



# Public Opinion Survey Residents of Kyrgyzstan

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February 15 - March 2, 2017



# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted by [Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene](#) of the public and market research company Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#). The field work was carried out by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Kyrgyzstan between February 15 and March 2, 2017 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Kyrgyzstan ages 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education, region and settlement size.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, employing the random route and Kish Method for respondents' selection procedures.
  - Stage one: All districts of Kyrgyzstan were grouped into seven regions plus Bishkek. Each region of Kyrgyzstan was surveyed.
  - Stage two: Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in the 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 2.5 percent.
- The response rate was 75 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Interviews were conducted in the Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek languages.
- The survey was funded by the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#).

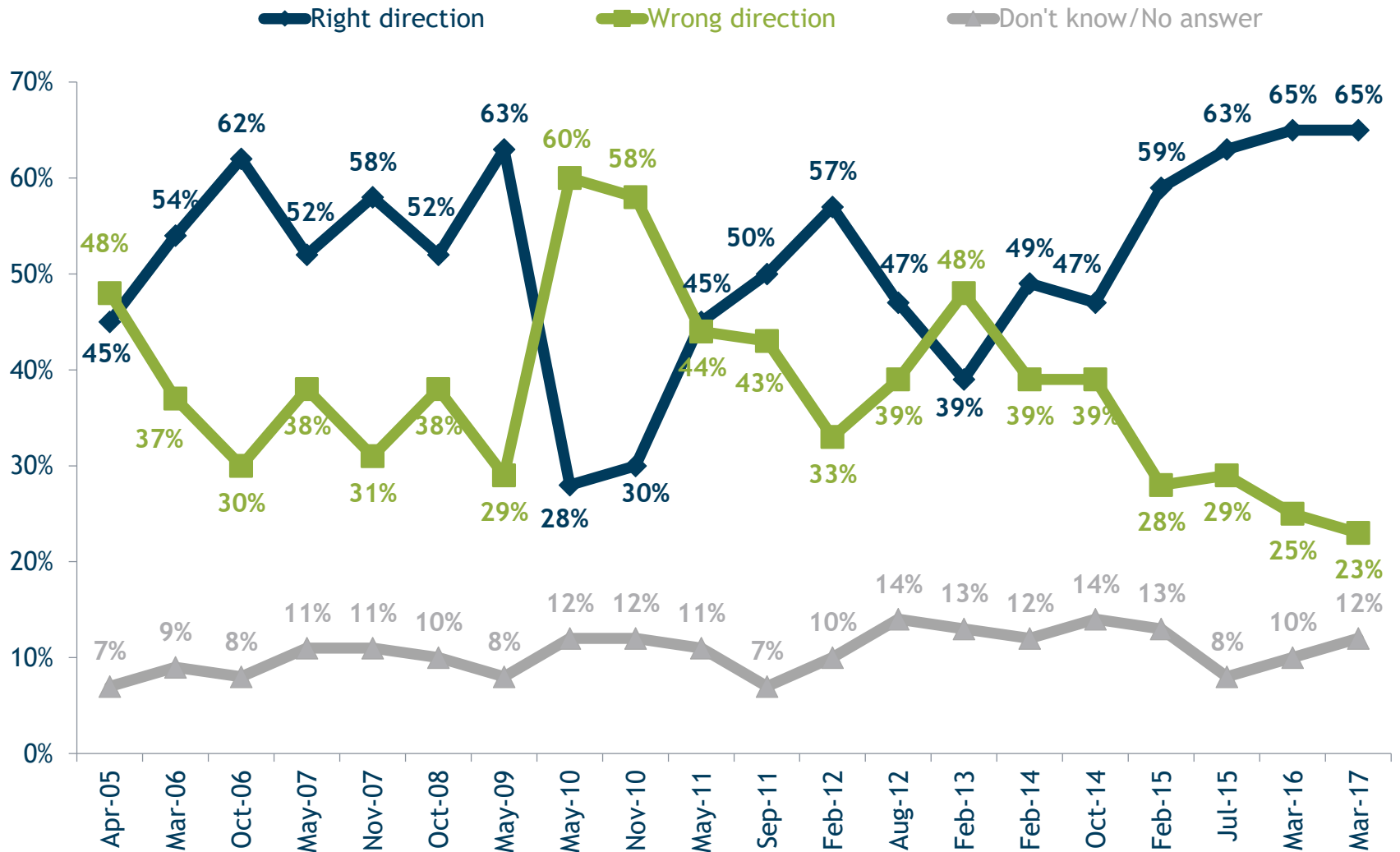


# Mood of the Country

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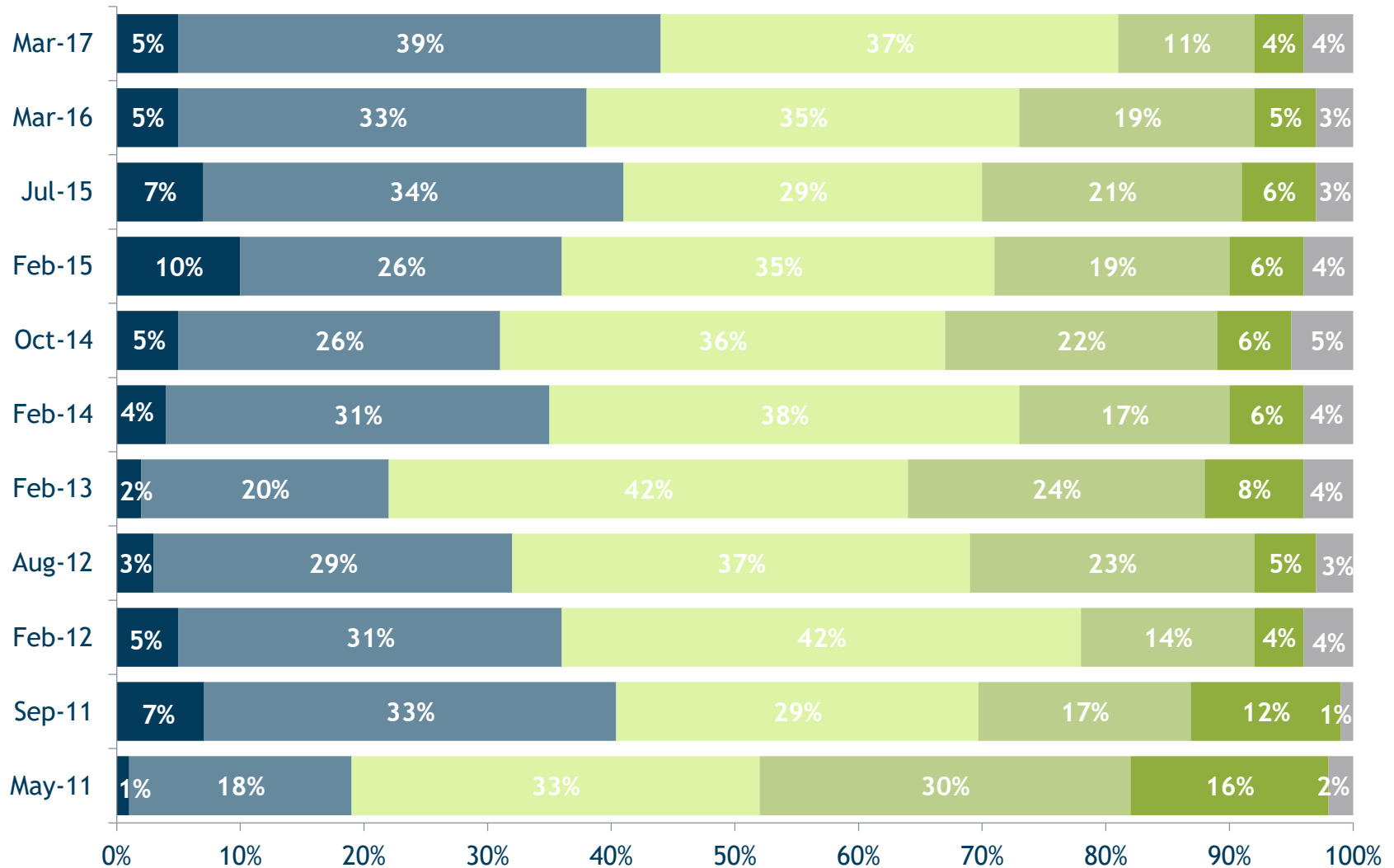


# Generally speaking, do you think that things in Kyrgyzstan are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



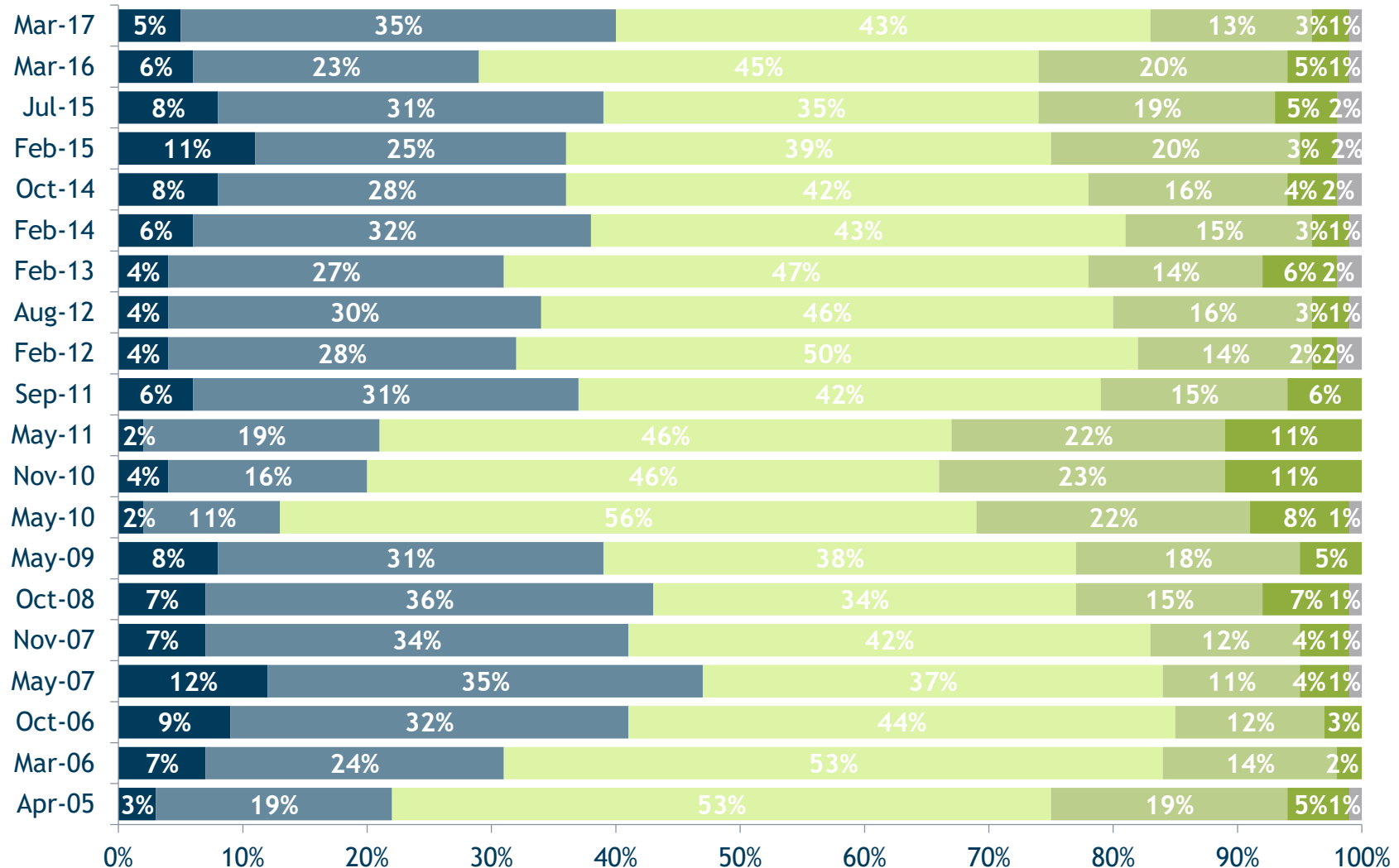
# Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Kyrgyzstan changed?

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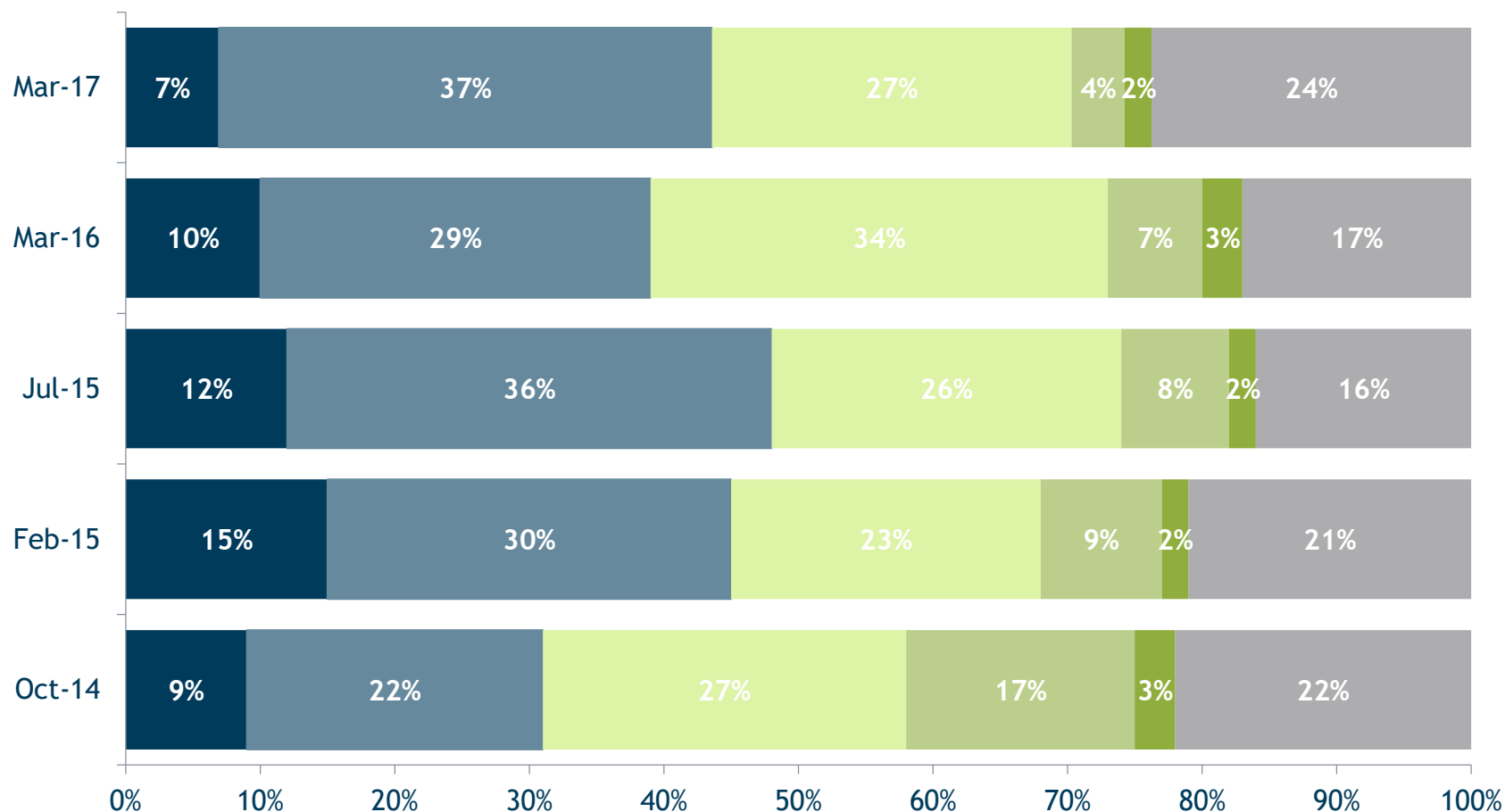
# Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

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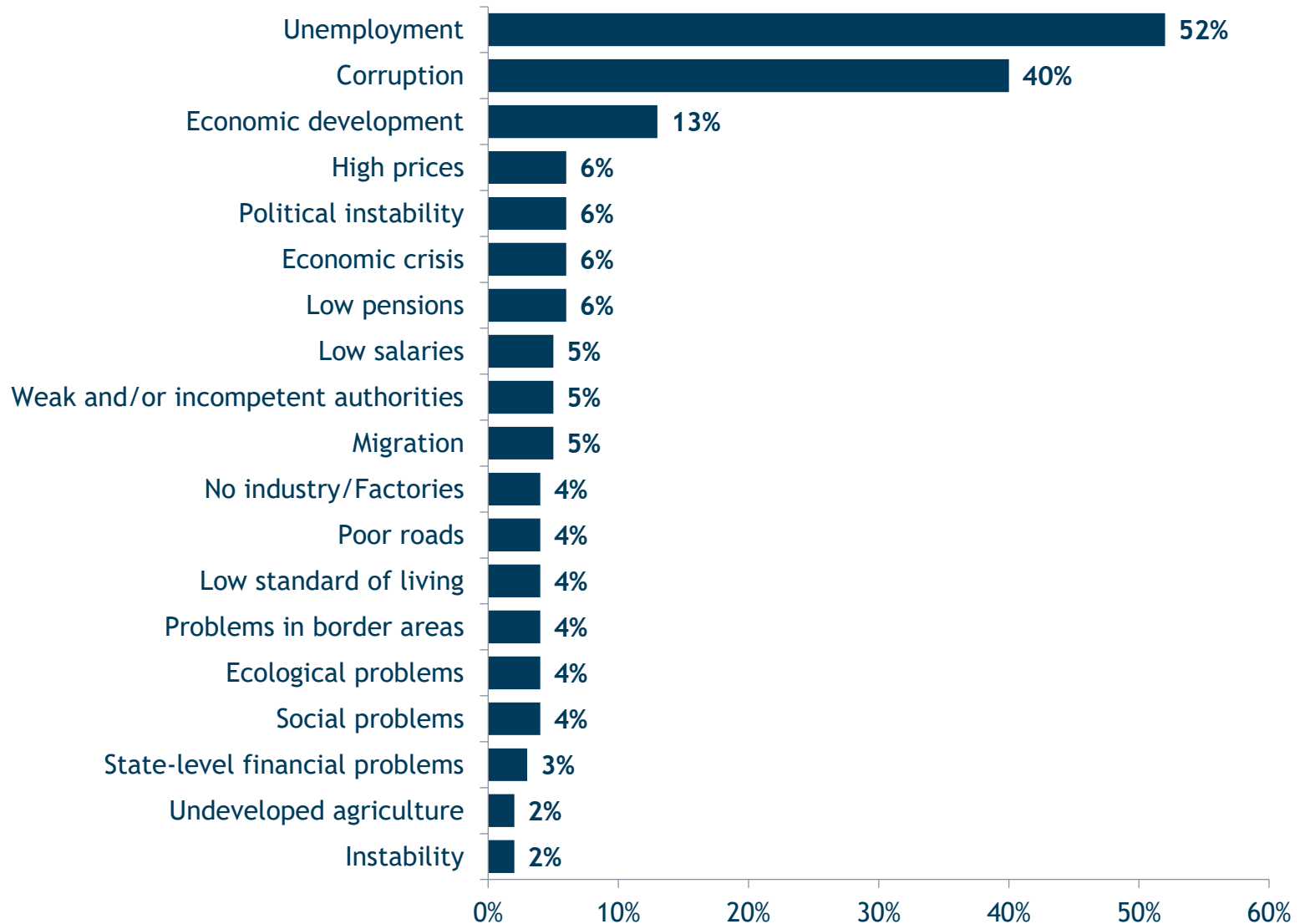
# In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Kyrgyzstan change in the next year?

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



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

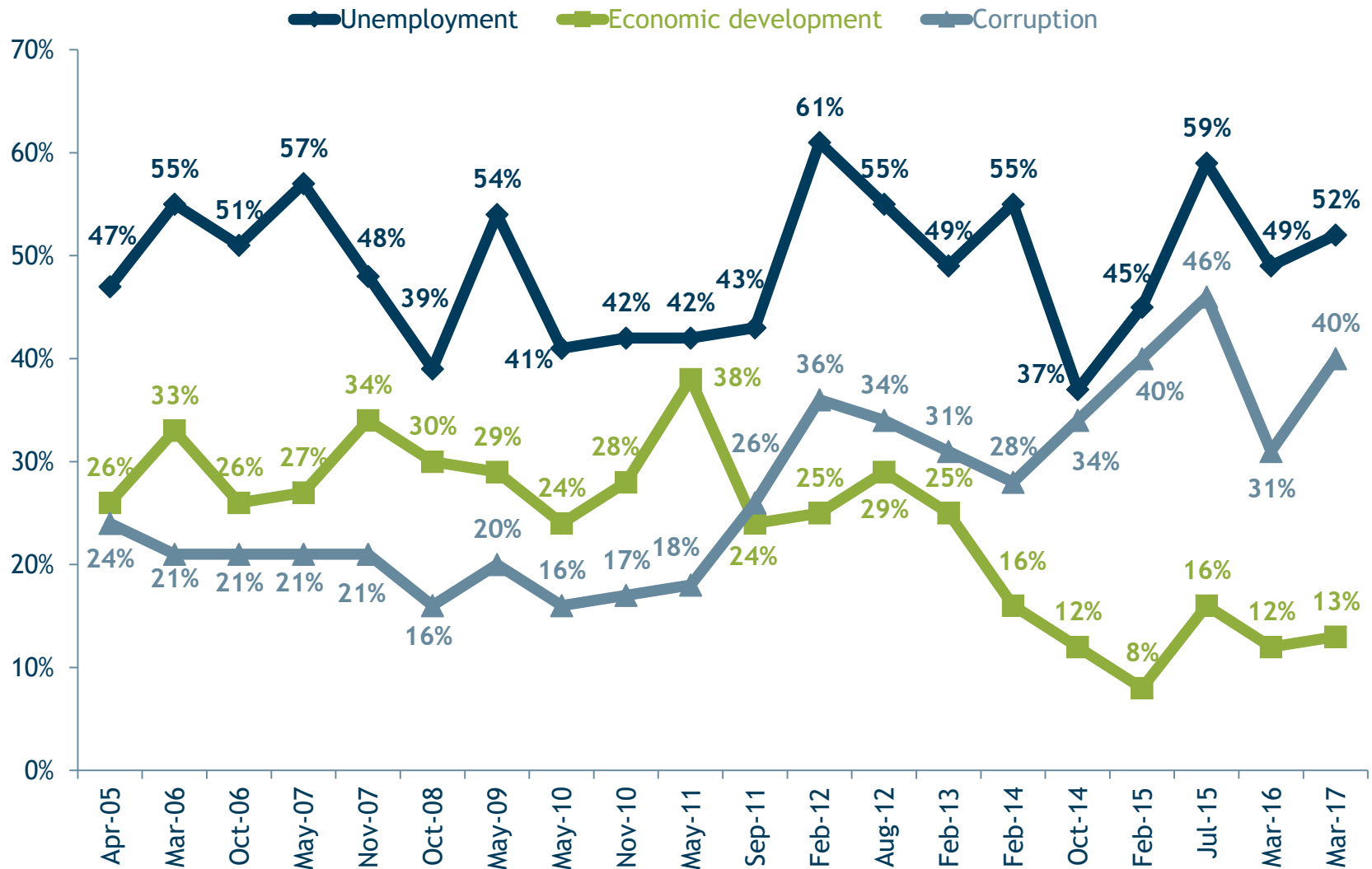
(Three spontaneous answers)





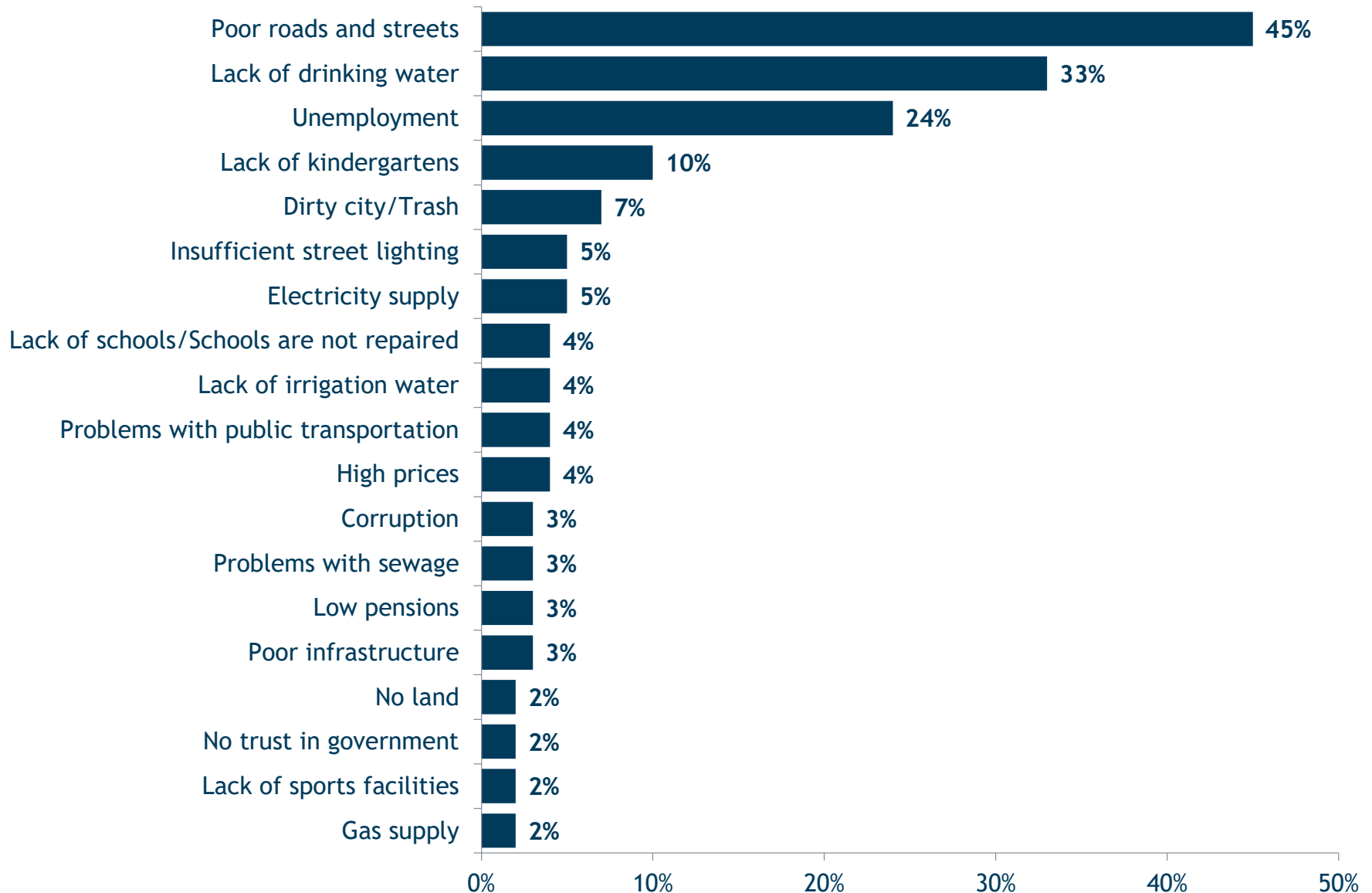
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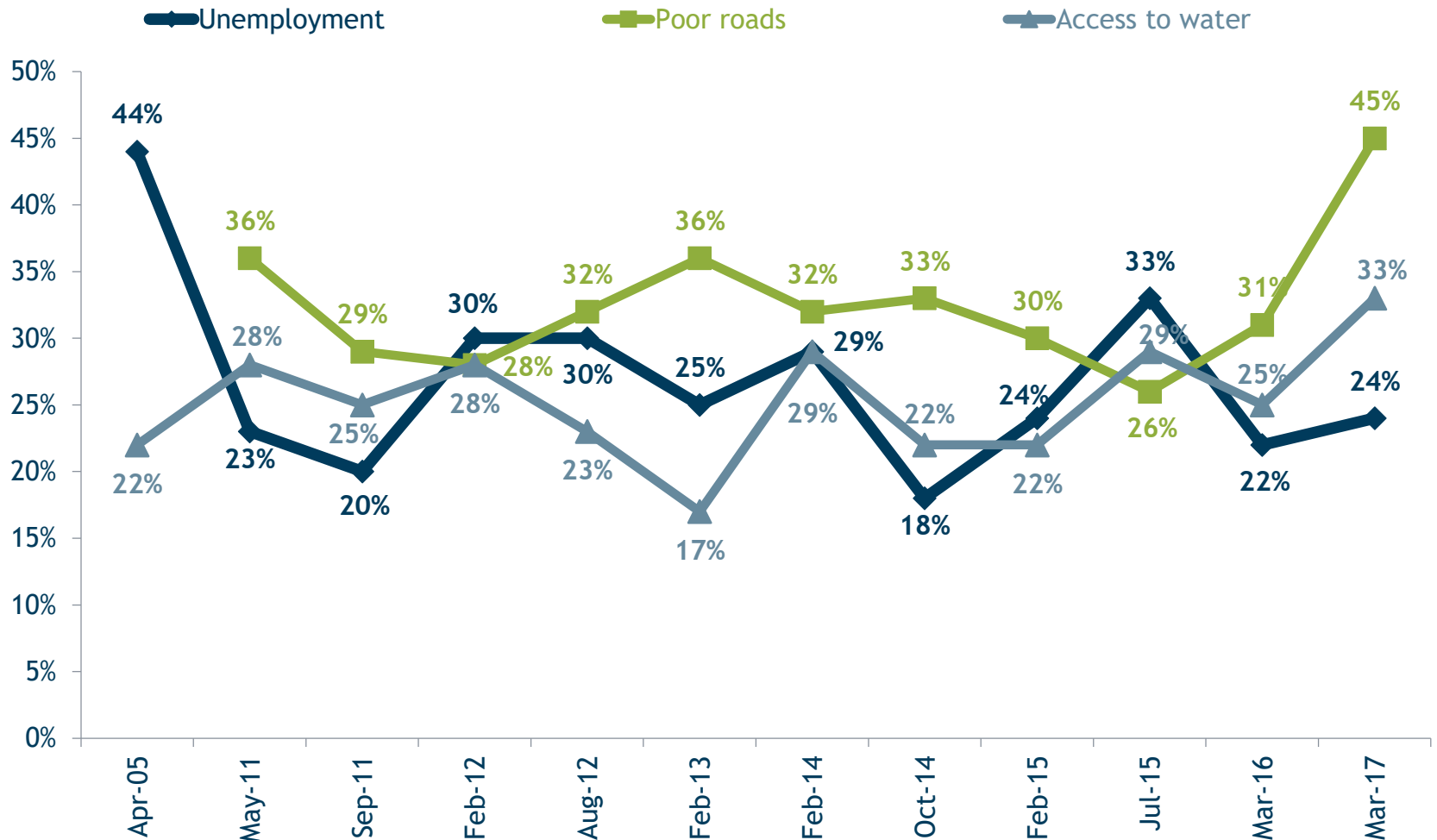
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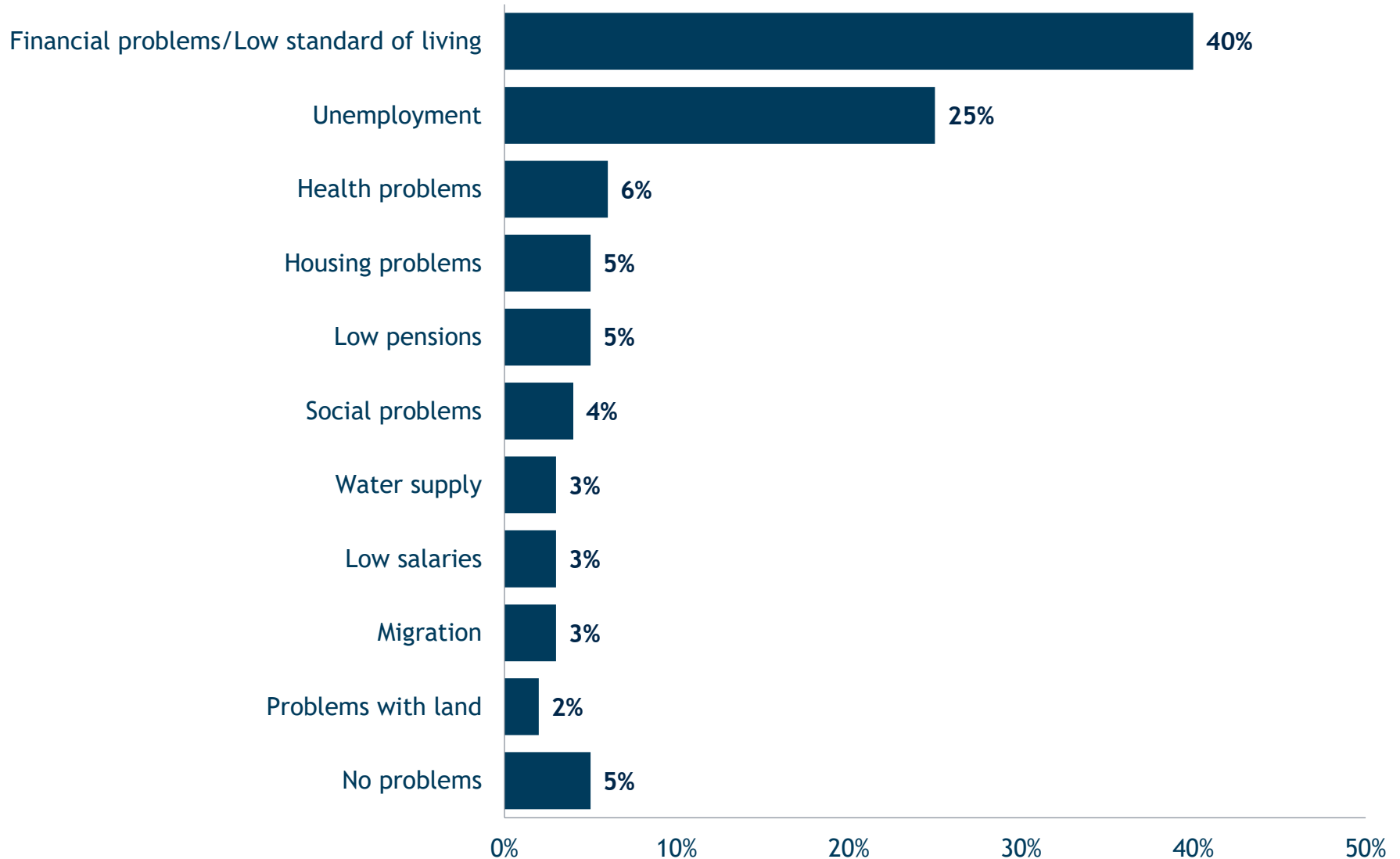
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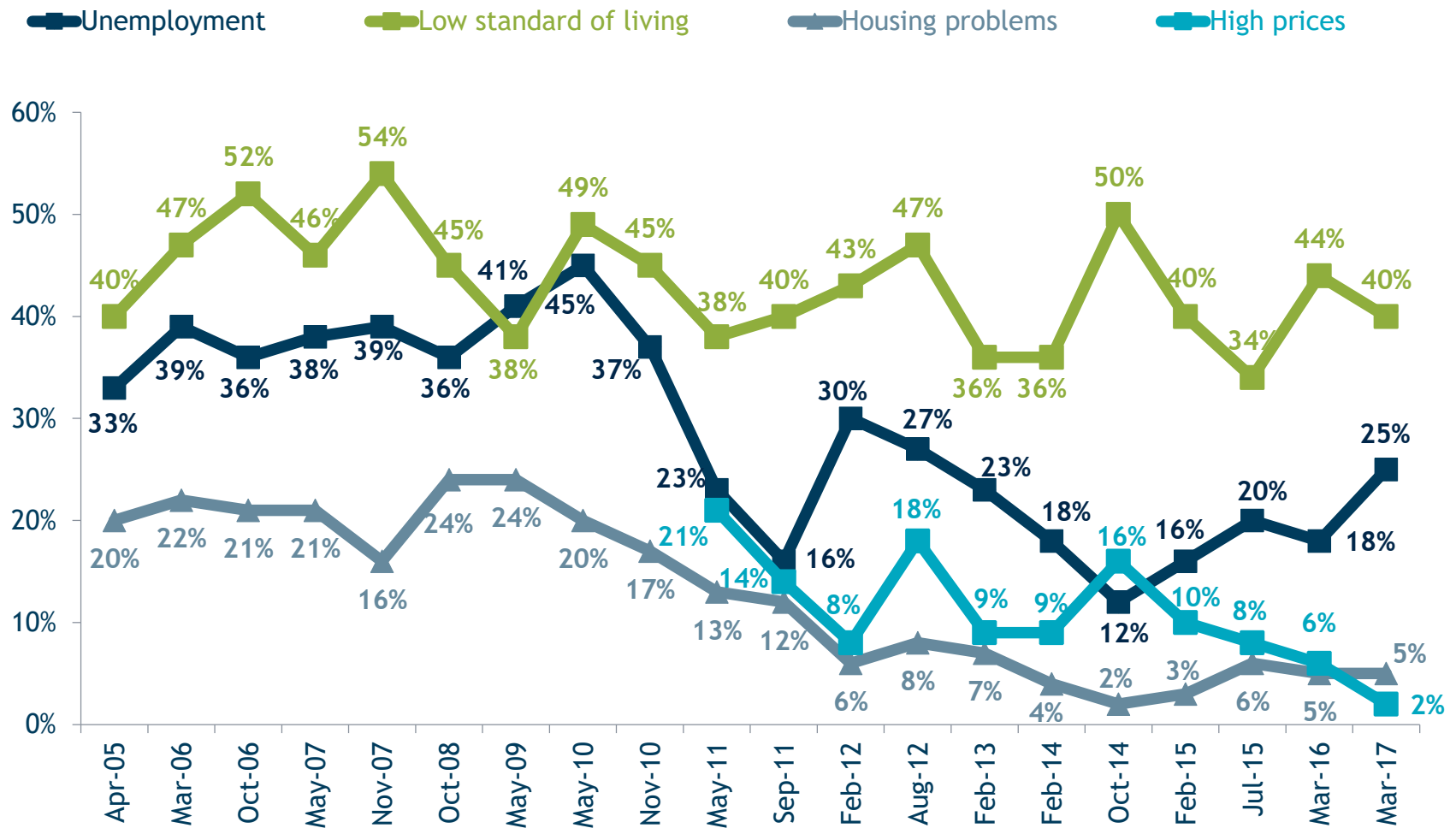


