Public Opinion Survey: Myanmar

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Detailed Methodology

- Data was collected using Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) between October 9 and October 21, 2020 by Myanmar Survey Research (MSR) under the supervision of the International Republican Institute.
- The data in this presentation is based on a two-wave panel survey. The first wave (July 2020) of this poll had a total sample size of n=1,226. Interviews were conducted with respondents aged 18 and above across all 14 states and regions of Myanmar using CATI. The sample universe is limited to Burmese speakers who have telephone access. The sampling frame was a proprietary panel based on over 60,000 households recruited from previous MSR face-to-face surveys.
- For the second wave (October 2020), MSR attempted to call back all respondents who participated in Wave 1. The total sample size was n=1,217, of which n=723 were original respondents, and n=494 were replacement respondents who matched the original respondents' state/region, urban/rural and gender demographics.
- The margin of error is plus or minus 2.8 percentage points for national level analysis.
- The overall response rate is 51 percent.
- Charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Data and bases cited in this presentation were weighted for state/region, urban/rural, gender and age group.

COVID-19 and Governance

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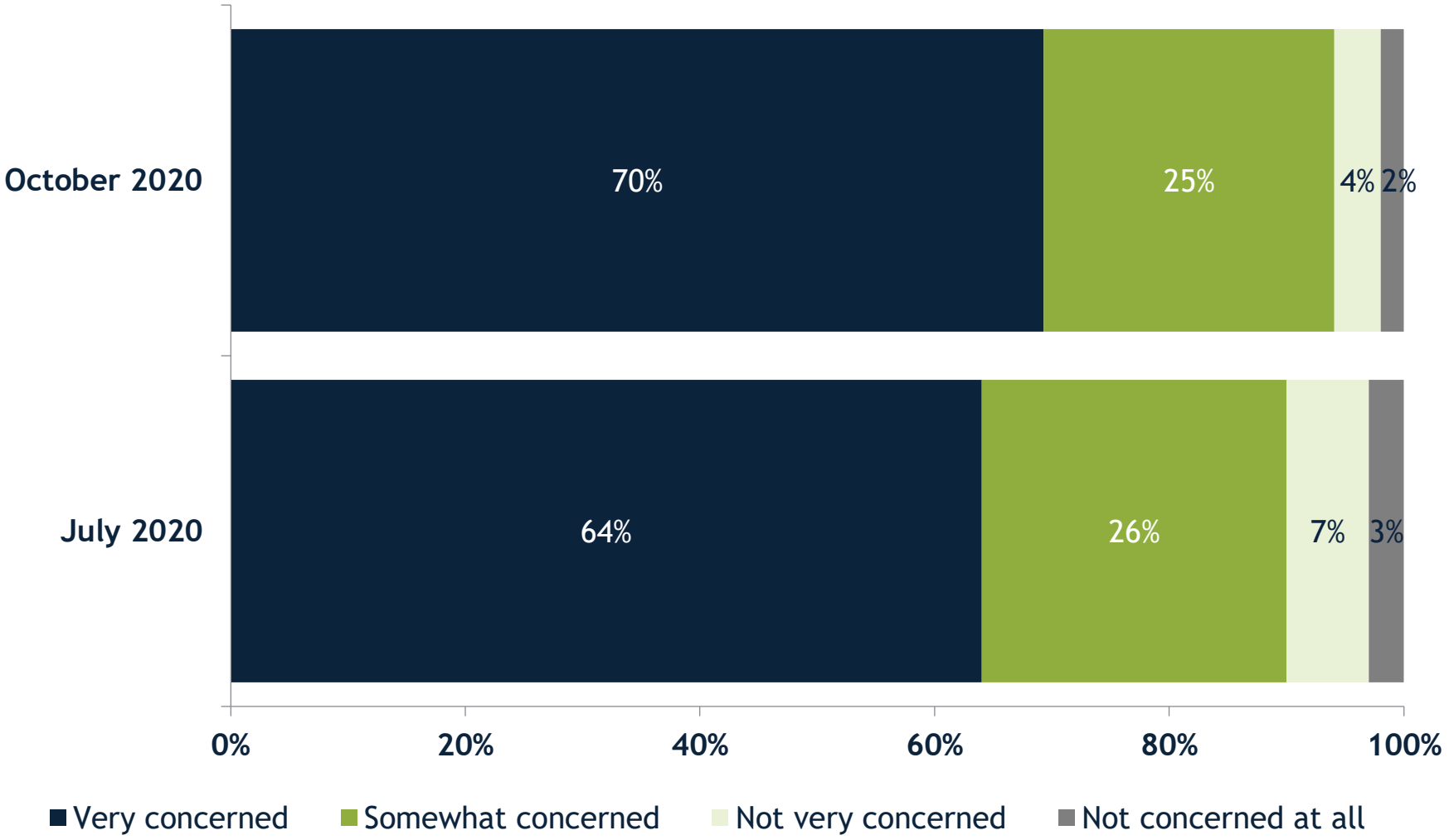
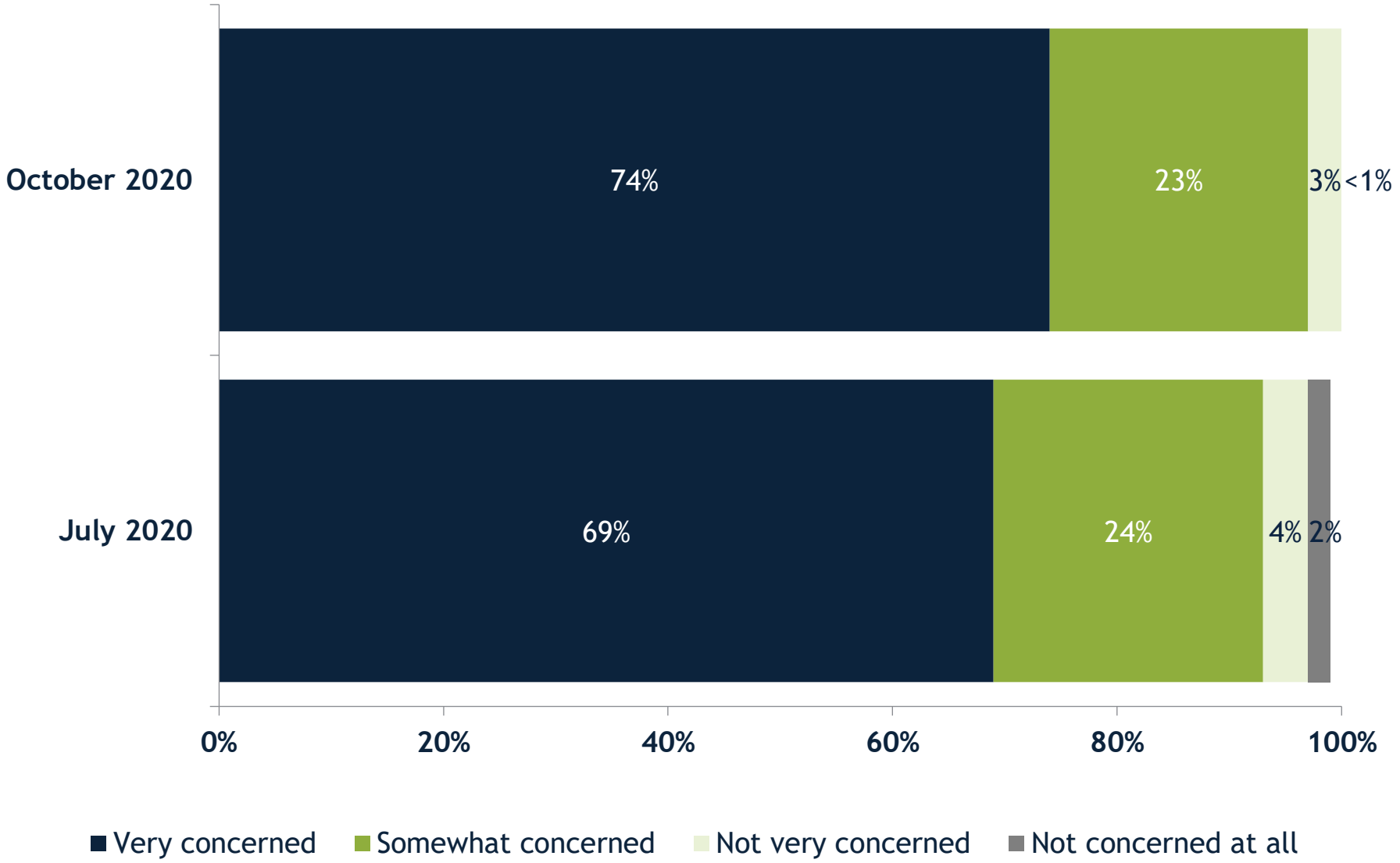
How concerned are you about being infected with COVID-19?



