



# Pre-Presidential Election National Survey of Mongolian Public Opinion

April 24 - May 4, 2017



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# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted by the **Social Policy Development Research Institute (SPDRI)** under the supervision of **Chariot LLC** and the Center for Insights in Survey Research between April 24 - May 4, 2017.
- Data was collected through in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by 13 of Mongolia's 21 *aimags* (provinces) and Ulaanbaatar and then by *soum* (town) or district. Interviews were conducted in both urban and rural locations.
- The sample consisted of 3,000 respondents (response rate: 96.7 percent) aged 18 and older, and was representative of voting-age adults nationally.
- Within each of the selected 13 *aimags* outside of Ulaanbaatar, 1,680 interviews were conducted in three randomly selected *soums*. All nine districts in Ulaanbaatar were surveyed, where 1,320 interviews were conducted. The total number of interviews to conduct within an *aimag* was determined by utilizing voter registration information from the 2013 presidential election.
- After identifying a centrally located starting point, a skip pattern was used to select appropriate households. Within each household, the Kish Grid was then used to select respondents 18 years and older.
- Interview teams were comprised of both men and women.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 1.8 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 sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

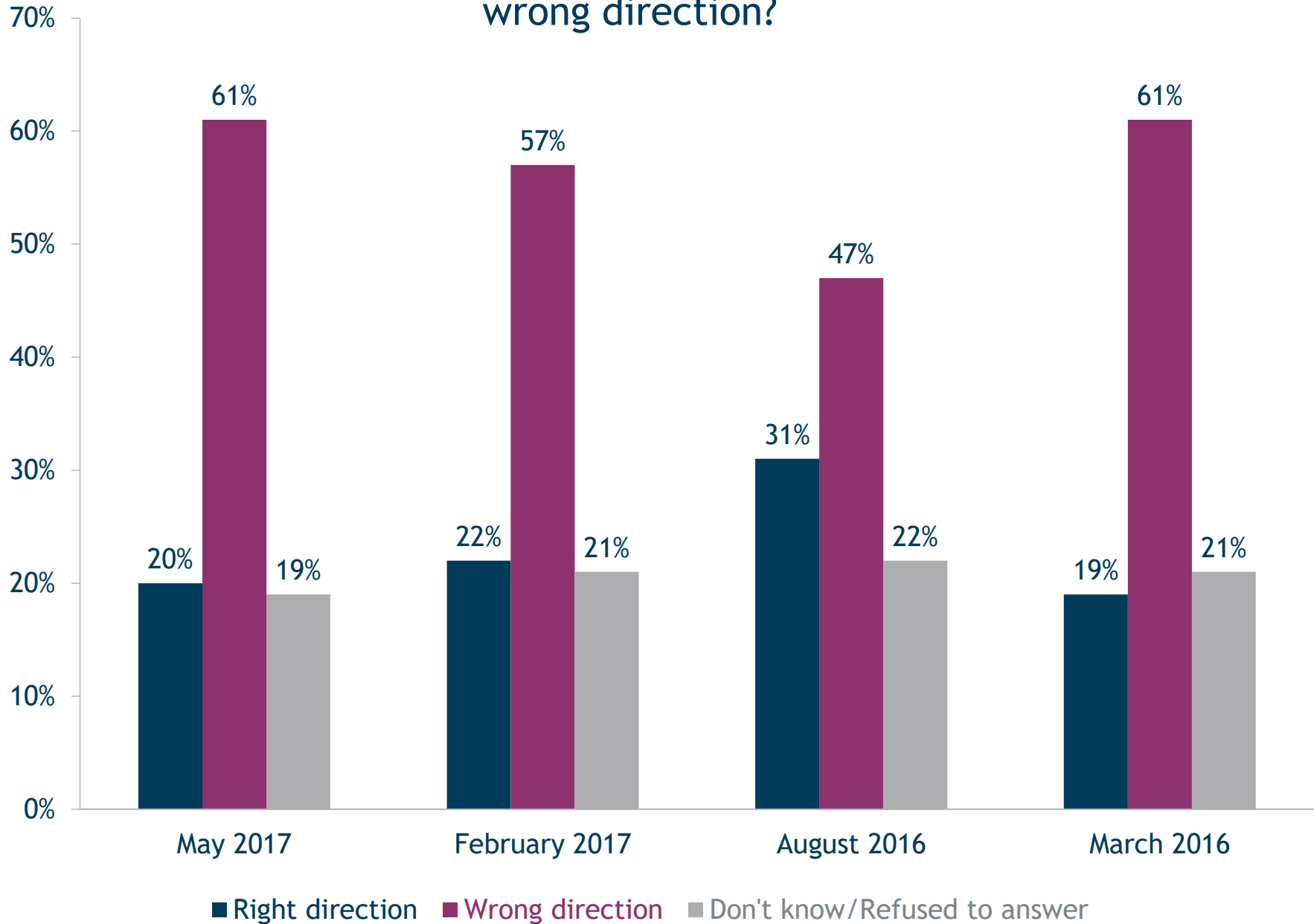


# General Attitudes

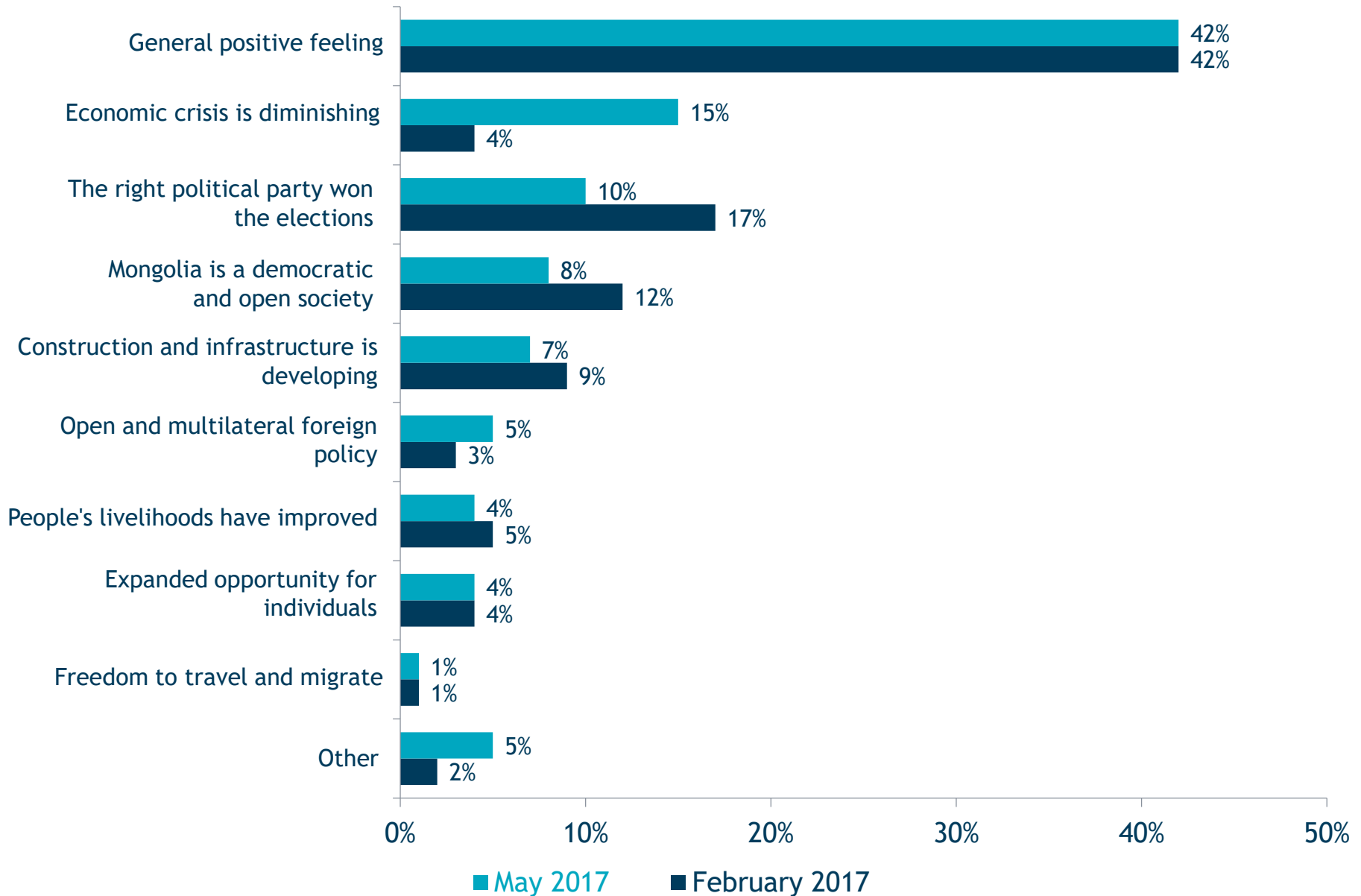
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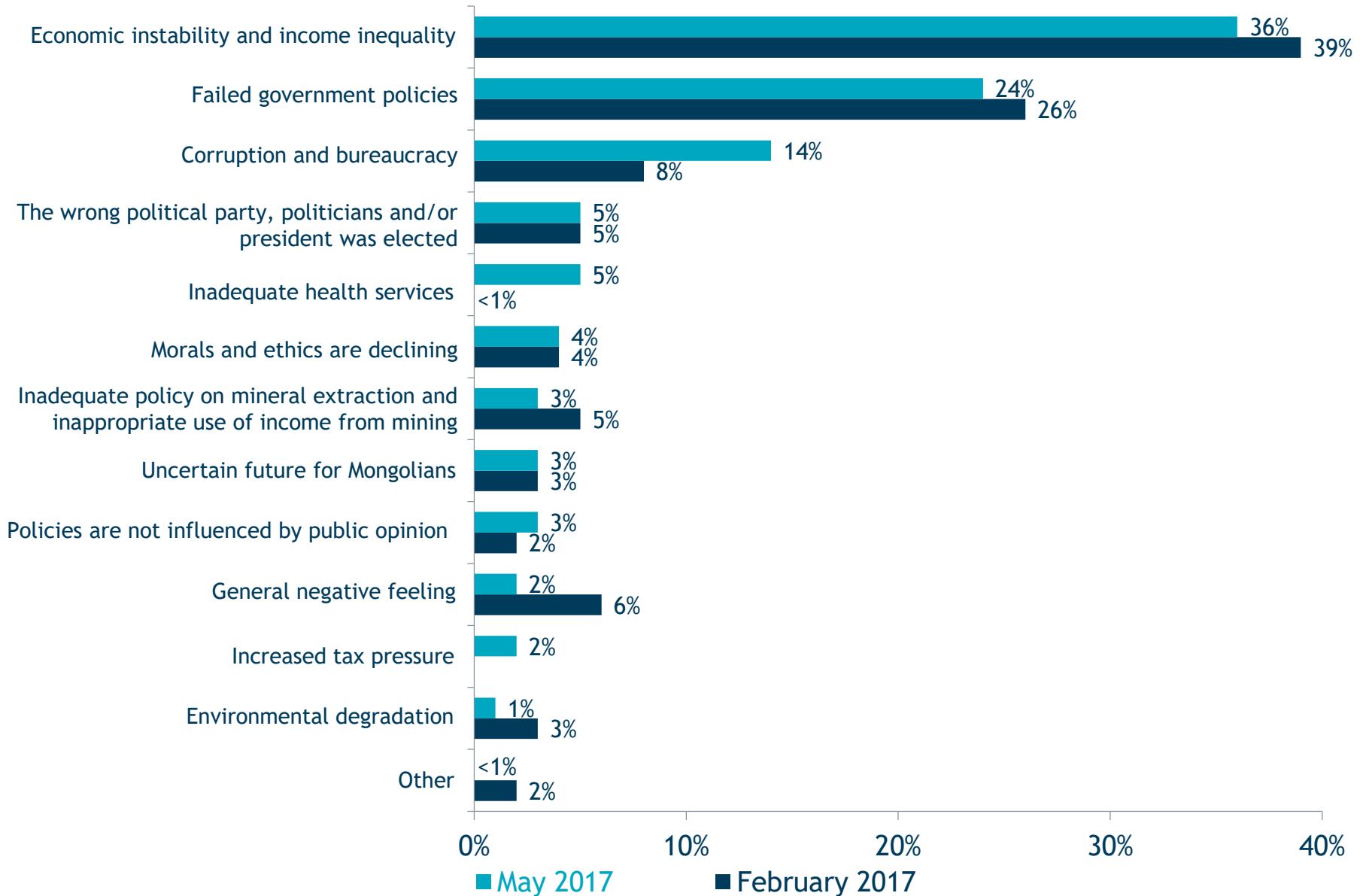
# Overall, do you think Mongolia is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?



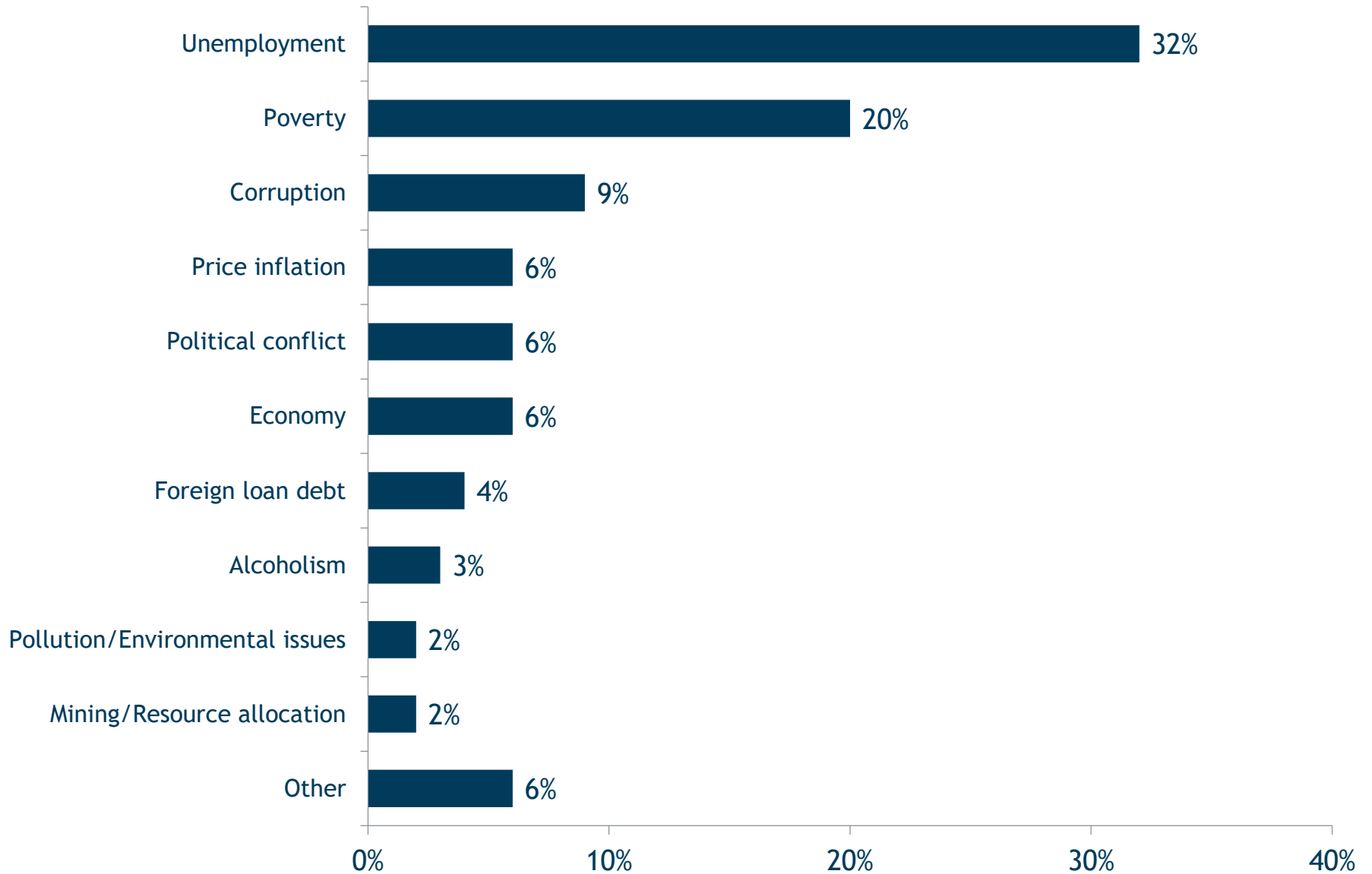
# Why do you say right direction? (Open-ended; n=595)



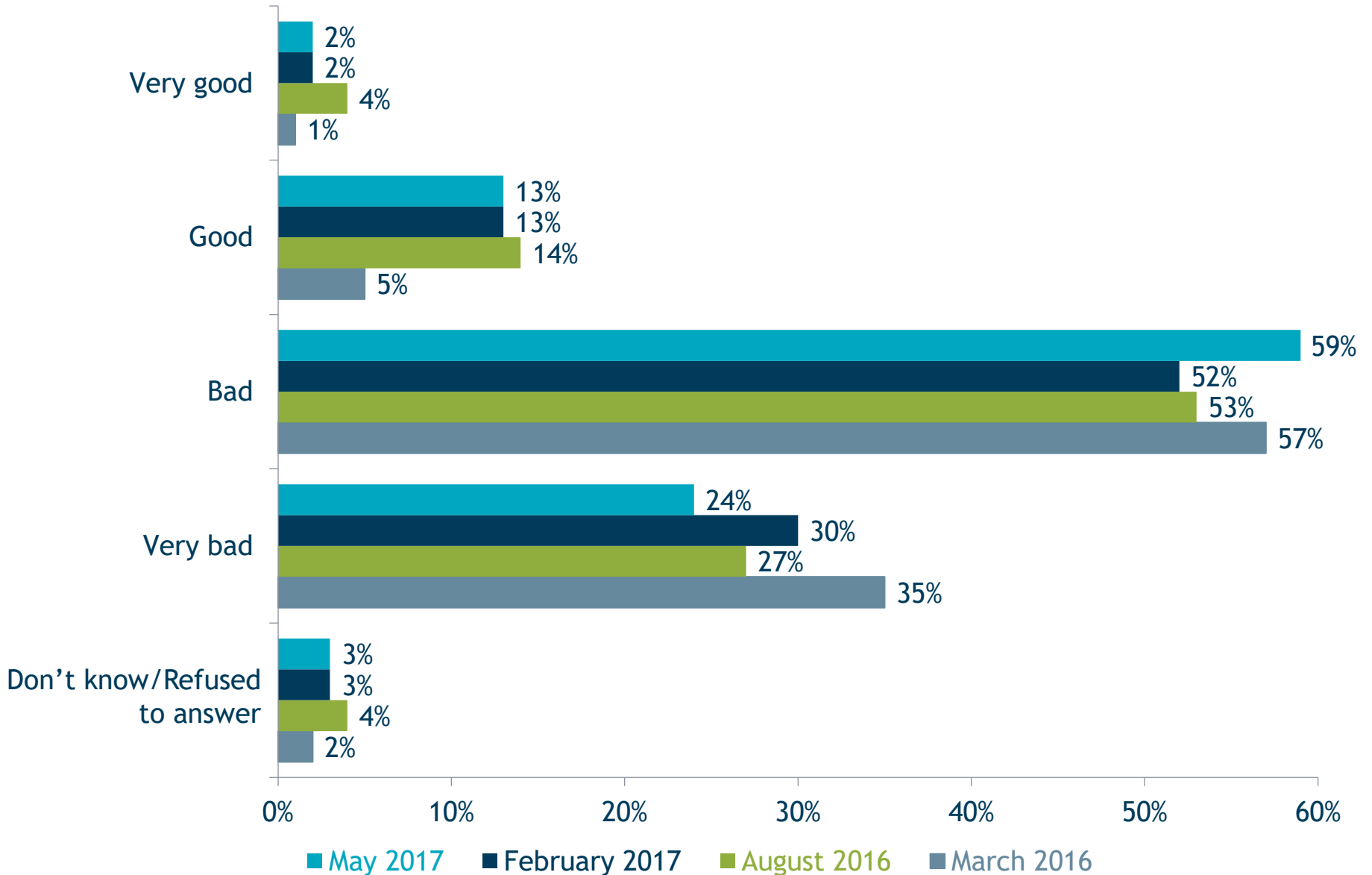
# Why do you say wrong direction? (Open-ended; n=1,841)



# What is the most important problem facing Mongolia?

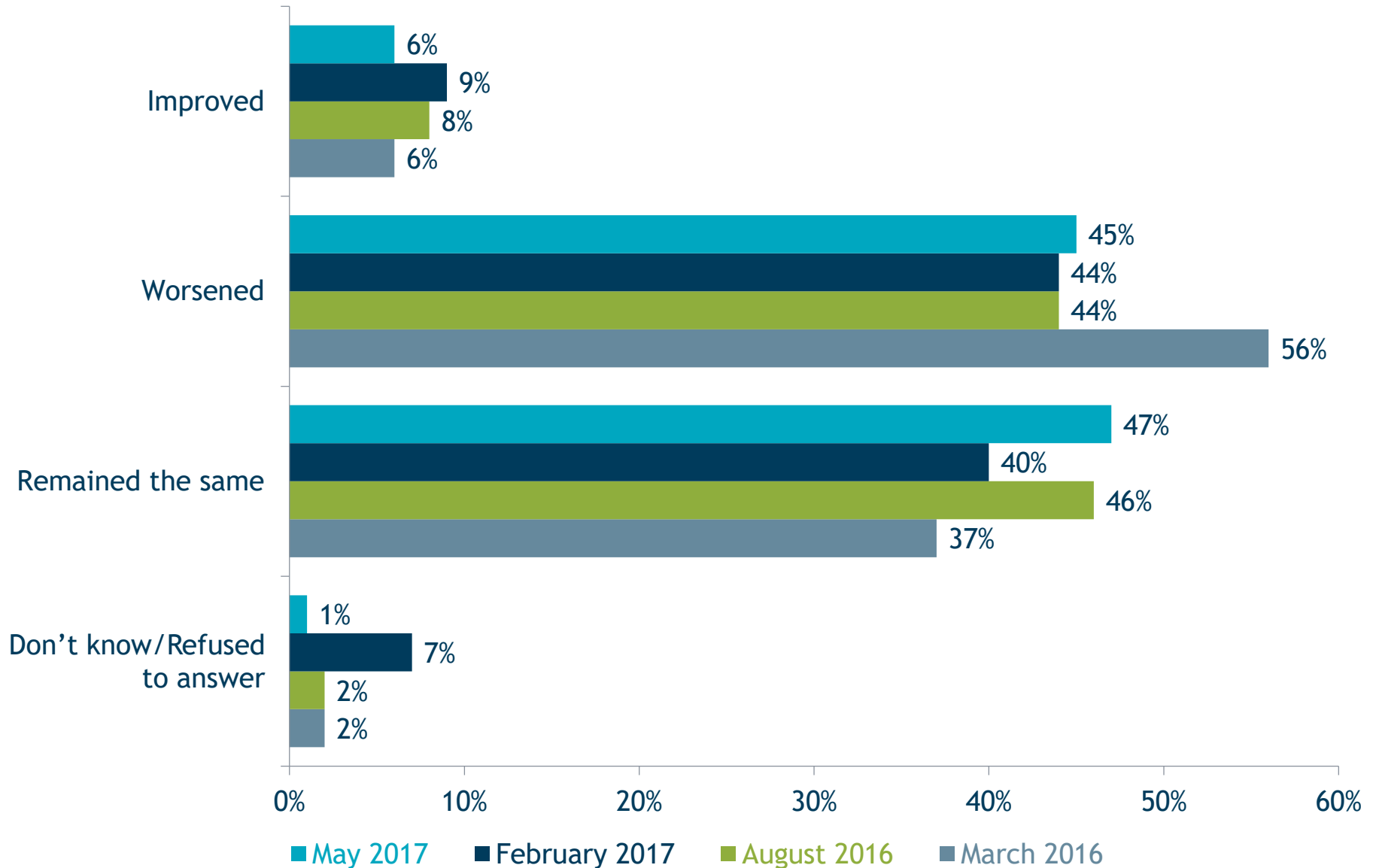


# Overall, how would you rate the current economic conditions in Mongolia?

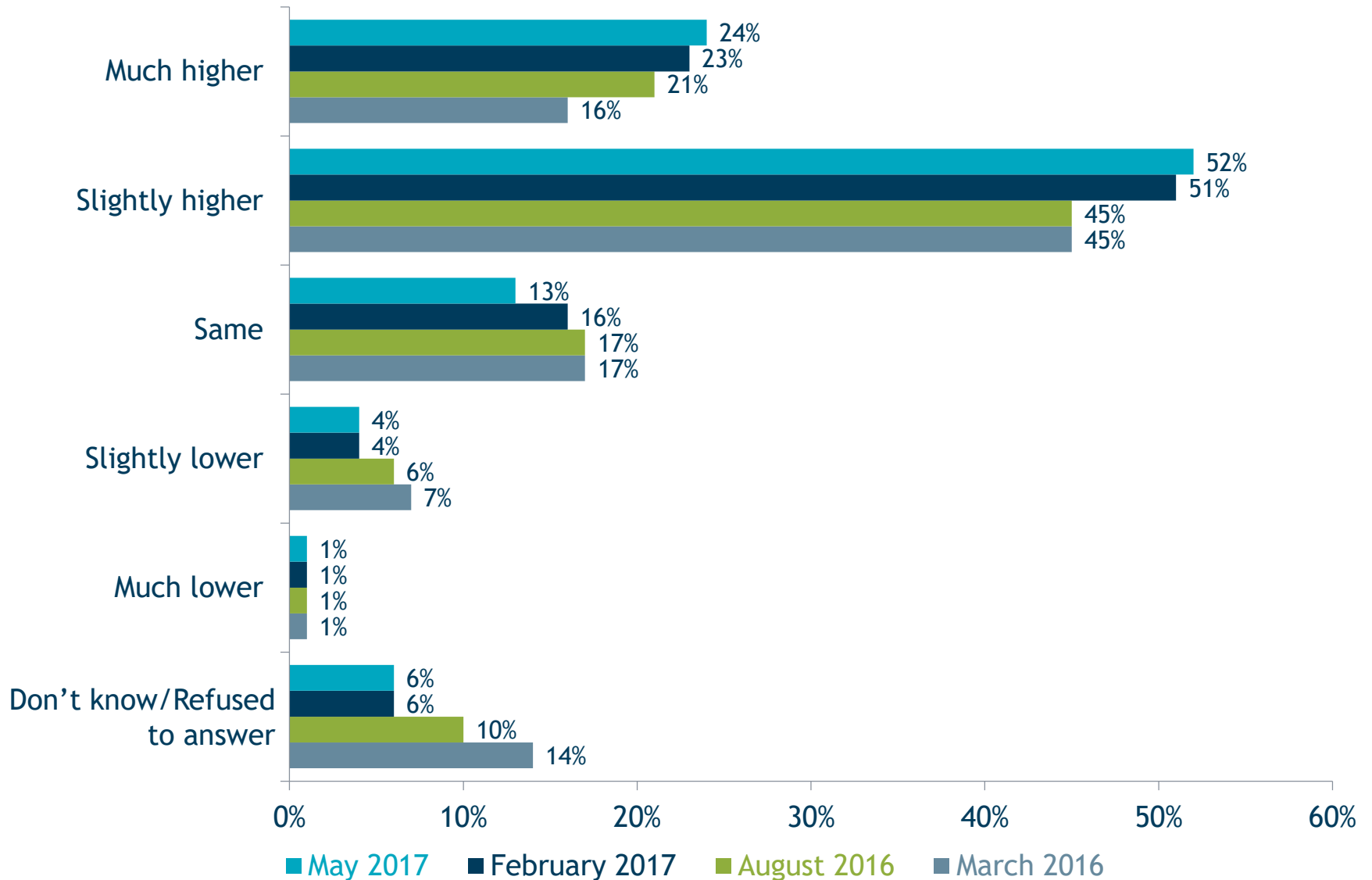




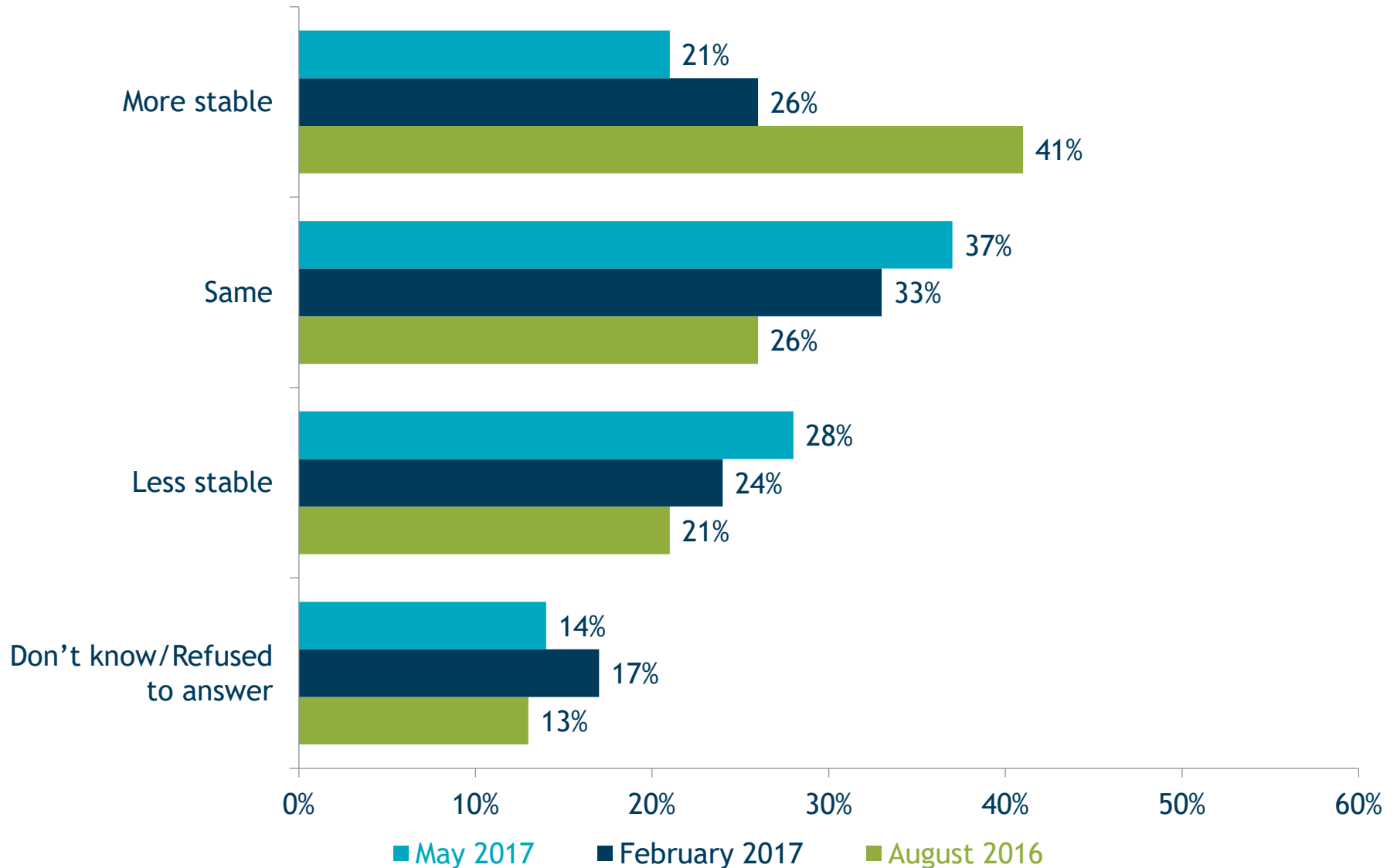
# Has the economic situation of you and your family improved, worsened or remained the same in the past year?