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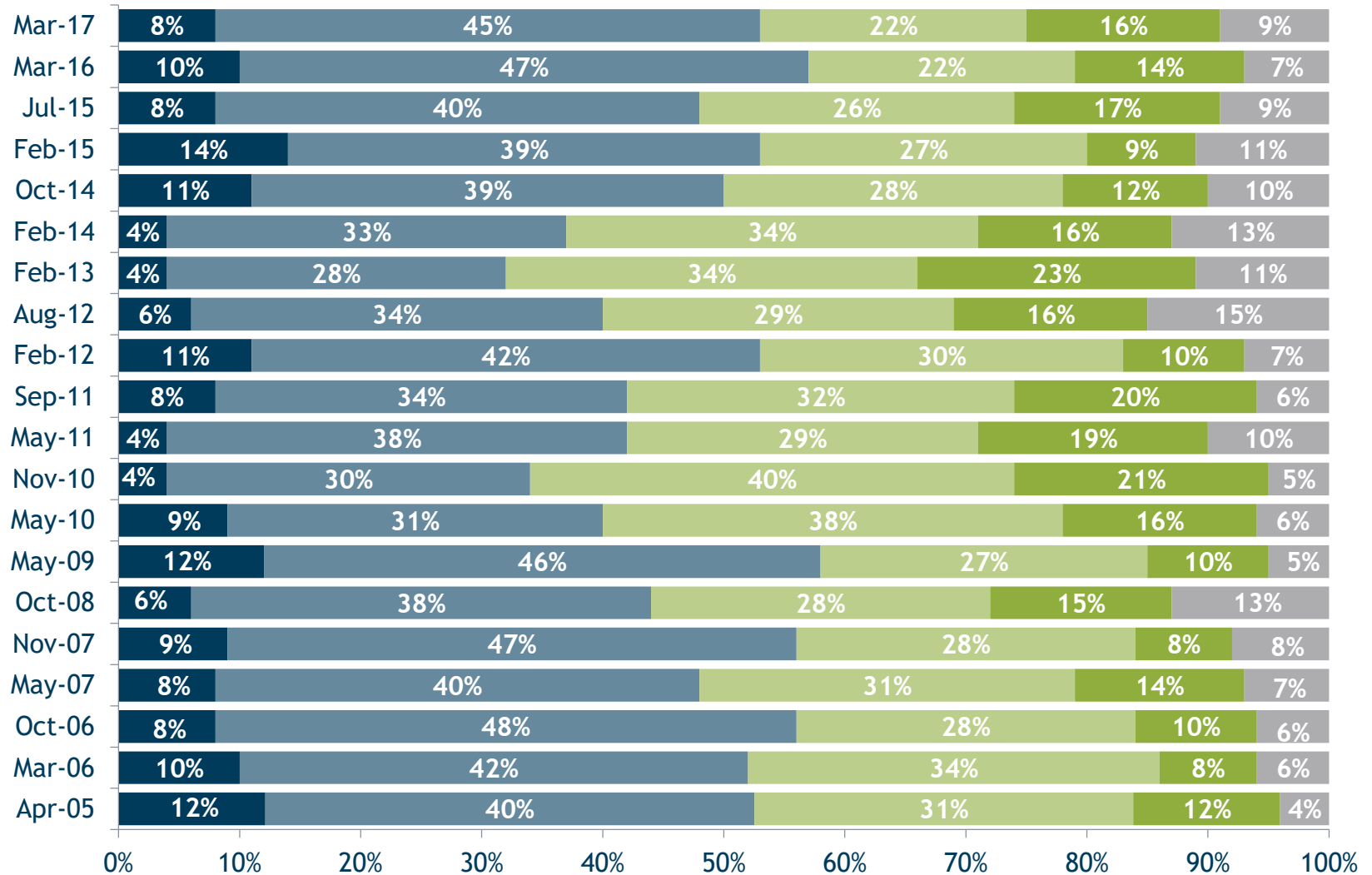
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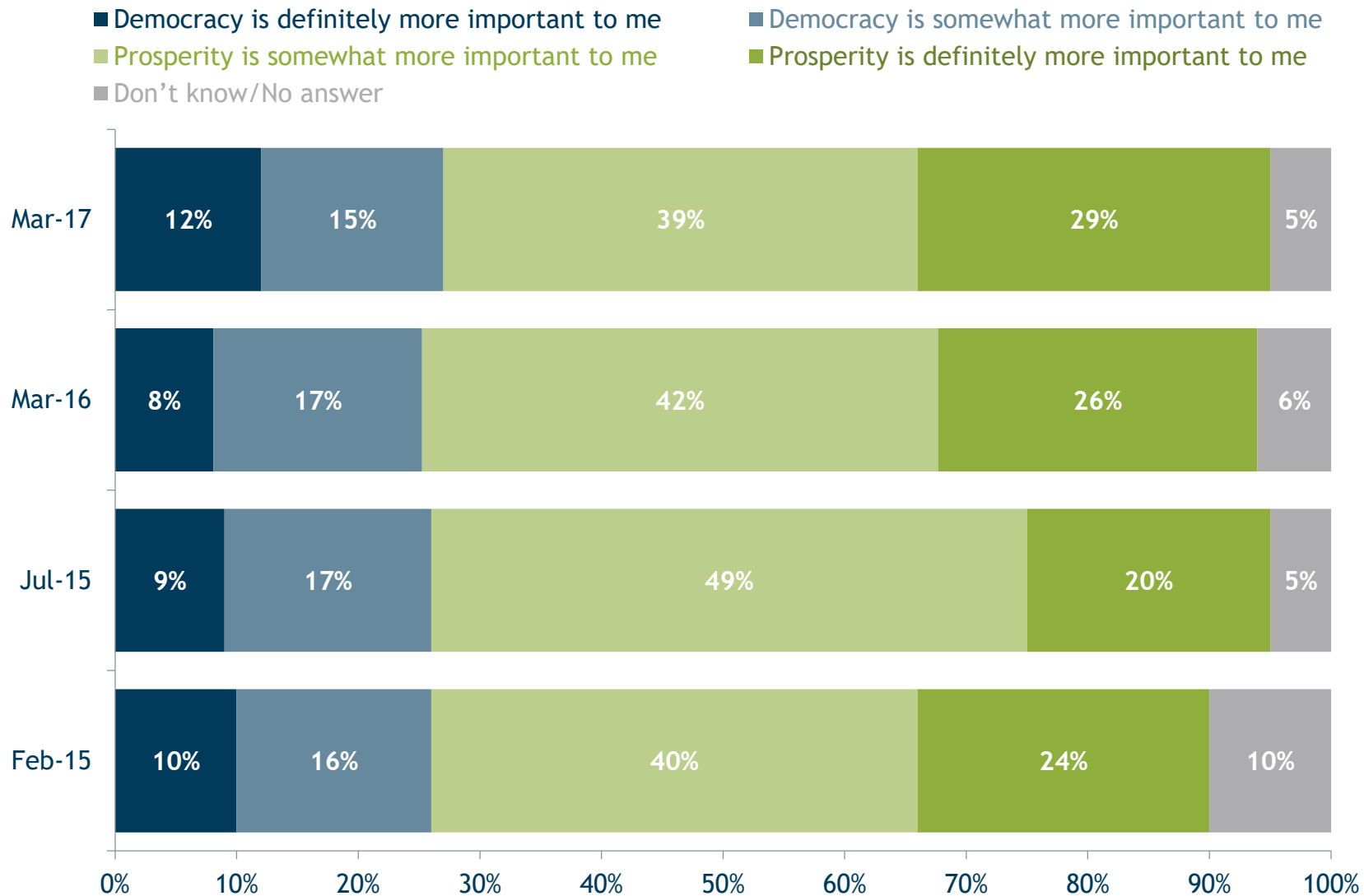
\*Data for “high prices” is shown from May 2011 when this problem abruptly became one of the most mentioned at 21%. In the previous poll in November 2010 only 3% of respondents had mentioned high prices as an important problem.

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

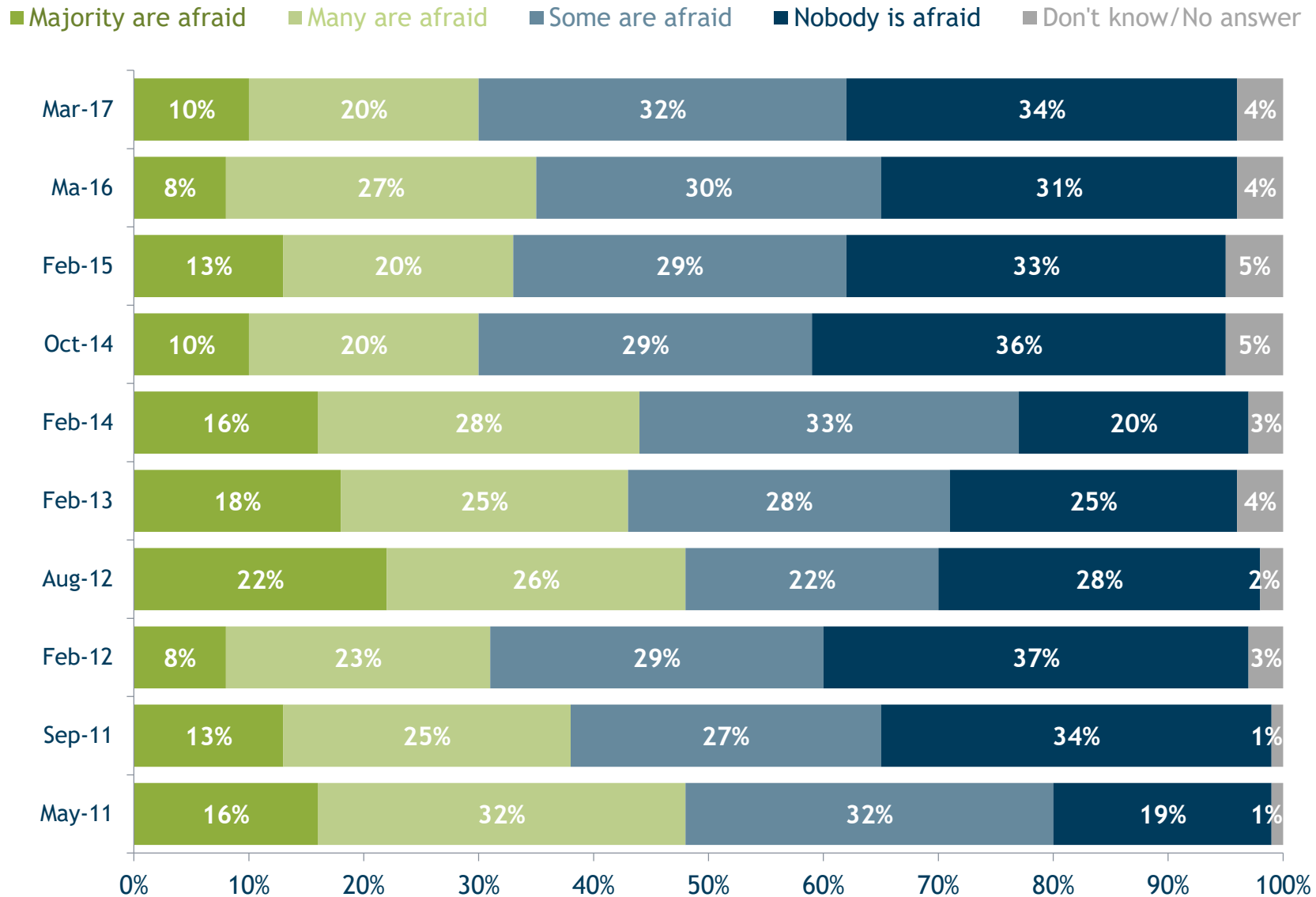
■ Very satisfied
■ Somewhat satisfied
■ Somewhat dissatisfied
■ Very dissatisfied
■ Don't know/No answer



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

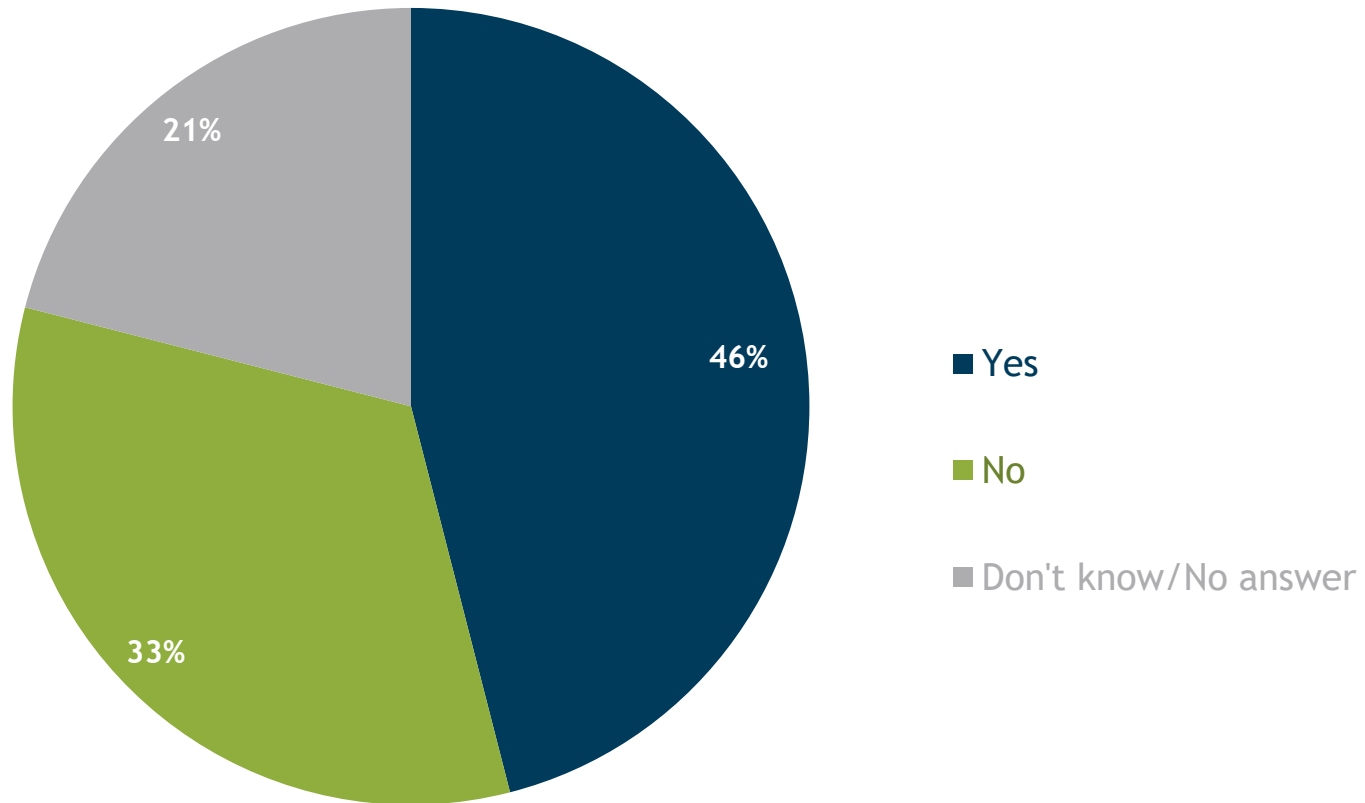


# Are people in Kyrgyzstan afraid to openly express their political views?

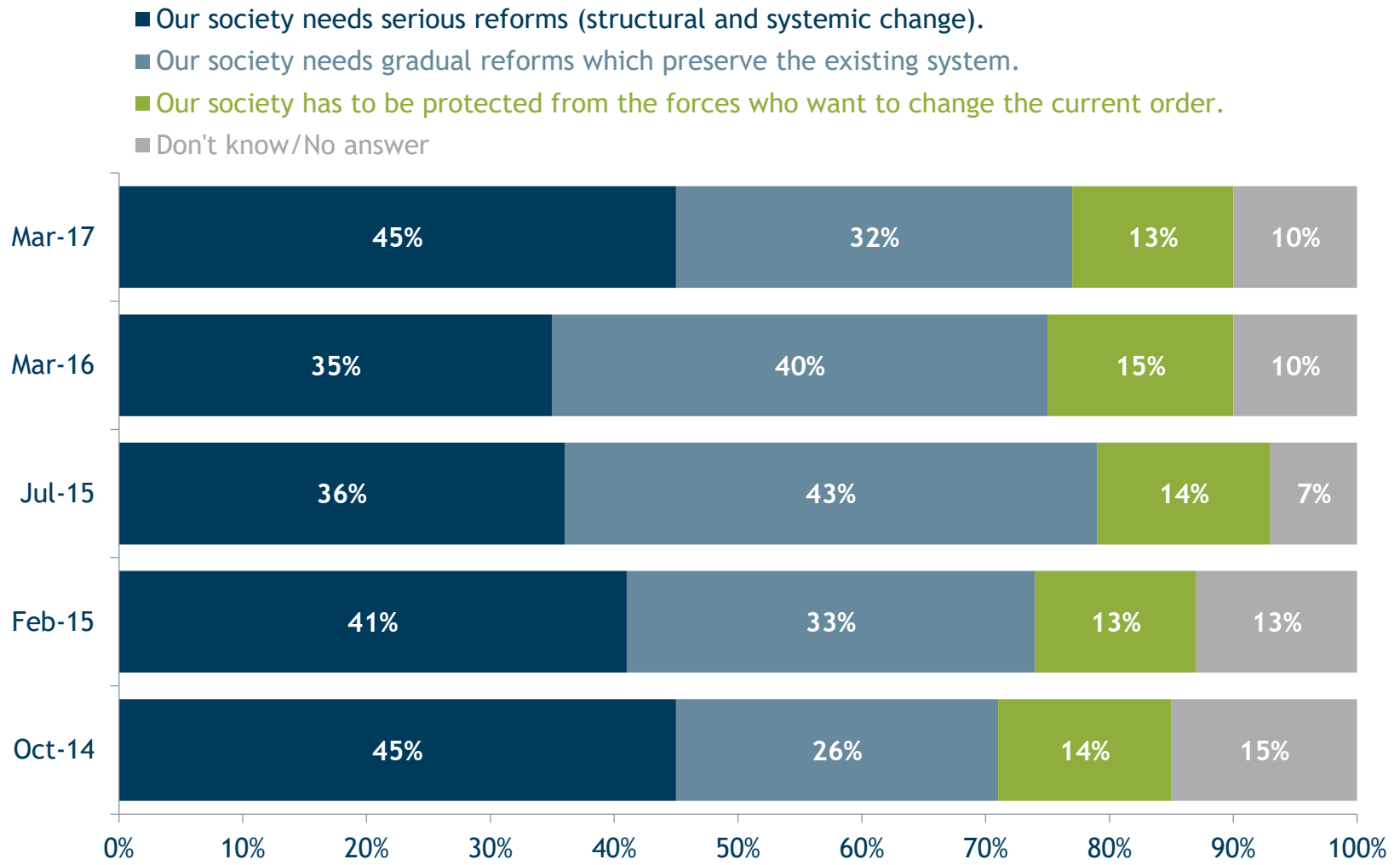




In your opinion, are there groups that do not feel safe to openly express their political views?



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





# Institutions

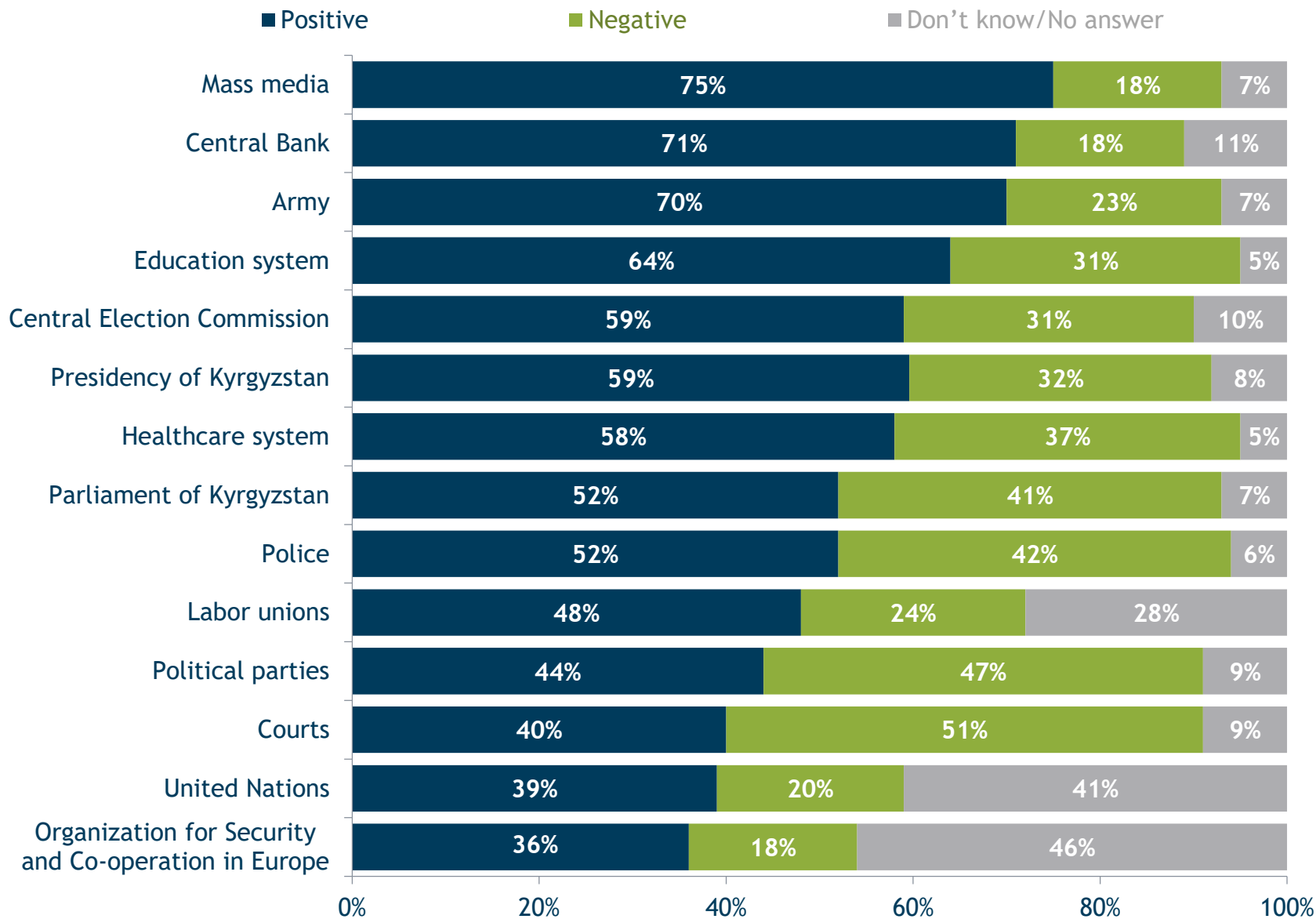
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# What is your opinion of the work of the following Kyrgyz and international institutions?





