



Public Opinion Survey of Tunisia

April 19 - April 26, 2017



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Detailed Methodology

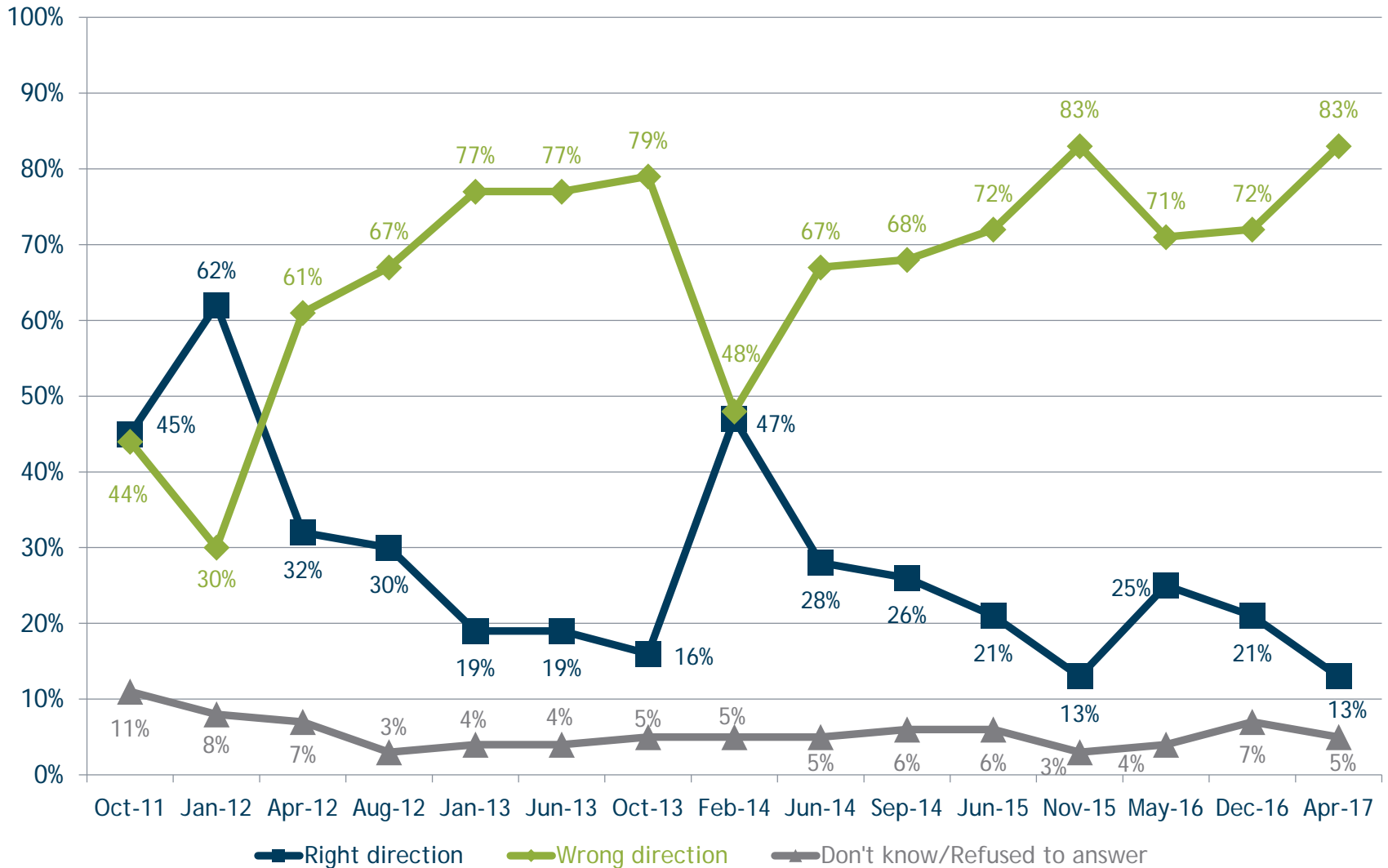
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute and the Center for Insights in Survey Research by Tunisian-owned and operated marketing research firm ELKA Consulting under the supervision of Chesapeake Beach Consulting.
- Data was collected from April 19 to 26, 2017, through face-to-face interviews in Arabic by trained professionals. All data was collected on CAPI Solution tablets.
- The sample consisted of 1,229 Tunisians aged 18 and older.
- Interviews were selected using a multi-stage stratification method proportionate to population sample distribution.
- Stratification was based on three stages: proportional division among Tunisia's 24 governorates; proportional division of urban and rural categories; and proportional division by gender and age according to the most recent data from Tunisia's National Statistics Institute (collected in 2014). The sample was then post-weighted to make it proportionate to national representation by province.
- Each governorate was divided into territorial sections or districts. In every territorial section, at least one point of survey was selected with the overall number of points determined by population density. No more than 10 interviews were conducted in each point of survey. Points of survey were distributed proportionally between rural and urban areas in every governorate and in every geographical section of the governorate.
- The Kish Method was used to select respondents 18 years and older within randomly selected households. The left-hand method was used to select every third household in localities chosen through an area probability sample.
- The overall margin of error is plus or minus 2.85 percent at the midrange of the 95 percent confidence level.
- 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 add up to 100 percent due to rounding.



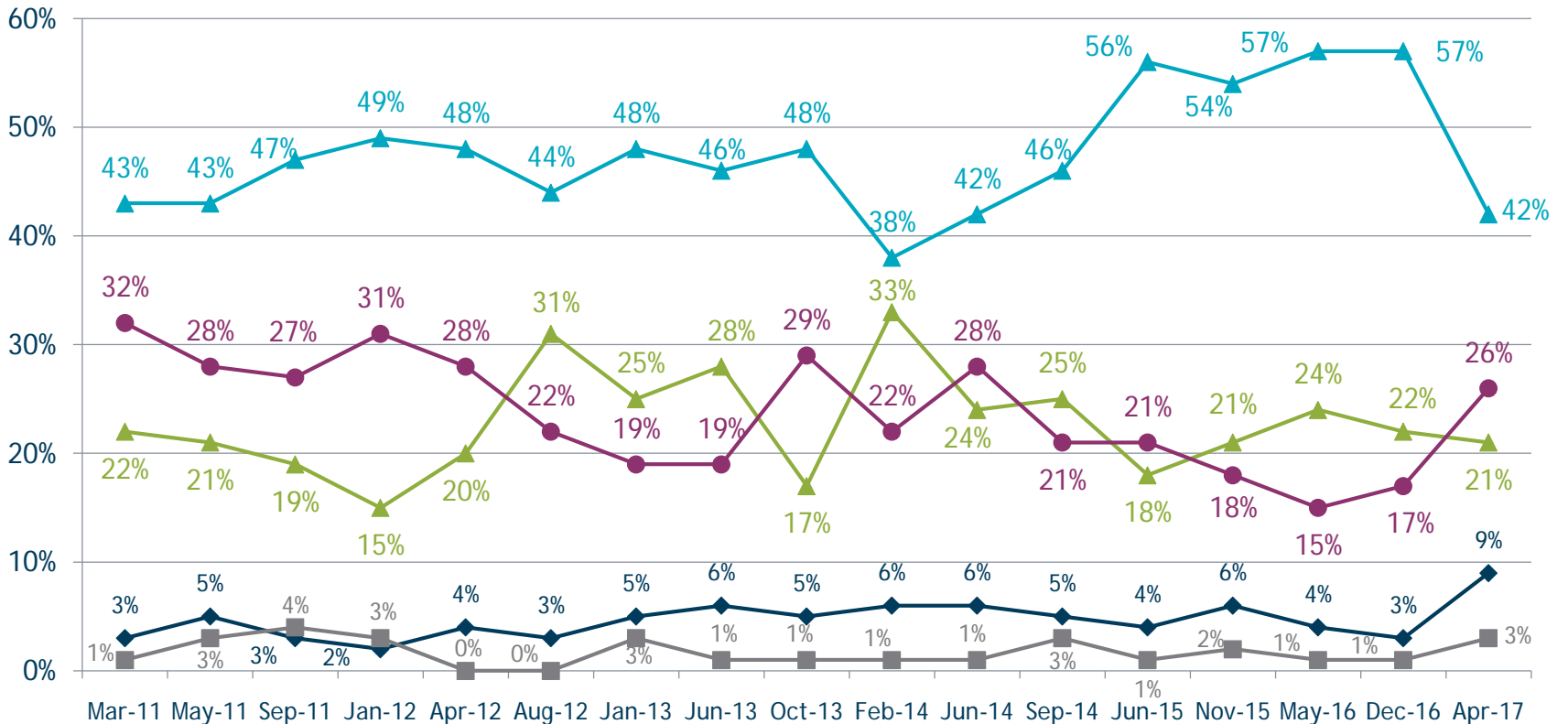
Political and Economic Indicators



How would you say things are going for Tunisia overall these days?

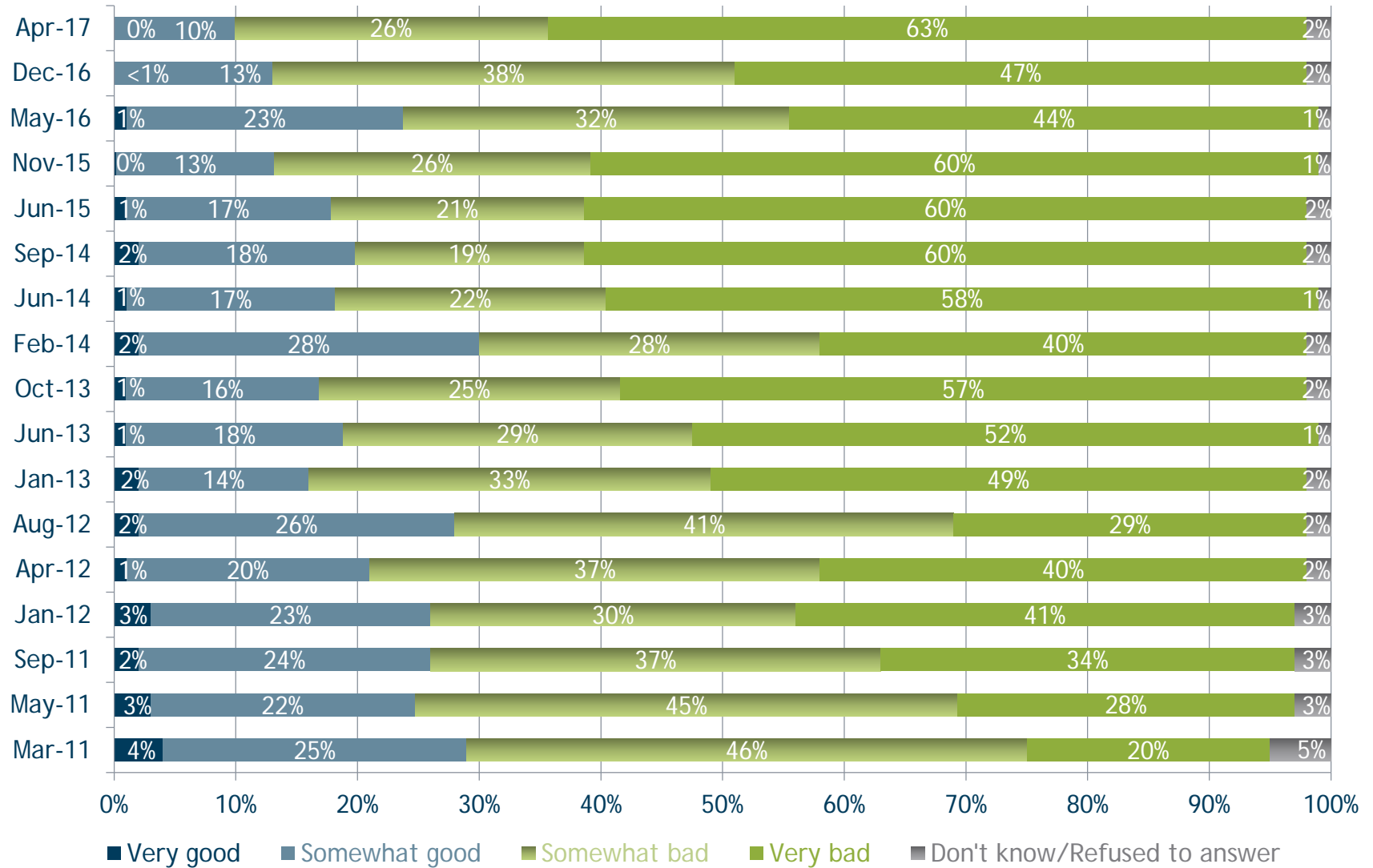


Which answer best describes your current economic situation:

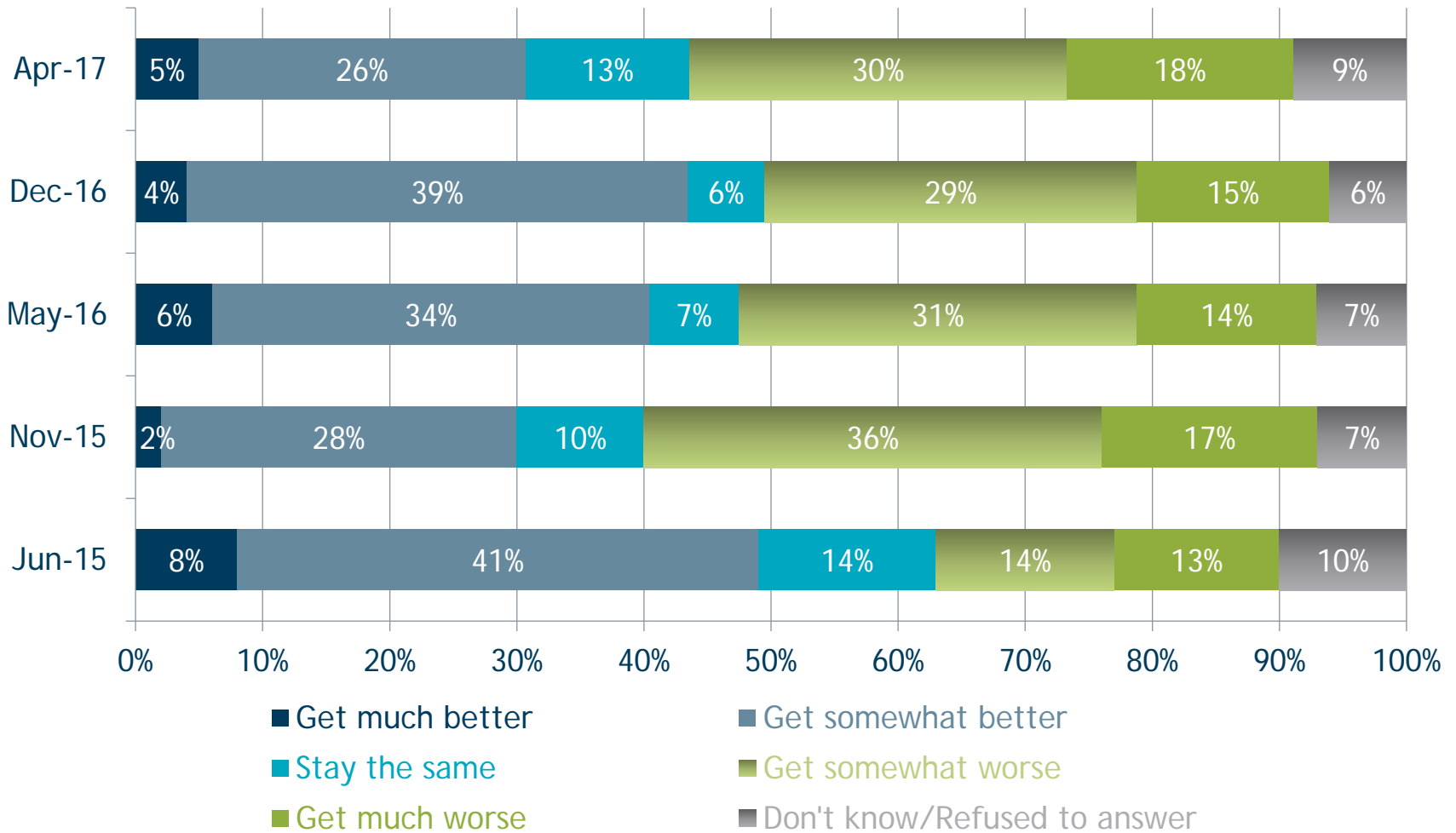


- ◆ I am able to afford things like new clothes and eating out and also support other members of my family who are not able to do these things
- ▲ I am able to afford things like new clothes and eating at restaurants but not often
- ▲ I have enough means to survive, but I do not have enough money for extra things
- I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival
- Don't know/Refused to answer

How would you describe the current economic situation in Tunisia: very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?



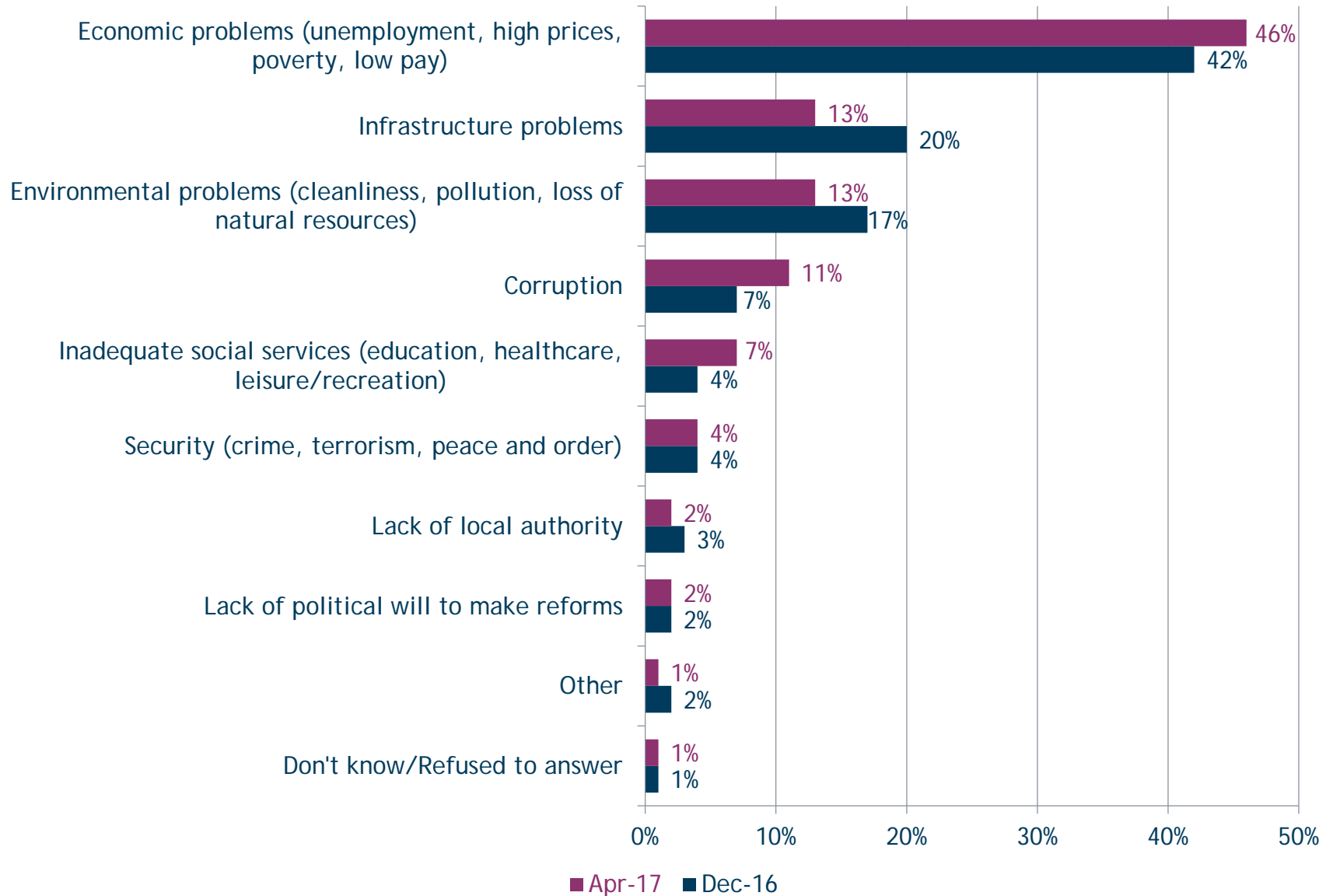
Thinking ahead to next year, do you expect your household's financial situation to: get much better, get somewhat better, get somewhat worse, get much worse or stay the same?



What in your opinion is the SINGLE biggest problem facing Tunisia as a whole?

	Apr-17	Dec-16	May-16	Nov-15	June-15
Unemployment	44%	38%	33%	24%	39%
Economic and financial crisis	30%	32%	17%	11%	17%
Corruption	7%	7%	10%	3%	5%
Terrorism	6%	11%	25%	47%	20%
Domestic political conflicts and tensions	5%	5%	3%	2%	1%
Strikes and sit-ins	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%
Security	1%	1%	5%	7%	6%
Local elections	<1%	<1%	<1%	0%	0%
International conflicts and tensions	<1%	<1%	0%	0%	1%
Violence, delinquency and vandalism	<1%	1%	2%	<1%	0%
Other	3%	3%	3%	3%	7%
Don't know/Refused to answer	1%	1%	1%	<1%	1%

What, in your opinion, is the biggest problem in your community?

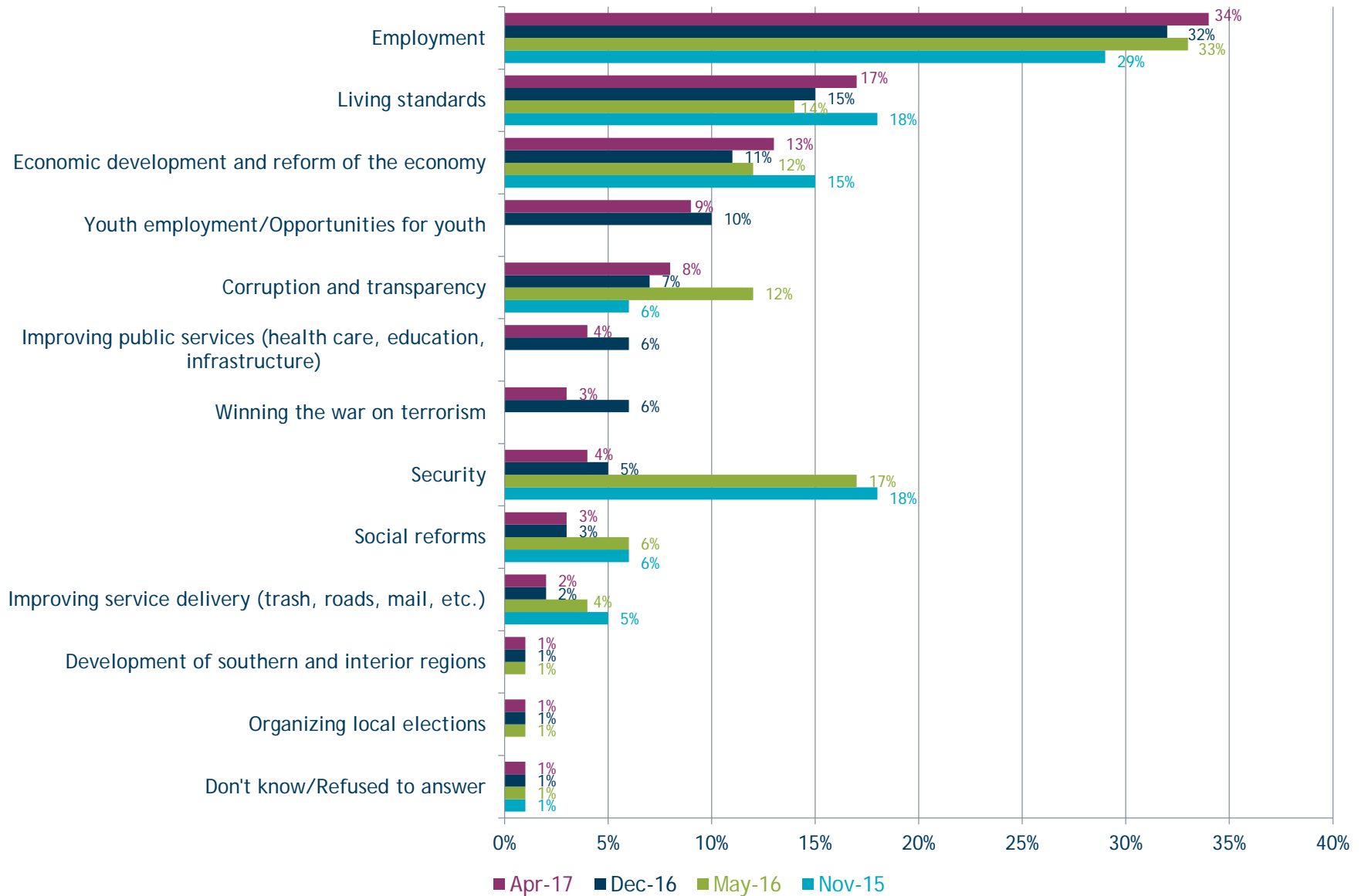




Government Performance

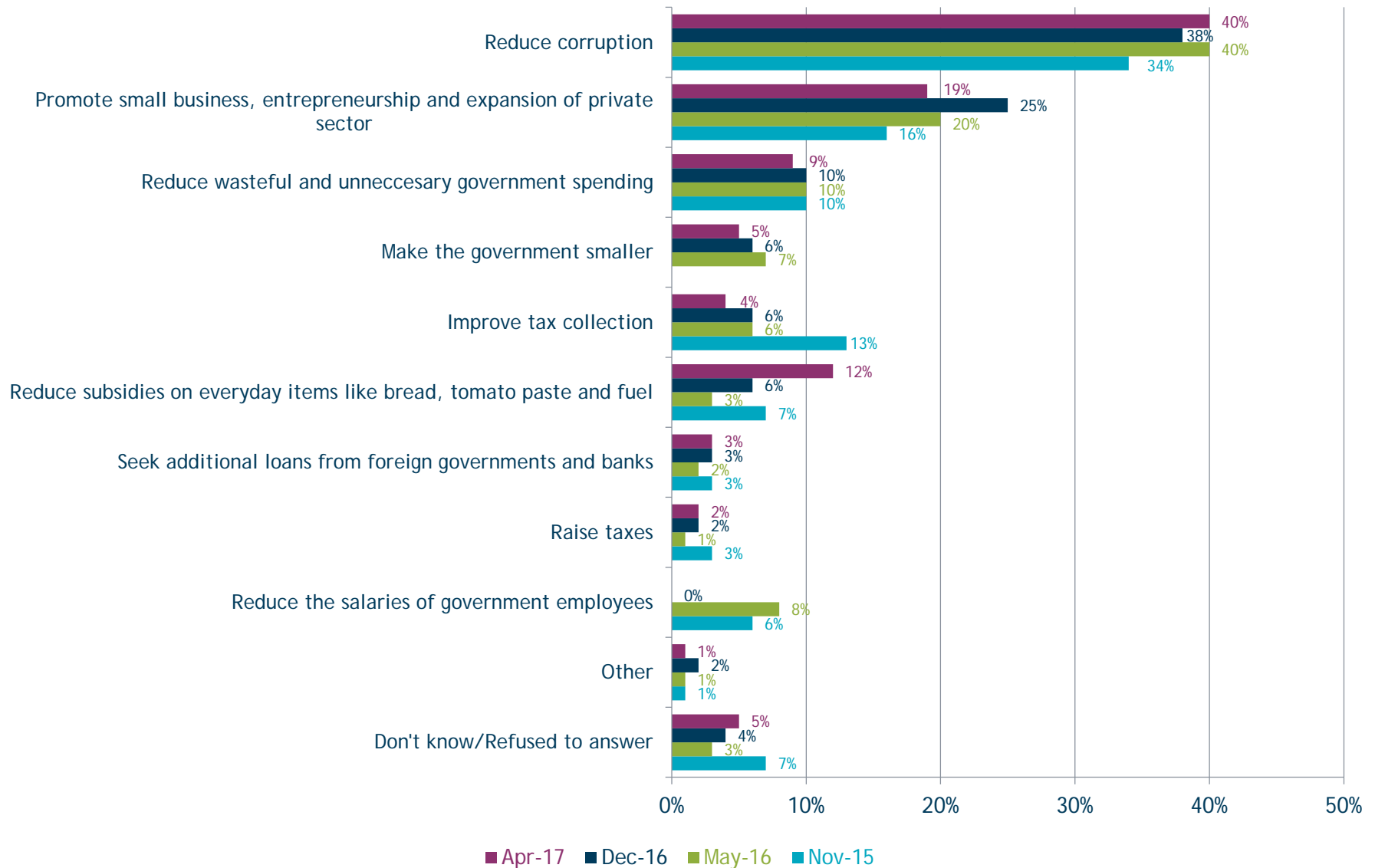


What should be the top priority for the government?



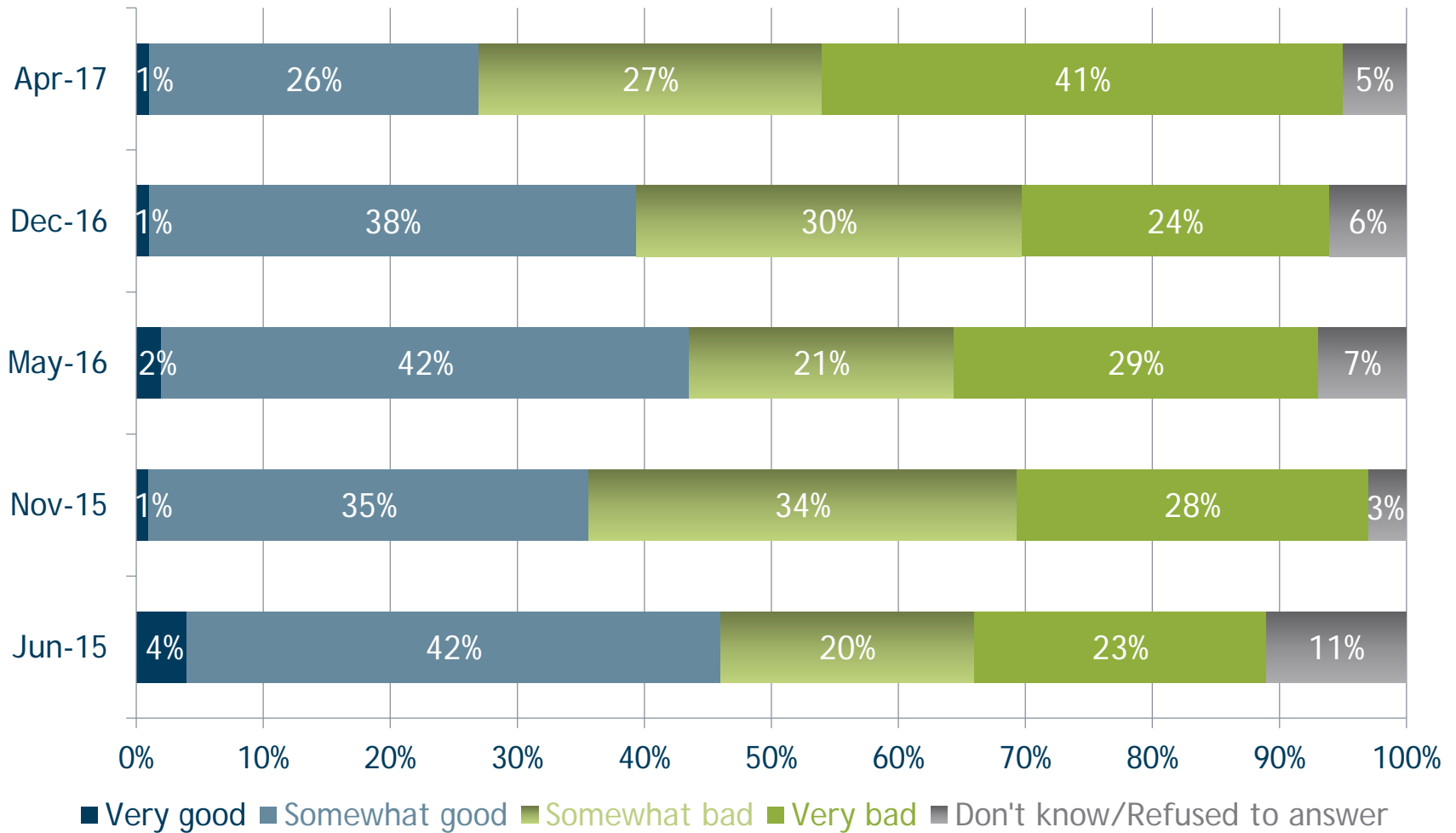
*"Improving public services," "Winning the war on terrorism," and "Youth employment/opportunities for youth " were not offered as responses in the May 2016 or November 2015 surveys. "Development of southern and interior regions" and "Organizing local elections" were not offered as options in the November 2015 survey.

What specific government policies should be enacted in order to provide more resources for the government to address this priority area?



*"Reduce the salaries of government employees" was not offered as an option in the April 2017 survey. "Make the government smaller" was not offered as an option in the November 2015 survey.

How would you rate the performance of the government: very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad?

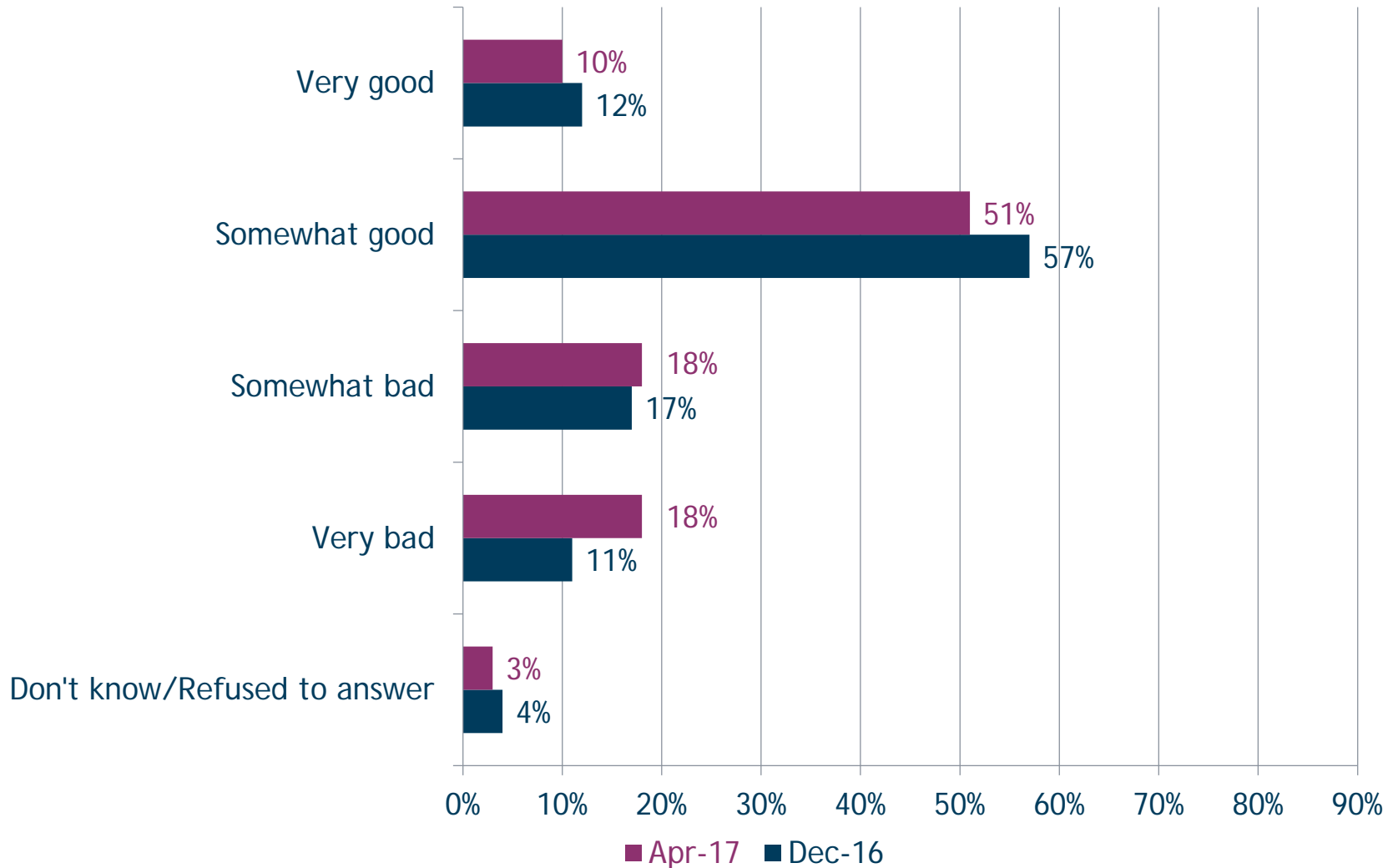


Is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job on the following issues:

	Apr-17					Dec-16				
	Very good	Some-what good	Some-what bad	Very bad	Don't know/ Re-fused to answer	Very good	Some-what good	Some-what bad	Very bad	Don't know/ Re-fused to answer
Keeping the country safe from terrorism	10%	51%	18%	18%	3%	12%	57%	17%	11%	4%
Creating jobs	6%	26%	28%	37%	3%	4%	28%	35%	30%	3%
Fighting corruption	7%	27%	26%	37%	3%	6%	33%	28%	30%	4%
Preventing violence against women	14%	47%	17%	16%	7%	Not asked in December 2016				
Providing young people with small loans to start small businesses	9%	31%	24%	30%	7%	7%	31%	28%	26%	9%
Encouraging investment in Tunisia's economy	8%	30%	25%	31%	6%	5%	42%	27%	20%	7%

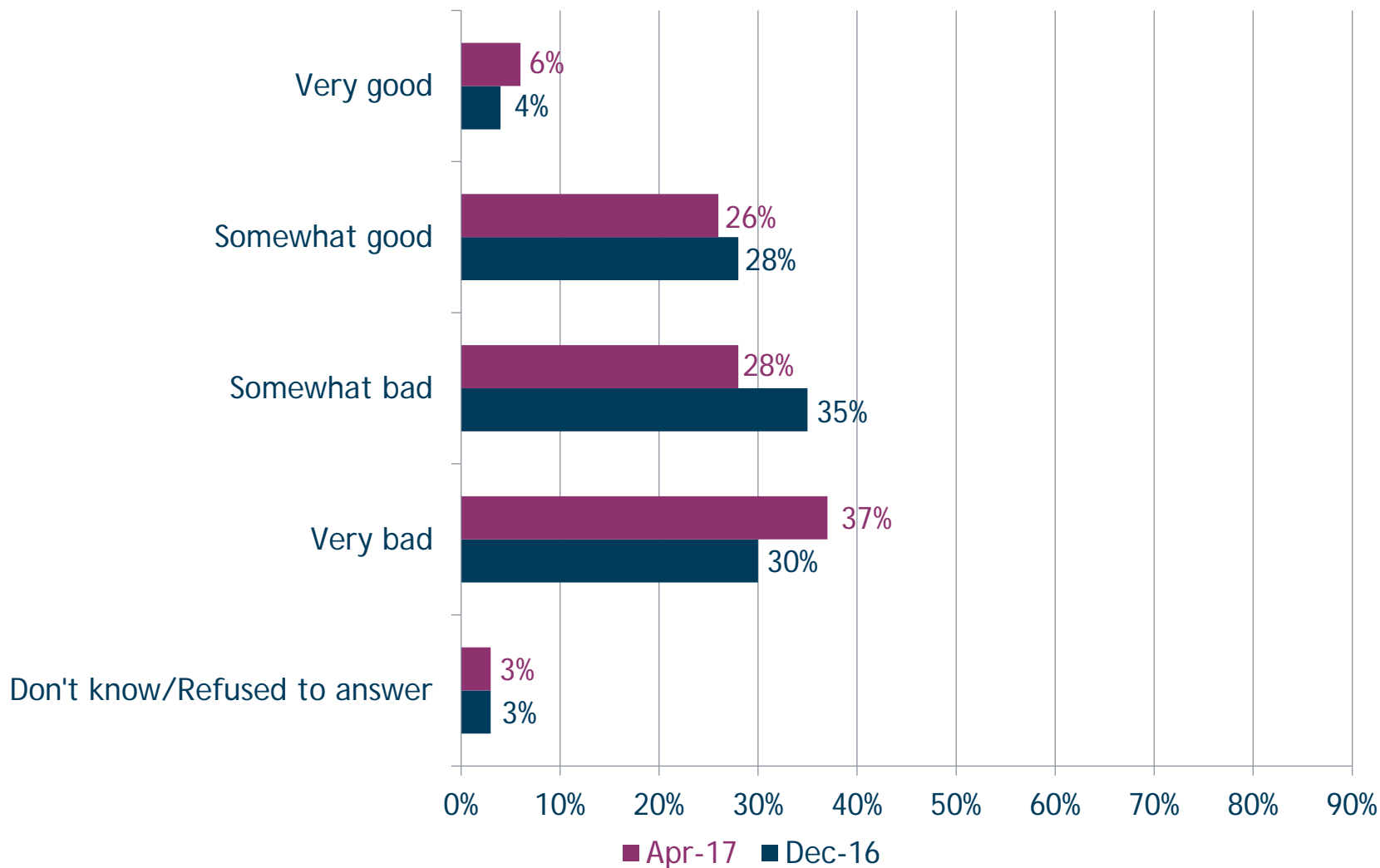
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Keeping the country safe from terrorism



