



# Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Moldova

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# Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene from [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#). The field work was carried out by [Magenta Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (with the exception of Transnistria) between September 23 and October 17, 2017 through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,514 permanent residents of Moldova aged 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, with random route and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
  - Stage One: All districts of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups; all regions (with the exception of Transnistria) were surveyed.
  - Stage Two: Selection of the settlements (cities and villages).
    - Settlements were selected at random.
    - The number of settlements selected 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.
- Sampling frame: Moldova Statistical Databank. Weighting: Data weighted for 11 regional groups, urban/rural, and gender.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent.
- The response rate was 65 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [United States Agency for International Development](#).

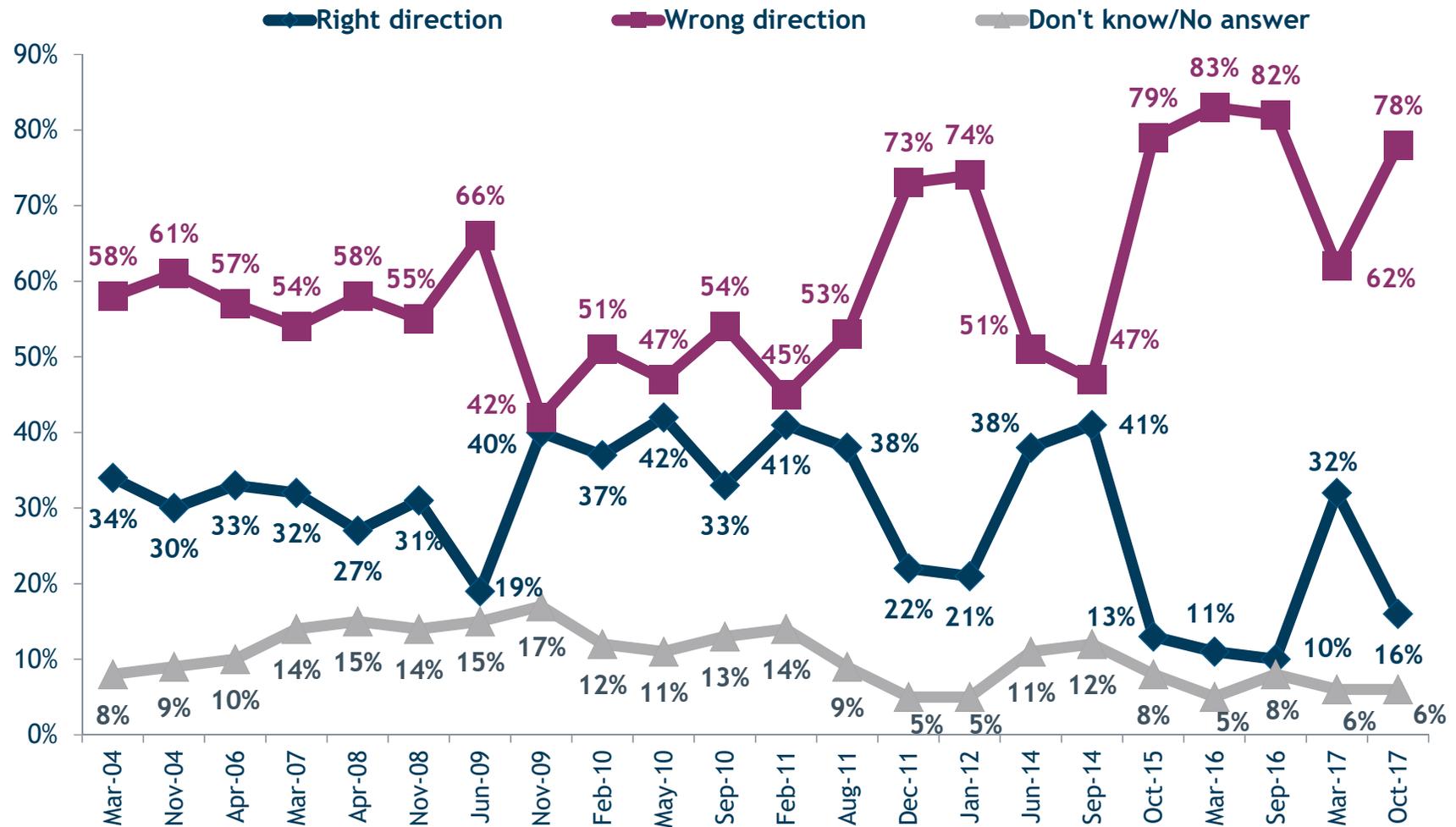


# Mood of the Country



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

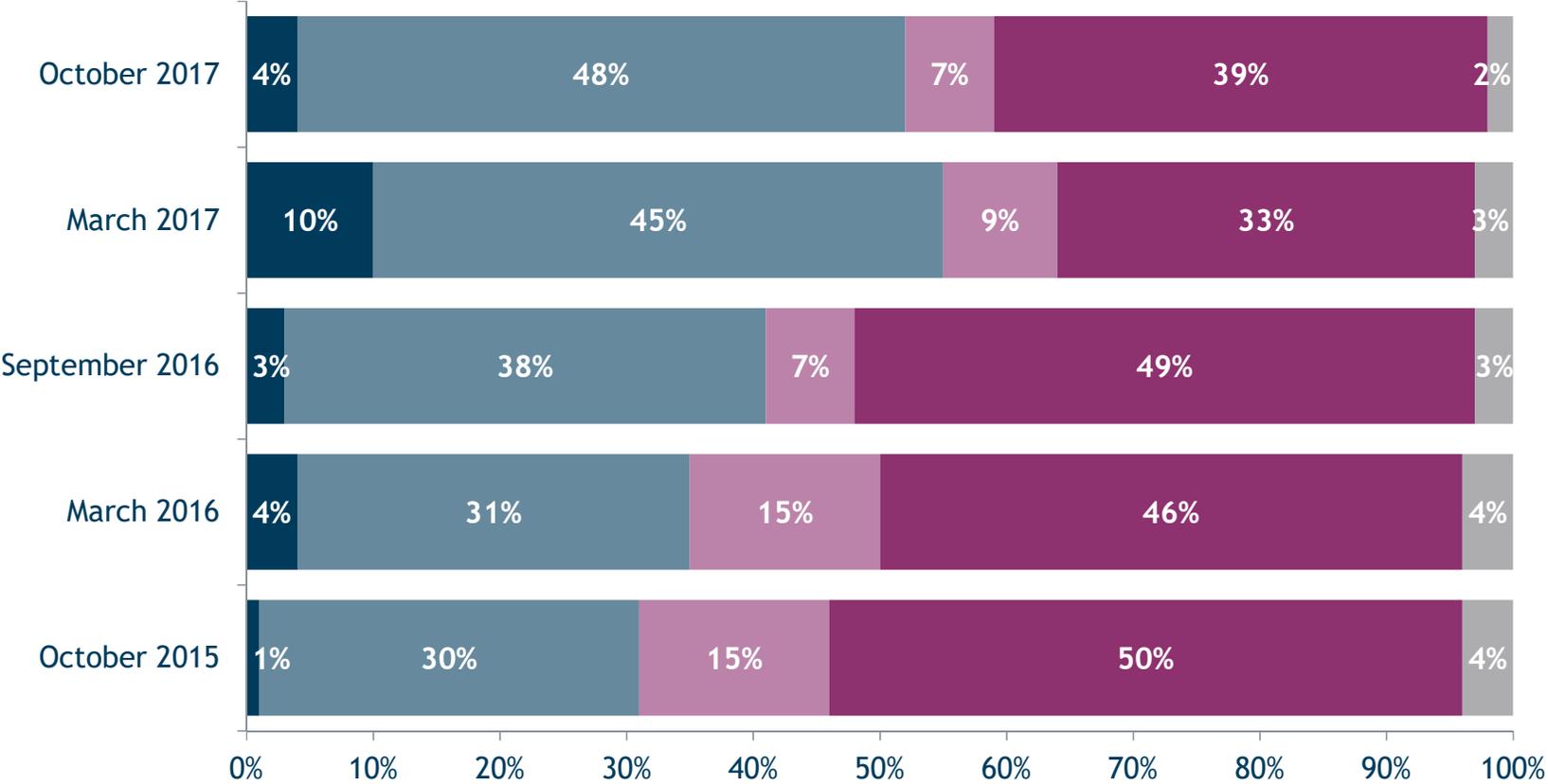


\*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal involving nearly \$1 billion missing from three state banks.

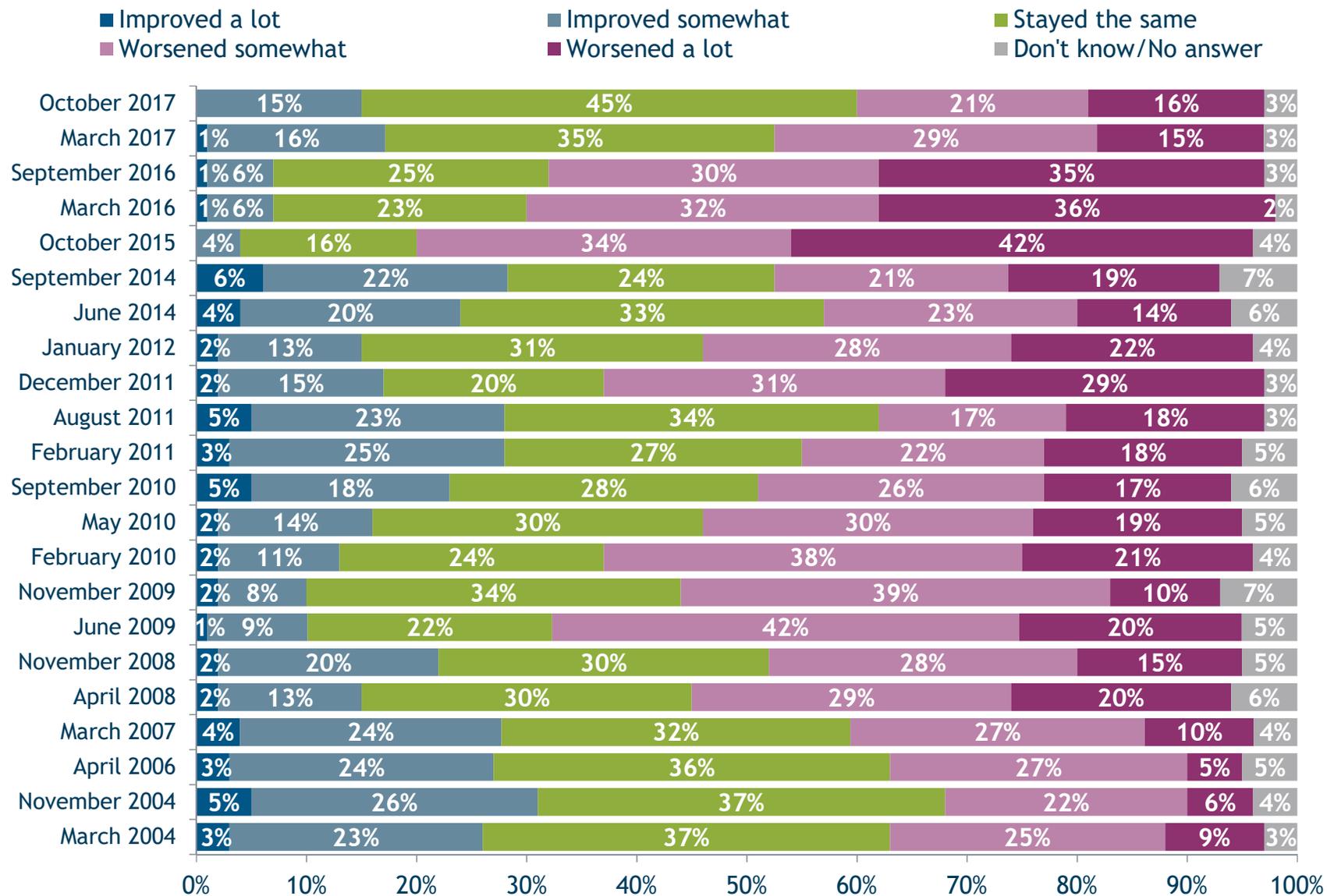
\*\*In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular election of the president since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second round contest on November 13, 2016.

# Are you satisfied with the pace of change in Moldova today?

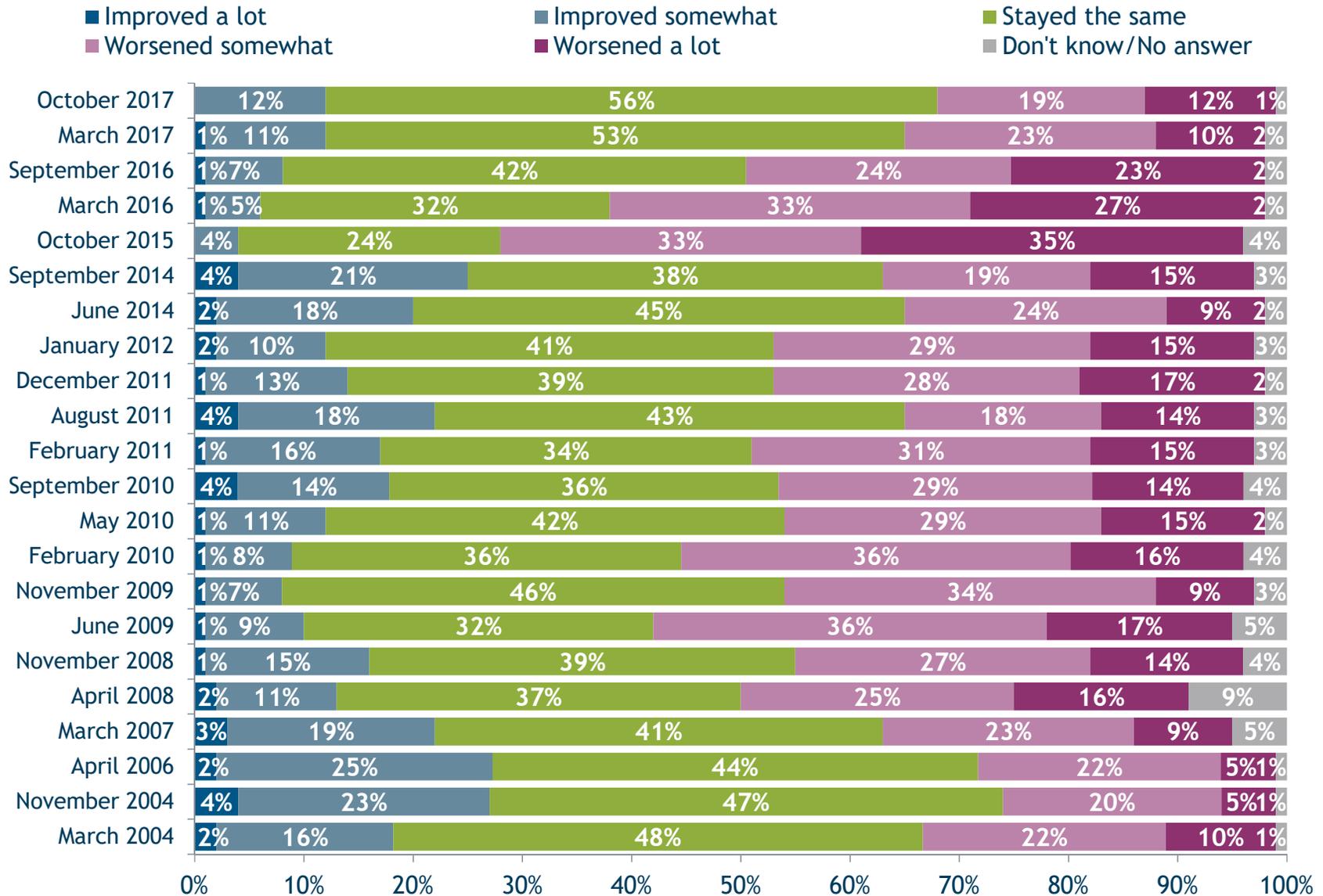
- I am satisfied; change is happening at the right pace
- I am dissatisfied; change is not happening fast enough
- I am dissatisfied; change is happening too fast
- No change is taking place
- Don't know/No answer



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

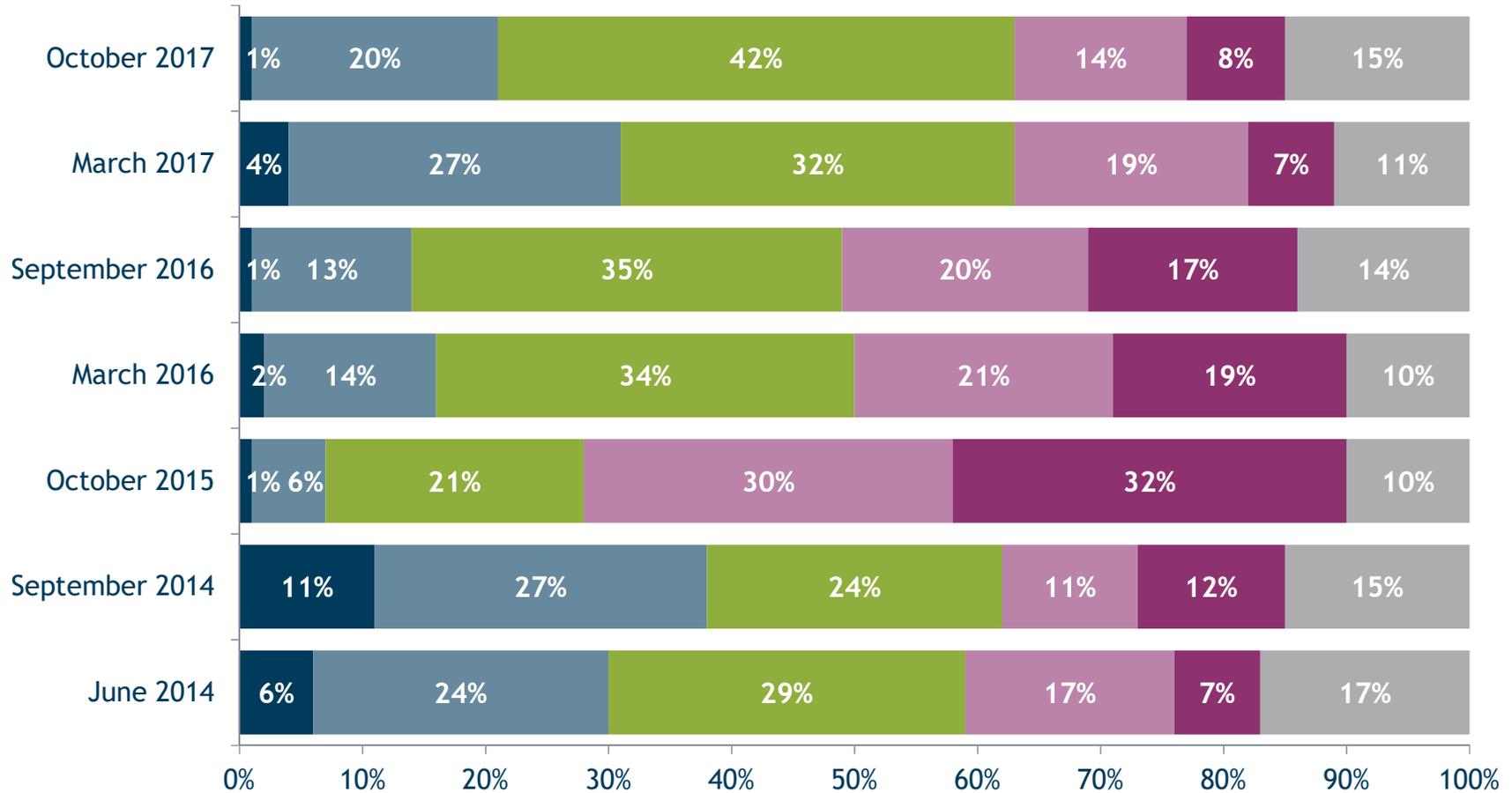


# Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?



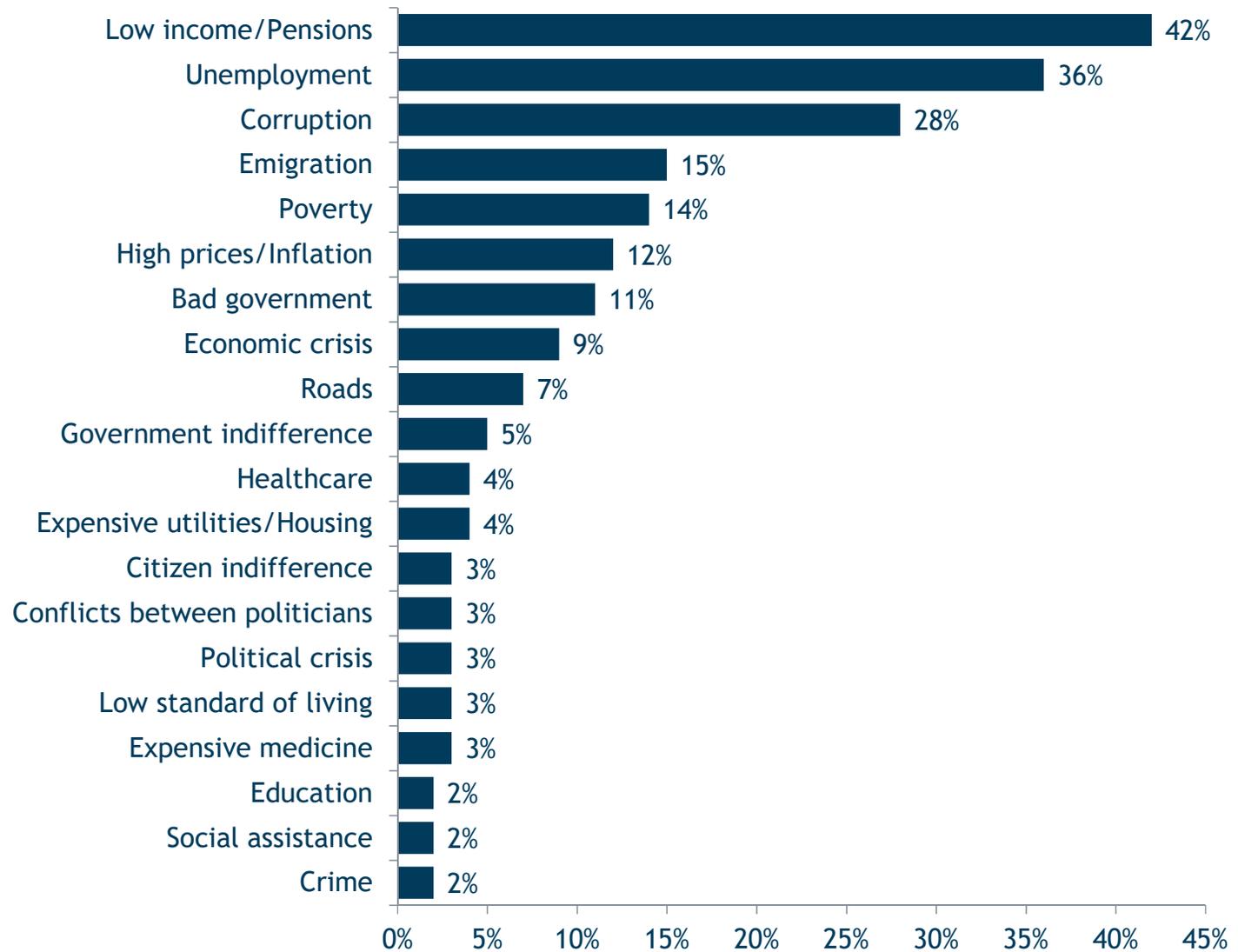
# In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Moldova change in the next 12 months?