# The Government

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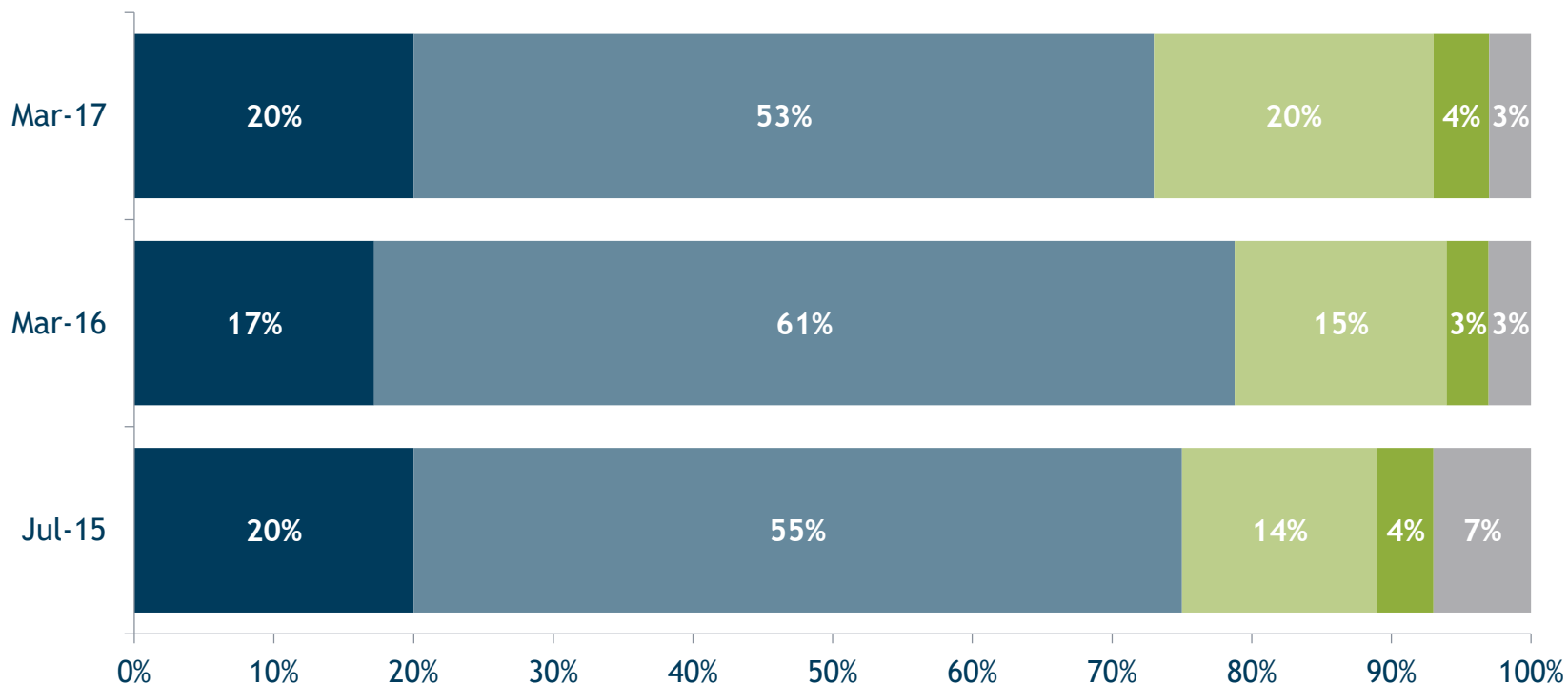


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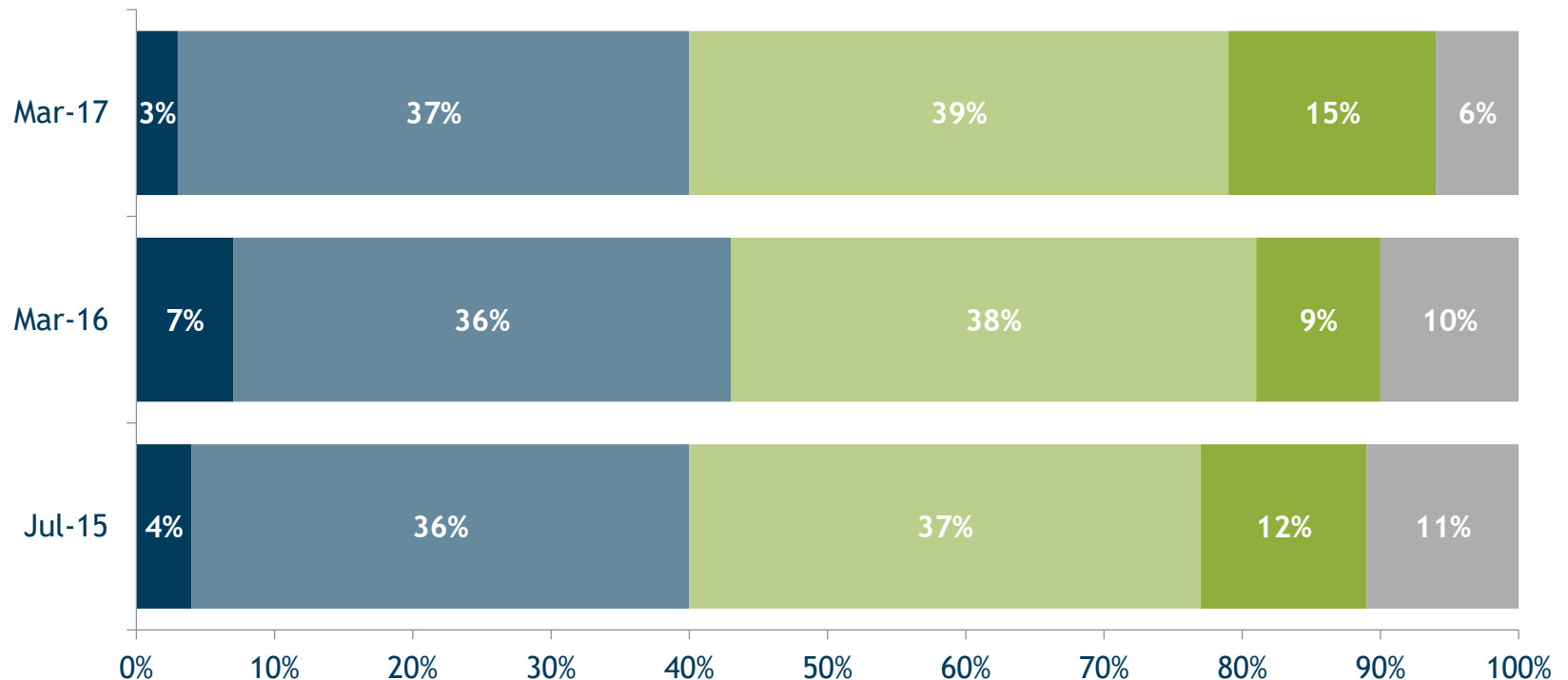
# Do you approve or disapprove of the activity of the President?

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



# Do you approve or disapprove of the activity of the Parliament?

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





# Corruption

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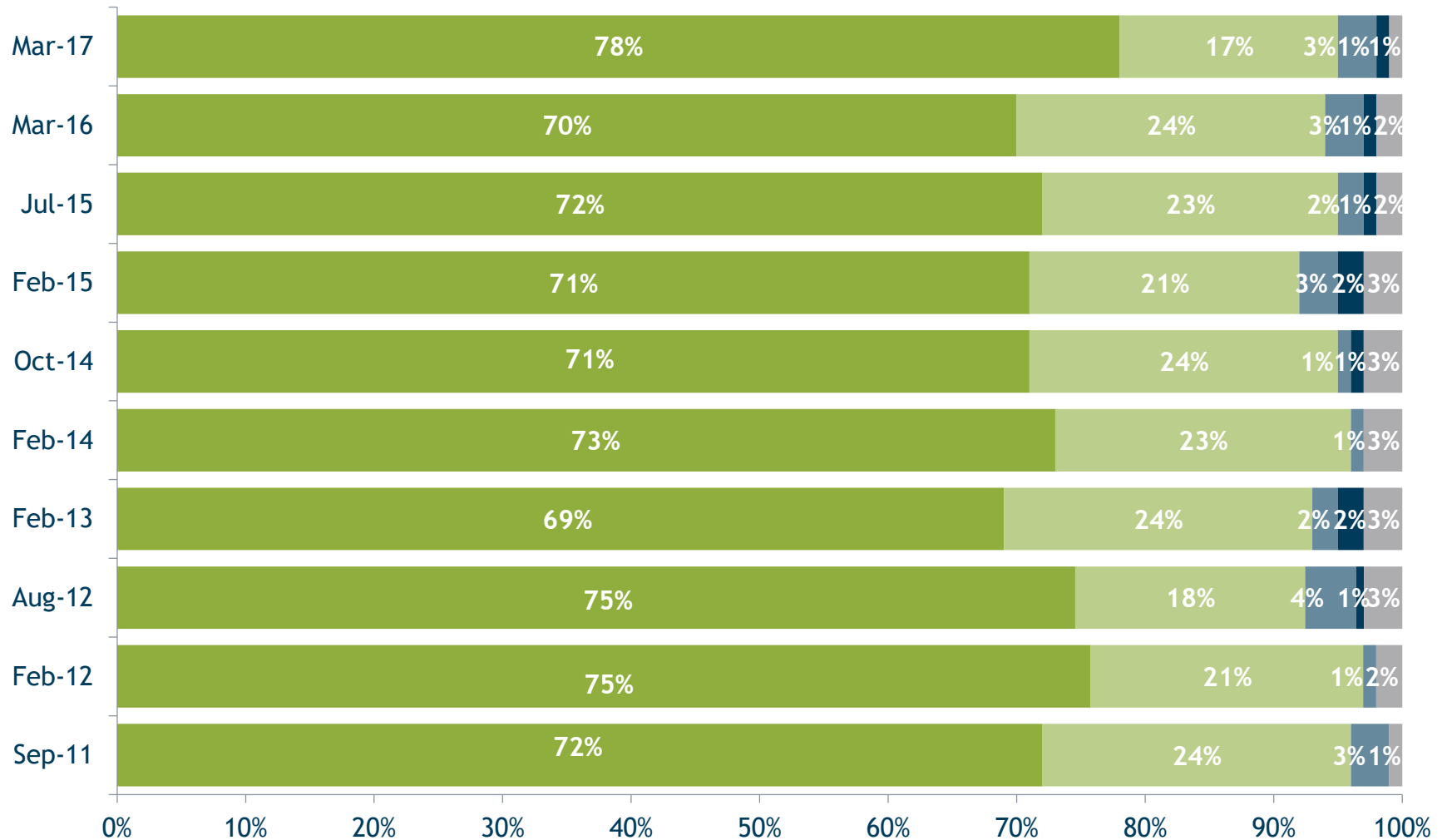
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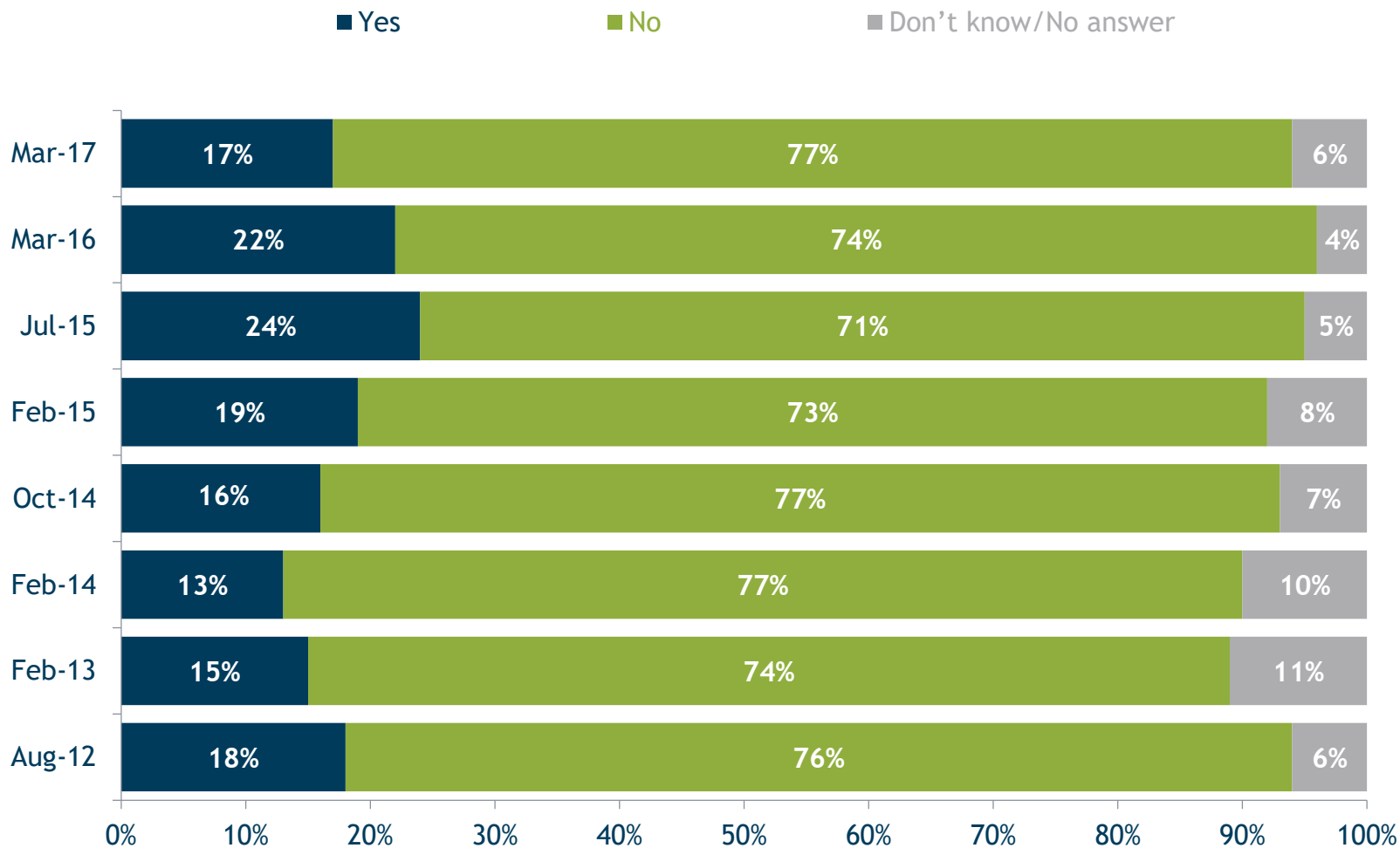


# In your opinion, is corruption a big problem in Kyrgyzstan?

■ It is a very big issue ■ It is a big issue ■ It is not a big issue ■ It is not an issue at all ■ Don't know/No answer



# Do you think the Kyrgyz Government is making a sufficient effort to fight corruption?





# Politics

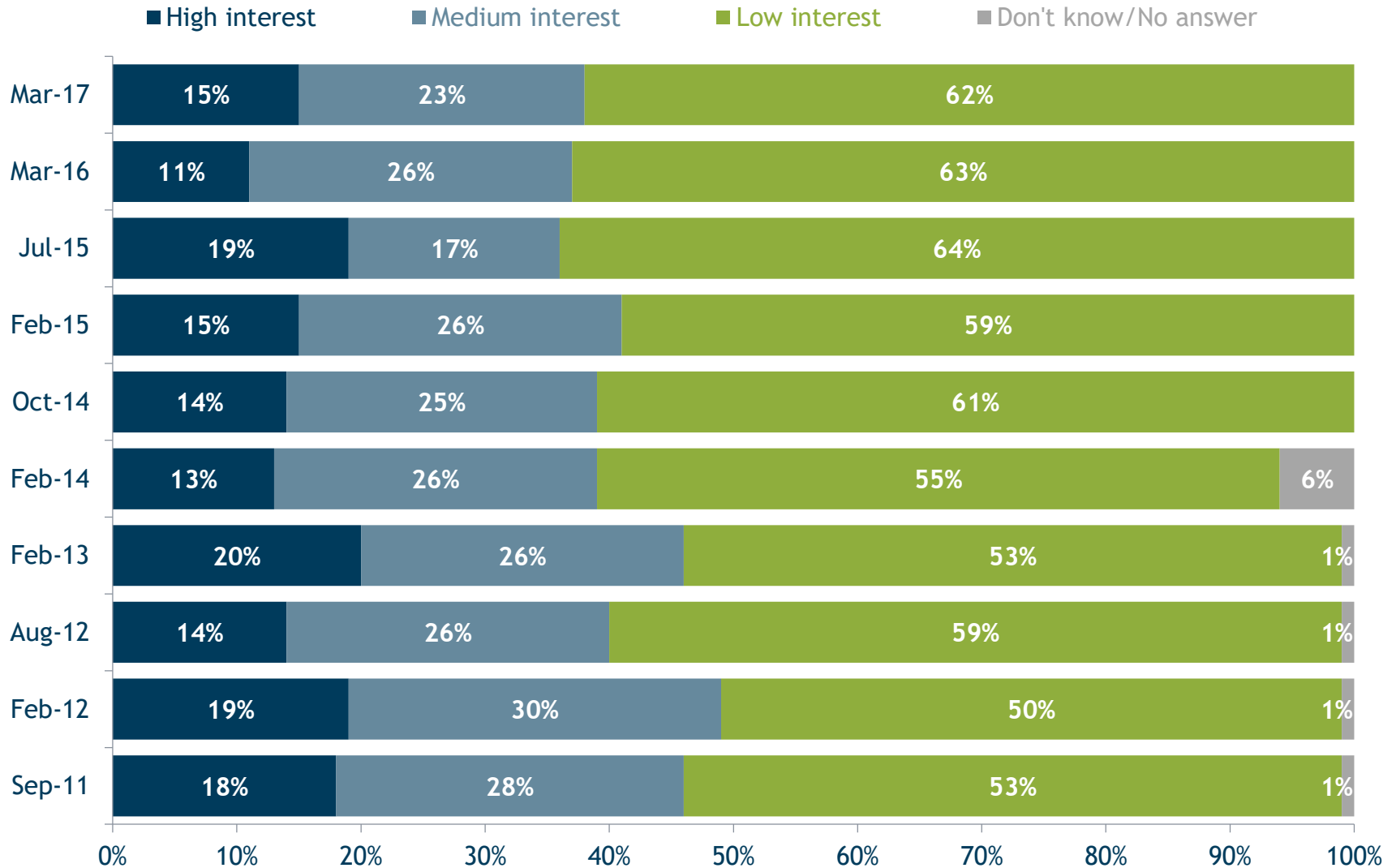
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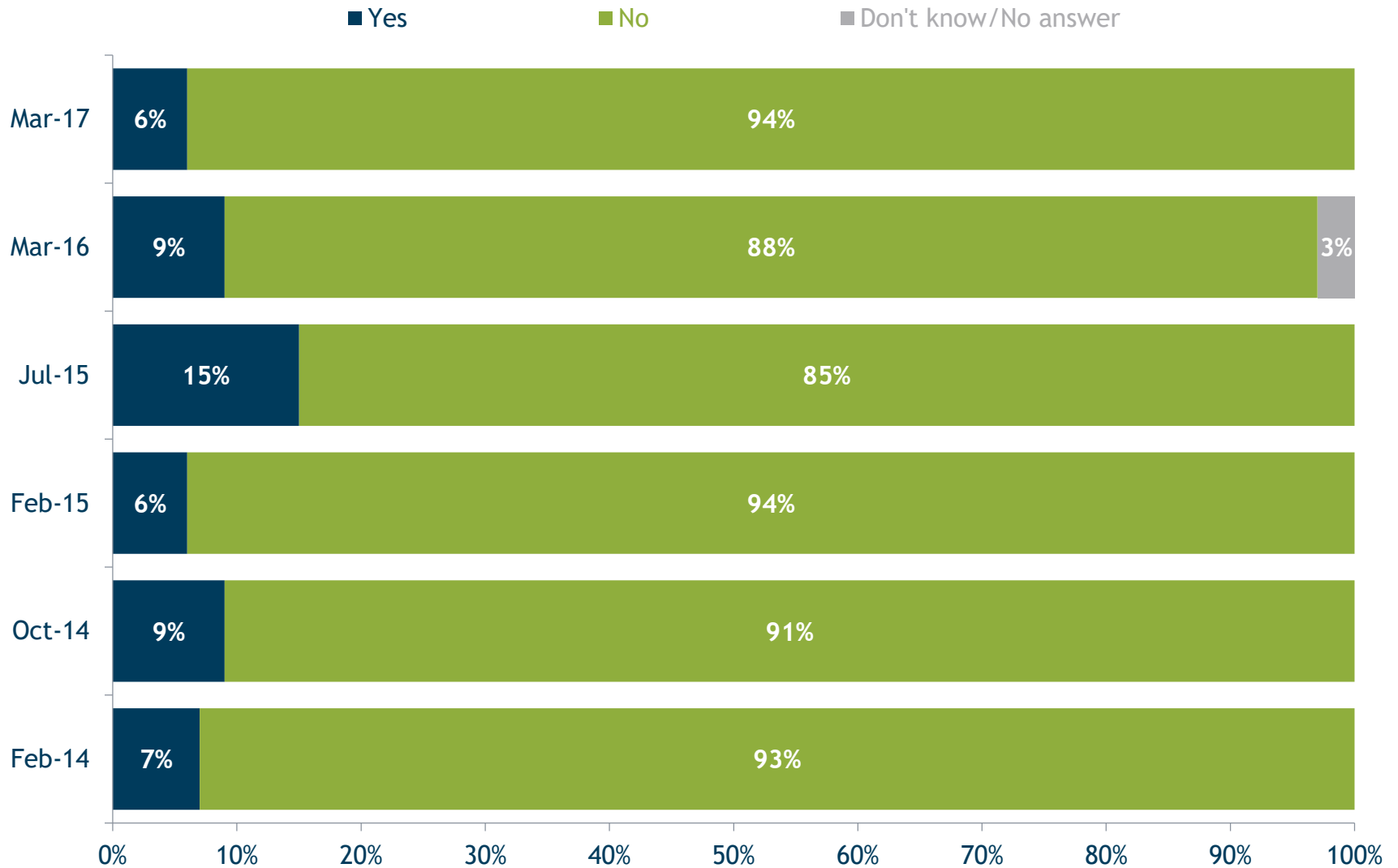
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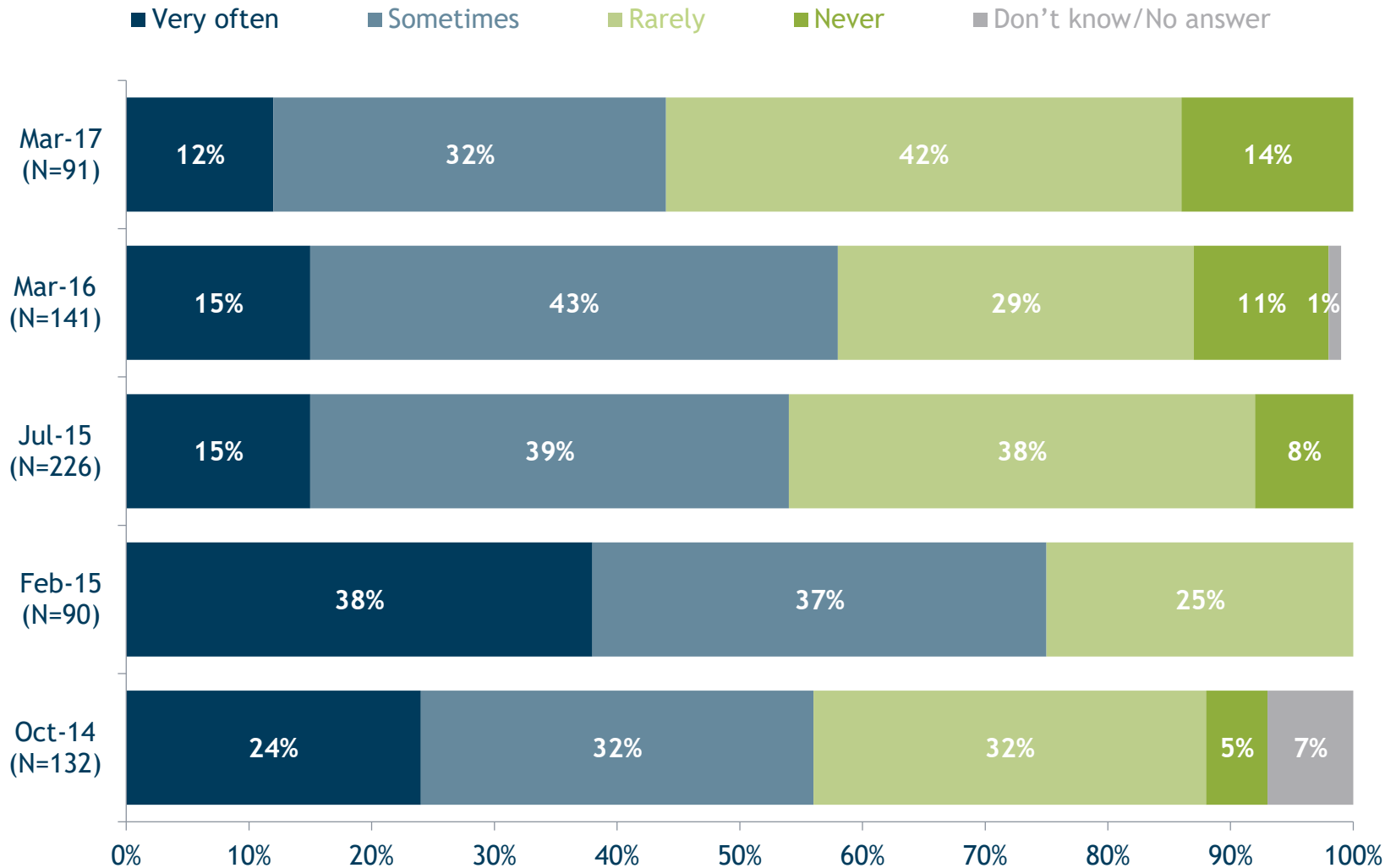
# How much interest do you have in politics?



# Are you a member of a political party?

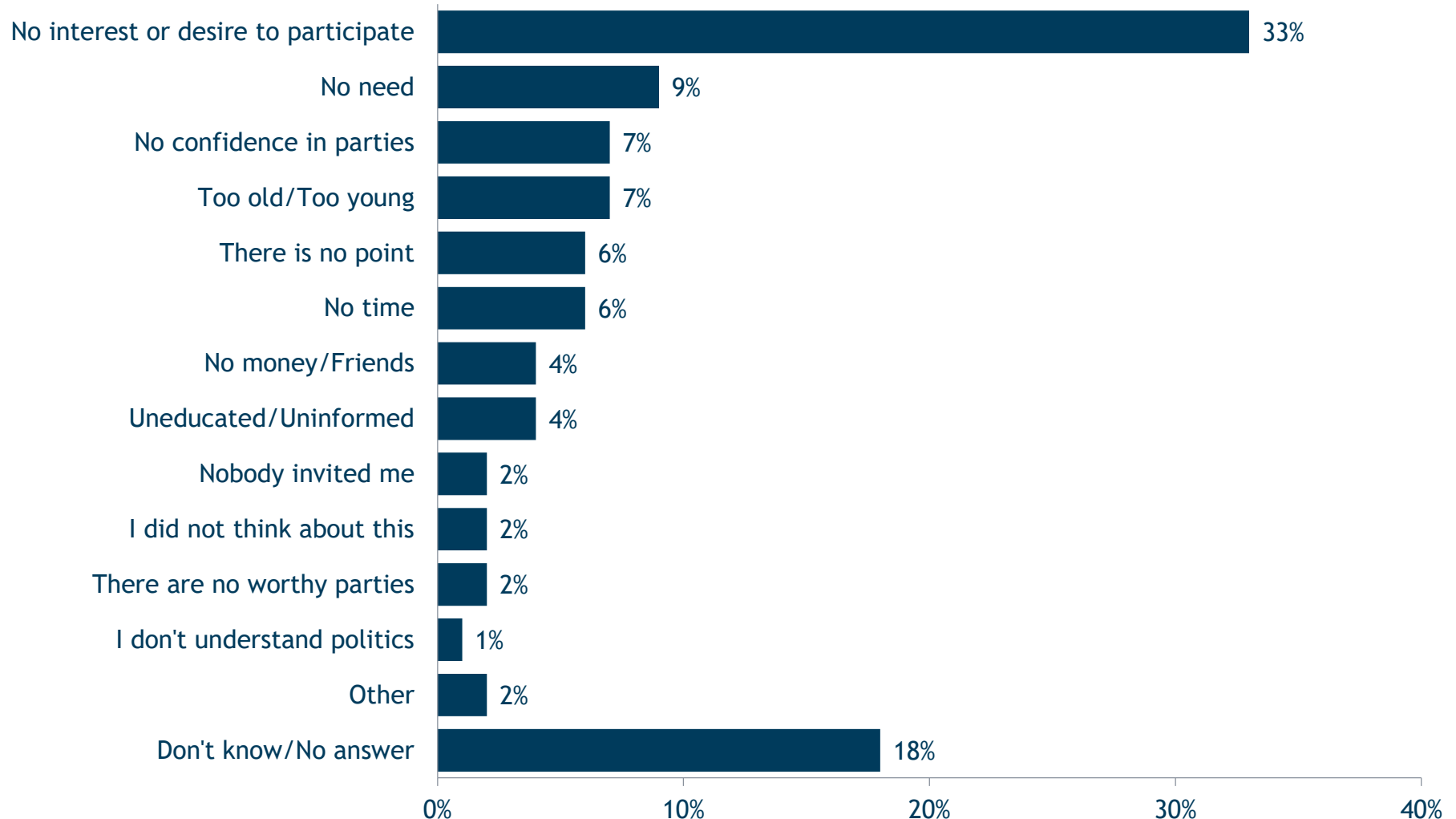


# How often do you participate in political party activities? (Members of political parties)

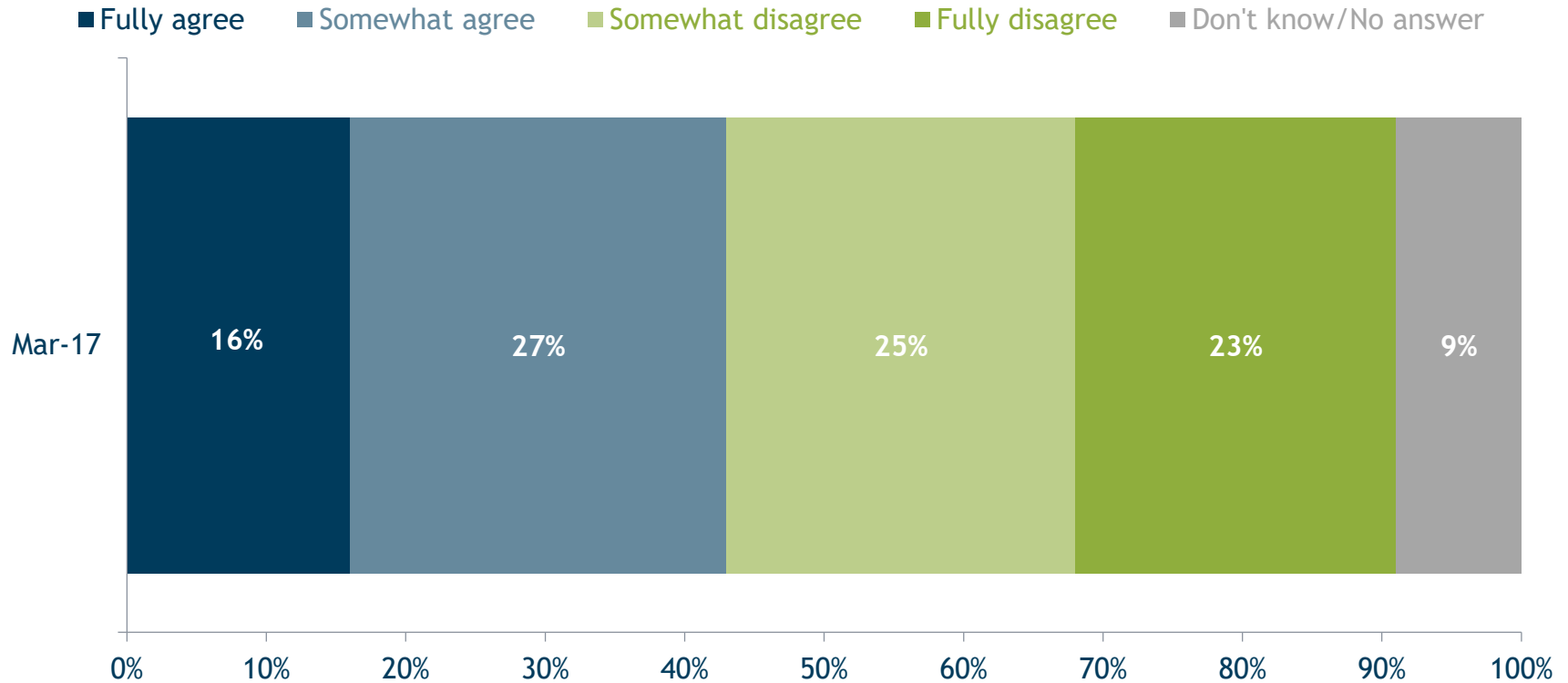


# Why are you not a member of a political party?

(Spontaneous answers; respondents who are not members of political parties, N=1,409)



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
"It is healthy for Kyrgyzstan's democracy to have multiple parties  
in power."







