



Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Jordan

September 4 - 13, 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 NAMA Strategic Intelligence Solutions.
- The sample consists of n=3,000 face-to-face interviews with Jordanians aged 18 and above conducted nationwide between September 4 and September 13, 2020. The sample excludes Jordanians living in student housing, prisons, nursing homes and factory accommodations.
- Given the COVID-19 pandemic, NAMA's enumeration team maintained the WHO-recommended social distancing with the respondents, and where possible, interviews were conducted in open space outside, such as backyards, especially in the outer governorates
- The 2015 National Census was used to design and draw the sample. The sample was designed to cover the 12 governorates, using stratified clusters proportional to size sampling method with three levels:
 - Governorates divided into rural and urban areas
 - Administrative divisions within each urban and rural area
 - Clusters within each administrative division.
- The margin of error is ± 2.5 points at the 95 percent confidence level.
- The response rate was 77 percent.
- The data was weighted to ensure its national representativeness across age groups, governorates, urbanicity and educational attainment.
- Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- This survey was made possible by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development.

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Governorate	Amman	n=1,174
	Balqa	n=173
	Zarqa	n=420
	Madaba	n=63
	Irbid	n=600
	Mafraq	n=144
	Jarash	n=74
	Ajloun	n=70
	Karak	n=124
	Tafelah	n=40
	Ma'an	n=56
Aqaba	n=62	
Age Brackets	Age 18-35	n=1,530
	Age 36-55	n=1,077
	Age 56 or older	n=394
Education Attainment Brackets	Primary or less	n=240
	Preparatory	n=599
	Secondary/Professional/Technical	n=1,233
	Post-secondary	n=929
Gender	Male	n=1,520
	Female	n=1,481

*Note: 1. Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with disaggregate sample size n.
 2. Results with base less than 50 should be interpreted with caution.

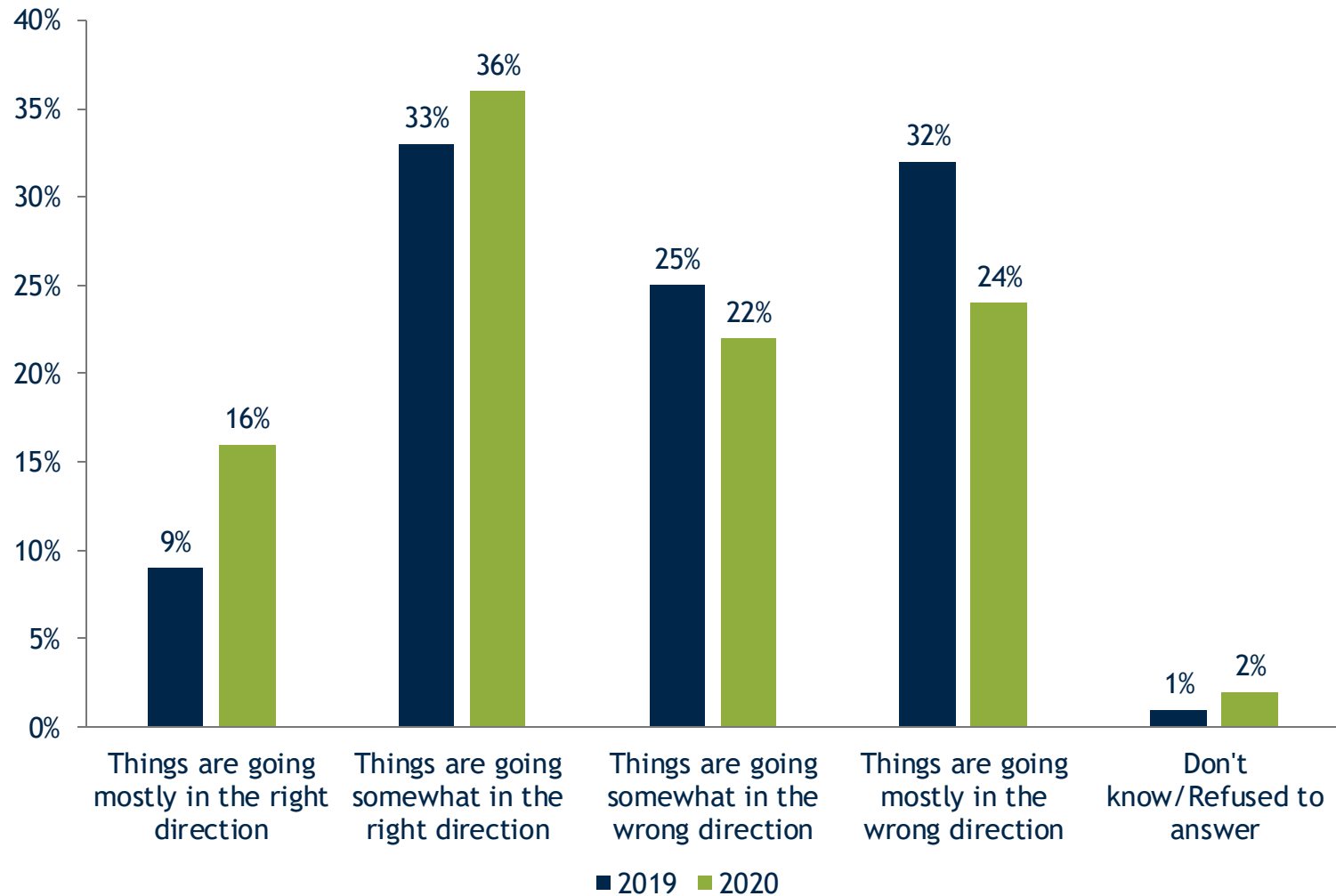


General Perceptions of Democracy



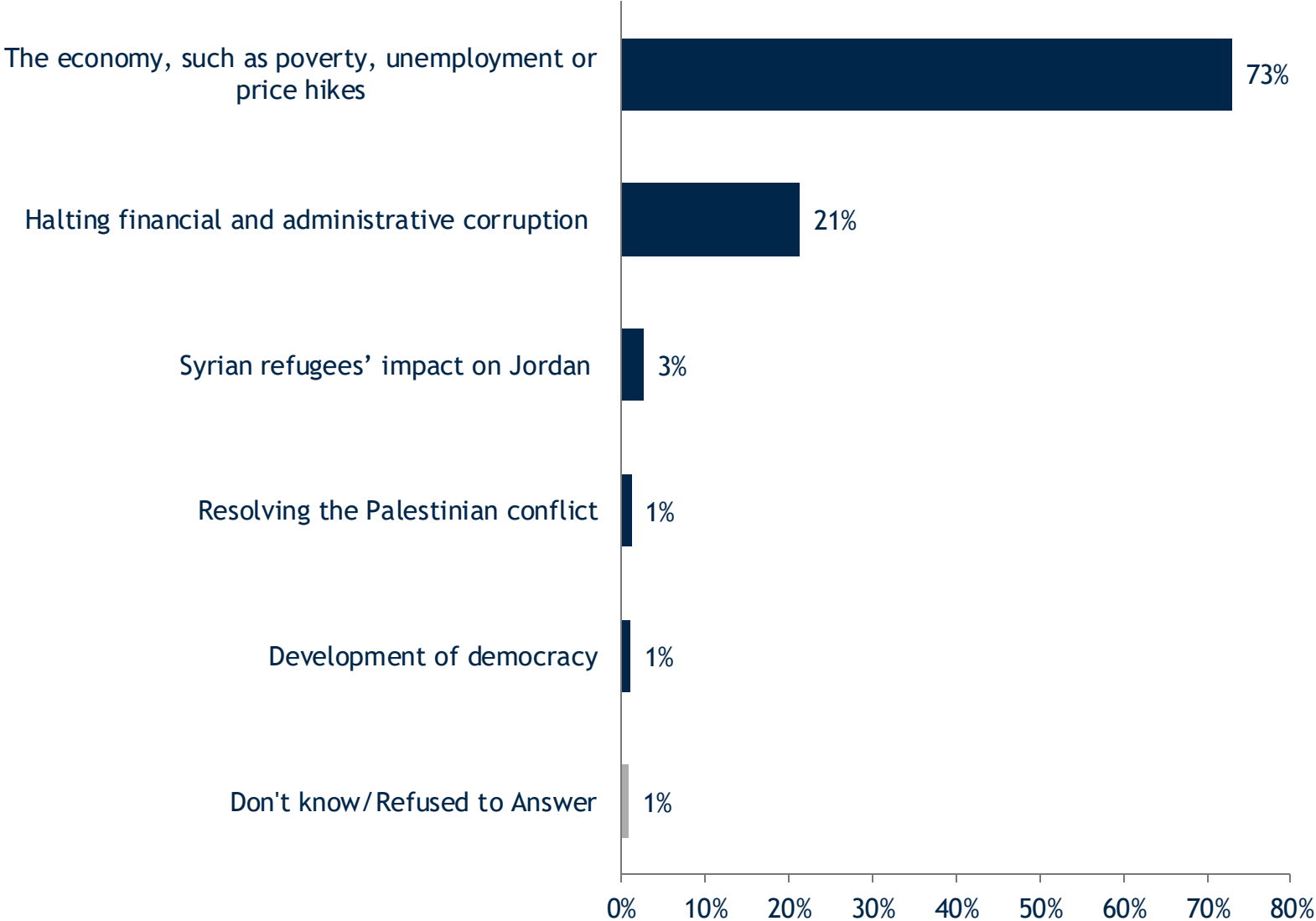
Overall, is Jordan headed in the right or wrong direction?

Comparison with 2019 poll*



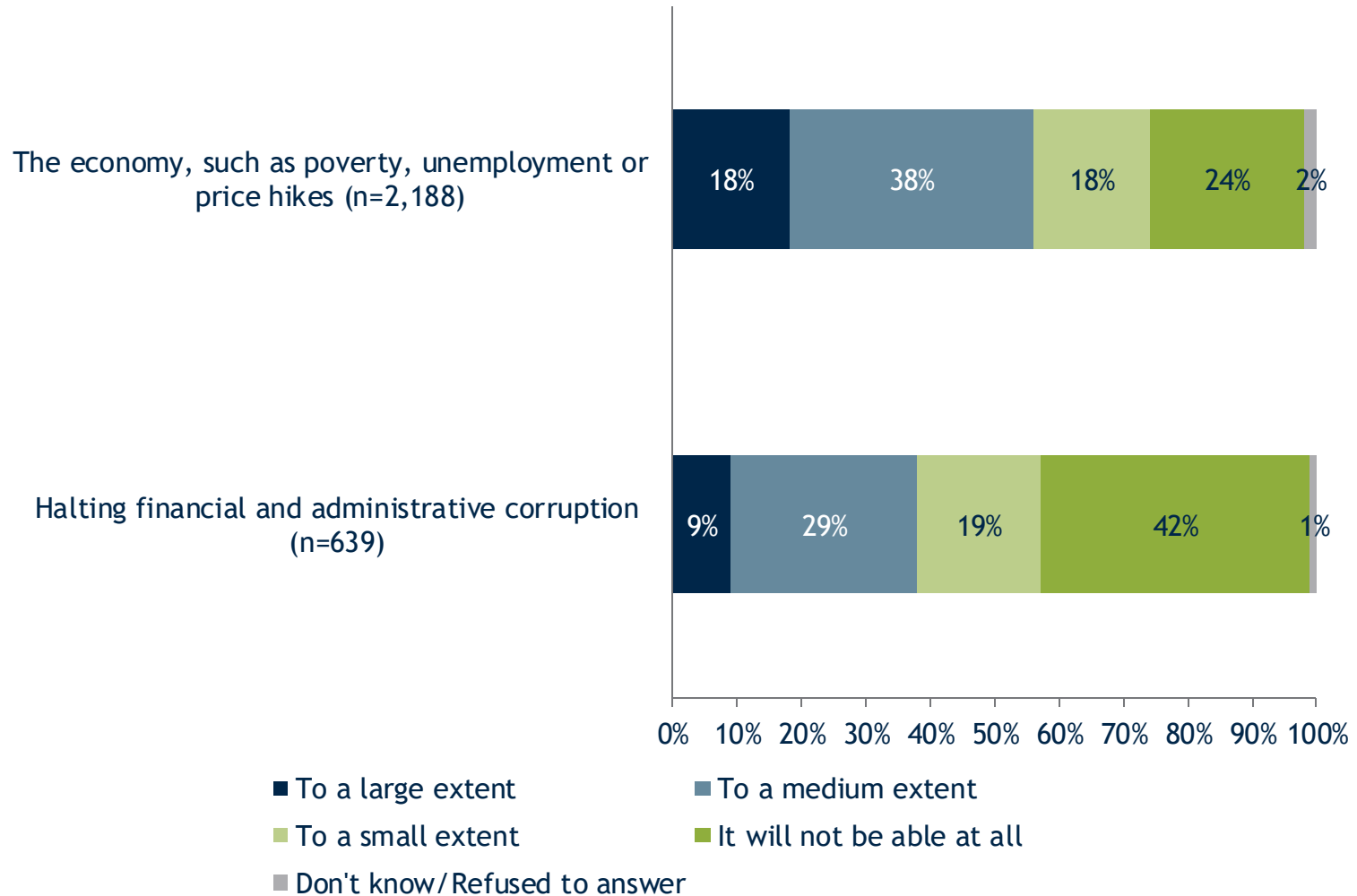
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Which of the following is the most important challenge facing Jordan today?

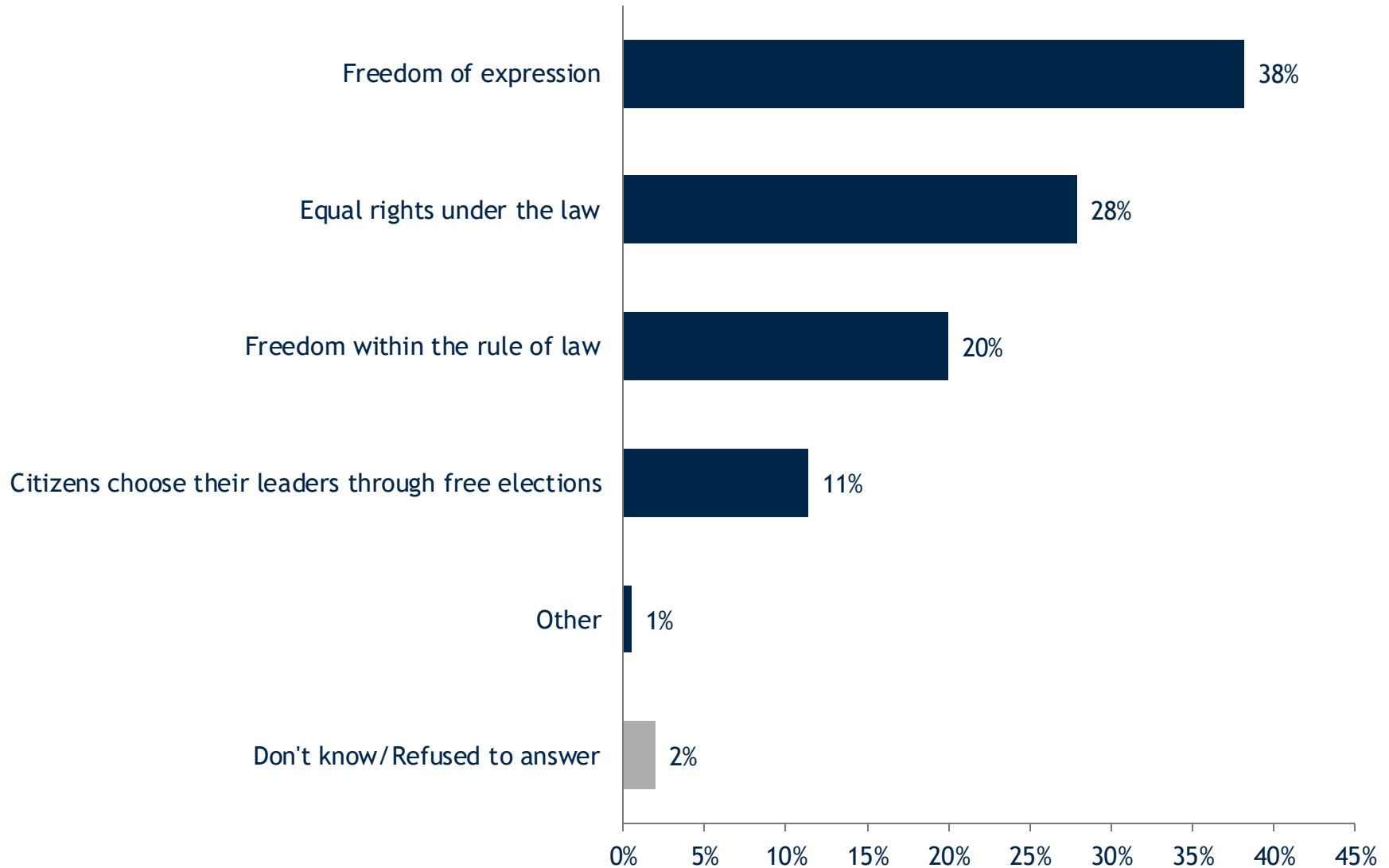


To what extent do you believe that the government will be able to resolve this challenge over the next 5 years?

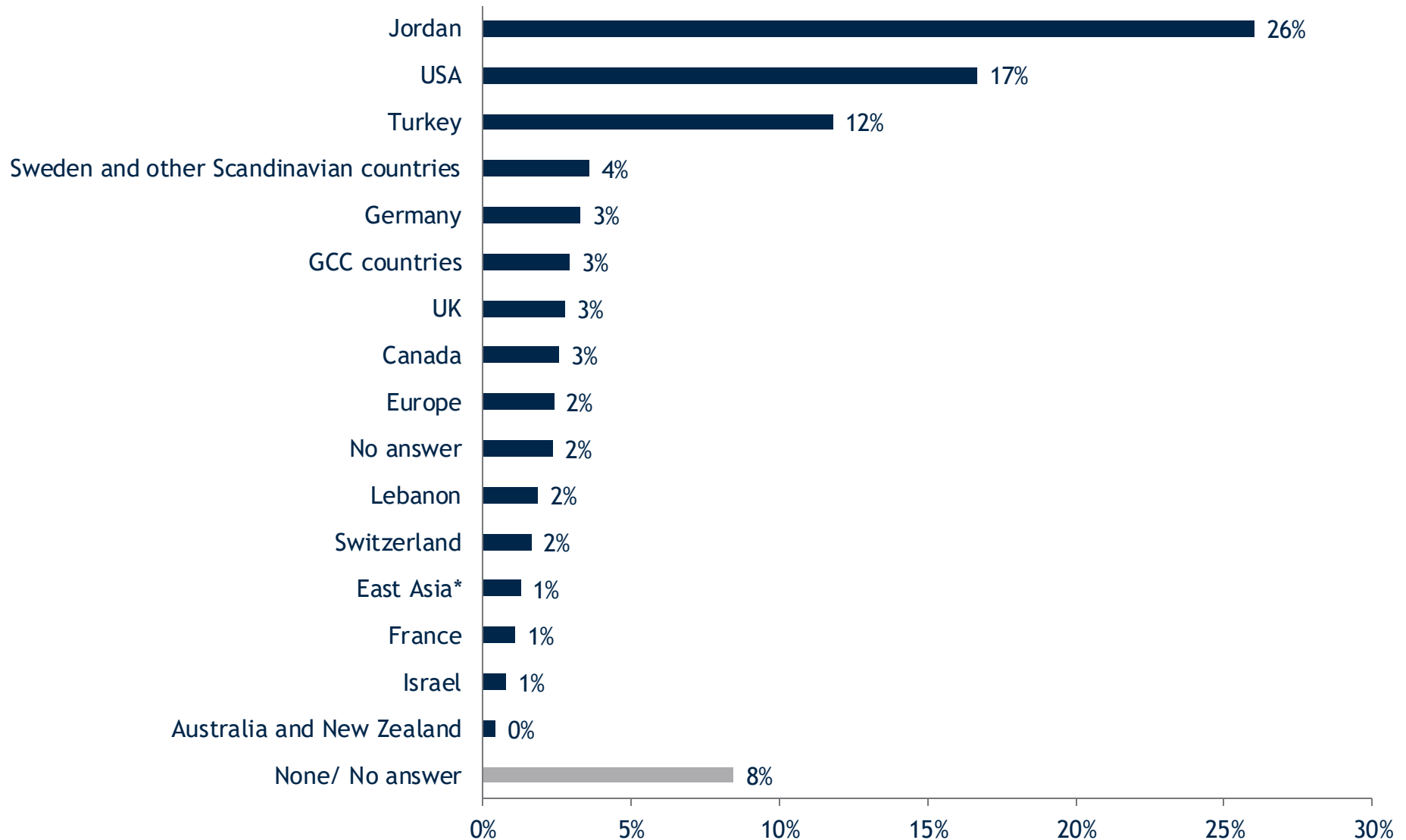
In relation to the challenges mentioned earlier



Which of the following elements do you consider to be the most important element of democracy?



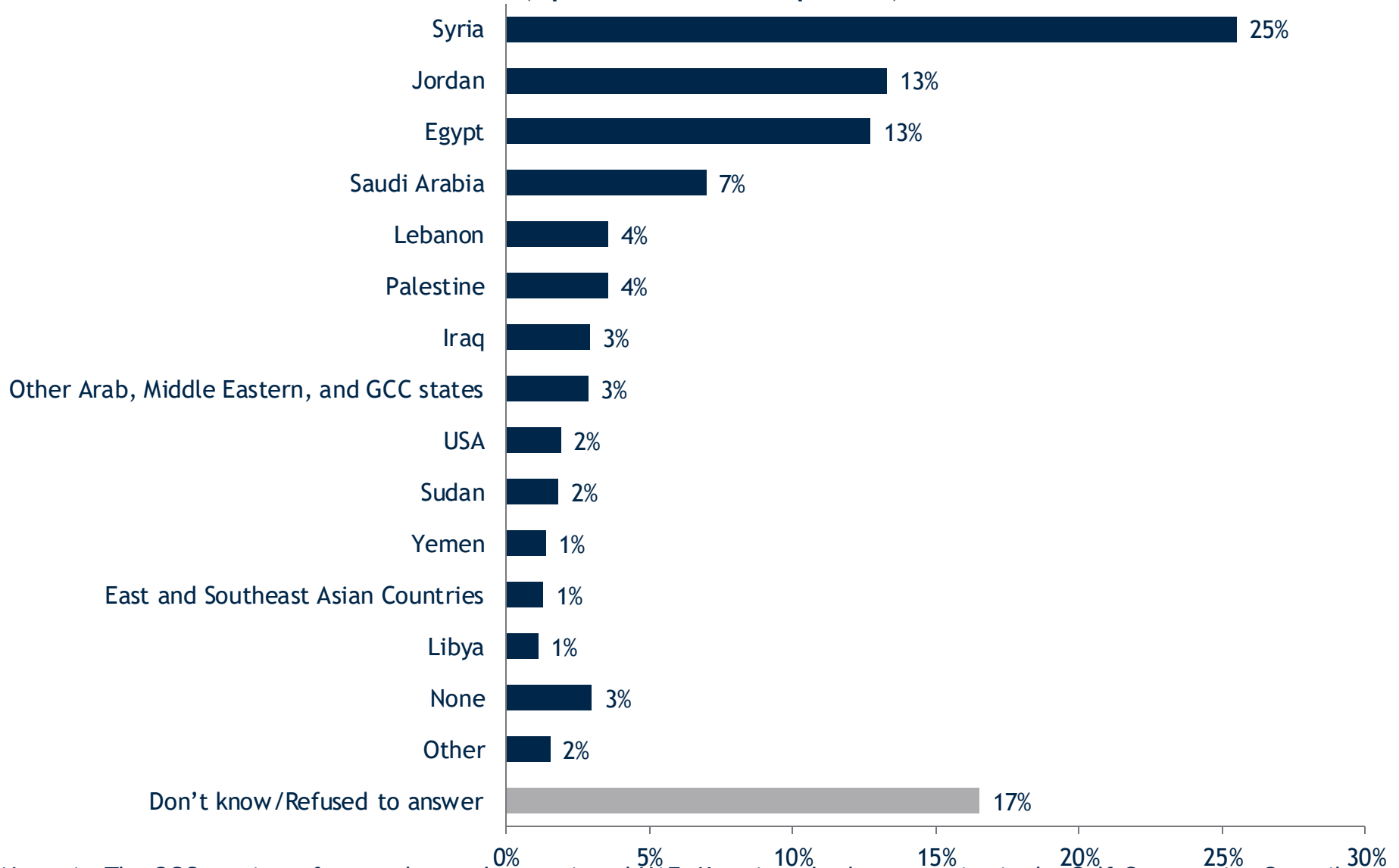
Which country comes to mind as the most democratic? (Spontaneous response)



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2. Mentions of less than 1 percent have been combined into Other.

Which country comes to mind as the least democratic?

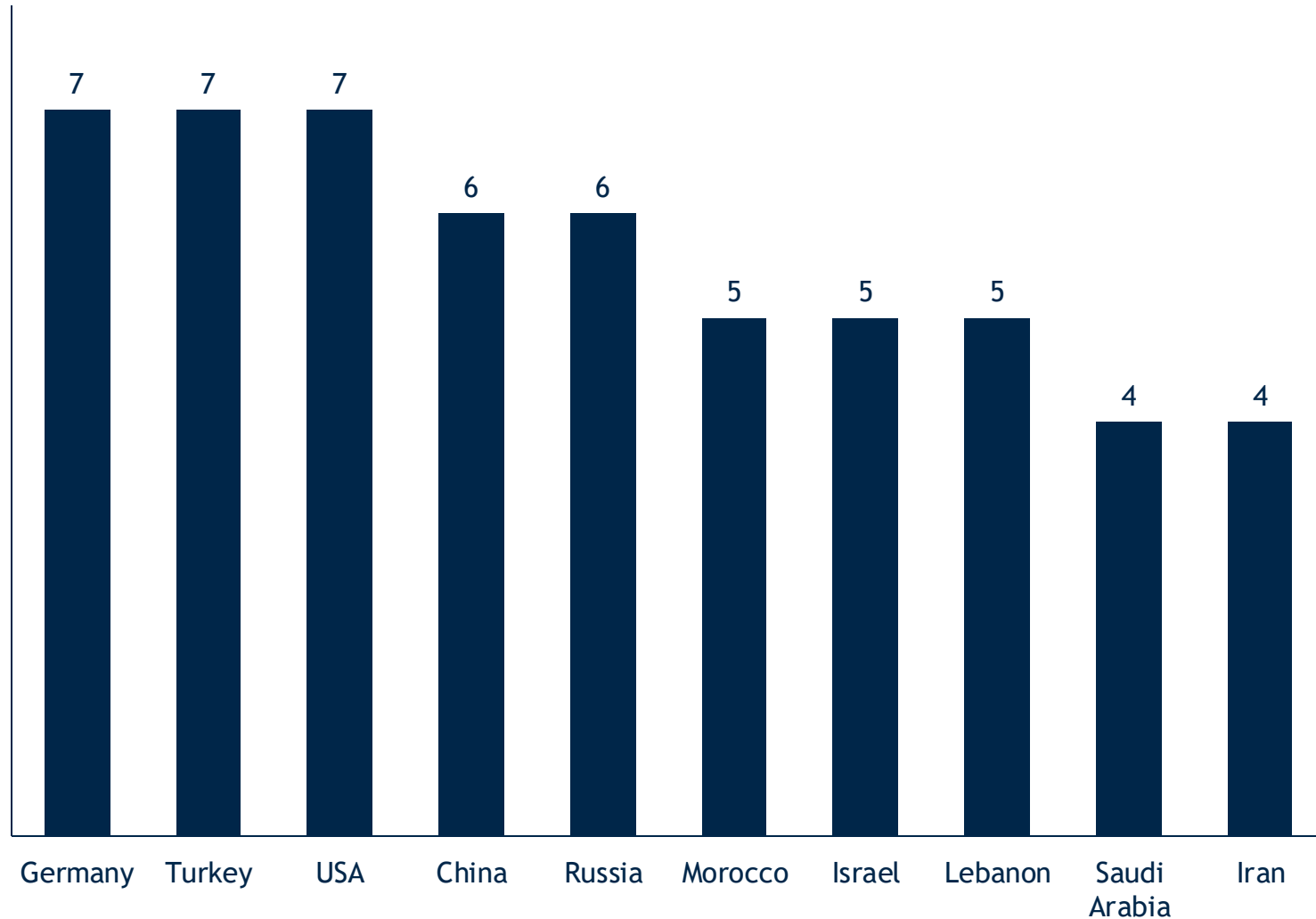
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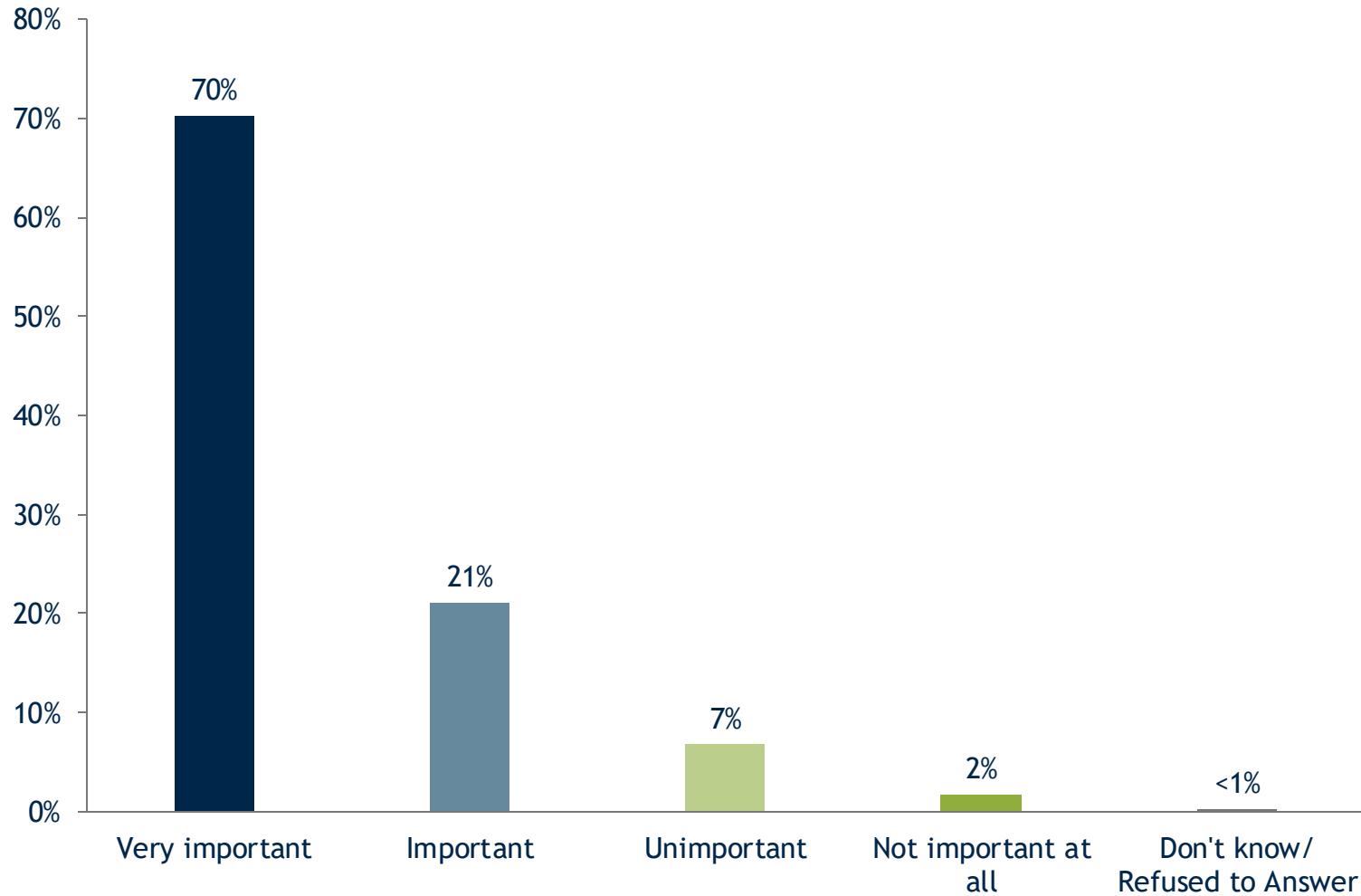
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On a scale of 1-10 (where 1 means not at all and 10 means fully democratic) to what extent is each of the following countries a democracy?
(Mean Scores)

