



Public Opinion Survey Residents of Kyrgyzstan

November 19 - December 2, 2017



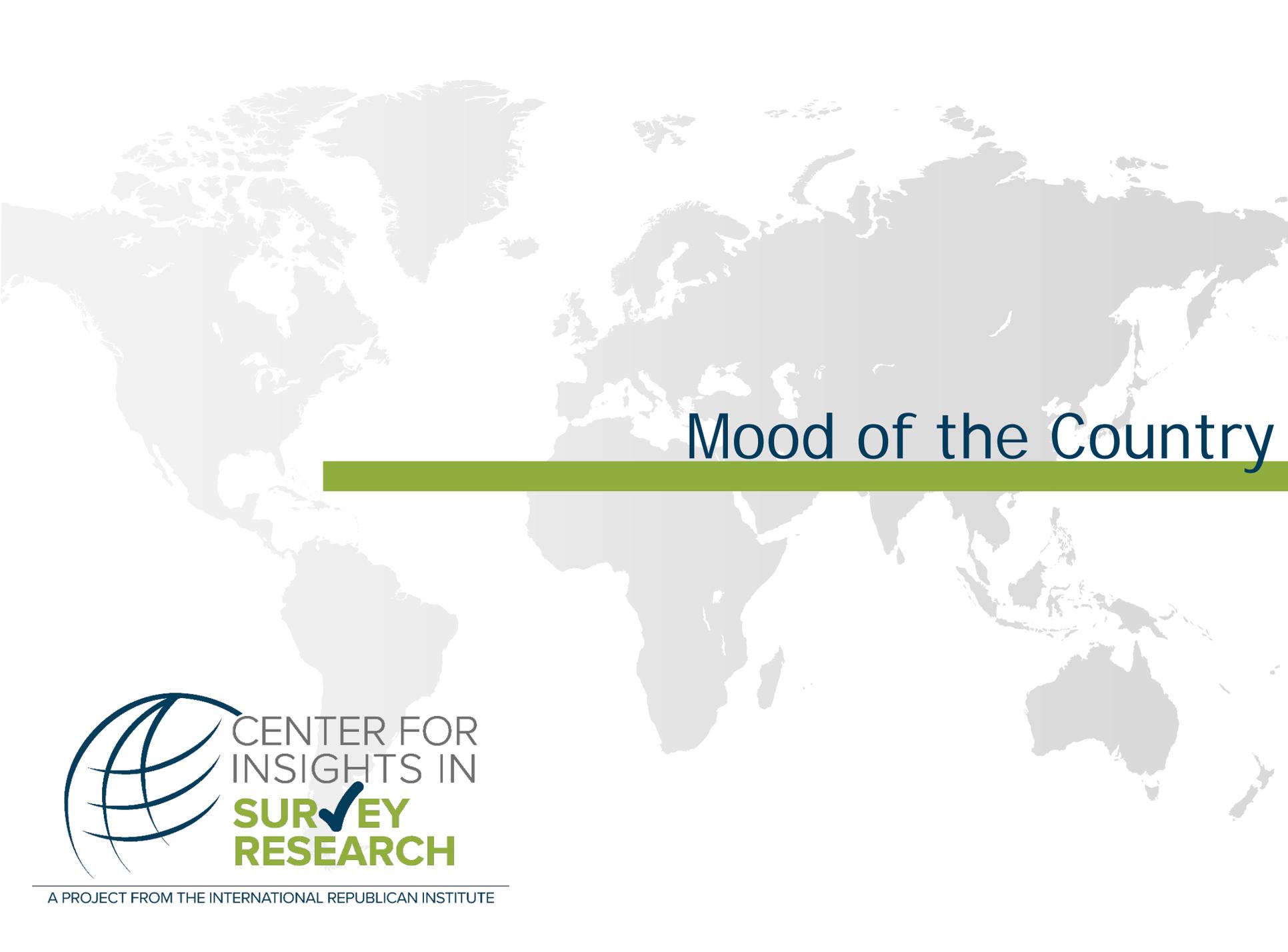
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Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted by [Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene](#) of the public and market research company Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#). The field work was carried out by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Kyrgyzstan from November 19 to December 2, 2017 through face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Kyrgyzstan aged 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, education, region and settlement size. Demographic profile differences from published census data are linked to migration patterns.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, employing the random route and Kish Method for respondents' selection procedures.
 - Stage one: All districts of Kyrgyzstan were grouped into seven regions plus Bishkek. Each region of Kyrgyzstan was surveyed.
 - Stage two: Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a particular type of the settlement in that region.
 - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent for the full sample.
- The response rate was 67 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Interviews were conducted in the Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek languages.
- This survey has been produced with the assistance of the European Union. The contents of this publication are the sole responsibility of the Center for Insights in Survey Research at the International Republican Institute and can under no circumstances be regarded as reflecting the position of the European Union.

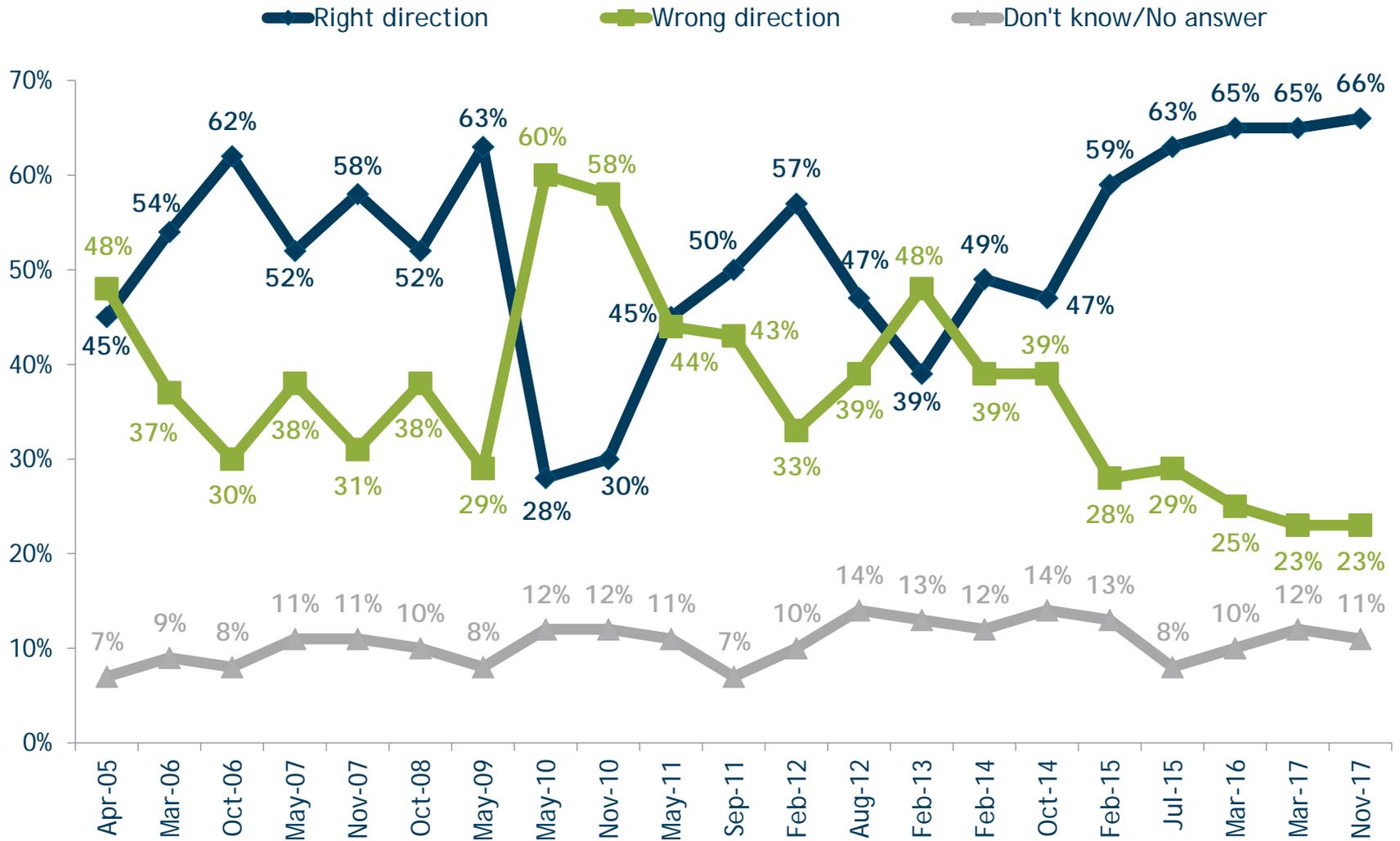


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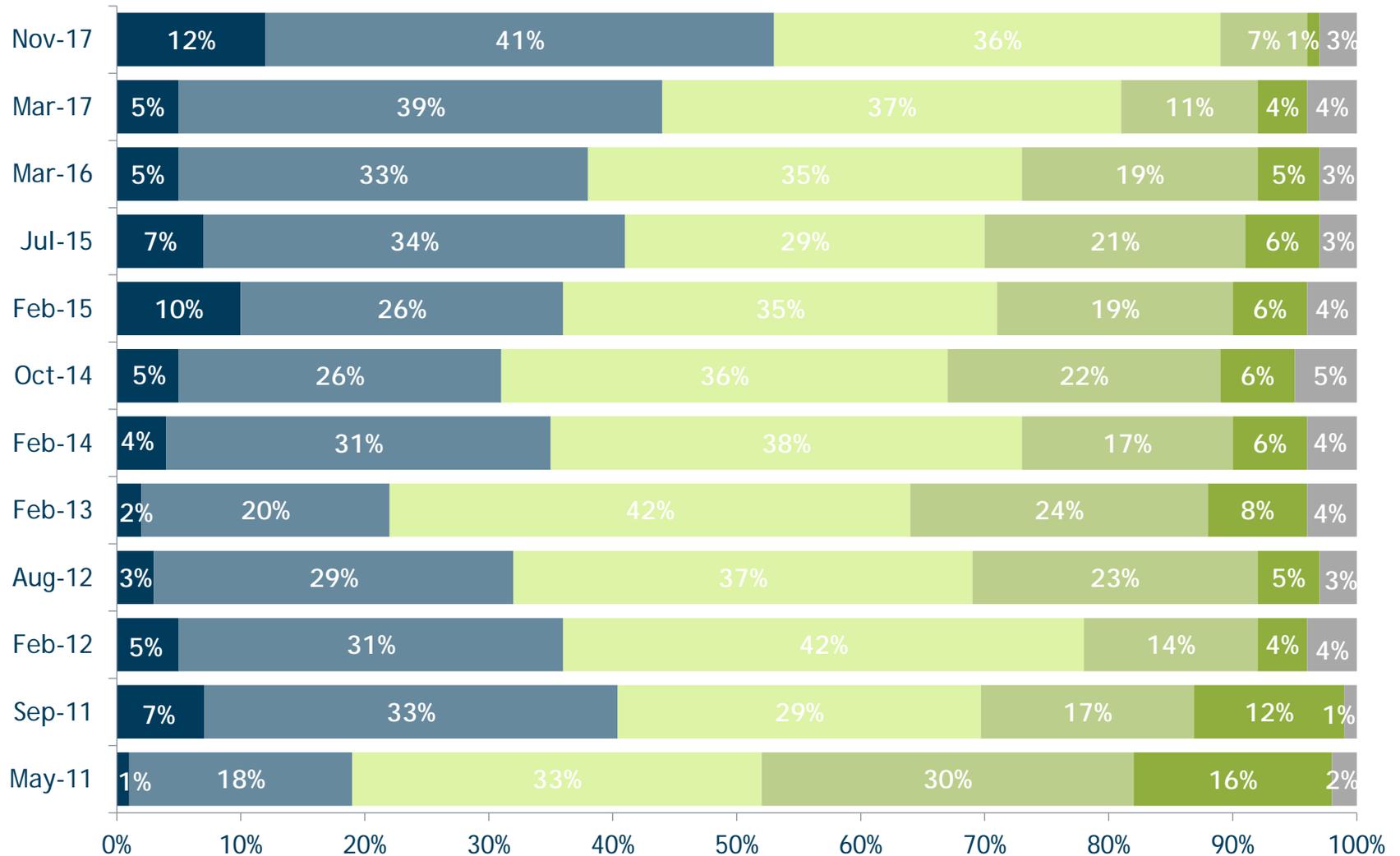
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Generally speaking, do you think that things in Kyrgyzstan are going in the right direction or wrong direction?



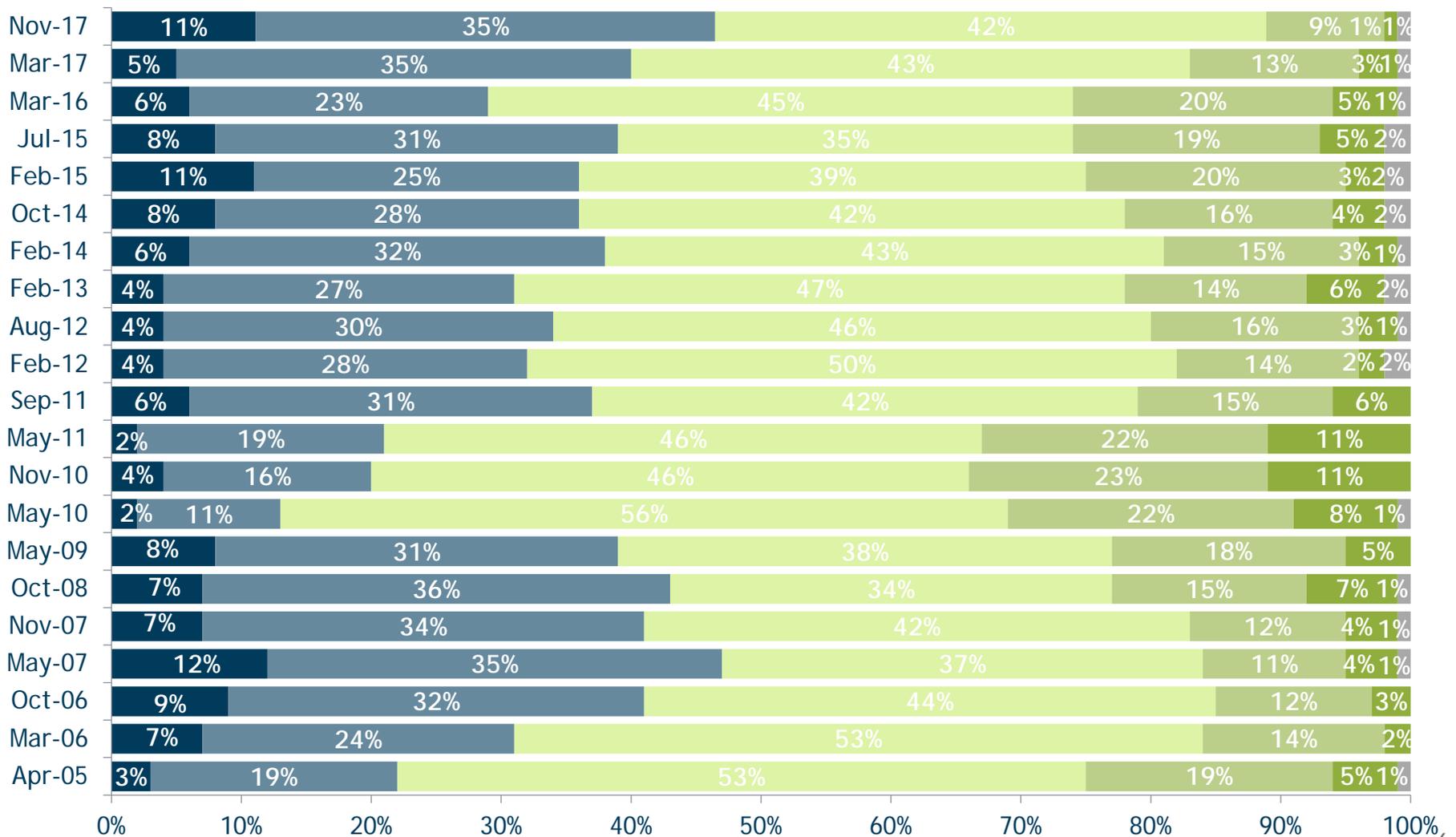
Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Kyrgyzstan changed?

■ Improved a lot
 ■ Improved somewhat
 ■ Stayed the same
 ■ Worsened somewhat
 ■ Worsened a lot
 ■ Don't know/No answer



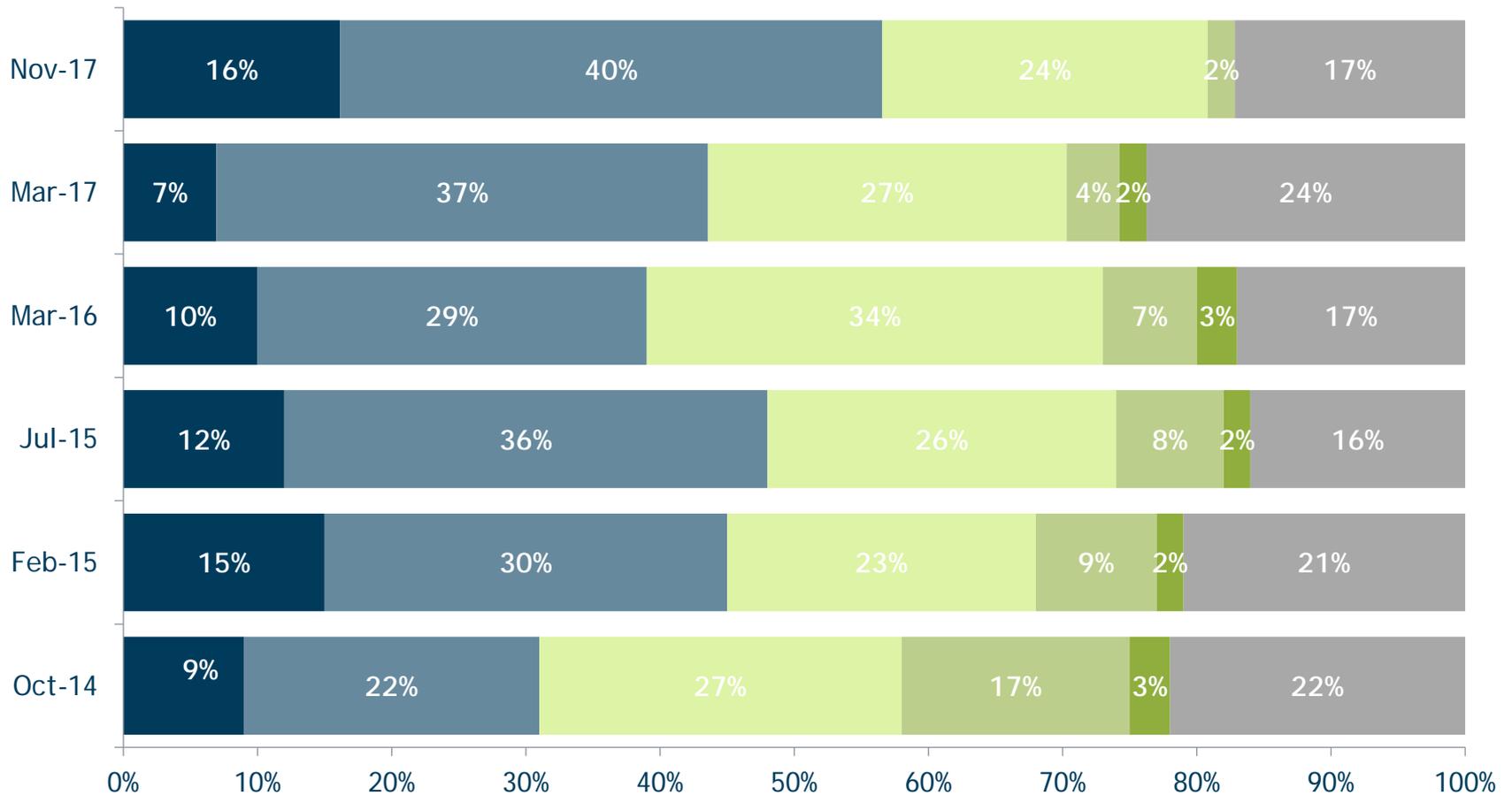
Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

■ Improved a lot
 ■ Improved somewhat
 ■ Stayed the same
 ■ Worsened somewhat
 ■ Worsened a lot
 ■ Don't know/No answer



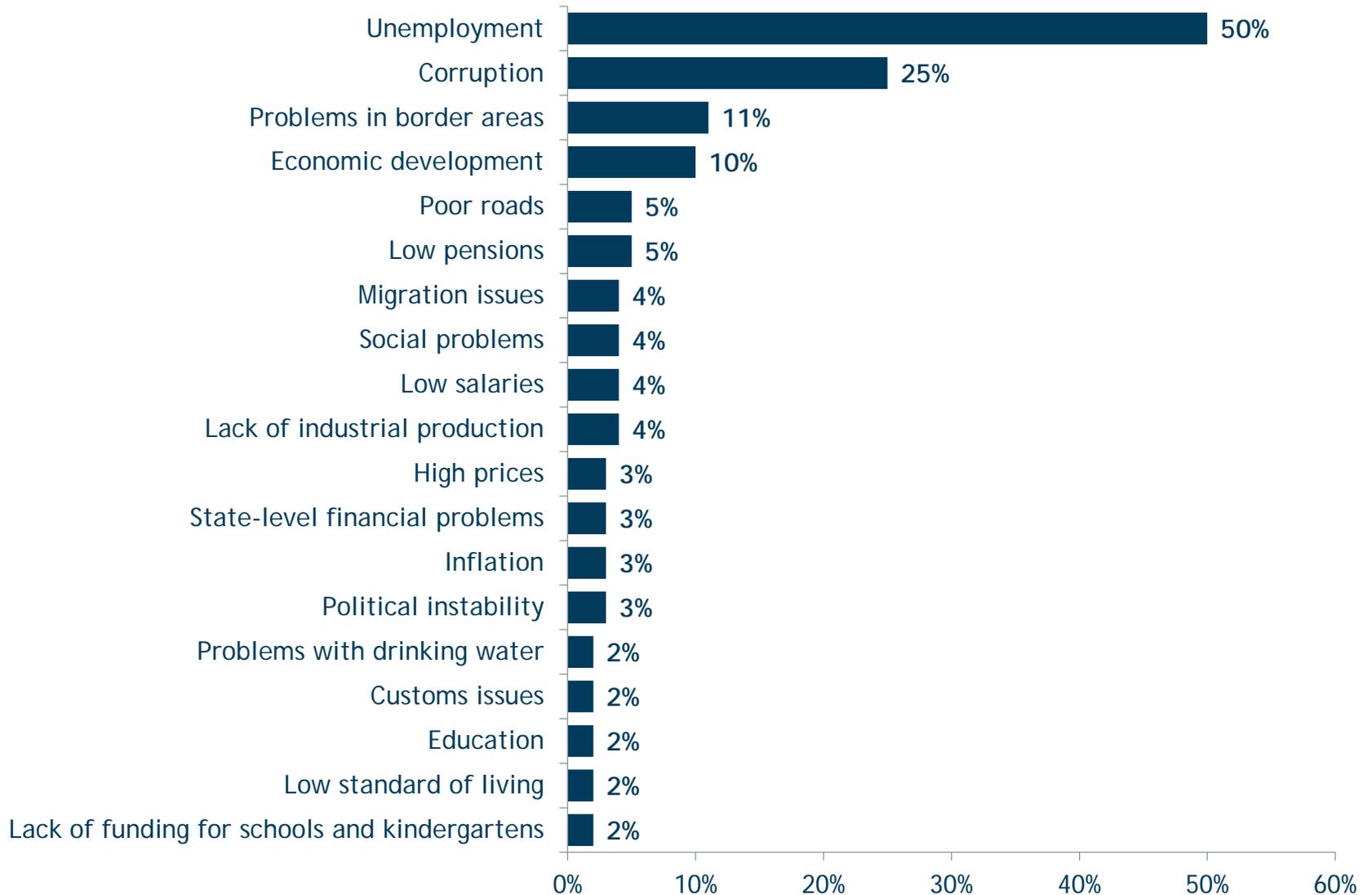
In your opinion, how will the economic situation in Kyrgyzstan change in the next year?