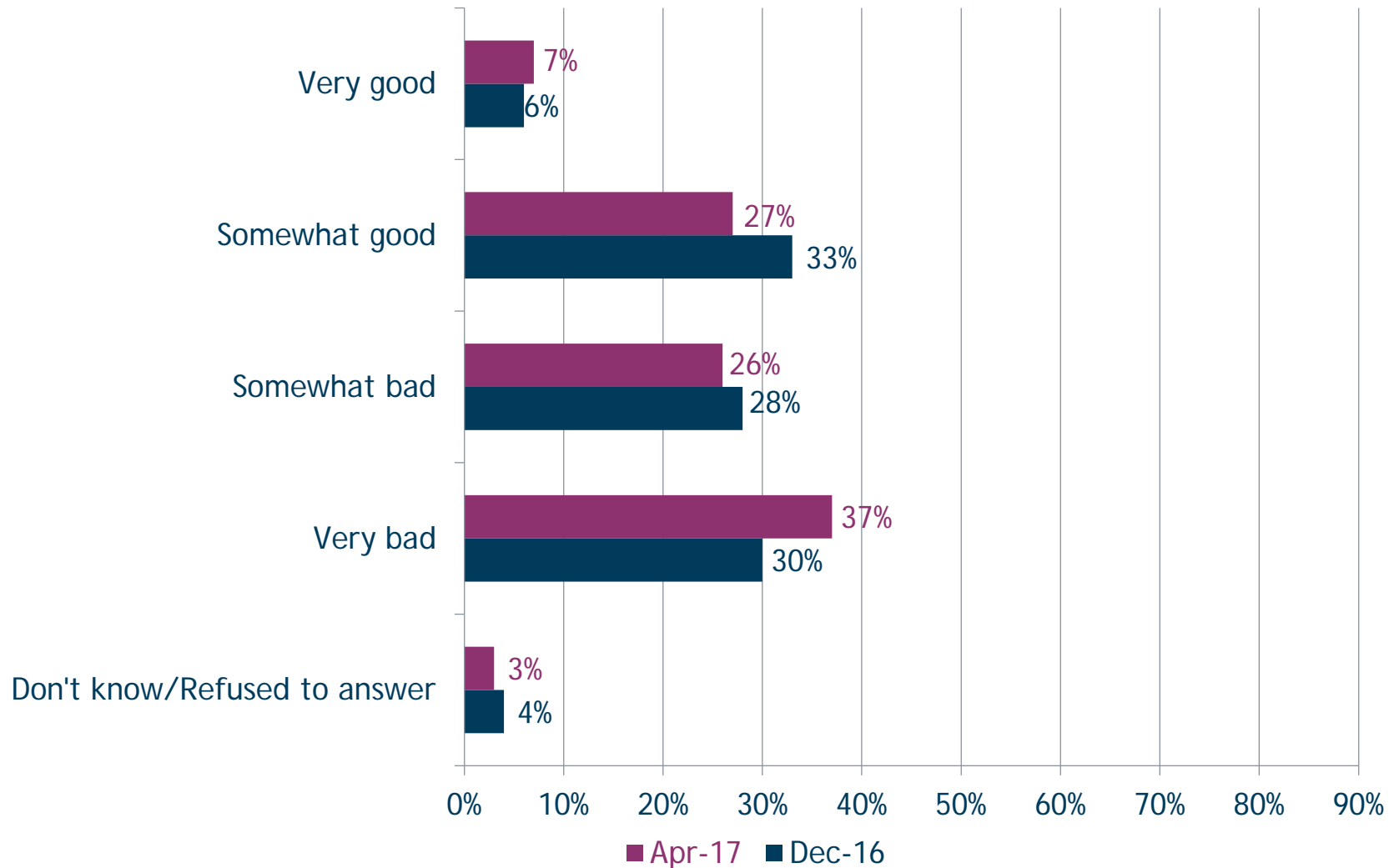
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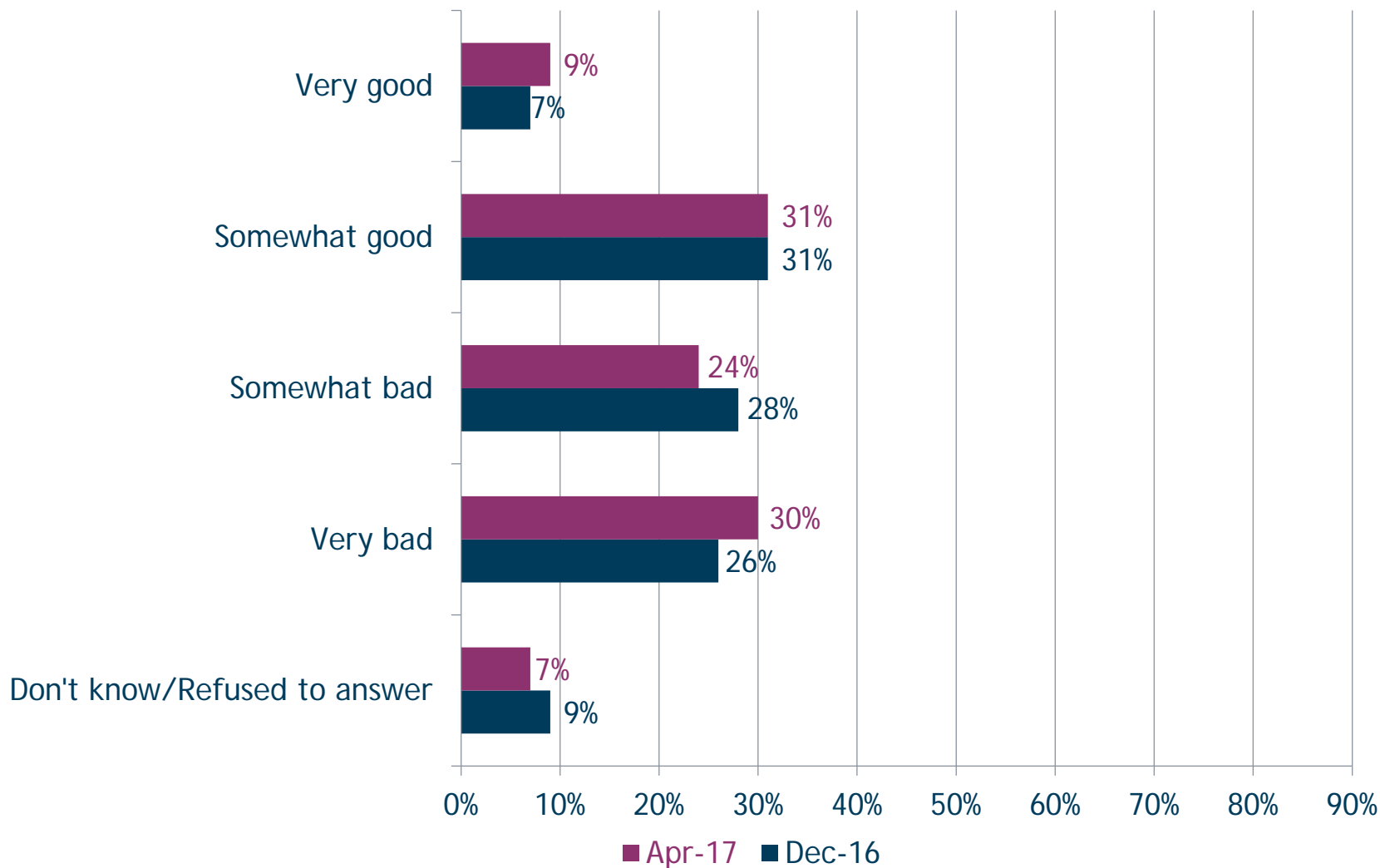
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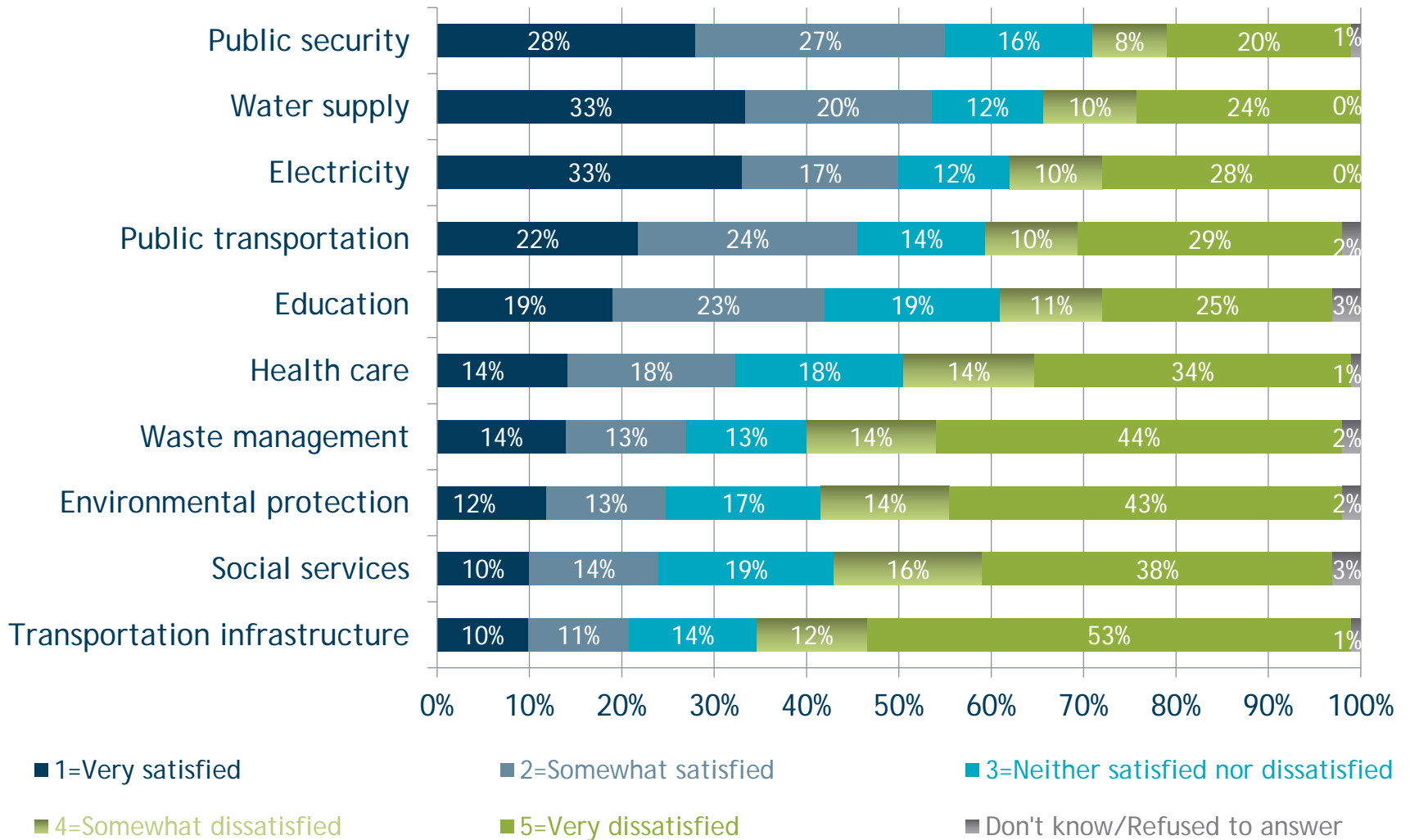




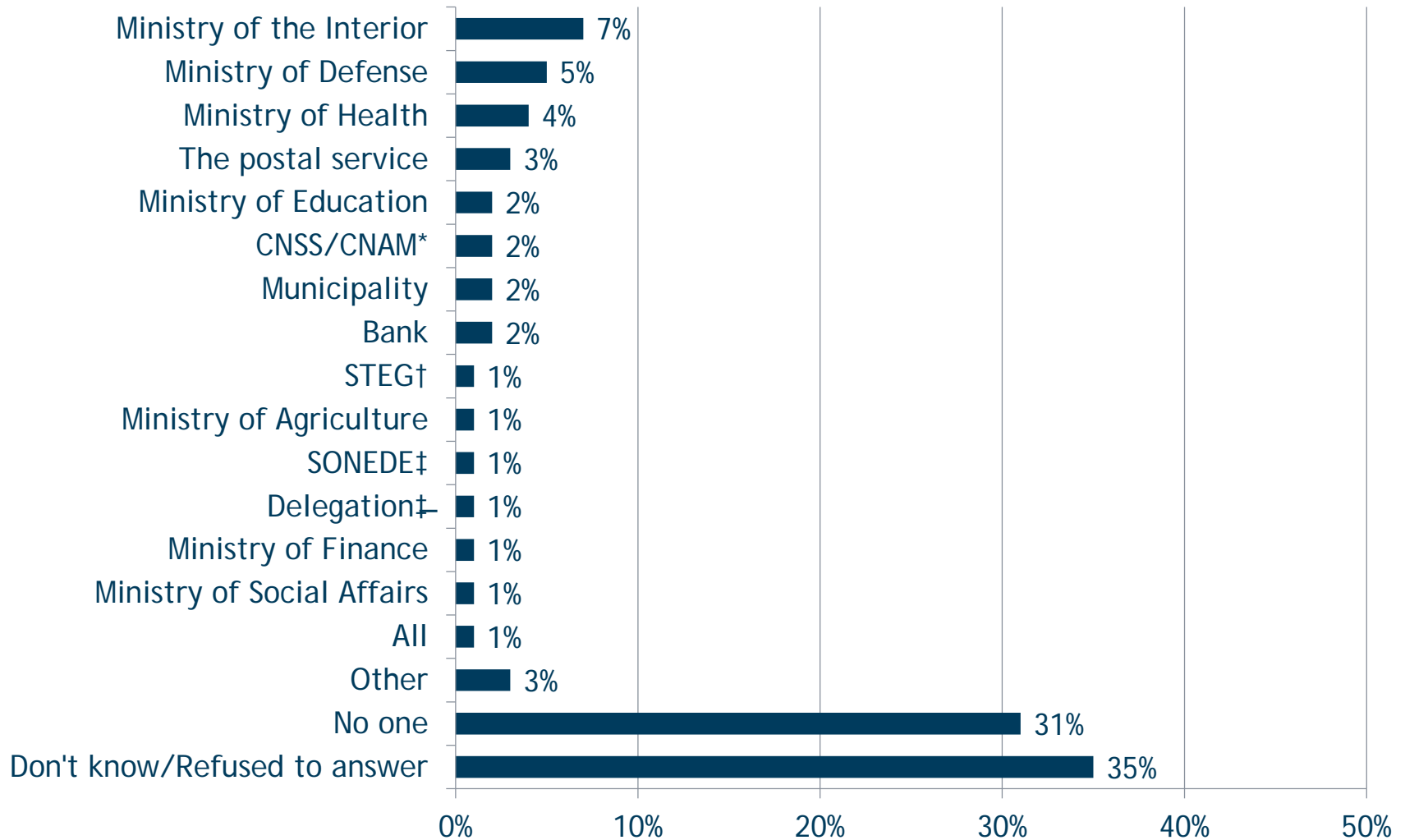
Public Services and Institutions



Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following services, (1= very satisfied and 5=very dissatisfied).



Which government institution do you trust most to provide services to you and your family? (Open-ended)



* National Social Security Fund/National Medical Insurance Fund

† Tunisian Company of Electricity and Gas

‡ National Company for Water Exploitation and Distribution

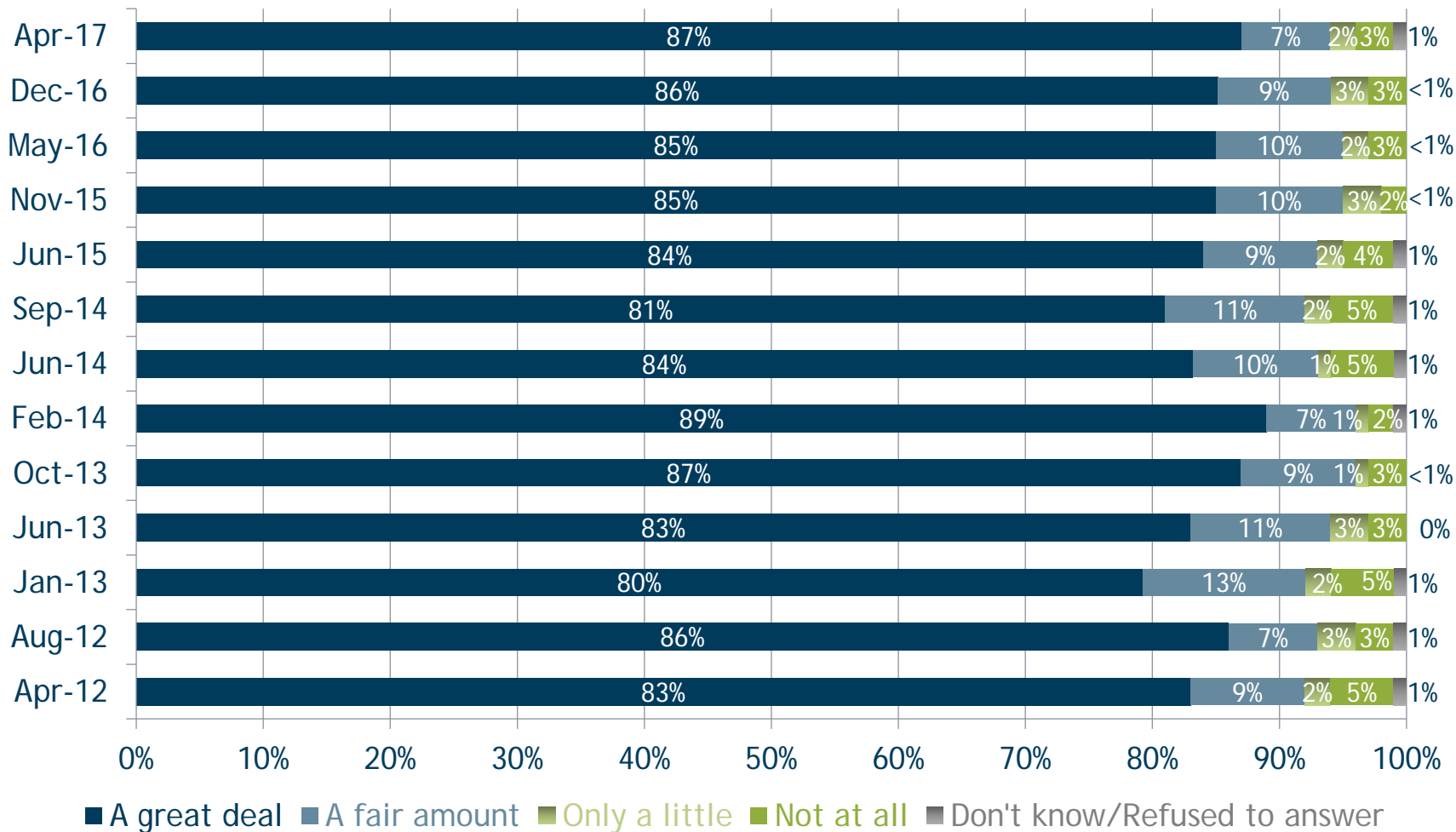
‡ An administrative subdivision of a governorate.

How much do you trust each of the following to protect you: a great deal, a fair amount, only a little or not at all?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Only a little	Not at all	Don't know/ Refused to answer
The National Army	87%	7%	2%	3%	1%
The National Police	53%	20%	9%	16%	1%
The National Guard	61%	20%	8%	10%	2%

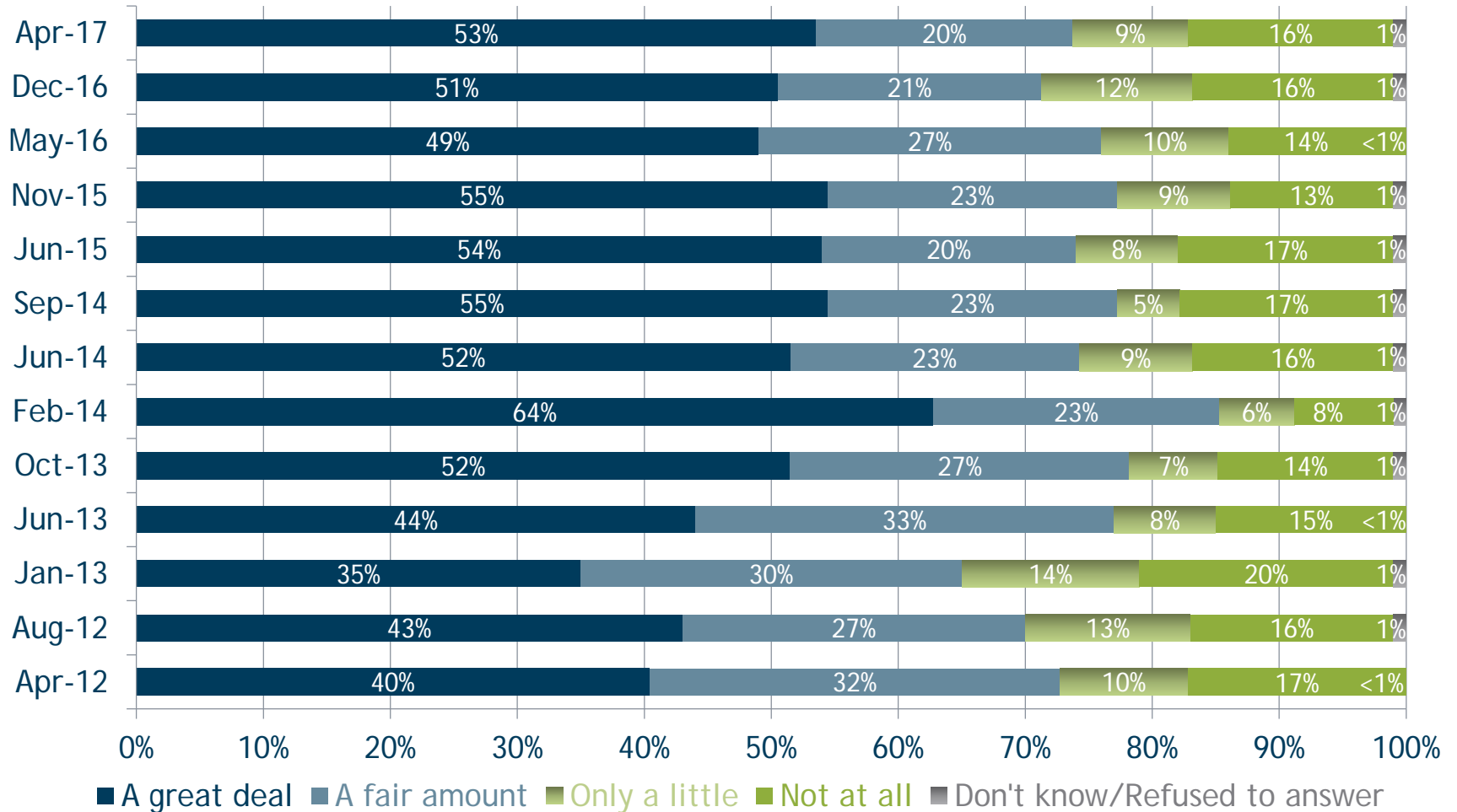
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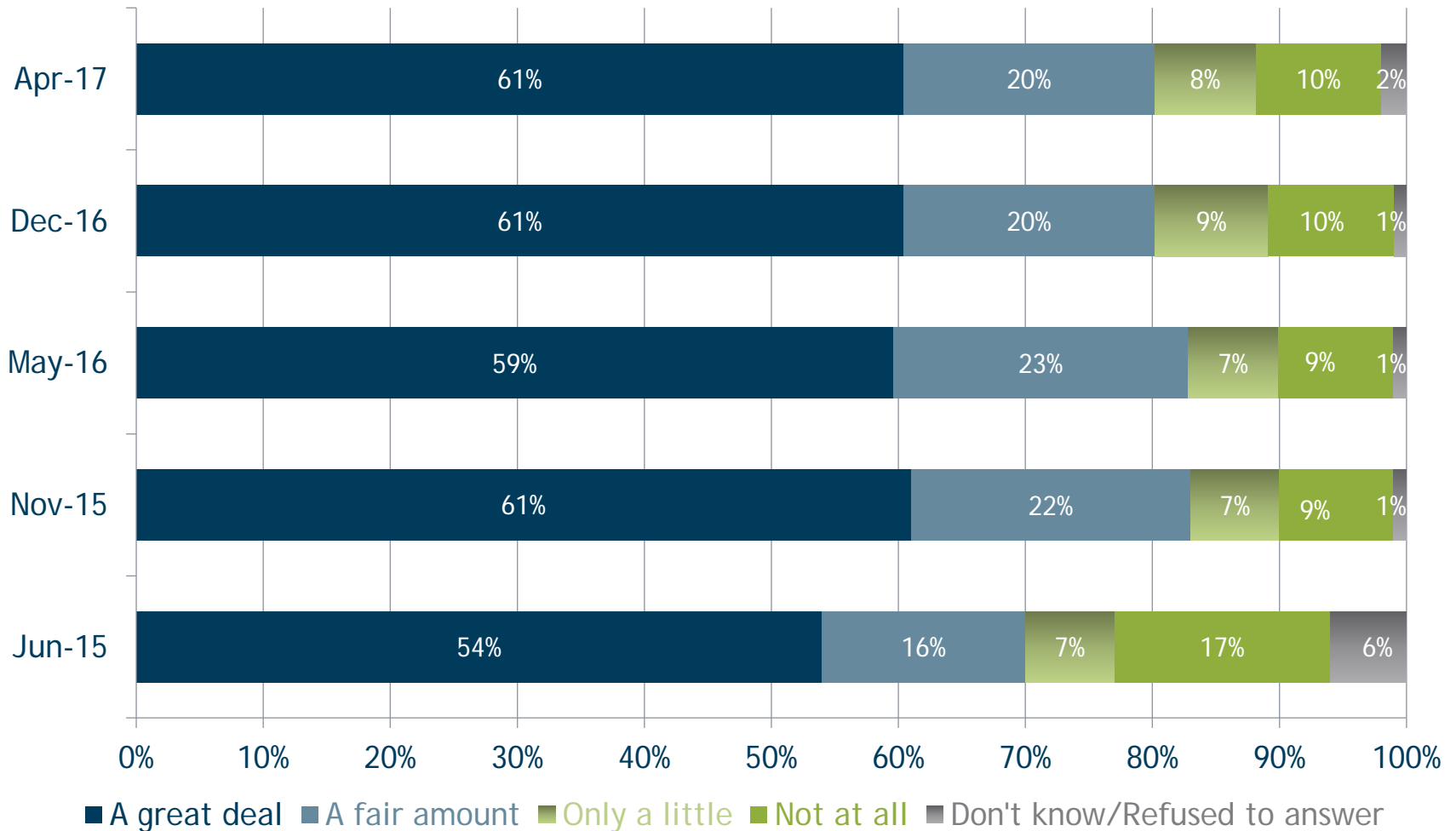
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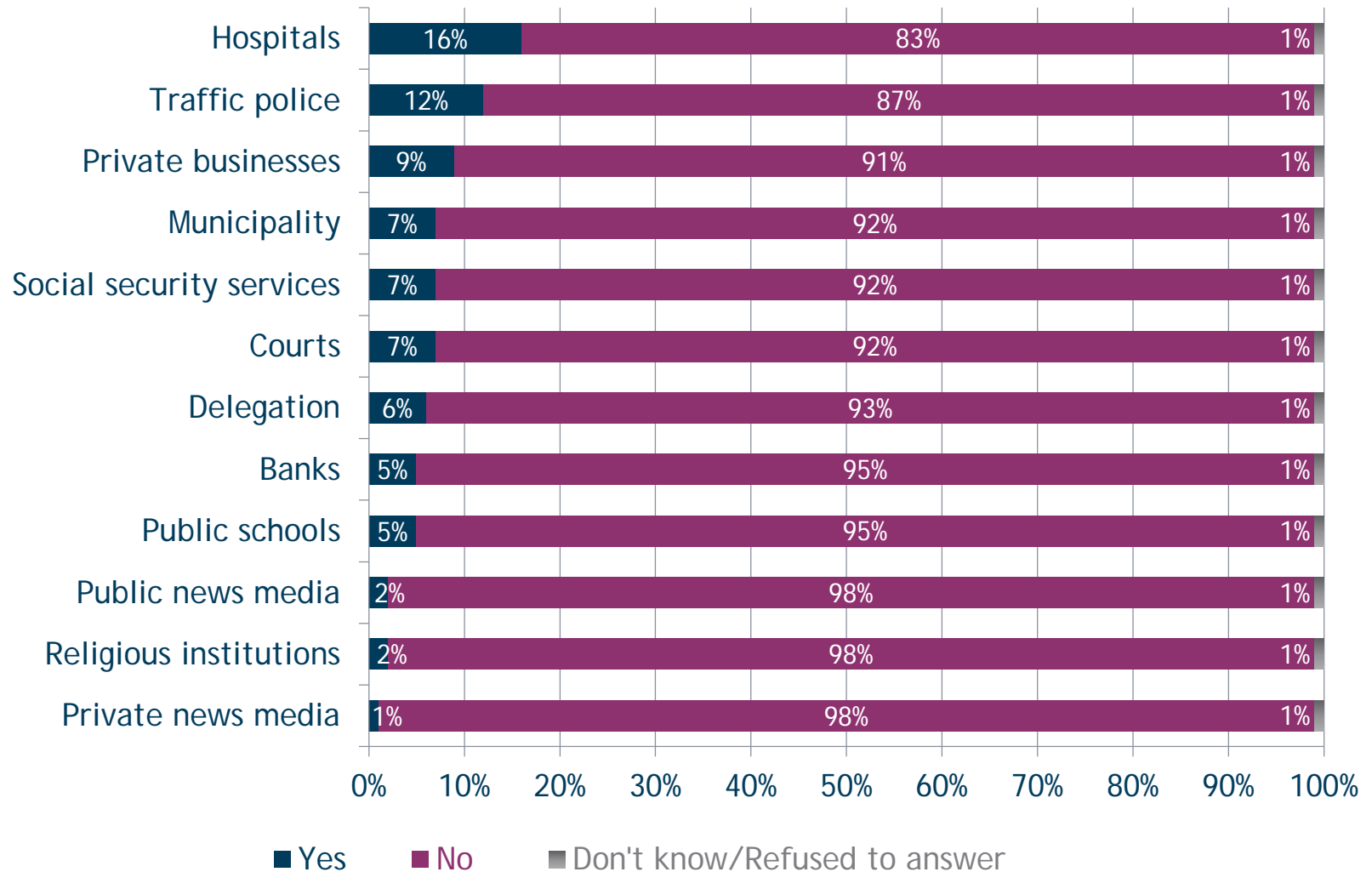


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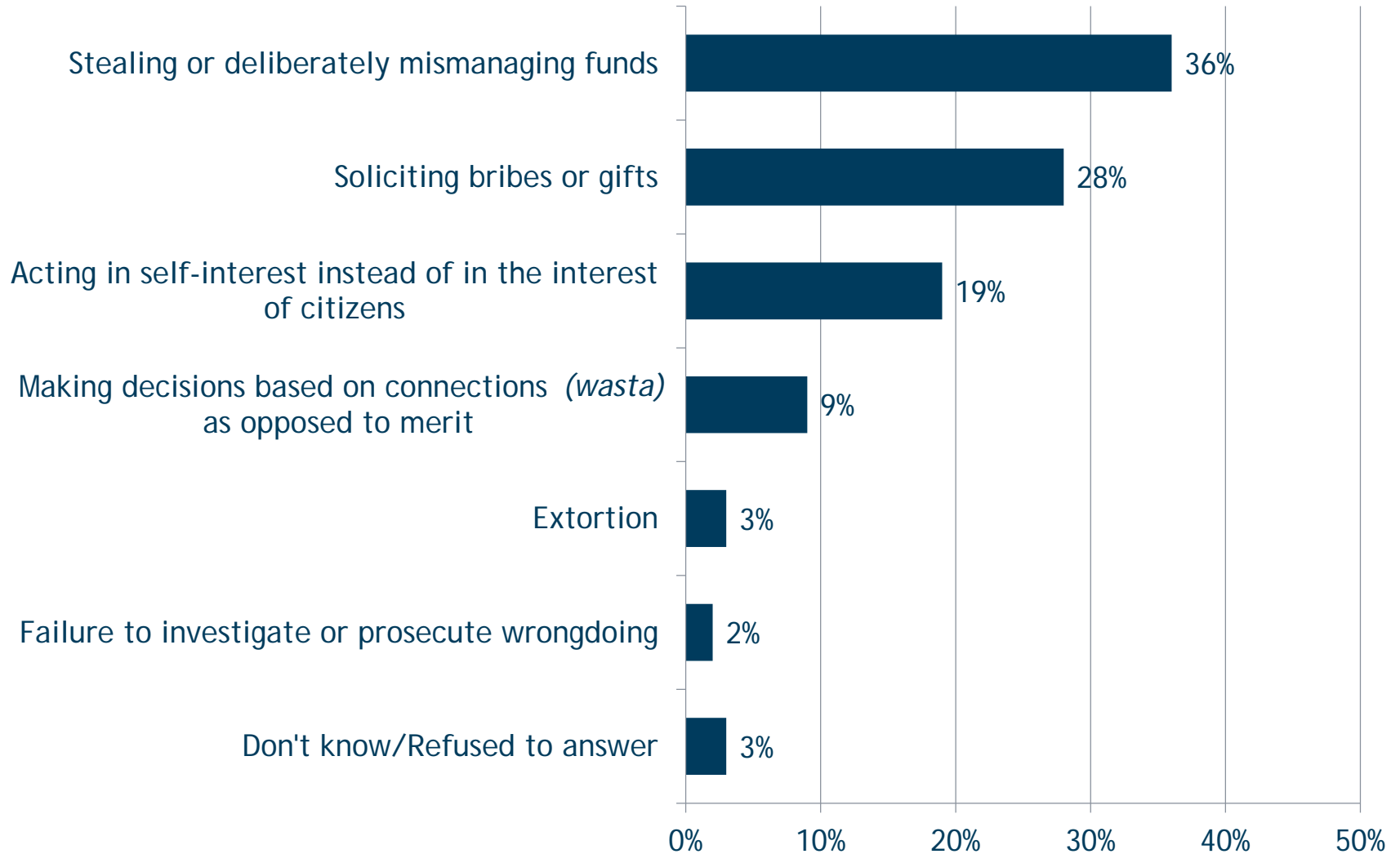


Please tell me if you have personally experienced corruption by any of the following institutions:



*Delegations are the second largest administrative divisions in Tunisia after governorates, similar to counties in the United States.

In your experience, what type of corruption is most common in Tunisia?

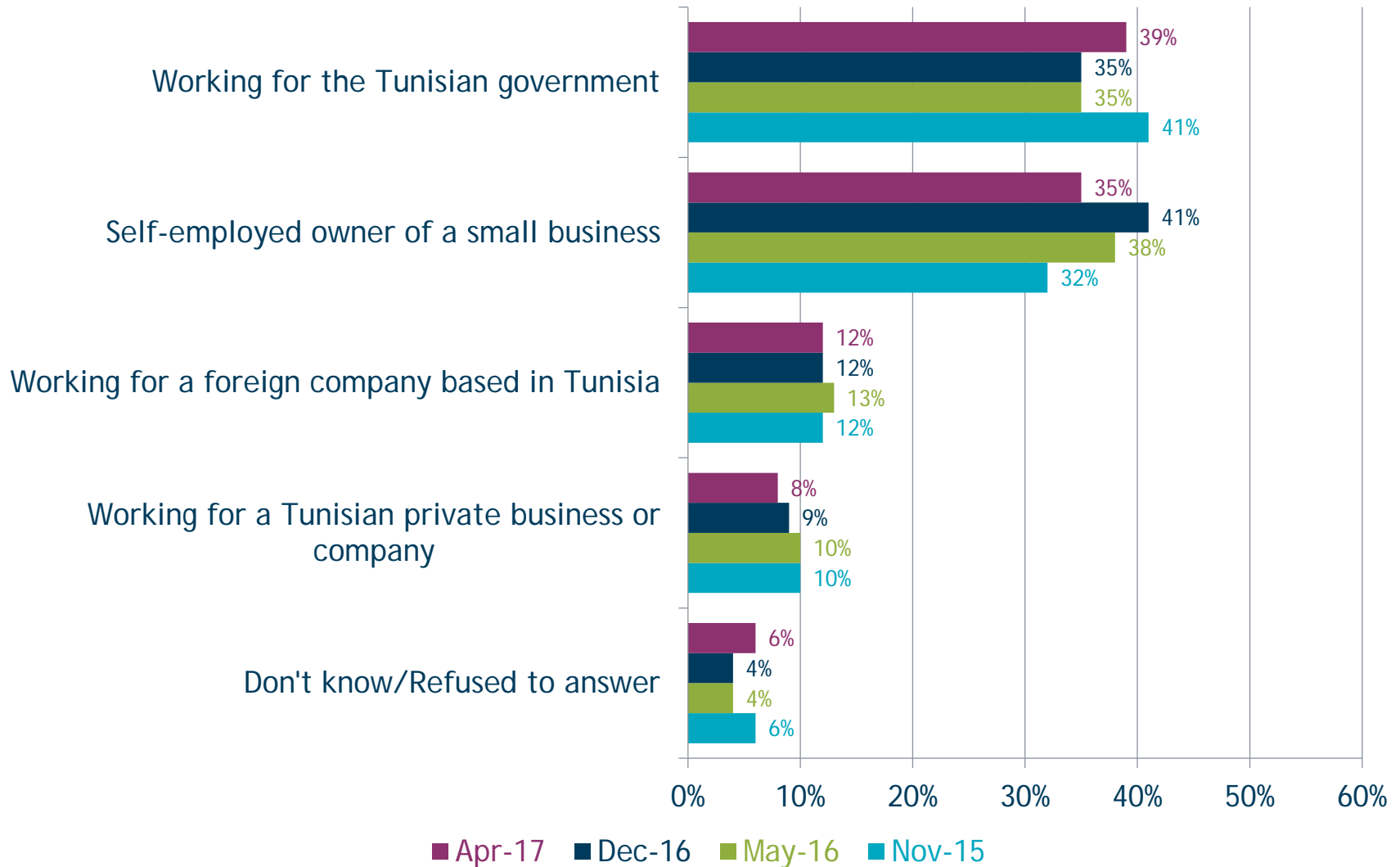




Policy Decisions



If you had a choice, which of the following types of employment would you prefer?