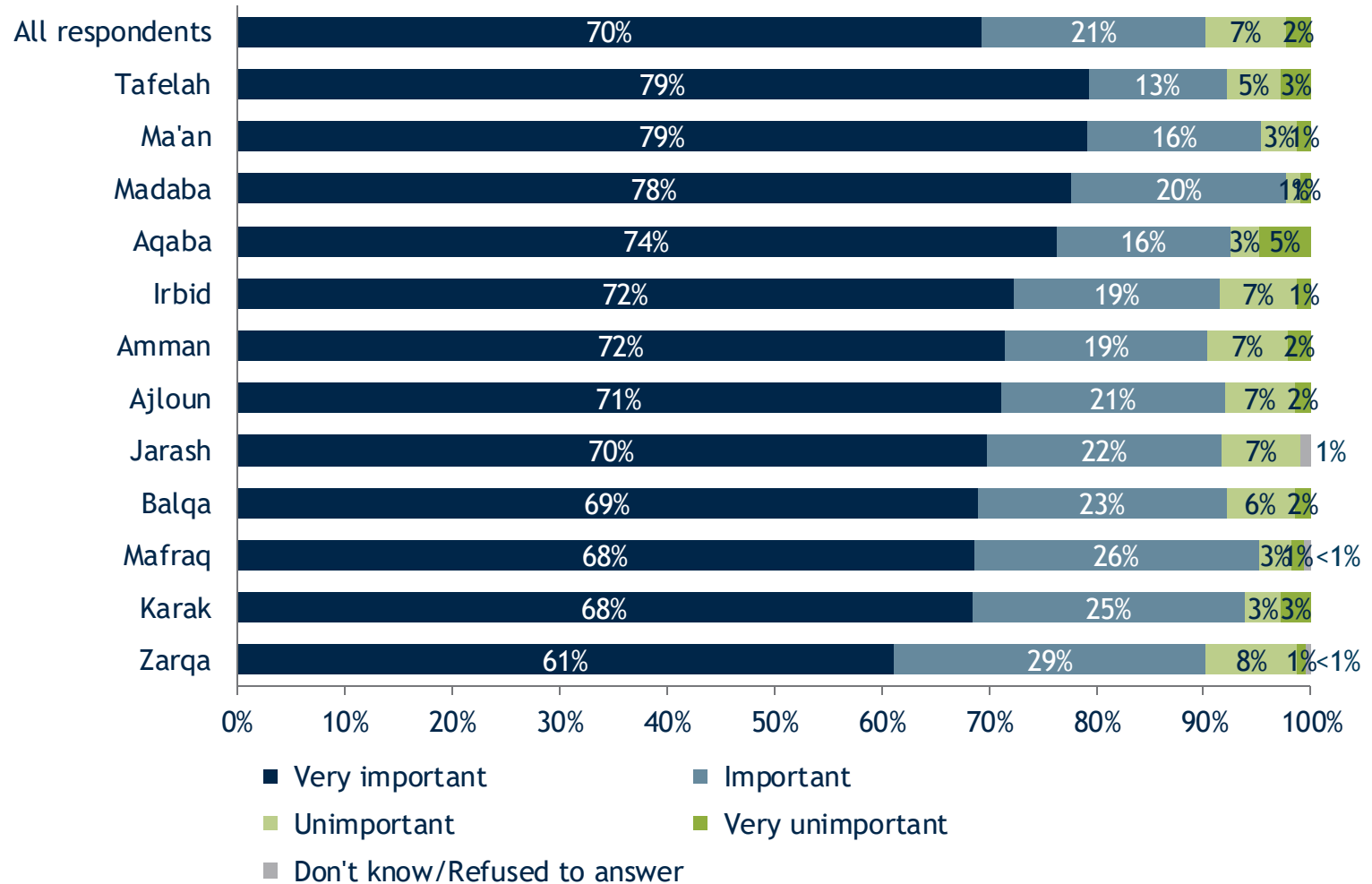


How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically?



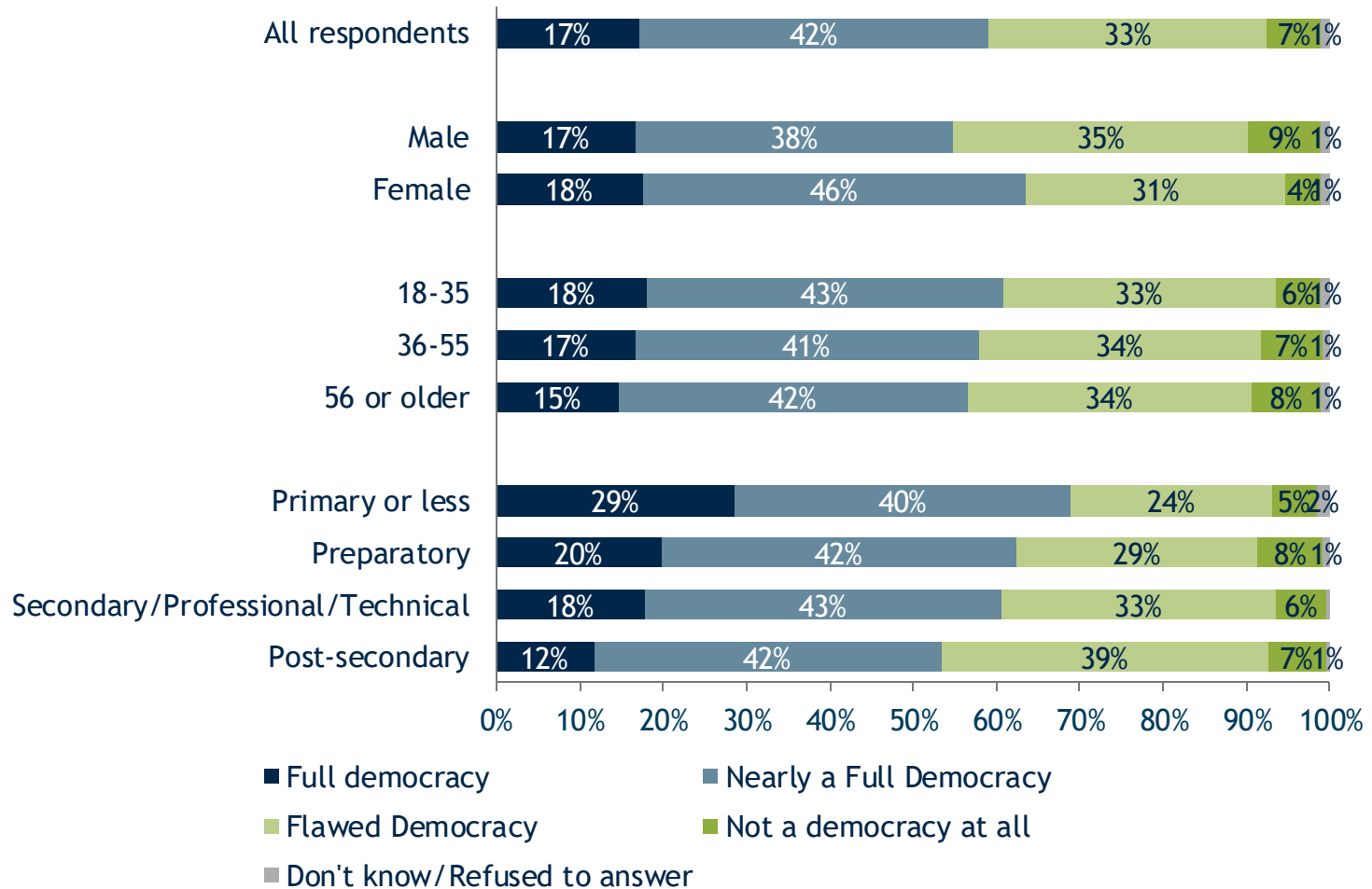
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By governorate



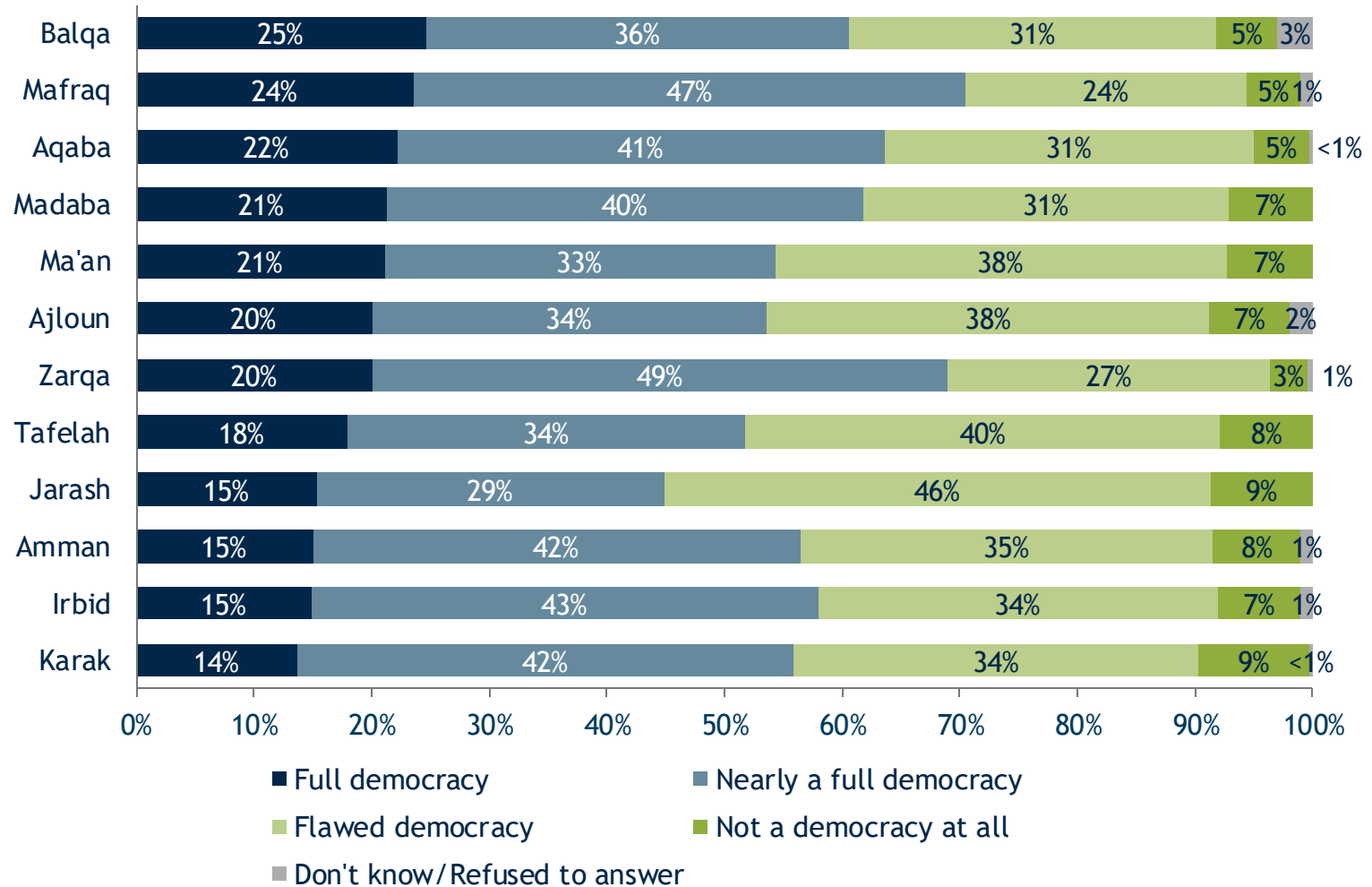
Thinking about our country's current political system, do you believe it is a...?

By gender, age and education



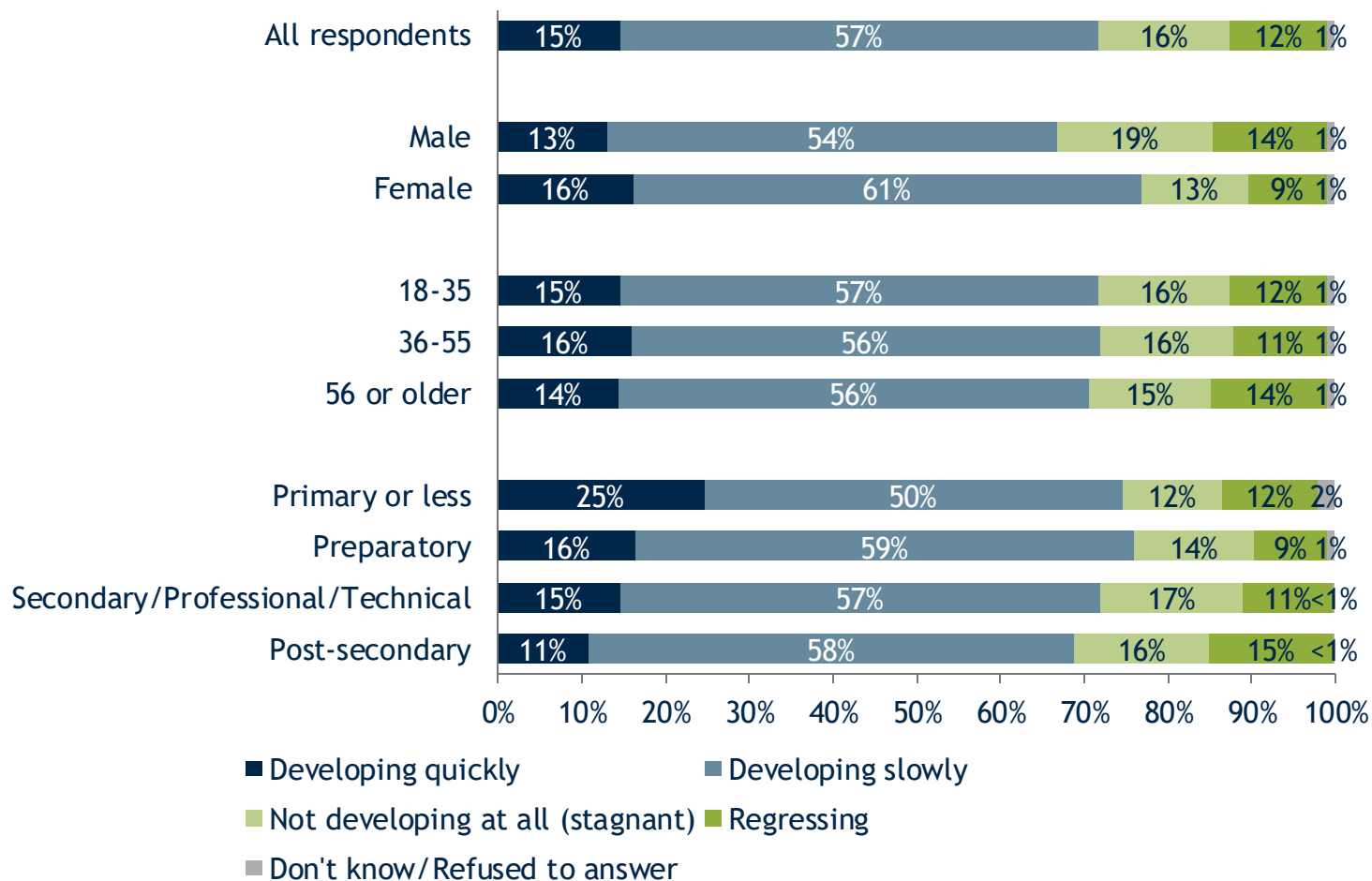
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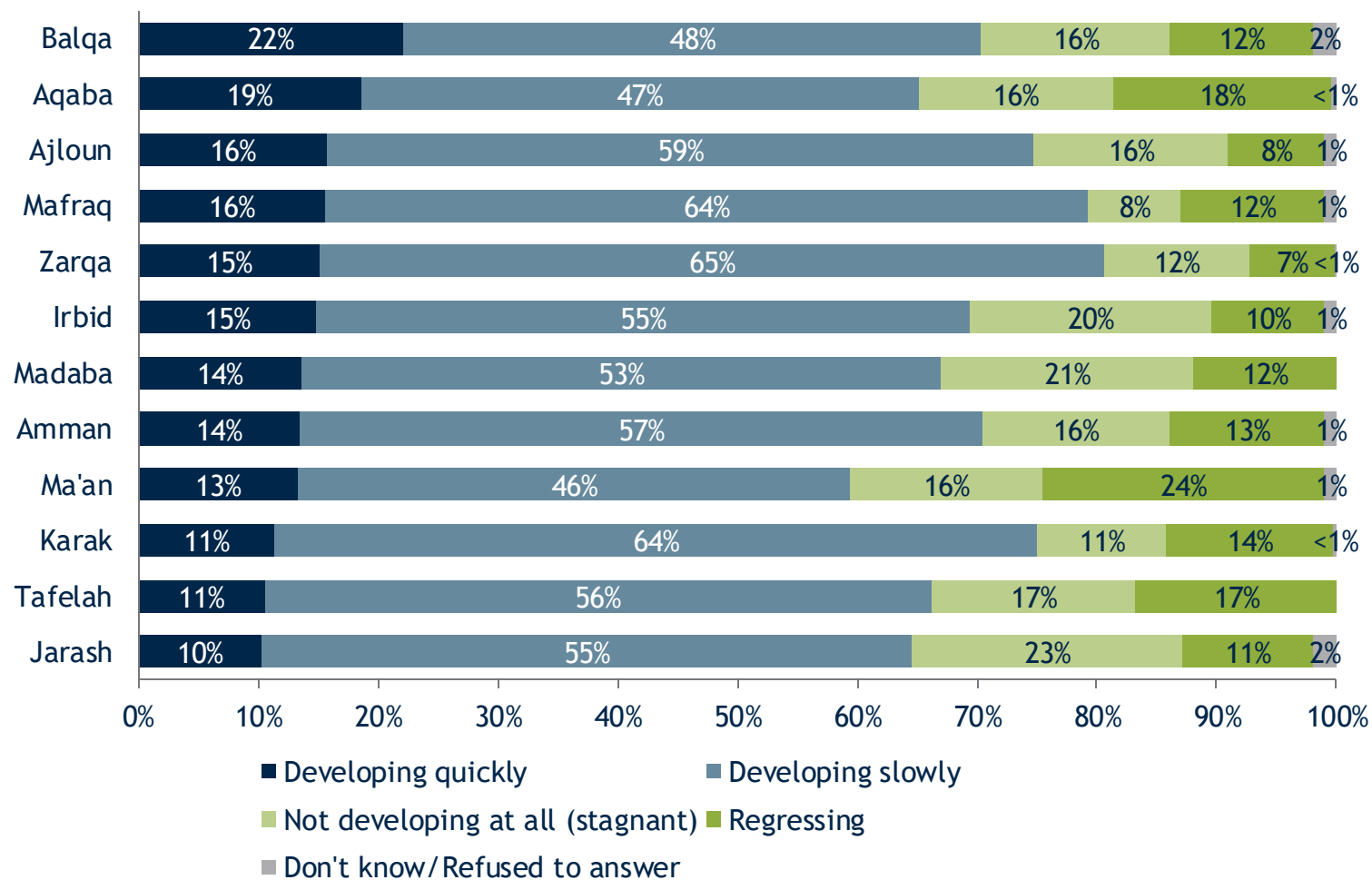


When you think about the development of democracy in Jordan, do you think it is developing fast, developing slowly, not developing at all, or regressing?

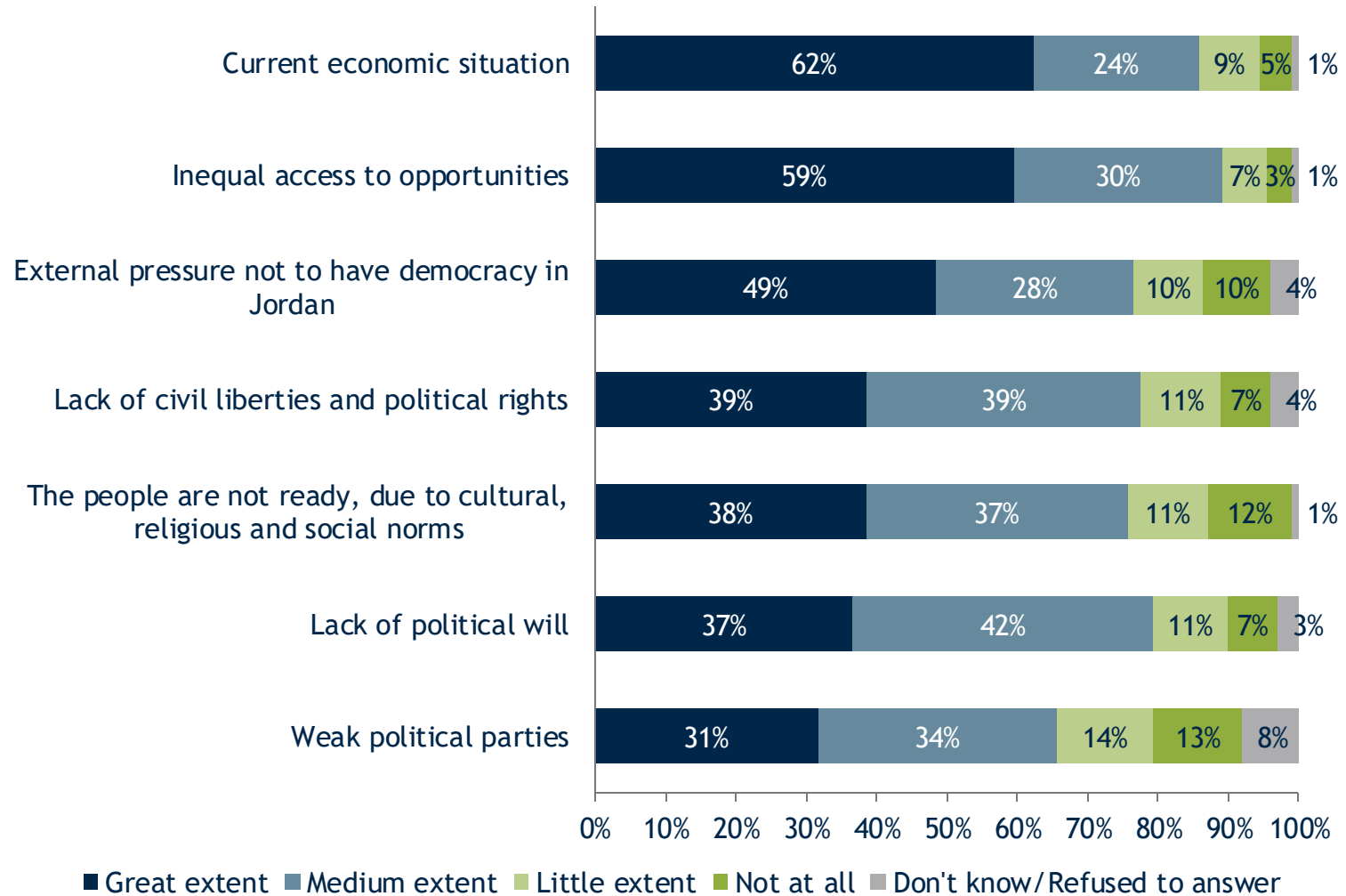
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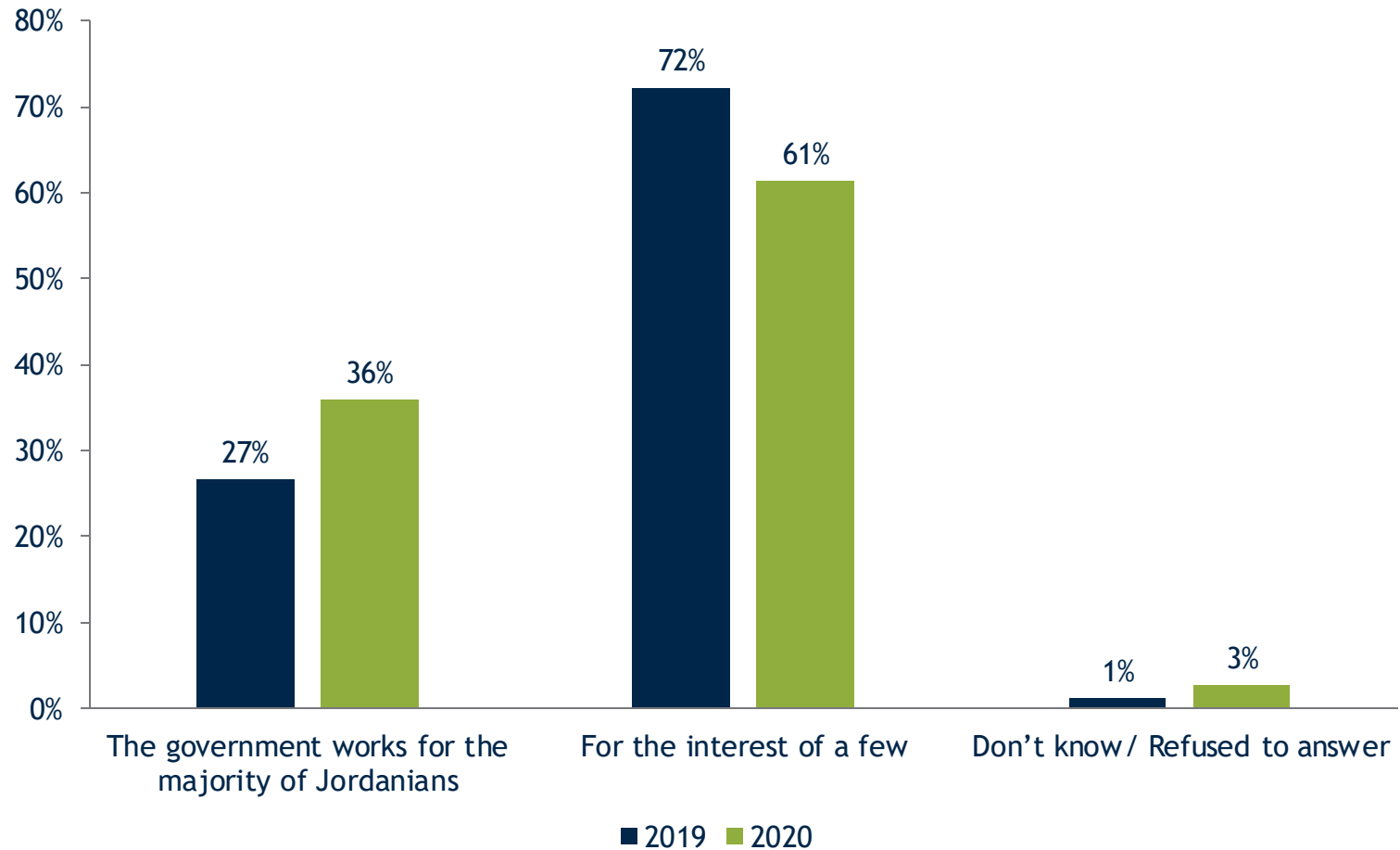


To what extent do you think the following constitute an obstacle to the development of democracy in Jordan?



Which of the following two statements is closest to your point of view: the country is governed in the interest of the majority of people, or in the interest of a few?

