# Public Opinion Poll
# Residents of Kyrgyzstan

December 12–21, 2020

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# Detailed Methodology

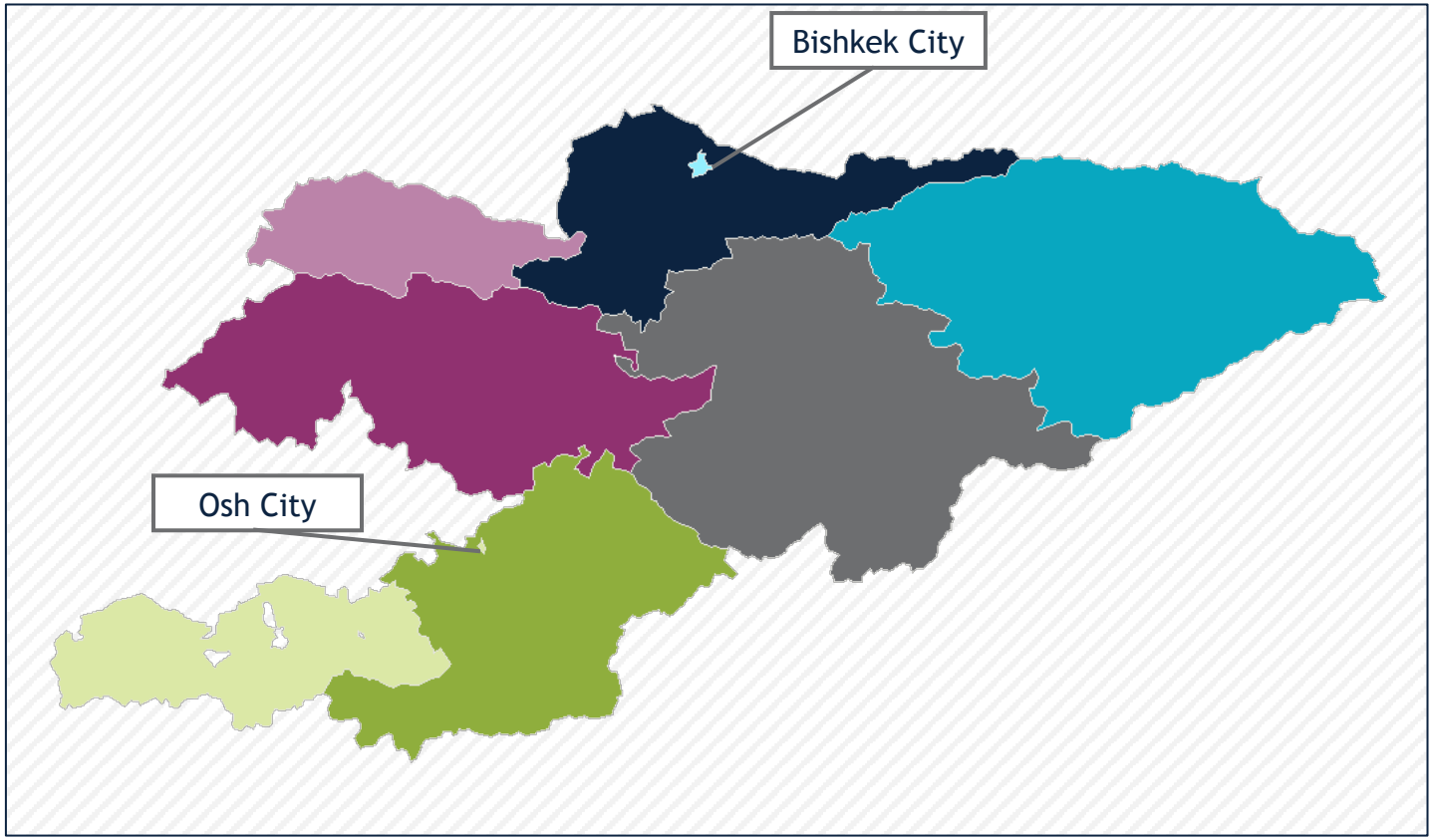
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's Center for Insights in Survey Research by SIAR Research and Consulting.
- Data was collected between December 12 – December 21, 2020 though computer-assisted telephone interviews administered via both mobile and landline numbers.
- The sample consisted of n=1,200 residents of Kyrgyzstan, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample according to the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic's 2019 *Demographic Yearbook of the Kyrgyz Republic* (January 1, 2019). The sample was stratified by oblast/city and urbanicity.
    - An initial database of mobile and landline numbers was assembled that comprised two separate sources. Sixty-six percent of the database's numbers are sourced from SIAR's proprietary database of previous survey participant phone numbers. SIAR's database is derived from phone numbers collected during nationally-representative surveys conducted throughout the past twelve months. The remaining 33 percent of the database's phone numbers are randomly generated from area codes used by operators at the time of this study. Numbers were randomly selected from the combined database.
    - The respondent selection methodology depended on the type of line used to contact respondents. For mobile numbers, the mobile phone user is selected. For landline numbers shared by multiple individuals, the *last birthday* protocol is used for randomized respondent selection.
- The data is weighted by oblast/city, urbanicity, age and gender according to the *2019 Demographic Yearbook of the Kyrgyz Republic*.
- The response rate for the survey was 38 percent.
- The margin of error at the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ±2.8 points at the 95 percent confidence level.
- Interviews were conducted in Kyrgyz (72 percent), Russian (25 percent) and Uzbek (3 percent).
- Cited bases are weighted. Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

# Frequently Cited Disaggregates

| Disaggregate | Disaggregation Category | Base |
|---|---|---|
| Oblast/City | Bishkek City | n=211 |
| | Chui Oblast | n=184 |
| | Issyk-Kul Oblast | n=92 |
| | Naryn Oblast | n=52 |
| | Talas Oblast | n=47 |
| | Osh Oblast | n=240 |
| | Jalal-Abad Oblast | n=222 |
| | Batken Oblast | n=94 |
| | Osh City | n=58 |
| Urbanicity | Urban | n=425 |
| | Rural | n=775 |
| Gender | Men | n=583 |
| | Women | n=617 |
| Age Groups | Age 18-35 | n=598 |
| | Age 36-55 | n=396 |
| | Age 56 and older | n=206 |
| Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for Kyrgyzstan? | Democracy is best | n=559 |
| | Others equally good | n=351 |
| | Others better | n=208 |

*Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with sample size n

# Geographical Key: 7 Oblasts and 2 Cities

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# National Outlook

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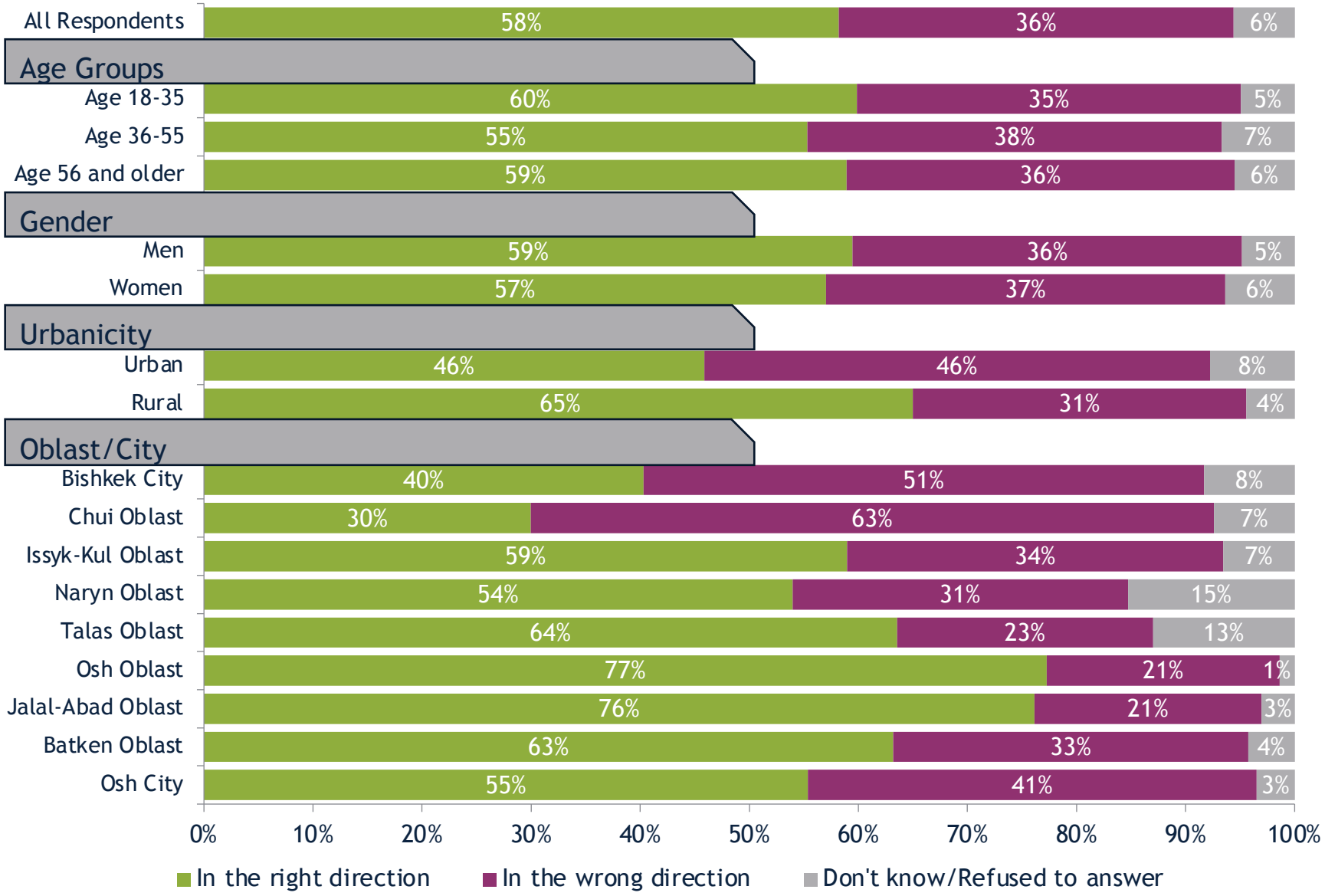

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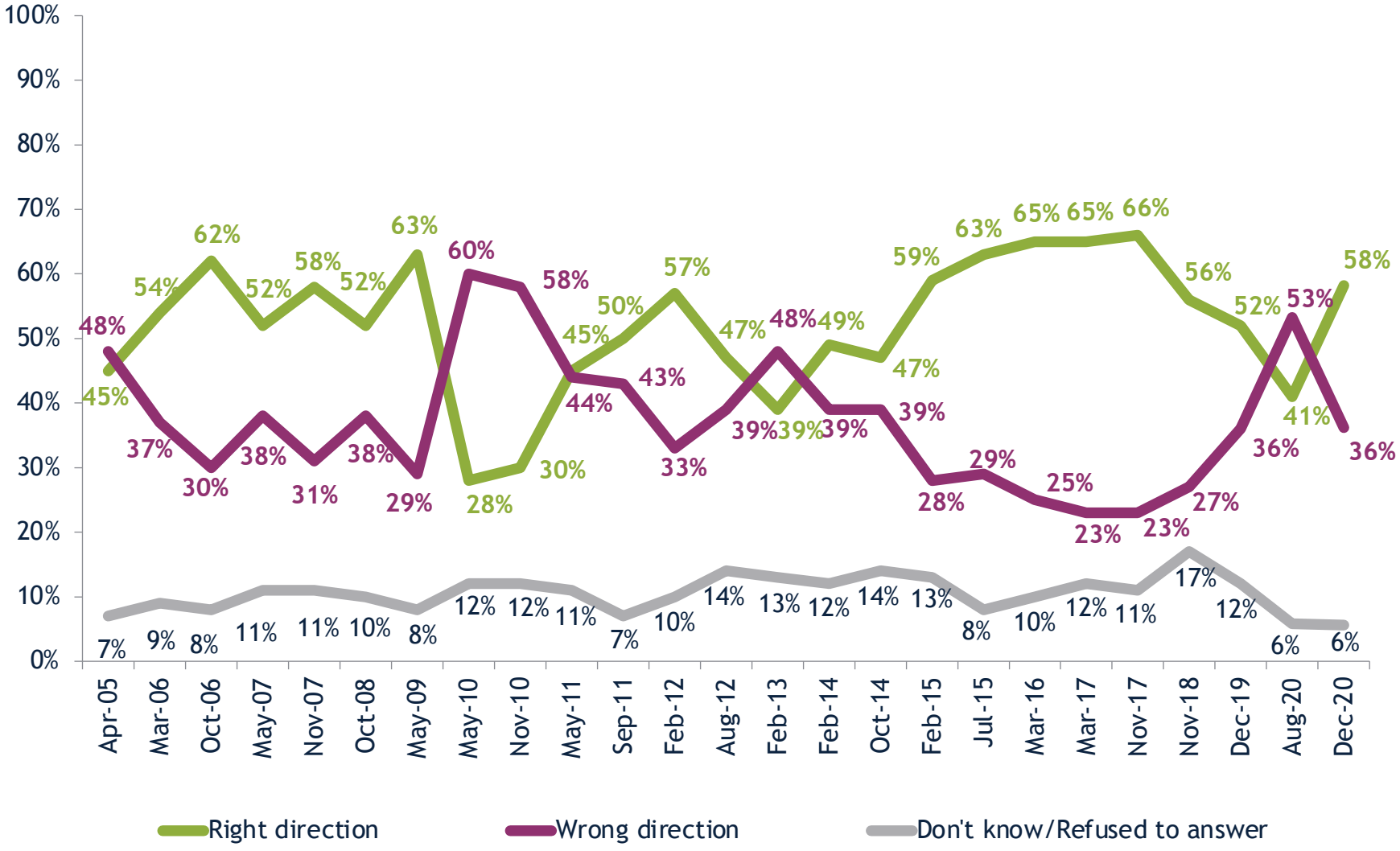


**Note*: Comparison between December and August 2020 polls with previous polls should be treated with caution due to differing methodologies. The previous polls were conducted via face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.

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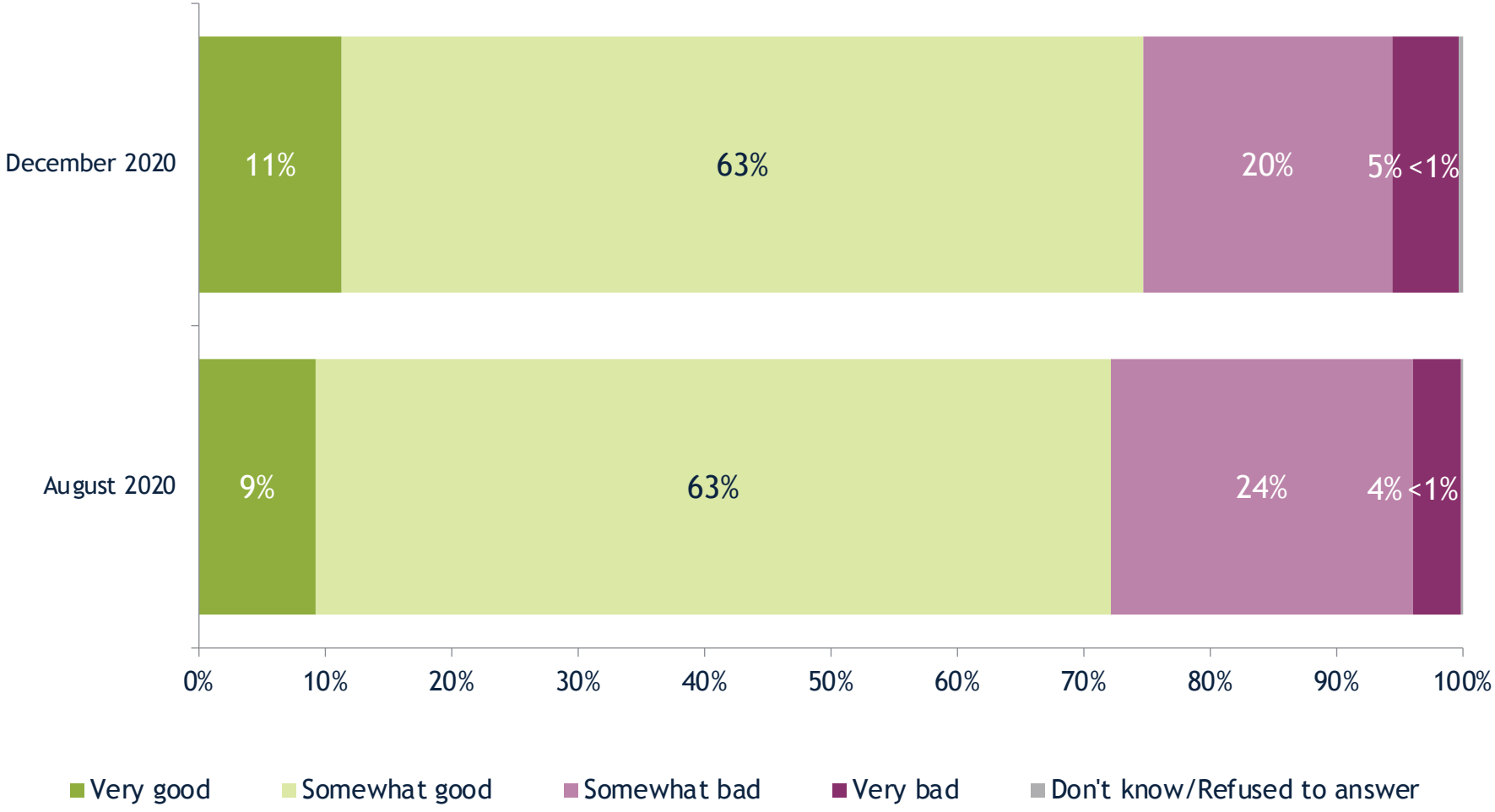

