

NATIONWIDE PUBLIC OPINION POLL OF IRAQI CITIZENS

August 28 - September 25, 2020

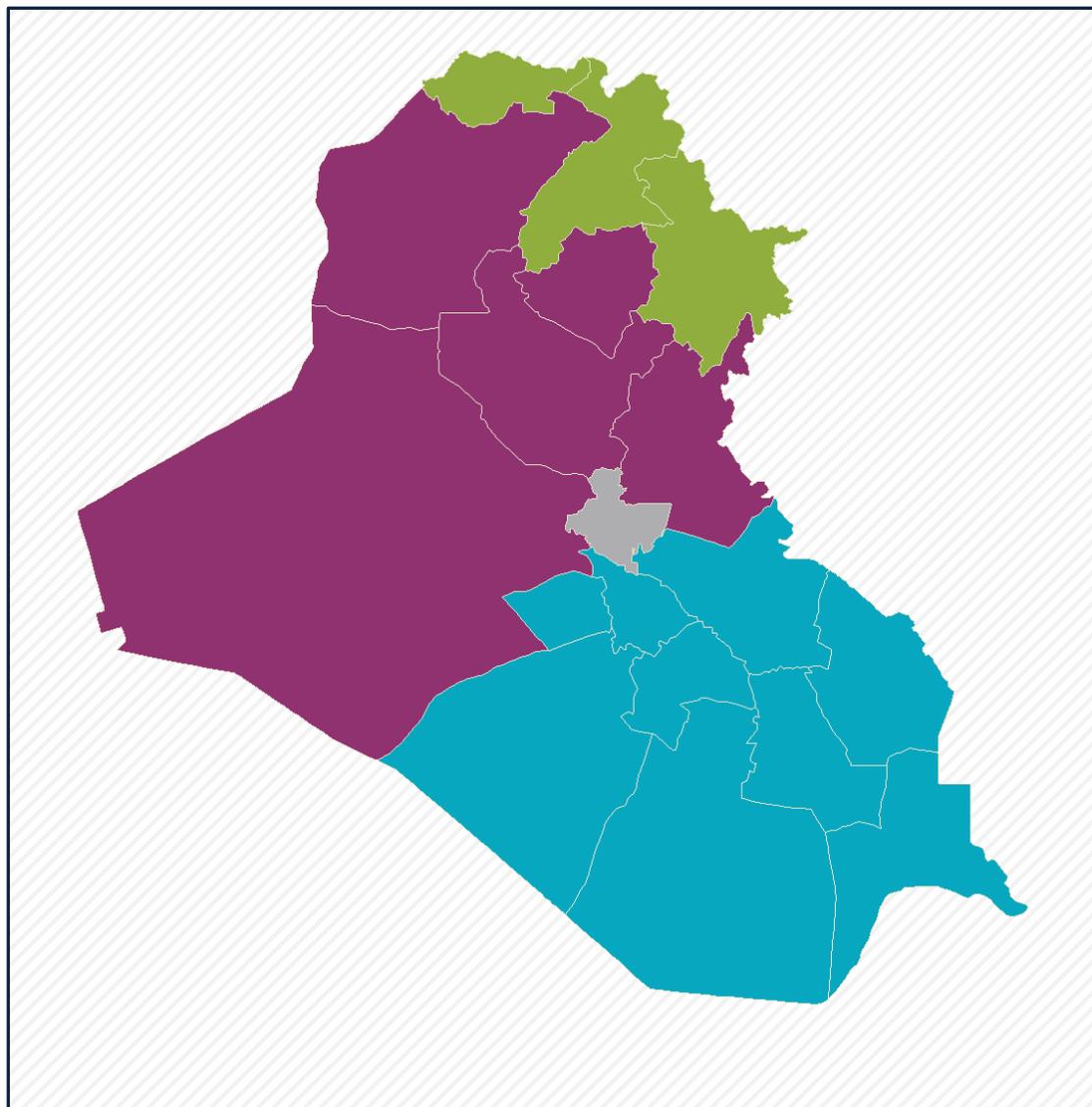


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Detailed methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) (CISR) by [Al-Mustakilla for Research](#) (IIACSS).
- Data collection was conducted between August 28 - September 25, 2020 through computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) administered face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes, except for Erbil, where paper questionnaires were used.
- The national sample consisted of n=3,070 adult citizens of Iraq, aged 18 and older. While there were no geographic exclusions for the sample draw, internally displaced people (IDP) living in IDP camps were excluded from the sample. Less than 15 sampling points had to be replaced due to the security concerns or COVID-19 restrictions.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample according to population estimates from the Central Organization for Statistics. The sample was stratified by census districts and sub-districts followed by primary sampling units (PSU) selected using probability-proportional-to-size within each stratum and respondents selected by Kish grid.
 - Booster samples were added to Anbar, Basra, Dhi Qar and Nineveh provinces (n=1,174) to allow for separate analyses of these provinces. For analysis at the national level, samples for each of these provinces were weighted back down to their national proportion.
- The data was weighted based on each governorate's population, according to the most recent census update from the Central Organization for Statistics in Iraq, conducted in 2014 and updates from IIACSS's household data as well as formal updates from the Ministry of Planning.
- The response rate was 87 percent.
- The margin of error for the full sample is ± 1.5 points at the 95 percent confidence level. The margin of error for disaggregates and governorate samples varies.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. Cited bases are weighted.

Geographical key: Regions of Iraq



Iraqi Kurdistan

Central

South

Baghdad*

***Note:** Regional and national-level presentations of the data are weighted into national population size proportions.

Data for independent presentations of the Baghdad governorate sample is unweighted, along with independent presentations of data for the Anbar, Basra, Dhi Qar and Nineveh governorate samples.

Geographical Key: Governorate Samples



Baghdad Governorate

n = 663, margin of error = ± 3.8



Anbar Governorate

n = 506, margin of error = ± 4.4



Basra Governorate

n = 506, margin of error = ± 4.4



Nineveh Governorate

n = 487, margin of error = ± 4.4



Dhi Qar Governorate

n = 501, margin of error = ± 4.4

Bases for governorate samples are the unweighted, achieved samples.

Frequently cited disaggregate bases

National Sample Disaggregations		Category	Base (Unweighted)
Age Brackets	Age 18-35		n = 2,783
	Age 36-55		n = 1,204
	Age 56 and older		n = 257
Gender	Male		n = 2,185
	Female		n = 2,059
Regions of Iraq	Iraqi Kurdistan		n = 425
	Central		n = 1,392
	South		n = 1,764
Urbanicity	Urban		n = 2,883
	Rural		n = 1,361

Governorate Samples		Name	Base (Unweighted)
Governorate	Baghdad		n = 663
	Anbar		n = 506
	Basra		n = 506
	Nineveh		n = 487
	Dhi Qar		n = 501

Previous IRI Iraq Research

Study	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
 Report: <u>Living In The Shadows: The Enduring Marginalization Of Black Iraqis</u>	December 2019	8 focus groups; 10 in-depth interviews
 Report: <u>“Nurid Watan!” “We Want a Homeland!” Basrawi Perspectives on the 2019 Protests in Iraq’s Basra Province</u>	December 2019	8 focus groups; 10 in-depth interviews
 Report: <u>Perspectives on Returnees in Iraq’s Ninewa Provinces</u>	January 2019	14 focus groups; 3 in-depth interviews
 Report: <u>Social and Political Perspectives of Iraqi IDPs from Ninewa and their Host Communities</u>	April - May 2018	12 focus groups

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Research and qualitative and quantitative public opinion data is a cornerstone of IRI’s approach to programming. Our data ensures citizens’ needs are at the center of the political debate and guide our projects’ goals. To date, IRI has conducted more than 900 polls in over 100 countries, surveying more than 1.5 million people and measuring community attitudes on a wide range of issues.

IRI’s research approach integrates CISR’s methodological polling best practices protocol and field partner in-depth knowledge of the local research environment. This close collaboration begins at project design, with carefully calibrated sampling and instrument development, and continues throughout the entire fieldwork cycle to ensure the collection of reliable qualitative and quantitative data.

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General Outlook and Values

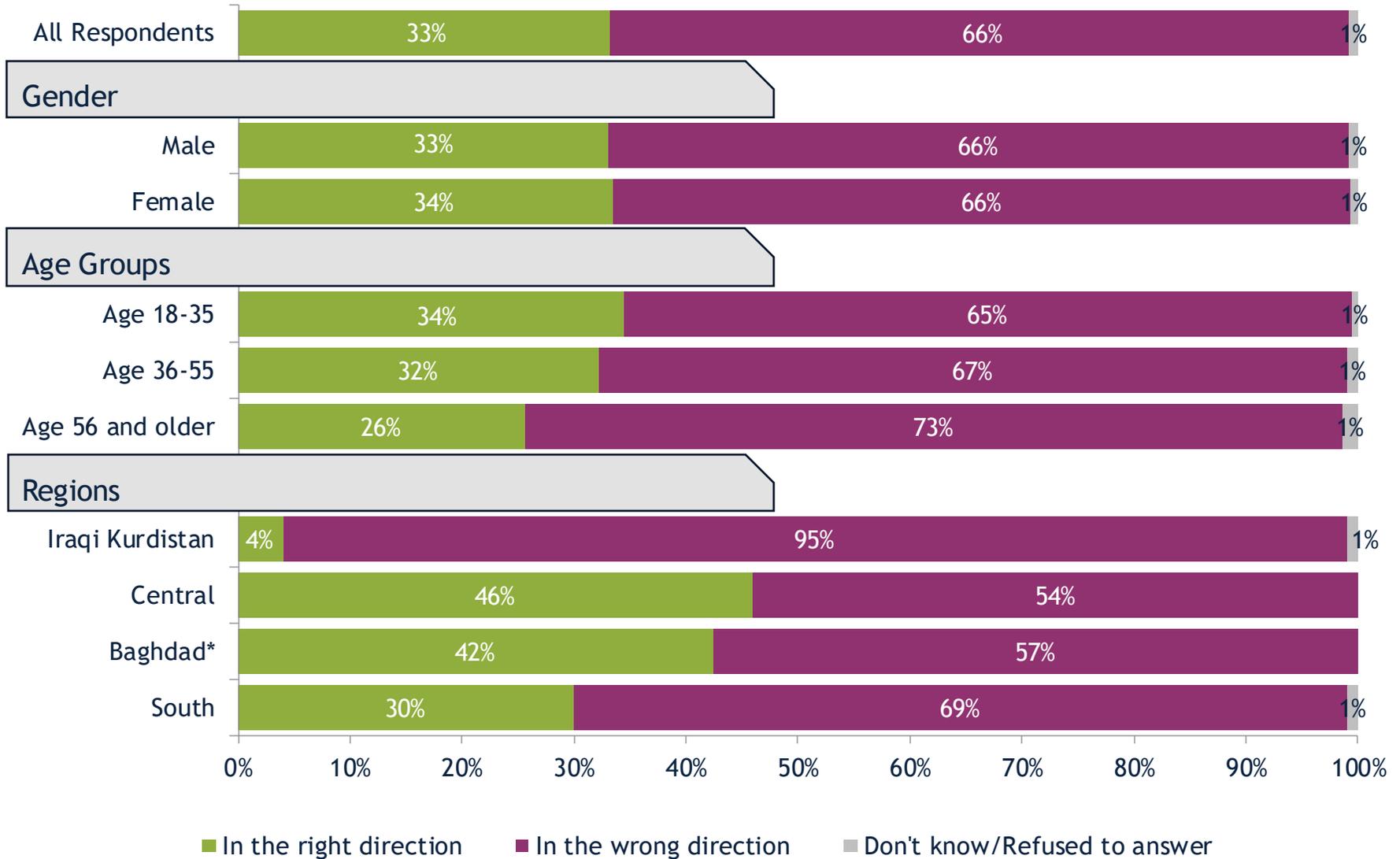


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In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

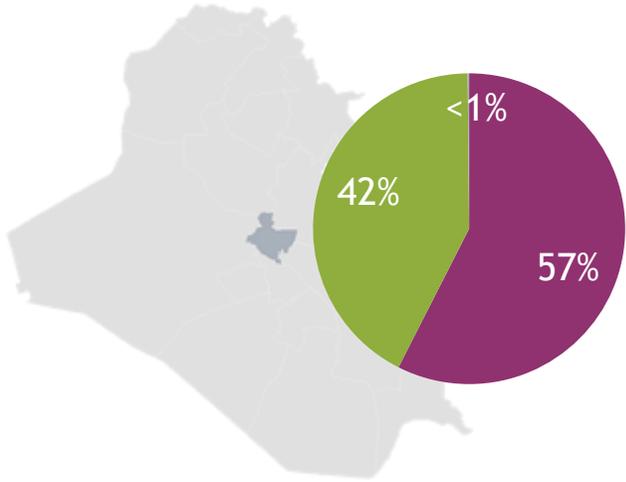


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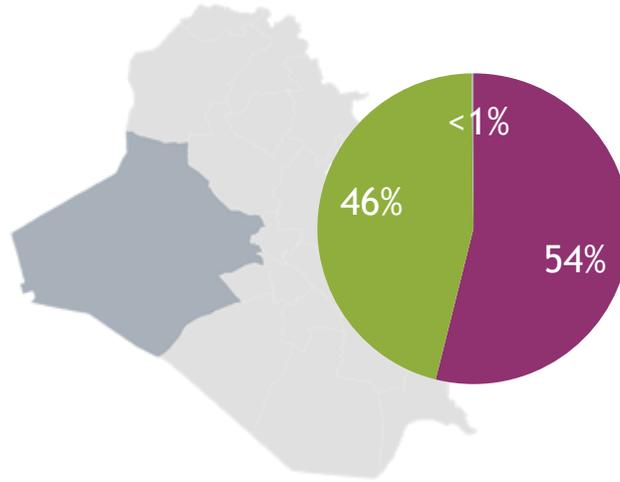


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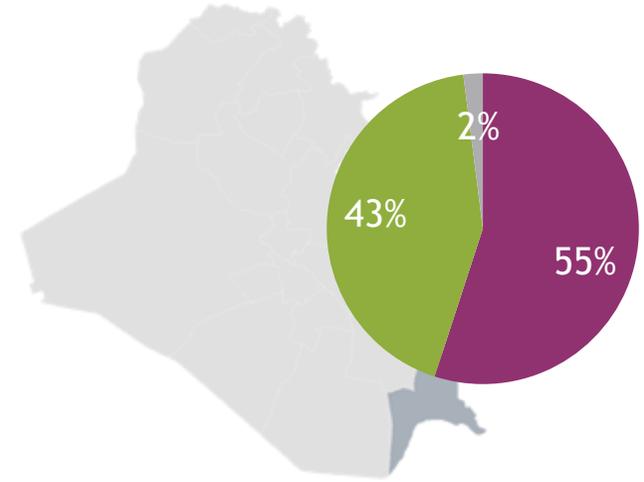
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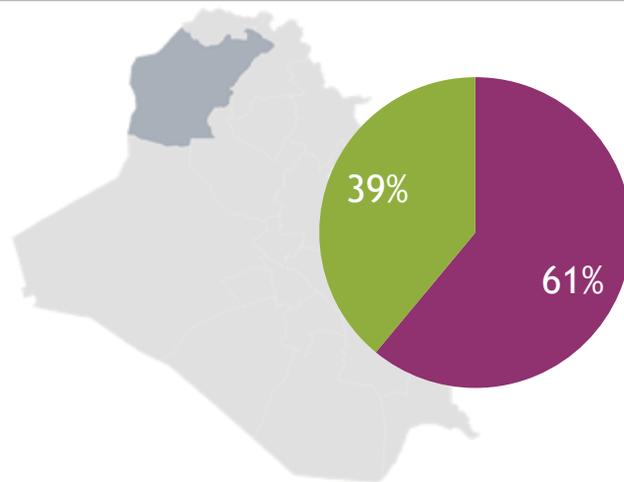
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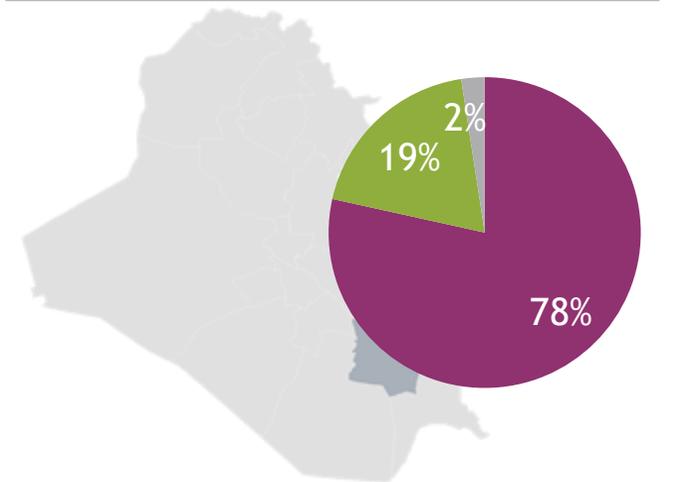
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Nineveh

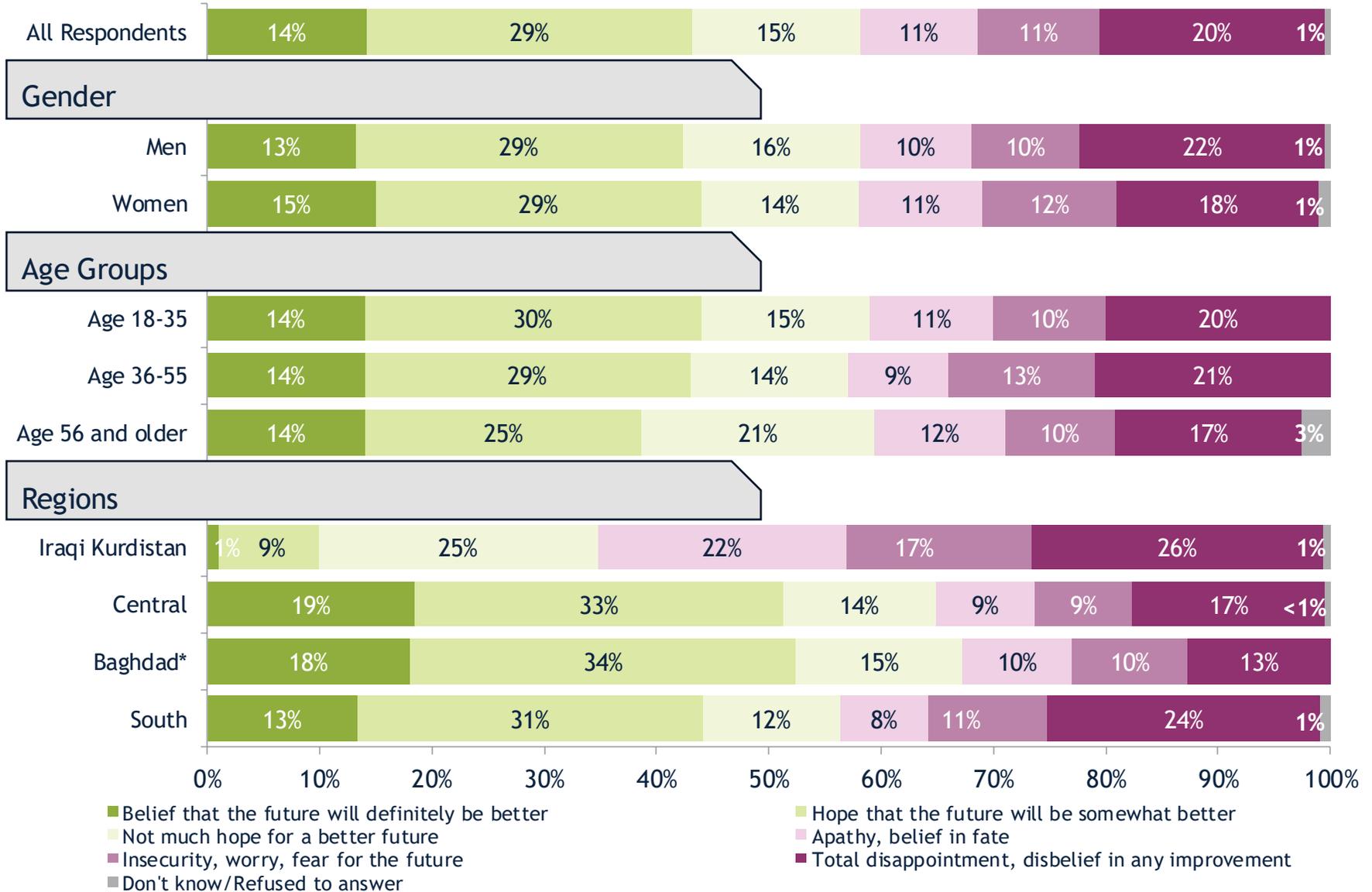


Dhi Qar



- In the right direction
- In the wrong direction
- Don't know / Refused to answer

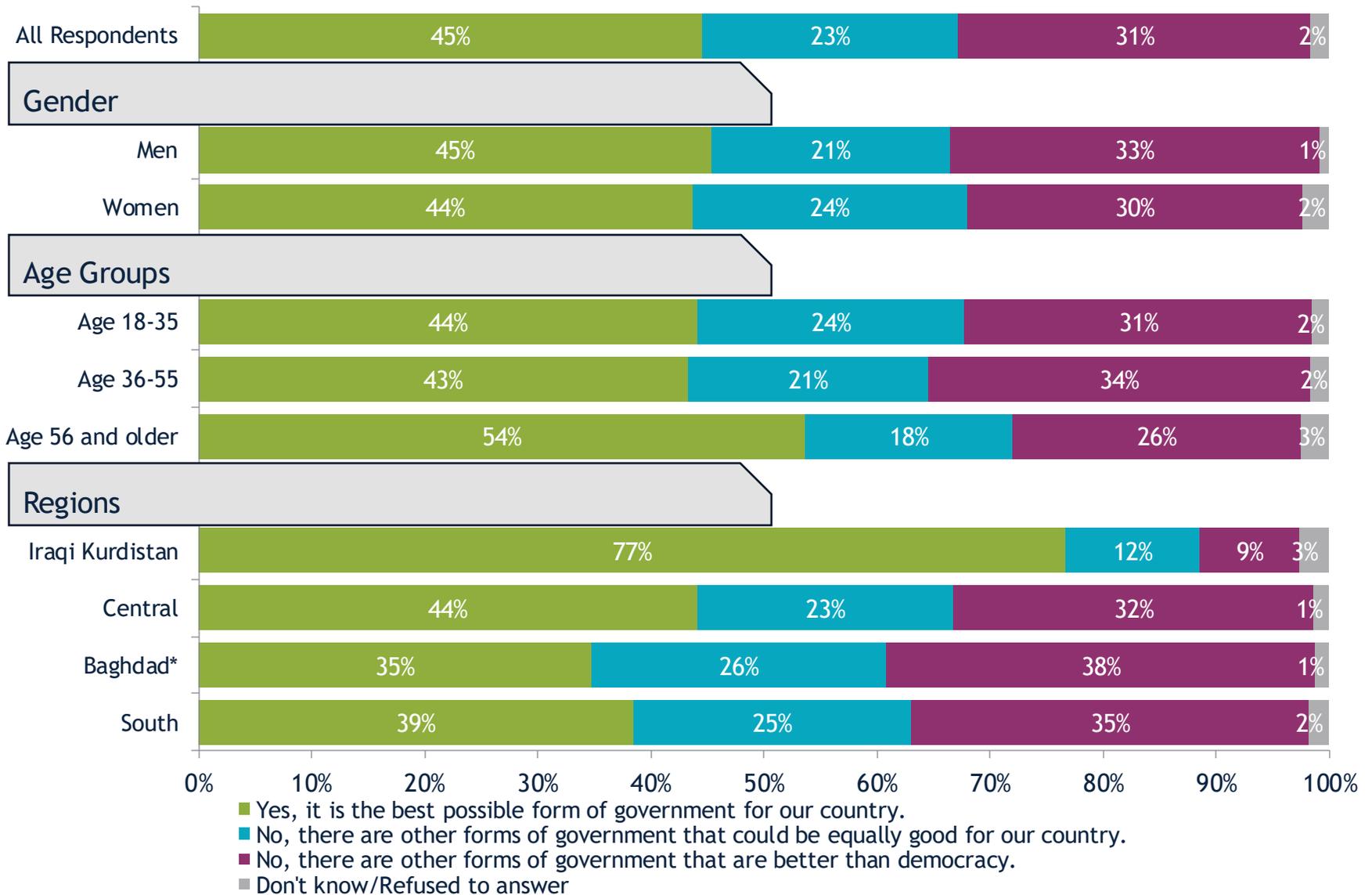
How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of our country's population?



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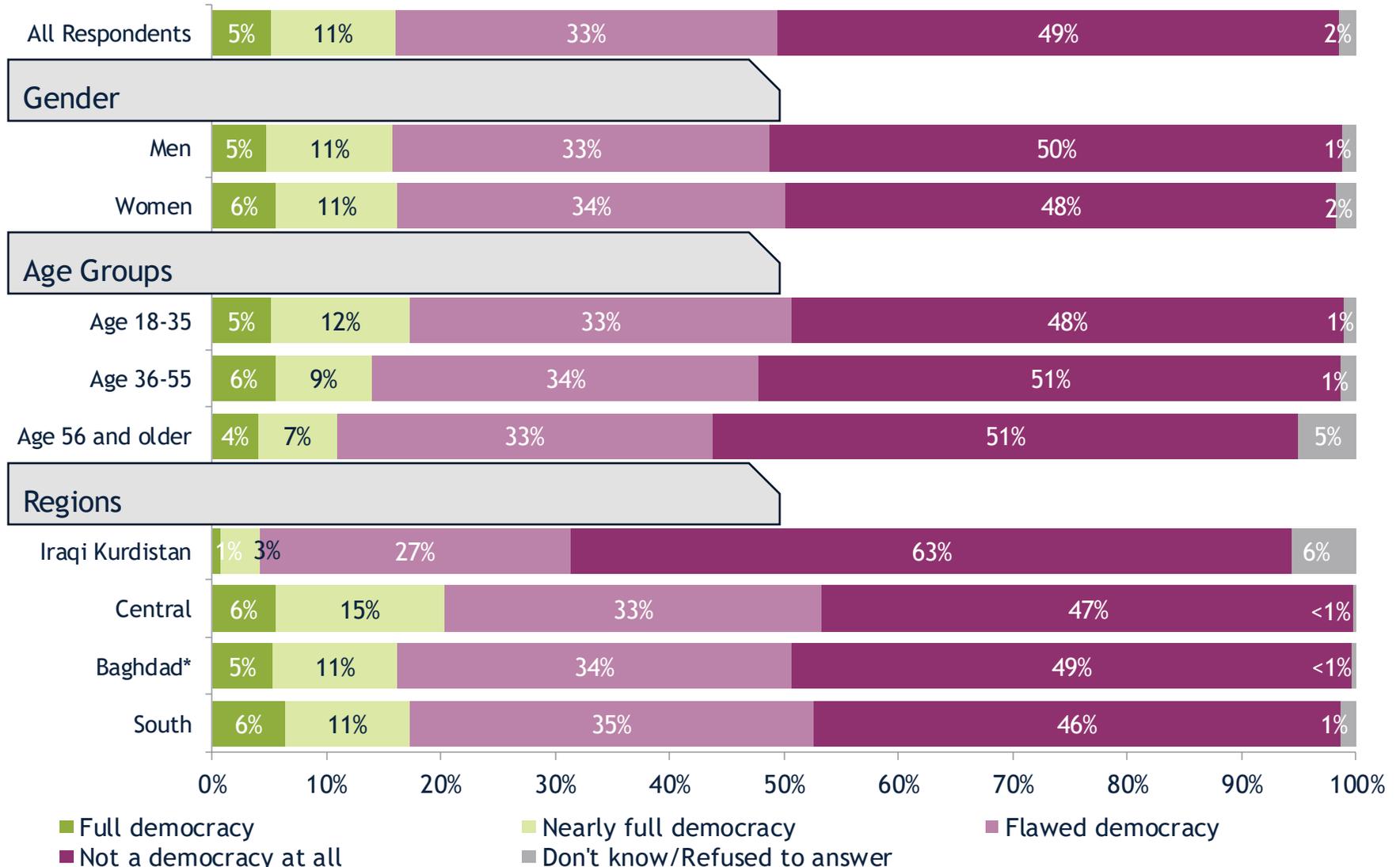
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



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Thinking about our country's current political system, do you believe it is a:

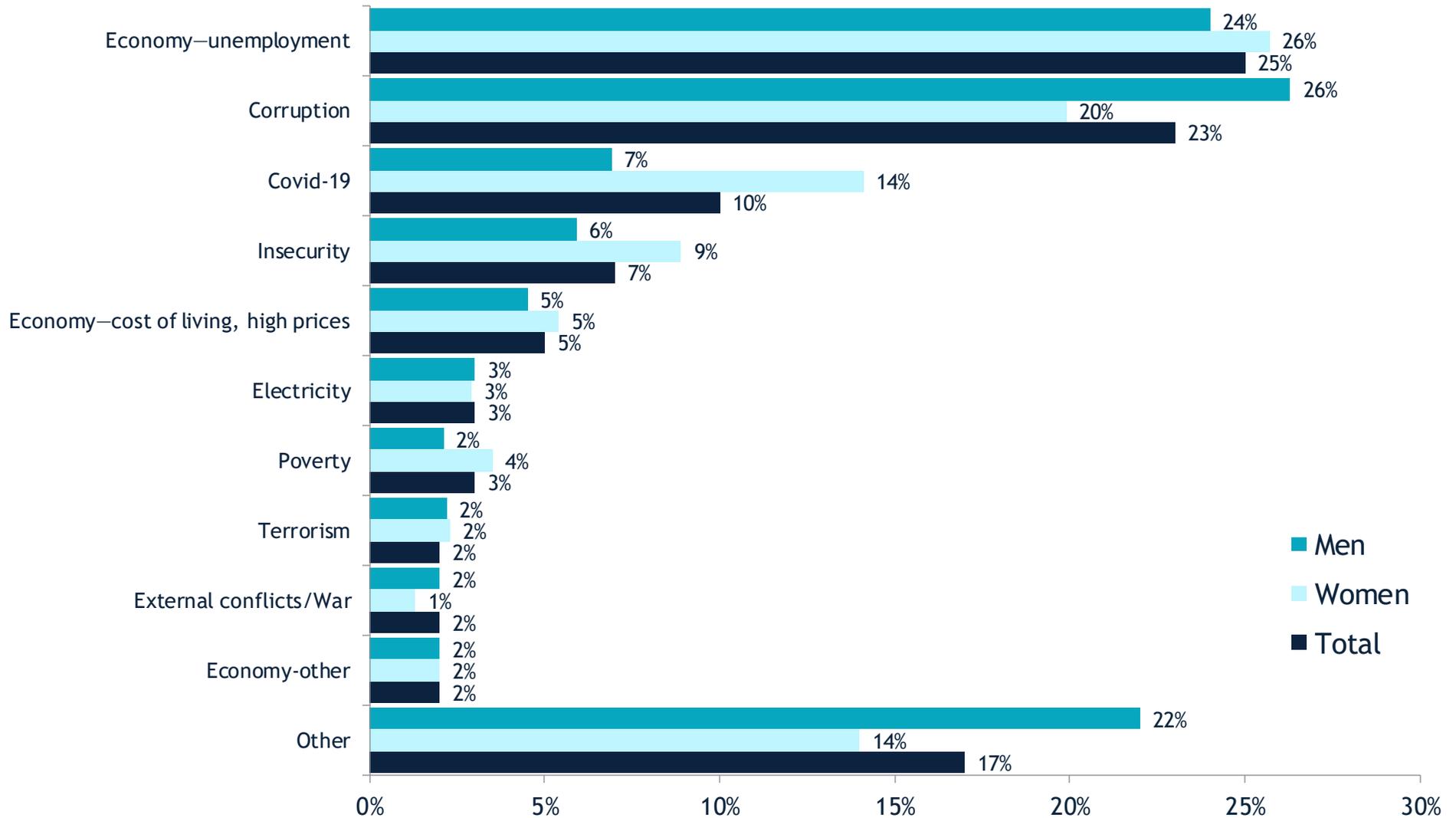


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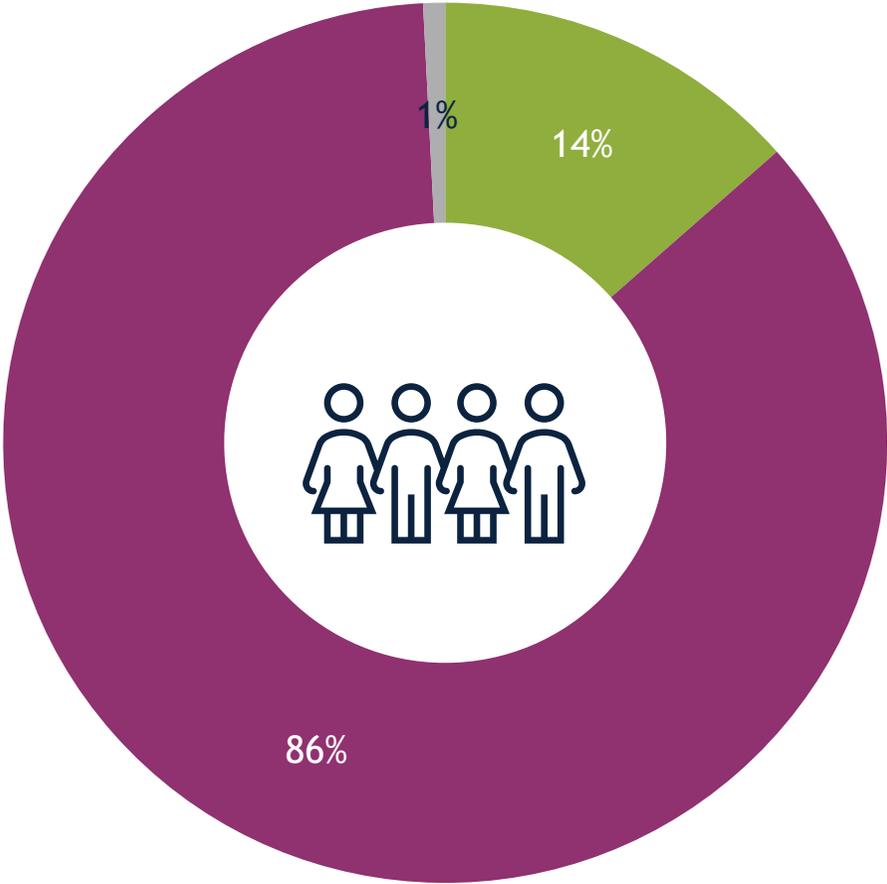
What is the most important problem facing our country today?

(Spontaneous response; **Top 10 Responses**)





Do you consider our country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or in the interest of some groups?



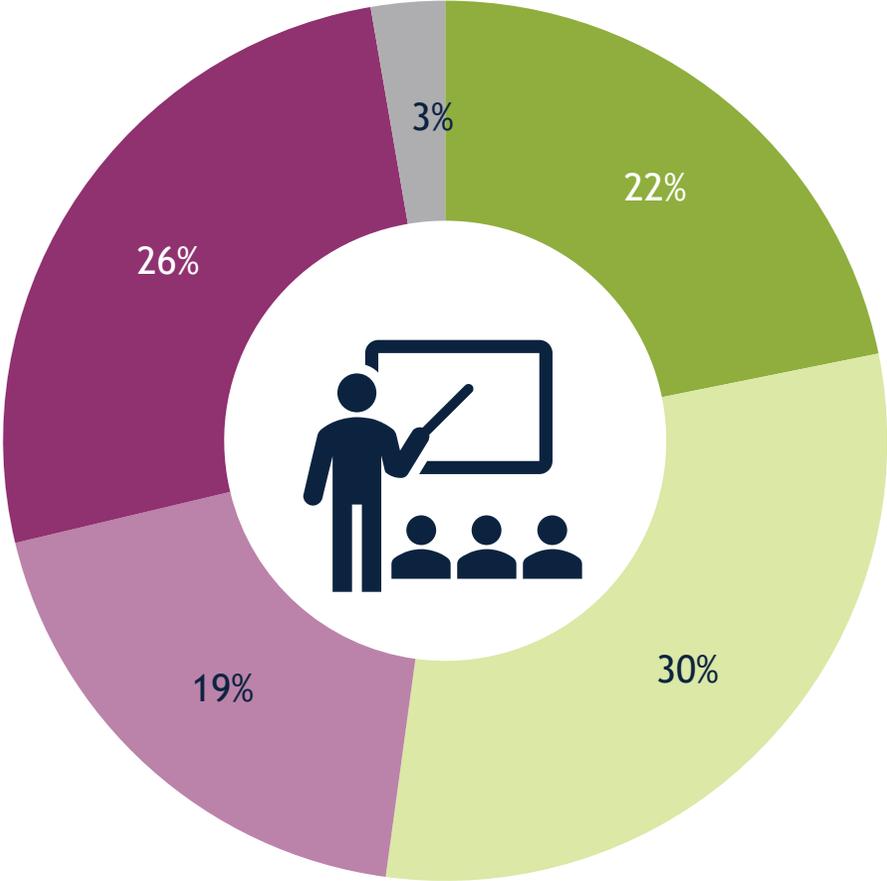
■ Majority of people

■ Some groups

■ Don't Know/Refused to answer



To what extent do civil society organizations impact voter education in our country?



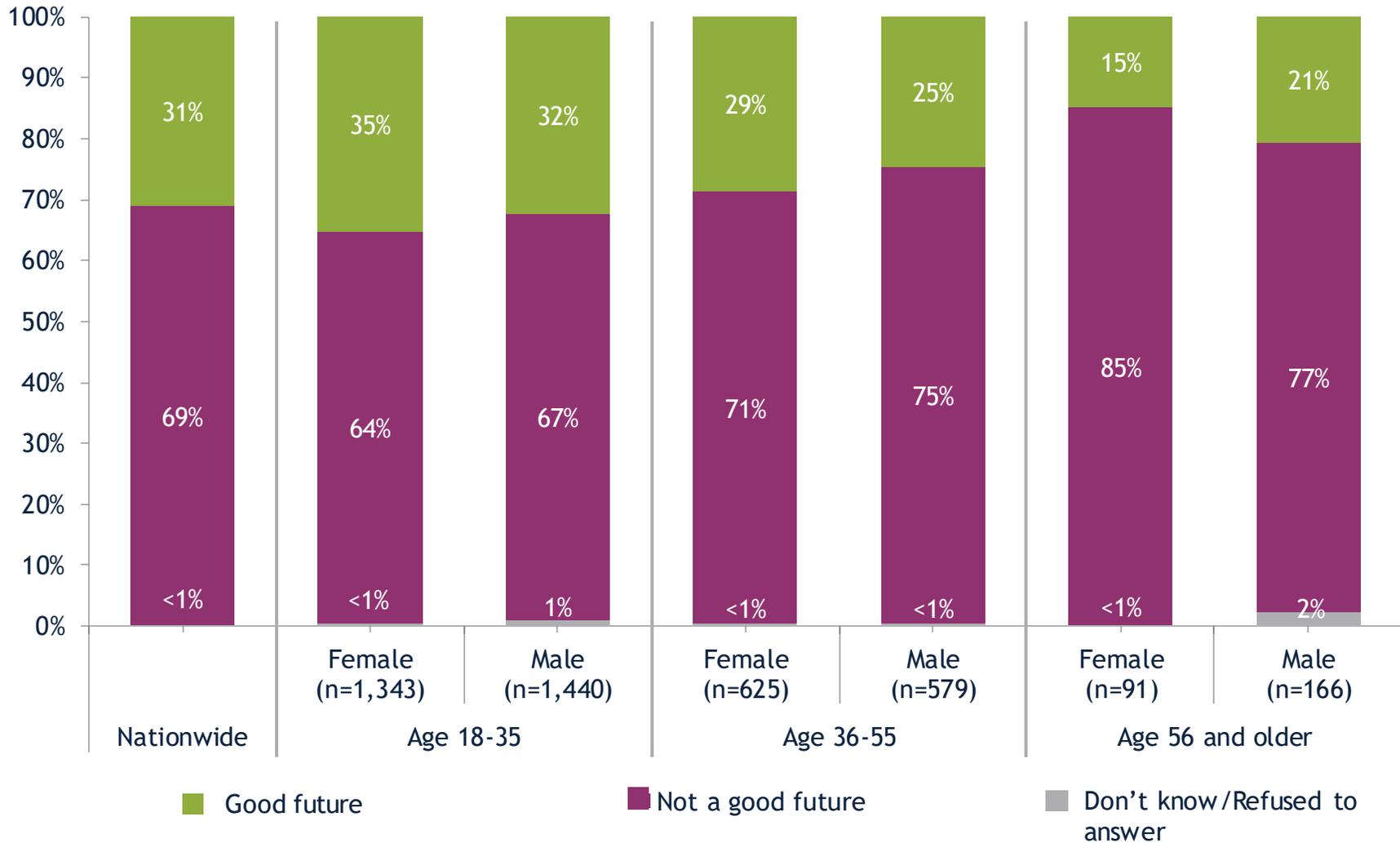
Very impactful
Very unimpactful

Somewhat impactful
Don't know/Refused to answer

Somewhat unimpactful



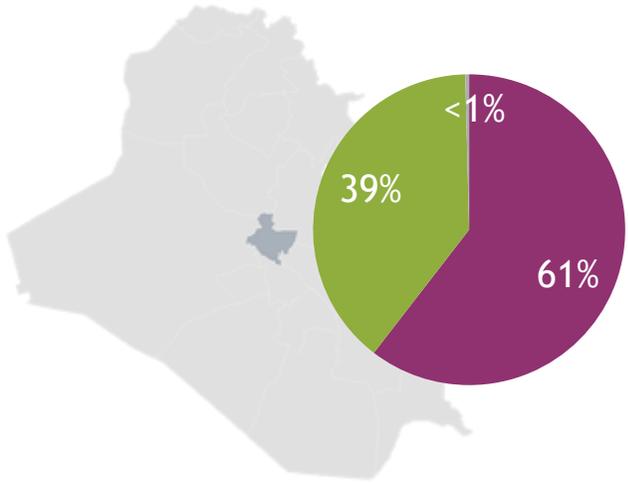
Do you think that today's generation of young people has a good future in our country or not?



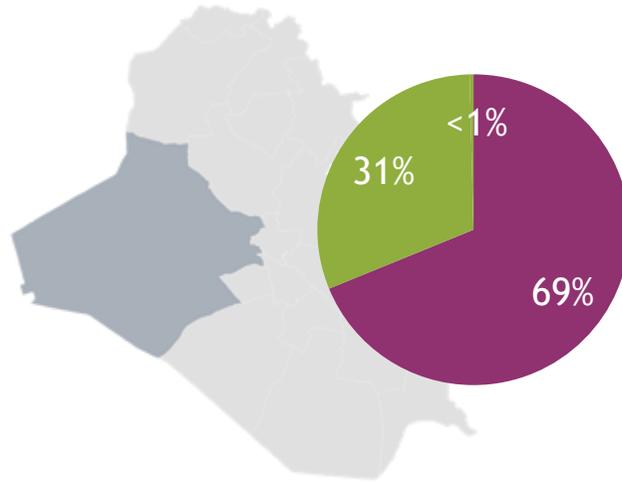


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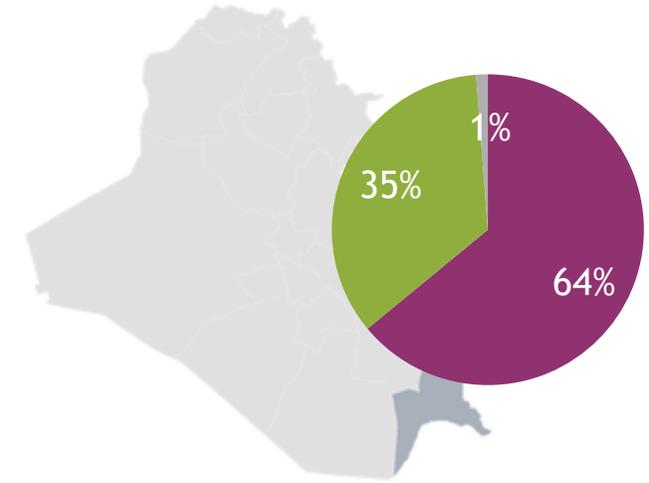
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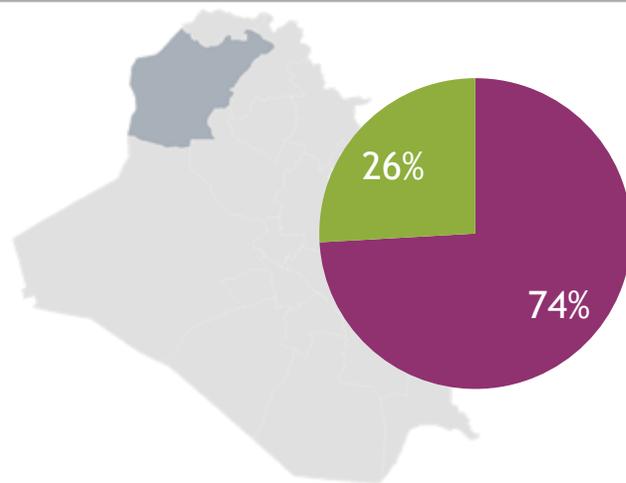
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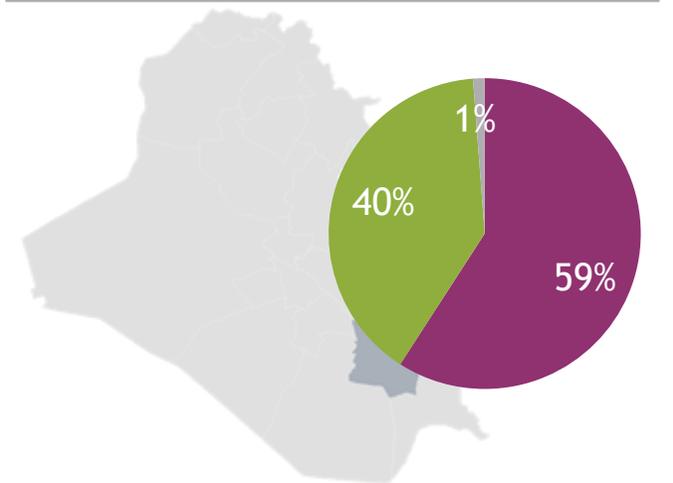
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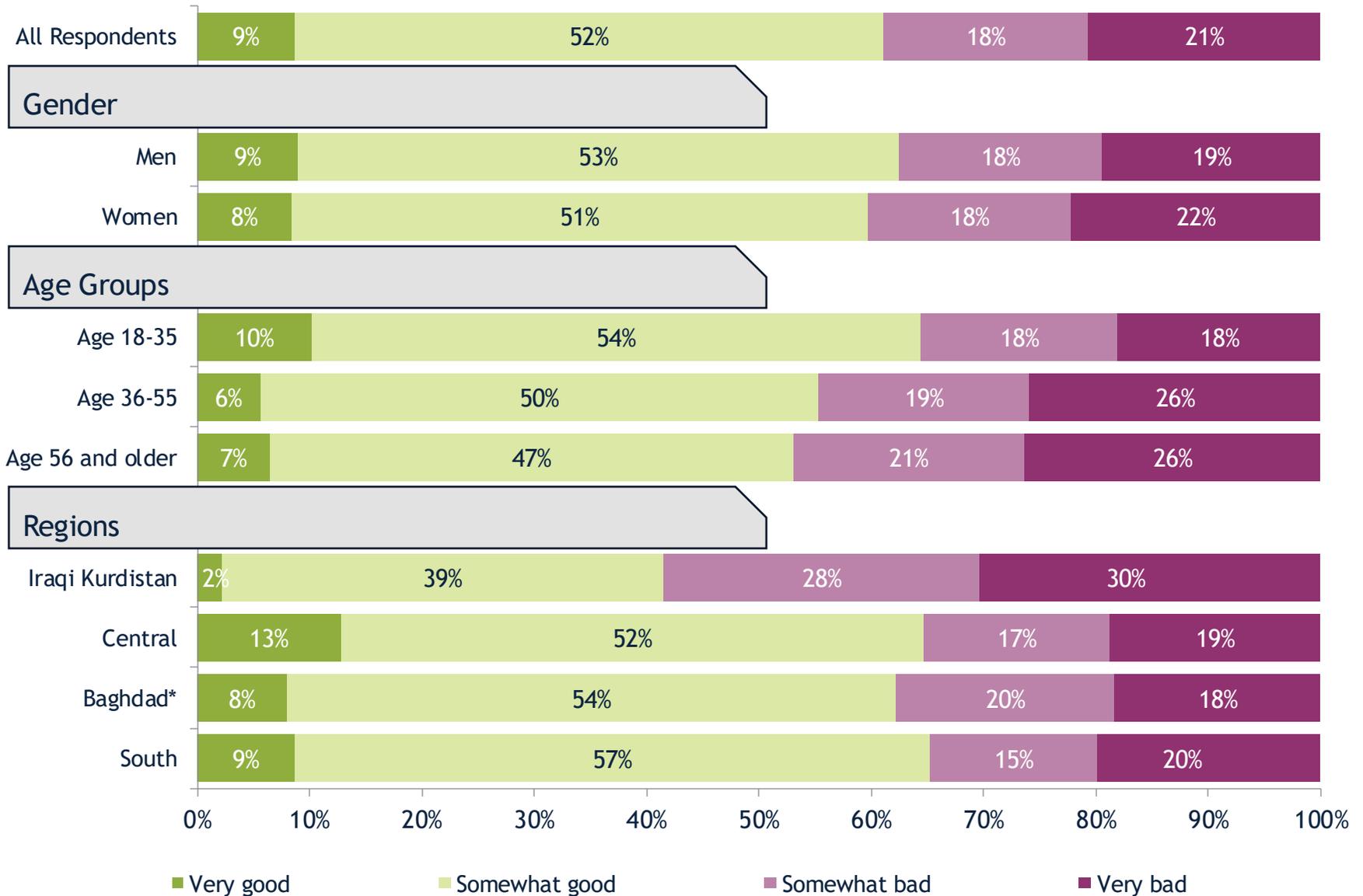


Dhi Qar



- Good future
- Not a good future
- Don't know/Refused to answer

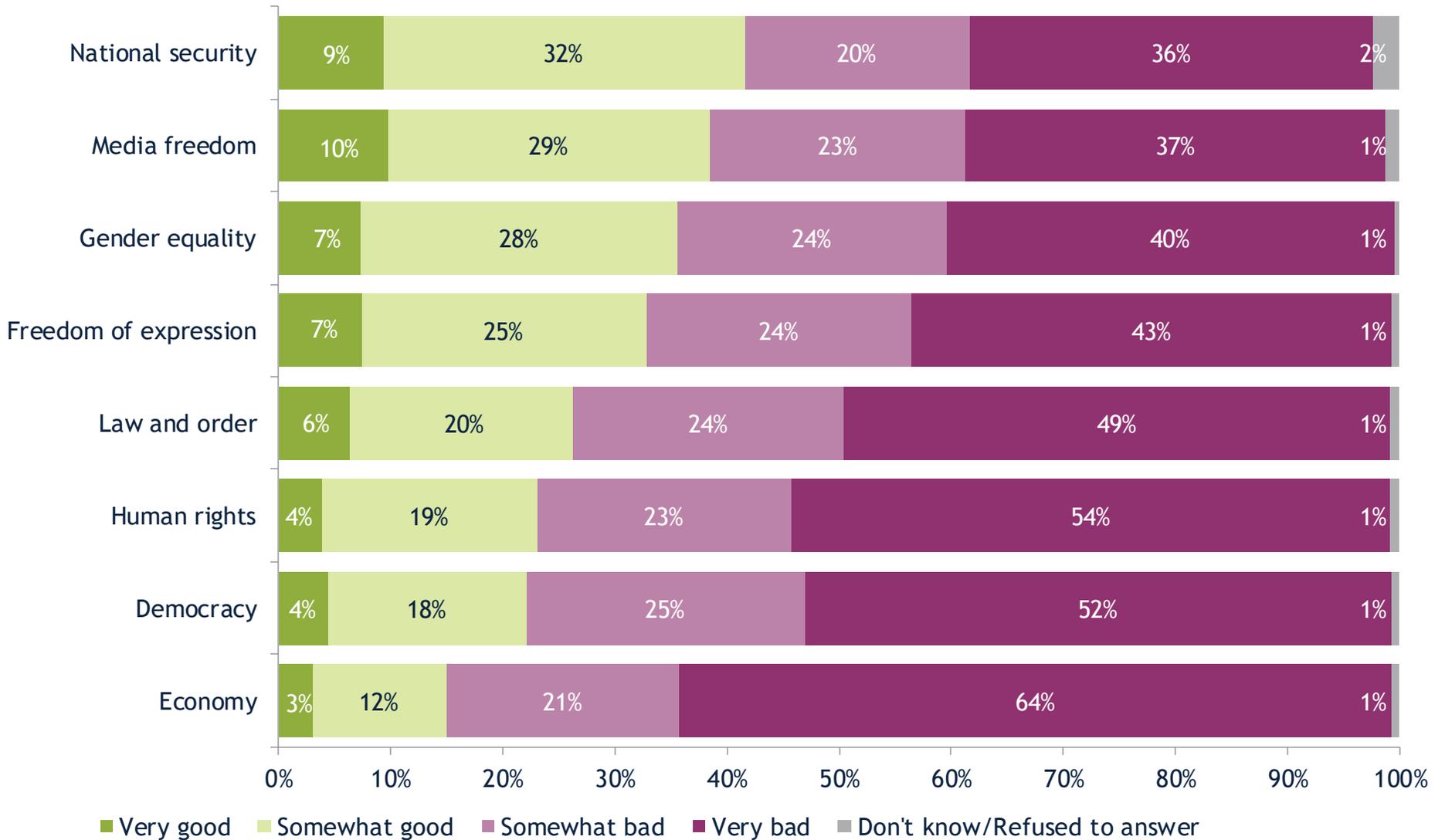
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?



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How would you describe the current status of each of the following items in our country?

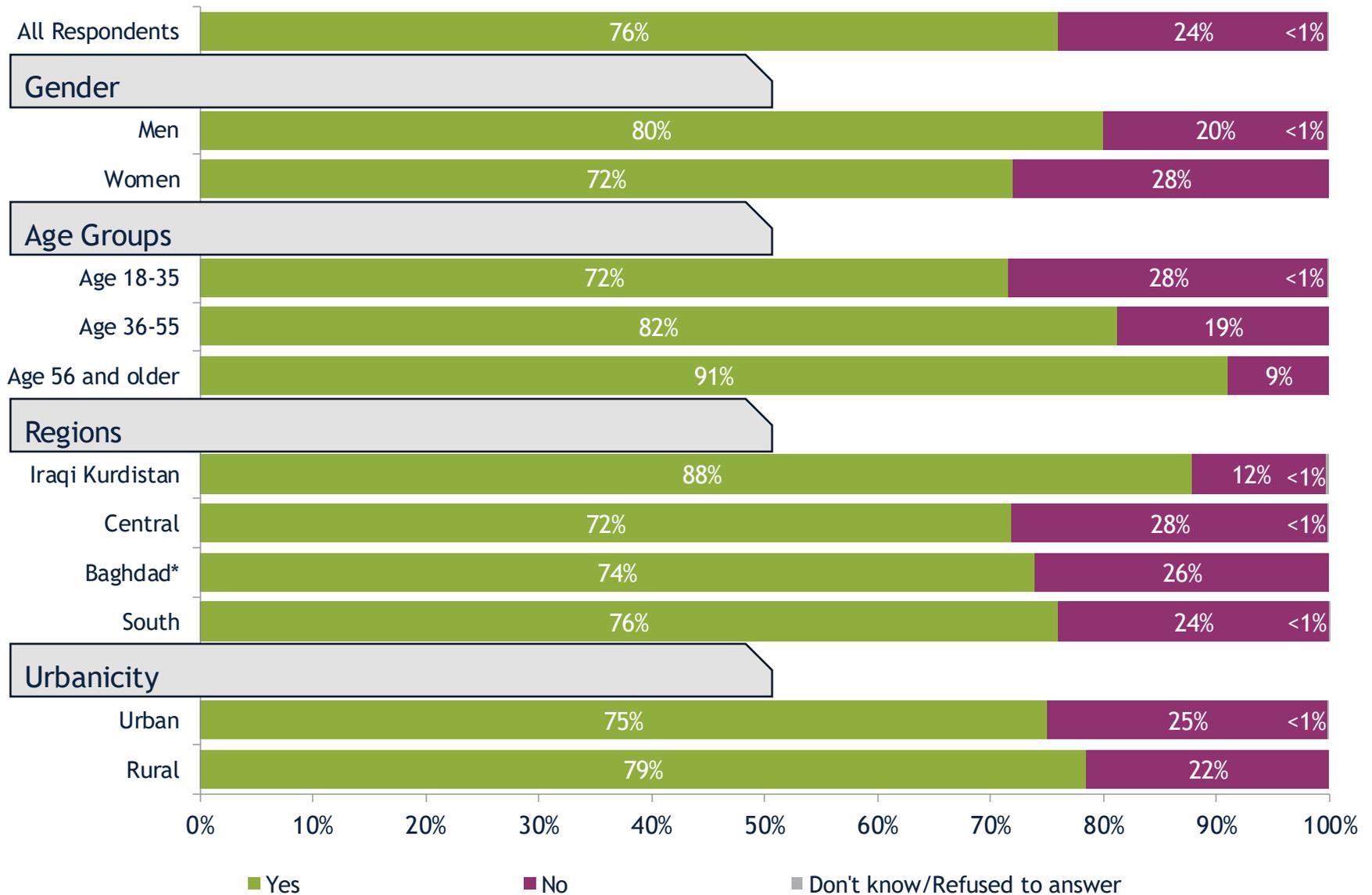


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Elections



Are you registered to vote?

