



Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Sierra Leone

December 16, 2021 - January 16, 2022



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Detailed Methodology

- This survey was conducted by [Pan African Field Services](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#).
- Data was collected throughout Sierra Leone from December 16, 2021, to January 16, 2022, through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of n=1,534 adults in Sierra Leone, aged 18 and older.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Households were selected by random walk in each of the 191 PSUs, and respondents were selected by Kish grid. The sampling frame was based on the 2015 Population and Housing Census of the Statistical Office of Sierra Leone and 2017 Sierra Leone National Electoral Commission Constituency and Delimitation report.
- The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age groups, and formal versus no formal education. The n's cited on the slides are unweighted.
- The response rate was 77 percent.
- The margin of error for the full sample is ± 2.5 points at 95 percent confidence level.
- 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 Disaggregate Bases

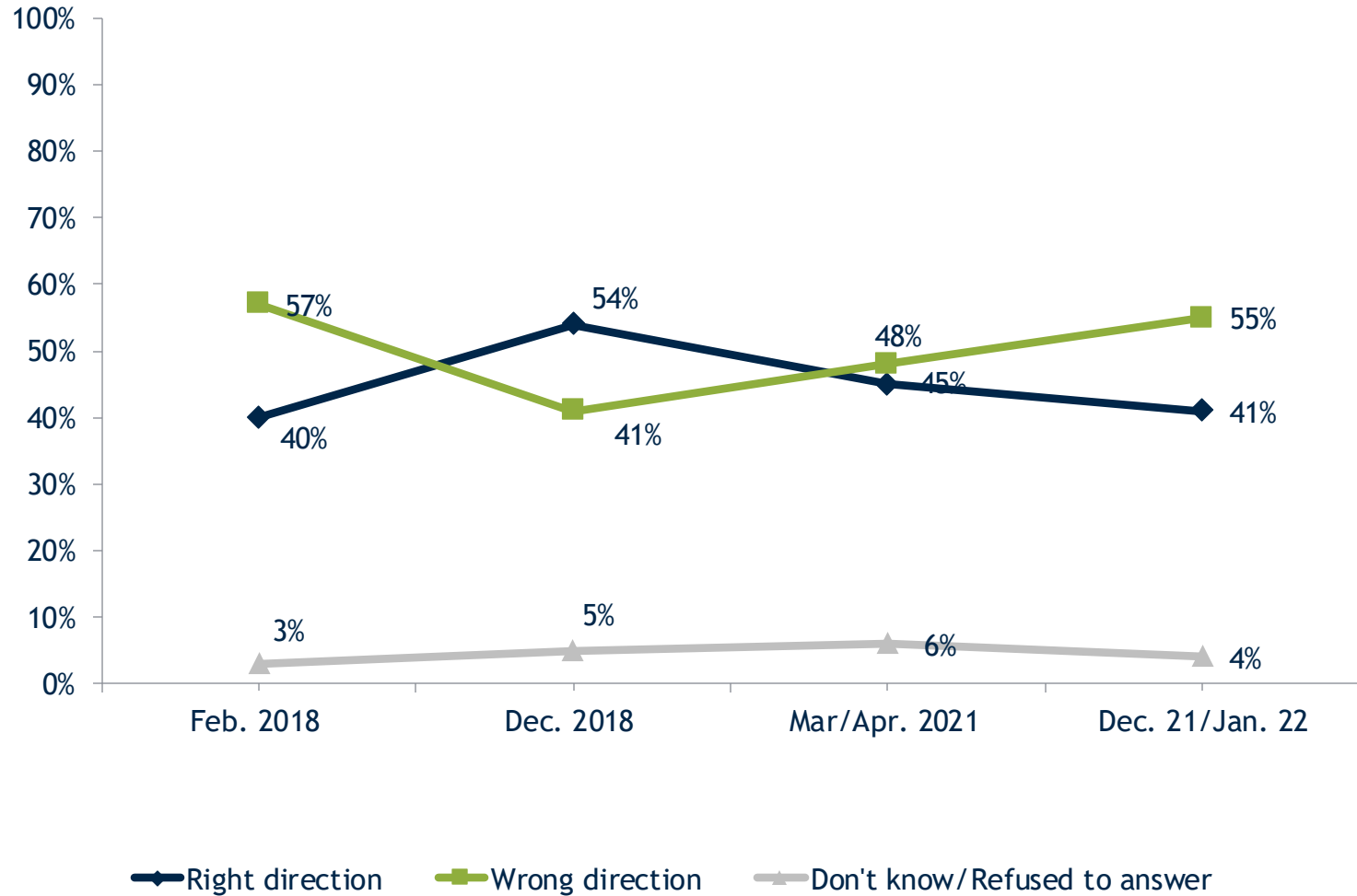
Disaggregate	Disaggregation Category	Base (Unweighted)
Gender	Male	n=824
	Female	n=710
Area	Freetown (Western Urban)	n=216
	Urban	n=455
	Rural	n=863
Age	Age 18-35	n=940
	Age 36+	n=594



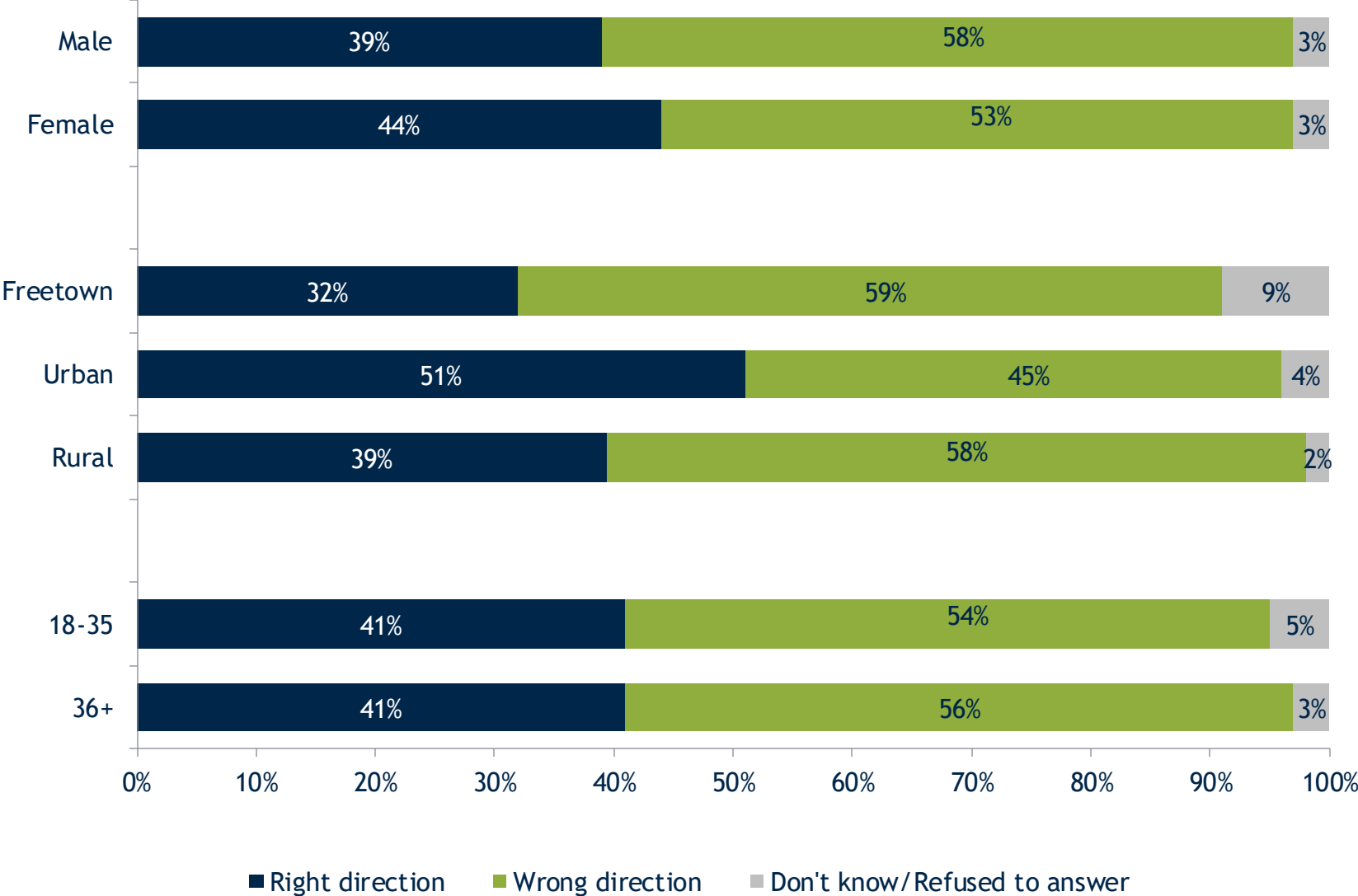
National Outlook



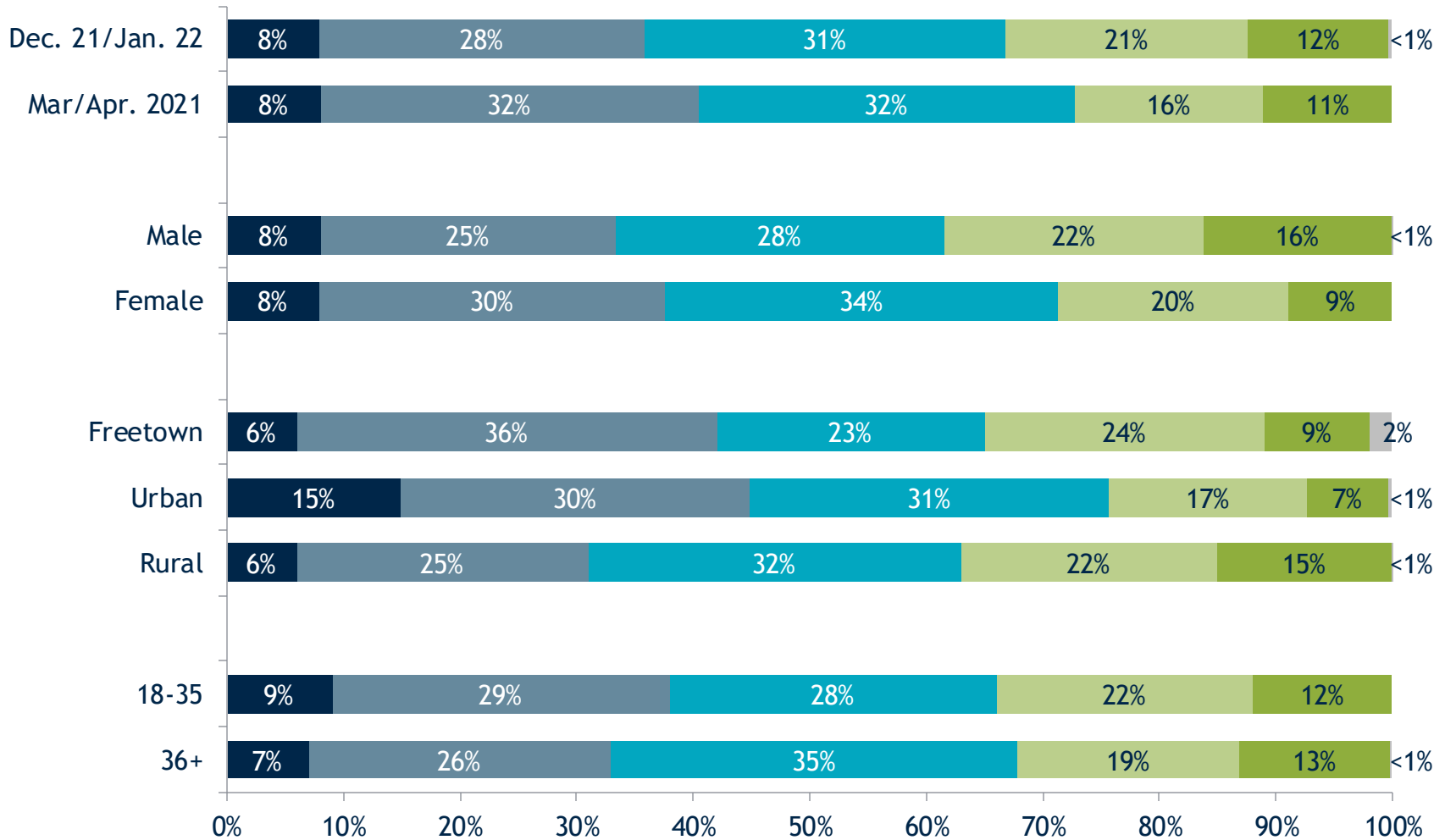
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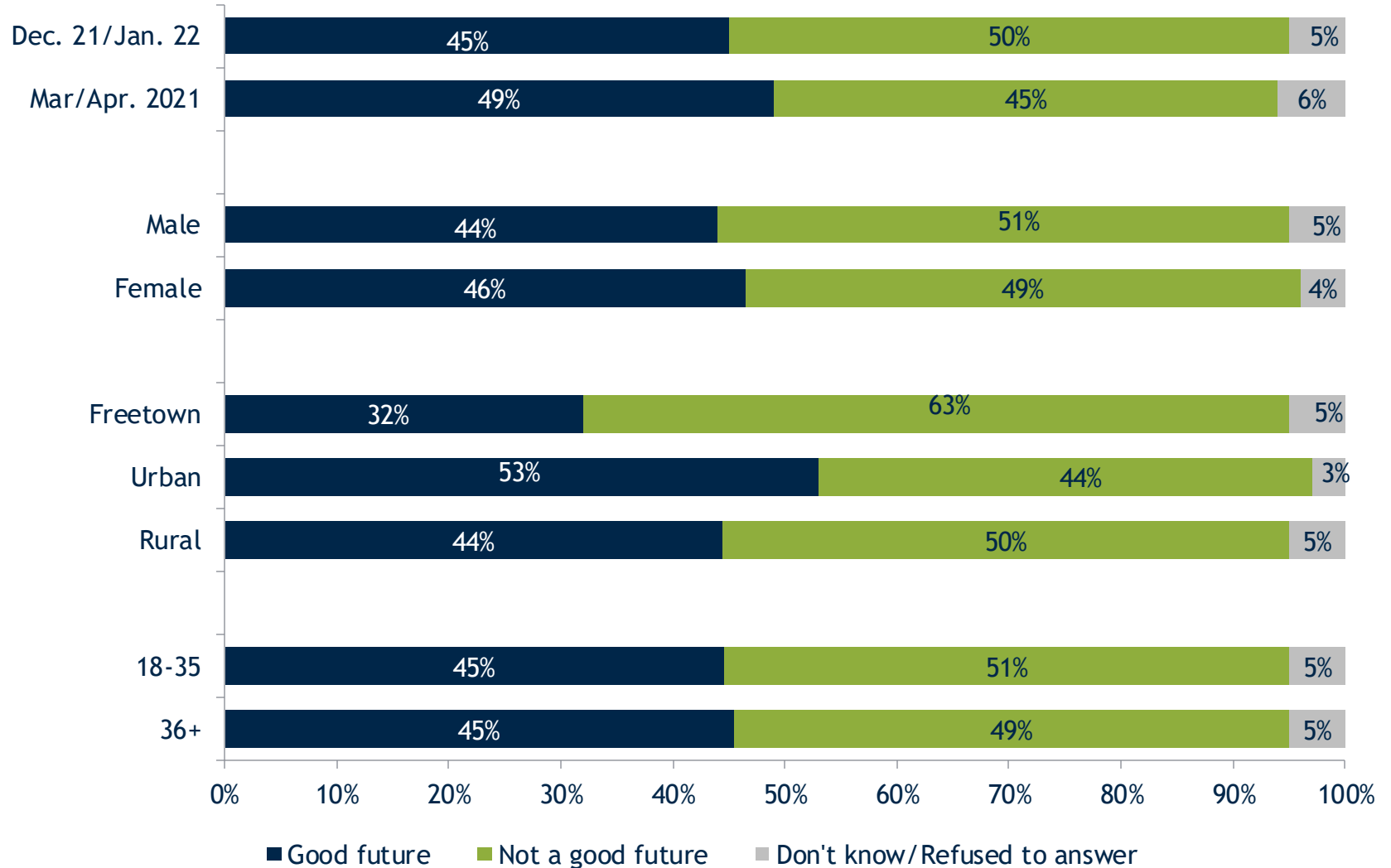


Speaking personally, over the past 12 months, how has your overall quality of life changed...?

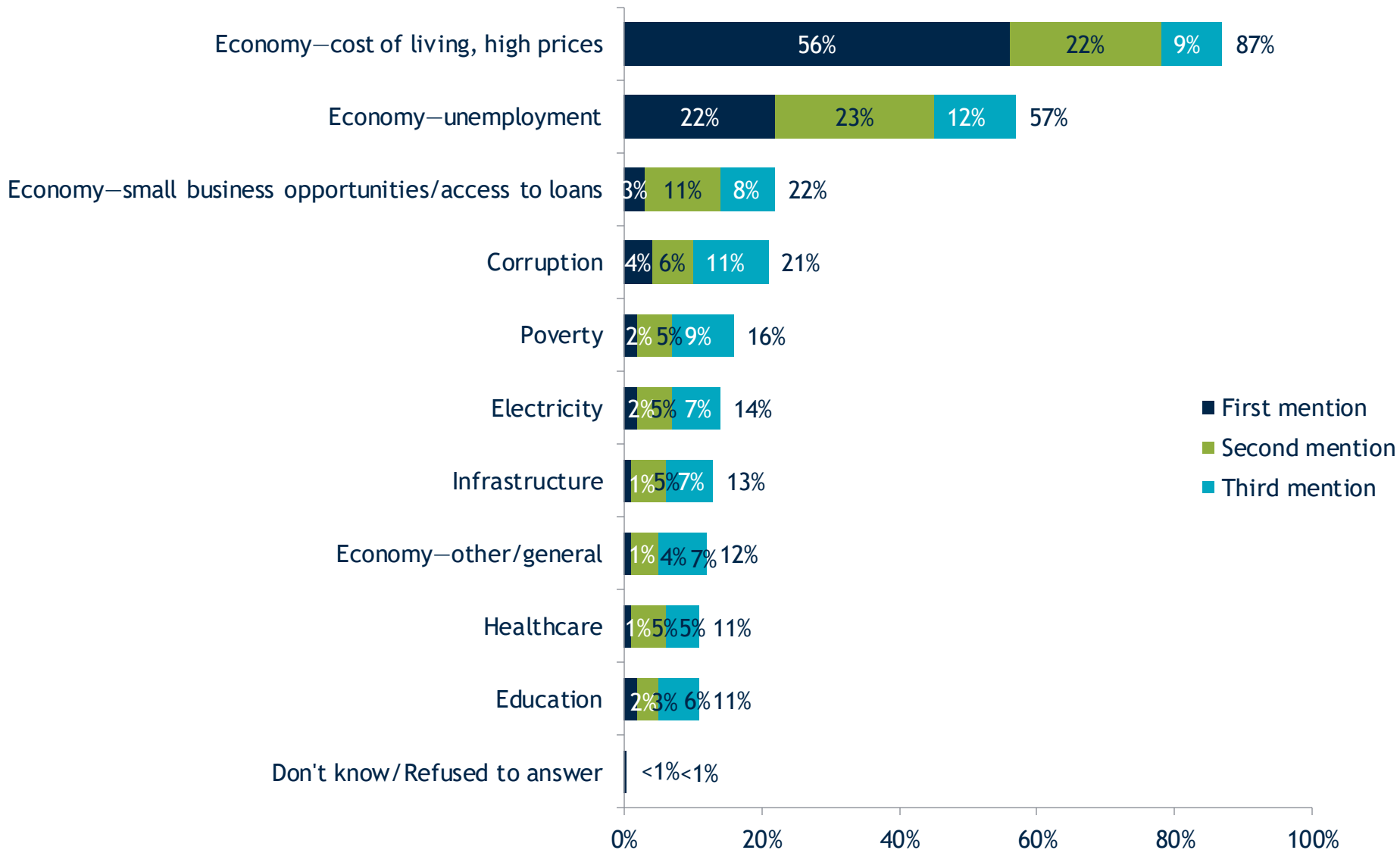


Improved a lot
 Improved somewhat
 Stayed the same
 Worsened somewhat
 Worsened a lot
 Don't know/Refused to answer

Do you think that today's generation of young people has a good future in our country or not?

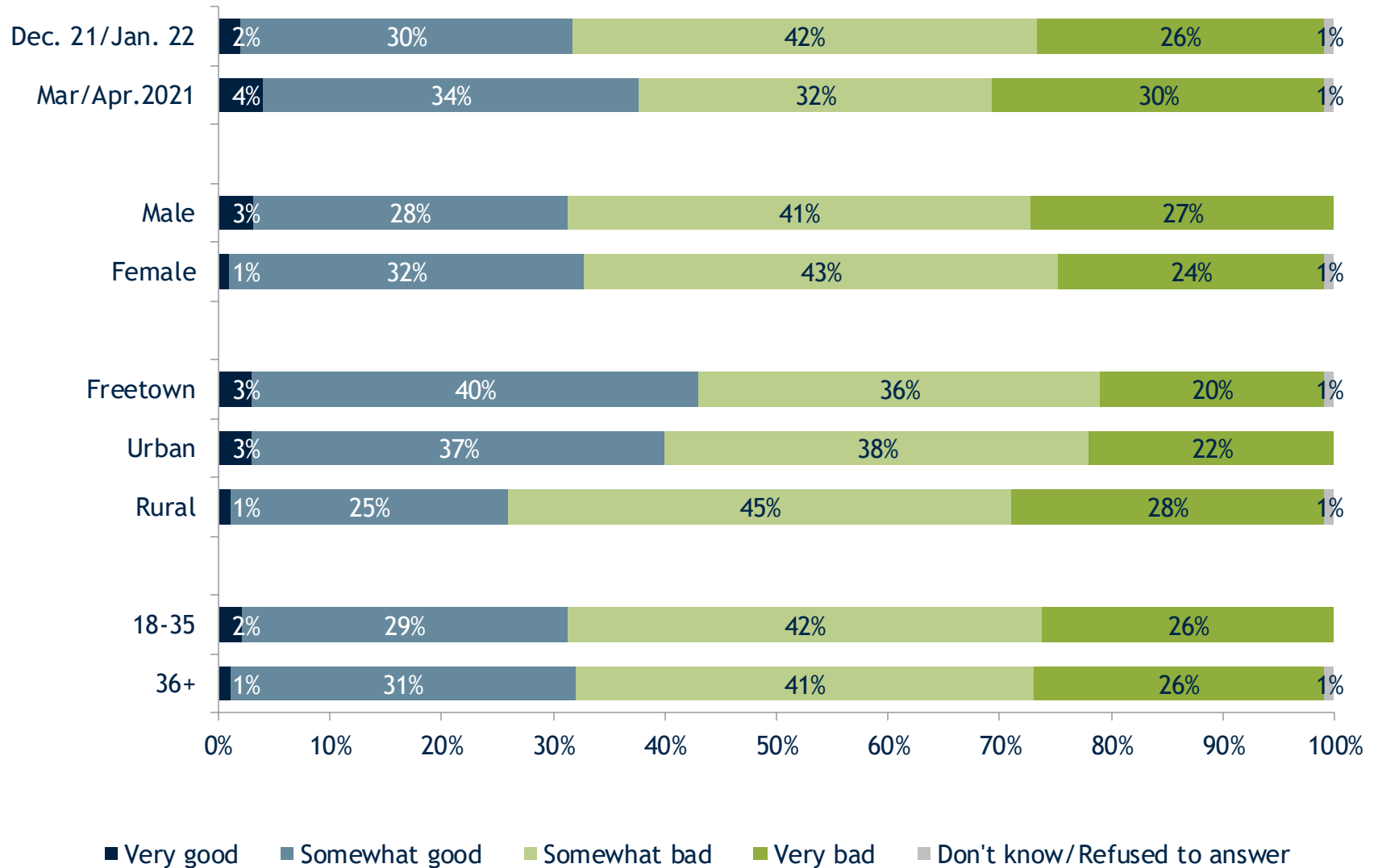


What is the most important problem facing our country today? (Spontaneous response; up to three responses allowed)

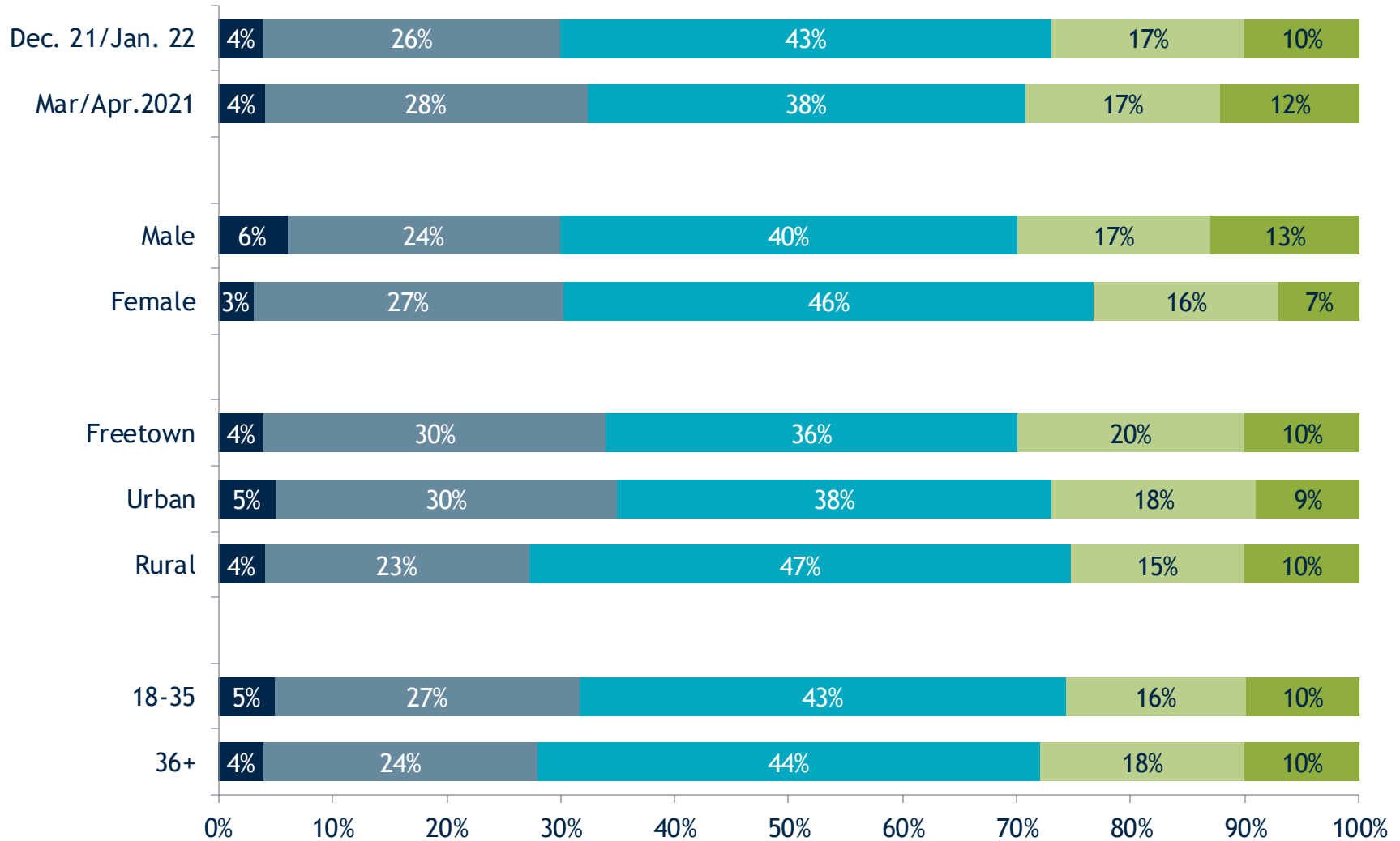


Top ten responses displayed.

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

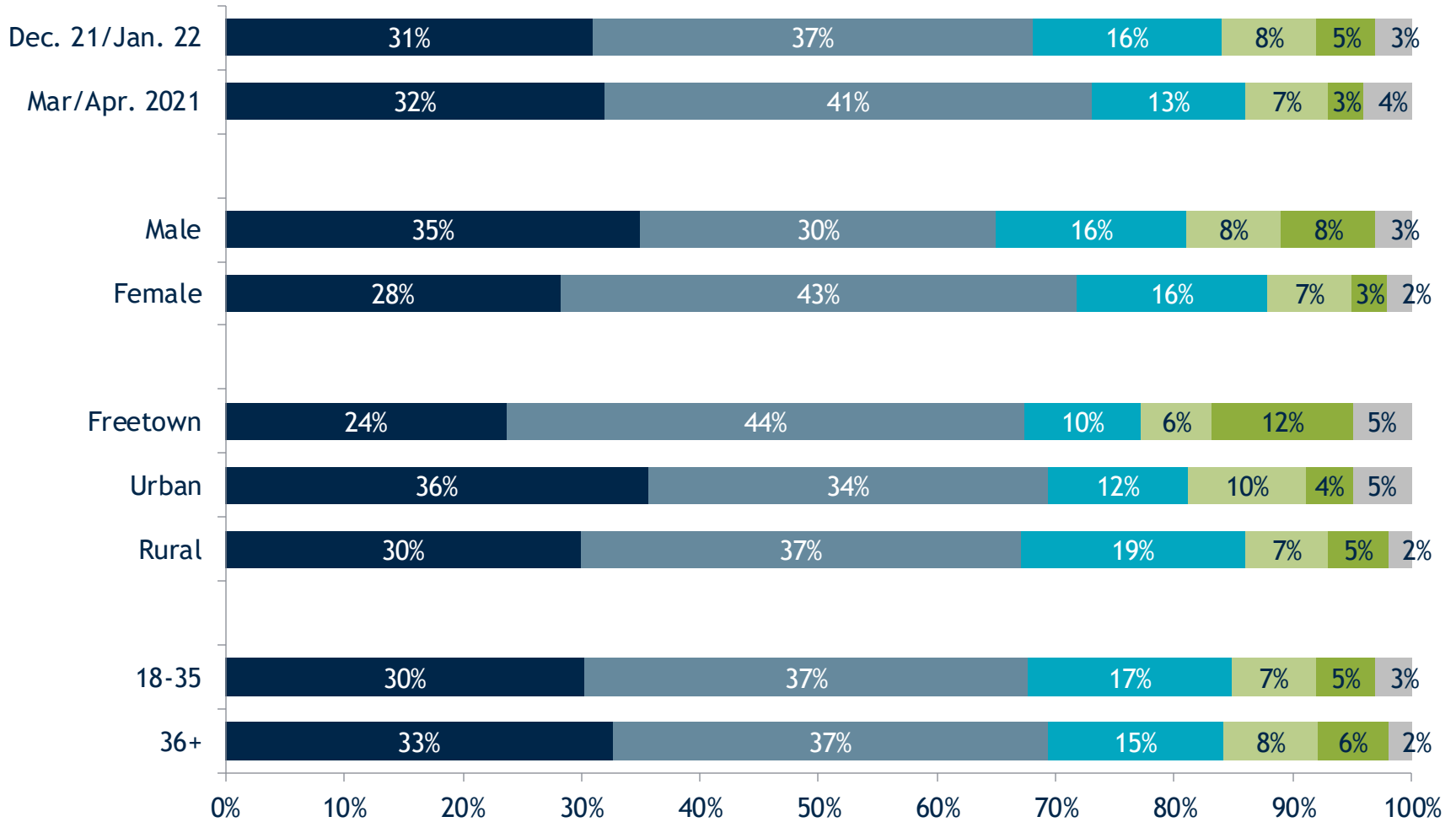


Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation of your household changed?



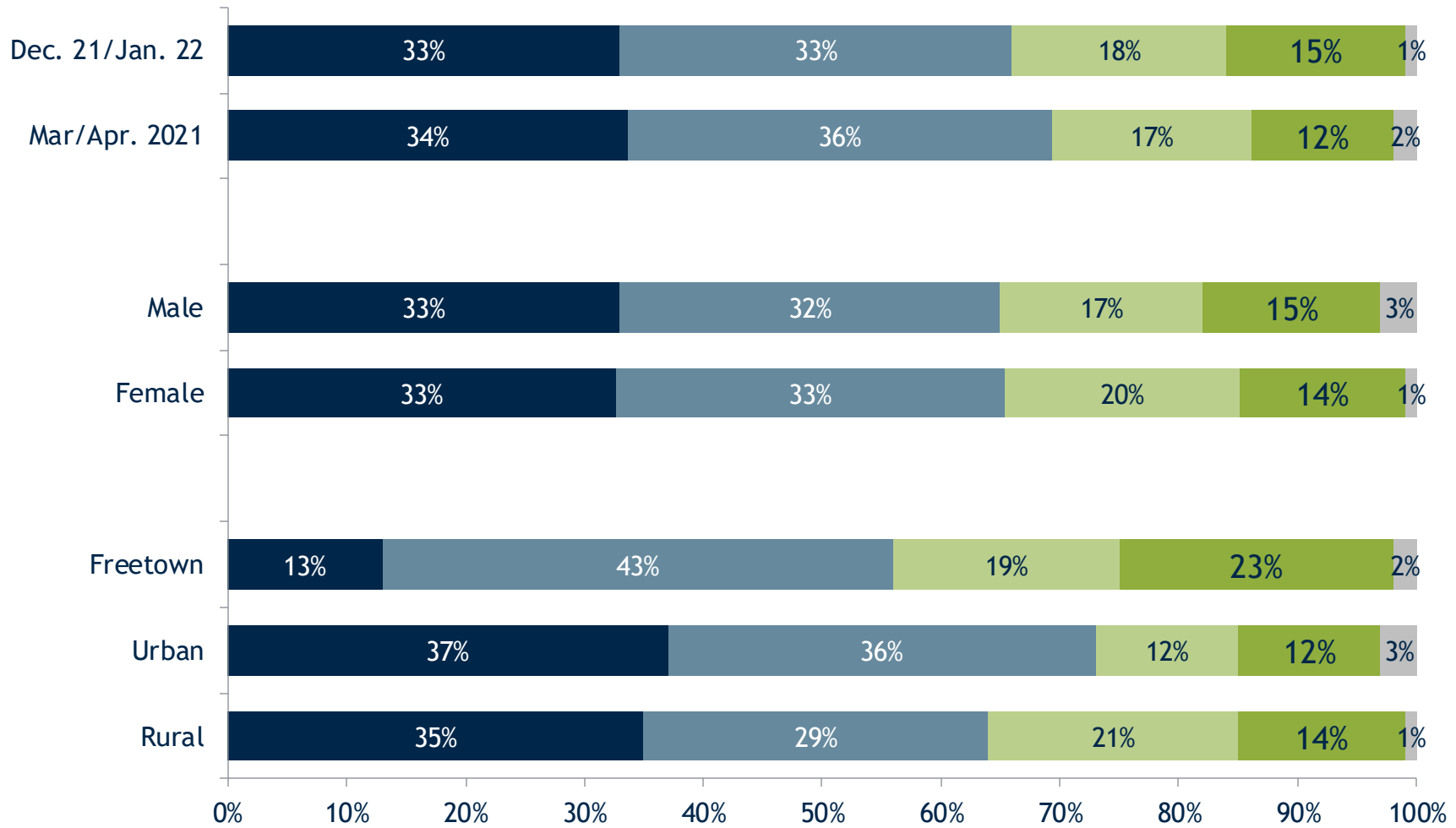
■ Improved a lot
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 ■ Worsened somewhat
 ■ Worsened a lot

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/Refused to answer

Two years in, how would you rate the ‘Free Quality School Education’ program for pre-primary, primary, junior and senior schools for government and government-assisted schools.



