



Public Opinion Poll Residents of Kyrgyzstan

February 21 - March 5, 2021



Detailed Methodology

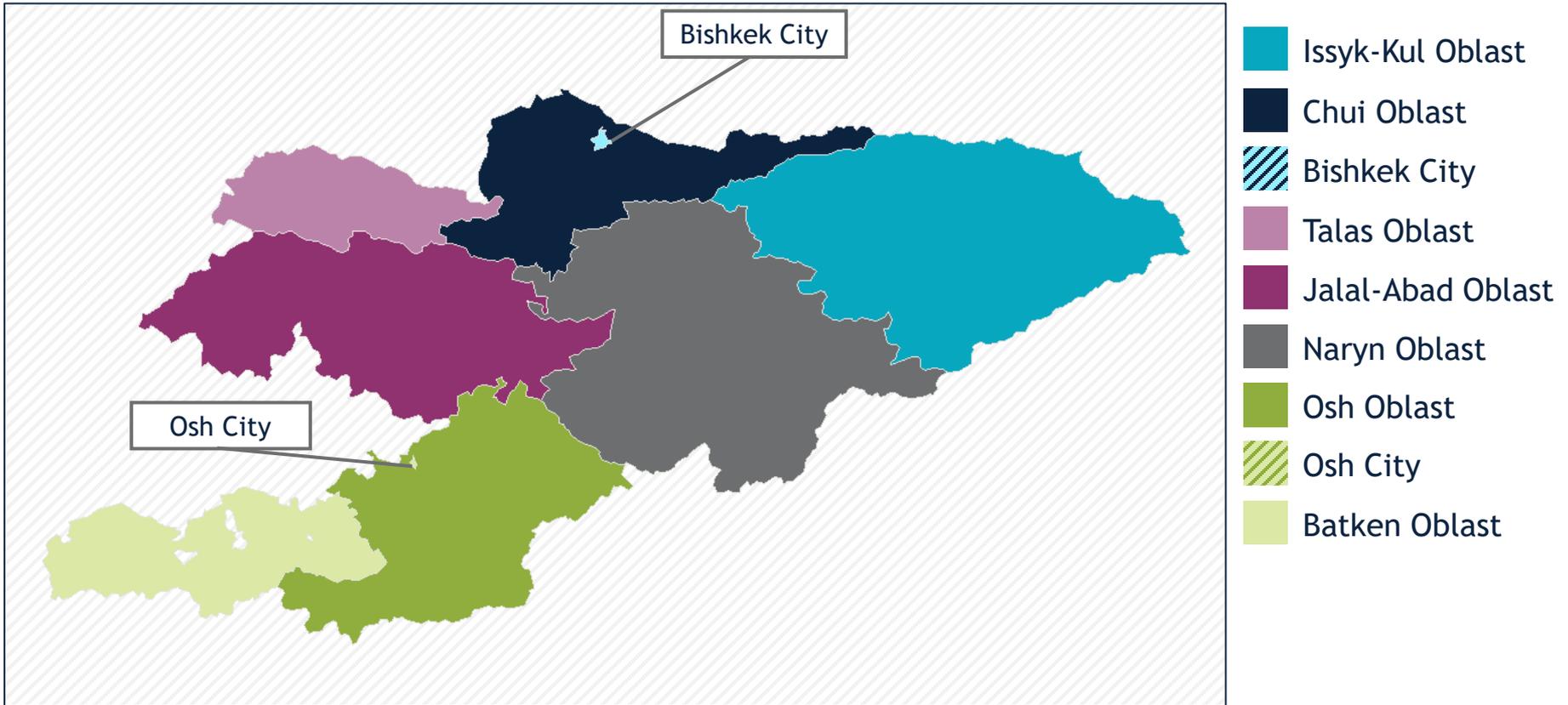
- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data were collected between February 21 - March 5, 2021, through computer-assisted telephone interviews administered via mobile and landline 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. Two-thirds 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 third of the database's phone numbers are randomly generated from operators' area codes 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 age and gender according to the *2019 Demographic Yearbook of the Kyrgyz Republic*.
- The response rate for the survey was 47 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 (80 percent), Russian (18 percent), and Uzbek (2 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=209
	Chui Oblast	n=183
	Issyk-Kul Oblast	n=92
	Naryn Oblast	n=52
	Talas Oblast	n=47
	Osh Oblast	n=241
	Jalal-Abad Oblast	n=223
	Batken Oblast	n=95
	Osh City	n=58
Urbanicity	Urban	n=422
	Rural	n=778
Gender	Men	n=583
	Women	n=617
Age Groups	Age 18-35	n=613
	Age 36-55	n=381
	Age 56 and older	n=206
View on Democracy <i>“Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country?”</i>	Democracy is best	n=639
	Other forms of government are equal	n=345
	Other forms of government are better	n=175

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

Geographical Key: 7 Oblasts and 2 Cities

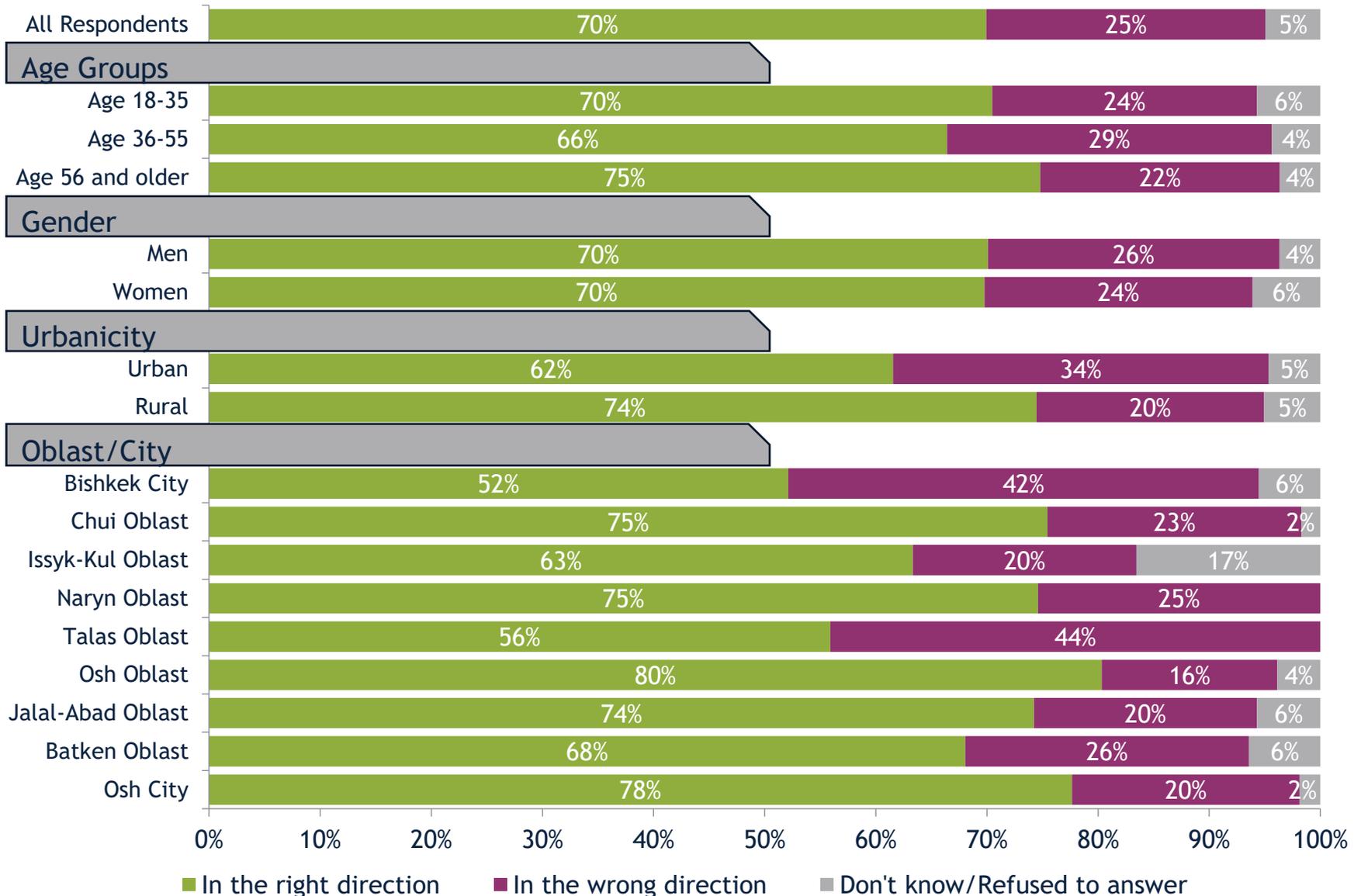




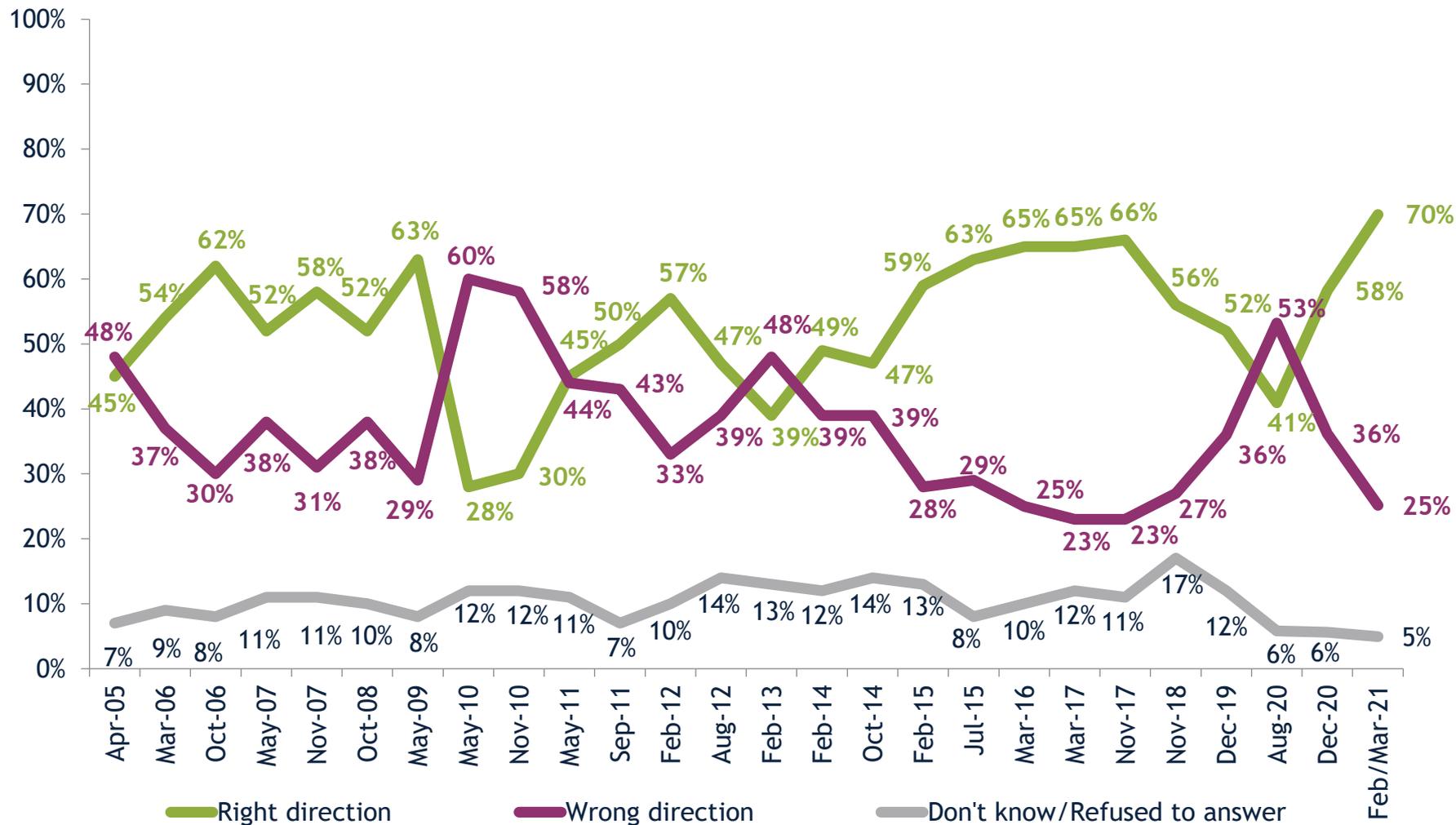
National Outlook



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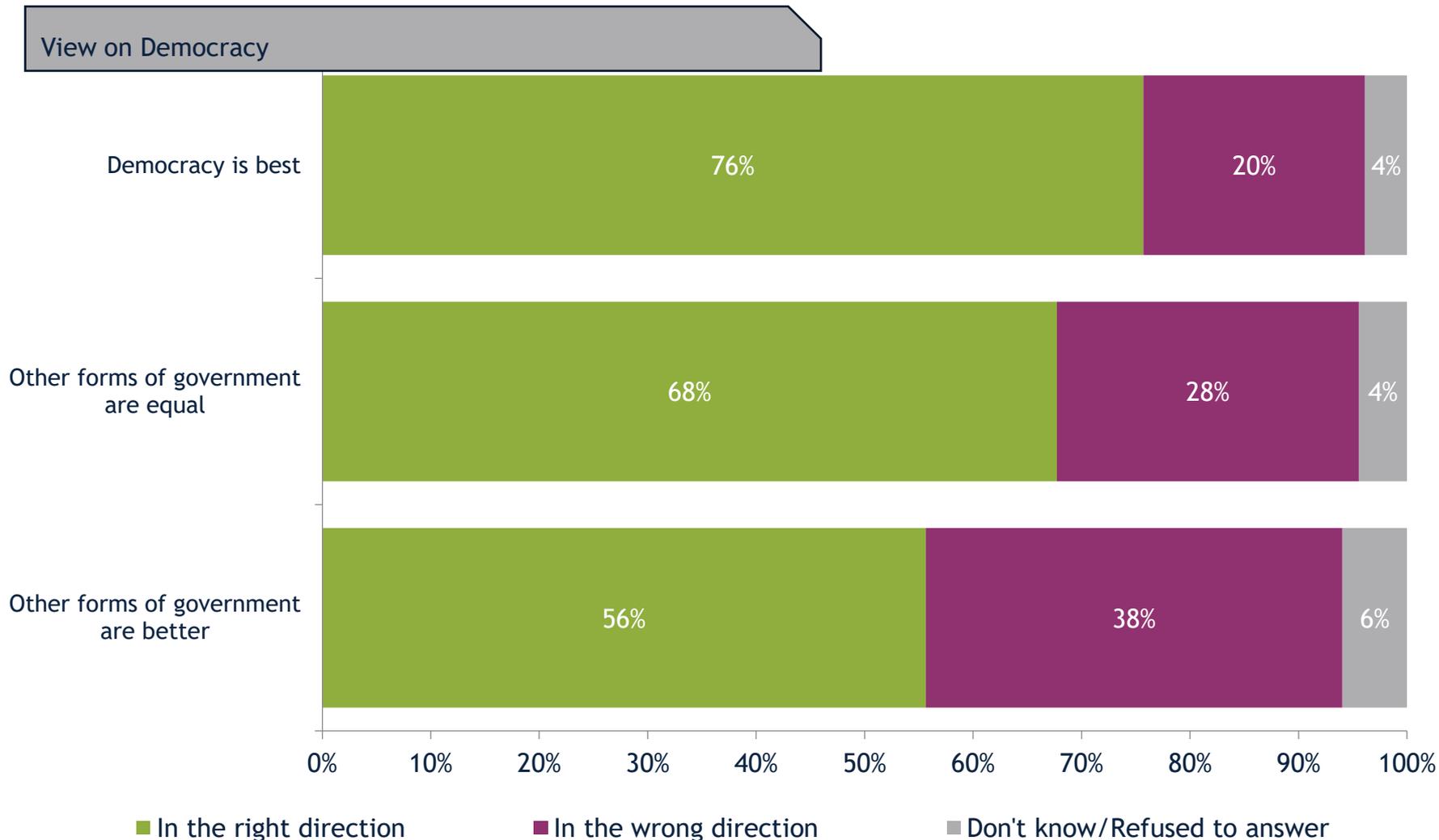


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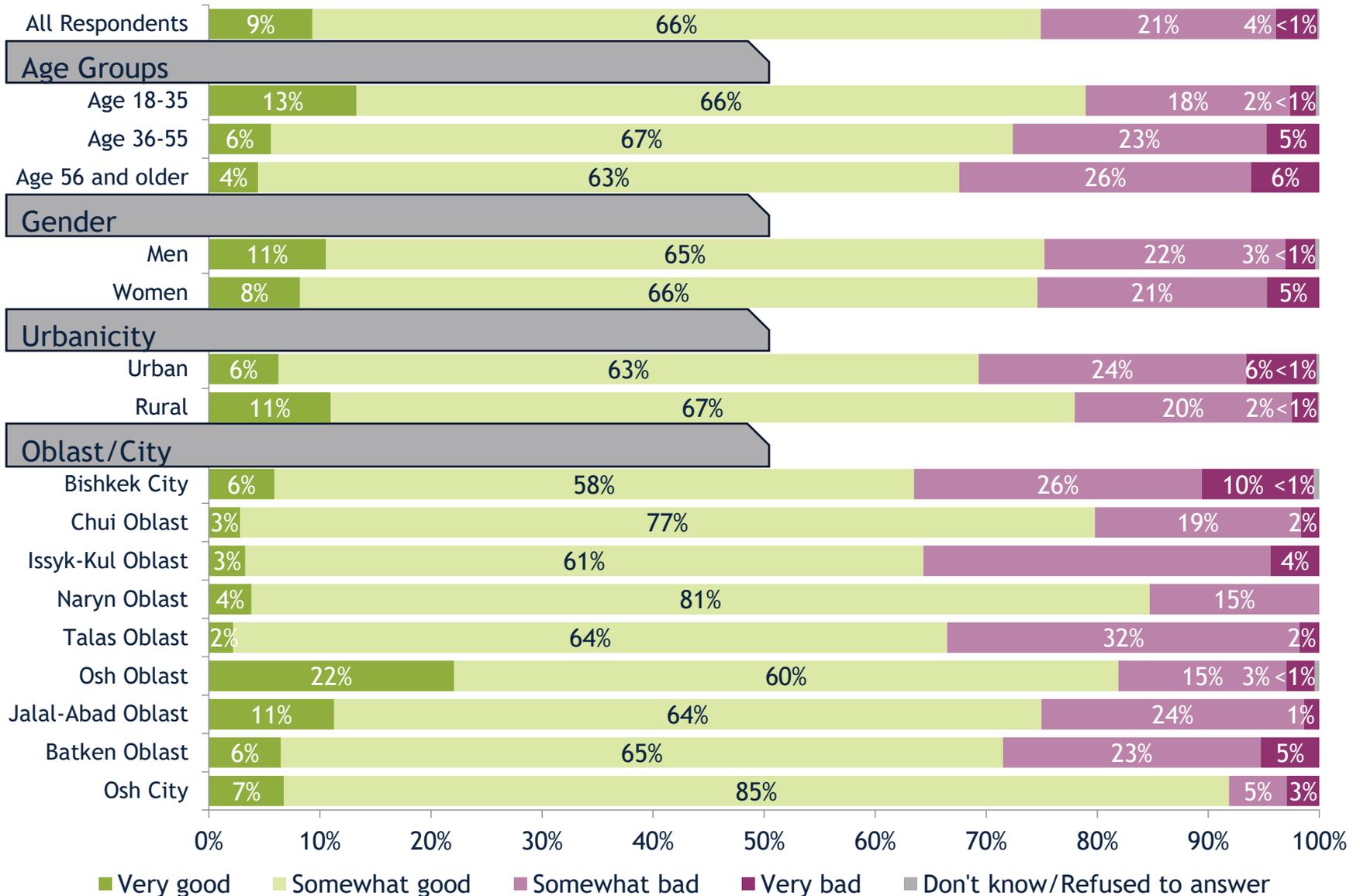


*Note: Comparison between polls in August 2020 or after and polls before August 2020 should be treated with caution due to differing methodologies. The polls done before August 2020 were conducted via face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.

