



Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Moldova

February 9, 2022 – March 30, 2022



Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene from [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#). The fieldwork was carried out by [Centre CIVIS](#).
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (with the exception of Transnistria) between February 9 and March 30, 2022 through computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). Interviews of the main sample were finished on March 21 and additional interviews of youth (18-35 years) on March 30, 2022. Fieldwork was delayed due to the outbreak of war in Ukraine and delays from data collection teams.
- The main sample consisted of 1,306 permanent residents of Moldova aged 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and settlement size (*urban/rural*), according to the Moldova Statistical Databank.
- The youth sample consisted of 637 permanent residents of Moldova aged 18-35 years and is representative of the Moldovan youth population by age, gender and settlement size (*urban/rural*), according to the Moldova Statistical Databank. It is made up of 337 interviews from the main sample and 300 oversample interviews. The weighting of the youth sample fell outside IRI's preferred range due to a substantial overrepresentation of urban youth in the achieved sample.
- The survey was conducted with a nationwide, simple random selection procedure from the register of phone numbers assigned to mobile phone service providers (Orange, Moldcell and Unite) with proportional distribution of selected ranges per each provider for 70% of the sample. All numbers were randomly selected. Respondents for the other 30% were designated for land-line numbers and selected within household using the nearest birthday criterion.
- The margin of error of the main sample does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent. The margin of error of the youth sample does not exceed plus or minus 3.9 percent.
- The response rate in the main survey was 34 percent and 28 percent in the youth survey.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the [United States Agency for International Development](#).

Frequently Cited Disaggregates*

Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base
Sample	All respondents	n=1306
	Youth (18-35 years)	n=637
Fieldwork period of the main sample	Before the war in Ukraine started (February 9 - February 23, 2022)	n=530
	After the war in Ukraine started (February 24 - March 21, 2022)	n=776

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



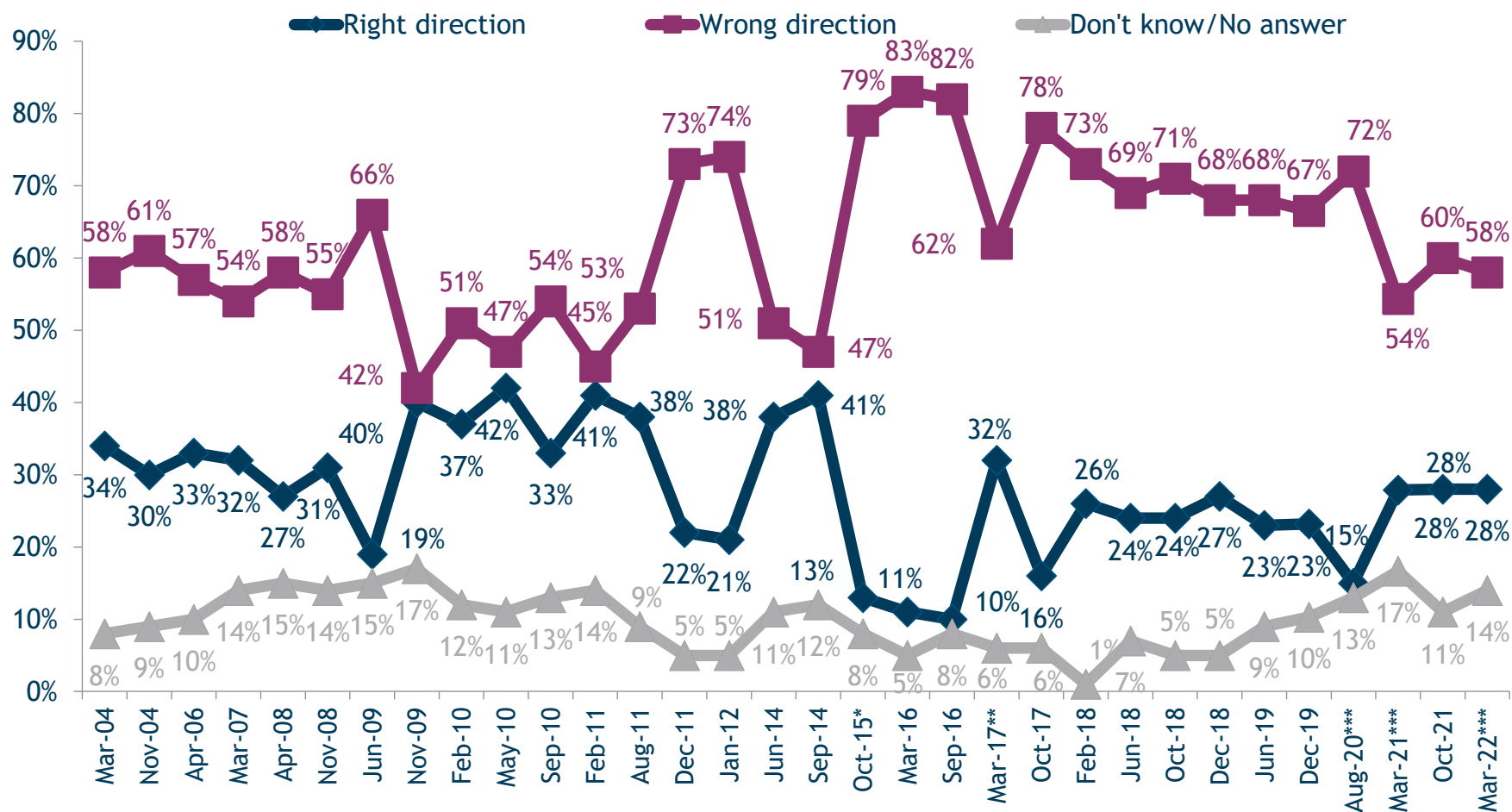
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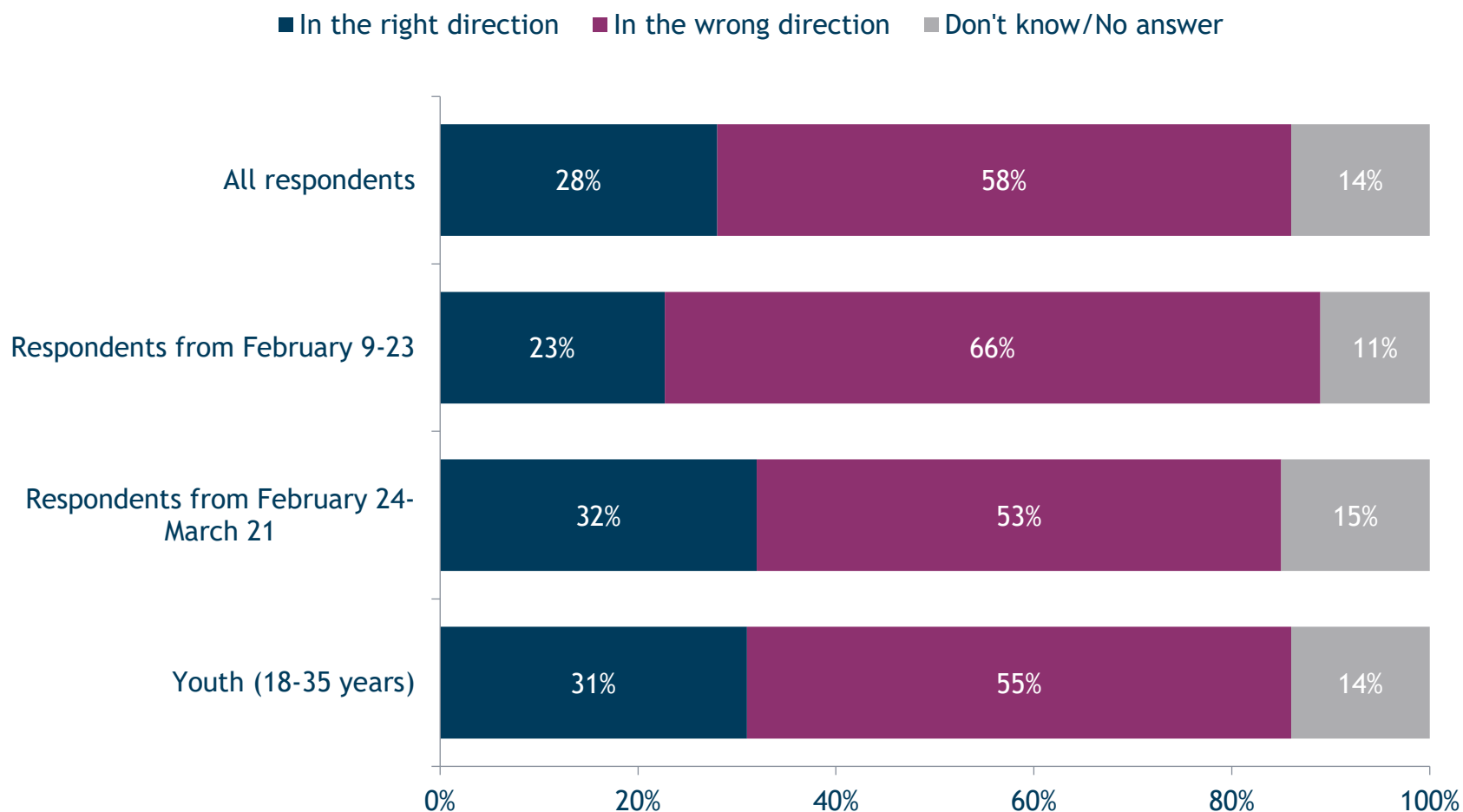


*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal involving nearly \$1 billion missing from three state banks. The scandal is often referred to as “the stolen billion.”

**In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular presidential election since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second-round contest on November 13, 2016.

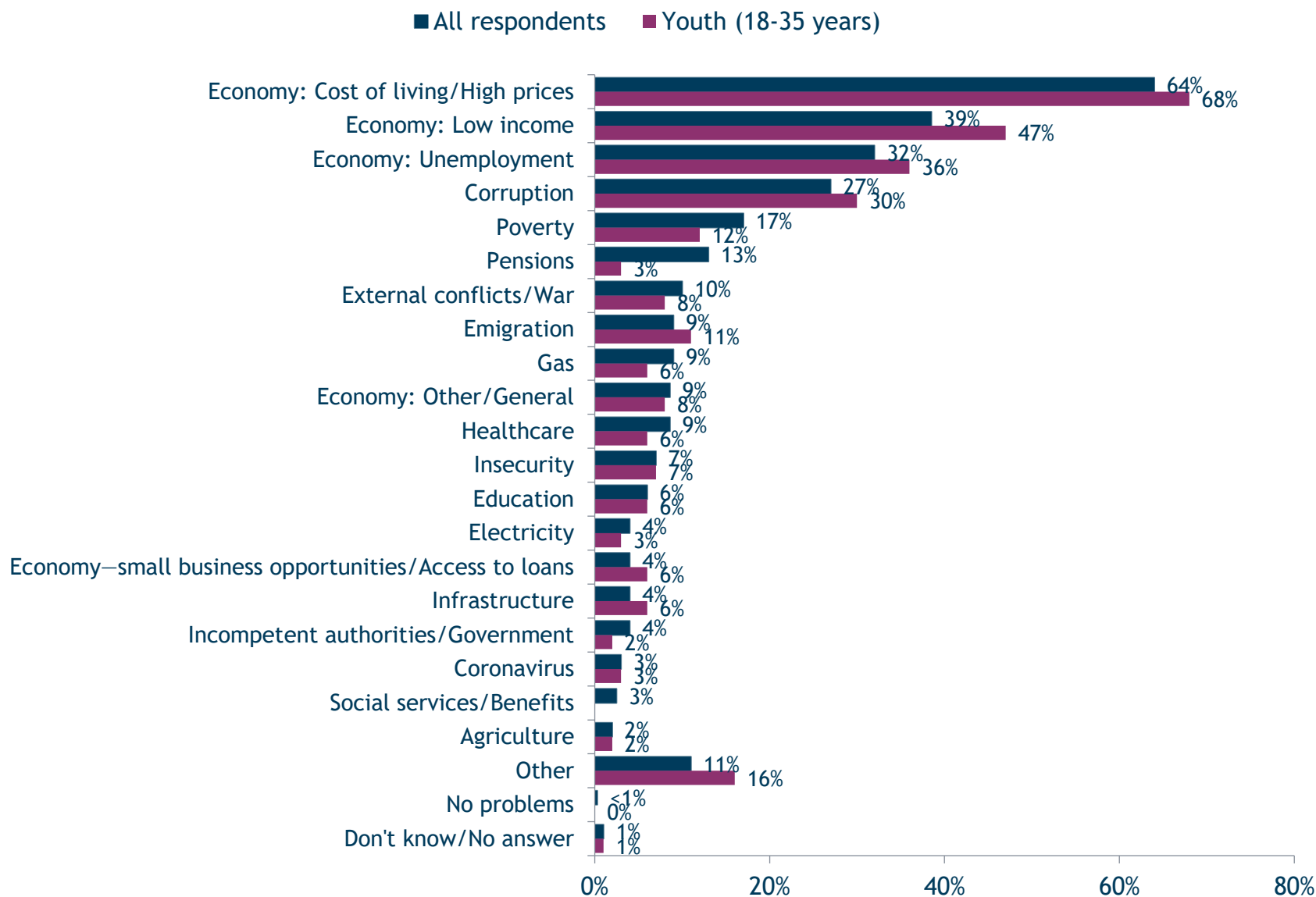
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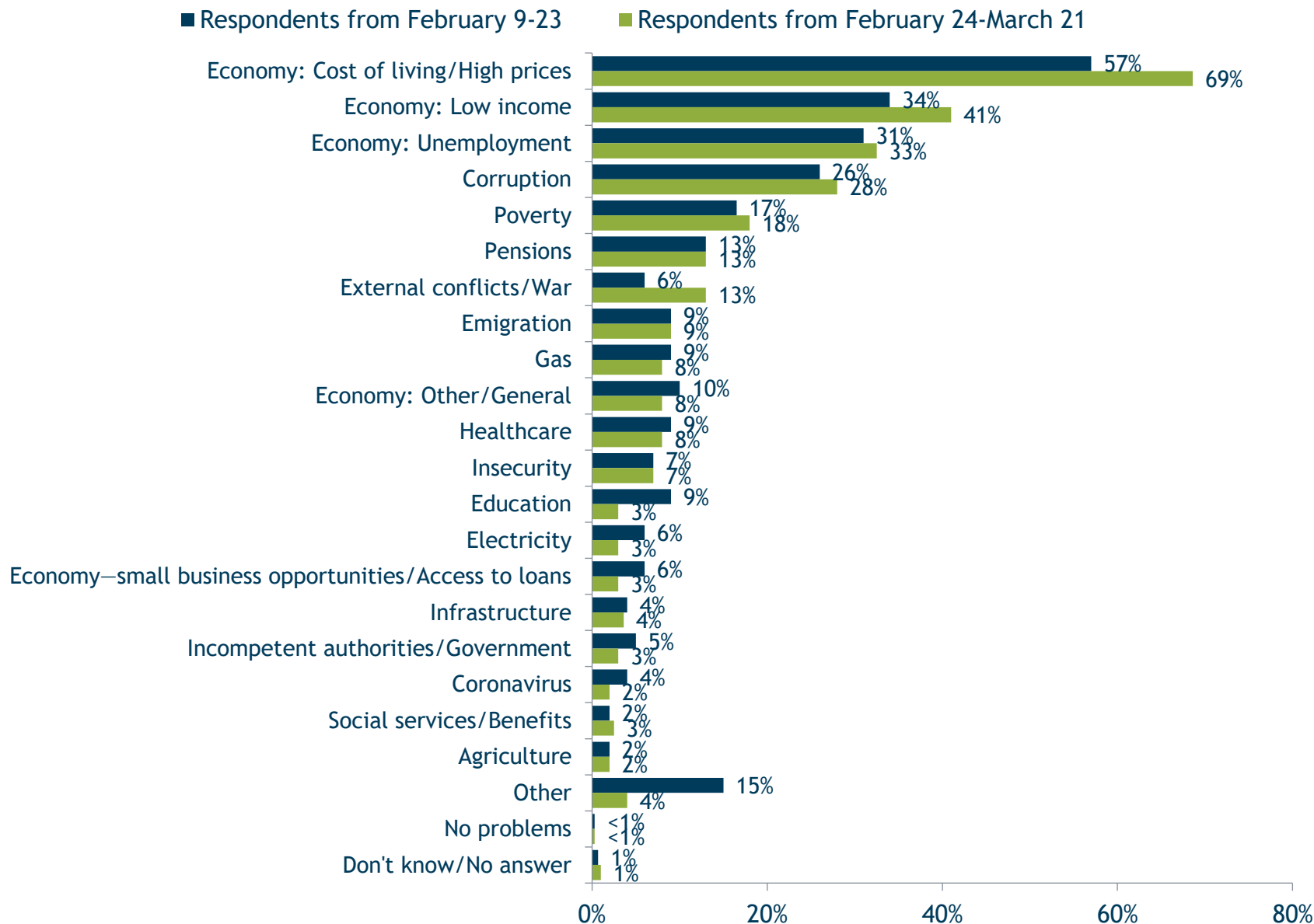
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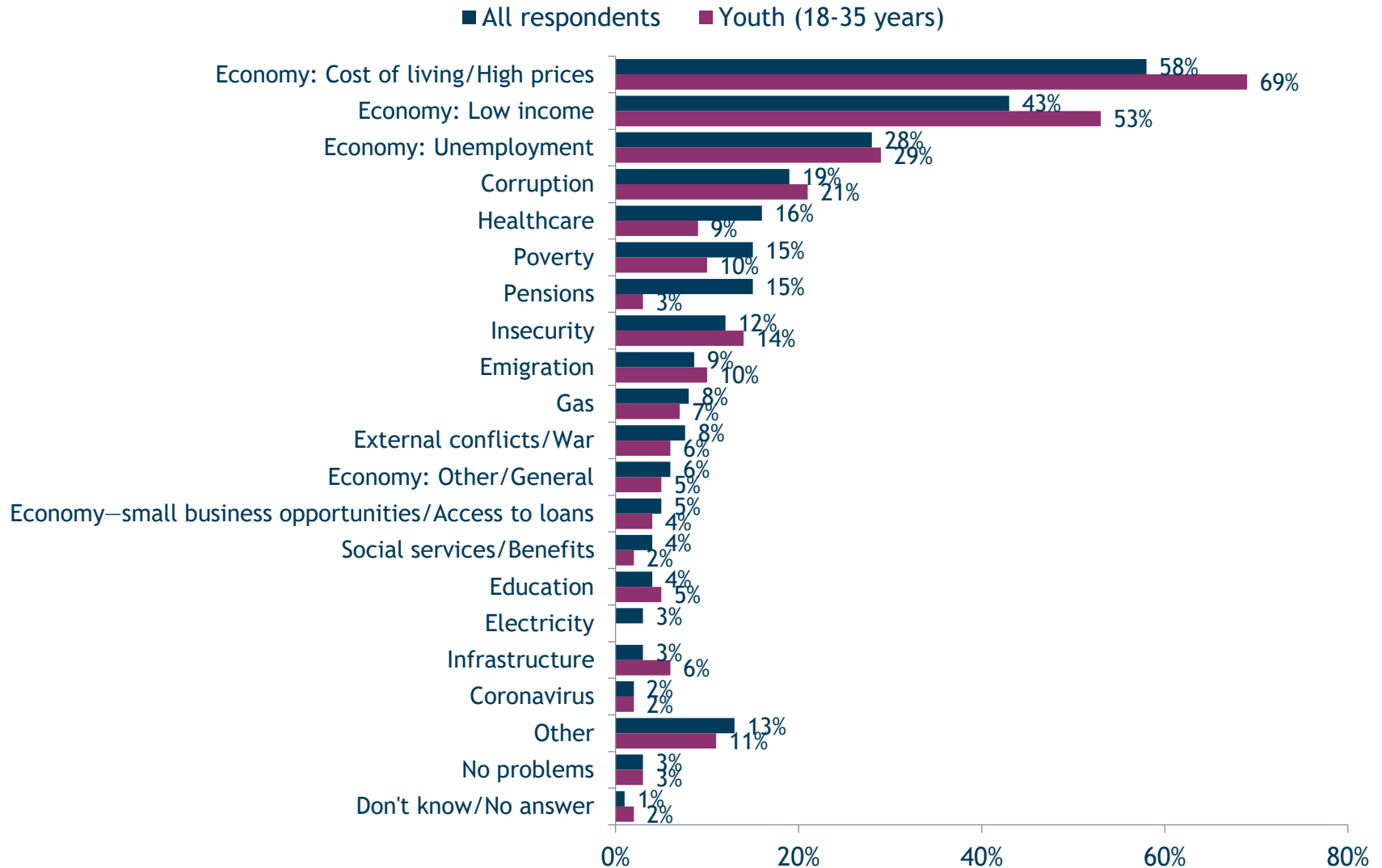
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What is the most important problem facing your household today?

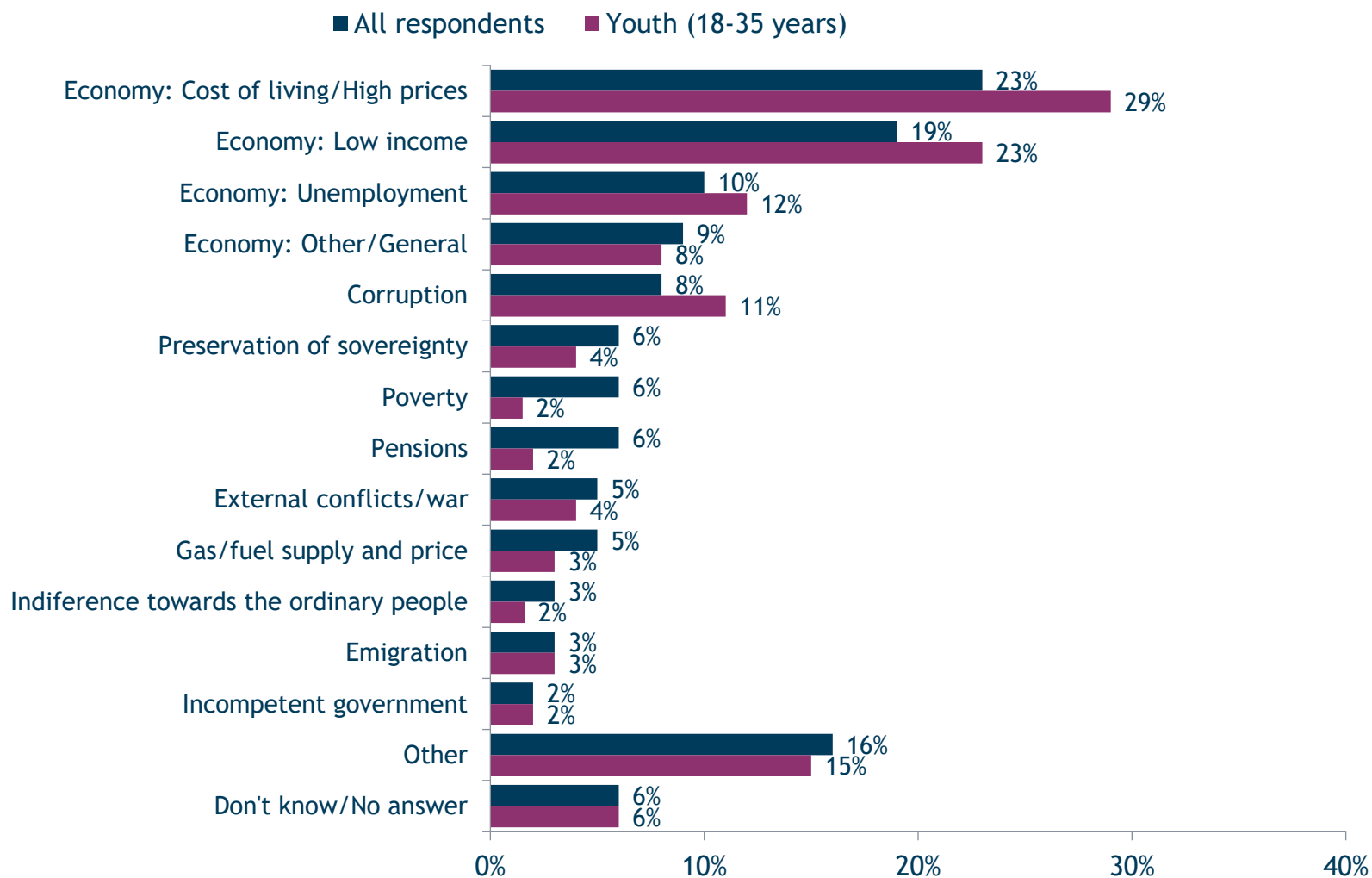
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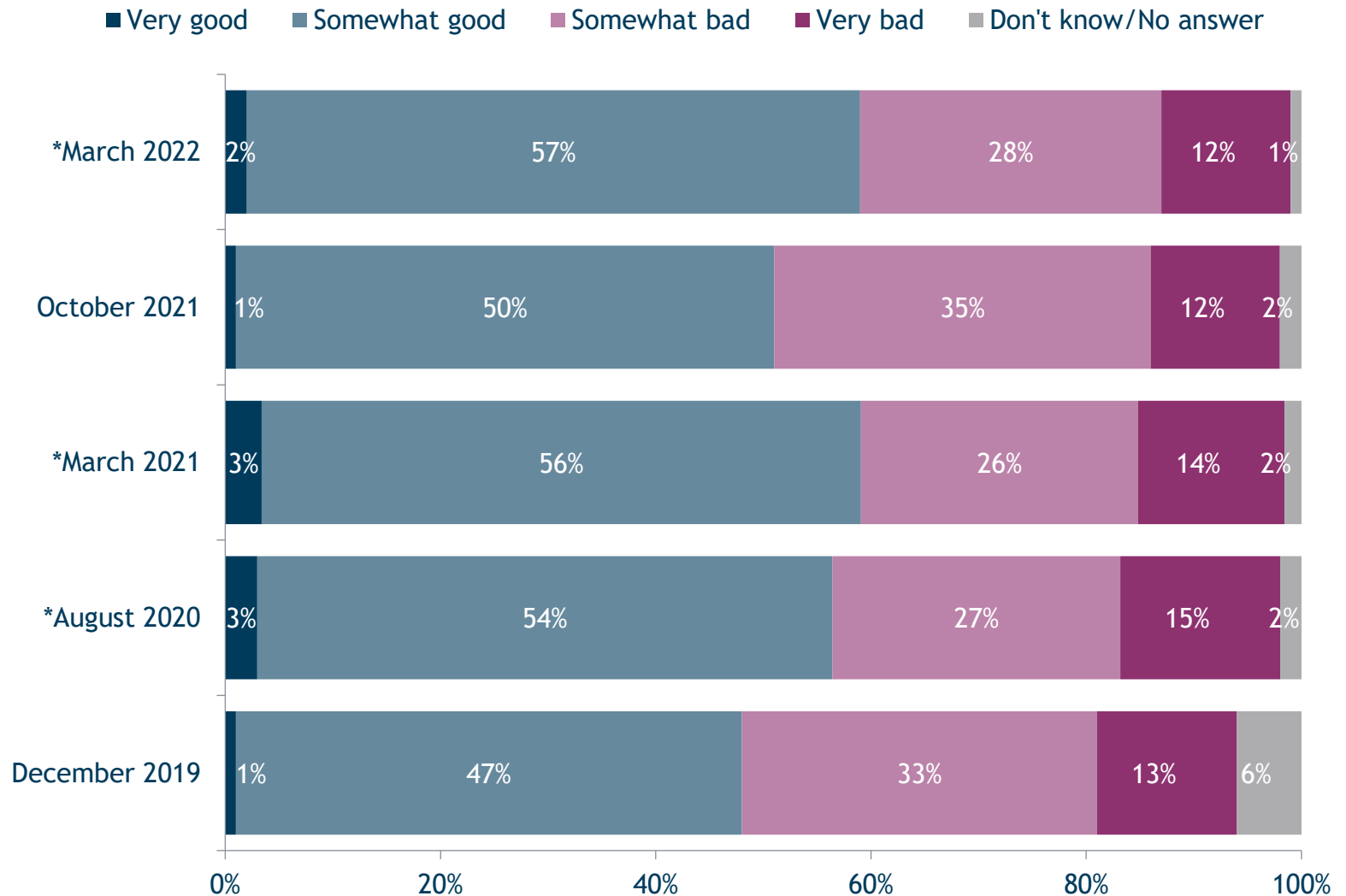
What specific issues should be the top priority for the new government to address?

