Public Opinion Survey: Residents of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

August 8 – September 20, 2019

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Detailed Methodology

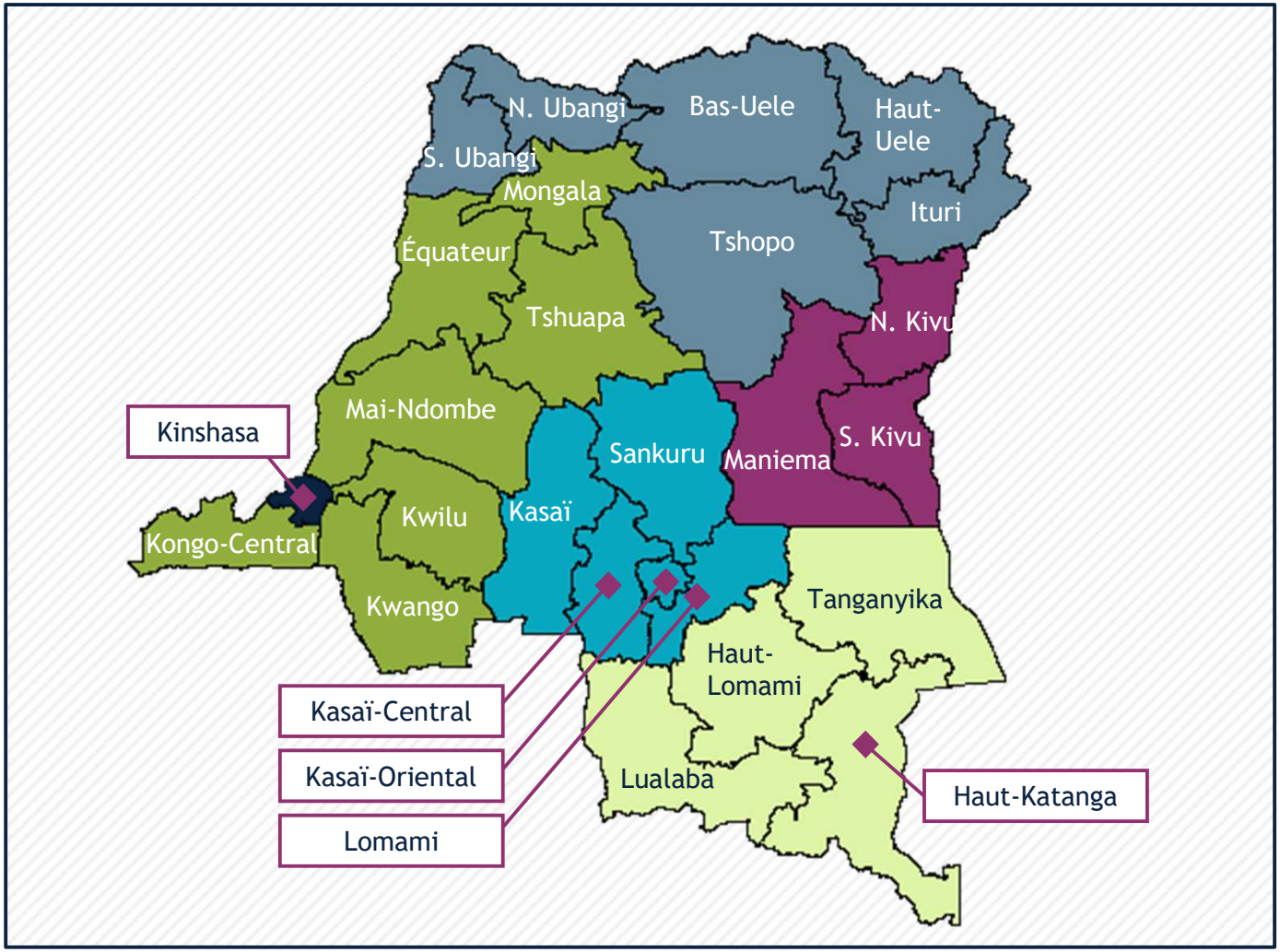
- Data collection for this poll was conducted on behalf by the International Republican Institute's Center for Insights in Survey Research by Global Research Insights (GRI) between August 8 and September 20, 2019.
- Data was collected using a multi-stage stratified probability sample through in-person, in-home interviews. The sample was stratified by province and by urban and rural locations. The sampling frame was based on the Commission électorale nationale indépendante (Independent National Electoral Commission - CÉNI) elector registration statistics (RFE 2016-2018), administrative units as per 1984 Census, and urbanity as per UNICEF/UNDP data.
- The sample consists of 2,961 respondents aged 18 and older and is representative of voting-age adults nationally.
- Random walk was used to select the appropriate household, and the Kish Grid was used to select respondents 18 years and older.
- The achieved sample skewed female and was post-weighted for gender and urbanity based on gender statistics from *Institut National de la Statistique, République Démocratique du Congo* statistics as well as reliable UN data sources for urbanity.
- The margin of error is plus or minus 1.8 percent at the mid-range with a confidence level of 95 percent. The response rate was 80 percent.
- 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.

Frequently Cited Bases

Unweighted

Category	Disaggregates	Sample size n
Gender	Male	1,405
	Female	1,556
Age	Younger youth (18-25)	791
	Older youth (26-35)	948
	All youth (18-35)	1,739
	Age 36+	1,222

Geographical Key: Regions*



**Due to comparatively smaller sample size in the less populous provinces, IRI consolidated multiple provinces into larger geographic regions for analysis.*

Kinshasa, n=330

Western Congo, n=660

Eastern Congo, n=529

Northern Congo, n=503

Kasaïs, n=496

Katanga, n=443

Acronyms

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Acronyms	Definition
AFDC	Alliance des Forces démocratiques du Congo
AU	African Union
CACH	Cap pour le Changement
ECiDé	Engagement pour la Citoyenneté et le Développement
ENVOL	Parti de l'Envol de la RD. Congo
FCC	Front commun pour le Congo
MLC	Mouvement de Libération du Congo
MSR	Mouvement social pour le Renouveau

Acronyms	Definition
PALU	Parti lumumbiste unifié
PPRD	Parti du Peuple pour la Reconstruction et la Démocratie
RCD	Rassemblement congolais pour la Démocratie
UDC	Union des Démocrates chrétiens
UDPS	Union pour la Démocratie et le Progrès social
UN	United Nations
UNC	Union pour la Nation congolaise

Outlook and Priority Issues

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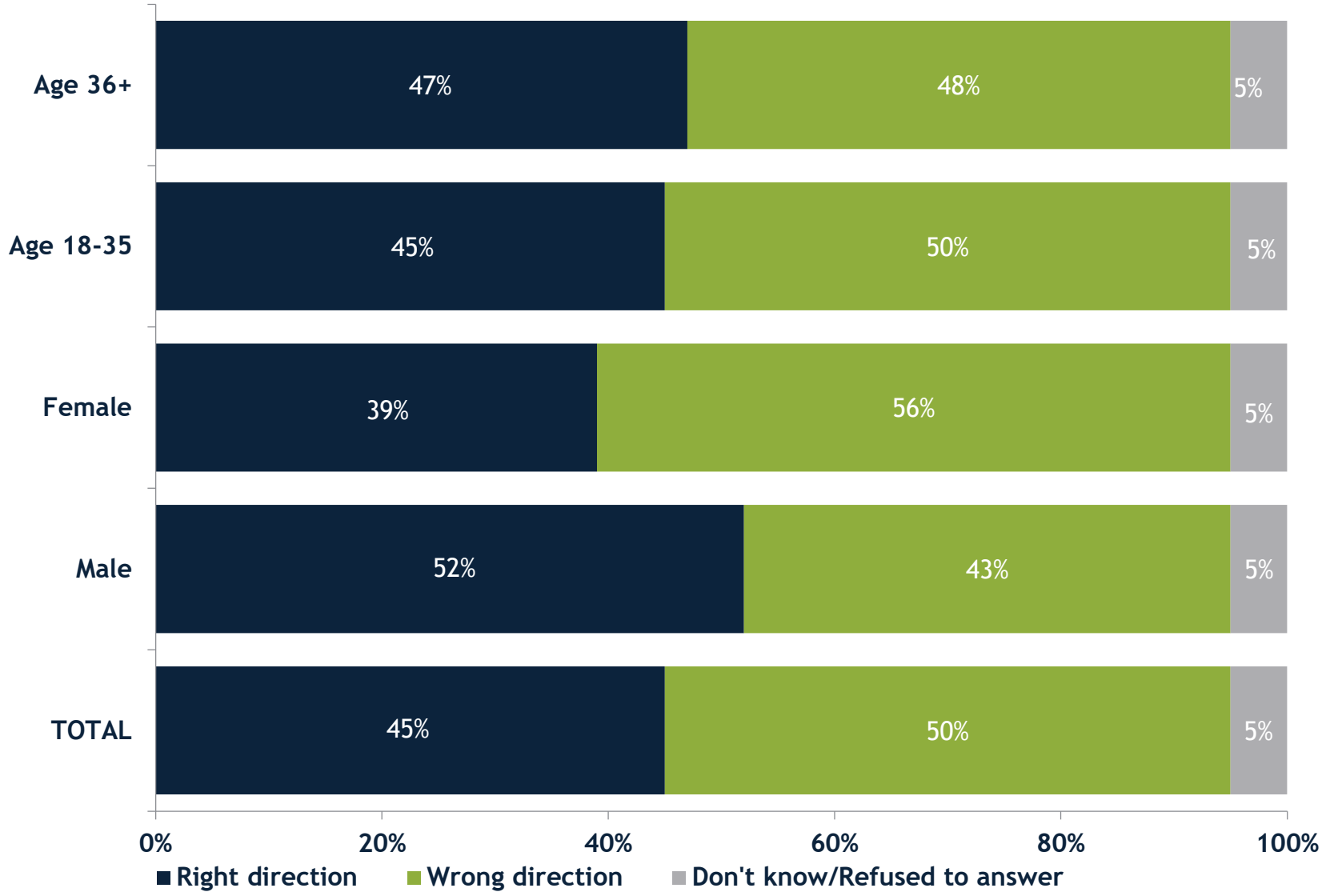

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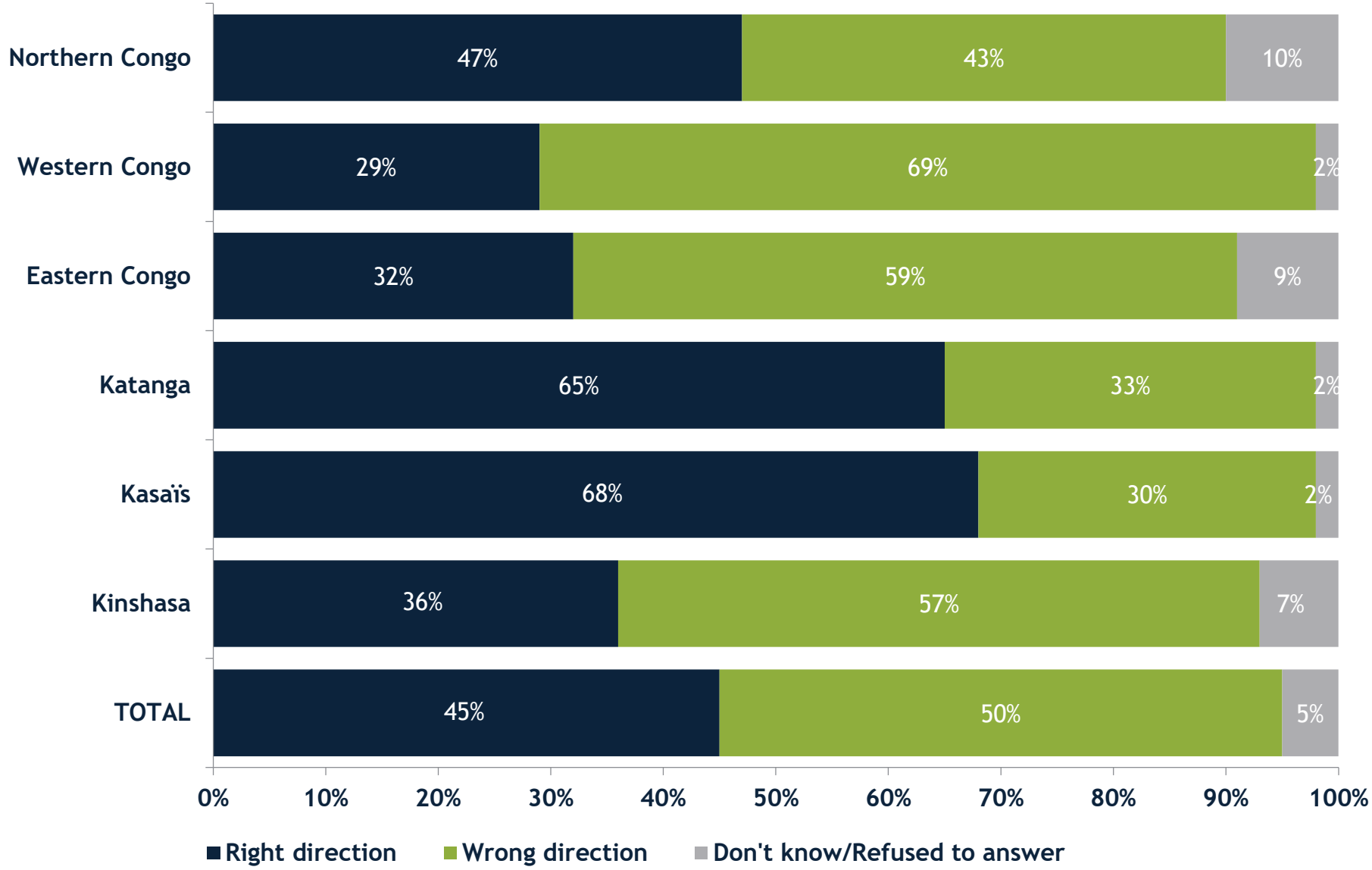

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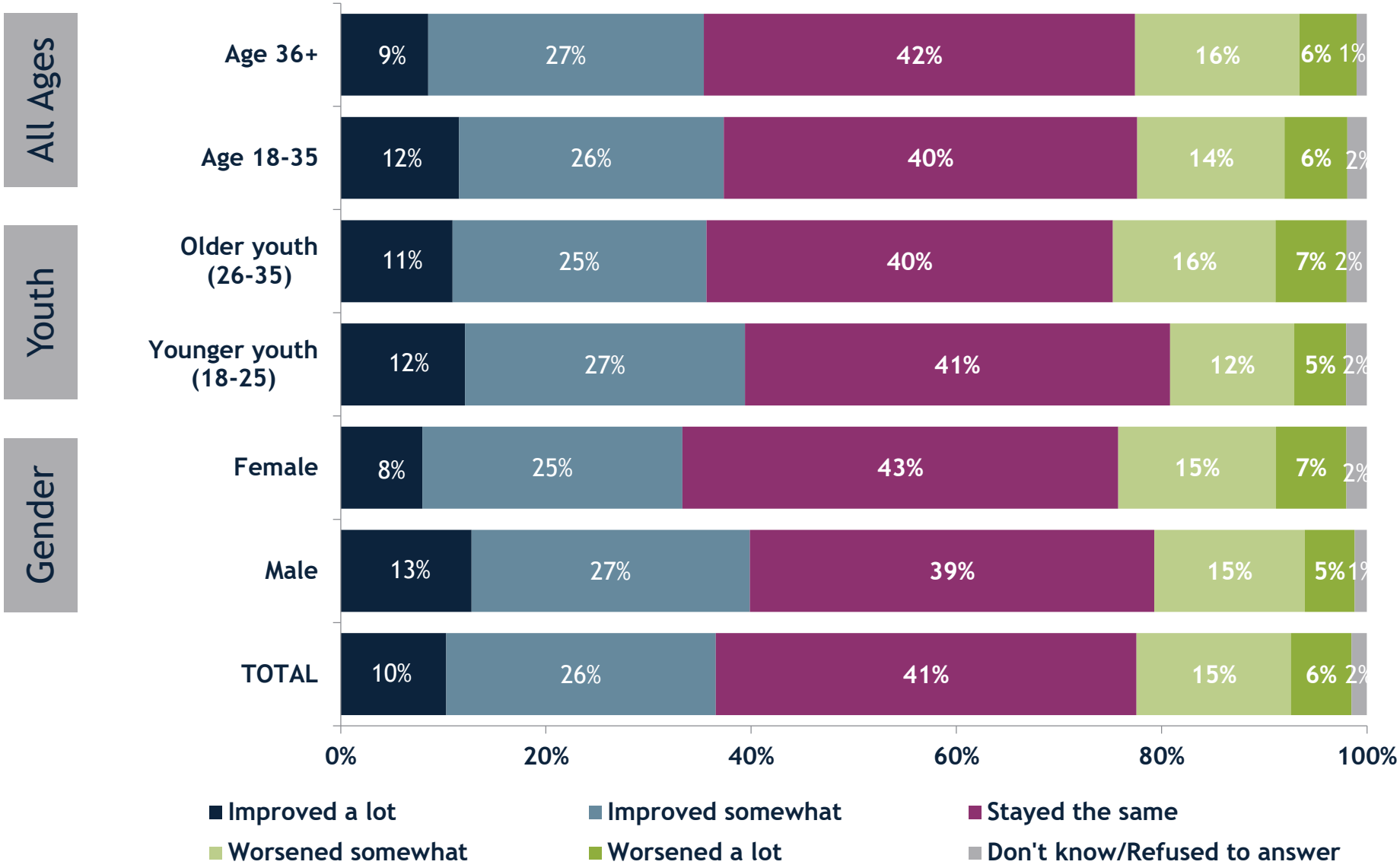

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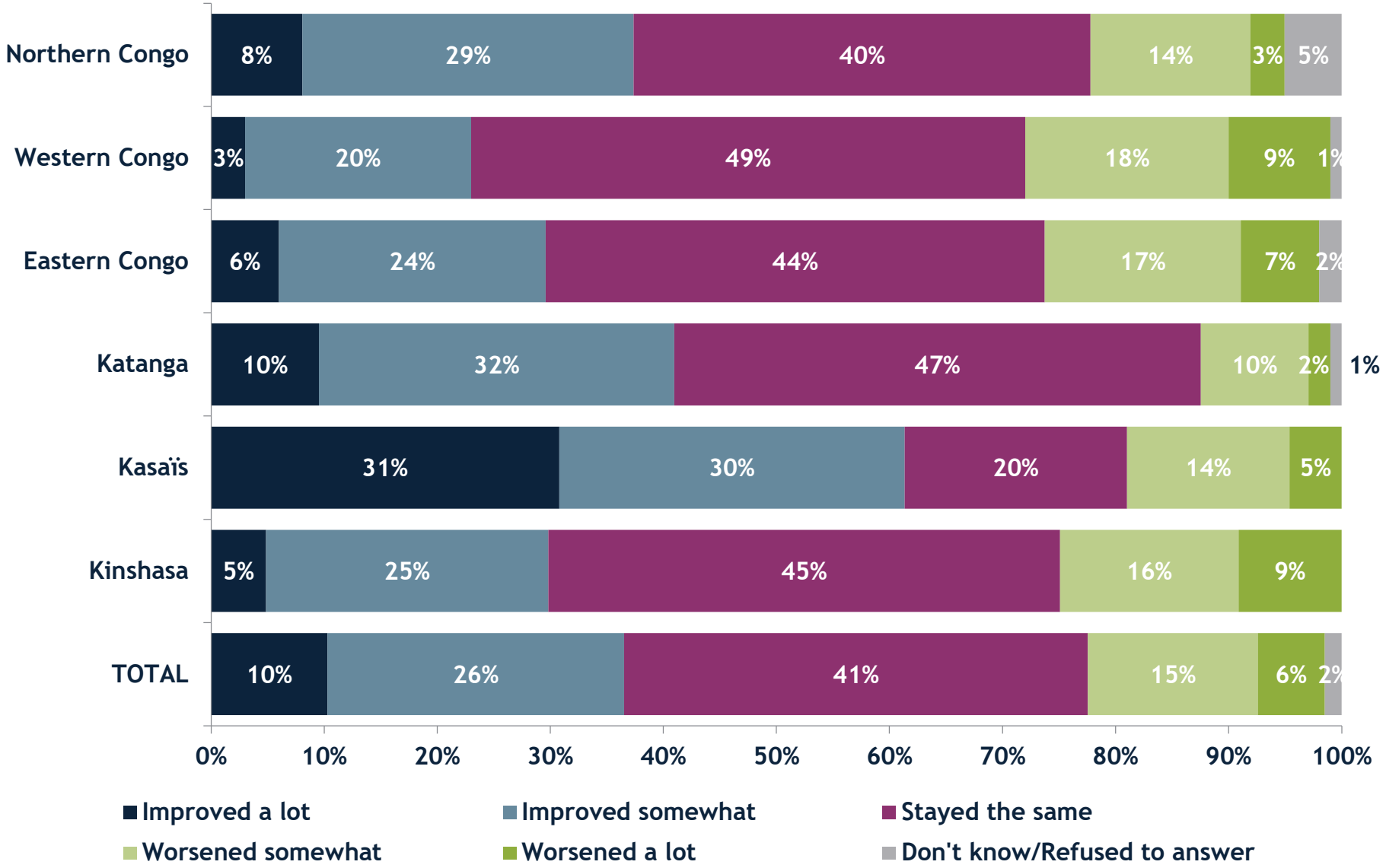

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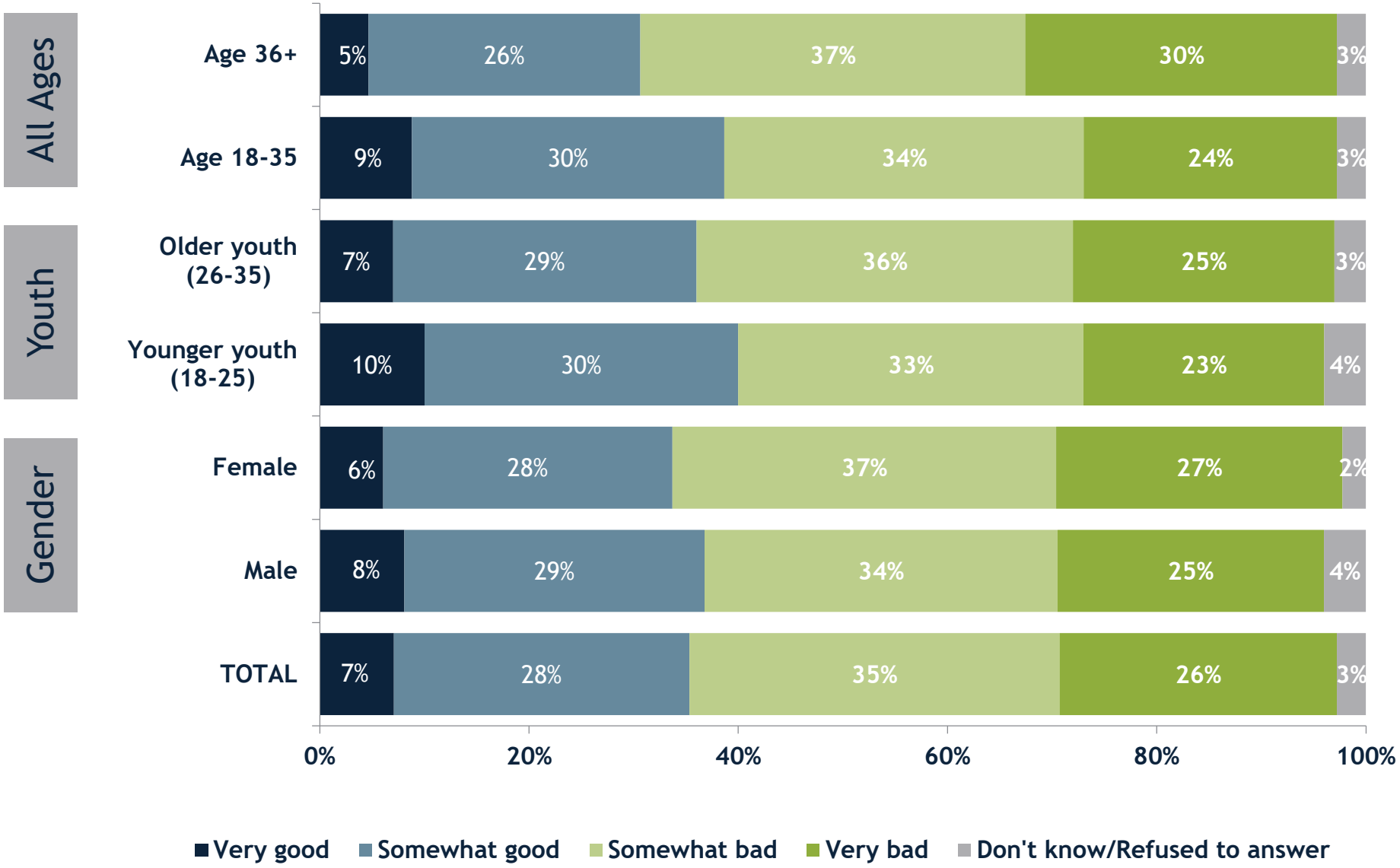

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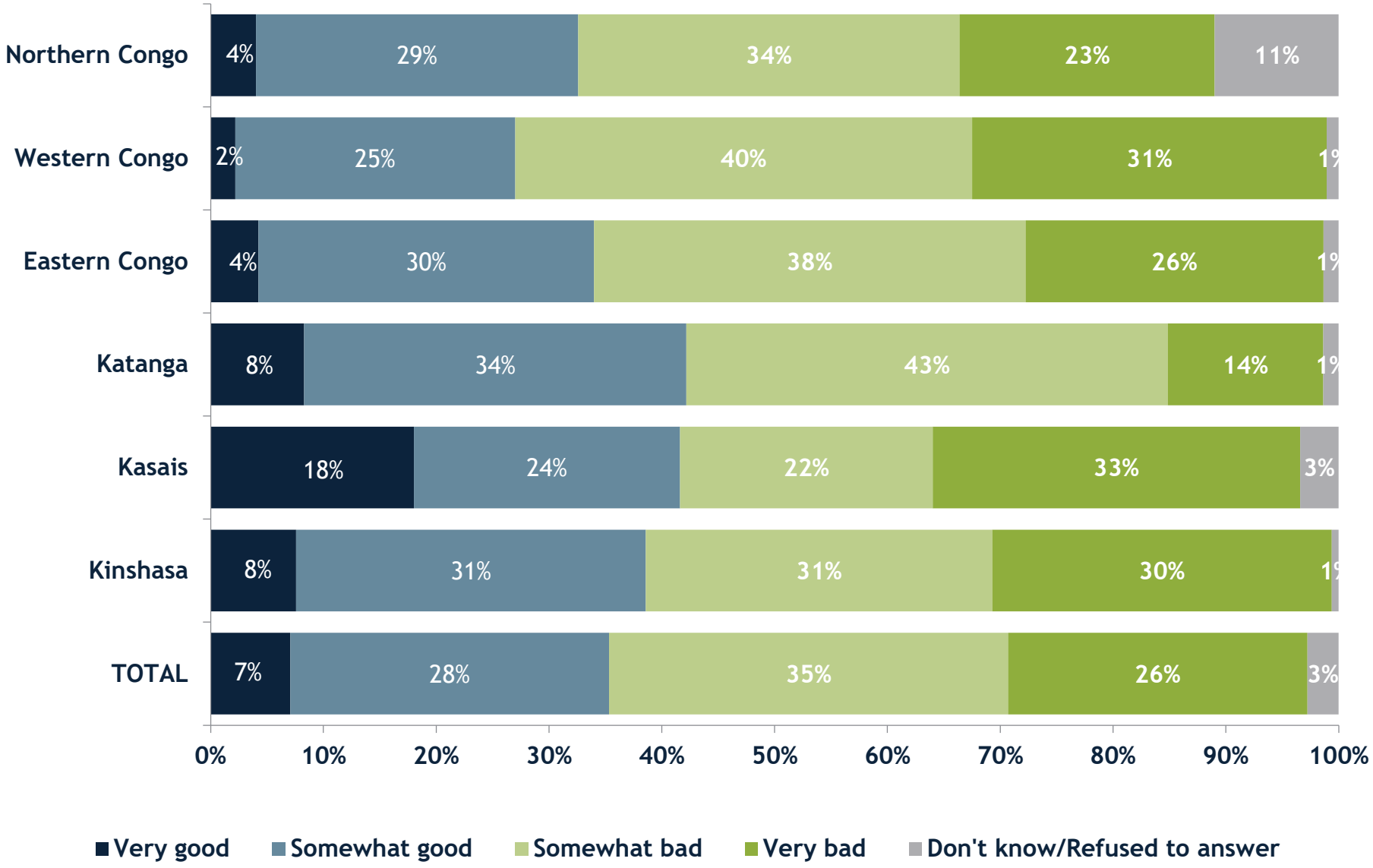

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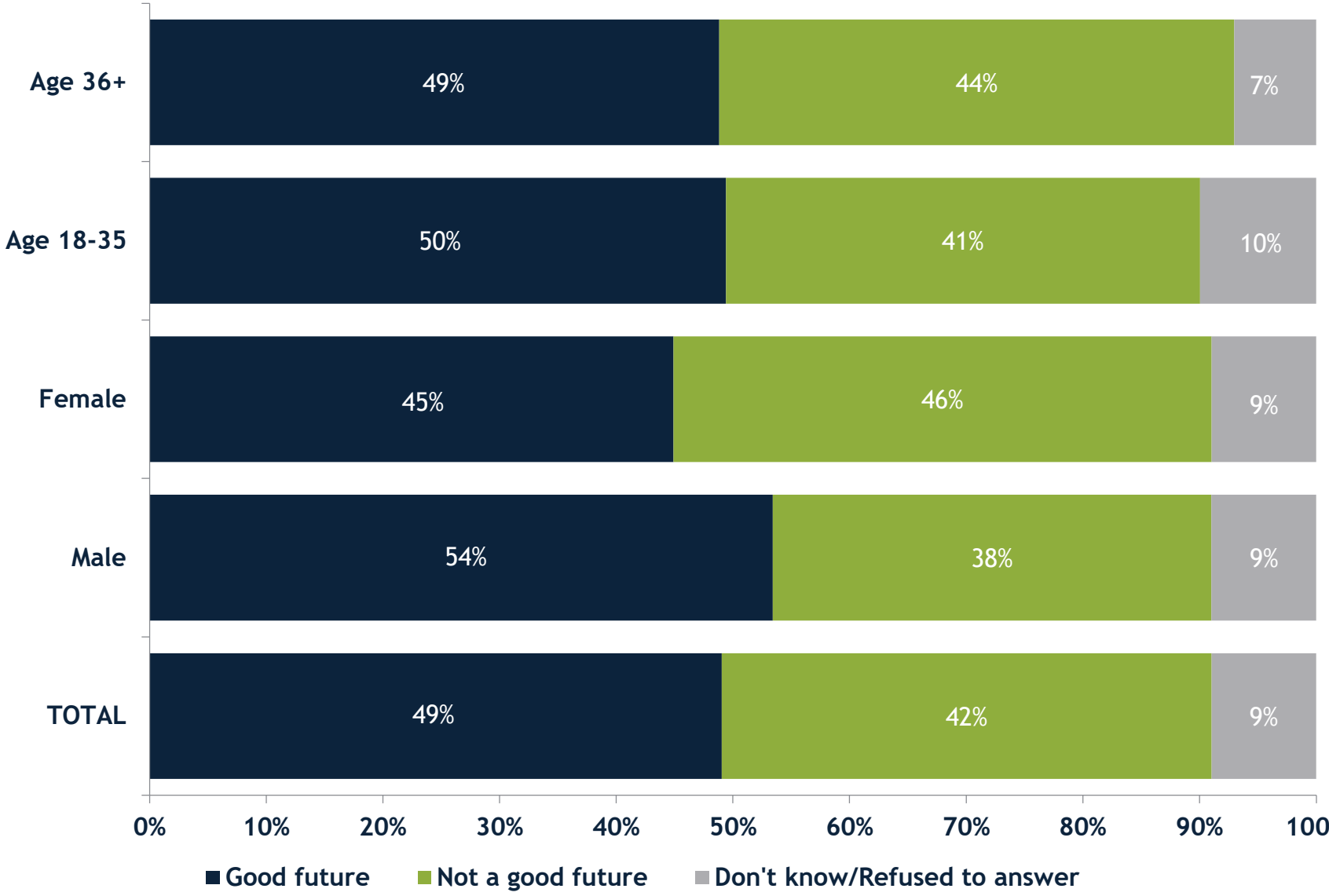

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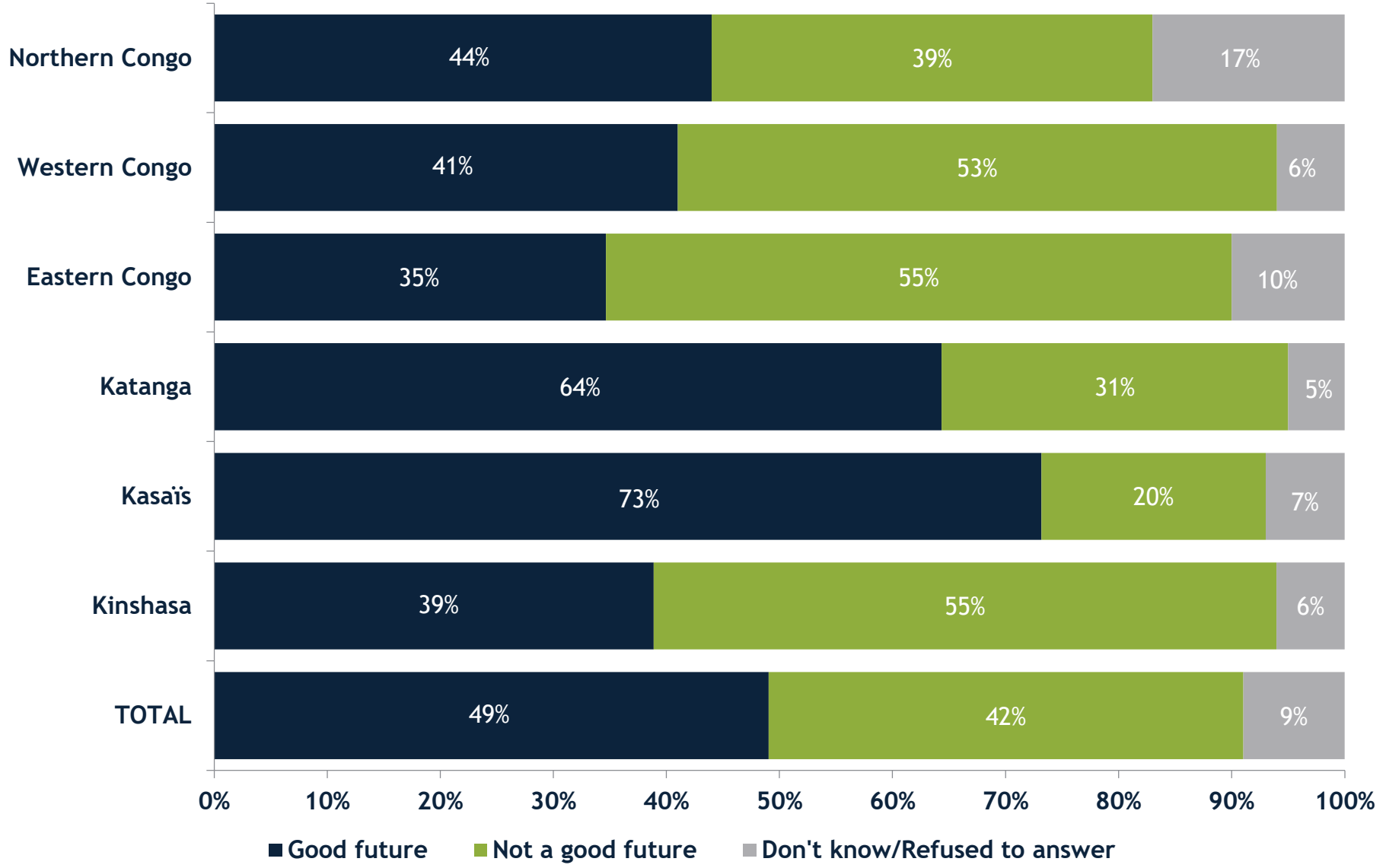

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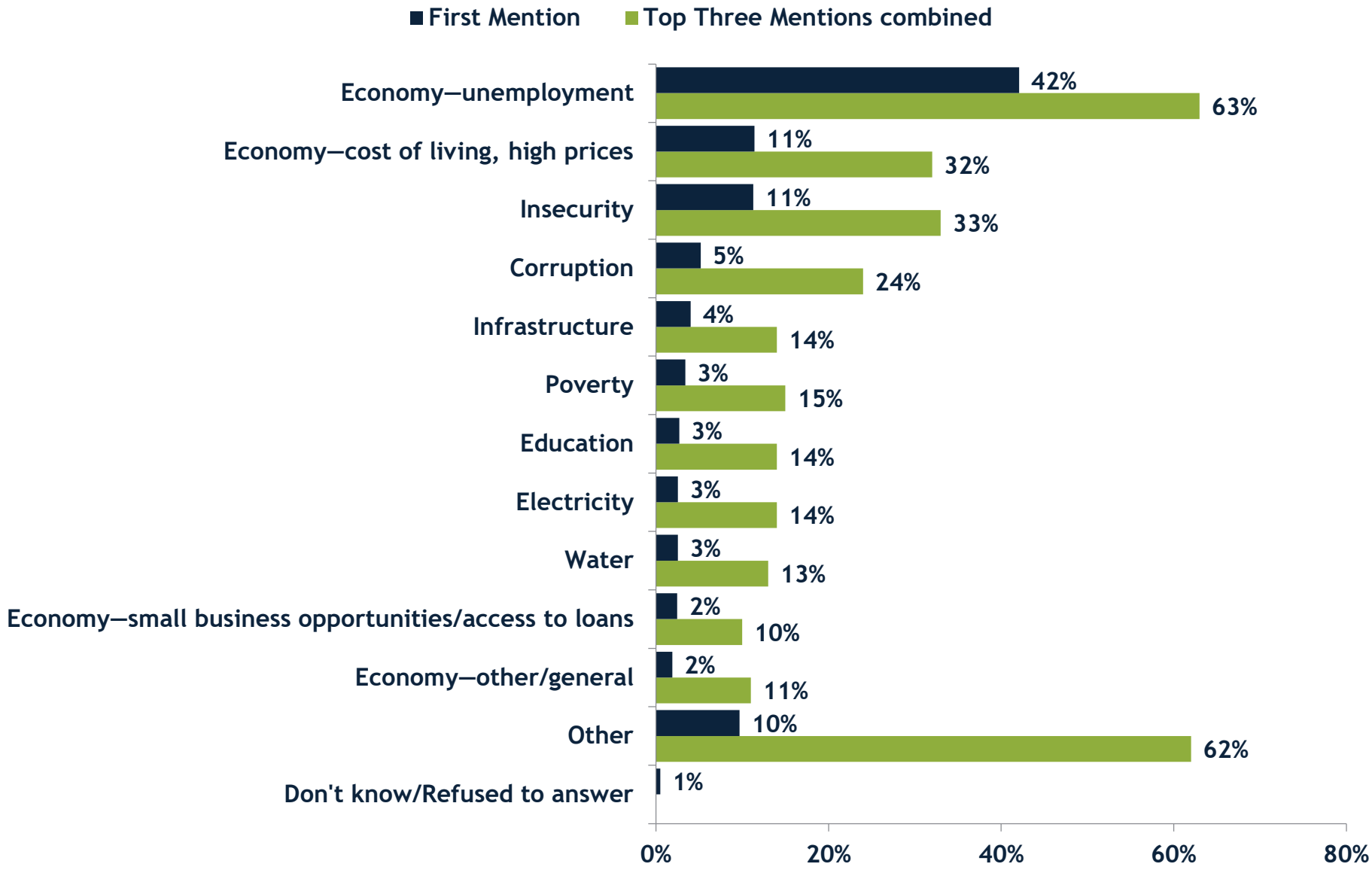

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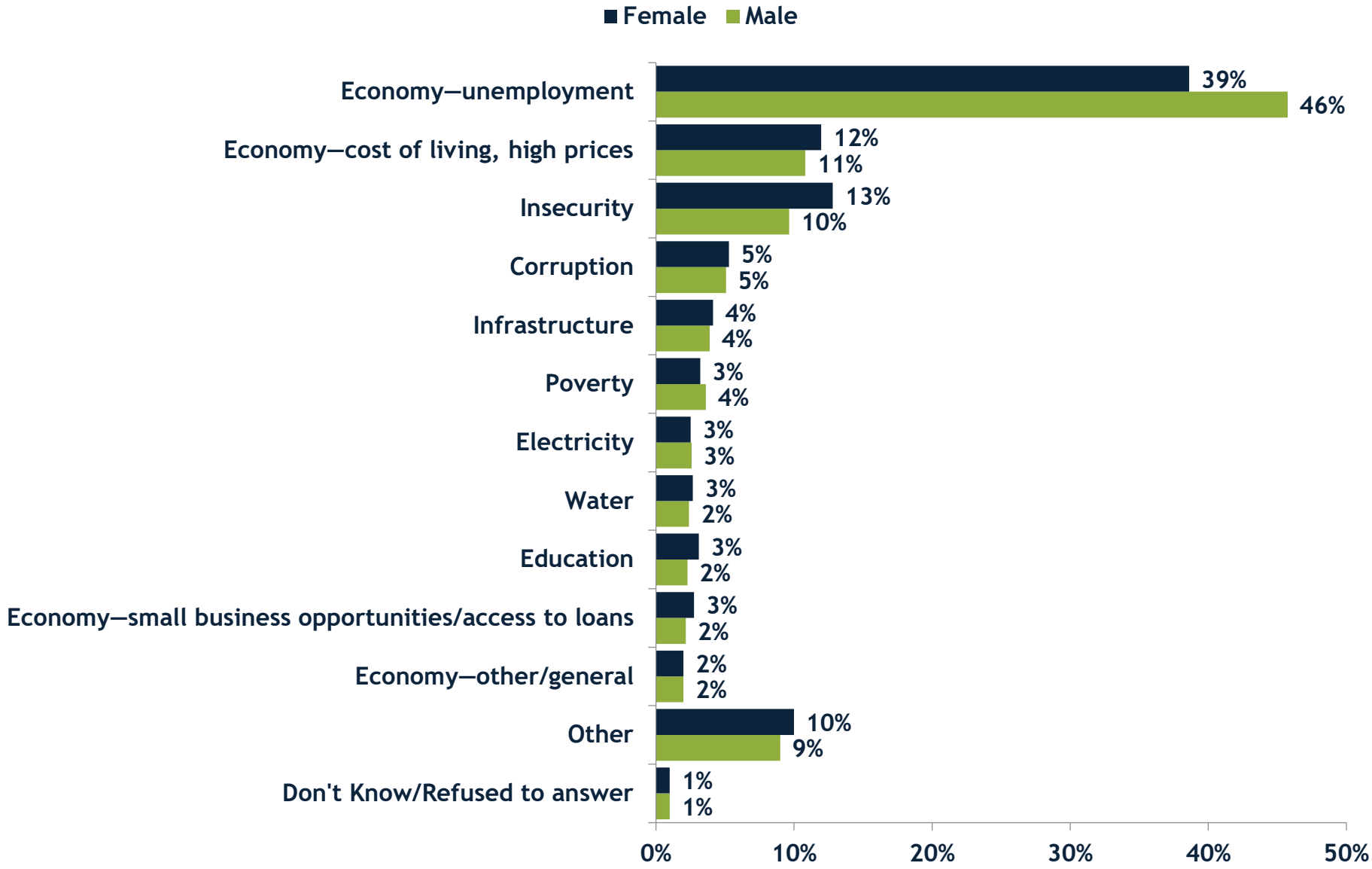

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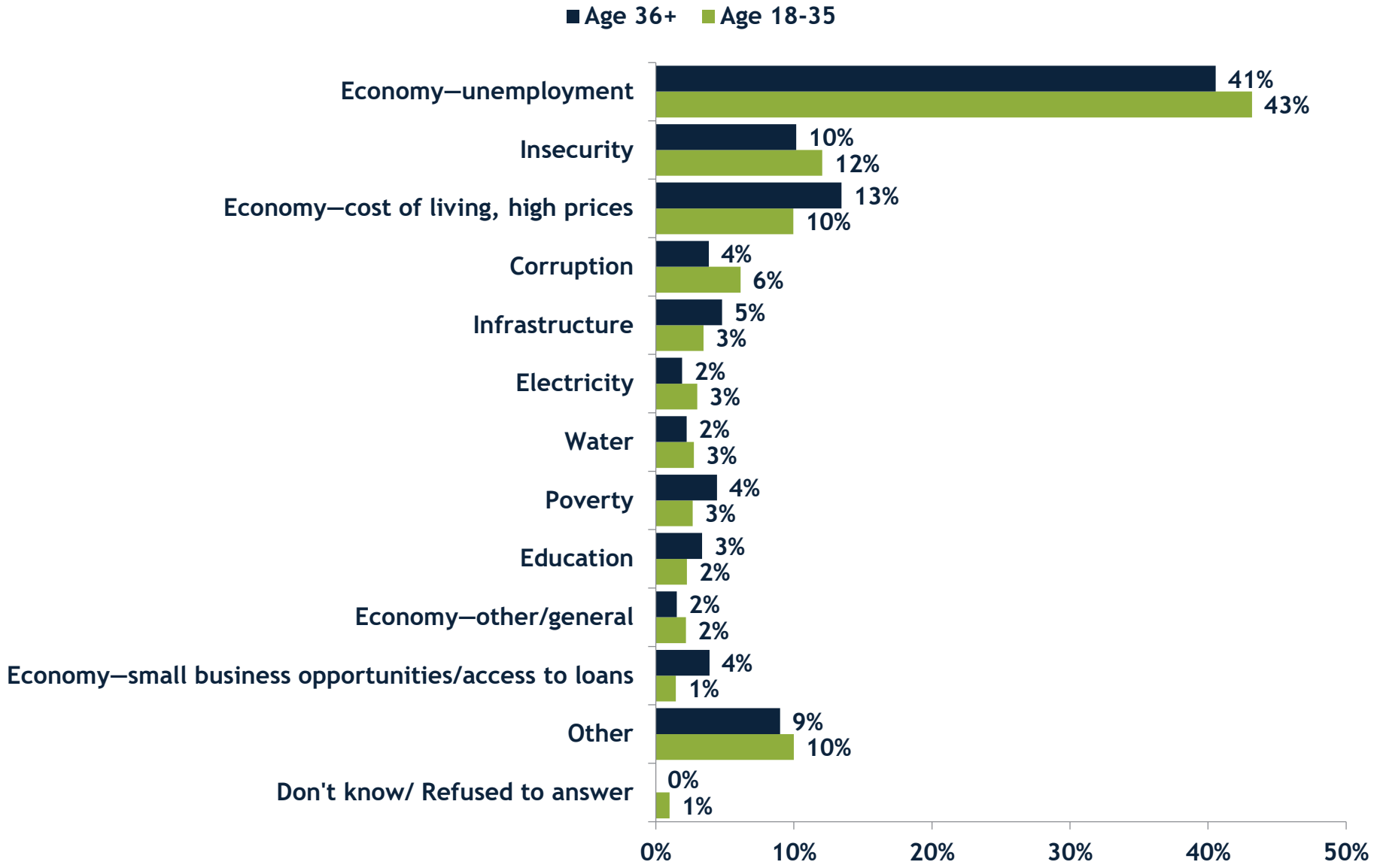

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What is the most important problem facing our country today? (First Mention, Top Five Problems by region)

Kinshasa	
Economy—unemployment	36%
Economy—cost of living, high prices	12%
Insecurity	9%
Corruption	8%
Social services/benefits	4%

Kasaïs	
Economy—unemployment	54%
Economy—cost of living, high prices	18%
Poverty	5%
Infrastructure	5%
Corruption	3%

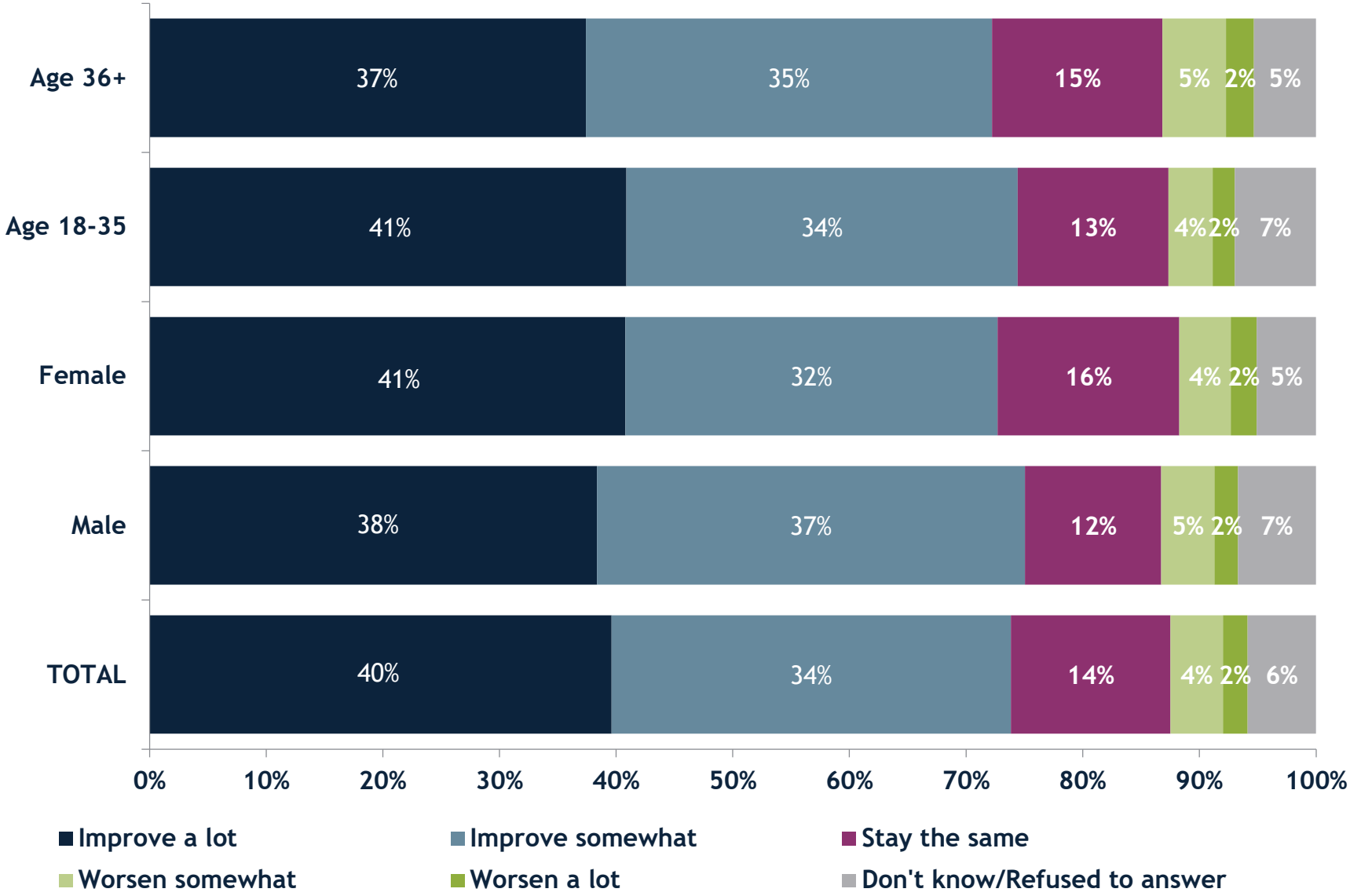
Katanga	
Economy—unemployment	54%
Economy—cost of living, high prices	10%
Economy—small business opportunities/access to loans	8%
Insecurity	5%
Infrastructure	5%

Eastern Congo	
Economy—unemployment	33%
Insecurity	28%
Economy—cost of living, high prices	7%
Corruption	6%
Education	4%

Western Congo	
Economy—unemployment	33%
Economy—cost of living, high prices	13%
Electricity	9%
Infrastructure	8%
Corruption	6%

Northern Congo	
Economy—unemployment	44%
Insecurity	19%
Economy—cost of living, high prices	9%
Corruption	6%
Poverty	4%

In the coming 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation of your household to change? (By gender and age)



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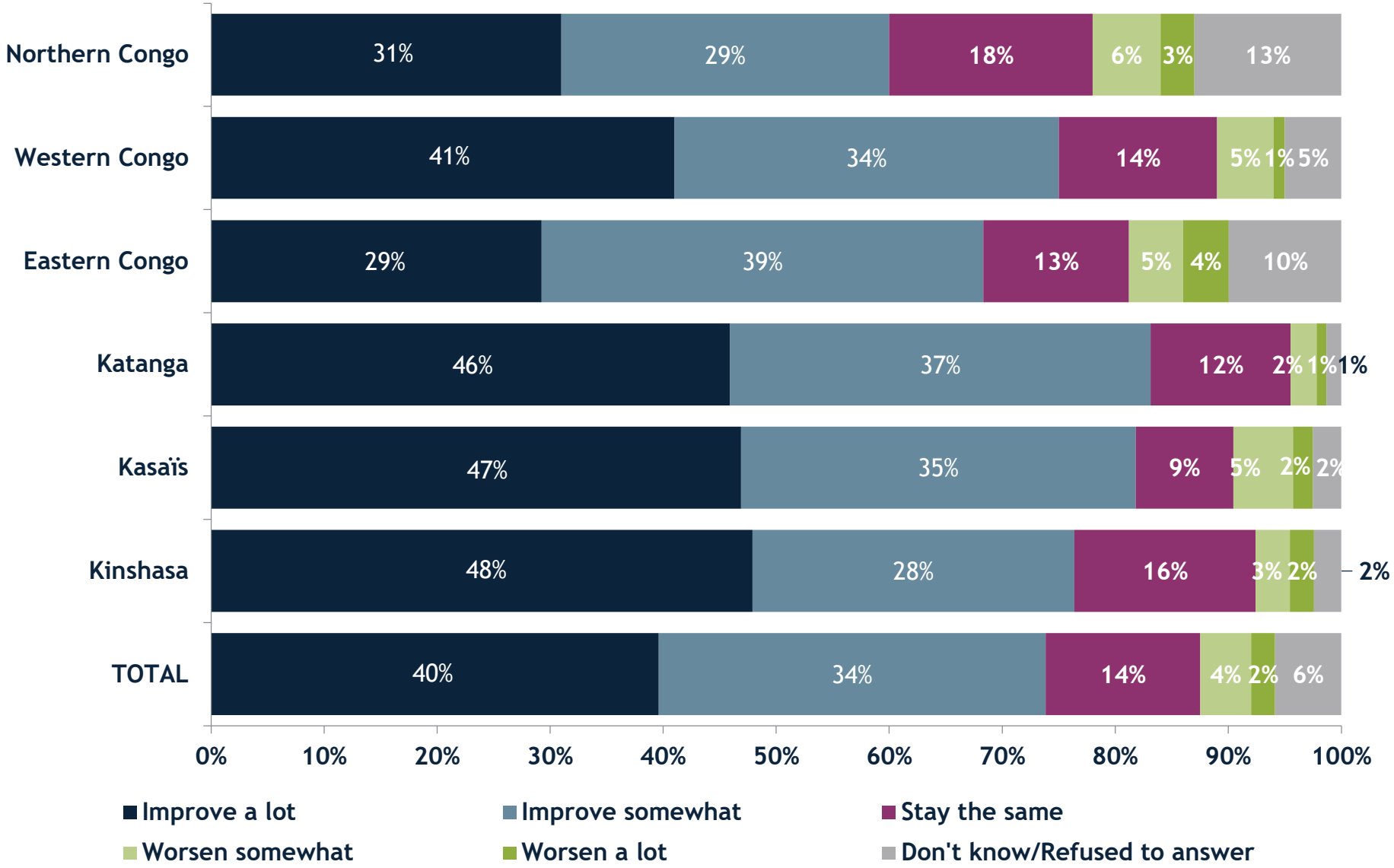

Elections

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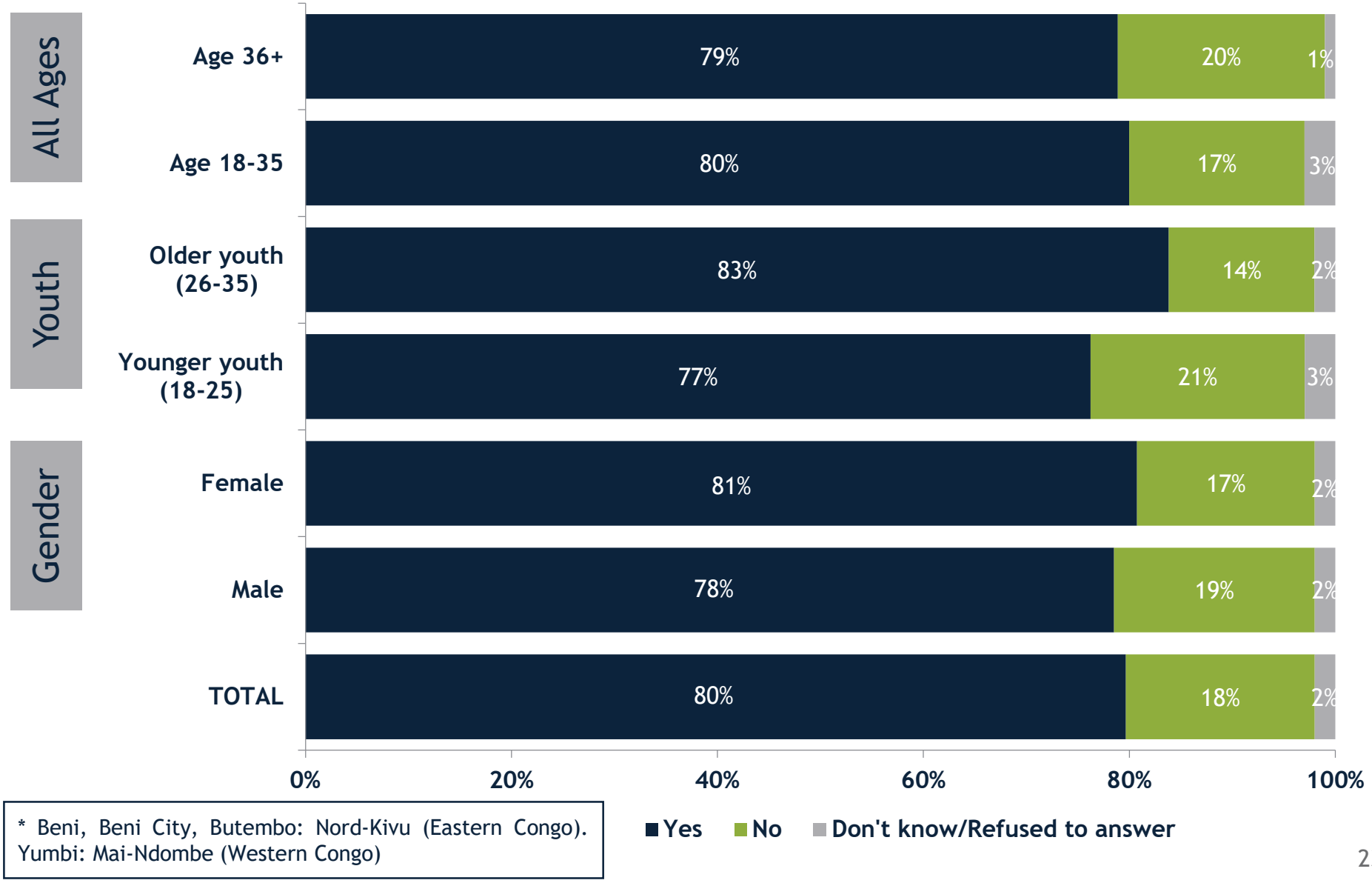