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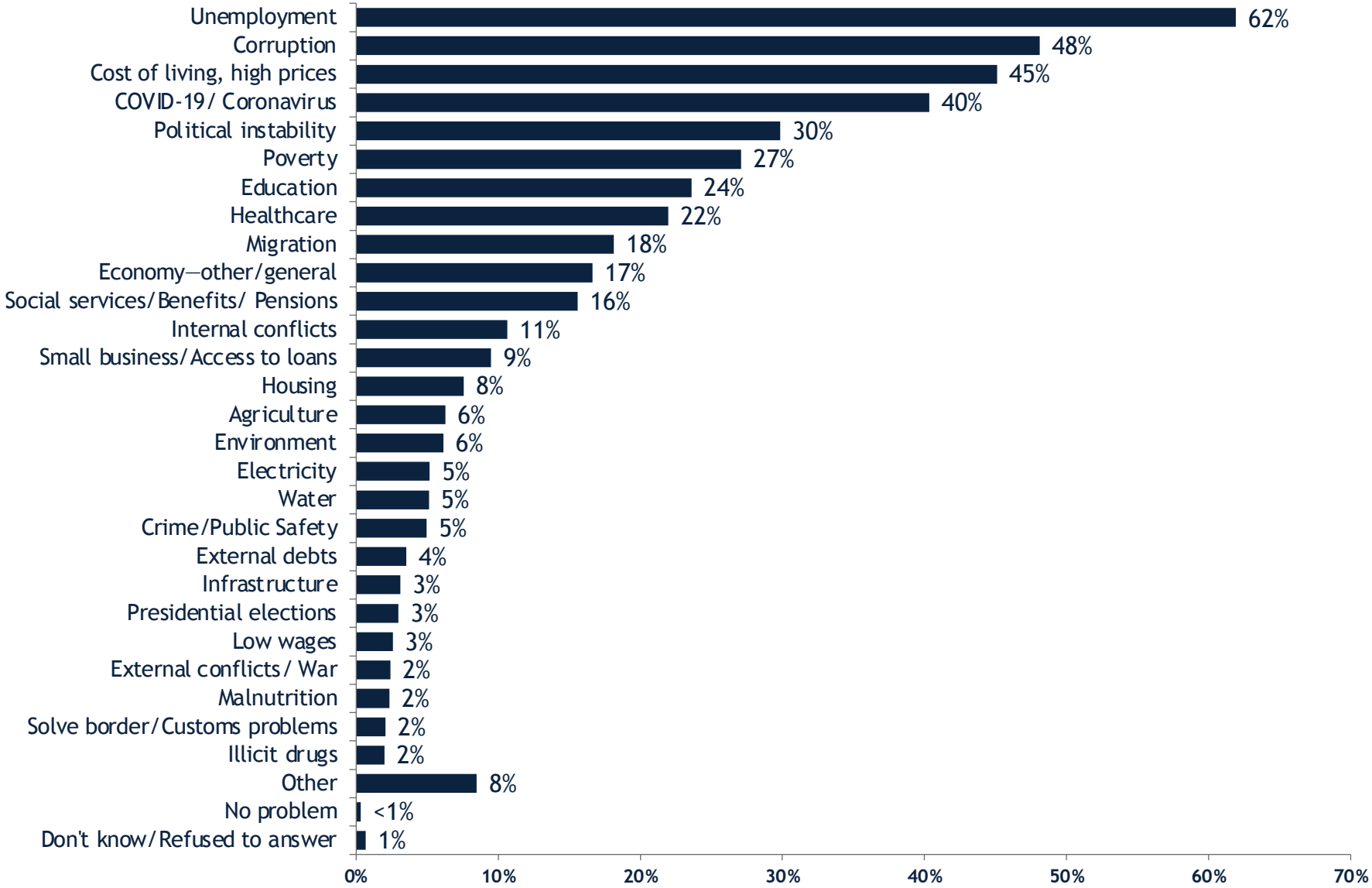


*Responses receiving less than 2% are collapsed into *Other*.

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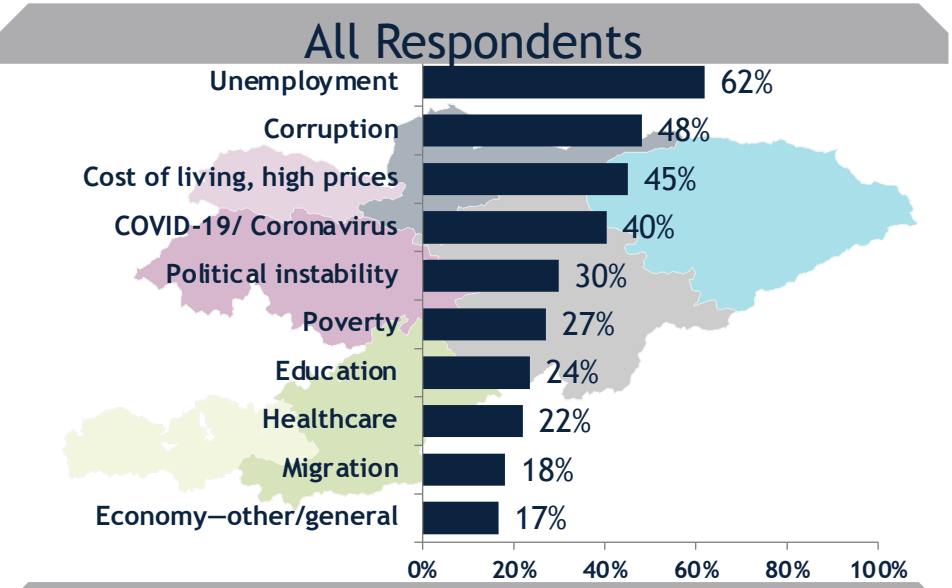


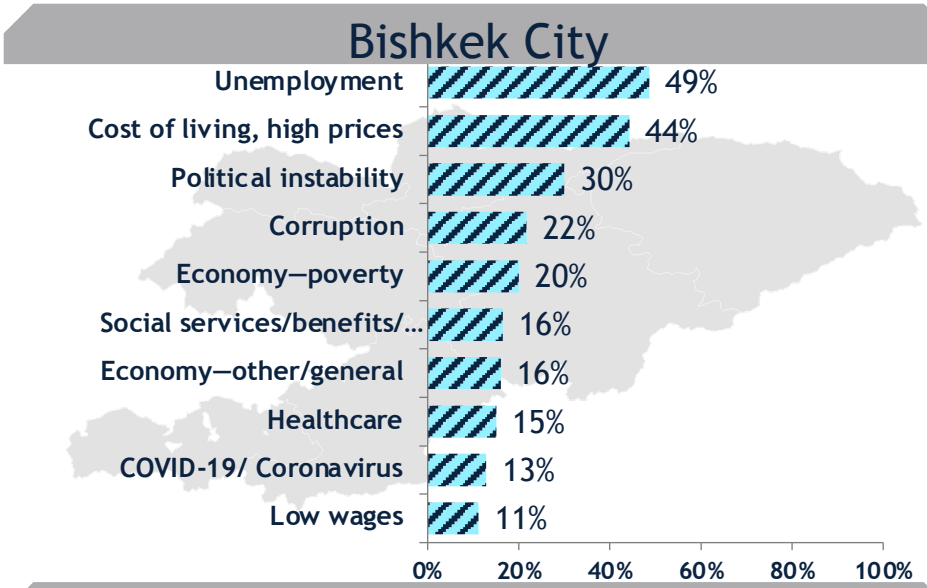


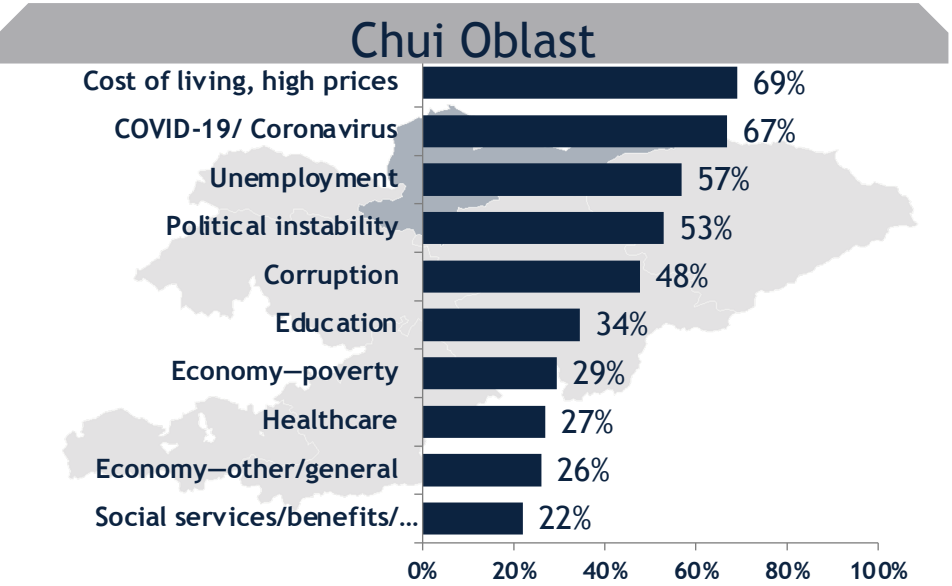


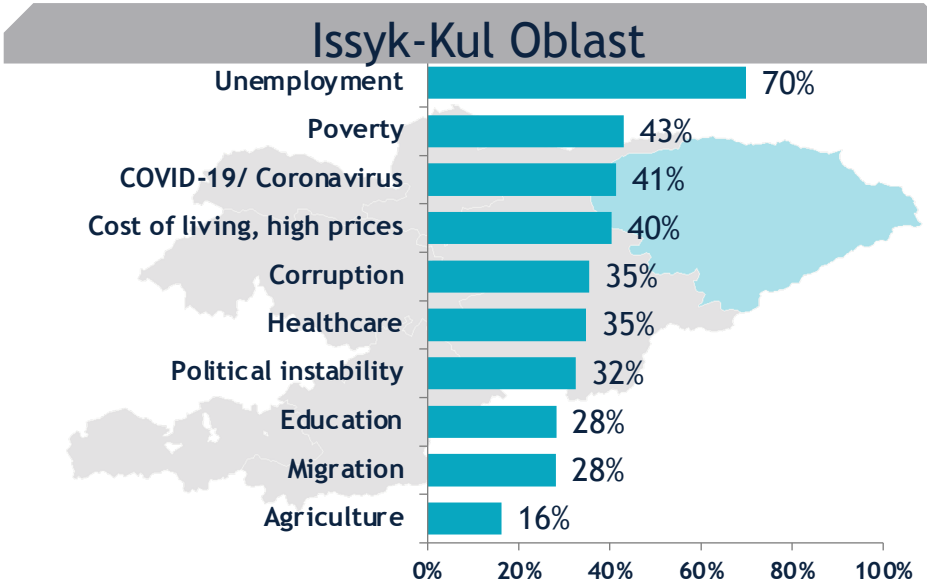

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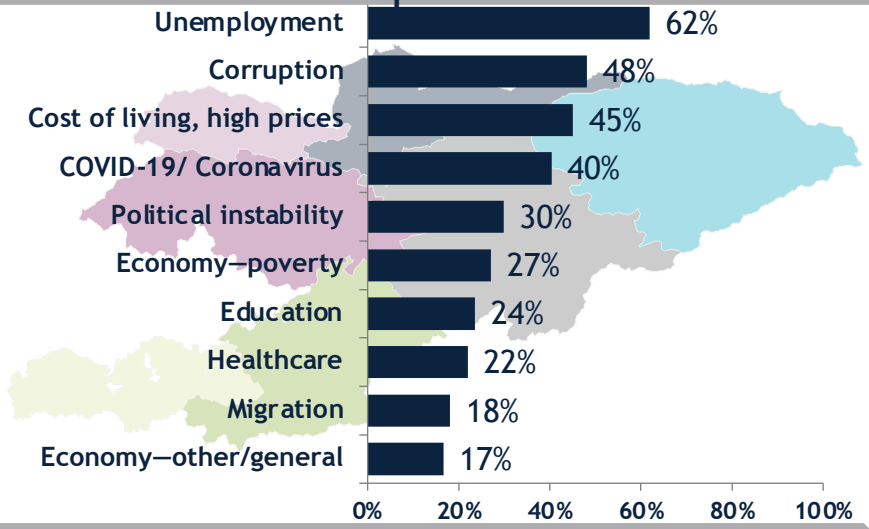


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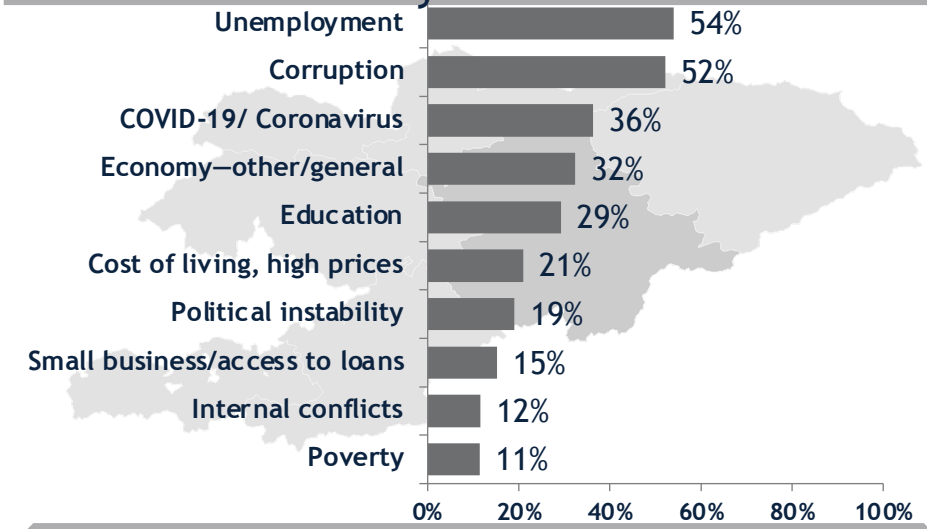


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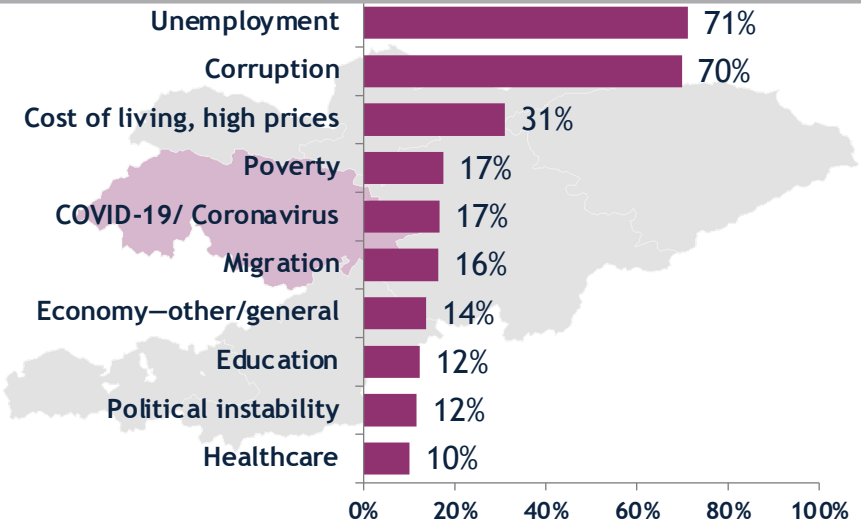


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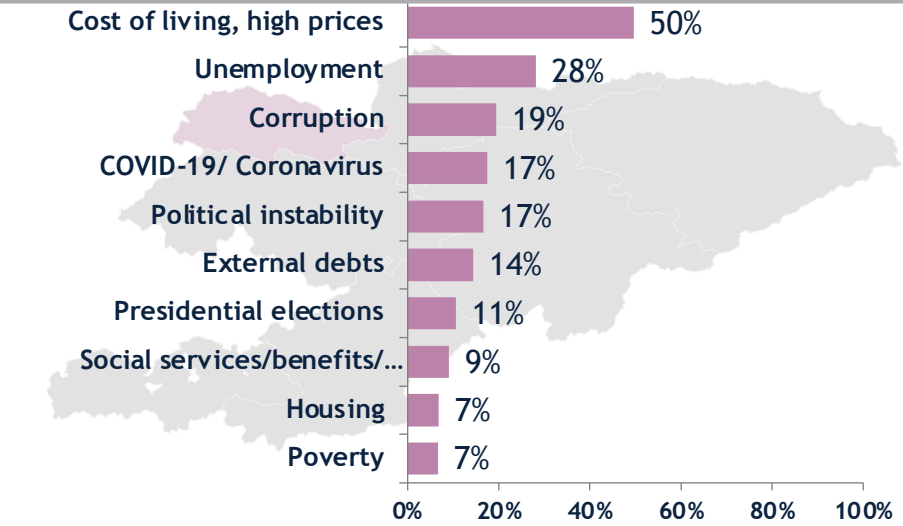

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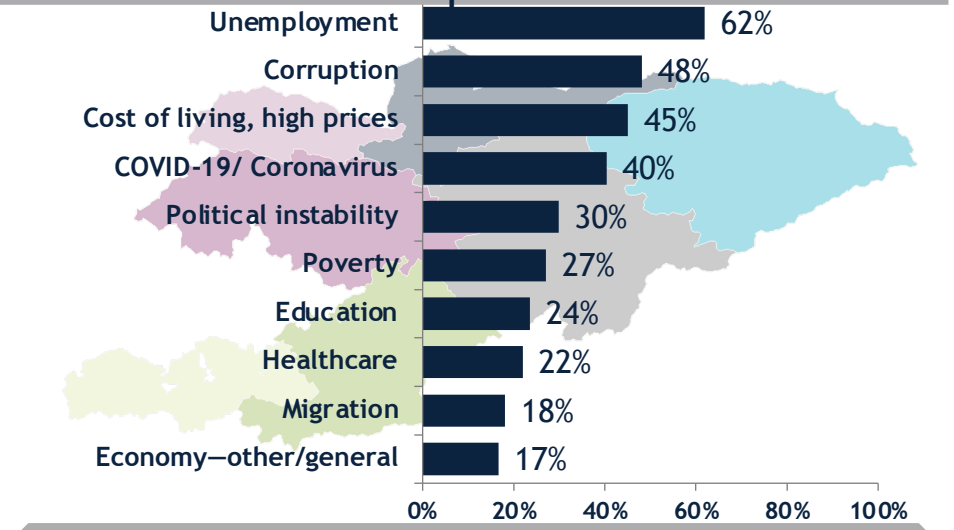