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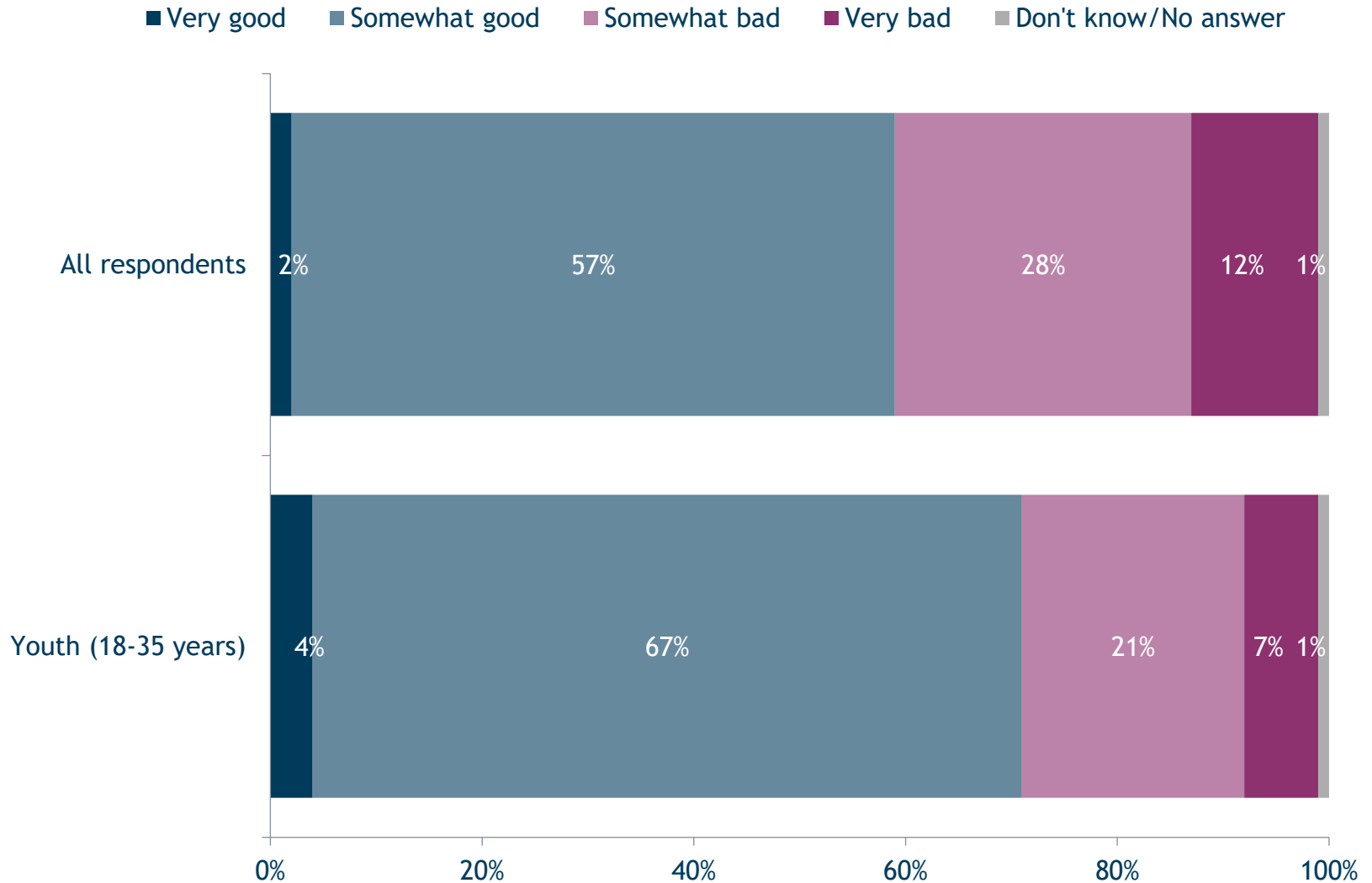
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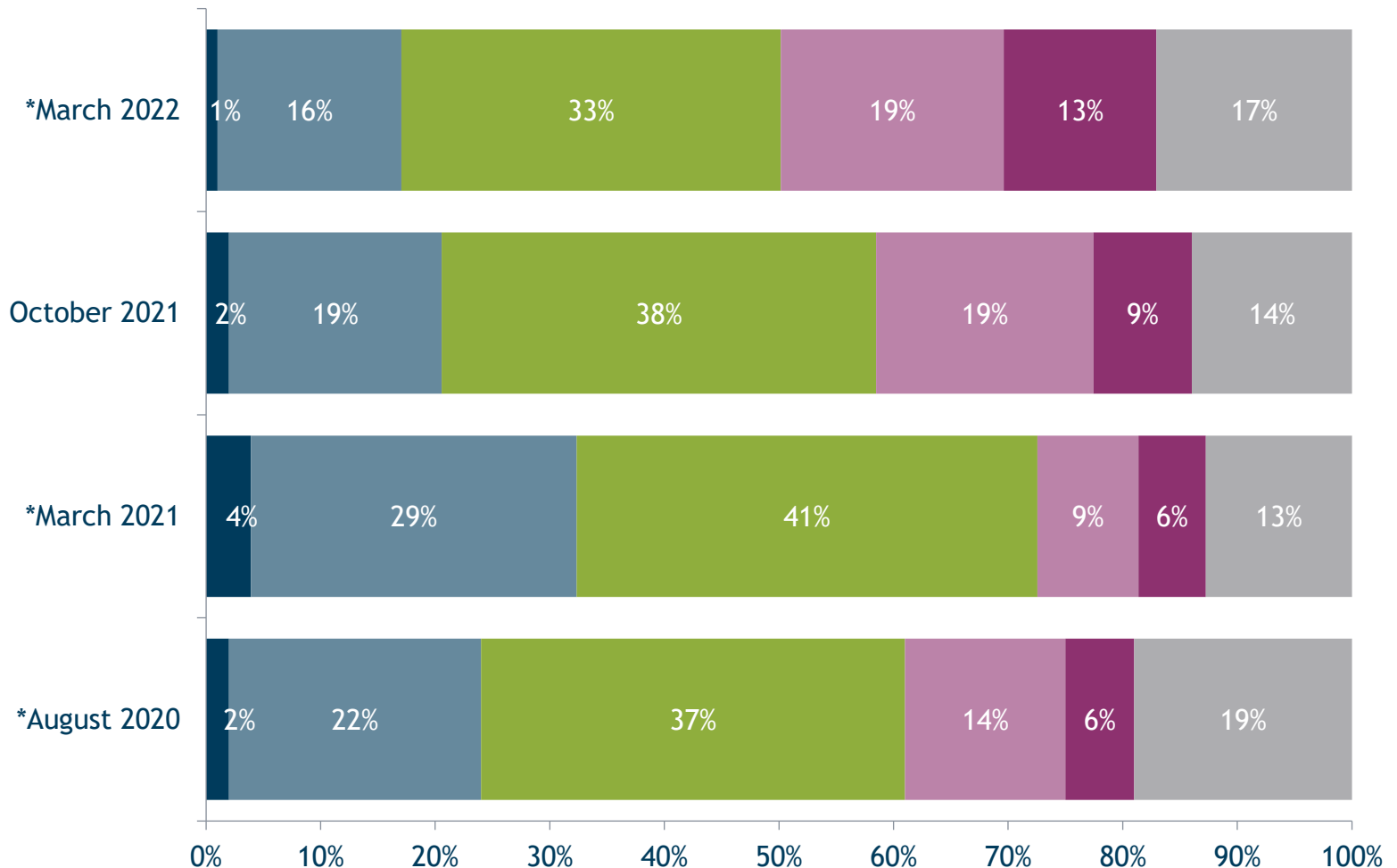
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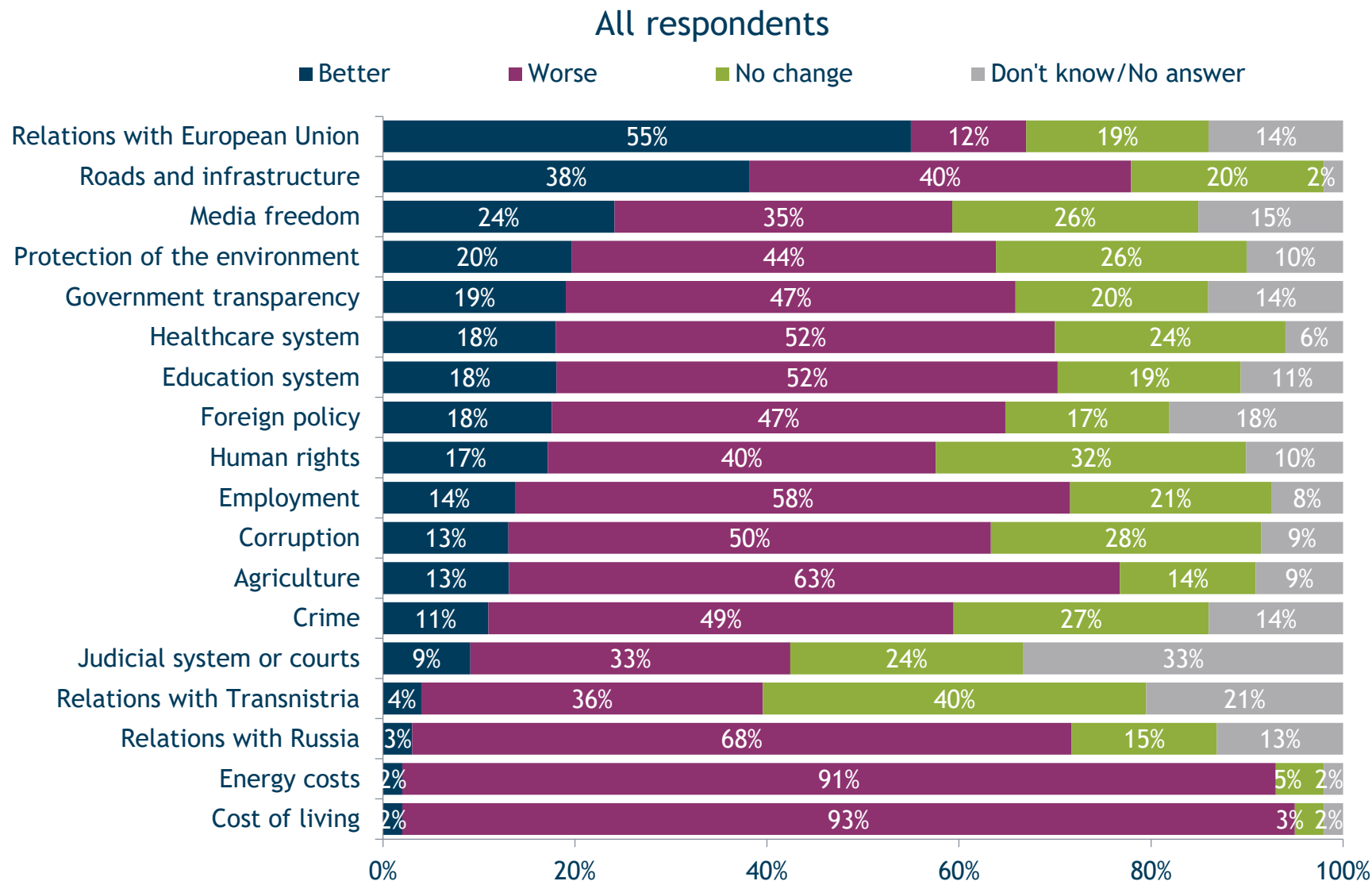
In the coming 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation of your household to change?

■ Improve a lot ■ Improve somewhat ■ Stay the same ■ Worsen somewhat ■ Worsen a lot ■ Don't know/No answer



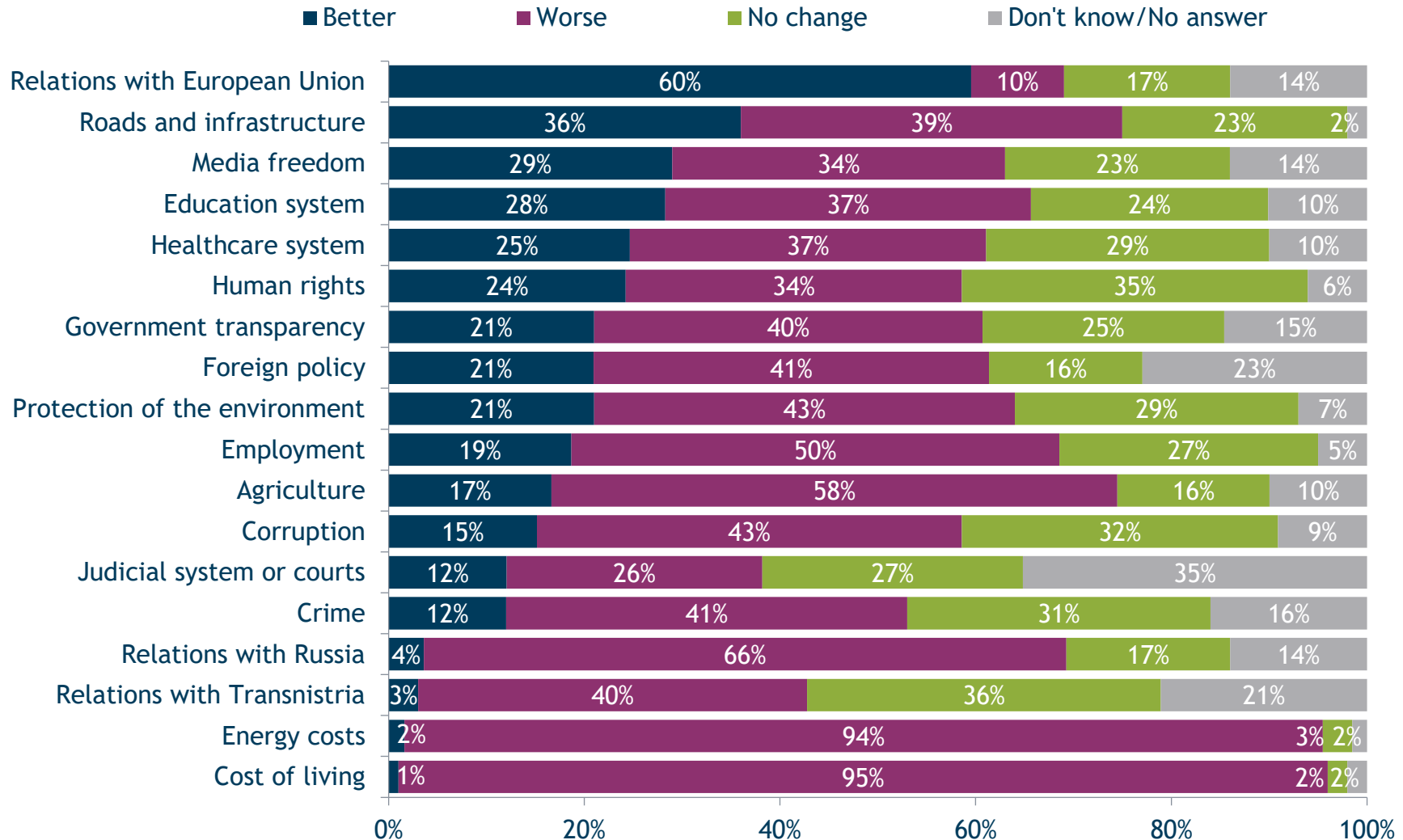
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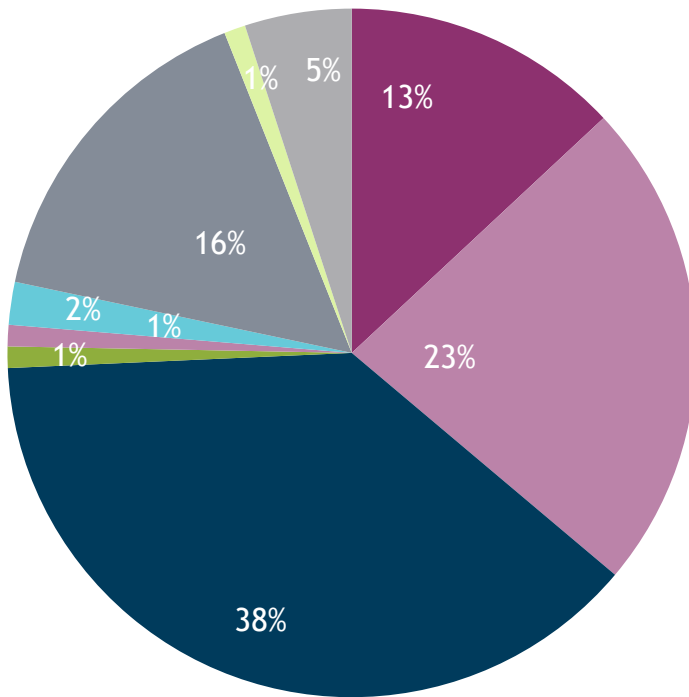
Who do you believe has the main responsibility to protect Moldova's environment?

Local government
Farmers
All

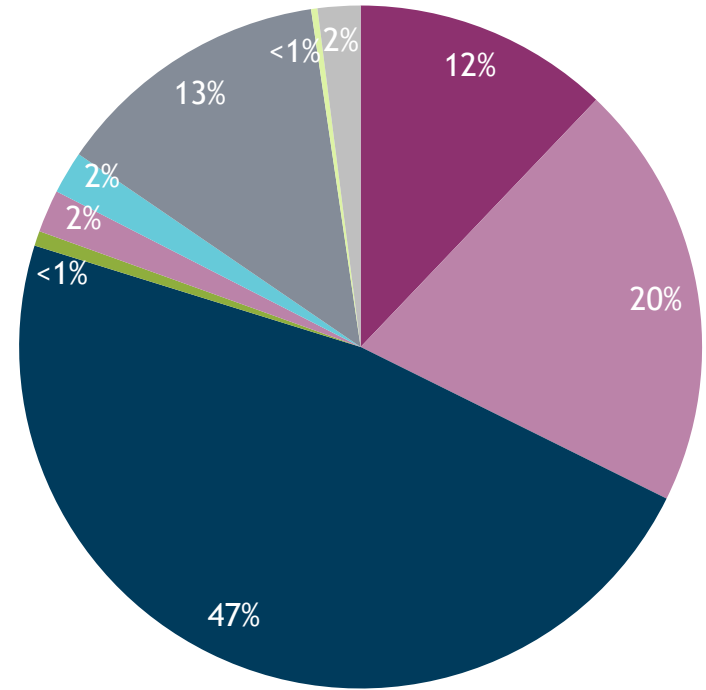
National government
Community organizations & NGOs
No one

Private citizens
Businesses and corporations
Don't Know/No answer

All respondents



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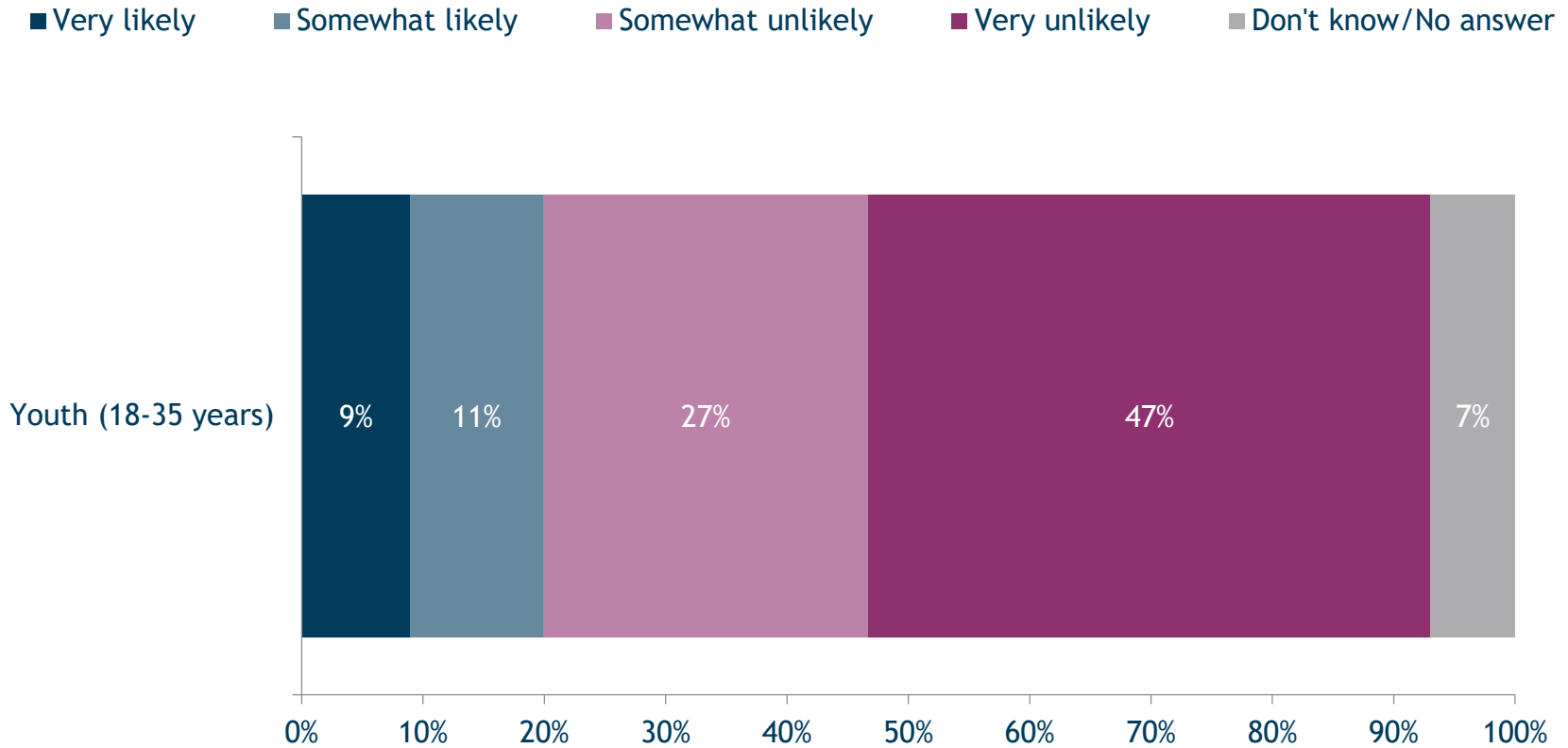


