Public Opinion in Macedonia

August 4 - 21, 2017





Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the <u>Center for Insights in Survey Research</u> by <u>Brima</u> market research firm (member of Taylor Nelson Sofres and Gallup International).
- Data was collected from August 4 to 21, 2017, through face-to-face interviews by trained professionals.
- A nationally representative sample size of 1,105 respondents ages 18 and over was surveyed. The margin of error
 was plus or minus three percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level. The response rate was 71
 percent.
- In addition to the national sample, six oversamples were conducted in the municipalities of Gjorce Petrov (n=213), Shtip (n=214), Tetovo (n=213), Gostivar (n=214), Kumanovo (n=214) and Ohrid (n=215). The margin of error does not exceed 6.7 percent in each of the oversampled municipalities. Respondents from the city of Skopje (n=284) were analyzed as a separate sample, with a margin of error of 5.8 percent.
- Both the national sample and the six oversamples were prepared using State Statistical Office data (2002 census results) for the population aged 18 and older. It also considered the structure of the population according to age, gender, housing type, national affiliation and region, and was updated accordingly with estimates and primary information collected by Brima.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday methods for respondent selection.
- Stratification was based on three stages:
 - Stage One: The number of respondents for each of the regions was specified in proportion to the size of its population (aged 18 and older).
 - Stage Two: The sampling plan consisted of 323 sampling points located according to urban/rural split, municipality size and nationality diffusion.
 - Stage Three: The selection of households was based on a random route method. In urban areas, every third household on the left-hand side of the street was selected. In rural areas, the "wave-wise" approach was applied, in which the interviewer selects every fourth inhabited house/dwelling on both sides of the interviewer's route/track, counting from the first house on the left.

Detailed Methodology cont.

- The "next birthday method" was used to select respondents.
- Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Any data cited from previous surveys comes from surveys with comparable methodology.
- This poll was conducted with support from the <u>United States Agency for International Development</u>.

Glossary of Political Parties

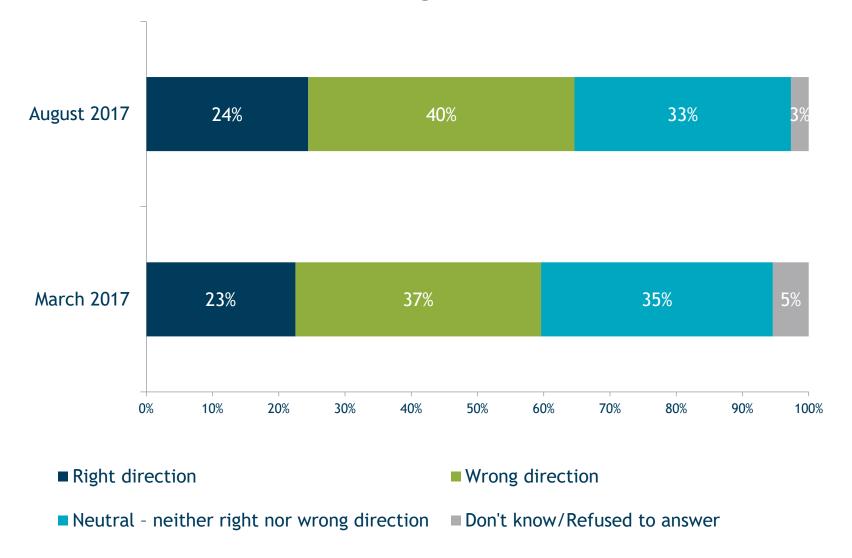
- VMRO-DPMNE: Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization -Democratic Party for Macedonian National Unity
- SDSM: Social Democratic Union of Macedonia
- DUI: Democratic Union for Integration
- BESA: Movement BESA
- AA: Alliance of Albanians, coalition MR-DPA, NDR and Uniteti
- MR-DPA: Movement for Reforms of Democratic Party of Albanians
- NDR: National Democratic Revival
- DPA: Democratic Party of Albanians
- GROM: Citizens Option for Macedonia
- DOM: Democratic Renewal of Macedonia
- LDP: Liberal Democratic Party
- TDP: Turk Democratic Party

Local Government and Local Governance

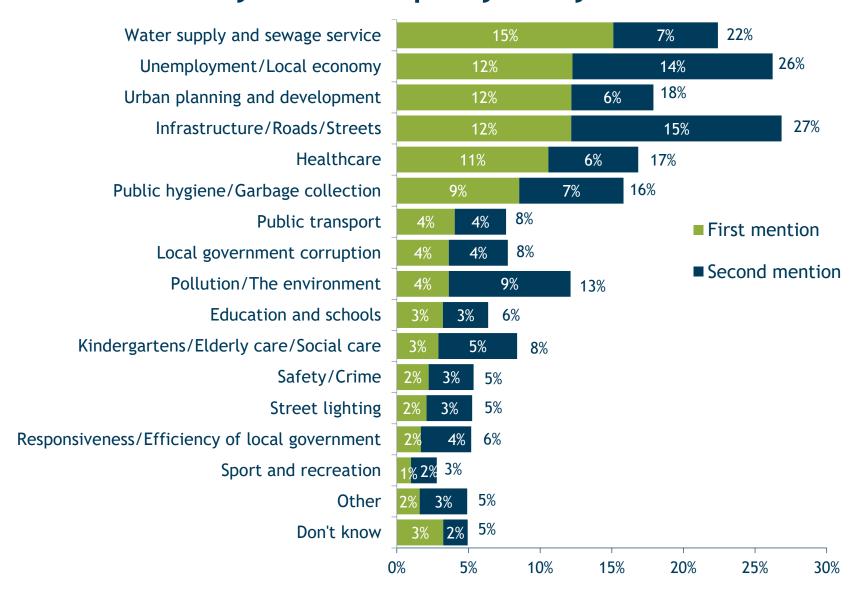




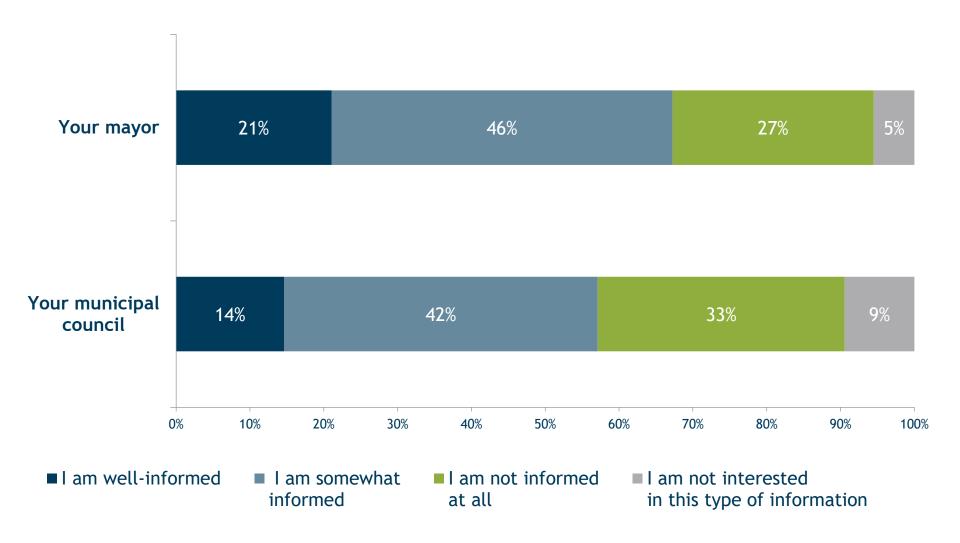
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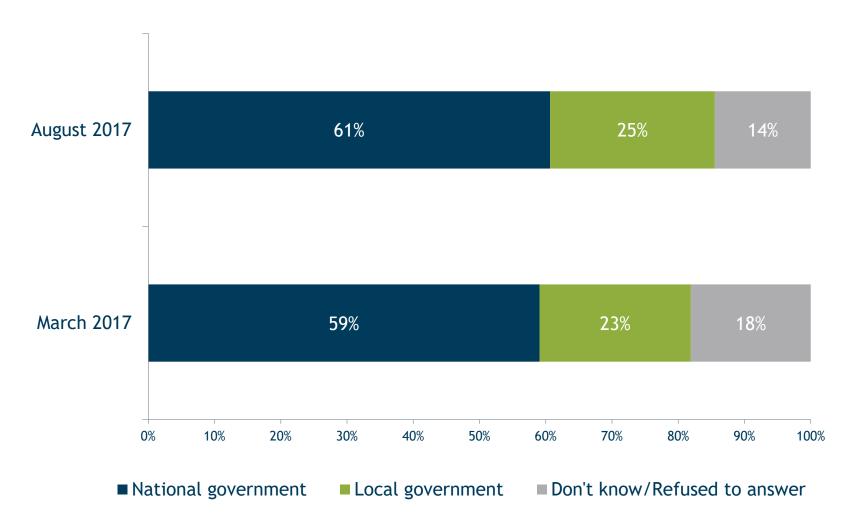
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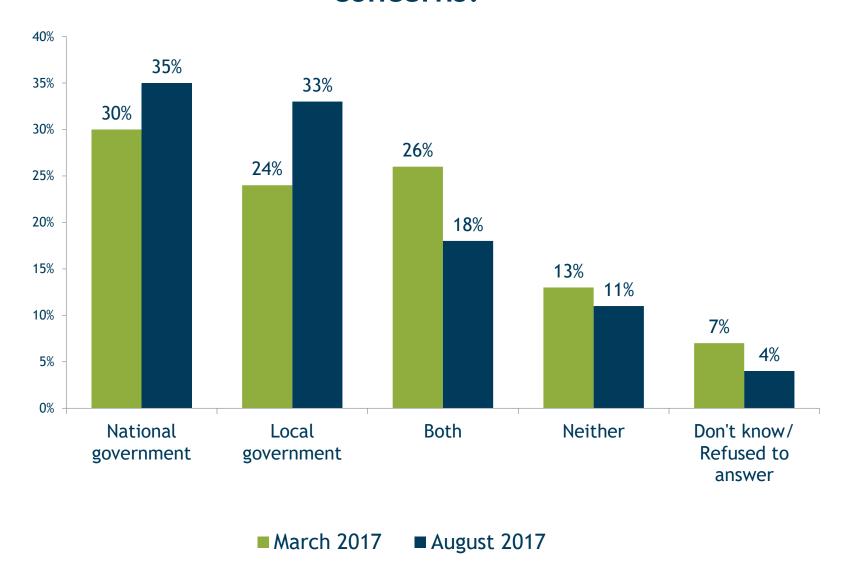
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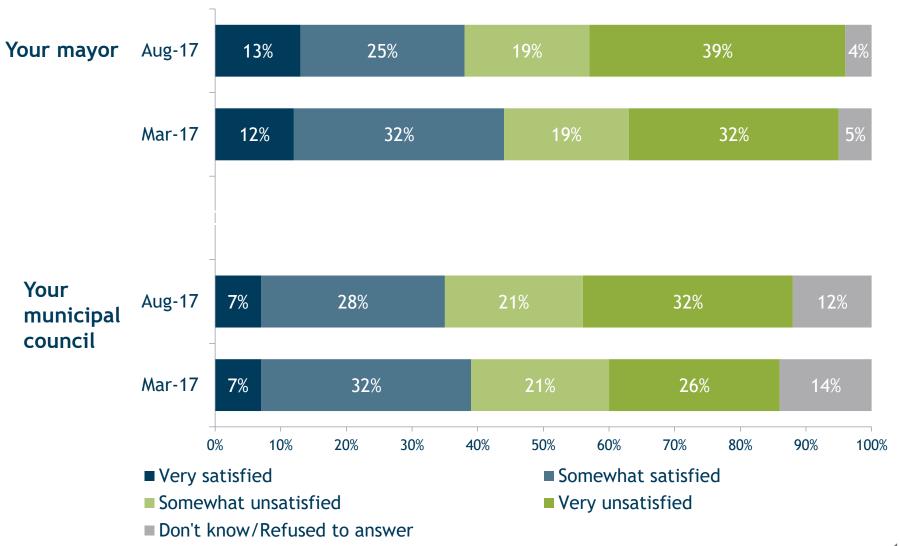
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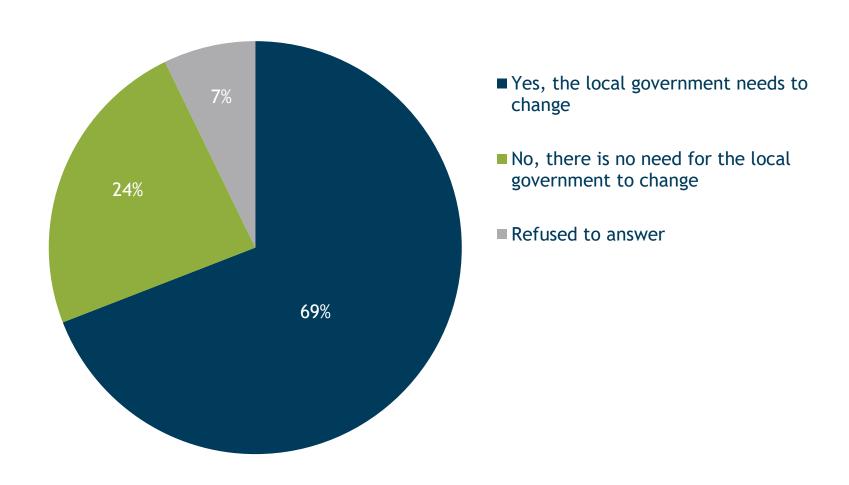
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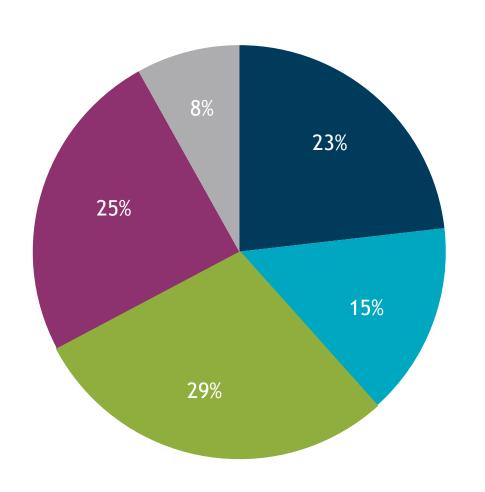
How satisfied or unsatisfied are you with the past performance of each of the following:



Would you agree or disagree that the local government in your municipality needs to change?

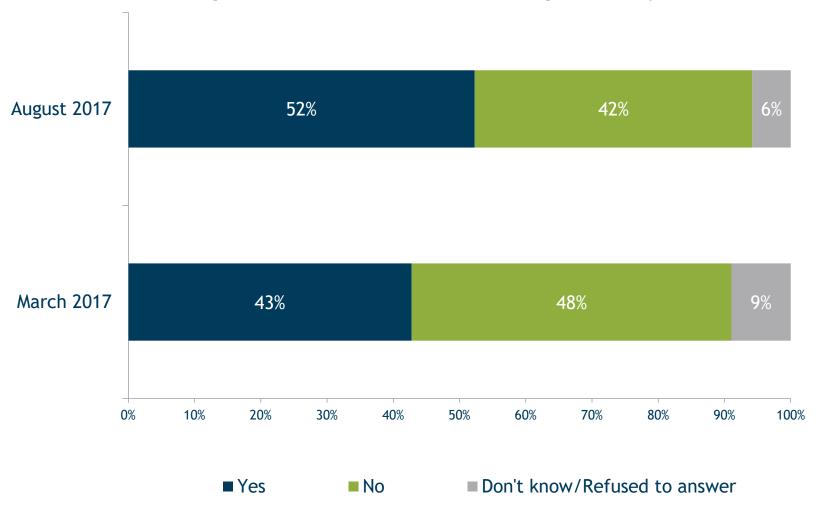


Does the mayor in your municipality do her/his job well enough to be re-elected in the upcoming local elections or do you think that a new mayor should be elected?



- Yes, she/he does her/his job well enough and deserves to be reelected
- No, she/he doesn't do her/his job well enough, another candidate from the same party should be elected
- No, she/he doesn't do her/his job well enough, another candidate from a different party should be elected
- No, she/he doesn't do her/his job well enough, an independent candidate should be elected
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Would you vote for a candidate from another ethnic community for mayor (e.g. Albanian, Macedonian, Serb, Roma, Turk, Vlach) if you thought she/he would better represent you?



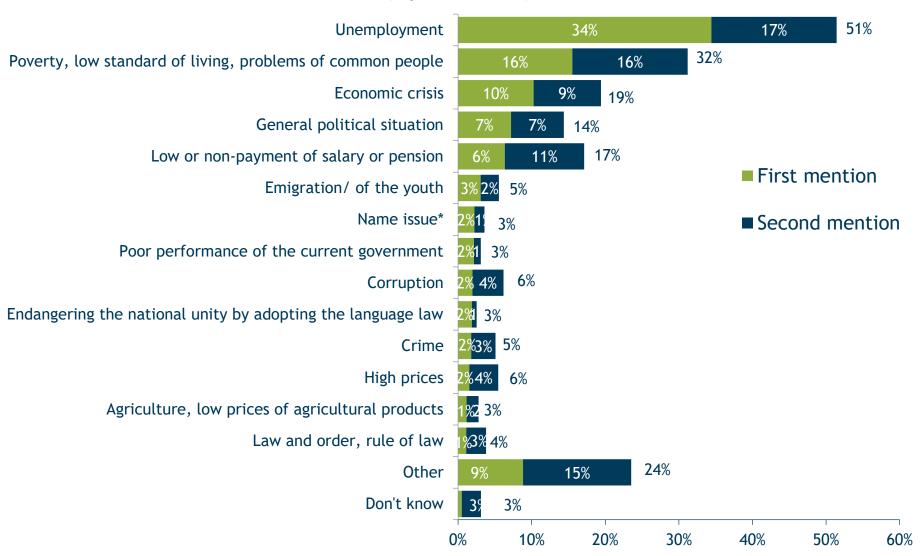
Views of Government and National Priorities





In your opinion, what are the two most serious problems facing Macedonia today?

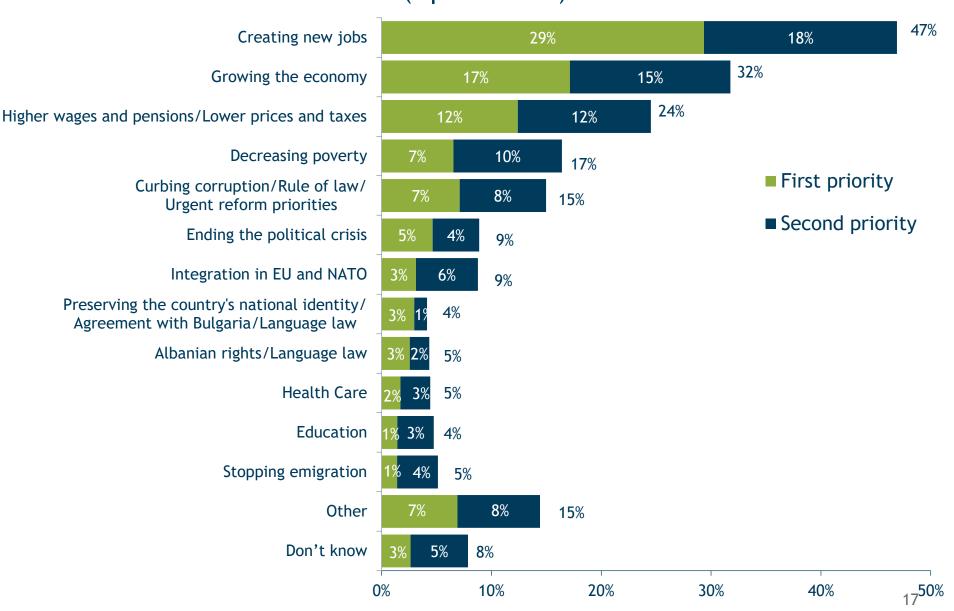
(Open-ended)



^{*}There is an ongoing diplomatic dispute between Macedonia and Greece over the official name of Macedonia.

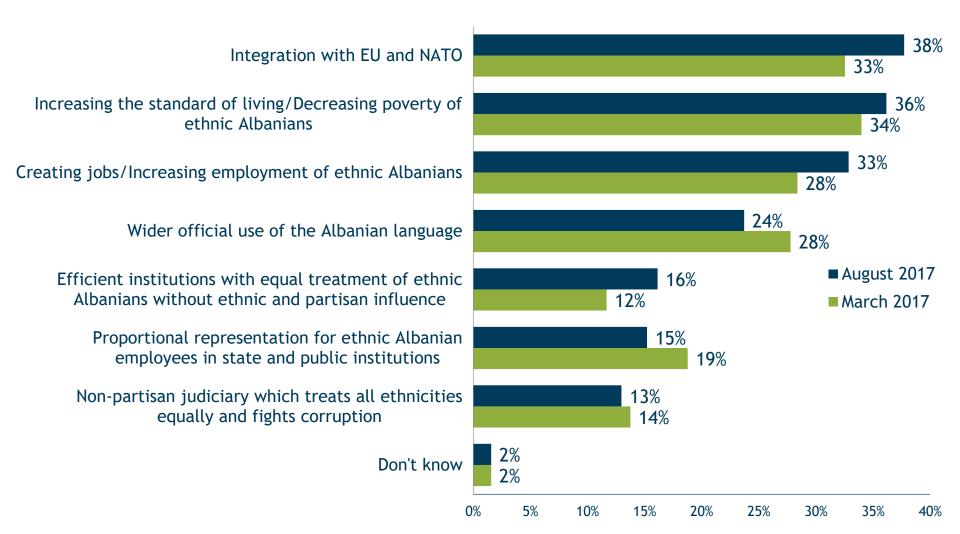
In your opinion, what should the top two priorities of the new government be in the next two months?

(Open-ended)



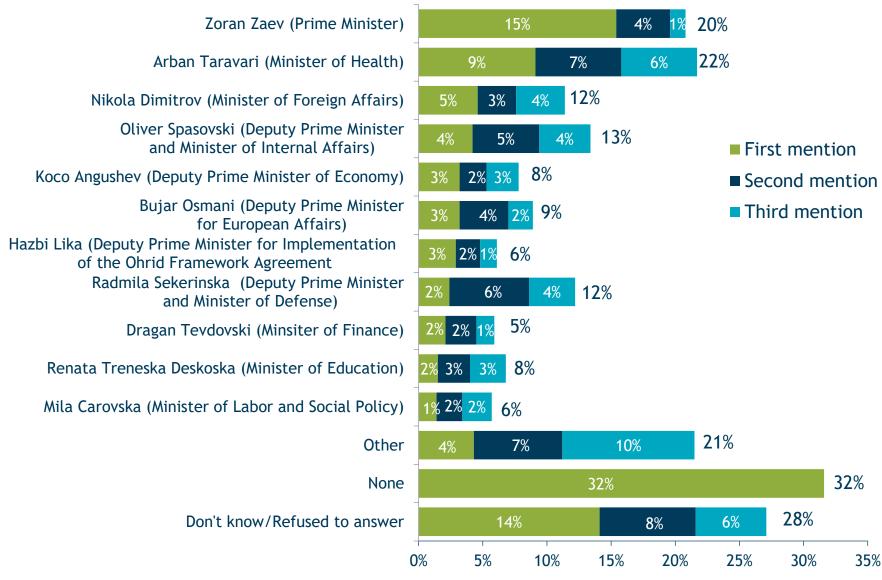
Which of the following are the two most important priorities for improving the status of ethnic Albanians in Macedonia?*

(Respondent sample: Ethnic Albanians; Aug 2017: n=276; March 2017: n=280; margin of error 5.9%)

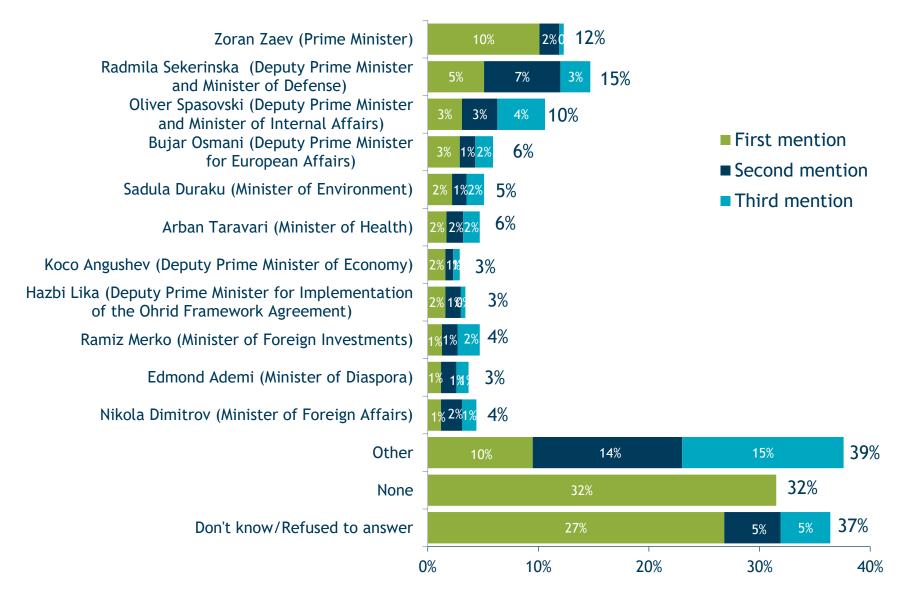


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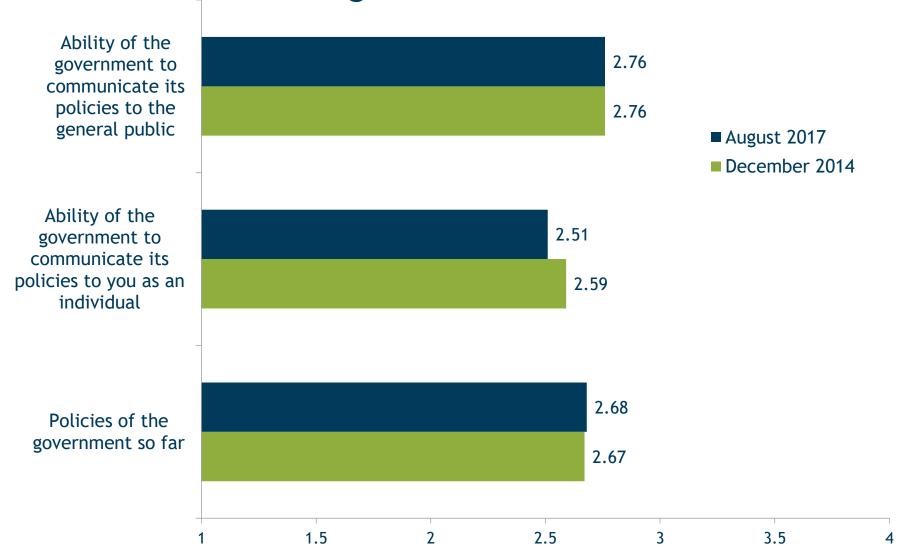
Which three ministers in the Government of Macedonia make the best impression on you and are doing the best job they can? (Multiple responses)



Which three ministers in the Government of Macedonia leave the worst impression on you and are not doing their job as they should? (Multiple responses)

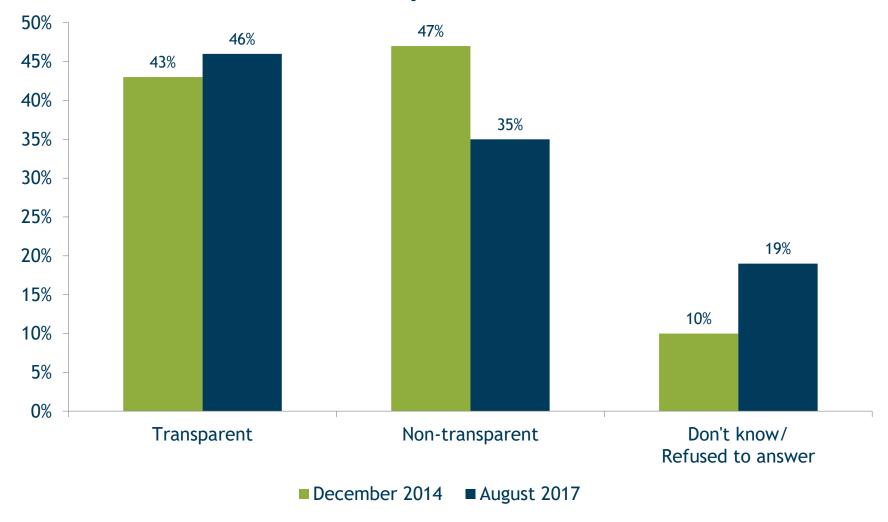


Using the scale used in Macedonian schools, where one is unsatisfactory and five is excellent, what grade would you give for the...?