How concerned are you about the economic impact of COVID-19?



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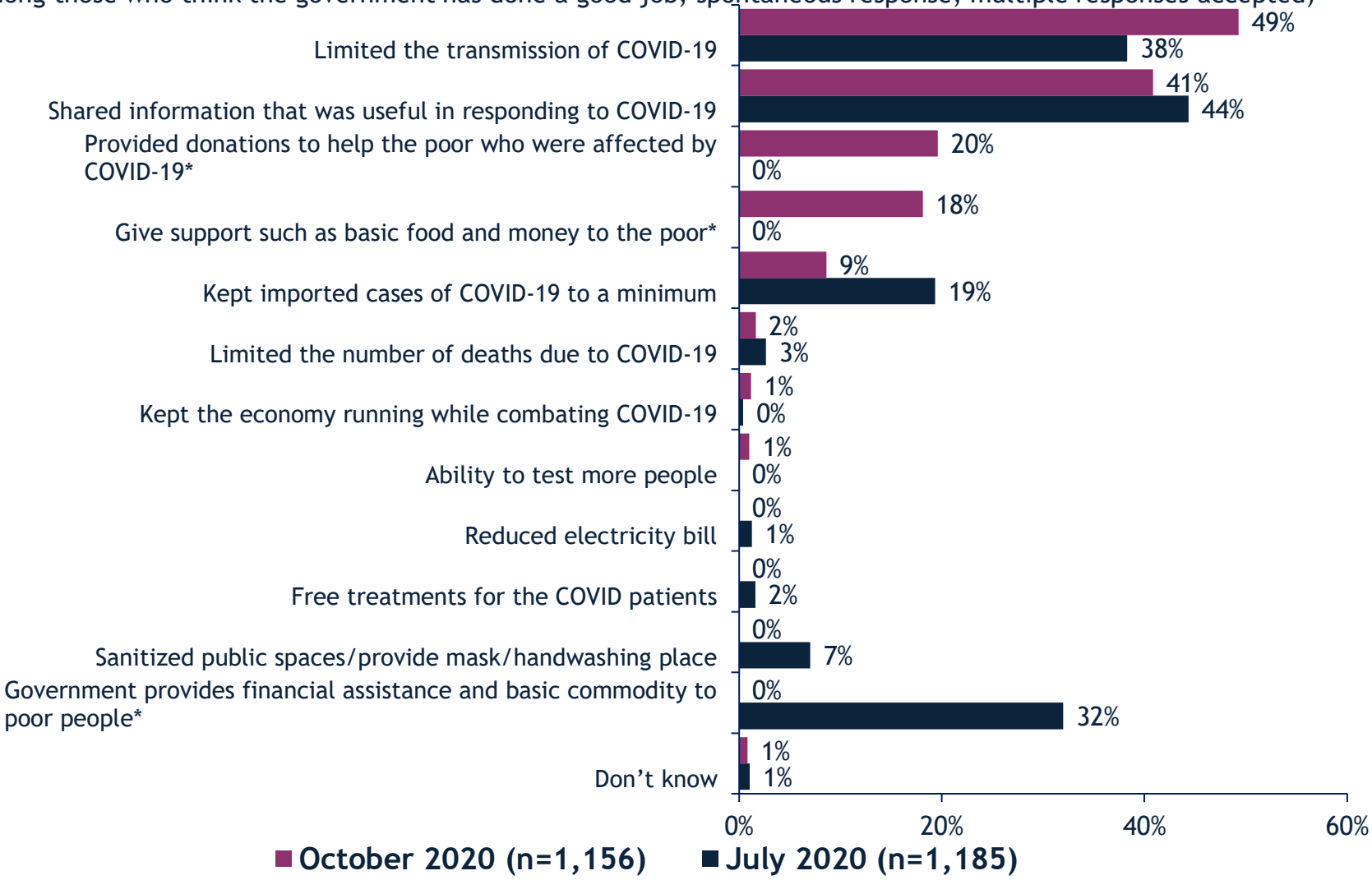
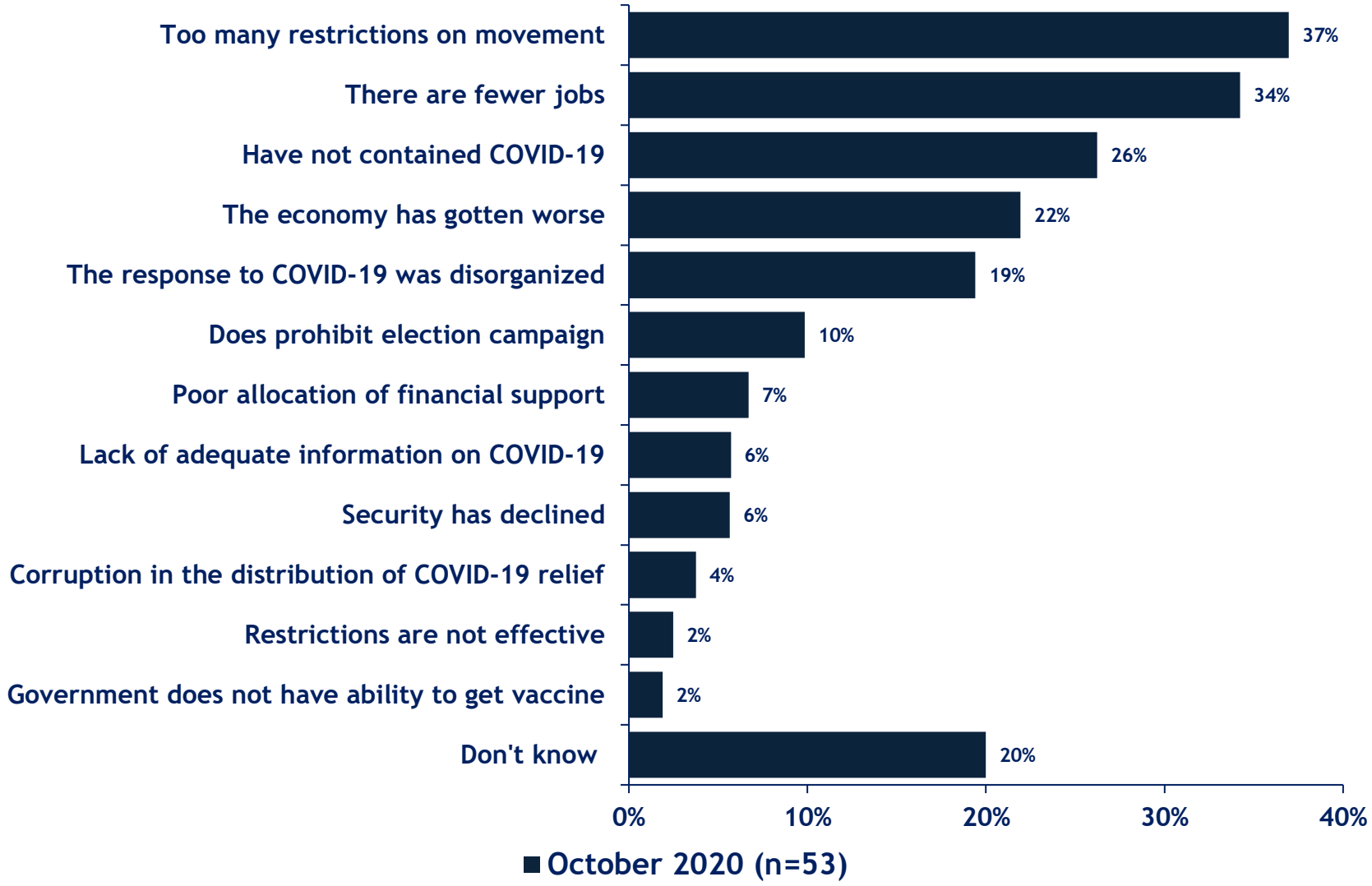