Youth Political Engagement



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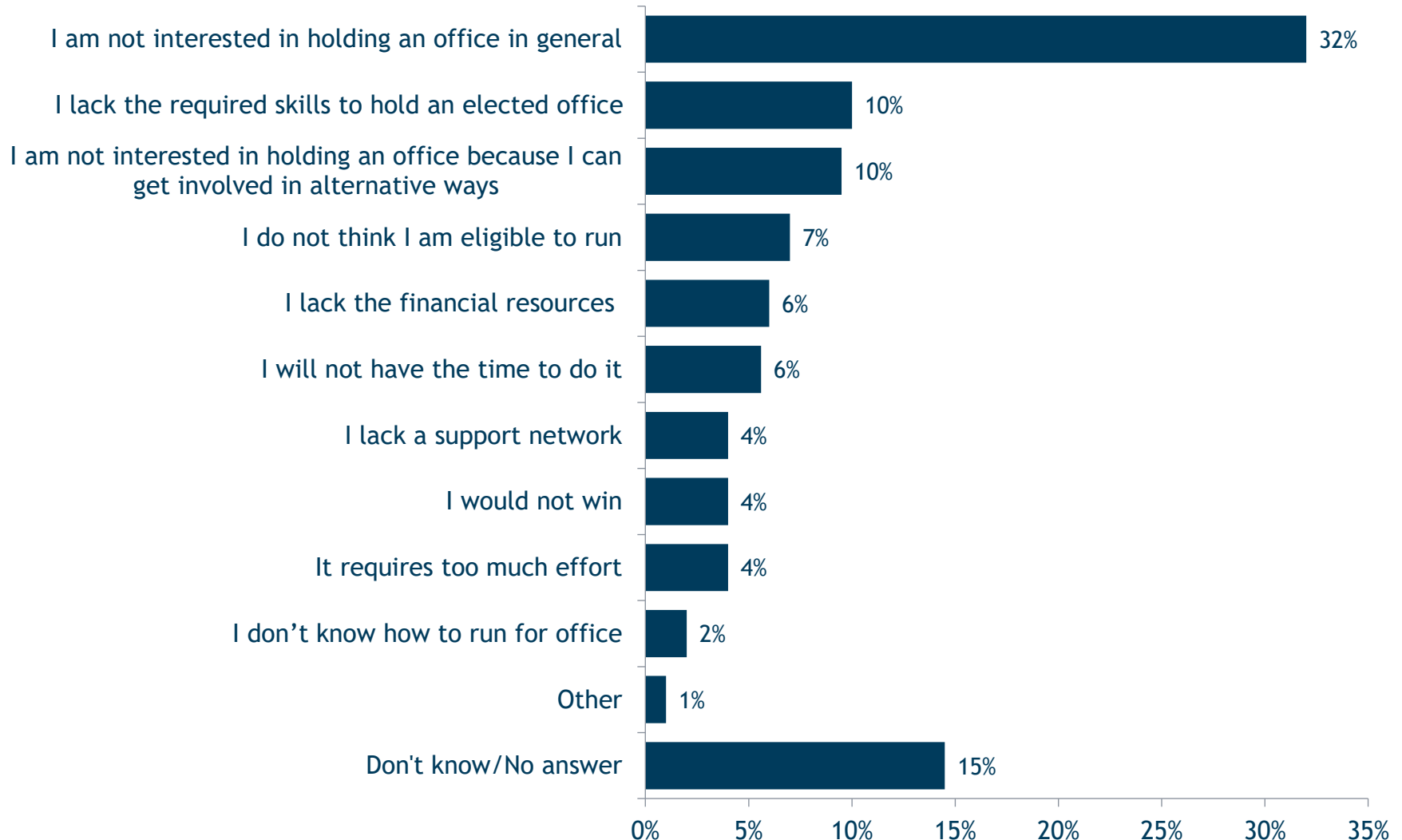
How likely, if at all, are you to run for local or national office by the age of 35?



What is the primary reason you are unlikely run for office?

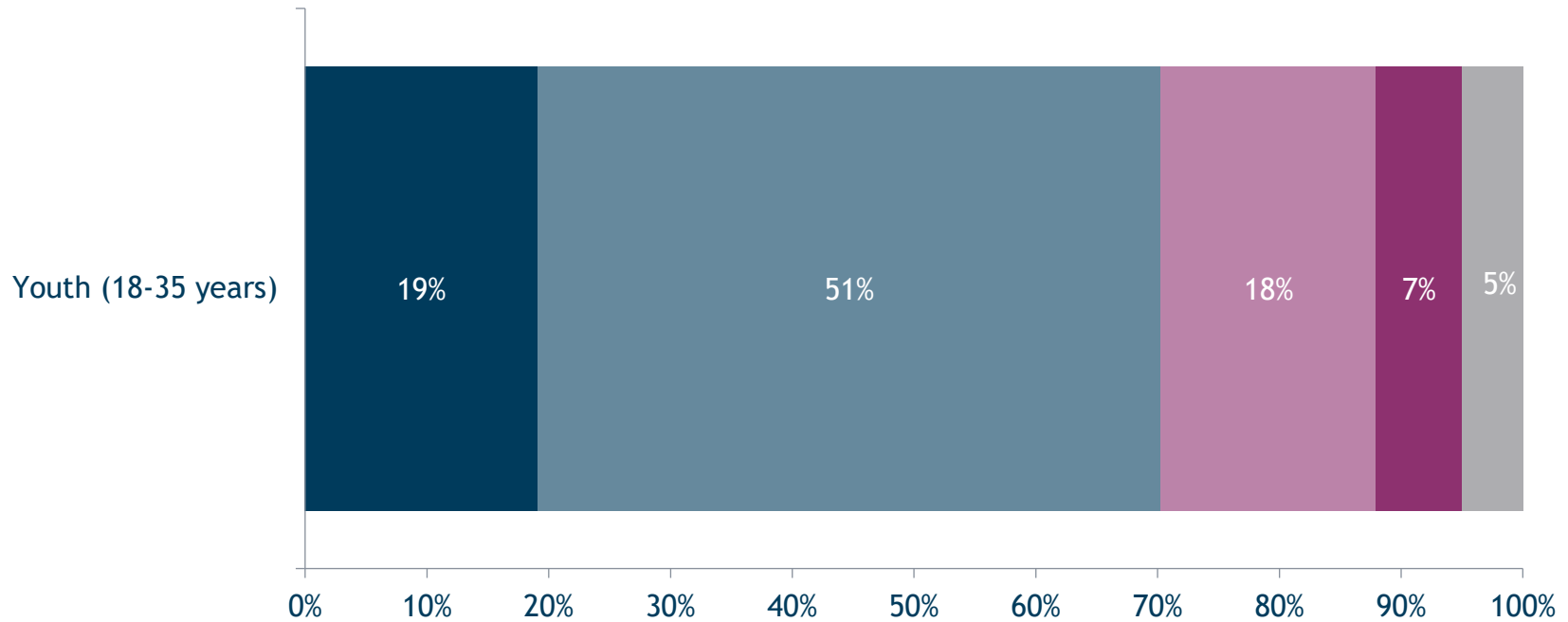
Youth (18-35 years)

Unlikely to run for local or national office by the age of 35, n=467



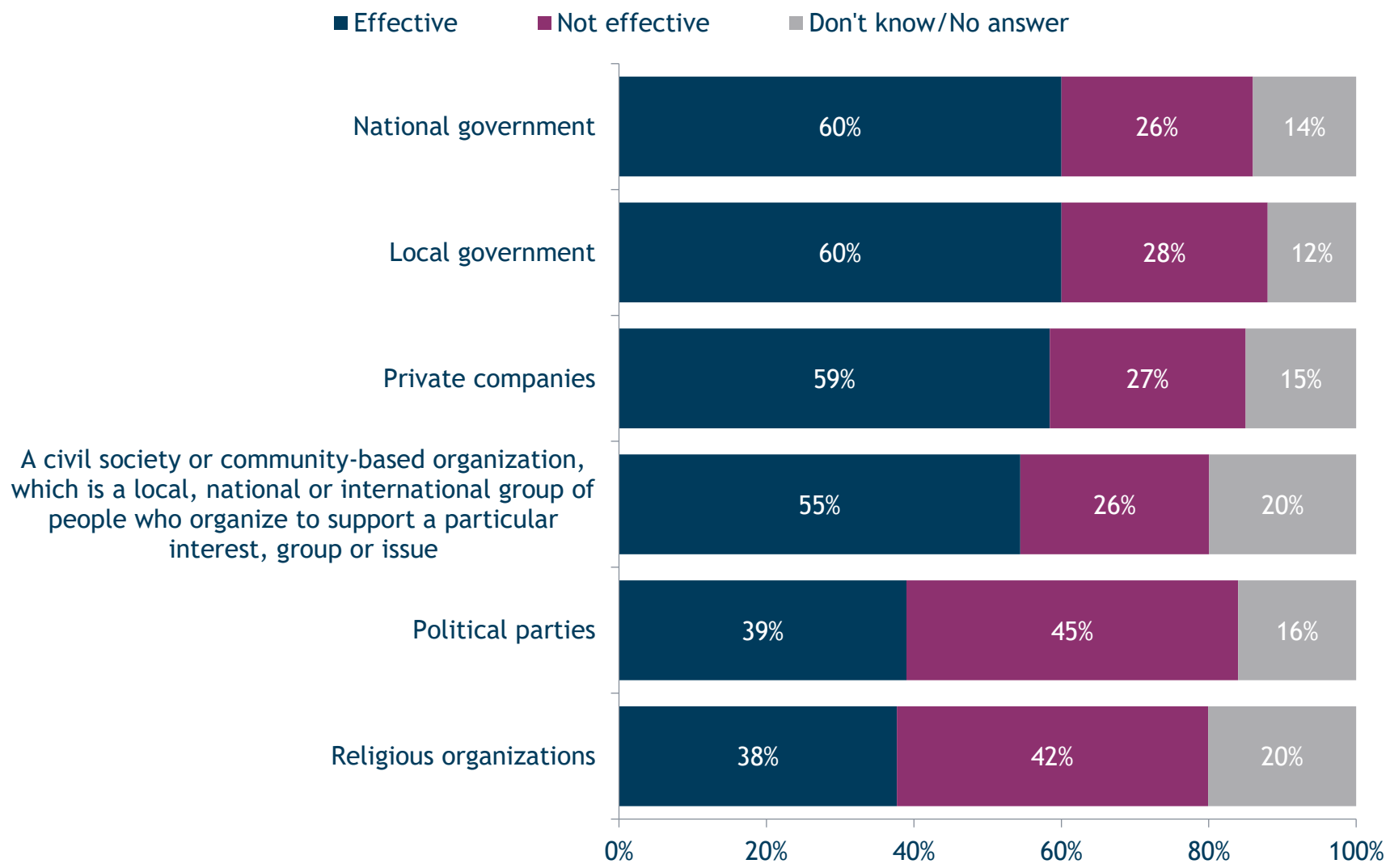
How interested are you in actively participating in community service?

■ Very interested ■ Somewhat interested ■ Somewhat uninterested ■ Very uninterested ■ Don't know/No answer



Which organizations do you consider effective in addressing challenges your country and community may face?

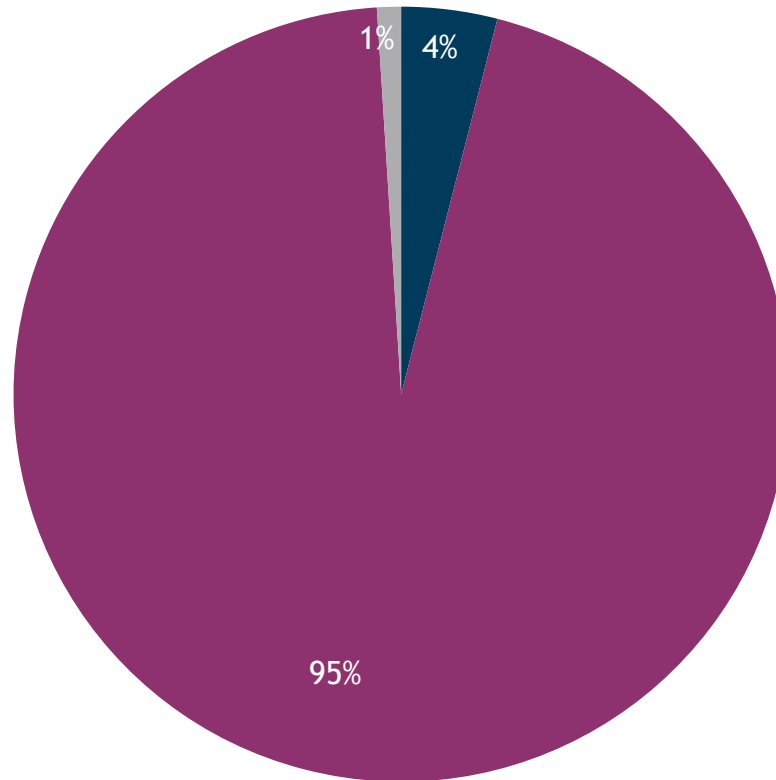
Youth (18-35 years)



Are you a member of a political party?

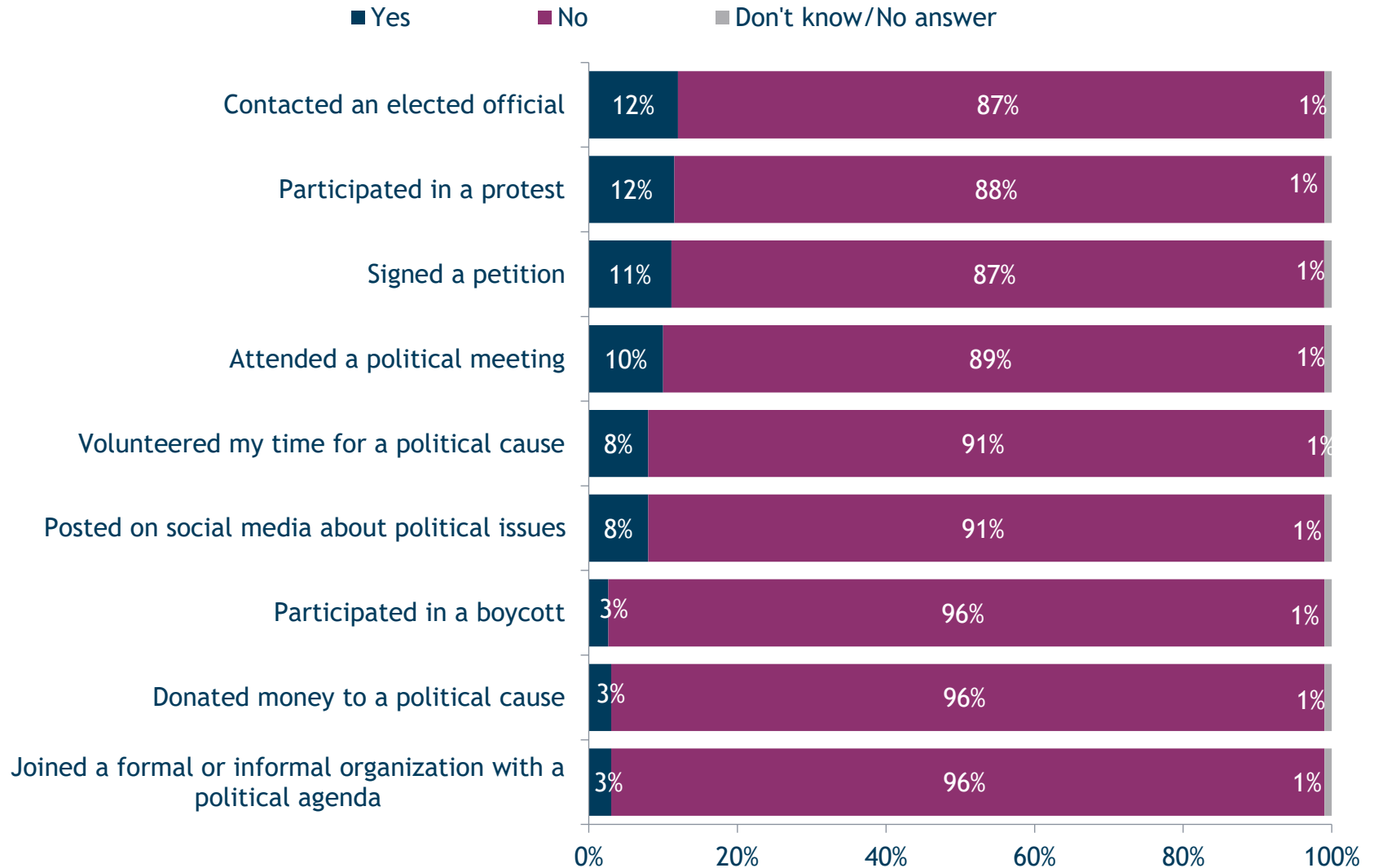
Youth (18-35 years)

■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/No answer



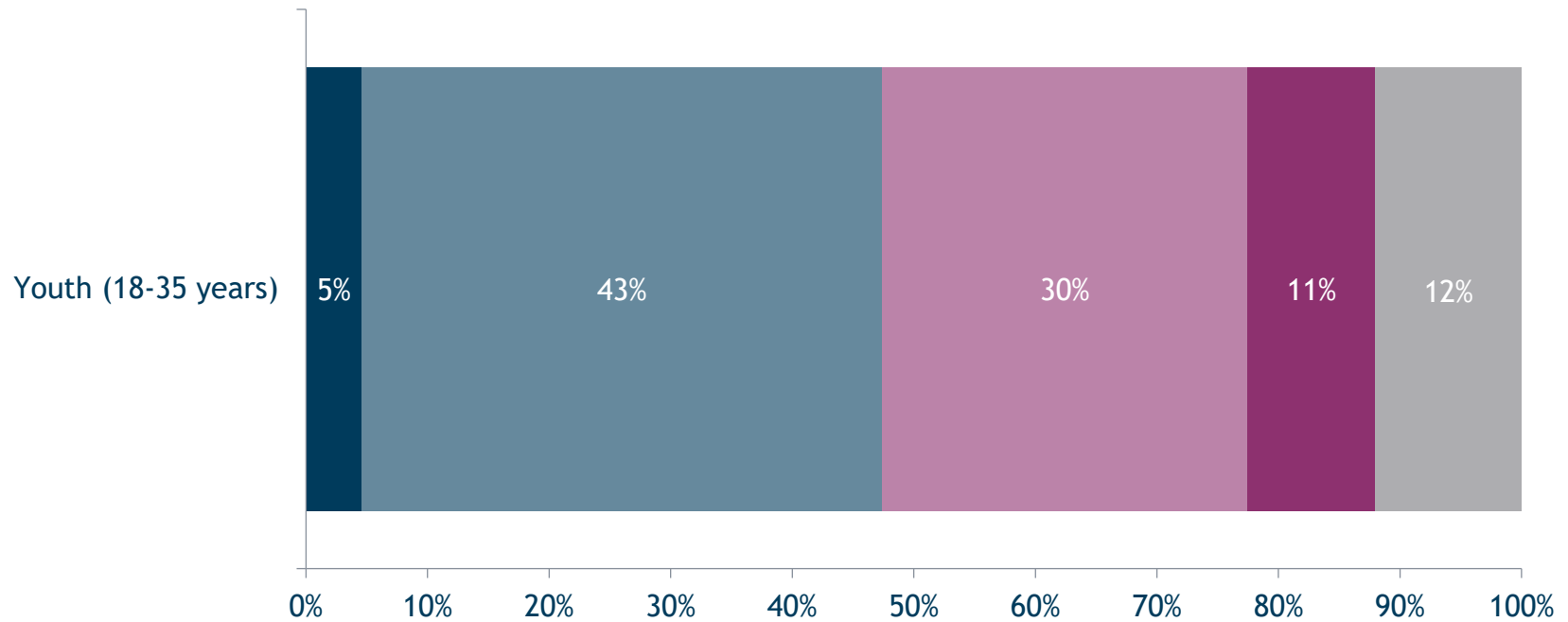
Have you ever engaged in any of the following activities?

Youth (18-35 years)



How satisfied are you with the media's portrayal of young people?

■ Very satisfied ■ Rather satisfied ■ Rather dissatisfied ■ Very dissatisfied ■ Don't know/No answer





Elections

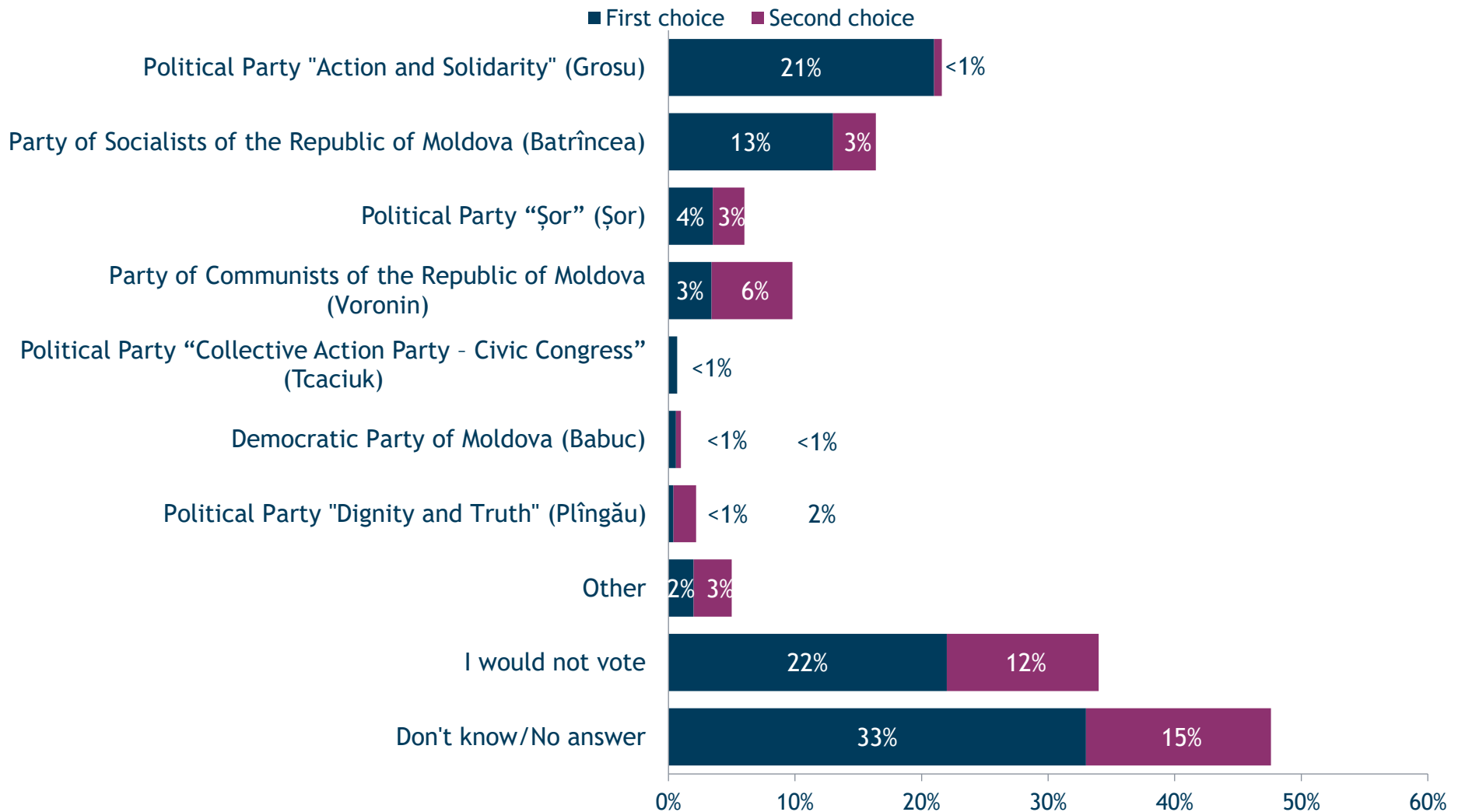


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If parliamentary elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote?