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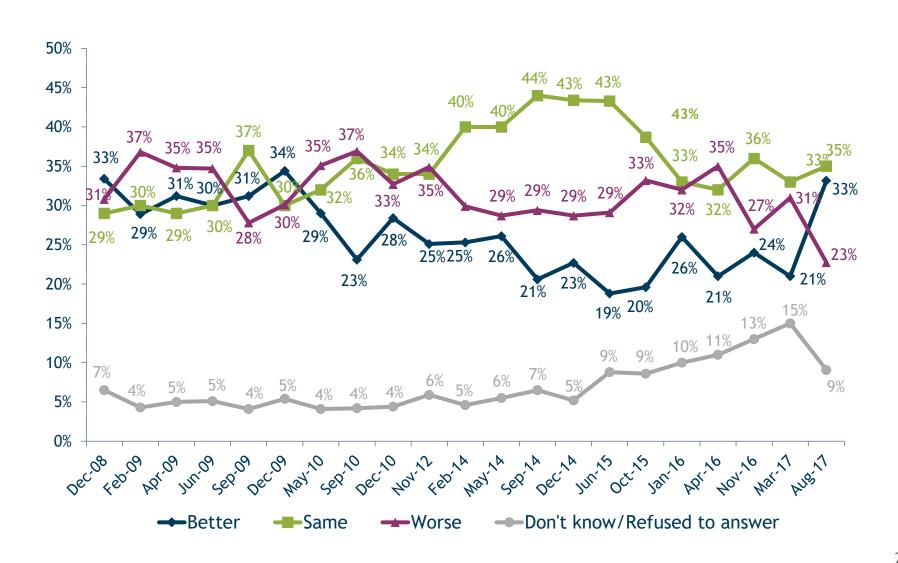
Based on its actions and behavior, do you consider the Government of Zoran Zaev to be transparent or non-transparent?



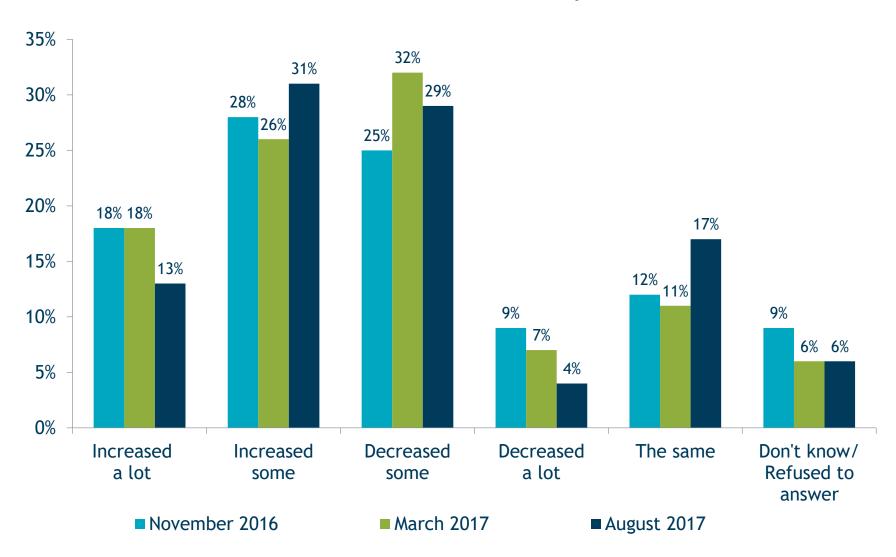
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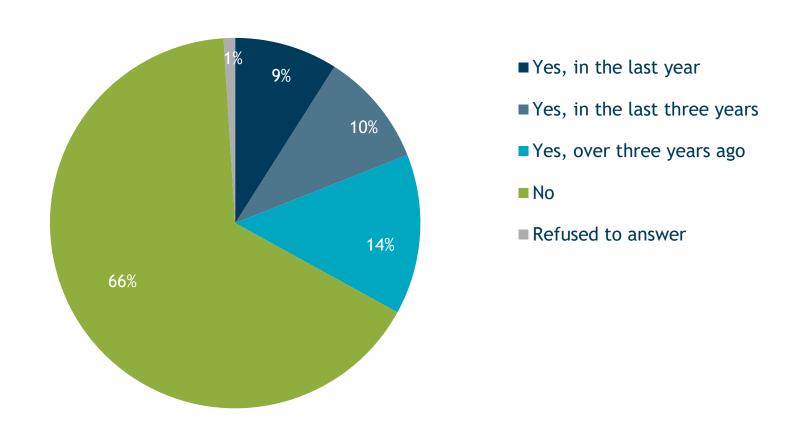
In the next two years, will the economy in Macedonia get better, get worse, or stay the same?



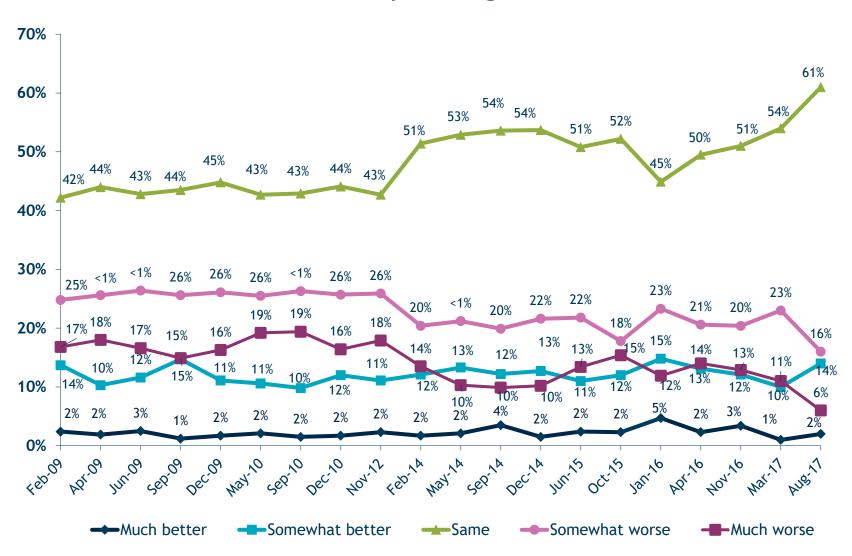
In your opinion, has unemployment increased or decreased over the last year?



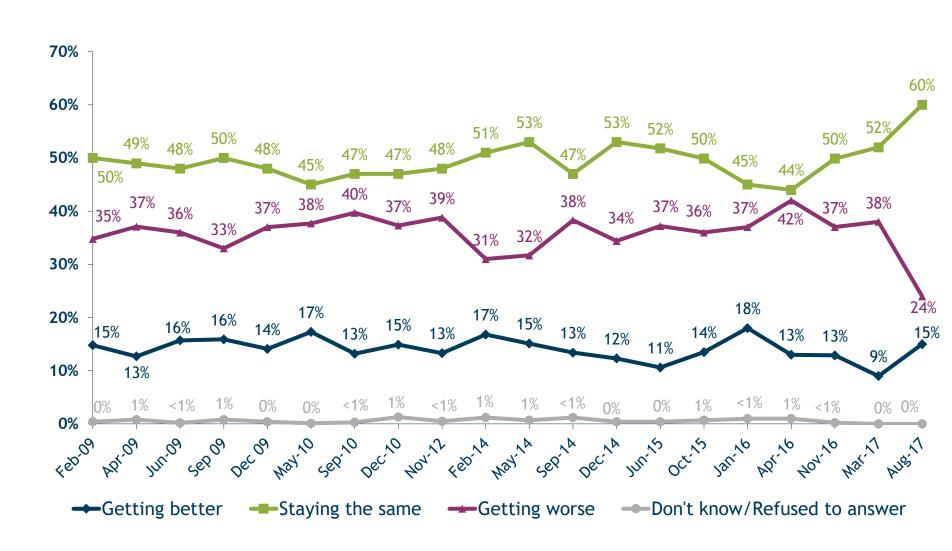
Is there any member of your household who has emigrated to live and/or work abroad?



How is your family's economic situation compared to one year ago?



Speaking personally, is your overall quality of life...?

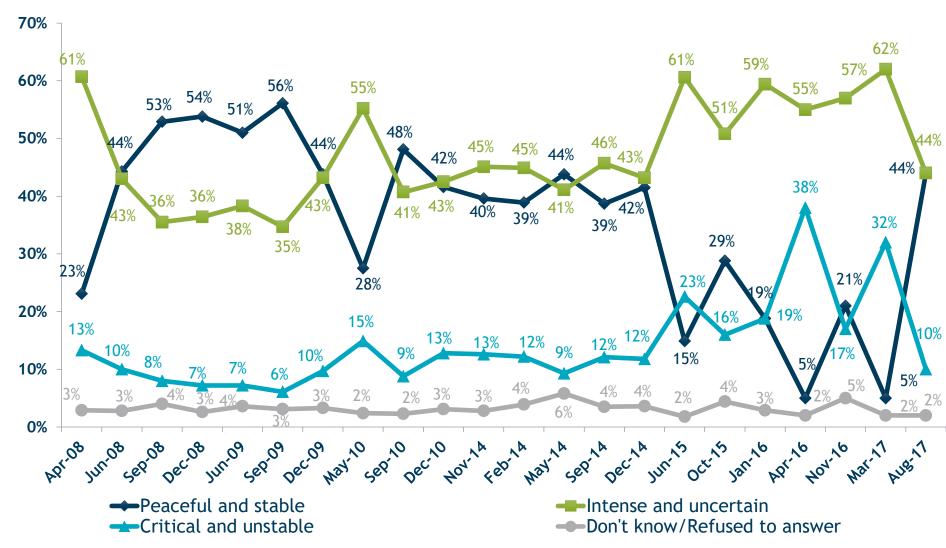


Political Stability and Rule of Law

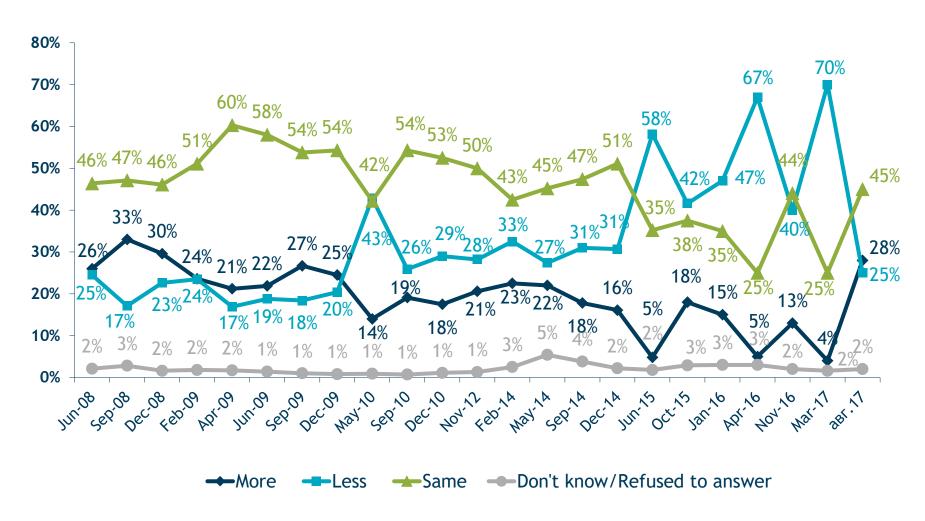




How would you describe the current internal political situation in Macedonia?



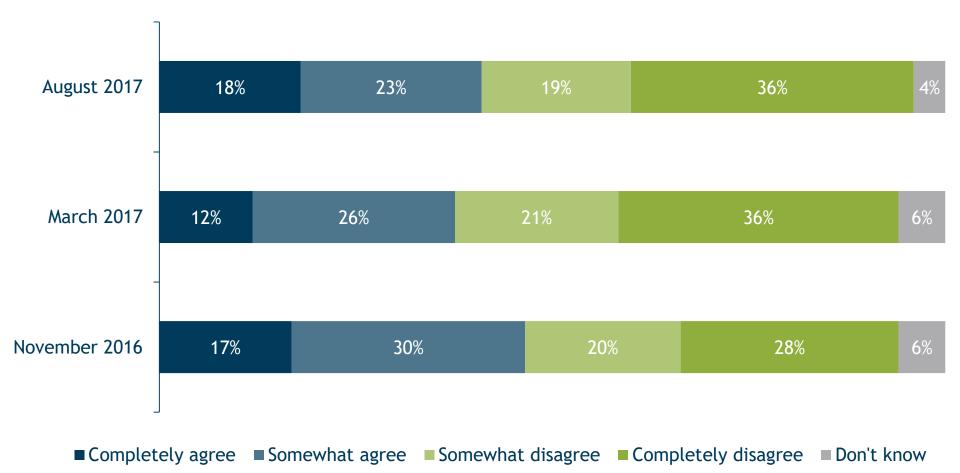
Is the Republic of Macedonia more or less stable today than it was one year ago?



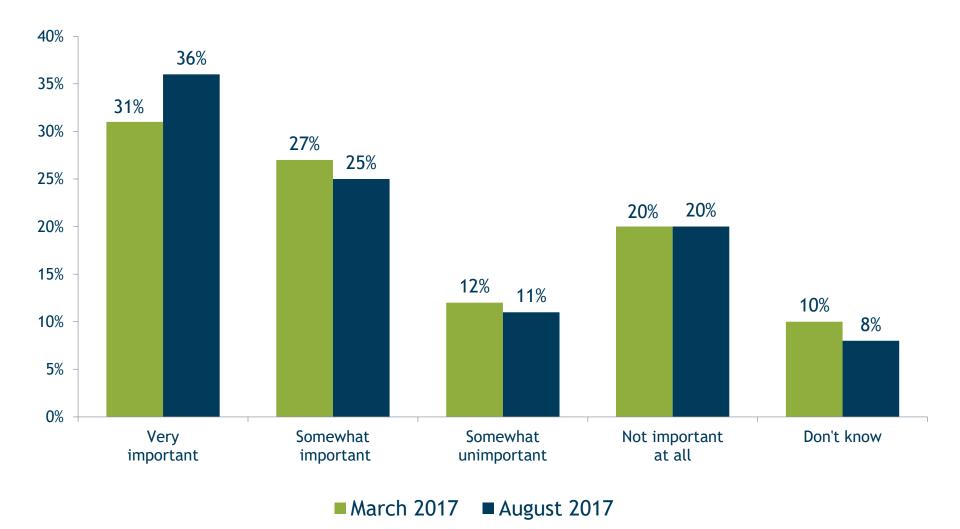
The rule of law in a democracy can be understood as "a state where all people and institutions are accountable to the law and the Constitution, and the Constitution and the law are equally applied to all."

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

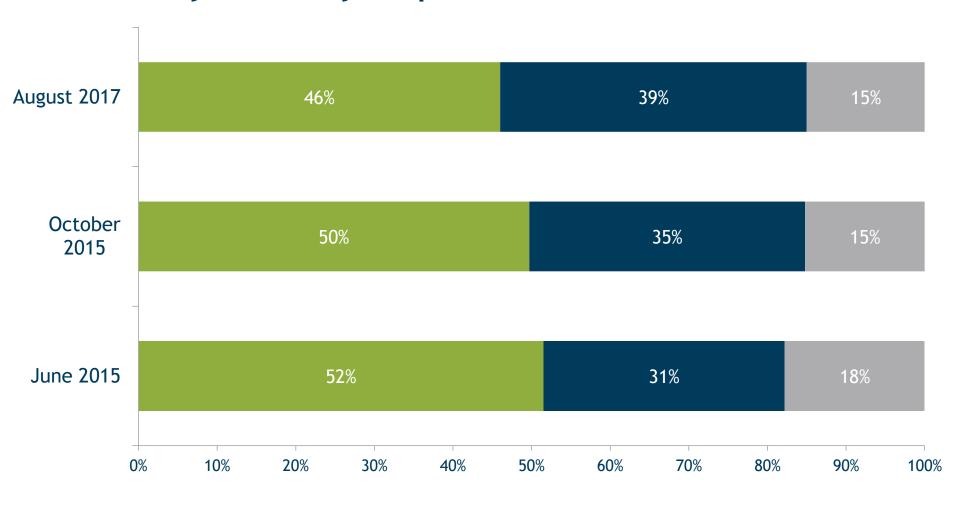
"The rule of law exists in Macedonia."



In your opinion, how important is the work of the Special Public Prosecutor in ensuring the rule of law in Macedonia?



Do you think your phone conversations are...?



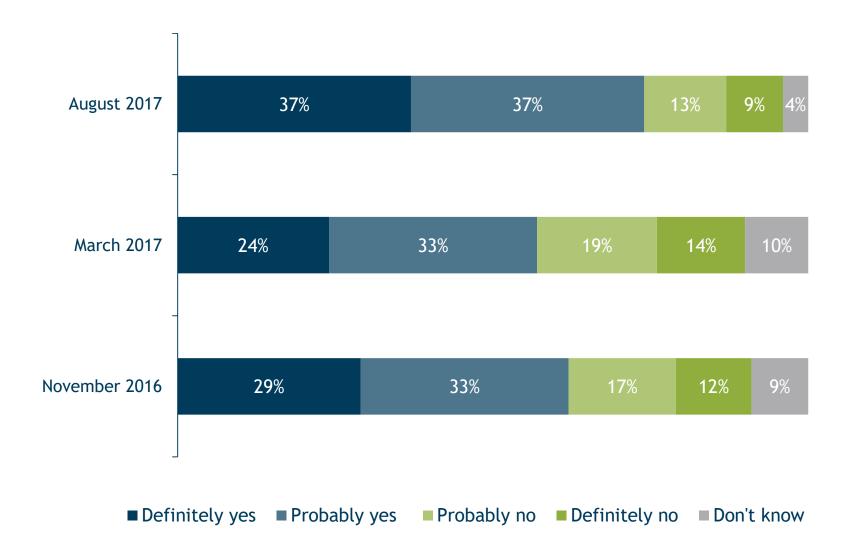
- Not private and safe? That is, there is a possibility that your conversations are being listened to and/or recorded by a third party.
- Private and safe? That is, you and the other person in the conversation are the only ones aware of the conversation.
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Elections and Electoral Conditions

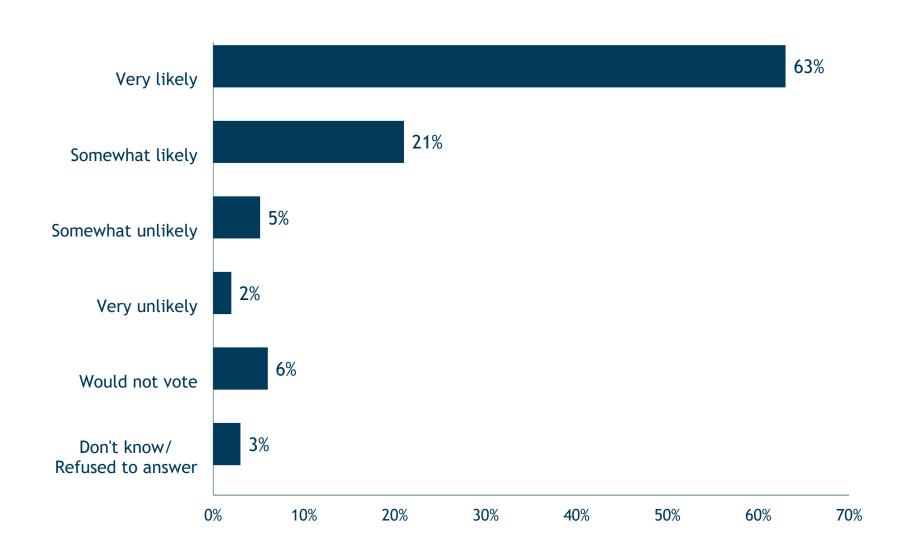




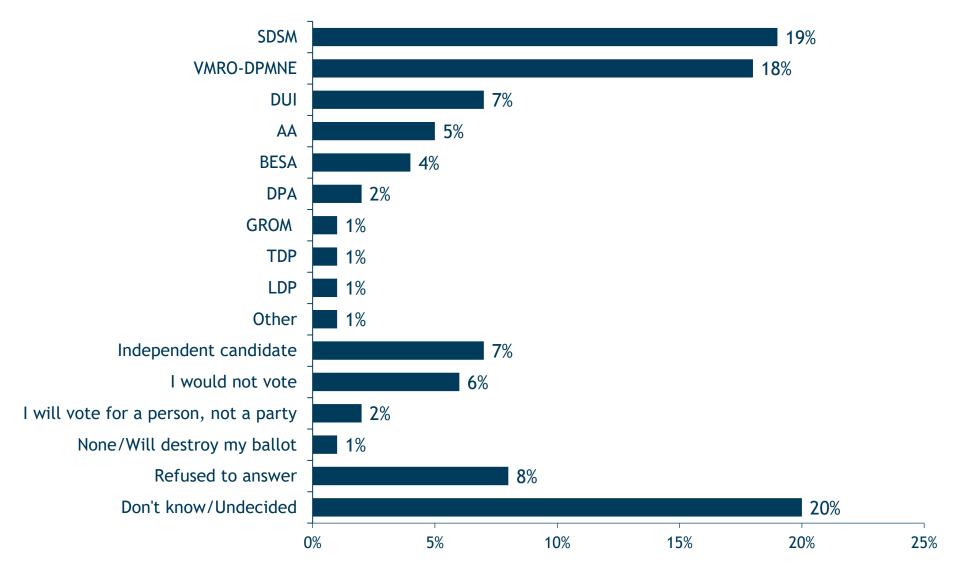
Do you think conditions are in place in the country to hold free and fair elections?



