# Public Opinion Survey of Tunisians

May 24 - May 30, 2016



#### **Detailed Methodology**

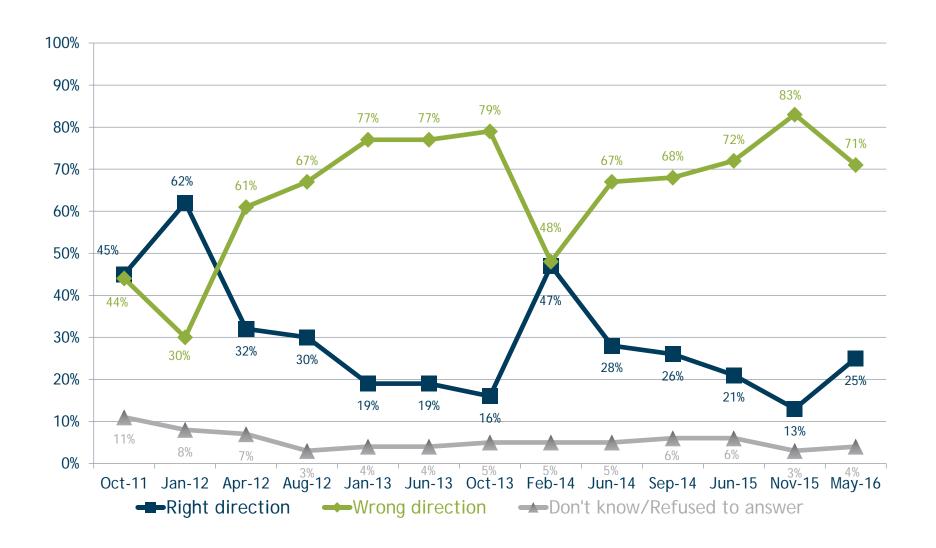
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute by Tunisian owned and operated marketing research firm ELKA Consulting under the supervision of Chesapeake Beach Consulting.
- Data was collected May 24 to 30, 2016, and was conducted face-to-face by trained professional interviewers in Arabic. All data was collected on CAPI Solution tablets.
- The sample was 1,225 Tunisians aged 18 and older.
- Interviews were selected using a multi-stage stratification proportionate to population sample distribution.
- Stratification was based on three stages: a proportional division among Tunisia's 24 governorates, proportional division of urban and rural categories and proportional division by gender and age group according to the most up-to-date 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. In every
  point of survey, interviewers conducted no more than 10 interviews. 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 selected through an area probability sample.
- The overall margin of error is plus or minus 2.87 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 sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

#### Political/Economic Environment



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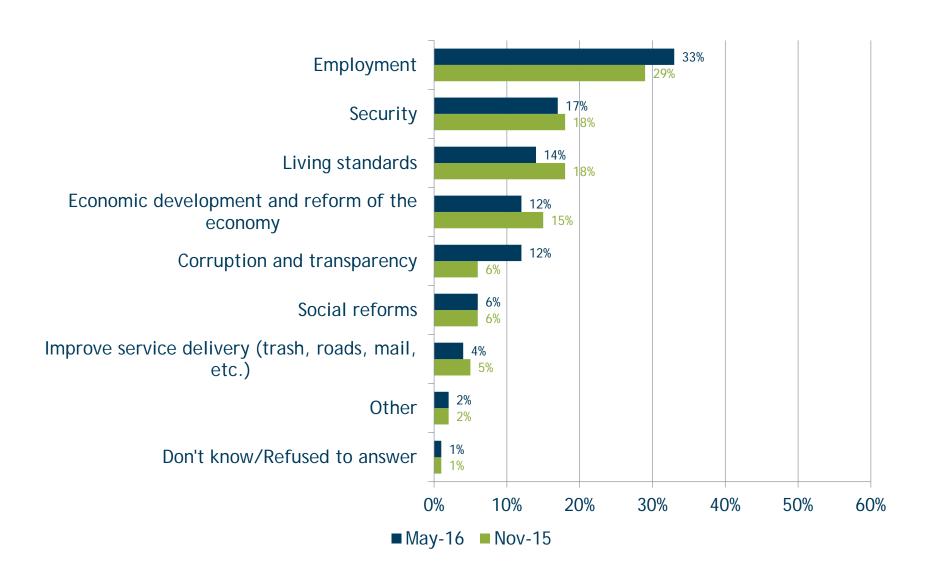
Thinking about how things are going for Tunisia as a whole, how would you say things are going in our country overall these days? Are they going in the right direction or the wrong direction?



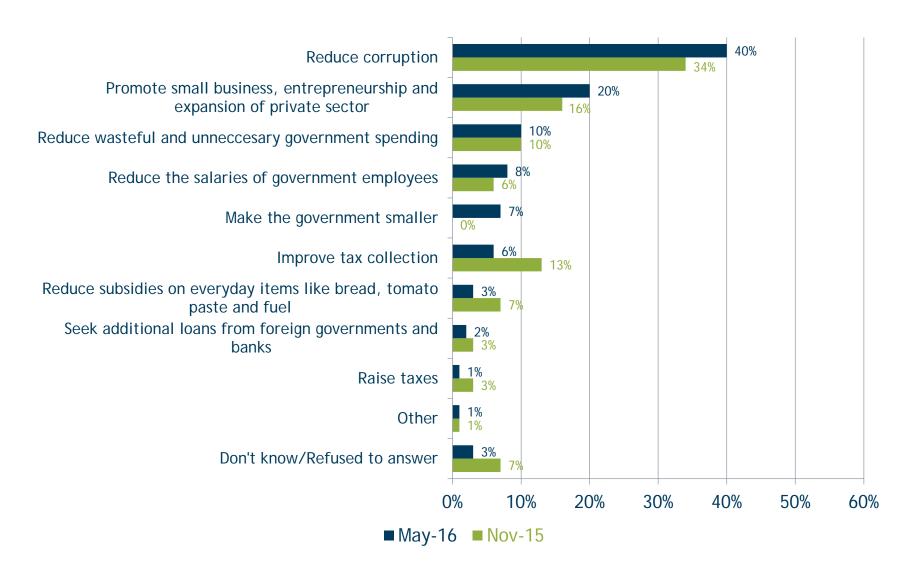
#### What in your opinion is the <u>SINGLE</u> biggest problem facing Tunisia as a whole?

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

#### What should be the top priority for the new government?



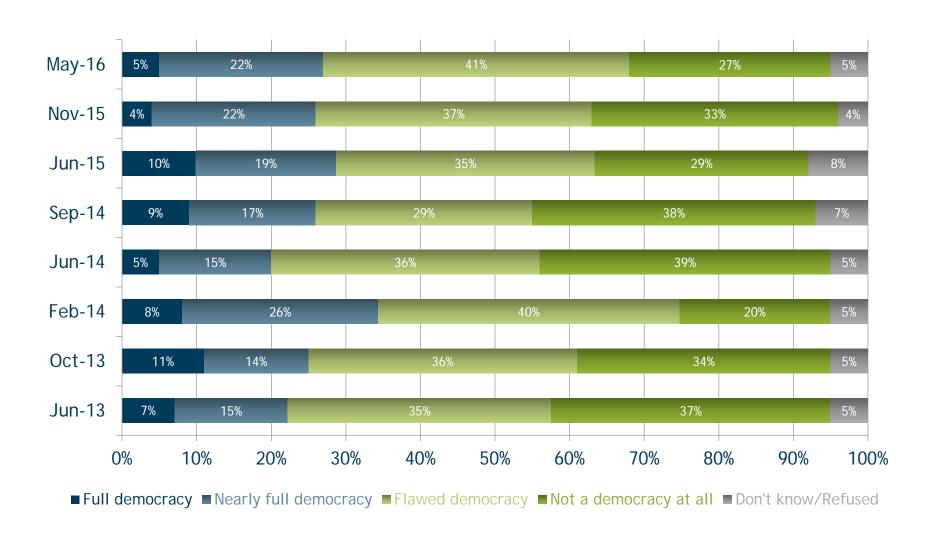
### To provide more resources for the government to address this priority area, what specific government policies should be enacted?