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All respondents (Respondents provided a spontaneous response)

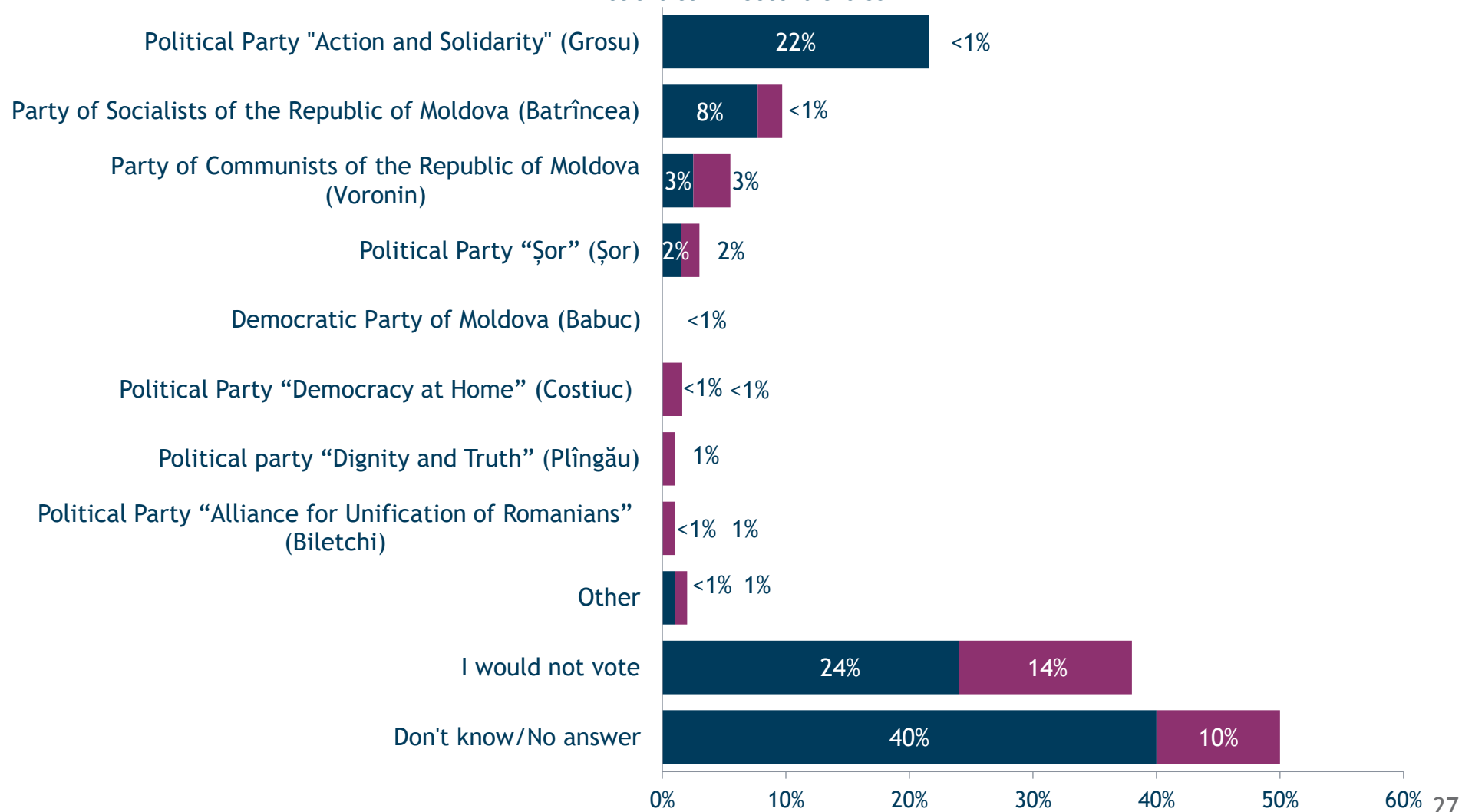


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■ First choice ■ Second choice



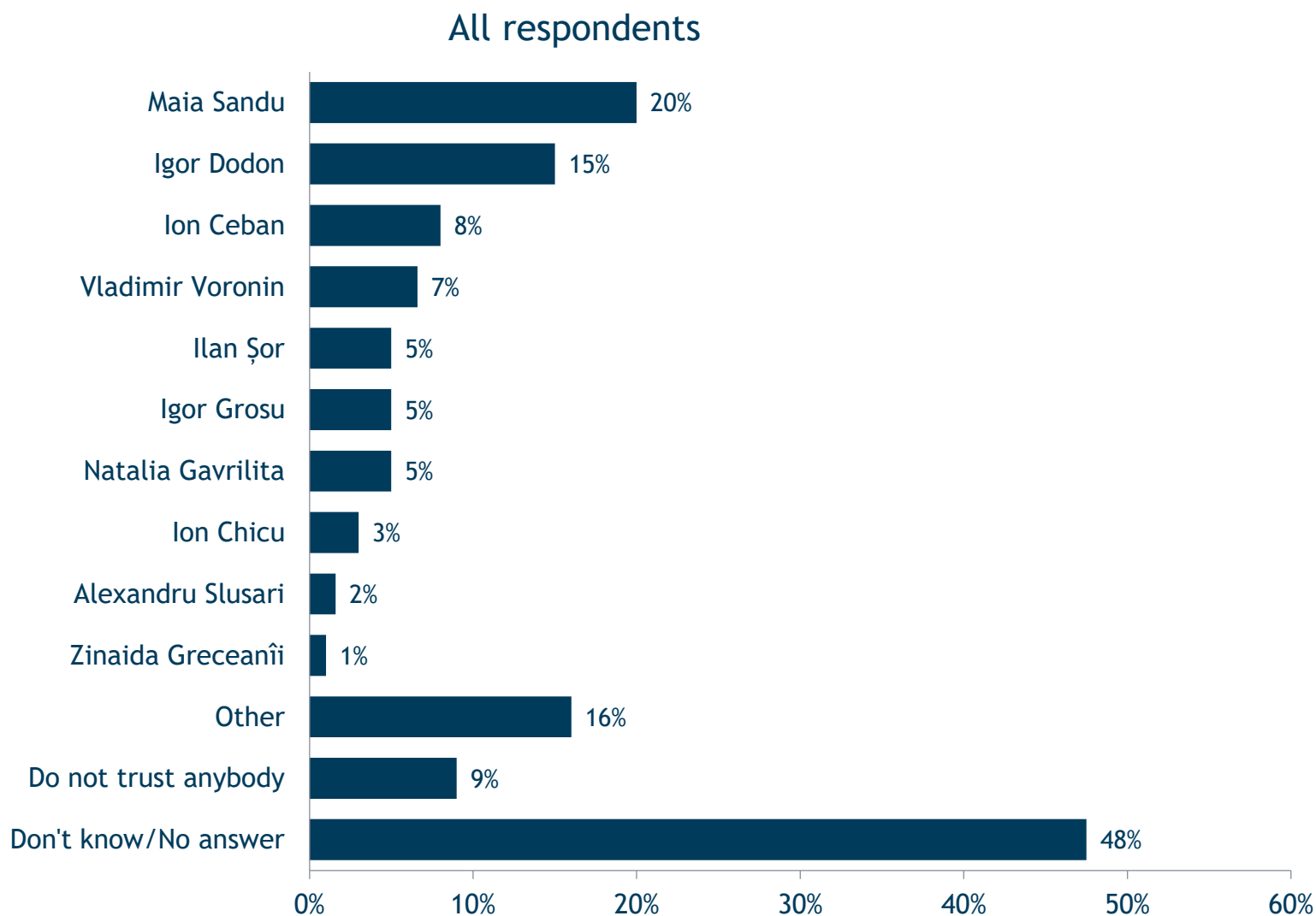


Parties and government



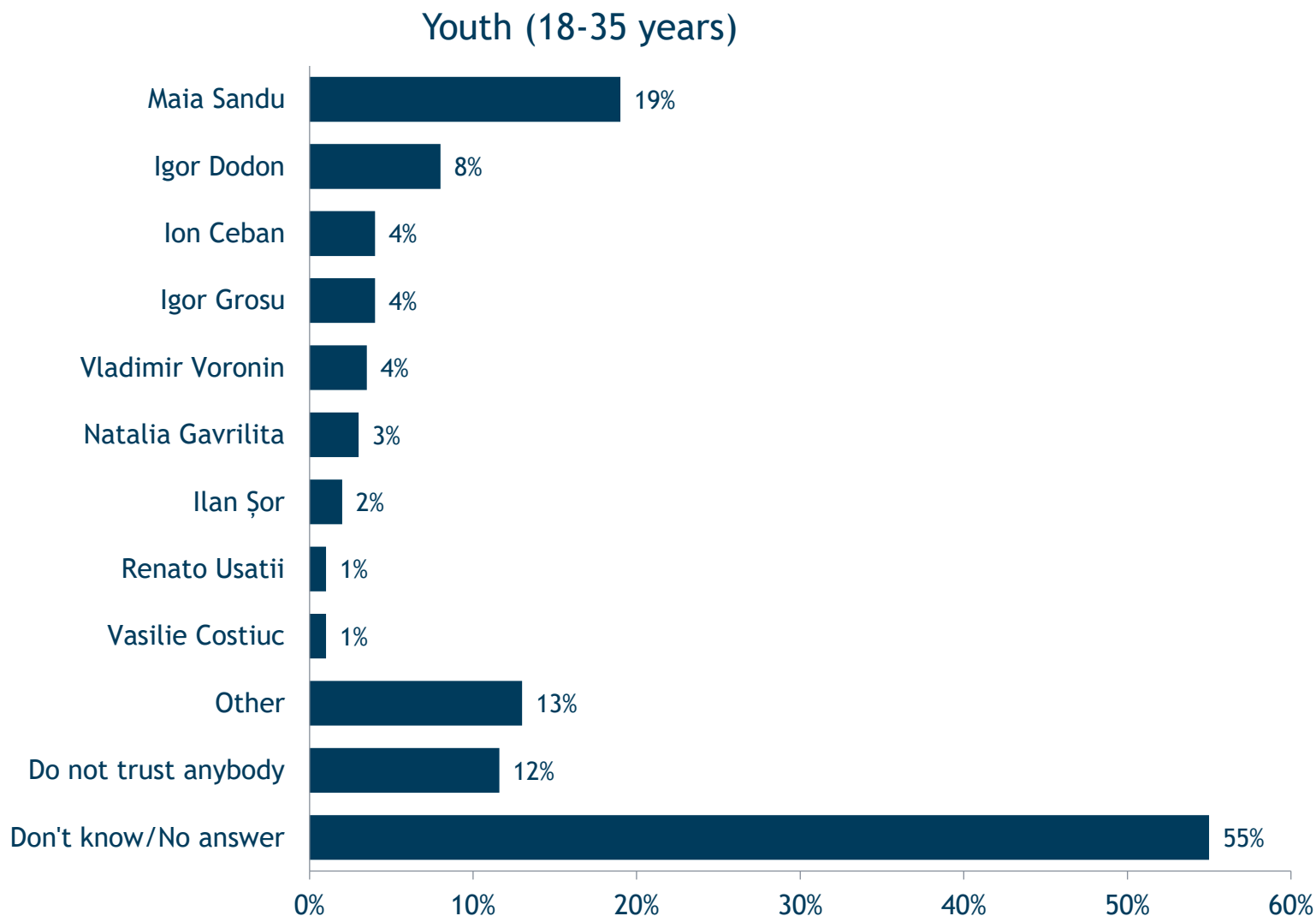
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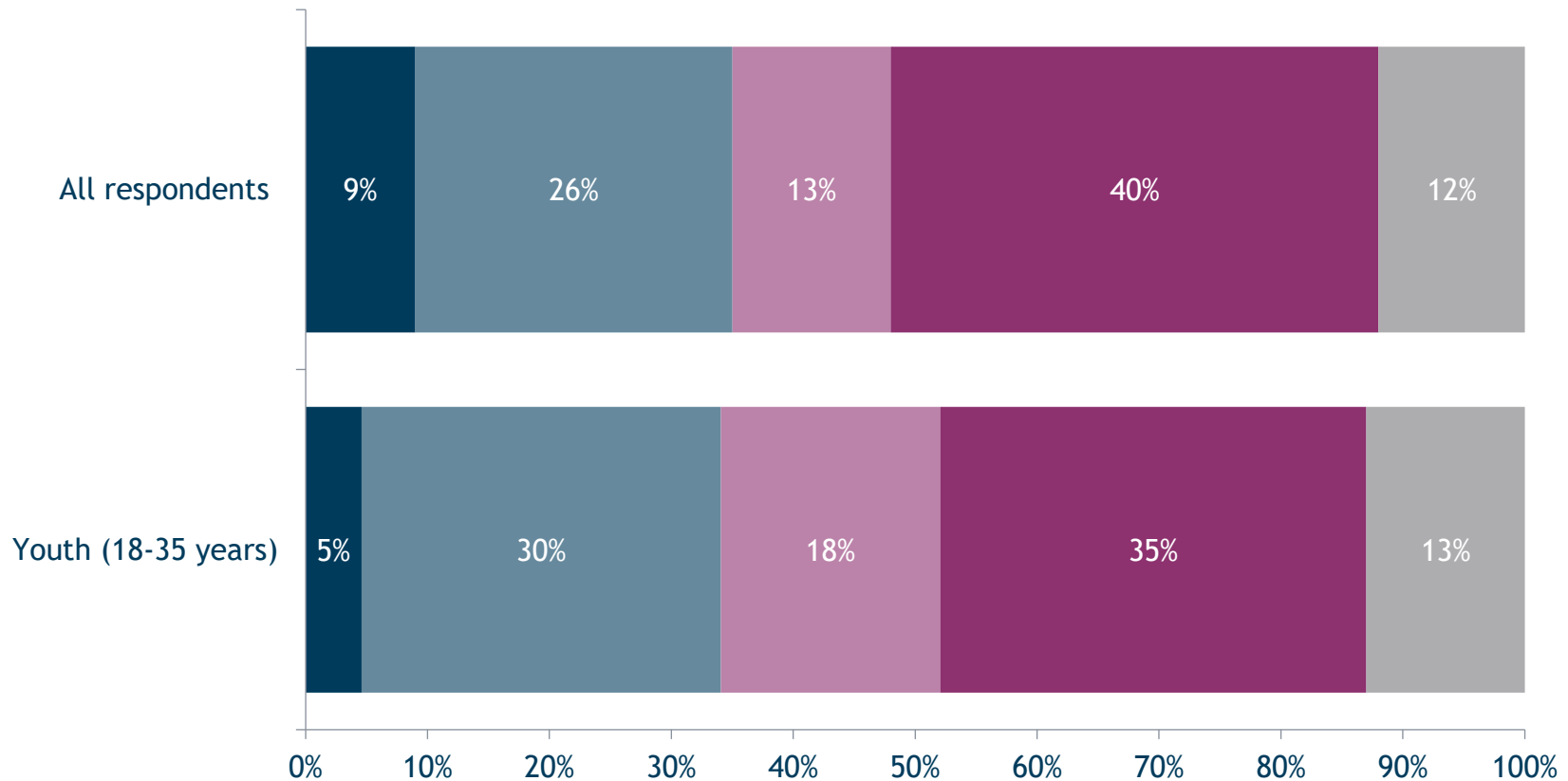
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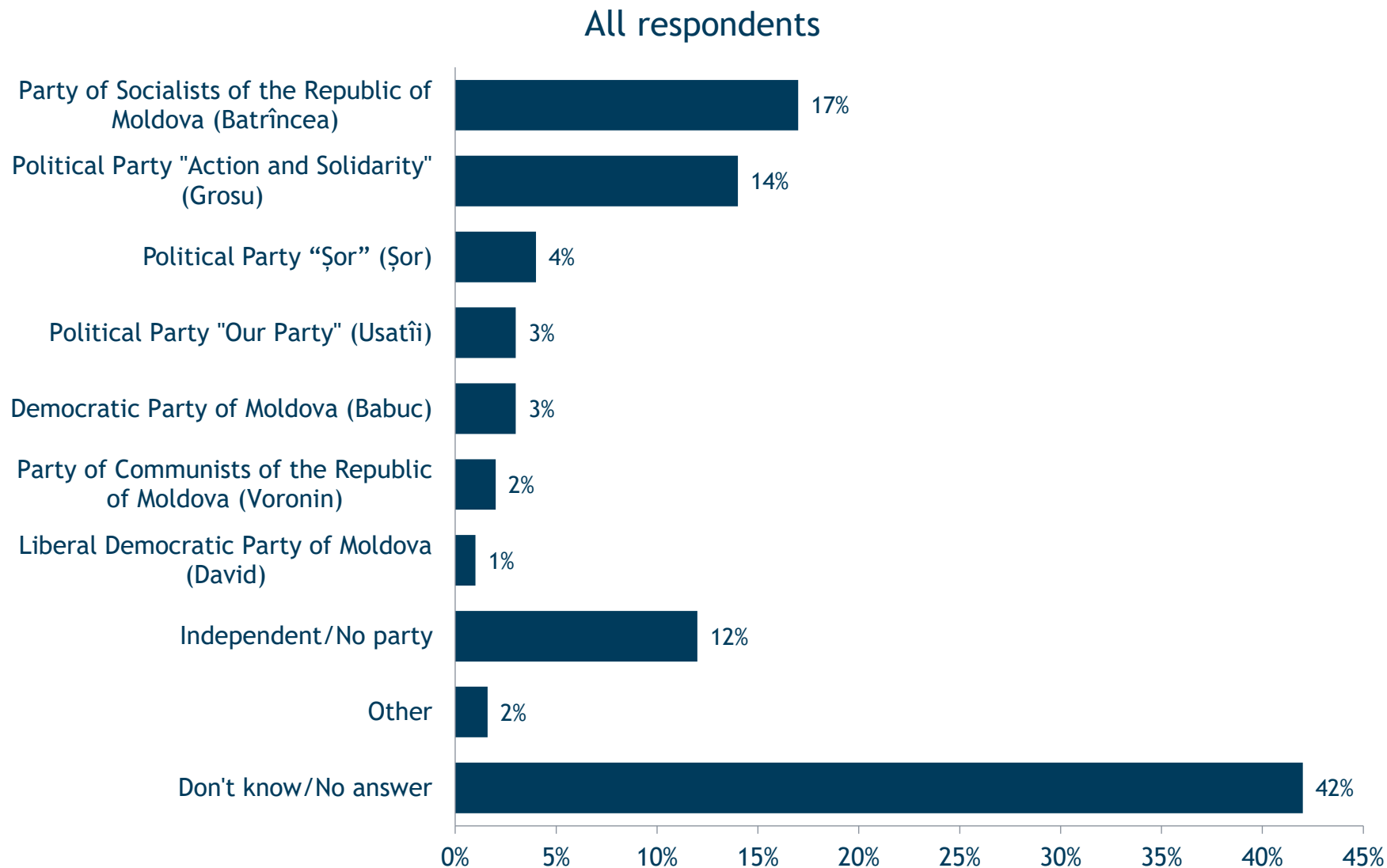
Do you approve or disapprove of the Gavrilita government?

■ Strongly approve ■ Somewhat approve ■ Somewhat disapprove ■ Strongly disapprove ■ Don't know/No answer



Which political party does your mayor belong to, if any?

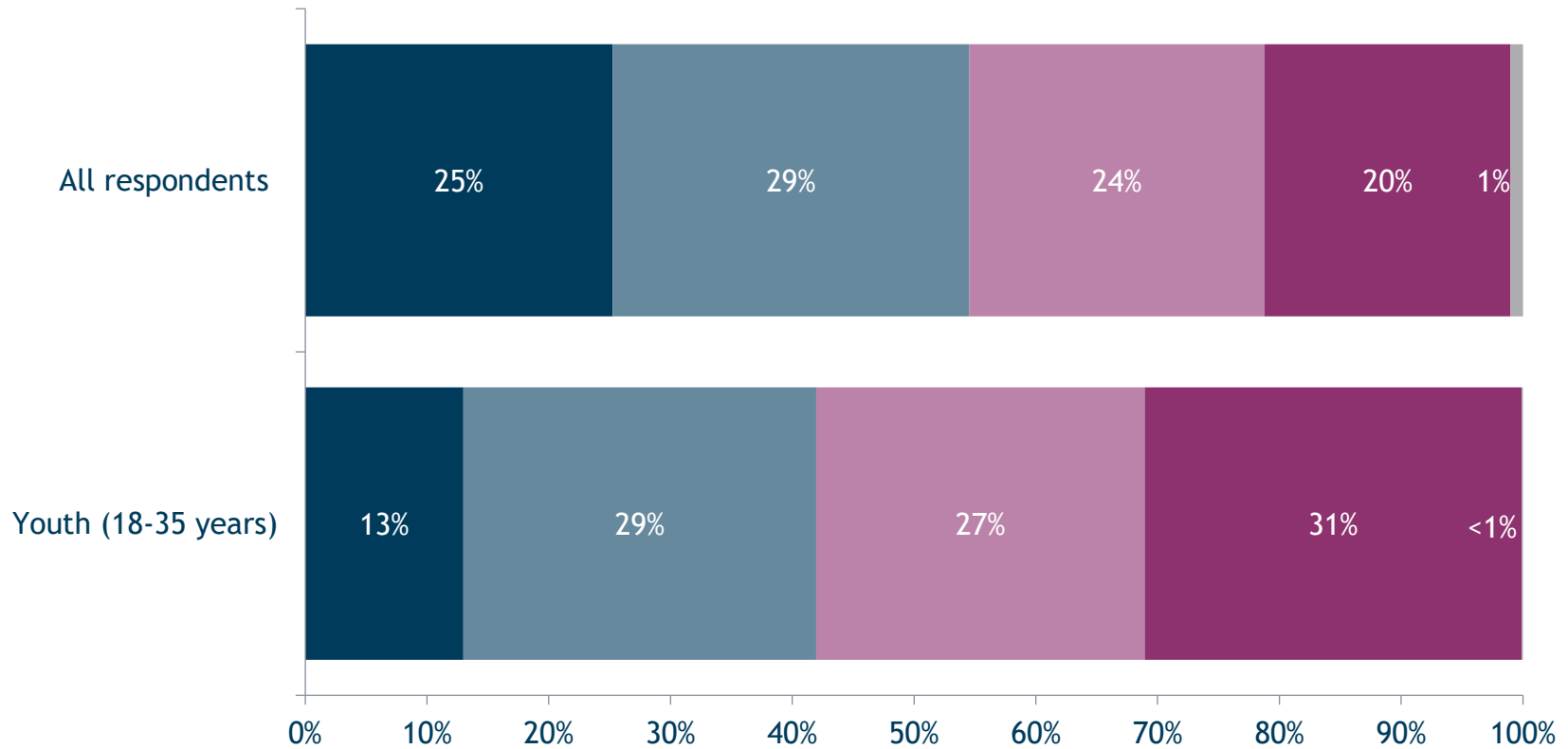
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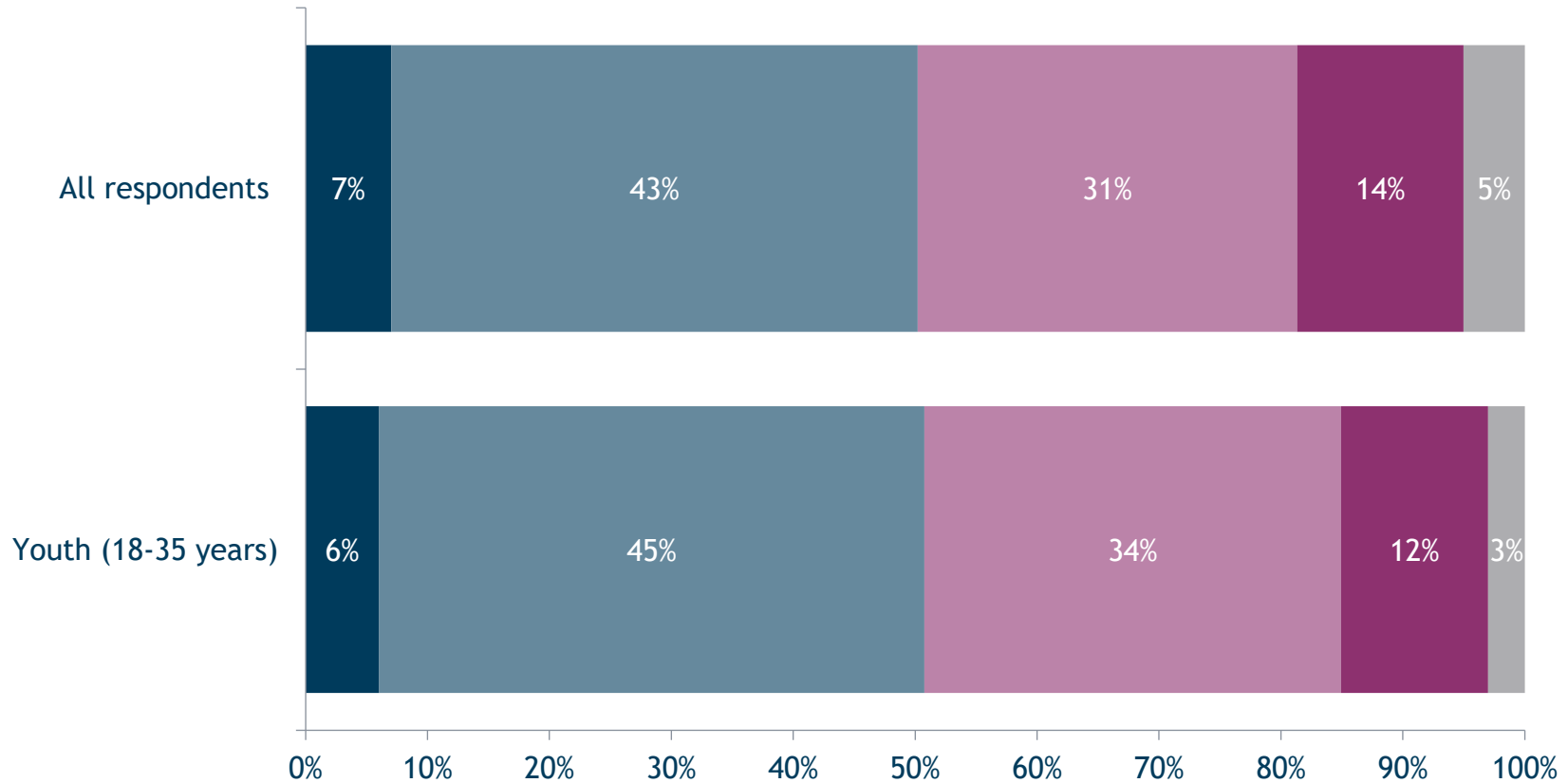
To what extent is the Coronavirus a concern for you?