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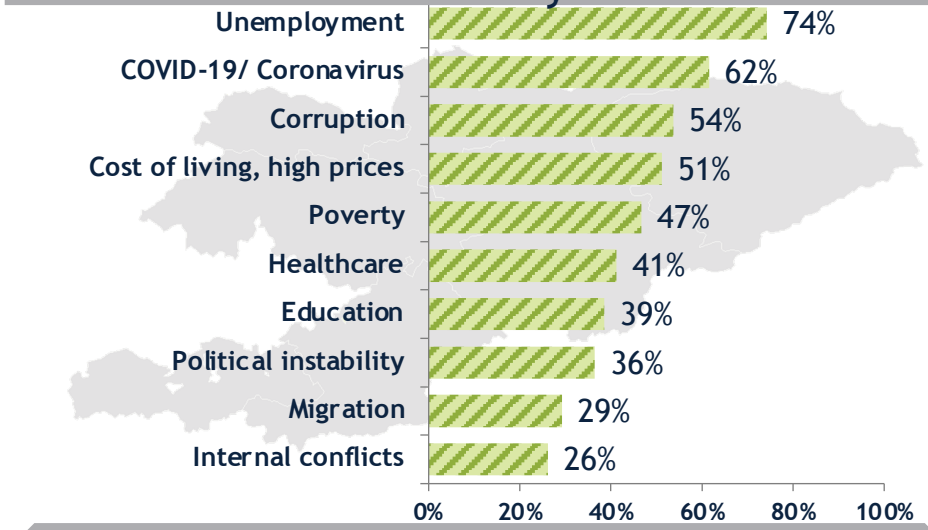


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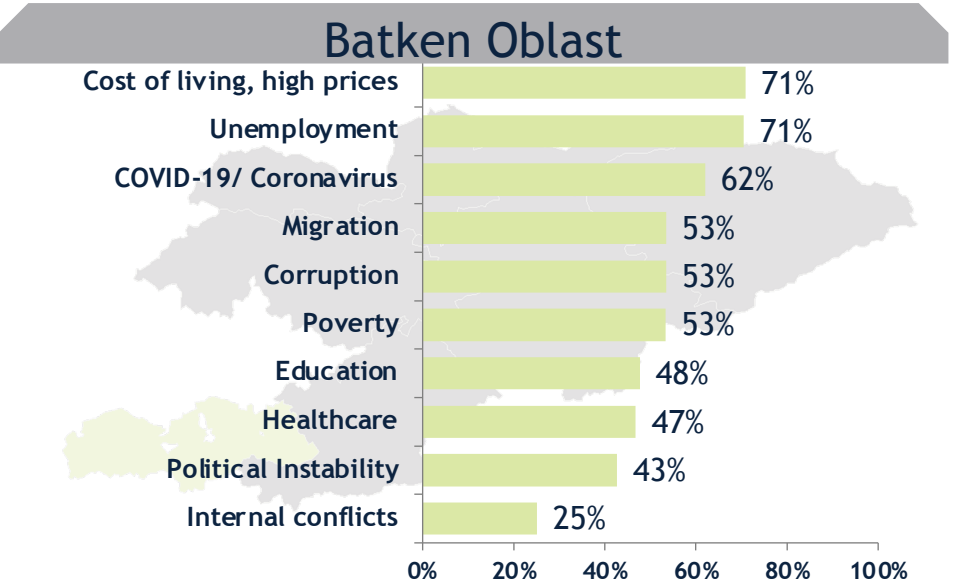


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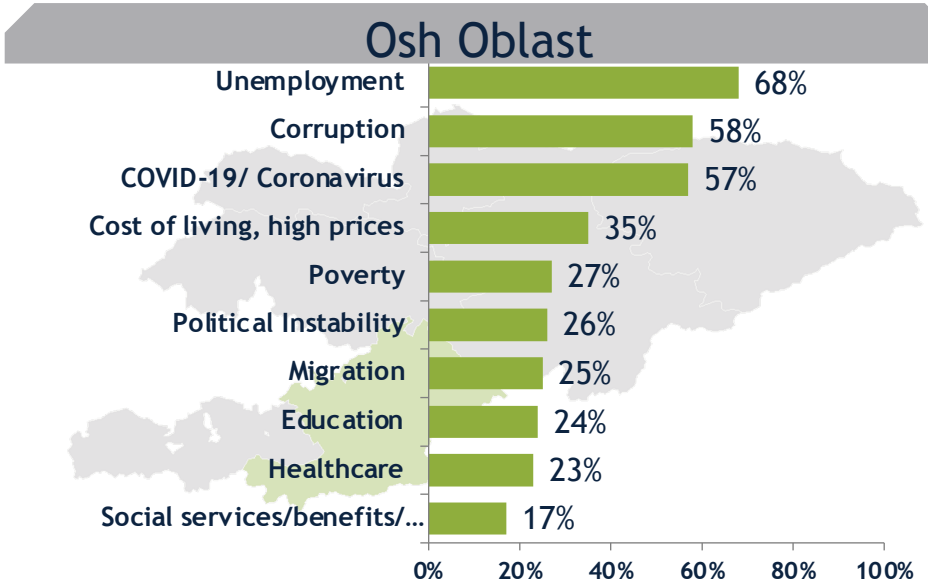

# October 2020 and Upcoming Parliamentary Elections

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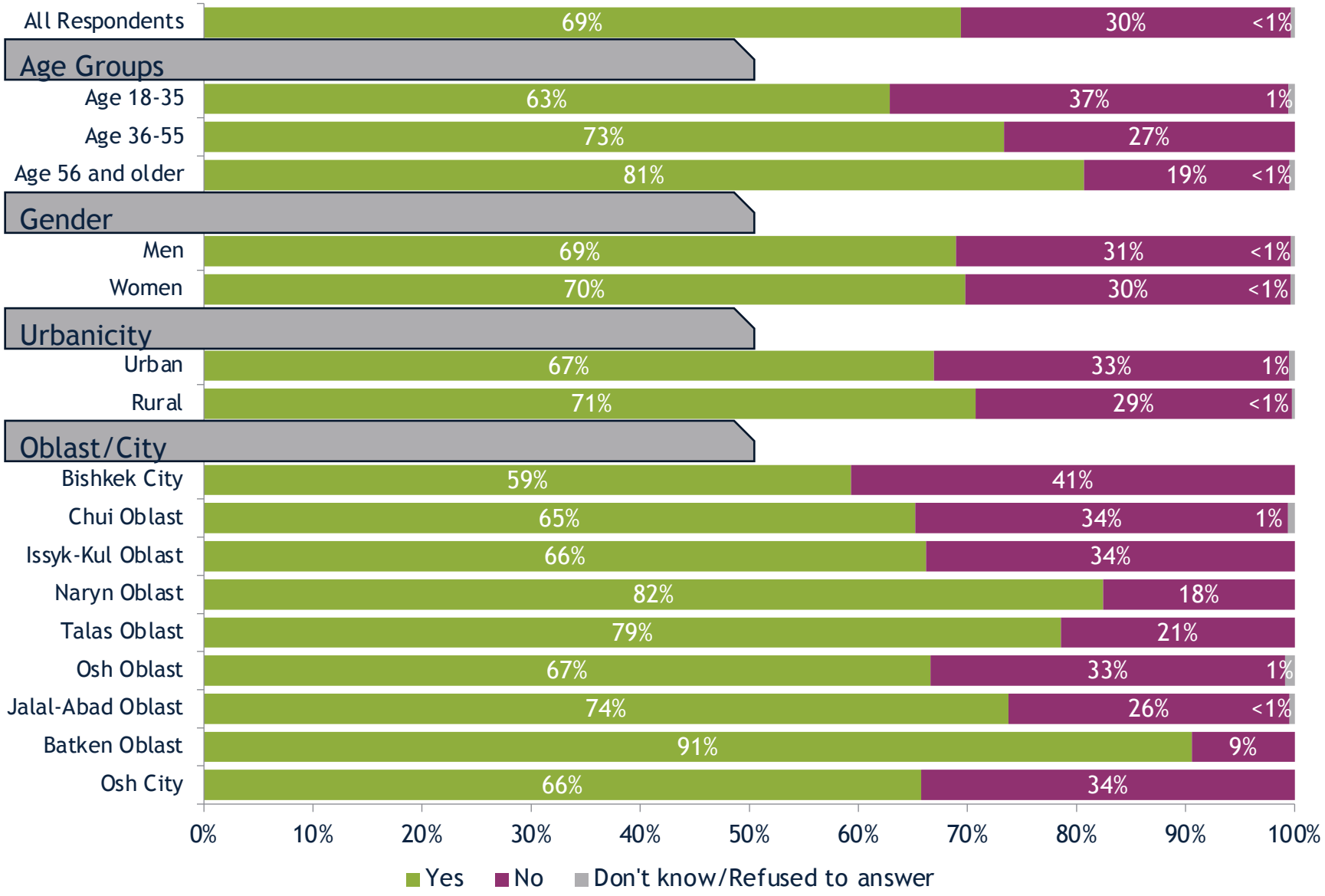
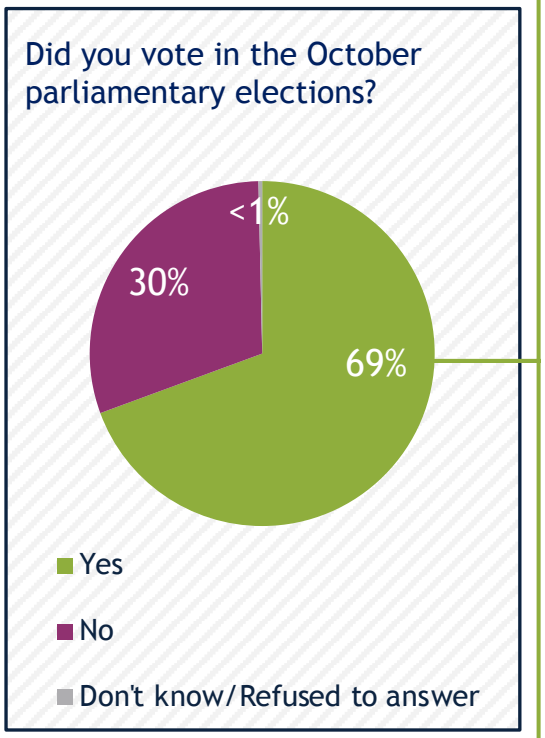
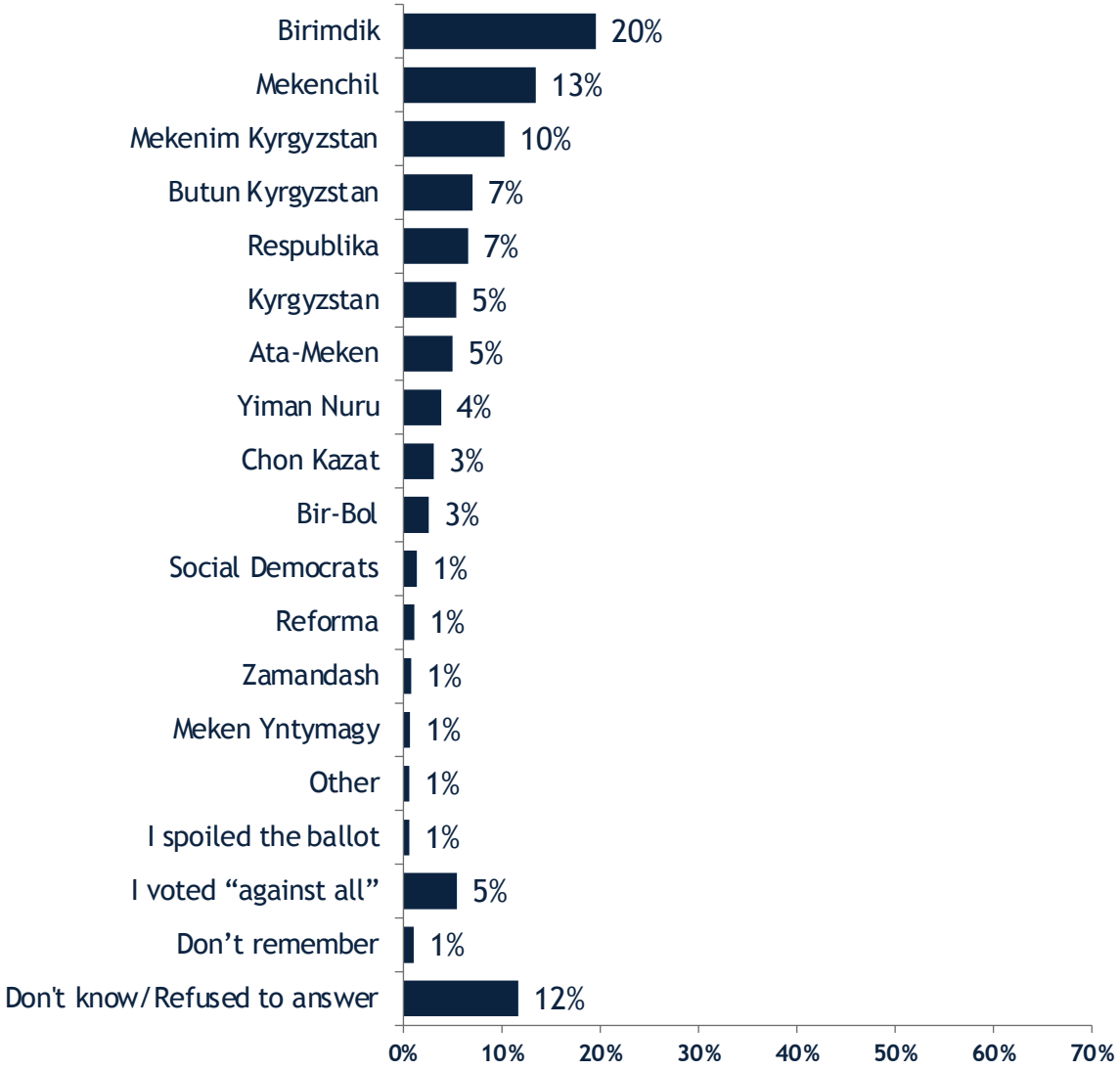
# Did you vote in the October parliamentary elections?



# In the October parliamentary elections, for which party did you vote?

(Spontaneous response; among those who reported voting in the October parliamentary elections, n=833)



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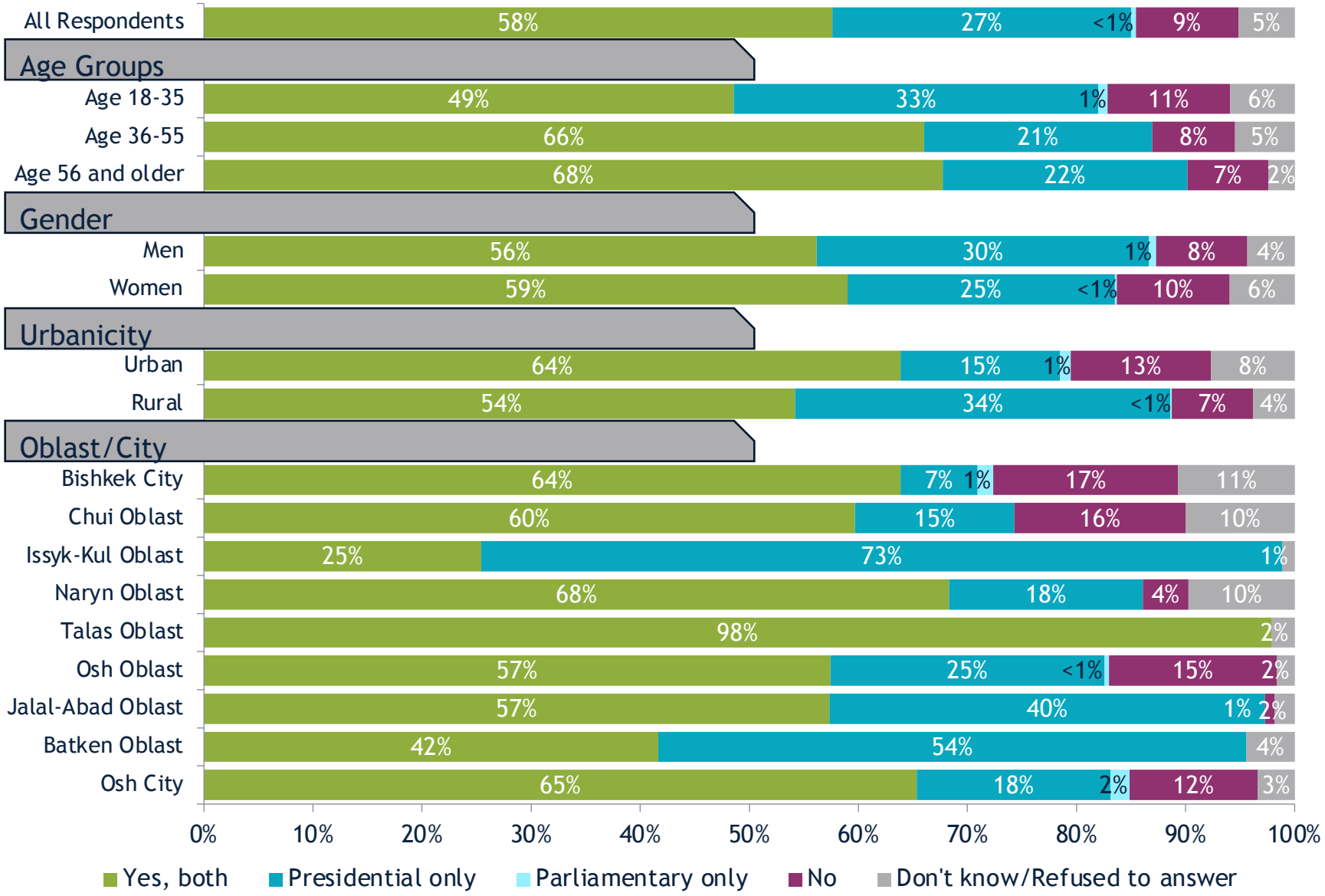