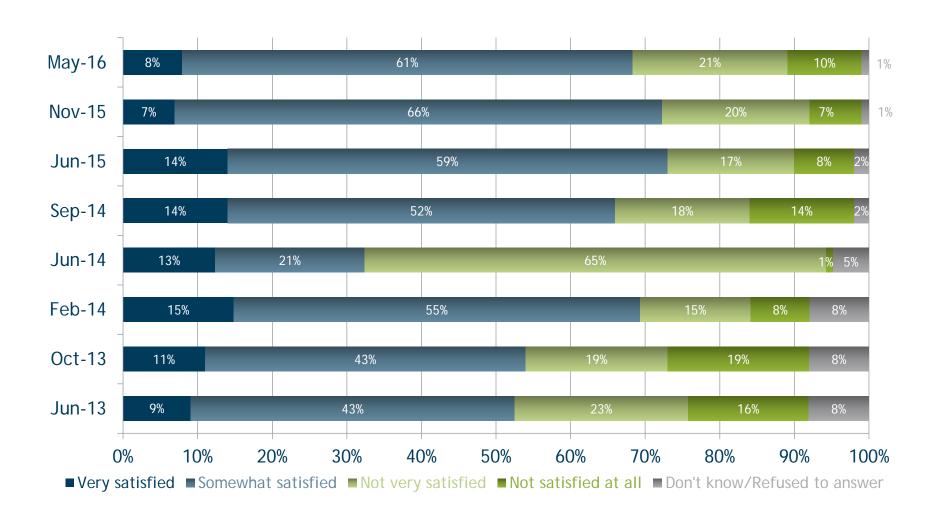
Tunisia must determine the best way to improve the economy. I am going to read you a series of options for the best way to improve Tunisia's economy. Please rate each choice on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being among the worst options, and 5 being among the best options.

		1	2	3	4	5	Don't know/ Refused to answer
Increase investment in and improve the infrastructure of the interior and southern governorates	May-16	2%	3%	7%	17%	68%	3%
	Nov-15	2%	2%	10%	17%	68%	1%
Bring more large foreign businesses to Tunisia that will hire Tunisian workers	May-16	8%	7%	13%	18%	53%	2%
	Nov-15	4%	4%	10%	23%	58%	1%
Find ways to bring informal businesses into the formal economy	May-16	26%	10%	16%	13%	29%	5%
	Nov-15	22%	8%	11%	14%	39%	7%
Increase employment by hiring more people to work for the government	May-16	16%	9%	13%	16%	43%	3%
	Nov-15	8%	6%	10%	19%	56%	2%
Make it easier for Tunisian entrepreneurs to start businesses, obtain licenses and reach new markets	May-16	2%	3%	8%	16%	69%	2%
	Nov-15	1%	1%	5%	16%	75%	2%

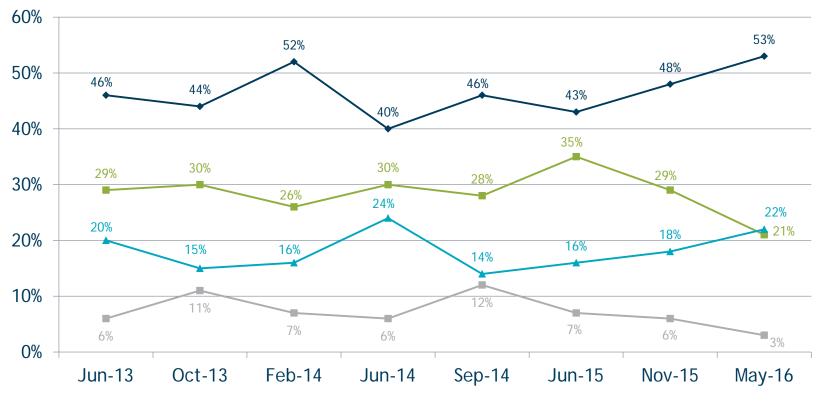
#### Thinking about Tunisia's current political system, do you believe Tunisia is a:



#### How satisfied are you with democracy in Tunisia at present? (N=829)

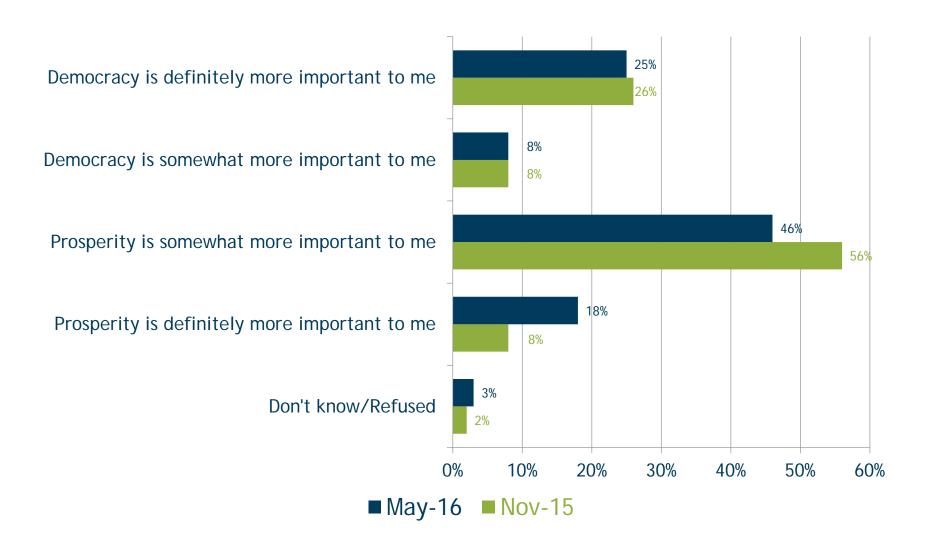


#### I am going to read you three statements. Please indicate which is closest to your own opinion:

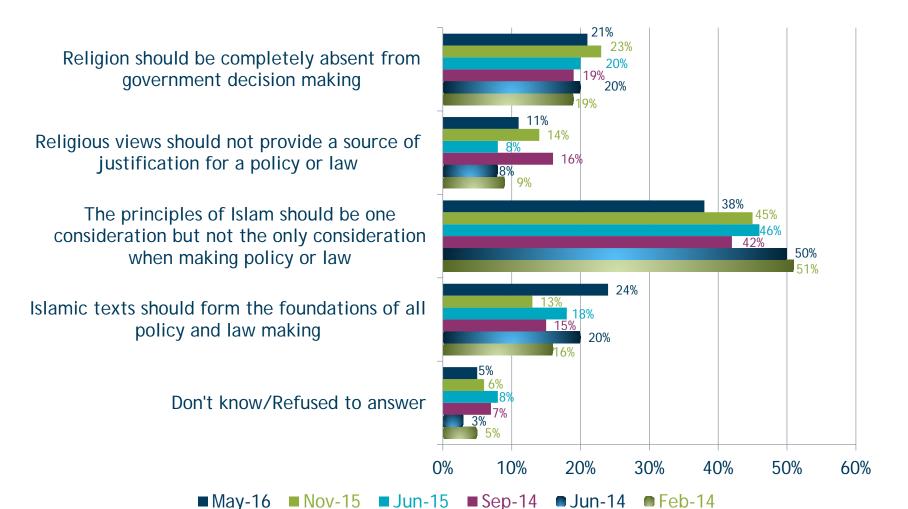


- → Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government
- **──** In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable
- For someone like me, it doesn't matter what form of government we have
- Don't know/Refused to answer