■ Very serious ■ Somewhat serious ■ Somewhat not serious ■ Not at all serious ■ Don't know/No answer



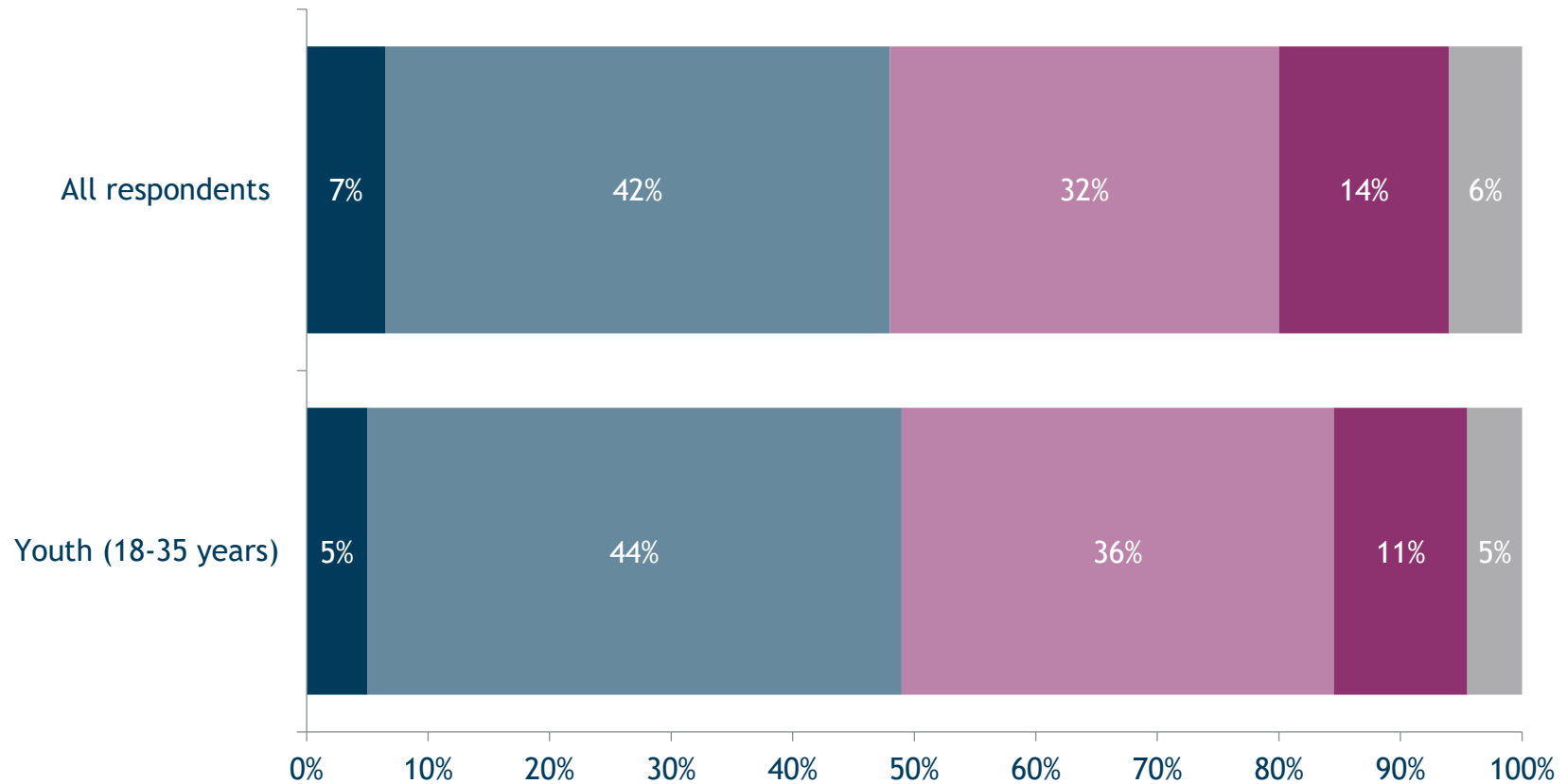
To what extent are you satisfied with the local government's response to the Coronavirus?

■ Very satisfied ■ Somewhat satisfied ■ Somewhat not satisfied ■ Not at all satisfied ■ Don't know/No answer

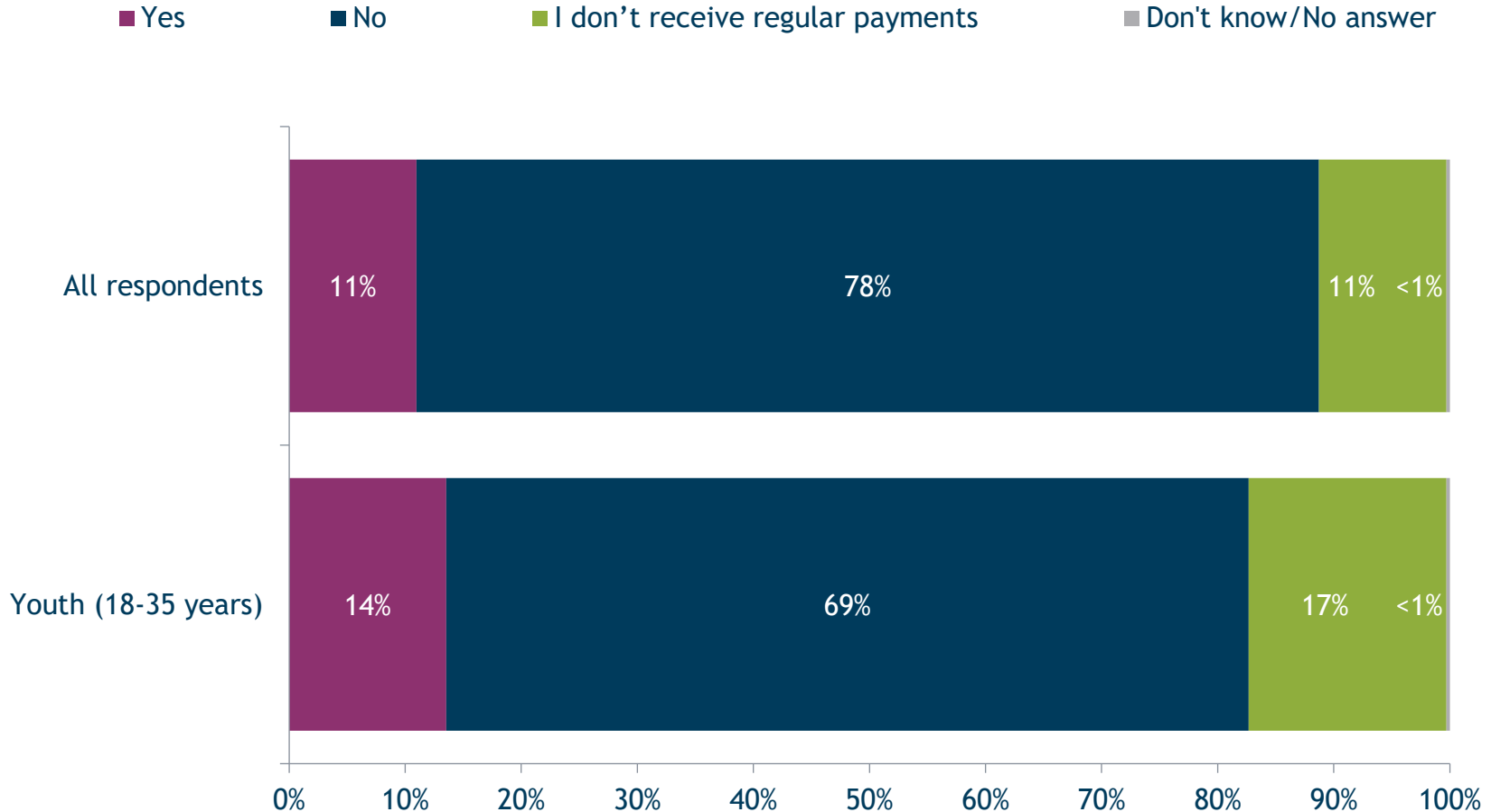


And to what extent are you satisfied with the national government's response to the Coronavirus?

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Are your regular payments, such as salaries, pensions, benefits, etc., delayed now?





International Relations

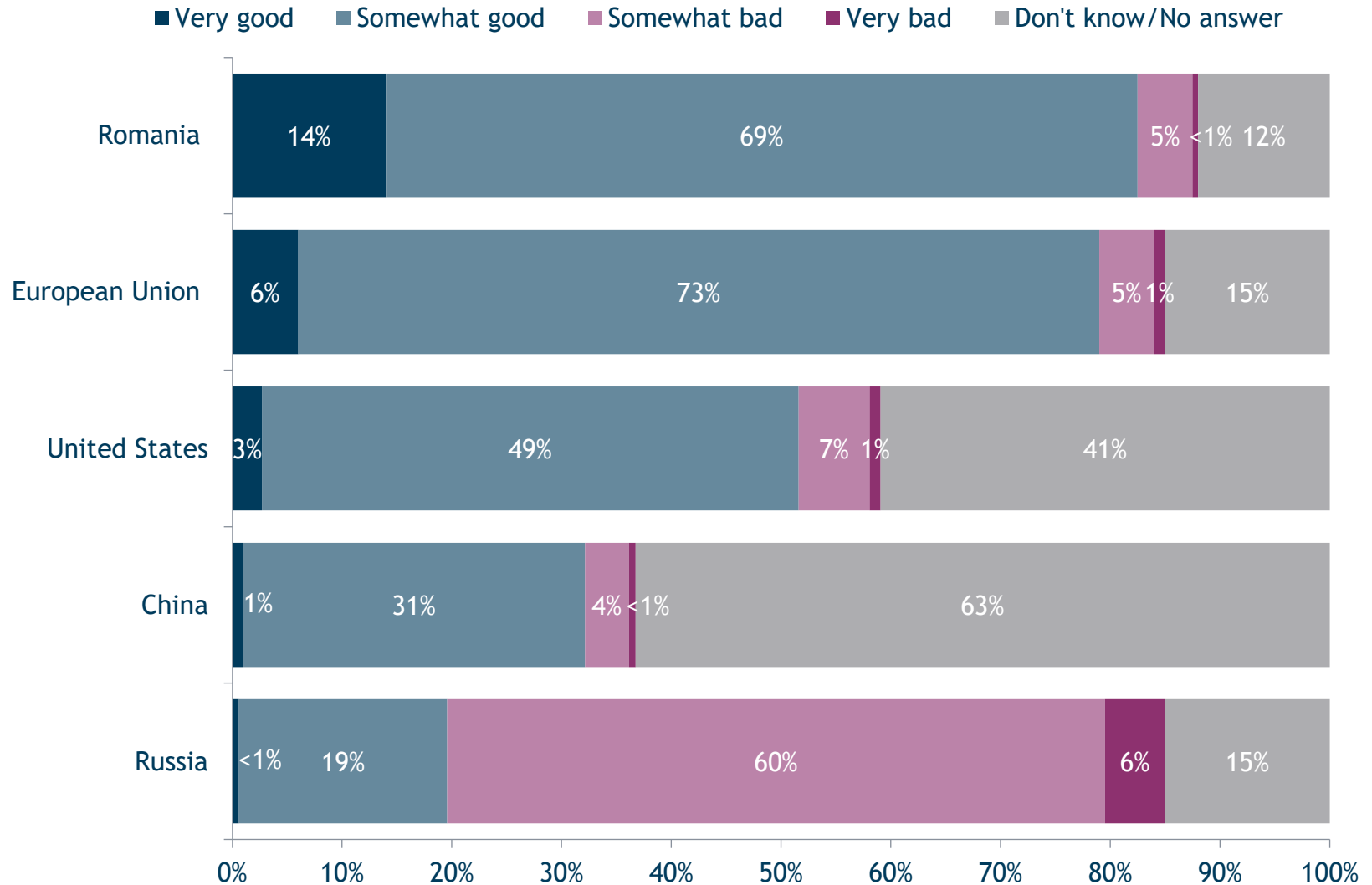


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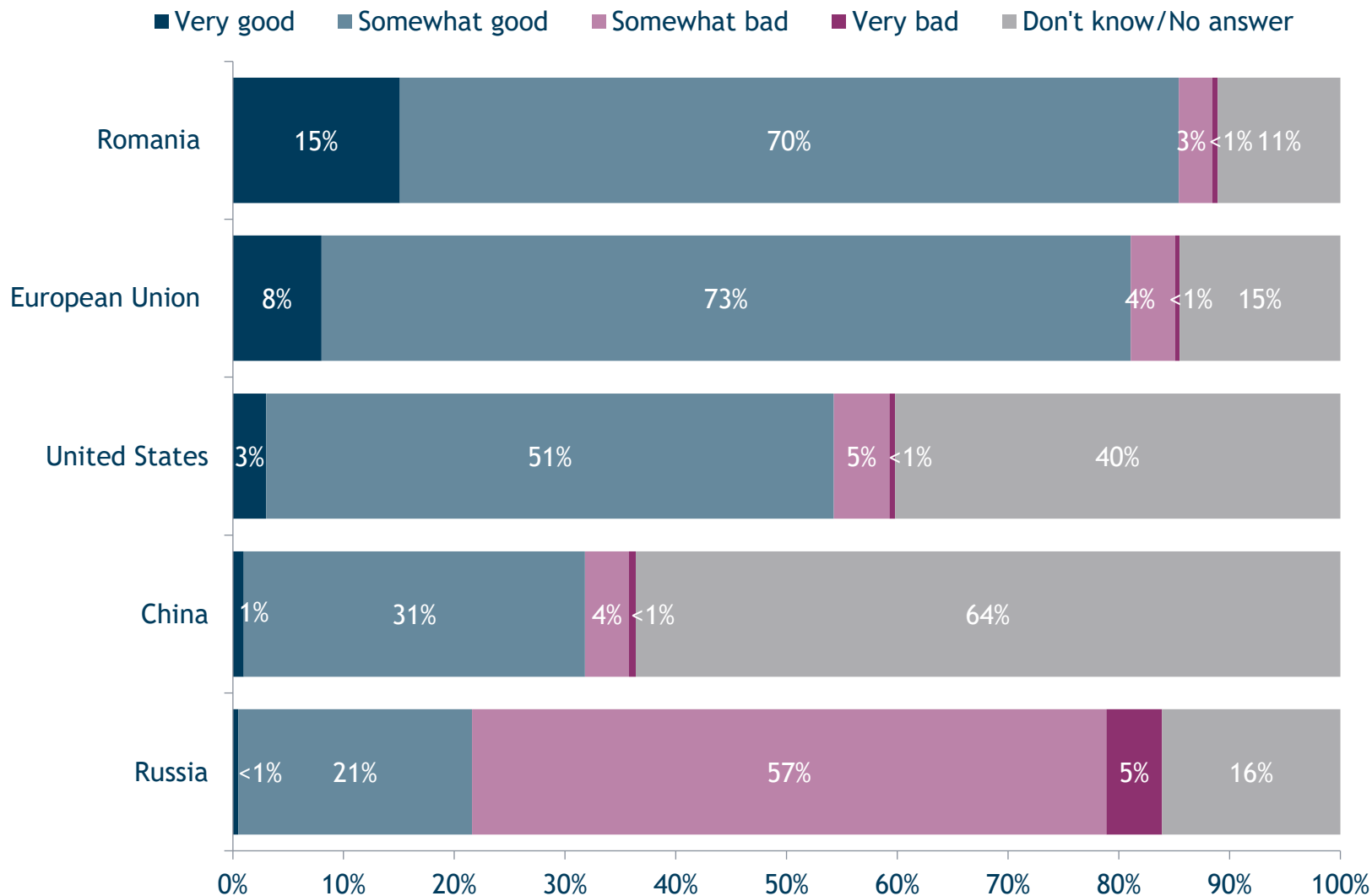
How would you rate the current relations between Moldova and...

All respondents

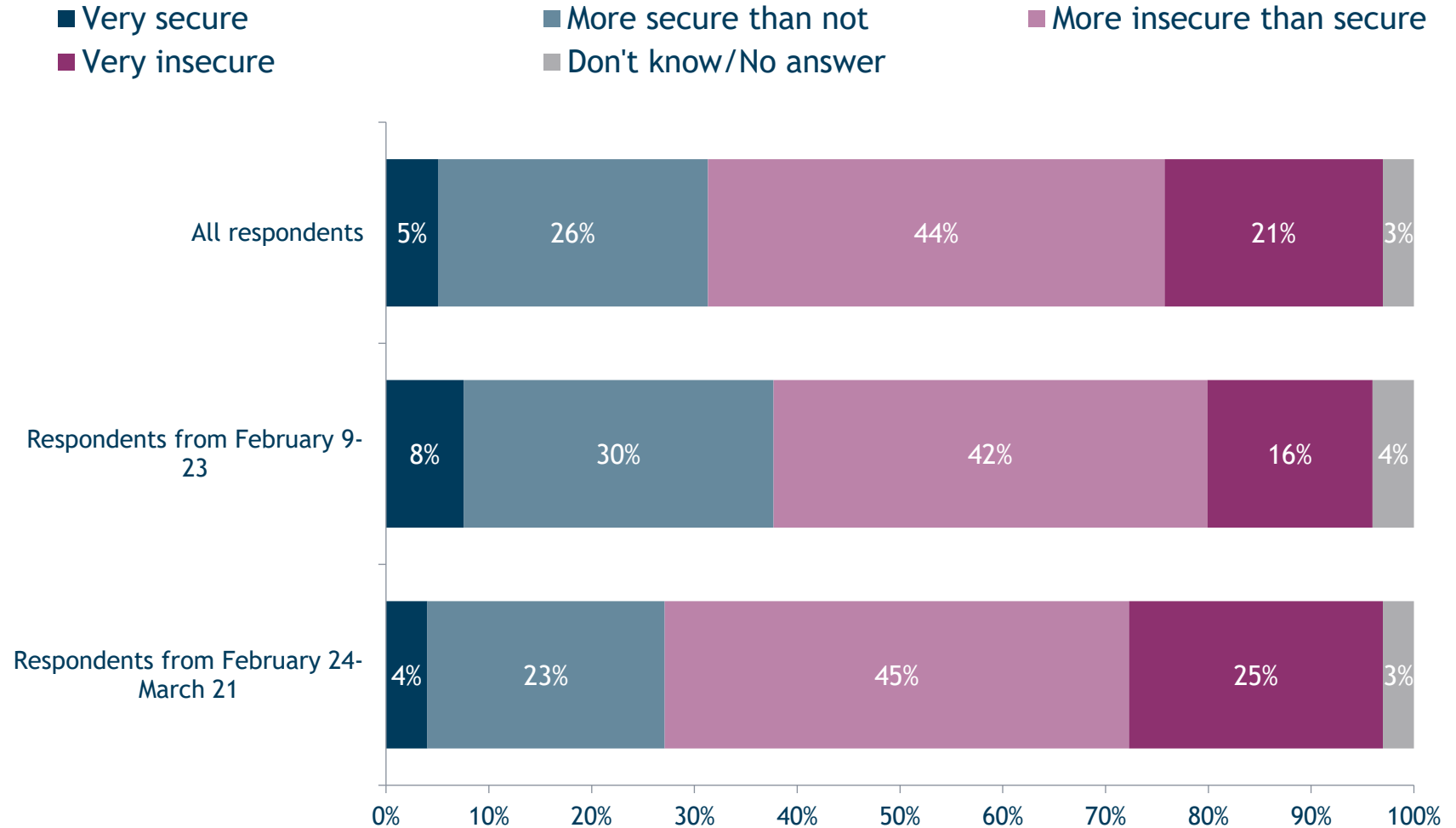


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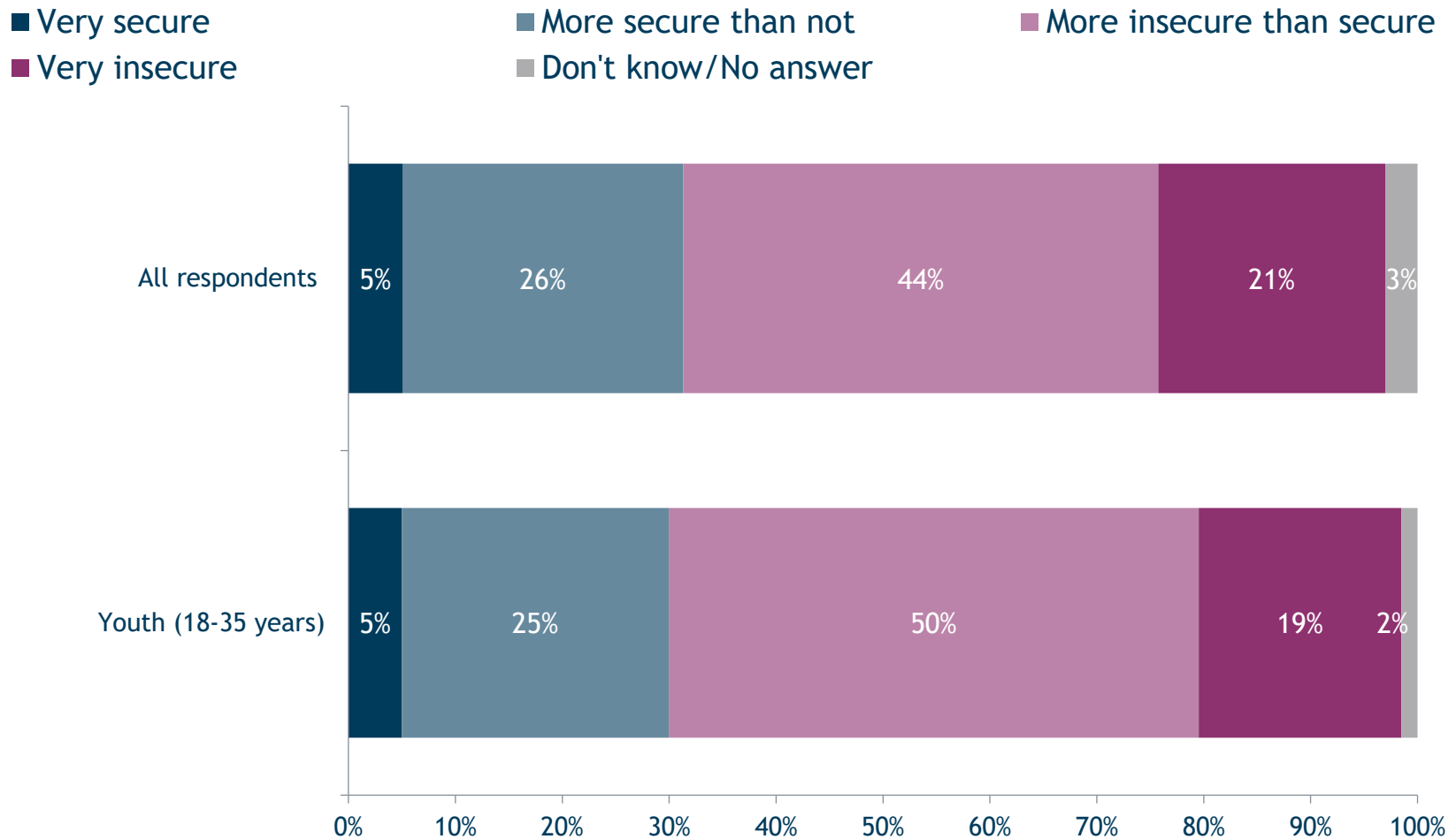
Youth (18-35 years)