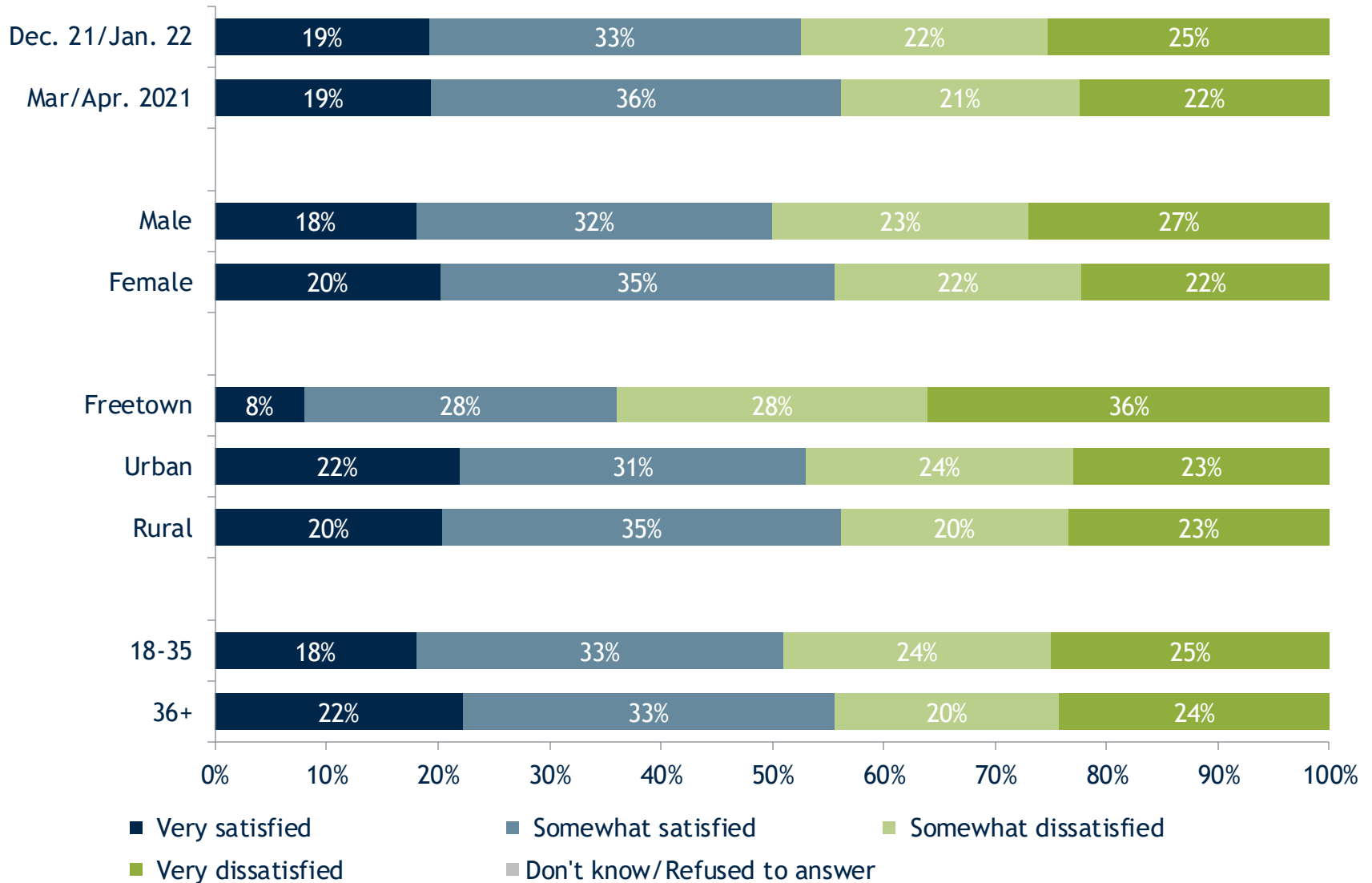
Very good
 Somewhat good
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 Don't know/Refused to answer



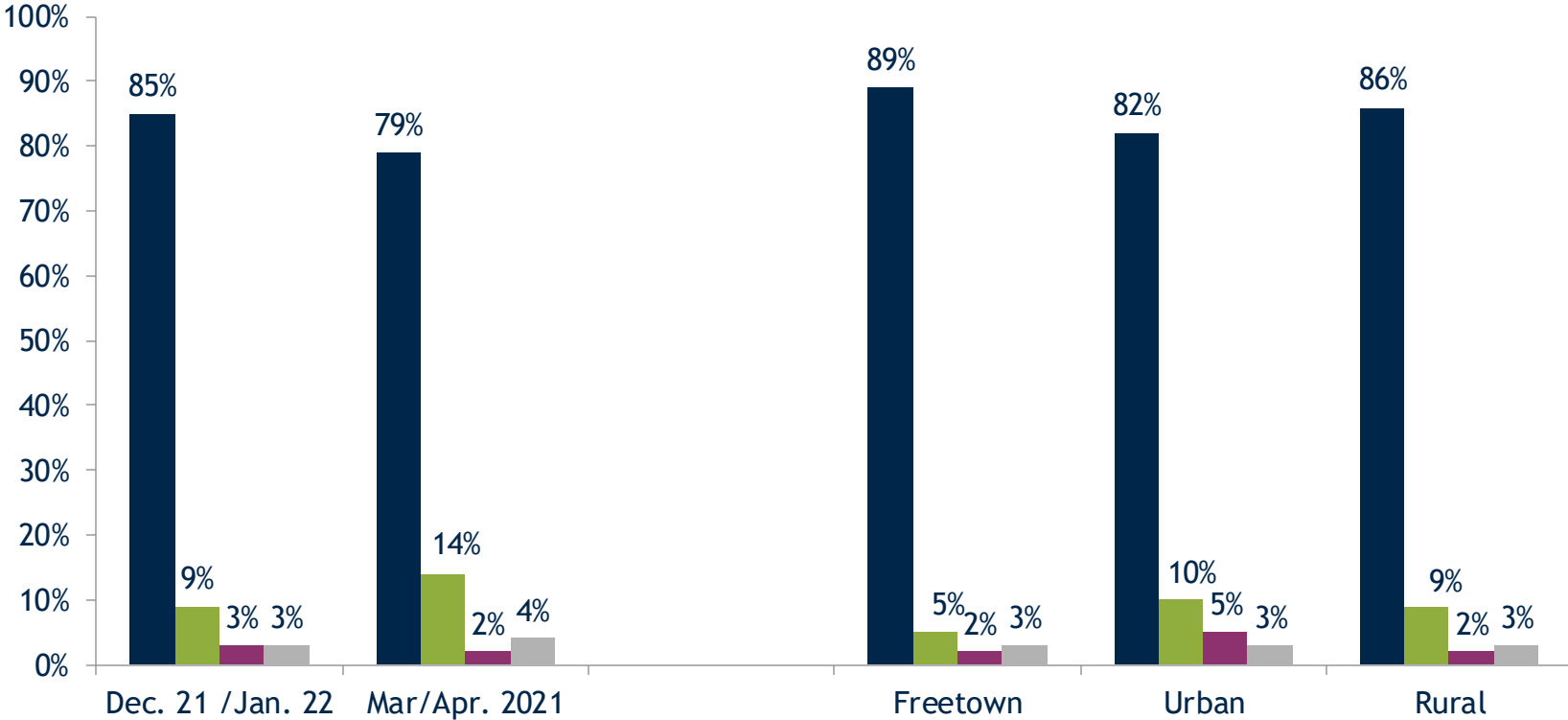
Democracy



How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?

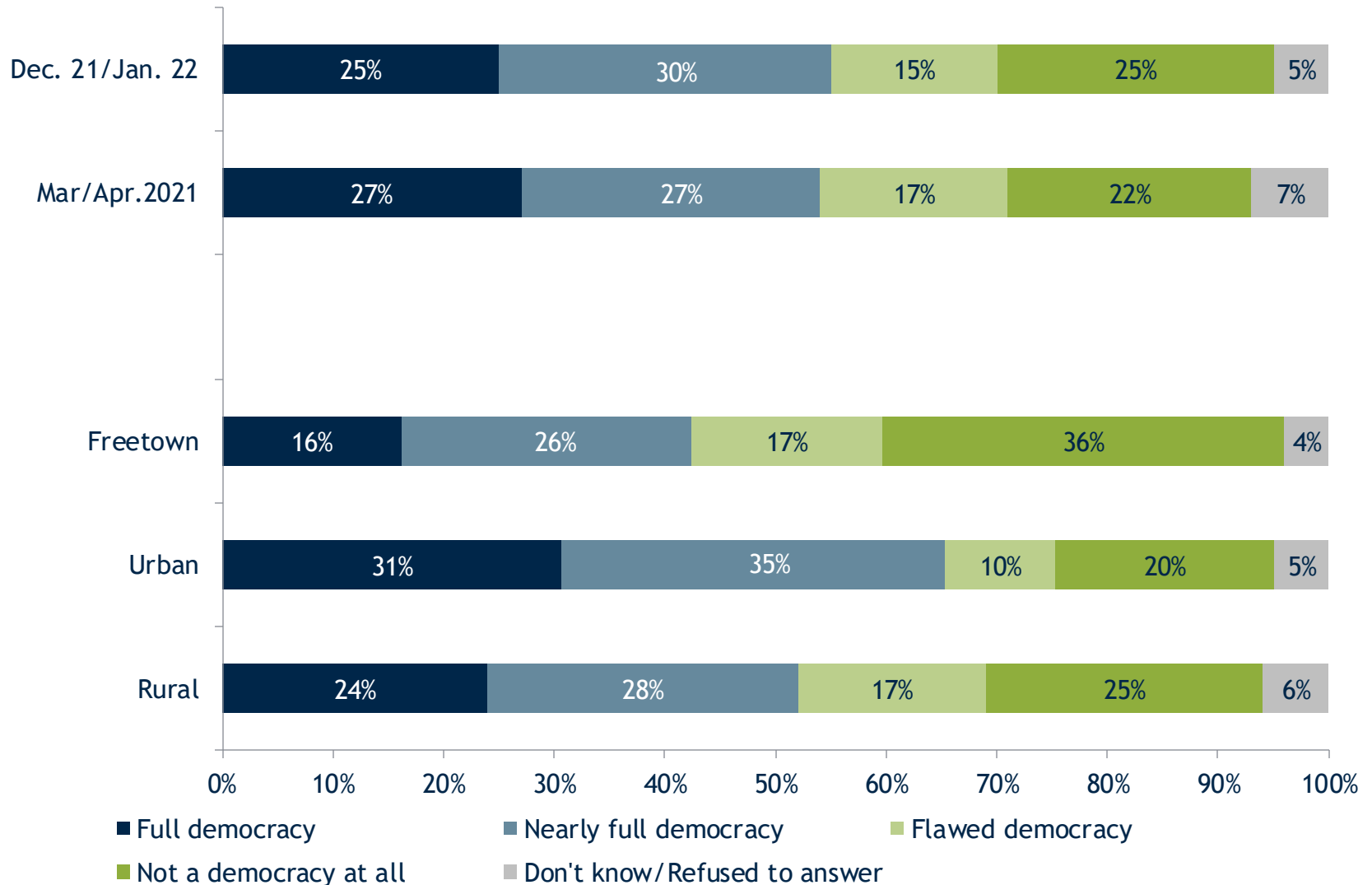


Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

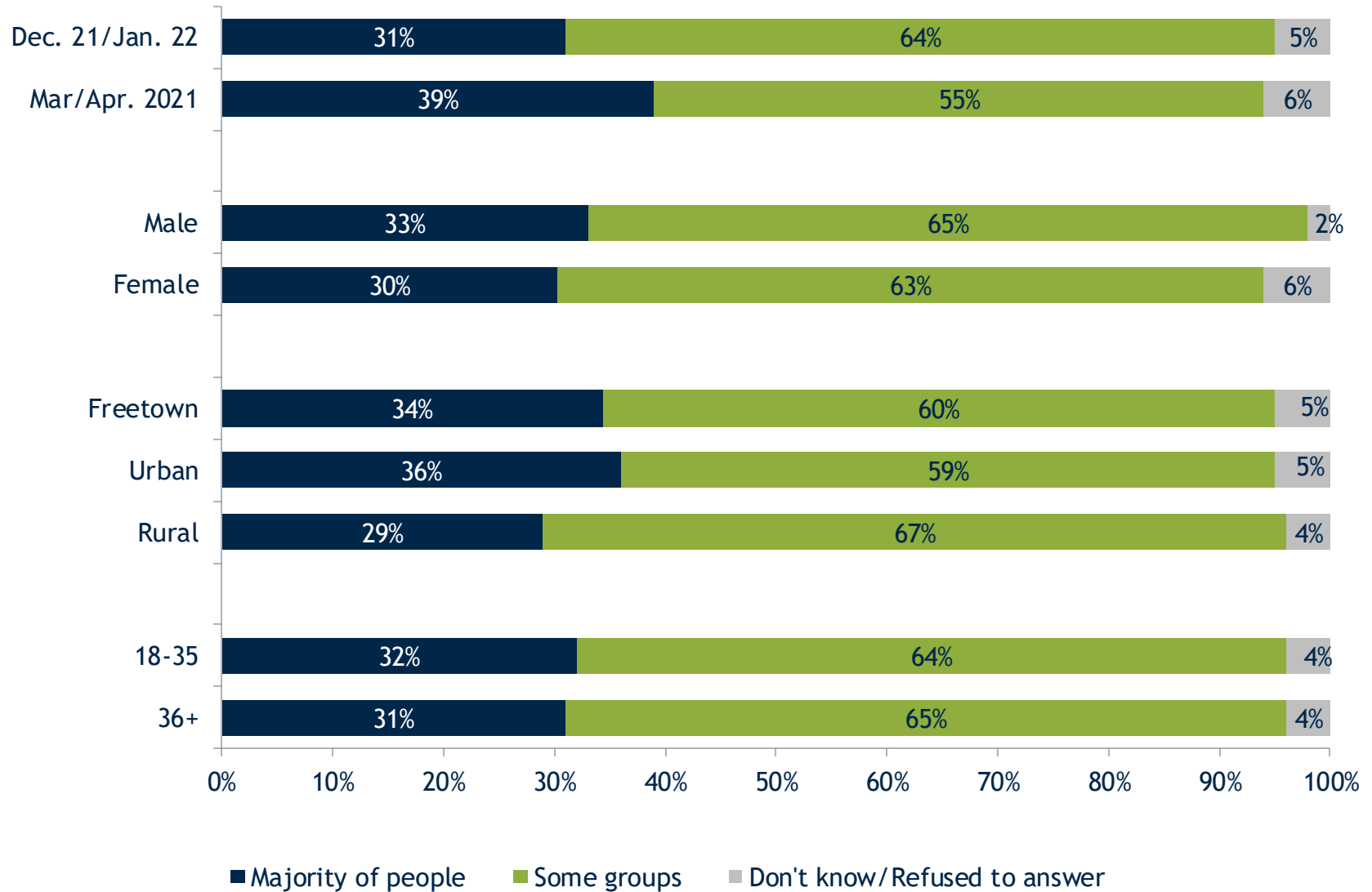


- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country.
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy.
- Don't know/Refused to answer

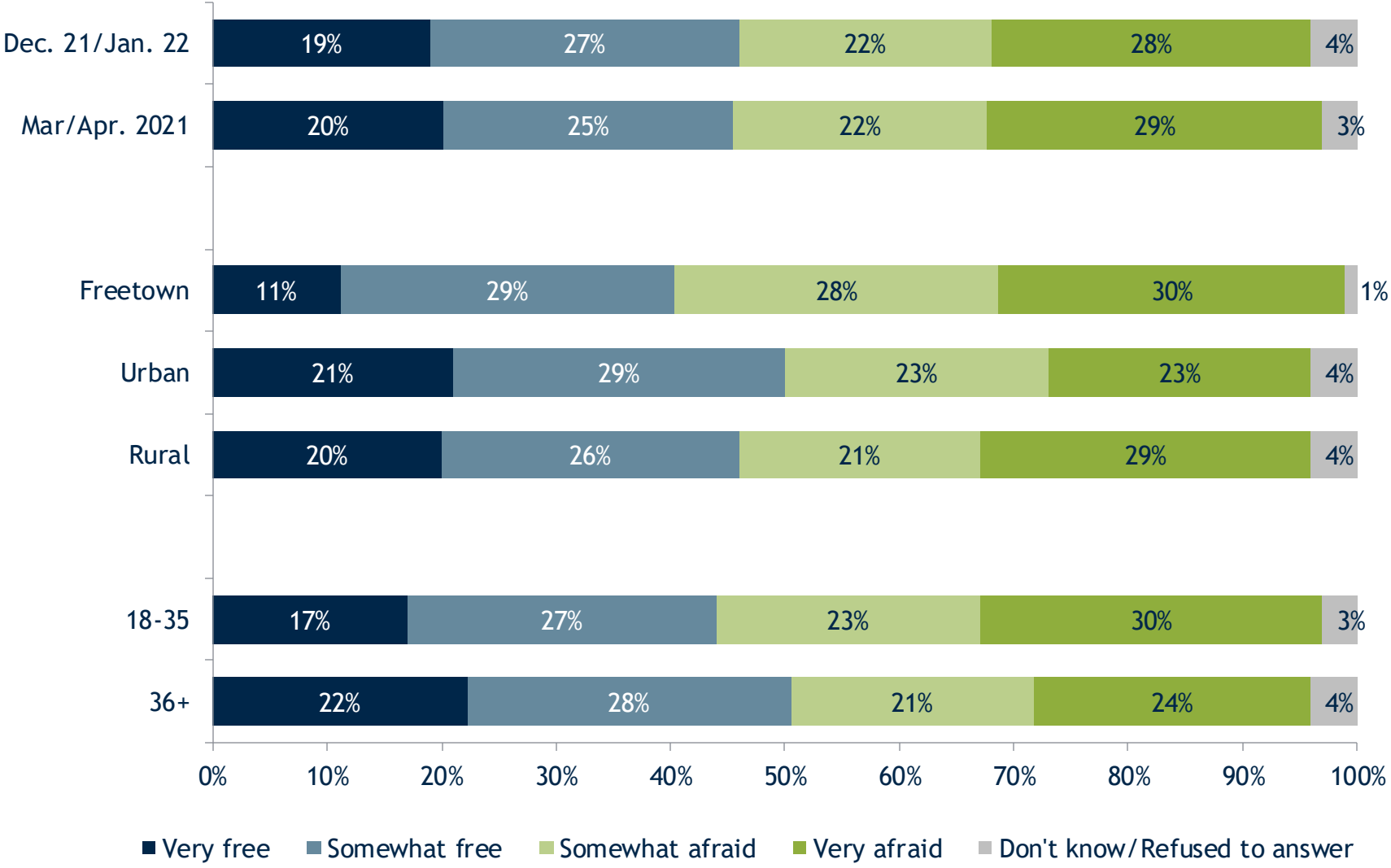
Thinking about our country's current political system, do you believe it is a...?



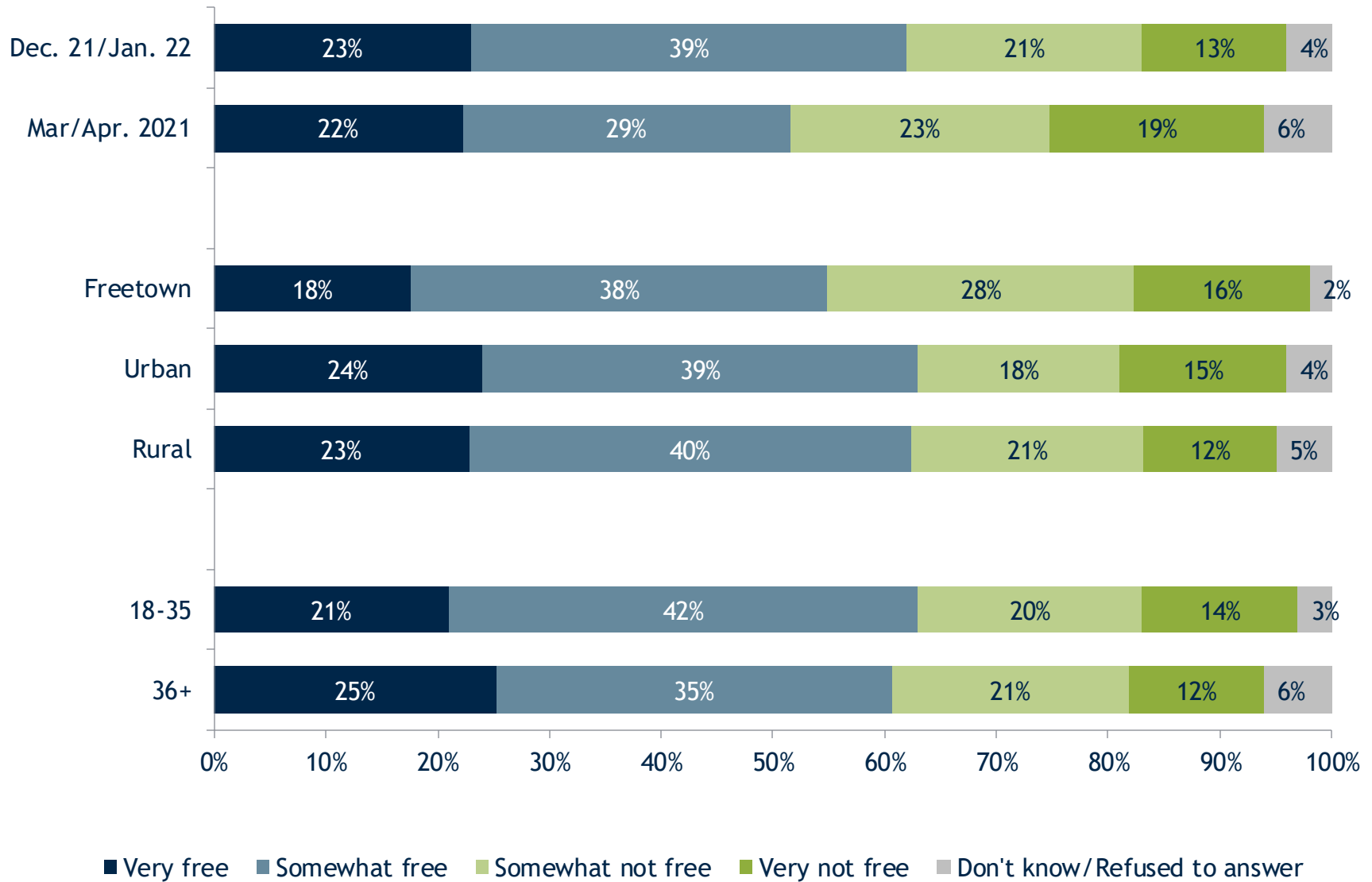
Do you consider our country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or in the interest of some groups?



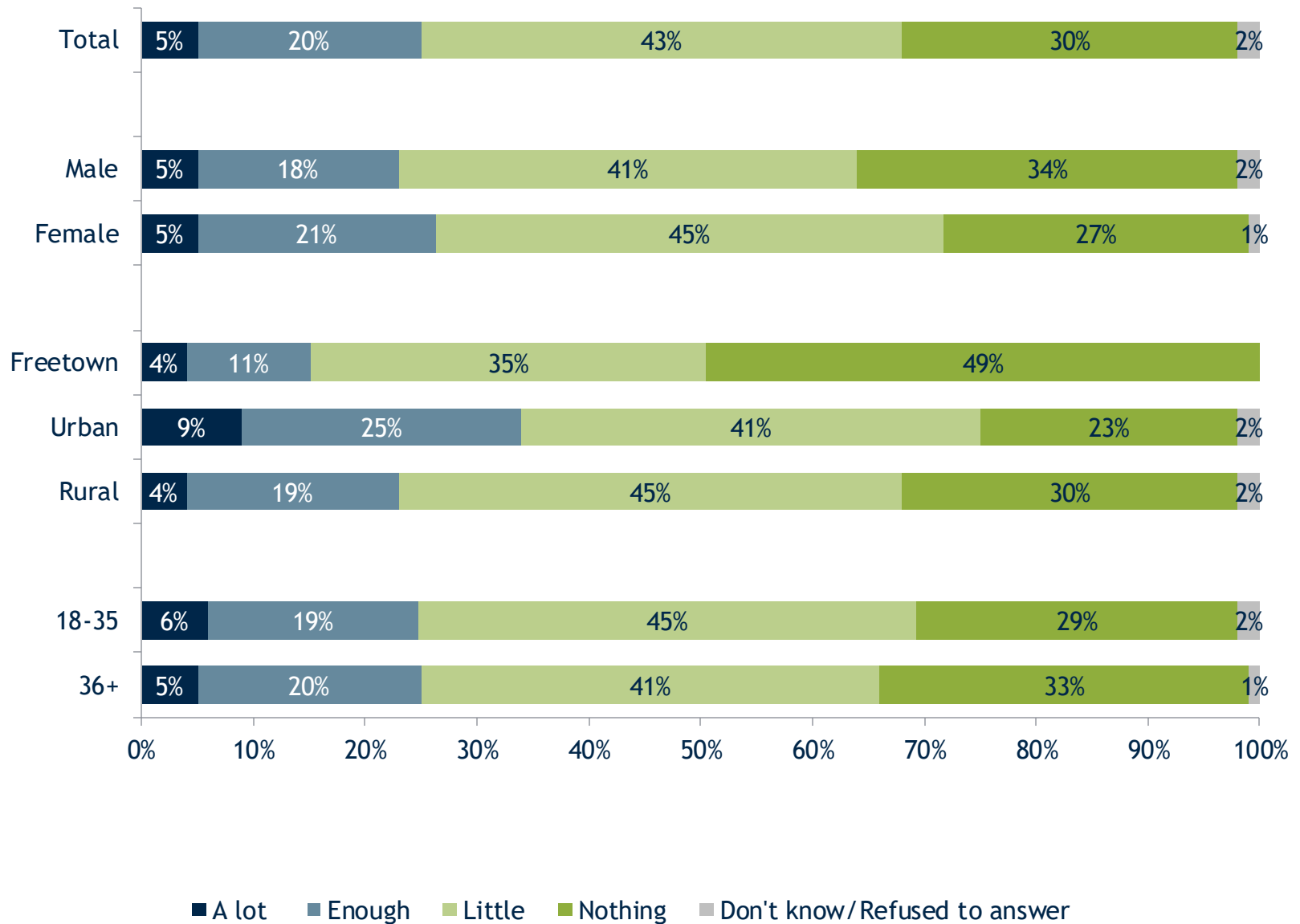
Do people in our country feel free to openly express their opinions or are they afraid?



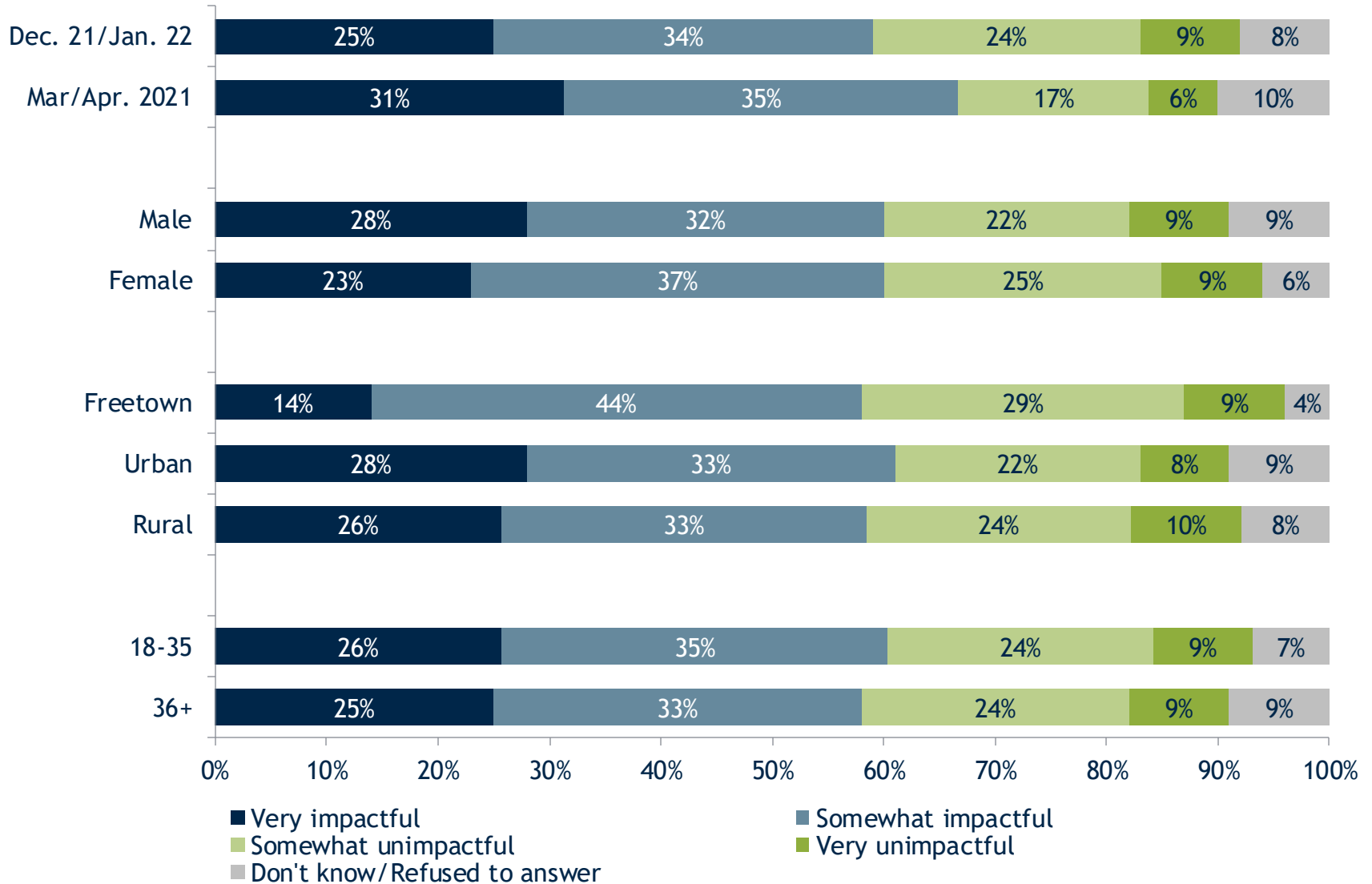
Are the media in our country free to independently cover any issue or not?



In general, is the national government doing a lot, enough, little, or nothing to address the needs of people like you?

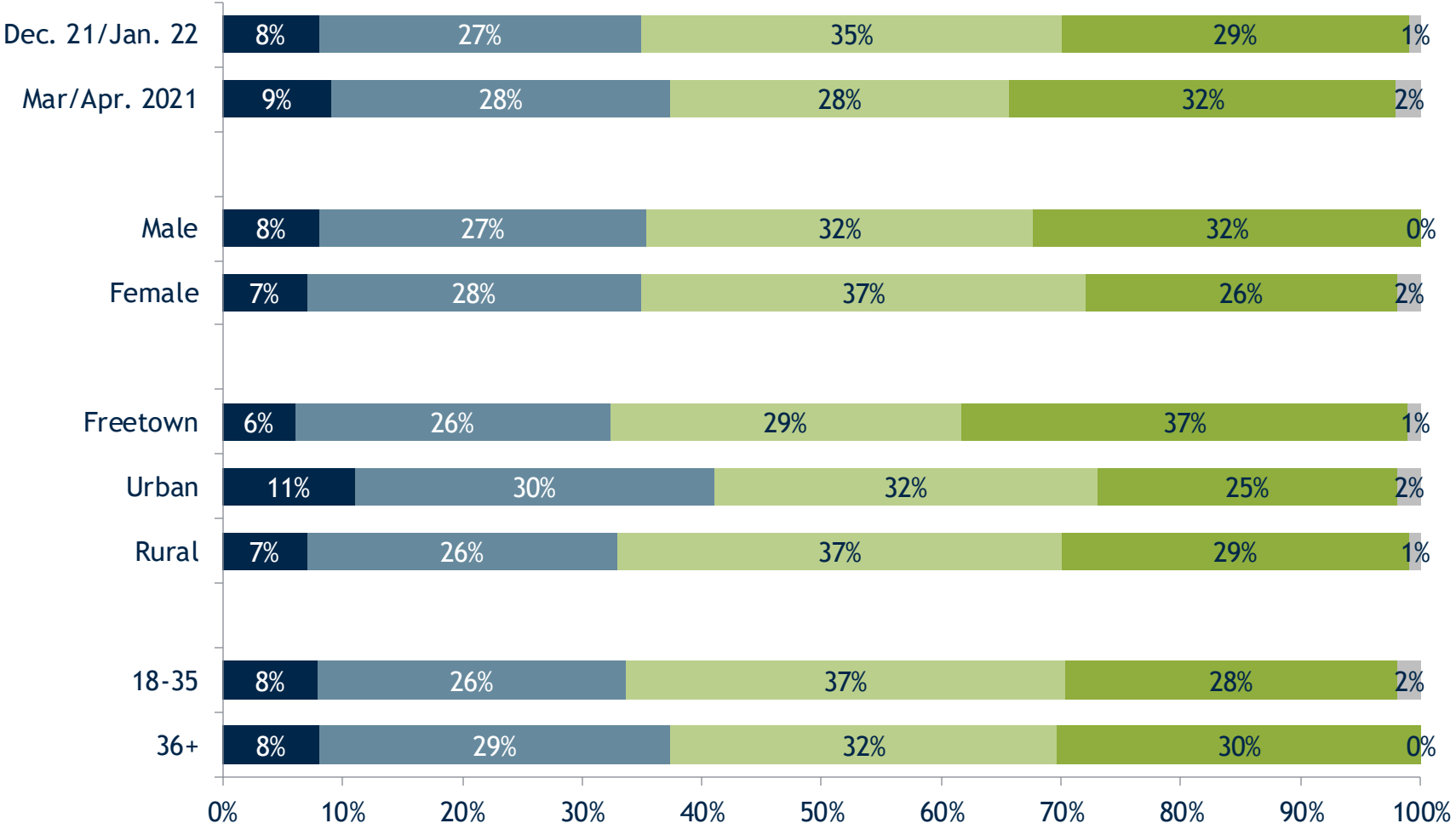


To what extent do civil society organizations (CSOs*) impact government policy in our country?



* CSOs are local, national or international groups of people who organize to support a particular interest, group or issue.

Do you agree or disagree that political parties are doing enough to address the needs of voters like you?