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



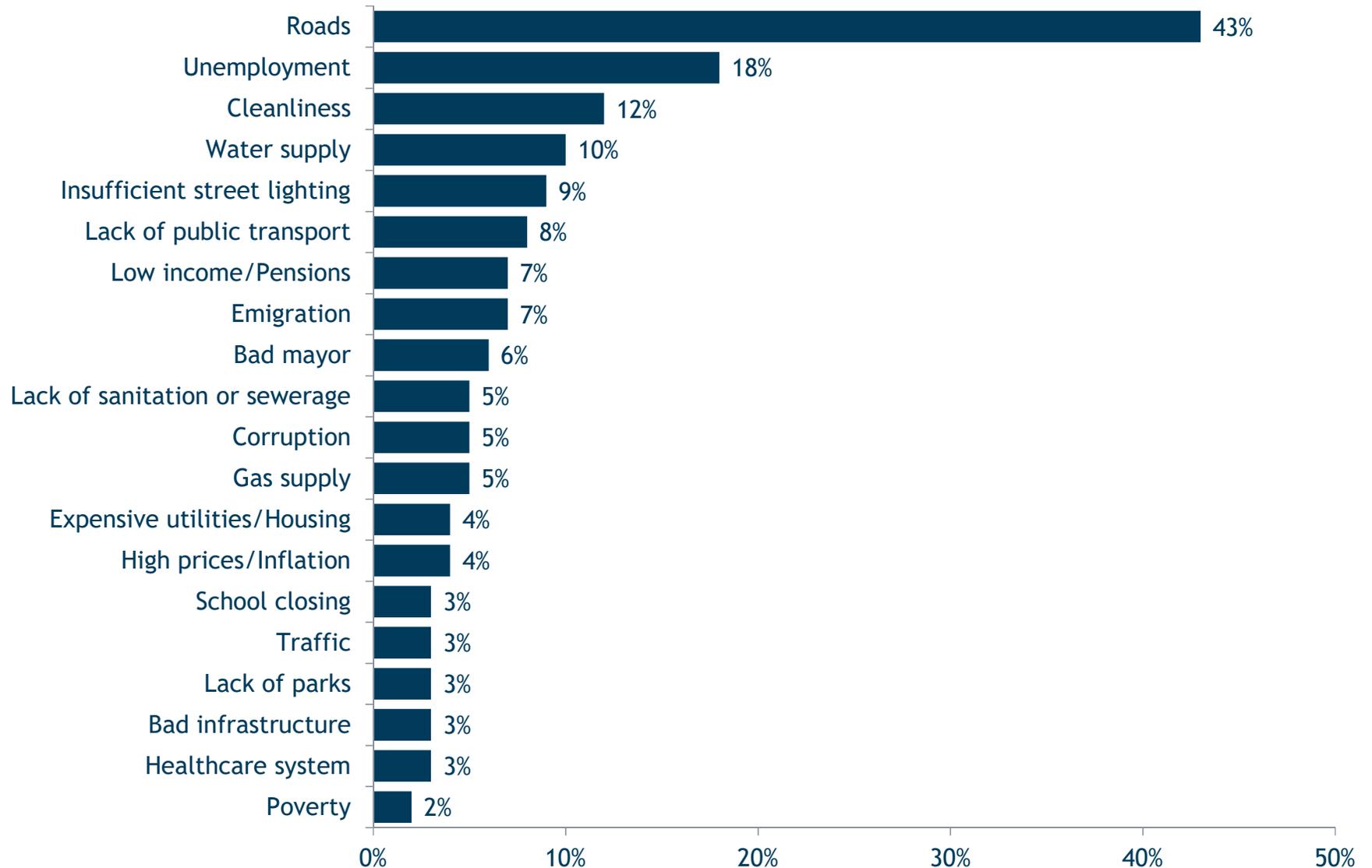
# What are the most important problems that Moldova is facing at the moment?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)



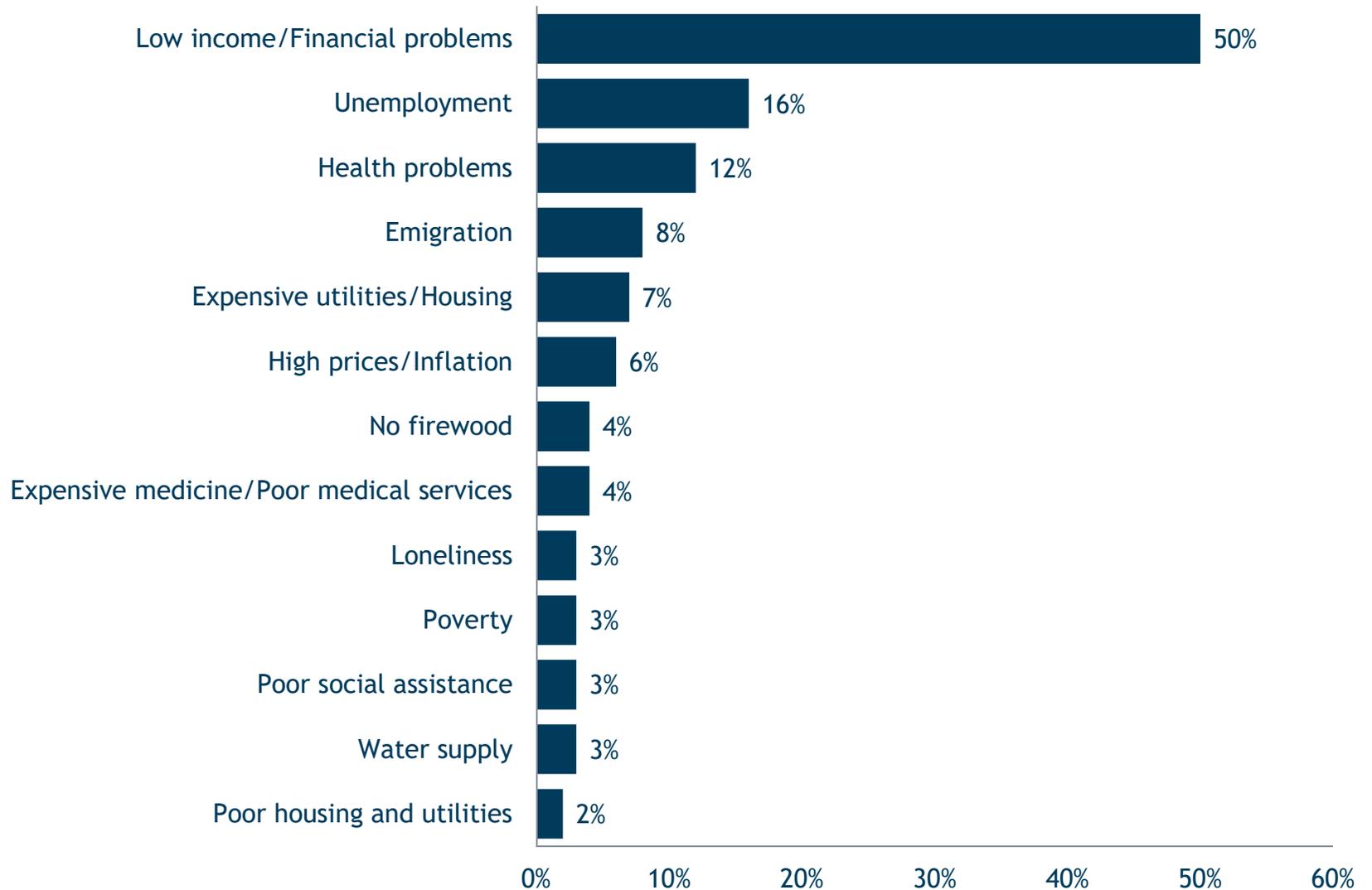
# What are the most important problems facing your village/town at the moment?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)



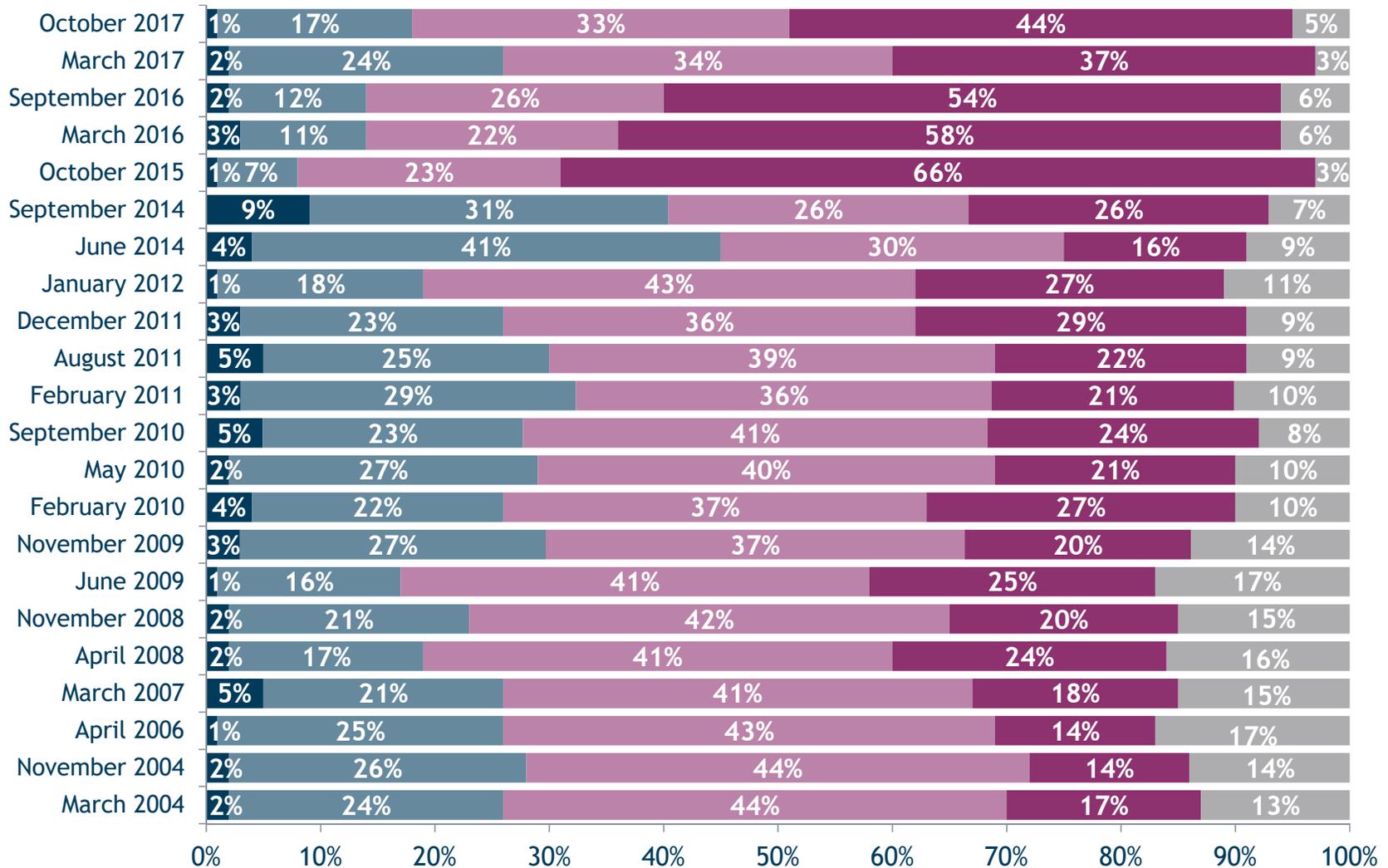
# What are the most important problems facing you and your household?

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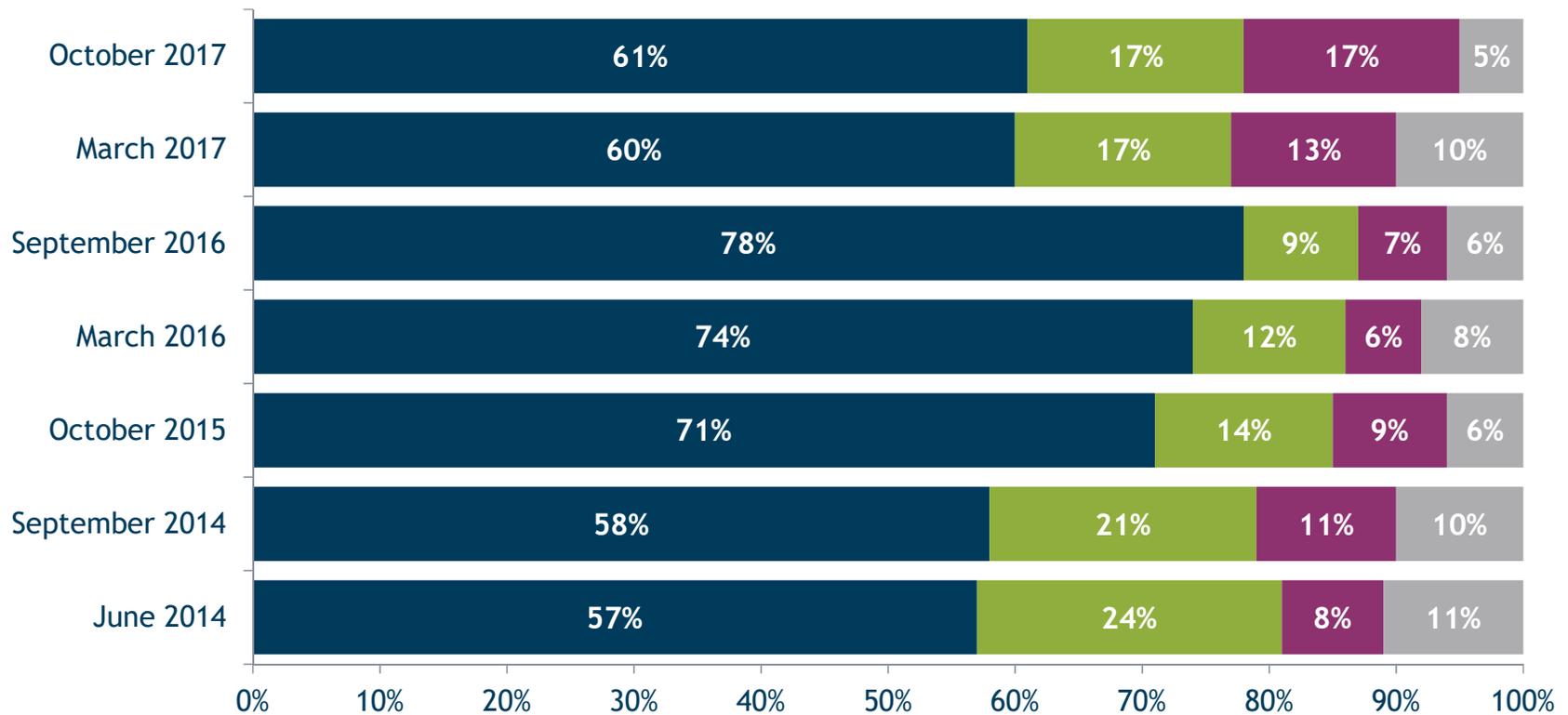
# How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Moldova?

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

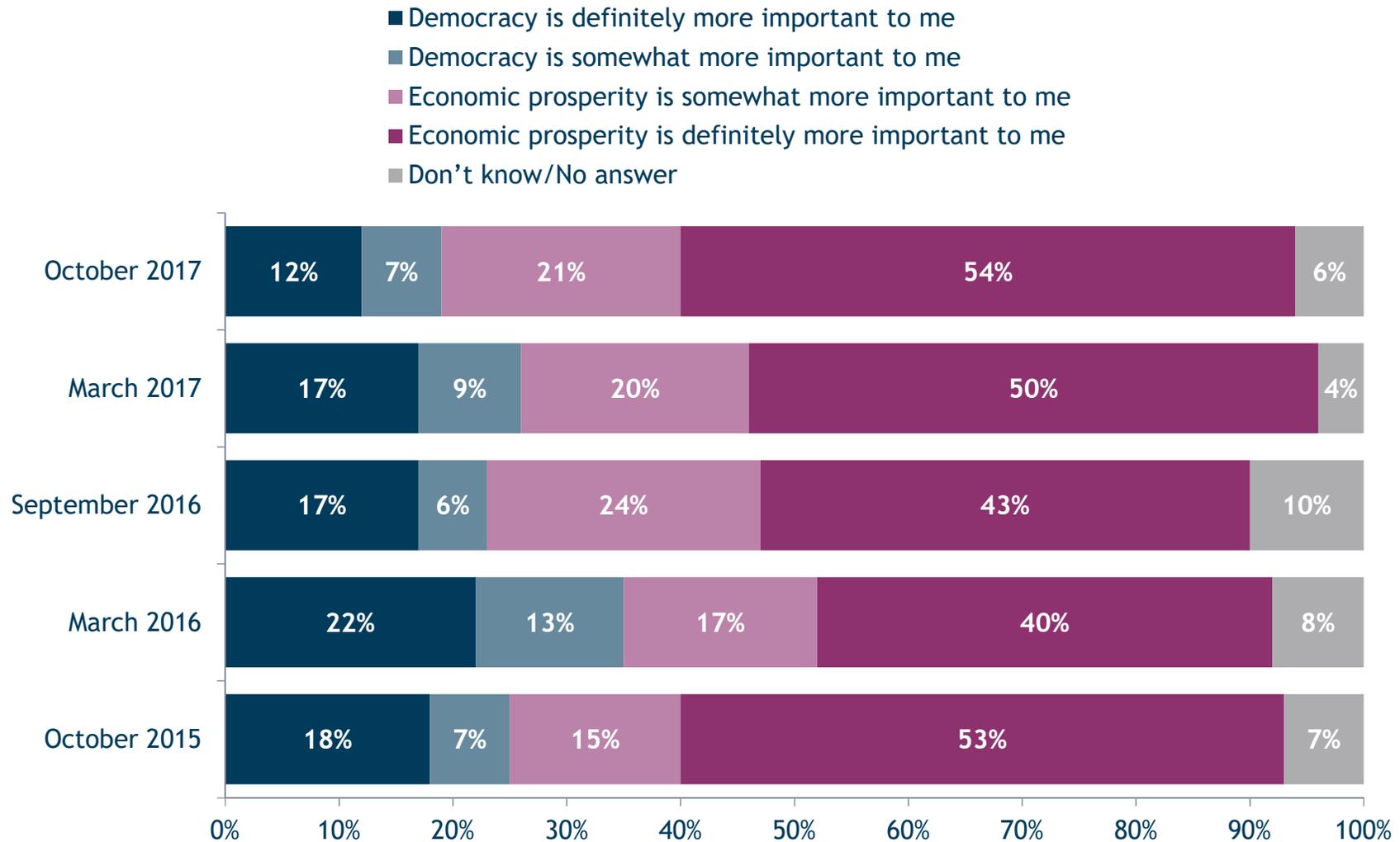


# Which of these statements is closest to your point of view?

- Our society needs serious reforms (structural and systemic change)
- Our society needs gradual reforms which preserve the existing system
- Our society has to be protected from the forces who want to change the current order
- Don't know/No answer



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





# Views on Corruption

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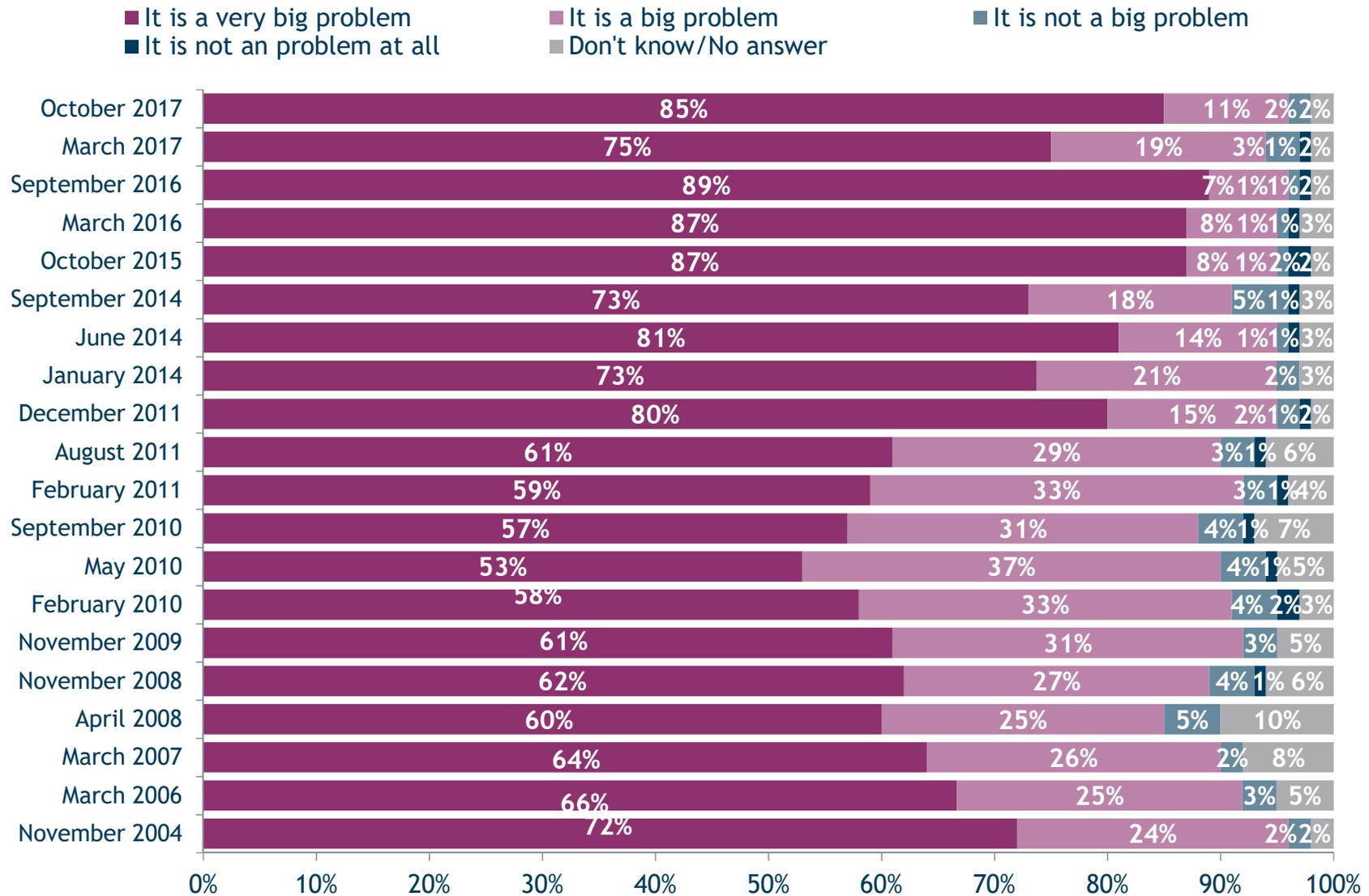
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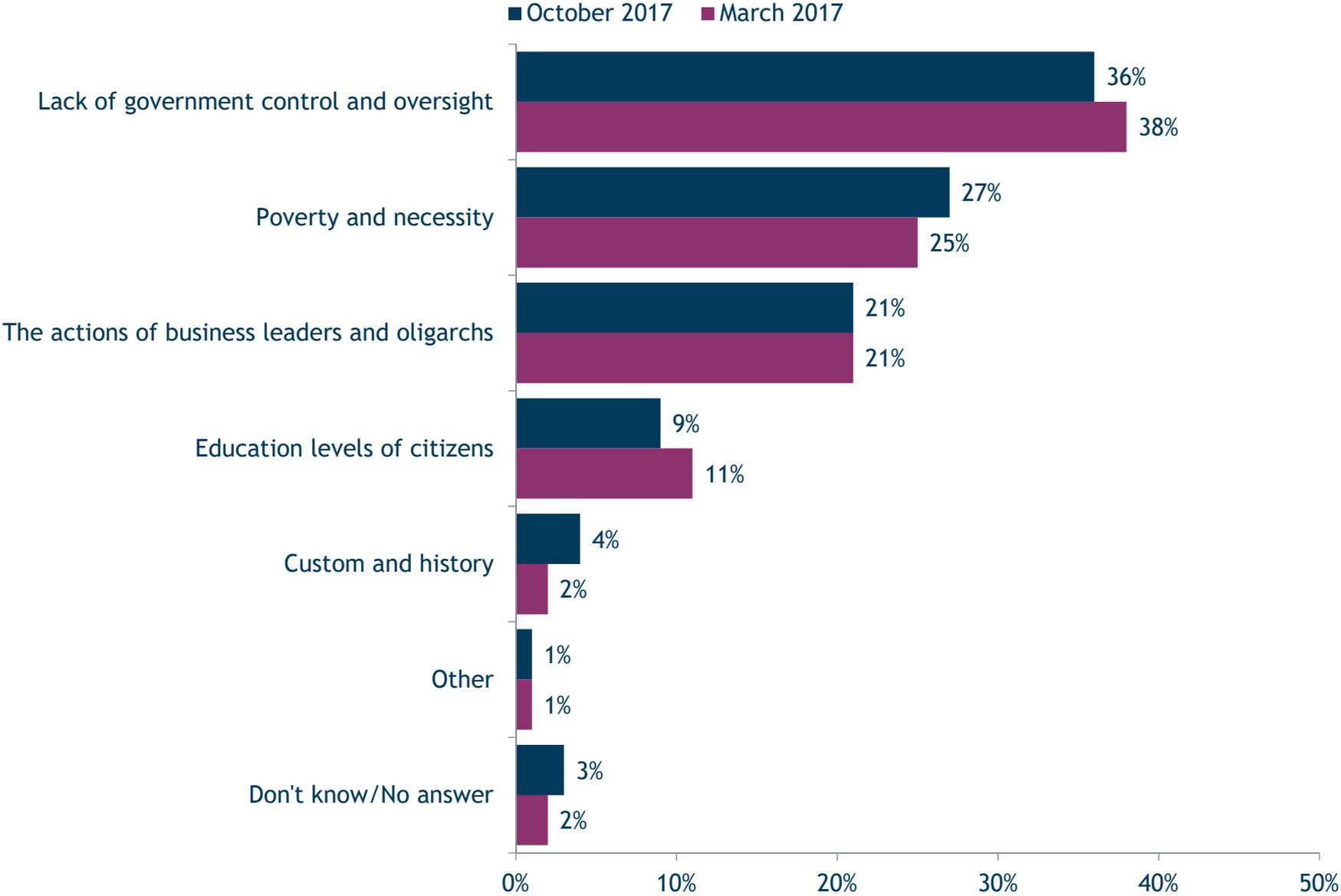
# Do you consider the country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or the interest of some groups?



