

Public Opinion Survey of Residents of Ukraine

July 30-31, 2020



Methodology

- The survey was conducted by the Sociological Group “Rating” on behalf of the [Center for Insights and Survey Research \(CISR\)](#) of the [International Republican Institute](#).
- The survey was conducted throughout Ukraine (except for the occupied territories of Crimea and Donbas) from July 30 - July 31, 2020 using CATI (computer-assisted telephone interview) method based on a random sample of mobile phone numbers.
- Mobile numbers were generated randomly by special software using 12 codes of three largest mobile operators in Ukraine: KYIVSTAR, VODAFONE Ukraine and LIFECCELL. Each randomly generated number package includes an equal quantity of each code (050, 063, 066, 067, 068, 073, 093, 095, 096, 097, 098, 099).
- The total sample consists of 2,472 Ukrainians aged 16 and older. For some questions, the total sample was divided into two subsamples of 1,234 (Sample A) and 1,238 respondents (Sample B).
- The results have been weighted according to regions, age and gender based on data from the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine as of 01/01/2018.
- The margin of error at the 95 percent confidence level does not exceed 2 percent for the full sample.
- The response rate was 12 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [National Endowment for Democracy](#).

Geographical Key



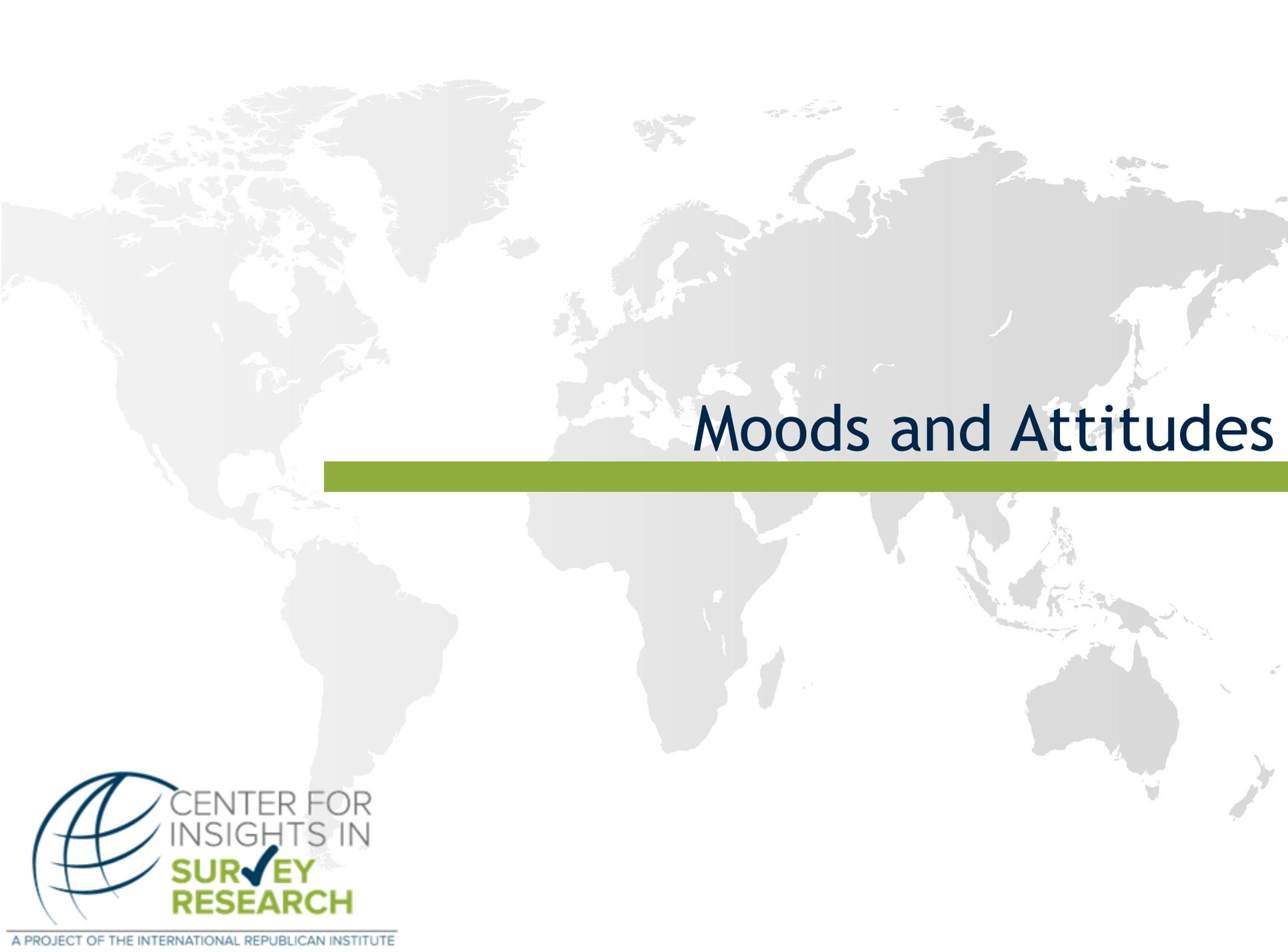
*Due to the Russian occupation of Crimea and ongoing conflict in the East of Ukraine, citizens of Crimea and parts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts controlled by the separatists did not participate in the survey

Frequently Cited Disaggregates*

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Region	West	n=648
	Center	n=842
	South	n=598
	East	n=312
Age	16-29	n=446
	30-39	n=474
	40-49	n=409
	50-59	n=400
	60+	n=671
Gender	Men	n=1,088
	Women	n=1,312
Income [†]	Food insecure income	n=431
	Subsistence income	n=718
	Adequate income	n=664
	Secure income	n=533

*Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Only the four income categories are displayed throughout disaggregates in this presentation—the top two categories were combined to form “Secure Income”.

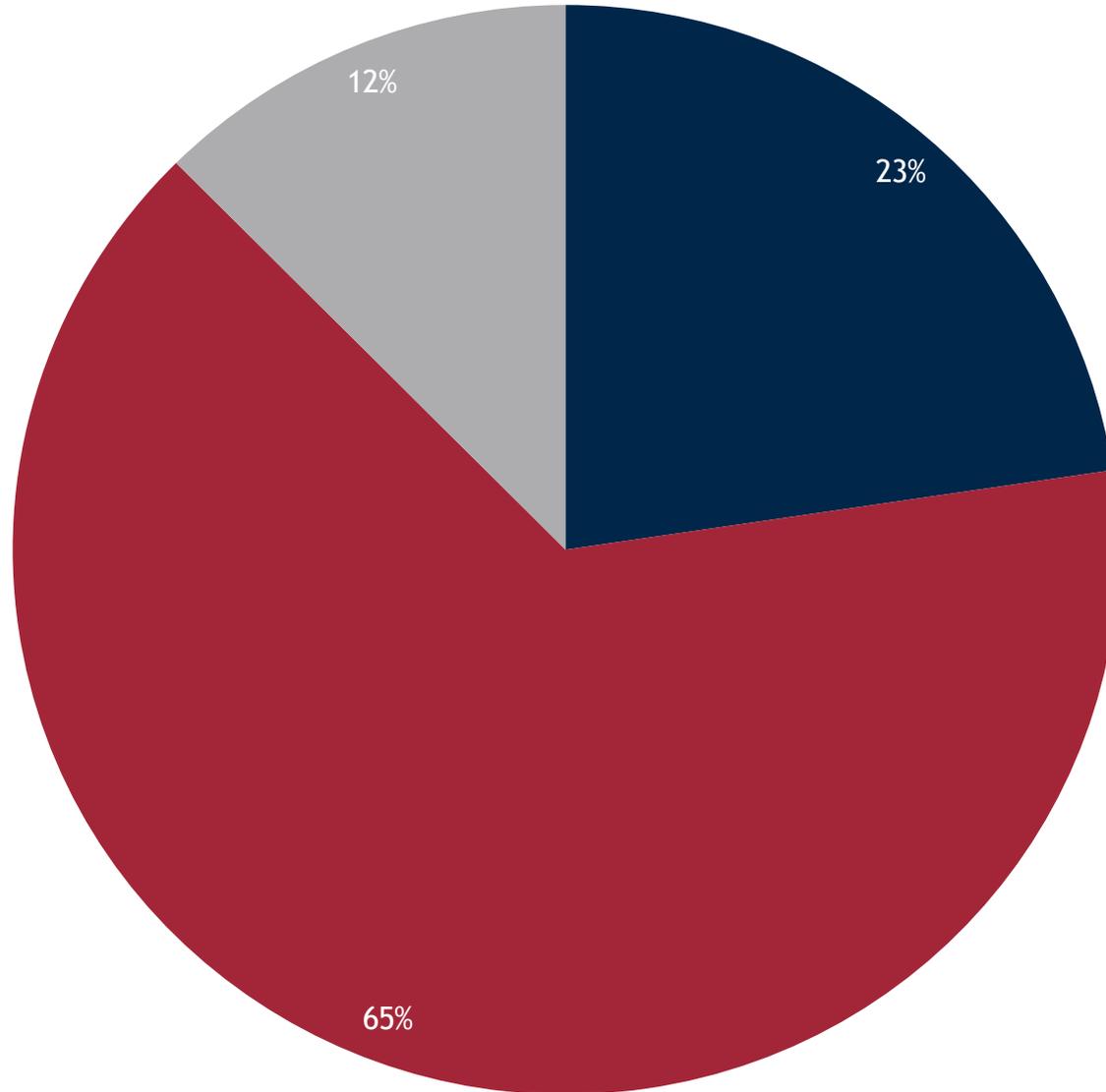
†Respondents were asked “Which of the following best describes your financial situation?” The possible answers presented were 1. “There isn’t enough money even for food” (Food insecure income); 2. “There is enough for everyday expenses, but it is already difficult to buy clothes” (Subsistence income); 3. “Basically enough, but not enough for buy expensive items” (Adequate Income); 4. “Almost everything is enough, but buying an apartment, a house is not available” (Secure Income); and 5. “We deny ourselves practically nothing” (Secure Income).



Moods and Attitudes

In general, would you say that Ukraine is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

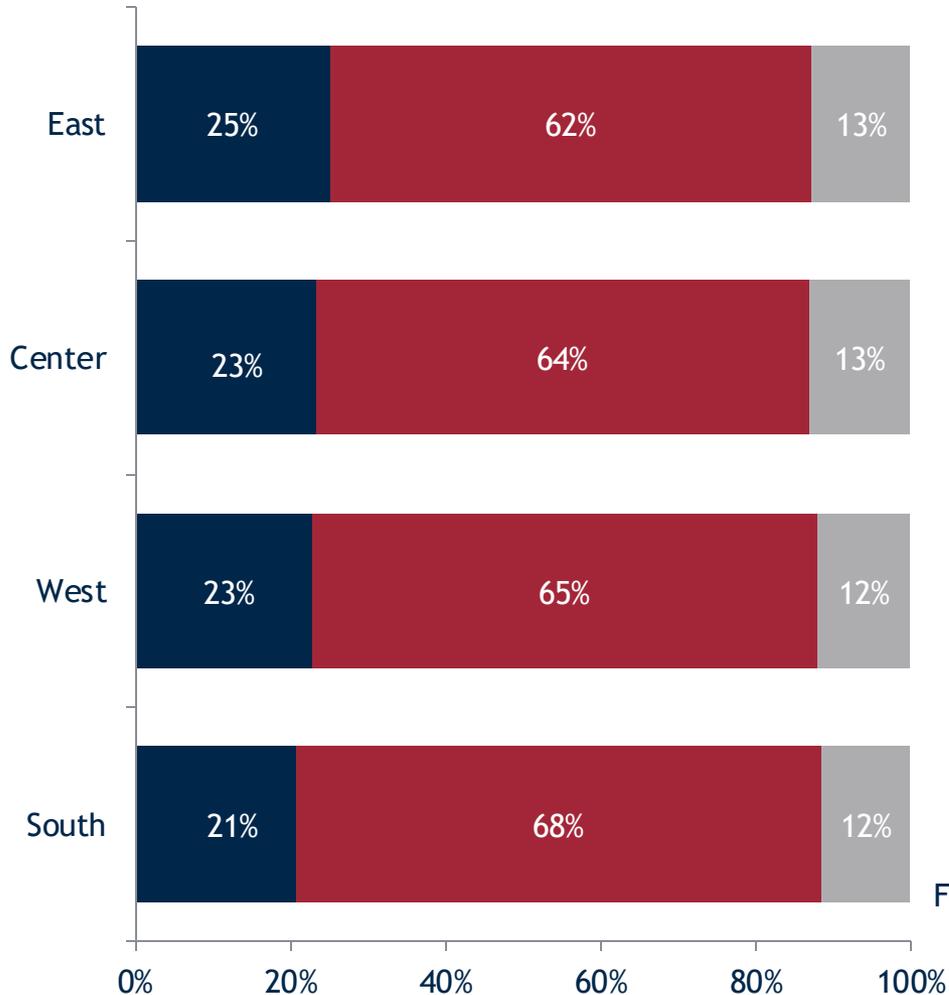
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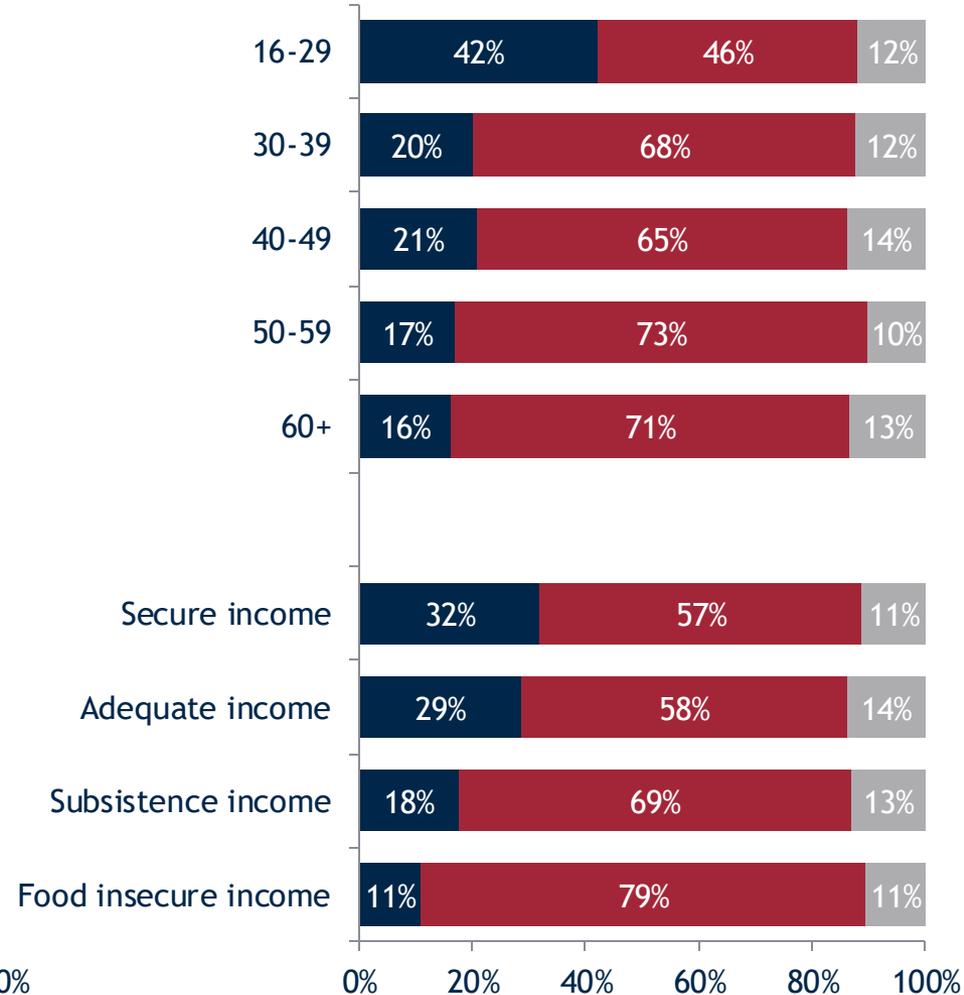
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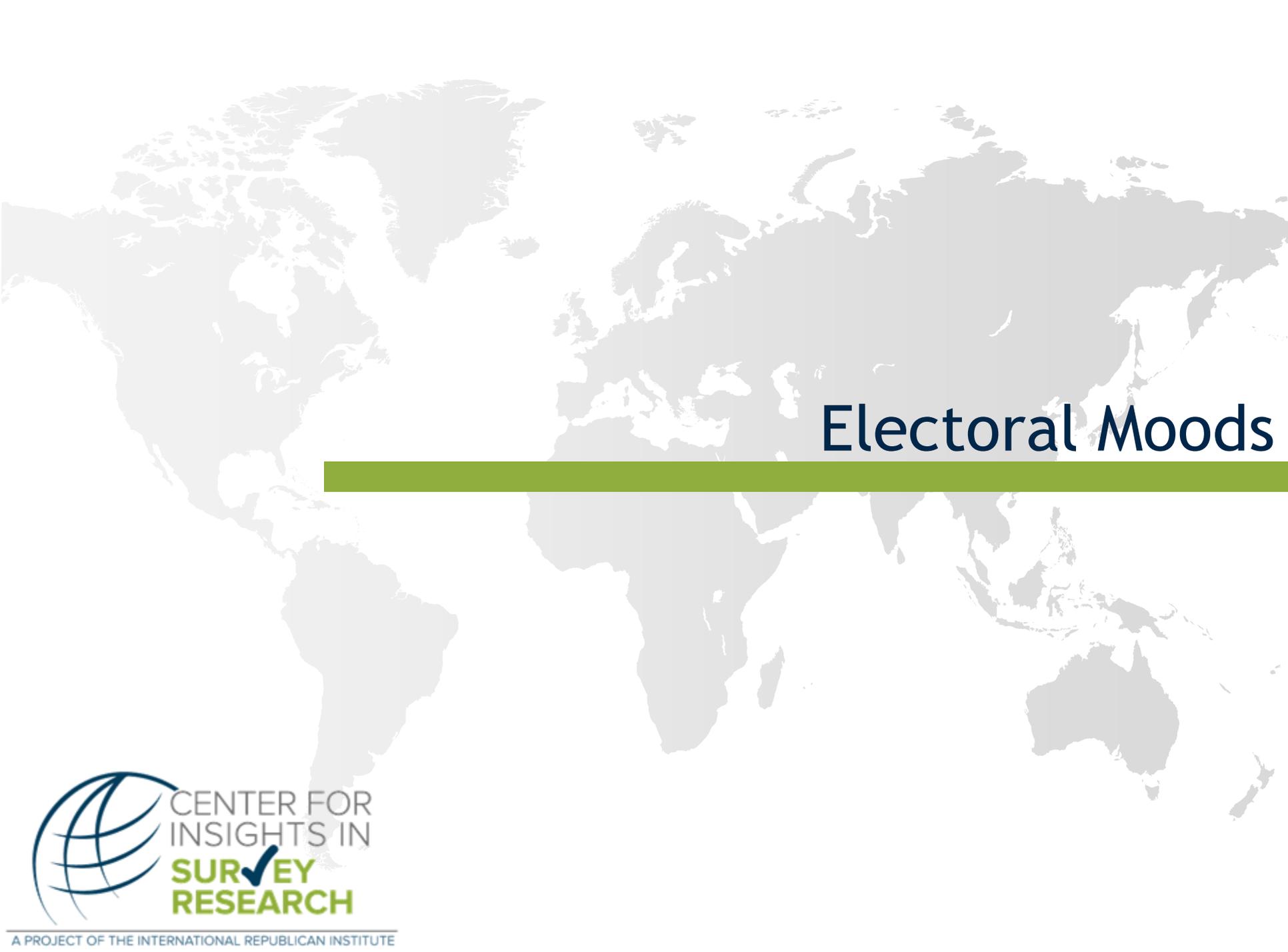
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Regions



Age, Income

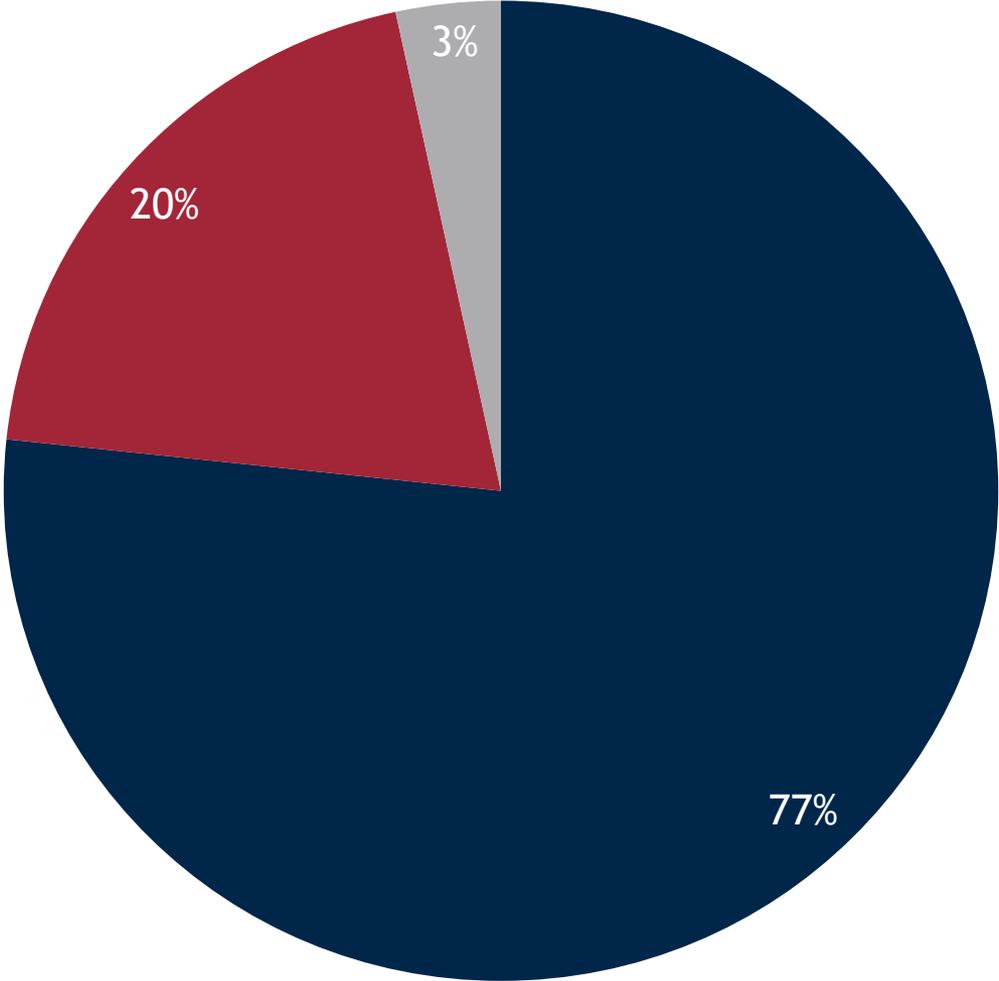




Electoral Moods

How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the local elections scheduled for October 2020?