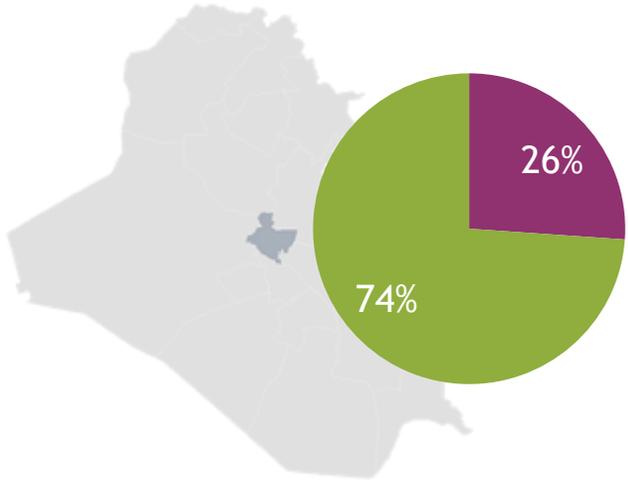


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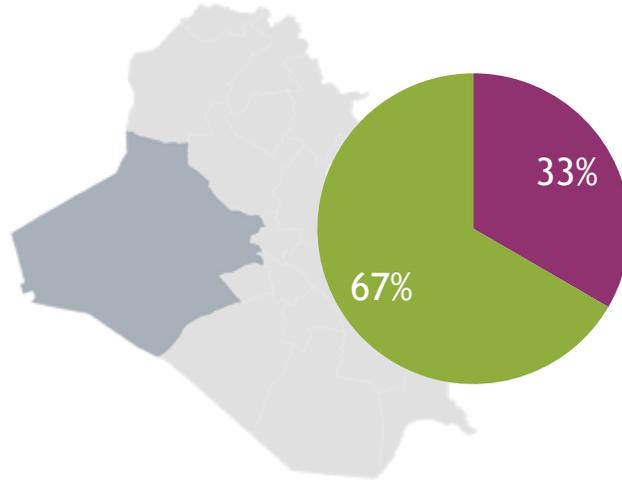


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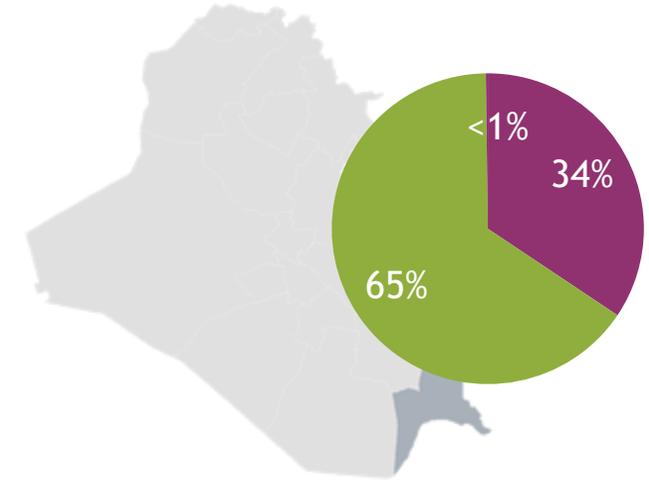
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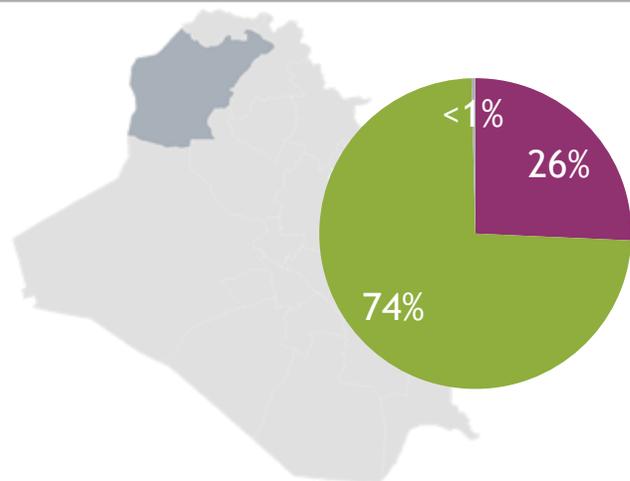
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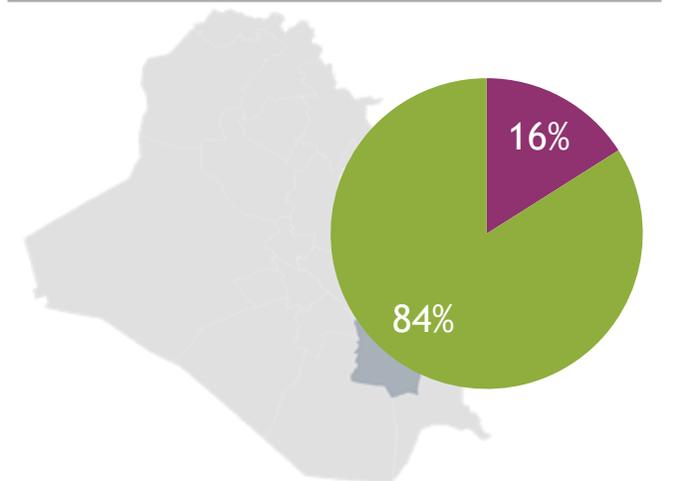
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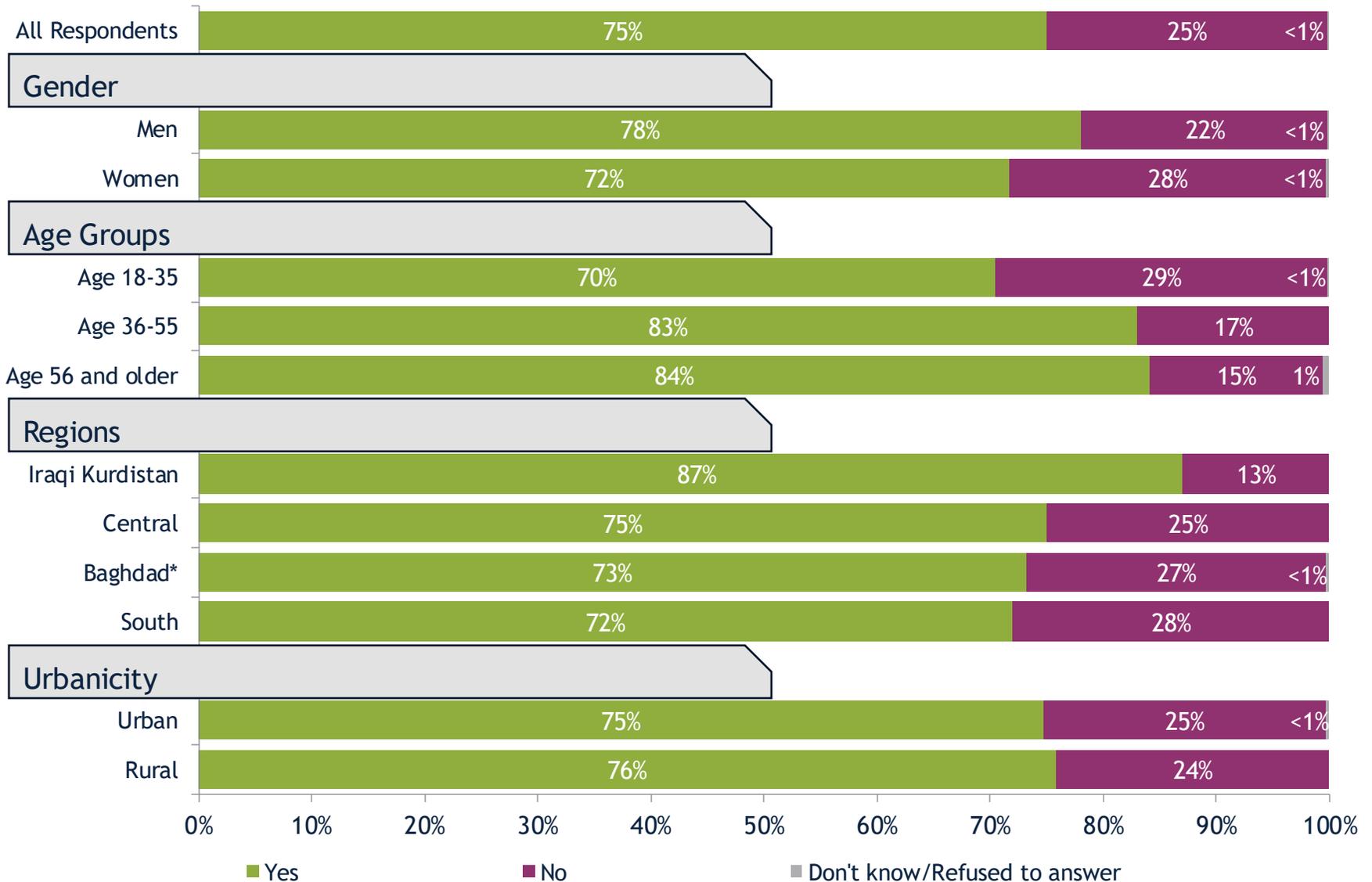


Dhi Qar



- Yes
- No
- Don't know/Refused to answer

Do you have the biometric voter ID card?

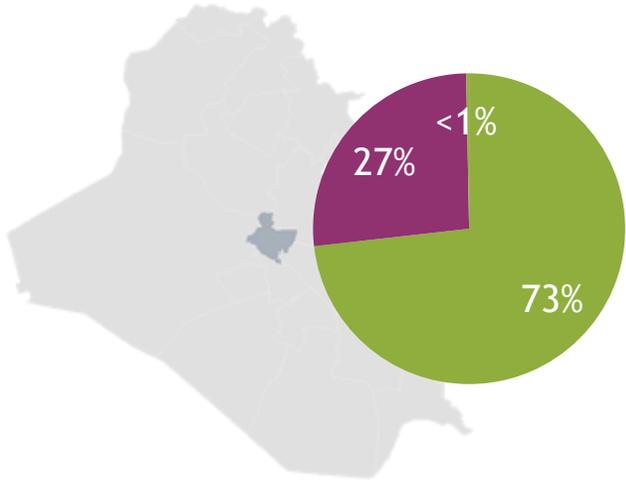


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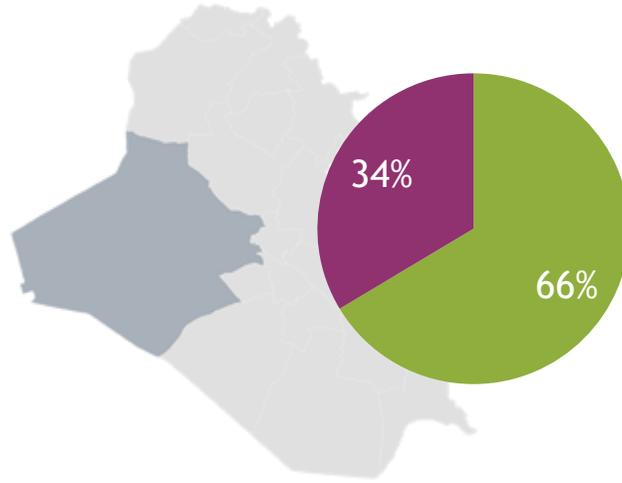


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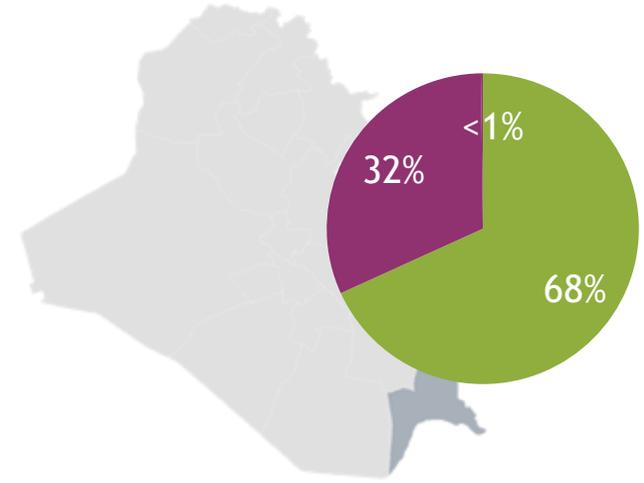
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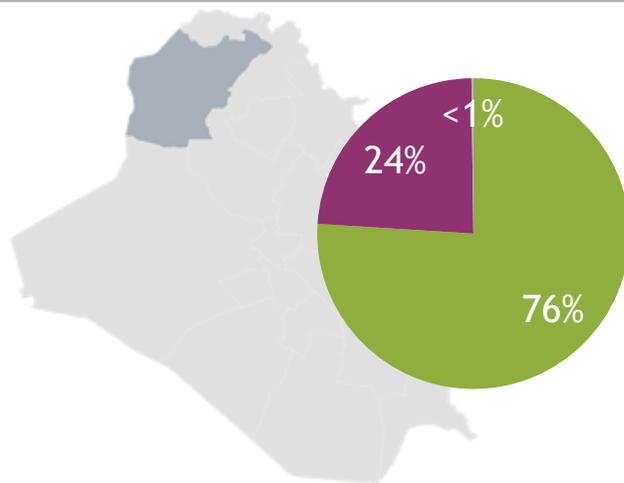
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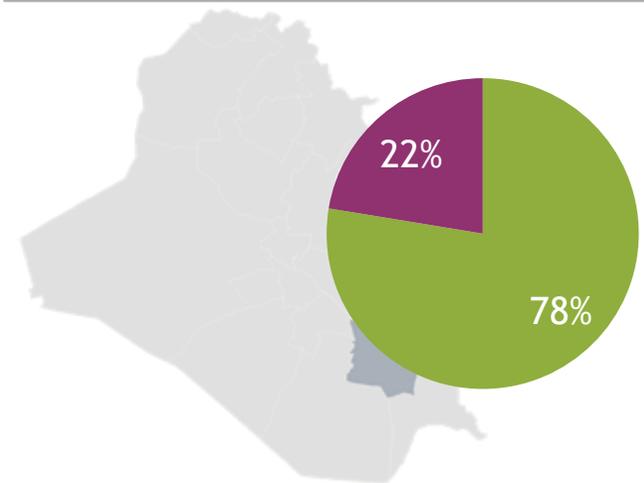
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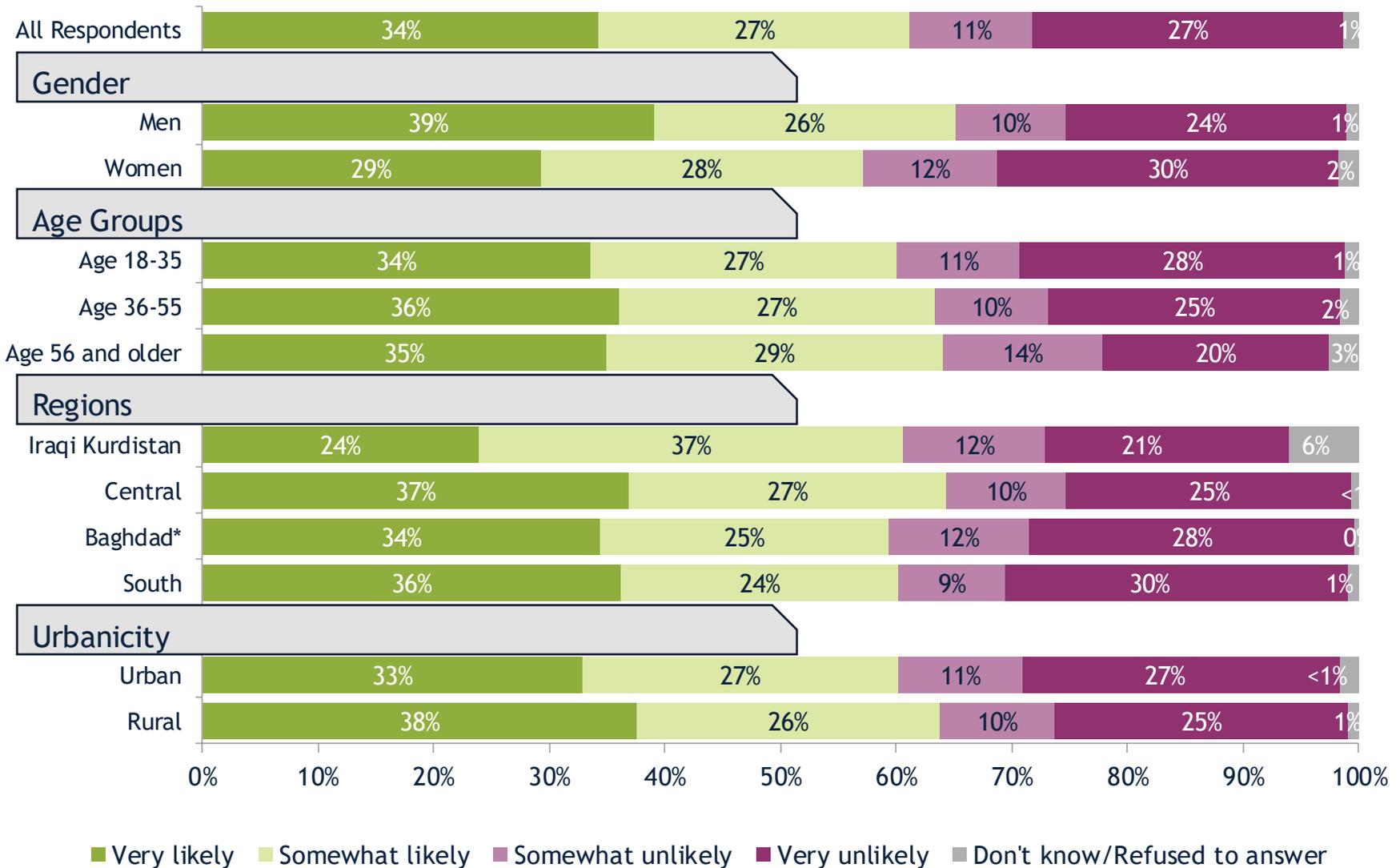


Dhi Qar



- Yes
- No
- Don't know/Refused to answer

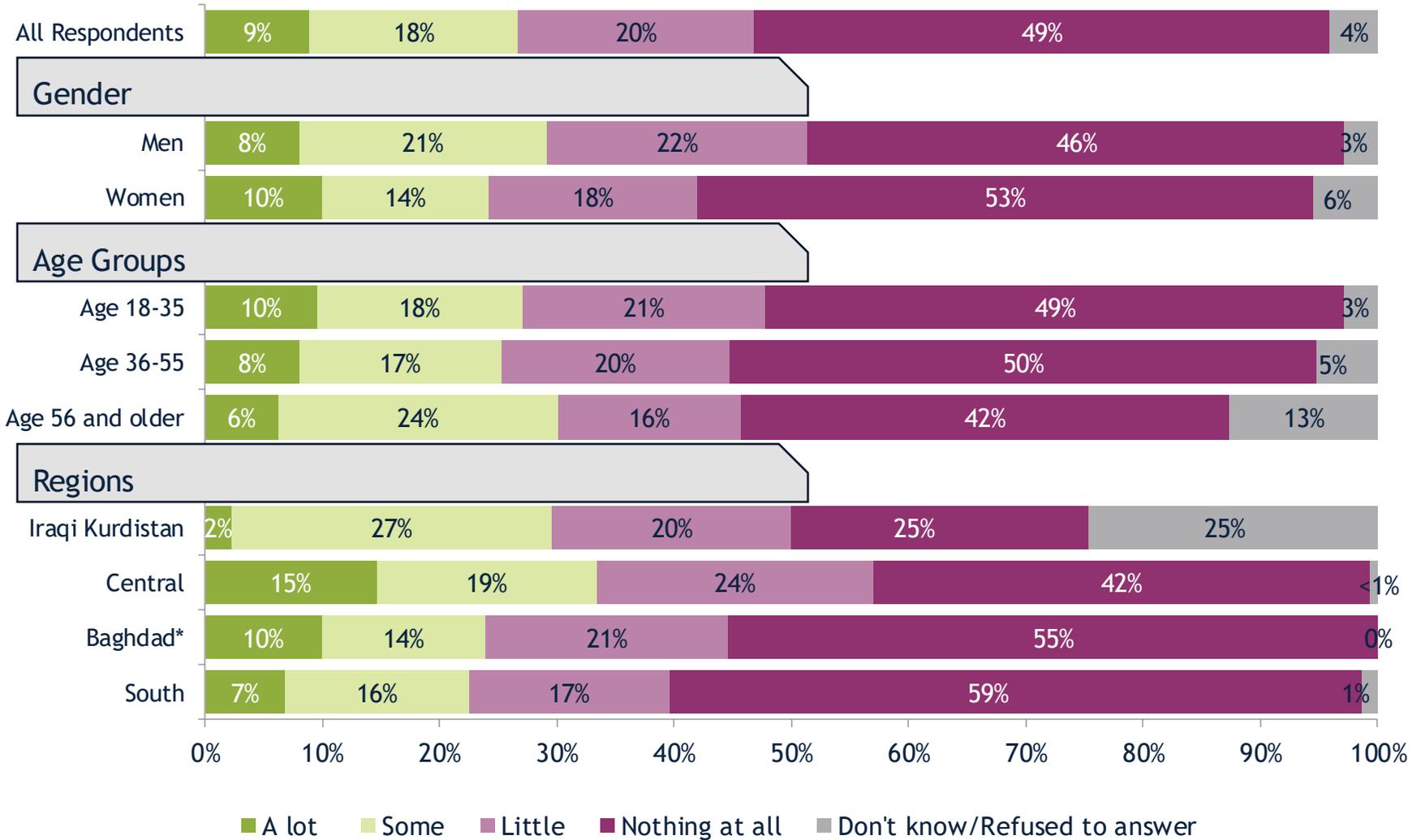
How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections?



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How much, if anything, have you seen or heard about parliament's efforts to reform electoral laws?

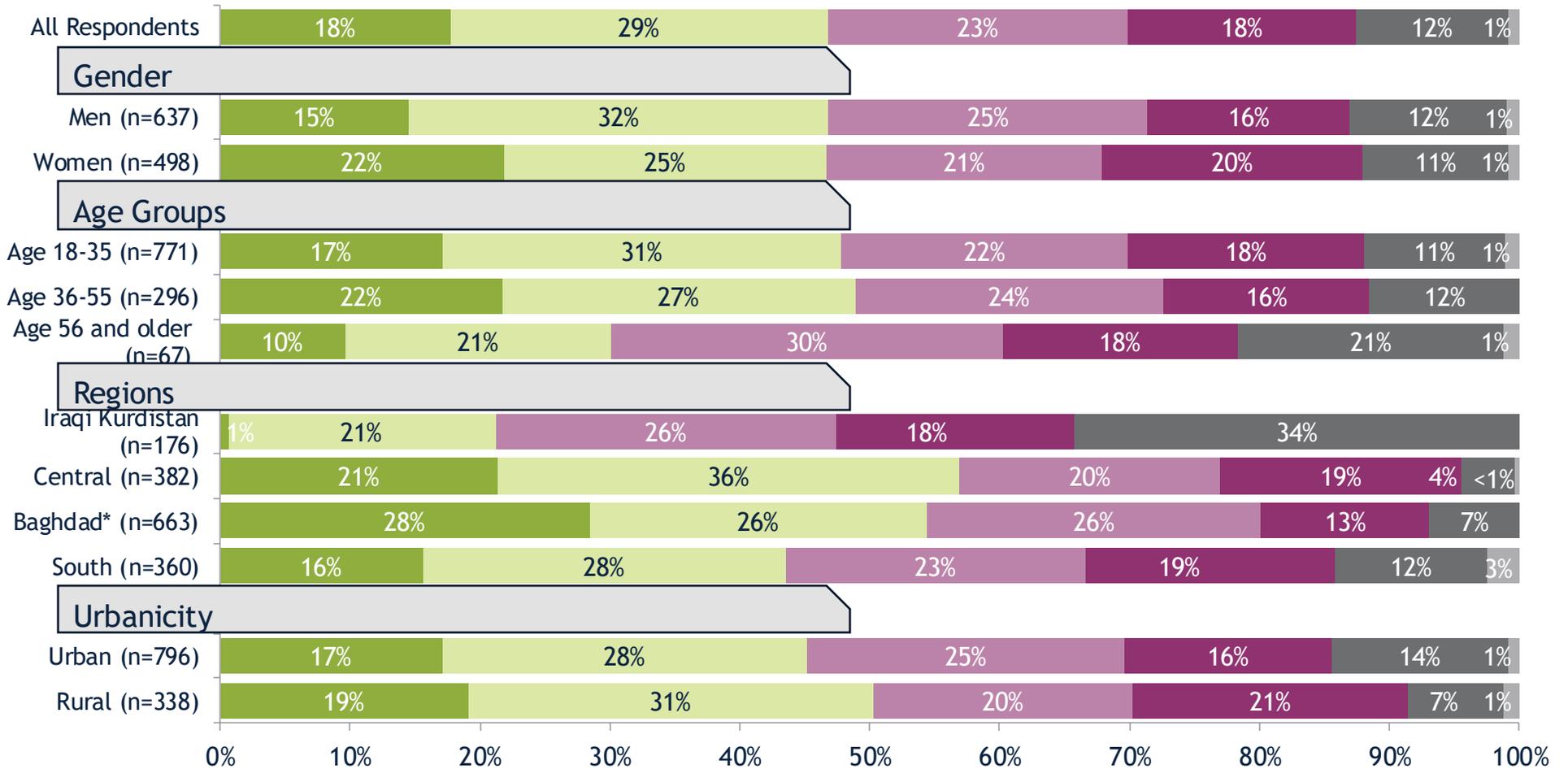


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Based on what you know about parliament’s efforts to reform electoral laws, will the reform leave you more or less confident in future elections?

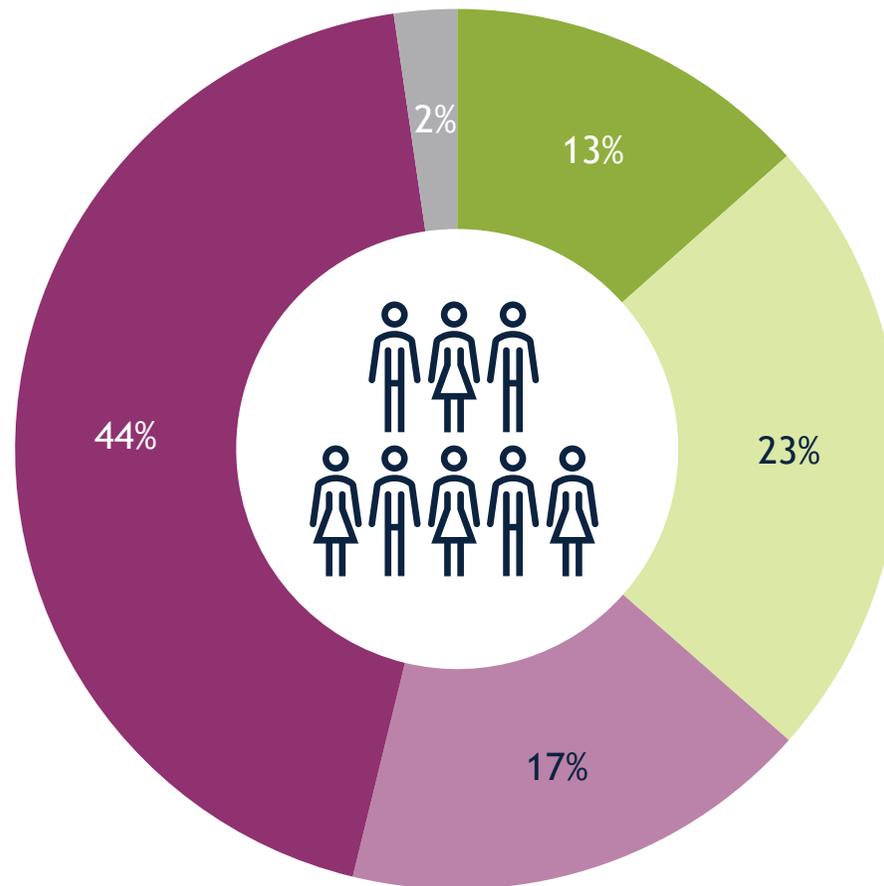
(Those who responded “a lot” or “some” about hearing of parliament’s efforts, n=1,135)



■ A lot more ■ Somewhat more ■ Somewhat less ■ A lot less ■ The reform won't affect my confidence level ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

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How likely or unlikely is it that ordinary people can influence decisions made in our country?