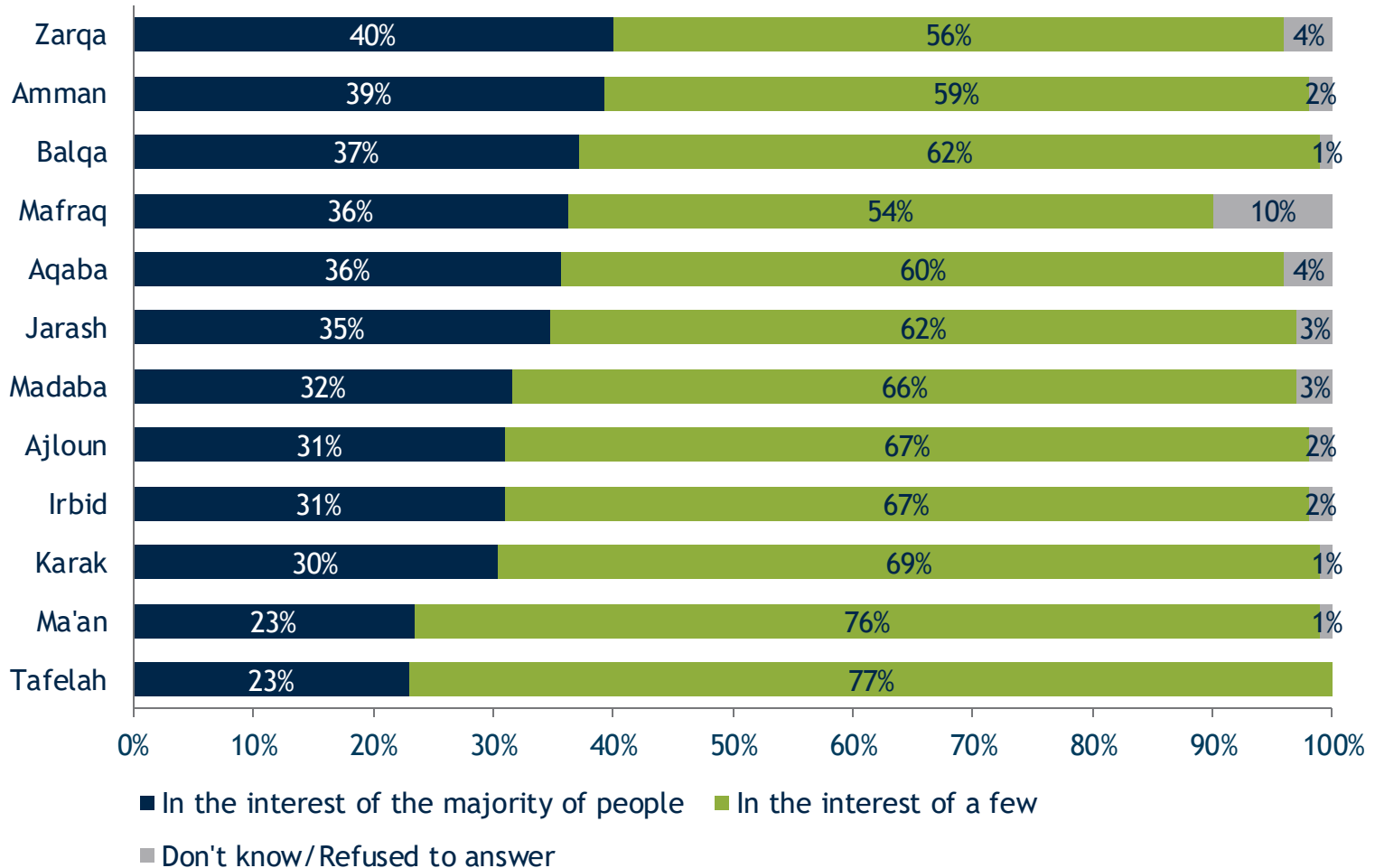
Comparison with 2019 poll*



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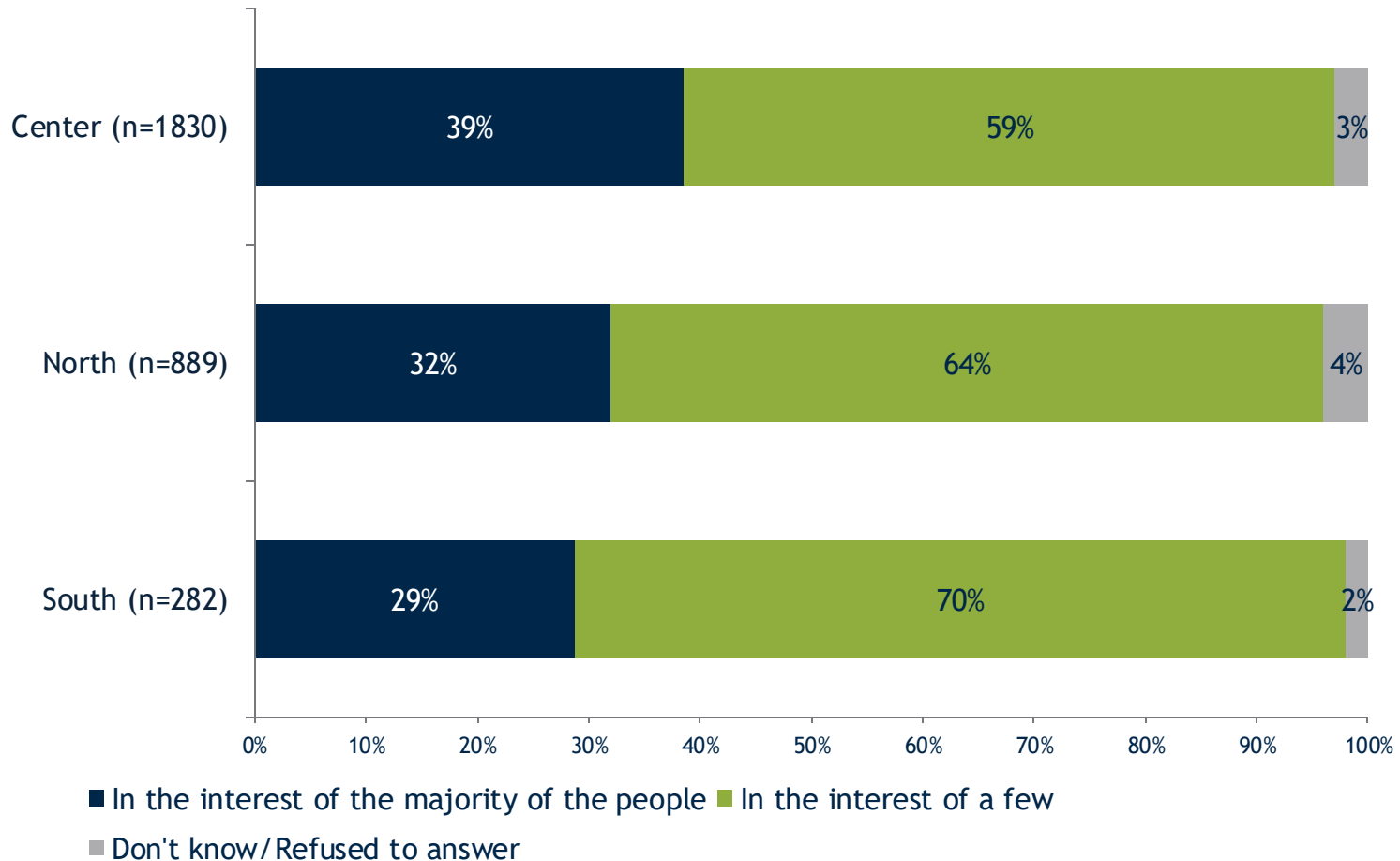
Which of the following two statements best represents your point of view: the country is governed in the interest of the majority of people, or in the interest of a few?

By governorate



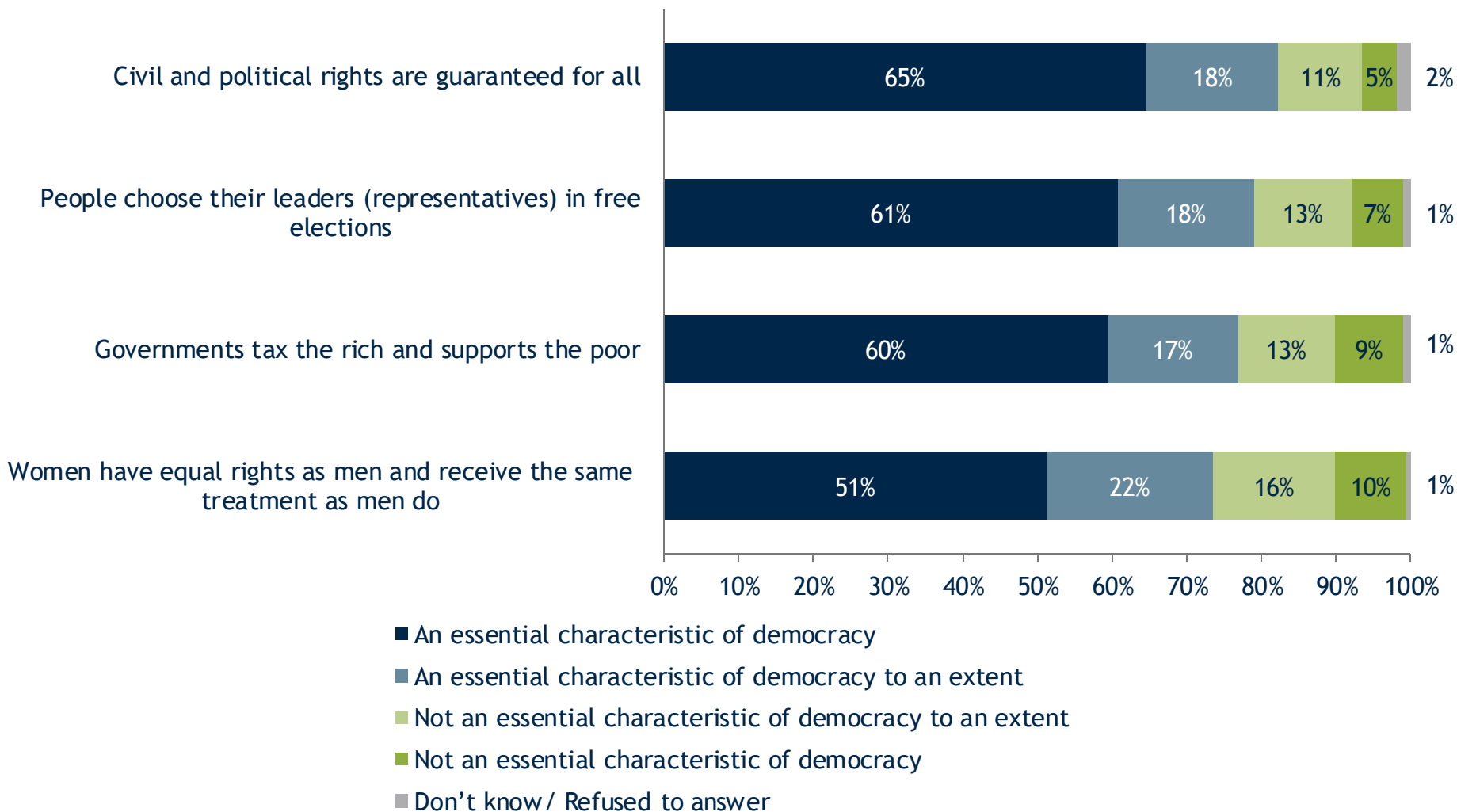
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By region



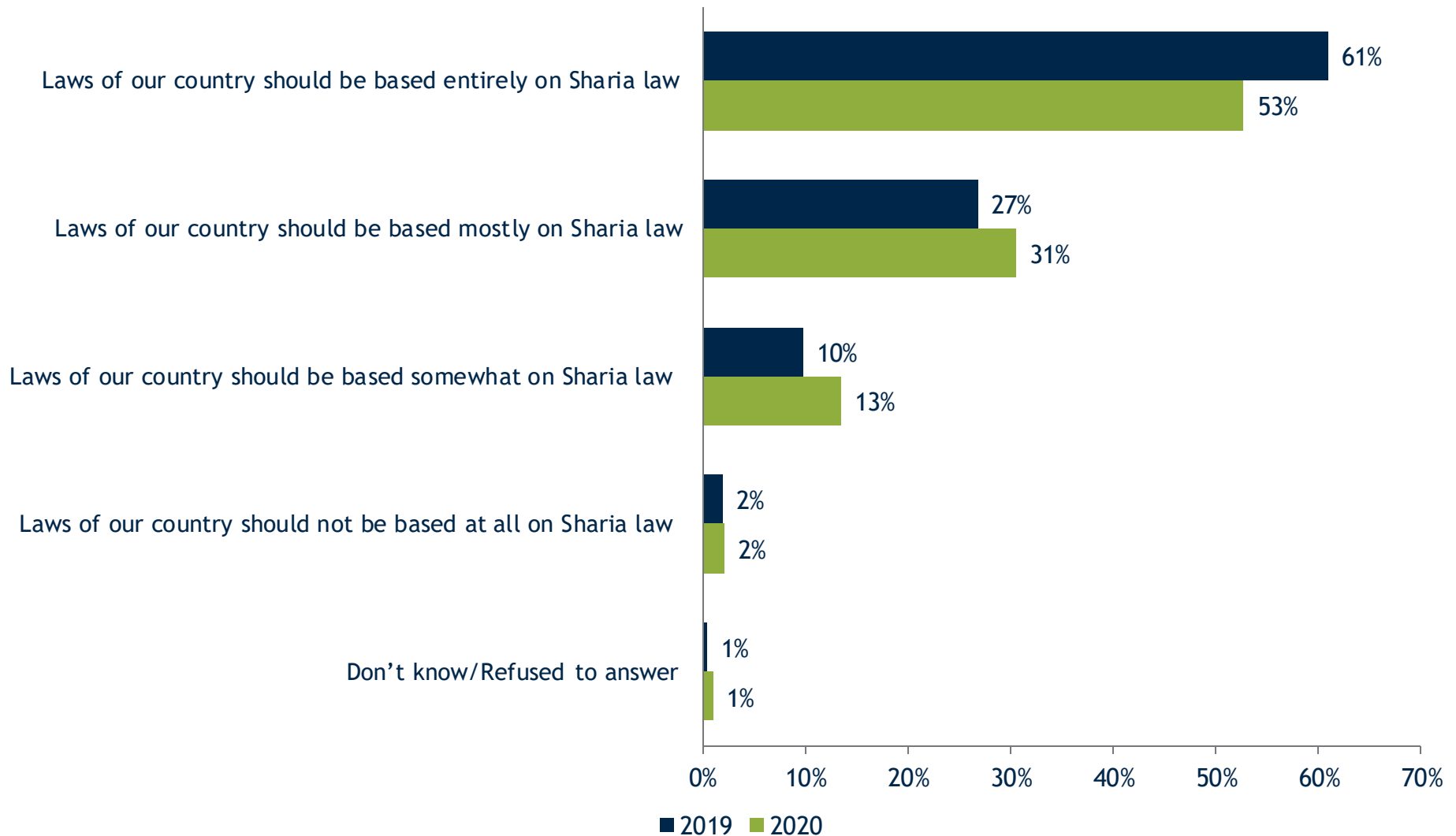
*Note: center region consists of Amman, Zarqa, Madaba, Balqa; north of Irbid, Jerash, Ajloun, Mafraq; and south of Tafileh, Karak, Maan, Aqaba.

Please tell me for each of the following things how essential you think it is as a characteristic of democracy. Use this scale where 1 means “not at all an essential characteristic of democracy” and 4 means it definitely is “an essential characteristic of democracy”



Which of the following statements is the closest to your point of view?

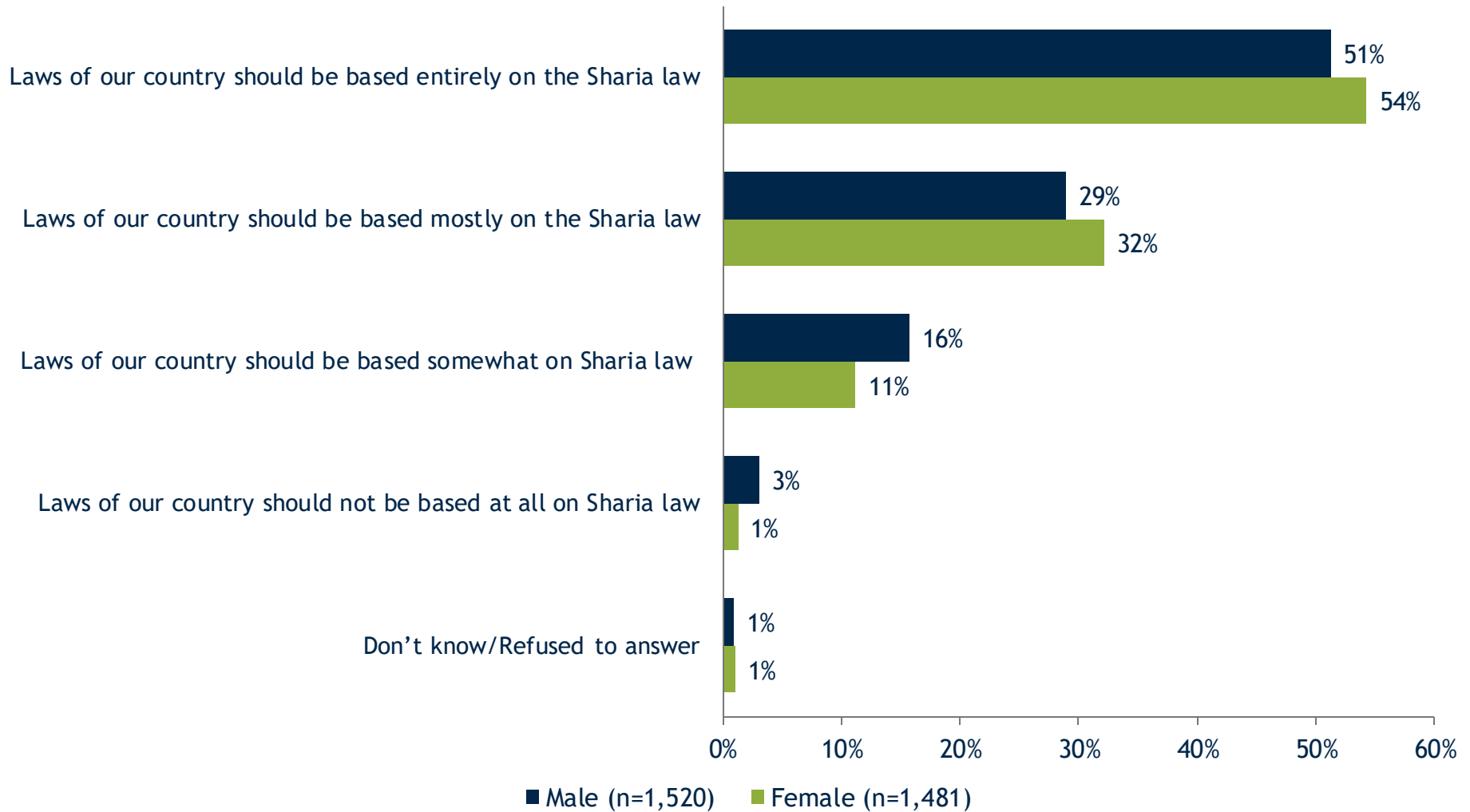
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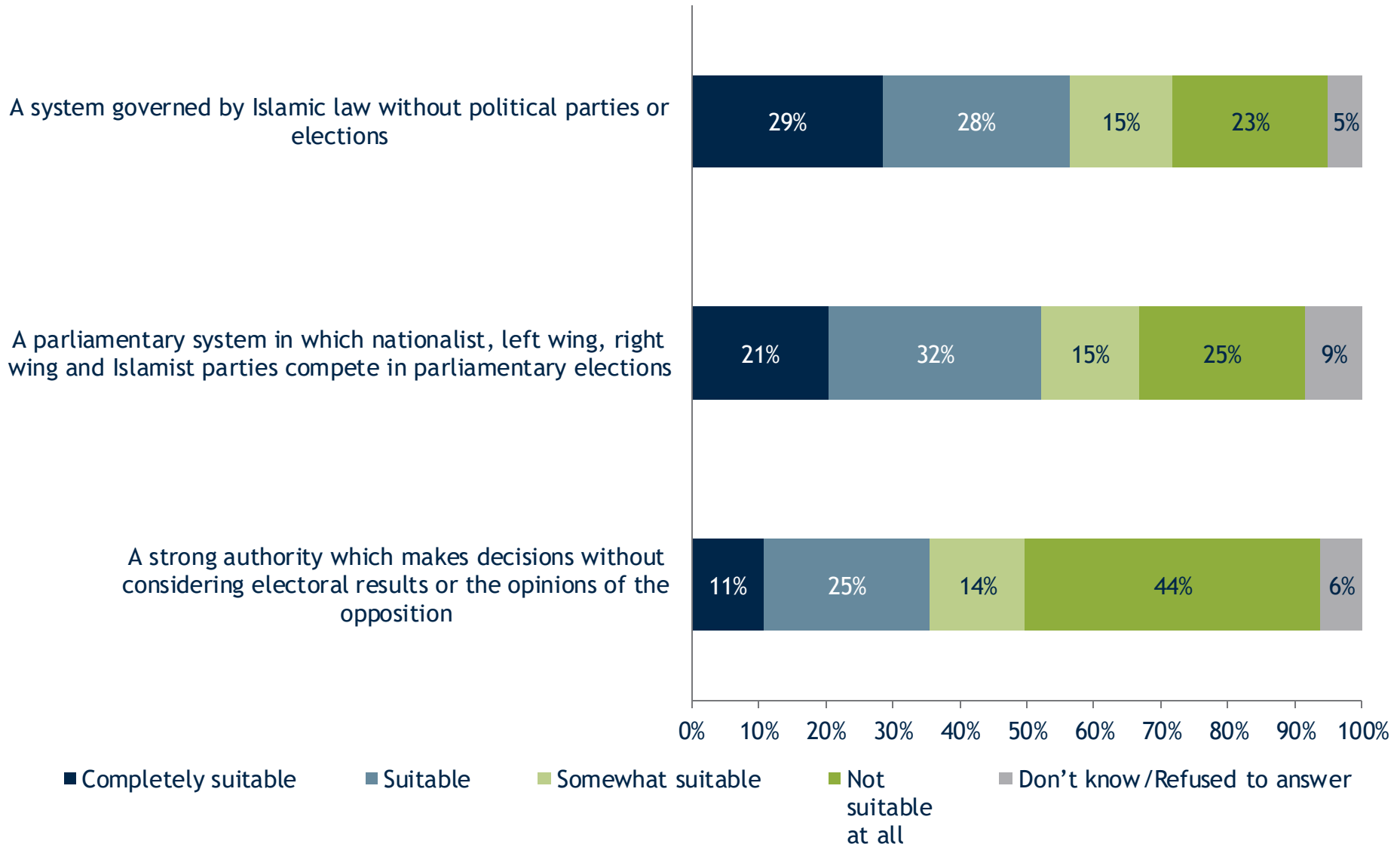
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Which of the following statements is the closest to your point of view?

By gender

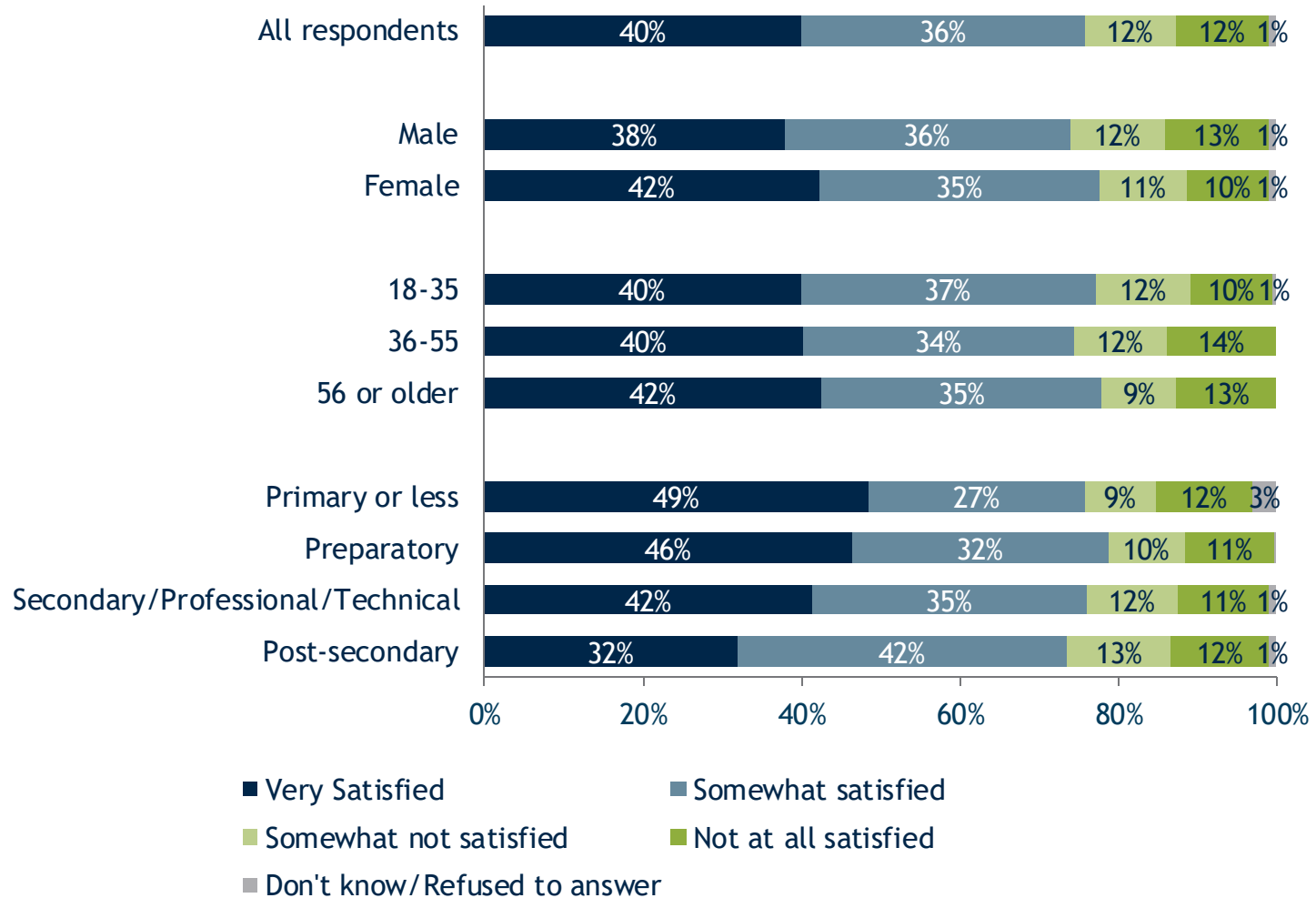


I would like to know to what extent you think each of these systems would be suitable for Jordan?



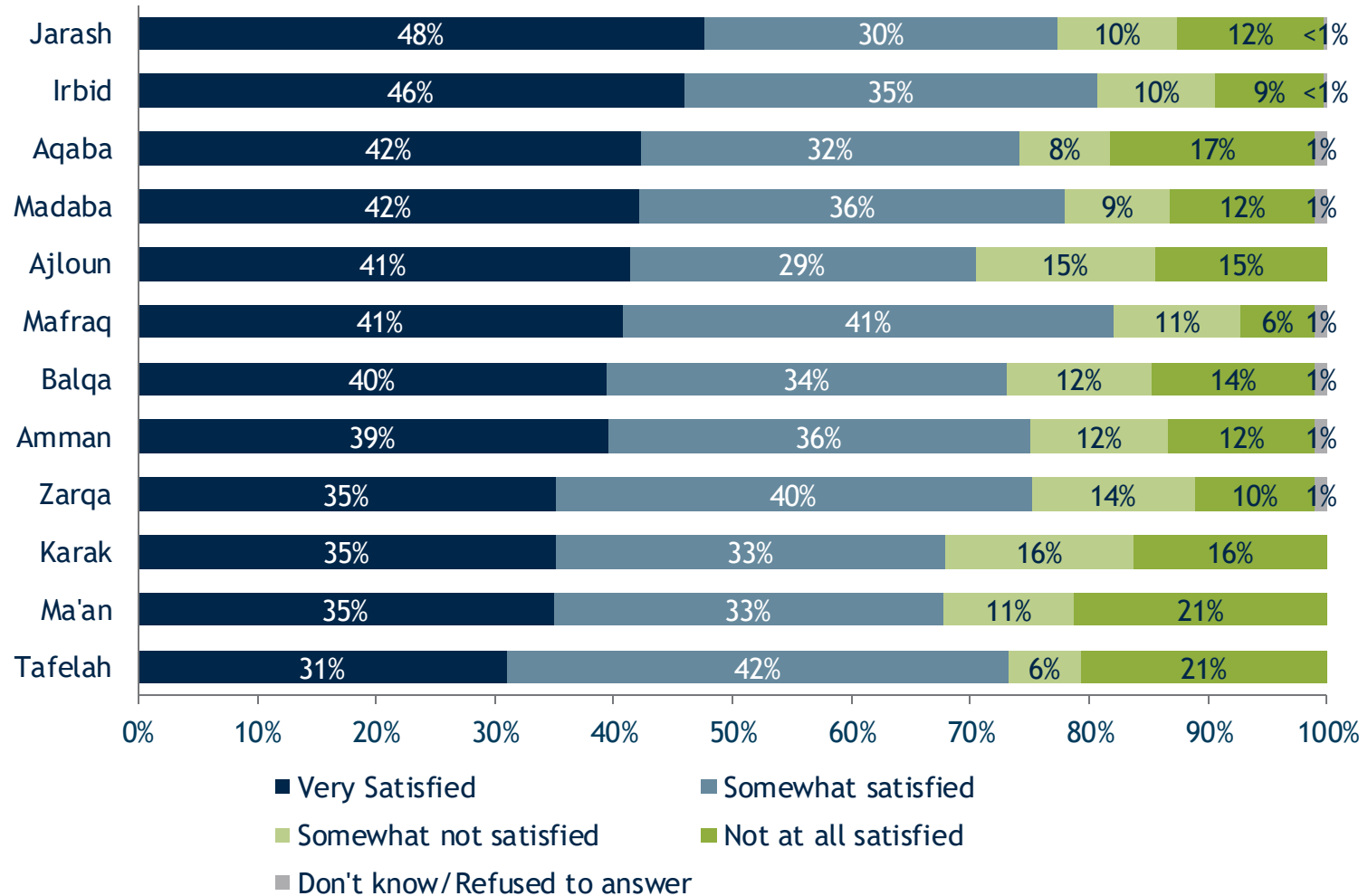
To what extent are you satisfied with the Jordanian government's response to the Coronavirus?