# Elections

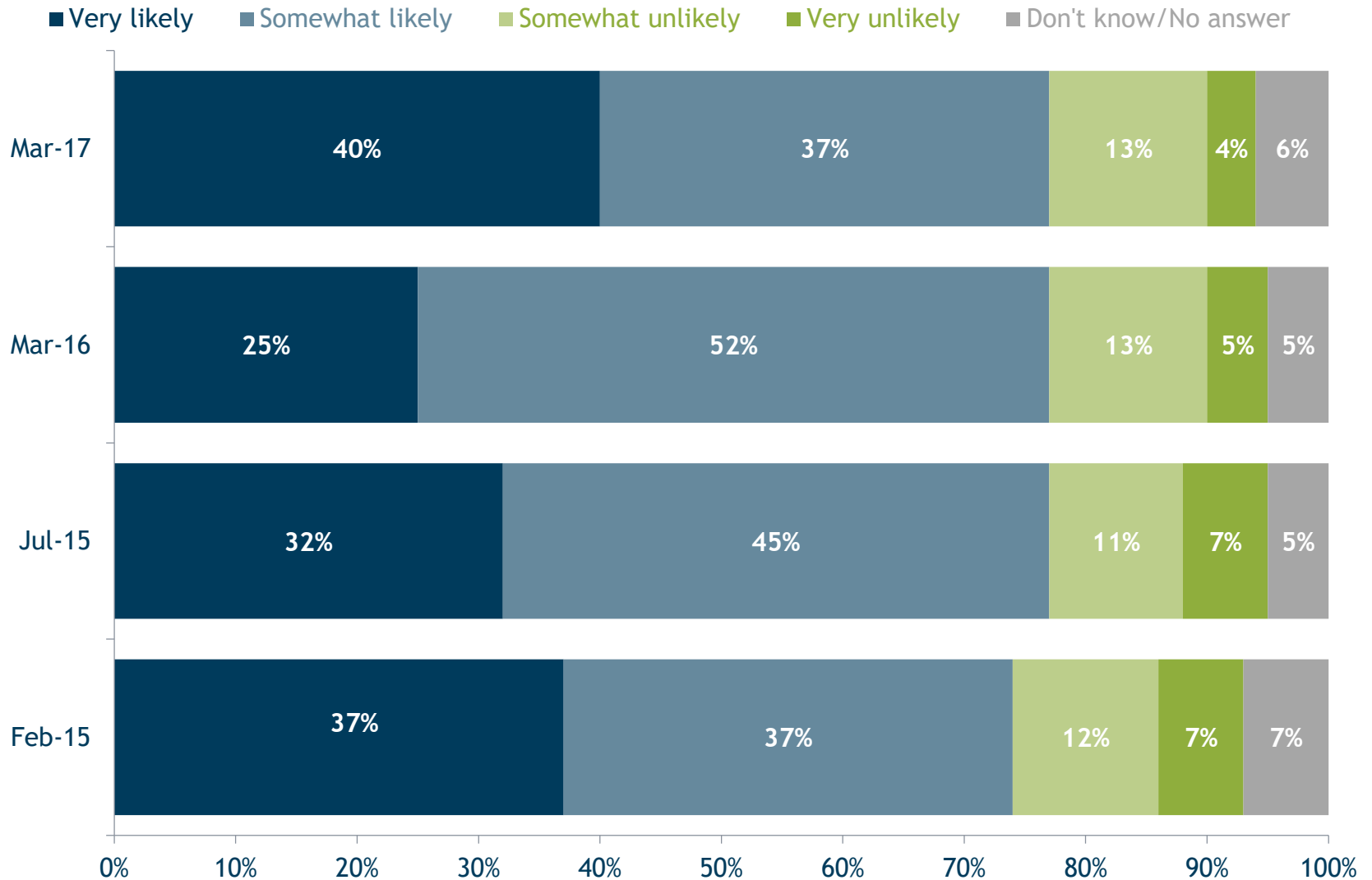
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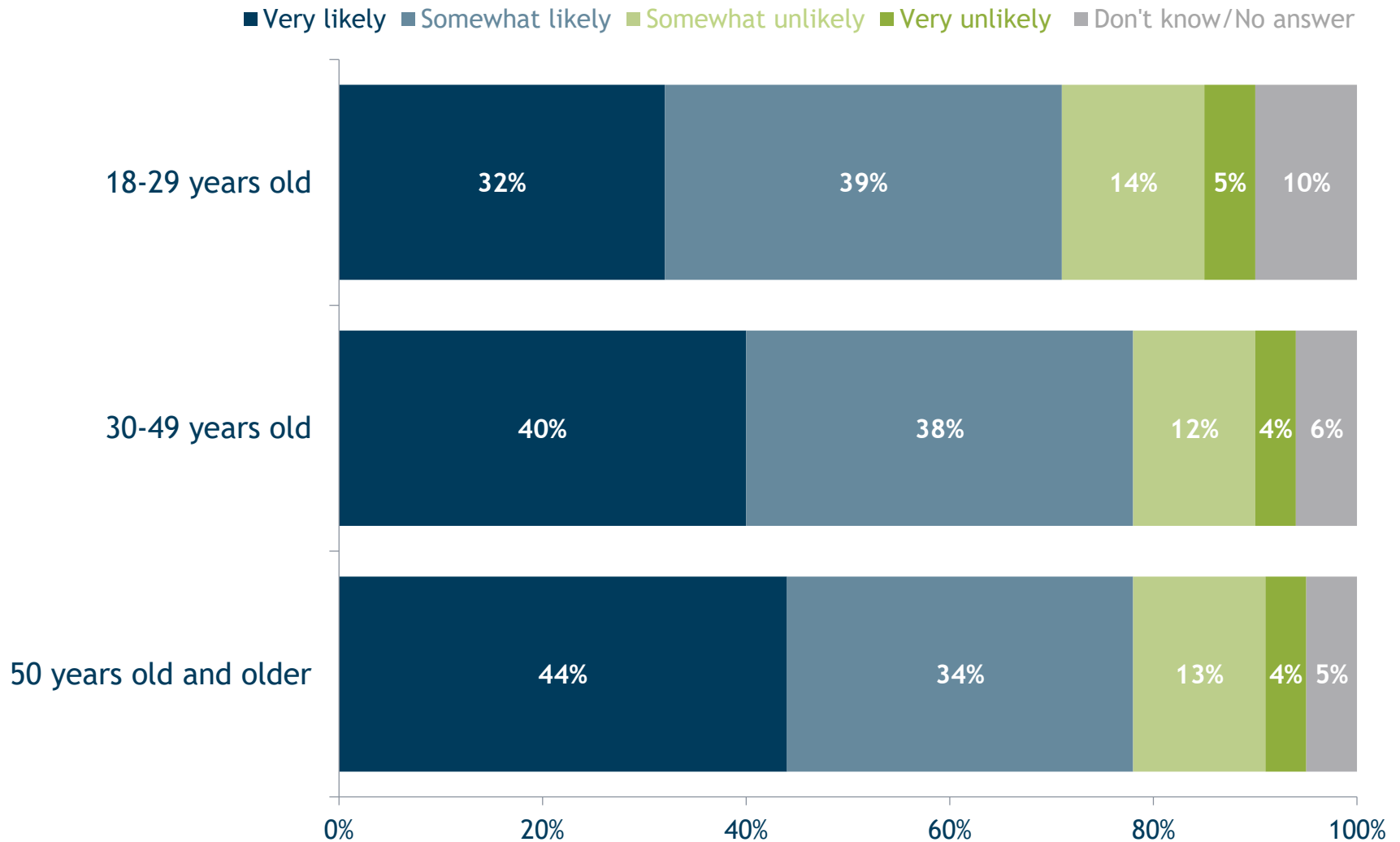
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# How likely are you to vote in the upcoming elections?

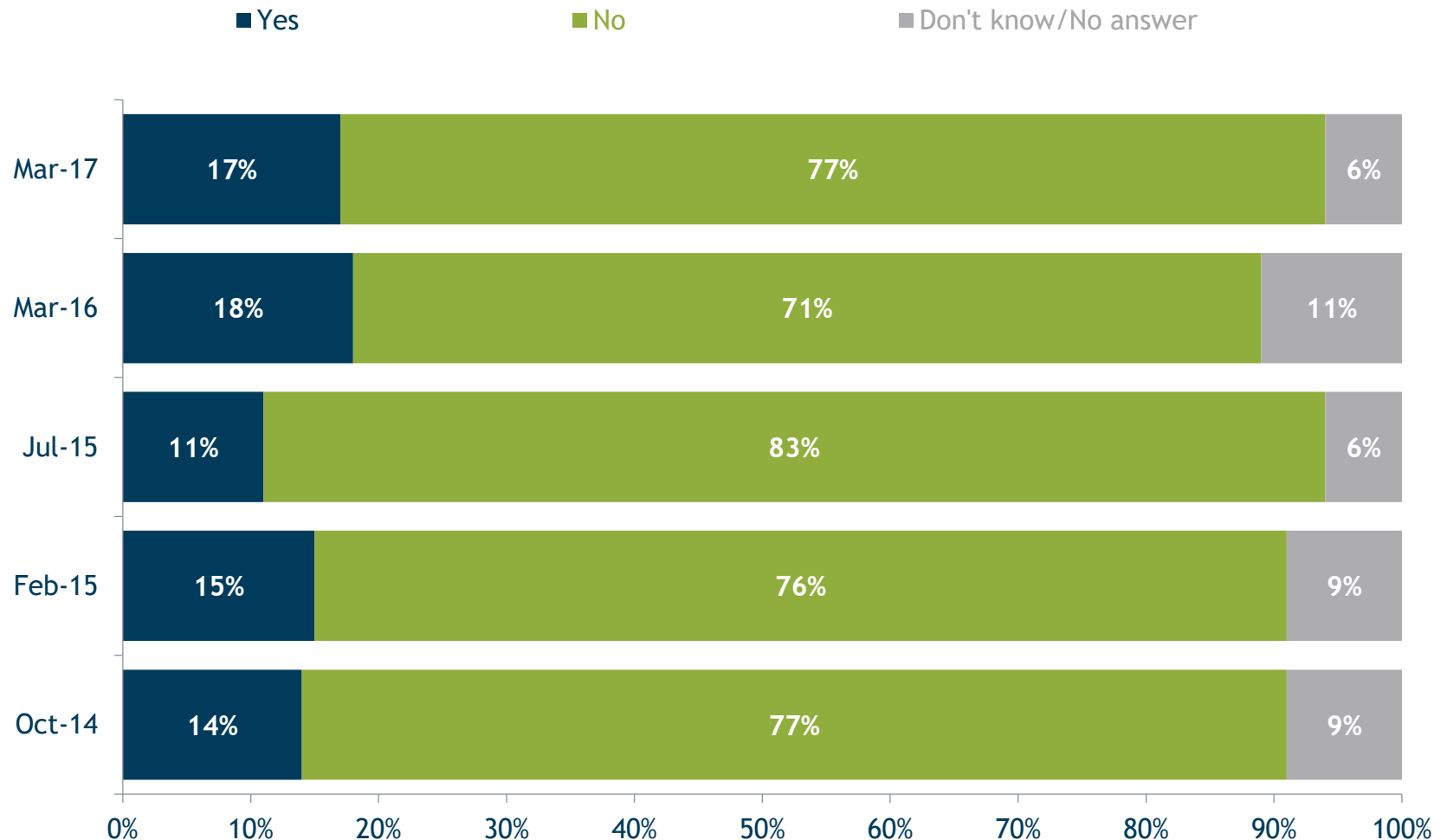


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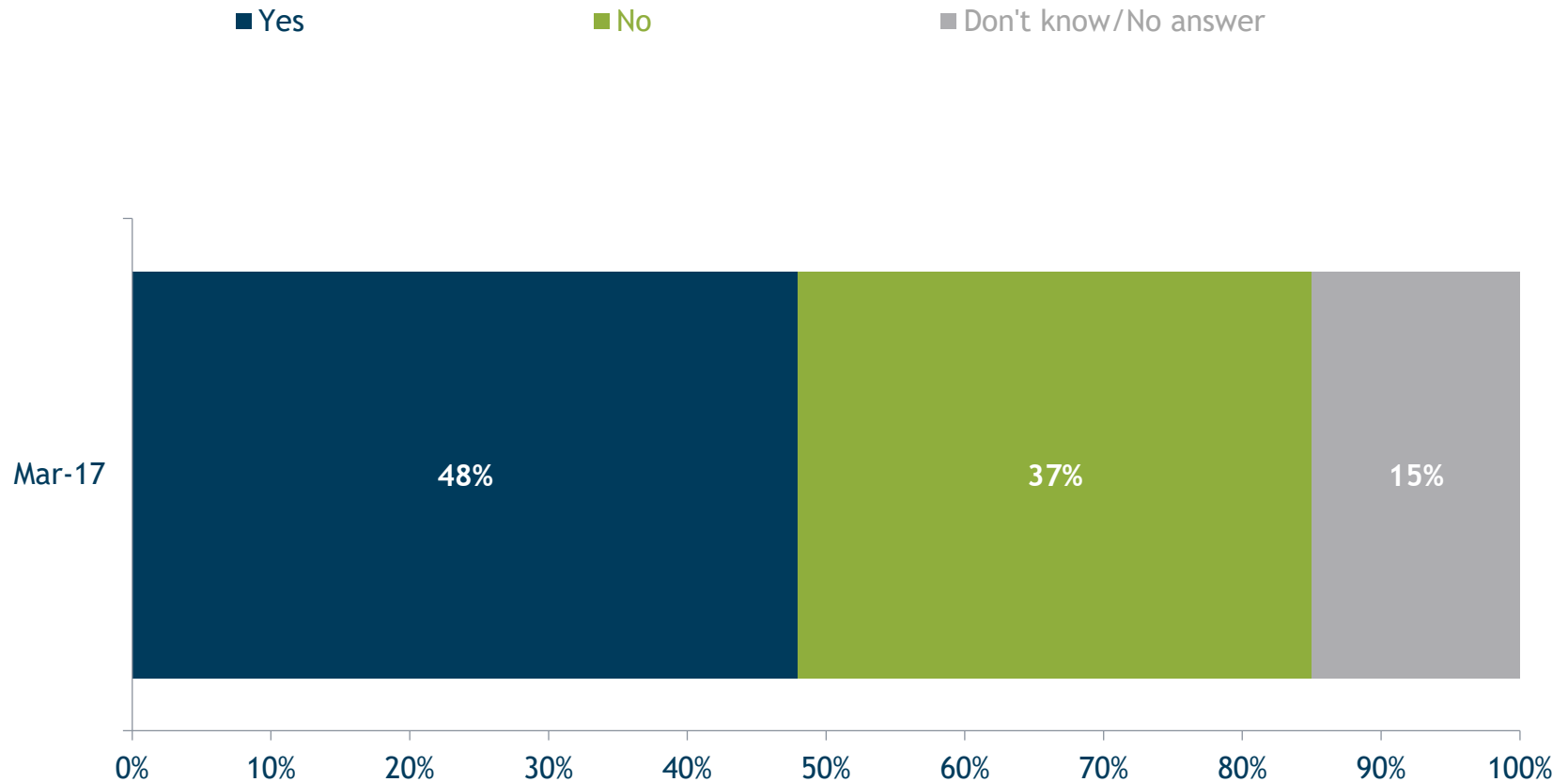
(Disaggregated by age)



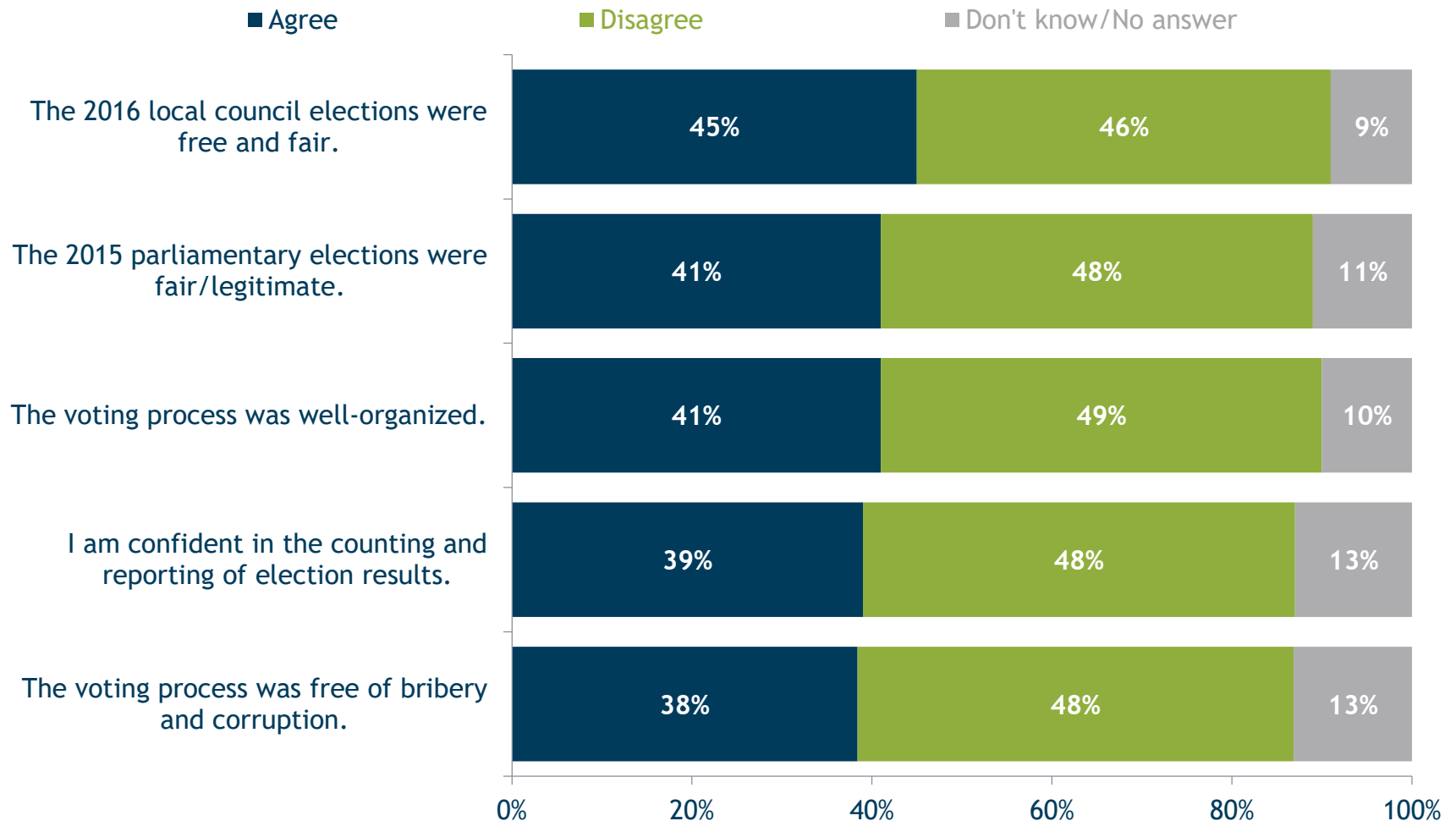
# In your opinion, does your financial situation depend on the results of elections in general?



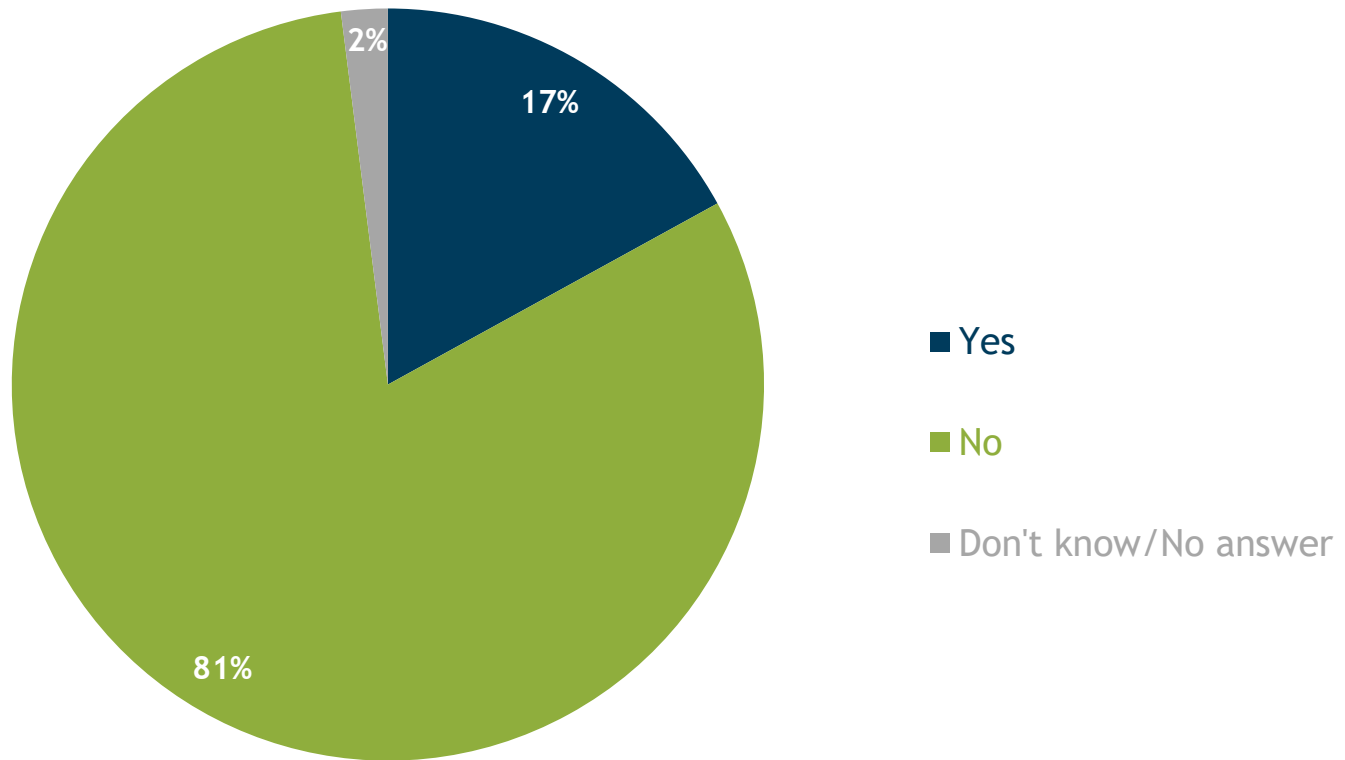
Thinking about the local elections in Kyrgyzstan in March and December 2016, do you believe those were free and fair elections?



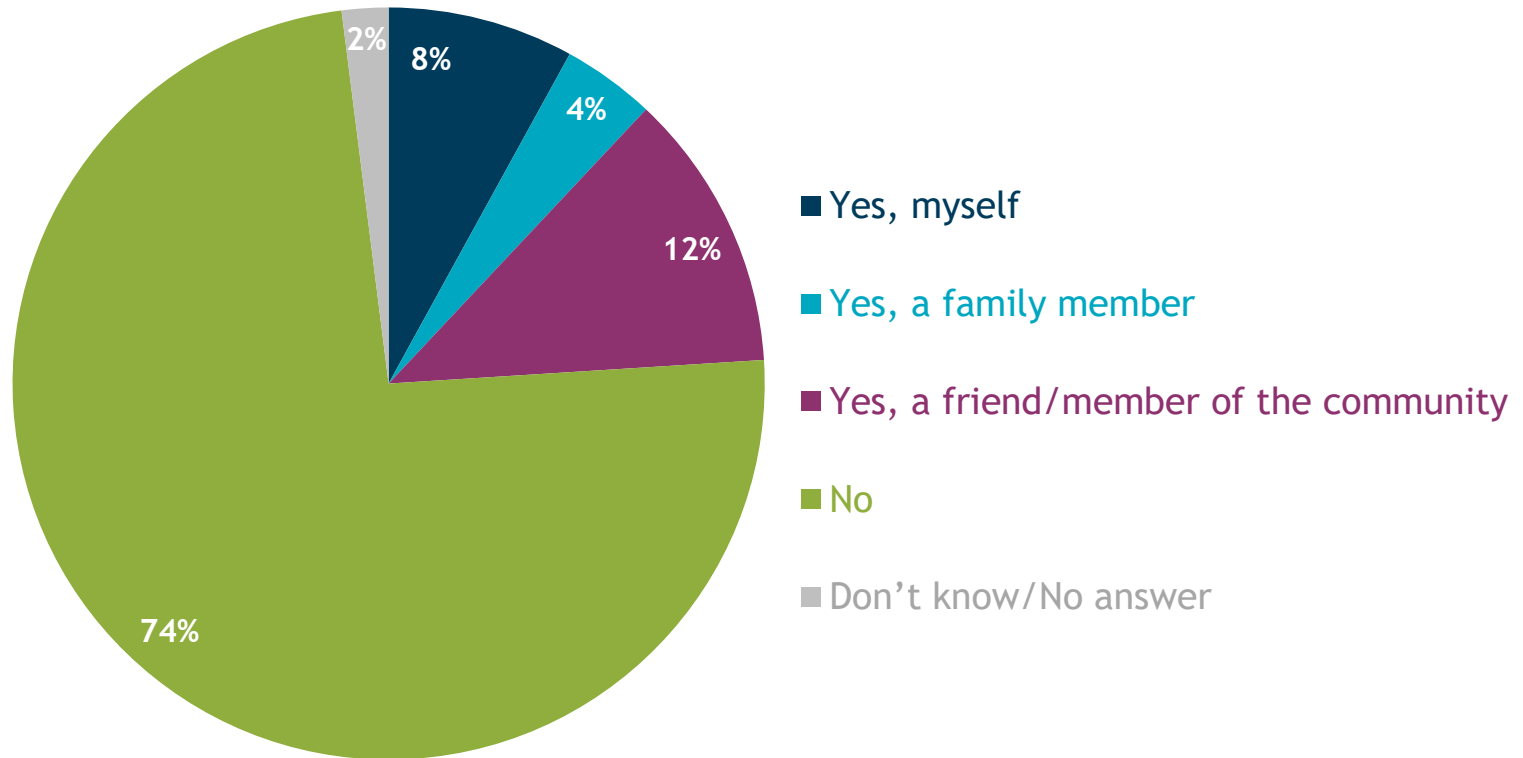
# Please state whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.



Did anyone offer you money, gifts or some other incentive in exchange for your vote in the last election?



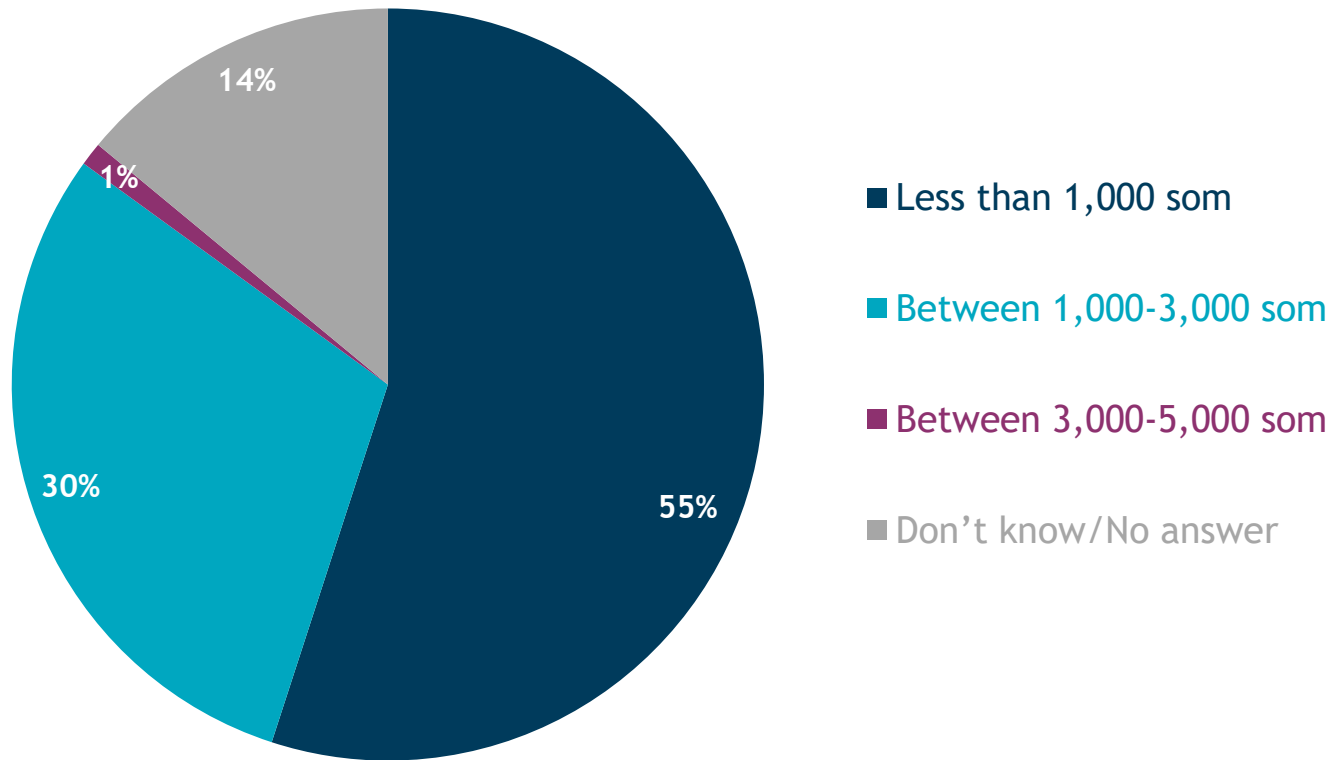
During the last local election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts or other incentives in exchange for their vote?



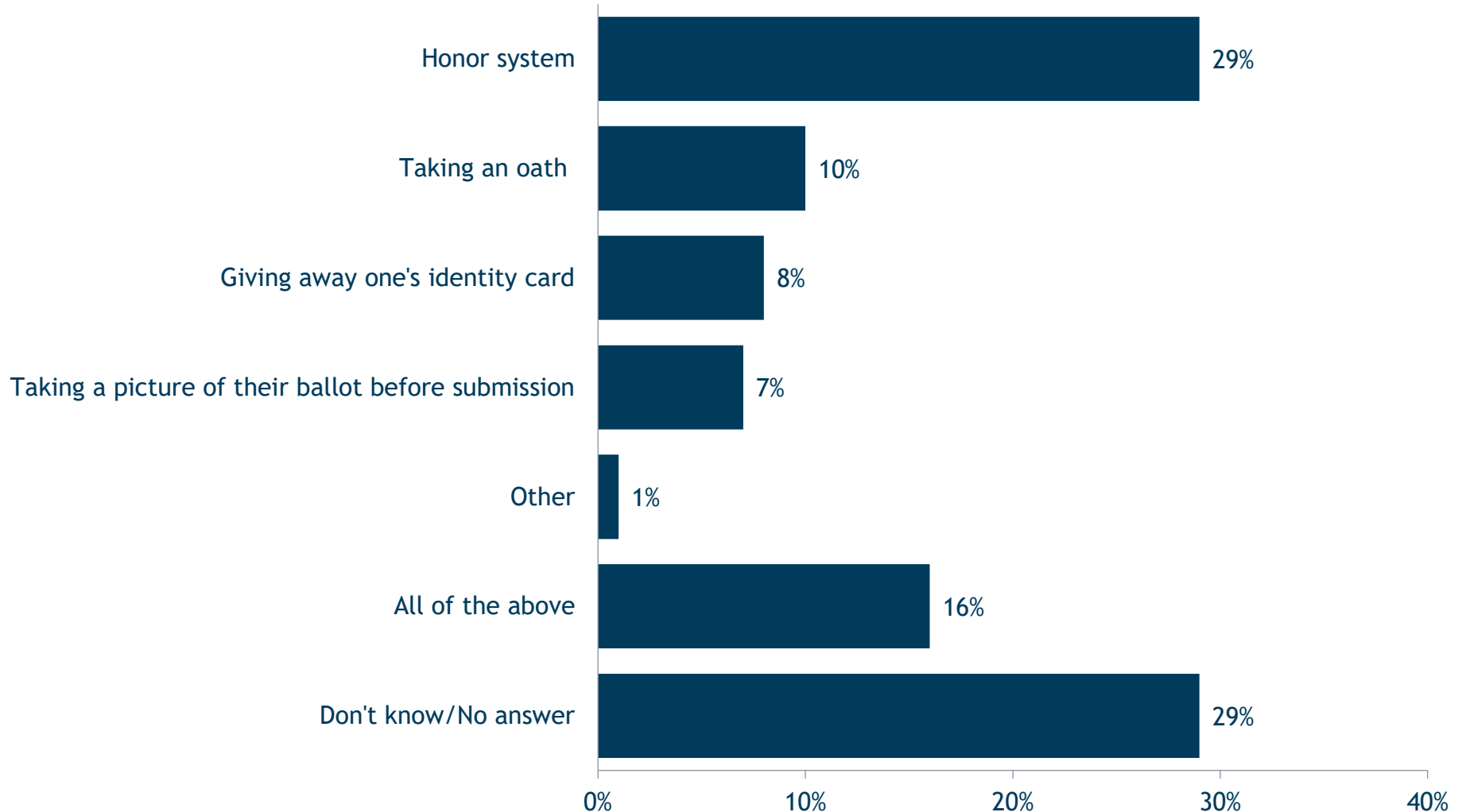


If yes, how much were they offered in exchange for their vote? If the offer was a gift, please estimate its value in Kyrgyz som.