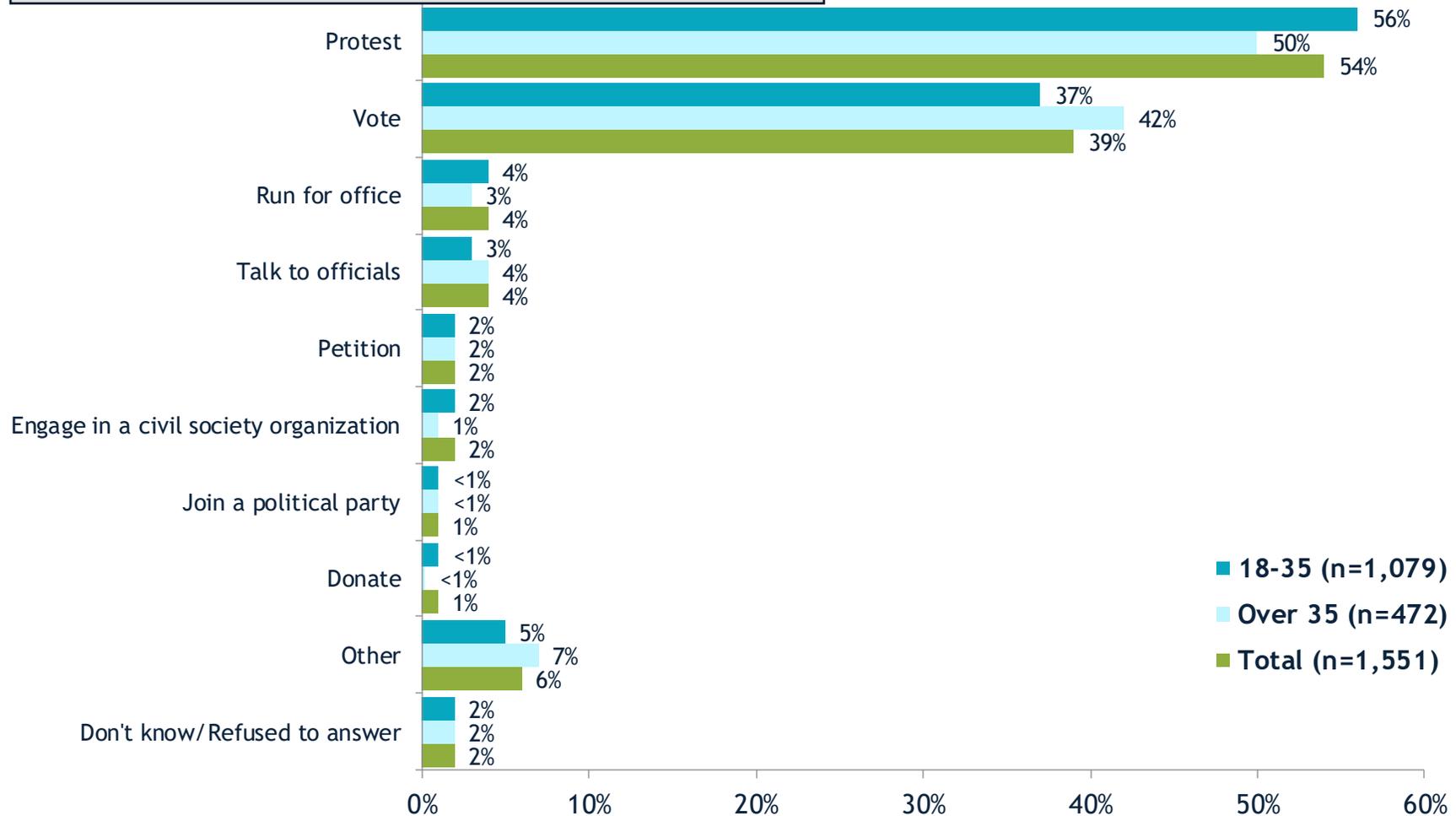


■ Very likely ■ Somewhat likely ■ Somewhat unlikely ■ Very unlikely ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

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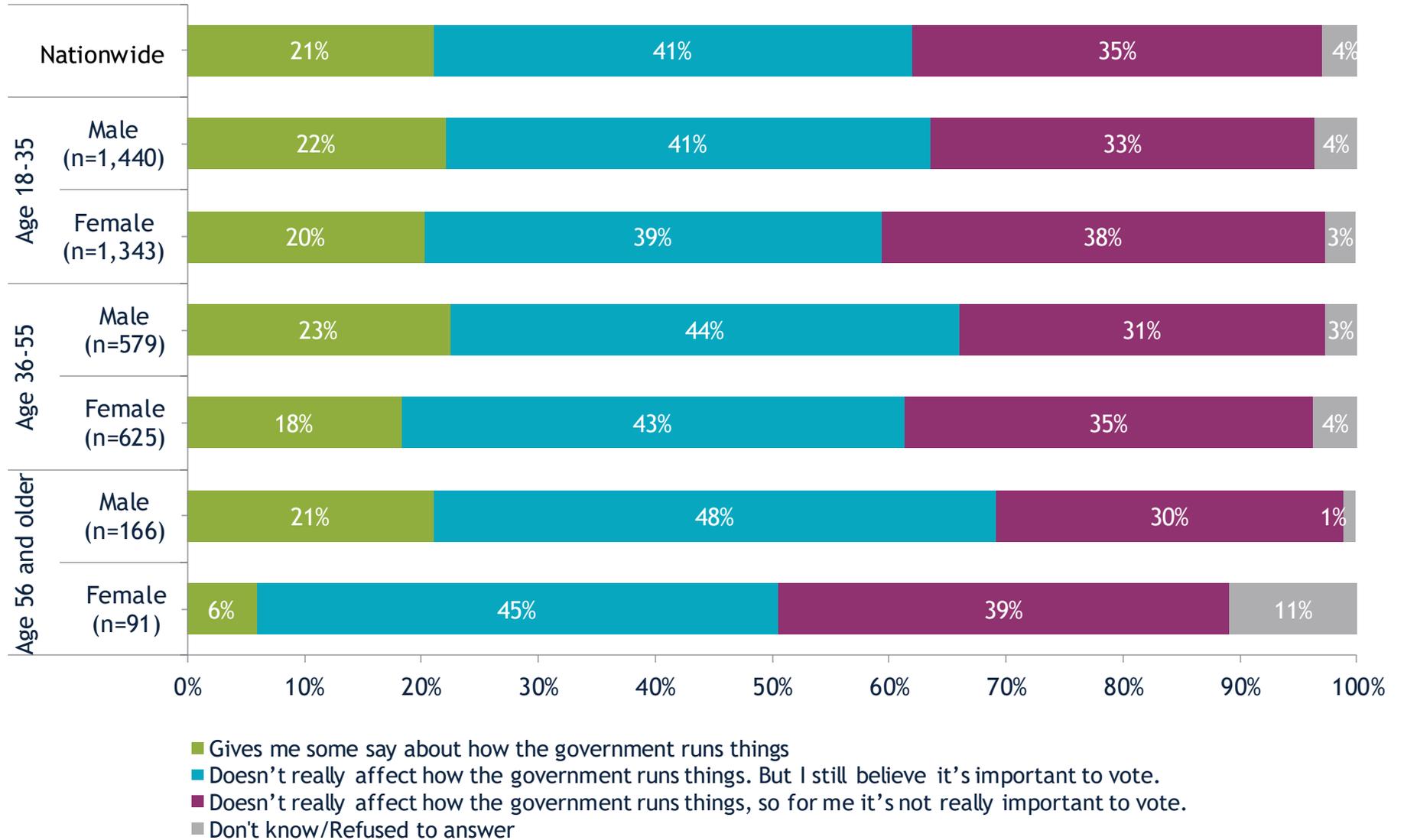
(Those who responded “very likely” or “somewhat likely” about influencing decisions, n=1,551; multiple responses accepted)

Young adults (aged 18-35) versus Adults 35 and older

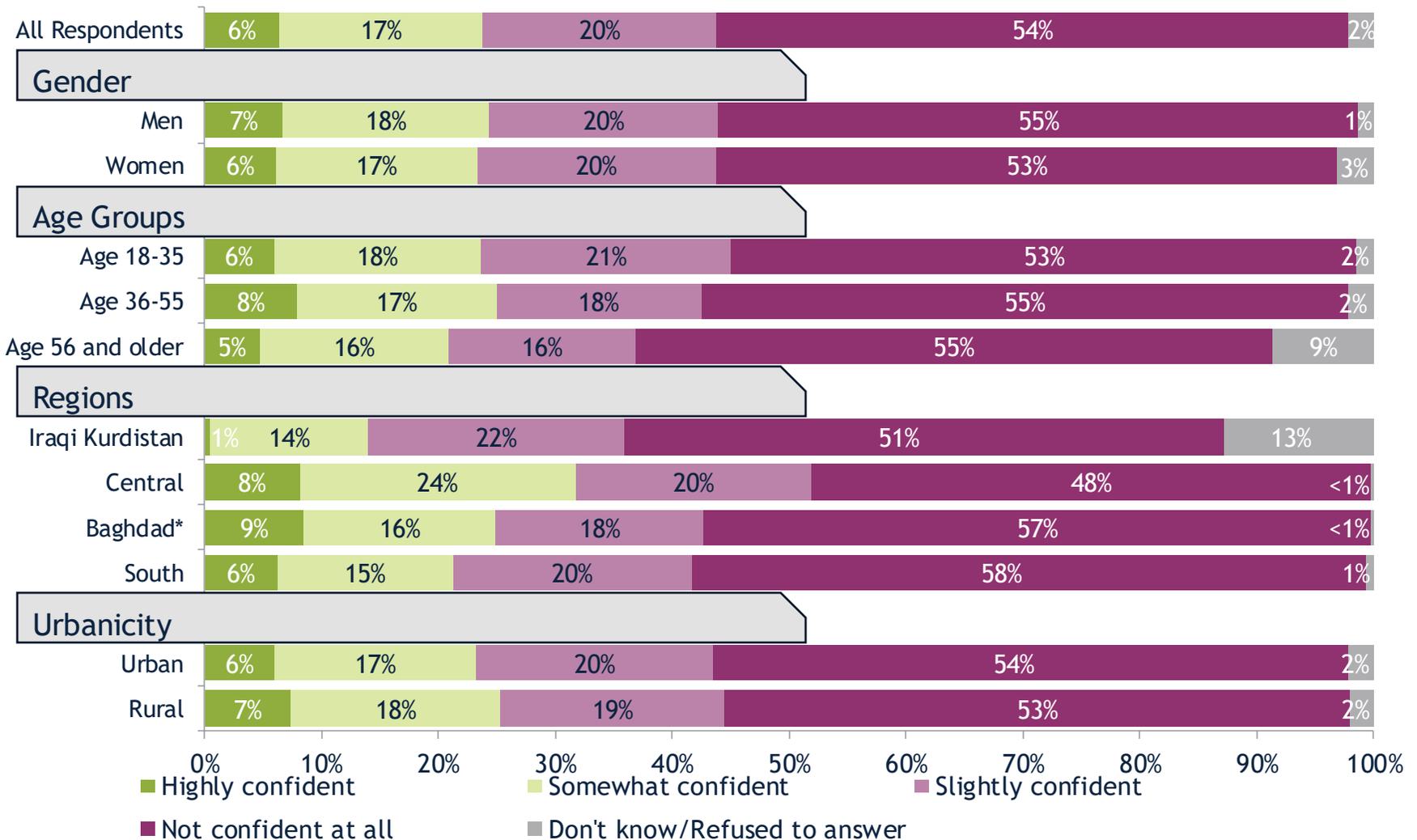




Which statement about voting comes closest to your opinion?



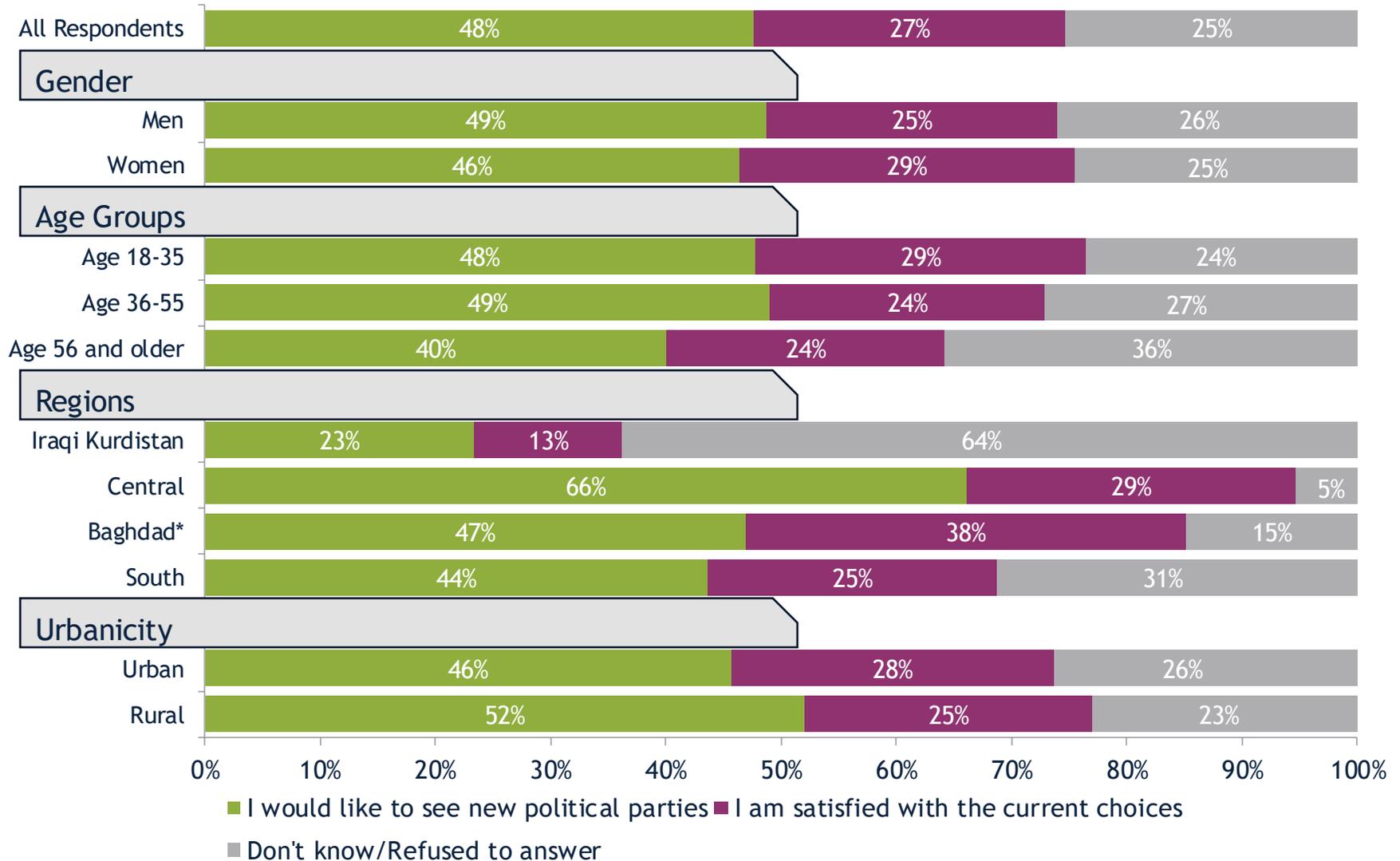
How confident, if at all, are you in the Independent High Election Commission's ability to organize and supervise elections?



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Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?



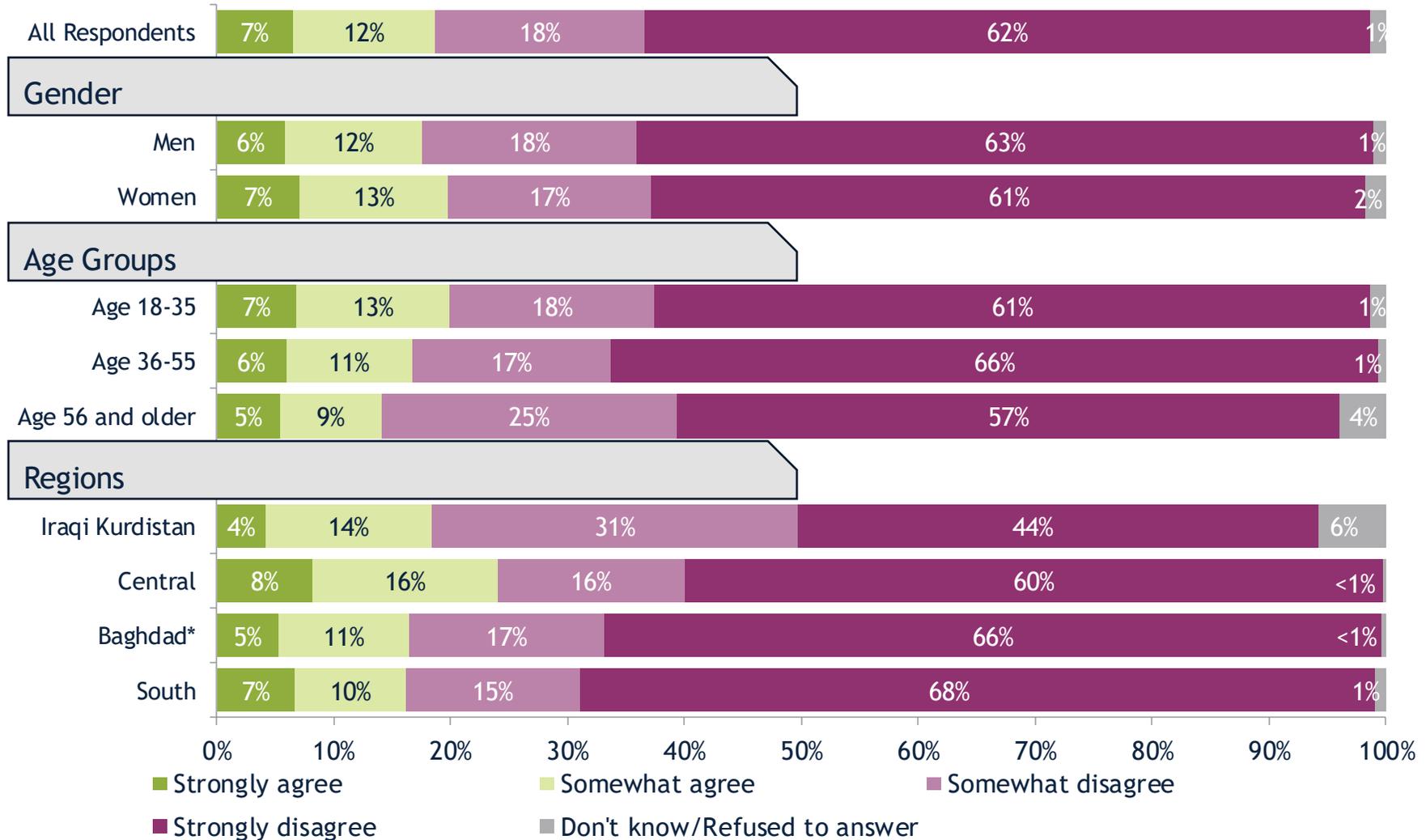
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Institutional and Government Ratings





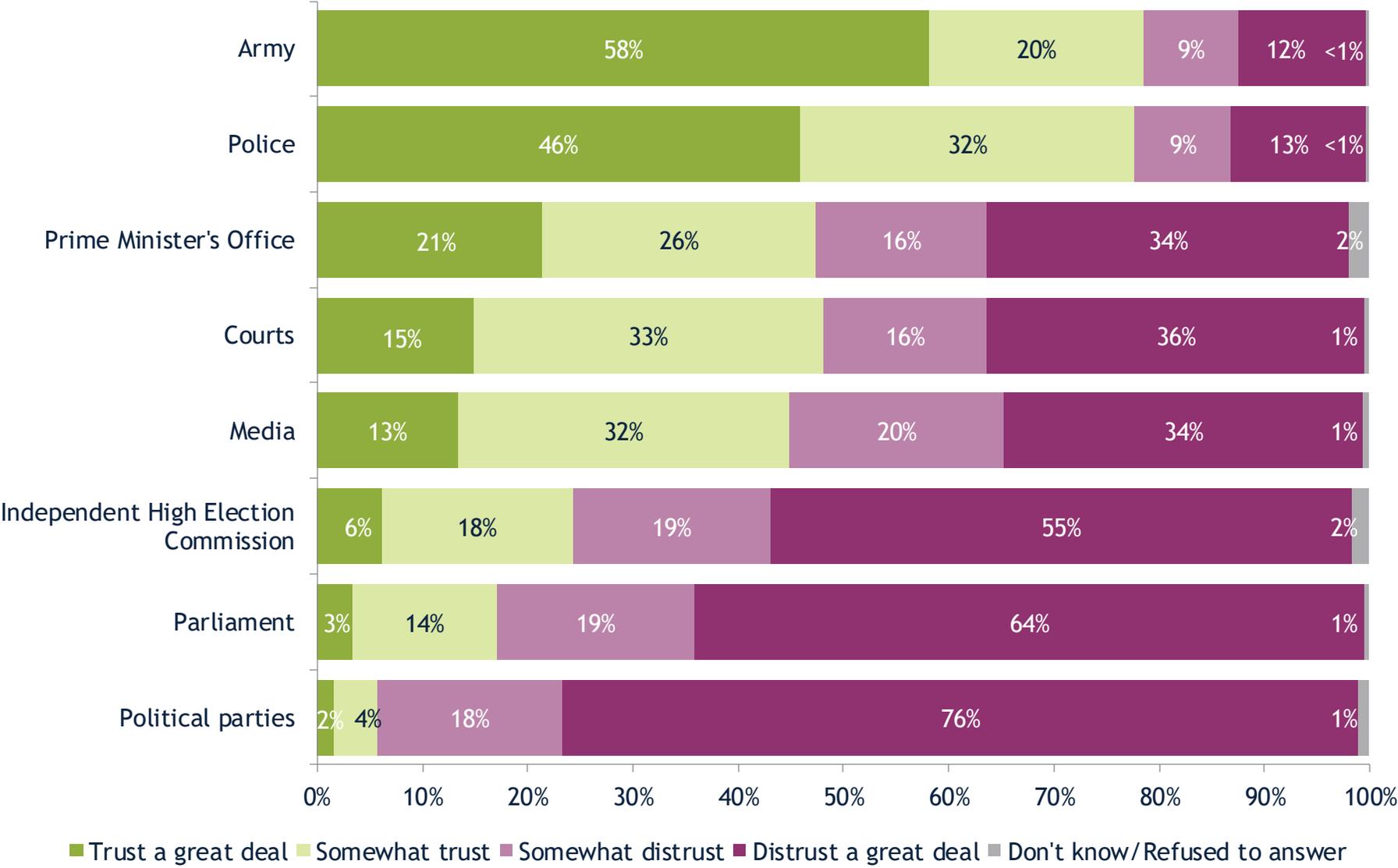
Do you agree or disagree that political parties are doing enough to address the needs of voters like you?



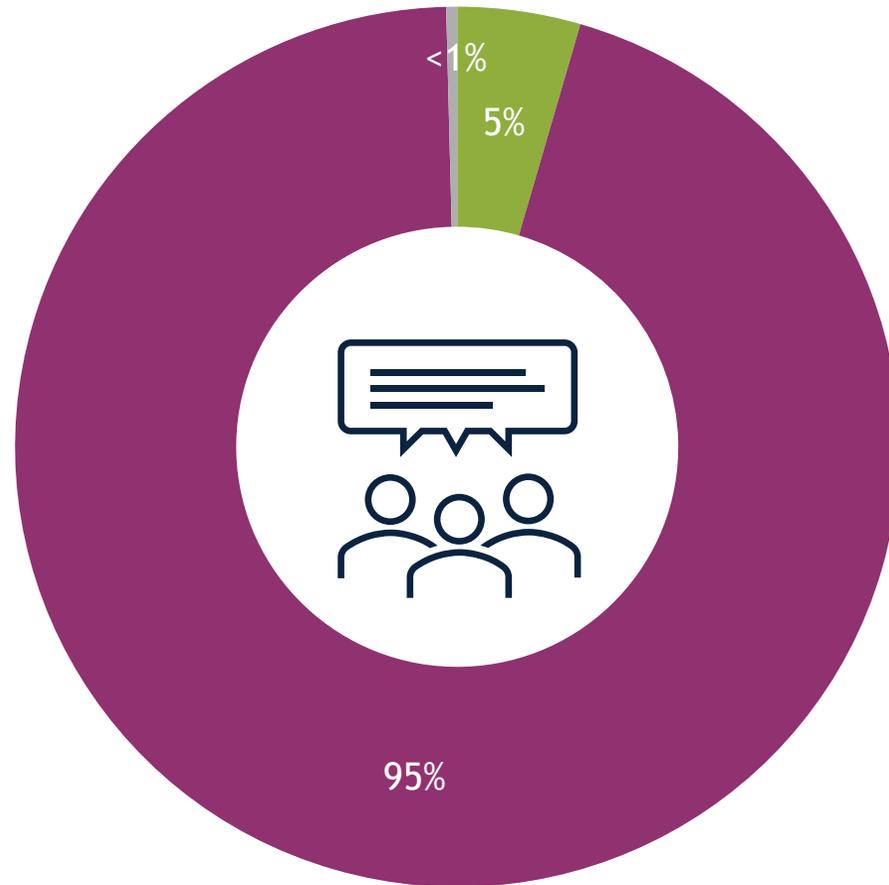
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To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions:



Are you a member of a political party?



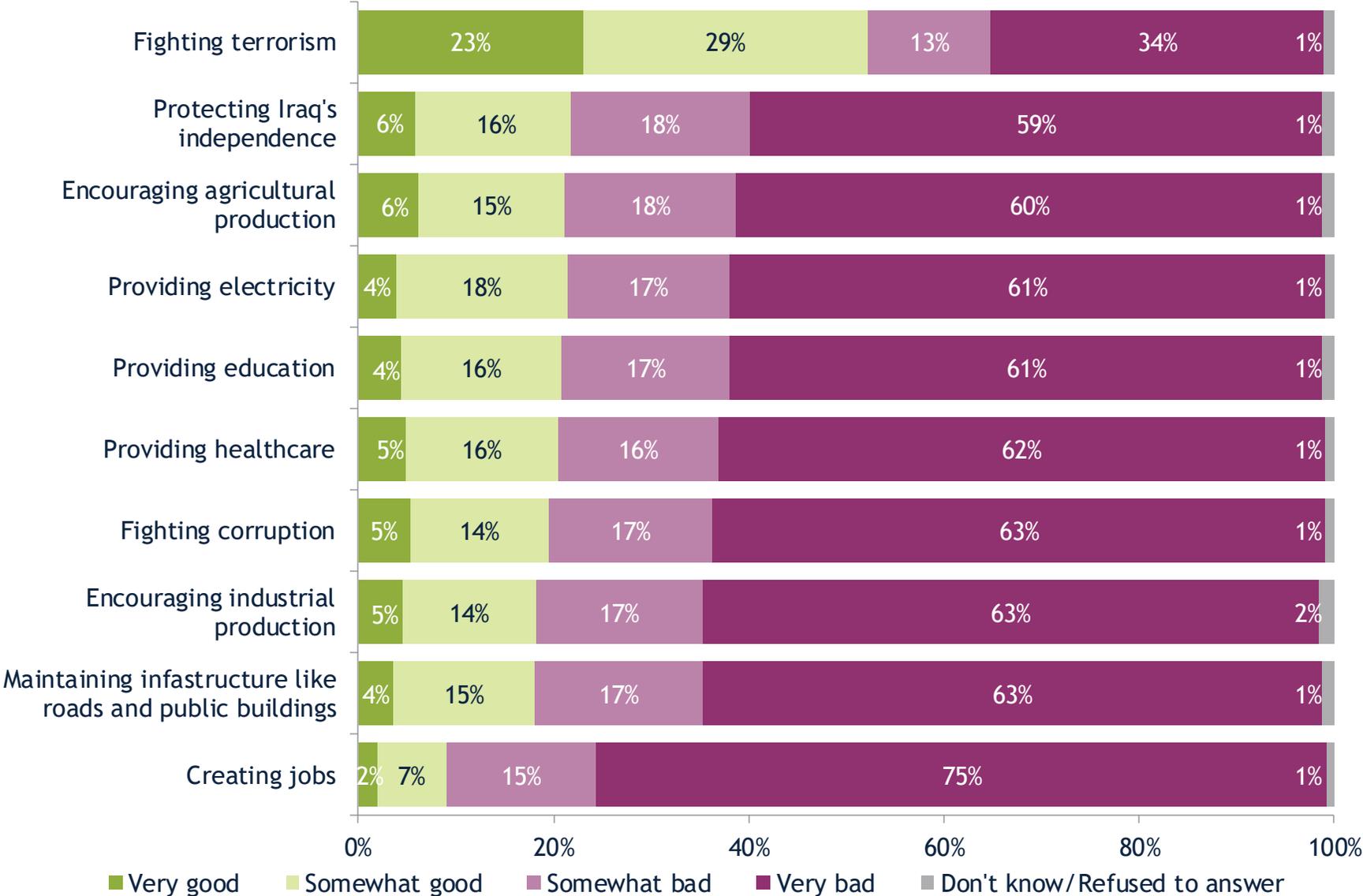
■ Yes

■ No

■ Don't know/Refused to answer

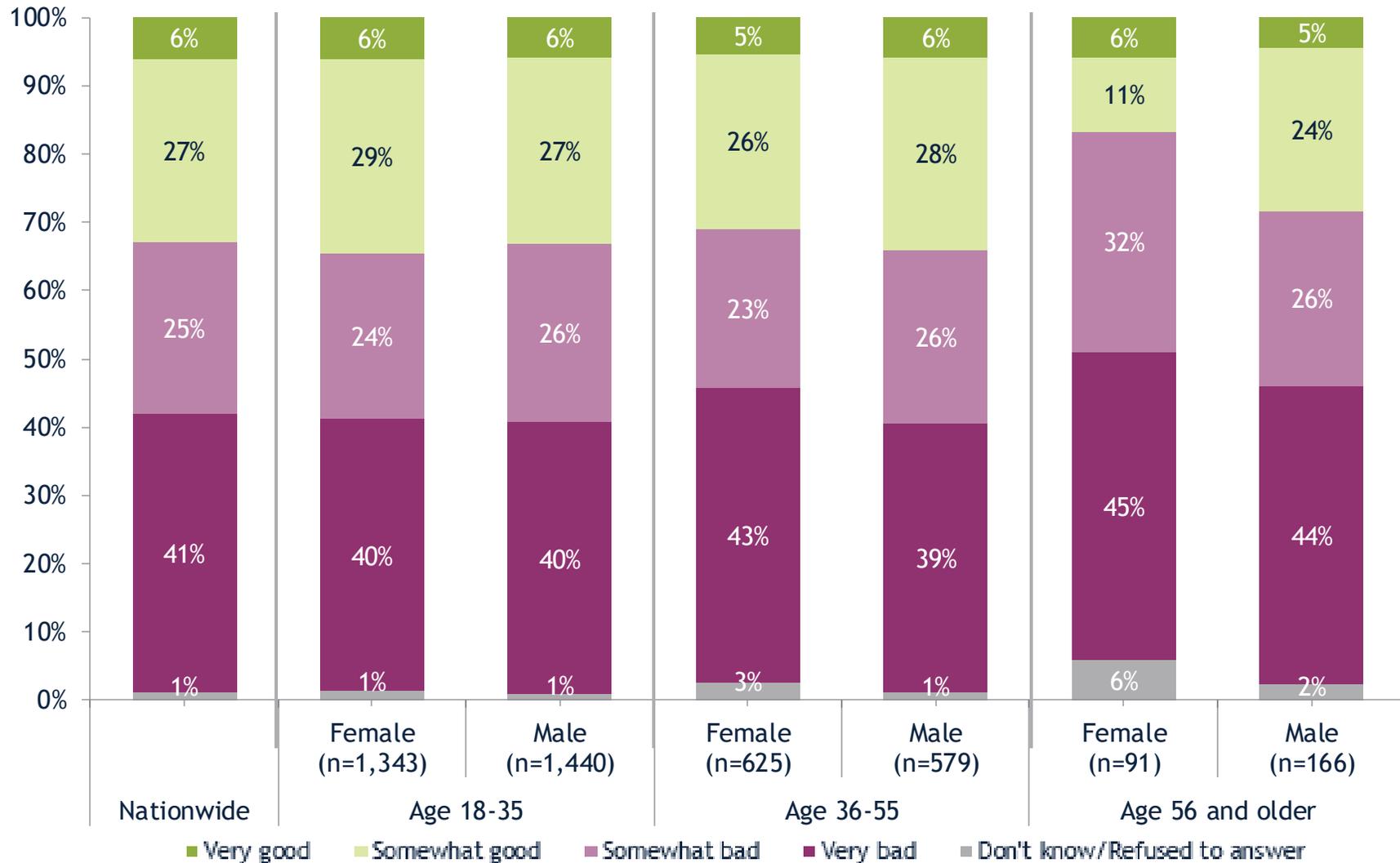


For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?