By gender, age and education



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By governorate

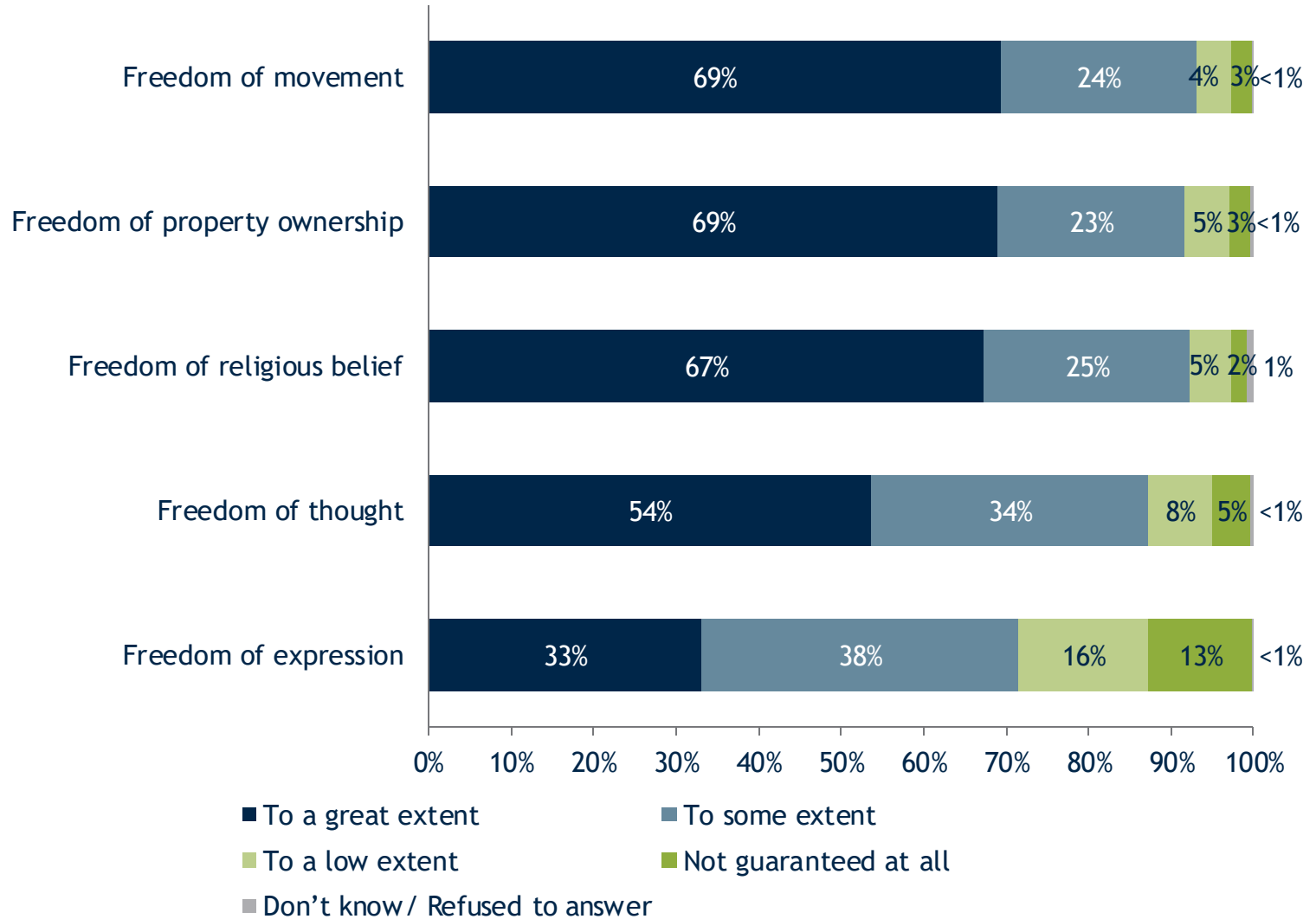




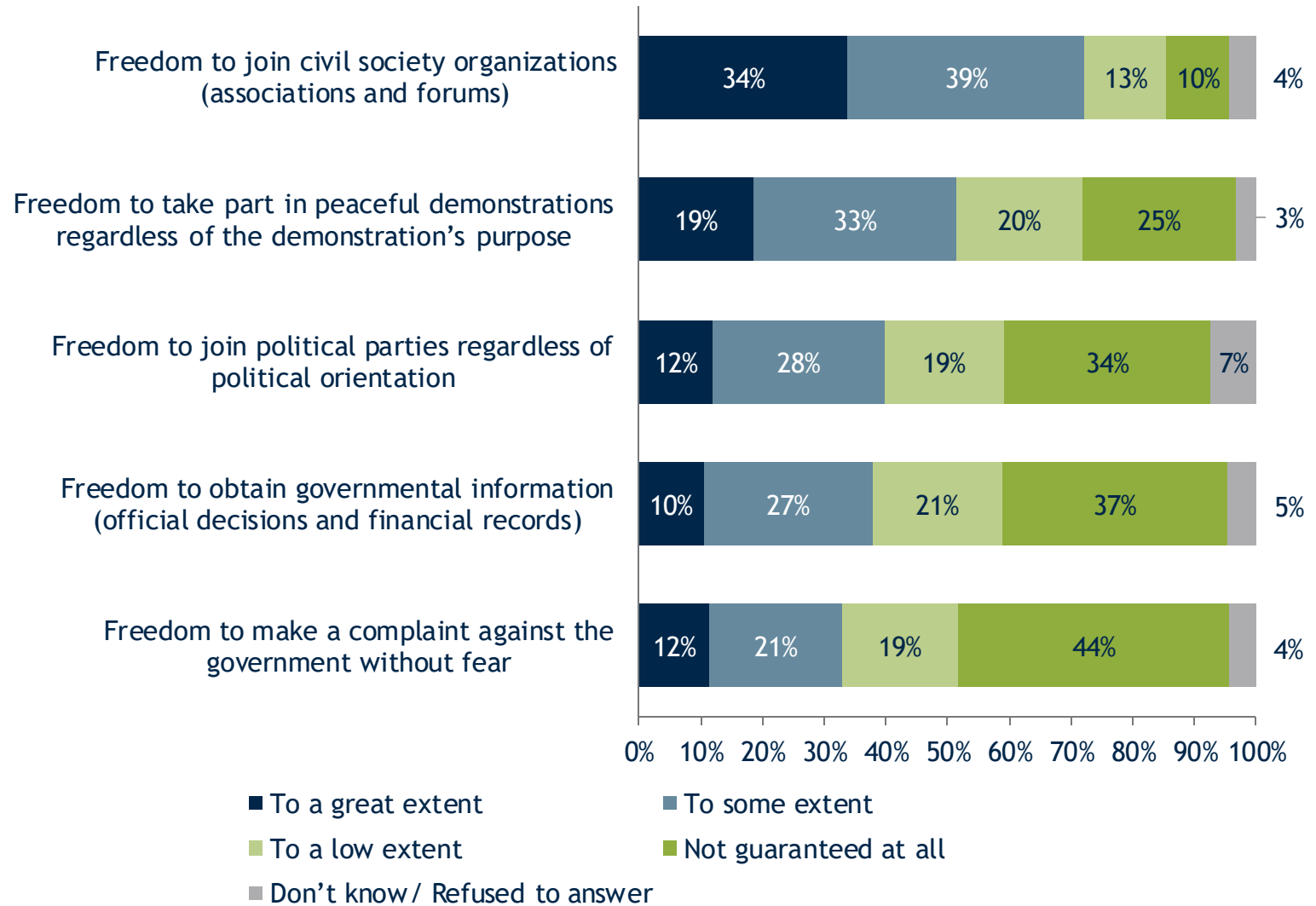
Civil Liberties



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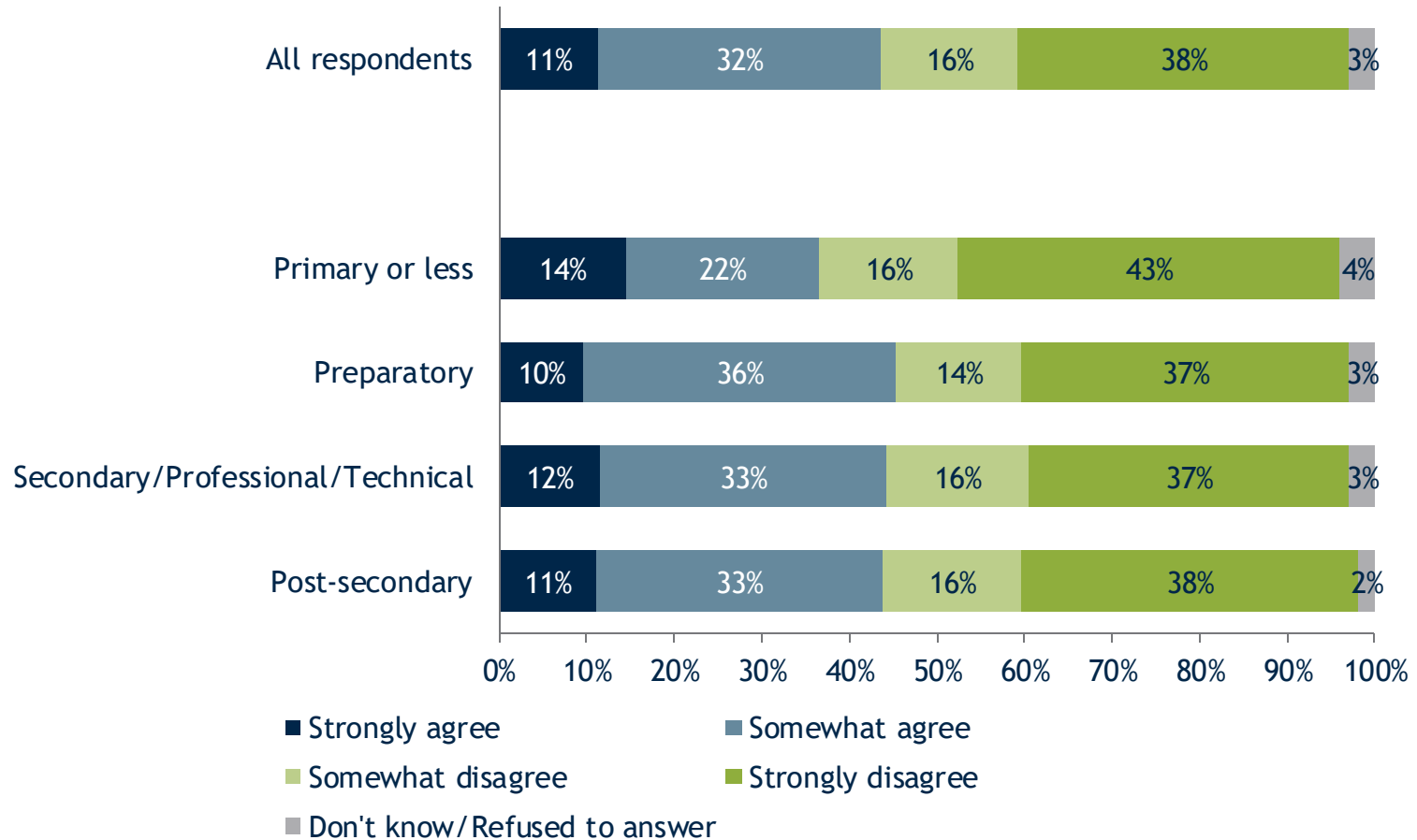


To what extent do you think that each of the following has freedom to do its work in Jordan?

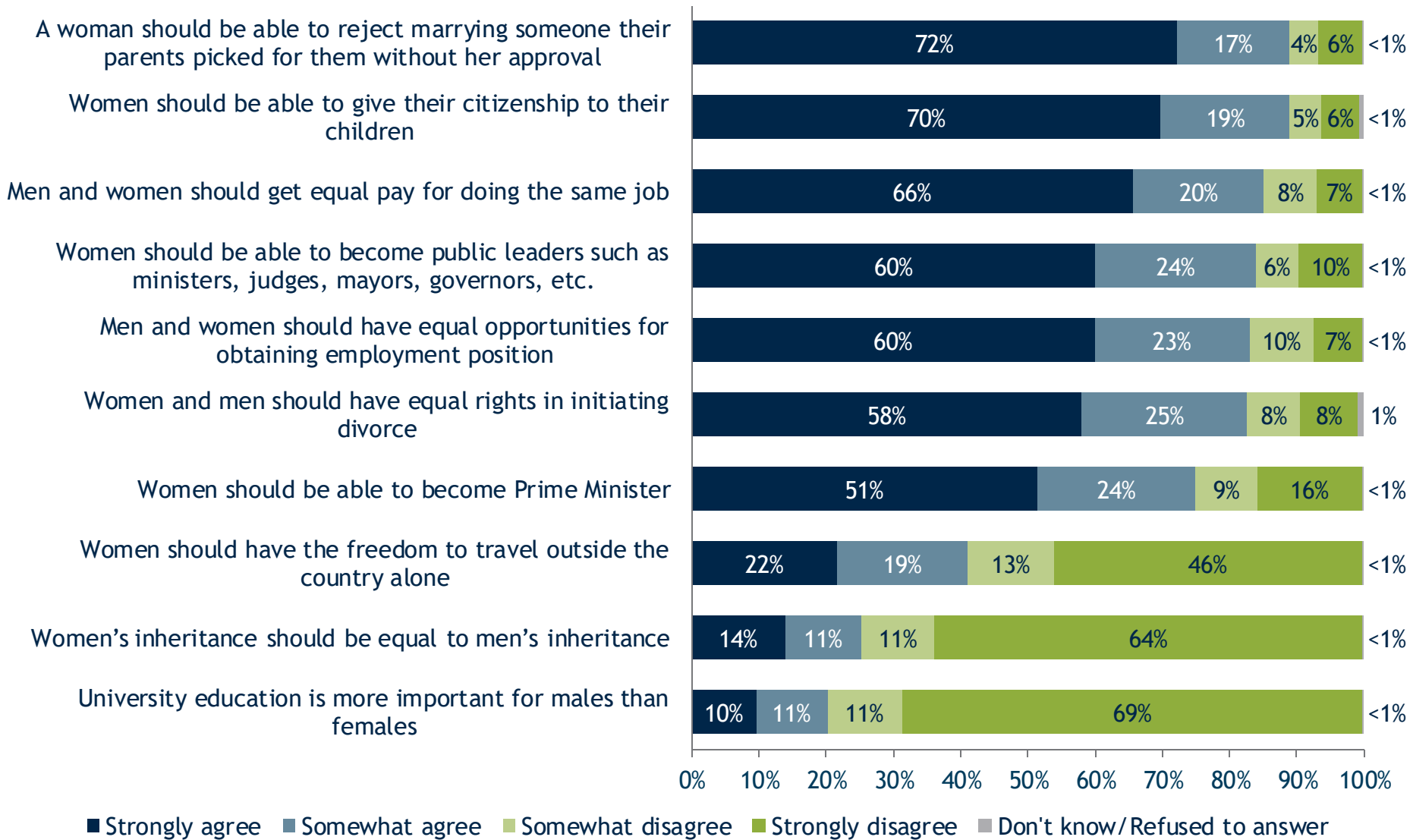


To what degree would you agree with the following statement: it is necessary to ensure security and stability, even if that requires violations of human rights?

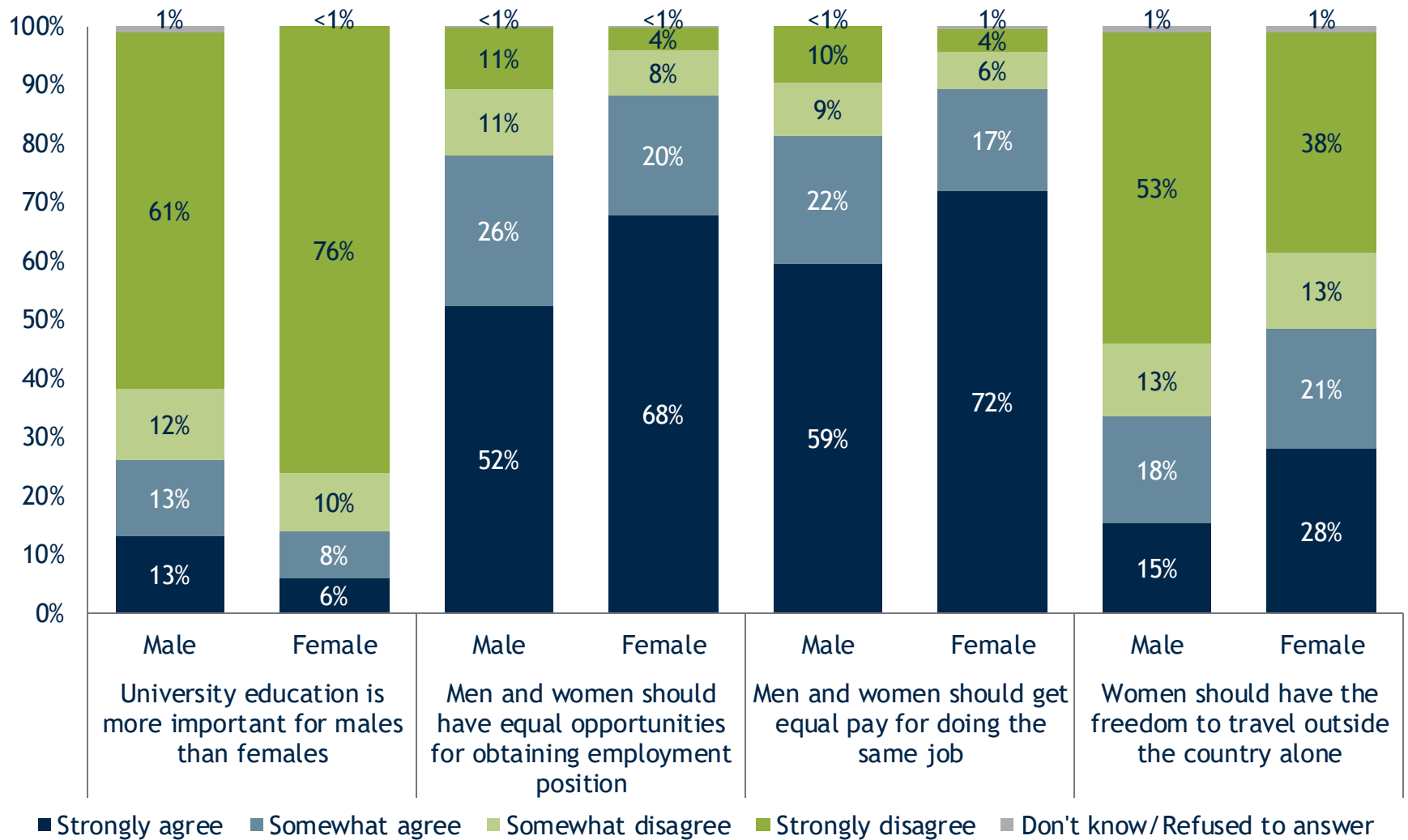
By education



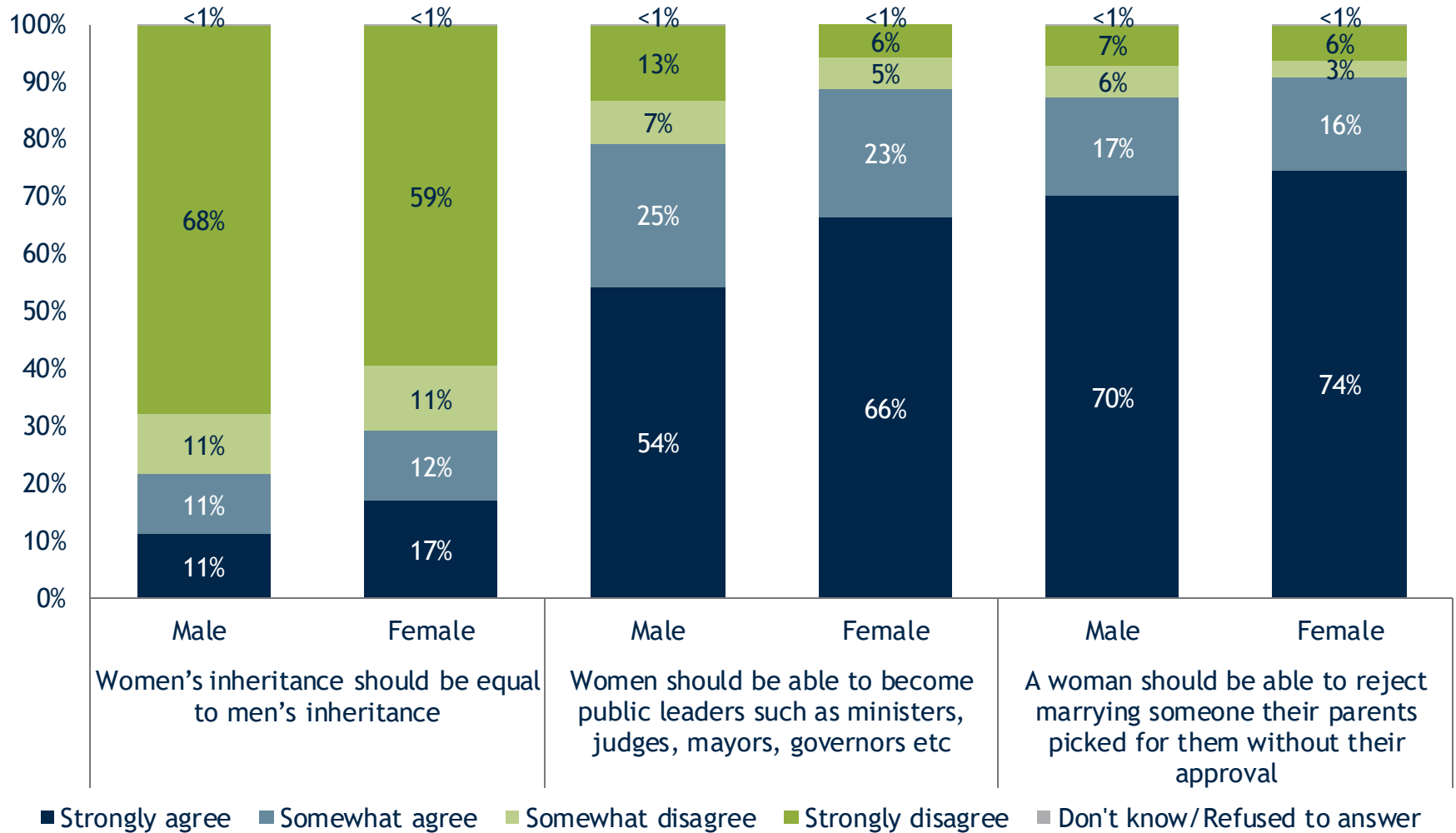
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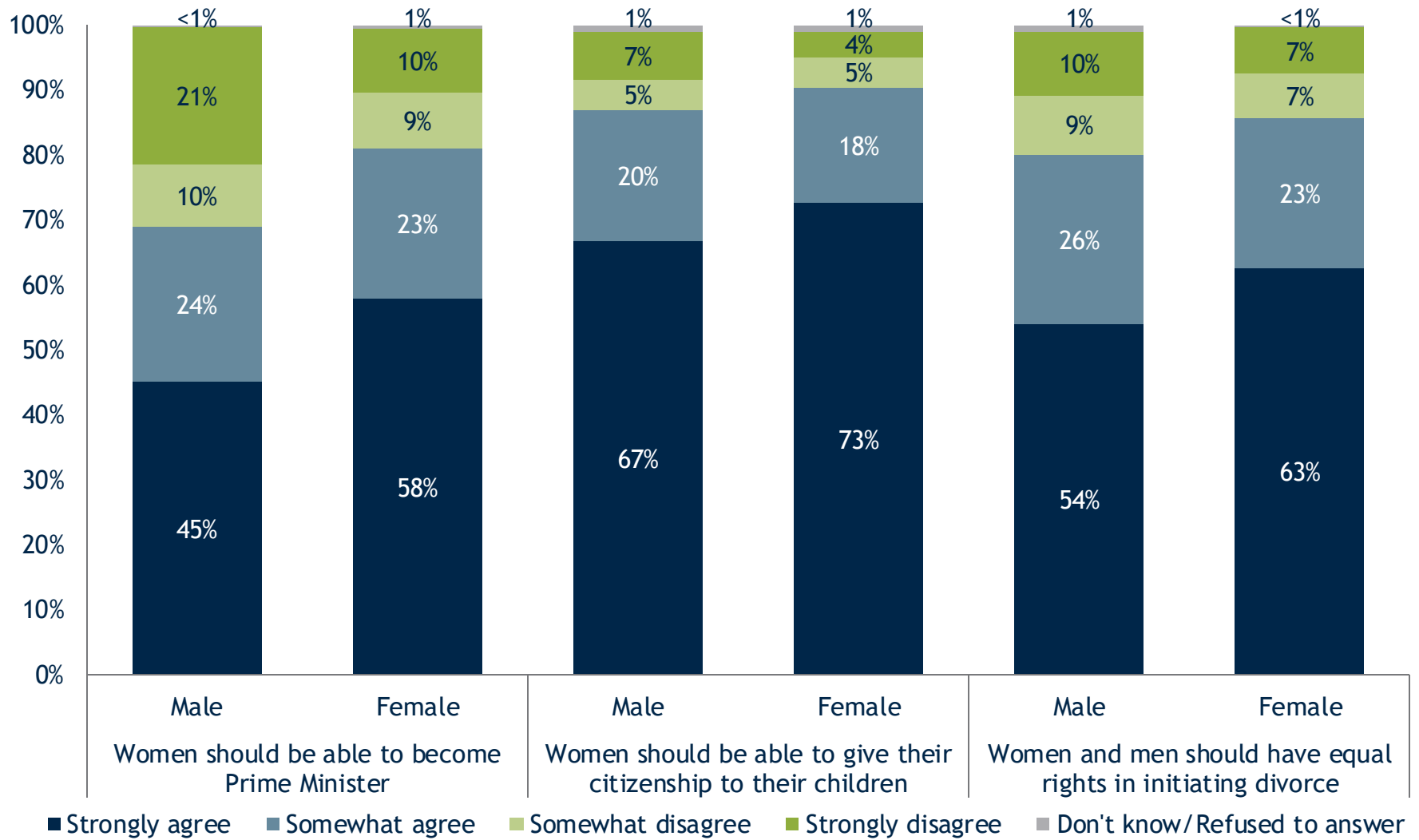
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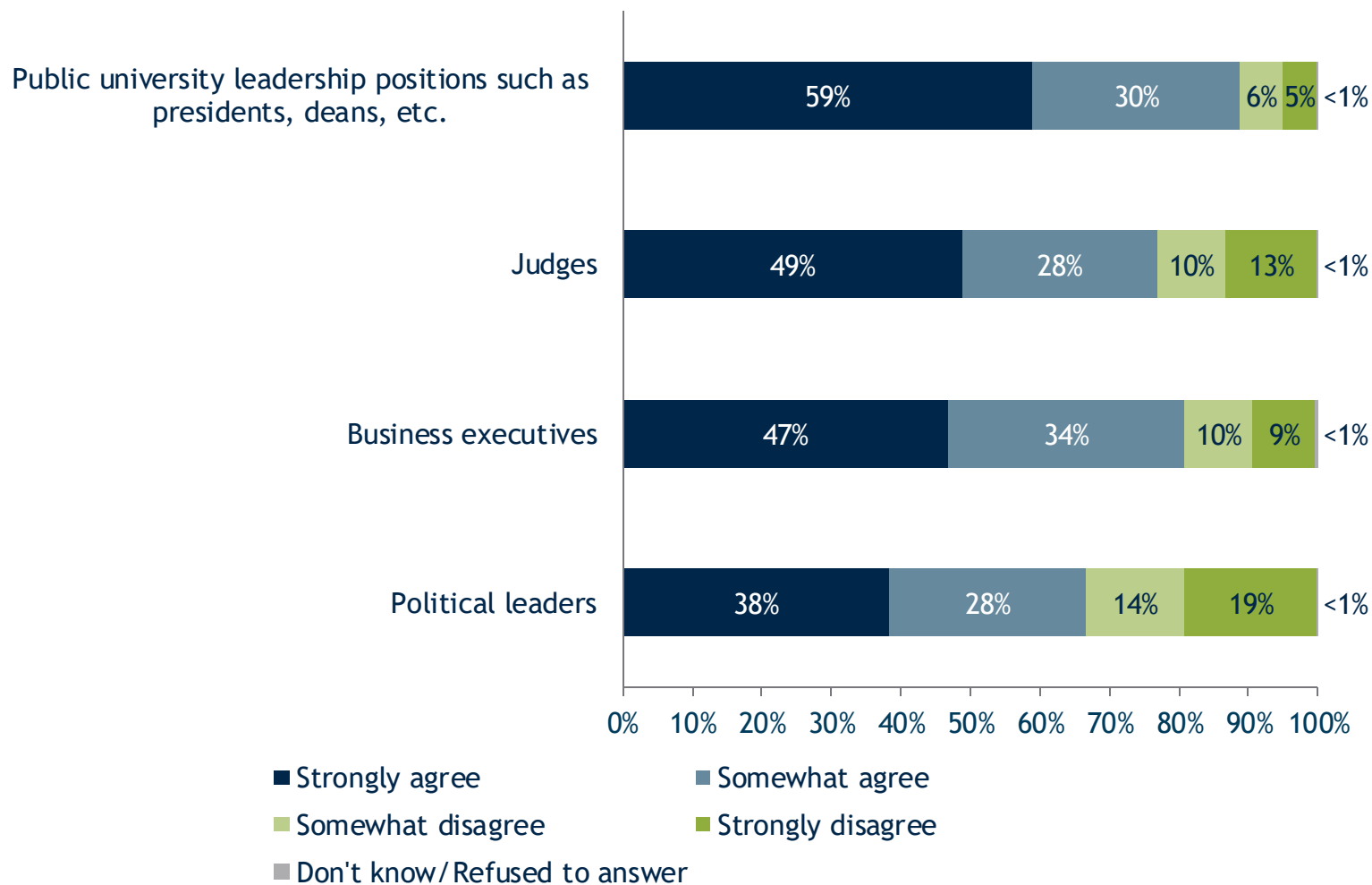
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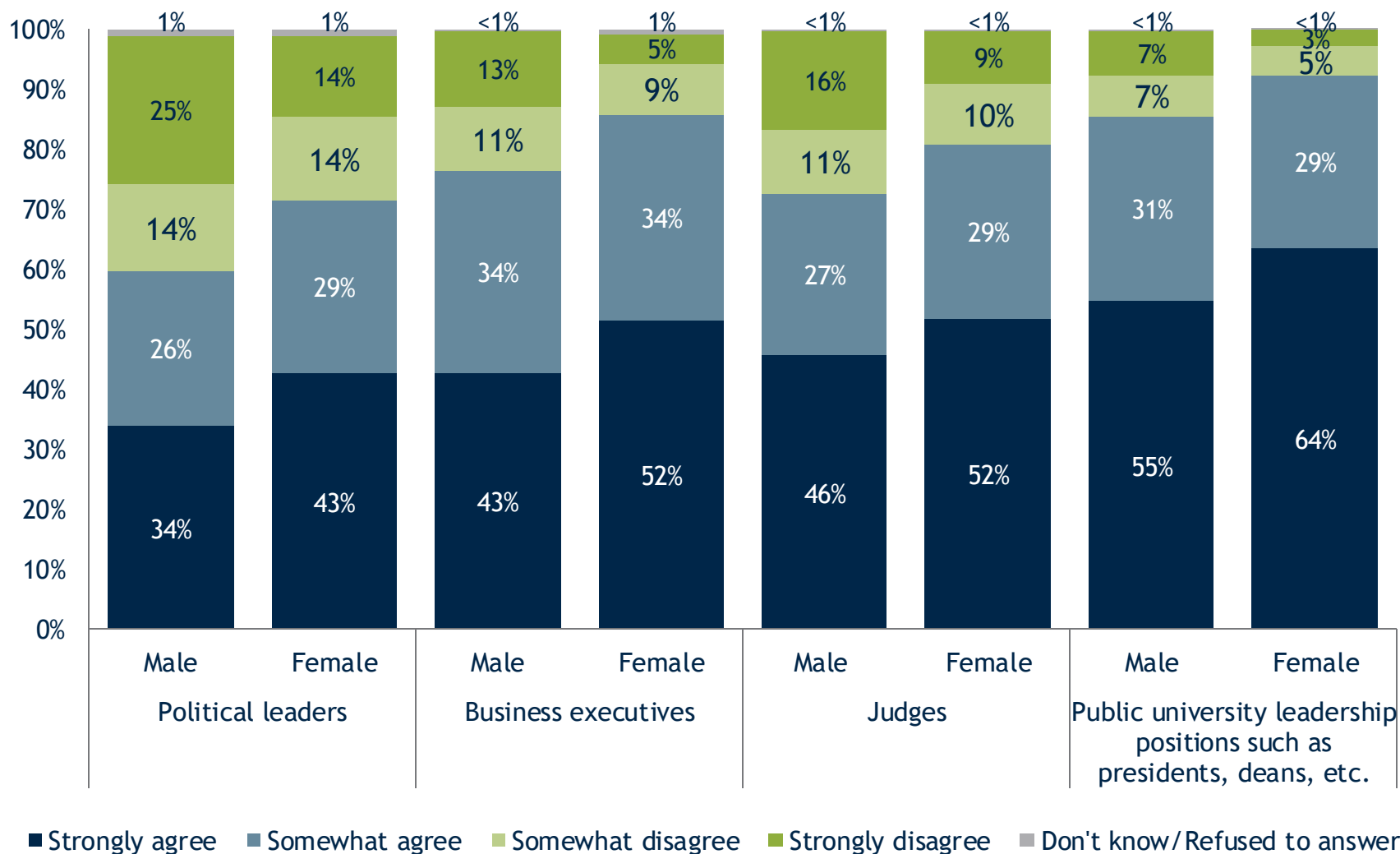
To what extent do you agree with the following statements?



Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree that women are as equally effective as men in each of the following?

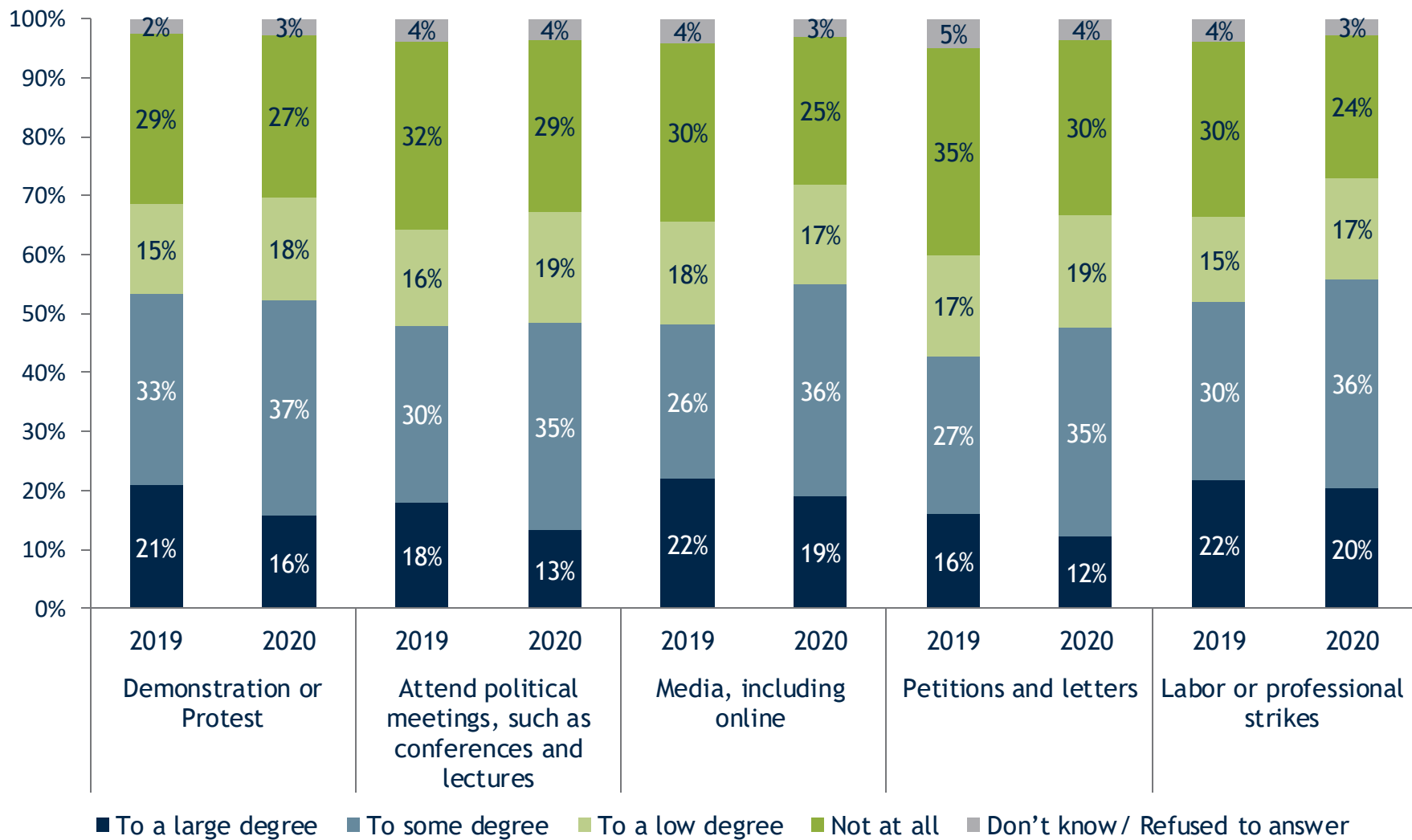


Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that women are as equally effective as men in each of the following?



To what degree can you criticize government policies through the following forms of expression without fear of exposing yourself to adverse consequences on your security and livelihood?

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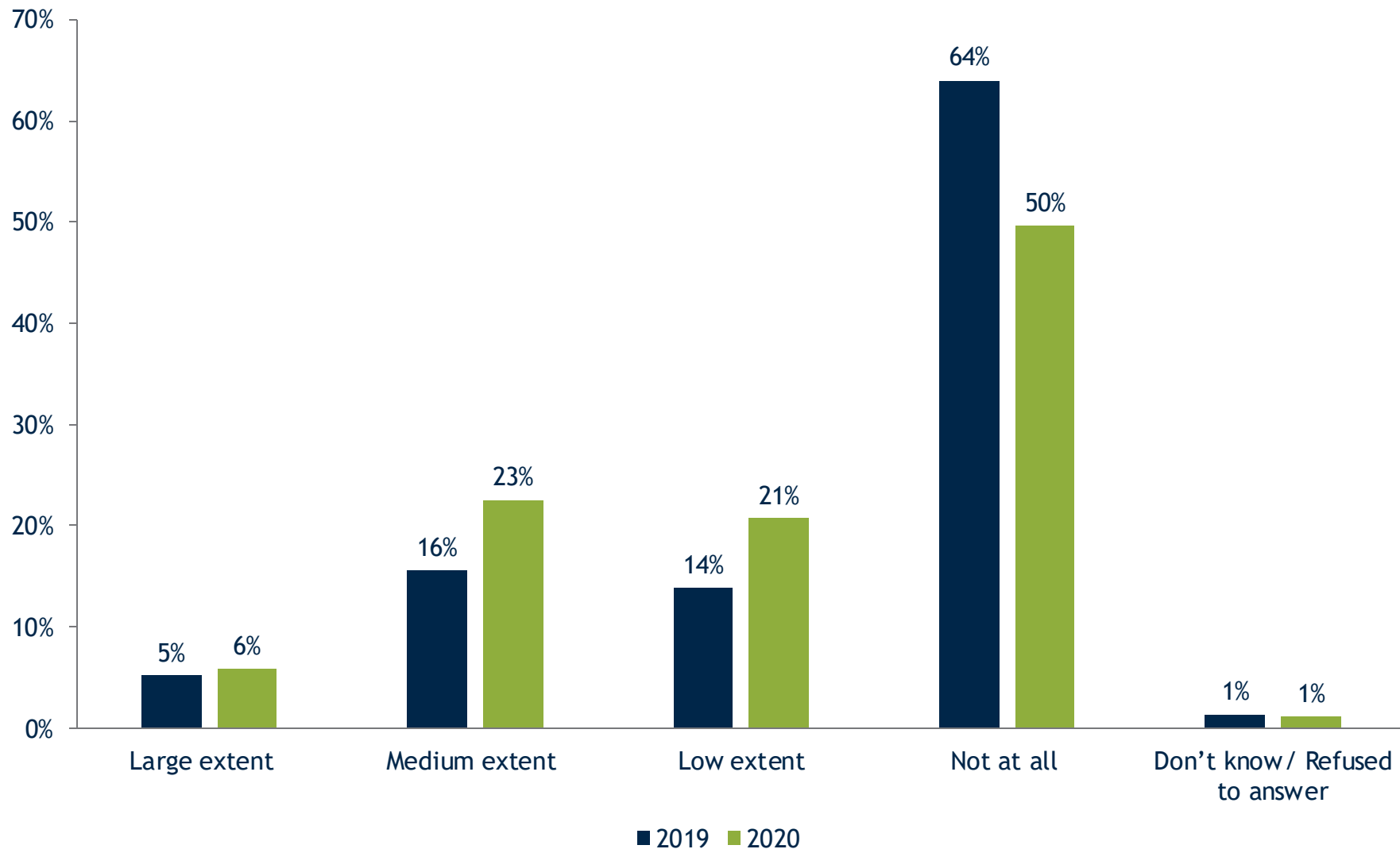


Political Participation



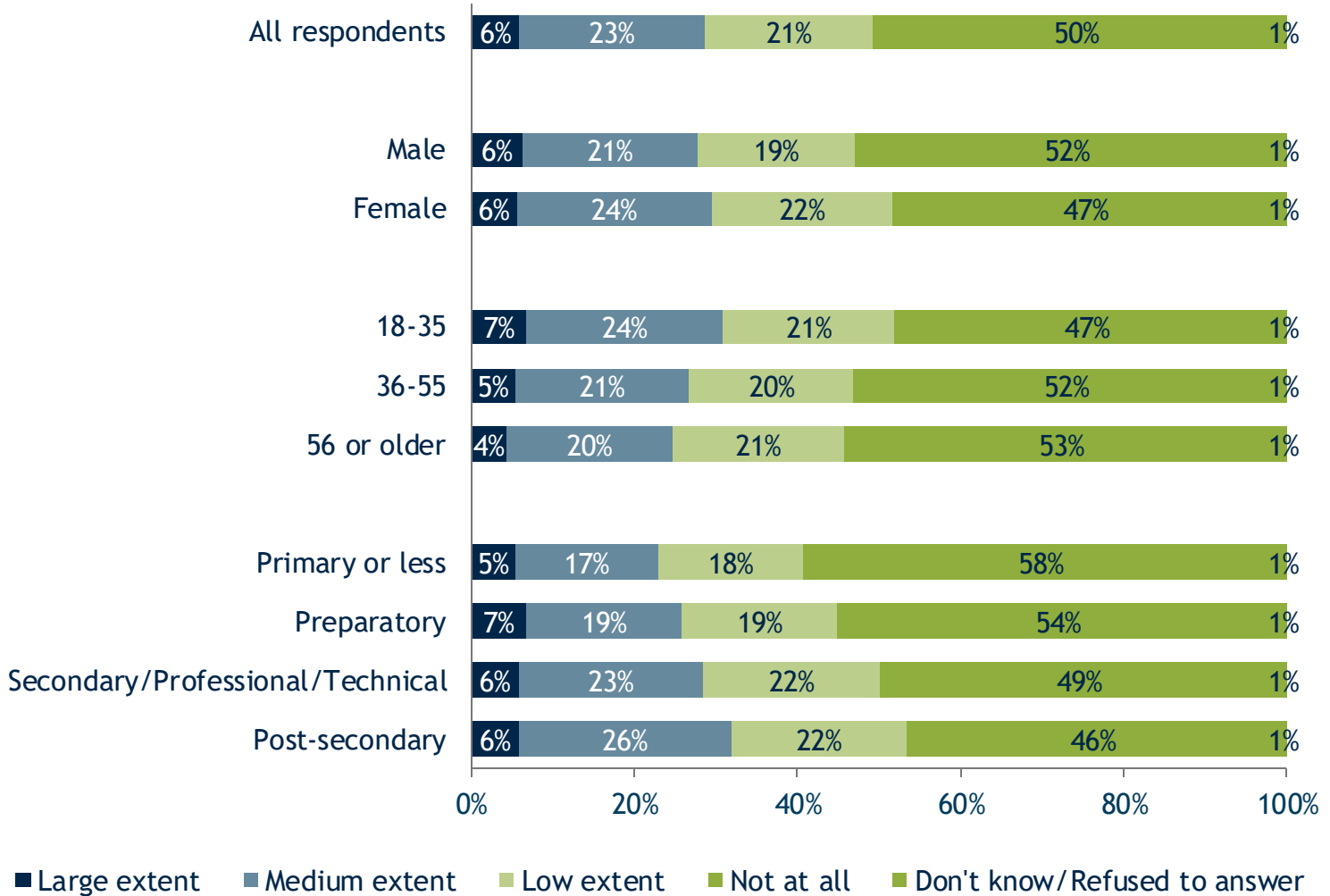
To what extent do you believe that someone like you can have an impact on government decision-making?

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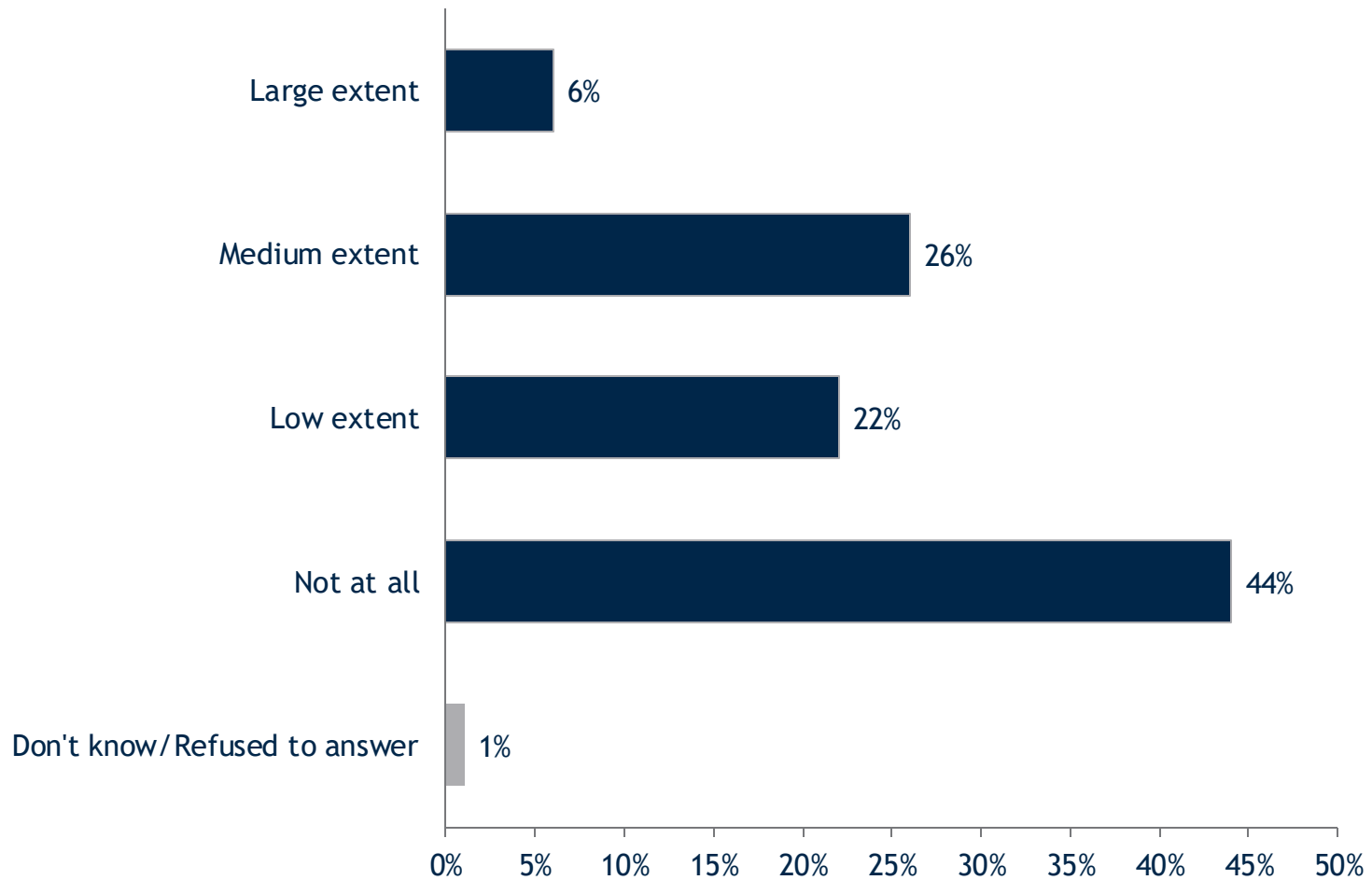
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(Among those who view Jordan's current political system as either a "full democracy" or a "nearly full democracy", n= 1778)

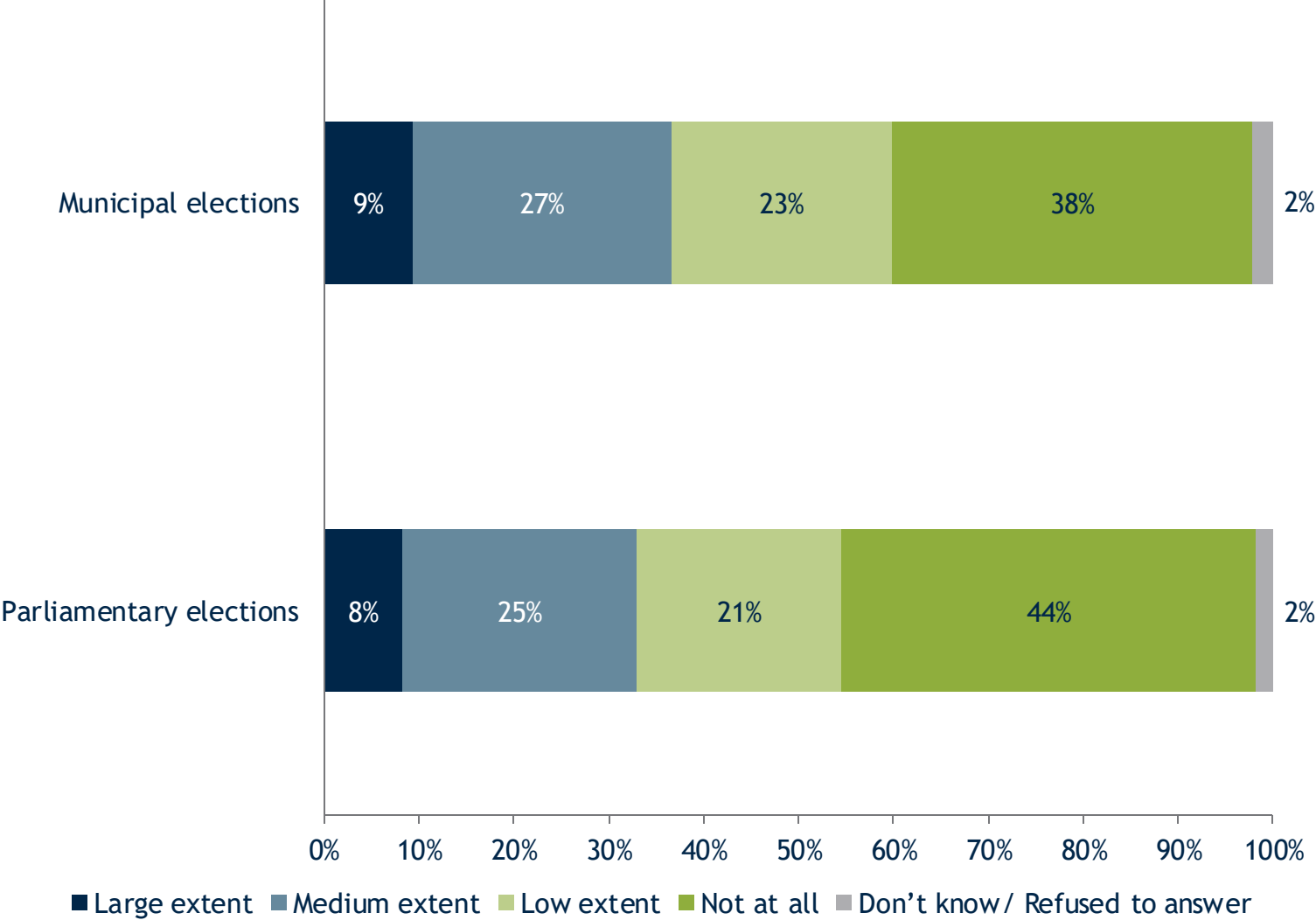




Elections

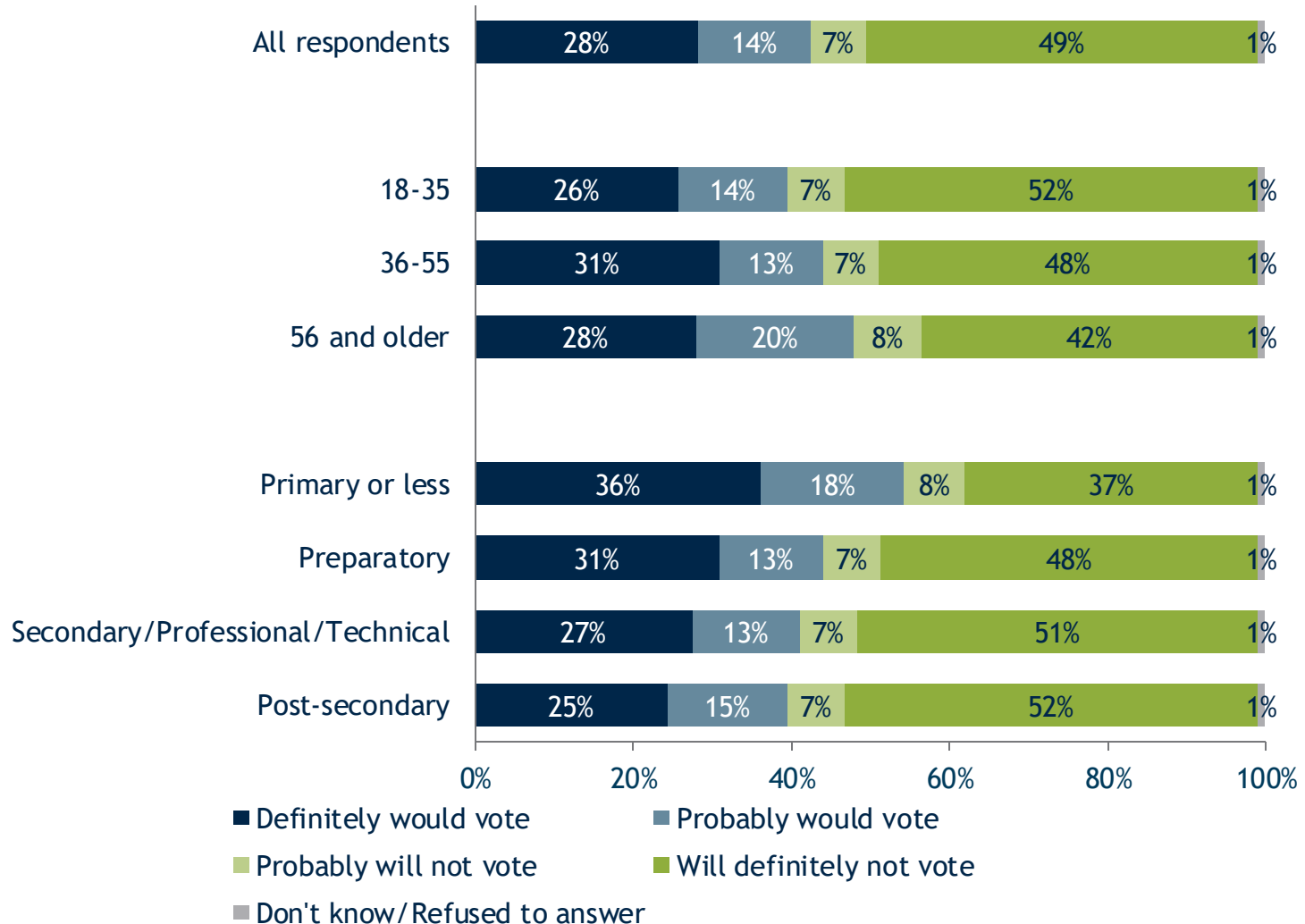


To what extent do you believe that elections in Jordan accurately reflect the will of the Jordanian people?



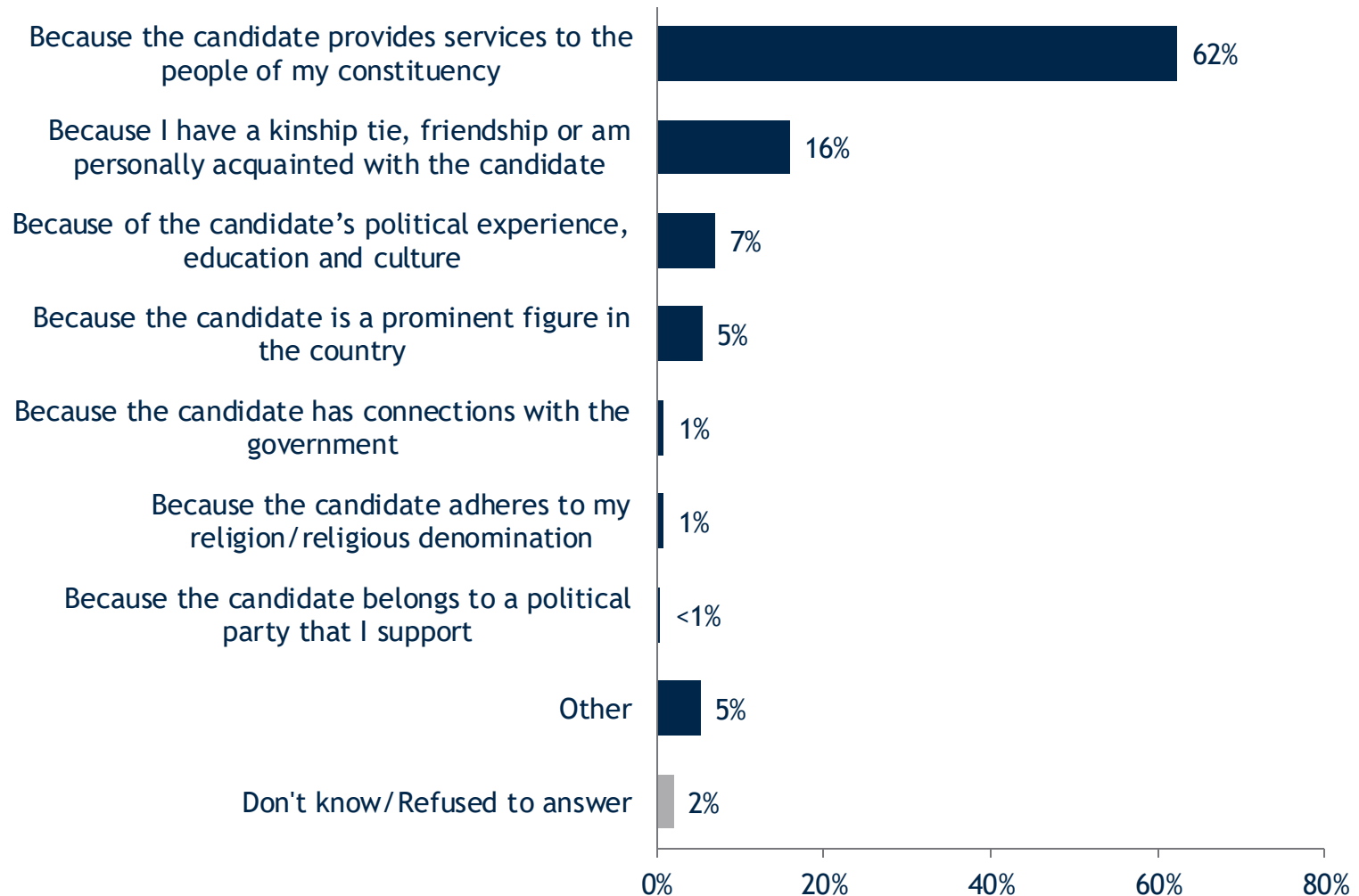
Suppose there are parliamentary elections tomorrow, would you vote?