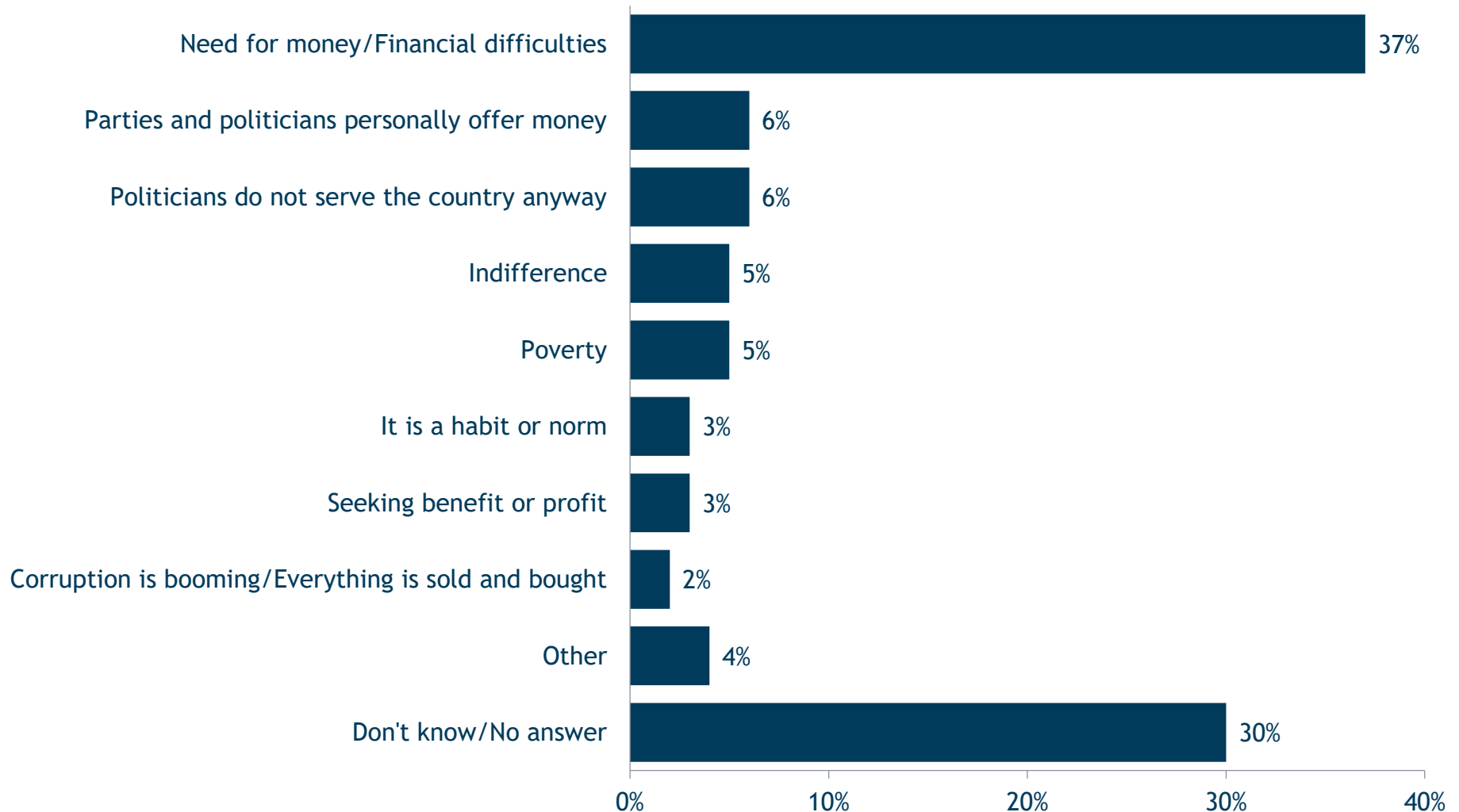
(Respondents who knew someone who was offered money, gifts or other incentives in exchange for his or her vote, N=358)



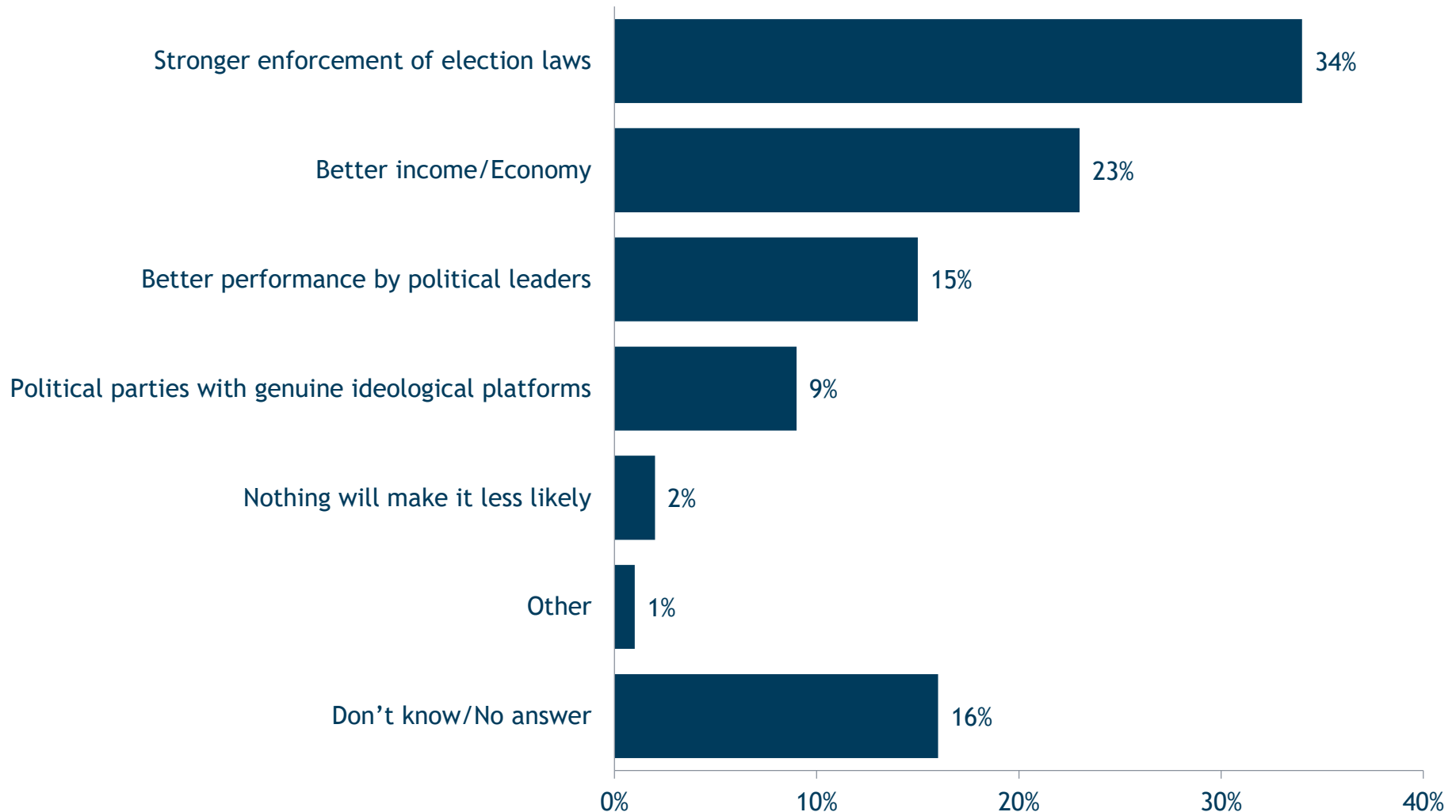
Considering that votes are cast electronically, how do people ensure that those they have bribed vote as they promised?



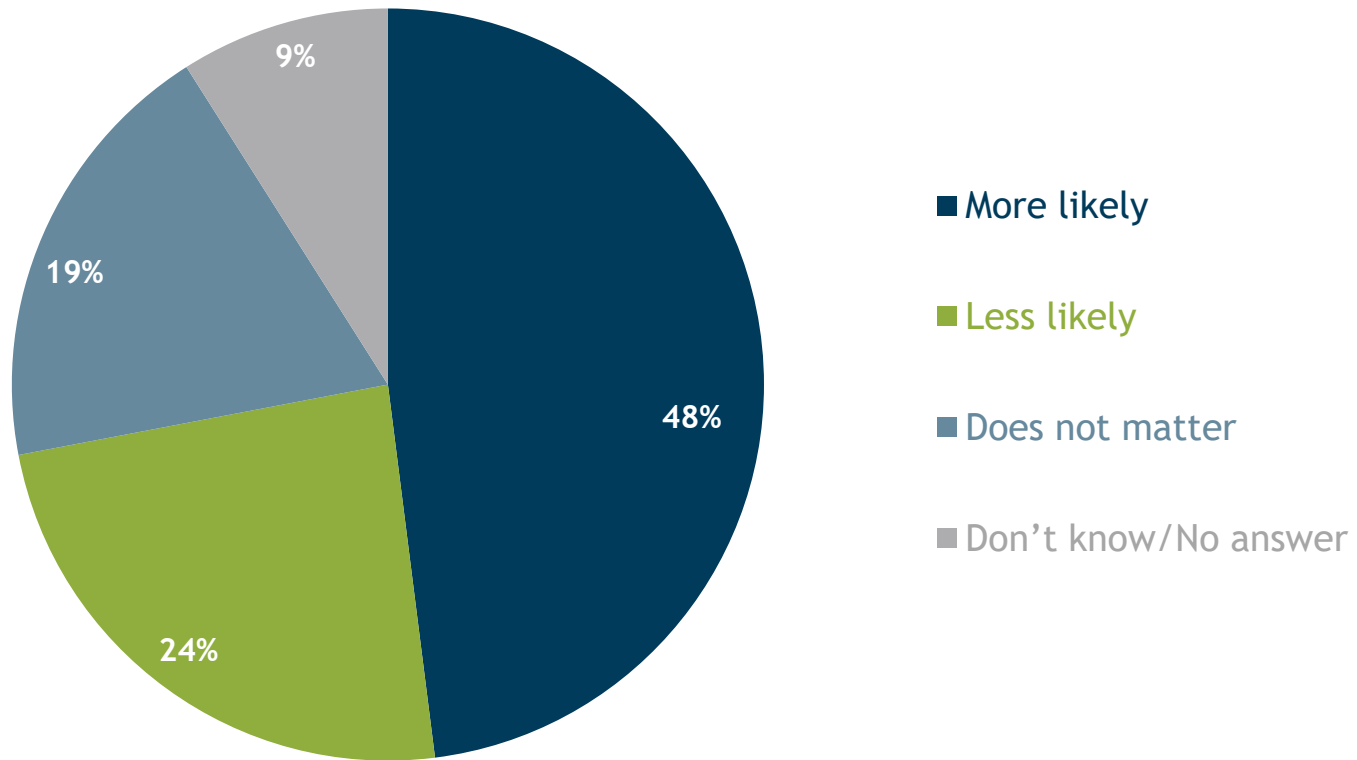
# Why do you think people would accept money or gifts in exchange for their vote? (Spontaneous answers)



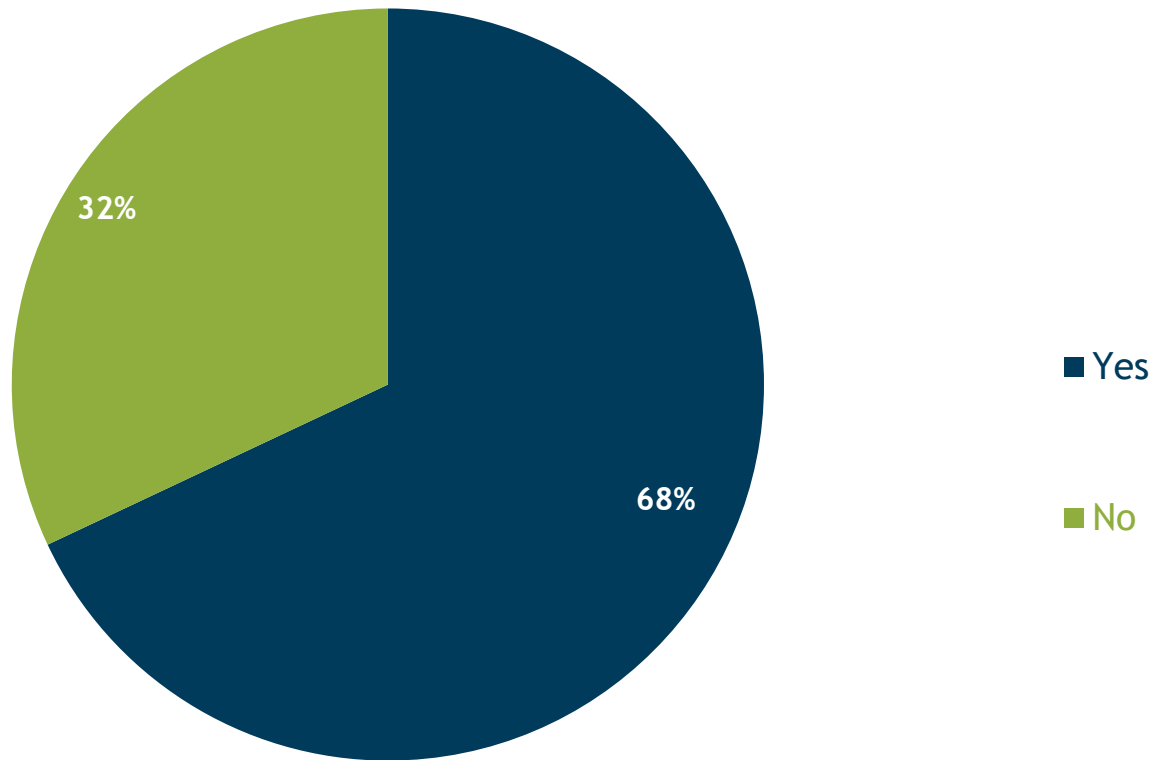
# In your opinion, what would make people less likely to accept money or gifts in exchange for their vote?



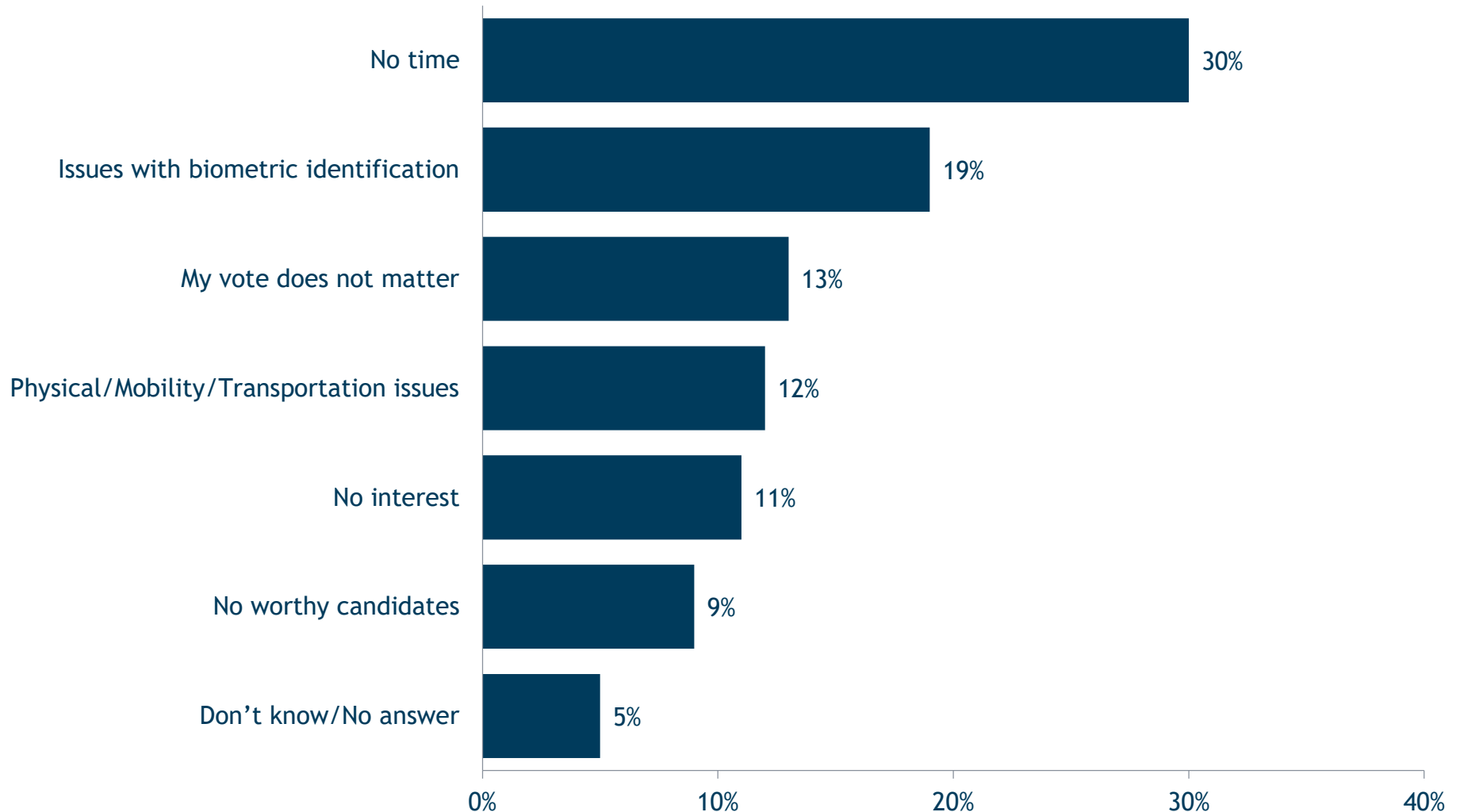
If political parties and their candidates had a distinct ideological platform, would voters be more or less likely to reject money for votes?



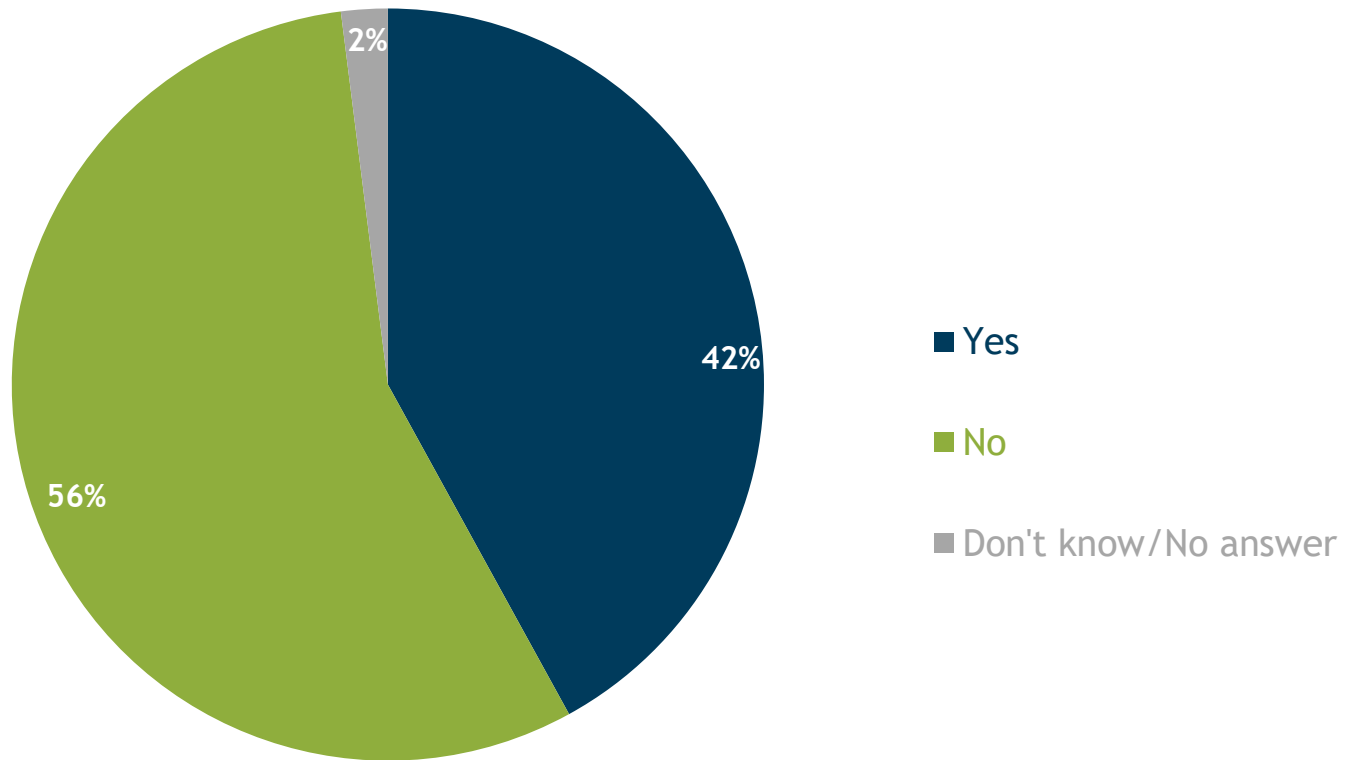
Did you vote in the most recent elections?



## If no, what was the reason? (Respondents who did not vote in the most recent elections, N=482)

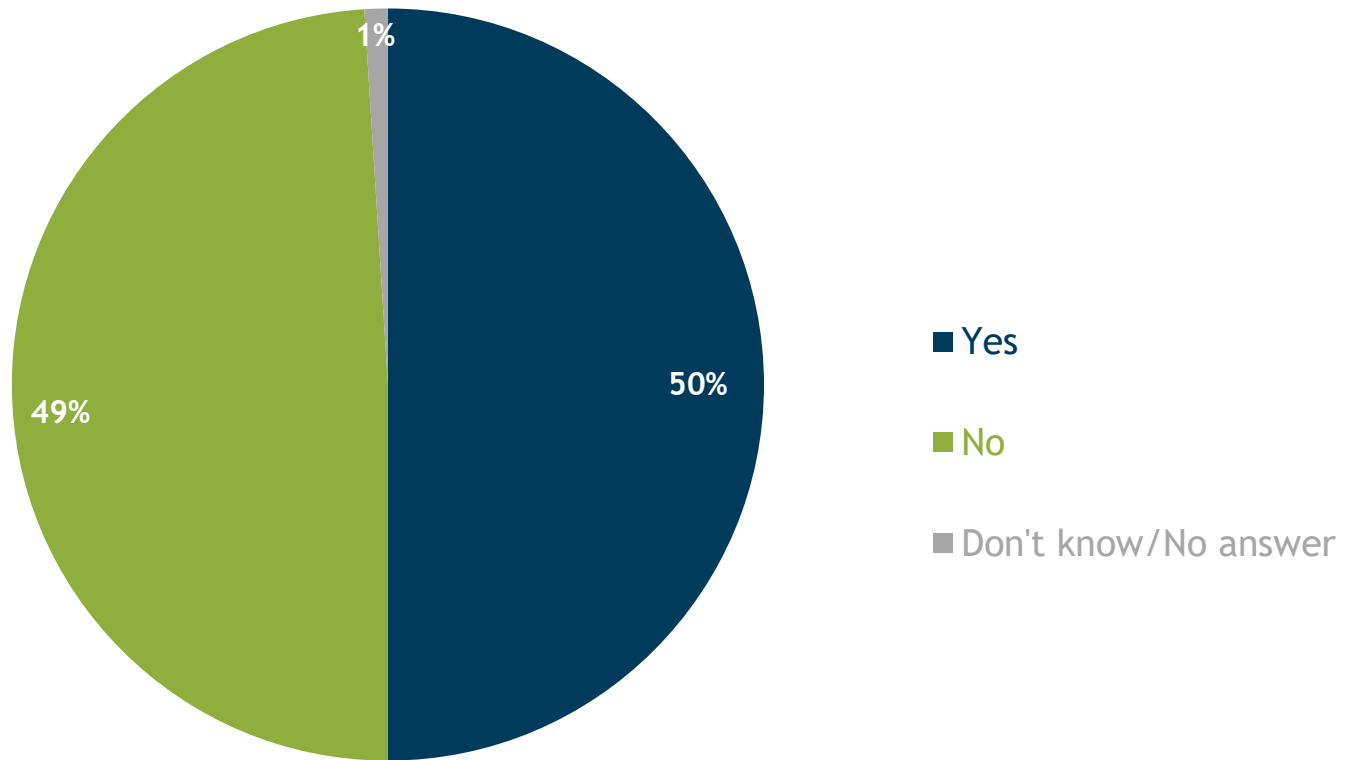


In the past six months, were you informed of the constitutional referendum?

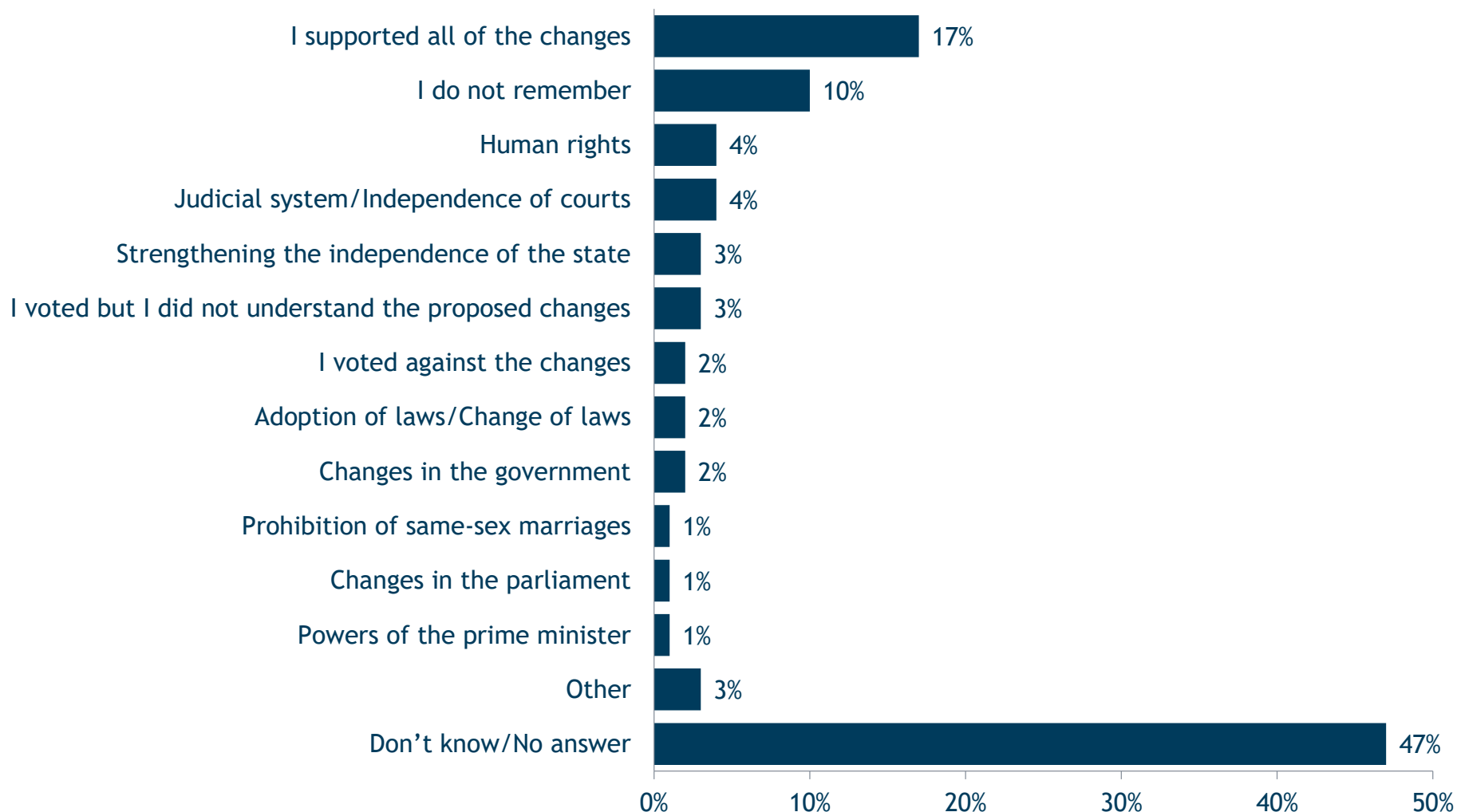




## Did you vote in the referendum?

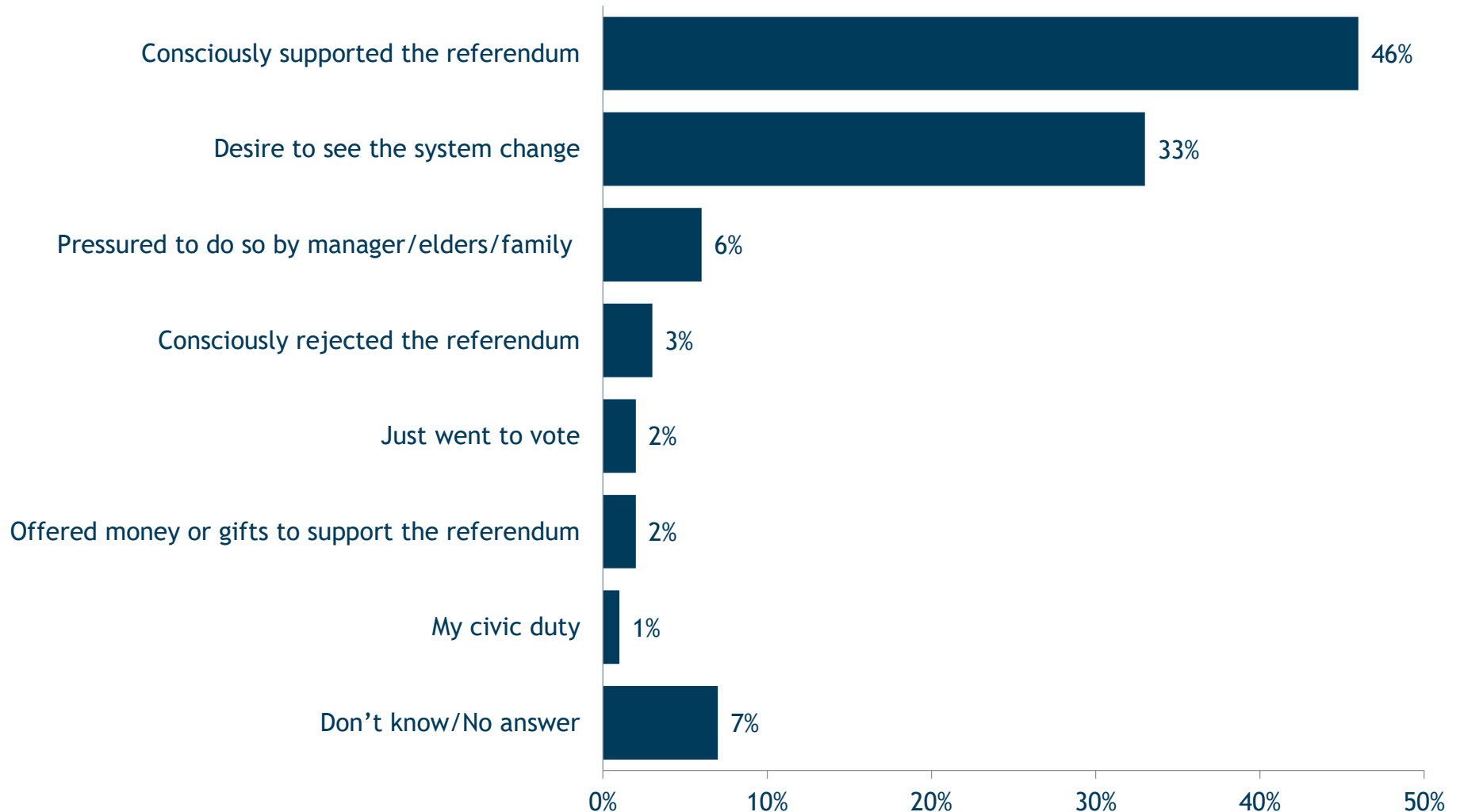


## If yes, which changes did you support? (Spontaneous answers; respondents that voted in the referendum, N=746)



# If yes, what prompted you to vote in the referendum?

(Respondents that voted in the referendum, N=746)