Only responses named by at least 1% of respondents in at least one wave are displayed.

*During wave 1, government assistance and help for the poor was coded combined. For wave 2, support and donations were coded separately.

In general, why do you think that the government has done a bad job?

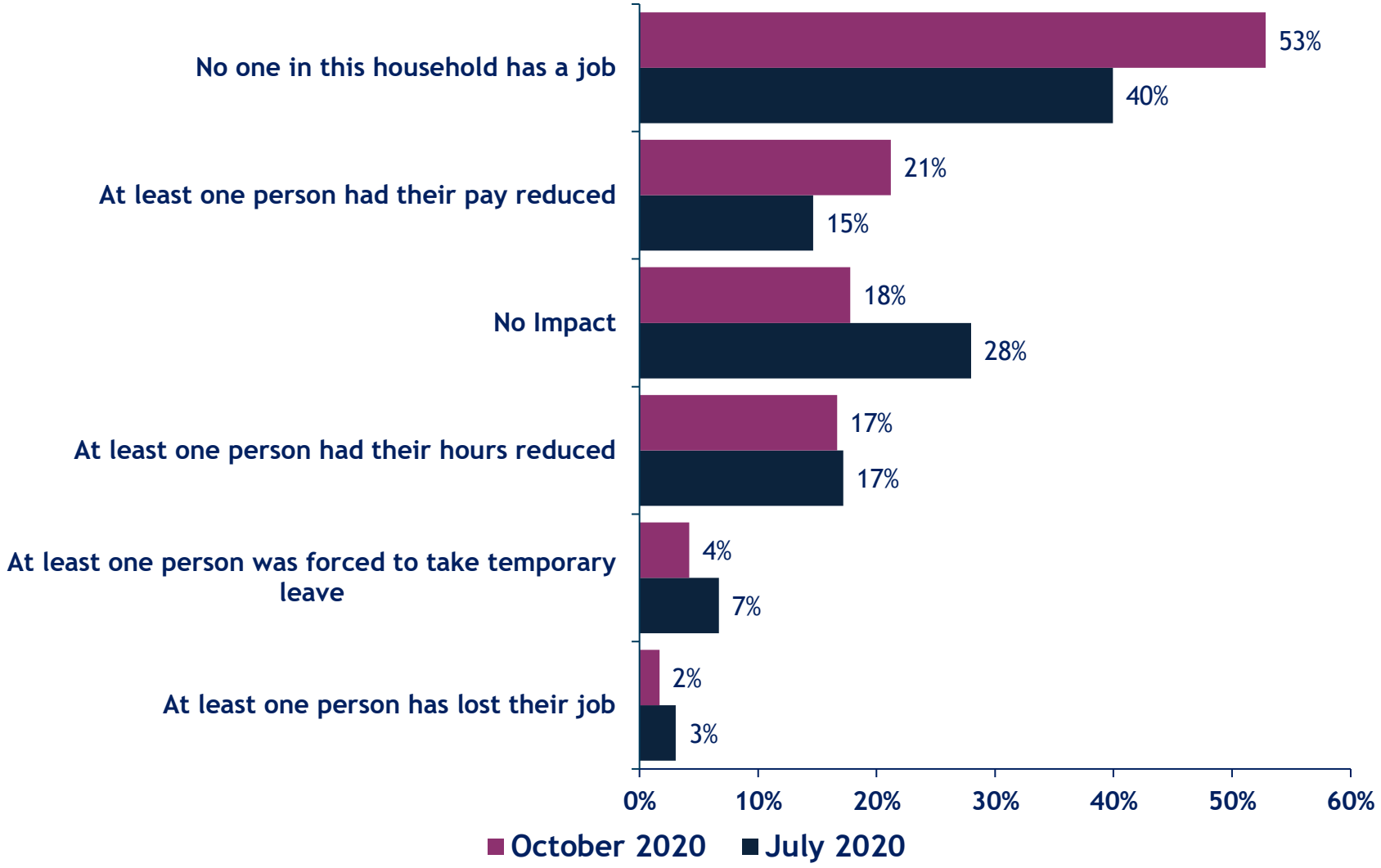
(Among those who think the government has done a bad job, spontaneous response, multiple responses accepted)



Due the small sample size of respondents in the June 2020 survey, data from July 2020 cannot be displayed.
Only responses named by at least 1% of respondents are displayed.