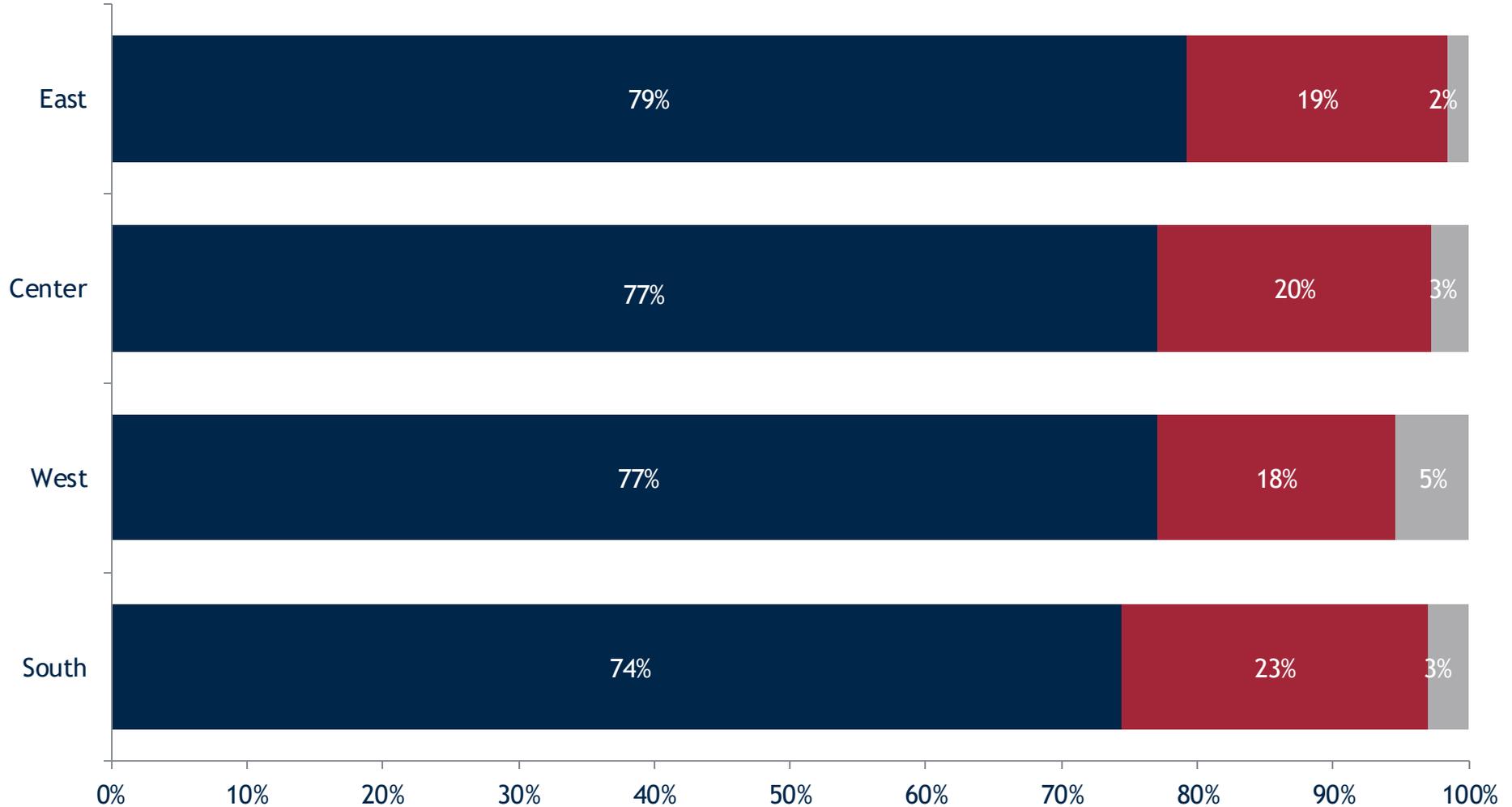
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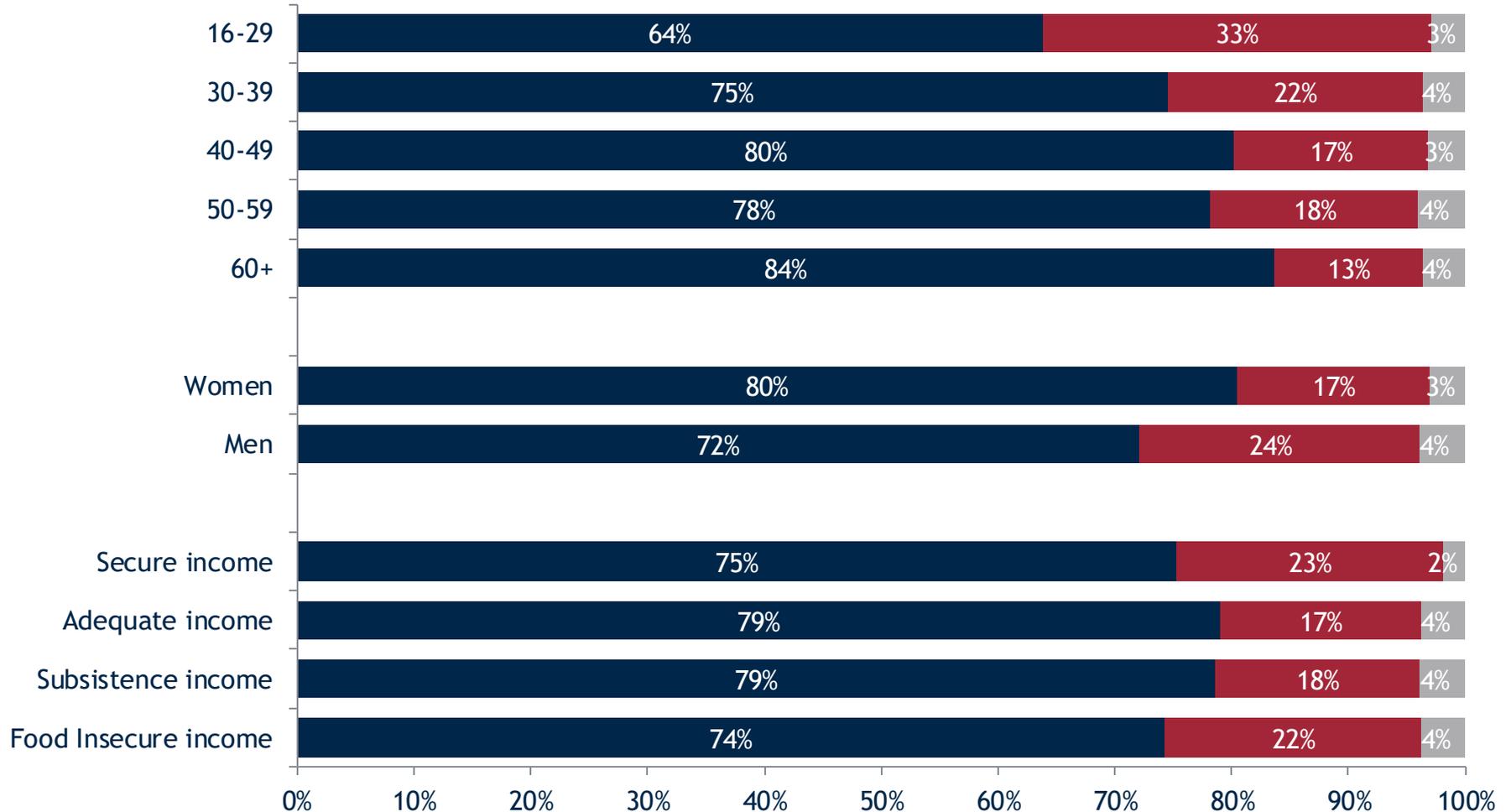
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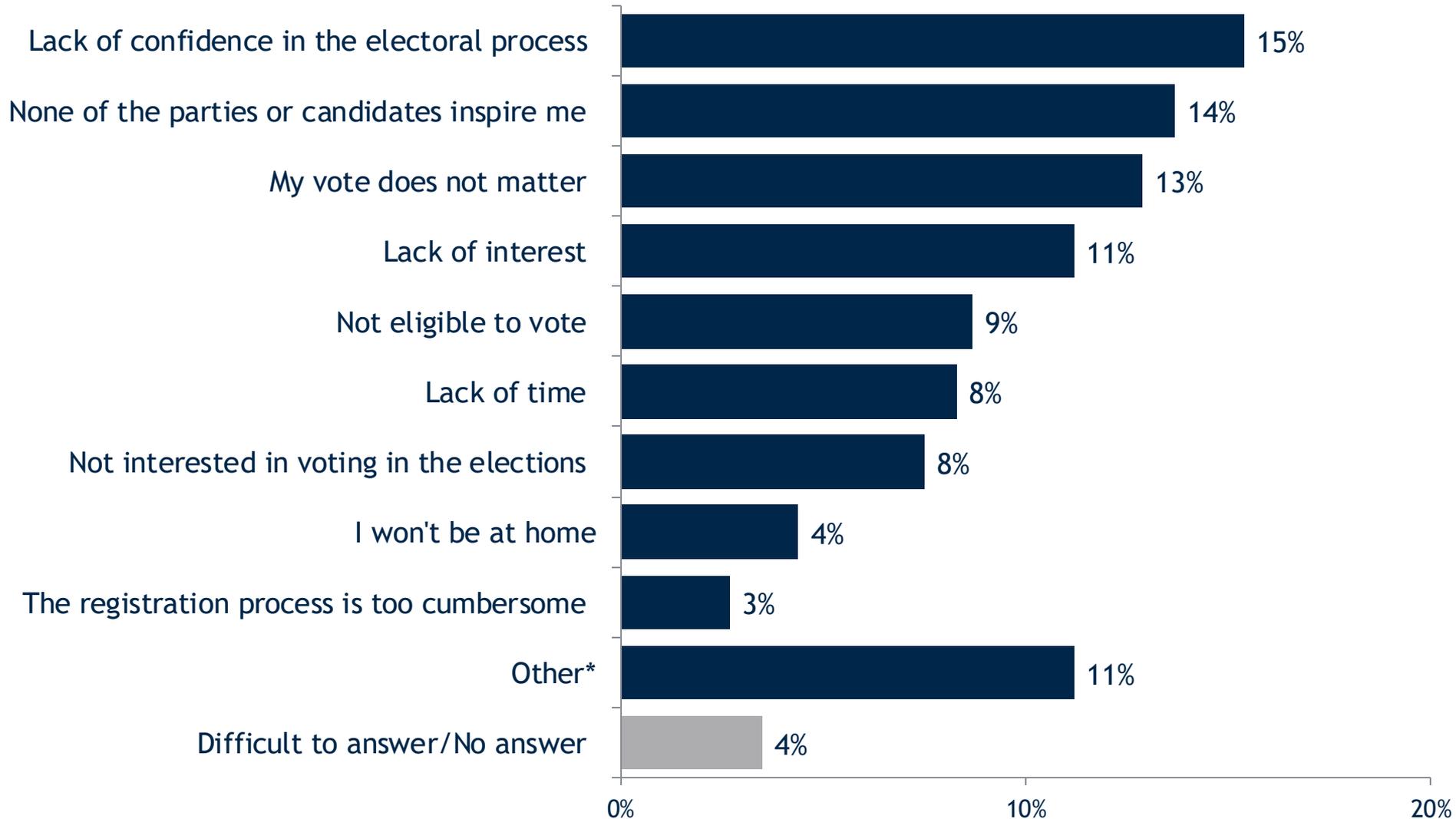
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Age, Gender, Income



What is the primary reason you are unlikely to vote in the October local elections?

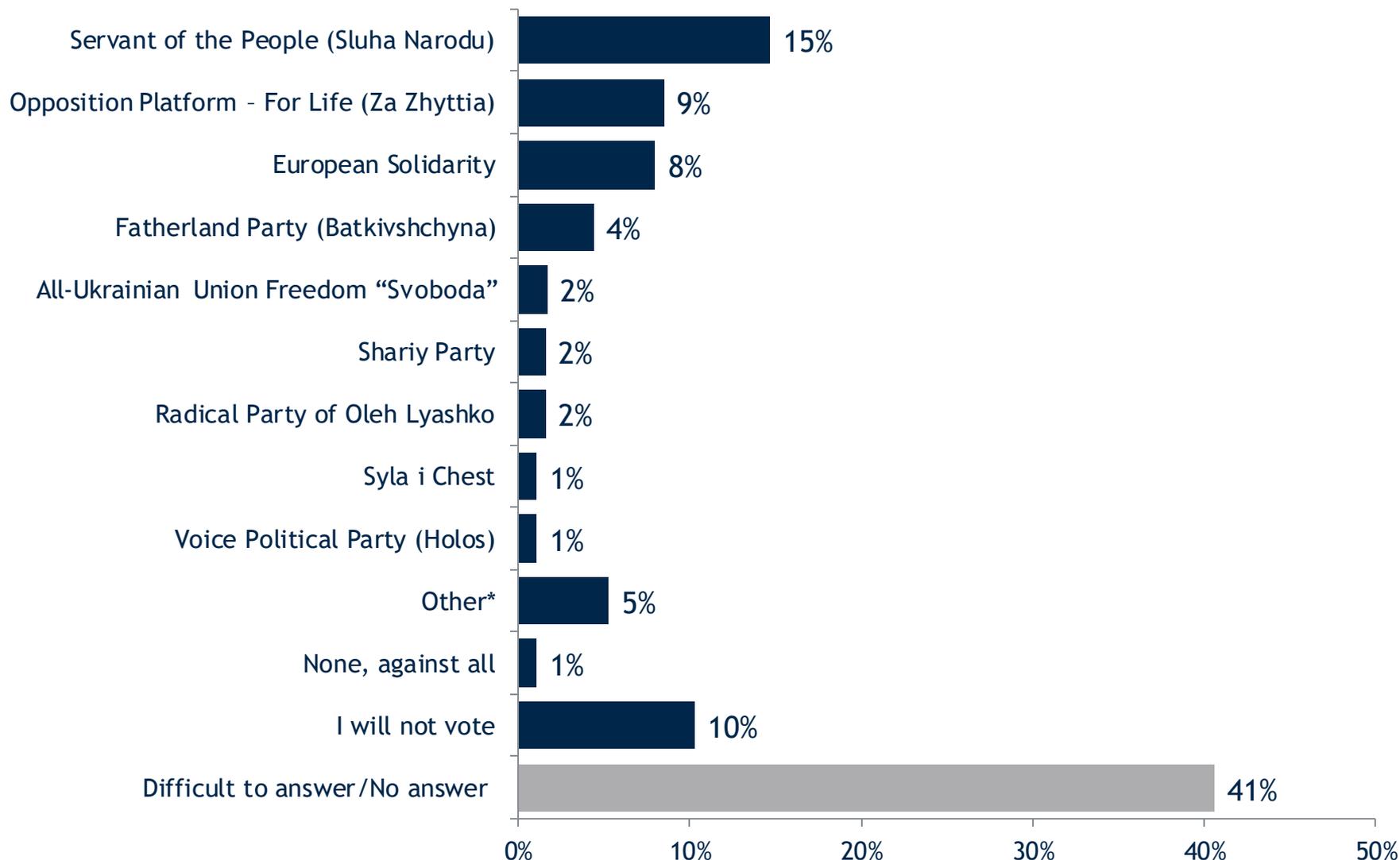
(Among those who are unlikely to vote in the elections (n=478), Spontaneous response)



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If local elections were held this coming Sunday, which party, if any, would you vote for?

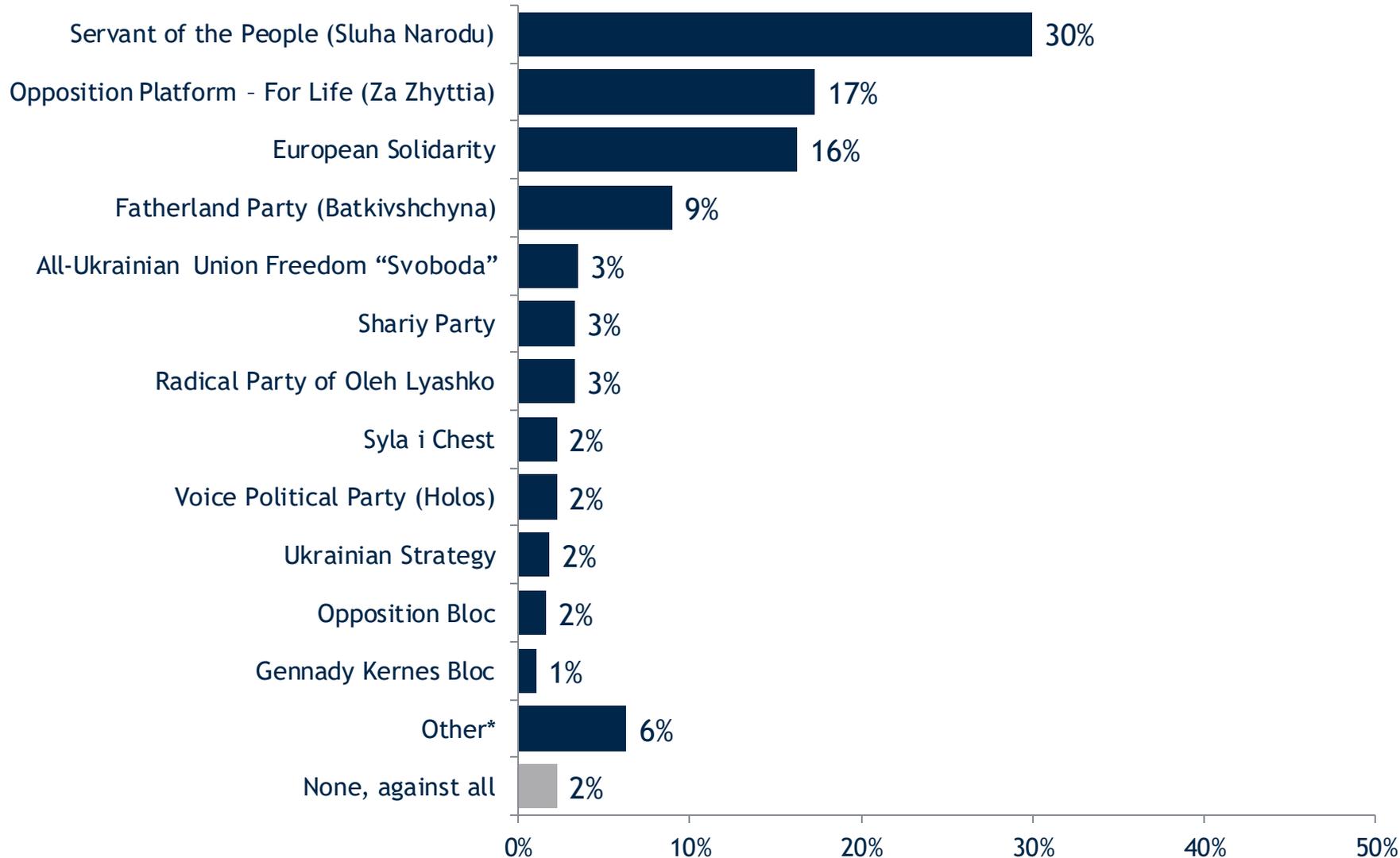
(All respondents, Spontaneous response)