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



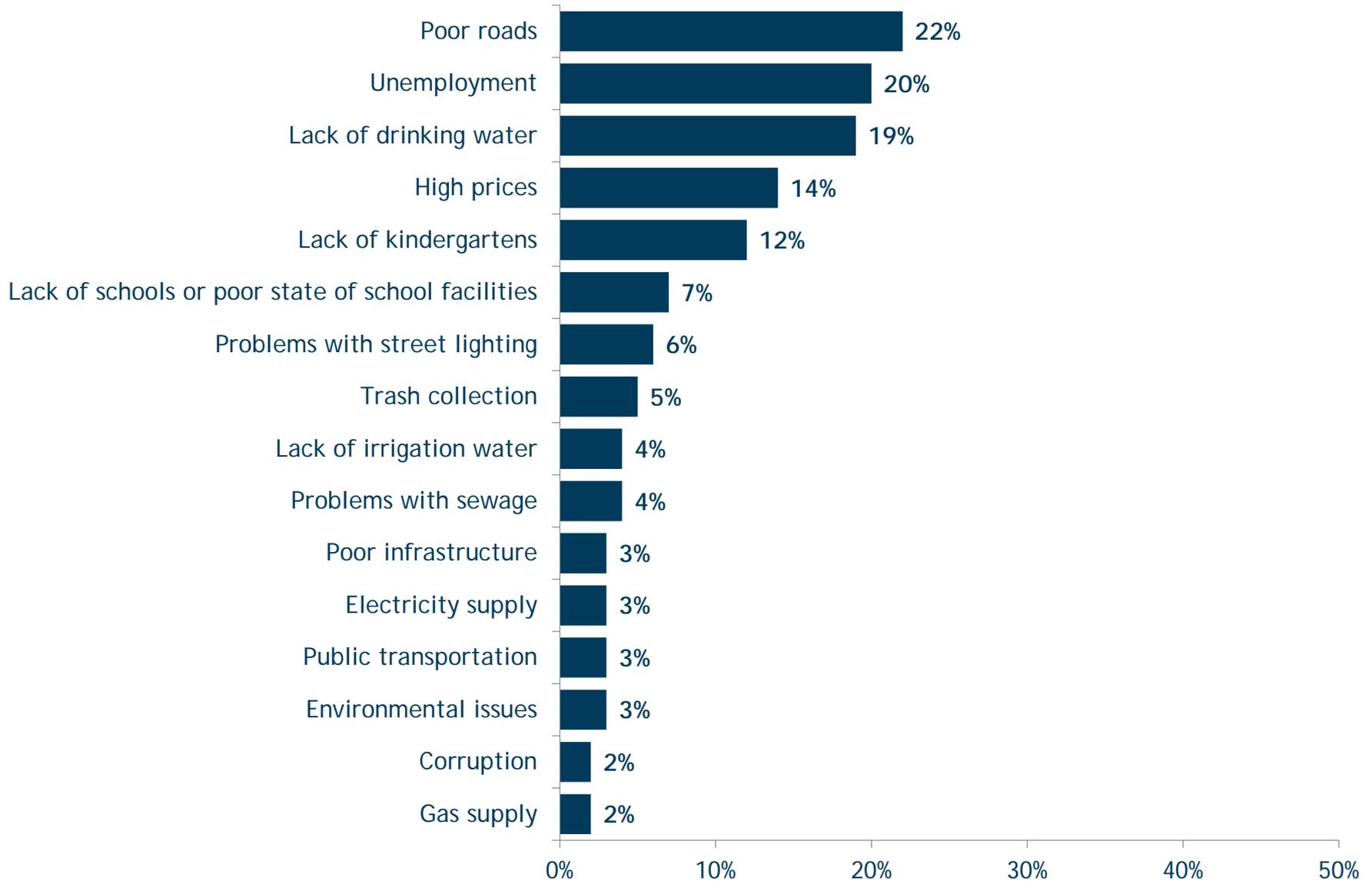
What are the most important problems that Kyrgyzstan is facing at the moment?

(Three spontaneous answers; shown are answers mentioned by 2% or more of respondents)



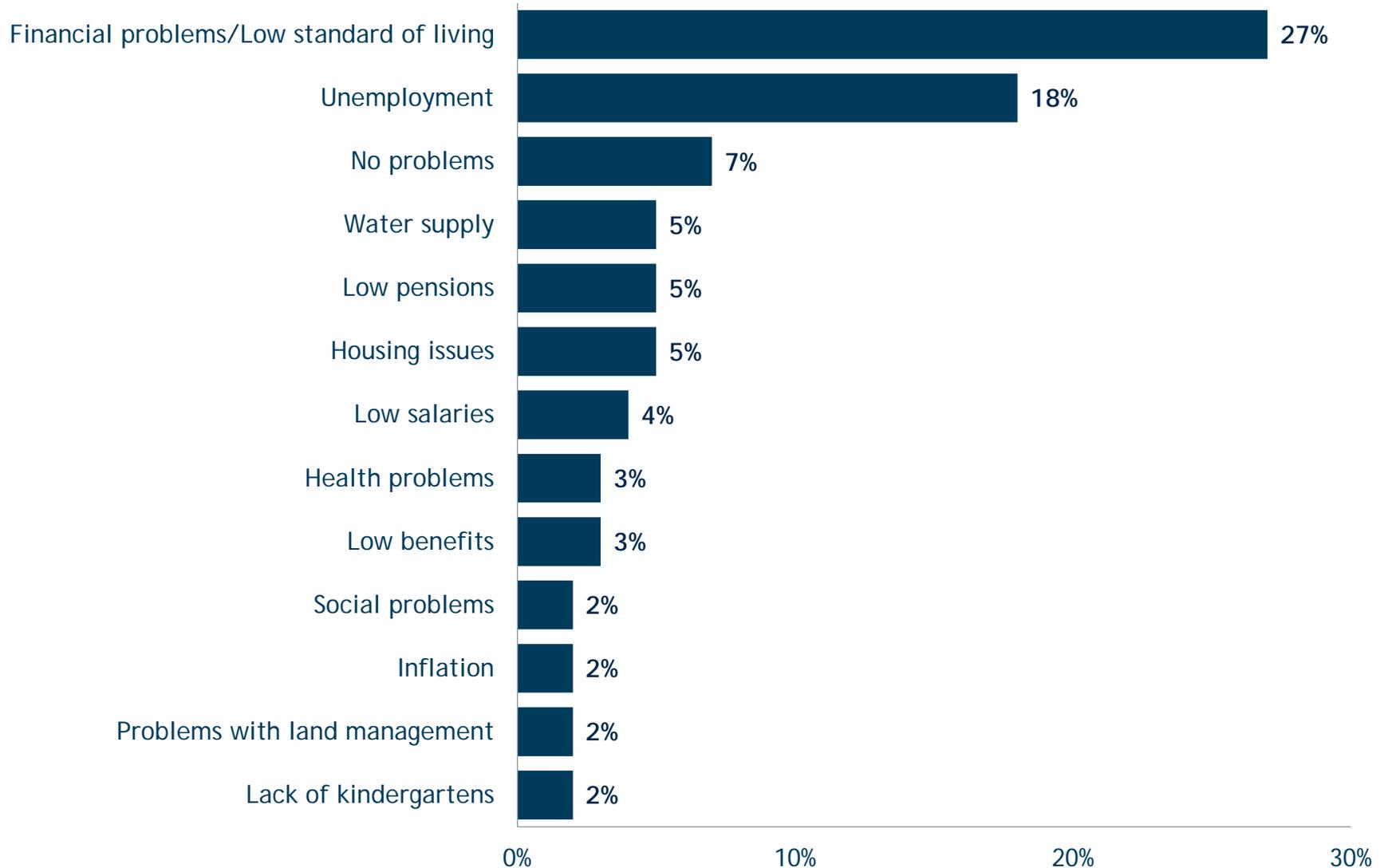
What are the most important problems your town/village is facing?

(Three spontaneous answers; shown are answers mentioned by 2% or more of respondents)

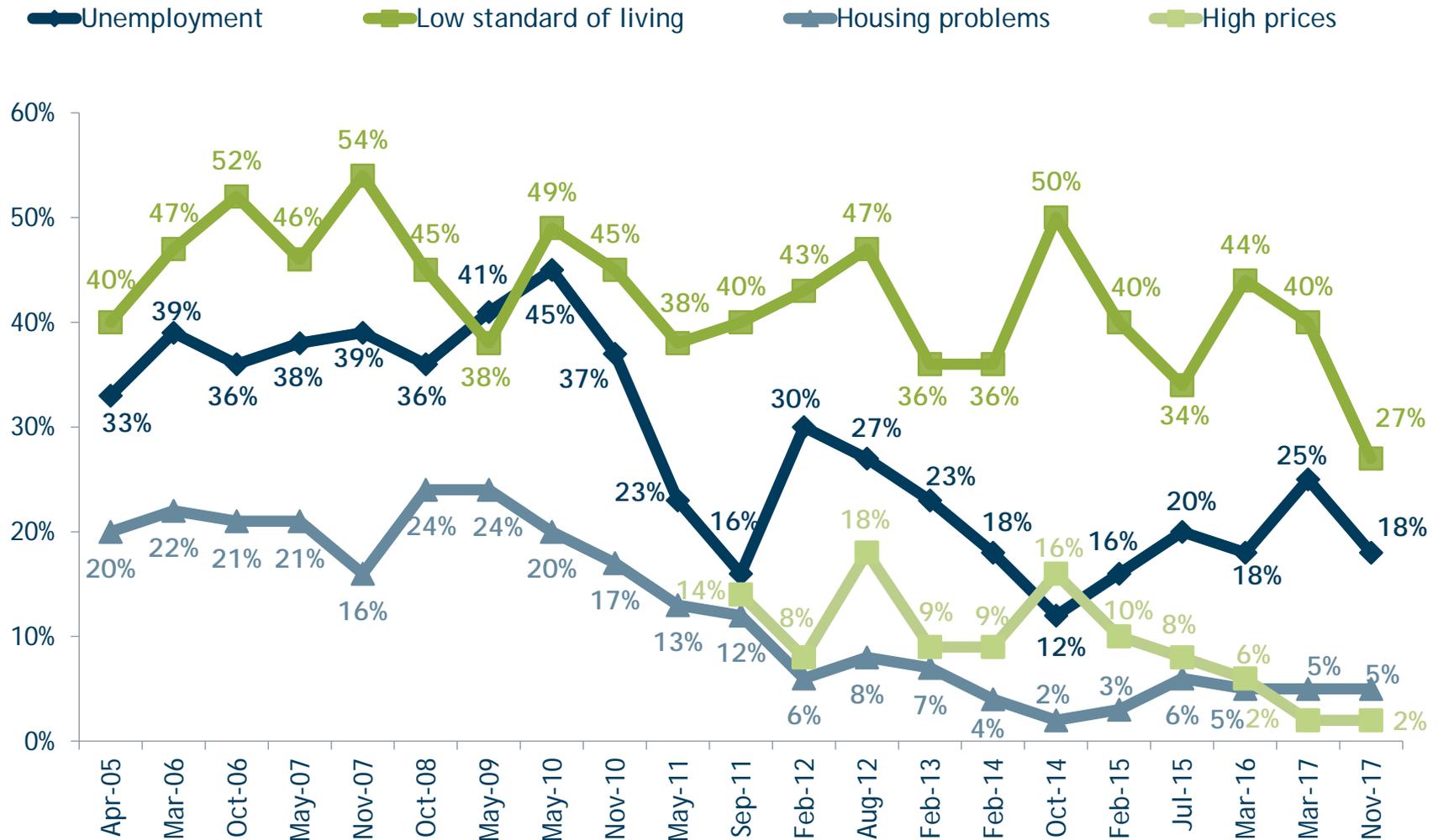


What are the most important problems facing you and your household?

(Three spontaneous answers; shown are answers mentioned by 2% or more of respondents)

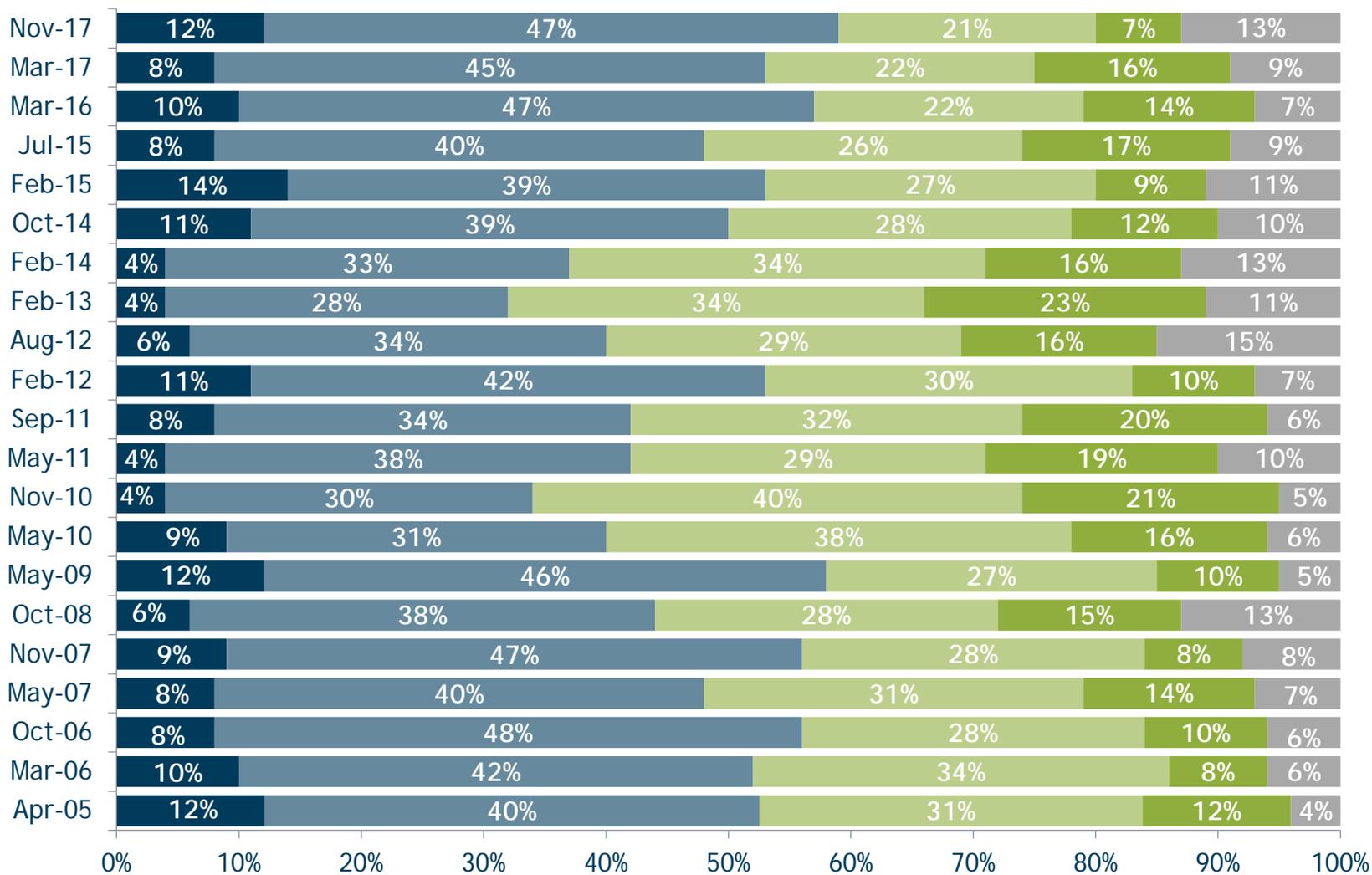


What are the most important problems facing your household? (Three spontaneous answers)

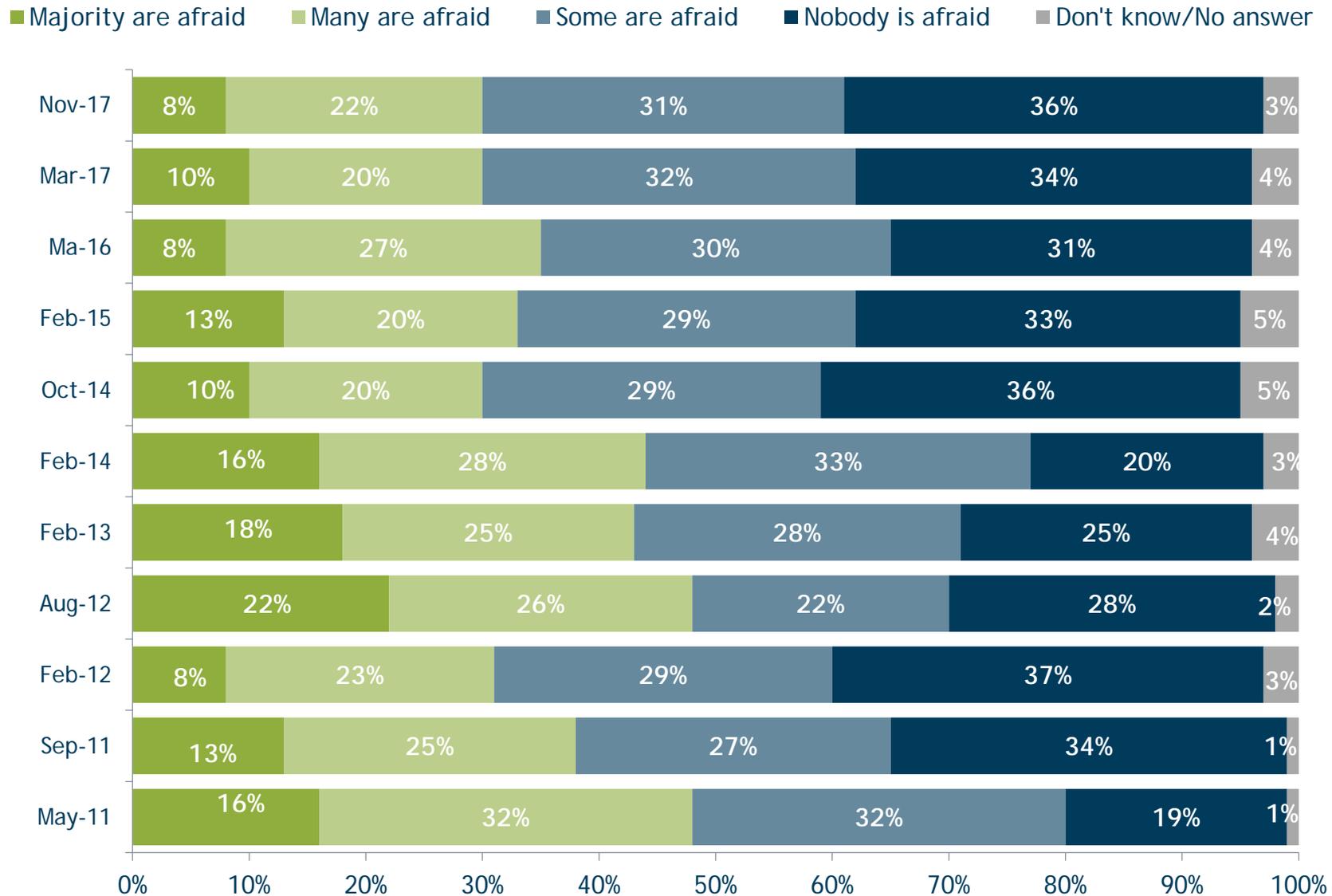


How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Kyrgyzstan?

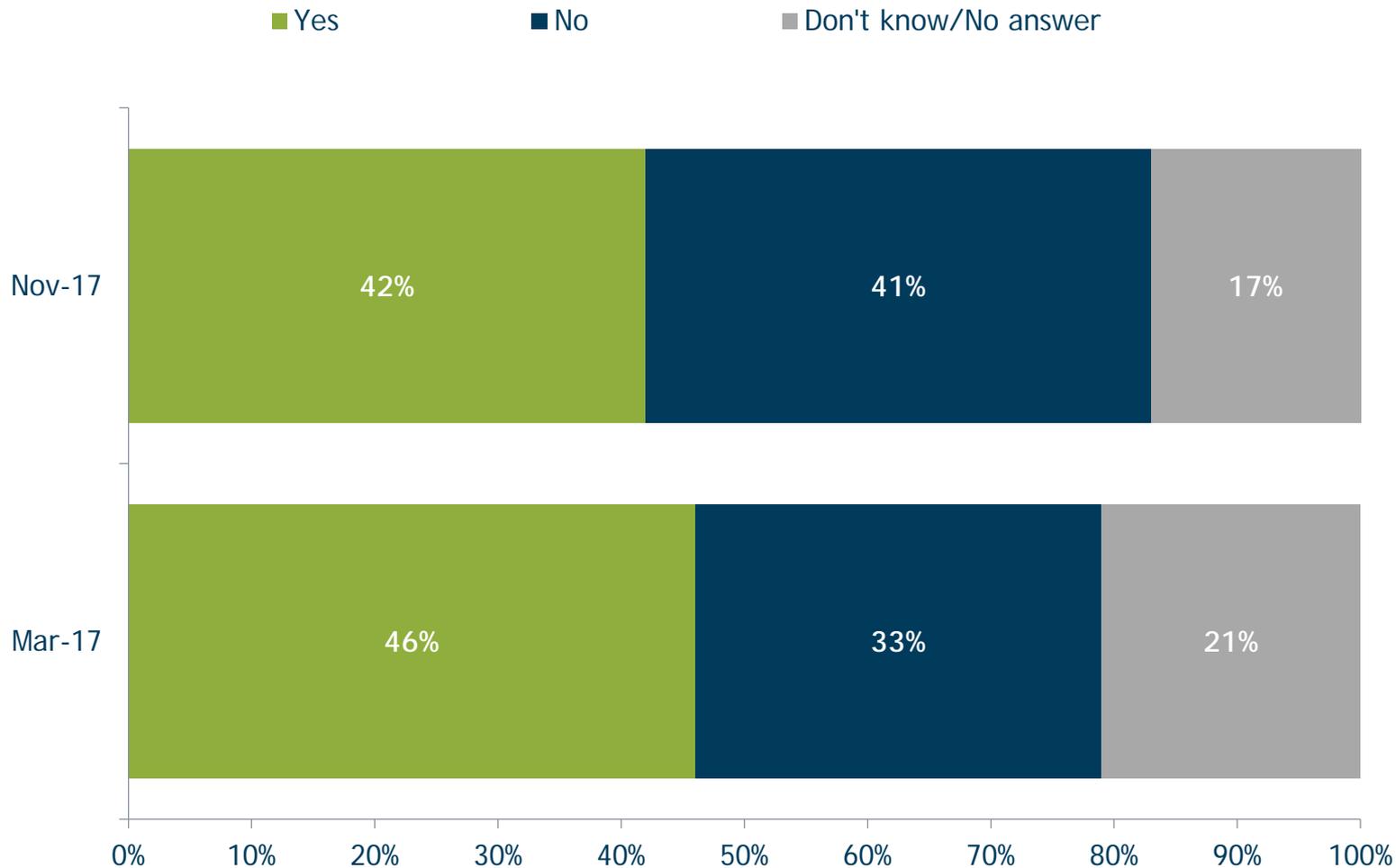
■ Very satisfied
 ■ Somewhat satisfied
 ■ Somewhat dissatisfied
 ■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ Don't know/No answer



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

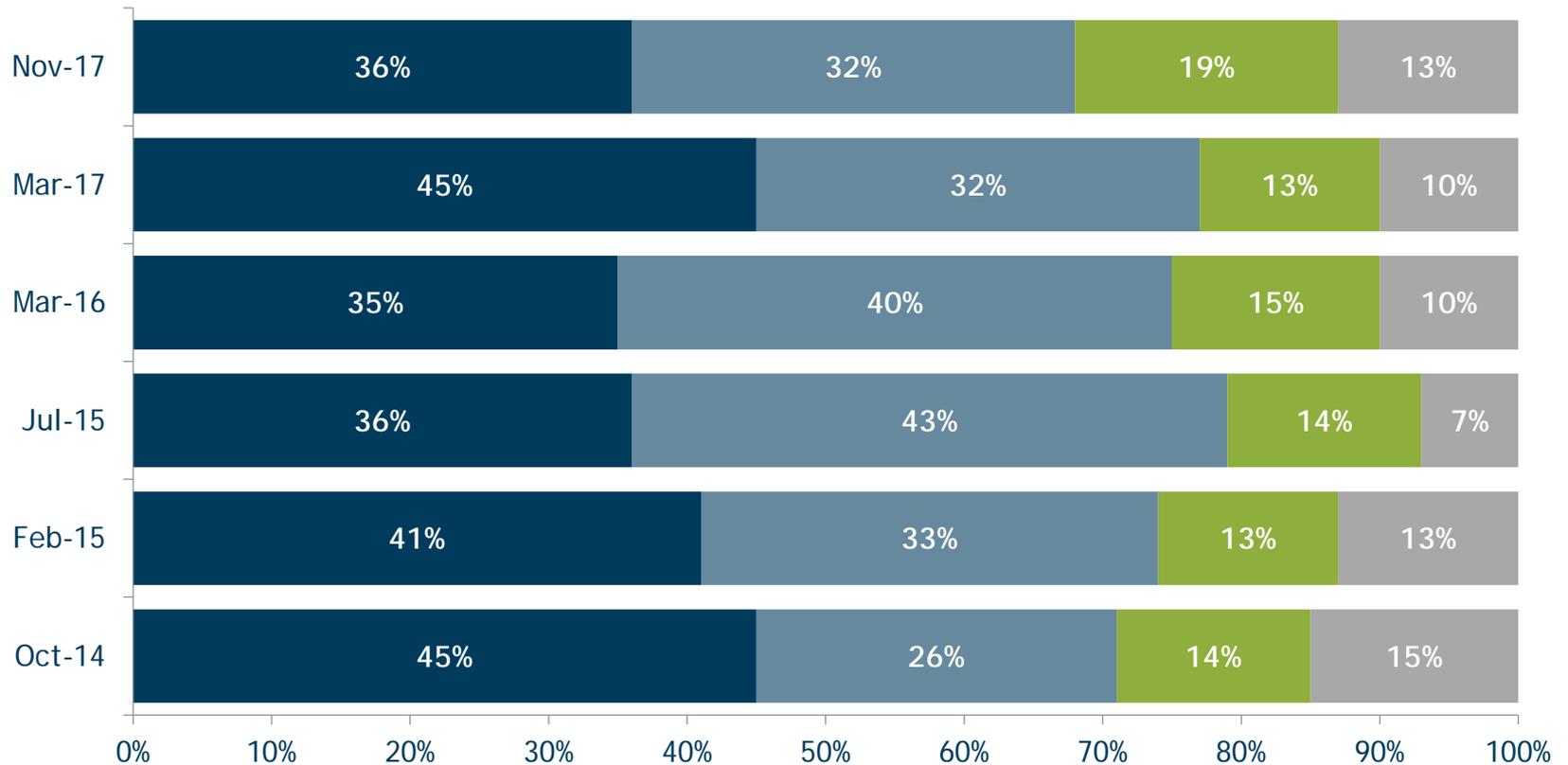


In your opinion, are there groups who do not feel safe to openly express their political views?