What has the impact of COVID-19 been on your job or your household members' jobs?

(Multiple responses accepted)



What has the impact of COVID-19 been on your small business(es) or the small business(es) of your household members?

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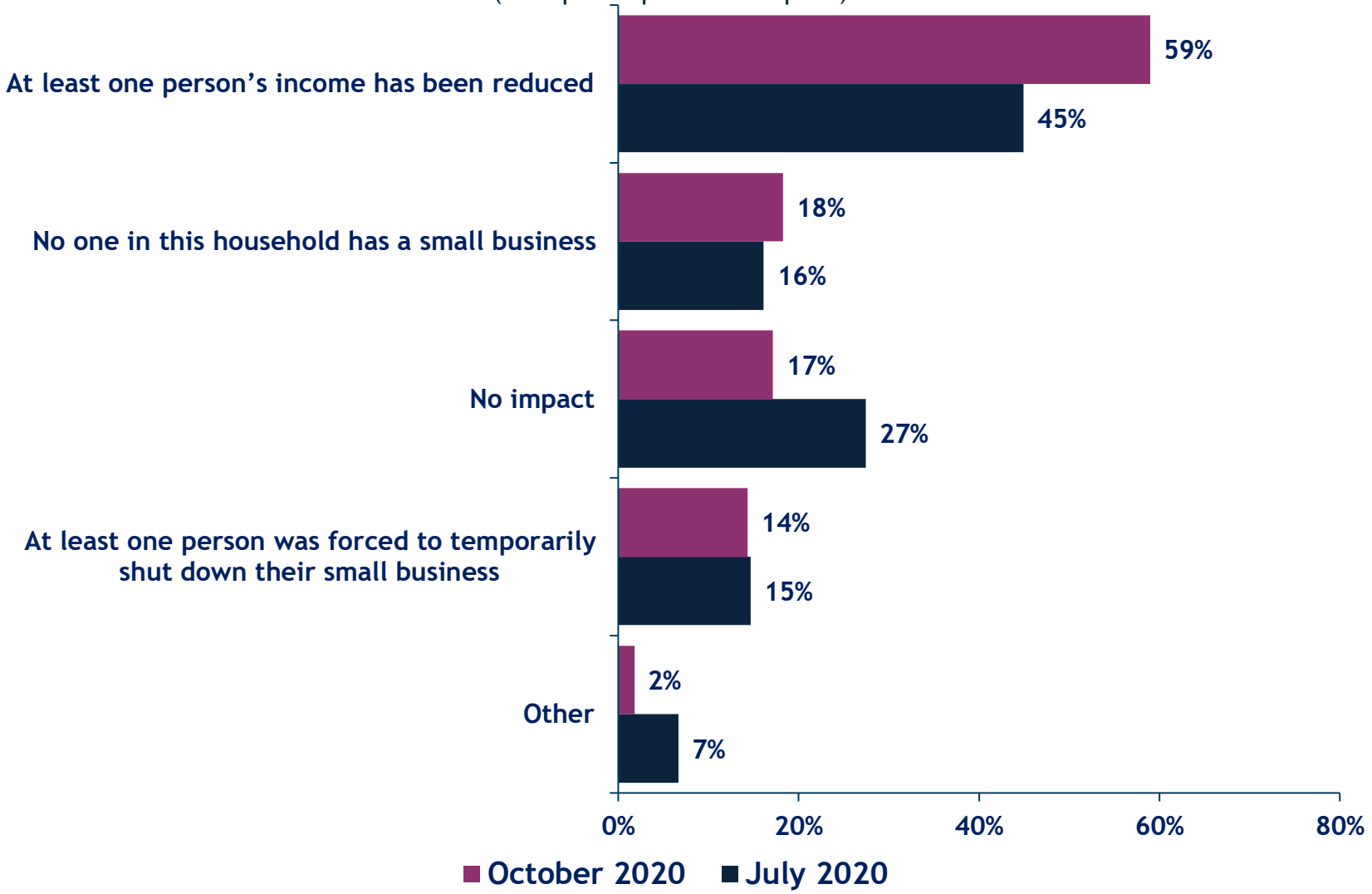
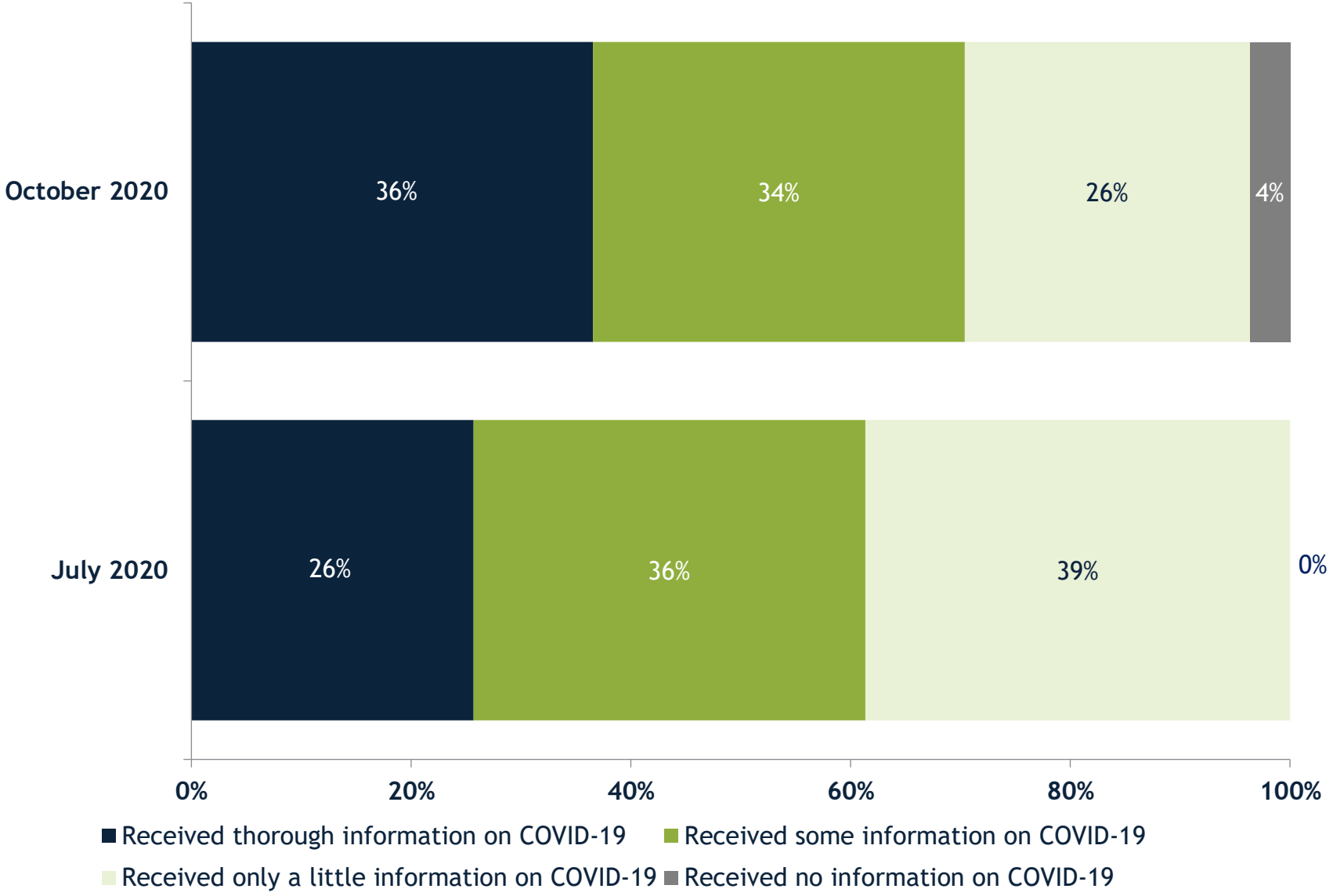