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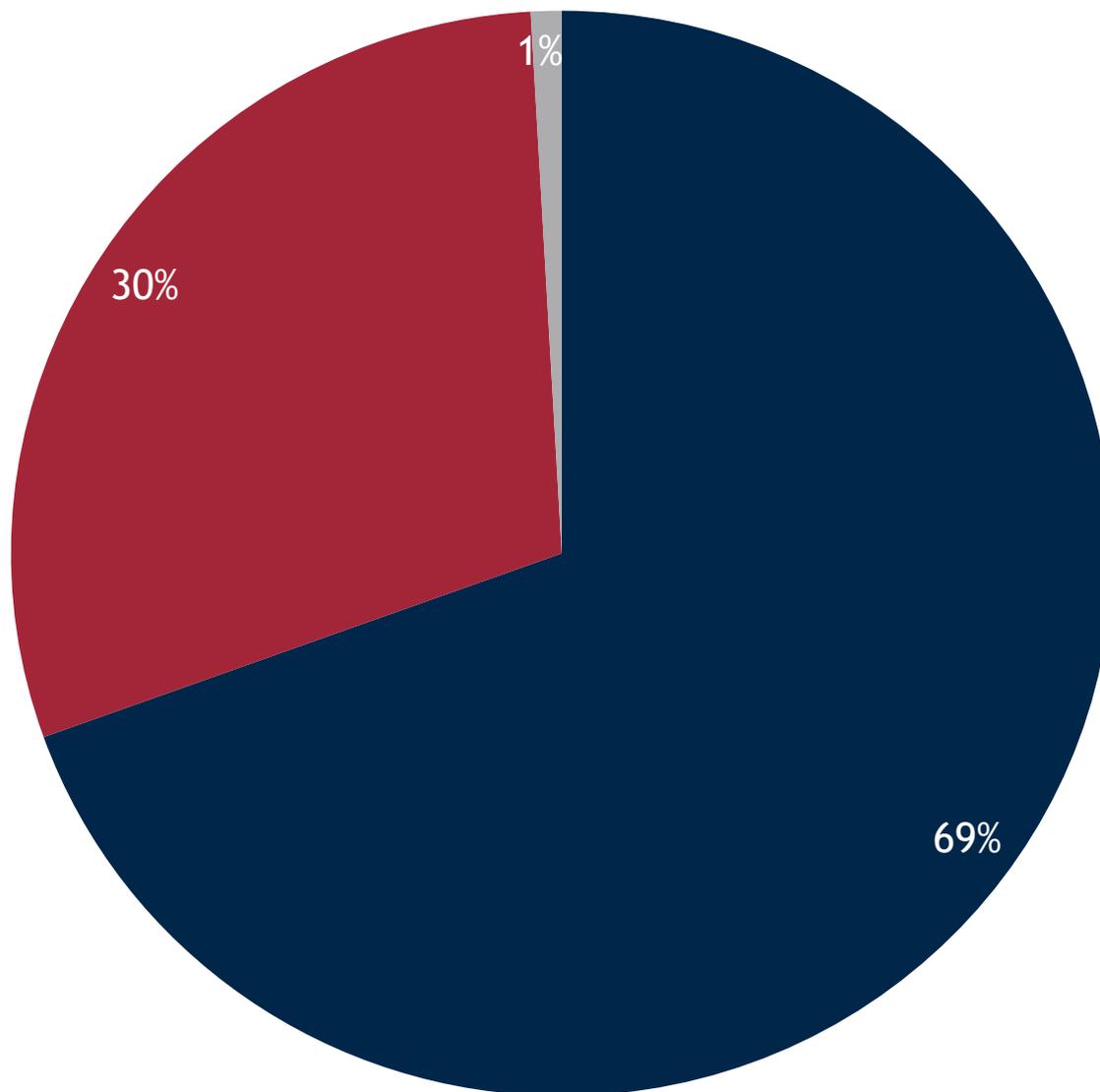
(Among those who intend to vote and named a party (n=1,025), Spontaneous response)



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Did you vote in the last parliamentary elections in Ukraine in 2019?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Difficult to answer/No answer

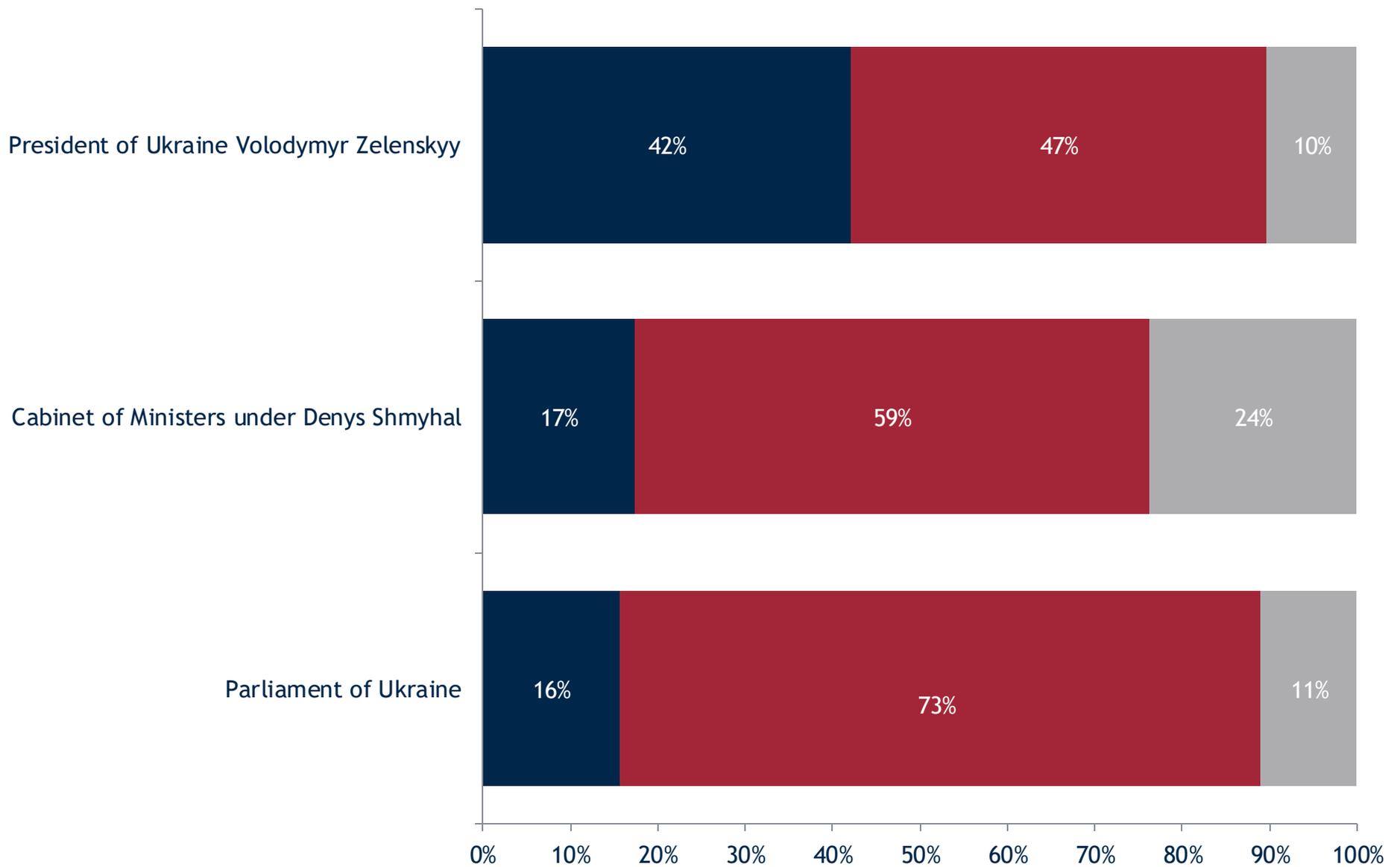




Assessment of the Central Authorities

Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of ...

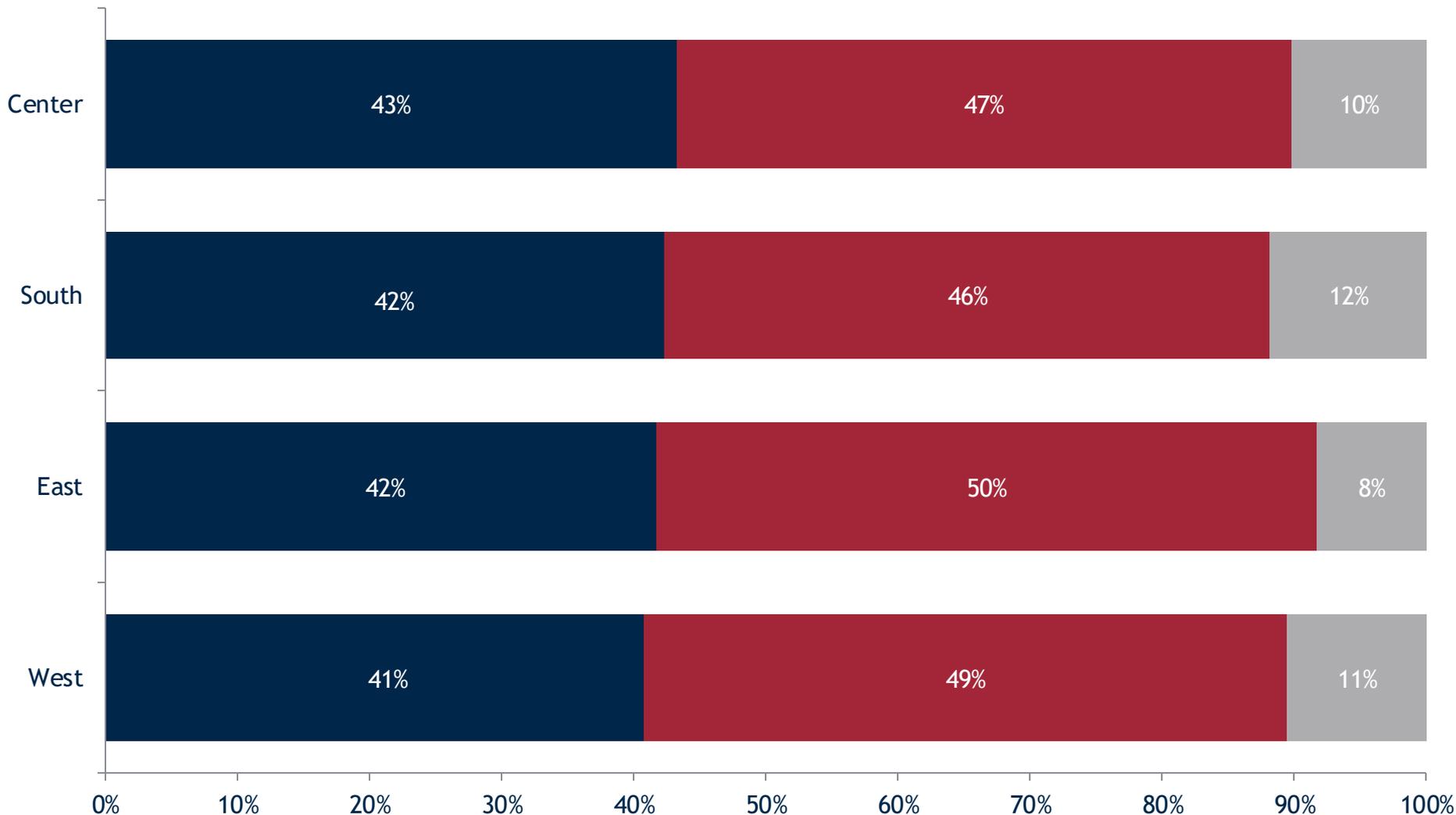
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Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy?

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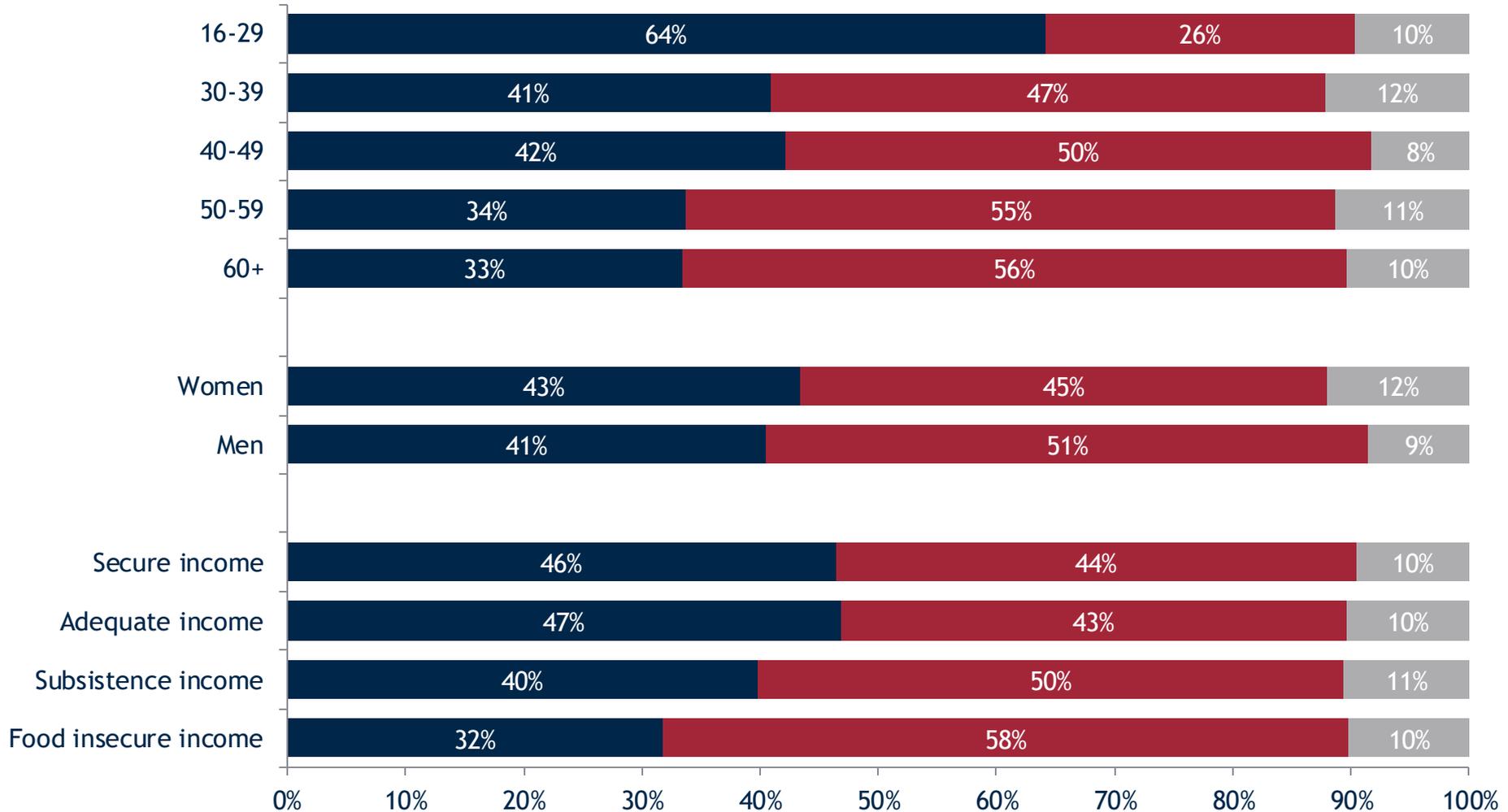
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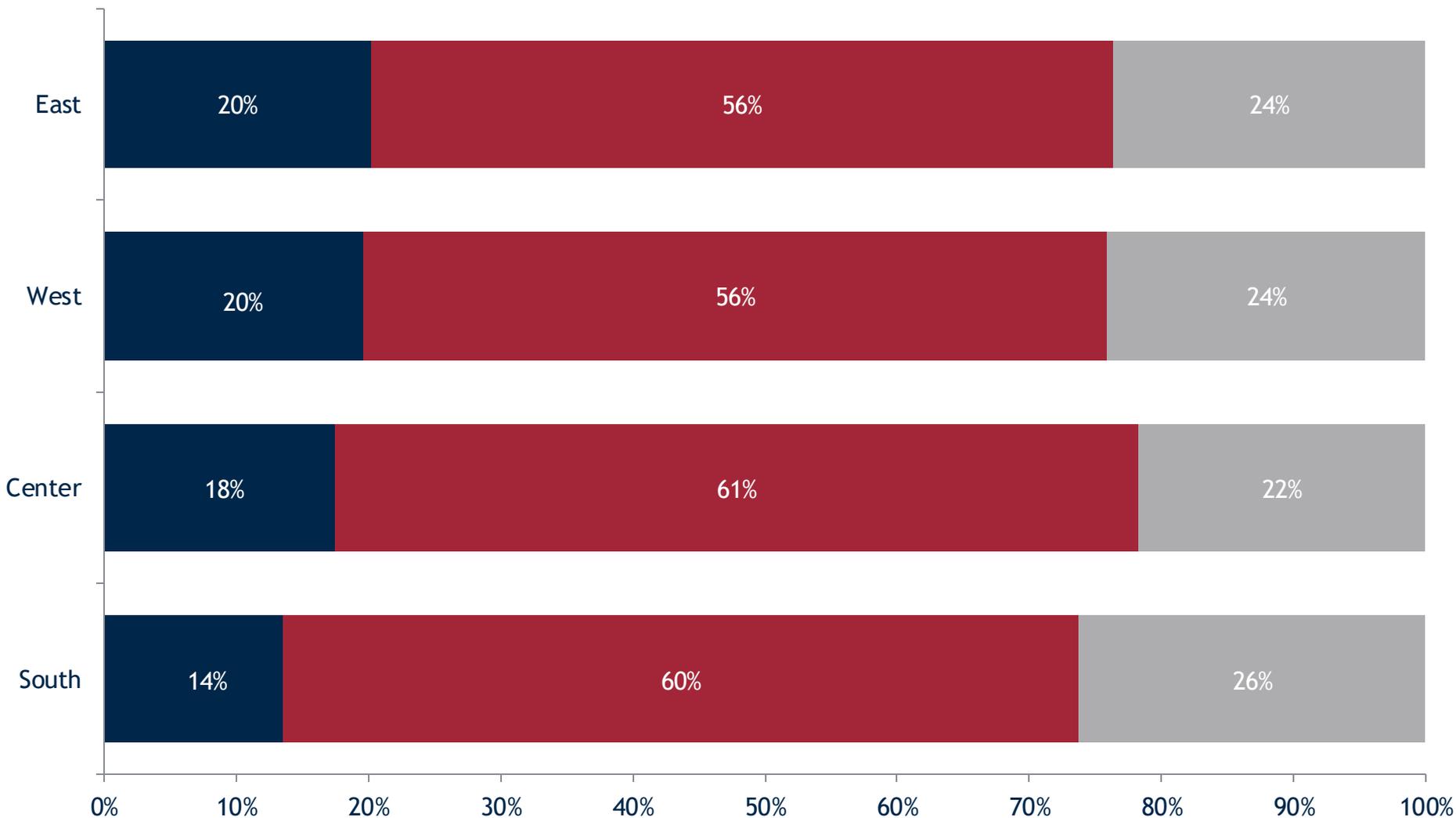
Age, Gender, Income



Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the Cabinet of Ministers under Denys Shmyhal?

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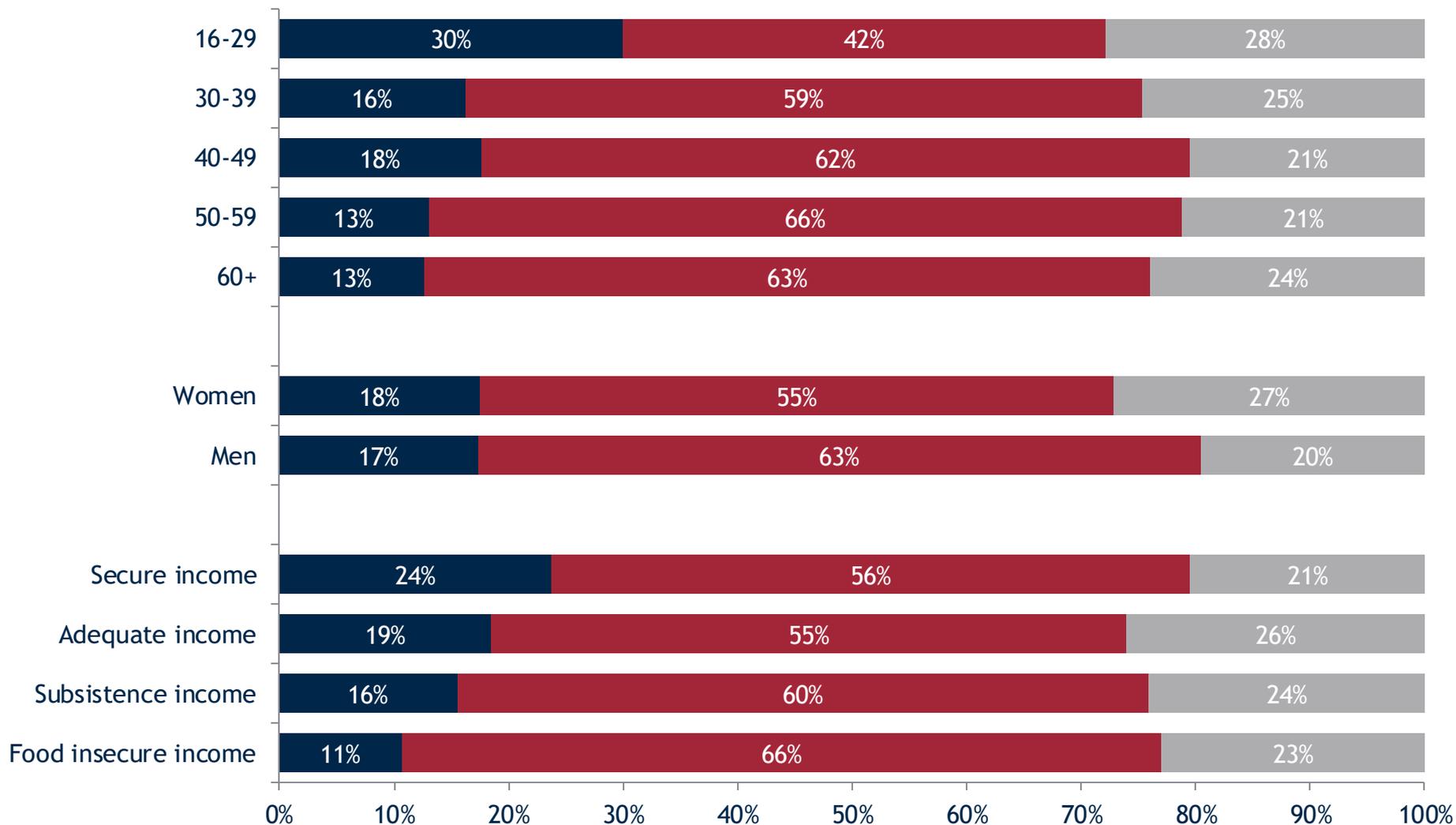
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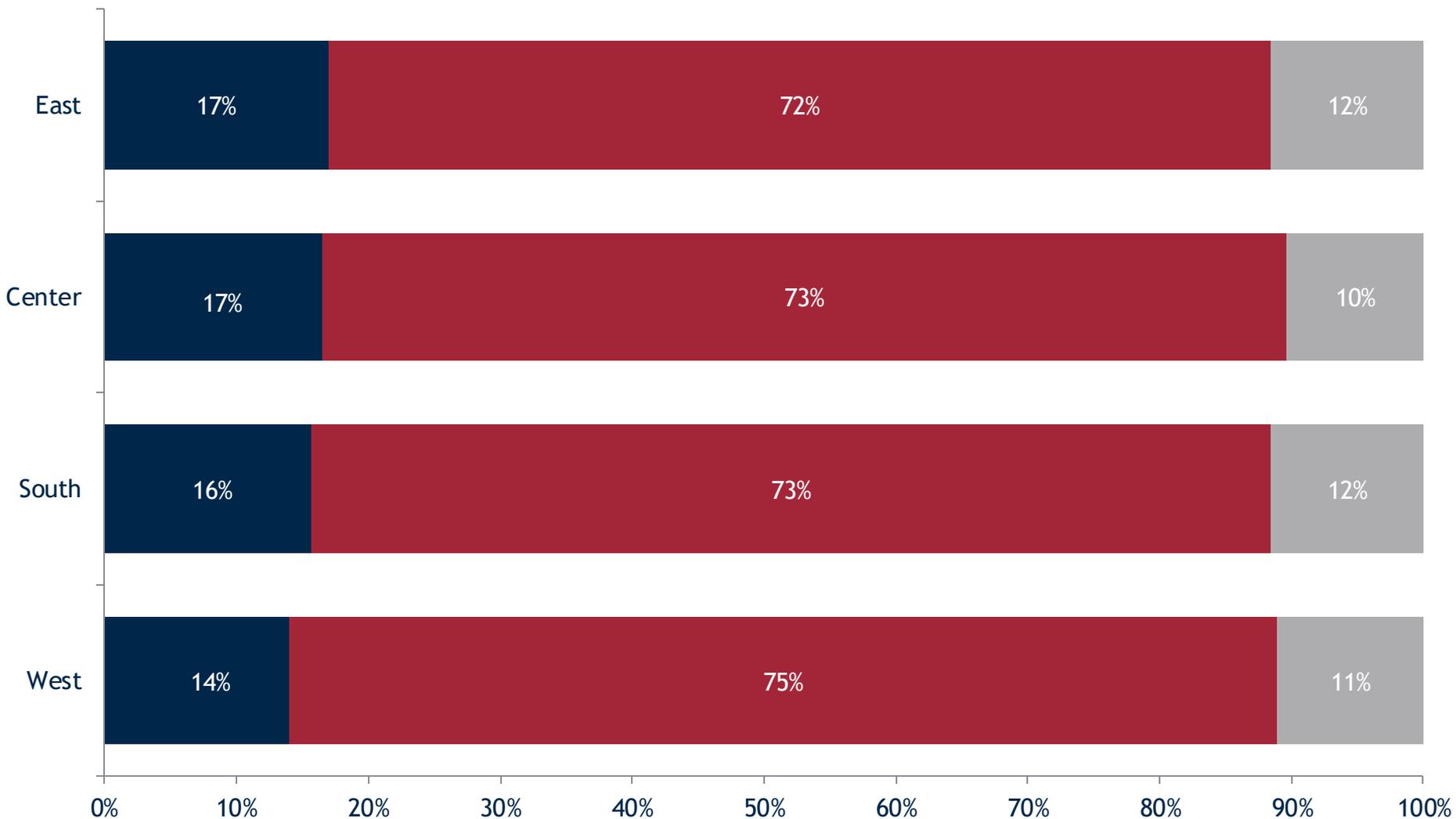
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Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the Parliament of Ukraine?