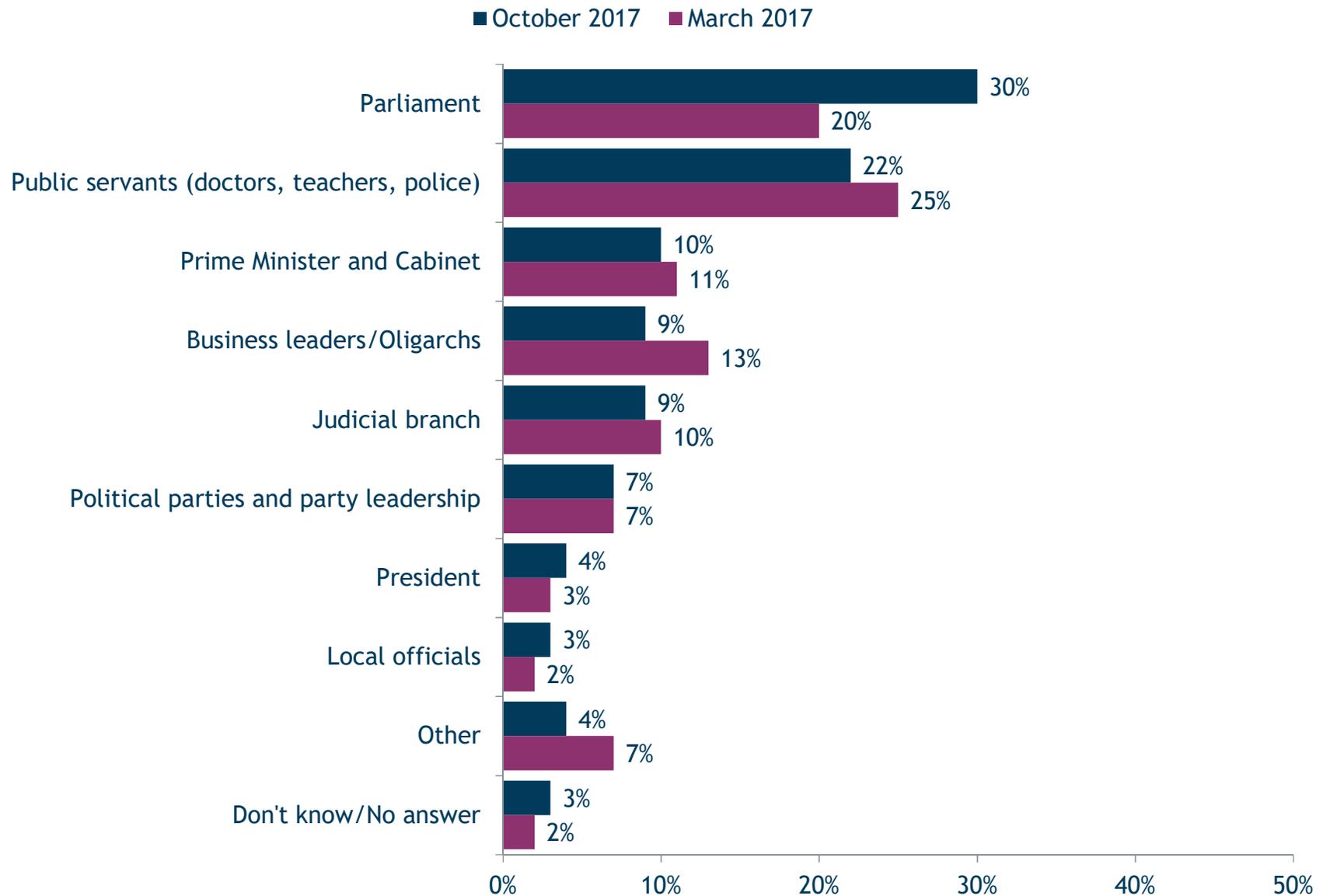
# How big of a problem is corruption in Moldova today?



# What, in your opinion, is the greatest cause of corruption in Moldova?

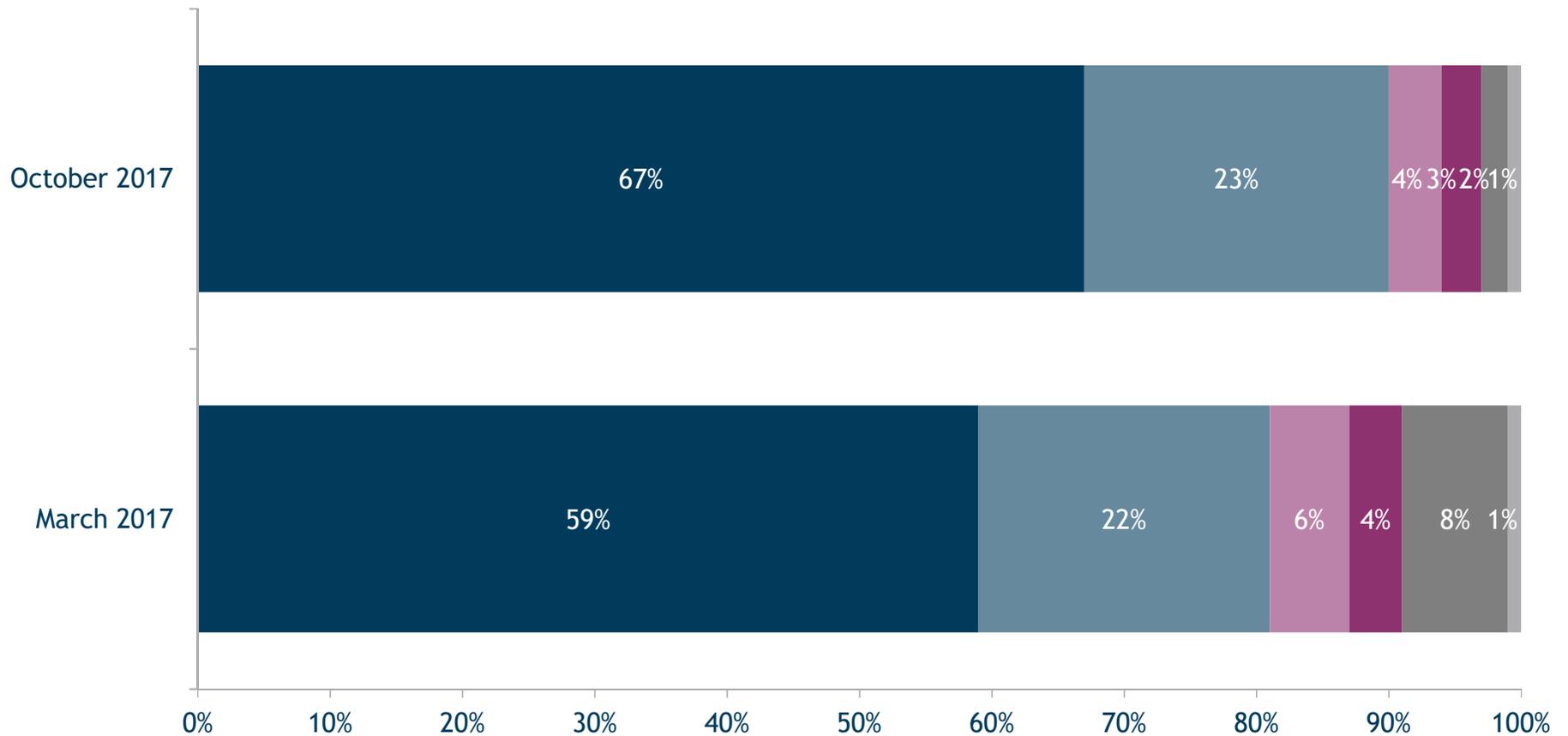


# Where, in your opinion, is corruption most present in Moldova?



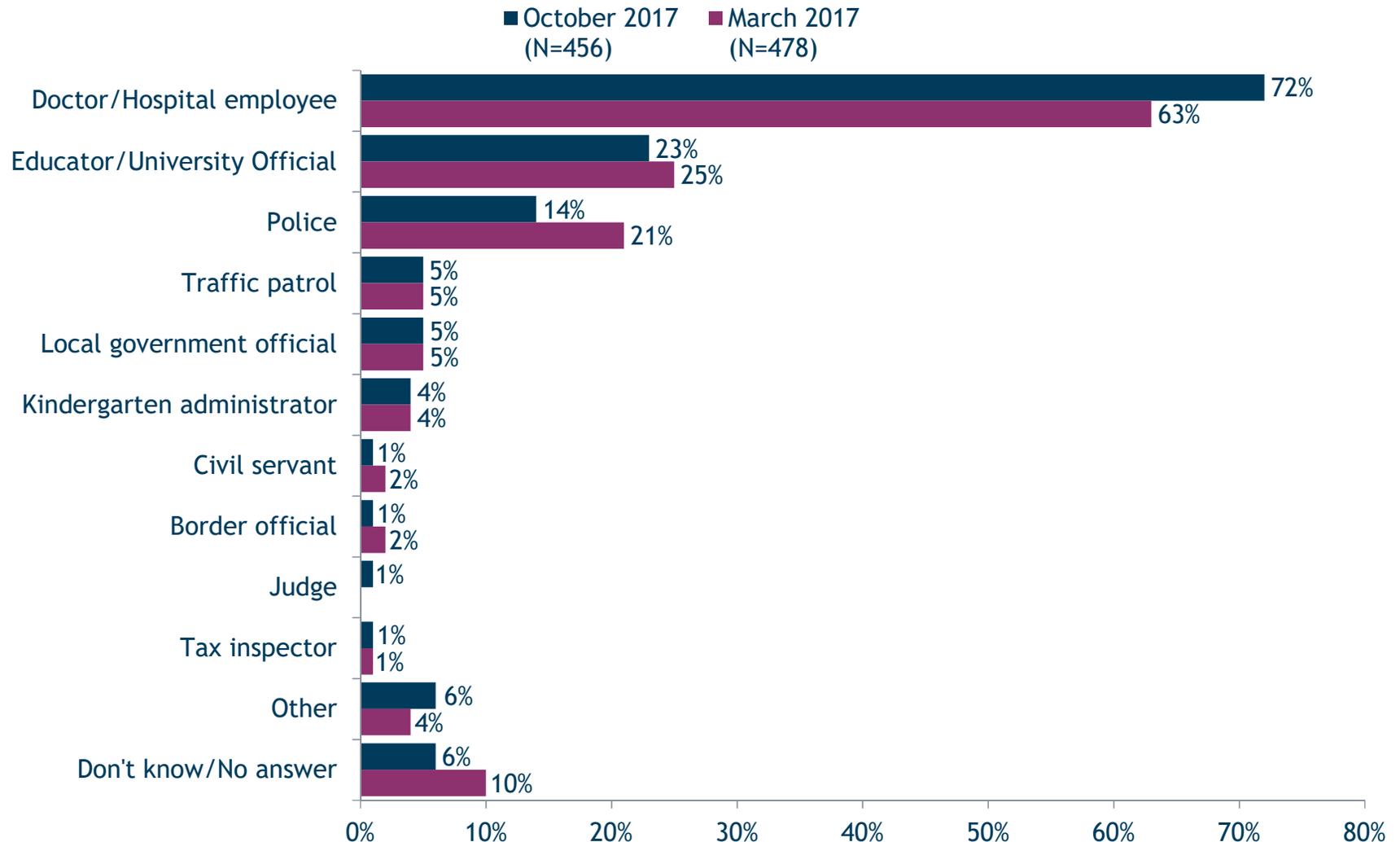
# In the past 12 months, how often, if ever, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe in order to receive services?

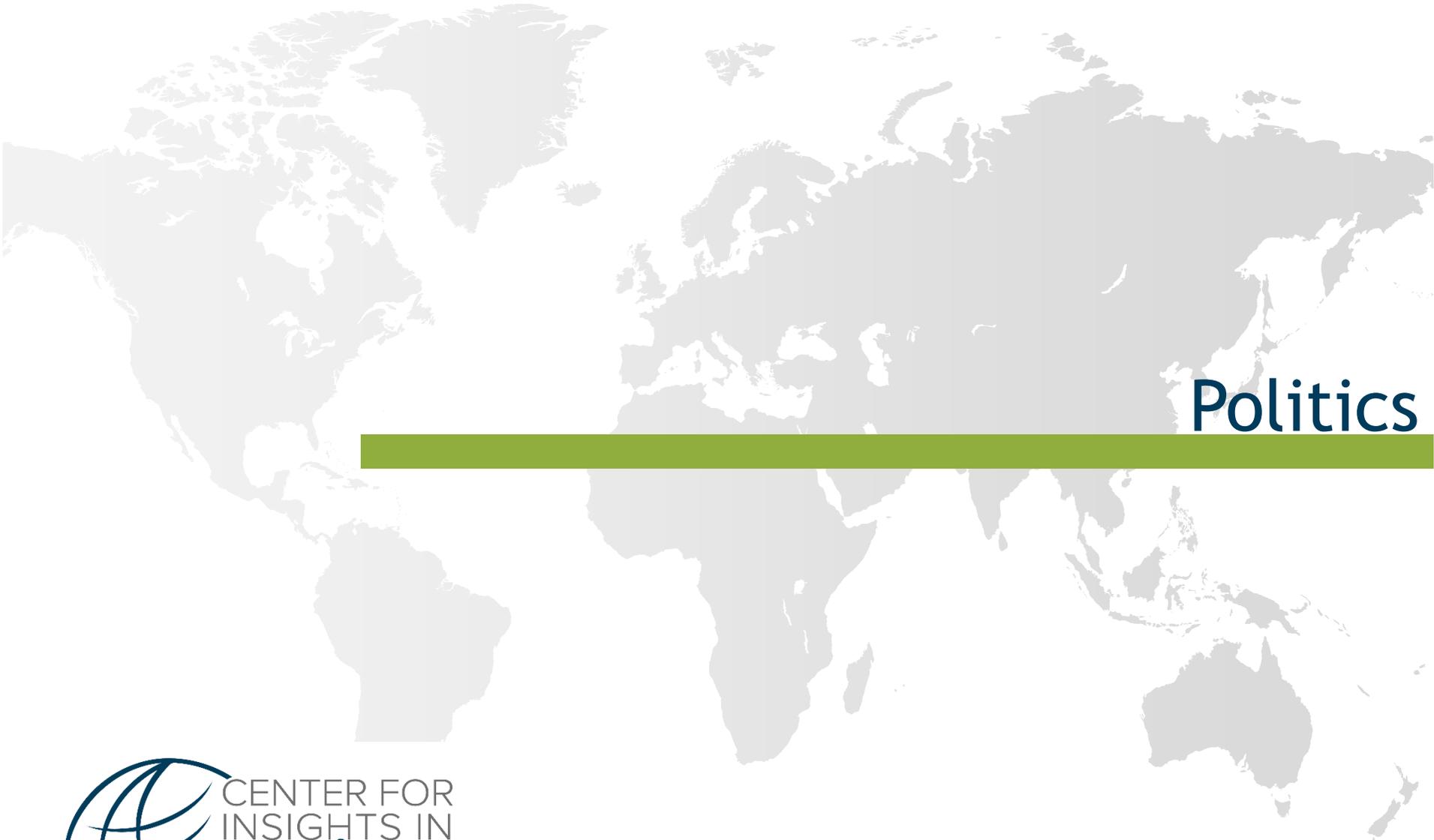
■ Never   ■ 1 or 2 times   ■ 3-5 times   ■ More than 5 times   ■ Refused to answer   ■ Don't know/No answer



# For whom did you do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe in order to receive services?

(Respondents who had to do this in the last 12 months; permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)



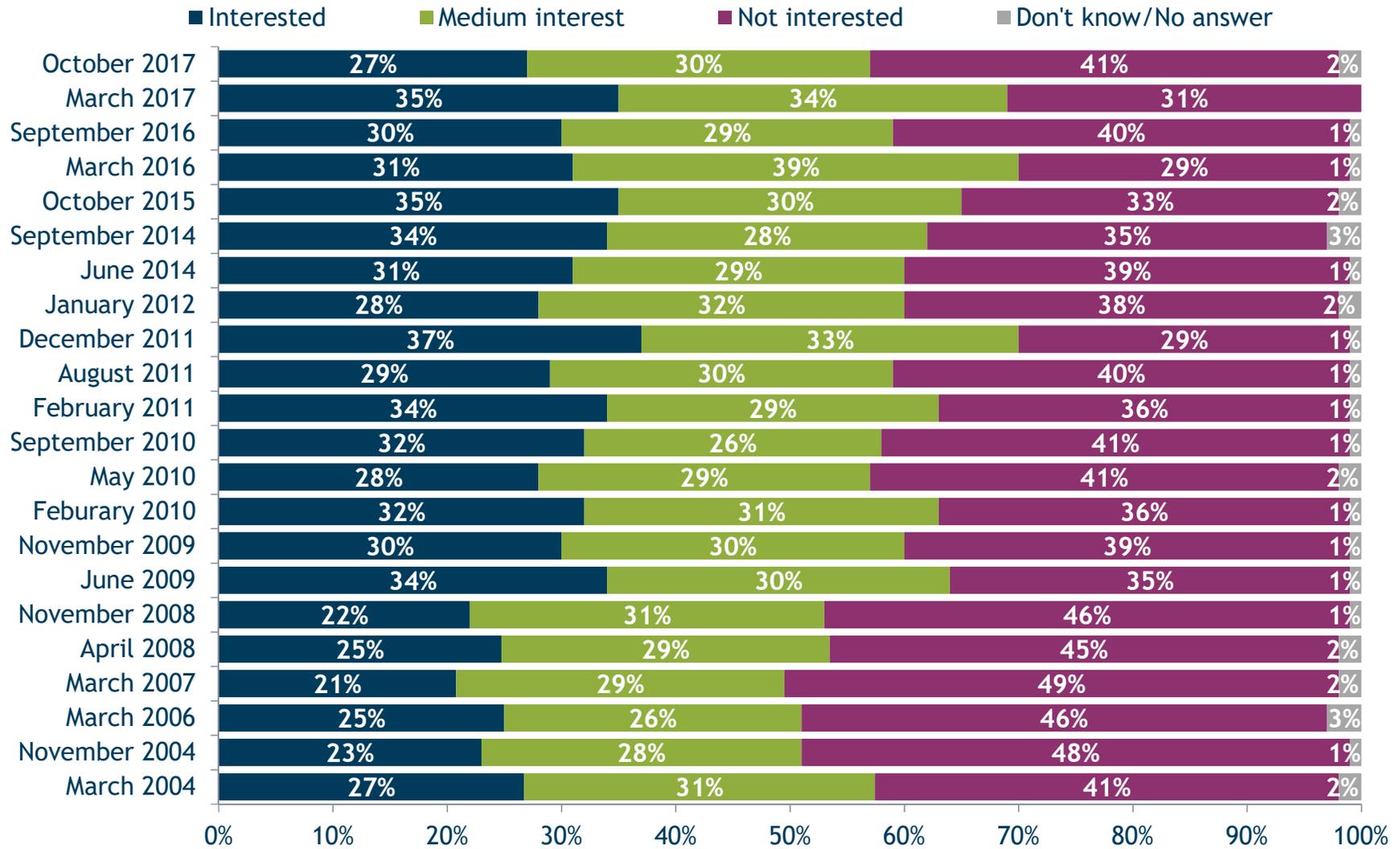


# Politics

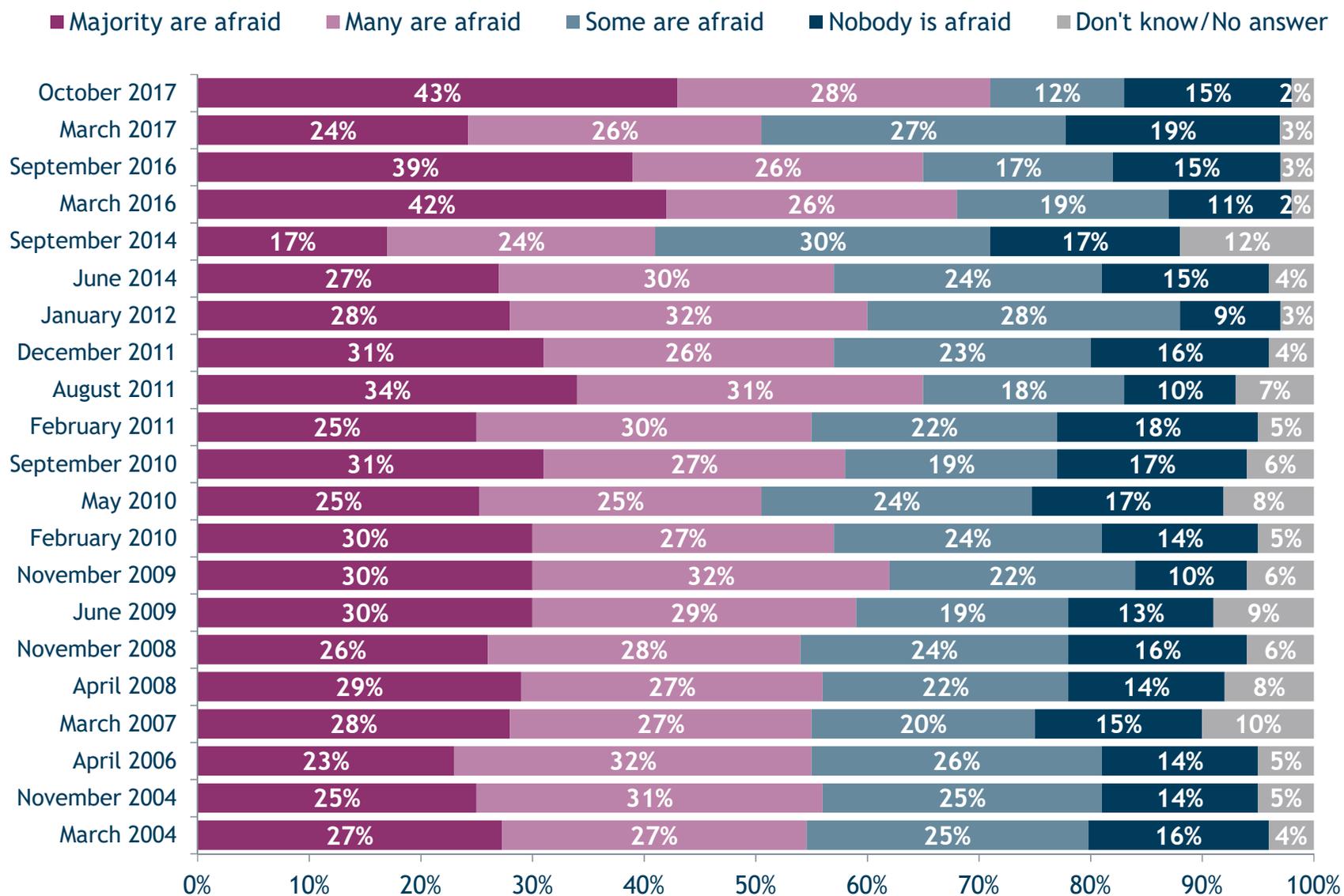


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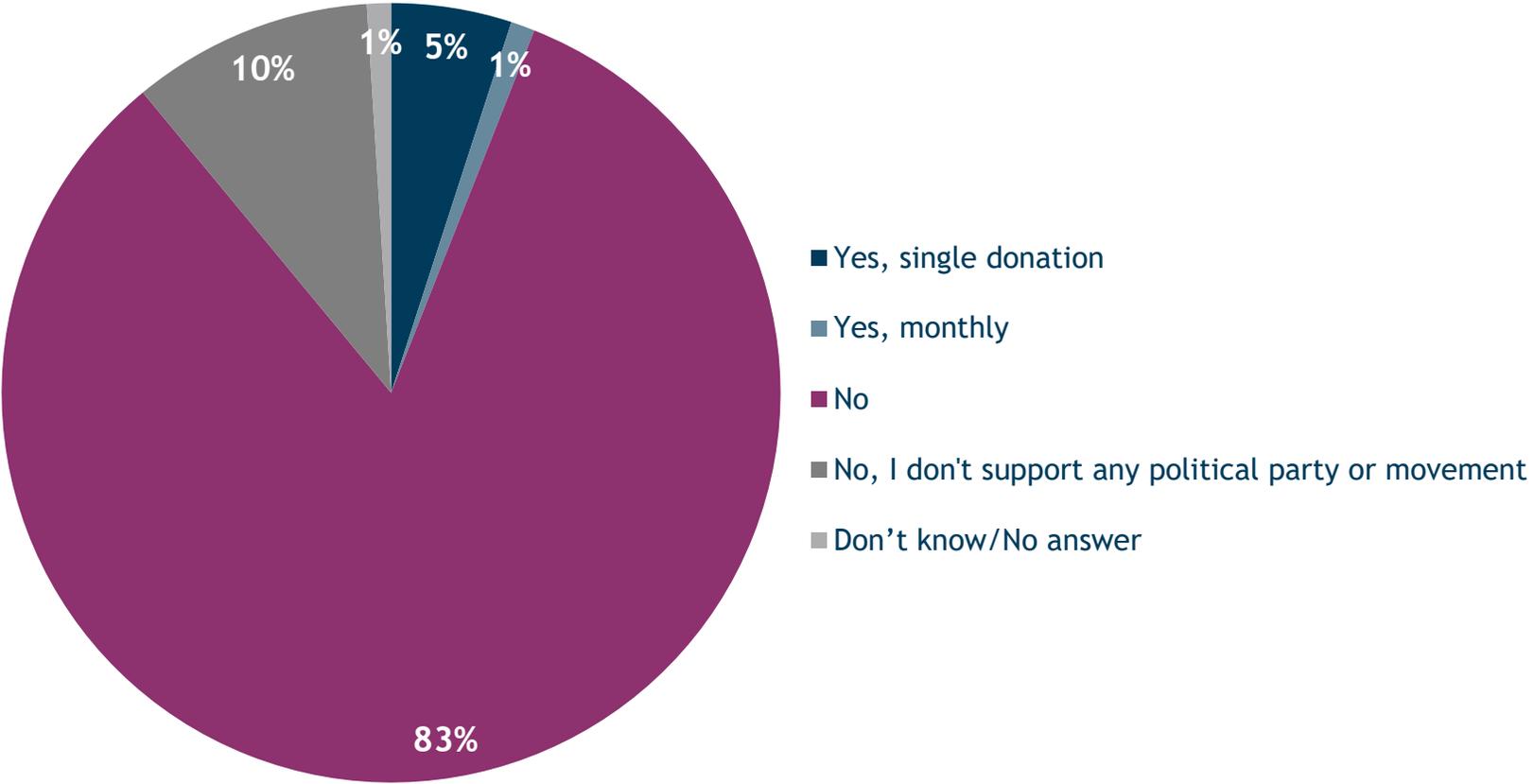
# How much interest do you have in politics?