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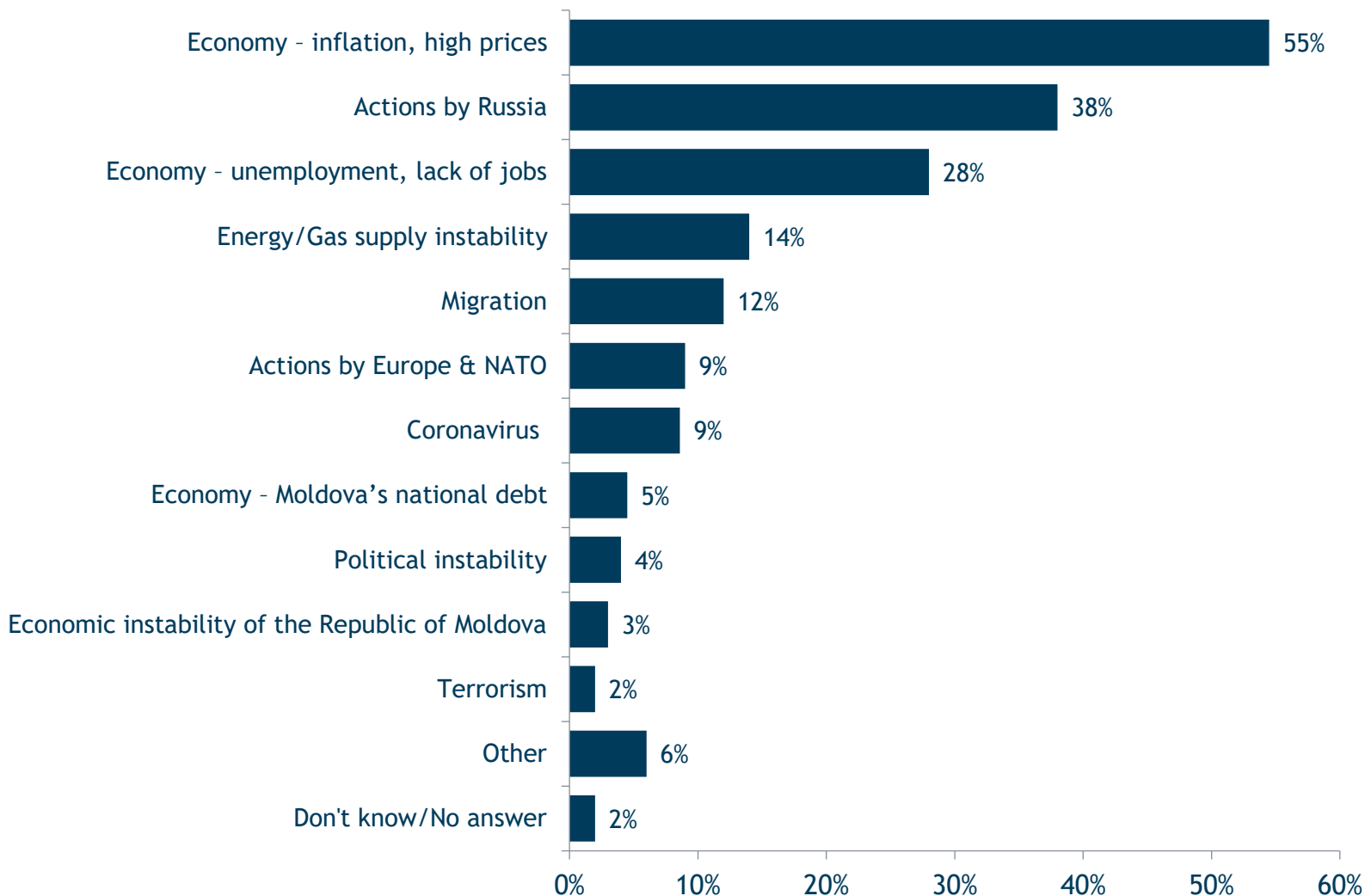
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What is the most important reason you feel insecure living in Moldova?

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All respondents feeling insecure, n=851

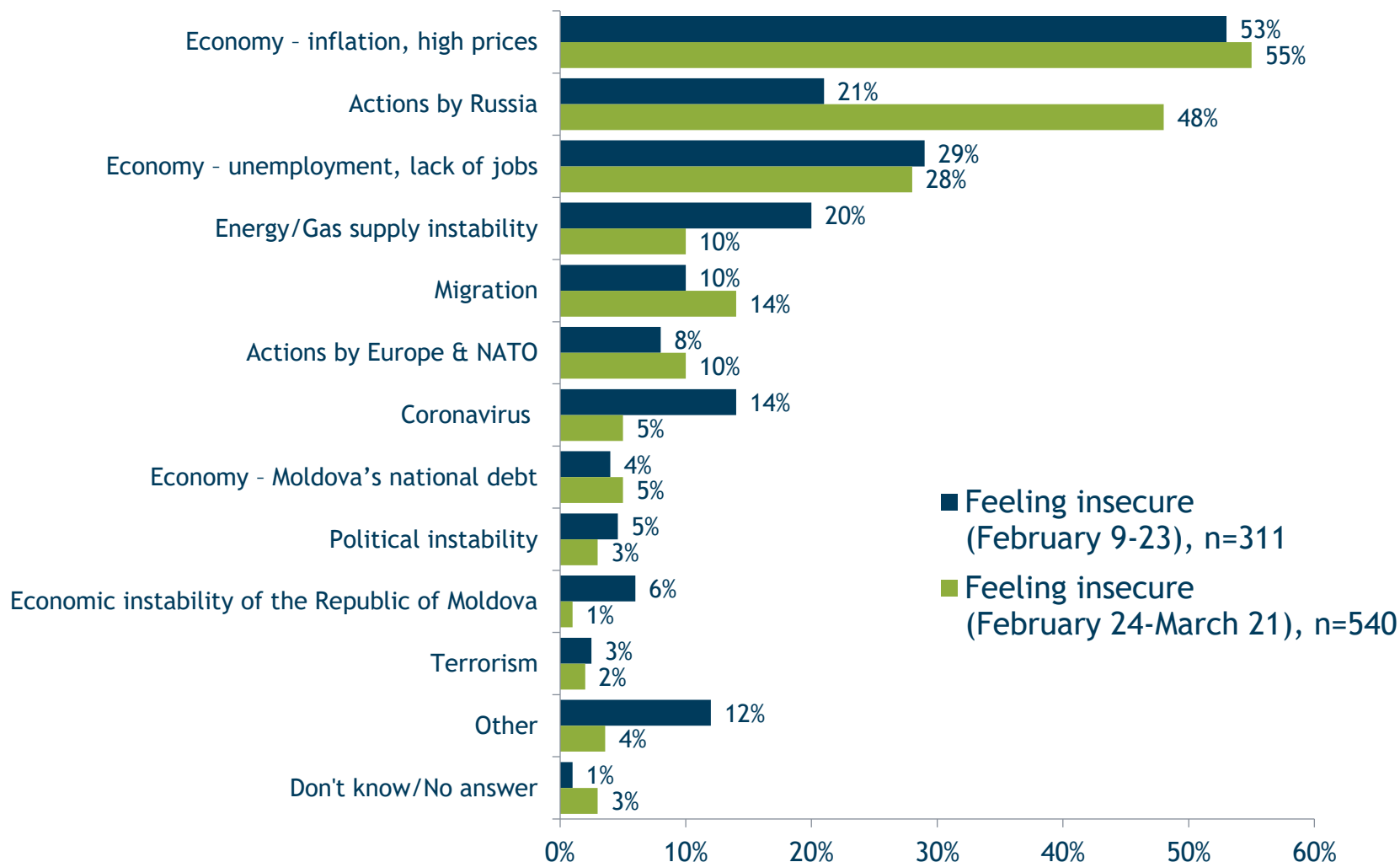


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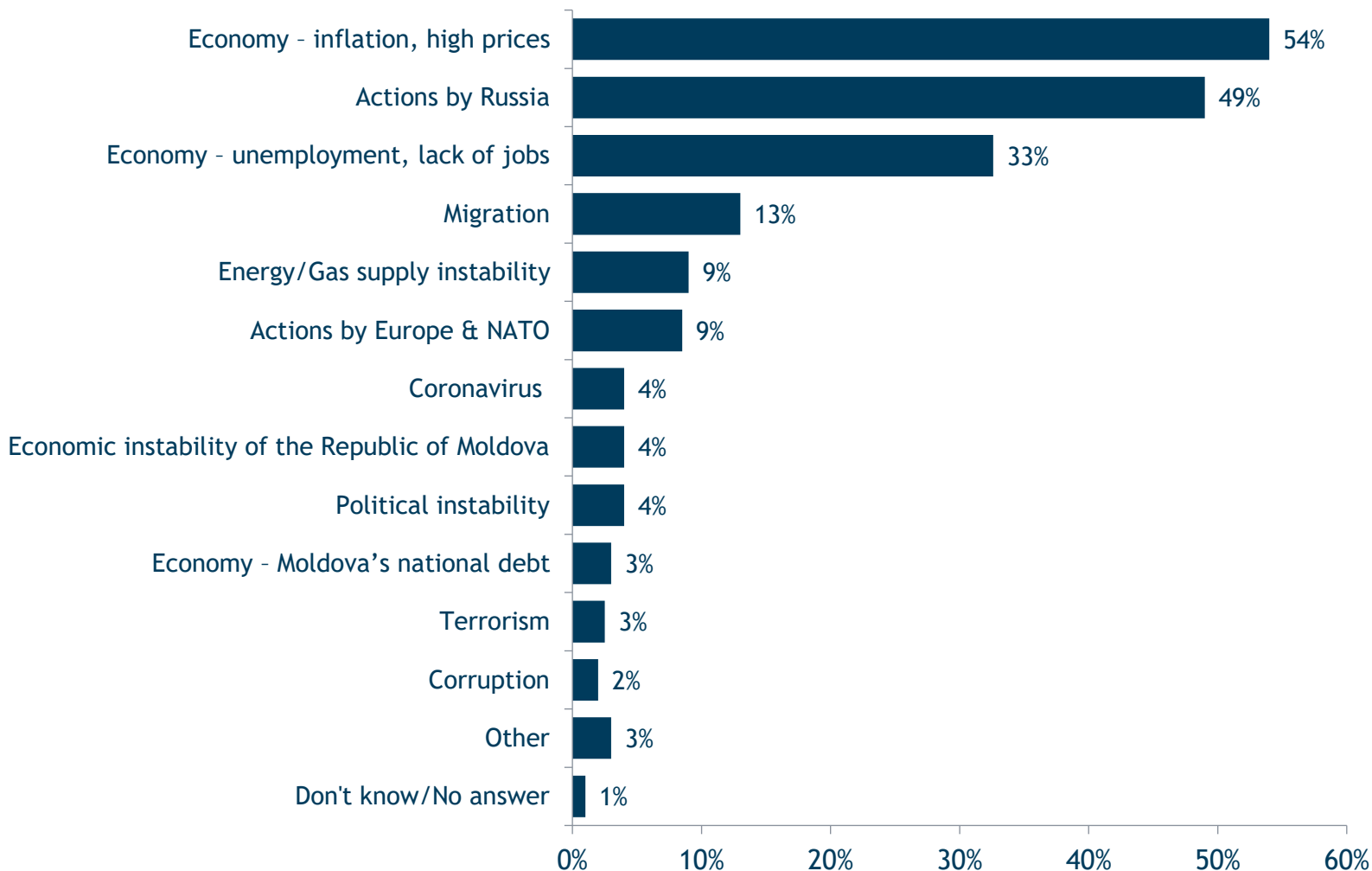


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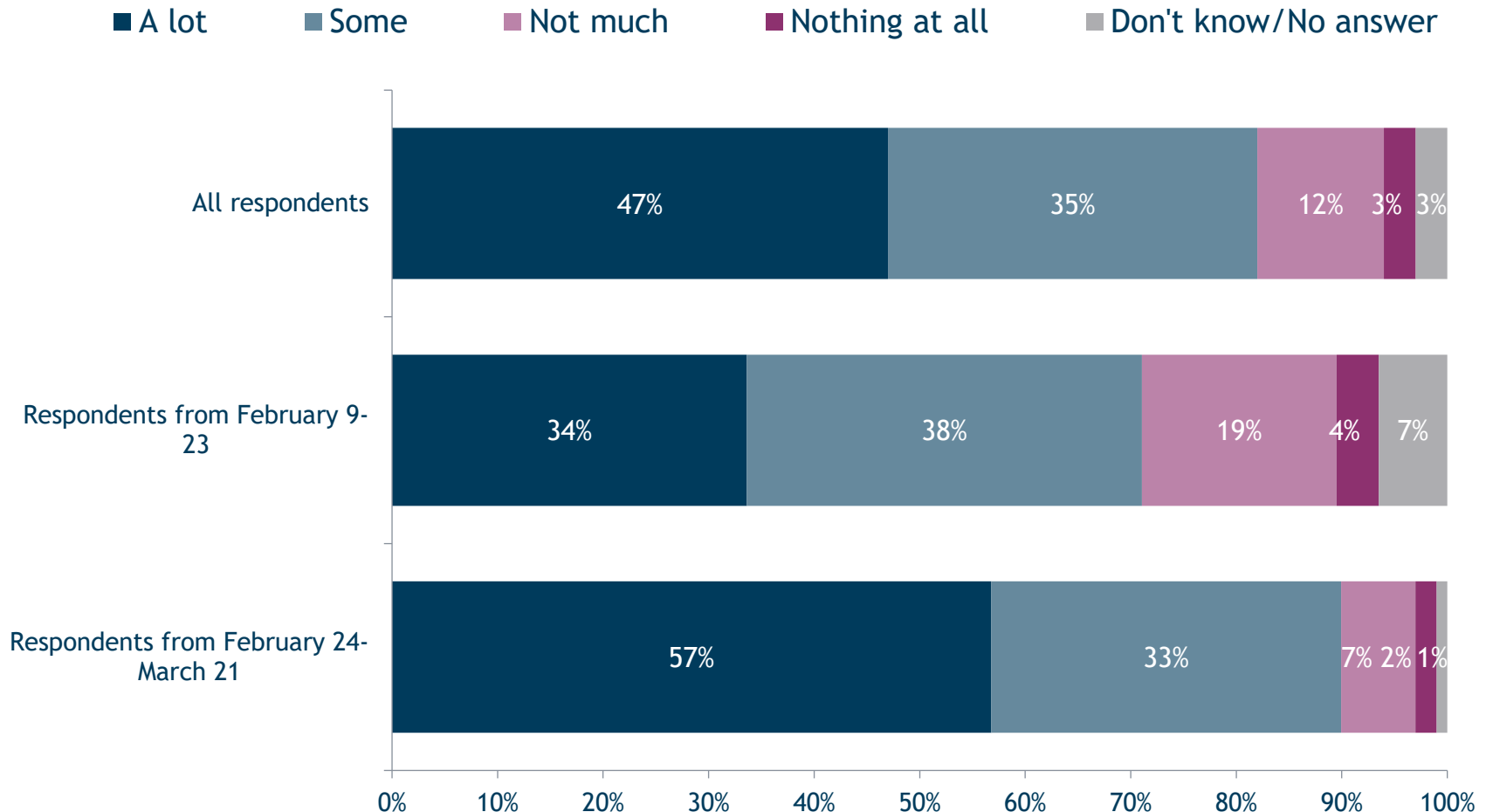
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Youth (18-35 years), Feeling insecure, n=438



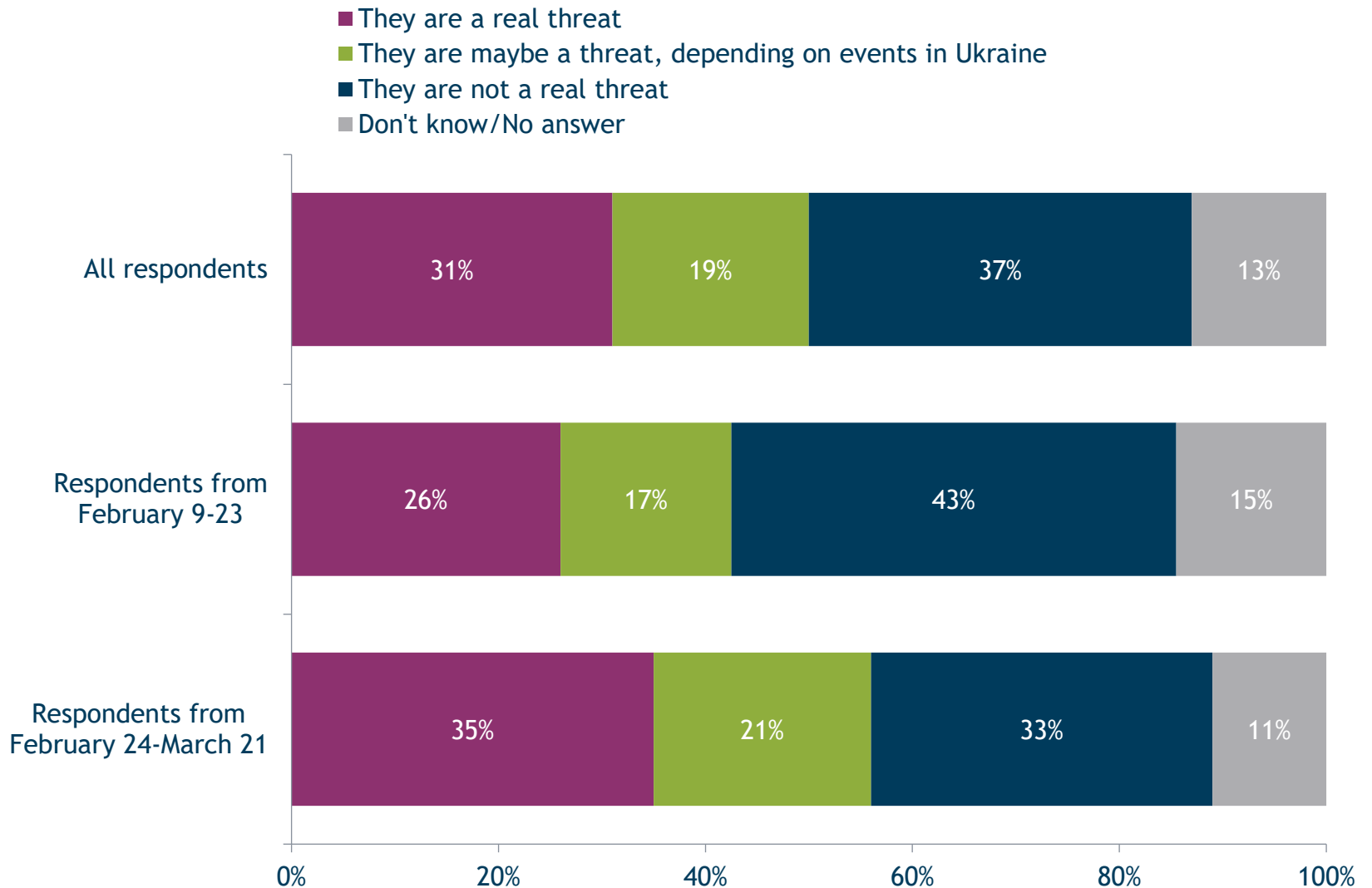
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As you may know, Russia has begun amassing military forces that could be used for a potential Russian invasion of Ukraine.* How much have you seen, read, or heard about this?



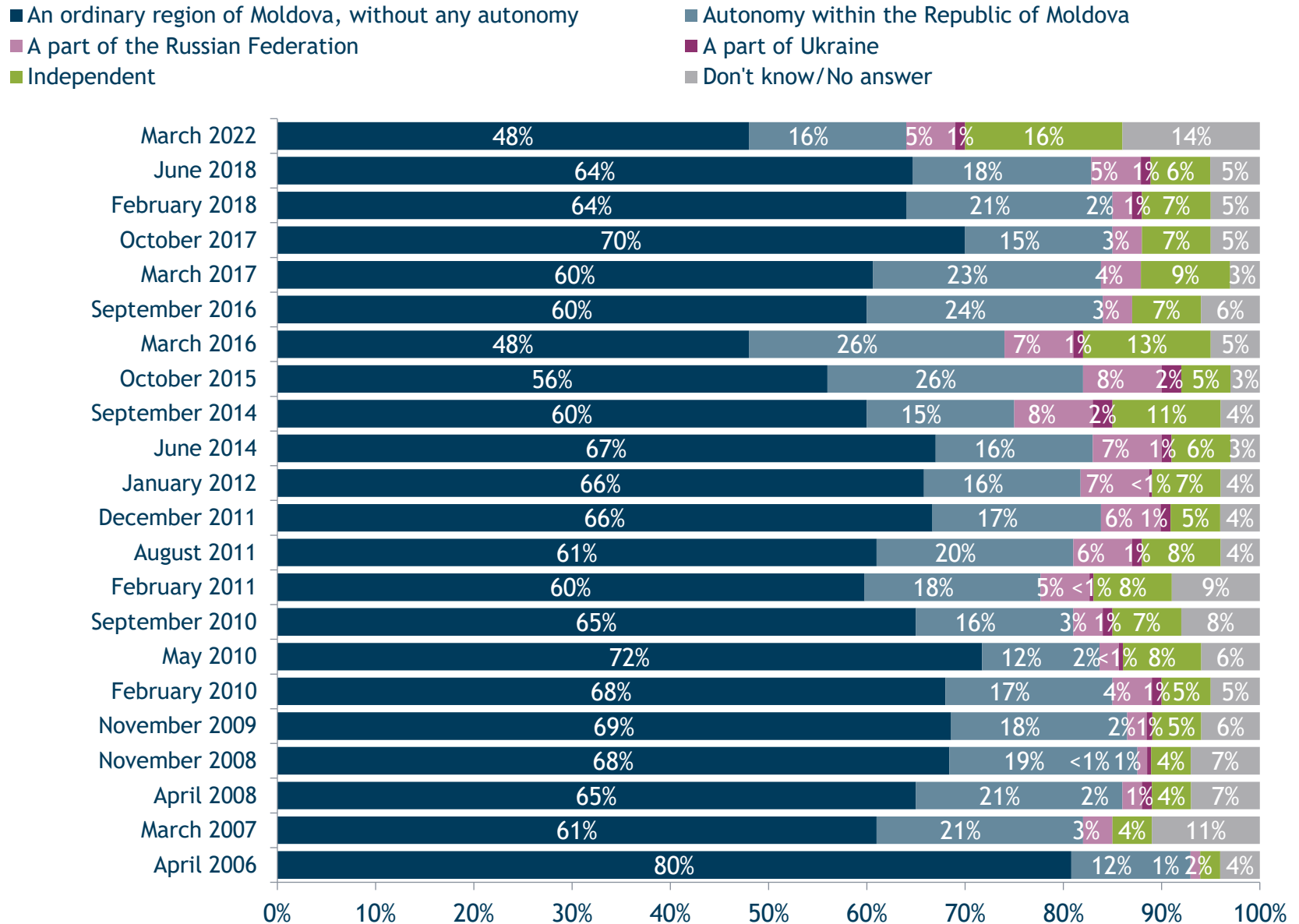
*Russia invaded Ukraine in the middle of fieldwork. IRI made an intentional decision not to adjust the question text and kept the "potential invasion" language.