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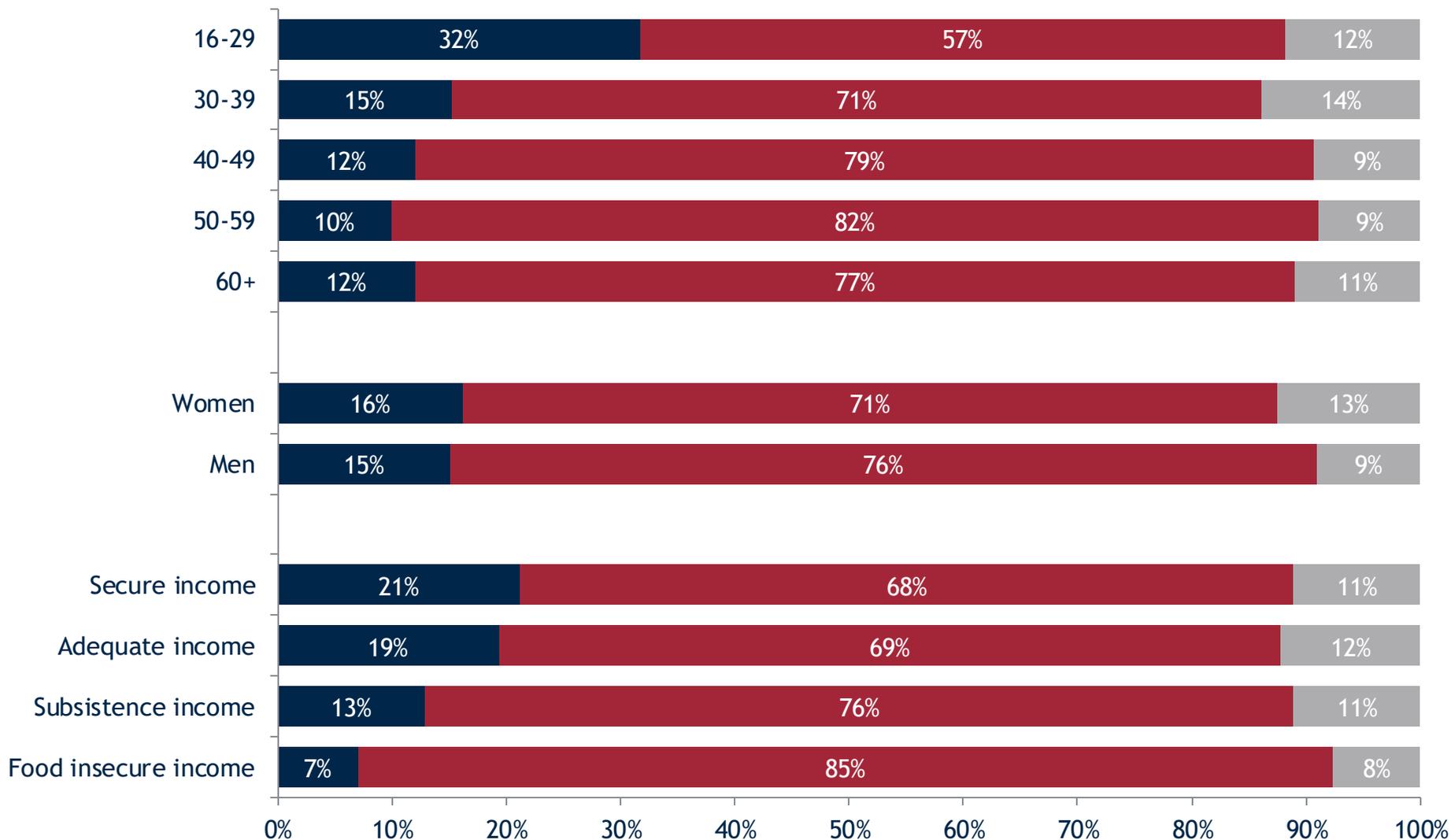
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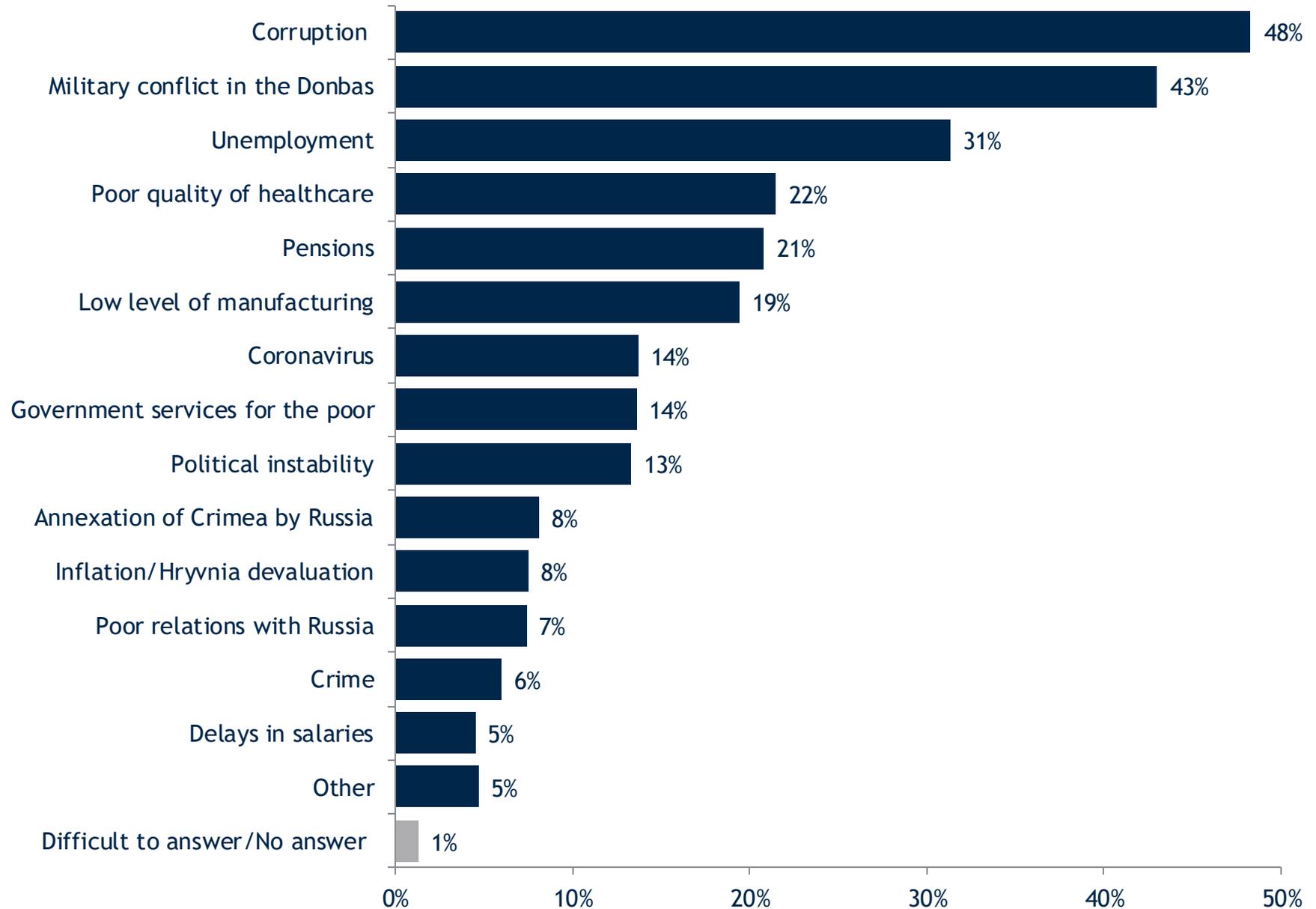
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National Concerns

What are the top three most important problems facing Ukraine today?*



*Respondents asked to choose top 3 options.

What are the top three most important problems facing Ukraine today?*

Age, Gender	16-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	Men	Women
Corruption	50%	51%	55%	50%	43%	55%	42%
Military conflict in the Donbas	38%	39%	42%	45%	48%	42%	43%
Unemployment	44%	37%	32%	26%	22%	28%	34%
Poor quality of healthcare	19%	23%	18%	24%	23%	14%	28%
Pensions	12%	11%	11%	18%	41%	14%	27%
Low level of manufacturing	14%	20%	20%	22%	20%	22%	17%
Coronavirus	17%	14%	15%	11%	12%	12%	15%
Government services for the poor	10%	15%	13%	15%	14%	10%	16%
Political instability	13%	17%	17%	13%	9%	16%	11%
Annexation of Crimea by Russia	9%	8%	7%	9%	8%	10%	6%
Inflation/Hryvnia devaluation	15%	8%	8%	6%	3%	8%	7%
Poor relations with Russia	8%	6%	9%	7%	8%	9%	6%
Crime	8%	4%	7%	7%	5%	6%	6%
Delays in salaries	7%	7%	6%	3%	1%	4%	5%
Other	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	8%	5%
Difficult to answer/No answer	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%

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What are the top three most important problems facing Ukraine today?*

Region	West	Center	South	East
Corruption	49%	47%	52%	44%
Military conflict in the Donbas	43%	45%	38%	46%
Unemployment	36%	28%	31%	32%
Poor quality of healthcare	19%	22%	24%	23%
Pensions	24%	21%	20%	16%
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Crime	4%	8%	7%	5%
Delays in salaries	5%	5%	4%	3%
Other	1%	0%	0%	2%
Difficult to answer/No answer	2%	2%	1%	0%

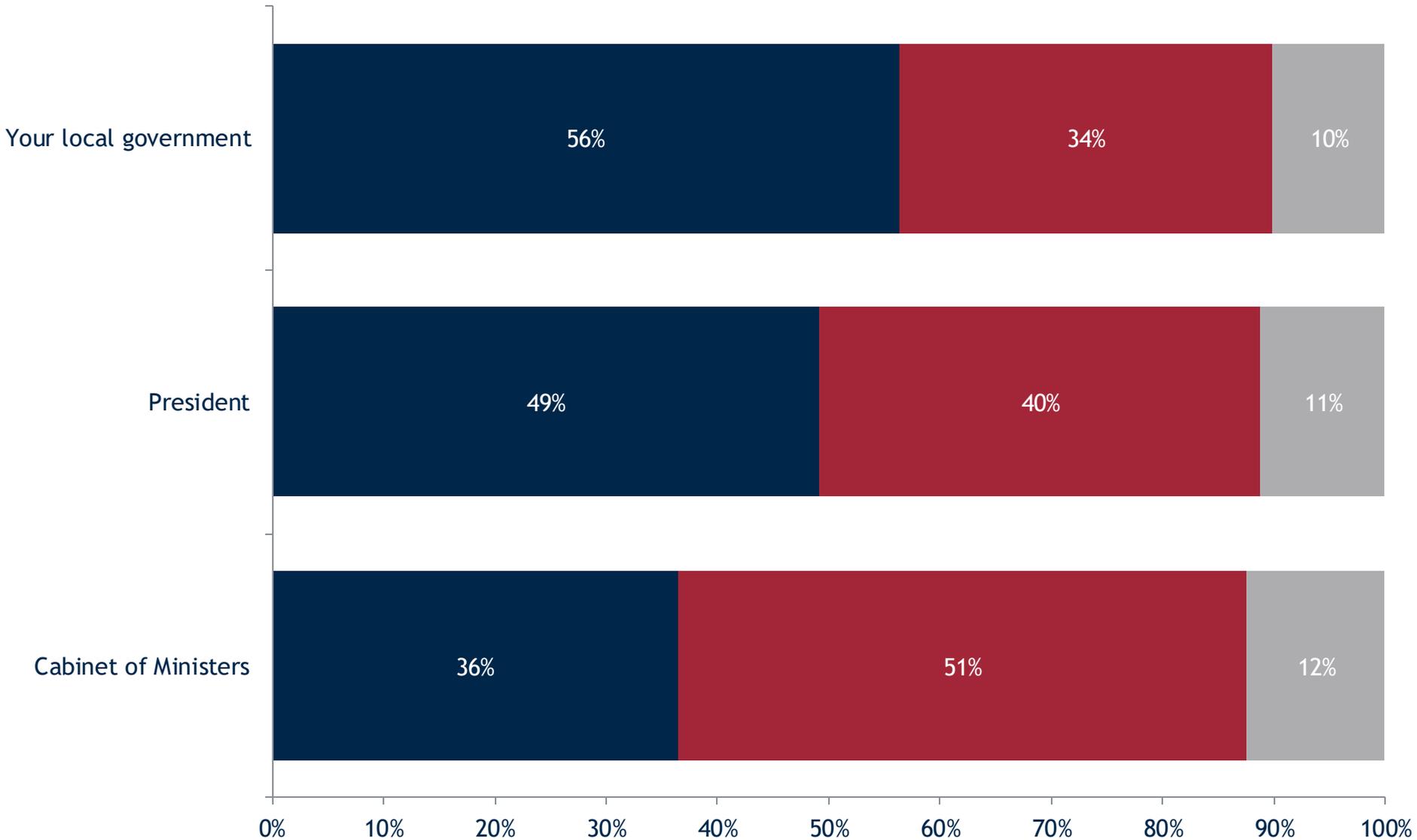
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Assessment of Government Responses to COVID-19

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of this authority's handling of the coronavirus pandemic?

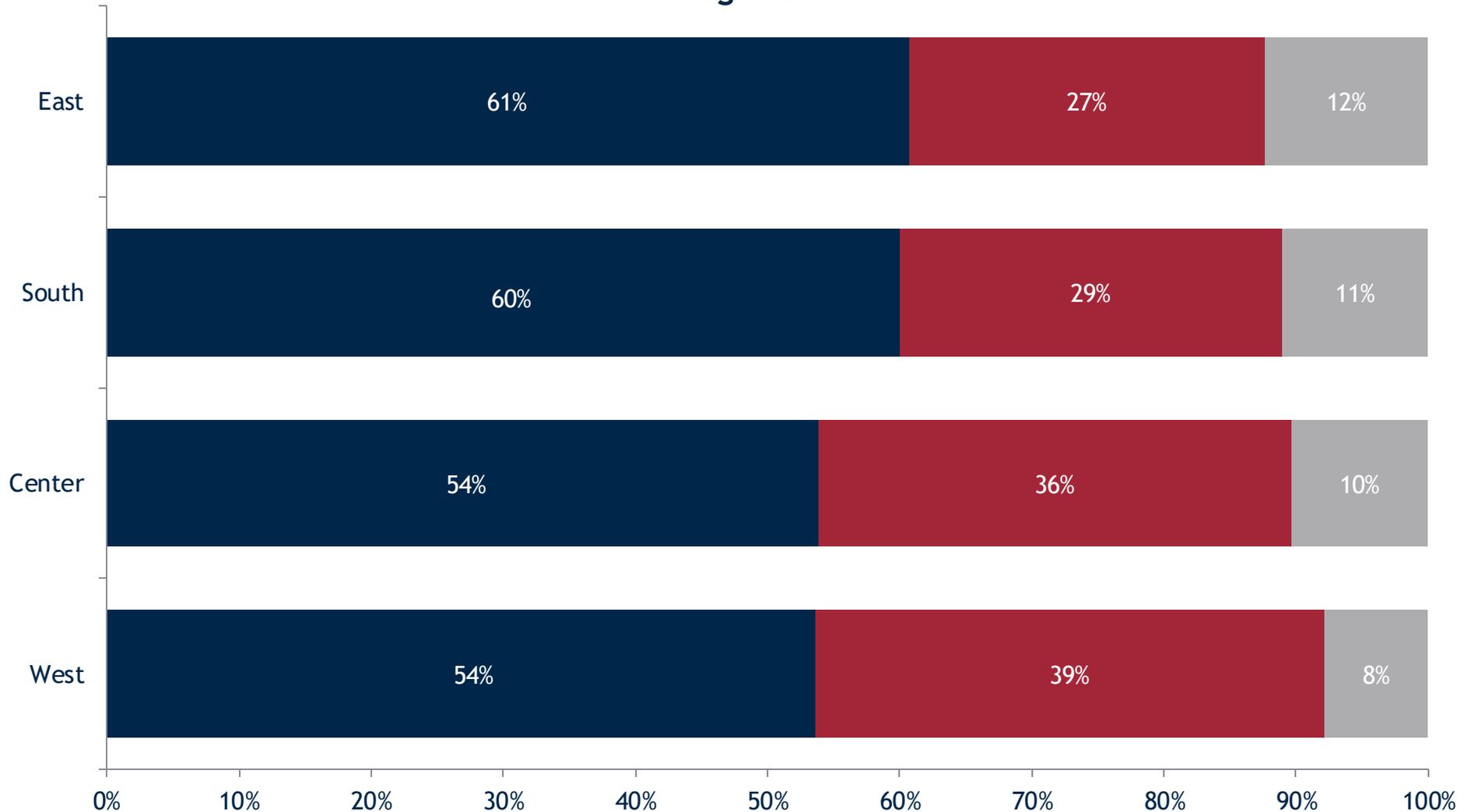
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Do you approve or disapprove of your local government's handling of the coronavirus pandemic?