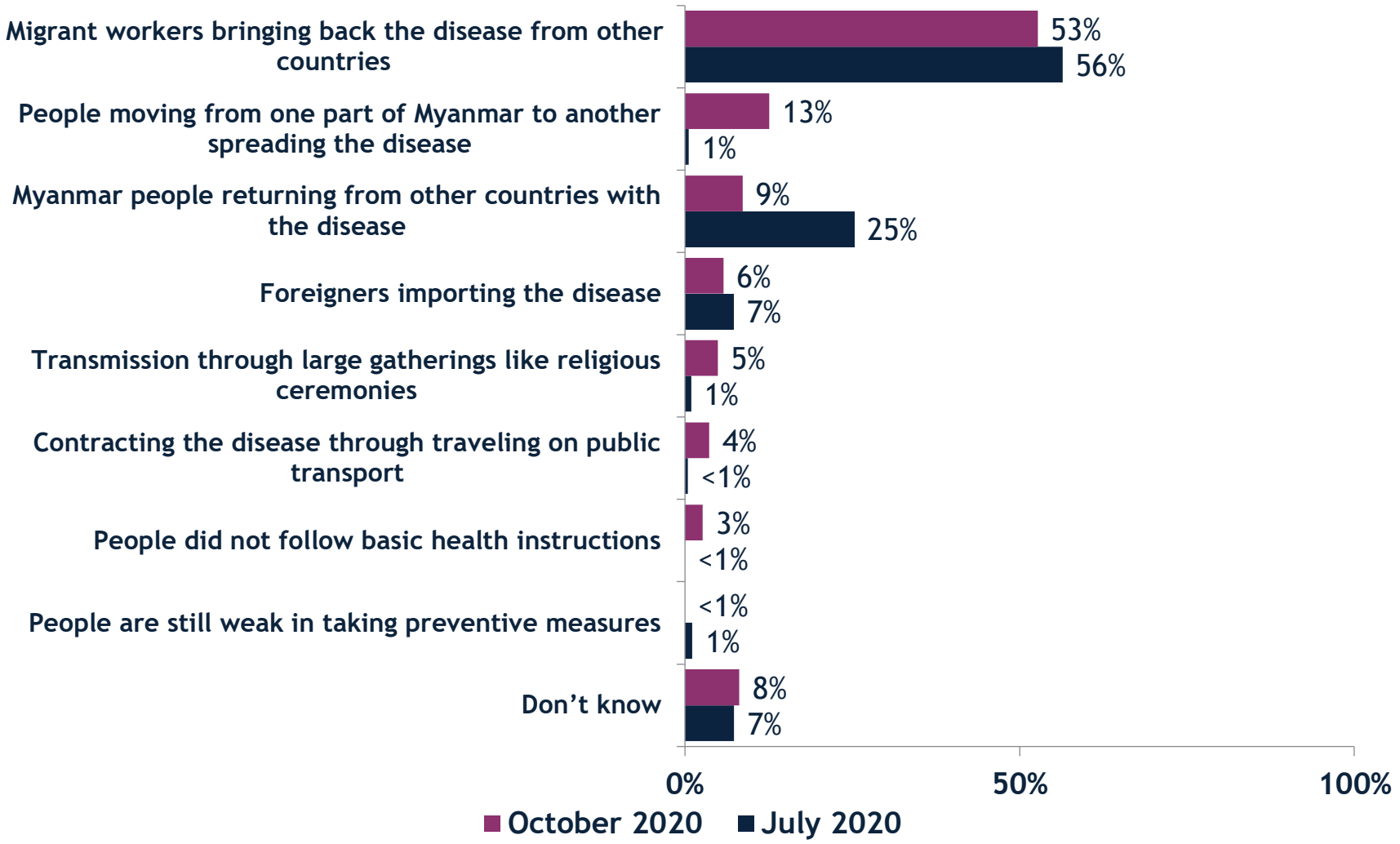
Other responses included: "The lockdown has caused difficulty in business operations," "Crop prices were reduced," "Difficult to buy raw materials due to travel restrictions" and "Scarcity of labor."

Have you received adequate information on COVID-19?