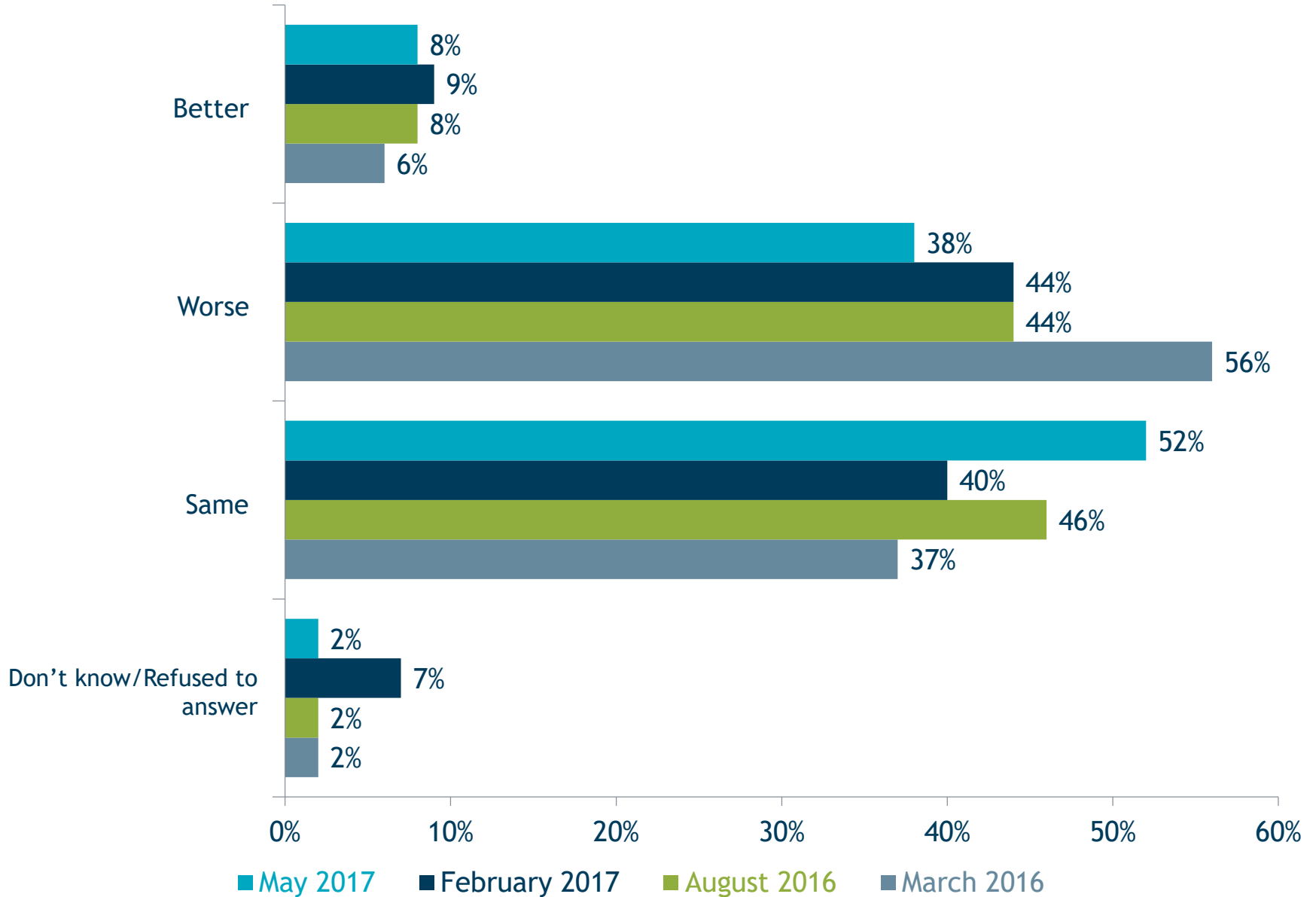
Do you expect the price of basic commodities such as milk, bread and meat to be much higher, slightly higher, the same, slightly lower, or much lower one year from now?



# Do you expect the national government of Mongolia to be more stable, less stable or remain the same over the next year?



# Do you think Mongolia is better off, the same, or worse than last year?



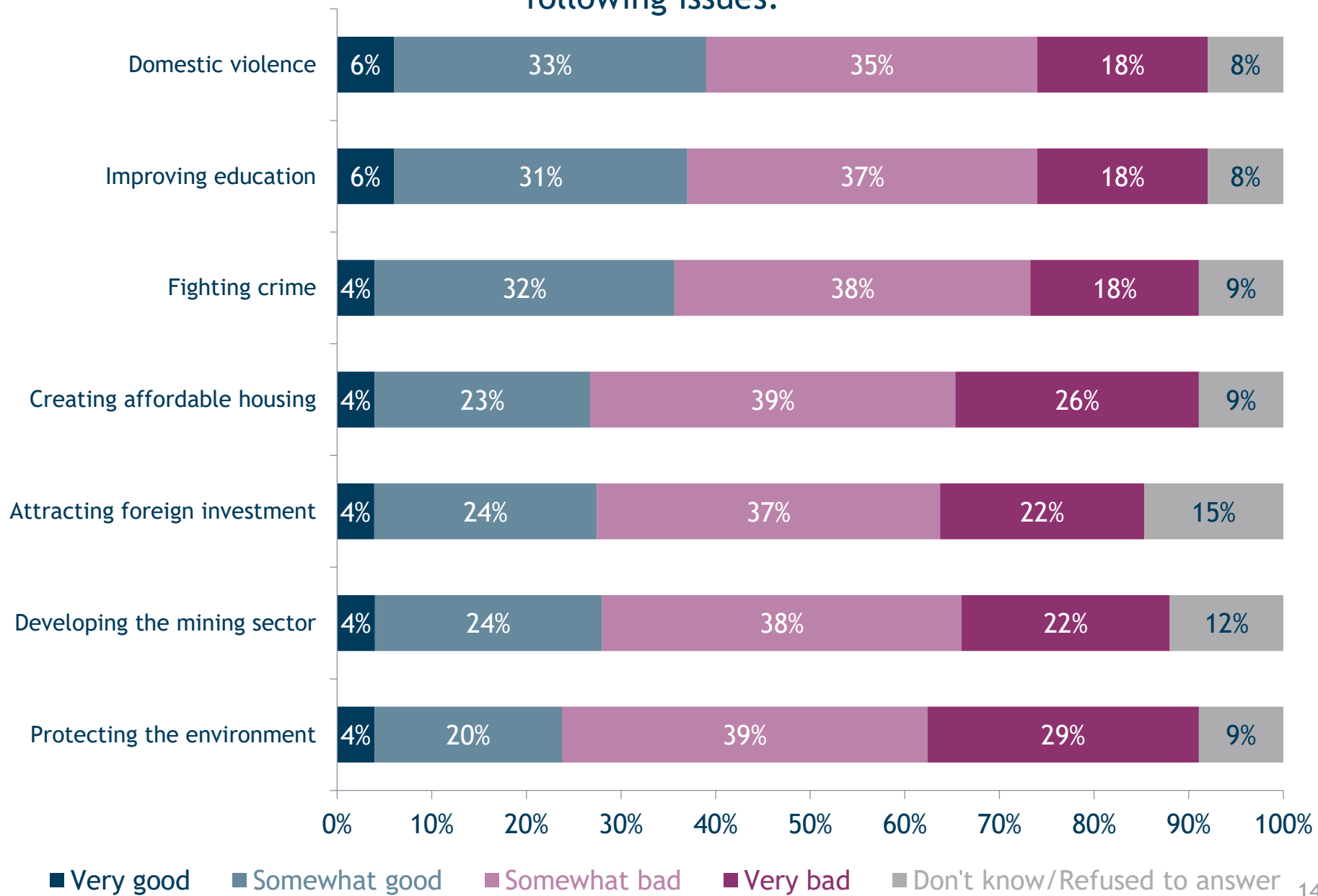


# Government Performance

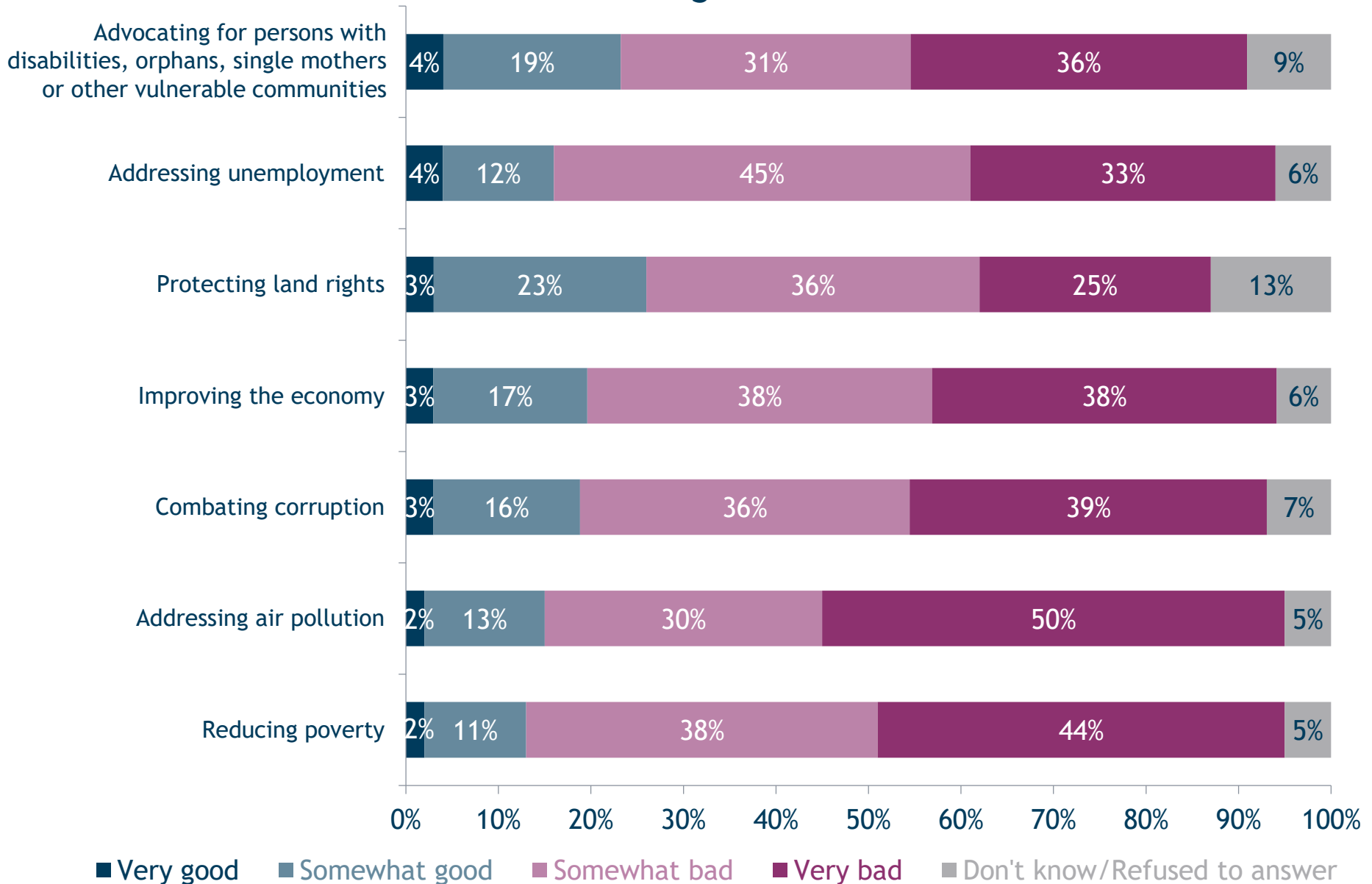
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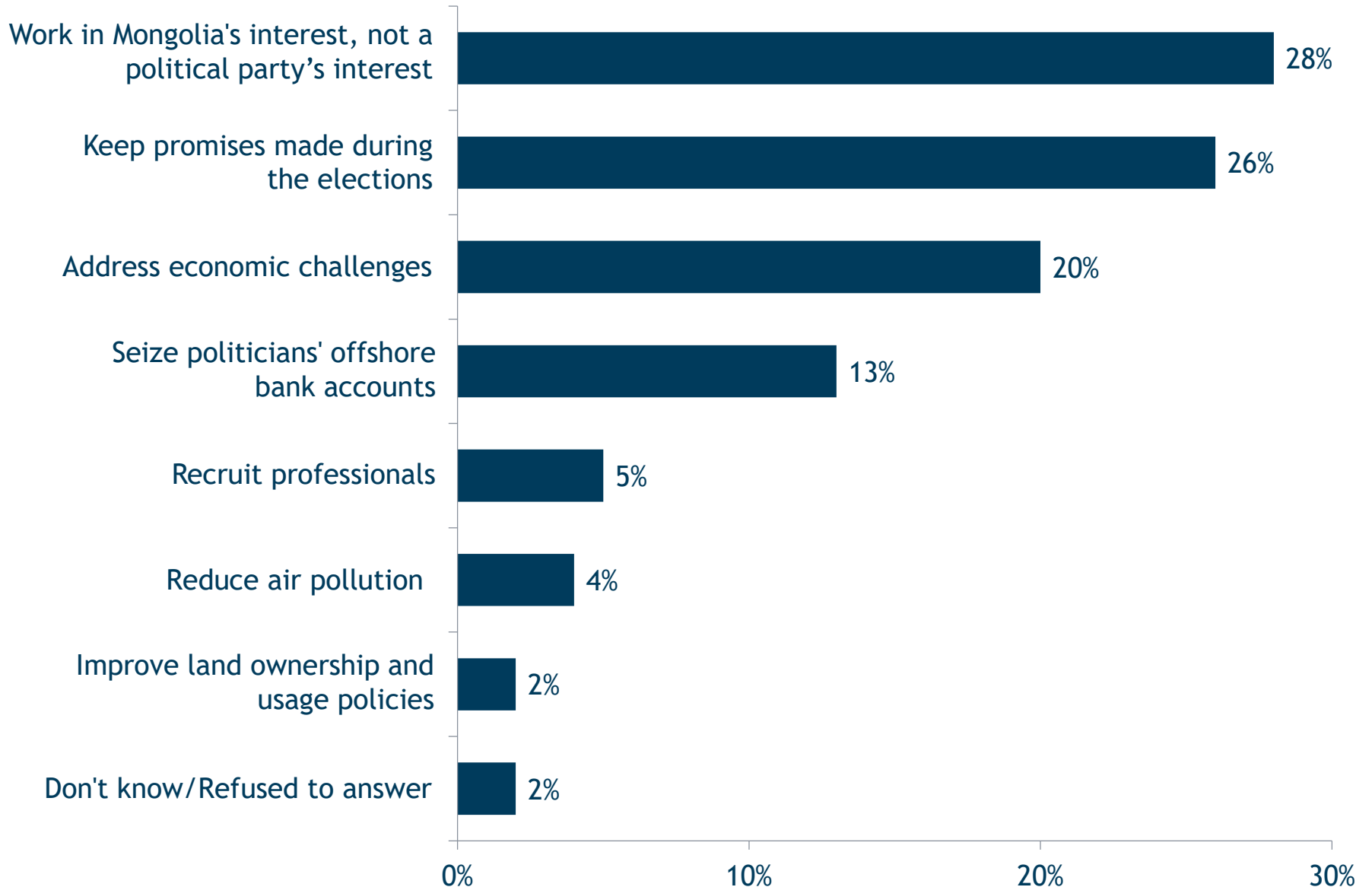
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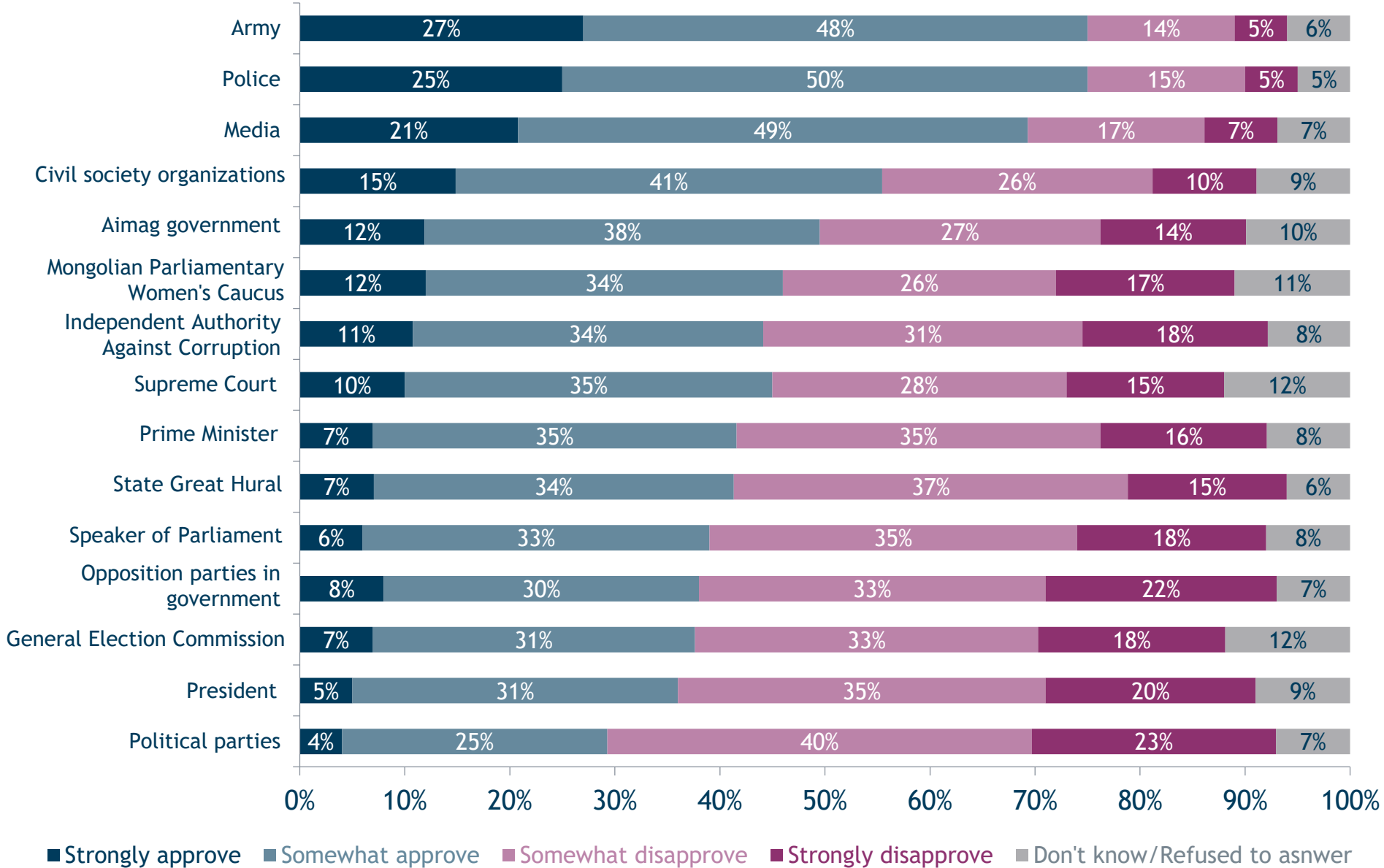


# If you could give one piece of advice to Parliament what would it be?





# Do you approve or disapprove of the performance of the following institutions?



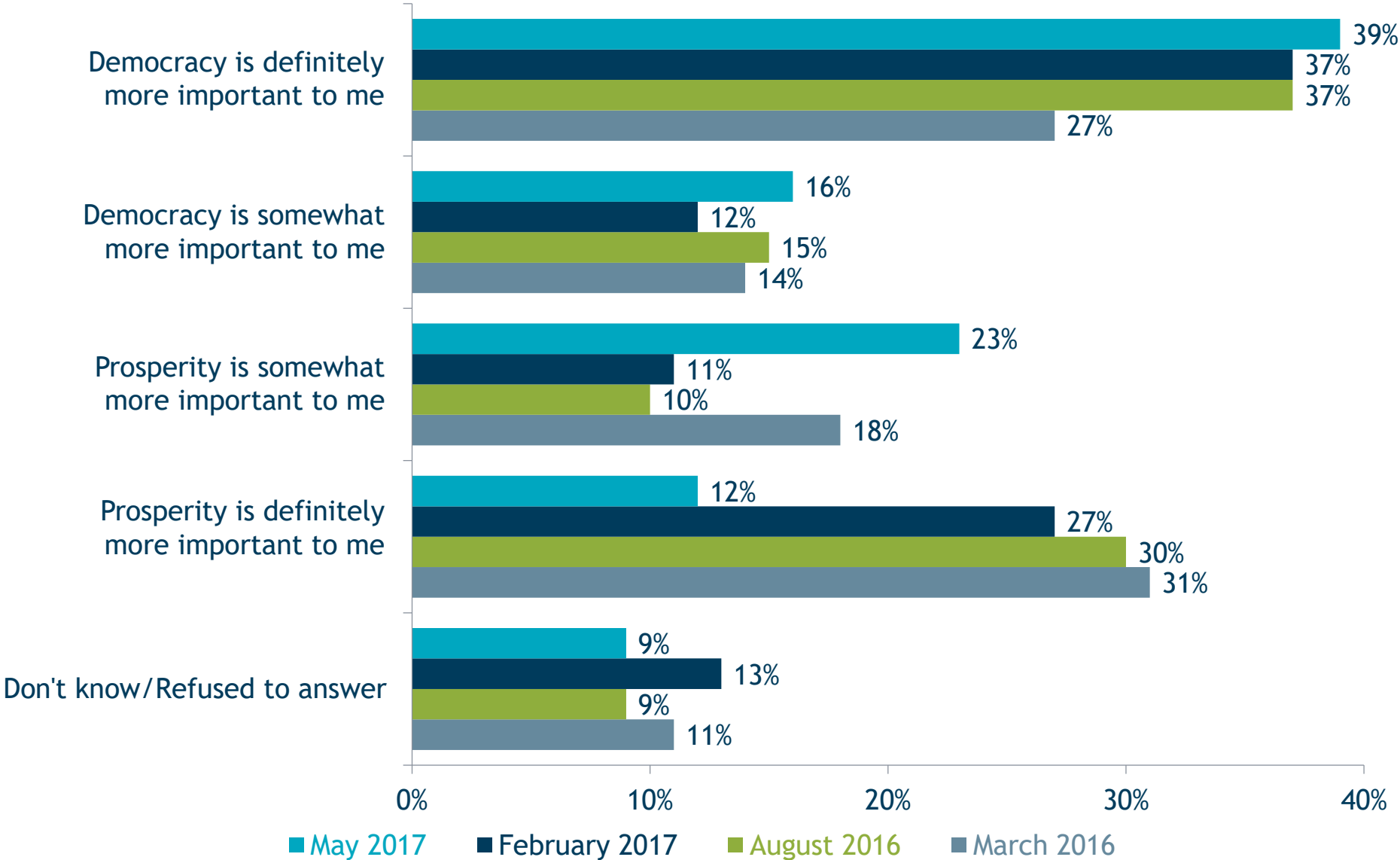


# Voting and Elections

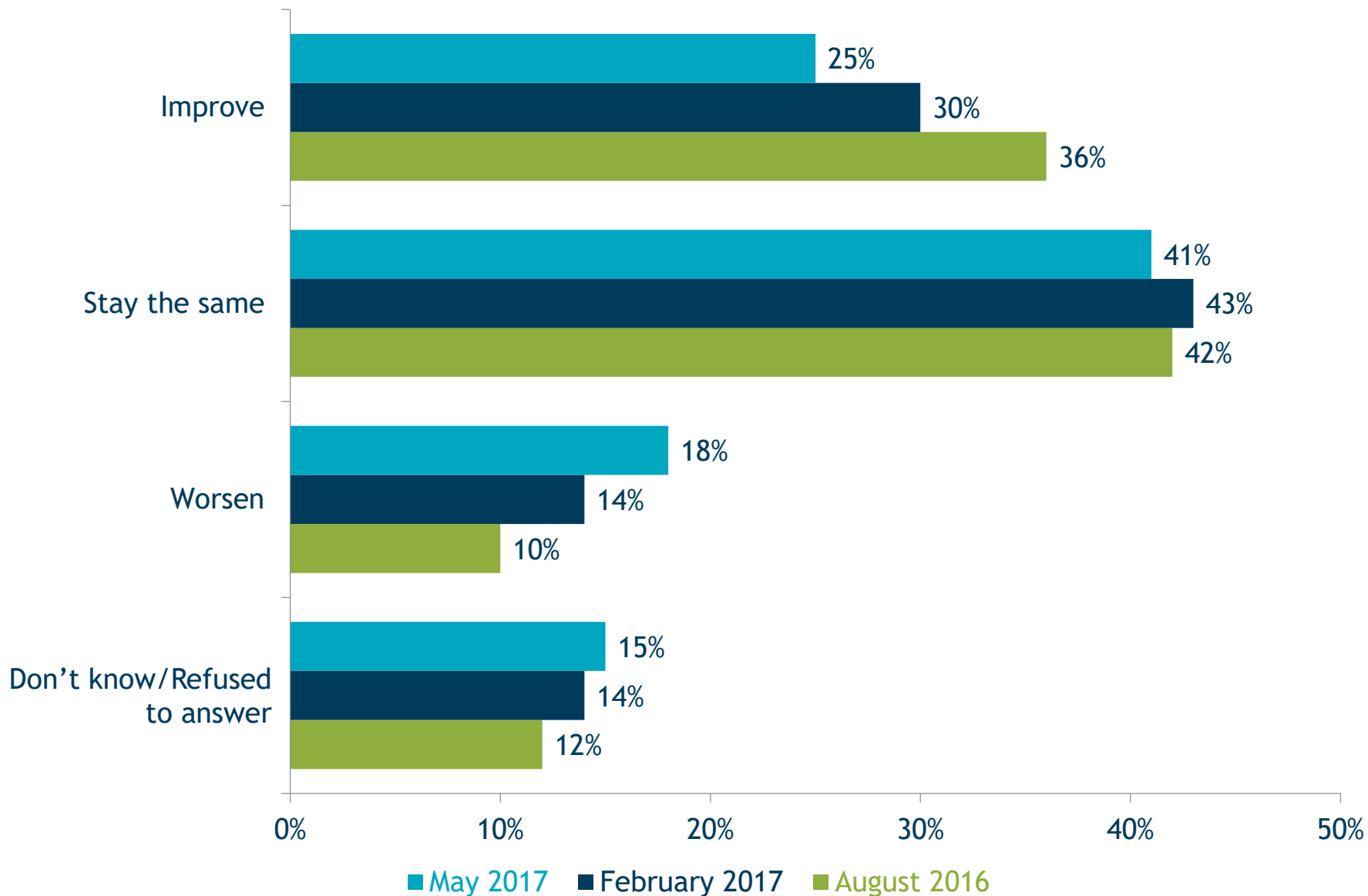
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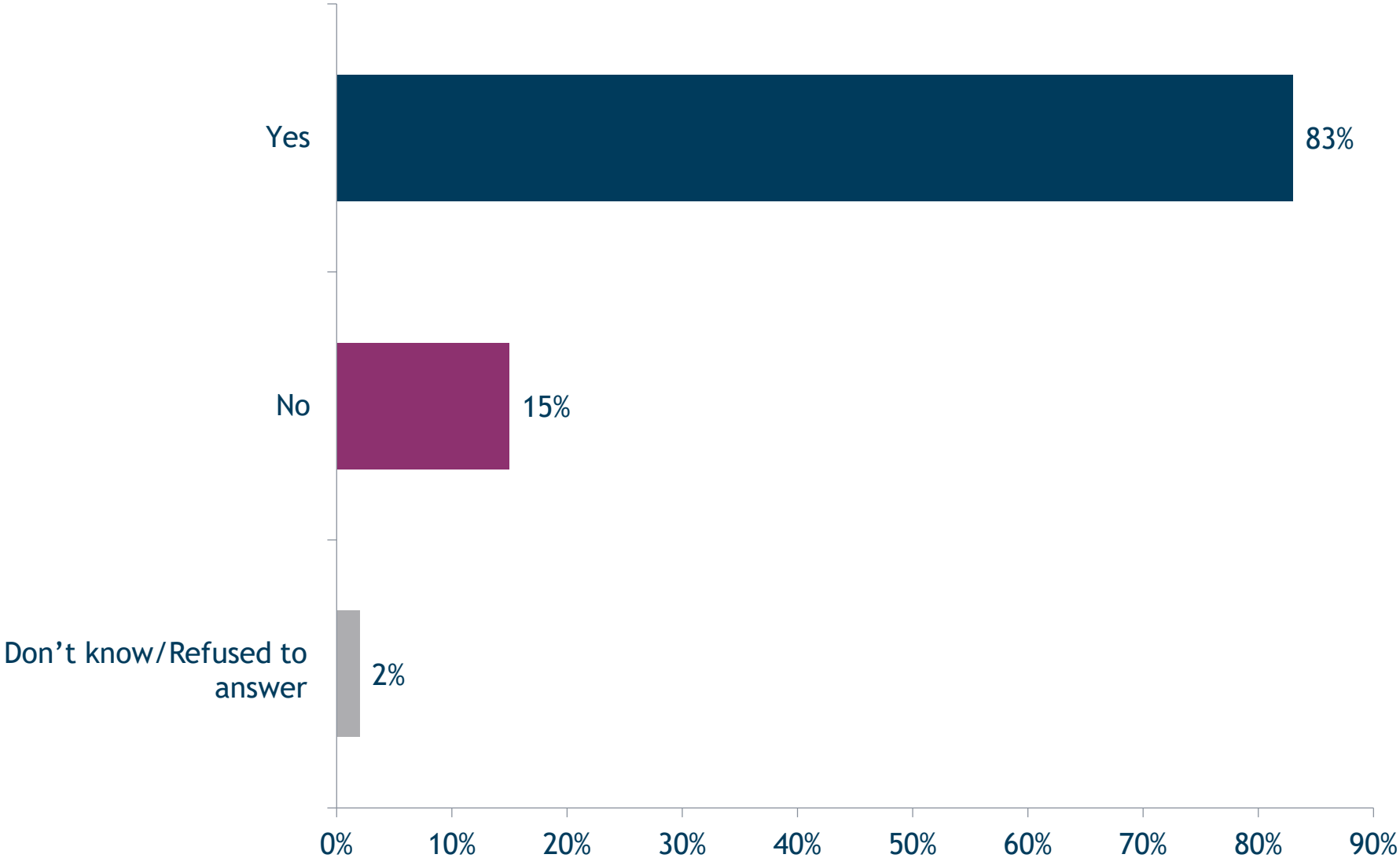
# If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



# Do you expect the condition of democracy in Mongolia to improve over the next four years, stay the same or worsen?

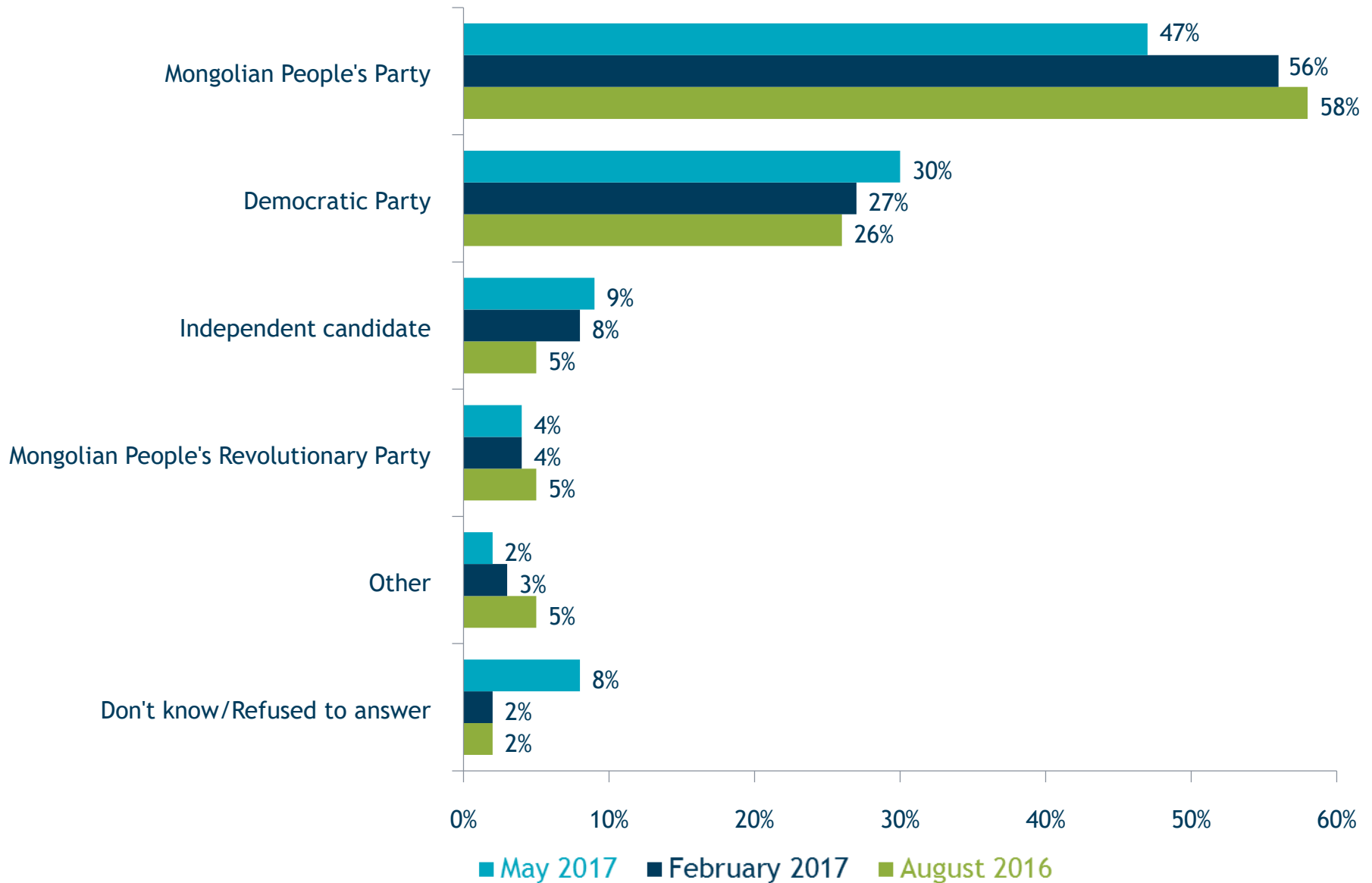


# Did you vote in the 2016 parliamentary elections?

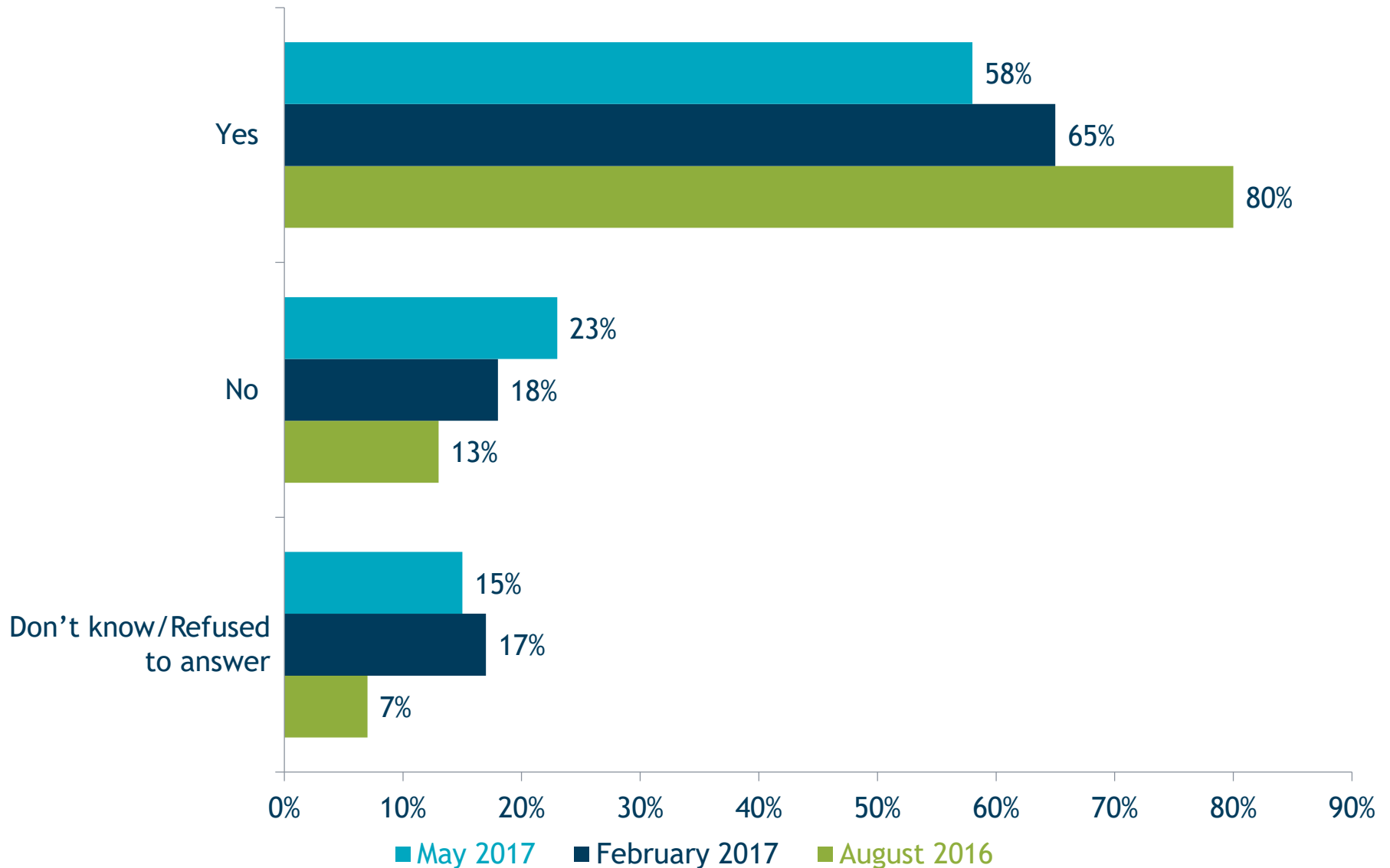


# If you voted in the 2016 parliamentary elections, for which party did you vote?

(August 2016: n=4,274; February 2017: n=4,202; May 2017: n=2,477)