Which of these statements is closest to your own 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 forces that want to change the current order
- Don't know/No answer



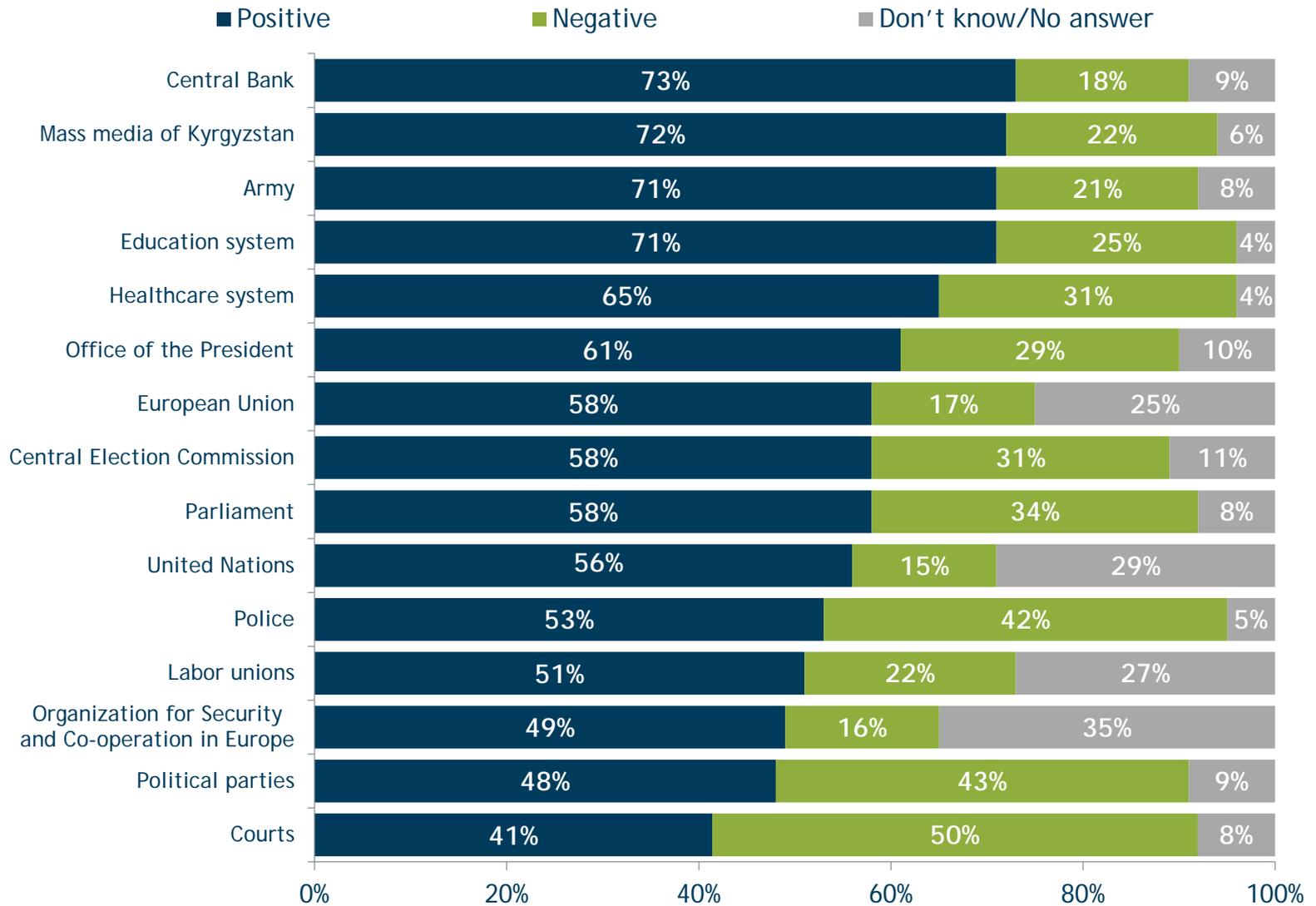


Institutions



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



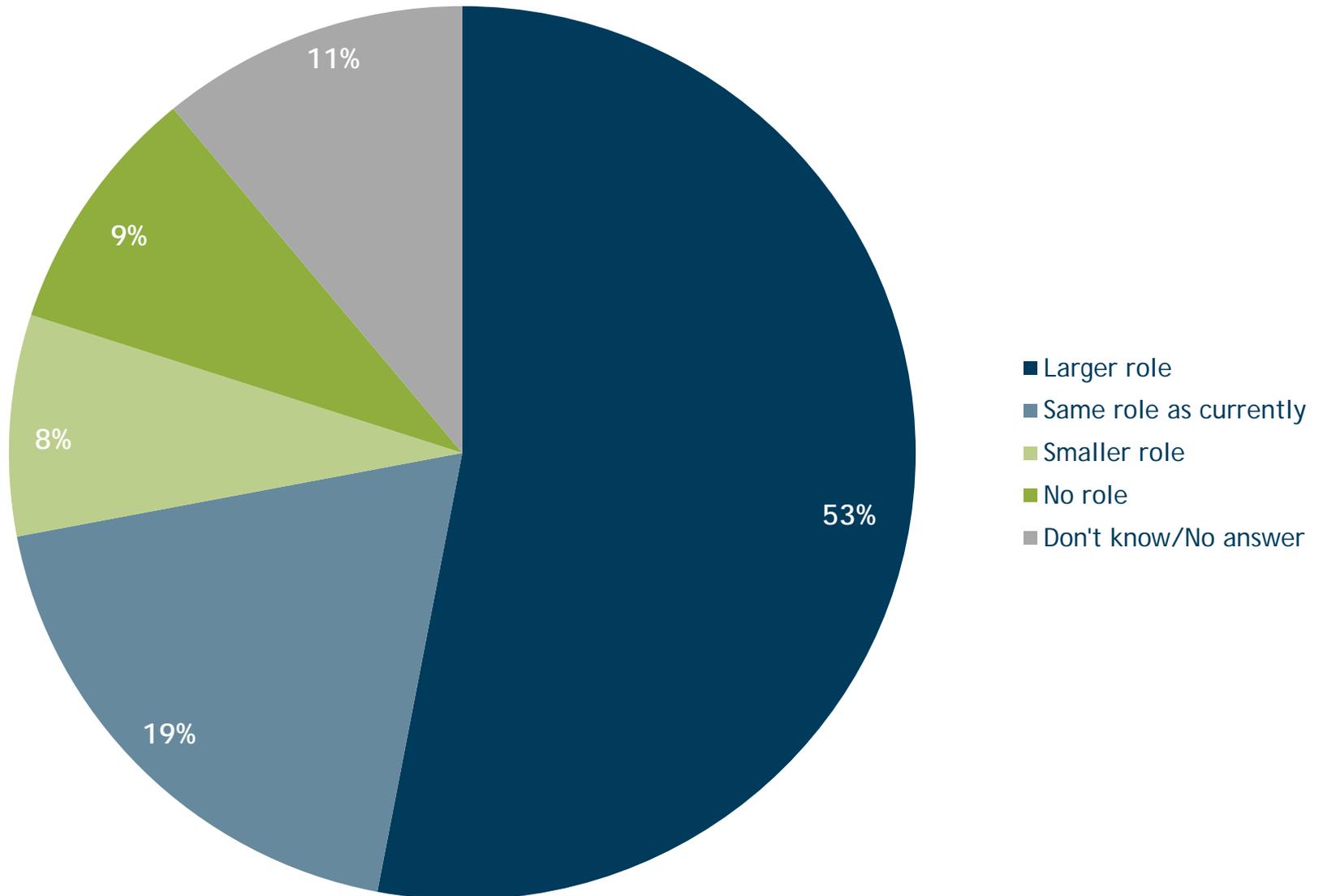


The Government



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Do you believe that citizens should play a larger or smaller role in the governmental decision-making process?





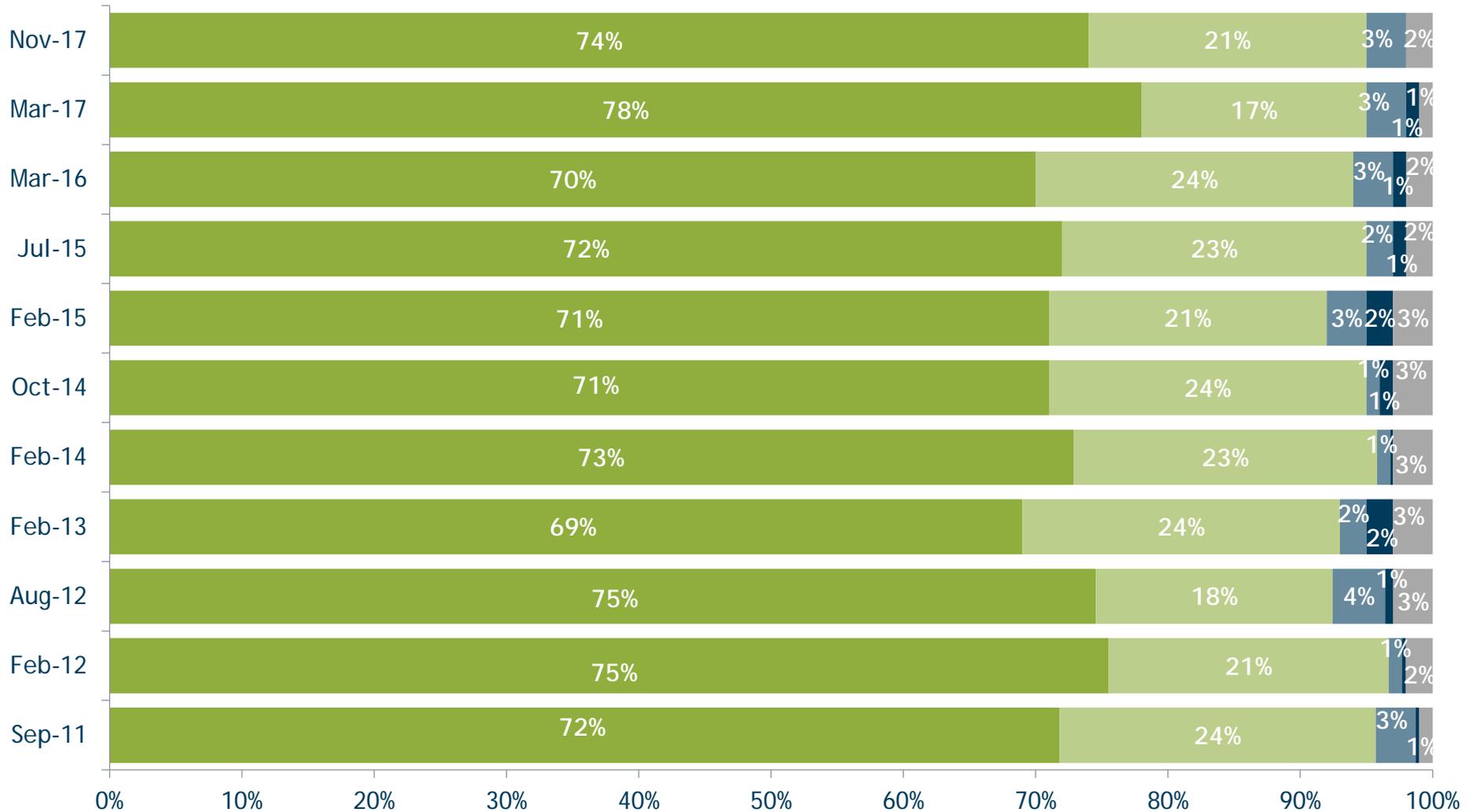
Corruption



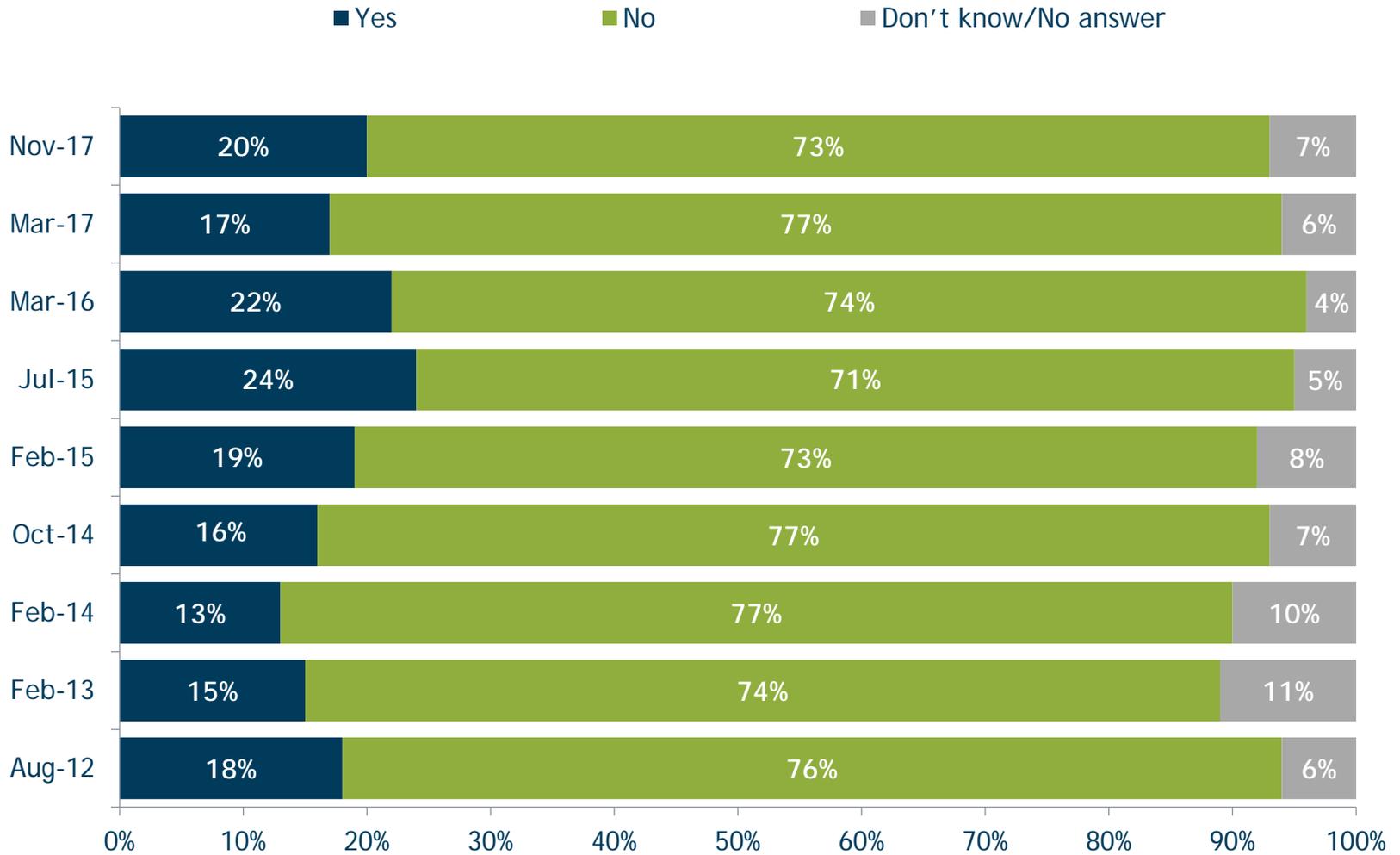
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Is corruption a big problem in Kyrgyzstan today?

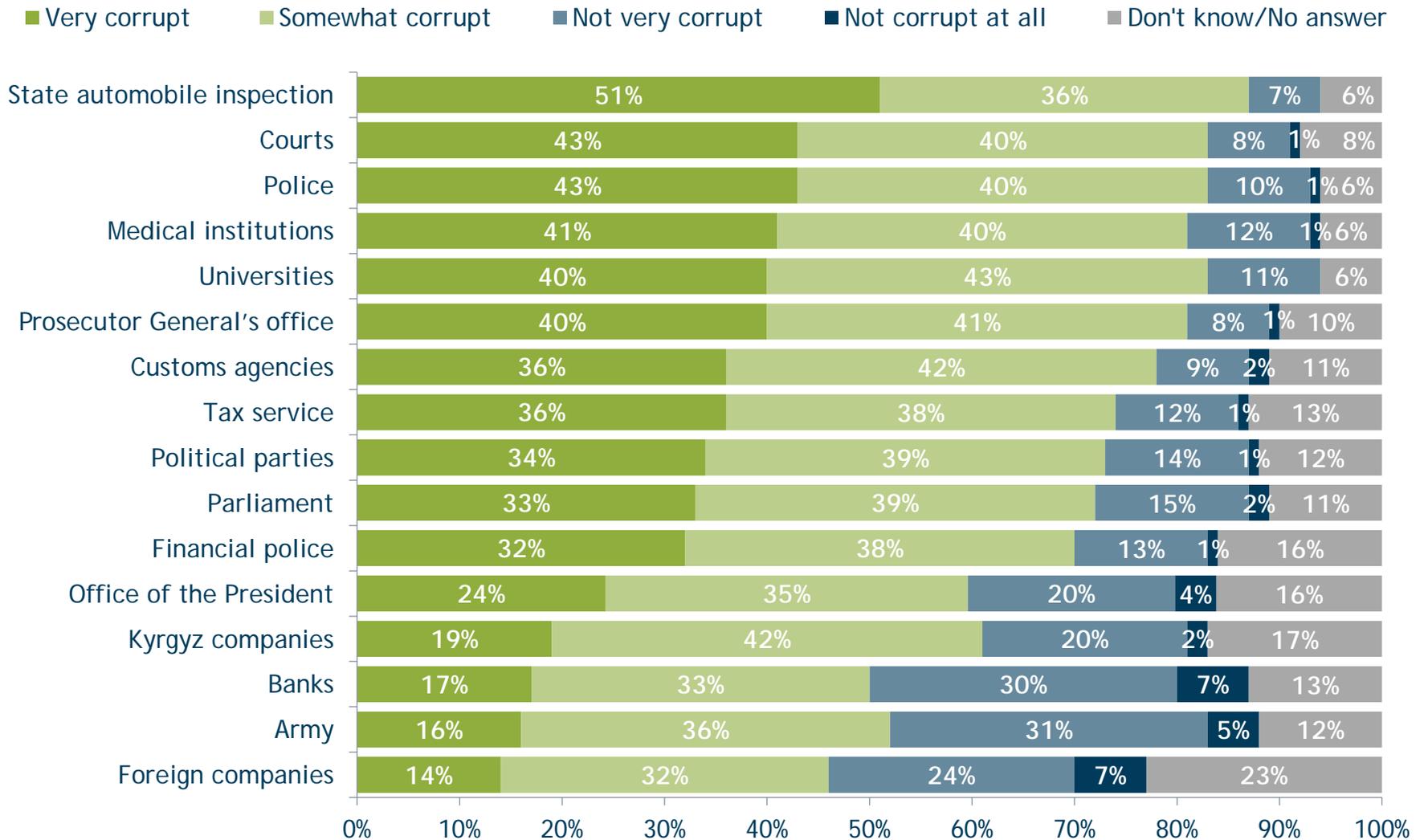
■ It is a very big problem ■ It is a big problem ■ It is not a big problem ■ It is not a problem at all ■ Don't know/No answer



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



What is your opinion of the following organizations?