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



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

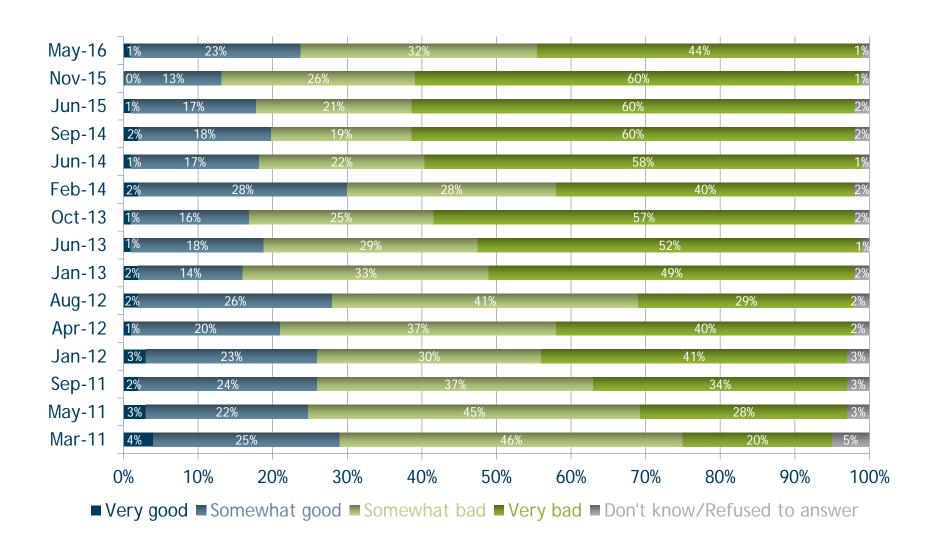




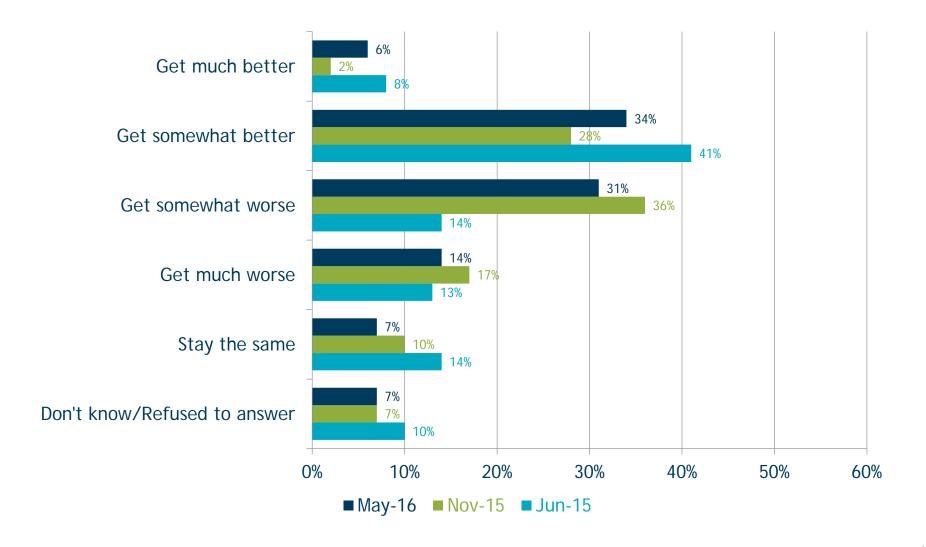


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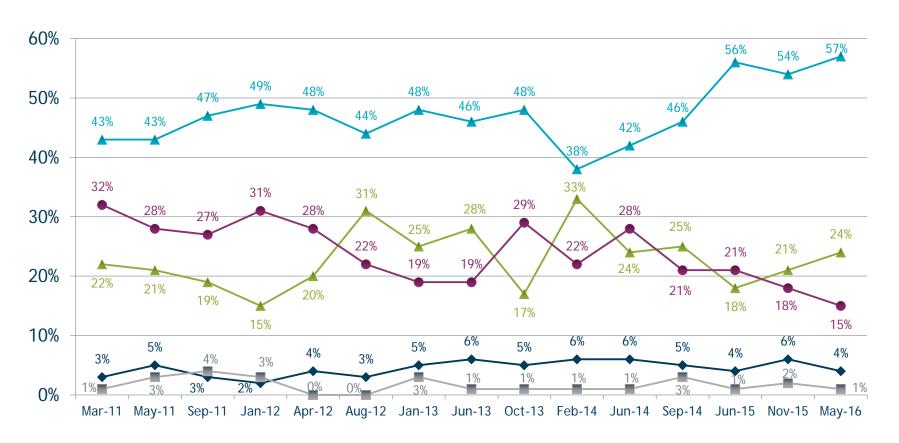
#### How would you describe the current economic situation in Tunisia: is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?



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?

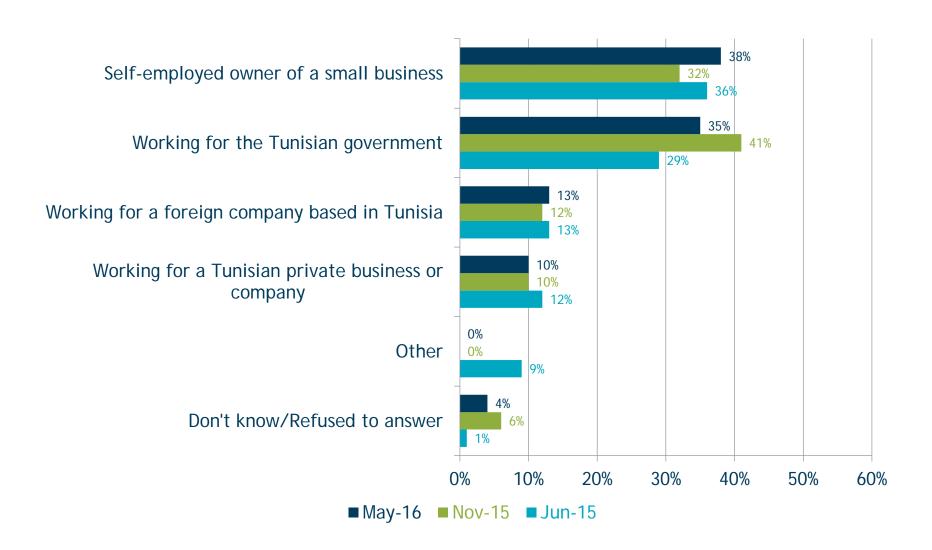


#### Please tell us which answer best describes your current economic situation:



- → 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 for survival, 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

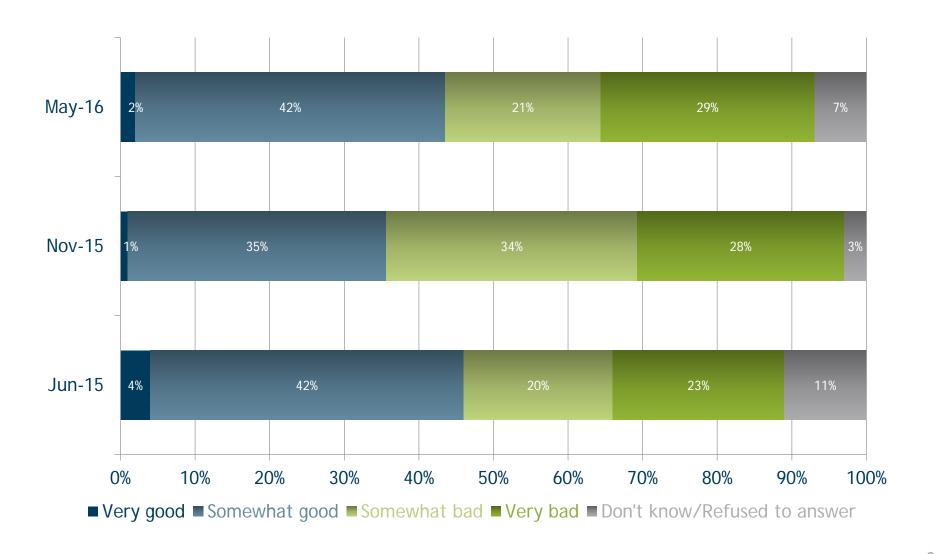
#### If you had a choice, which of the following types of employment would you prefer?



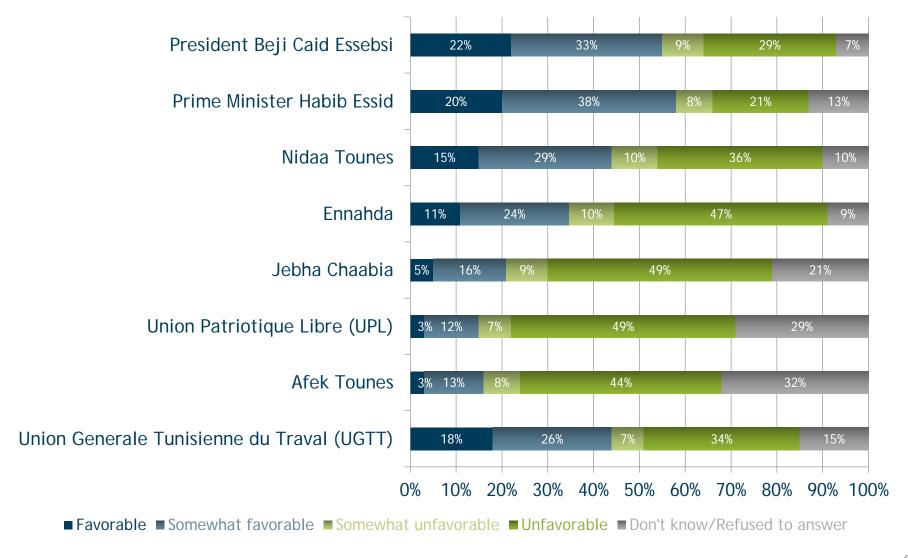
#### Rating the Government, Parties and Leaders