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

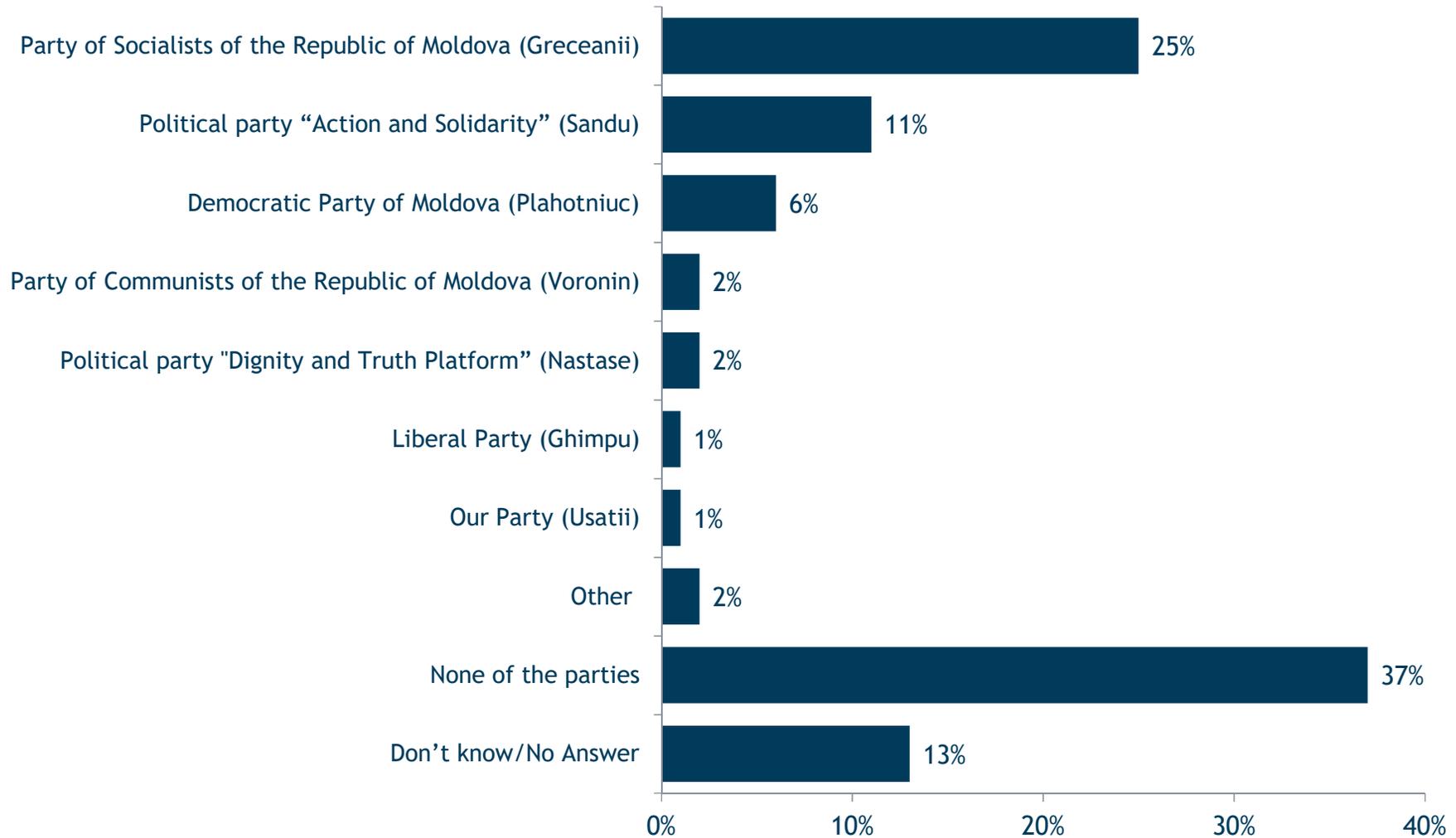


# Would you be willing to donate to the political party or political movement you support?

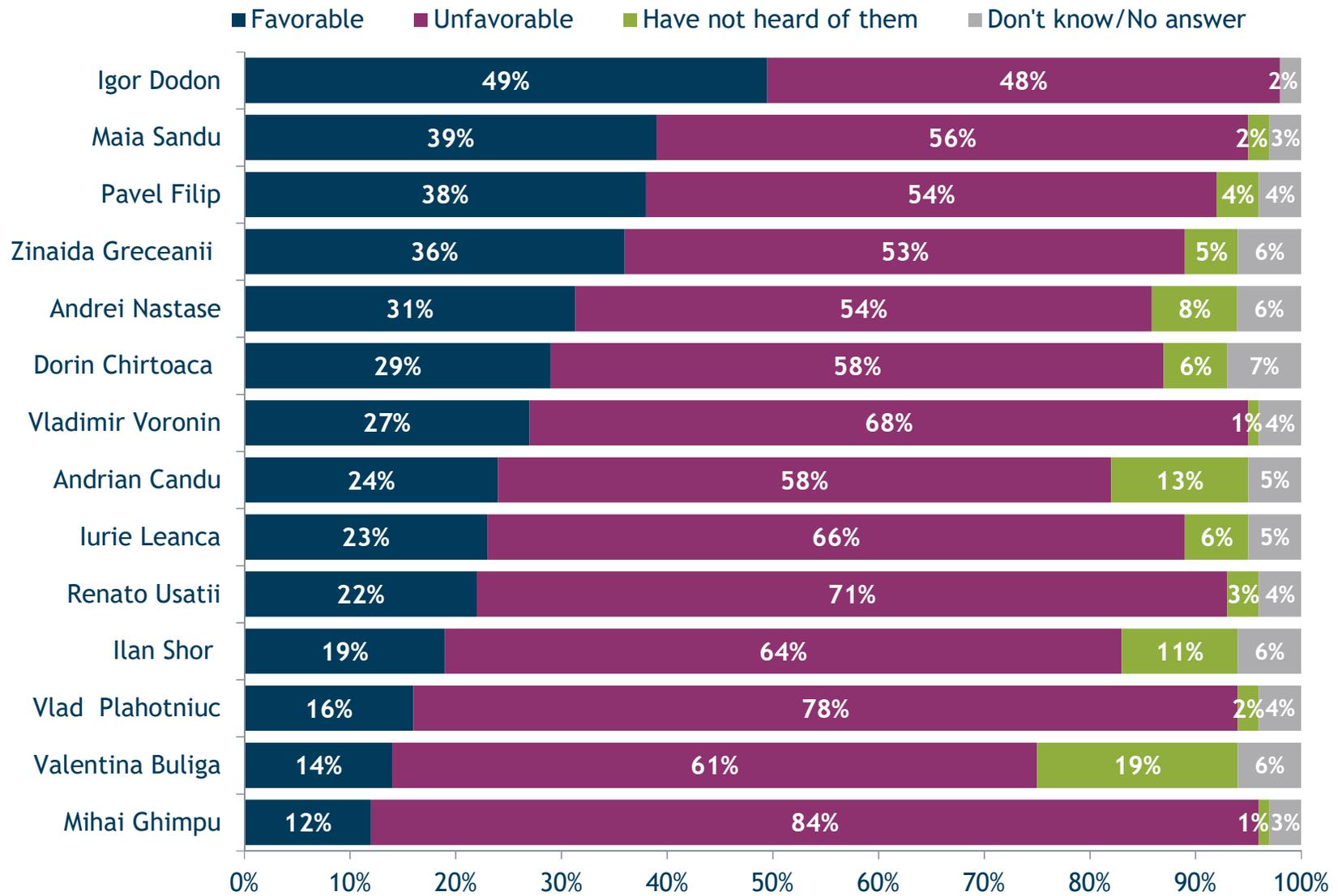


# Which political party or political movement can most successfully solve the economic and political problems Moldova is facing?

(Respondents permitted to supply one spontaneous answer)

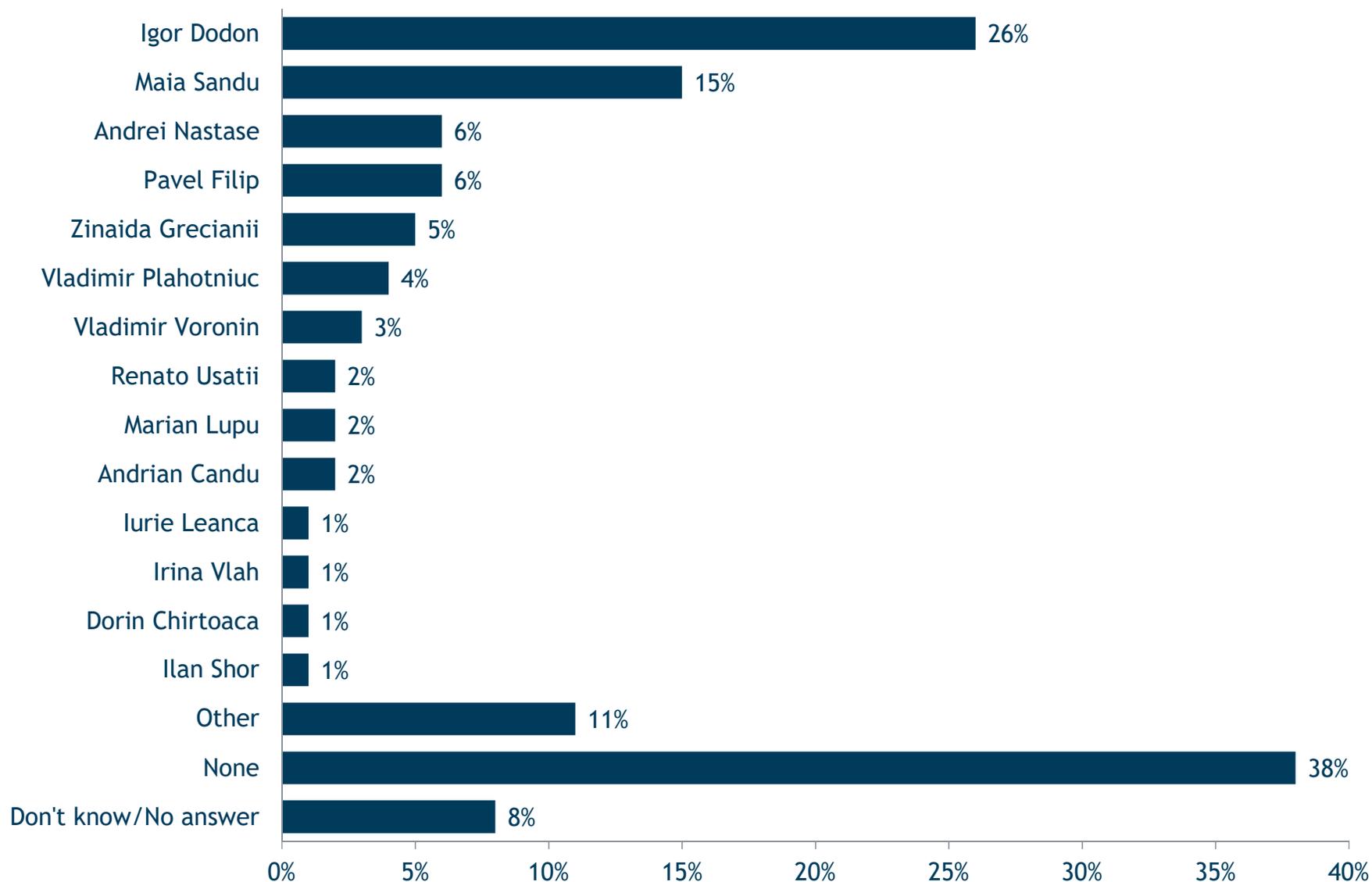


# What is your opinion of the following Moldovan politicians or members of the Moldovan government?

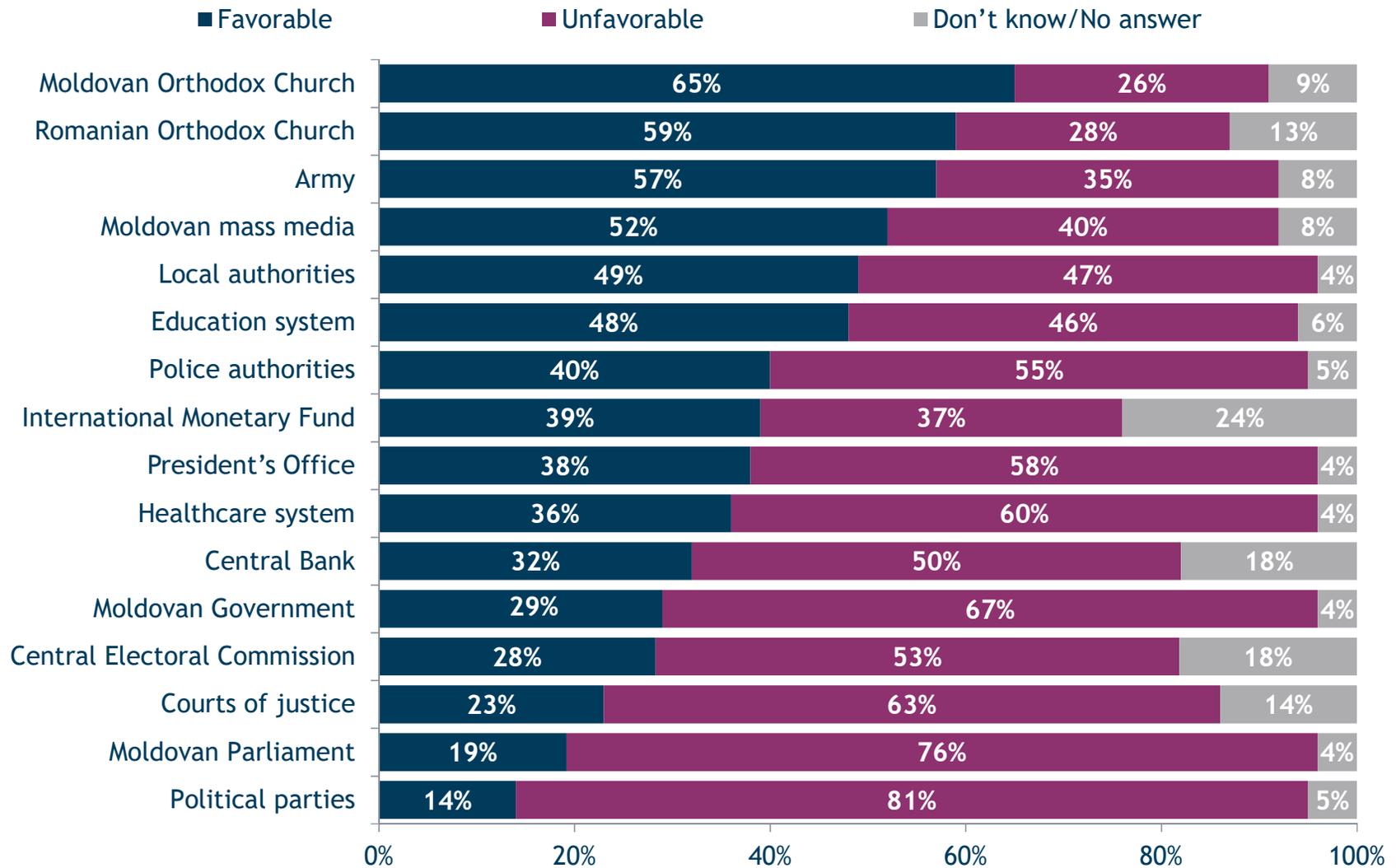


# Which politicians or public figures do you trust the most?

(Respondents permitted to supply three spontaneous answers)



# What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?





# Attitudes Toward the President, Government and Local Authorities

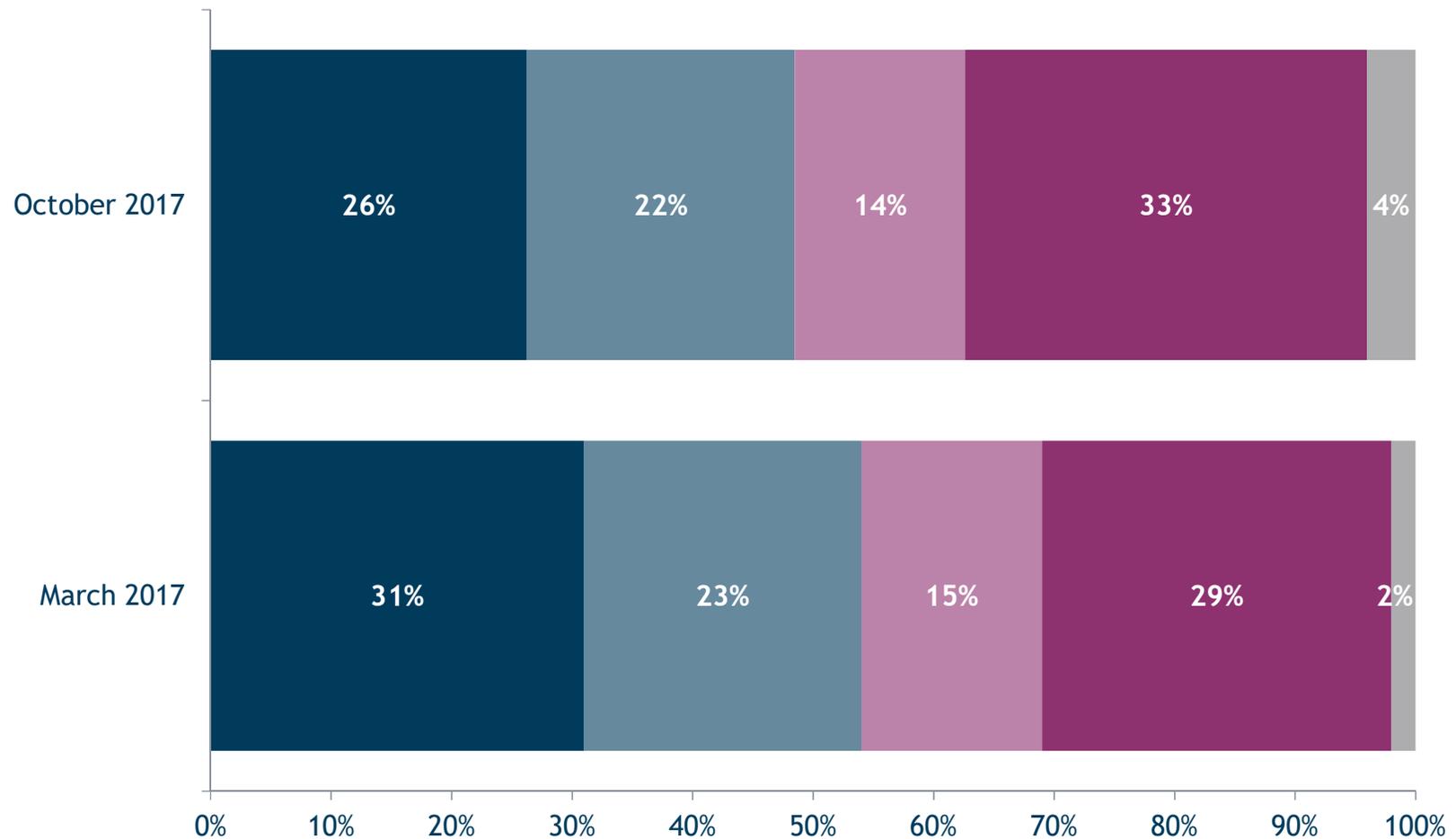


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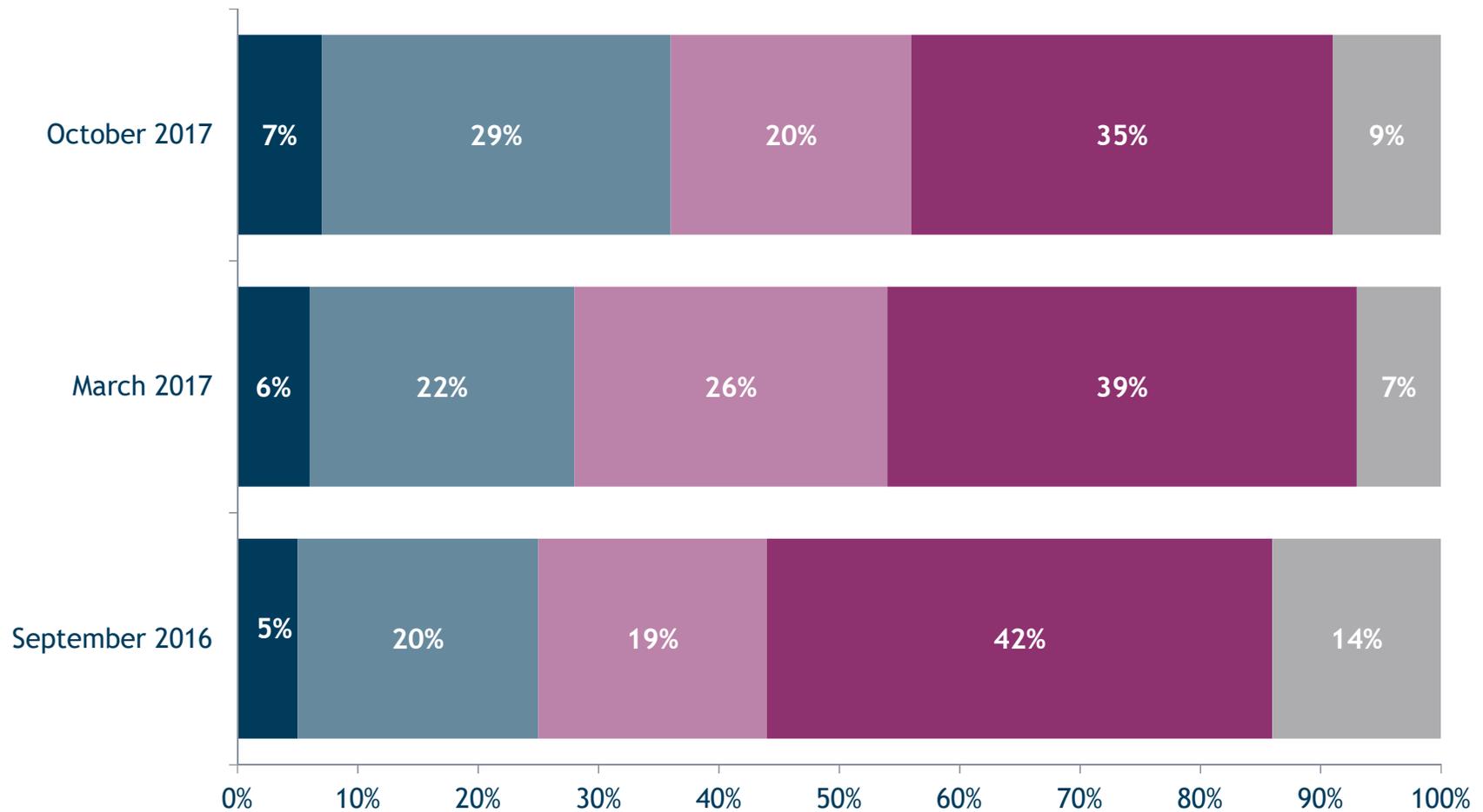
# Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the President of Moldova Igor Dodon?