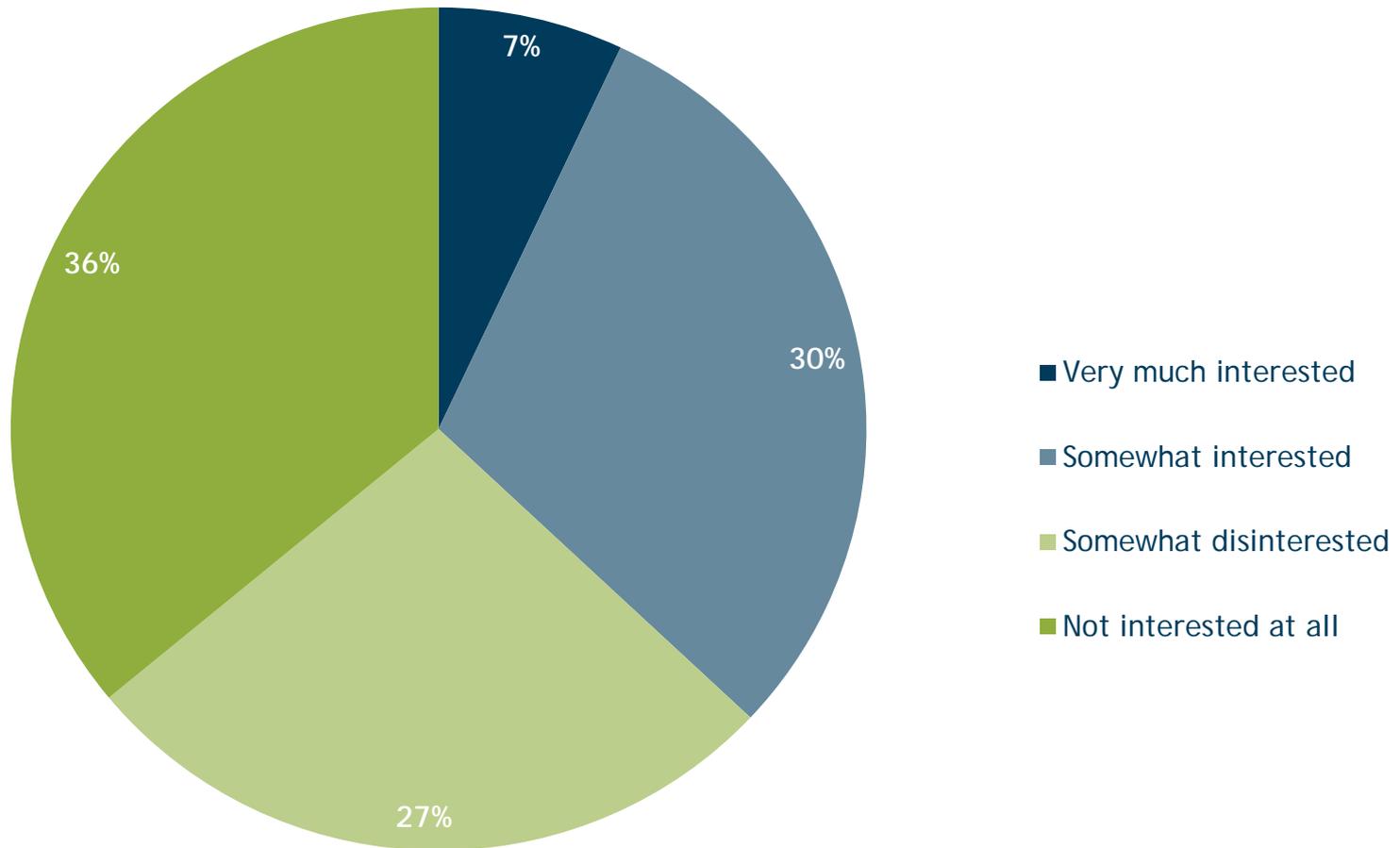
Politics



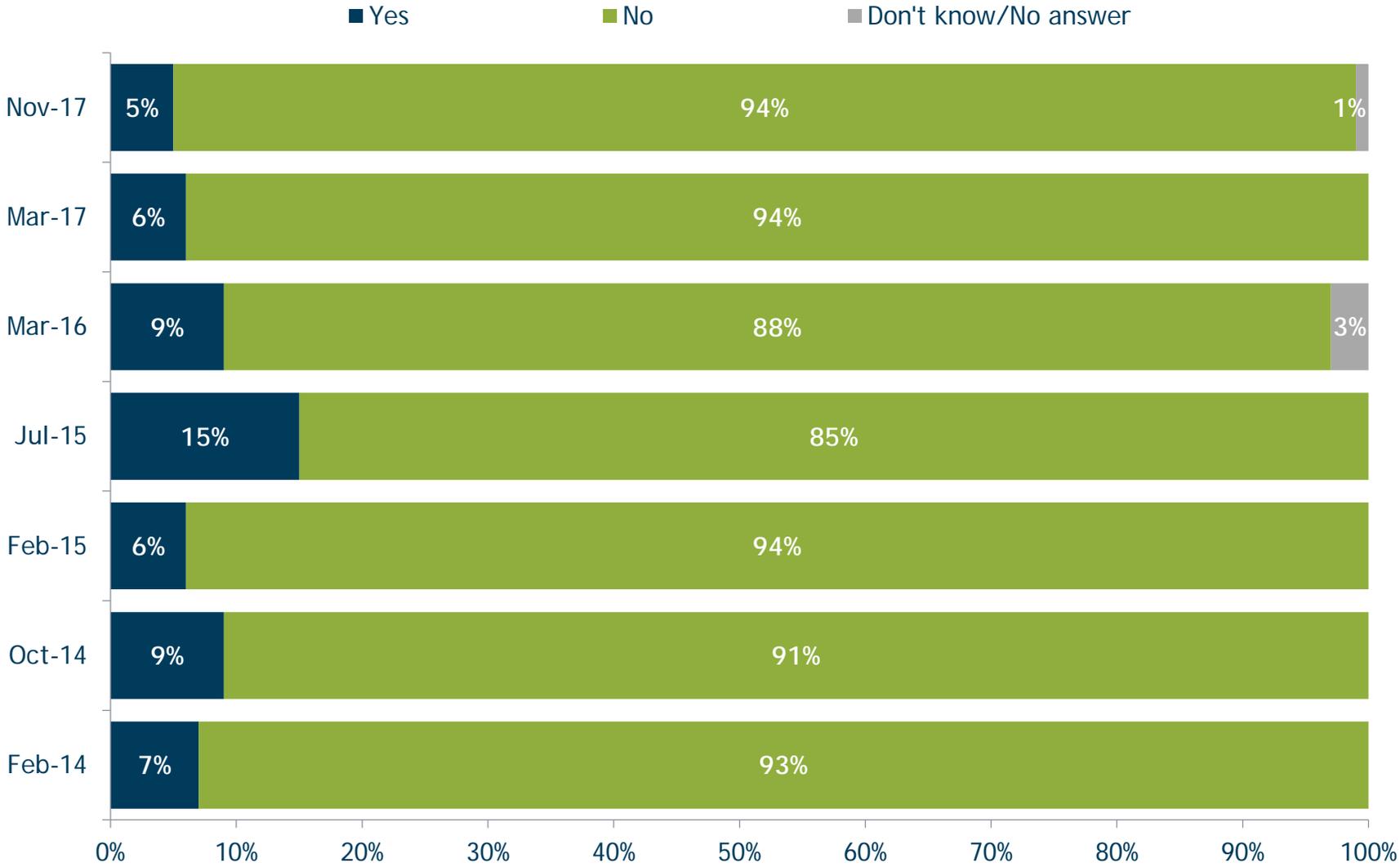
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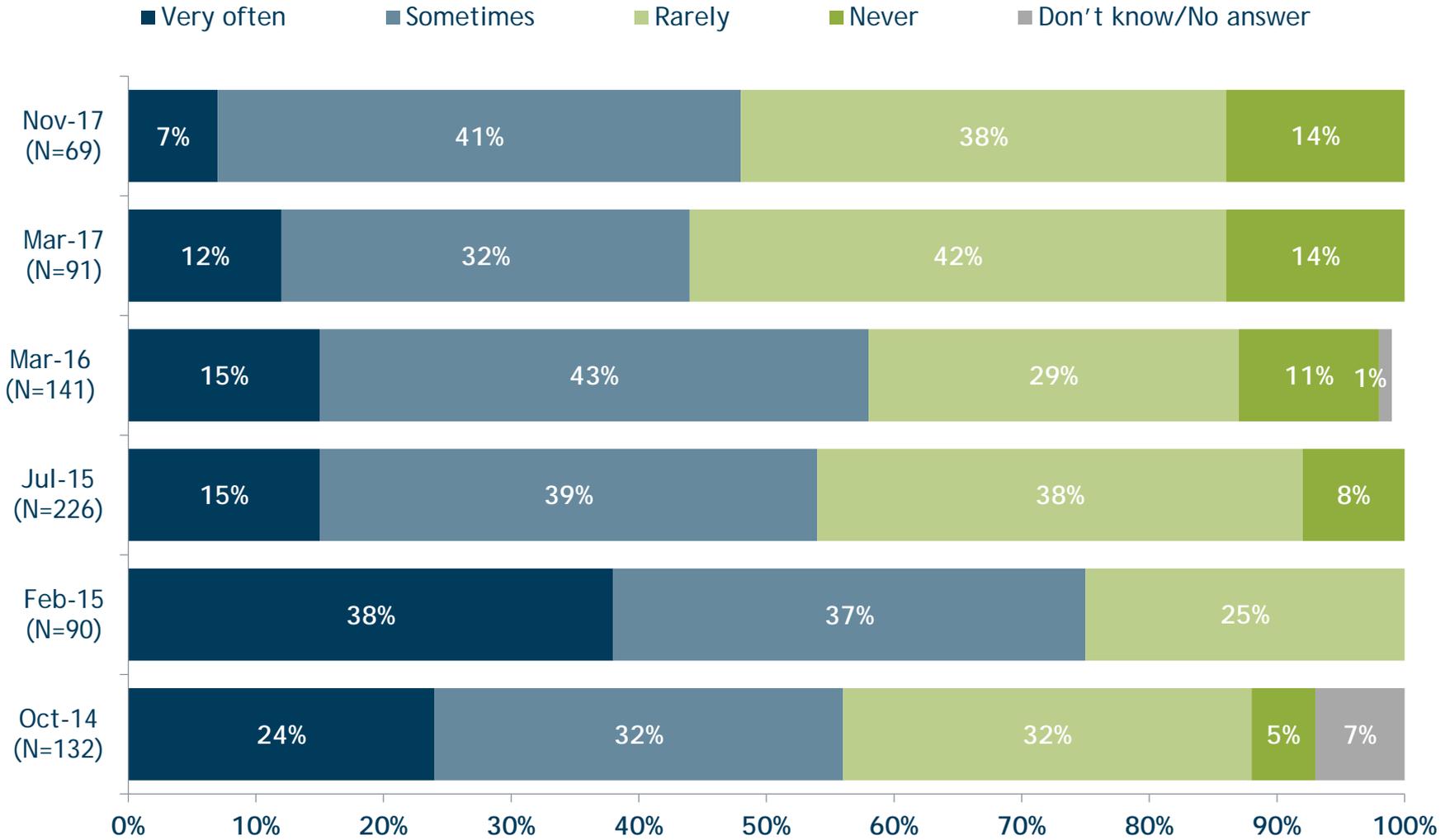
How much interest do you have in politics?



Are you a member of a political party?

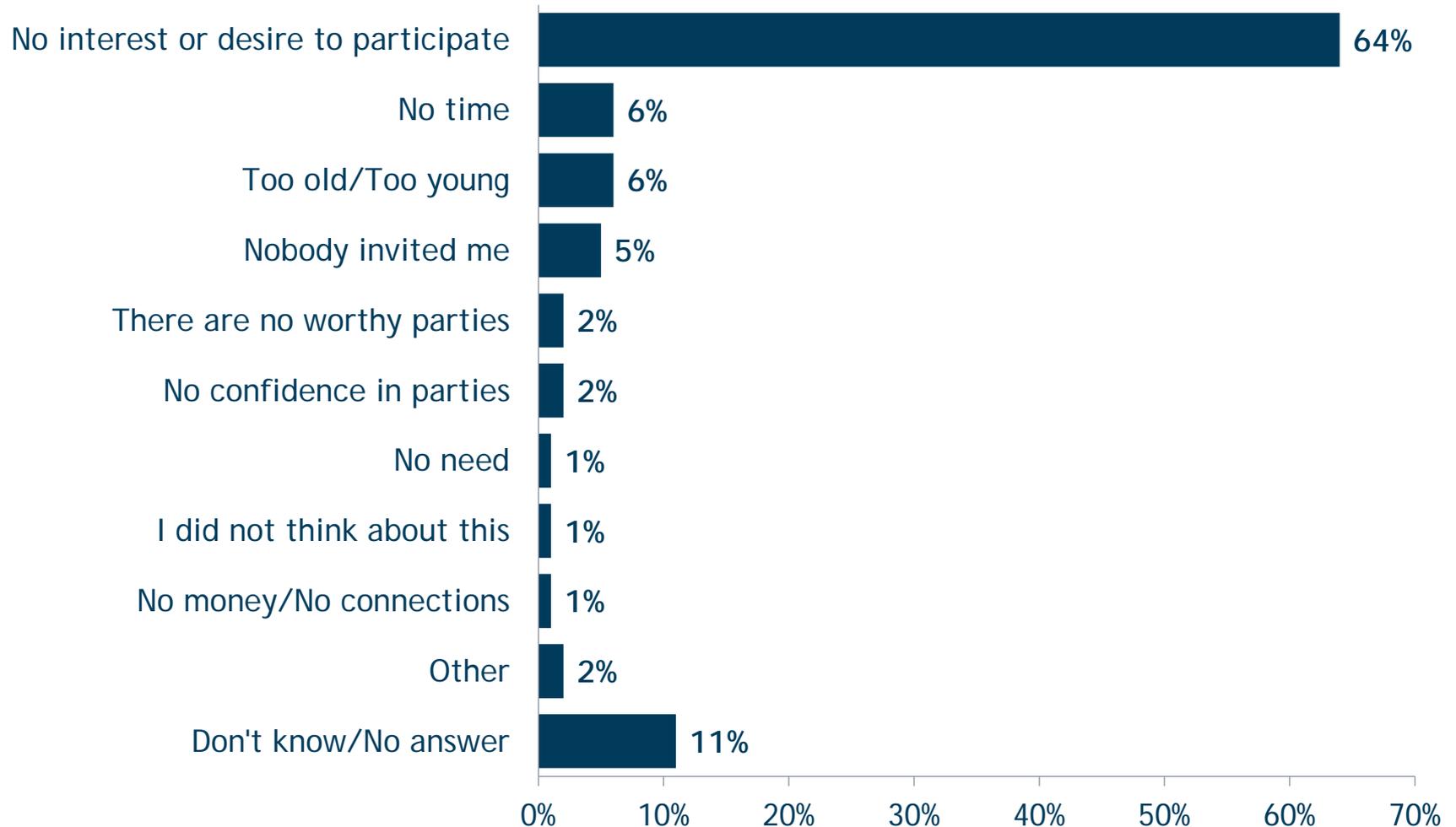


How often do you participate in political party activities? (Members of political parties)

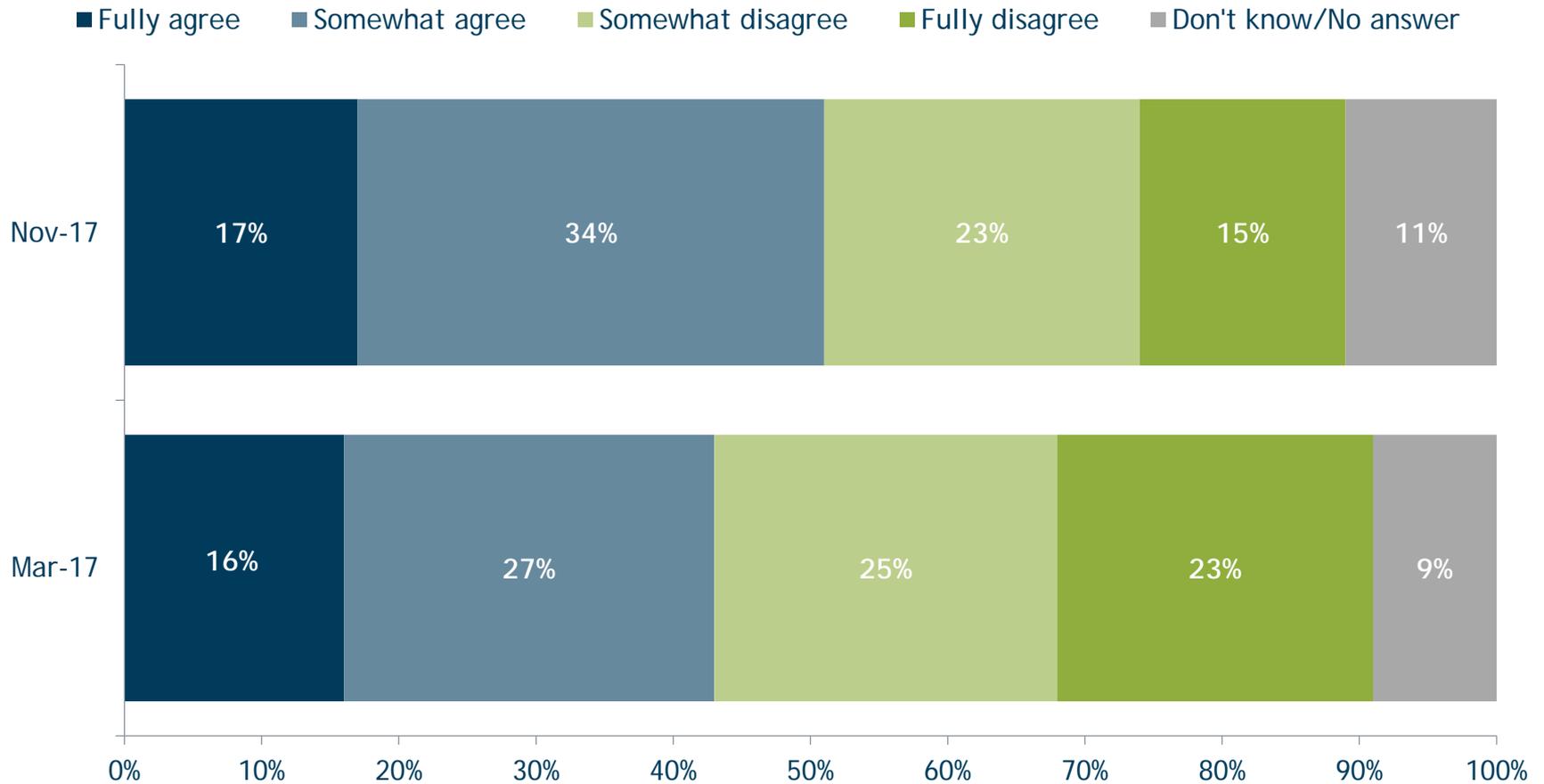


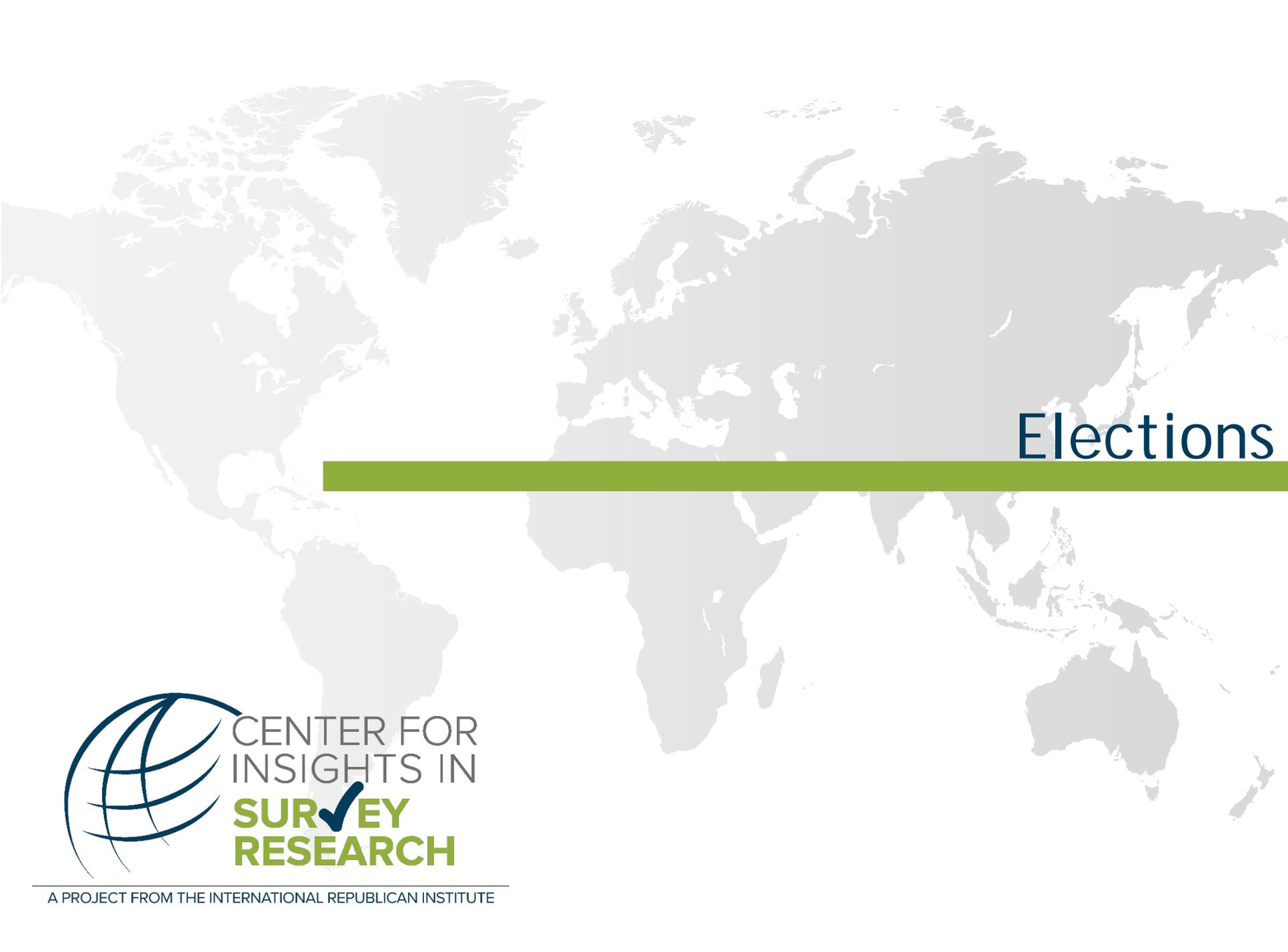
Why are you not a member of a political party?

(Respondents who are not members of political parties: N=1,417)



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





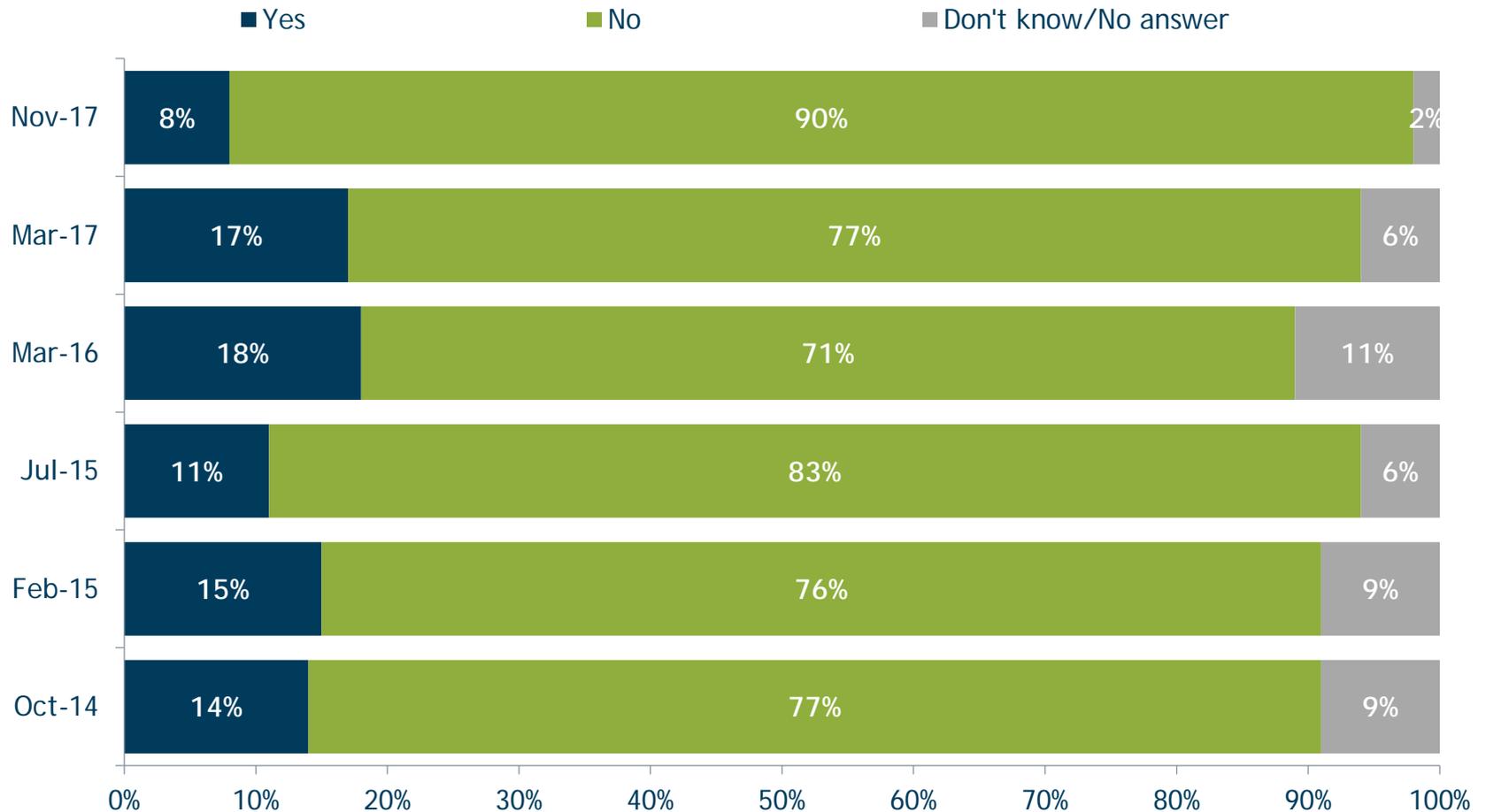
Elections



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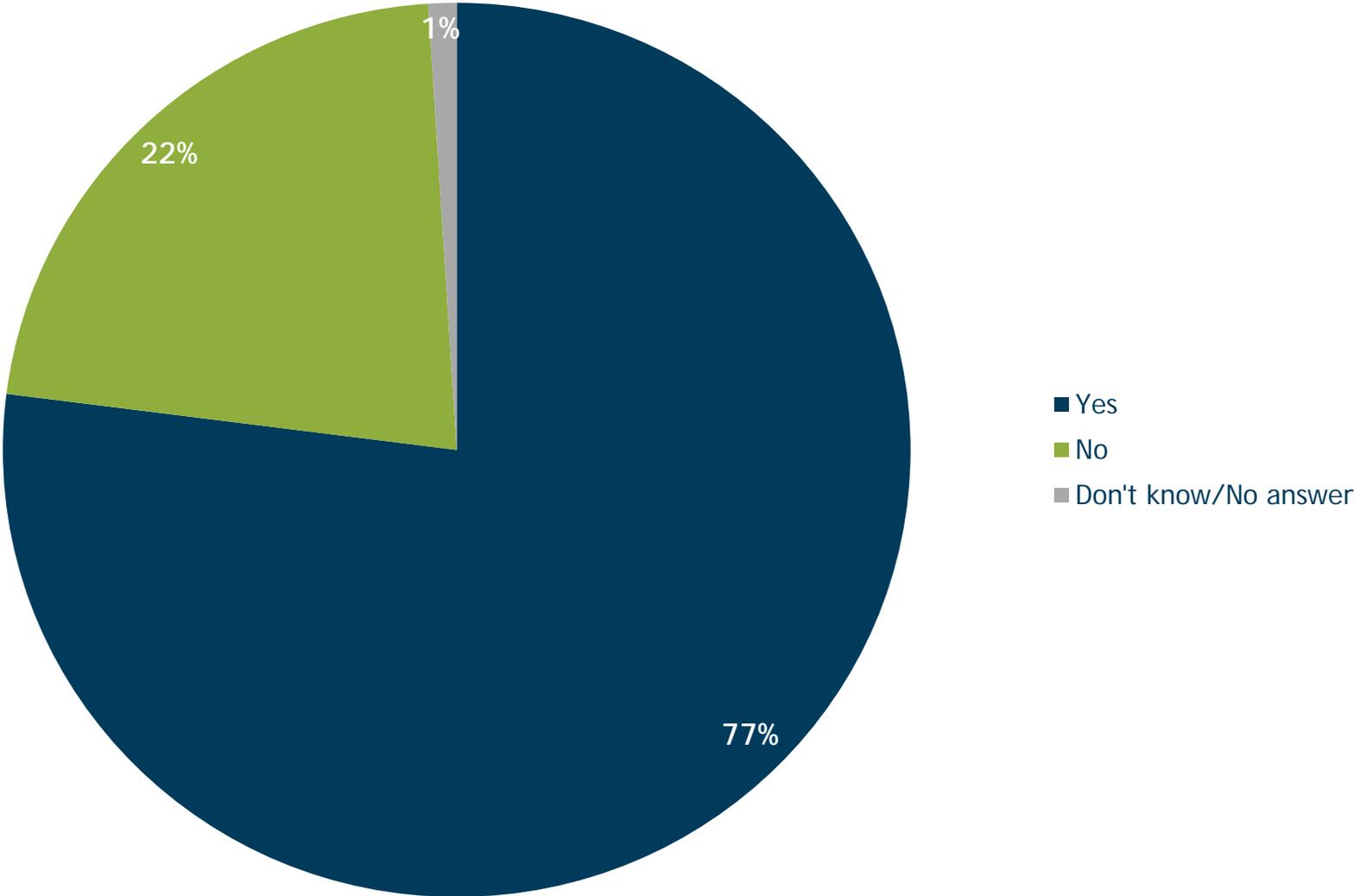
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Do election results have an impact on your financial situation?*

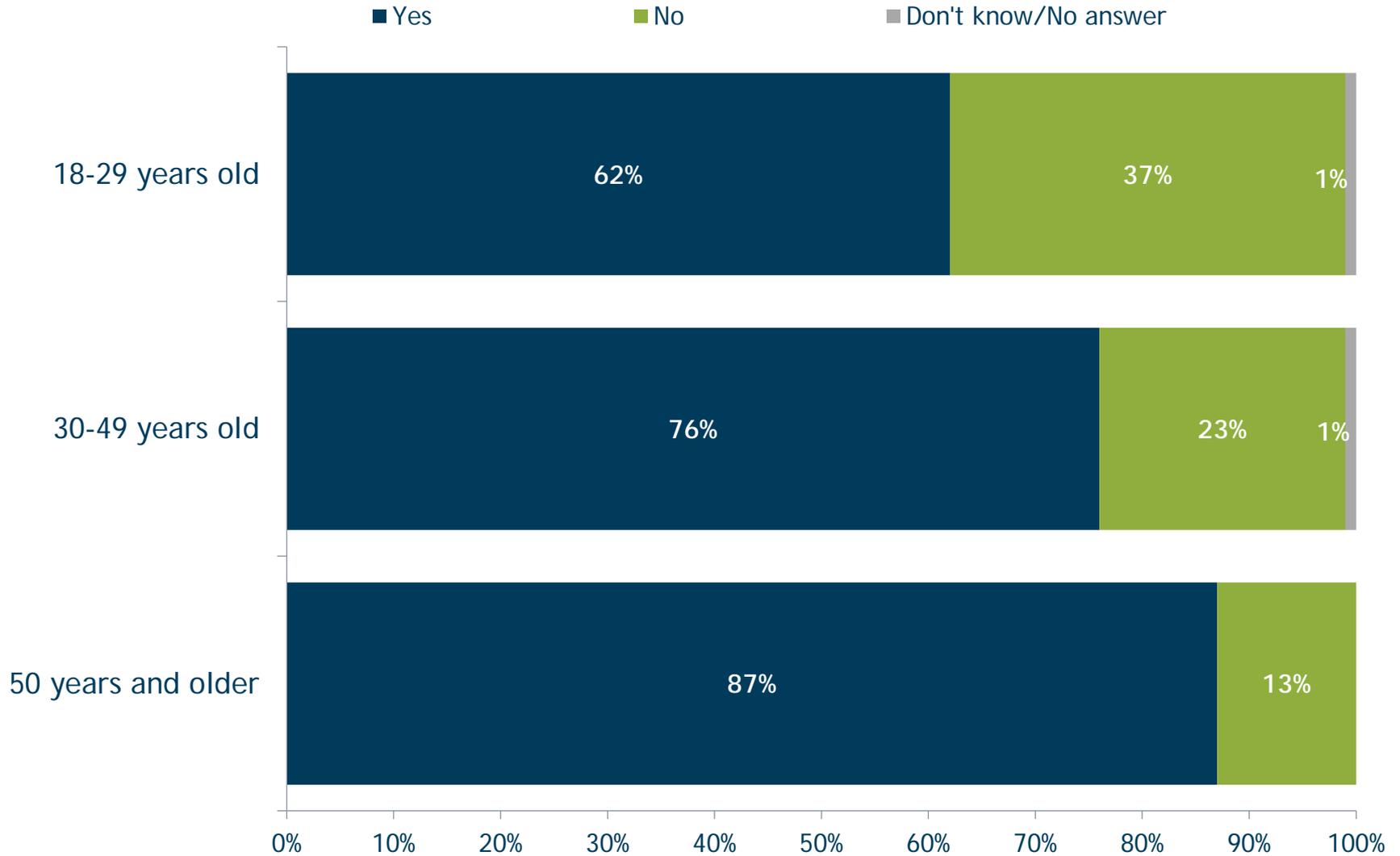


* In surveys conducted prior to November 2017 the question was phrased: "In your opinion, does your financial situation depend on the results of elections in general?"