By age and education

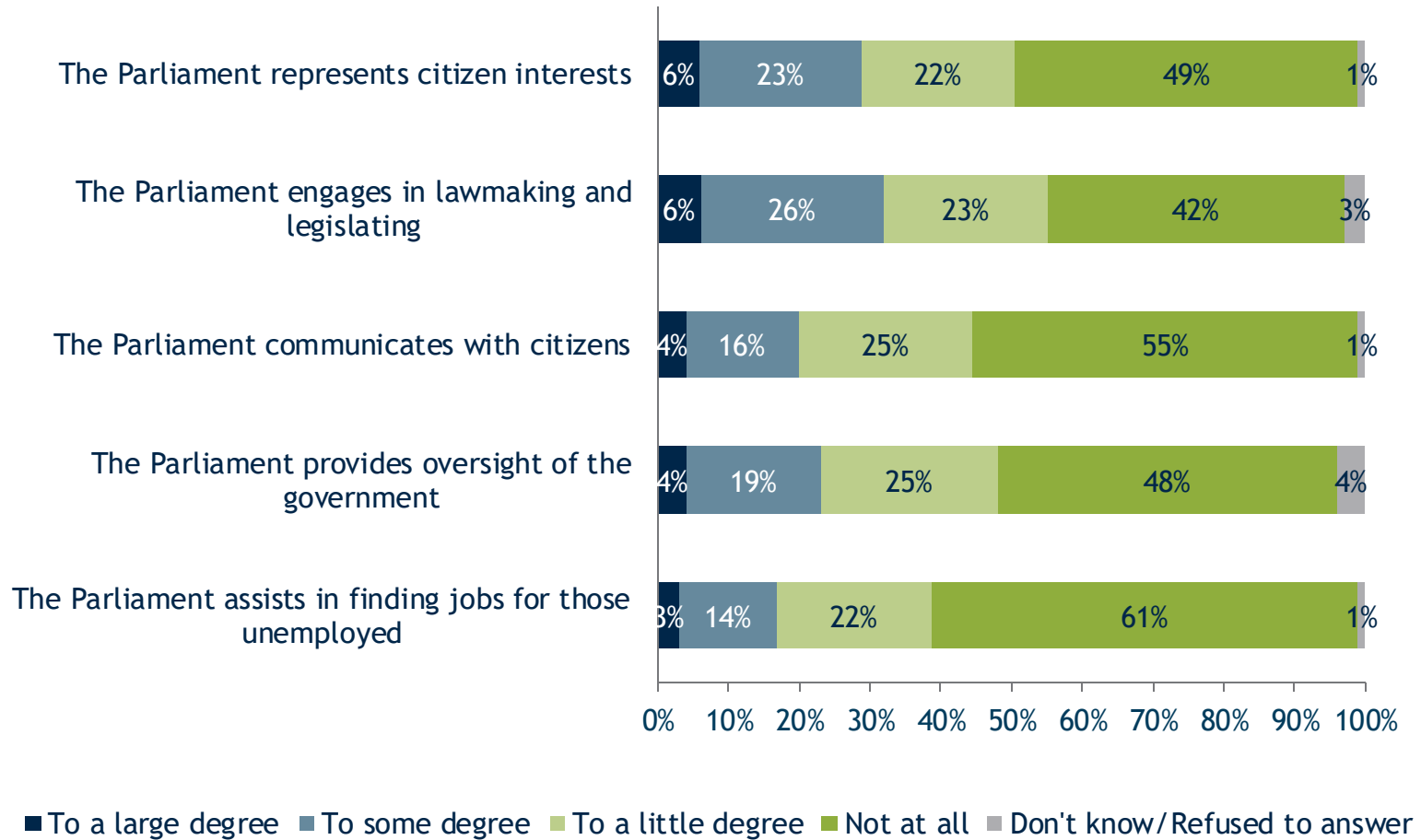


Of the following, what is the most important reason for voting for a candidate in parliament?

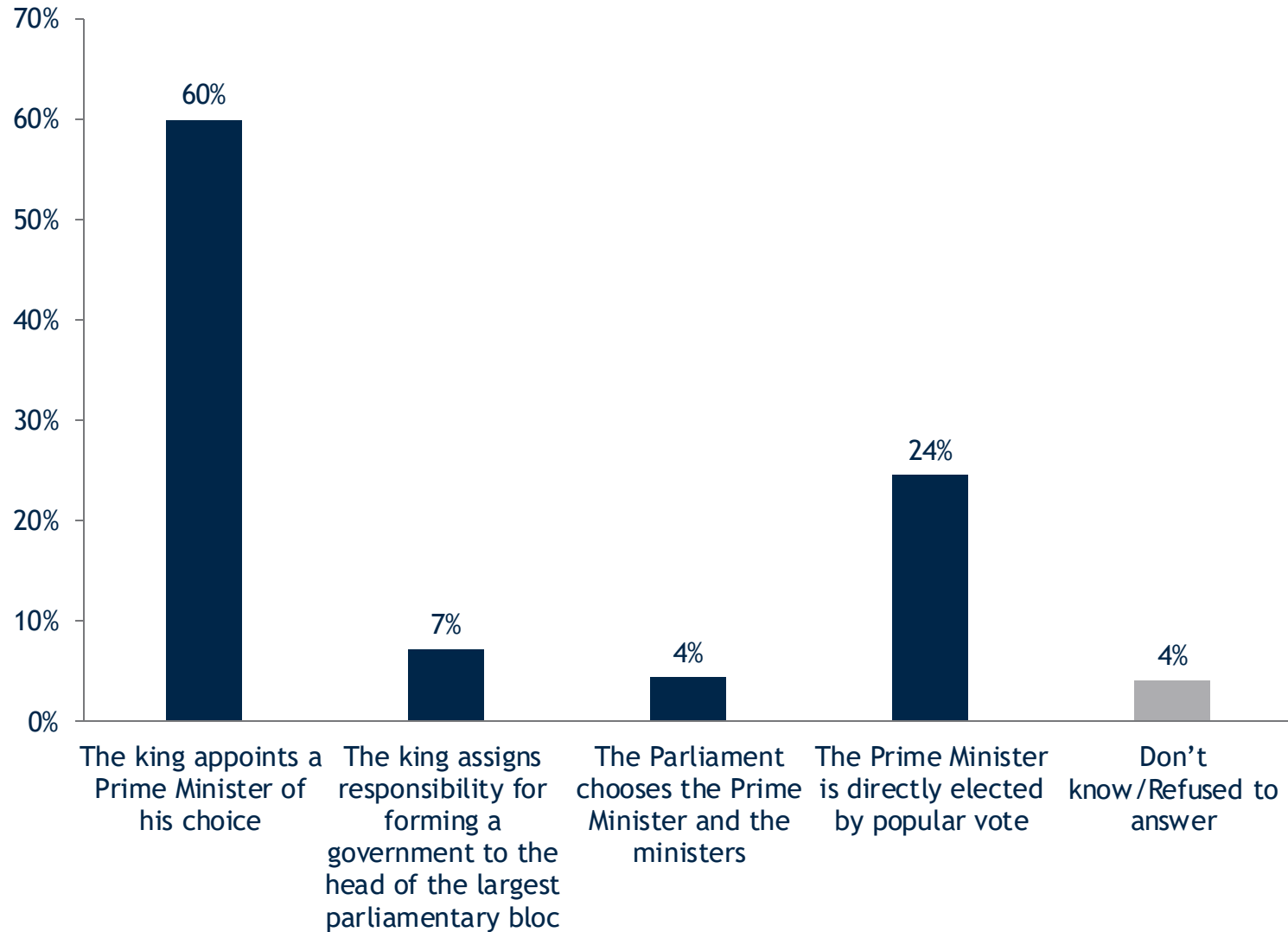
(Among those who said they either “definitely would vote” or “probably would vote” if the parliamentary elections were held tomorrow, n=1,266)



In regard to the Jordanian Parliament, to what extent do you believe it fulfills the following functions?

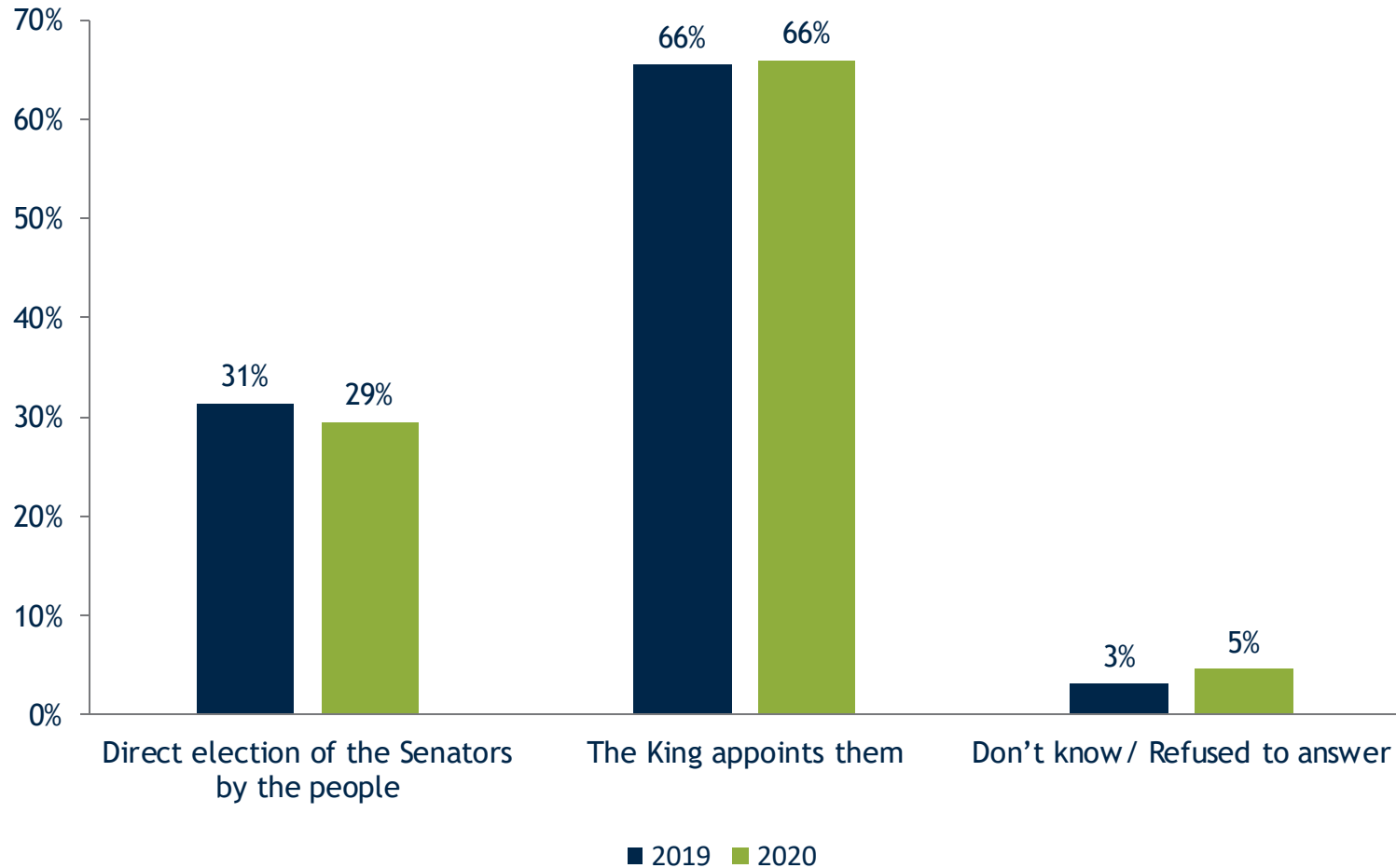


We would like to know your opinion concerning the best option for forming governments in Jordan. Which of the following options do you consider the best?



According to the constitution, the Senate is formed by appointment from his Majesty the King. We would like to know your opinion about the best option to form the House of Senators. Which of the following do you consider the best?

Comparison with 2019 poll*



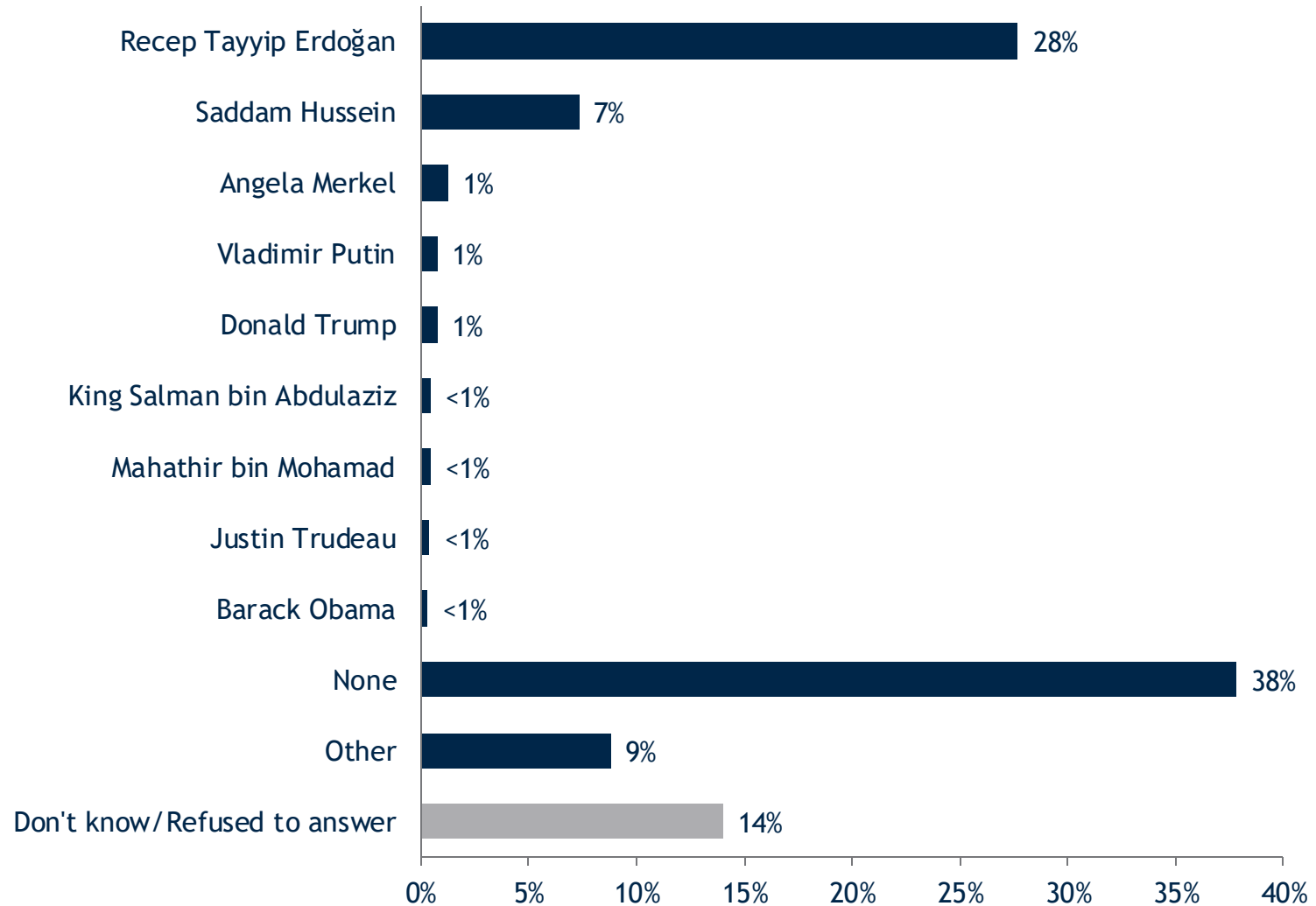
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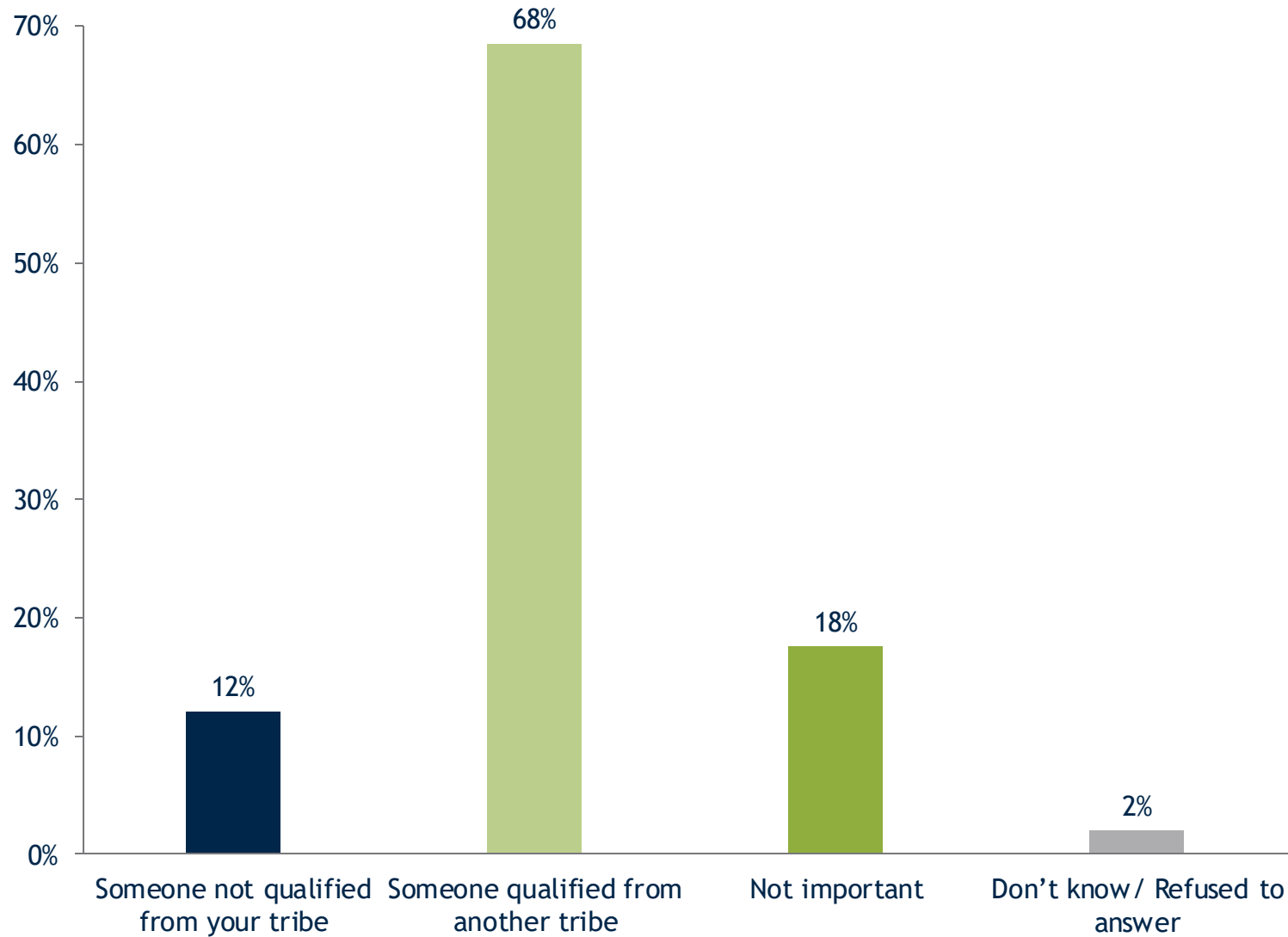
Political Competition



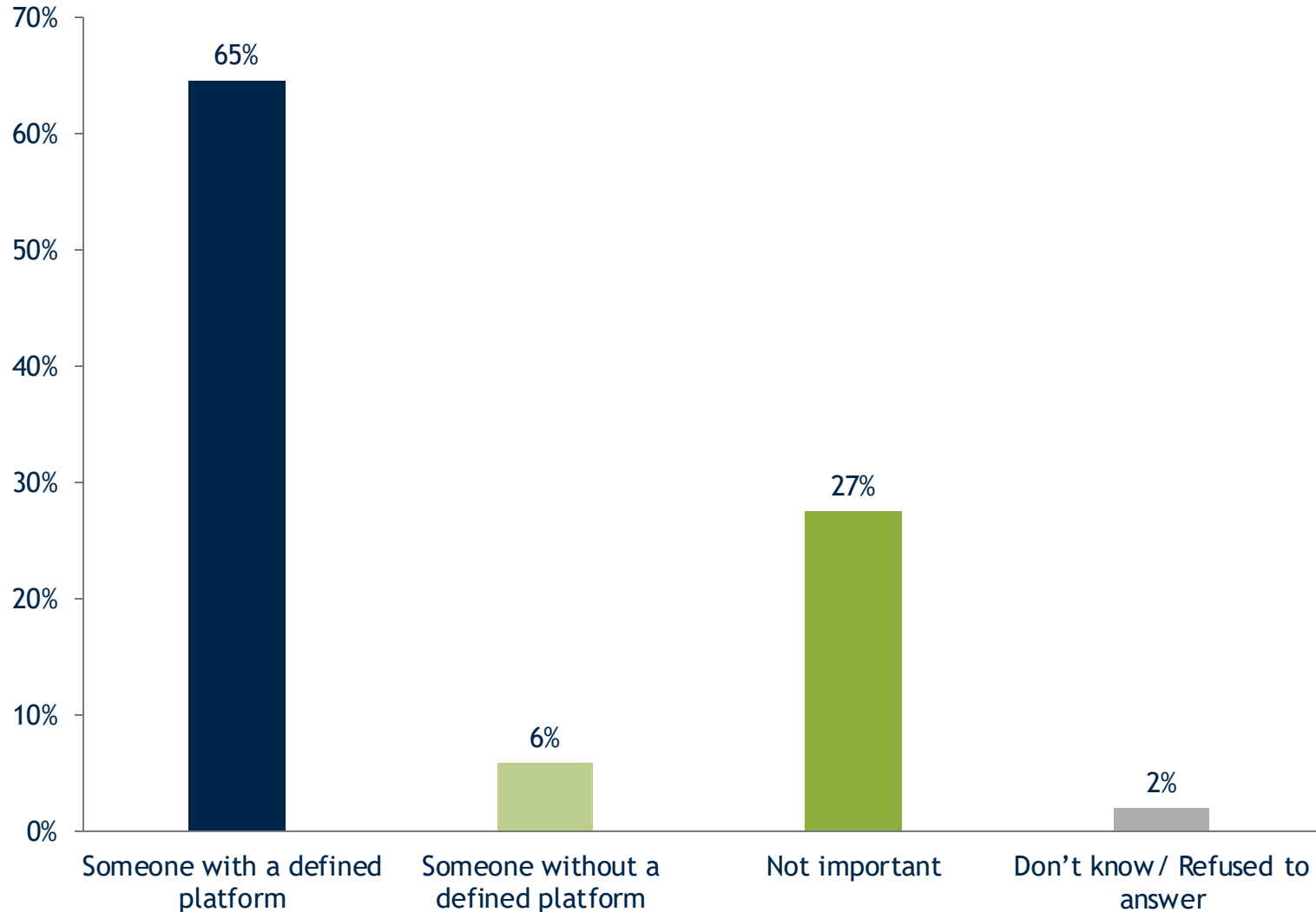
What is the name of the political leader you respect the most outside of Jordan? (Spontaneous response)



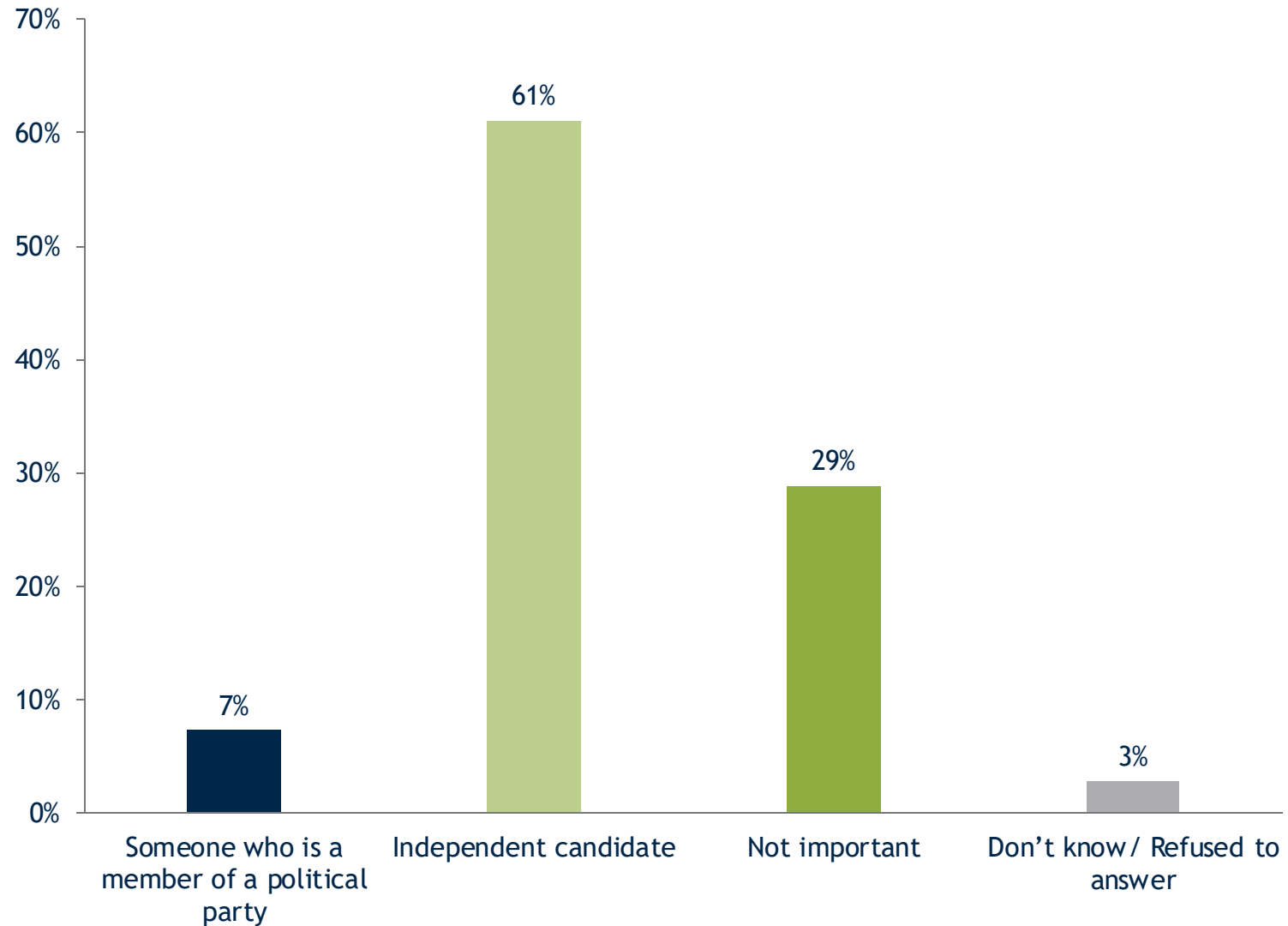
If the choice is between someone of your tribe who is not qualified and someone who is qualified from another tribe, who are you more likely to vote for?



If the choice is between someone with a specific electoral program and one without, who are you more likely to vote for?



If the choice is between a member of a political party or an independent candidate, who are you more likely to vote for?