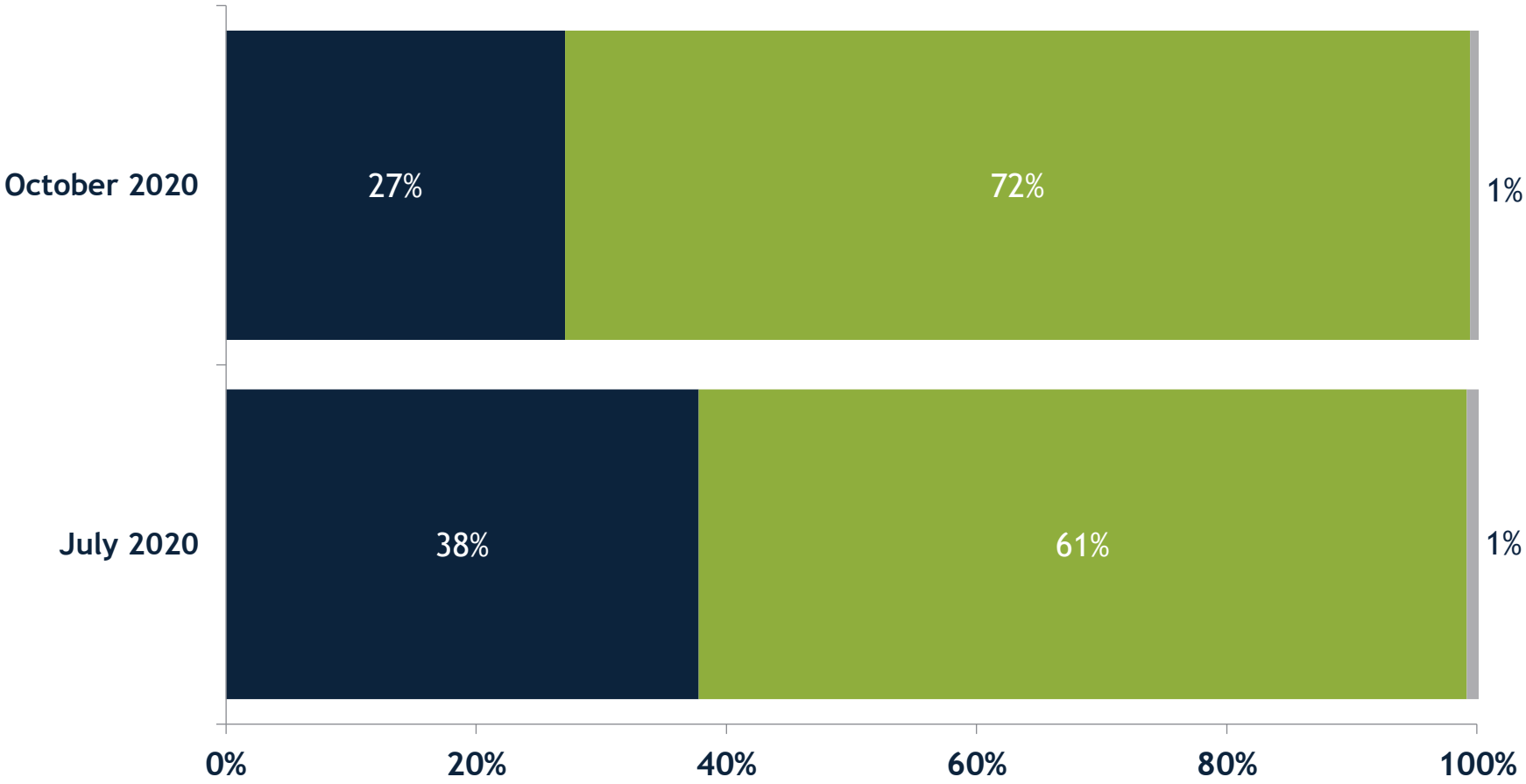
What do you think has been the primary source of COVID-19 cases in Myanmar?

(Spontaneous response)

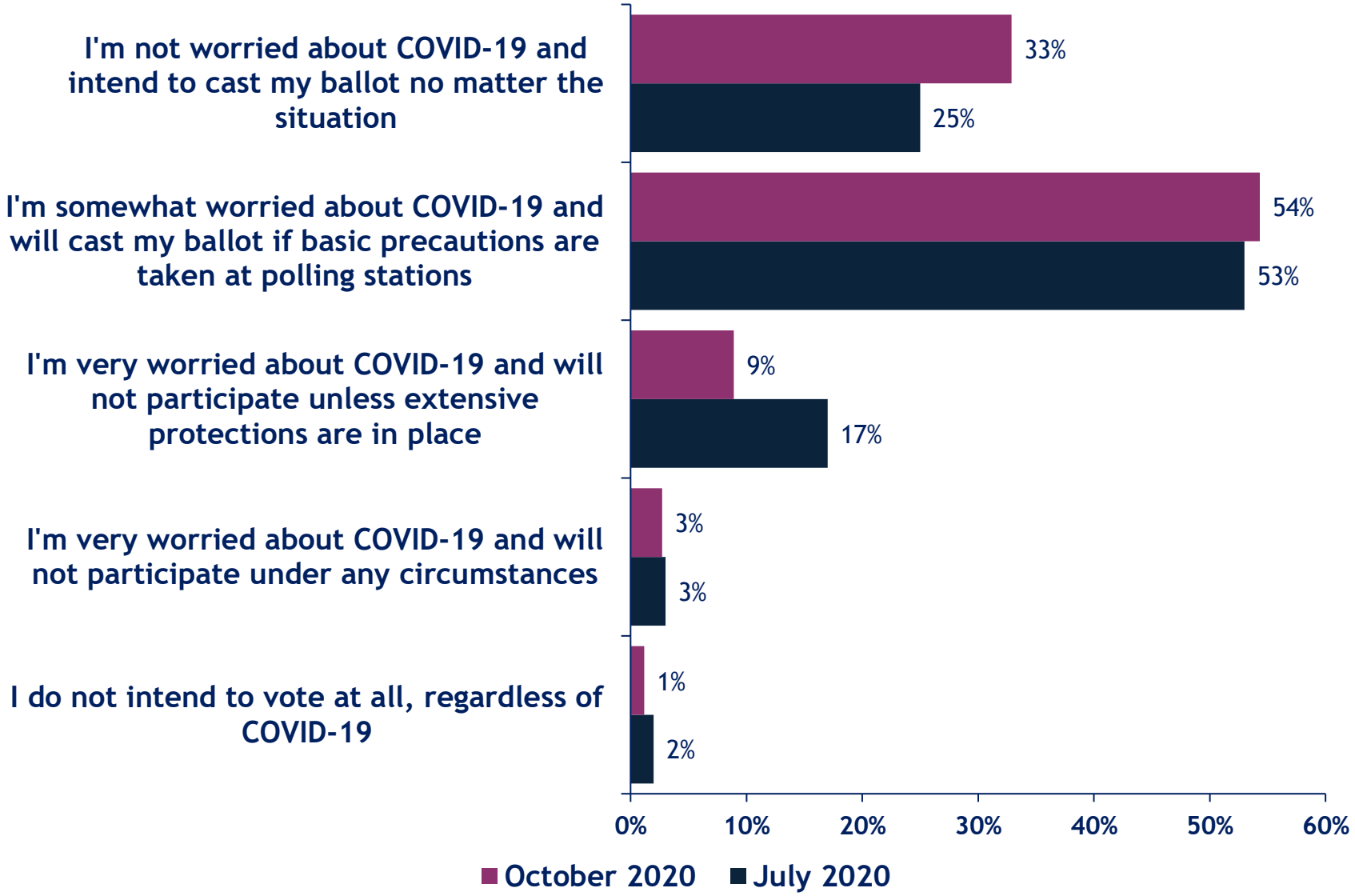


Responses named by 1% and under in both waves are not displayed.