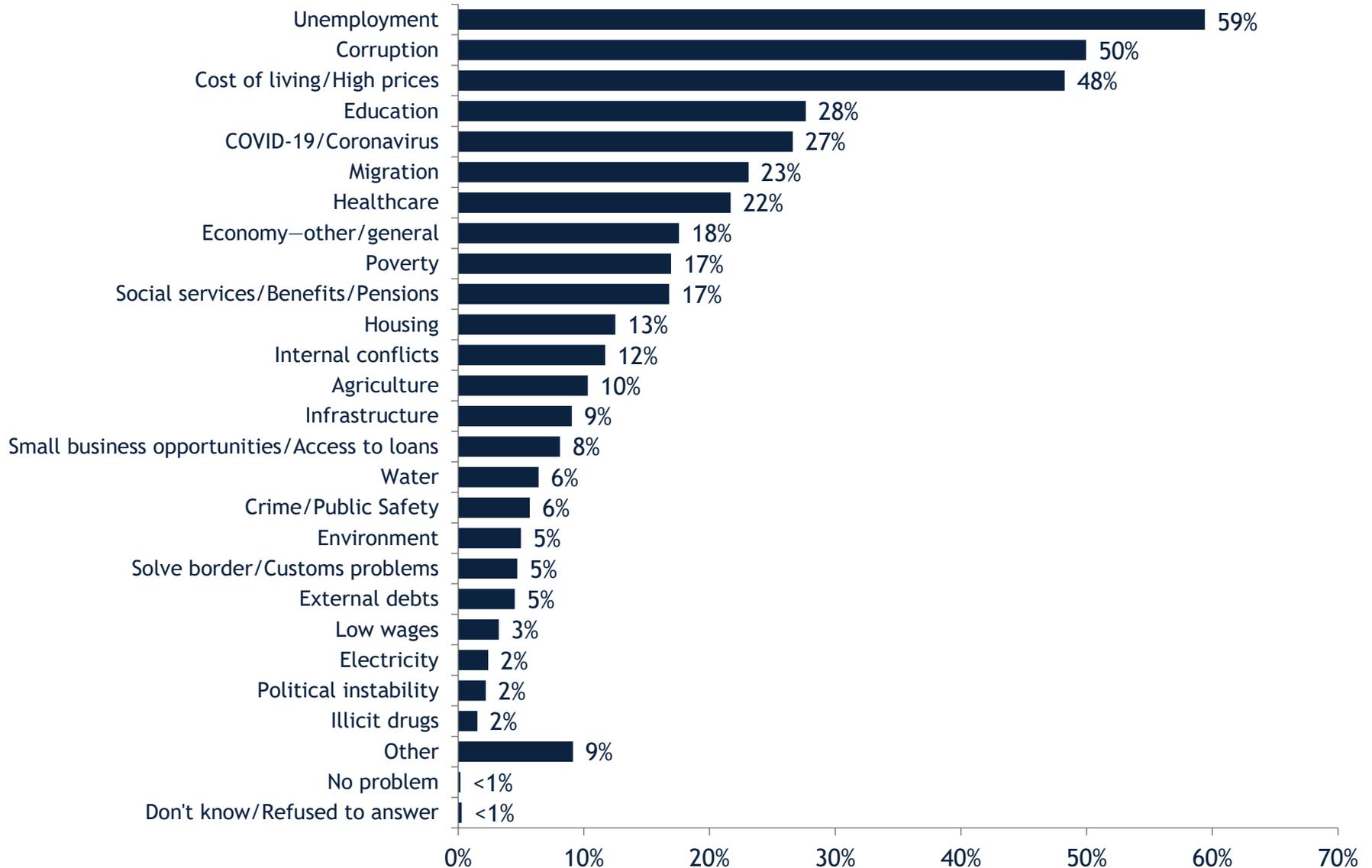
In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction? (Disaggregated by respondents' views on democracy)



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



What is the most important problem facing our country today? (Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted)

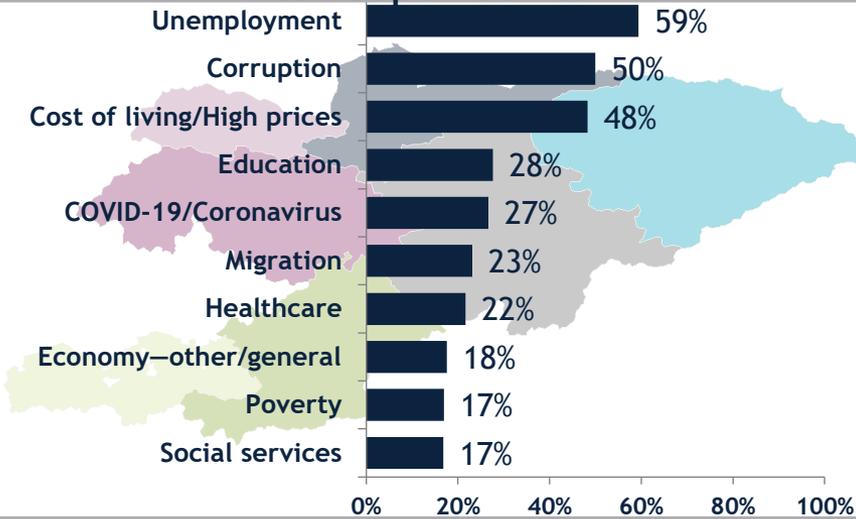


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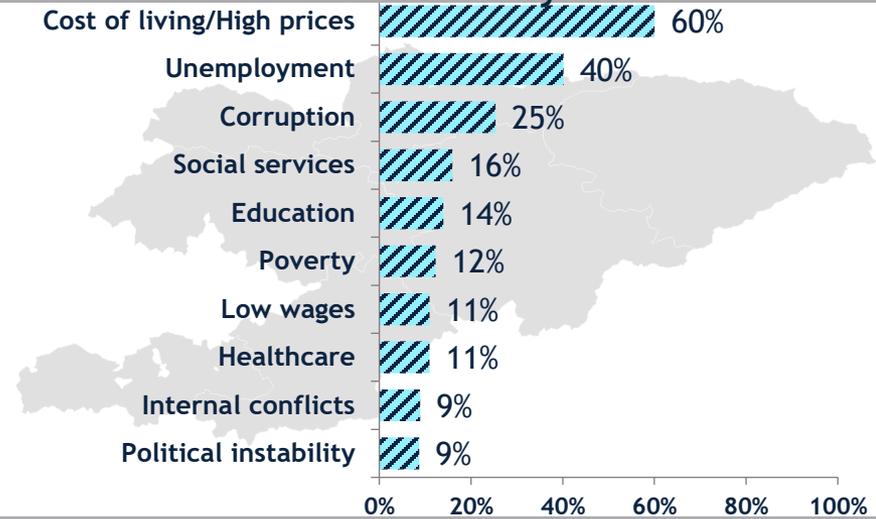
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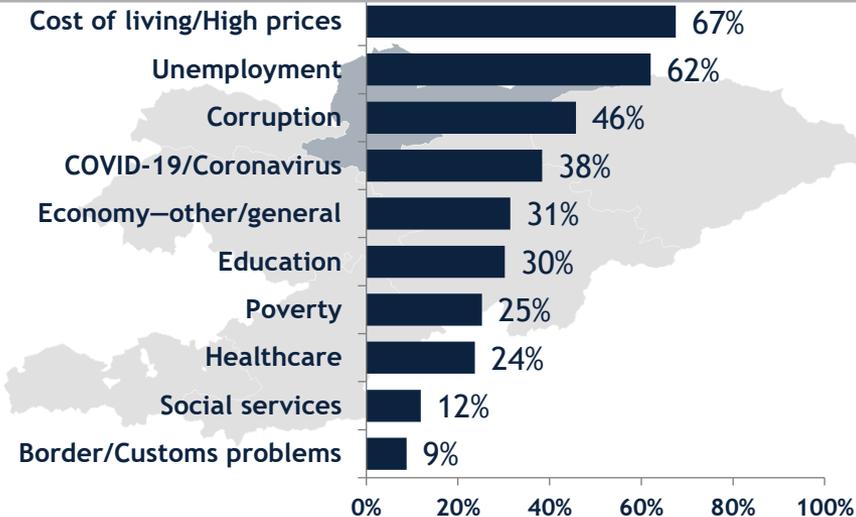
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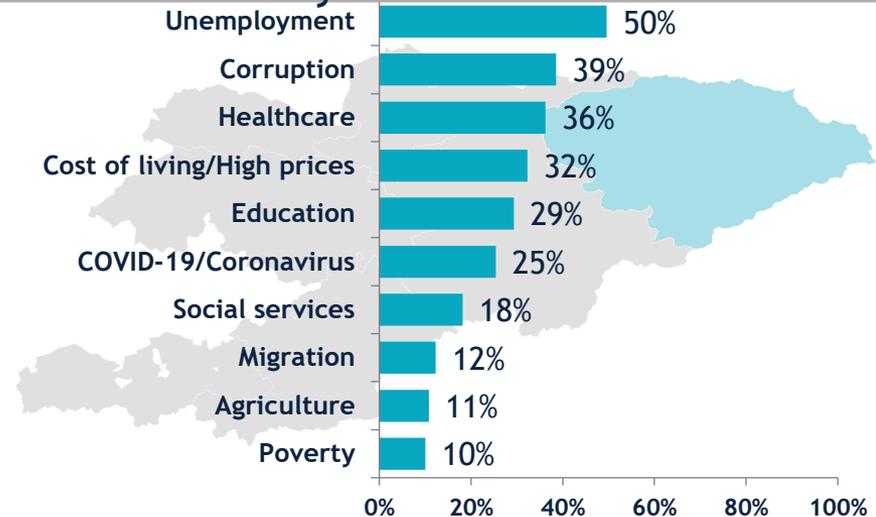
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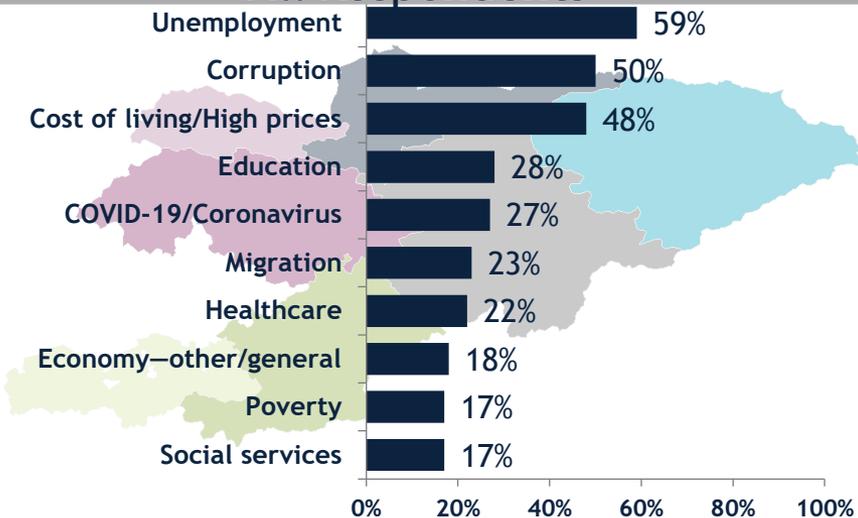


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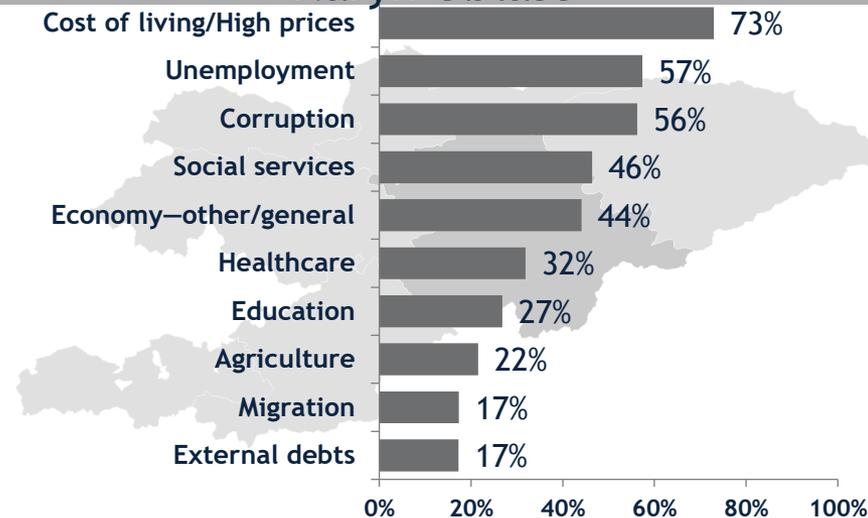
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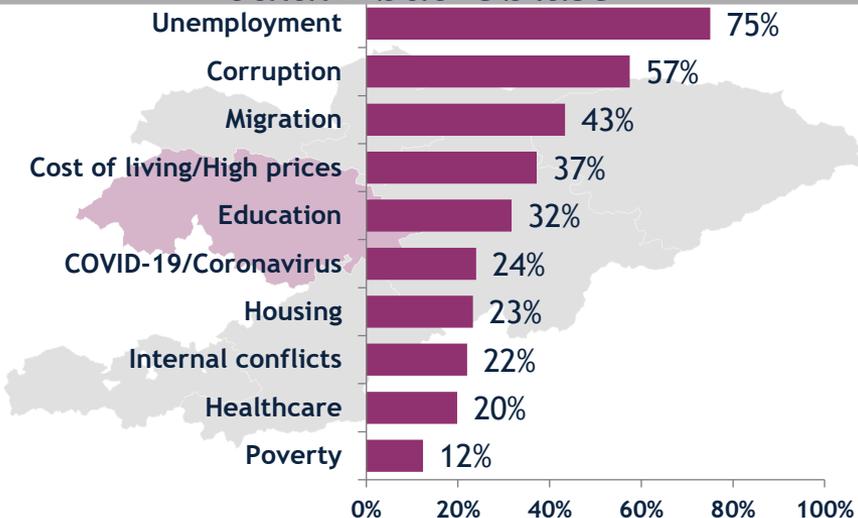
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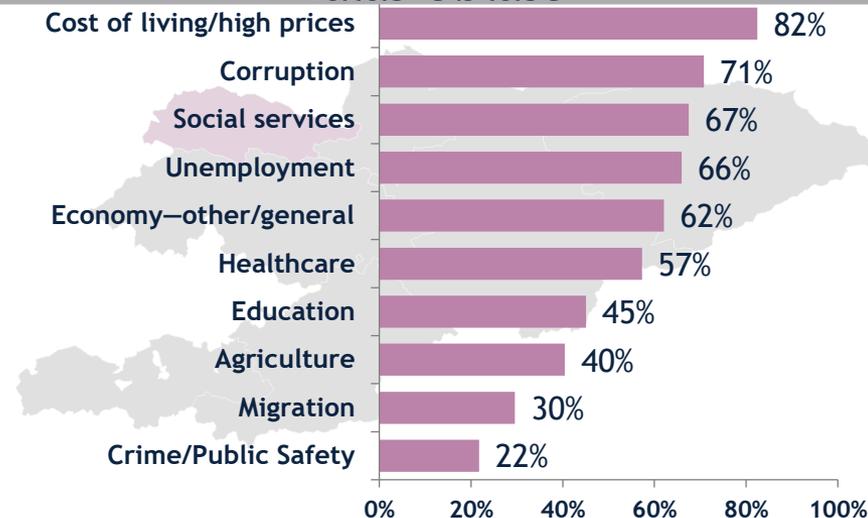
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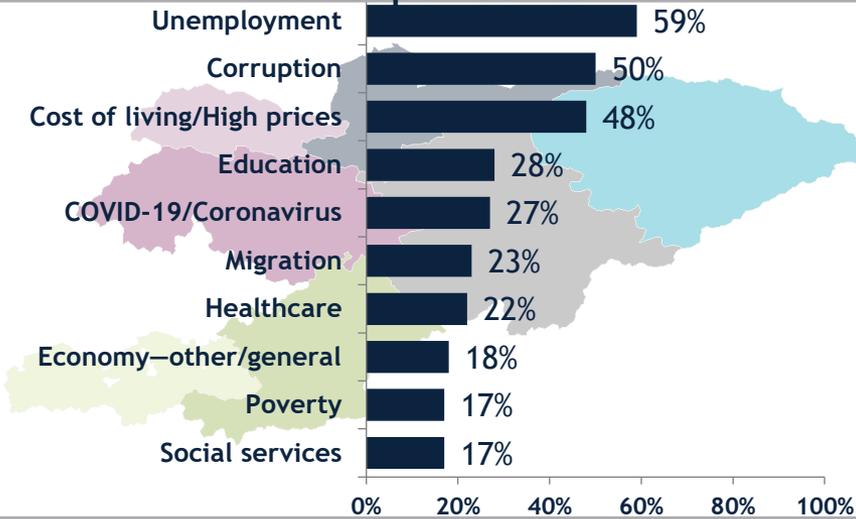


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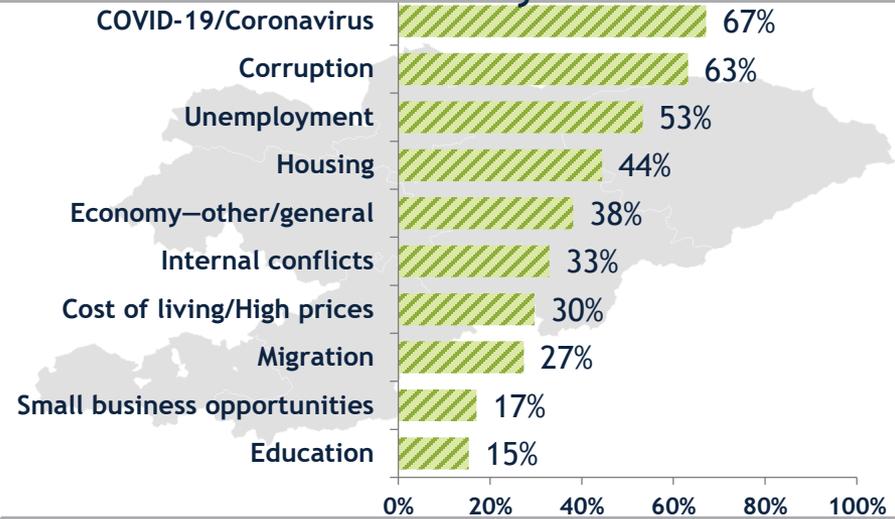
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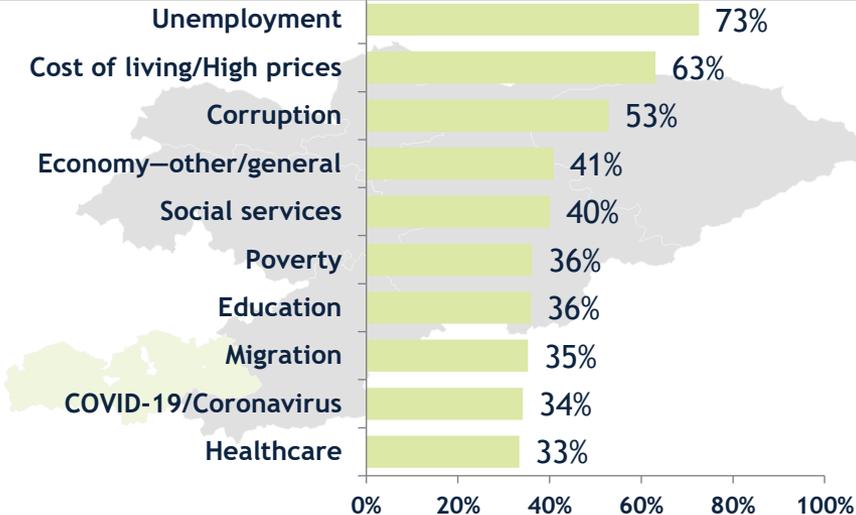
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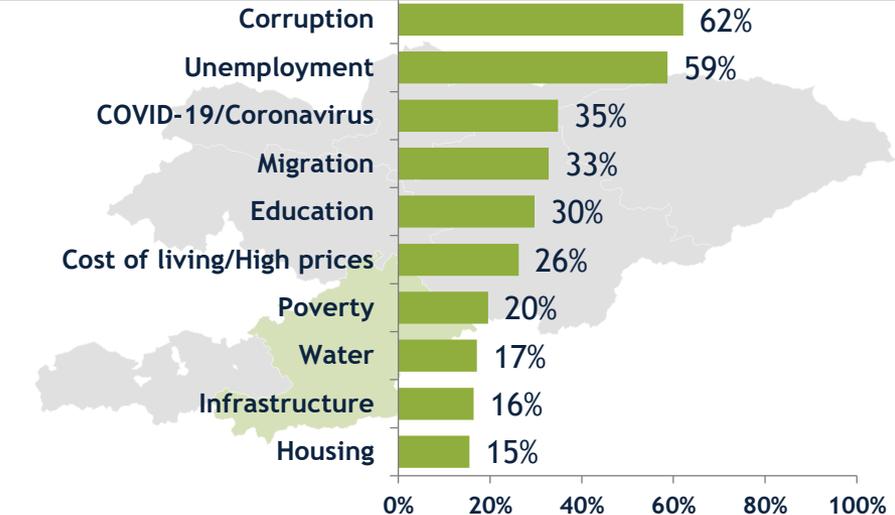
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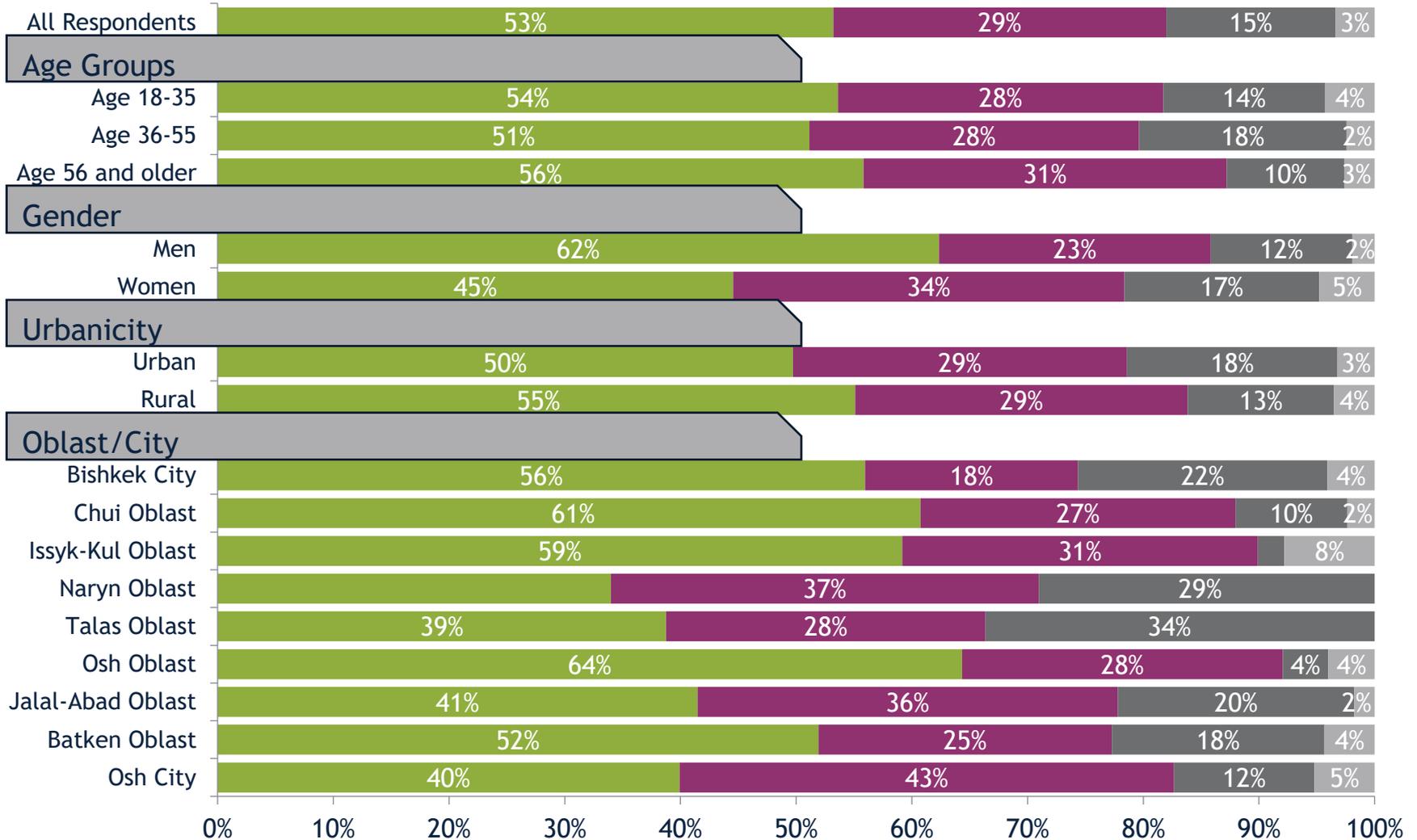
*Social services includes mentions of benefits and pensions, Small business opportunities includes mentions of access to loans.



