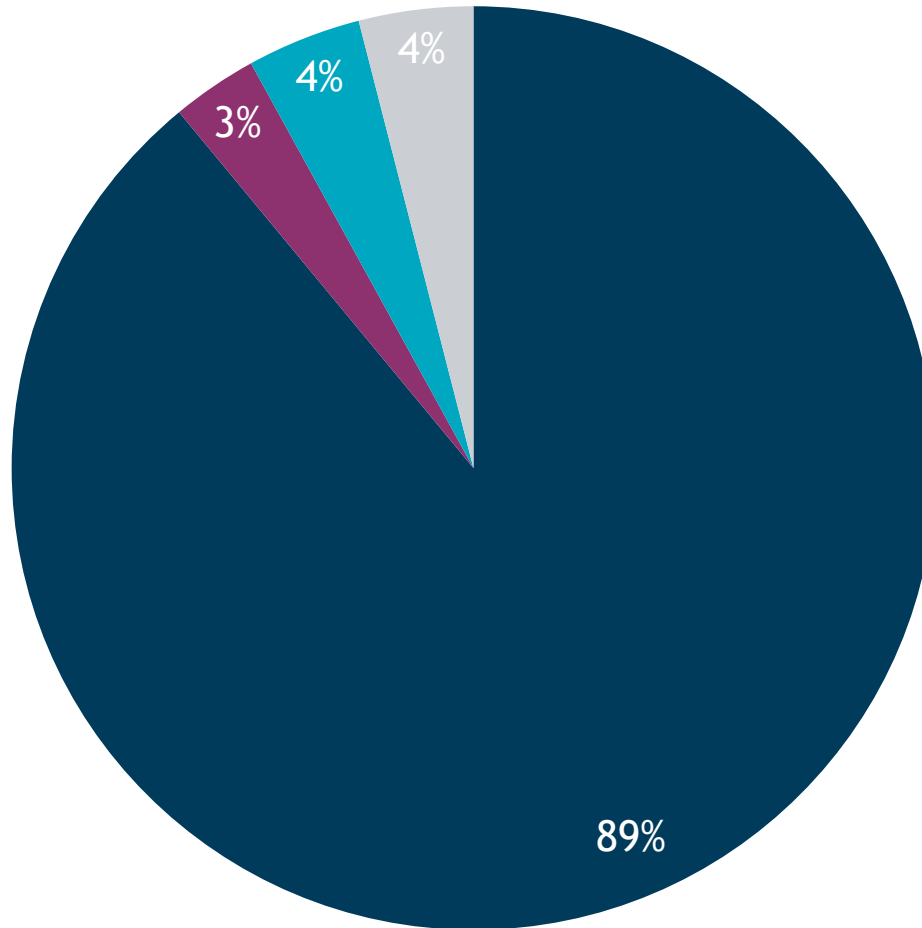
Do you support the government's plan for the *Zonas Especiais de Economia Social de Mercado** (ZEESM) project in Oecusse?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Never heard of it ■ Don't know

*ZEESM (Special Economic Zones for Social Market Economy) is an infrastructure development project based in Oecusse.

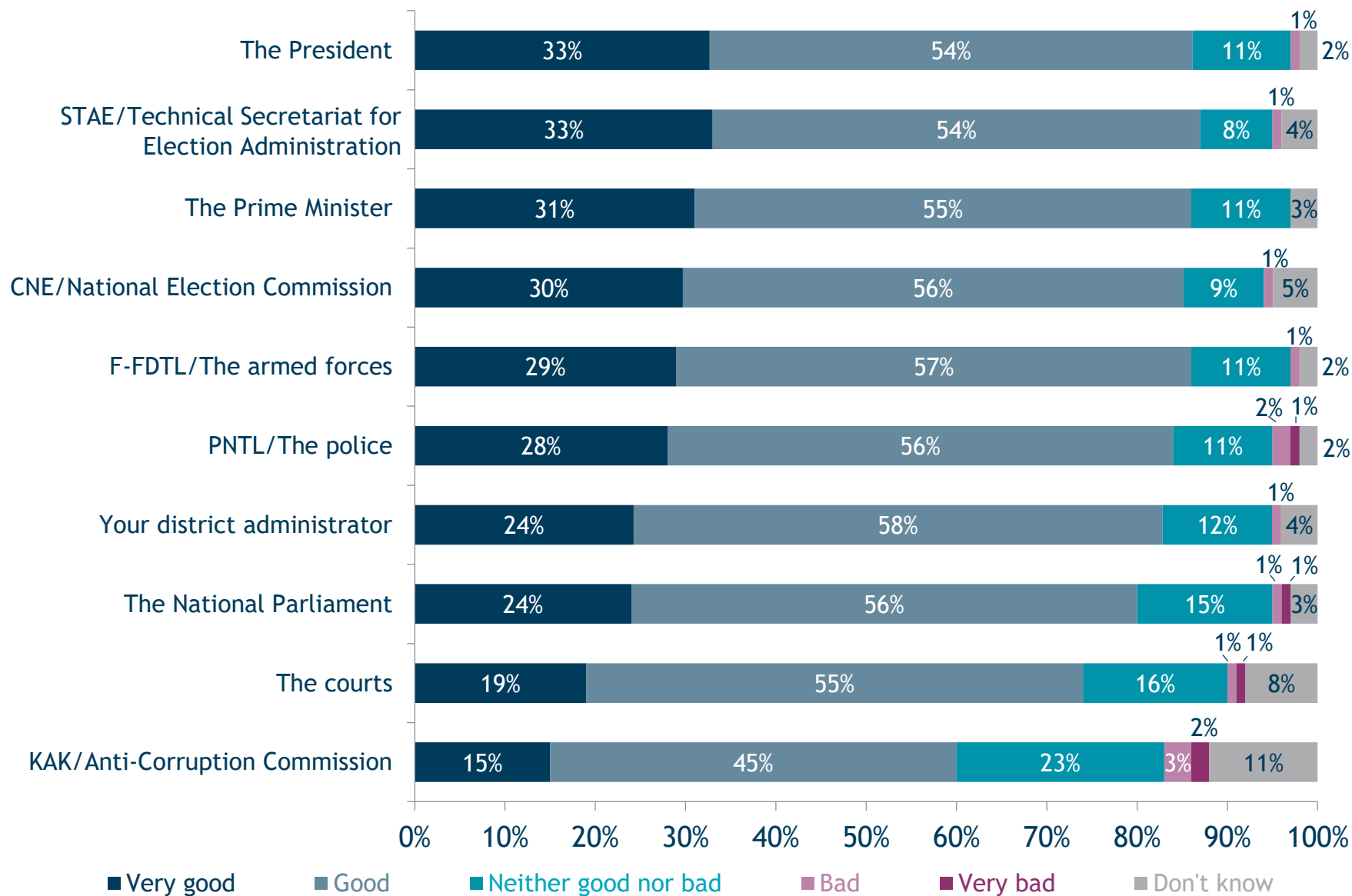
Do you support the *Tasi Mane** project?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Never heard of it ■ Don't know

*The *Tasi Mane* project is part of the Strategic Development Plan to build three industrial centers on the southwest coast to support Timor-Leste's petroleum industry.

What is your opinion of the work currently being performed by the following official, office or agency?



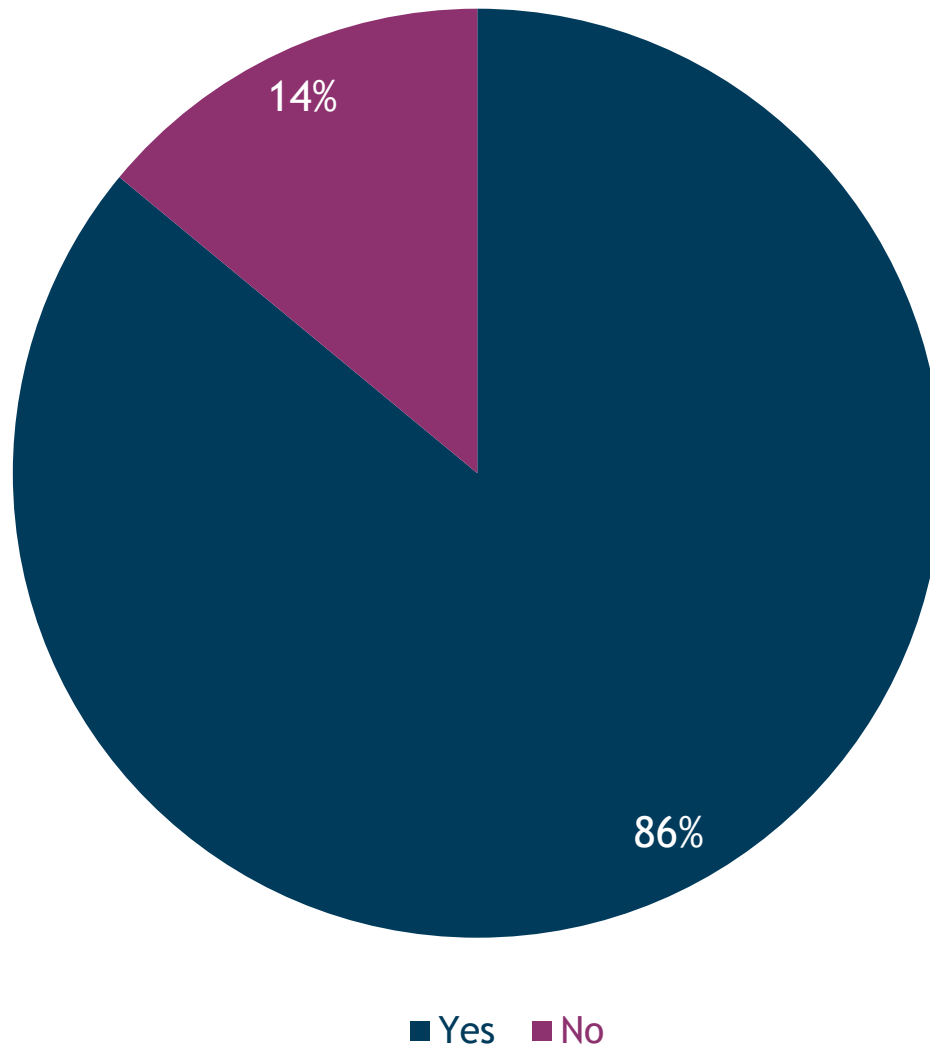


Voting and Elections

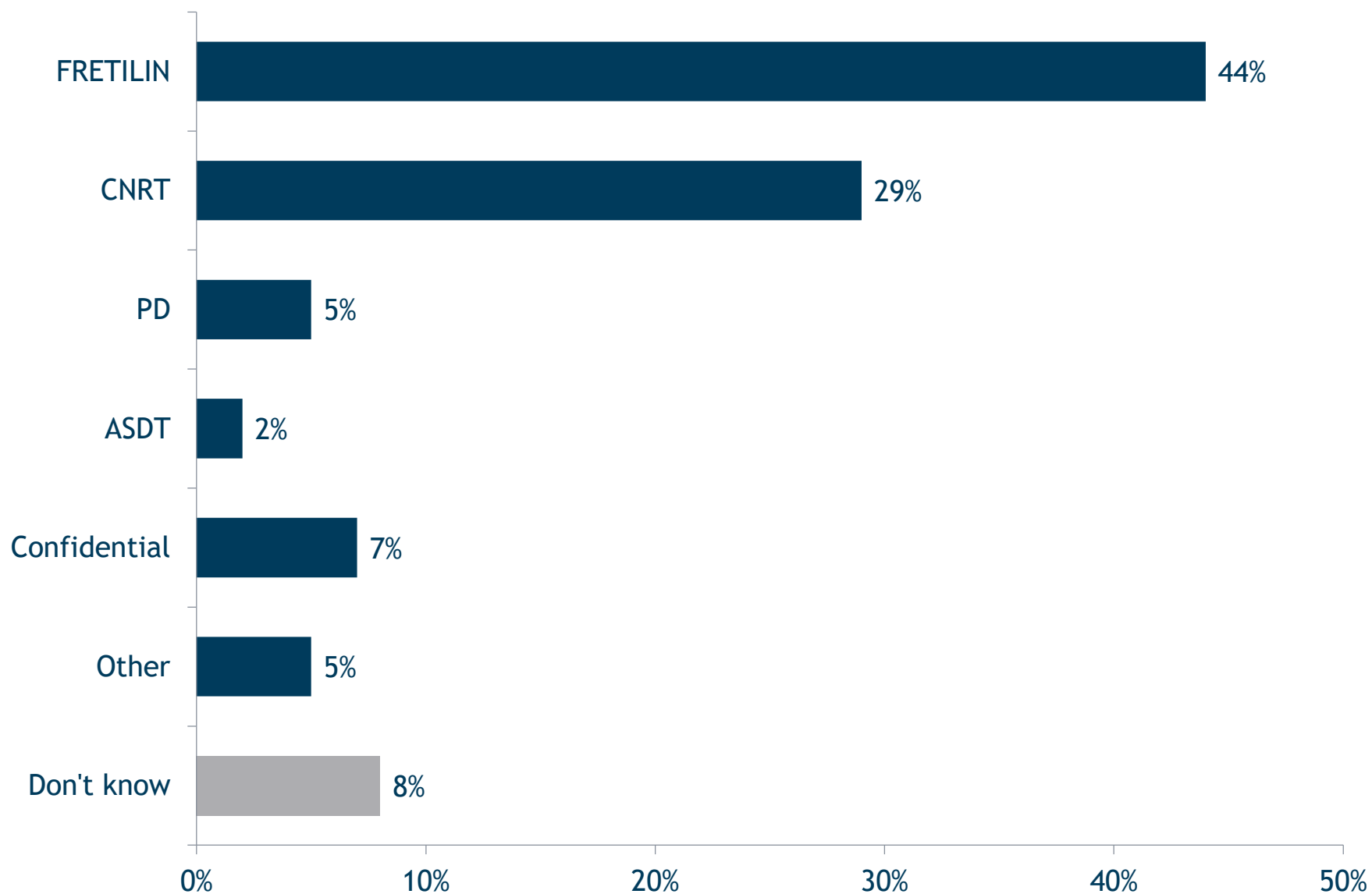


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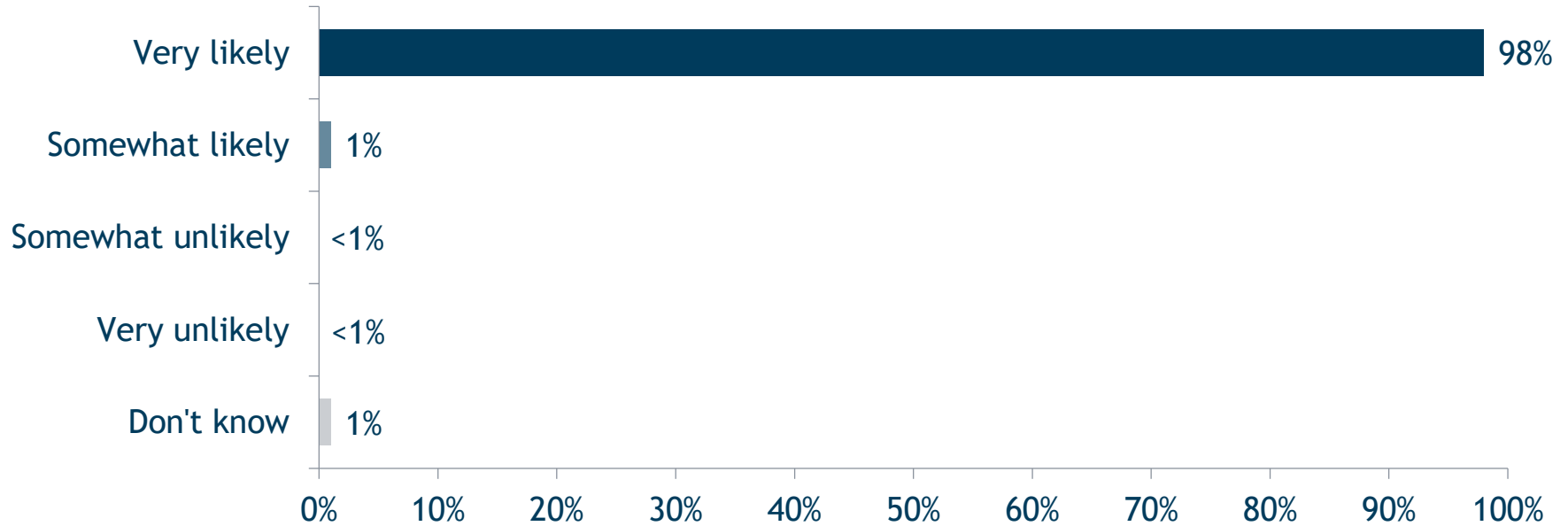
Did you vote in the last parliamentary elections in July 2012?