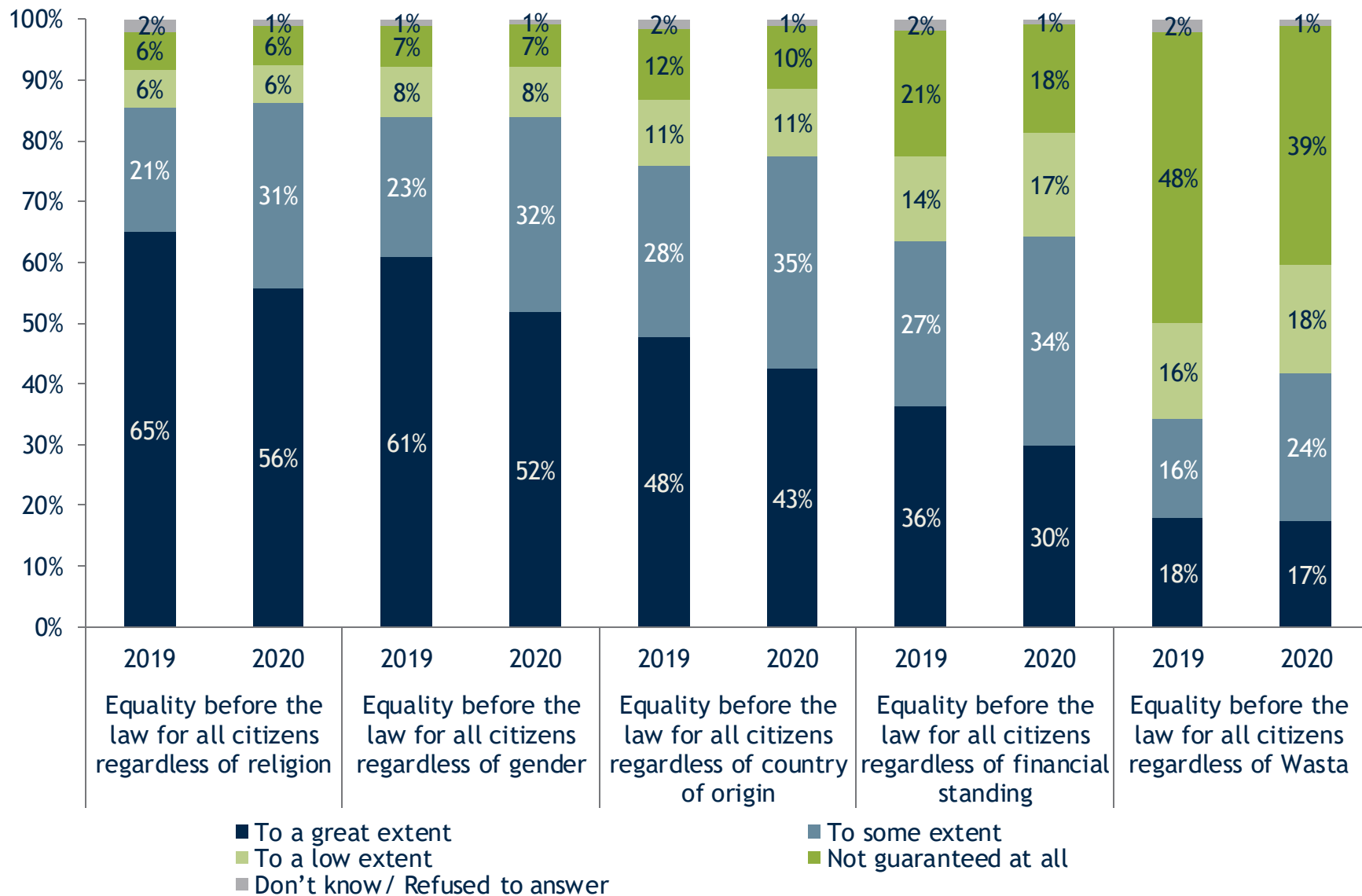


Judiciary



To what extent are the following rights guaranteed under the law for someone like you in Jordan?

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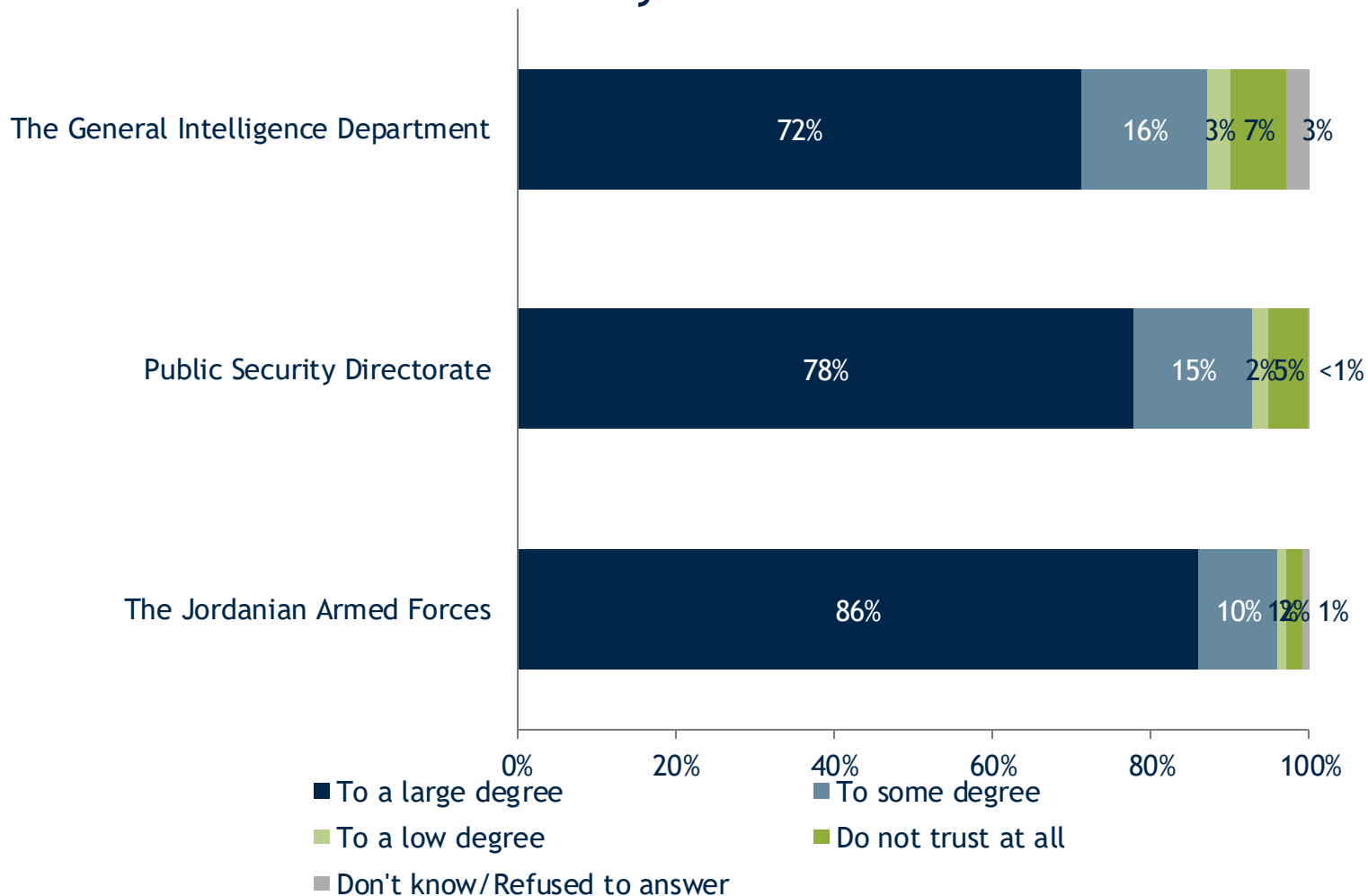


Trust in Public Institutions and Checks and Balances



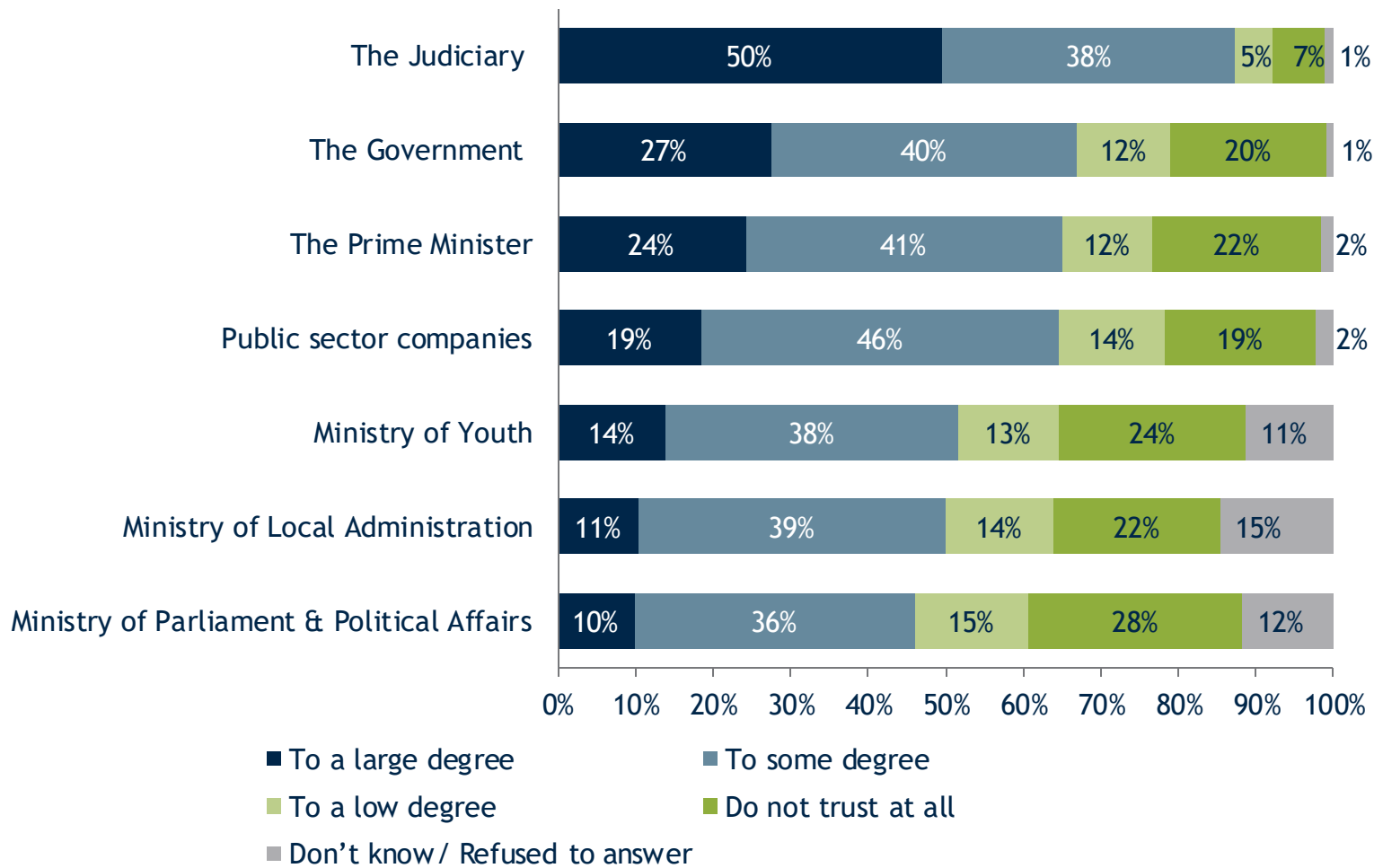
To what degree do you trust each of the following? To a large degree, to some degree, to a low degree or do not trust at all?

Security Institutions



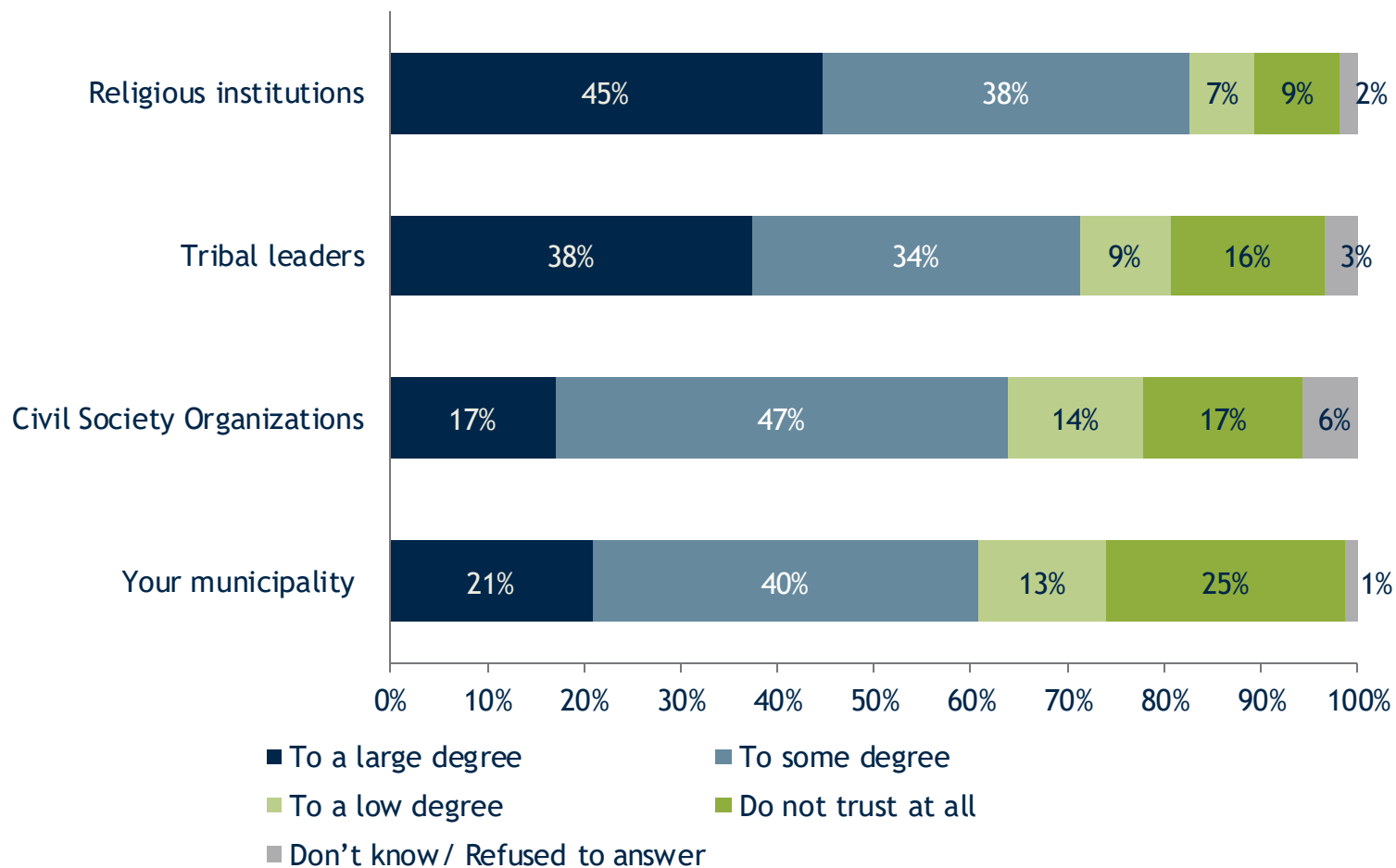
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Public Institutions



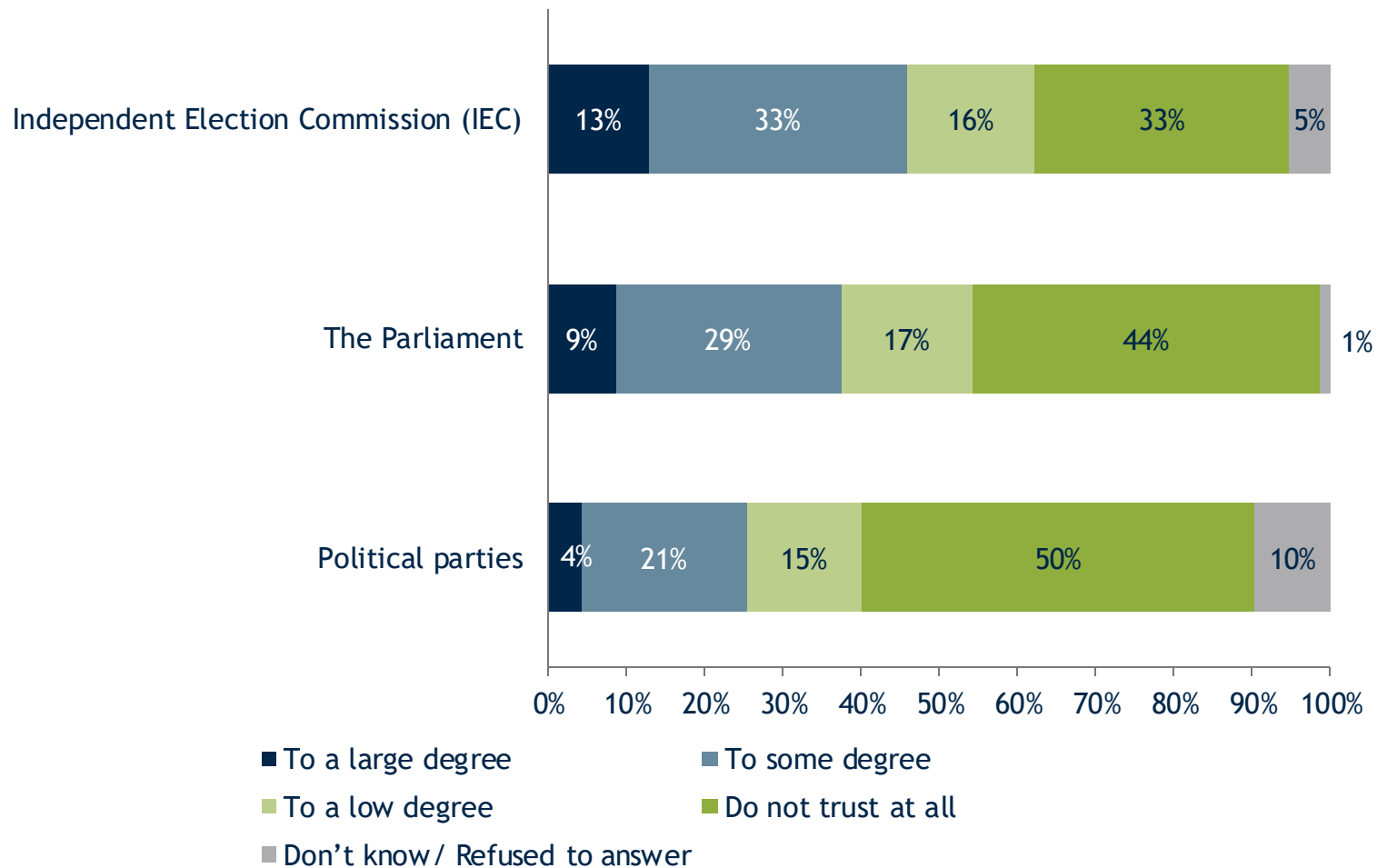
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Community Institutions

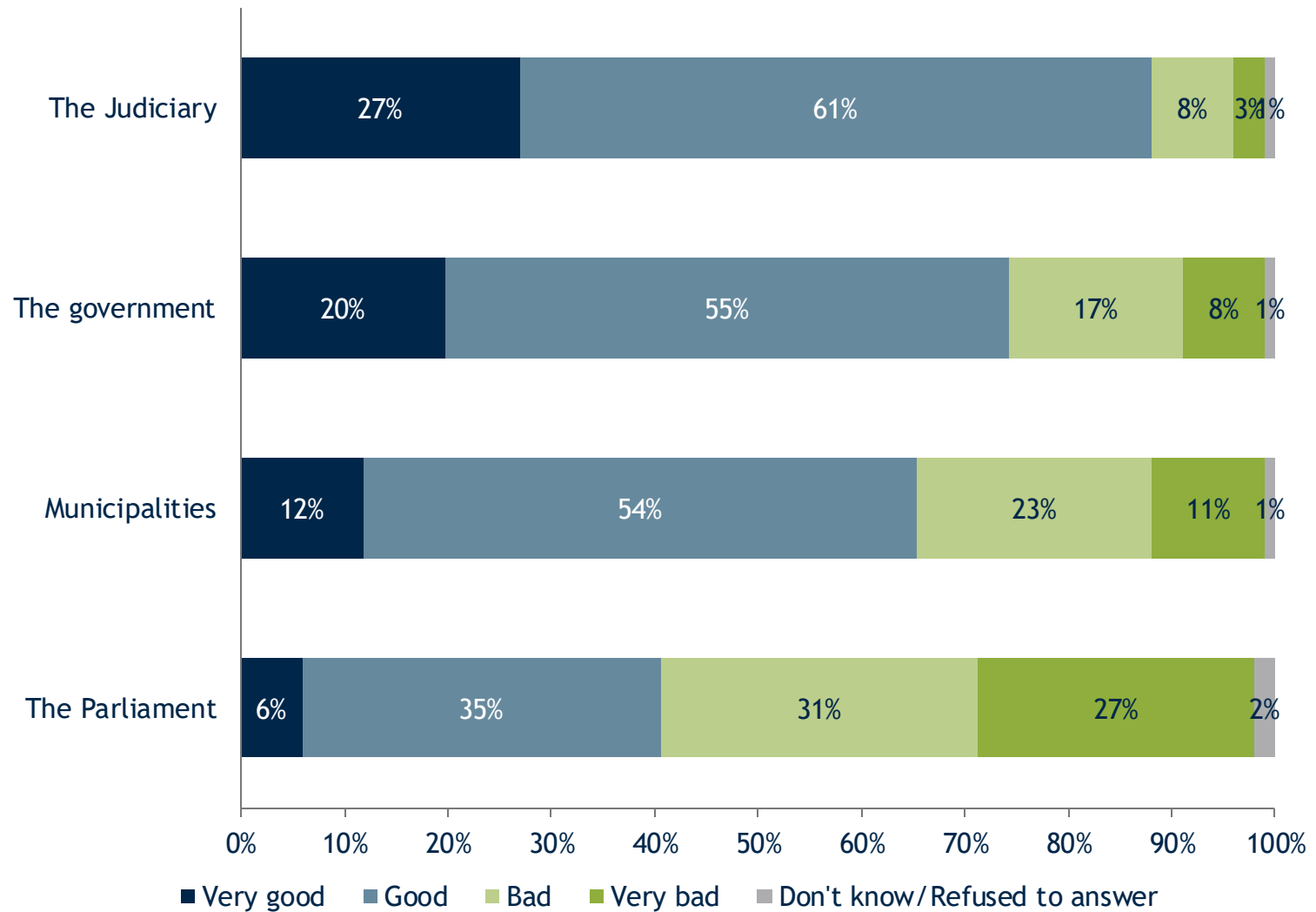


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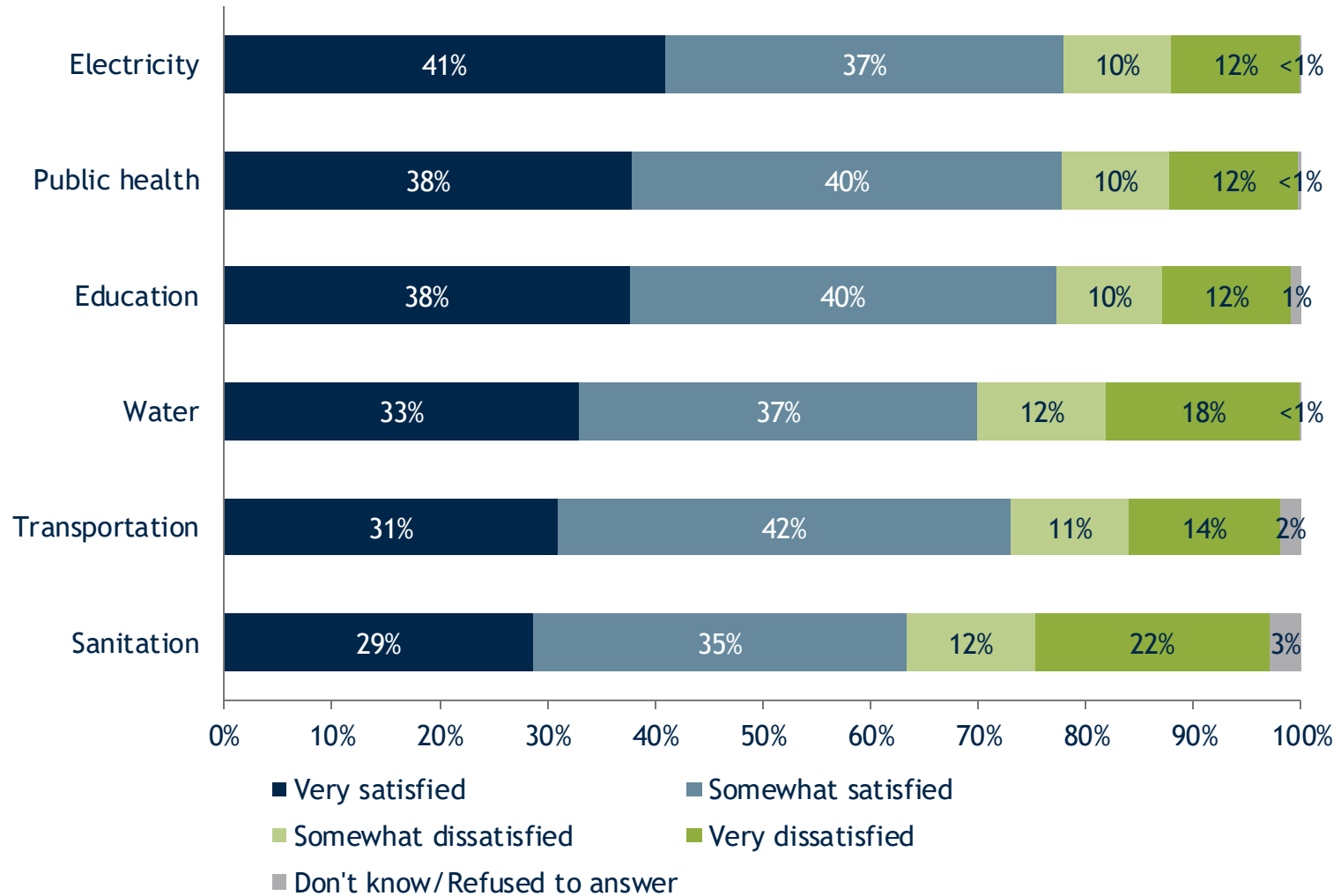
Democracy Apparatus



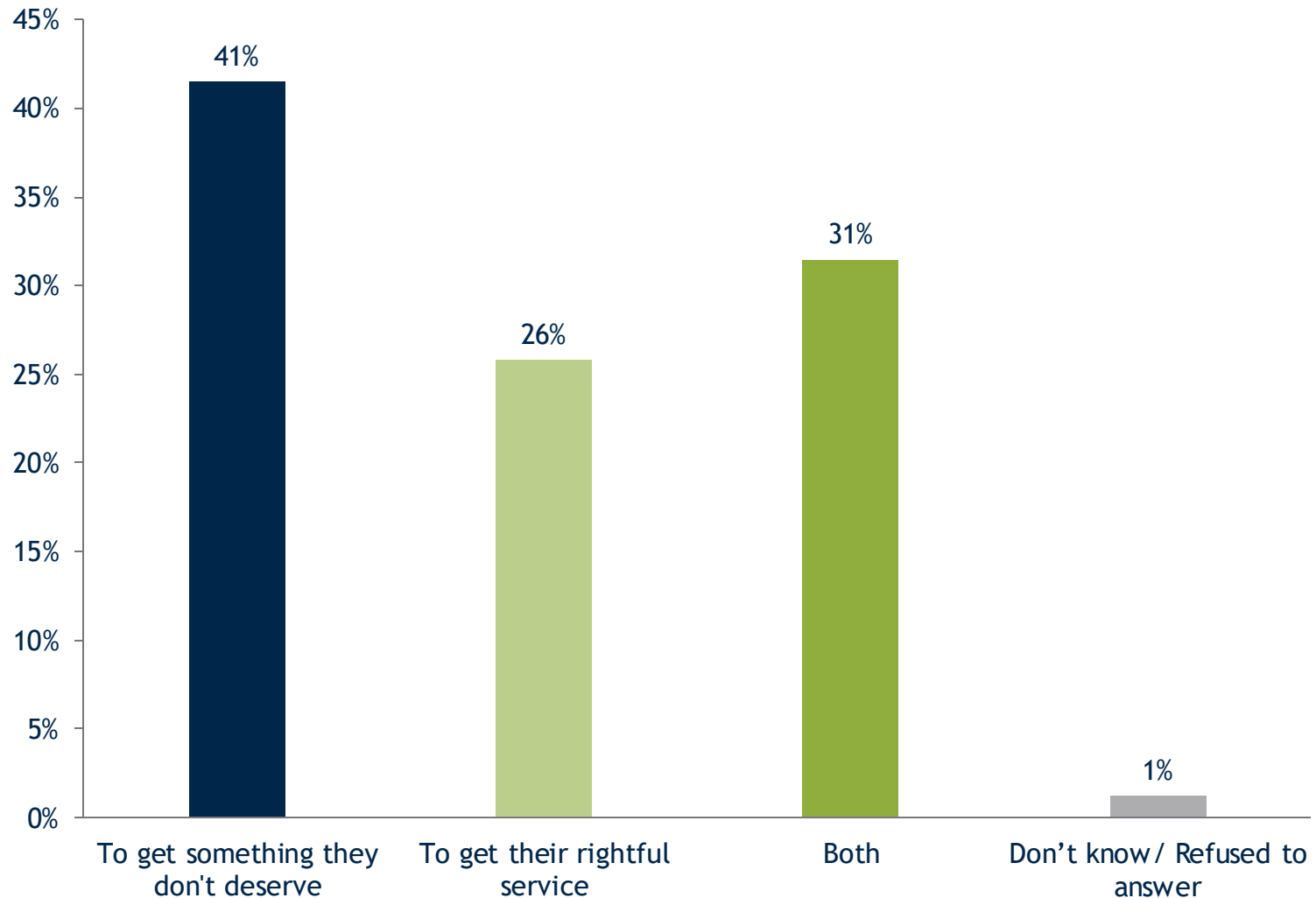
In general, how do you evaluate the performance of the following in doing their duties?



To what extent are you satisfied with the performance of public institutions in regard to each of the following?