Democracy and Political Interest

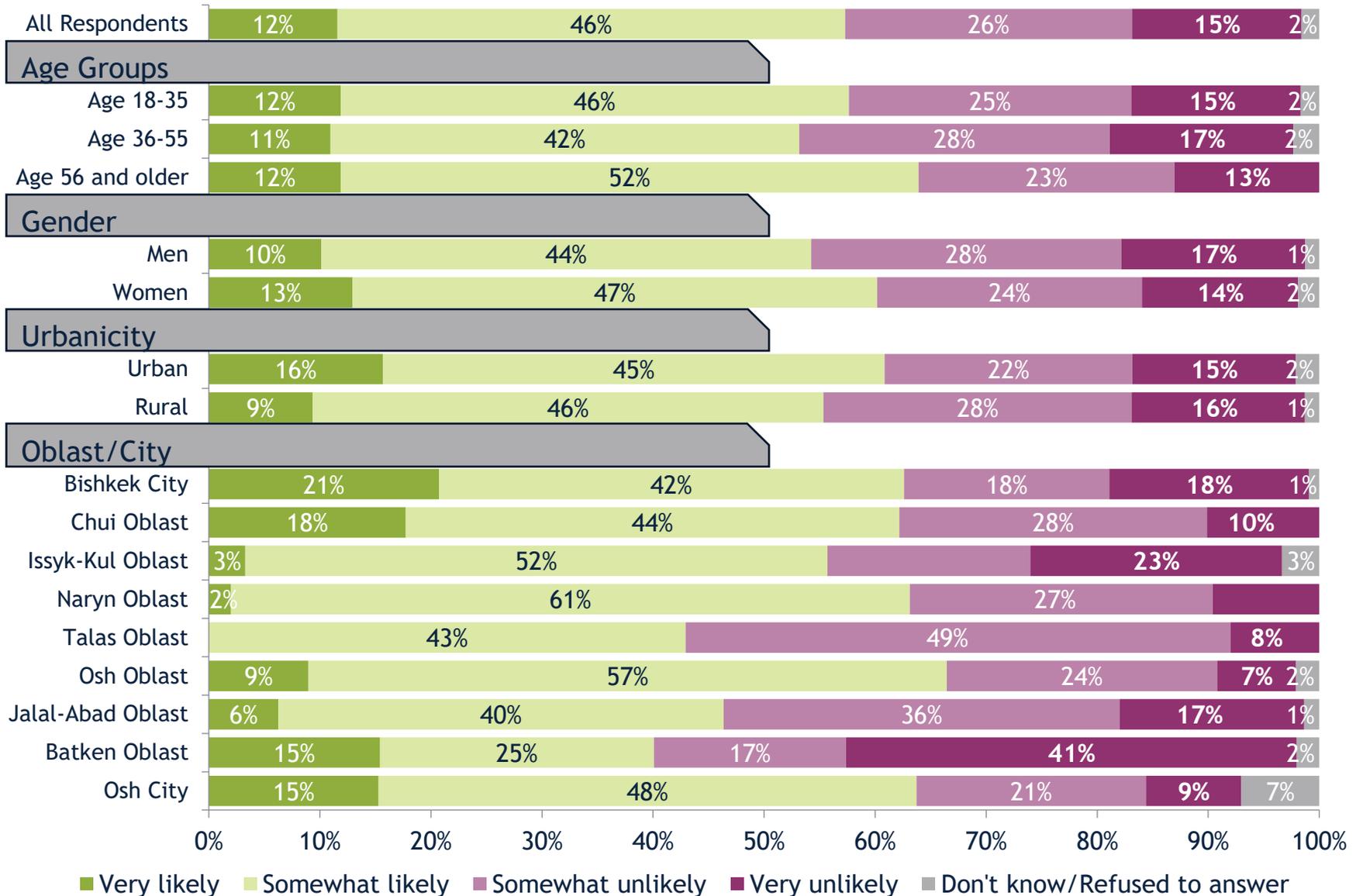


Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?



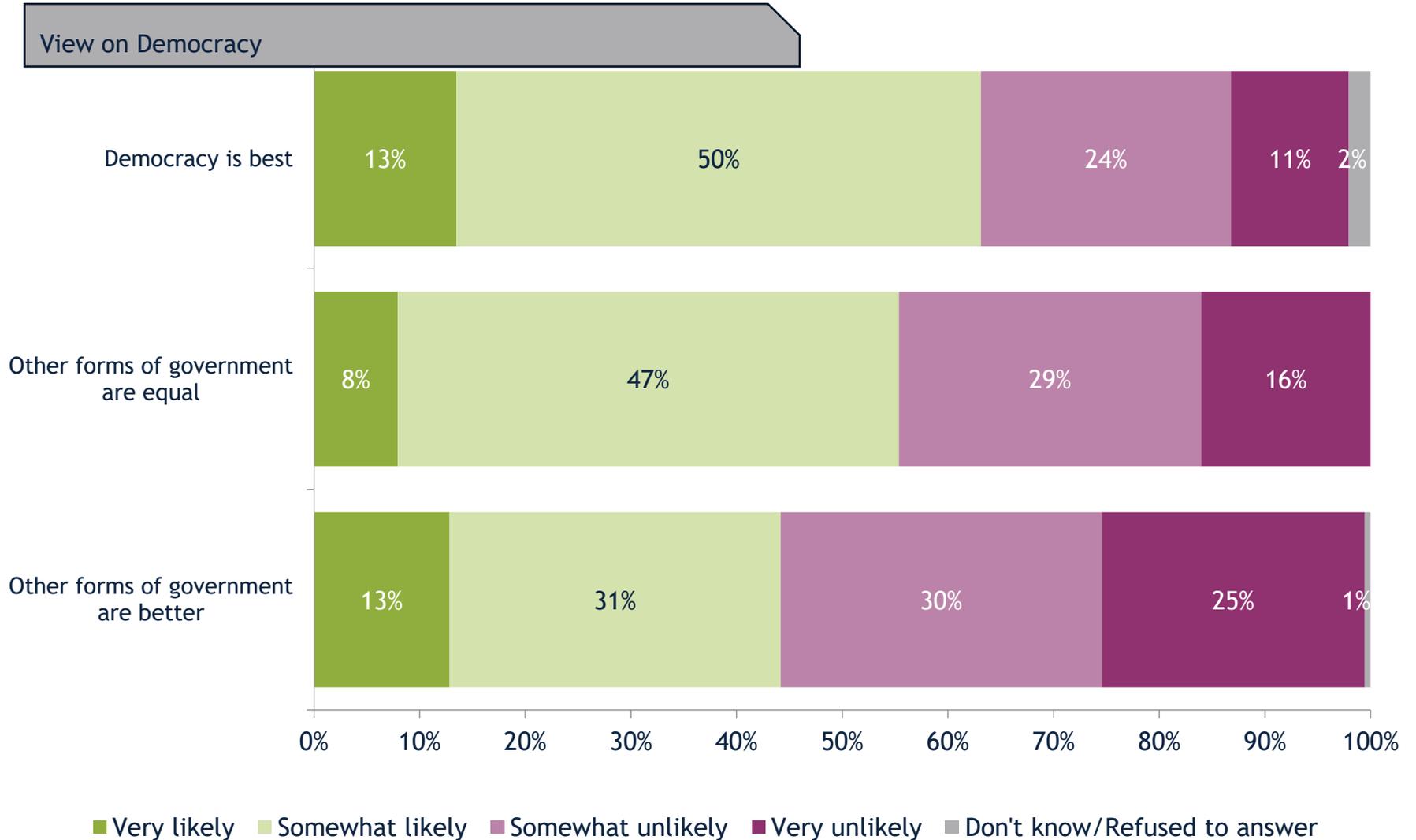
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy.
- Don't know/Refused to answer

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

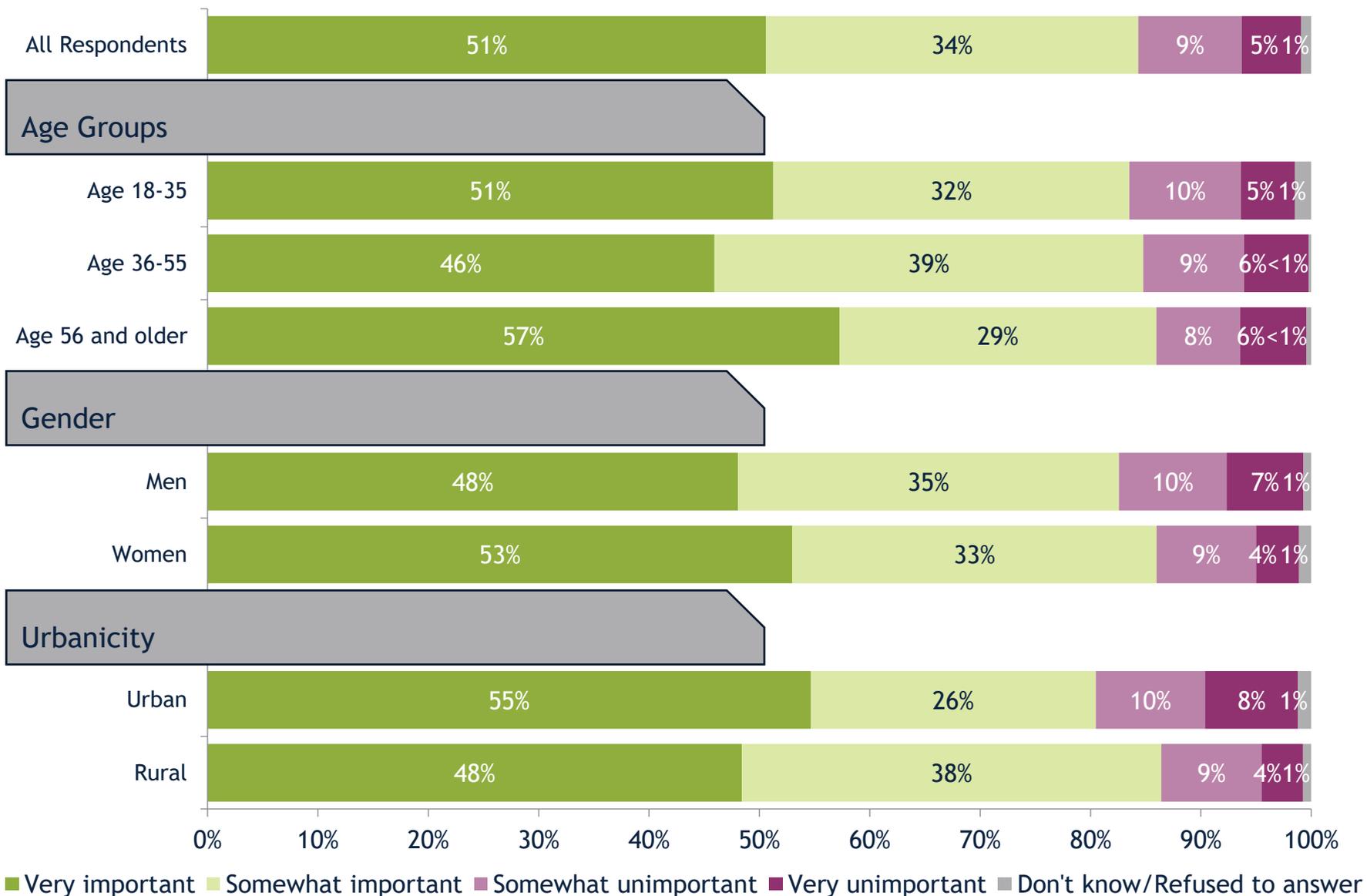


How likely or unlikely are ordinary people to be able to influence decisions made in our country?

(Disaggregated by respondents' views on democracy)



How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision-making?



What factors are most important to you in determining whether or not you will vote for a candidate?

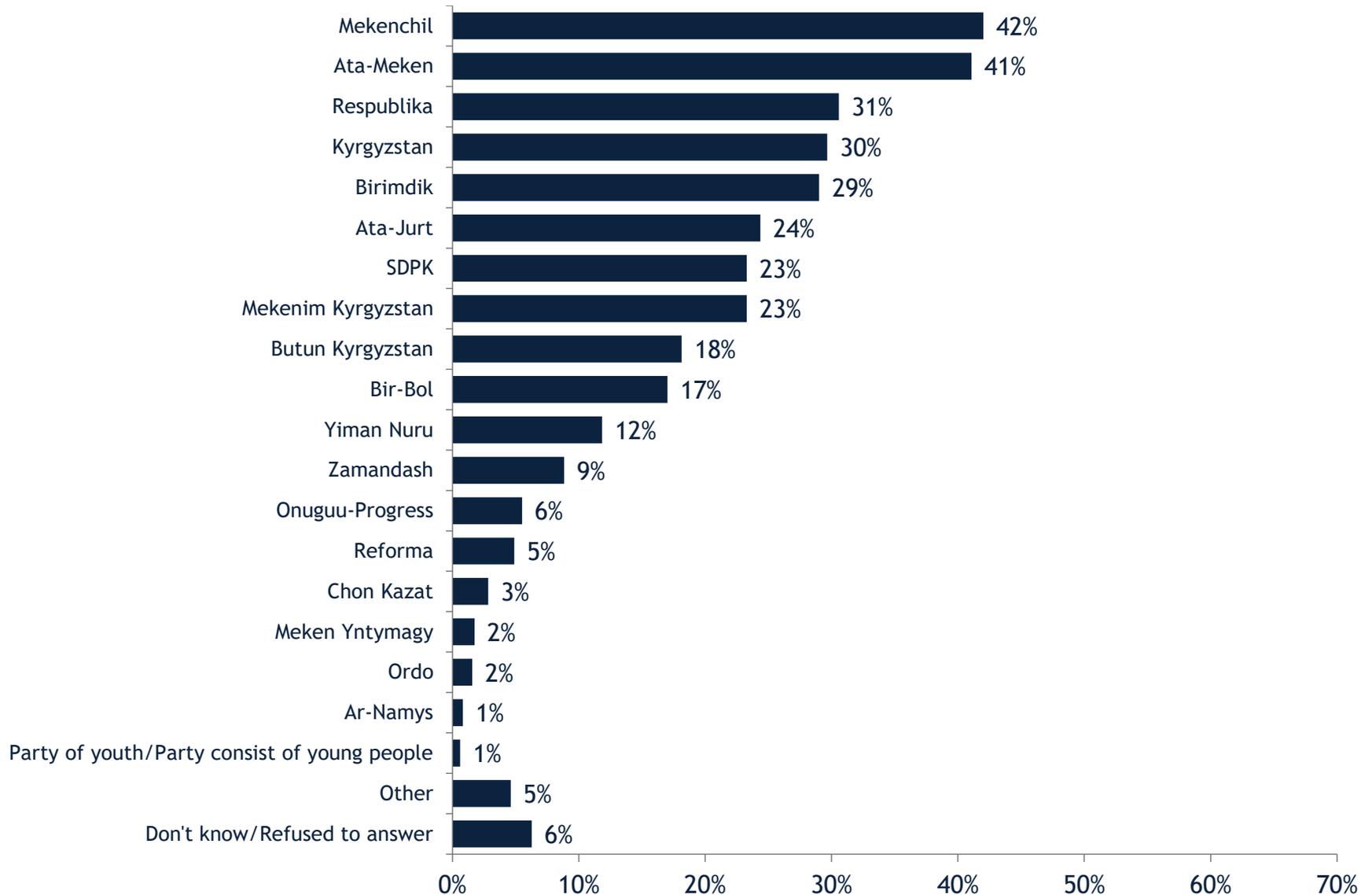
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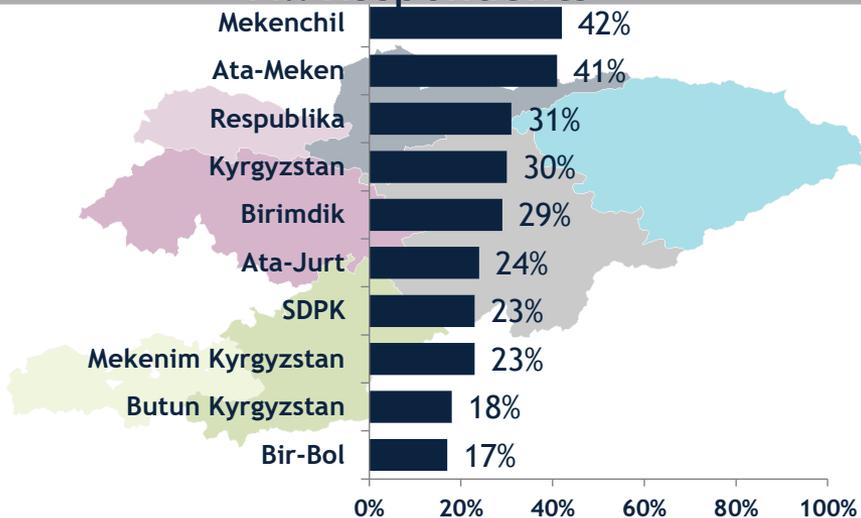