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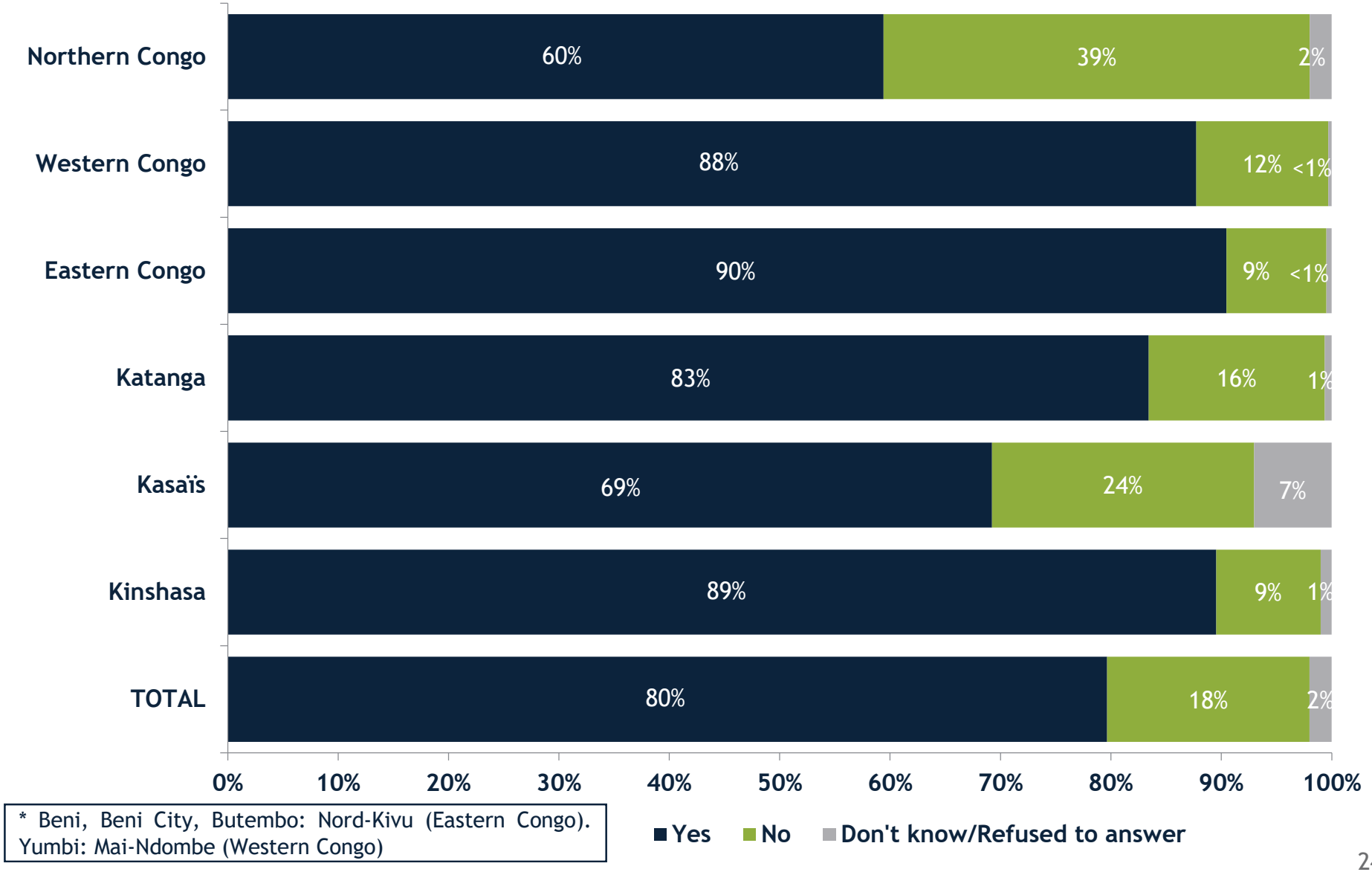

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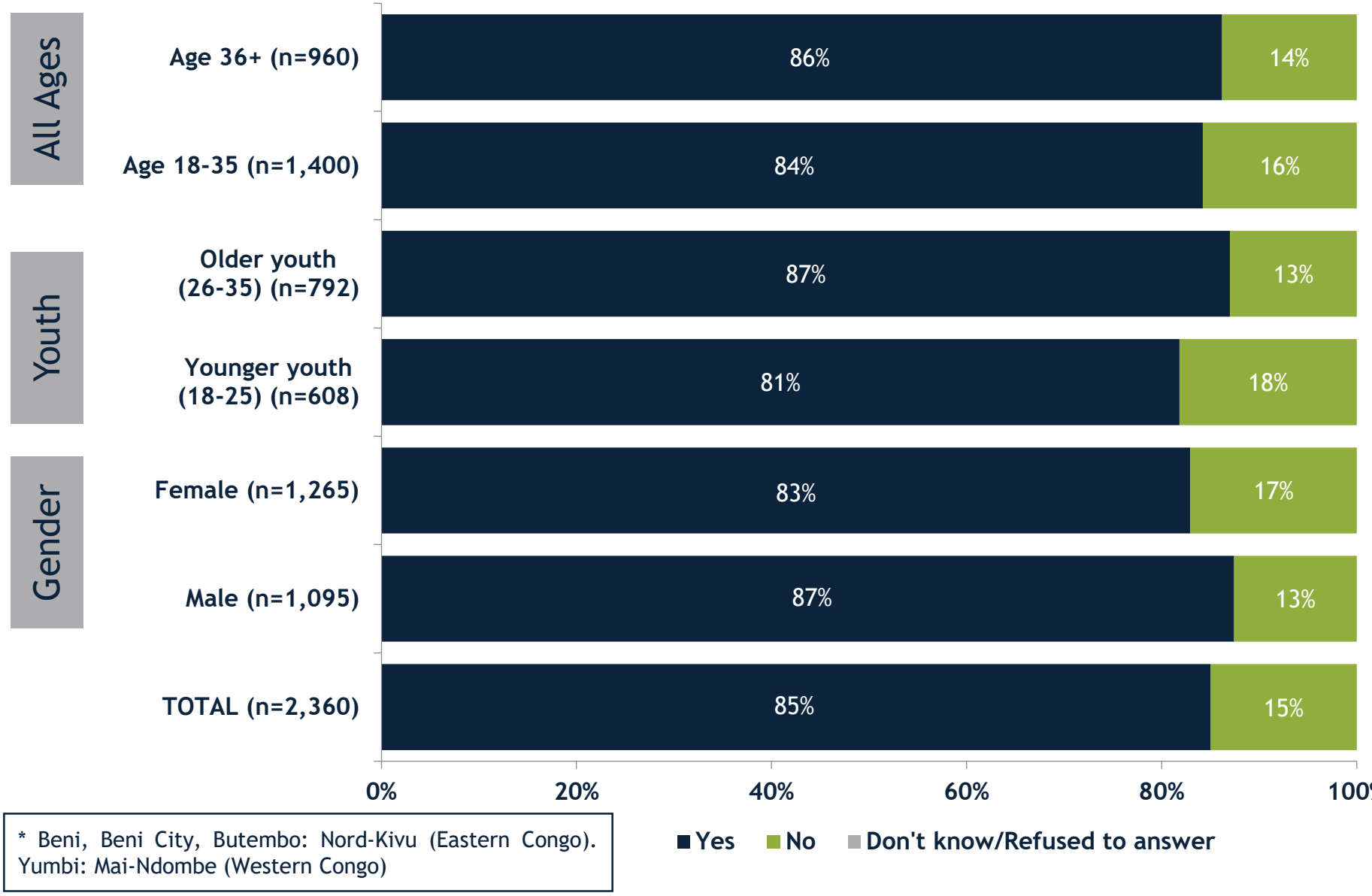

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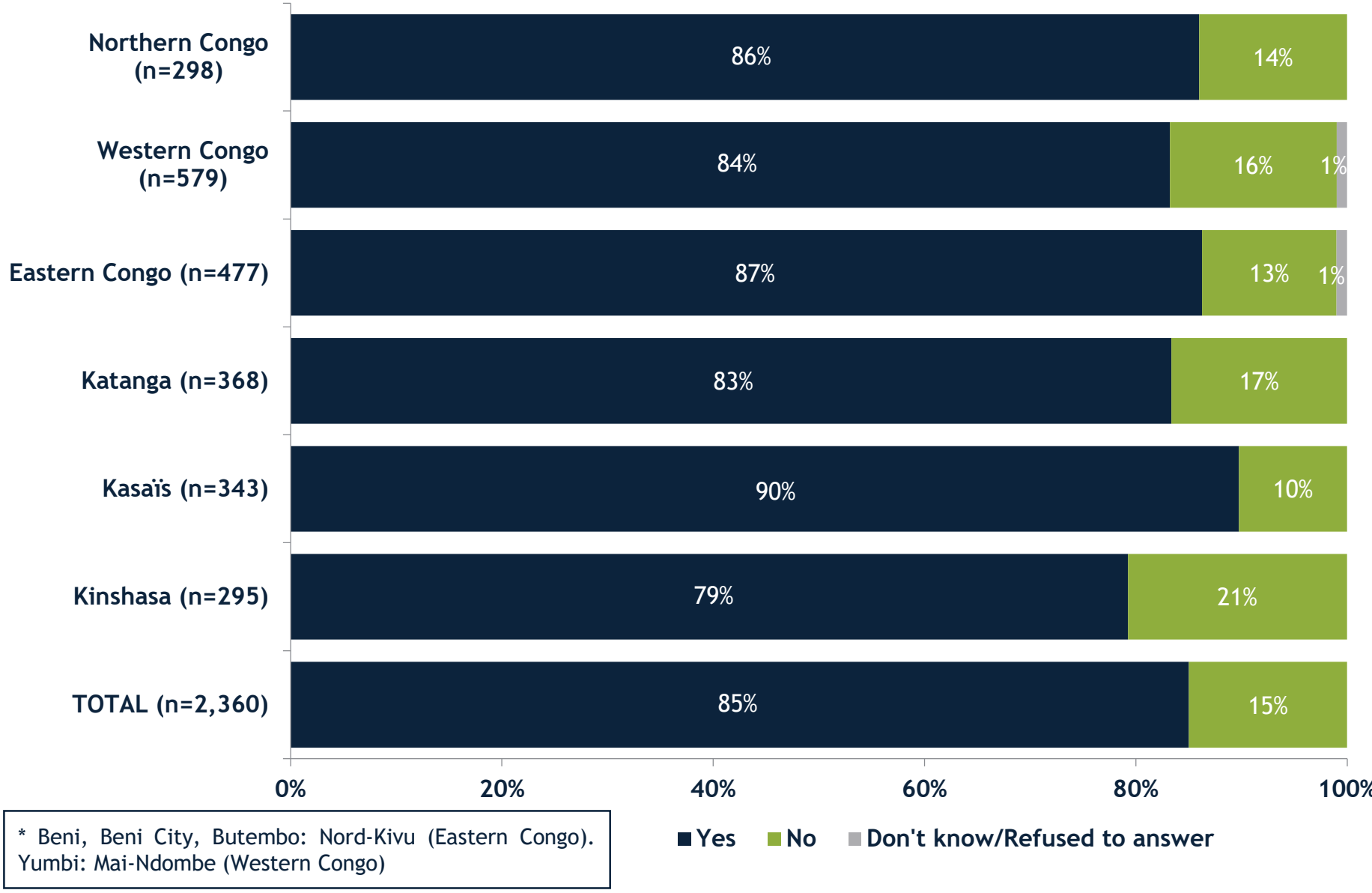

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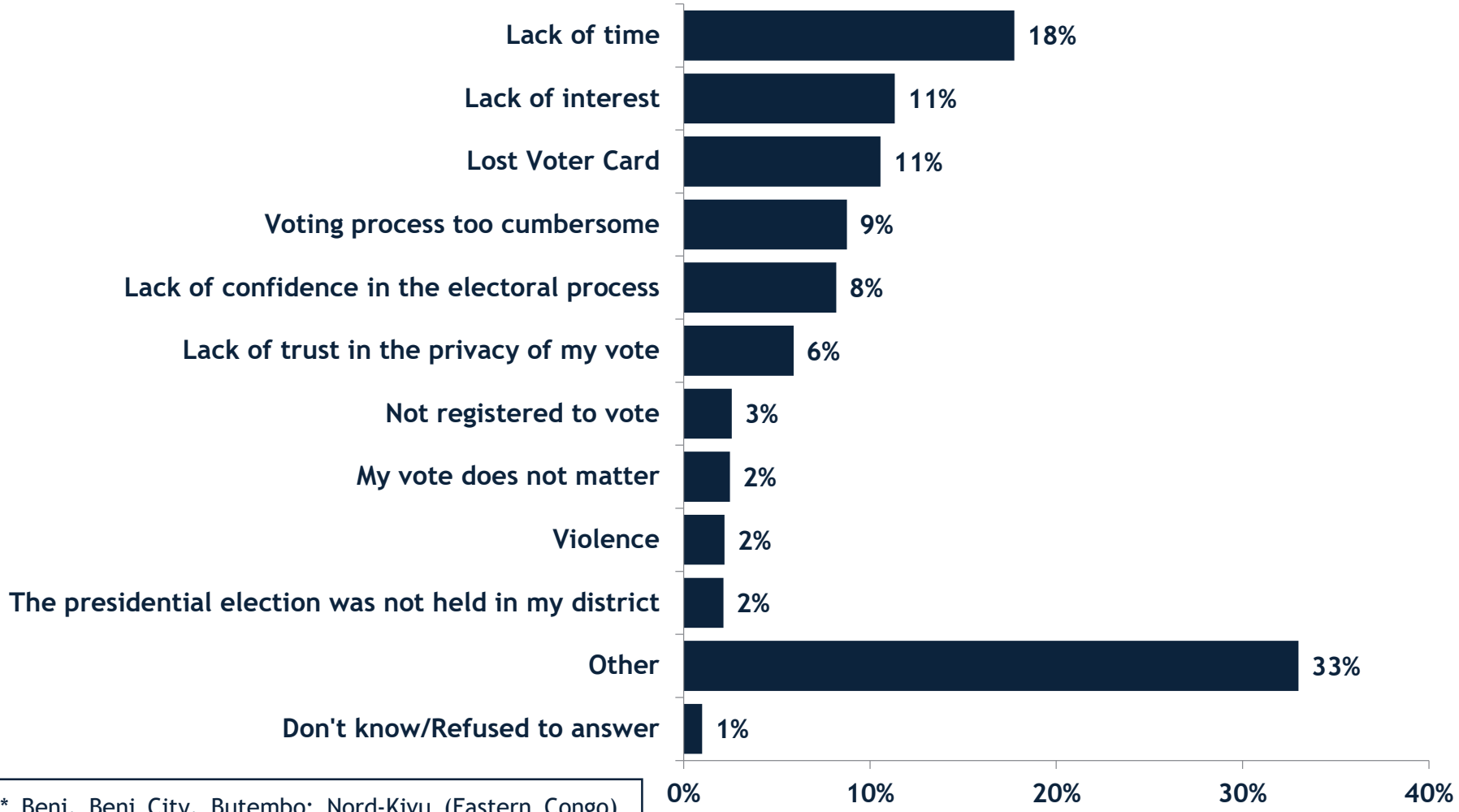
What is the primary reason you did not vote in the December 2018 (*In Beni/Beni City/Yumbi/Butembo**: March 2019) elections? (Among n=352 who were registered to vote but did not vote)



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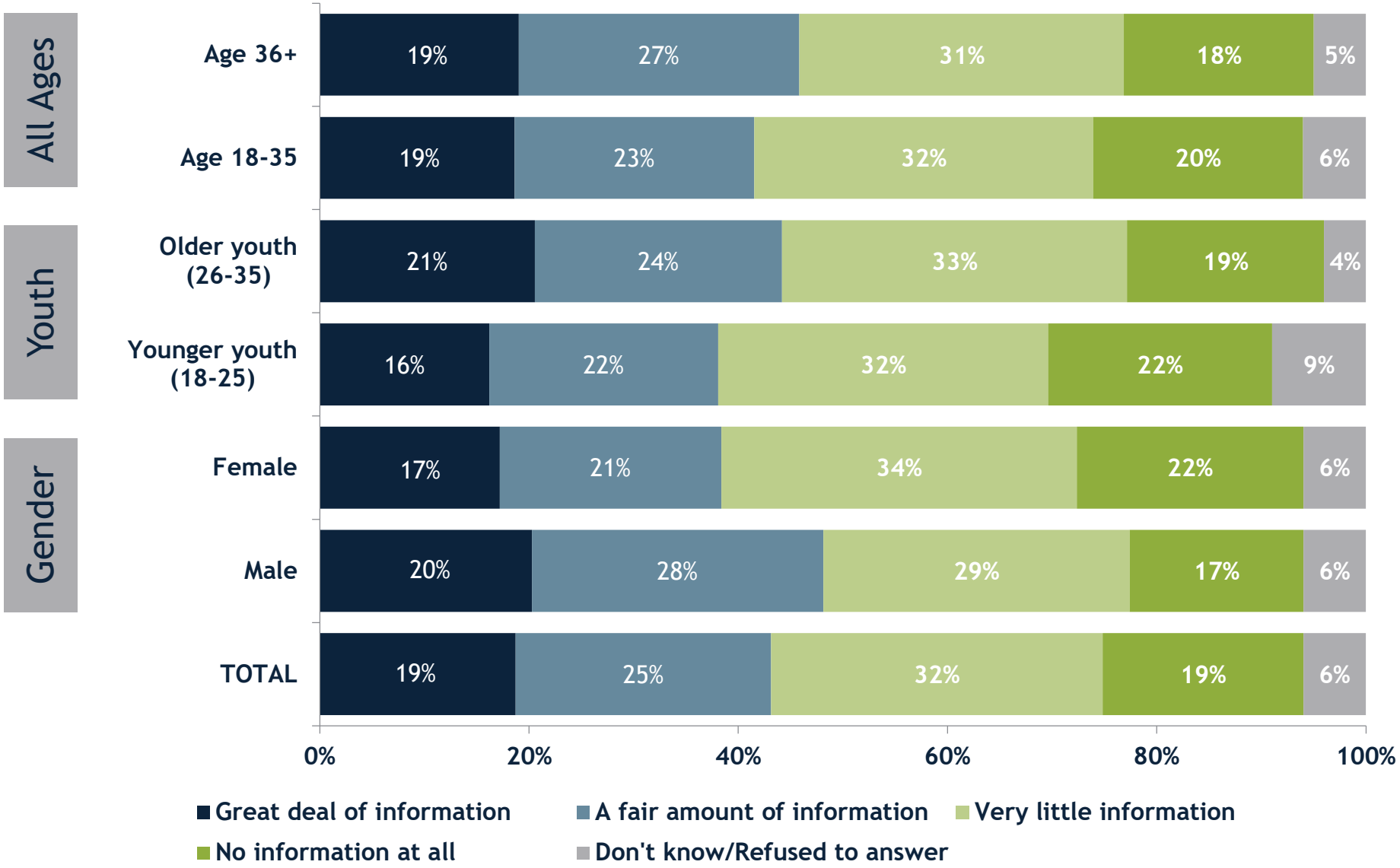
How much information did you have about the 2018 election process? (By gender and age)



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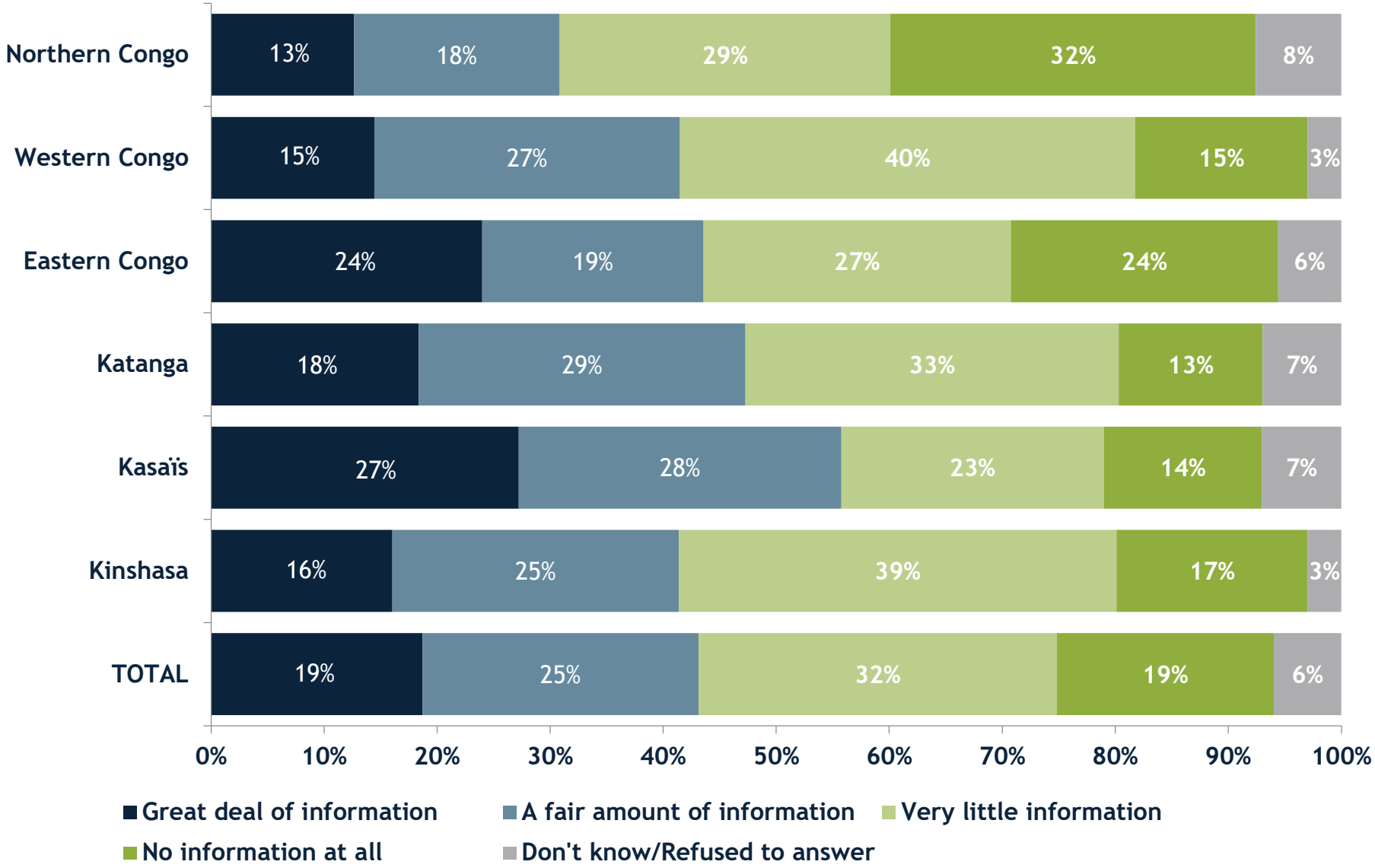
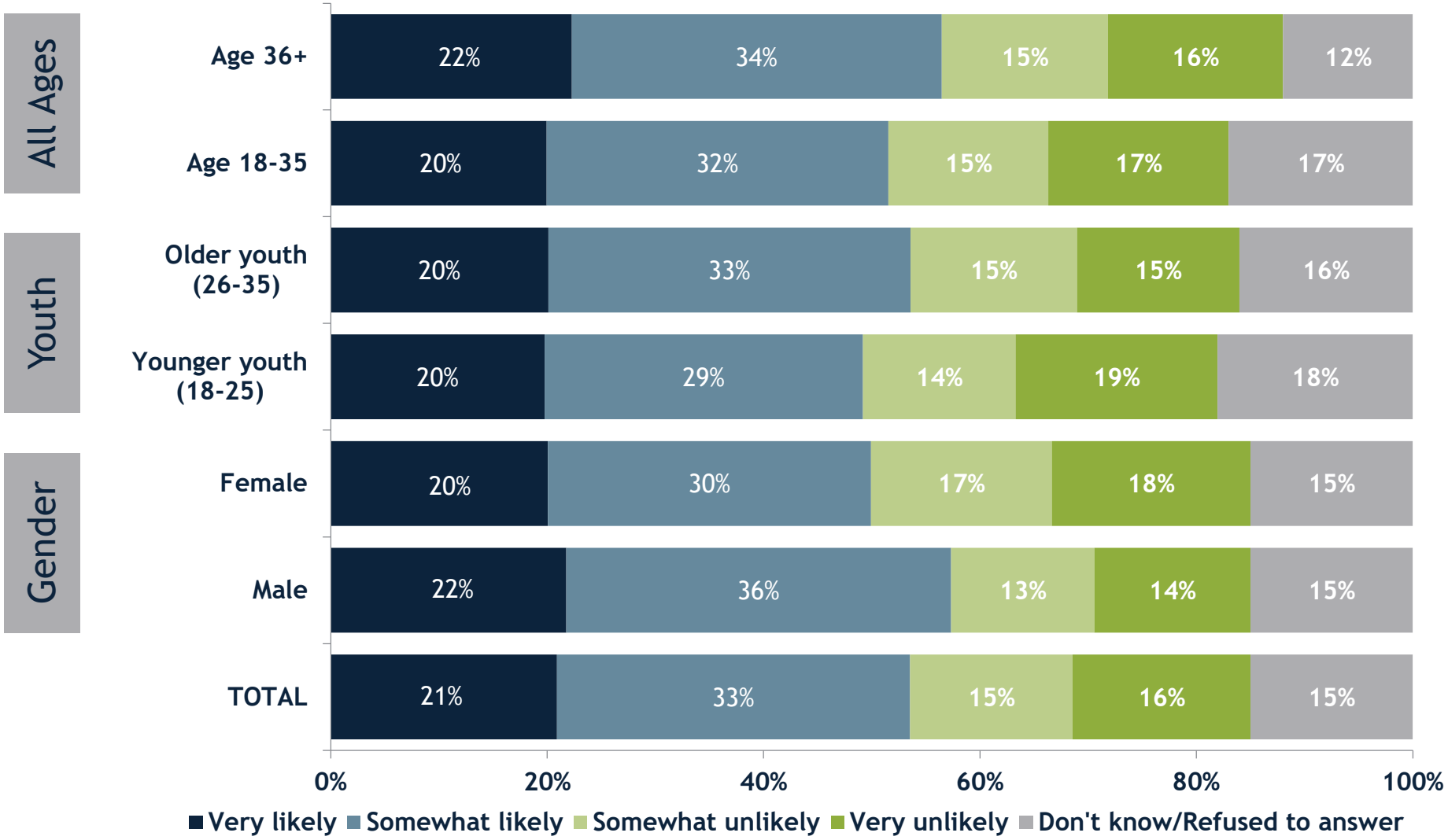


How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the local elections expected in 2019? (By gender and age)



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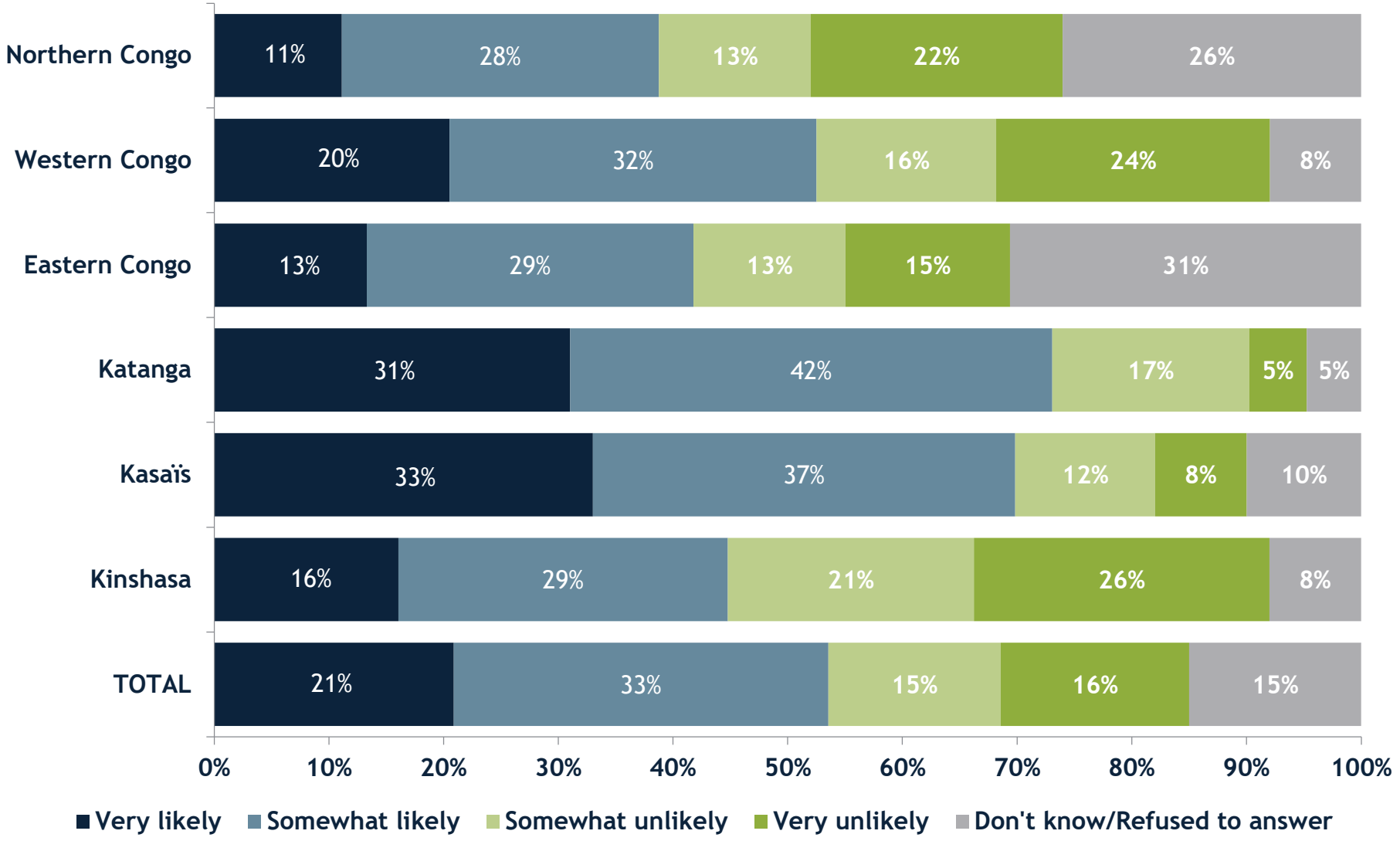

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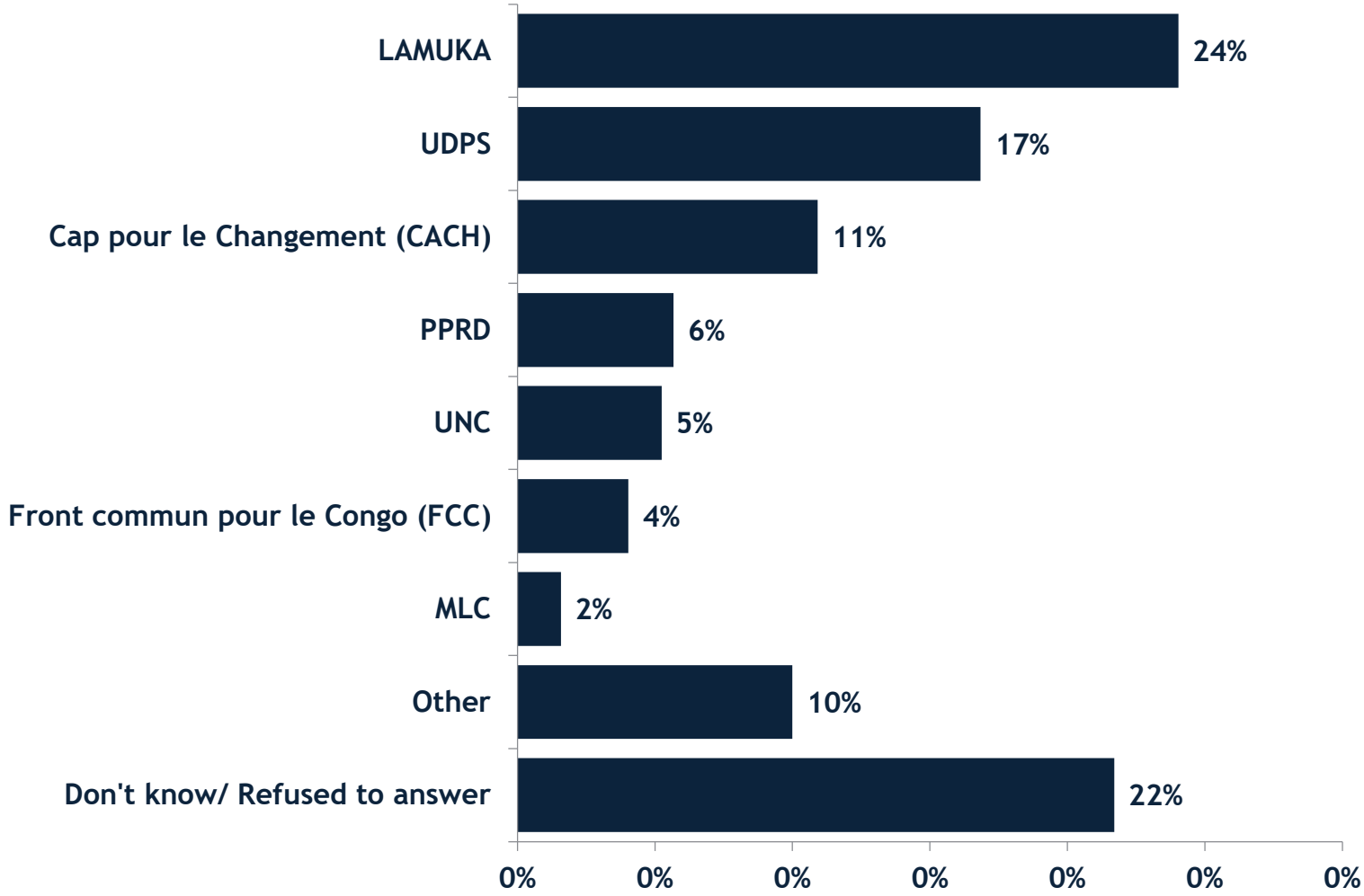

Parties named by less than 2% merged into “Other”

For which party or coalition do you intend to vote in the local elections expected in 2019?
(Spontaneous, among those who are somewhat unlikely/somewhat likely/very likely to vote, Top Three Parties by region)

Kinshasa (n=219)	
LAMUKA	30%
UDPS	14%
CACH	8%
Other	25%
Don't know/ Refused to answer	23%

Kasaïs (n=406)	
UDPS	38%
CACH	28%
FCC	7%
Other	19%
Don't know/ Refused to answer	8%

Katanga (n=397)	
UDPS	16%
LAMUKA	11%
PPRD	9%
Other	31%
Don't know/ Refused to answer	33%

Eastern Congo (n=298)	
LAMUKA	36%
UNC	9%
PPRD	7%
Other	29%
Don't know/ Refused to answer	19%

Western Congo (n=449)	
LAMUKA	39%
UDPS	9%
CACH	7%
Other	22%
Don't know/ Refused to answer	23%

Northern Congo (n=261)	
LAMUKA	28%
UDPS	13%
PPRD	9%
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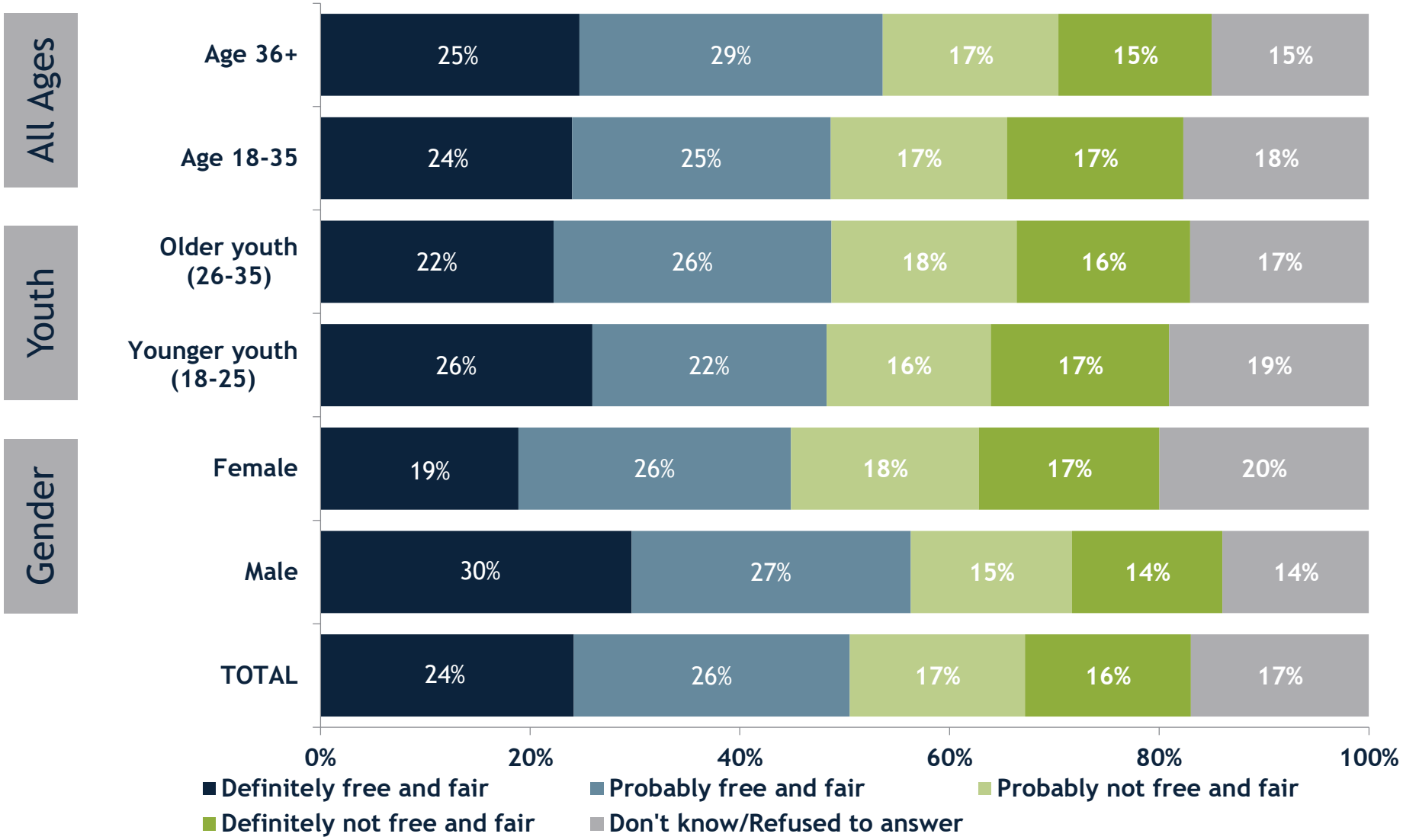

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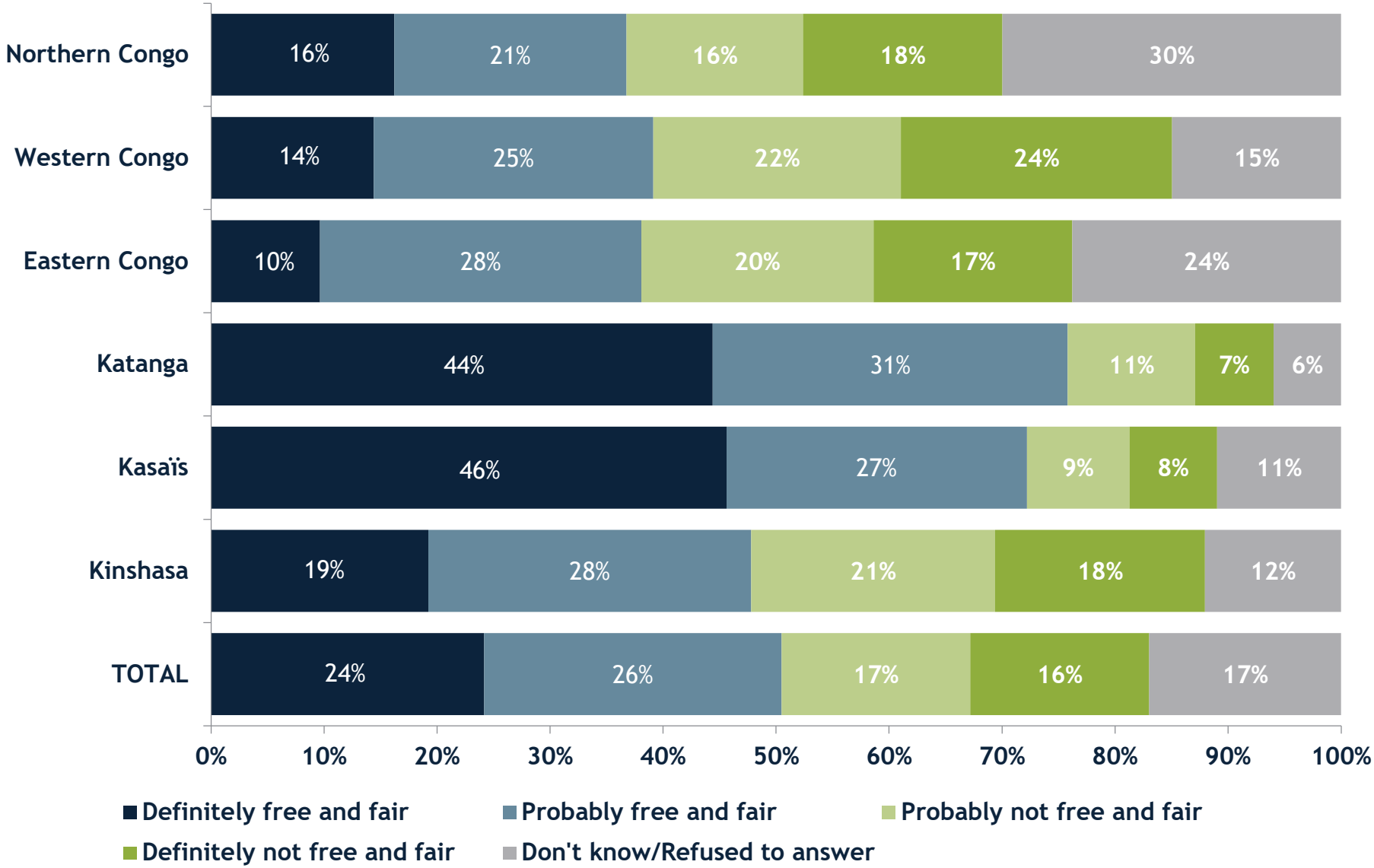

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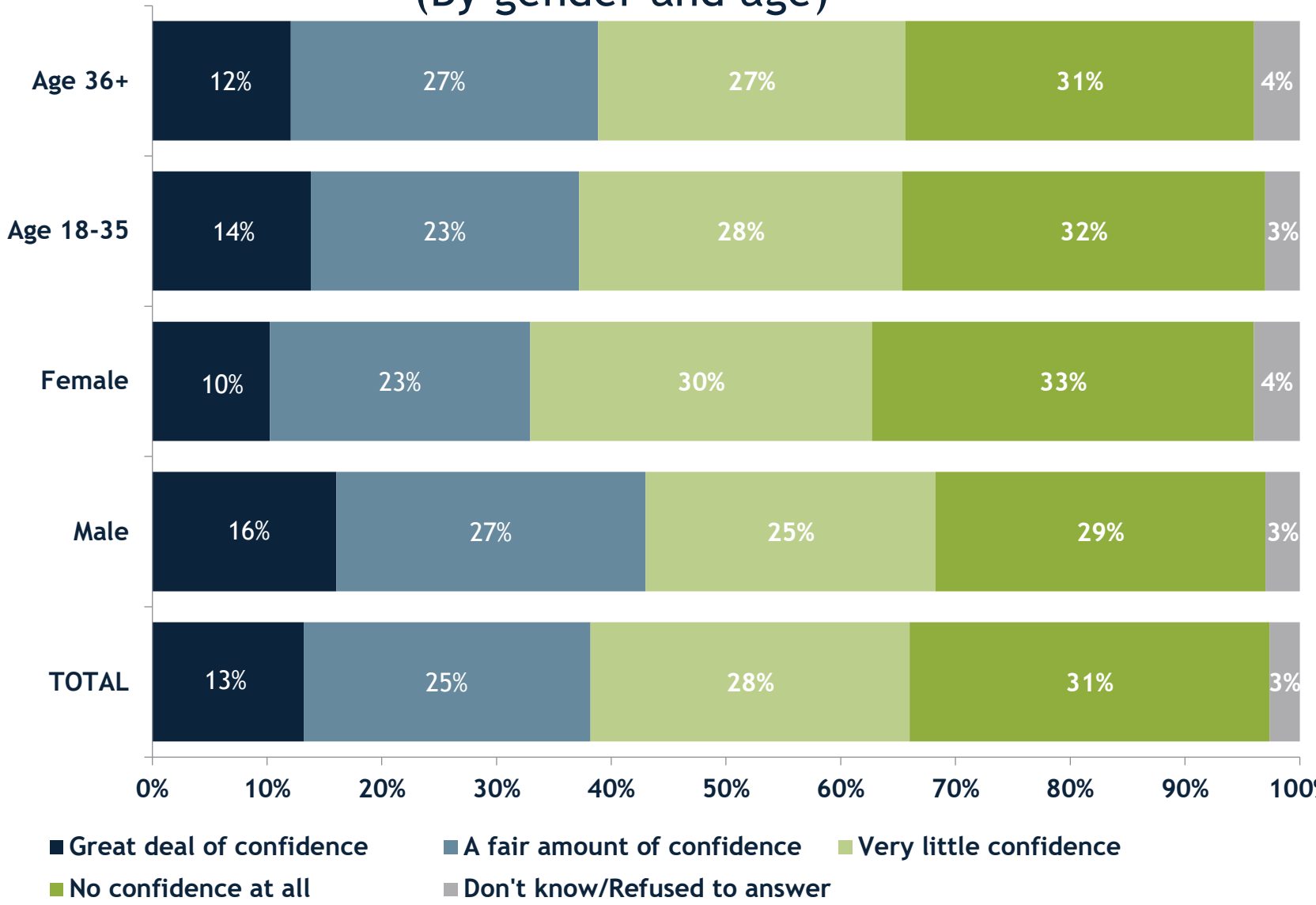

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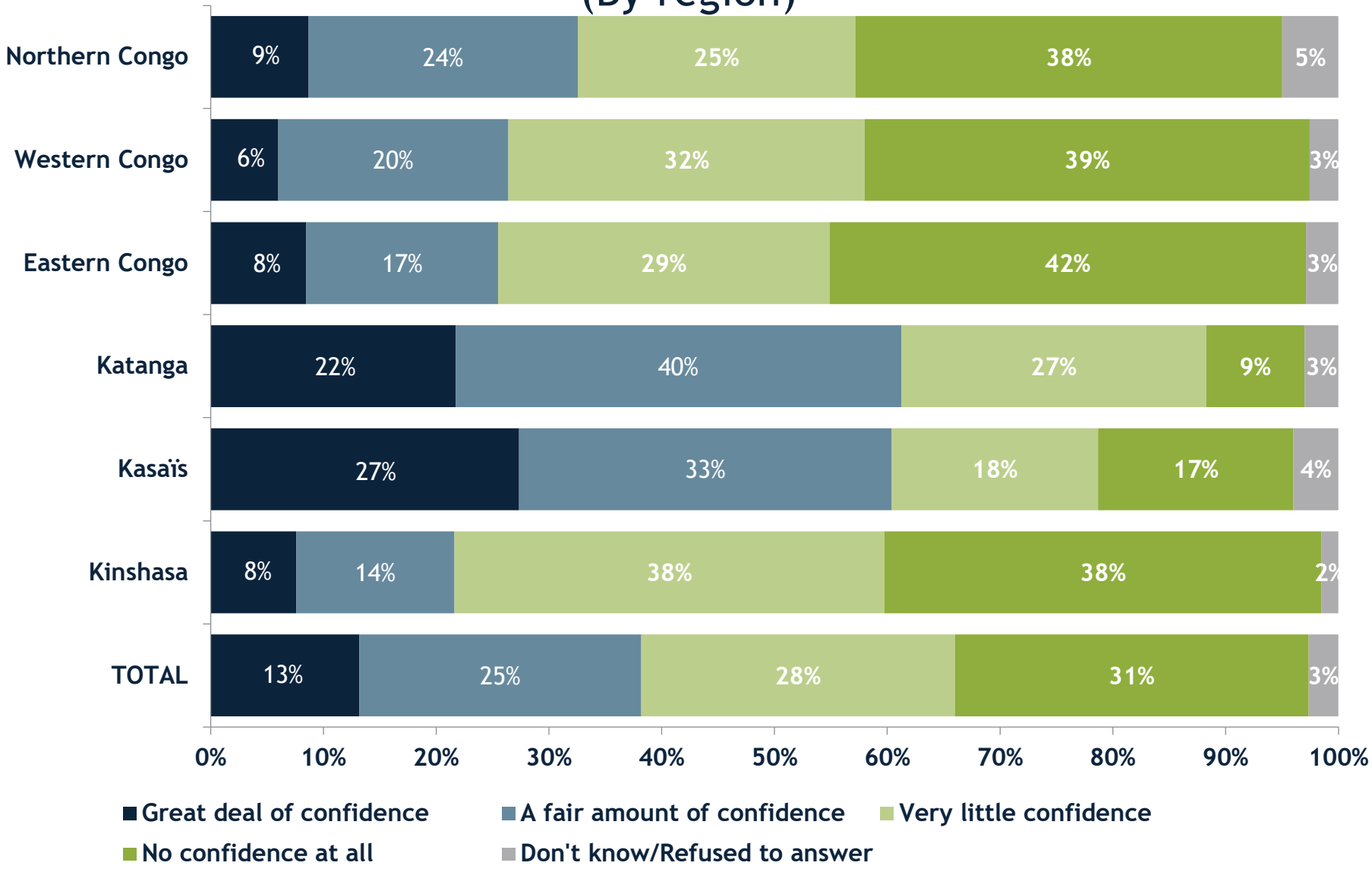
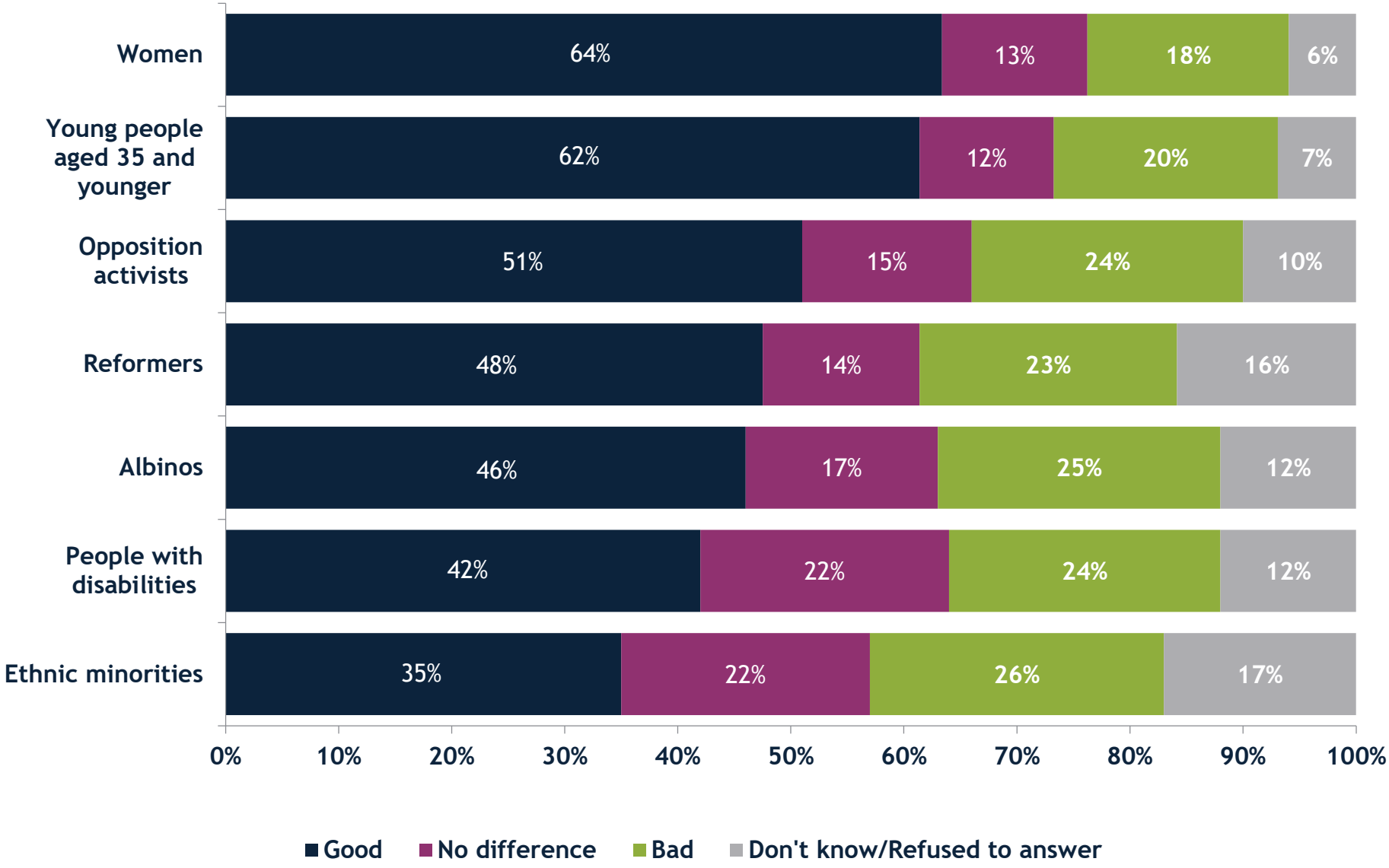


If more people representing the following groups were elected to the government, do you think that would be good, bad or would it not make a difference?