Given the current Russian activities in Ukraine, do you consider Russian troops in Transnistria to be a real threat to Moldova?



What do you think the future of Transnistria should be?

All respondents

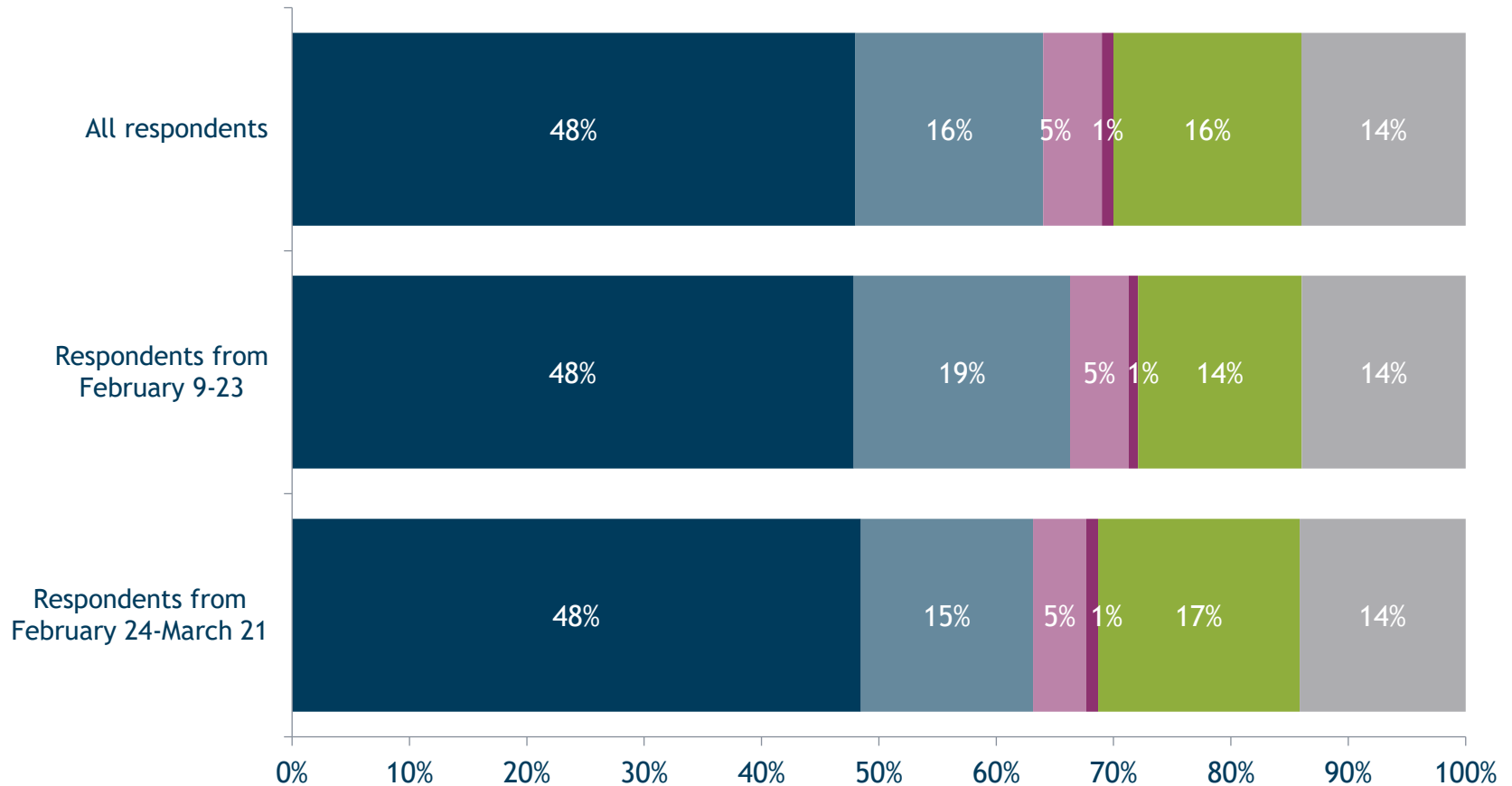


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- A part of the Russian Federation
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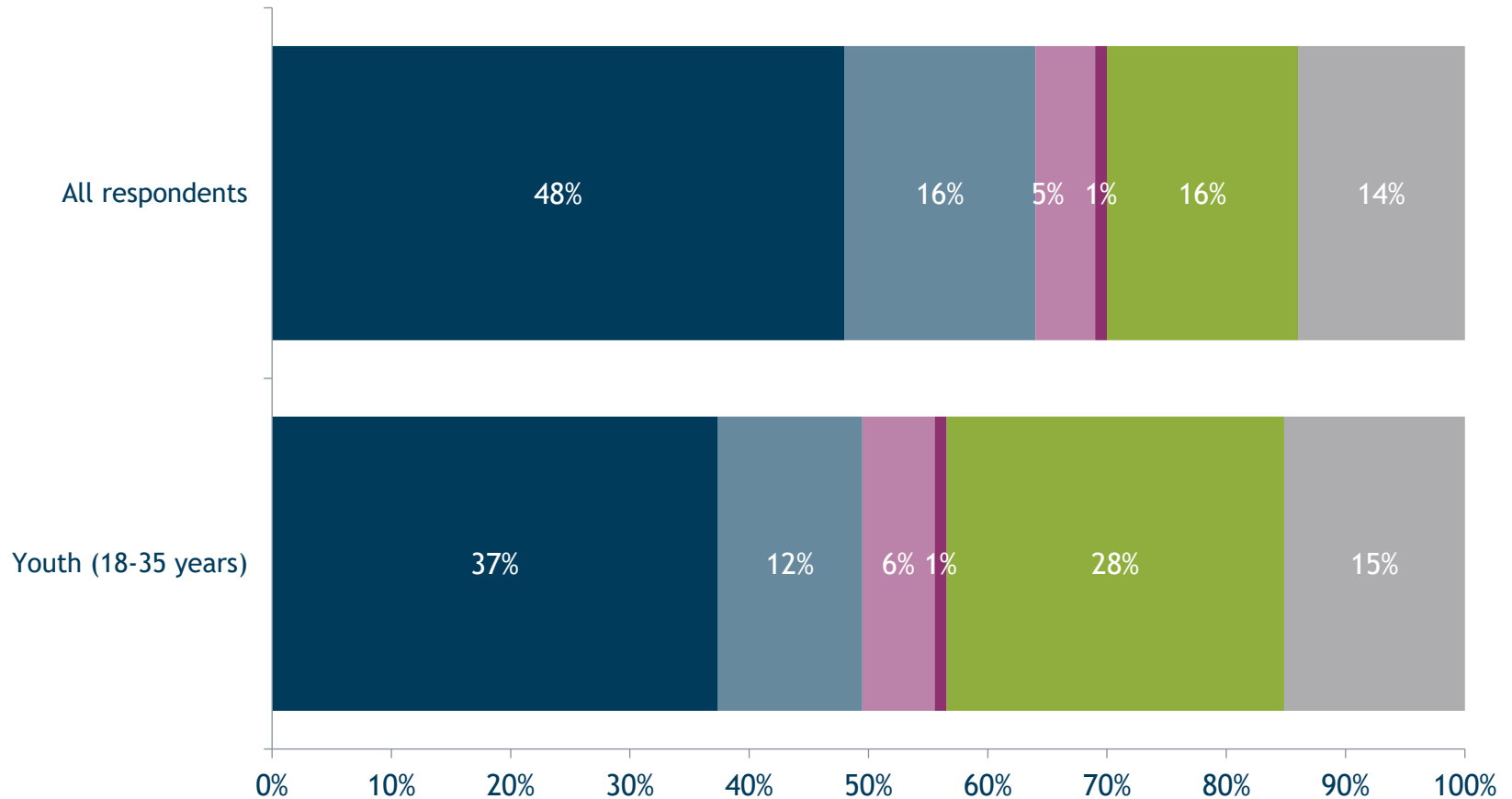
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Sources of Information



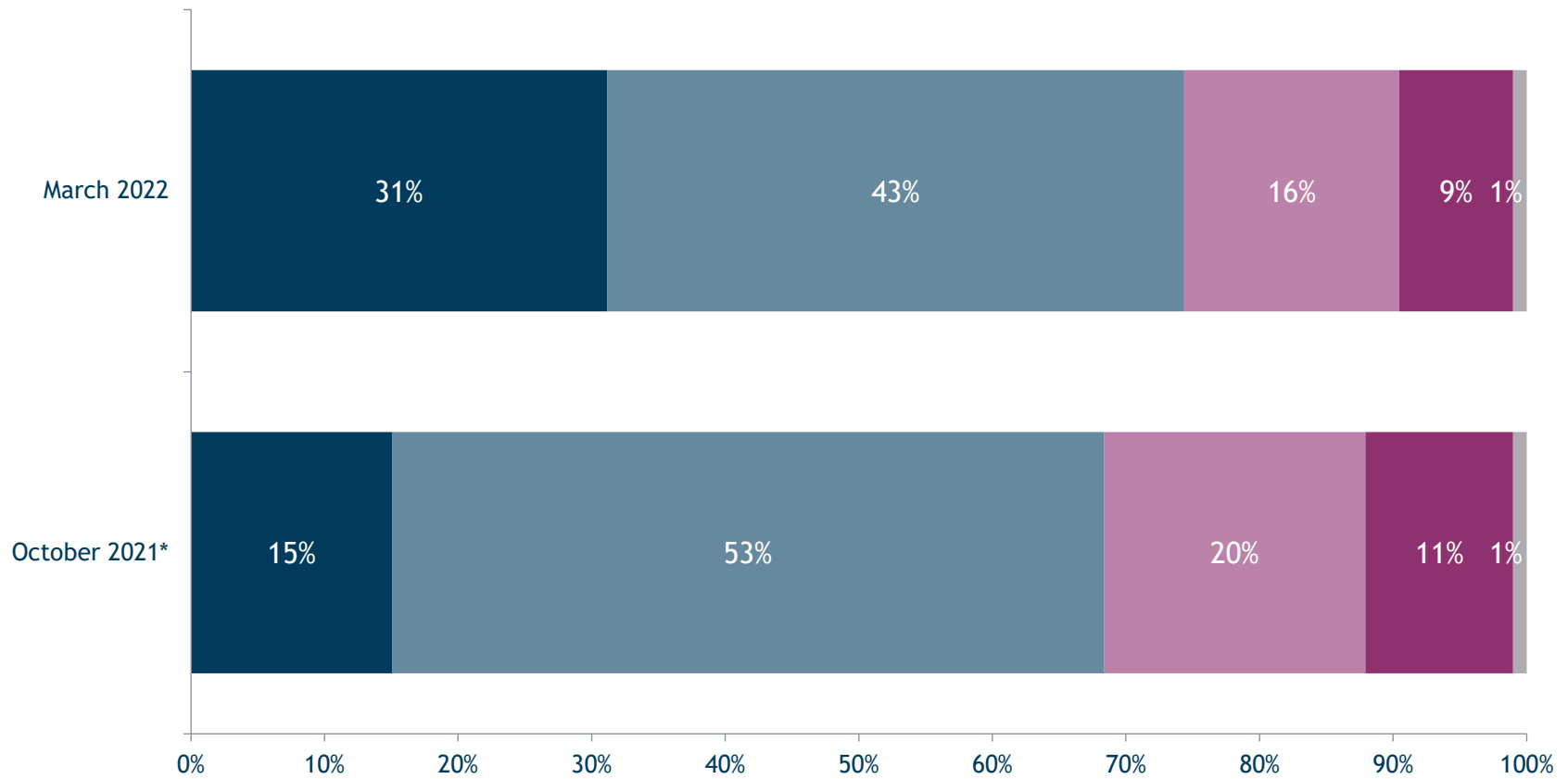
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How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information?

All population

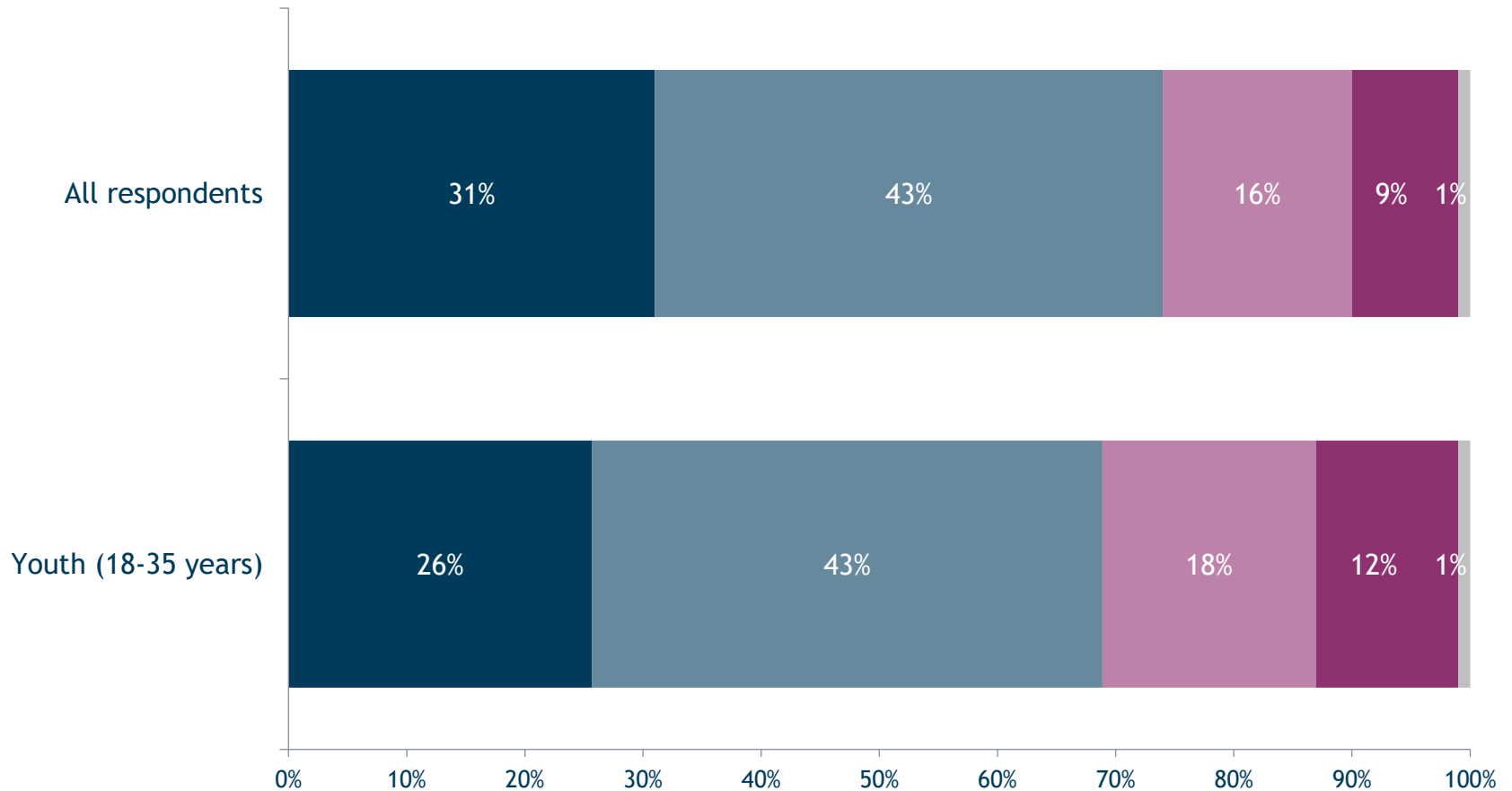
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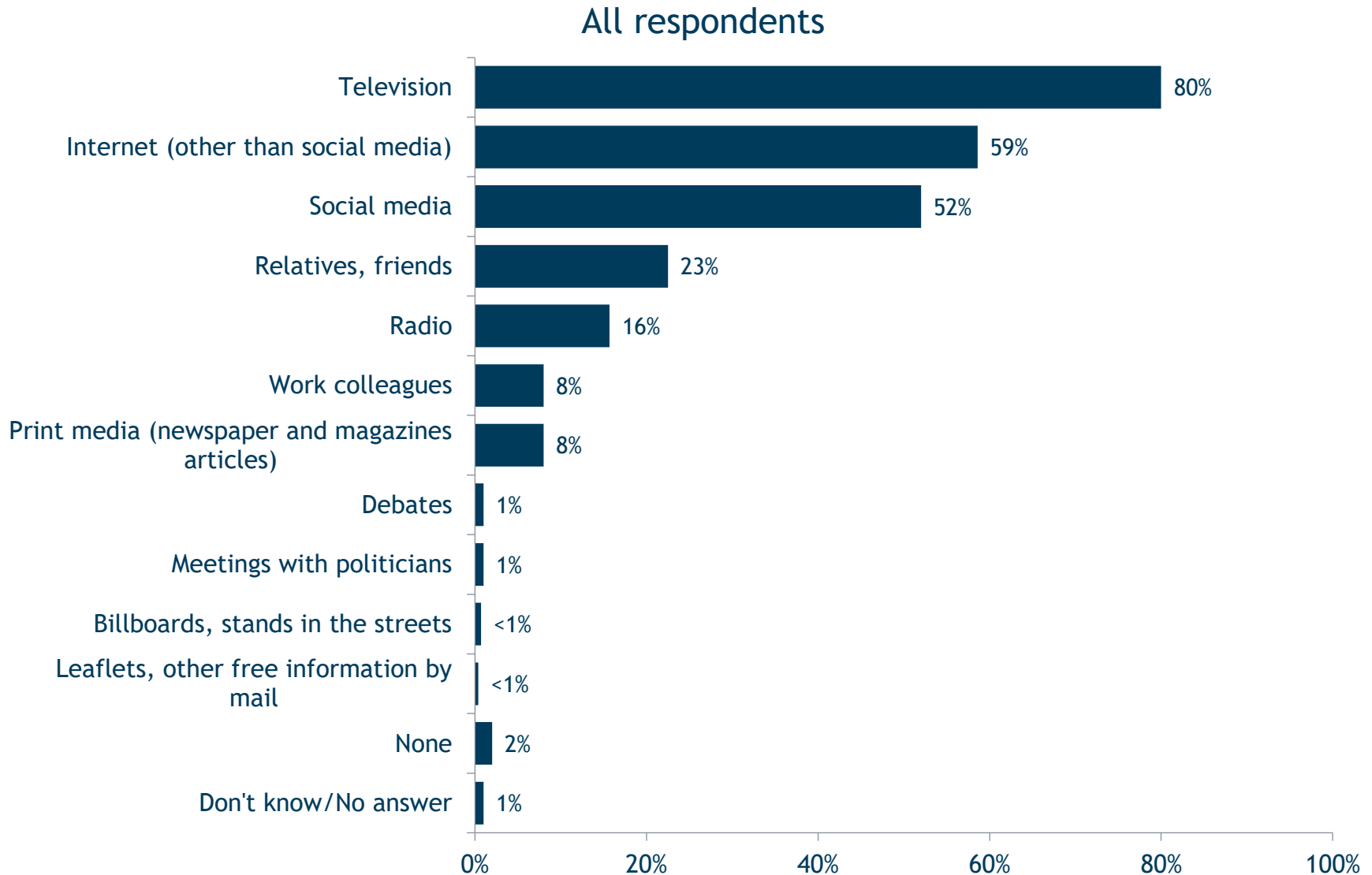
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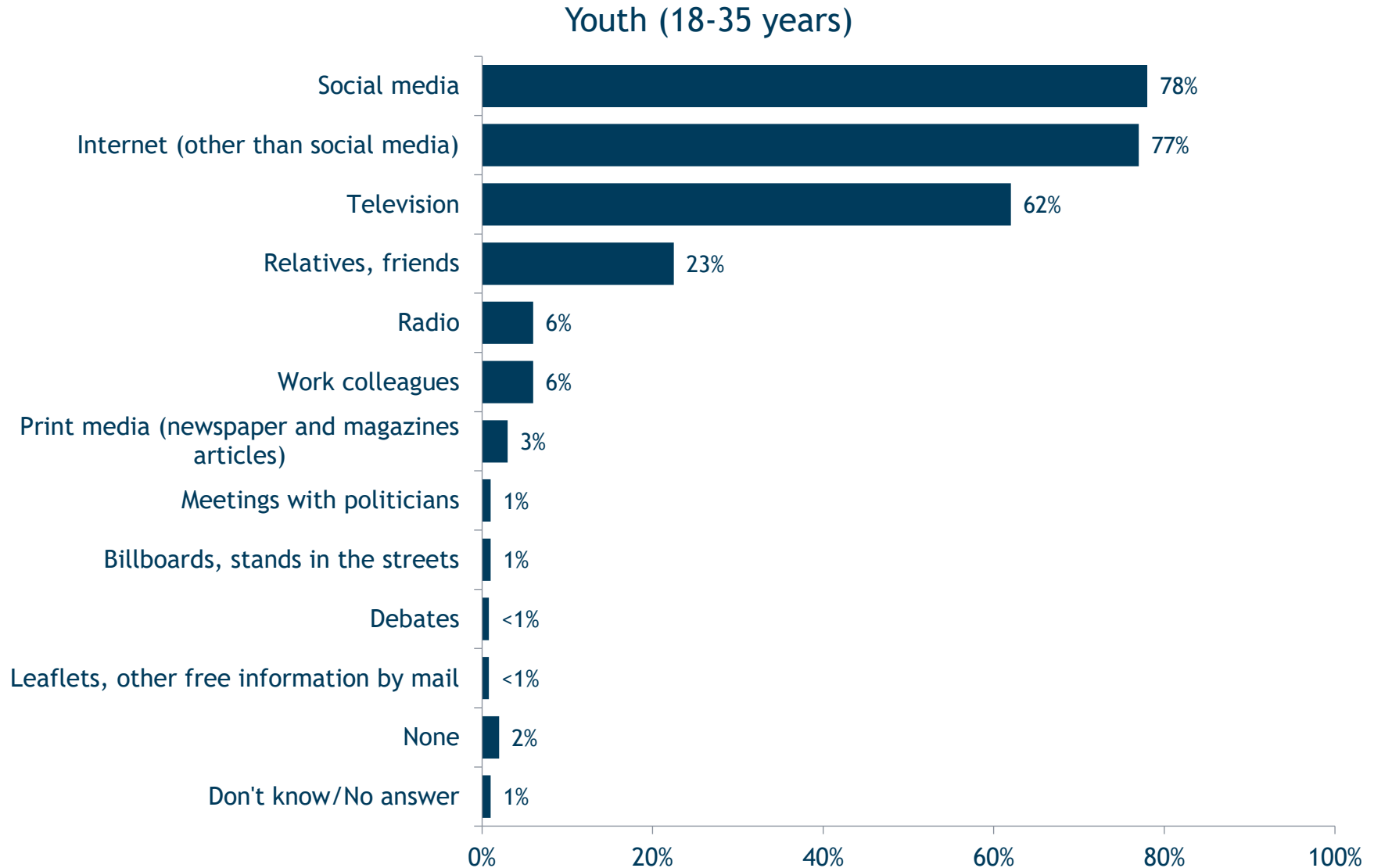
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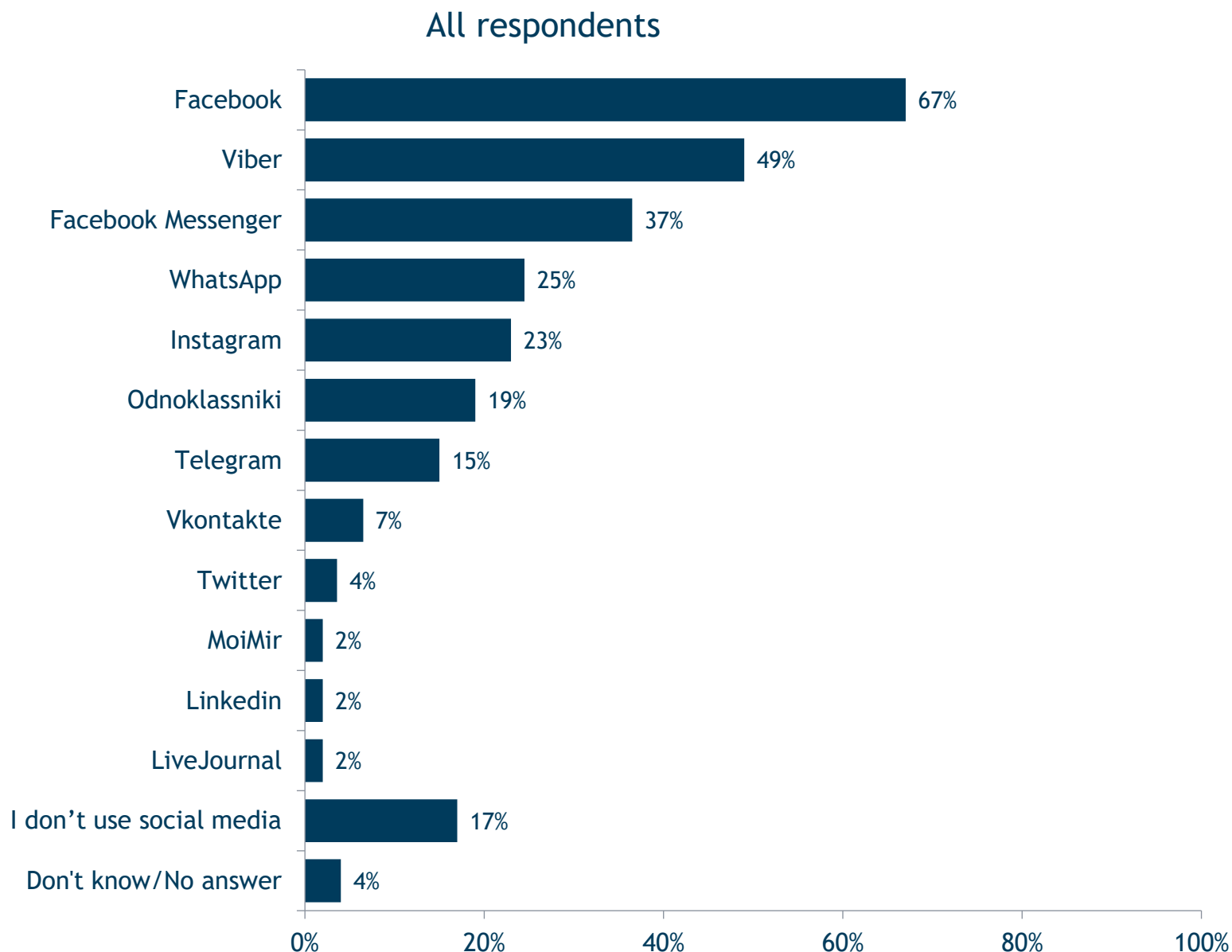