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



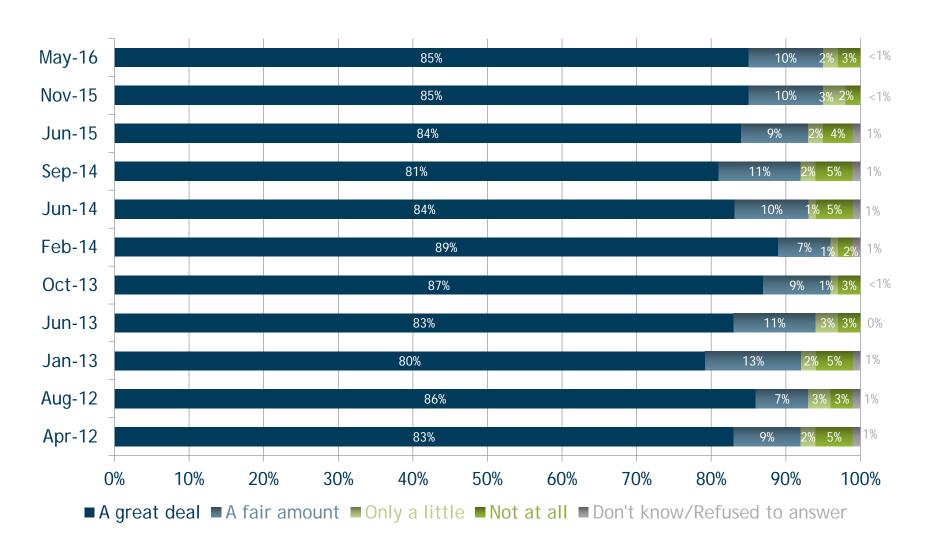
I am going to read you a list of individuals and organizations. For each, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of that individual or organization.



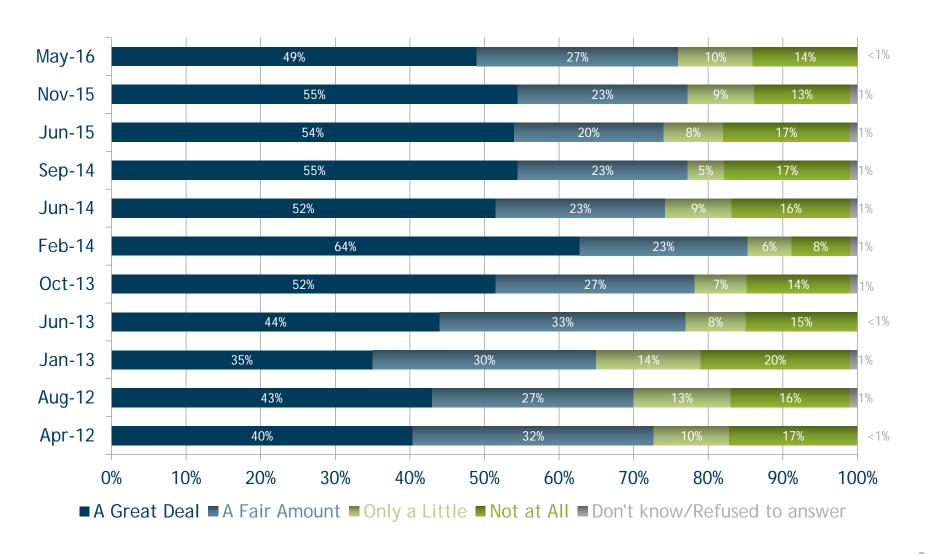
### How much do you trust each of the following to protect you? Would you say a great deal, a fair amount, only a little or not at all?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Only a little	Not at all	Don't know/ Refused to answer
The National Army	85%	10%	2%	3%	<1%
The National Police	49%	27%	10%	14%	<1%
The National Guard	59%	23%	7%	9%	1%

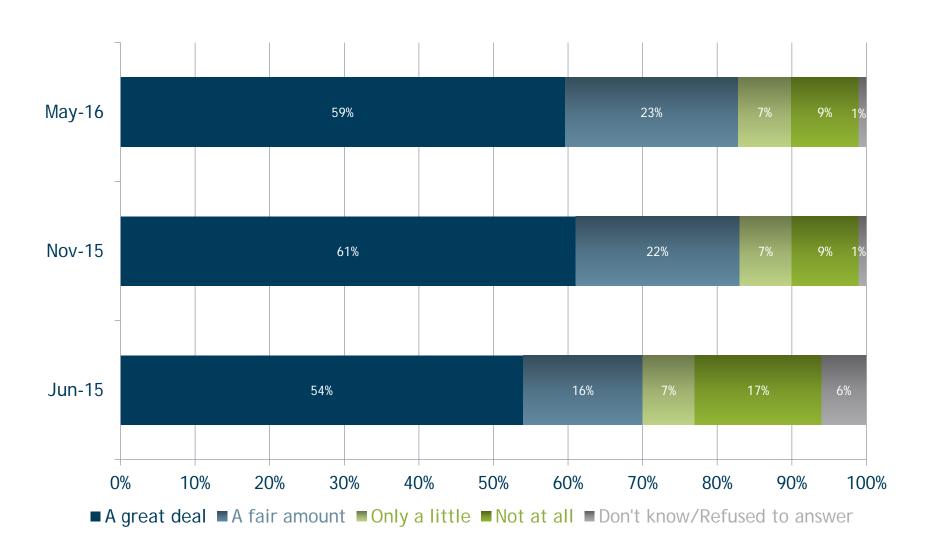
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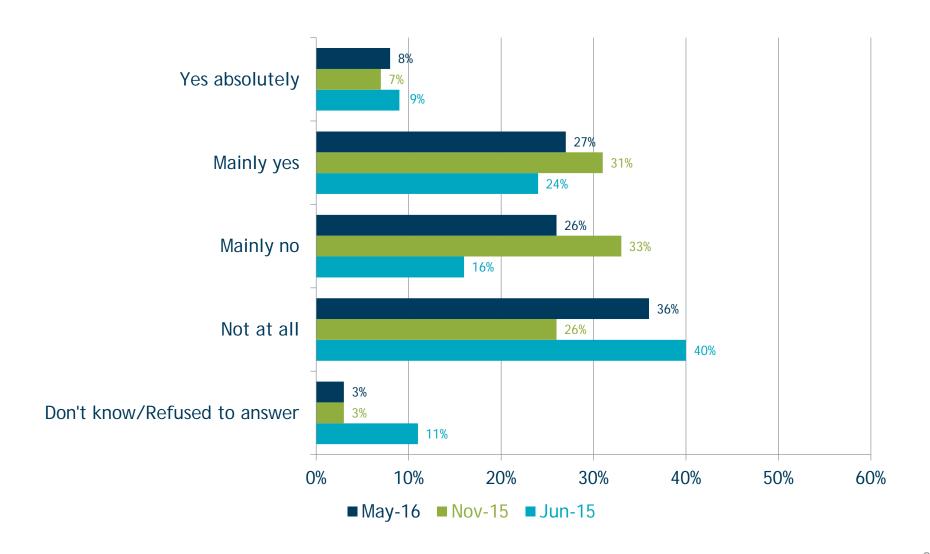
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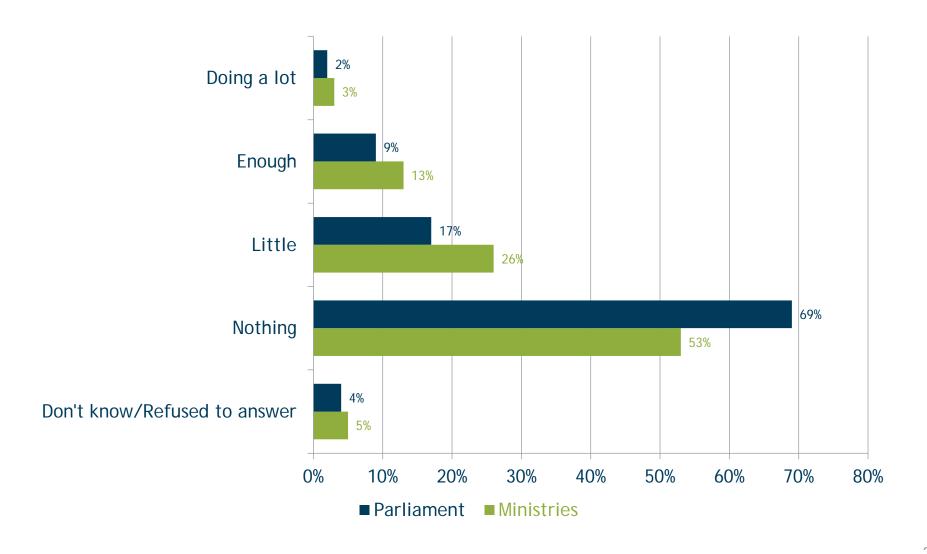
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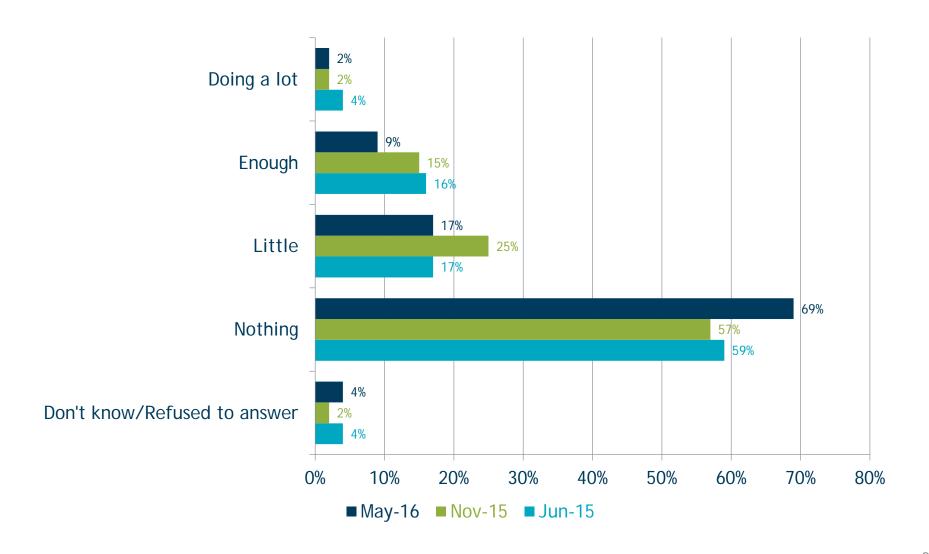
### Do you feel like you know what the government is currently working on and what its priorities are?