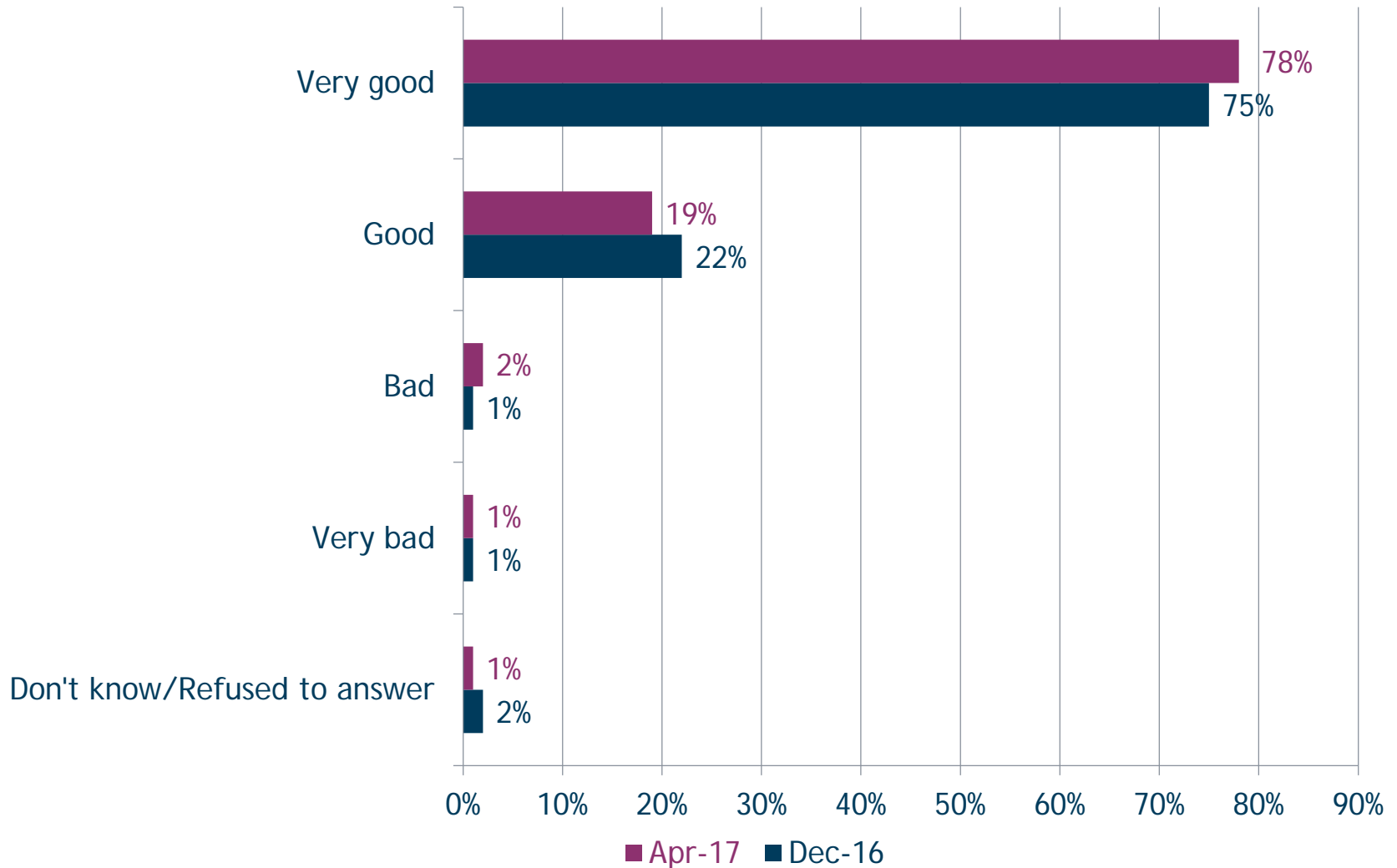


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	Very good	Good	Bad	Very bad	Don't know/Refused to answer	Very good	Good	Bad	Very bad	Don't know/Refused to answer
Increase investment and improve the infrastructure of the interior and southern governorates	78%	19%	2%	1%	1%	75%	22%	1%	1%	2%
Bring more large foreign businesses to Tunisia that will hire Tunisian workers	68%	22%	5%	5%	1%	67%	23%	5%	5%	1%
Find ways to bring informal businesses into the formal economy	56%	19%	7%	13%	5%	44%	27%	10%	14%	5%
Increase employment by hiring more people to work for the government	68%	20%	6%	7%	1%	55%	23%	9%	11%	2%
Make it easier for Tunisian entrepreneurs to start businesses, obtain licenses and reach new markets	79%	19%	1%	1%	1%	77%	20%	1%	1%	1%
Reform land policy to make it easier for Tunisians to farm unused arable land	82%	16%	1%	1%	1%	80%	17%	1%	1%	2%
Reform tax practices to ensure all Tunisians pay their fair share	72%	17%	3%	2%	6%	67%	21%	2%	2%	9%
Fight corruption and bribery	85%	12%	1%	1%	1%	87%	11%	1%	1%	1%

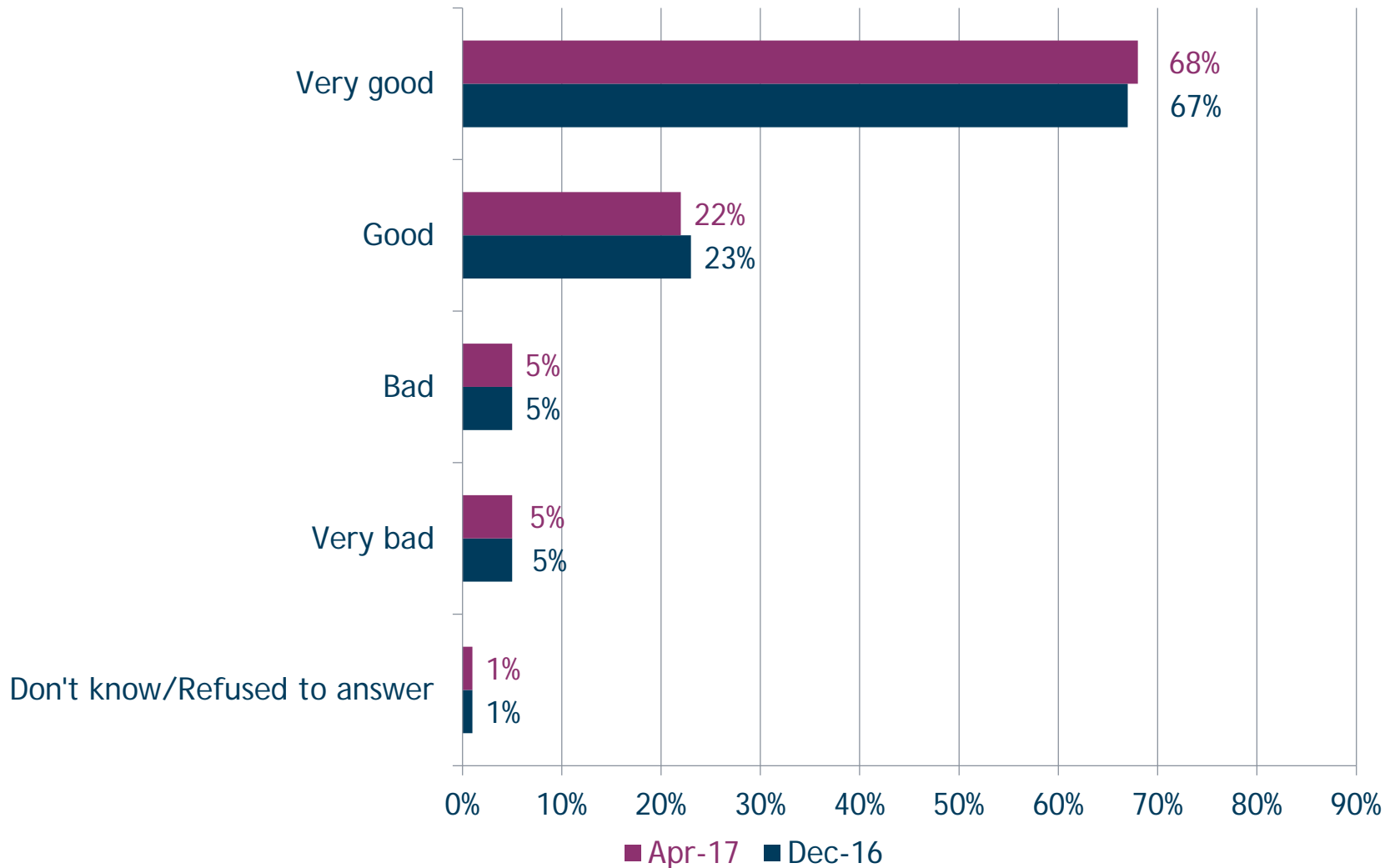
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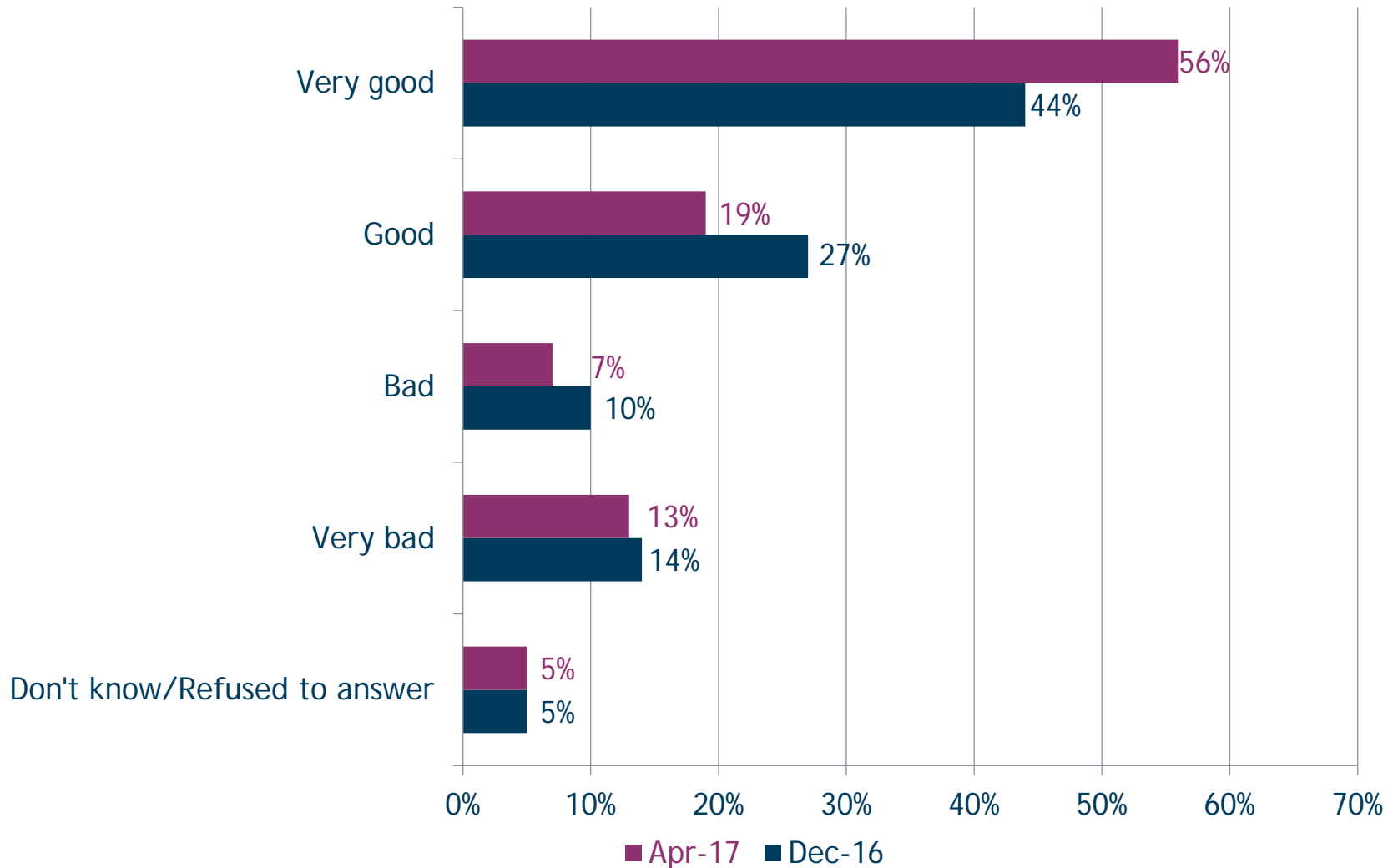
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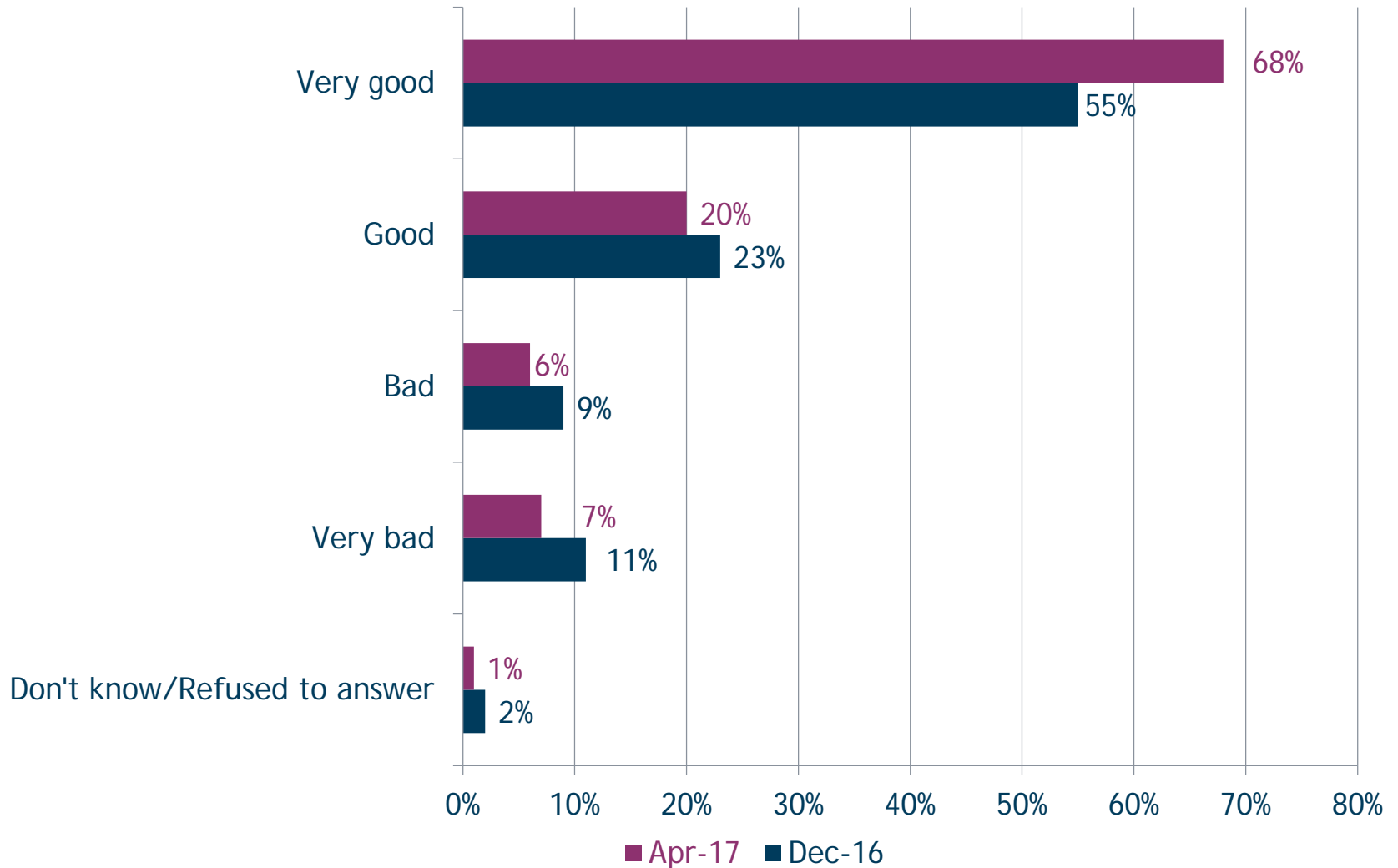
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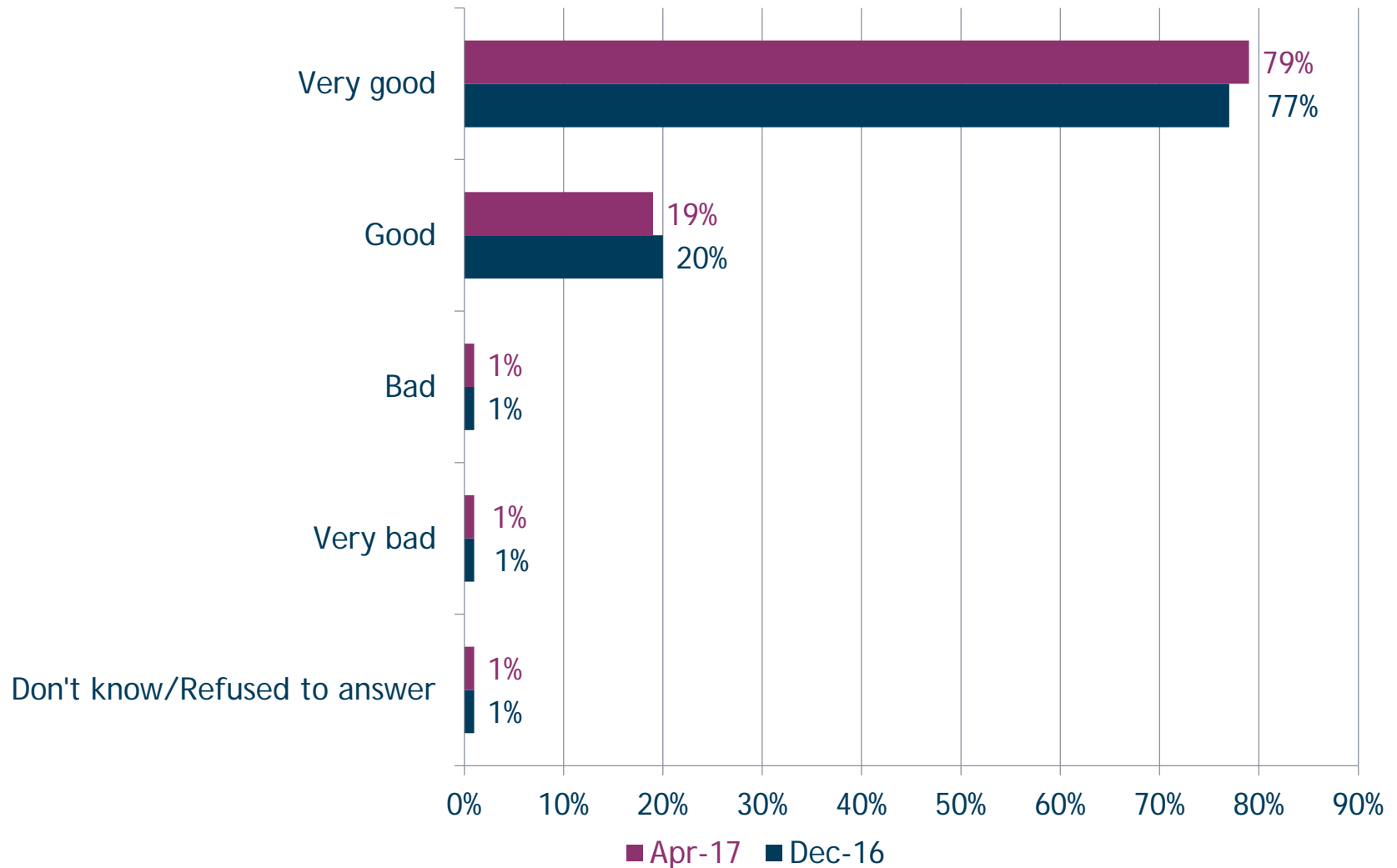
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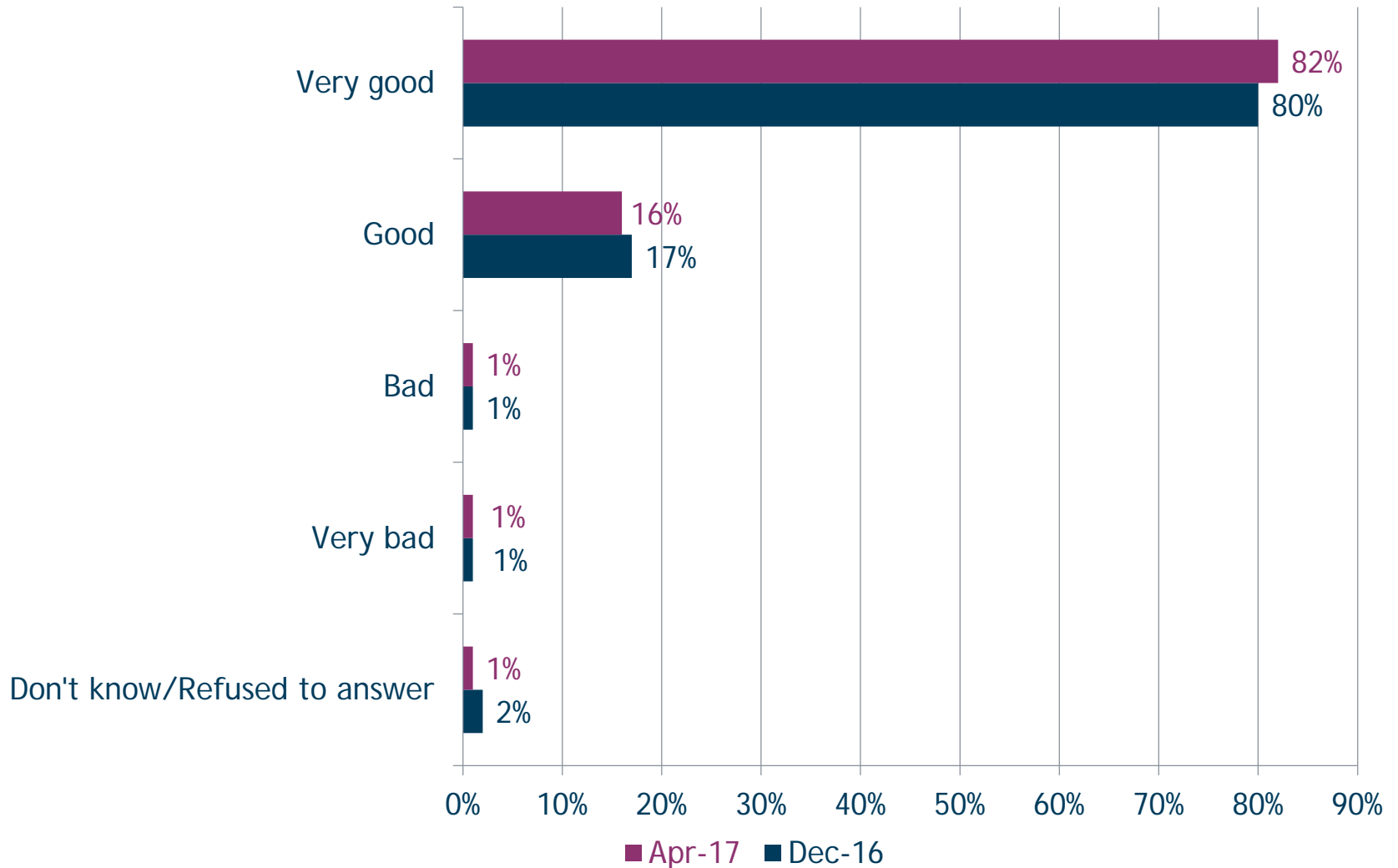
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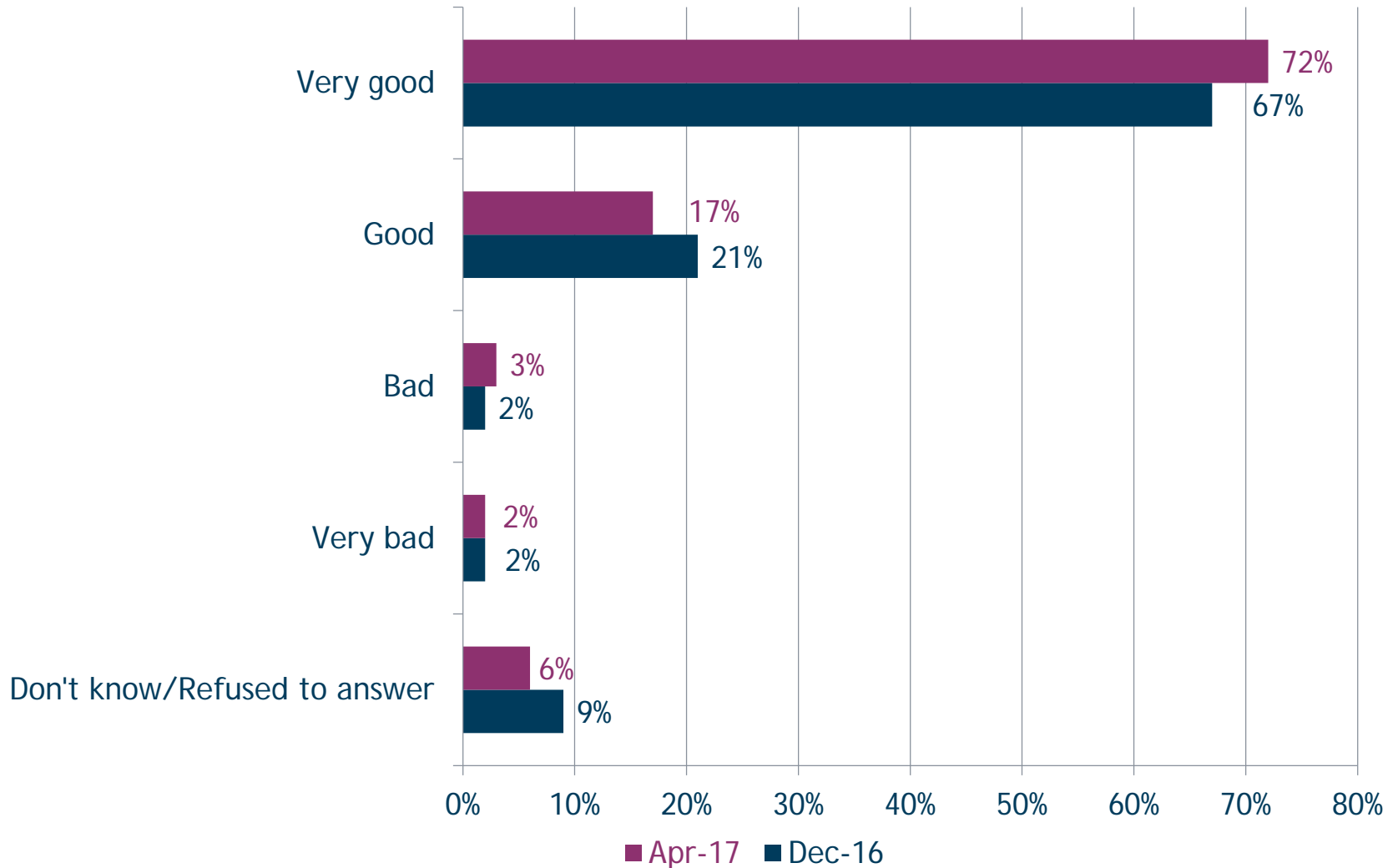
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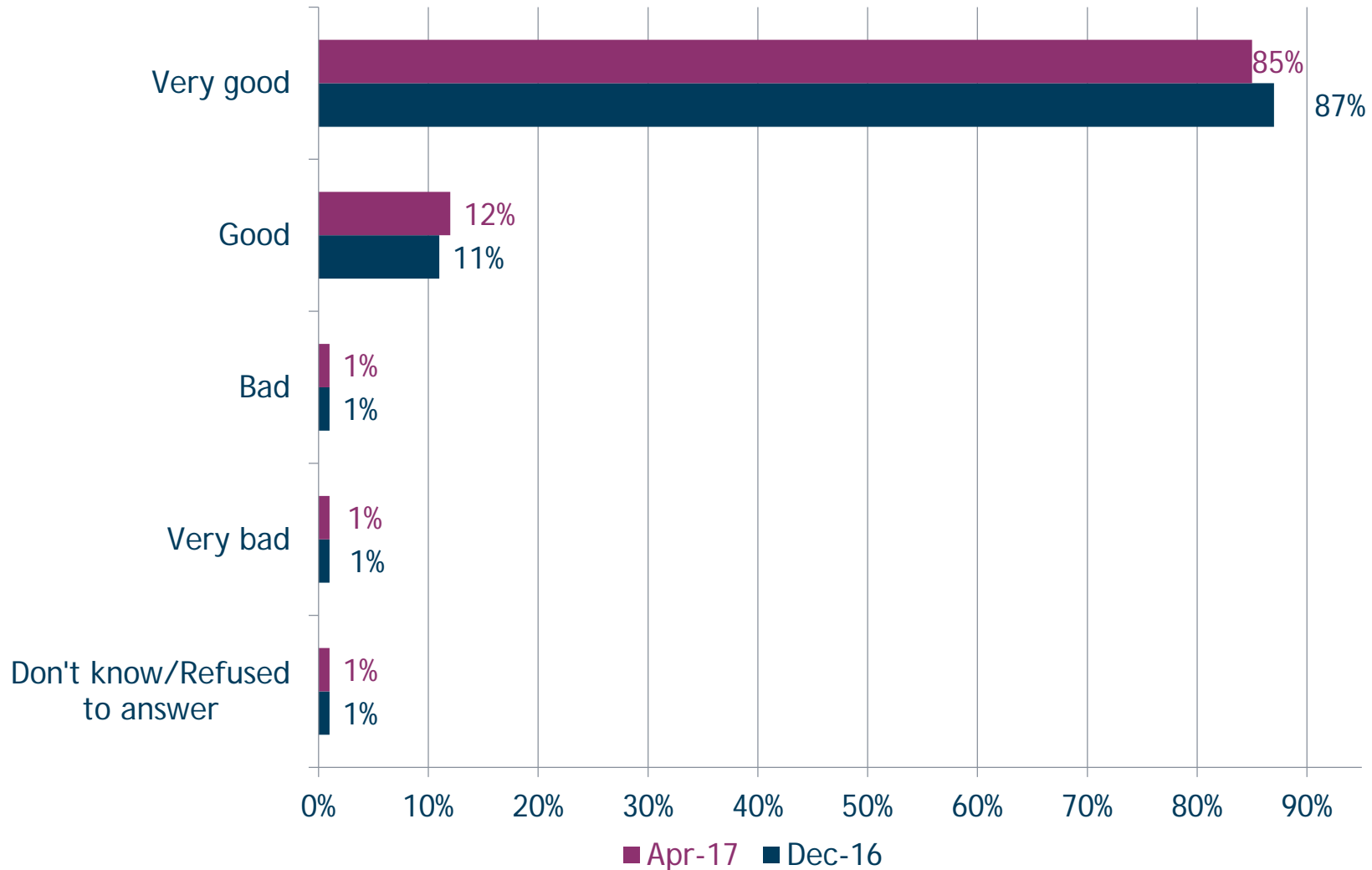
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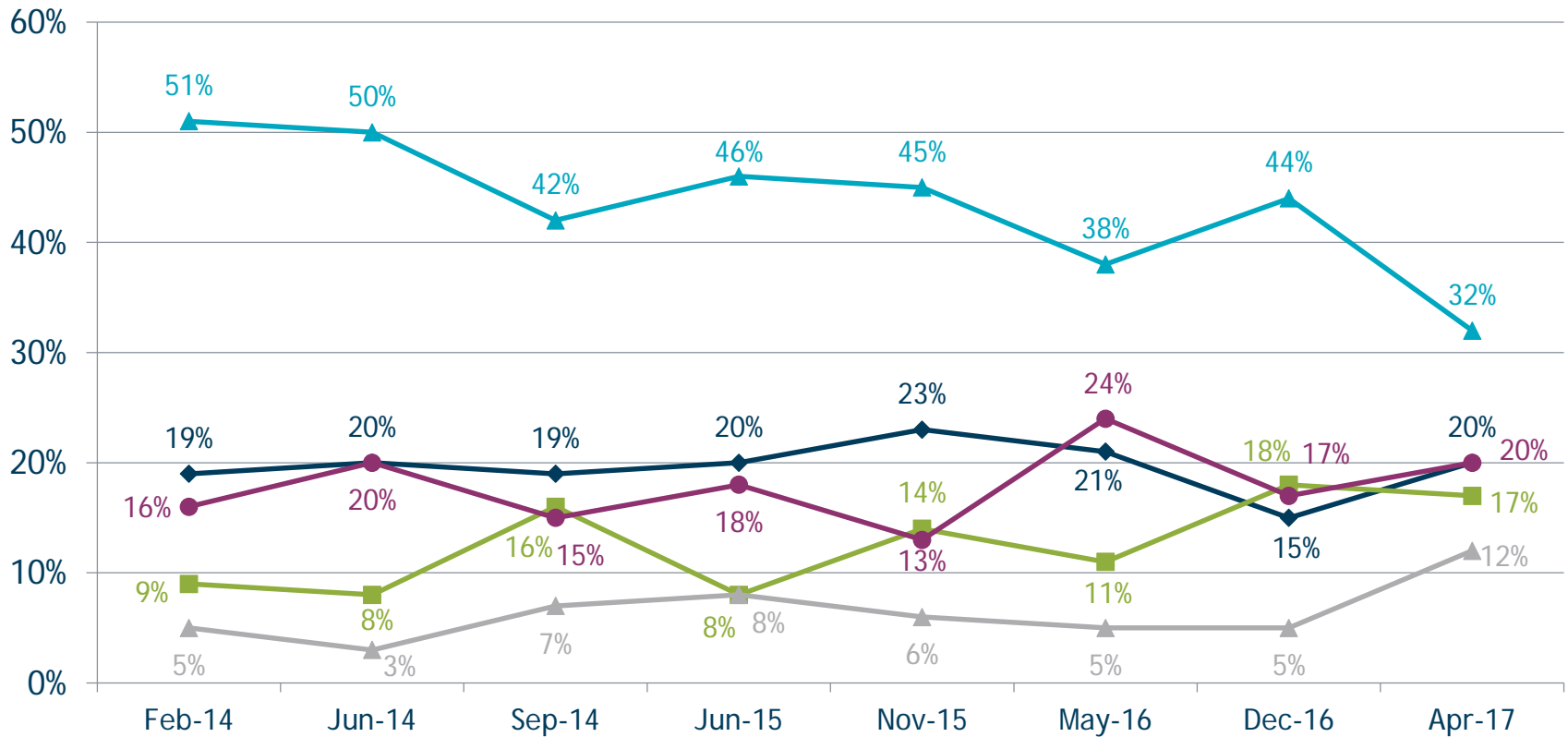


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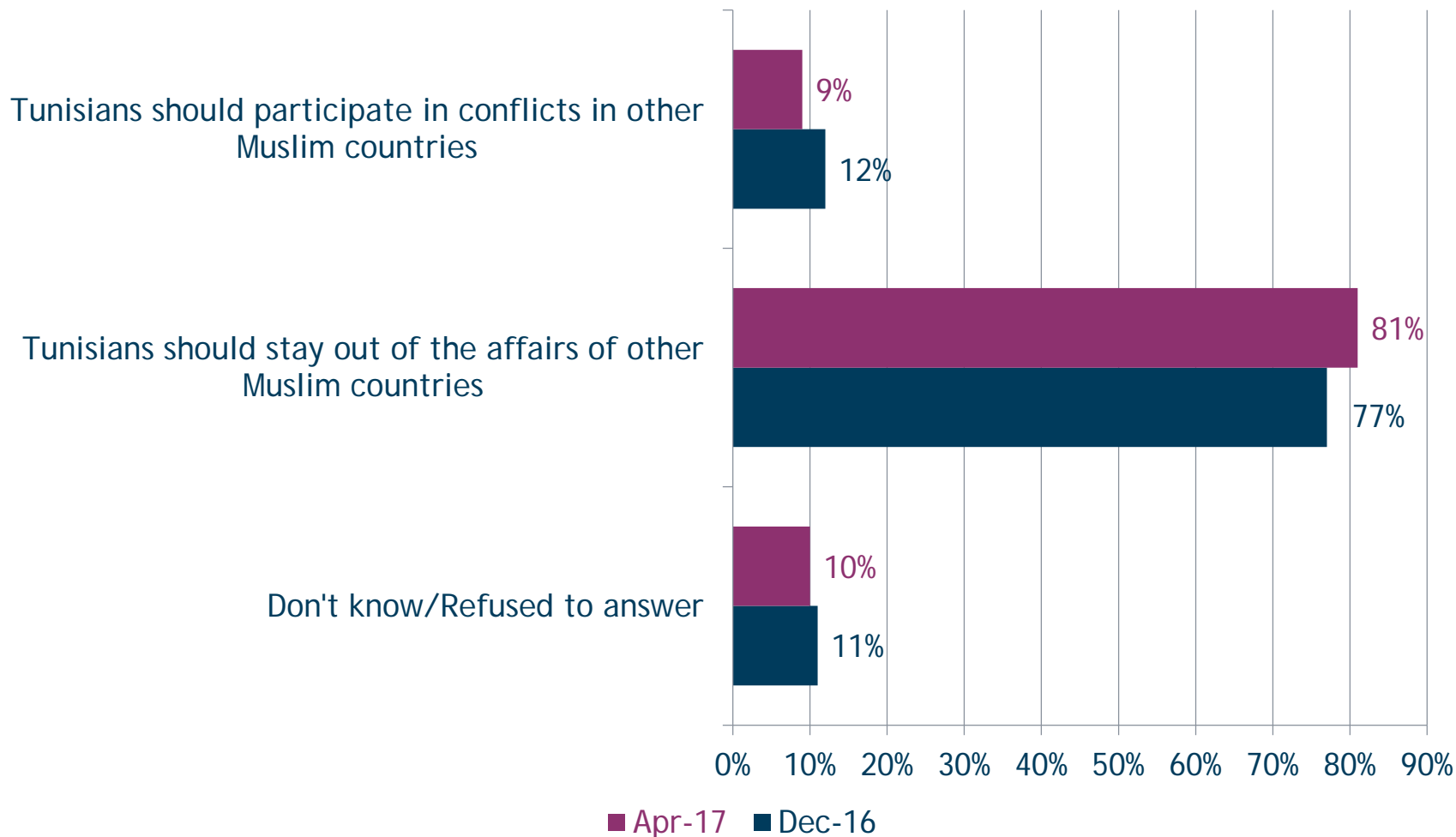


Which of the following statements best matches your own opinion of the role that religion should play in government and lawmaking?