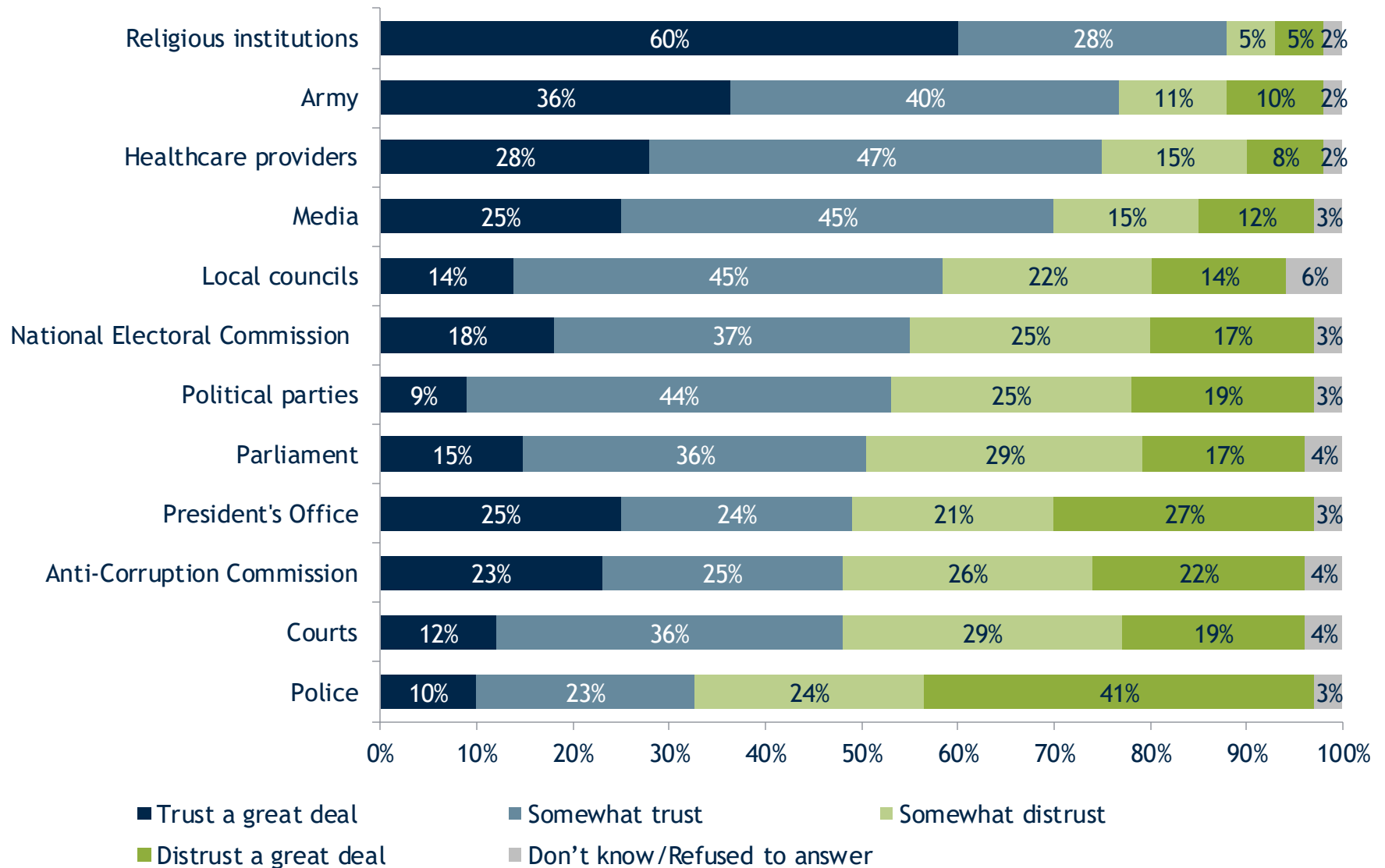
■ Strongly agree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree
 ■ Don't know/Refused to answer



Trust in Institutions

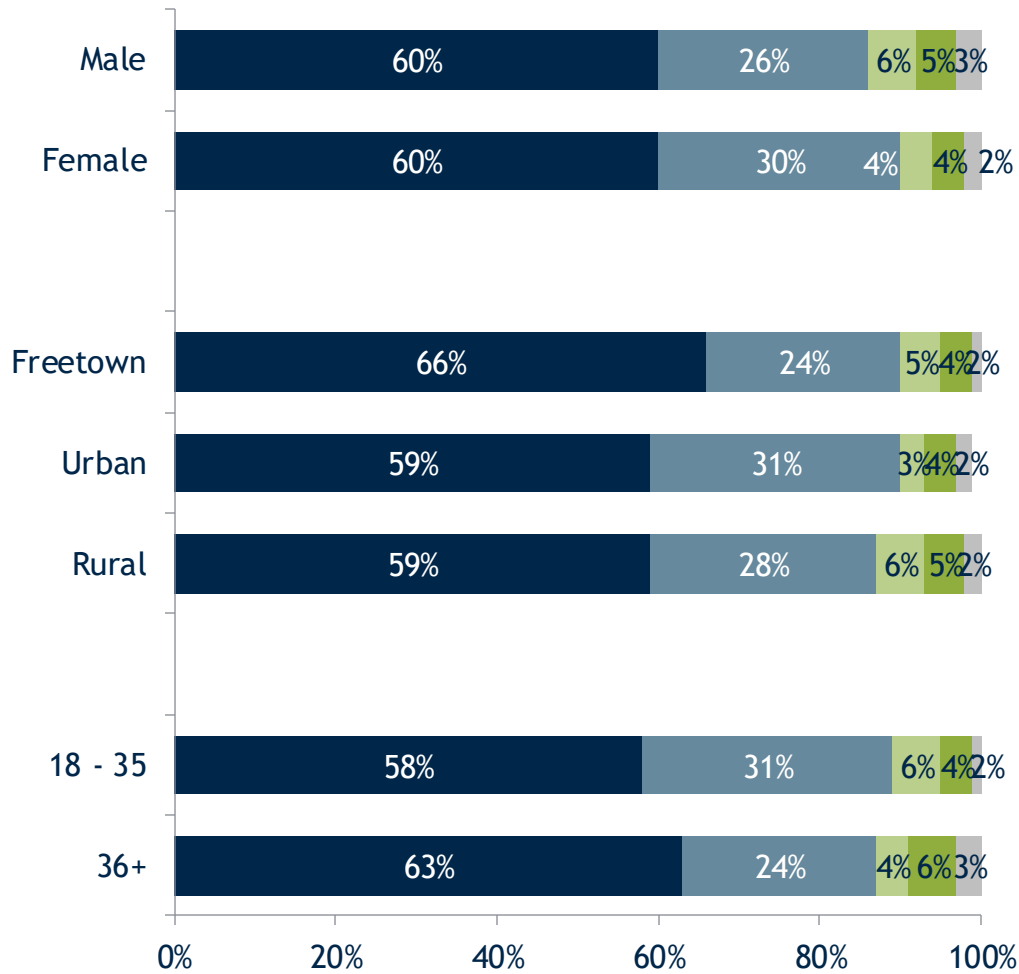
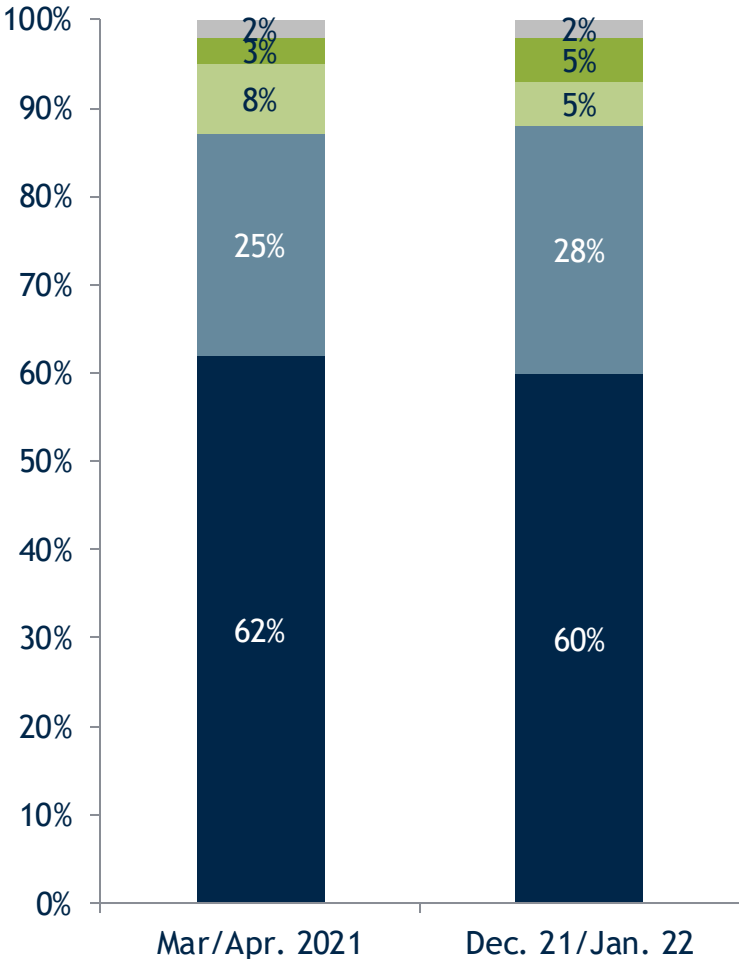


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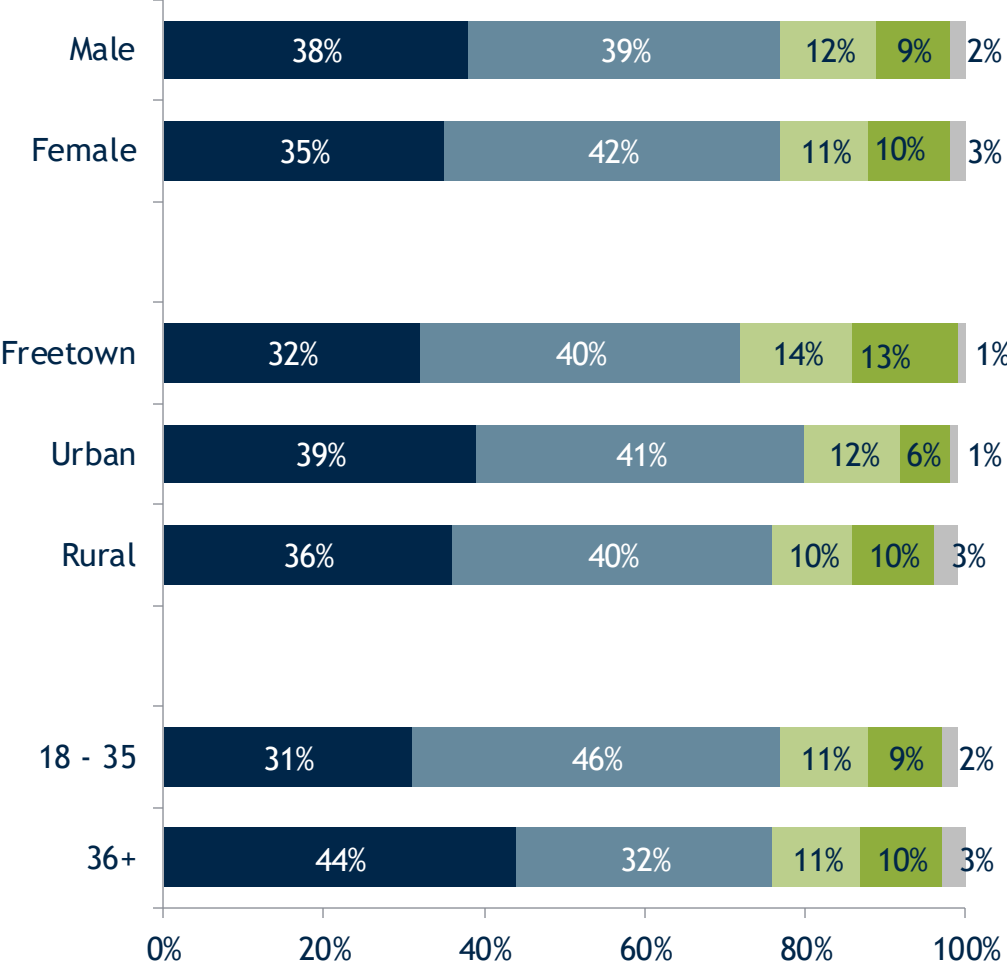
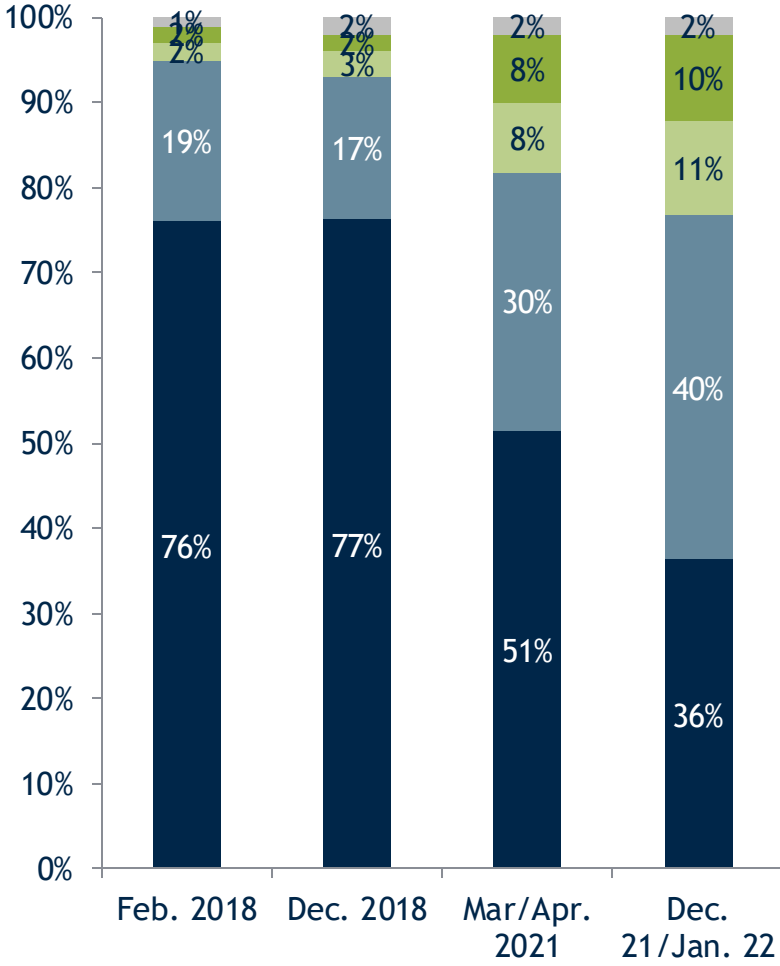
Religious institutions



Trust a great deal
 Somewhat trust
 Somewhat distrust
 Distrust a great deal
 Don't know/Refused to answer

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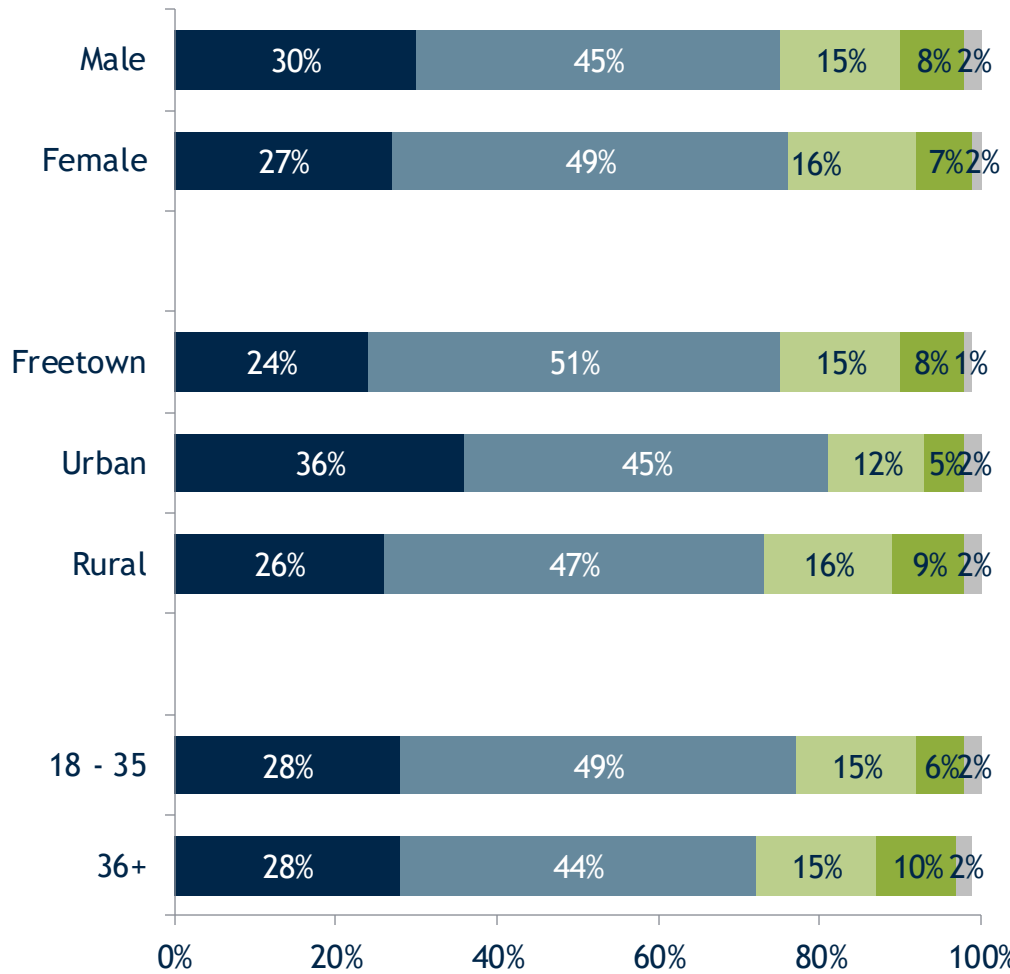
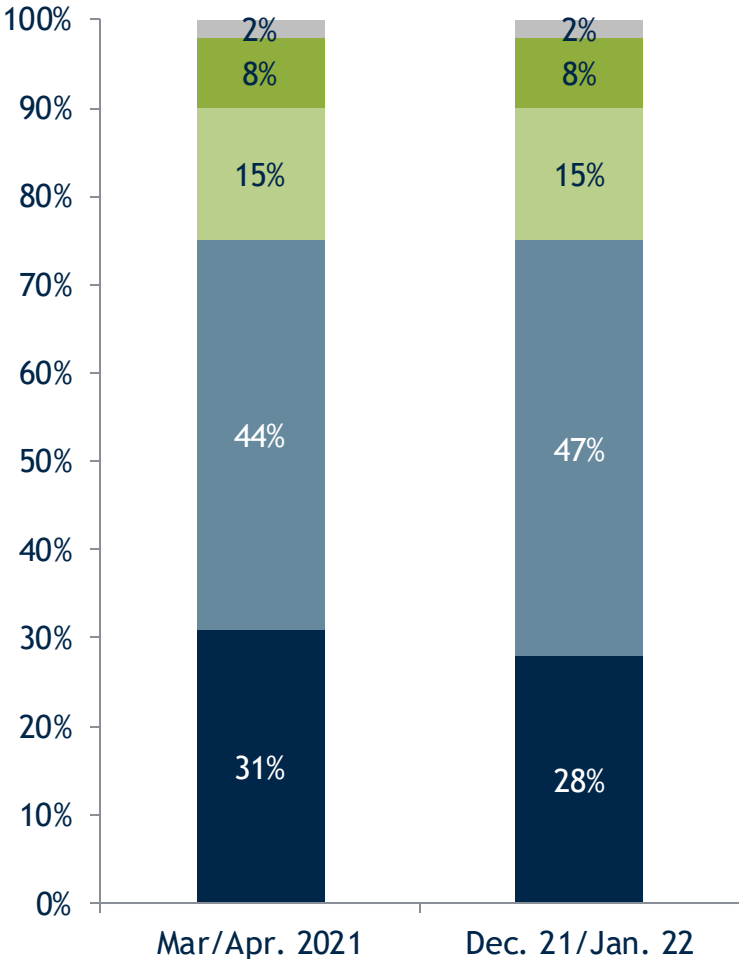
Army



■ Trust a great deal ■ Somewhat trust ■ Somewhat distrust ■ Distrust a great deal ■ Don't know/Refused to answer

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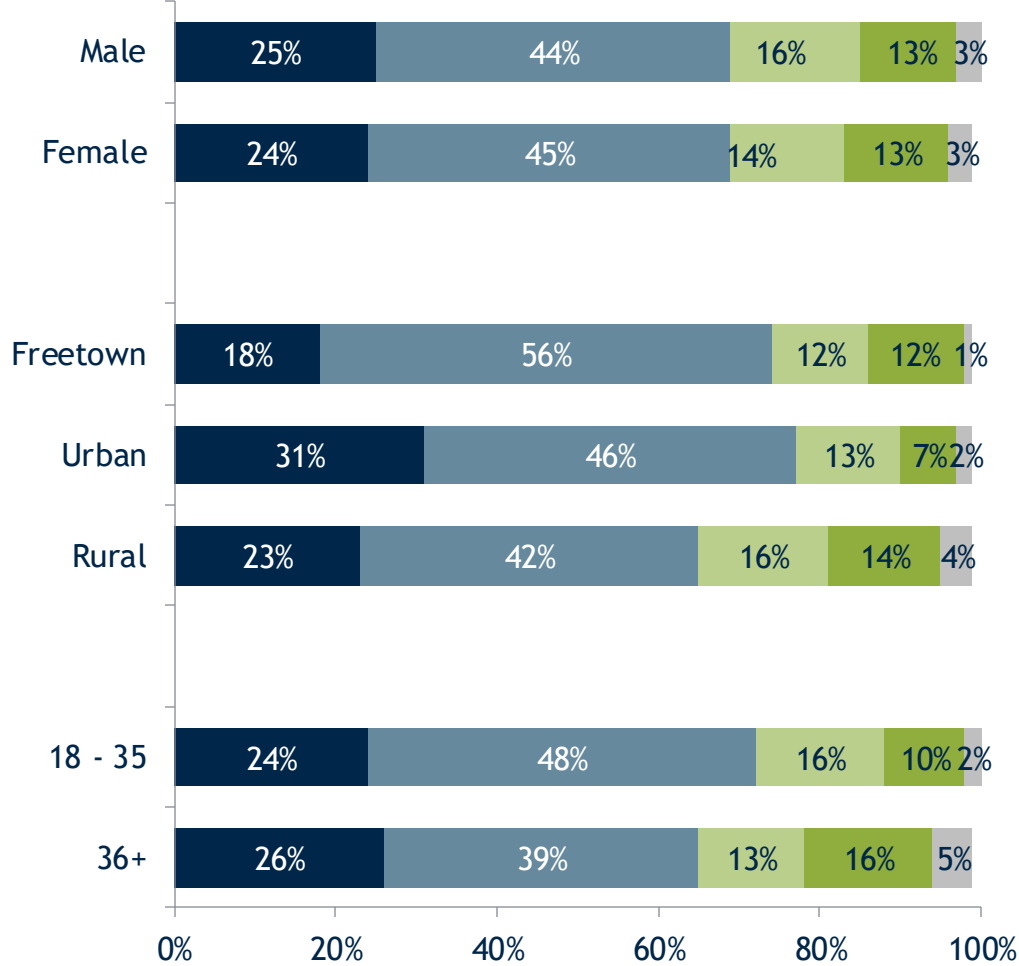
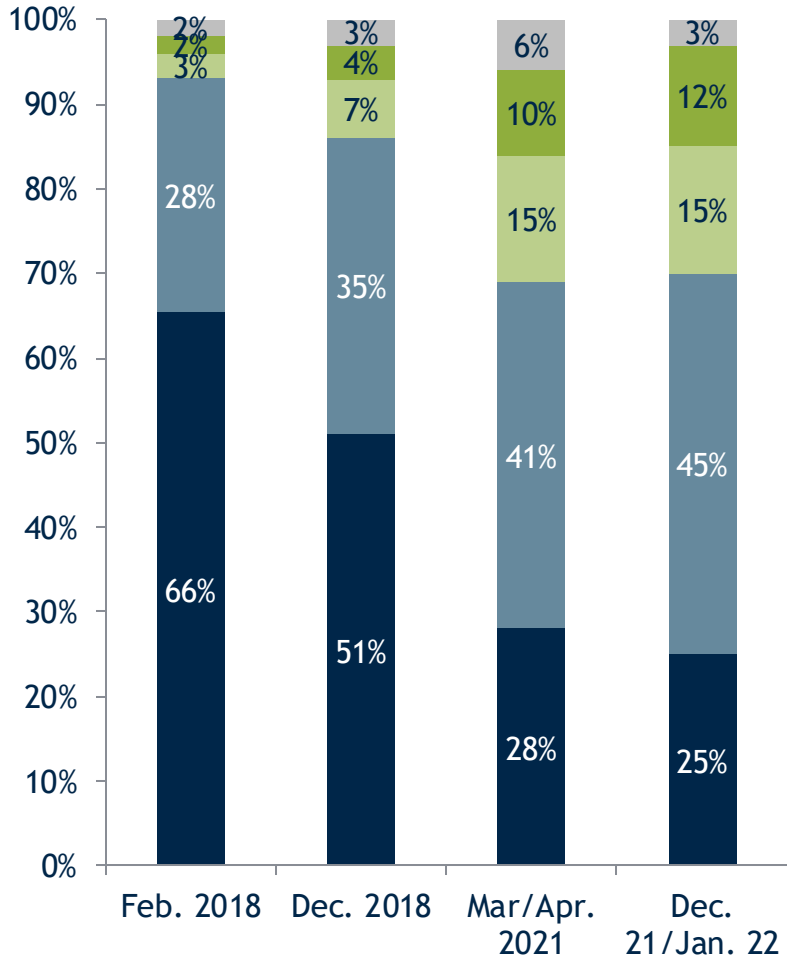
Healthcare providers



Trust a great deal
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 Don't know/Refused to answer

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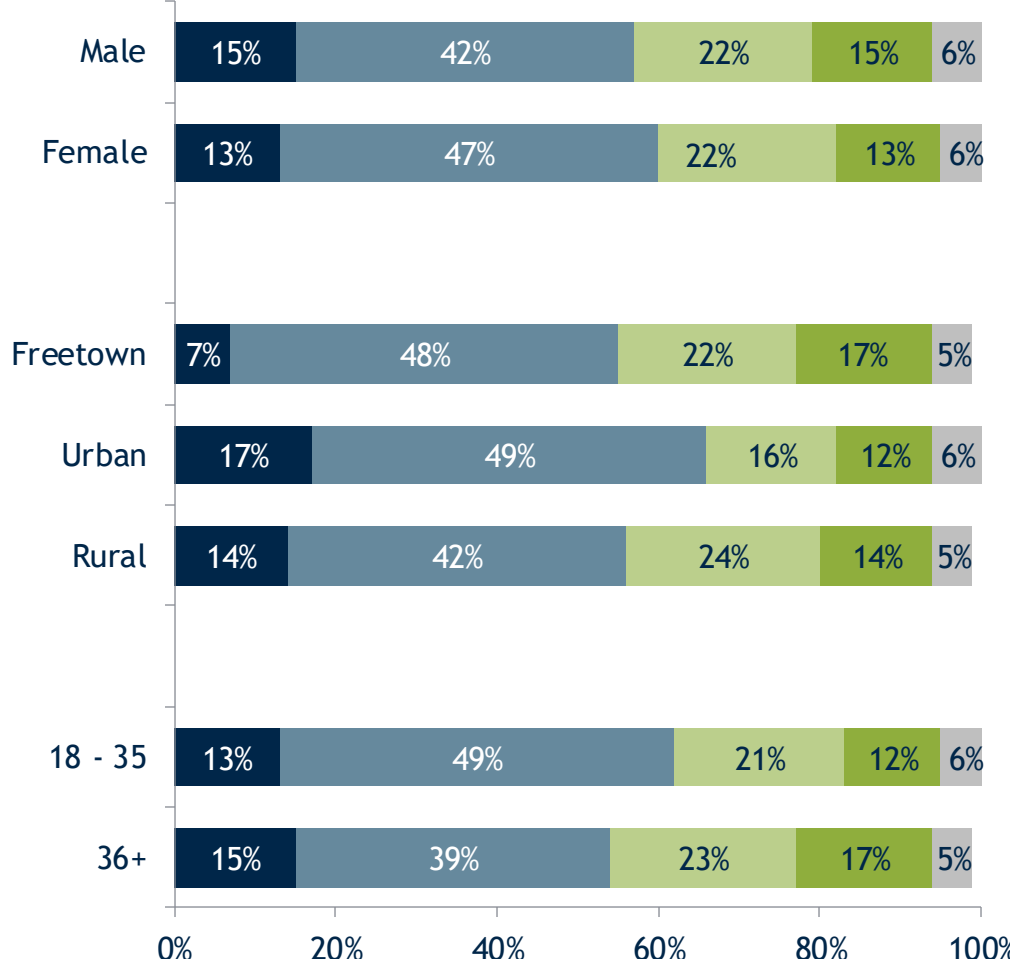
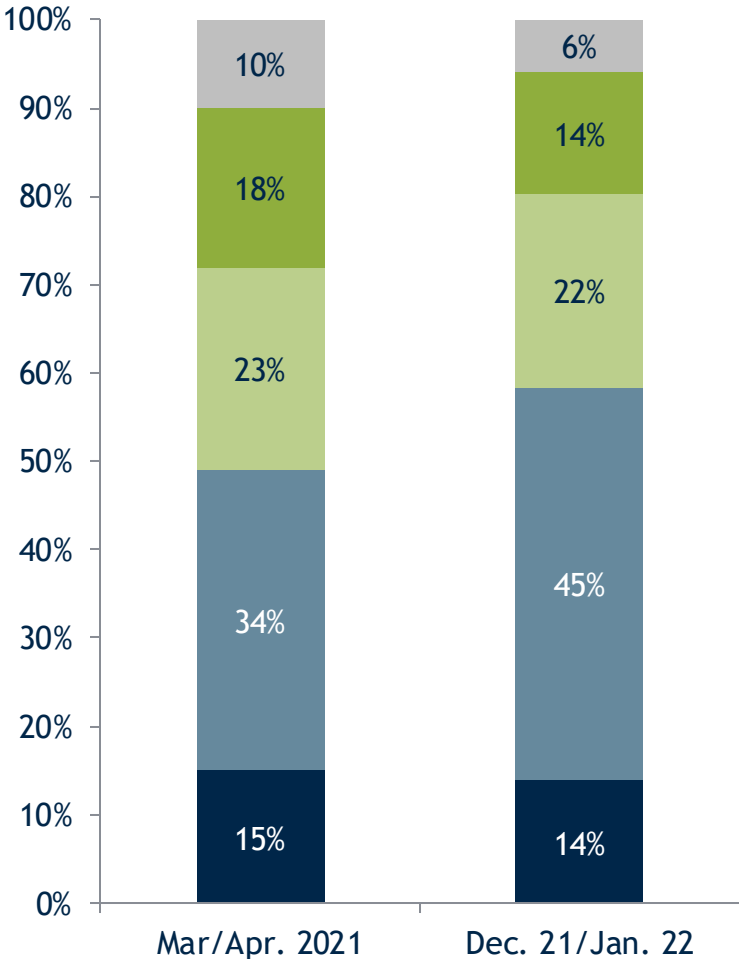
Media



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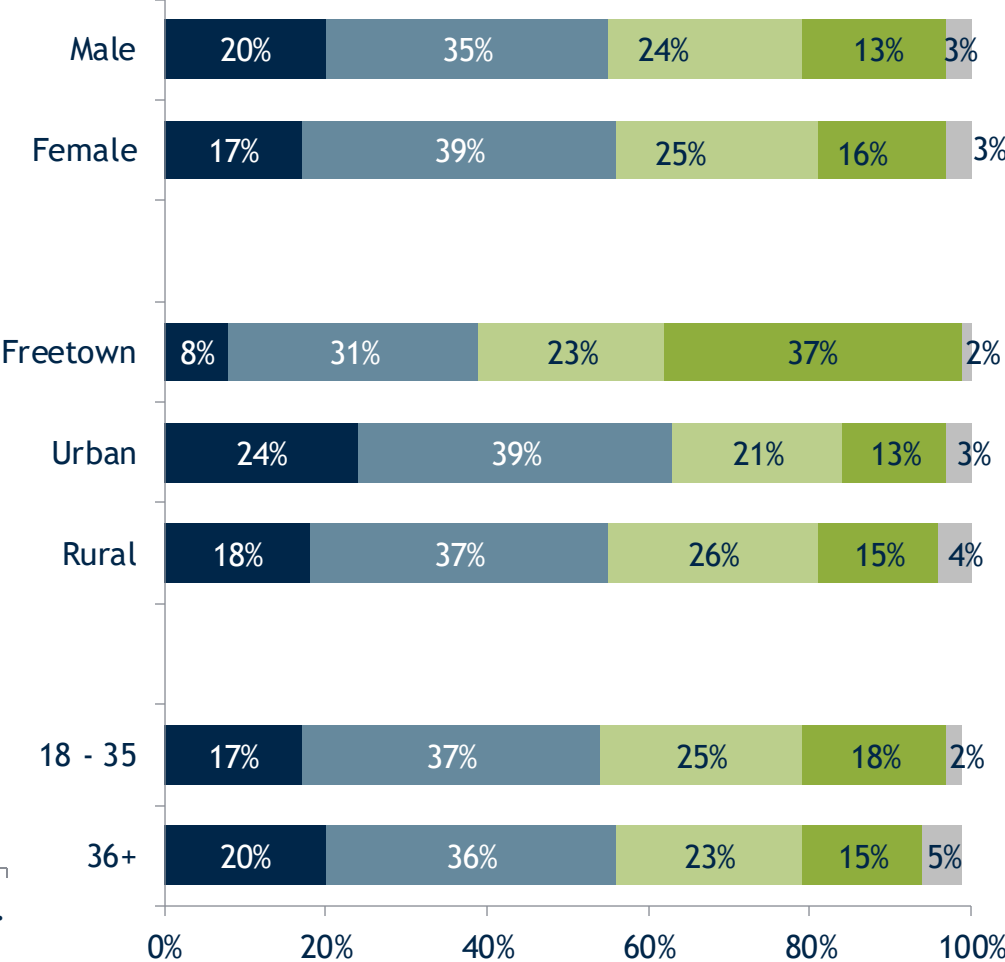
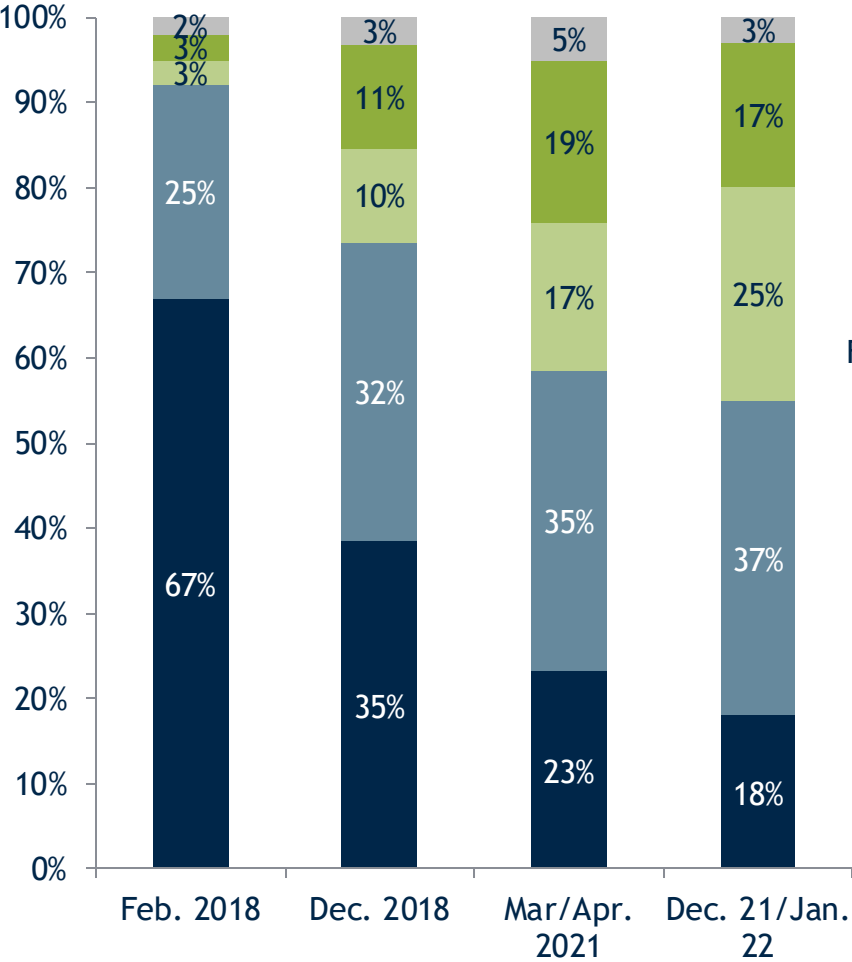
Local councils