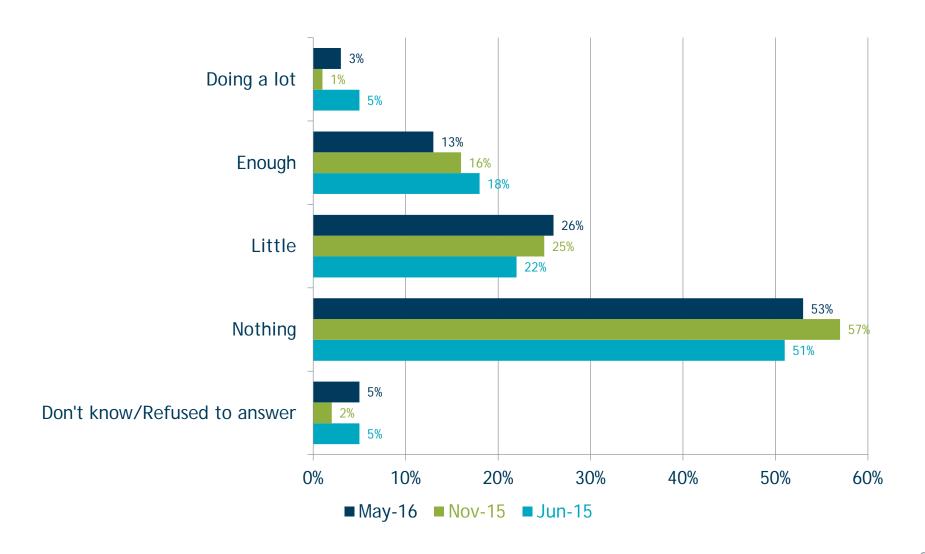
In general, are members of parliament/ministries doing a lot, enough, little, or nothing to address the needs of people like you?

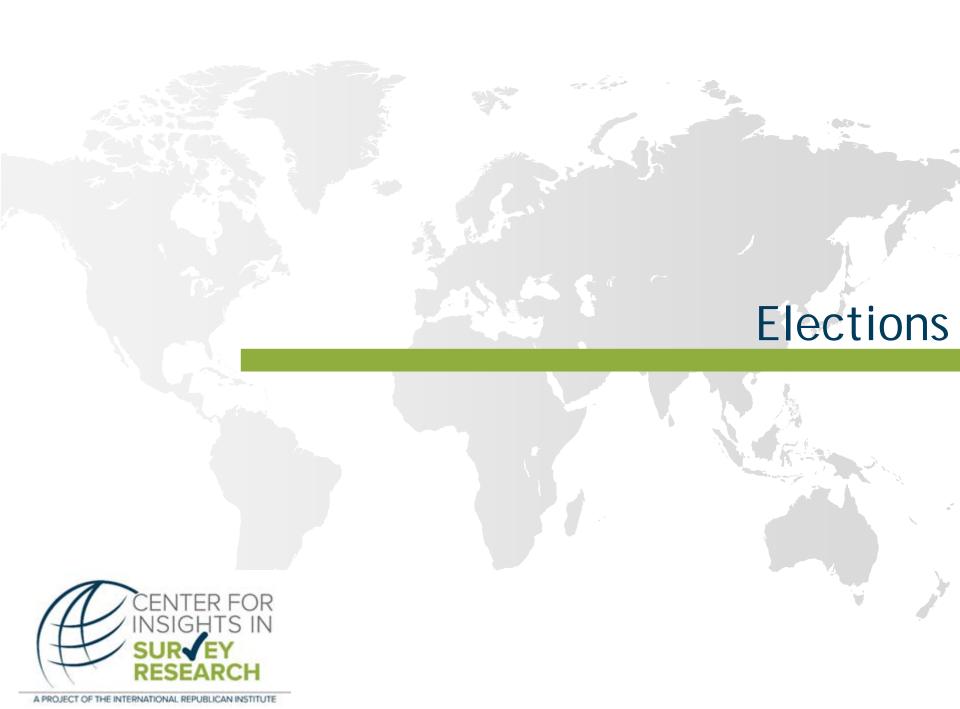


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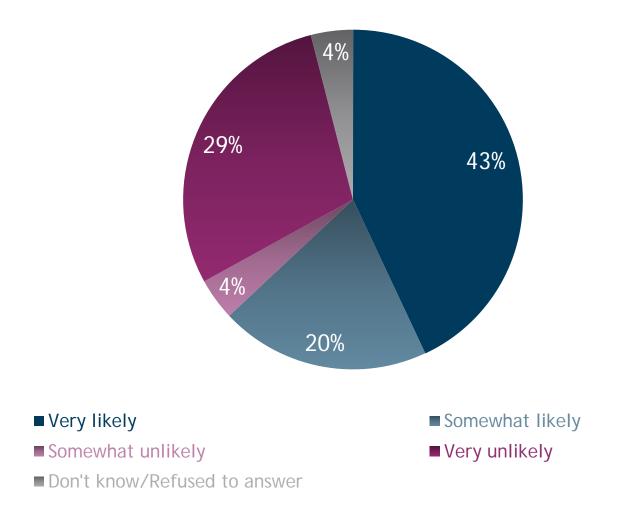


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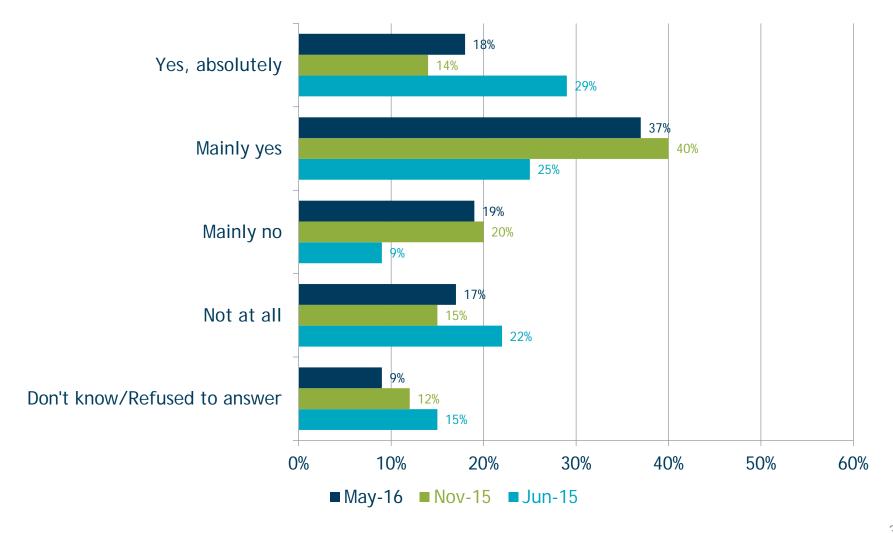