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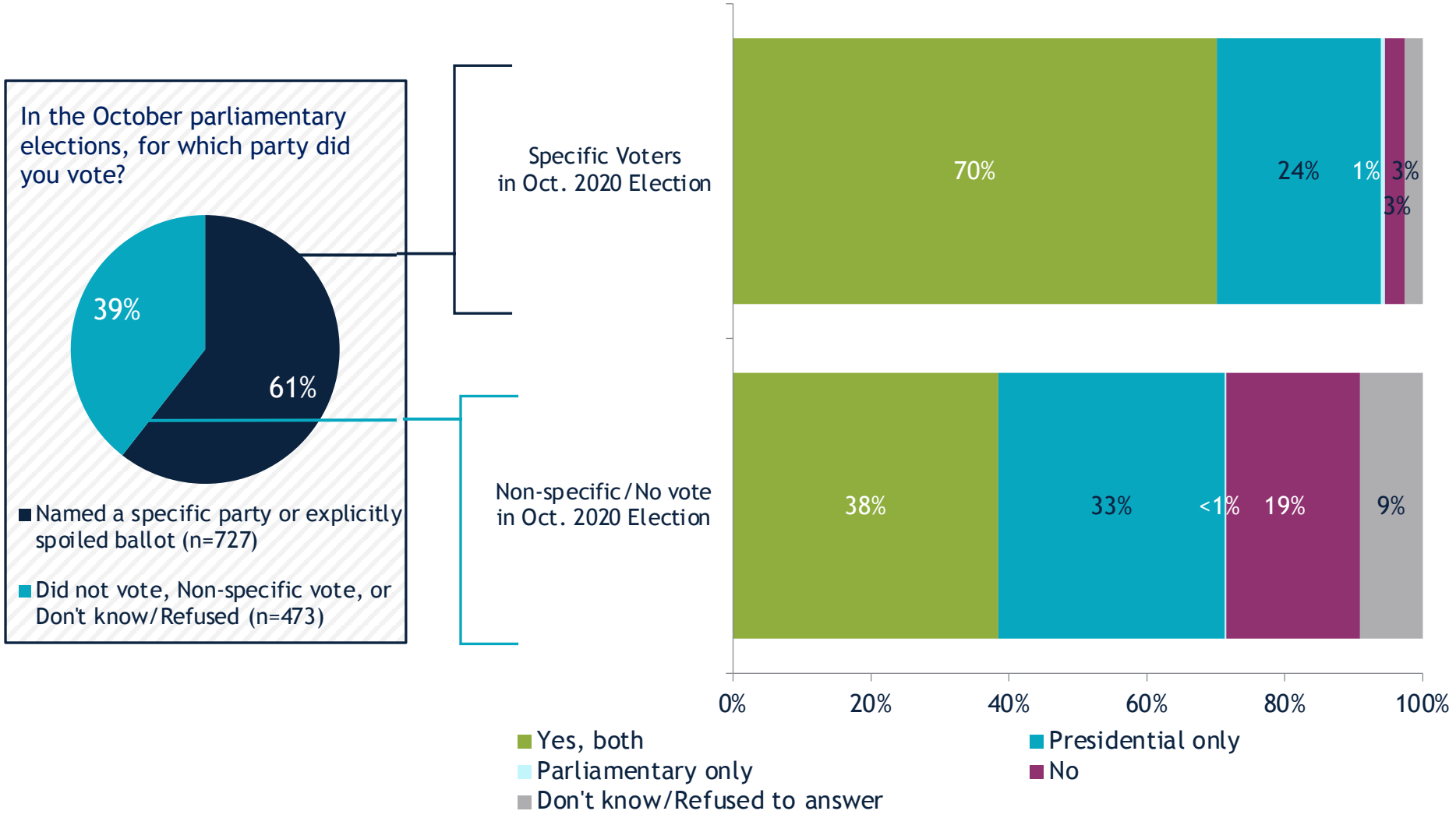

# Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

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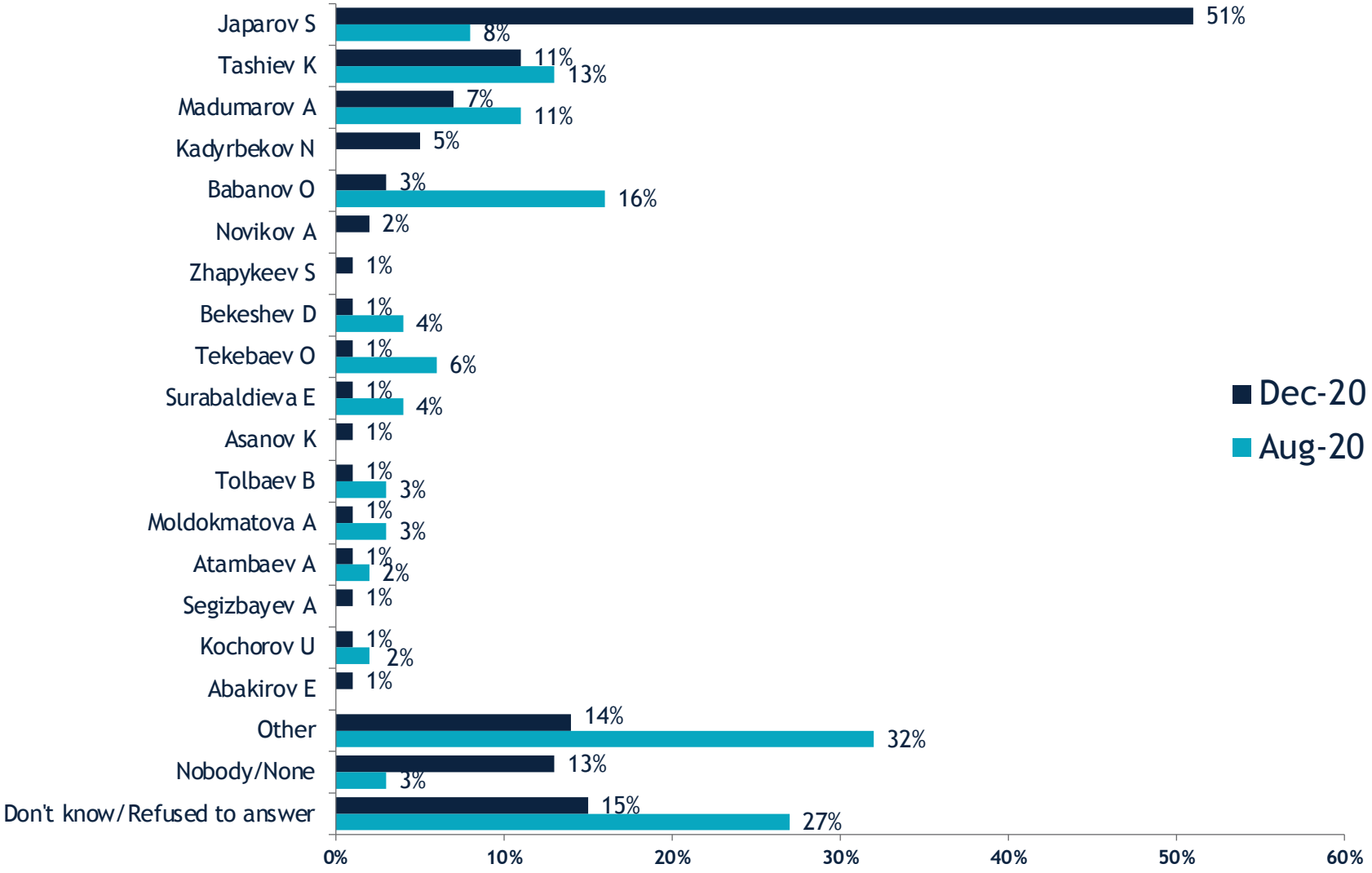

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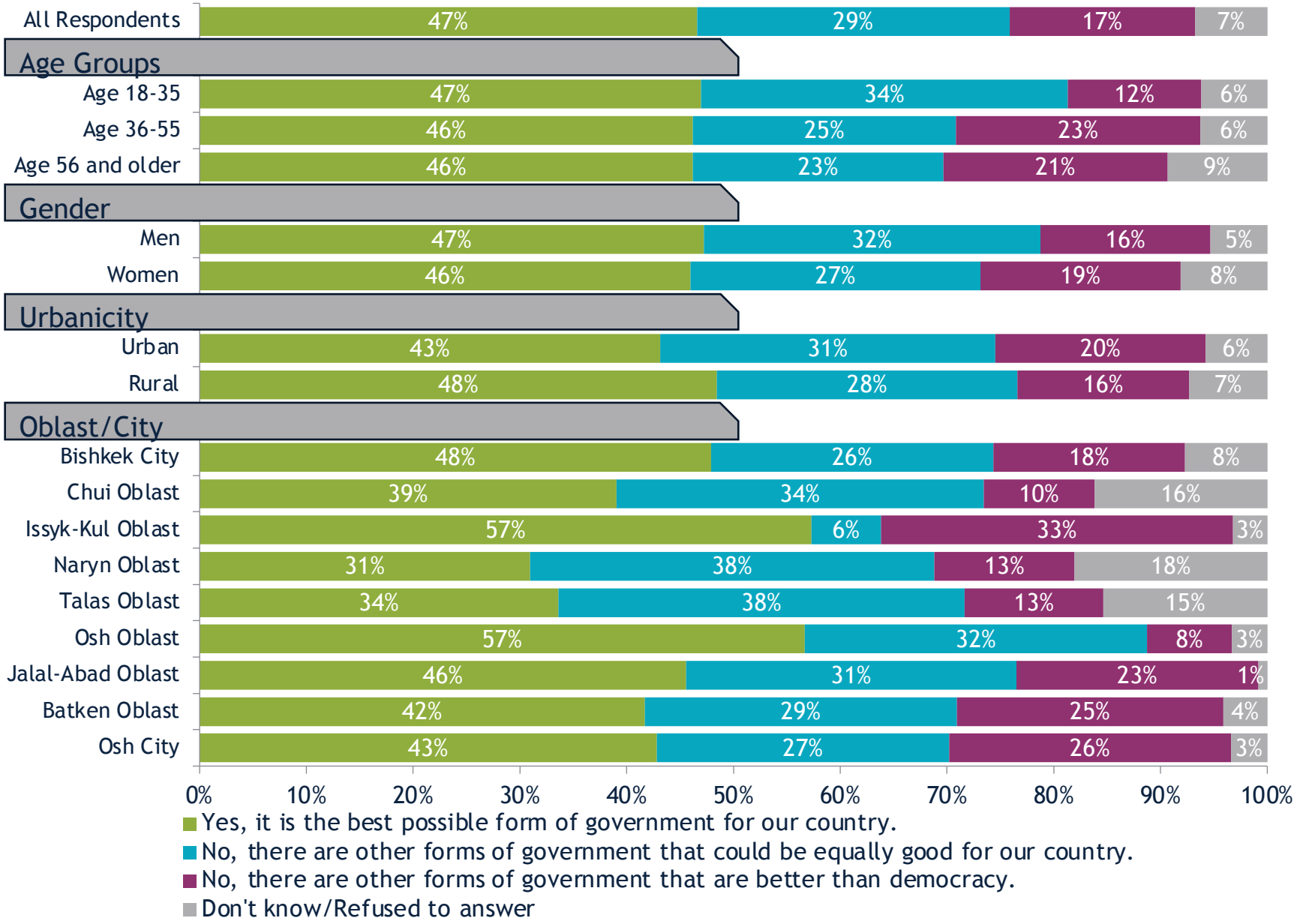
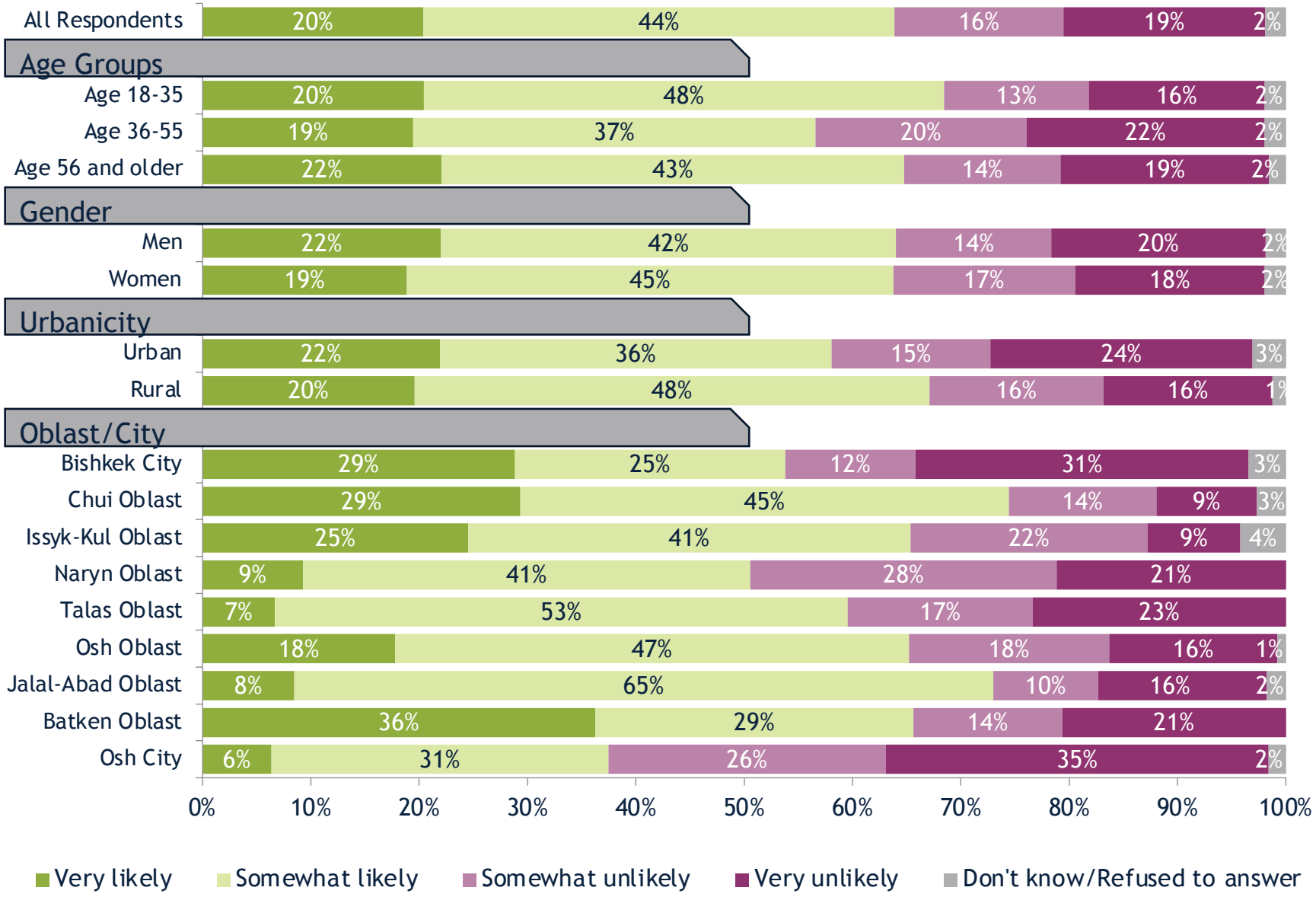
# Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for [Kyrgyzstan] or not?



# How likely or unlikely are ordinary people to be able to influence decisions made in our country?



# Party Familiarity and Campaign Outreach

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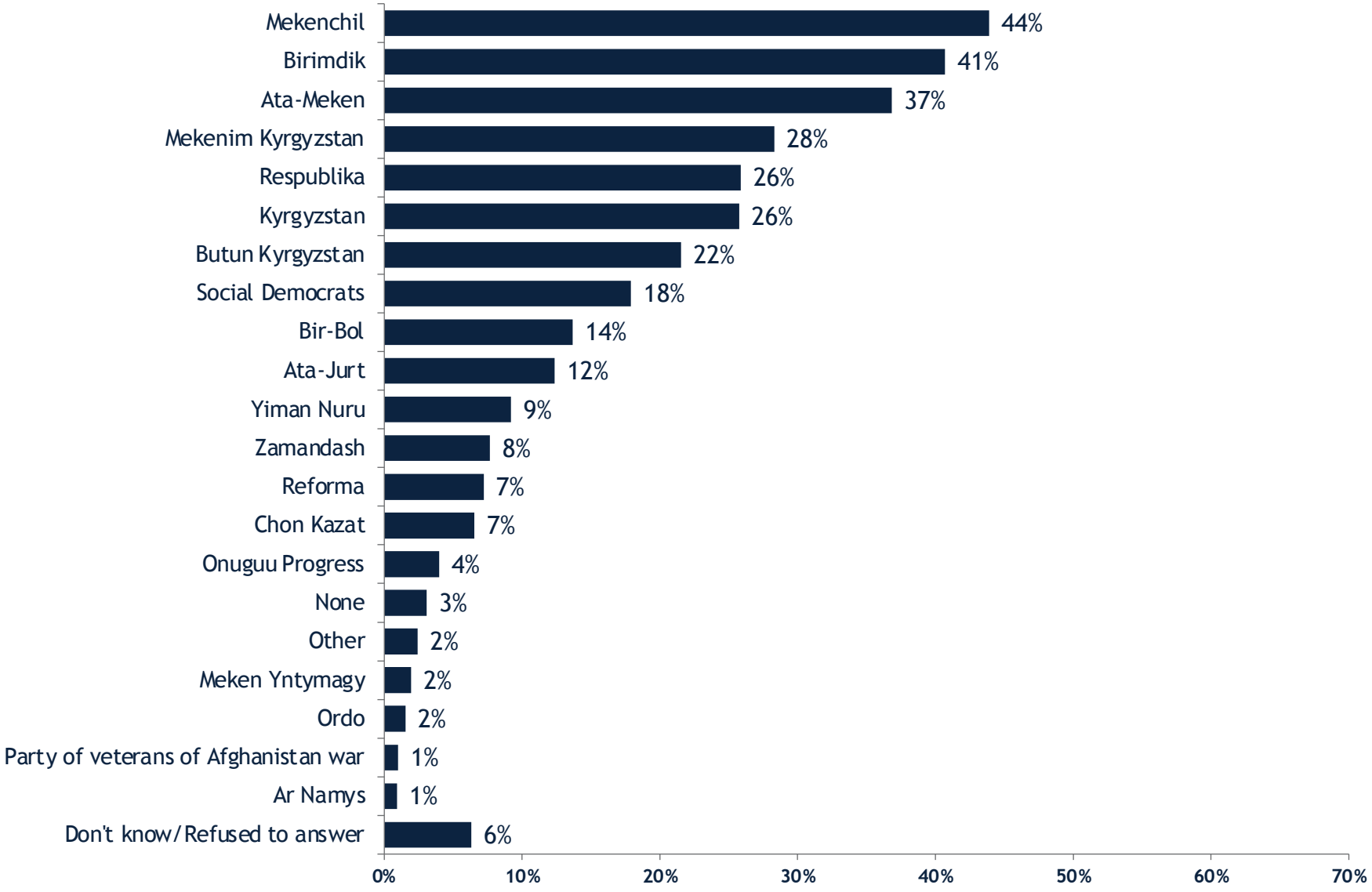