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

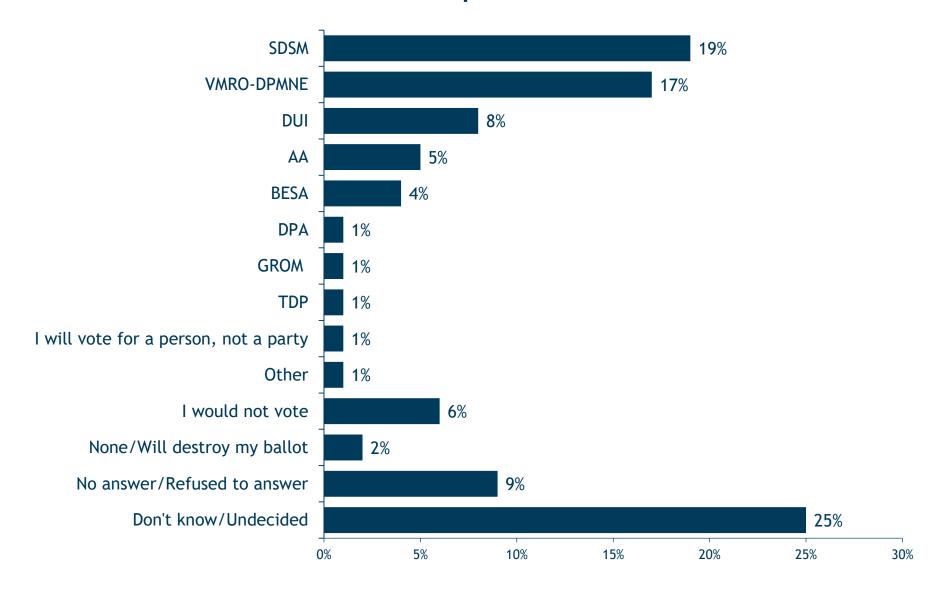


If local elections were held today, for which party's candidate would you vote to be mayor of your municipality?*



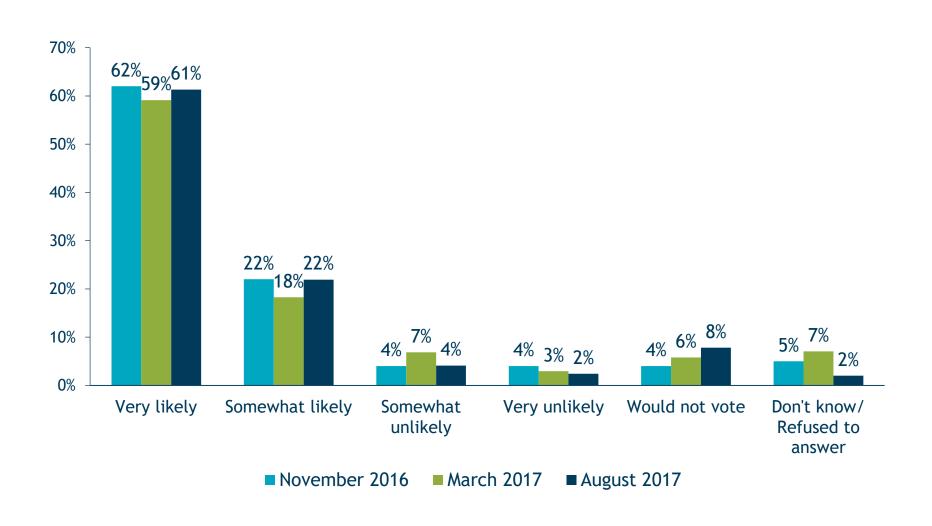
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If local elections were held today, which party would you vote for municipal council?*



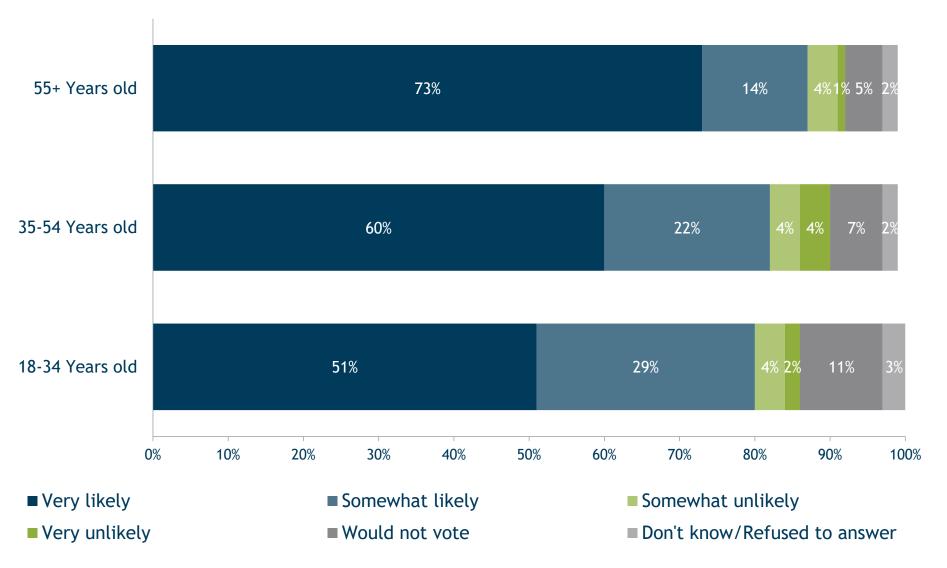
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If parliamentary elections were held today, how likely is it that you would vote?

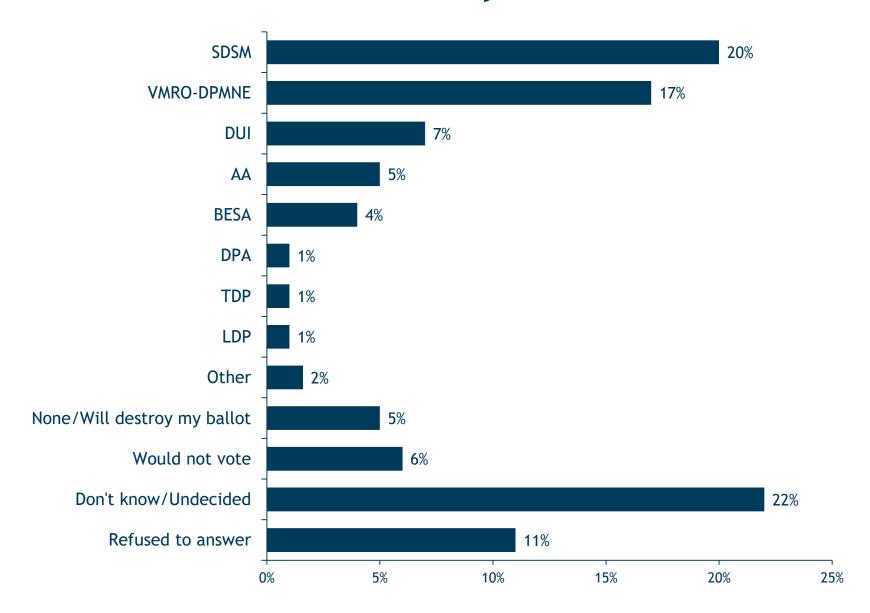


If parliamentary elections were held today, how likely is it that you would vote?

(Disaggregated by age)



Which party would you vote for if parliamentary elections were held today?*



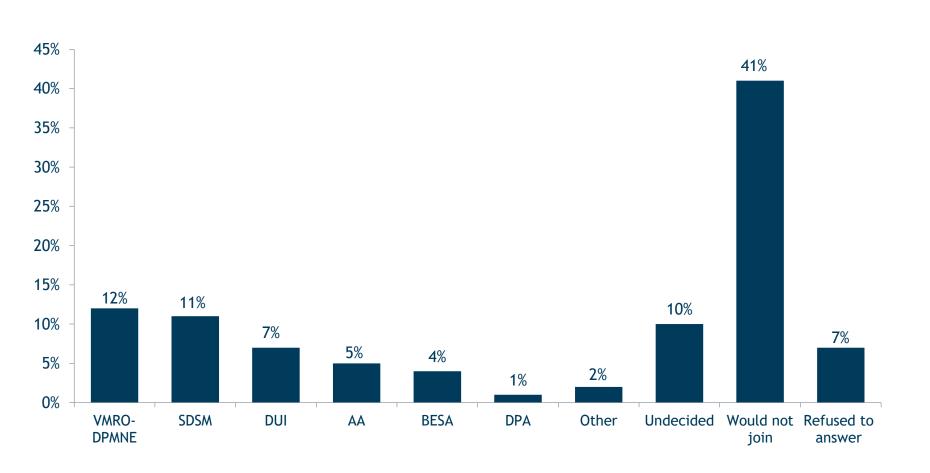
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Political Parties



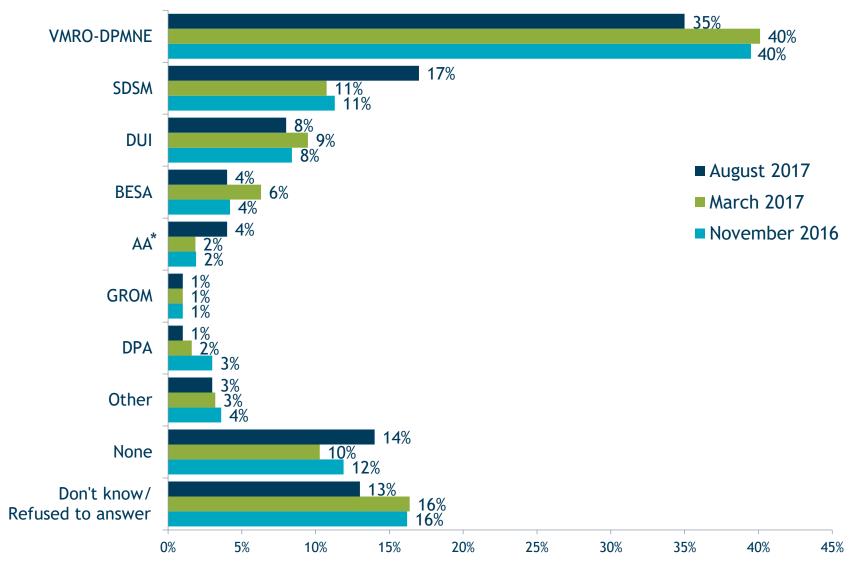


Which political party do you belong to or would consider joining?*



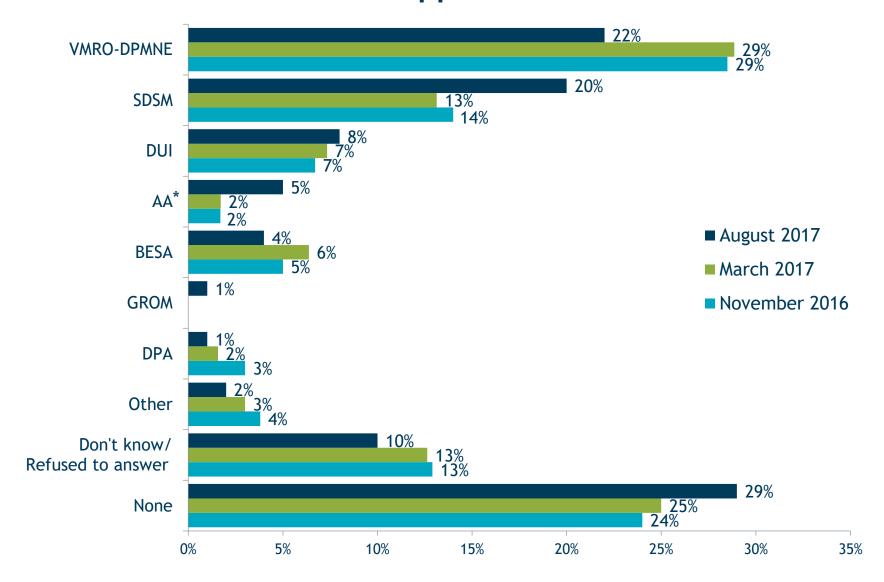
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Which party, in your opinion, is most active in your village/town/city?



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In your opinion, which party works hardest for your support?



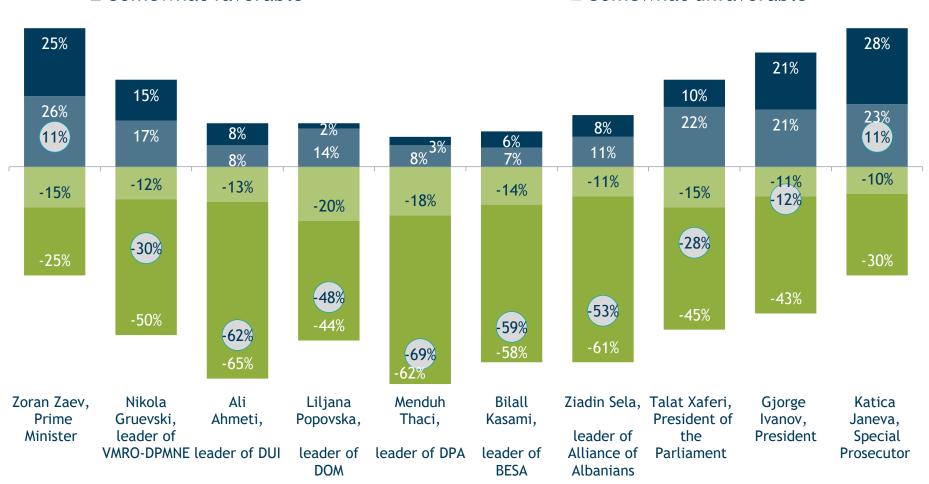
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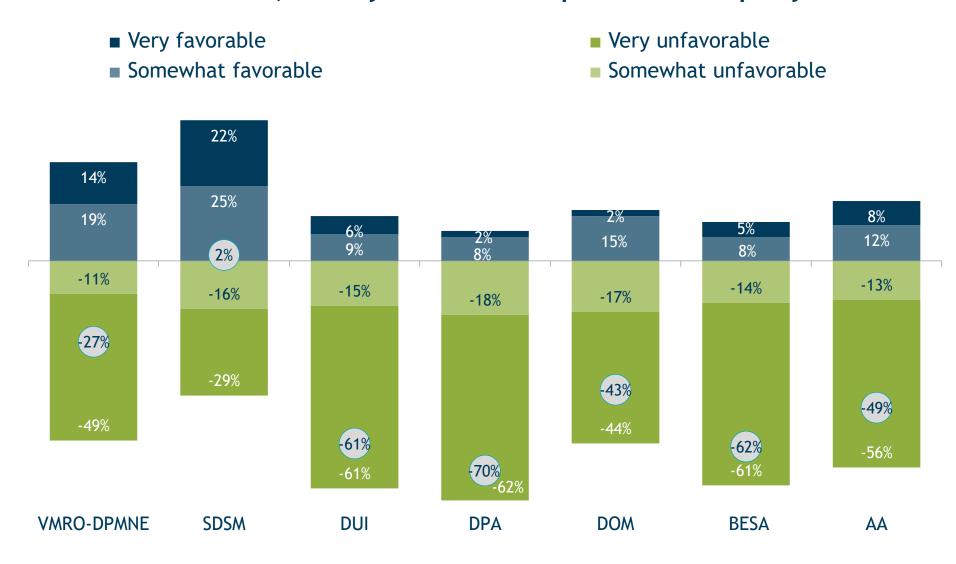
I will read you a list of political leaders in Macedonia. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of that party.

- Very favorable
- Somewhat favorable

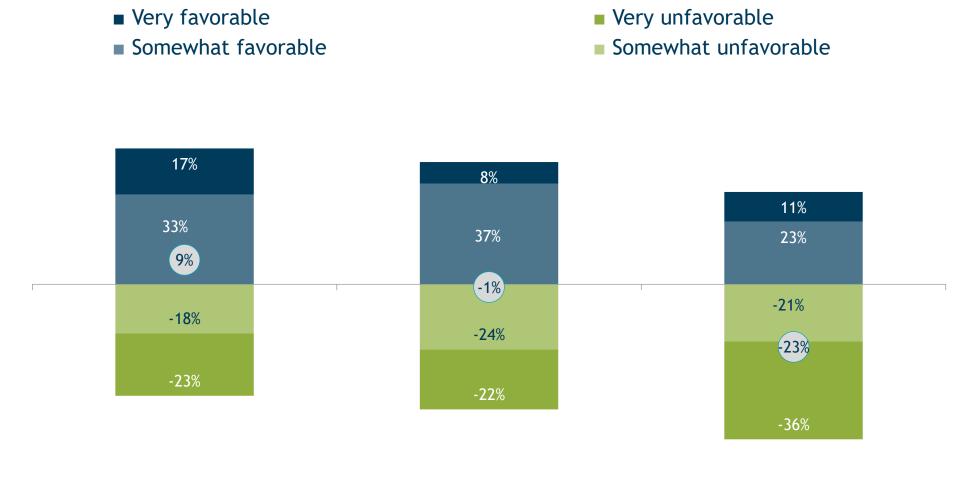
- Very unfavorable
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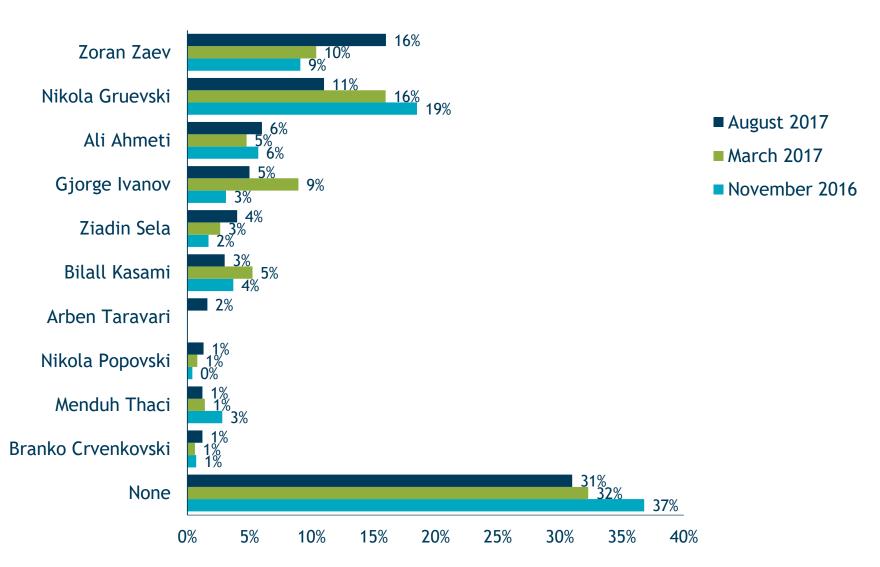


I will read you a list of institutions in Macedonia. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of that institution.



The Government The Parliament The opposition

When you think about people in political life, who is the one person in Macedonia who you view most favorably? (Open-ended)

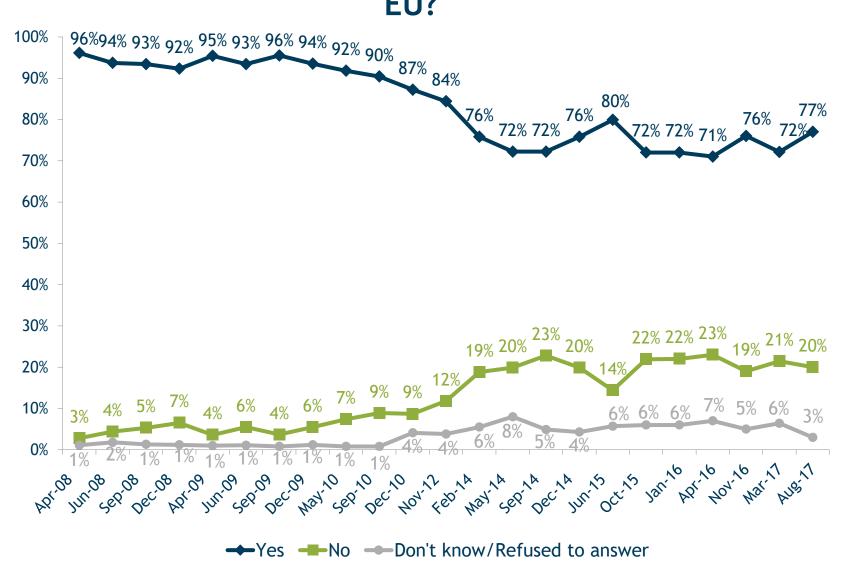


Support for Euro-Atlantic Integration

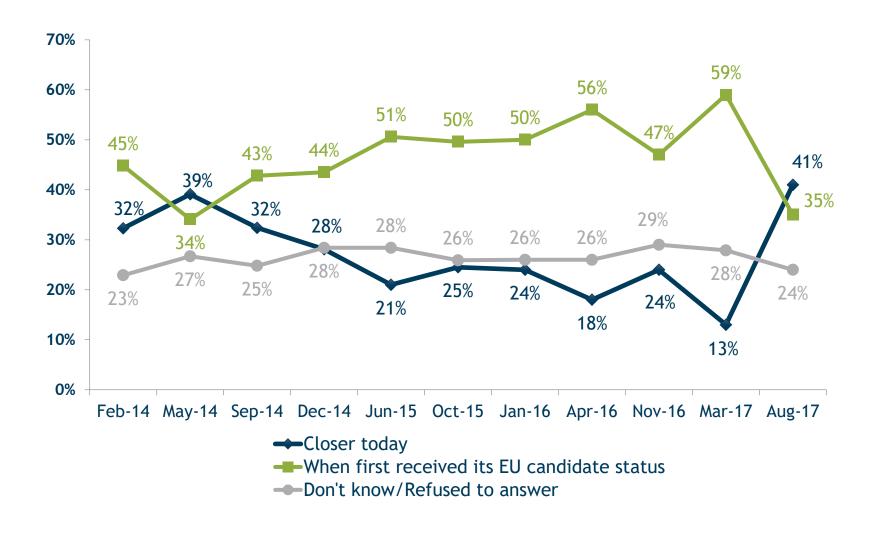




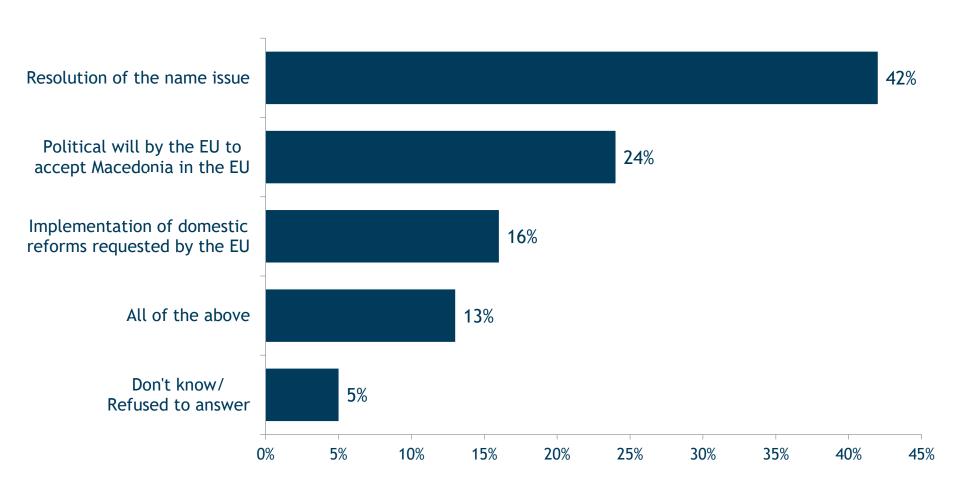
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of the EU?



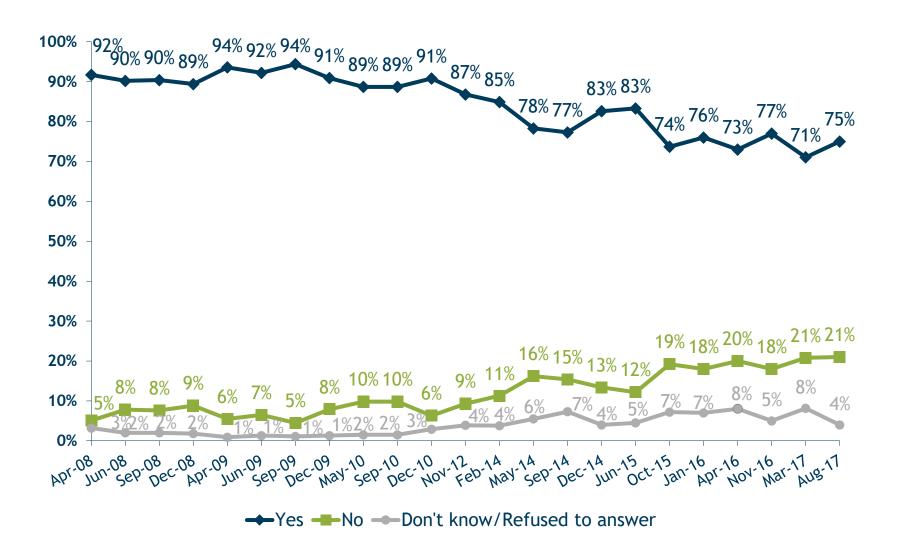
Do you think Macedonia is closer to EU entry today, or was it closer when it first received its EU candidate member status?



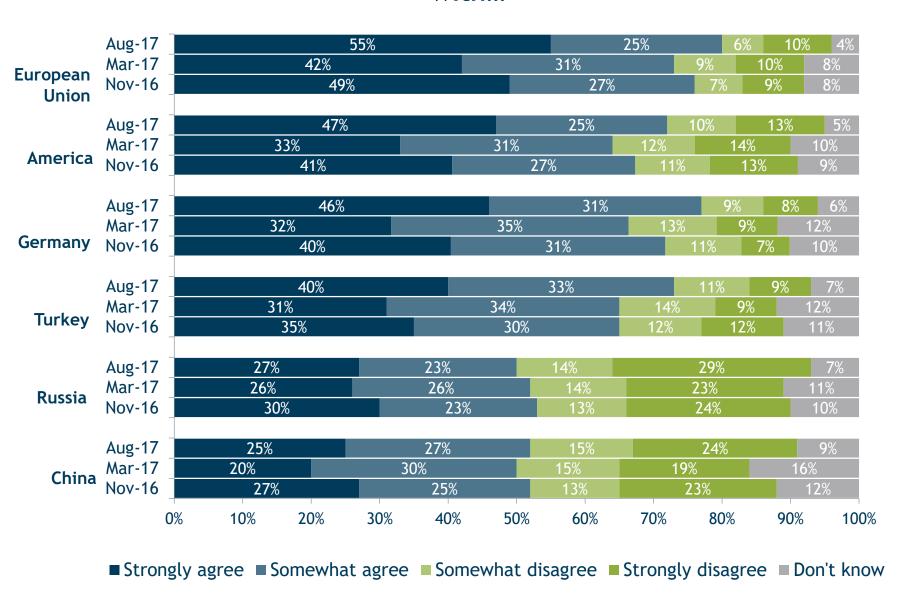
What is most important for Macedonia's accession into the EU?