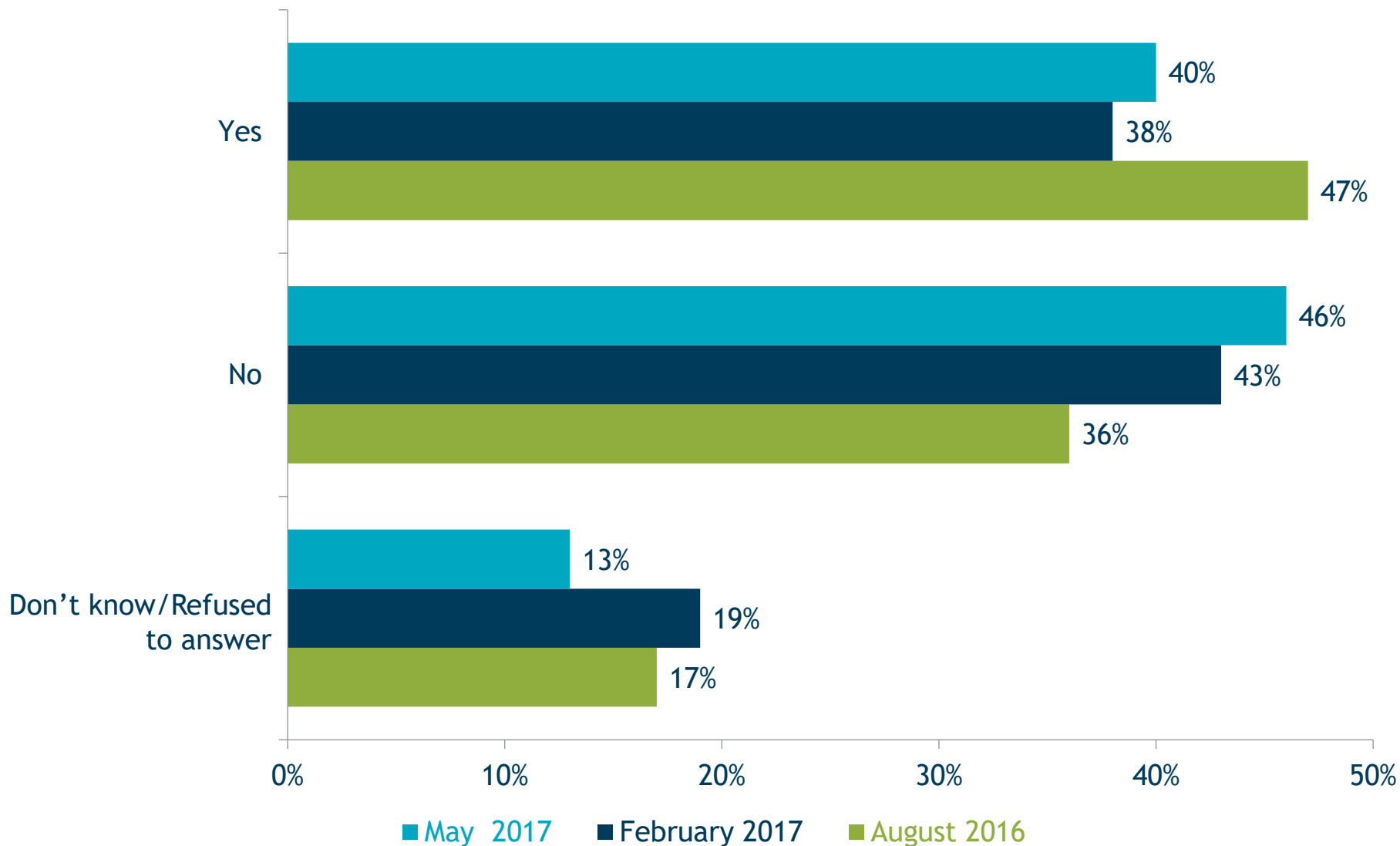


# If the parliamentary elections were held today, would you vote the same way as you did on June 29, 2016?



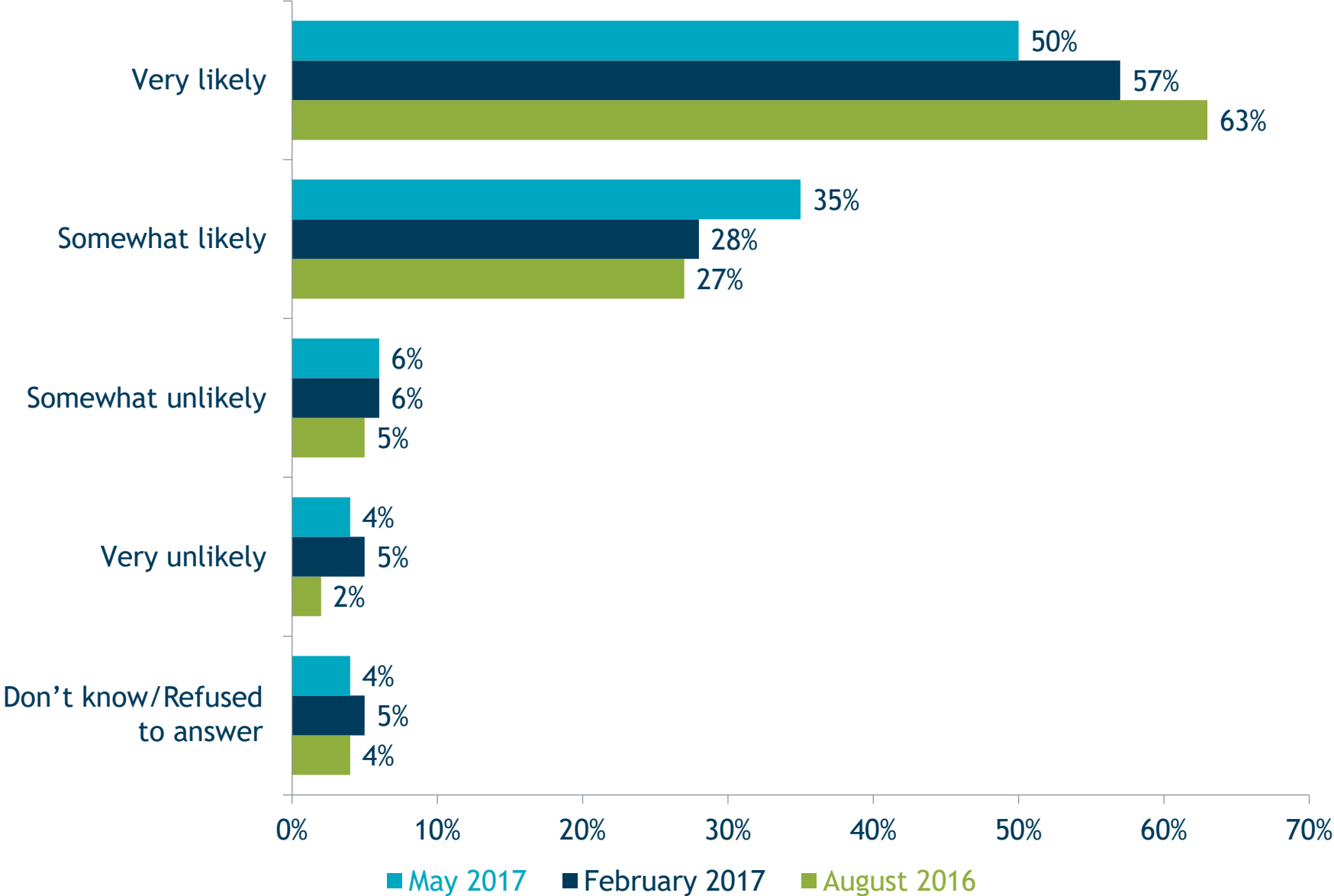
The Mongolian People's Party gained a supermajority in the 2016 parliamentary elections and now controls 65 of the 76 seats (86%) of Parliament.

Do you believe that this parliament is representative of the range of political viewpoints in Mongolia?

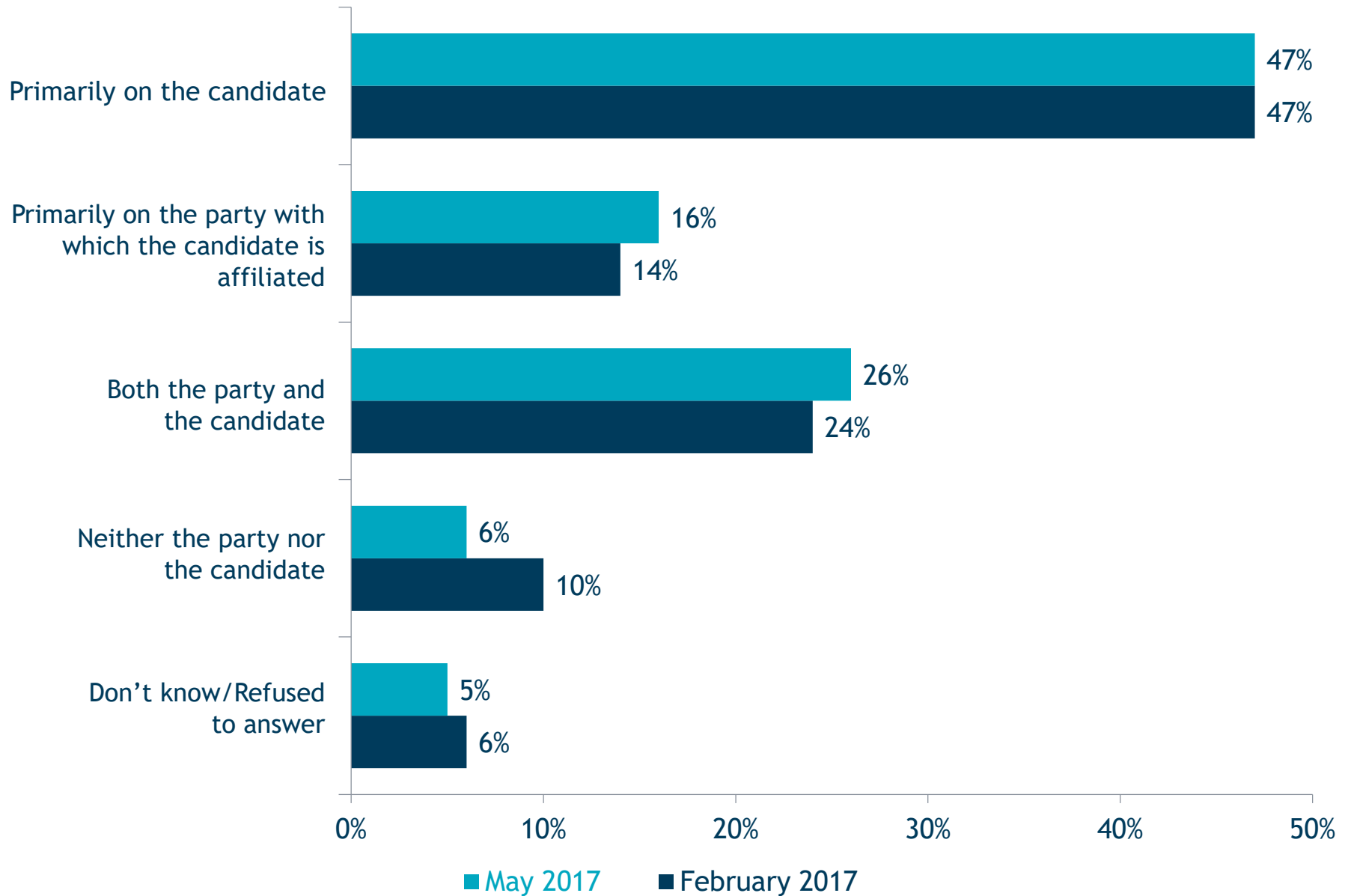




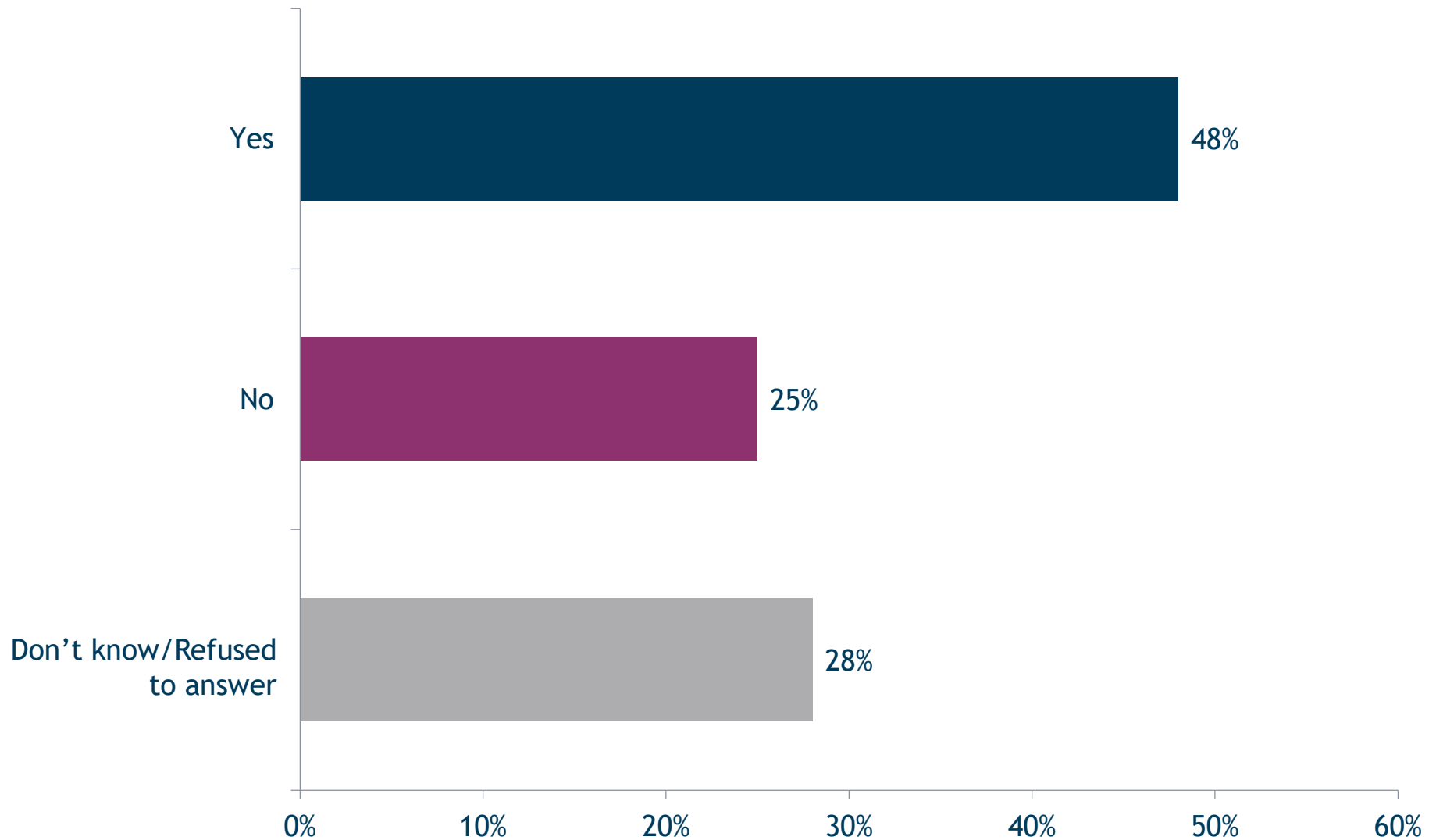
# How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the presidential election in 2017?



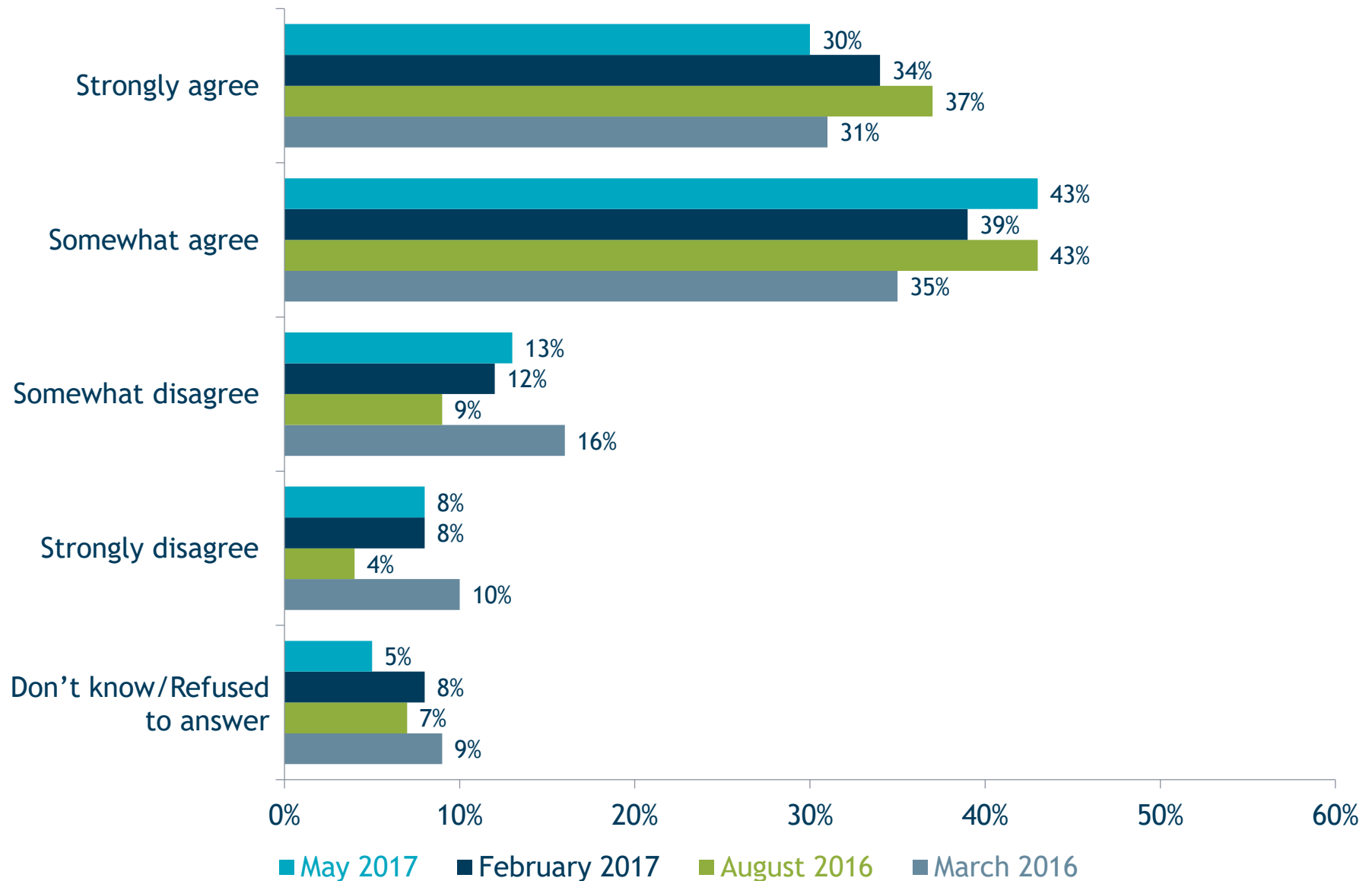
# Which of the following best describes how you will decide to vote in the 2017 presidential election?



# Do you believe the June 2017 presidential election will be free and fair?

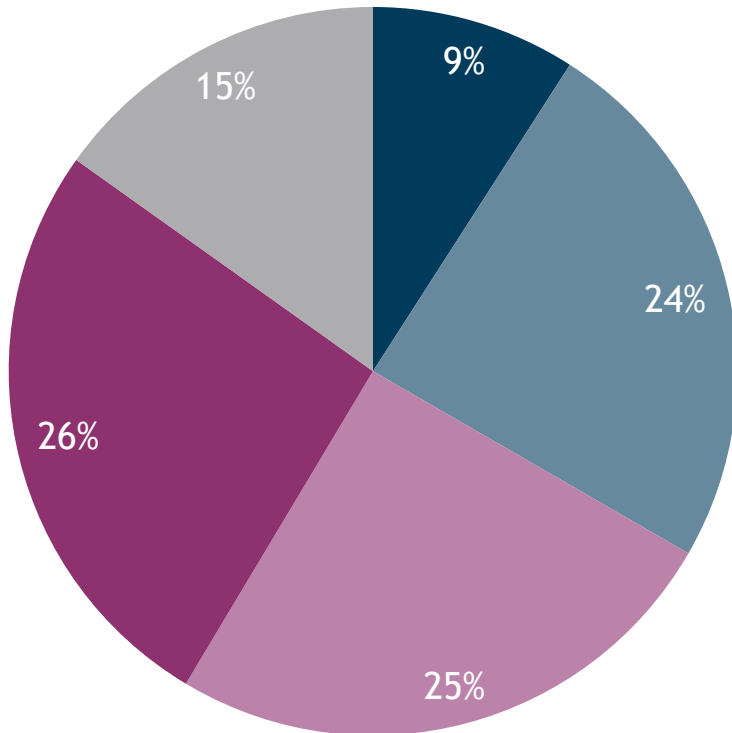


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
 “Voting gives me a chance to influence decision-making in the country.”

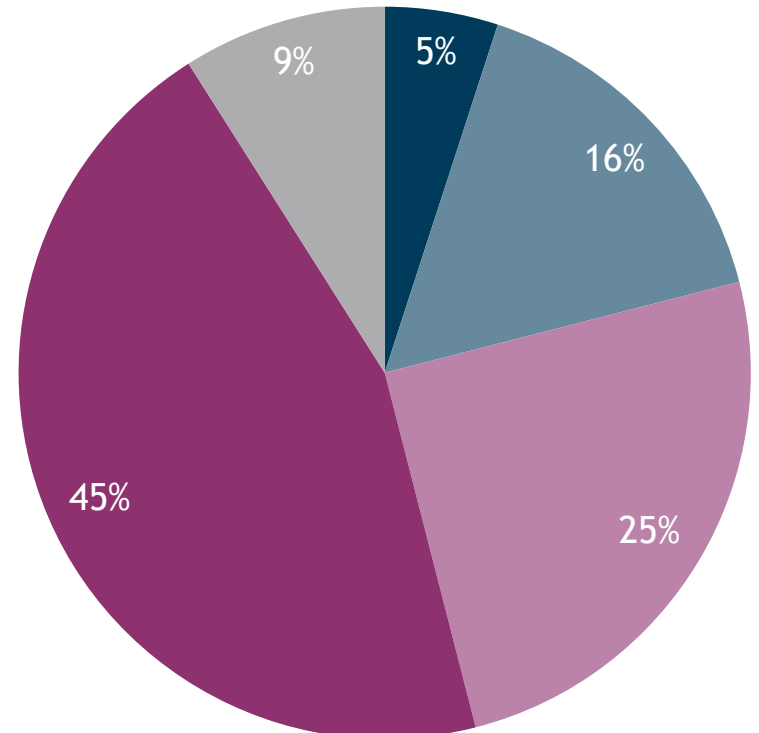


# Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

“It is easy to have my voice heard by my political party.”

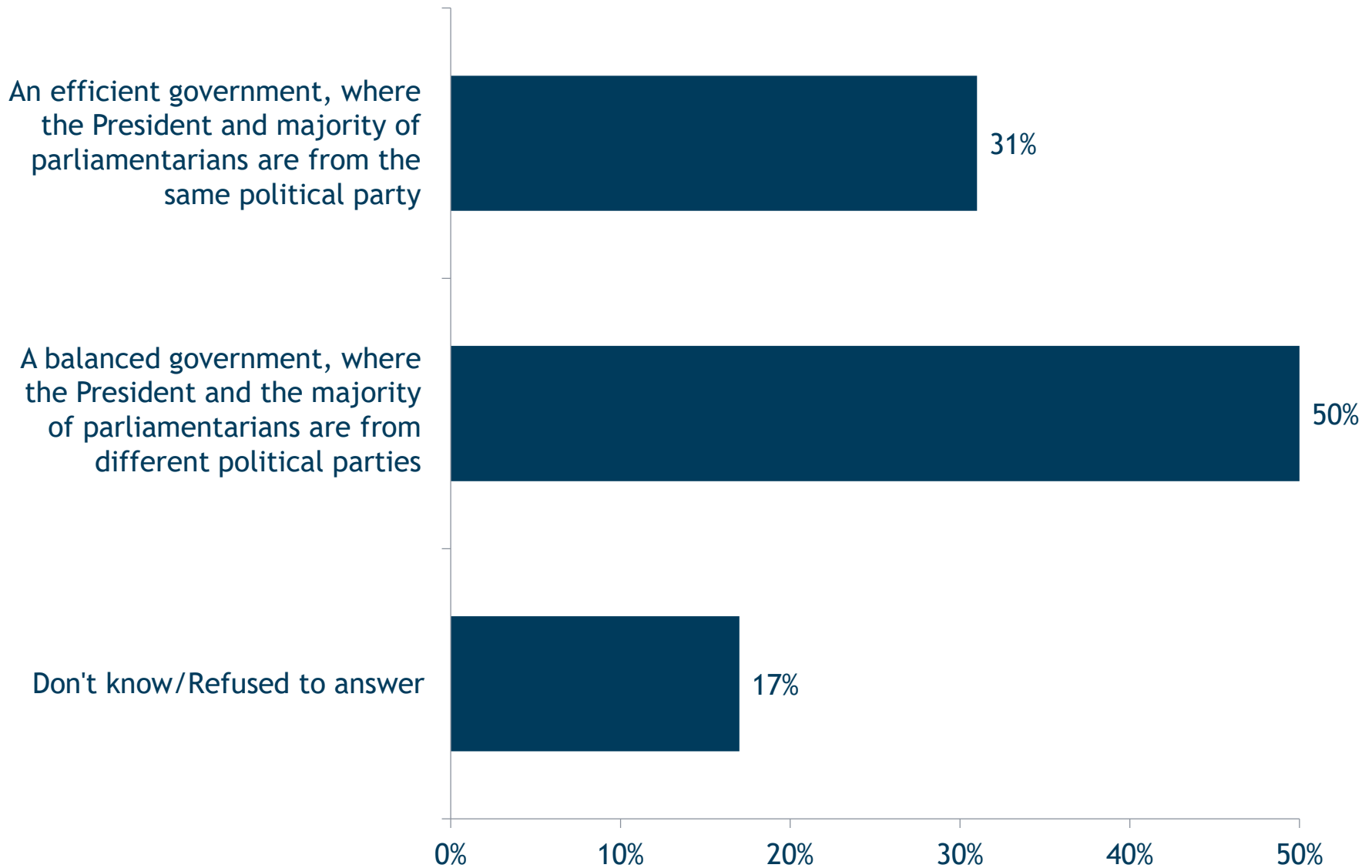


“It is easy to have my voice heard by my elected governmental representatives.”