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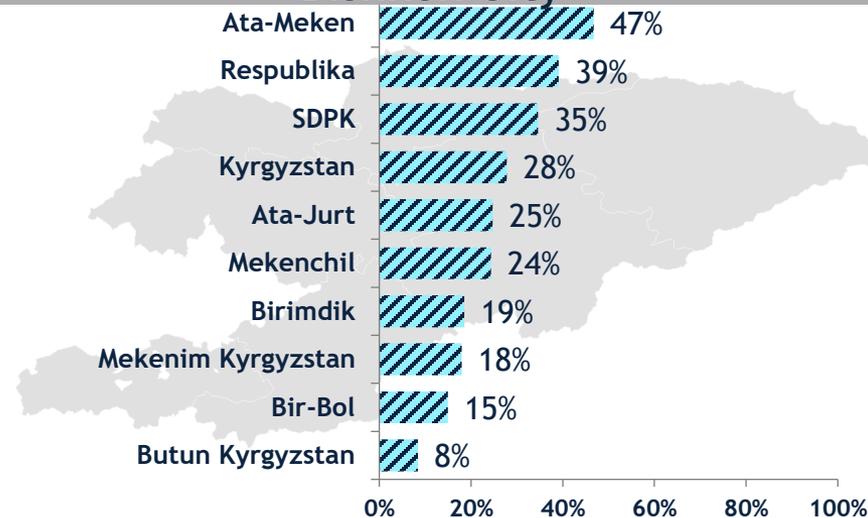
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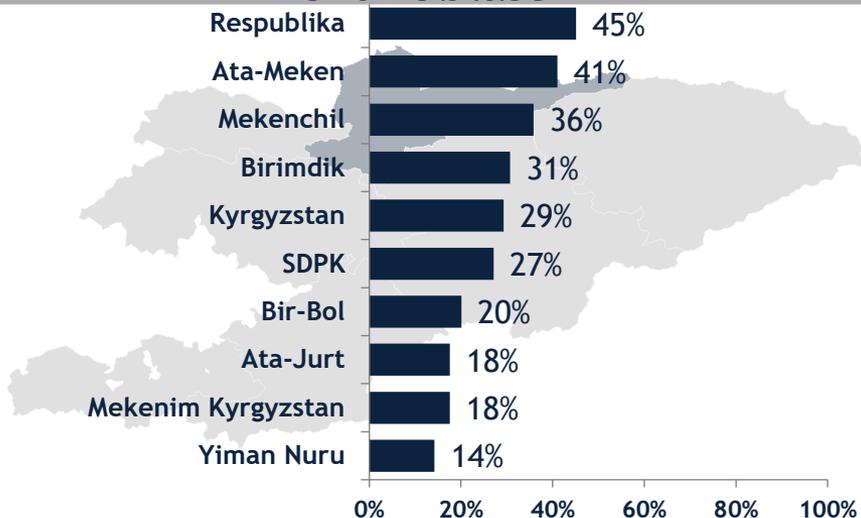
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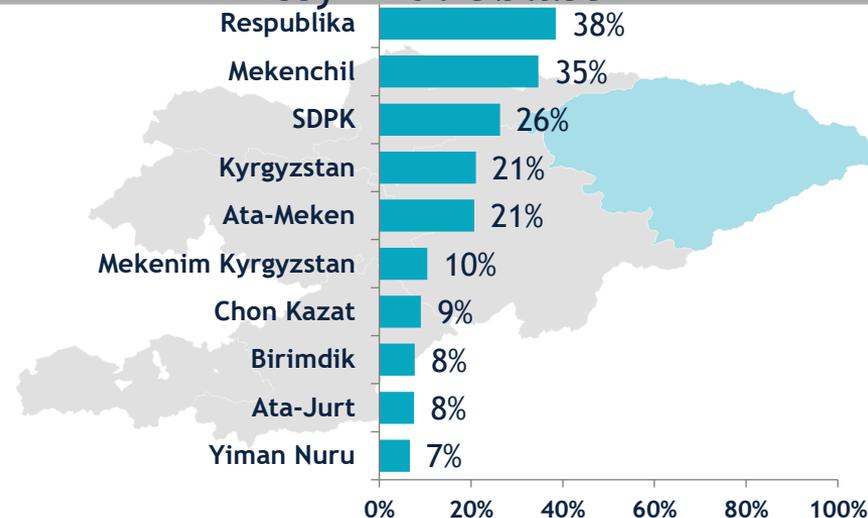
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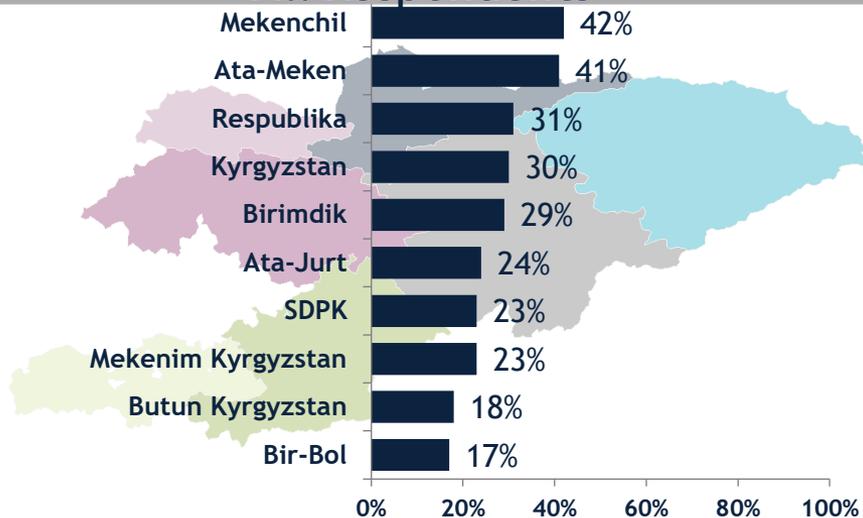
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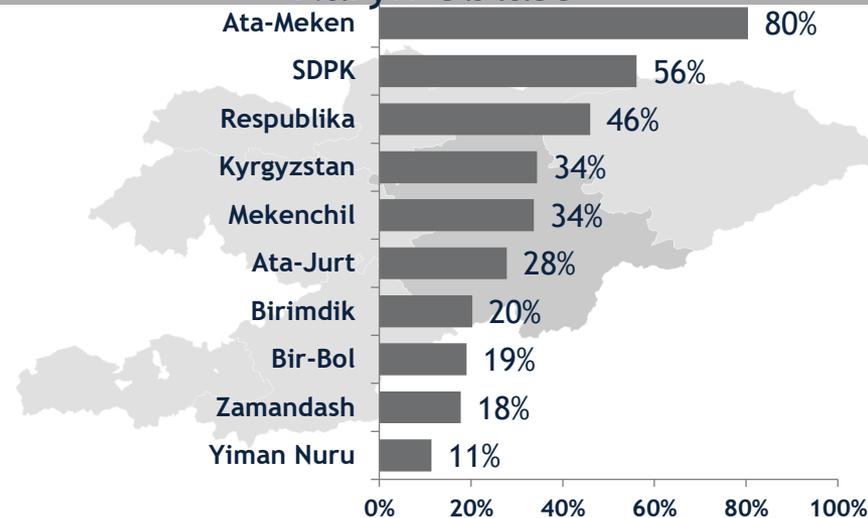
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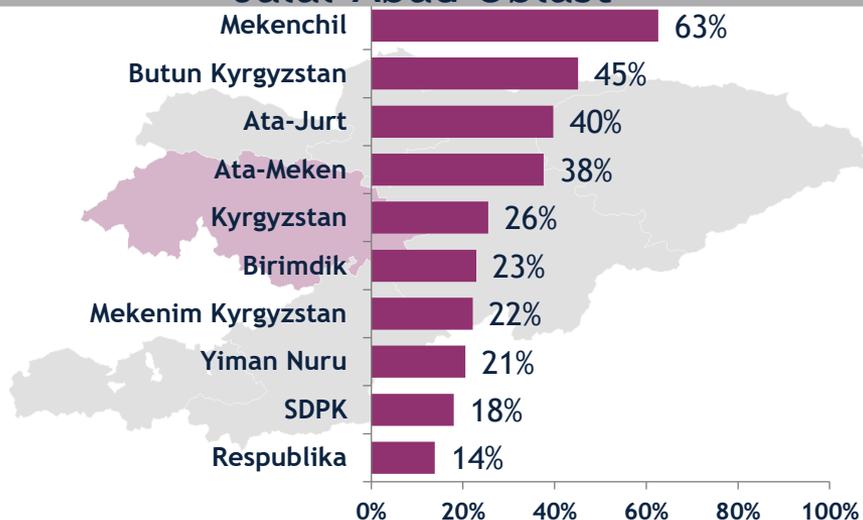
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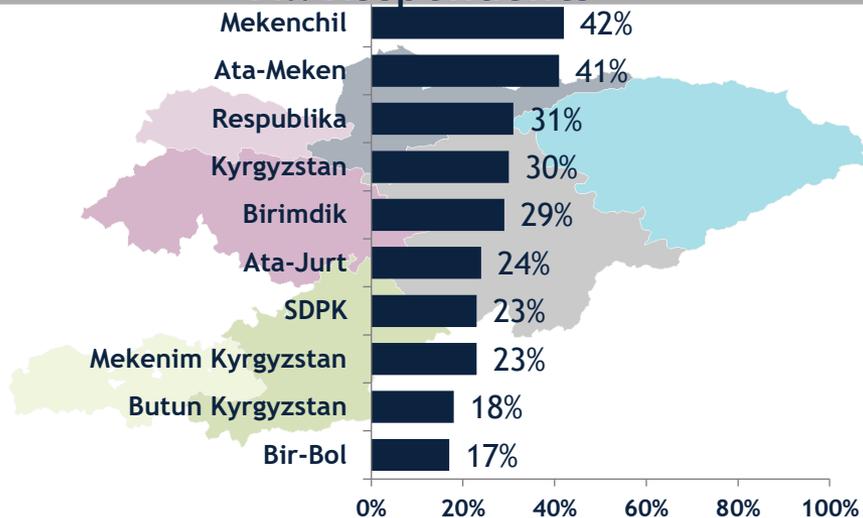
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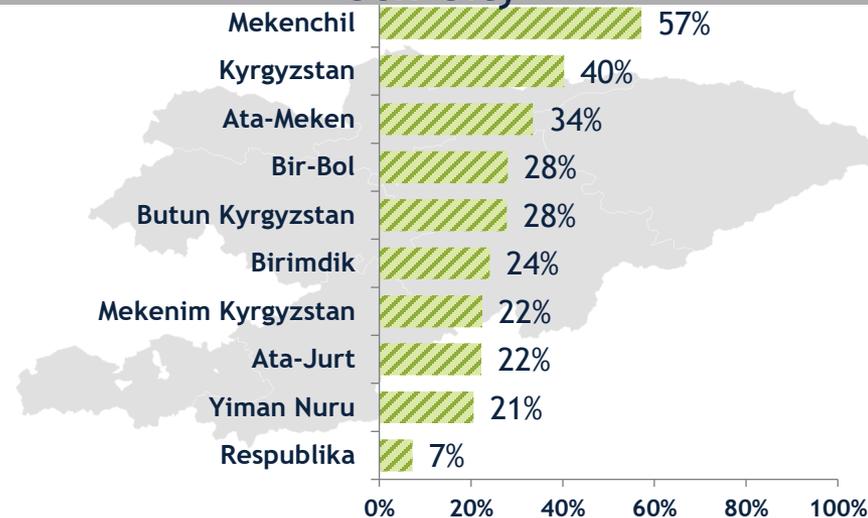
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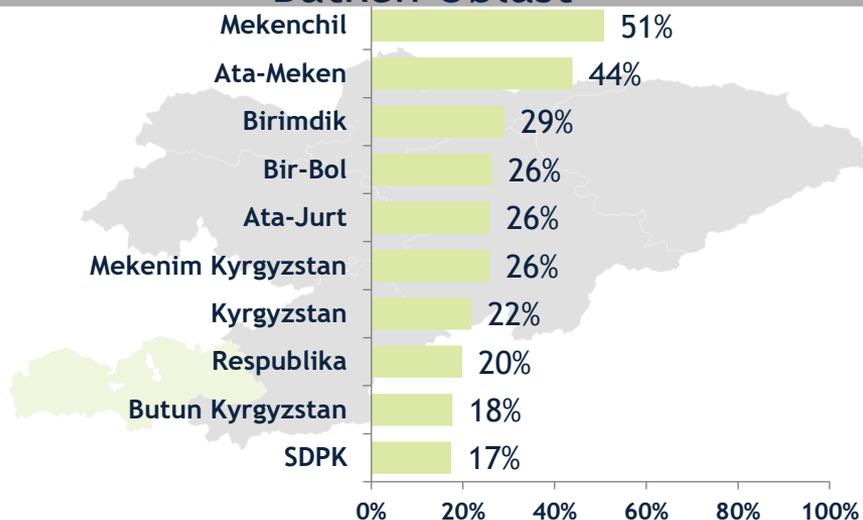
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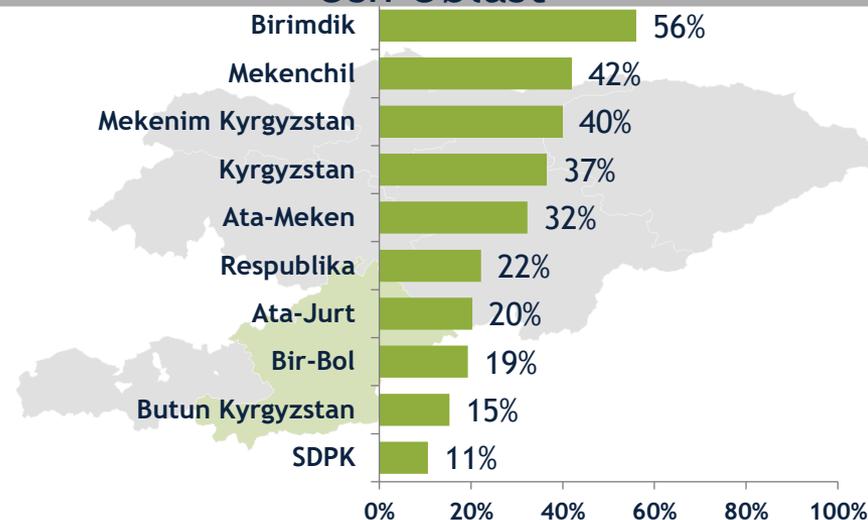
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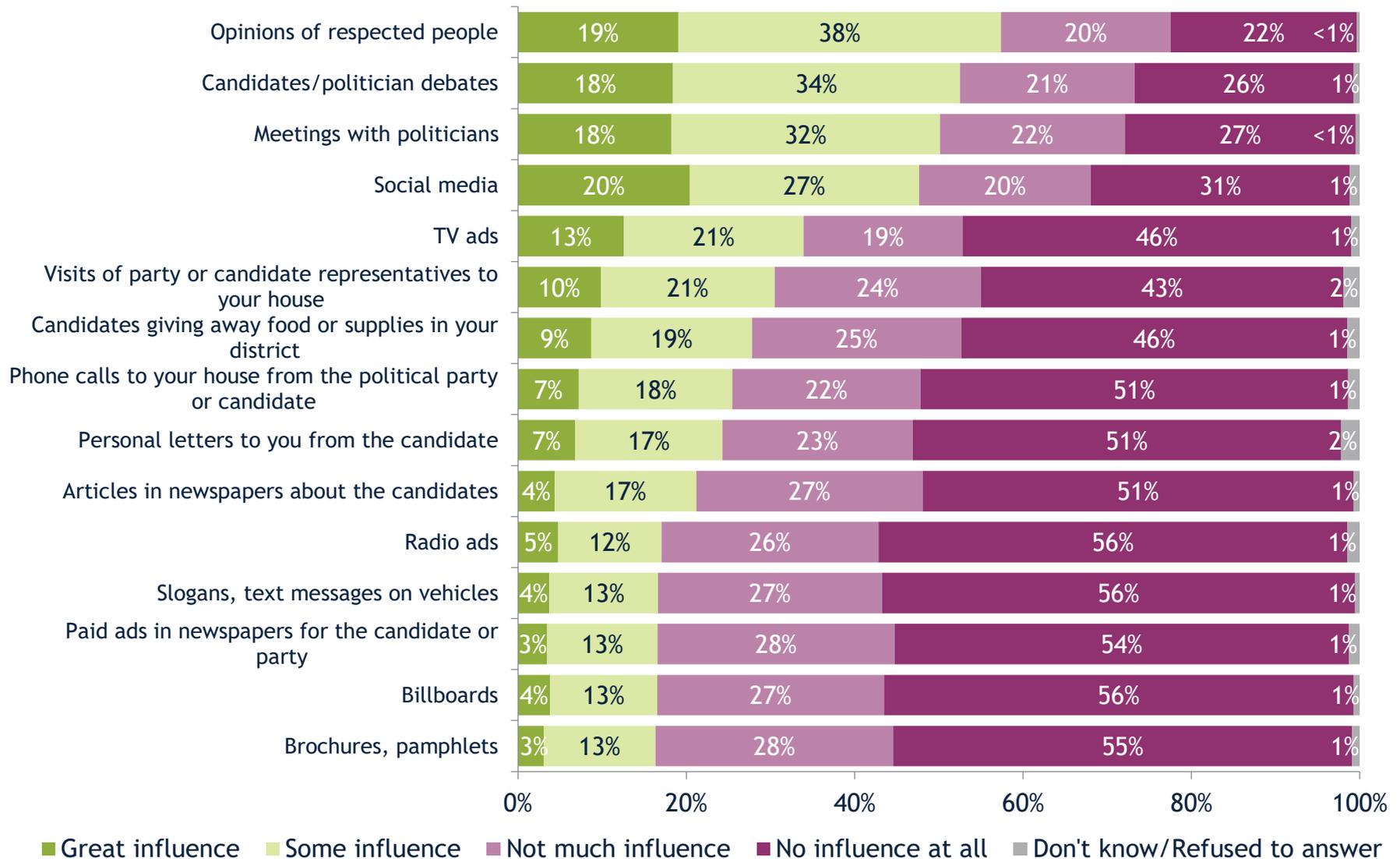
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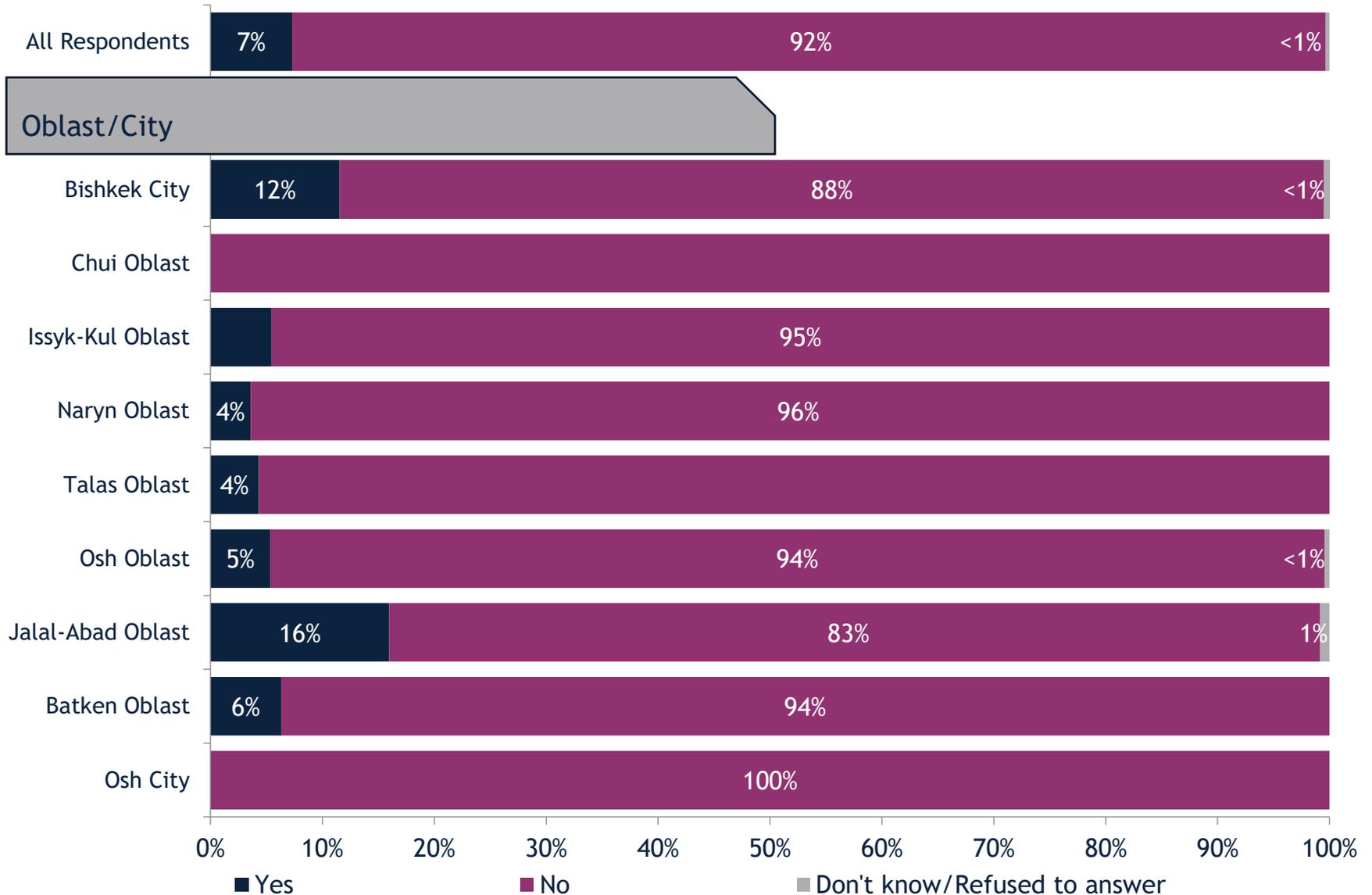
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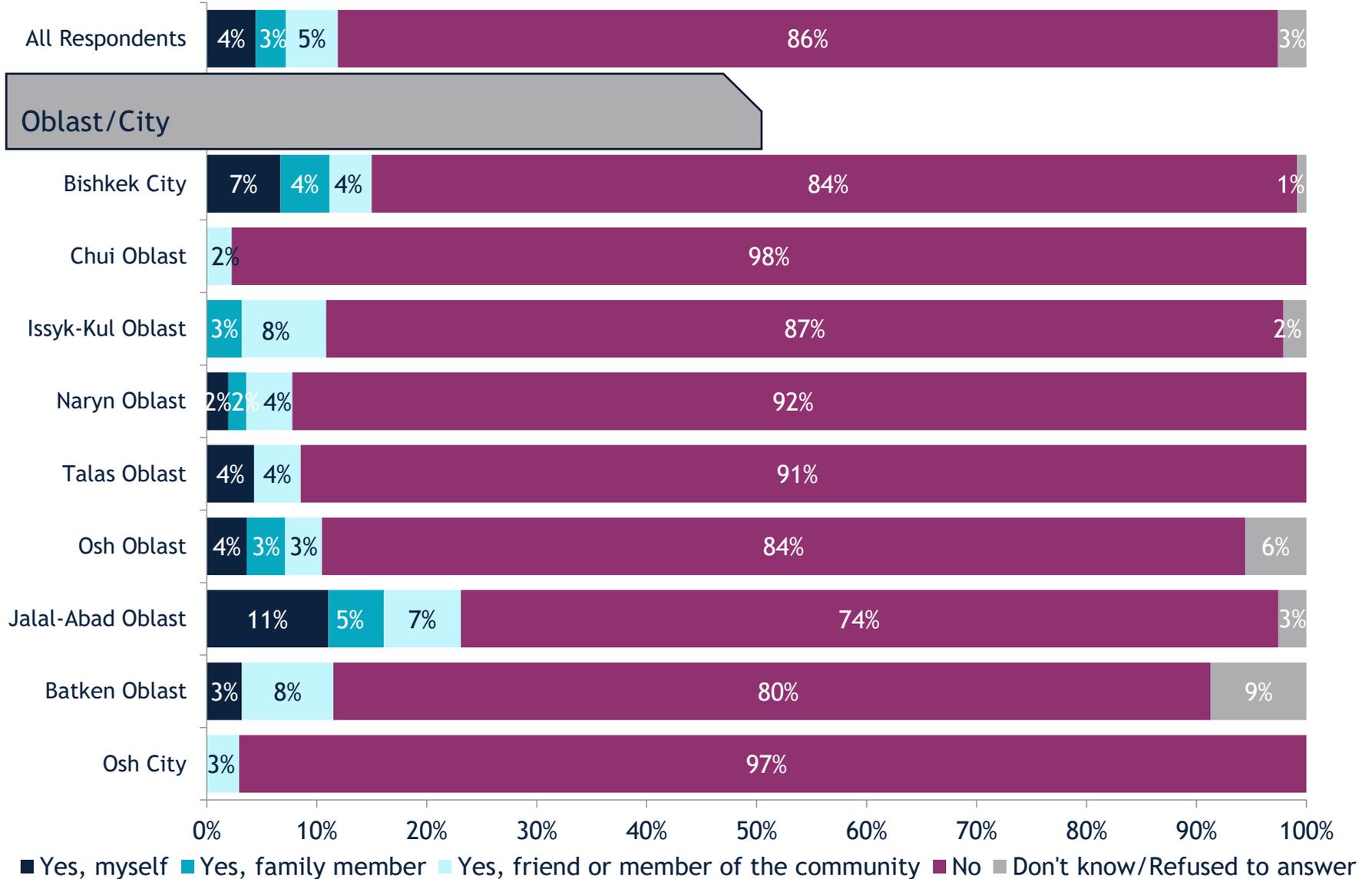
For each of the following items, [... do] they have great influence, some influence, not much influence, or no influence at all on your views of political parties or candidates?