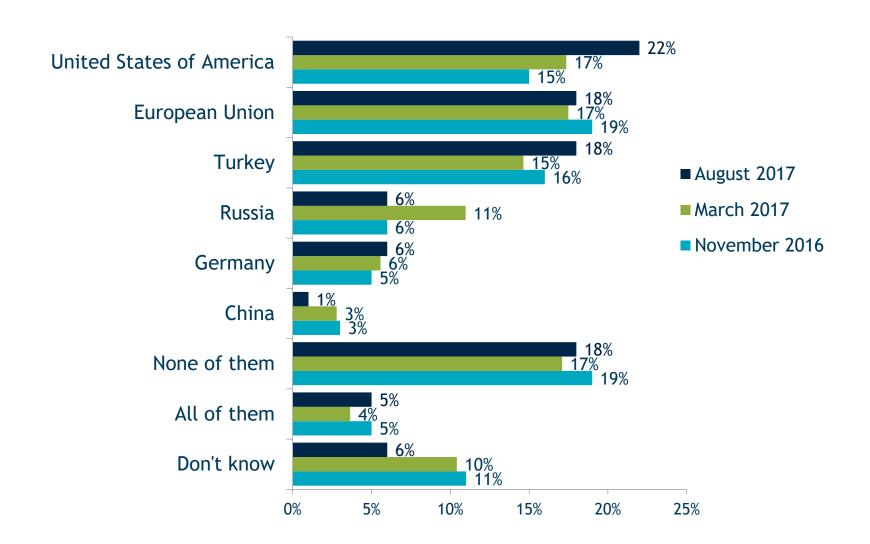
Do you support Macedonia becoming a member of NATO?



How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements: "Macedonia's interests are best served by maintaining strong relations with..."



Which one of these countries helps Macedonia's national interests the most?

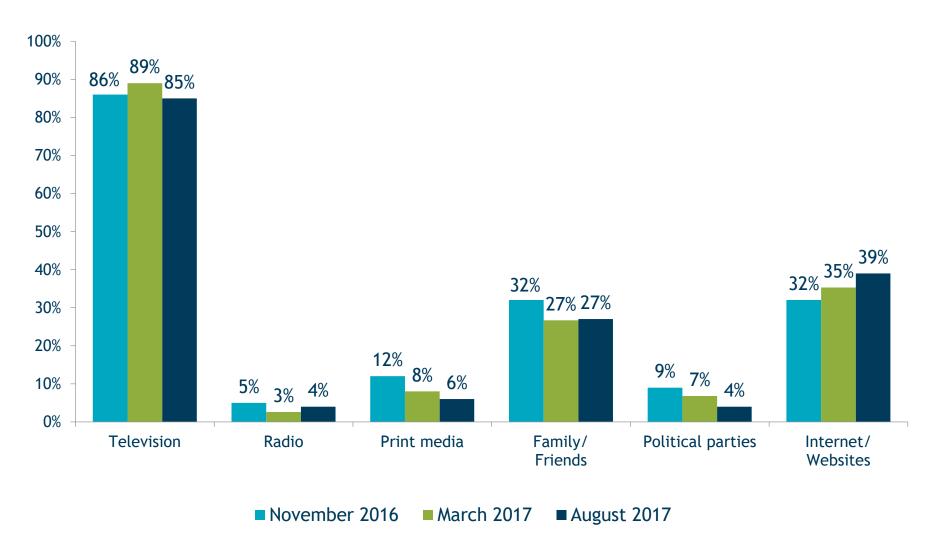


Sources of Political News



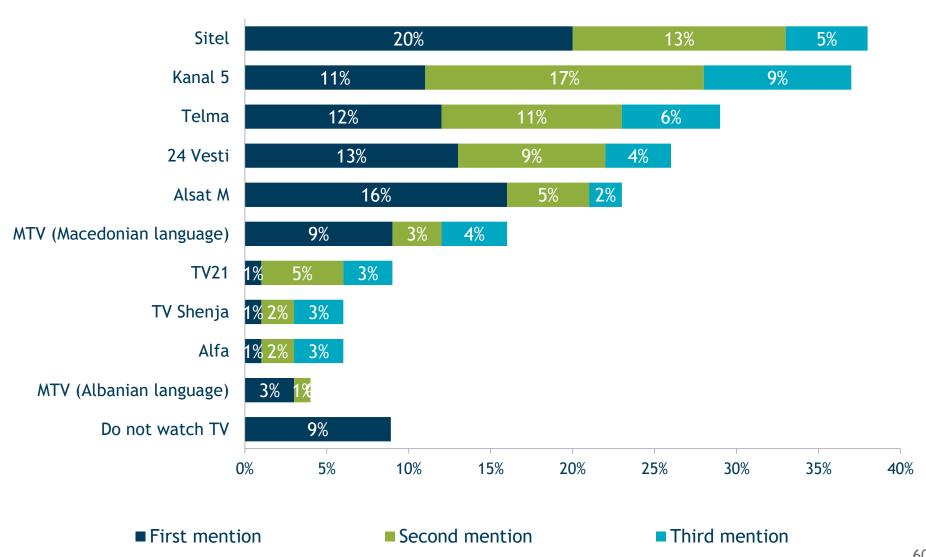


What is your primary source of political news? (Multiple answers)

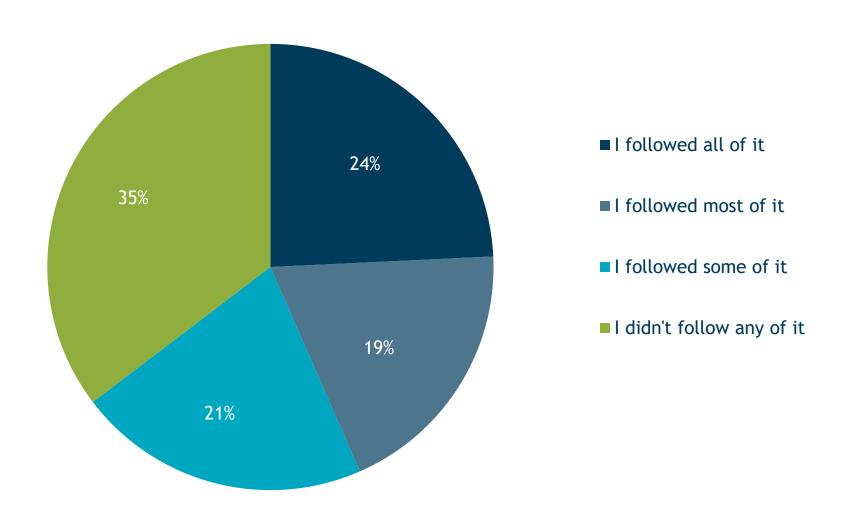


Which television station do you watch most often for political news?

(Open ended; Multiple answers)

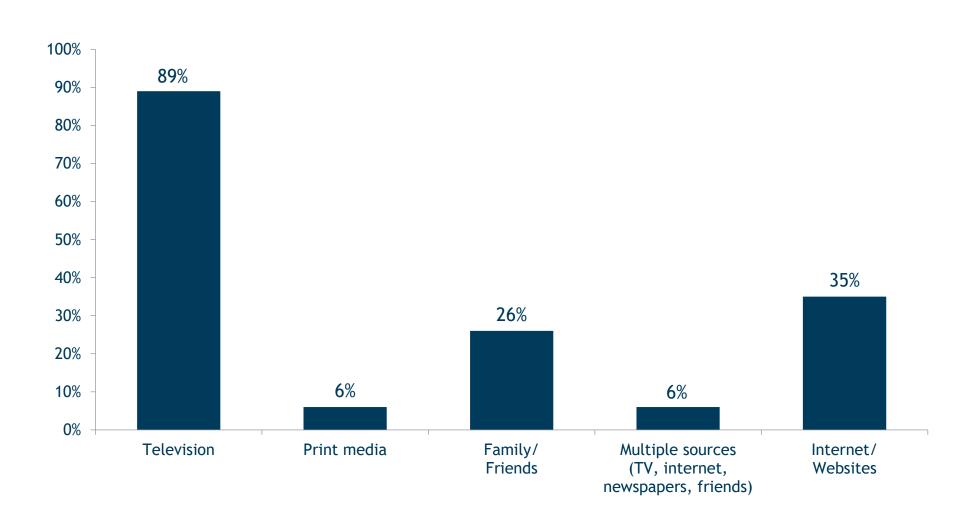


How much did you follow political news yesterday?



Where did you follow political news yesterday?

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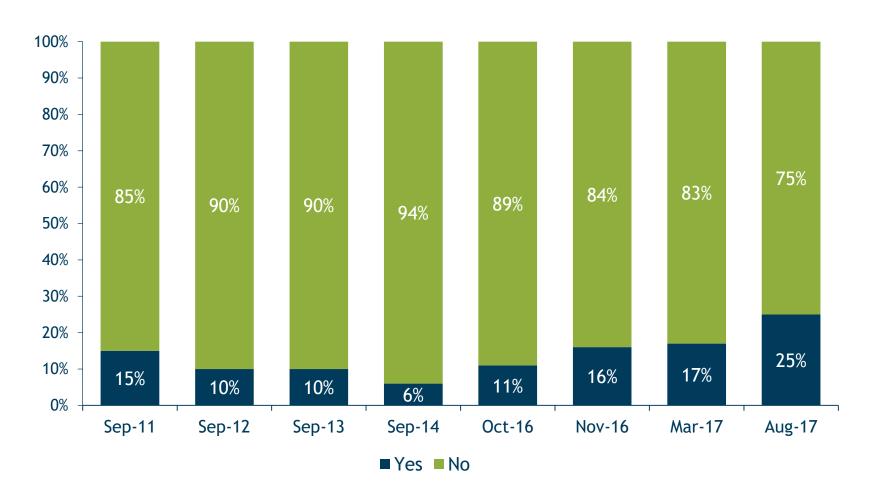


Attitudes towards Democracy, Women, and Youth



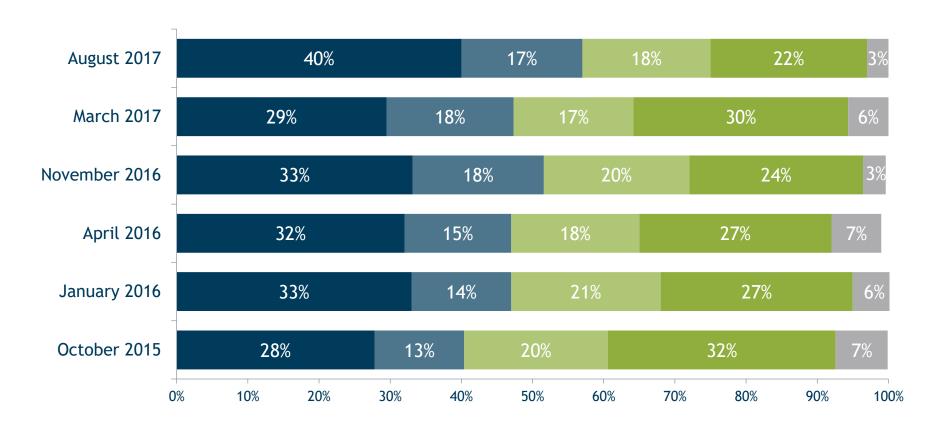


Have you engaged in activities to address a social or community problem in the last 12 months (e.g. participated in a protest, filed a complaint, initiated or supported an online petition)?



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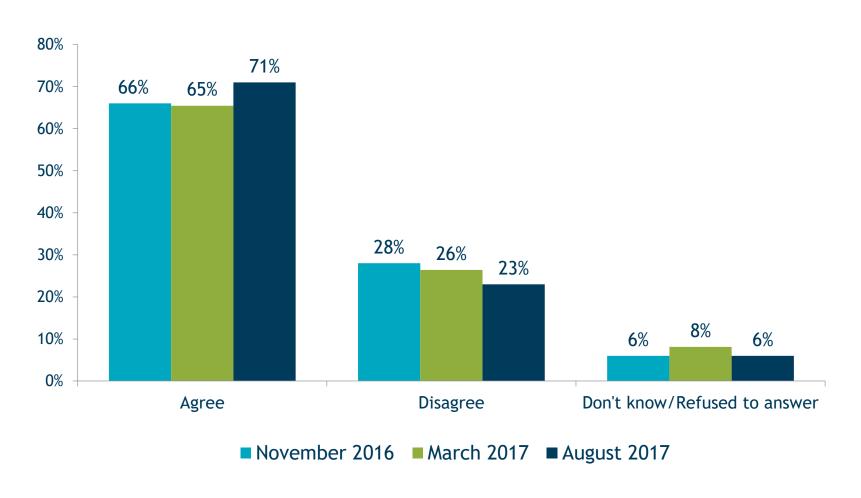
If you could have only one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?



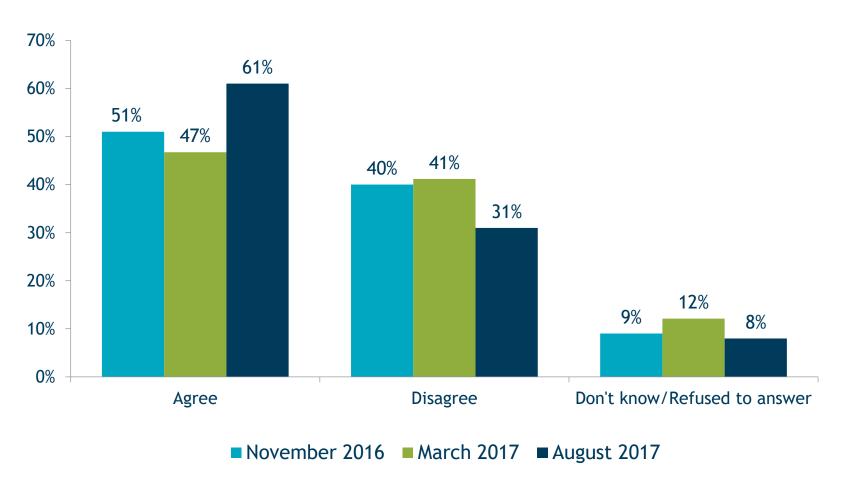
- Democracy is definitely more important to me
- Prosperity is somewhat more important to me
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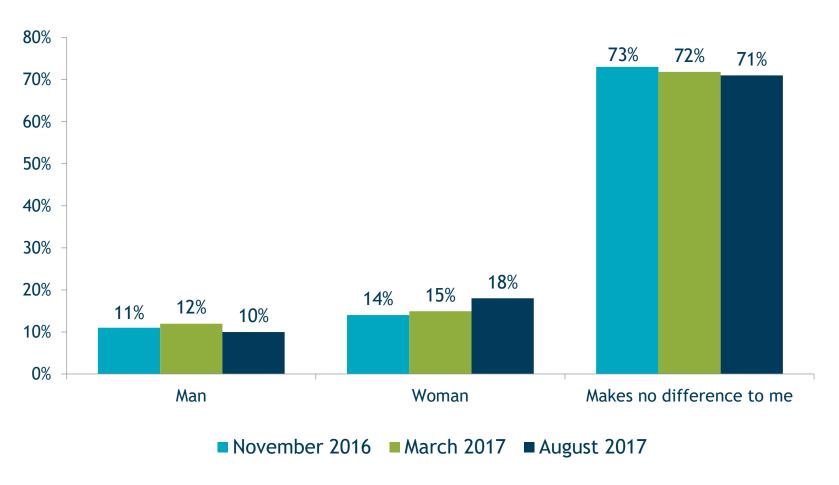
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people."



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



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?



City of Skopje

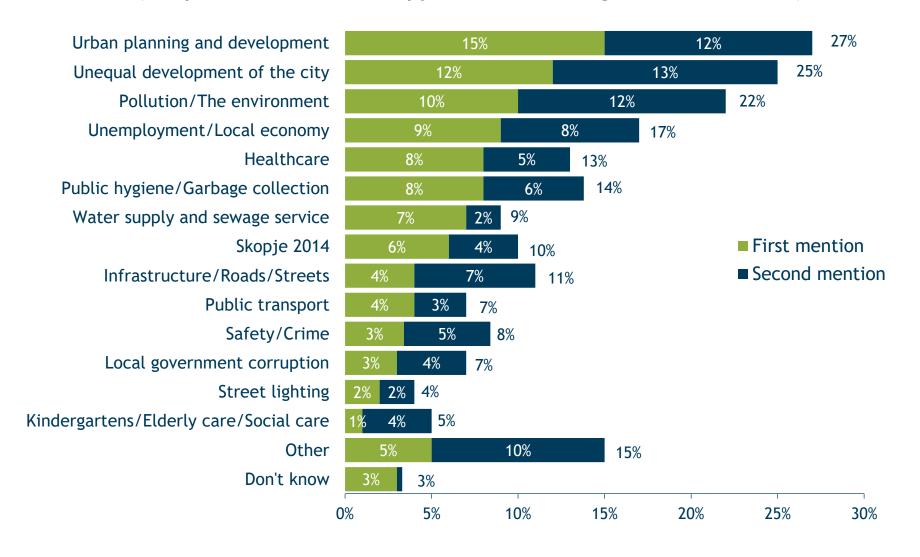
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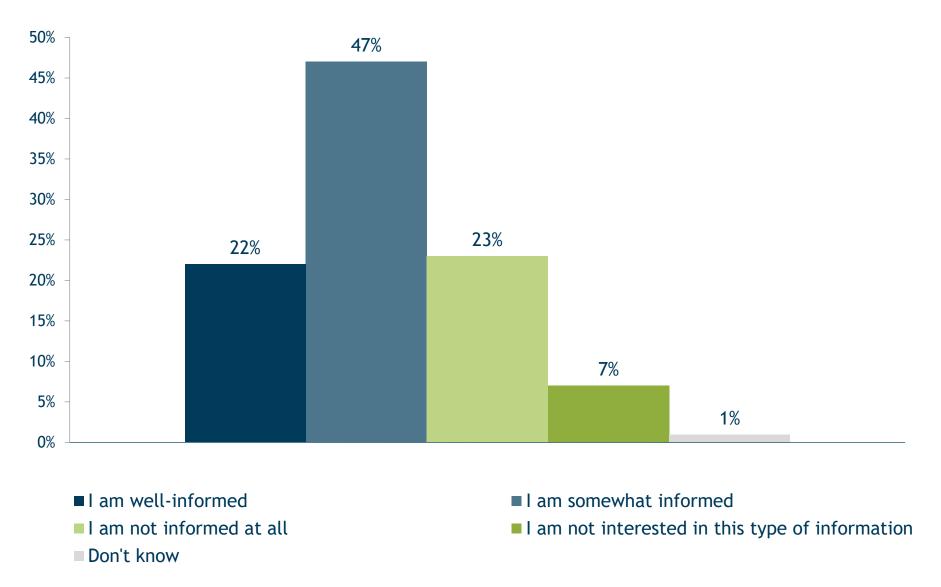
What are the two most serious problems facing Skopje today?

(Respondents from Skopje: n=284; margin of error 5.8%)



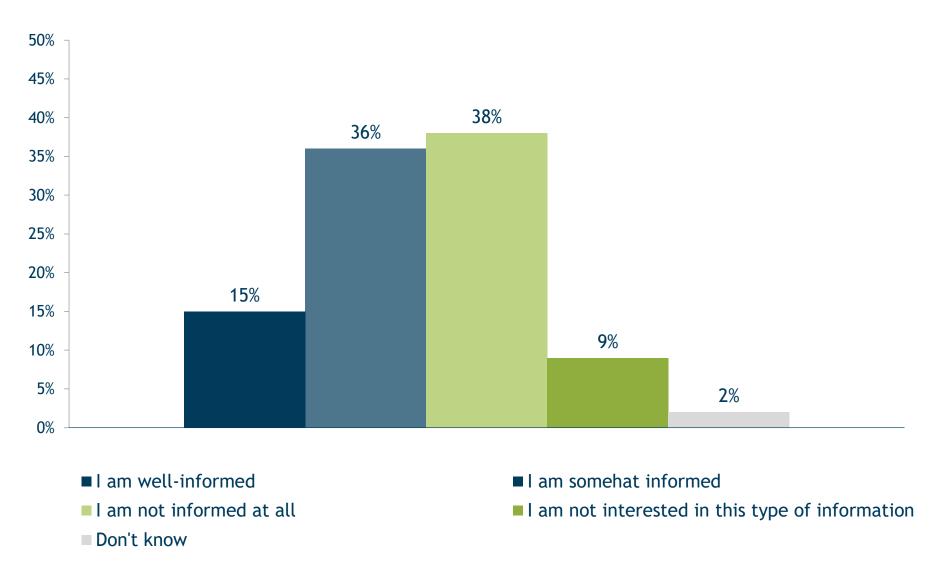
How well-informed are you about the work of Skopje Mayor Koce Trajanovski?

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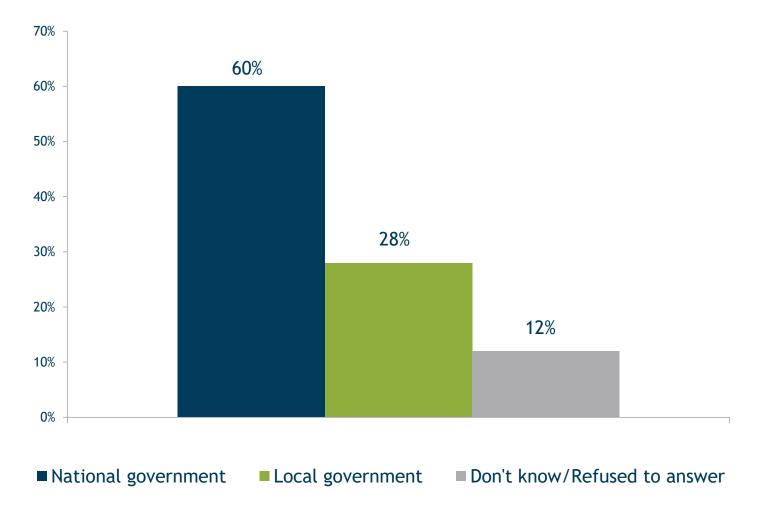


How well-informed are you about the work of the city council of Skopje?

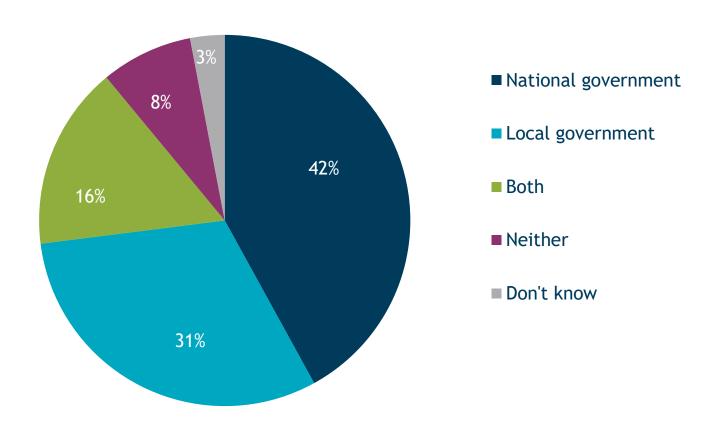
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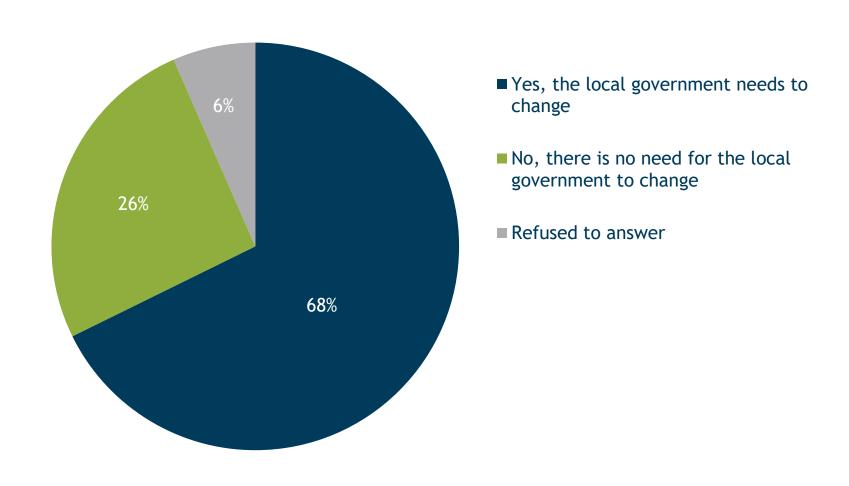
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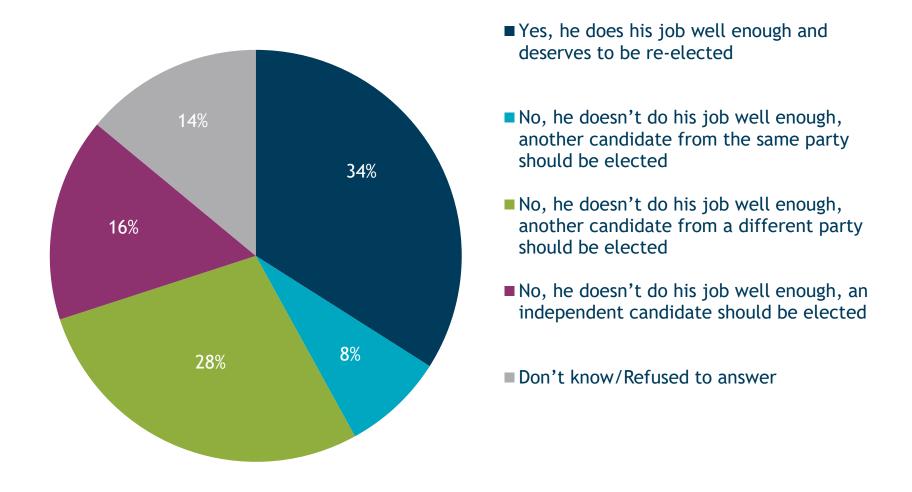
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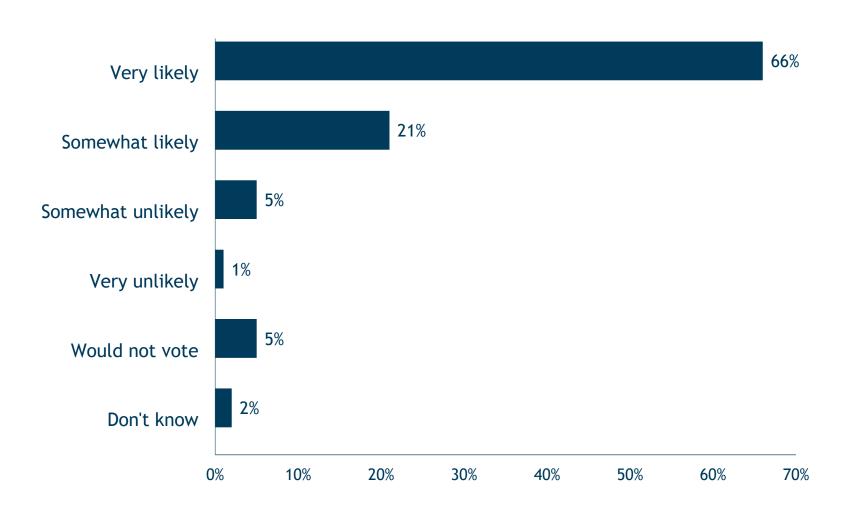
Would you agree or disagree that there is a need for the local government in Skopje to change?