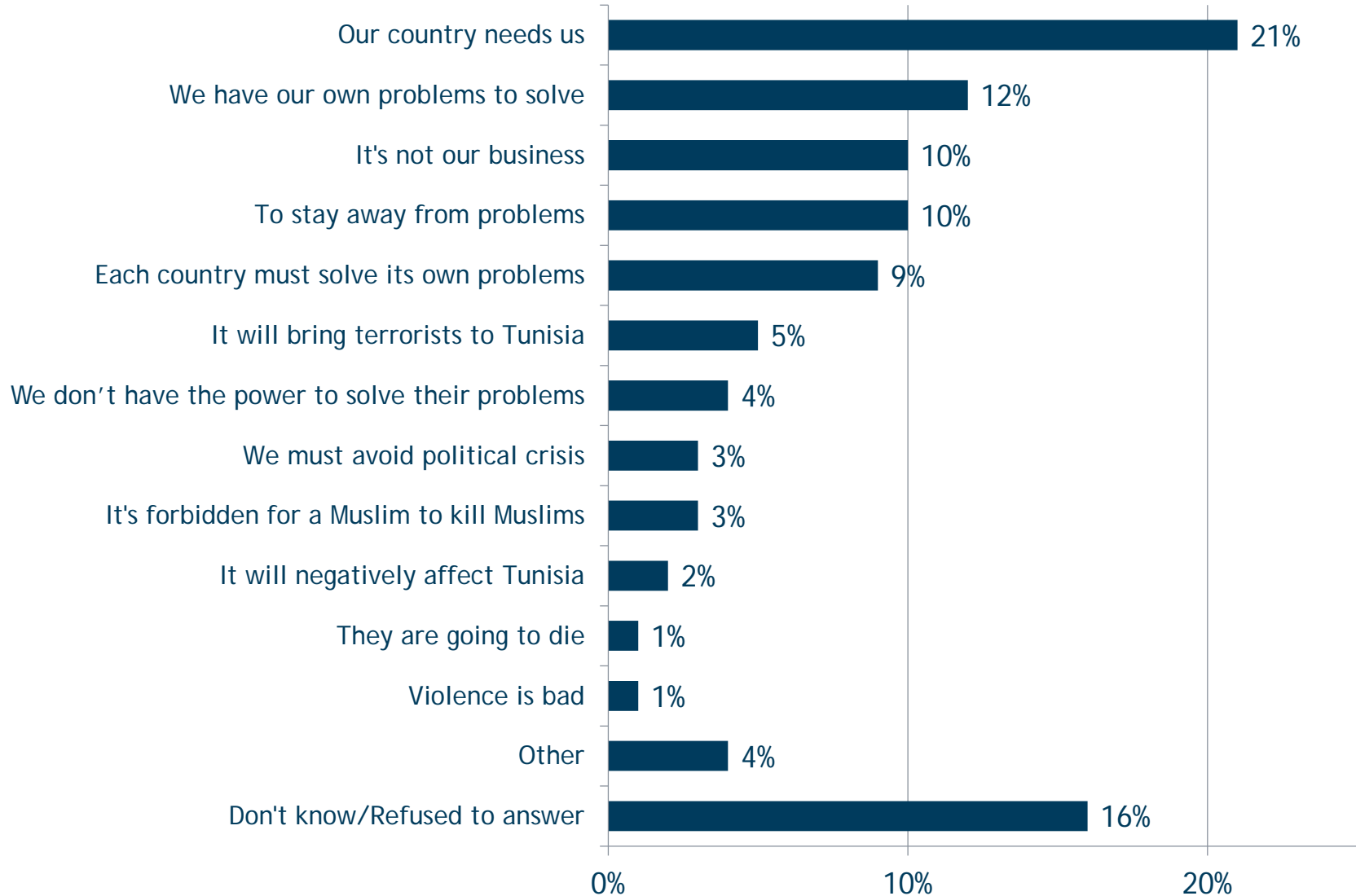
- ◆ Religion should be completely absent from government decision-making
- Religious views should not provide a source of justification for a policy or law
- ▲ The principles of Islam should be one consideration but not the only consideration when making policy or law
- Islamic texts should form the foundations of all policy and lawmaking
- ▲ Don't know/Refused to answer

Some people say that it is acceptable for Tunisian citizens to participate in violent conflicts in other Muslim countries. Others say that Tunisia has enough problems of its own and that Tunisians should stay out of the affairs of other Muslim countries engaged in violent conflicts. Which of these two views is closest to your own?



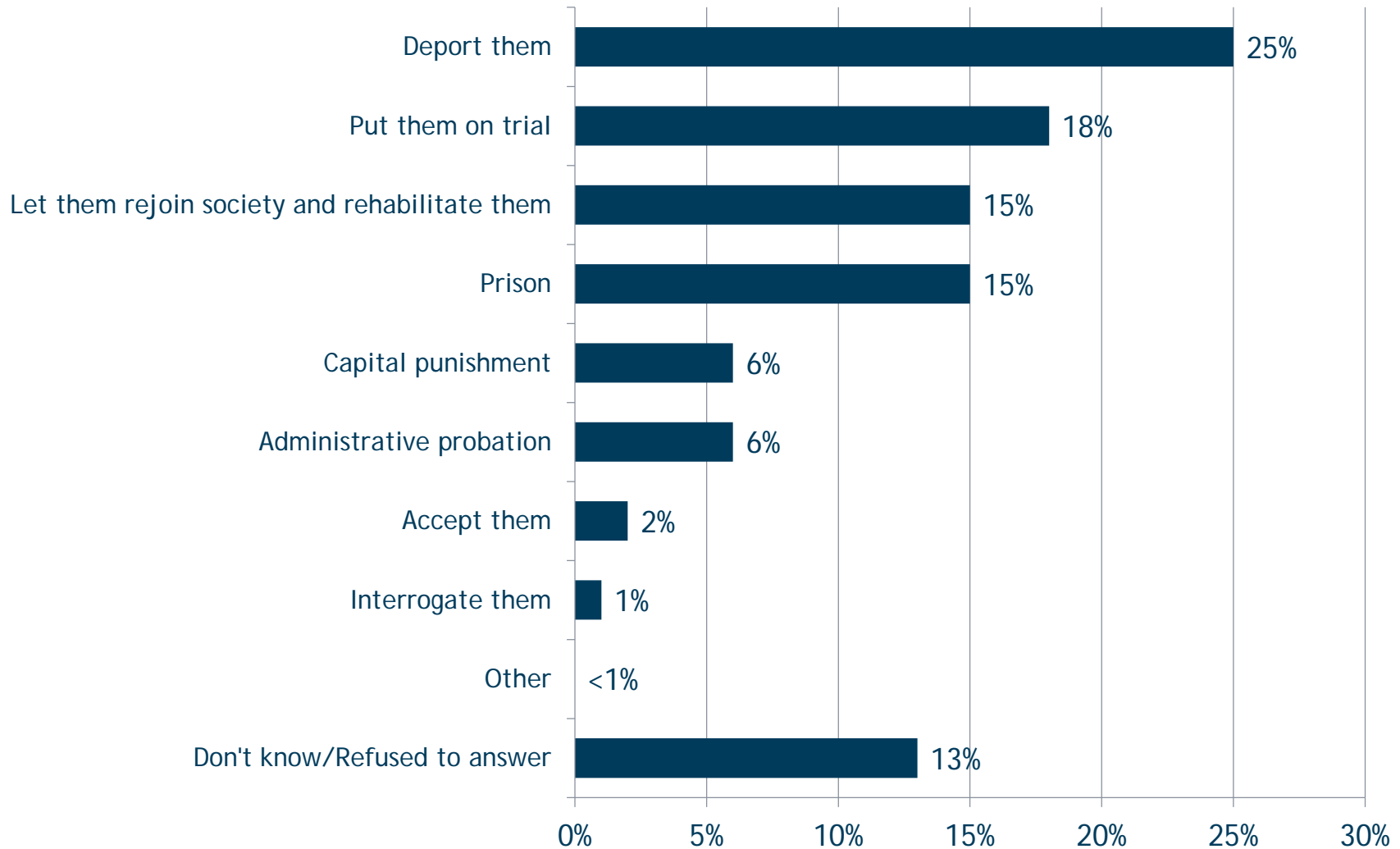
Why do you feel that way?

(Respondents who think that Tunisians should stay out of the affairs of other Muslim countries; open-ended, n=996)



Some people in Tunisia are concerned about individuals fighting in violent conflicts abroad returning to Tunisia. What do you think the Tunisian government should do about these individuals when they attempt to return to Tunisia?

(Open-ended)

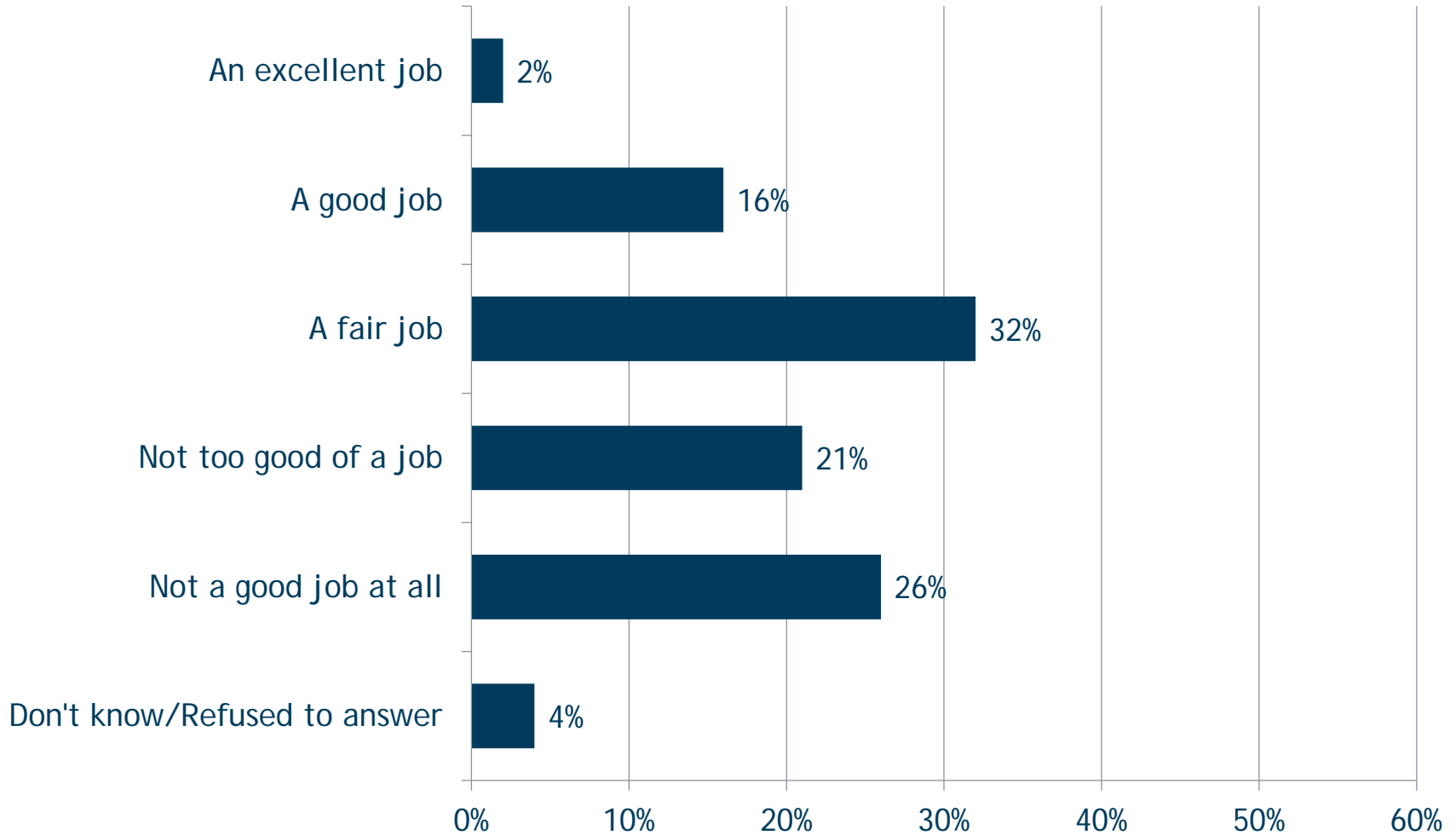




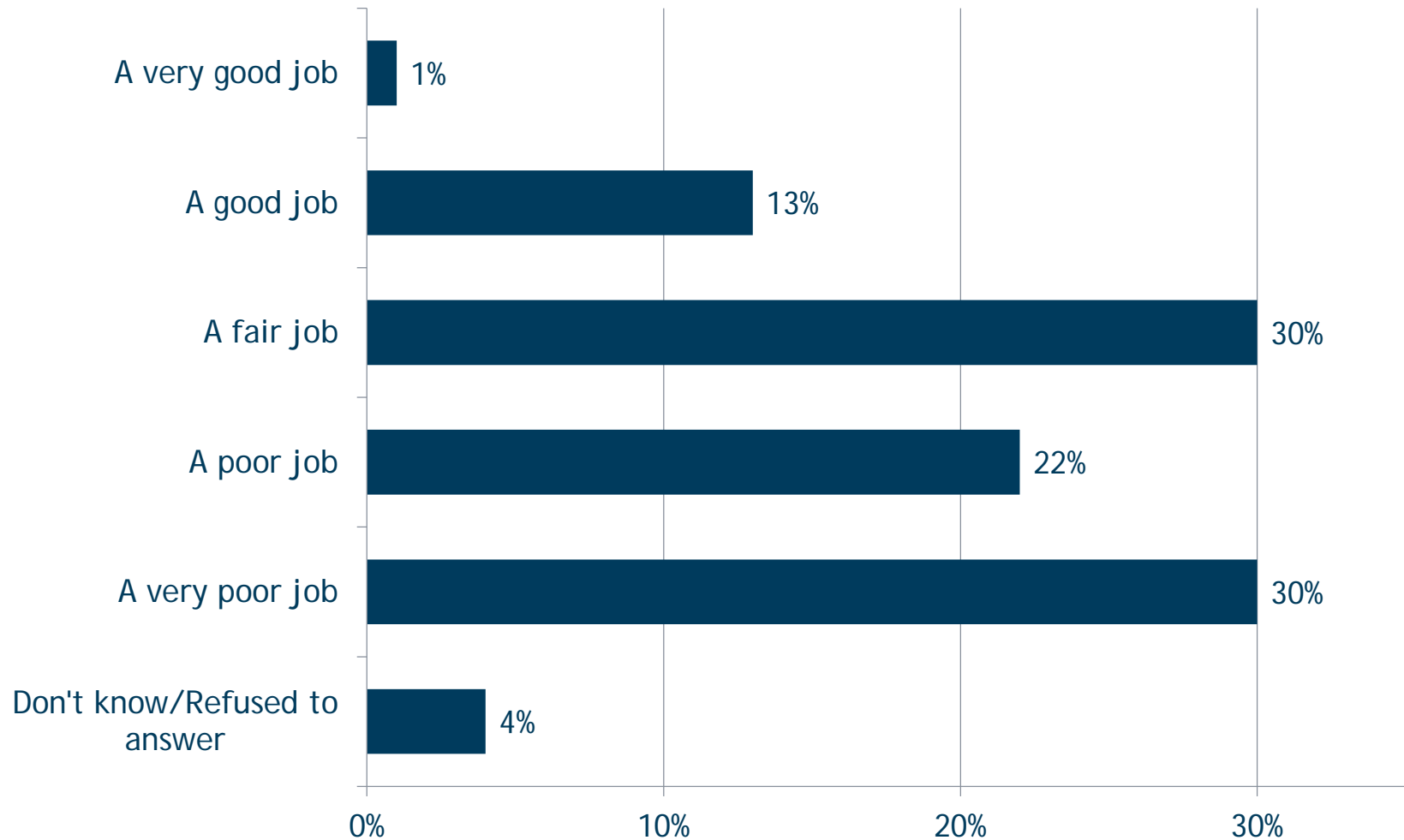
Government Communications



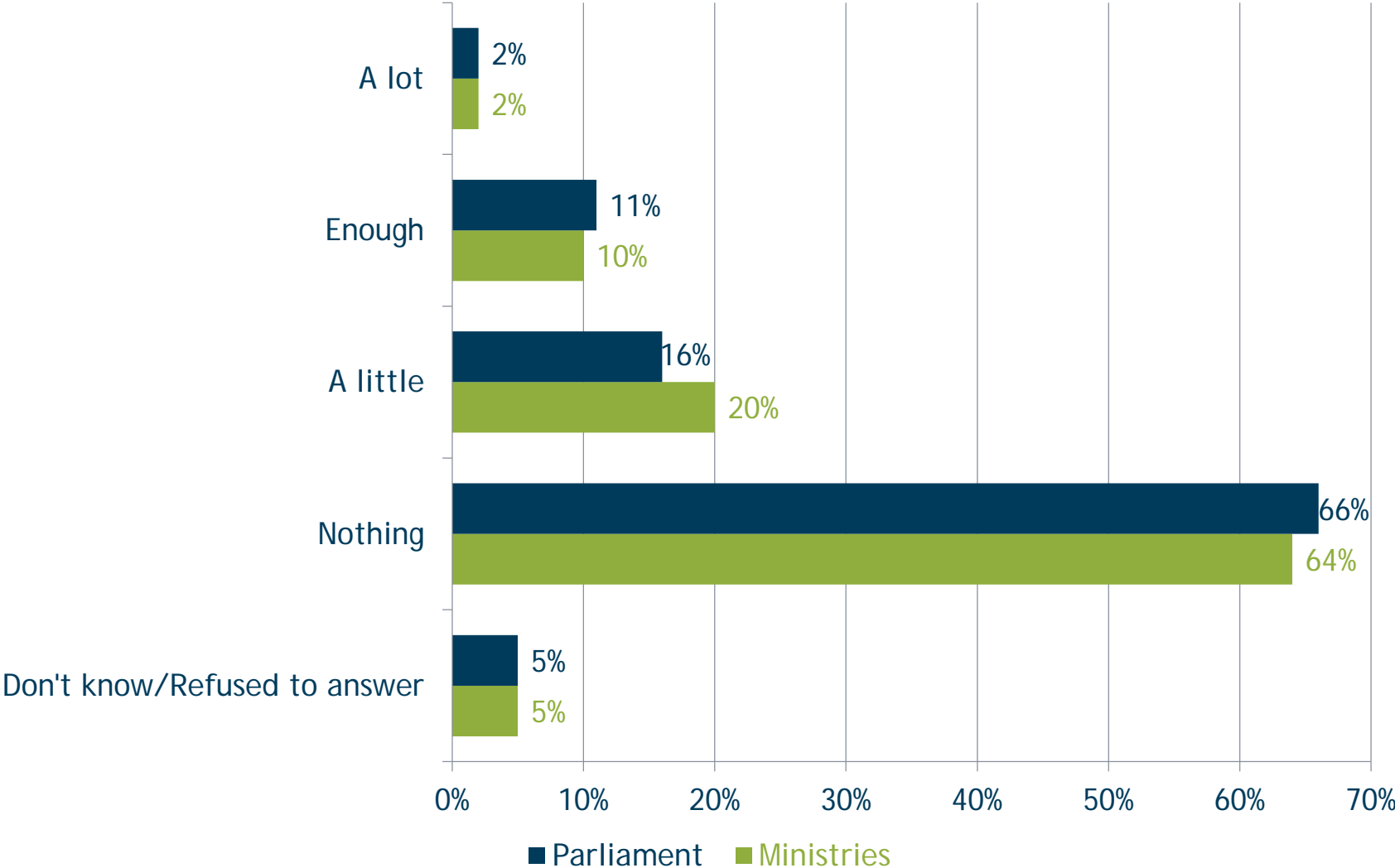
Would you say that the national government does an excellent job, a good job, a fair job, a not too good of a job or not a good job at all communicating with the public about the functions of their offices and the projects they are working on?



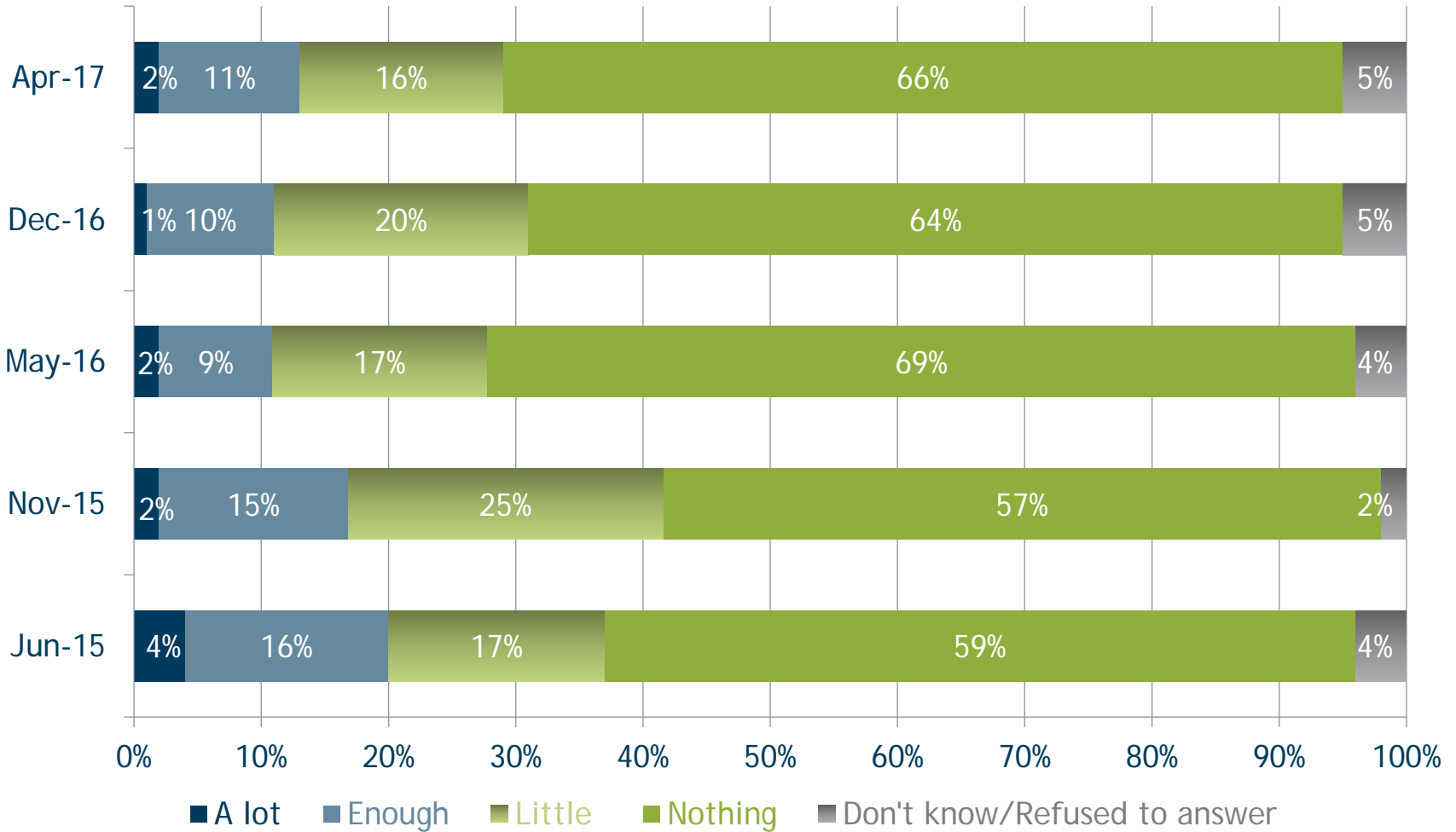
Would you say that your local government does a very good job, a good job, a fair job, a poor job or a very poor job delivering services to you and your community?



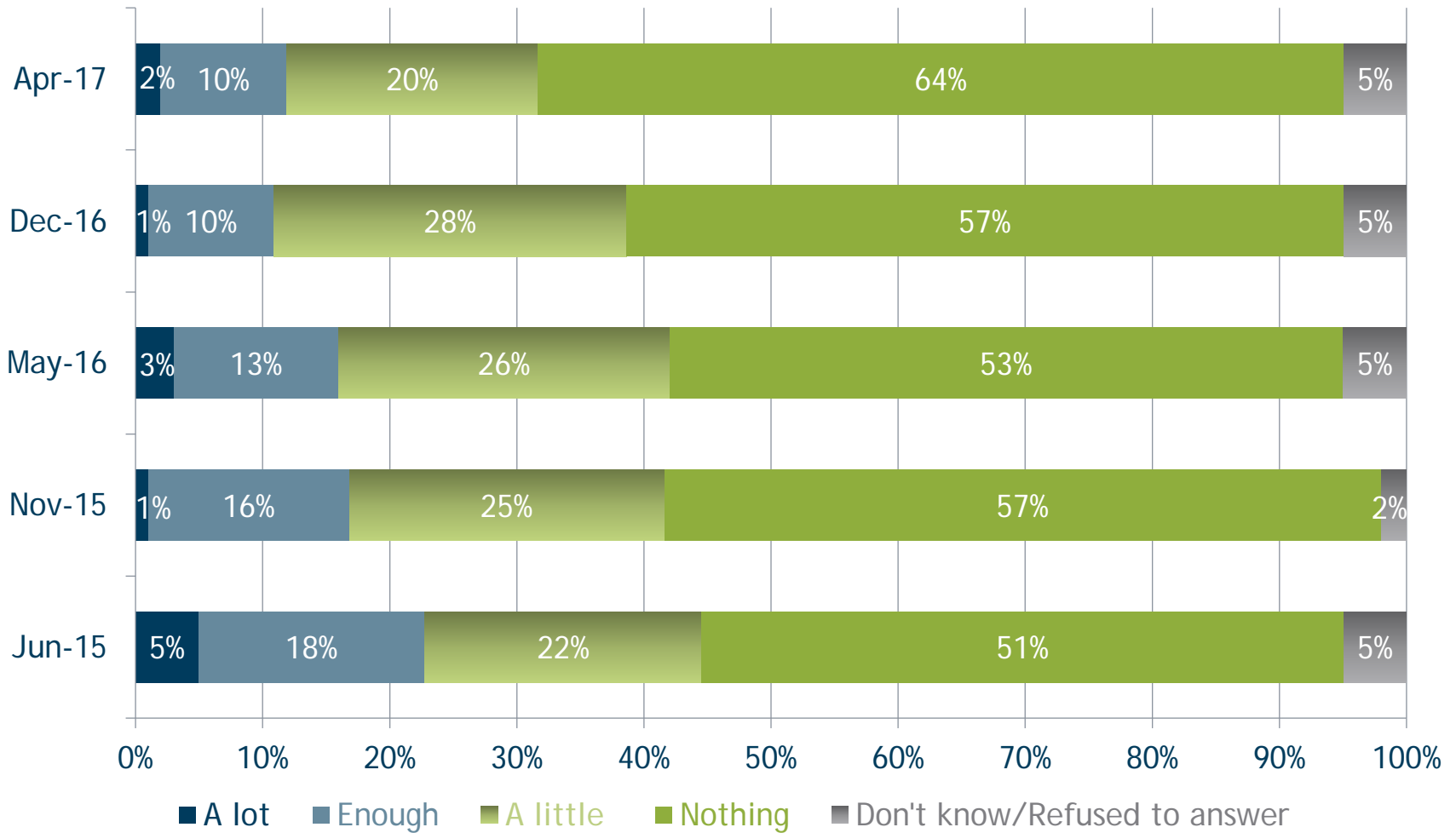
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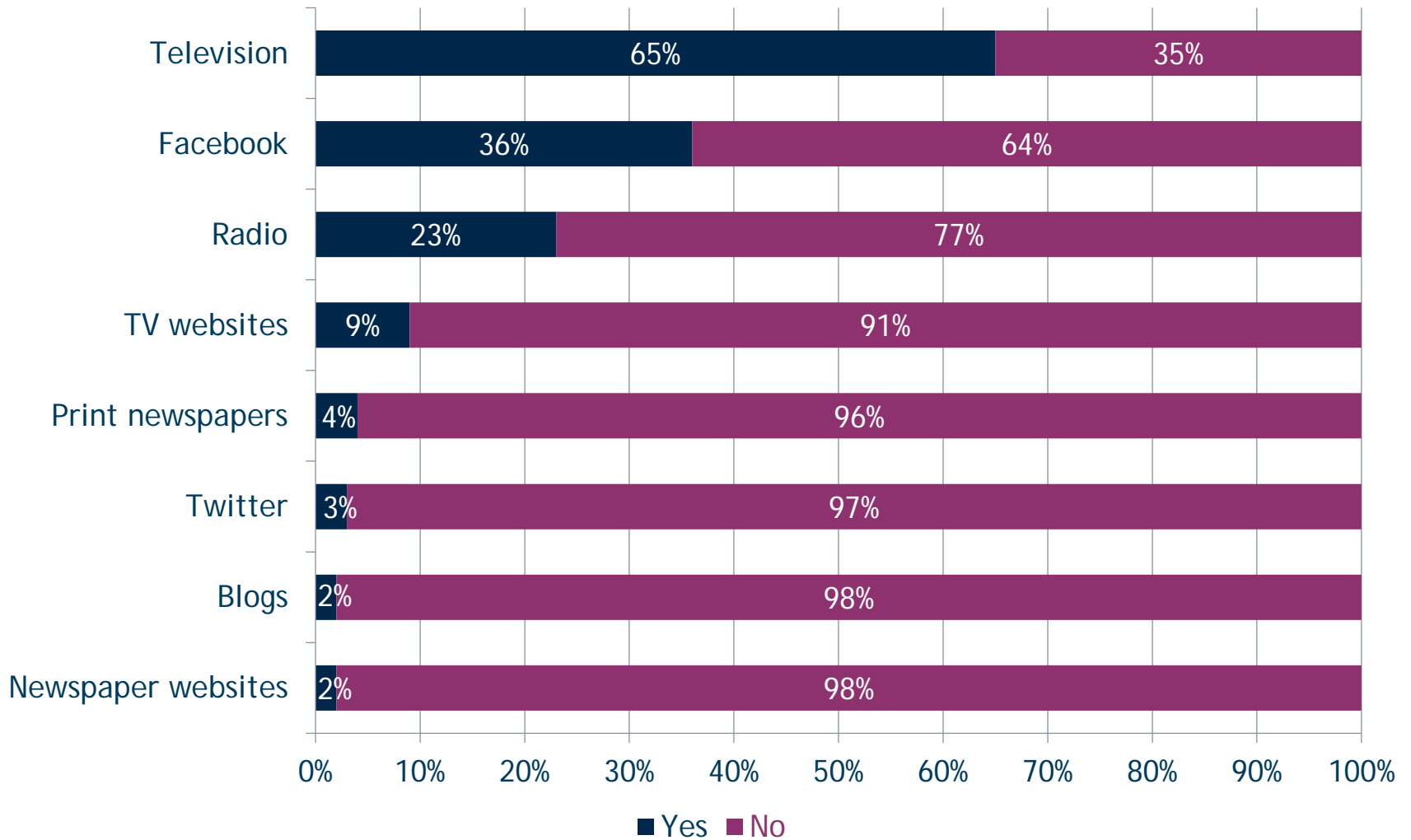
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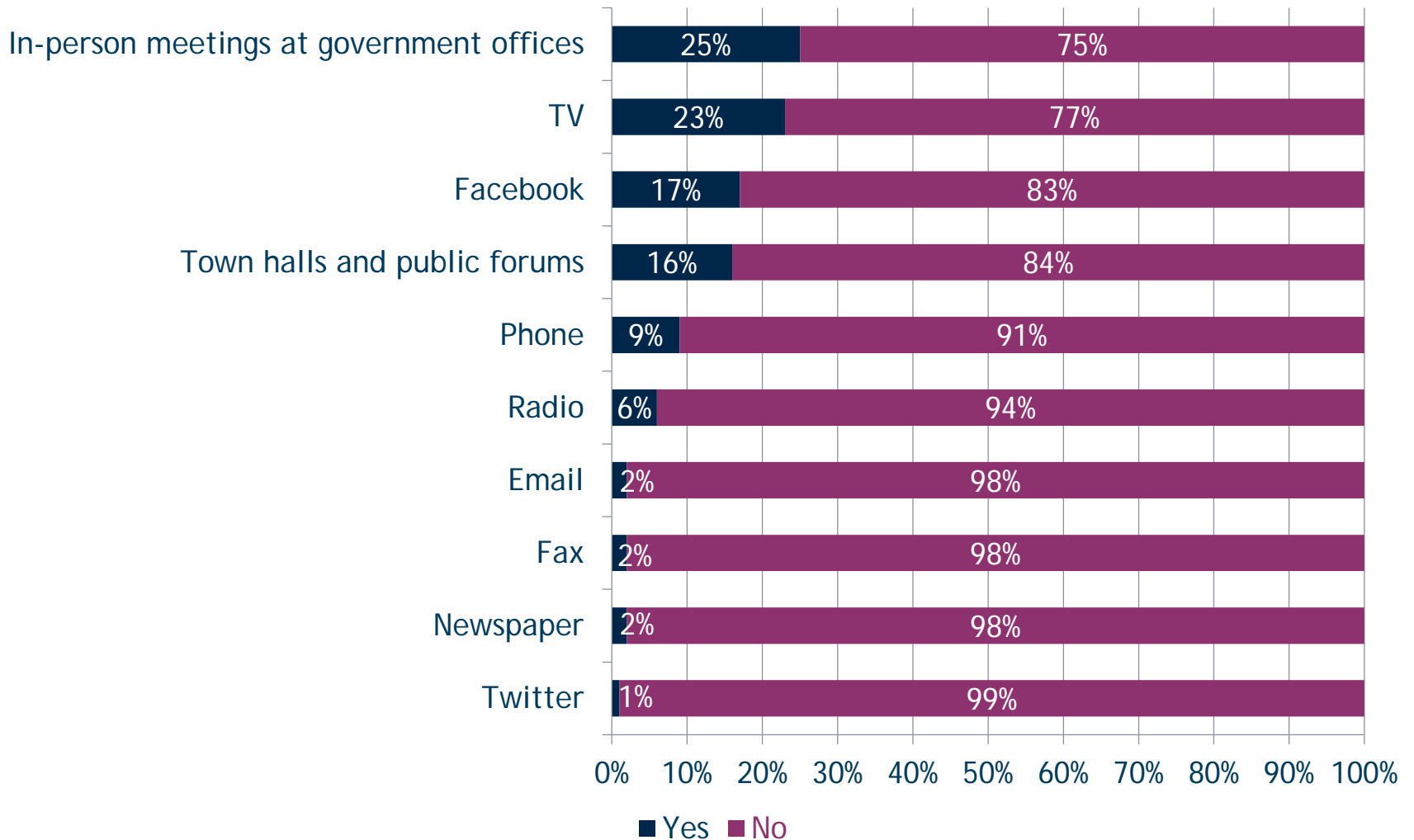
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What types of media do you rely on for news about government?



Which of the following methods of communication would you most prefer members of the government to use to communicate with you?