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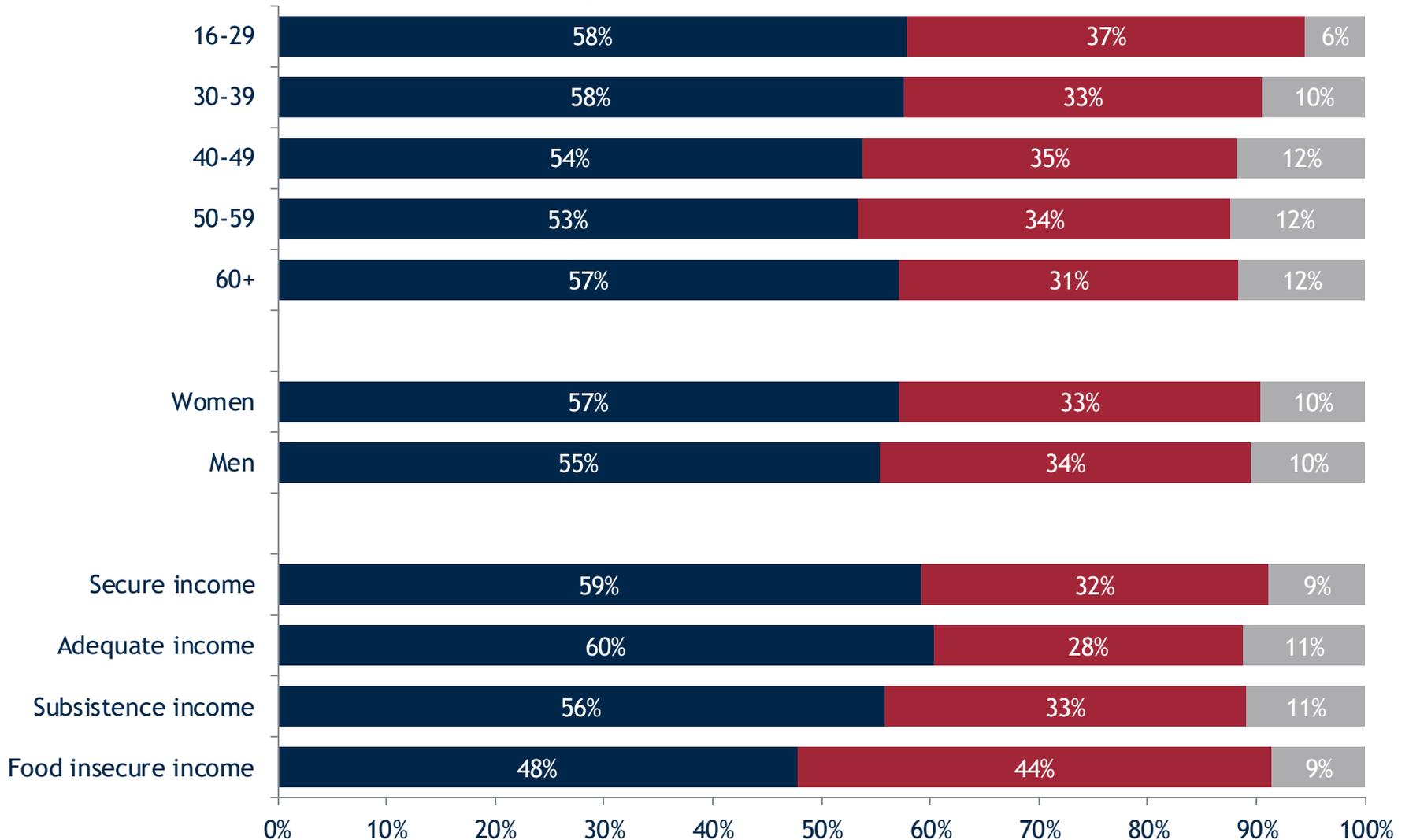
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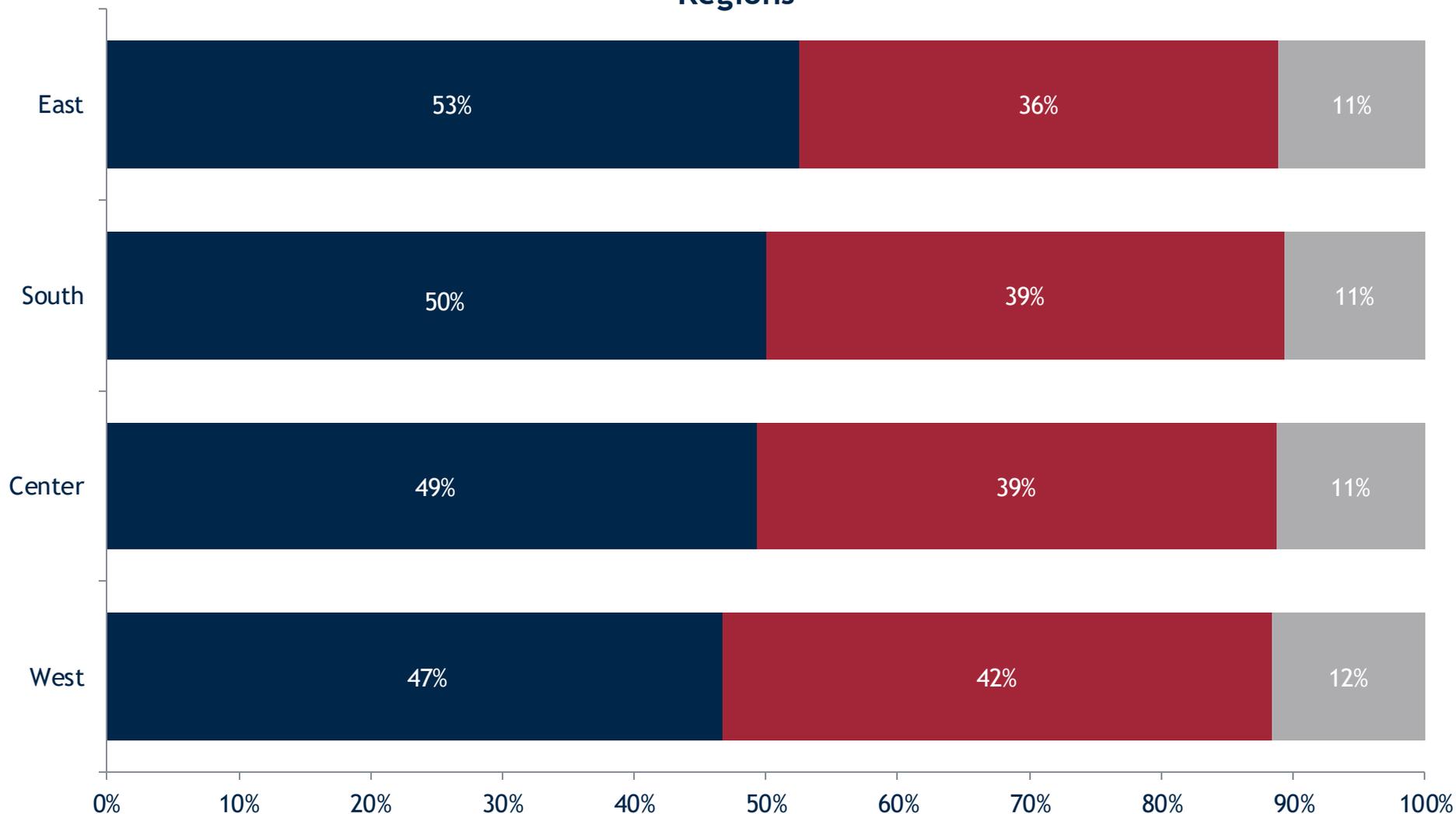
Age, Gender, Income



Do you approve or disapprove of the President's handling of the coronavirus pandemic?

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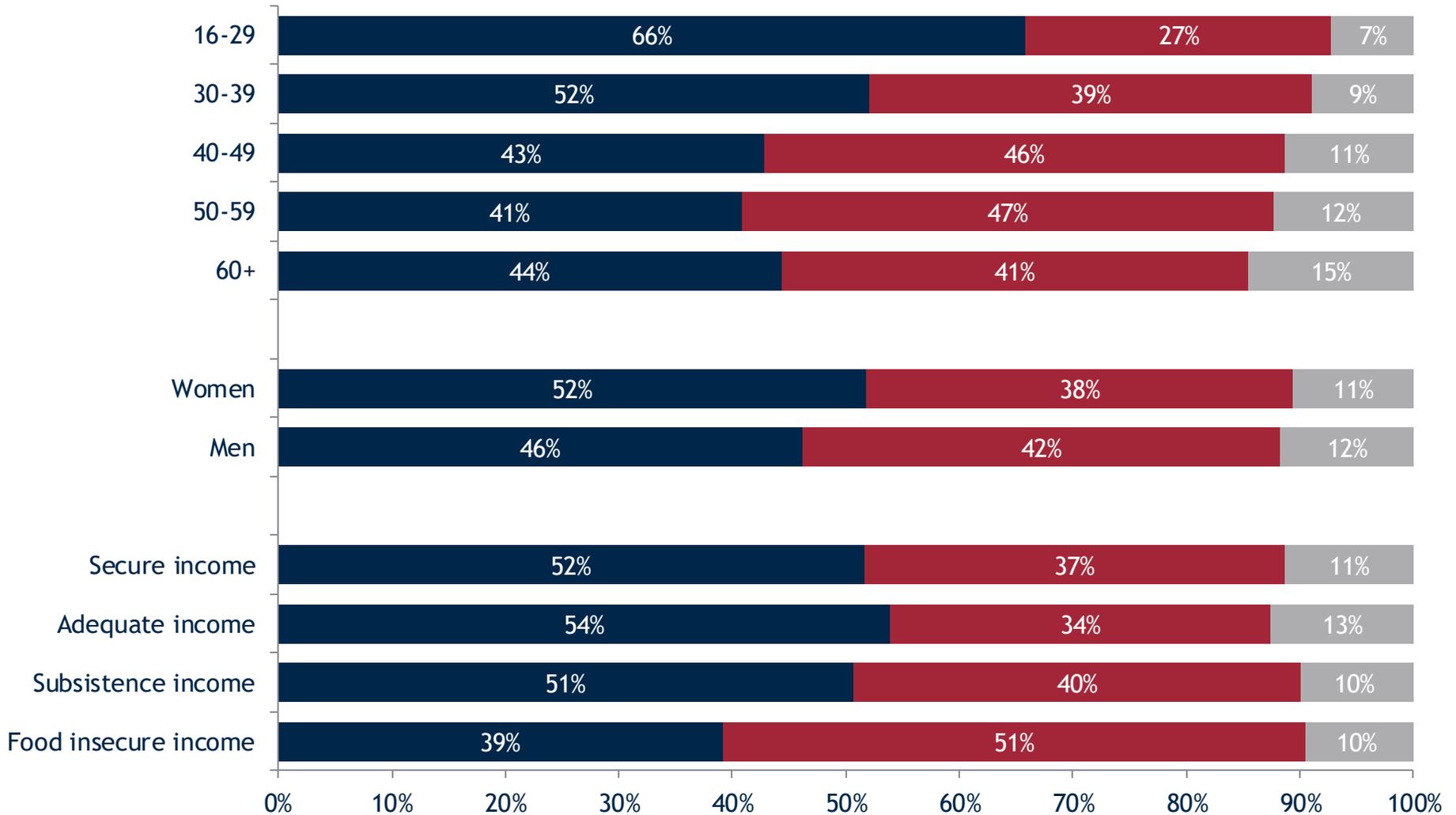
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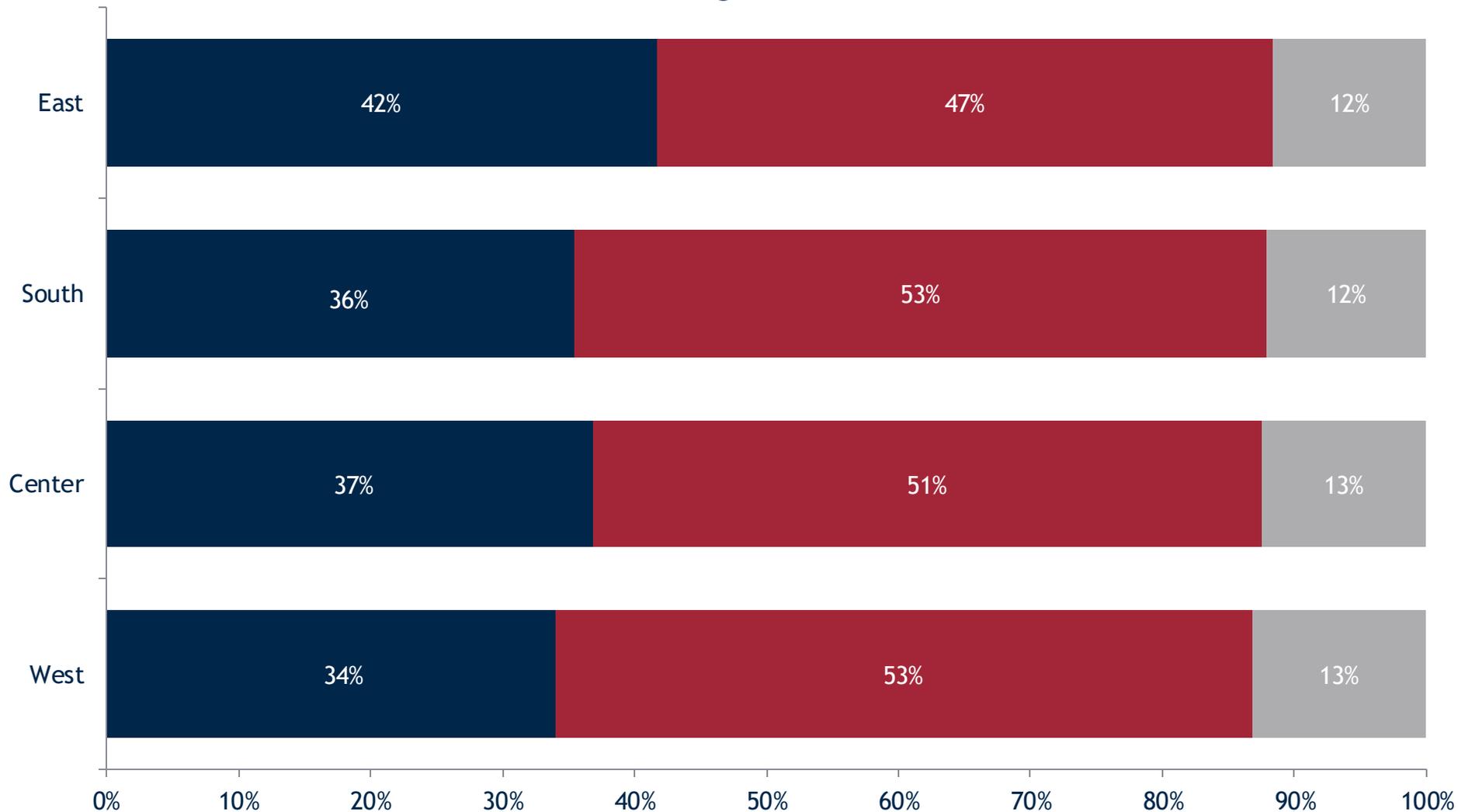
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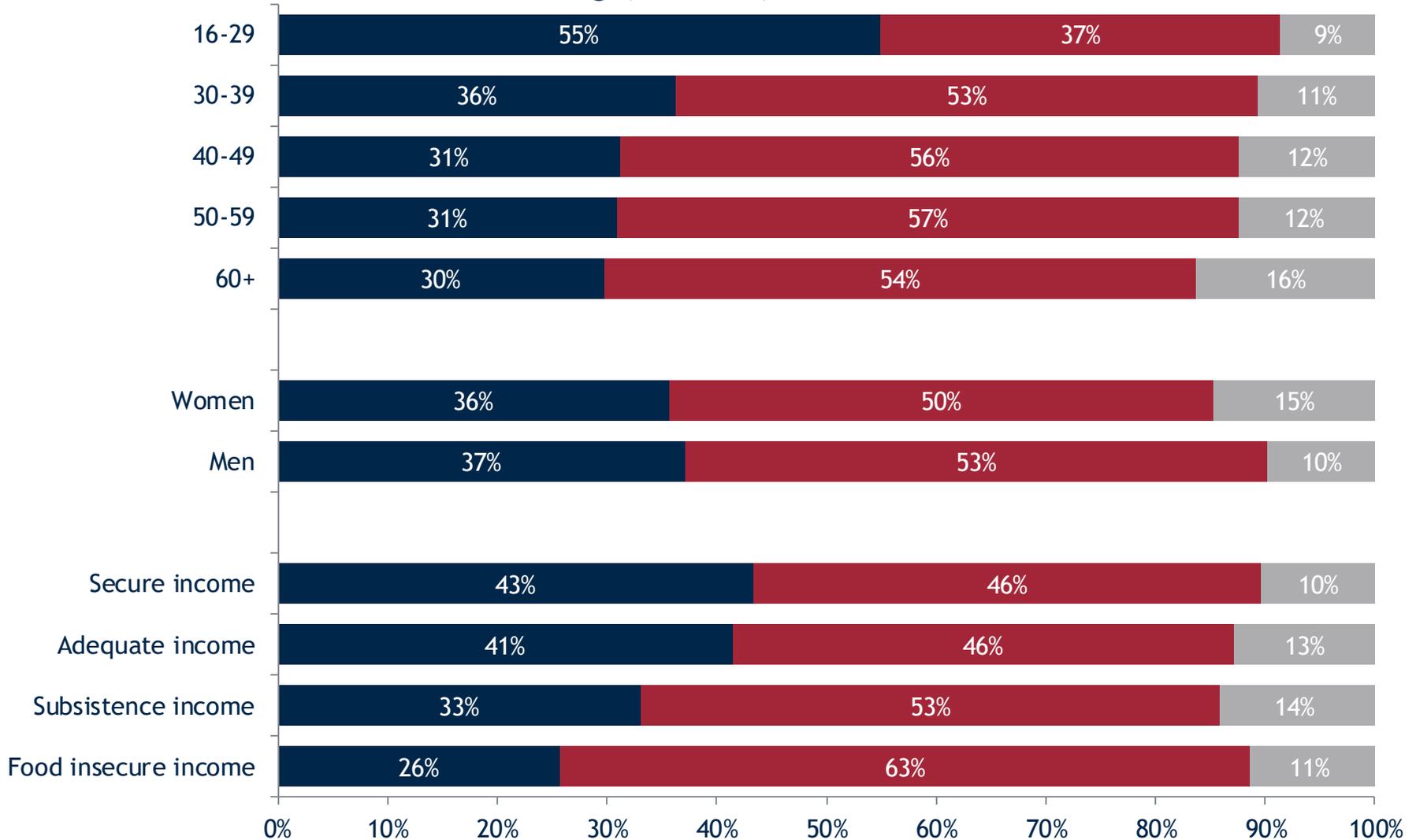
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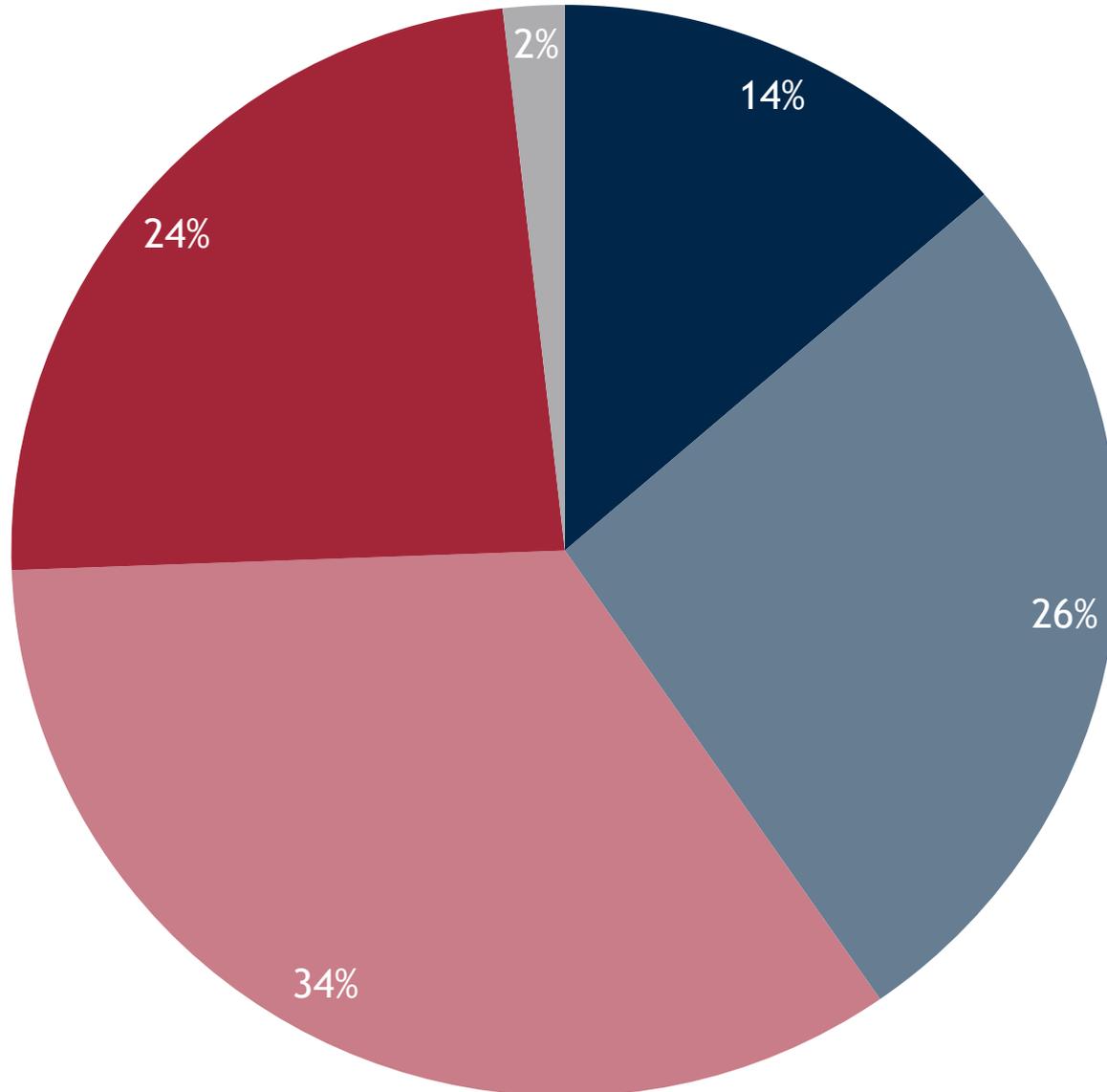
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Age, Gender, Income



How serious is the coronavirus pandemic for you personally?