Views on Democracy

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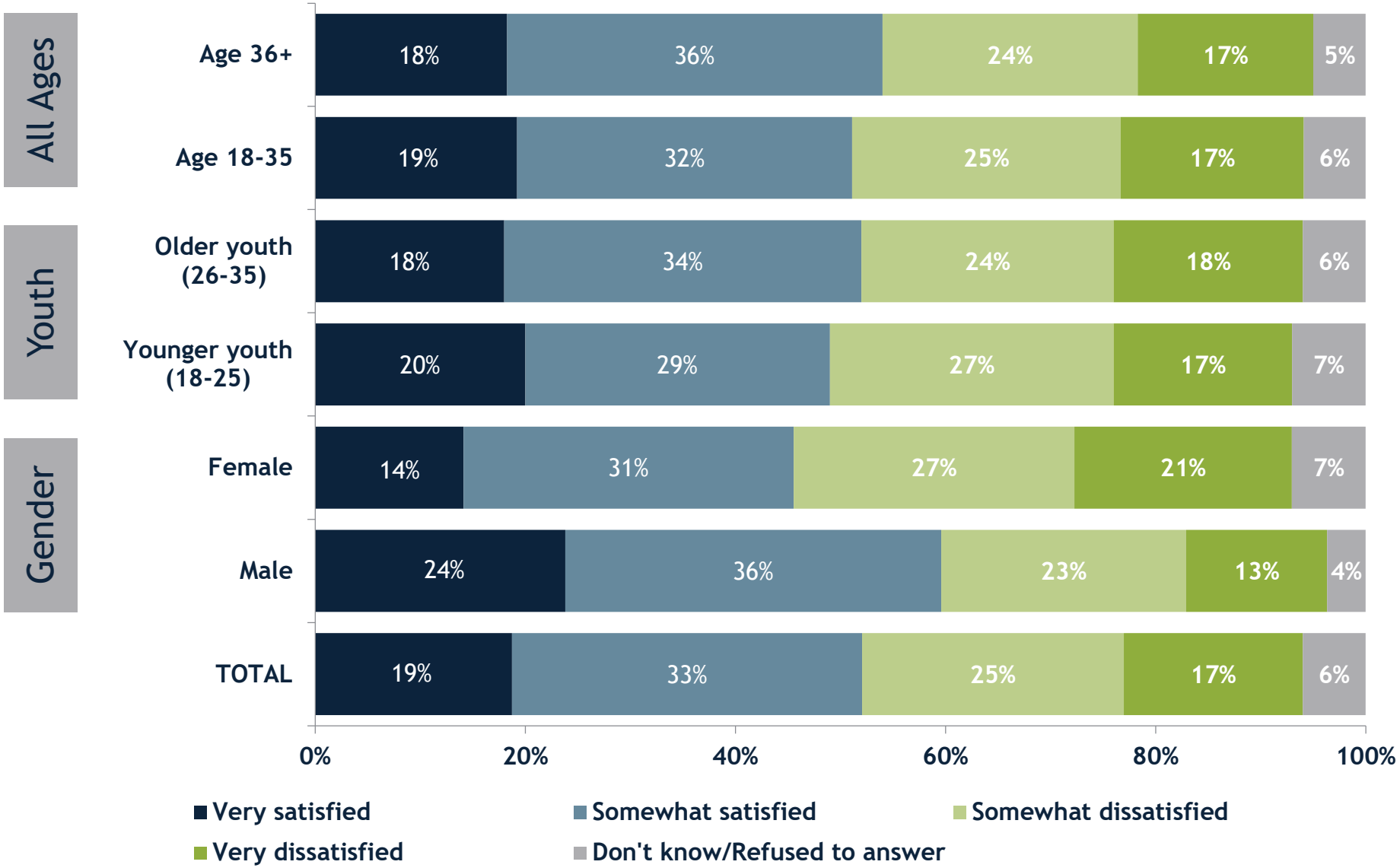
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country? (By gender and age)



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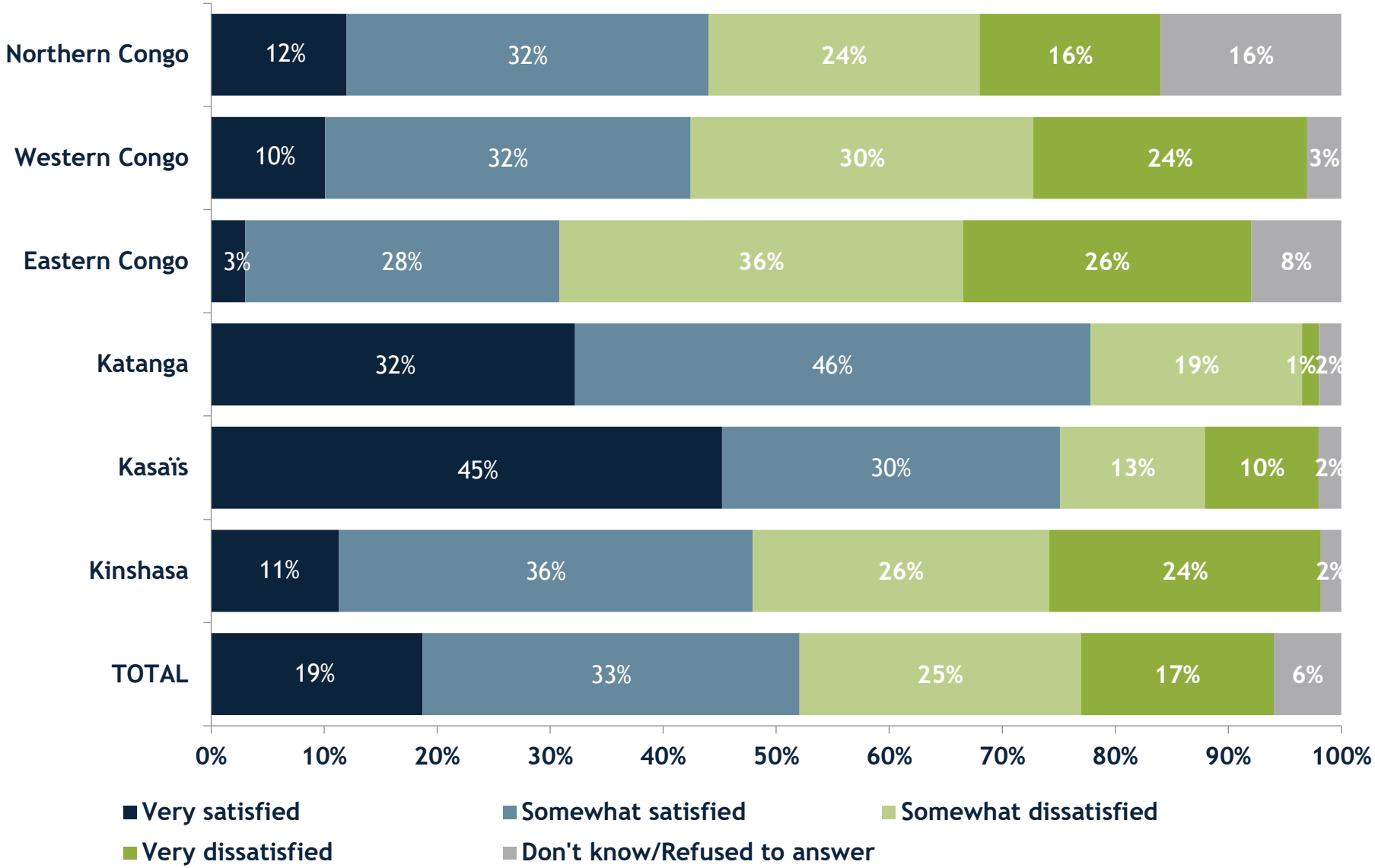

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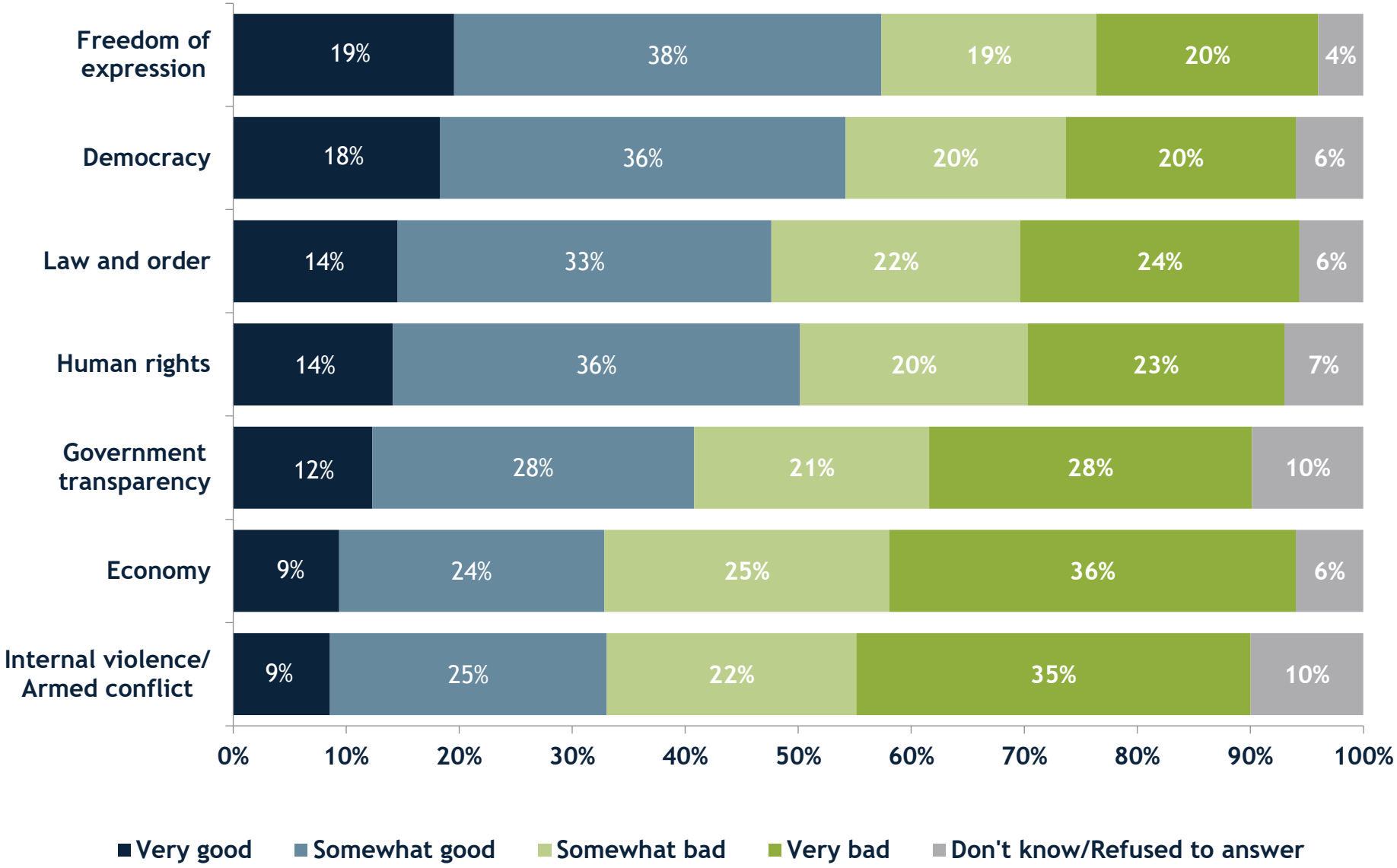

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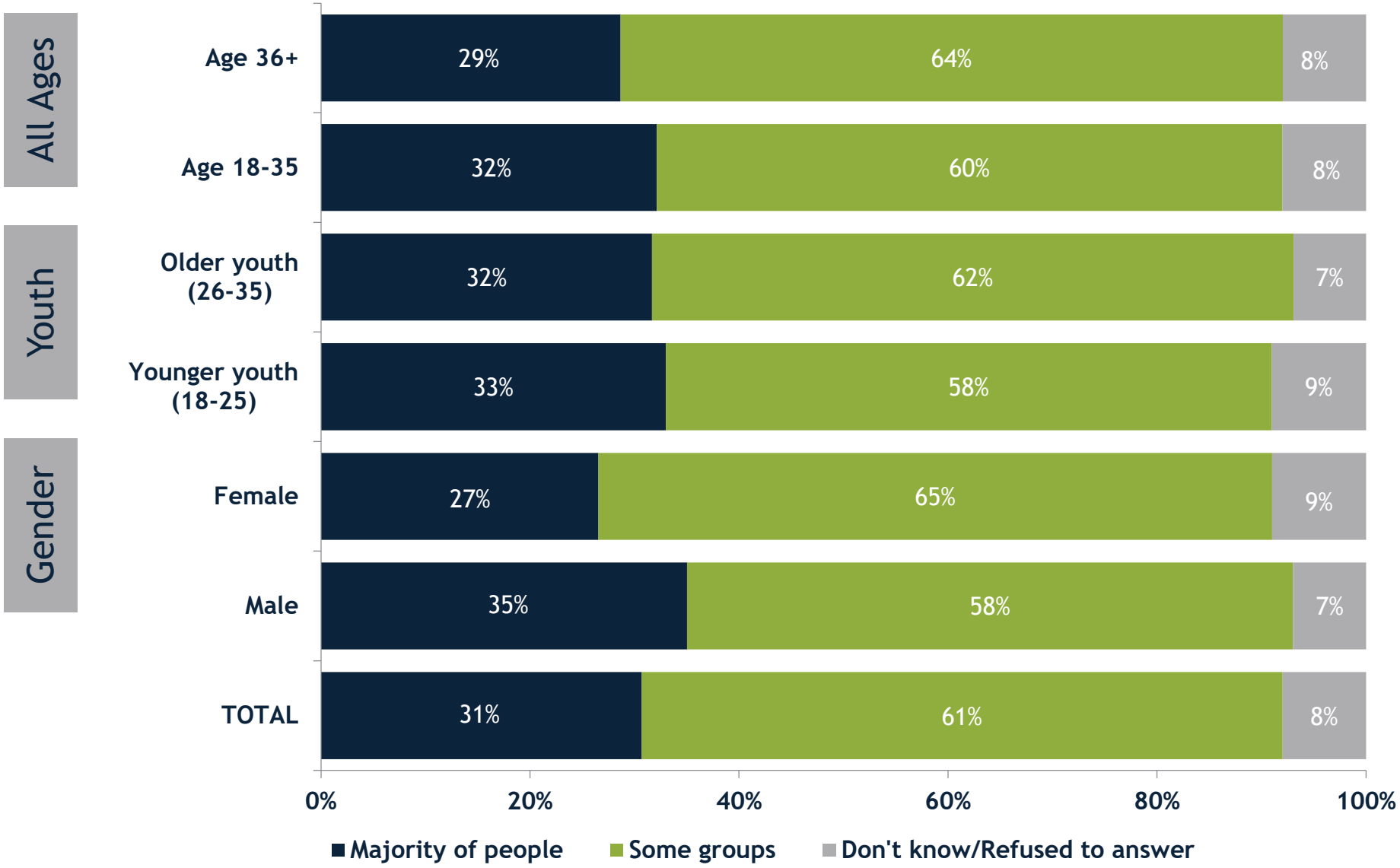

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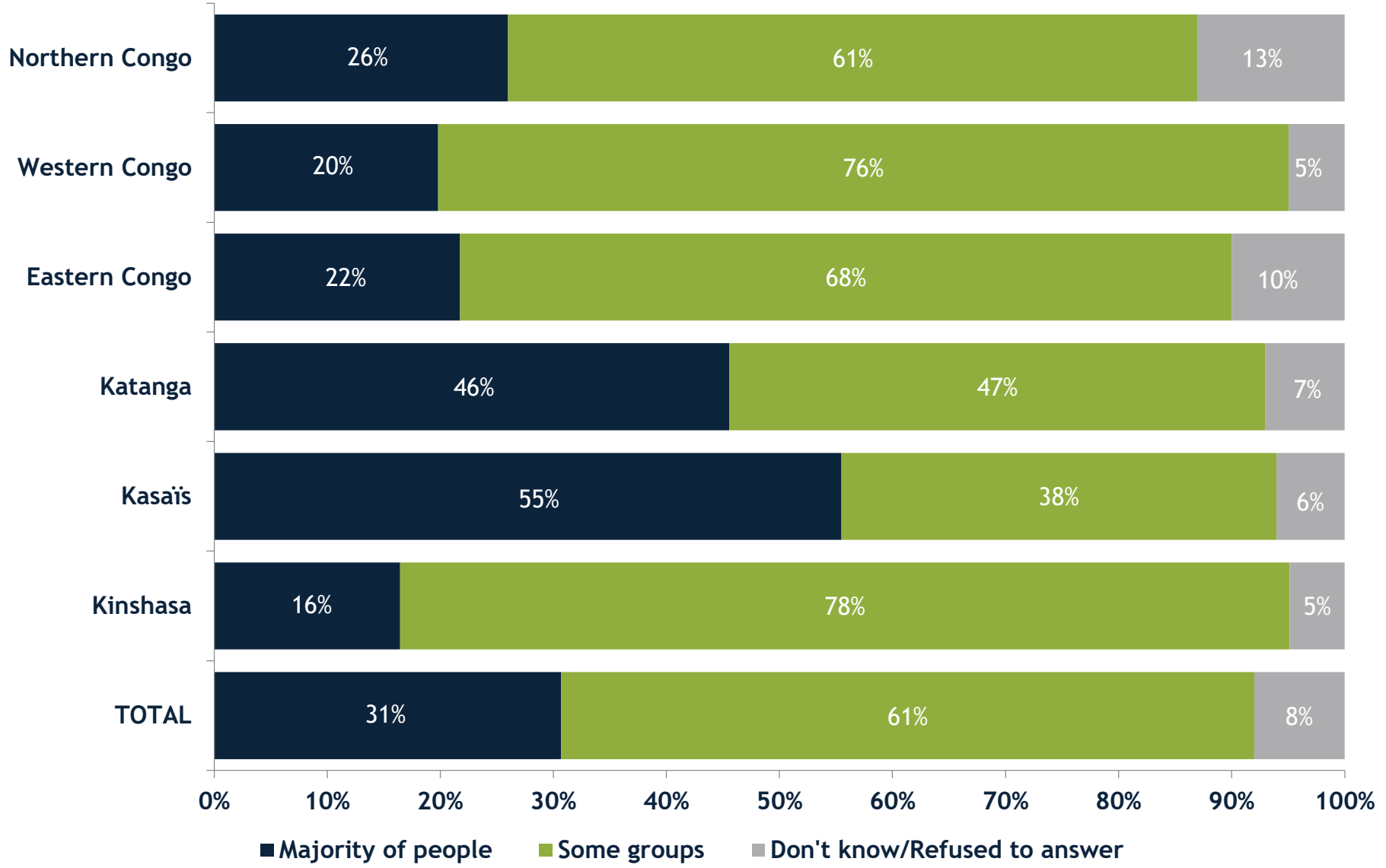
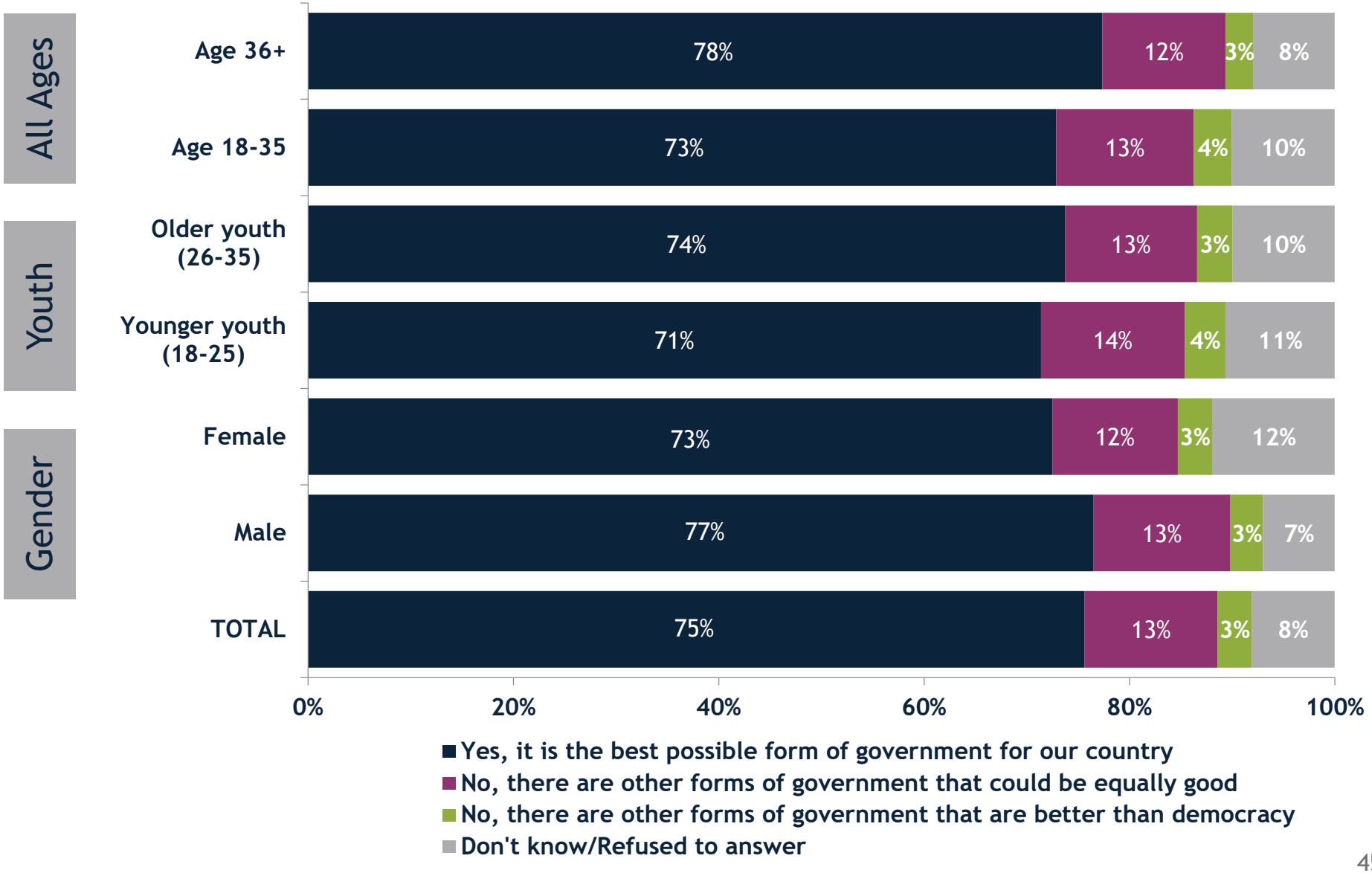


Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not? (By gender and age)



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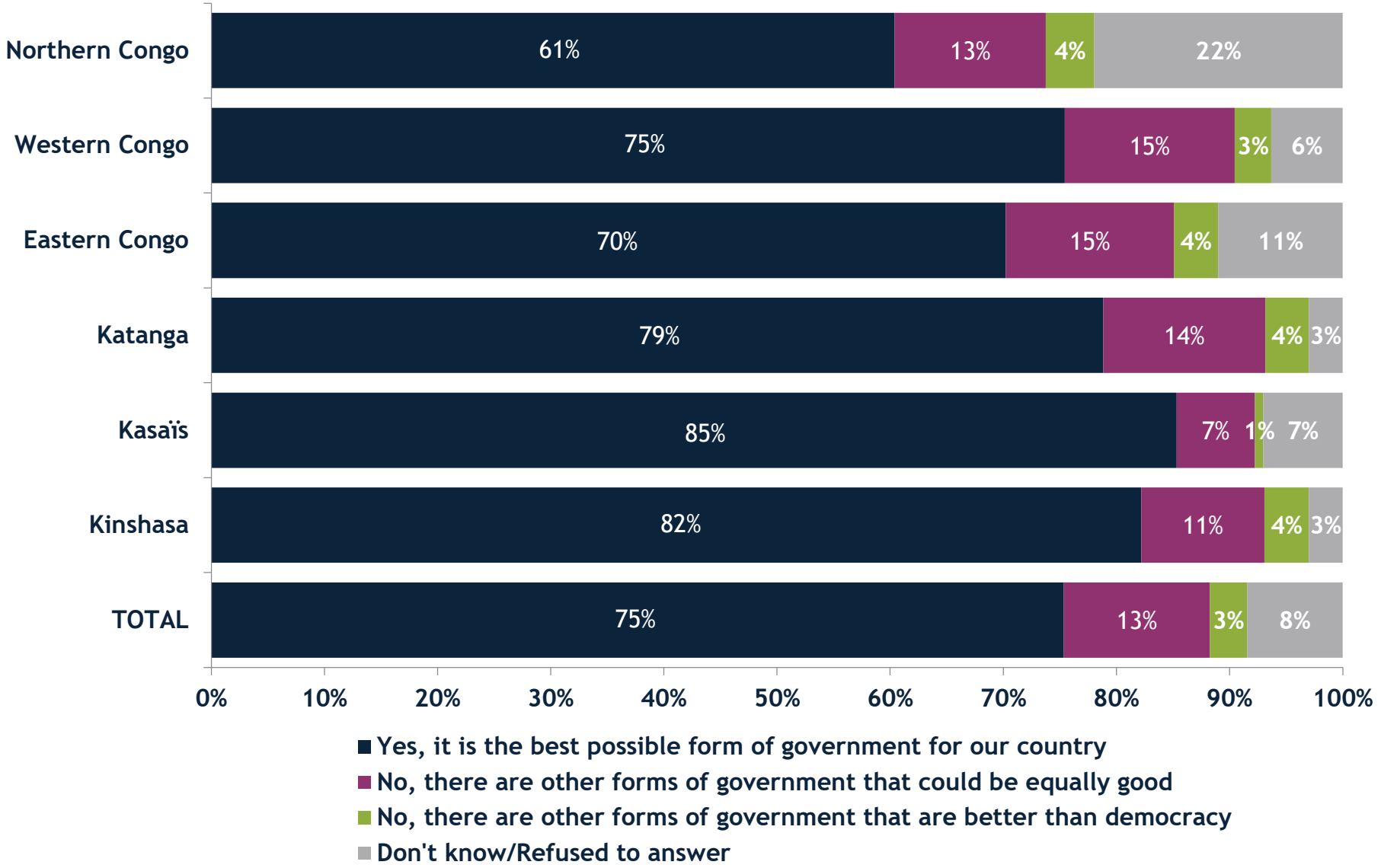
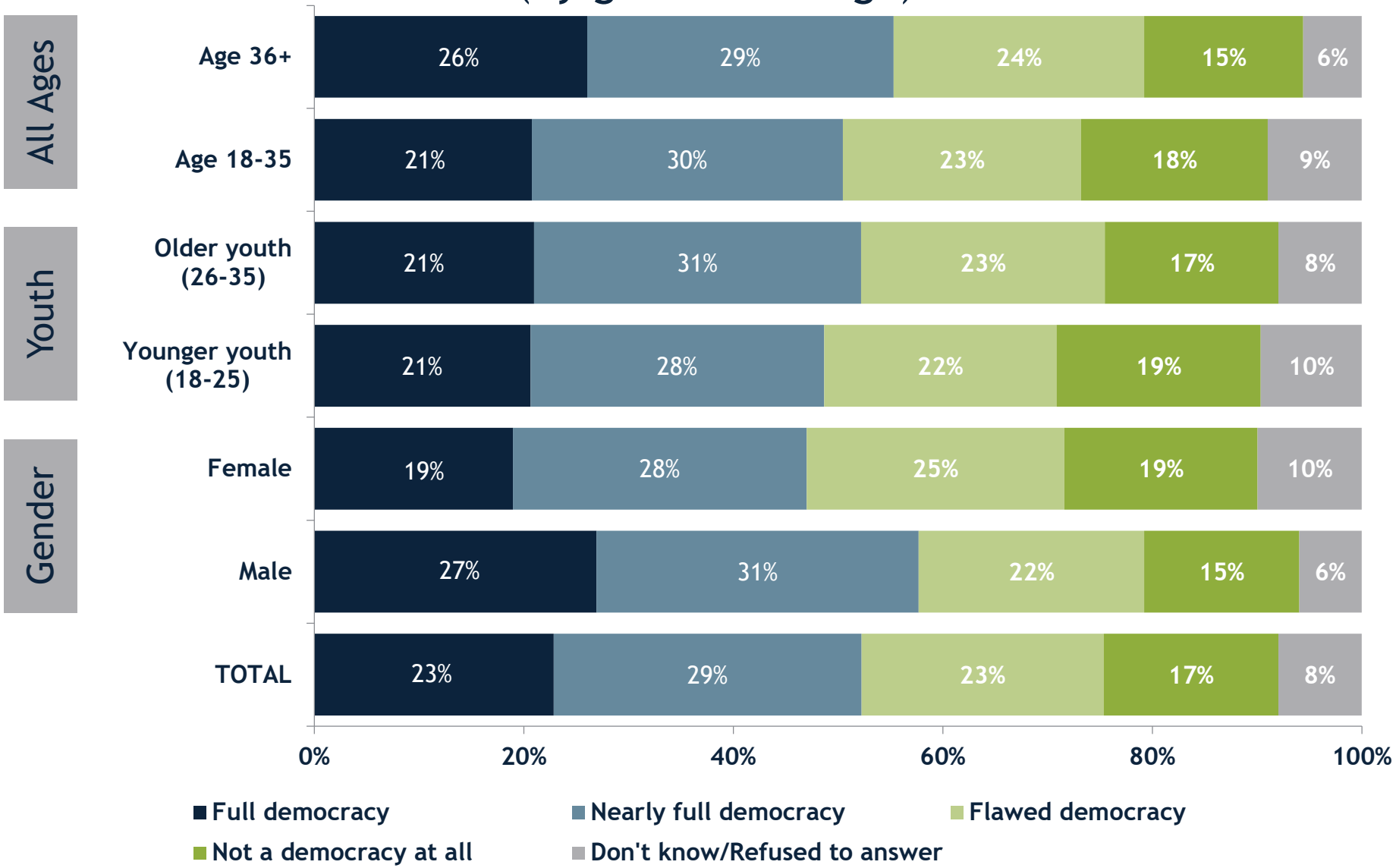


Thinking about our country's current political system, do you believe it is a… (By gender and age)



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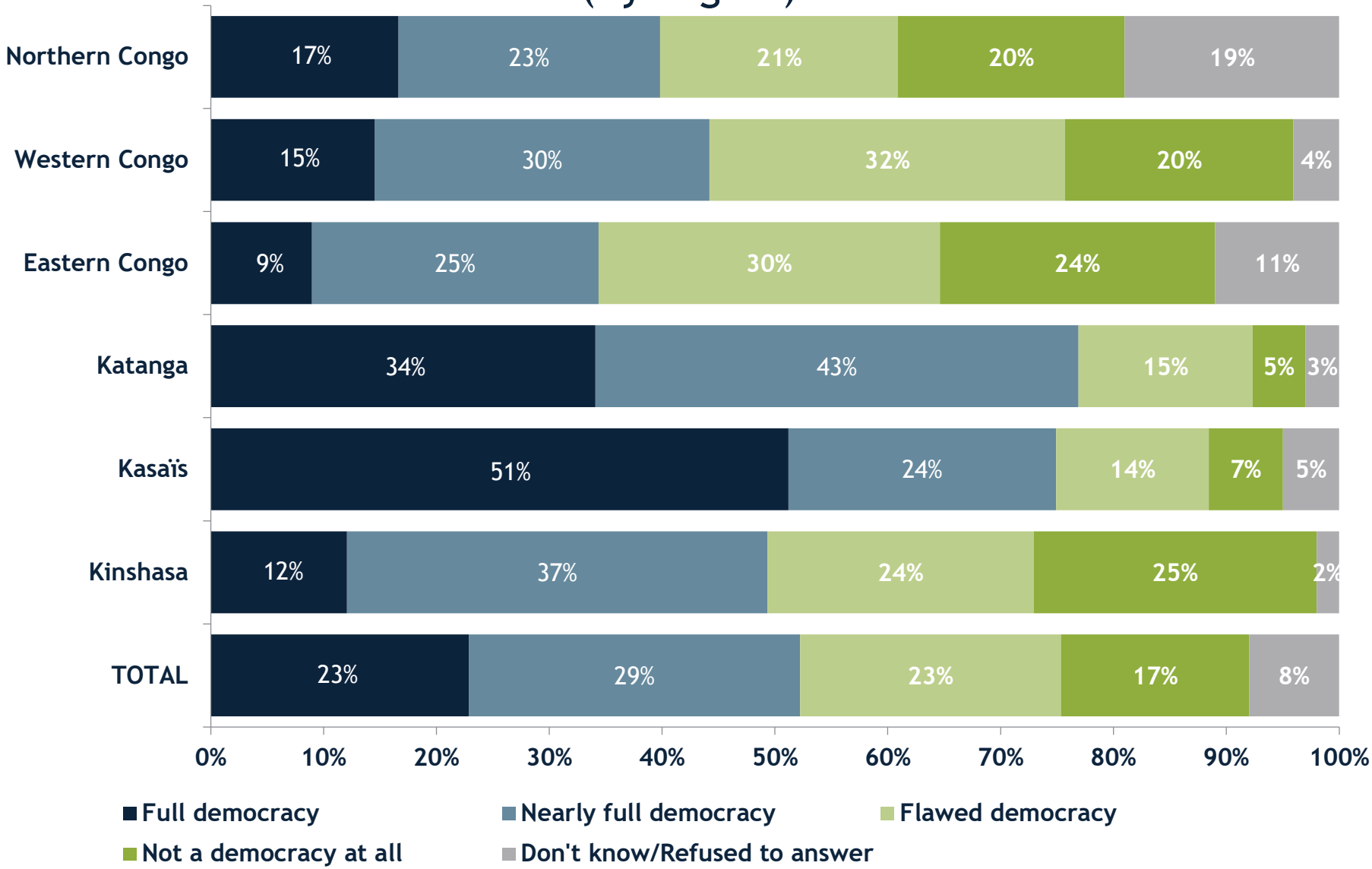
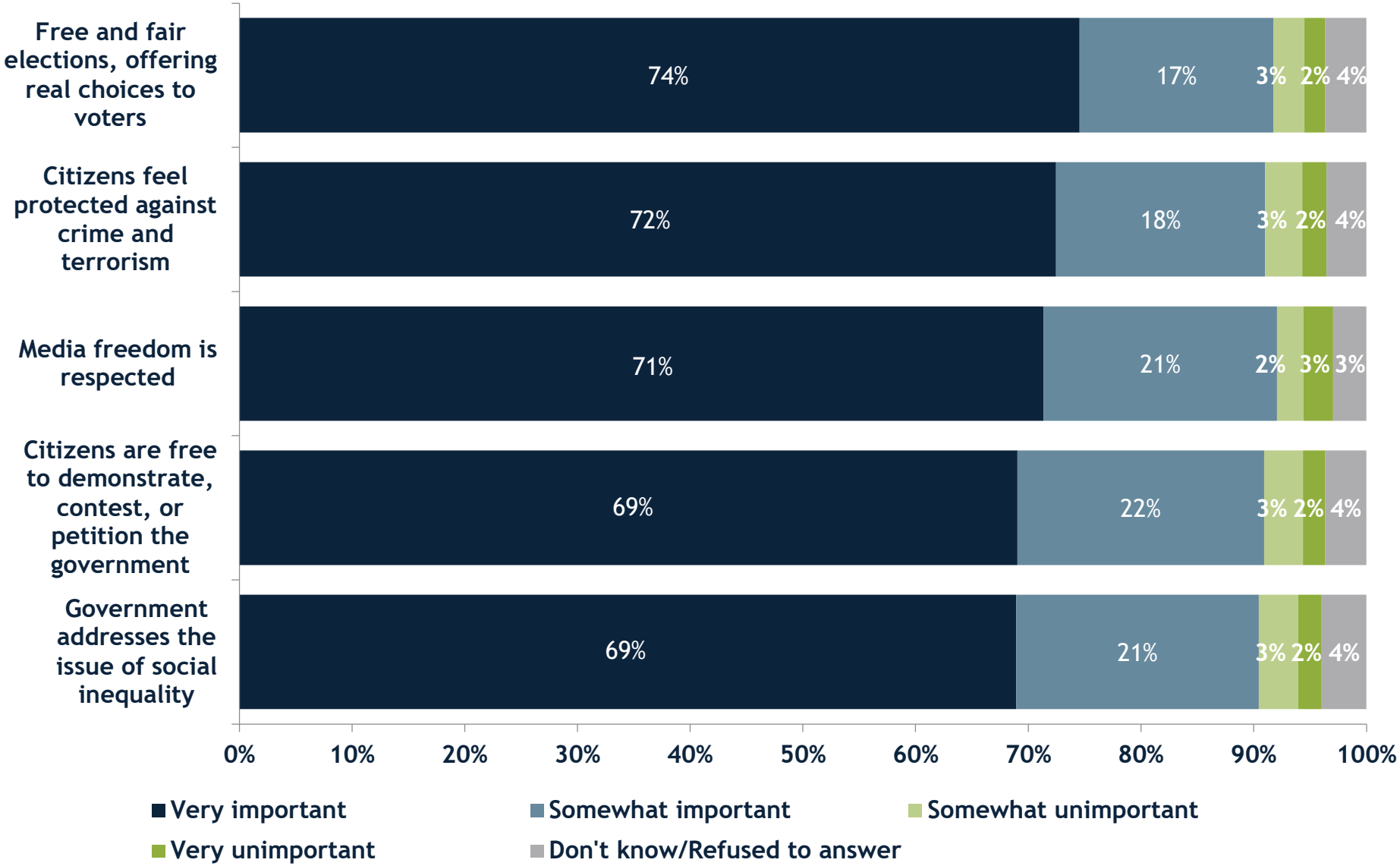


How important or unimportant are each of these elements in making any country a democracy?



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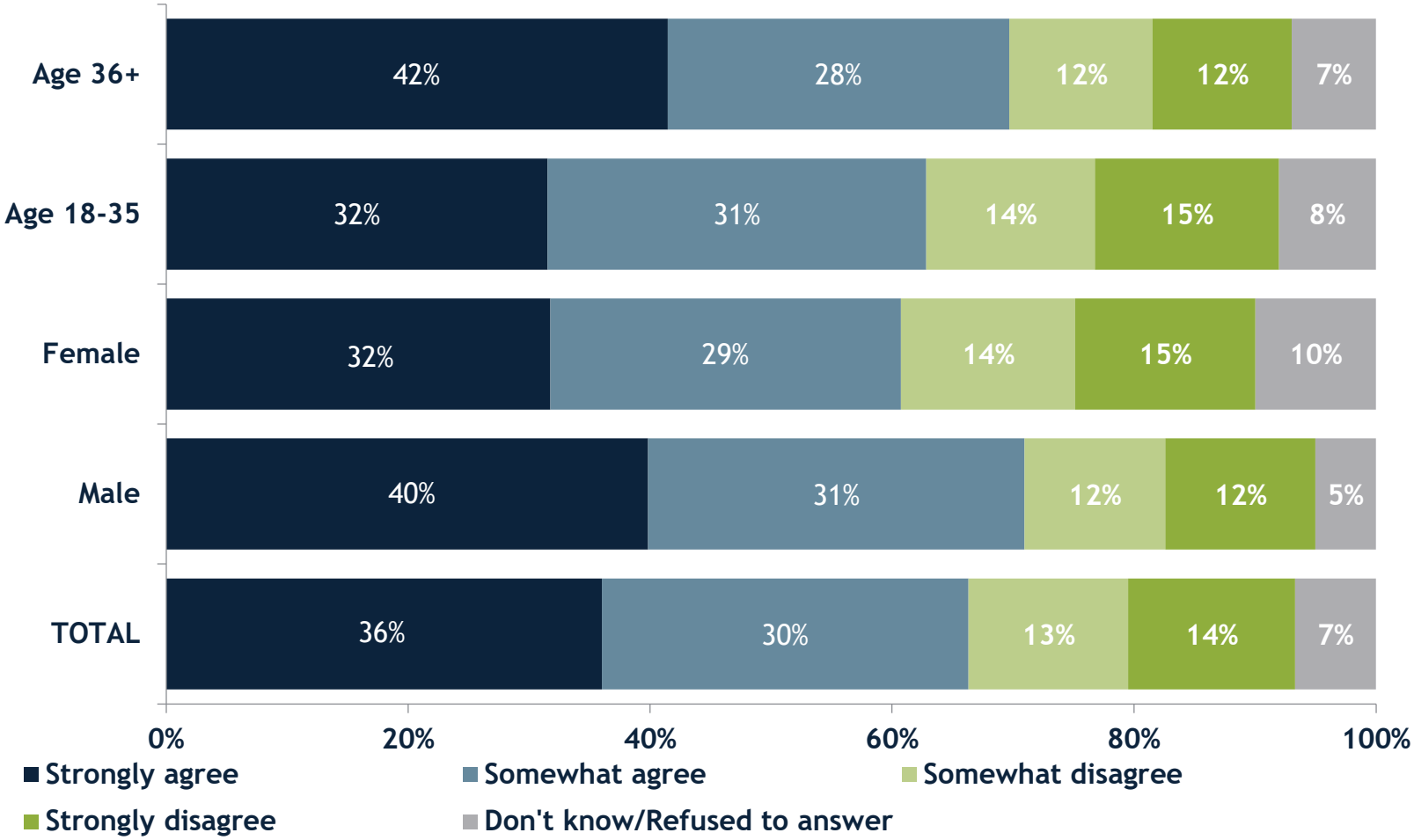

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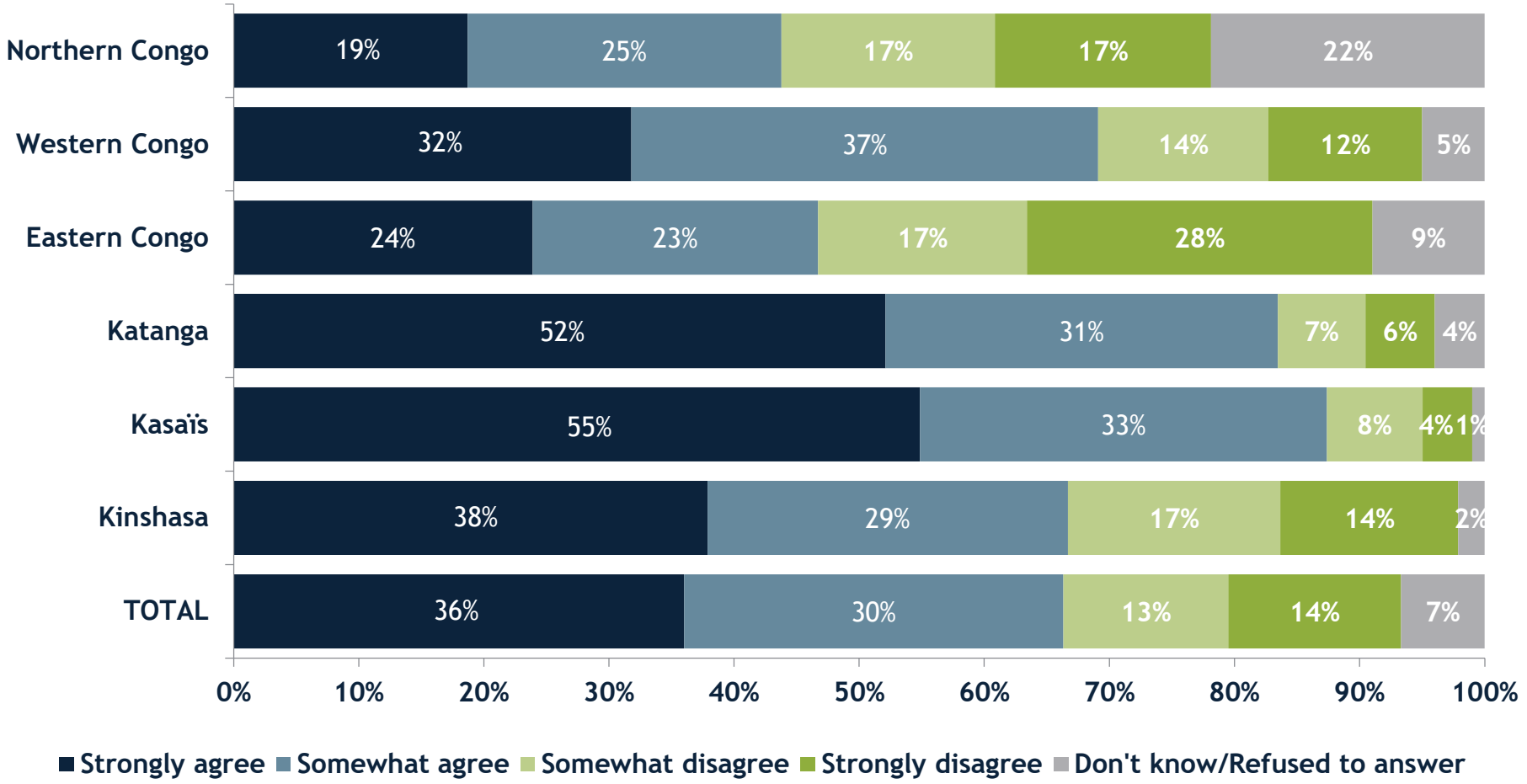

Corruption

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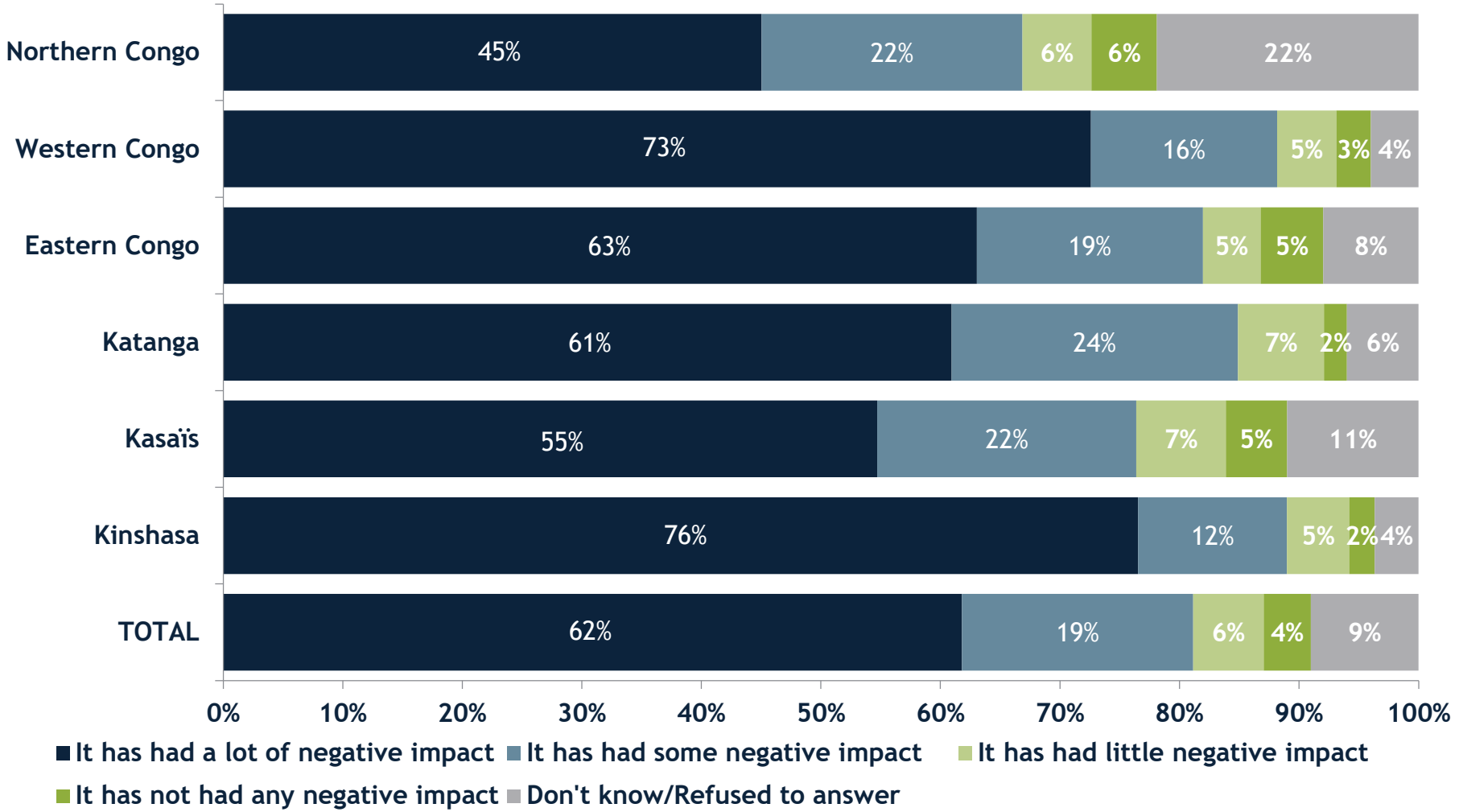
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you? (By region)



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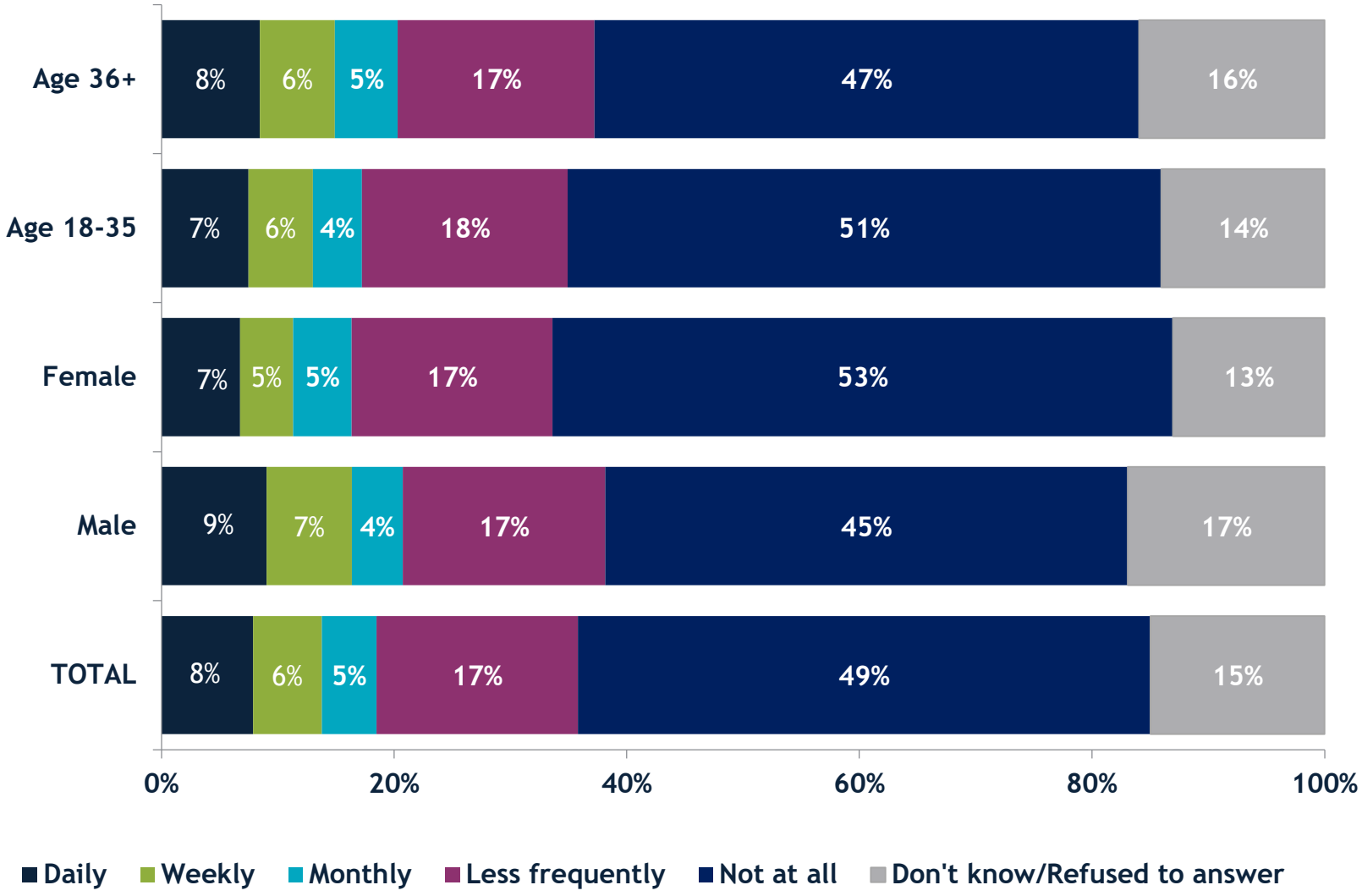

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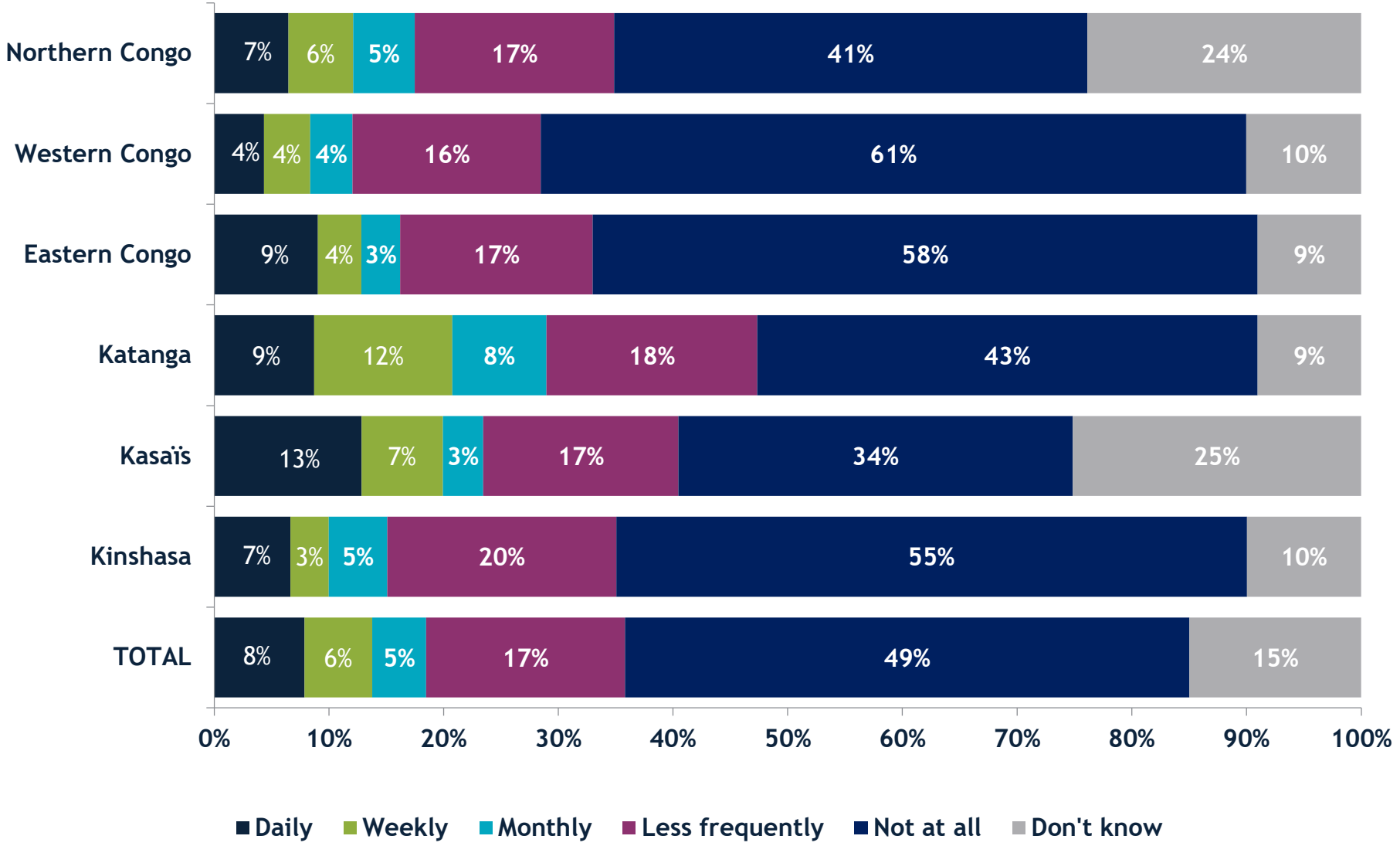
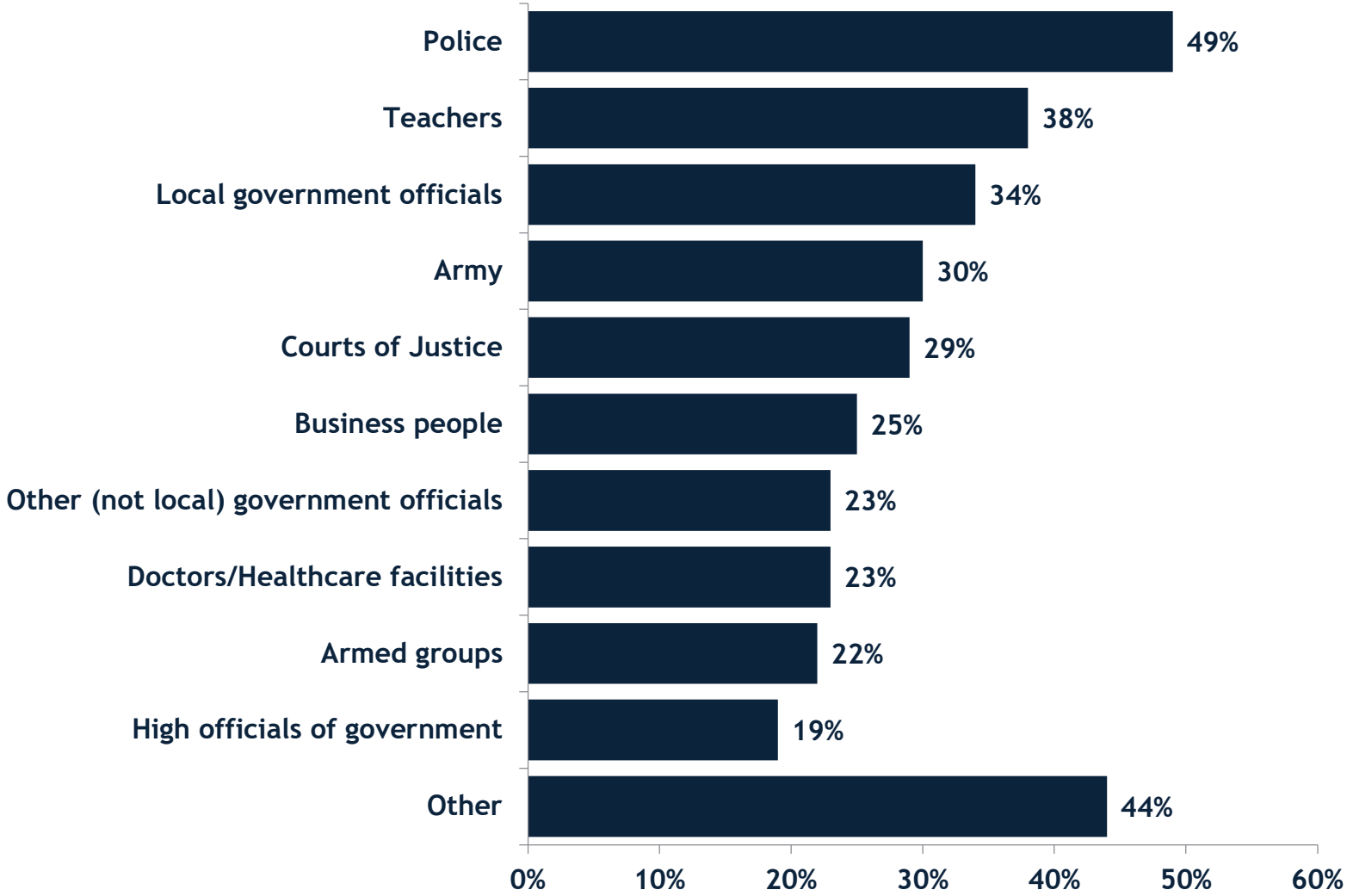
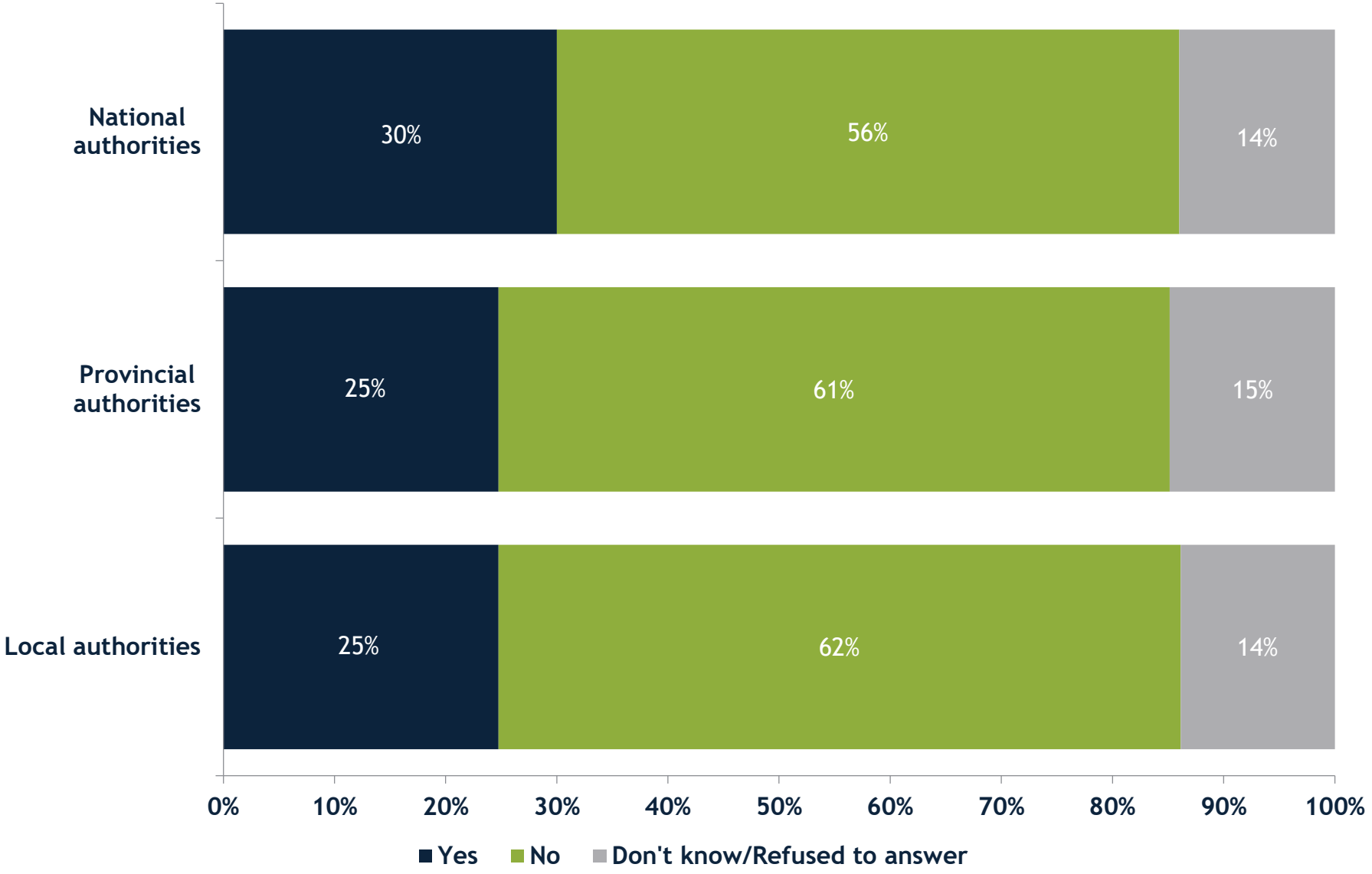


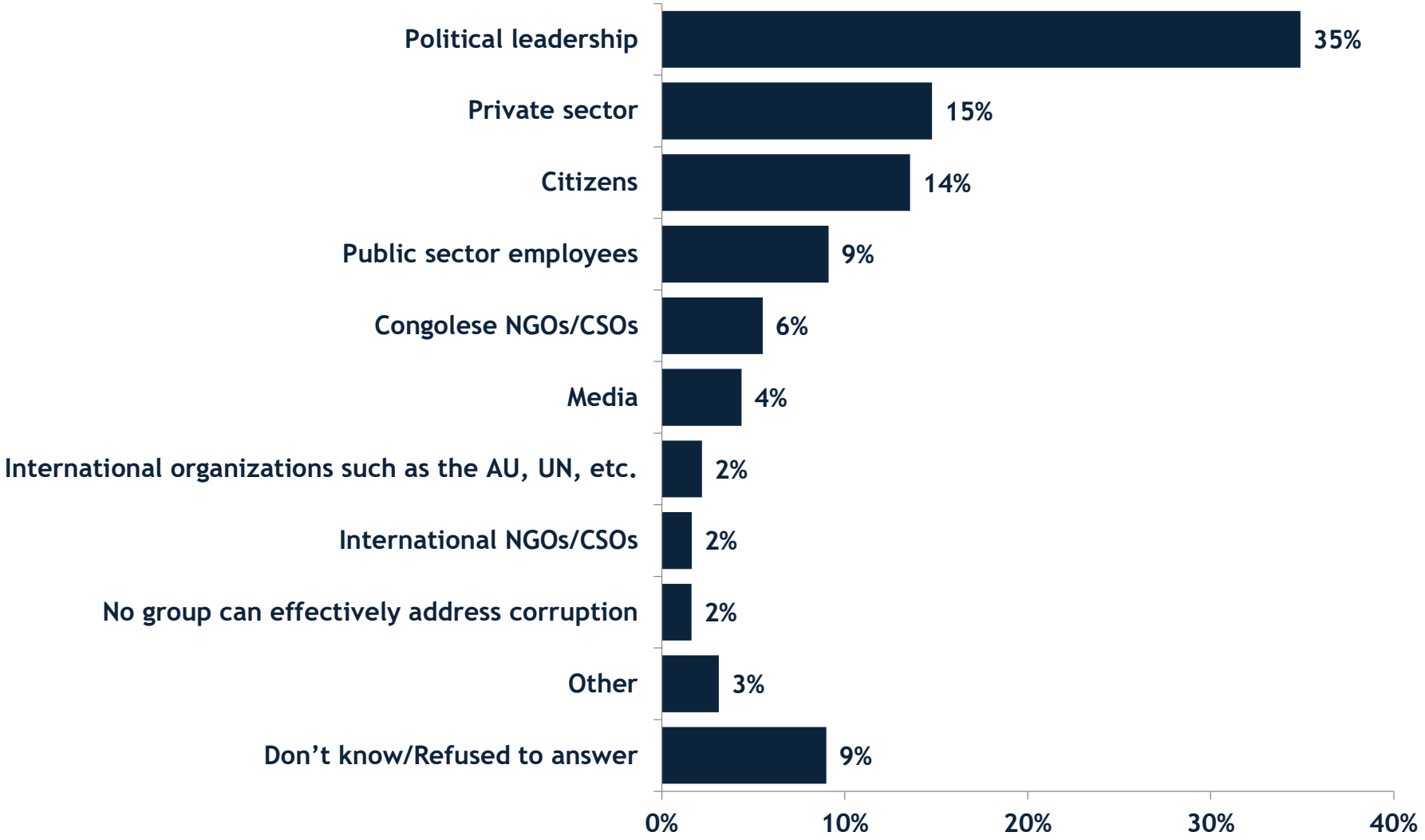
Whom did you have to do favors for, give gifts or pay bribes to? (Among n=1,065 who had to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favor in the past 12 months)



Are you aware of any anti-corruption initiatives by any of the following levels of government?