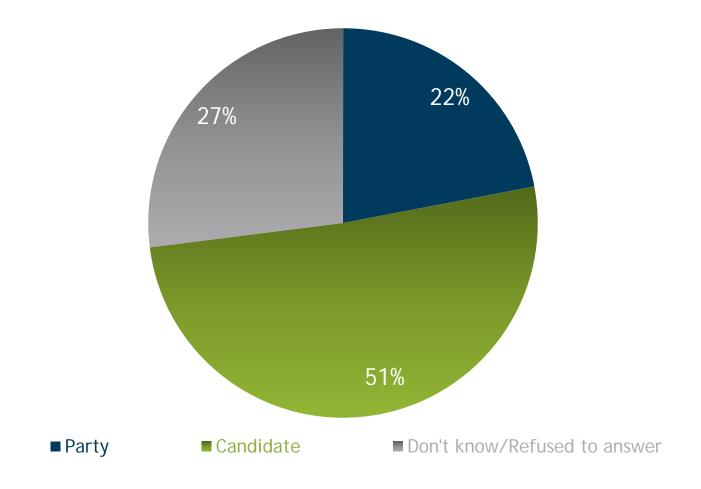
In March 2017, Tunisia will hold elections for municipal and governorate level government. How likely, if at all, are you to vote in those elections?



The new constitution says that the municipal and regional governments will be elected by citizens and will 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 economic improvements and better services from government?



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

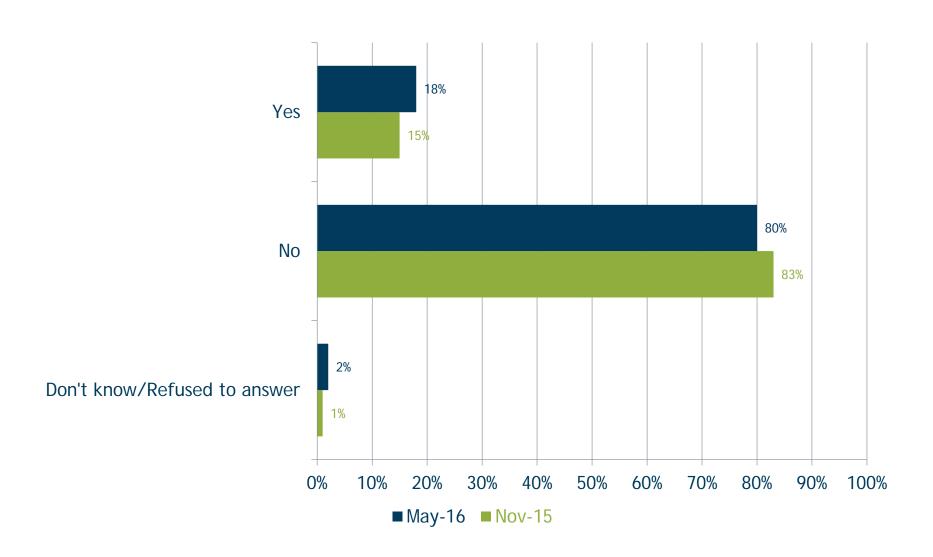




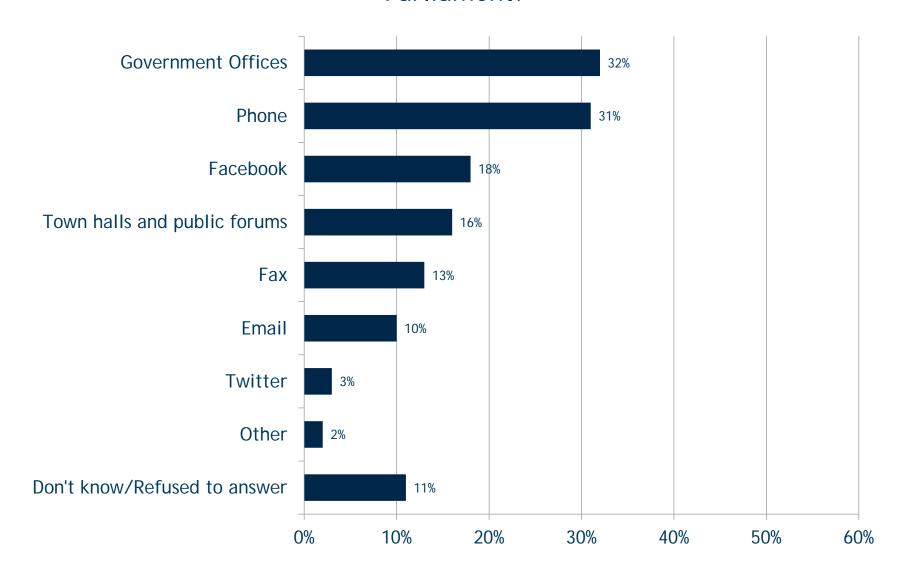


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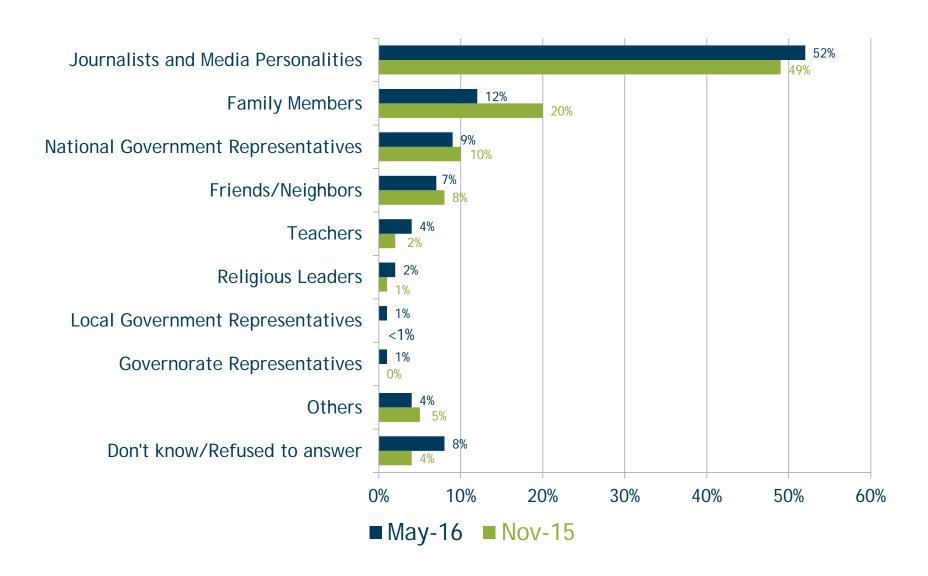
#### Do you know how to contact a government ministry to report a problem or concern?



## Which of the following methods of communication would you most prefer to use to communicate with the government and your deputies in Parliament?