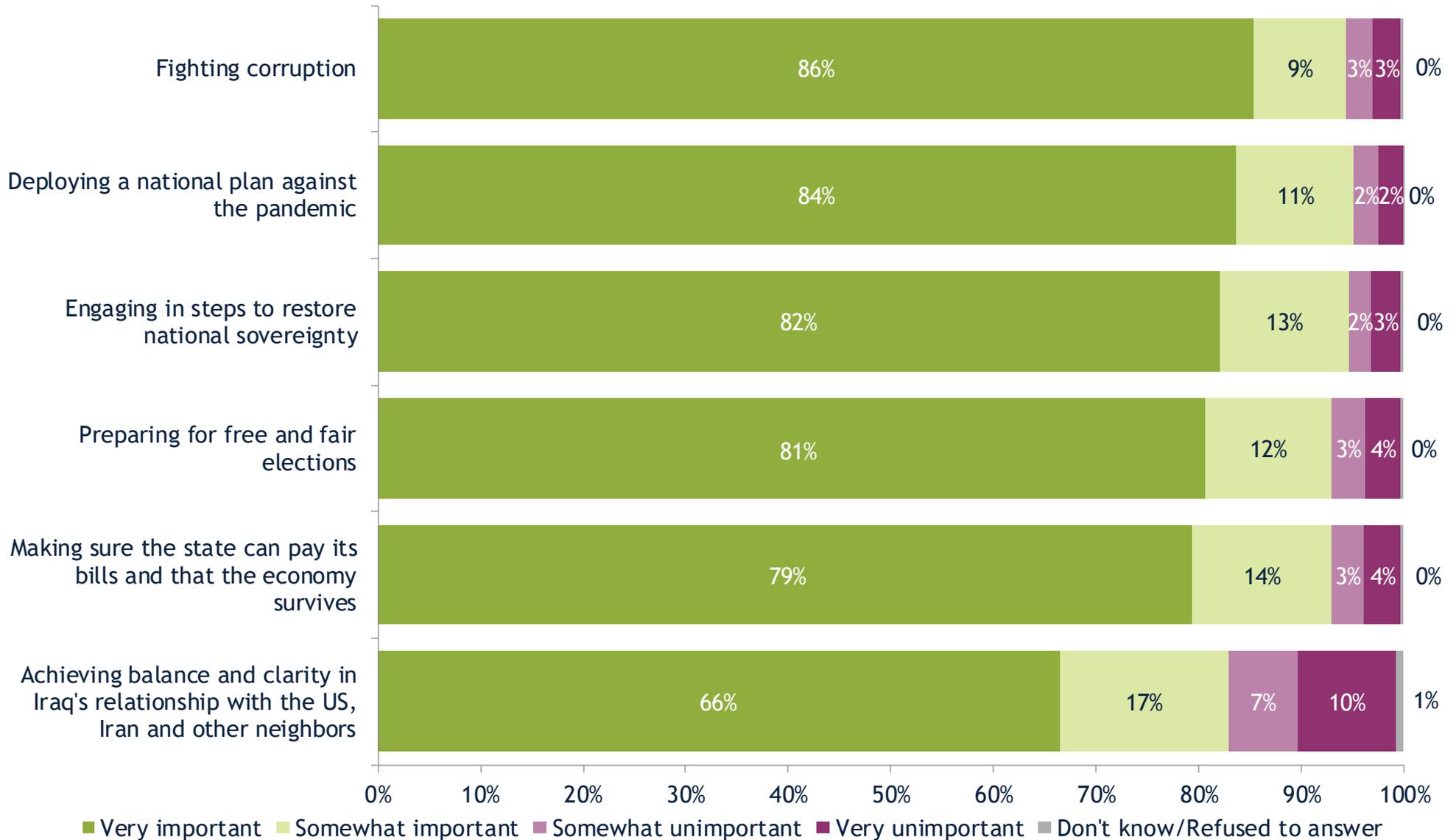


How would you rate the performance of the national government in communicating with the public about the projects they are working on?



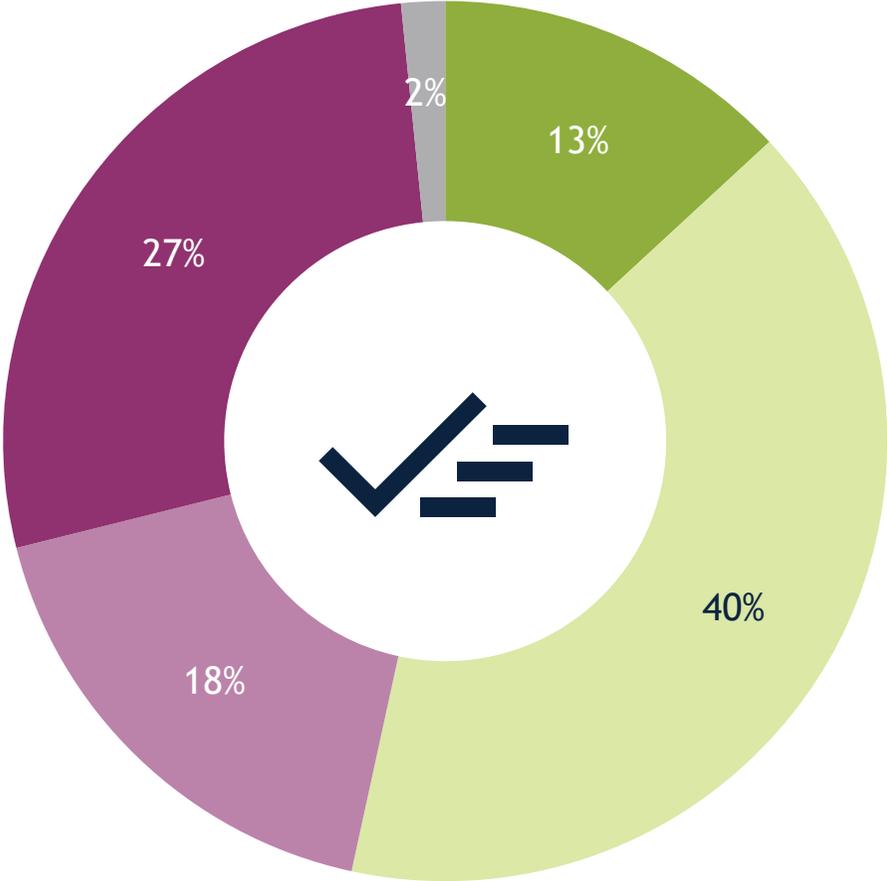


The government has stated its priorities. How important do you personally consider each of the following government priorities?





How confident are you that progress on all of these priorities can be achieved over the next six to nine months?



Very confident
Not at all confident

Somewhat confident
Don't know/Refused to answer

Somewhat unconfident

Inclusion and Civic Engagement



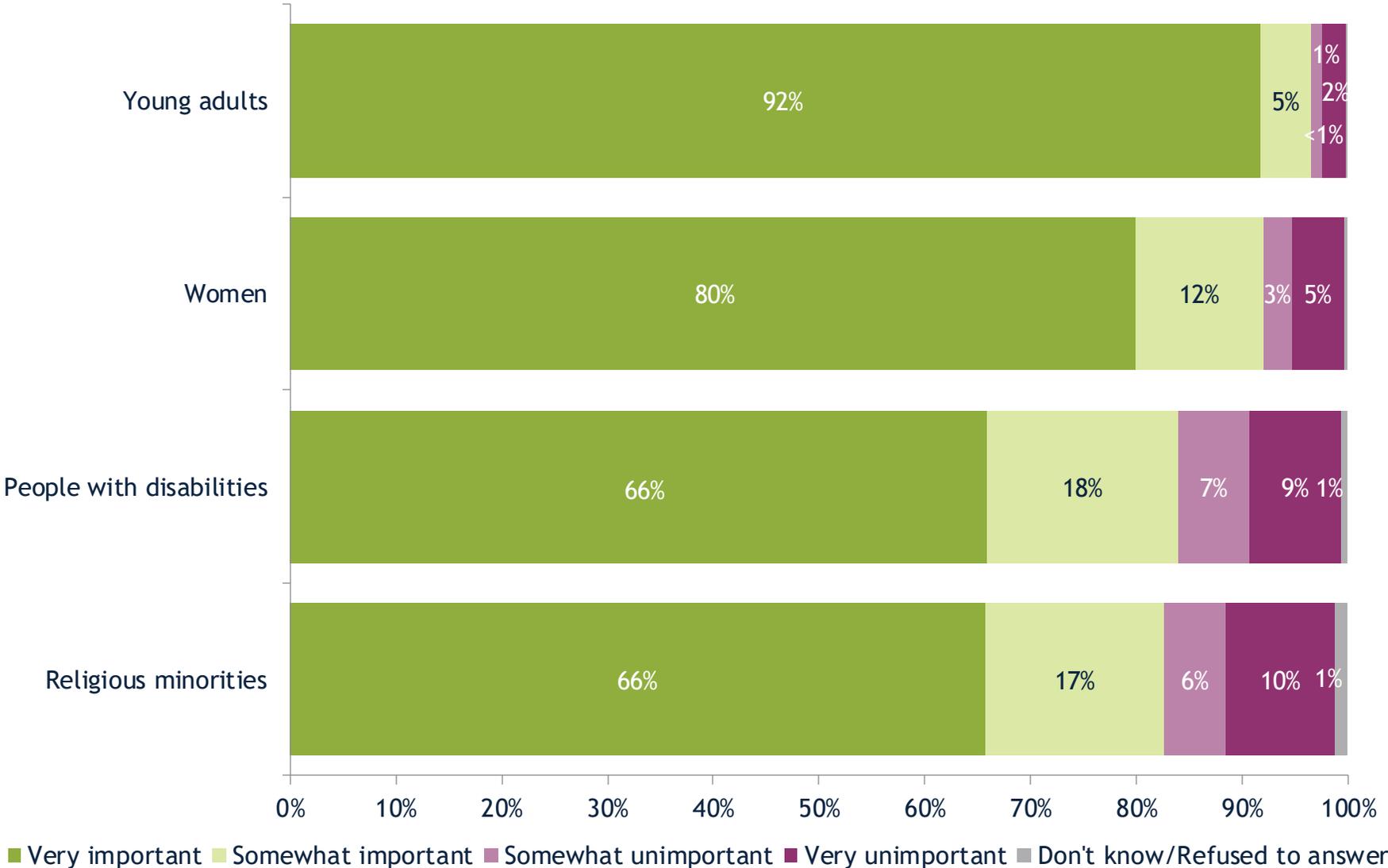
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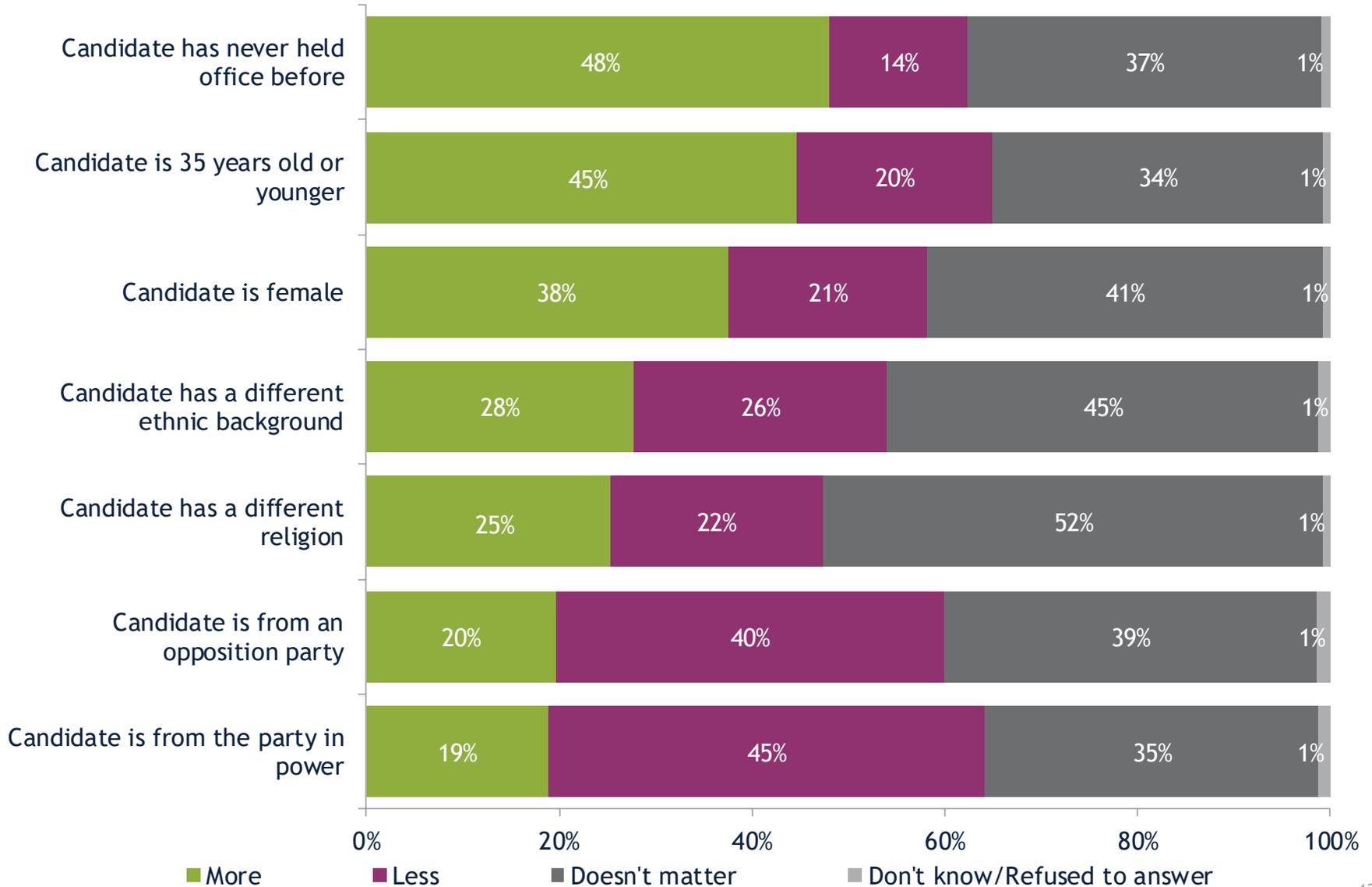


How important is it that [...] are included in political decision-making?



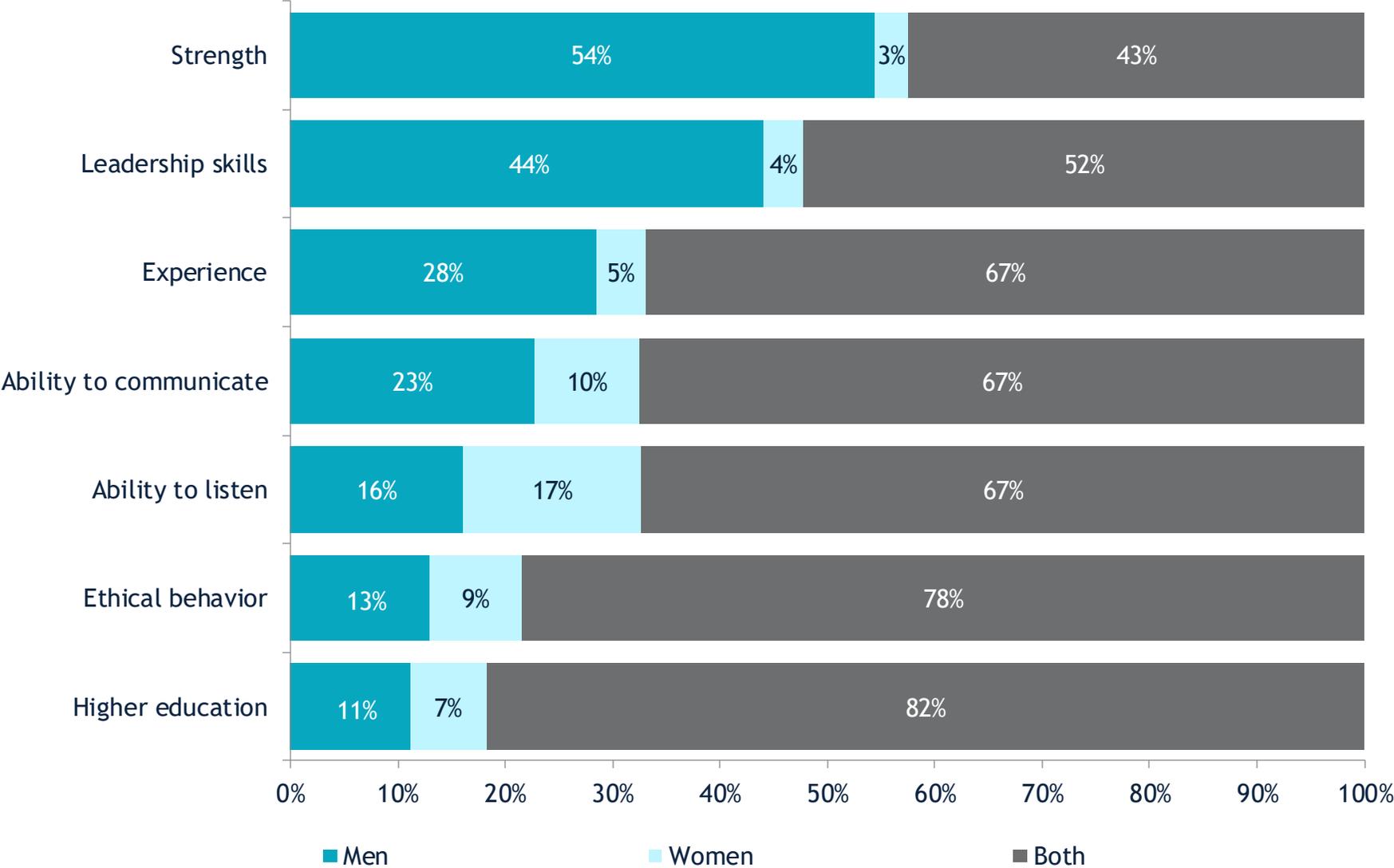


I will read you a list of attributes a candidate running for office may have. Please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter.



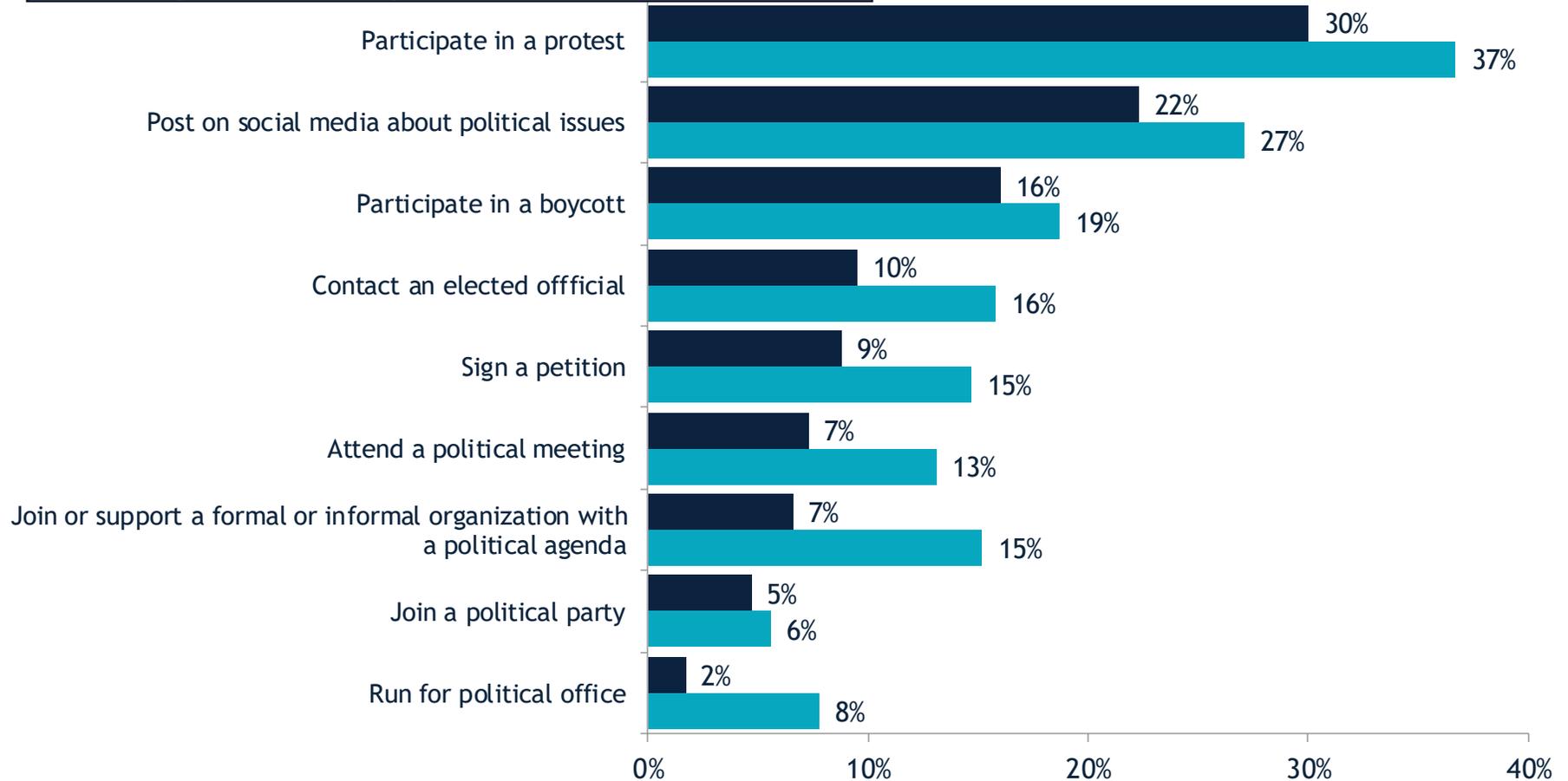


I will read you a list of several qualities voters commonly seek in politicians. For each quality, please tell me if it is more likely for men to have it, for women to have it, or if both genders are equally likely to have it.



Have you ever engaged in any of the following activities? Are you interested in engaging in any of the following activities within the next several years?

Percentage of “Yes” Responses



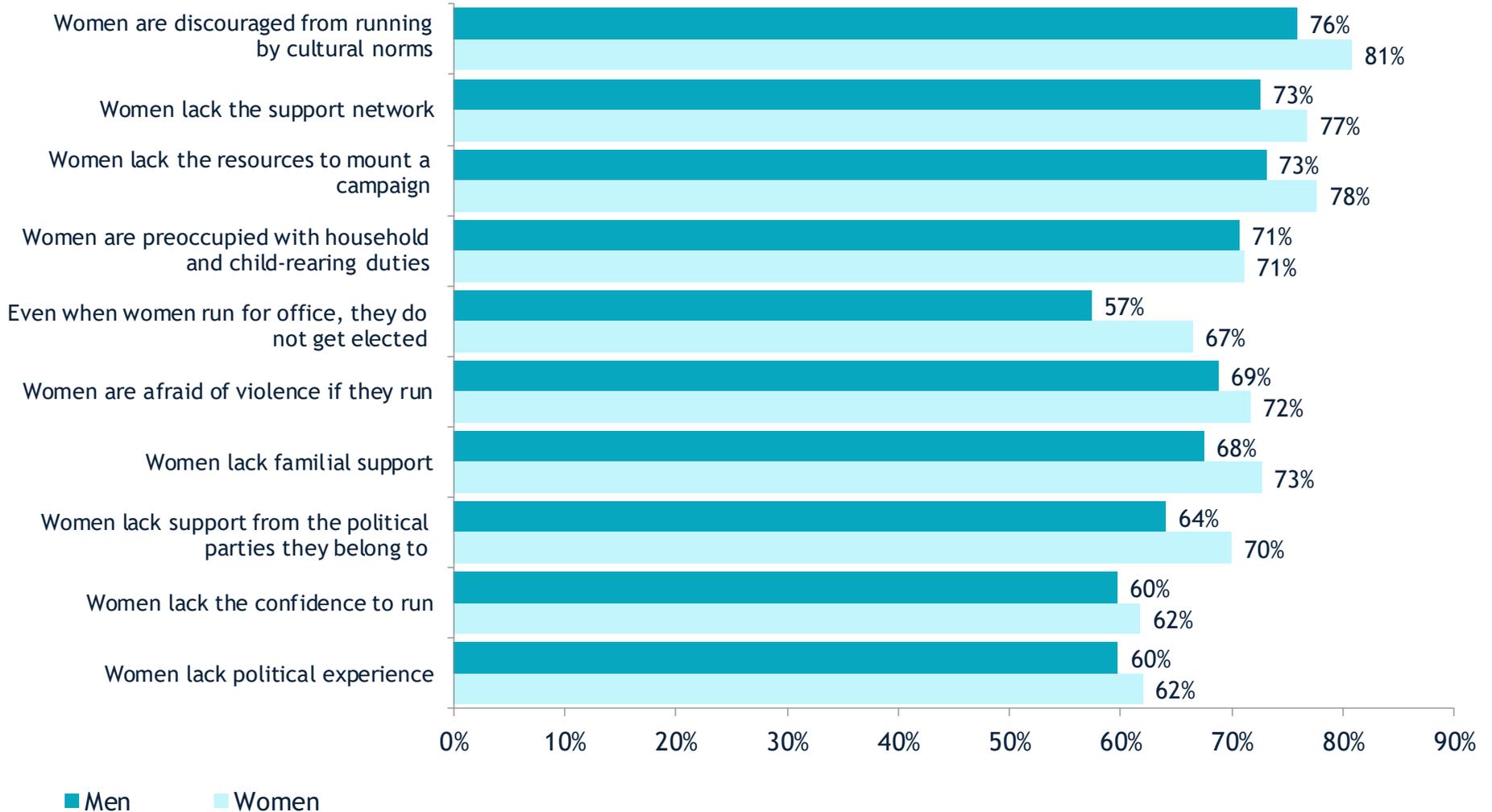
■ Have you ever engaged in any of the following?