Which among the following groups is the most important to effectively address corruption in our country?



Political Engagement

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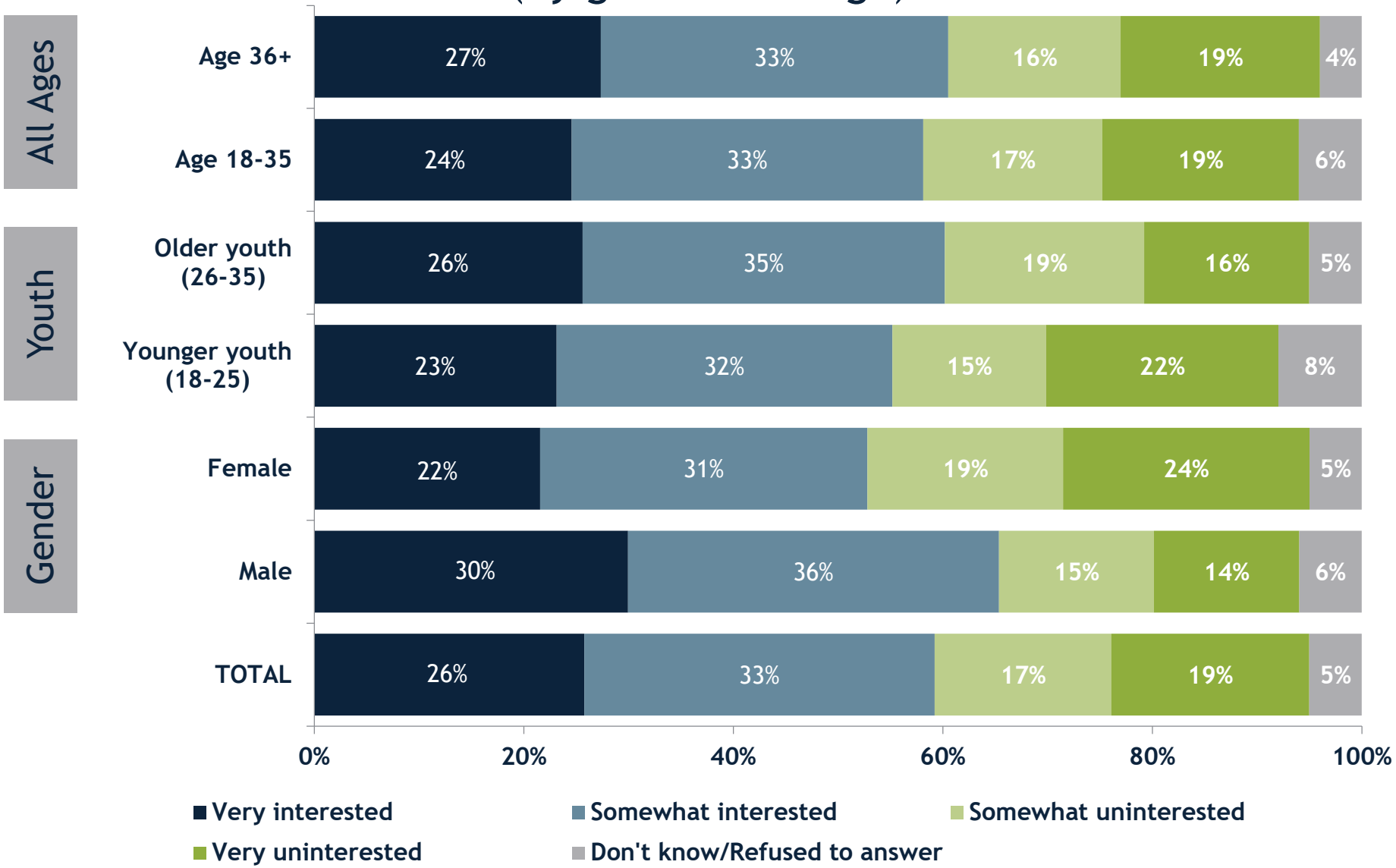

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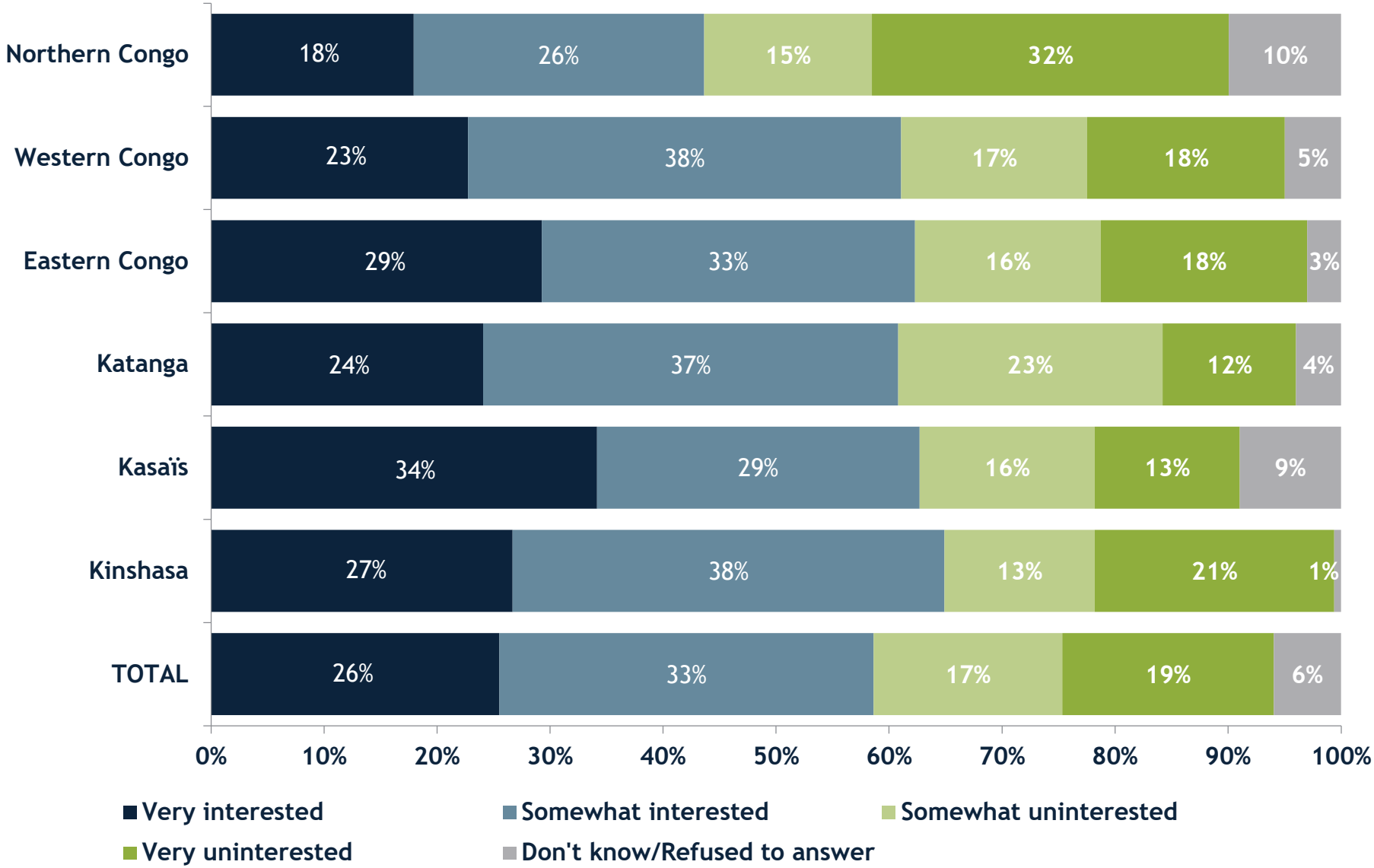

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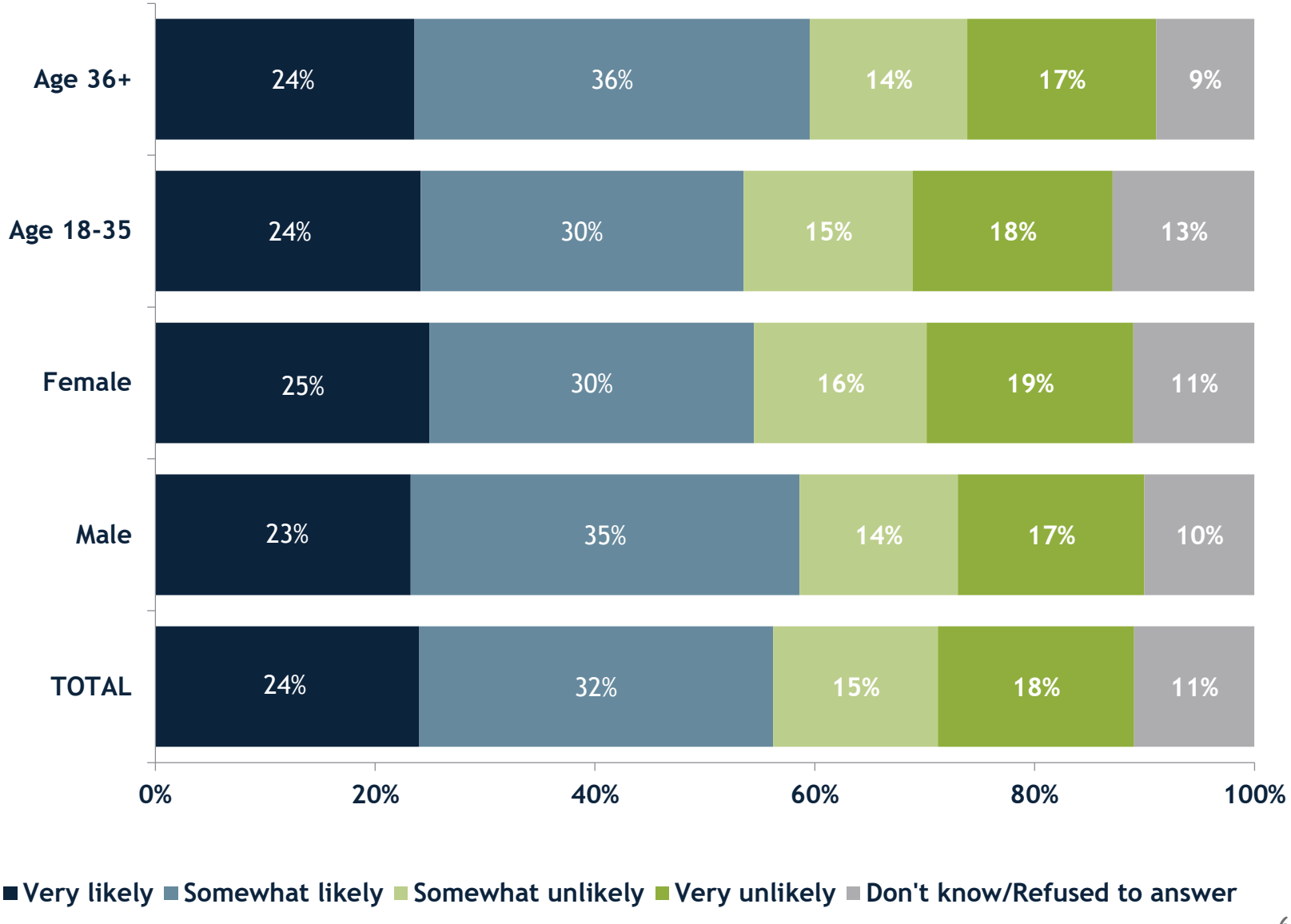

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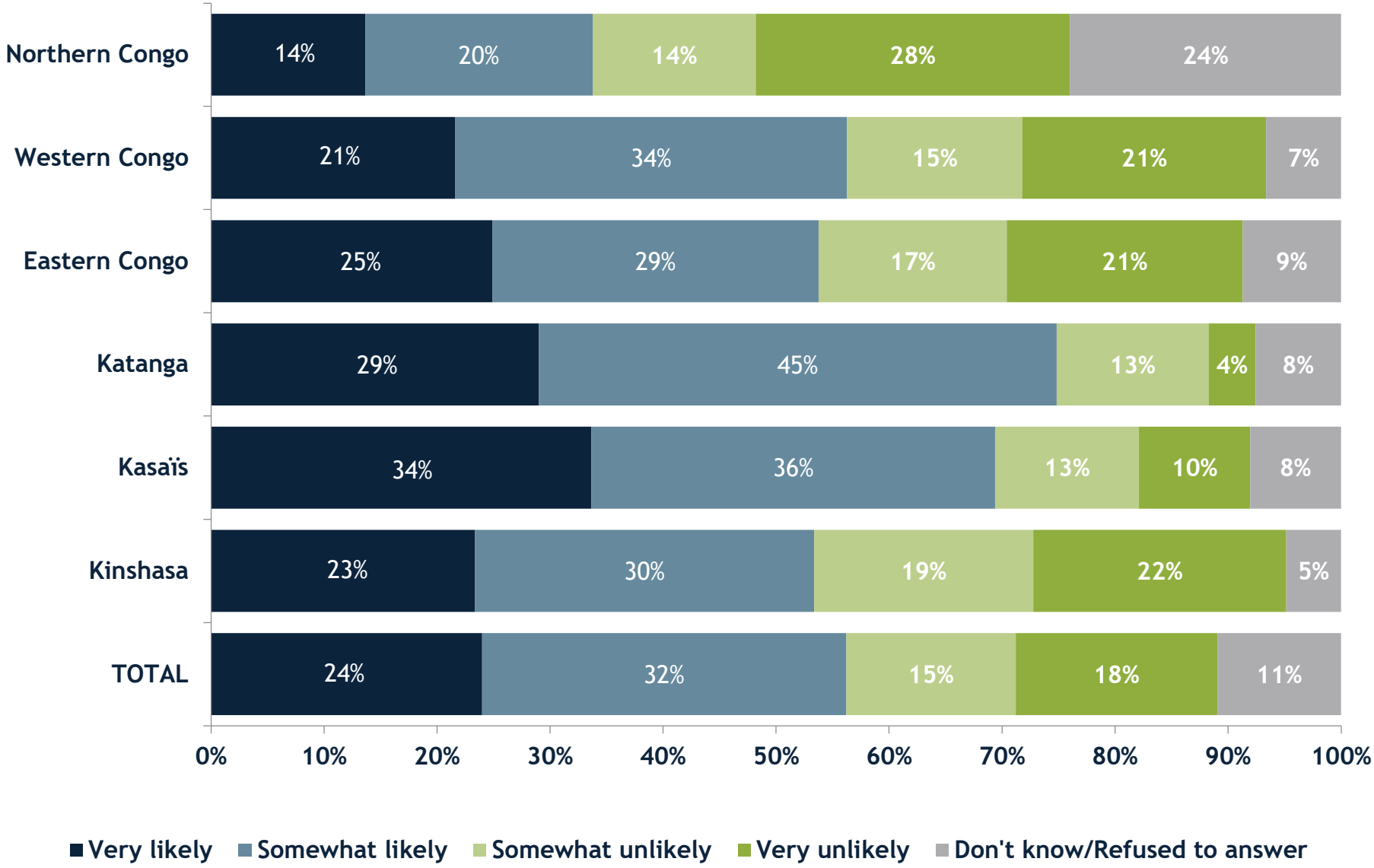
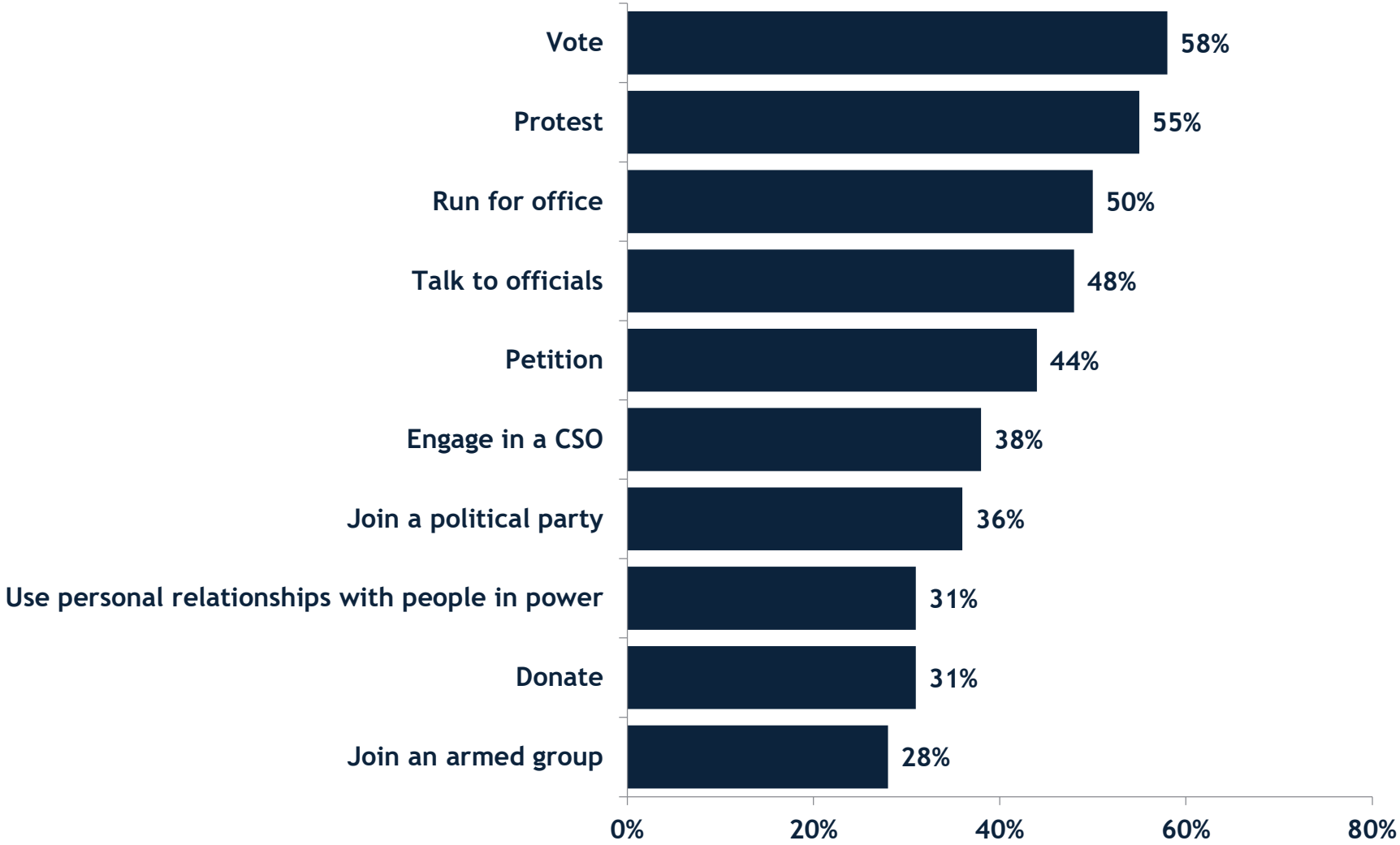


How can ordinary people influence decisions made in our country? (Spontaneous, among n=2,030 who think ordinary people are somewhat likely/very likely to influence decisions)



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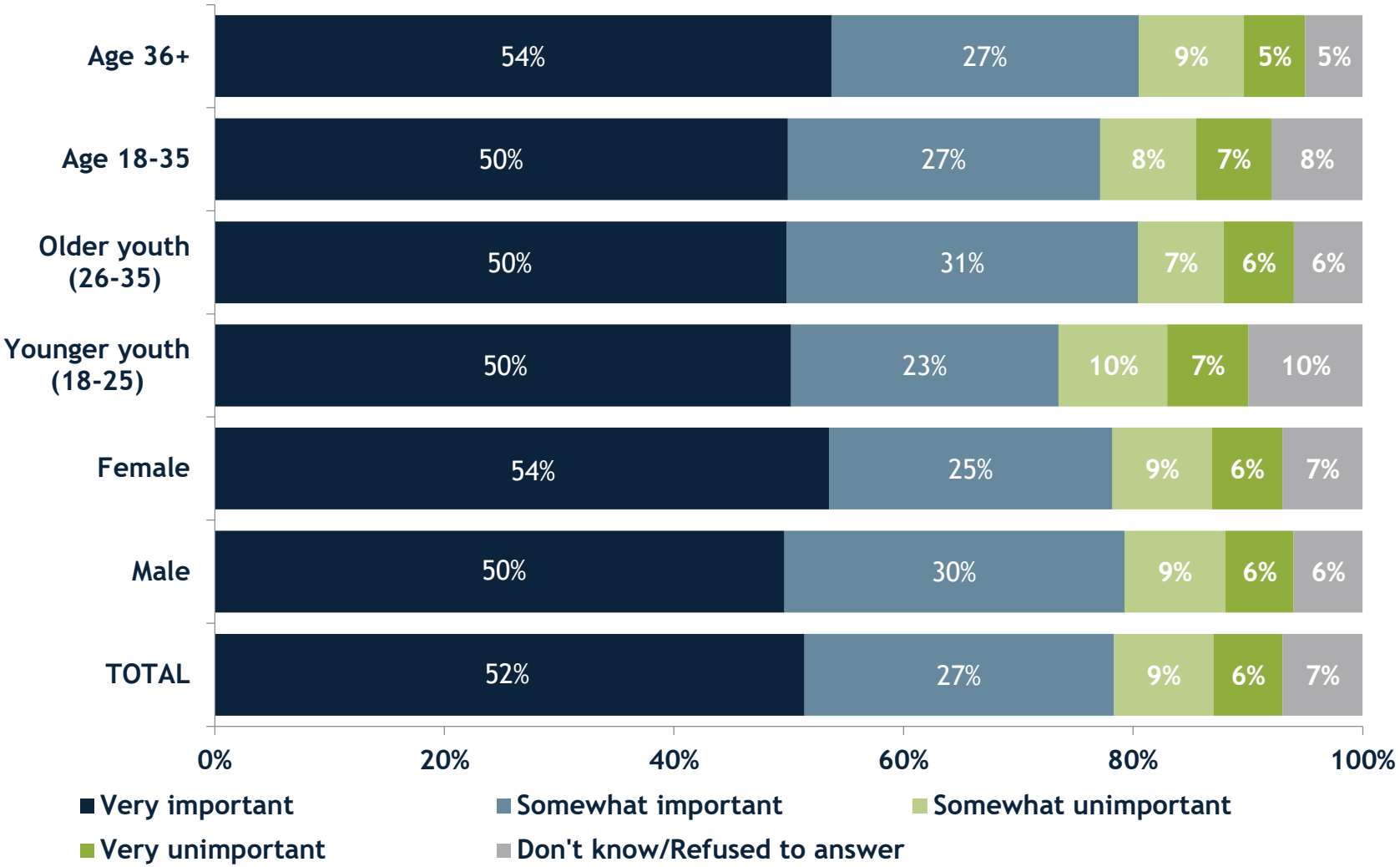

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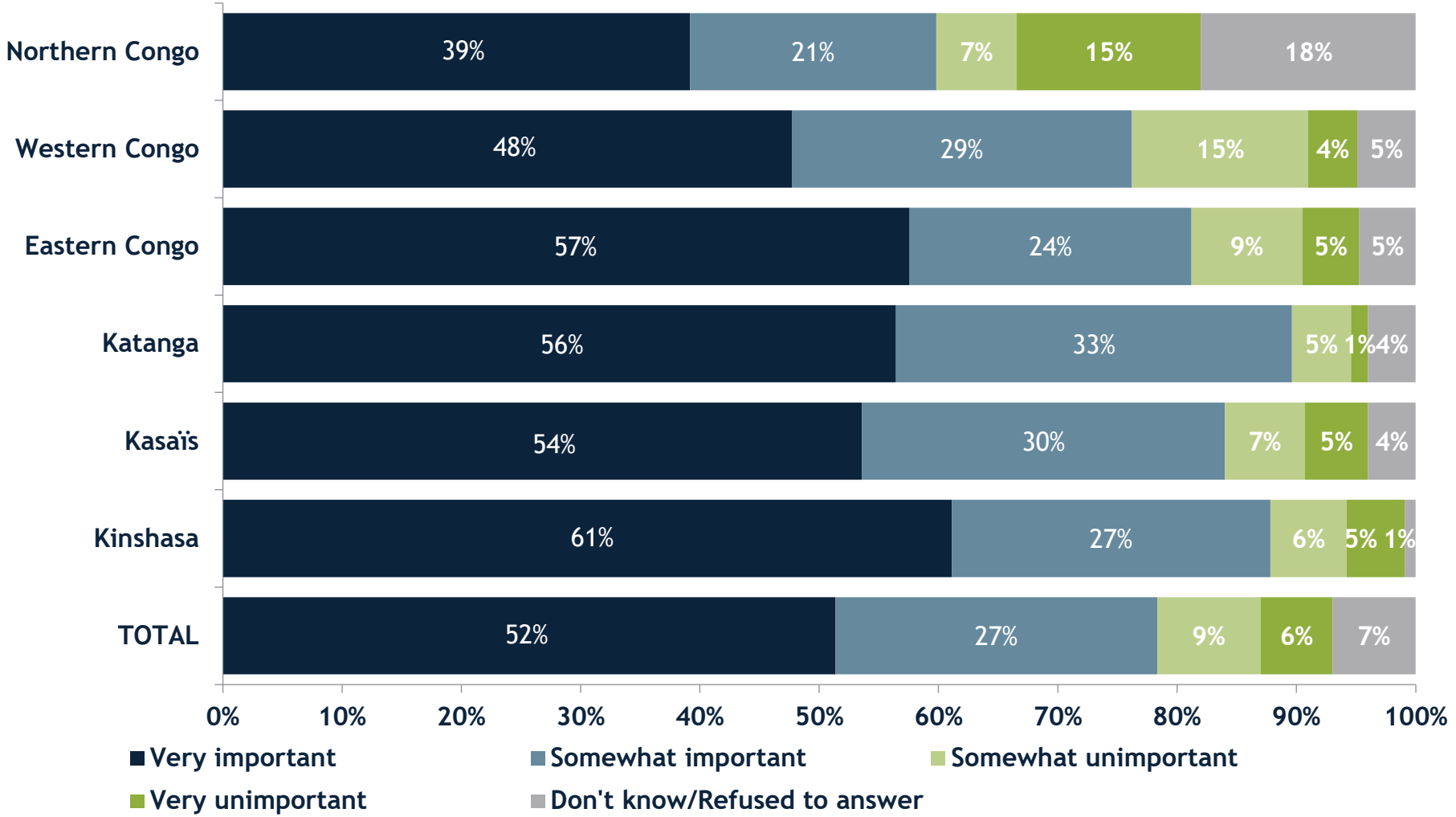

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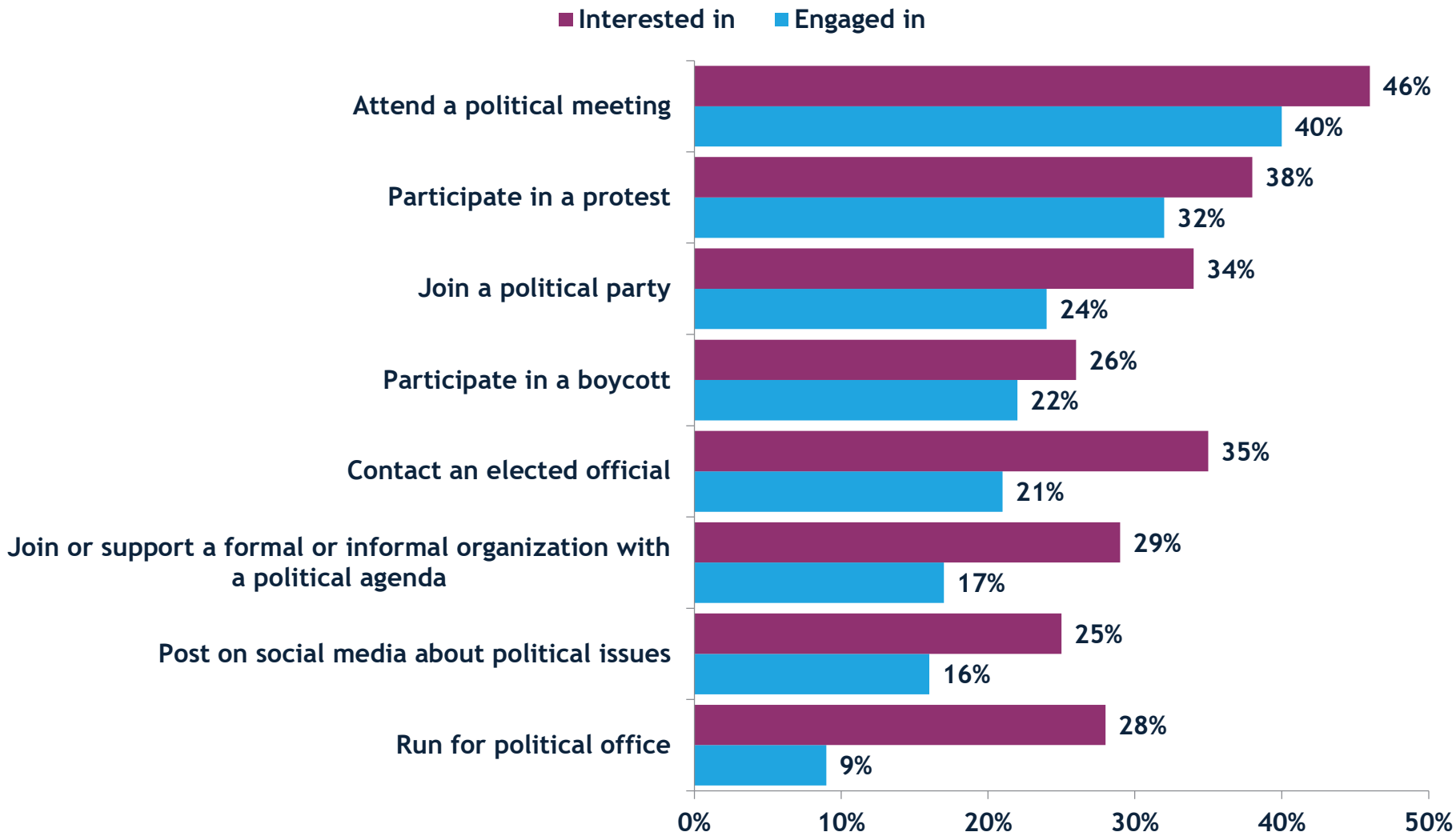

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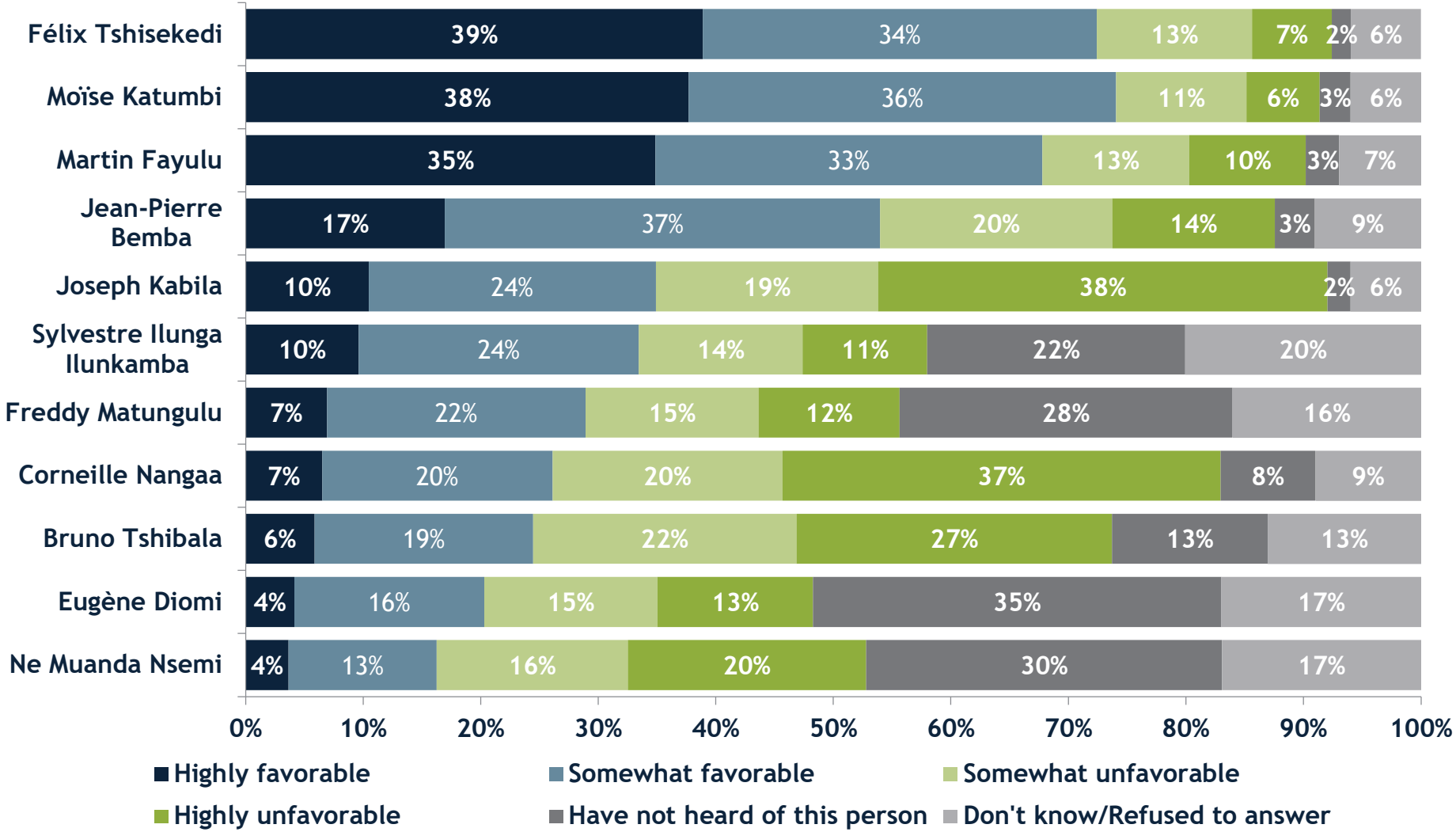
I will read you a list of names. For each, please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or highly unfavorable opinion of this individual. If you have not heard of this person, please tell me.



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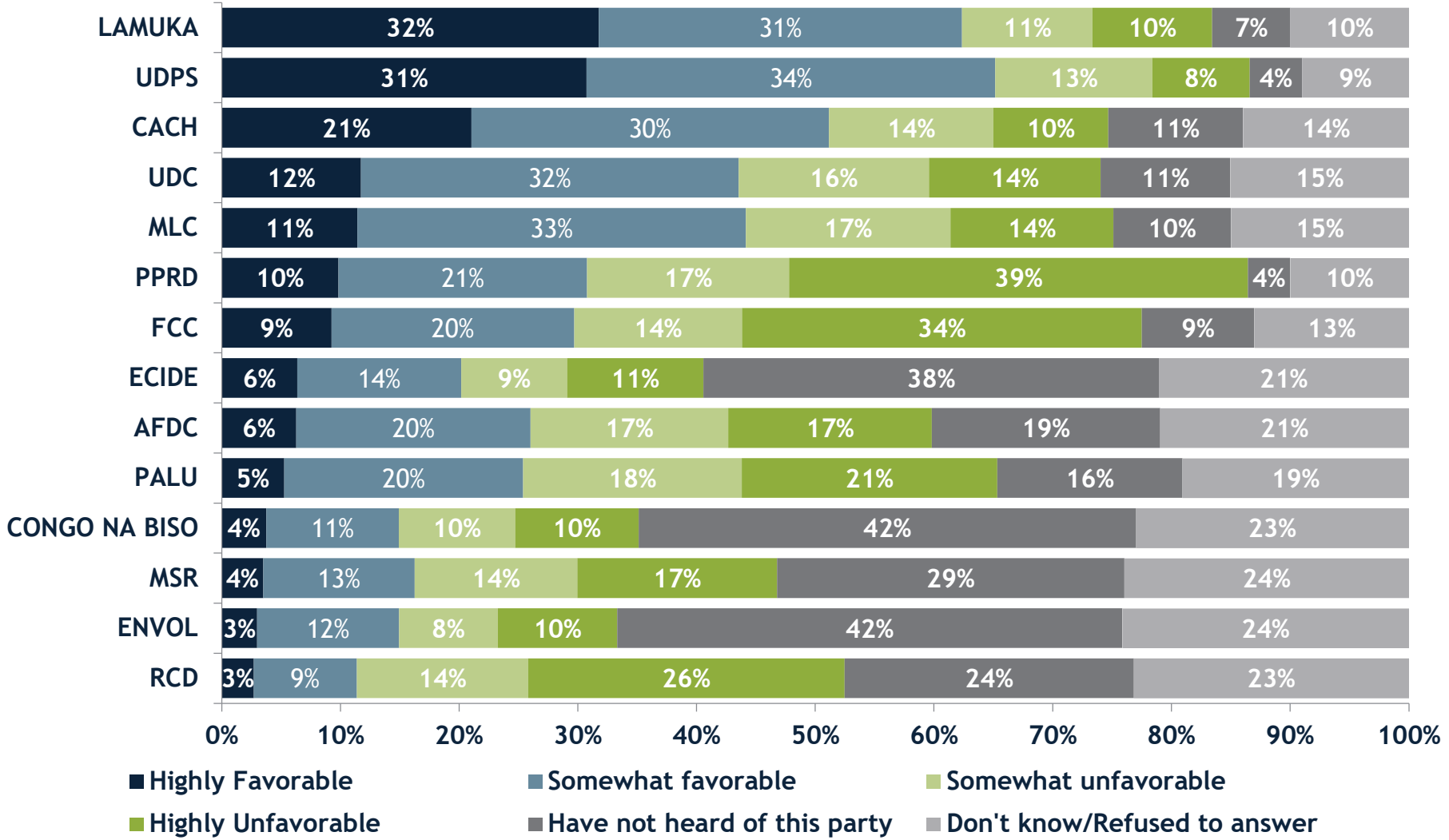

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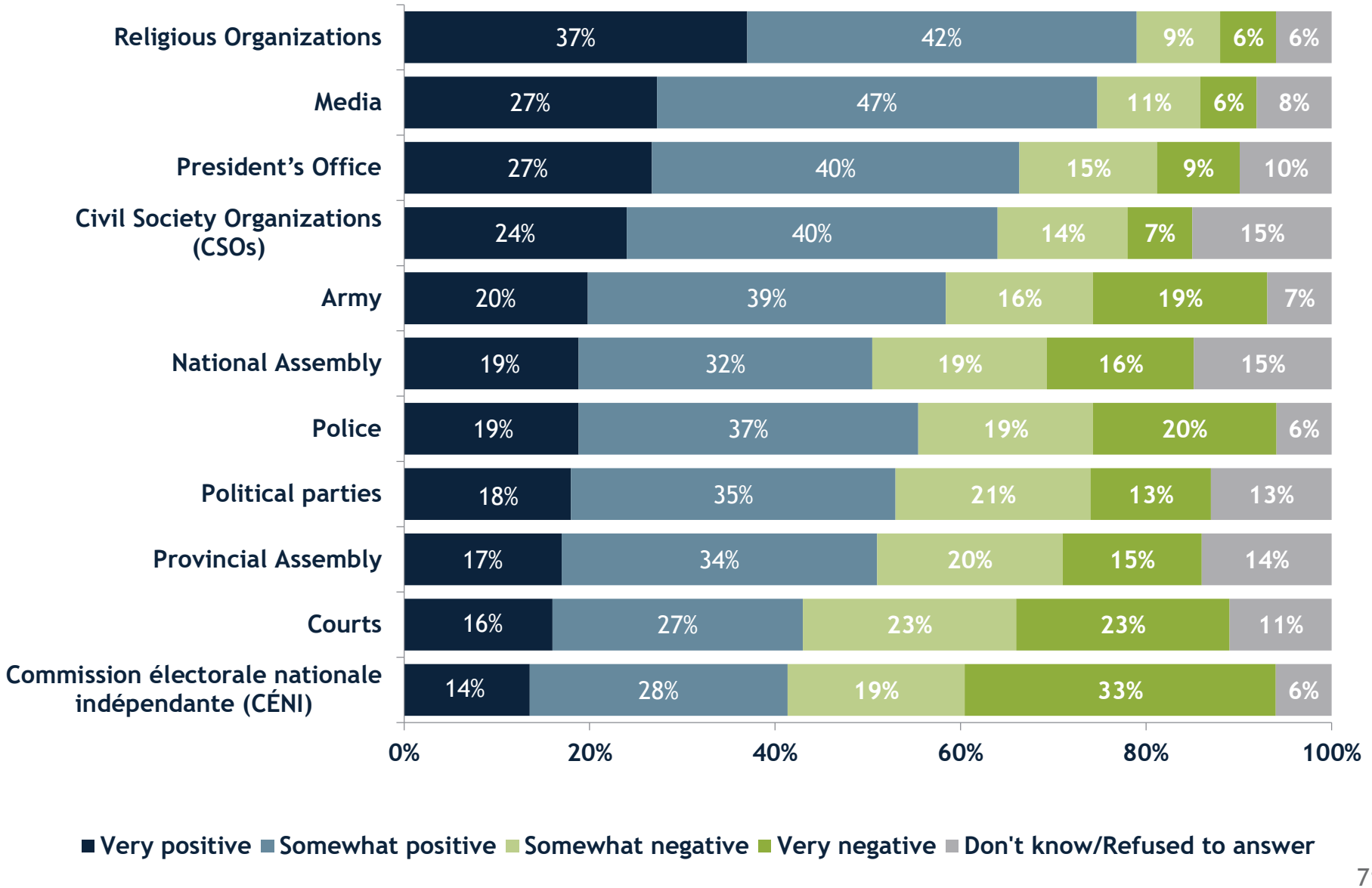

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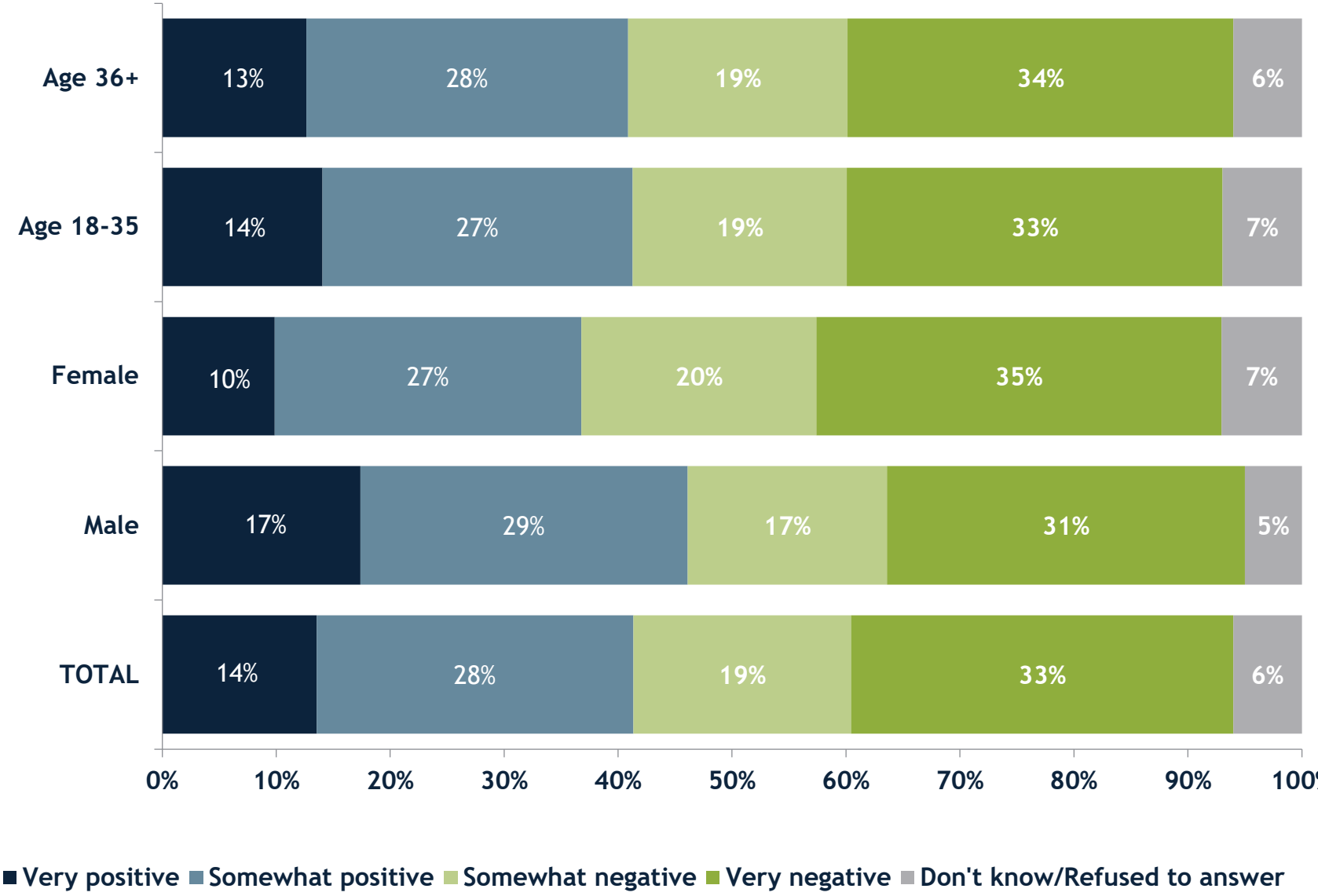

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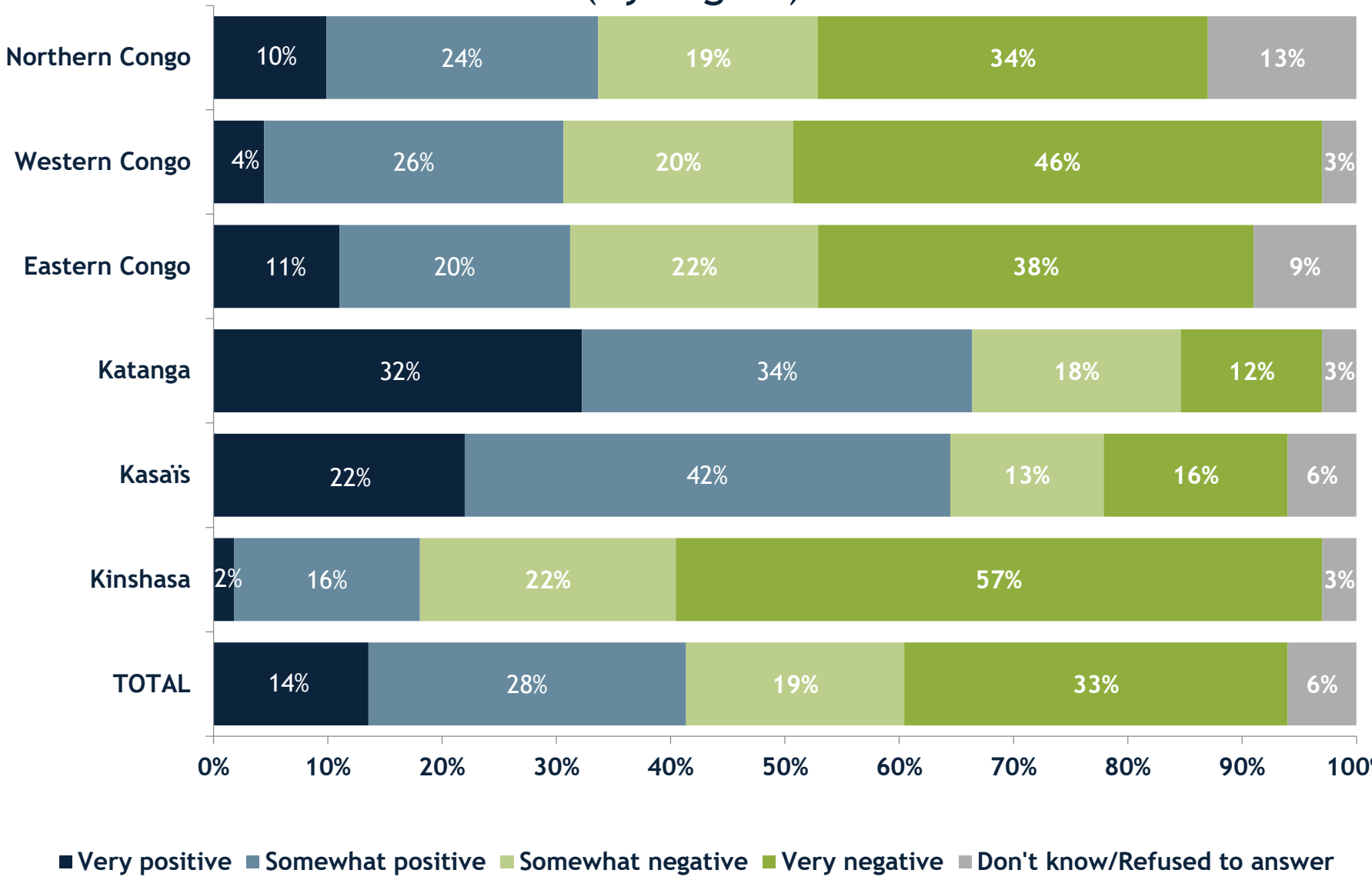