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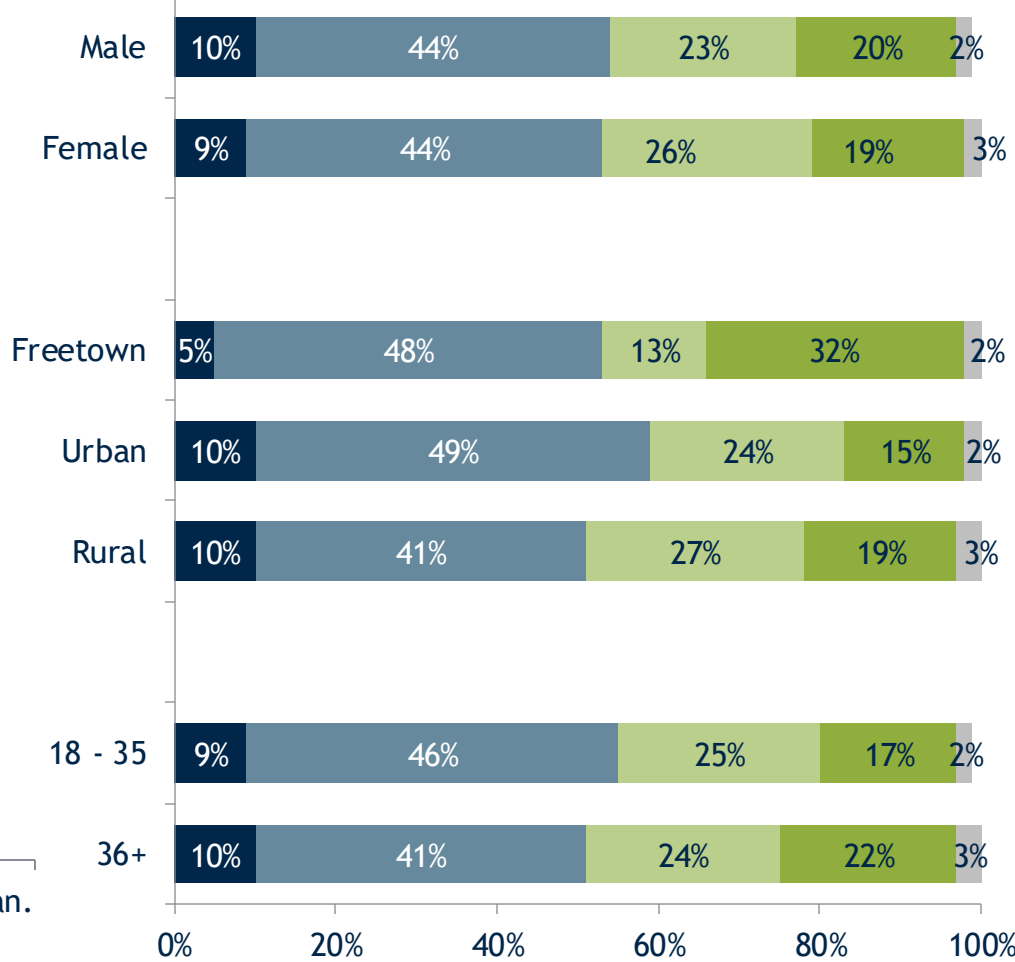
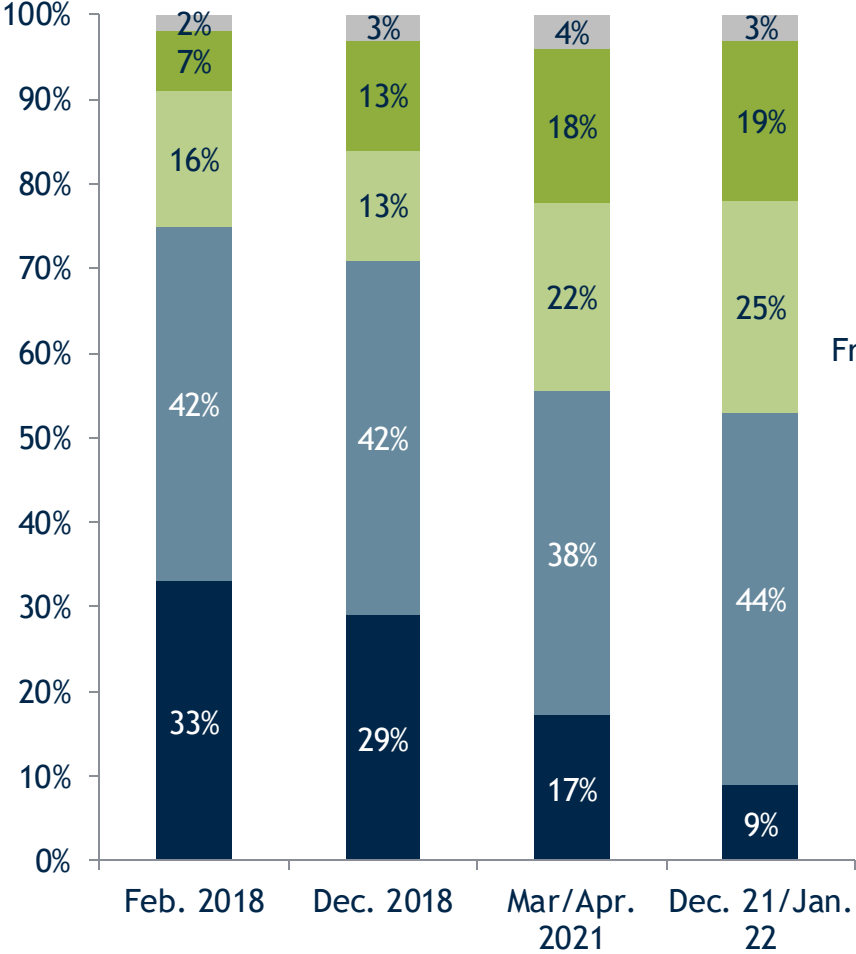
National Electoral Commission



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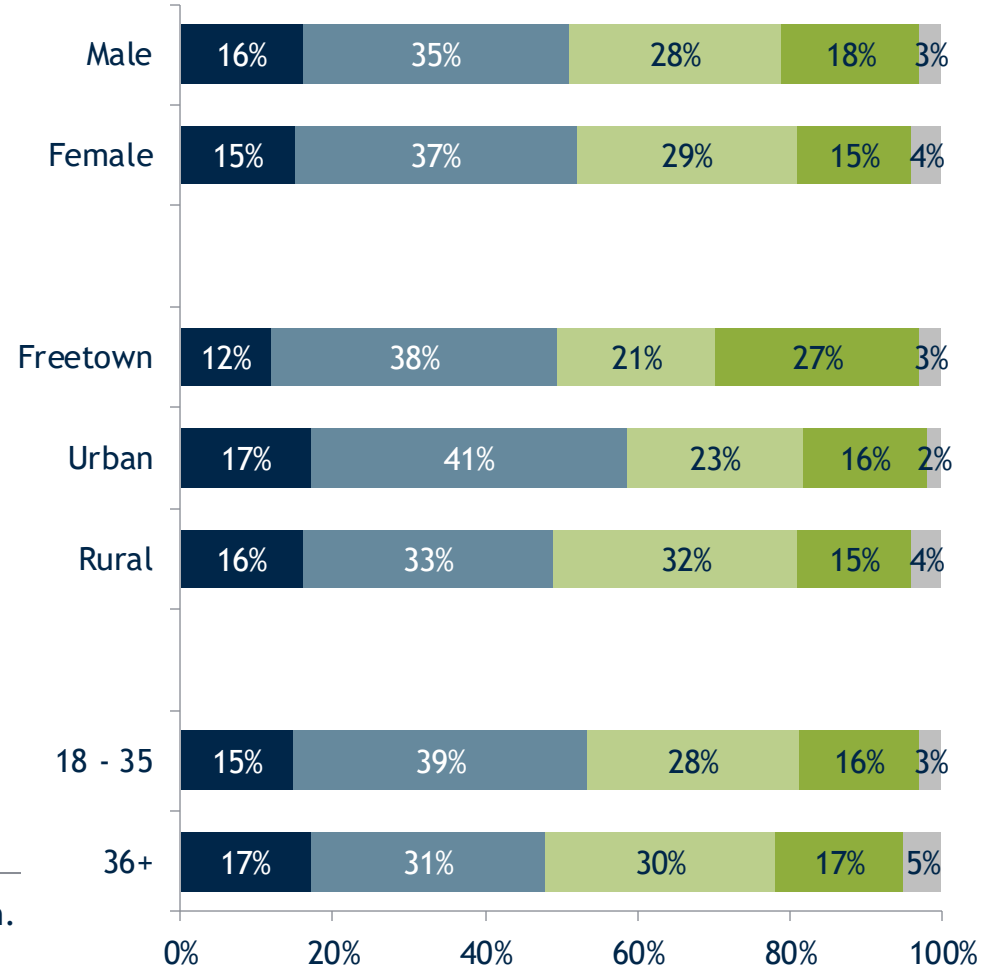
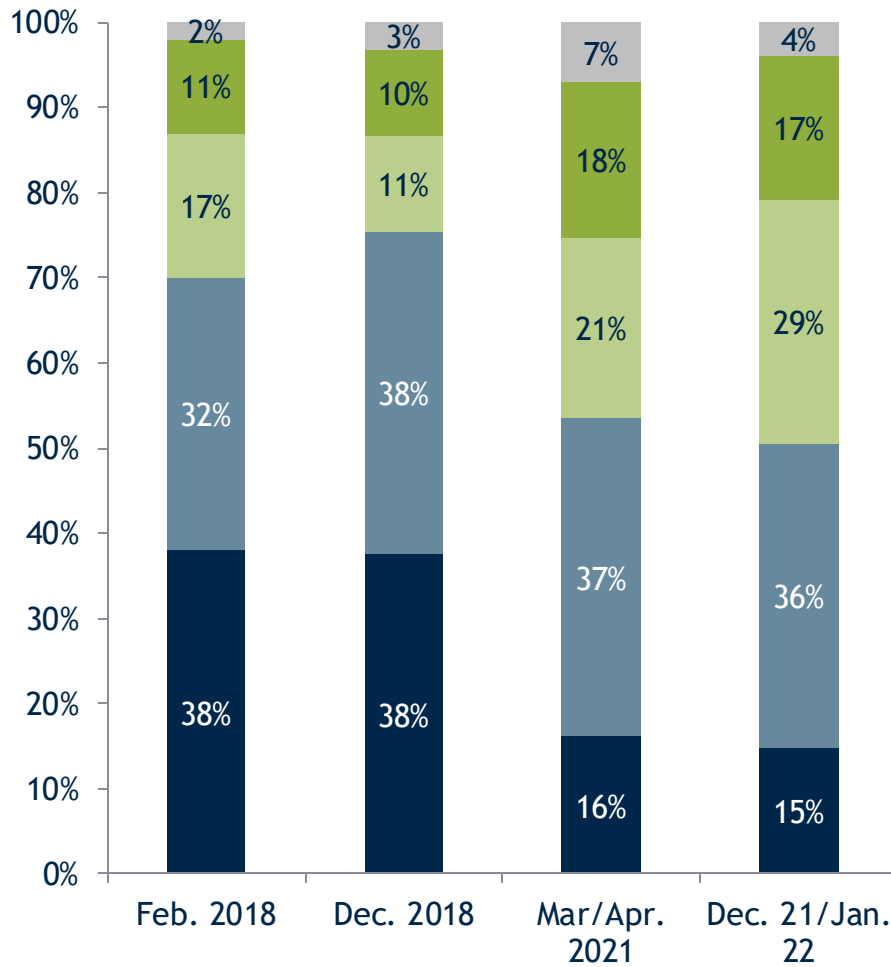
Political parties



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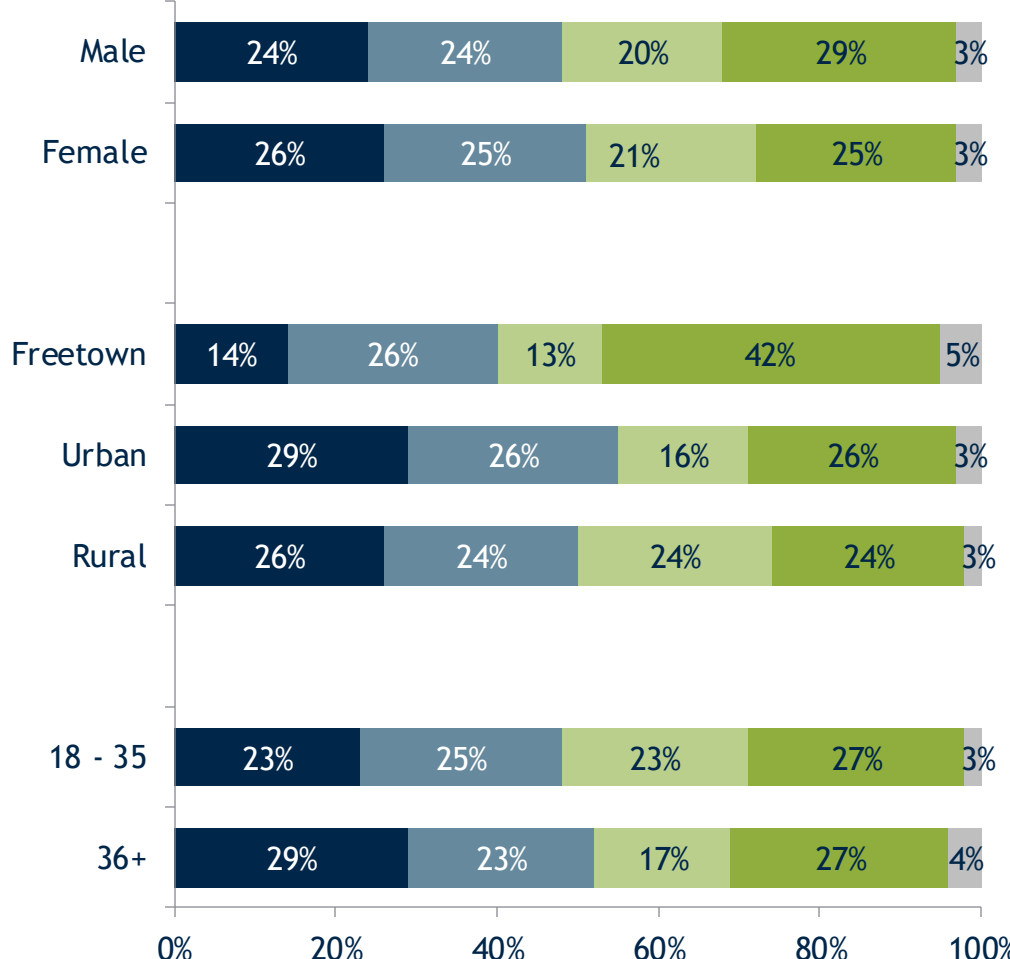
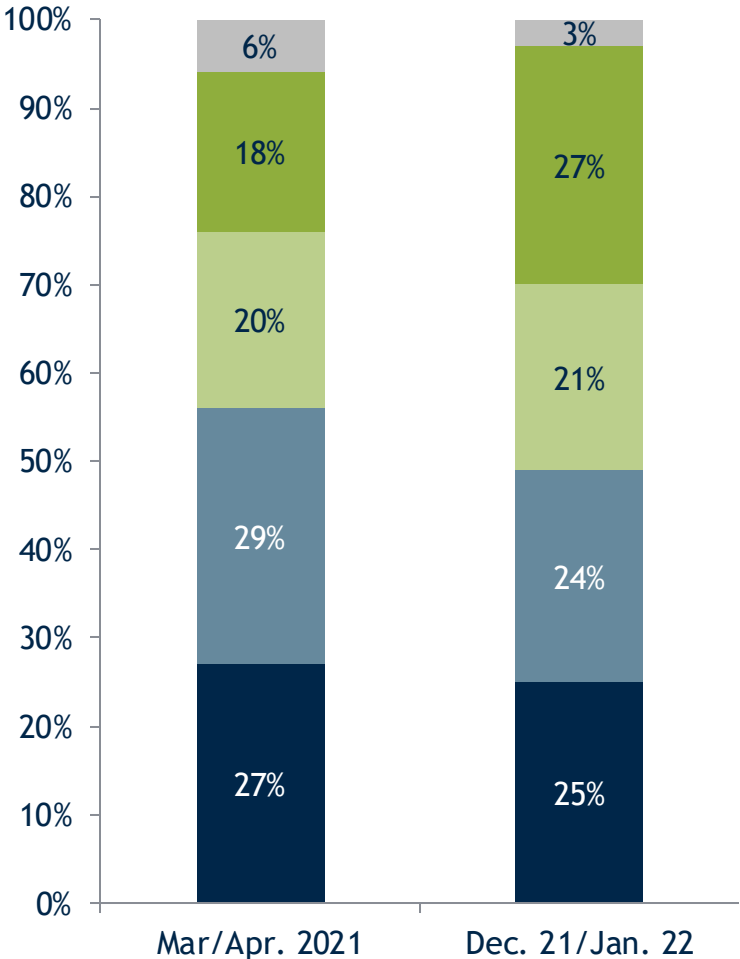
Parliament



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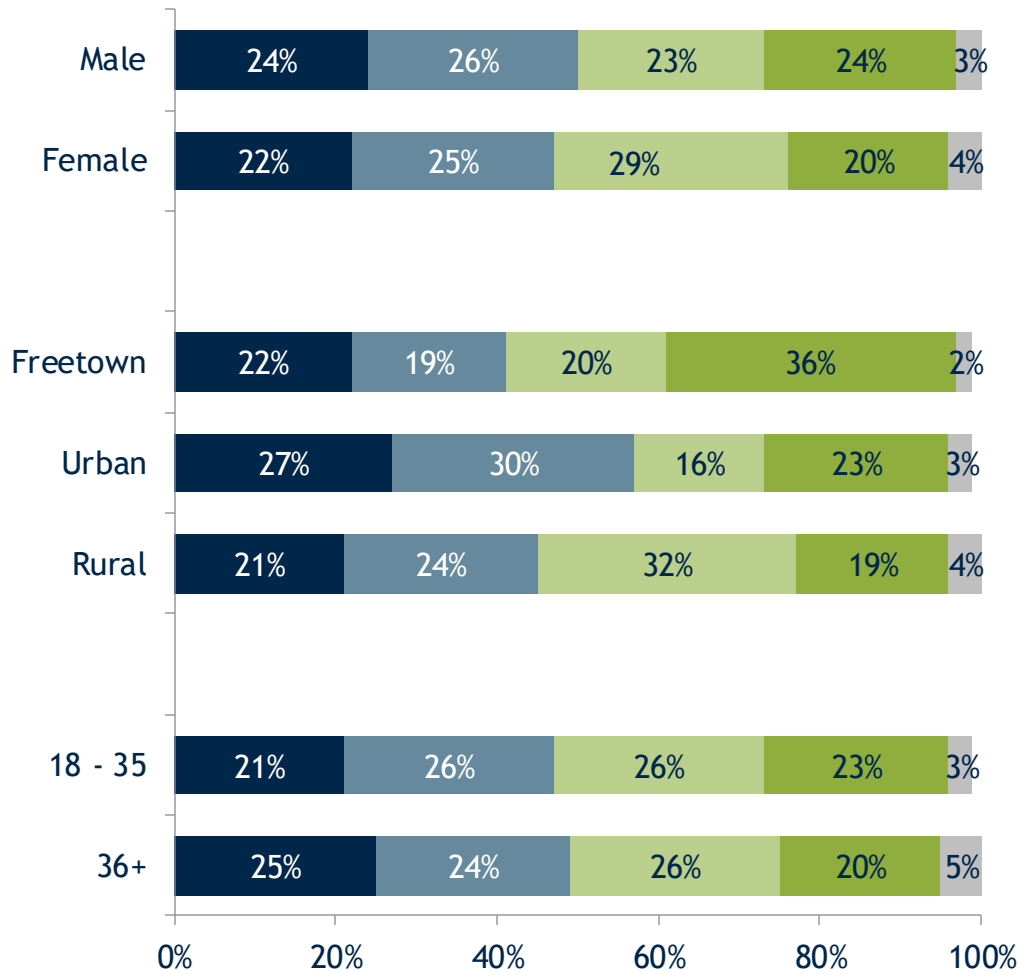
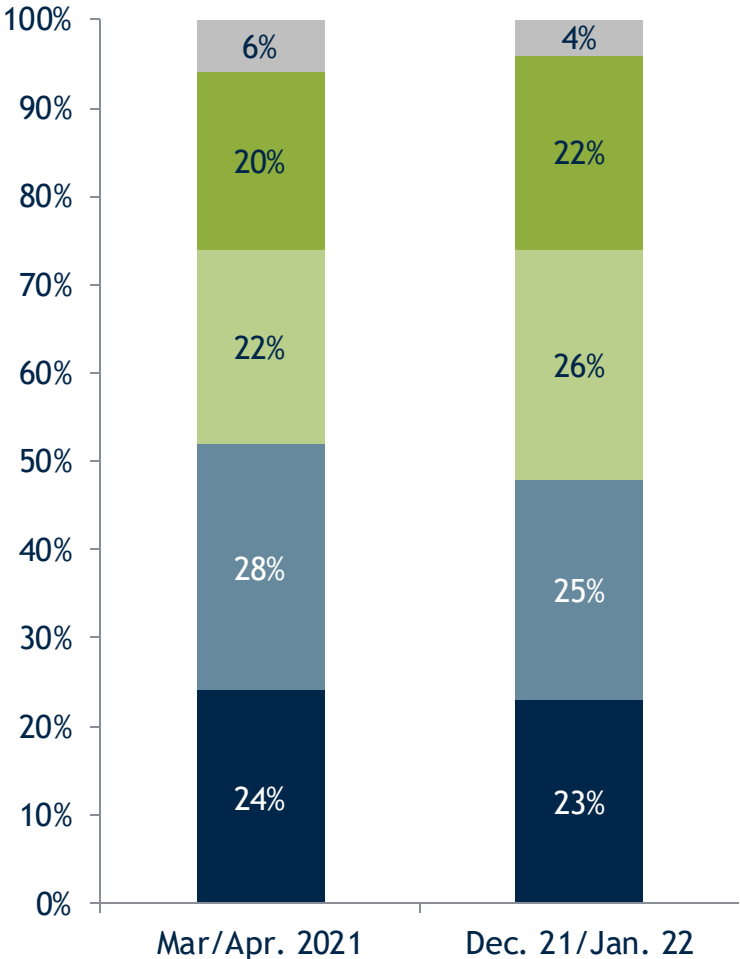
President's Office



■ Trust a great deal
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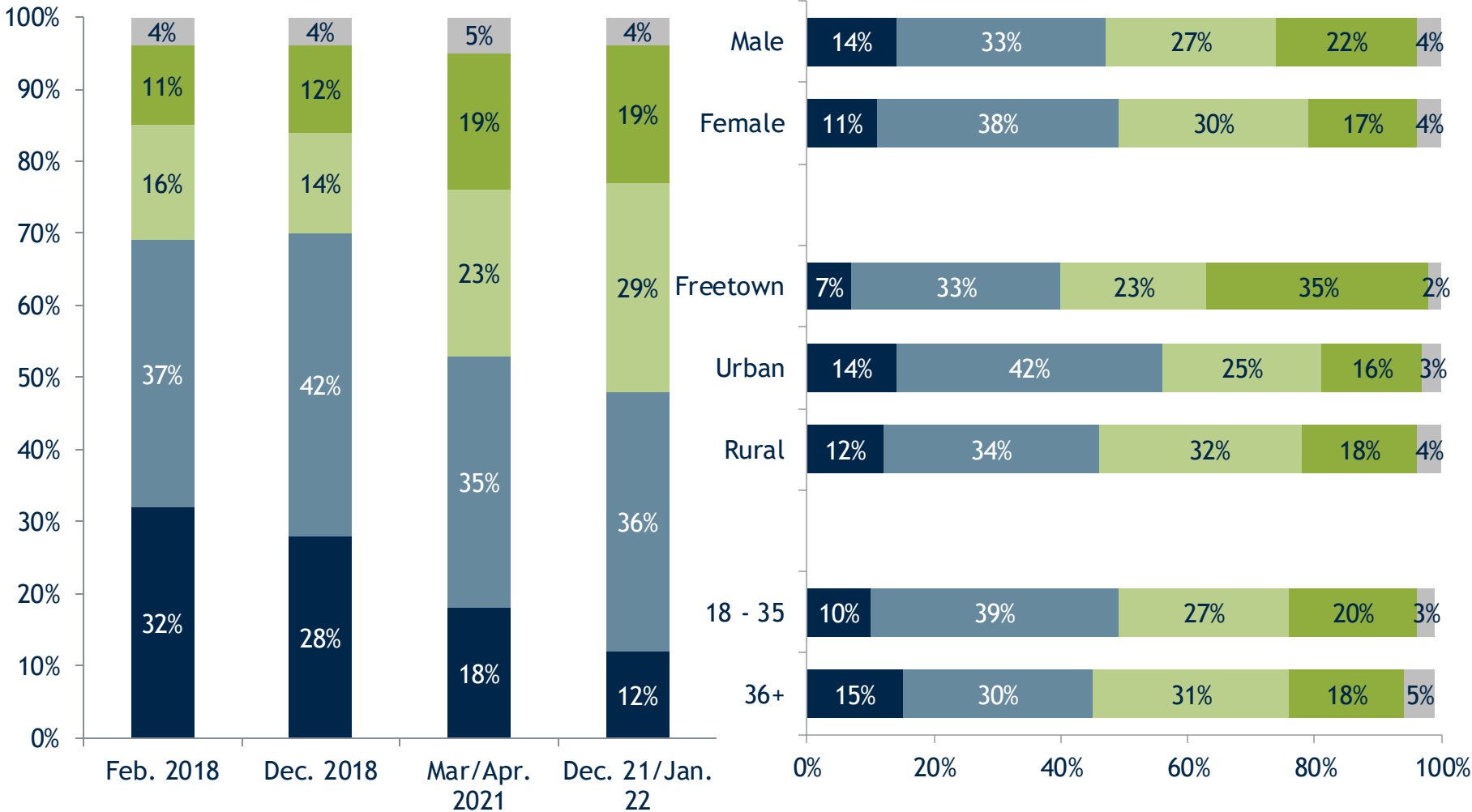
Anti-corruption commission



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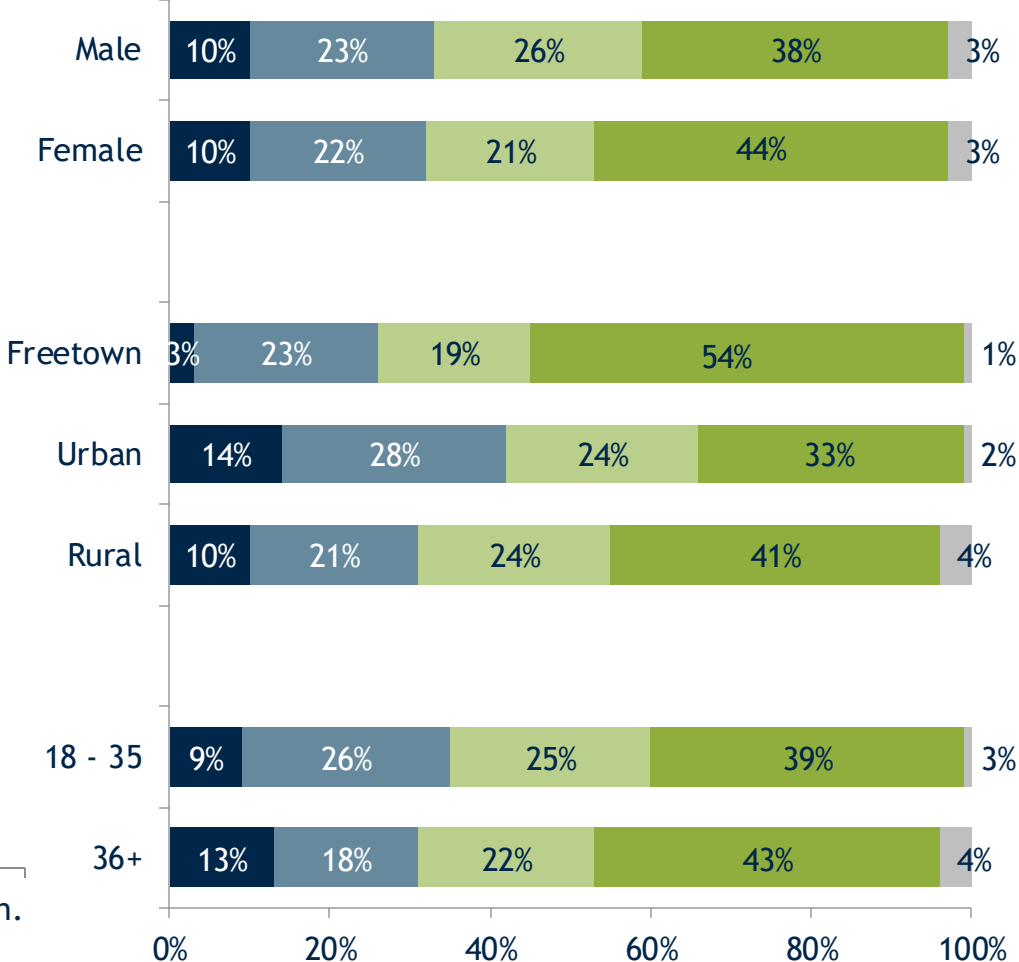
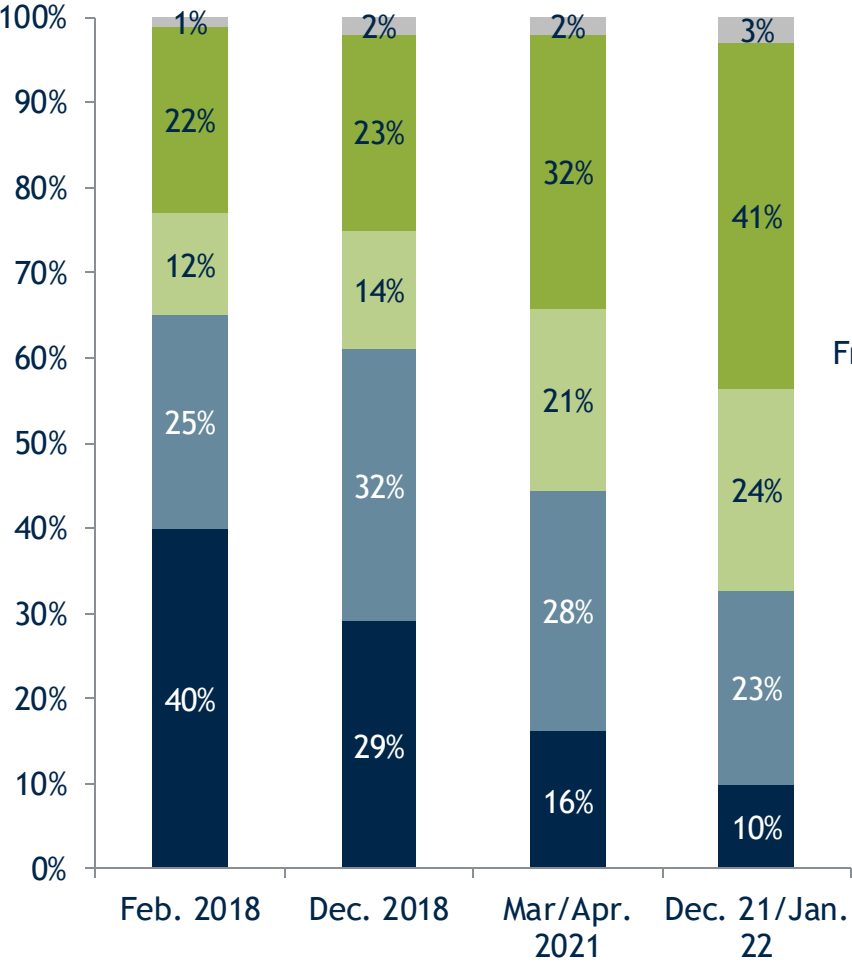
Courts



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Police



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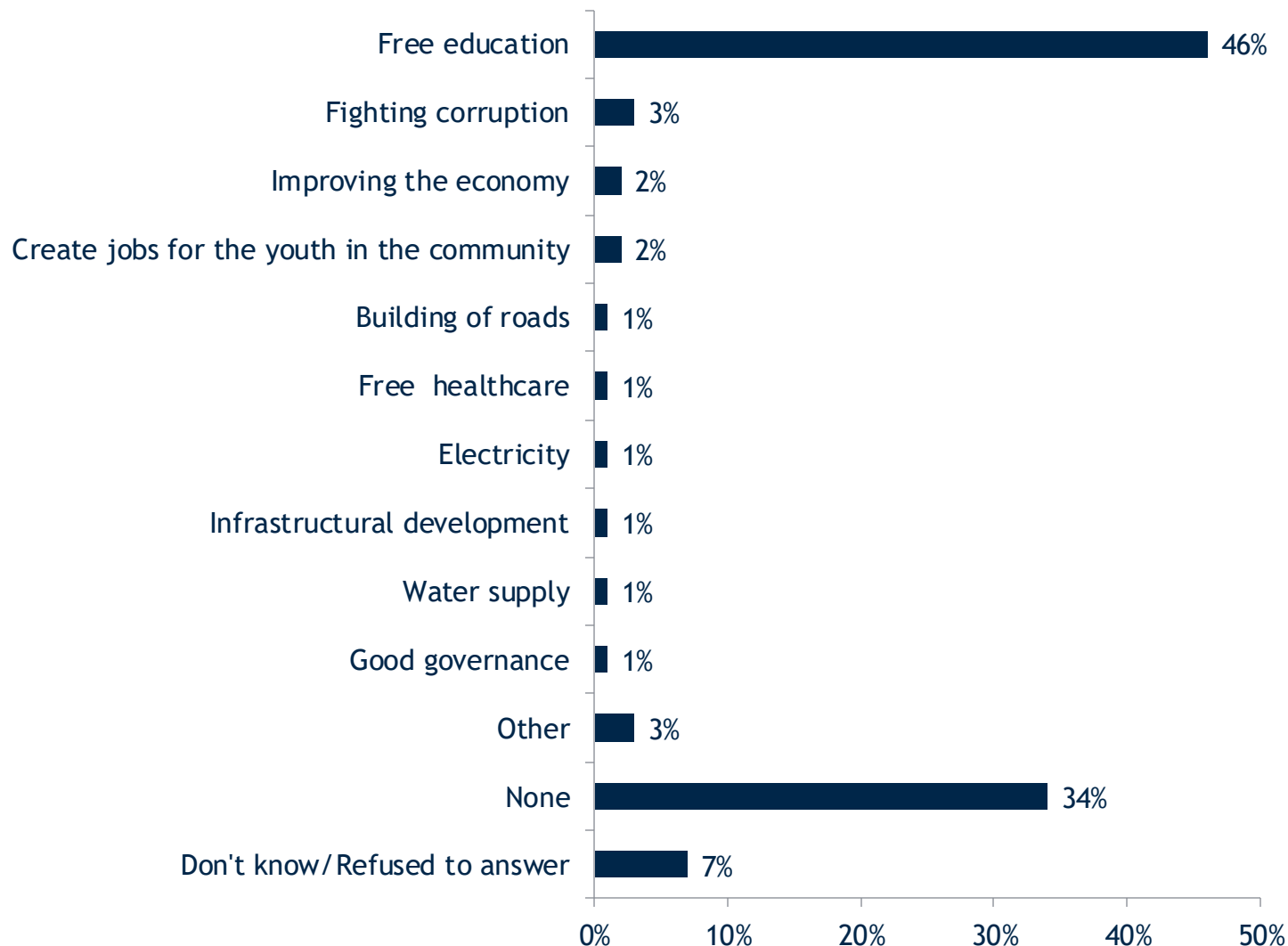


Political Outlook



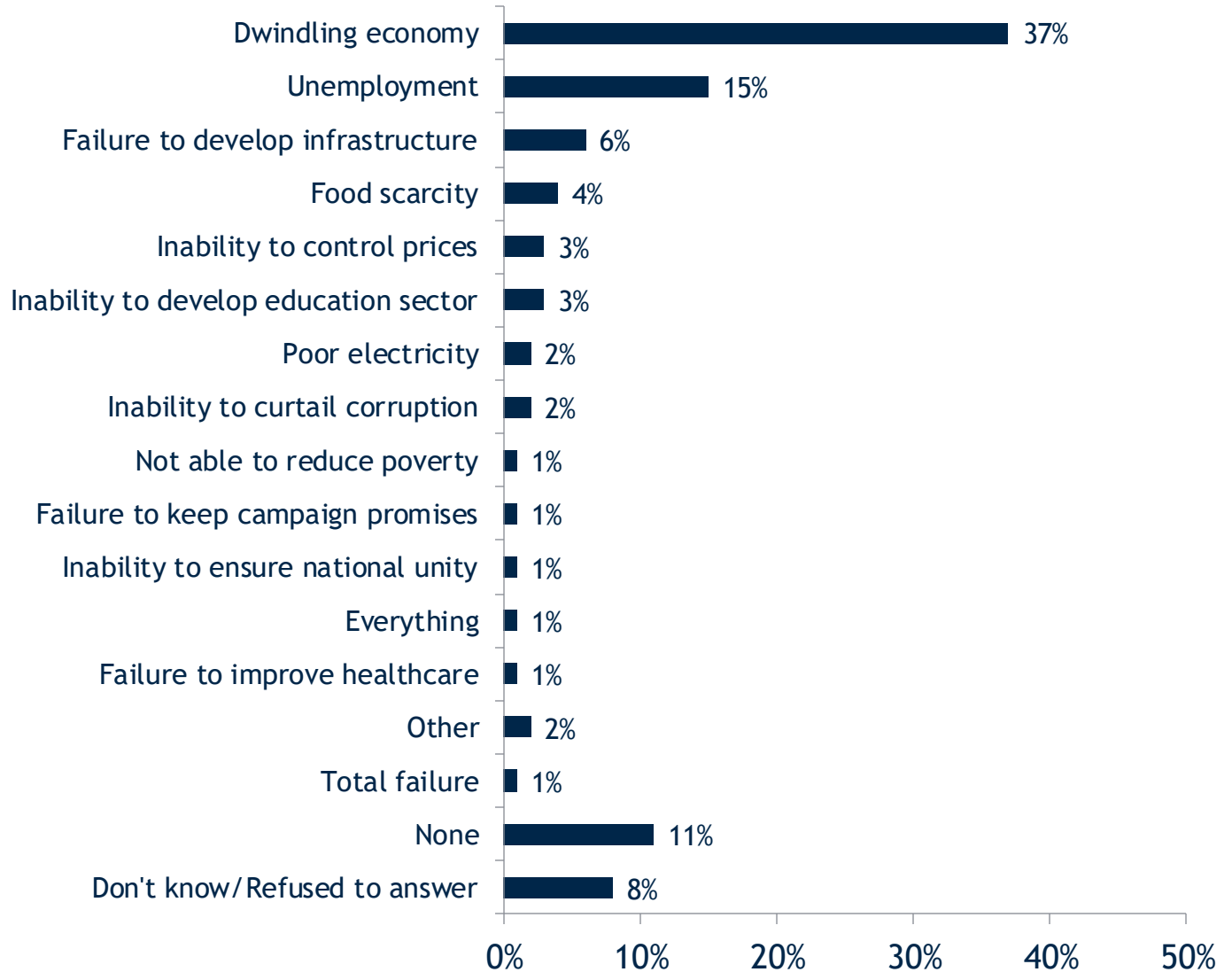
What is the most important accomplishment of the current national government?