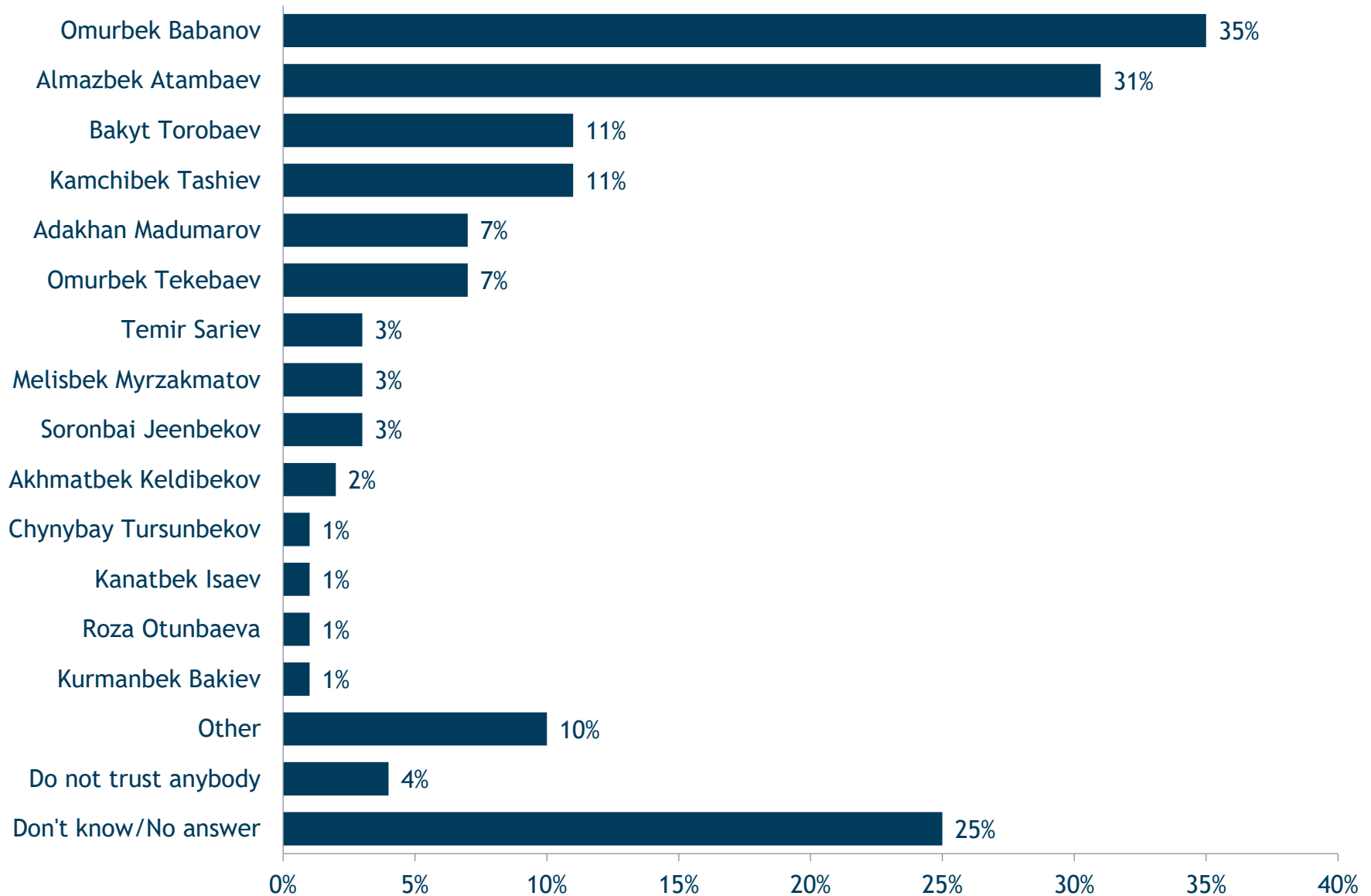
# Politicians

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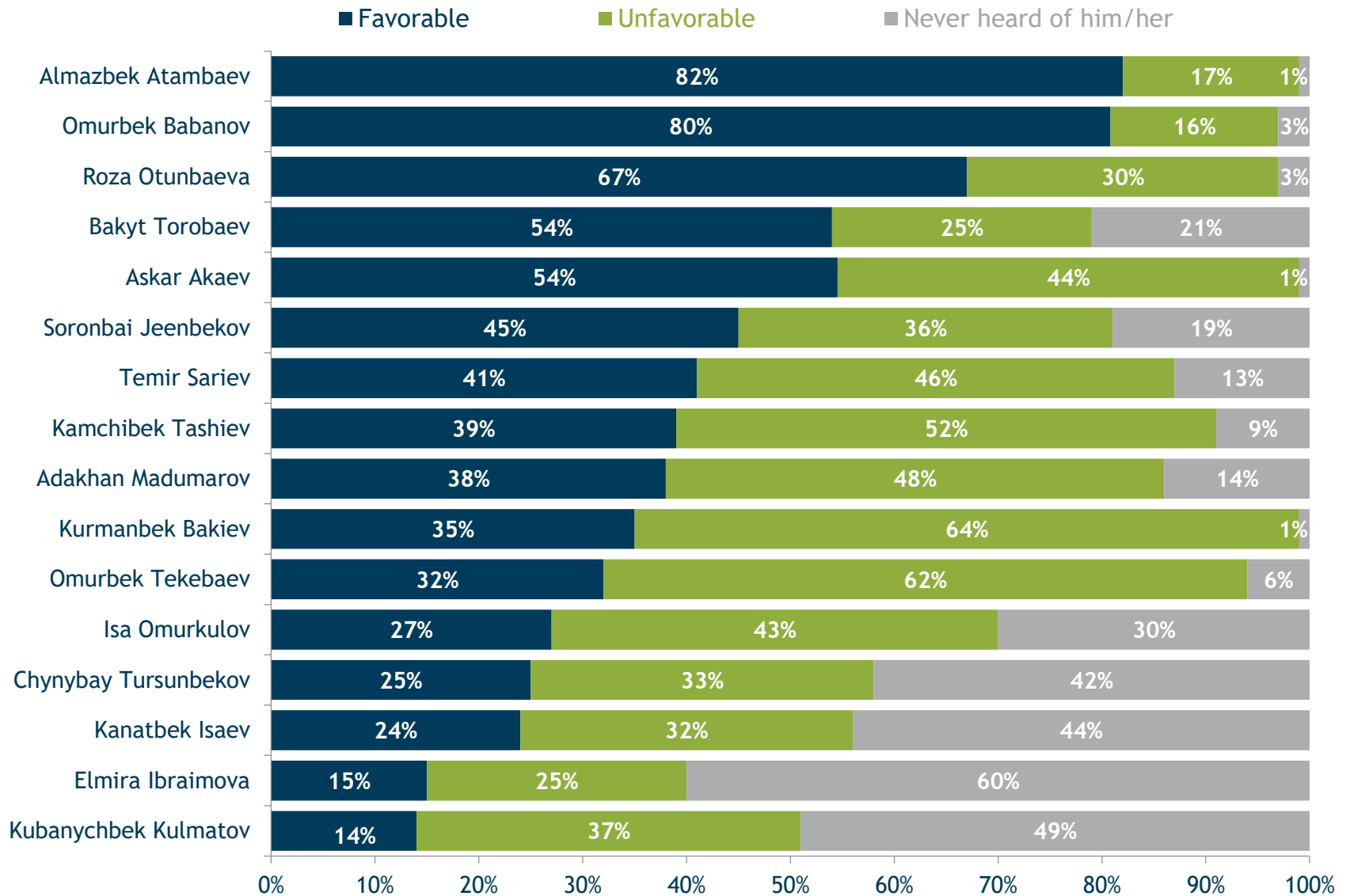


# Which politicians or public figures do you trust the most?

(Three spontaneous answers)



# What is your opinion of the following politicians in Kyrgyzstan?





# International Relations

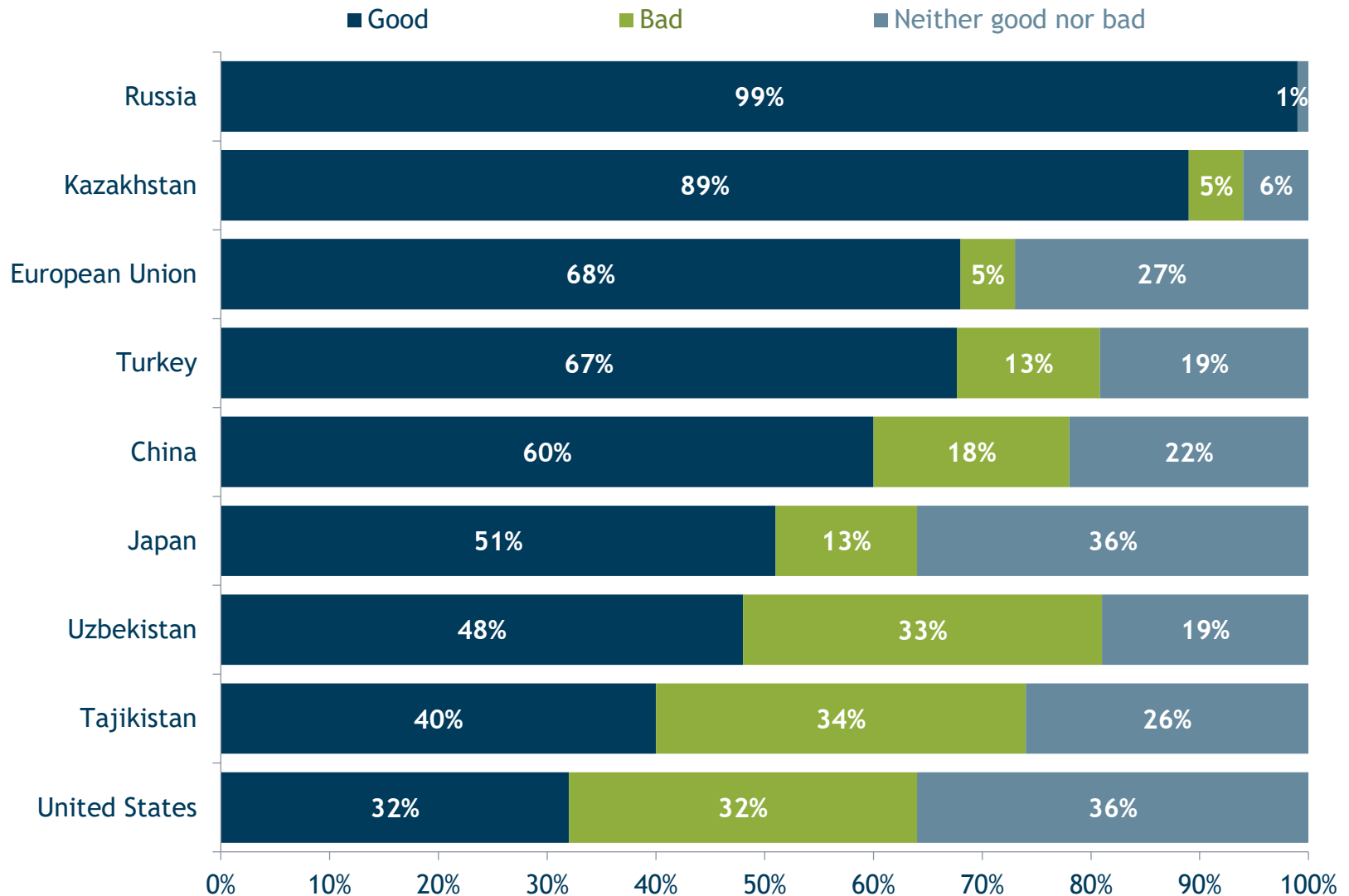
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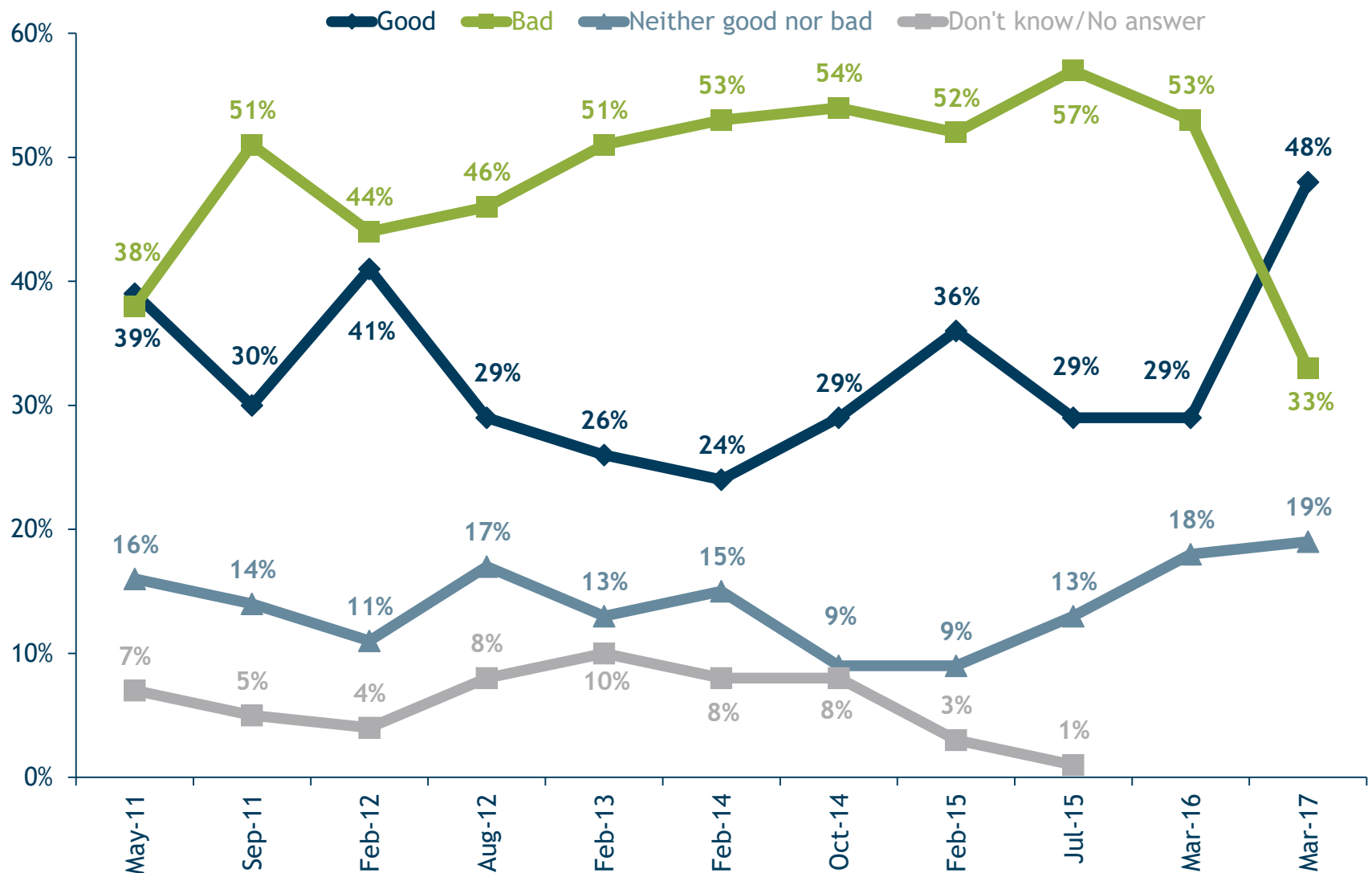
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# How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and the following countries?

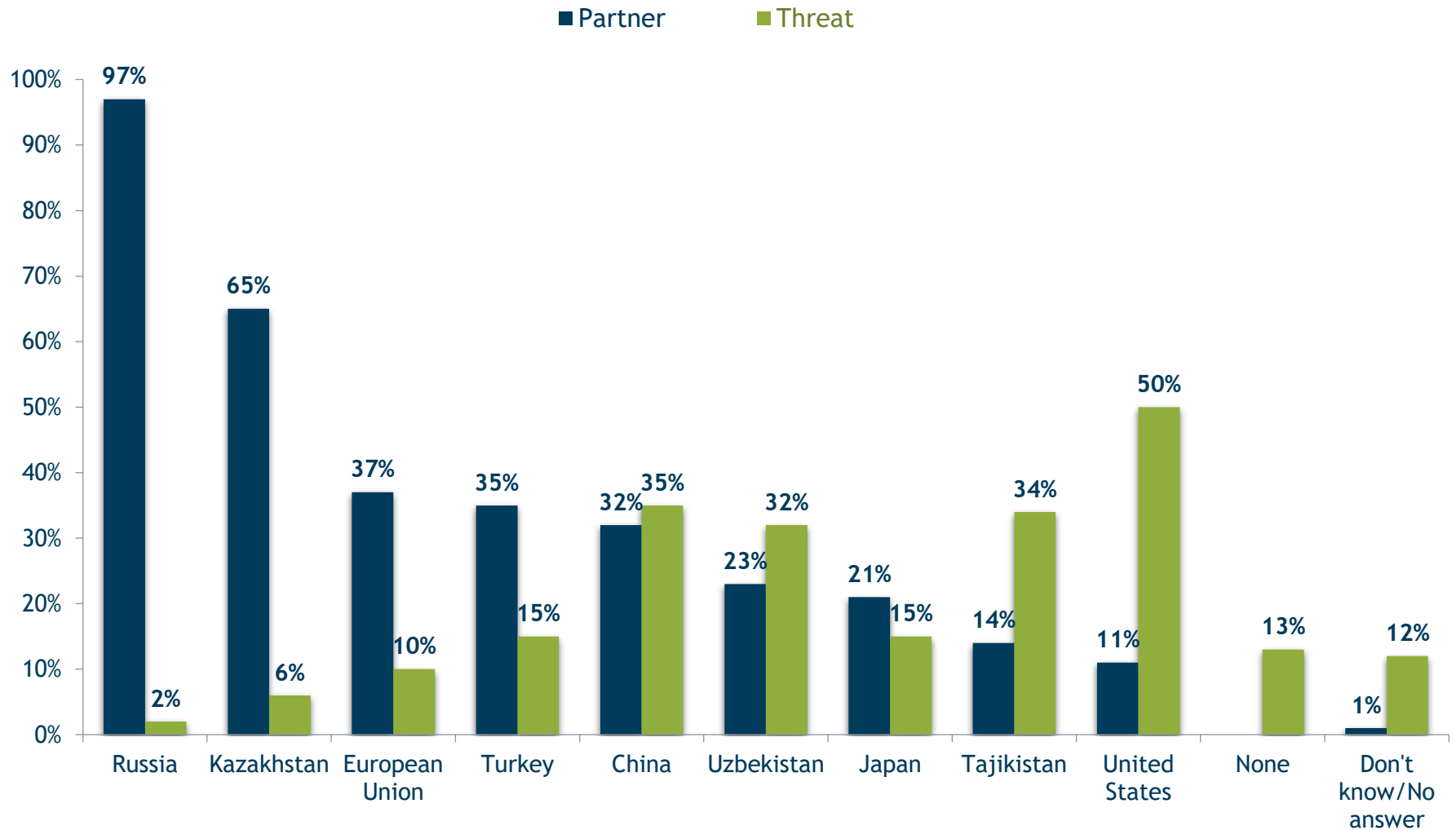




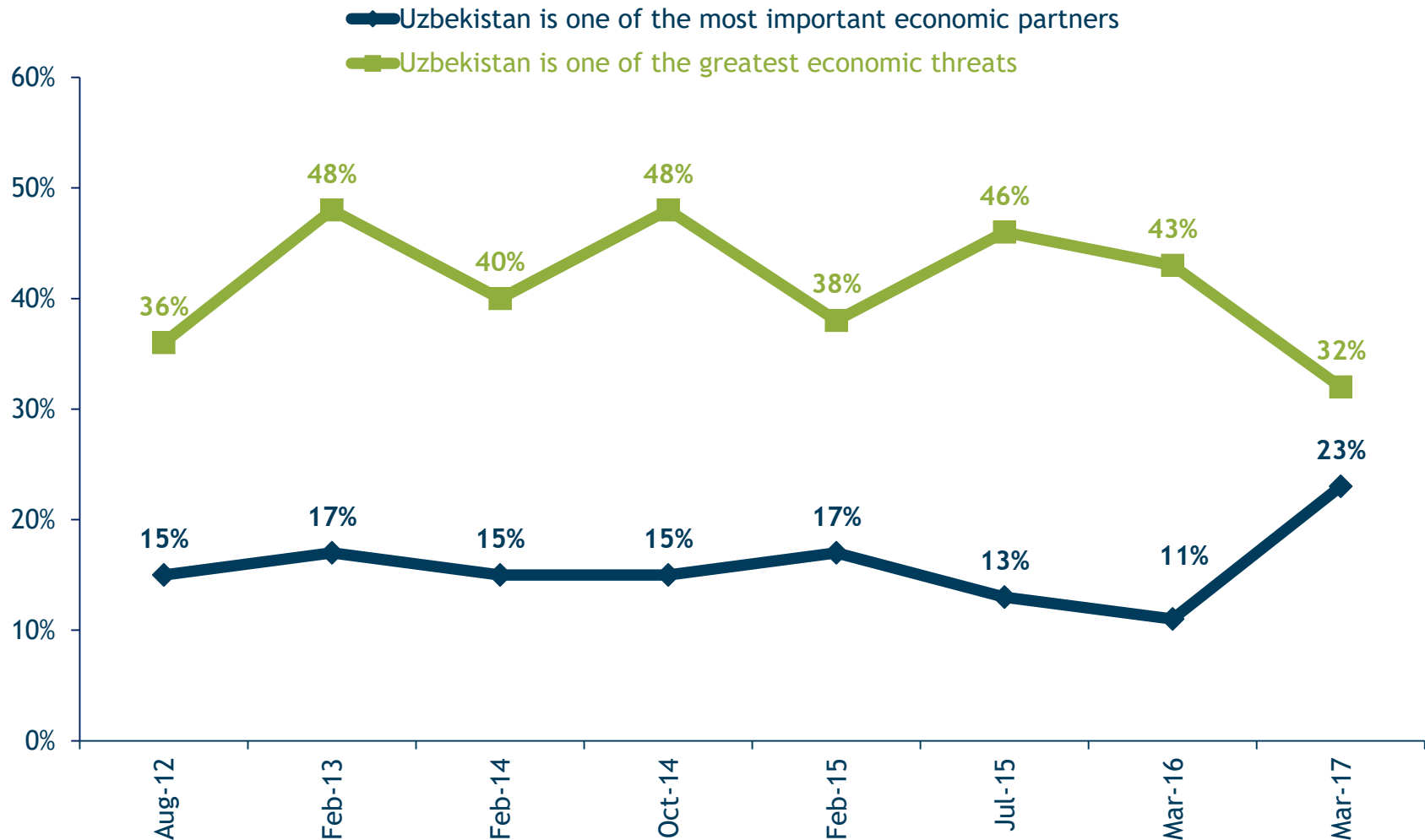
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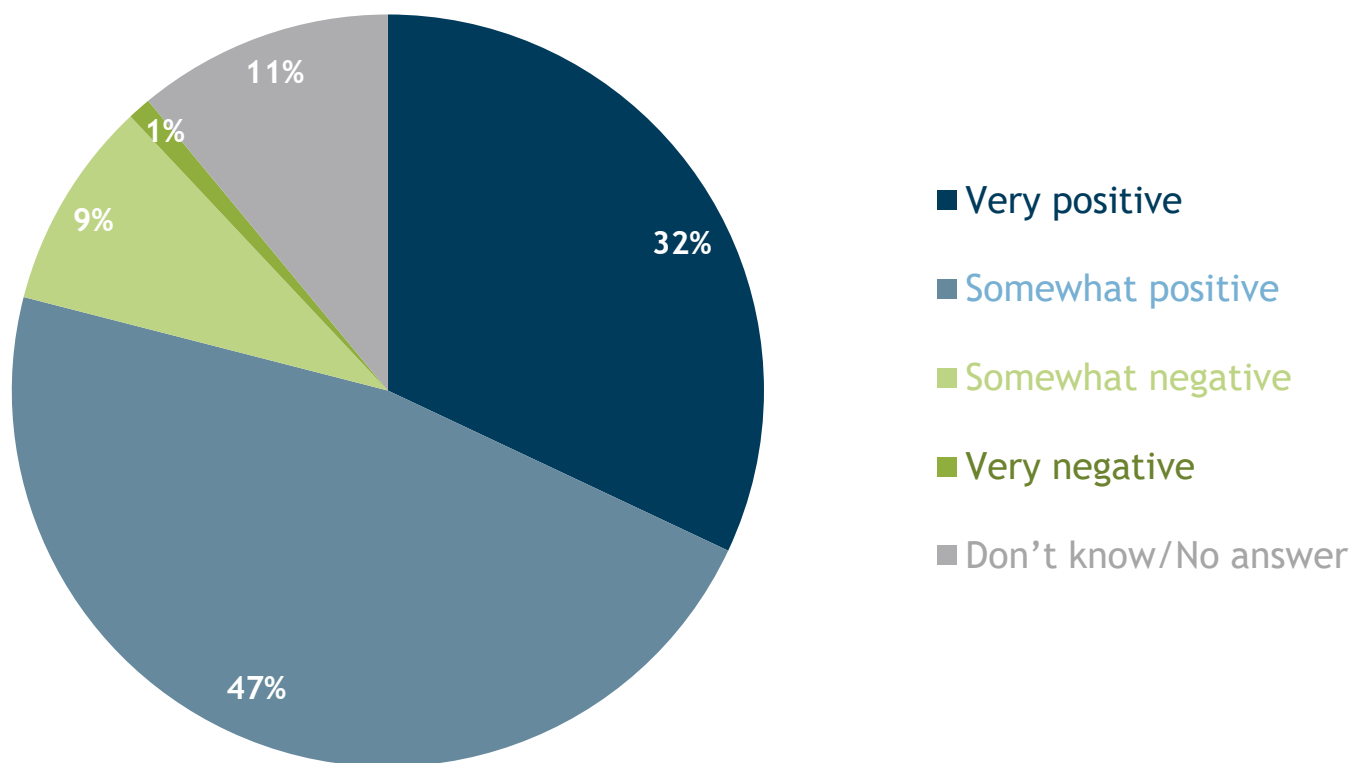
# Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partners and greatest economic threats to Kyrgyzstan?



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Do you believe that Kyrgyzstan joining the Eurasian Economic Union with Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Armenia has been positive or negative for Kyrgyzstan?





# Human Rights

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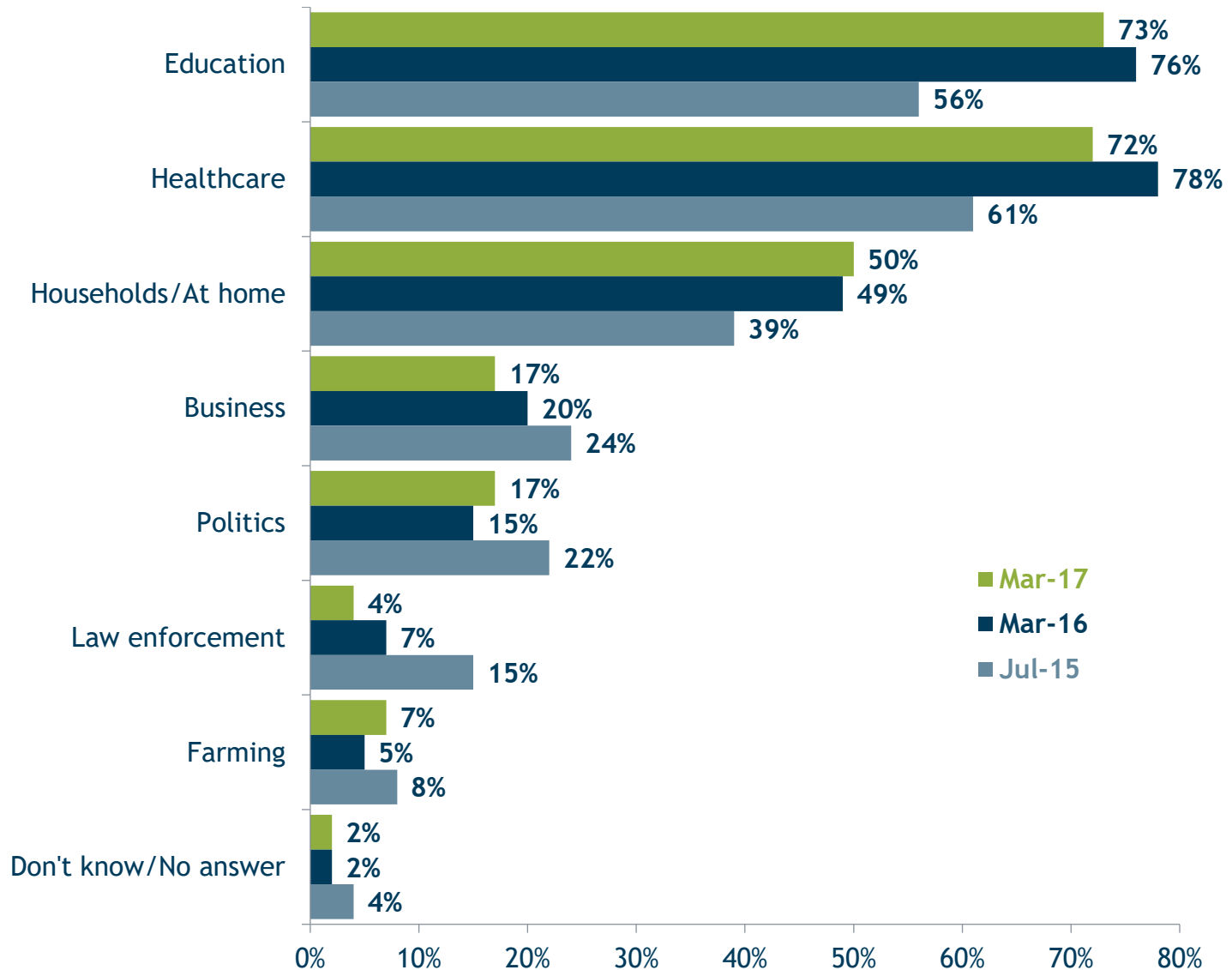


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# In which sectors of society do you feel it is most important for women to play a role?