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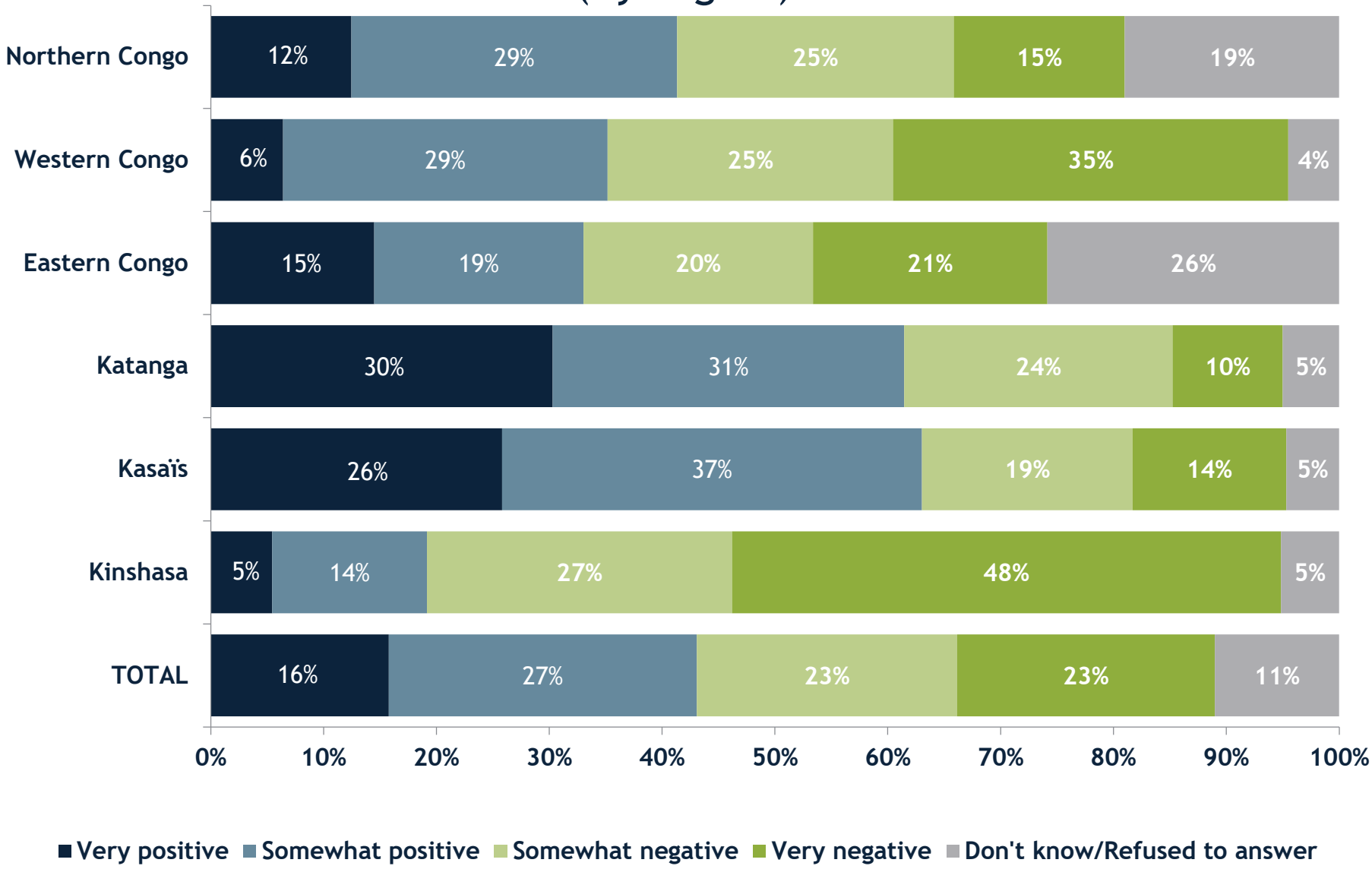

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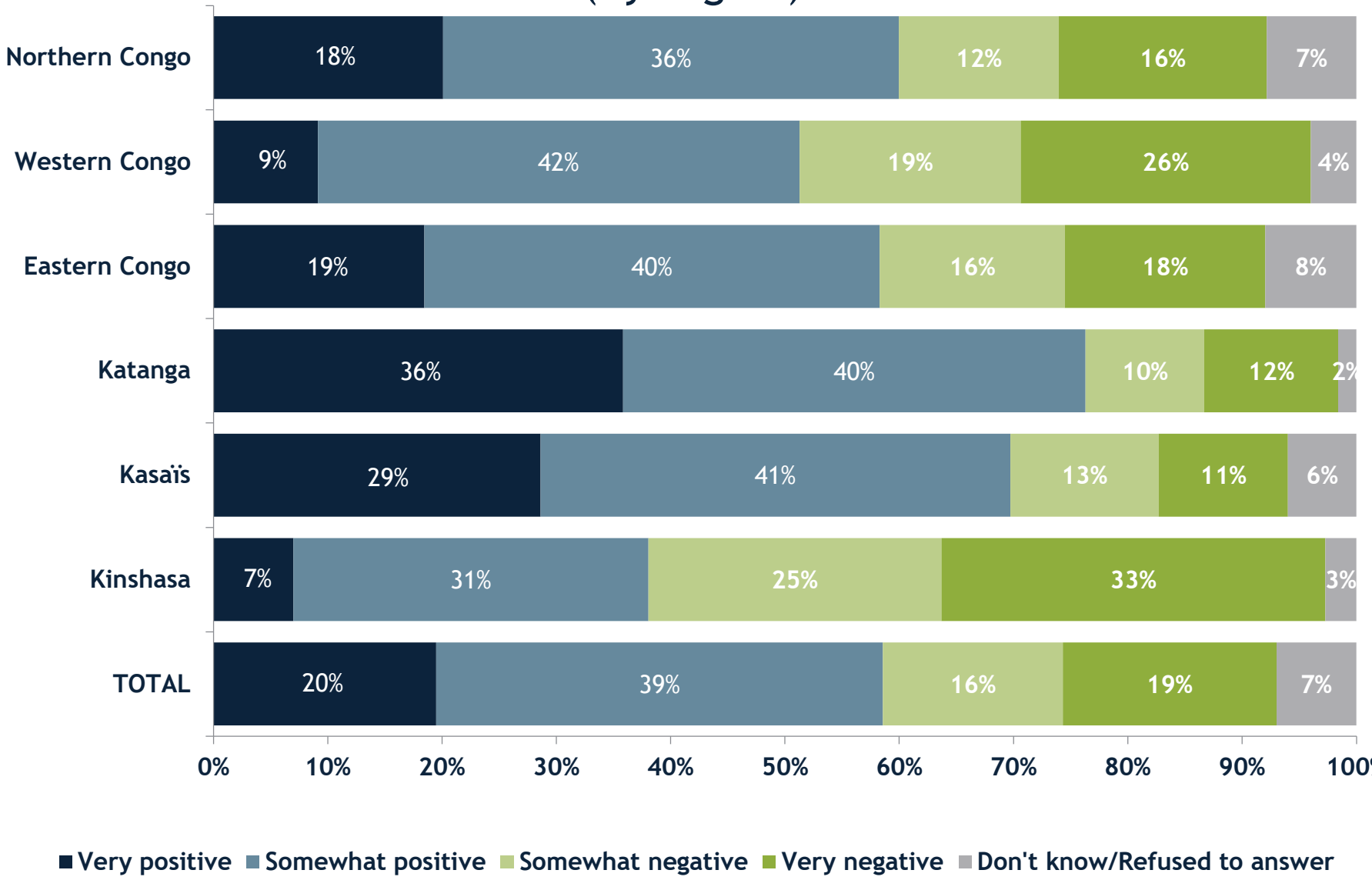

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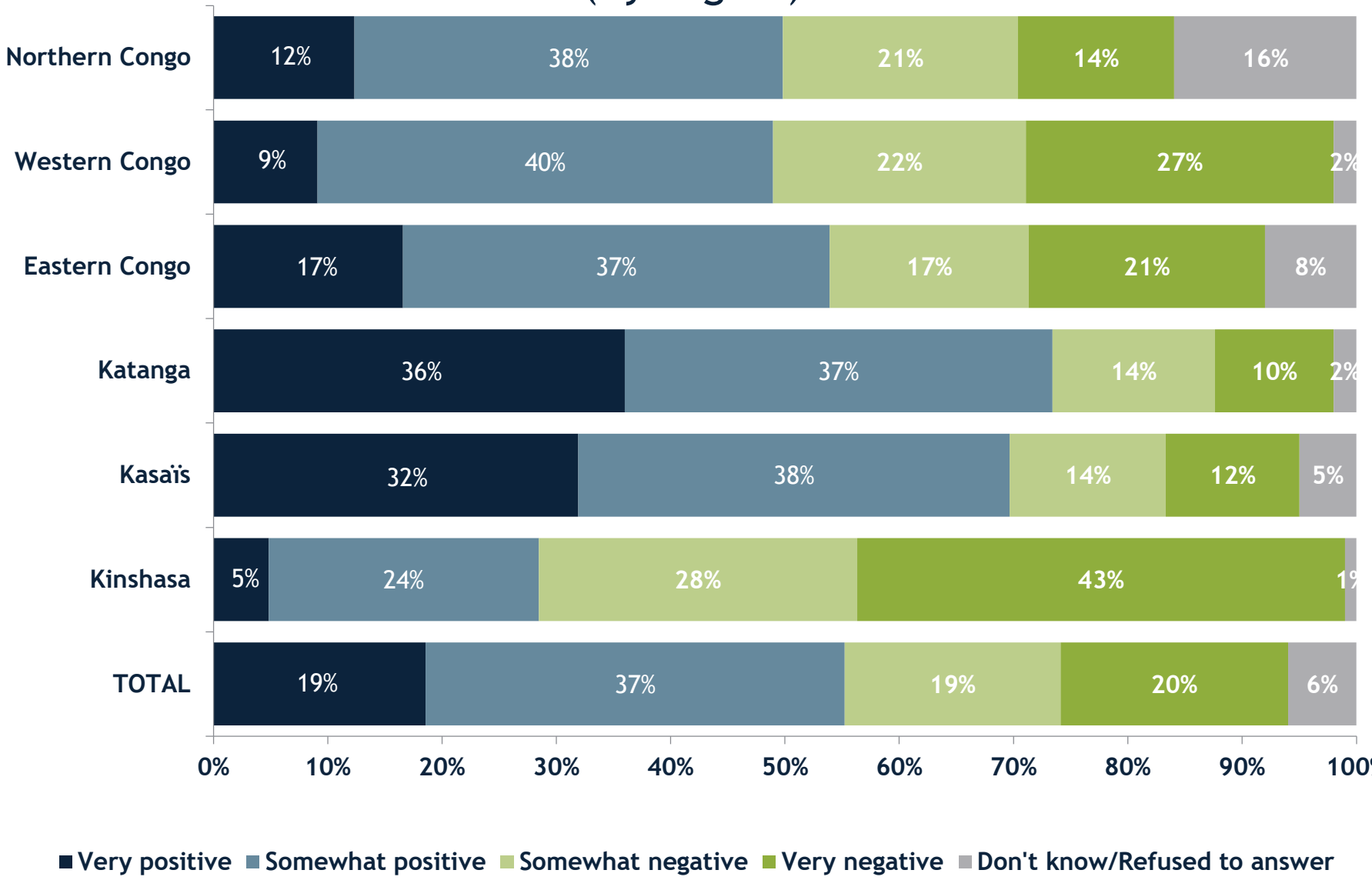

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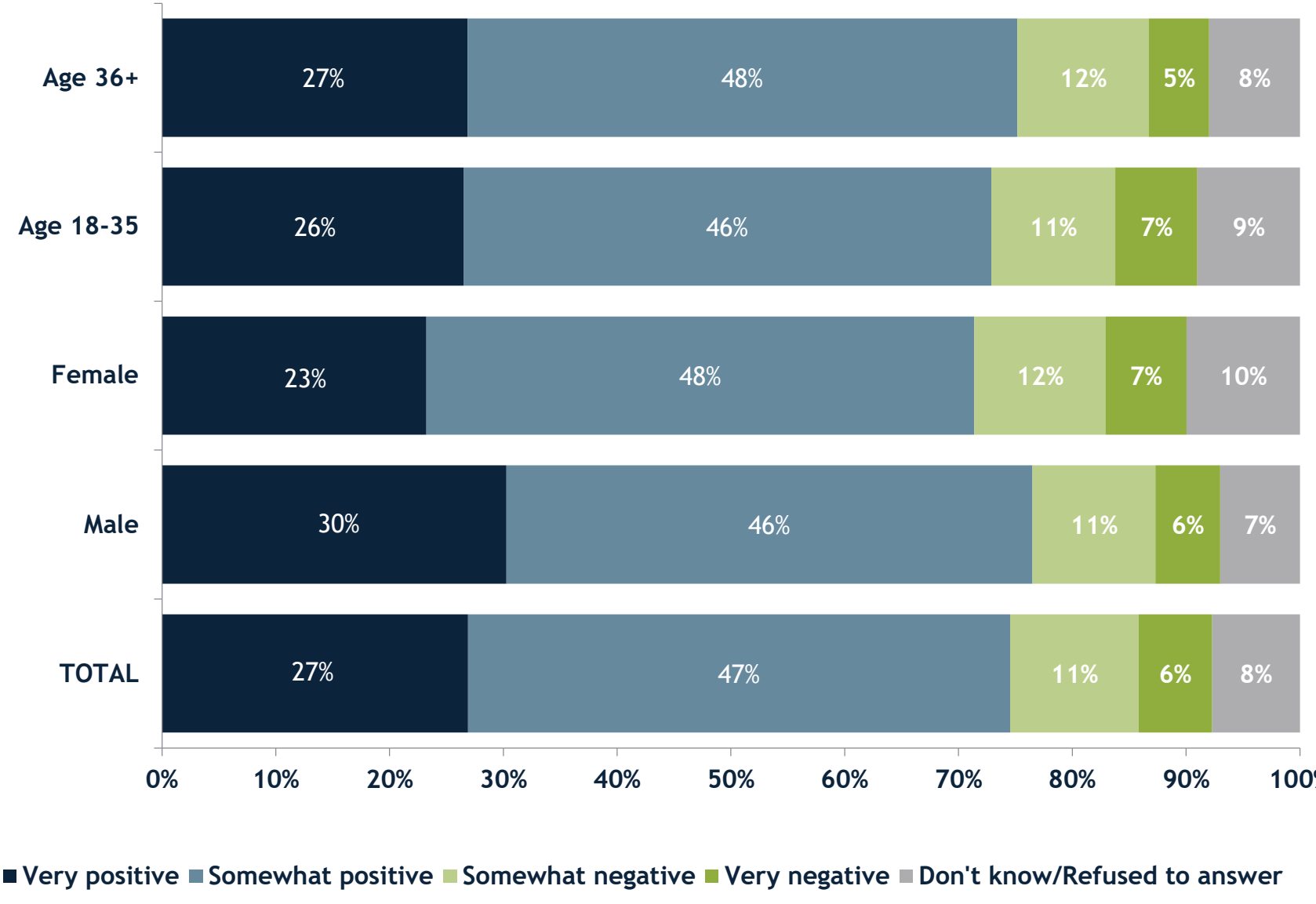

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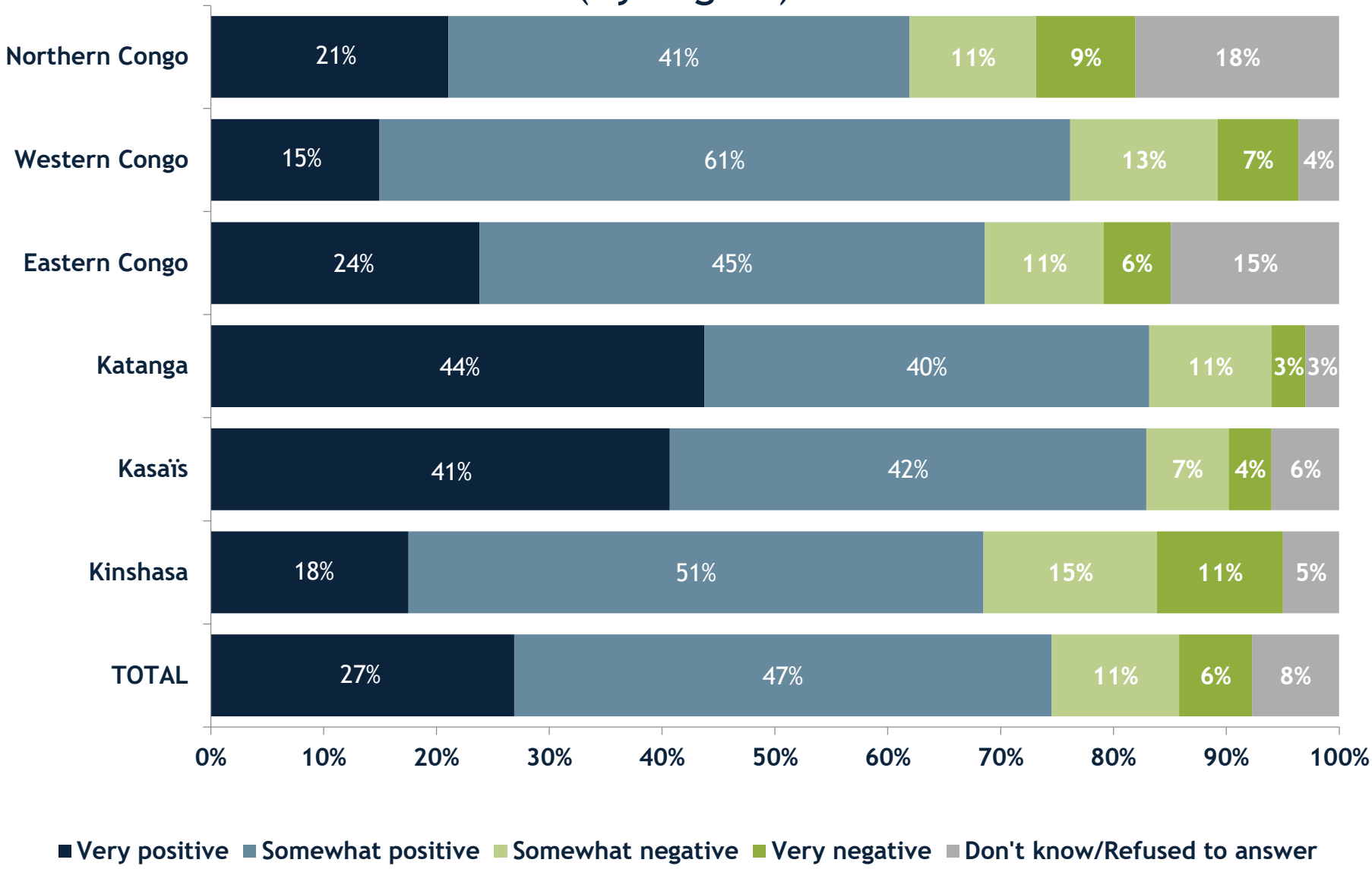

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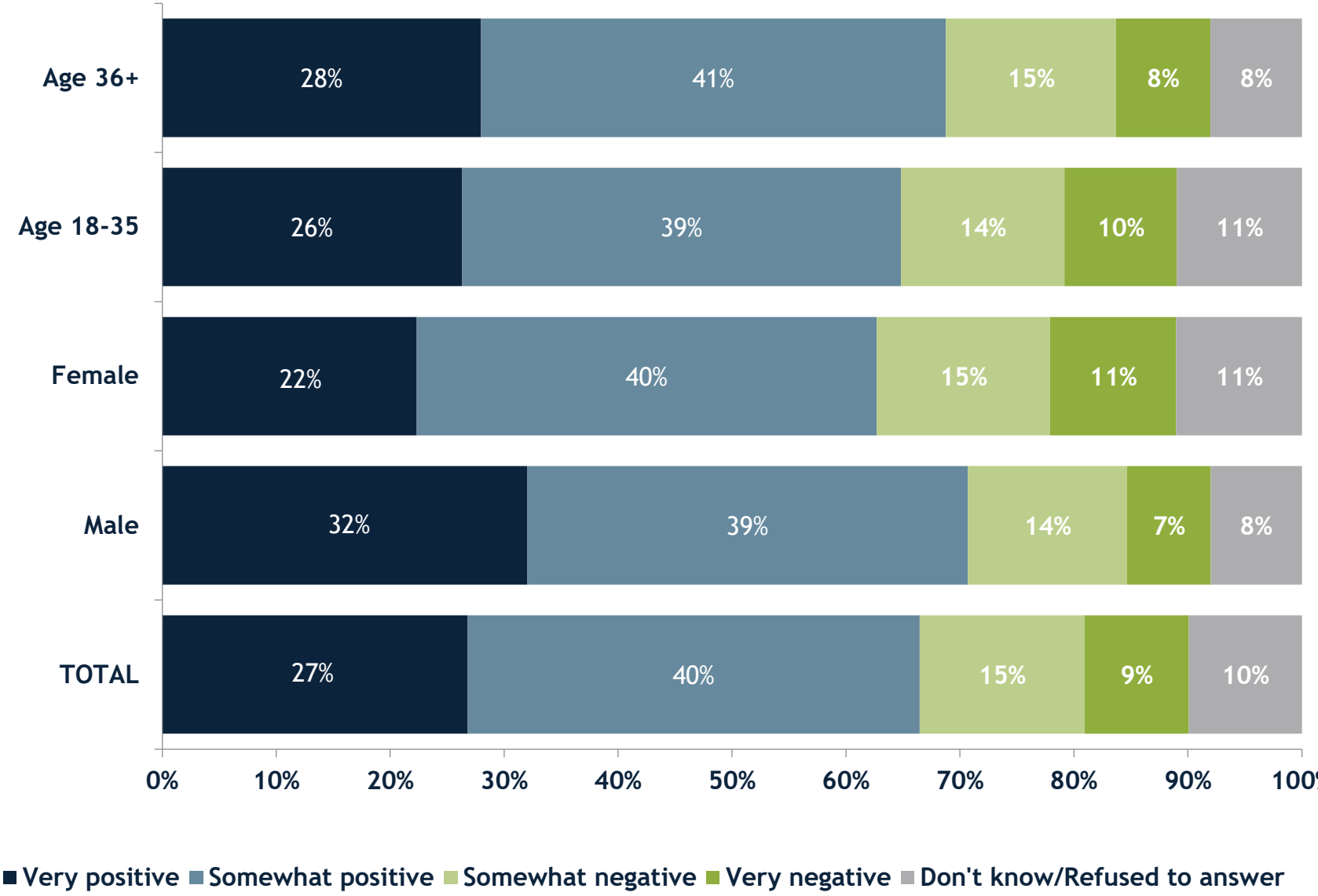

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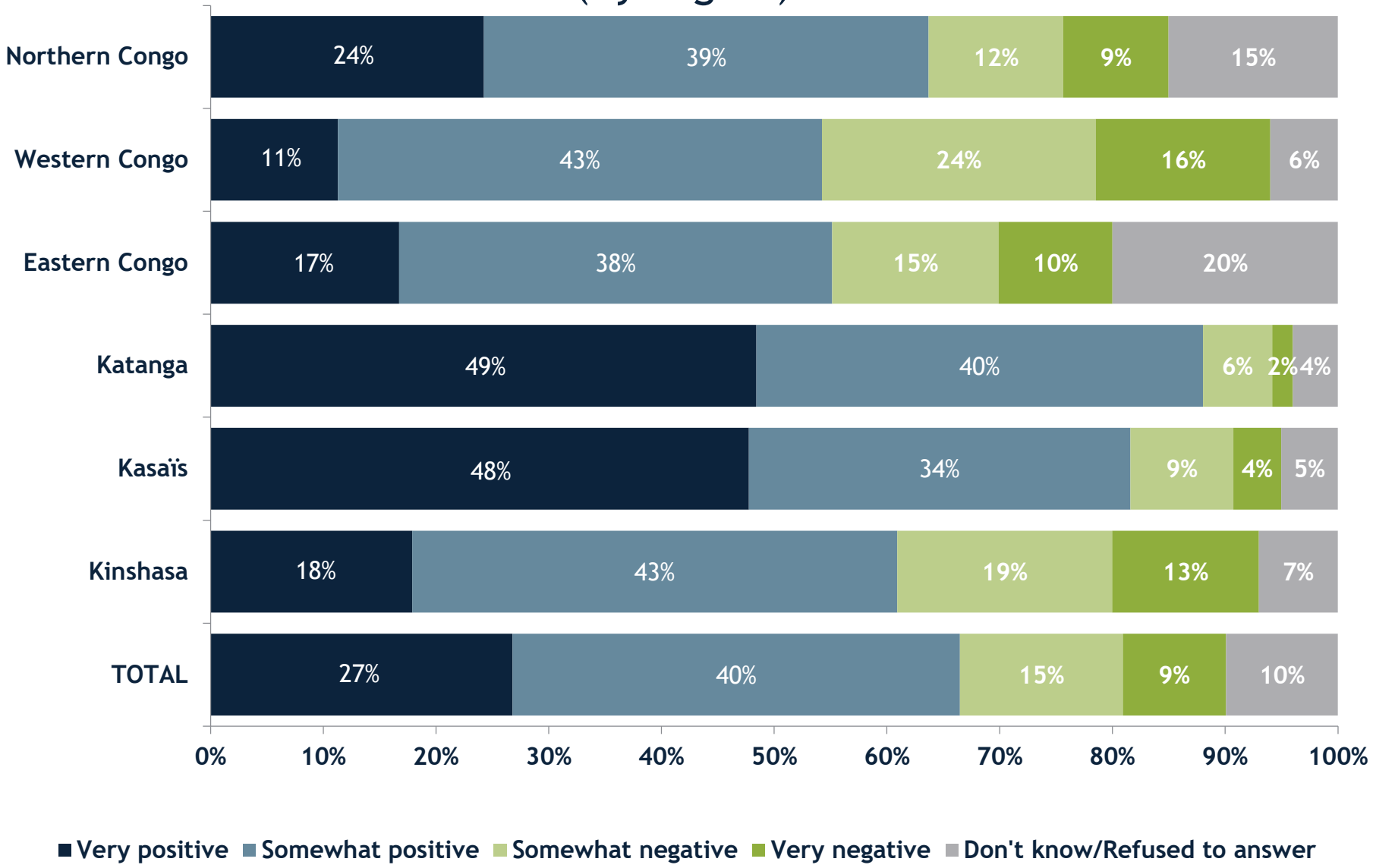

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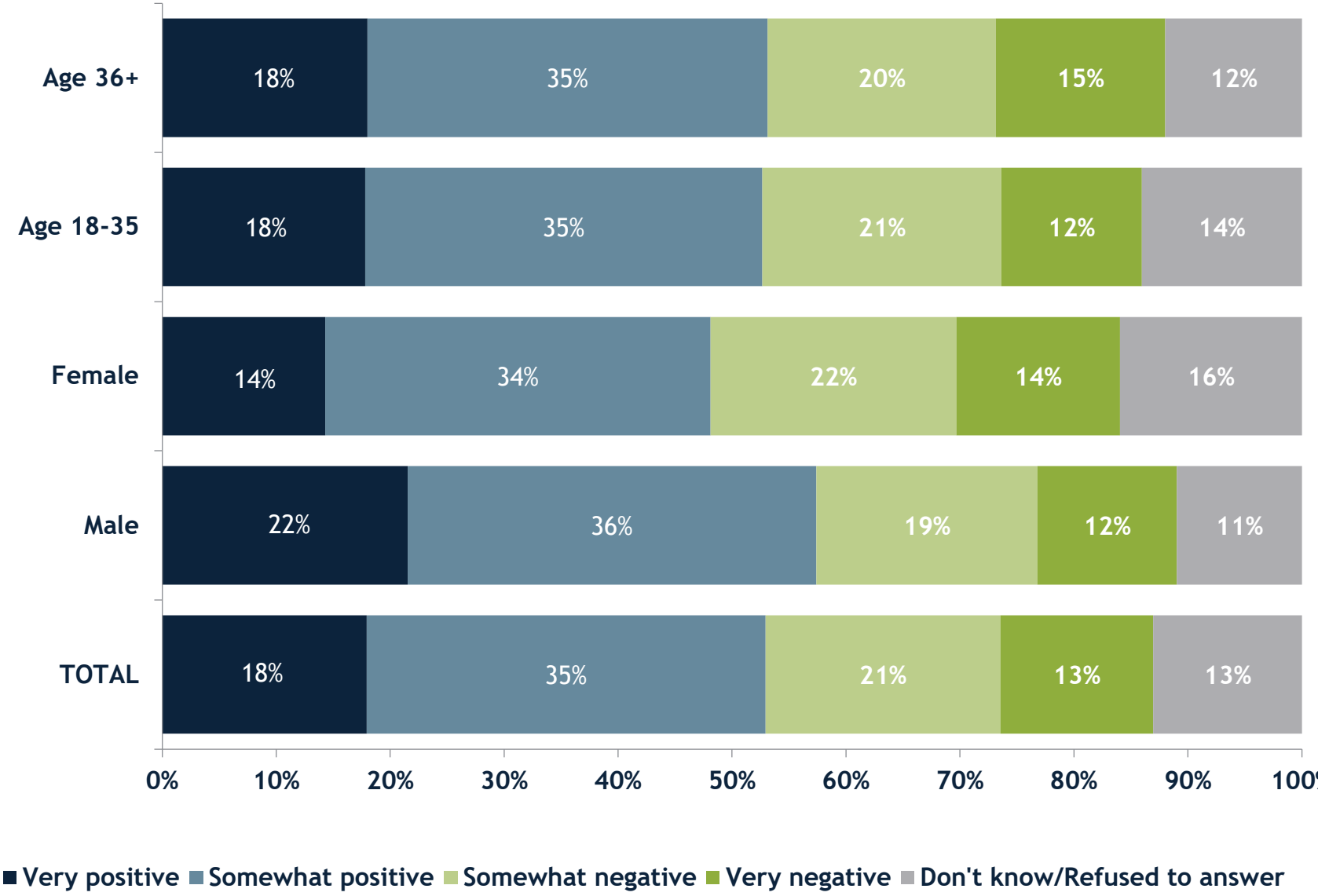

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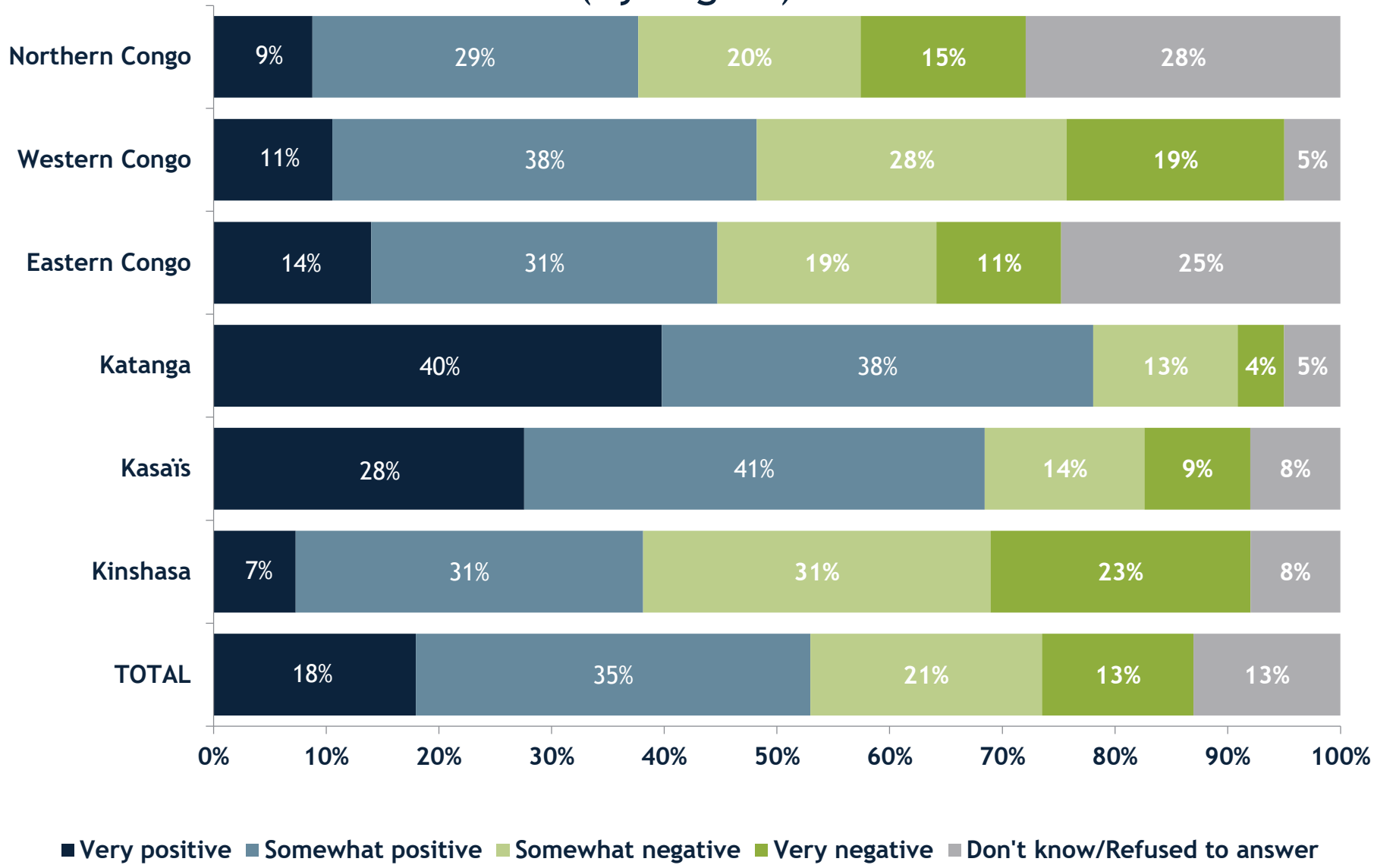

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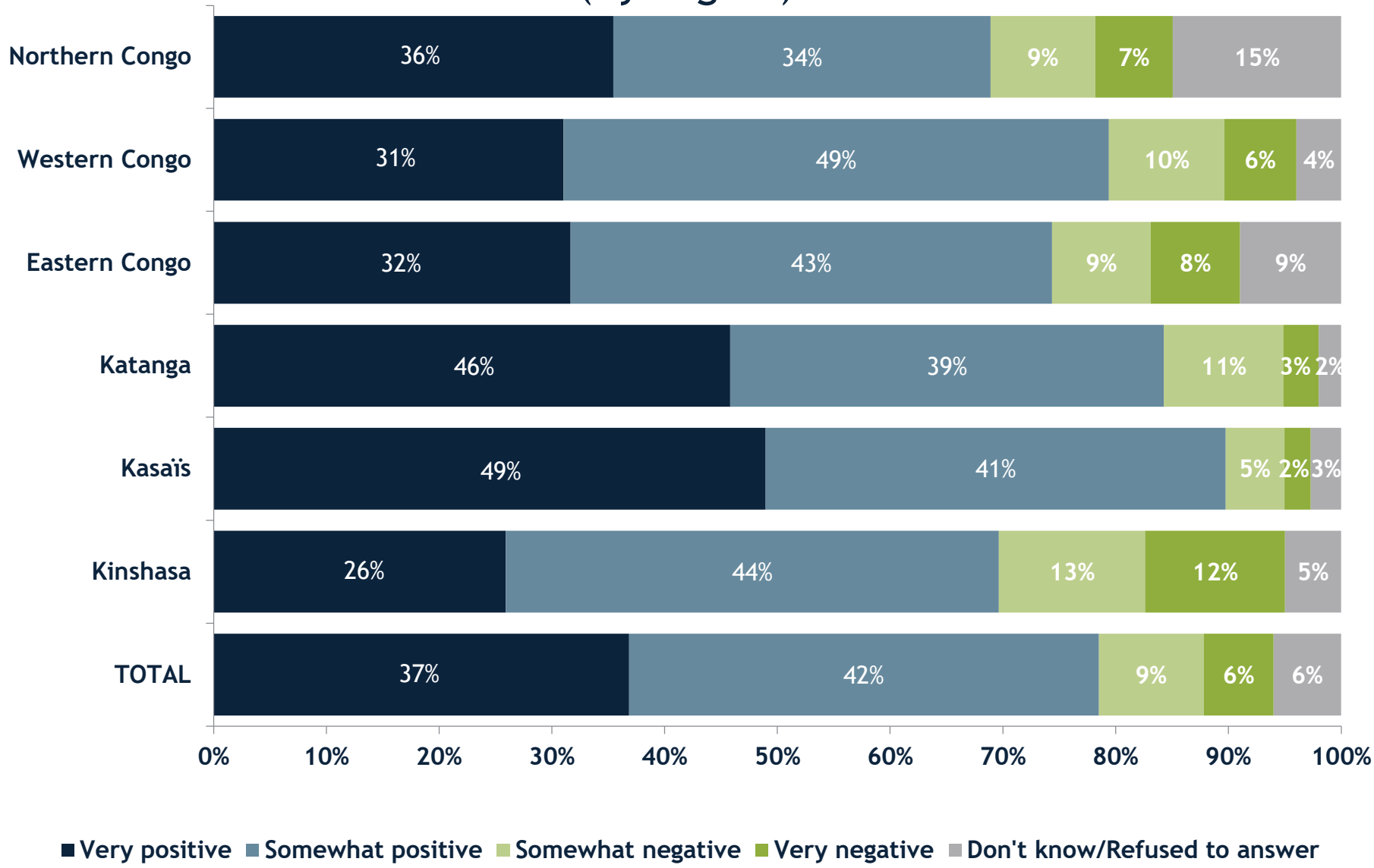

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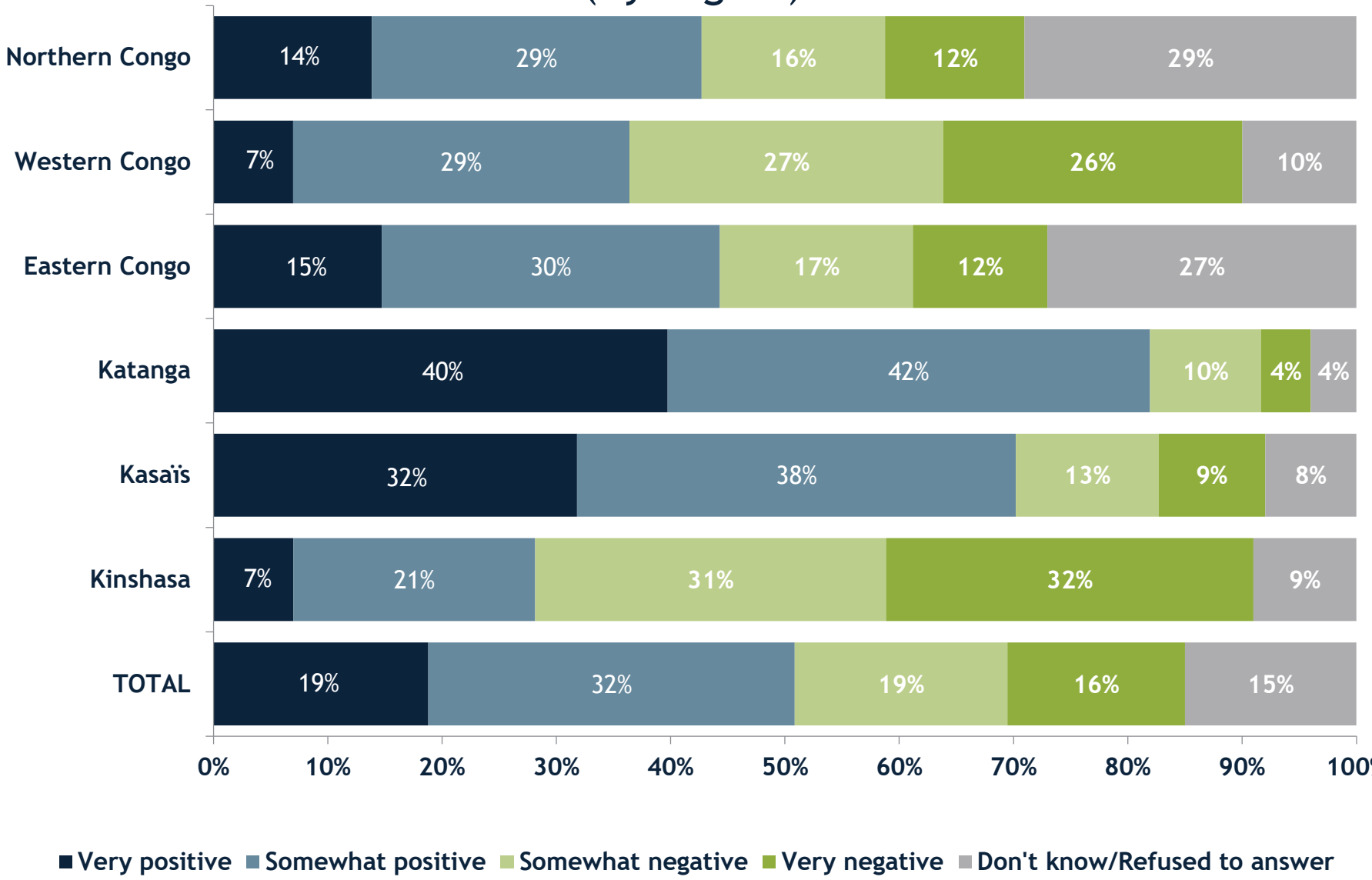

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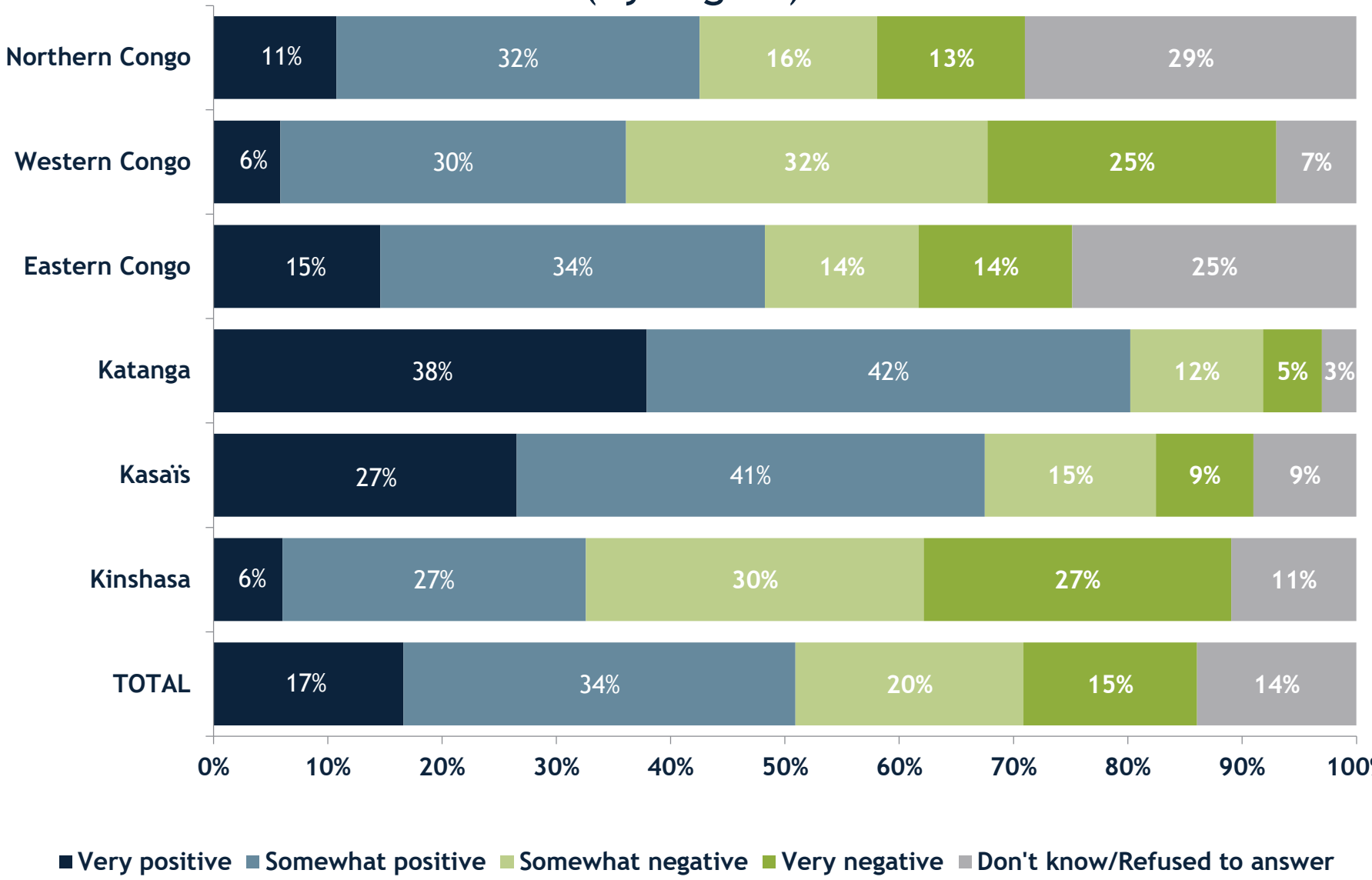

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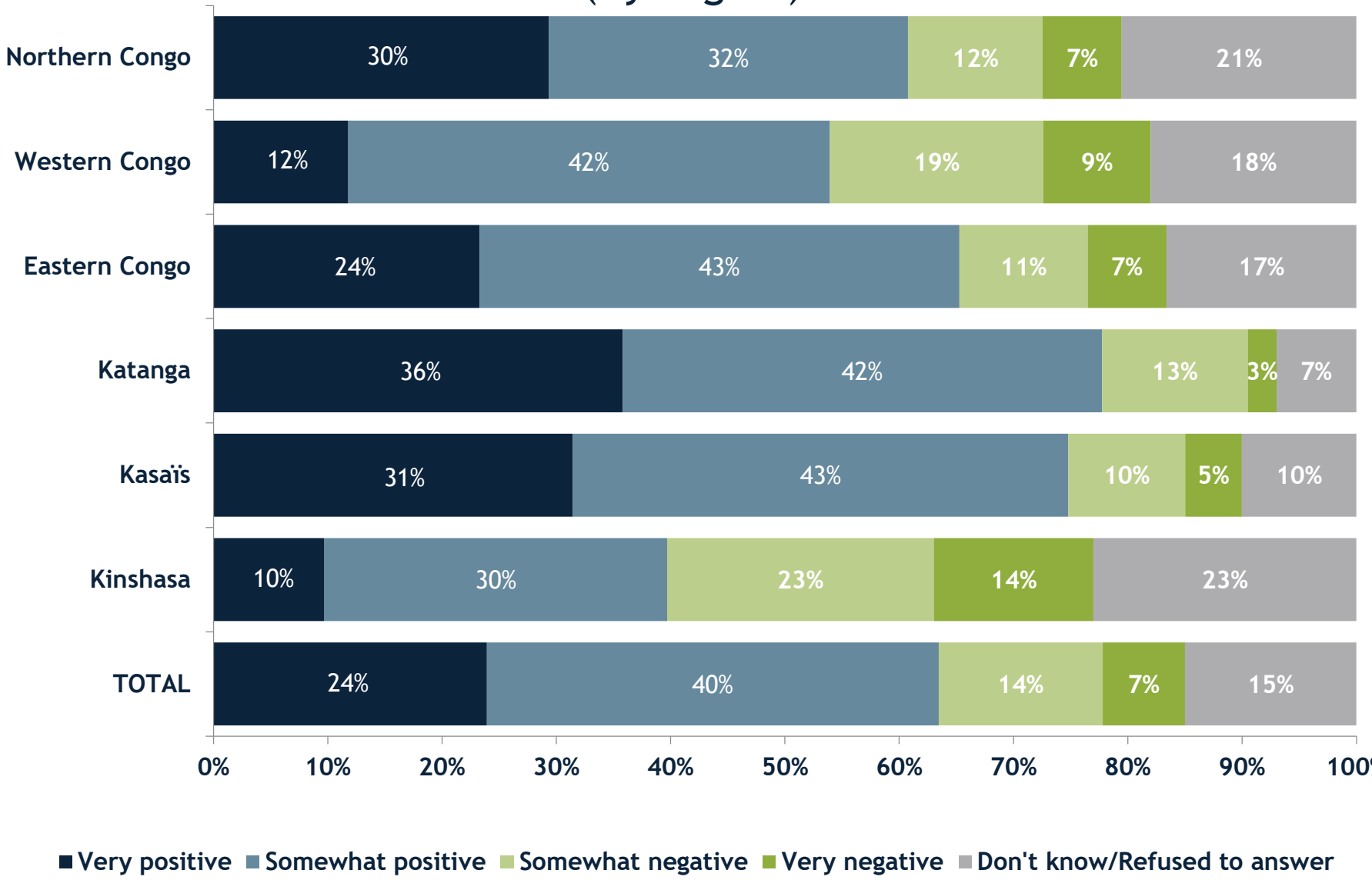

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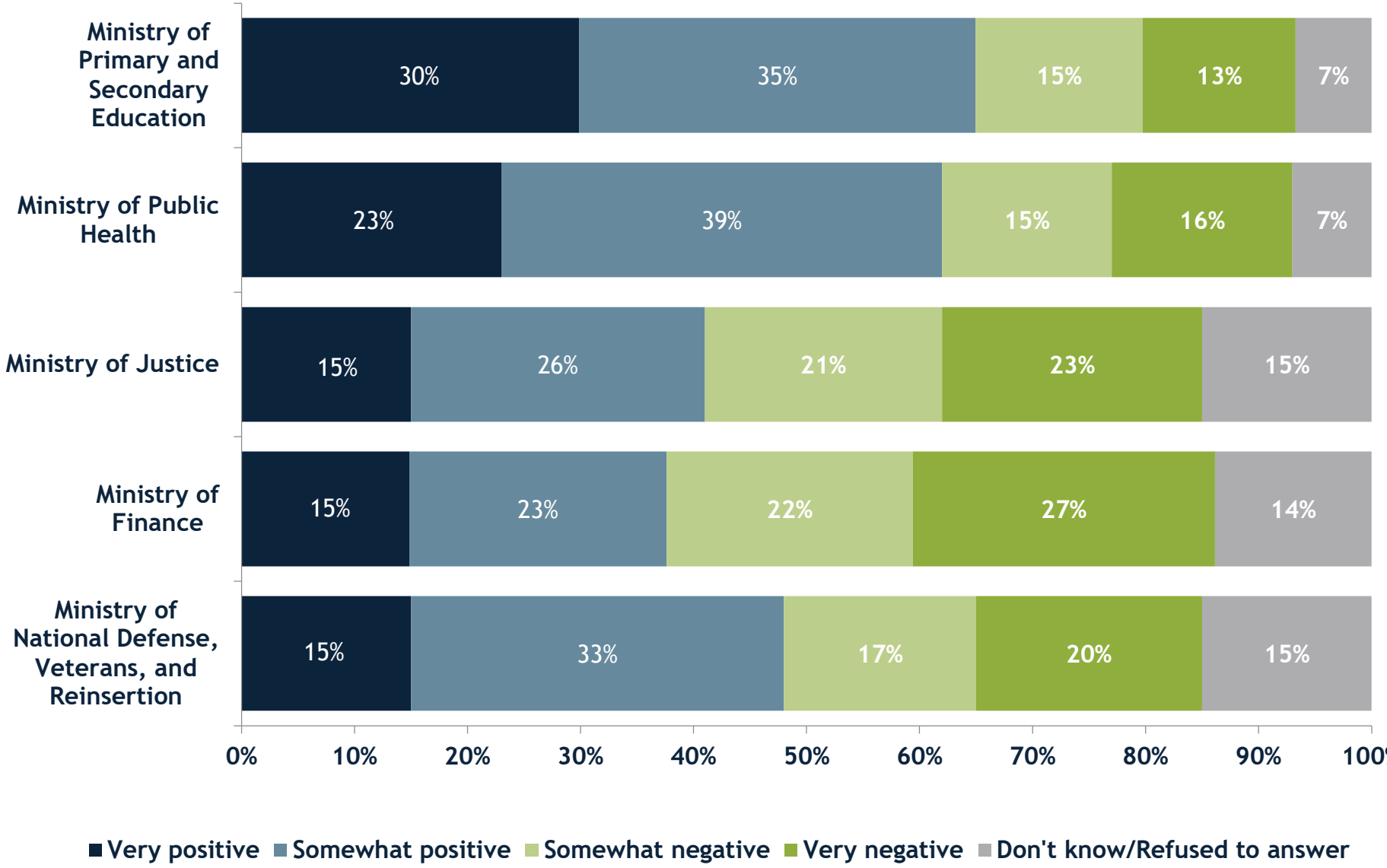

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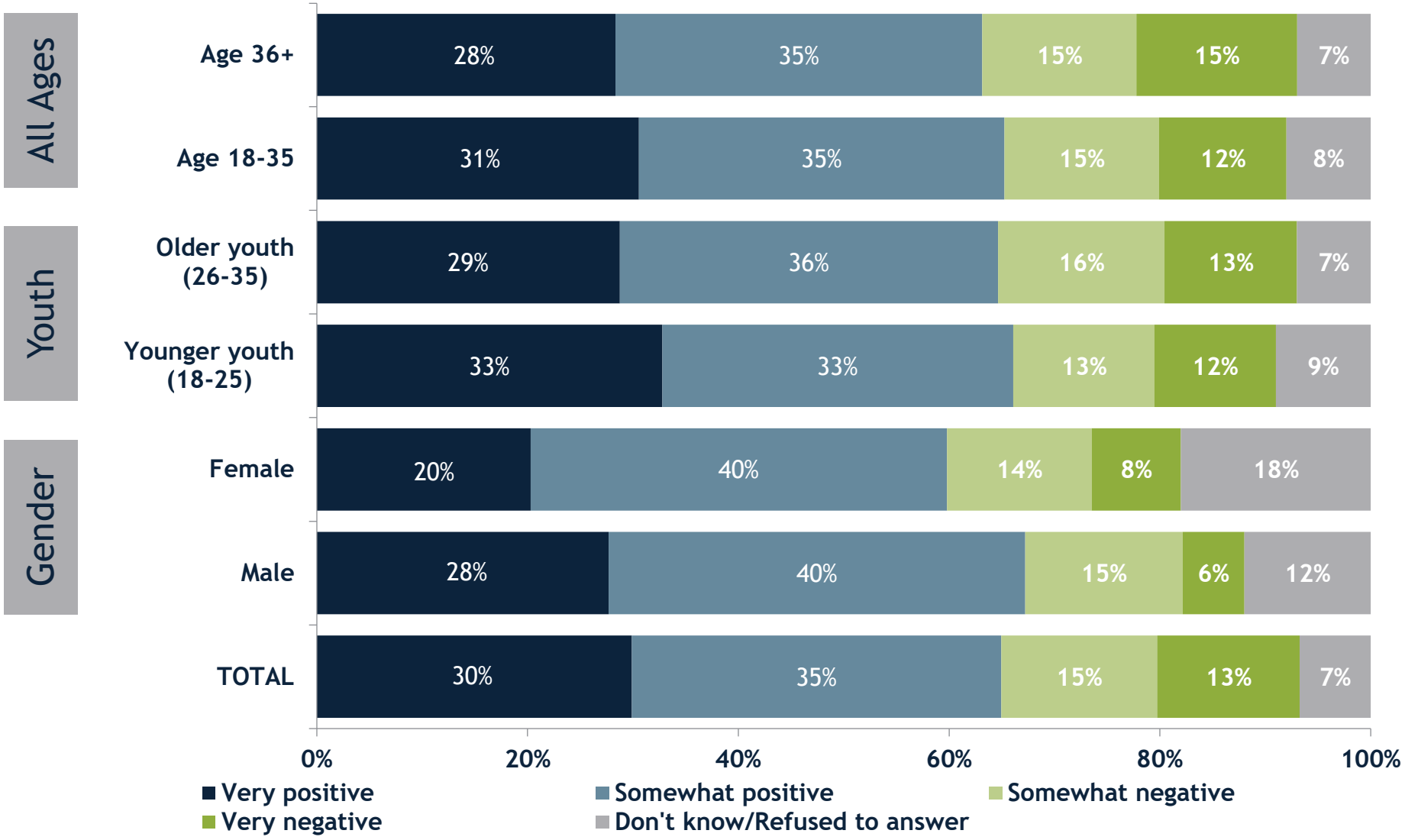

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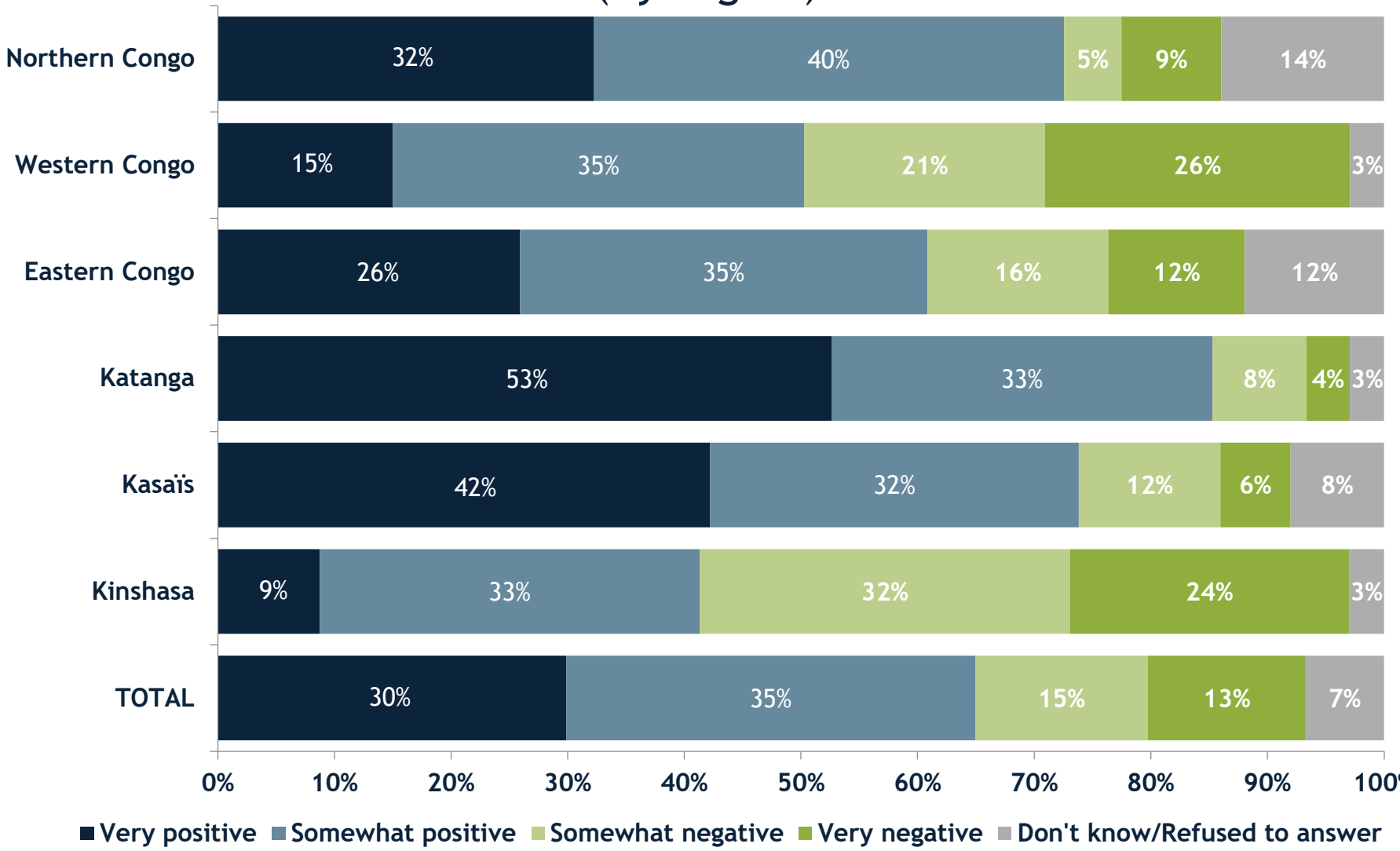