Which of the following statements best reflects your opinion?



Thinking about elections that are likely to take place this year and COVID-19, which of the following best reflects your feelings about voting?



COVID-19 and the Media

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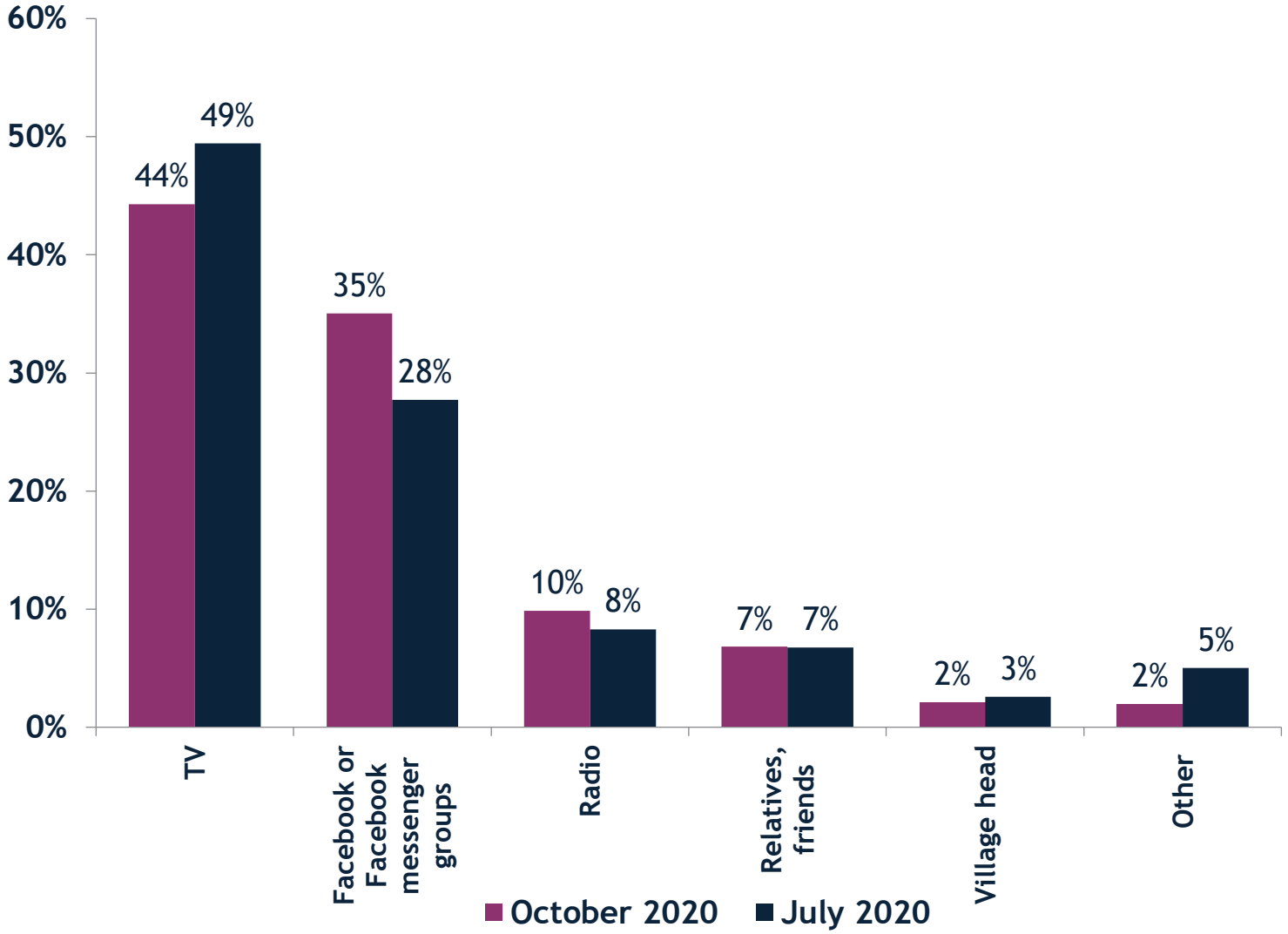
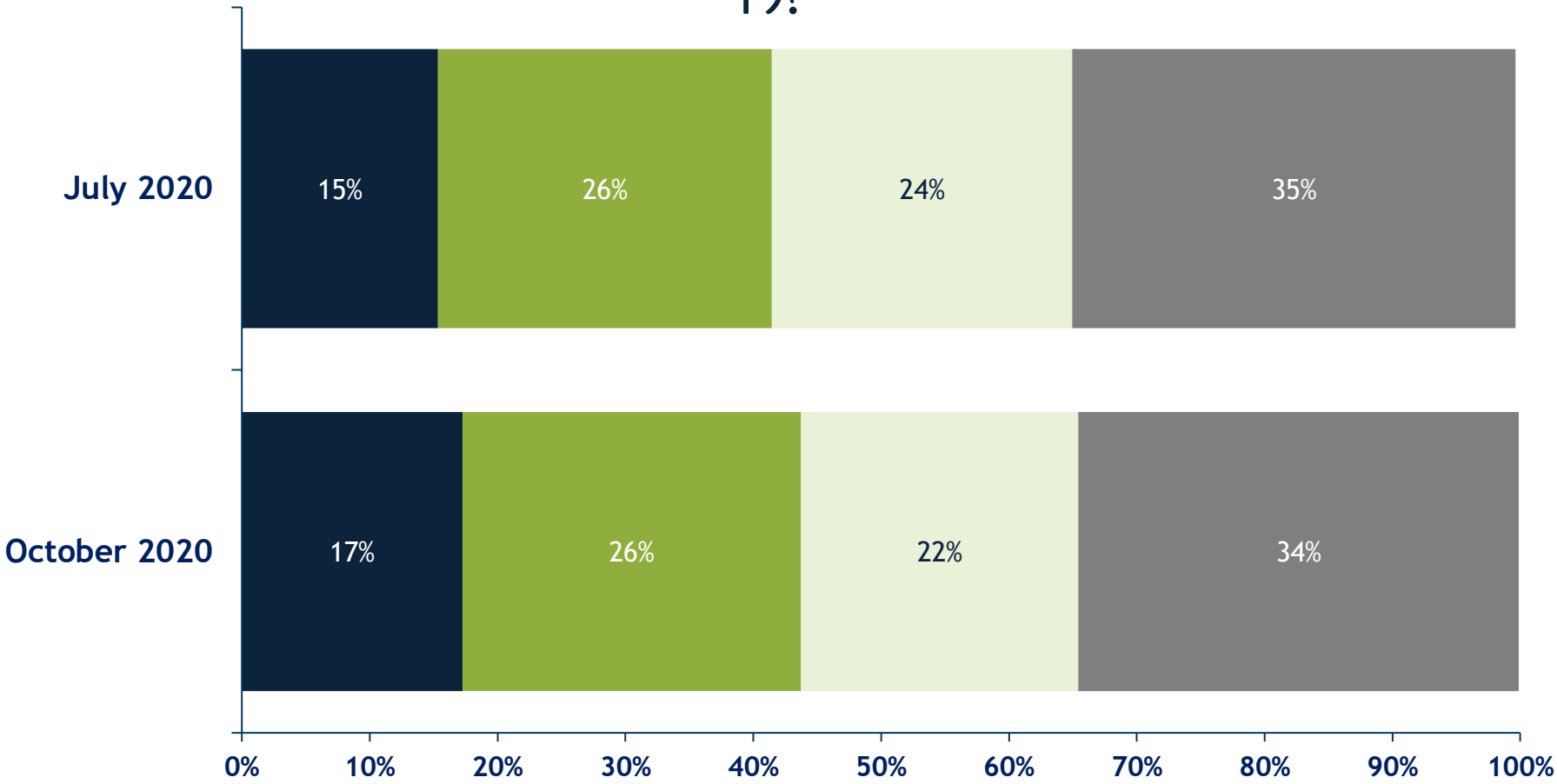
From where do you most frequently get your COVID-19 news and information?