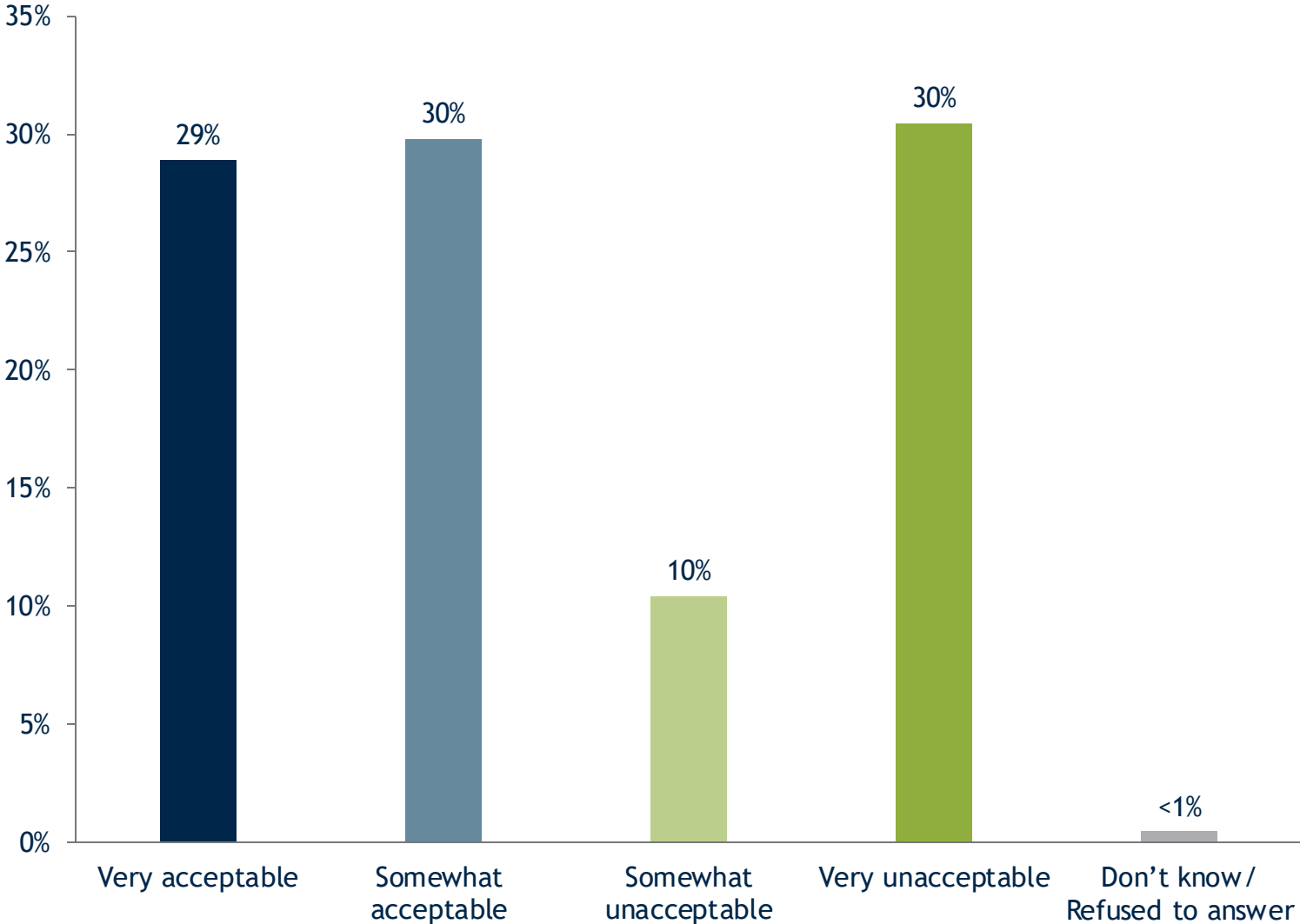


Do you think people use Wasta* to get something they don't deserve, or do they use it to get their rightful service?



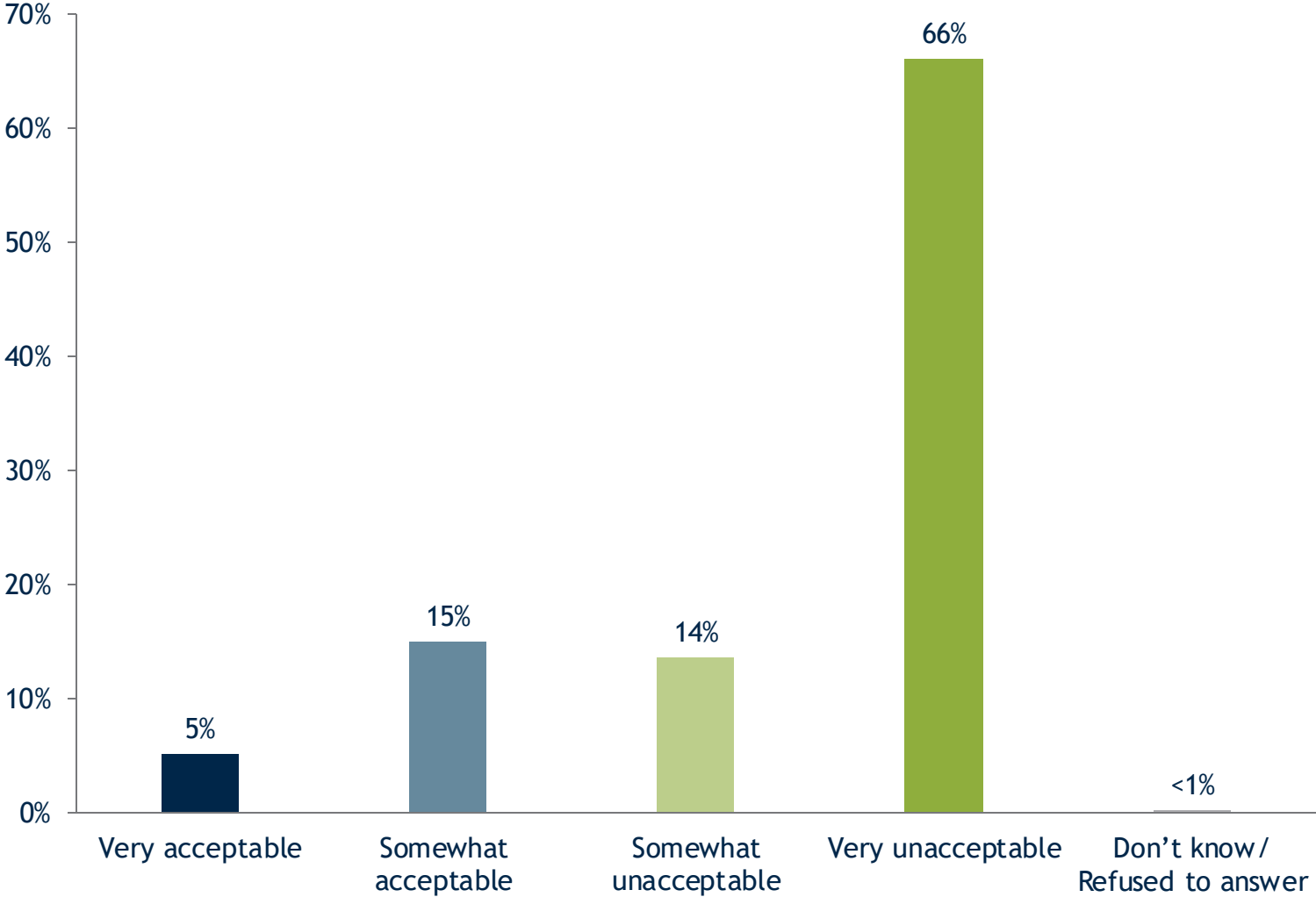
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To what extent do you consider it acceptable to use Wasta* to obtain your rightful service?



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To what extent do you consider it acceptable to use Wasta* to obtain something you want but you may not be entitled to?



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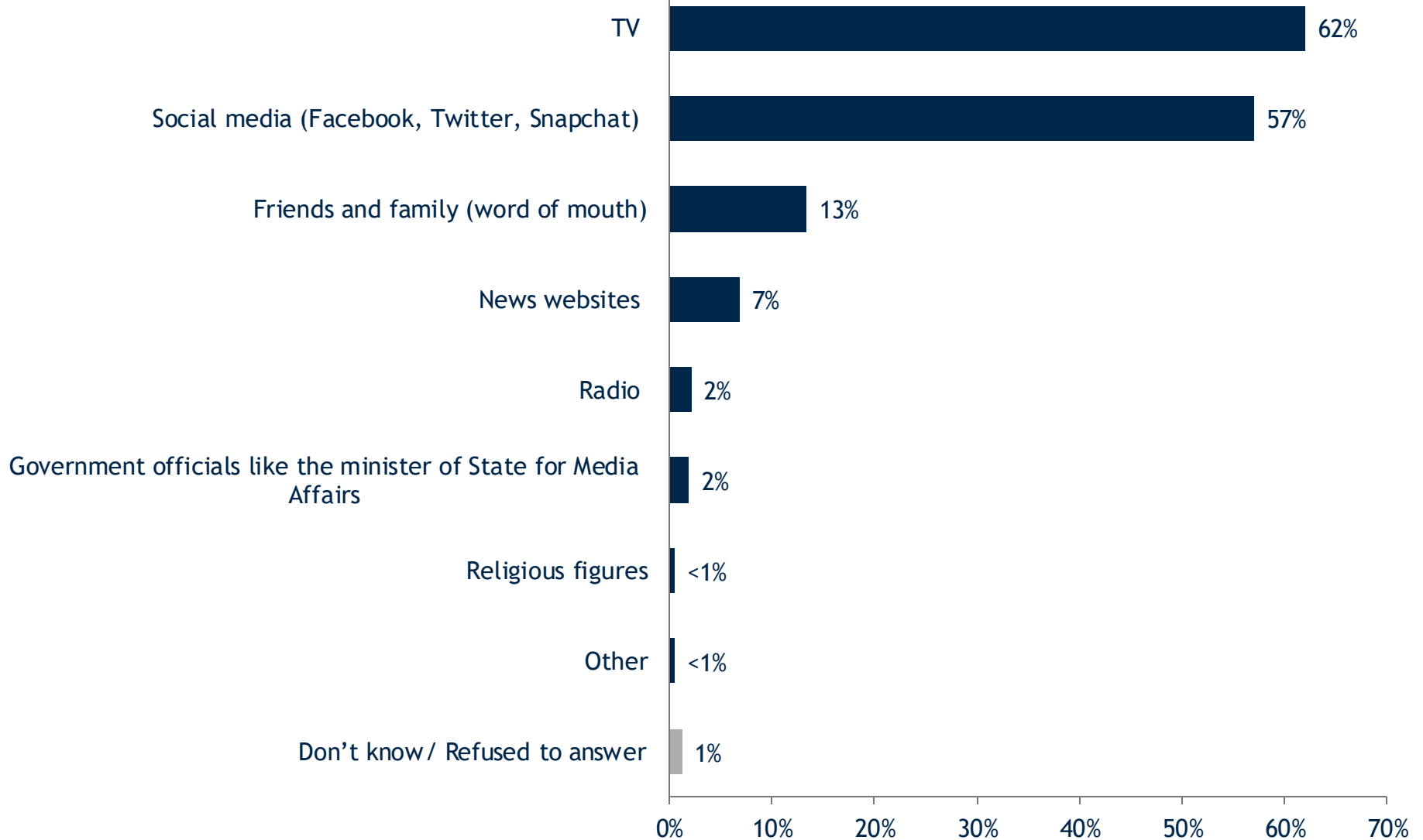


Means of Expression (Media)



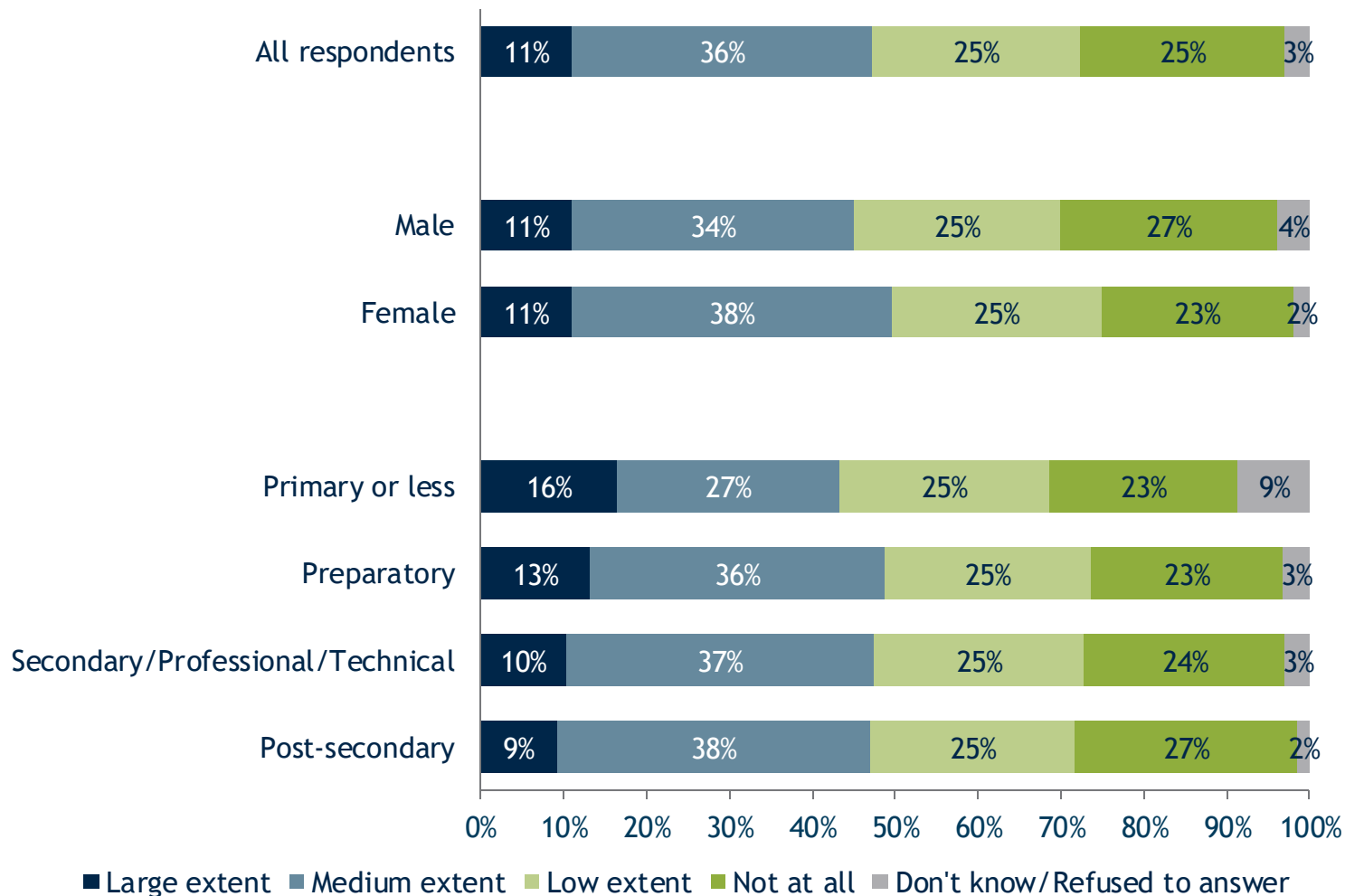
Where do you get your news from?

(Multiple responses accepted)

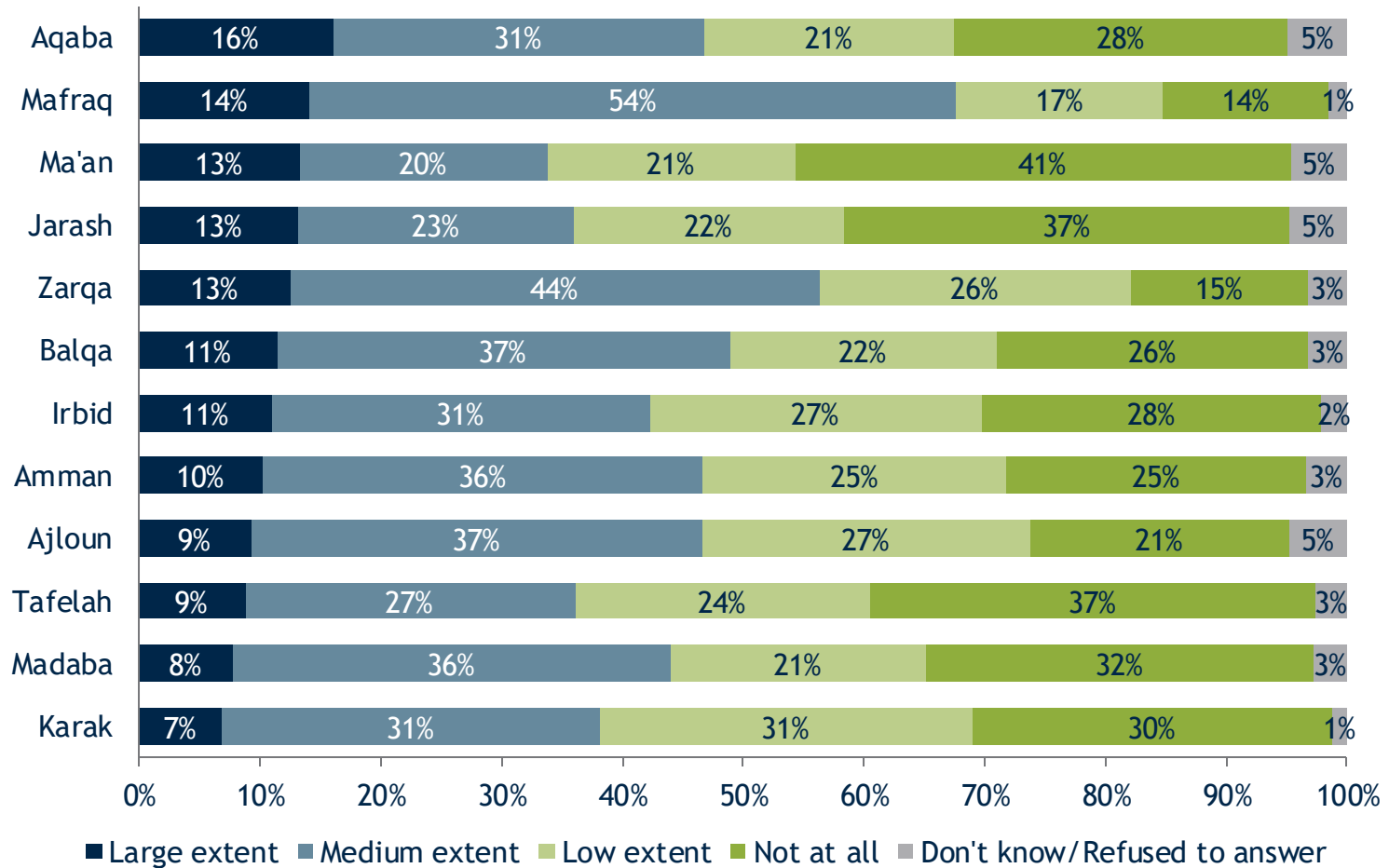


To what extent do you believe that government provides you with adequate information regarding its public policies?

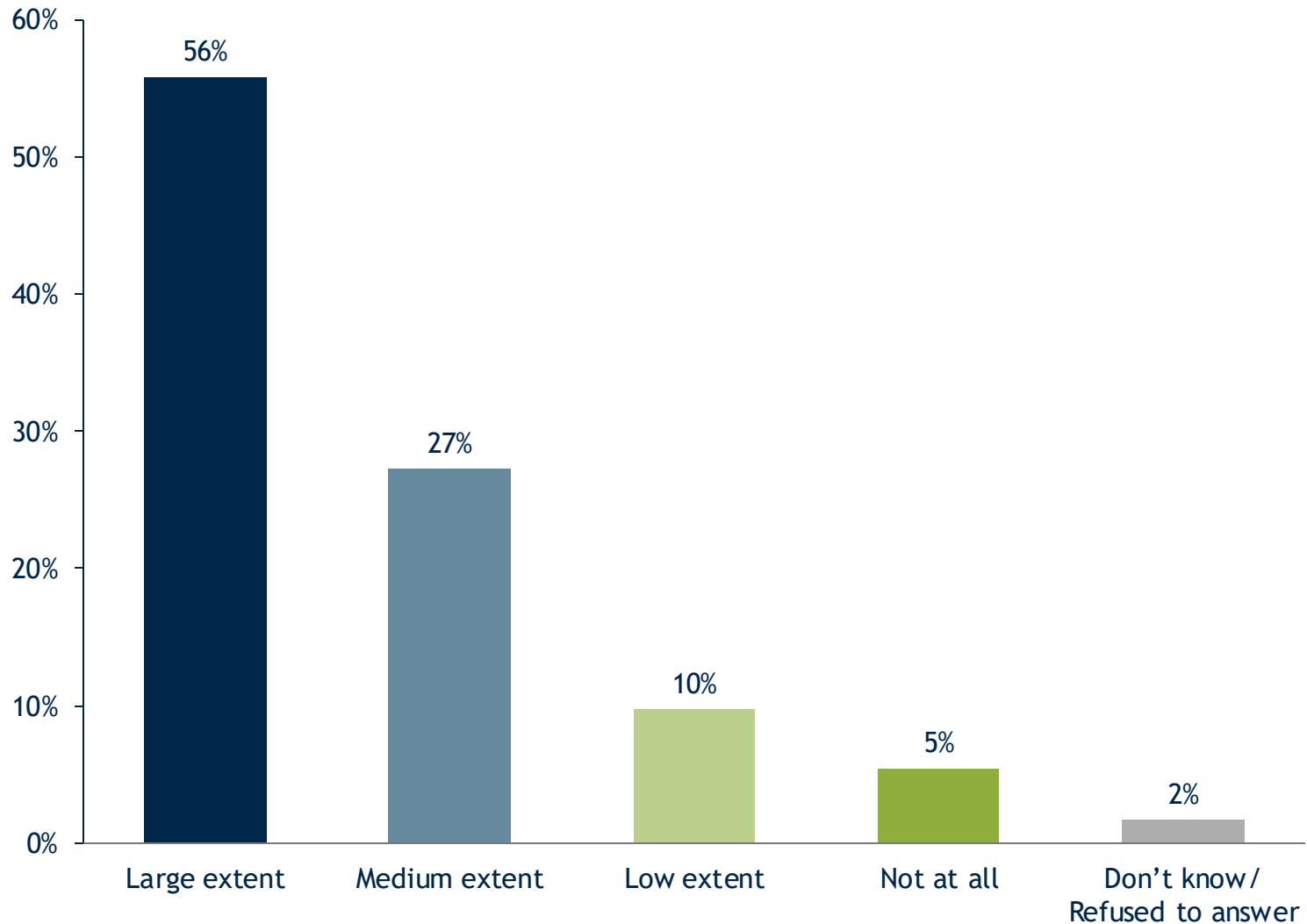
By gender and education



To what extent do you believe that government provides you with adequate information regarding its public policies? By governorate



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

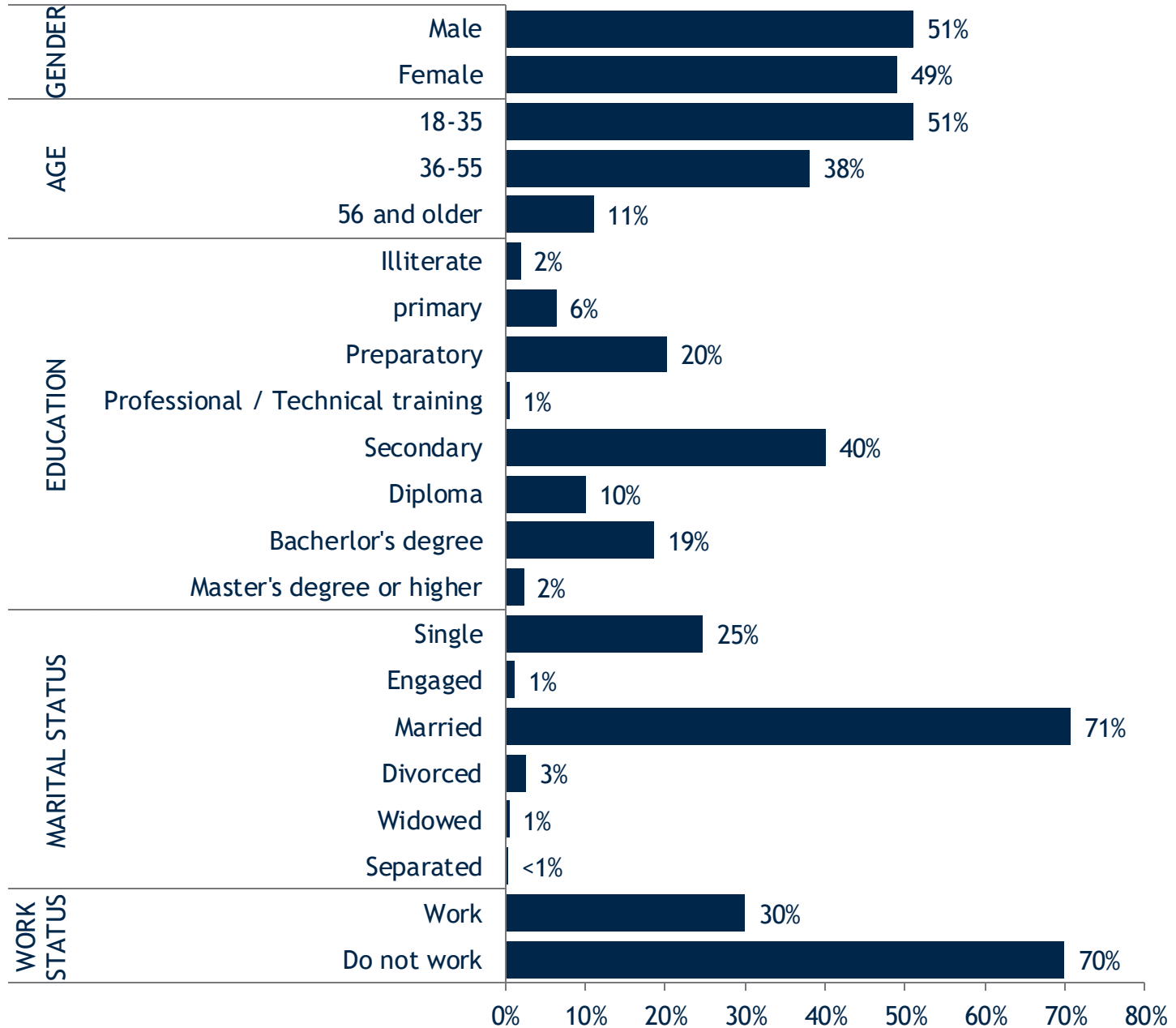




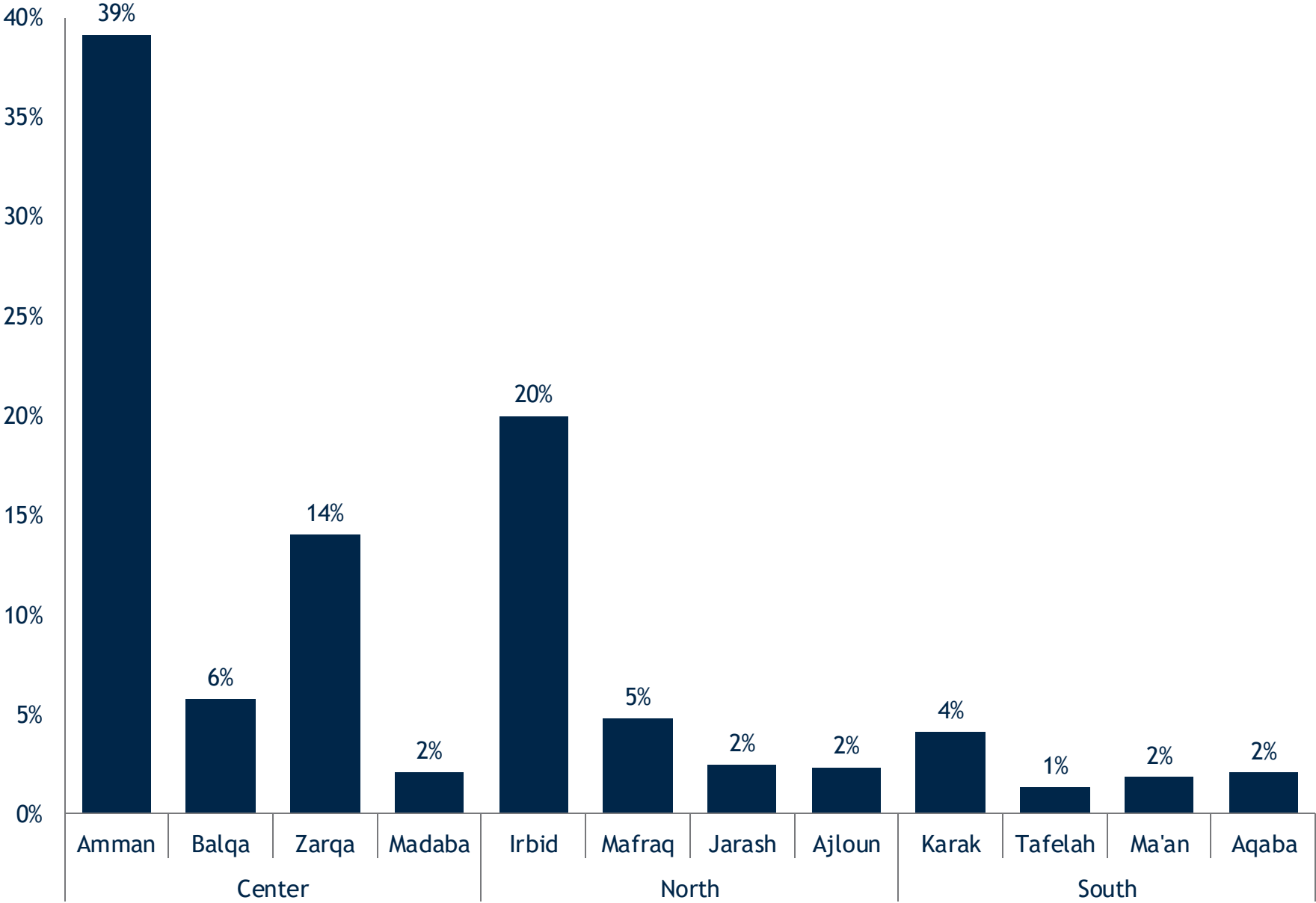
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