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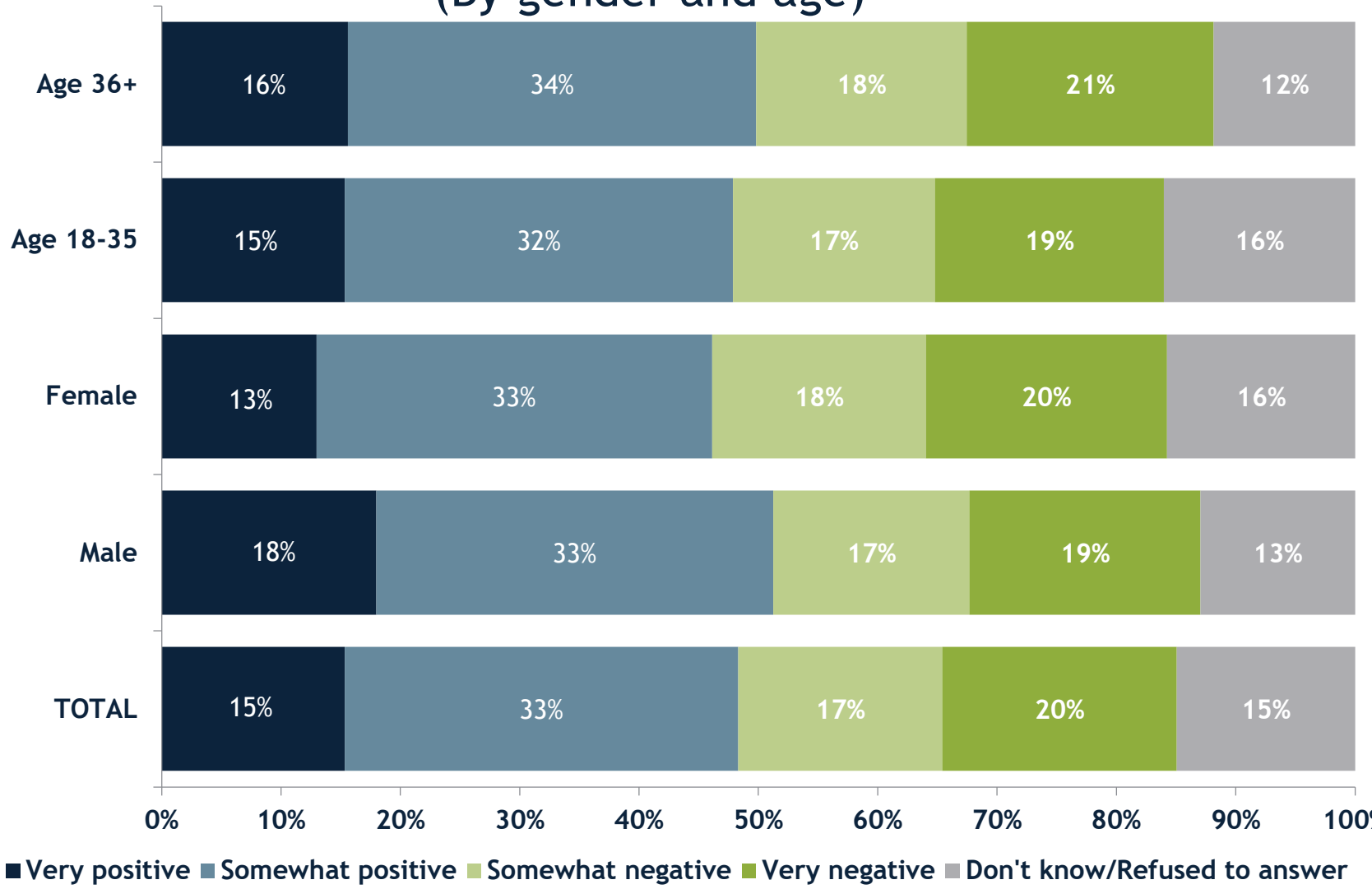

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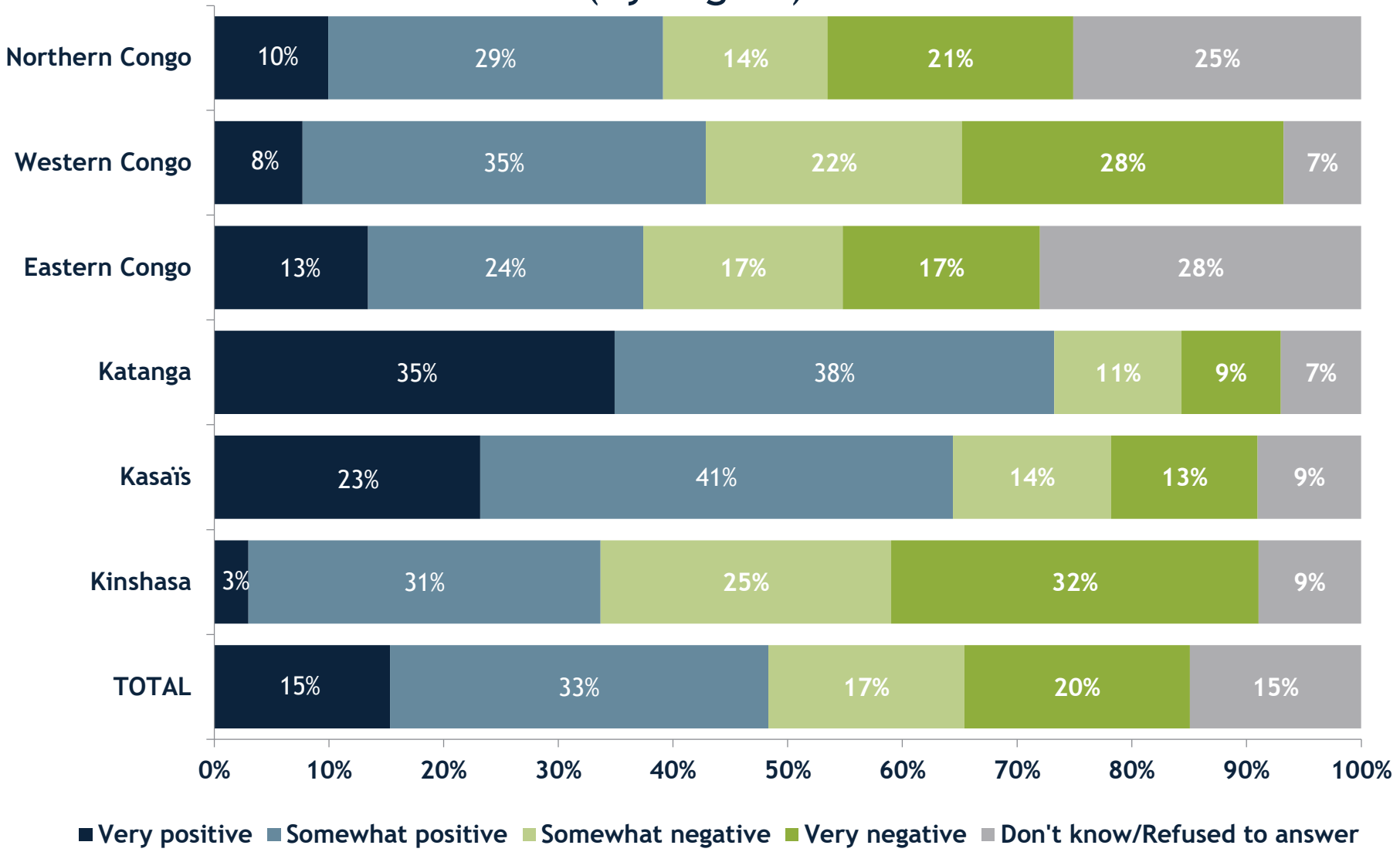

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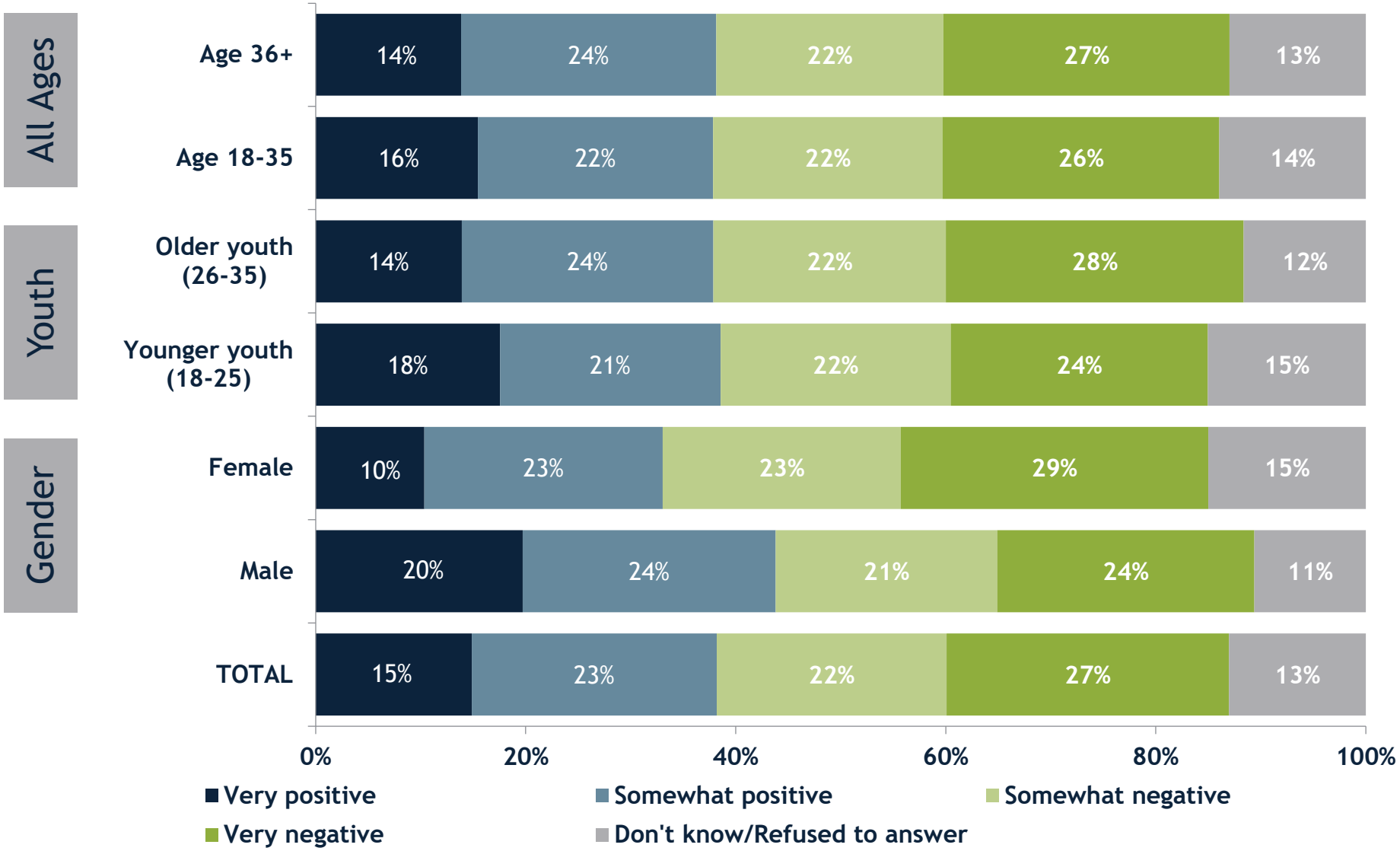

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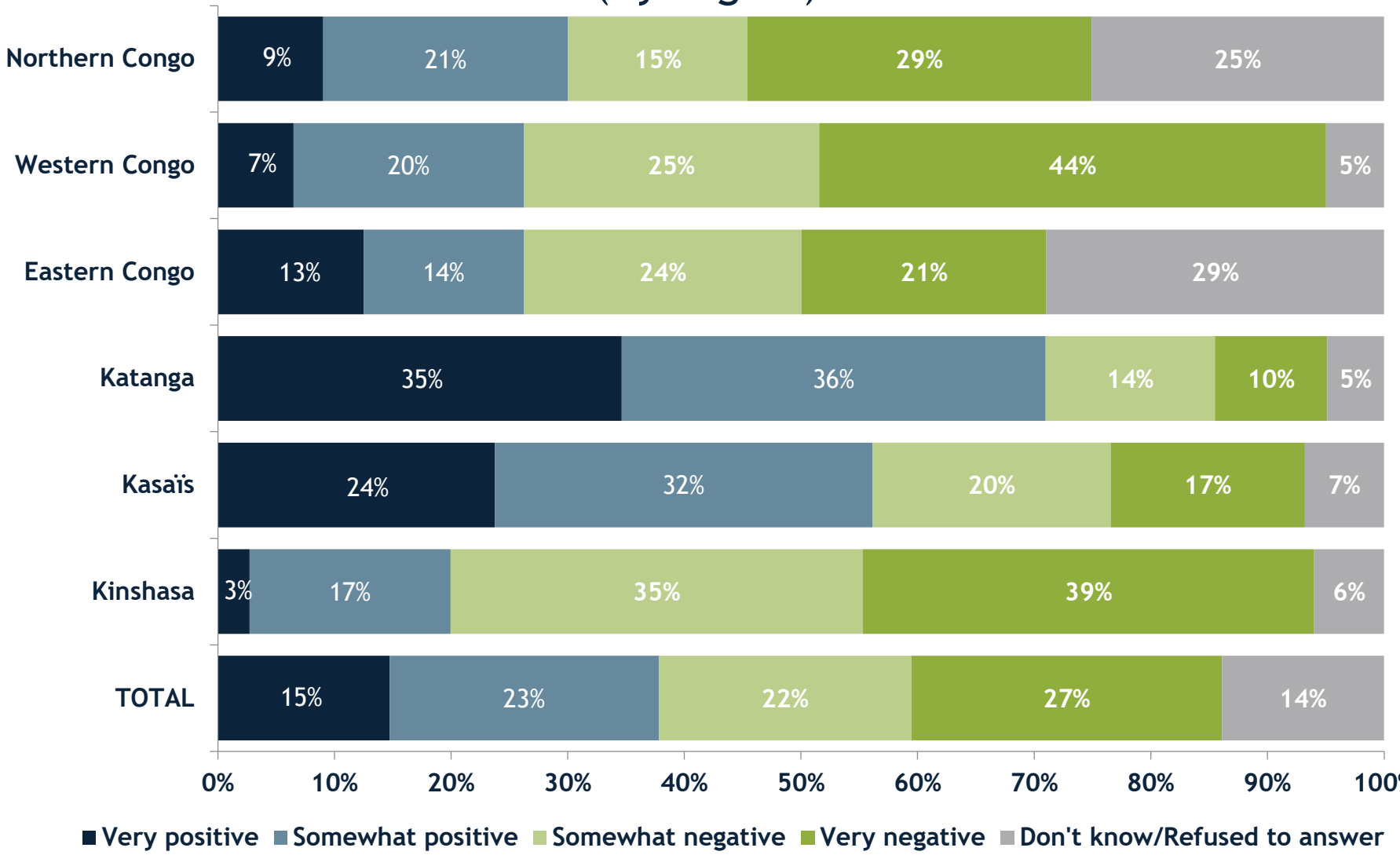

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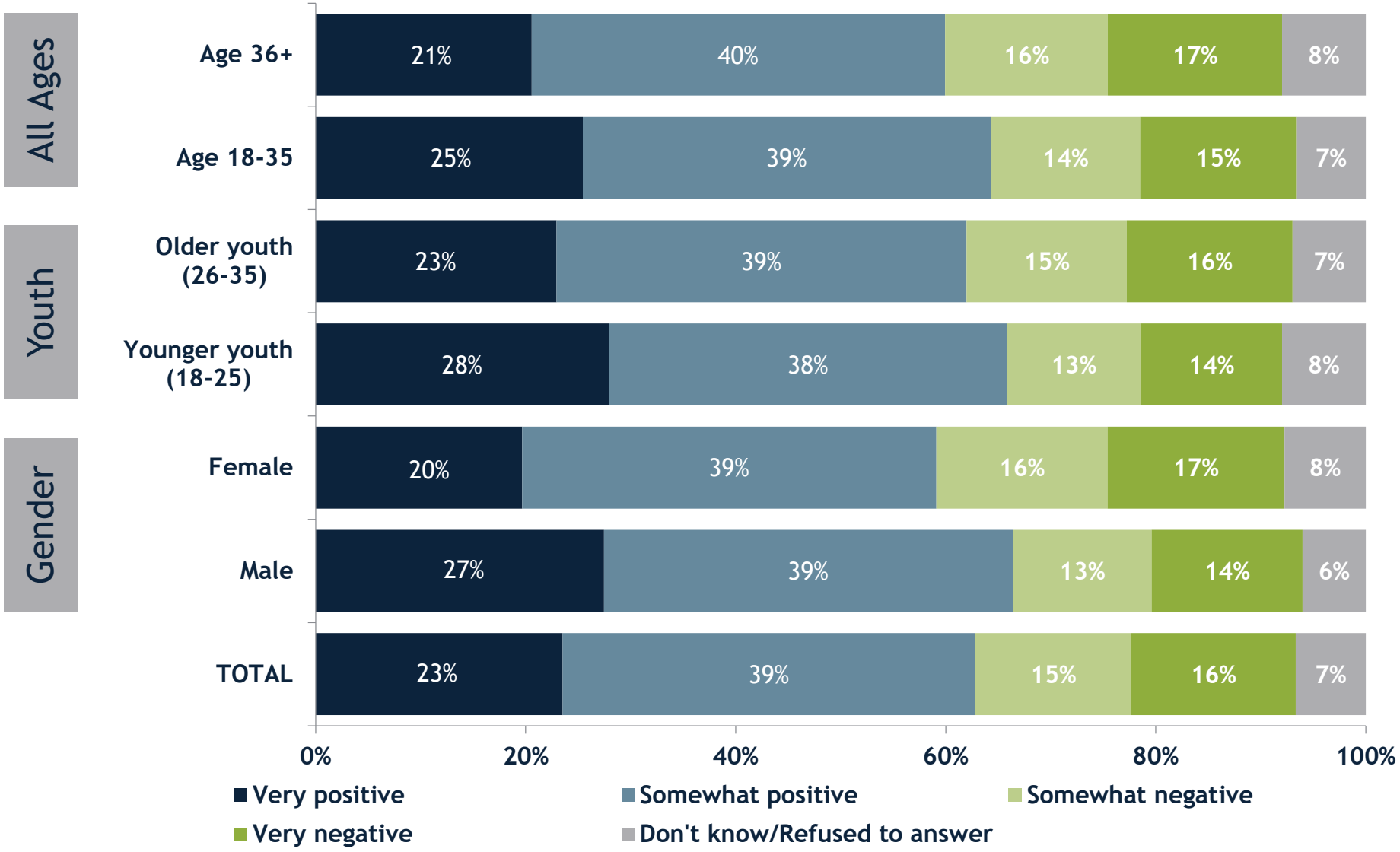

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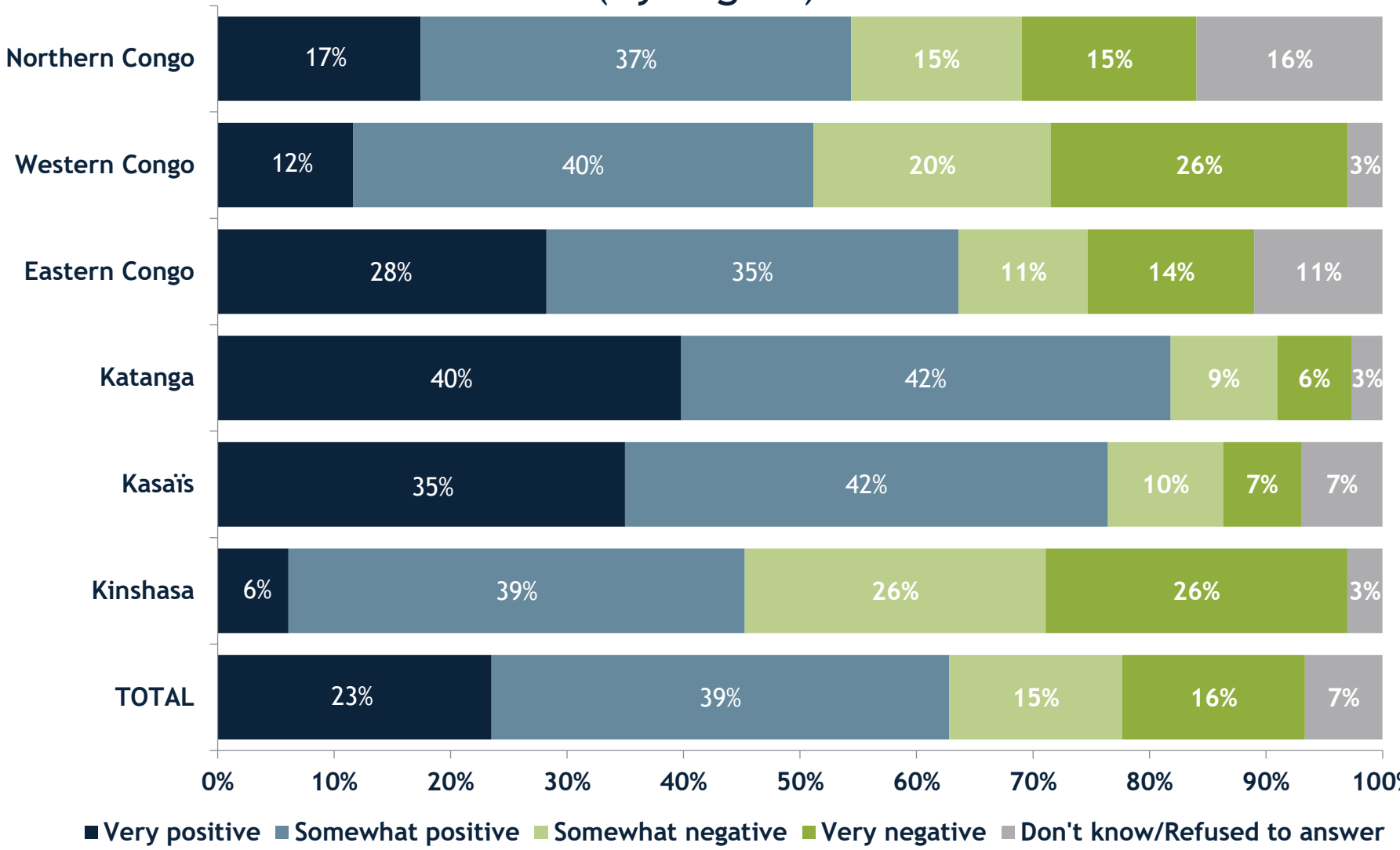

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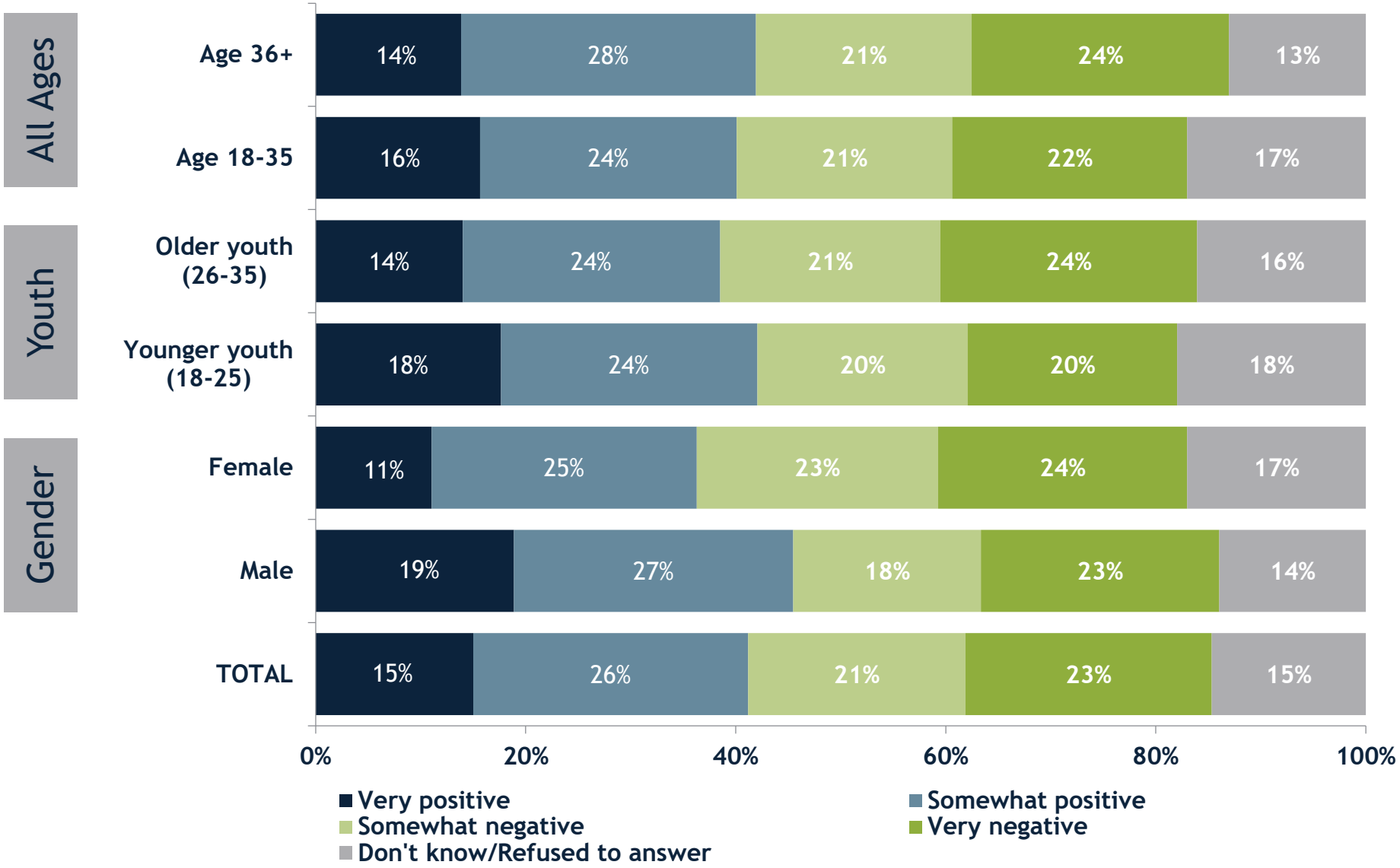

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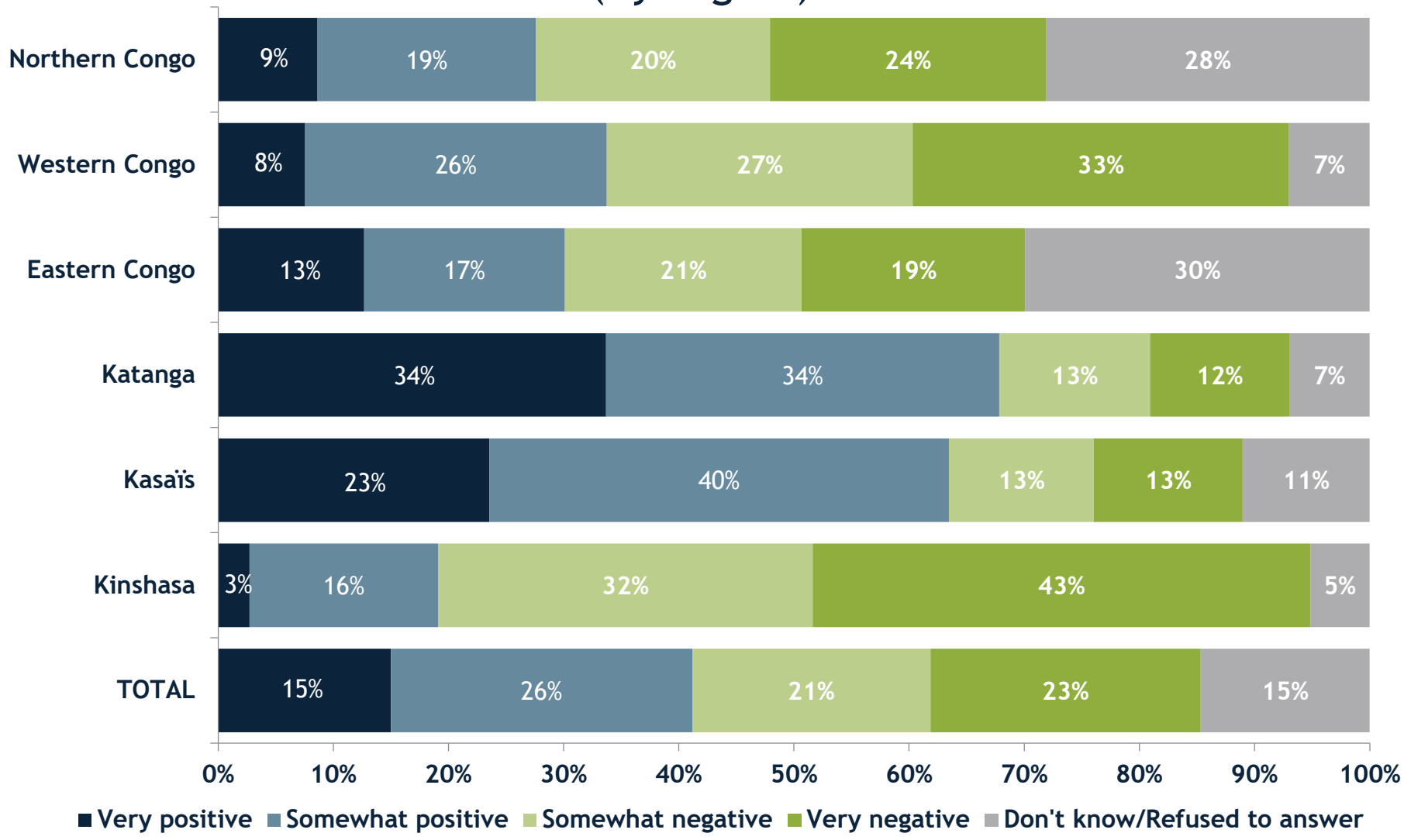

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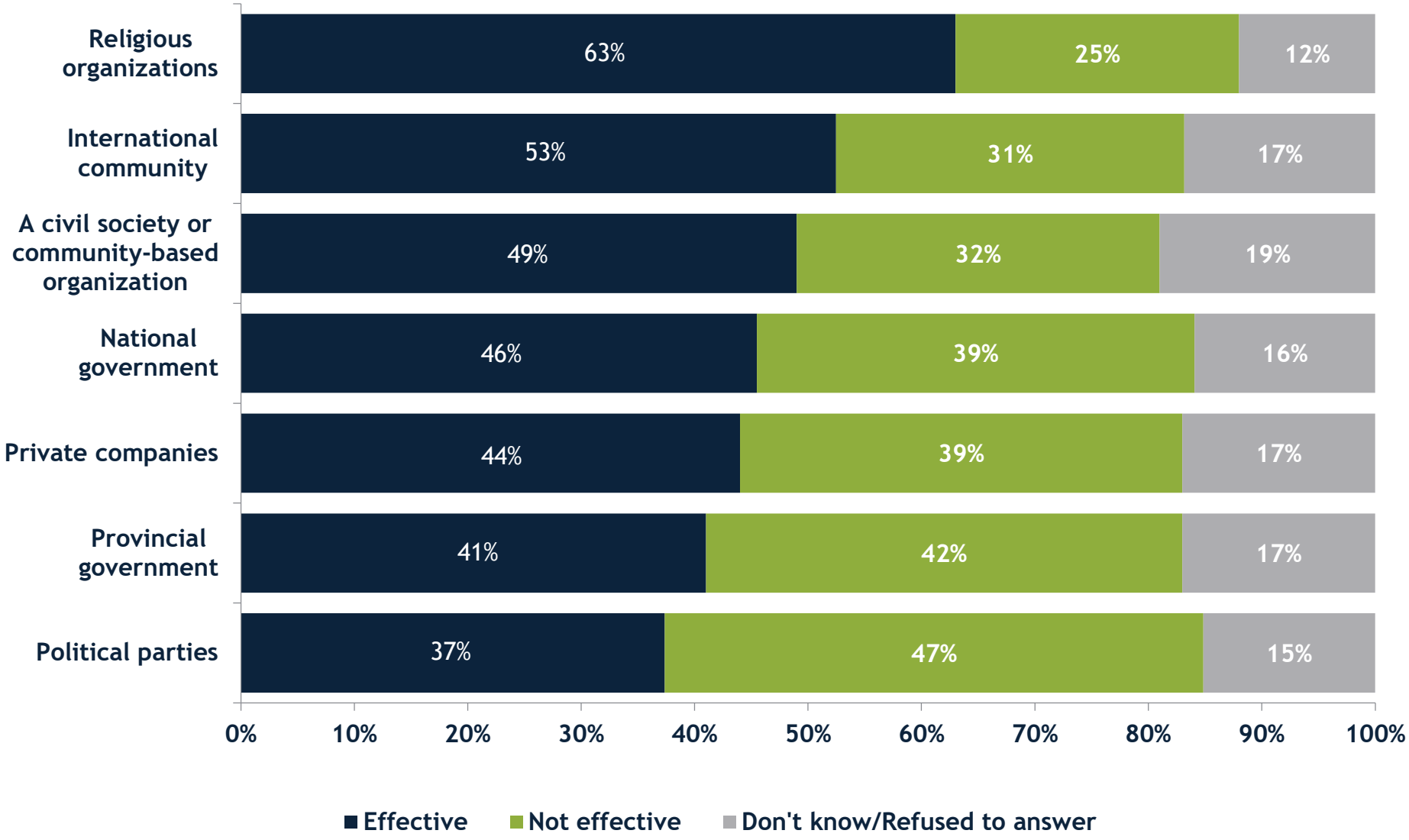

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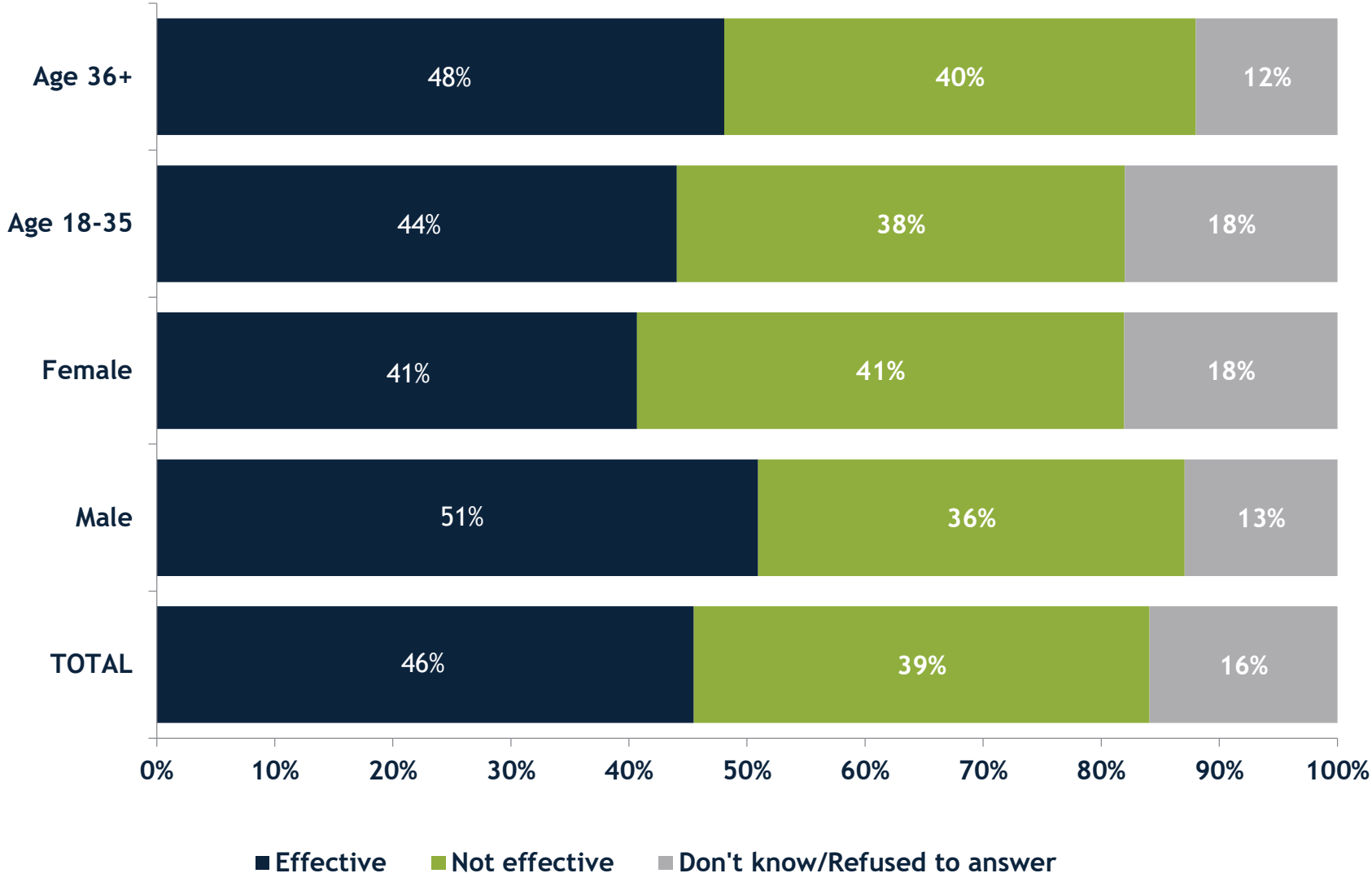

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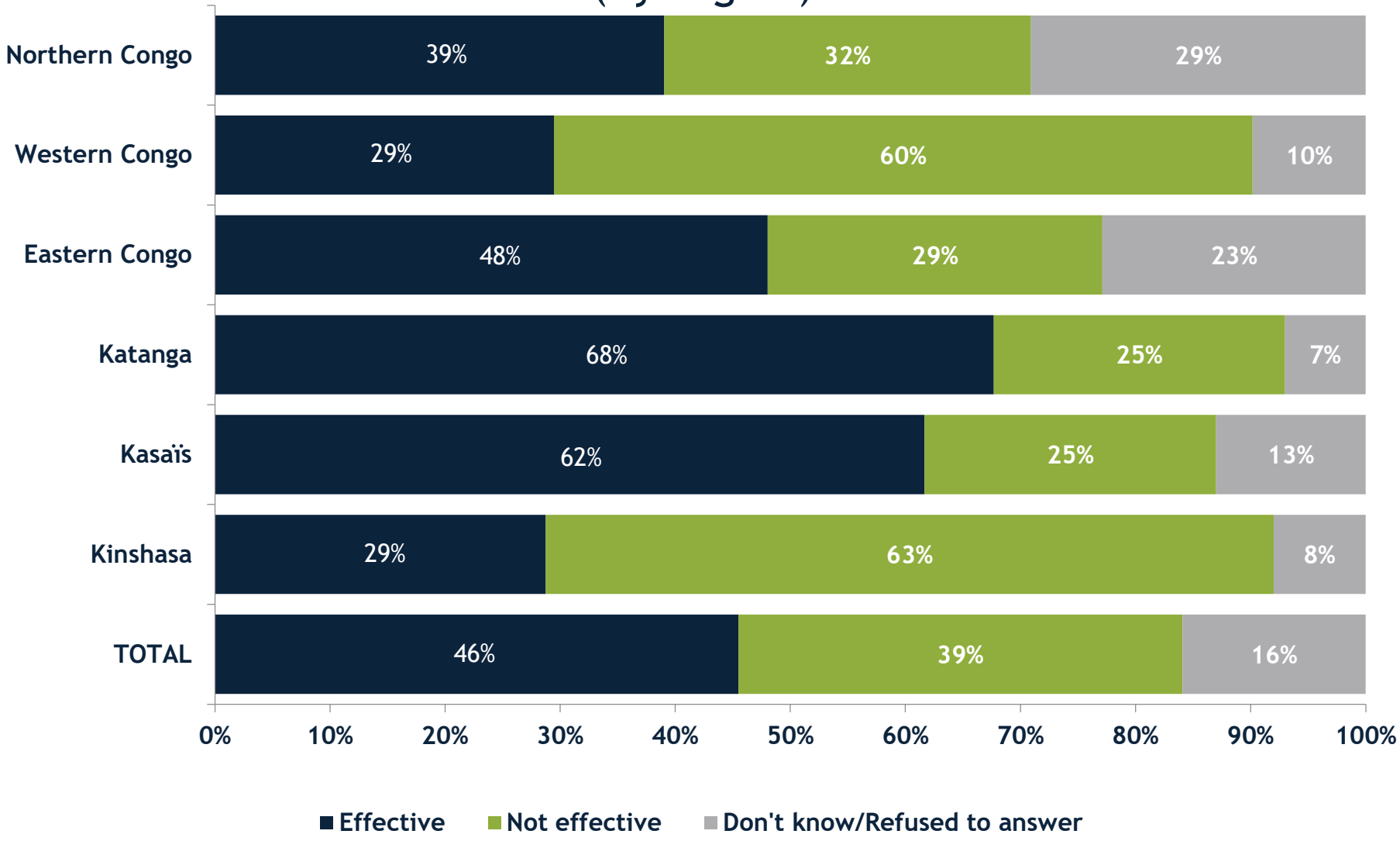

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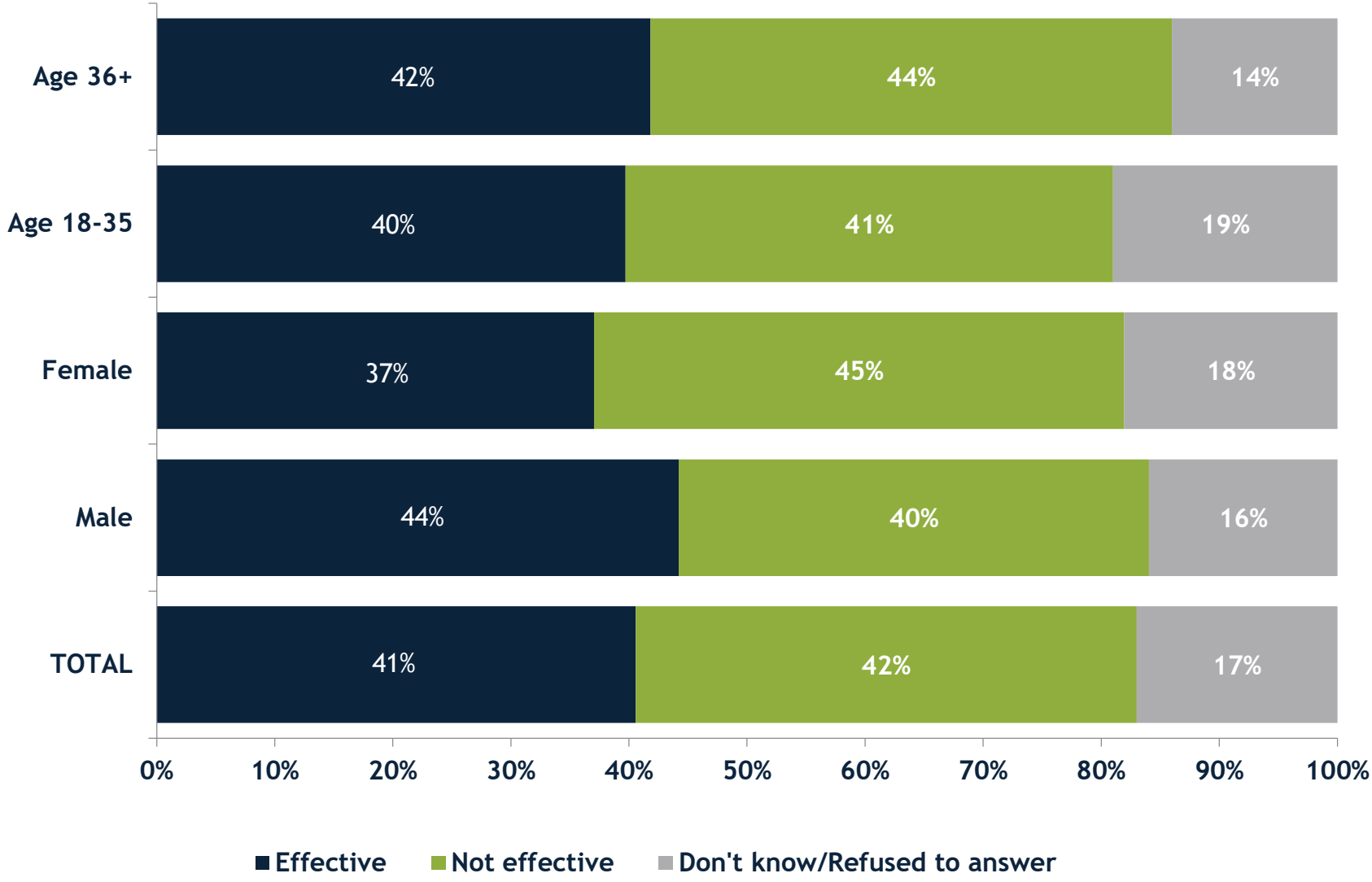

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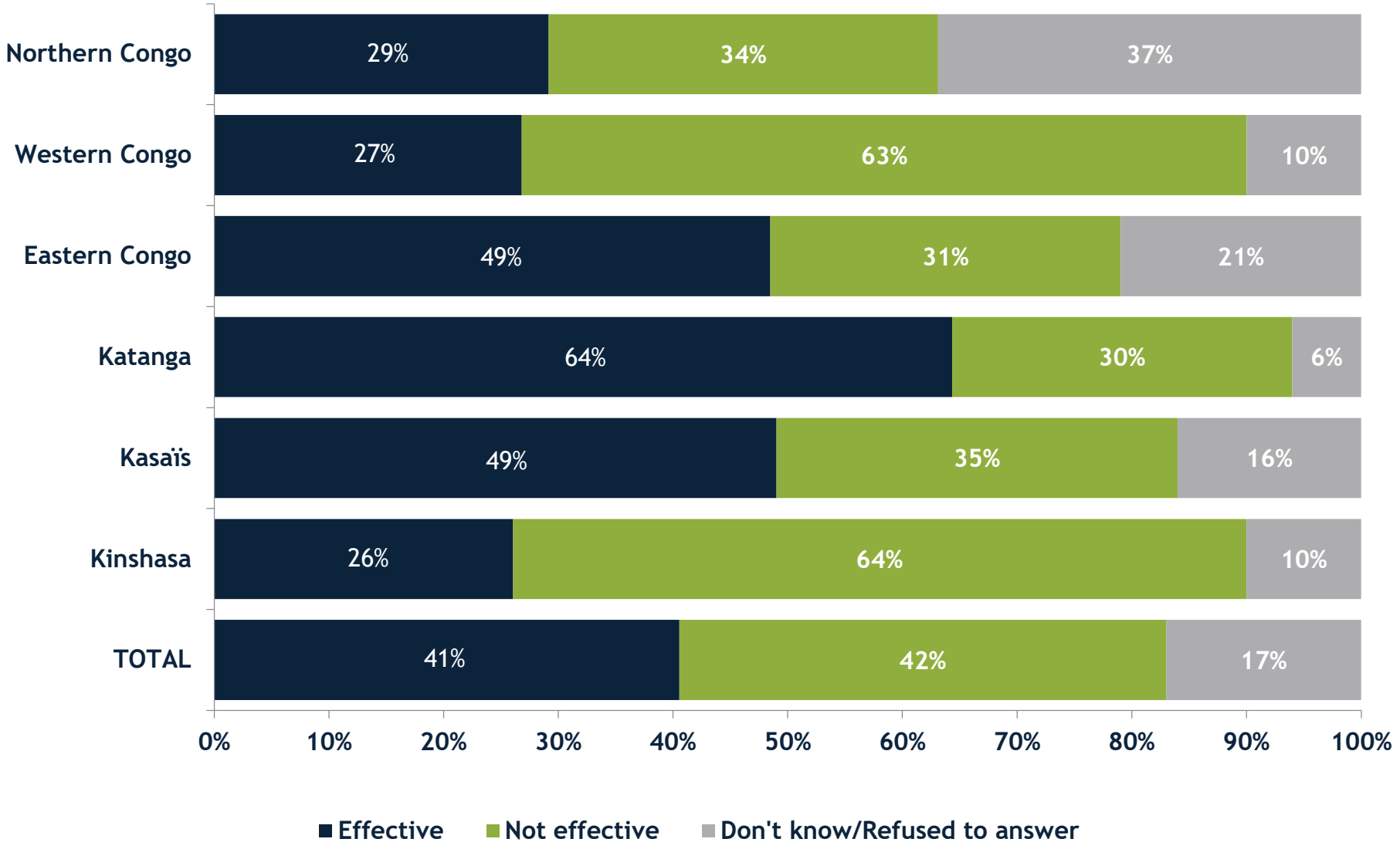

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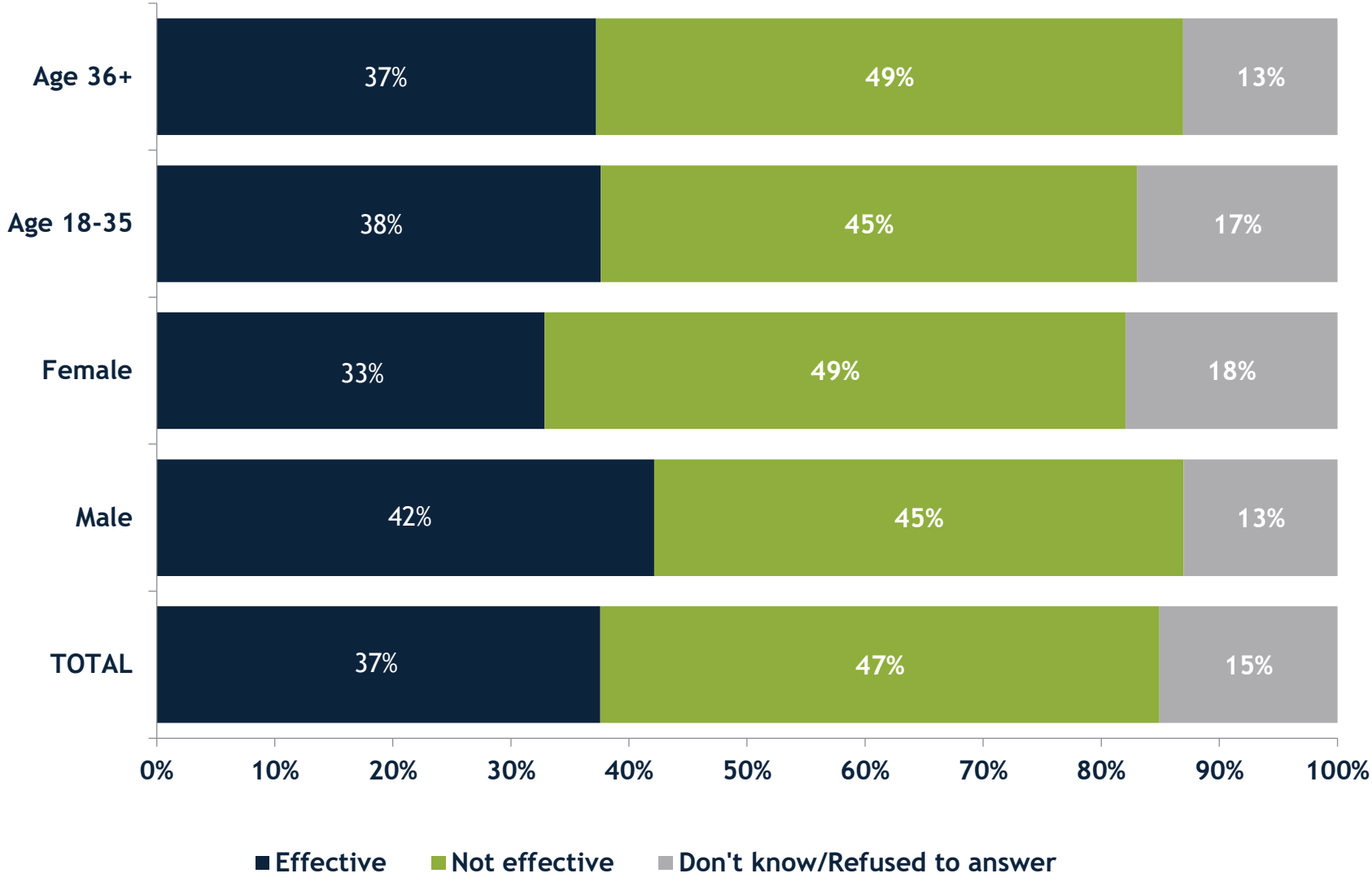

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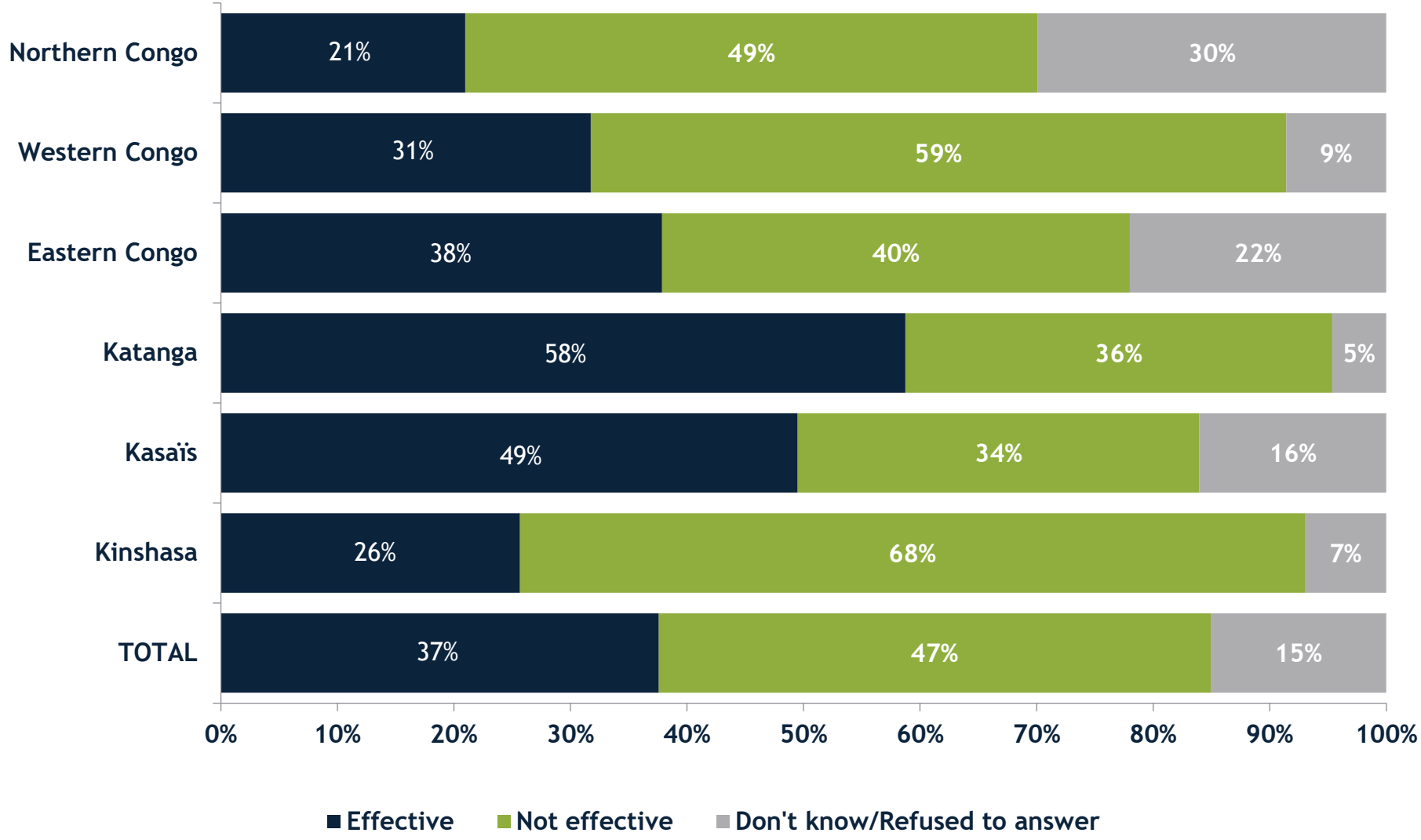