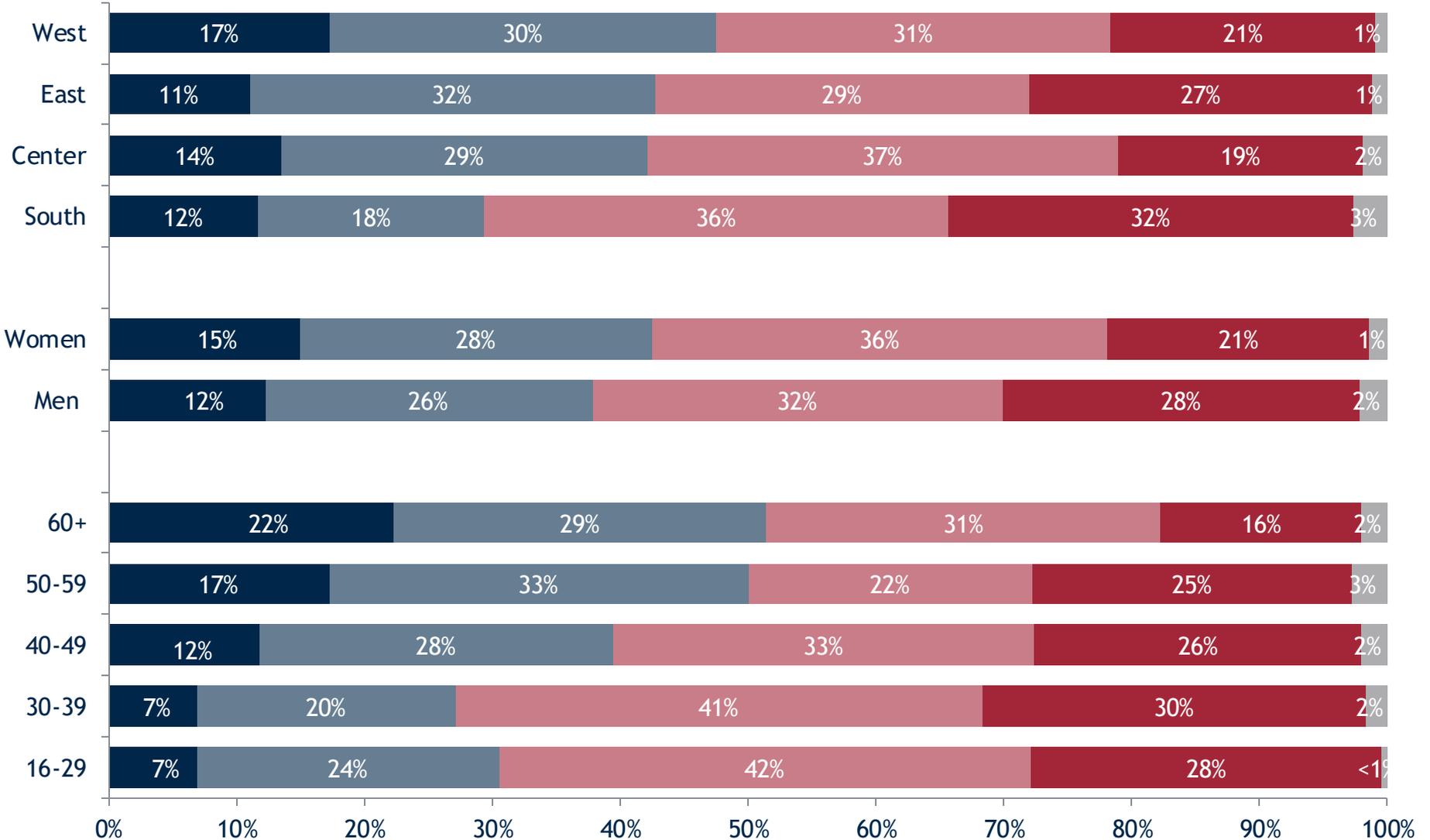
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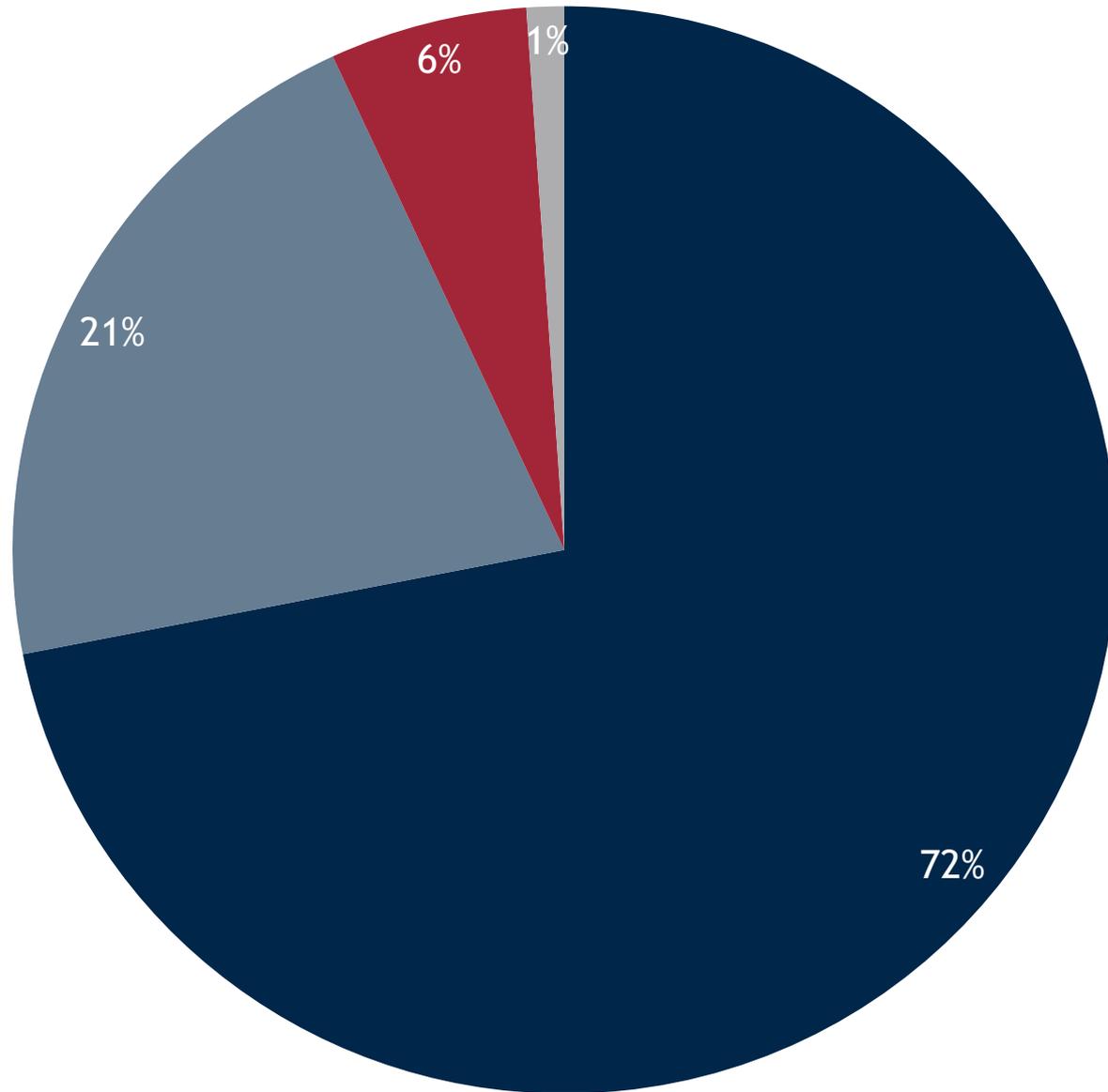
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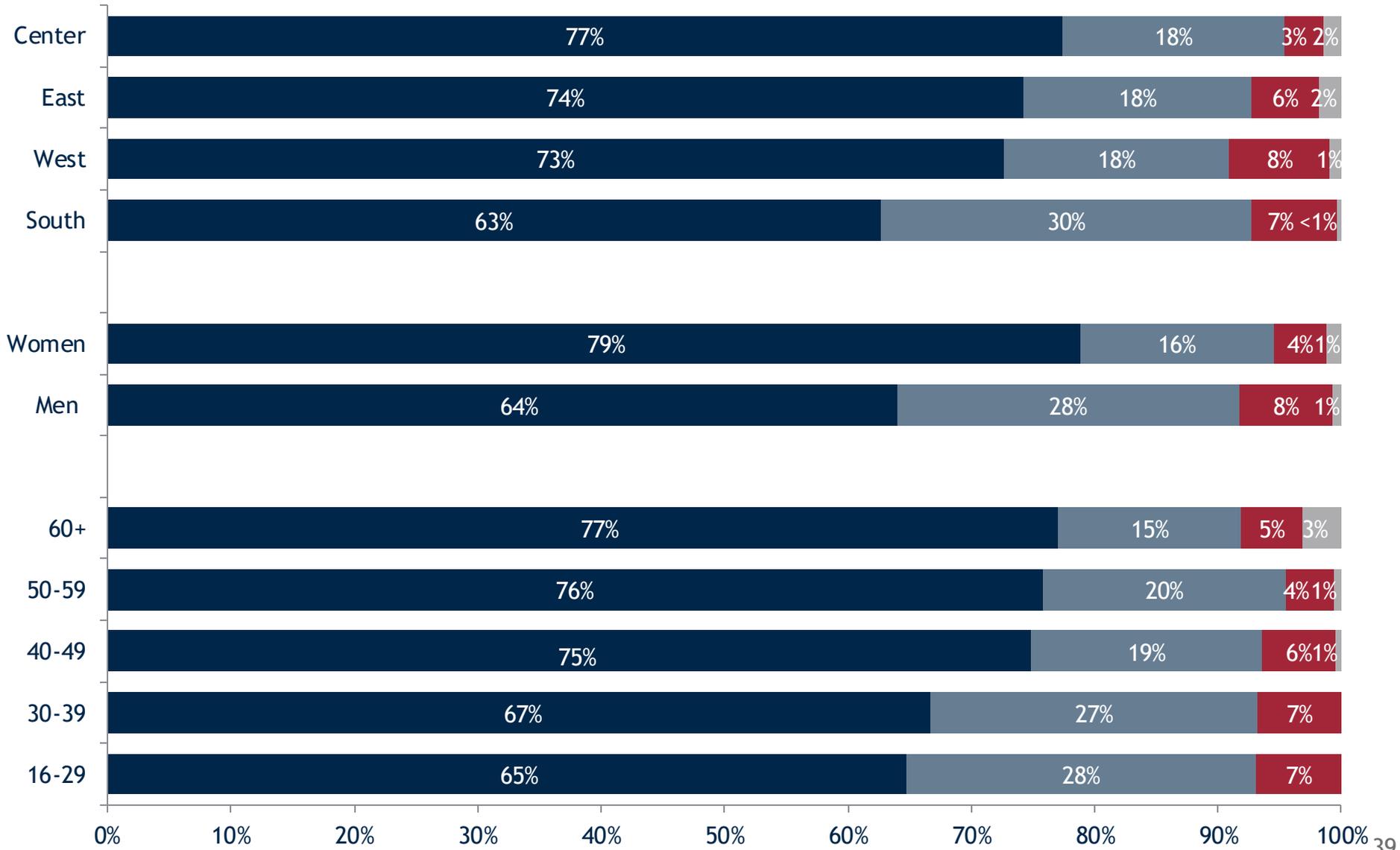
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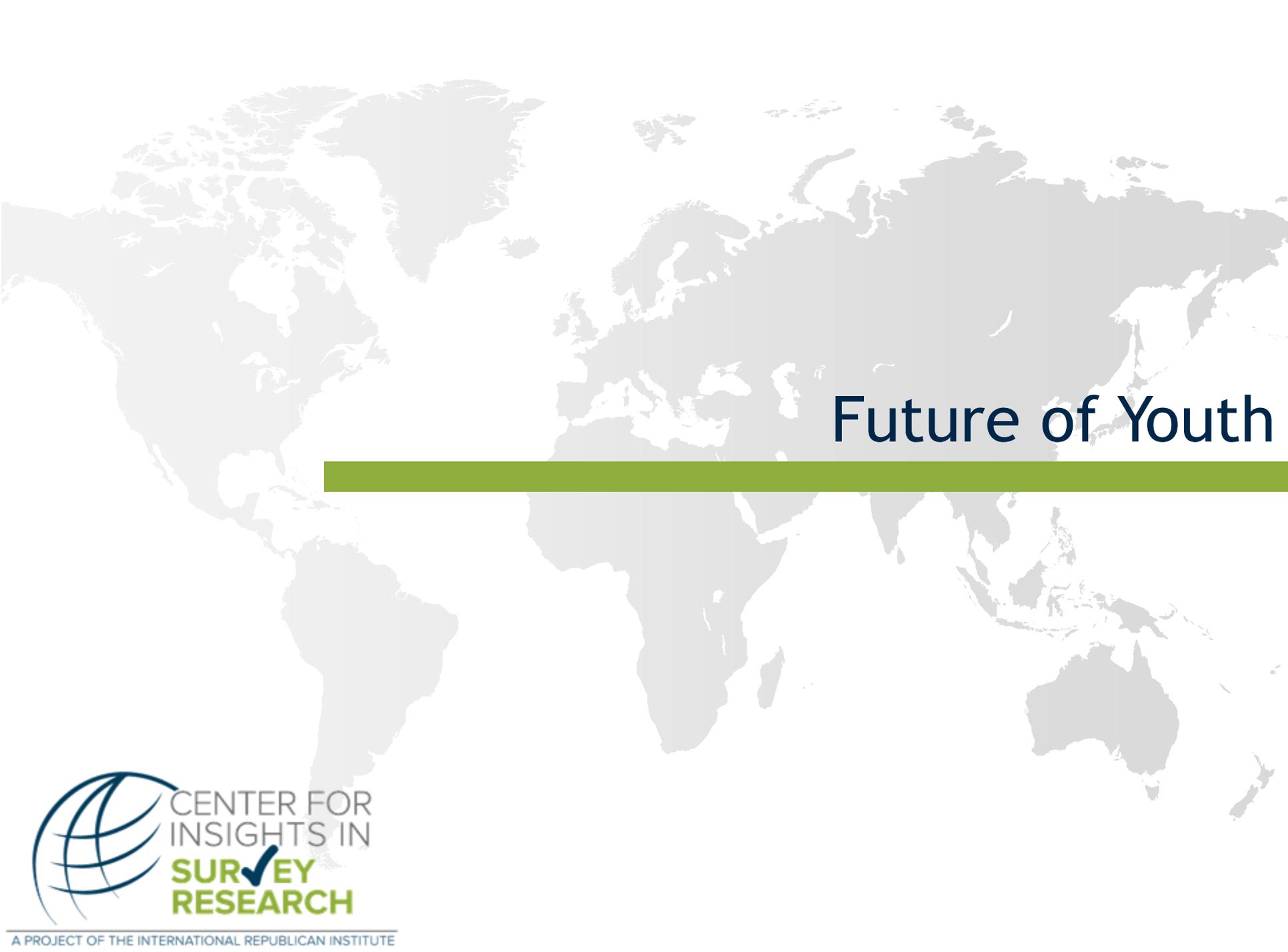


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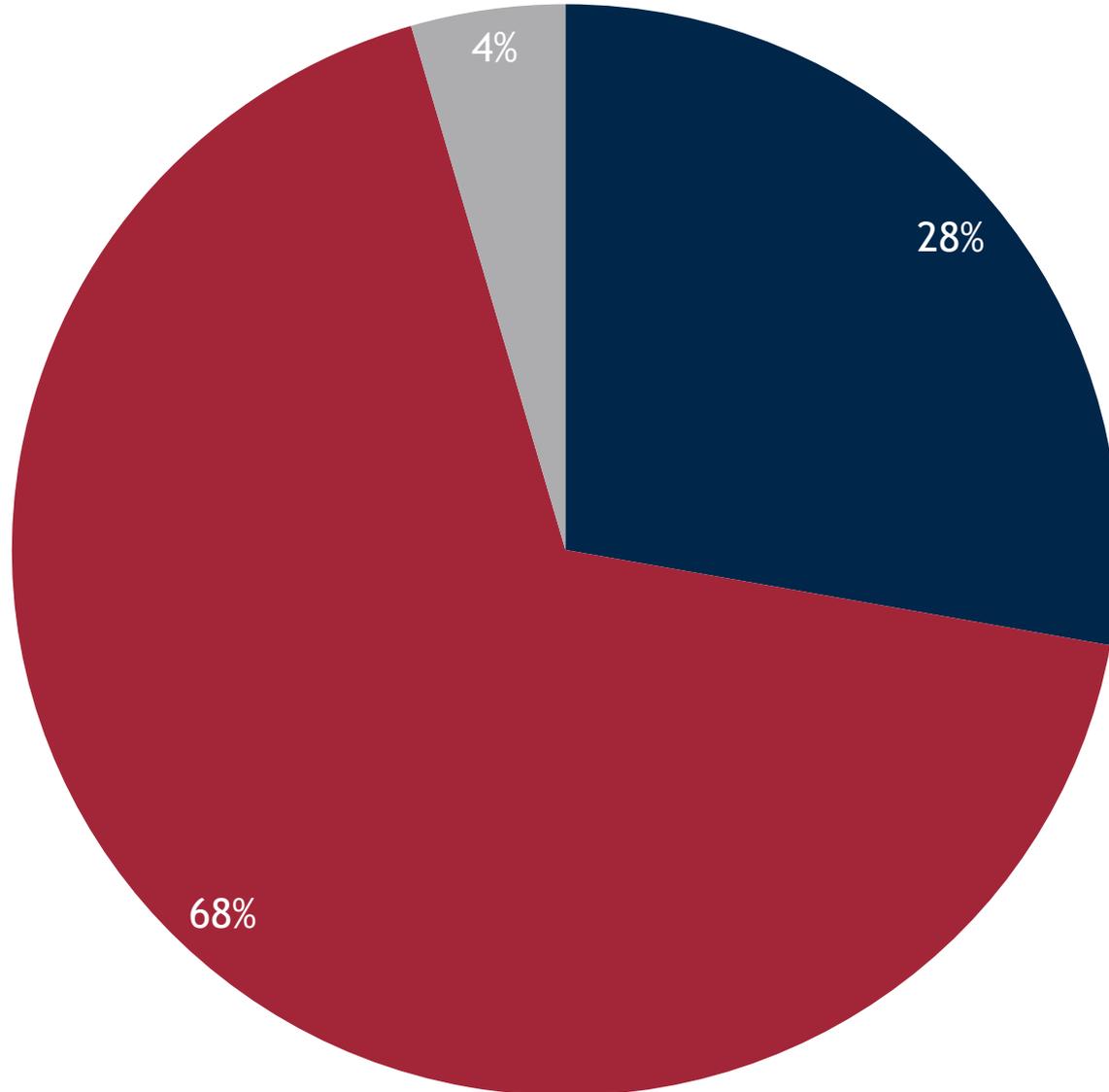