■ Strongly agree   ■ Somewhat agree   ■ Somewhat disagree   ■ Strongly disagree   ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

# Which of the following do you believe is more important for Mongolia's democracy?



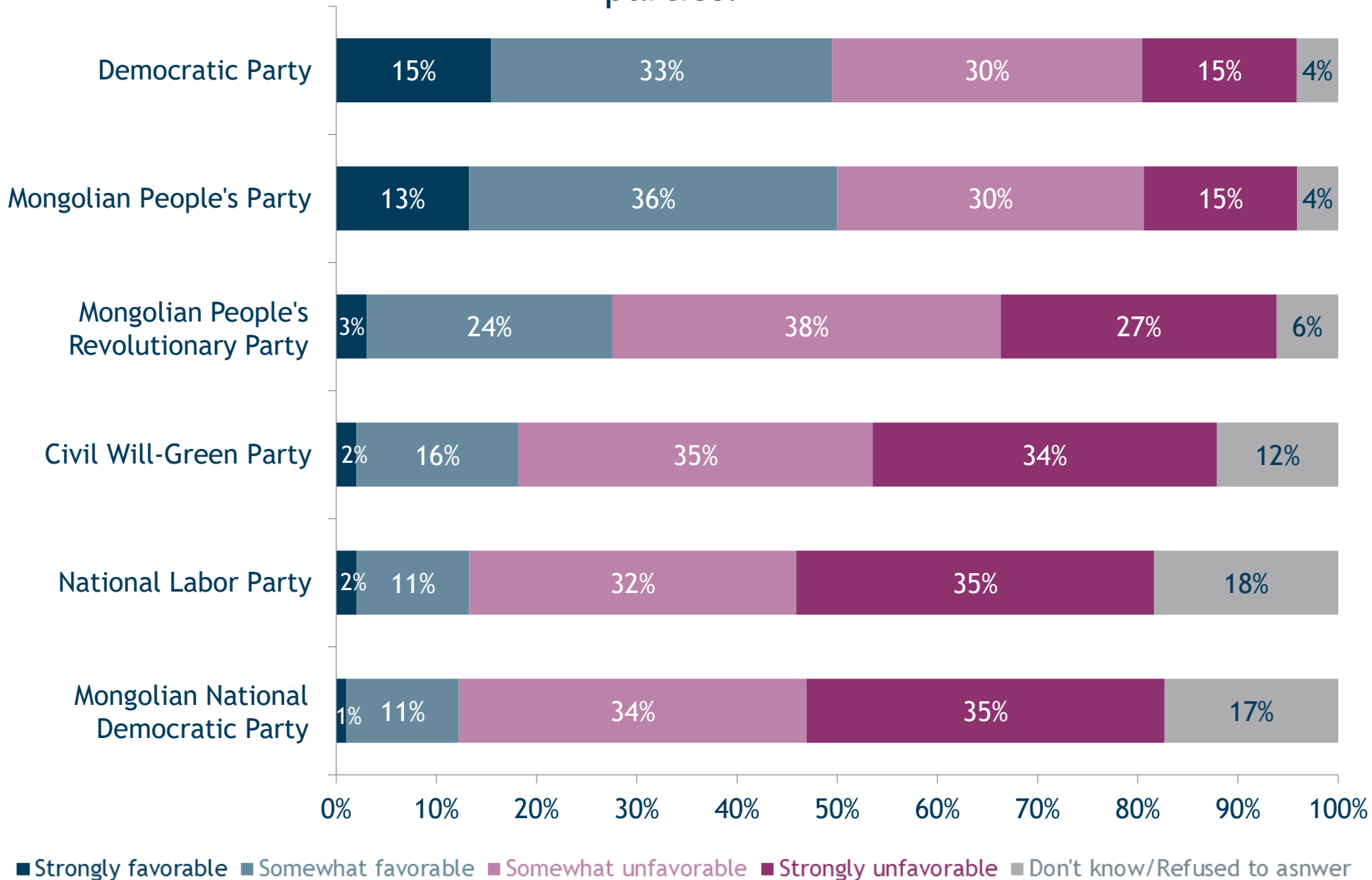


# Political Parties

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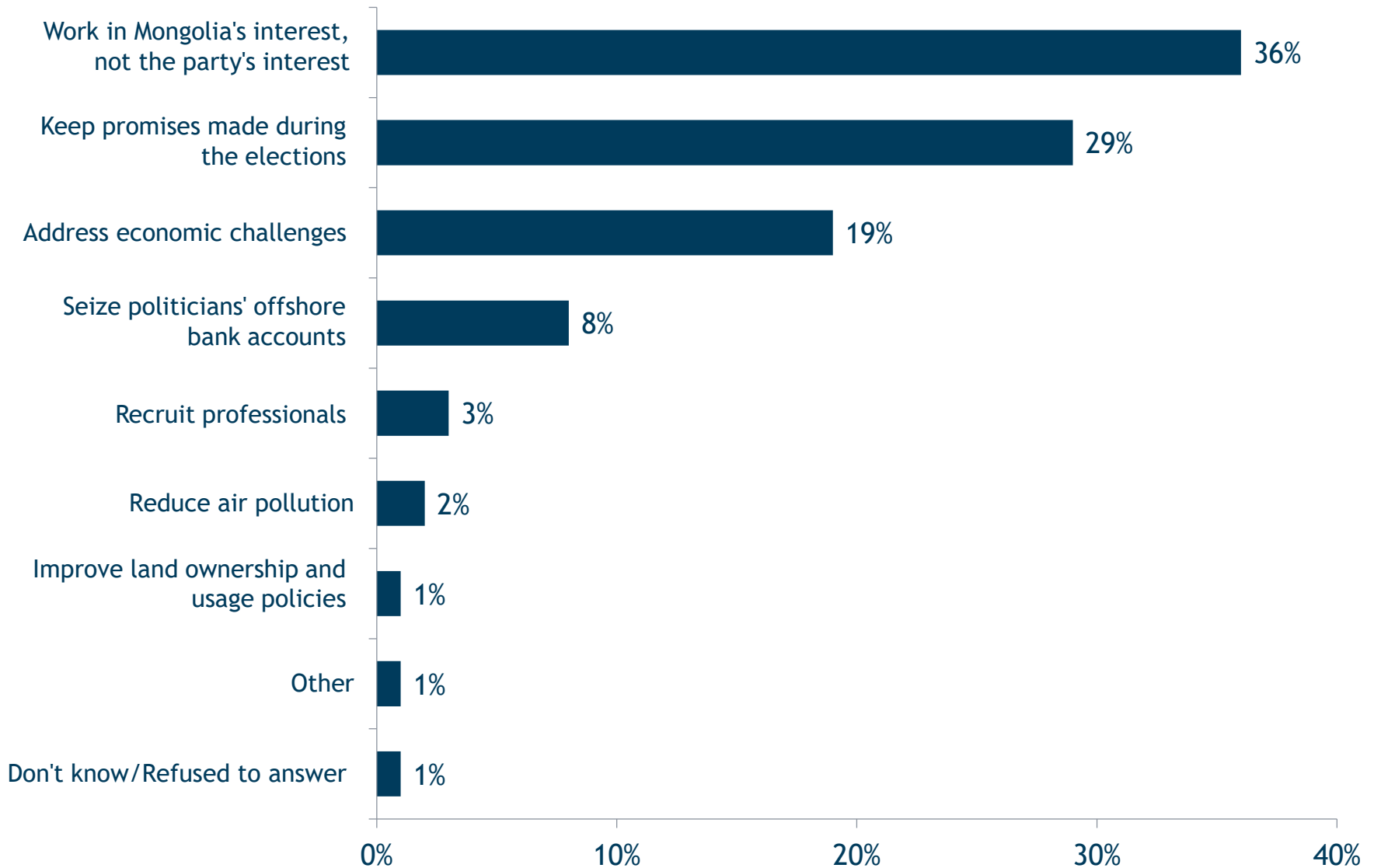


# Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

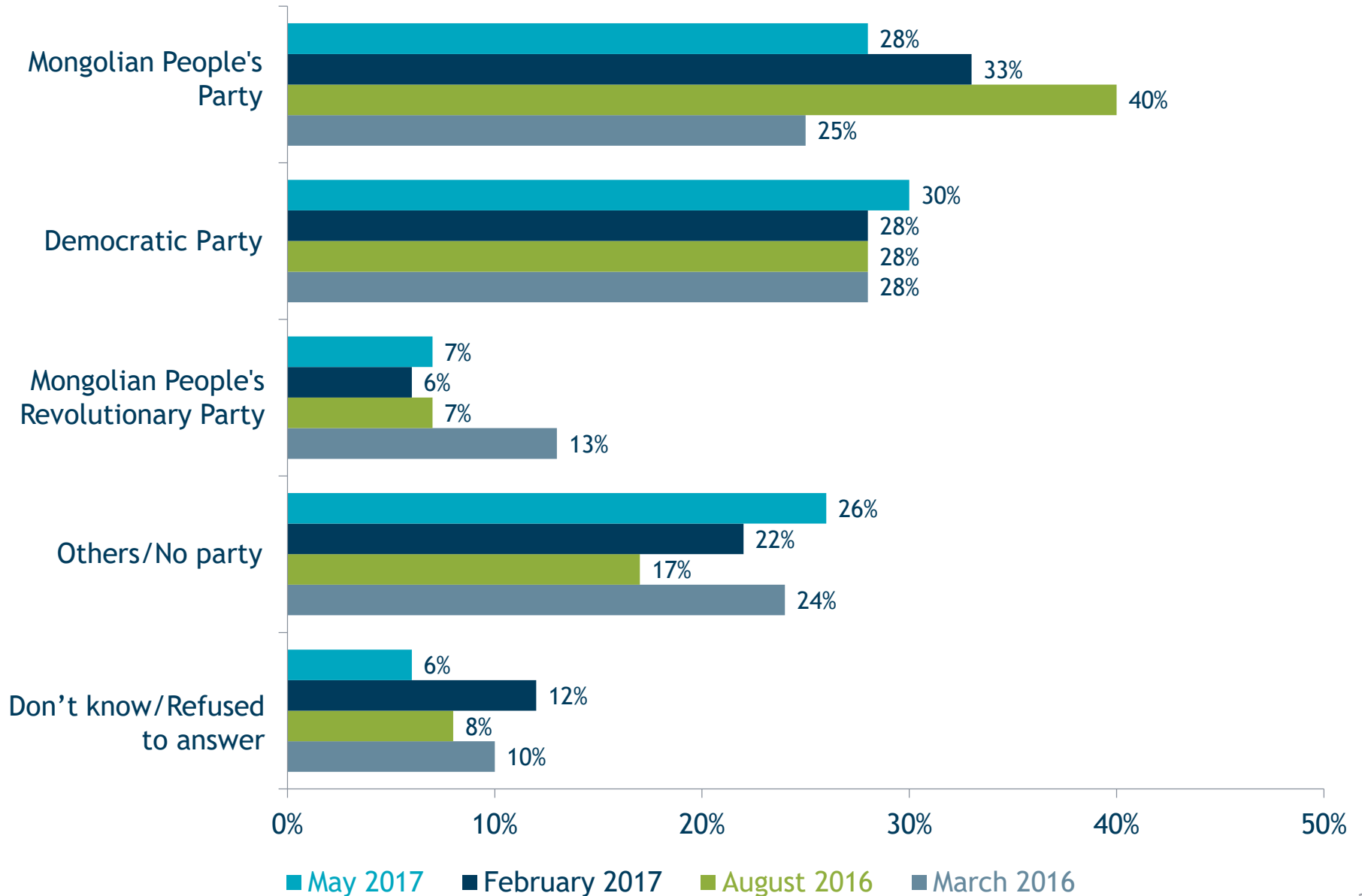




# If you could give one piece of advice to the leaders of the various political parties, what would that advice be?



# Regardless of which party you voted for in the 2016 parliamentary election, which political party most closely aligns with your personal point of view?



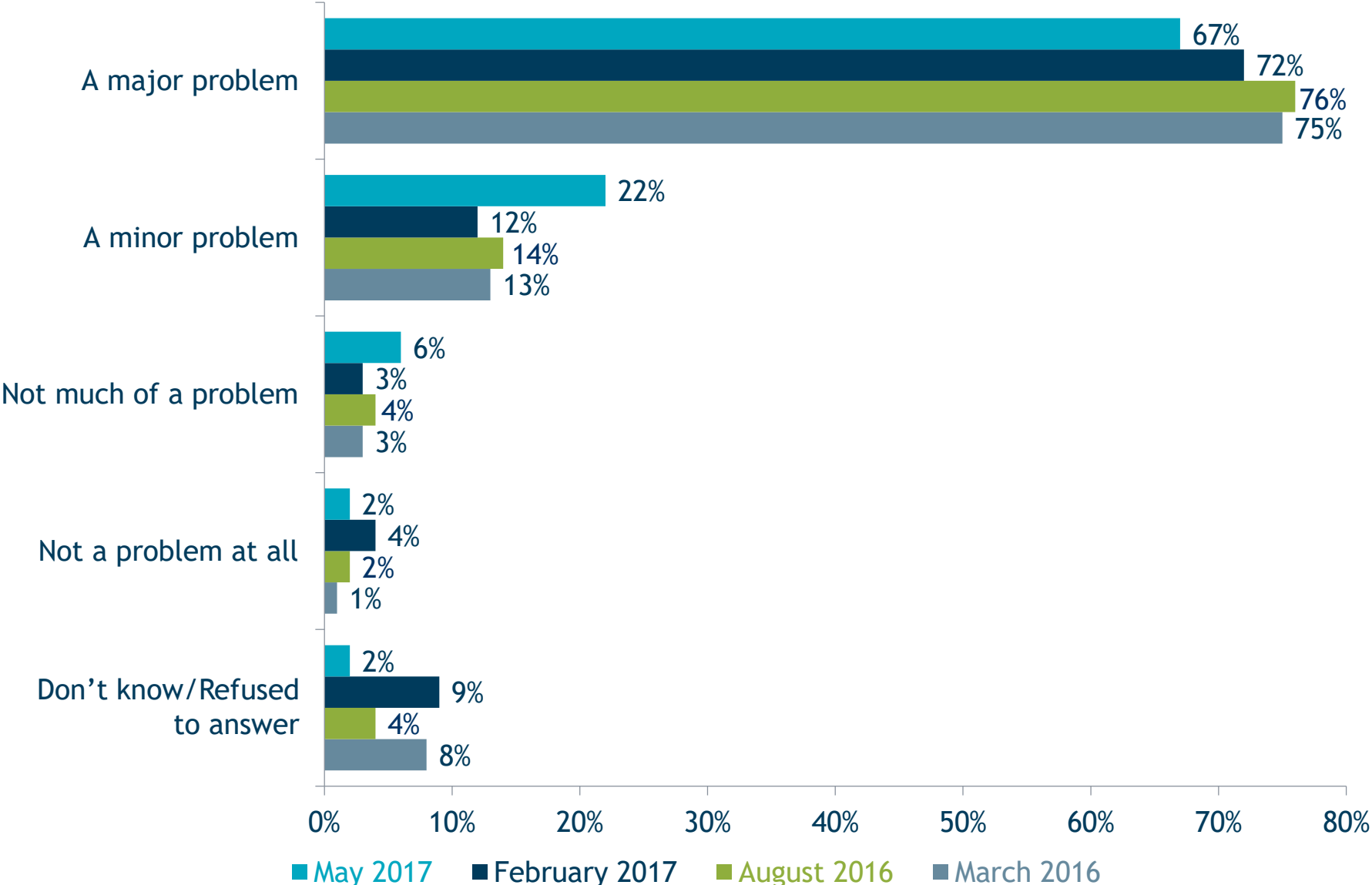


# Perceptions of Corruption

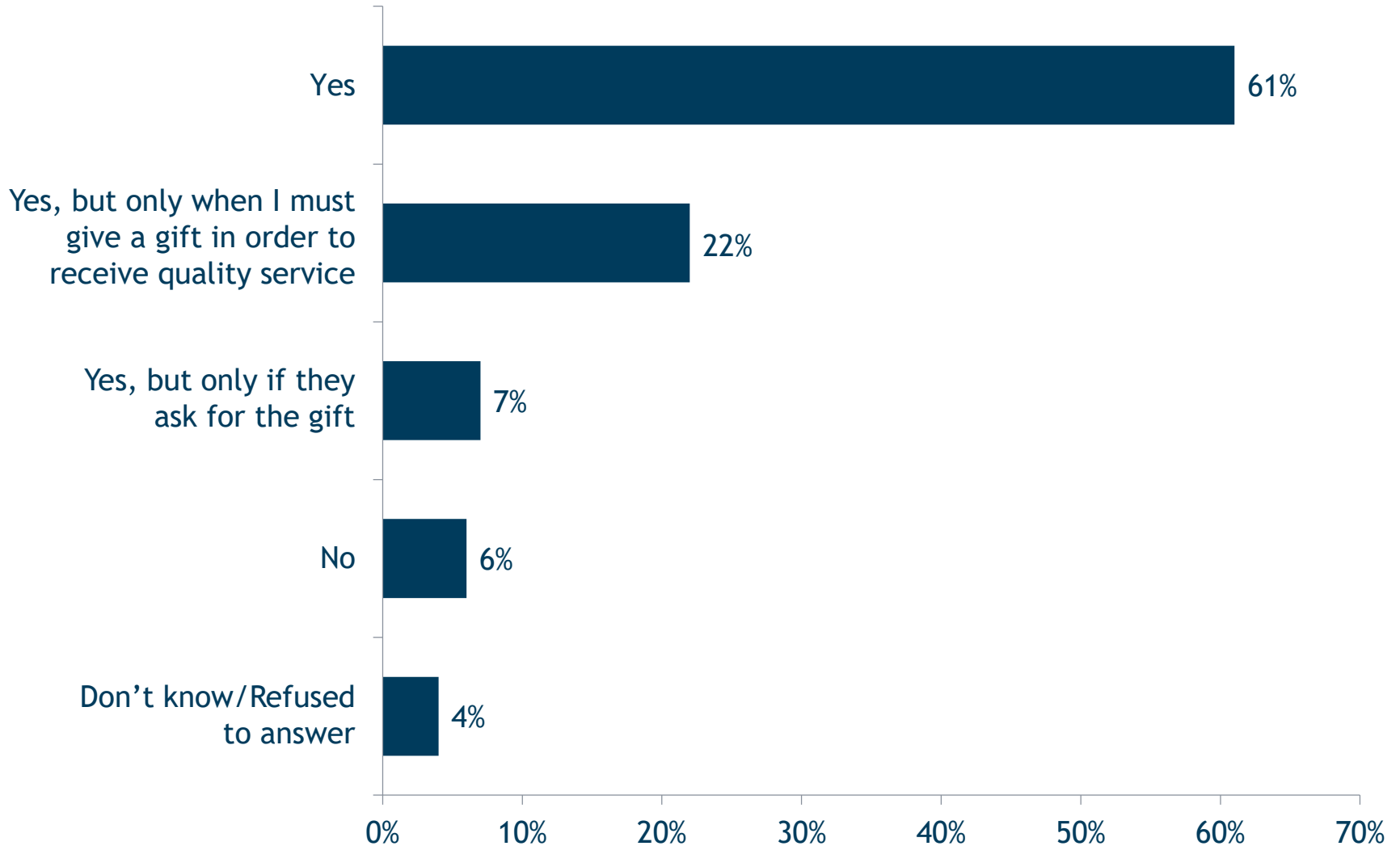
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# Do you believe that corruption is a major problem, a minor problem, not much of a problem or not a problem at all?



# Do you believe giving monetary gifts to service providers such as doctors, nurses, teachers and other civil servants is wrong?



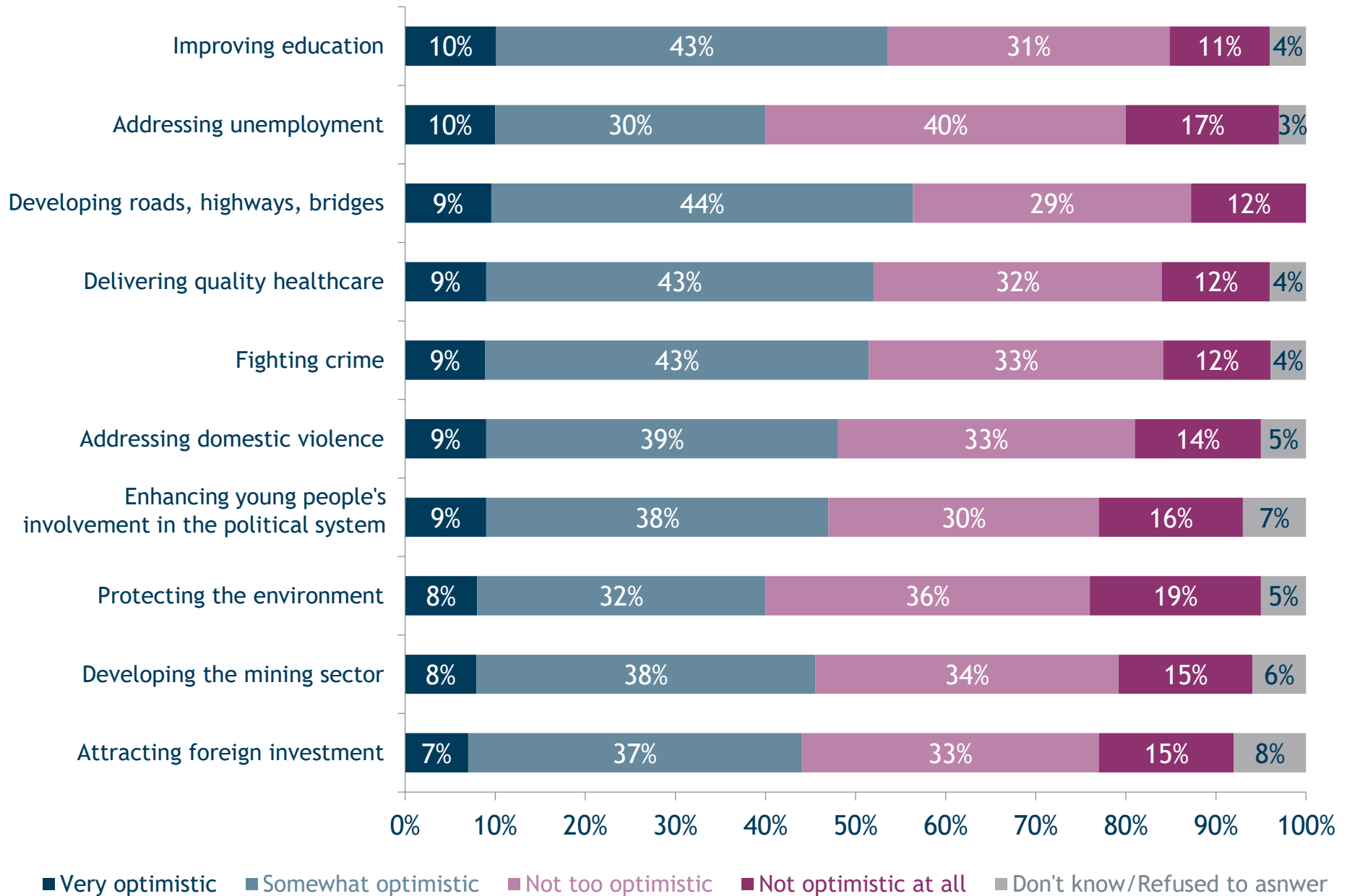


# Public & Economic Policy

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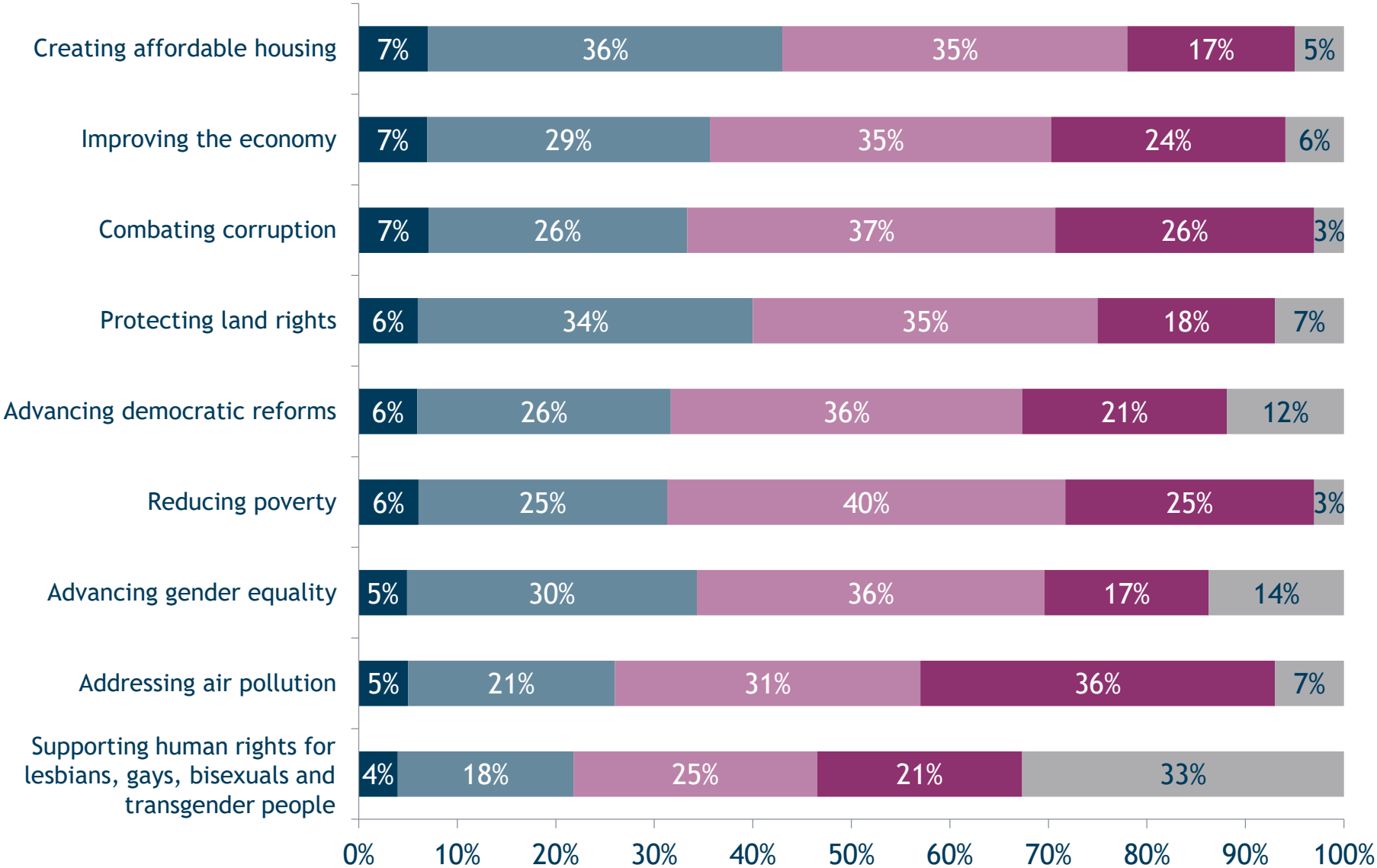


# How optimistic are you about how the national government deals with each of the following issues?



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 ■ Somewhat optimistic 
 ■ Not too optimistic 
 ■ Not optimistic at all 
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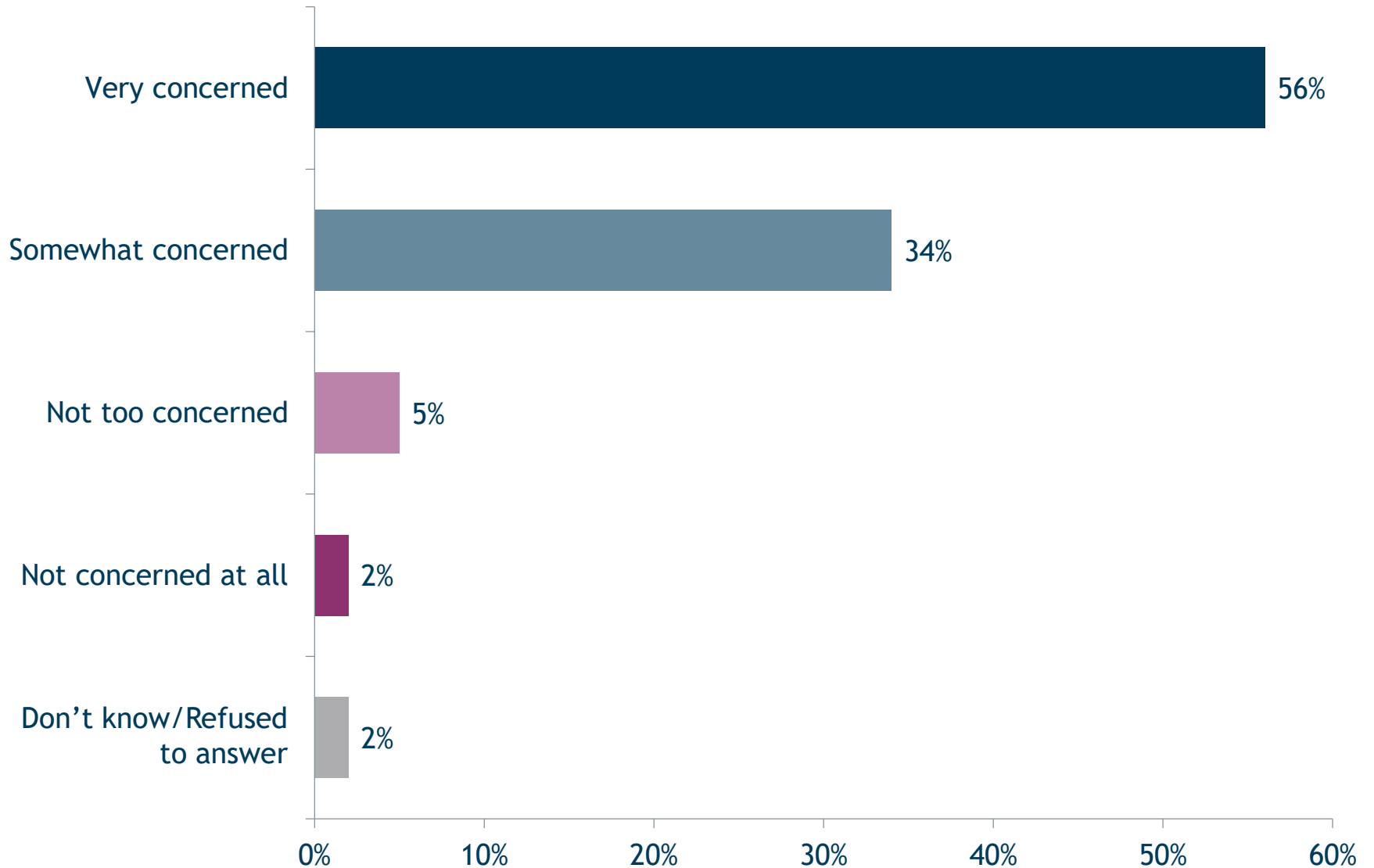
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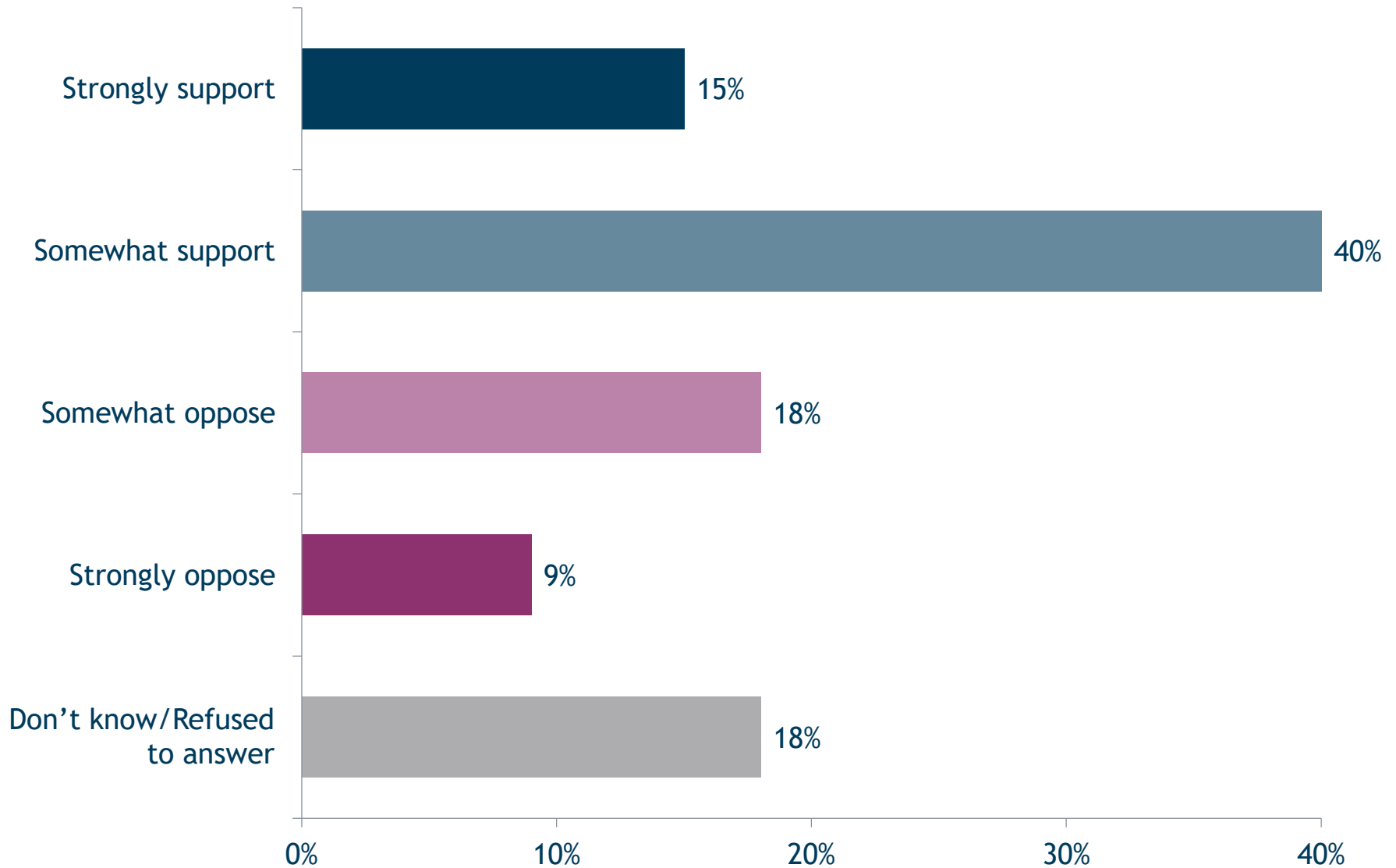
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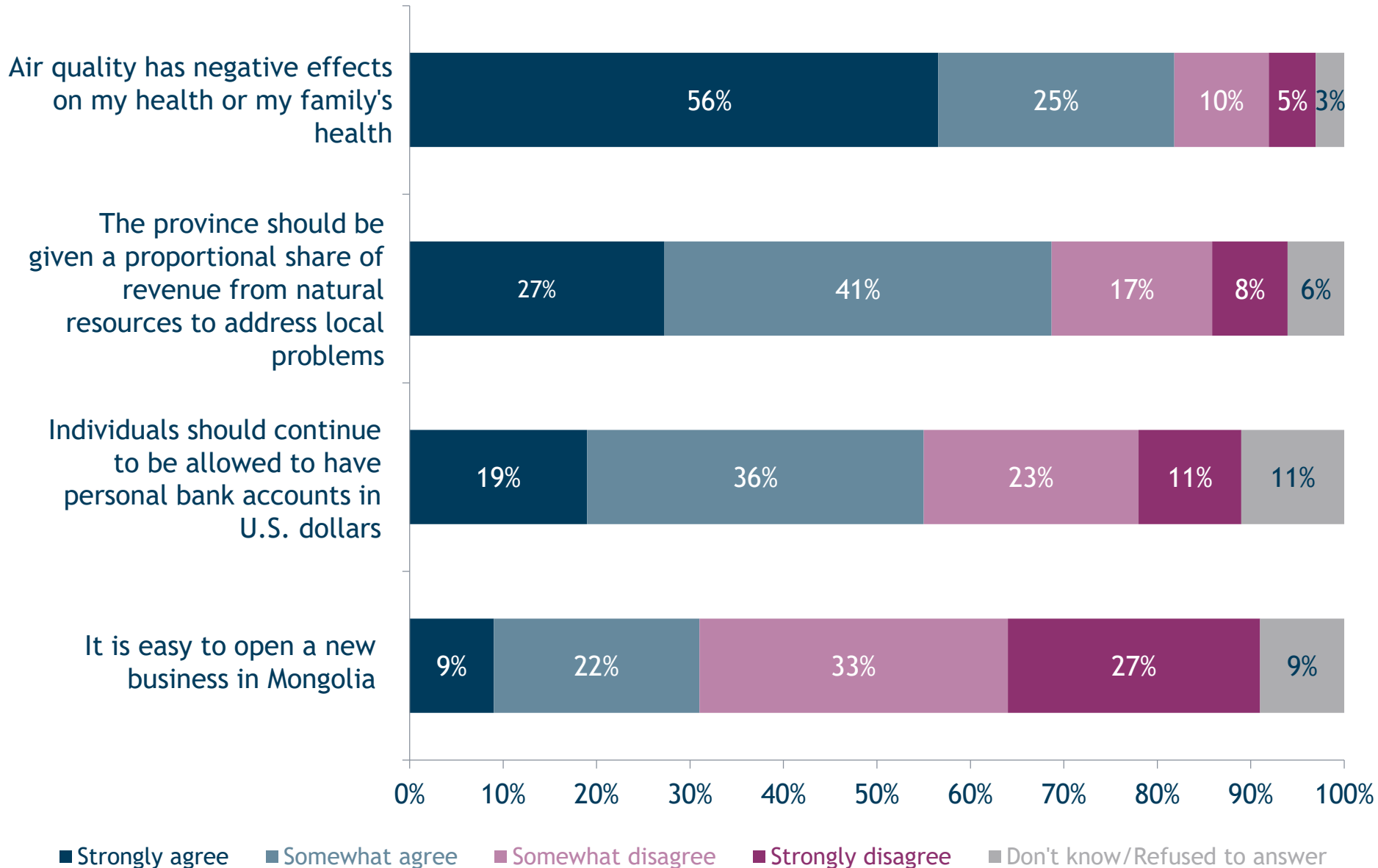
# To what degree are you concerned about the amount of Mongolia's national debt?