Did you vote in the October 2017 presidential election?

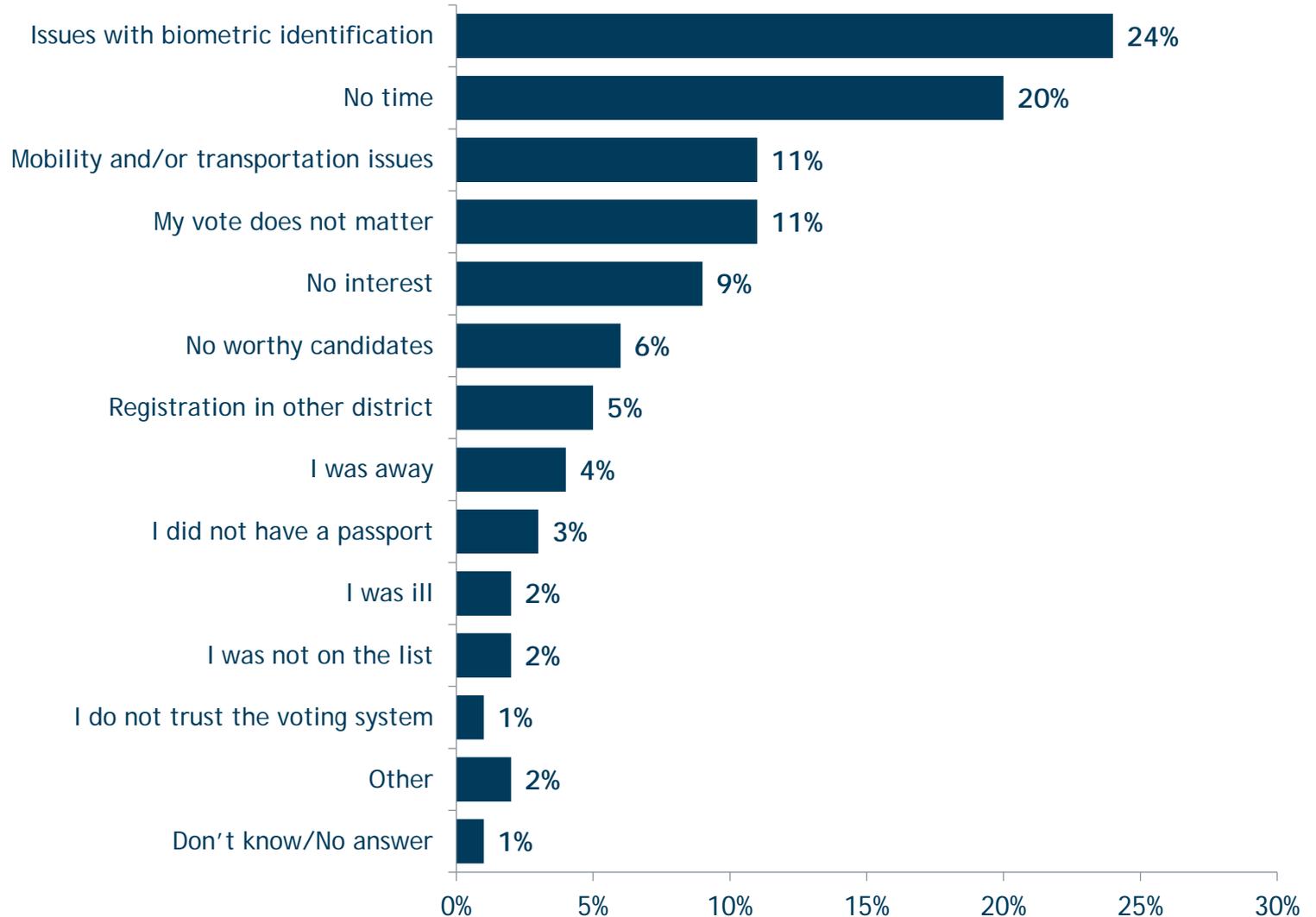


Did you vote in the October 2017 presidential election? (Disaggregated by age)

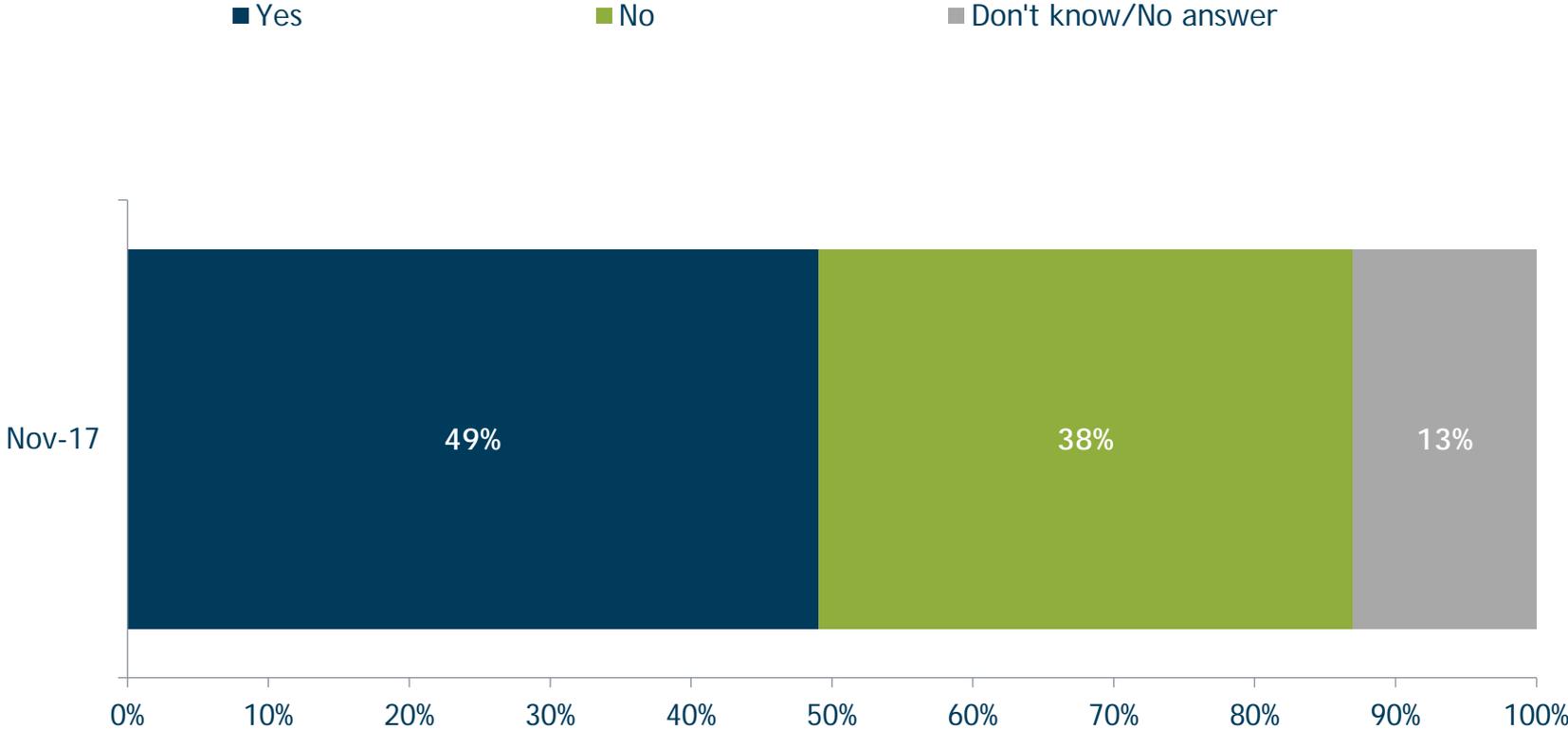


If you did not vote, why not?

(Respondents who did not vote in the October 2017 presidential election: N=333)

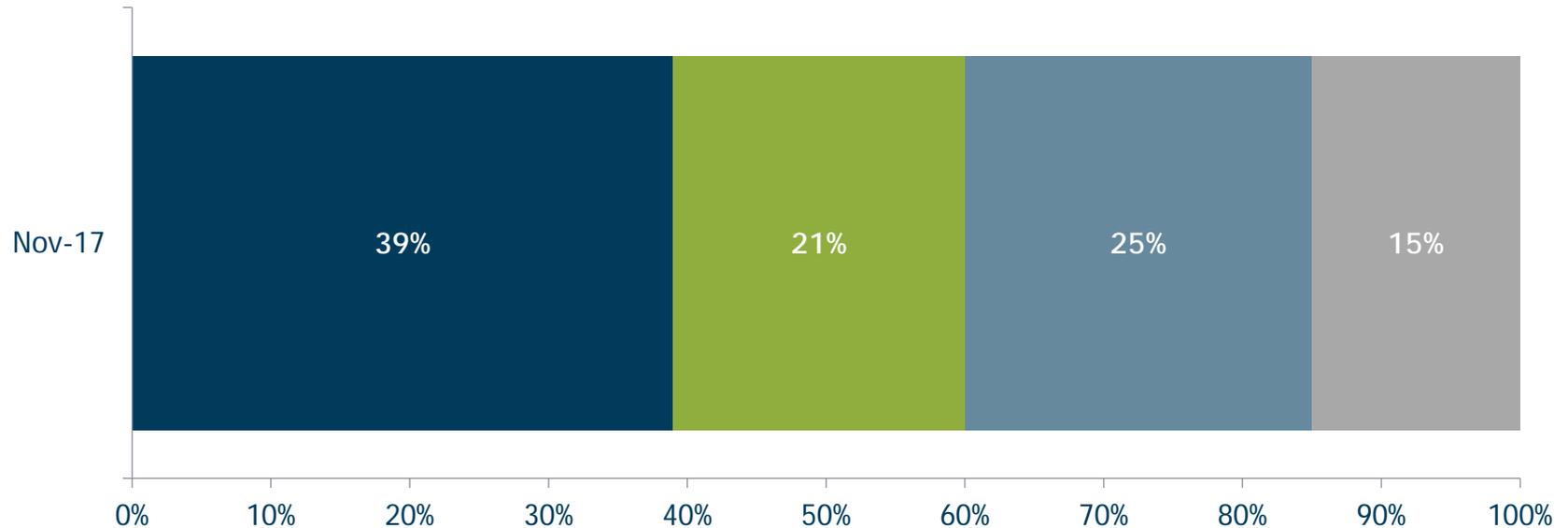


Do you believe the October 2017 presidential election was a free and fair election?

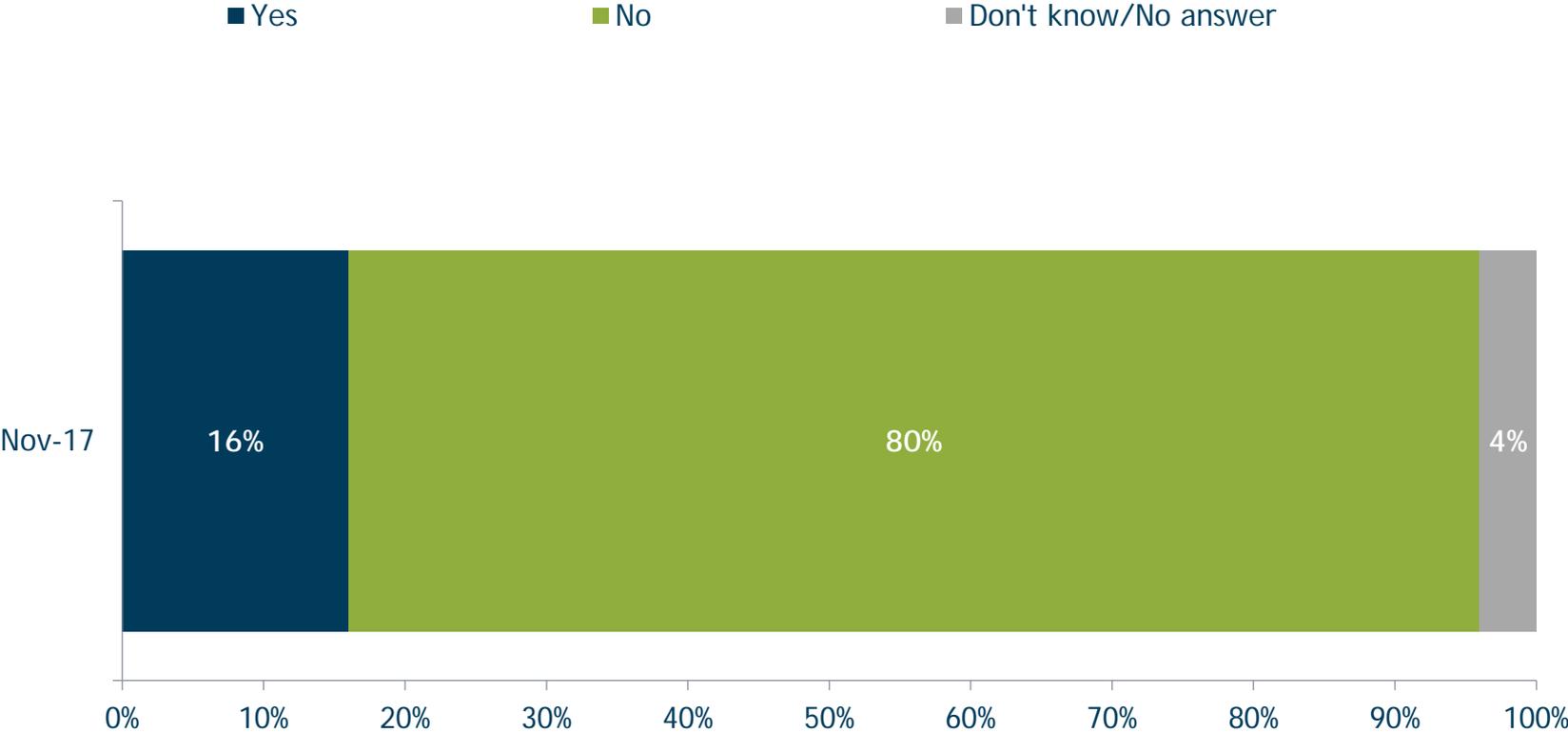


Do you believe that the 2017 presidential election was more or less fair and transparent than the 2015 parliamentary elections were?

■ More fair and transparent ■ Less fair and transparent ■ They were the same ■ Don't know/No answer

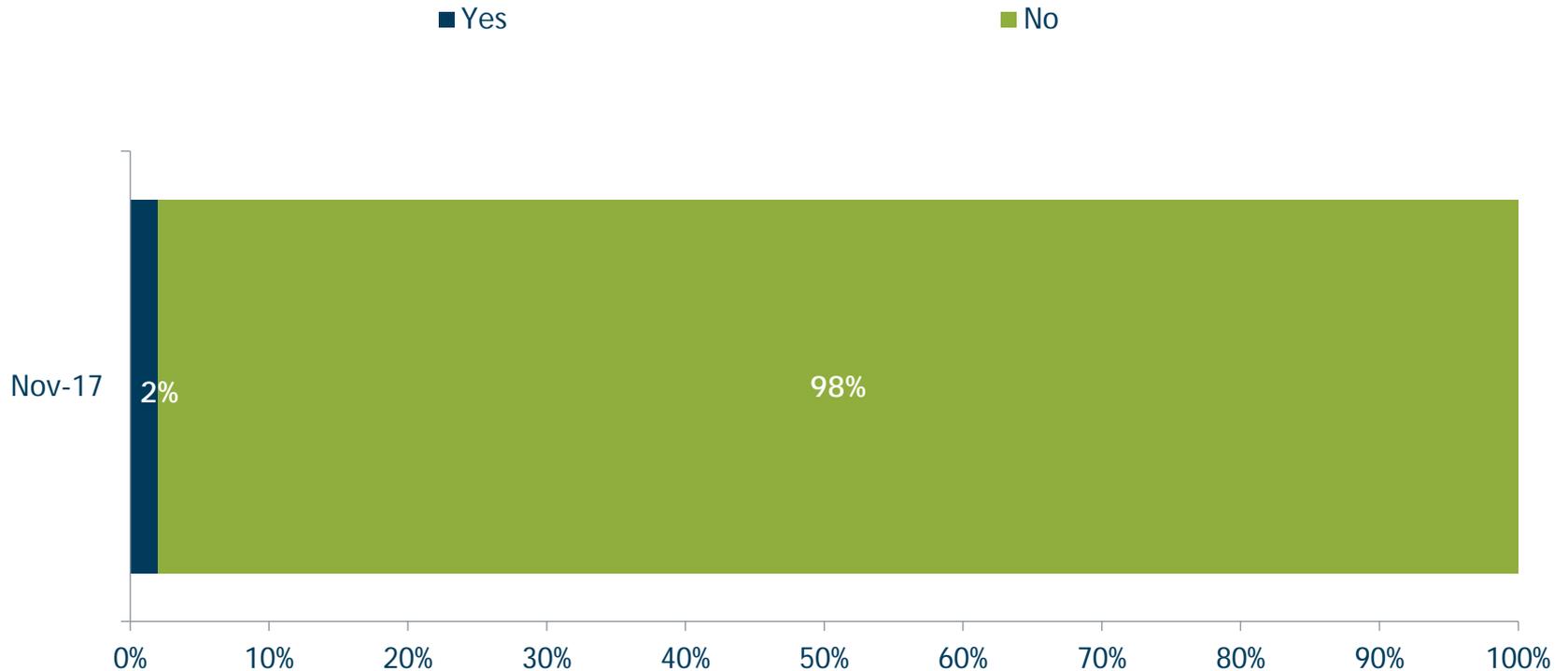


Are you familiar with the Central Election Commission's complaints mechanism?



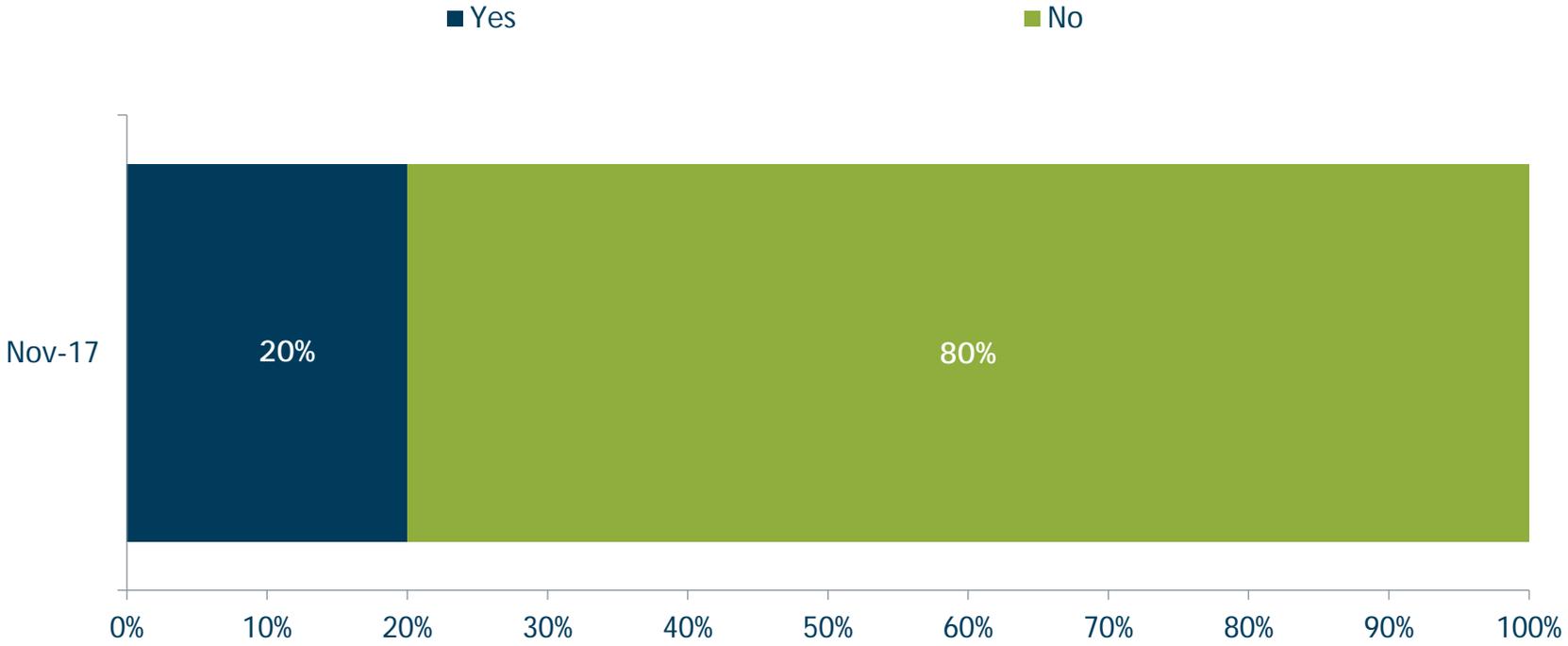
During the presidential election, did you use the complaints mechanism?