■ Are you interested in engaging in any of the following...?



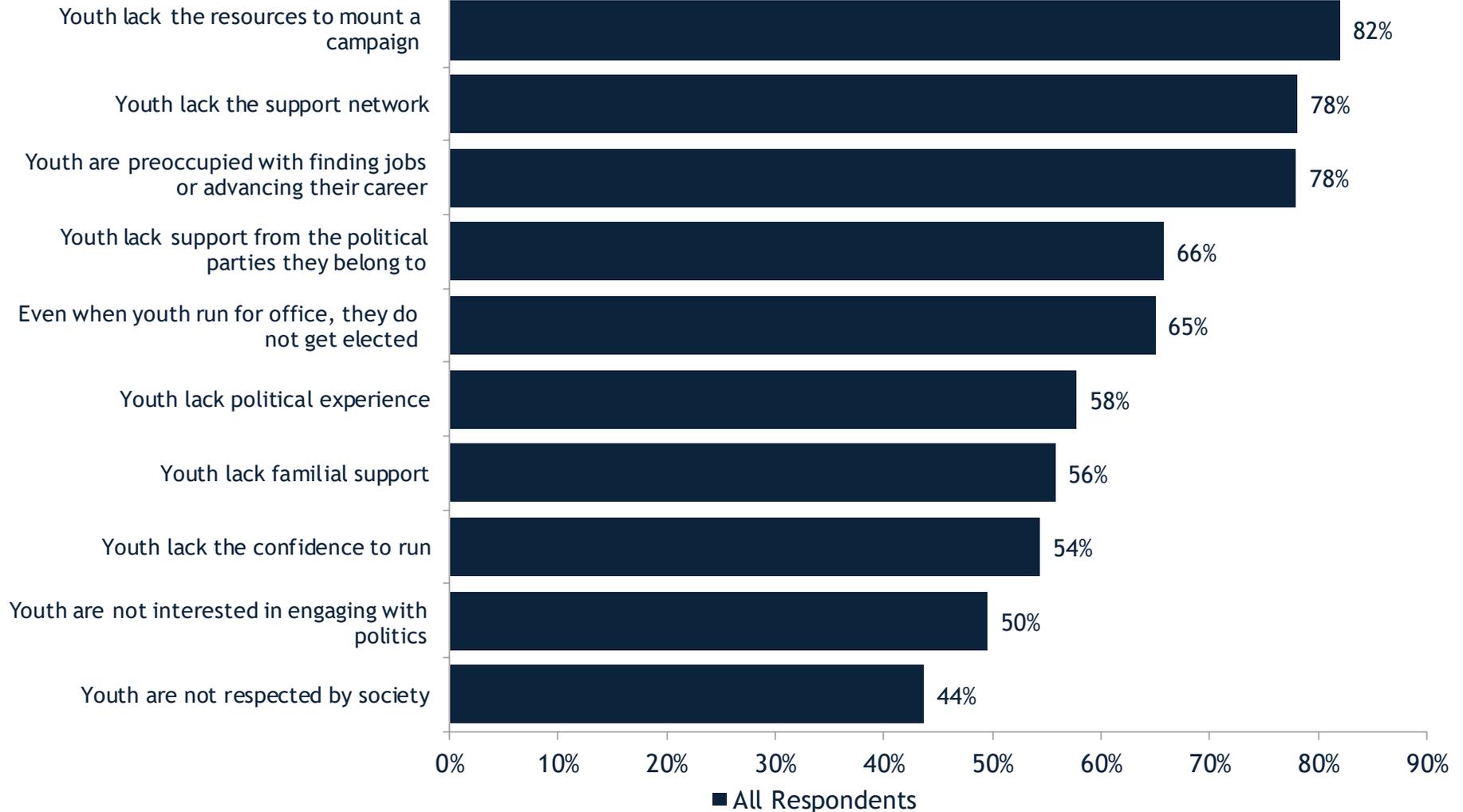
Why are there not more women running for office in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.

Percentage of “Major role” displayed



Why are there not more youth aged 35 and younger politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.

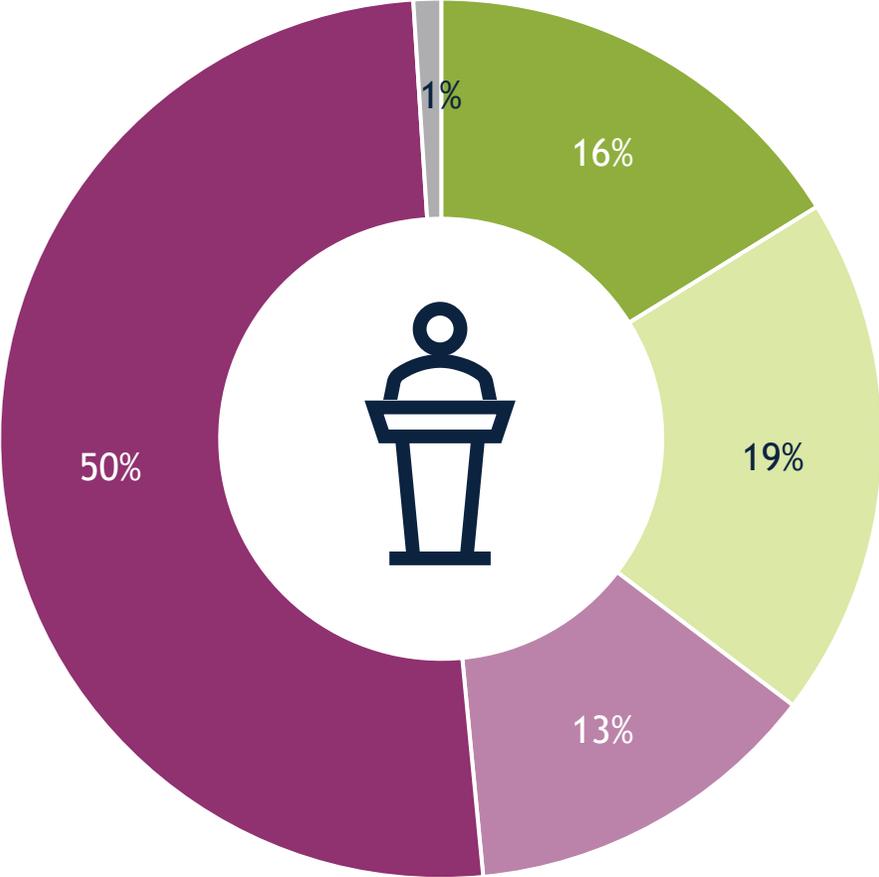
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How likely, if at all, are you to run for political office by the age of 35?

(Among respondents equal or under age 35, n=2,783)

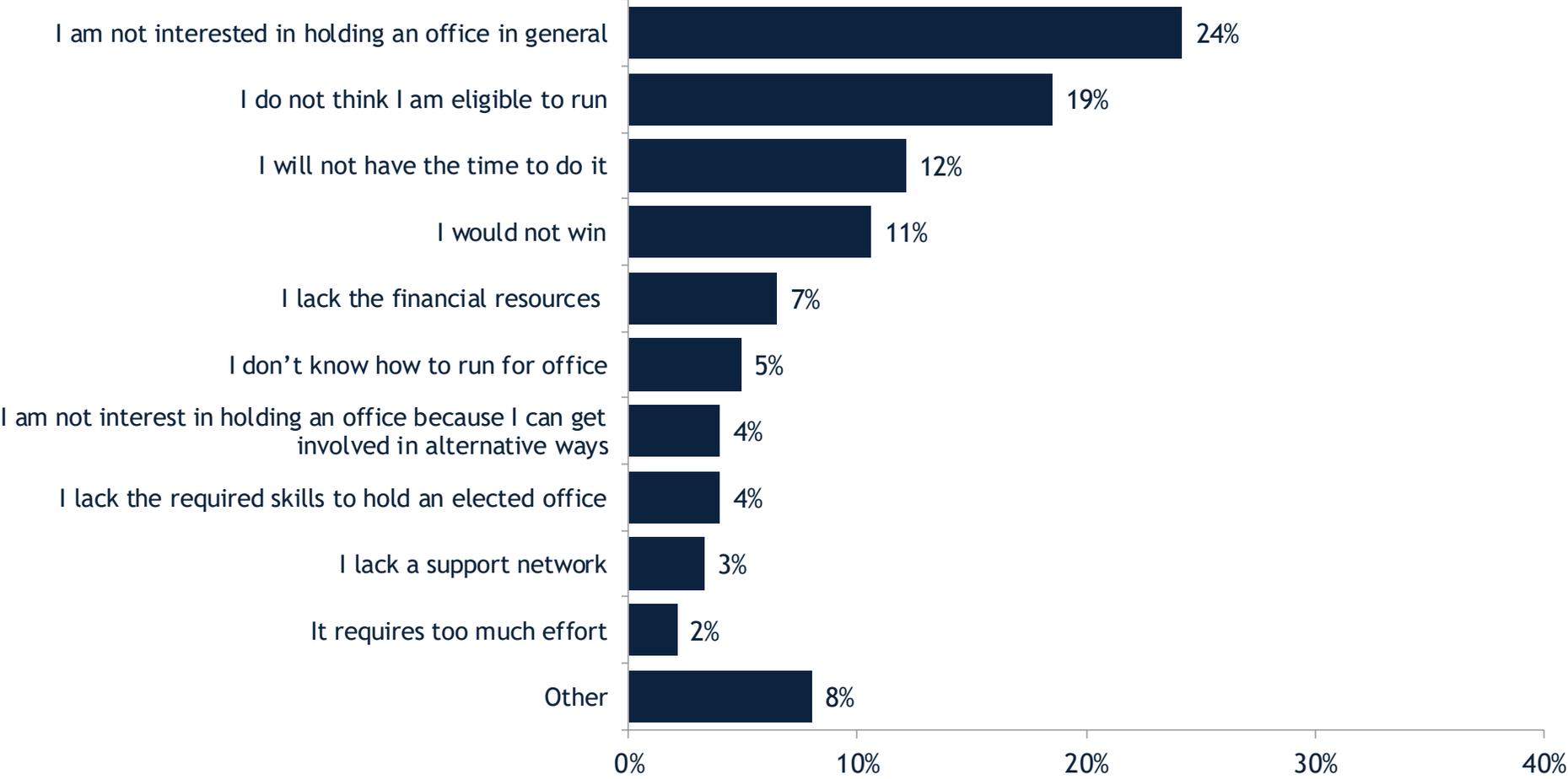


■ Very likely ■ Somewhat likely ■ Somewhat unlikely ■ Very unlikely ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



Why are you not likely to run for political office by the age of 35?

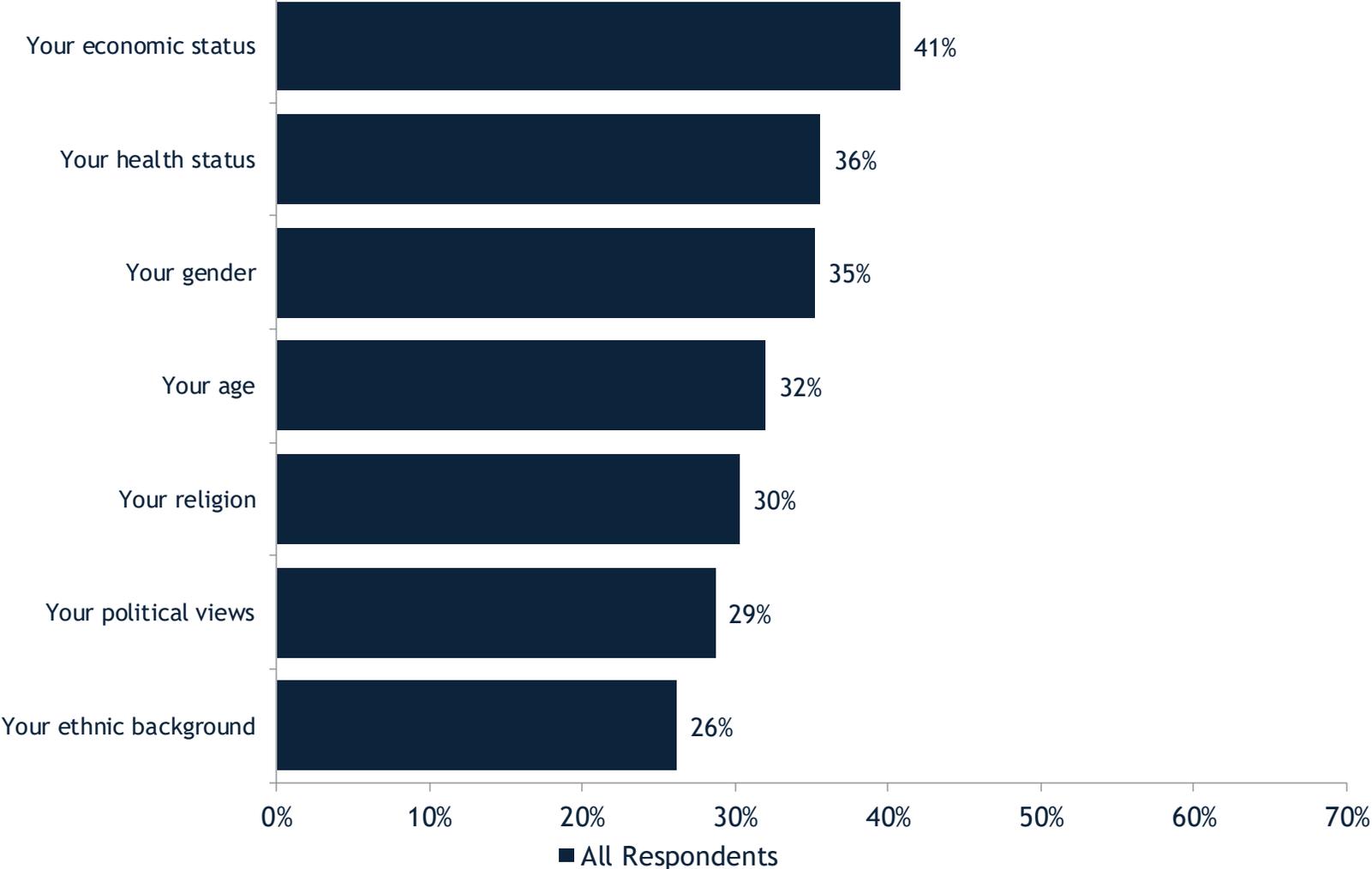
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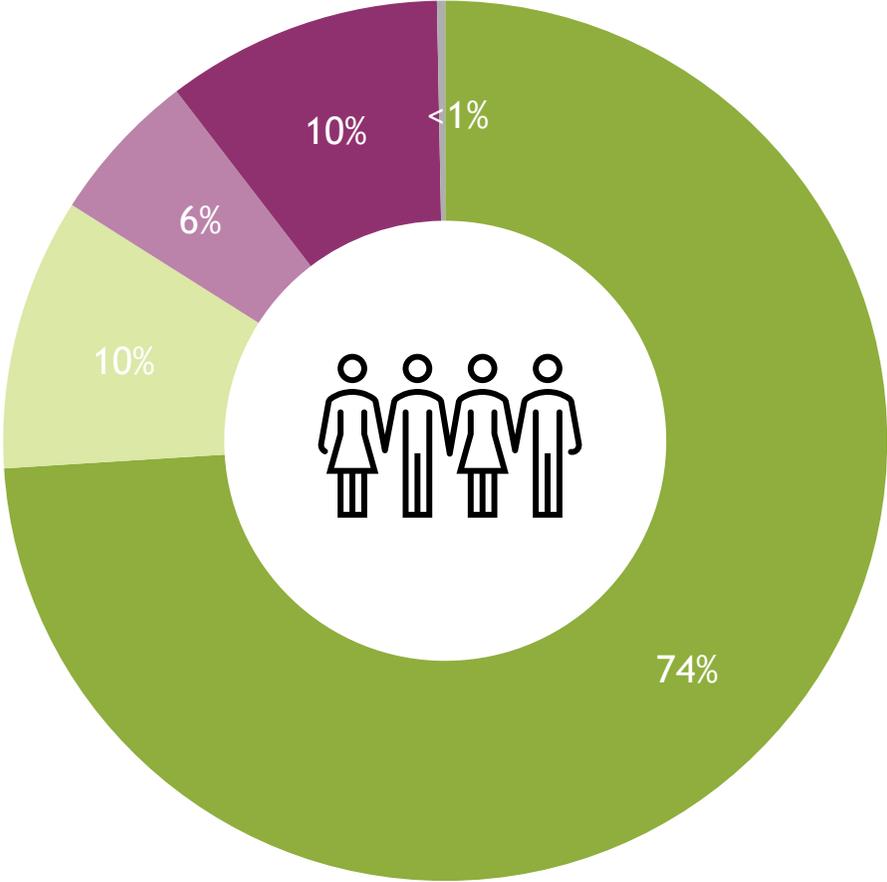
In the past 12 months have you personally felt discriminated against in our country on the basis of one or more of the following grounds?

Percentage of “Yes” displayed





Do you consider the word “abed” (slave), when used to describe Black Iraqis, offensive?

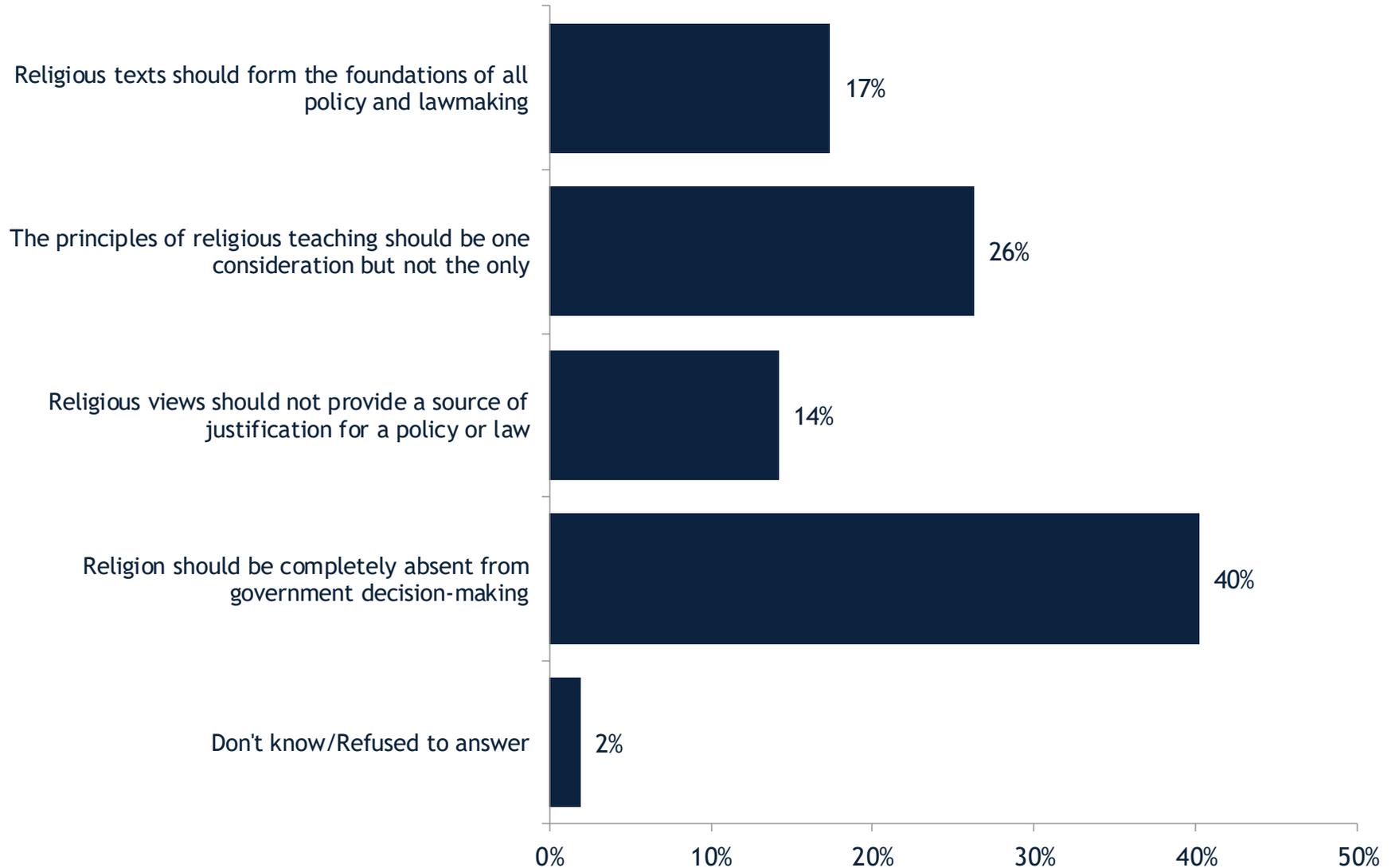


Very offensive
Very unoffensive

Somewhat offensive
Don't know/Refused to answer

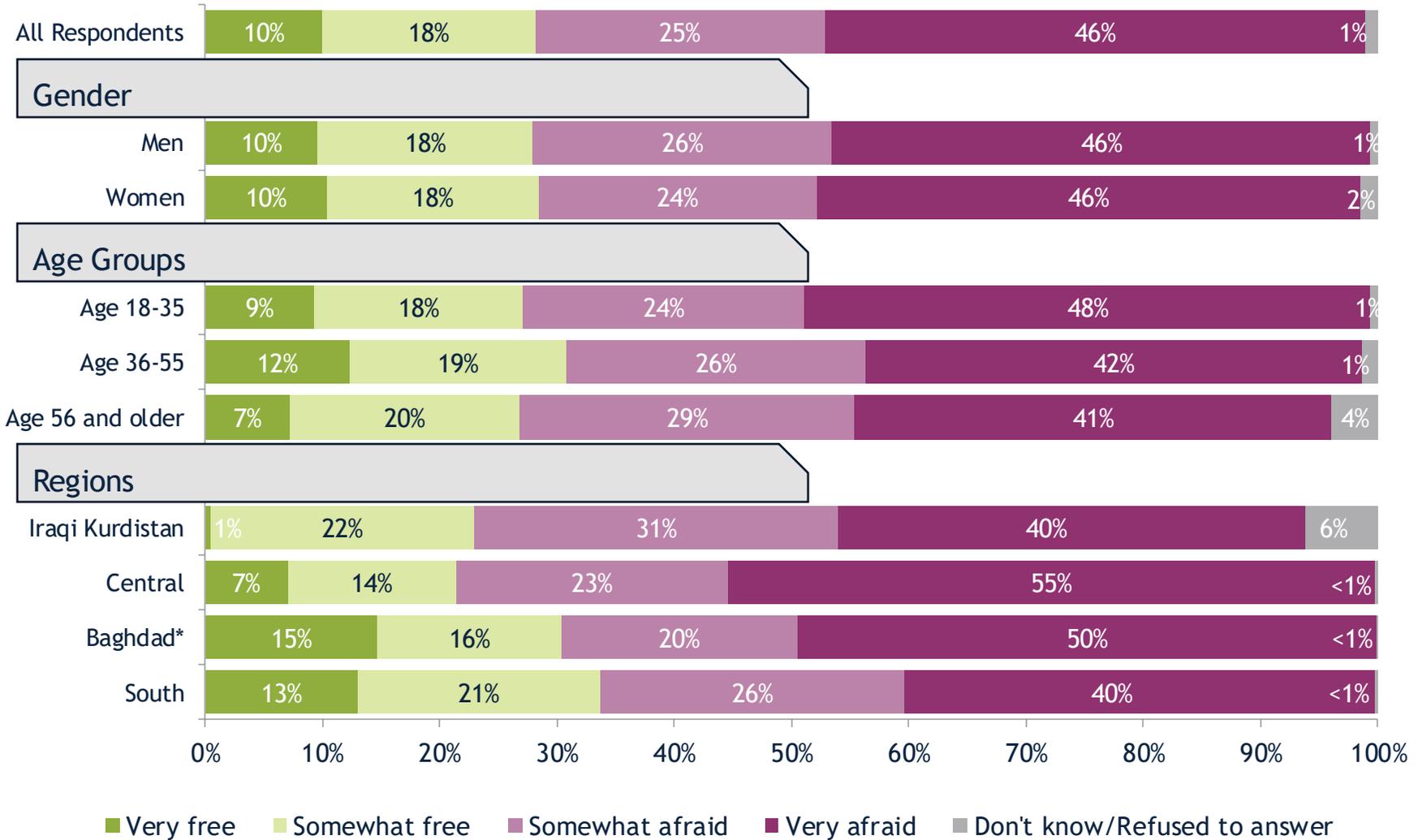
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Which of the following statements best matches your own opinion of the role that religion should play in government?





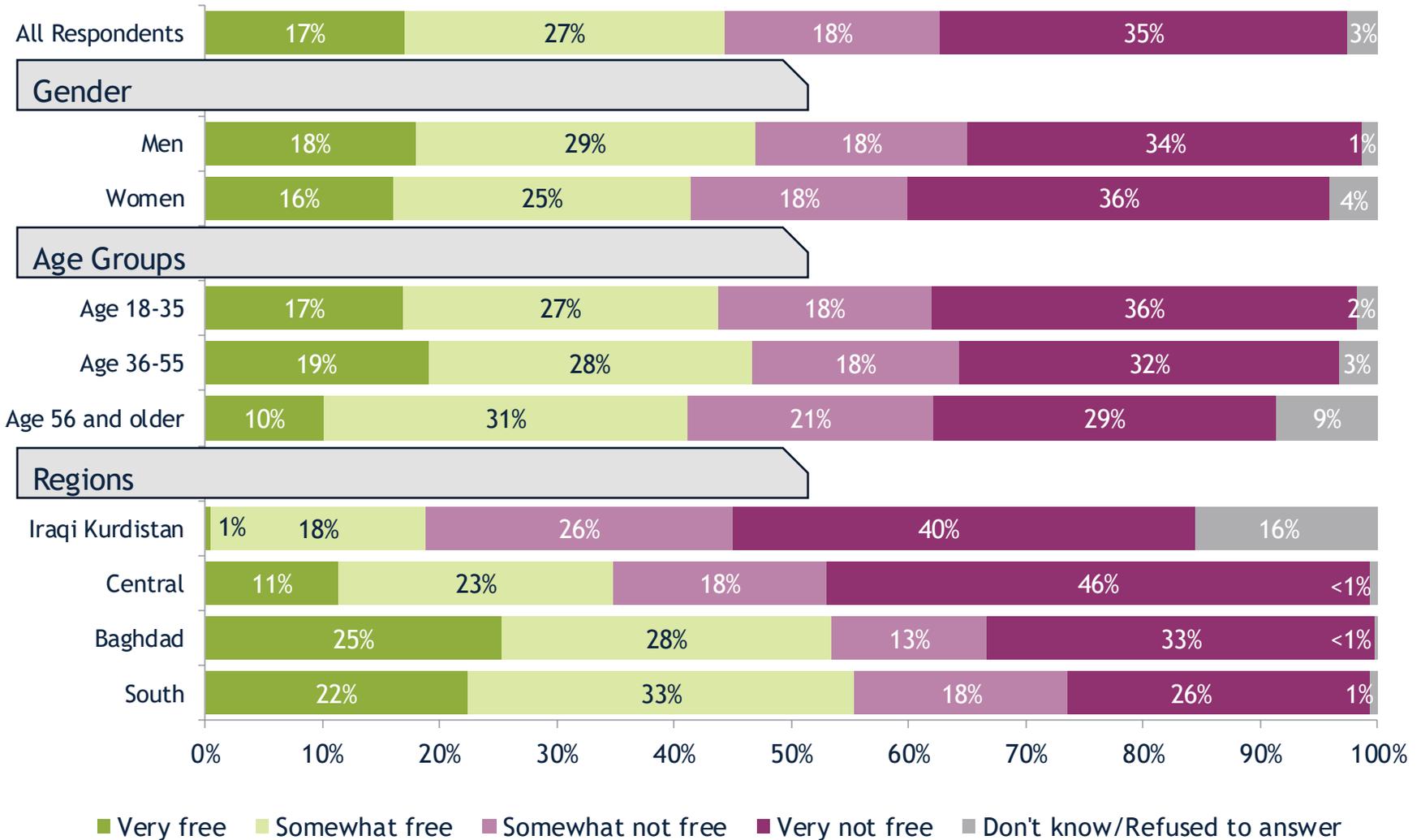
Do people in our country feel free to openly express their opinions or are they afraid?



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Are people in our country free to participate in peaceful civic movements or not?