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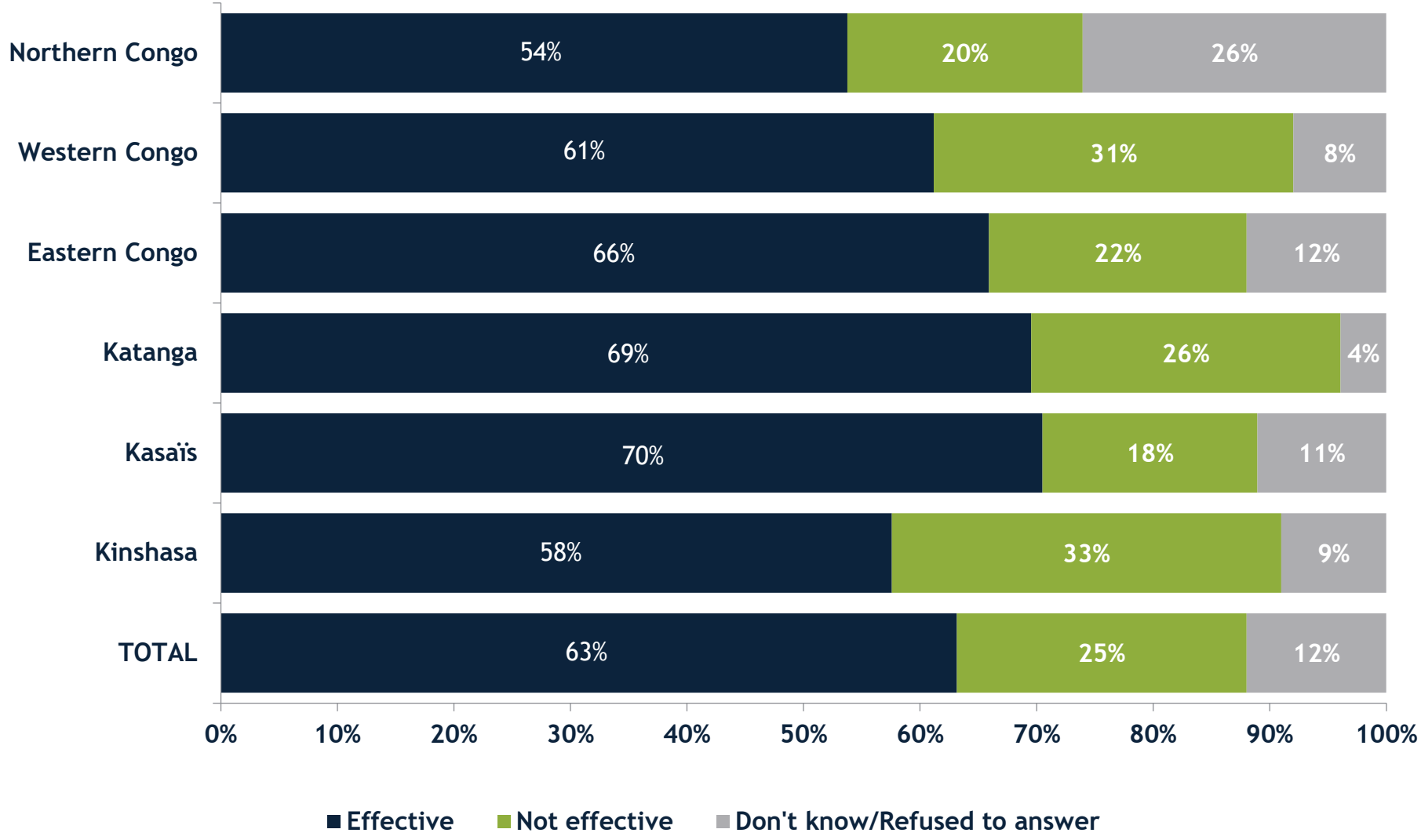

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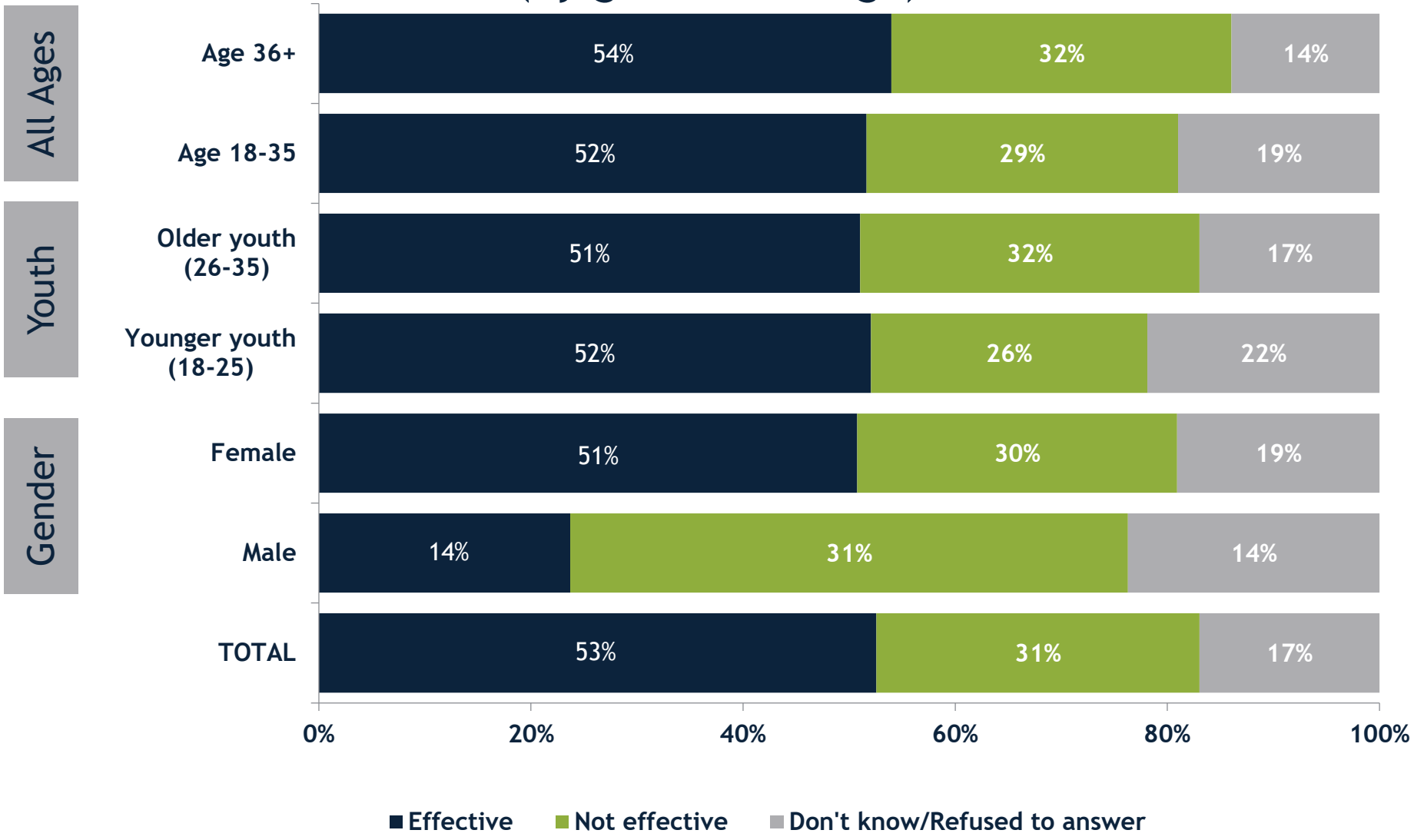

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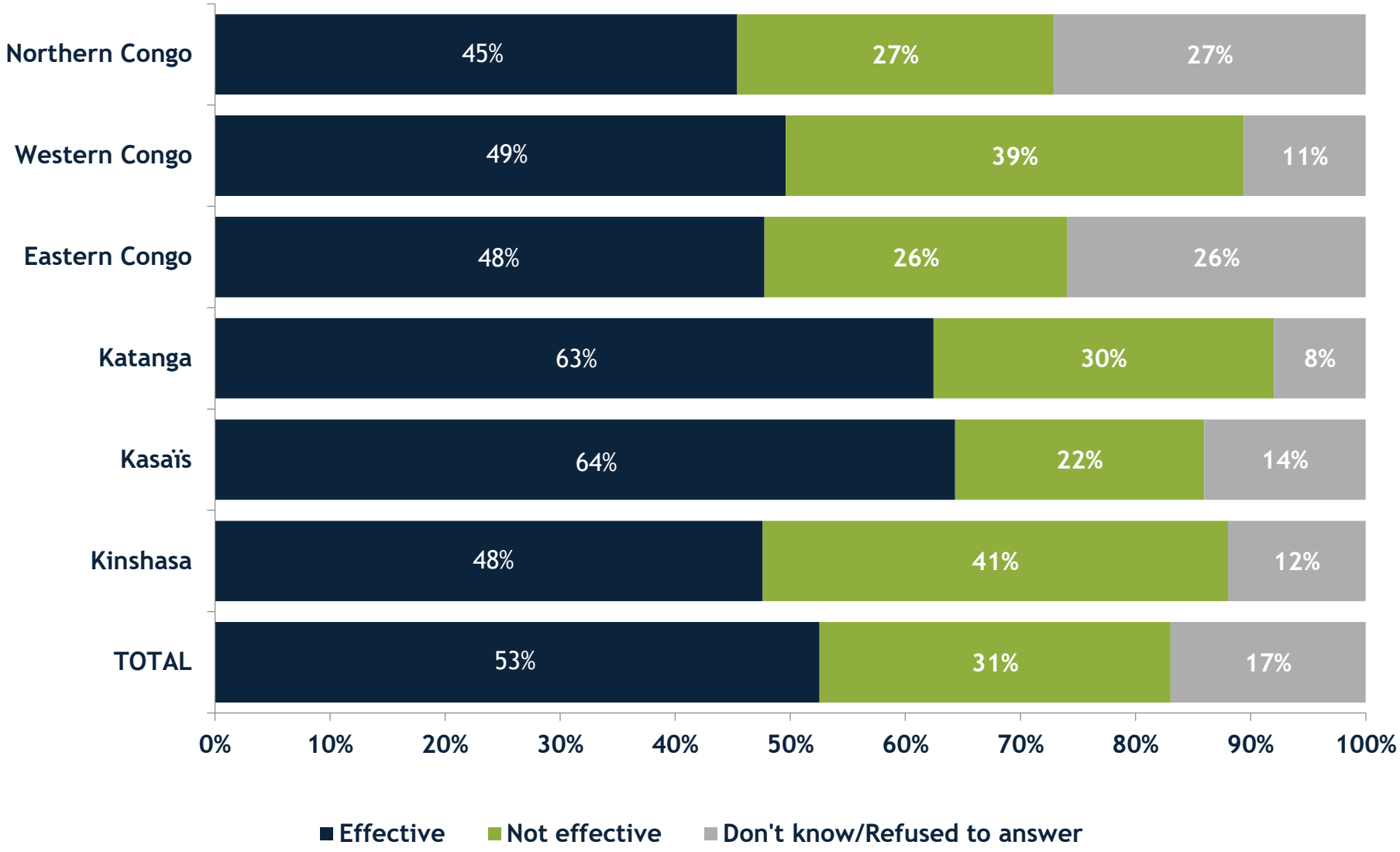

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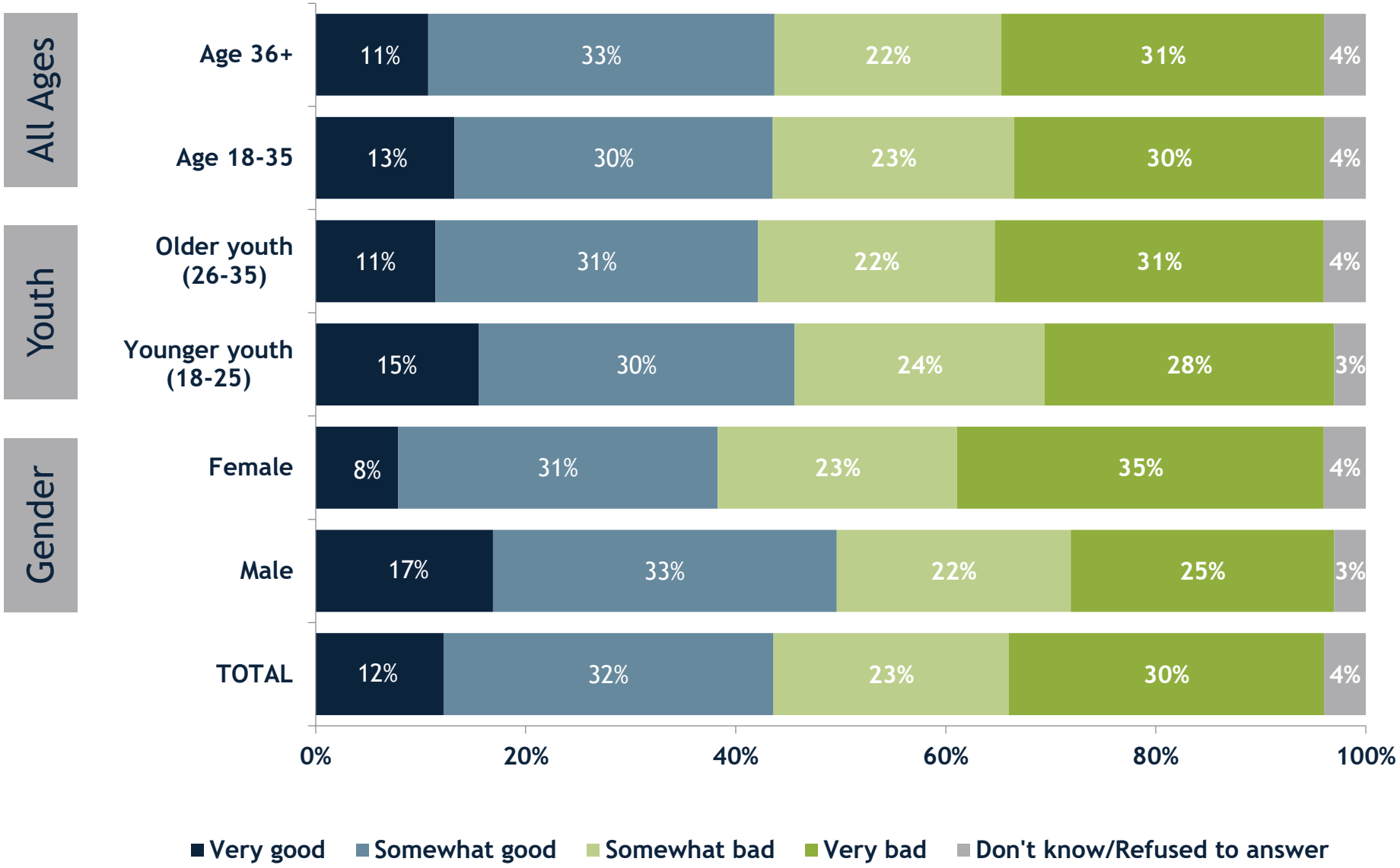

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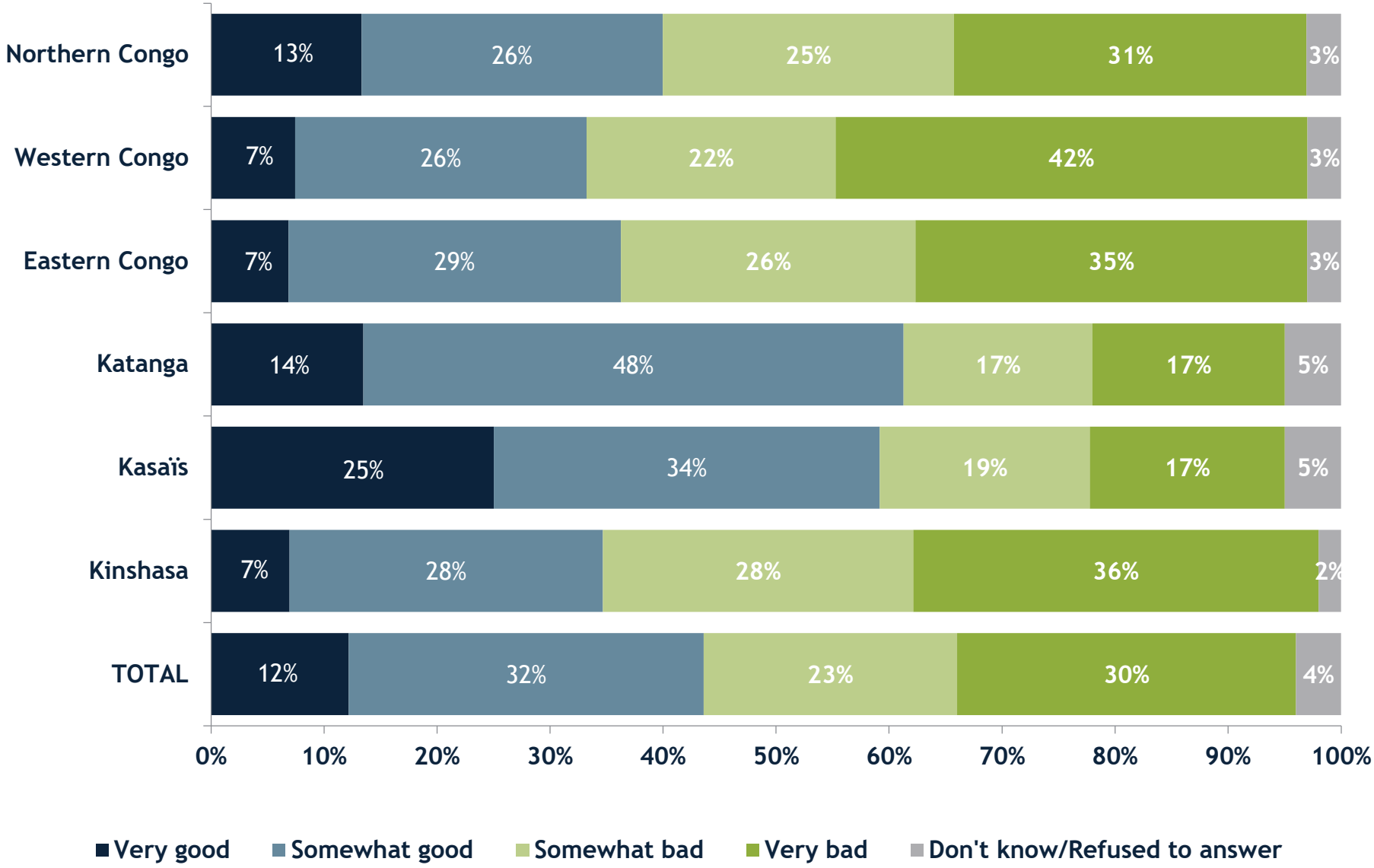

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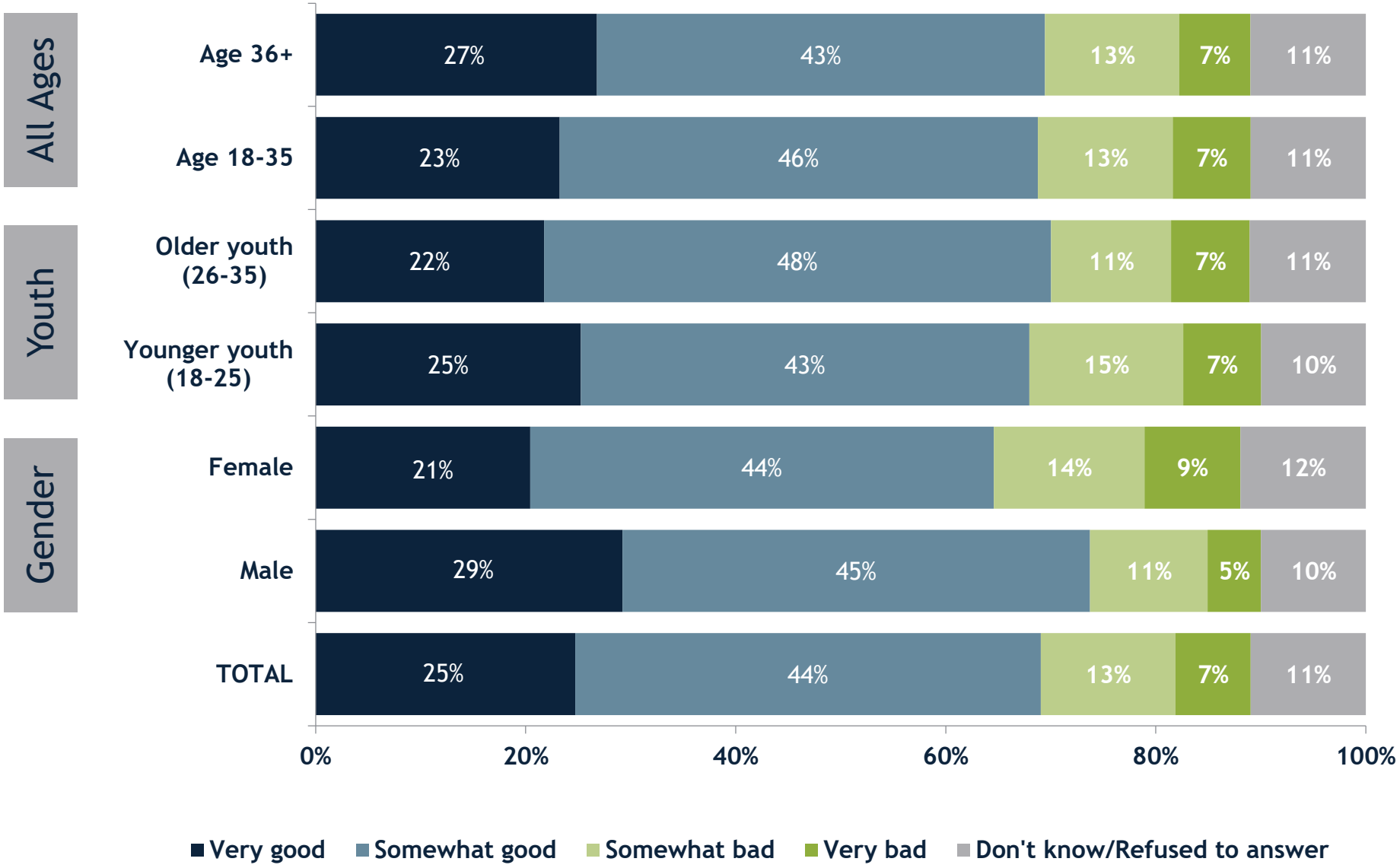

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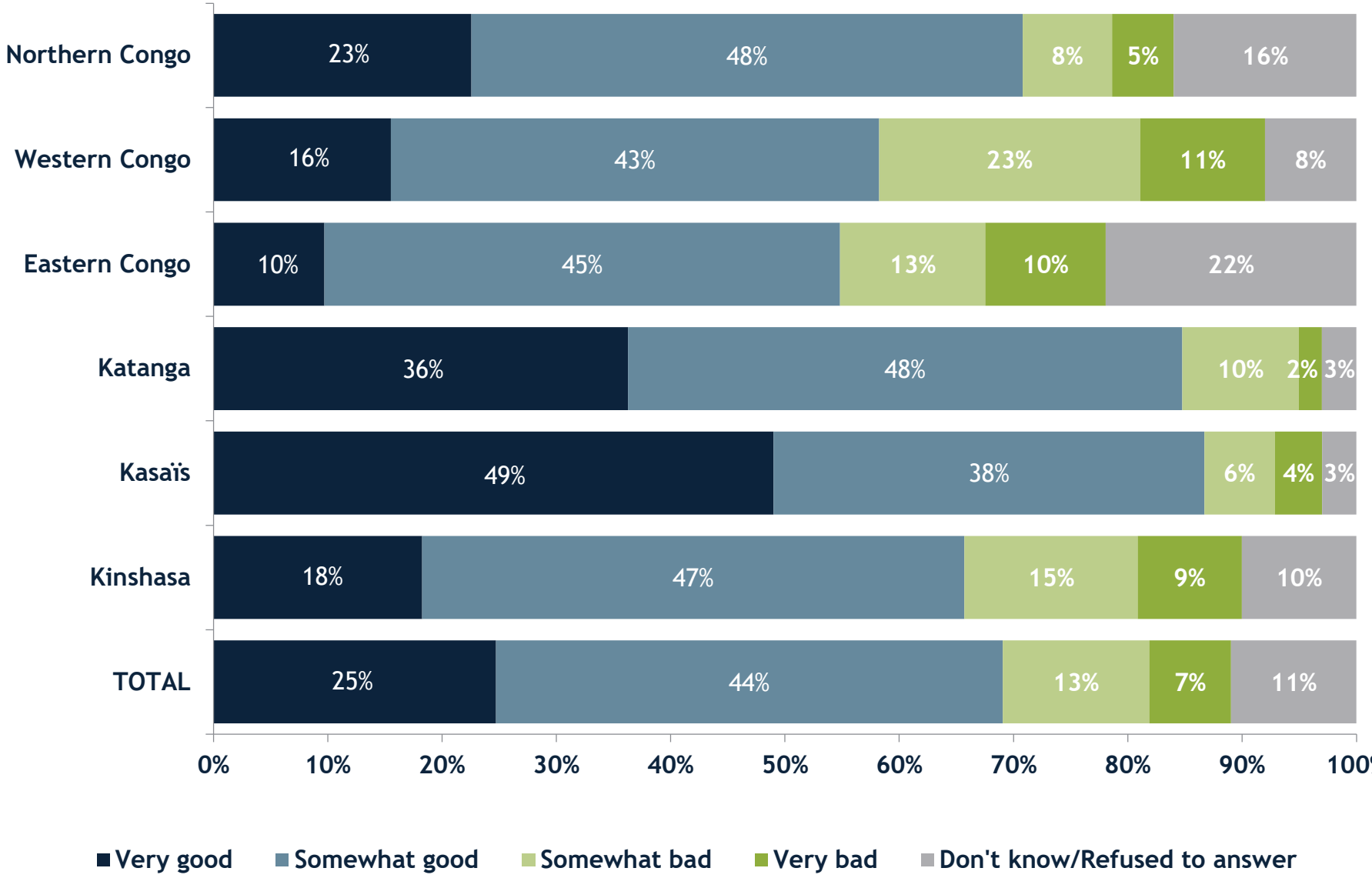

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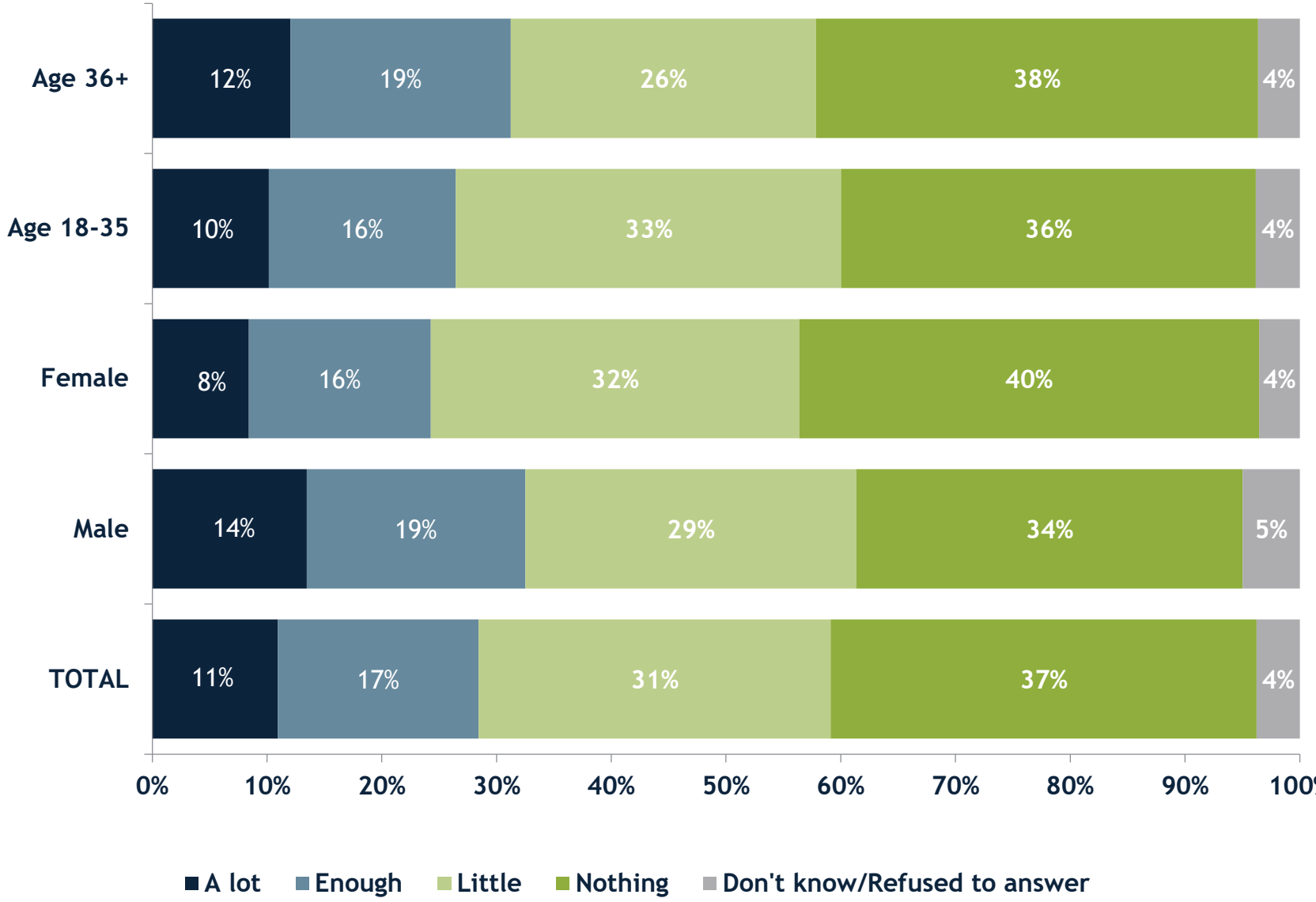

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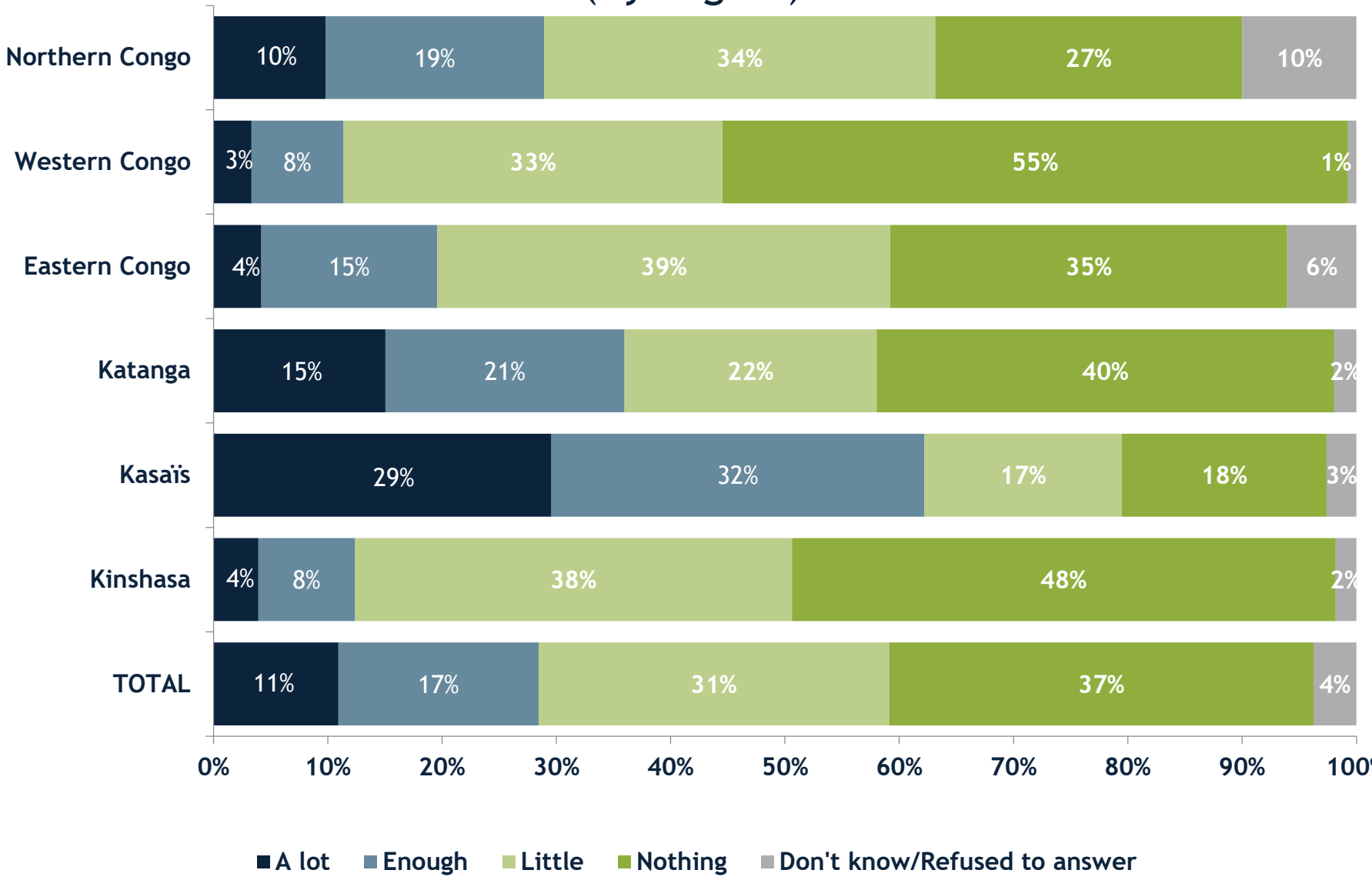

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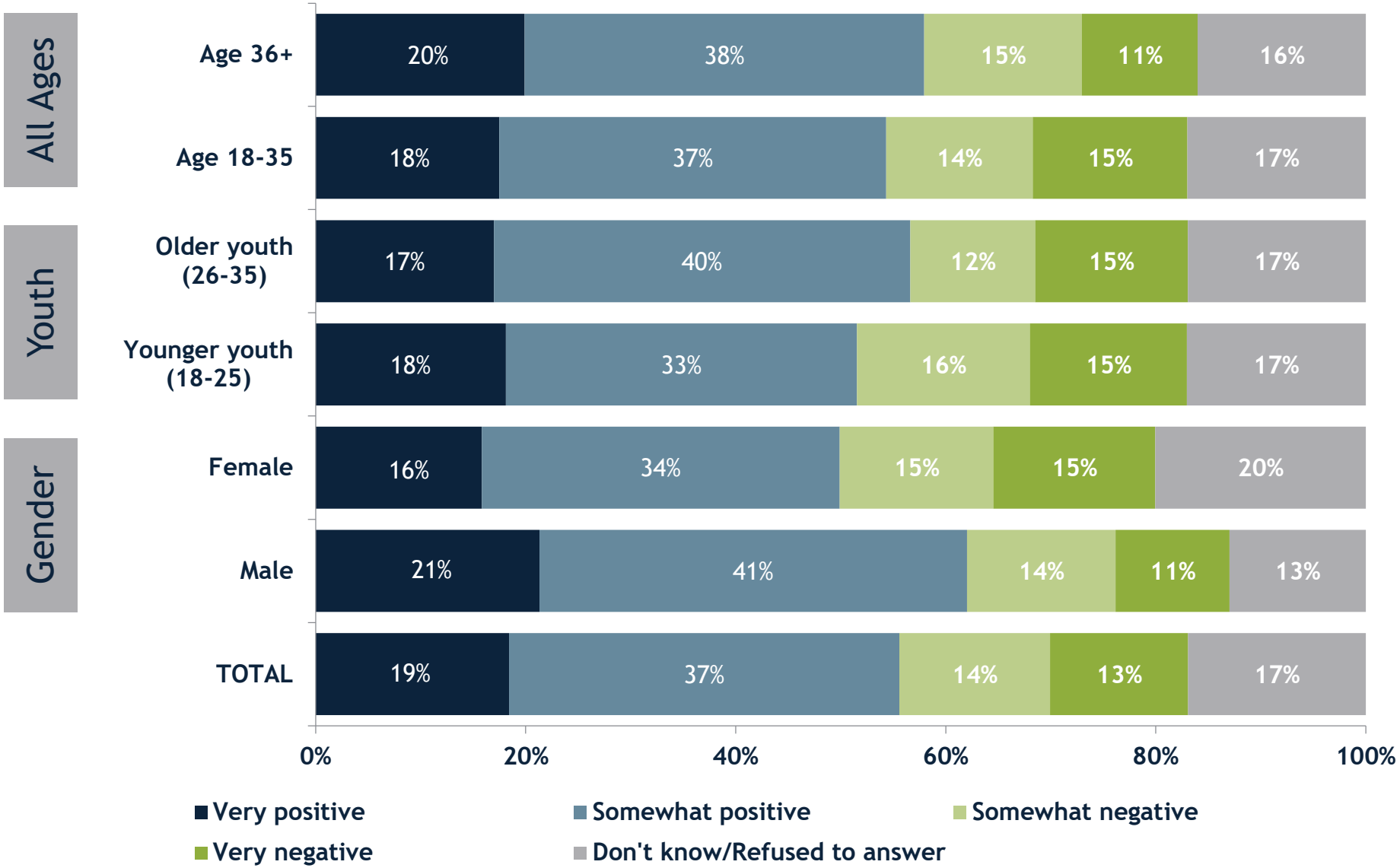

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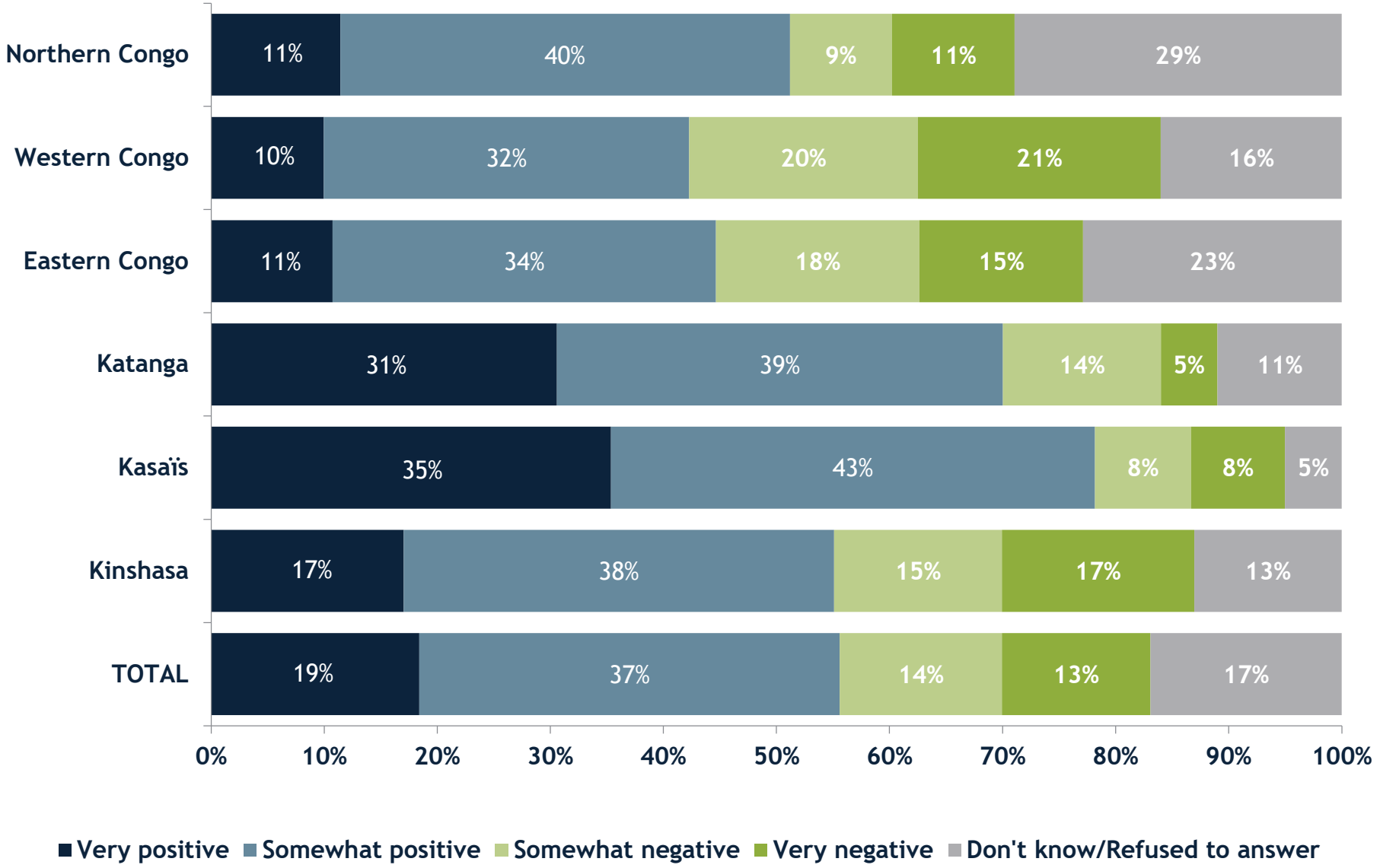

International Relations

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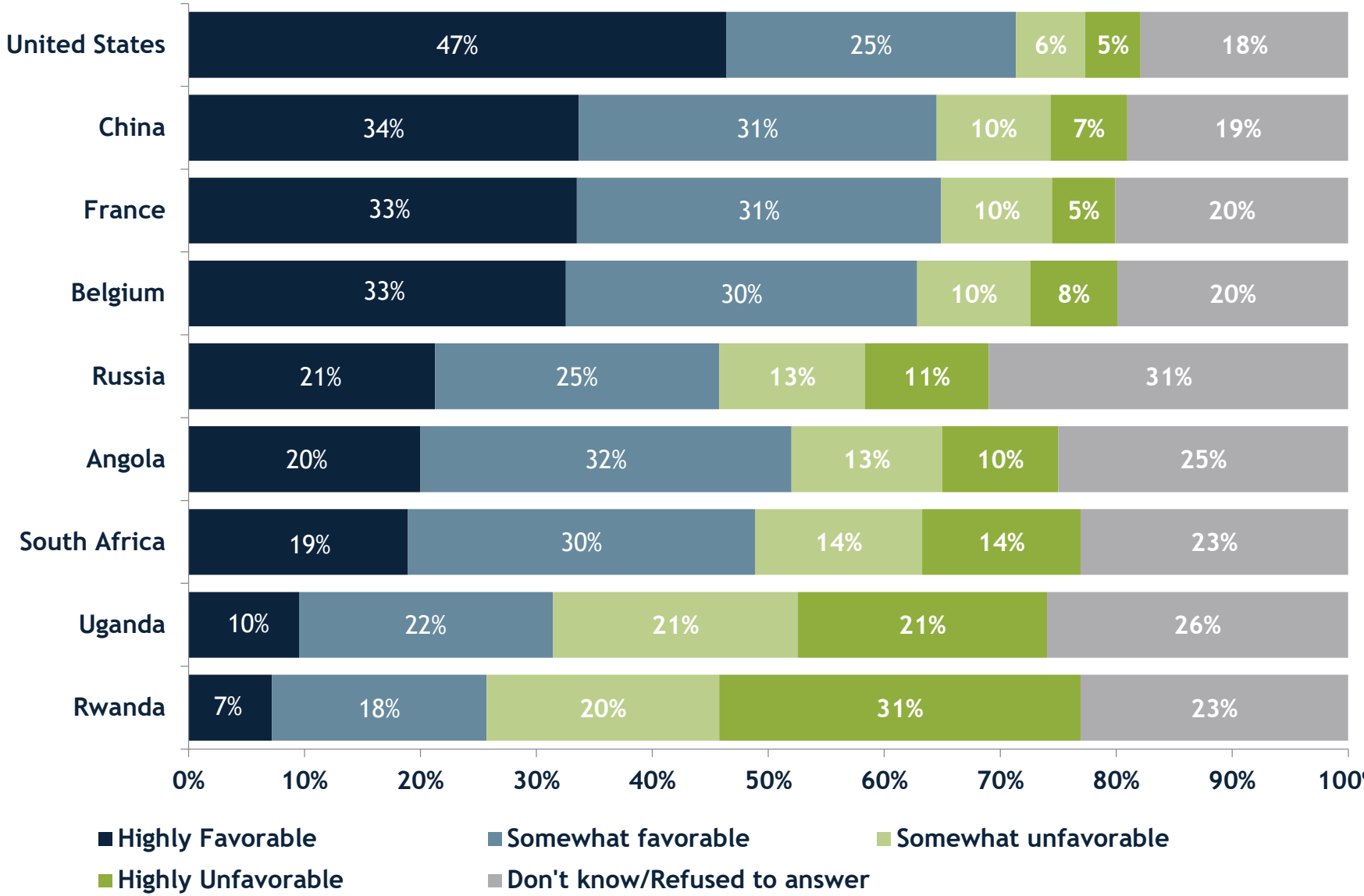

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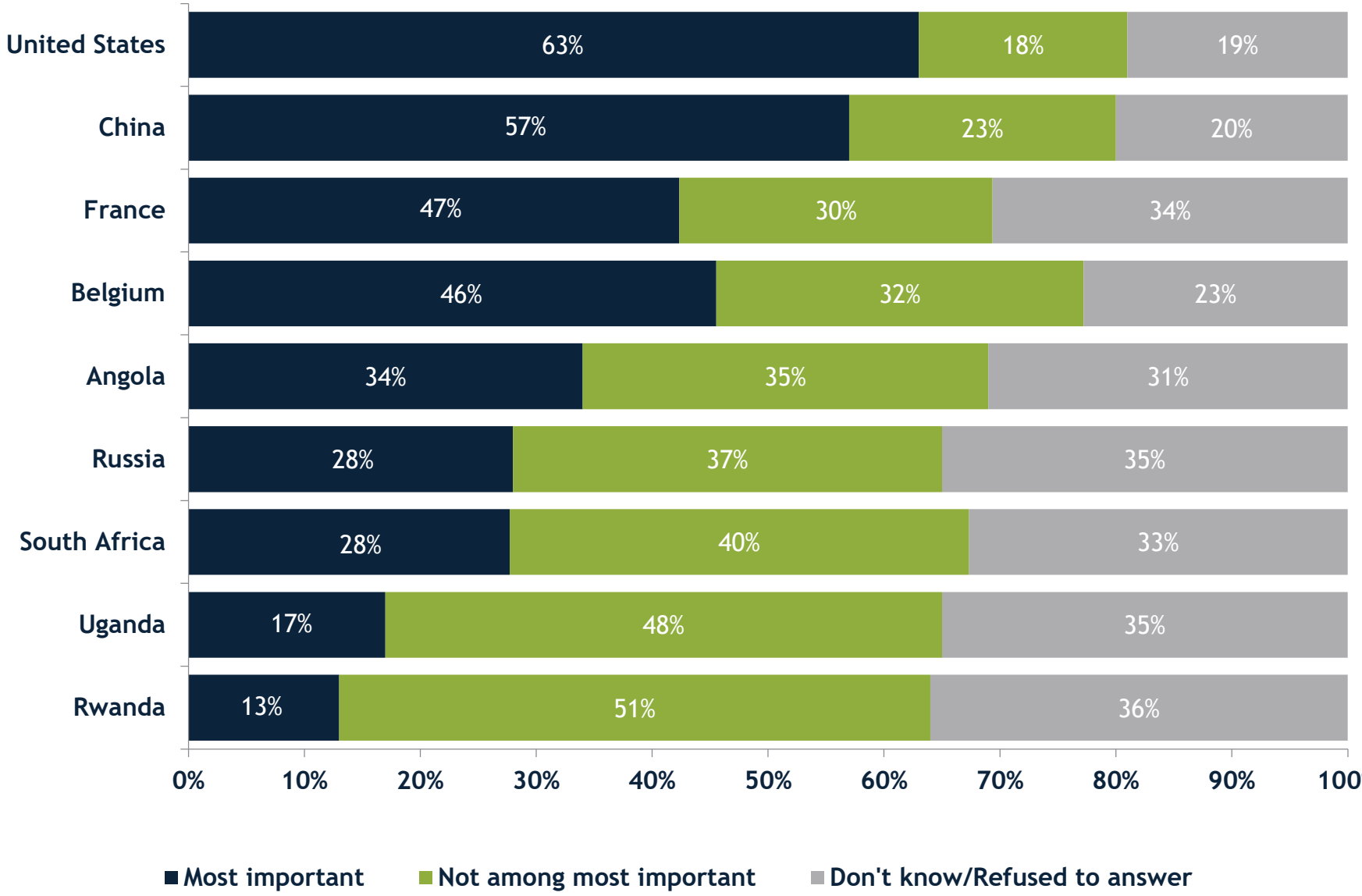

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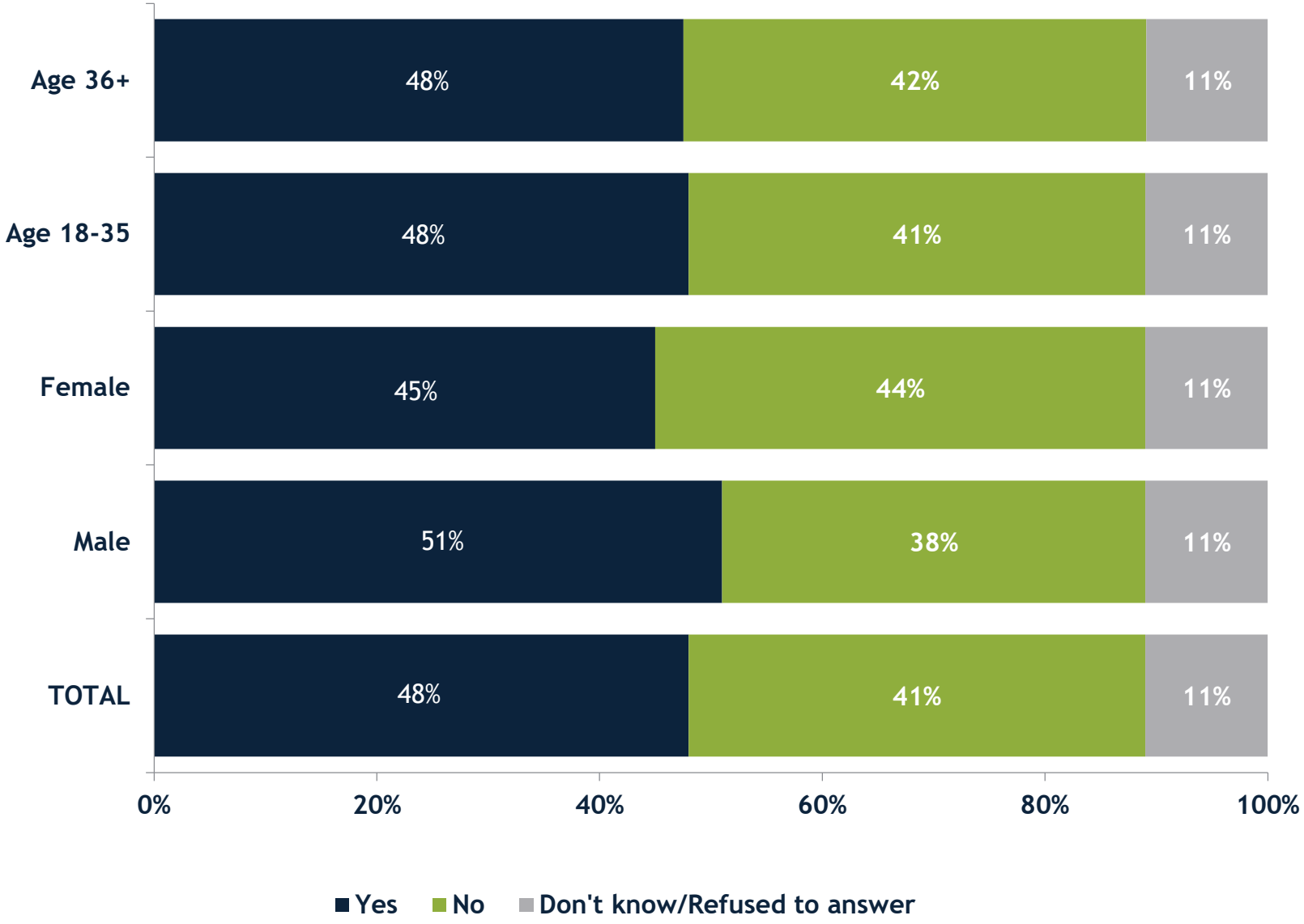

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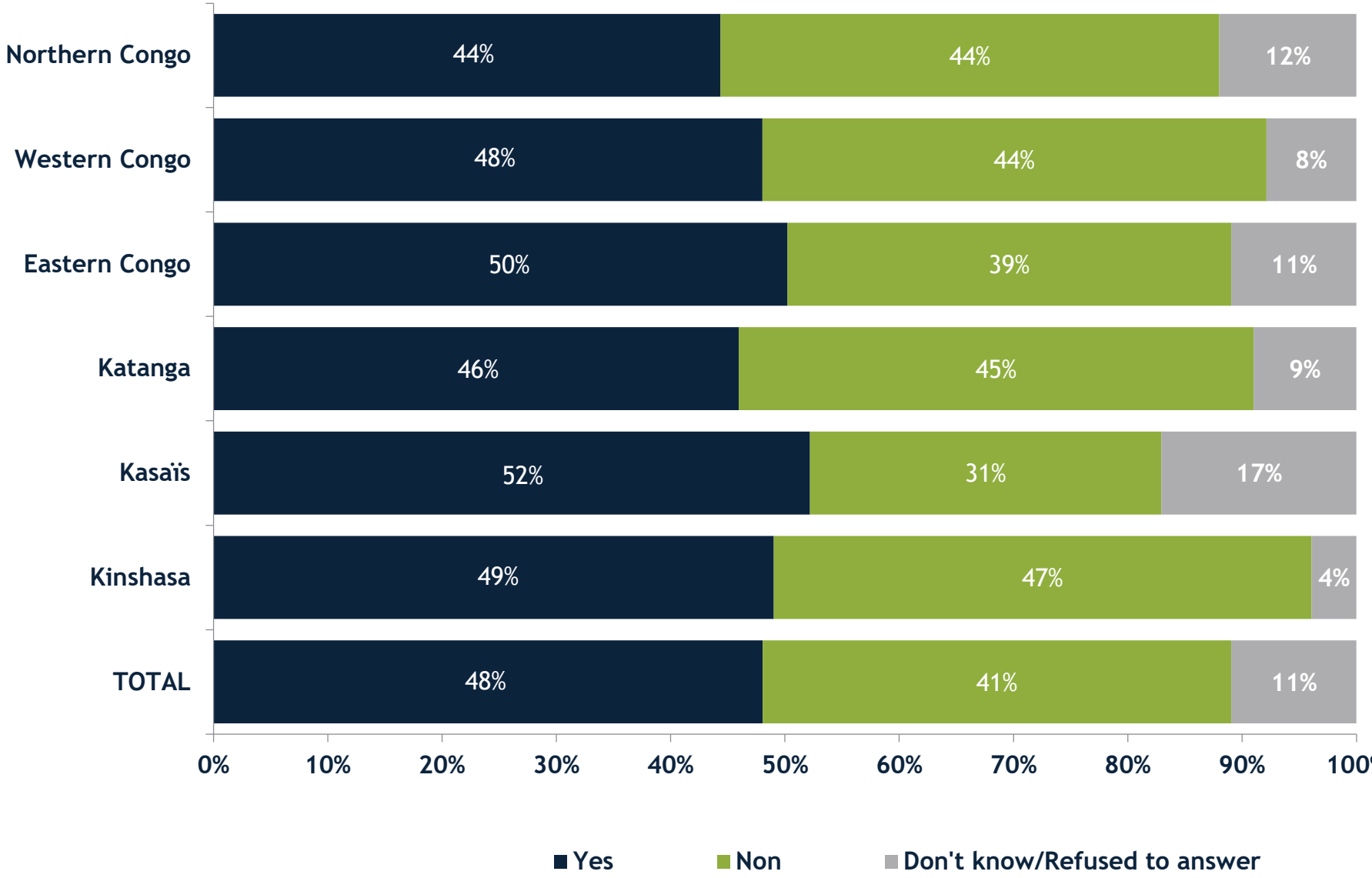

Media and Information

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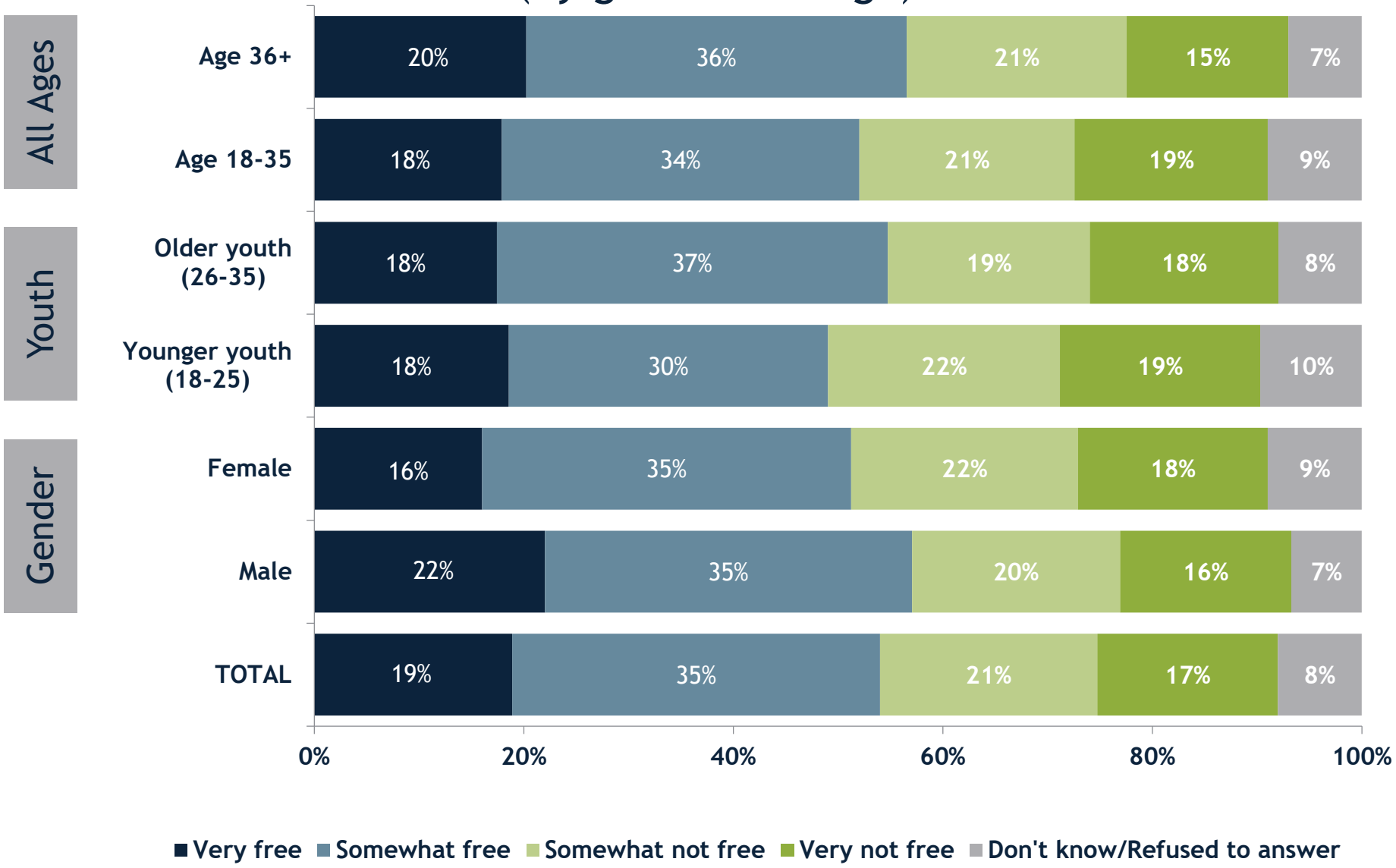