During the Presidential election, did anyone offer you money, gifts or some other incentive in exchange for your vote?



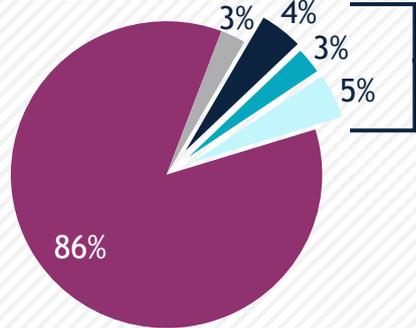
During the Presidential Election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts, or an incentive in exchange for their vote?



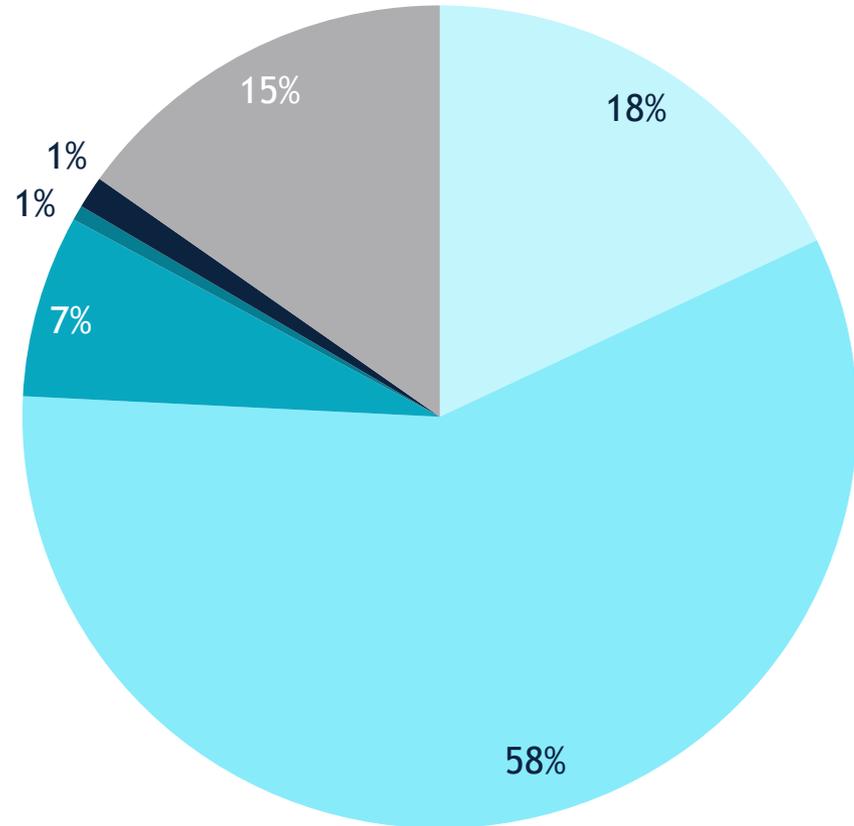
If yes, how much were [you/they] offered in exchange for [your/their] vote?

(Among those who know of or witnessed money, gifts or an incentive being offered in exchange for votes, n=143)

During the presidential election, did you know or witness anyone who was offered money, gifts or an incentive in exchange for their vote?



- Yes, myself
- Yes, family member
- Yes, friend or member of the community
- No
- Don't know/Refused to answer



■ Less than 1,000 som*

■ Between 3,001-5,000 som

■ More than 7,000 som

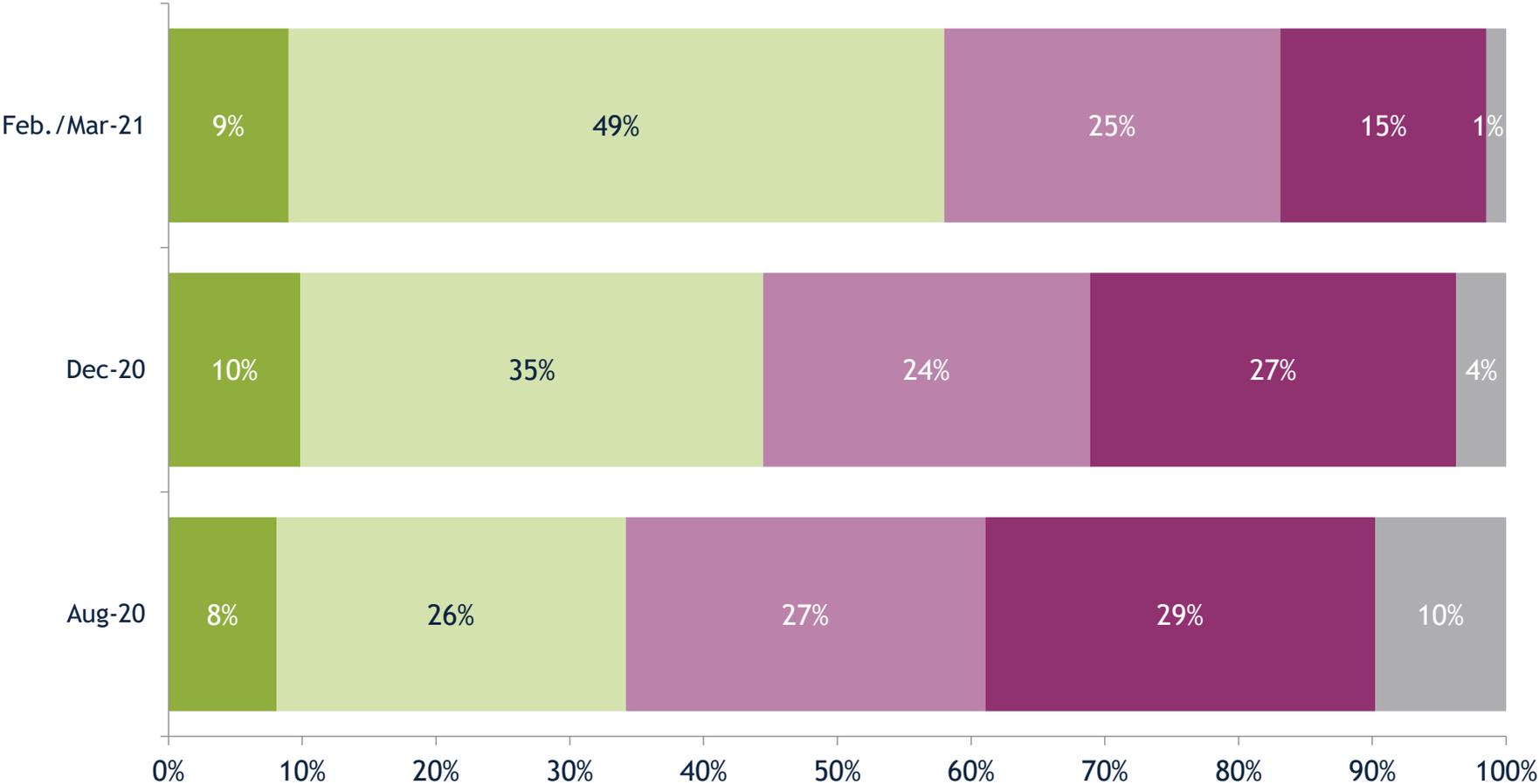
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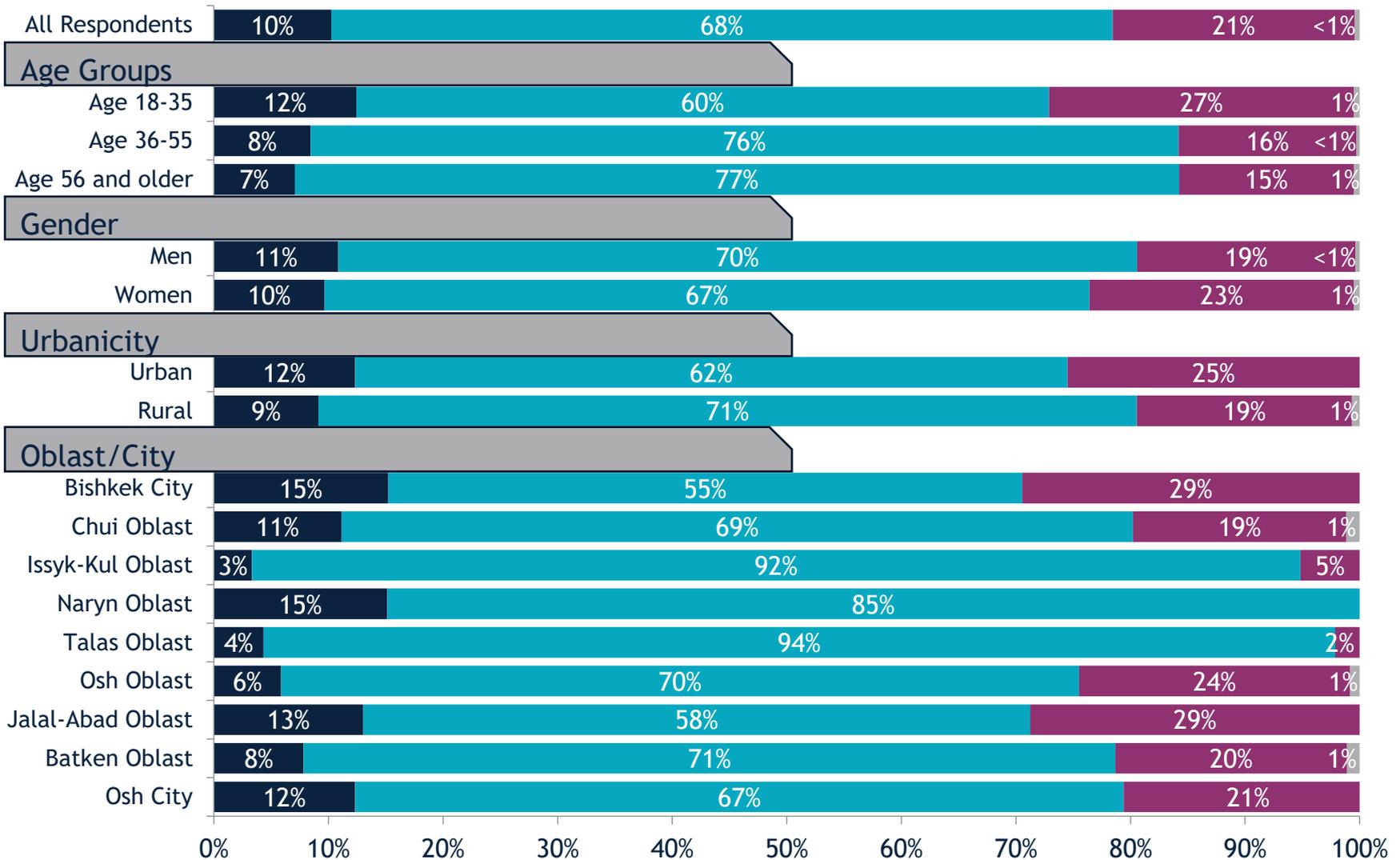
*Note: Exchange rate of 1,000 som to \$11.79 USD as of March 5, 2021 per OANDA

How effective or ineffective do you believe the Central Election Commission is in the management and oversight of elections in Kyrgyzstan?



■ Very effective
 ■ Somewhat effective
 ■ Somewhat ineffective
 ■ Very ineffective
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

Did you vote in parliamentary elections using Form #2?*

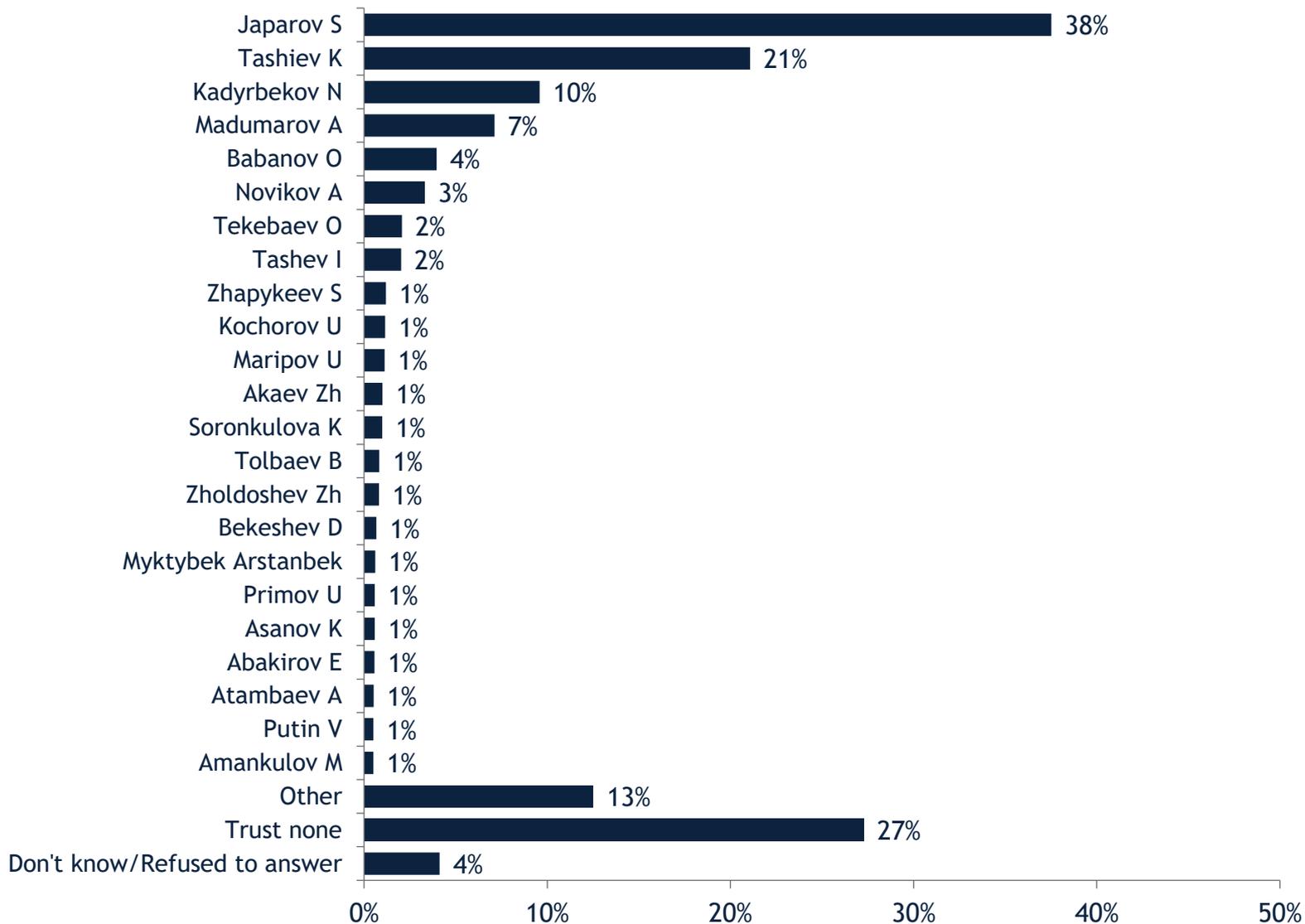


■ Yes, I voted using Form #2
 ■ No, I voted but did not use Form #2
 ■ No, I did not vote
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

*Note: Form #2 was a method of voting *in absentia*, removed after the October 2020 elections and not used in the January 2021 elections.

Which politicians or public persons do you trust the most?