(Three answers)

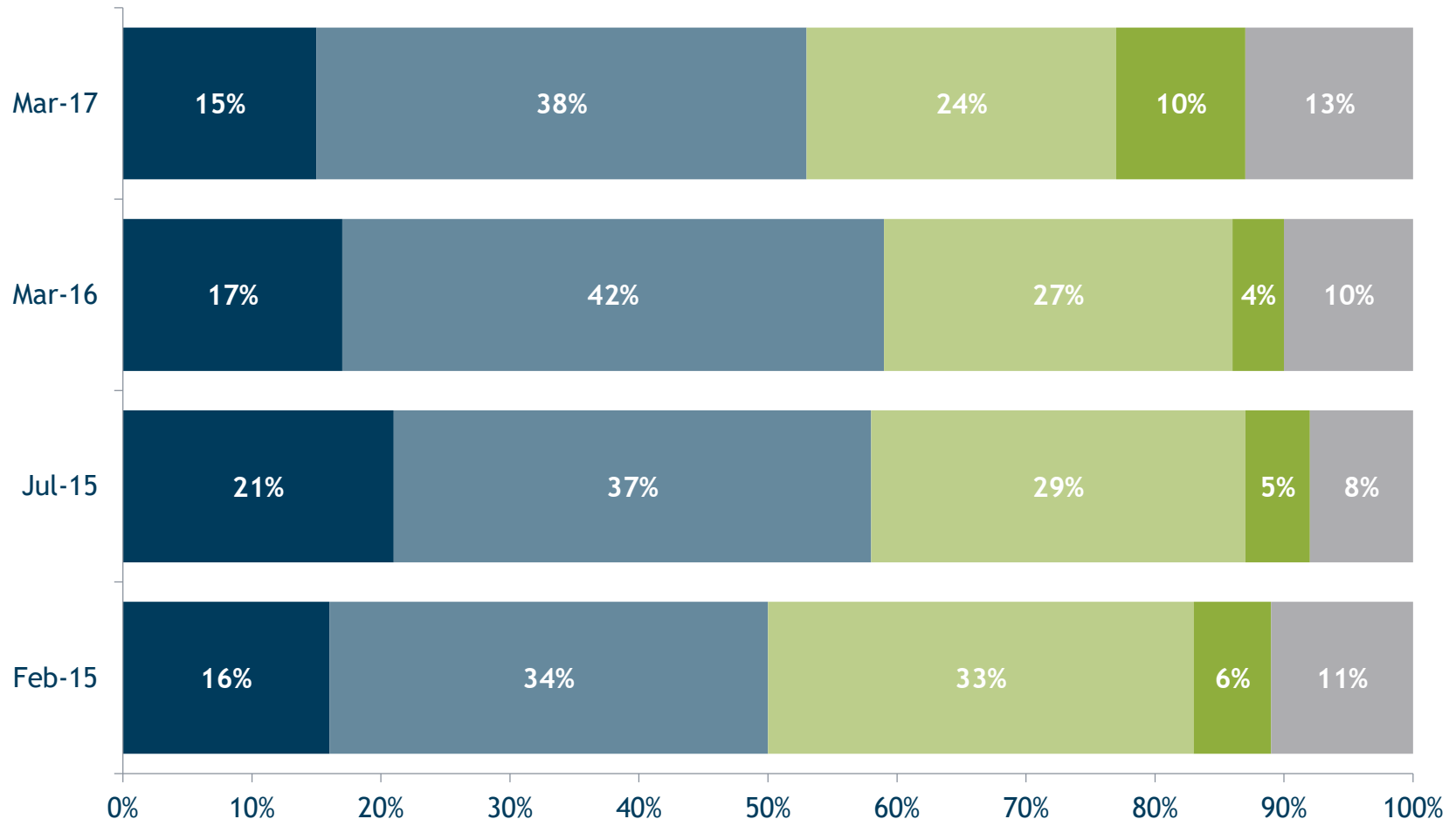


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



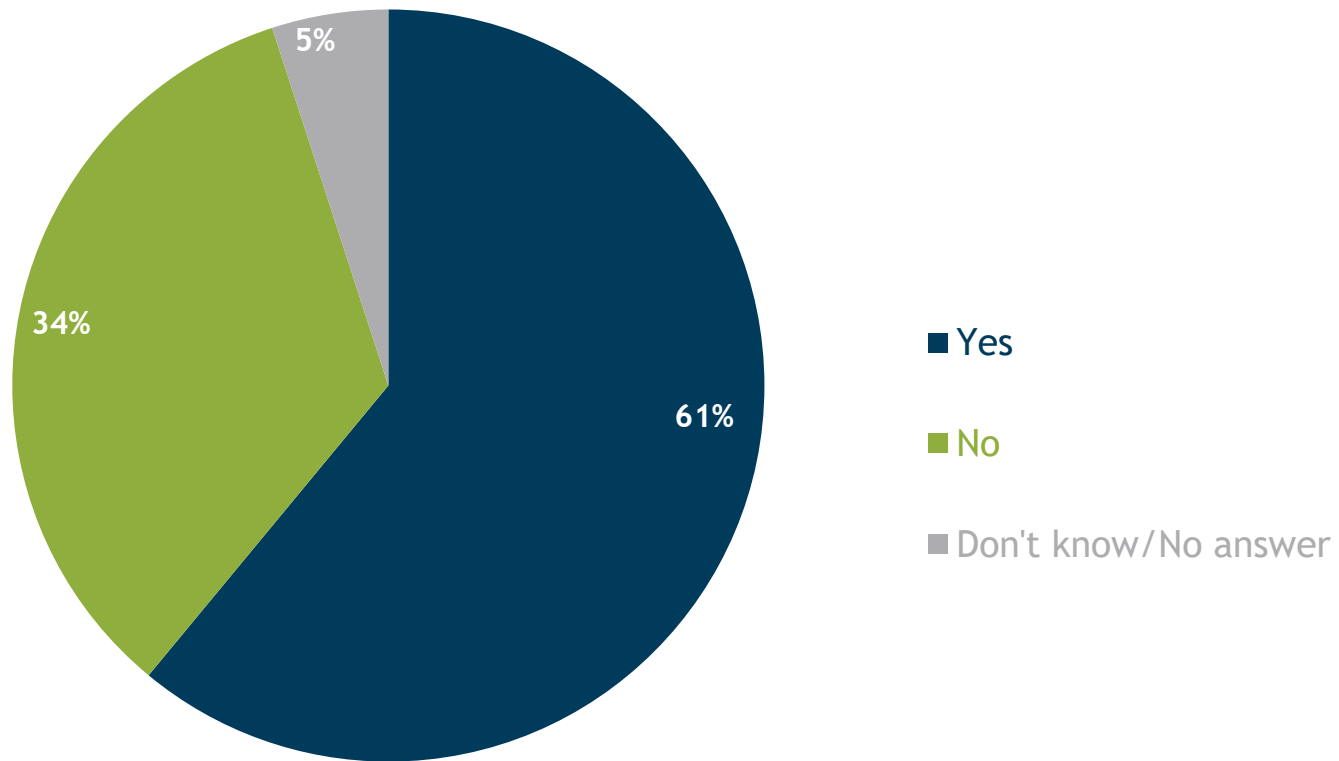
# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know/No answer



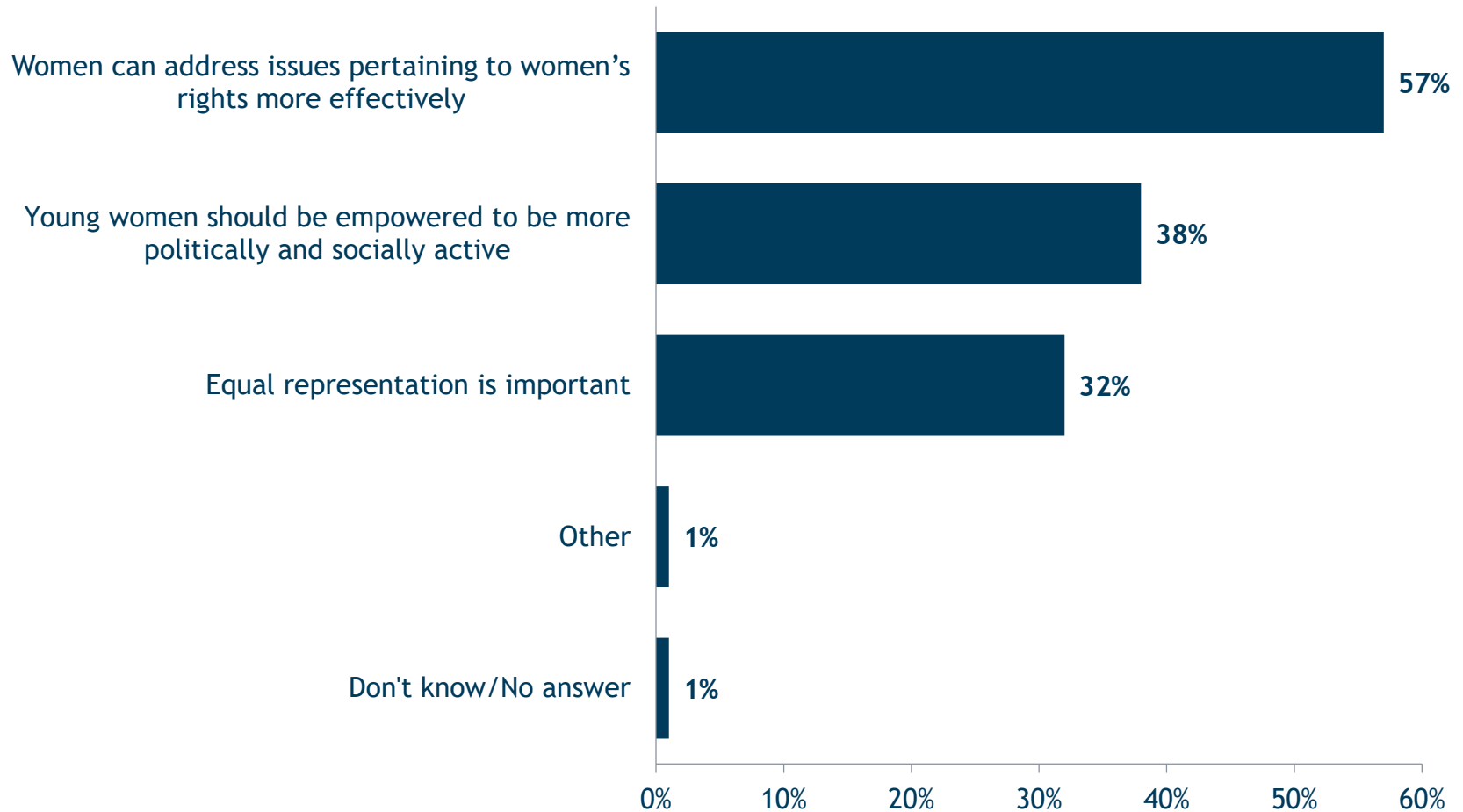


In your opinion, should more women be active in politics?

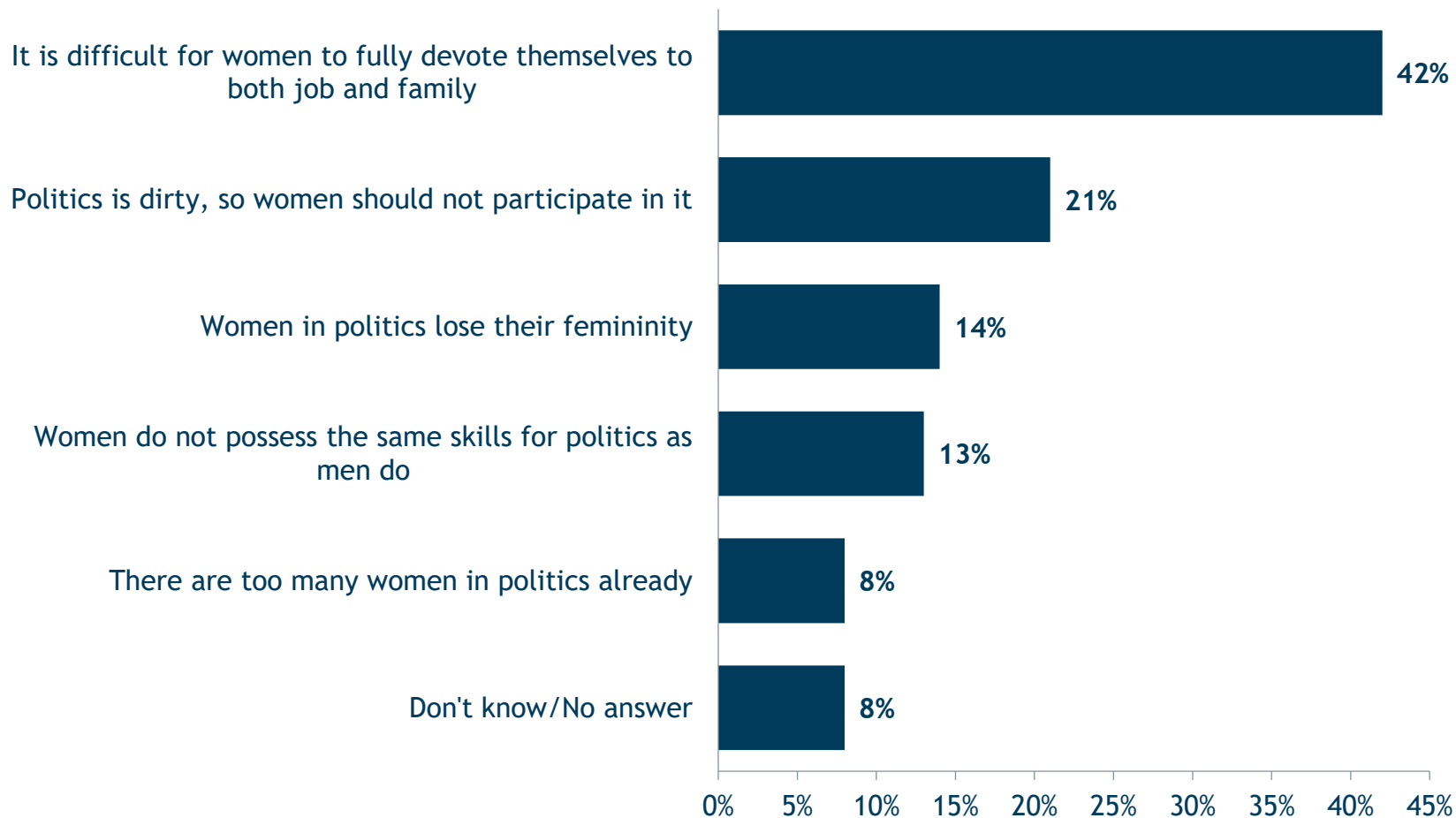


## If yes, why should more women be active in politics?

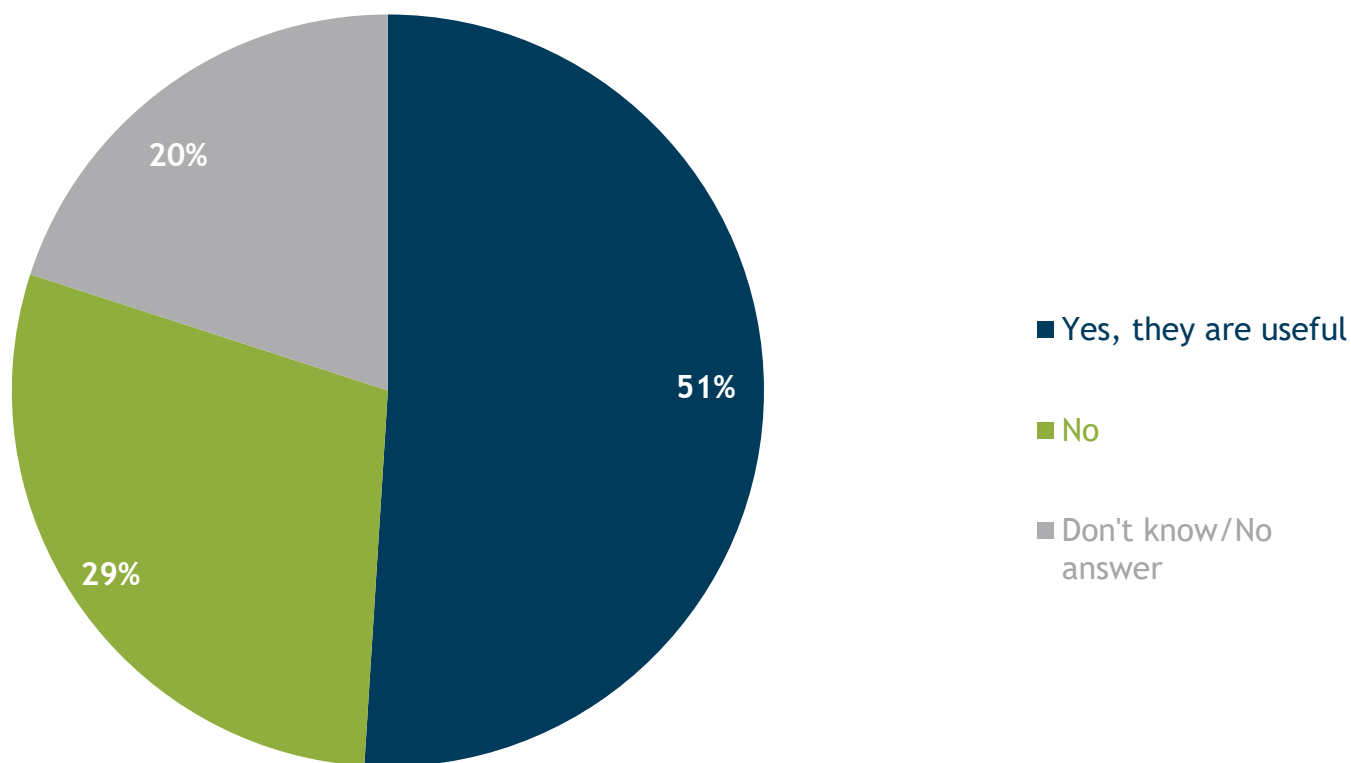
(Respondents who believe more women should be active in politics, N=918)



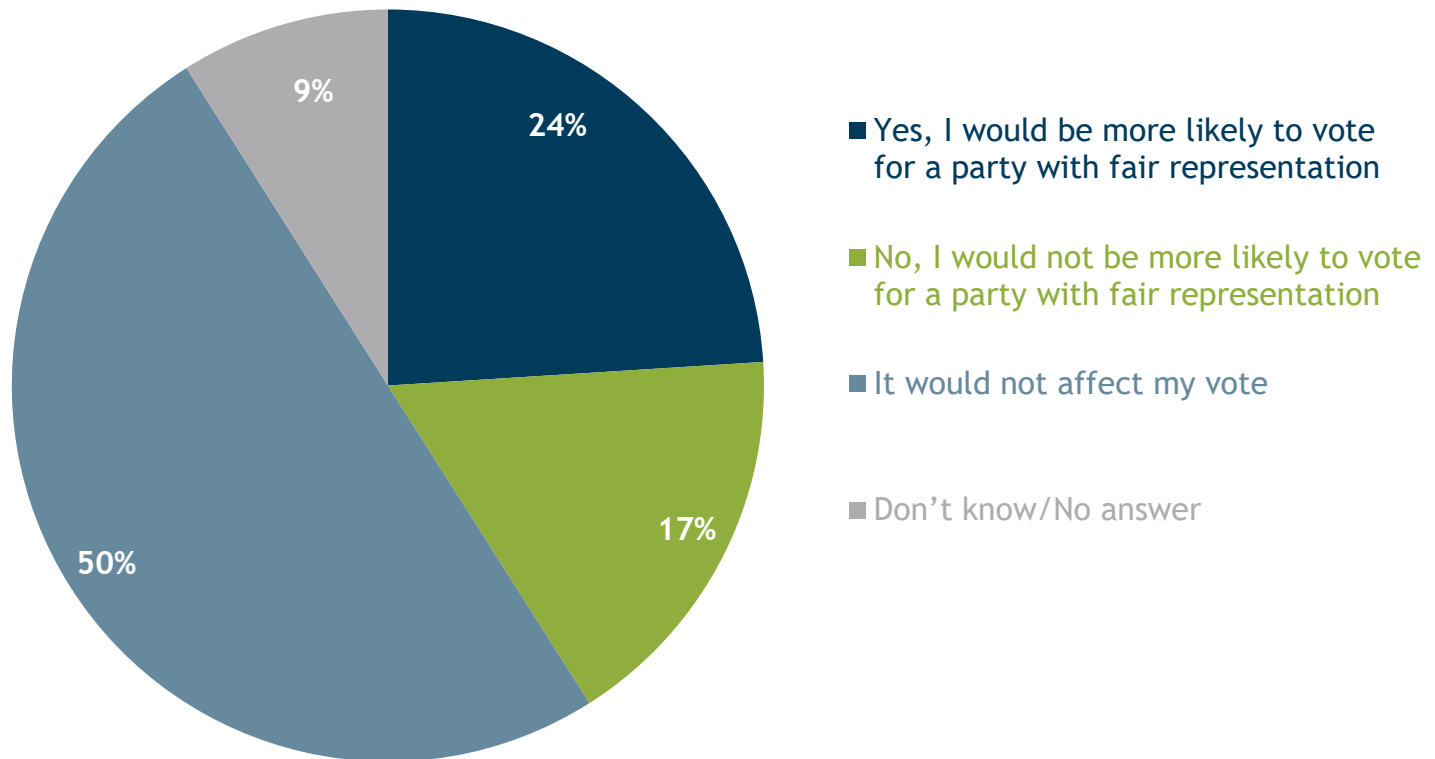
## If no, why should there not be more women active in politics? (Respondents who do not believe more women should be active in politics, N=512)



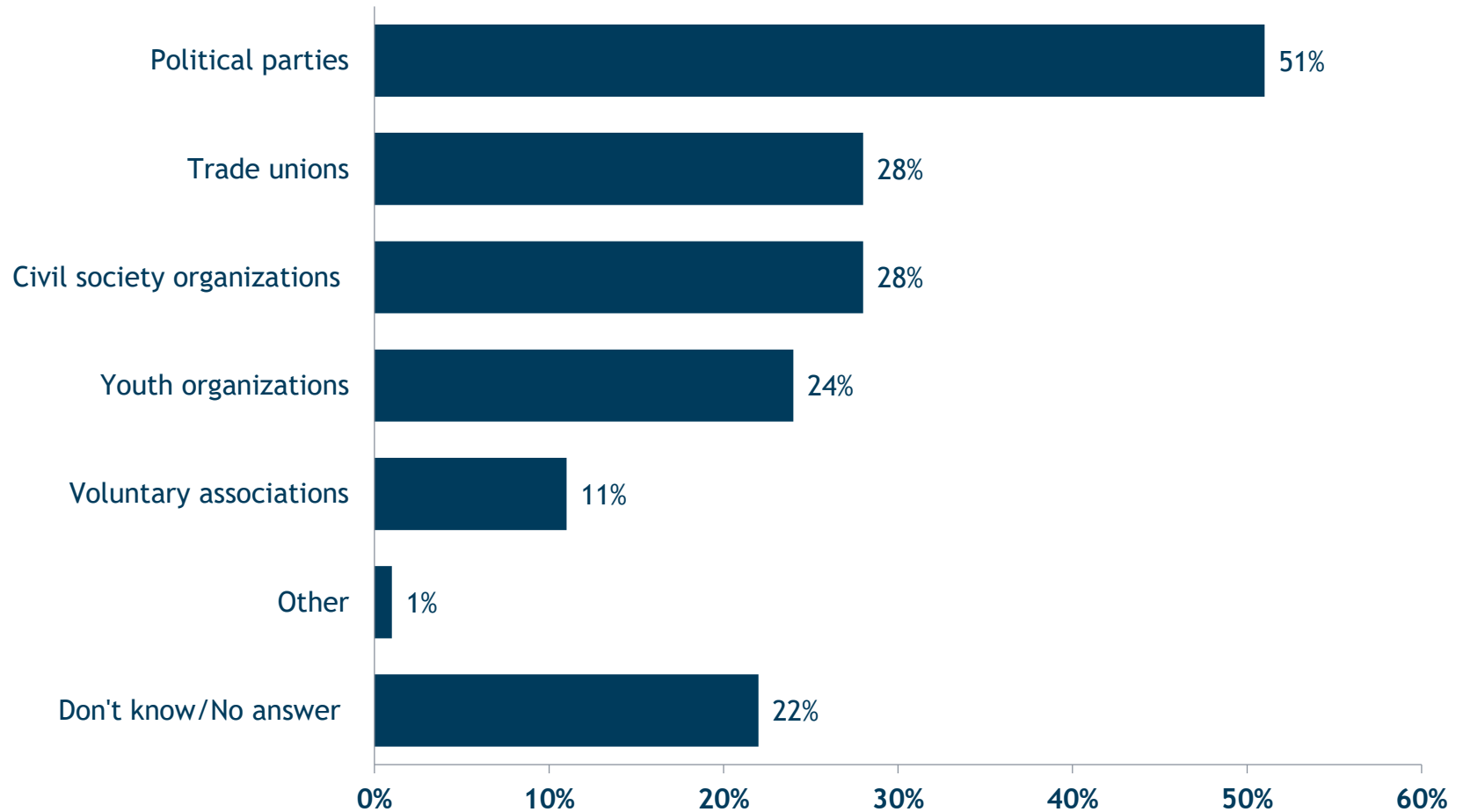
In some countries, laws assign gender quotas to government representatives to ensure that men and women are more equally represented. In your opinion, should Kyrgyzstan initiate such laws or not?



In the next parliamentary election, will your vote be affected by which parties have a fair representation of women on their lists?

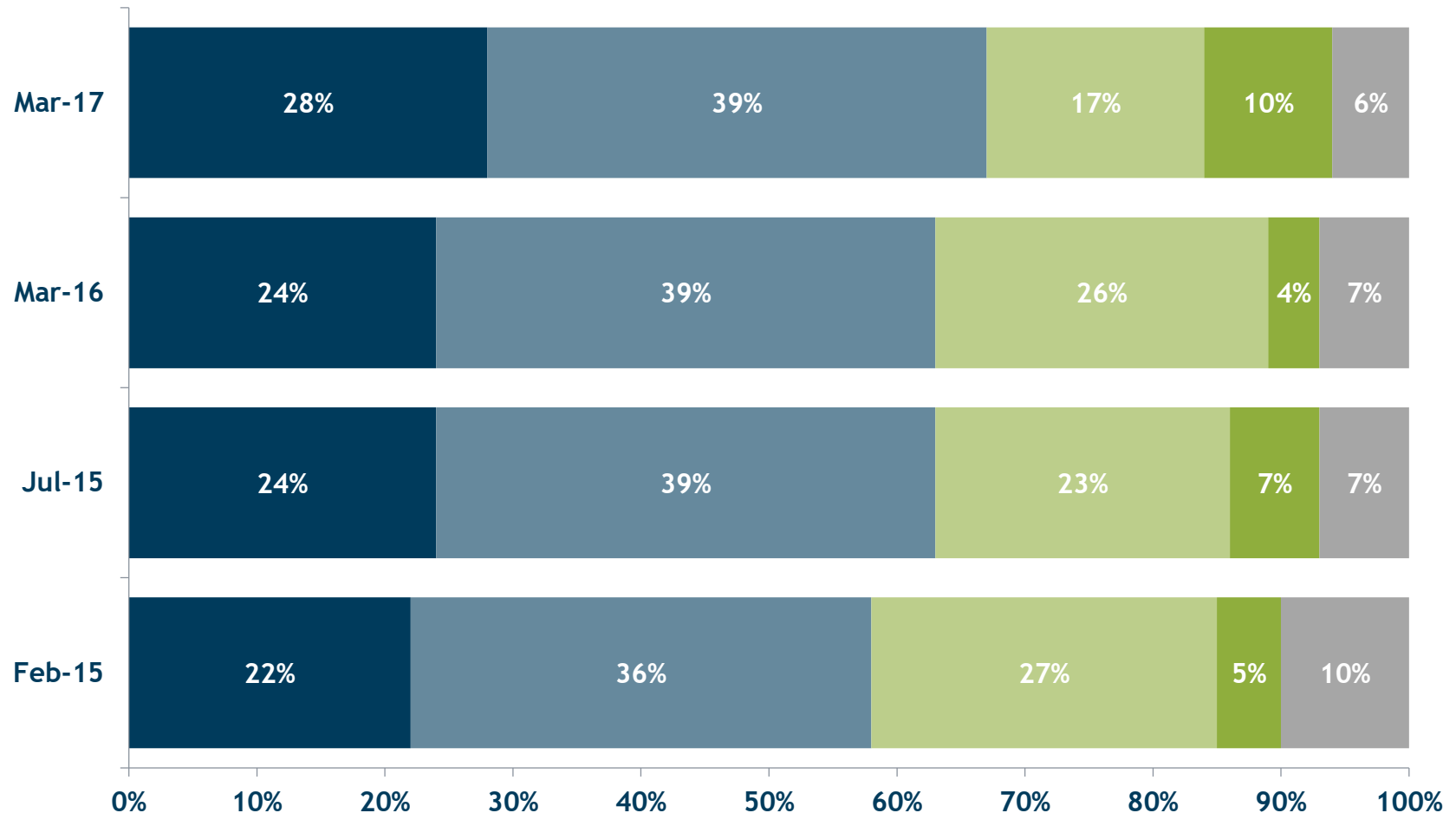


# In your opinion, which organizations provide the most opportunities for women to participate in politics?

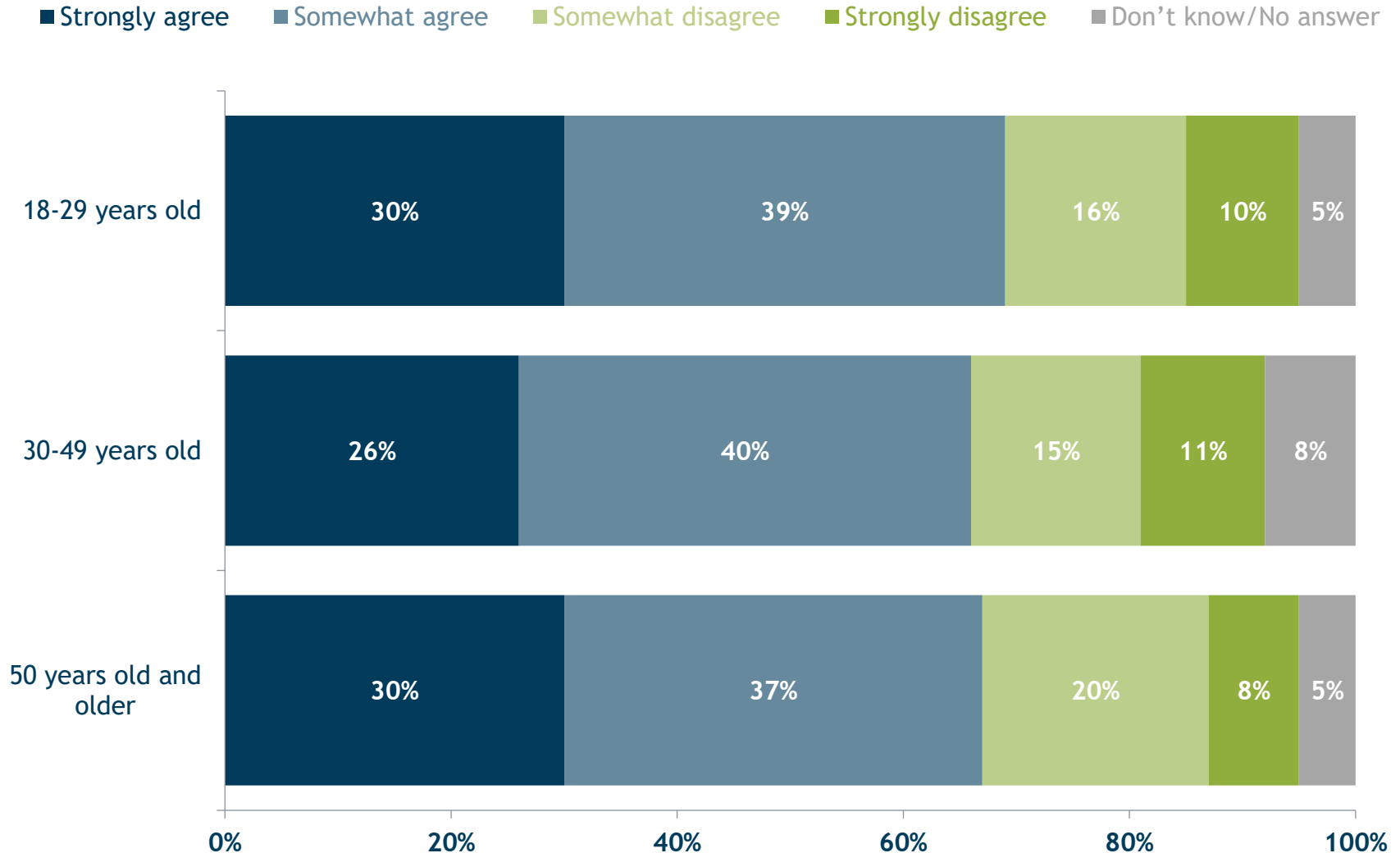


# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”

■ Strongly agree   ■ Somewhat agree   ■ Somewhat disagree   ■ Strongly disagree   ■ Don't know/No answer