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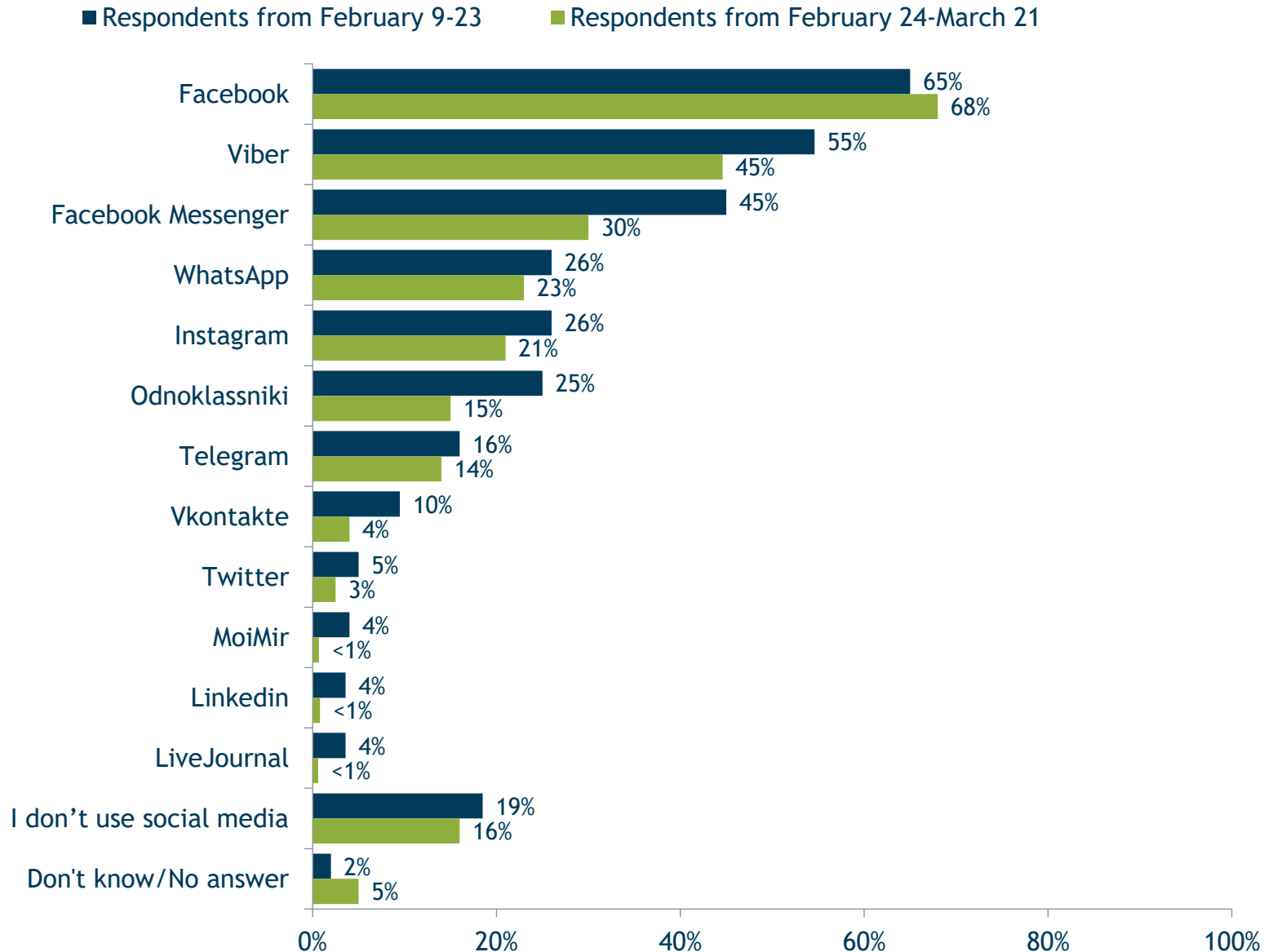
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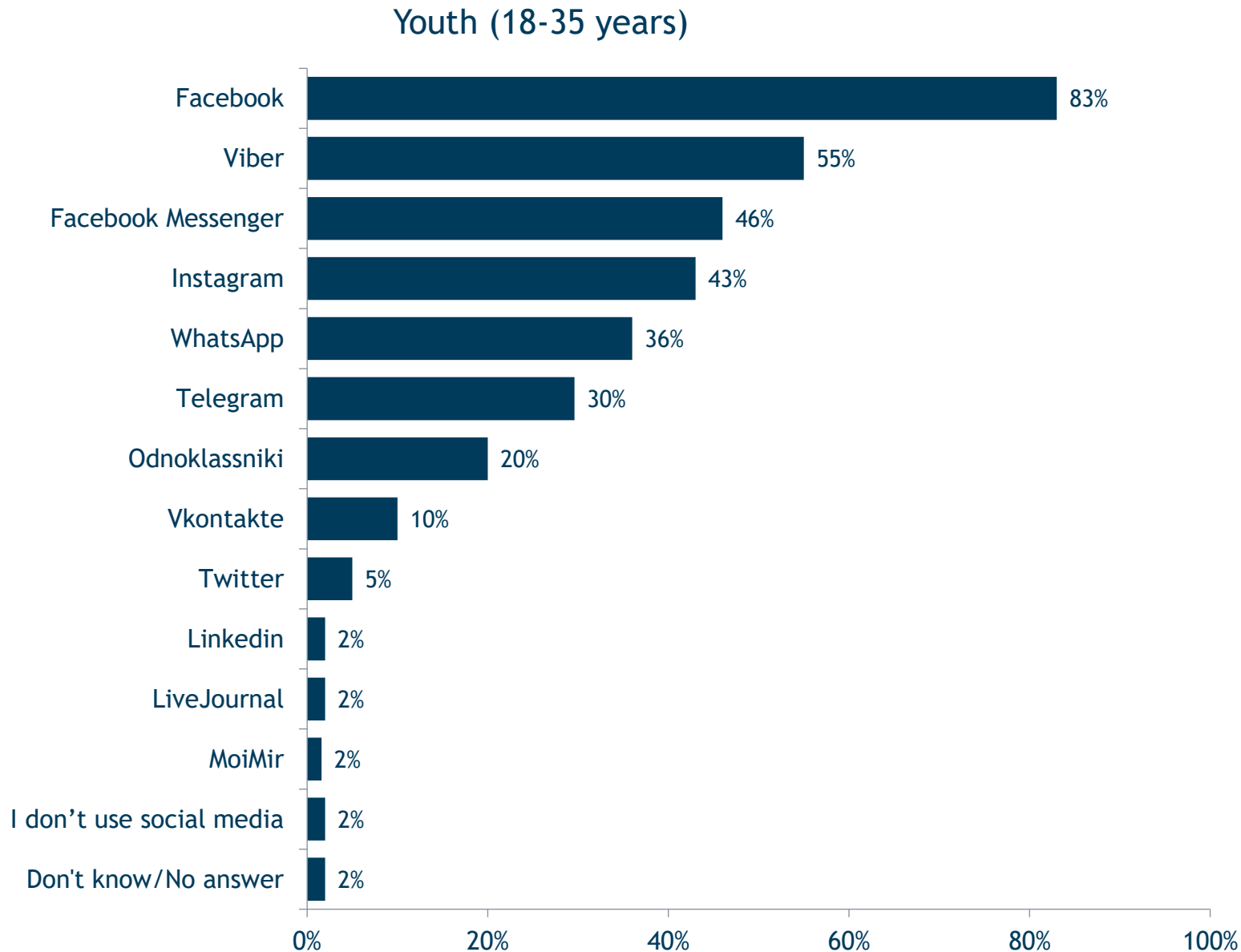
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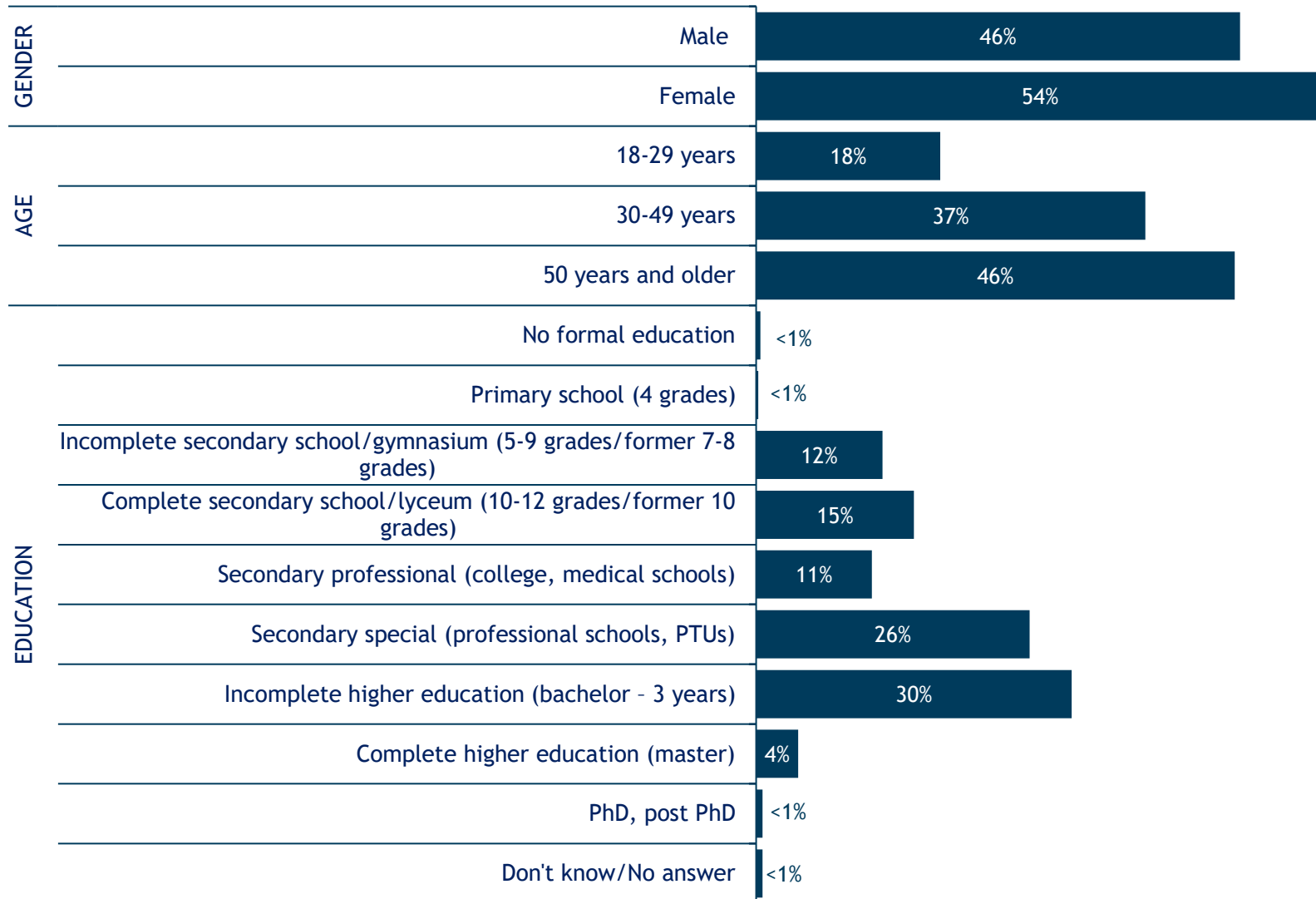


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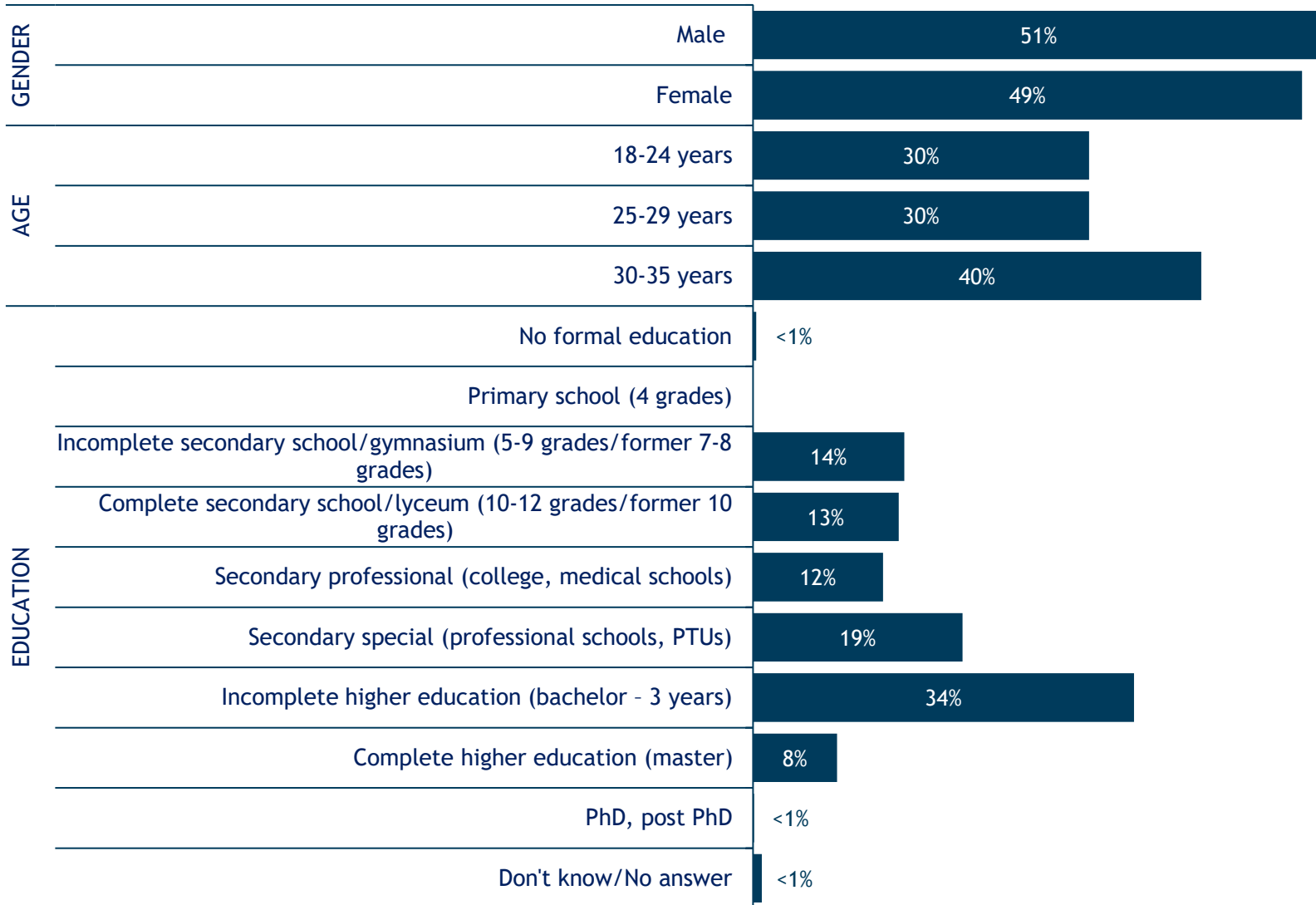
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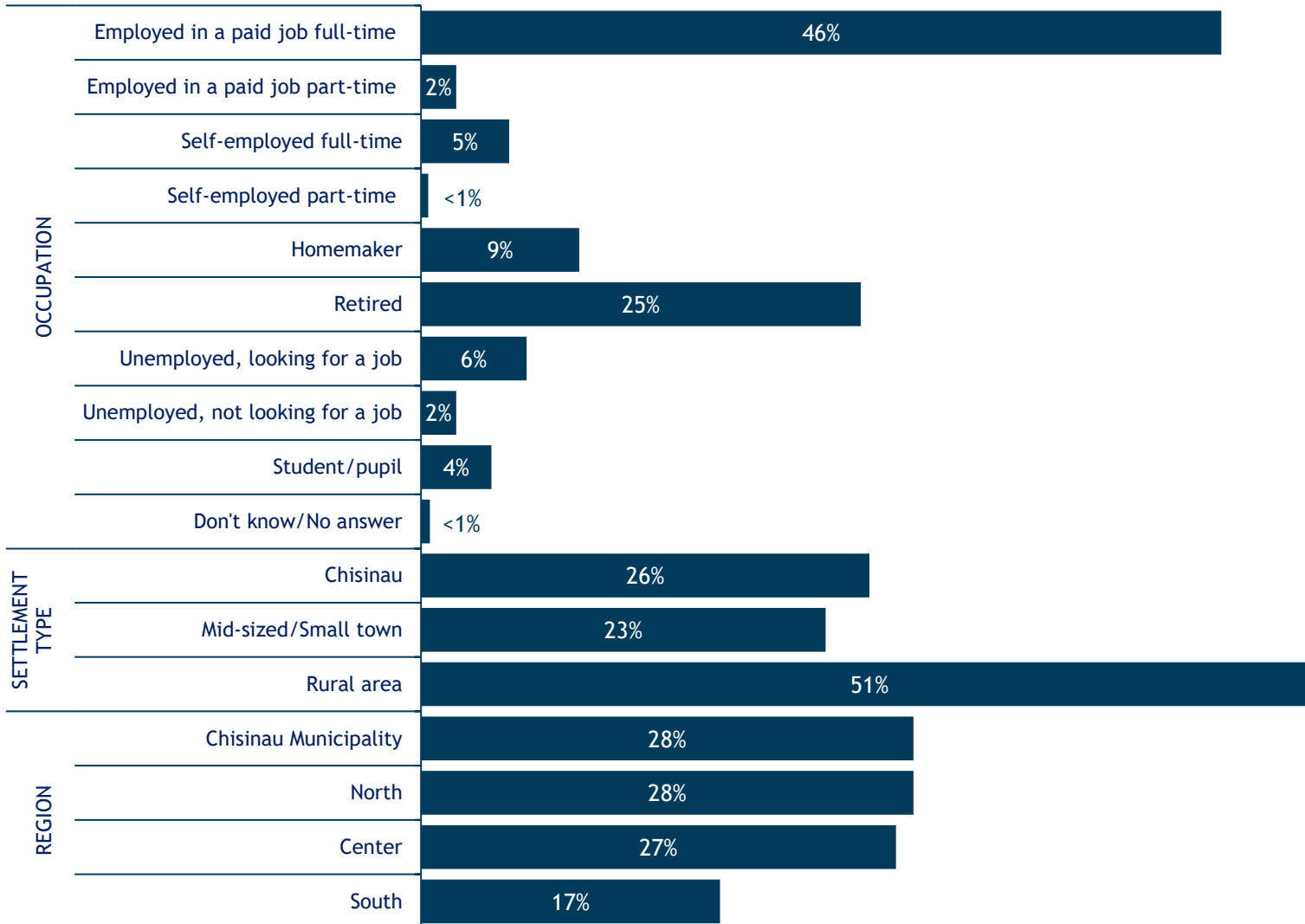
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Youth (18-35 years)



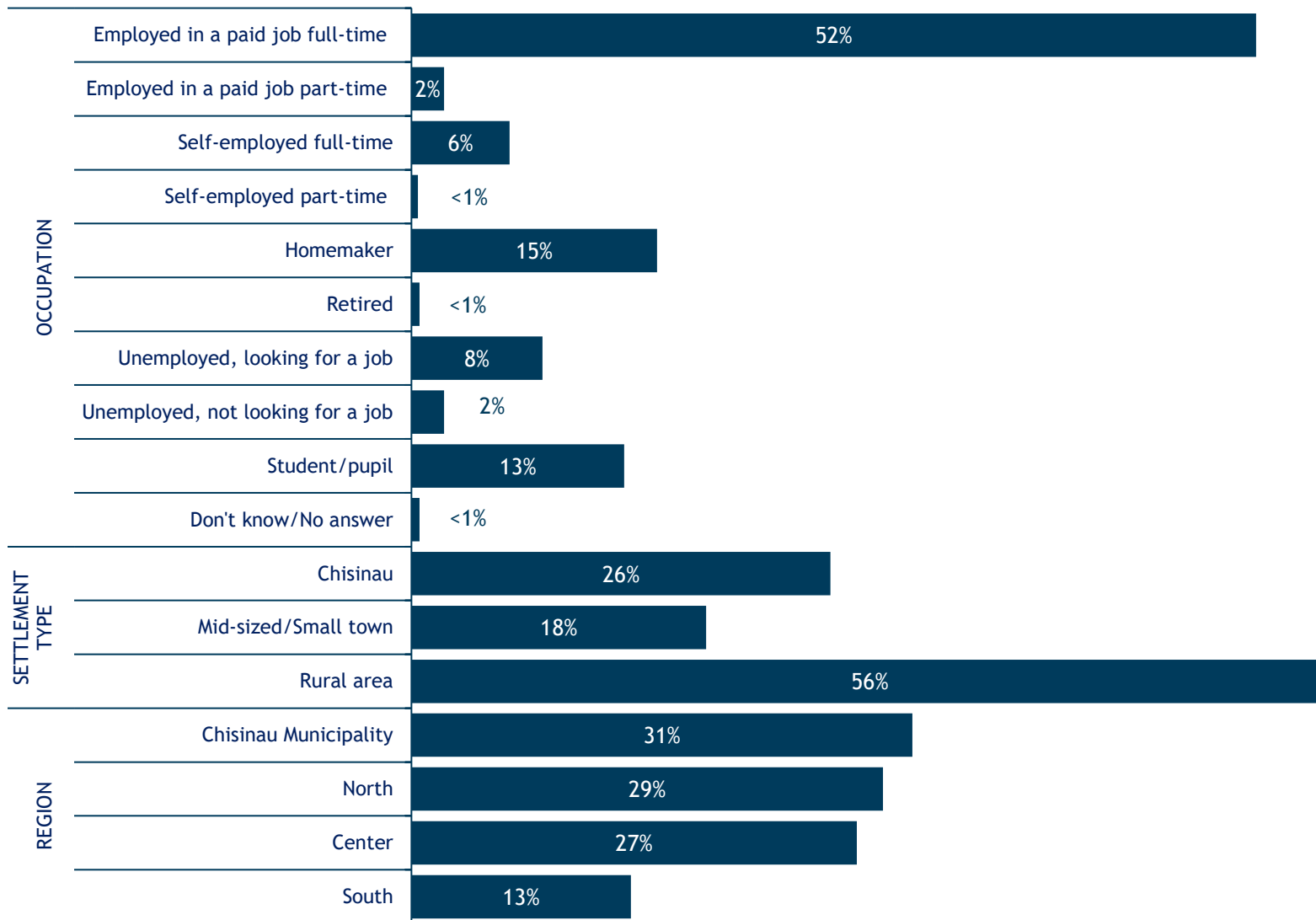
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