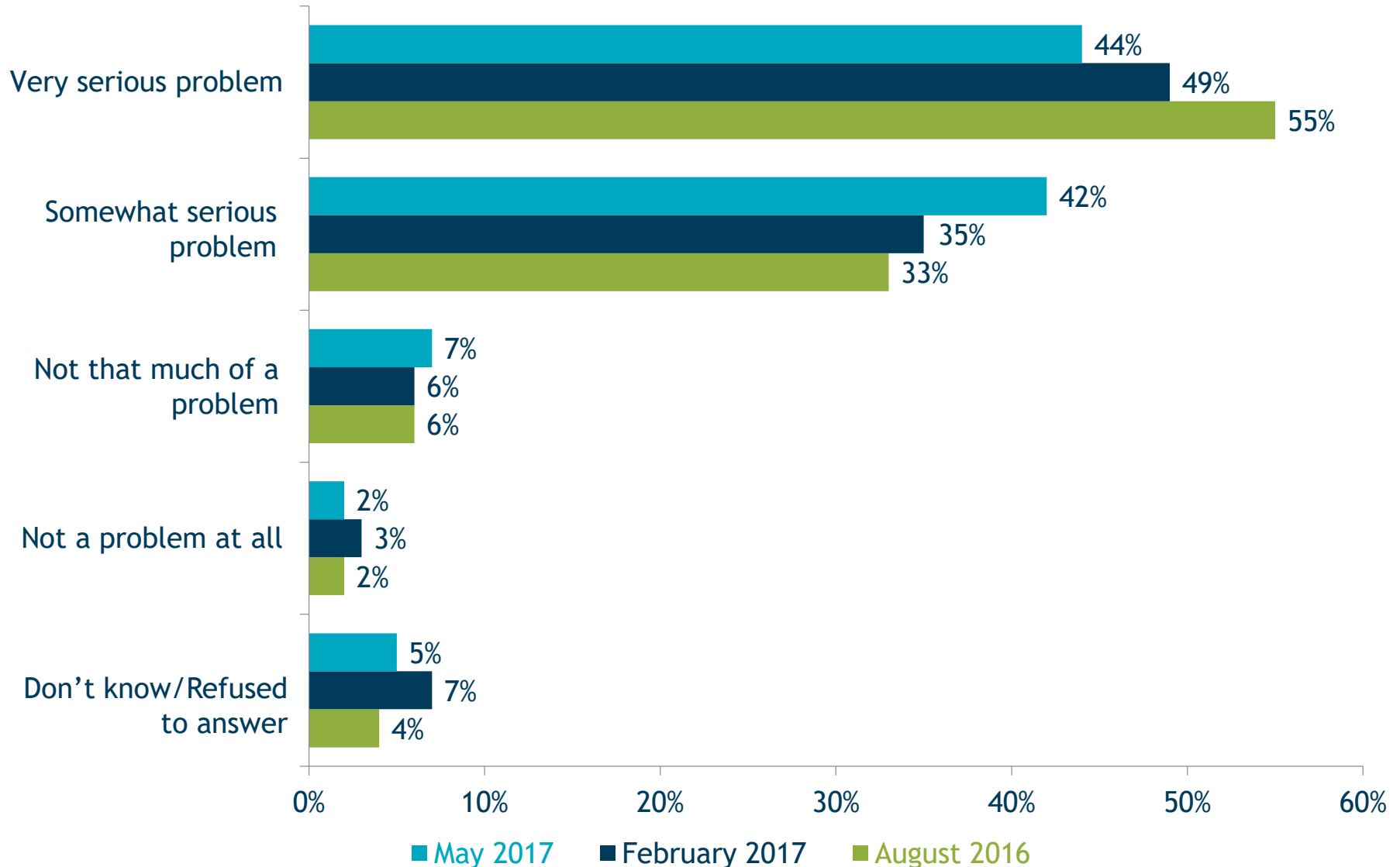
# To what degree do you support the government's actions in 2017 to address Mongolia's national debt?



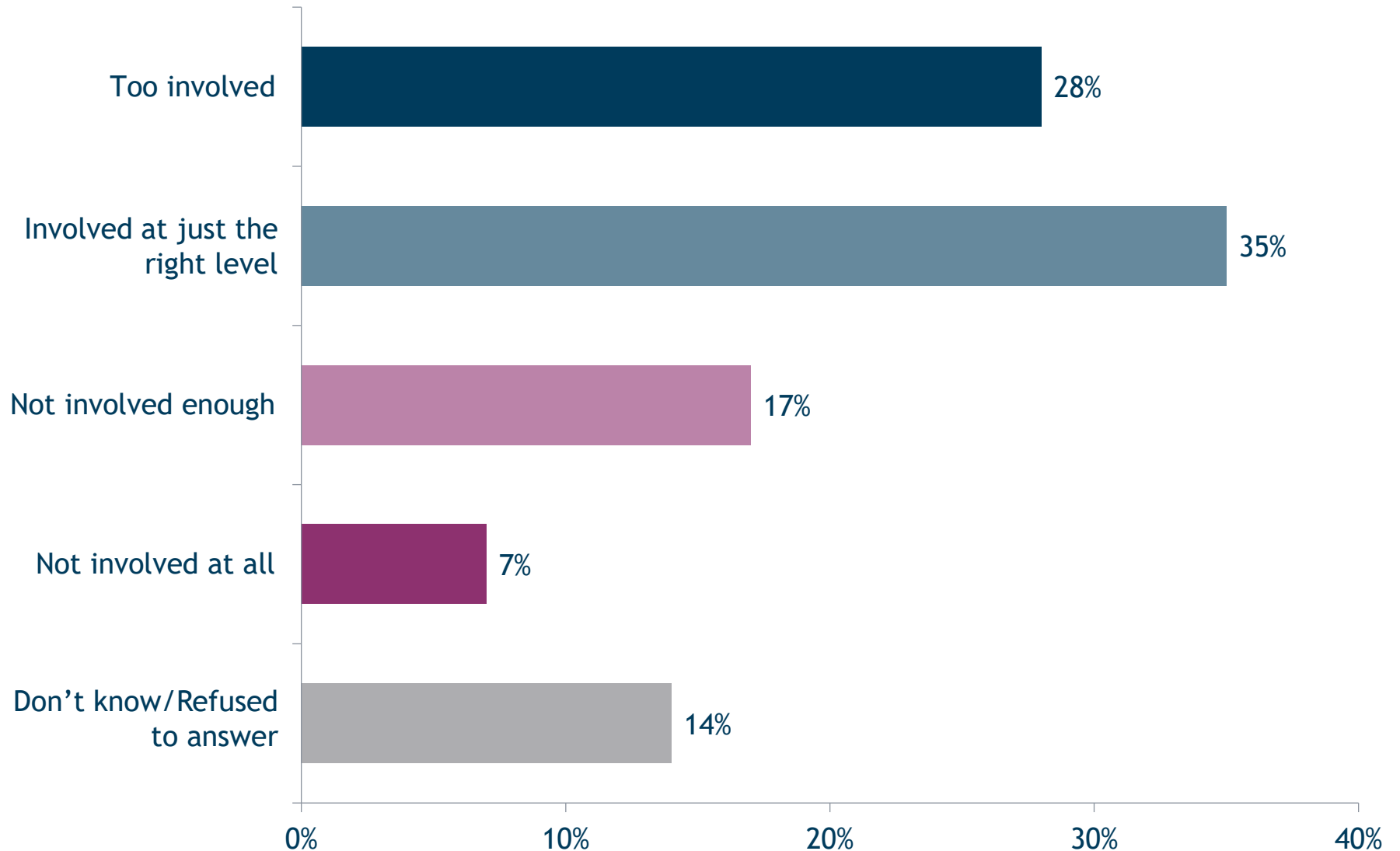
## Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following positions:



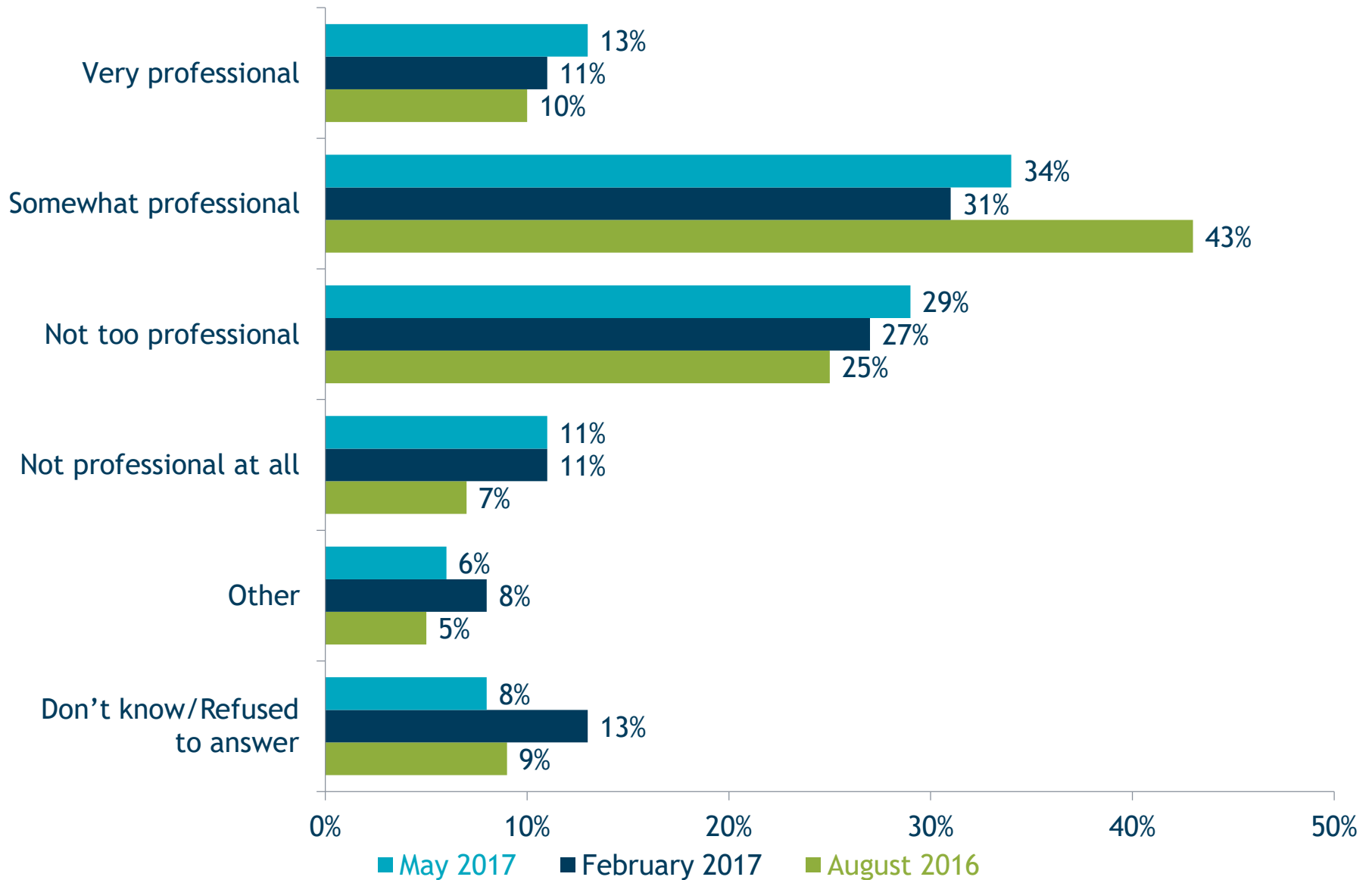
# Would you say that climate change is a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not that much of a problem, or not a problem at all?



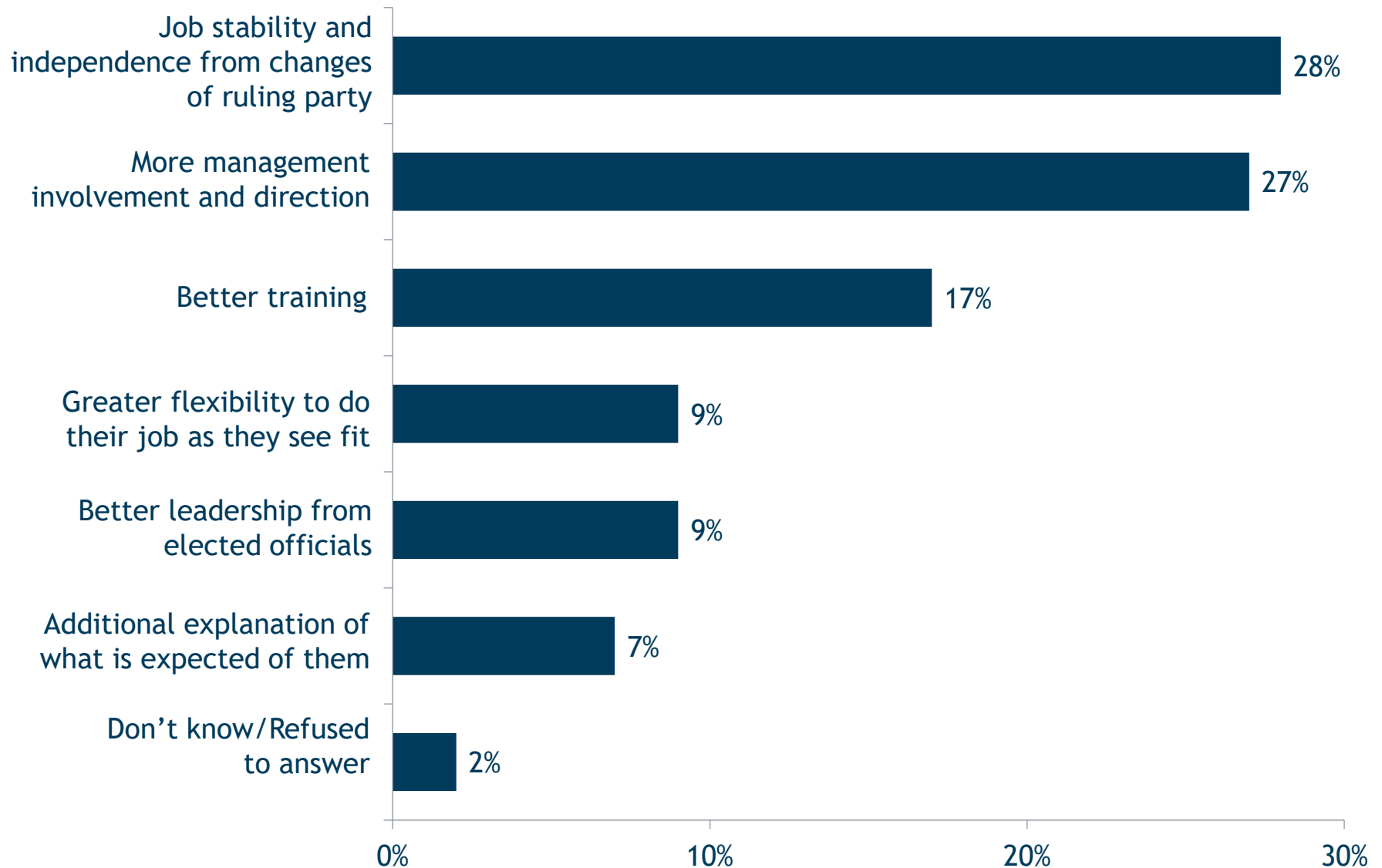
# To what degree would you say the government is involved in economic and business affairs?



# To what degree would you say that civil servants are professional?



# Which of the following do you believe would do the most to improve the level of professionalism among civil servants?



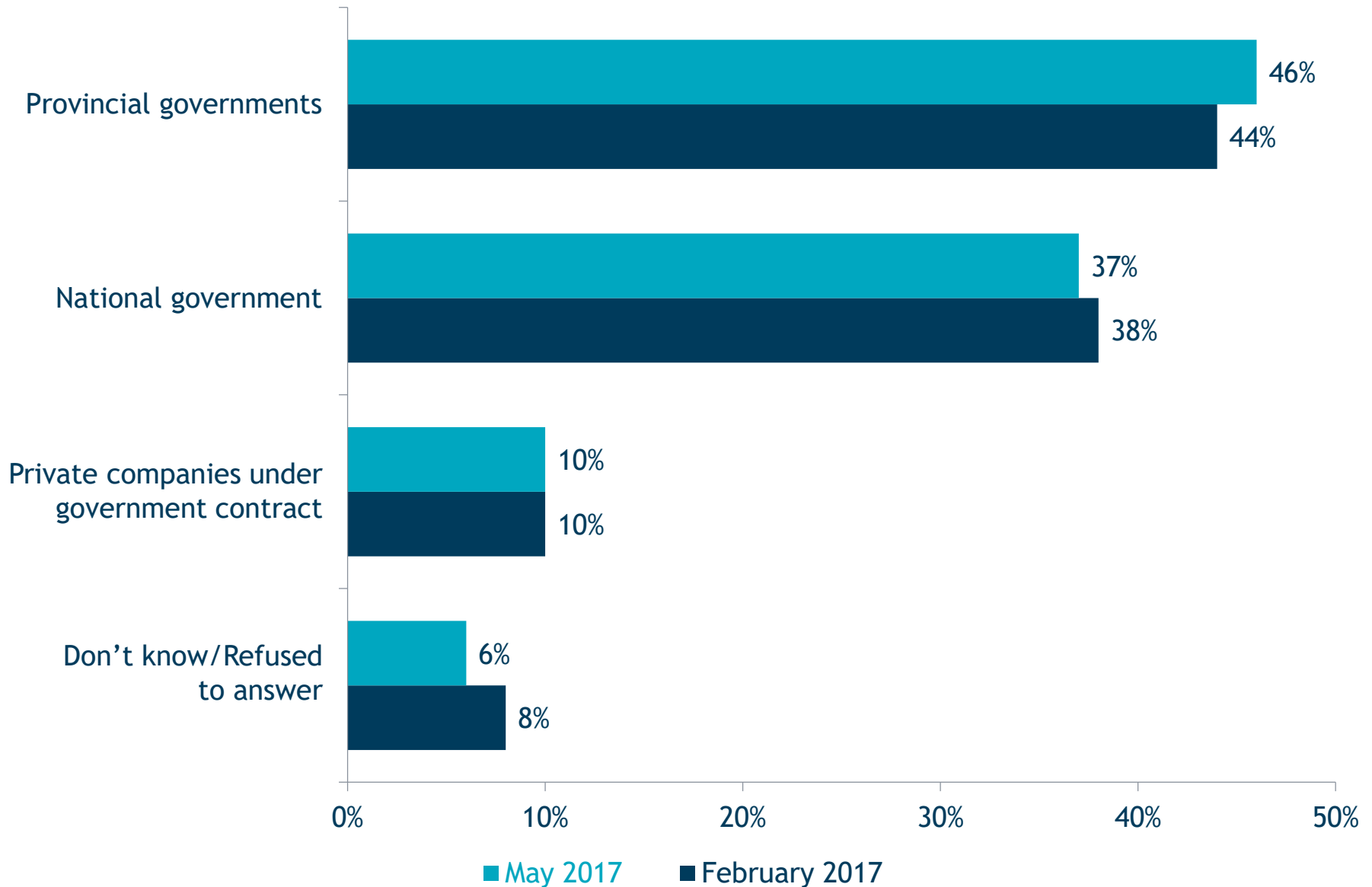


# Mining

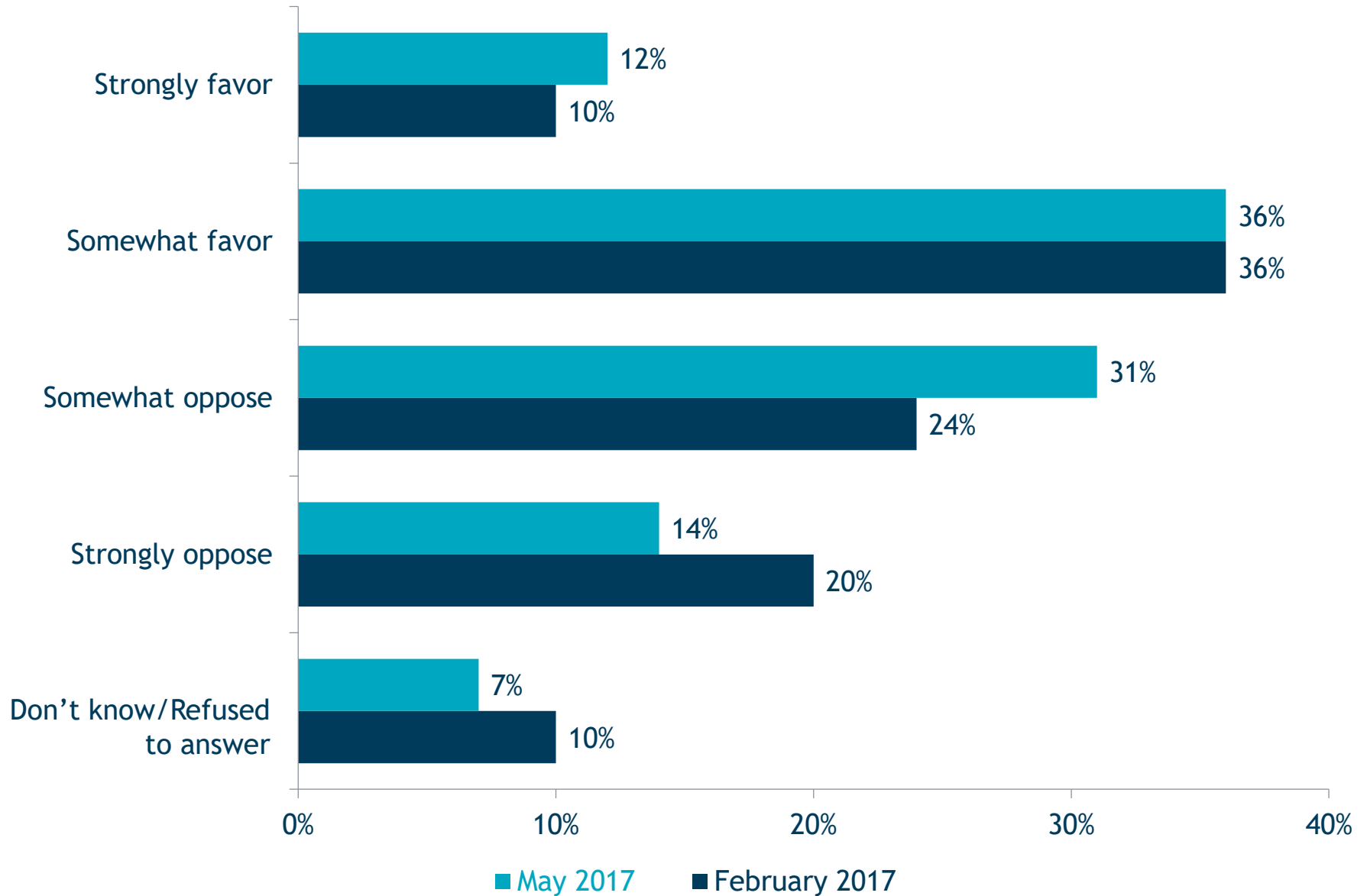




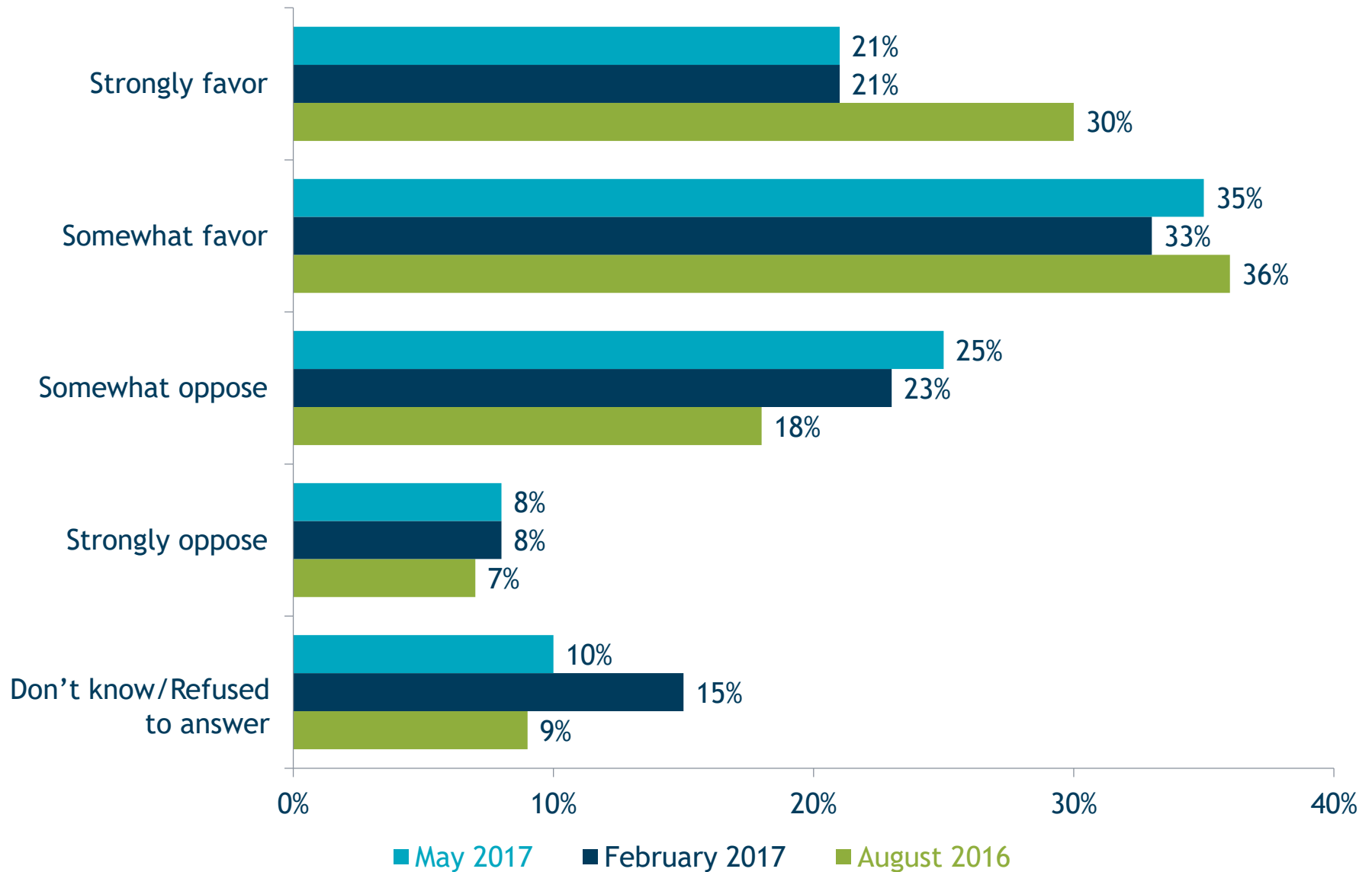
# Who should have primary responsibility for overseeing the mining of natural resources in Mongolia?



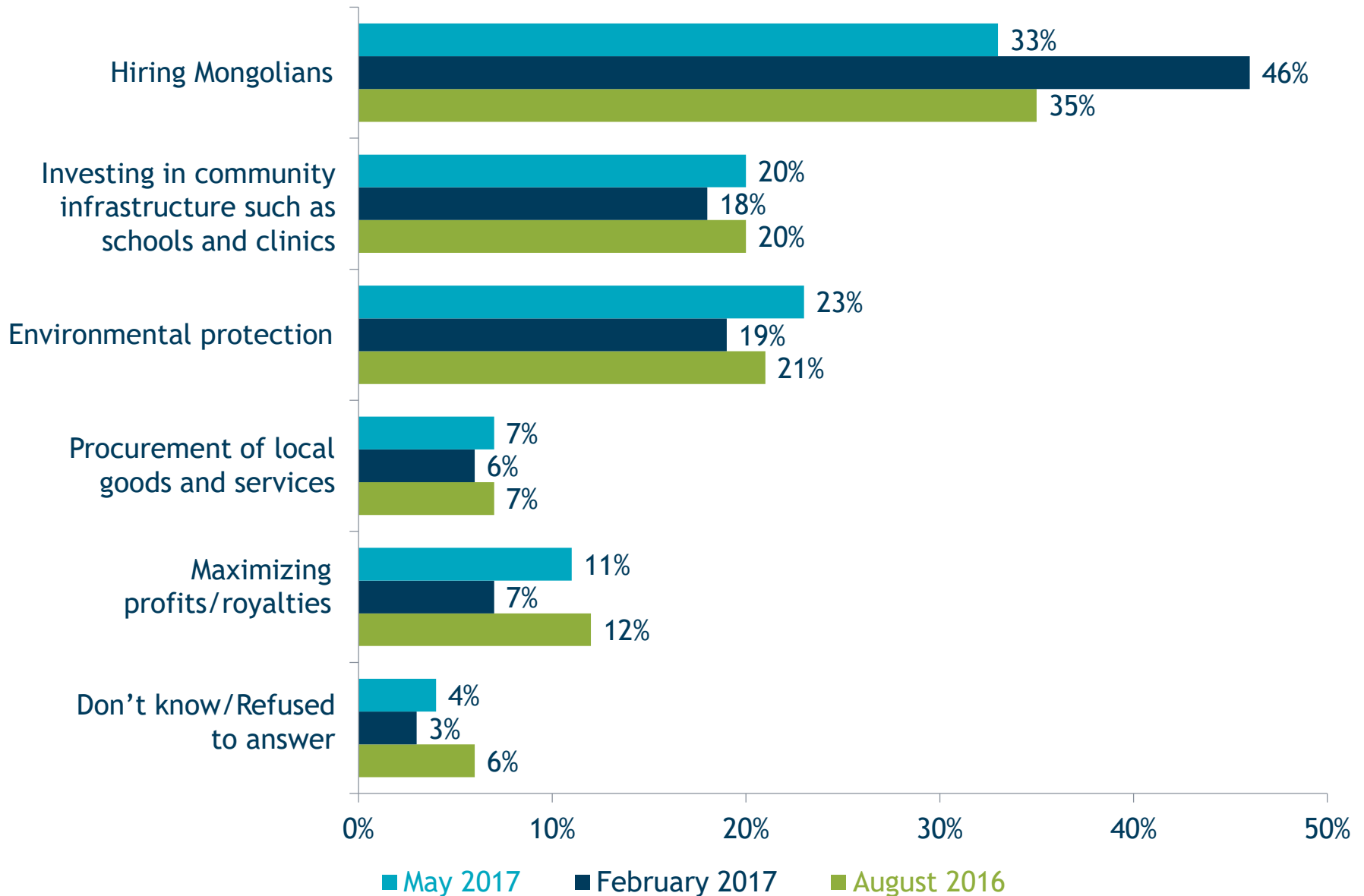
# Do you favor or oppose the involvement of foreign companies in mining operations in Mongolia?