Future of Youth



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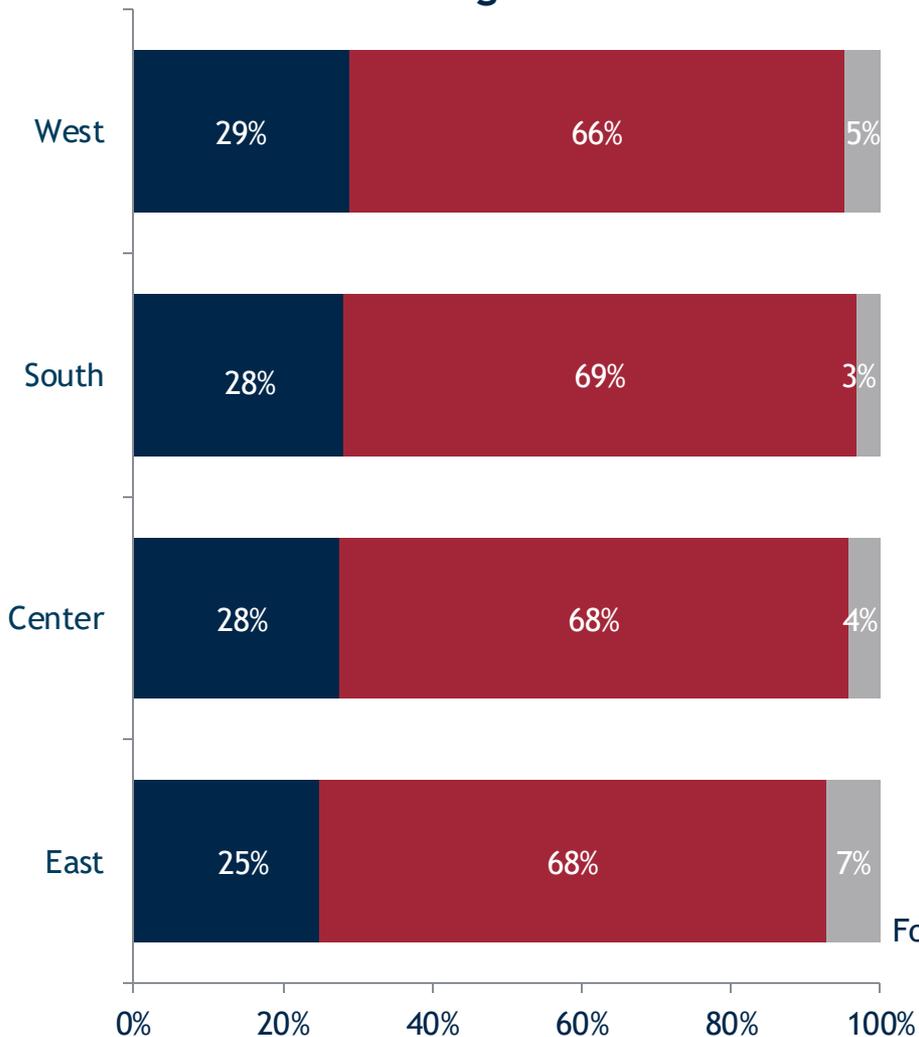
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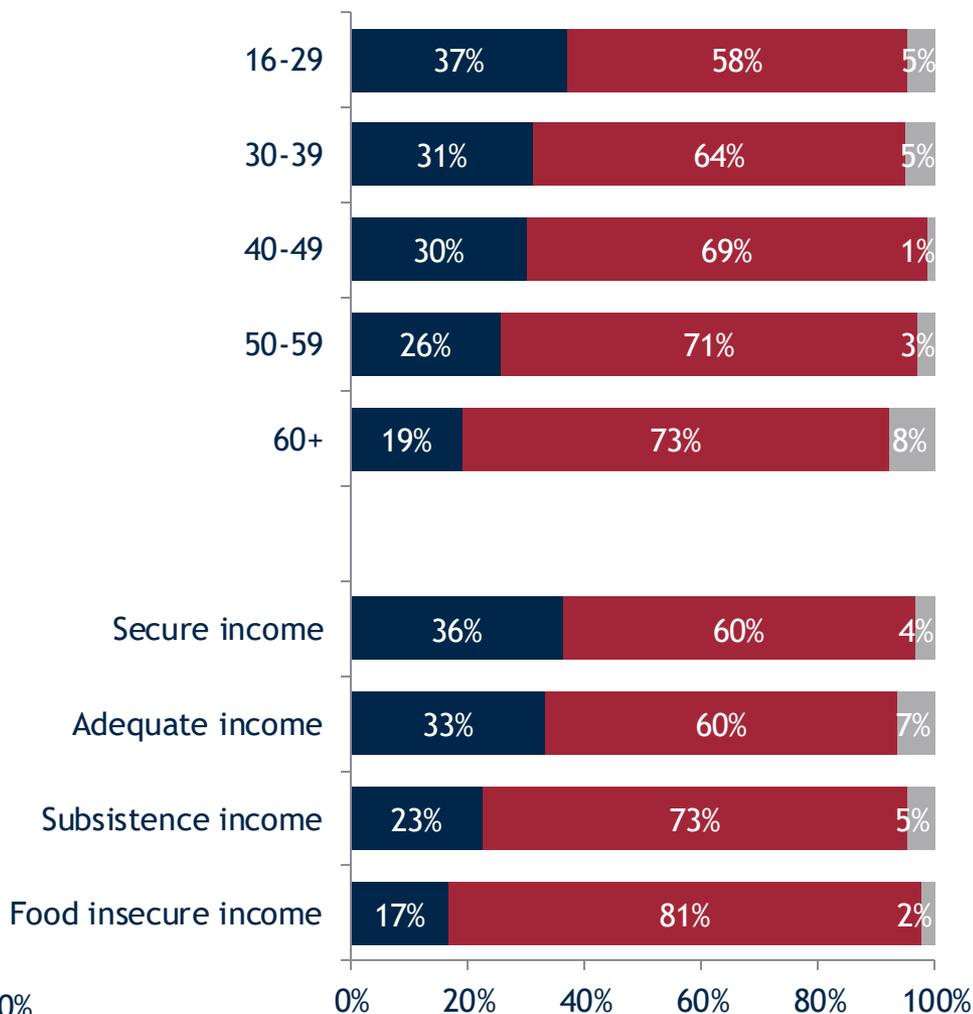
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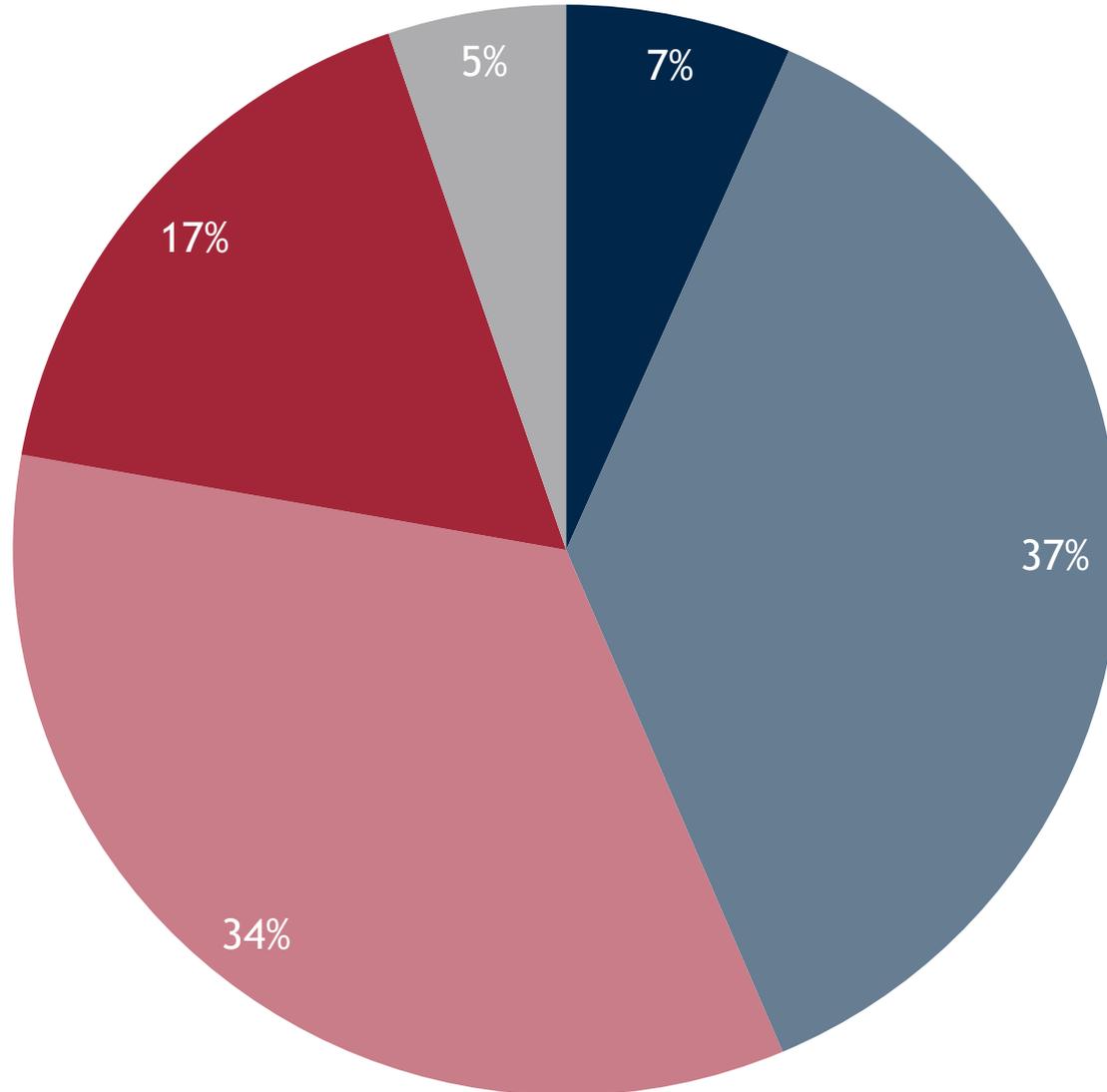


Upcoming Local Elections



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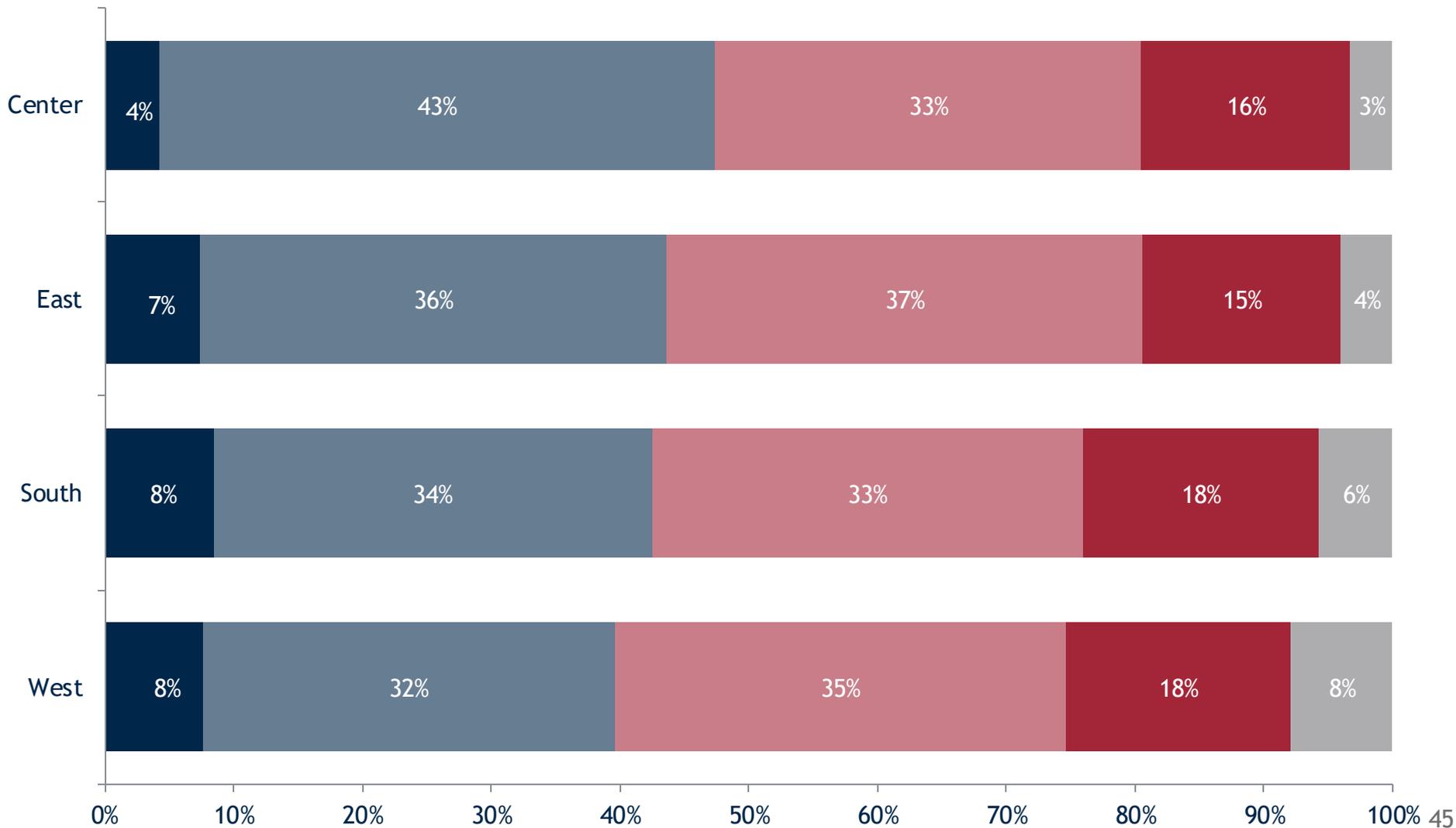
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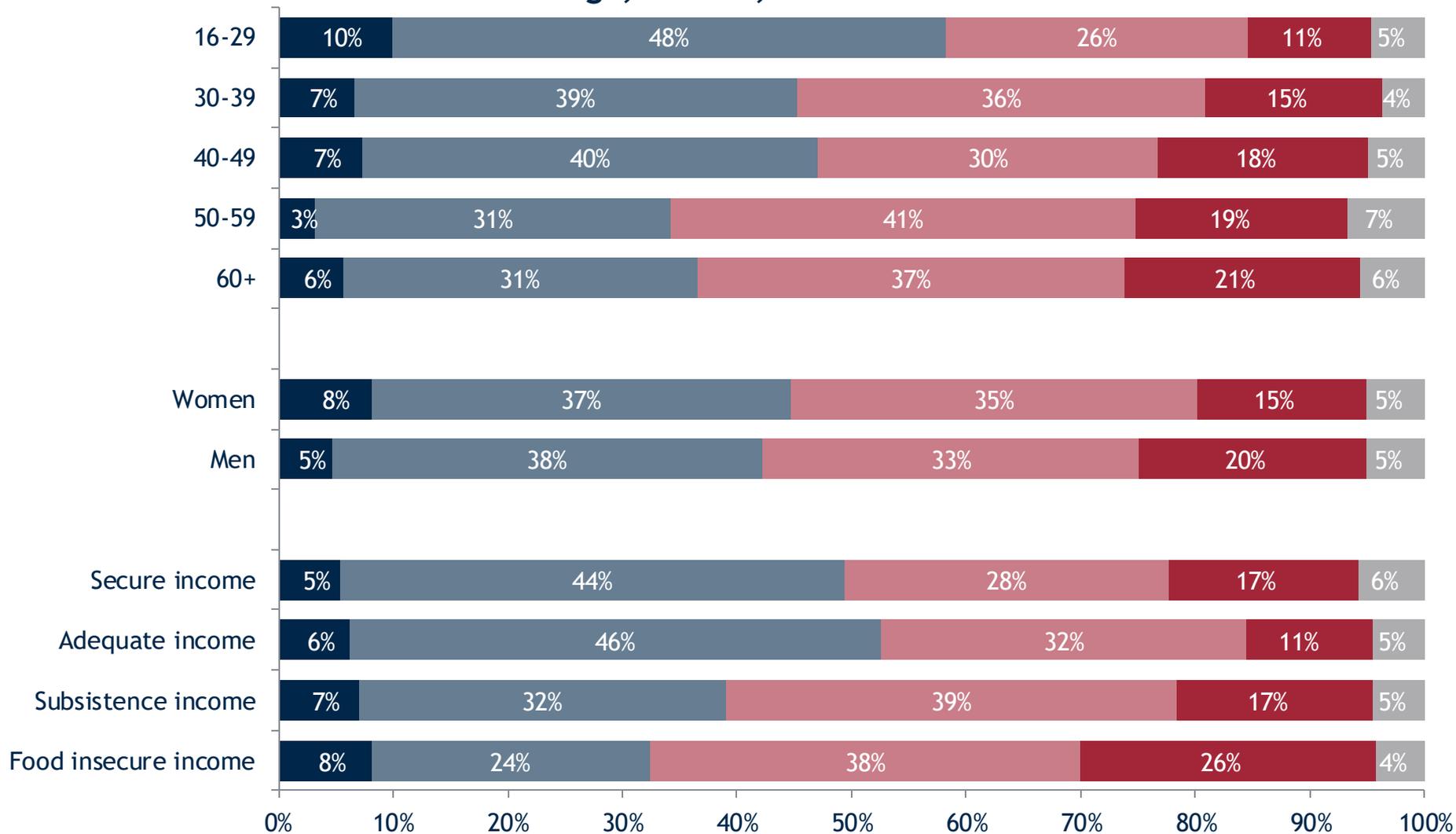
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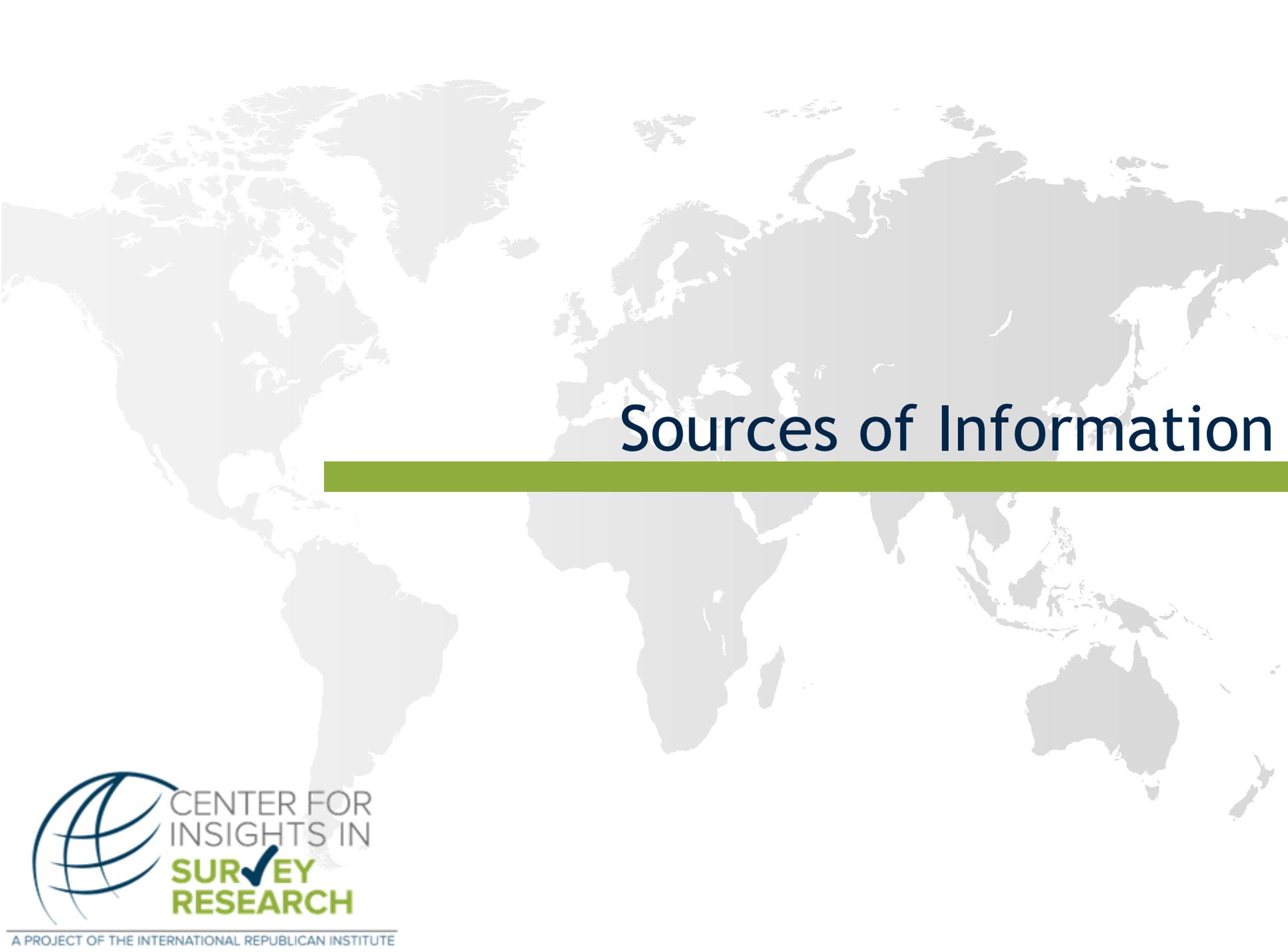


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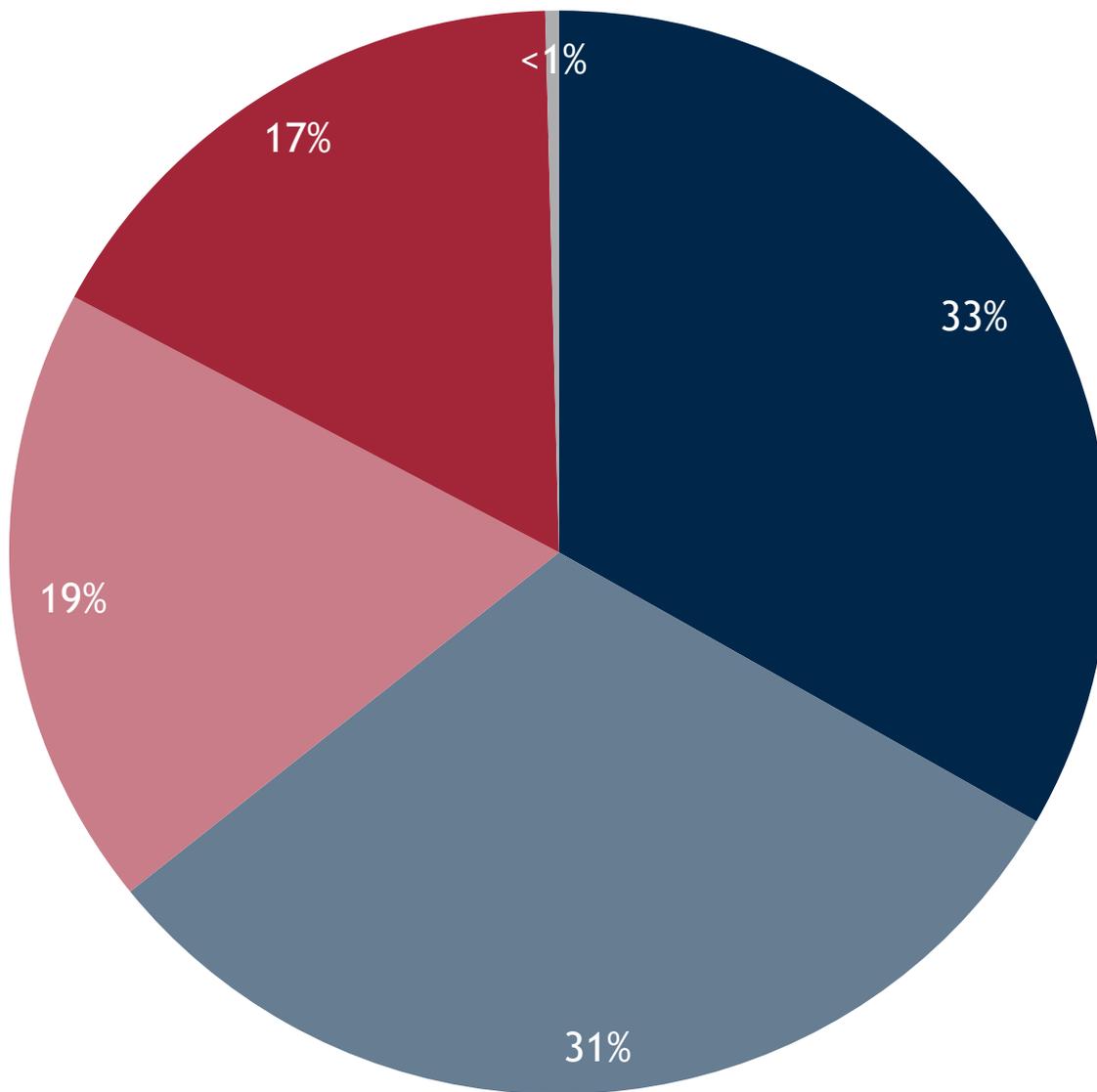




Sources of Information

Would you say you follow what's going on in local government and local affairs?