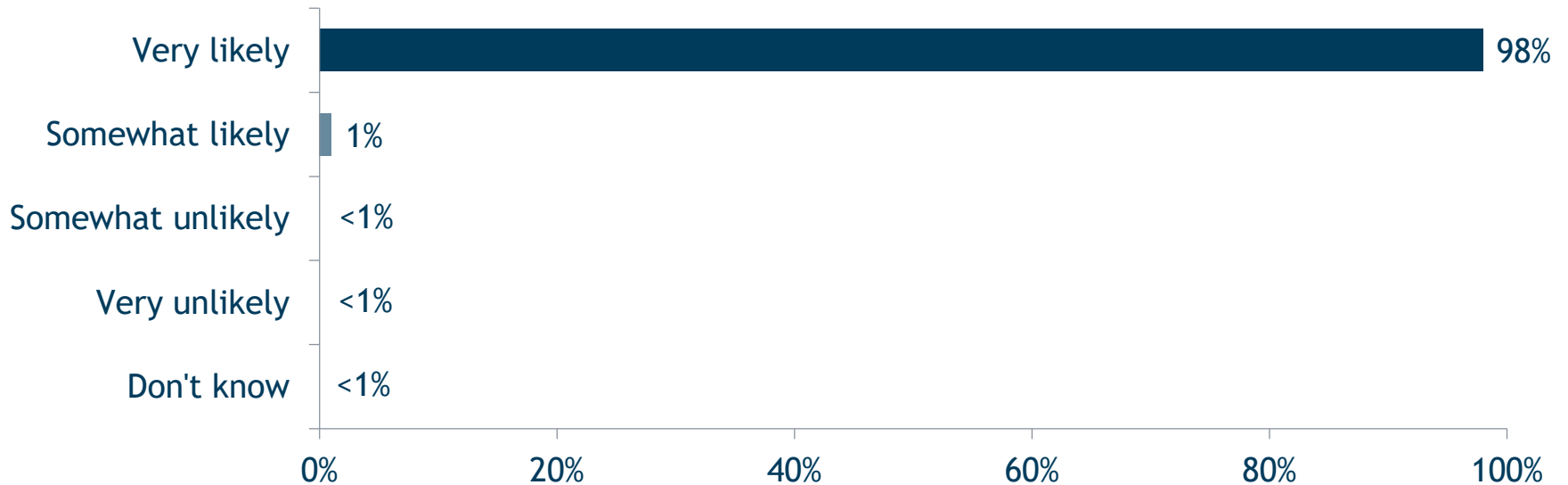
Which party did you vote for in the last election? (n=1,026)



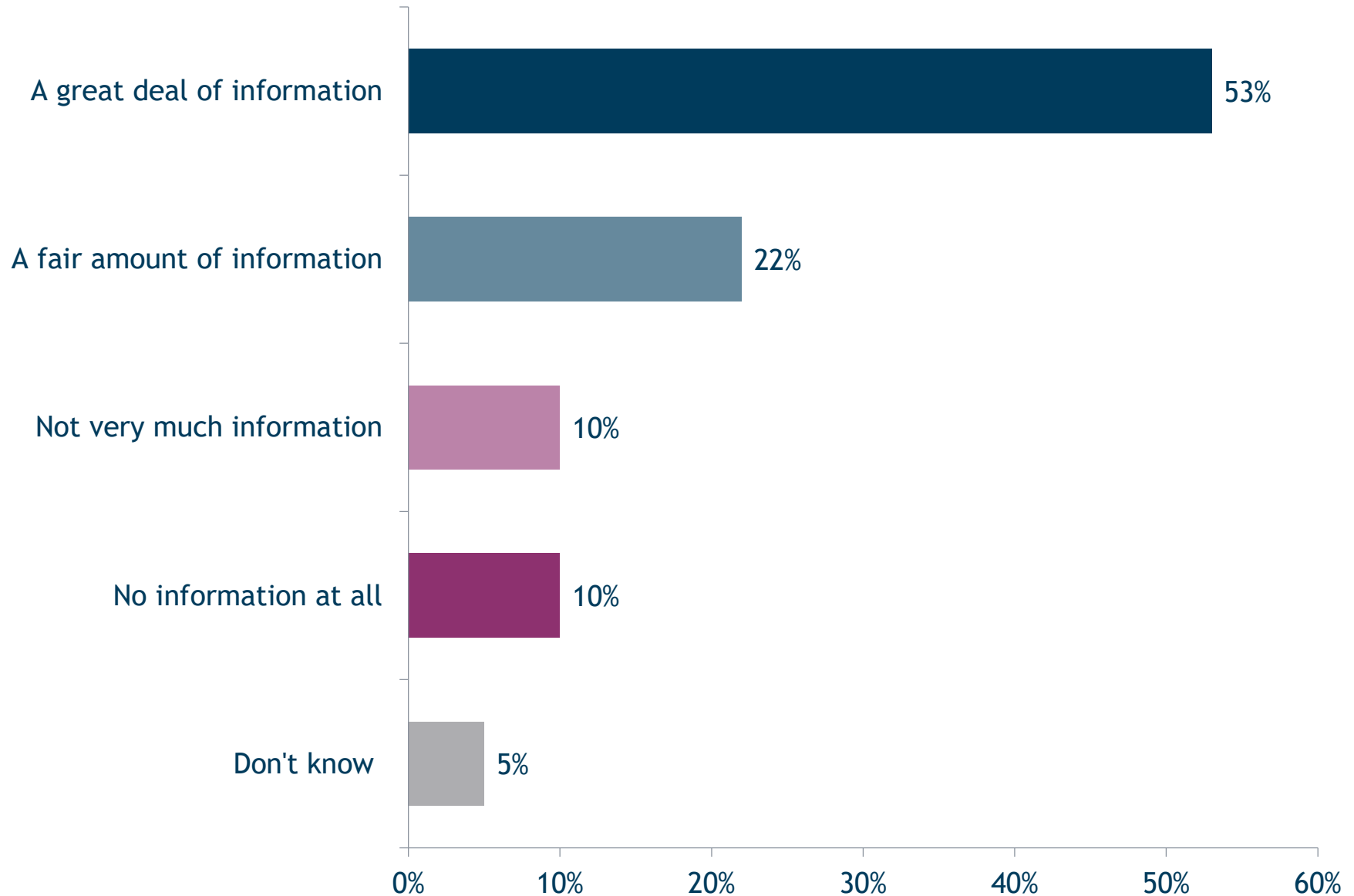
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the 2017 presidential election?



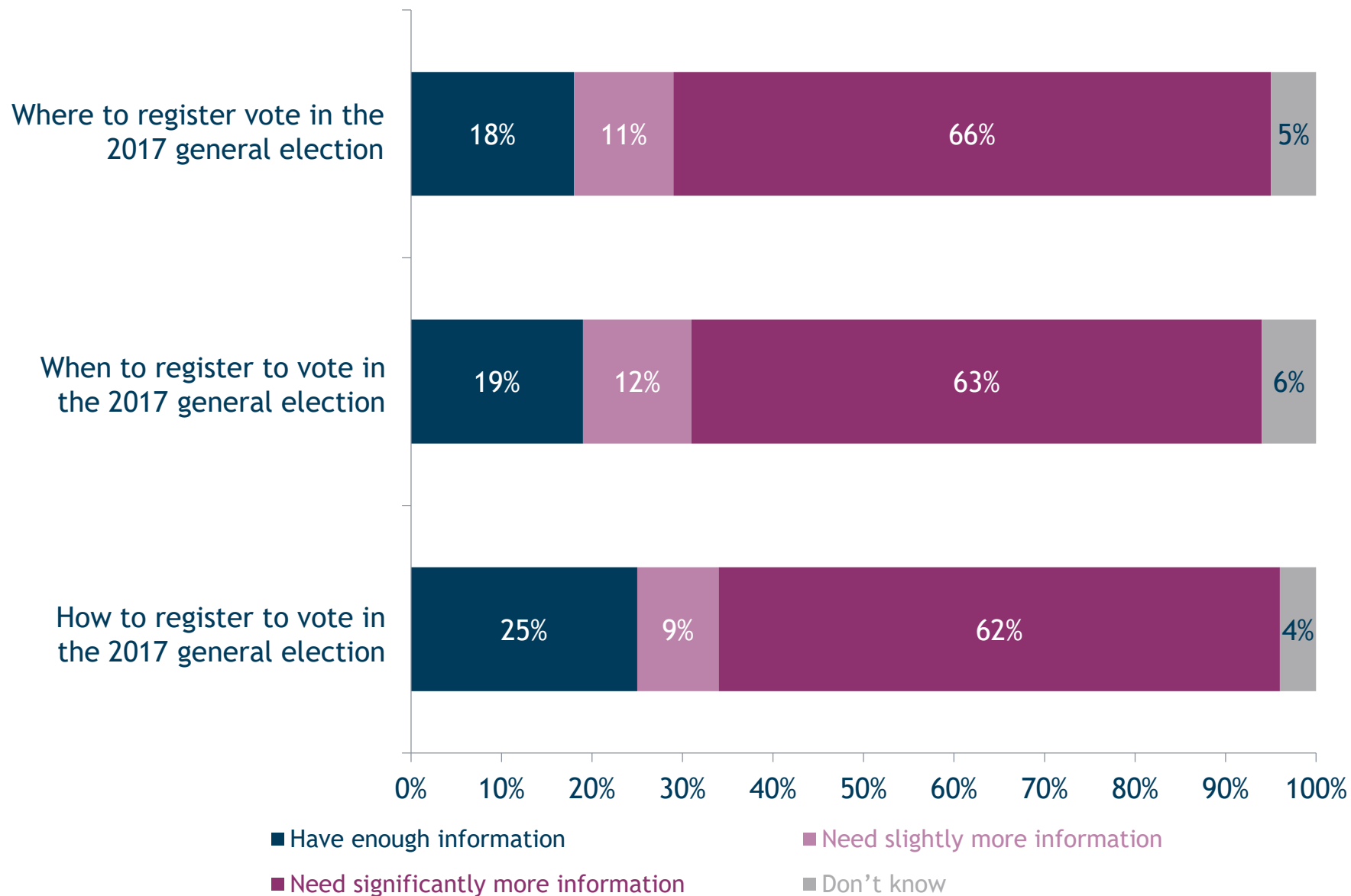
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the 2017 parliamentary elections?



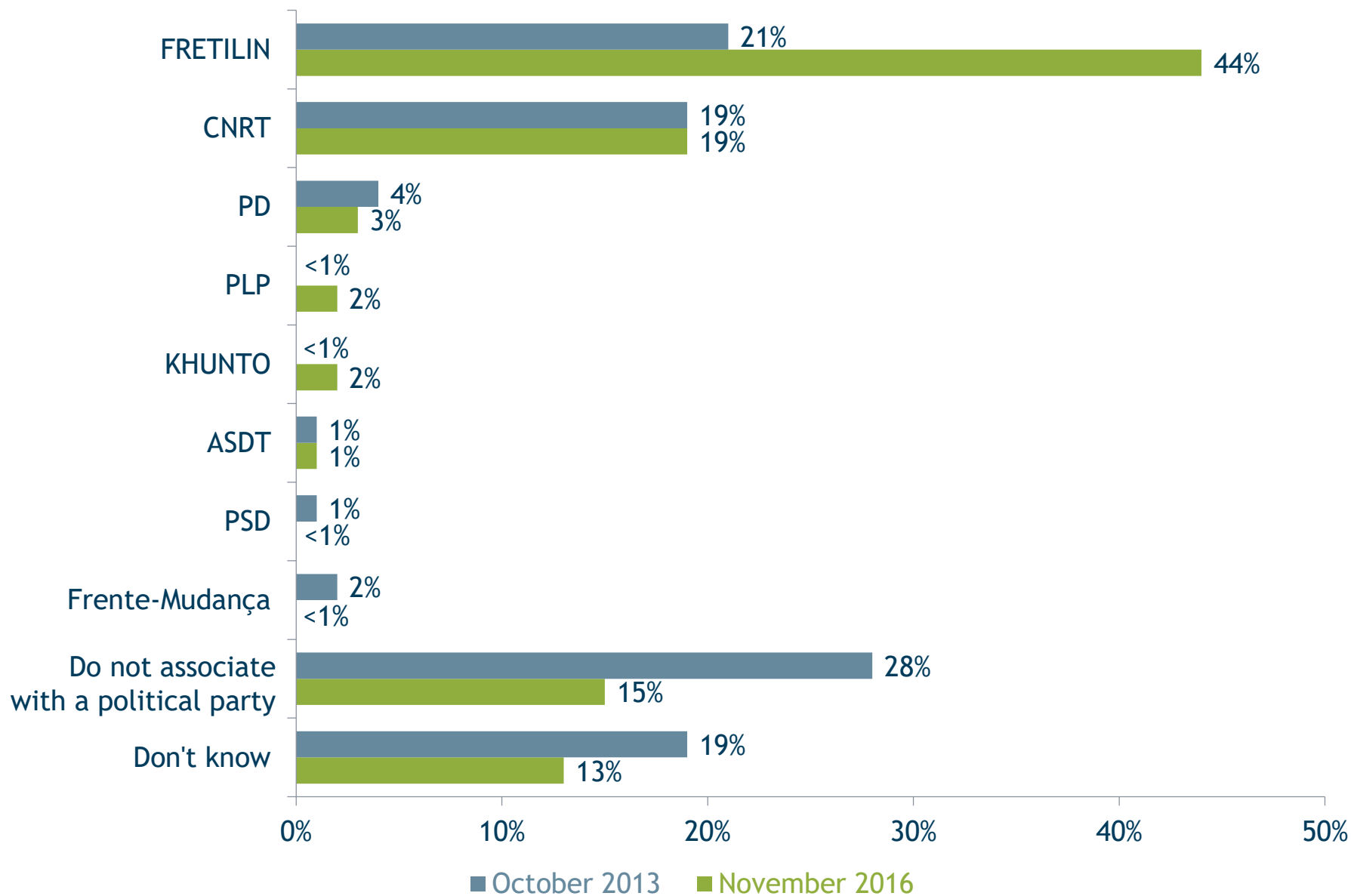
Regarding the 2017 presidential and parliamentary elections, how much information would you say you have about these elections?