#### Who do you trust most for information about government and politics?



### Gender, Youth and Politics

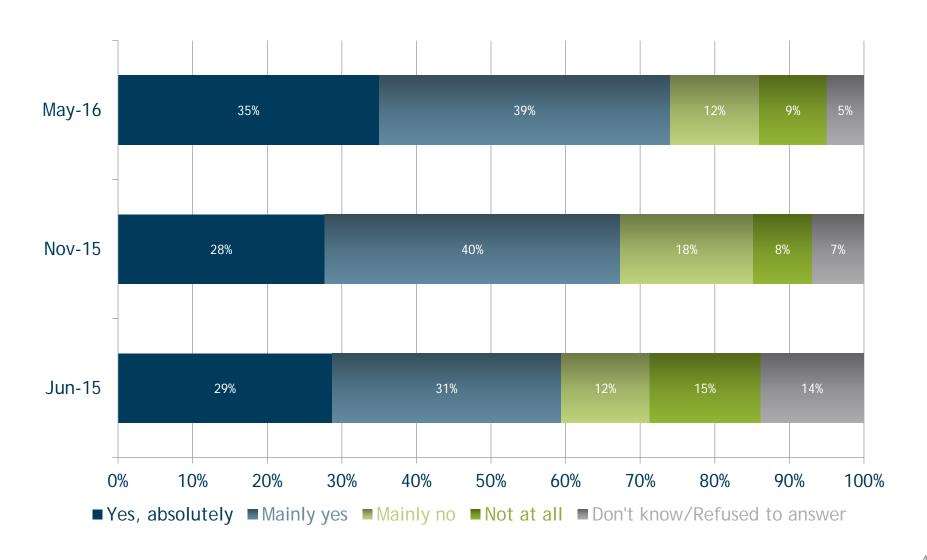


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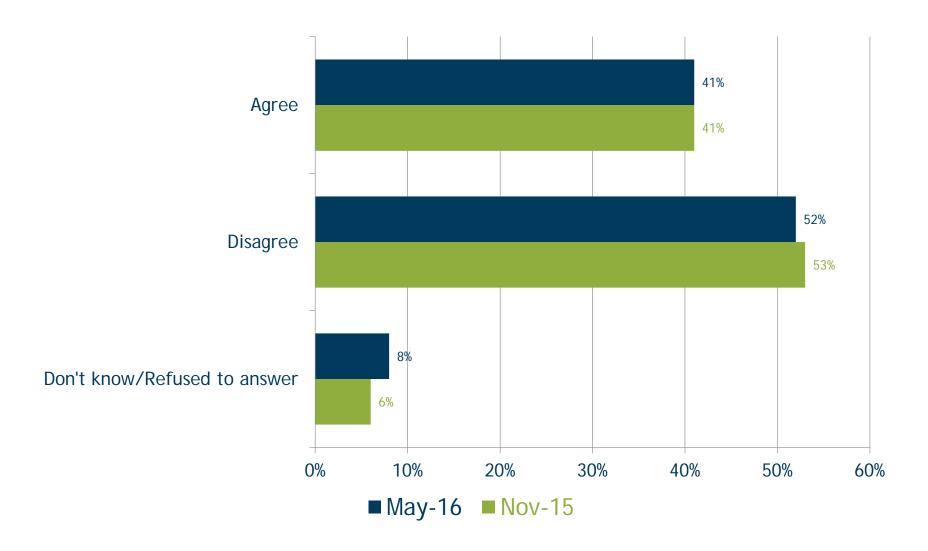
### What are the main challenges facing women's political participation in Tunisia today? (select all that apply)



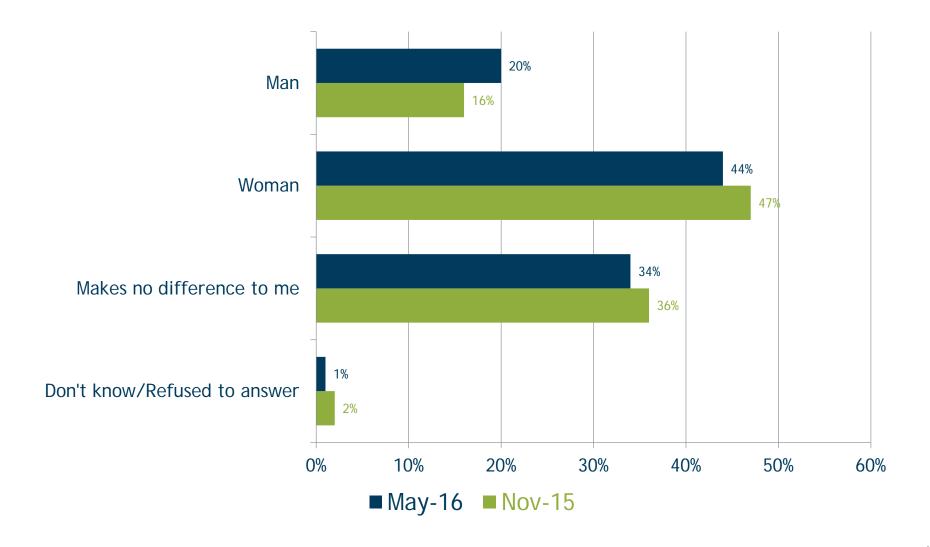
### Do you believe that the government is promoting policies and programs to support the rights of women?



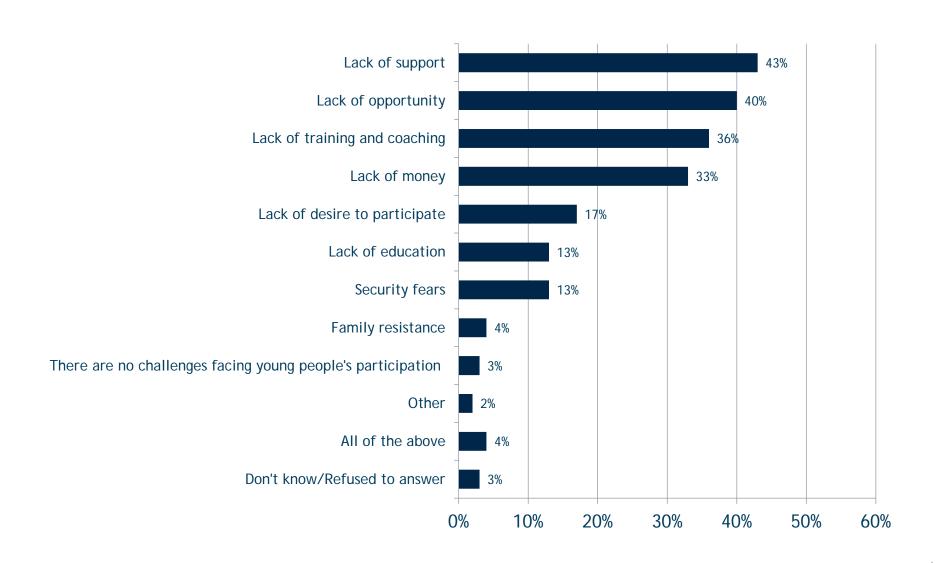
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Politicians do not pay attention to the needs and ideas of women.



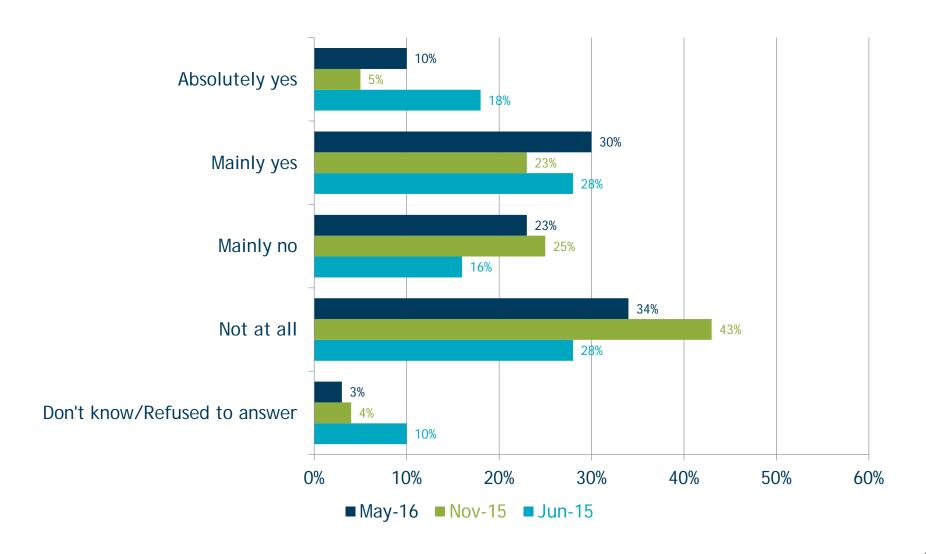
If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