(Spontaneous response; up to three responses permitted)

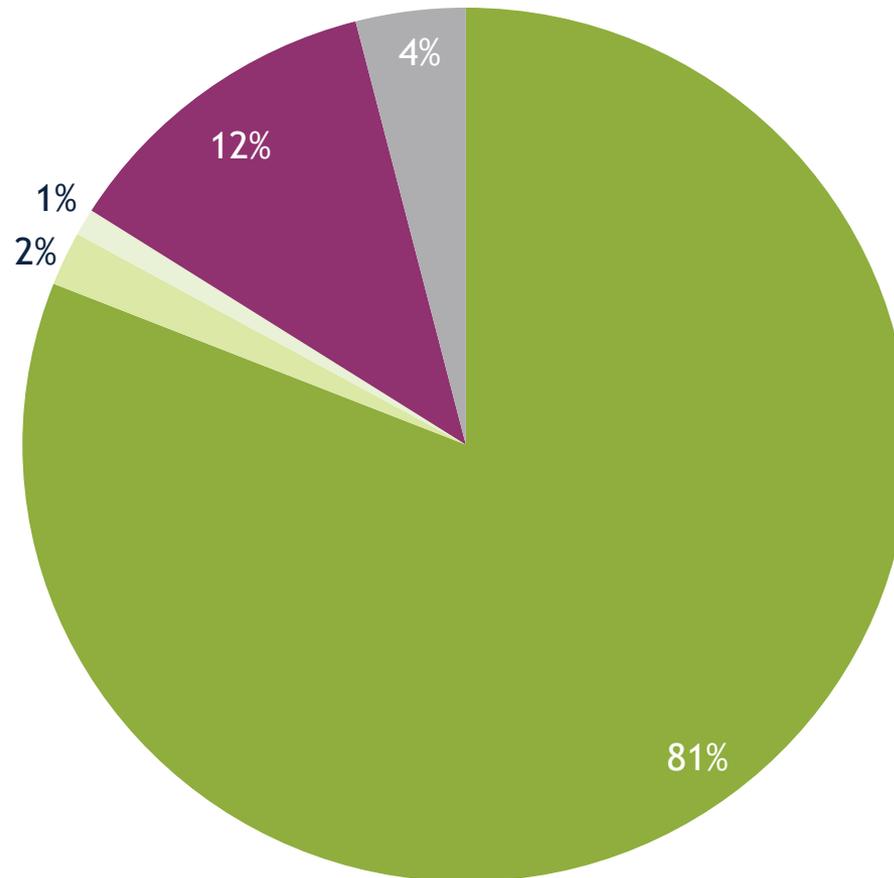




Parties and Elections



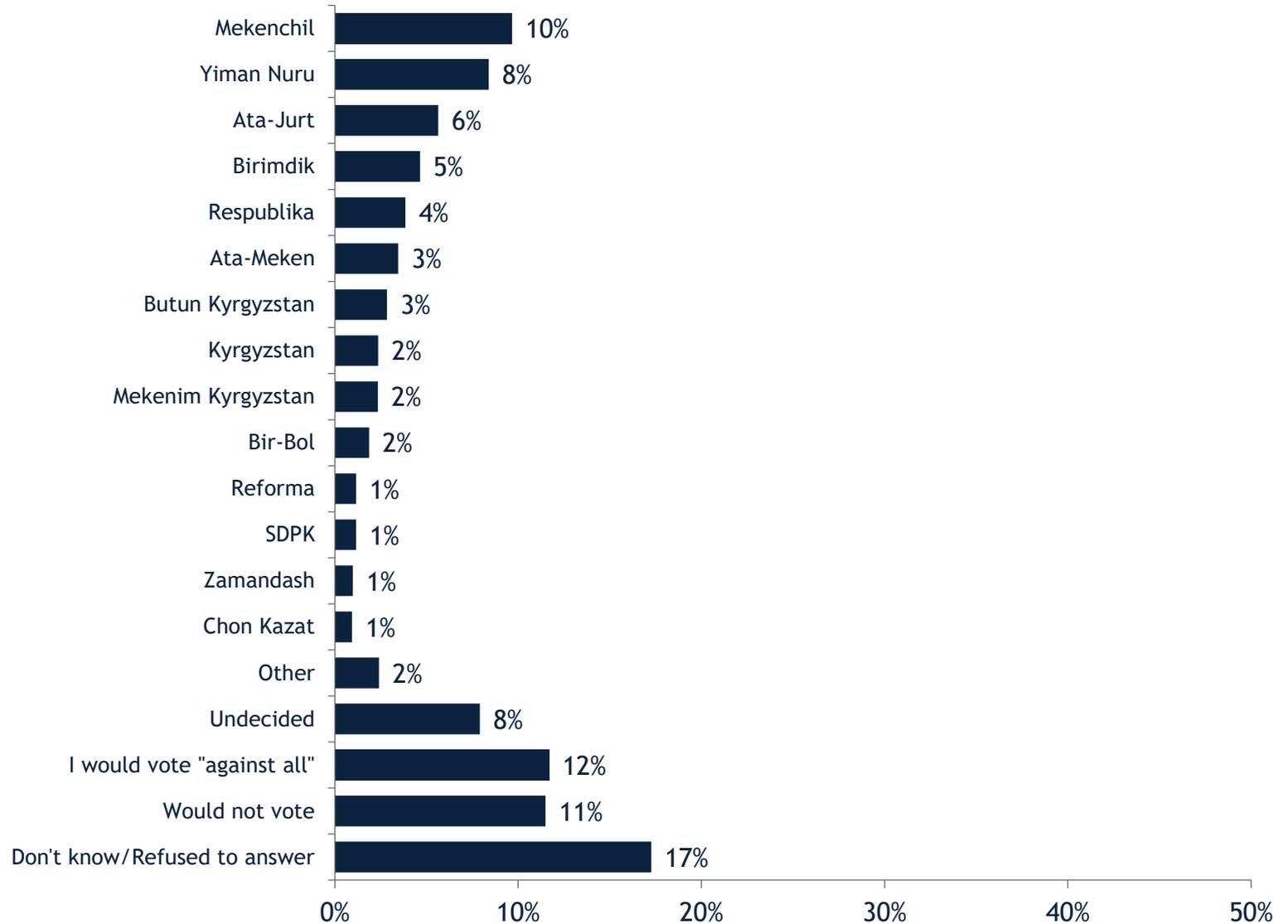
Do you intend to vote in the planned local and parliamentary elections in the spring or summer?



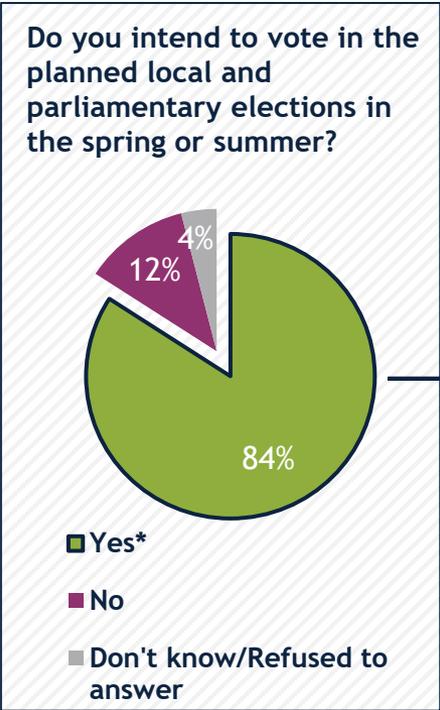
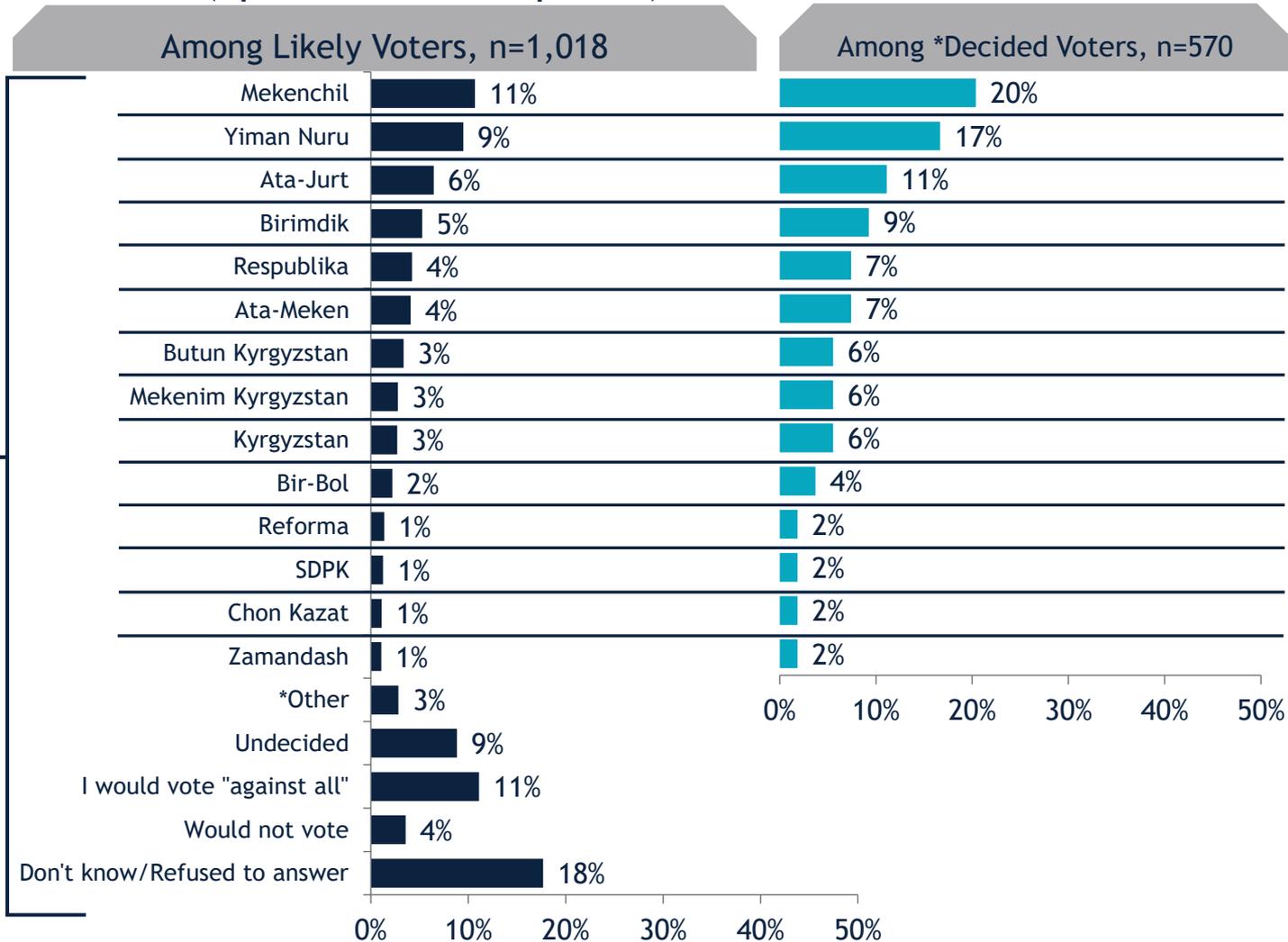
■ Yes ■ Local only ■ Parliamentary only ■ No ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

*Repeat parliamentary elections were tentatively scheduled for Spring or Summer 2021 at time of fieldwork and have since been postponed.

If the parliamentary elections were held today, for which party would you vote? (Spontaneous response)



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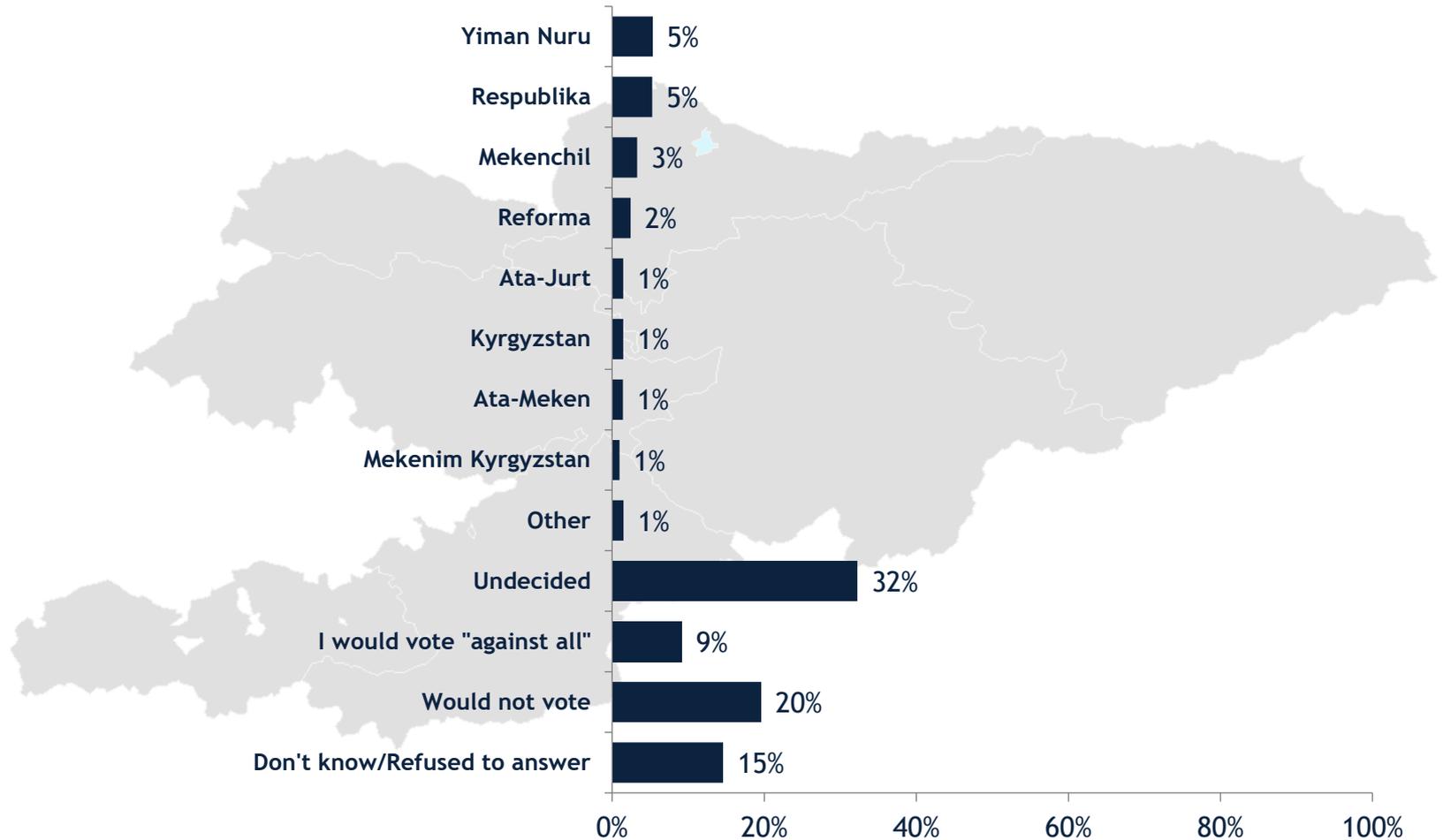


*Yes response includes those who said *Yes, Local only*, and *Parliamentary only*.

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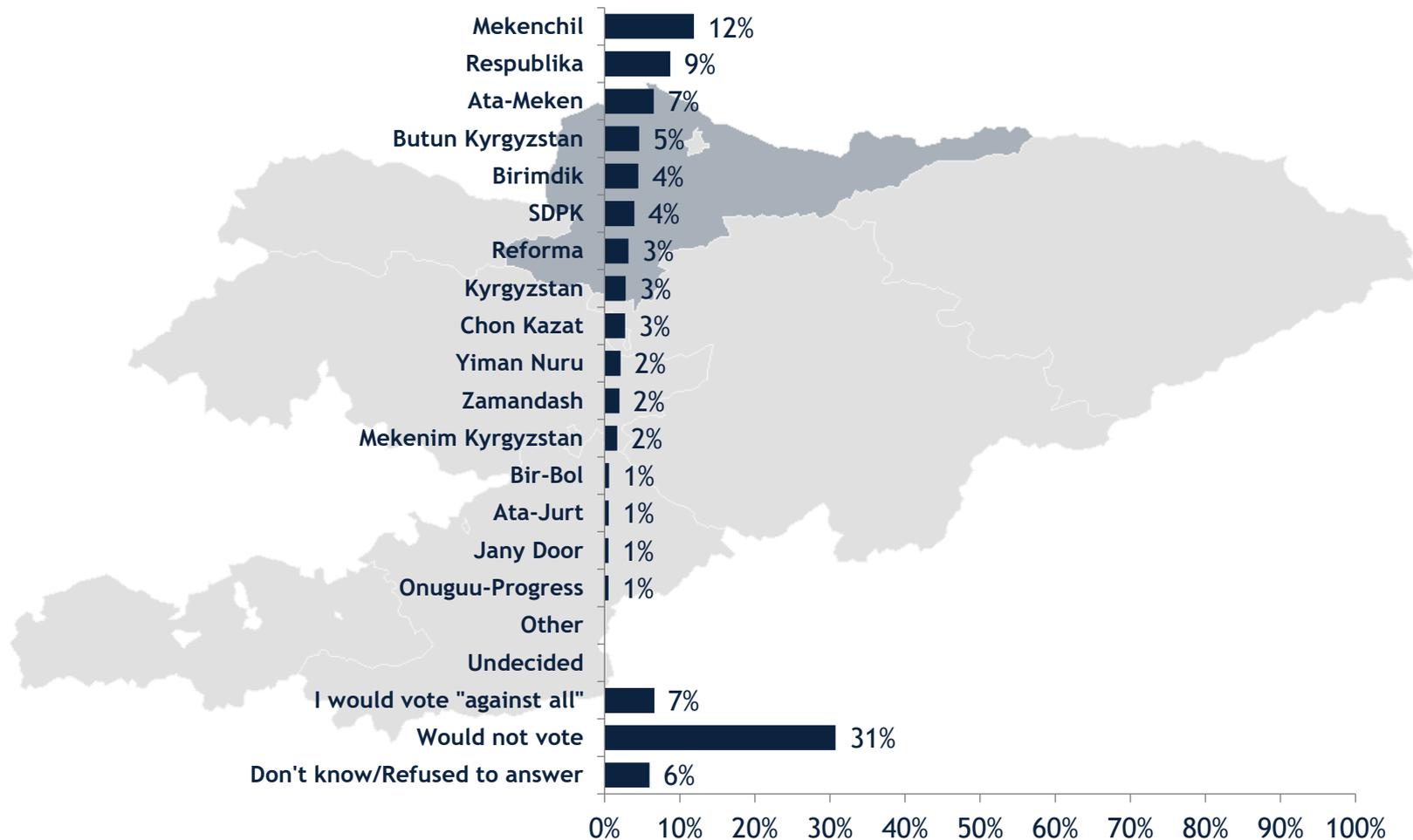
*Decided Voters are those who are likely to vote and who also expressed a party/candidate preference for upcoming elections, excluding 'other.'