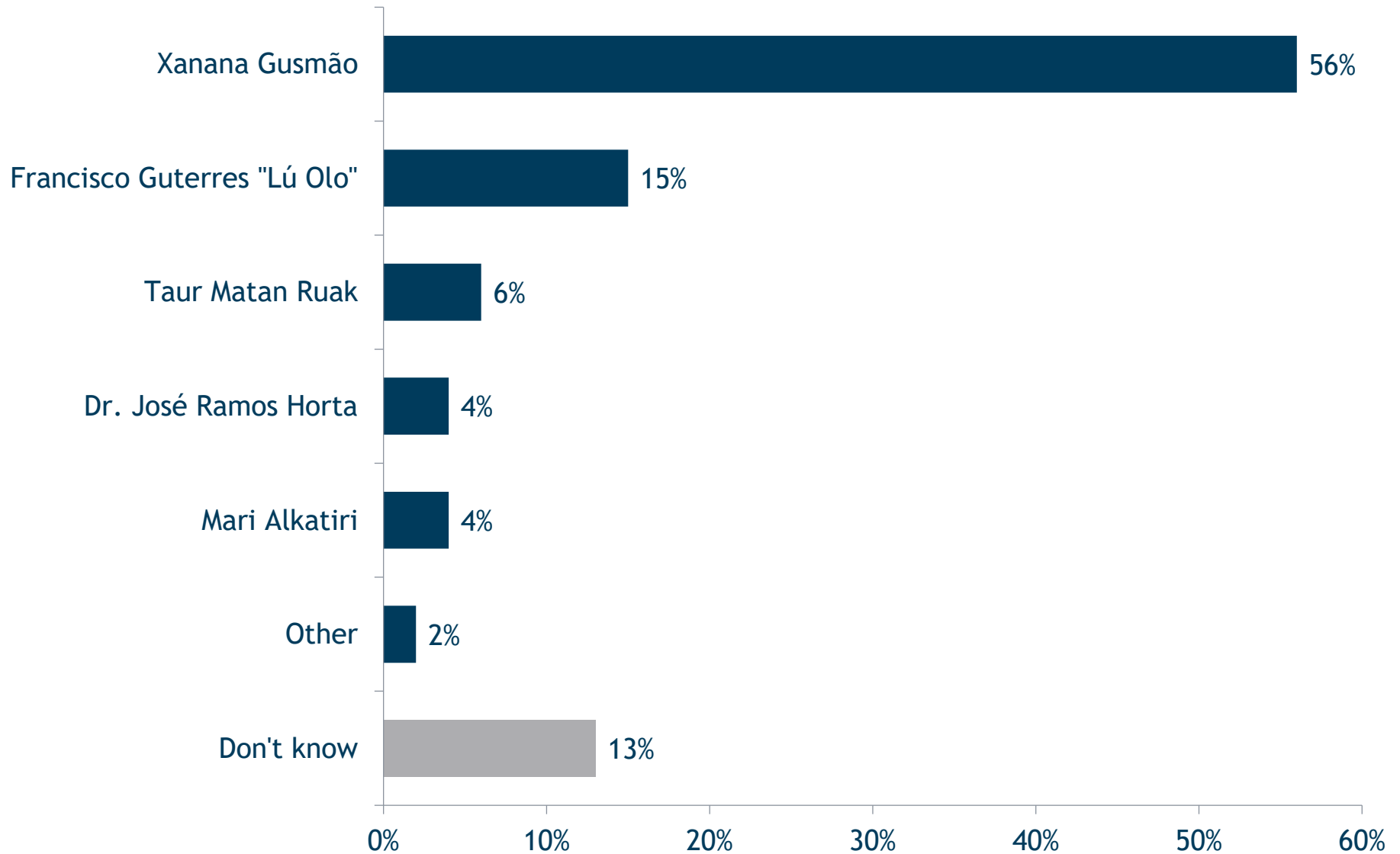
For each of the following aspects of the voter registration process, please indicate if you have enough information or need more information.



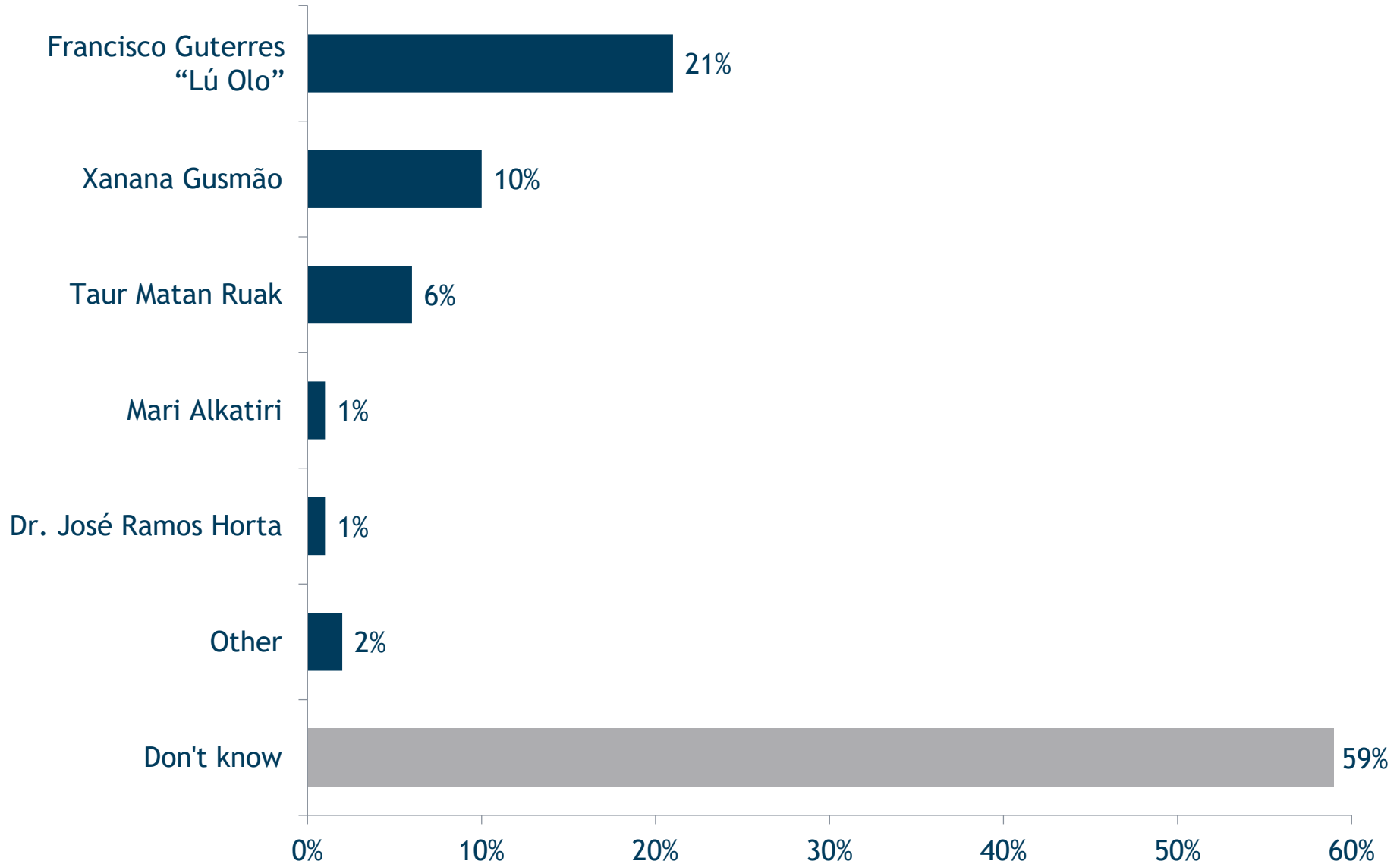
Which political party do you associate yourself with or belong to? (Open-ended)



In your opinion, who is the best political or government leader in Timor-Leste? (Open-ended)



Who do you think should be the next president of Timor-Leste? (Open-ended)

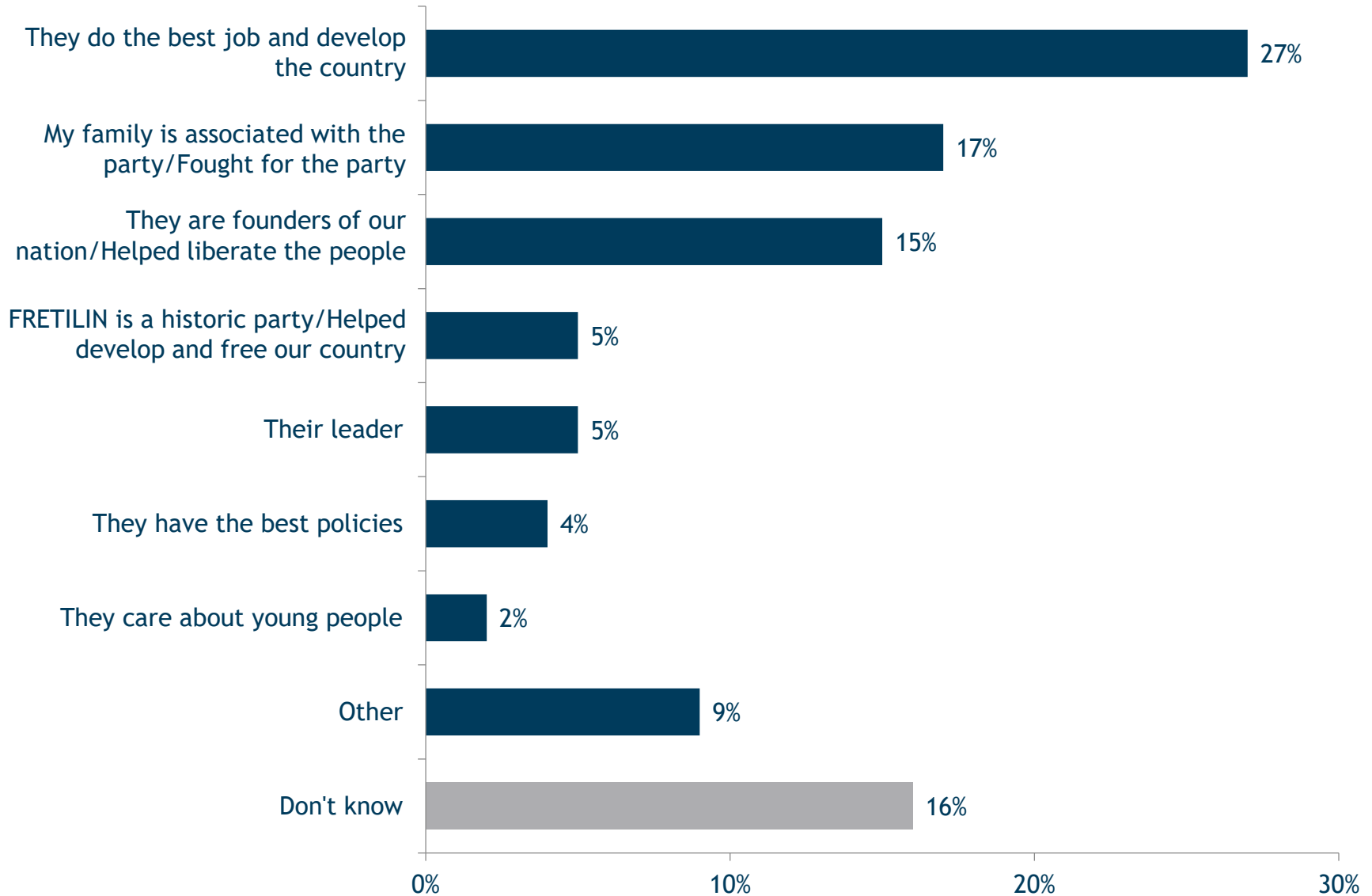


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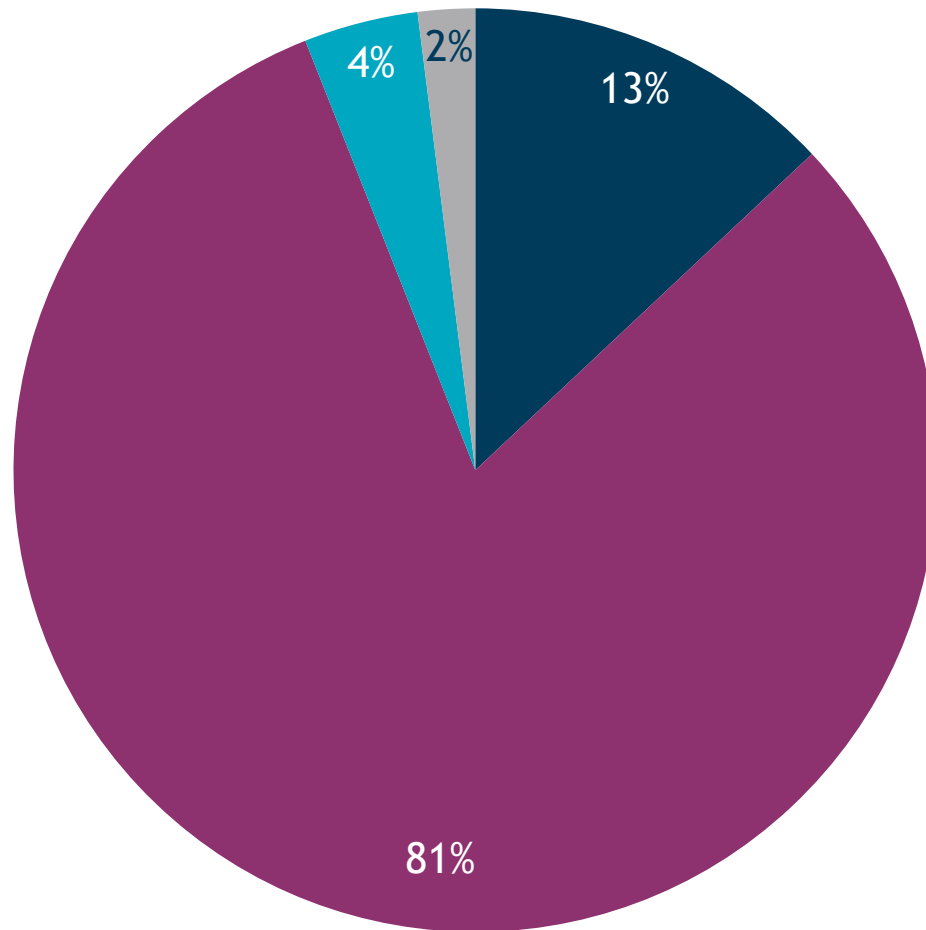
Political Party	Francisco Guterres “Lú Olo”	Xanana Gusmão	Taur Matan Ruak	Mari Alkatiri	José Ramos-Horta
CNRT	8%	26%	10%	1%	2%
FRETILIN	40%	6%	4%	2%	<1%
KHUNTO	5%	10%	5%	0%	5%
PD	10%	17%	7%	0%	5%
PLP	12%	0%	64%	0%	0%

What is the main reason that you associate yourself with or belong to this party?