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Corruption

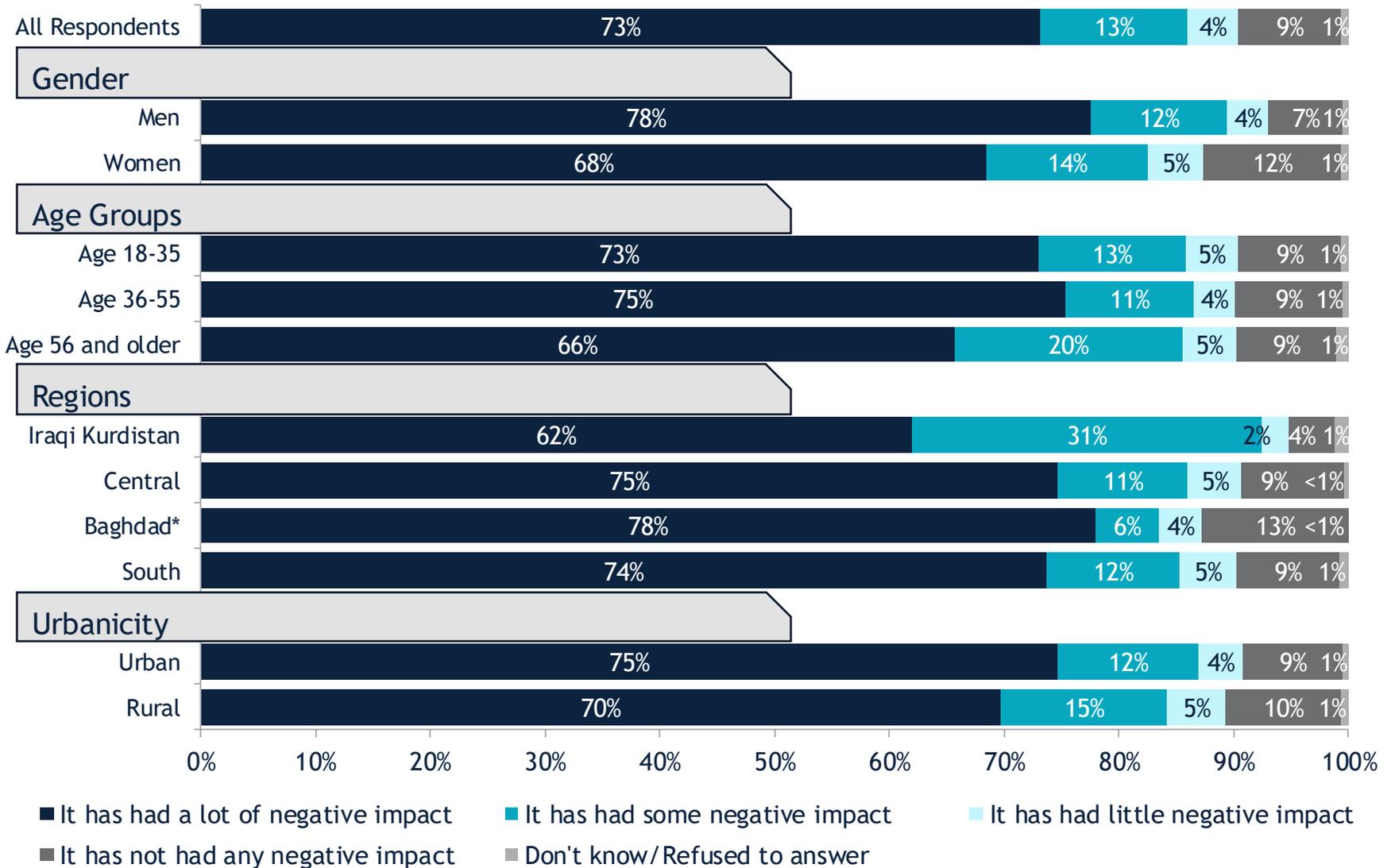


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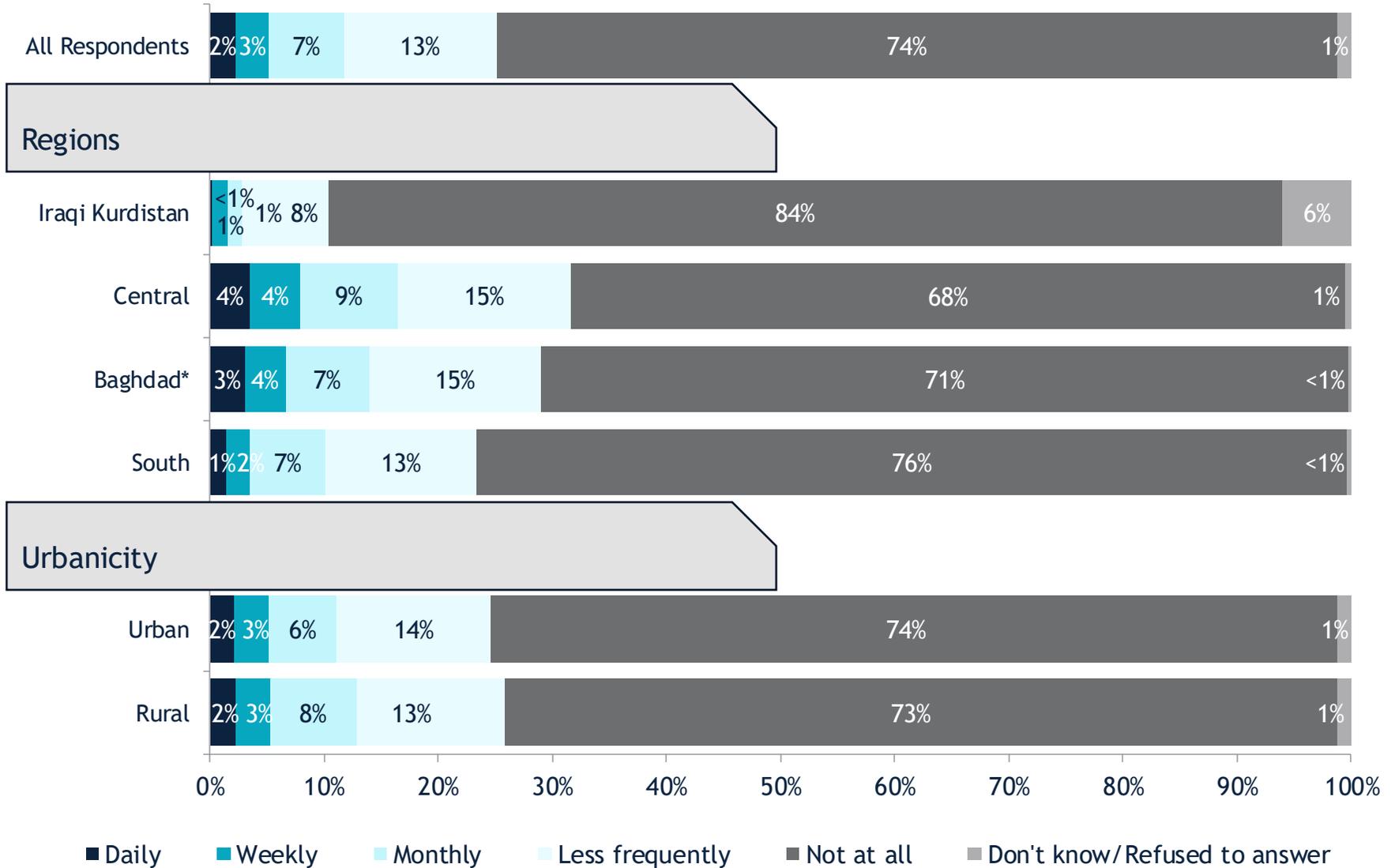
To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



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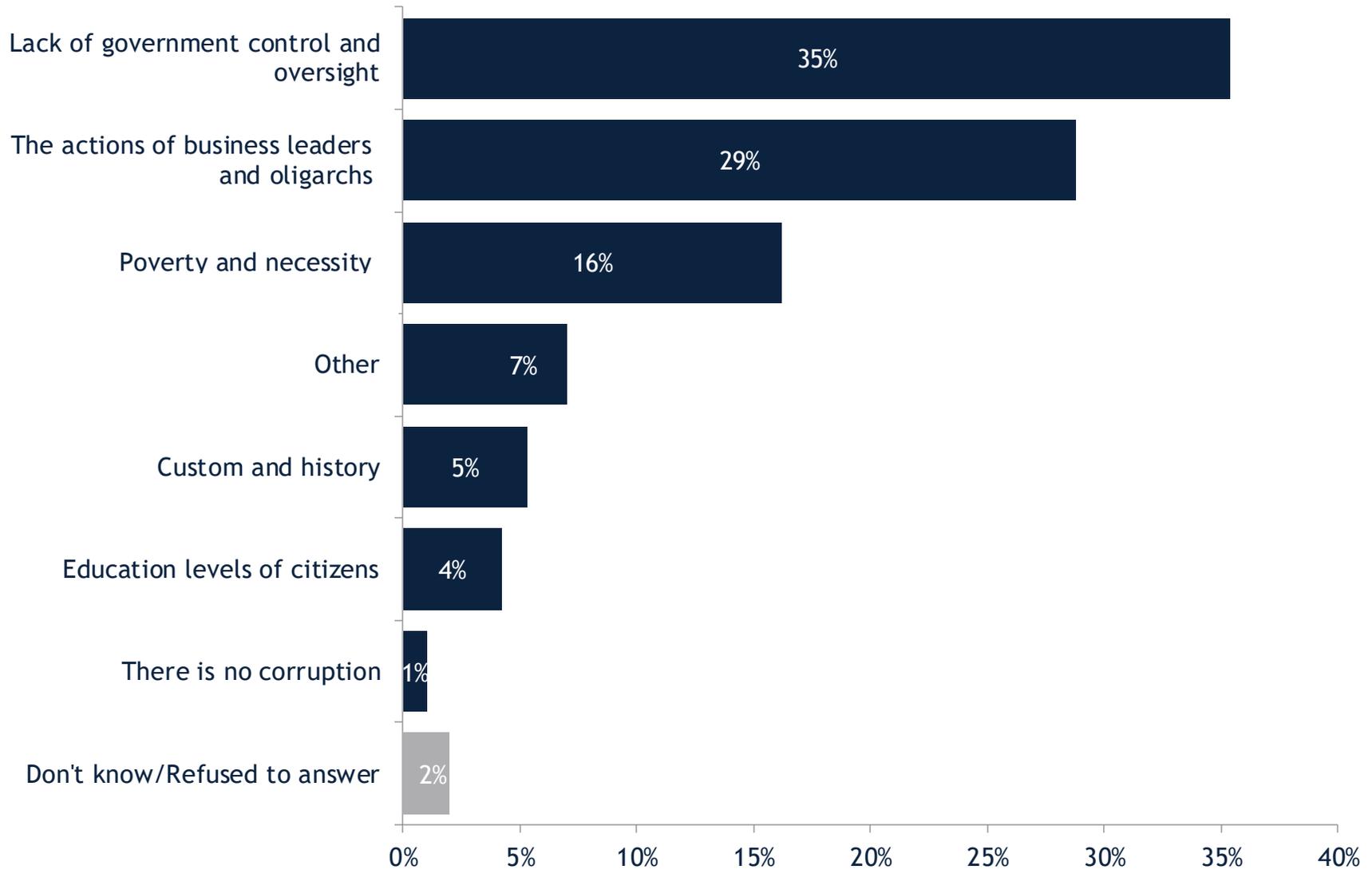


In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?



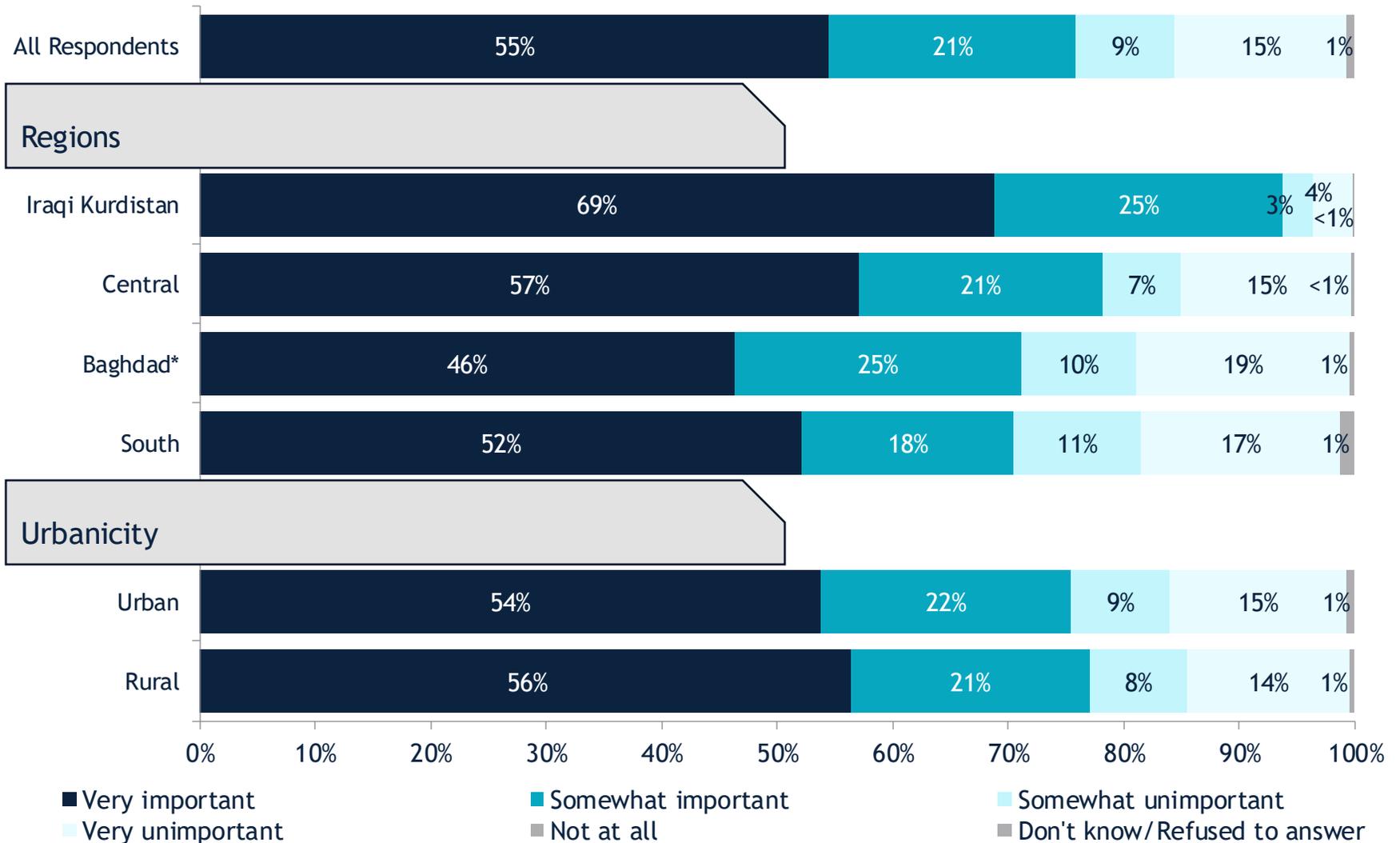
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What is the greatest cause of corruption in our country?





In your dealings with the government, how important are personal contacts and/or relationships to get things done?



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Freedom of Speech and Sources of Information



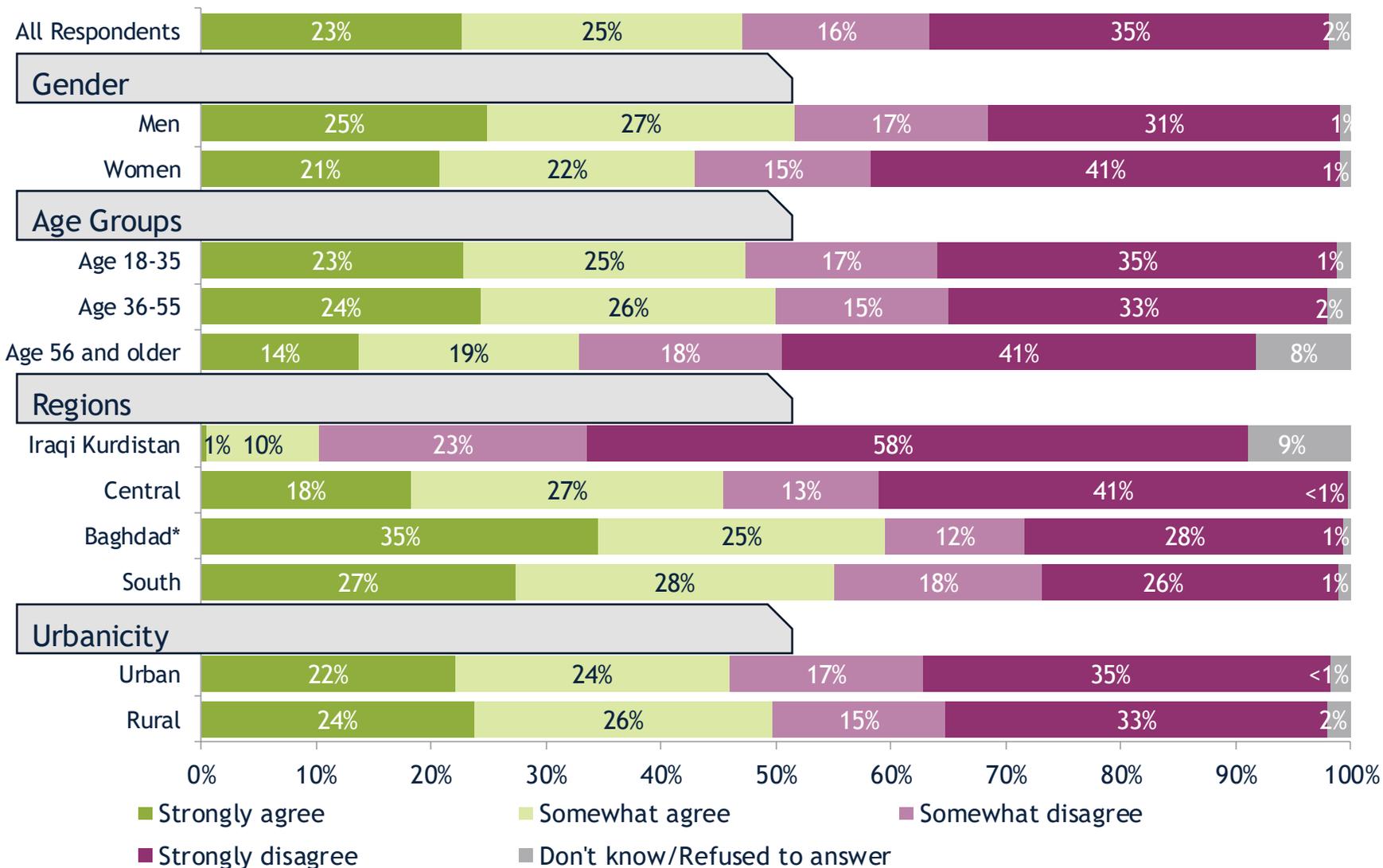
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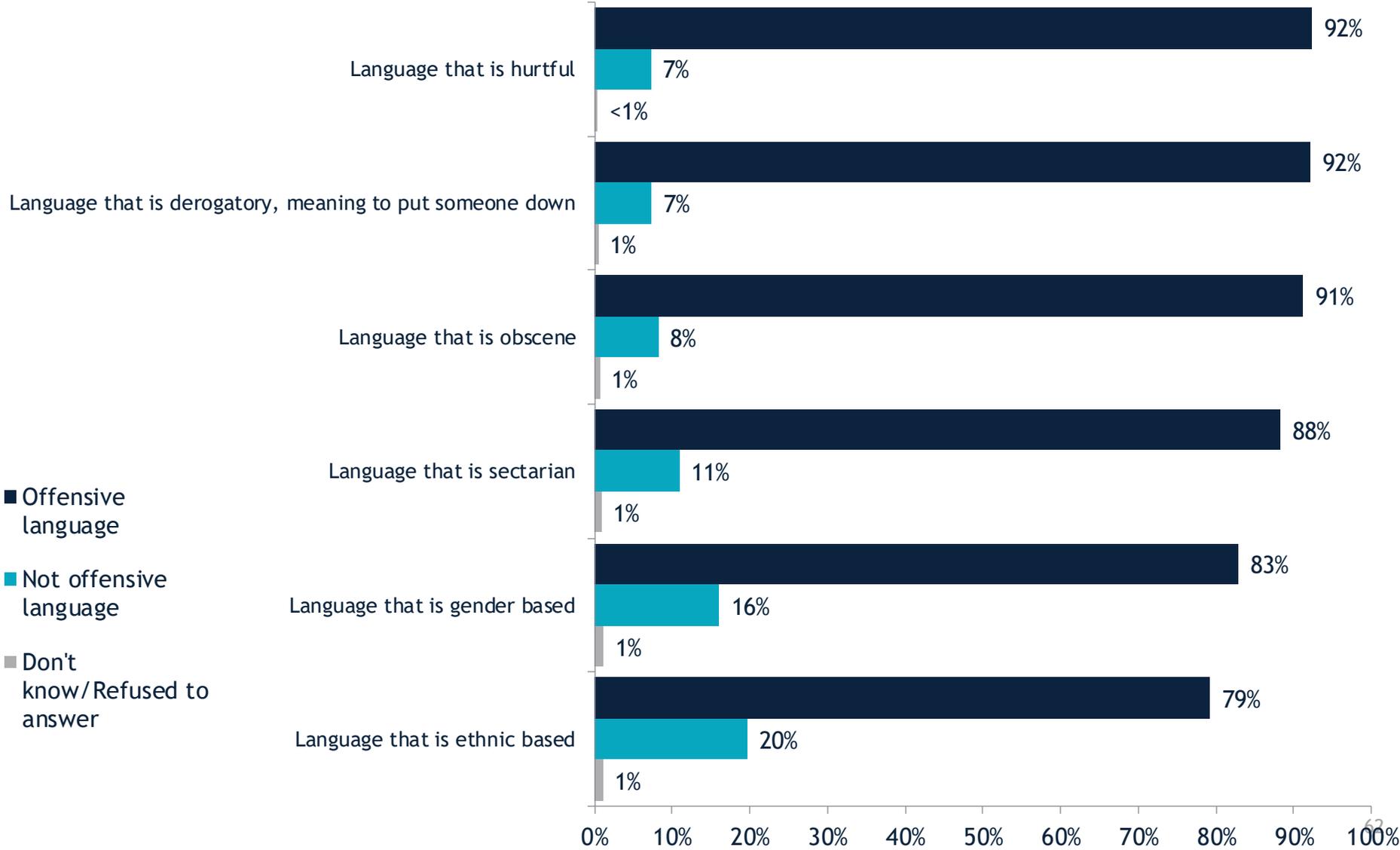
How strongly do you agree or disagree that freedom of speech exists in our country?



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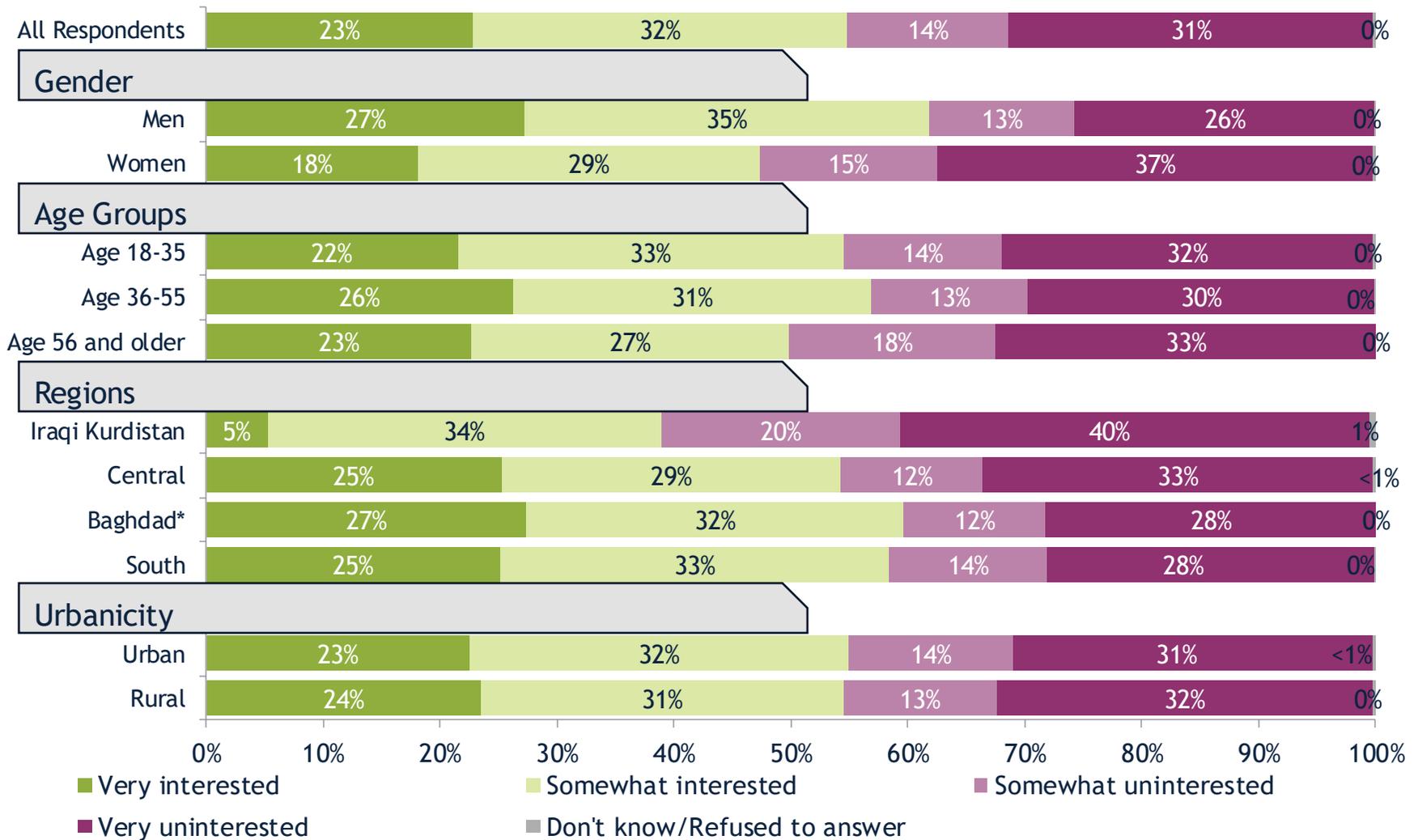


For each of the following items, please tell me if you consider it a form of offensive language or not.



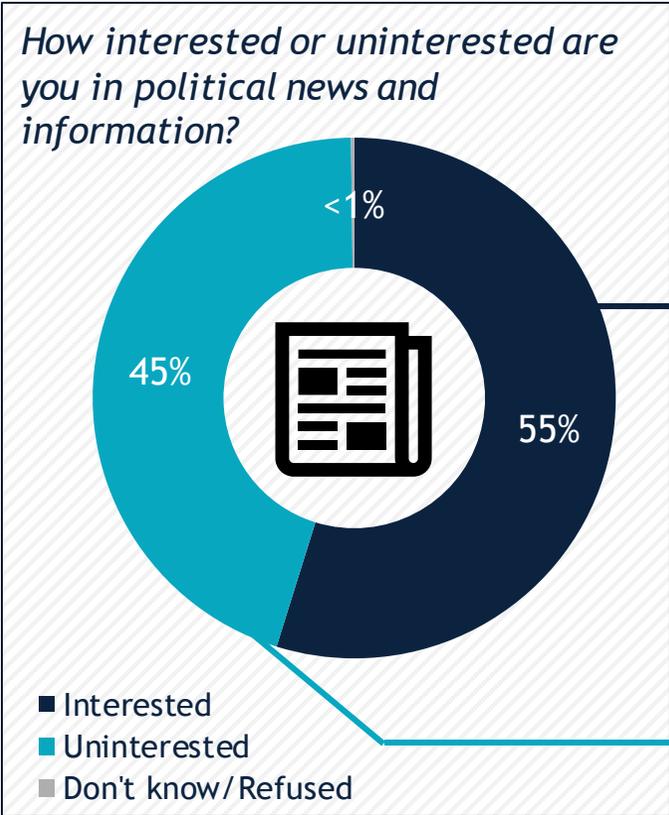


How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information?



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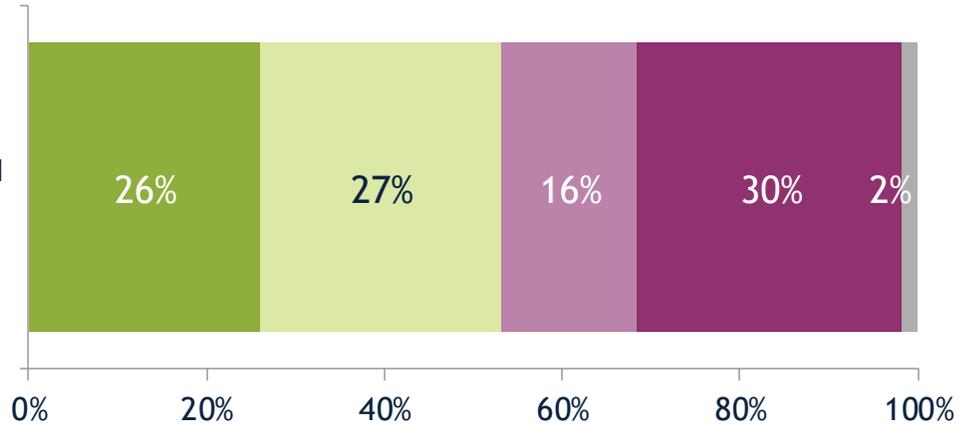
Freedom of speech in a democracy could be understood as the “right to express one’s opinions without censorship, restraint, or legal penalty.” How strongly do you agree or disagree that freedom of speech exists in our country?