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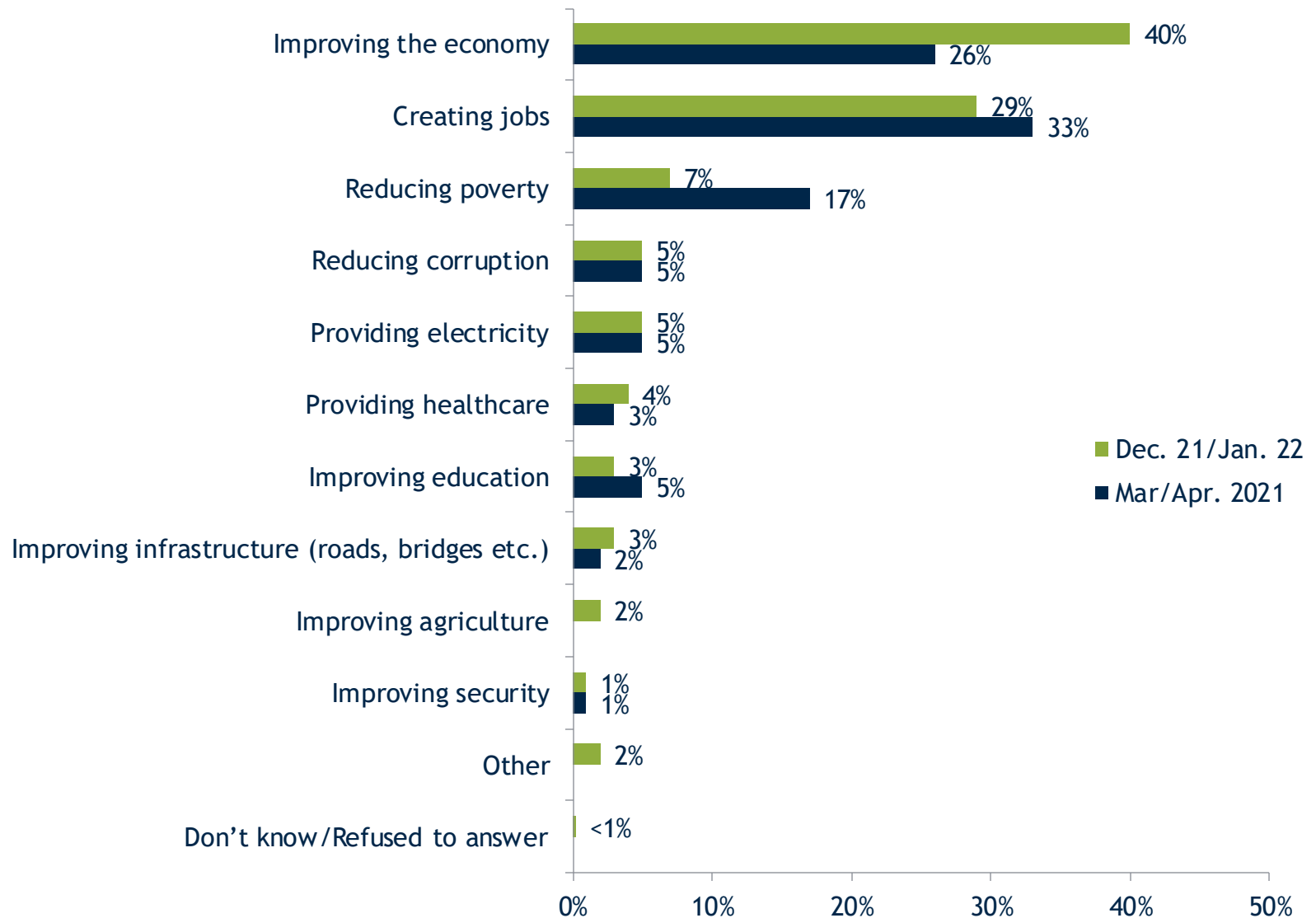


What is the most important failure of the current national government?

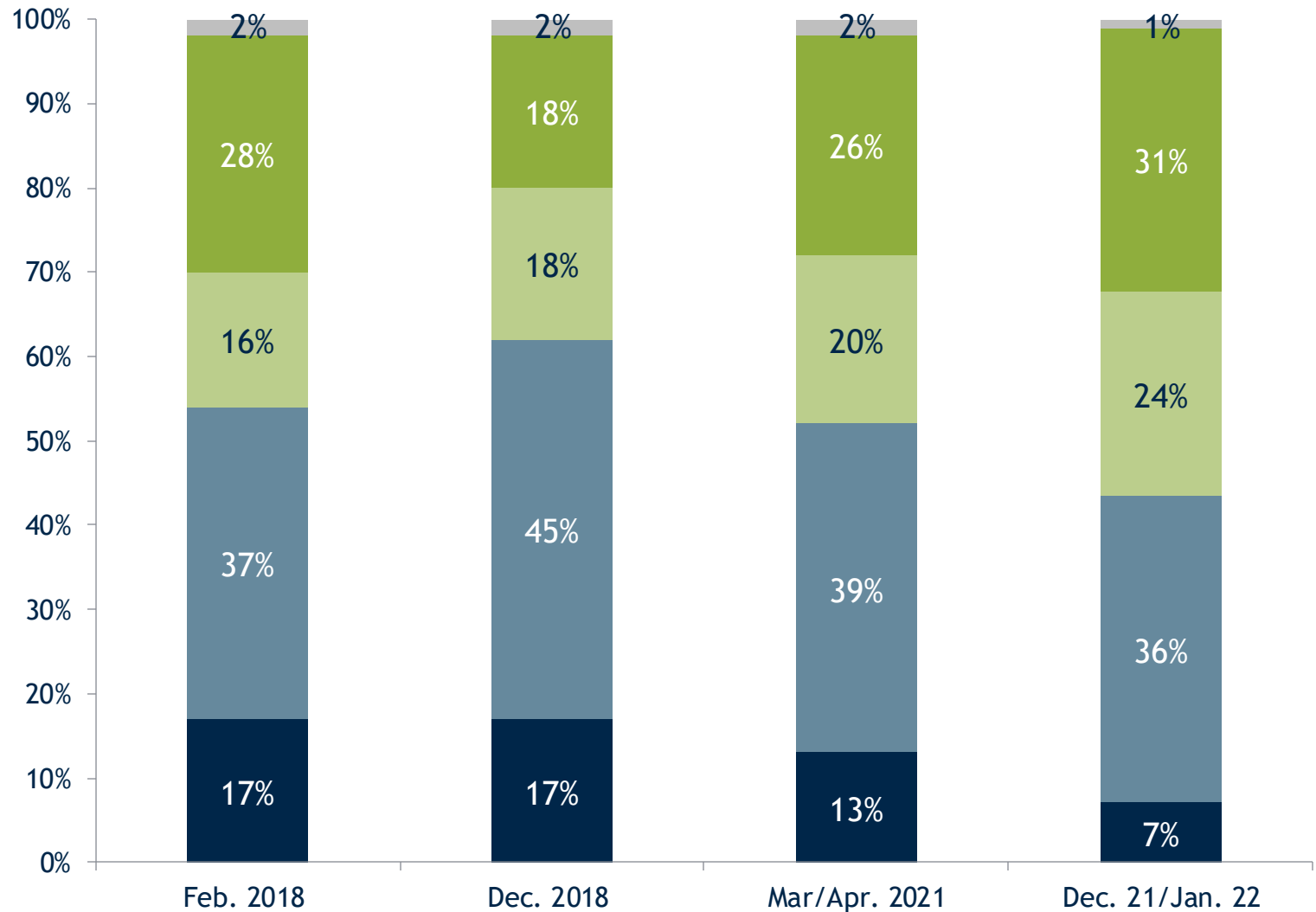
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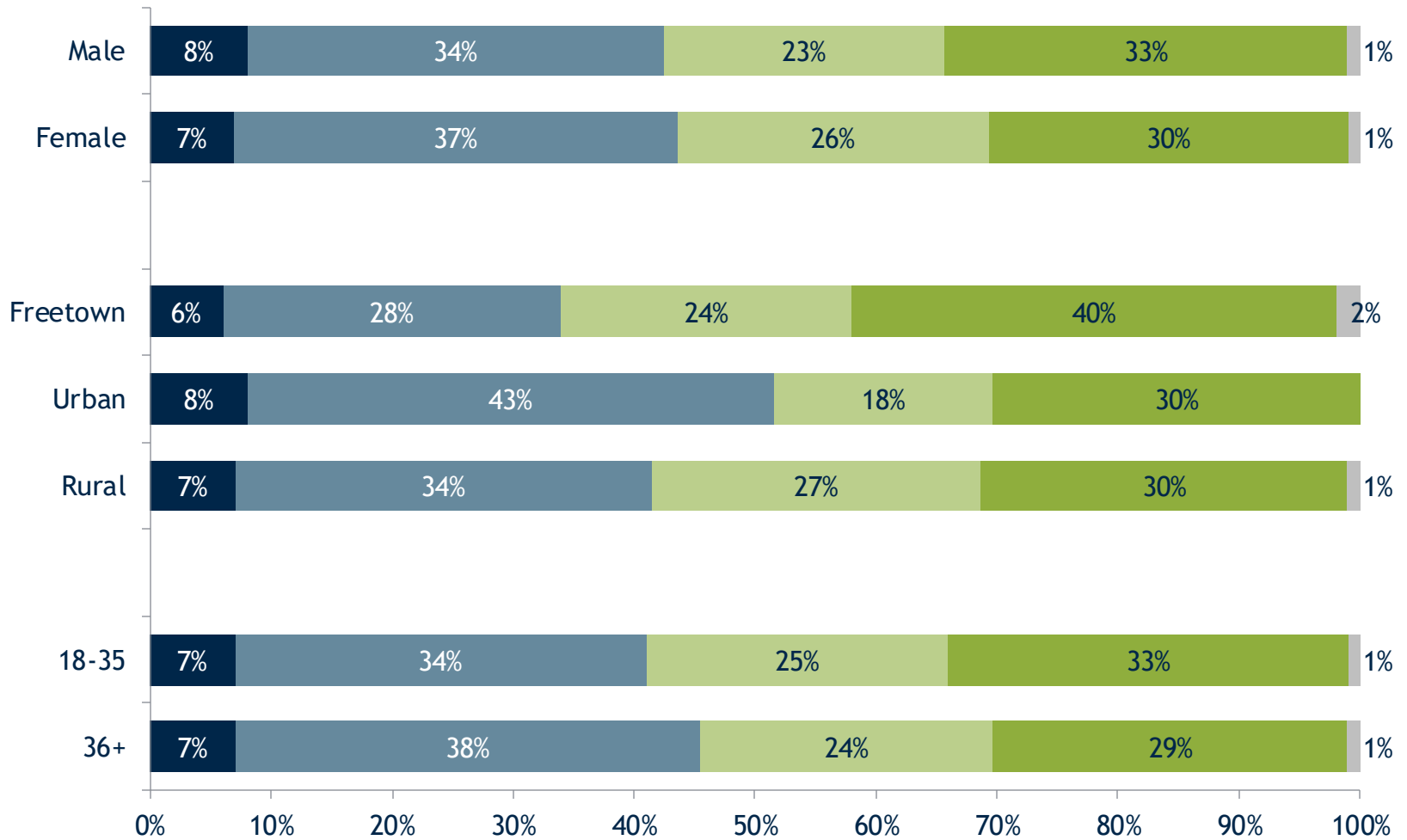
What specific issue should be the top priority for the government to address? (Spontaneous response)



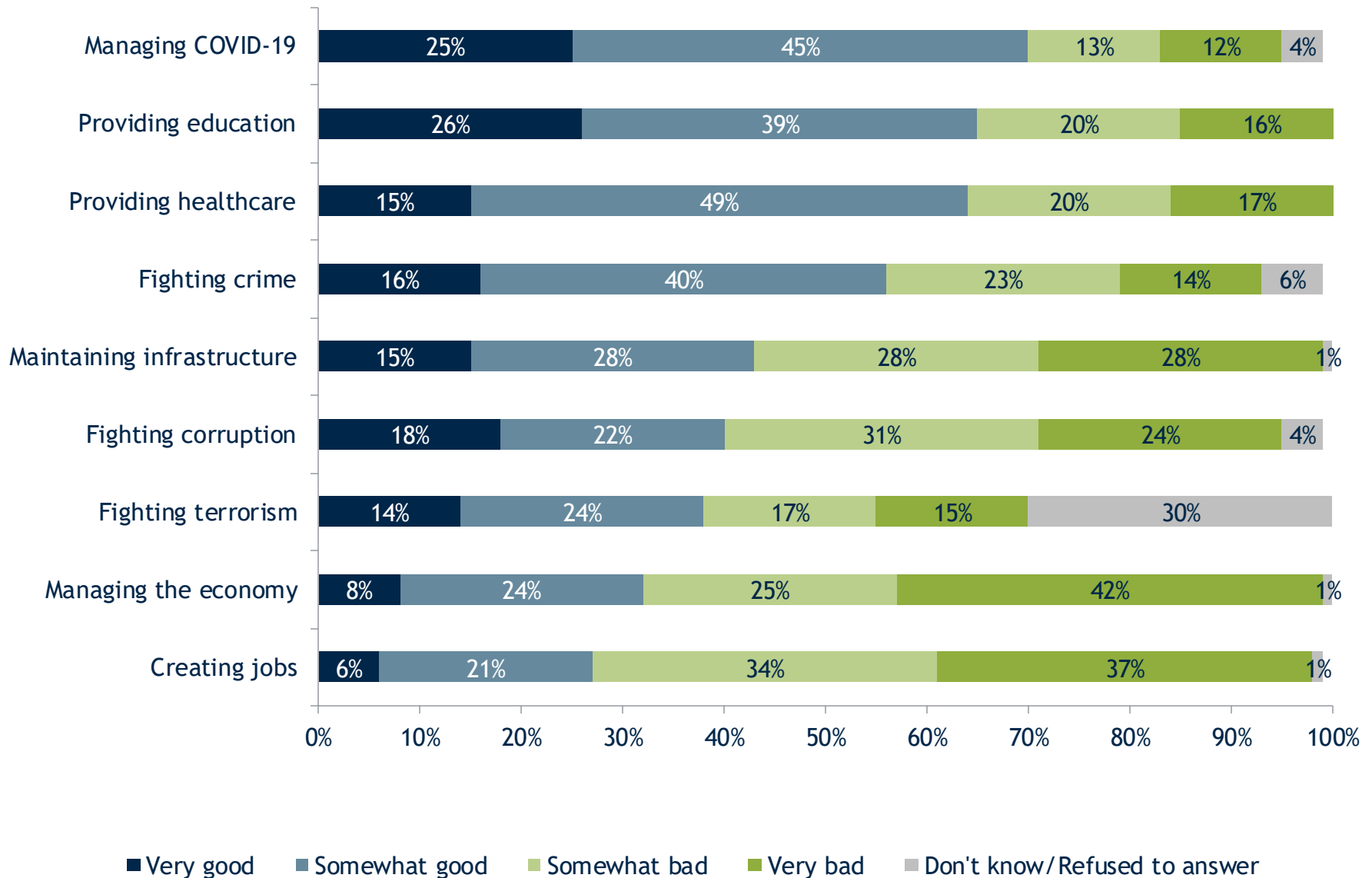
How would you rate the performance of the current national government?



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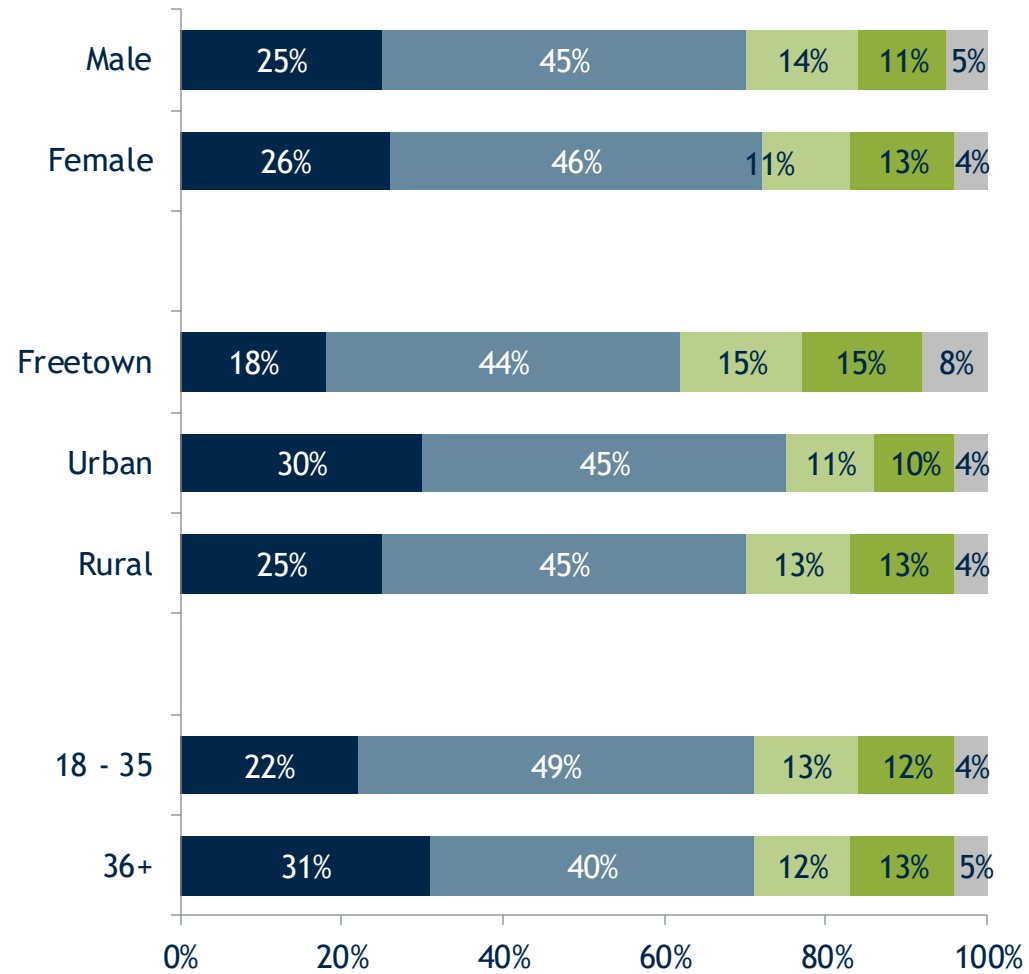
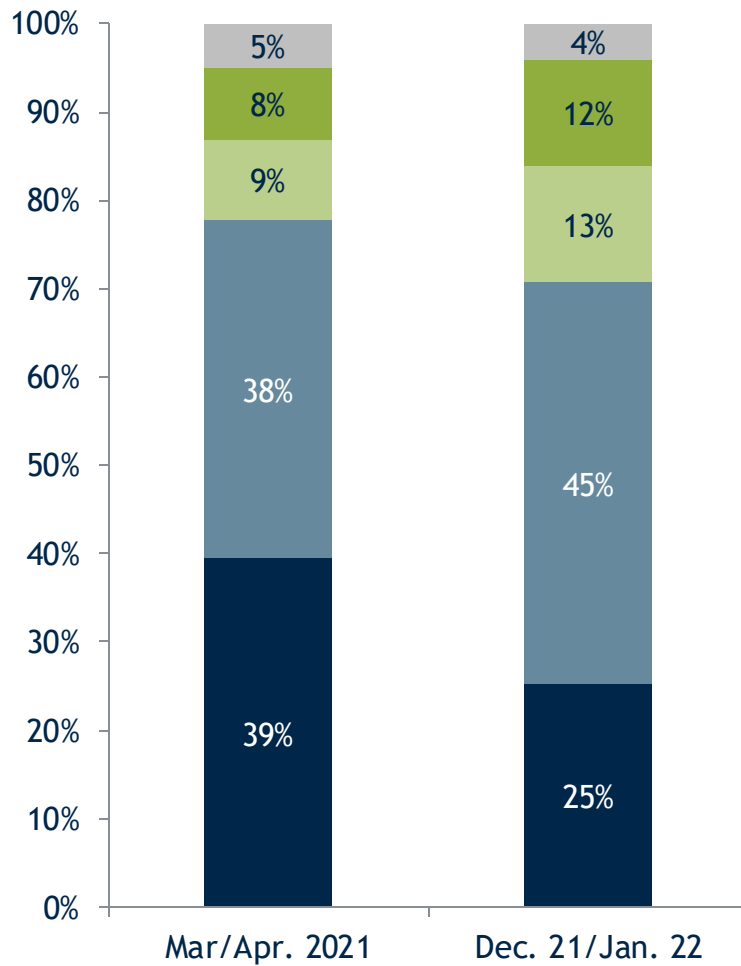


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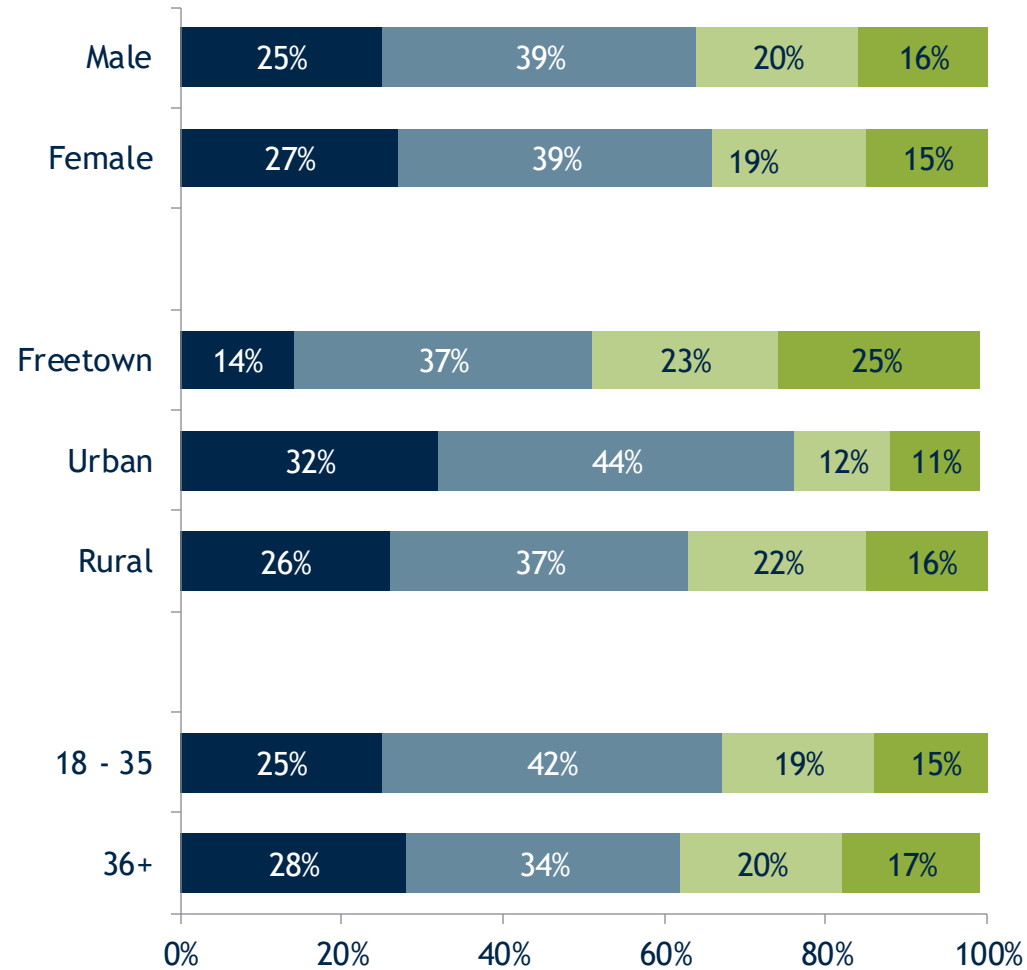
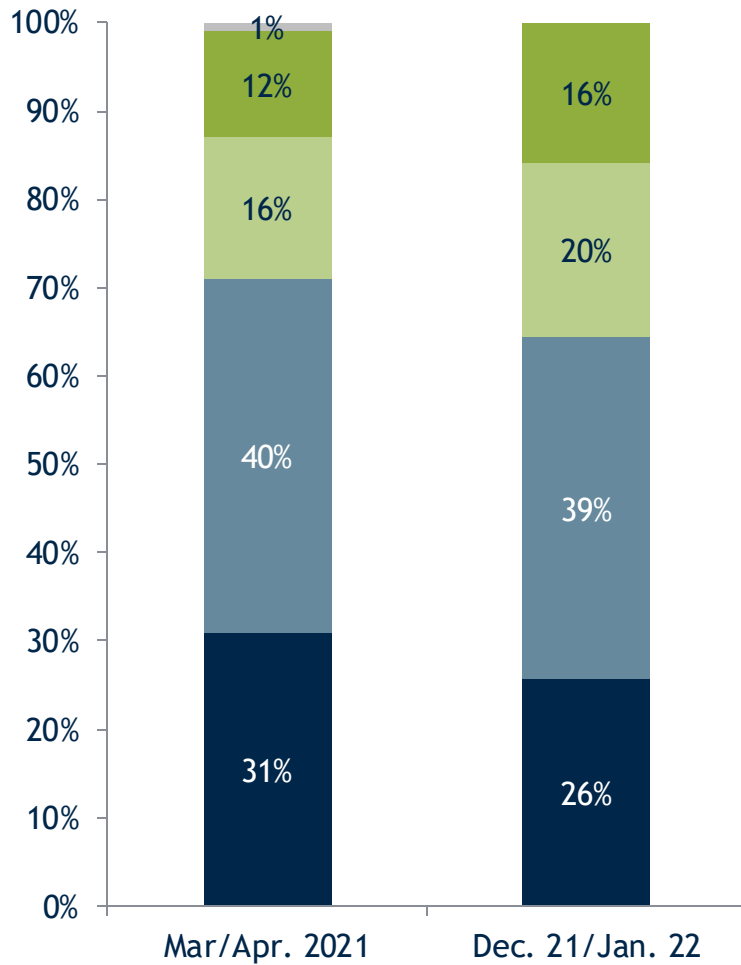
Managing COVID -19



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 Don't know / Refused to answer

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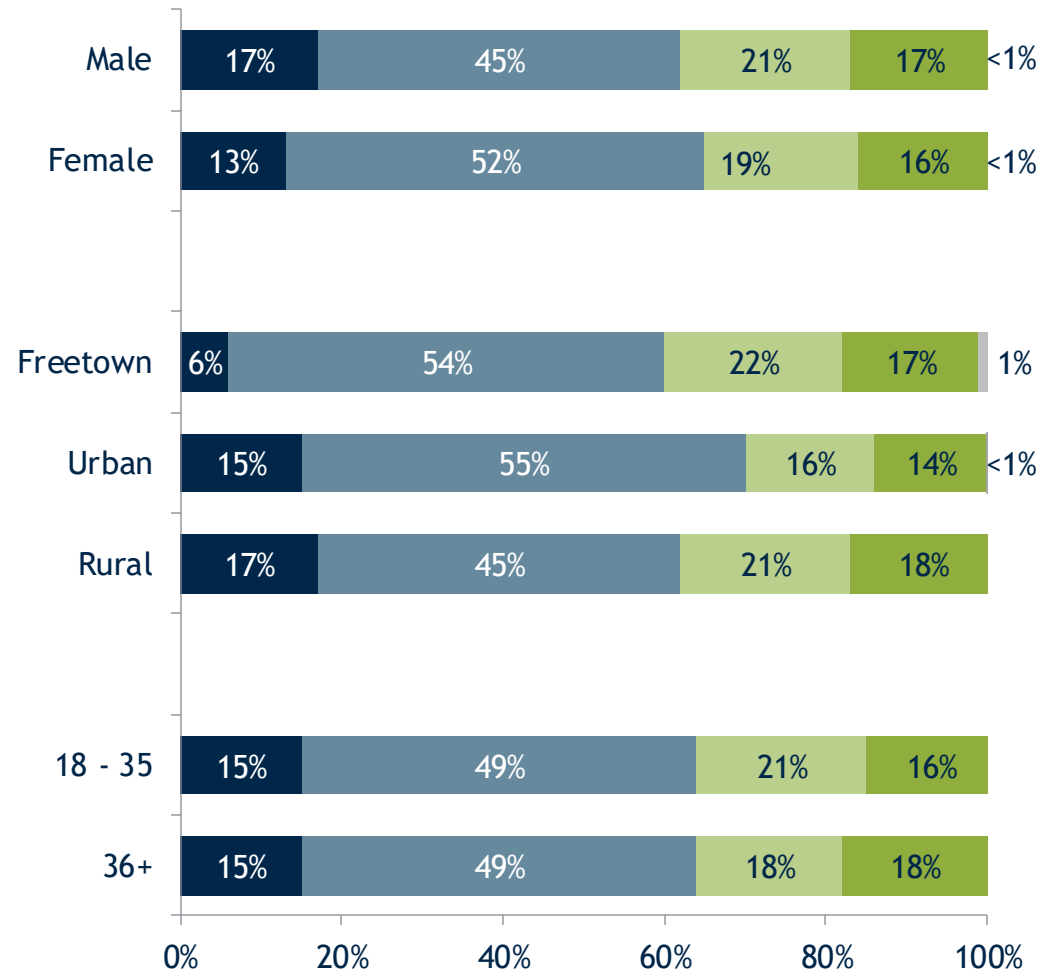
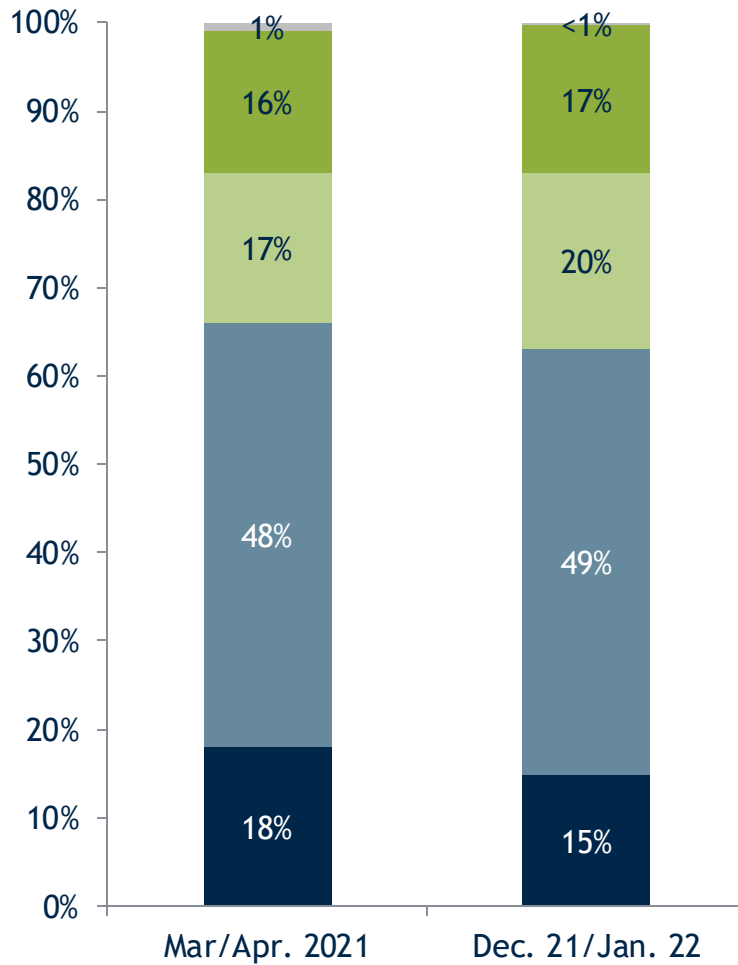
Providing education



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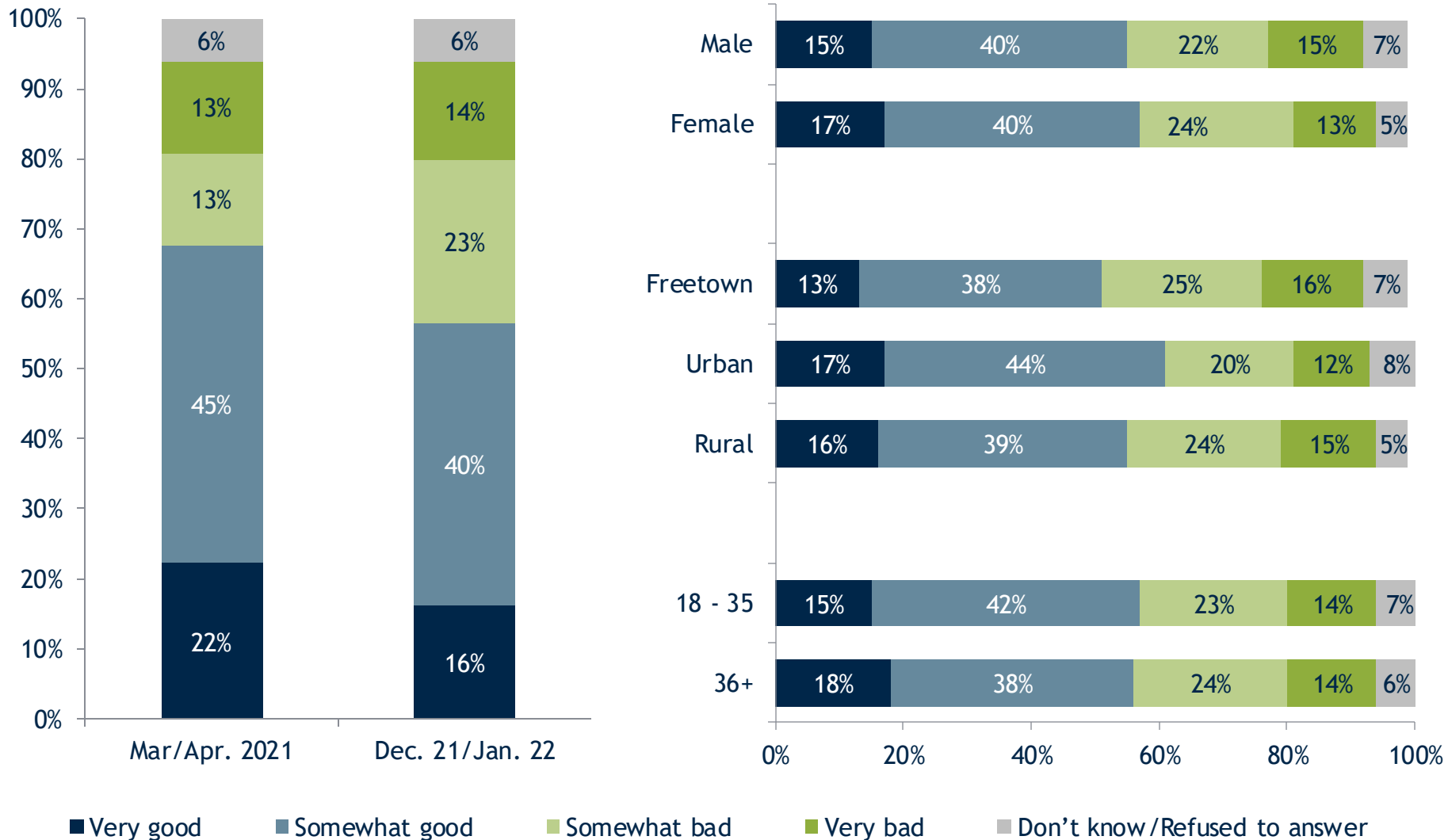
Providing healthcare