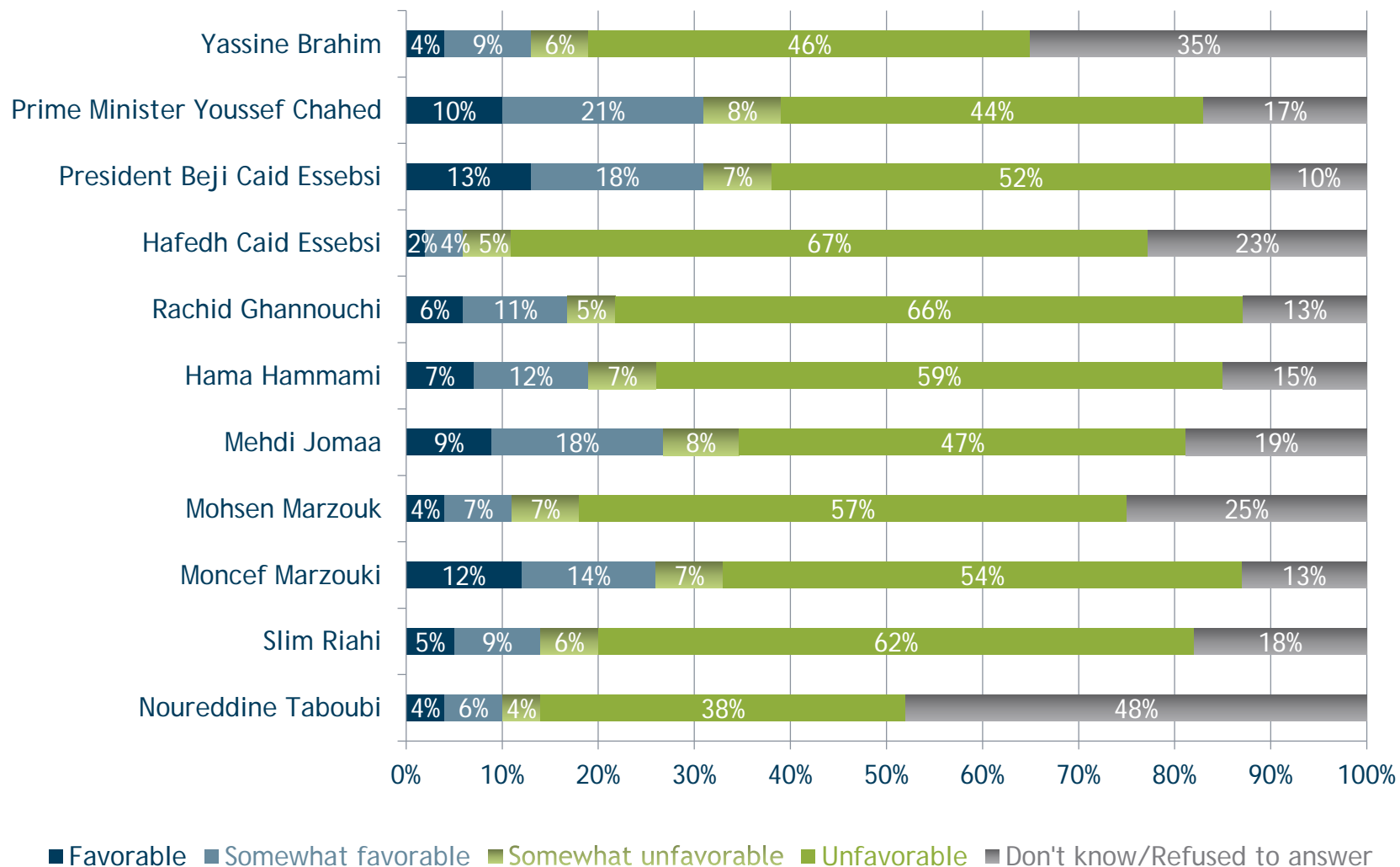




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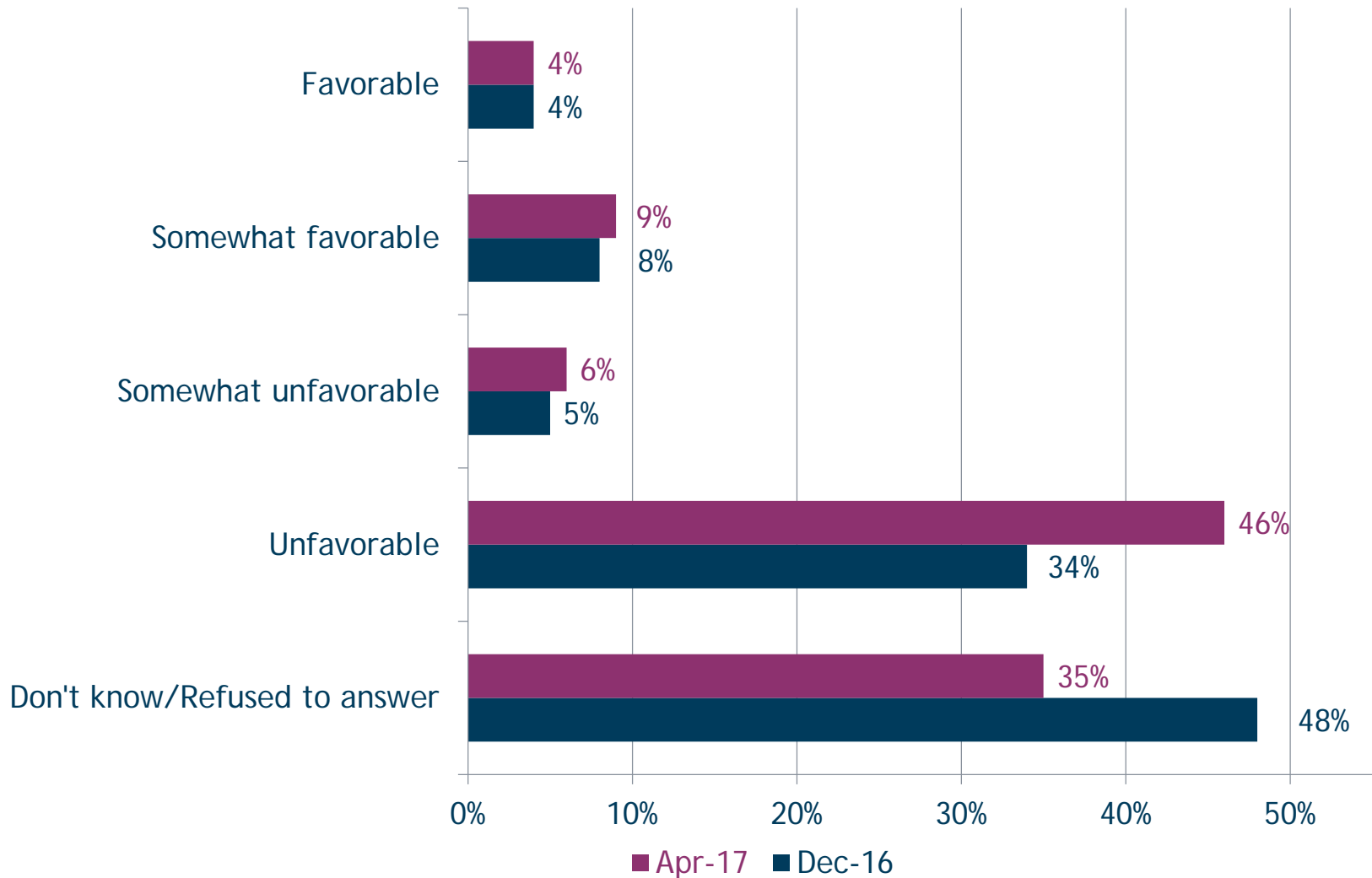


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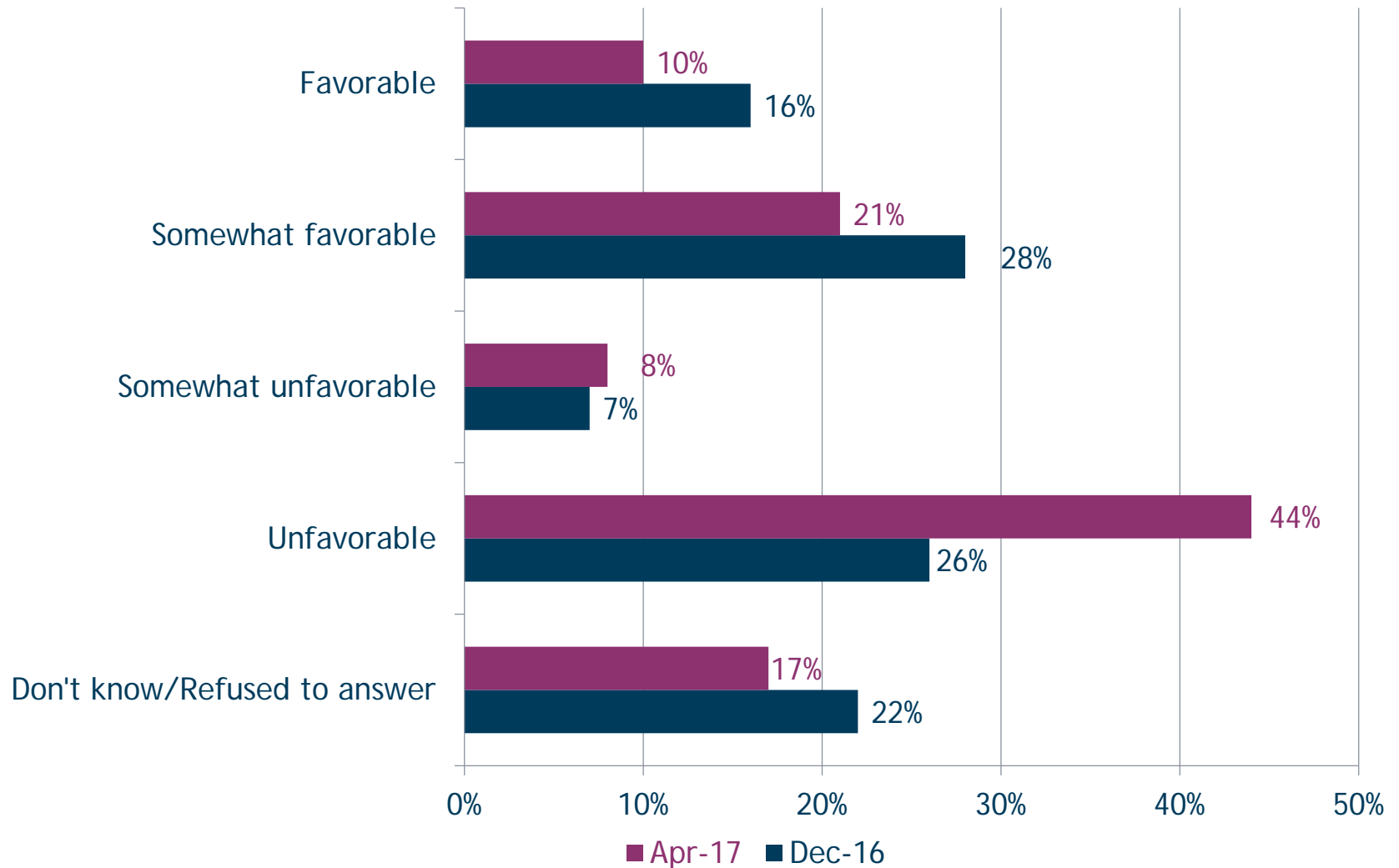
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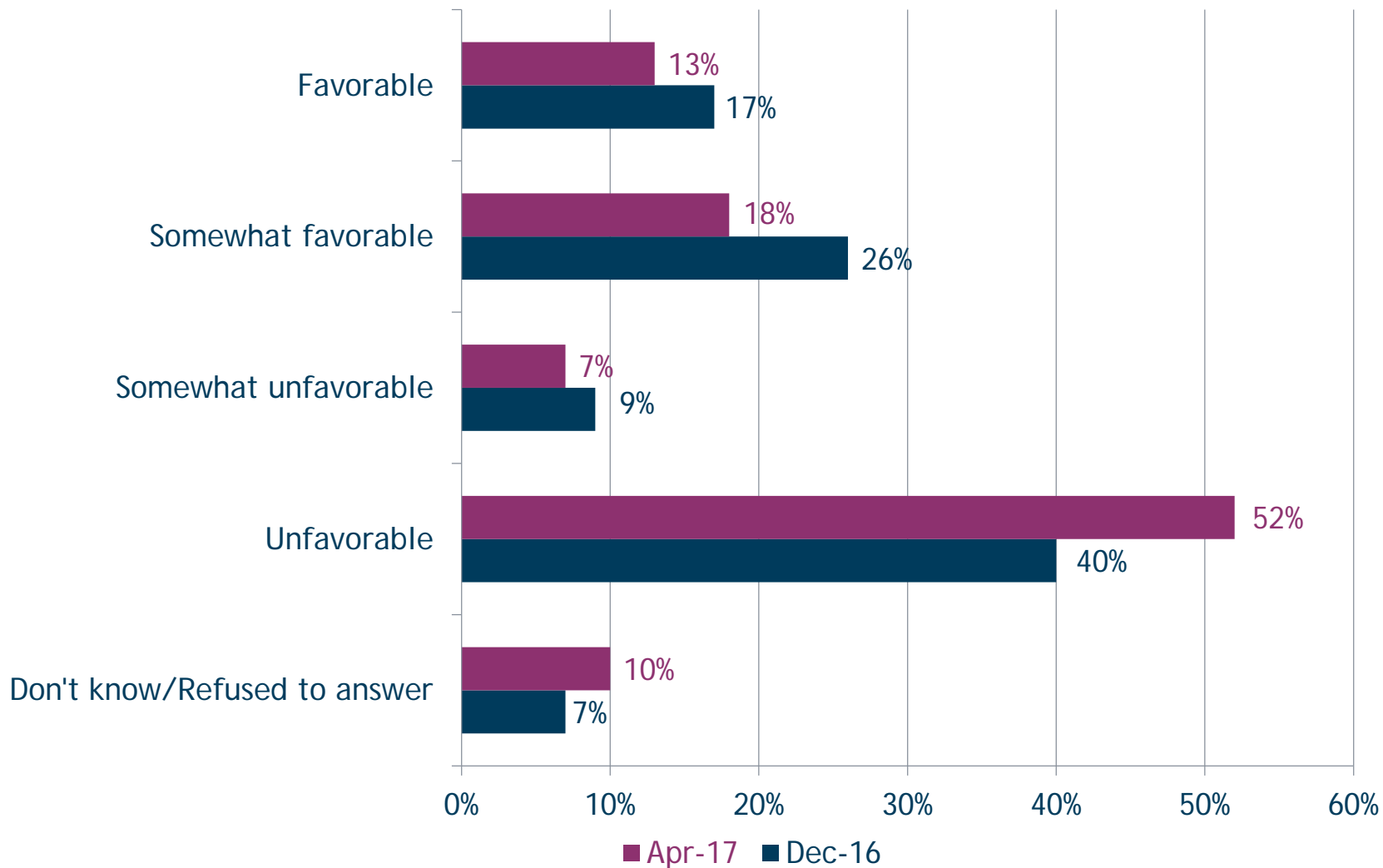
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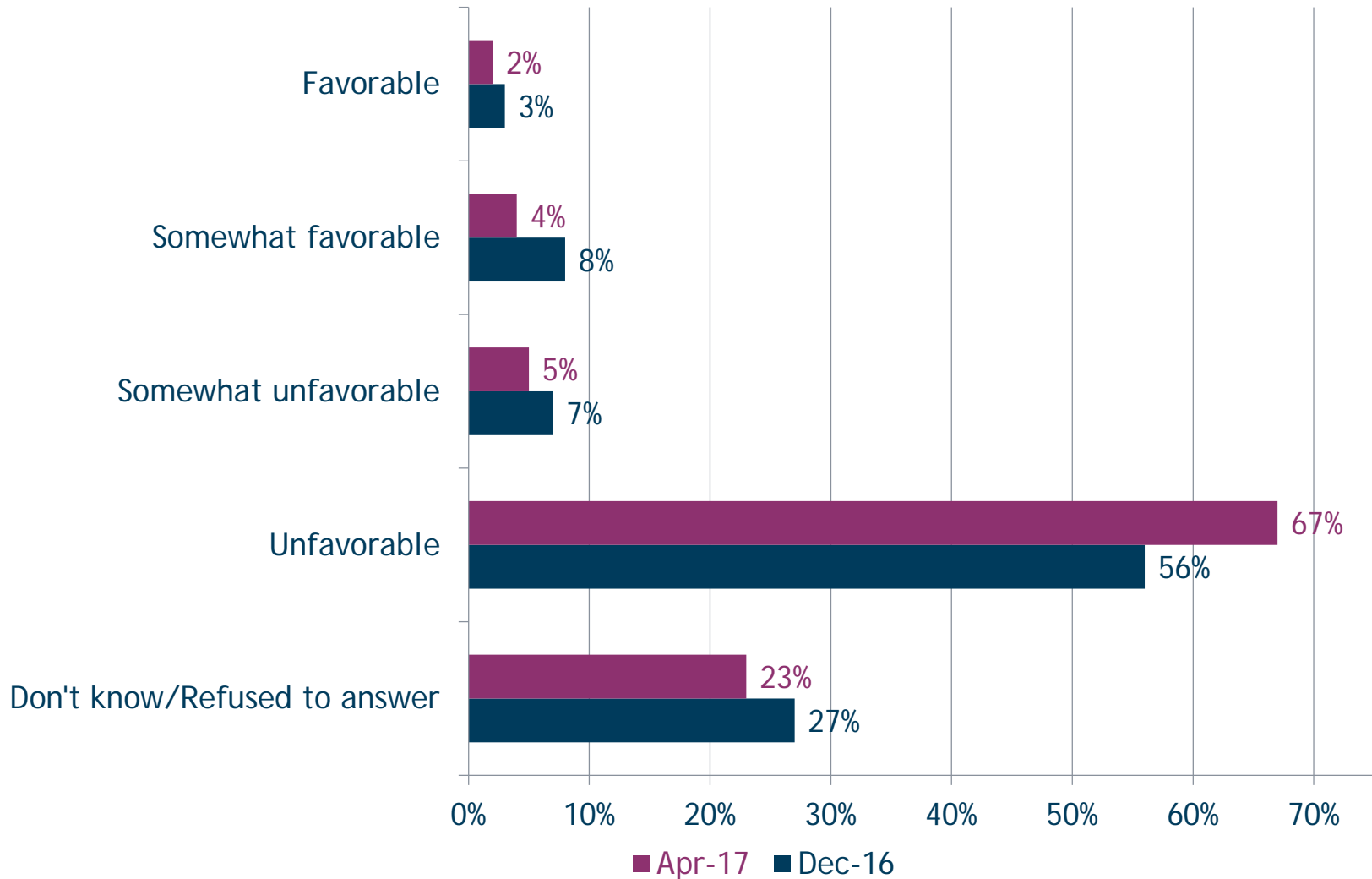
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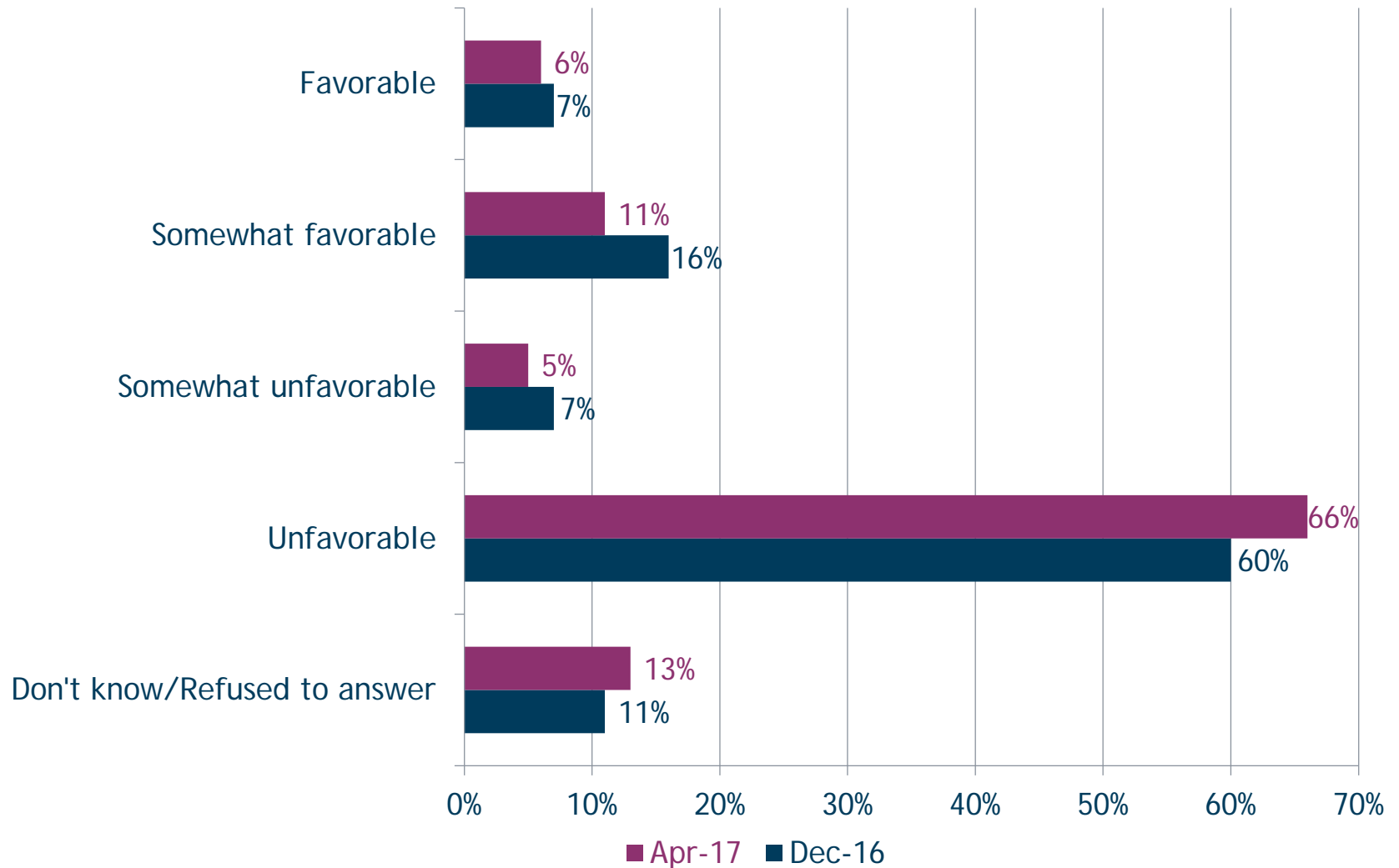
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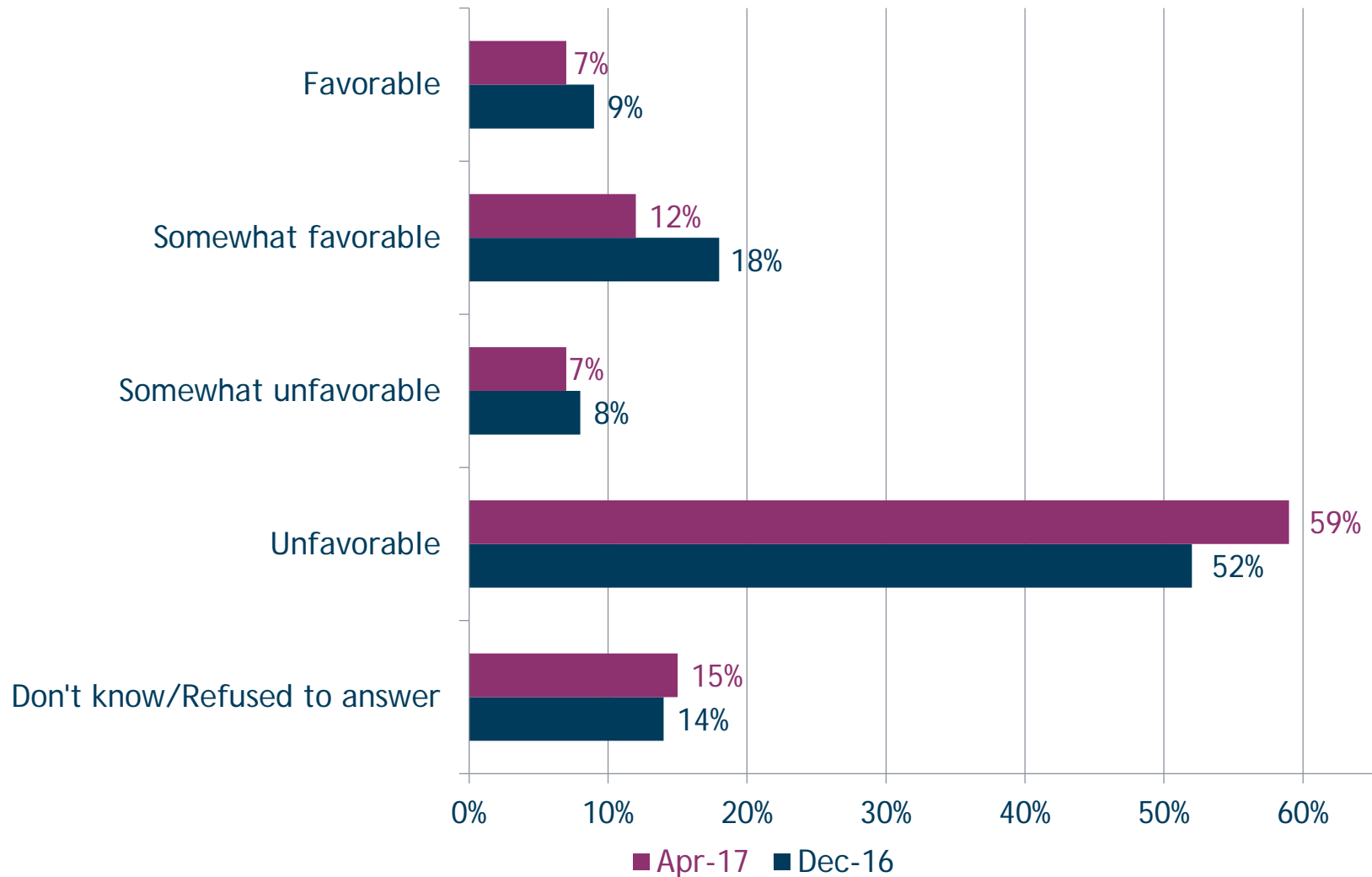
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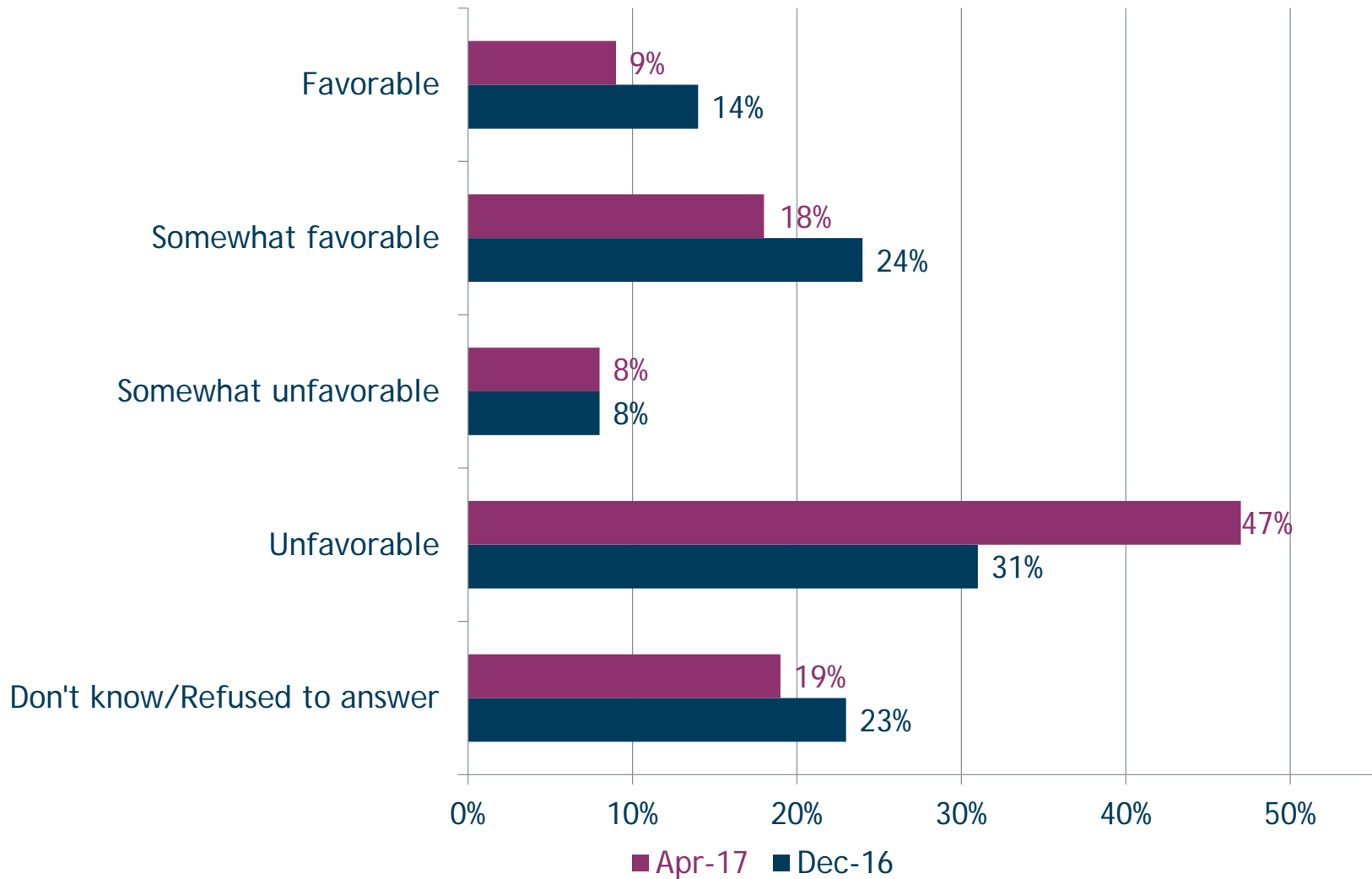
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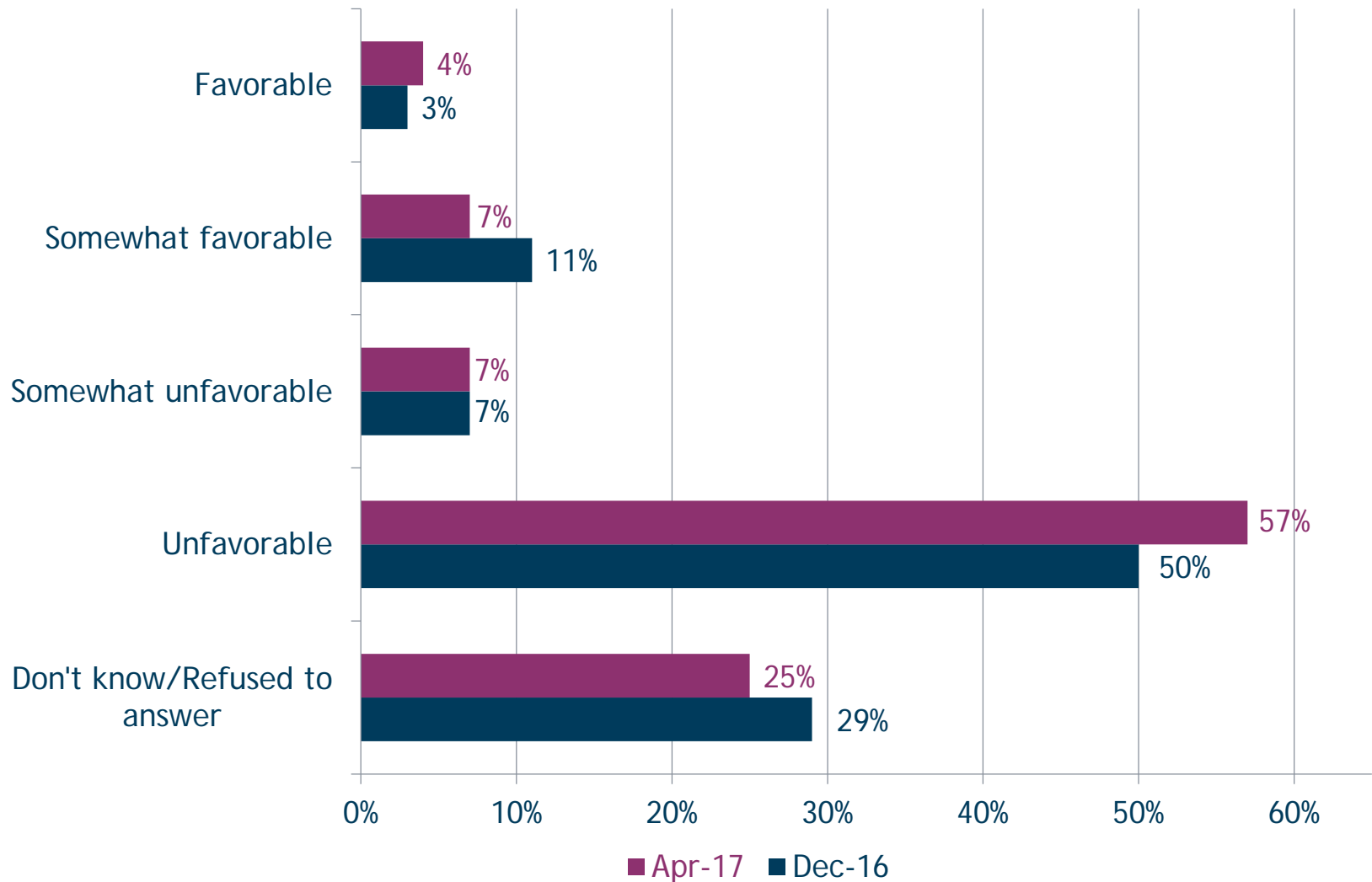
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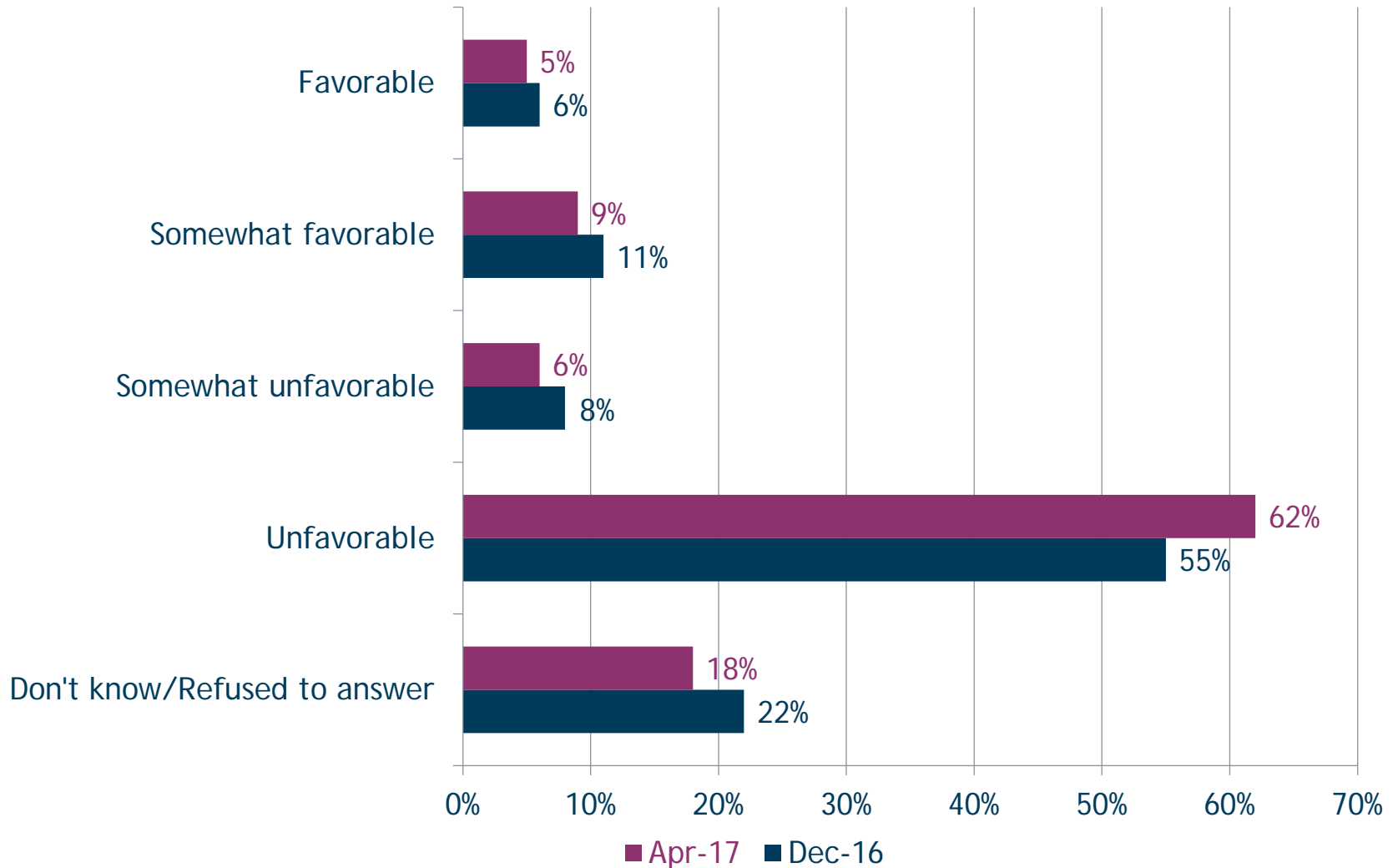
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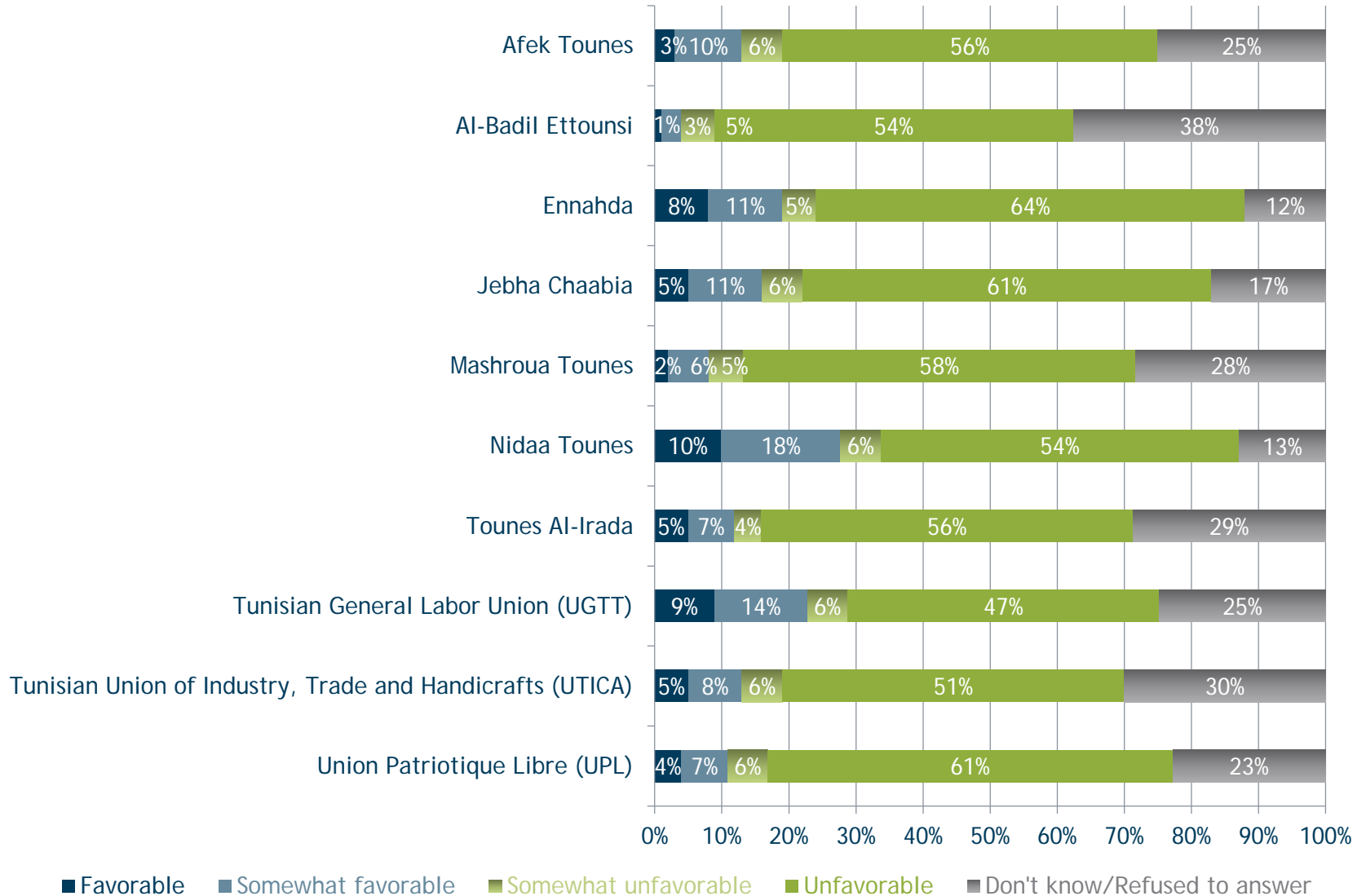


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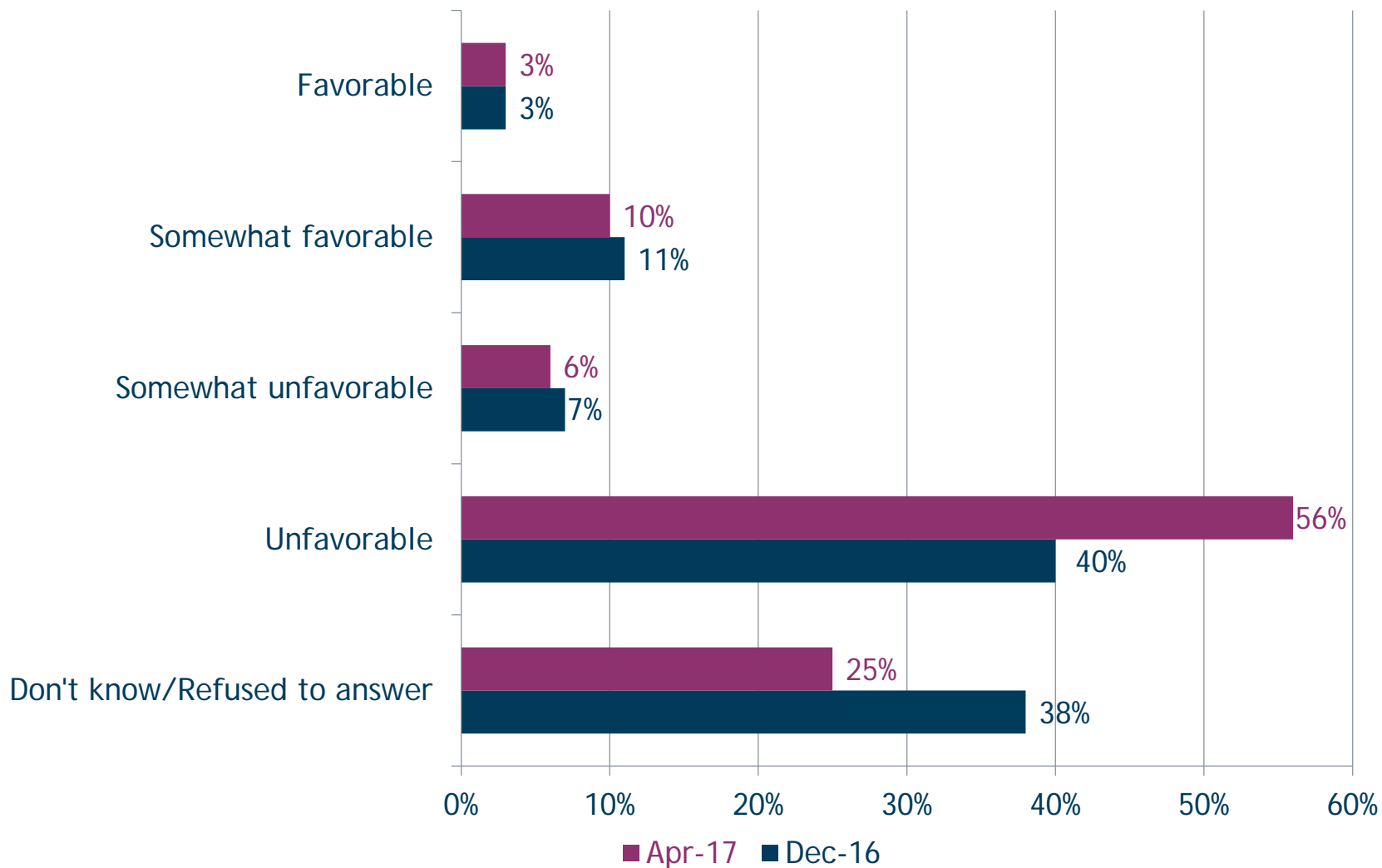