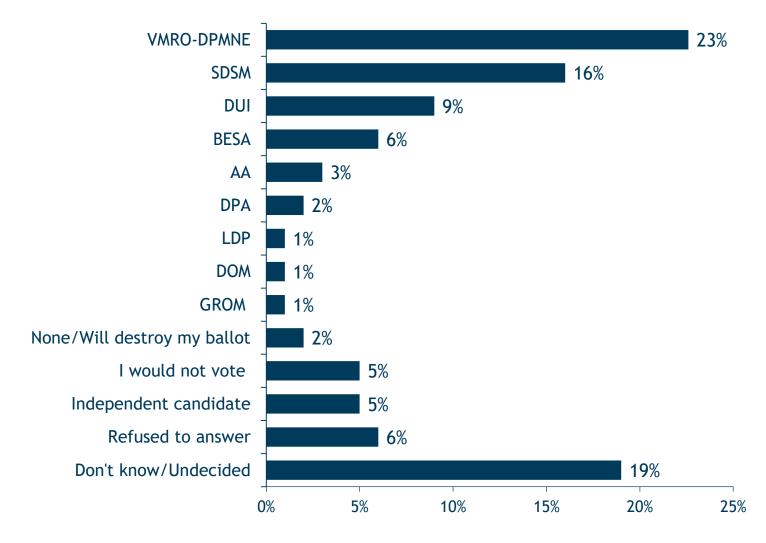
Does the Mayor of Skopje, Koce Trajanovski, do his job well enough to be re-elected in the upcoming local elections, or do you think that a new mayor of Skopje should be elected?



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

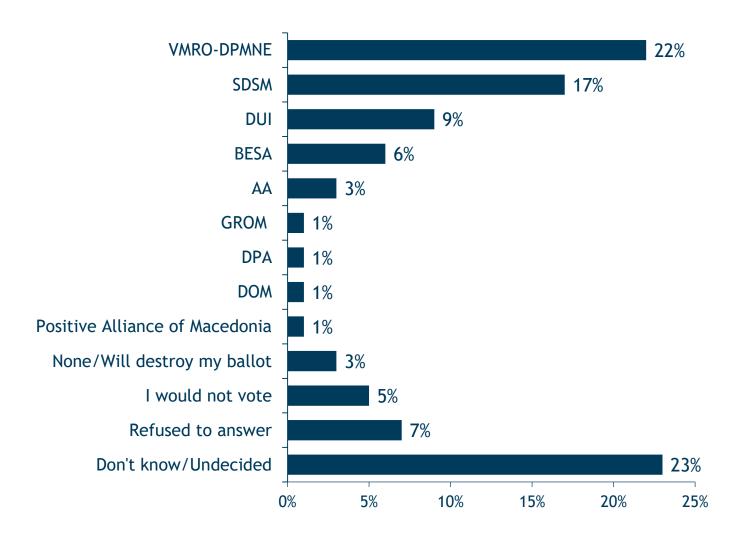


If local elections were held today, for which party's candidate would you vote to be mayor of Skopje?*



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If local elections were held today, which party would you vote for the council of Skopje?*



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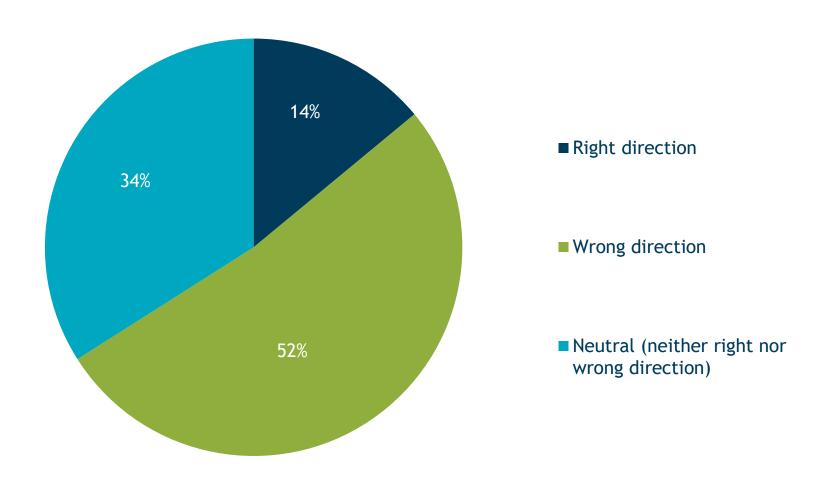
Gjorce Petrov

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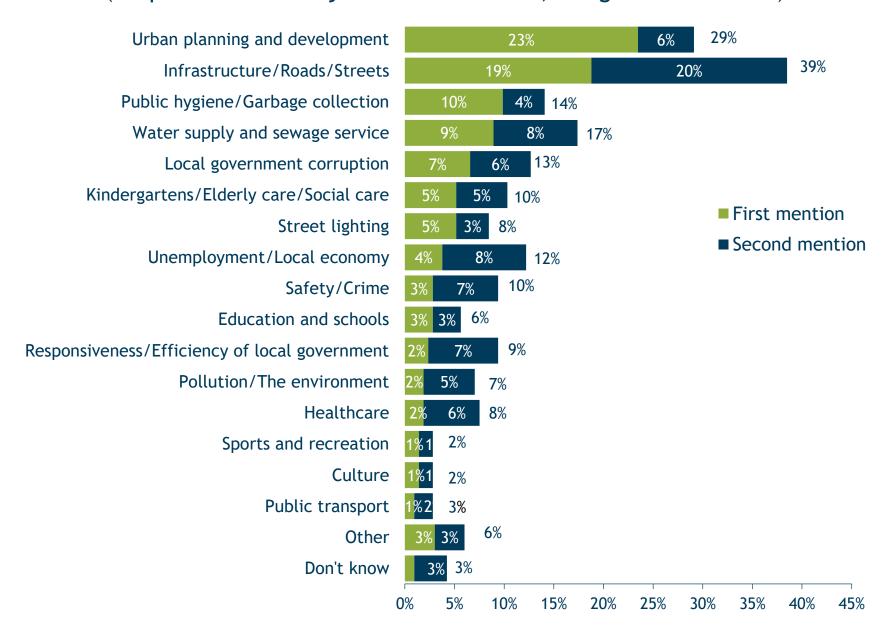




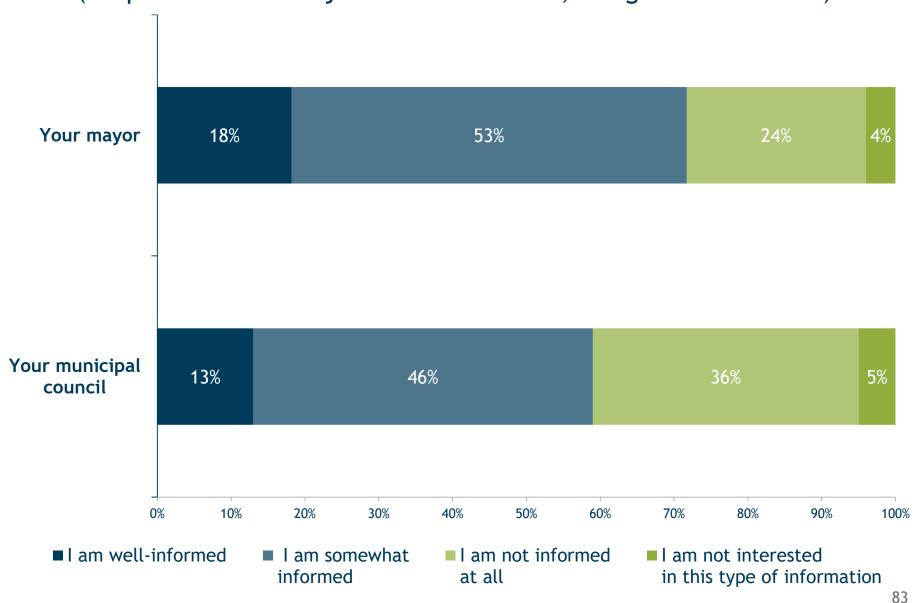
Overall, are things in your municipality moving in the right or wrong direction?



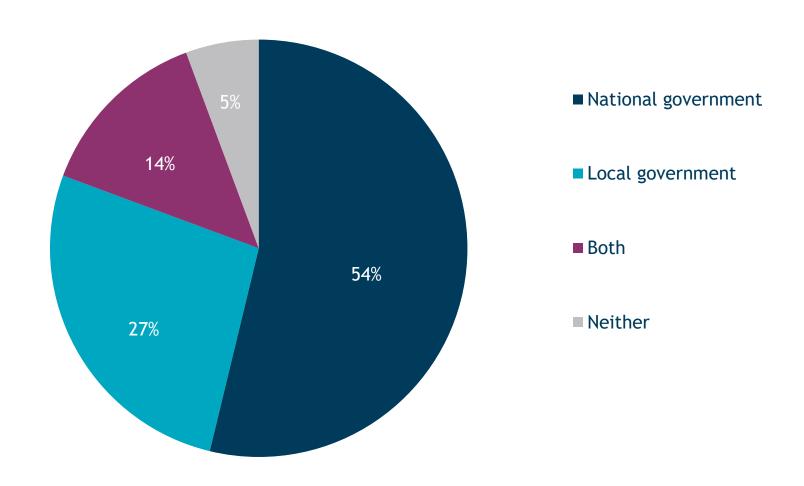
What are the most serious problems facing your municipality today? (Respondents from Gjorce Petrov: n=213; margin of error 6.7%)



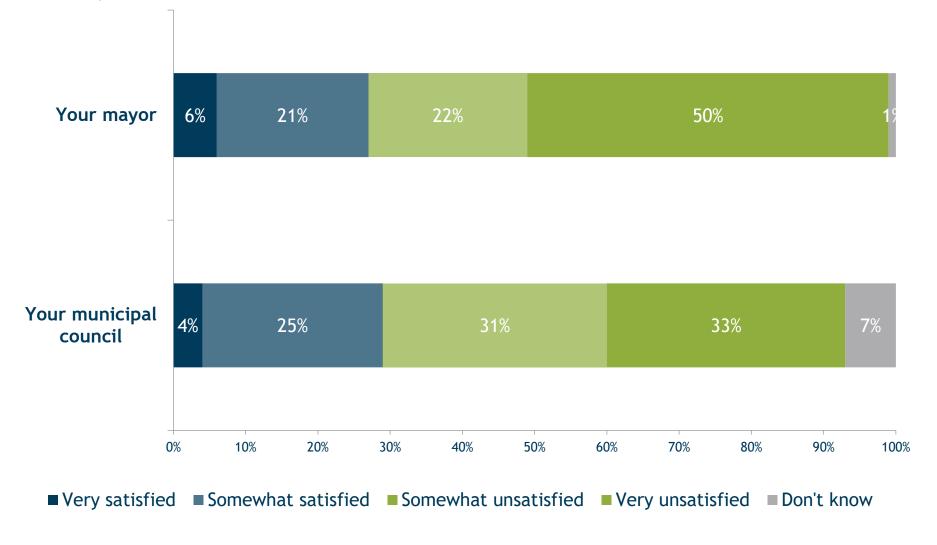
How well-informed are you about the work of each of the following:



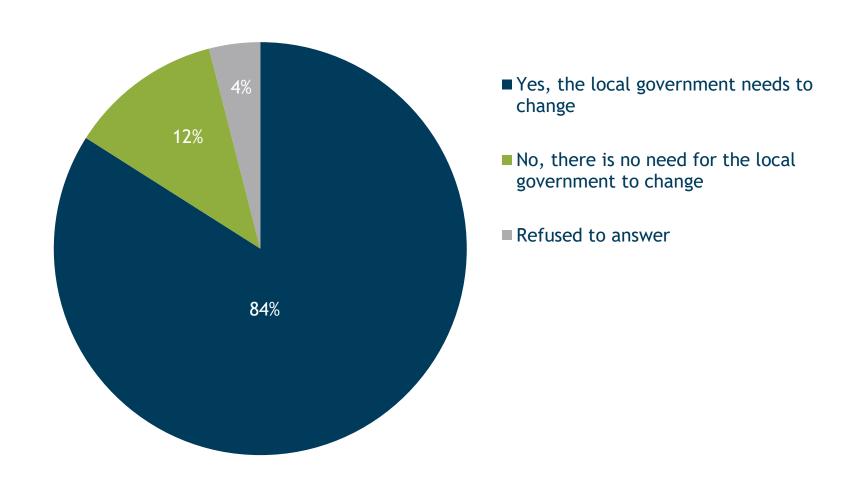
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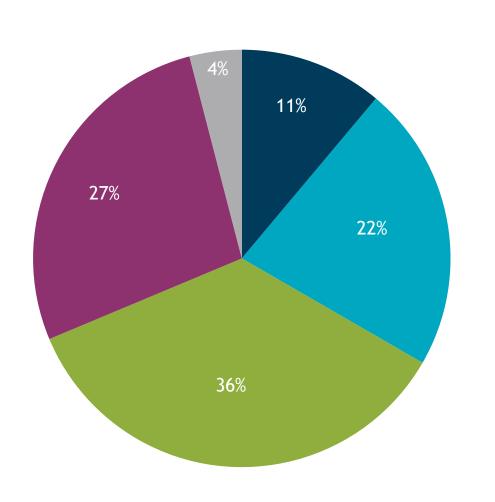
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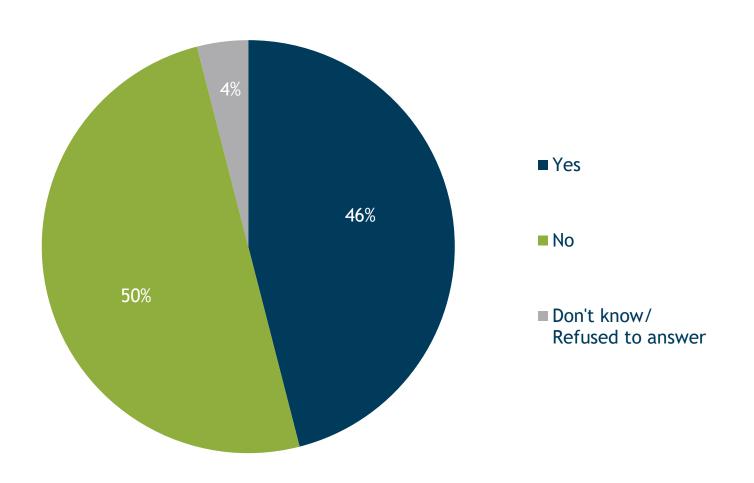


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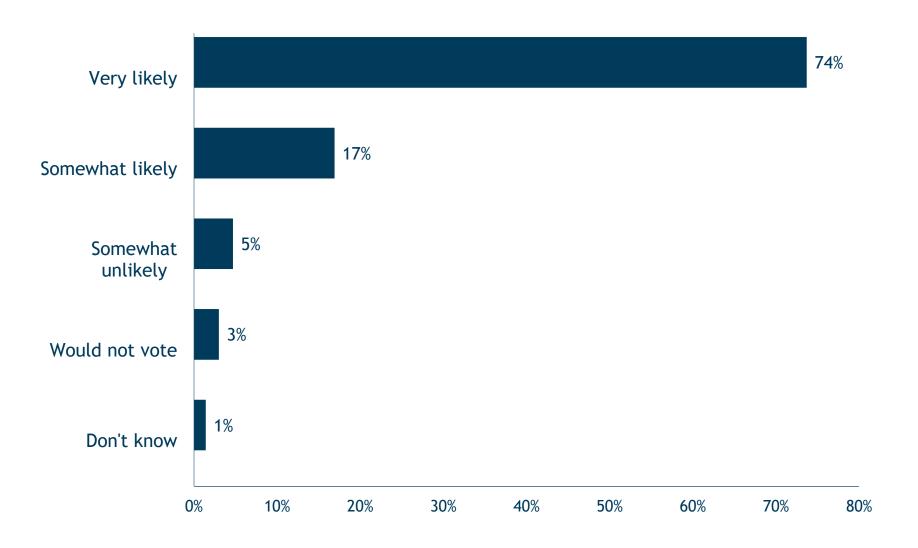


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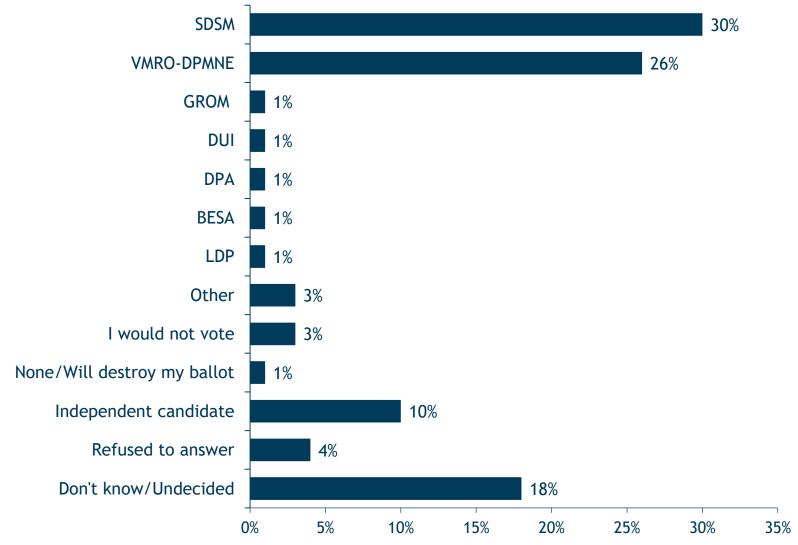
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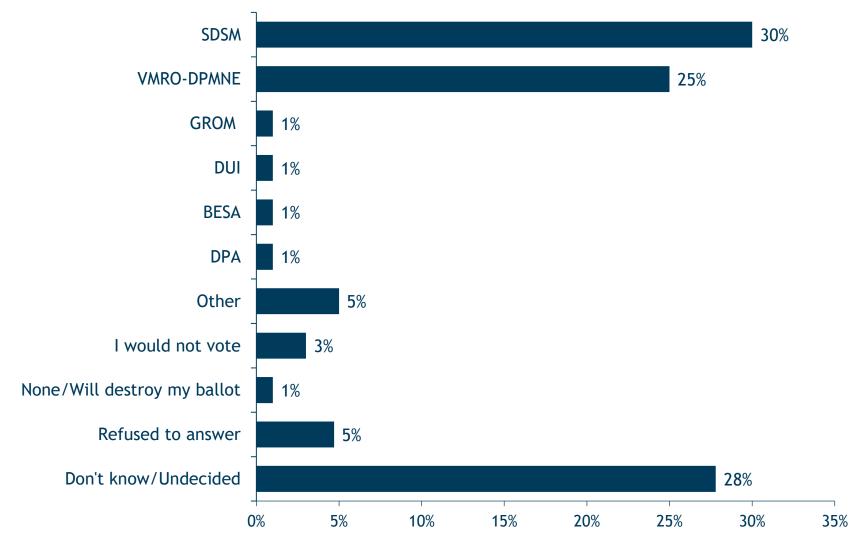


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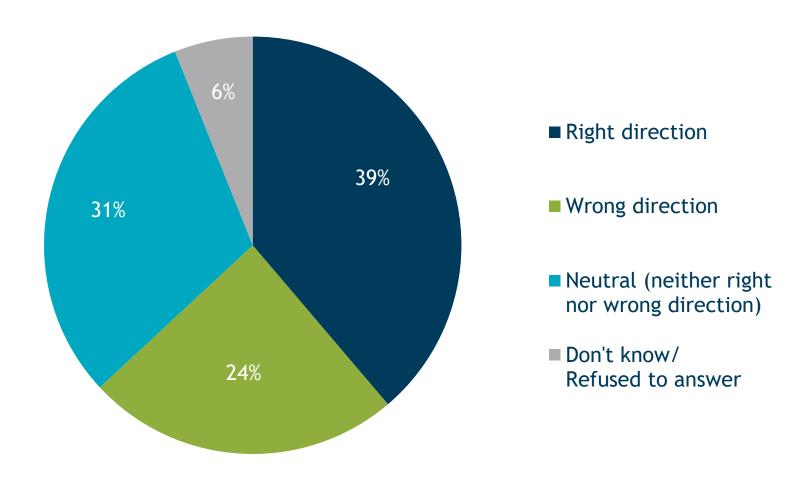
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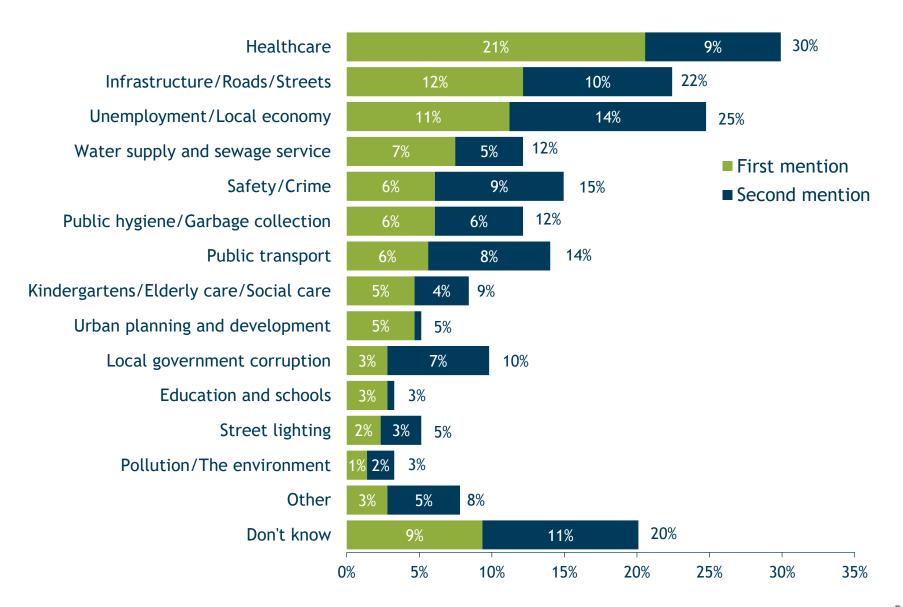