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

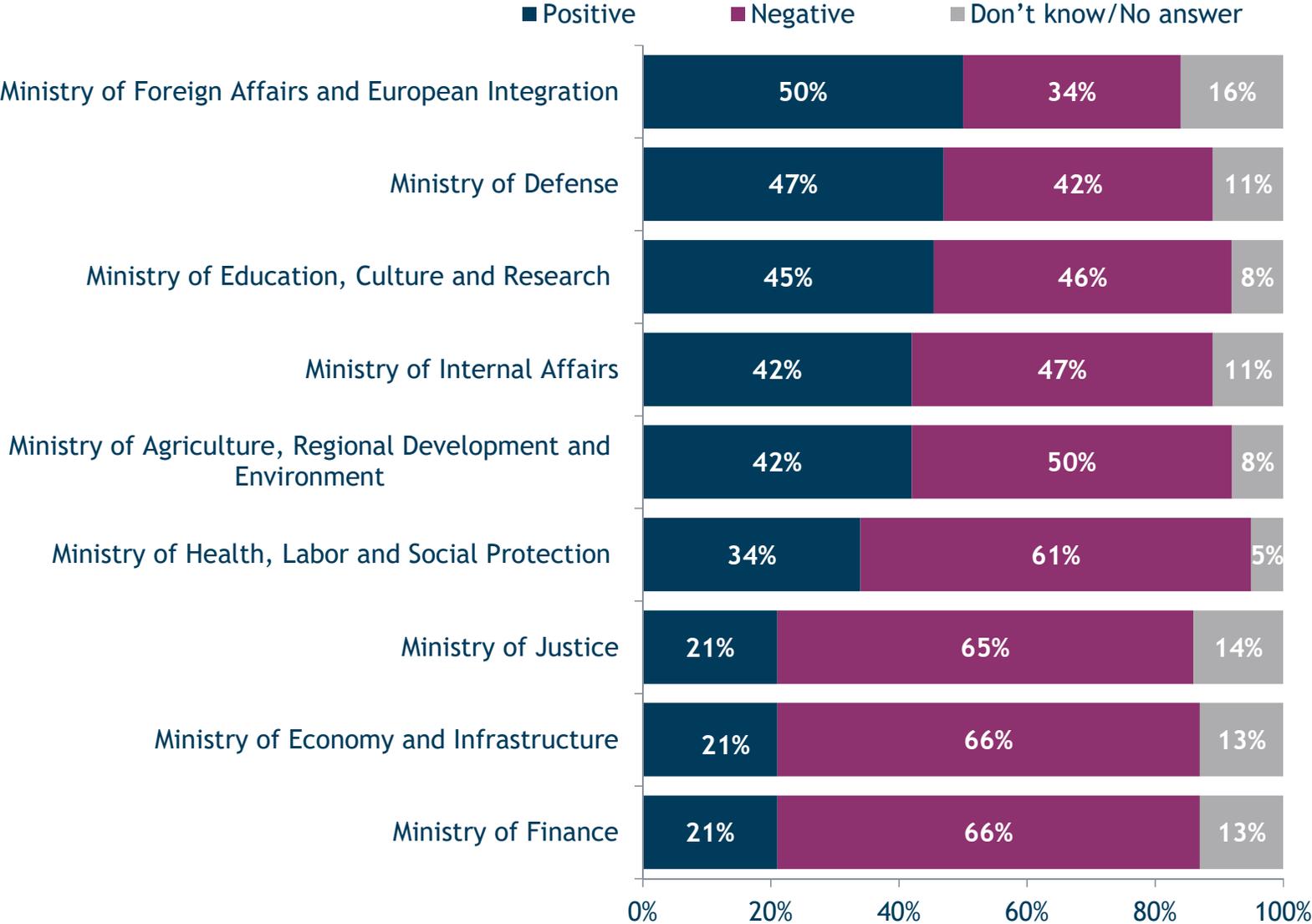


# Do you approve or disapprove of the Filip government?

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

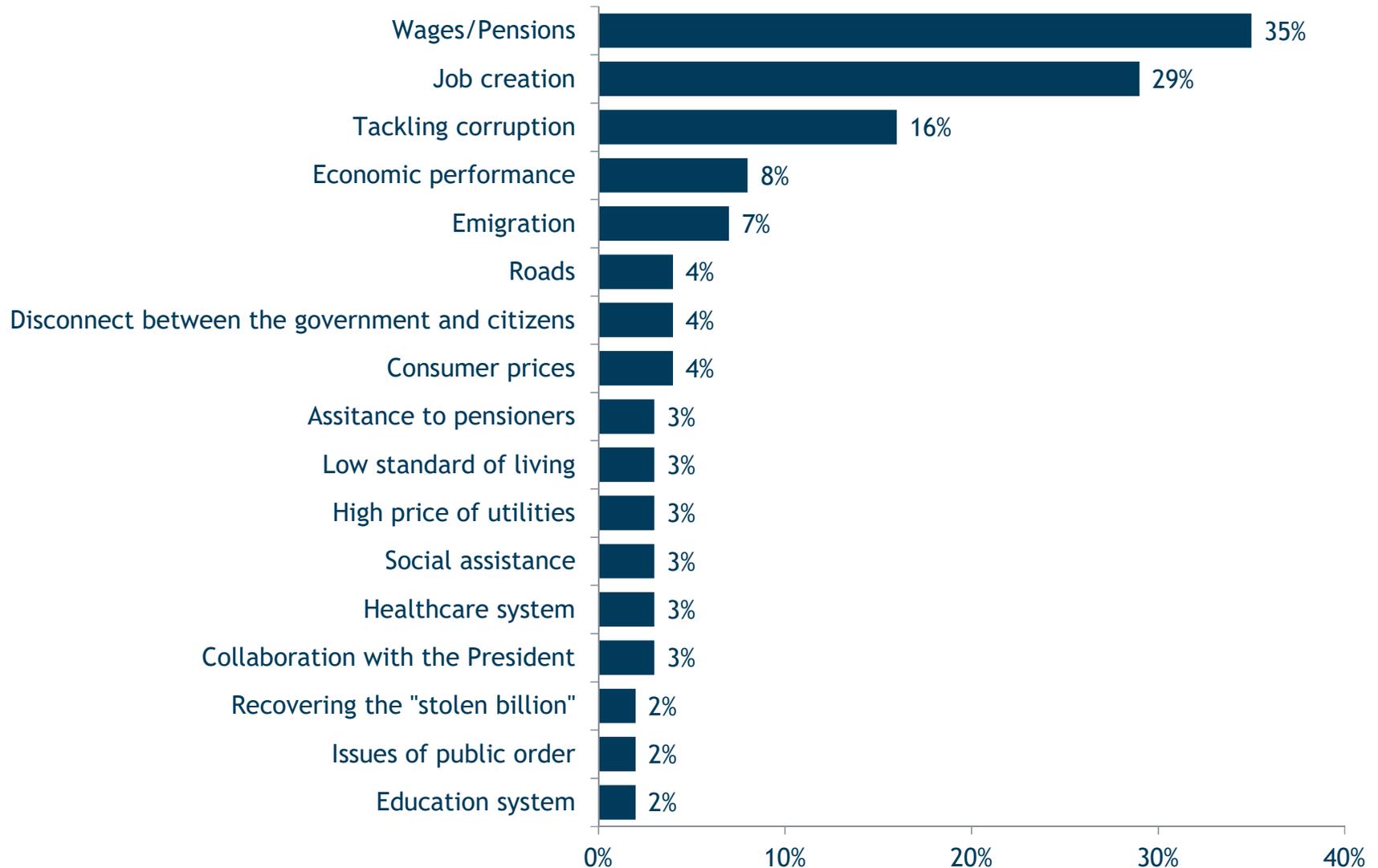


# What is your opinion of the activities of each of the following Moldovan ministries?

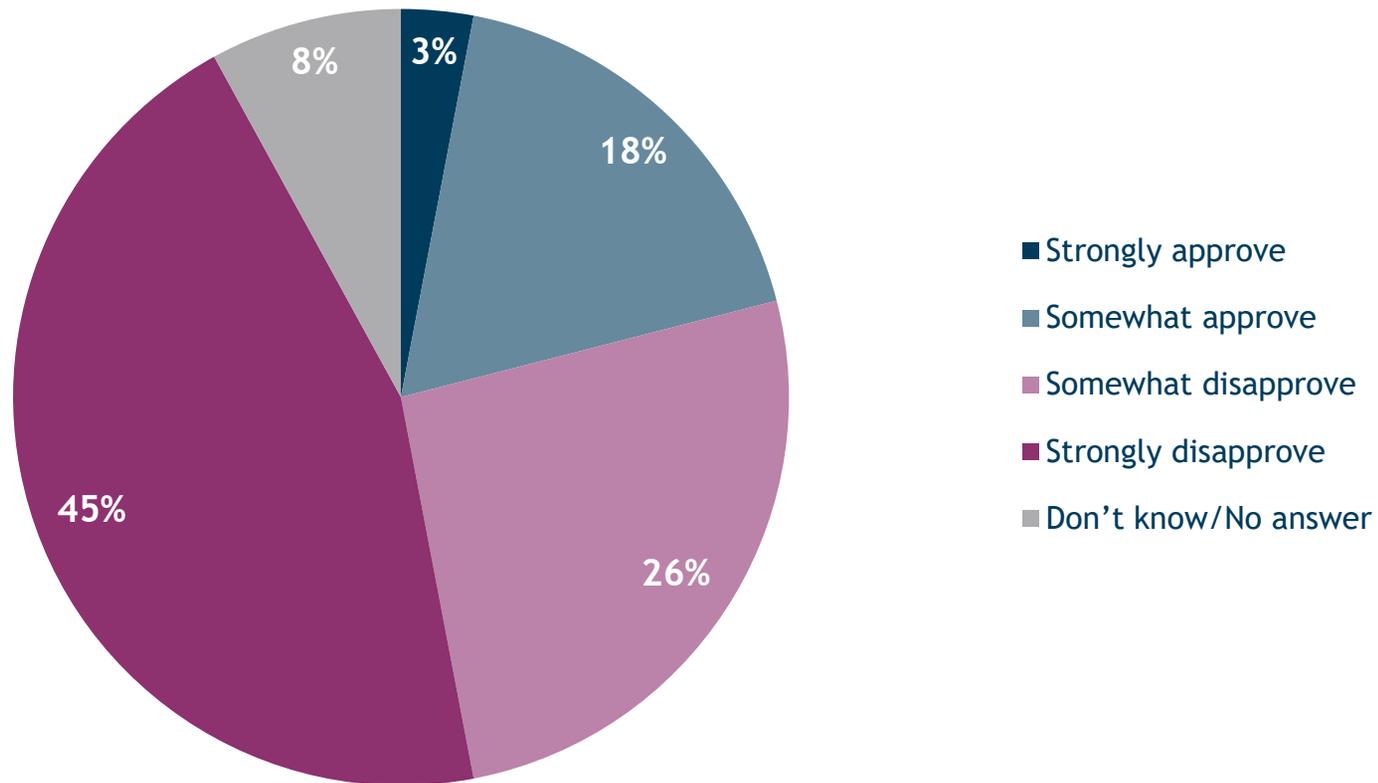


# What are the most important problems that the Filip government must solve?

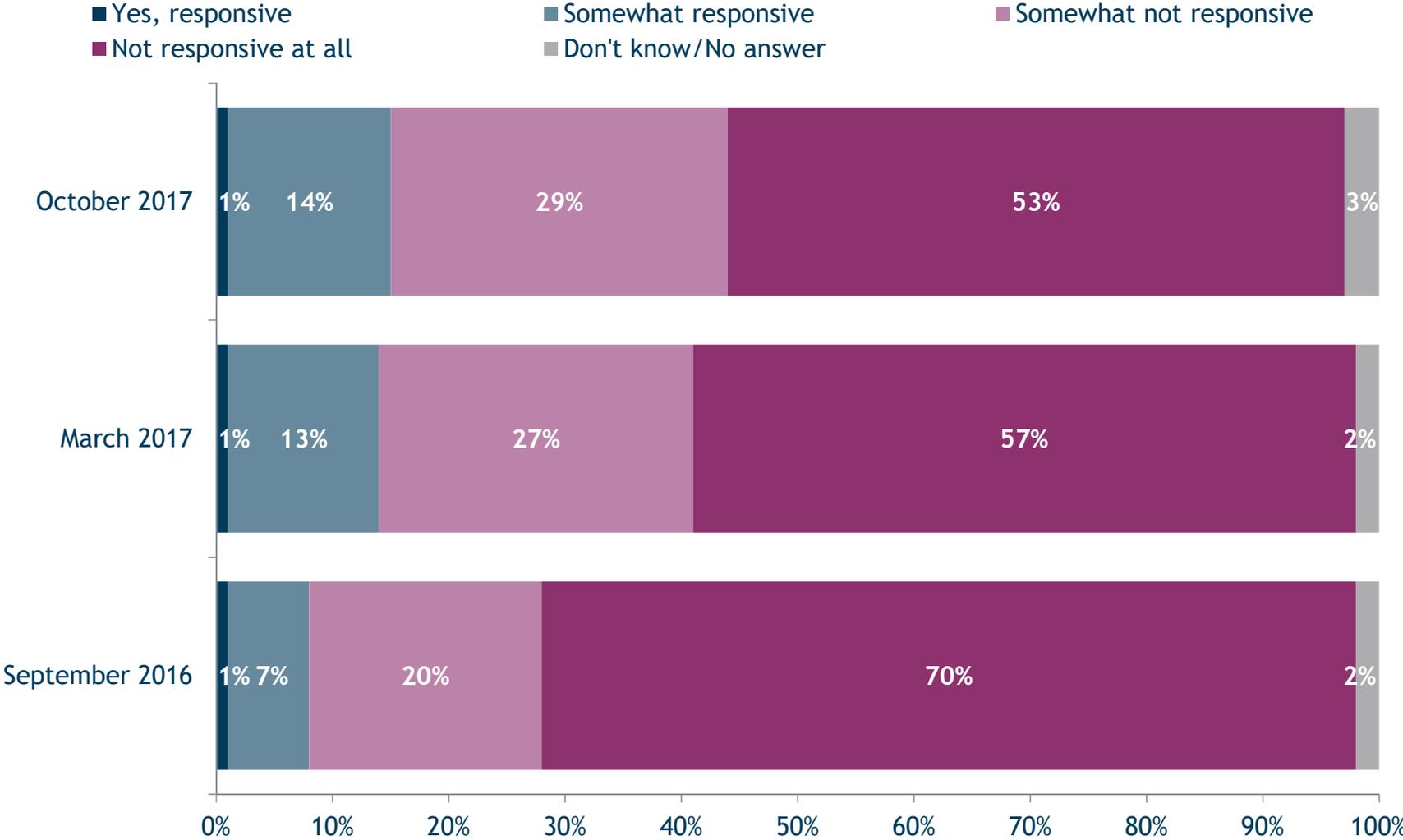
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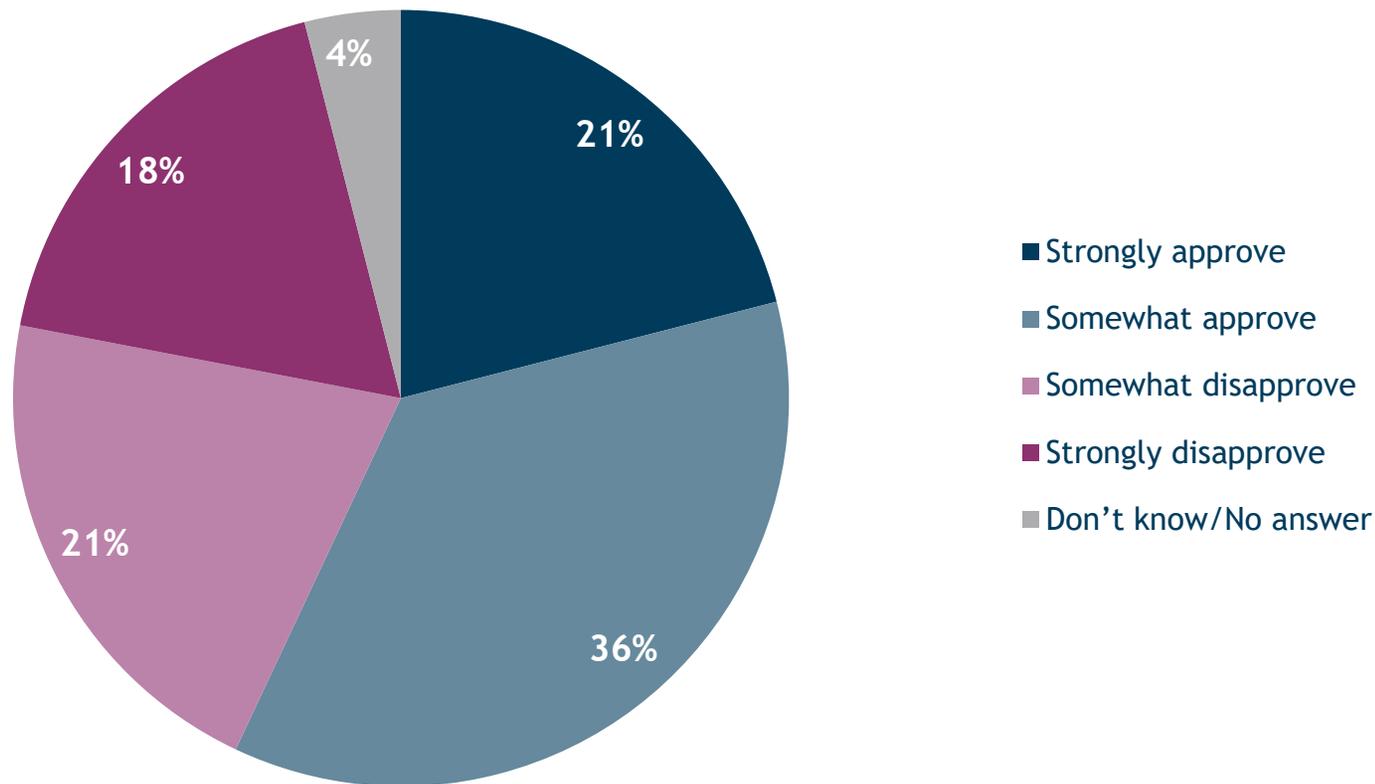
## Do you approve or disapprove of the parliamentary majority led by the Democratic Party?



# Do you think that the Moldovan Parliament is responsive to the needs of citizens like you?



## Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of your local government (i.e. mayor, local councilors and *raion* councilors)?



\*Below the central government, Moldova is divided administratively into 3 municipalities, 2 autonomous regions and 32 districts which are referred to as *raions*. The *raions* are governed by a locally-elected council.

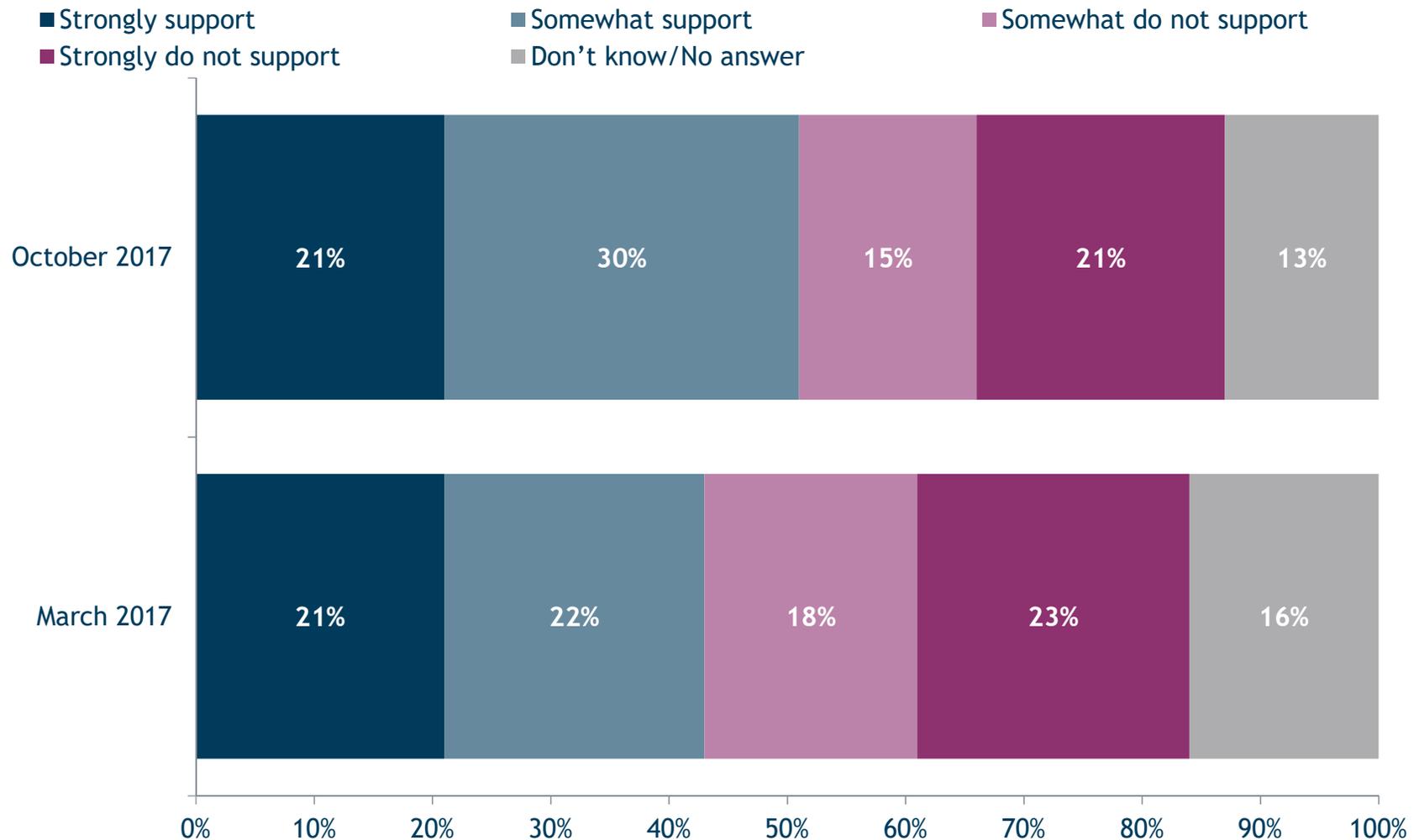


# Parliamentary Elections

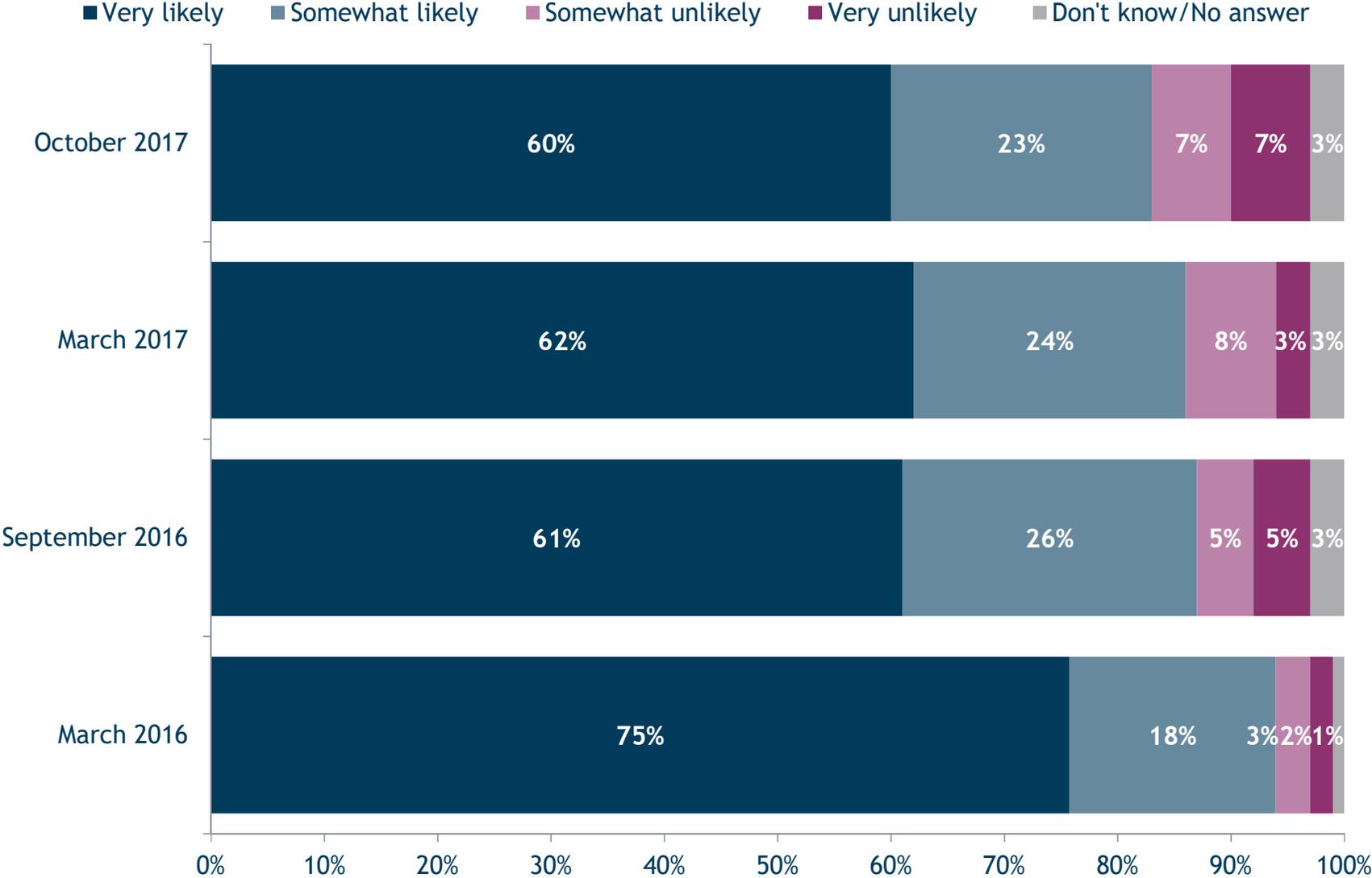


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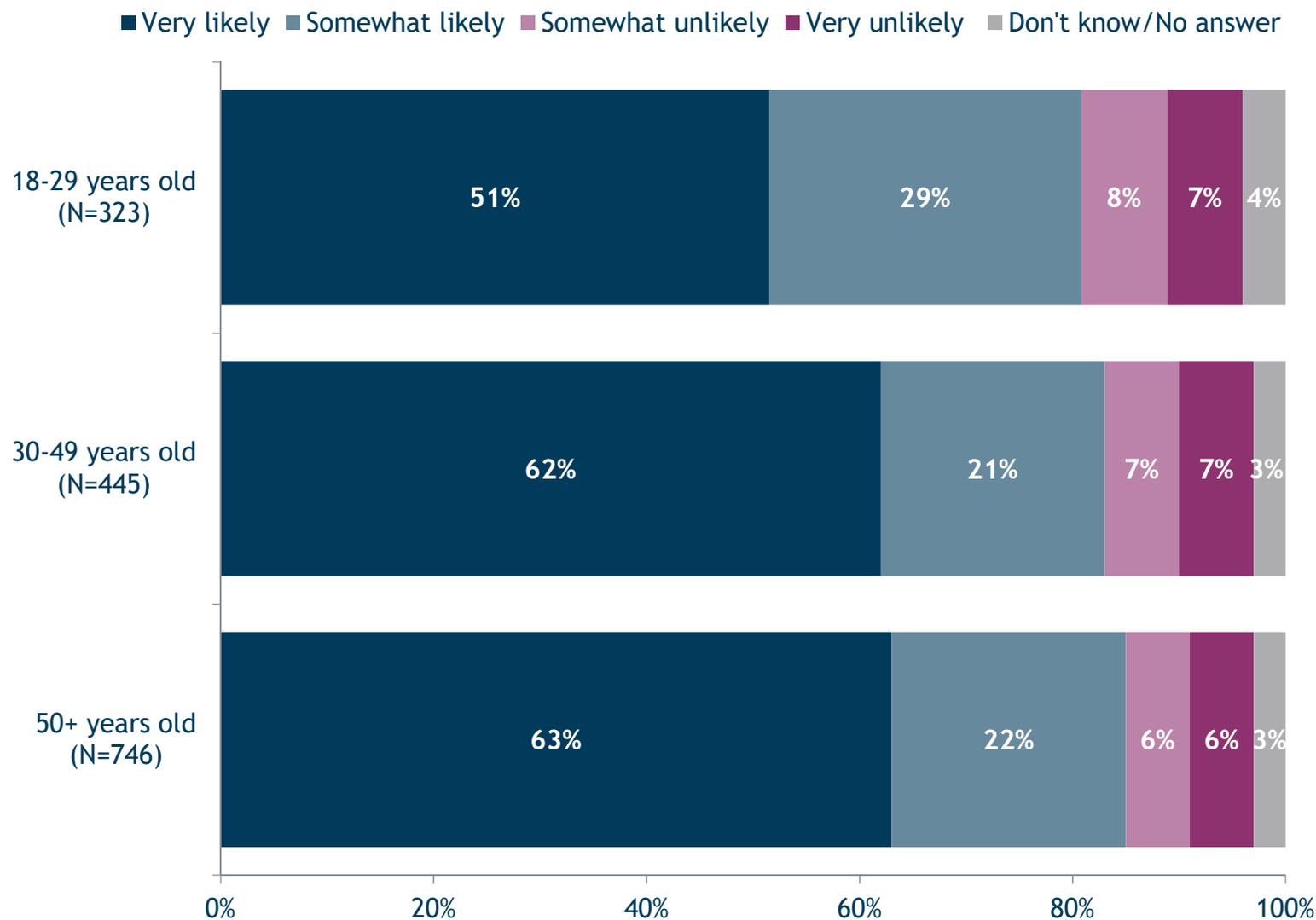
# What is your opinion of the mixed election system, in which half the deputies are elected on party lists and half in single-mandate constituencies?