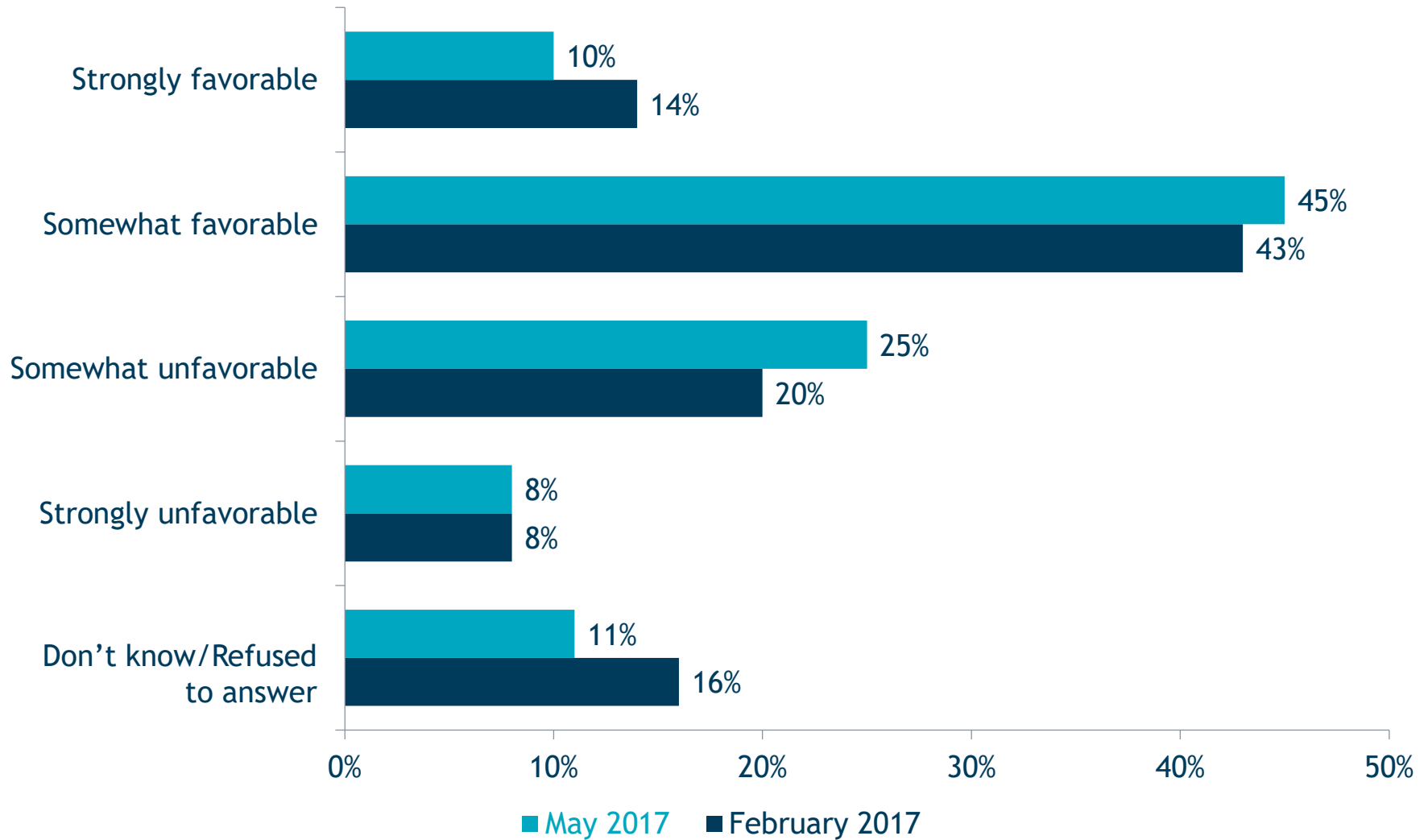
# Would you favor or oppose Parliament passing laws that would prevent any foreign investment in mining operations in Mongolia?



# What do you think foreign investors in mining should focus on the most?

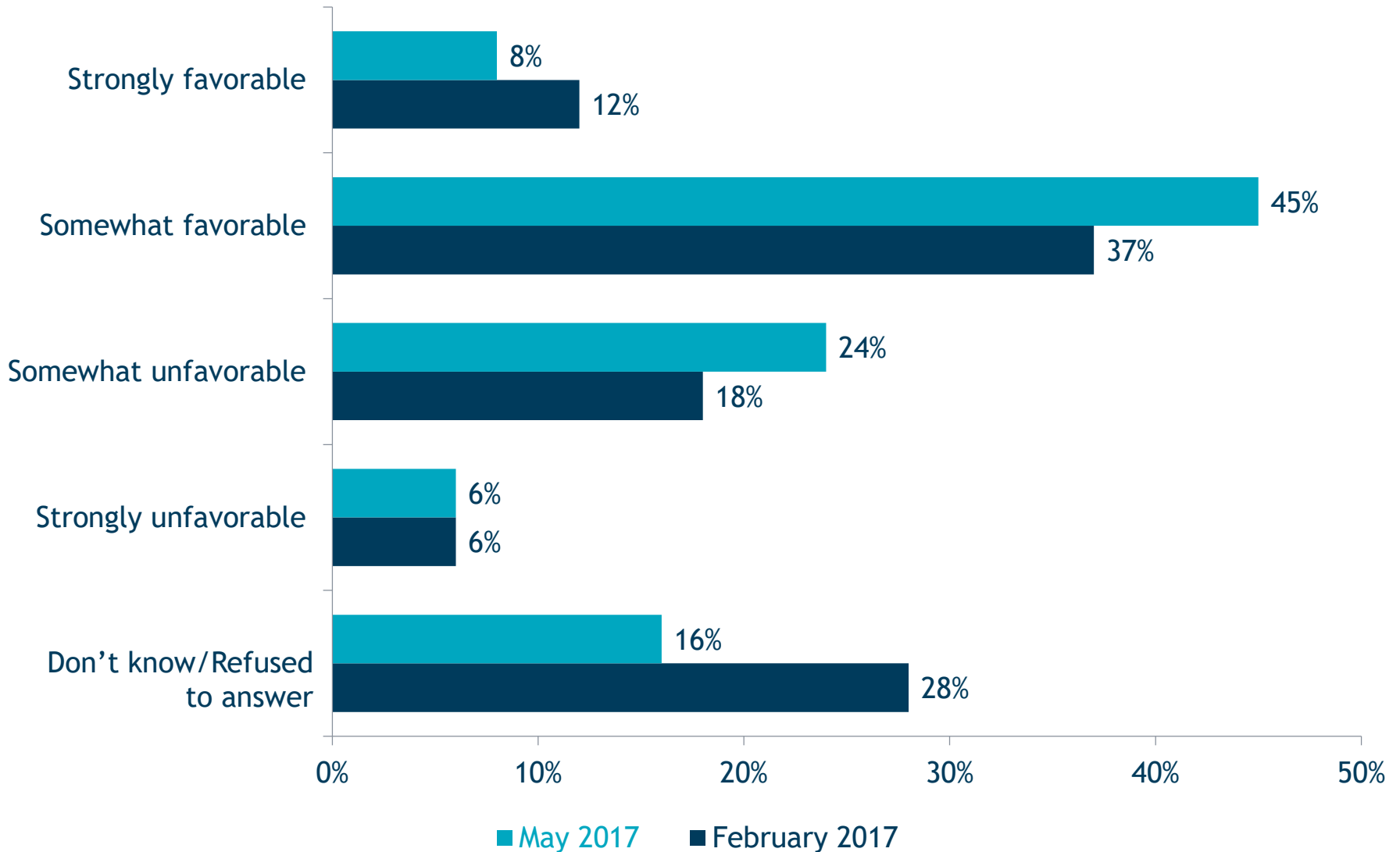


# Is your opinion of Oyu Tolgoi LLC\* favorable or unfavorable?



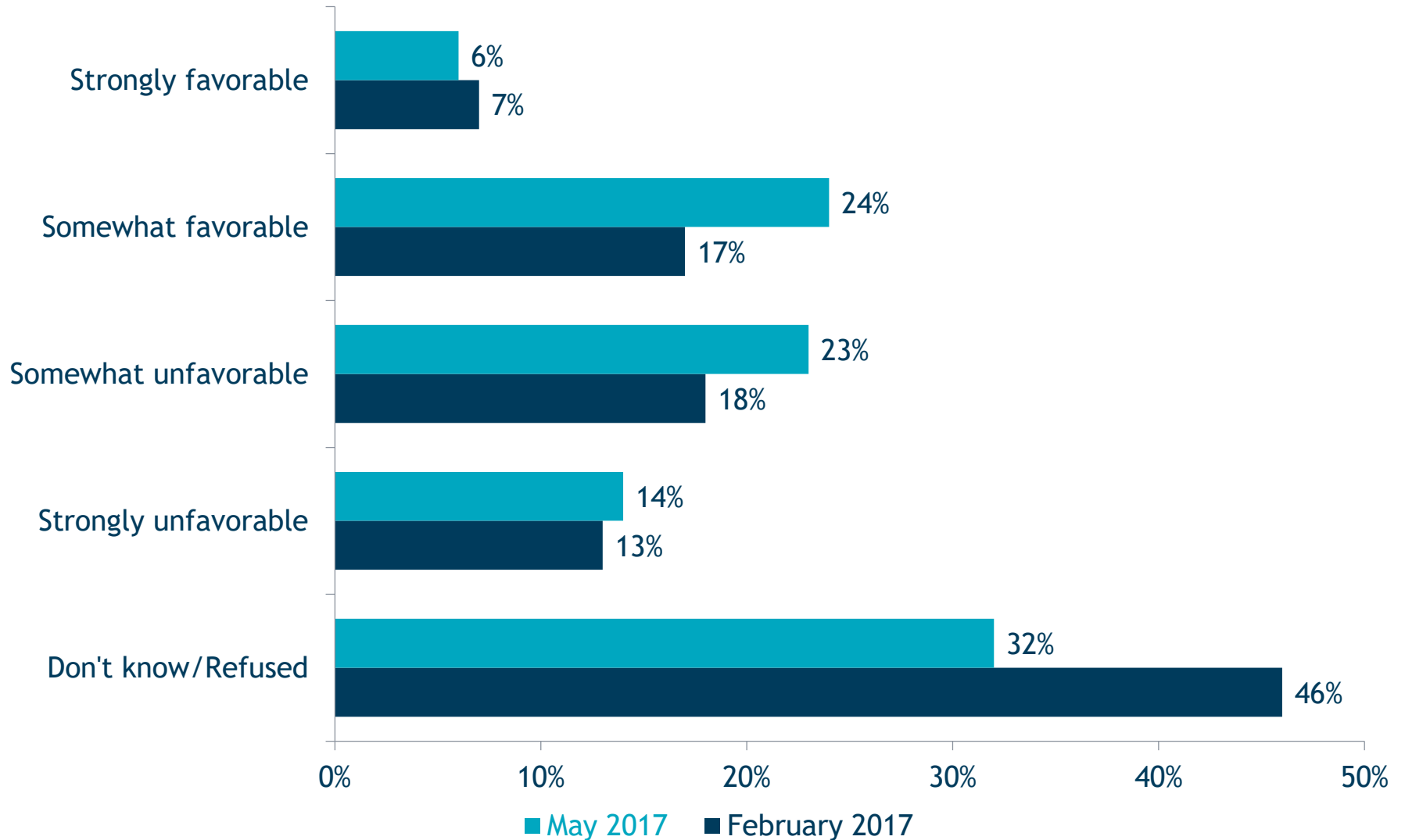
\*Oyu Tolgoi LLC is a Mongolian company, jointly owned by Erdenes Oyu Tolgoi LLC on behalf of the Government of Mongolia (34 percent) and the Canadian company Turquoise Hill Resources (66 percent). Turquoise Hill Resources is listed on the Toronto and New York Stock exchanges and is indirectly owned by Rio Tinto, which manages Oyu Tolgoi on behalf of the partnership. Oyu Tolgoi LLC controls the Oyu Tolgoi gold and copper mine.

# Is your opinion of Erdenes Mongol\* favorable or unfavorable?



\*Erdenes Mongol is the leading state-owned company in Mongolia's mining, infrastructure and energy sectors. The Government of Mongolia has empowered Erdenes Mongol to manage its shares in Mongolia's mining assets, including Oyu Tolgoi LLC and Erdenes Tavan Tolgoi JSC.

# Is your opinion of Centerra Gold\* favorable or unfavorable?



\*Centerra Gold is a Canadian gold mining and exploration company engaged in the operation, exploration, development and acquisition of gold properties in Asia, North America and other markets worldwide. Centerra Gold owns the Gatsuert gold mine, located in North Central Mongolia.



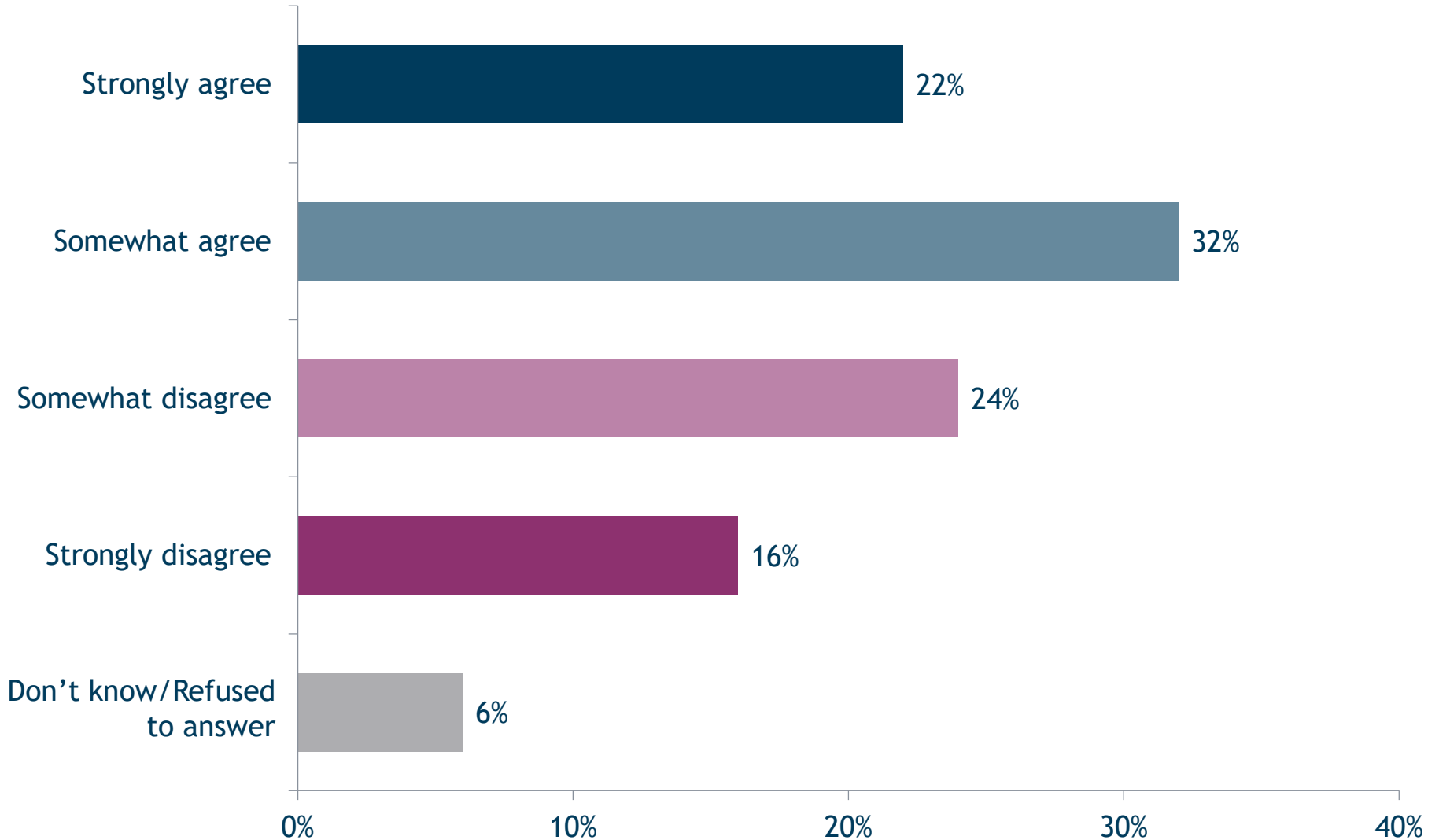
# Gender Equality and Youth Inclusion

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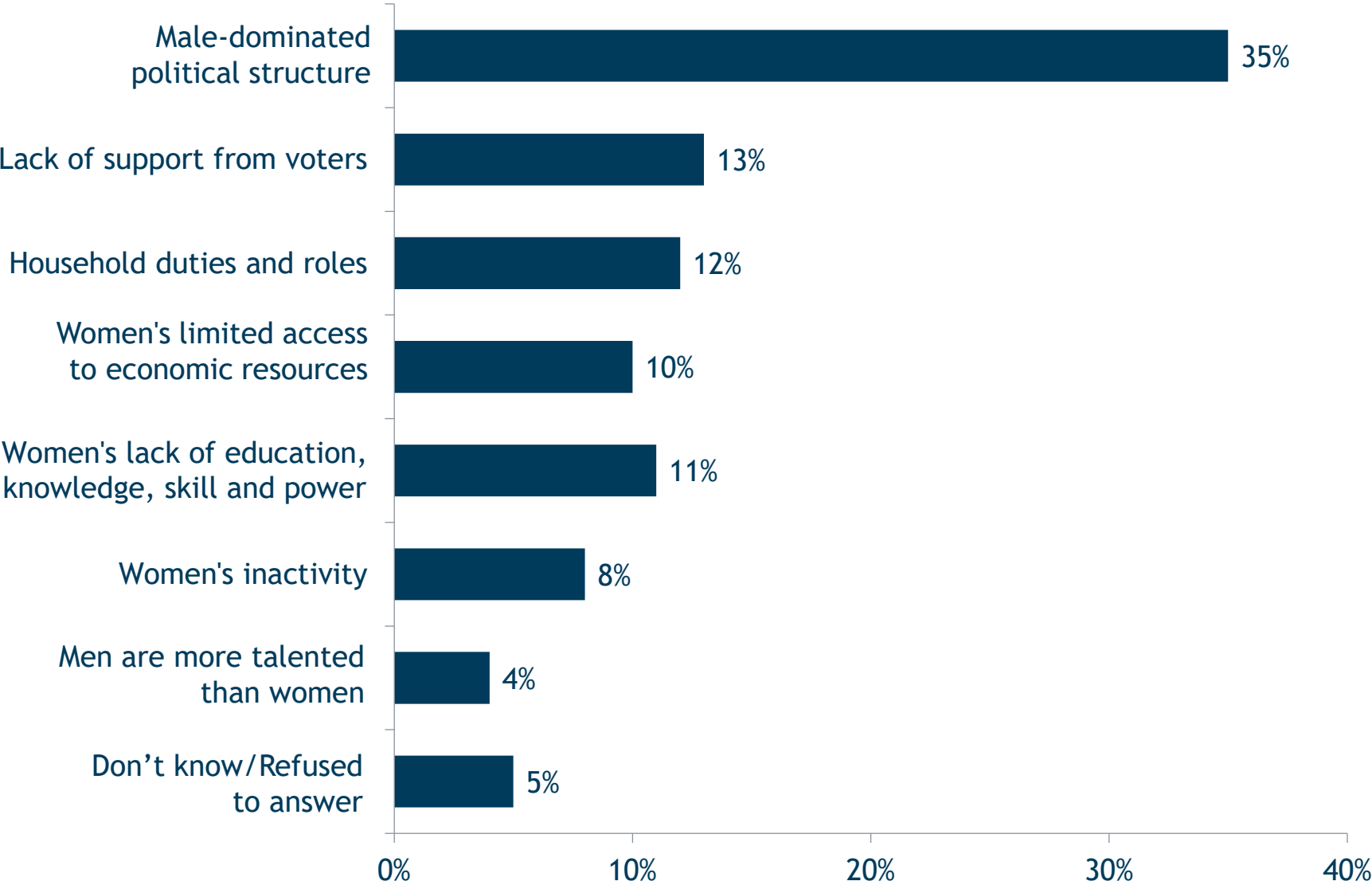




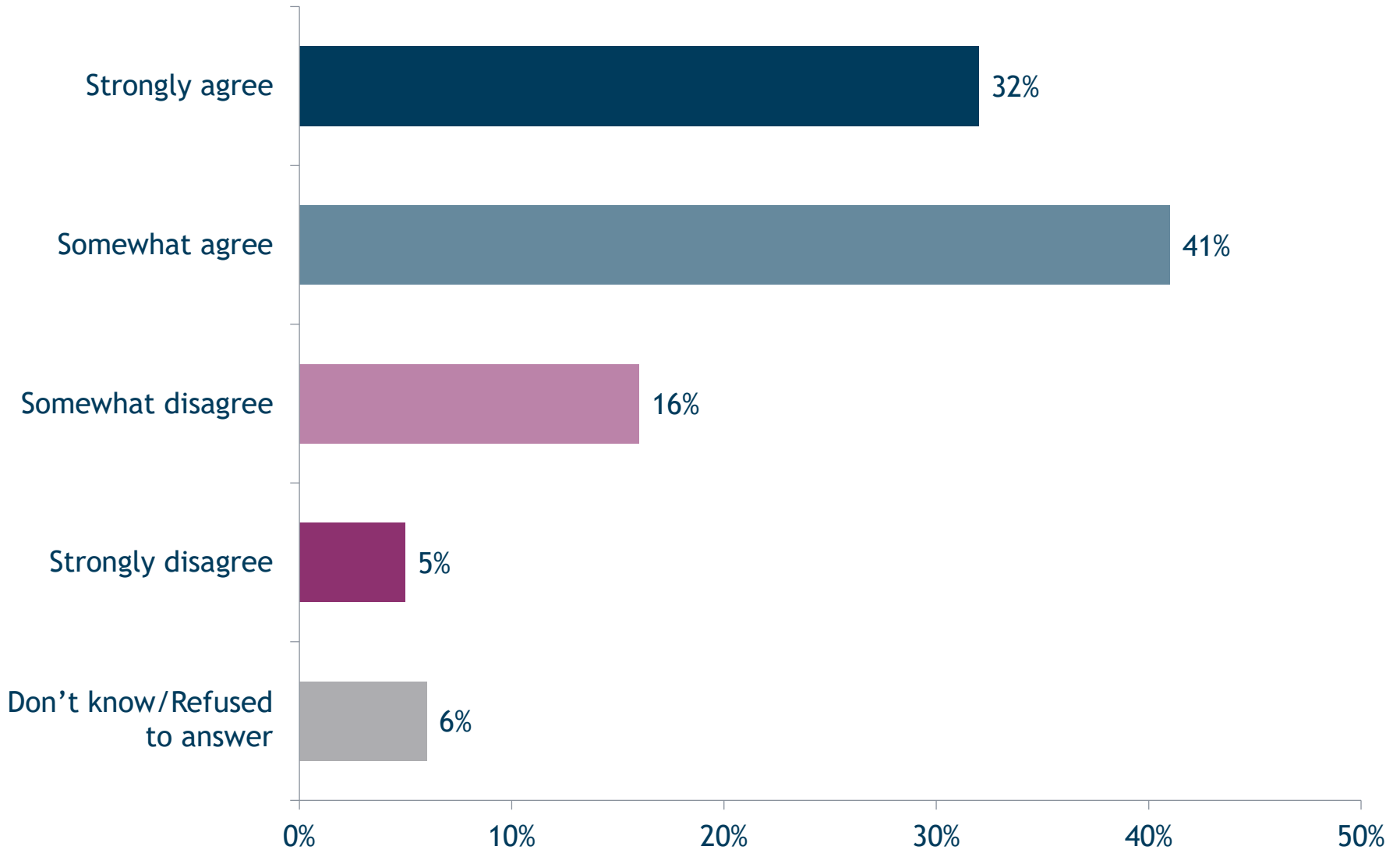
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
“Women are equally represented in political decision-making positions in  
Mongolia.”



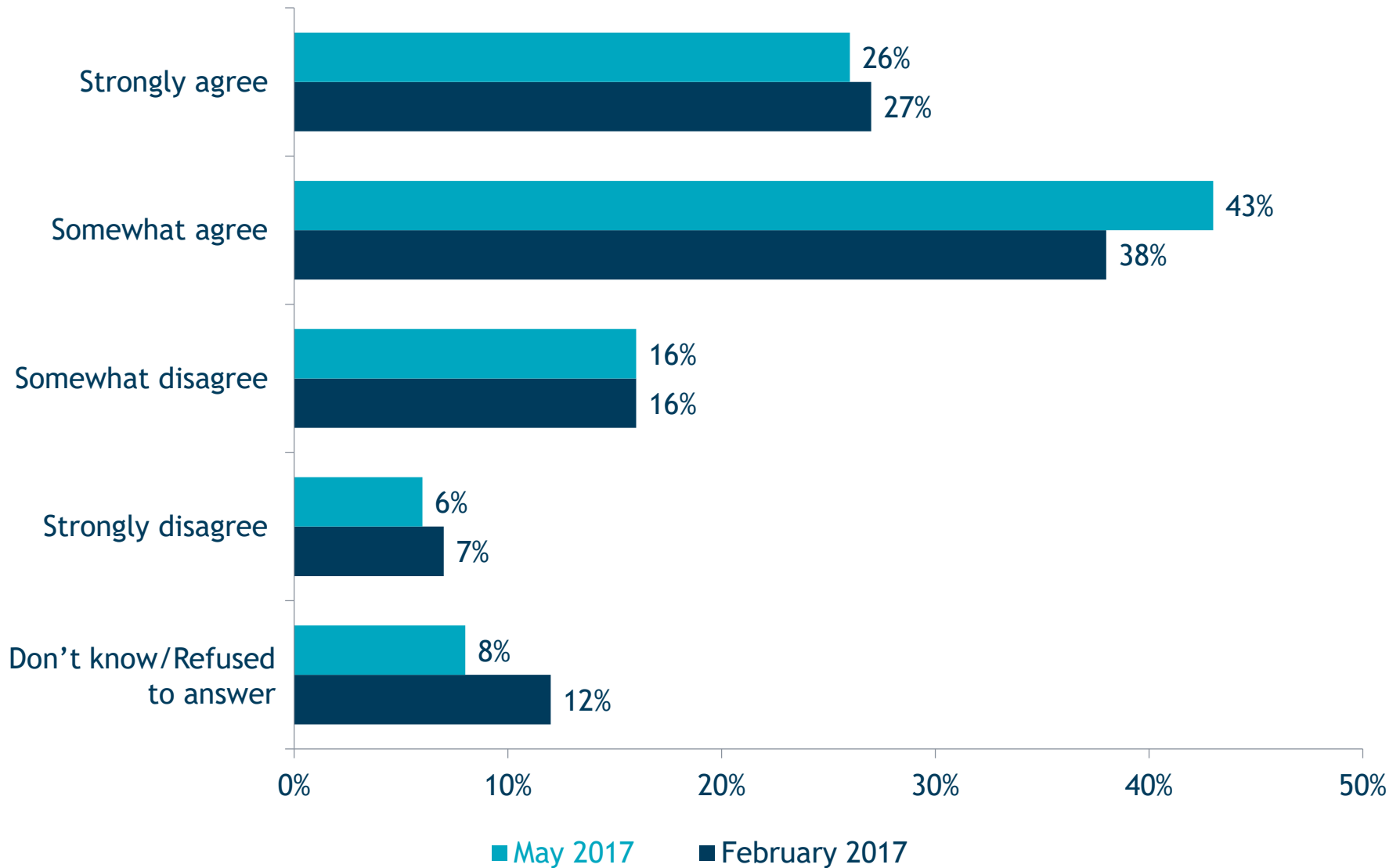
# Which of the following would you say is the greatest barrier to increased women's participation in political decision making:



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
“Women can compete equally with men for holding positions of elected  
office.”

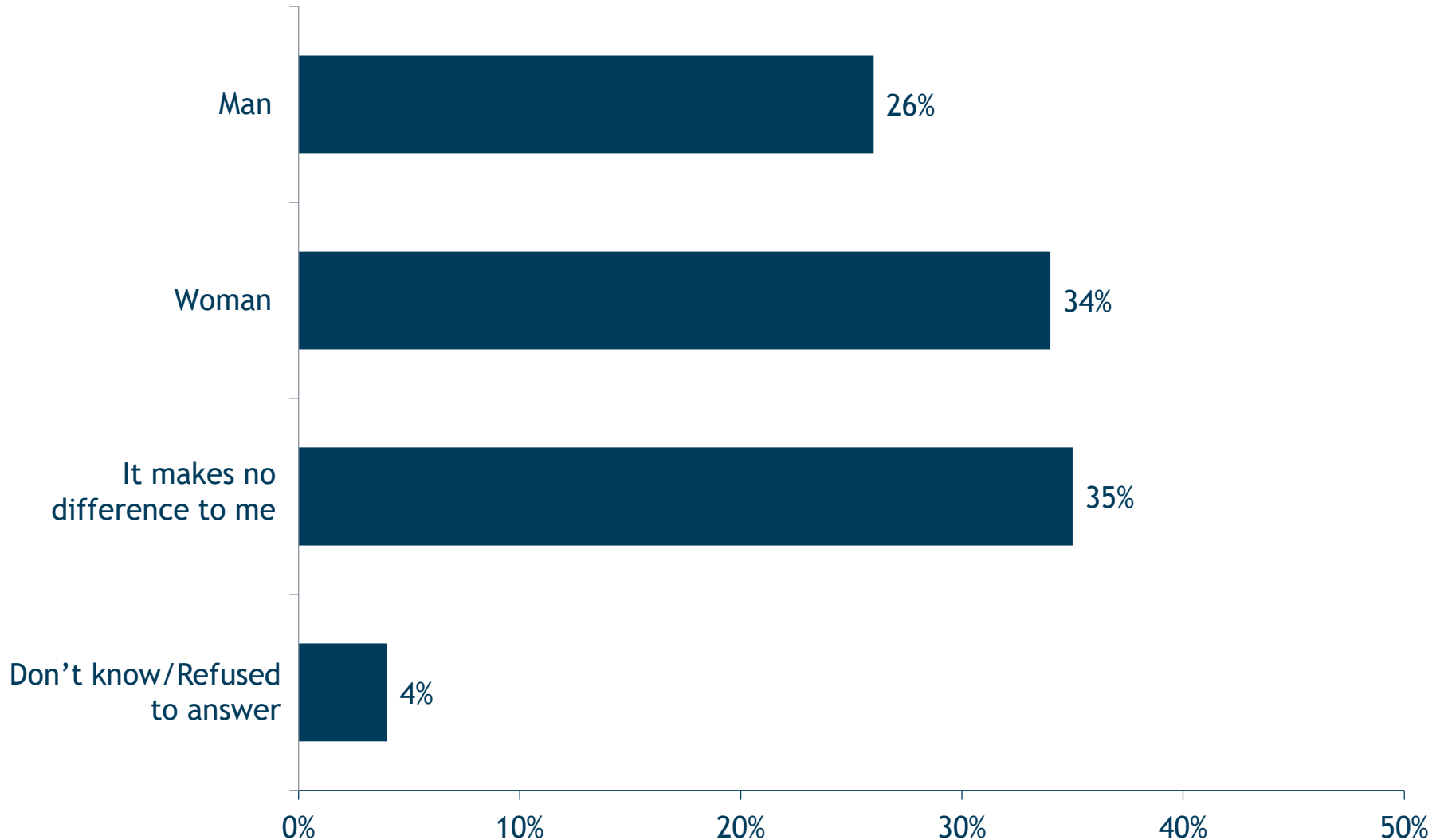


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
“Parliament should enforce a 30 percent quota\* of women candidates nominated  
by a political party in future elections.”

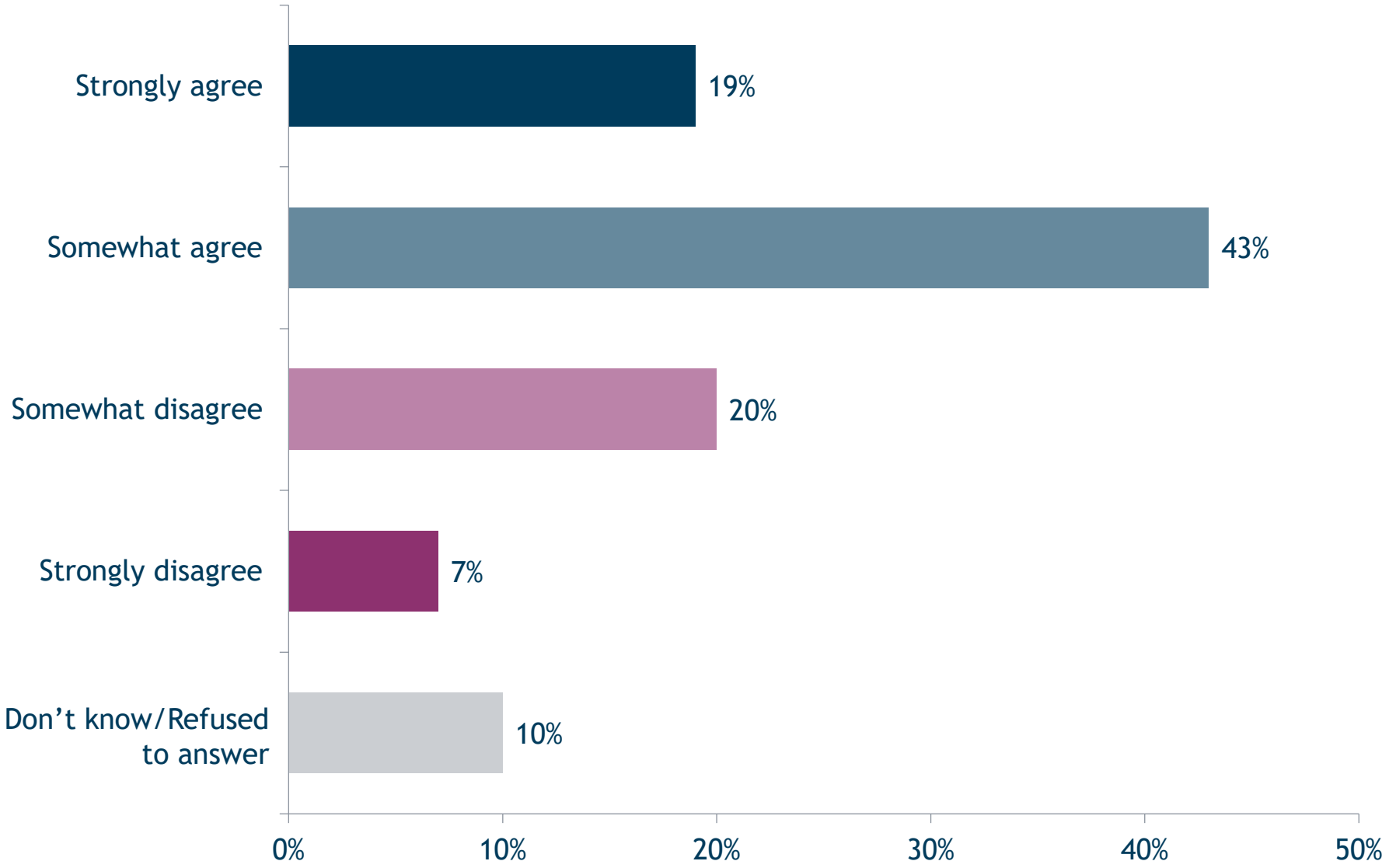


\*The current quota of women candidates nominated by a political party is 20 percent.