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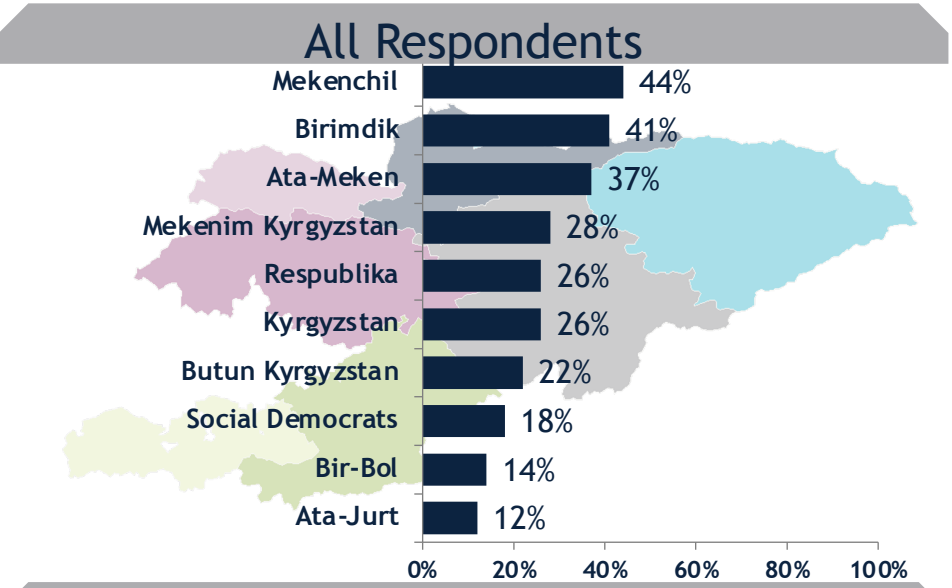


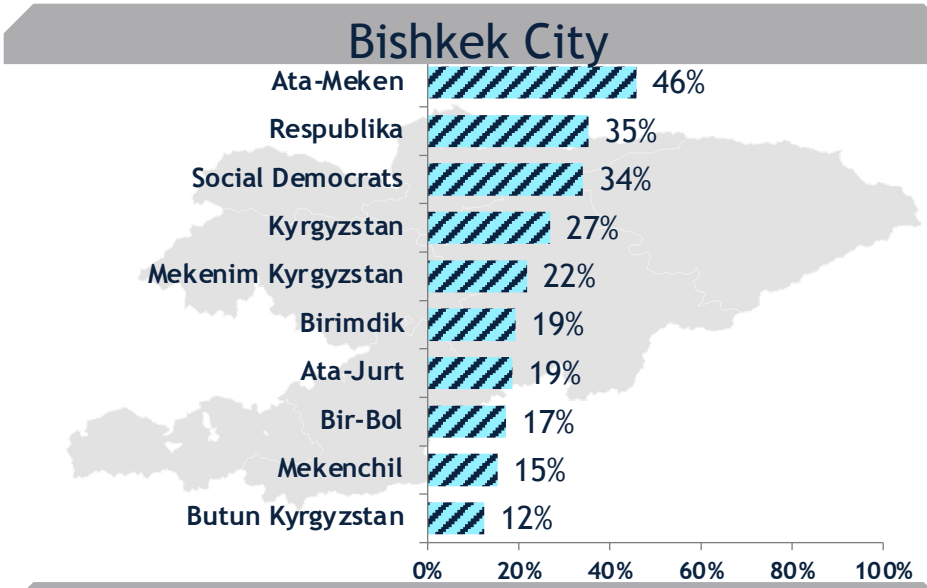


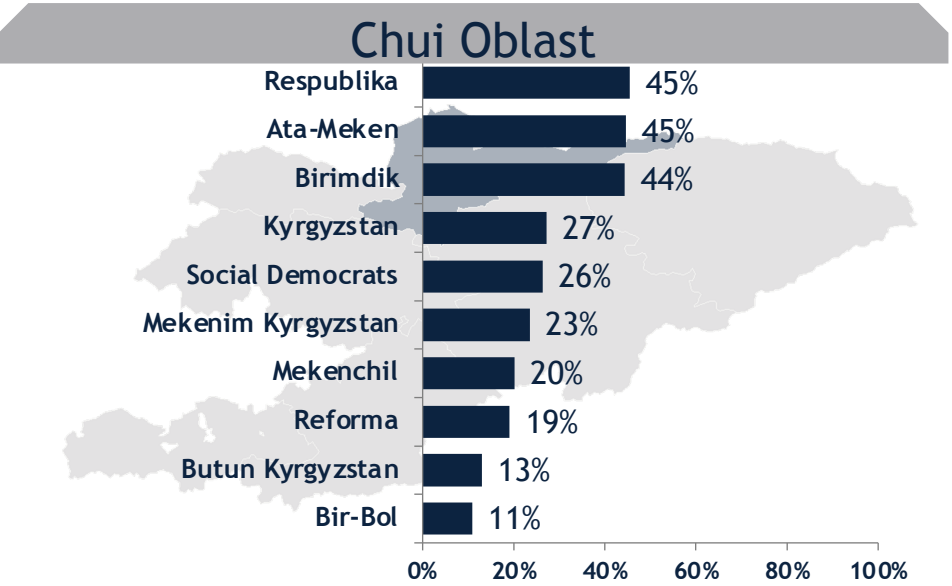


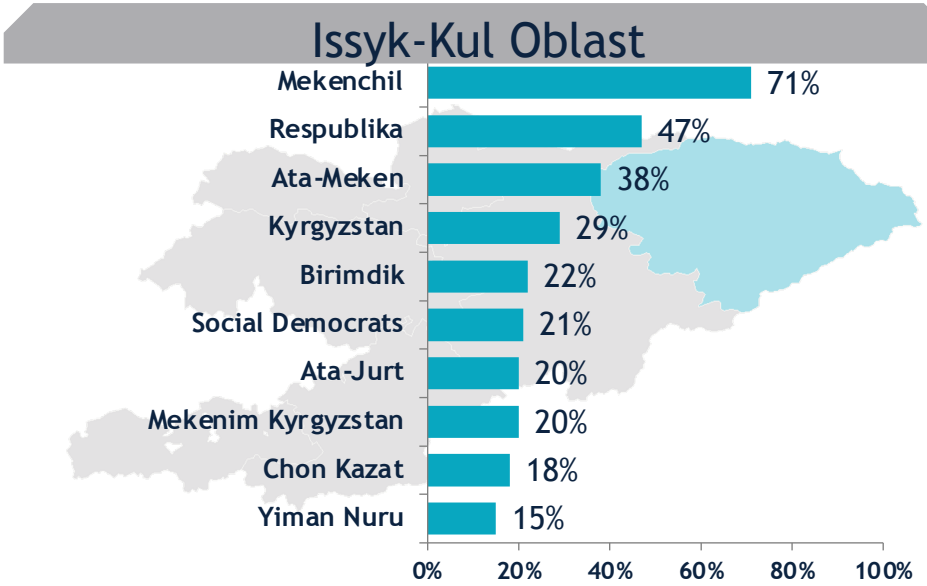

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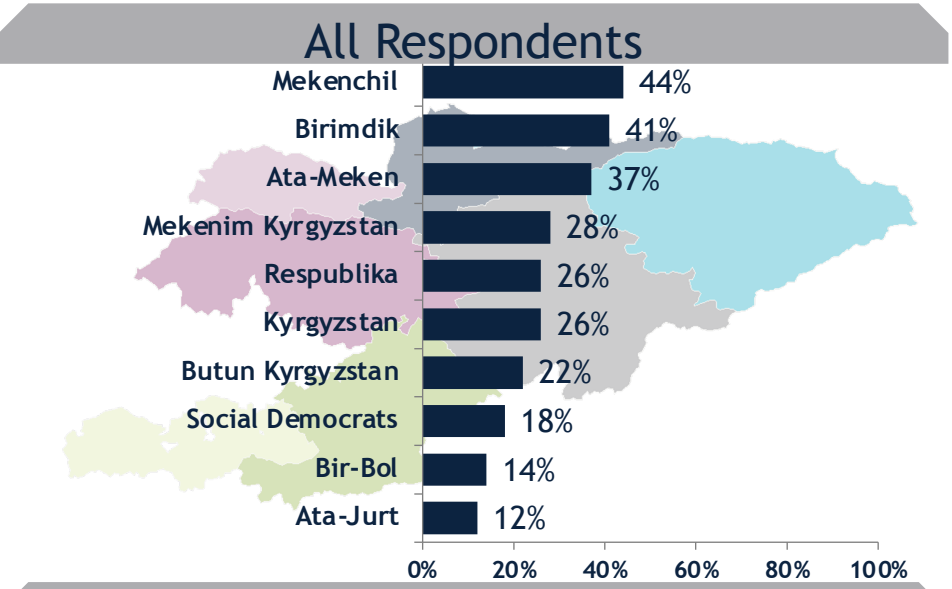


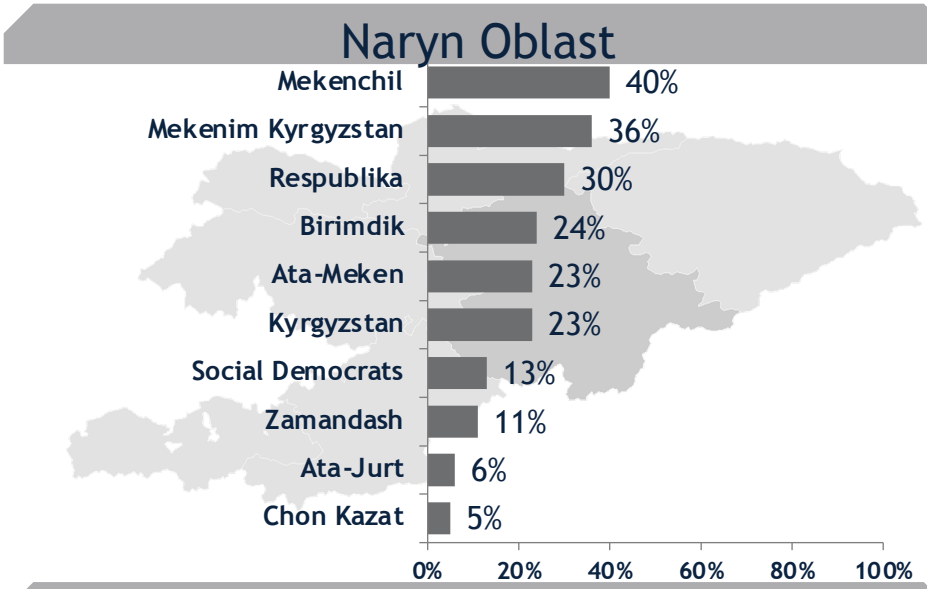


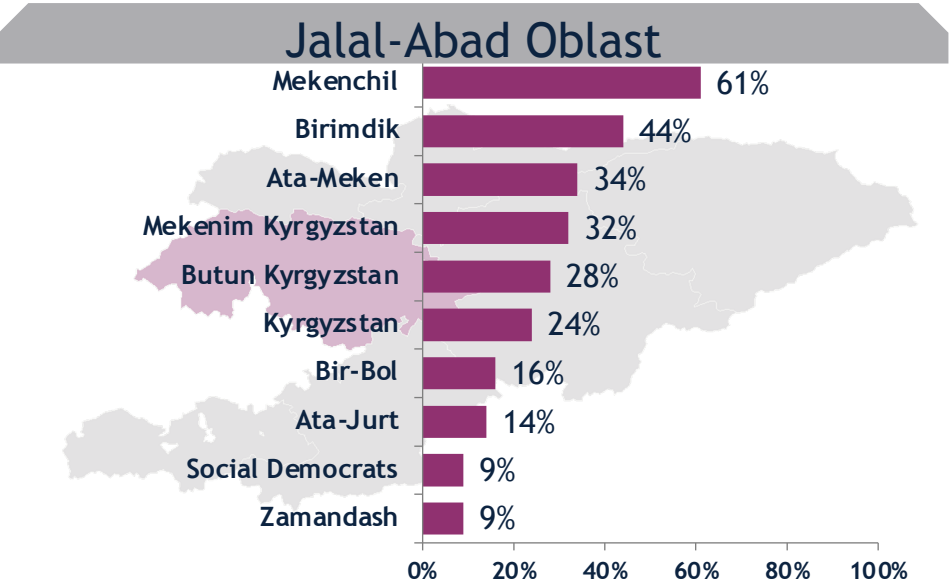


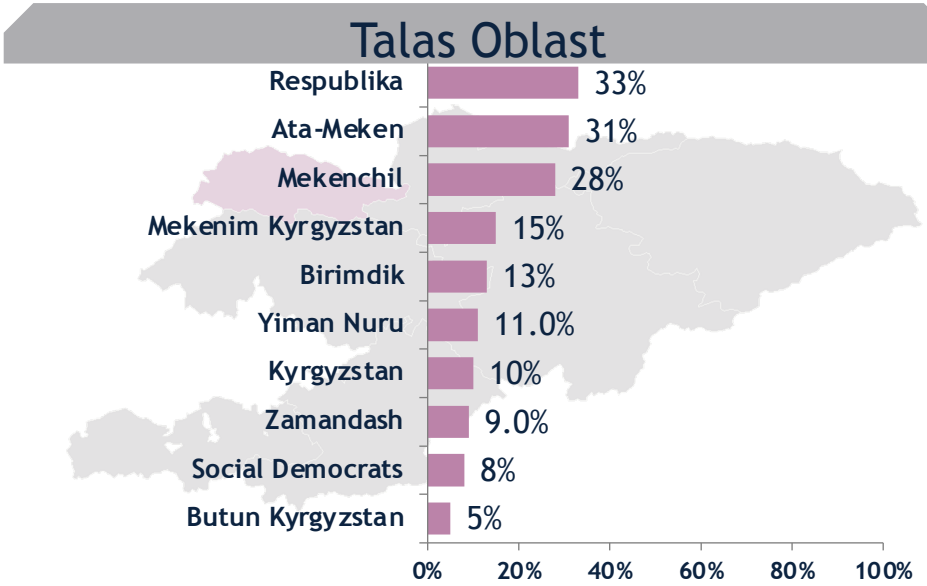

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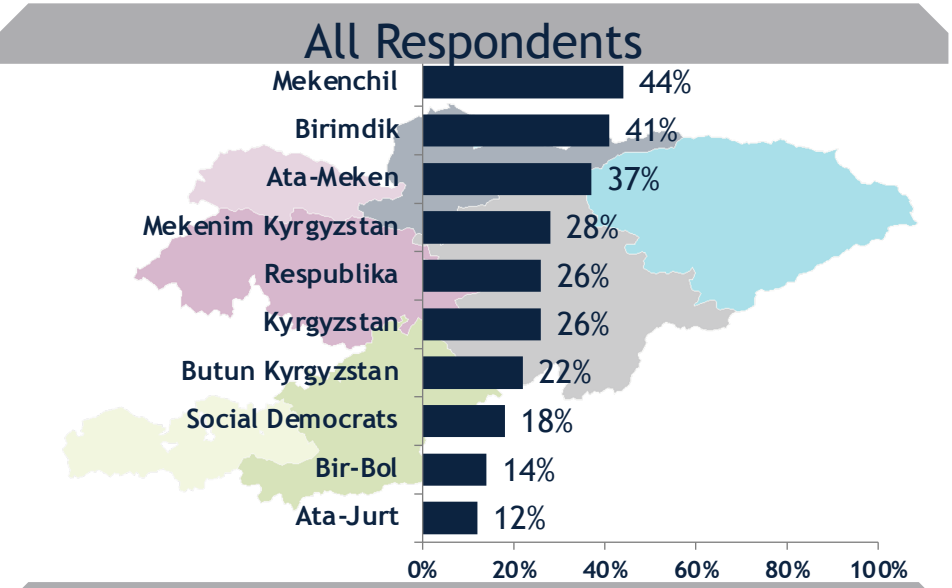
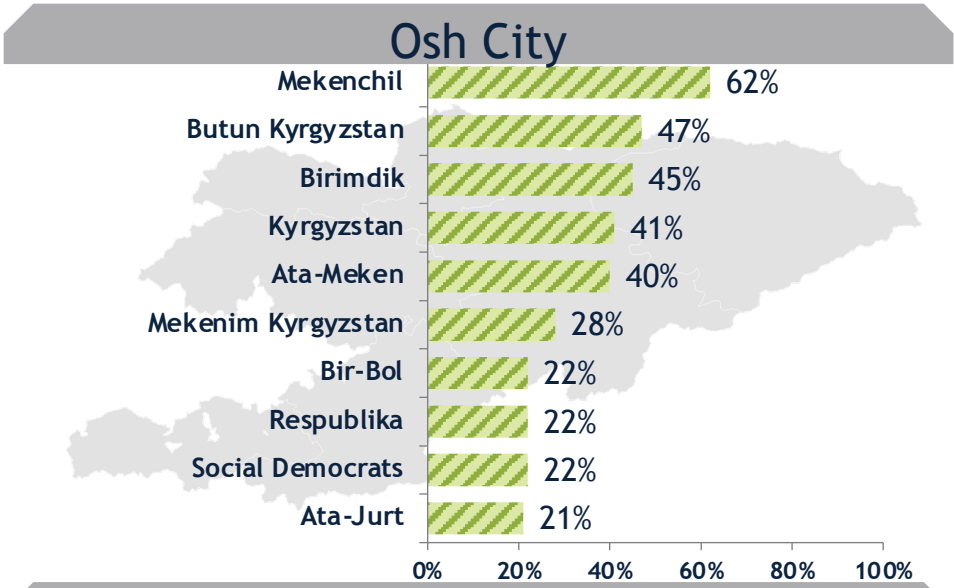
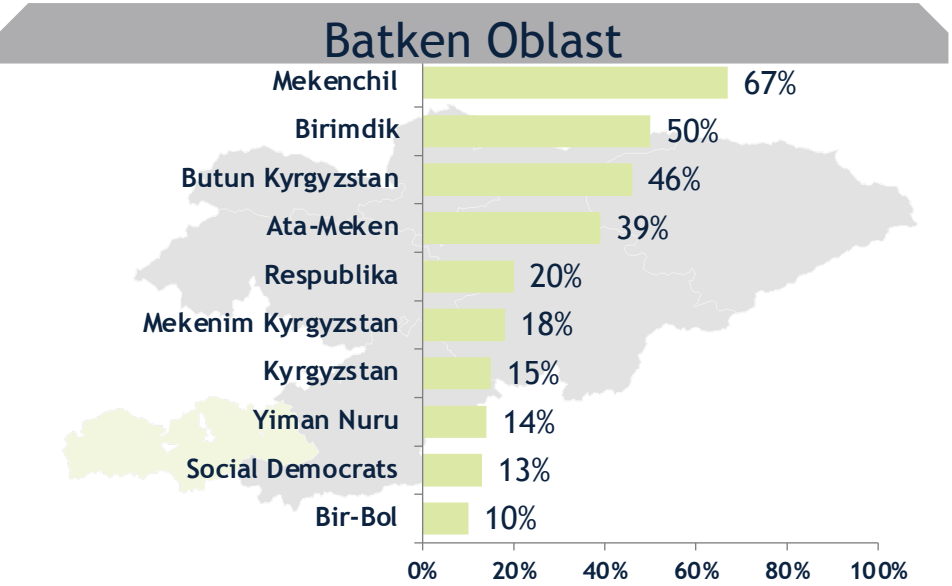
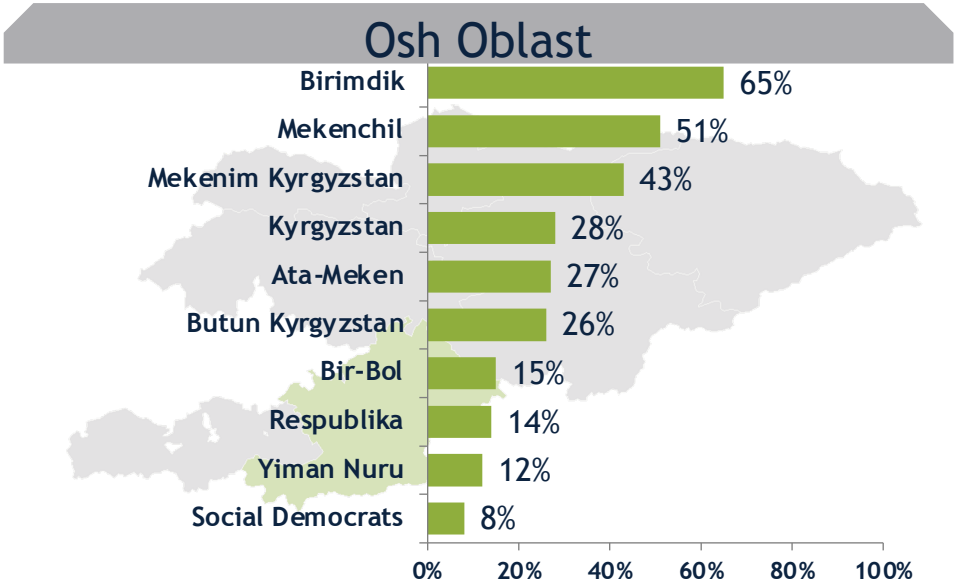