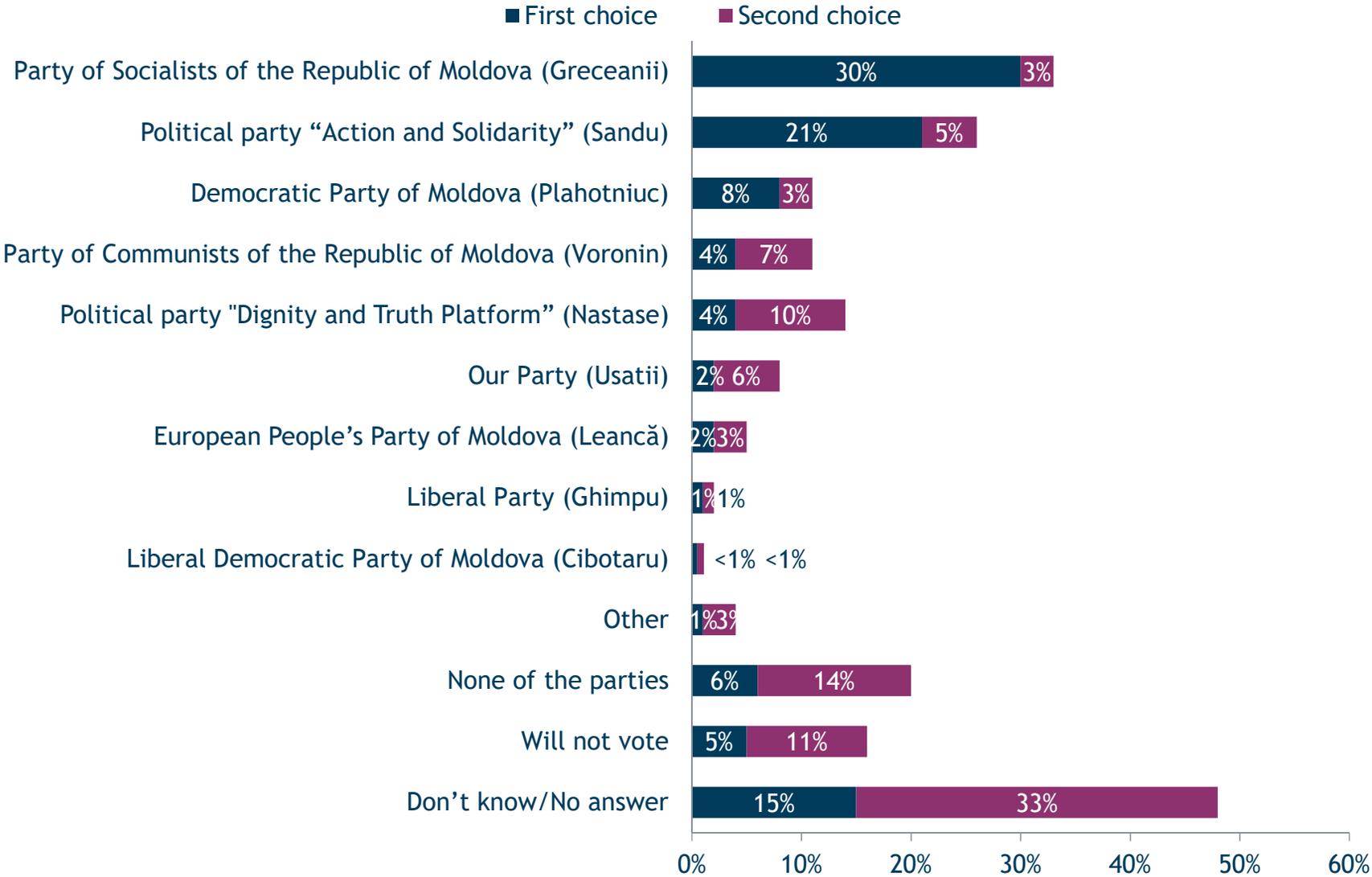
# How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections?



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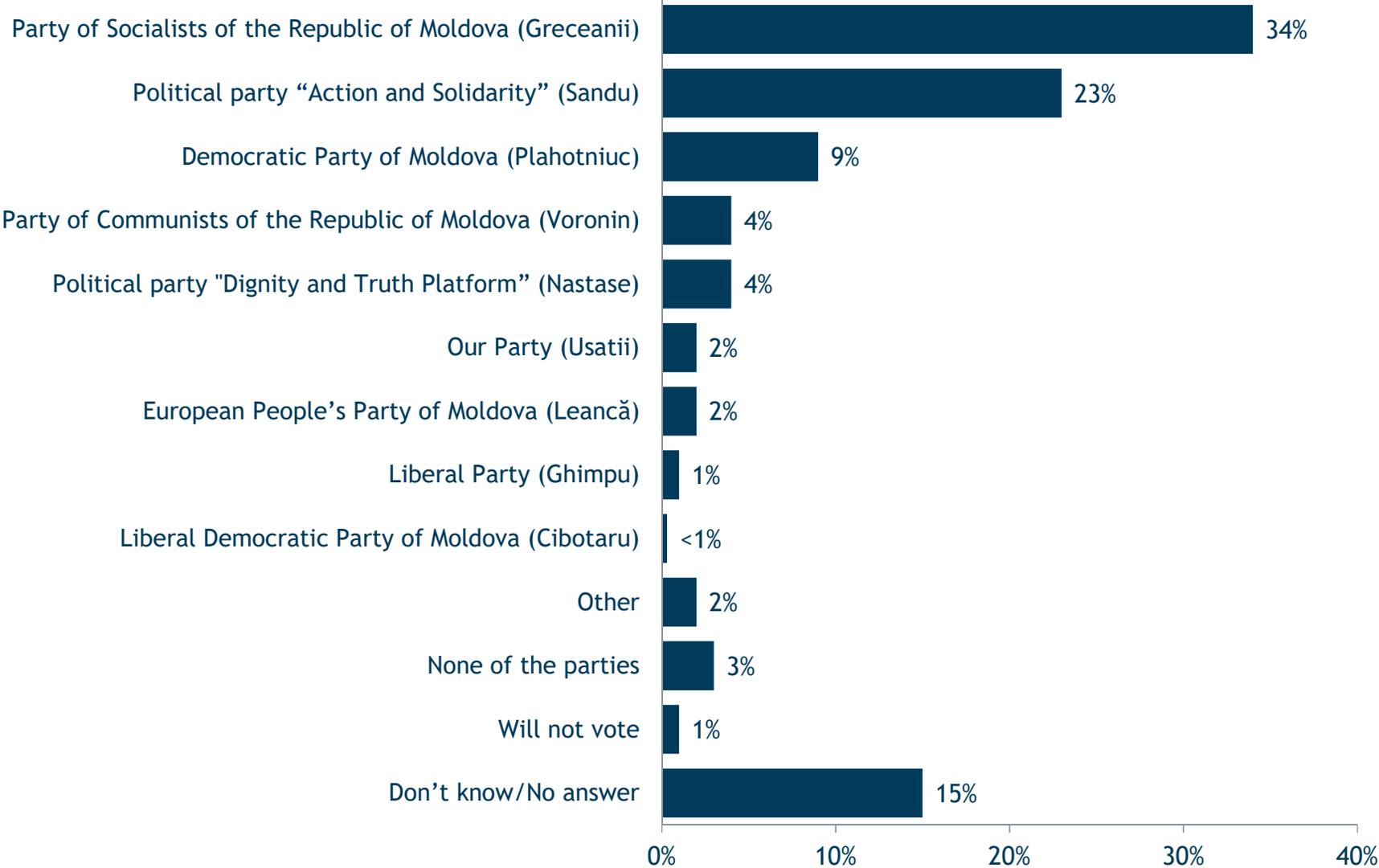


# If parliamentary elections were held next Sunday and the following political parties participated in the election, for which political party would you vote?

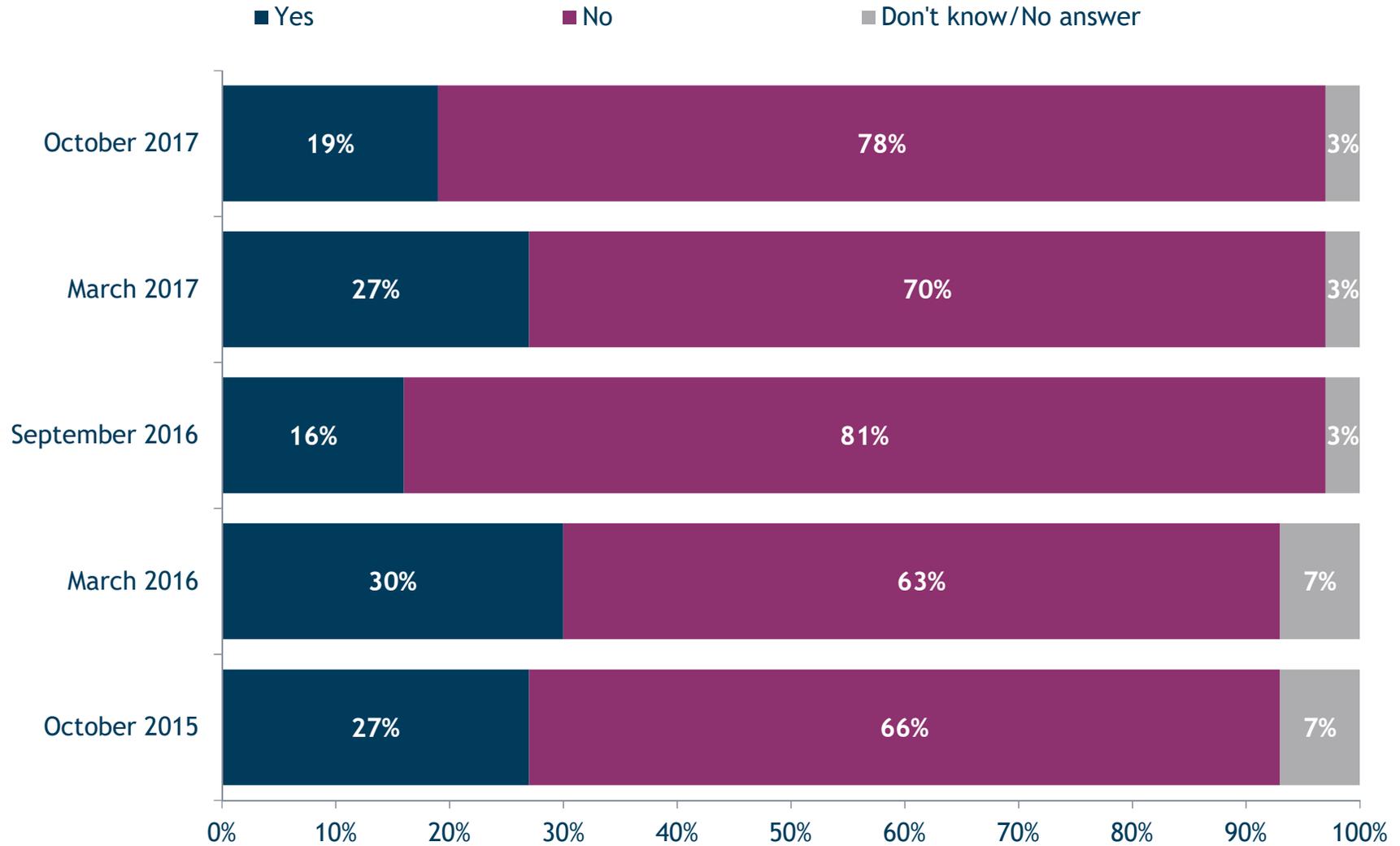


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(Likely voters: N=1,264)

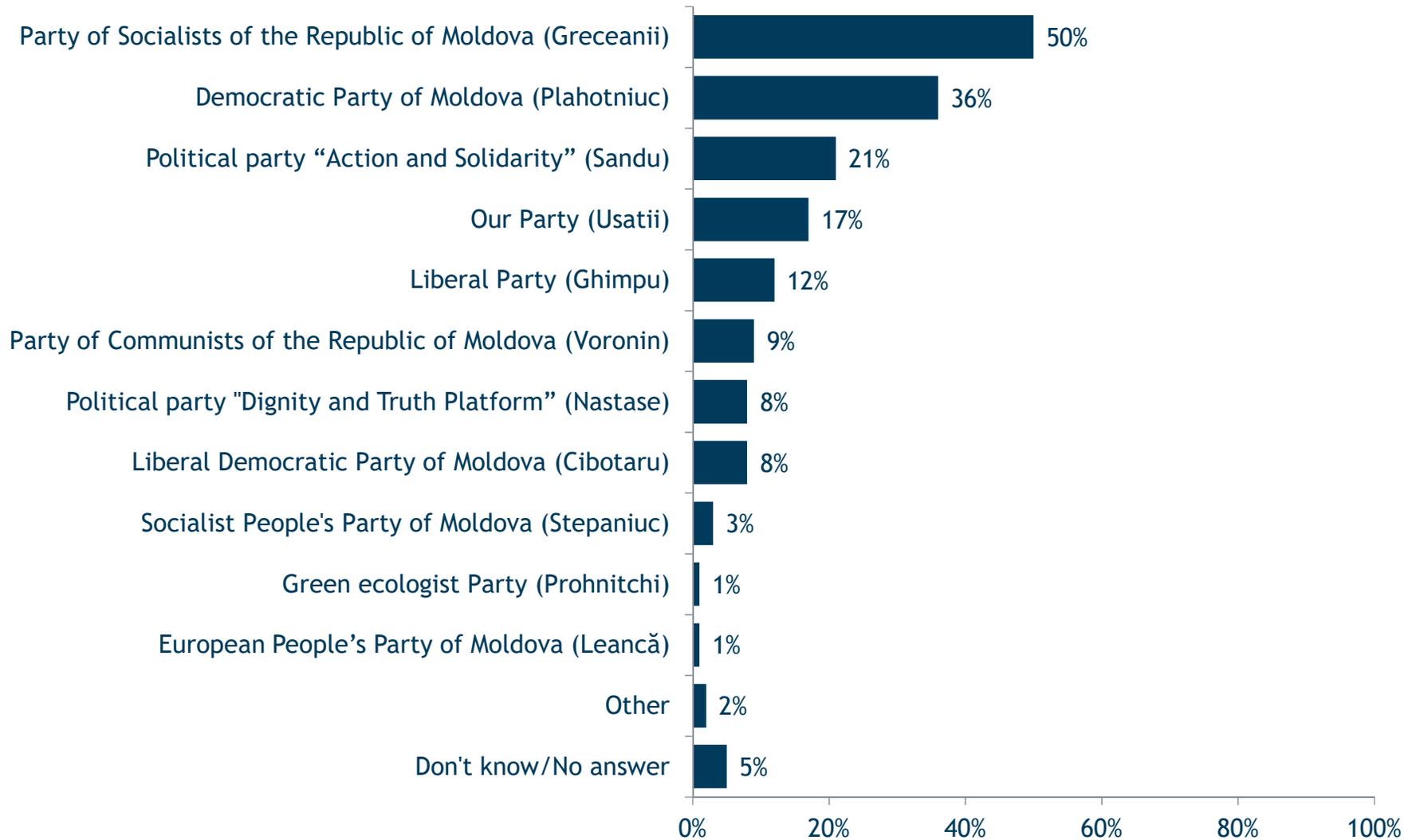


# Have you seen any political activists working in your area in the last 12 months?



# If so, which political party were the political activists in your area from?

(Respondents who have seen political activists working in their area: N=296)



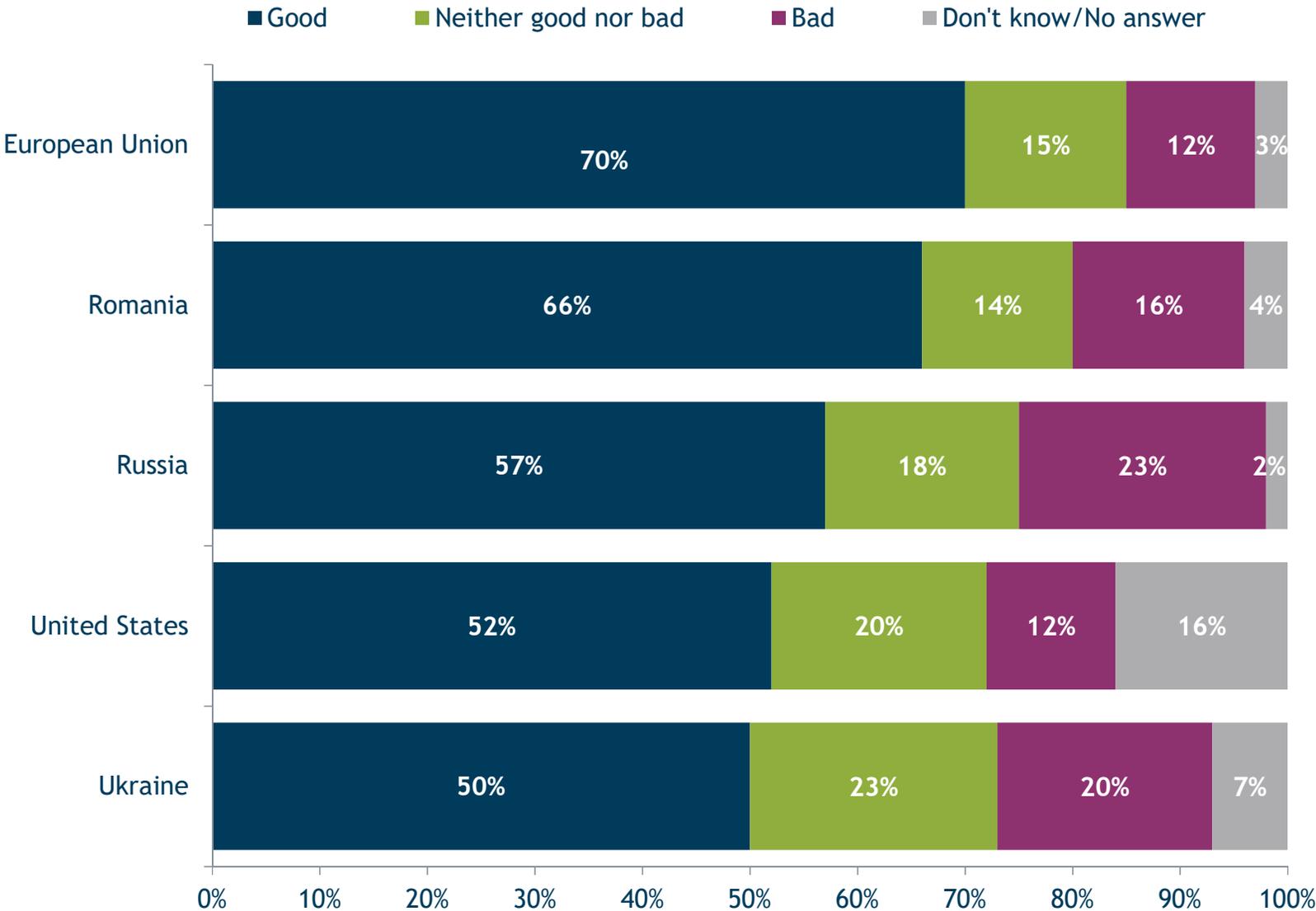


# International Relations

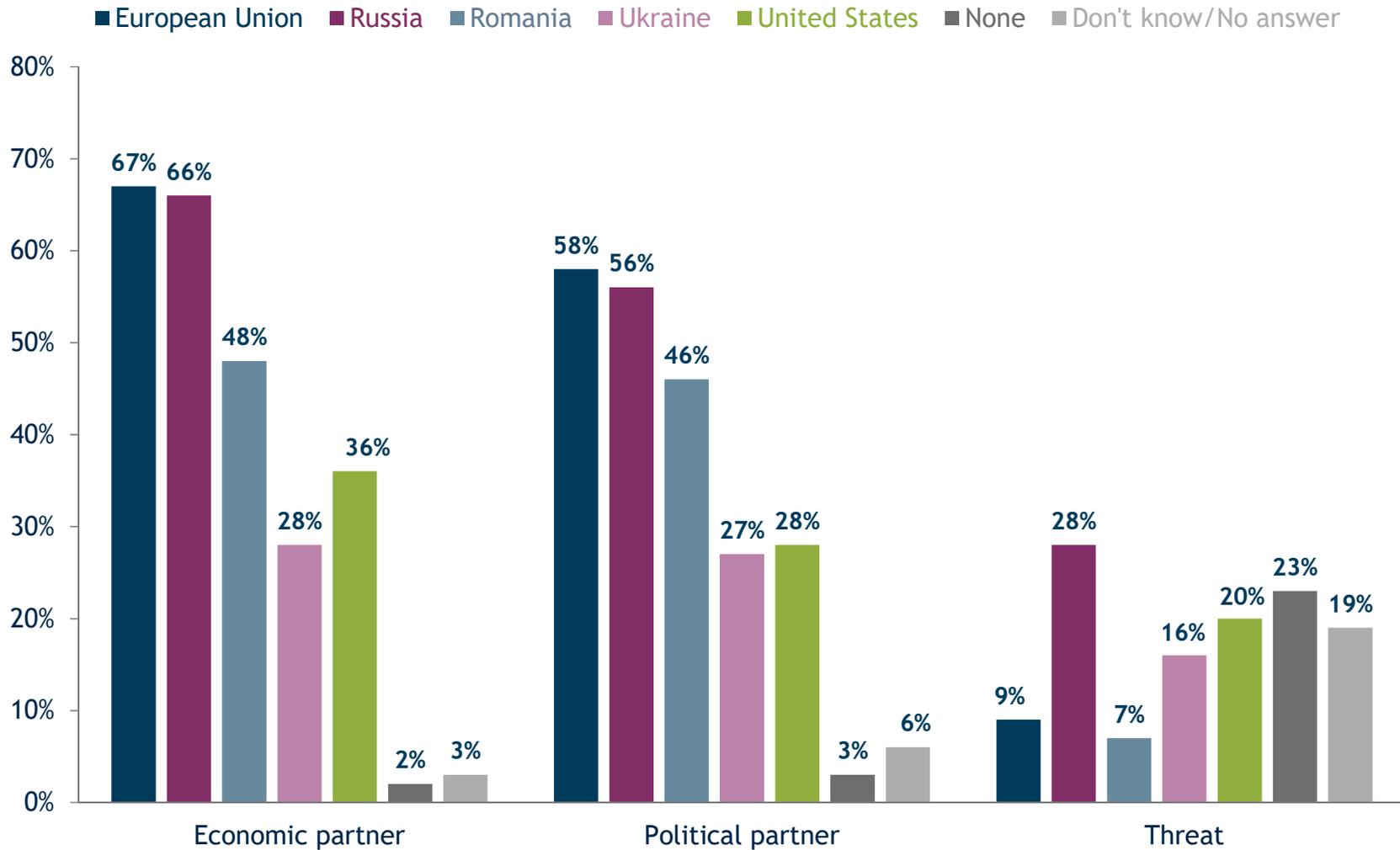


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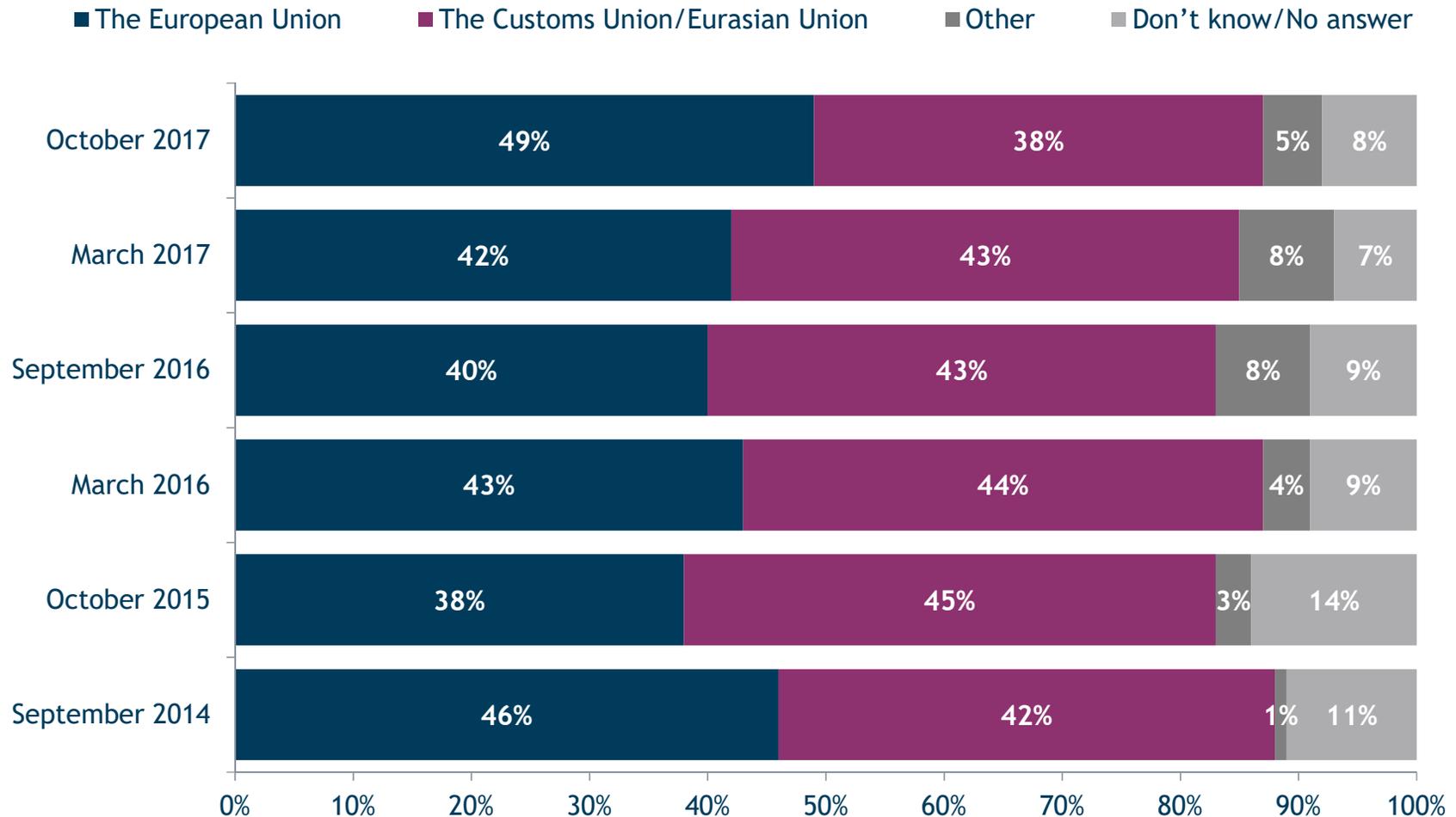
# How would you assess current relations between Moldova and each of the following countries?