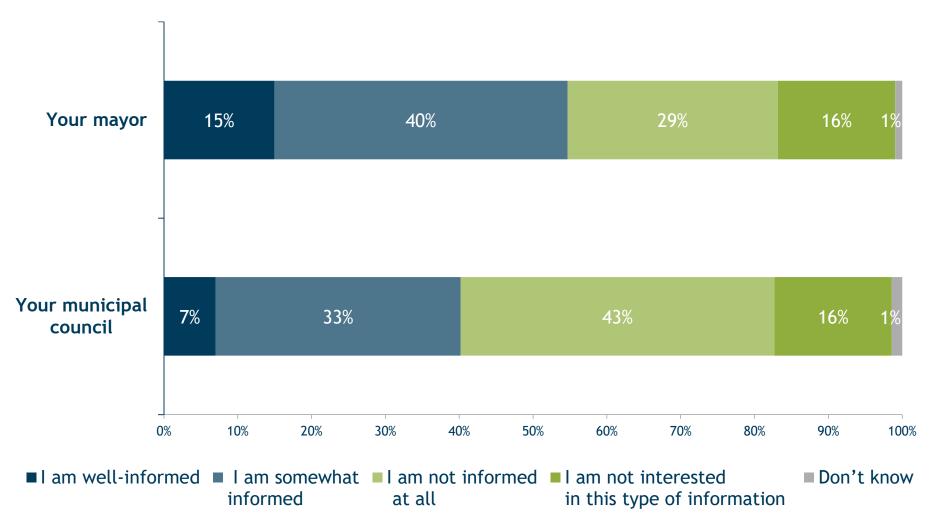
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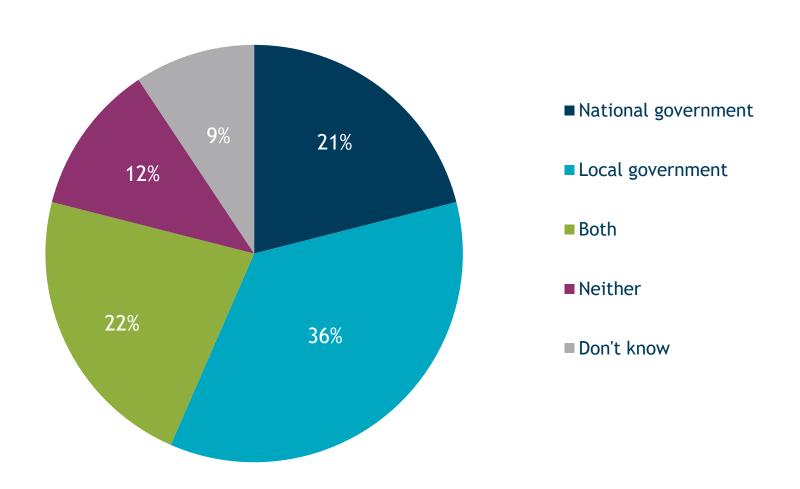
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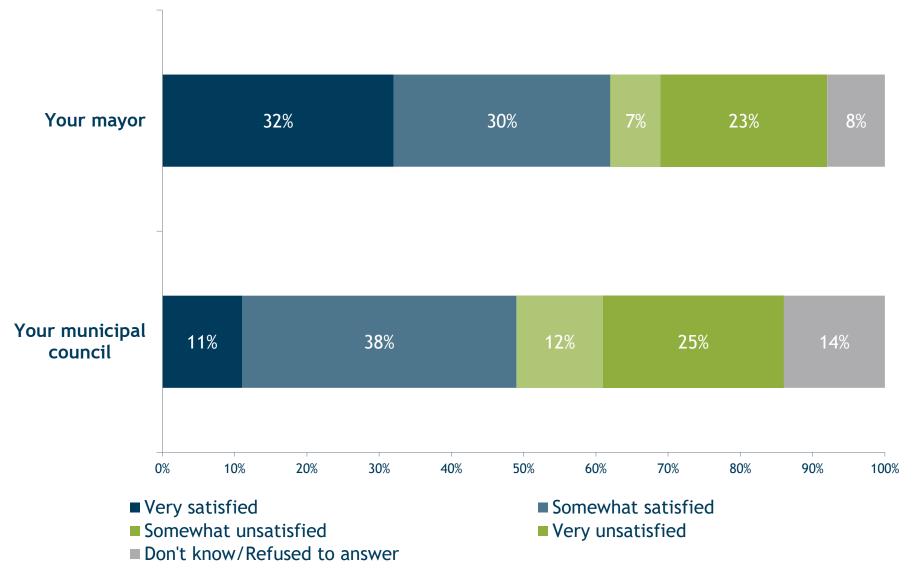
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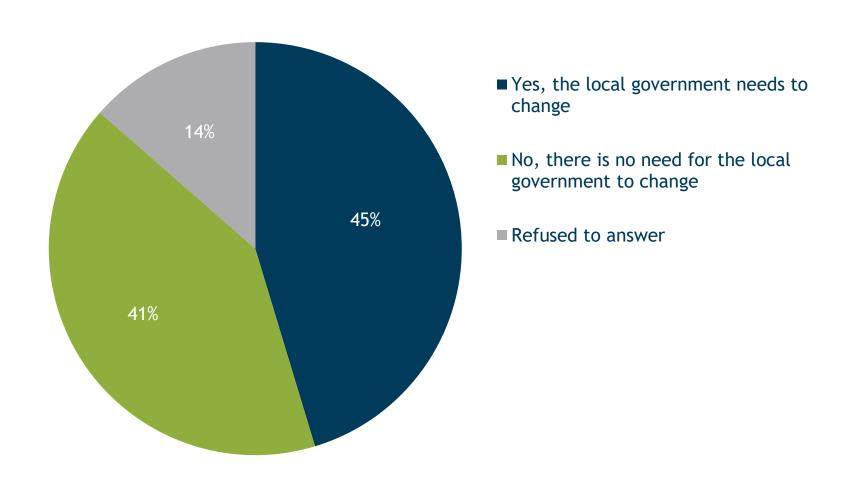
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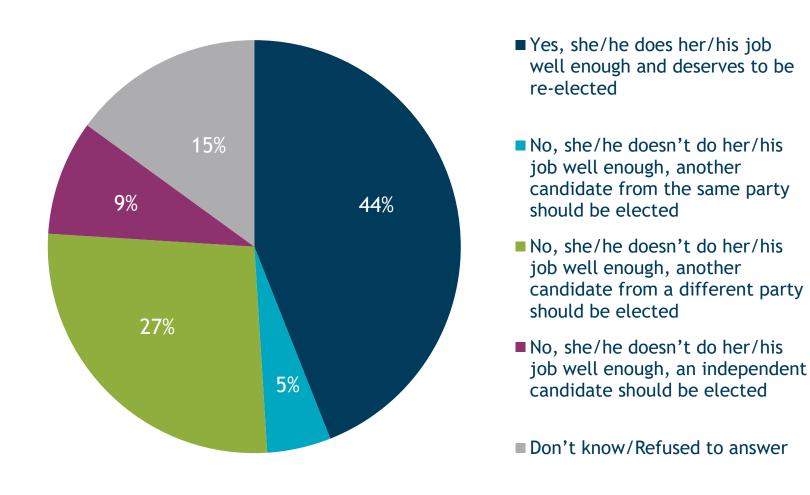
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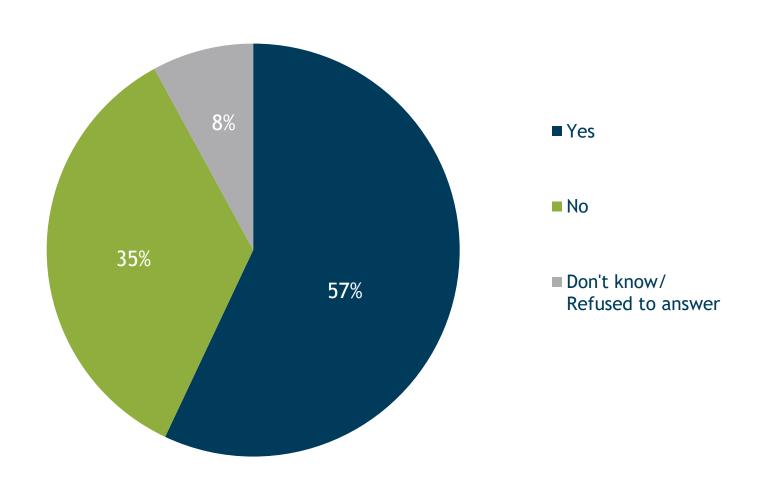
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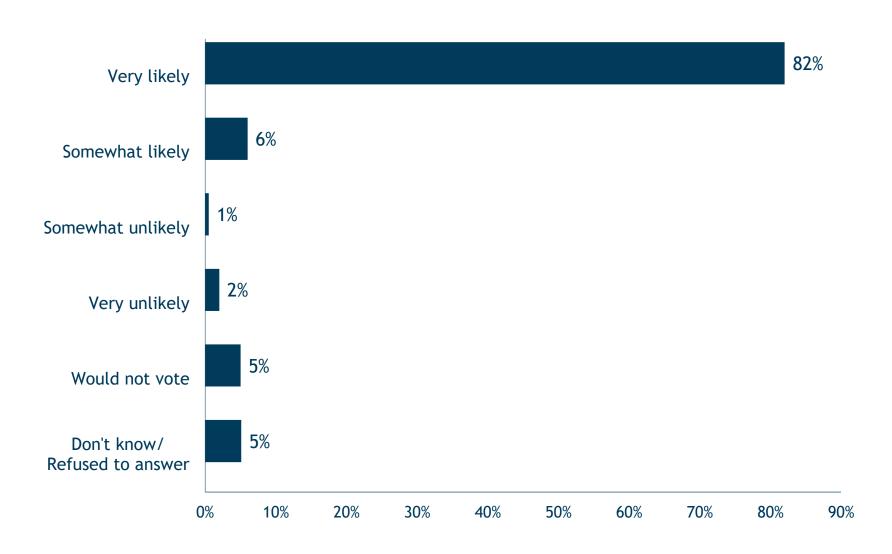
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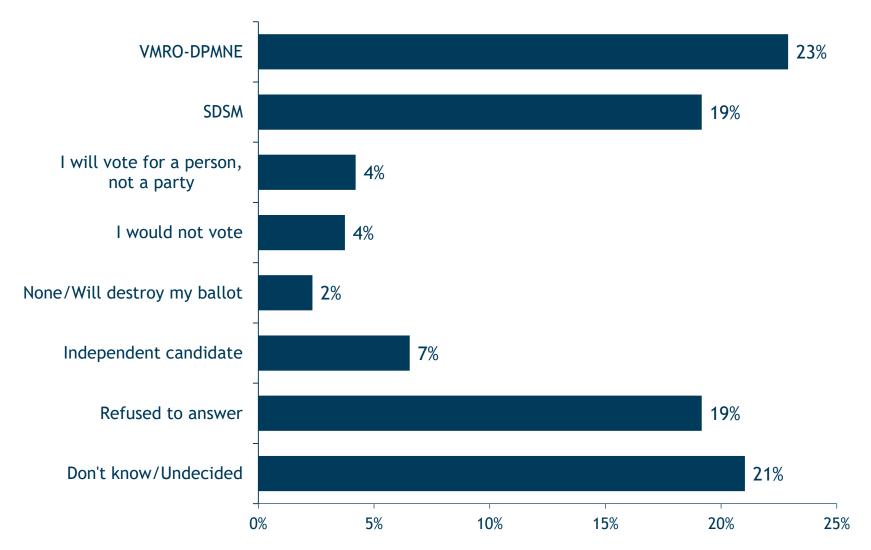
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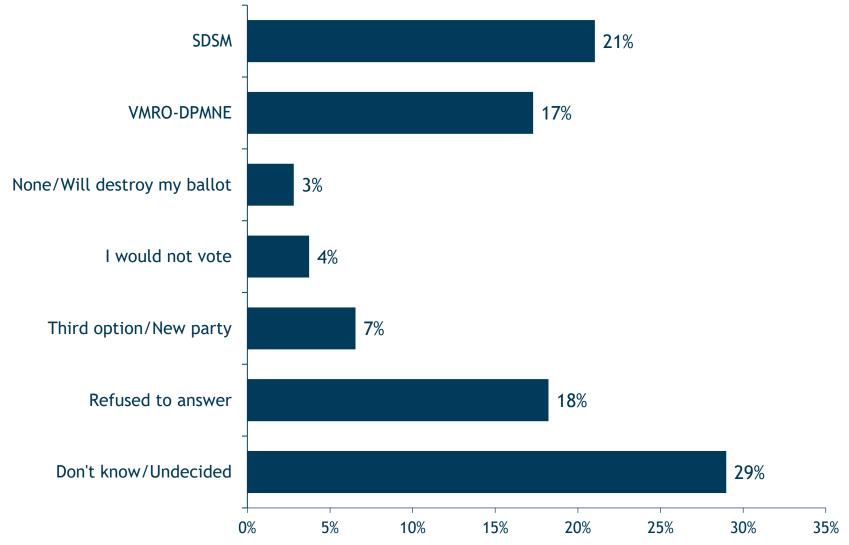


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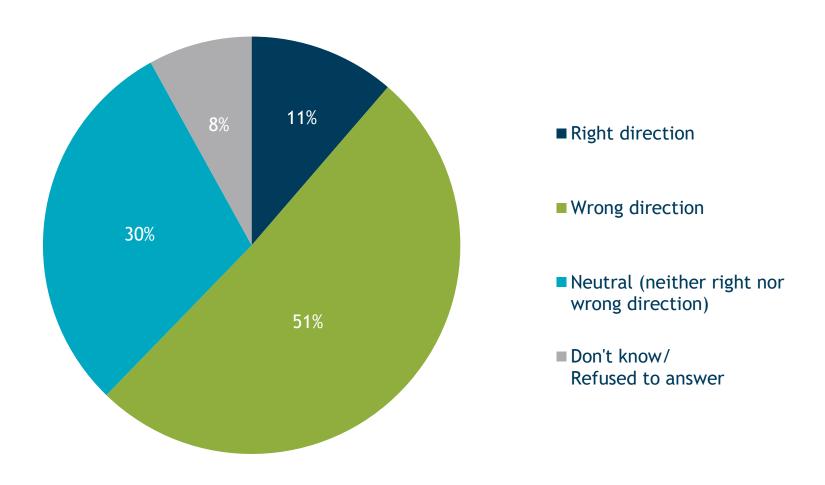
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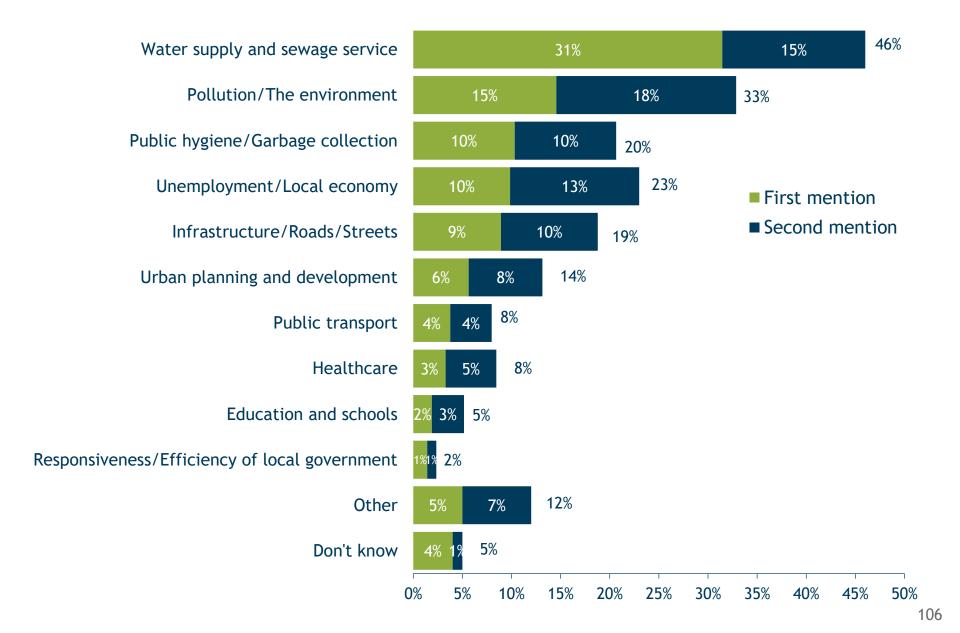




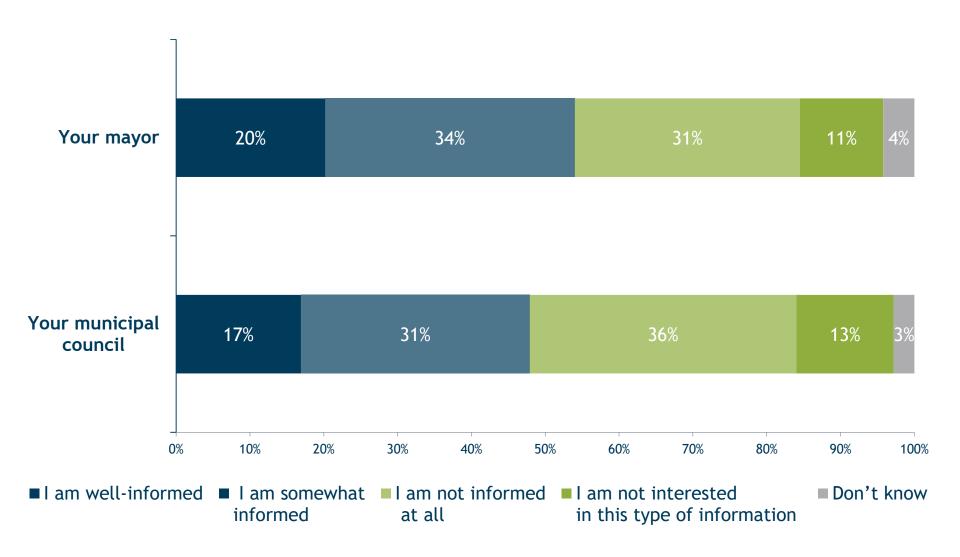
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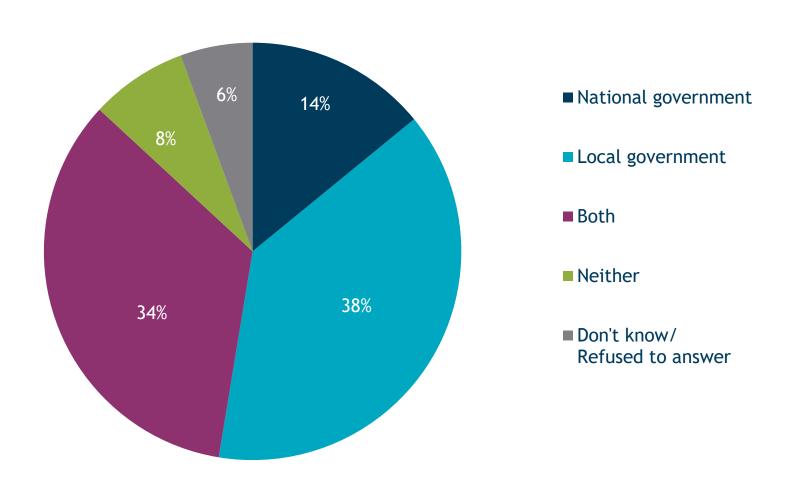
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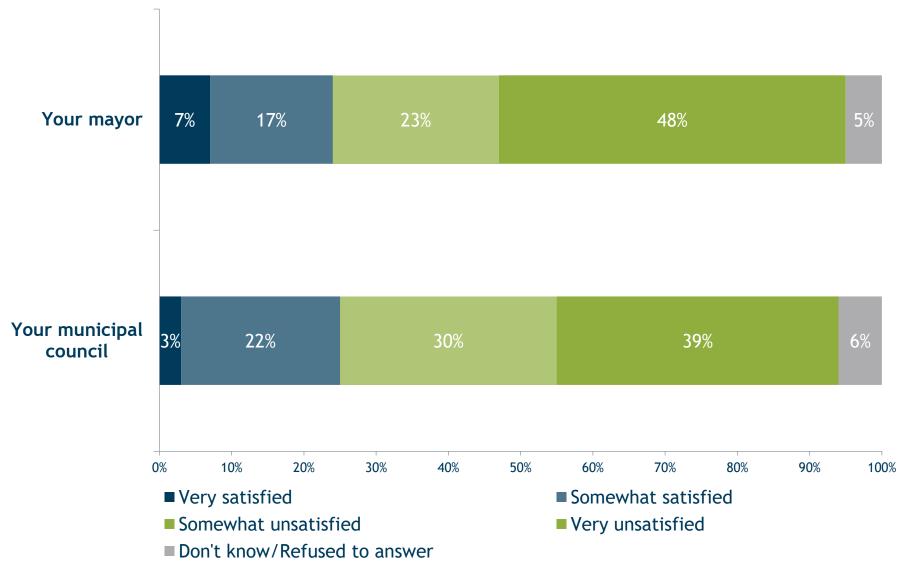
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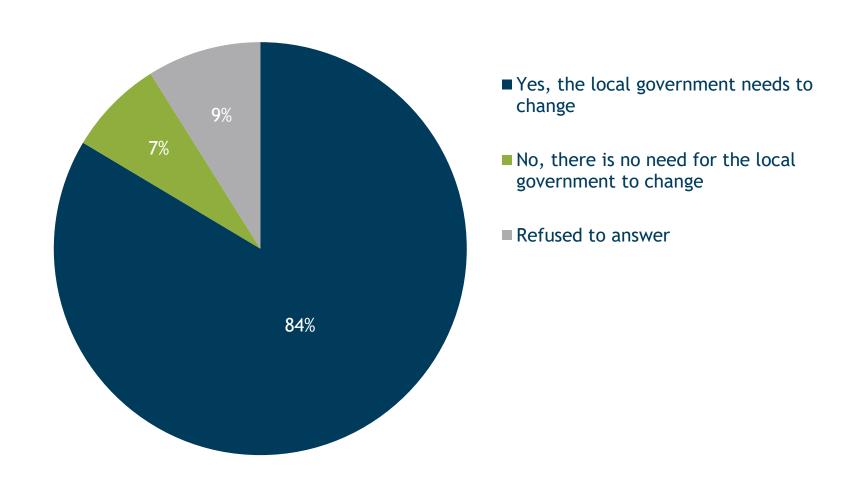
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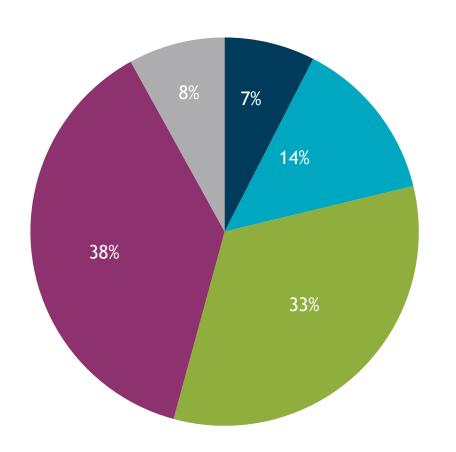
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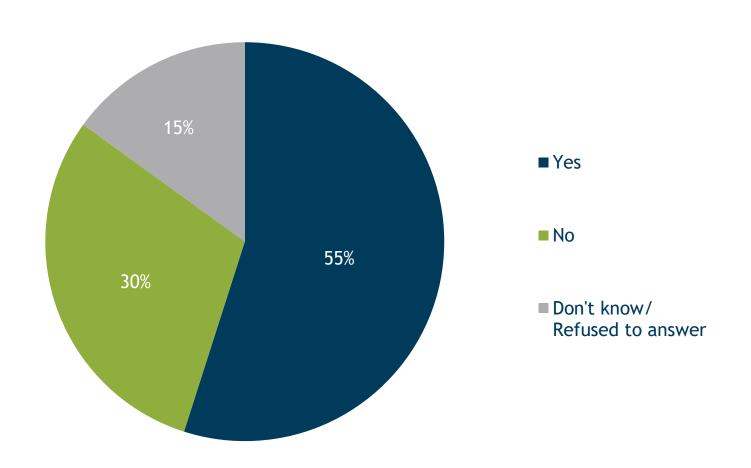


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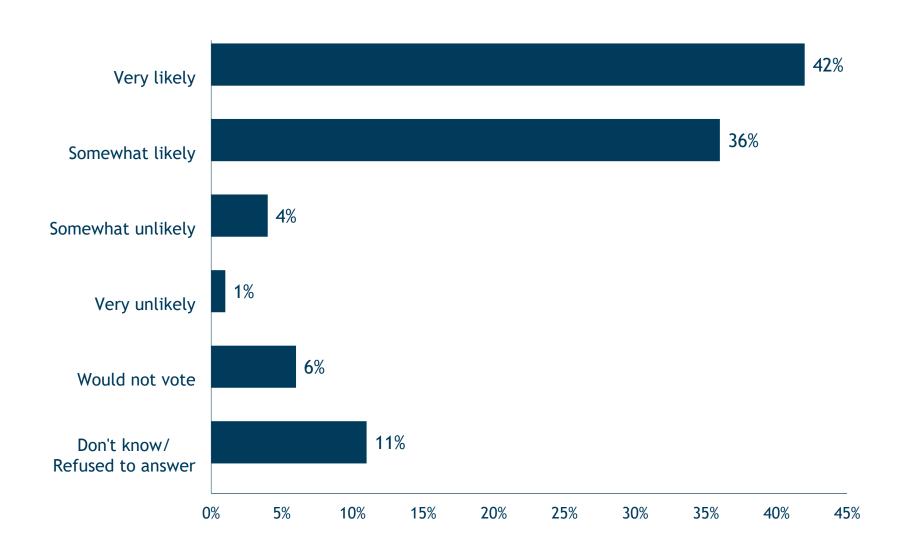