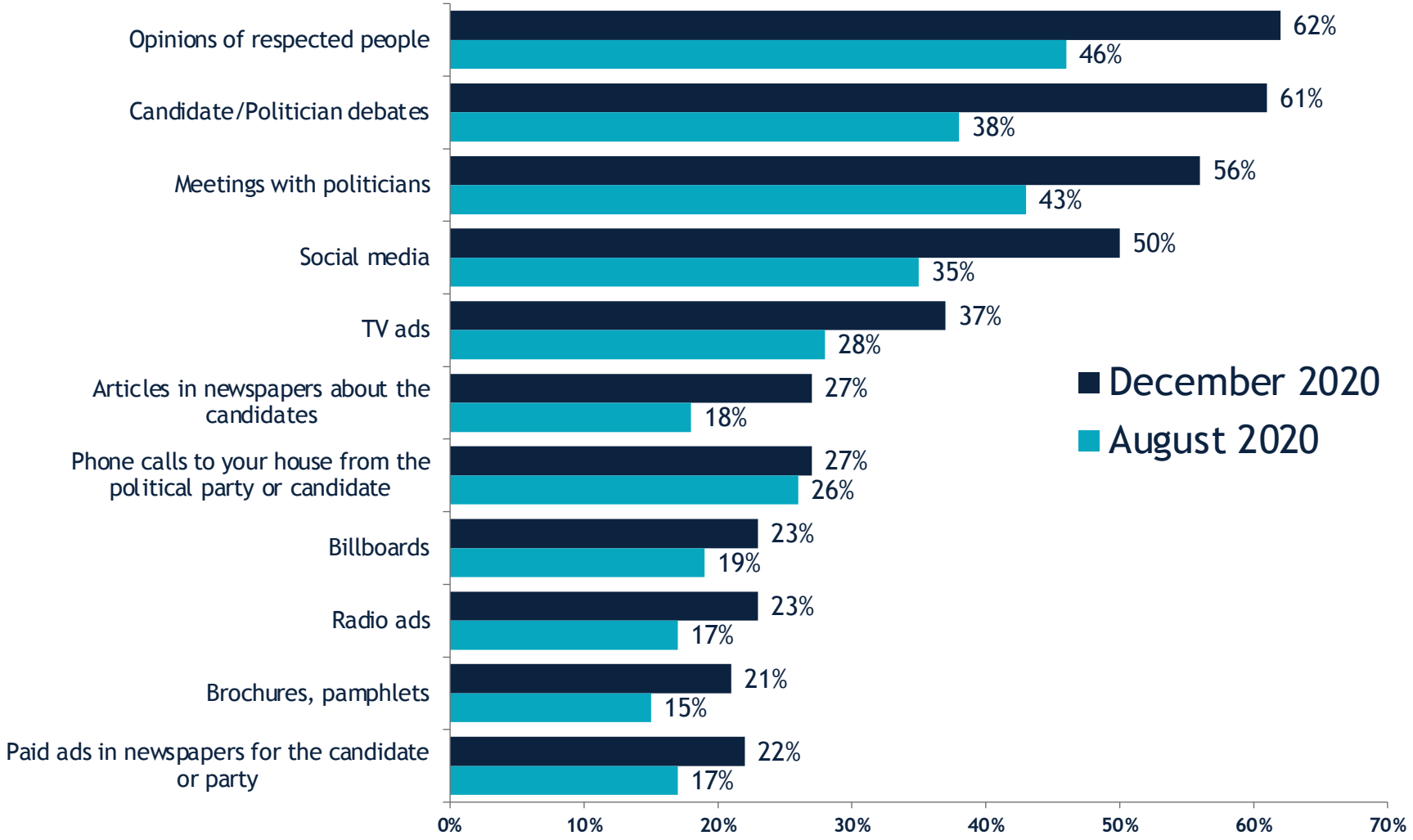



# For each of the following items, [… do] they have great influence, some influence, not much influence or no influence at all on your views of political parties or candidates?

(*Great/Some influence* responses displayed)



# Politician Identity Preferences

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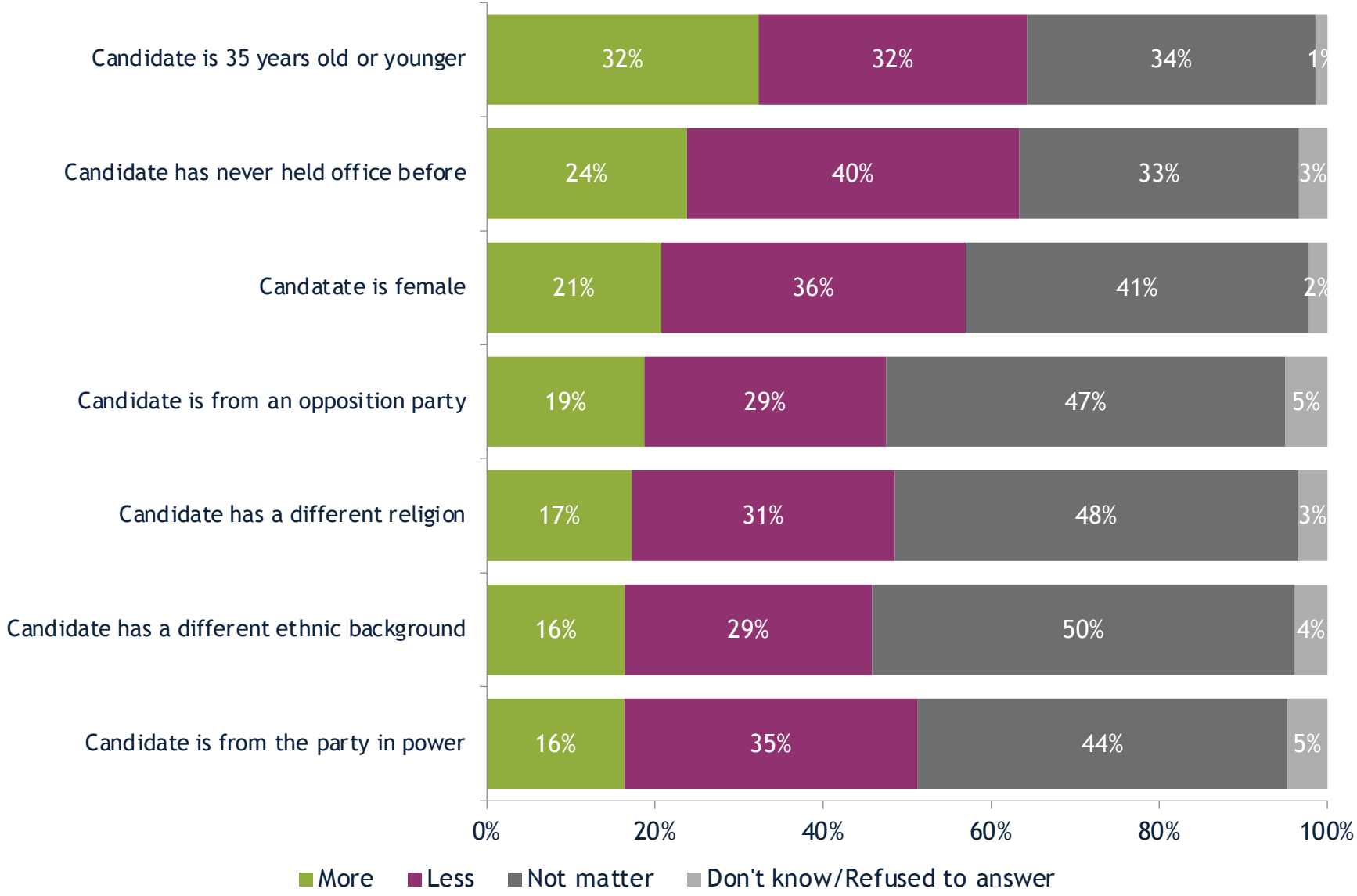

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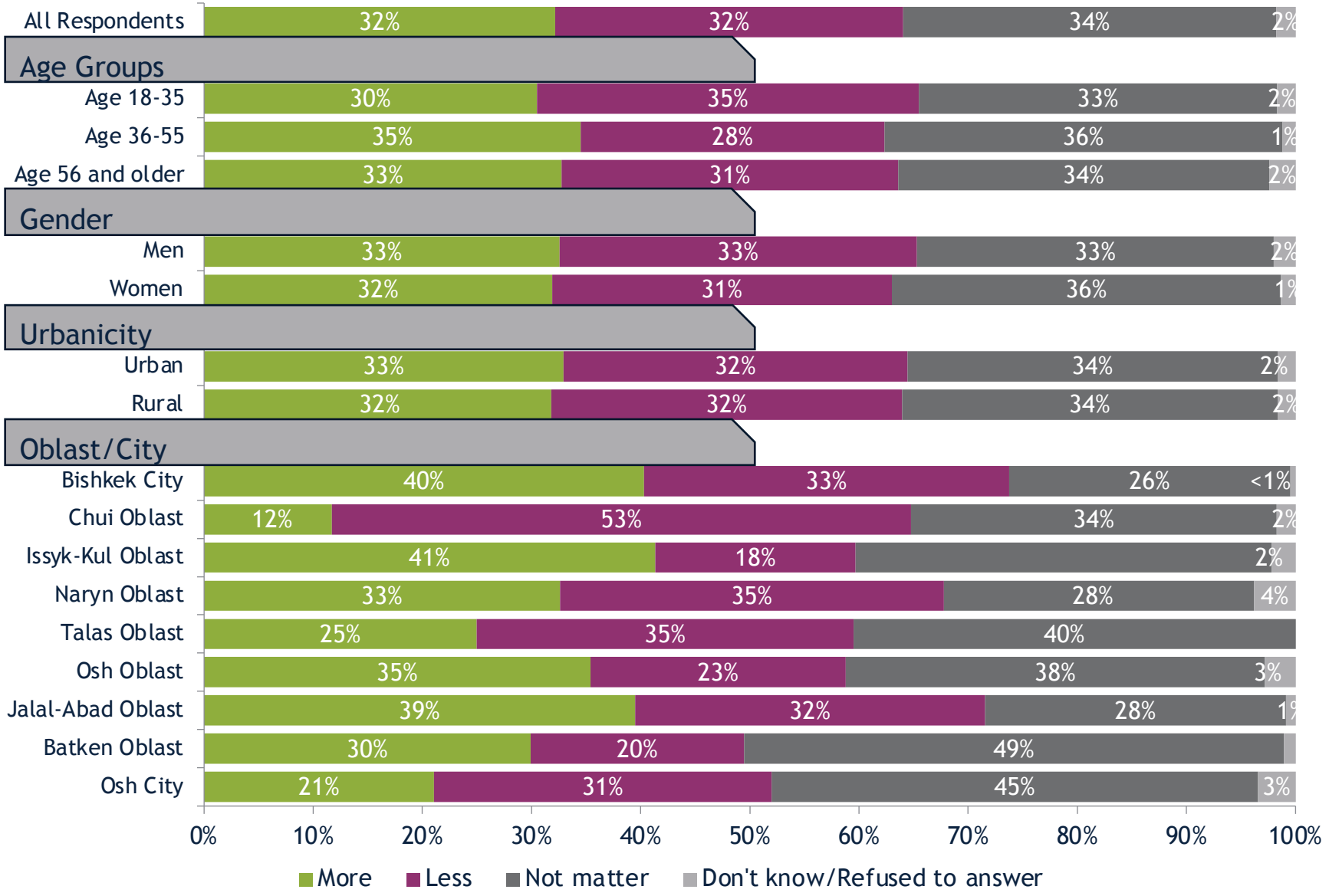

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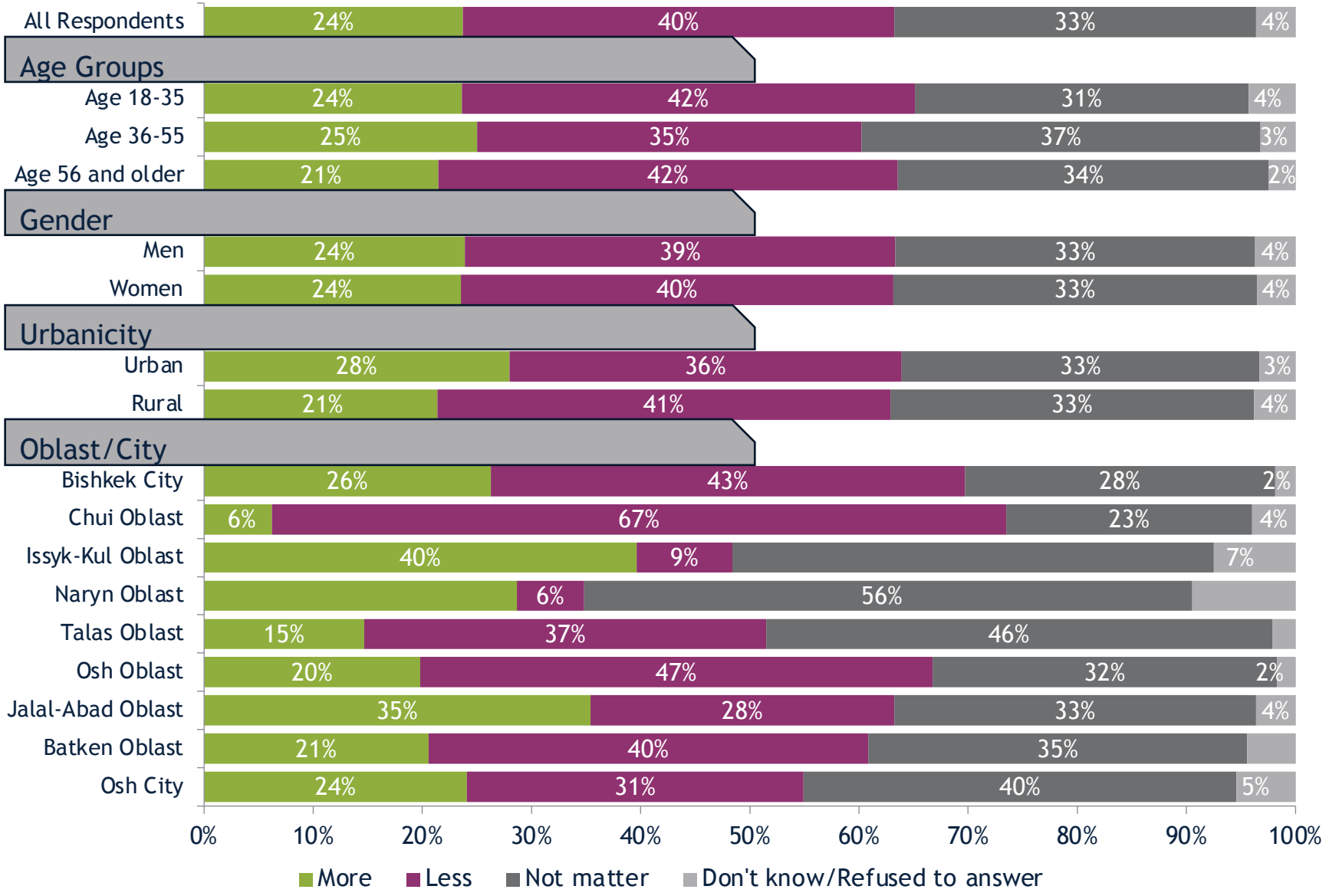