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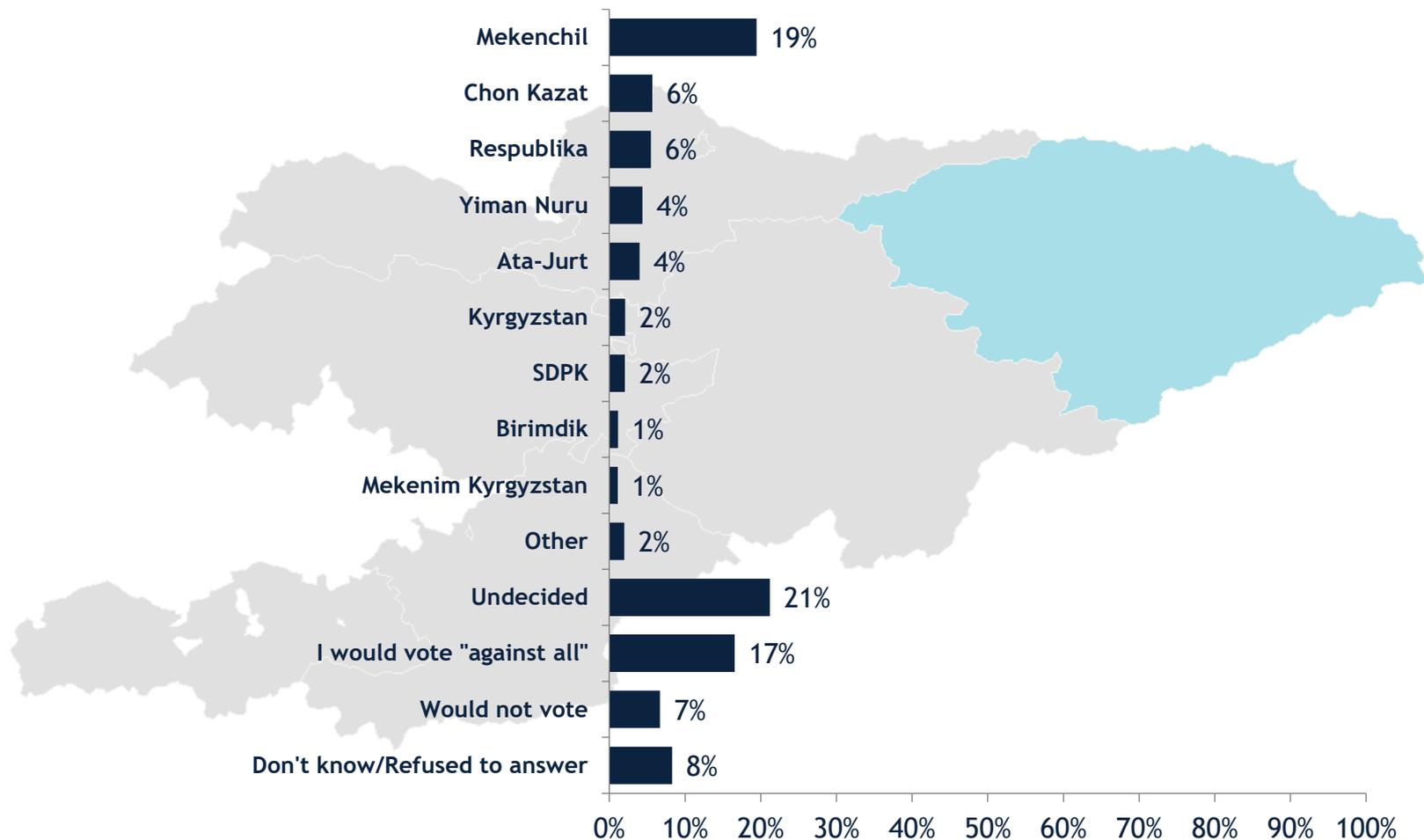
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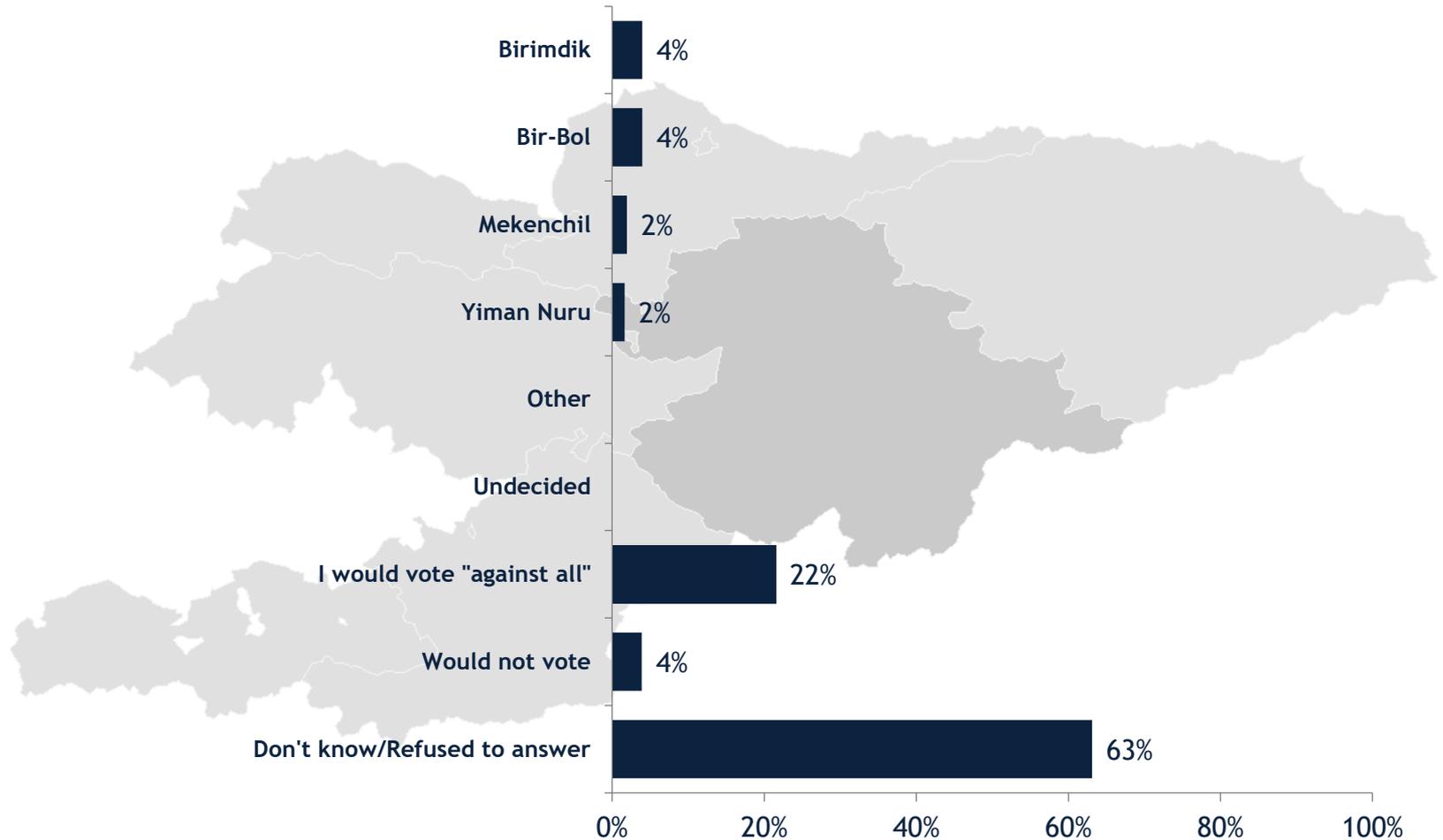
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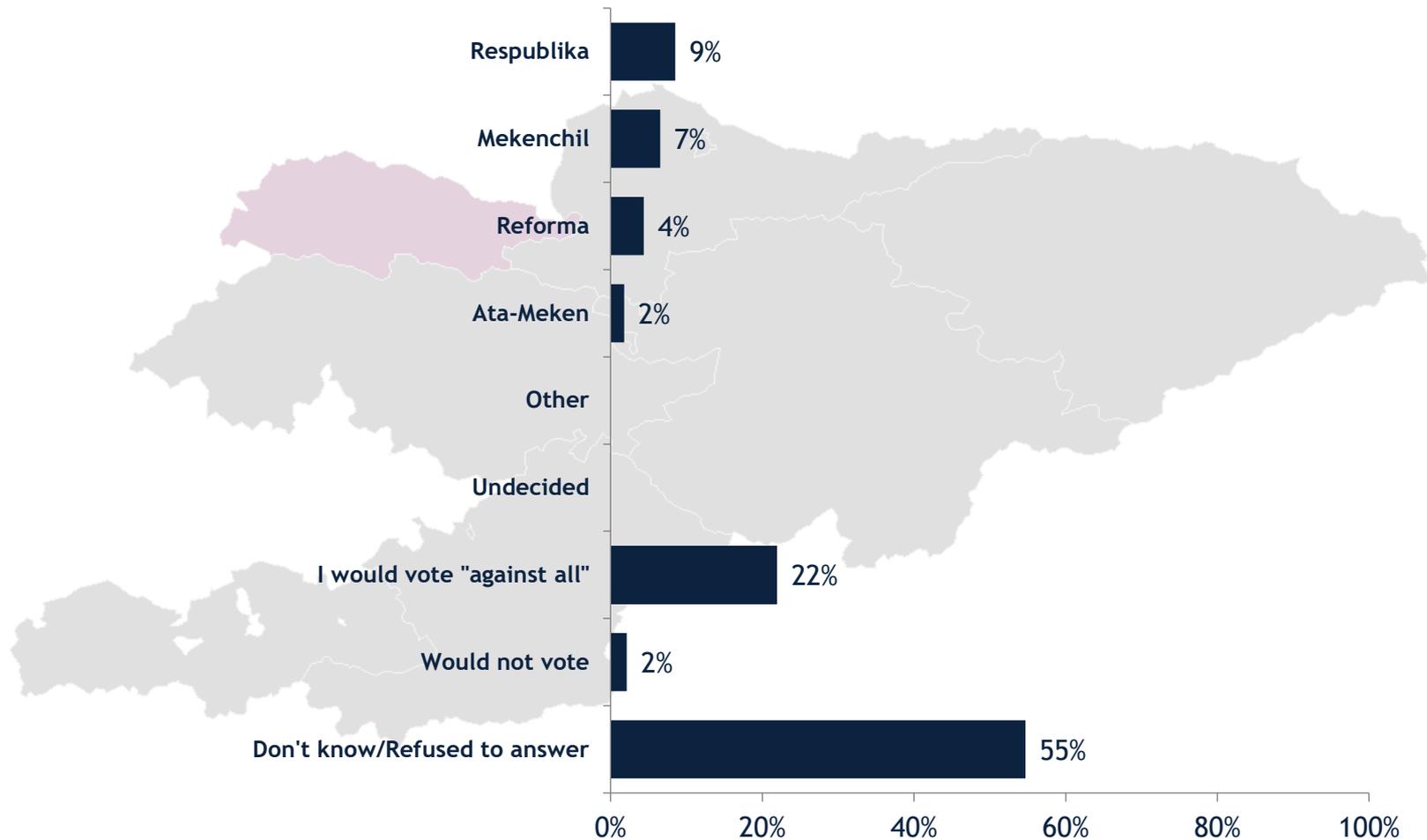


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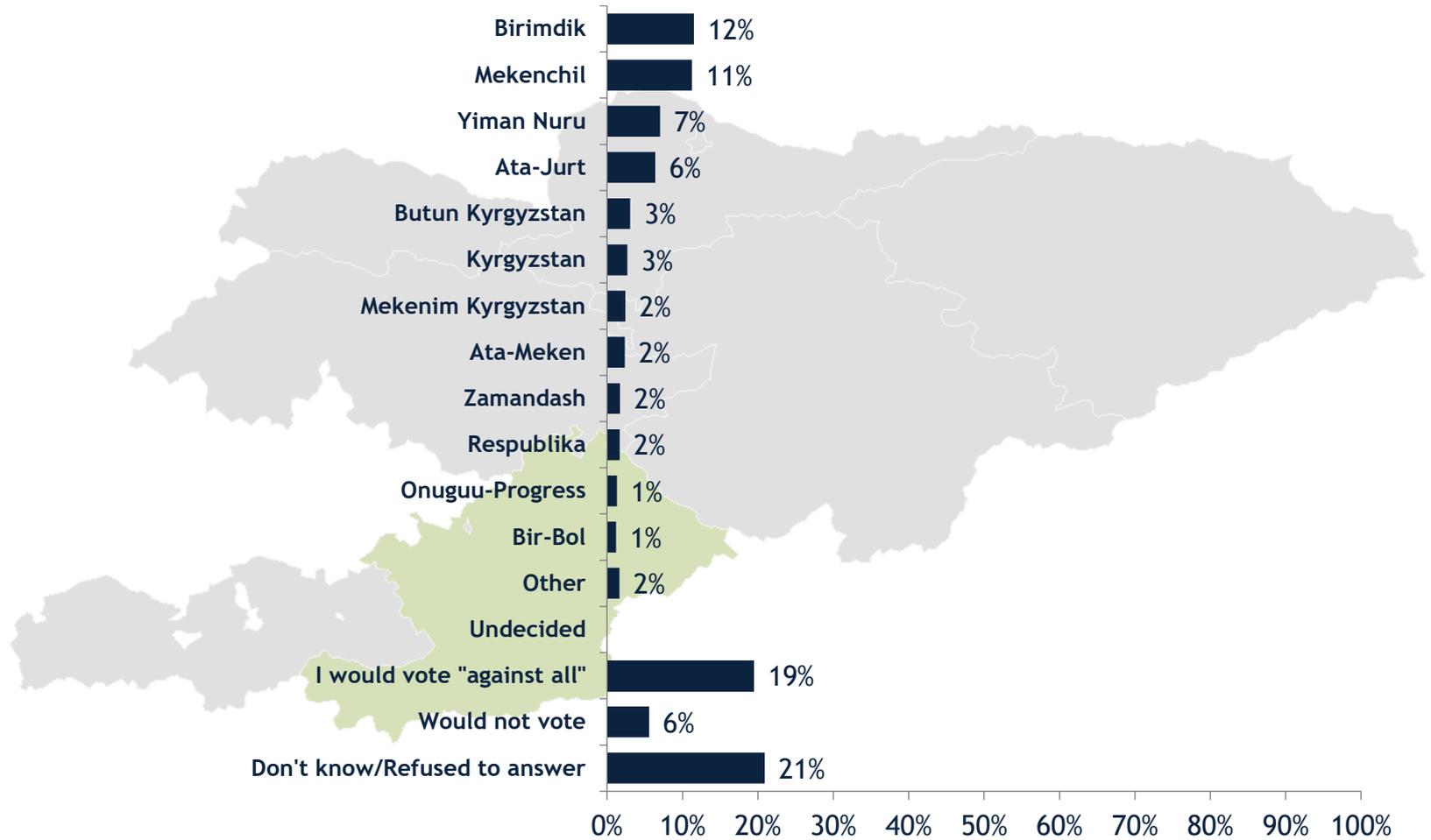
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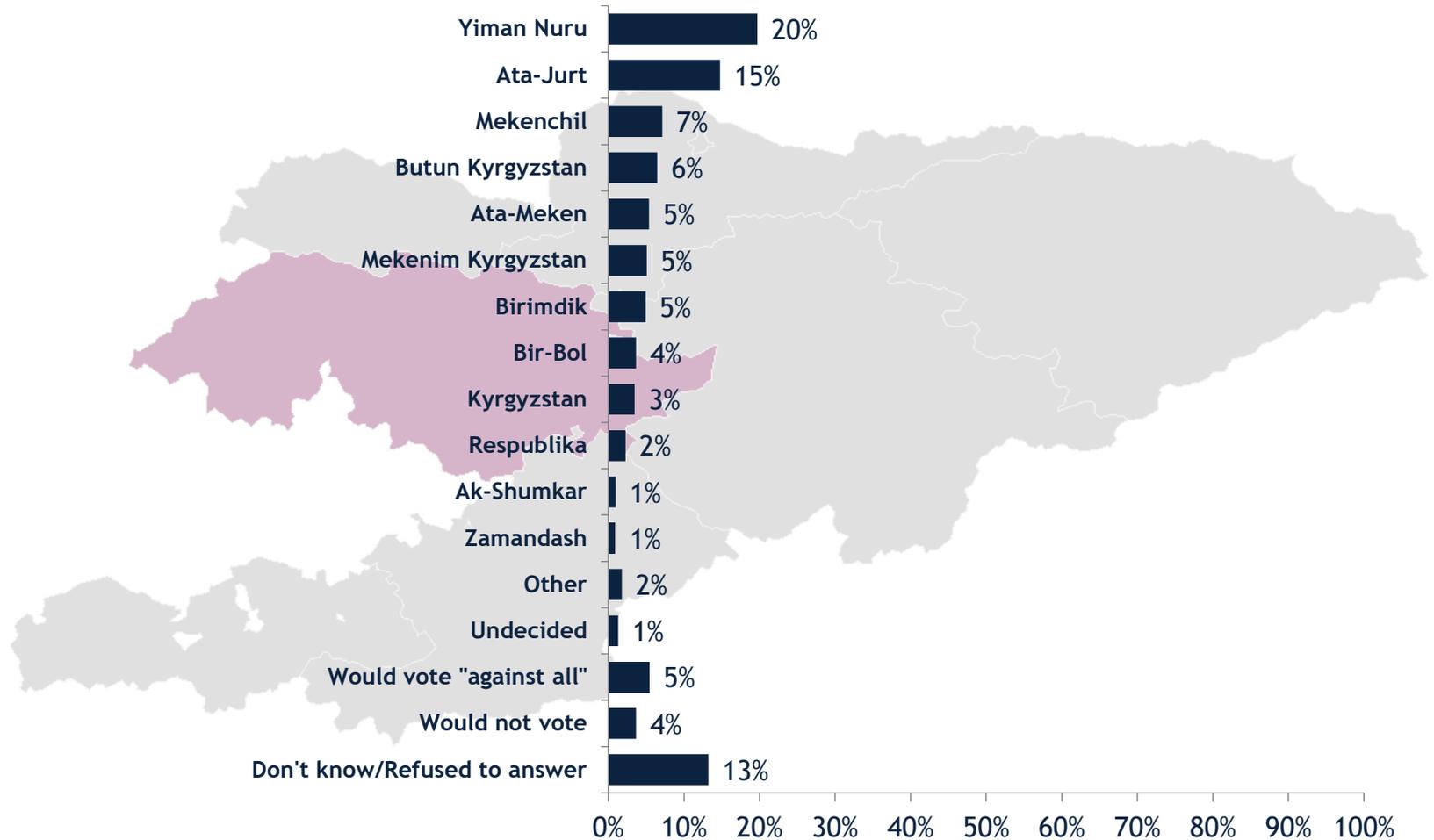


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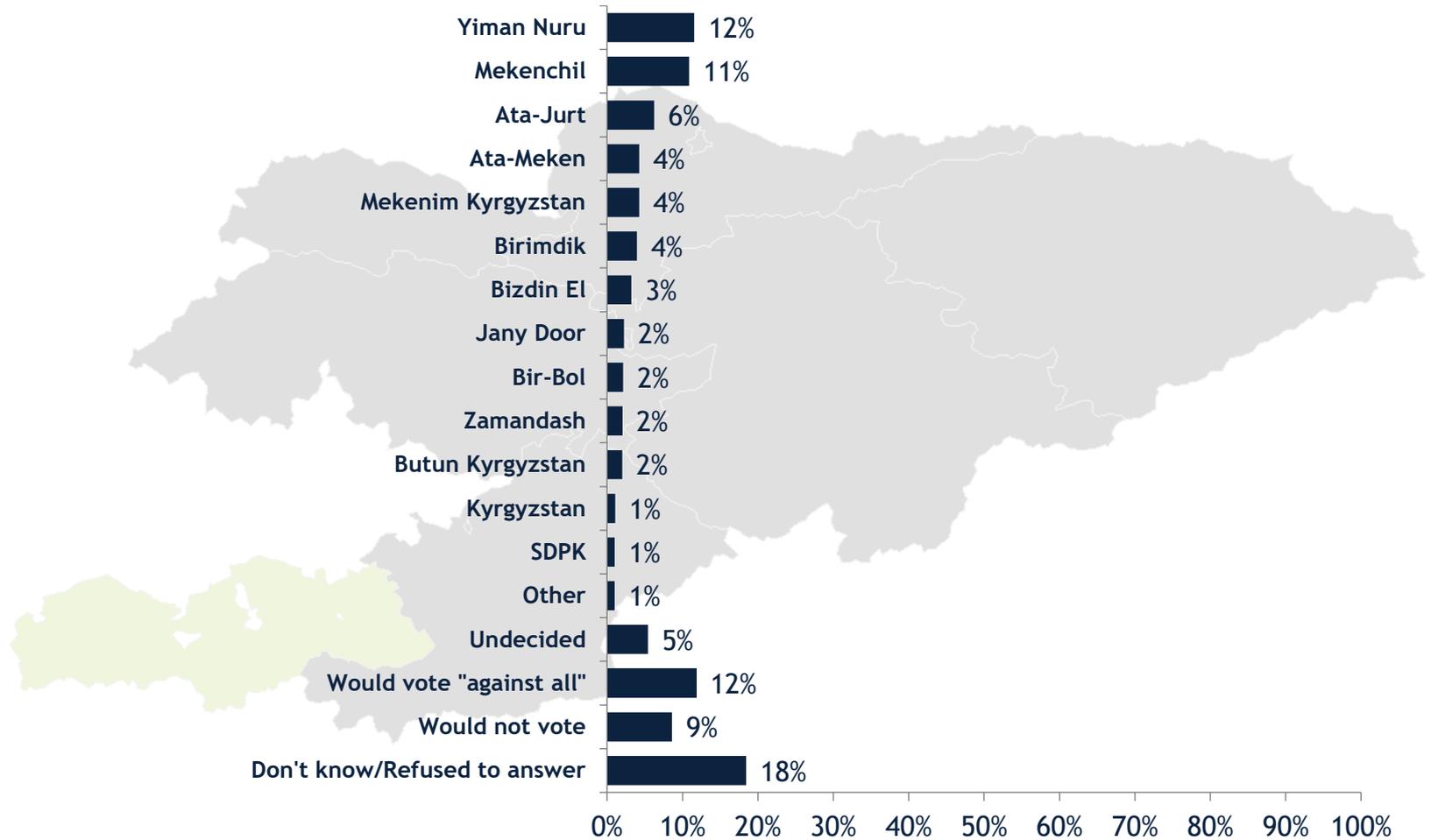
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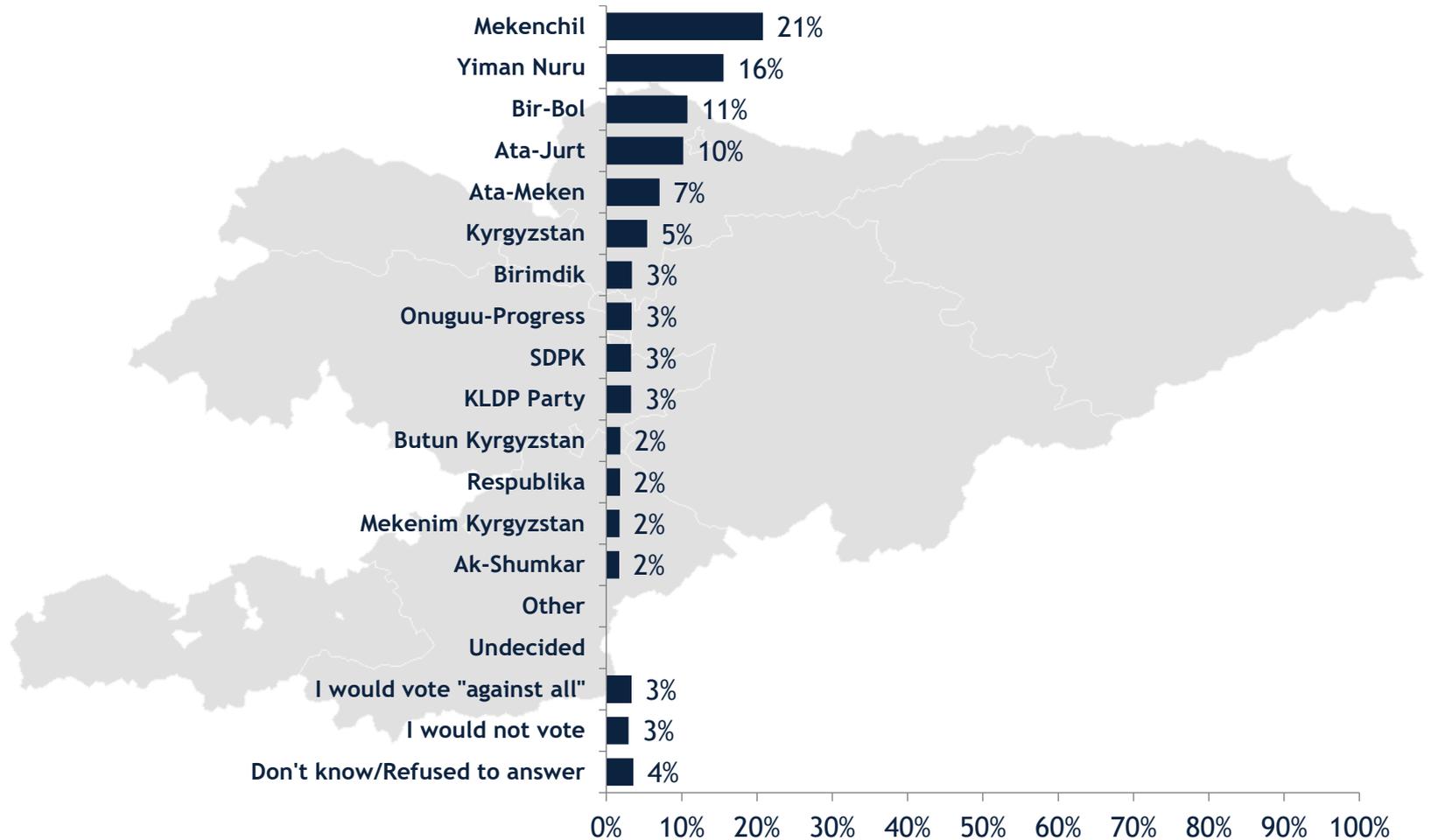
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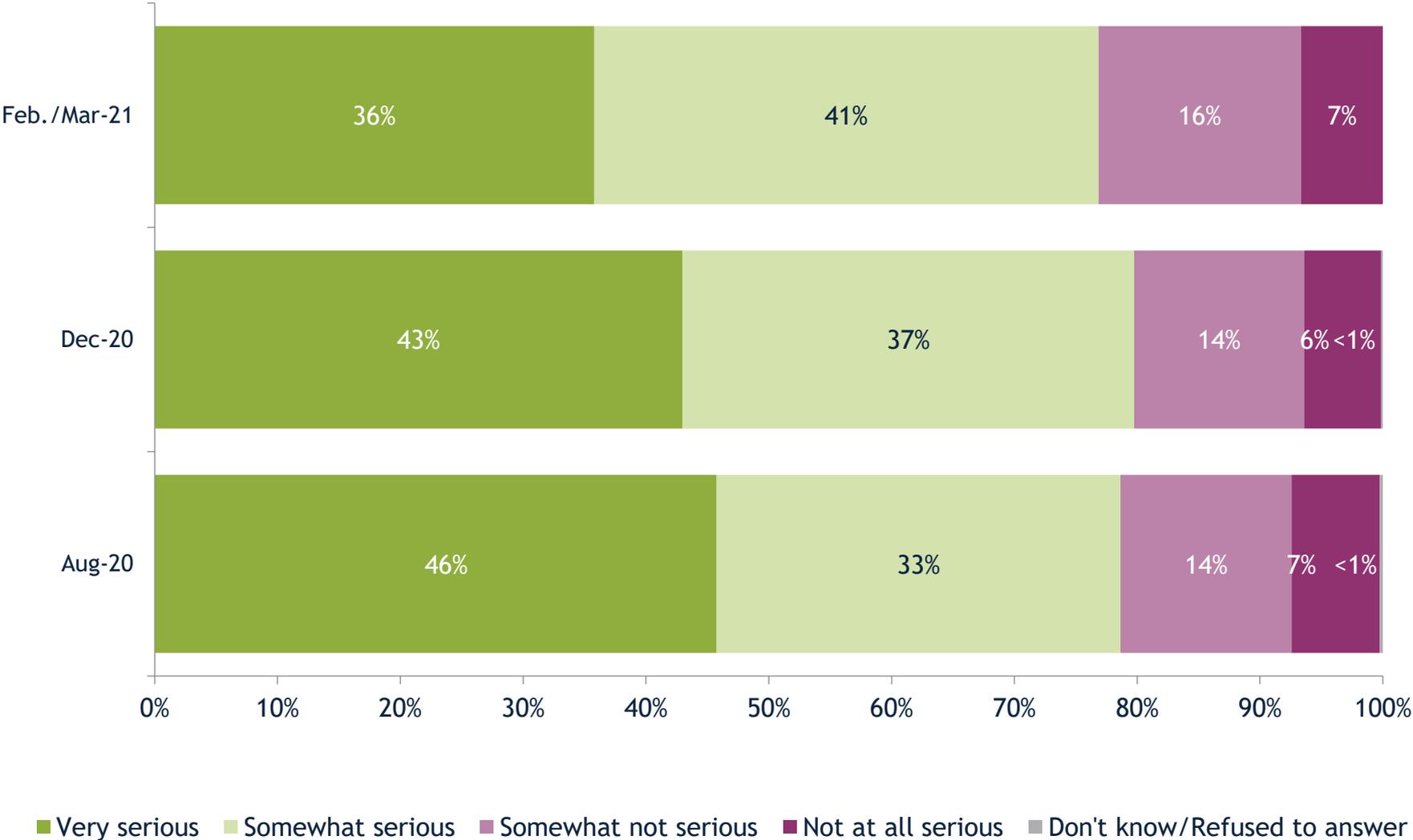