(Open-ended, n=873)

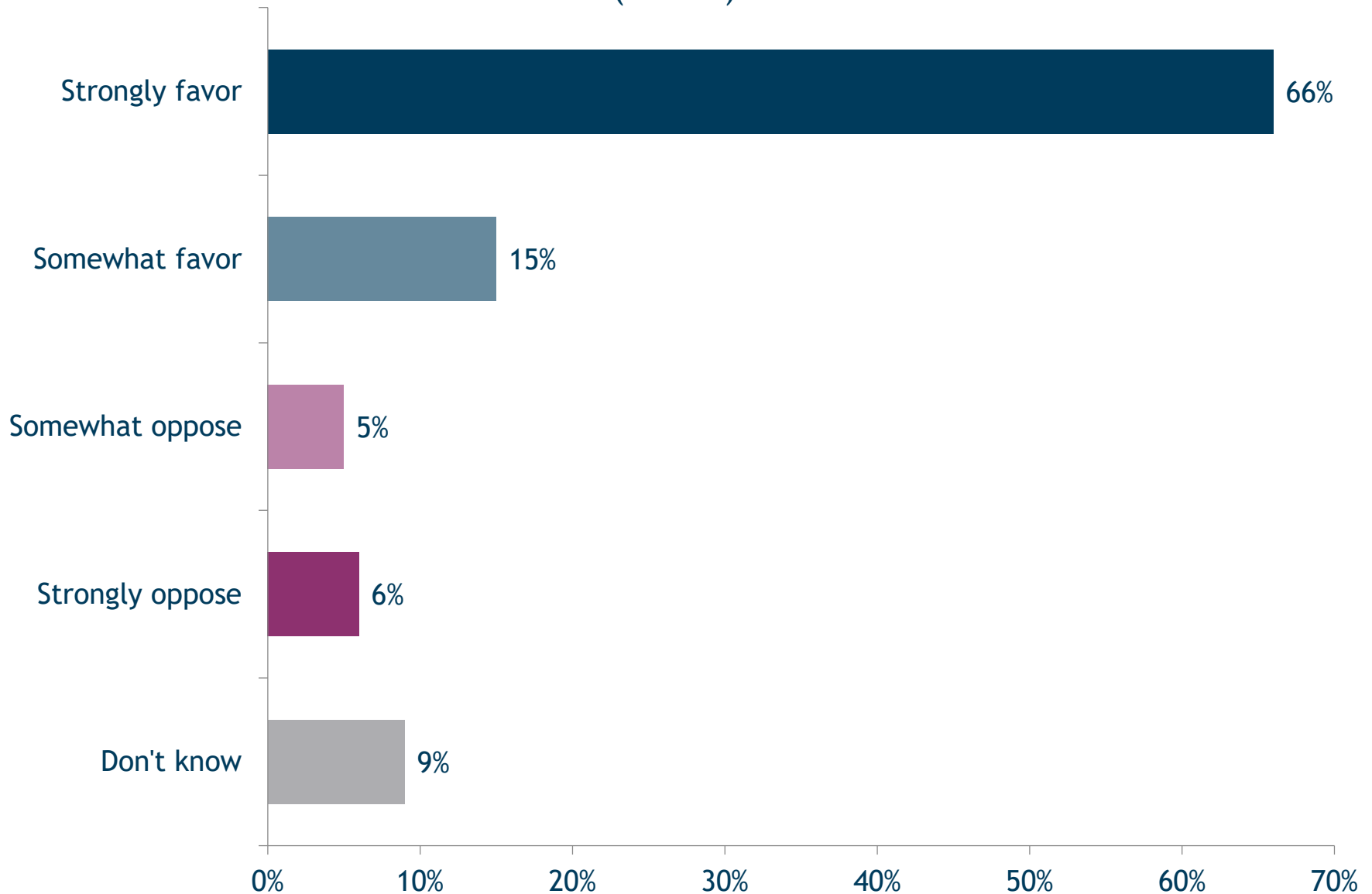


Would you consider voting for other political parties in future elections?
(n=873)

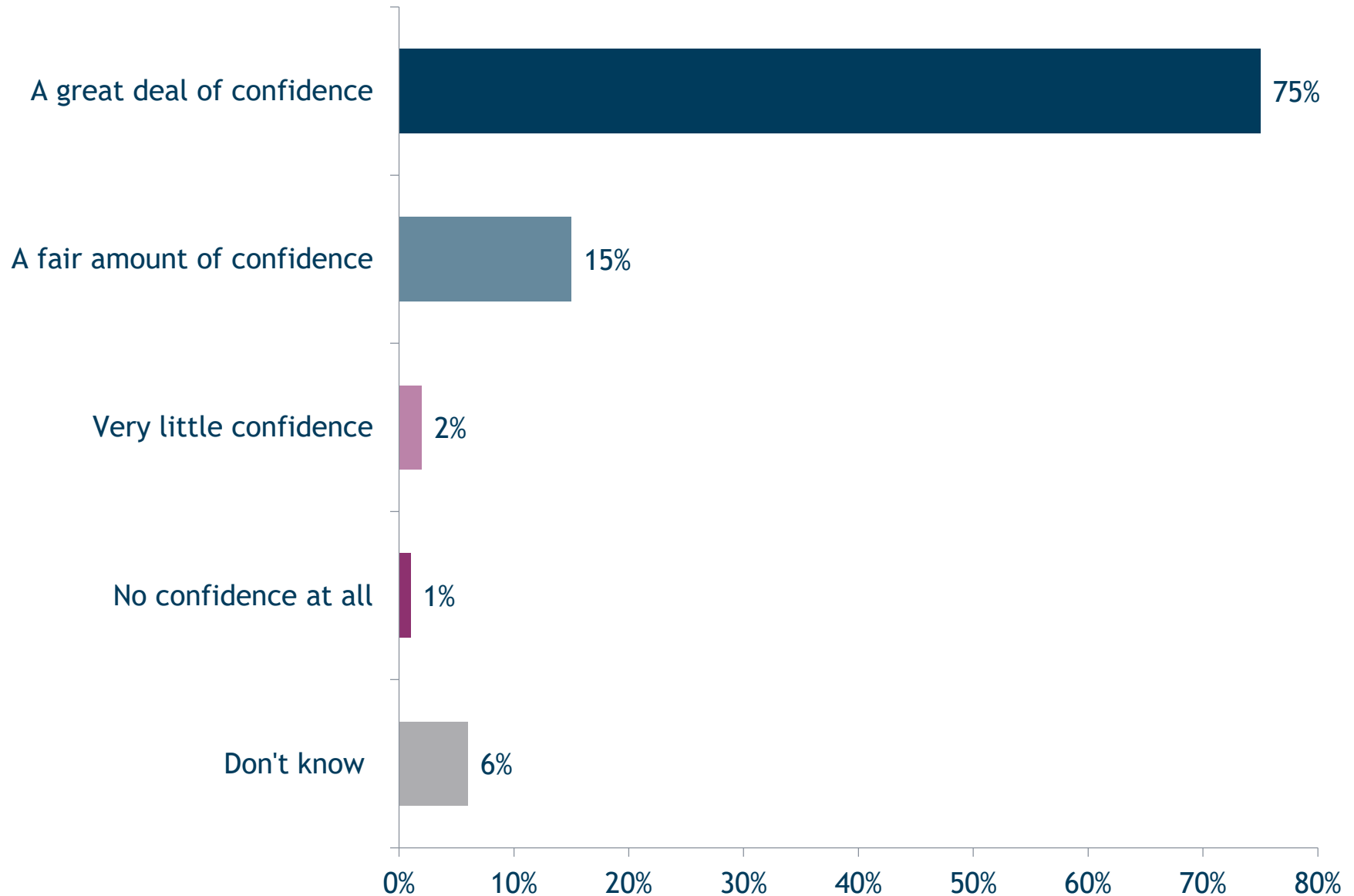


■ Yes ■ No ■ Maybe ■ Don't know

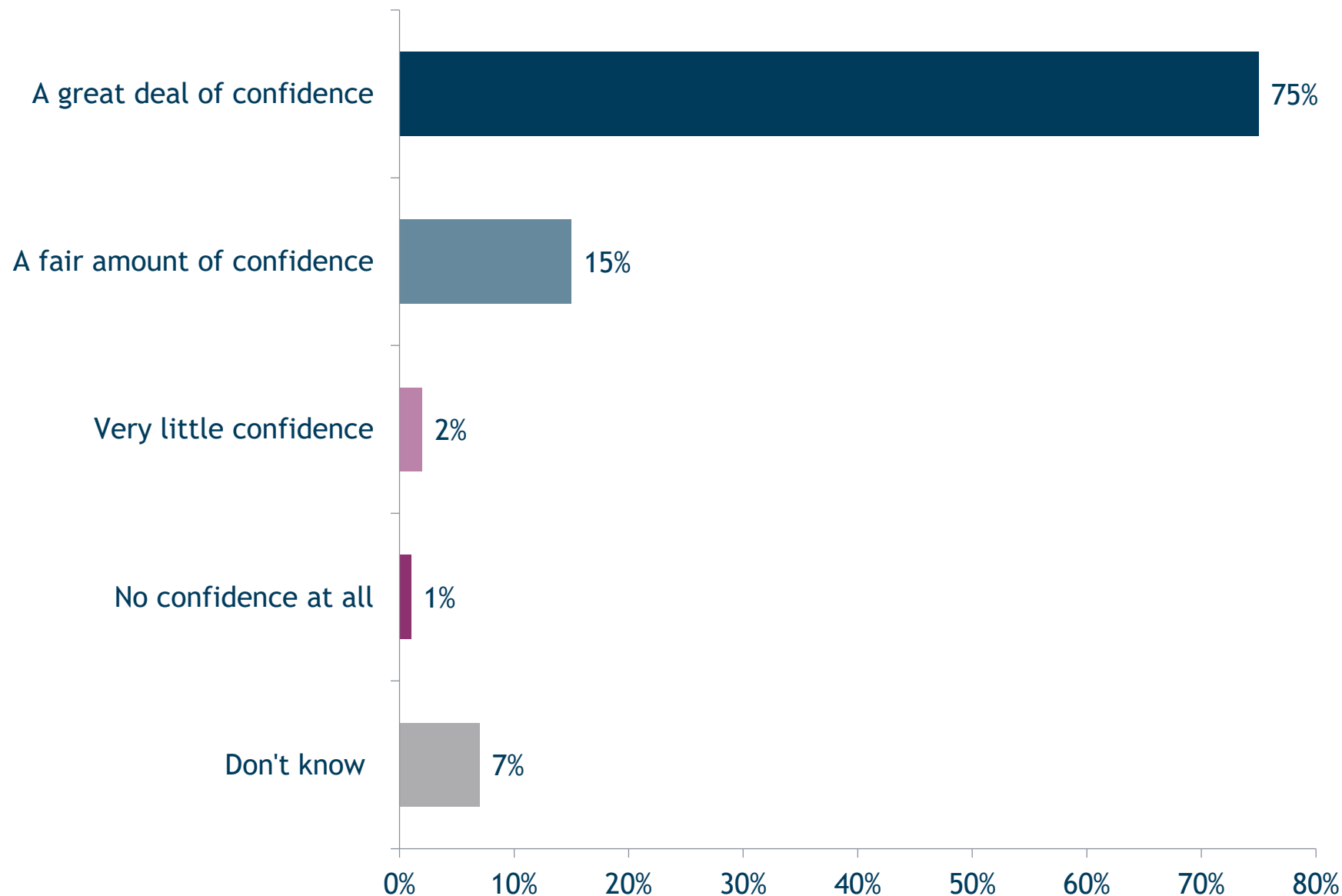
Do you favor or oppose the political party you support joining a coalition
with another political party?
(n=873)



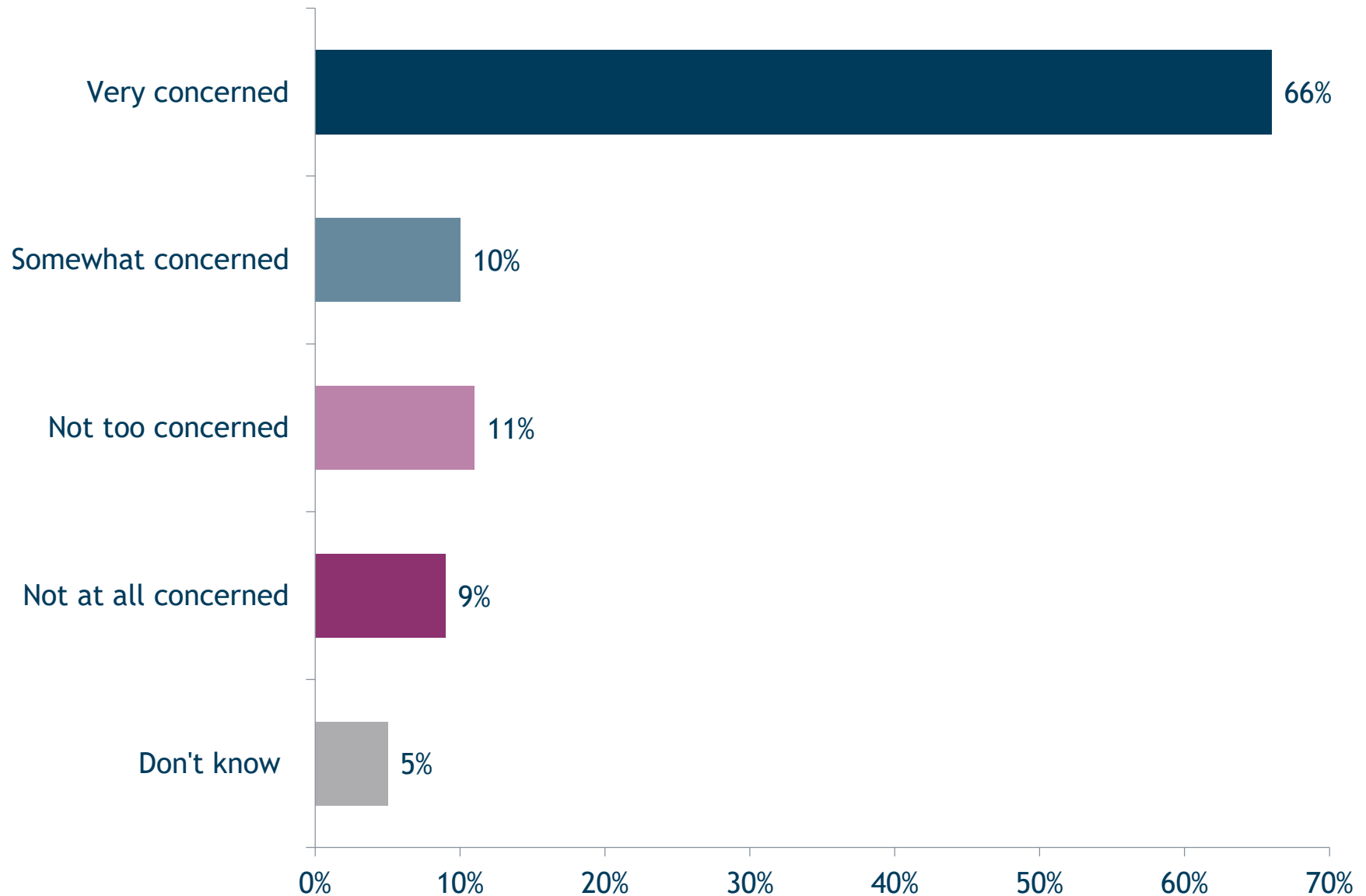
How much confidence do you have in the ability of the *Secretariado Técnico da Administração Eleitoral* (STAE) to organize credible elections?



How much confidence do you have in the ability of the *Comissão Nacional de Eleições* (CNE) to supervise the implementation of elections?



How concerned are you that violence may take place in your district during the 2017 presidential and parliamentary elections?