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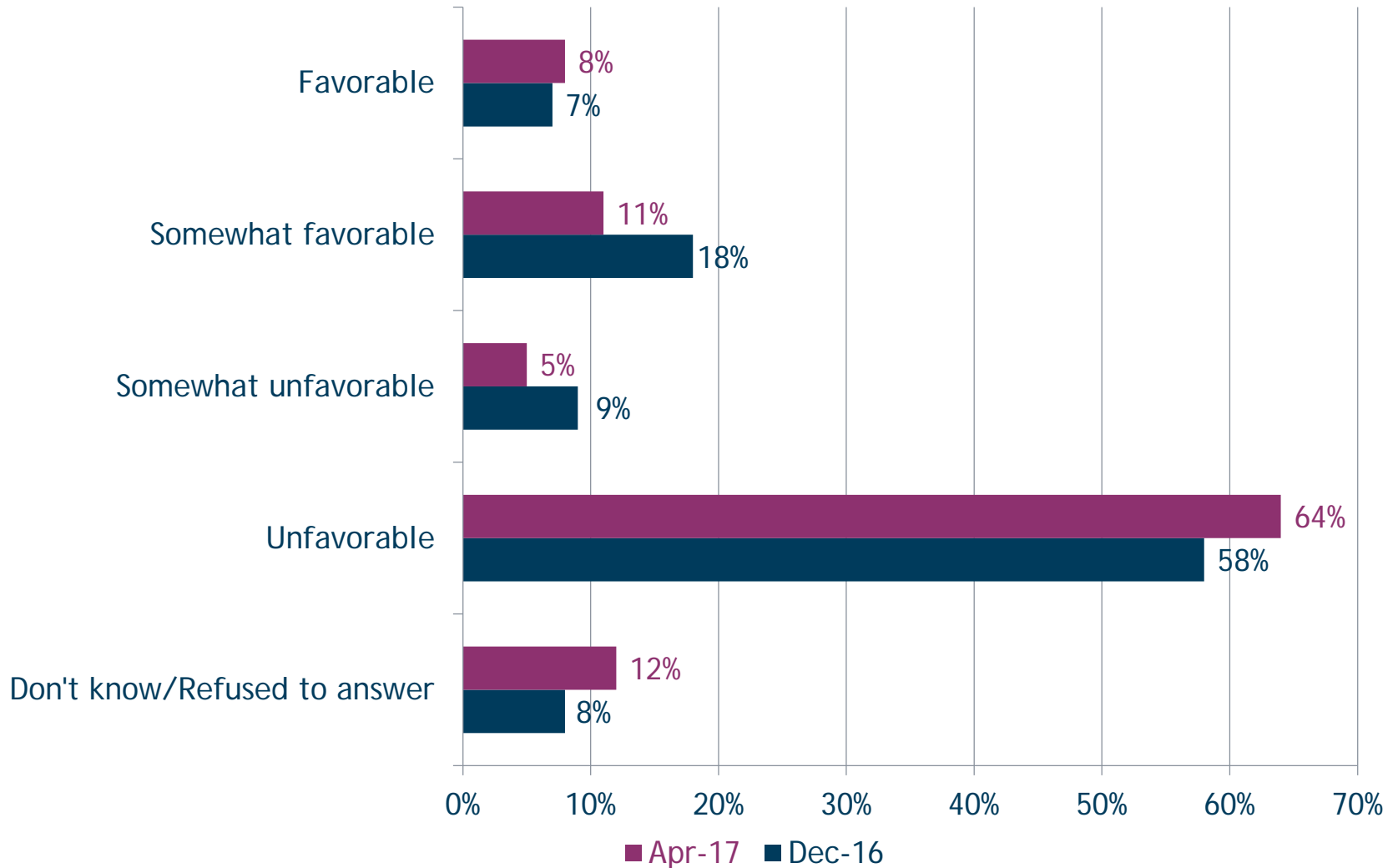
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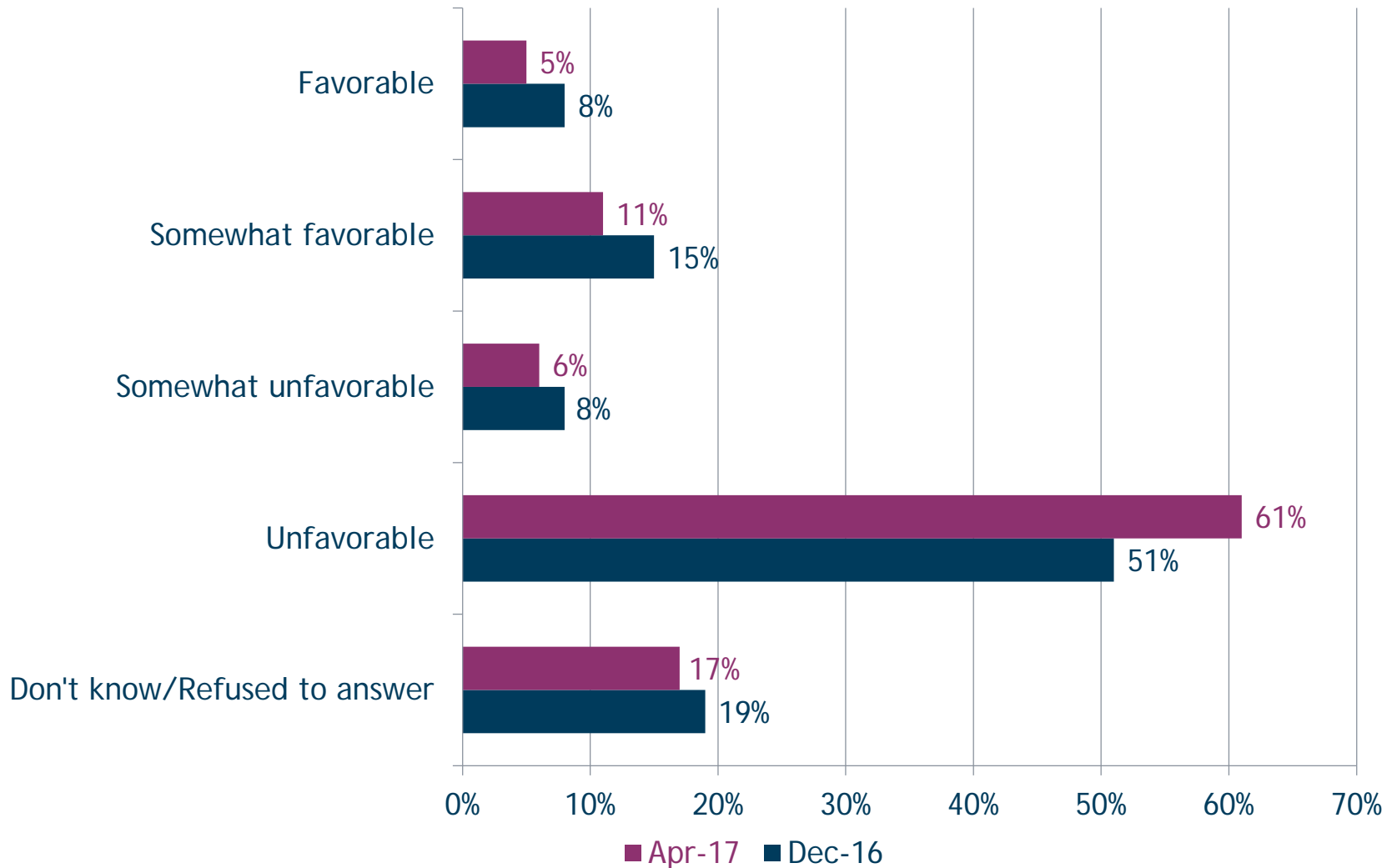
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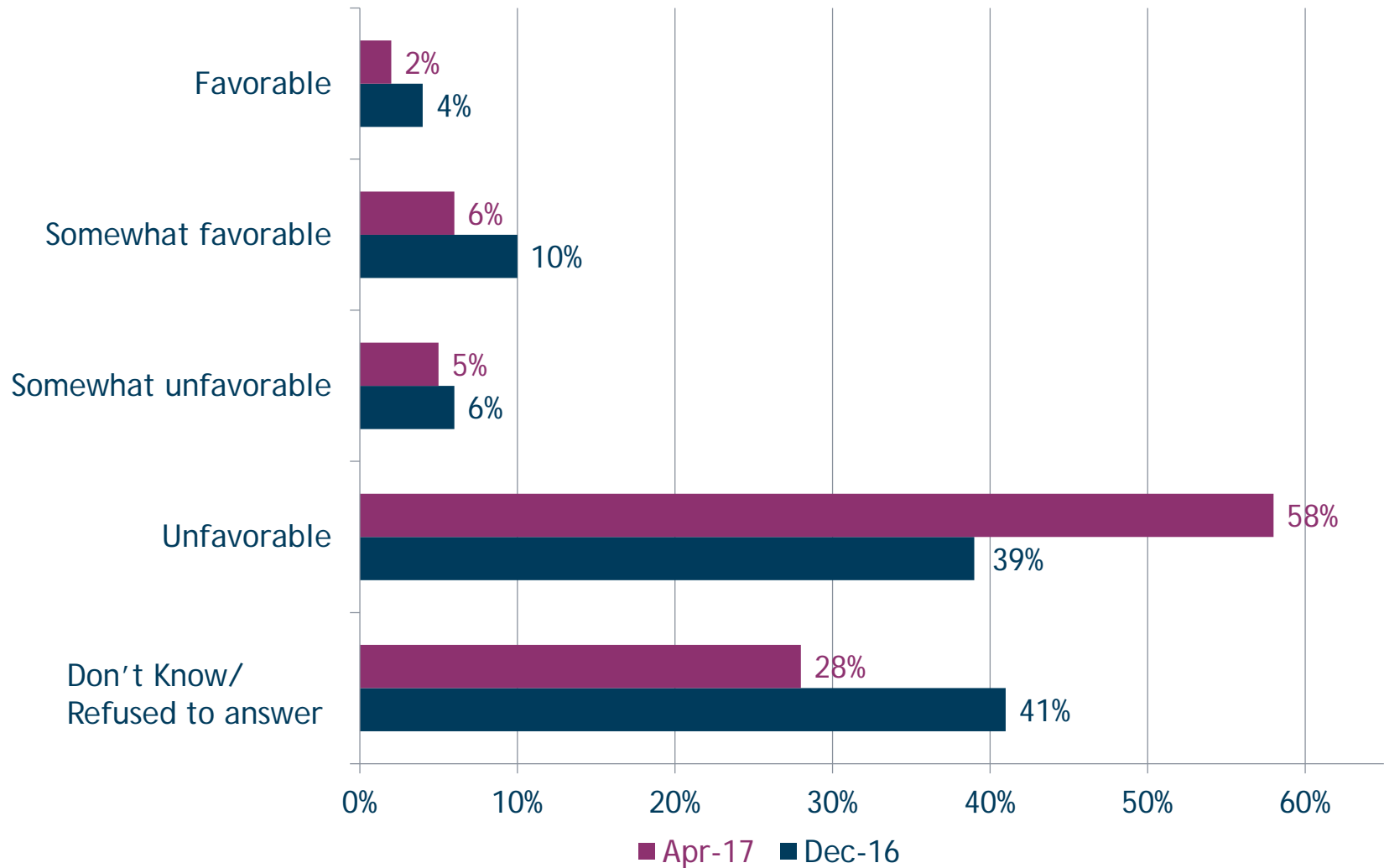
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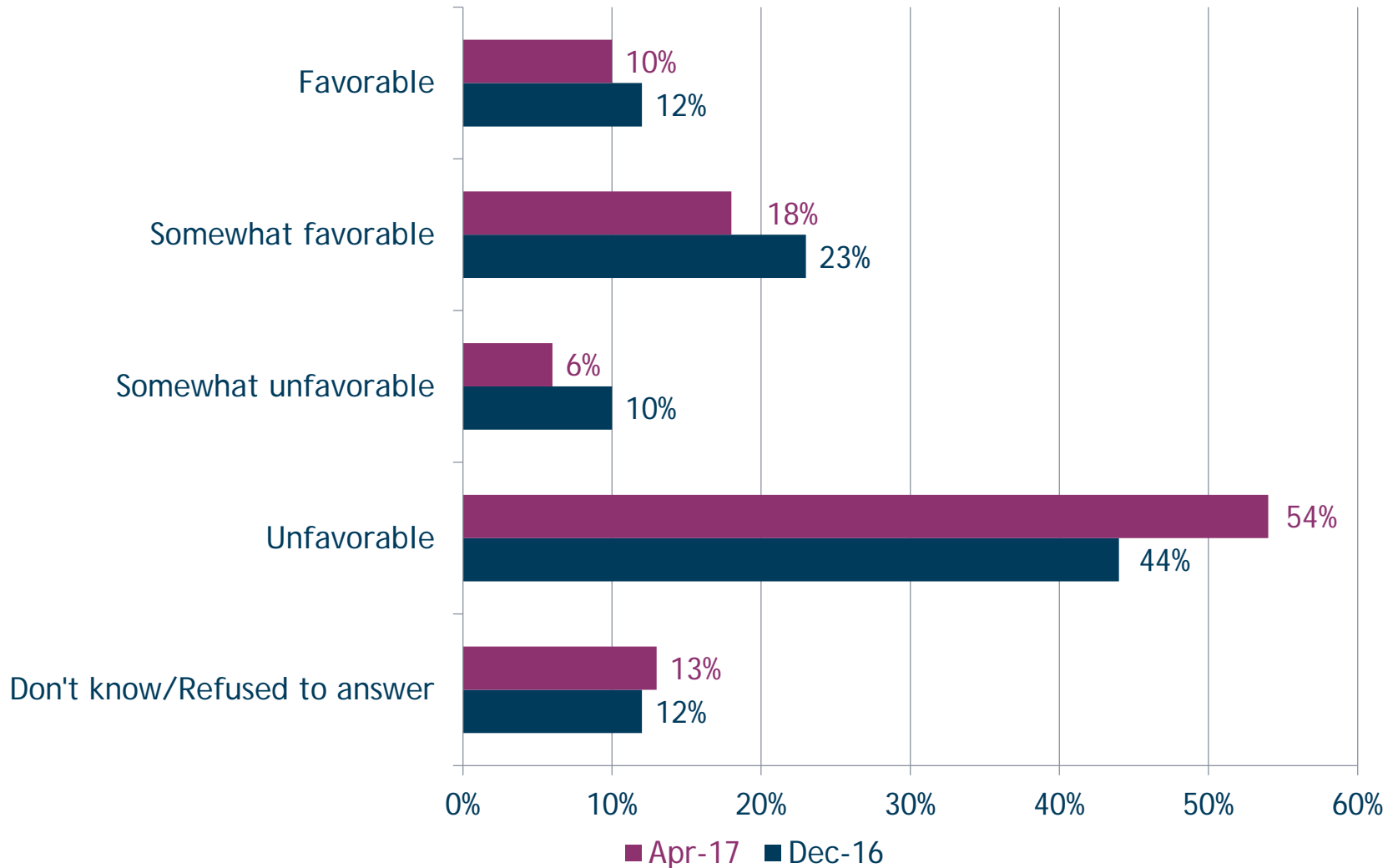
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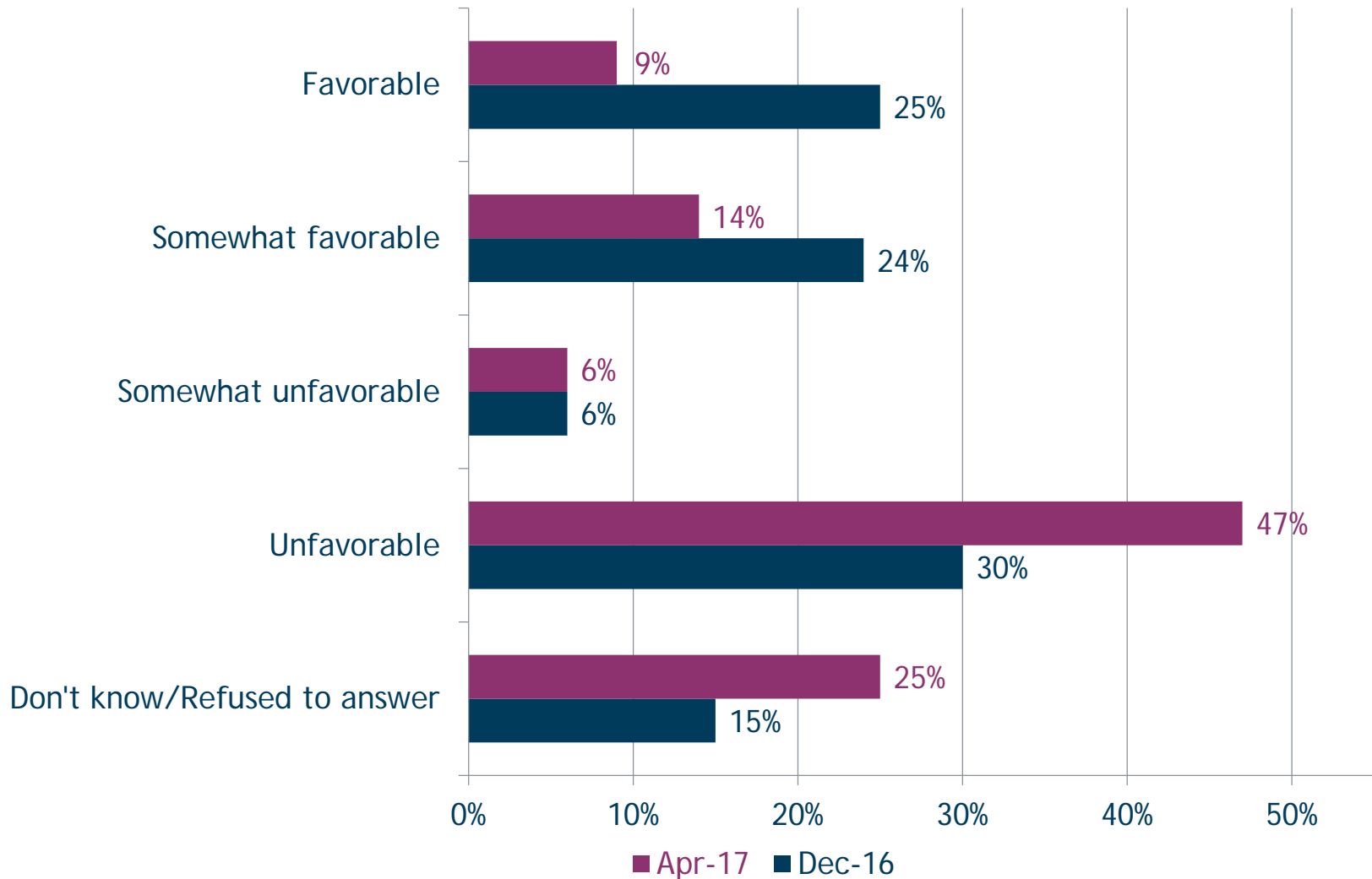
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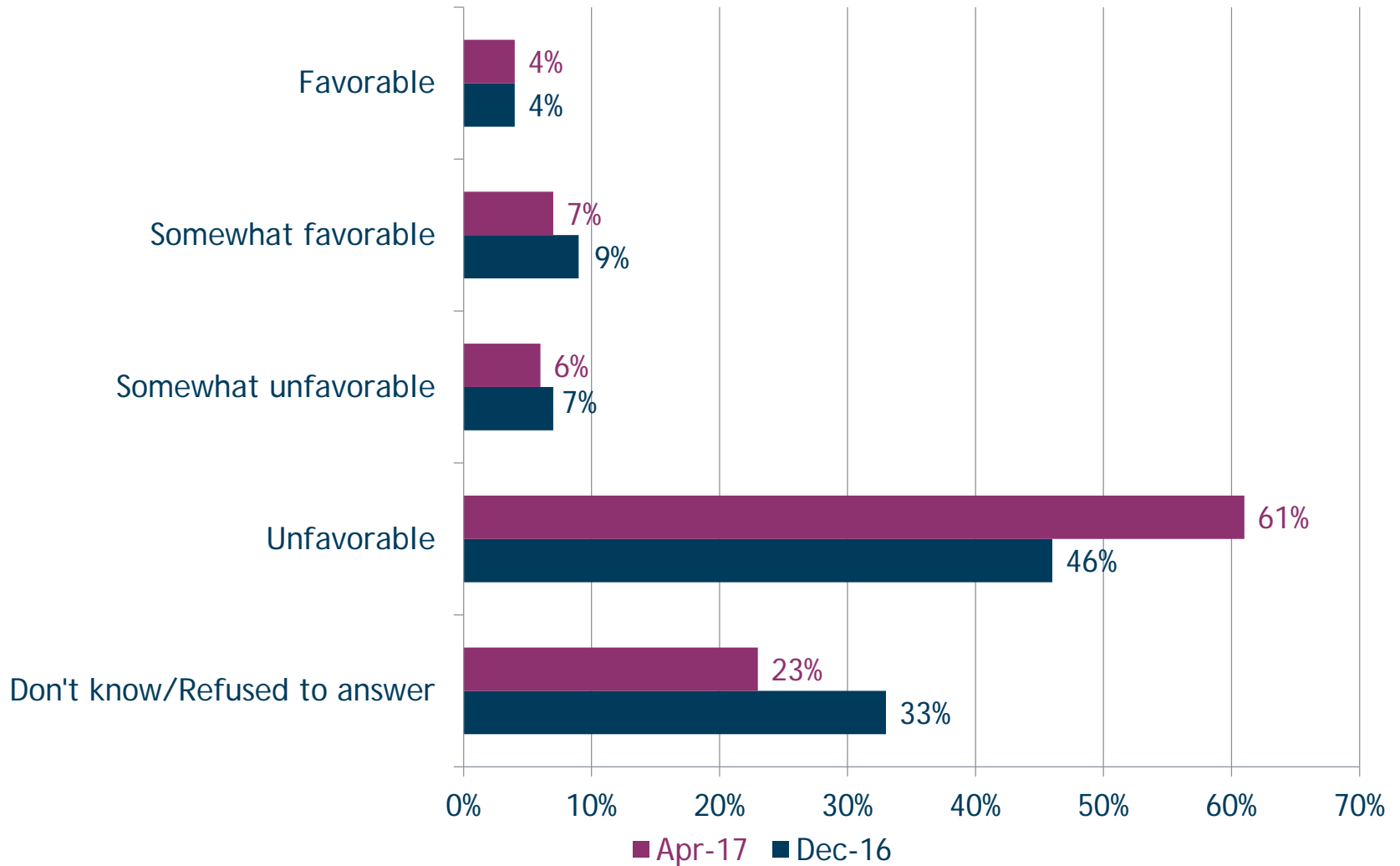
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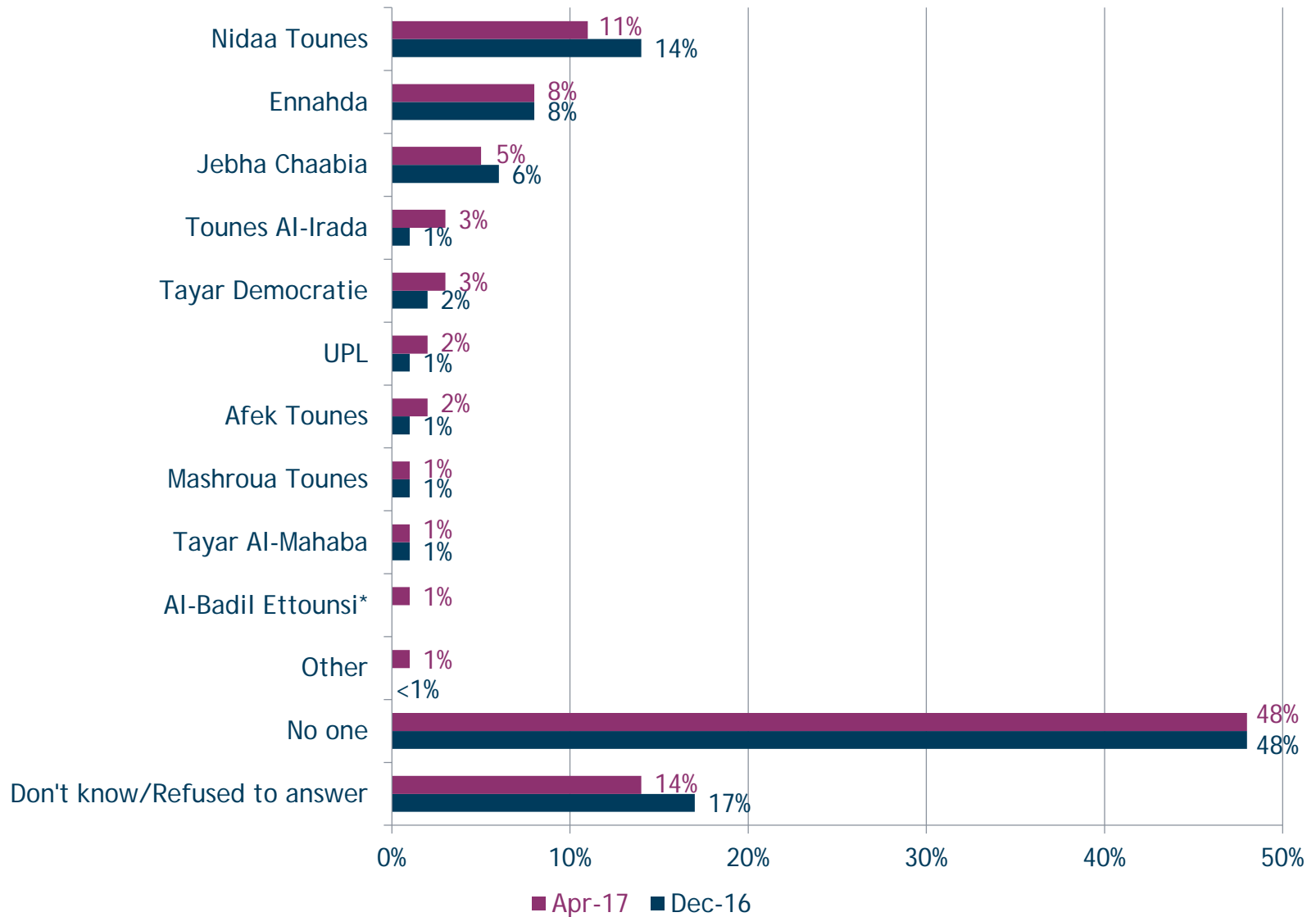


Which political party do you think is the best to:

	Apr-17						Dec-16					
	Fight corruption	Help the economy grow	Fight terrorism	Advance democracy in Tunisia	Support women	Support youth	Fight corruption	Help the economy grow	Fight terrorism	Advance democracy in Tunisia	Support women	Support youth
Afek Tounes	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Al-Badil Ettounsi	1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	Not asked in December 2016					
Ennahda	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	8%	6%	7%	5%	5%
Jebha Chaabia	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%
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Tounes Al-Irada	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
UPL	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
No one	48%	48%	48%	46%	41%	49%	48%	42%	44%	40%	33%	43%
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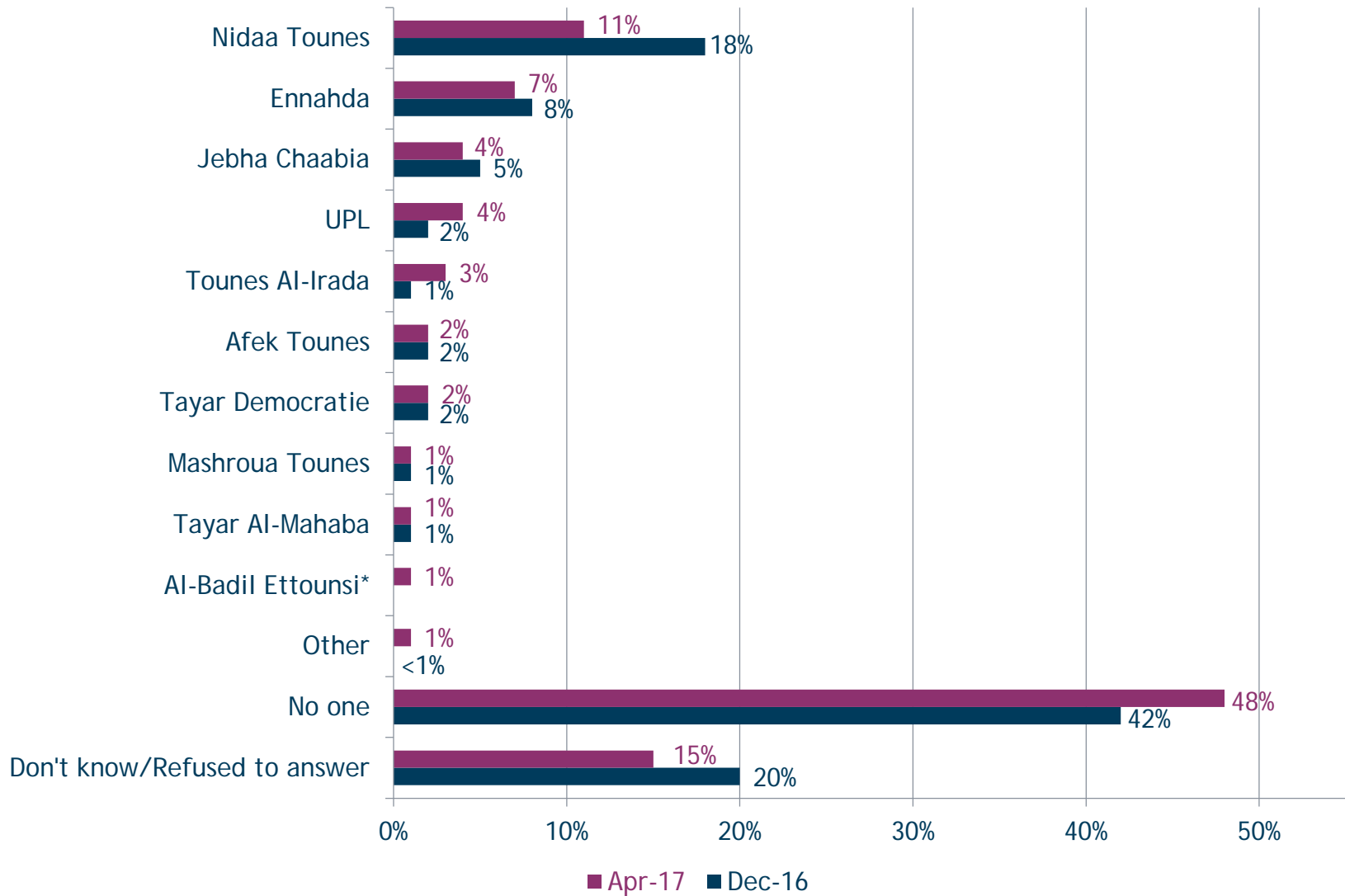
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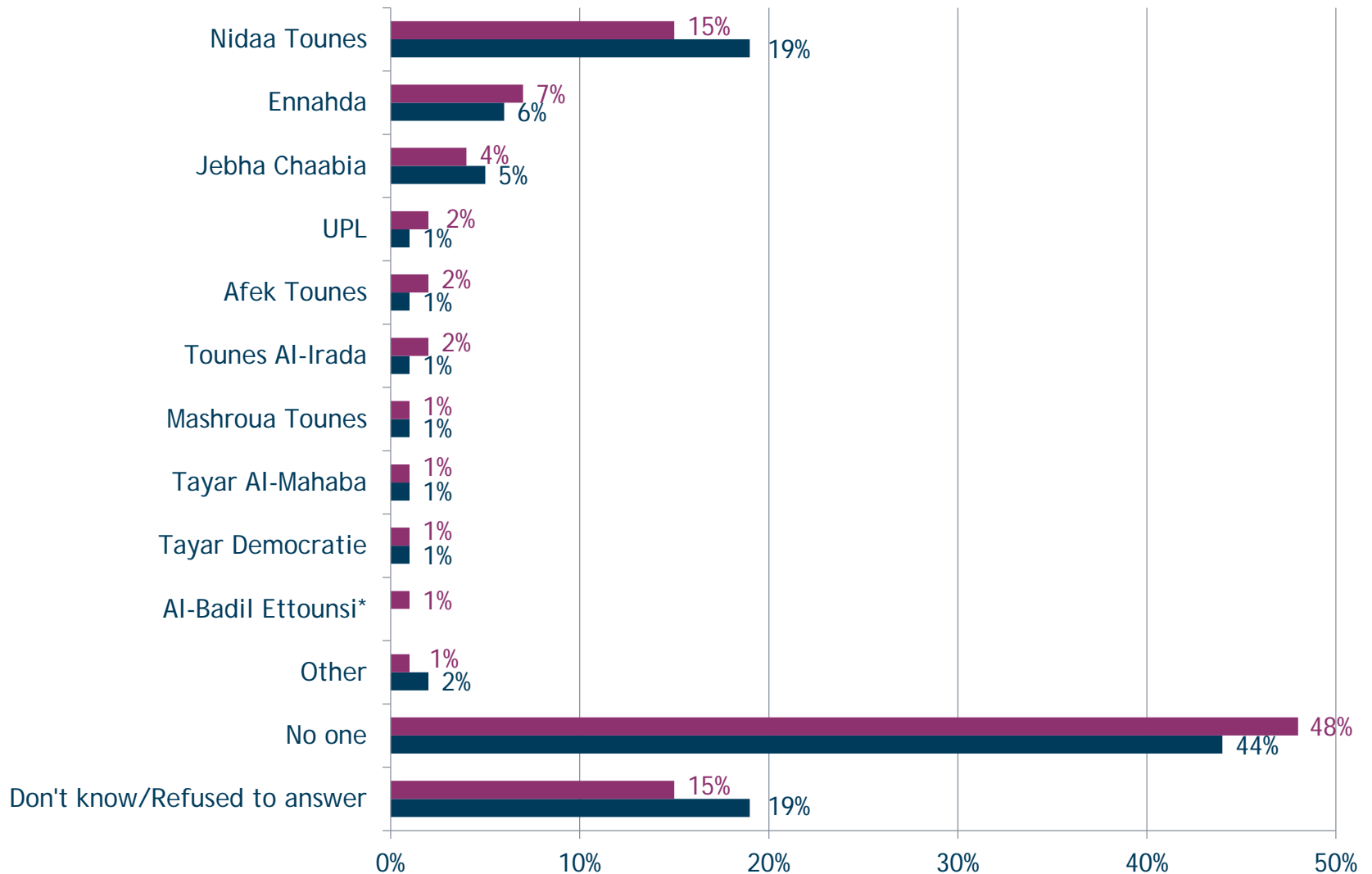
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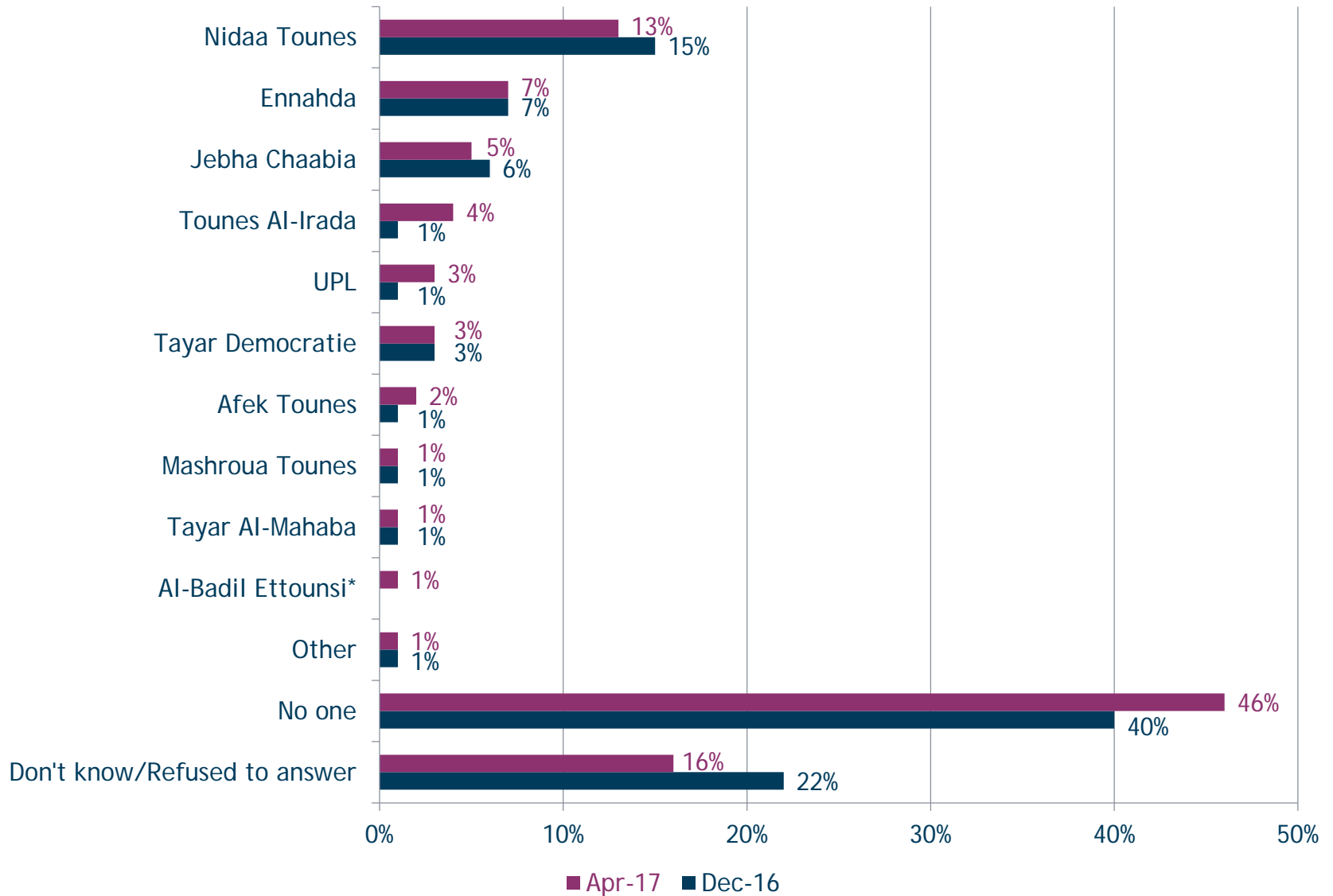