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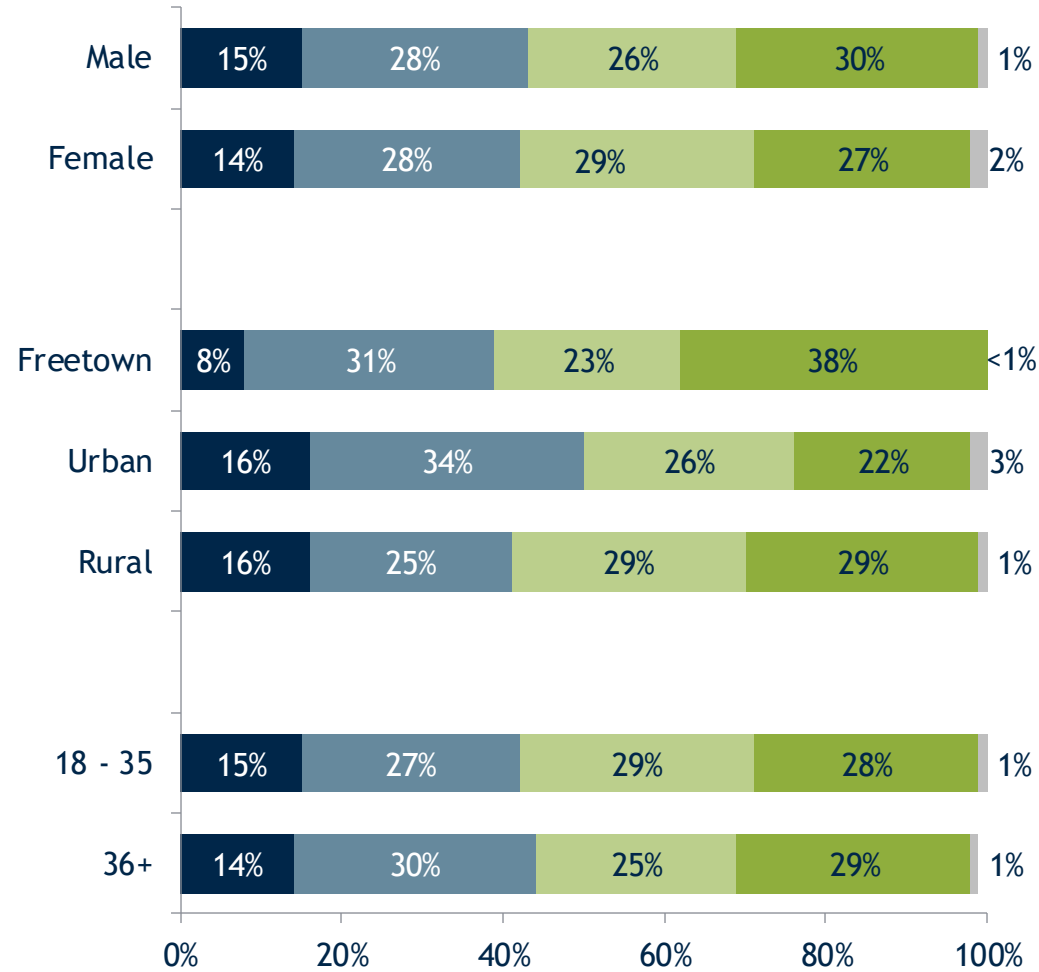
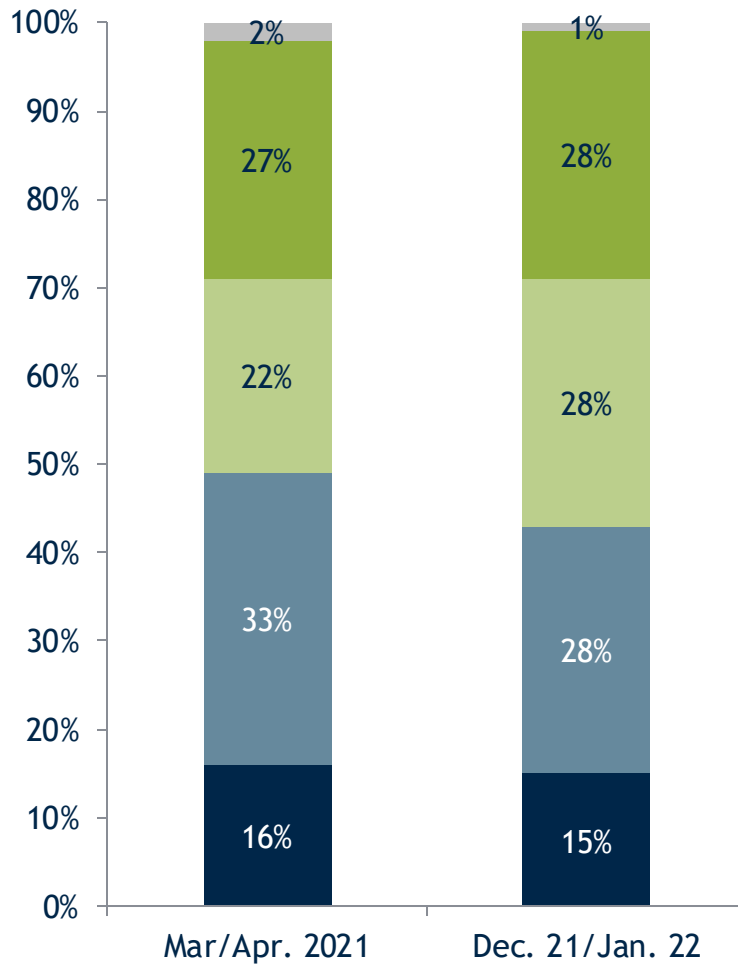
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Fighting crime



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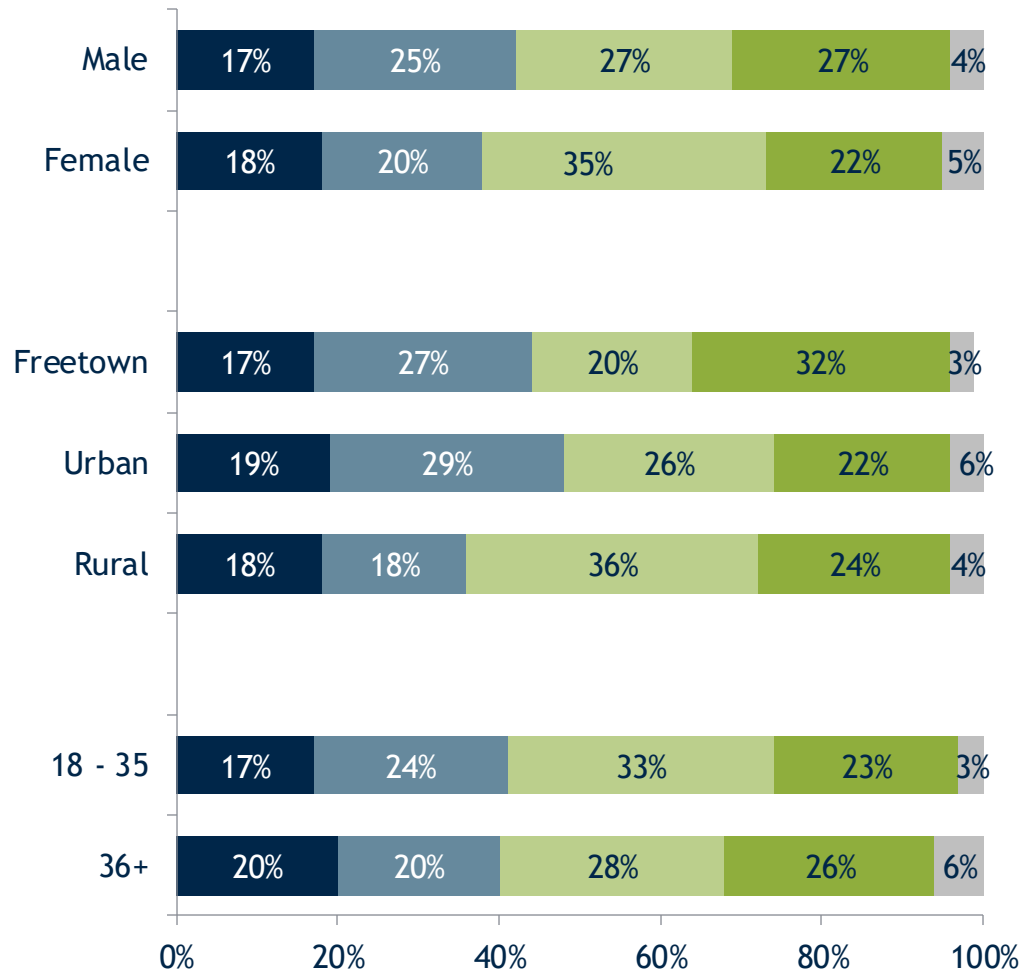
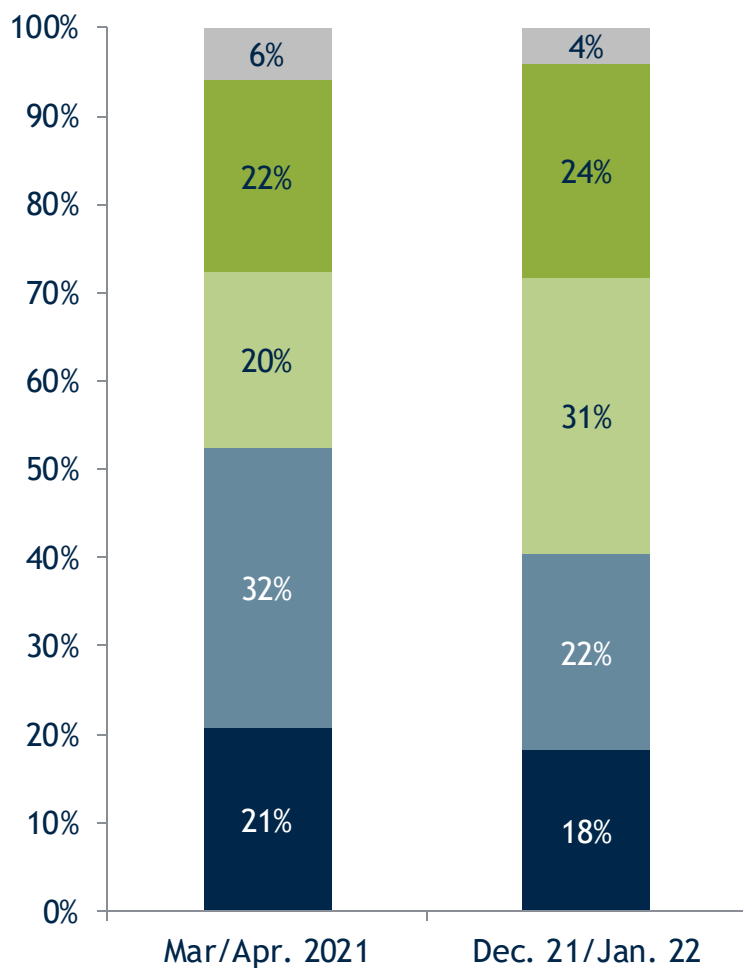
Maintaining infrastructure



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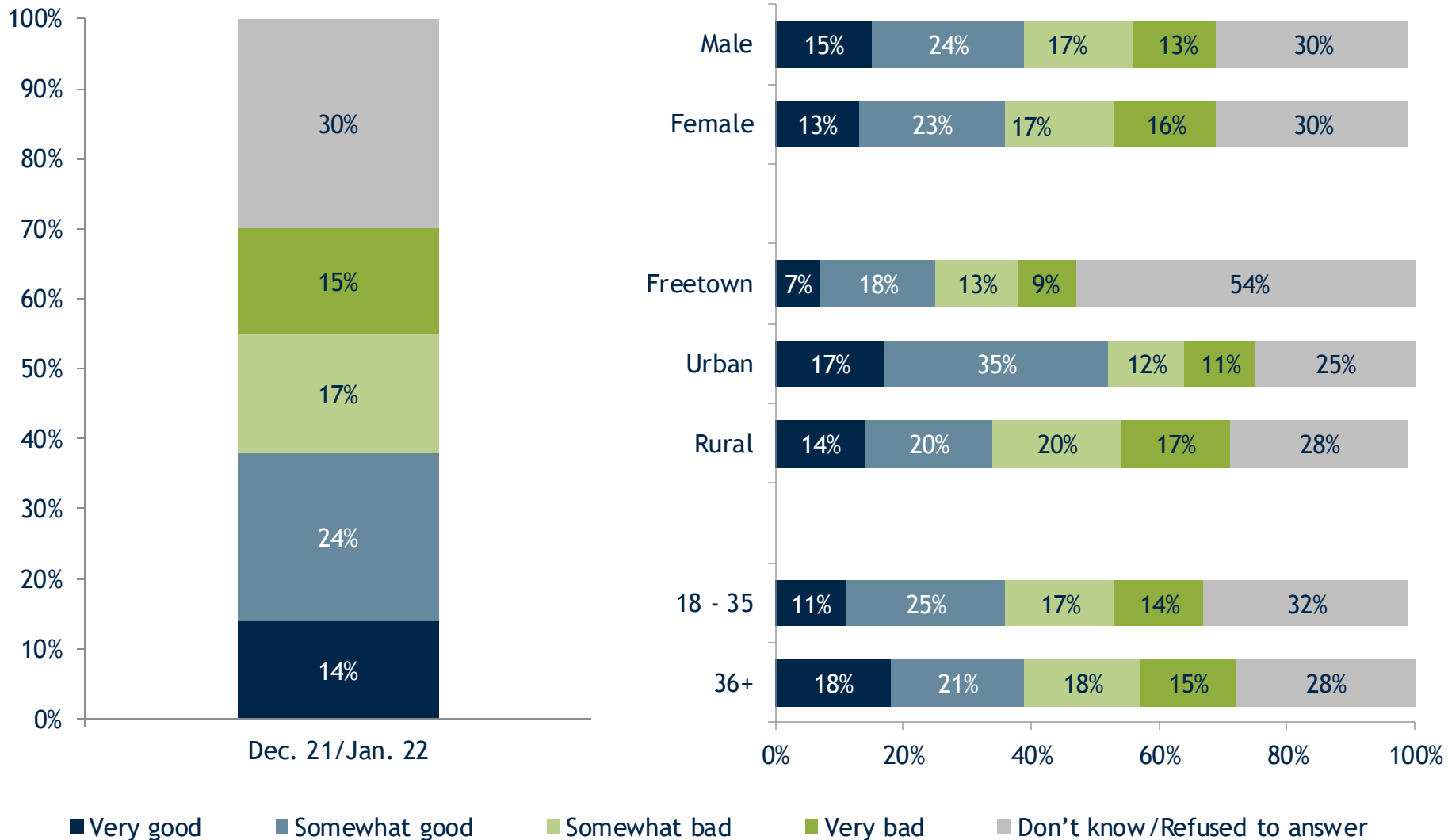
Fighting corruption



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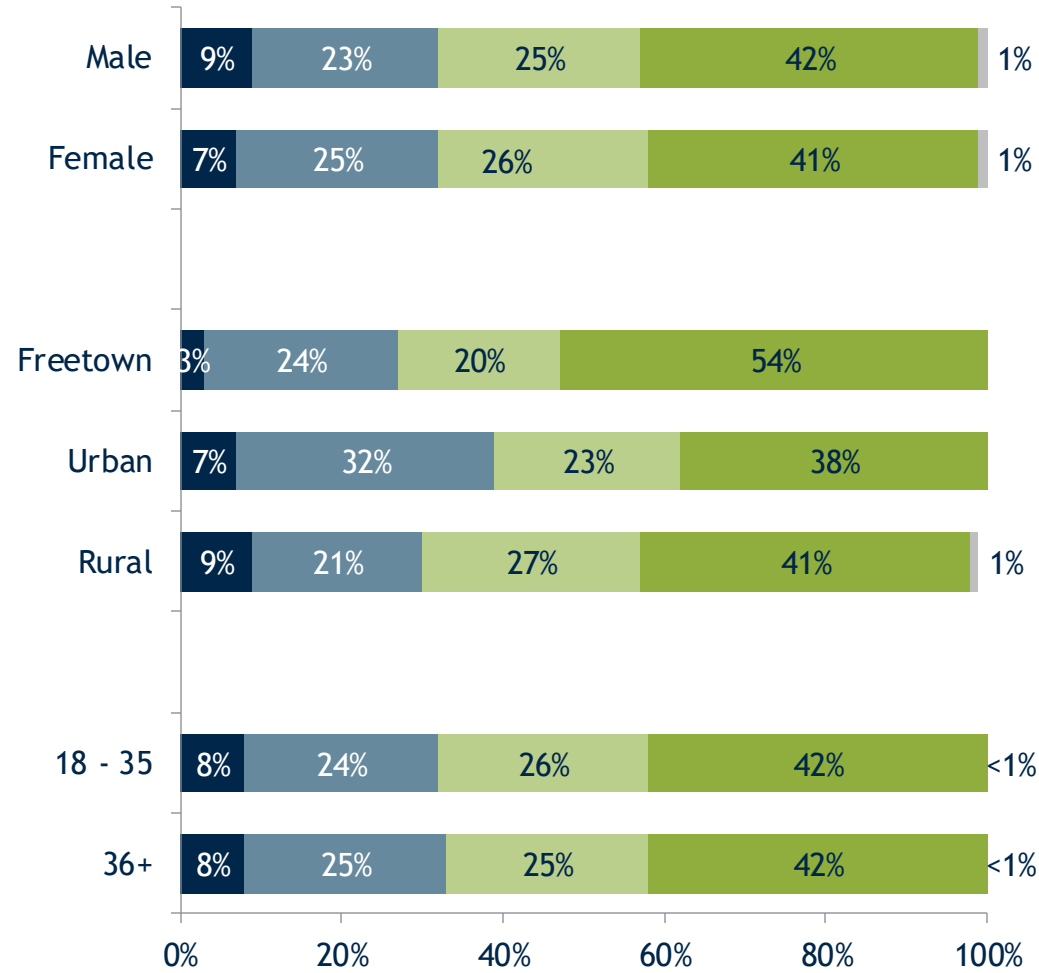
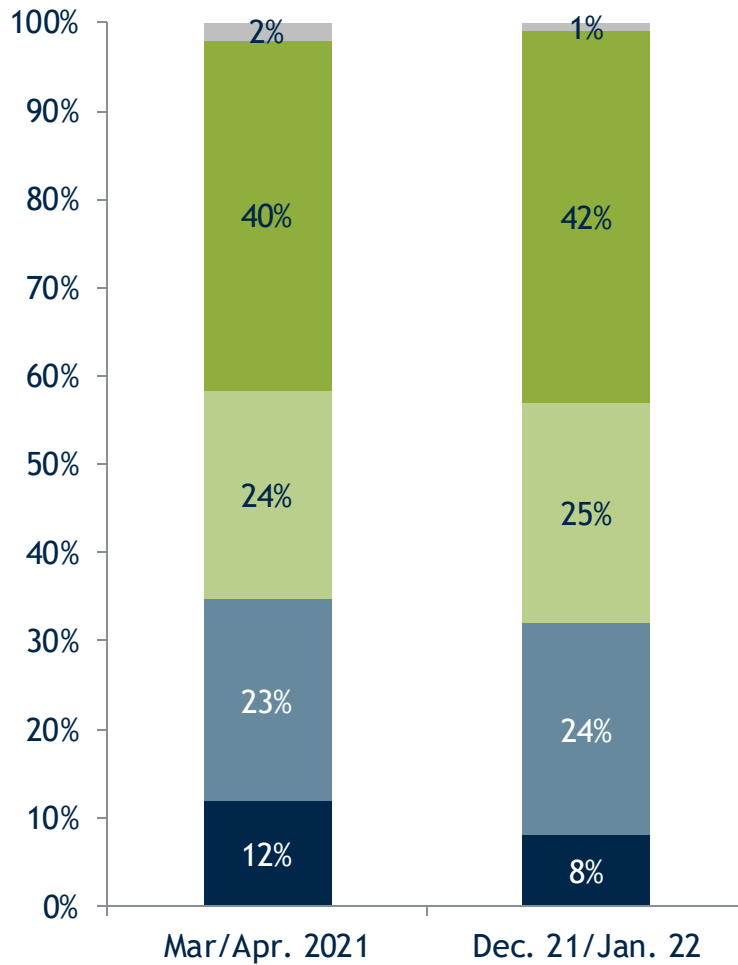
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Fighting terrorism



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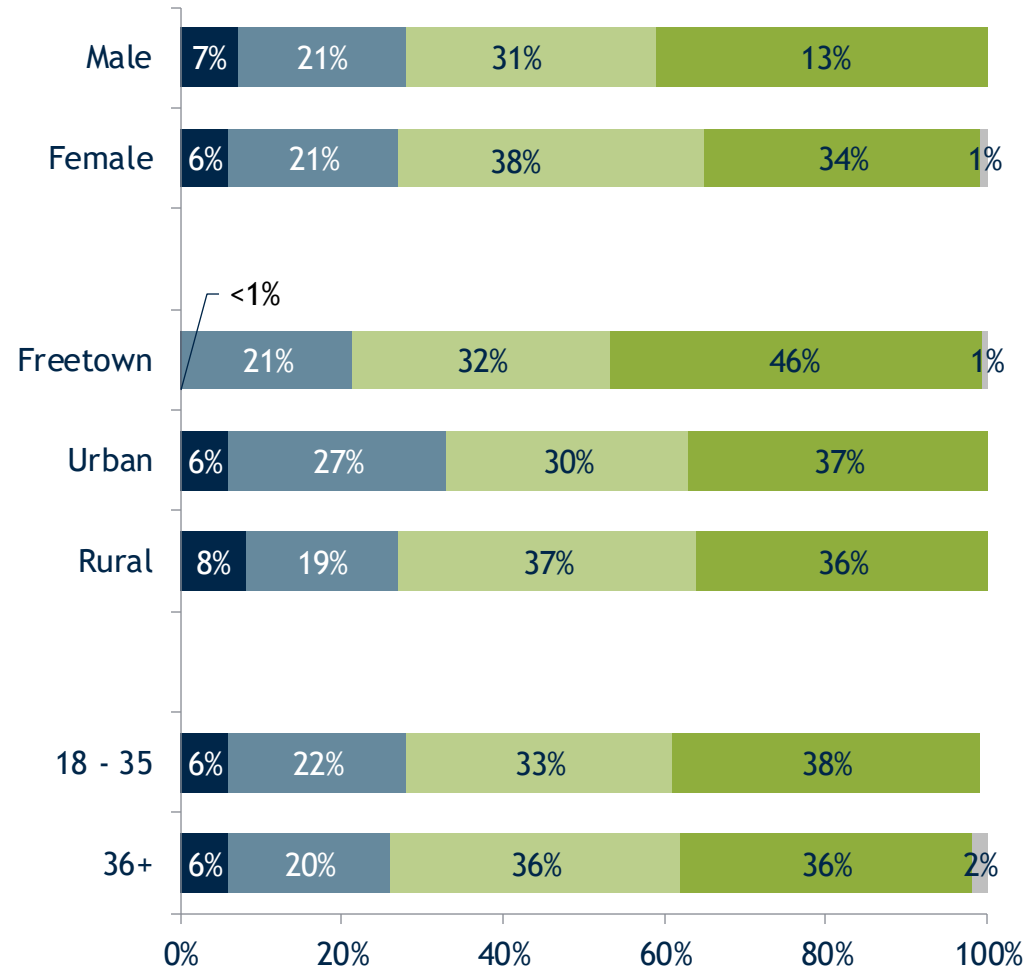
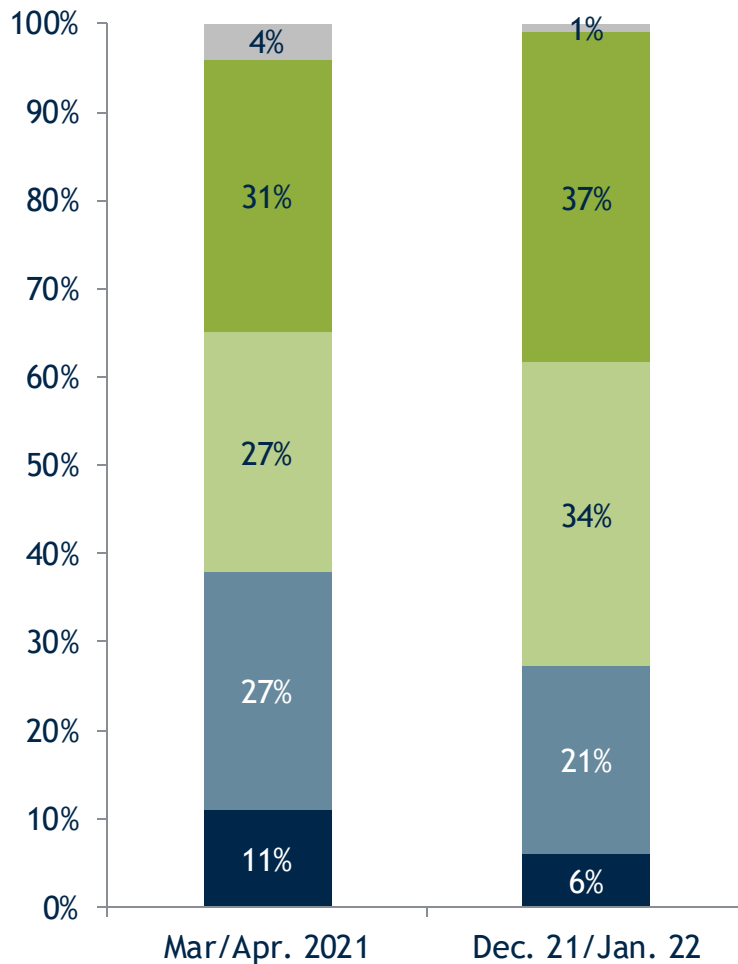
Managing the economy



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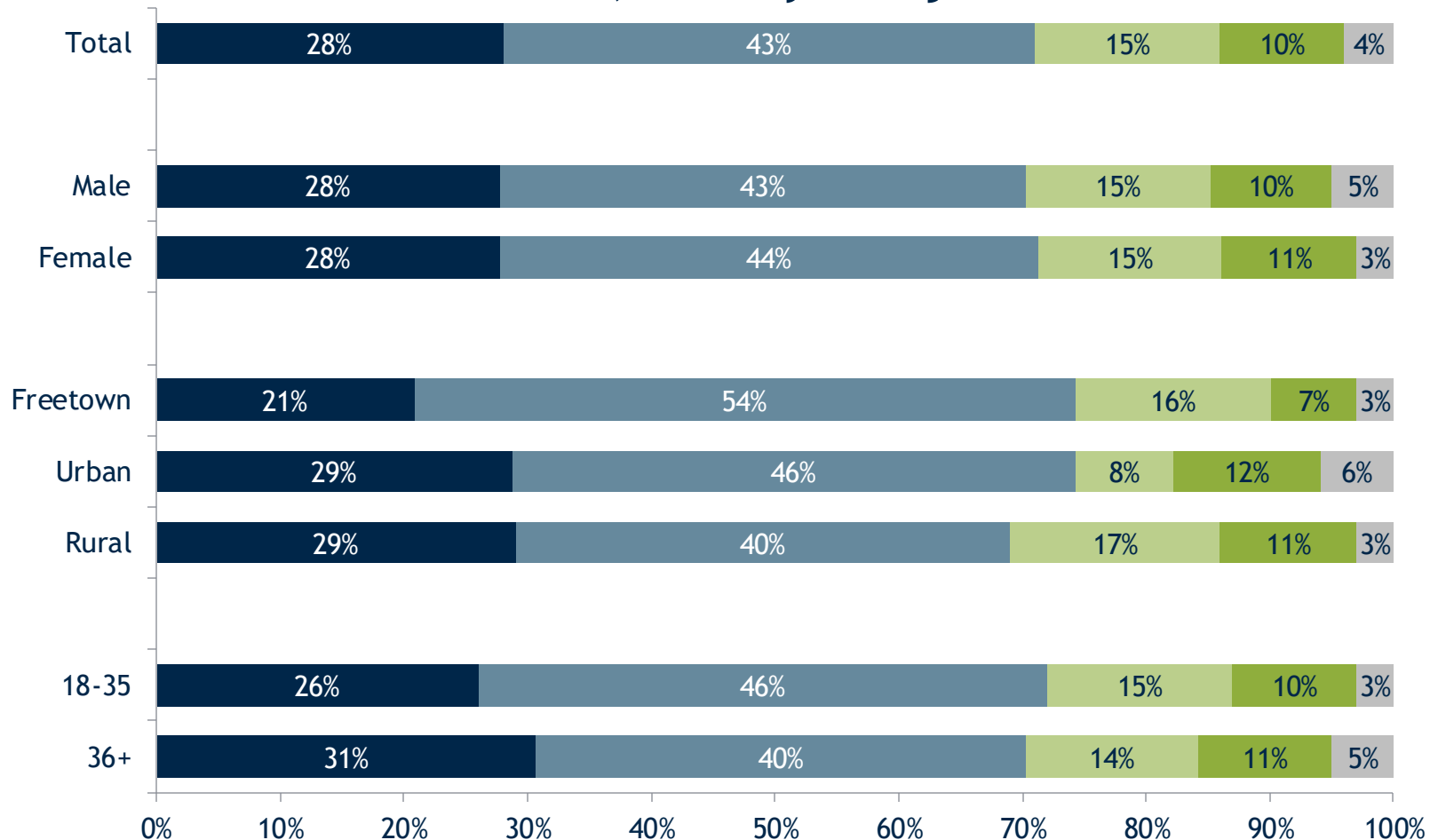
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Creating Jobs



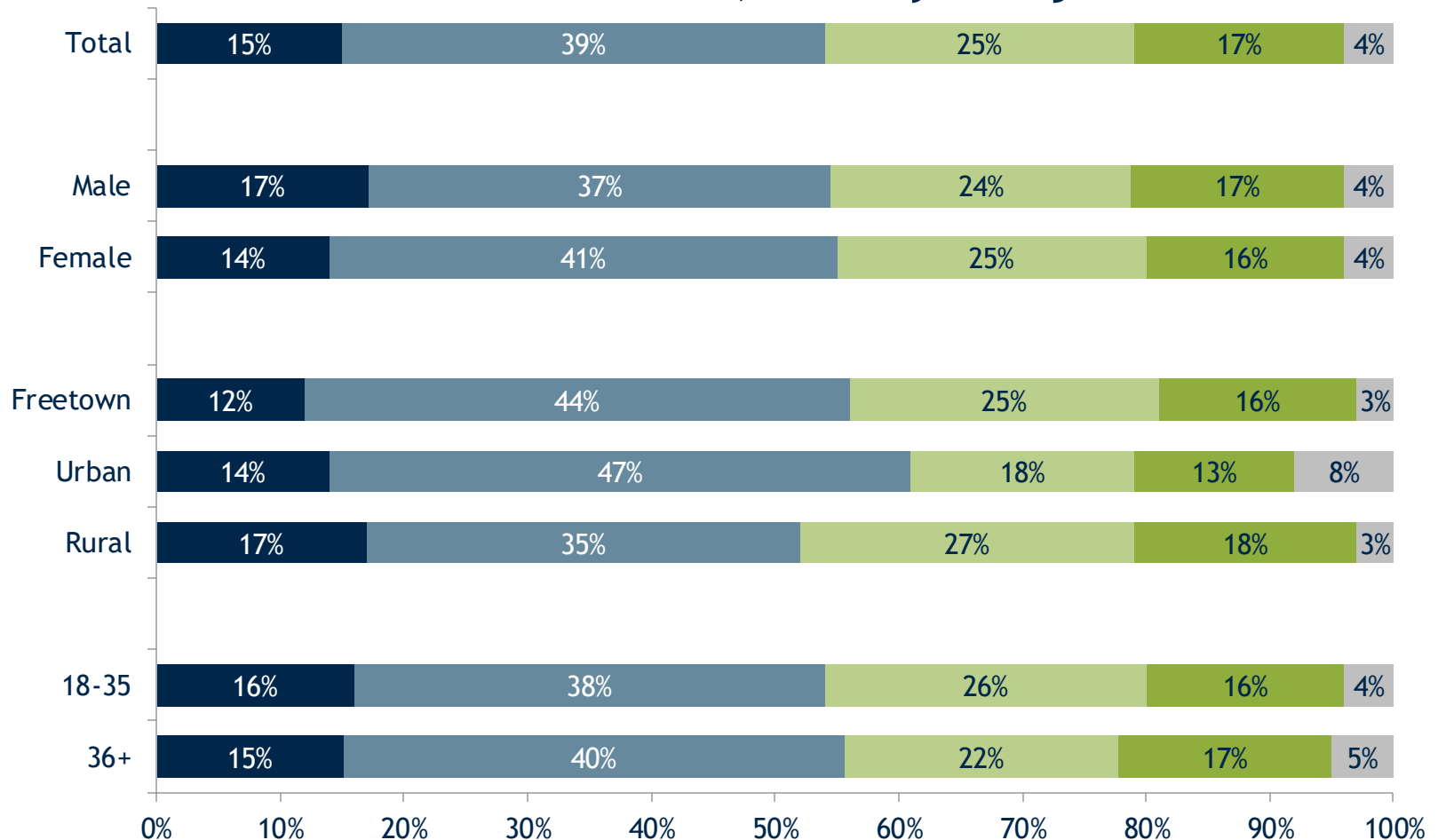
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Would you rate the government's health related management of the Covid-19 pandemic as very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?



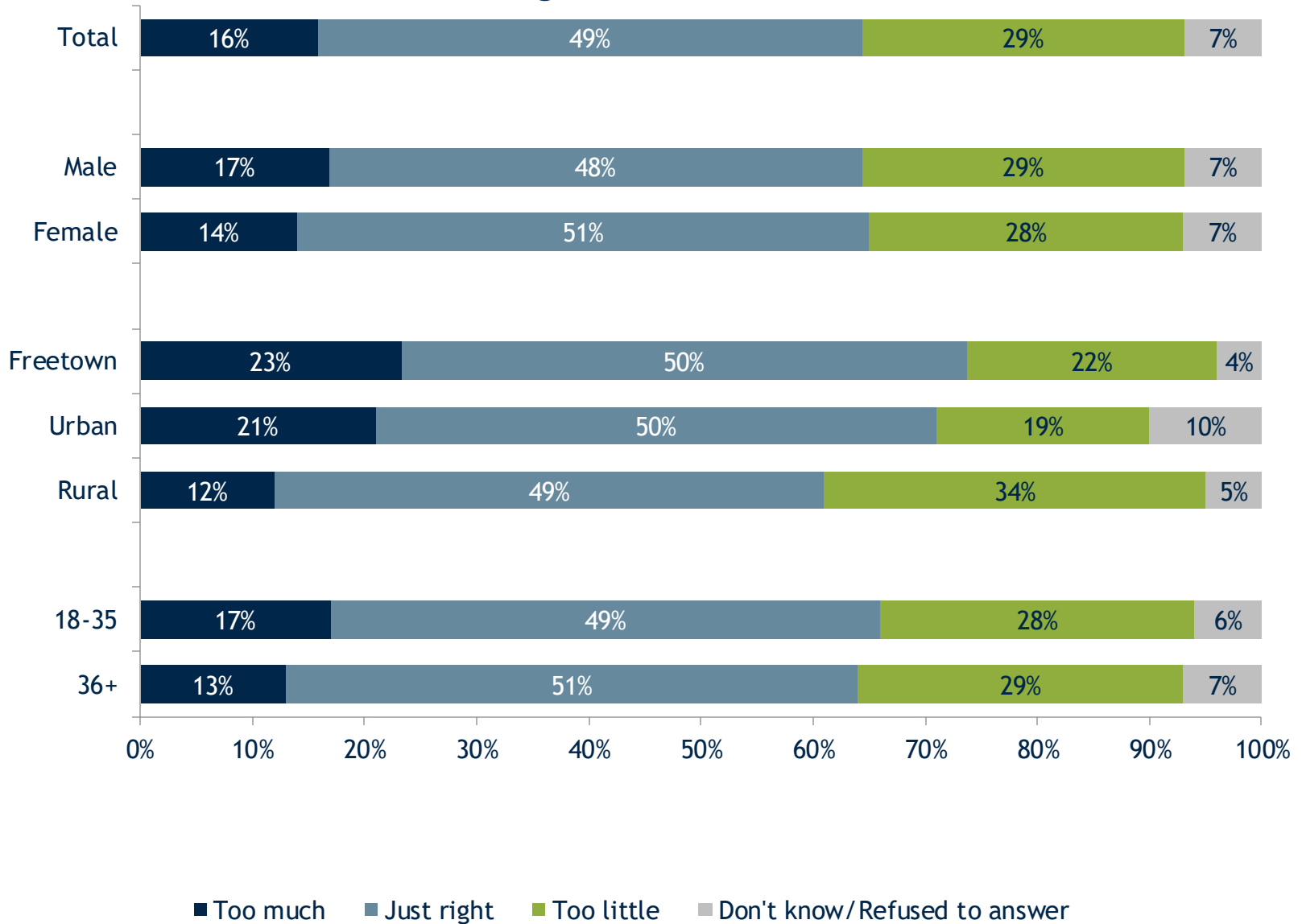
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 Don't know/Refused to answer

Would you rate the government's economic impact management of the Covid-19 pandemic as very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?