(Respondents familiar with the complaint mechanism: N=241)



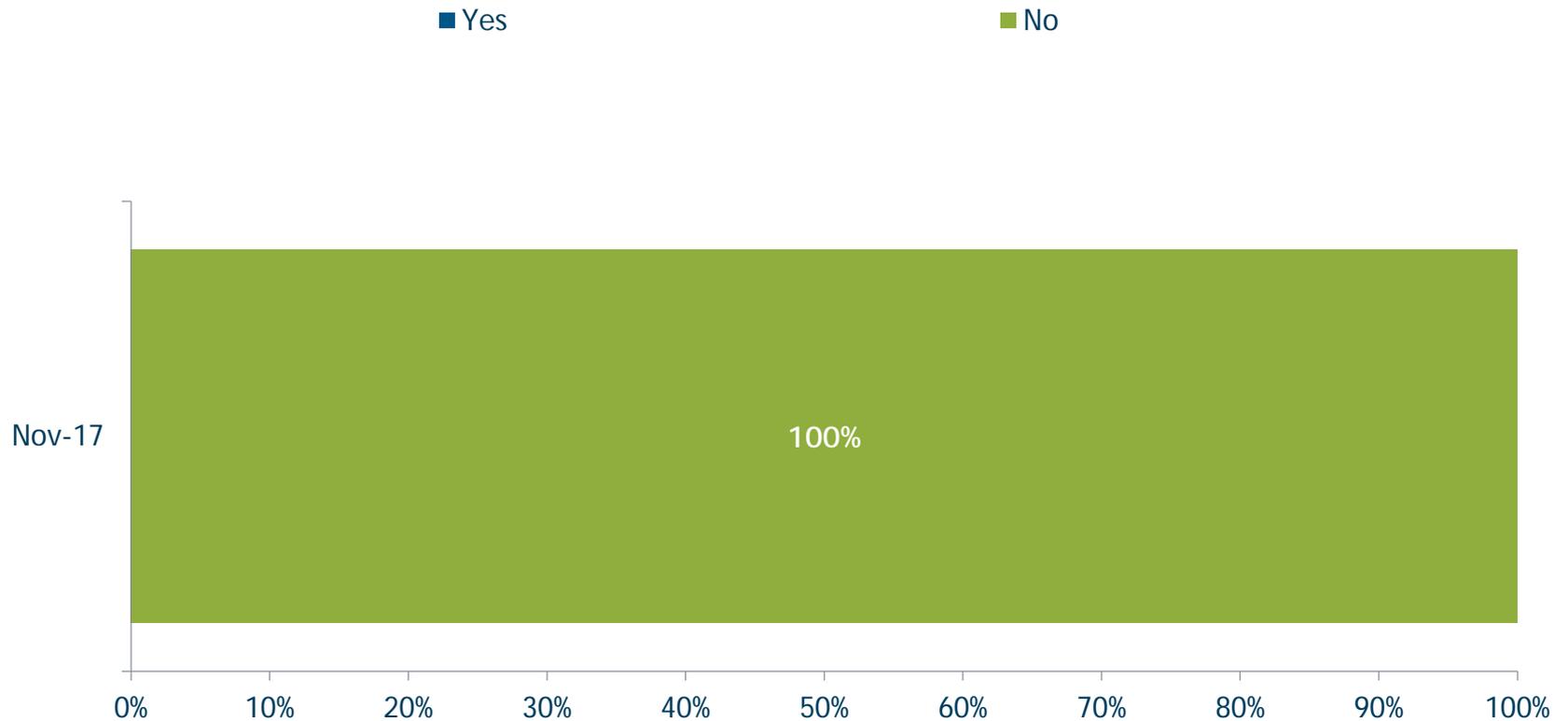
Did you feel that your complaint was properly recorded, addressed and responded to by the election commission?

(Respondents who used the complaint mechanism:
N=5, a sample size of 5 holds no statistical validity.)



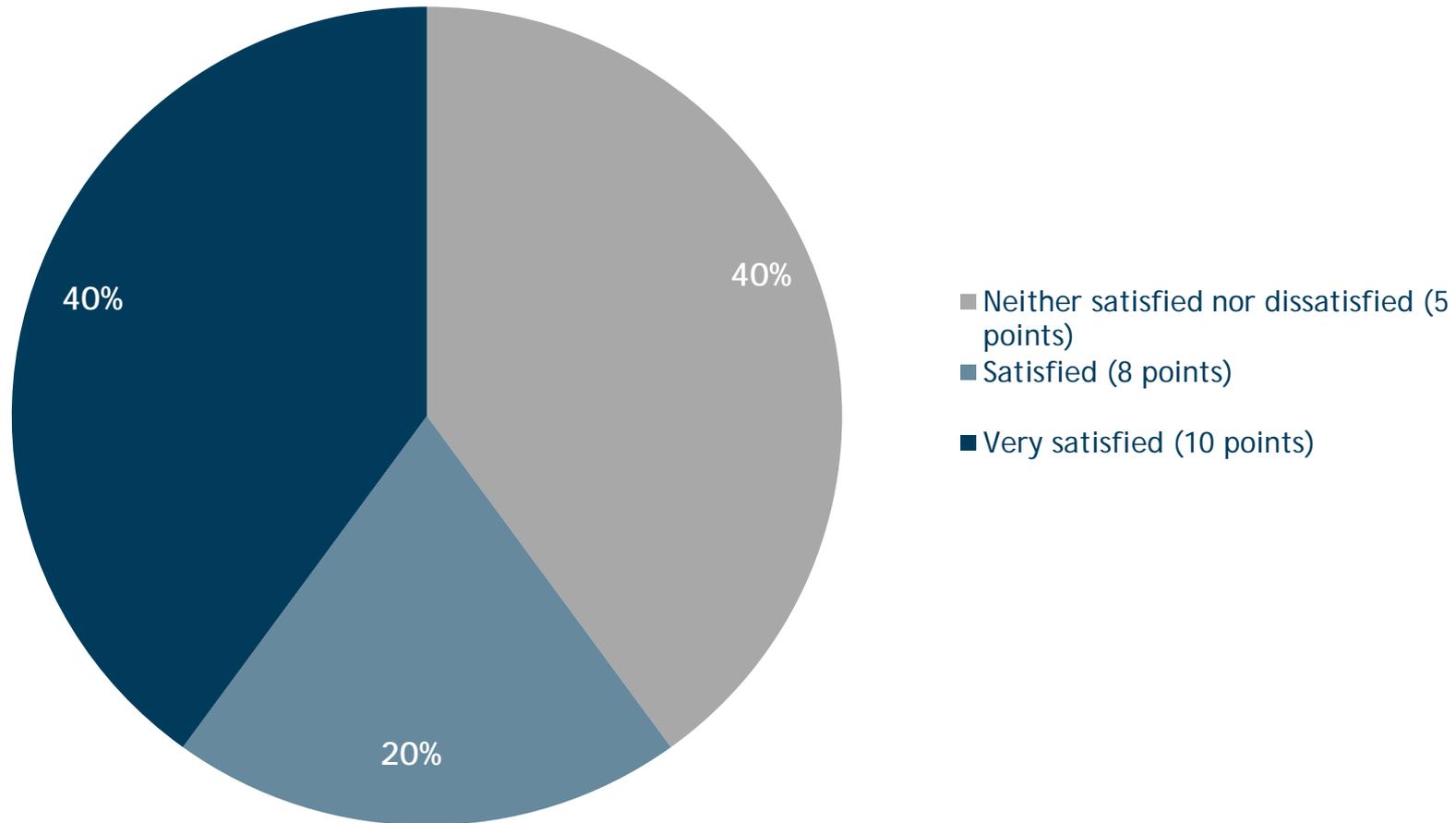
Did you experience technical difficulties at any point during the complaints process?

(Respondents who used the complaint mechanism:
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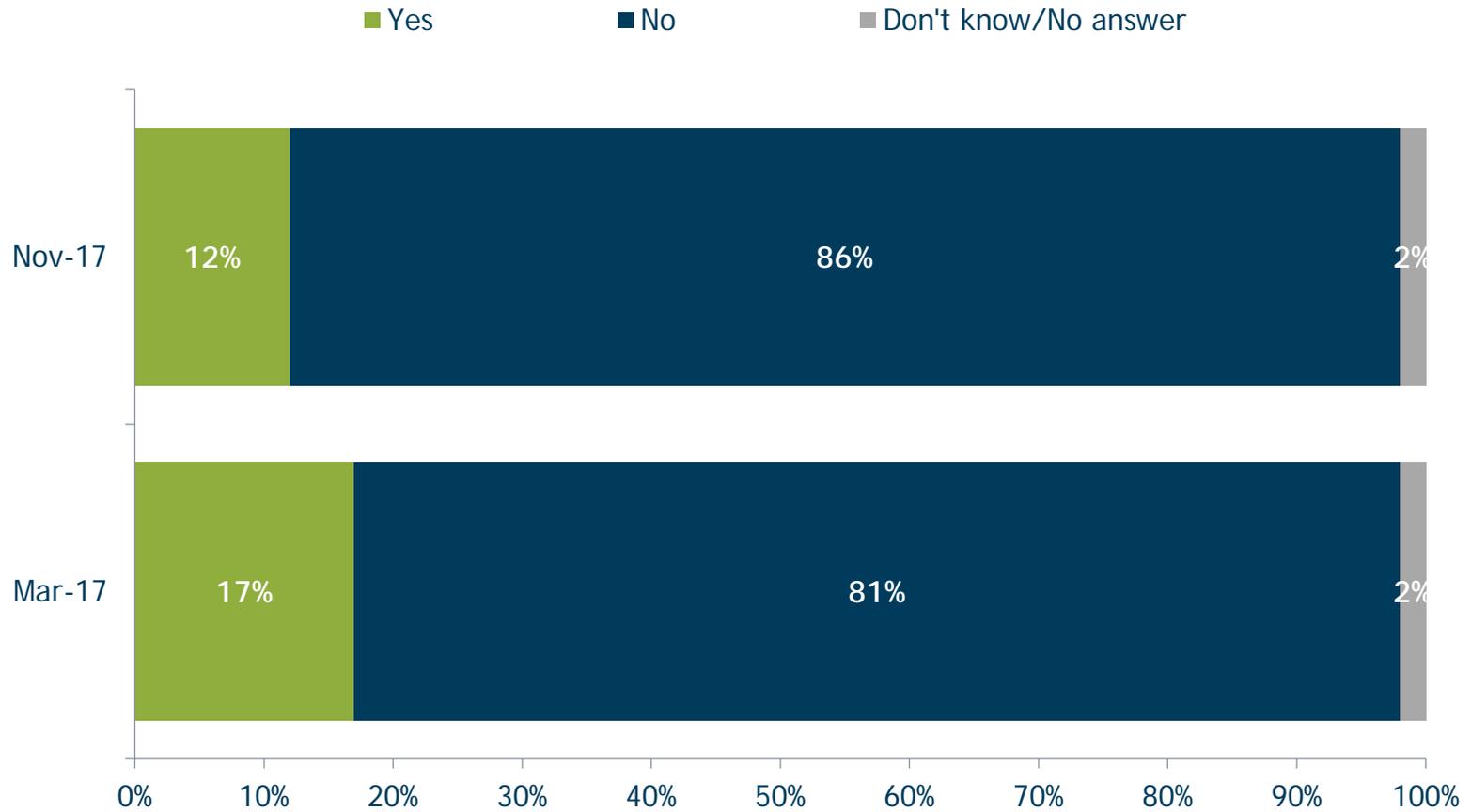


How satisfied were you with the election commission's handling of your complaint?" Please answer the question using the scale from 1 to 10, where 10 means "very satisfied," and 1 means "not at all satisfied"

(Respondents who used the complaint mechanism:
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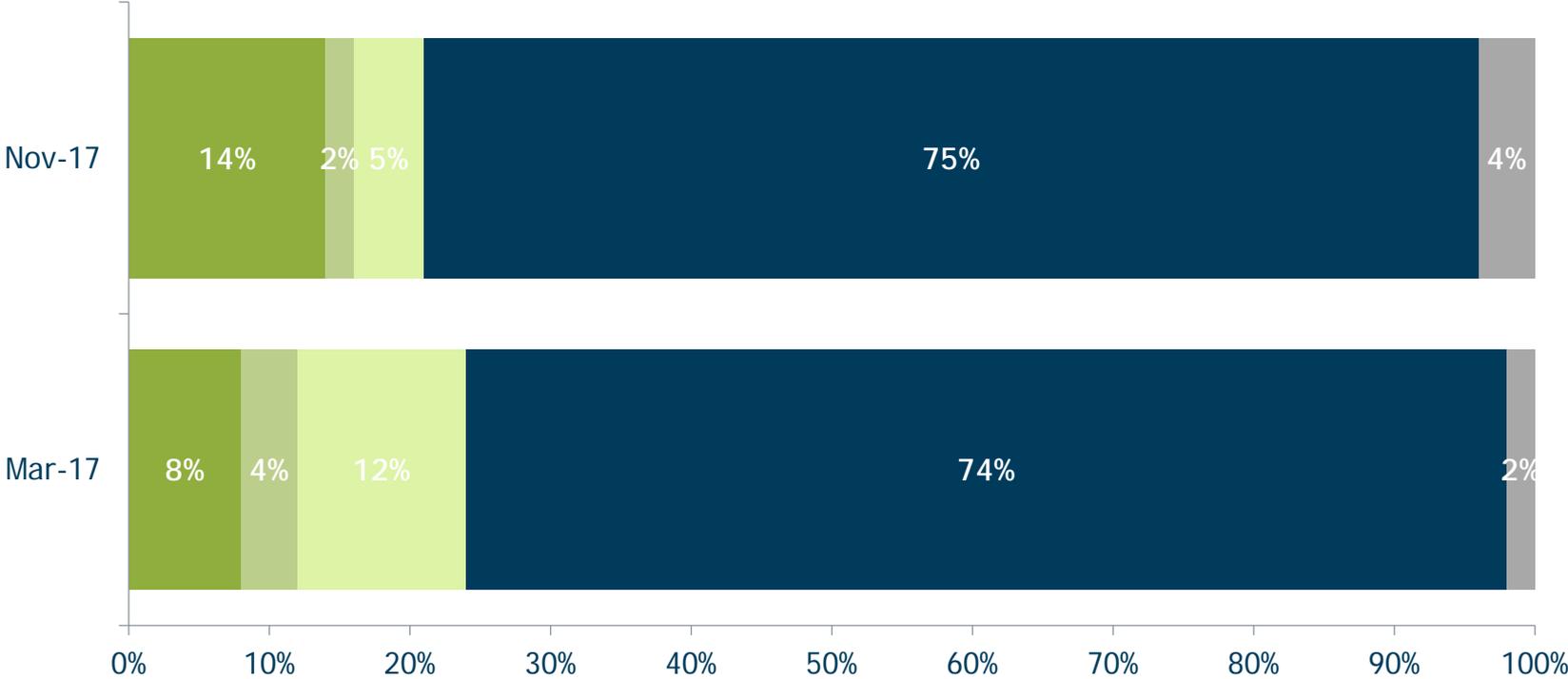
During the presidential election, did anyone offer you money, gifts or some other incentive in exchange for your vote?*



*In March 2017 the question was phrased: "Has anyone offered you money, gifts or some other incentive in exchange for your vote in the last election?" That question referred to the preceding municipal elections and constitutional referendum.

During the presidential election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts or an incentive in exchange for their vote?

■ Yes, myself ■ Yes, a family member ■ Yes, friend or member of the community ■ No ■ Don't know/No answer



* In March 2017 the question was phrased: "During the last local election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts or an incentive in exchange for their vote?" That question referred to the preceding municipal election.

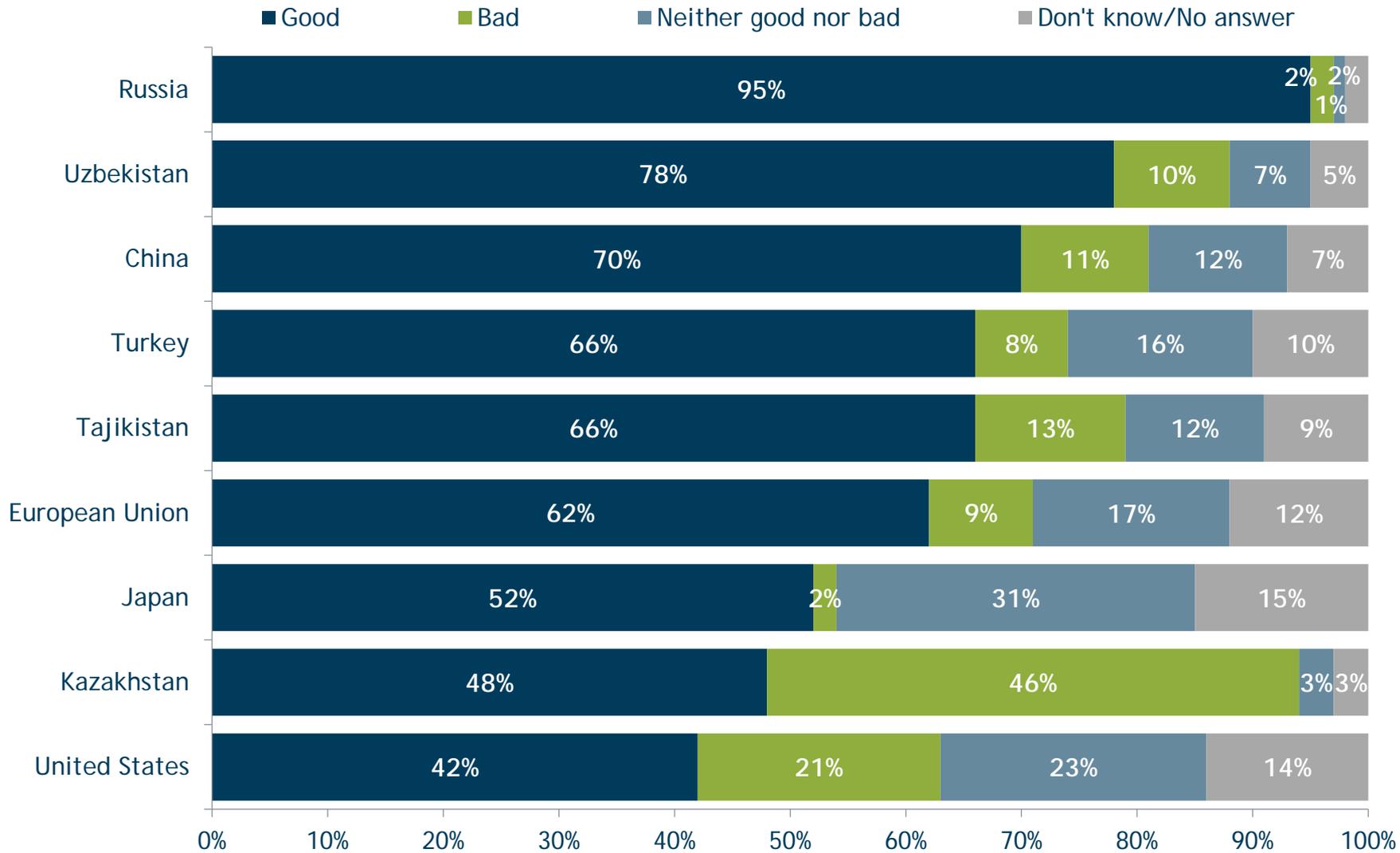


International Relations

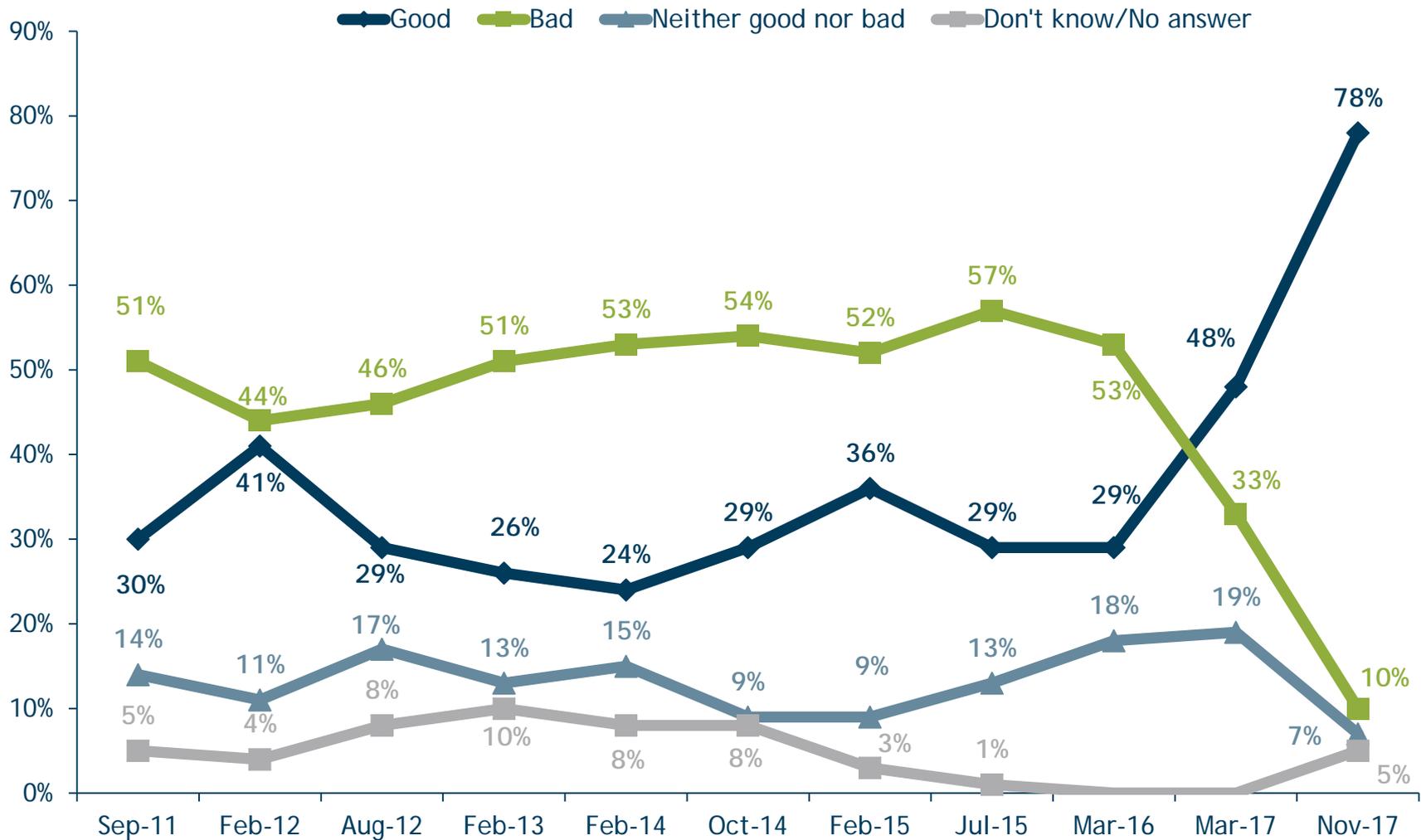


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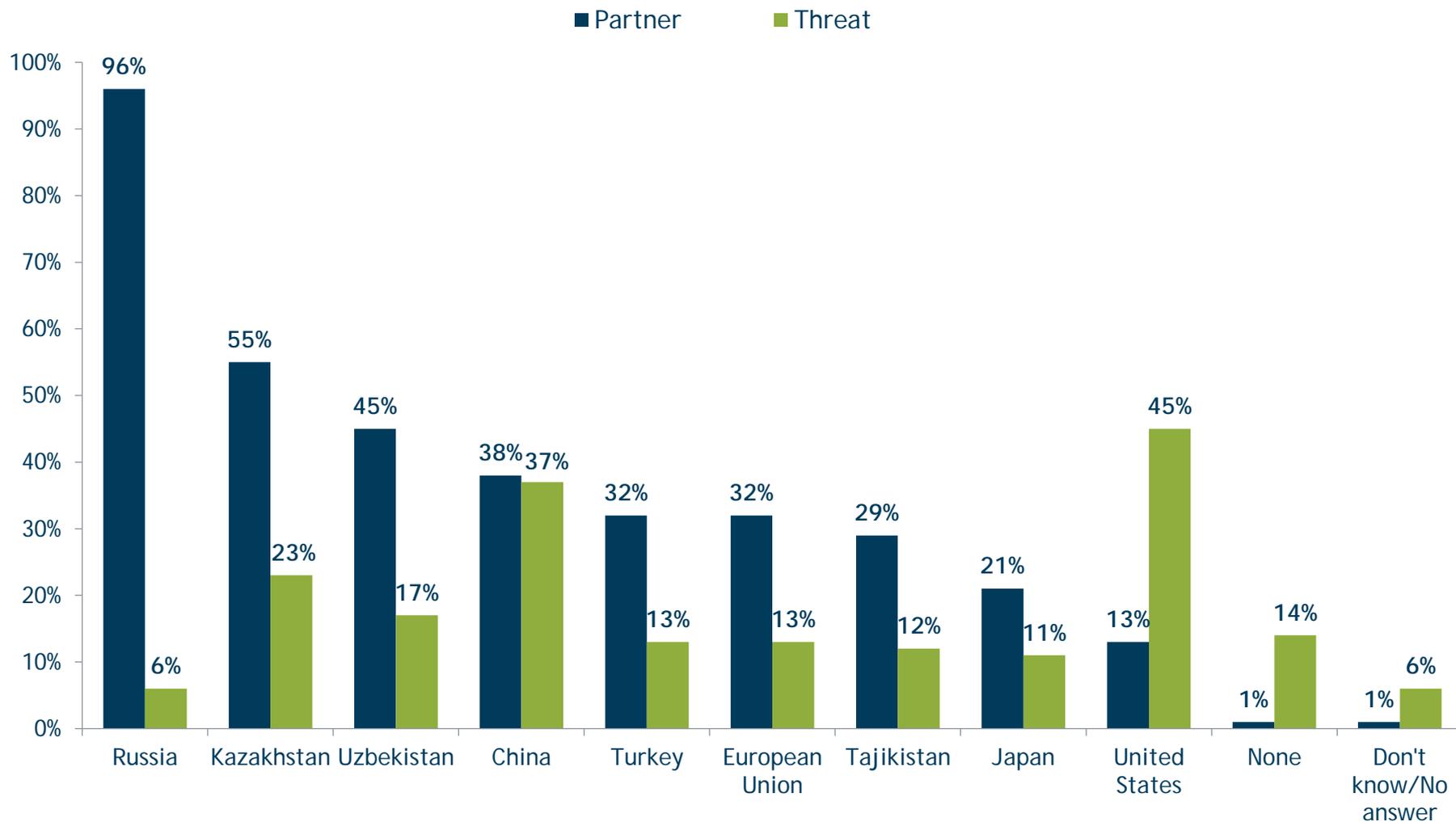
How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and the following countries?