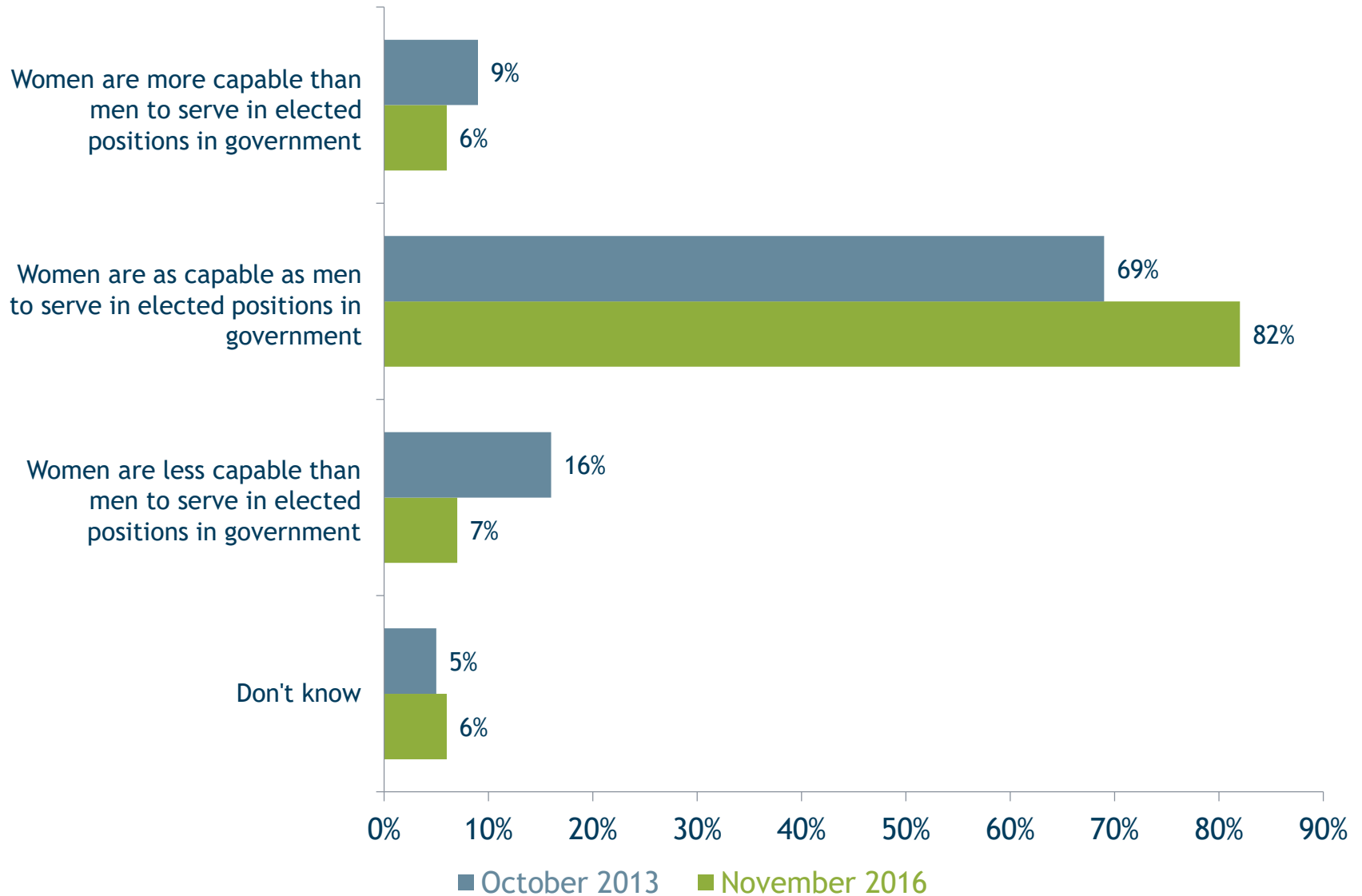


Women and Youth

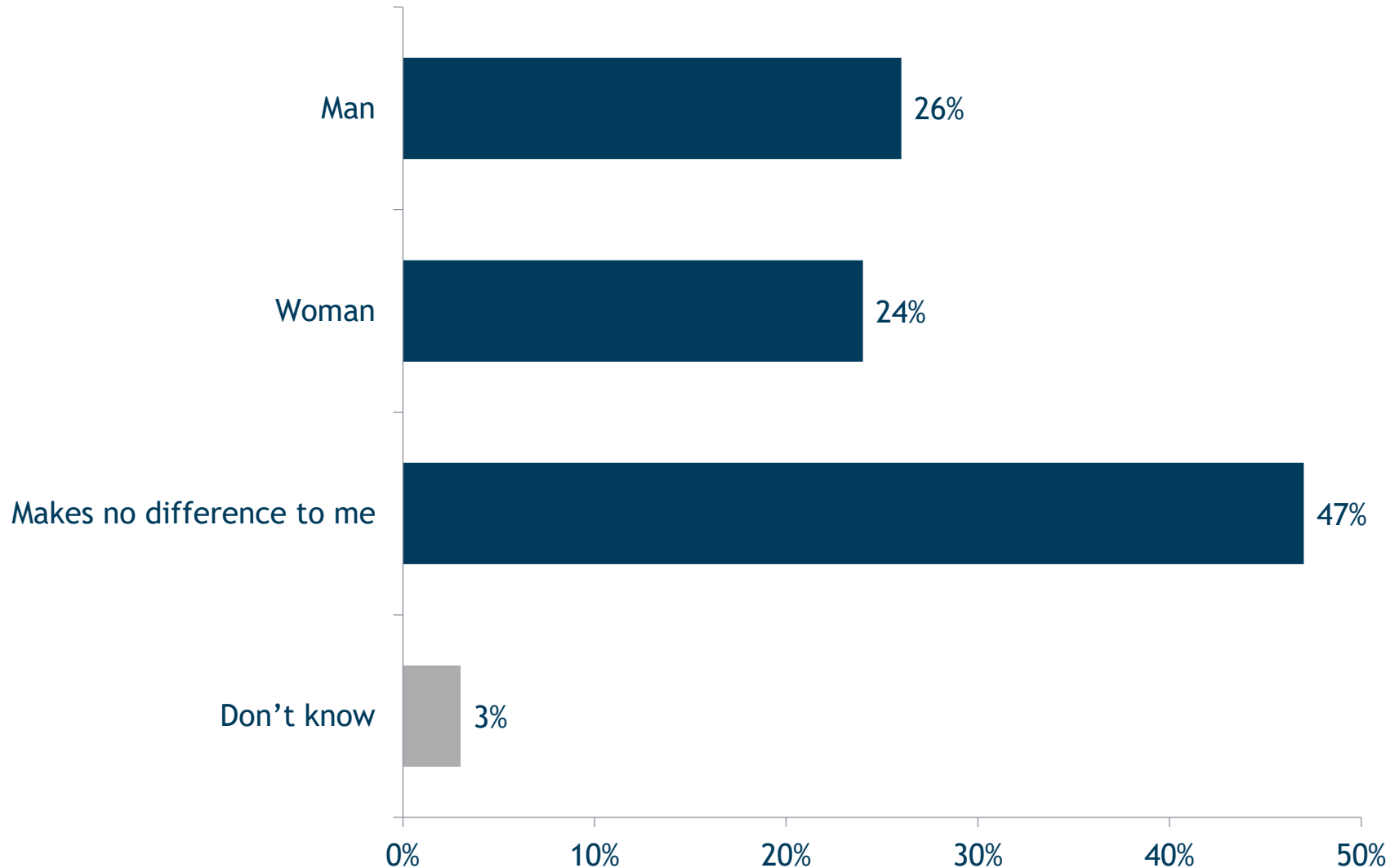


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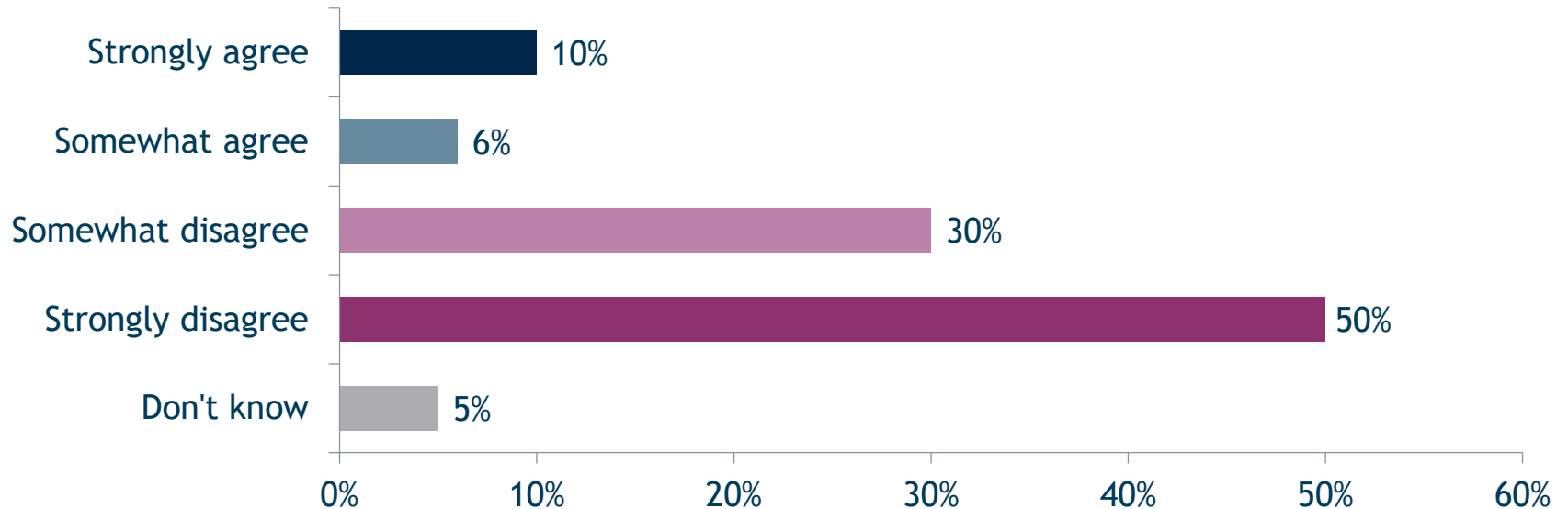
Which statement comes closest to your own opinion?



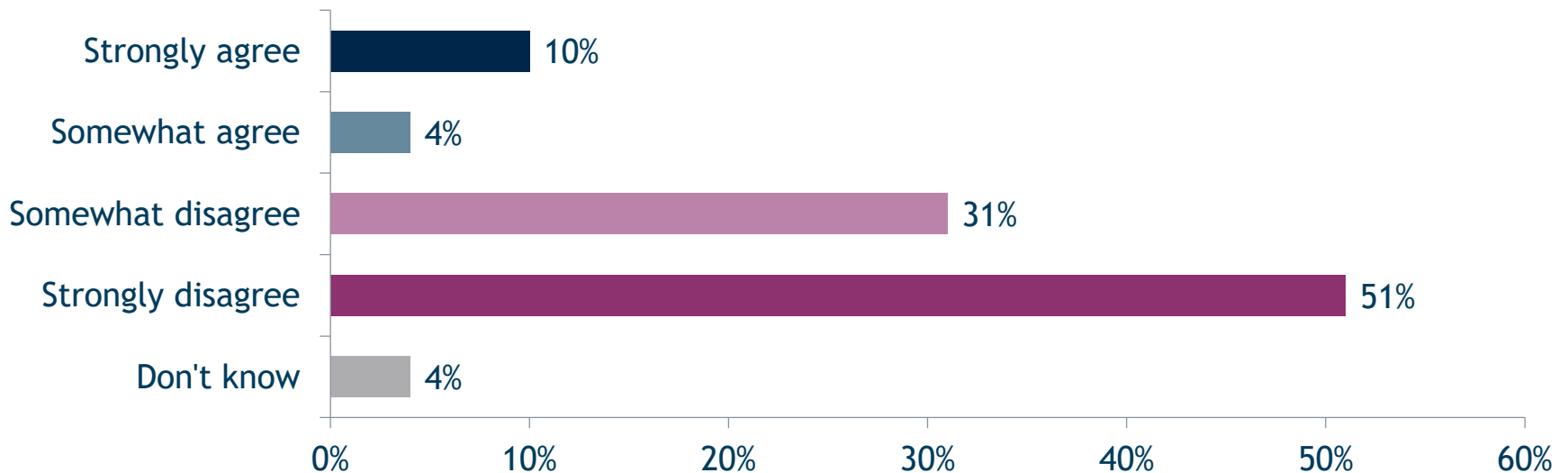
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



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.



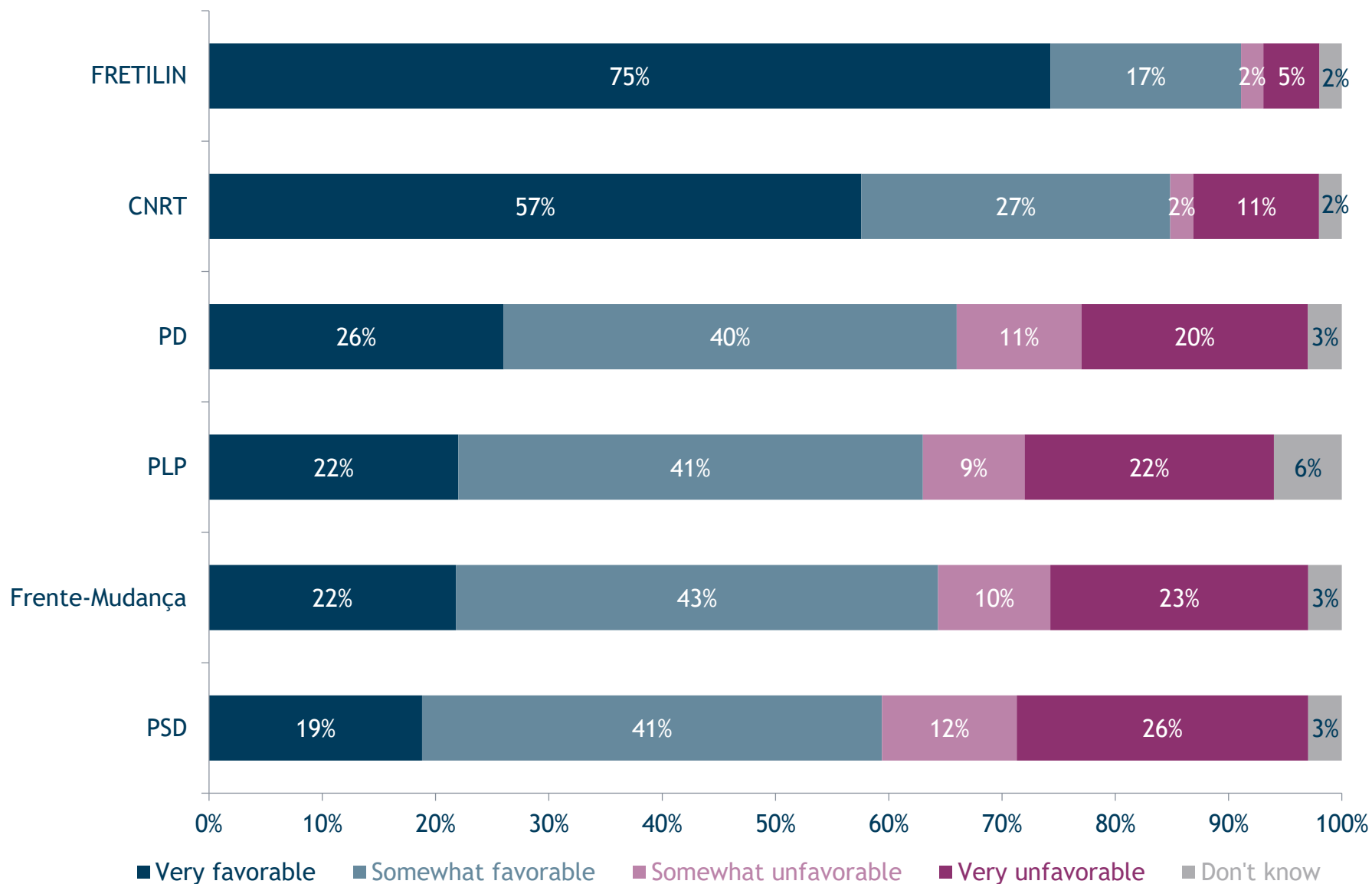


Views of Political Parties



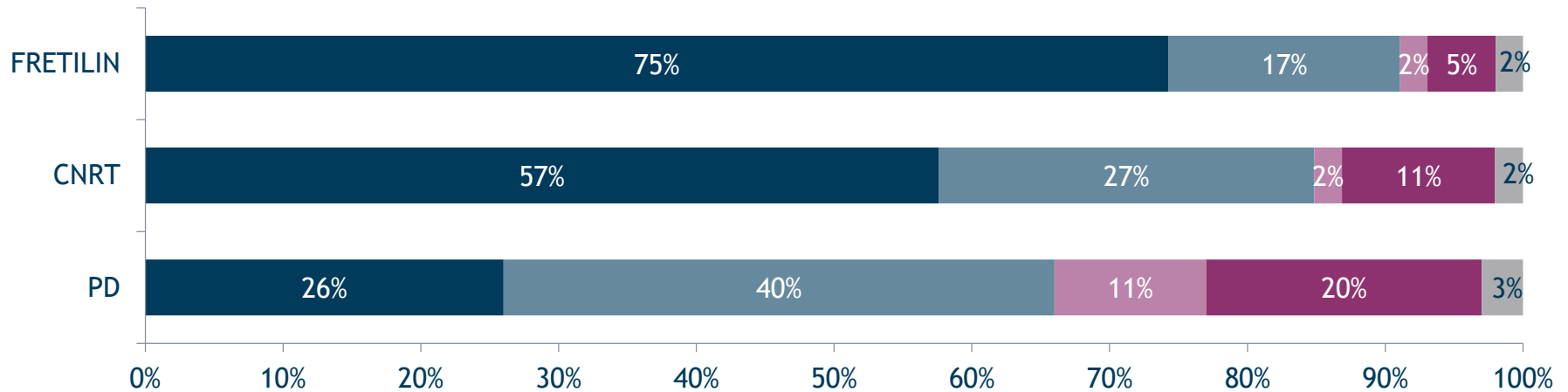
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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