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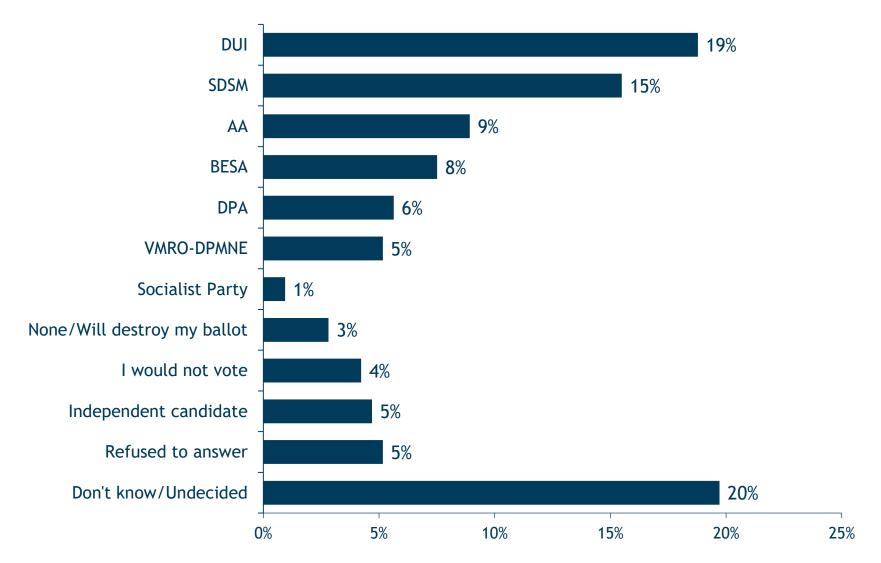
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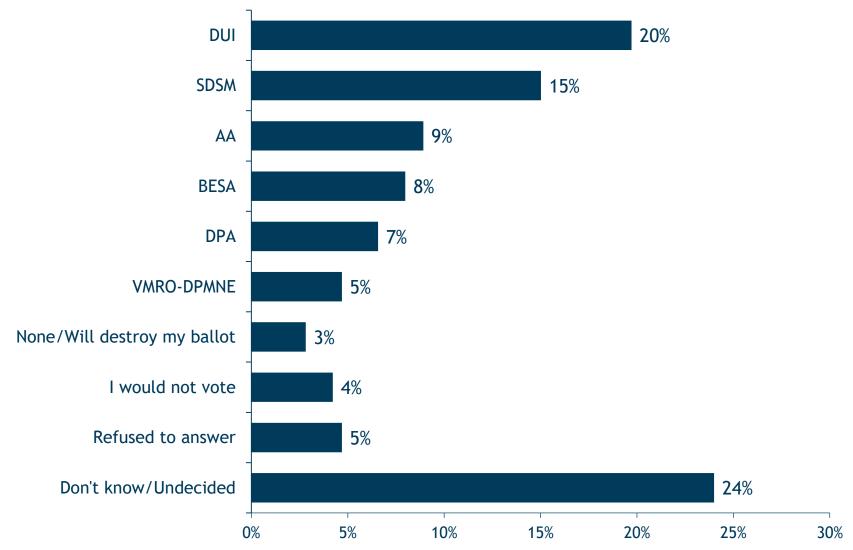


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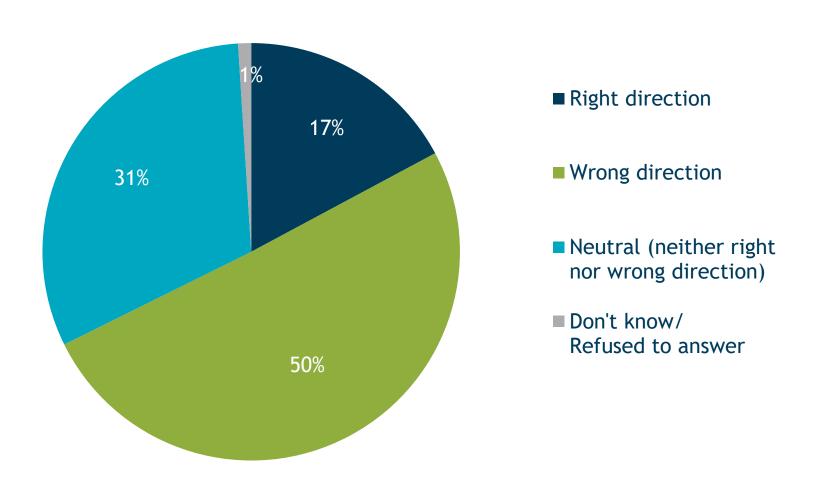
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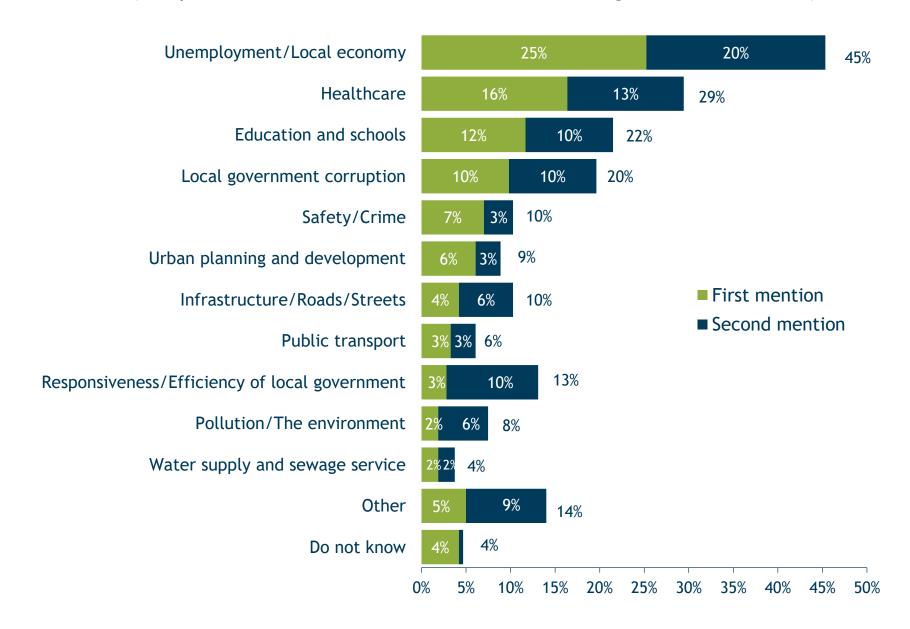




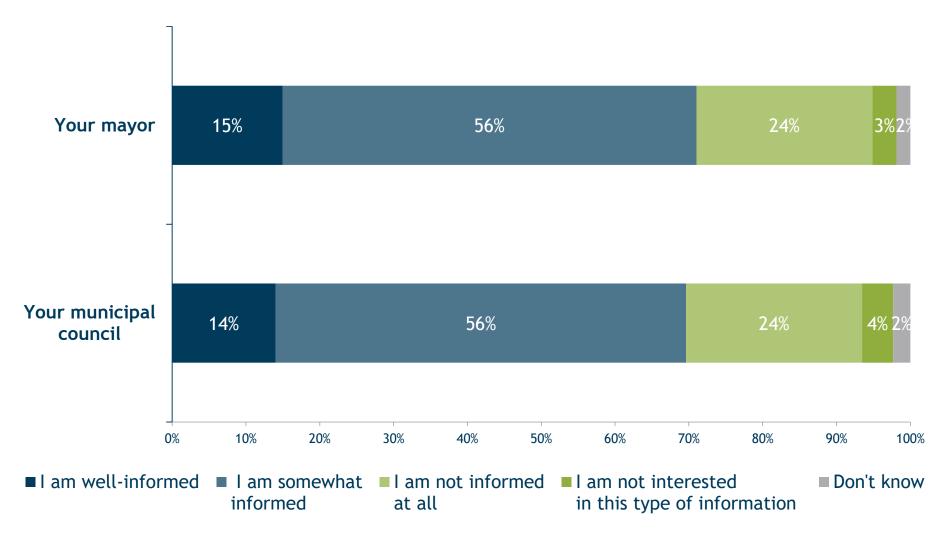
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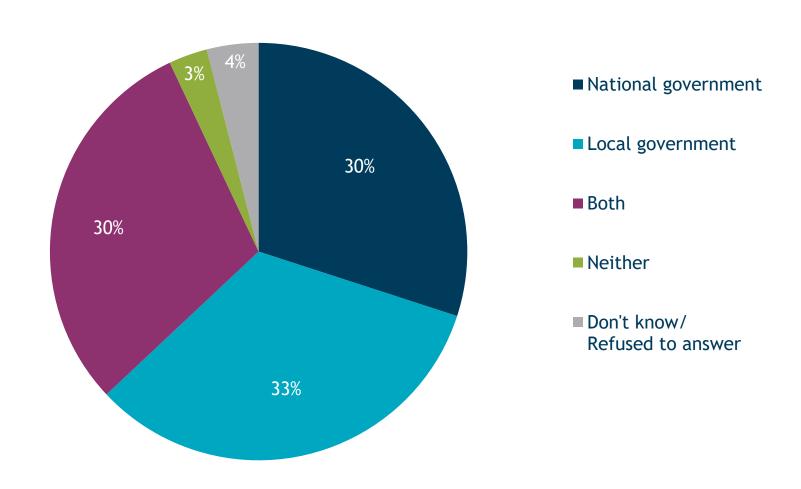
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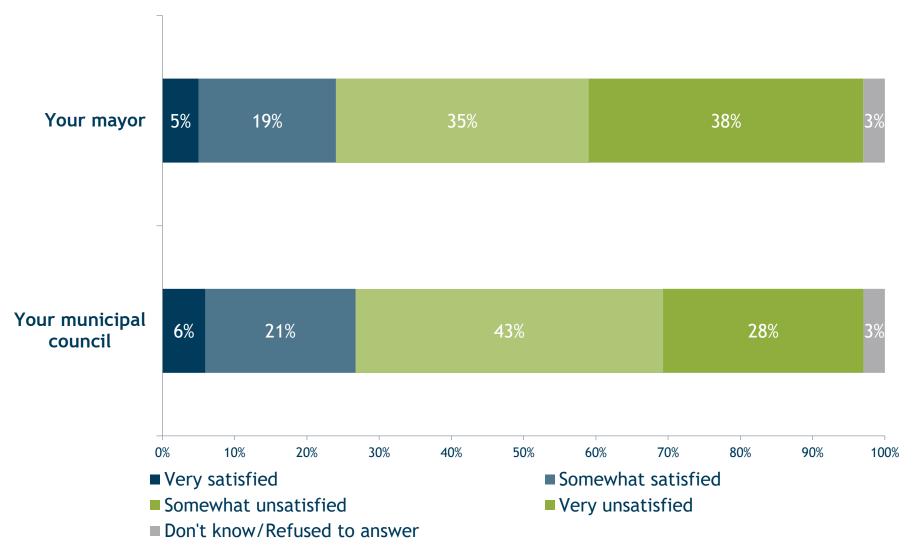
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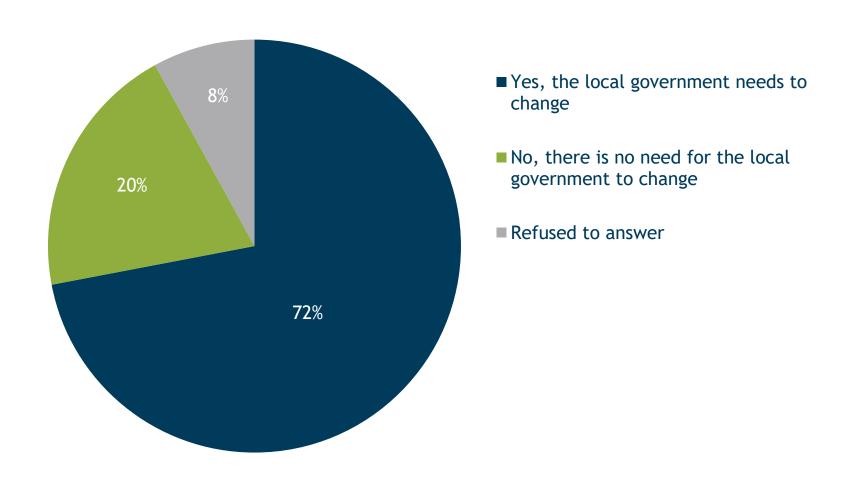
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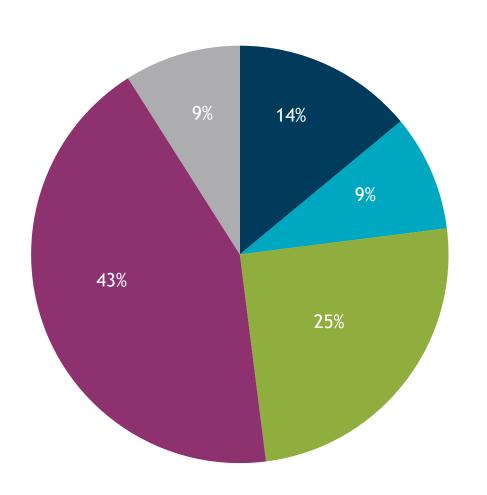
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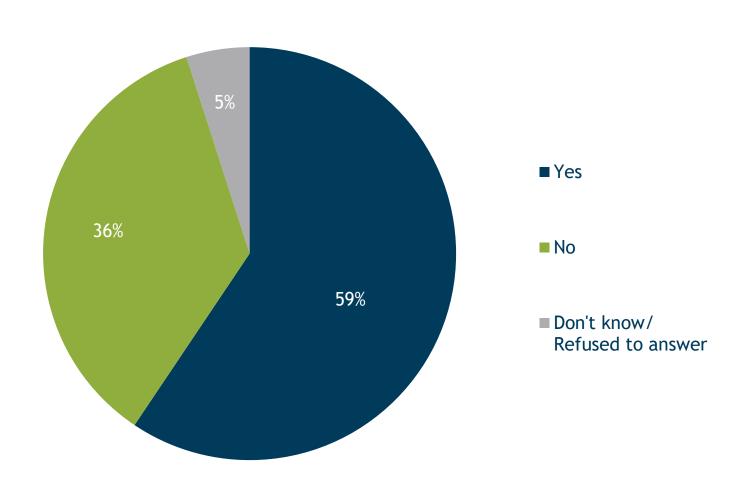


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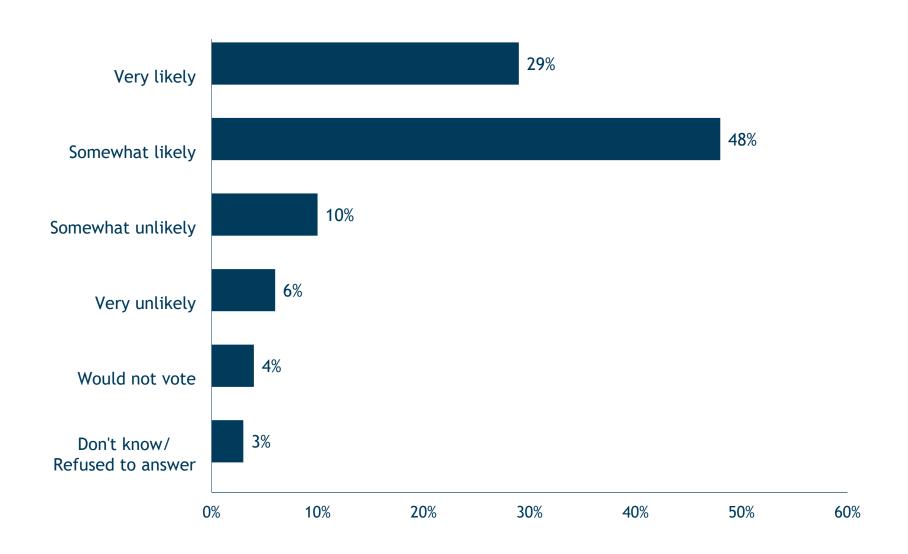


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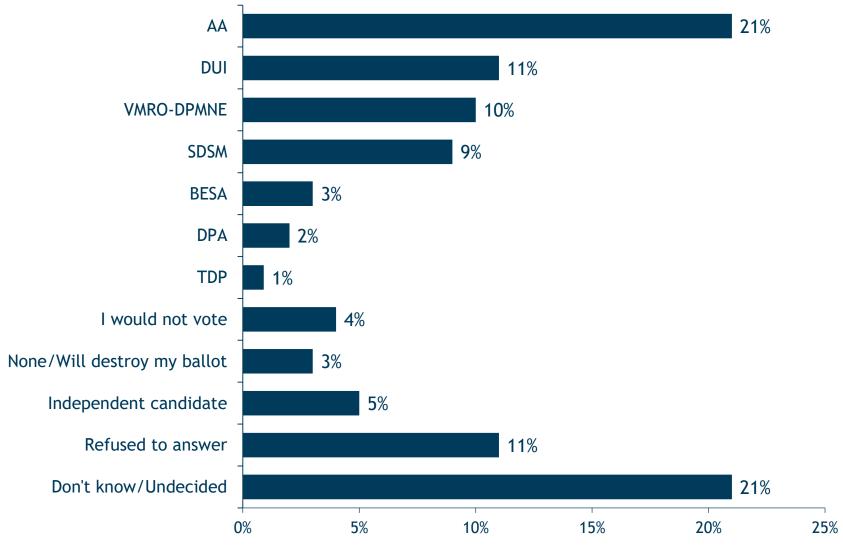
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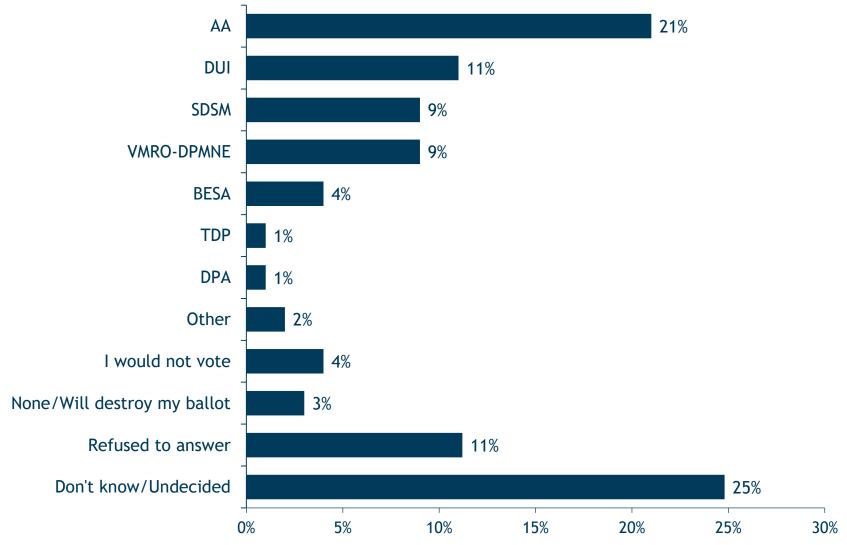


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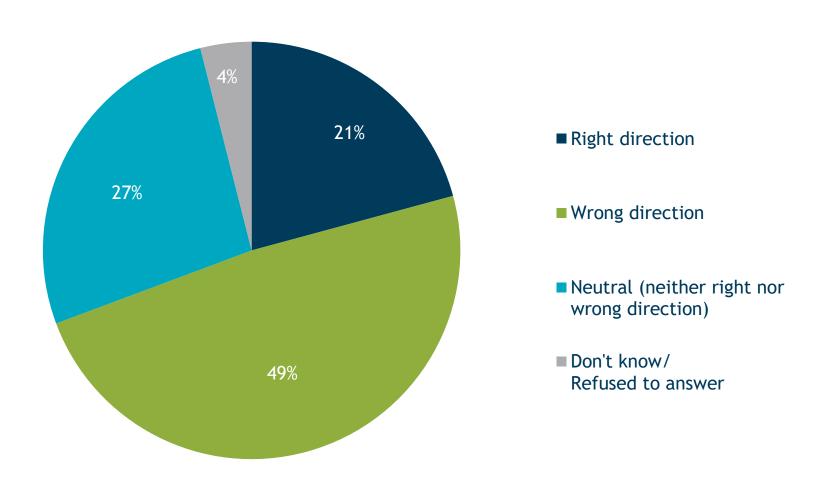
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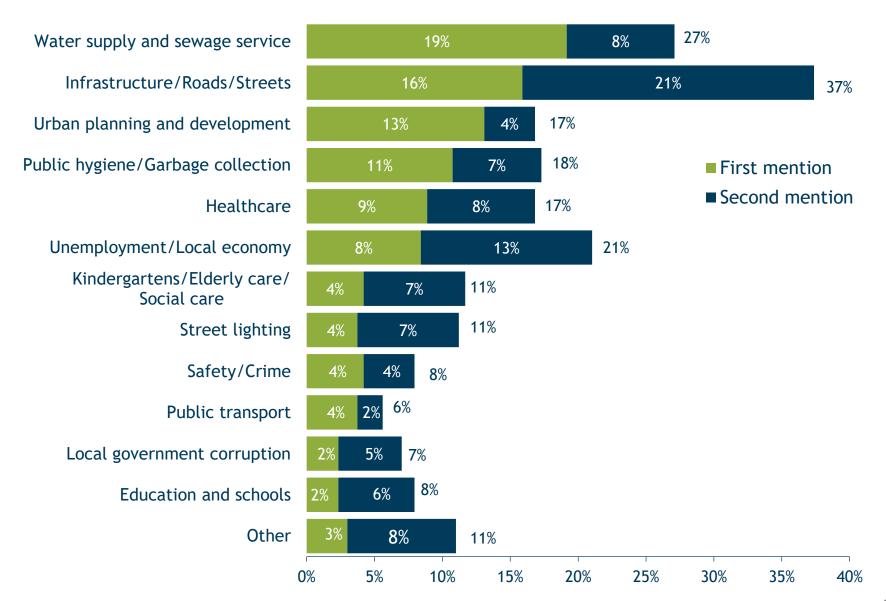




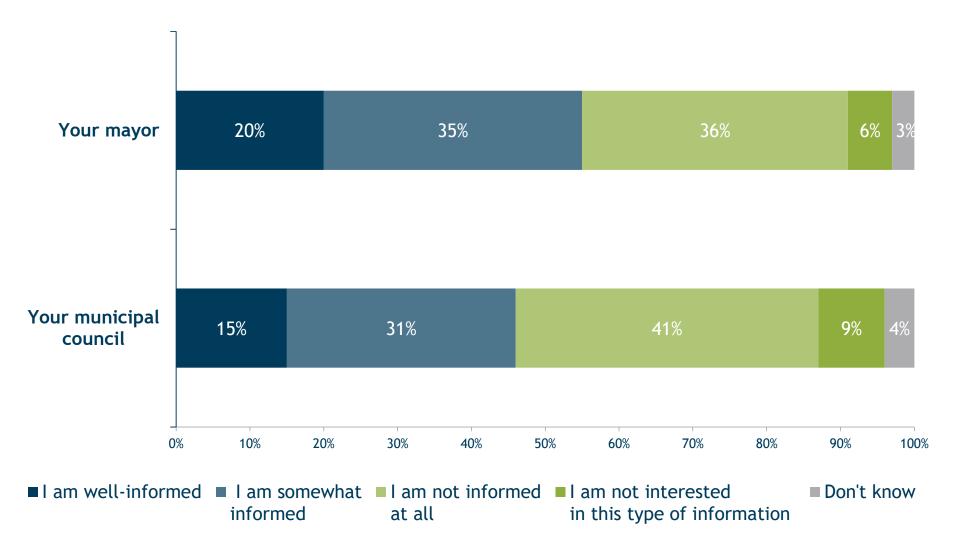
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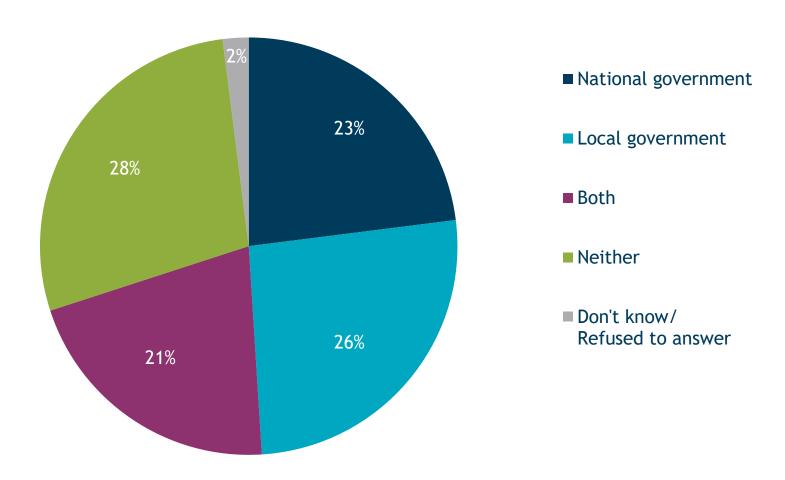
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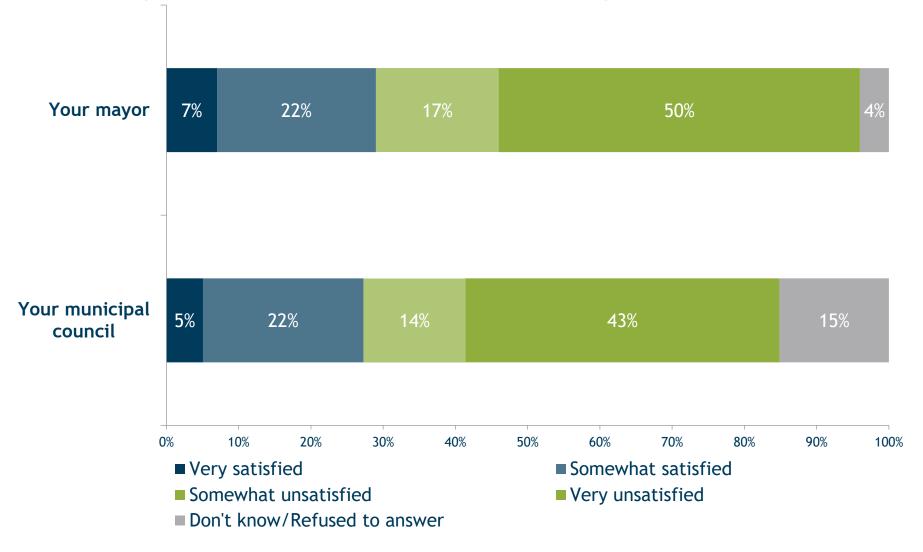
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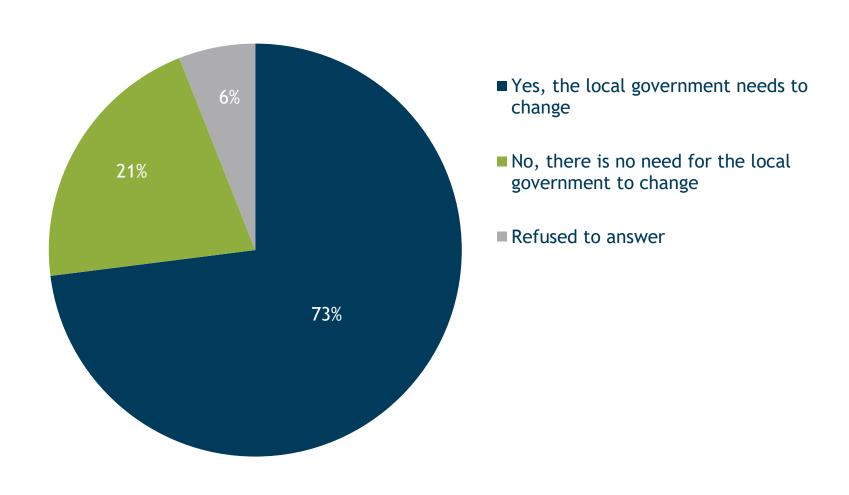
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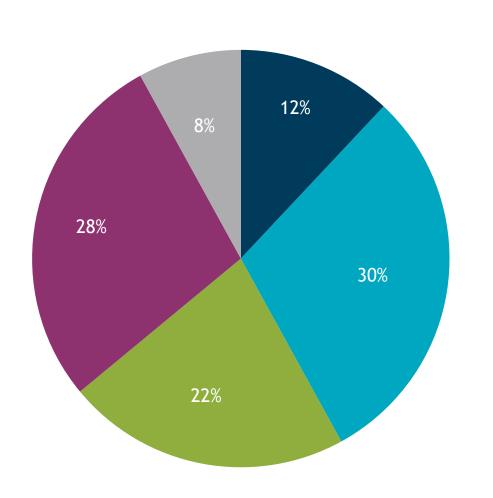
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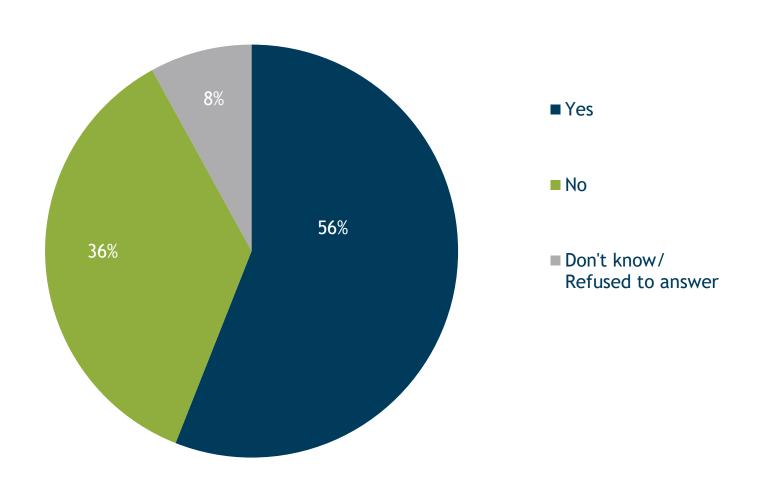