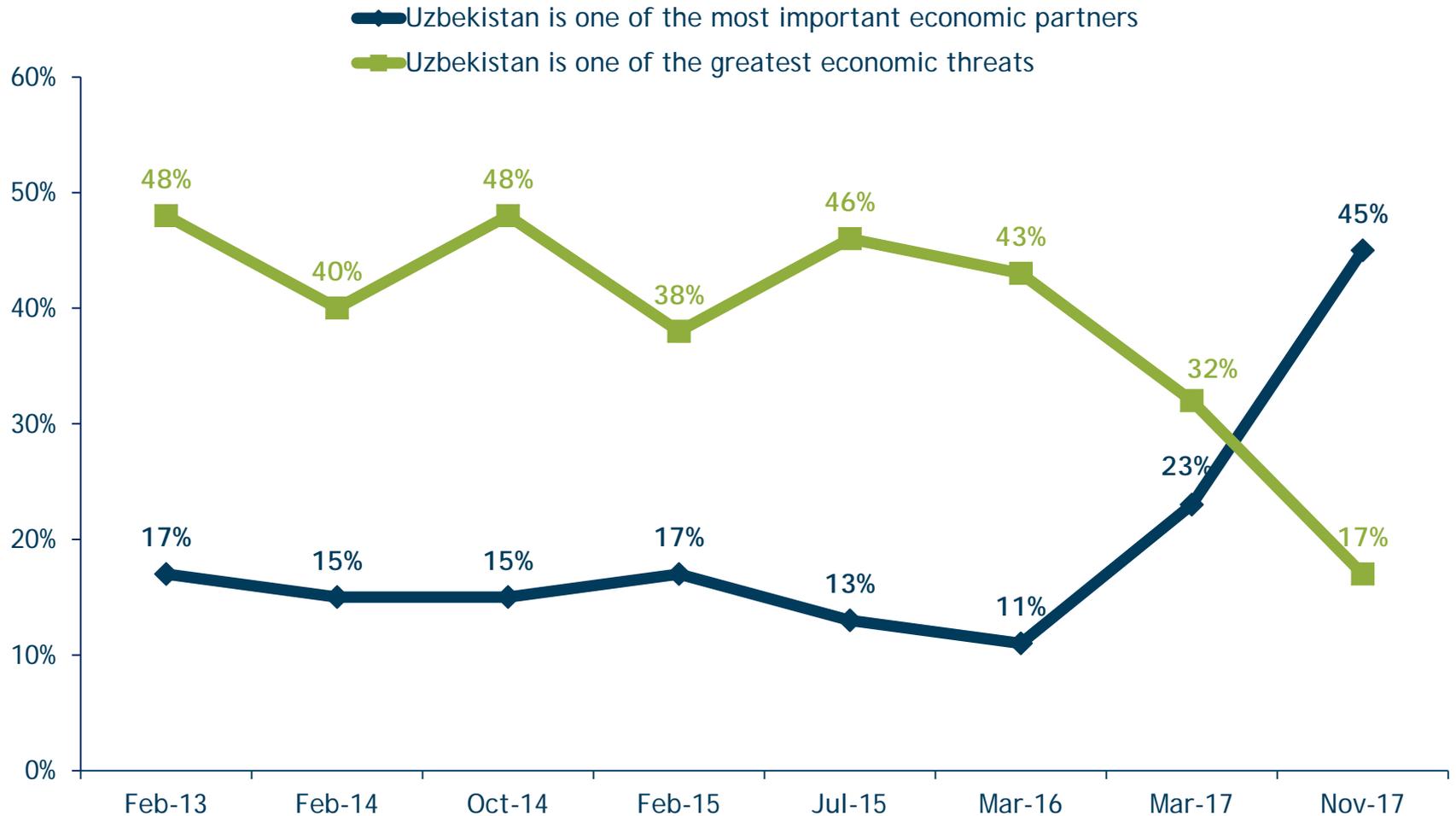
How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan?



Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partners and greatest economic threats to Kyrgyzstan? (Multiple answers allowed)

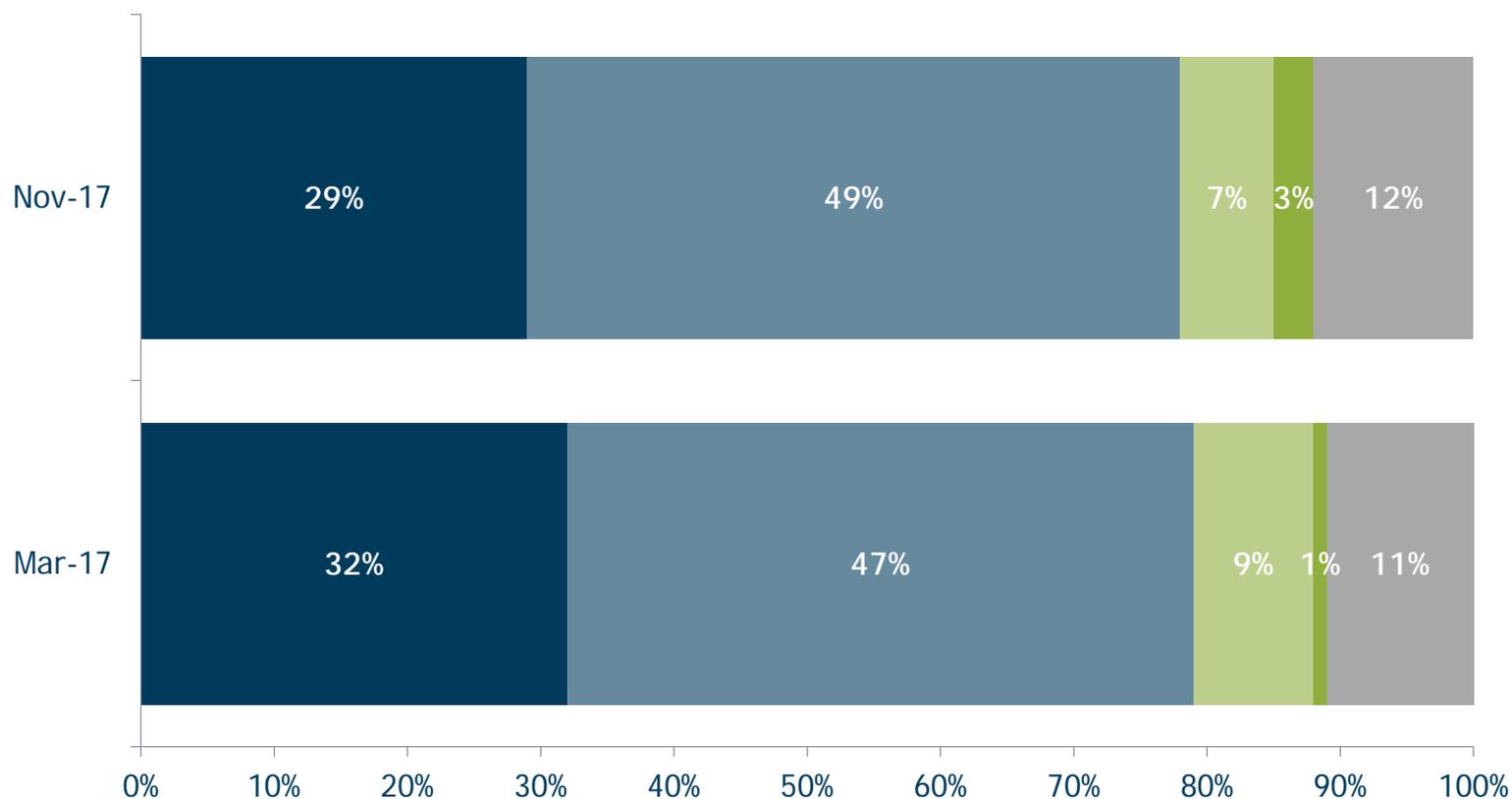


Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partners and greatest economic threats to Kyrgyzstan?



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

■ Very positive ■ Somewhat positive ■ Somewhat negative ■ Very negative ■ Don't know/No answer



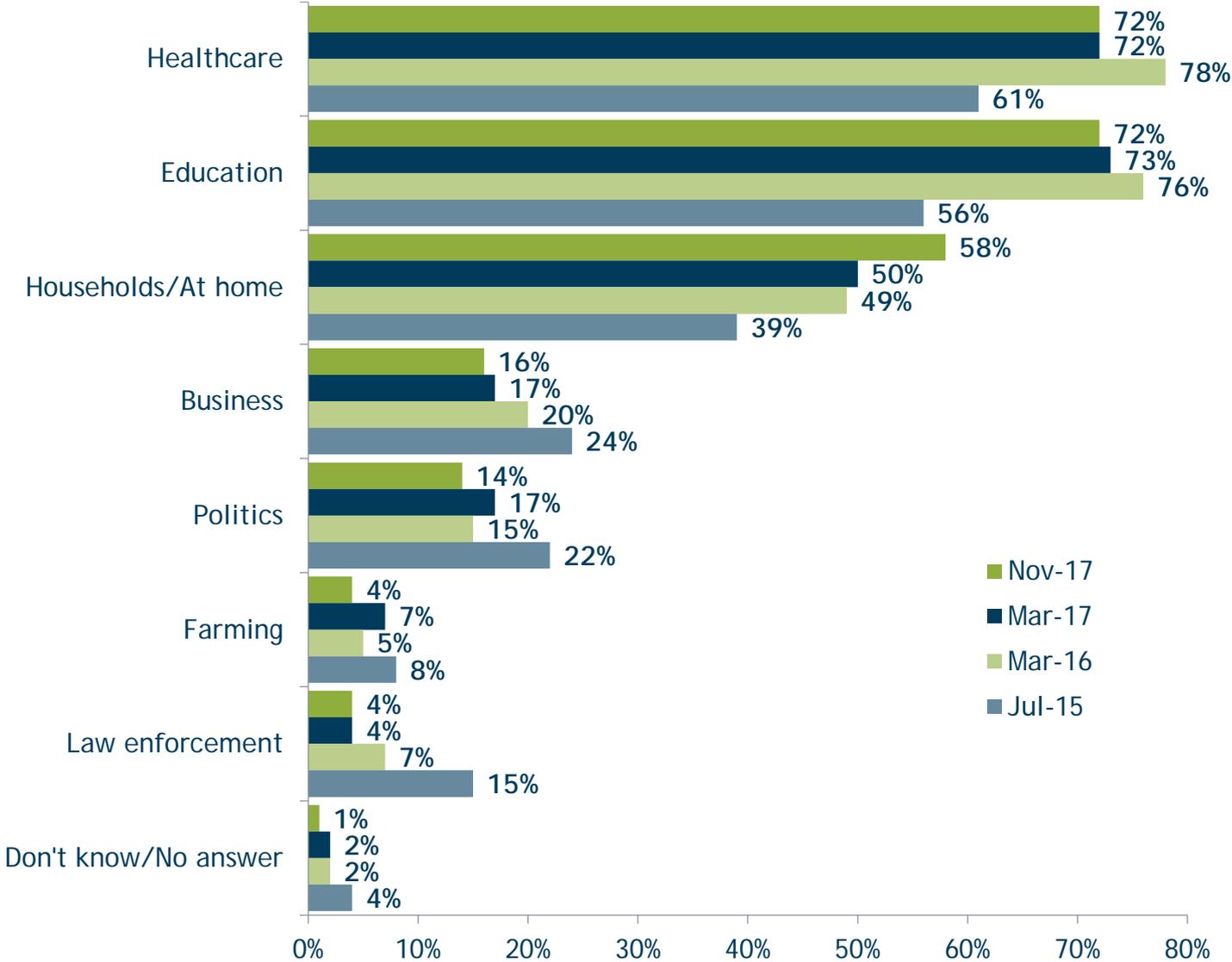


Human Rights

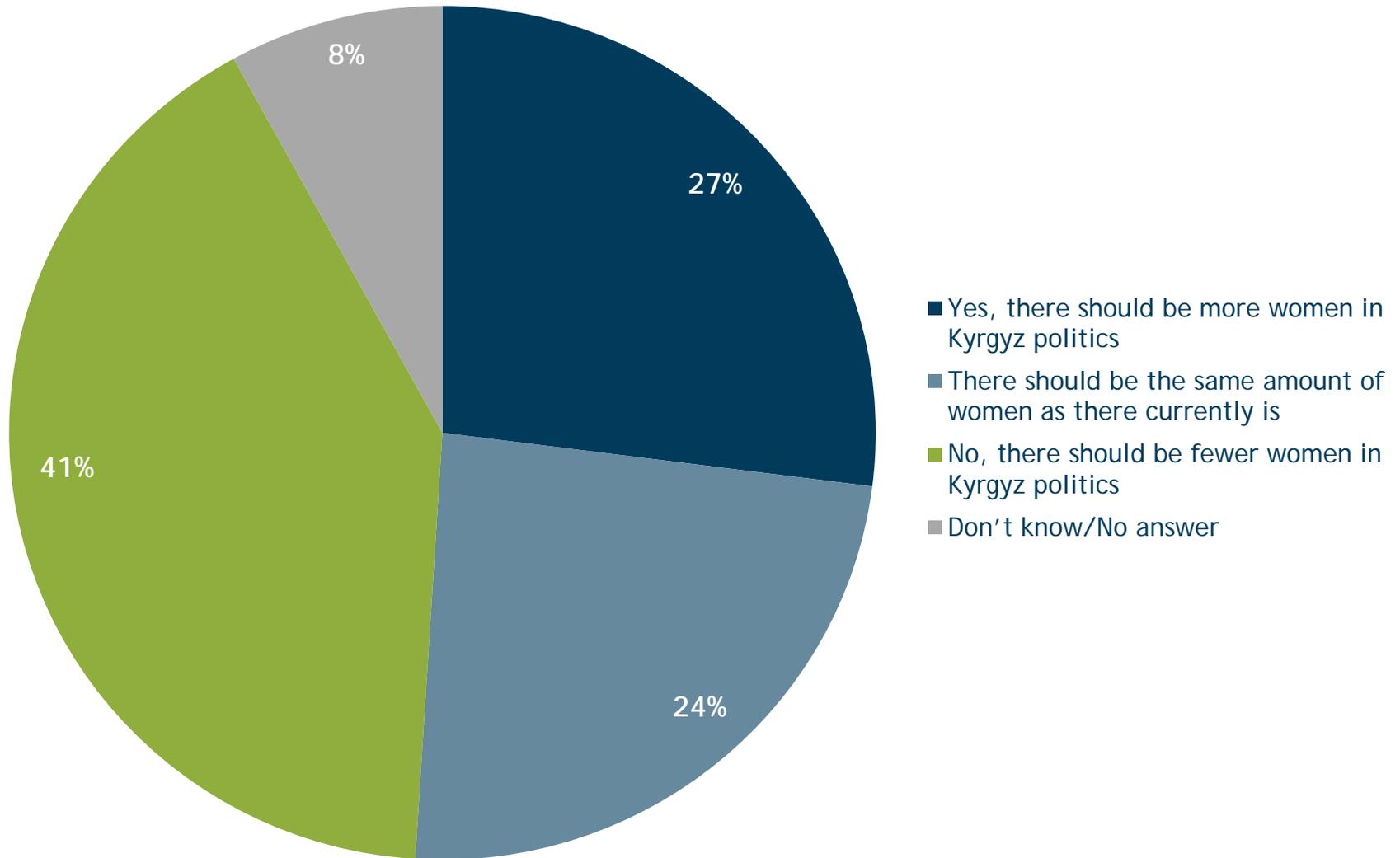


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In which sectors of society do you feel it is most important for women to play an expanded role? (Three answers allowed)

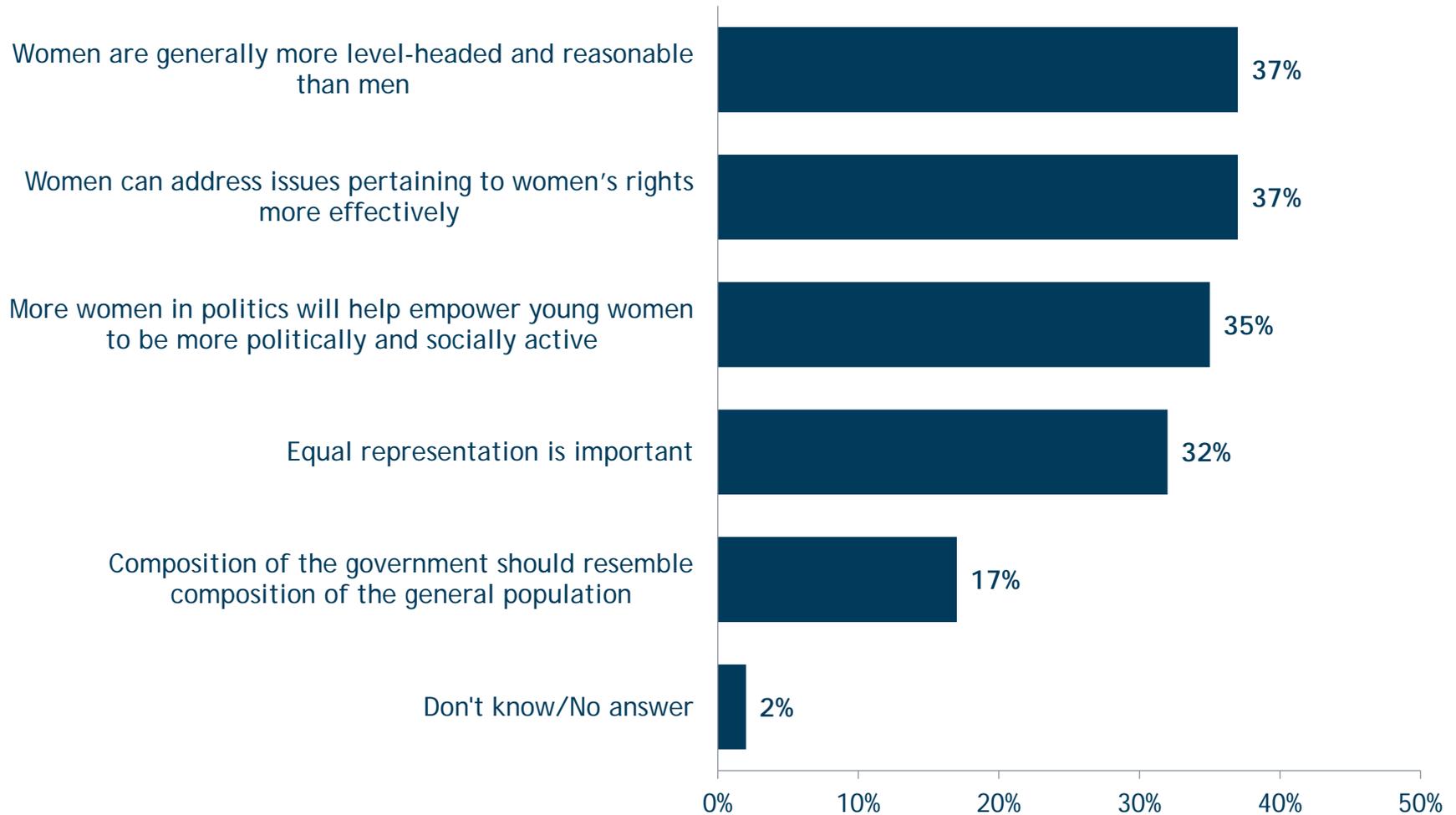


In your opinion, should there be more women in Kyrgyz politics?

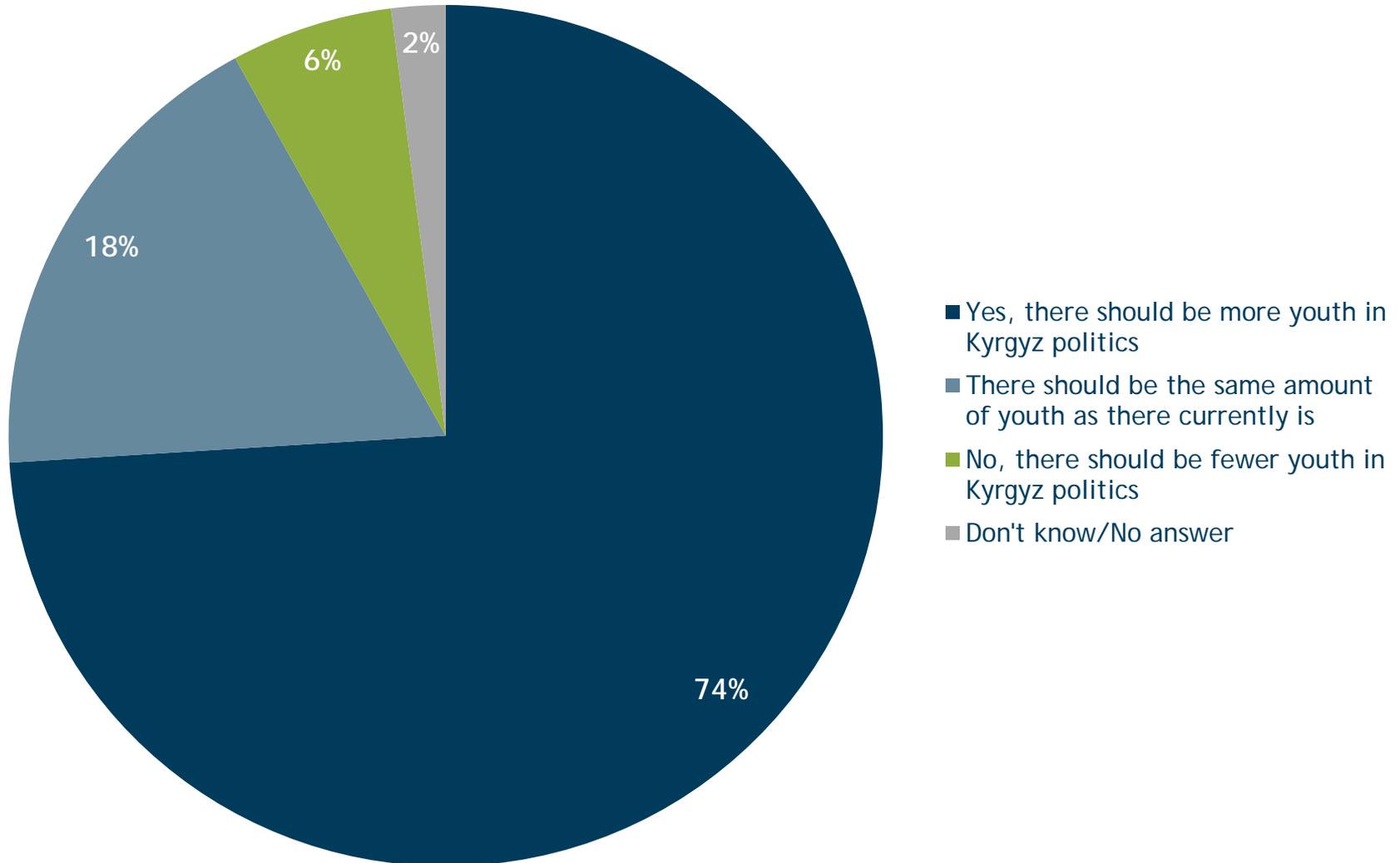


If yes, why do you believe there should be more women in politics?