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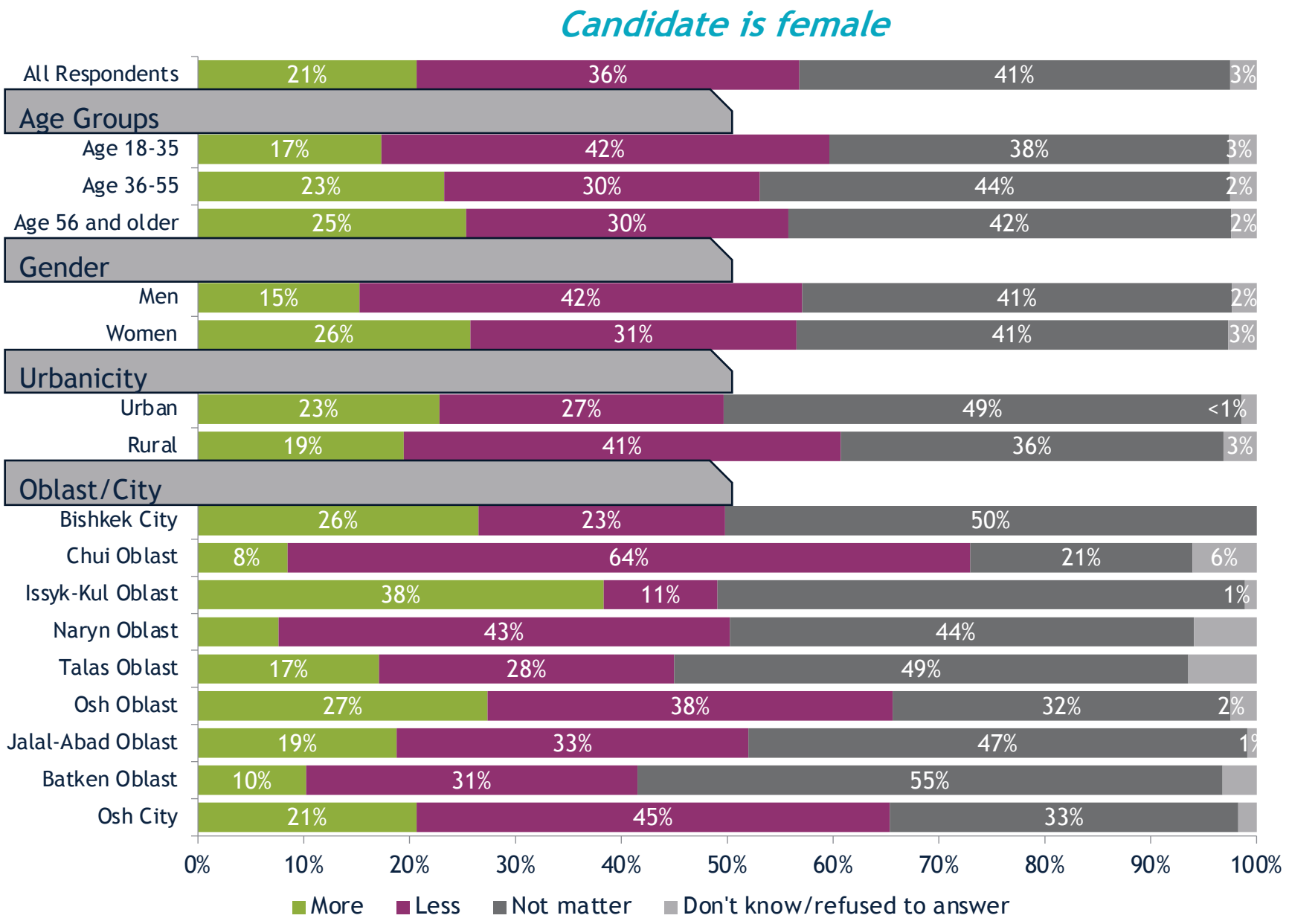

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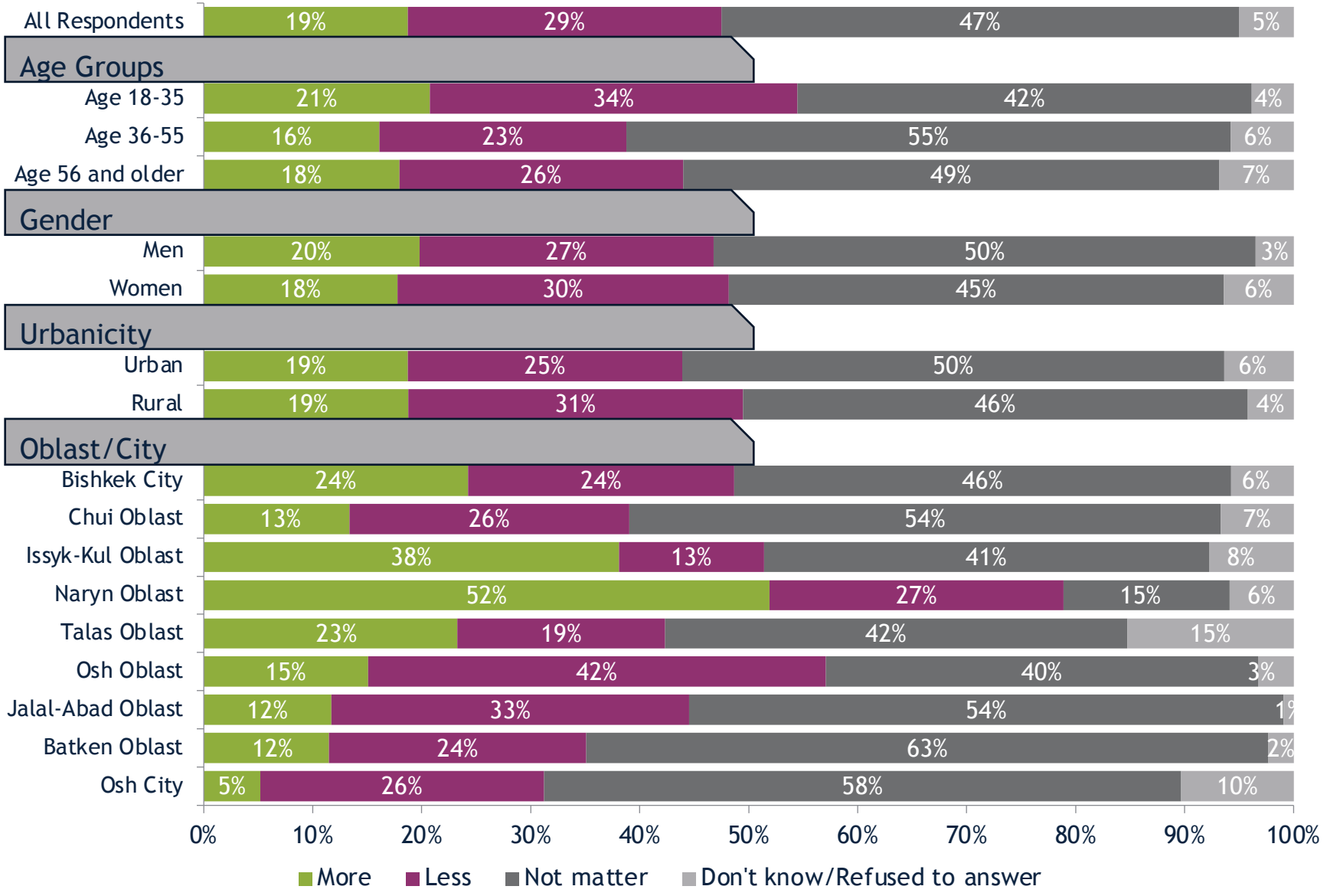
## *Candidate is from an opposition party*



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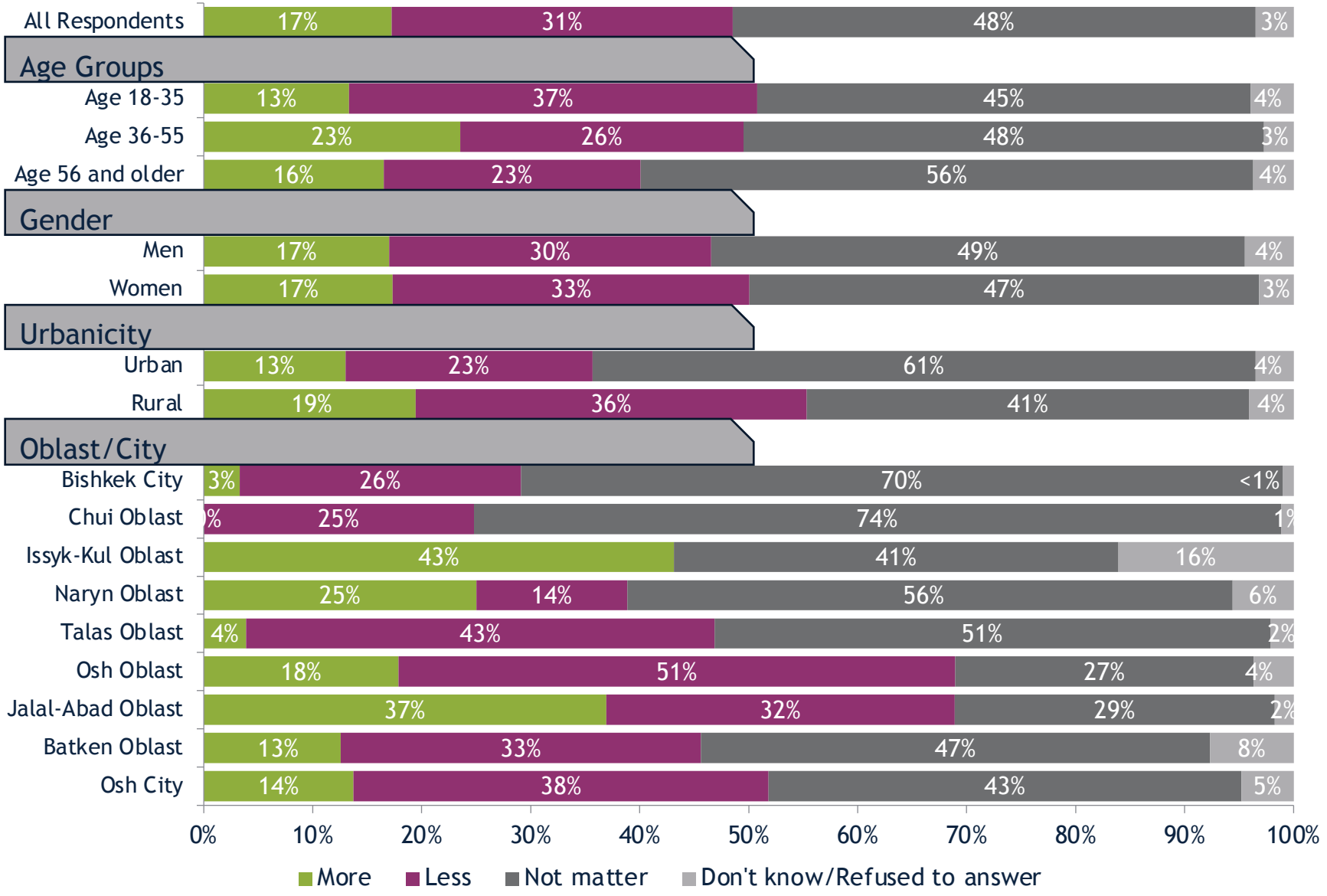
## *Candidate has a different religion*



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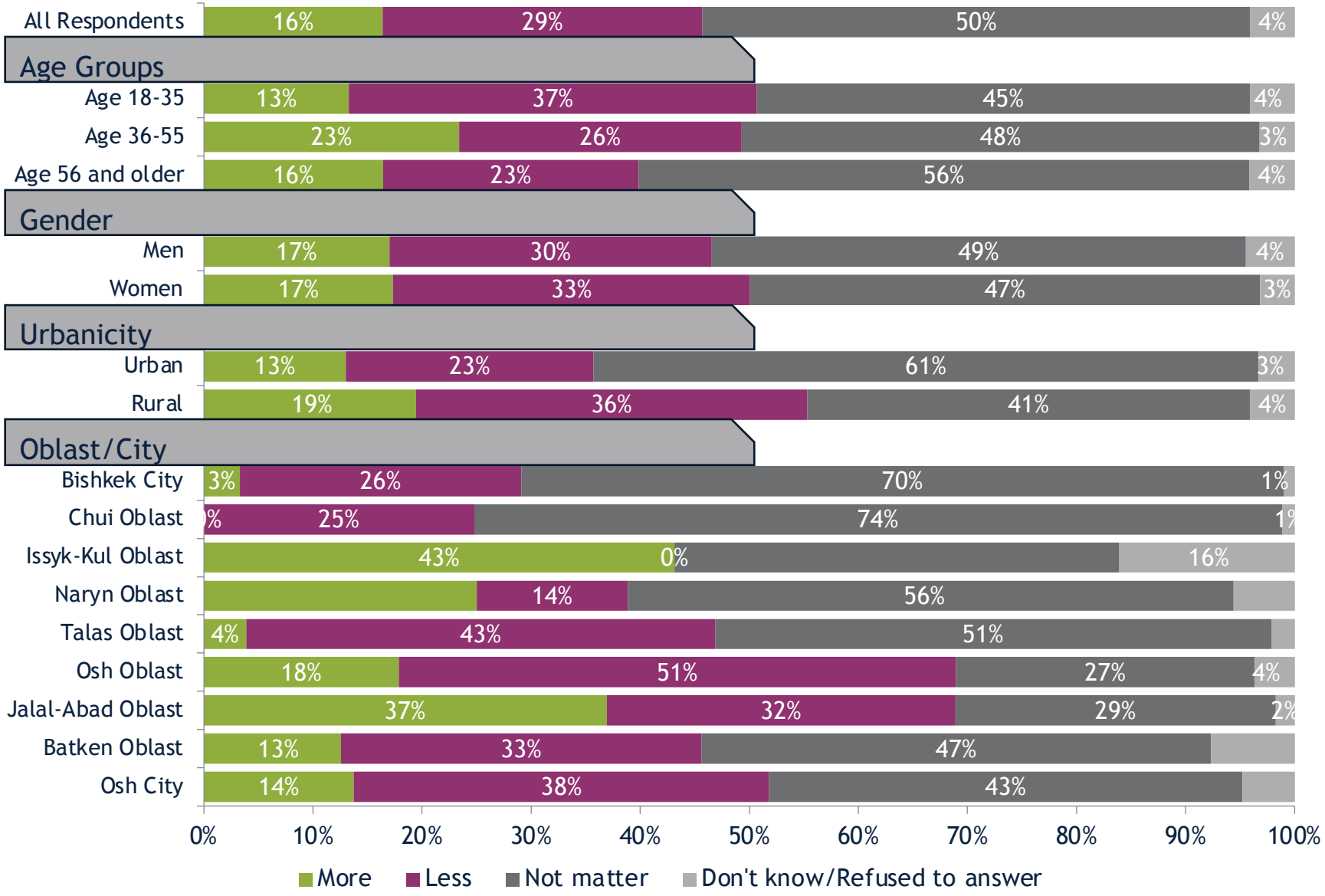

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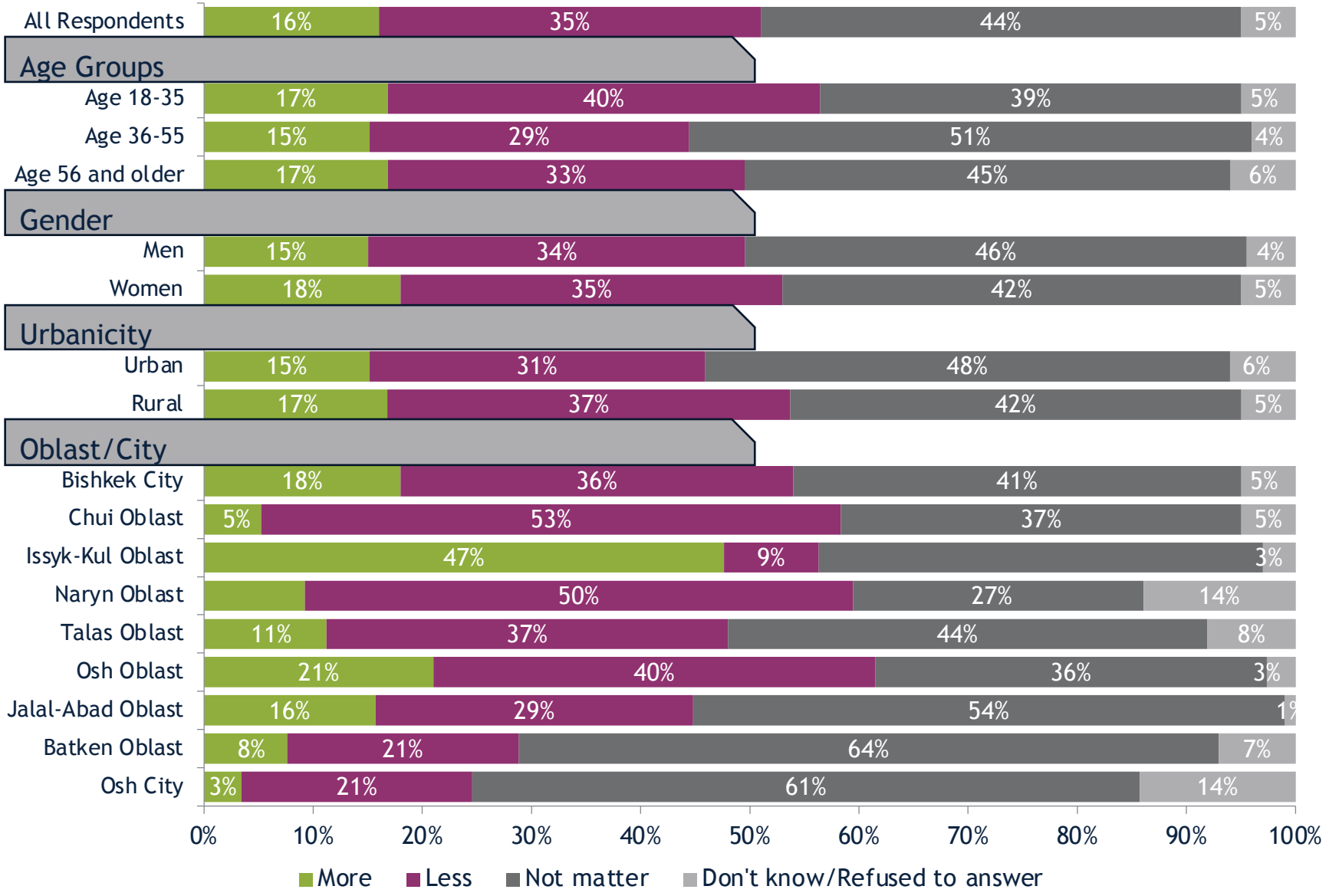