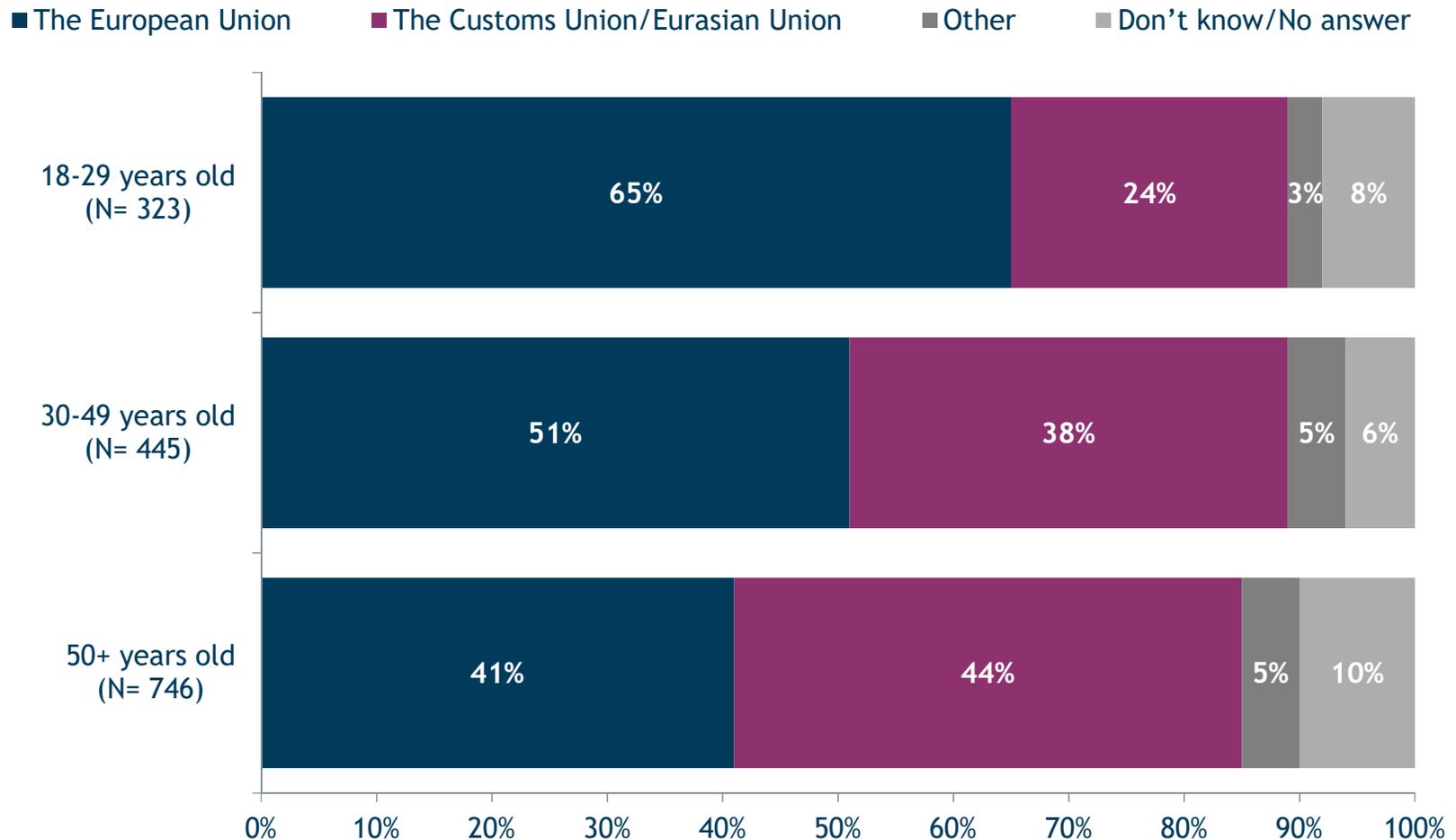
# Which of these countries do you consider to be the greatest economic partner, political partner and threat for Moldova?



# If Moldova could only join one international economic union, which one should it be?

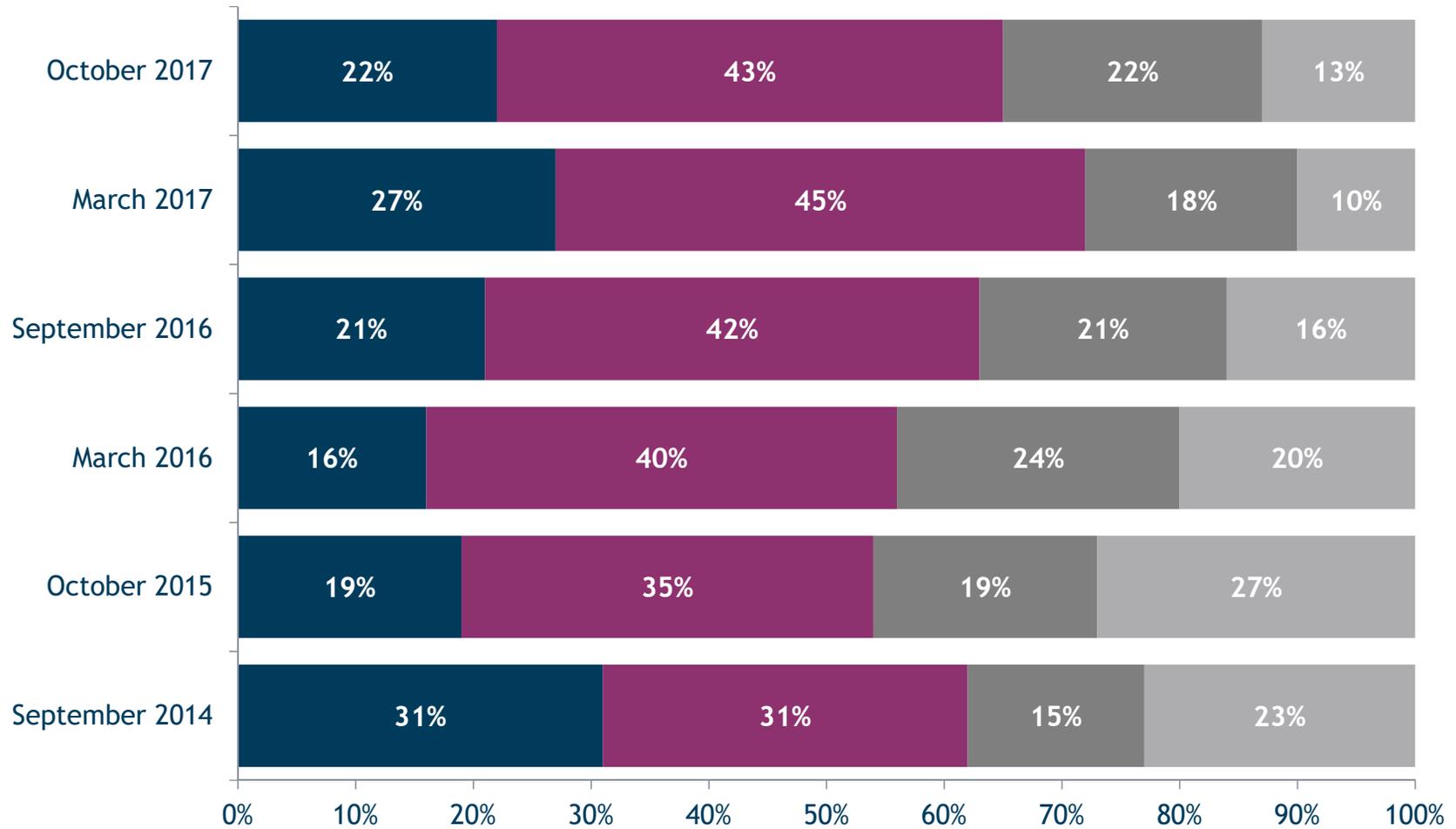


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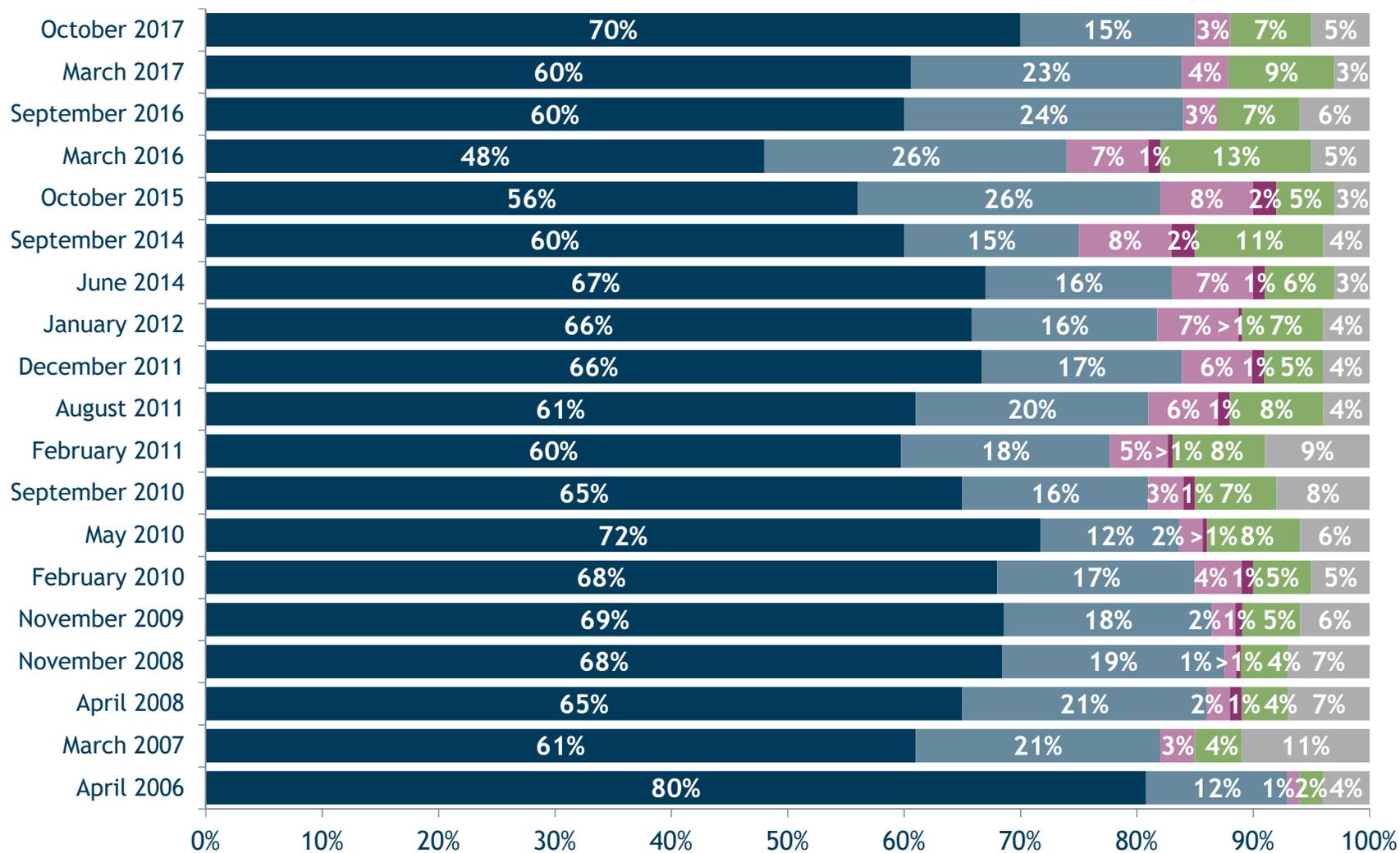
# If a referendum were held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?

■ For Moldova joining NATO ■ Against Moldova joining NATO ■ Would not vote ■ Don't know/No answer



# What do you think the future of Transnistria should be?

- An ordinary region of Moldova, without any autonomous status
- An autonomous entity within the state of Moldova
- A part of the Russian Federation
- A part of Ukraine
- Become independent
- Don't know/No answer





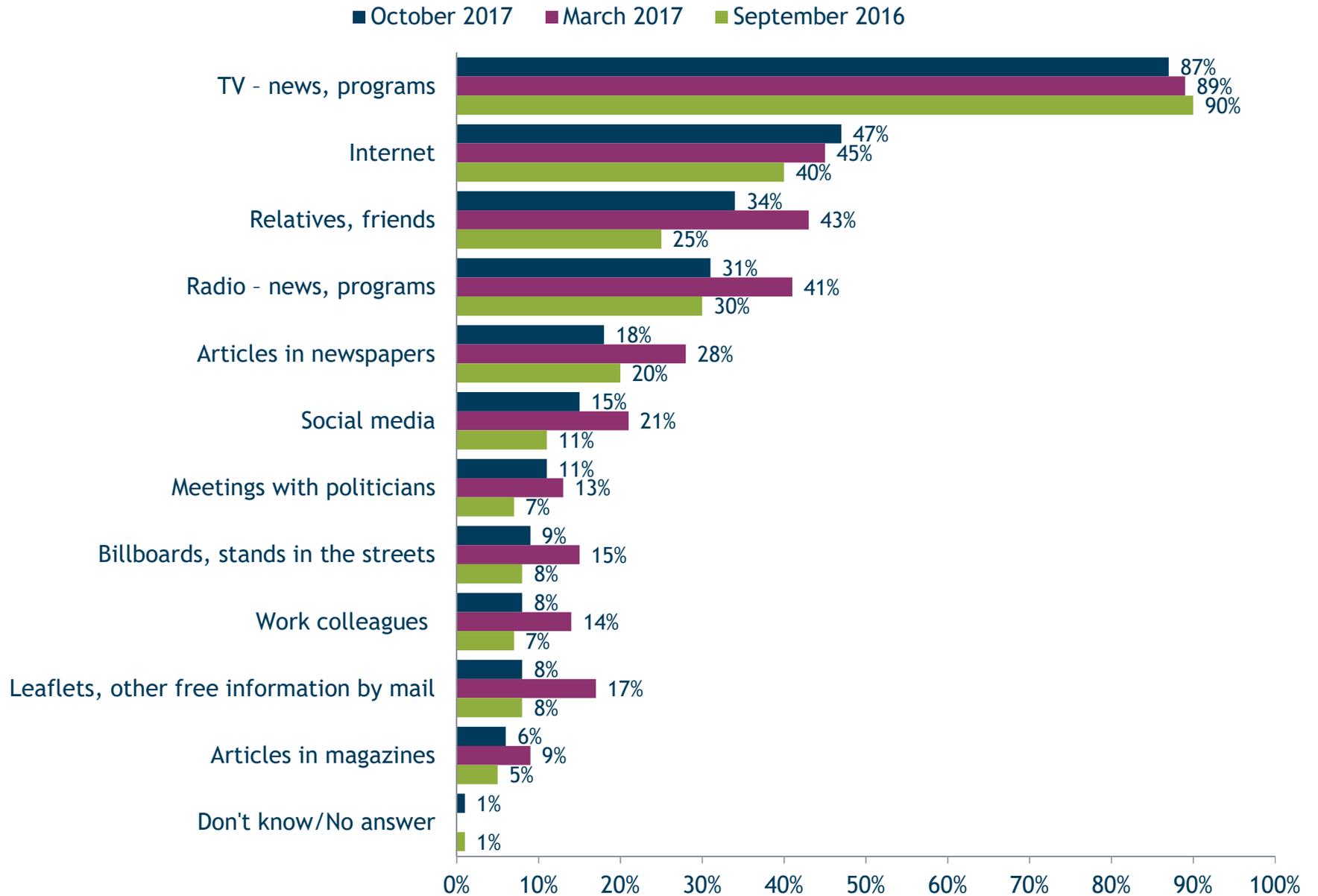
# Sources of Information



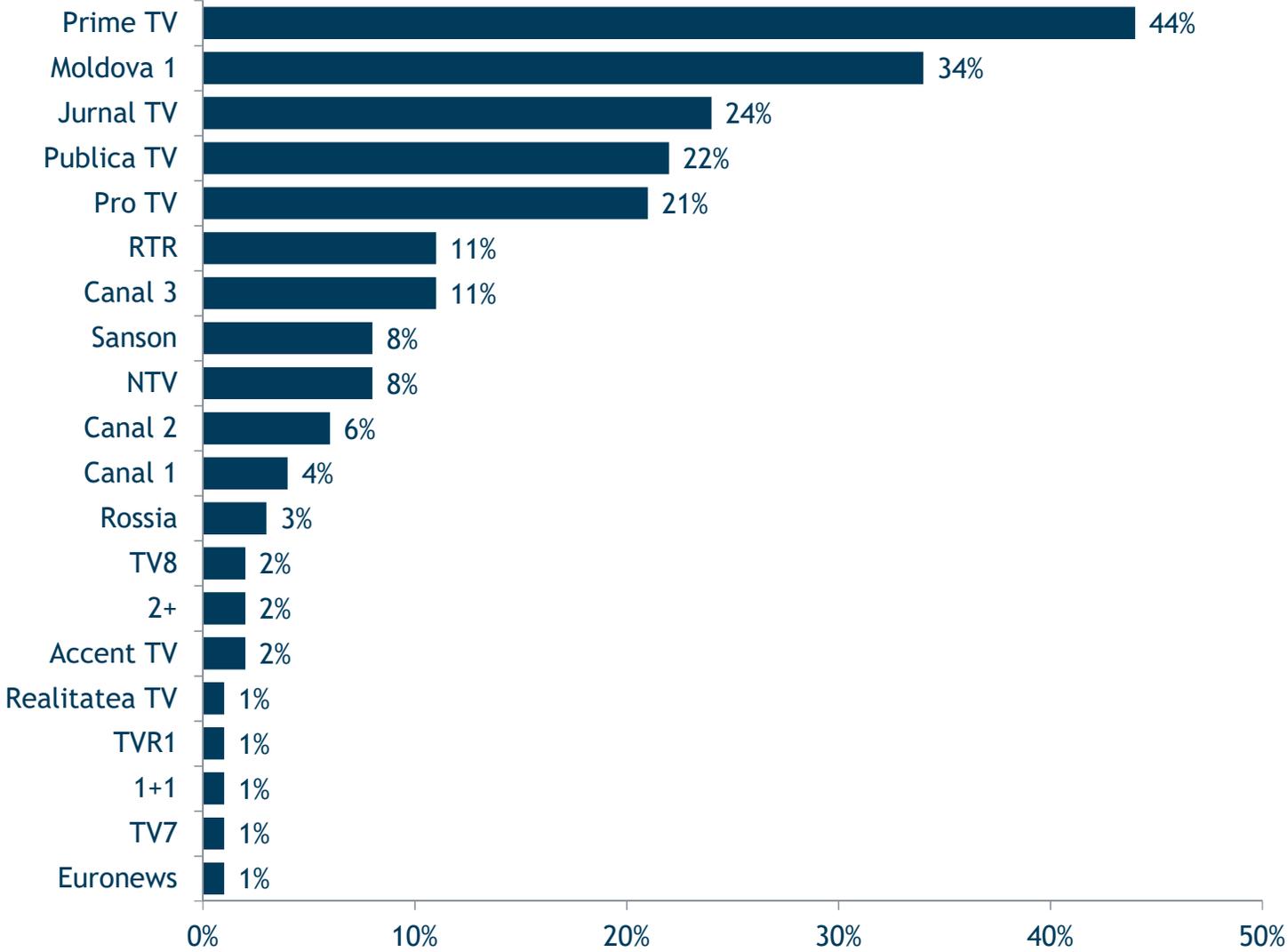
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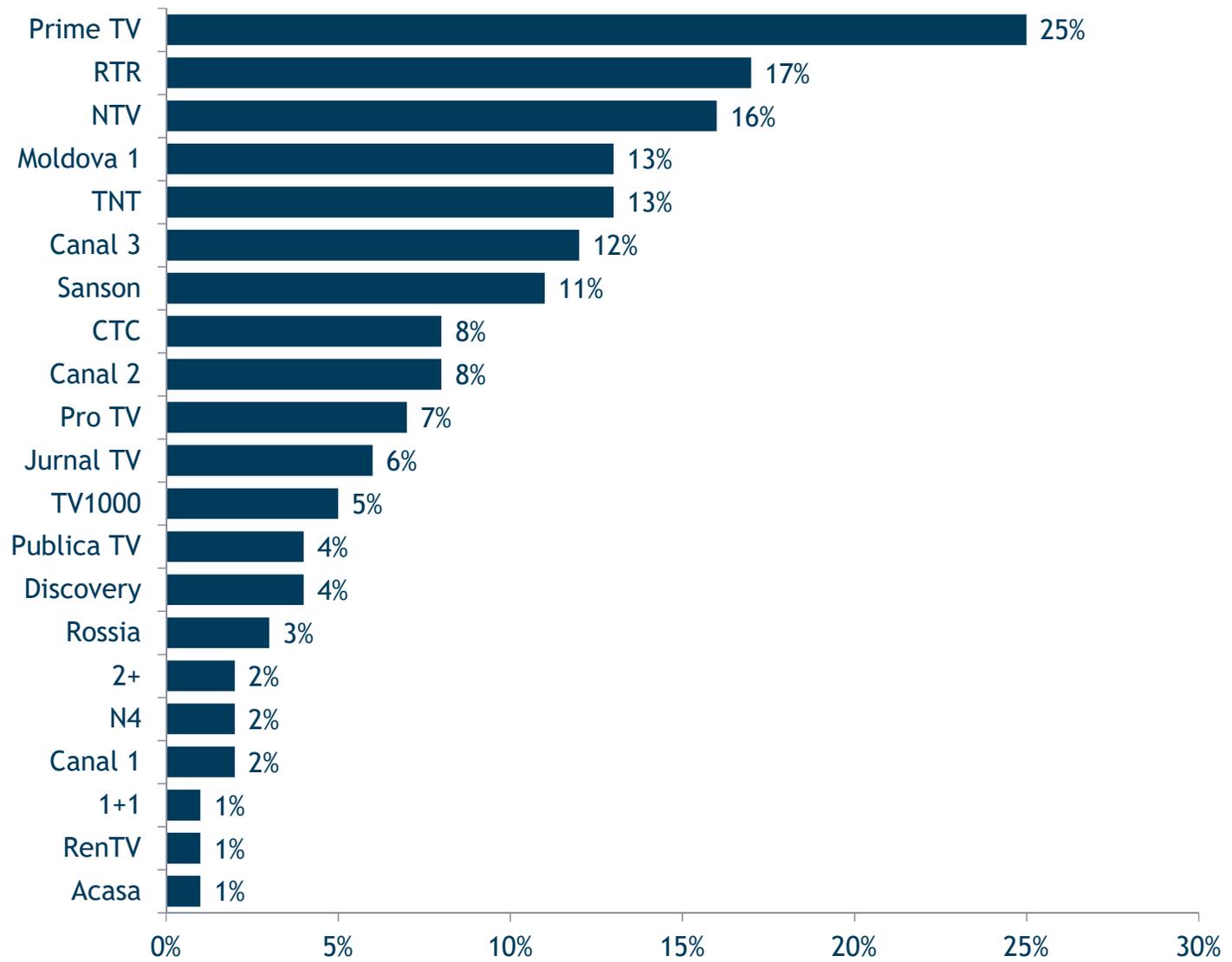
# Which of these sources do you use to gain political information?