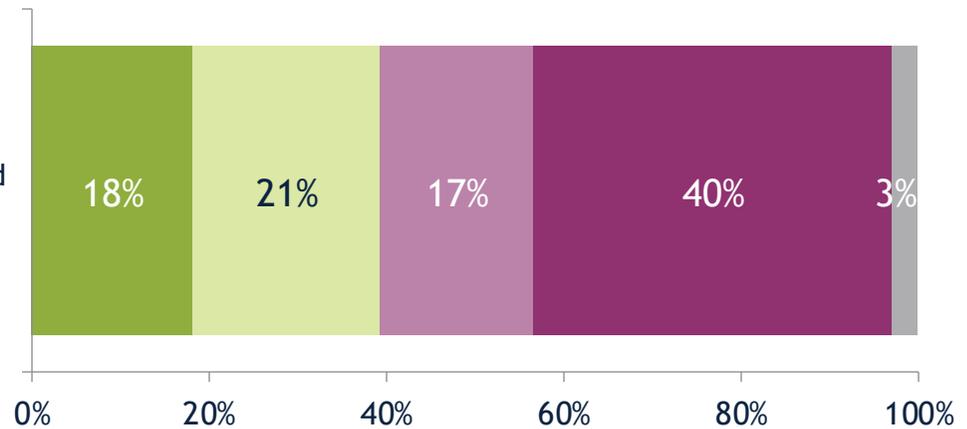
■ Strongly agree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Strongly disagree

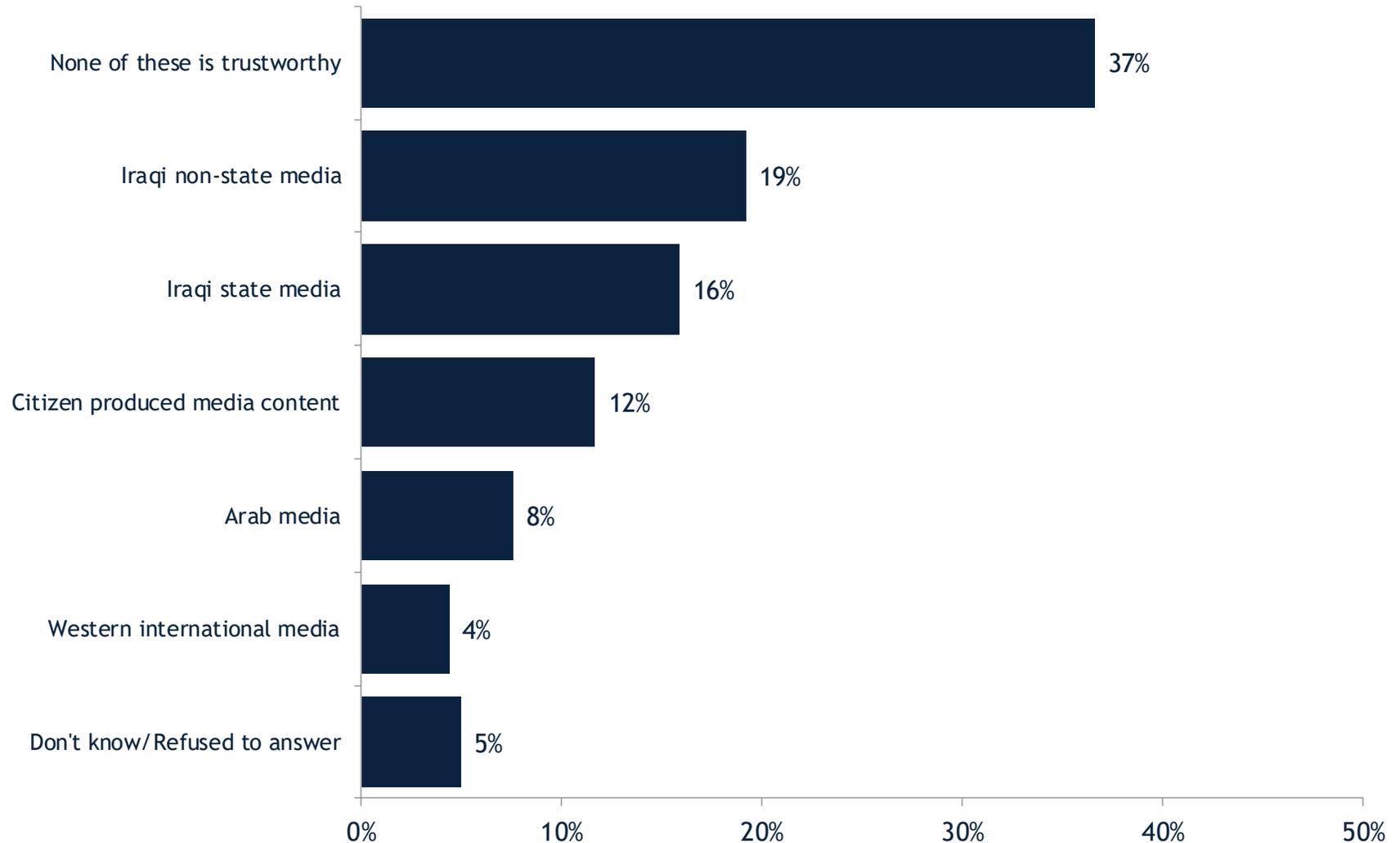
Interested
(n=2,326)



Uninterested
(n=1,910)

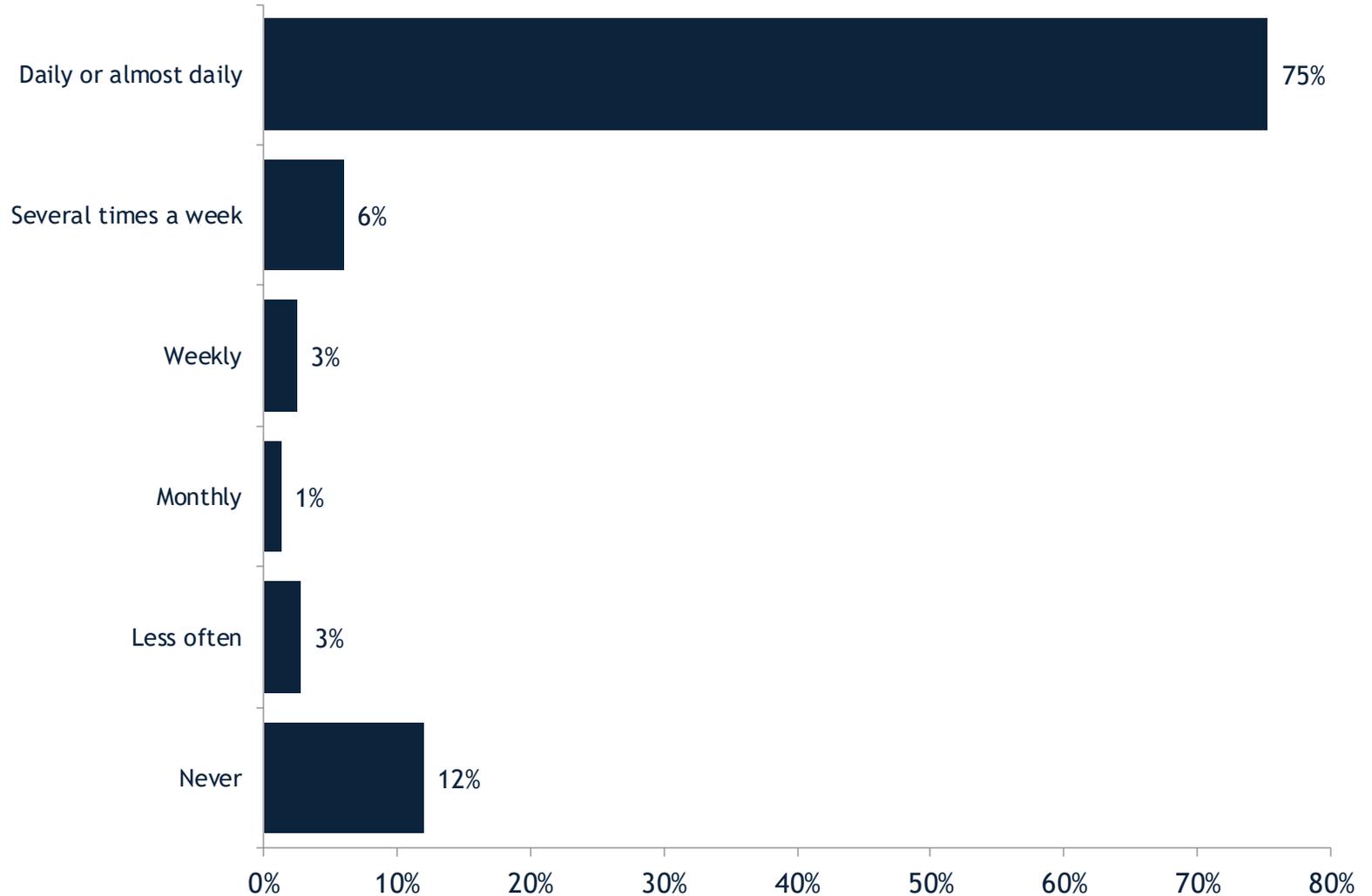


Which of the following types of media do you do you consider most trustworthy for political news and information?

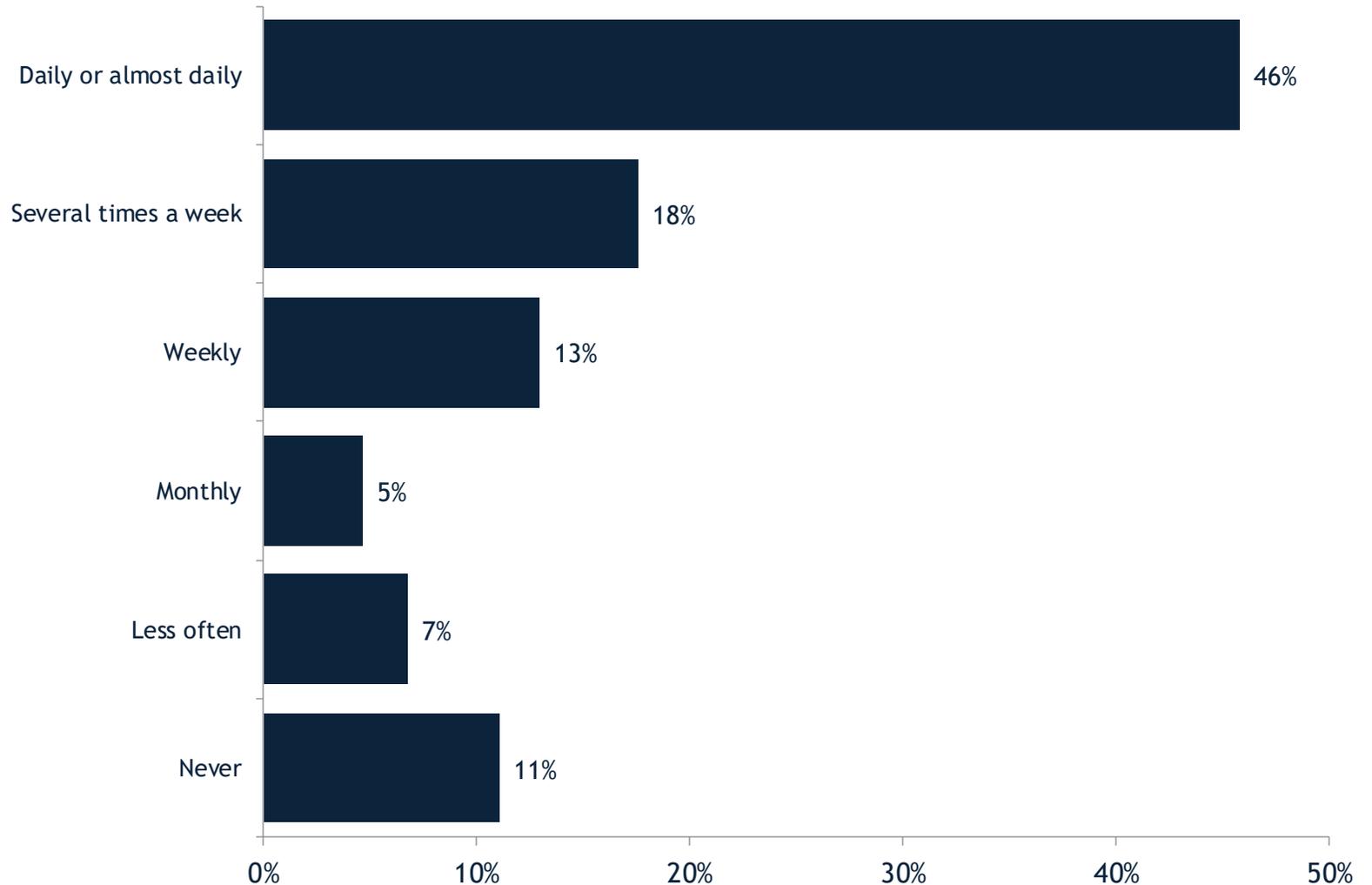




How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?

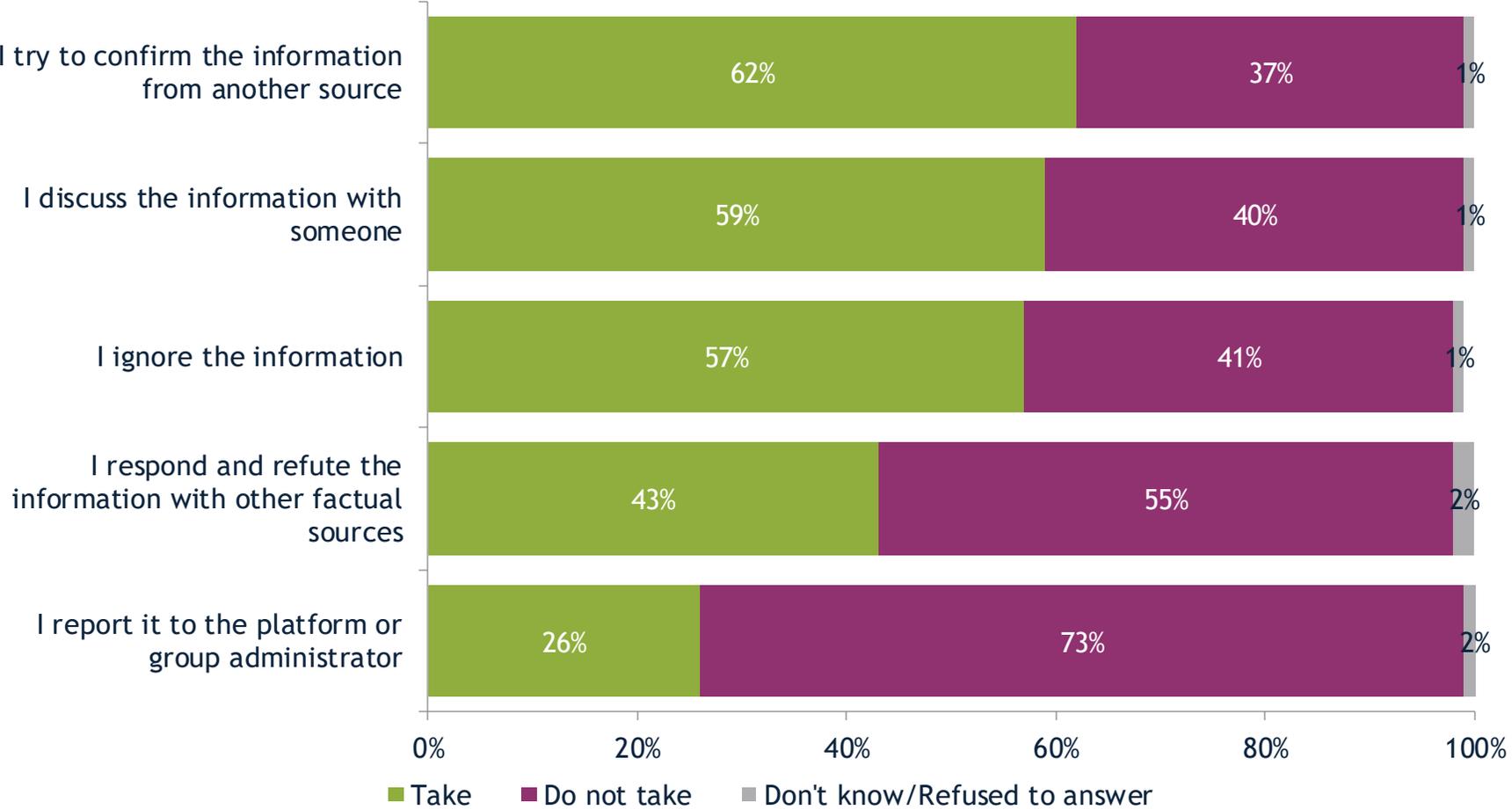


How frequently do you encounter information in the media, including social media, that you believe is misleading or false?

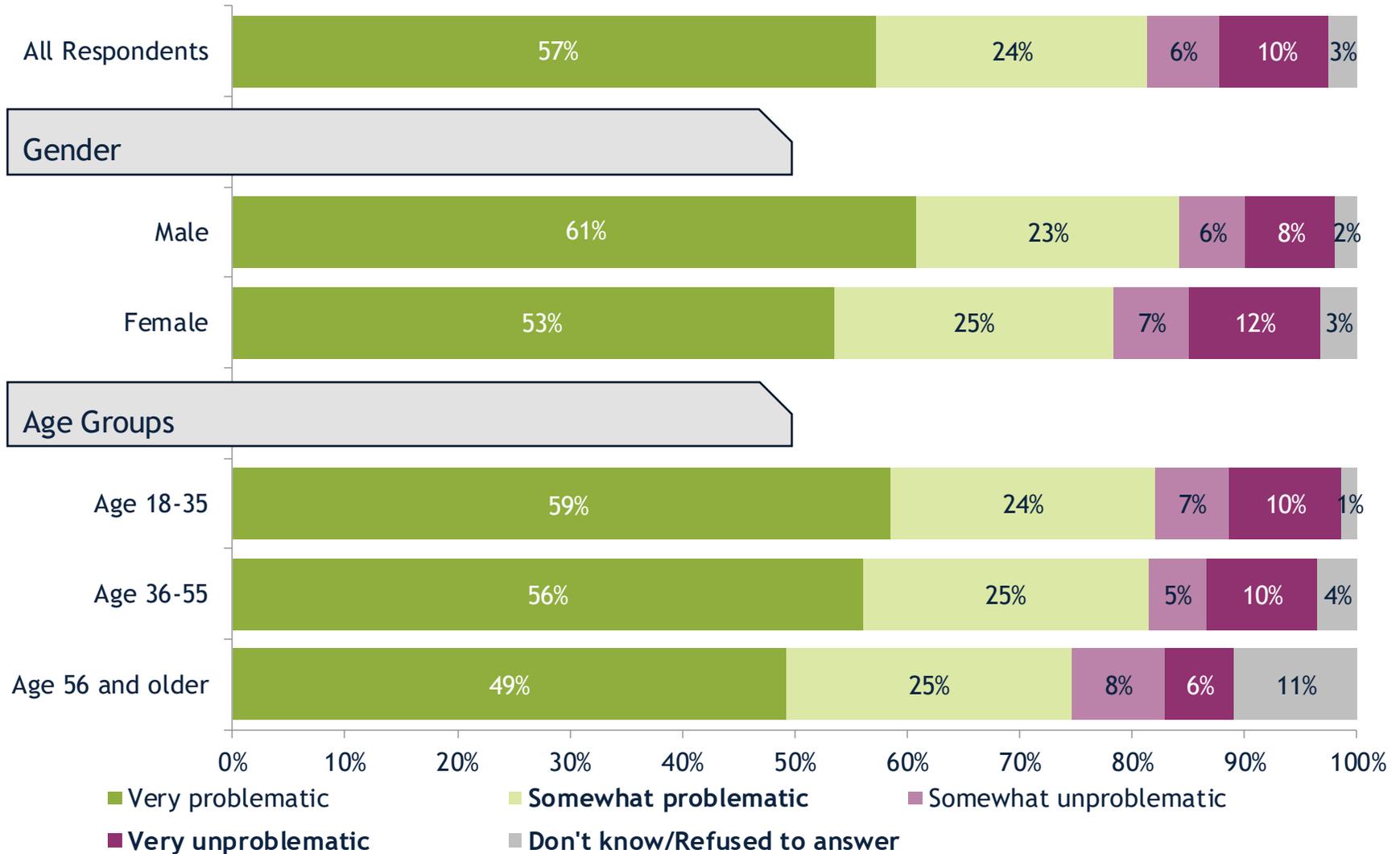




When you encounter information in the media that you believe is misleading or false, which if any of the following steps do you take?



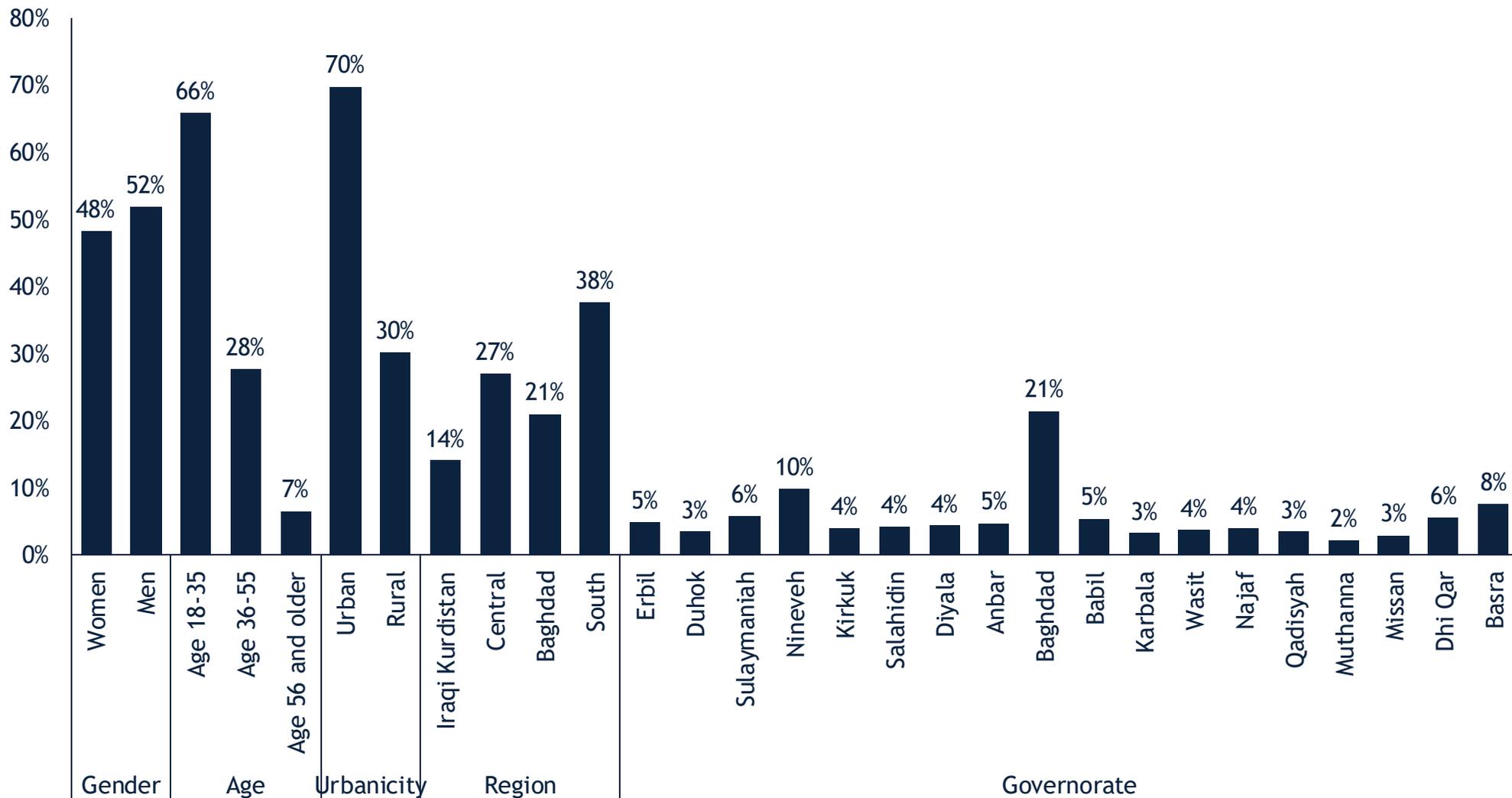
To what extent is misleading or false information in the media problematic for our country?



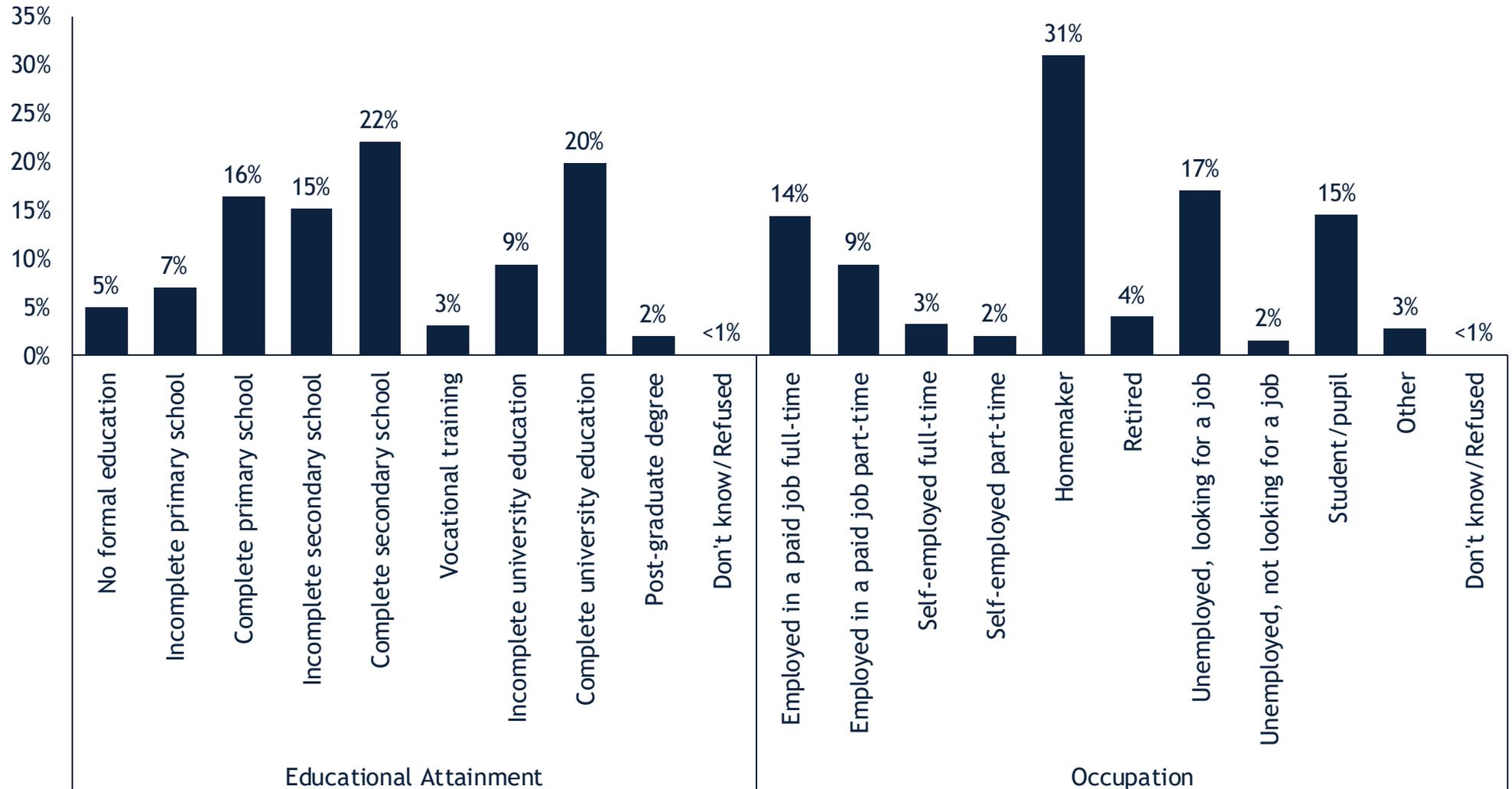
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