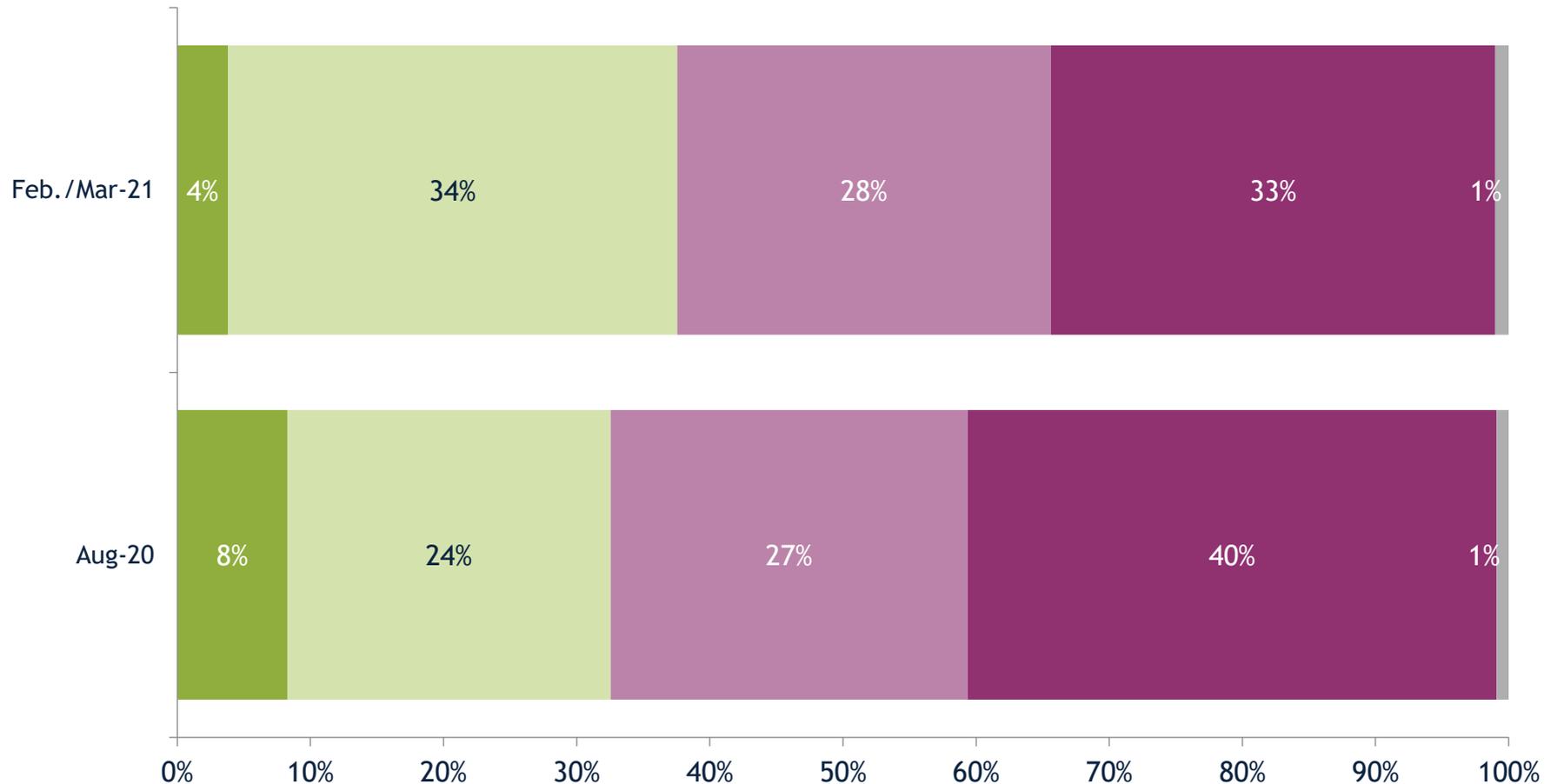
Coronavirus



To what extent is the Coronavirus a concern for you?



To what extent are you satisfied with the national government's response to the Coronavirus?



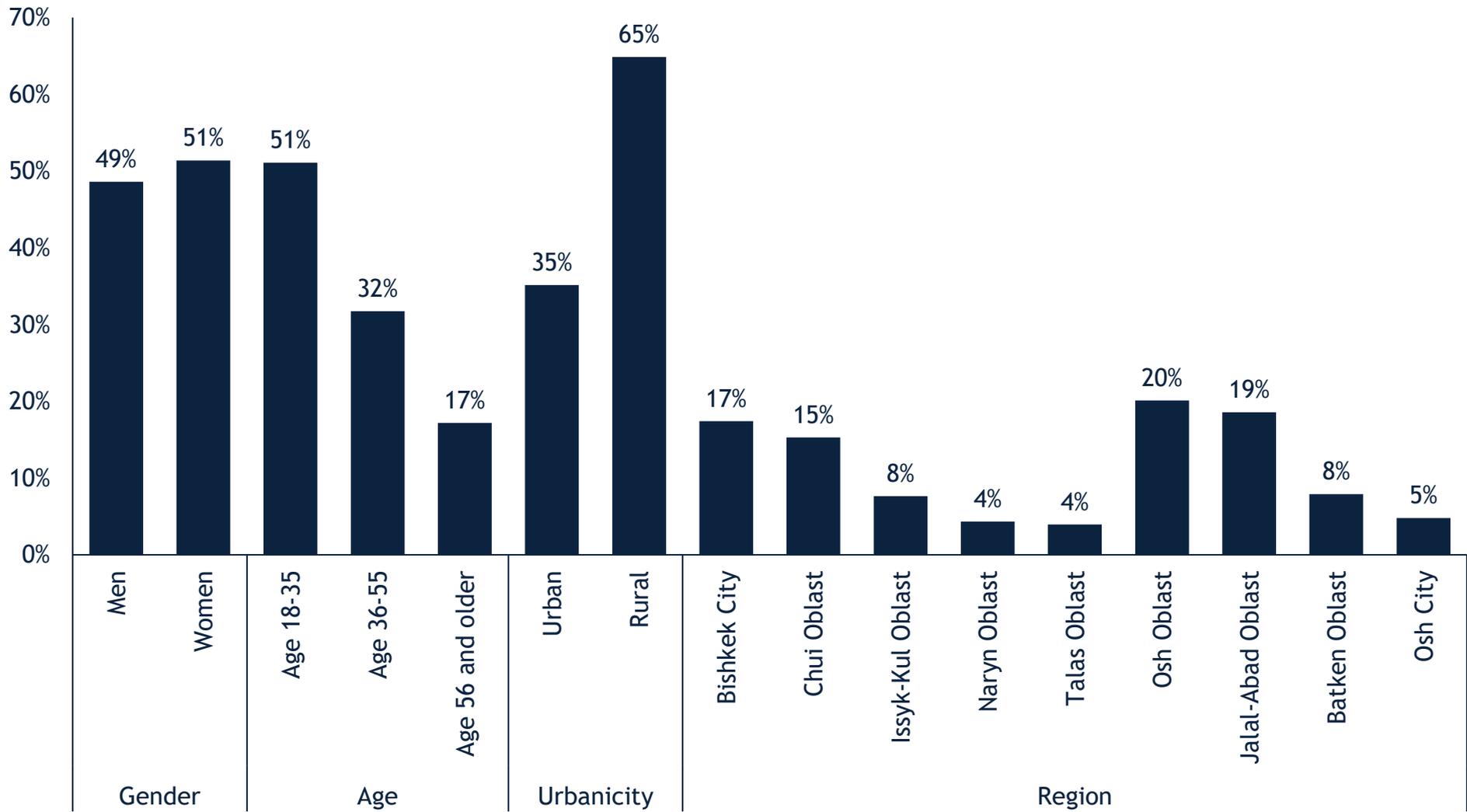
■ Very satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Somewhat not satisfied ■ Not at all satisfied ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



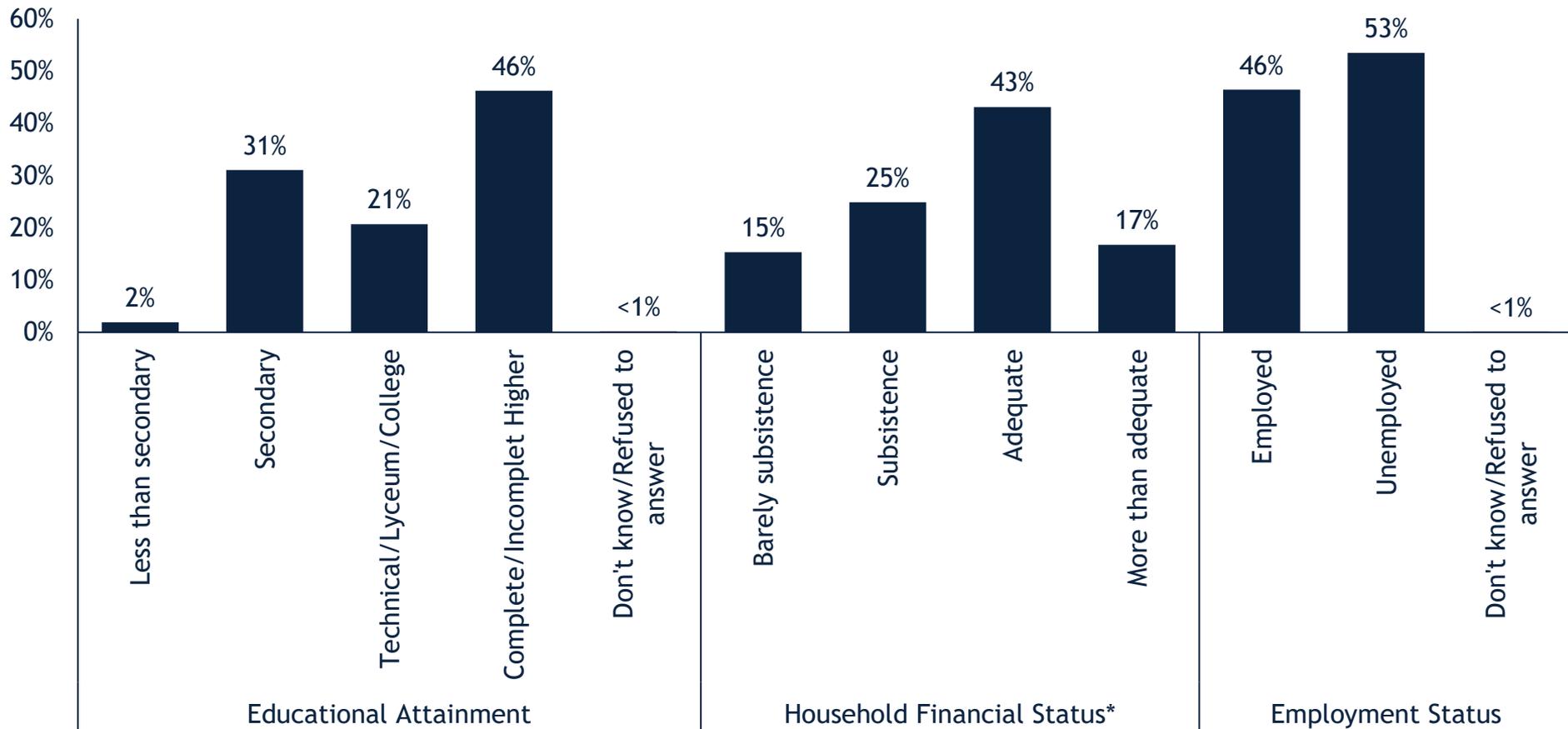
Demographics



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**Household Financial Status* brackets are generated from the question “How would you assess the financial position of your family?”

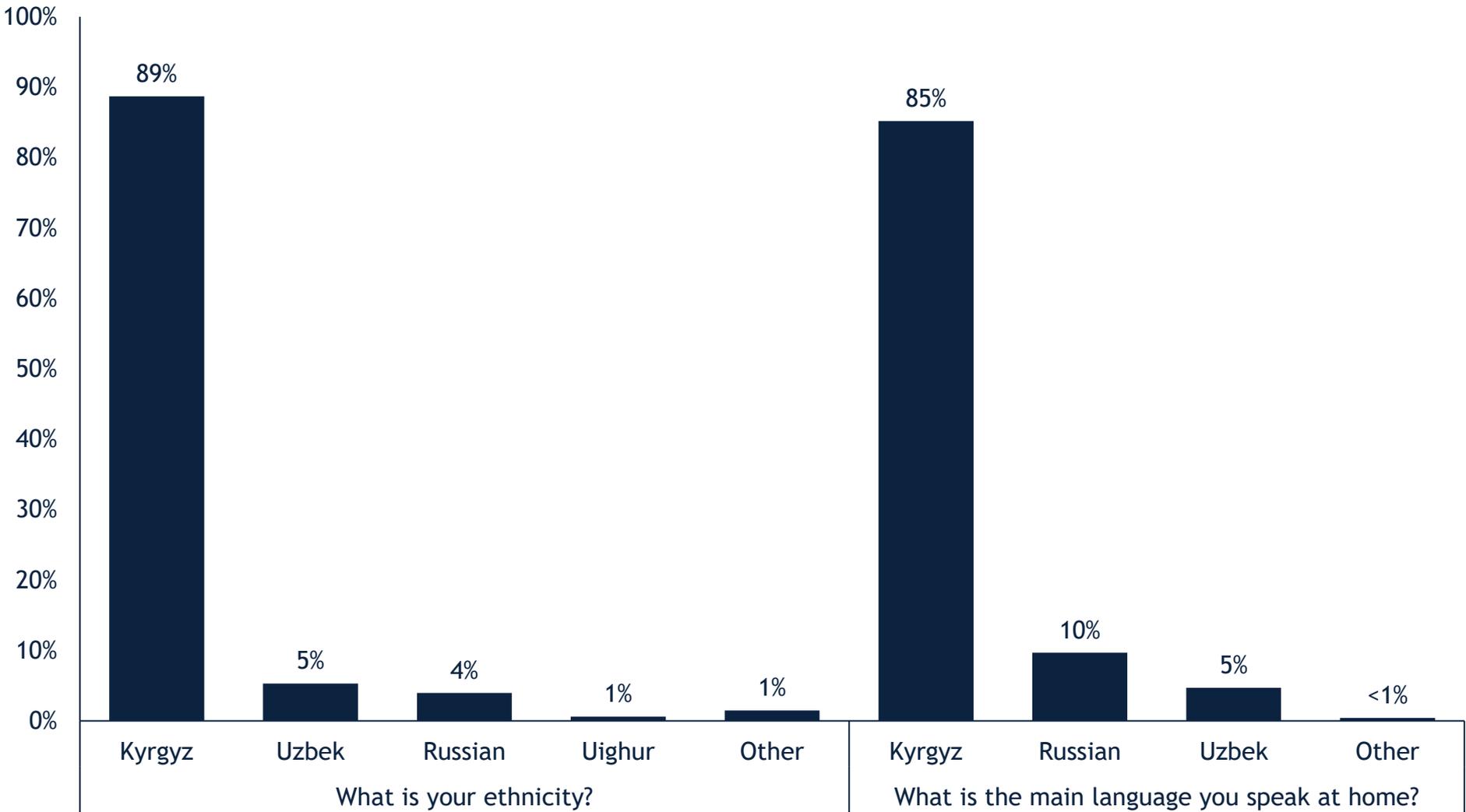
- **Barely subsistence** = “Money does not suffice even for food stuffs” and “Money suffices only for food, but nothing else, it does not suffice to pay the utilities bills”

- **Subsistence** = “Money suffices for food, but purchase of clothes causes difficulties”

- **Adequate** = “Income suffices for food and clothes, but purchase of expensive durable things, such as TV set, refrigerator is a problem”

- **More than adequate** = “We can easily get durable things, but purchase of really expensive things, such as car, is a big problem for us” and “At the present time we can afford much - a car, a summer residence, travel abroad”

Demographics



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