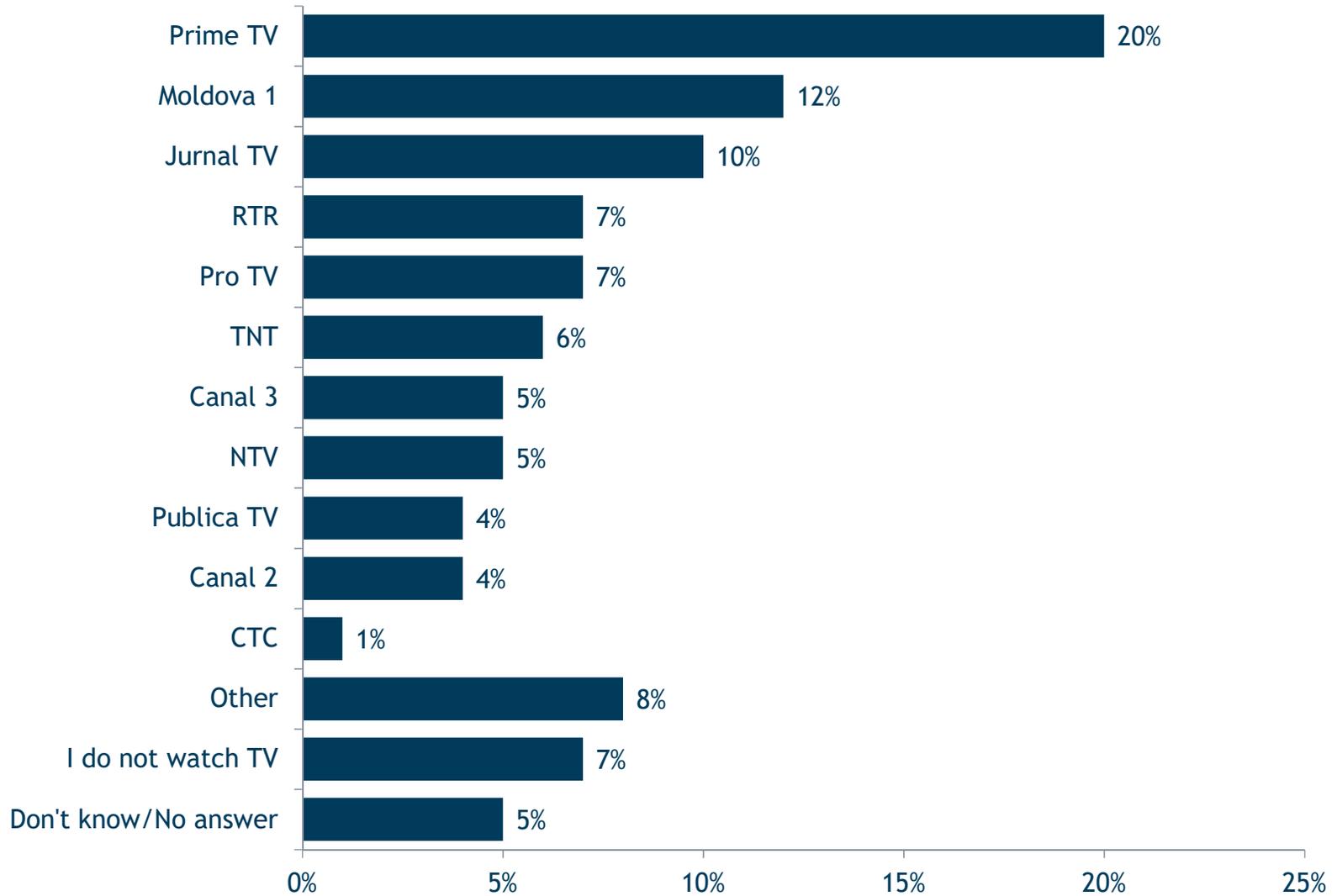
# Which television channels do you watch for political information? (TV channels mentioned at least by 1% of respondents)



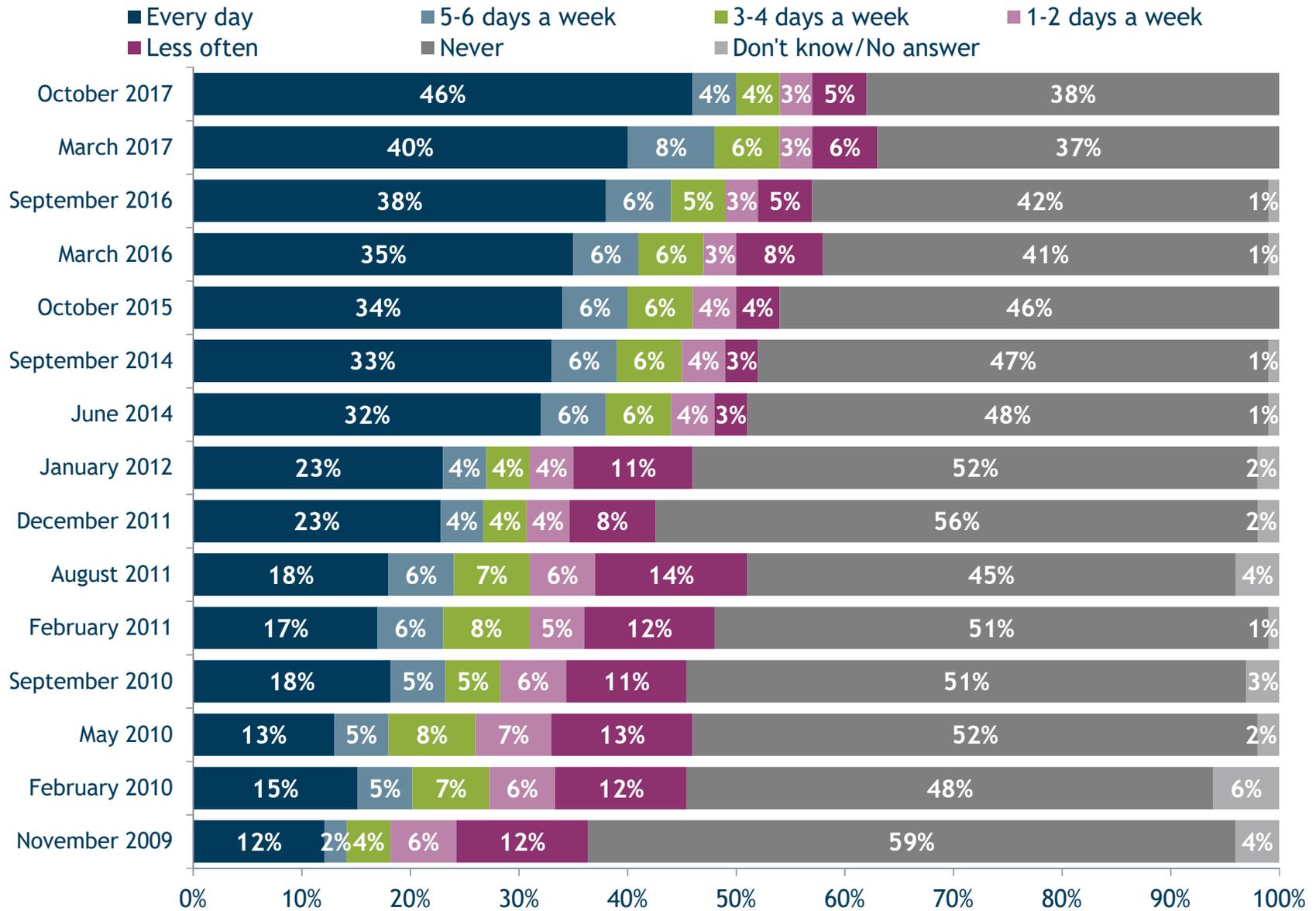
# Which television channels do you watch for entertainment? (TV channels mentioned at least by 1% of respondents)



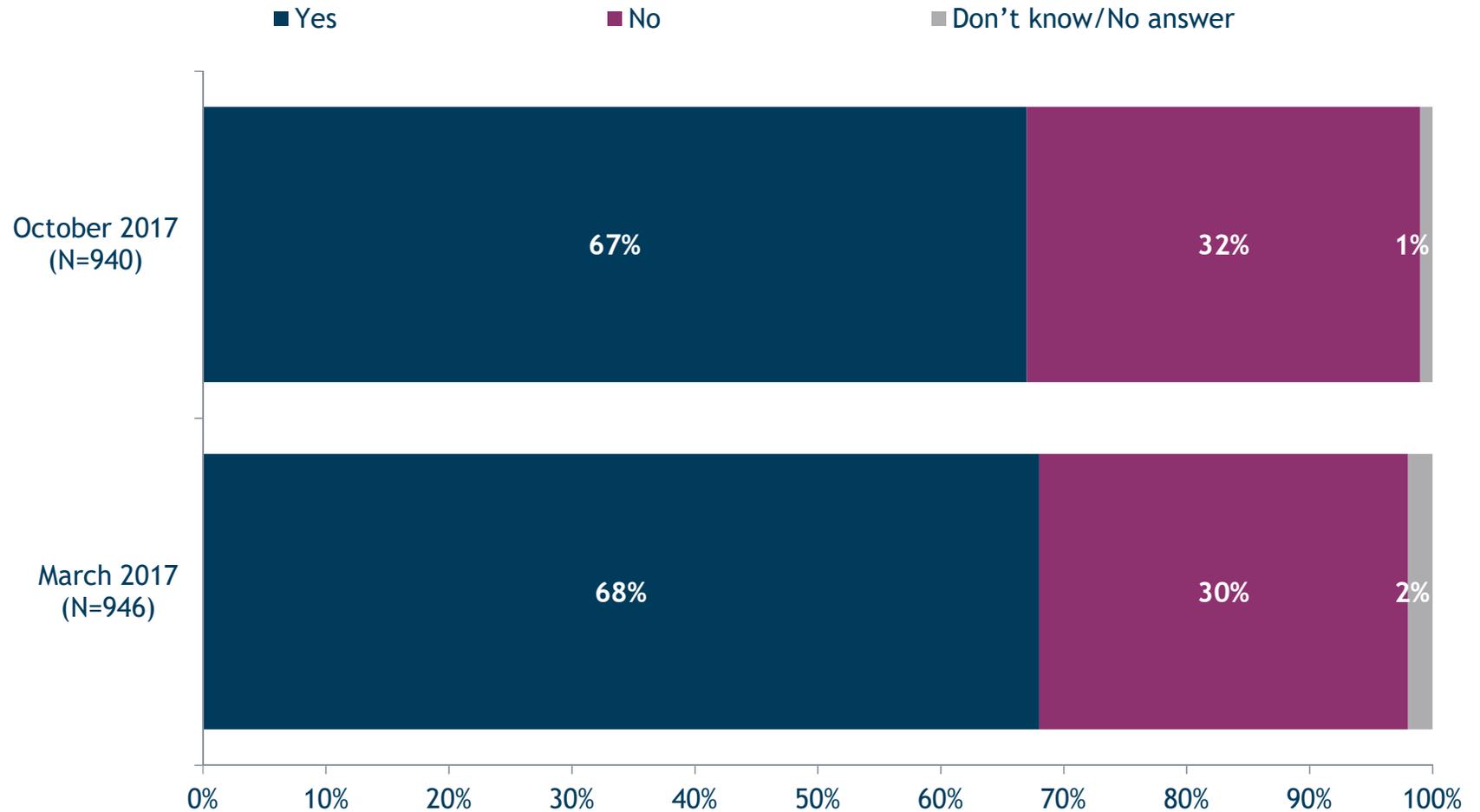
If you had to choose one, which of the following channels do you watch most of the time?



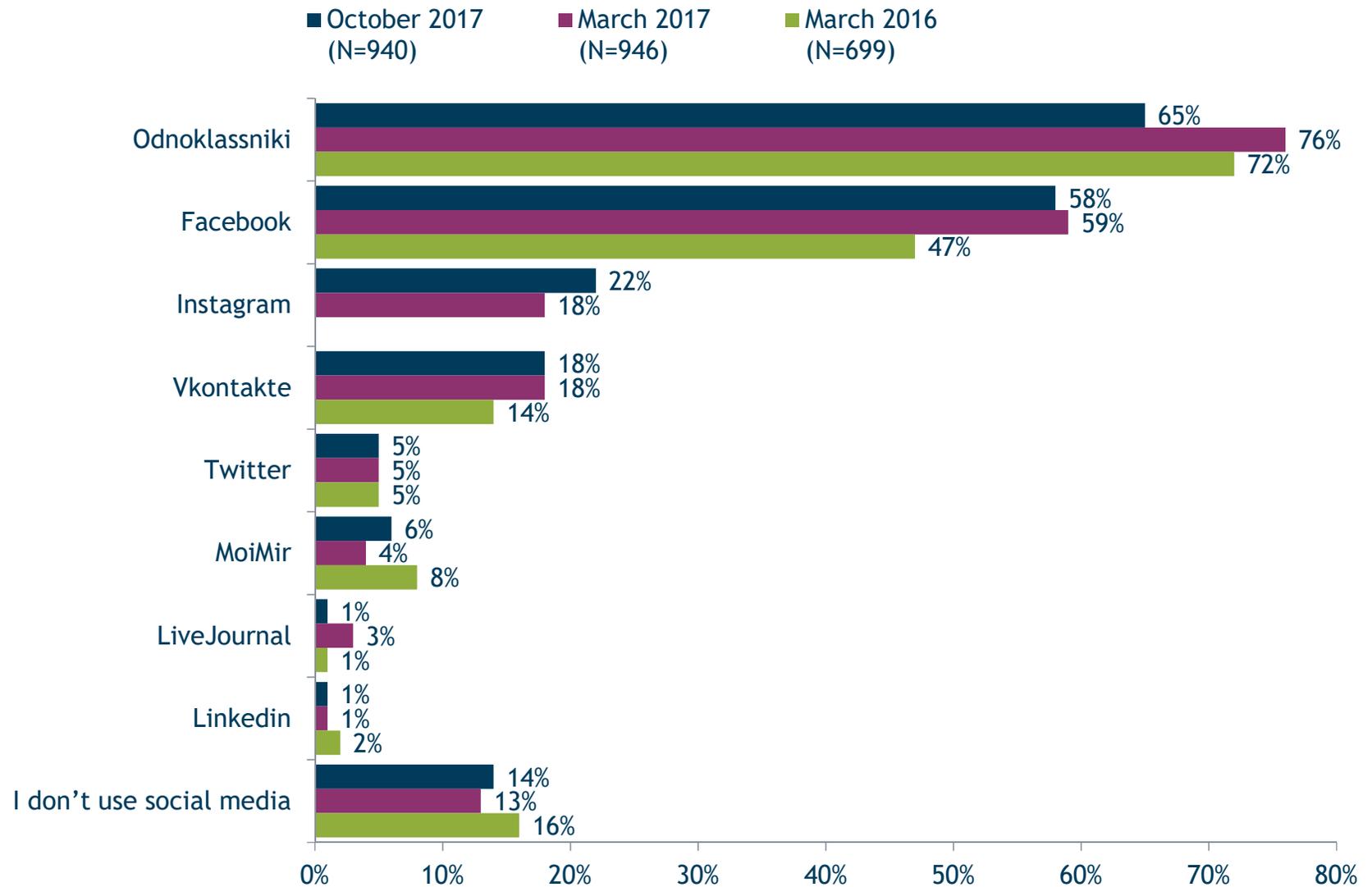
# How often do you use the internet?

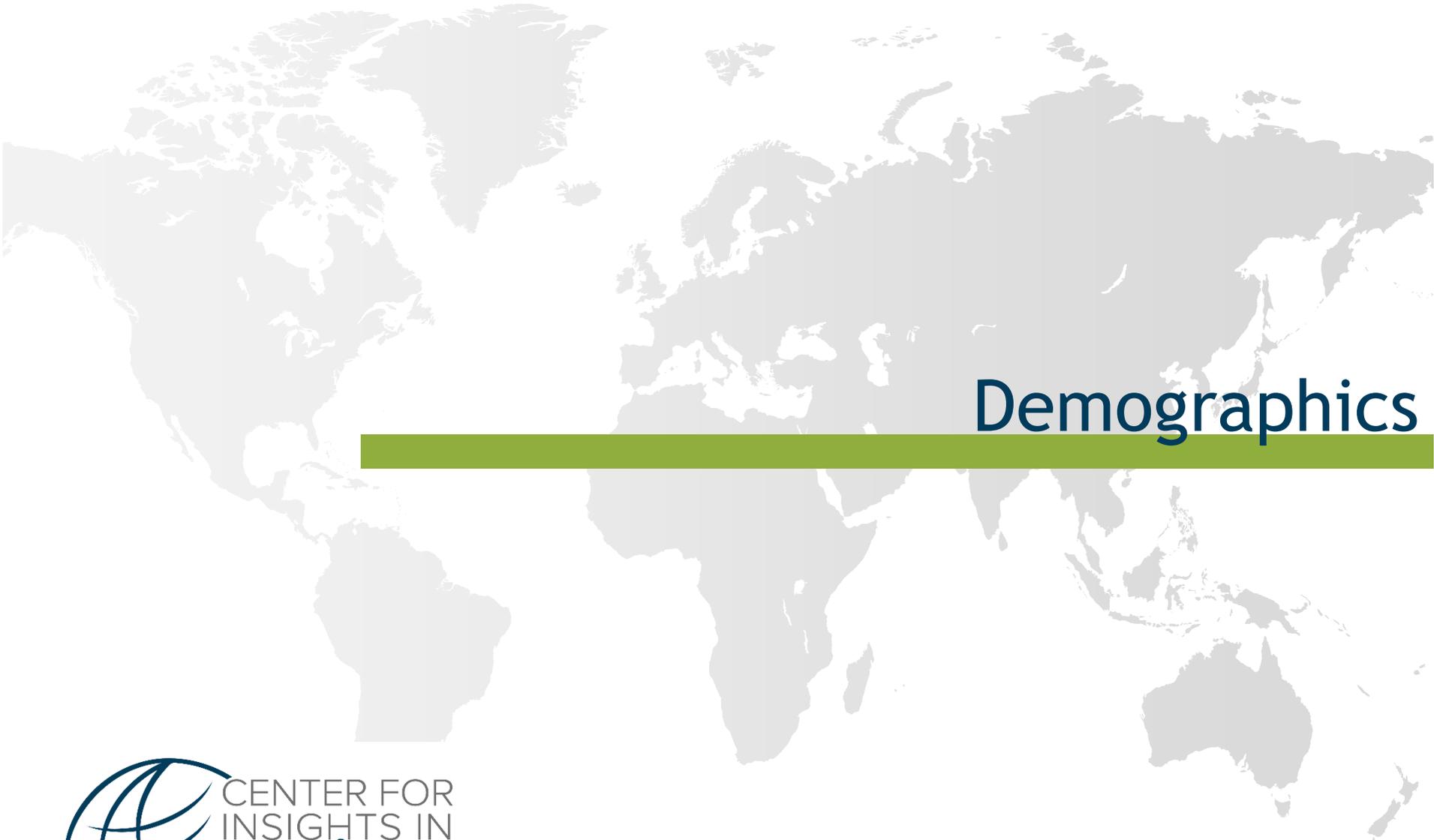


# Do you own a smart phone which can access the internet? (Respondents who use the internet)



## Do you use any of the following social media sites? (Respondents who use the internet)





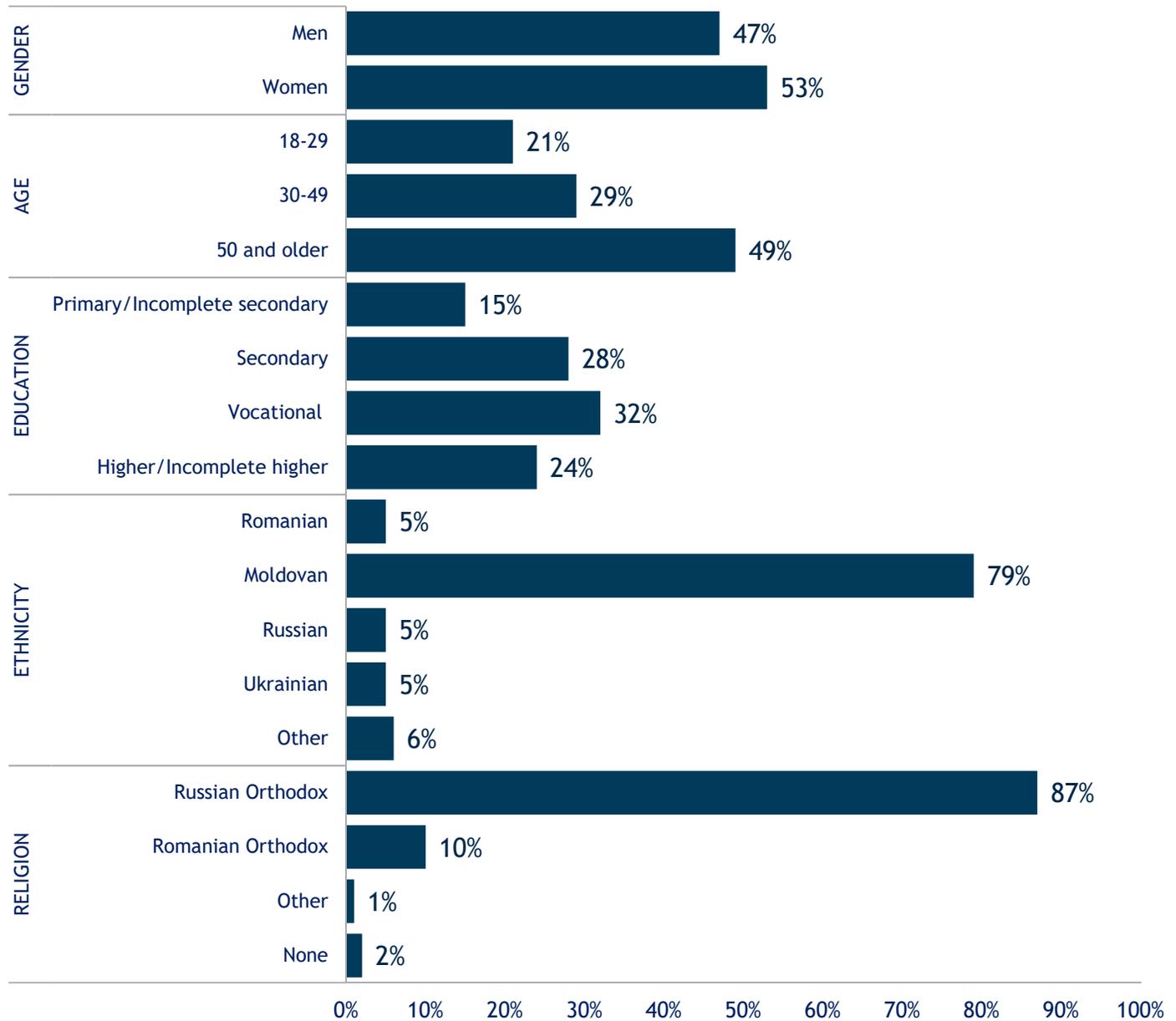
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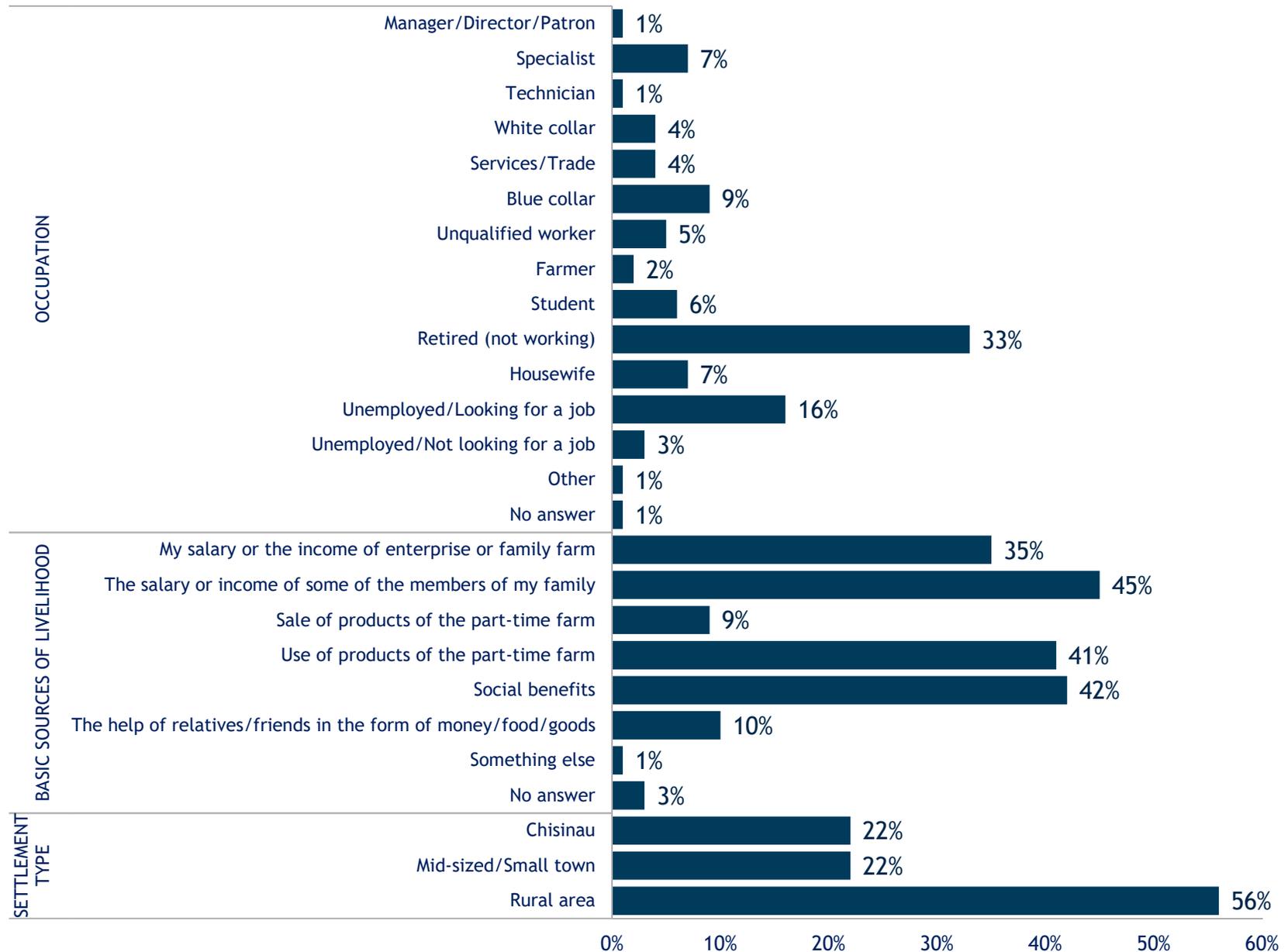
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