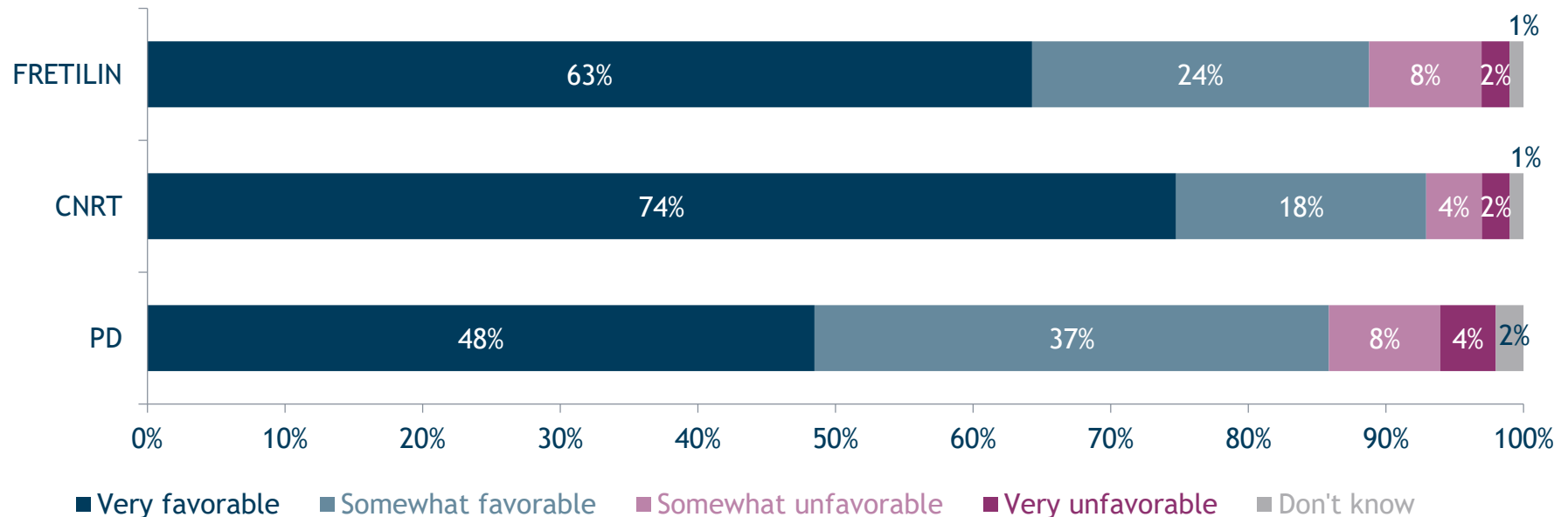


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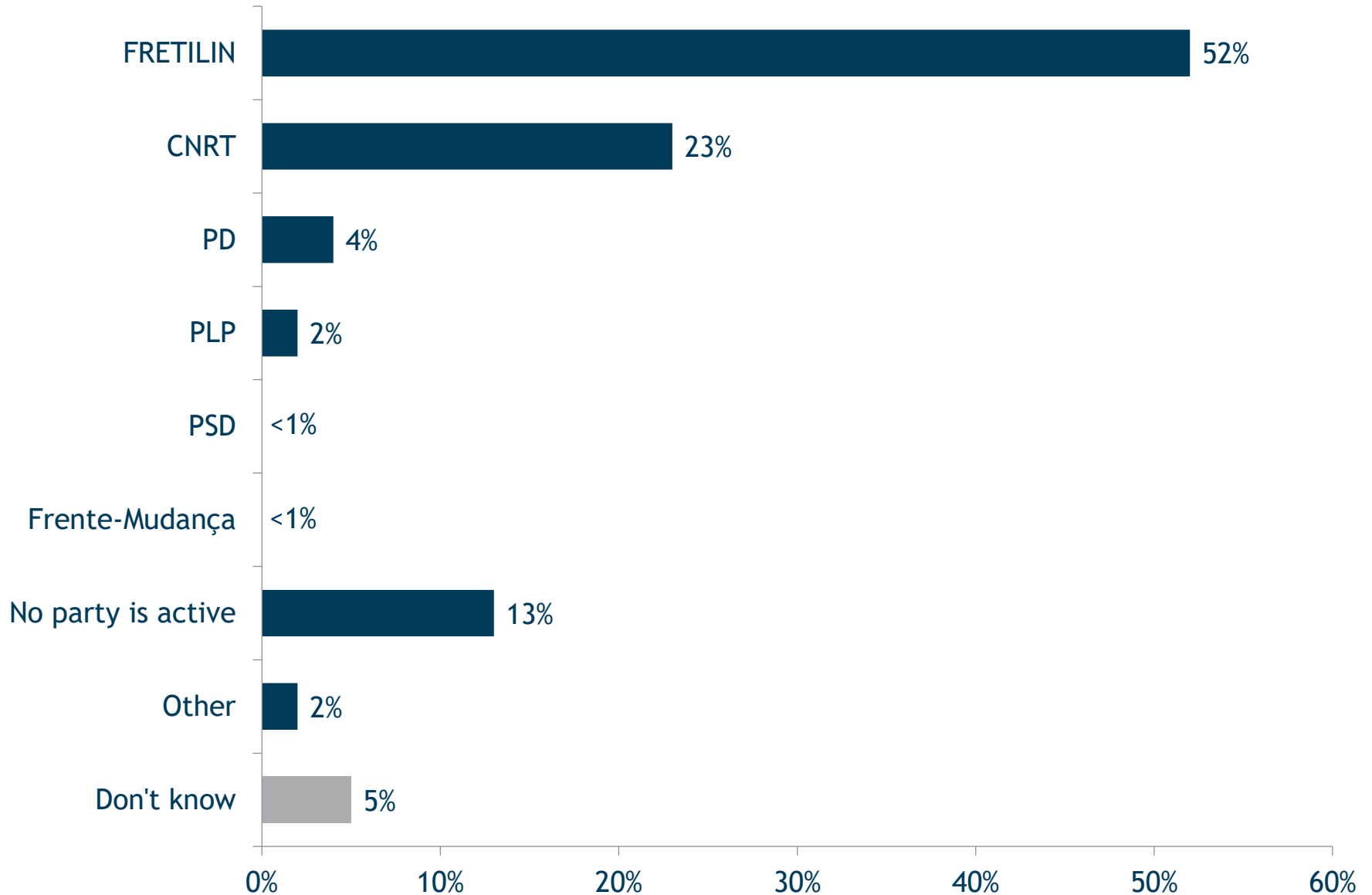
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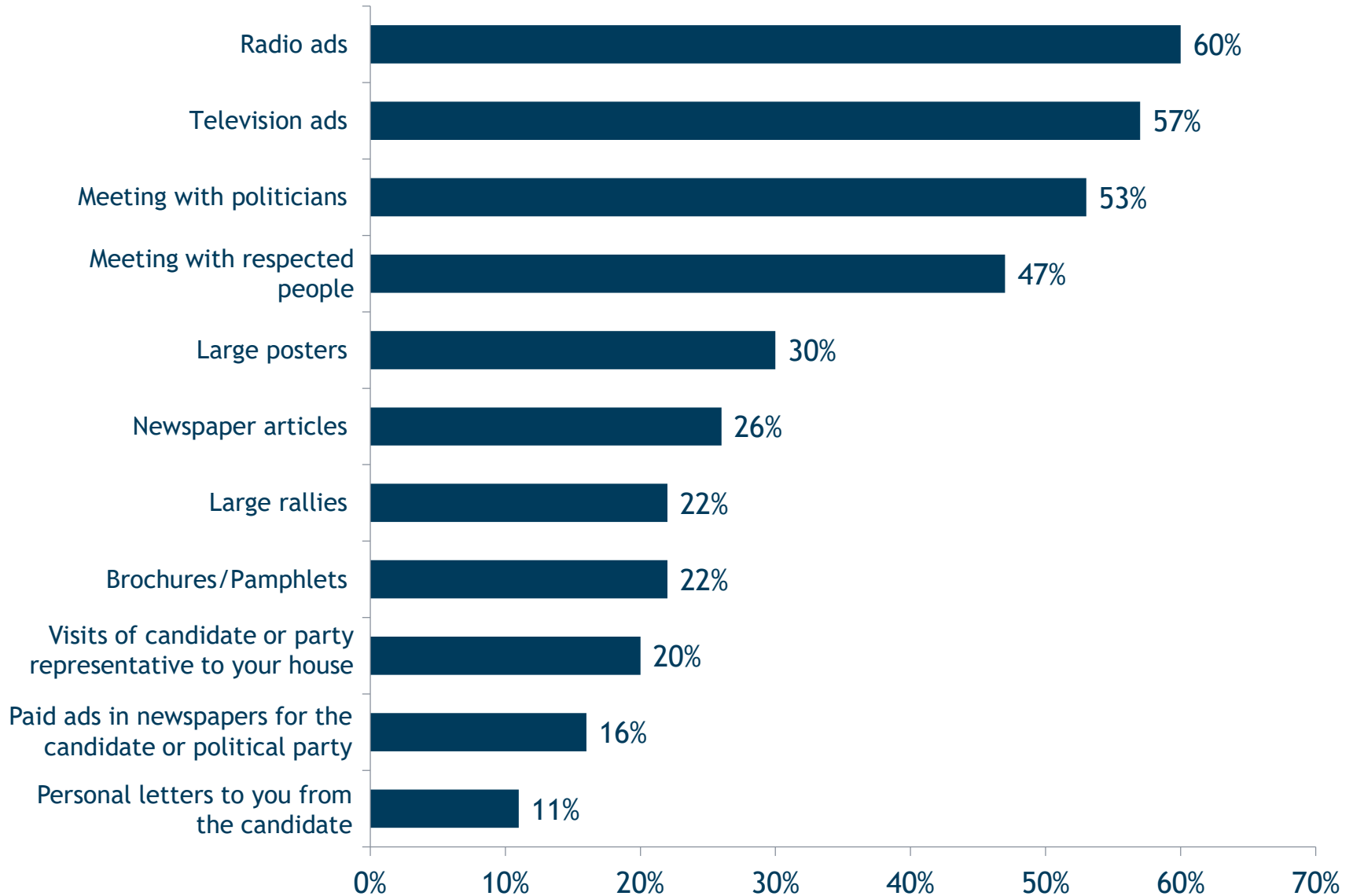
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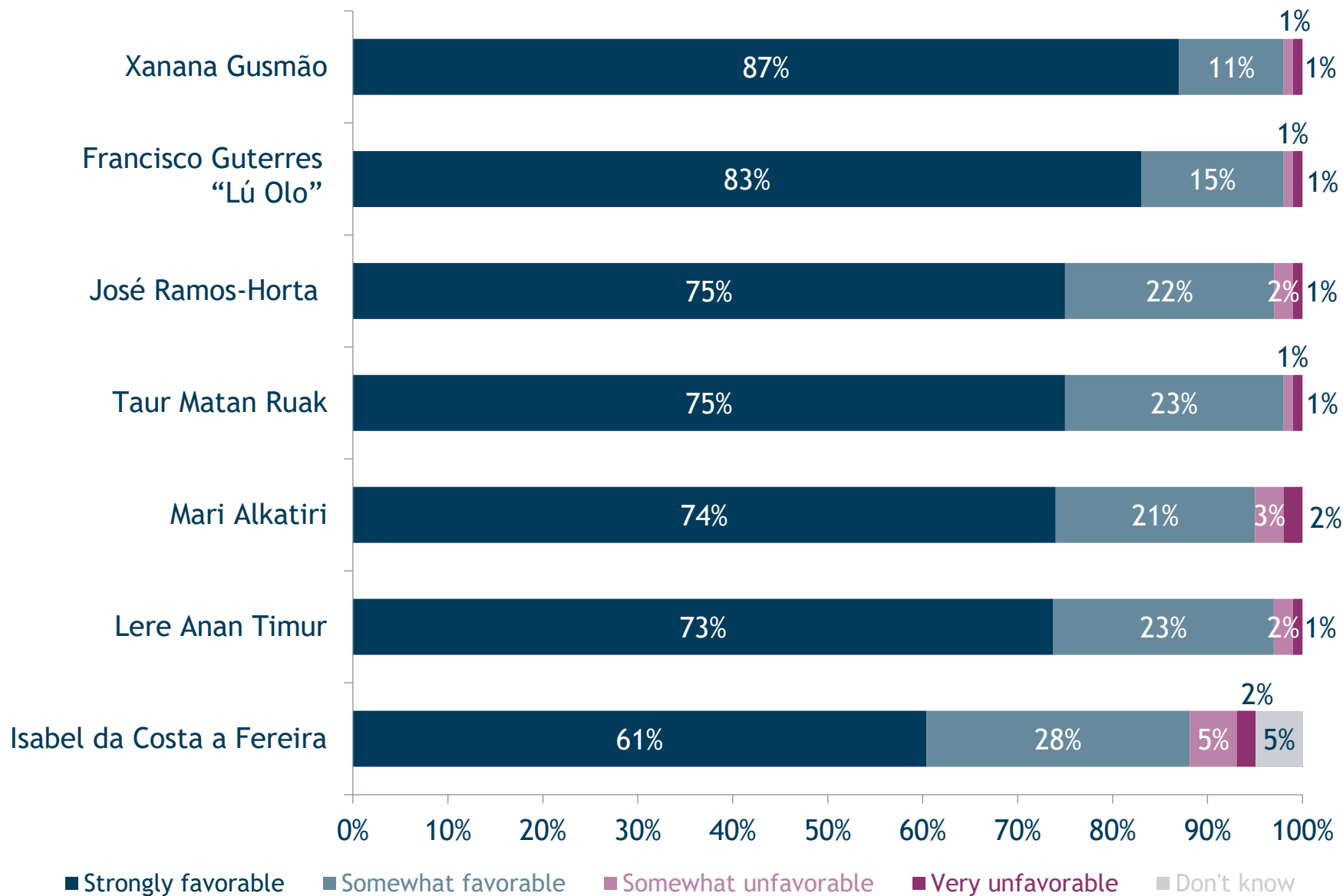
Which political party is most active in your neighborhood?



Which of the following ways would you like political parties to reach out to you?



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the following people?