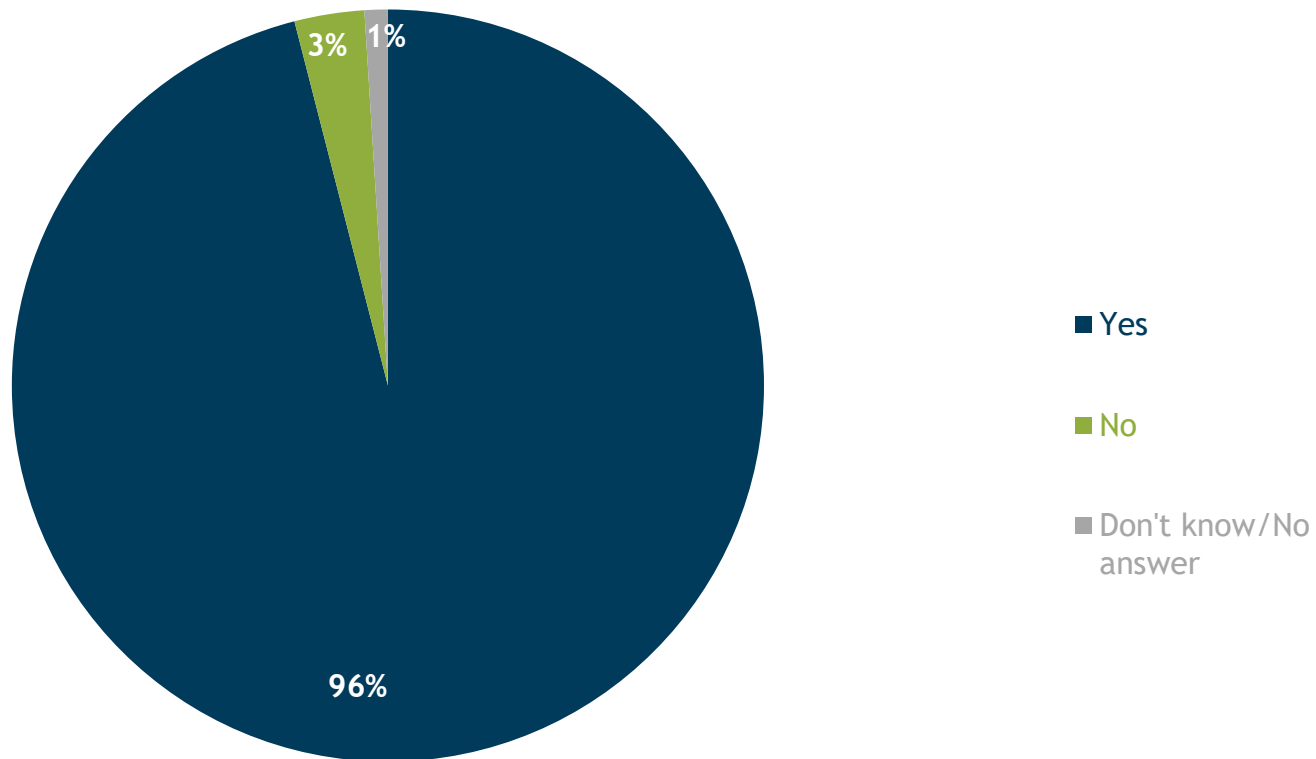


# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.” (Disaggregated by age)



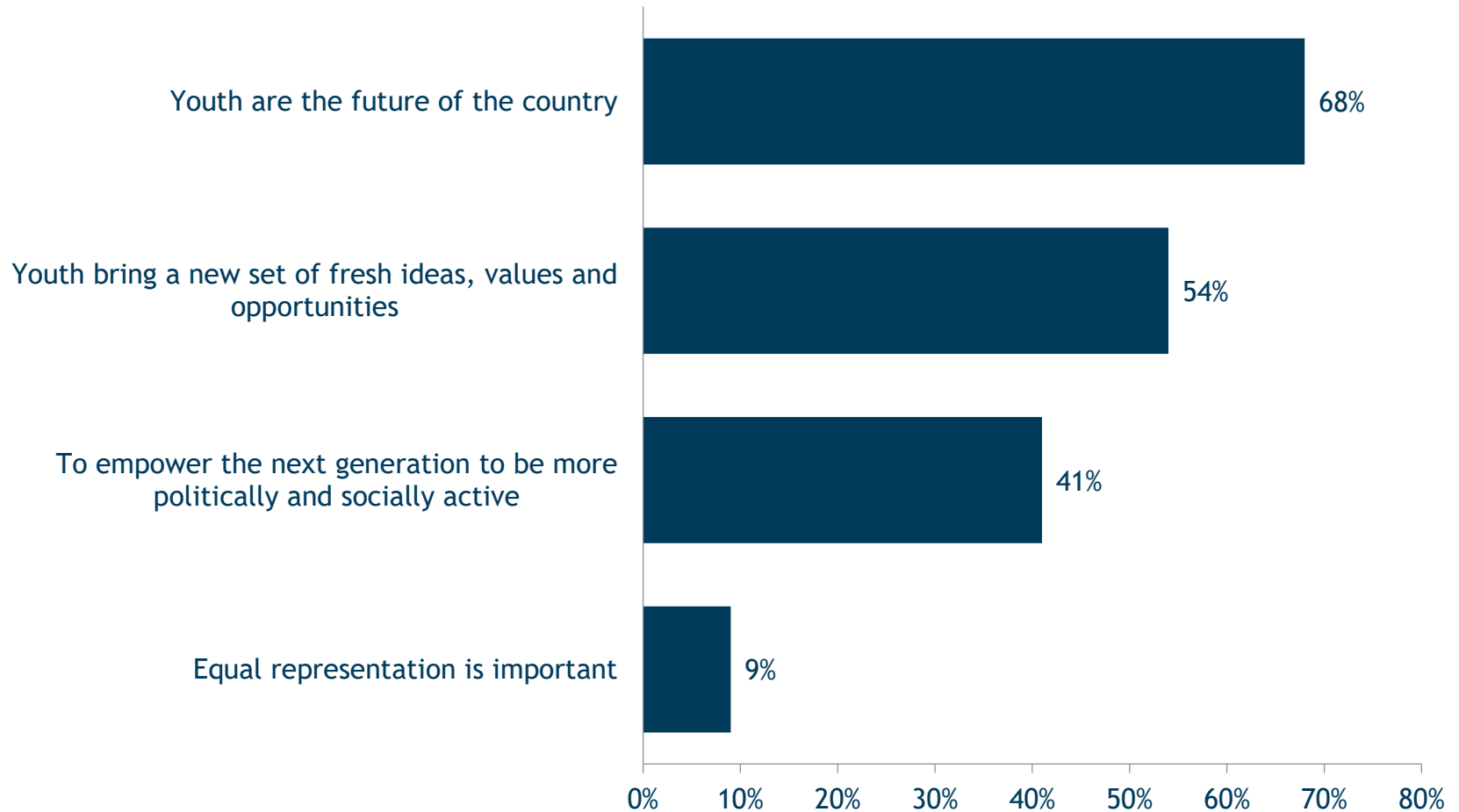


In your opinion, should more youth in Kyrgyzstan be active in politics?



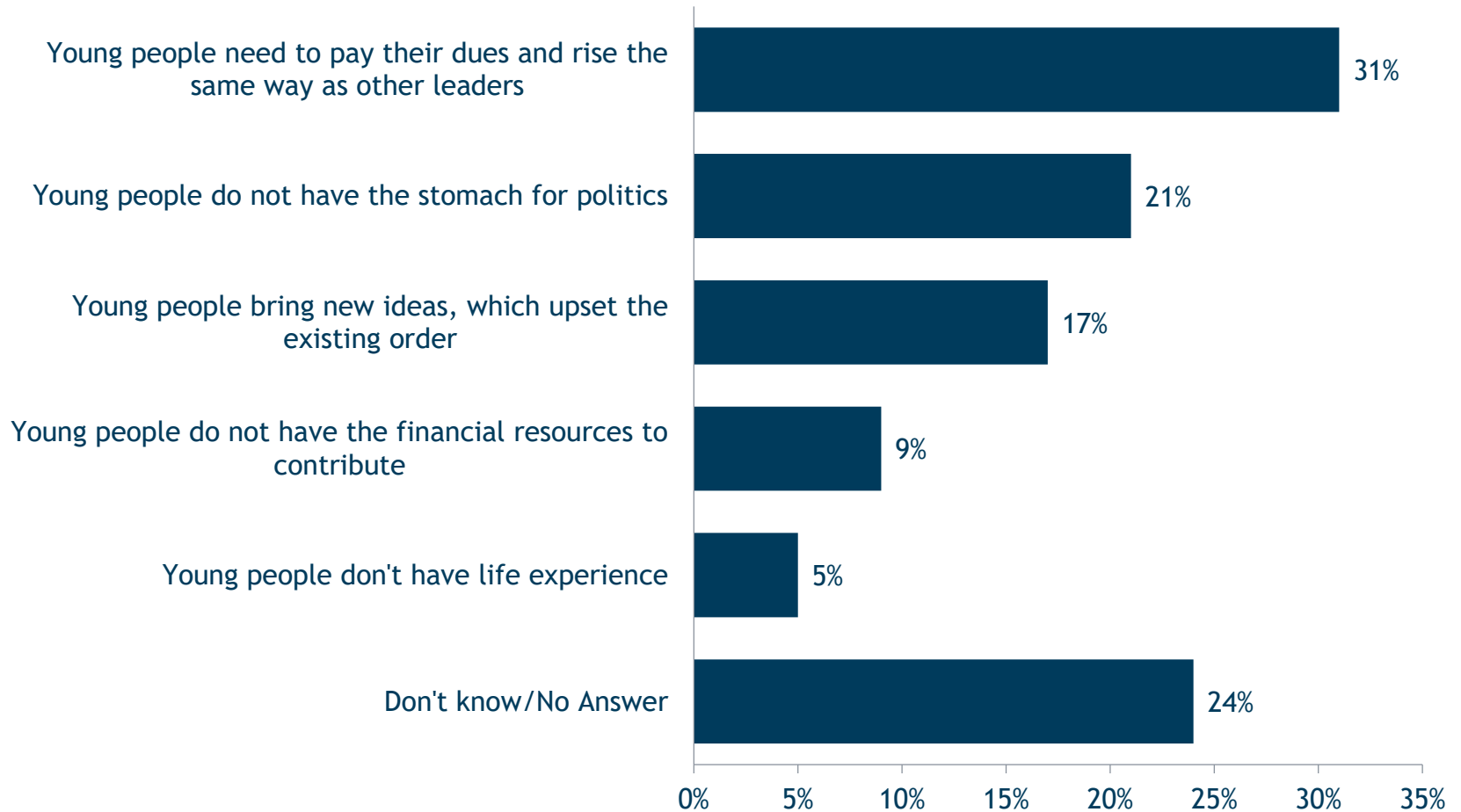
# If yes, why should more youth be active in politics?

(Respondents who believe more youth should be active in politics, N=1,442)



# If no, why should there not be more youth active in politics?

(Respondents who do not believe more youth should be active in politics, N=58)



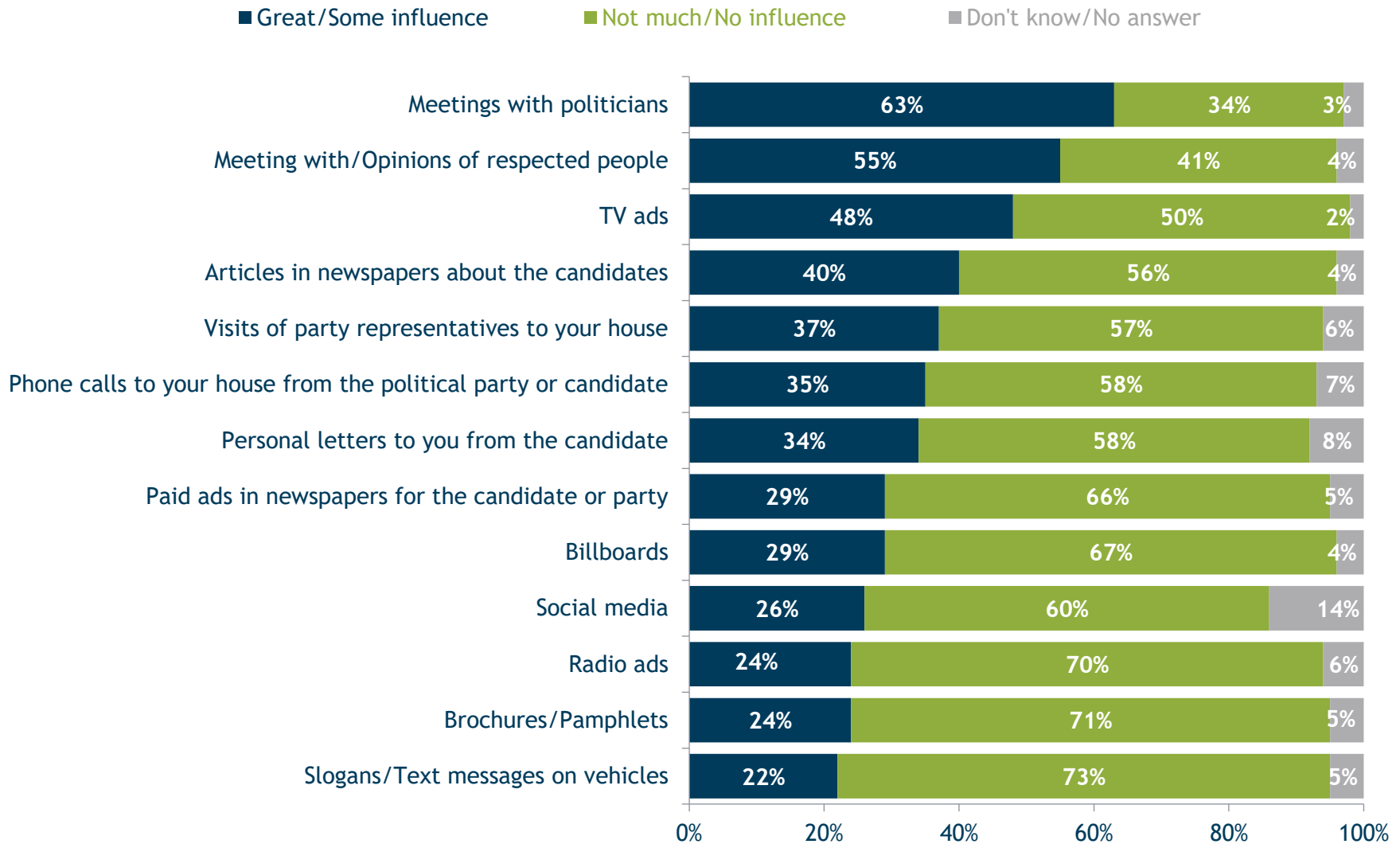


# Sources of Information

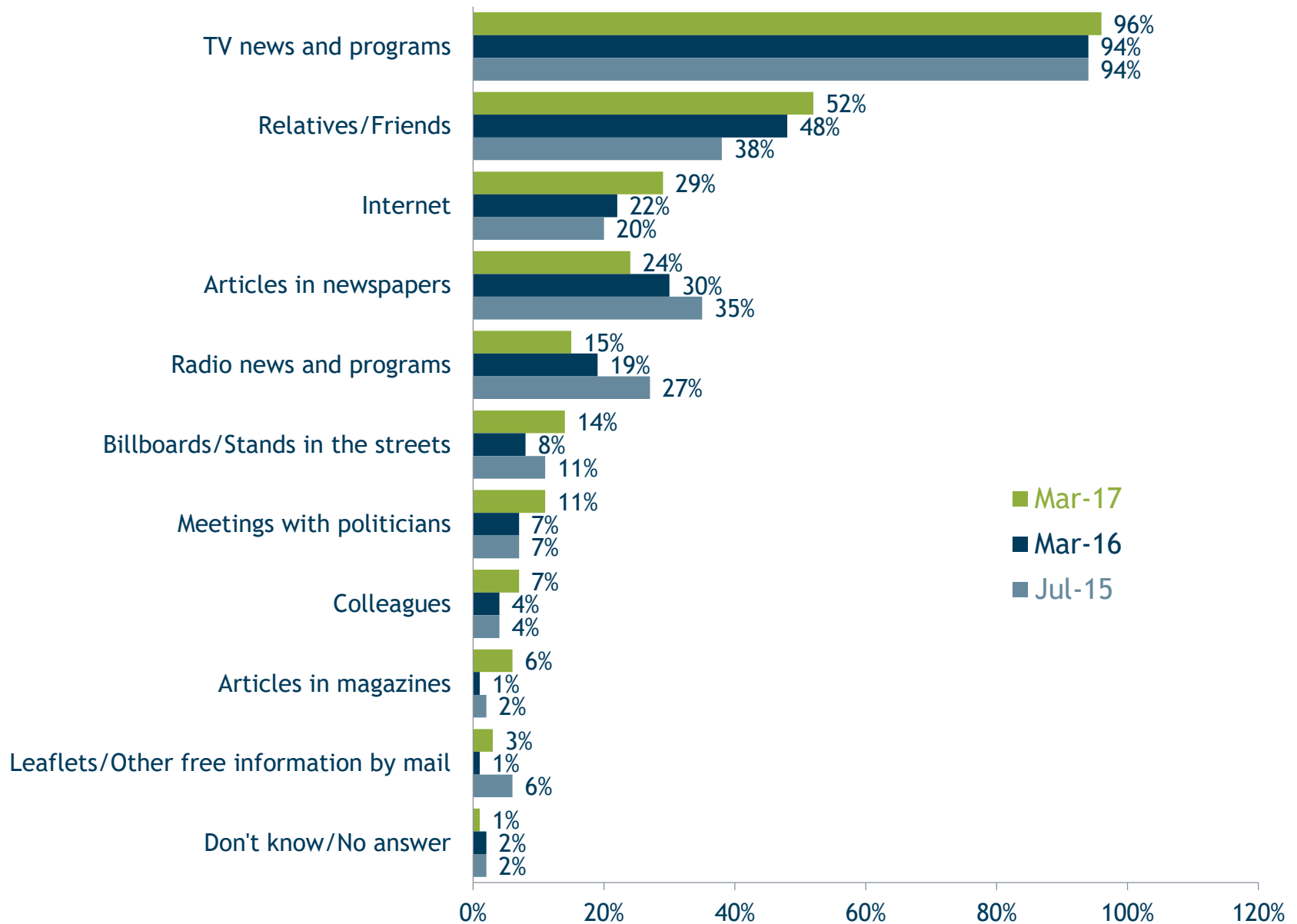
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# In general, which of the following most influences your views of parties or candidates?

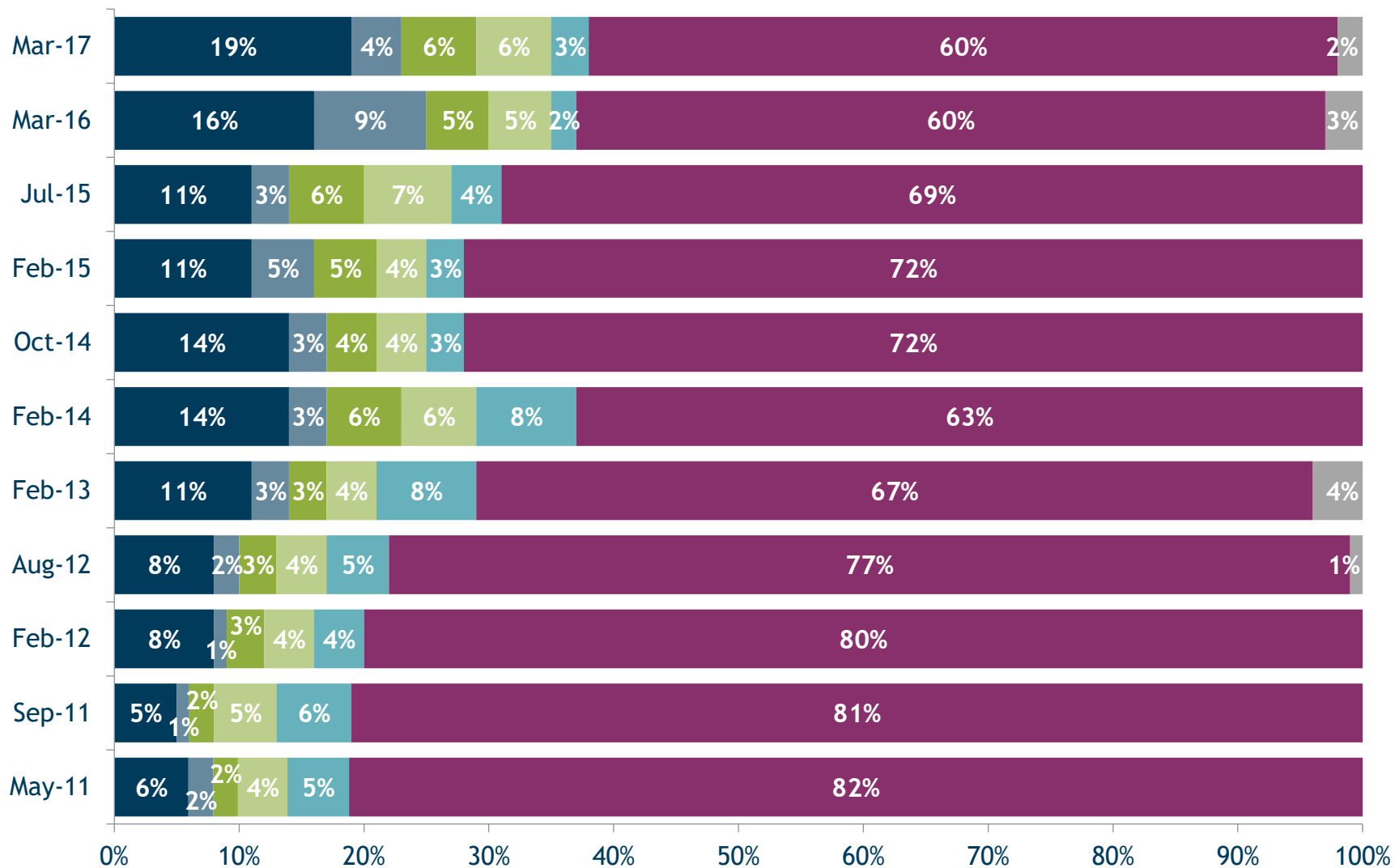


# Which of these media outlets do you use for political information?

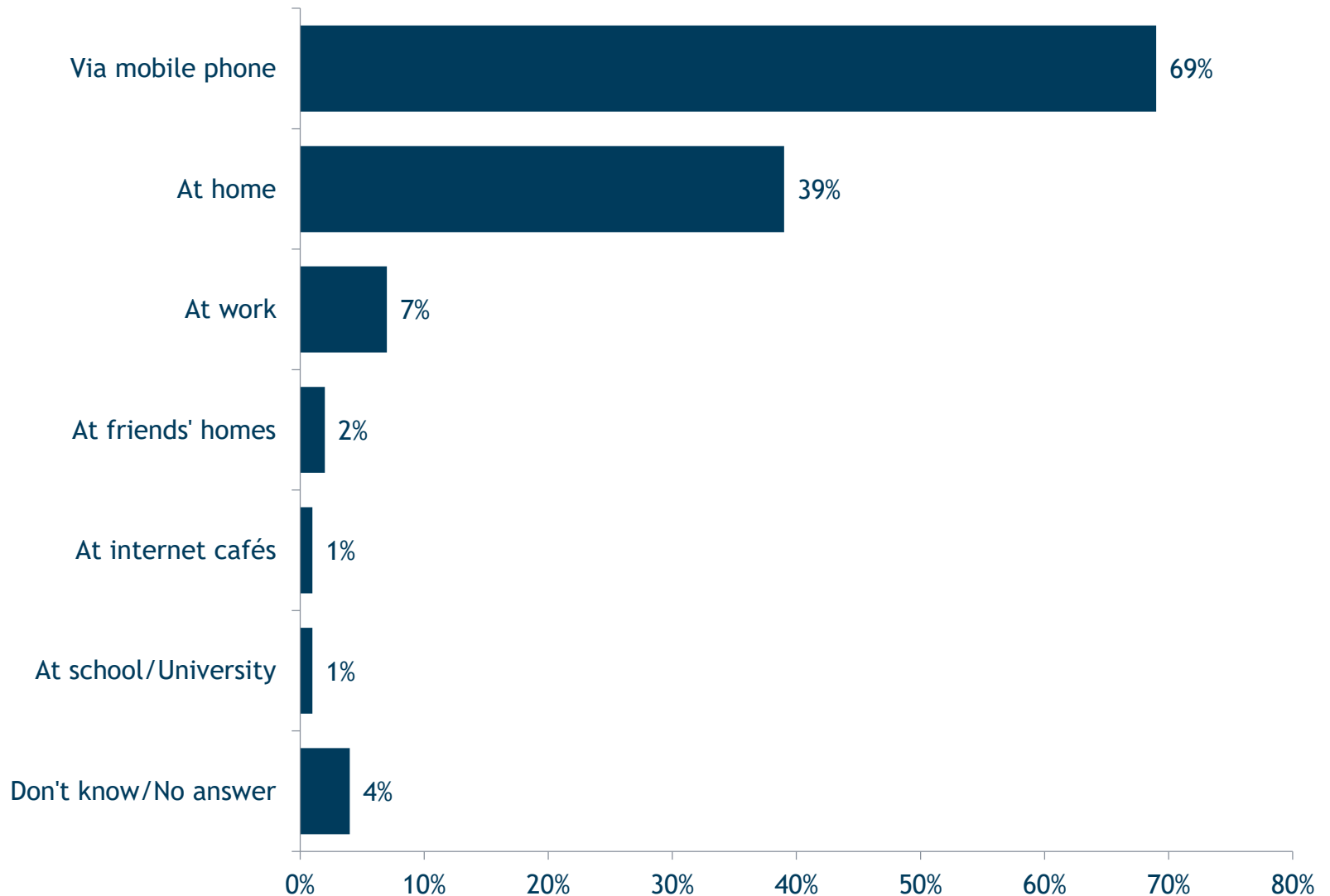


# How often do you use the internet?

■ Every day ■ 5-6 days a week ■ 3-4 days a week ■ 1-2 days a week ■ Less often ■ Never ■ Don't know/No answer



# Where do you access the internet? (Internet users, N=599)







# Demographics

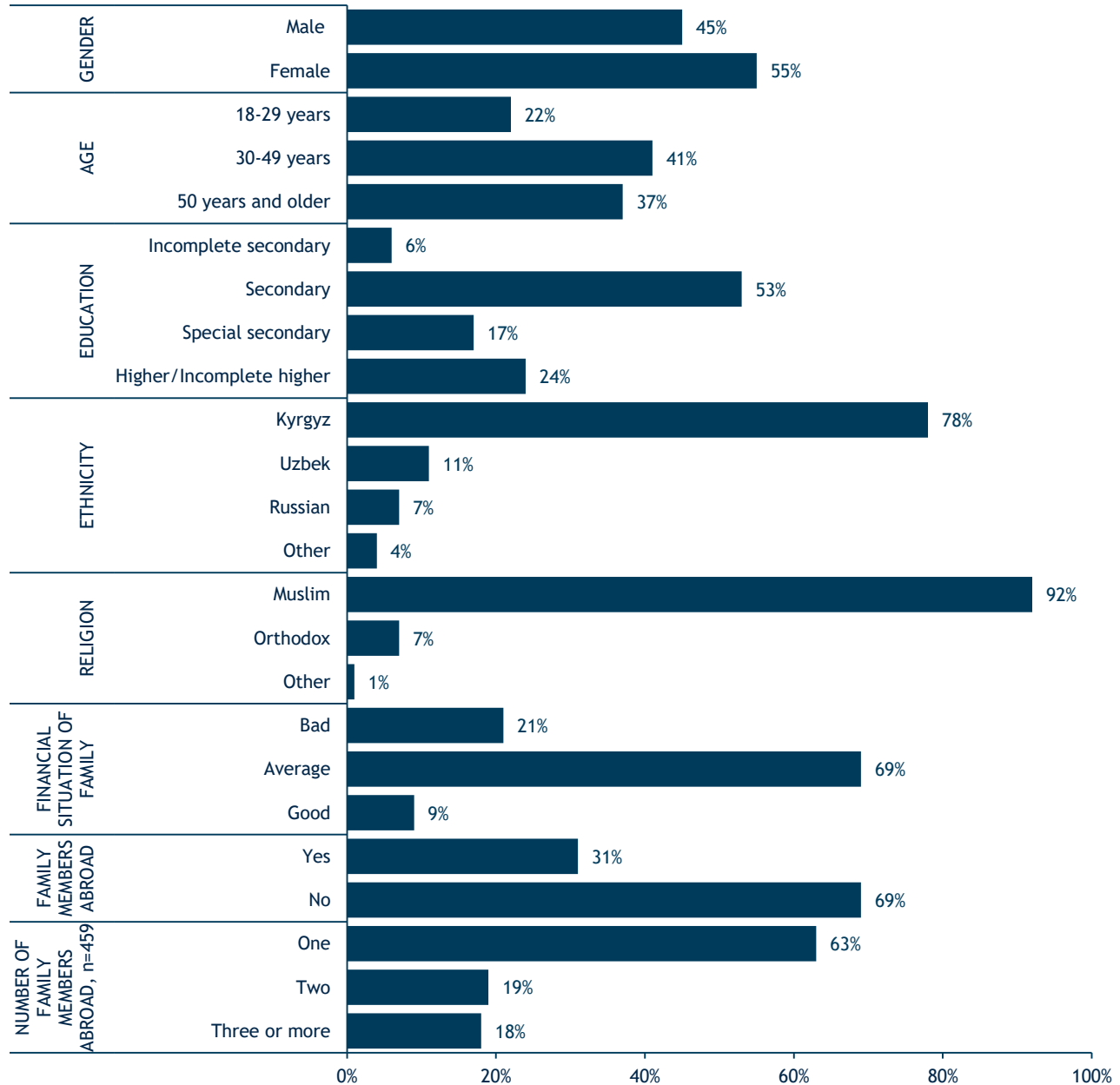
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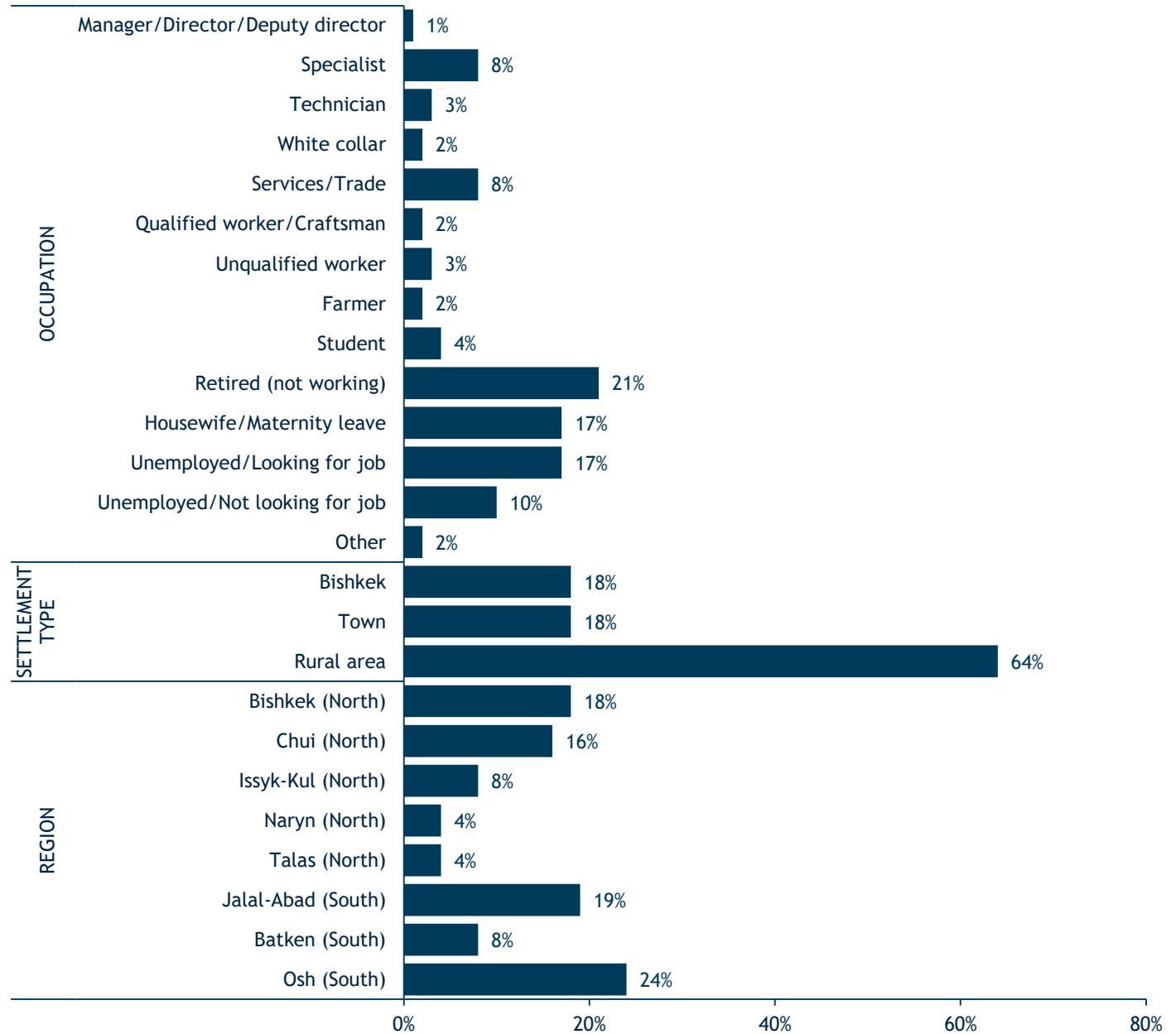
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