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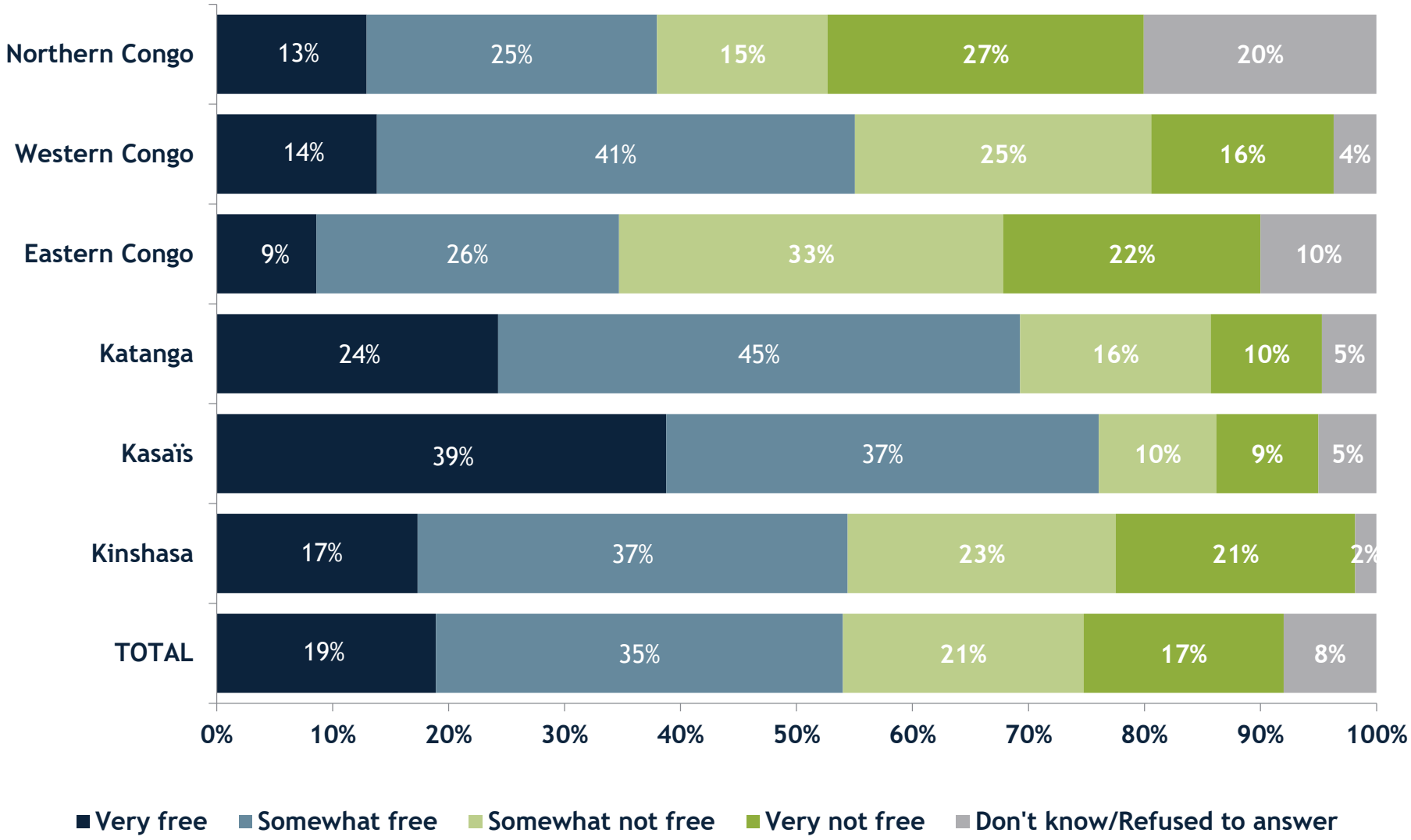

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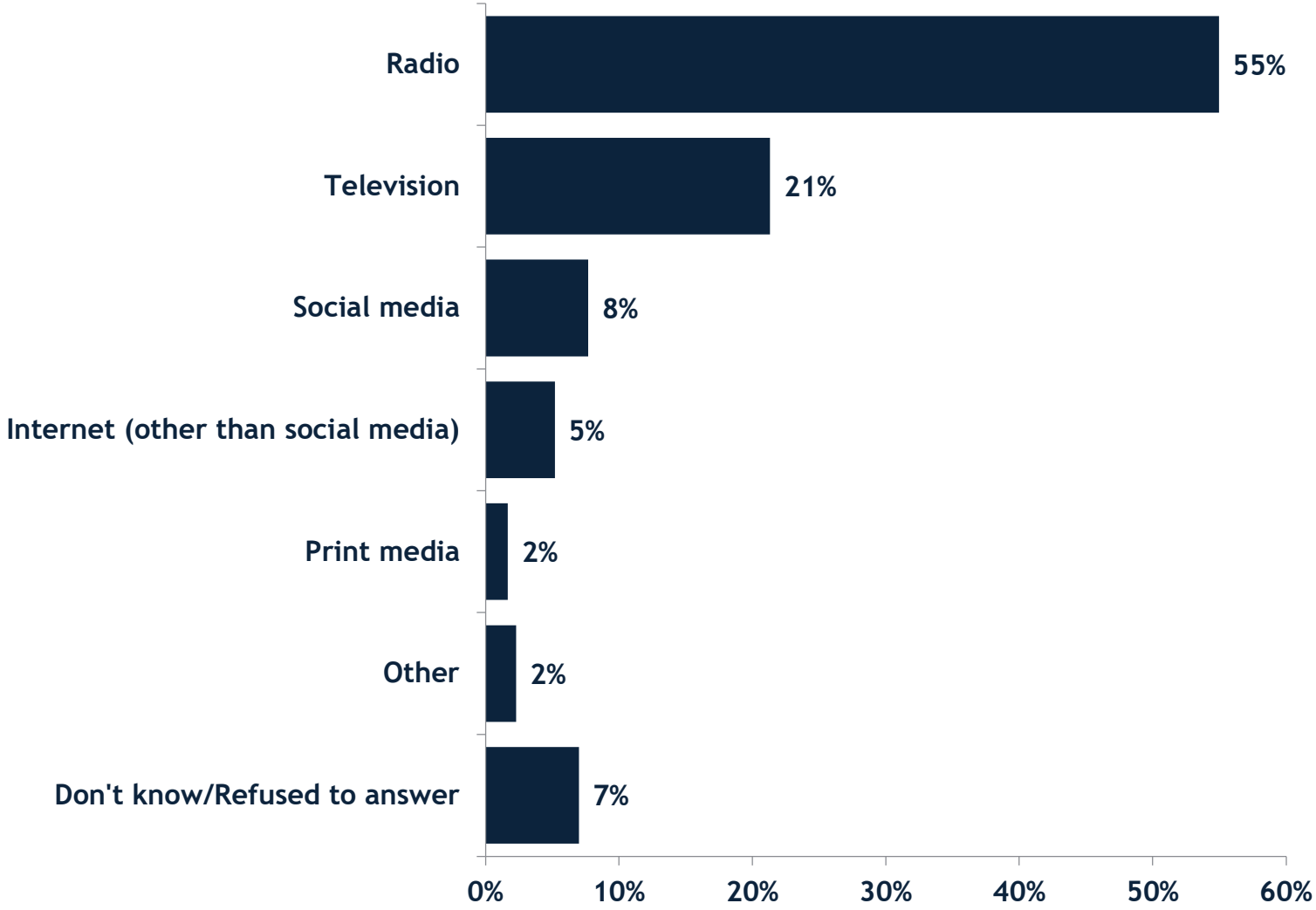

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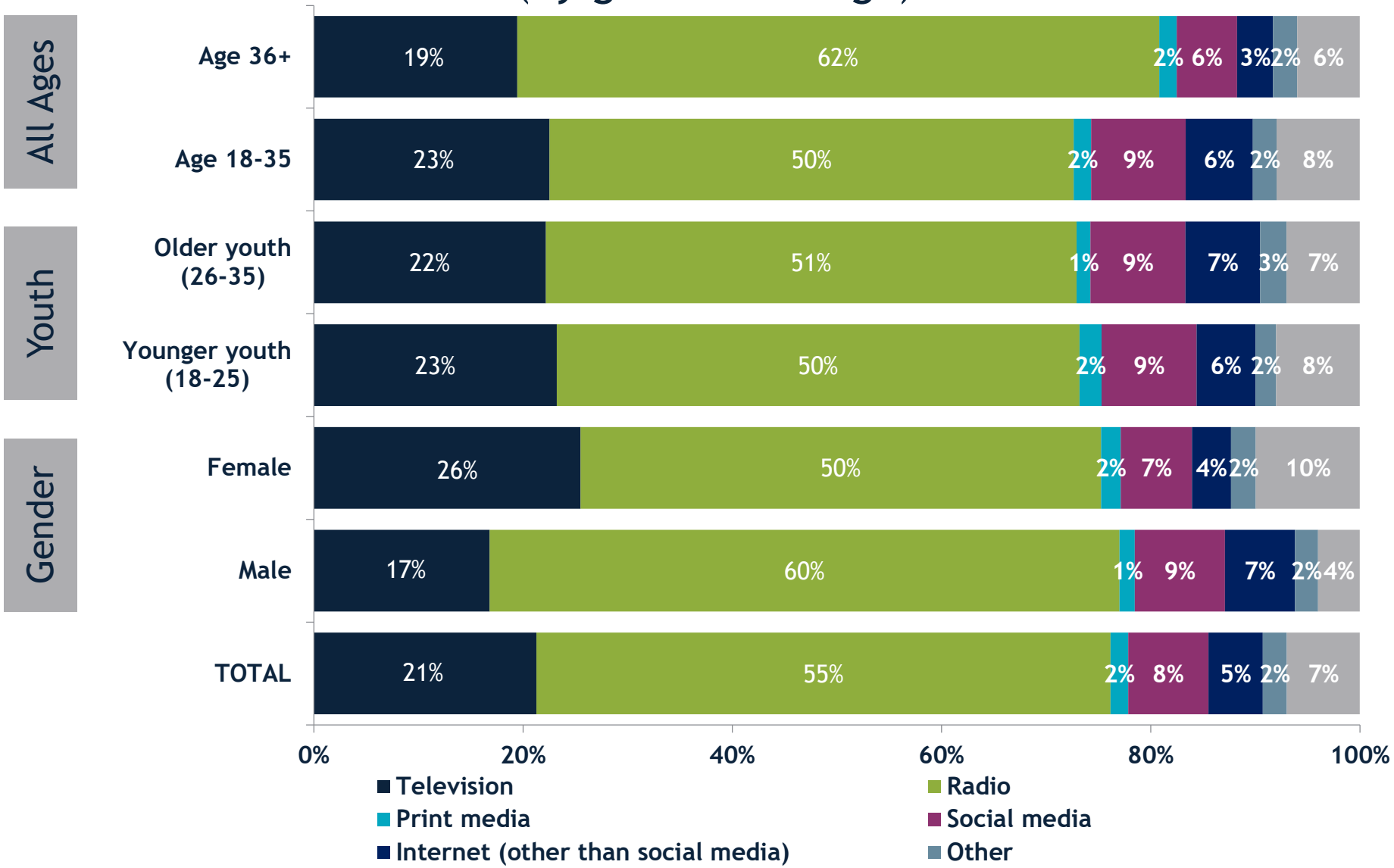

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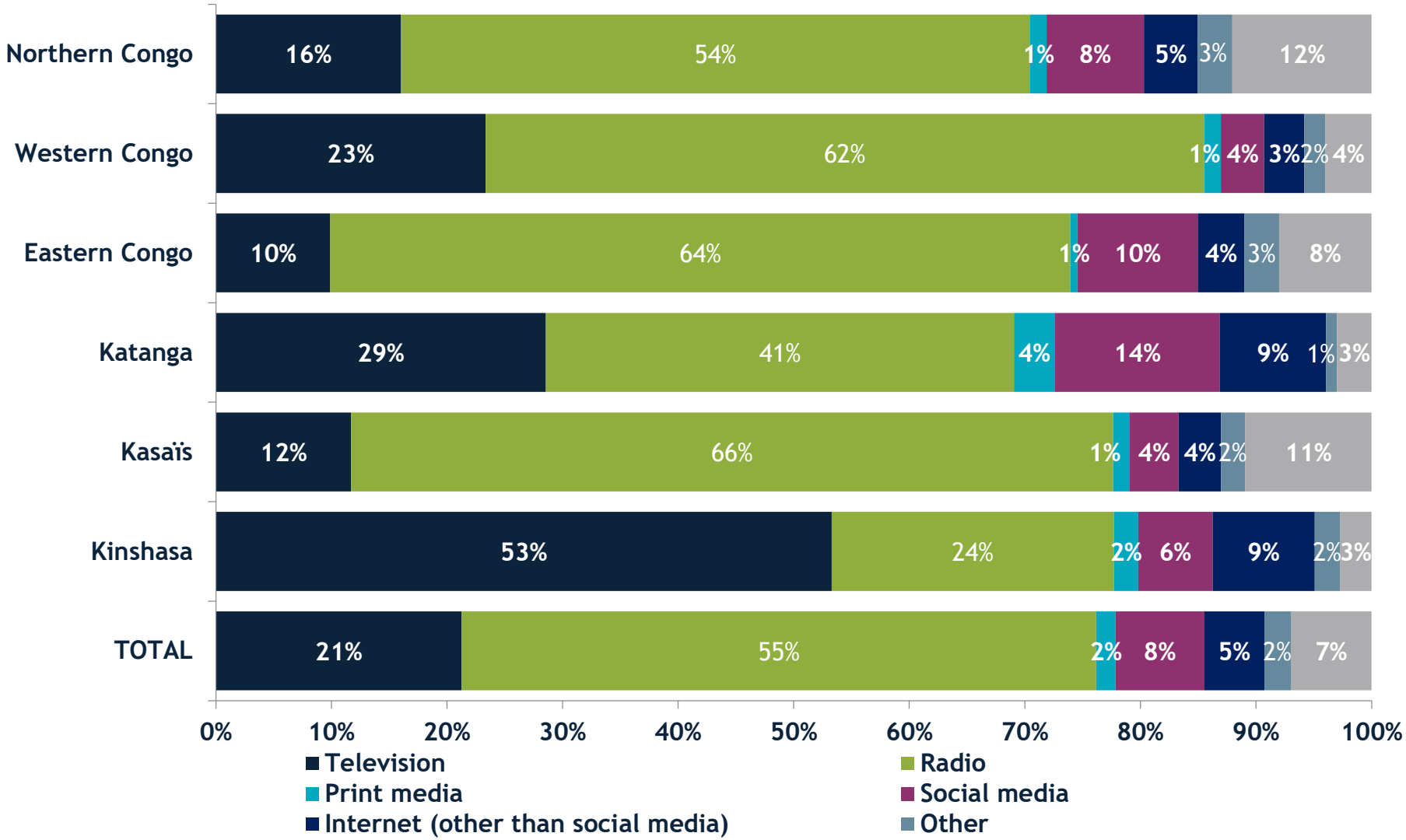

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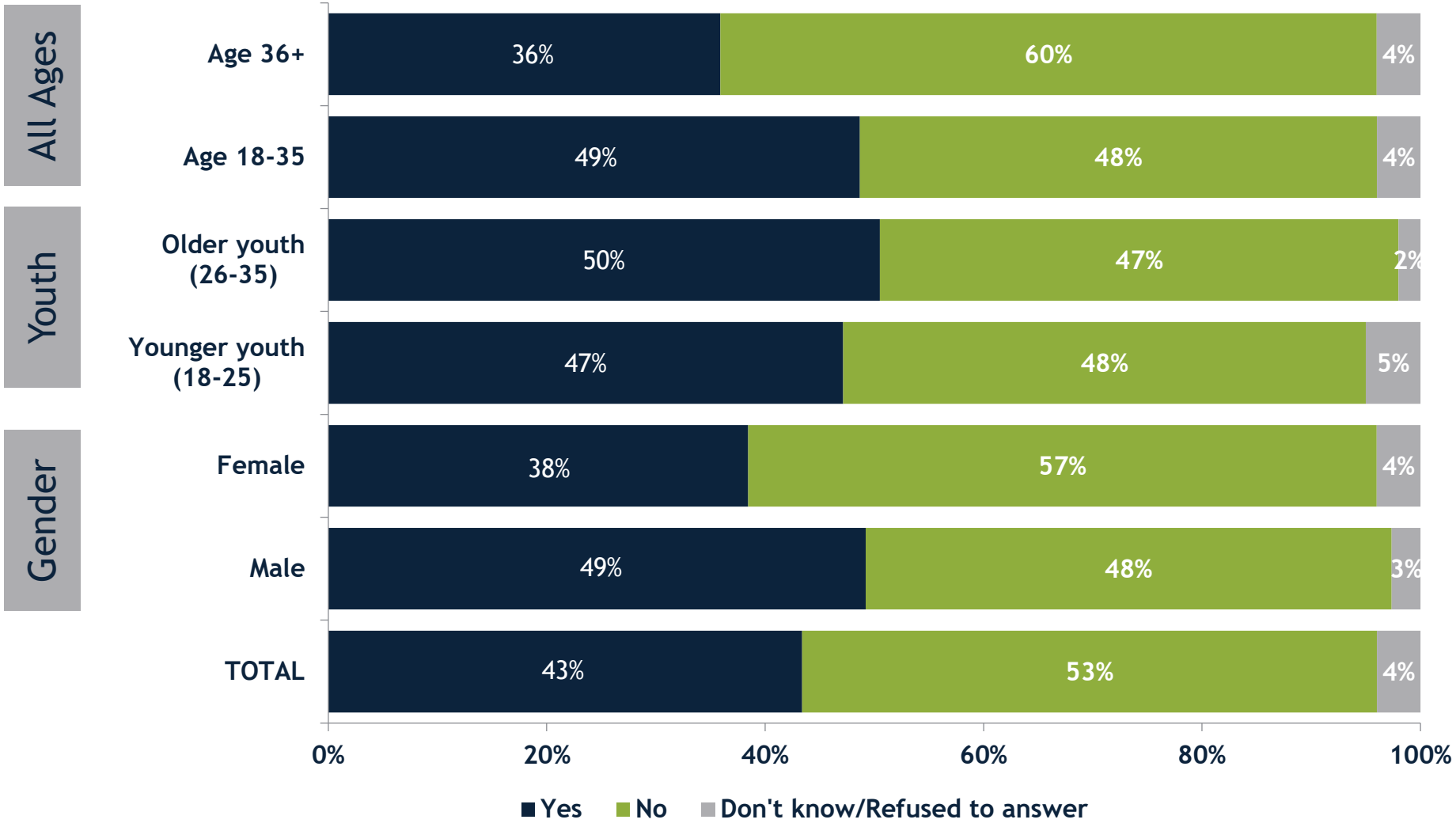

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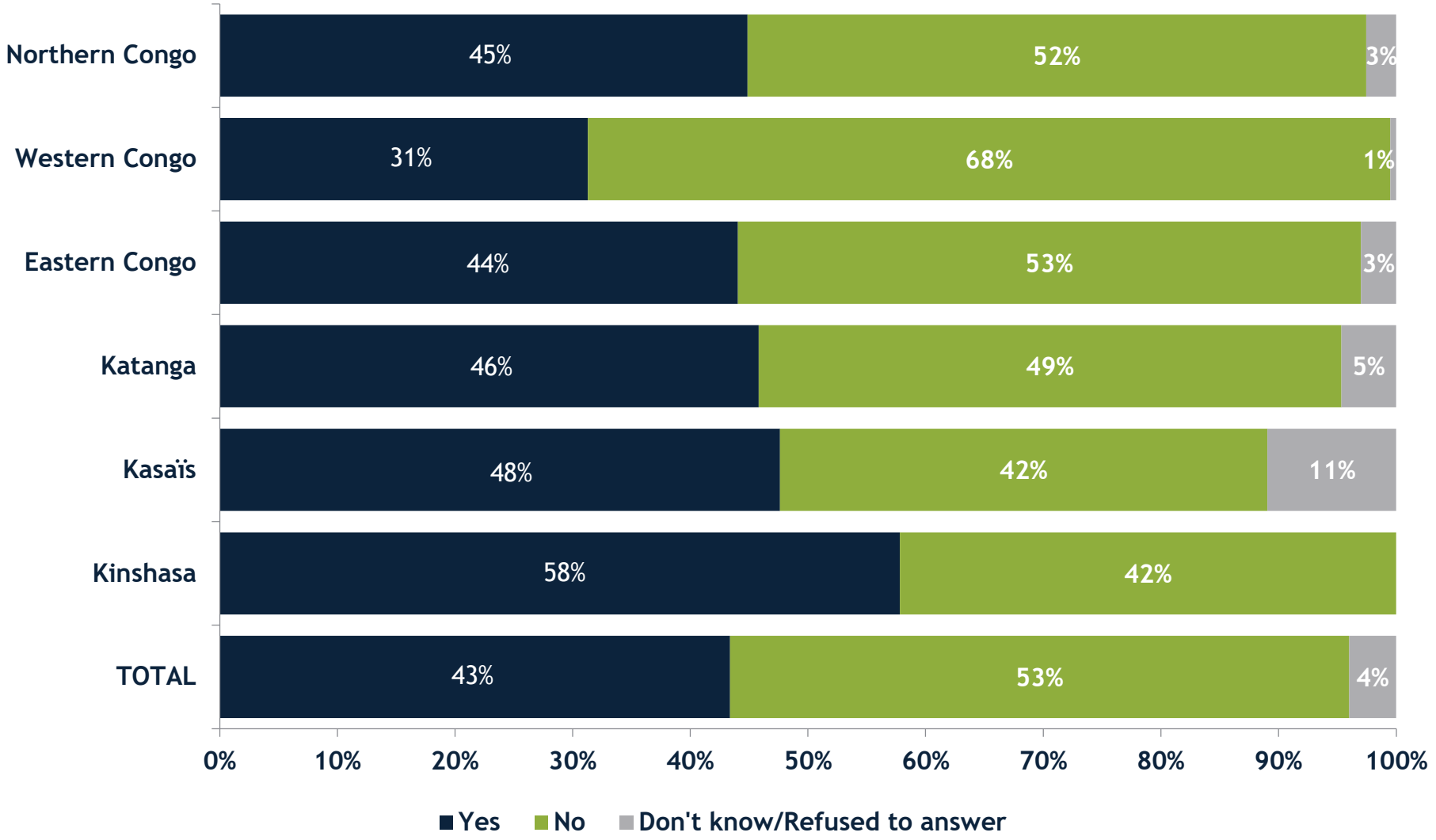

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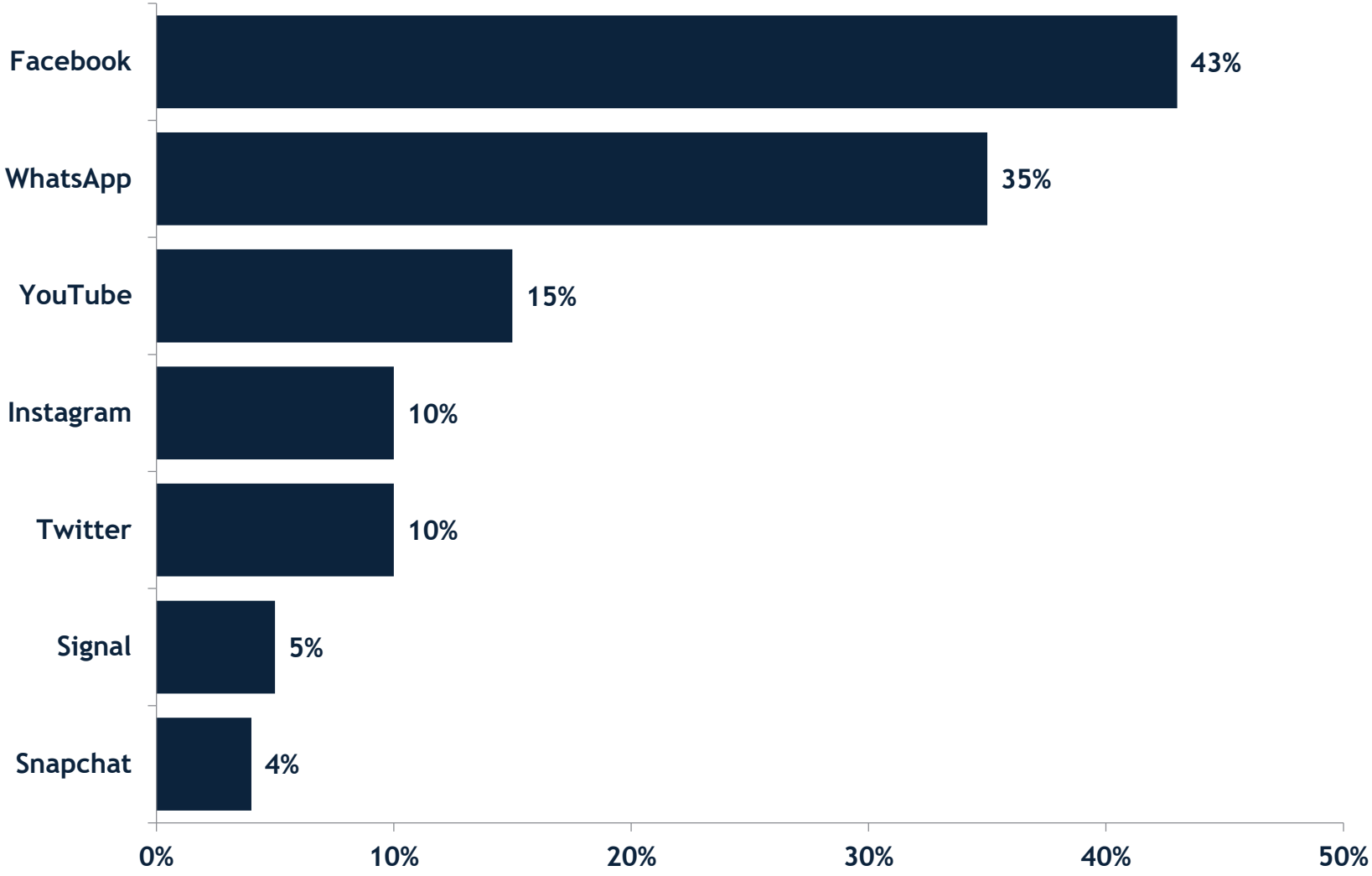

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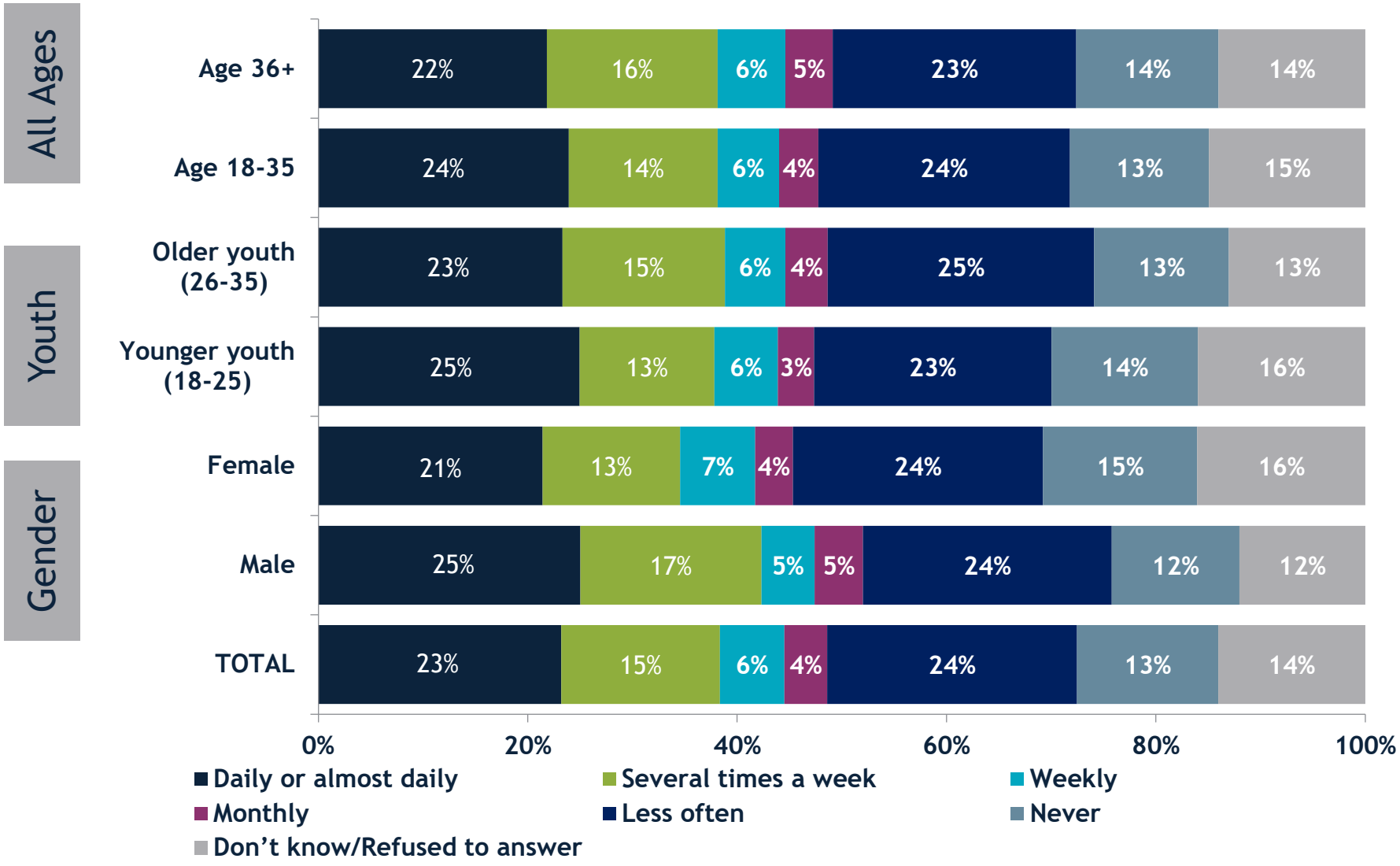

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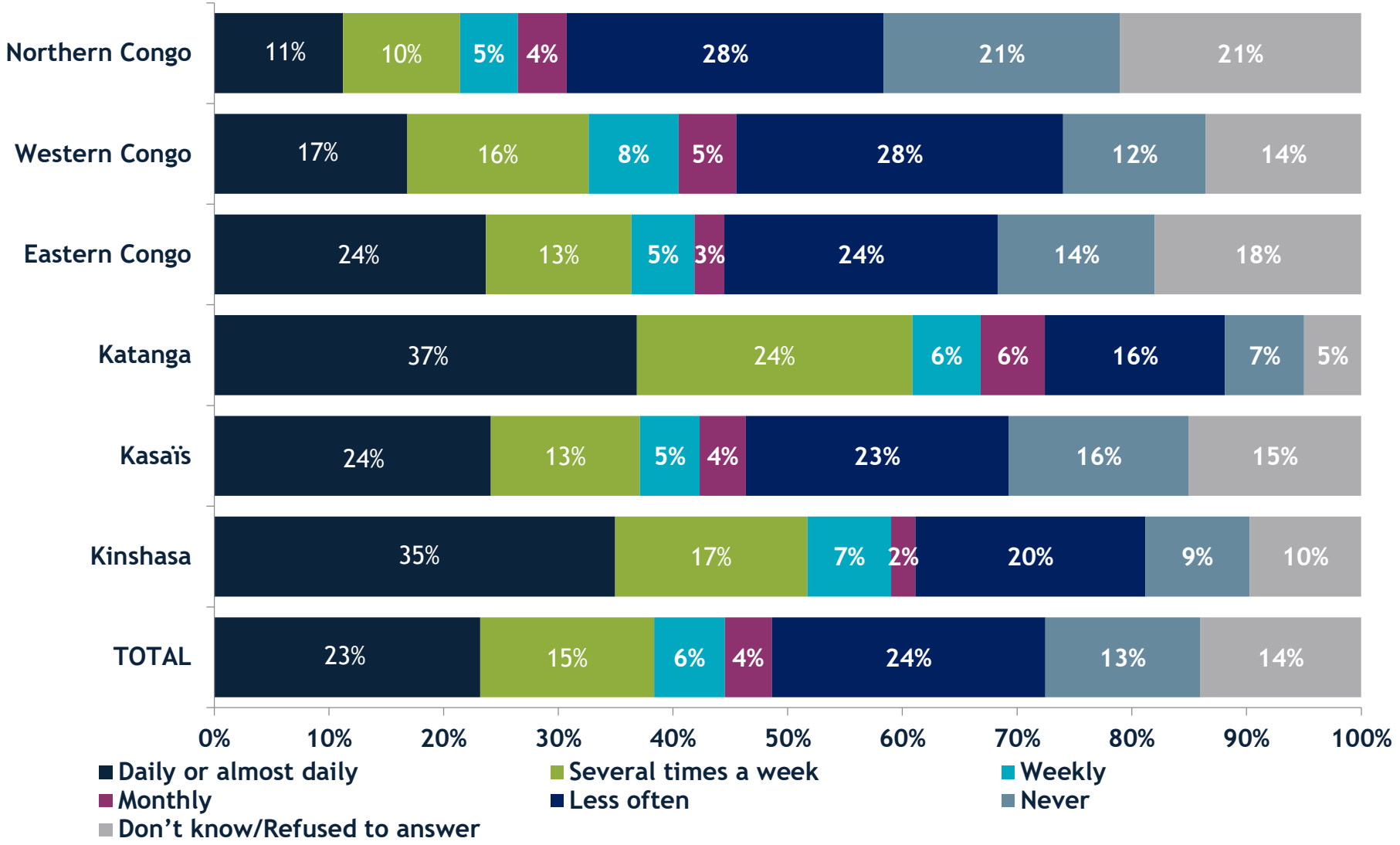

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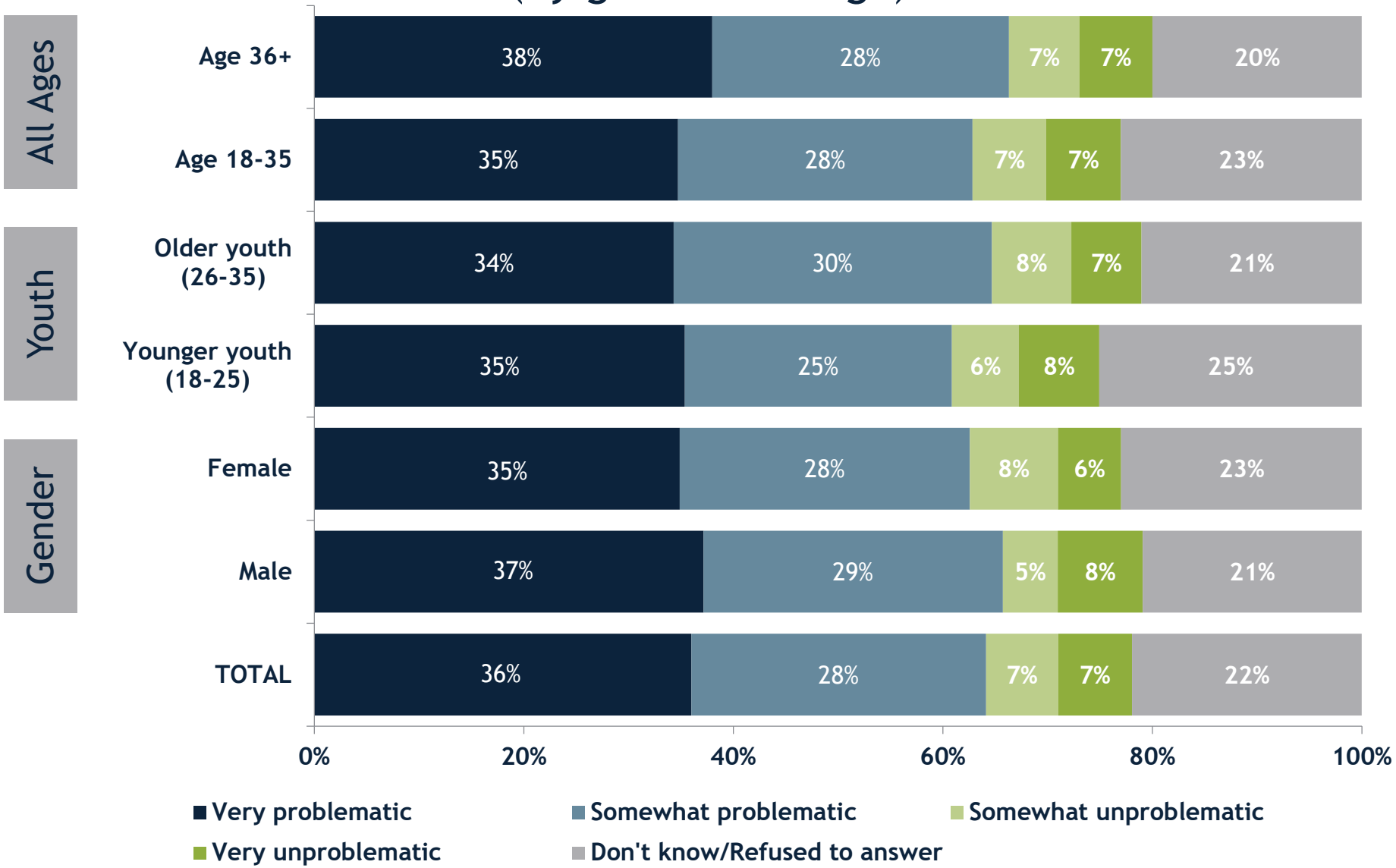

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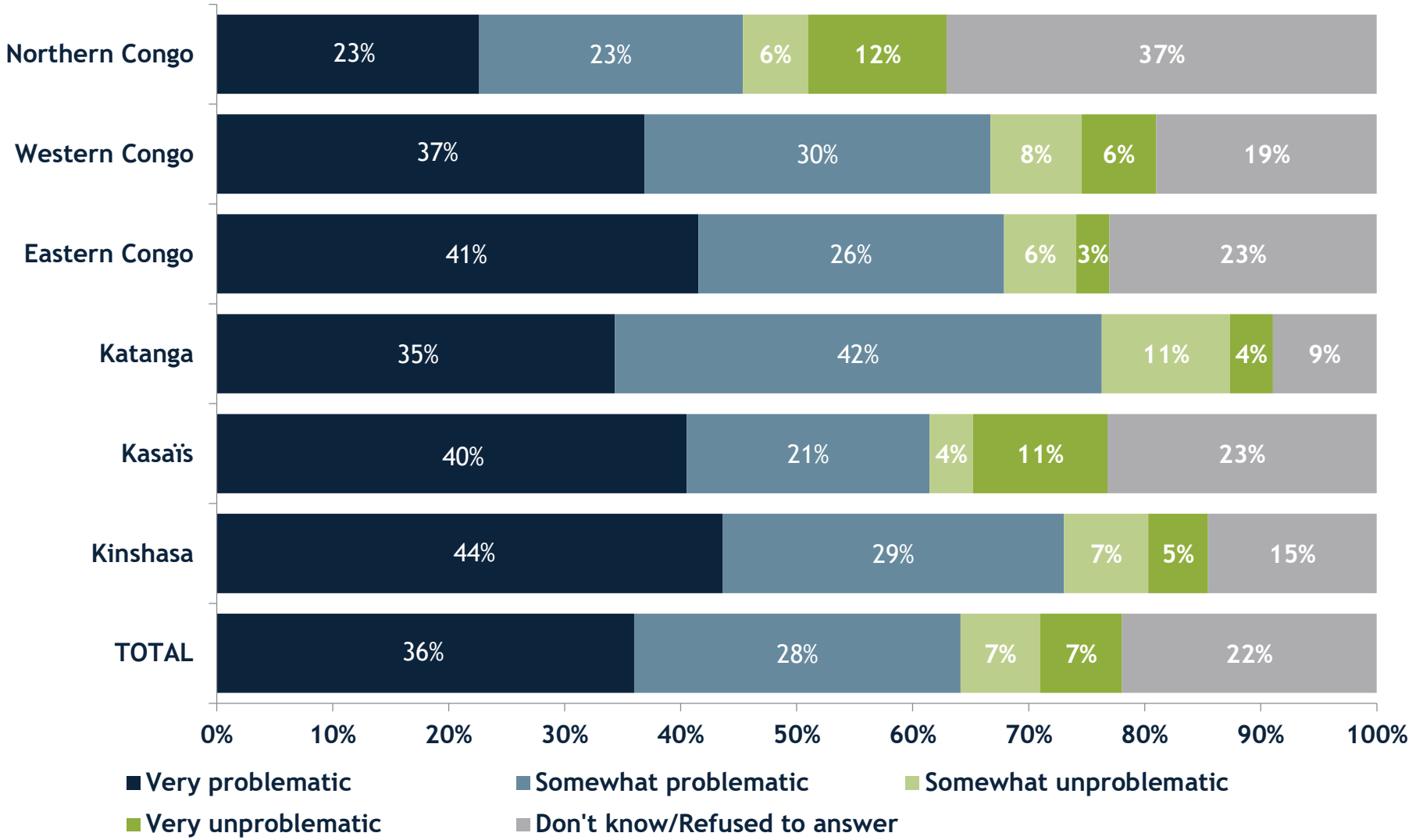

Ebola

(Questions asked only in Ituri and North Kivu, n=430)

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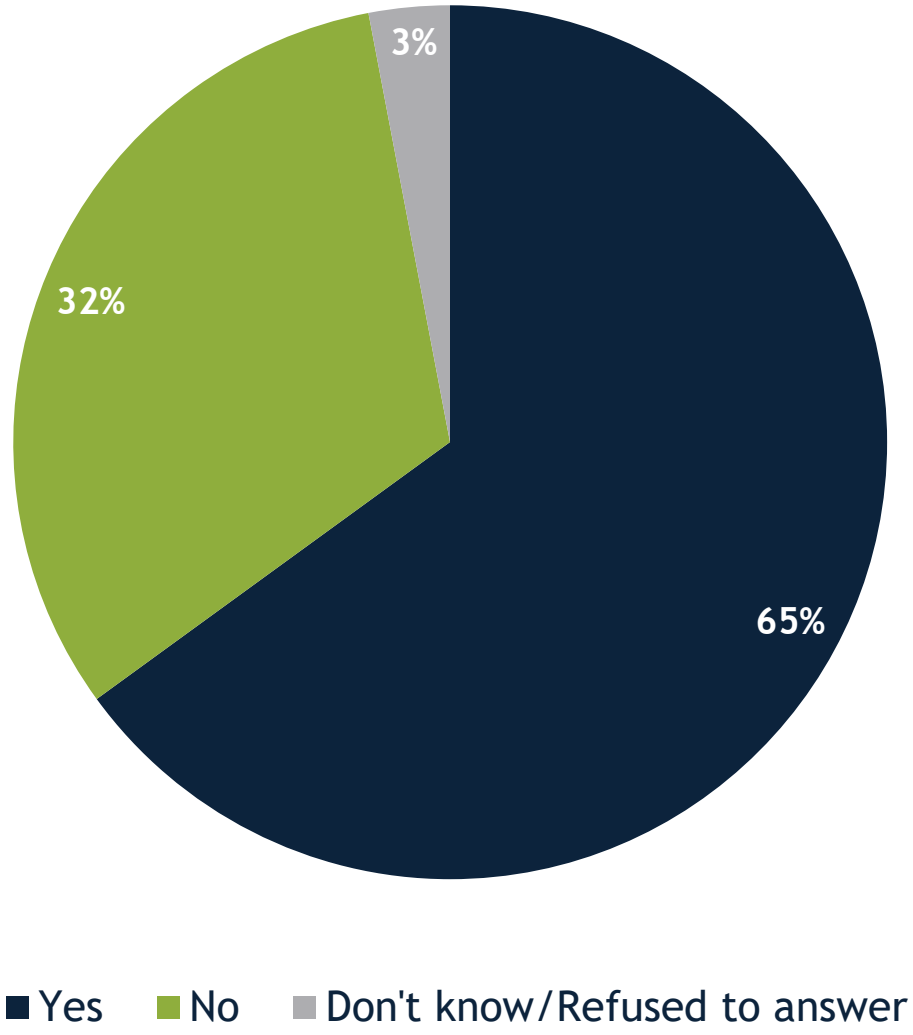
Are you aware of any Ebola cases in your area?



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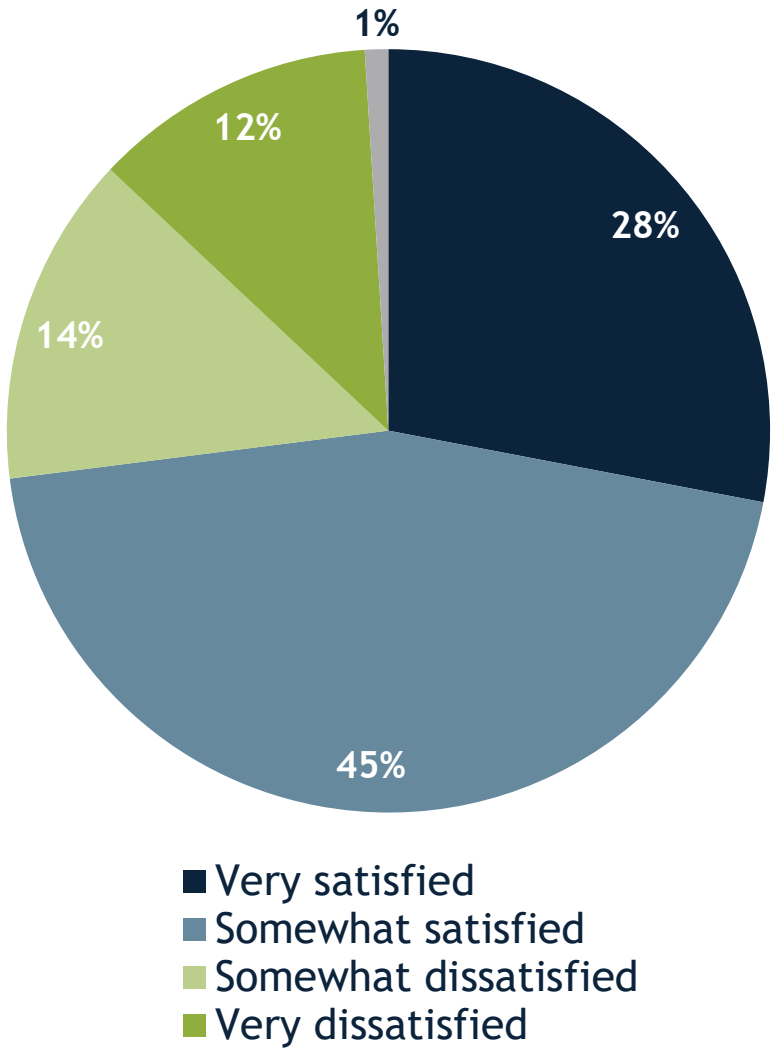

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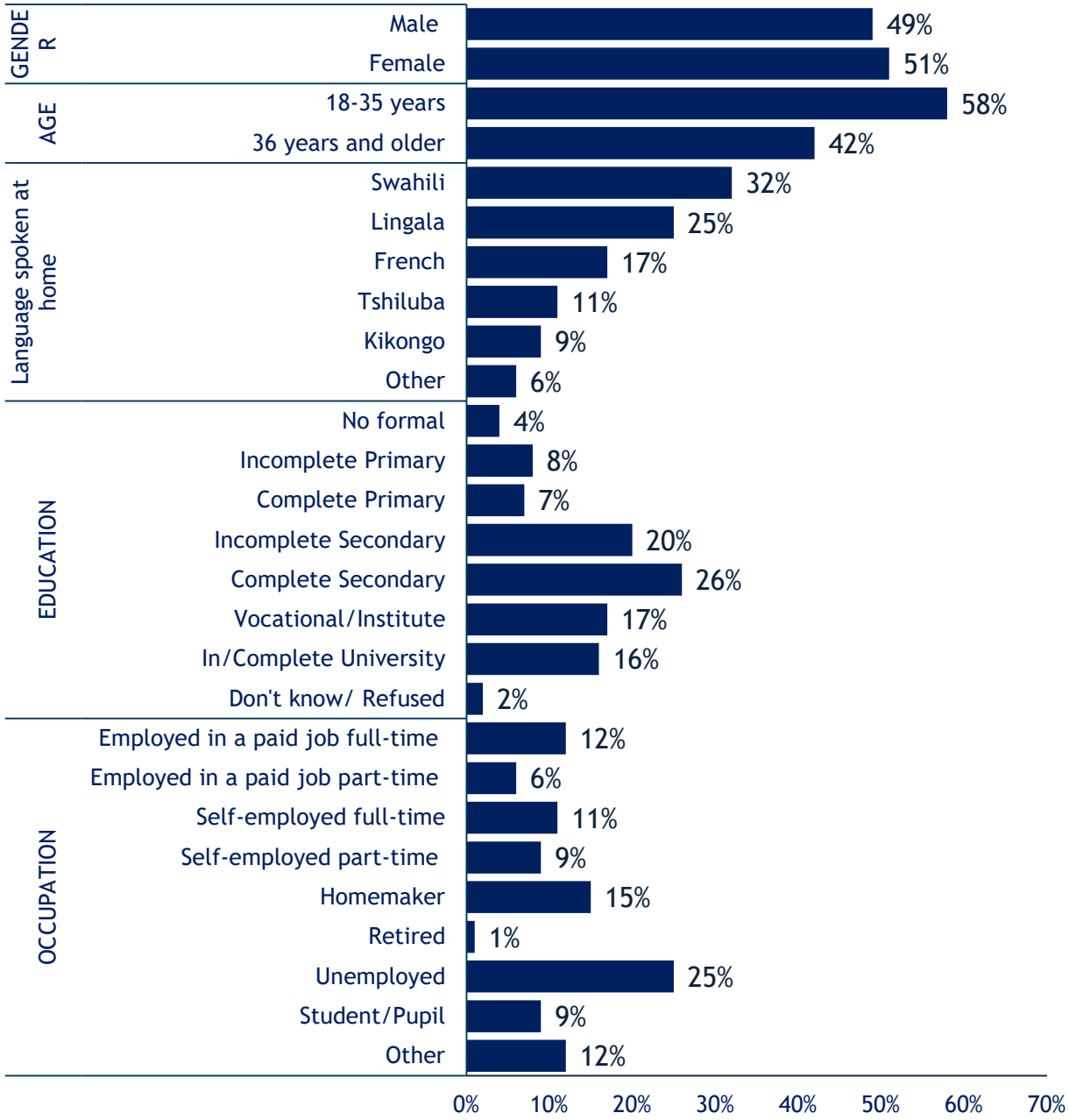

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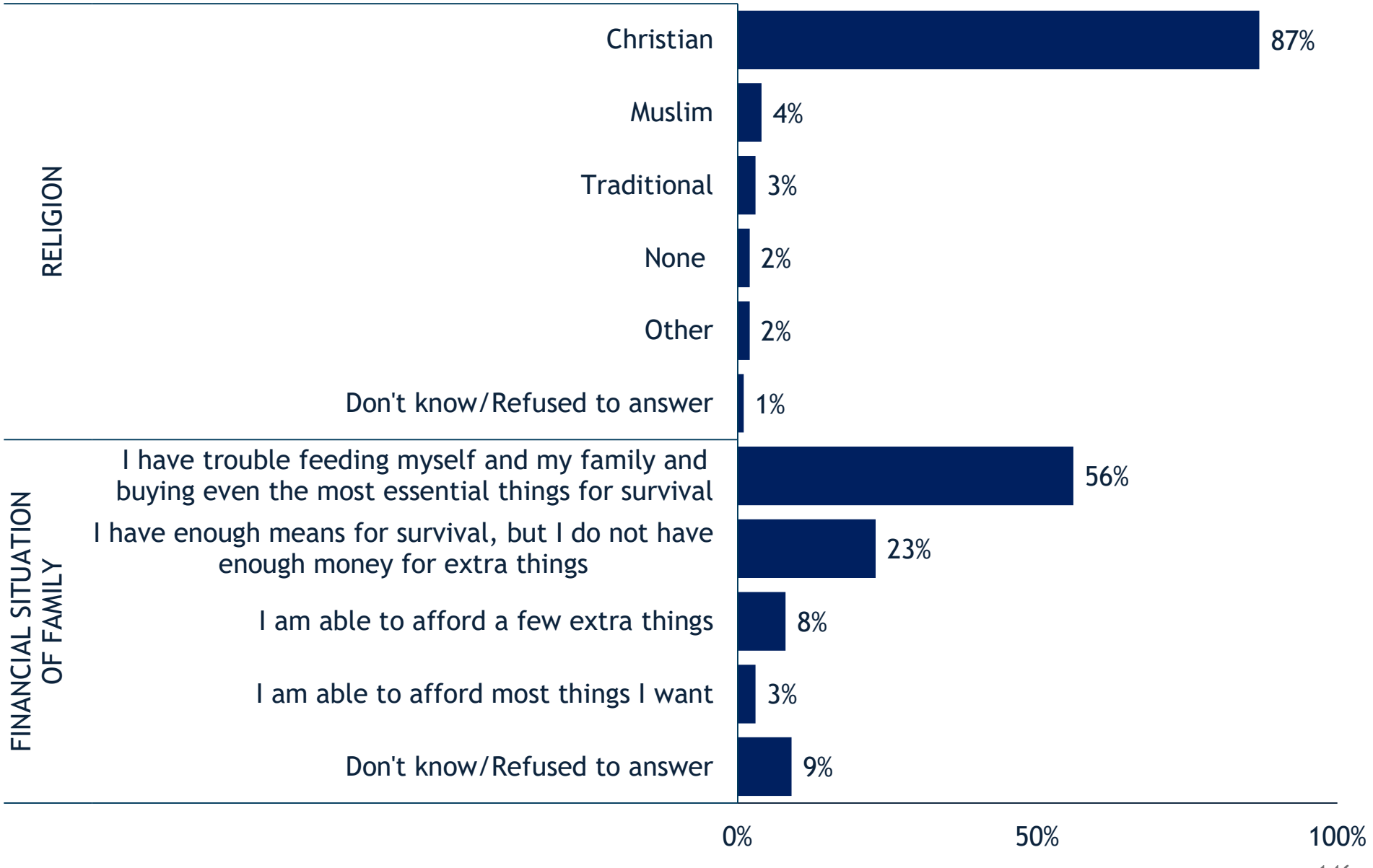

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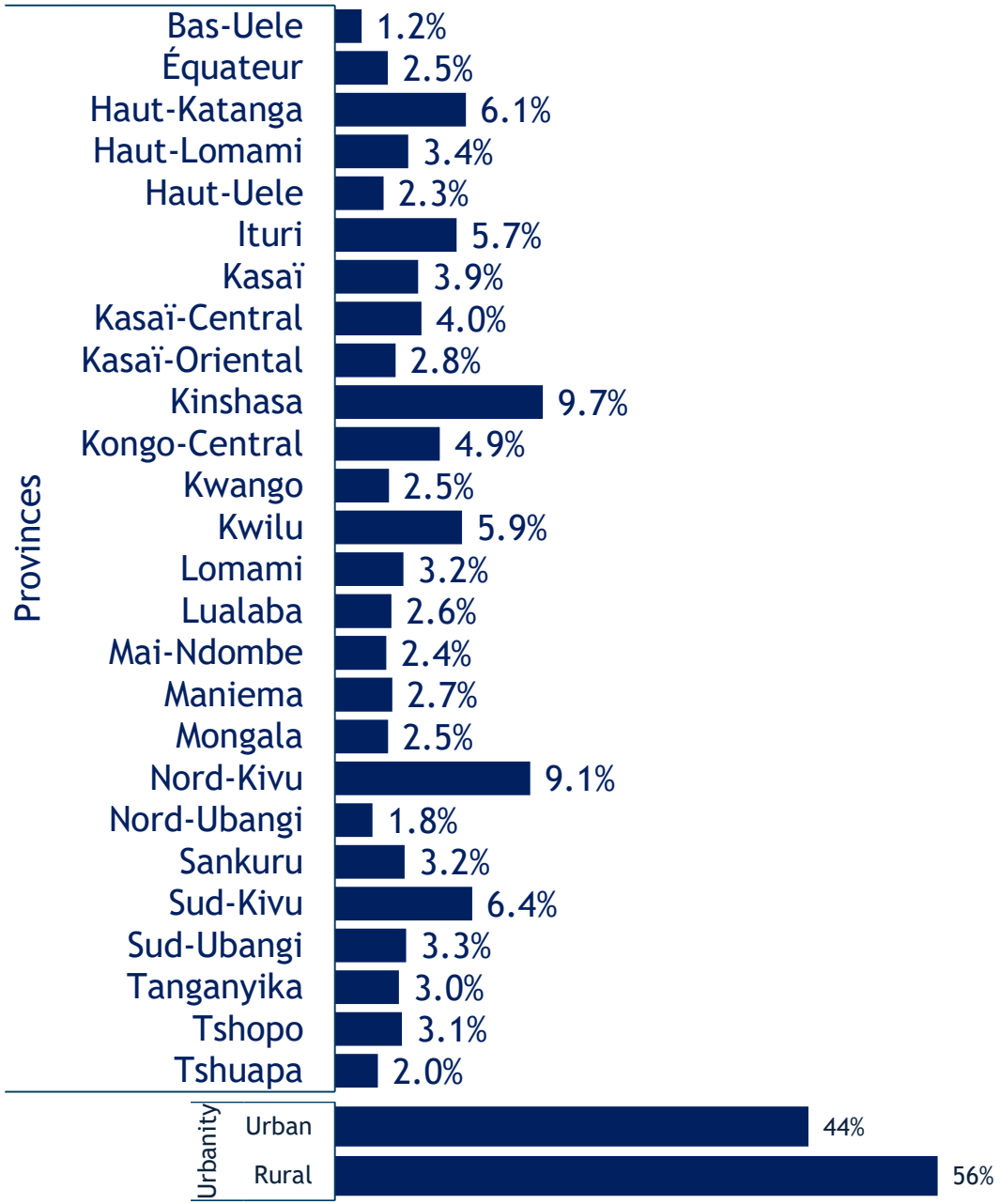

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