(Respondents who think there should be more women in politics: N=407)

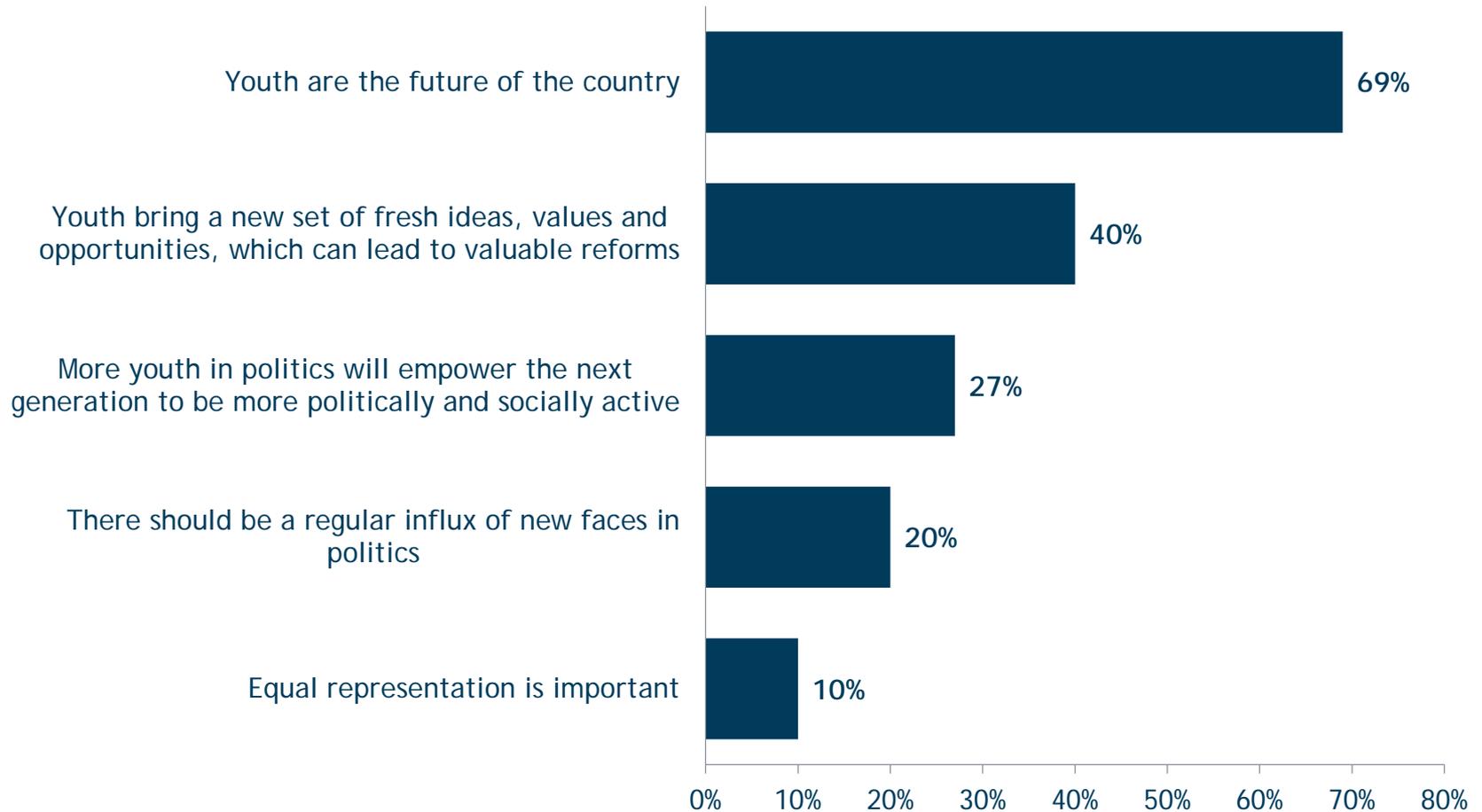


In your opinion, should there be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?



If yes, why do you believe there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics?

(Respondents who think there should be more youth in Kyrgyz politics: N=1,117)

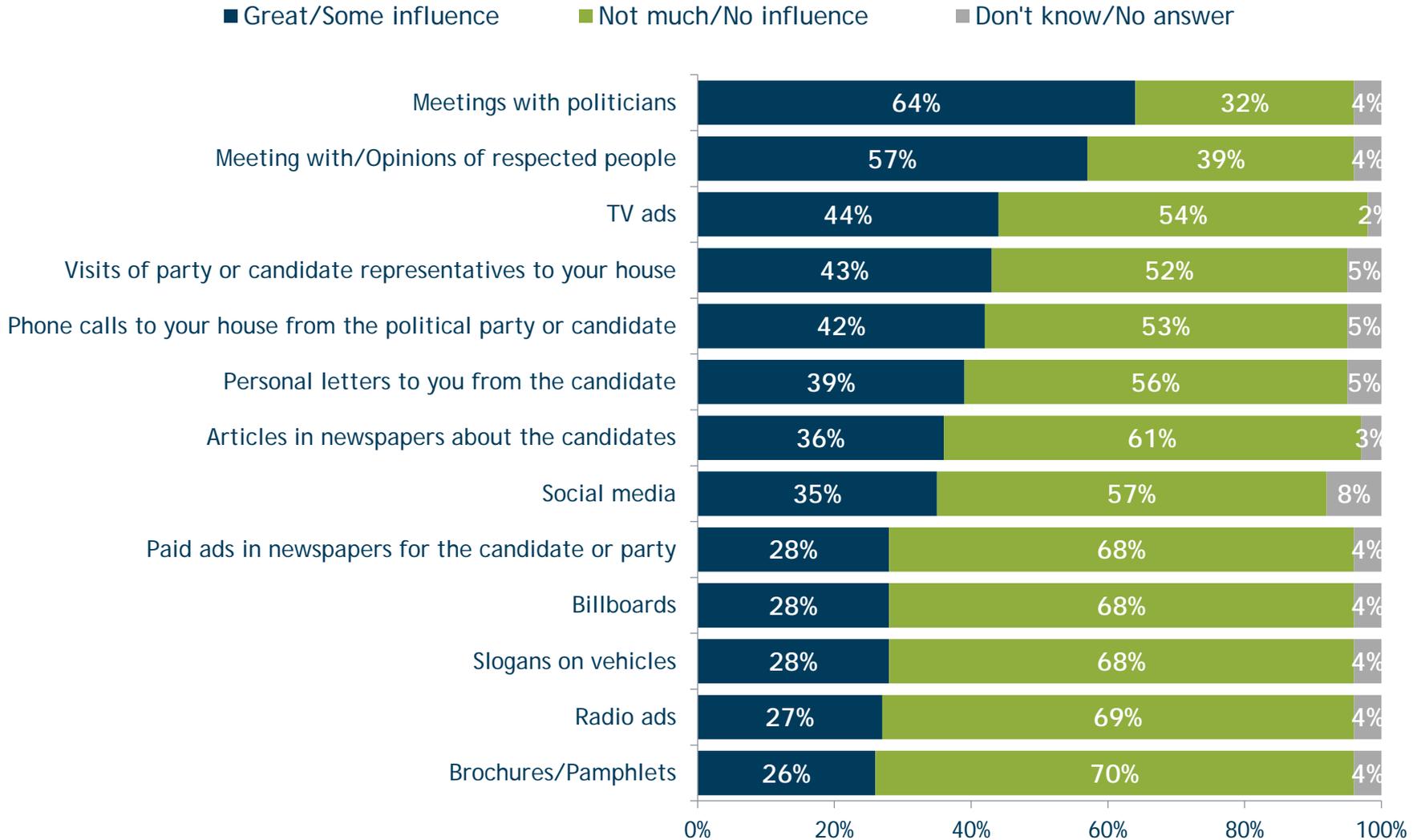




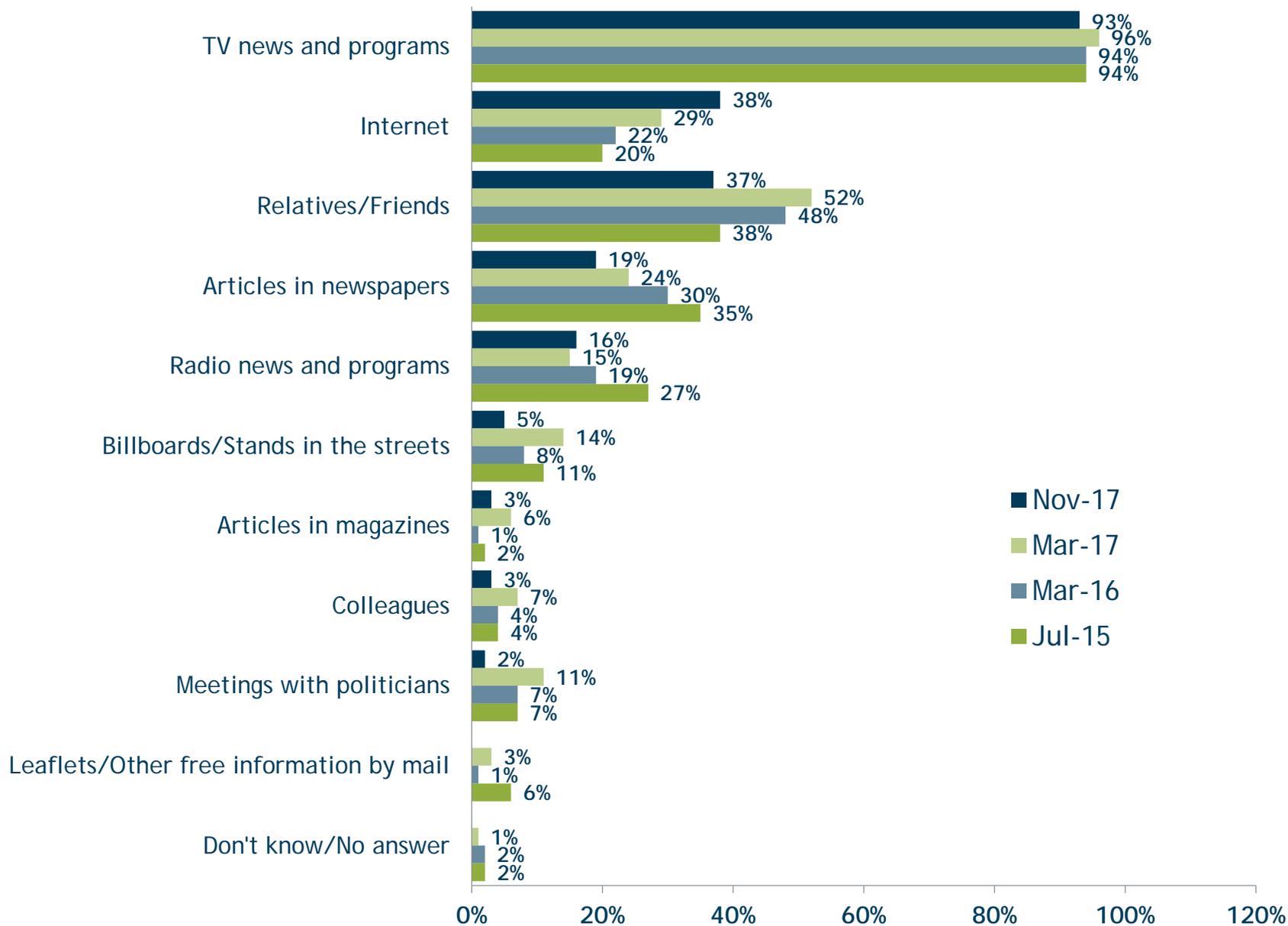
Sources of Information



For each of the items, please say if they have great influence, some influence, not much influence or no influence at all on your views of parties or candidates.

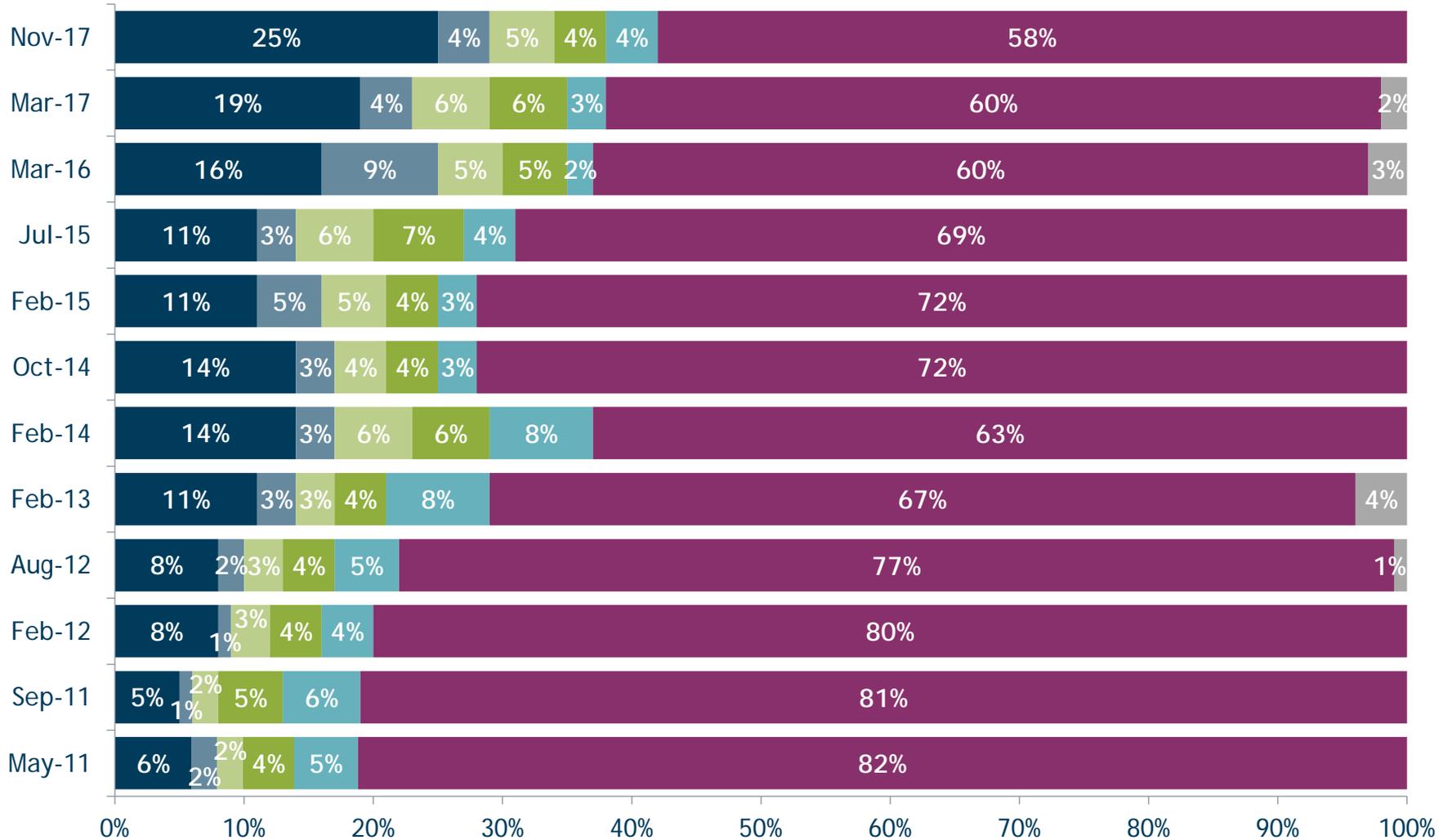


Which of these media outlets do you use for political information? (Multiple answers allowed)

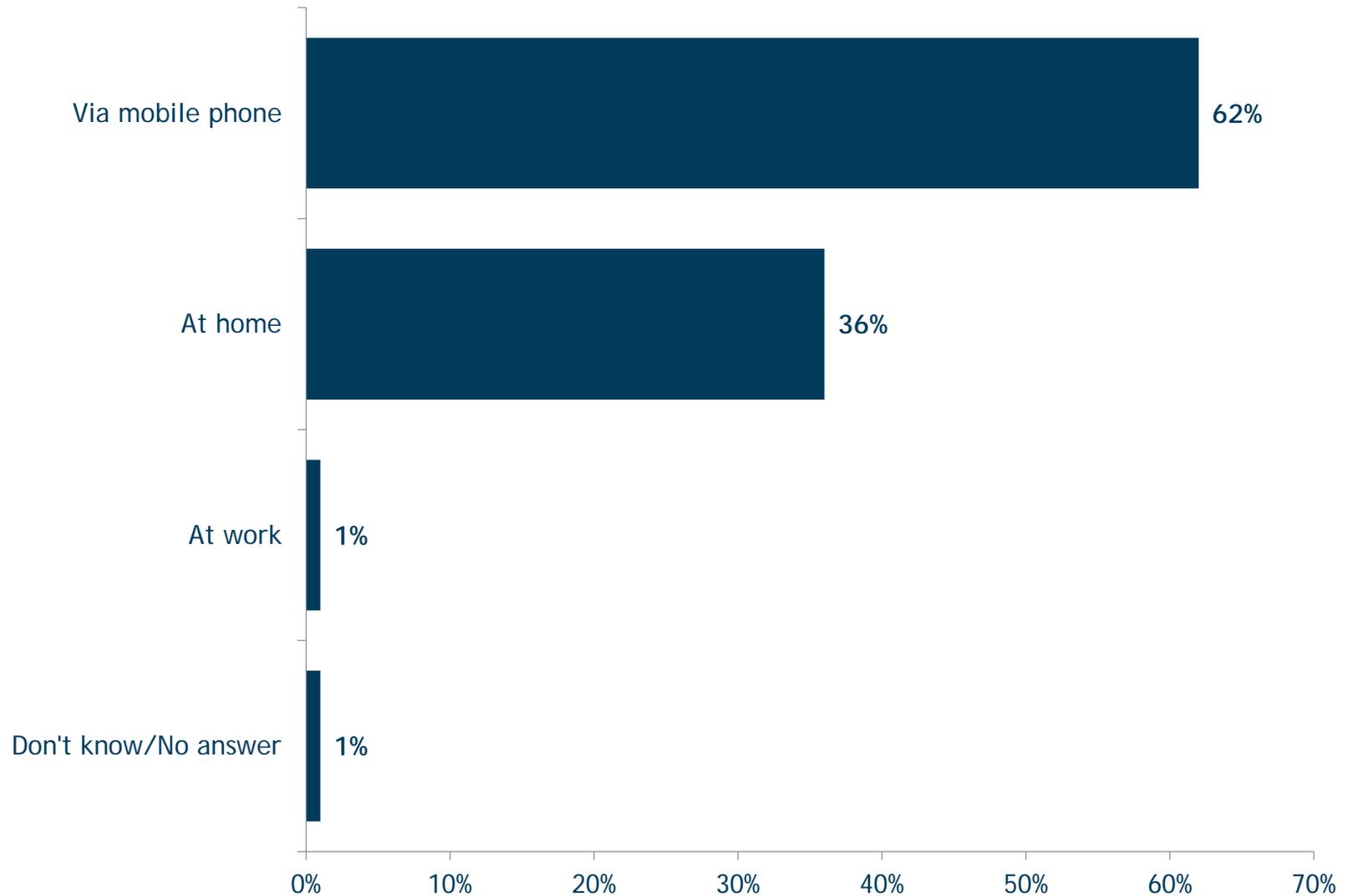


How often do you use the Internet?

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



Where do you access the Internet most often? (Internet users: N=634)



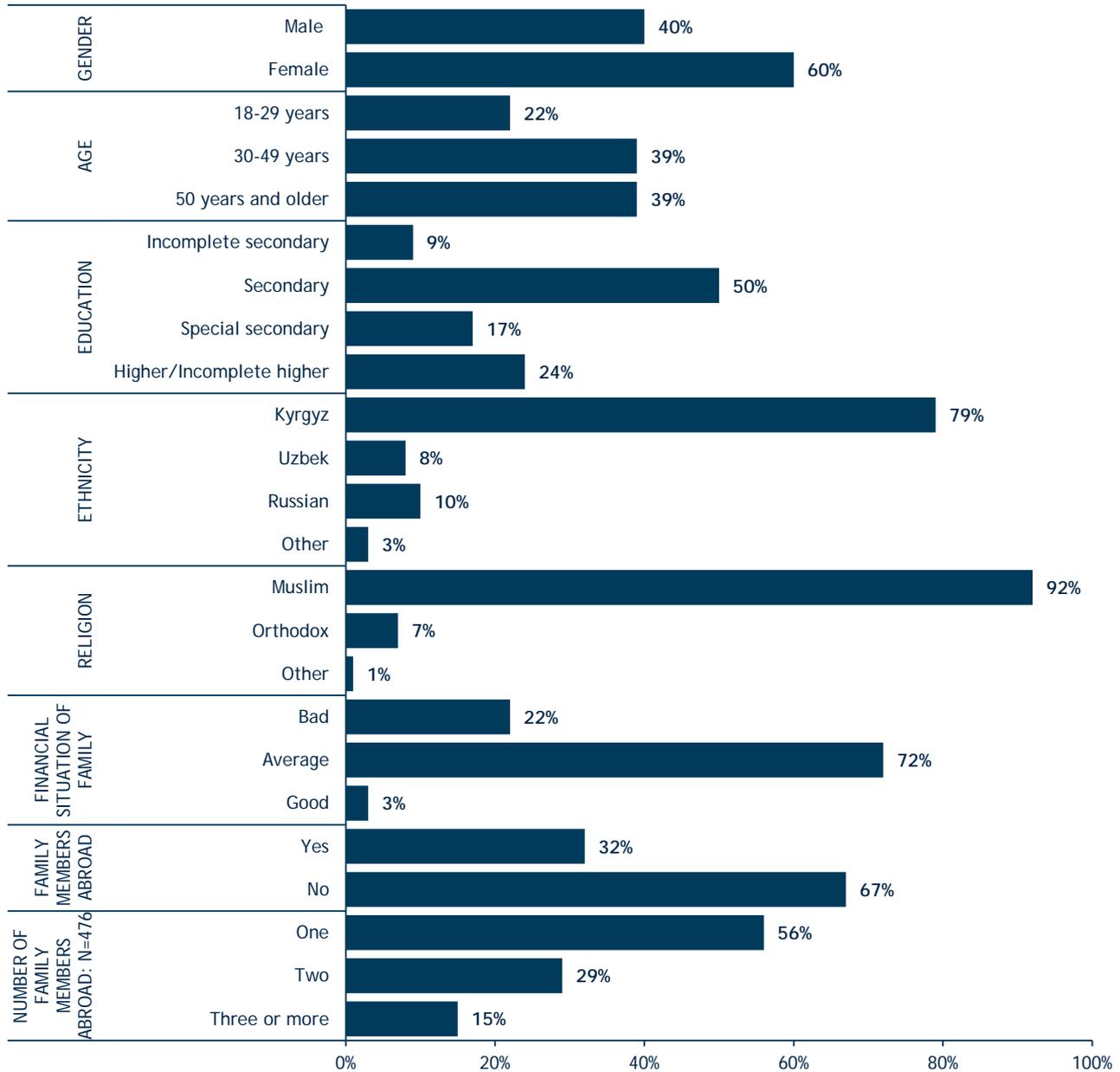


Demographics

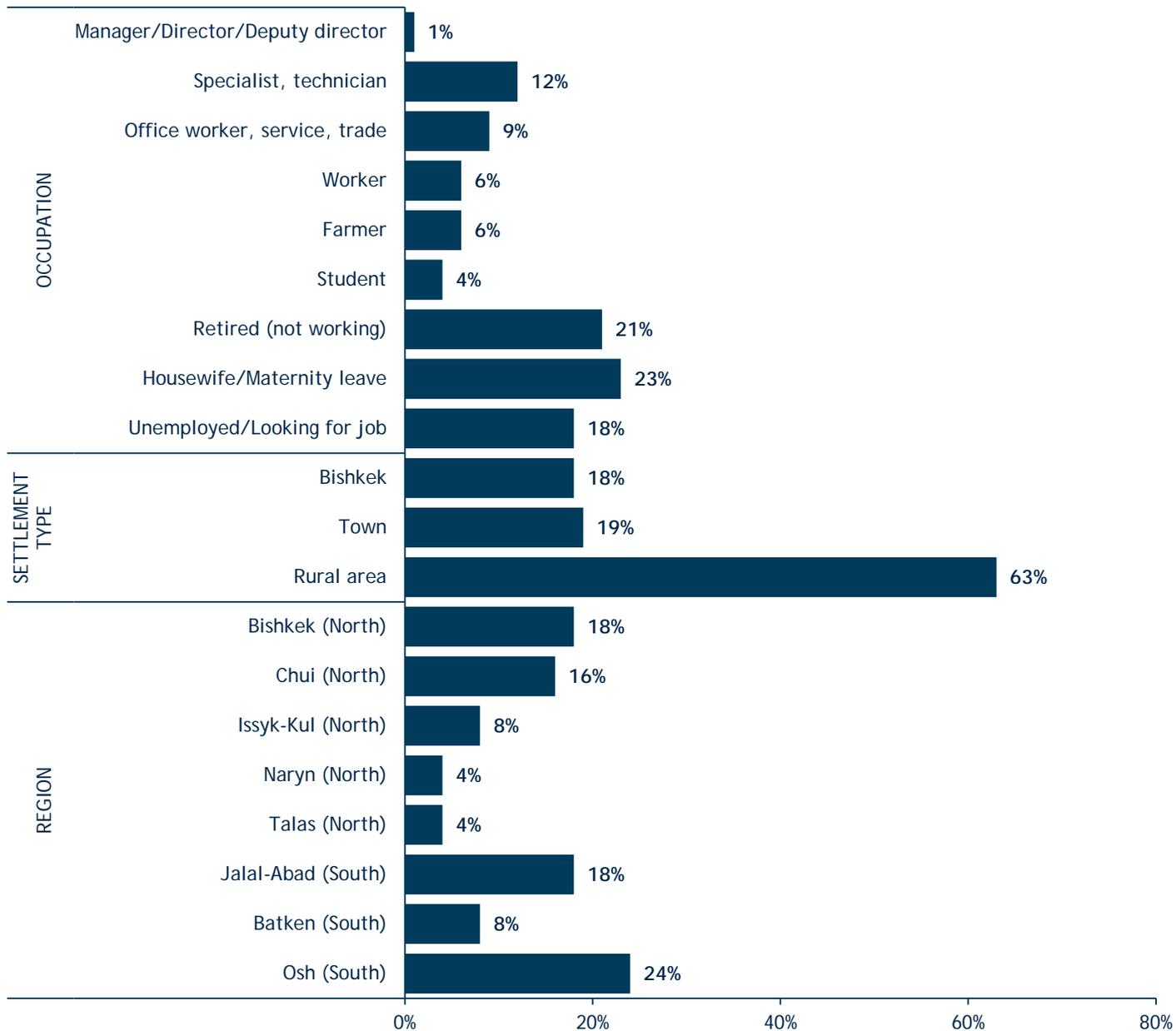


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