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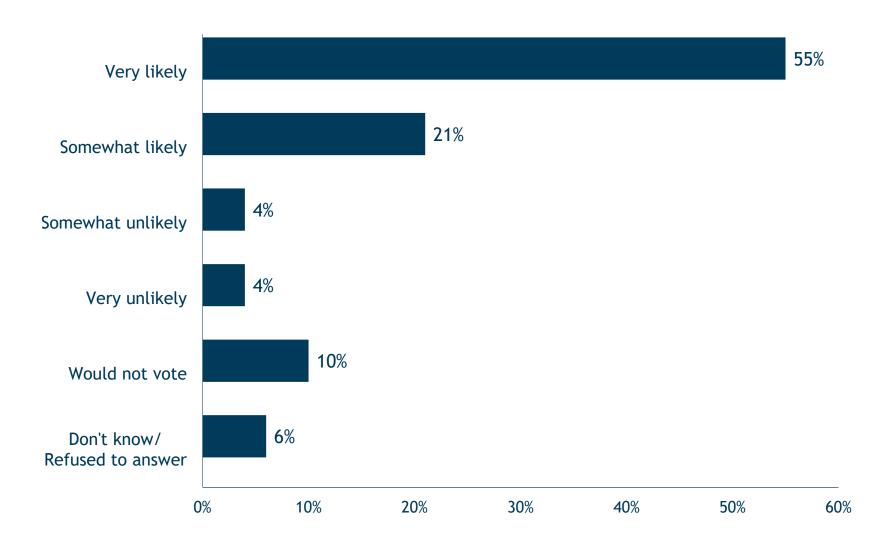


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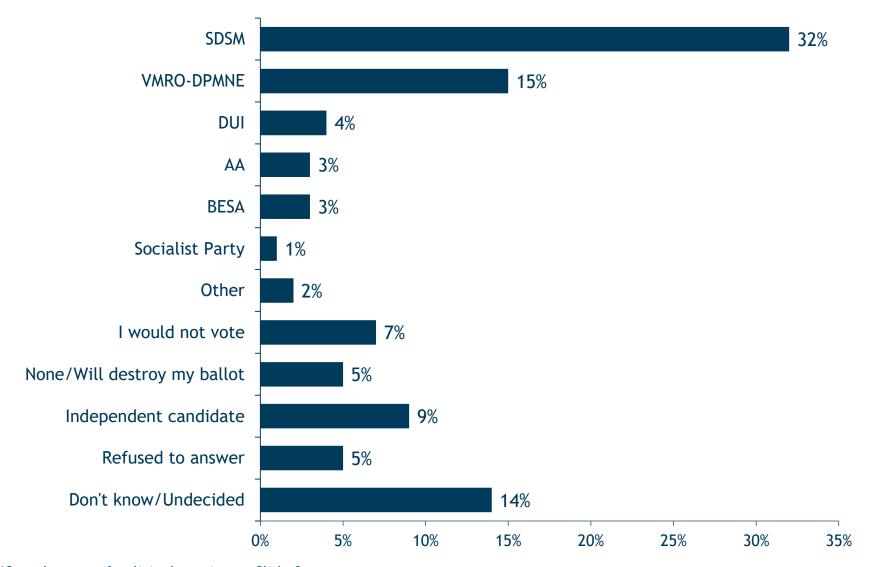
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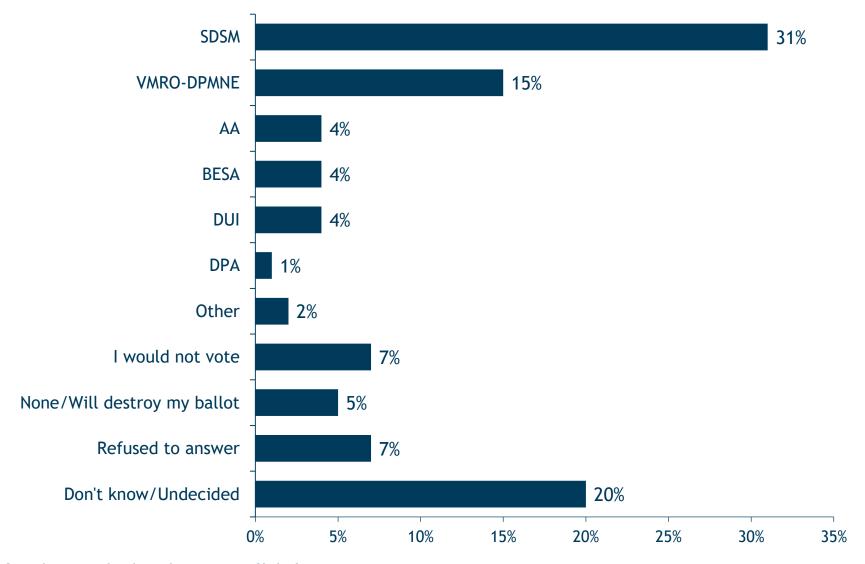


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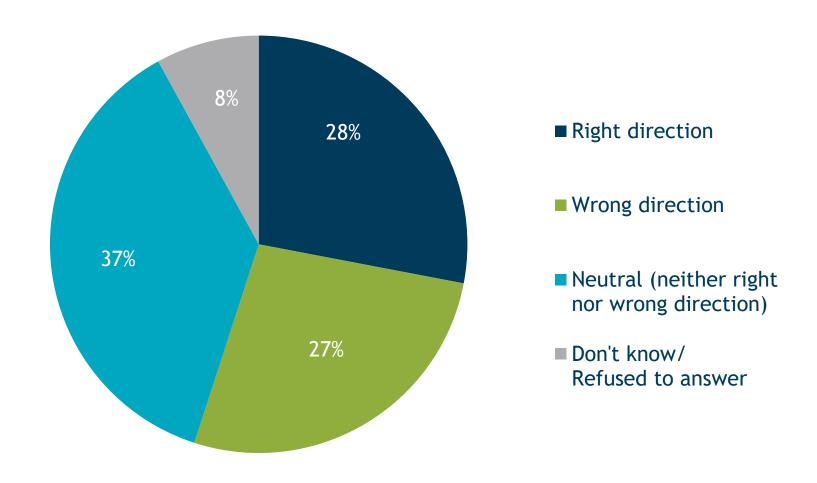
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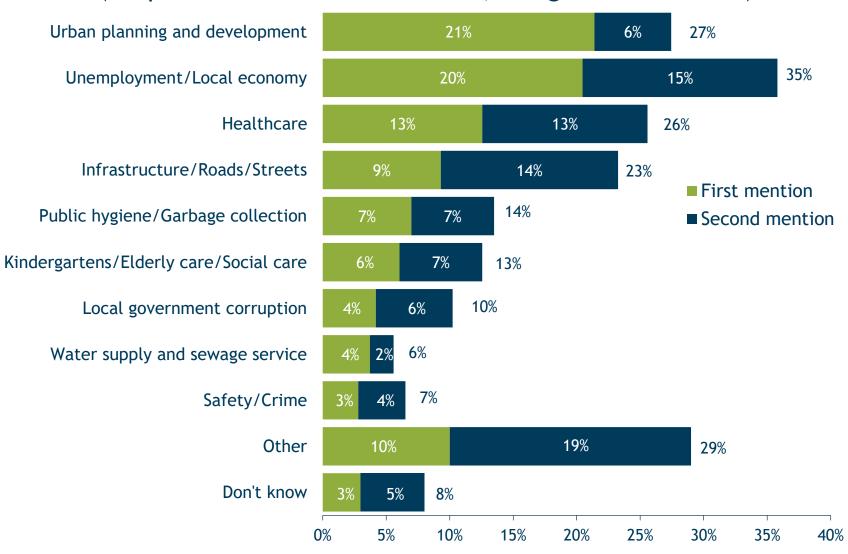




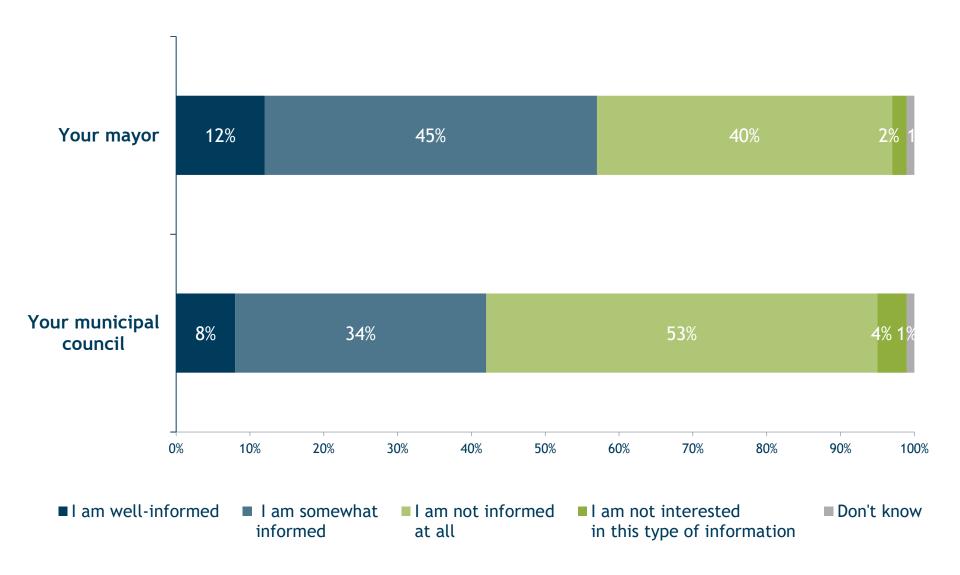
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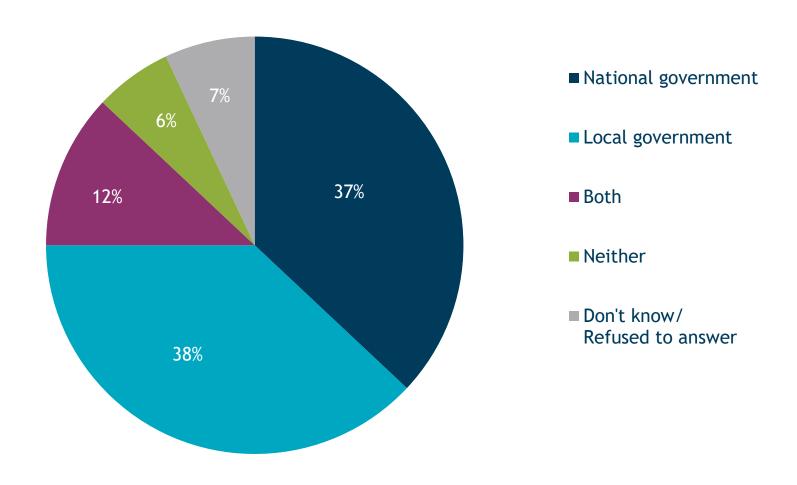
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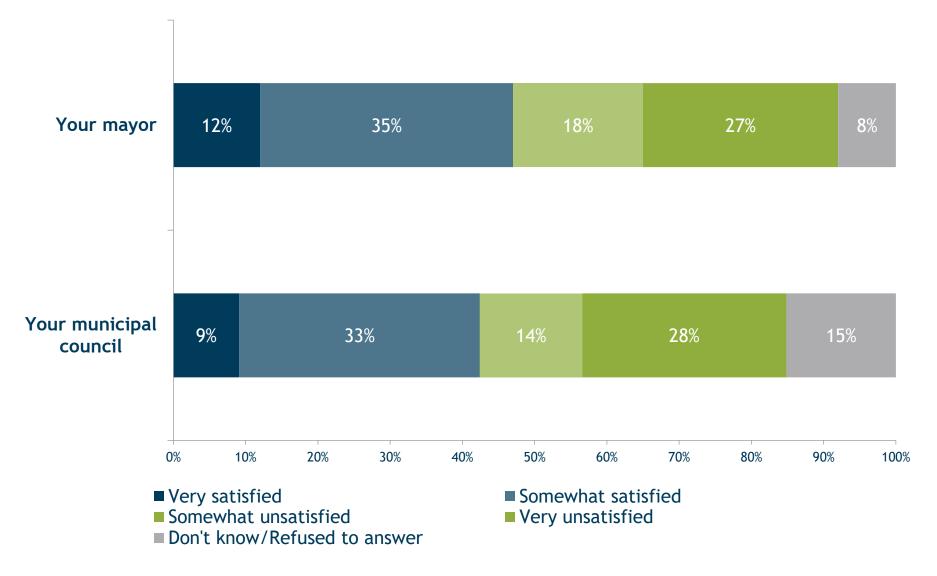
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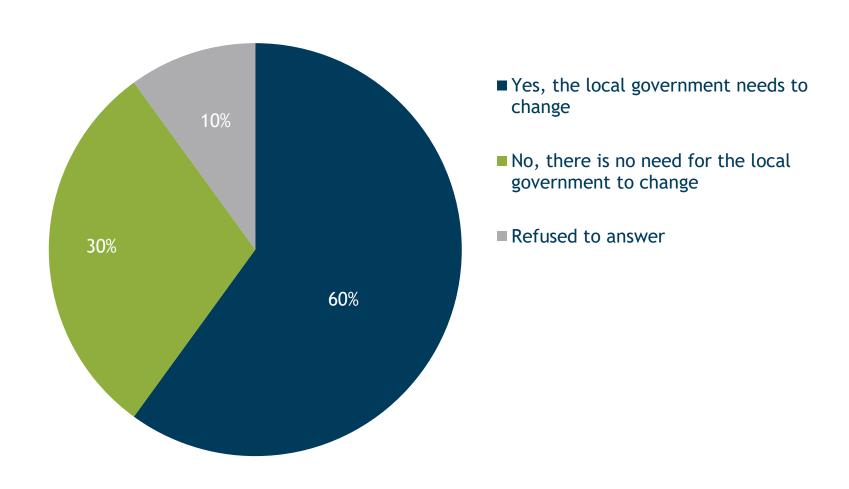
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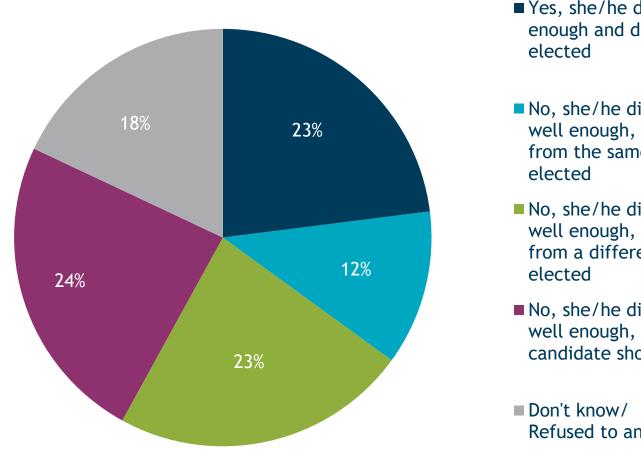
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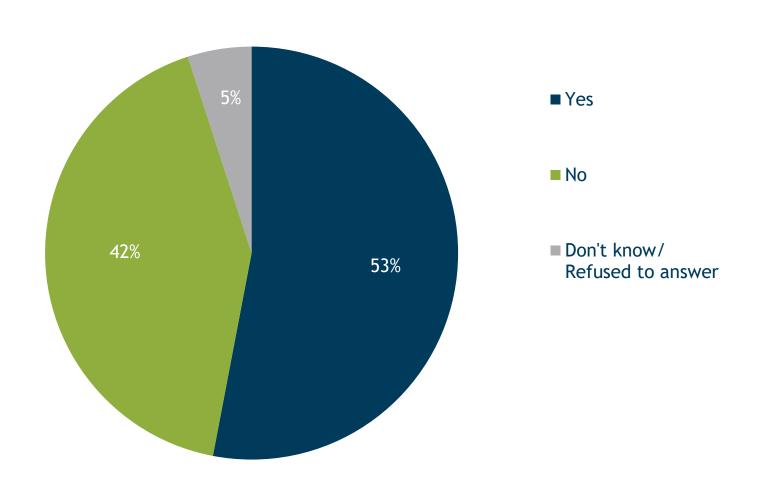


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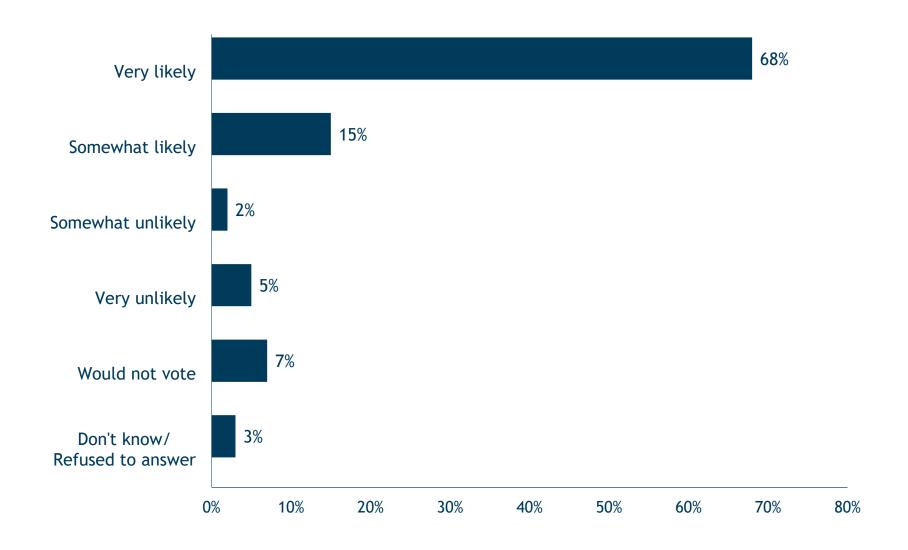


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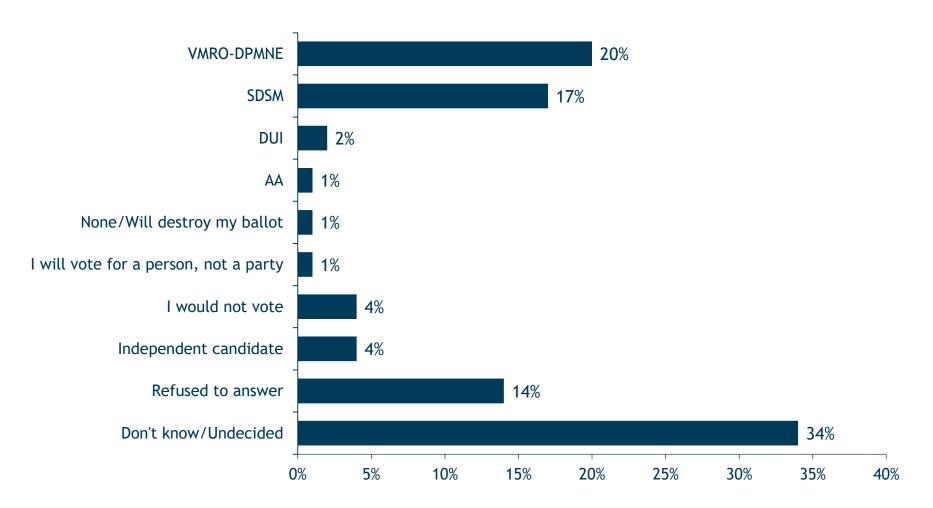
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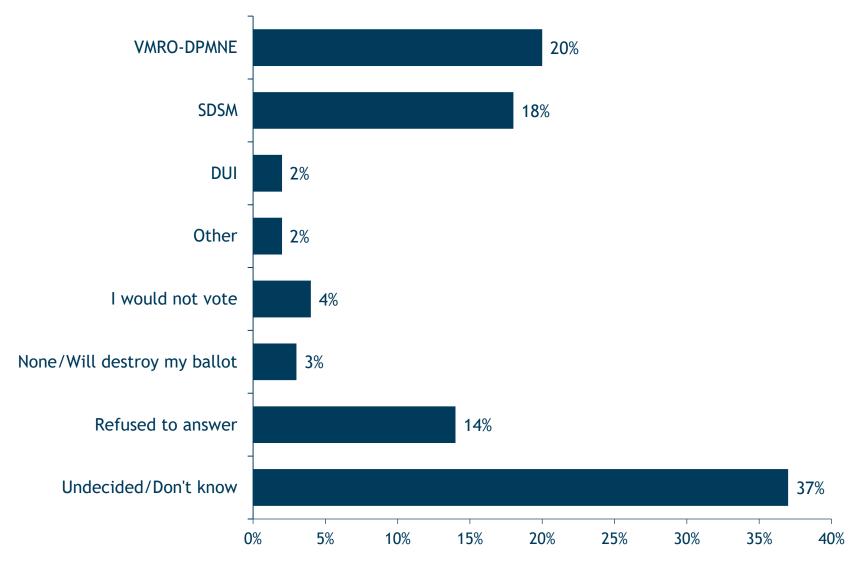
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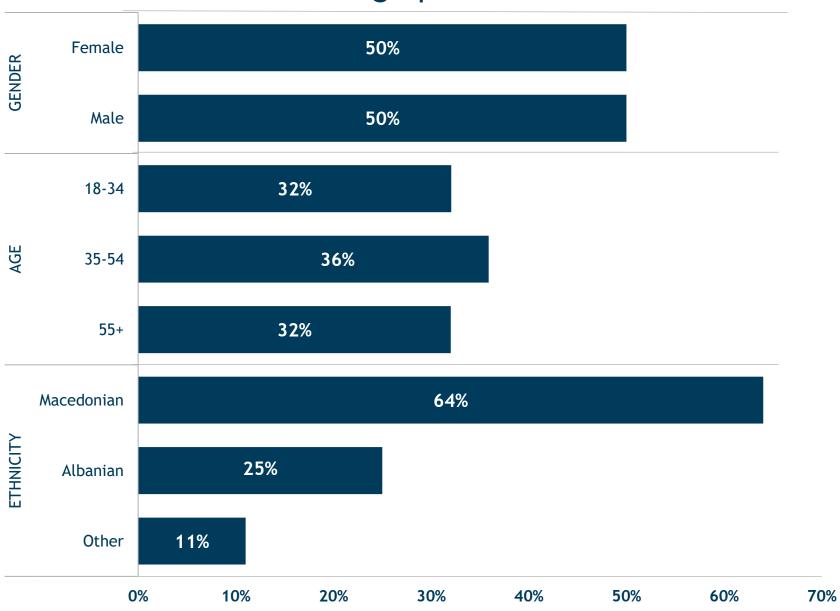
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