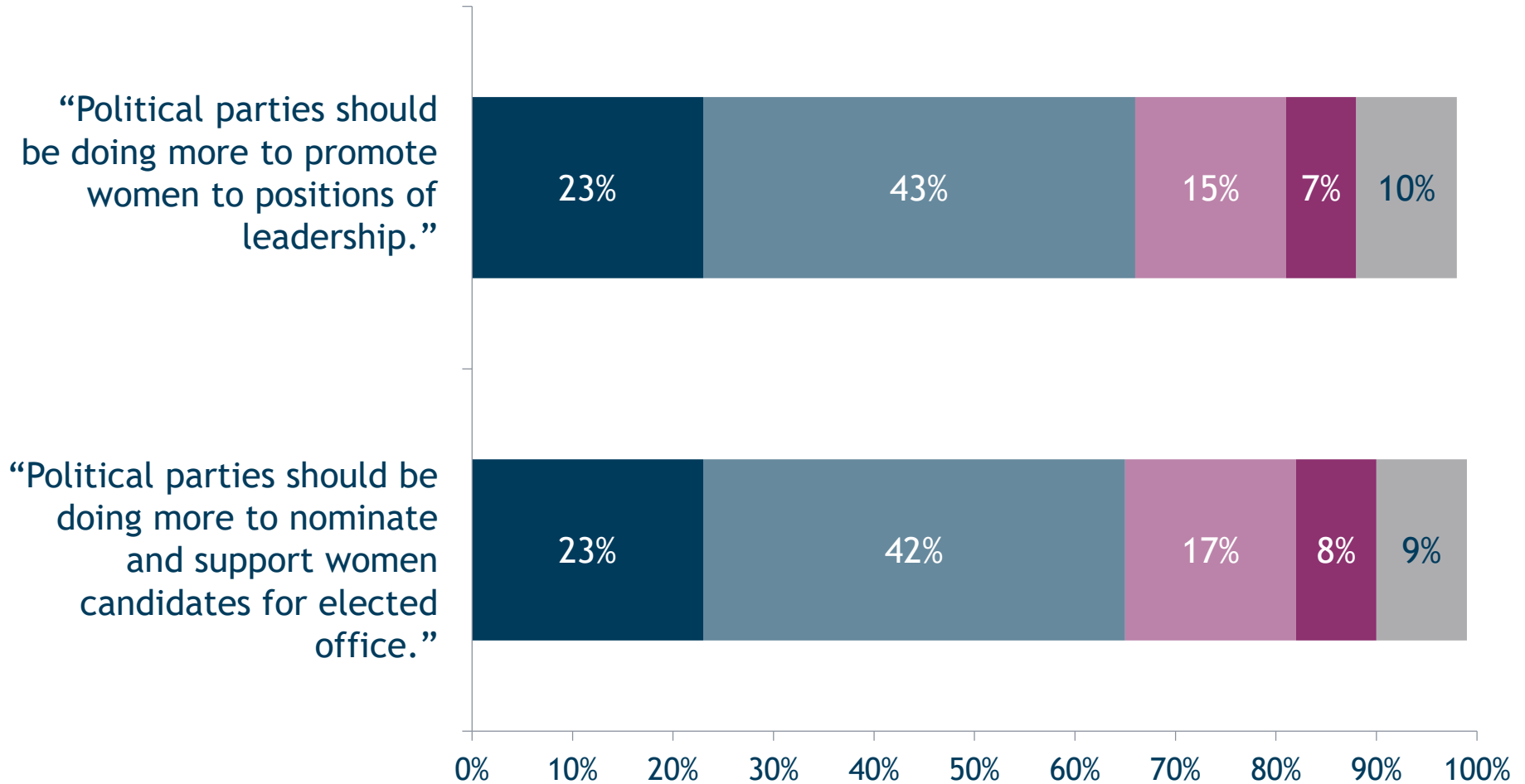
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



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

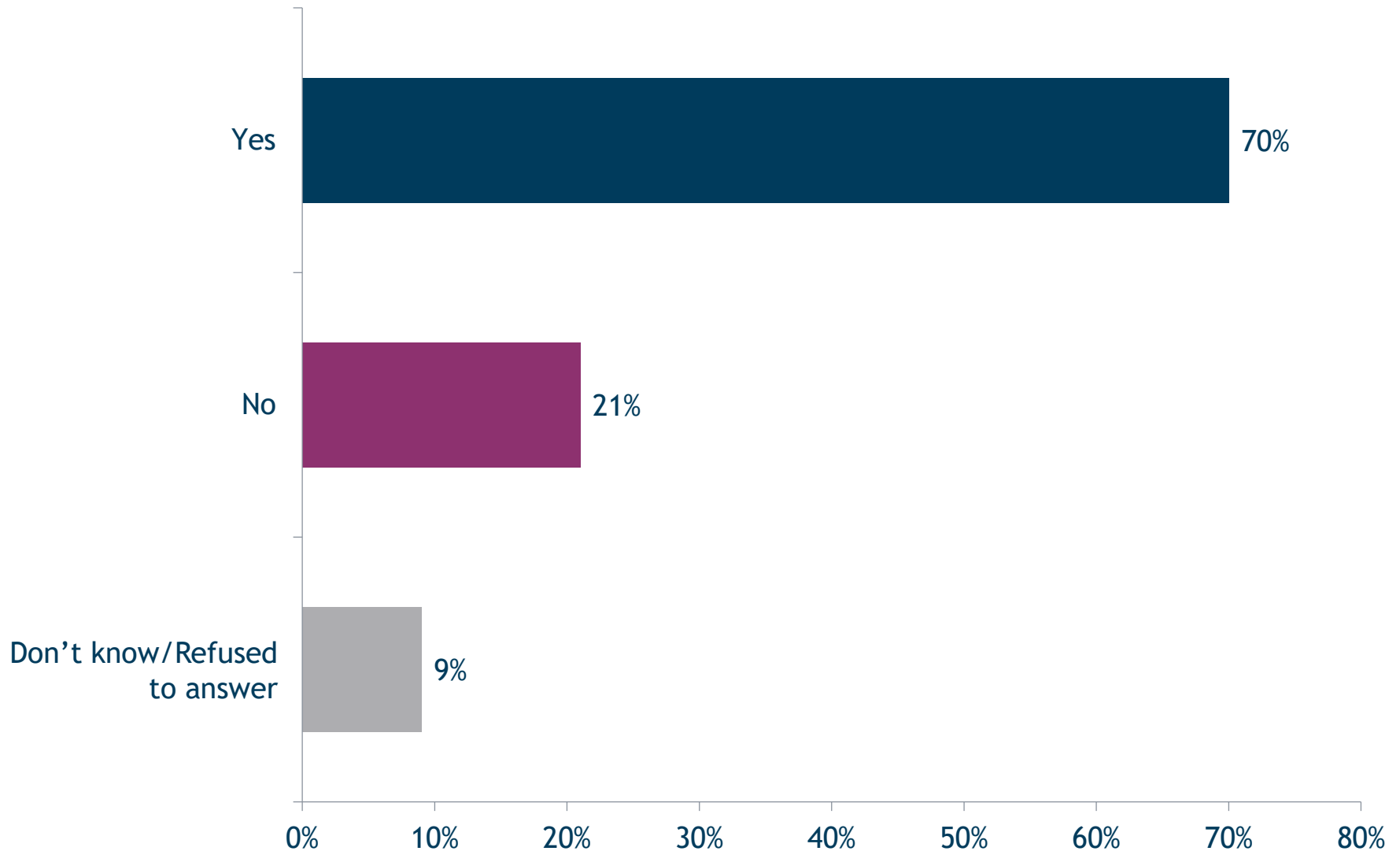


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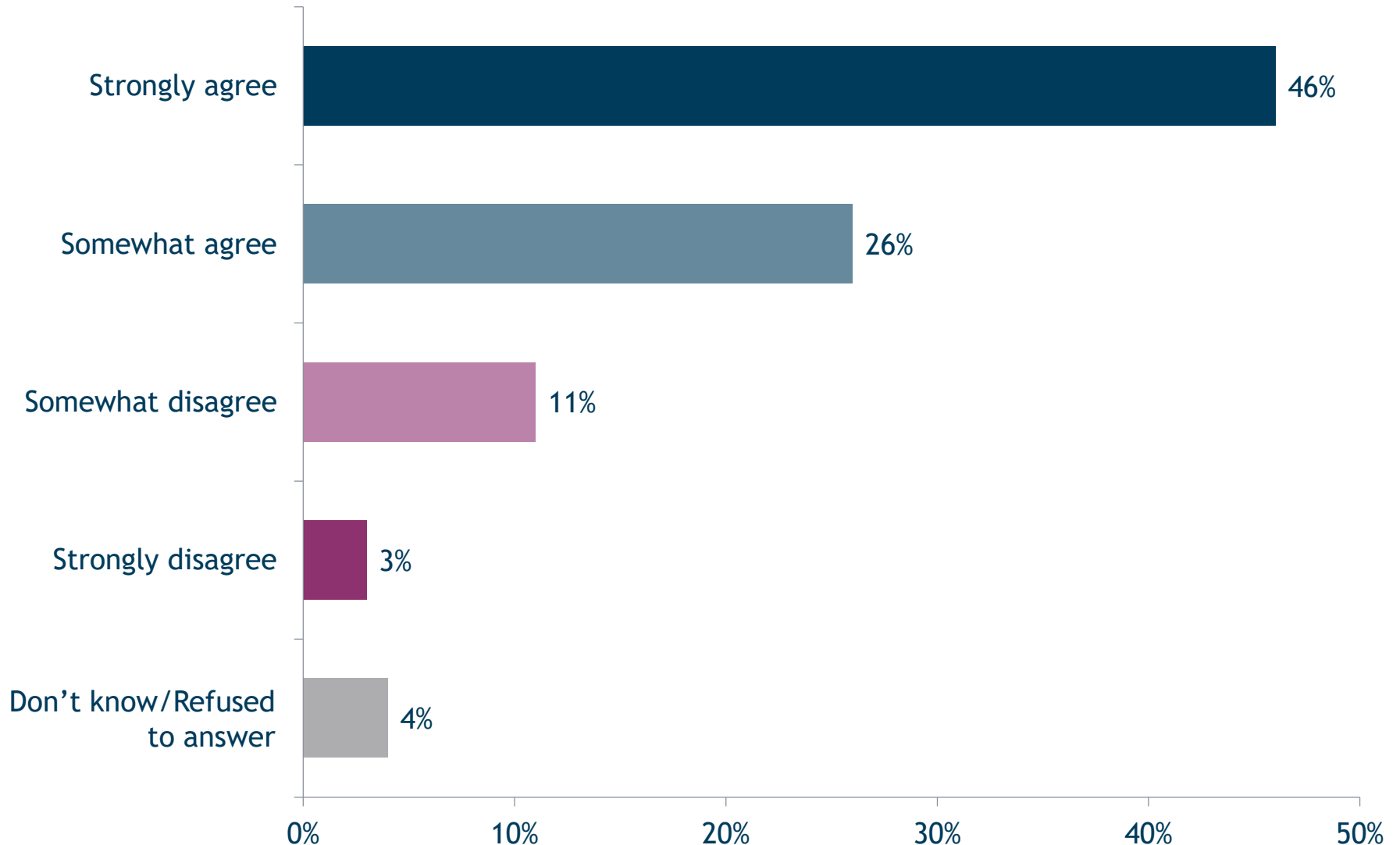
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# Do you believe that young people are capable of becoming leaders of political parties?

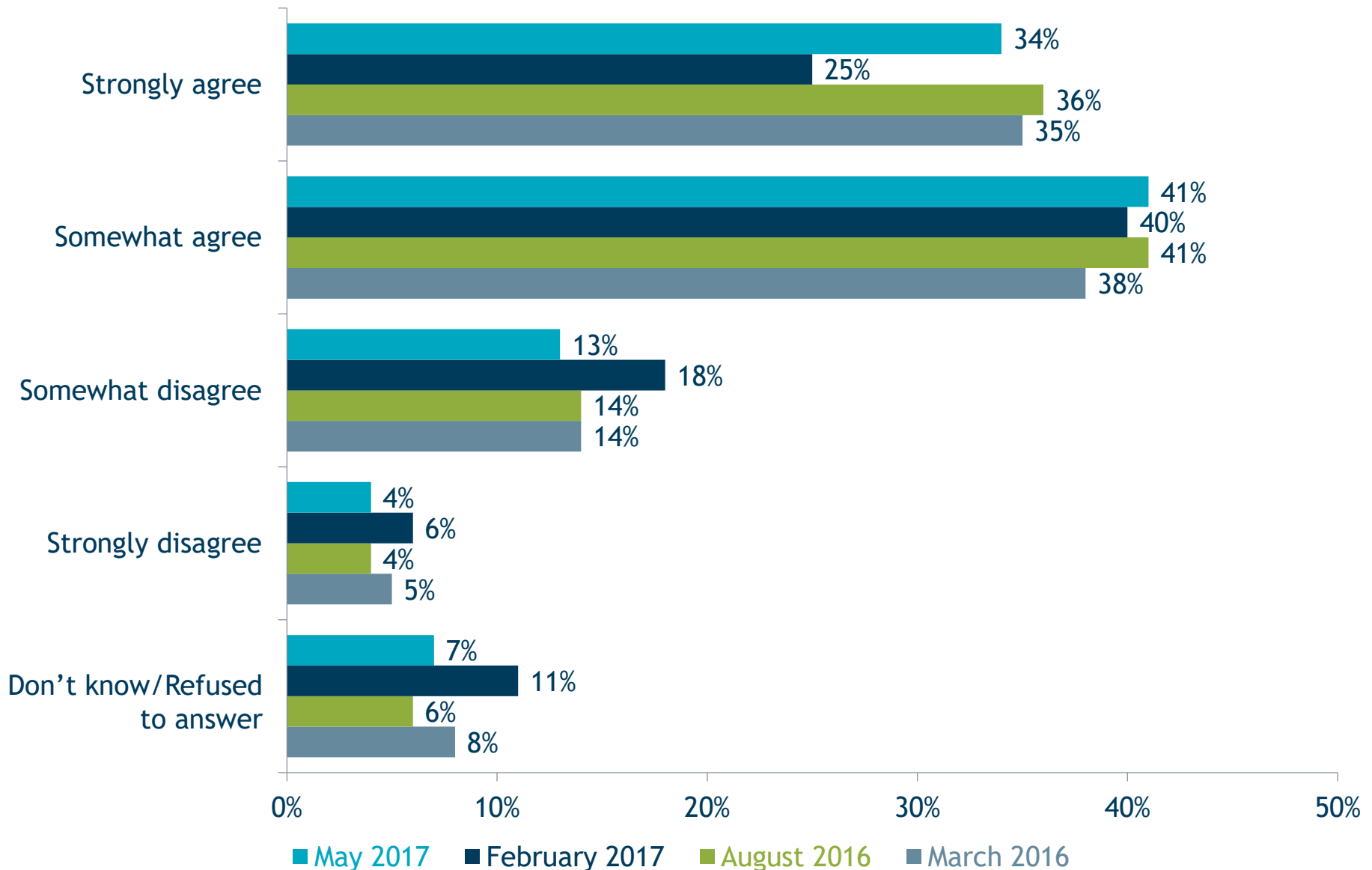




Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:  
“It is time for Mongolia to transition to a younger generation of political leaders.”



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



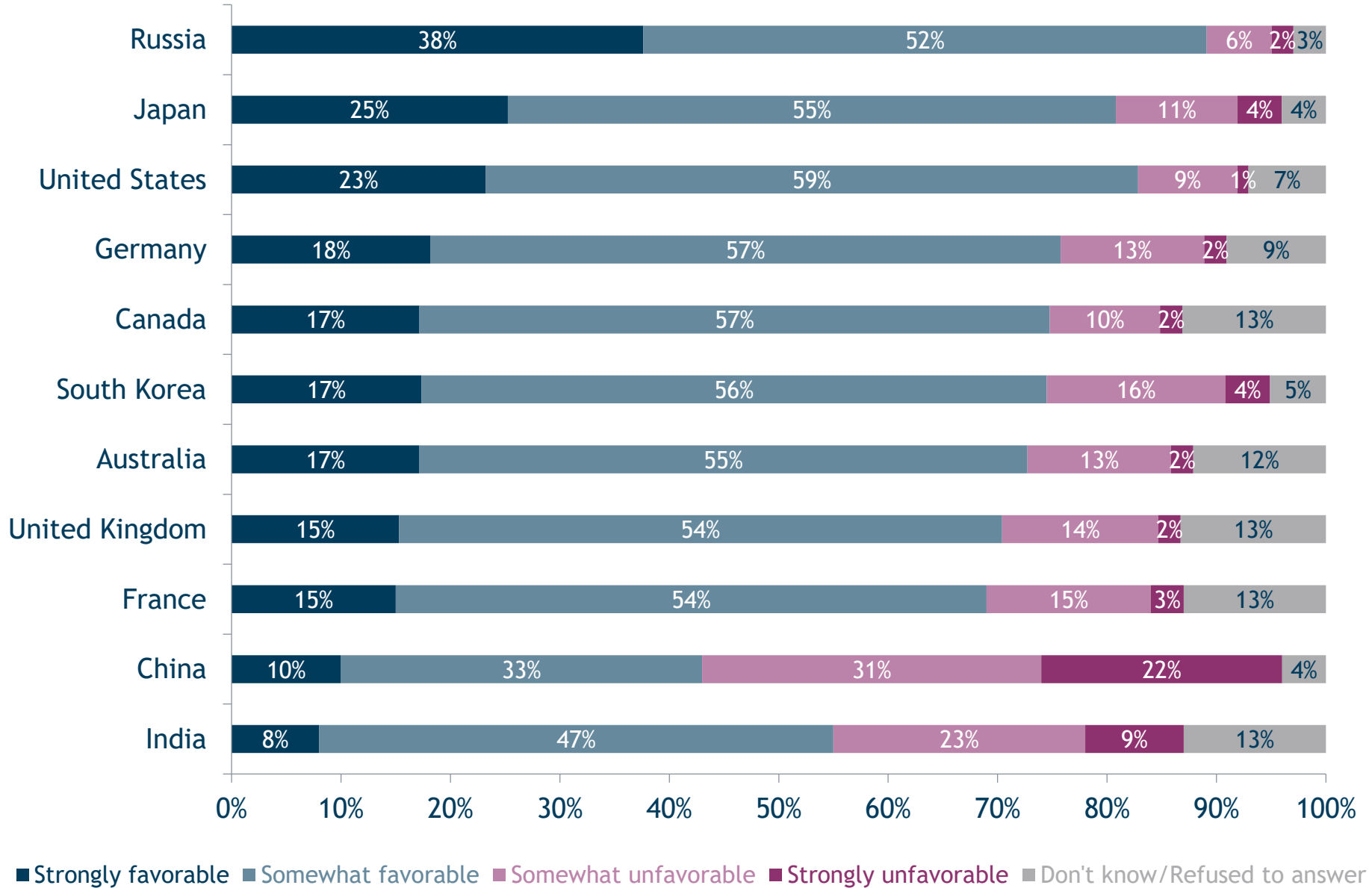


# Foreign Relations and Trade

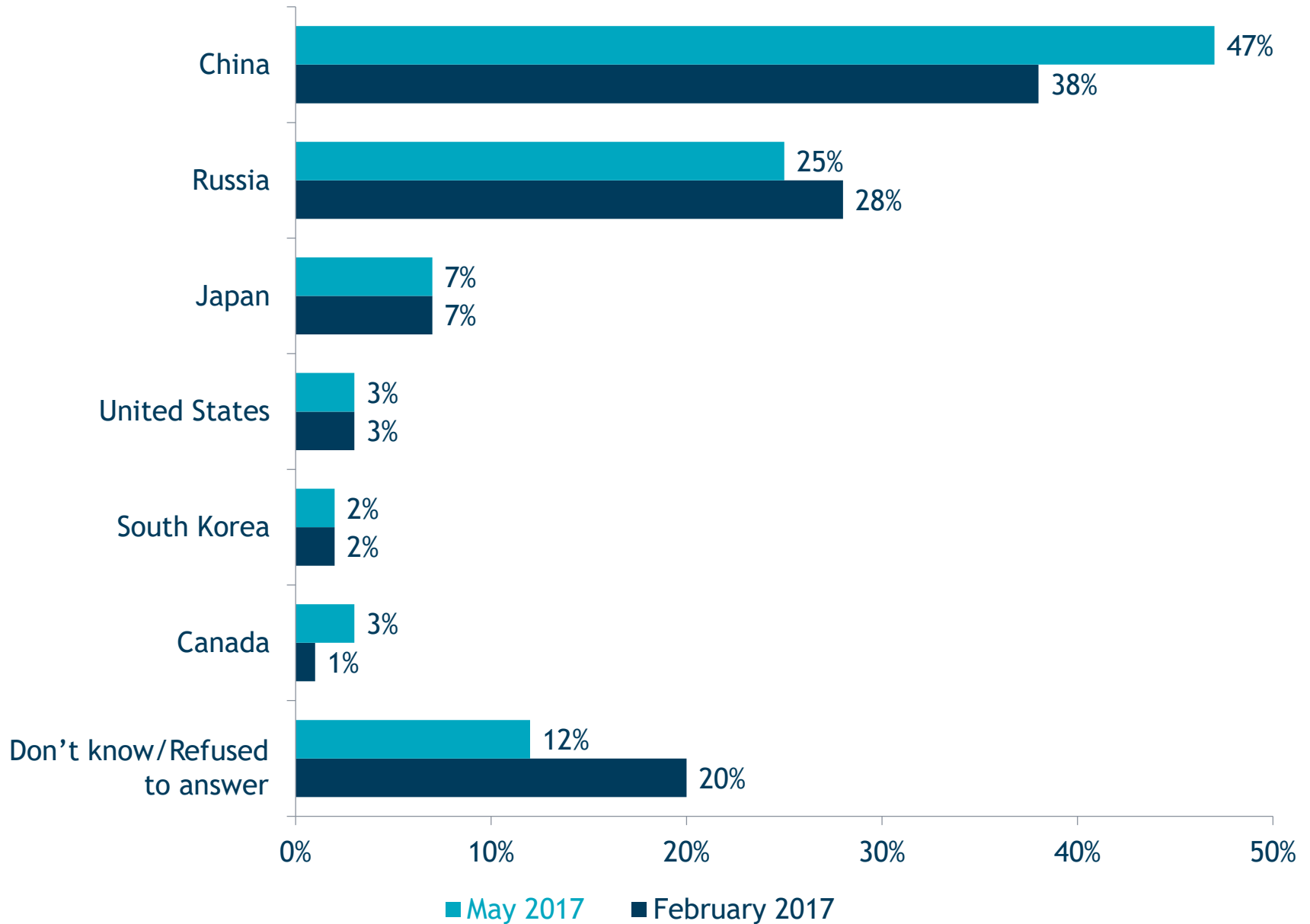
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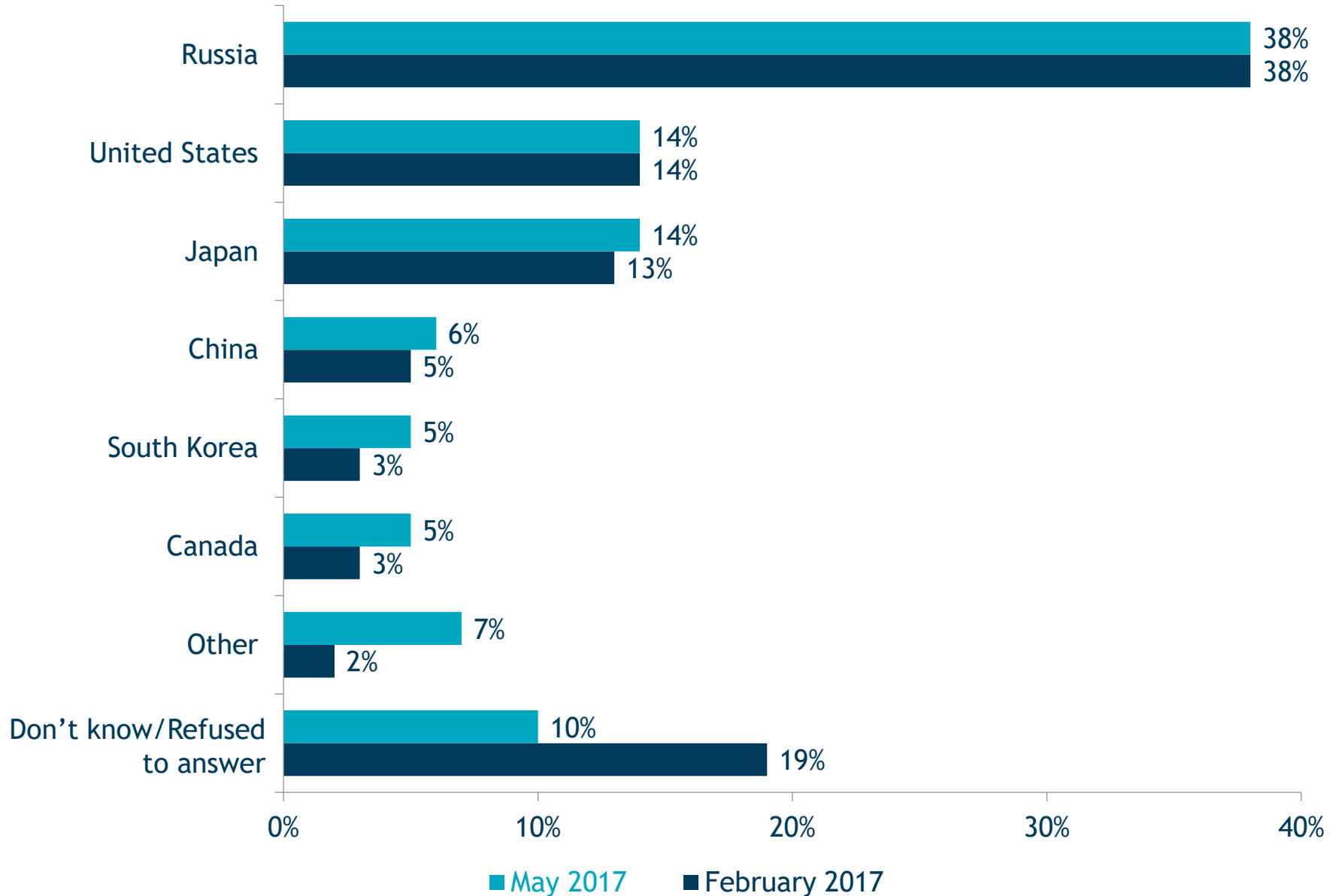
# Would you say that you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following countries:



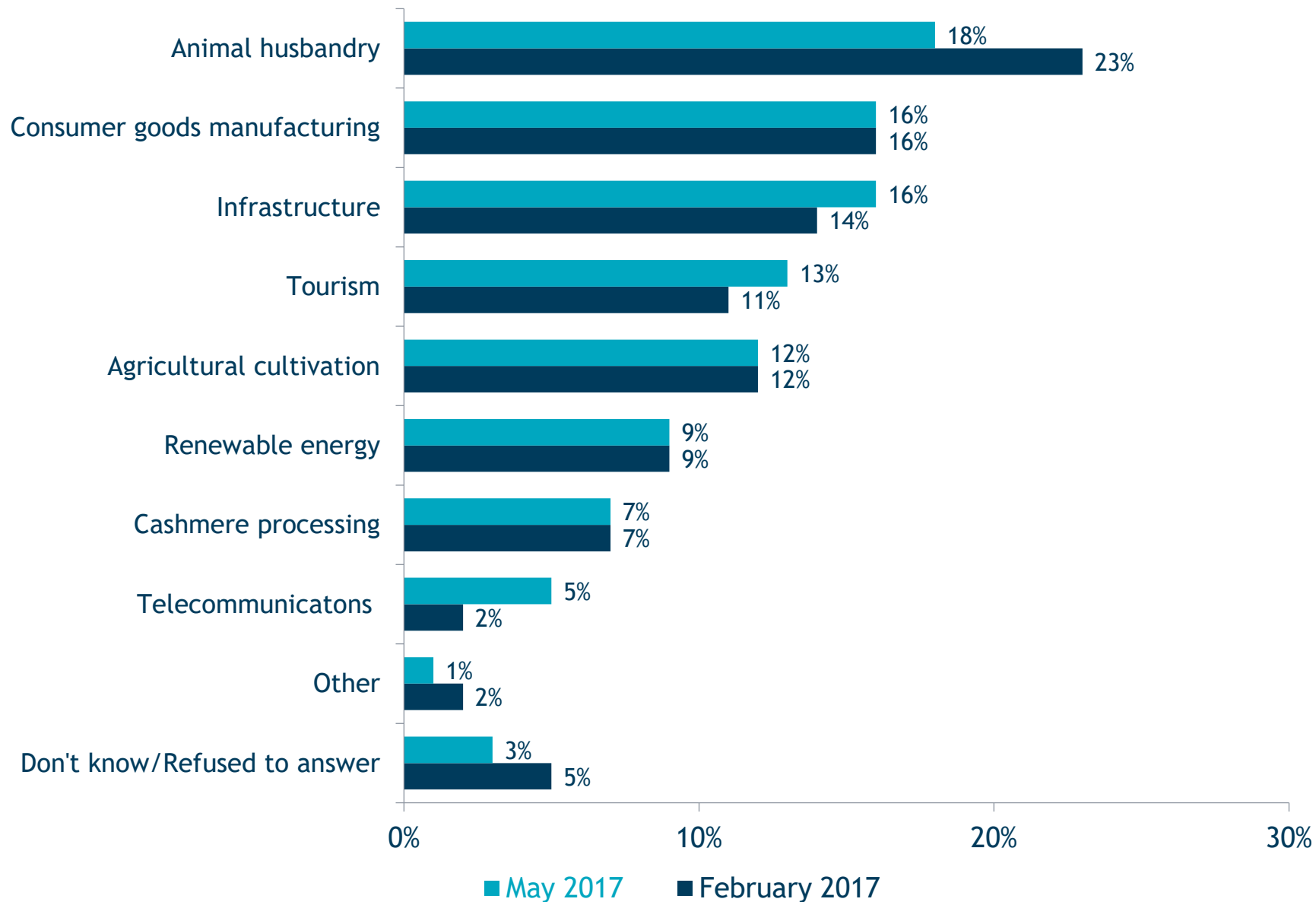
# Which foreign country is Mongolia's most significant economic partner? (Open-ended)



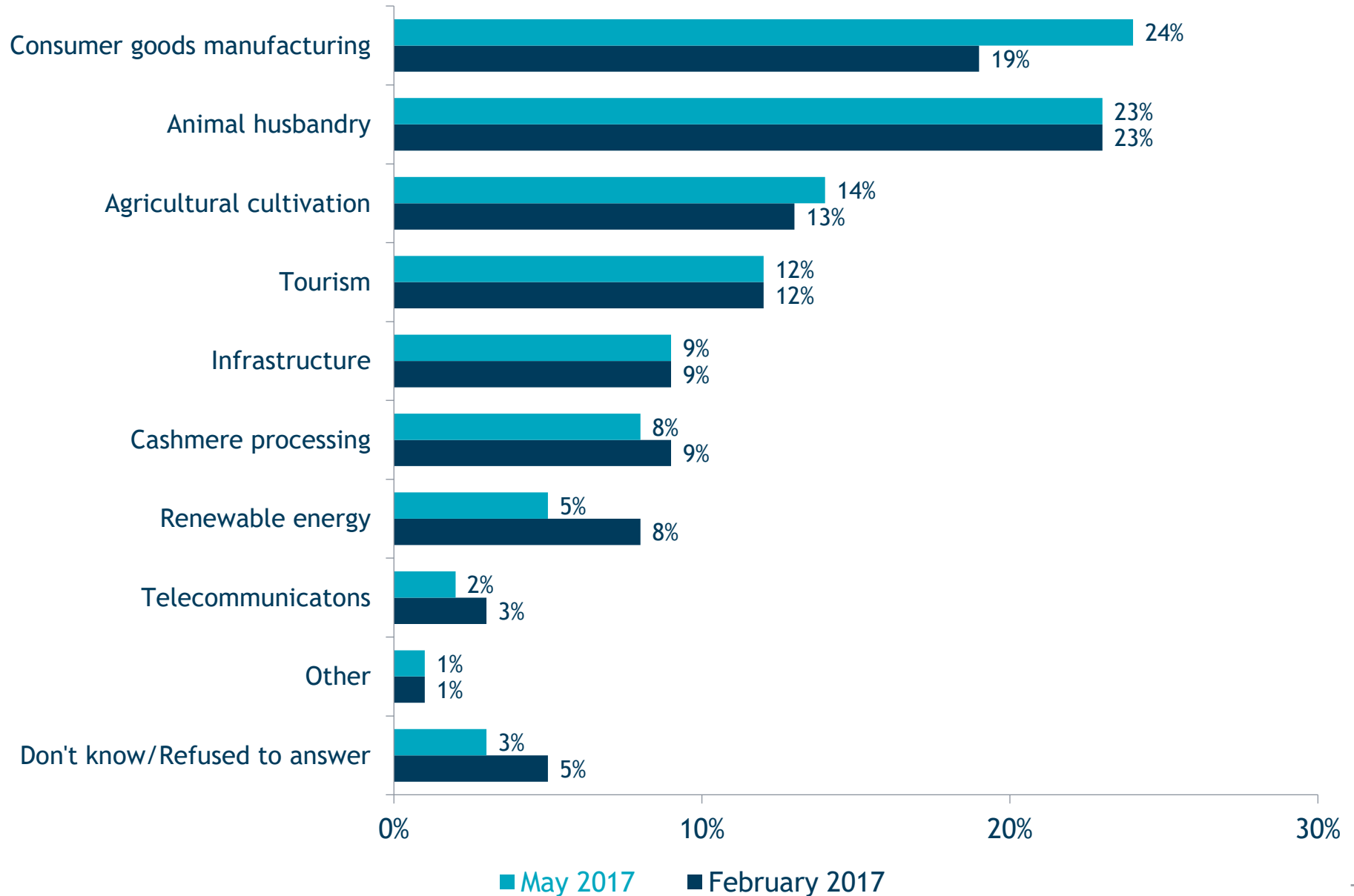
# Which foreign country would you prefer to be Mongolia's most significant economic partner? (Open-ended)