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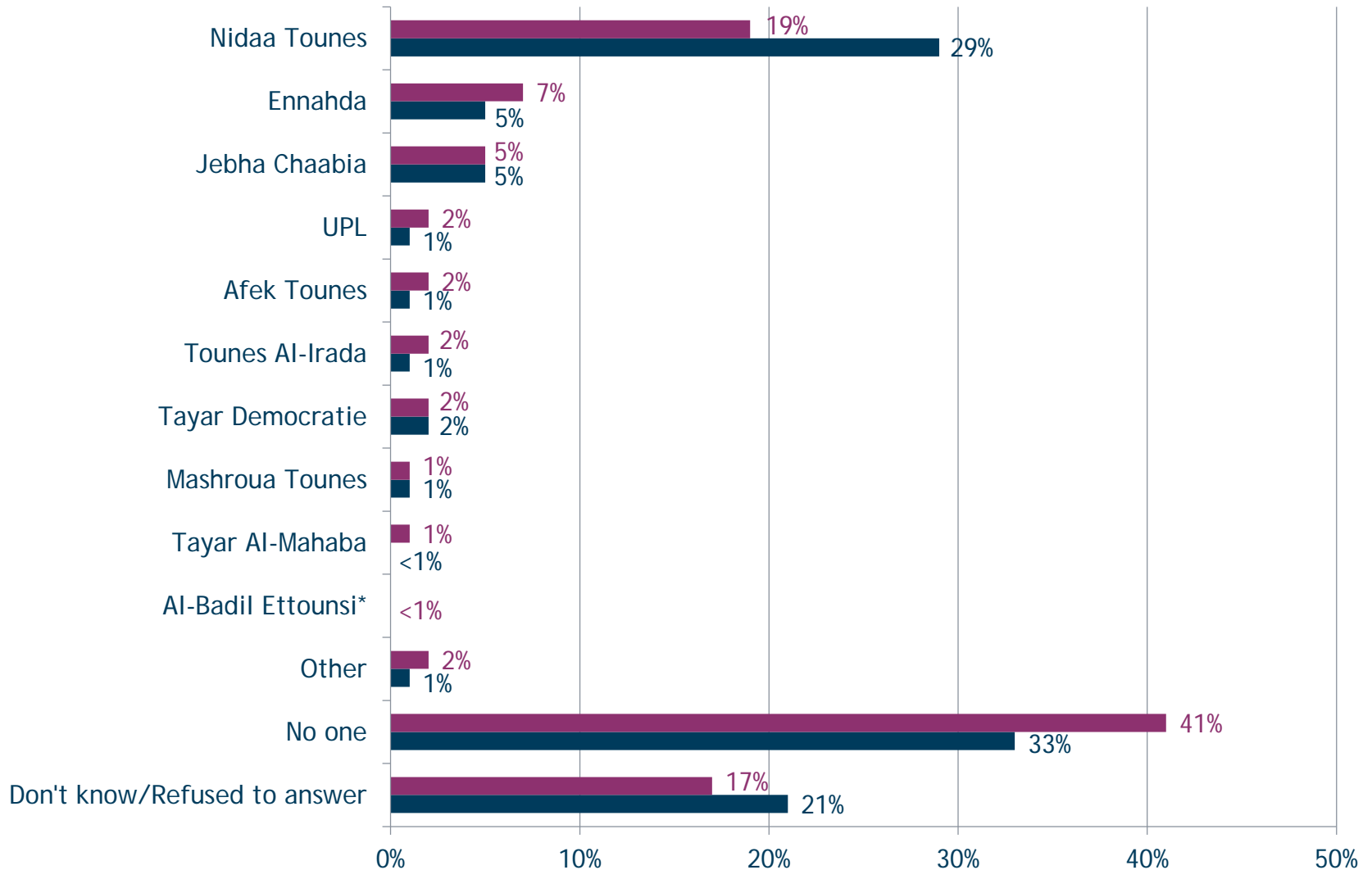
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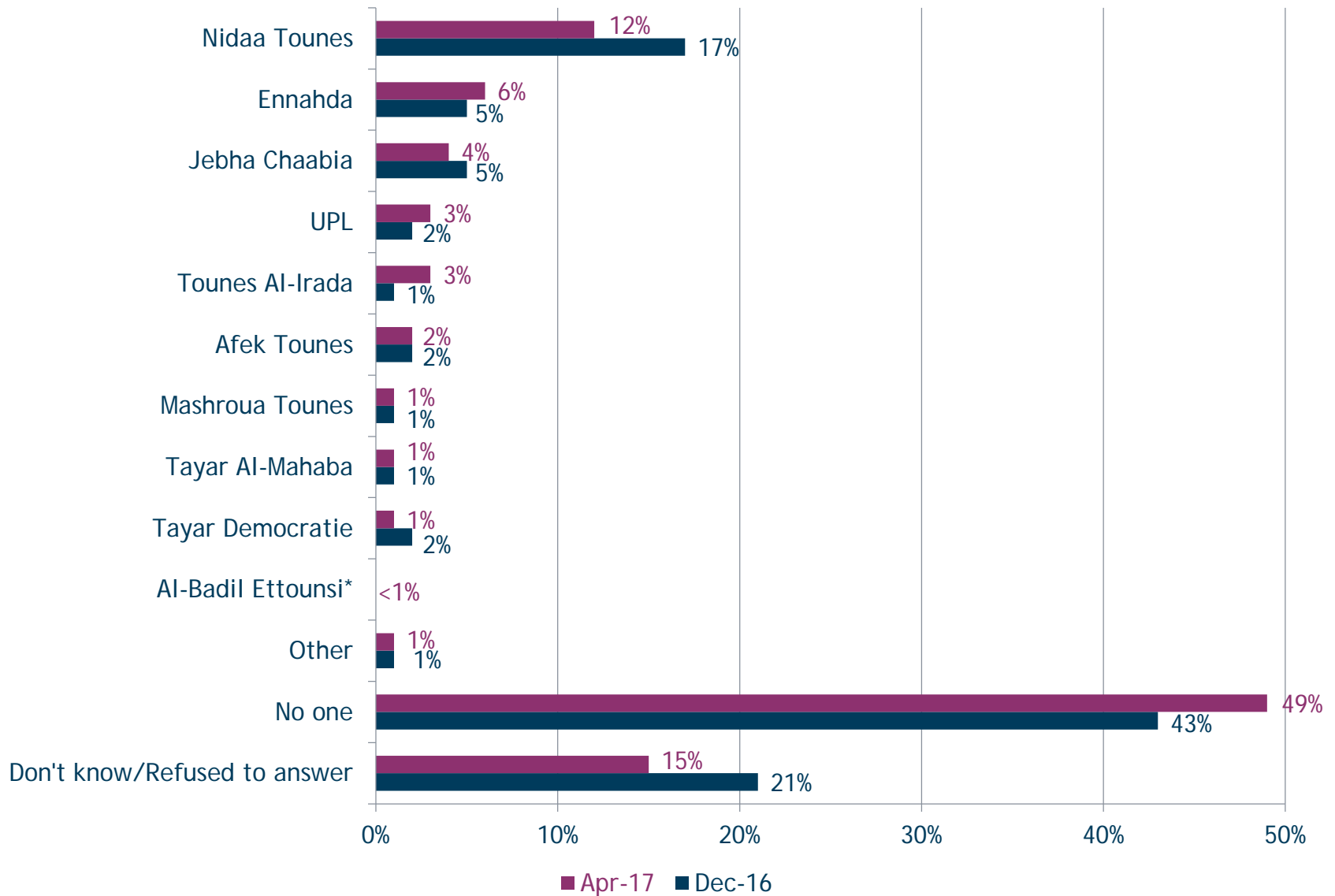


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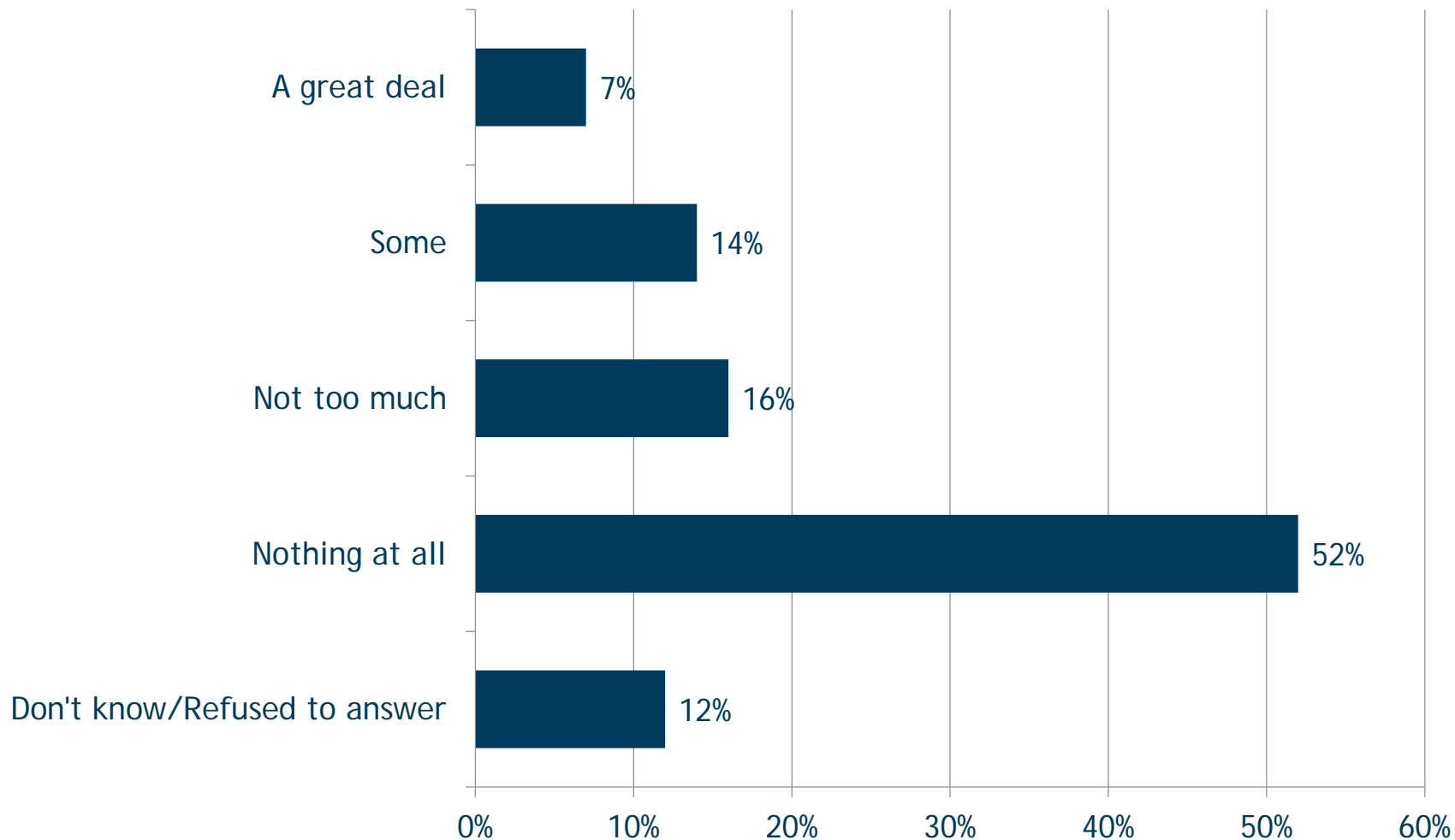
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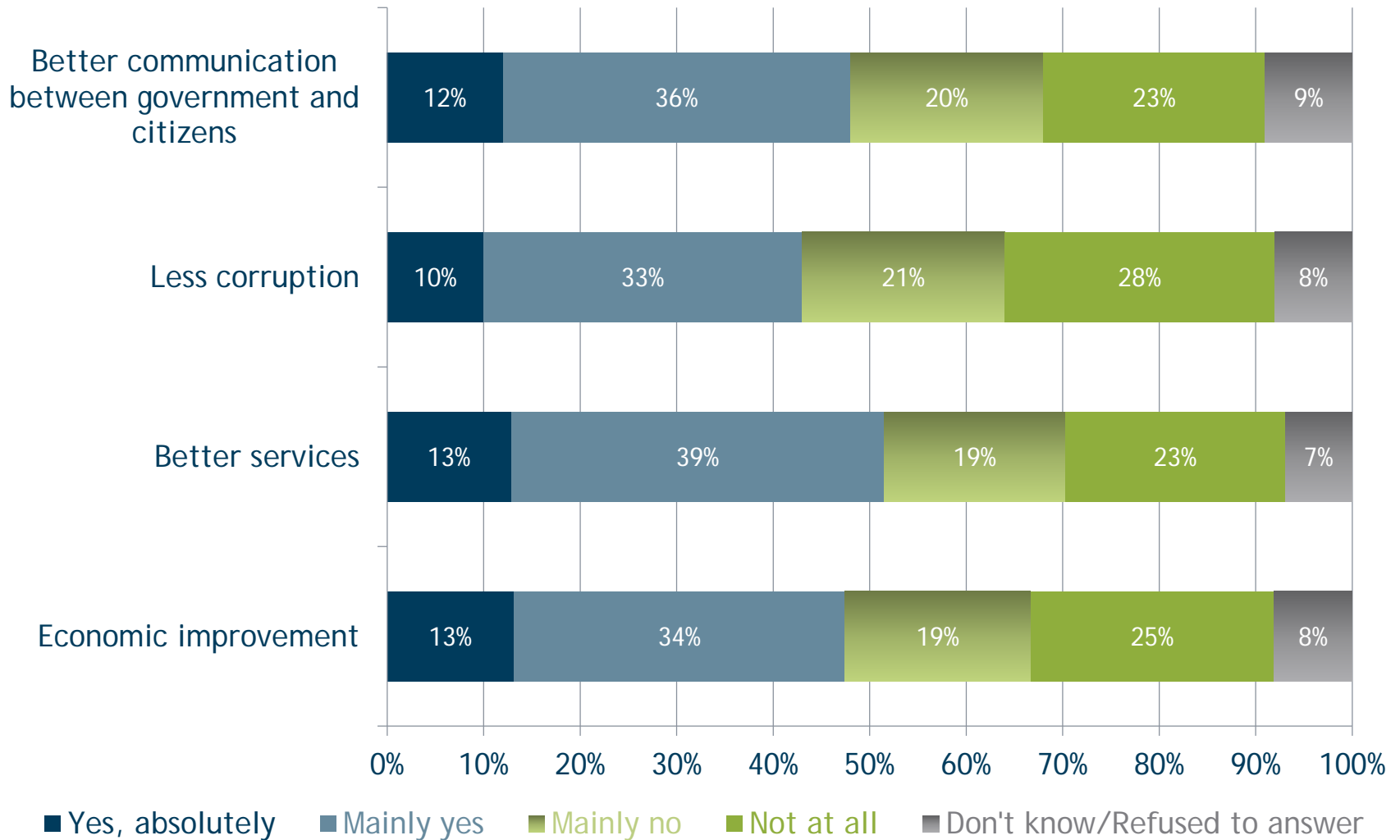
Decentralization and Local Elections



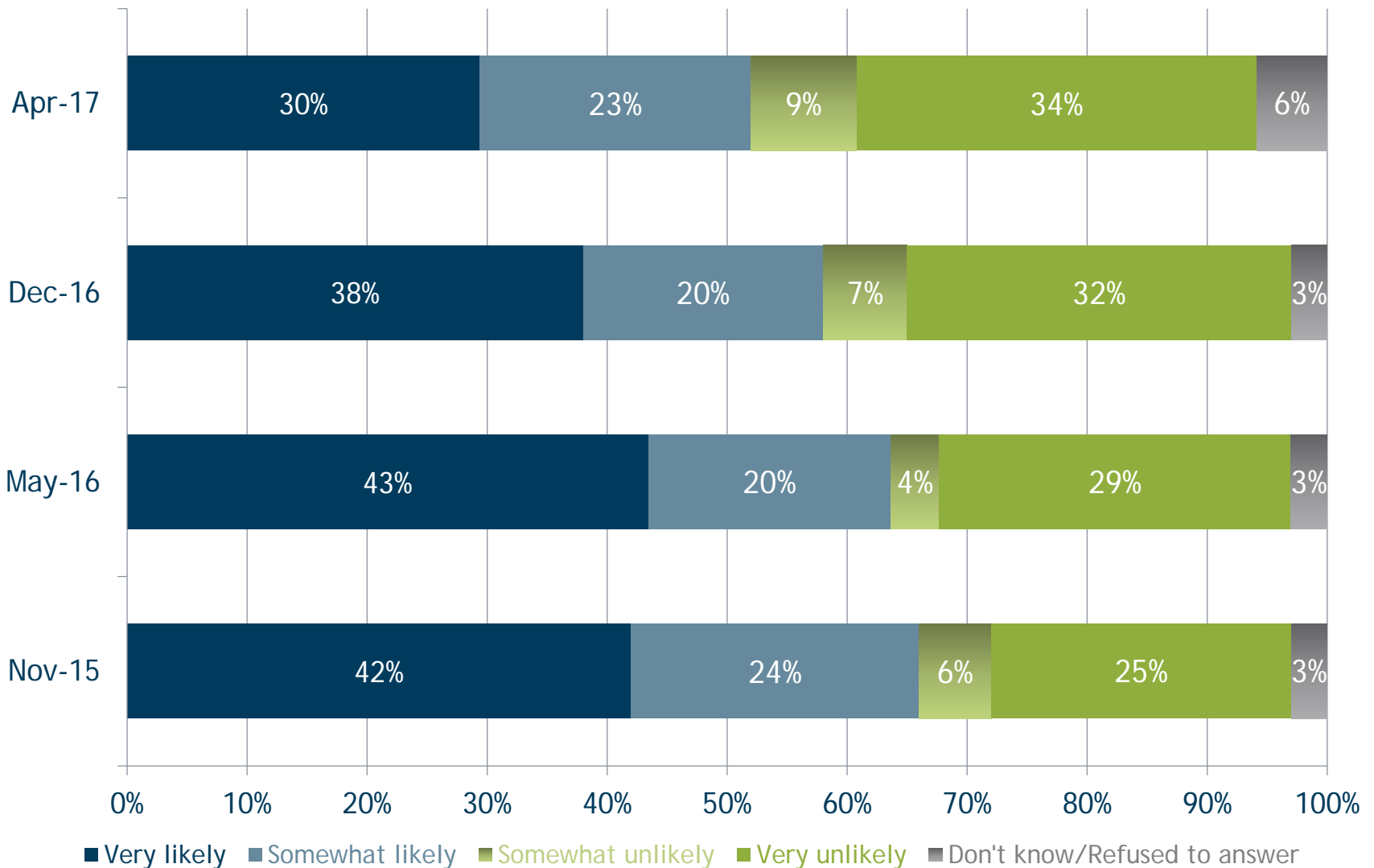
One of the provisions of the constitution adopted in 2014 was a decentralization of government, meaning that the federal government would transfer certain powers and duties to local governments so that government is closer to the citizens it is meant to serve. Would you say that you know a great deal, some, not too much or nothing at all about this decentralization process?



The new constitution says that the municipal and regional governments will be elected by citizens and have the authority to choose how funds are spent in their region. Do you think that democratically elected municipal and regional councils with the power to decide how money is spent in their region will lead to:

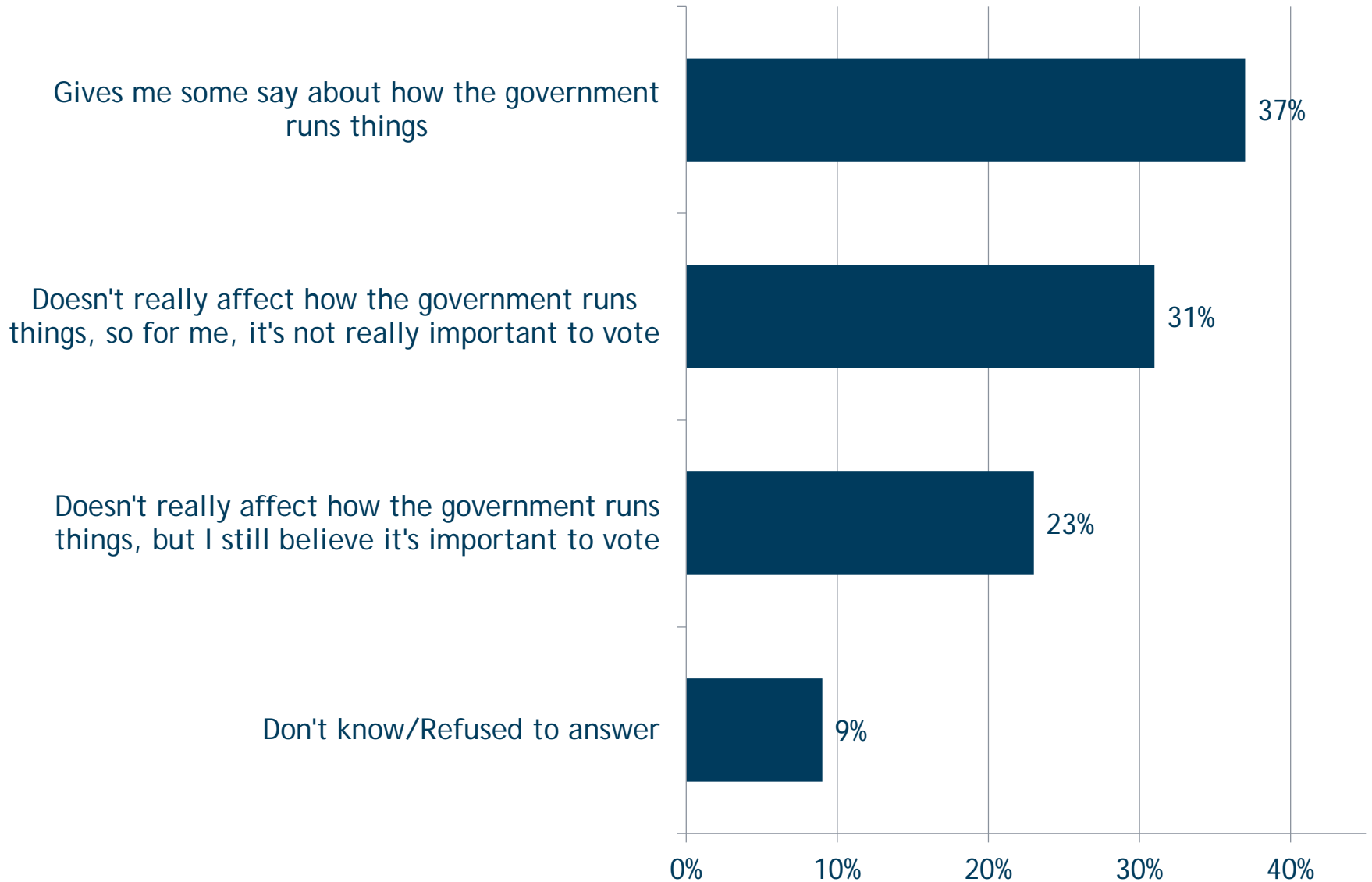


Tunisia will hold municipal elections in the next year. How likely, if at all, are you to vote in those elections?

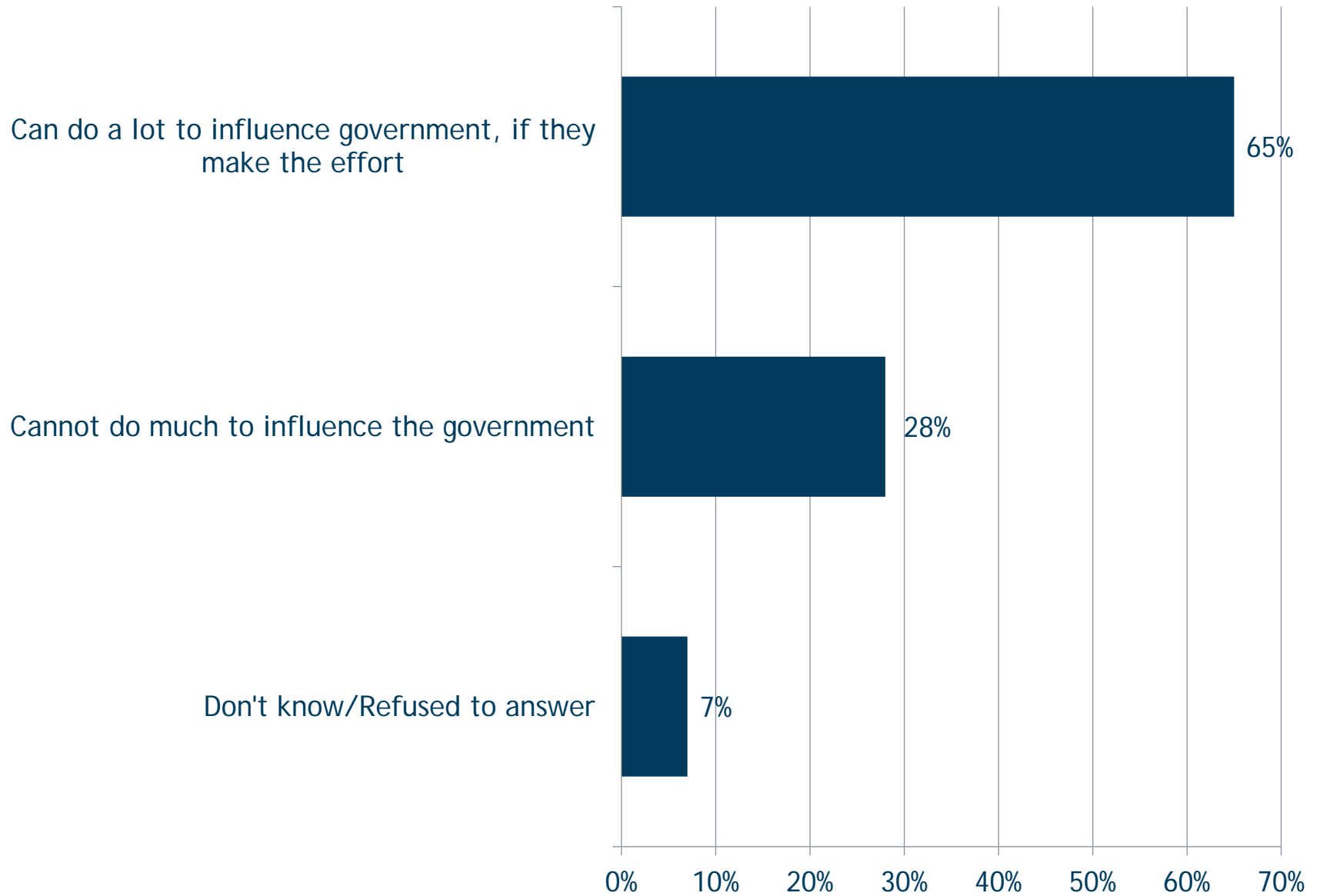


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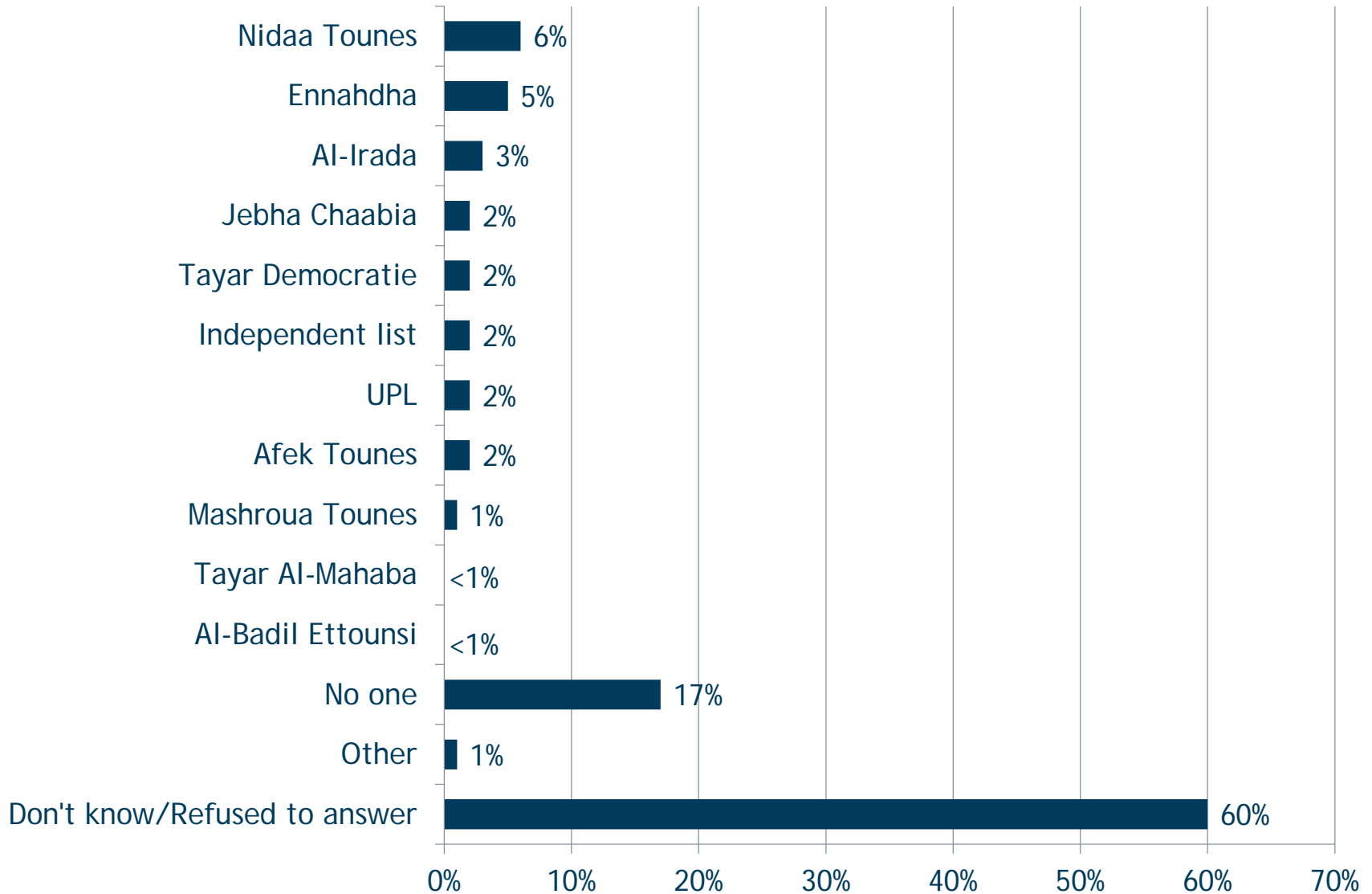
For people like me, voting...



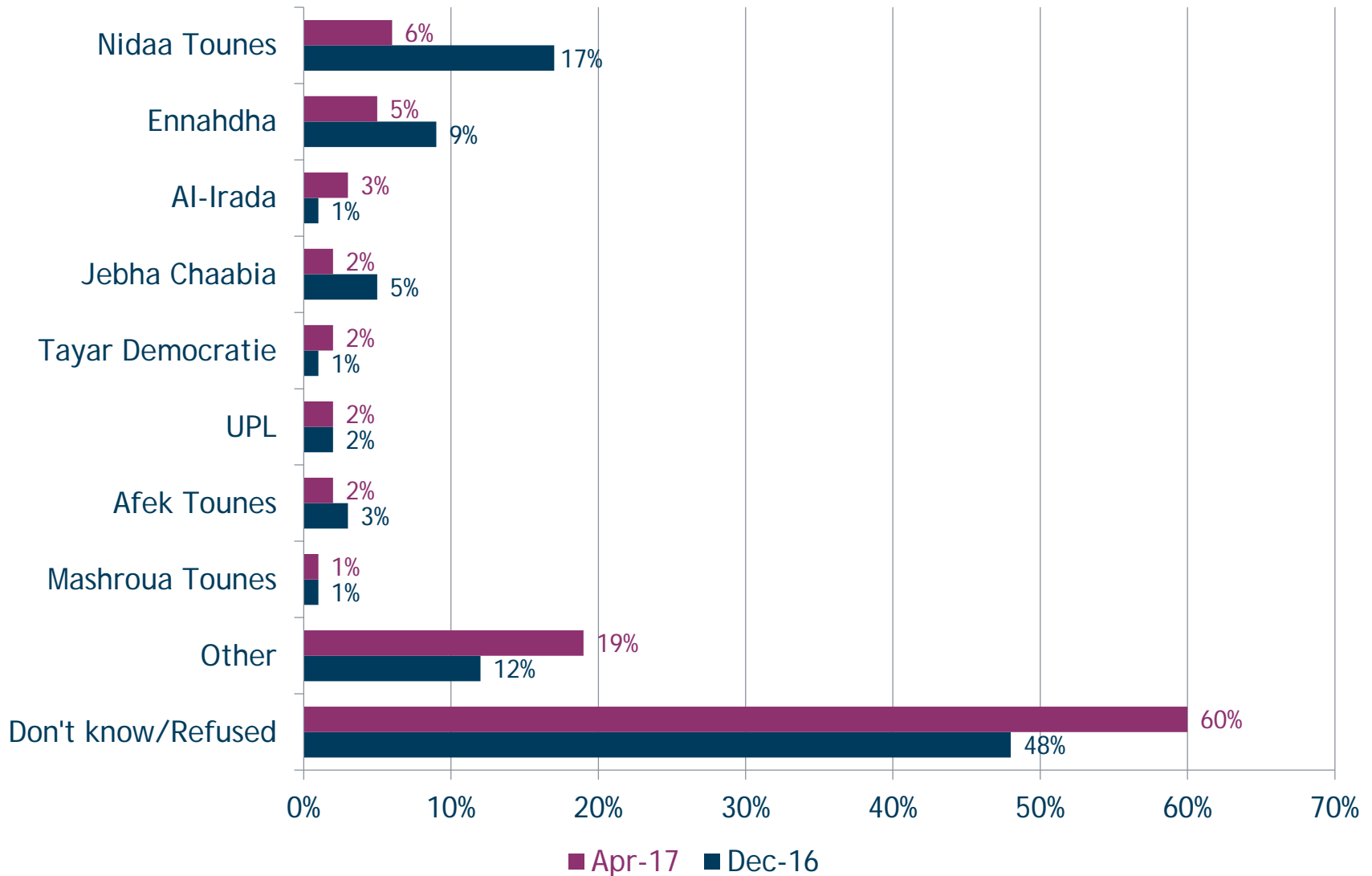
Ordinary citizens...



If municipal elections were held tomorrow, for whom would you vote? (Open-ended)

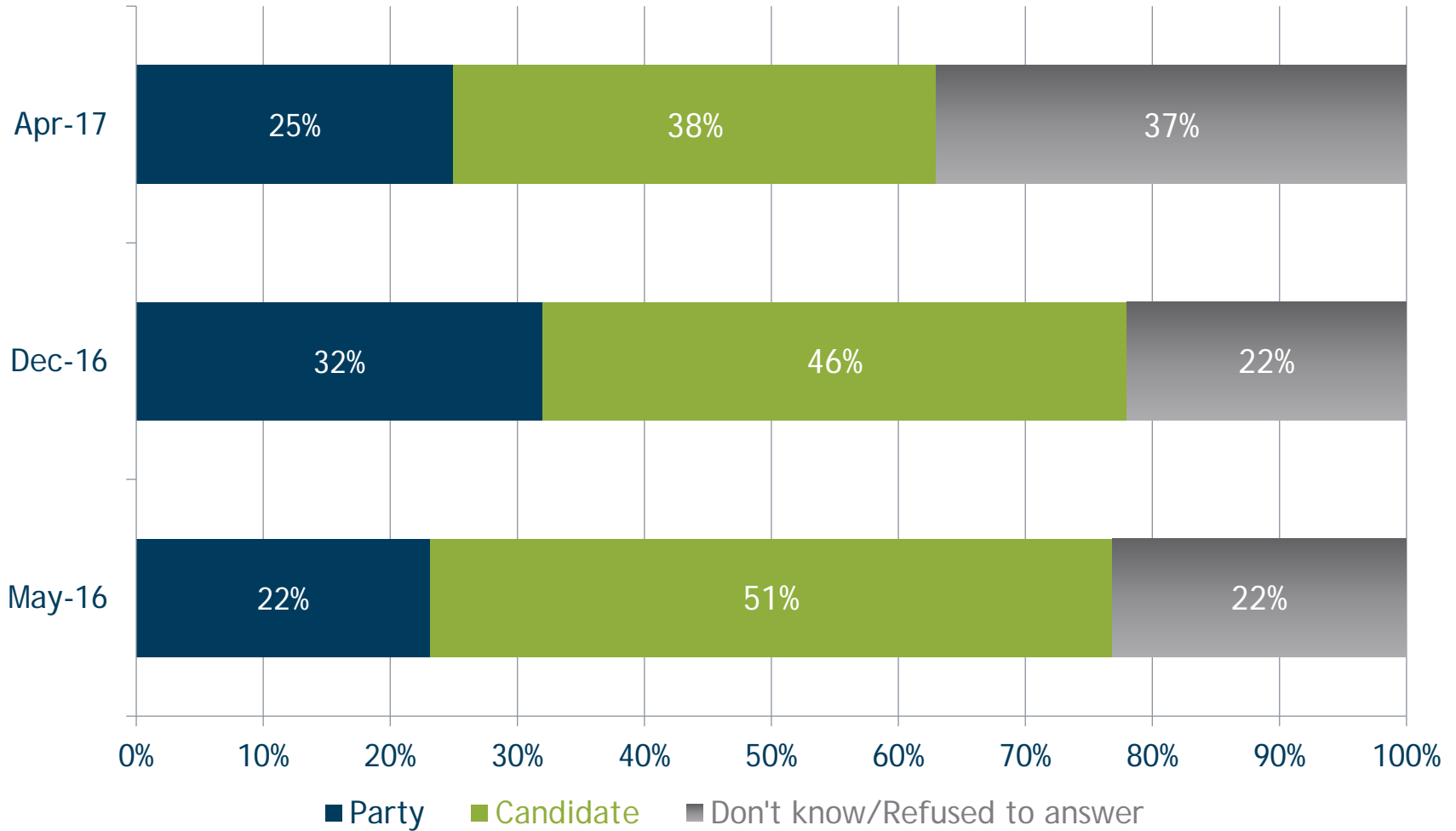


If municipal elections were held tomorrow, for whom would you vote? (Open-ended)



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Thinking about the upcoming municipal elections, are you more likely to vote for the party regardless of individual candidates or are you more likely to vote for individual candidates regardless of which party they represent?