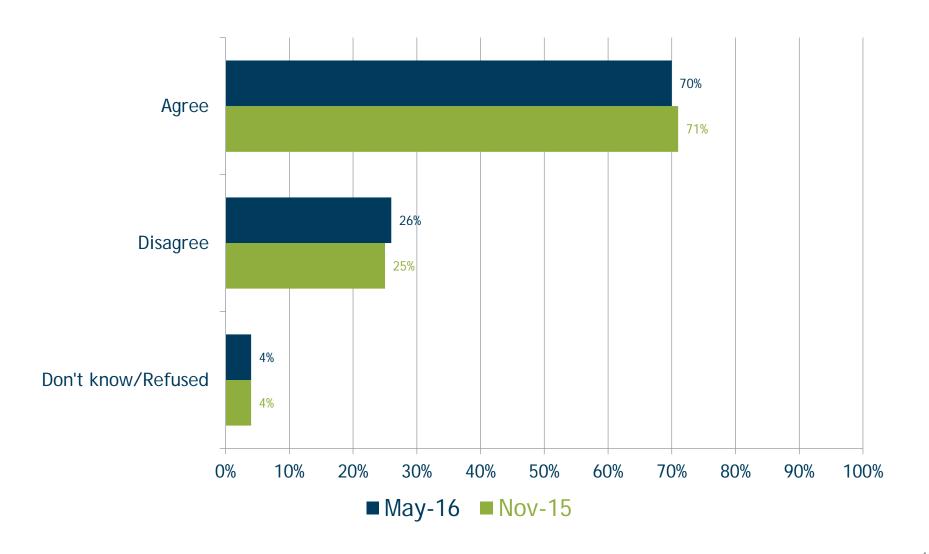
## What are the main challenges facing young people's political participation in Tunisia today? (select all that apply)



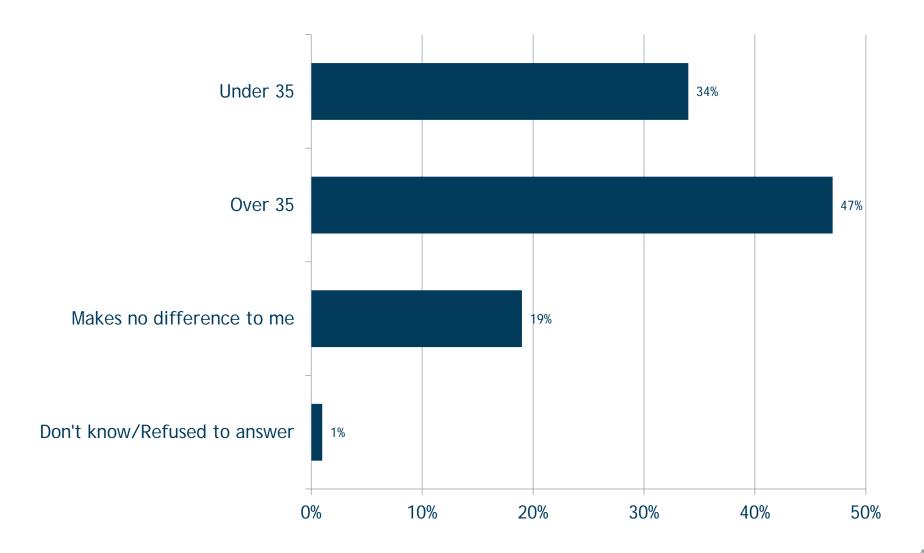
# Do you believe that the government is promoting policies and programs that help youth succeed?

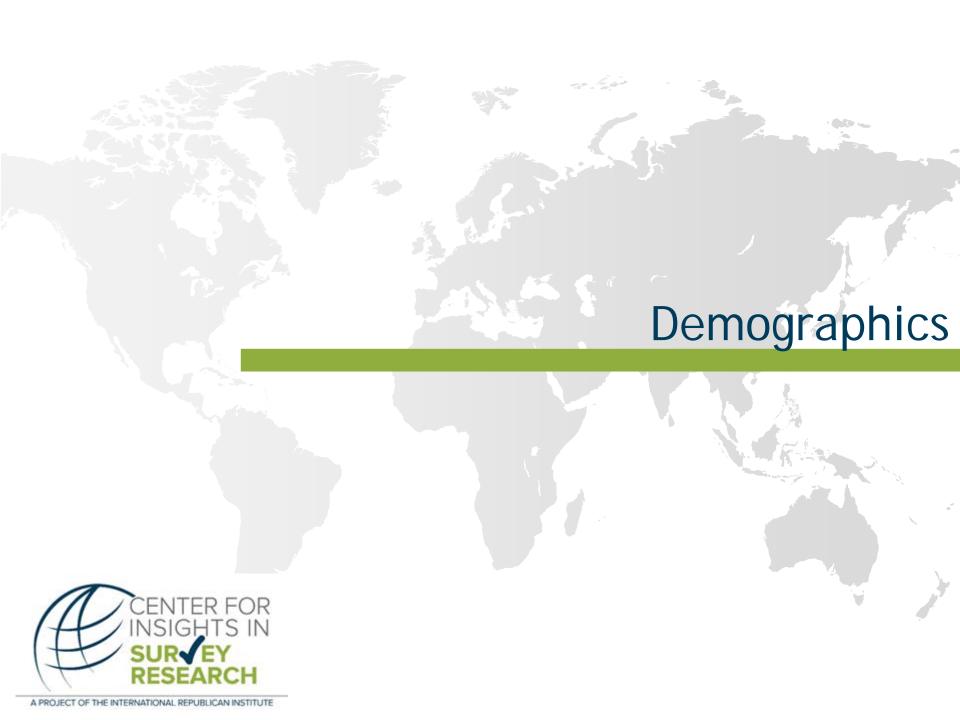


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Politicians do not pay attention to the needs and ideas of young people.

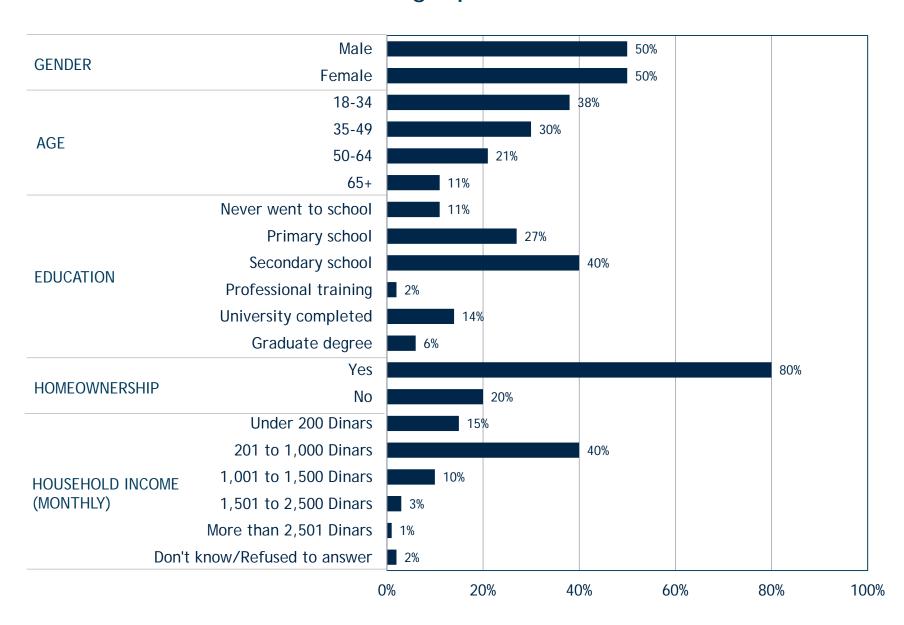


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is under 35 years old and the other is over 35 years old, which candidate are you more likely to support?

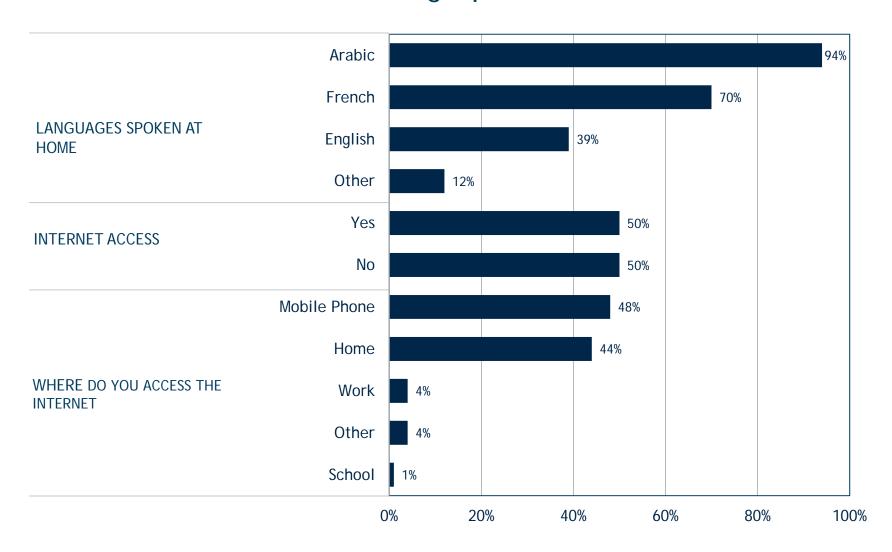




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