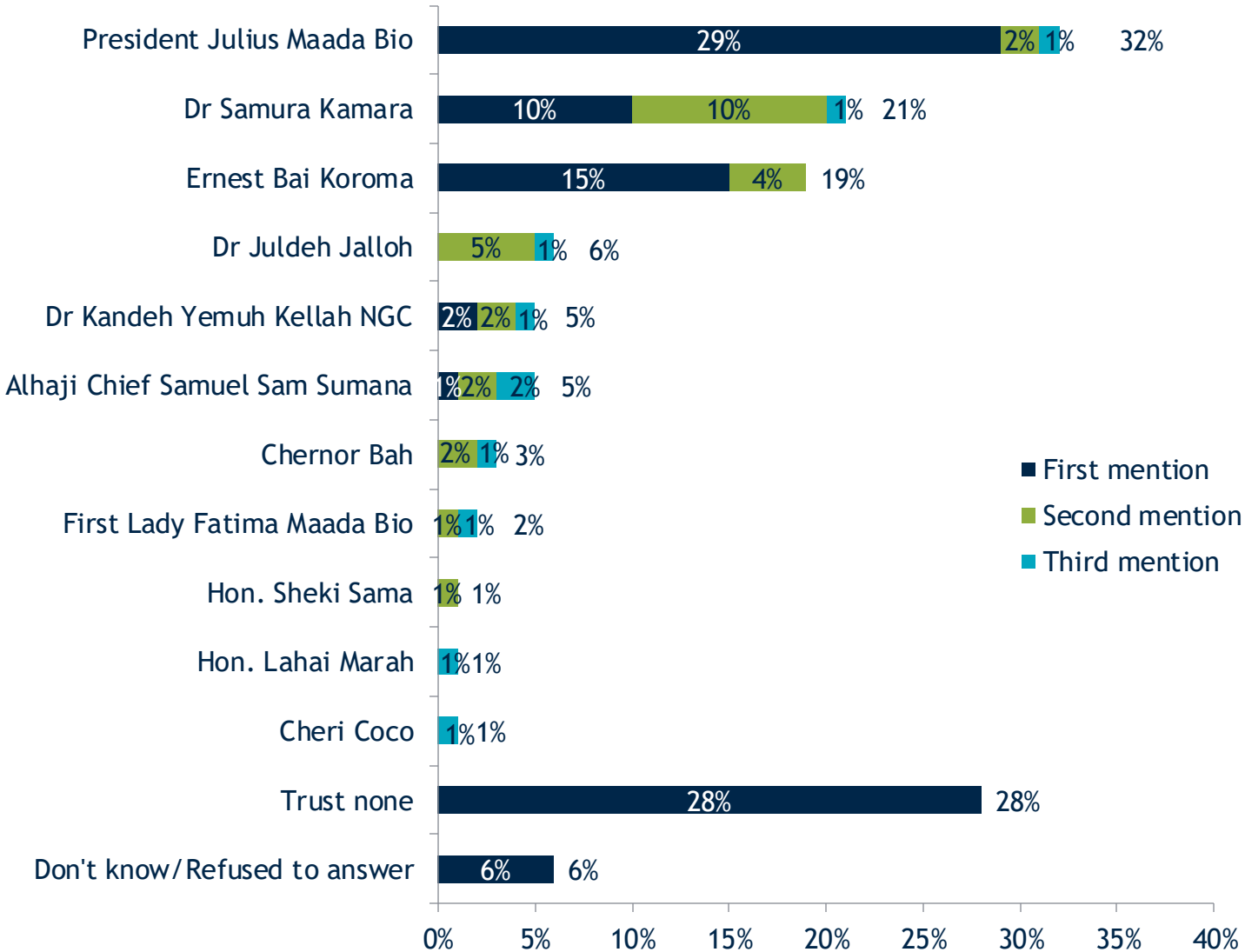


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Would you say the measures taken by the government between 2020-2021 to curb the spread of Covid-19 were too much, just right, or too little?



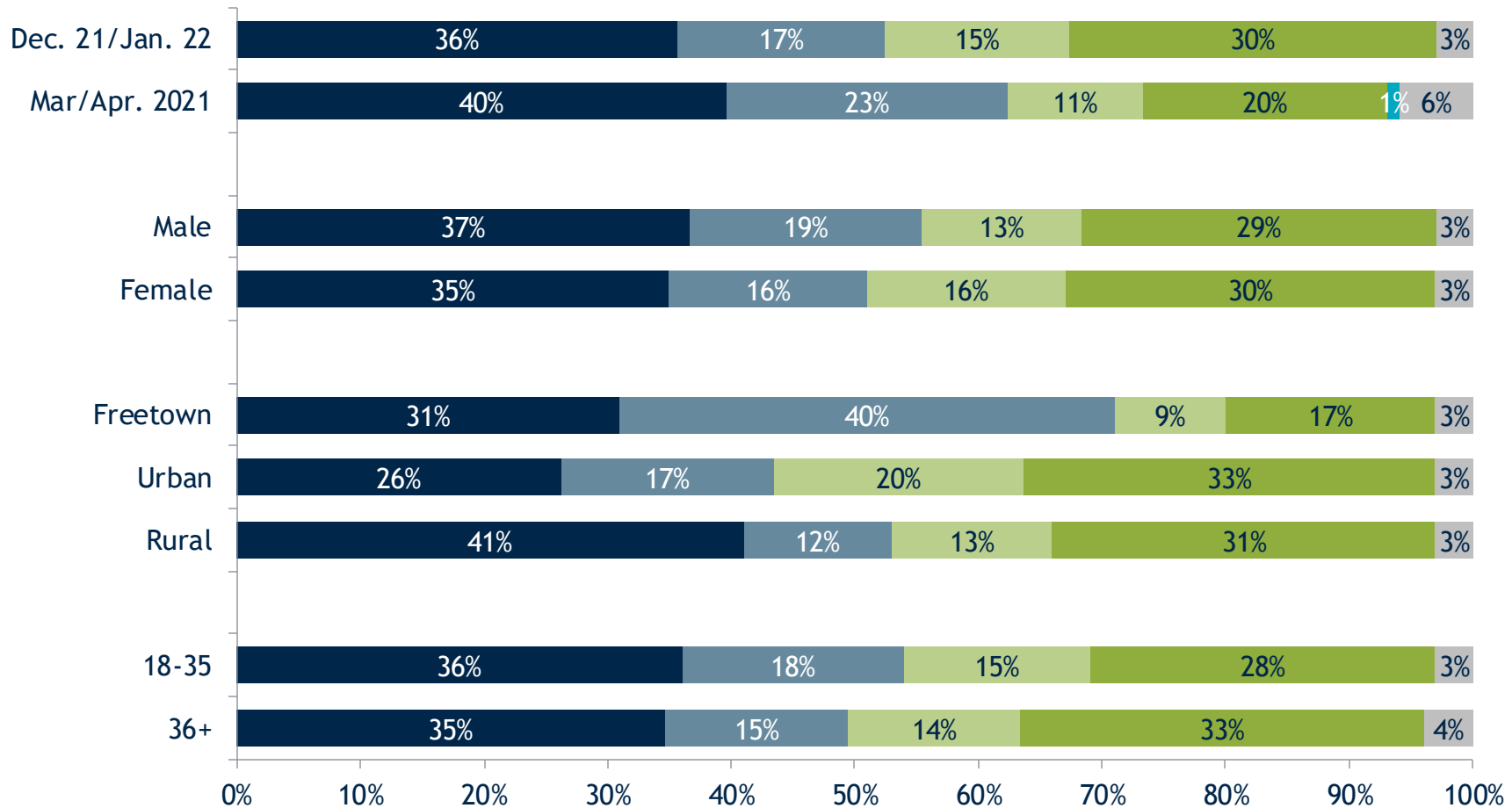
Which politician or public person do you trust the most? (Spontaneous response; up to three responses accepted)



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For each, please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or highly unfavorable opinion of this party. If you have not heard of this party, please tell me.

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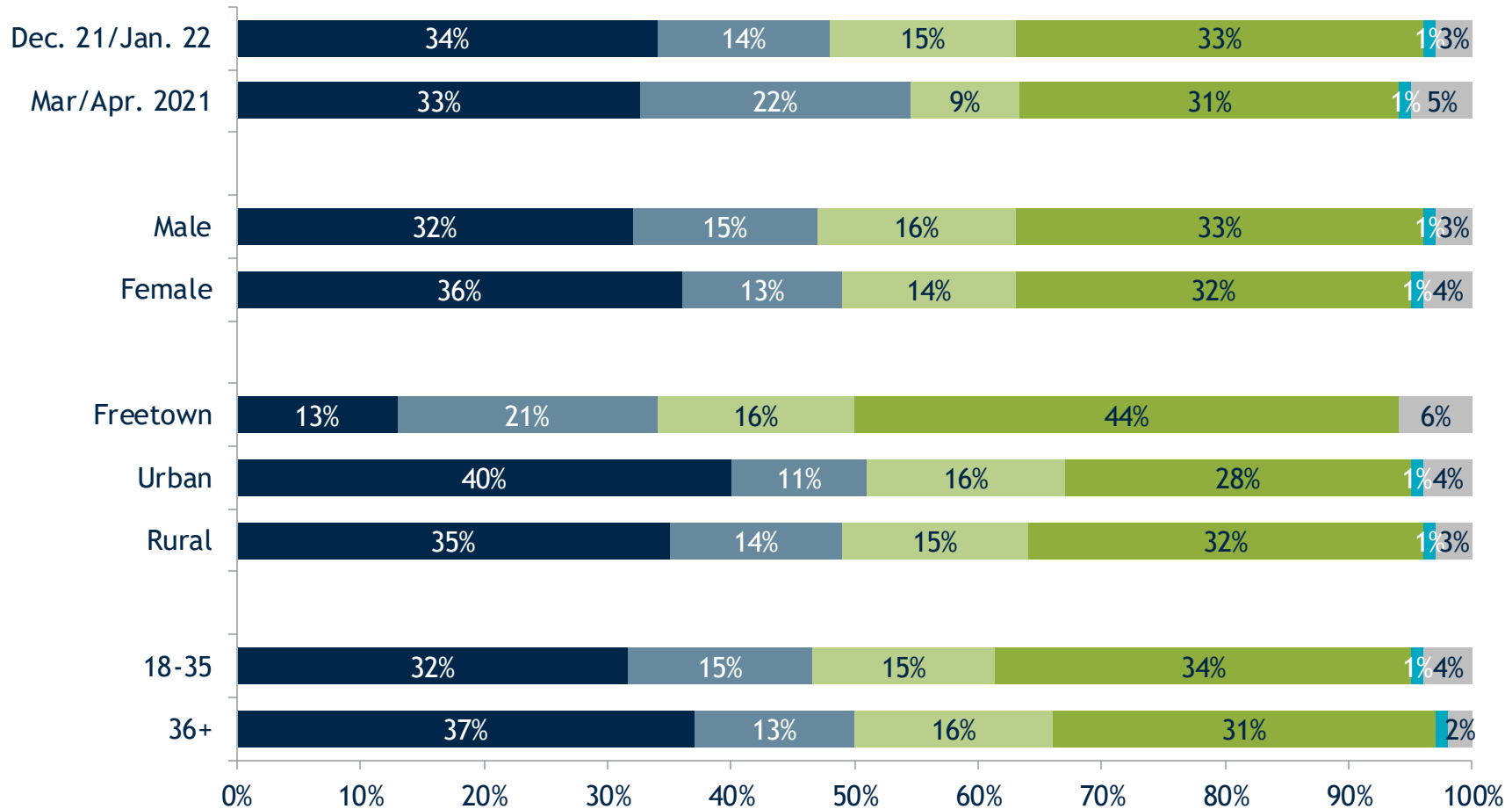


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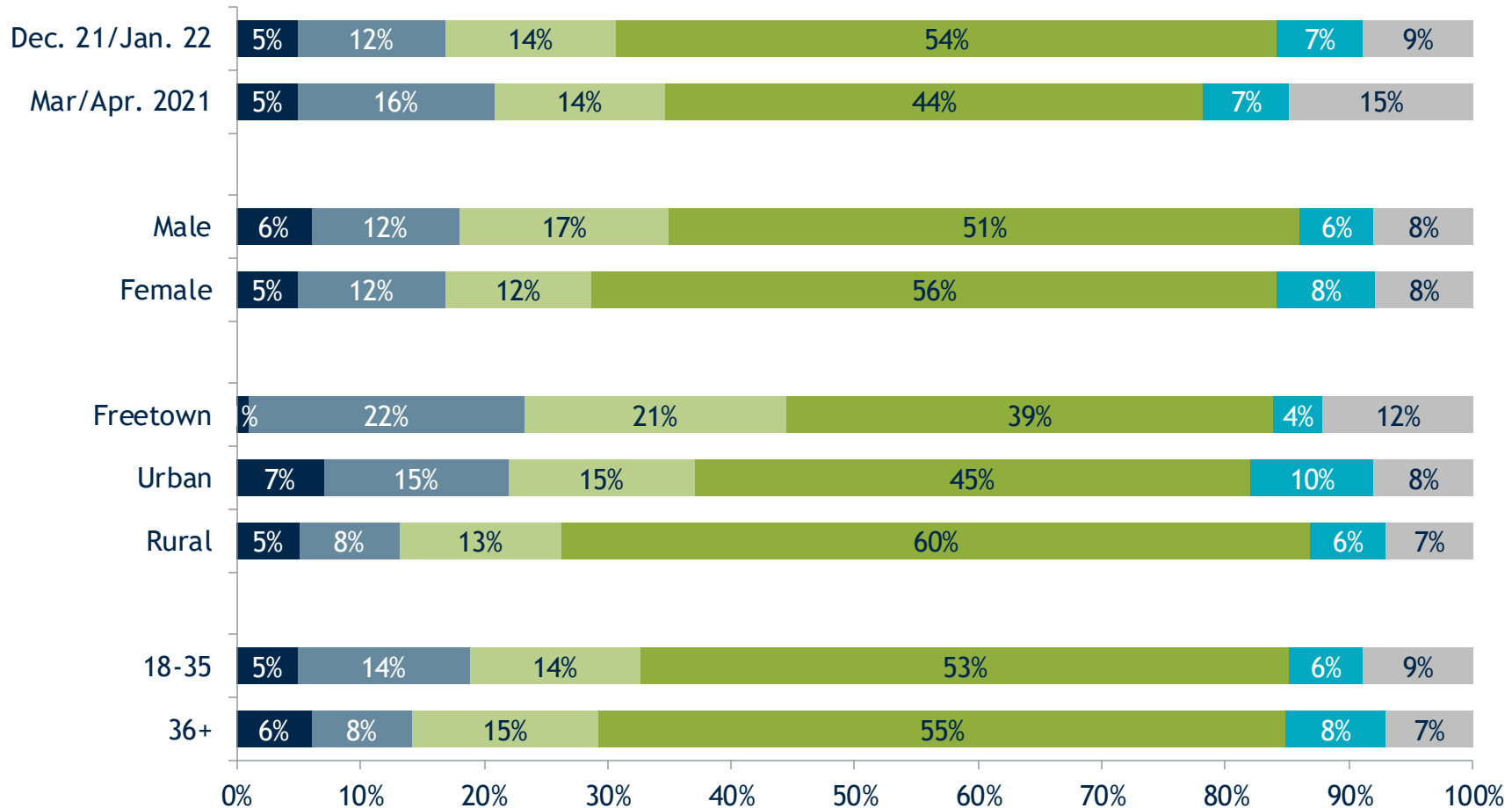


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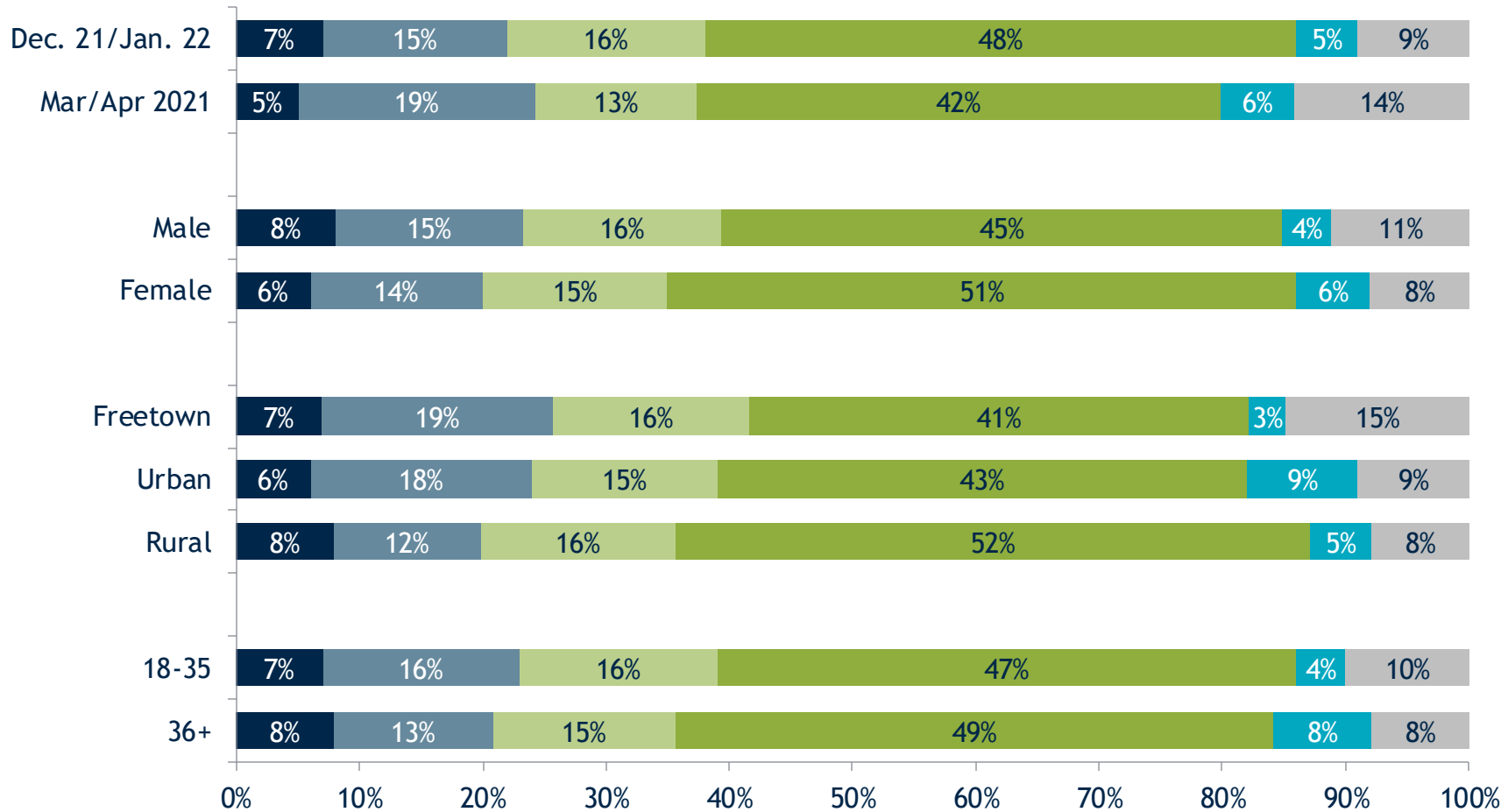
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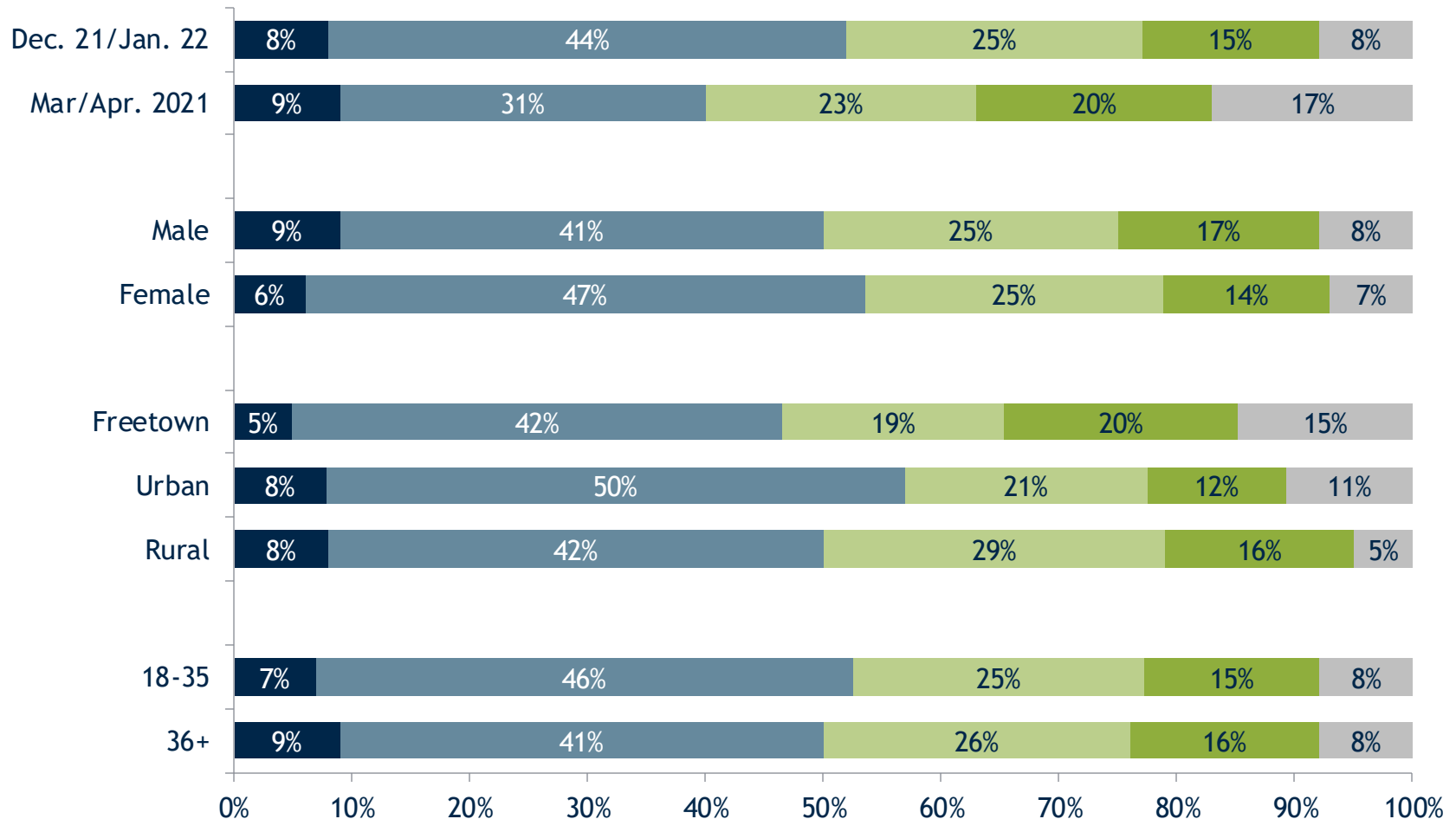
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Local Government

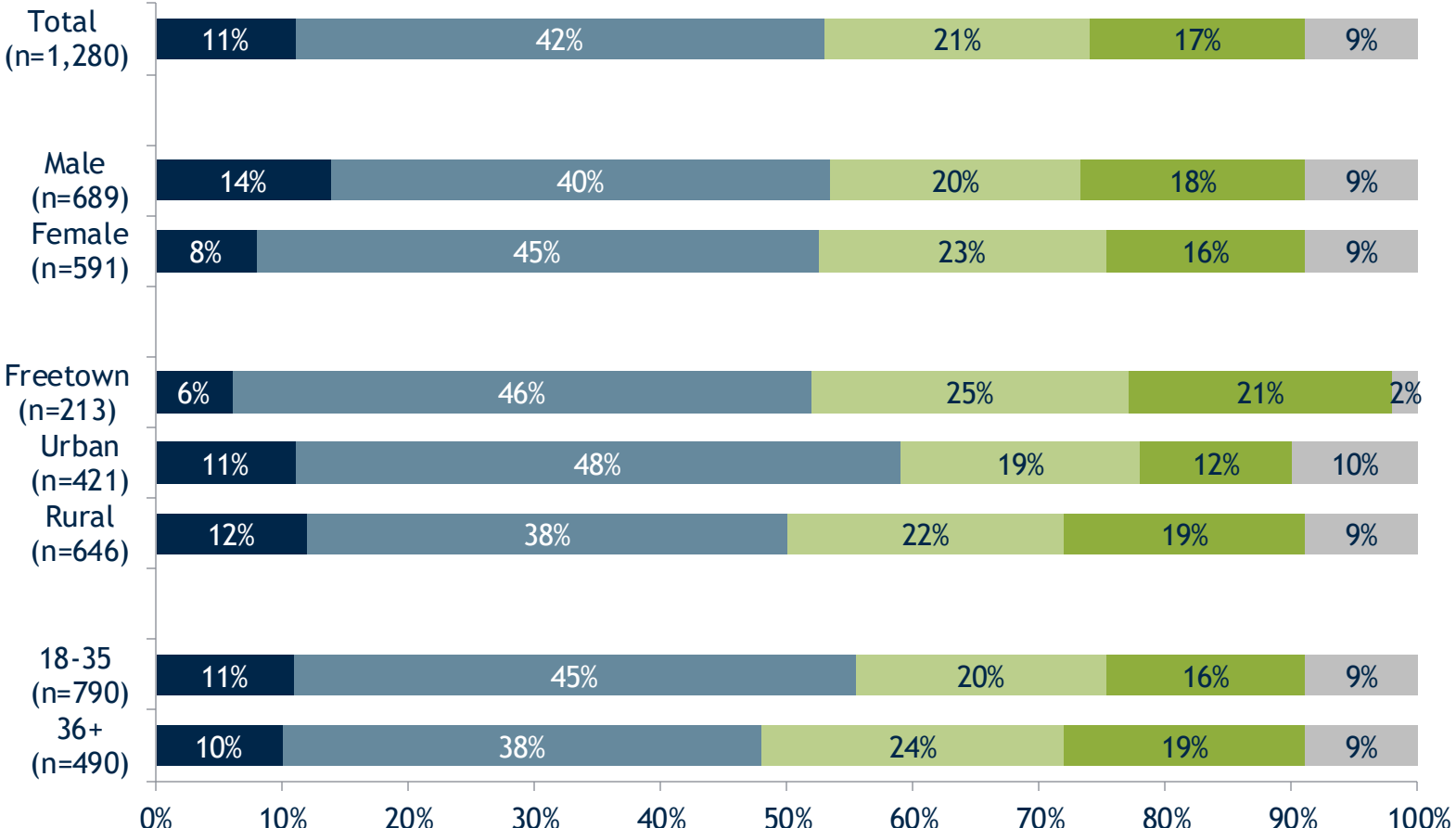


Is the local council in your district doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?



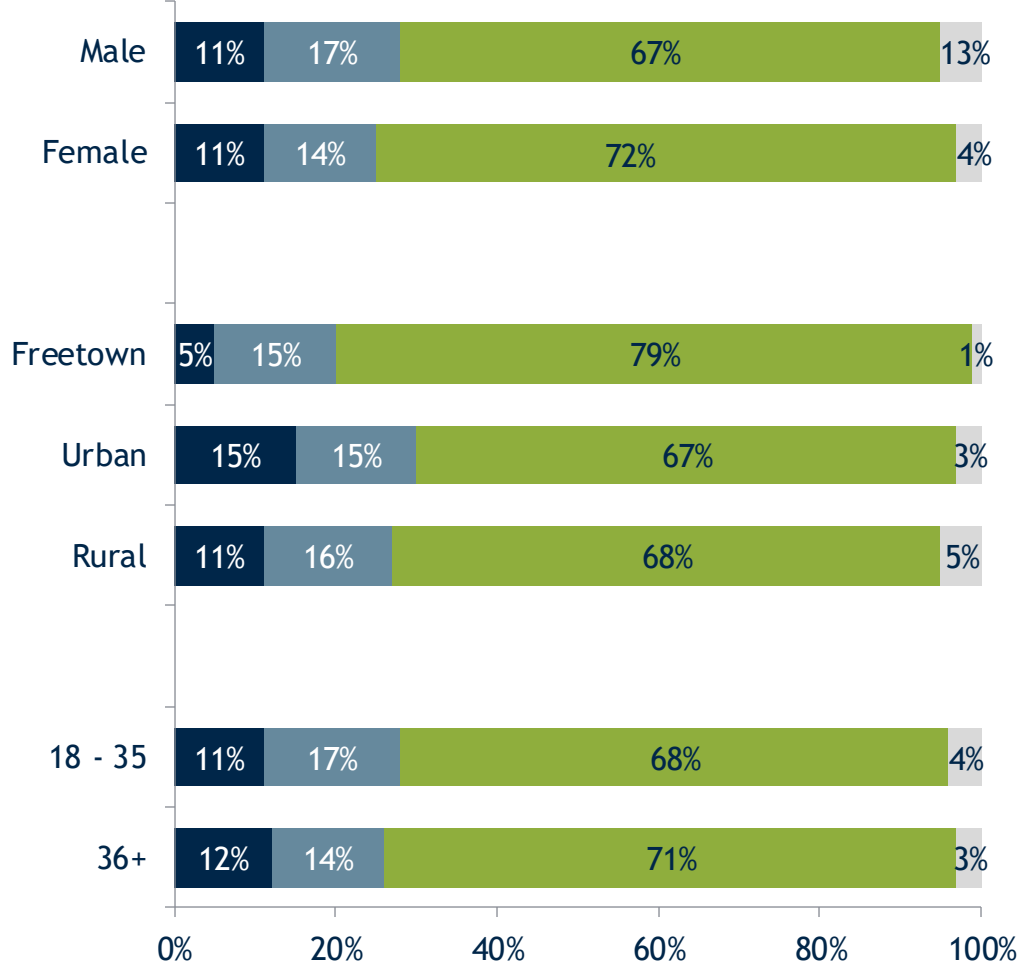
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Is the local council in your city doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job? (Among those who reside in a city)



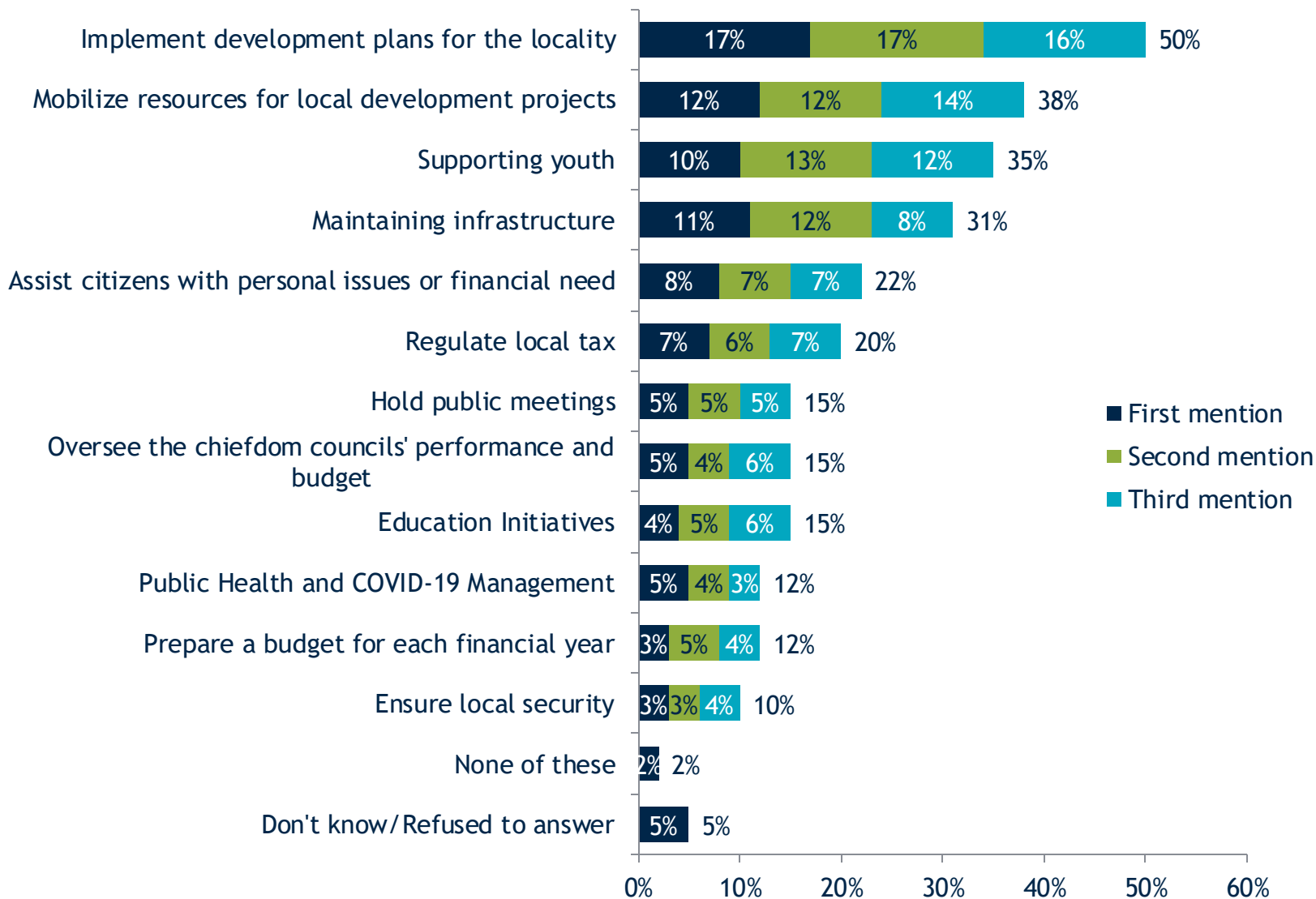
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During the past 12 months, have you attended a local council meeting open to the public?



More than once
 Once
 Never
 Don't know/Refused to answer

Of the following, which do you consider the most important responsibility of your local council? (Up to three responses allowed)



For which of these areas do you think your local council most needs to improve its performance?