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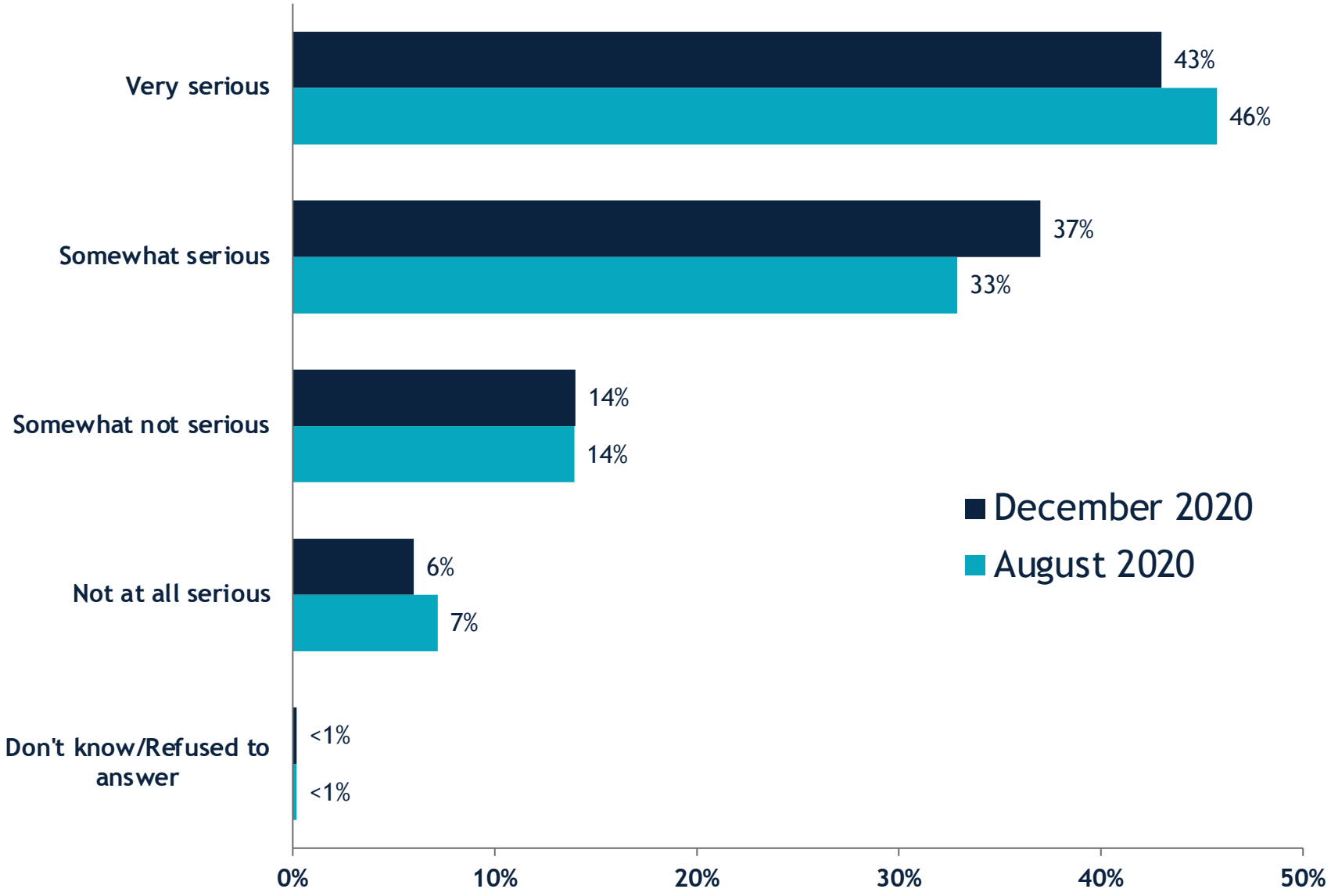

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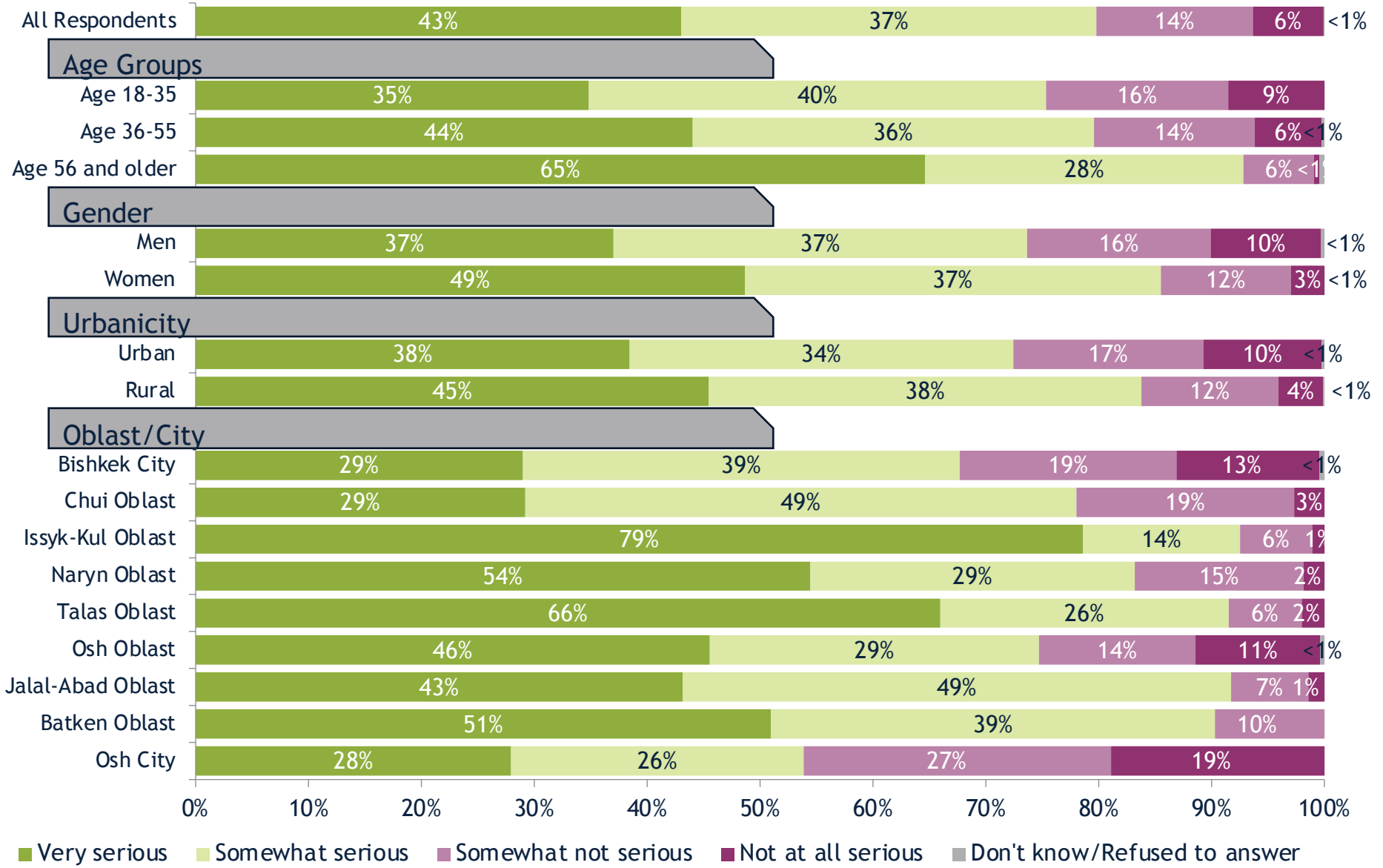

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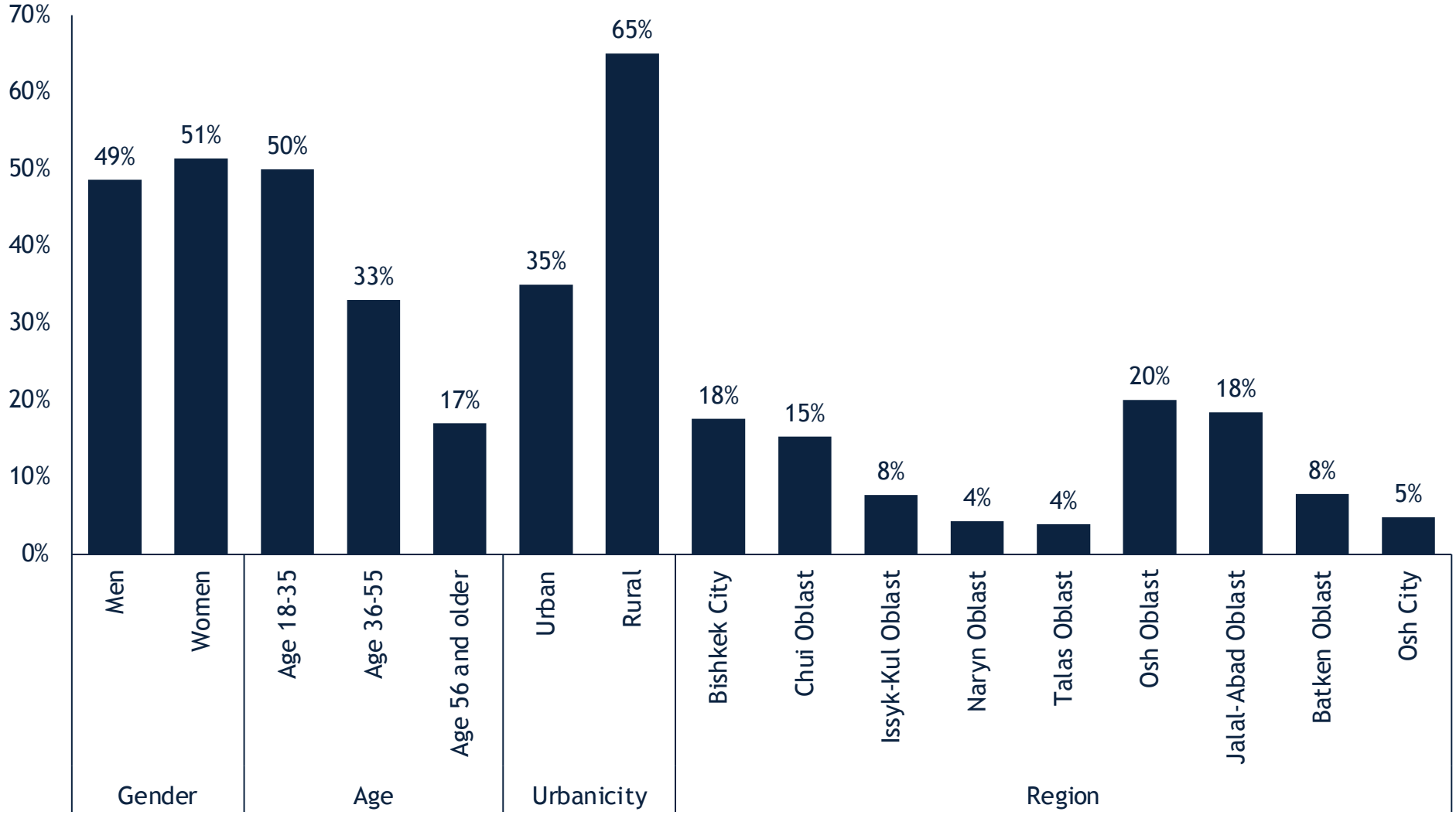

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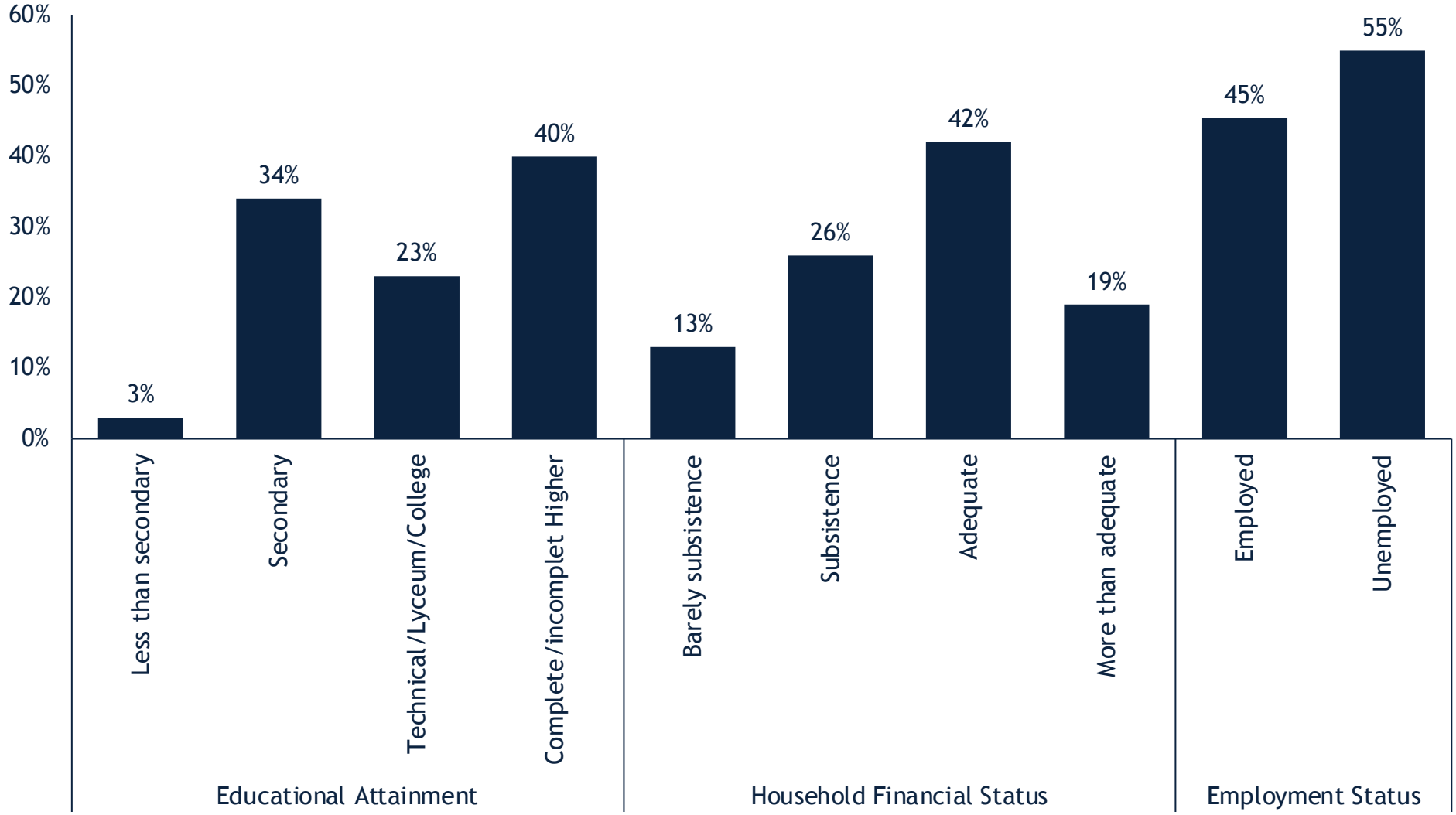

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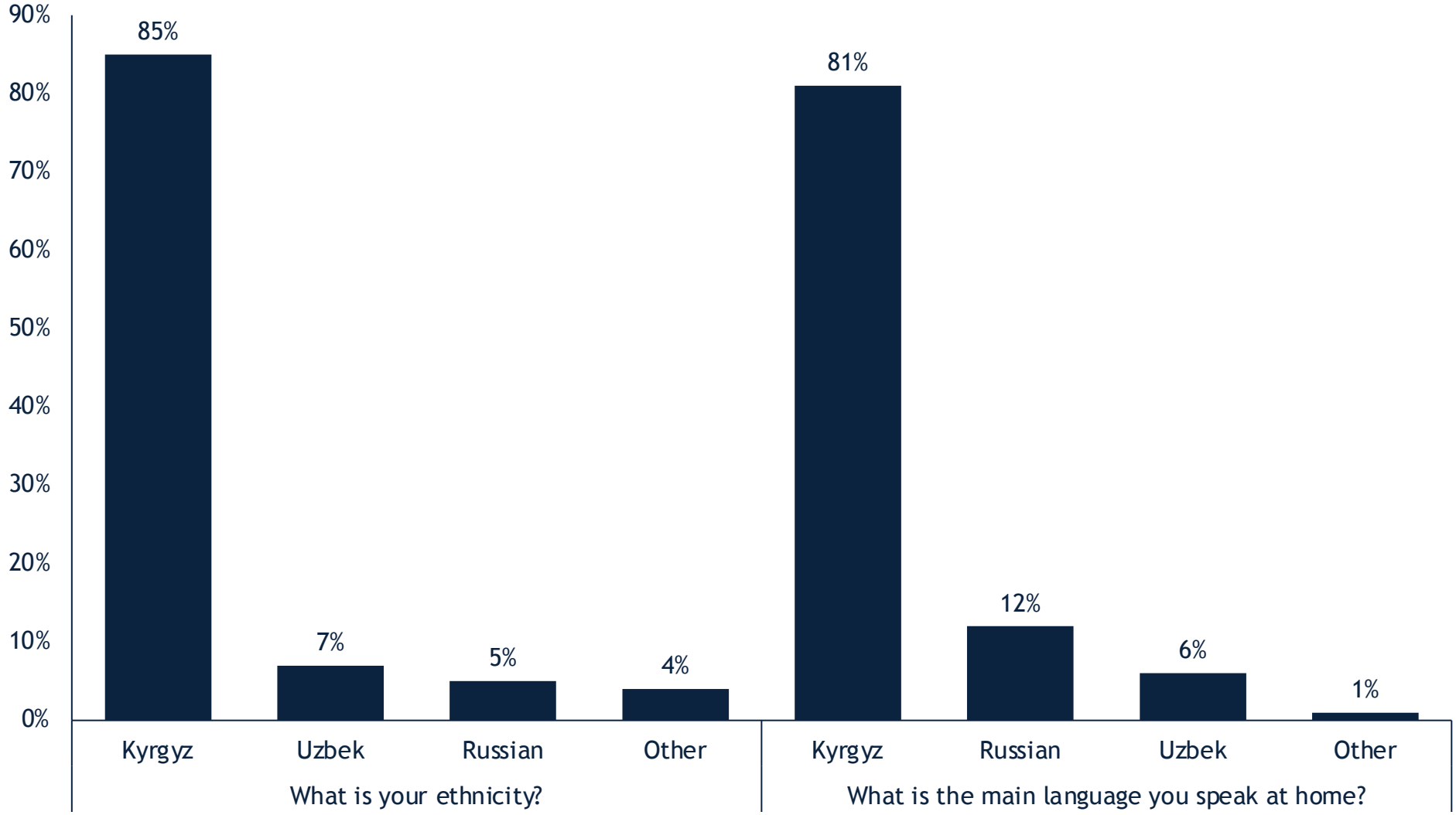

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