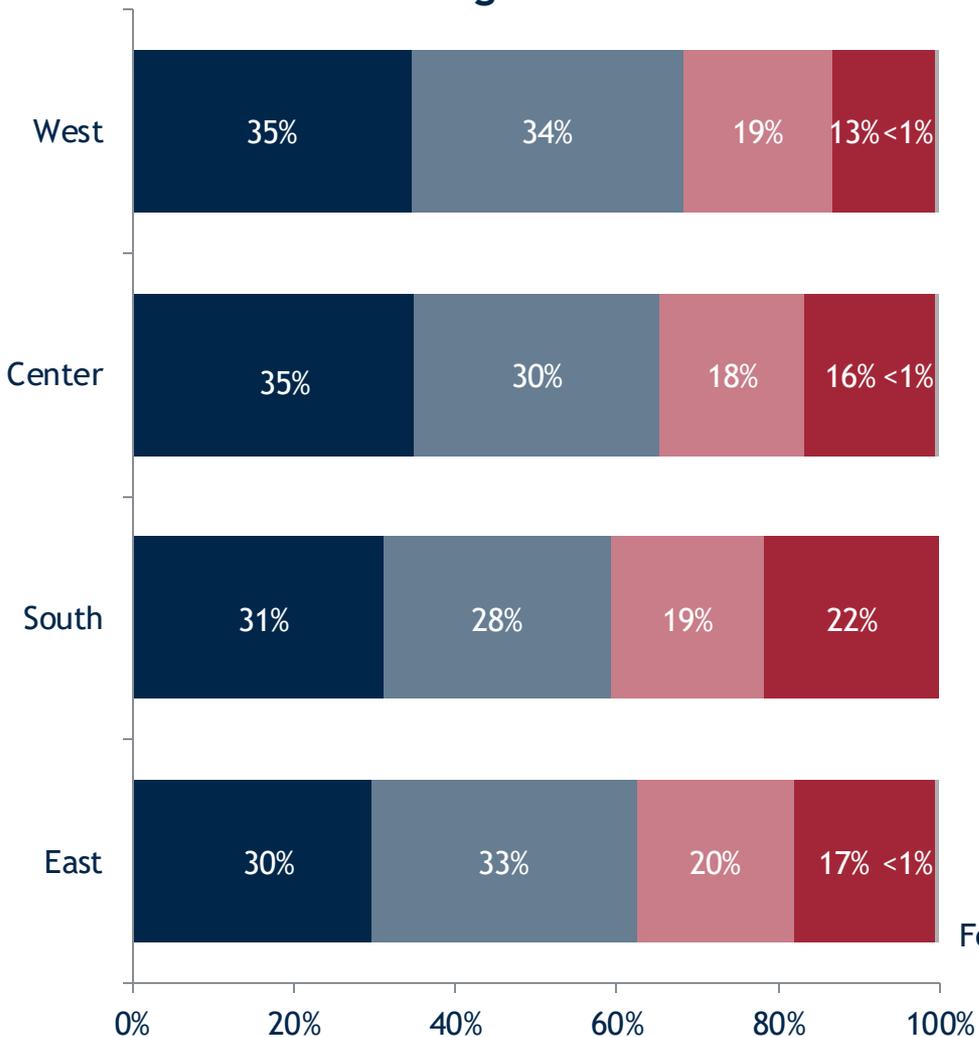
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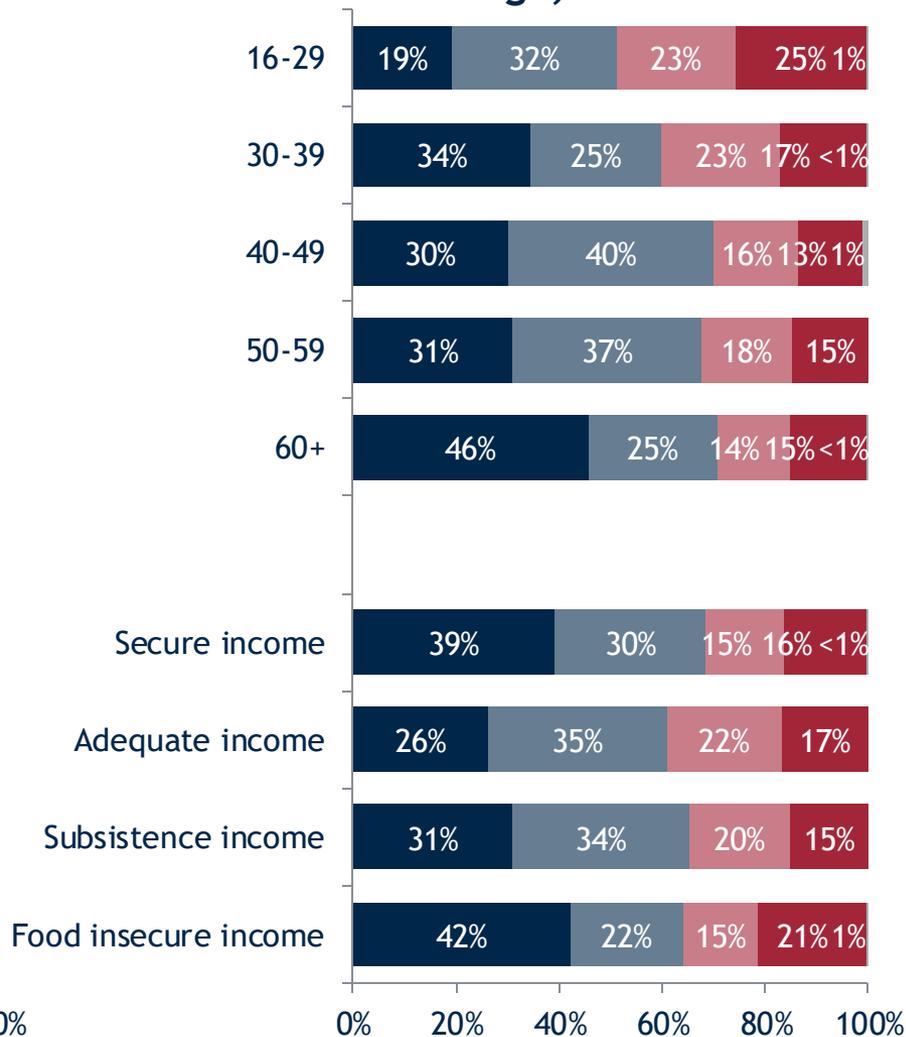
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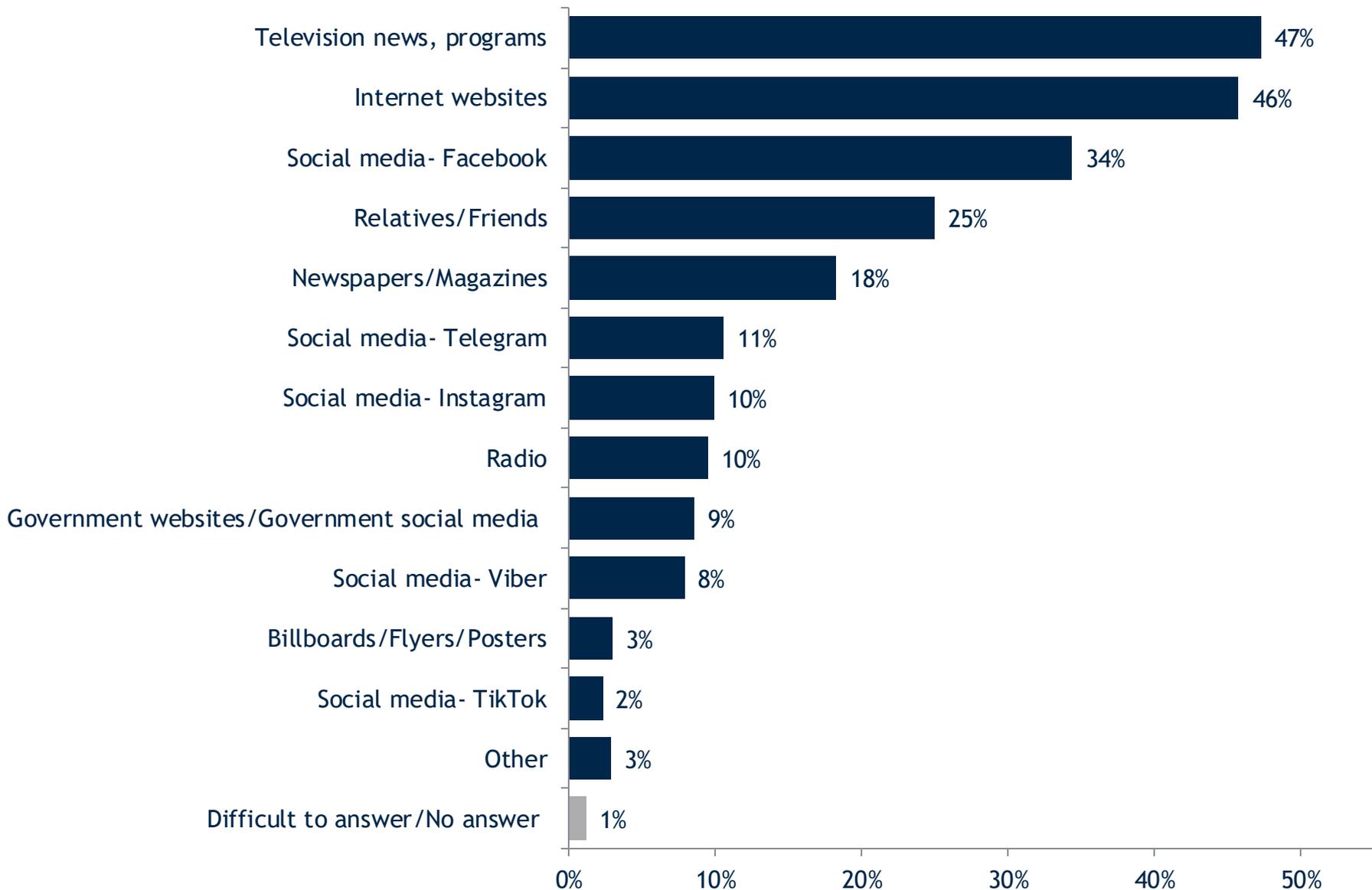
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What are your main sources for information about what's going on in local government and local affairs?*

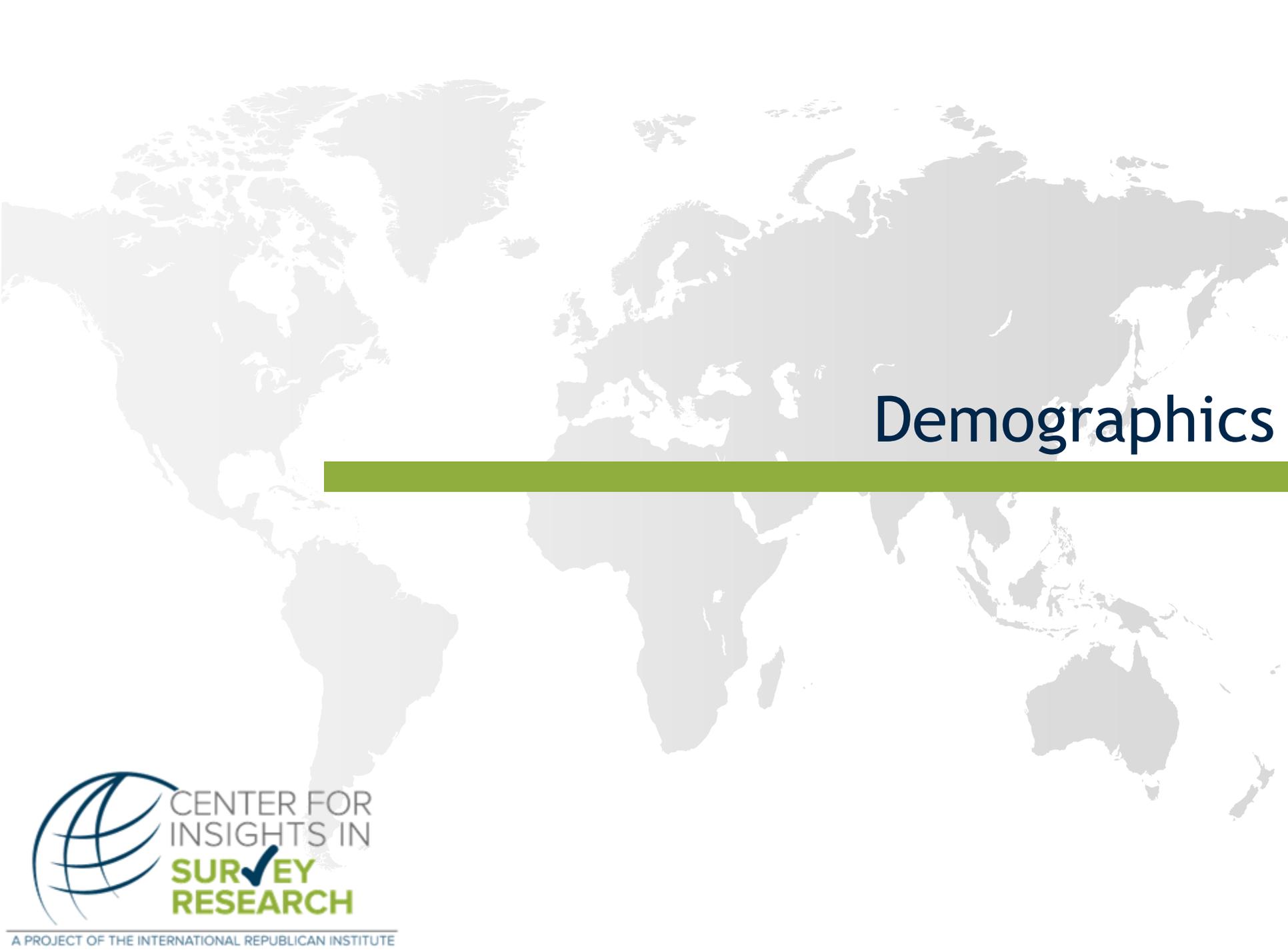


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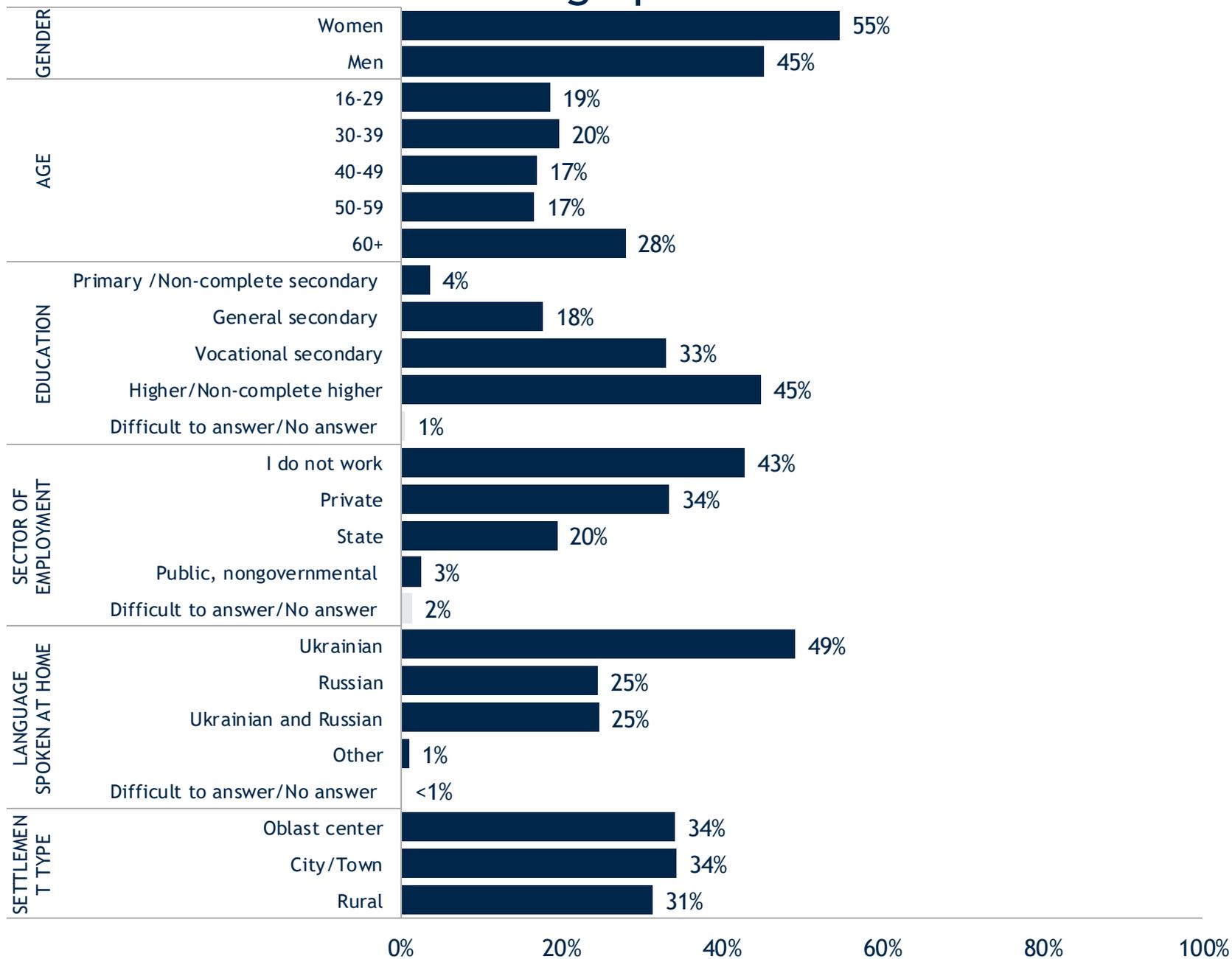
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Television news, programs	27%	35%	43%	55%	67%	54%	46%	42%	48%
Internet websites	60%	60%	57%	40%	23%	40%	45%	51%	51%
Social media- Facebook	44%	49%	44%	31%	14%	34%	34%	38%	30%
Relatives/Friends	23%	26%	22%	26%	27%	23%	26%	25%	25%
Newspapers/Magazines	7%	10%	13%	17%	37%	22%	19%	14%	17%
Social media- Telegram	26%	13%	11%	5%	3%	8%	12%	12%	9%
Social media- Instagram	28%	13%	6%	5%	2%	9%	10%	12%	9%
Radio	5%	7%	6%	10%	17%	11%	11%	6%	8%
Government websites/Government social media	15%	12%	8%	8%	3%	10%	8%	9%	7%
Social media- Viber	11%	11%	6%	8%	4%	7%	6%	11%	8%
Billboards/Flyers/Posters	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%
Social media- TikTok	6%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Other	3%	1%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%	4%
Difficult to answer/No answer	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%

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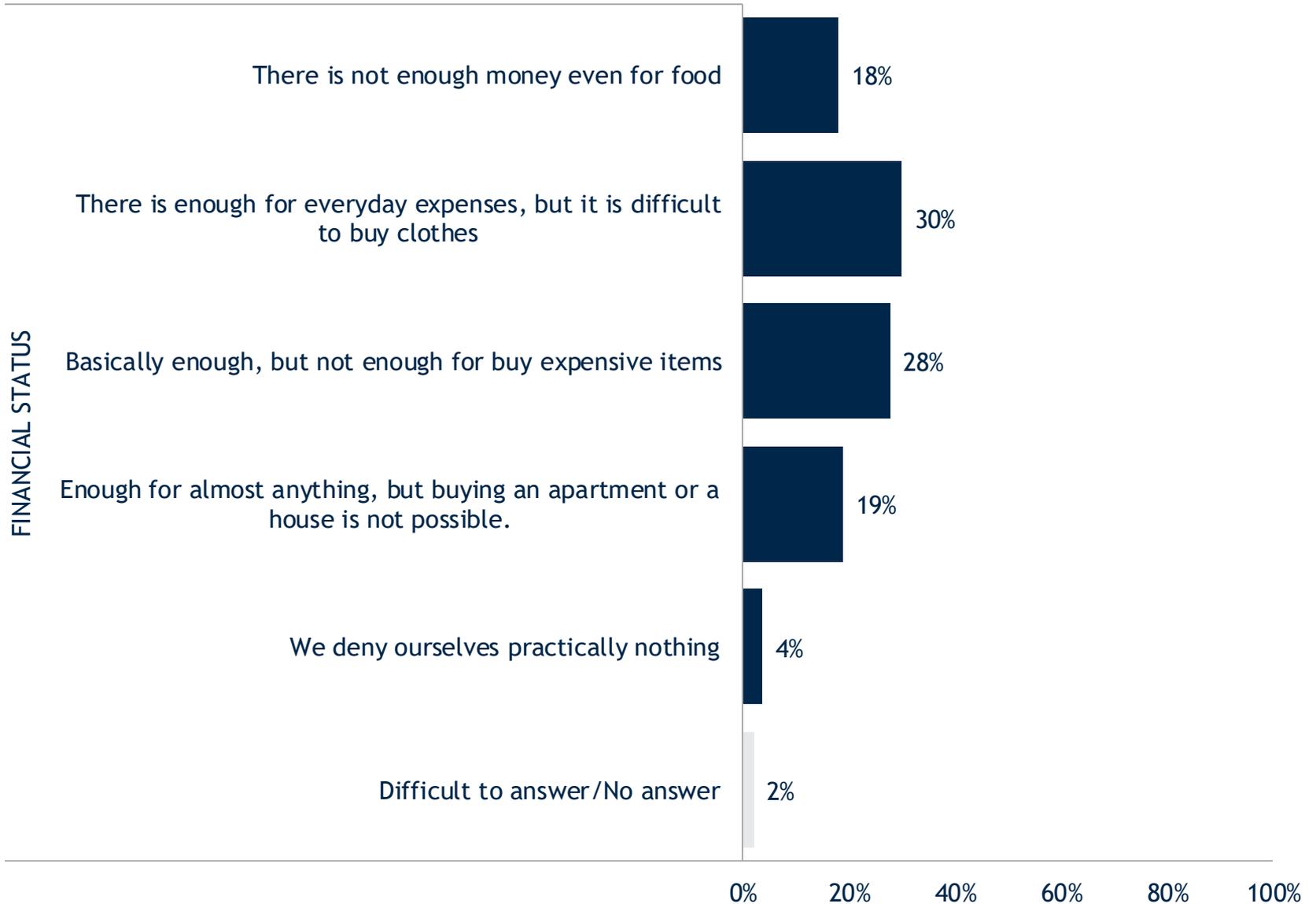


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