# In which industry, other than mining, would you want to see more foreign investment?

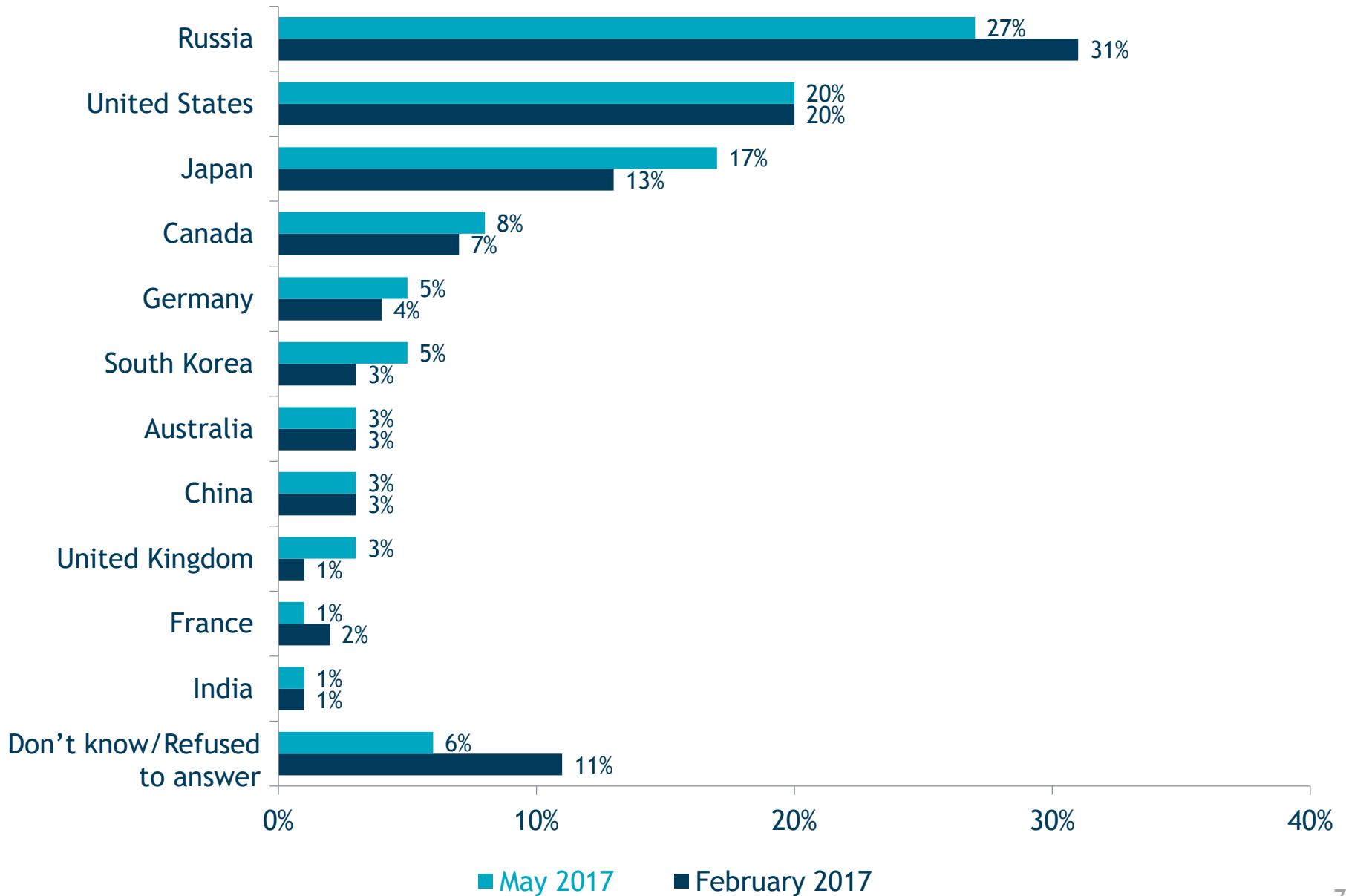


# In which industry, other than mining, would you want to see more private domestic investment?





# From which of the following countries would you most favor additional investment in Mongolia?



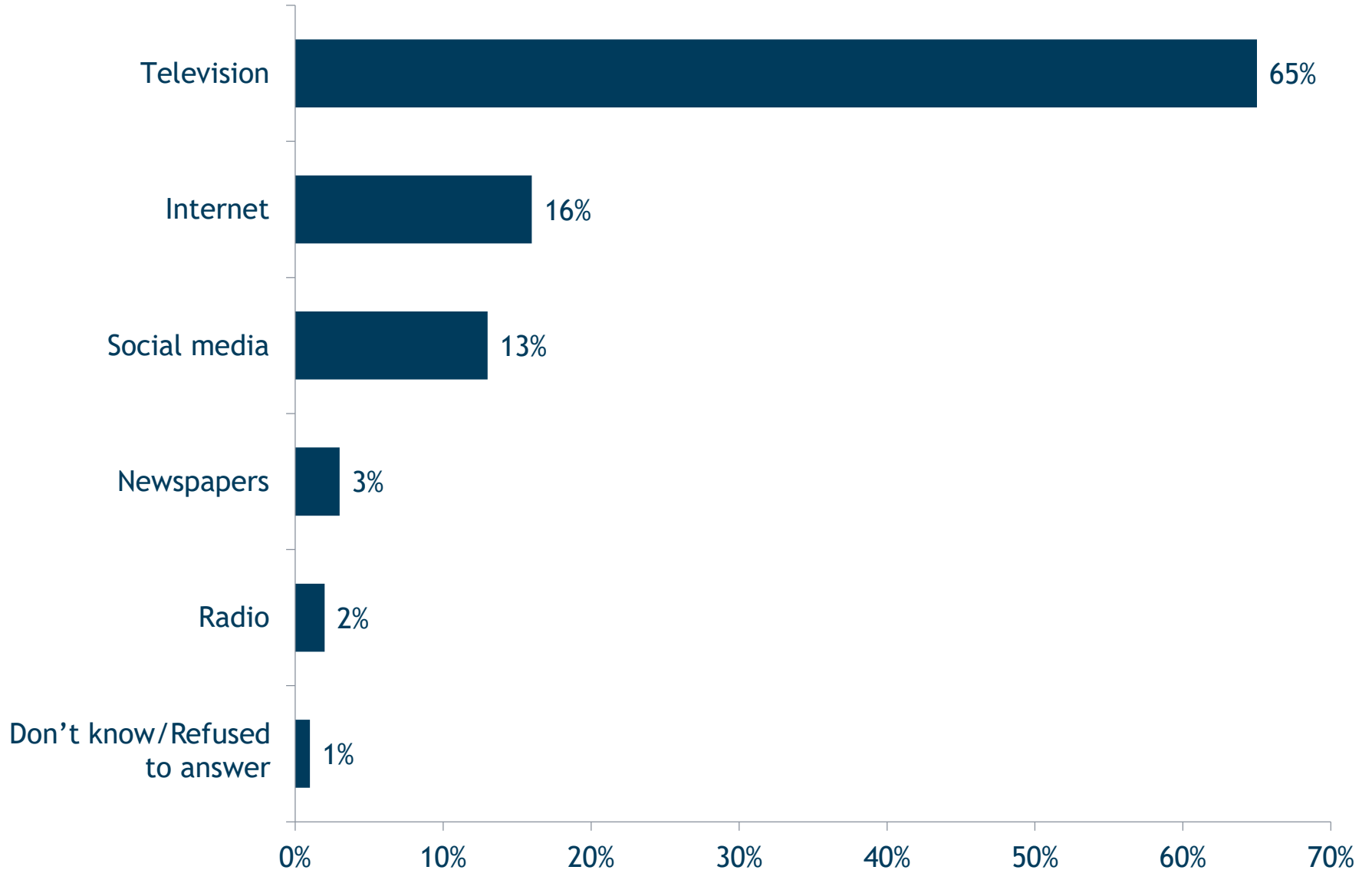


# Media

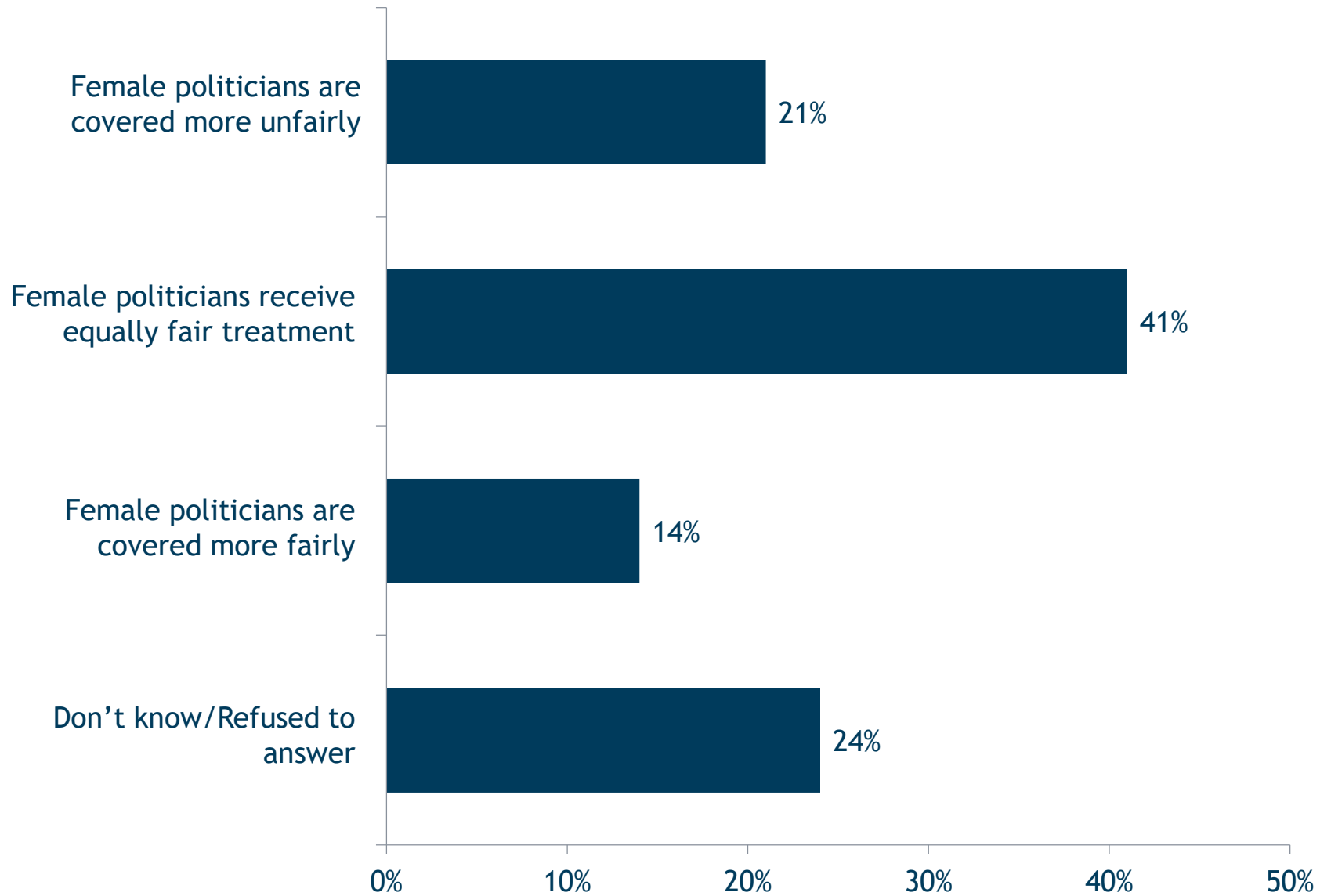
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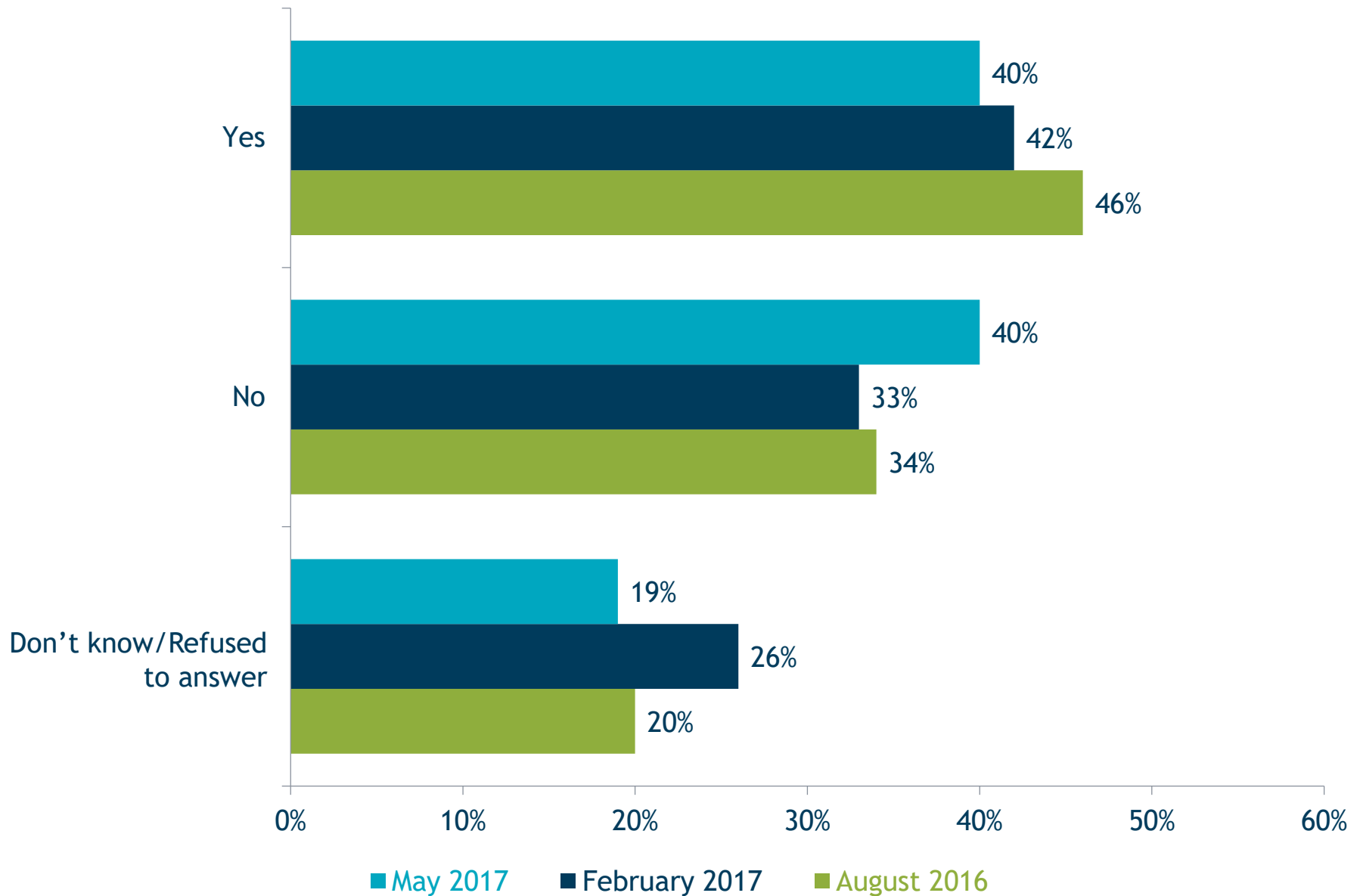
# From which type of media are you most likely to get your news?



# Do you believe the media covers female politicians more or less fairly than male politicians?

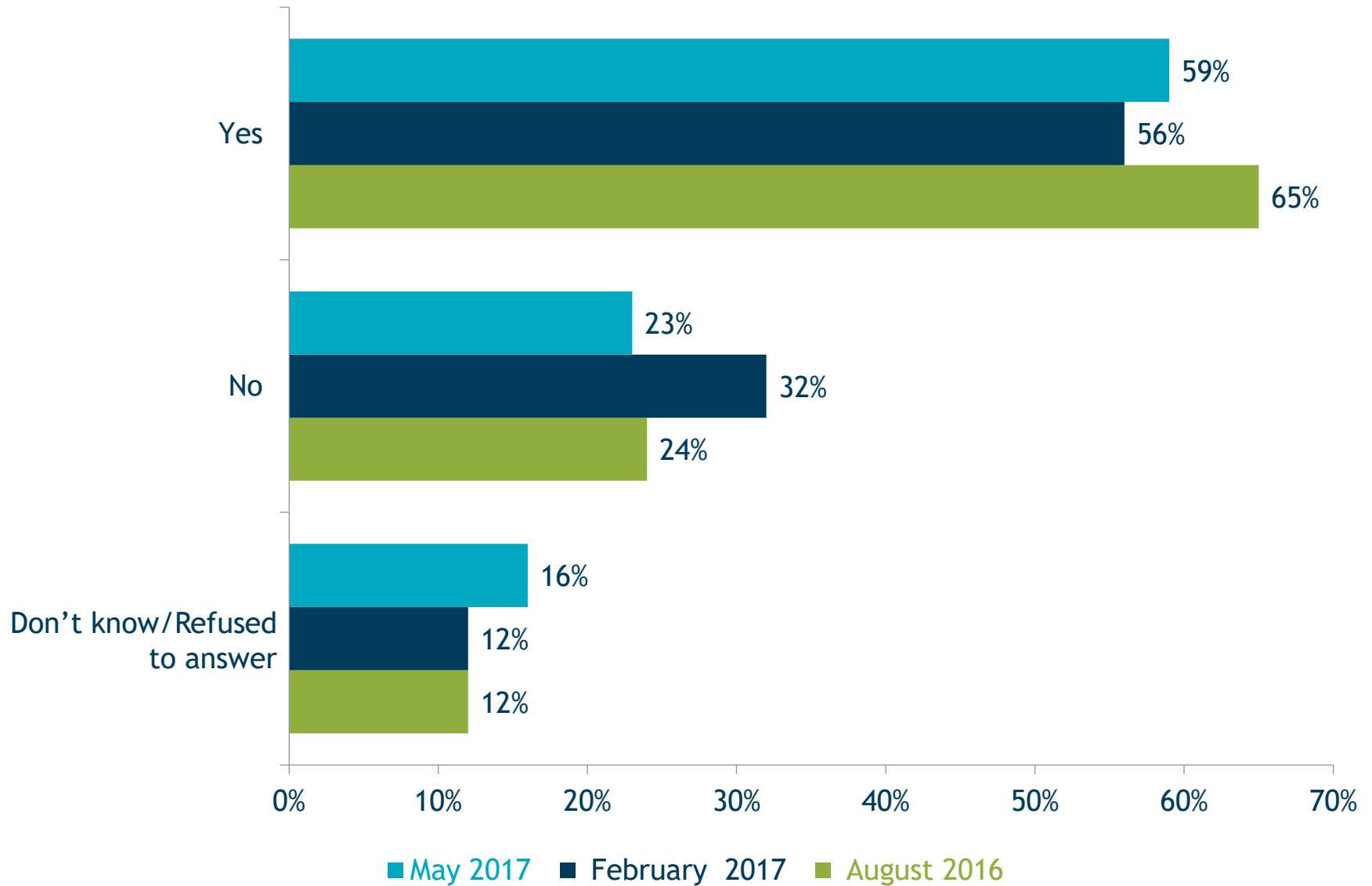


# Do you believe the media is free, fair and unbiased?



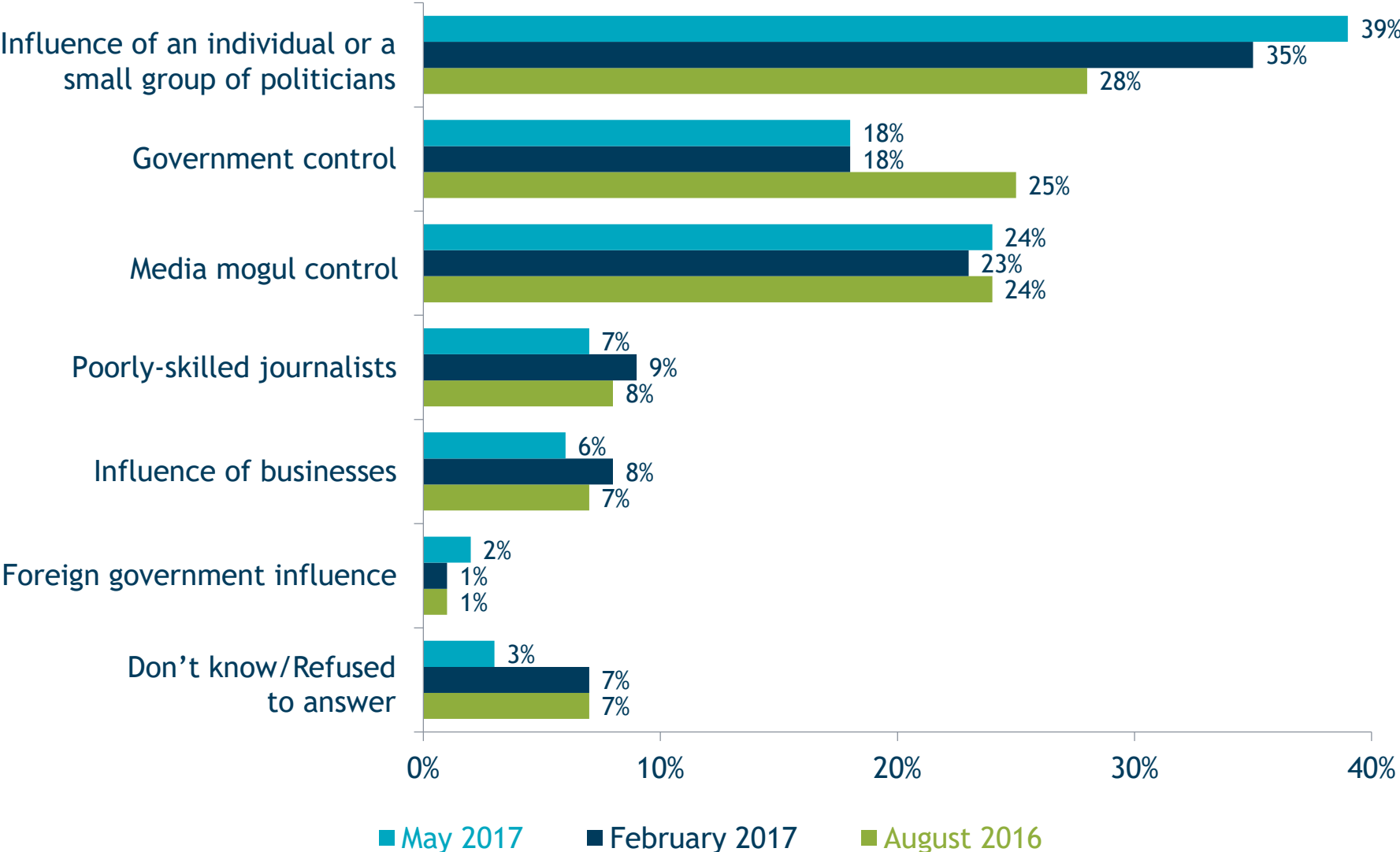
# Do you expect the media to remain free, fair and unbiased over the next year?

(Respondents who agreed with the proposition: August 2016: n=2,276; February 2017: n=2,073; May 2017: n=1,204)

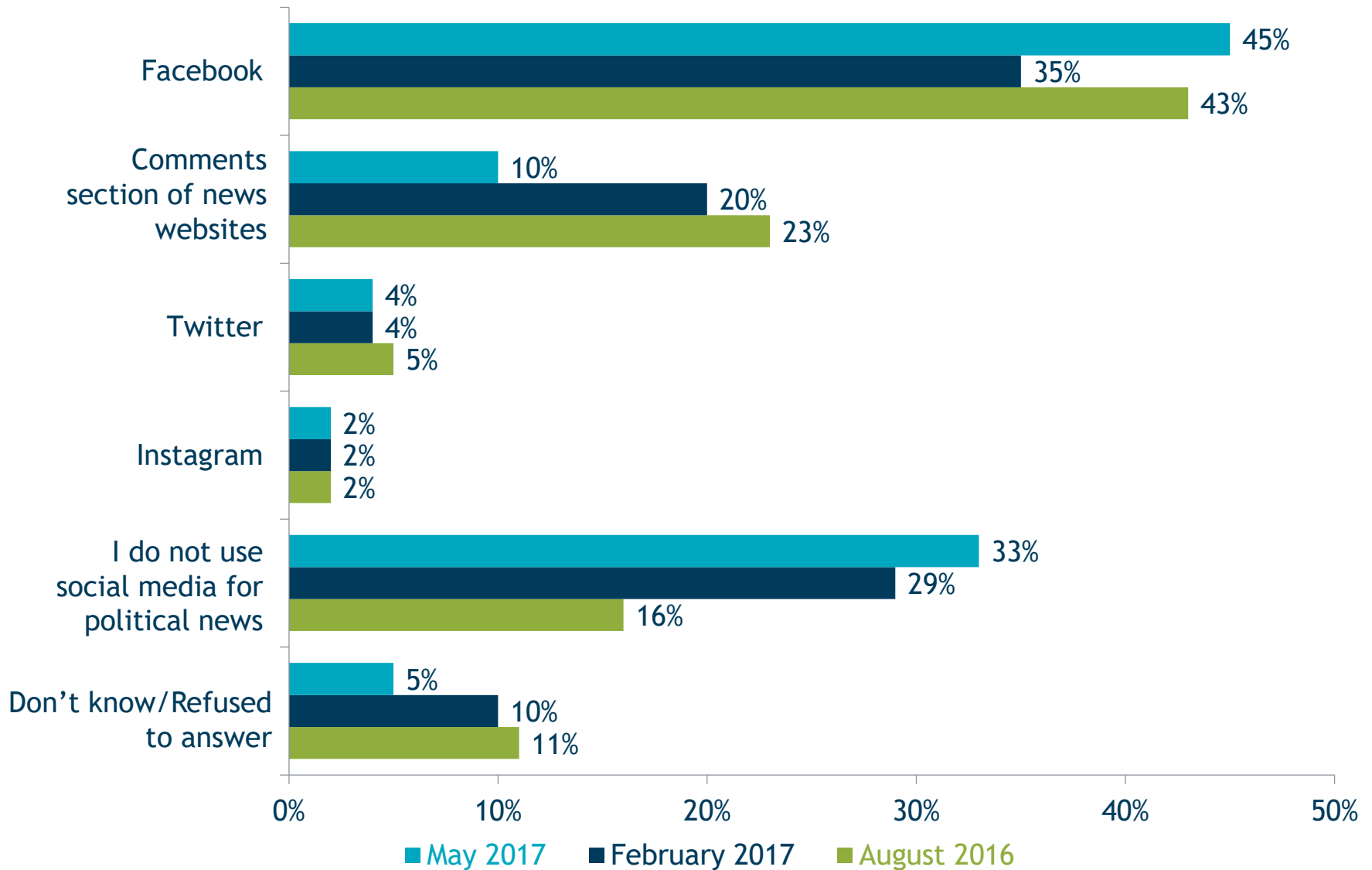


# What is the primary reason you believe the media is not or will no longer be free, fair or unbiased?

(Respondents who disagree with the proposition: August 2016: n=2,258; February 2017: n=2,308; May 2017: n=1,494)



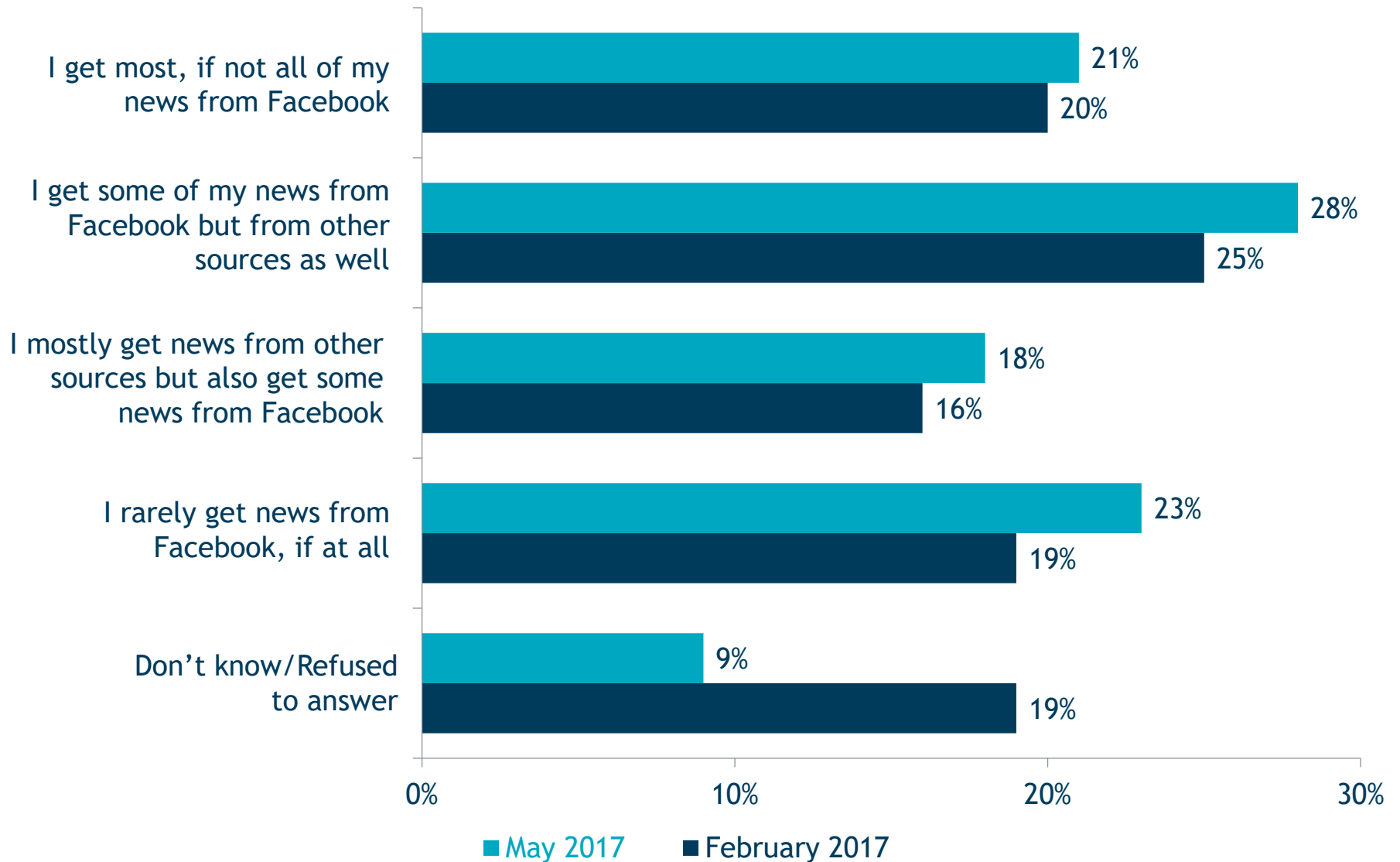
# Which social media platform\* do you rely on most for political news?



\*The Communications Regulatory Commission of Mongolia estimated that there are 2,430,159 “internet subscribers” (inclusive of 3G/wifi/cabled internet) in 2015, comprising approximately 79 percent of the total population.



# To what extent do you rely on Facebook\* for your news?



\*According to September 2016 data from Statista, the number of Facebook users in Mongolia comprises 47 percent of the population (approximately 1.4 million people).

# Demographics

## Gender

Female	52%
Male	48%

## Age

18-30	31%
31-40	28%
41-50	20%
51-60	14%
61+	6%

## Monthly Income\*

0-300,000 MNT	13%
300,001-500,000 MNT	22%
500,001-700,000 MNT	17%
700,001-900,000 MNT	14%
900,001-1,100,000 MNT	9%
1,100,001-1,600,000 MNT	10%
1,600,001-2,100,000 MNT	3%
2,100,001+ MNT	1%
Refused to answer	11%

## Location

Urban	53%
<i>Aimag</i> center	35%
<i>Soum</i> /Rural	12%

## Political Party Affiliation

Unaffiliated	60%
Mongolian People's Party	16%
Democratic Party	15%
Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party	3%
Civil Will-Green Party	1%
National Labor Party	1%
Other	1%
Don't know	1%
Refused to answer	2%

## Education

No formal schooling	1%
Primary	2%
Partial secondary	11%
Full secondary	31%
Vocational	16%
College/University	38%
Refused to answer	1%

## Employment Status

Full-time worker	30%
Self-employed	24%
Retired	11%
Contract worker	10%
Student	9%
Unemployed	8%
Takes care of children	5%
Disabled	2%
Refused to answer	1%

## Marital Status

Married	68%
Single	22%
Widowed	4%
Divorced	4%
Partnered	2%
Refused to answer	1%

## Religion

Buddhism	53%
Not religious	23%
Shamanism	11%
Islam	5%
Christianity	5%
Other/Refused to answer	4%

\*MNT = Mongolian National *Tugrik*, the official currency of Mongolia.

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