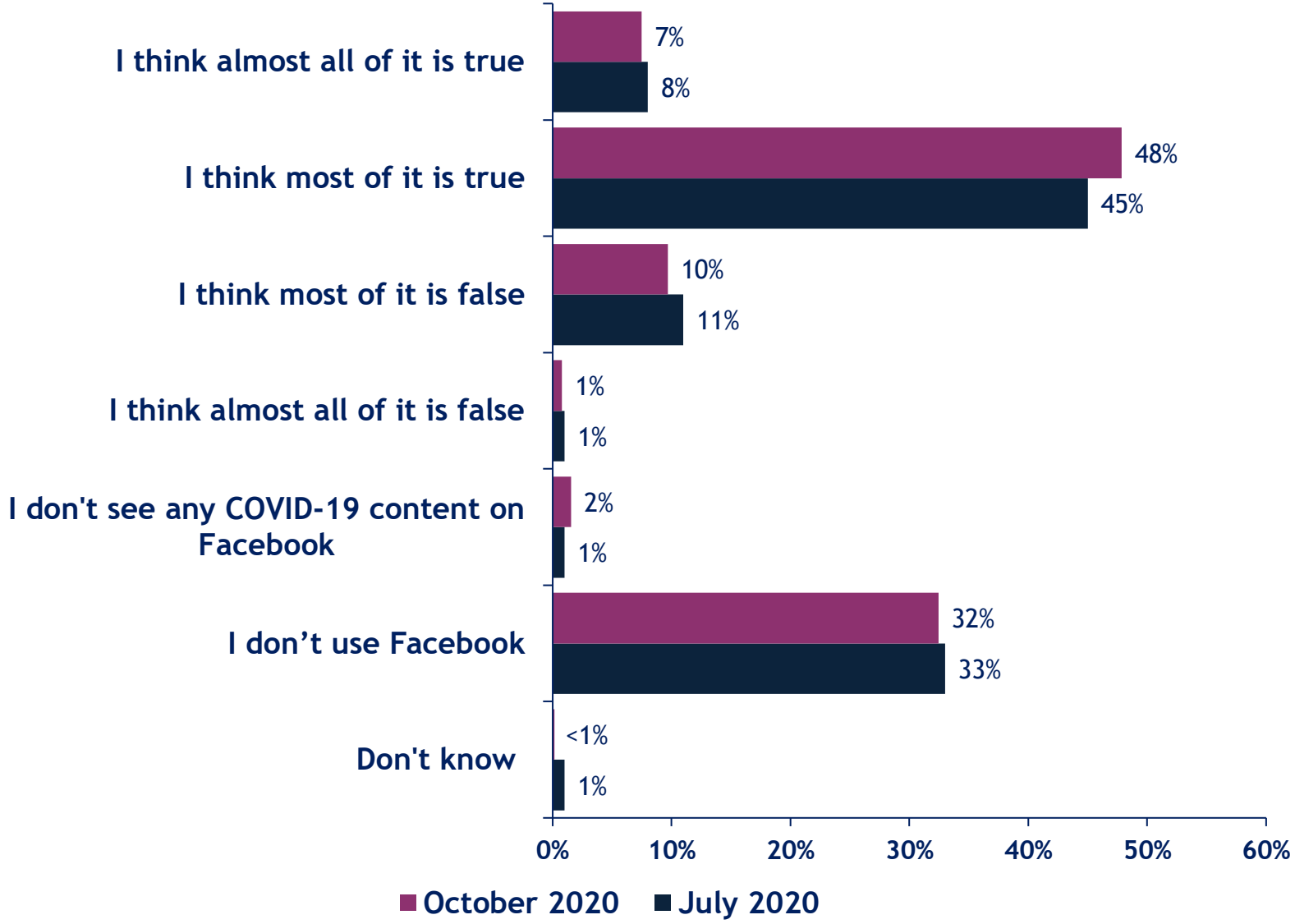


Others included: official government announcements, Viber, internet, newspapers, health staff, phone messages, YouTube, village news boards, volunteer organizations and journals.

To what extent do you rely on Facebook for your news on COVID-19?



When it comes to the COVID-19 content you see on Facebook, to what extent do you think it is true?



Demographics (October 2020)

Gender	
Male	47%
Female	53%

Location	
Urban	32%
Rural	68%

State/Region	
Ayeyarwaddy	12%
Bago	10%
Chin	1%
Kachin	3%
Kayah	1%
Kayin	3%
Magway	8%
Mandalay	13%
Mon	4%
Nay Pyi Taw	2%
Rakhine	4%
Sagaing	10%
Shan	11%
Tanintharyi	3%
Yangon	16%

Age	
18-29 years	20%
30-39 years	25%
40-49 years	25%
50-59 years	18%
More than 60 years	12%

Ethnicity	
Bamar	77%
Shan	6%
Rakhine	4%
Kayin	4%
Mixed ethnicity	2%
Danu	1%
Indian	1%
Chin	1%
Mon	1%
Pa-O	1%
Kachin	1%
Innthar	1%
Other	1%

Ethnicity	
Bamar	77%
Non-Bamar	23%

Education Level	
Illiterate/no formal education	16%
Primary school incomplete	21%
Primary attainment (complete G-5)	35%
Middle attainment (complete G-9)	11%
High attainment (complete G-11)	6%
Undergraduate	3%
Graduate and above	7%

Interview Language	
Burmese	100%