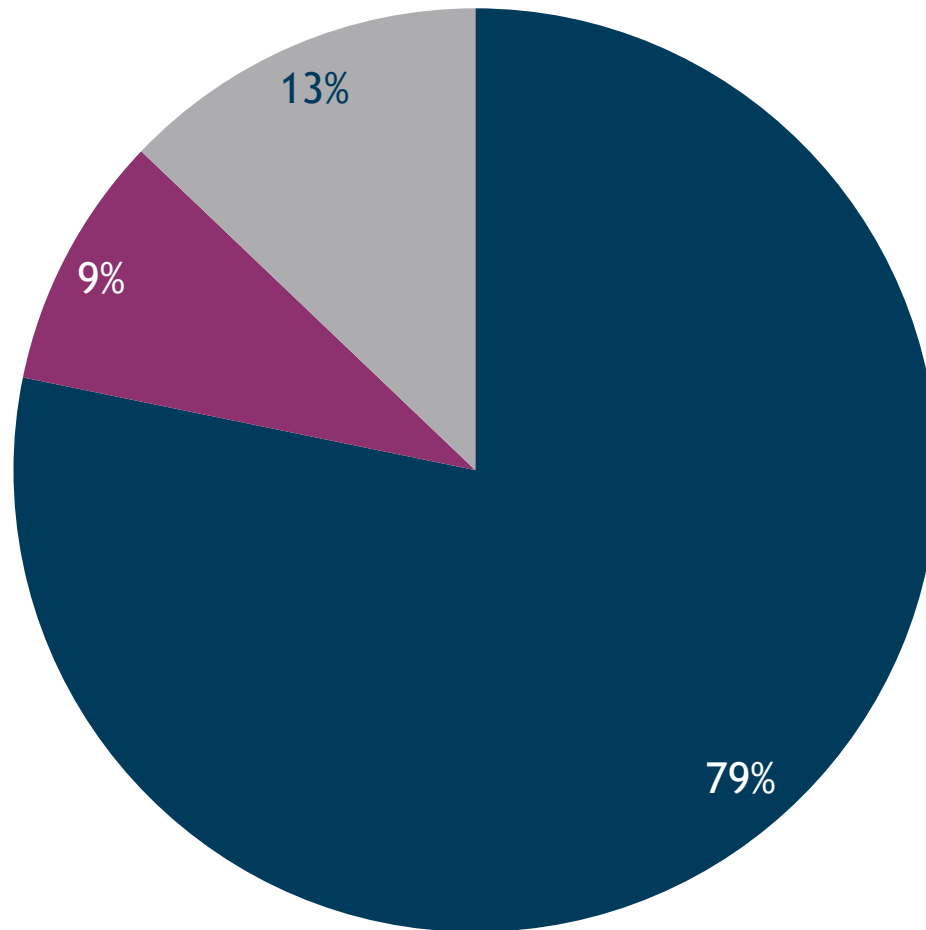
Which party best reflects each statement?

Statement	FRETILIN	CNRT	PD	PLP	Frente-Mudança	PSD	None	Don't know
They are the most trustworthy	58%	28%	4%	2%	<1%	1%	3%	4%
They have the best policies	55%	30%	4%	2%	<1%	<1%	2%	6%
They are the strongest supporter of democratic reform	54%	31%	4%	2%	1%	1%	2%	6%
They care the most about people like me	51%	29%	4%	3%	<1%	1%	2%	9%
They have the strongest leadership	56%	30%	4%	2%	1%	<1%	1%	6%
They have the best policies to help the poor	51%	30%	4%	3%	1%	1%	2%	9%
They are the most committed to fighting corruption	56%	28%	4%	2%	<1%	<1%	2%	8%
They have the most young leaders	54%	28%	7%	2%	<1%	<1%	2%	7%

Which party best reflects each statement?

Statement	FRETILIN	CNRT	PD	PLP	Frente-Mudança	PSD	None	Don't know
Would do the best job on the economy	53%	29%	4%	2%	1%	<1%	2%	10%
Would do the best job with security	50%	32%	3%	3%	1%	1%	2%	9%
Would do the best job improving education	50%	30%	6%	3%	<1%	1%	2%	8%
Would do the best job improving healthcare	51%	31%	4%	2%	<1%	<1%	2%	9%
Would do the best job strengthening the nation	53%	30%	4%	2%	1%	<1%	2%	8%
Would do the best job maintaining political security	54%	30%	3%	2%	<1%	1%	2%	8%
They are the strongest supporter of women	52%	29%	4%	2%	<1%	<1%	2%	10%
They are the most religious	48%	29%	4%	3%	1%	<1%	3%	13%

Do you feel free to express your political opinions in the area where you live?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know

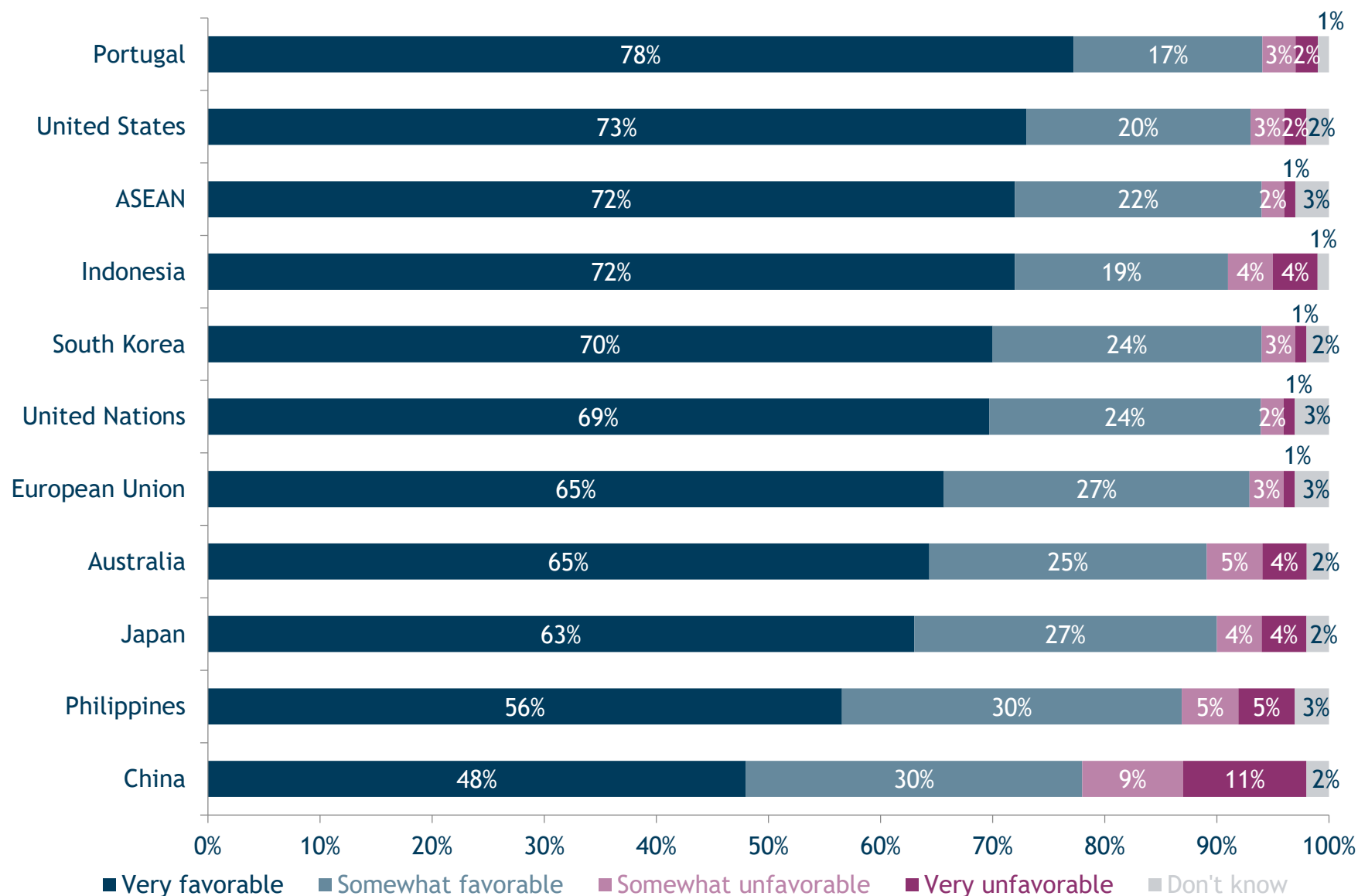


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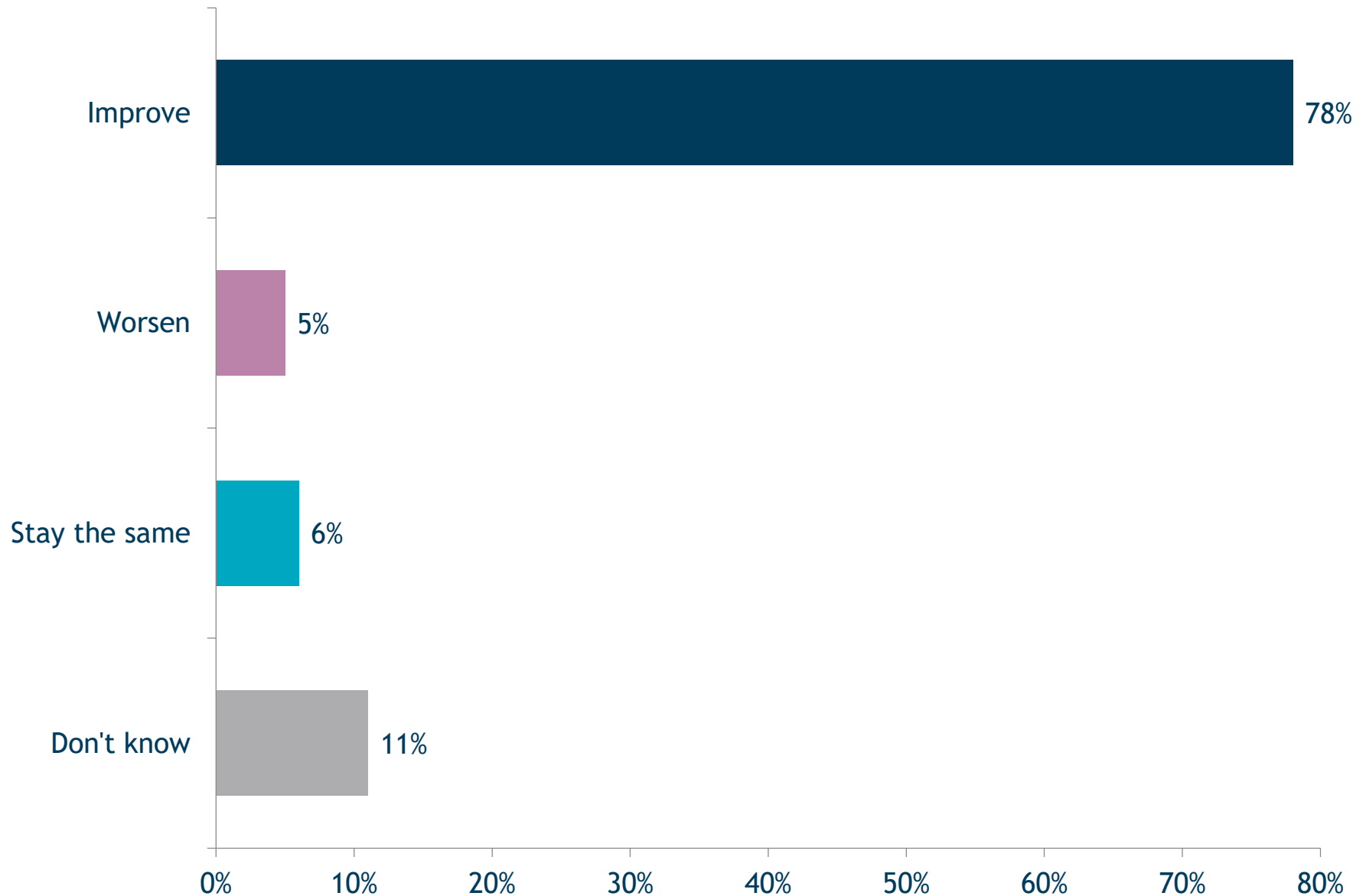


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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following countries and entities?



Do you expect relations between Timor-Leste and Australia to improve, worsen or stay the same over the next five years?