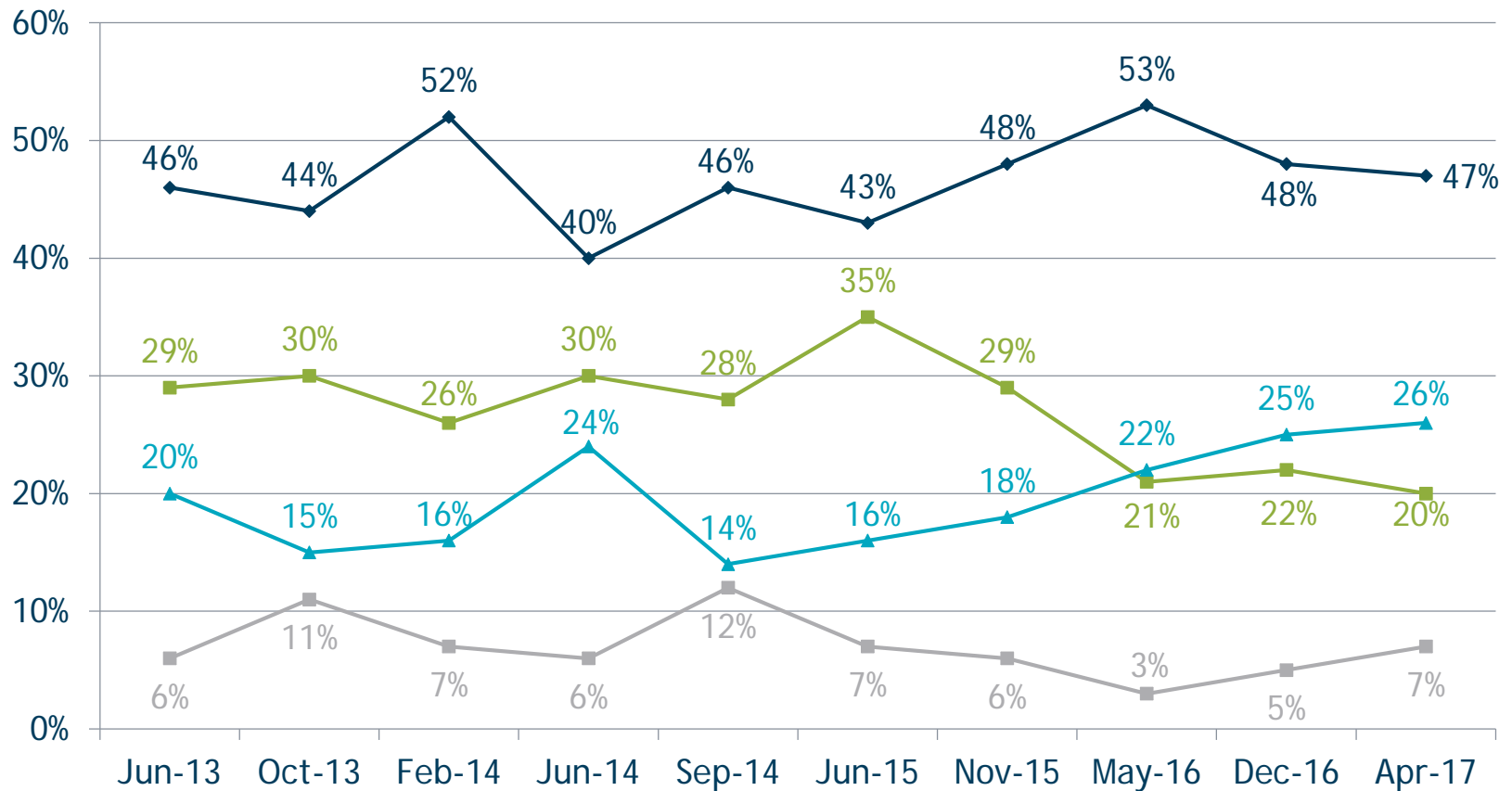


Democracy in Tunisia



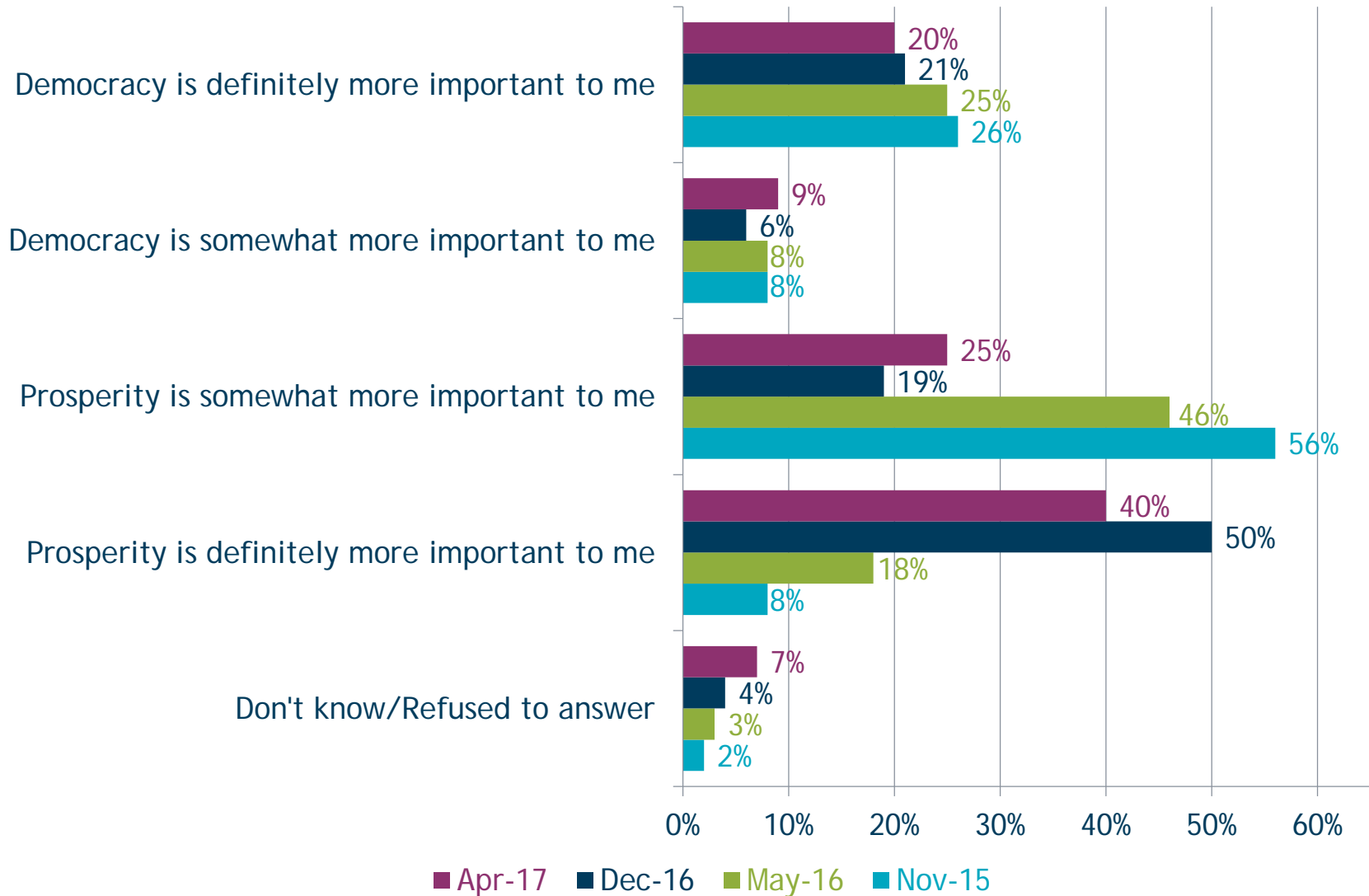
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I am going to read you three statements. Please indicate which is closest to your own opinion:

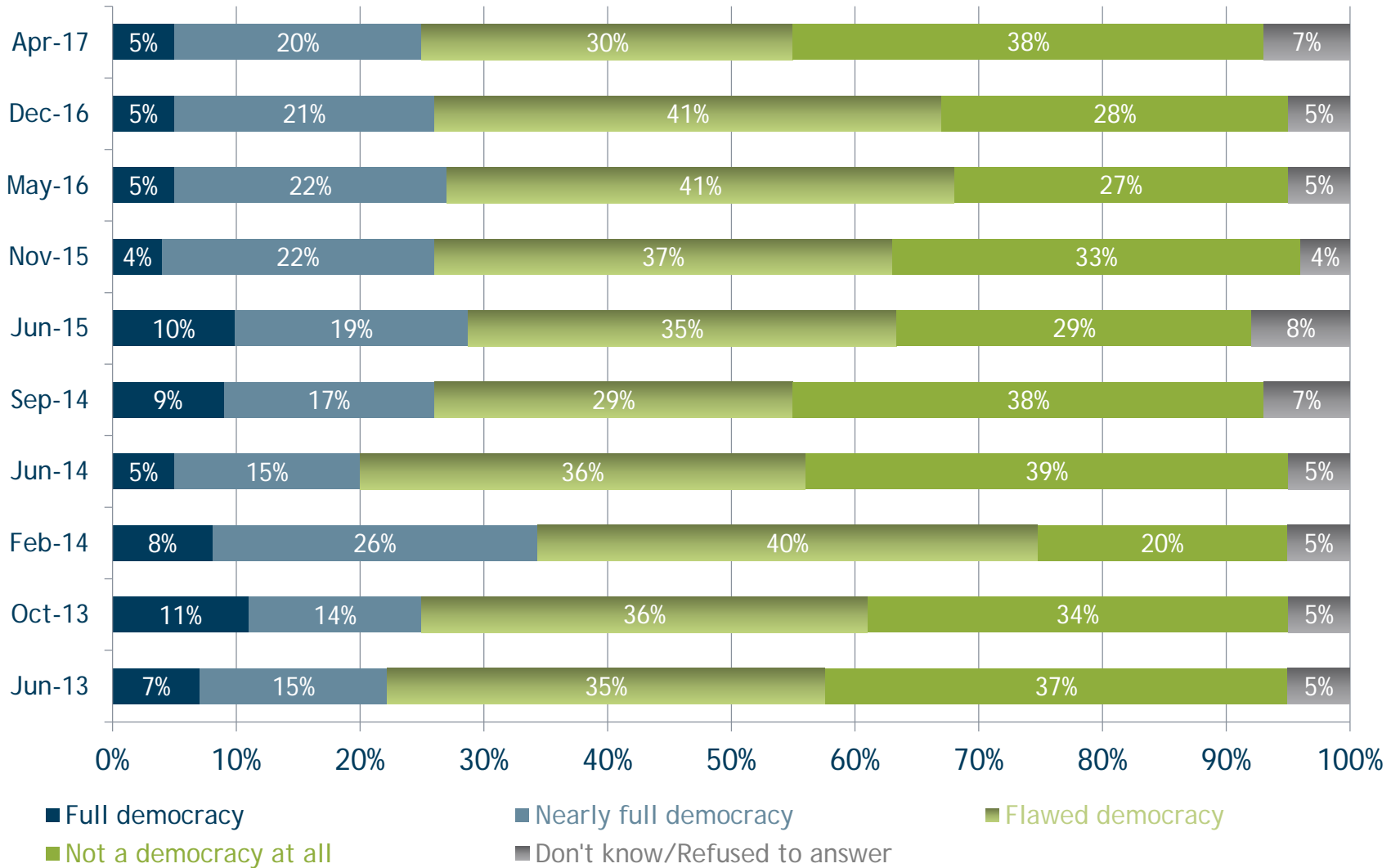


- ◆ Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government
- In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable
- ▲ For someone like me, it doesn't matter what form of government we have
- Don't know/Refused to answer

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



Thinking about Tunisia's current political system, do you believe Tunisia is a:



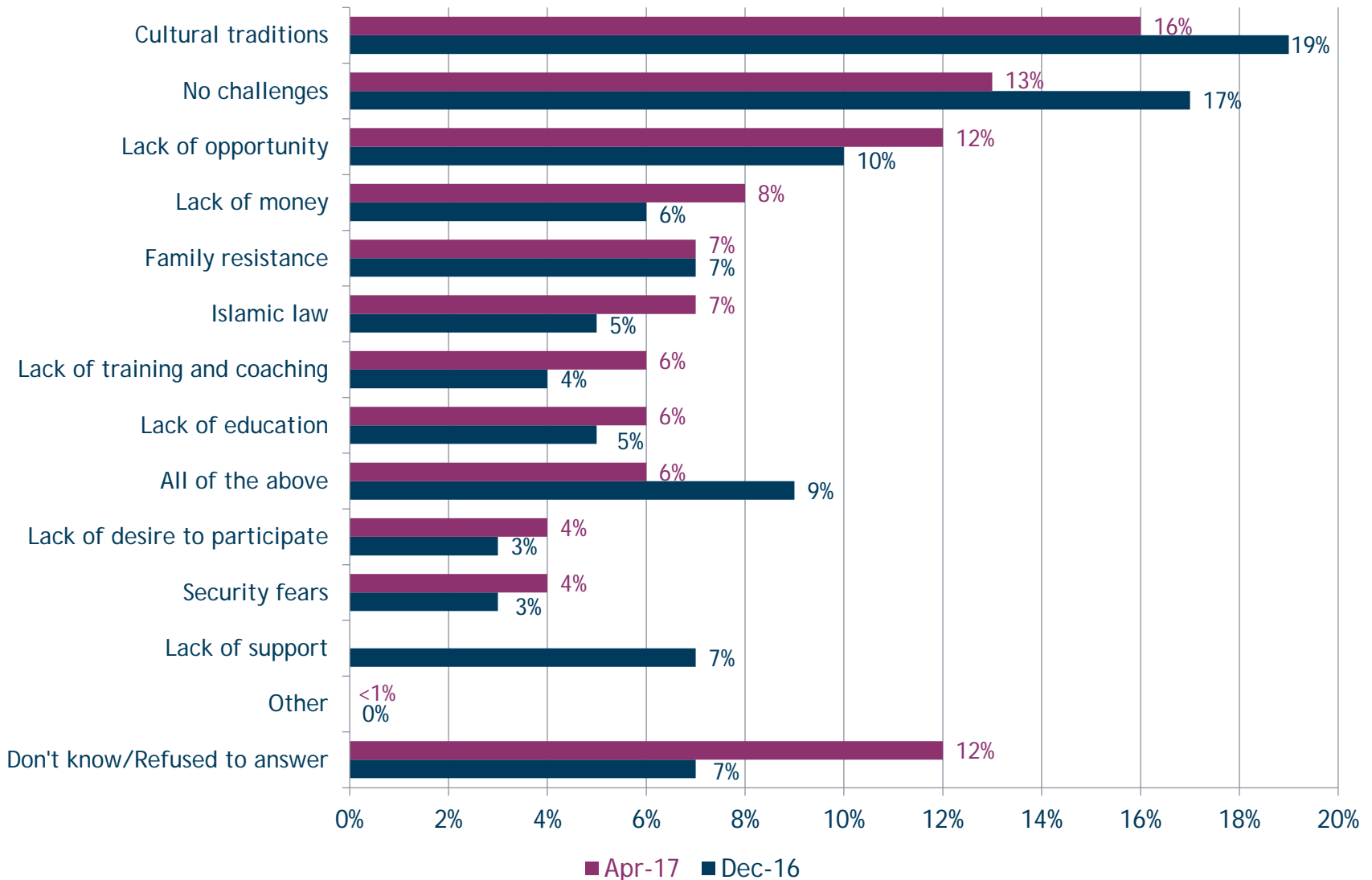


Women and Youth



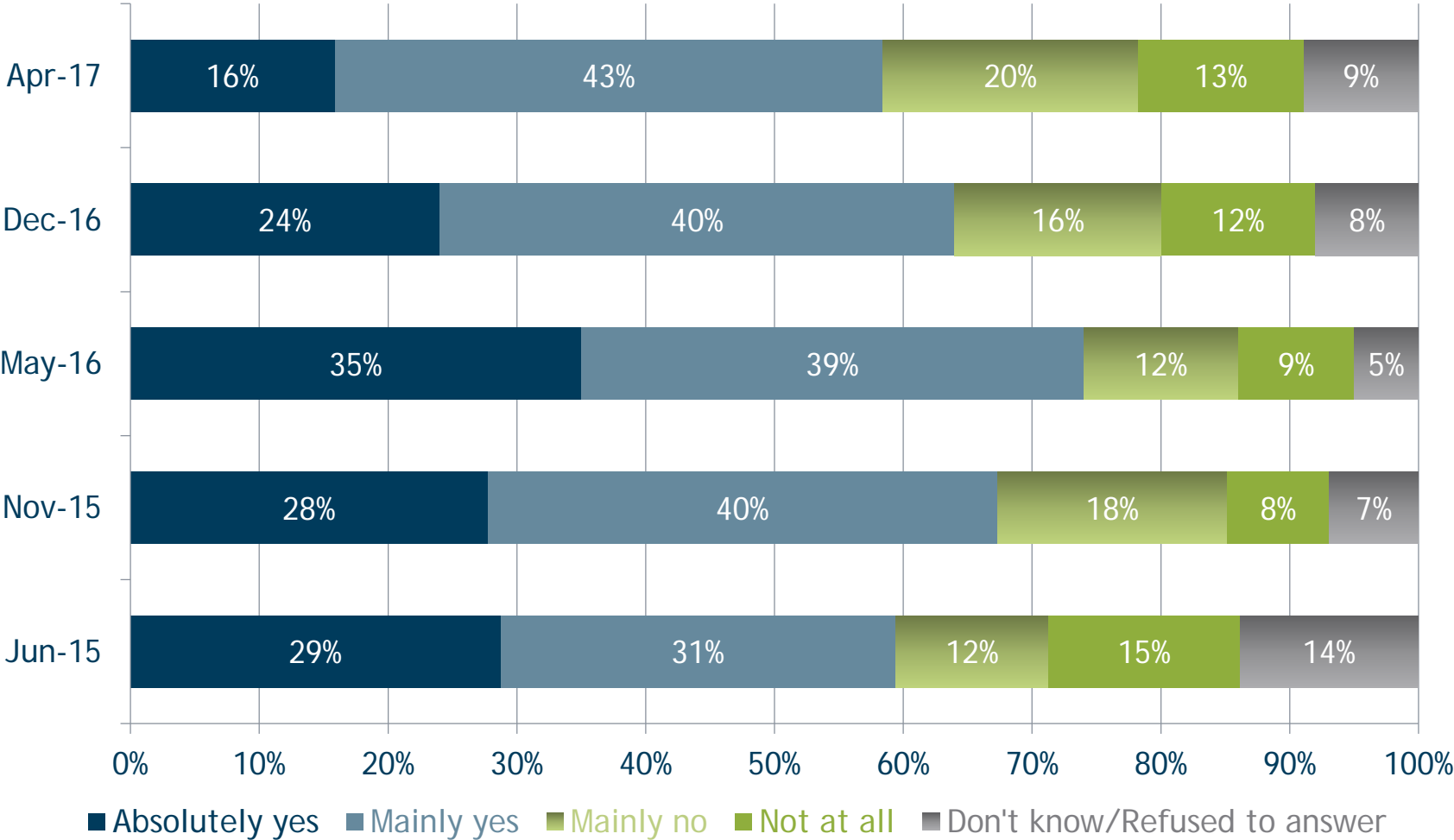
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What is the main challenge facing women's political participation in Tunisia today?

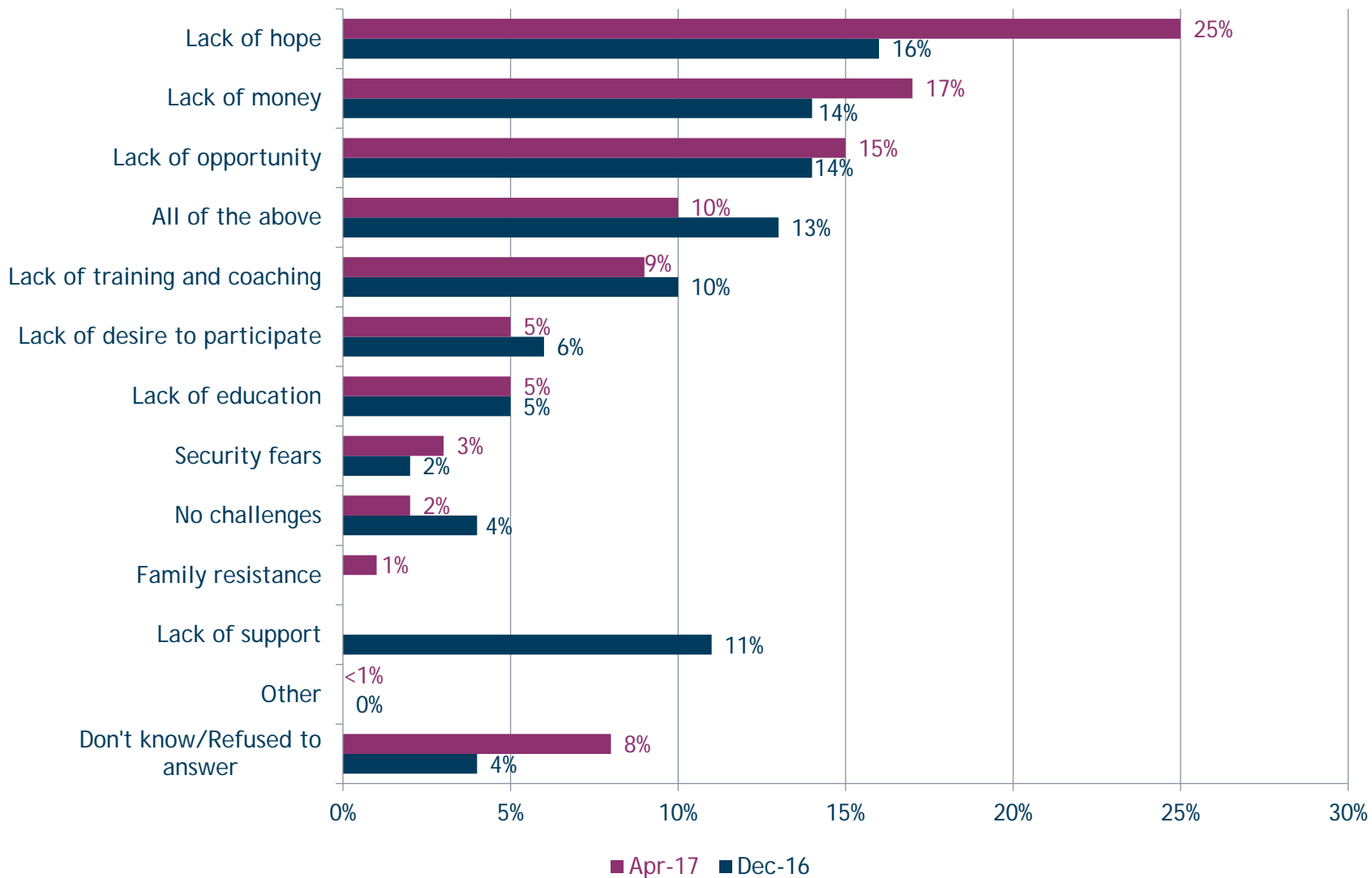


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Do you believe that the government is promoting policies and programs to support the rights of women?

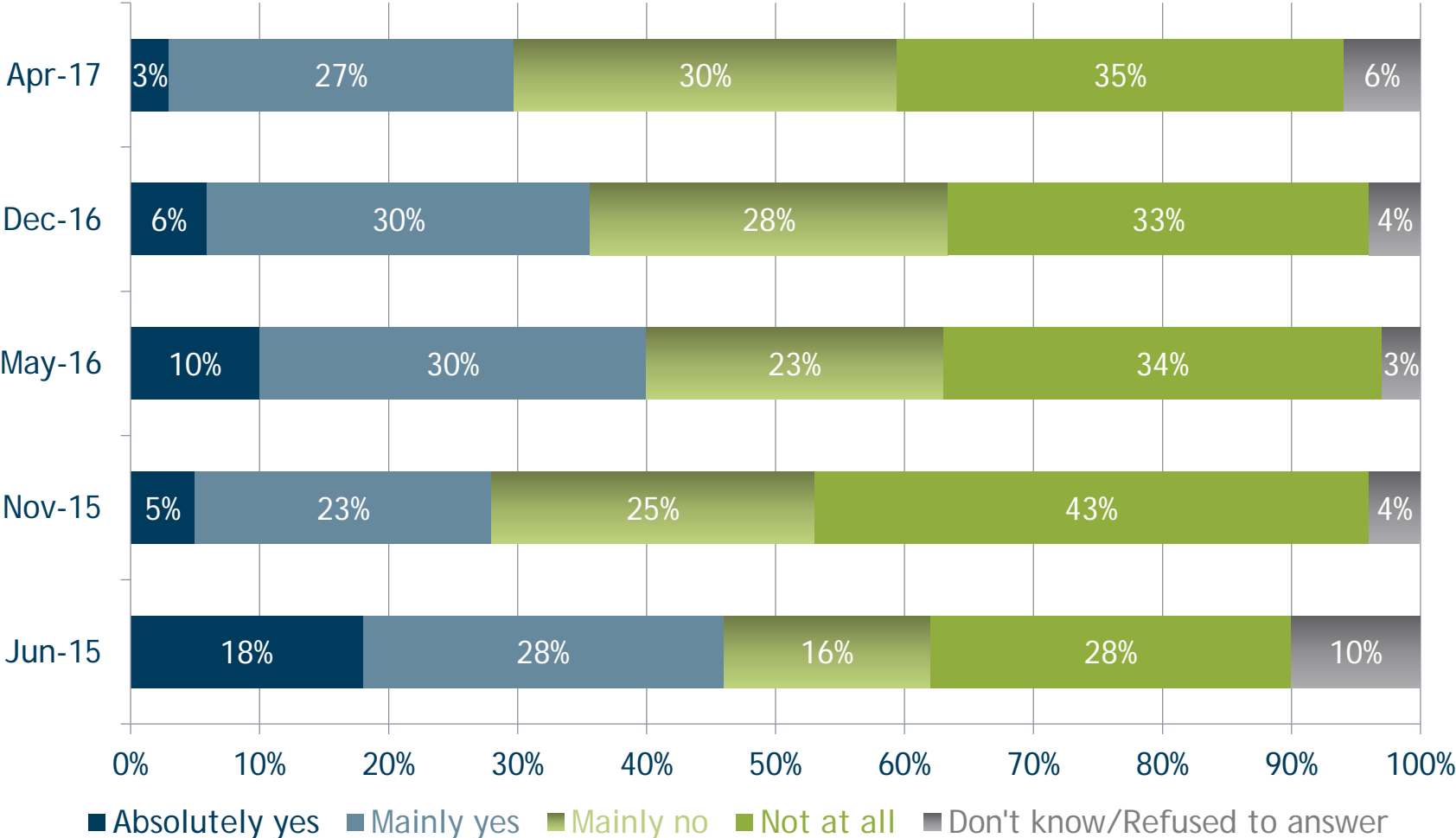


What is the main challenge facing young people's political participation in Tunisia today?

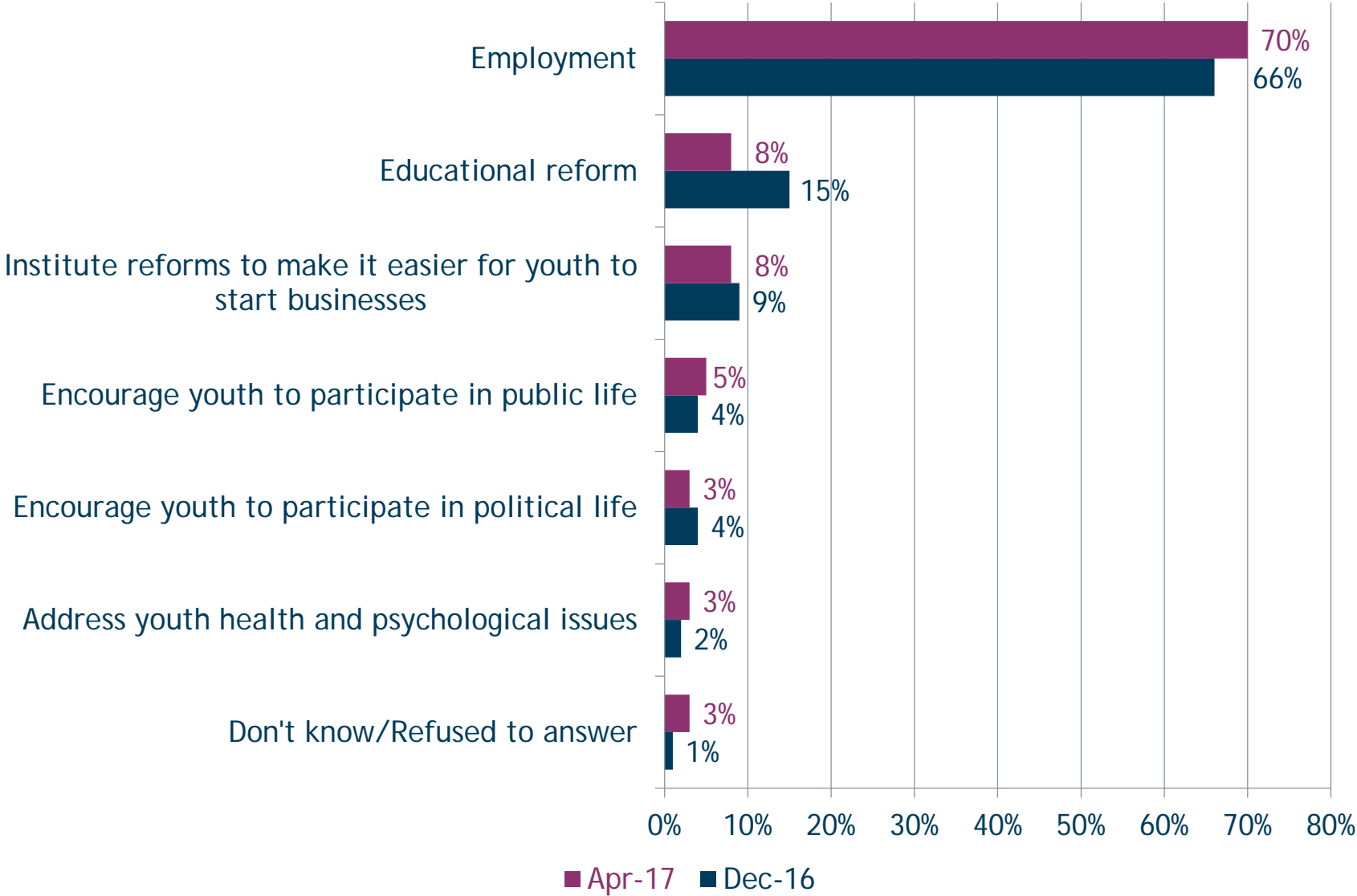


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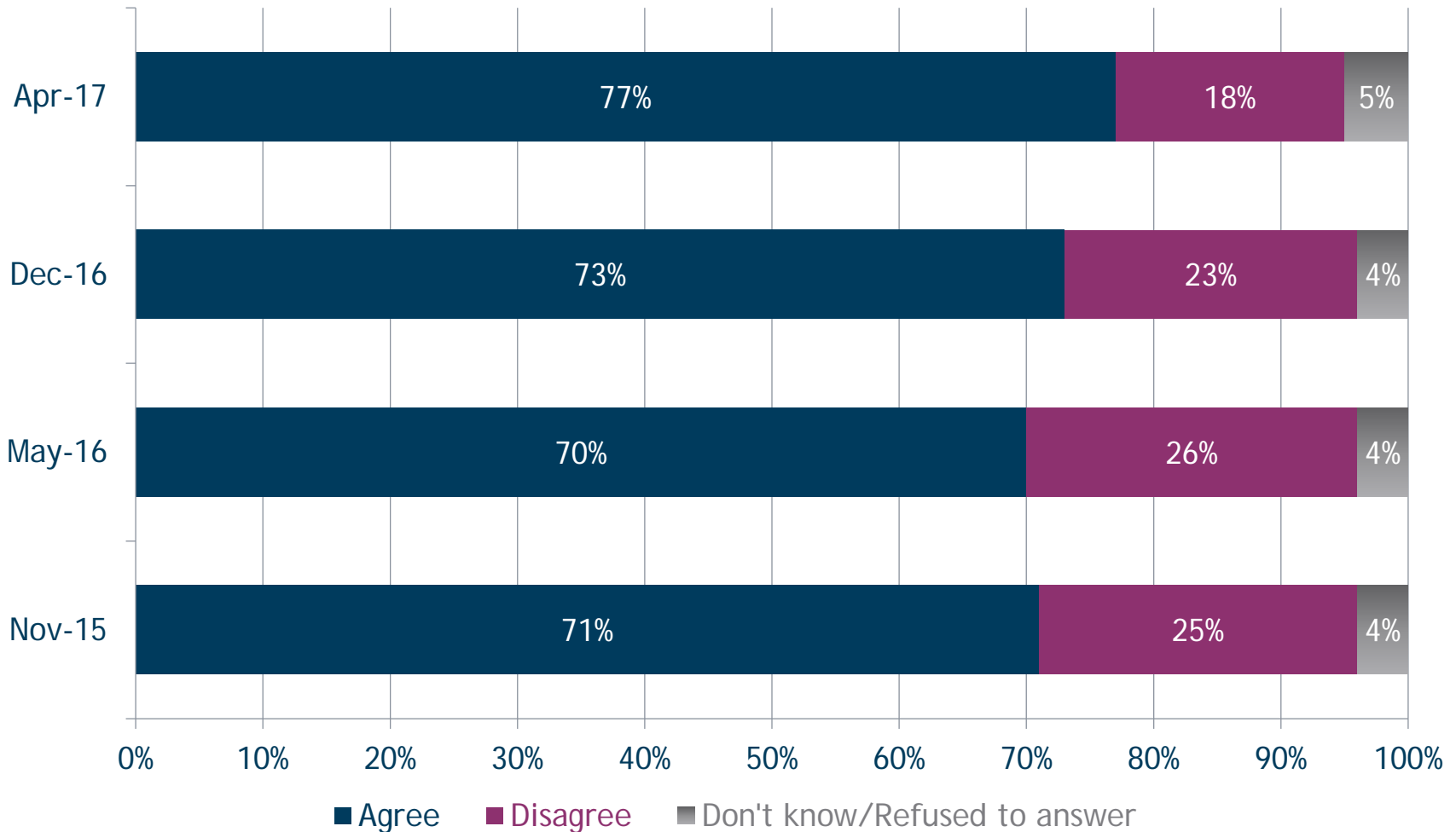
Do you believe that the government is promoting policies and programs that help youth succeed?



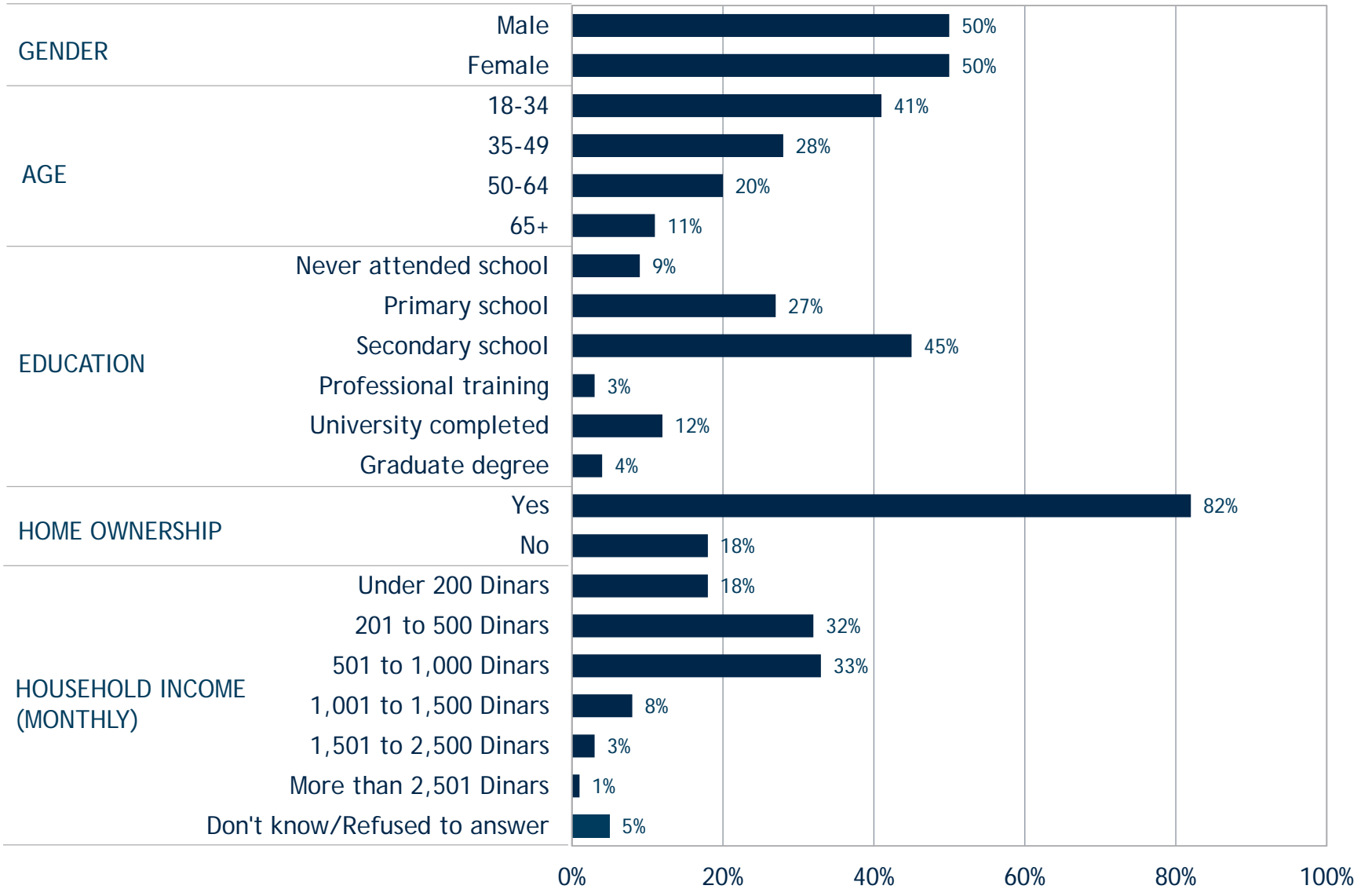
What should be the government's first priority regarding Tunisian youth?



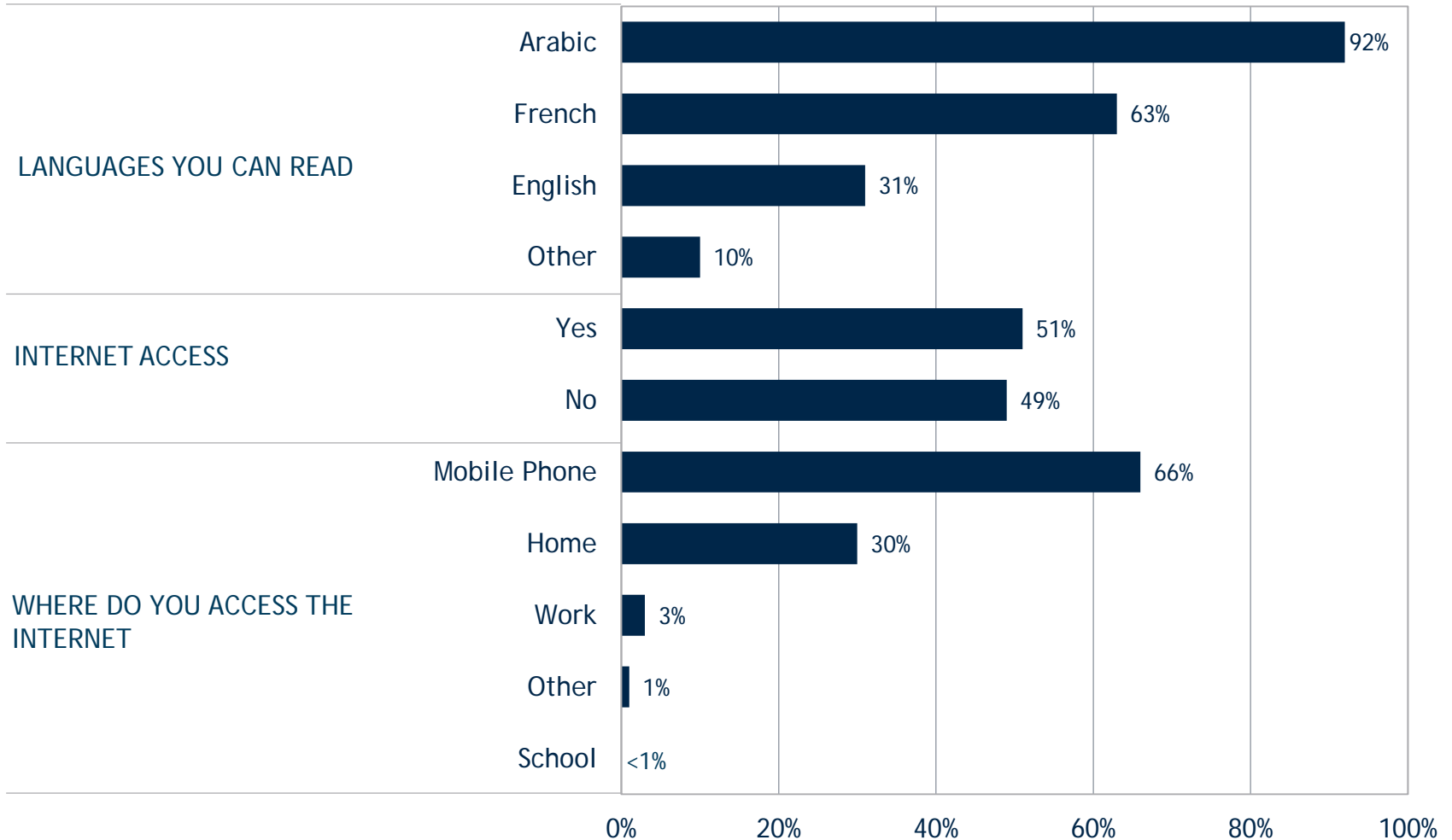
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Politicians do not pay attention to the needs and ideas of young people."



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