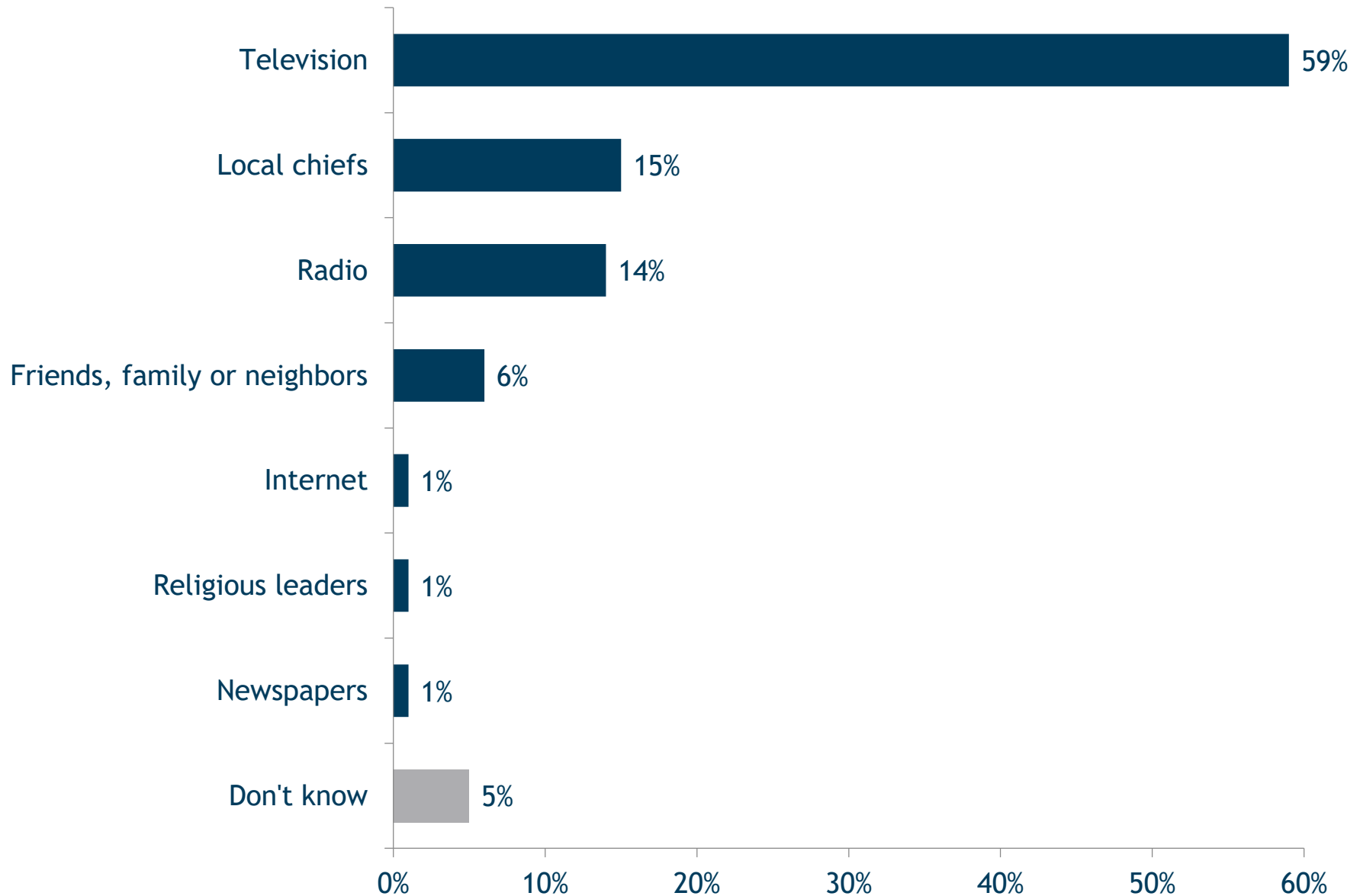


Media

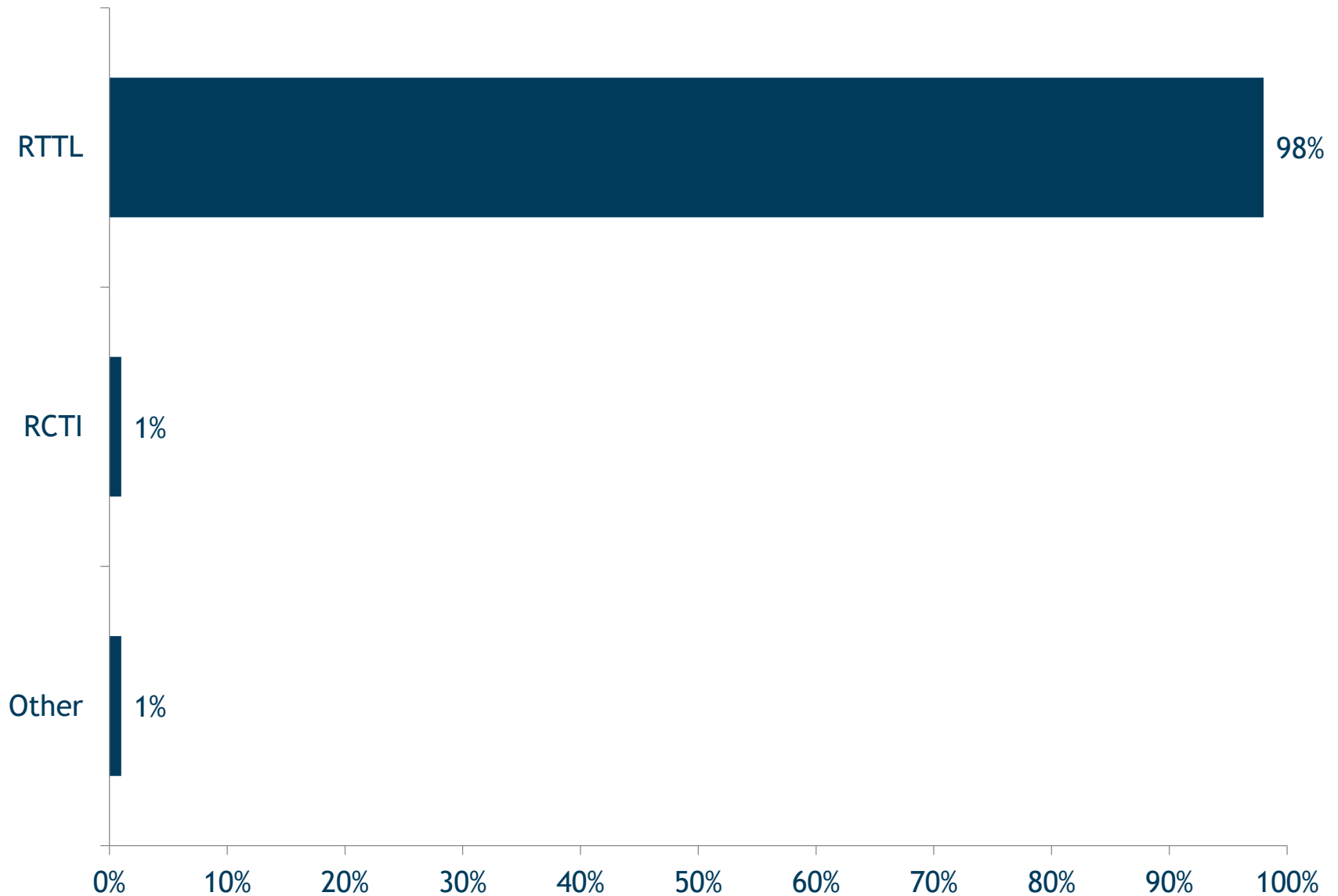
Which of the following media sources do you think is most helpful for people like you to learn about election-related issues and procedures?

Source	First Mention	Second Mention	Third Mention
Talk shows or news programs on TV	65%	19%	25%
Information from one person to another	13%	17%	21%
Talk shows or news programs on the radio	12%	45%	14%
Town hall meetings/workshops/discussion groups	2%	4%	6%
Religious meetings	2%	4%	6%
Information on social media (Facebook, YouTube)	1%	2%	3%
Brochures/flyers/posters/banners	1%	1%	<1%
Text messaging (SMS)	<1%	2%	2%
Information in newspapers and magazines	<1%	1%	11%
Information on the internet in general	<1%	1%	3%
Other	<1%	1%	2%
Don't know	3%	4%	7%

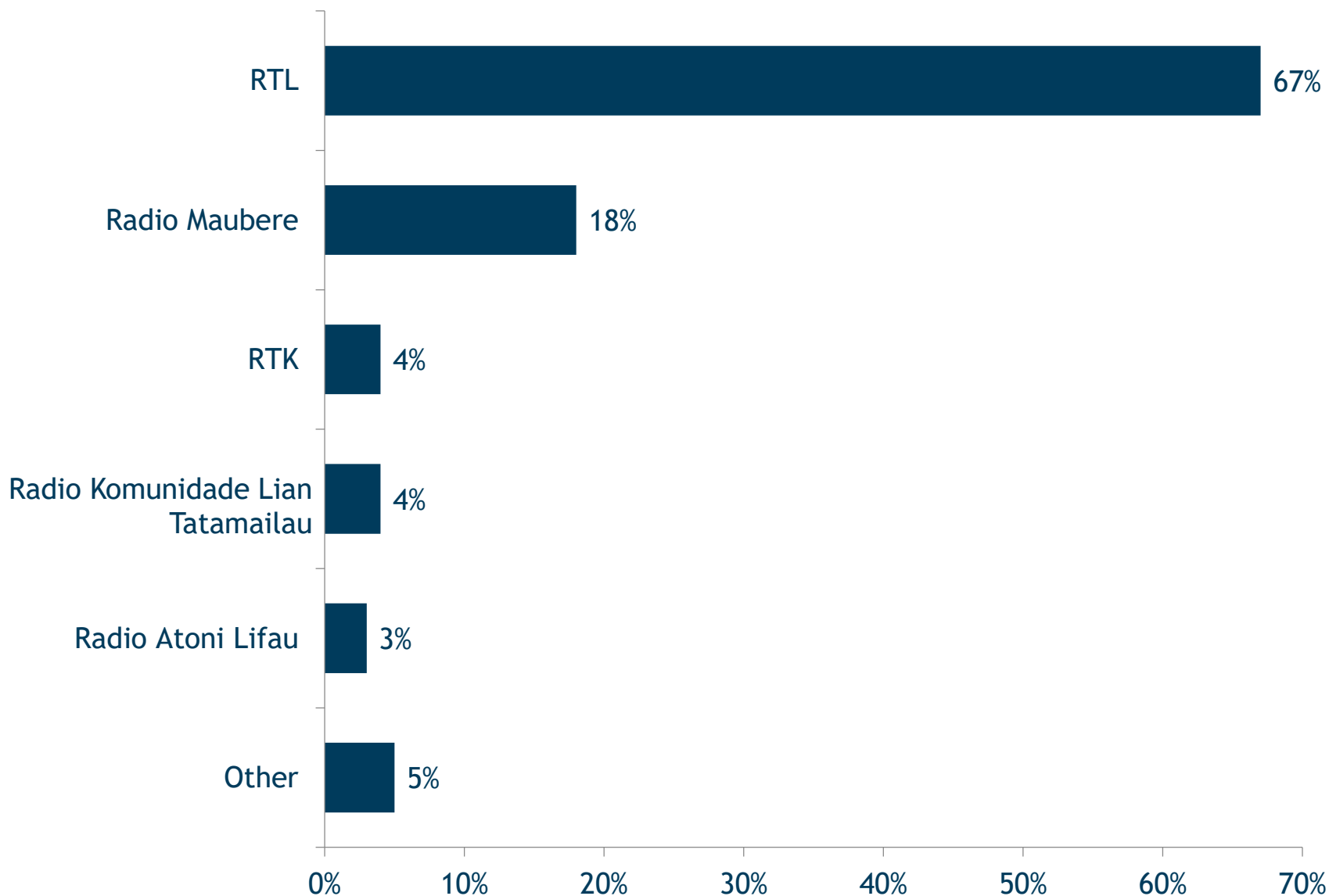
What is your main source for political news? (Open-ended)



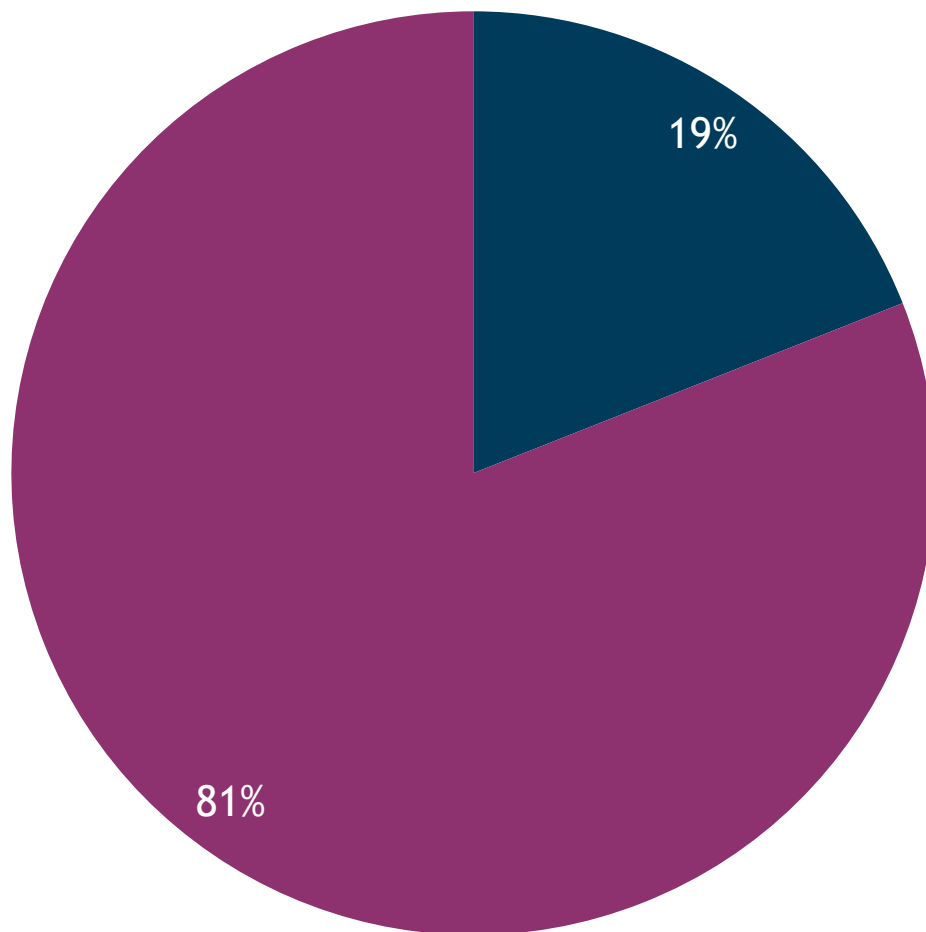
Which TV channel/station is your main source for political news? (Open-ended, n=703)



Which radio station is your main source for political news? (Open-ended n=173)

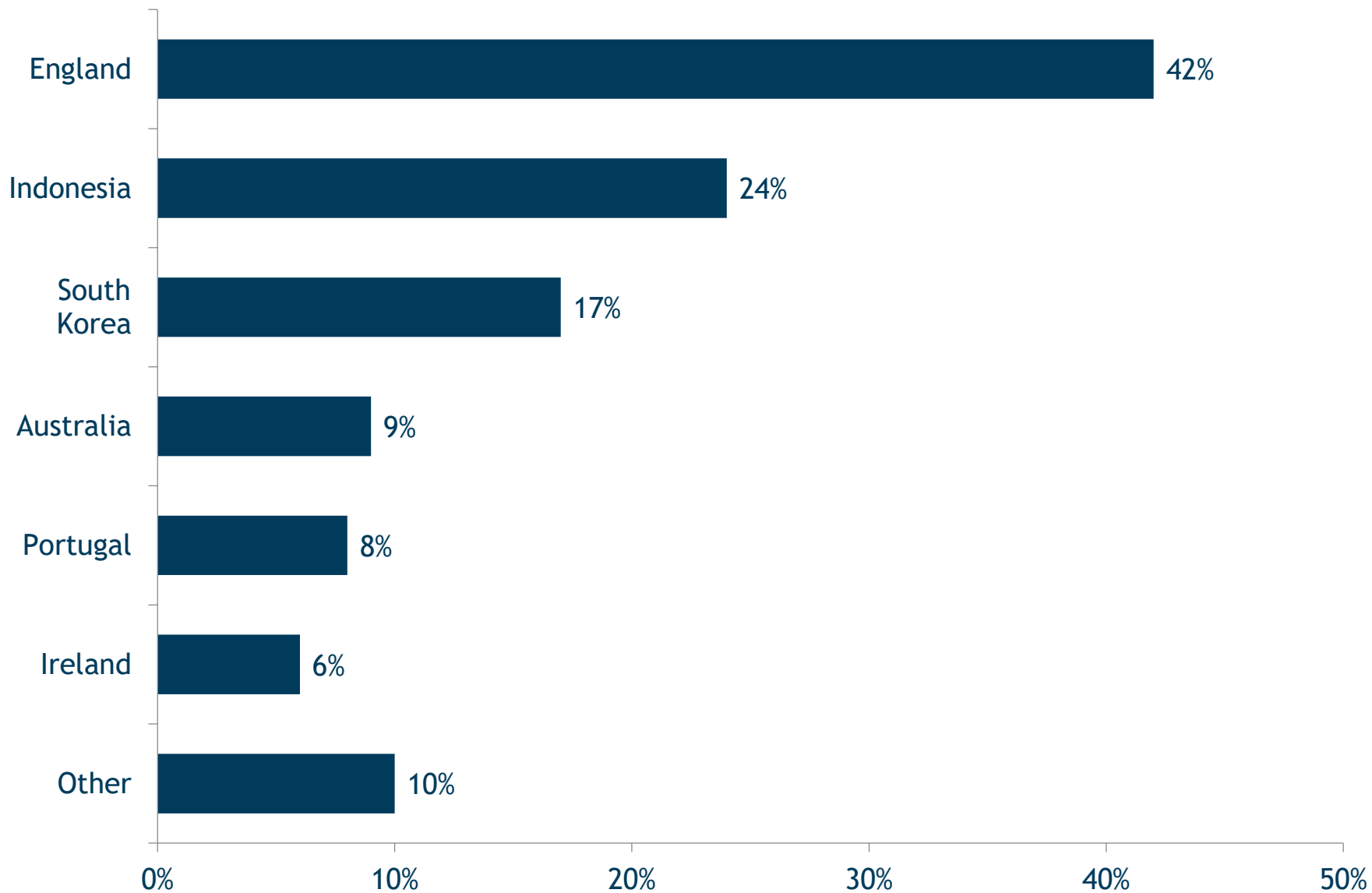


Do you have any family members (who are over 17) living and working outside of Timor-Leste?



■ Yes ■ No

What country do they live in? (Open-ended, n=229)



Demographics

Gender

Female	50%
Male	50%

Age

18-30	38%
31-40	22%
41-50	19%
51-60	12%
61+	10%

Education

Never attended school	27%
Primary school (incomplete)	10%
Primary school graduate	10%
Junior high school	14%
Senior high school	30%
University (incomplete)	4%
University graduate	5%

Religious Attendance

Daily	4%
Weekly	57%
Monthly	8%
Occasionally	28%
Never	3%

Employment Status

Working full-time	4%
Working part-time	5%
Seeking work	9%
Housekeeping	26%
Retired	<1%
Studying or in training	11%
Farmer	40%
Fisherman	1%
Other	3%

Monthly Income (per family)

Under 100 dollars	47%
101 to 300 dollars	26%
301 to 500 dollars	3%
501 to 700 dollars	1%
701 to 900 dollars	<1%
901 to 999 dollars	0%
More than 1,000 dollars	<1%
Don't know	23%

Family Living Outside of Timor-Leste

Yes	19%
No	81%

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