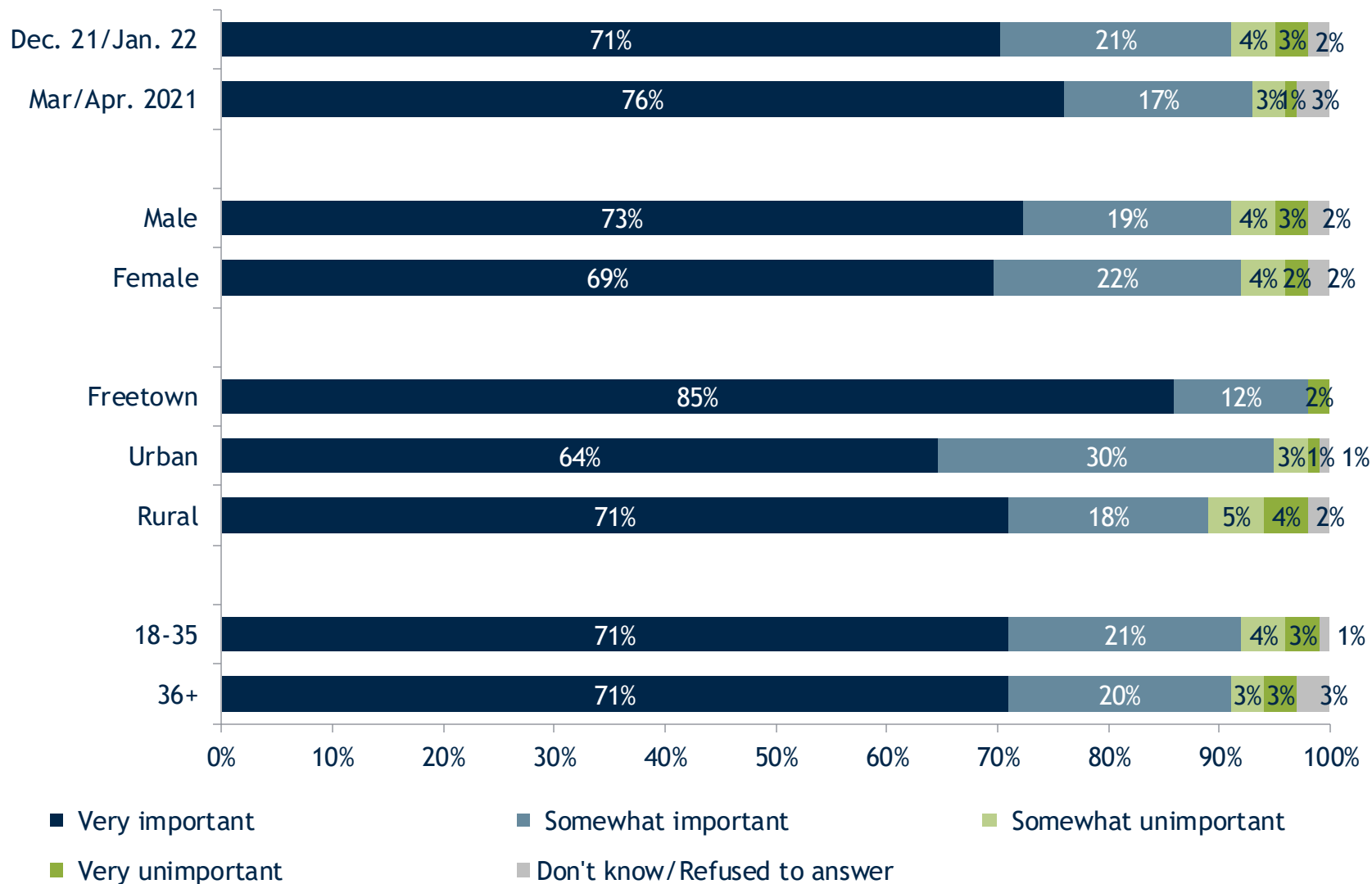
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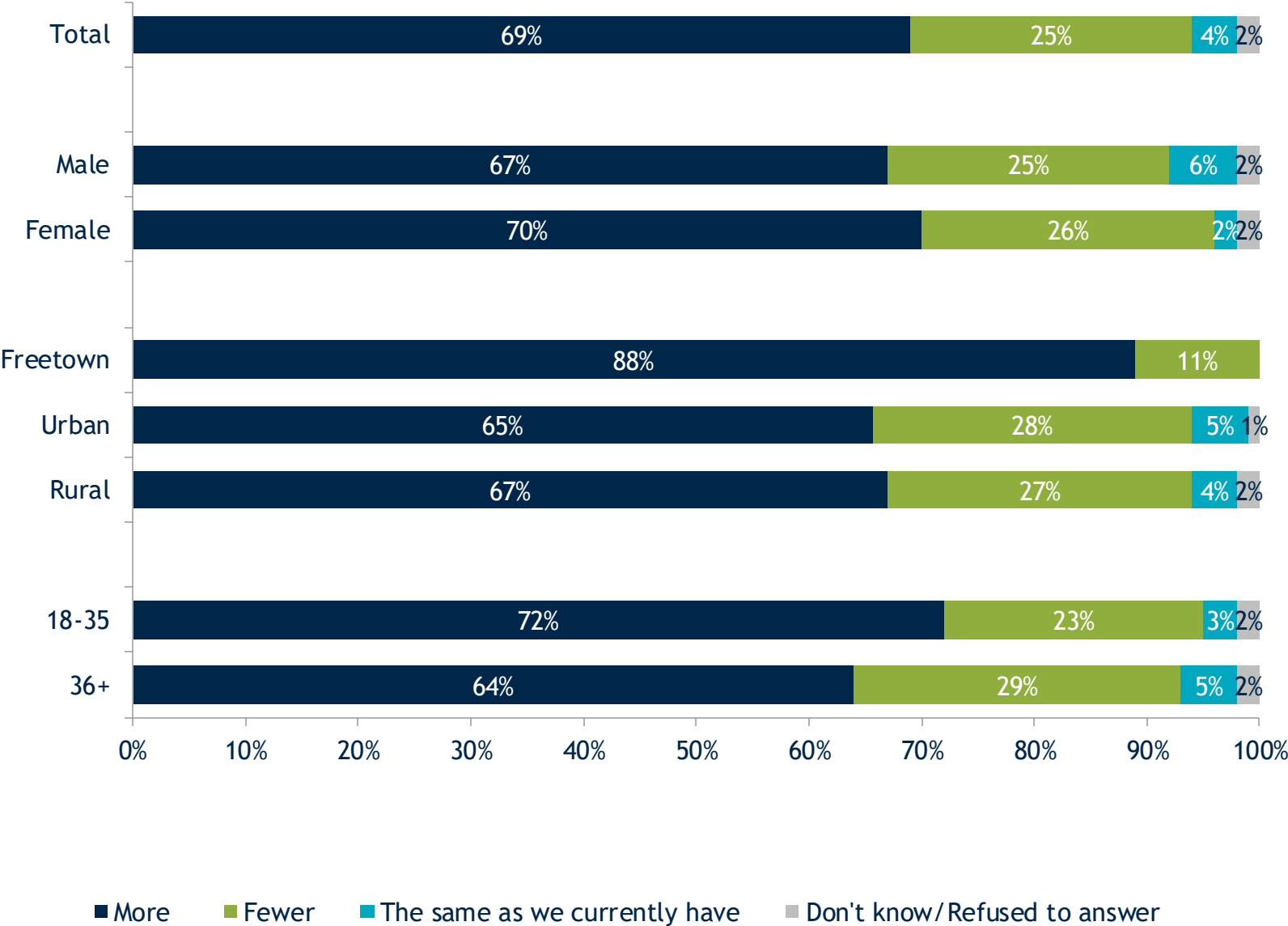
Inclusion



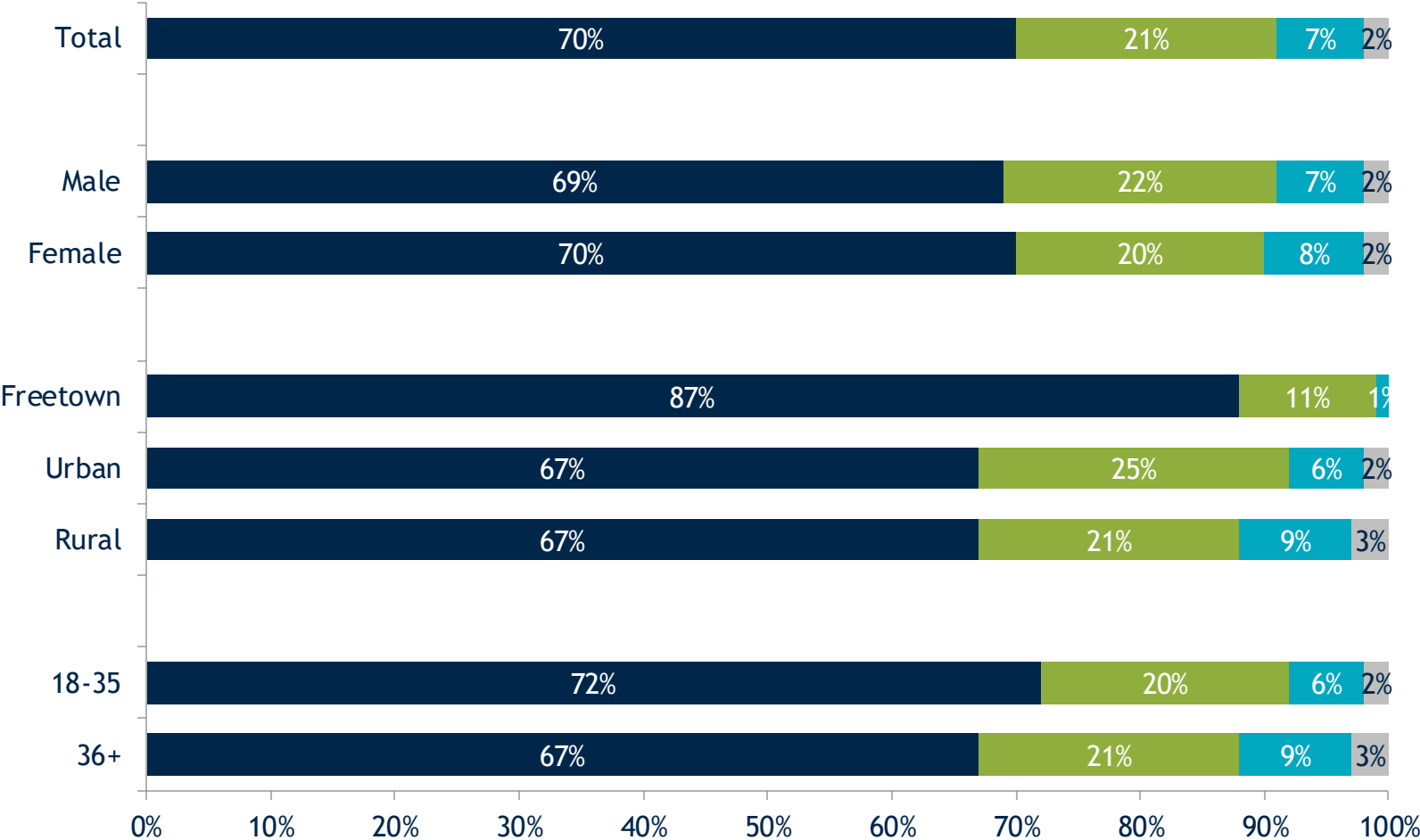
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?



Do you think we need more, fewer or the same number of women as we currently have in national government positions?

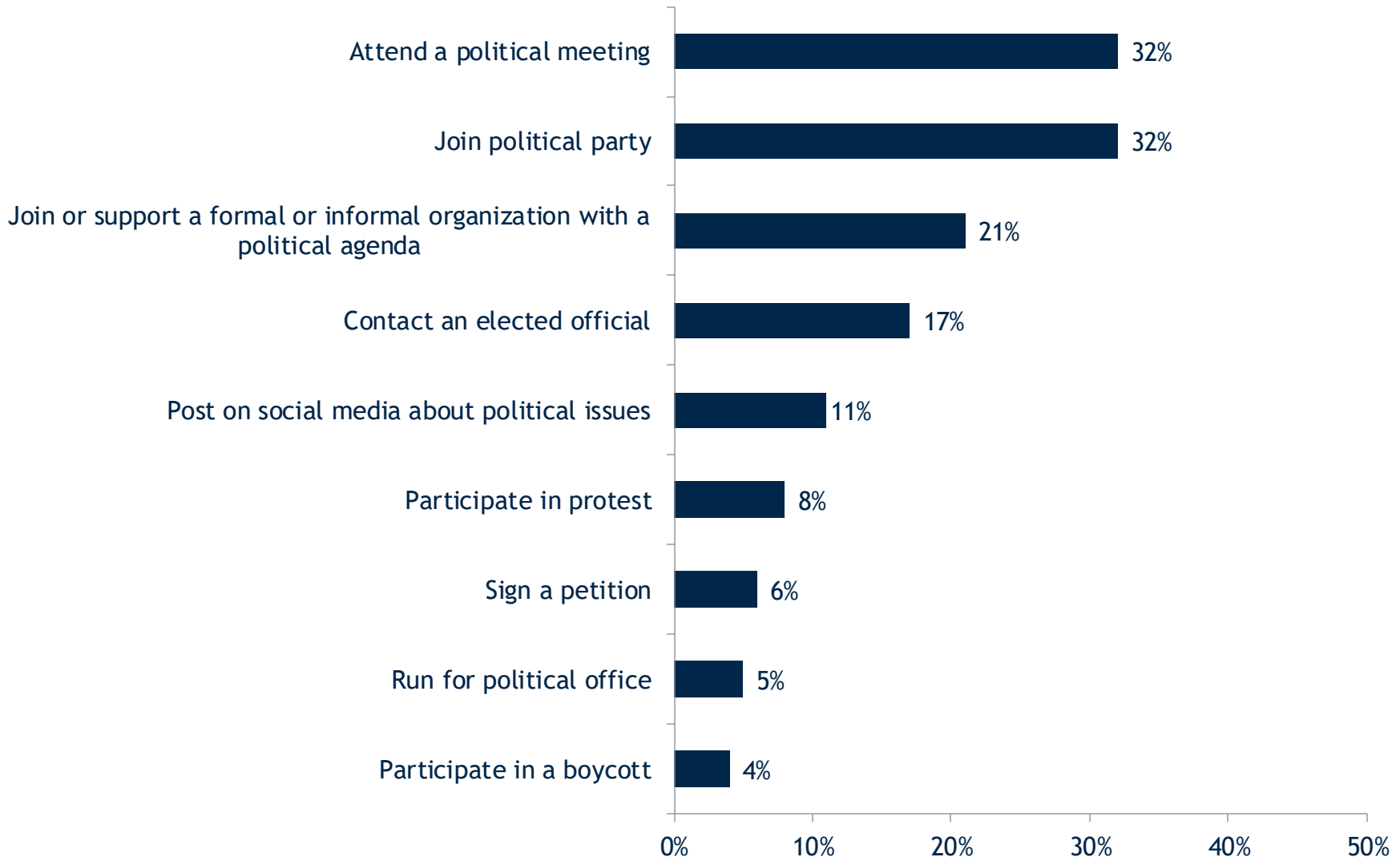


Do you think we need more, fewer or the same number of women as we currently have in local government positions?



More
 Fewer
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Have you ever engaged in any of the following activities? (“Yes” answers displayed; multiple responses accepted)

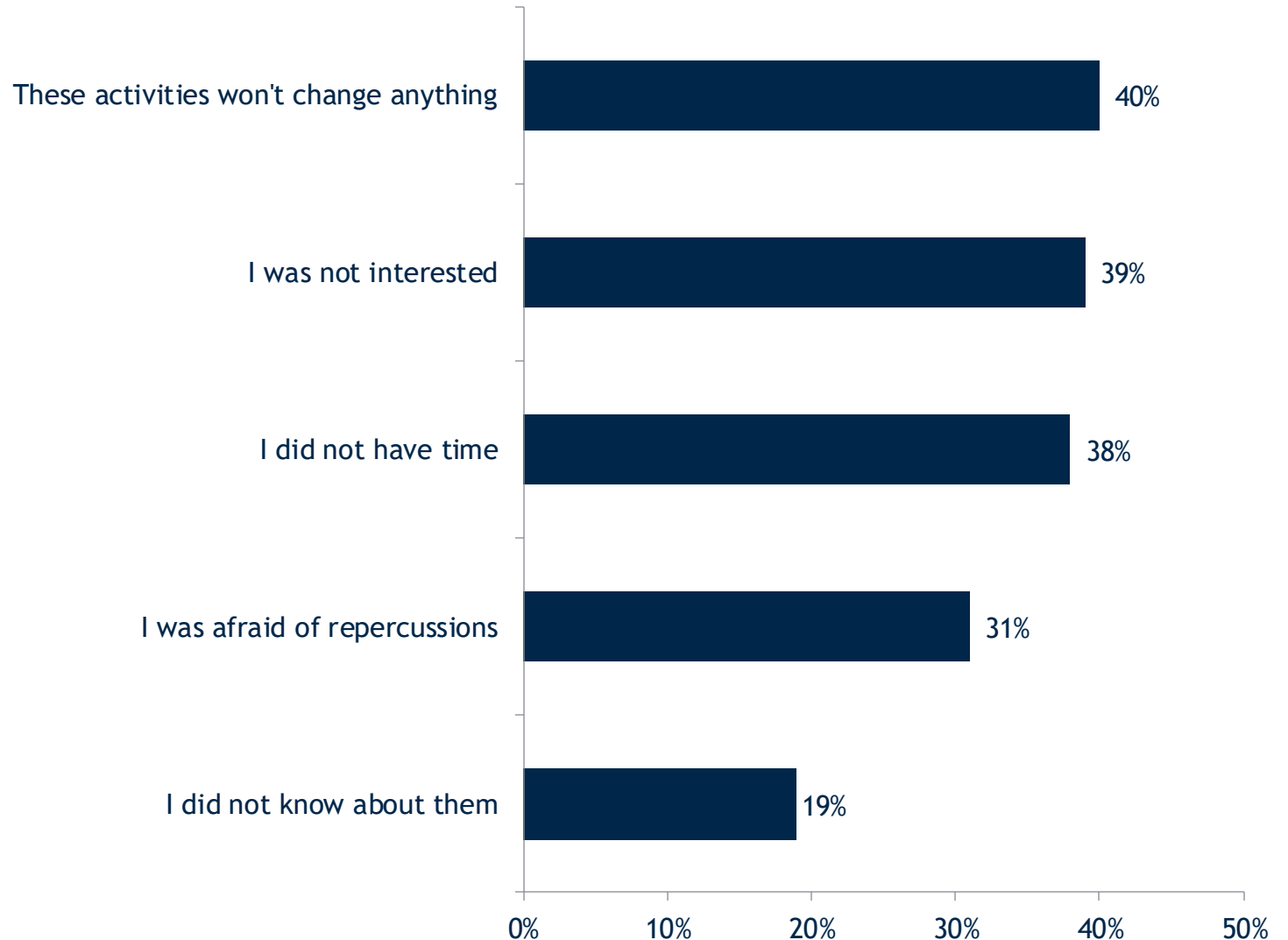


Are you interested in engaging in any of the following activities within the next several years? ("Yes" answers displayed; multiple responses accepted)



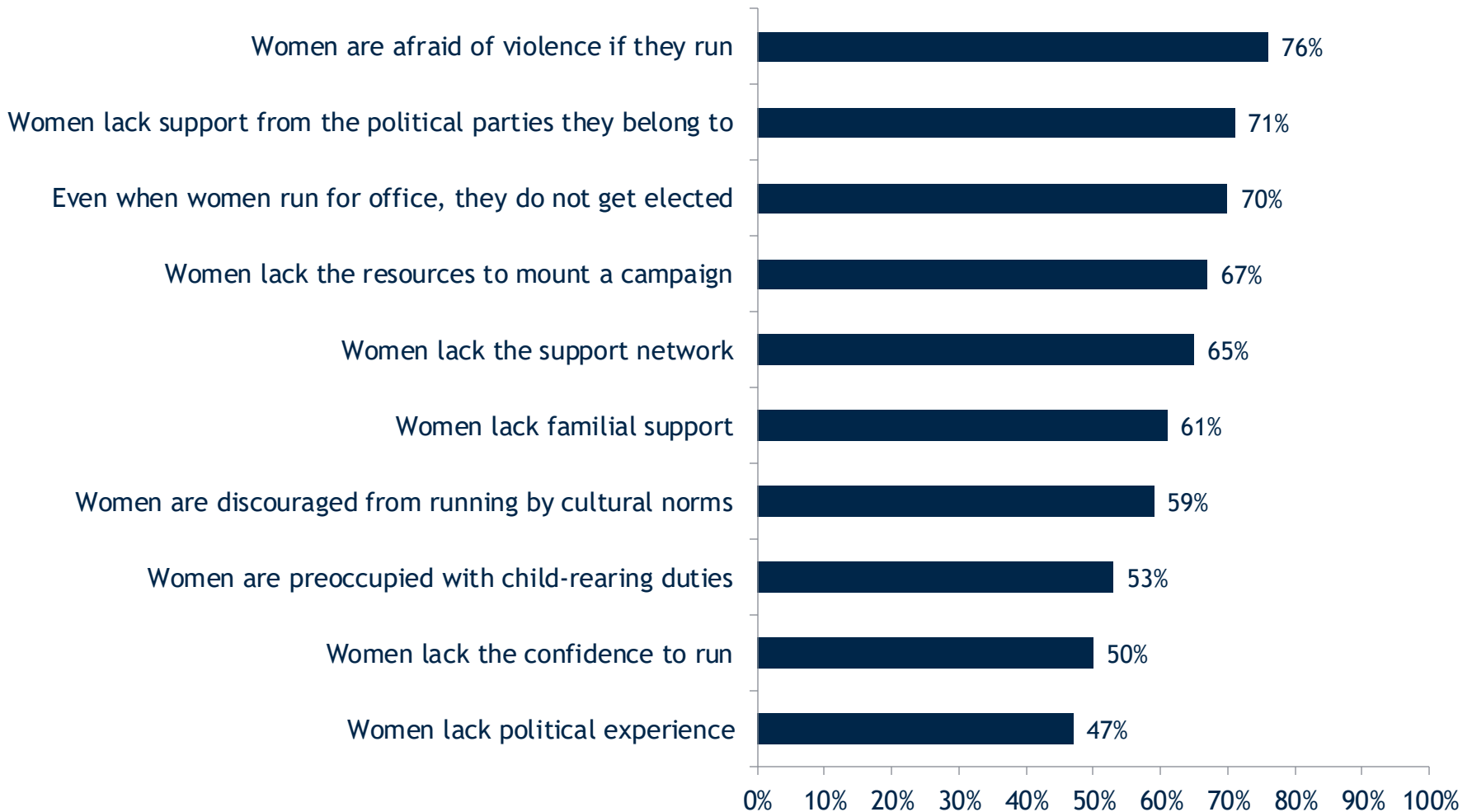
Why have you never engaged in any of these activities?

(Among those who did not engage in any of the activities, n=646; multiple responses accepted; “Yes” answers displayed)



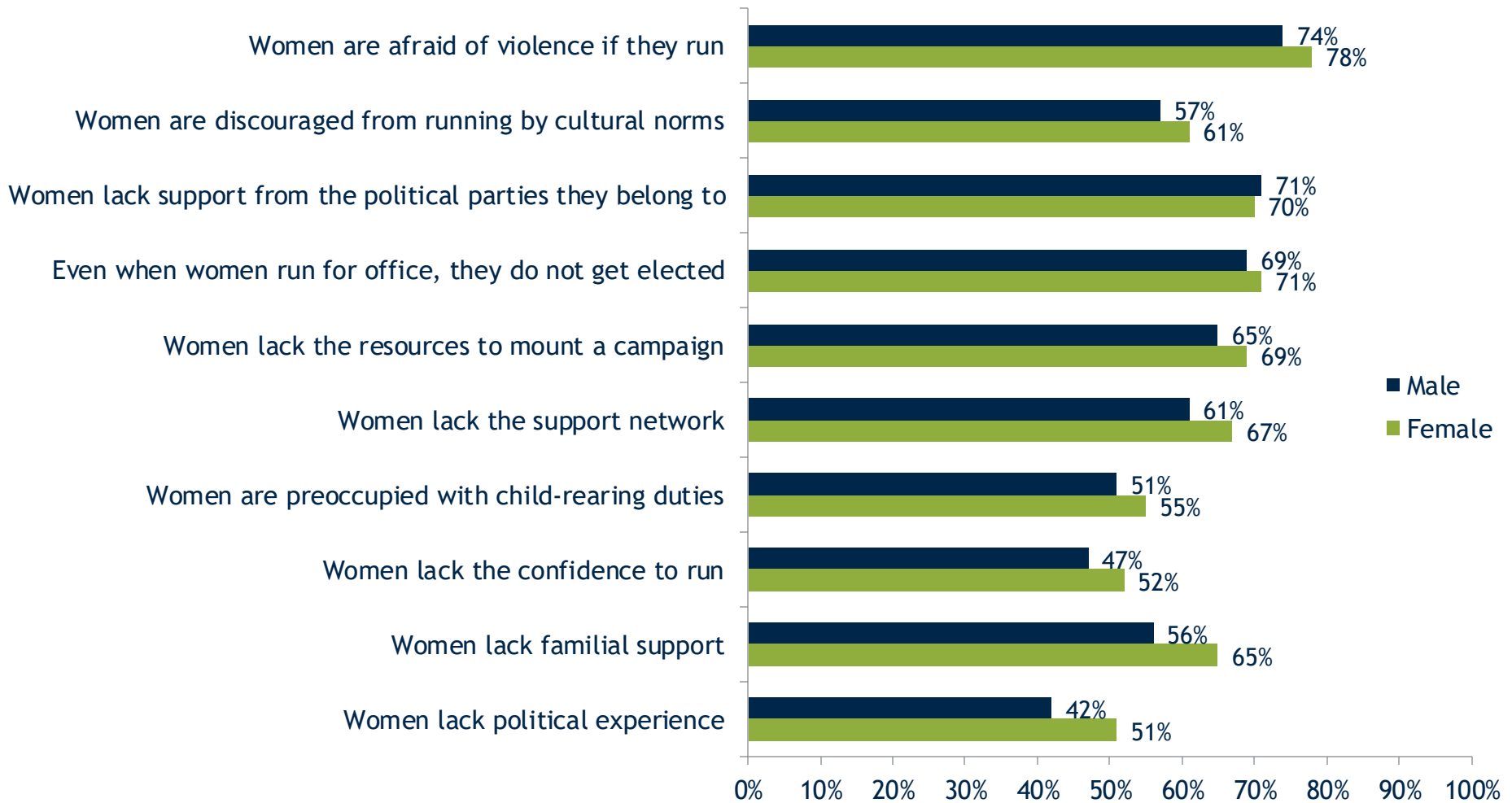
Why are there not more women politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.

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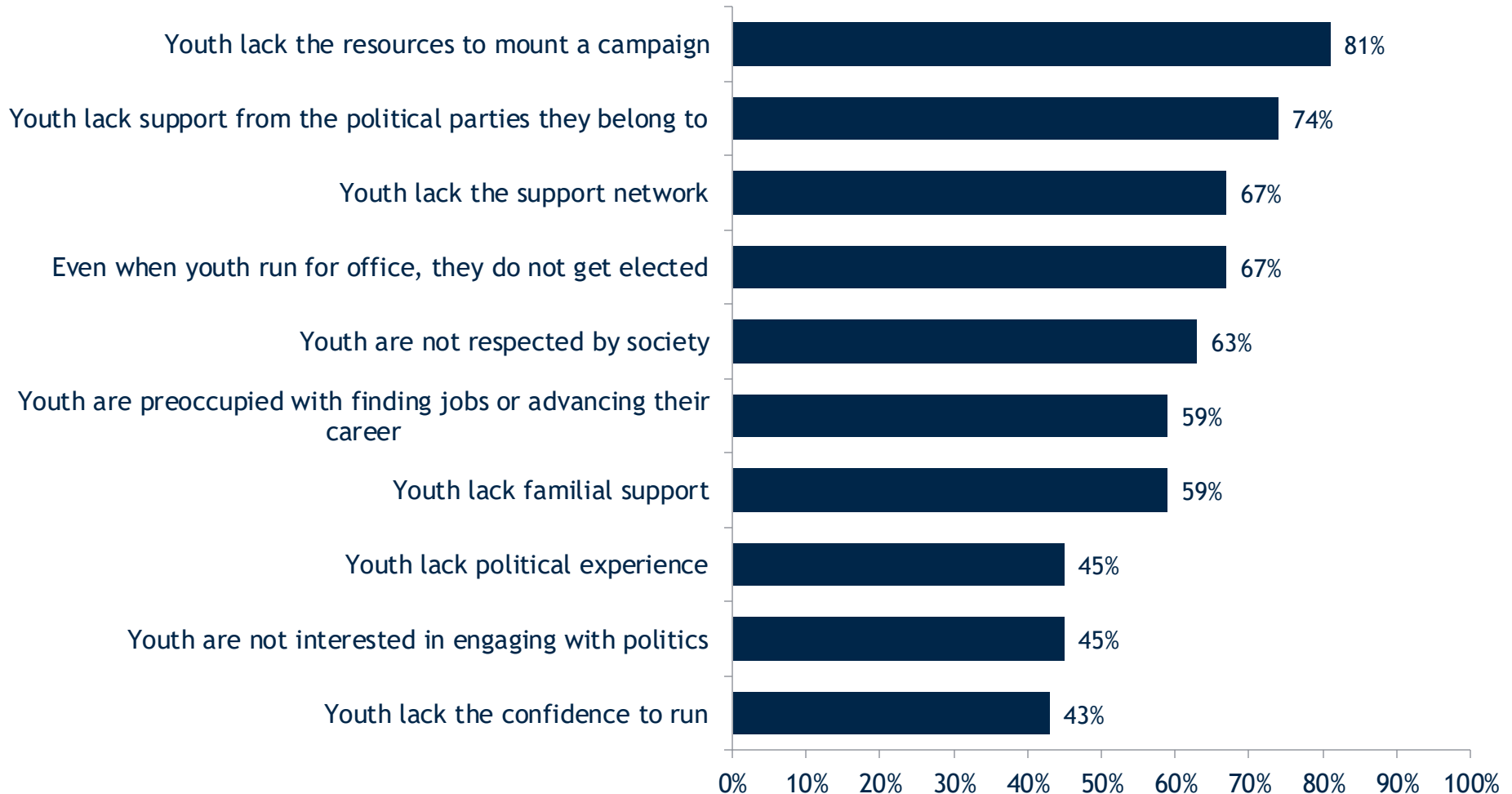
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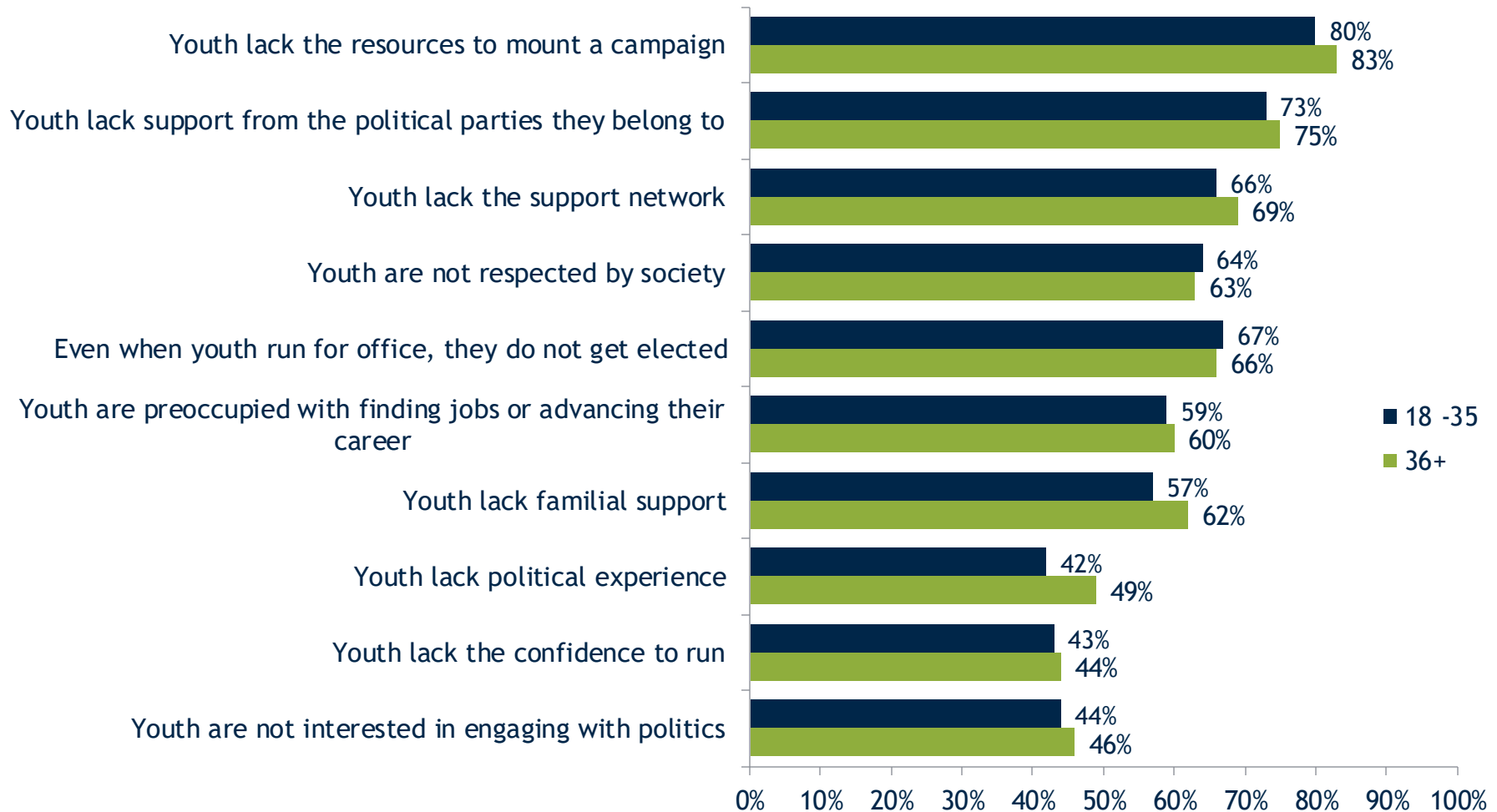
Why are there not more youth aged 35 and younger politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.

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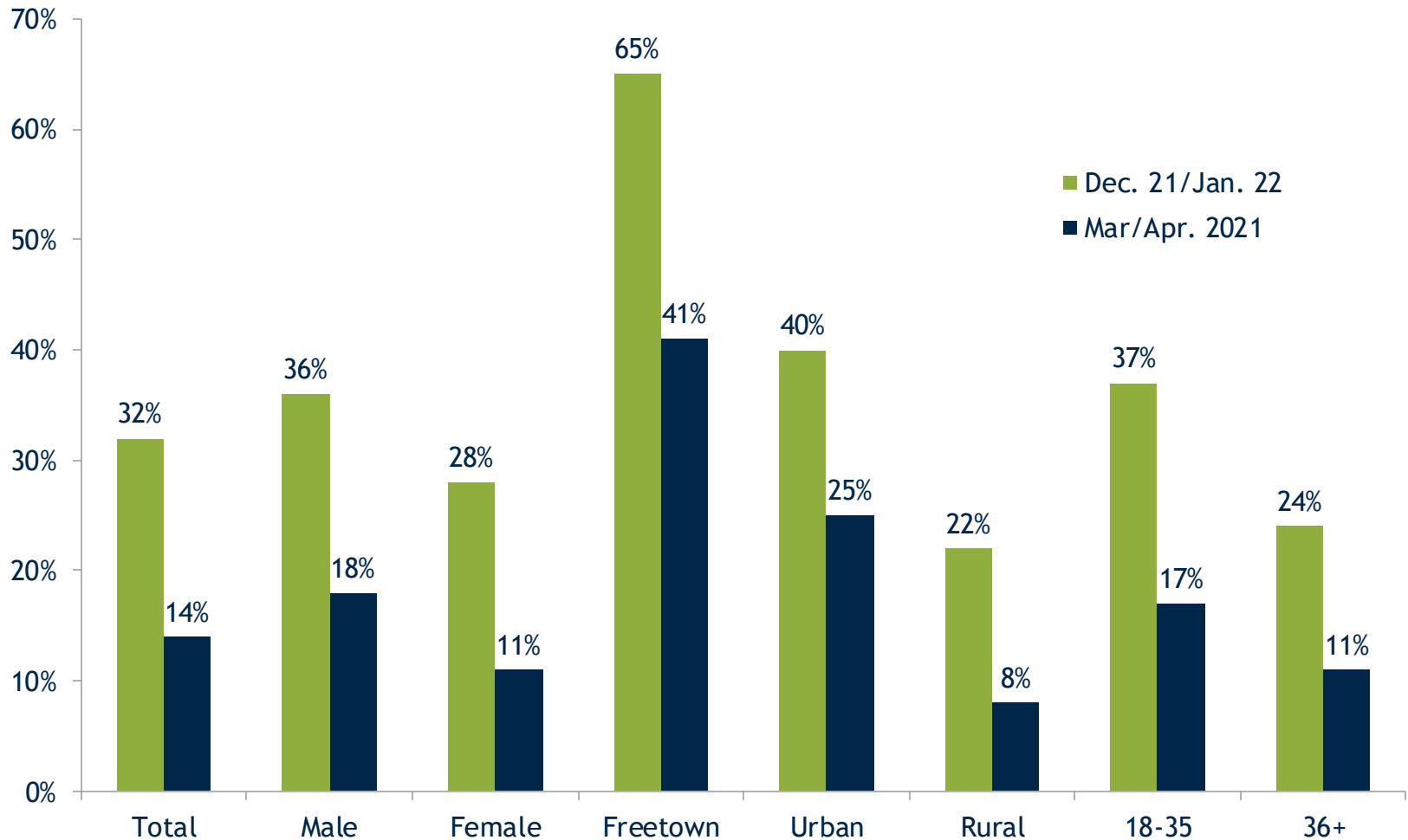




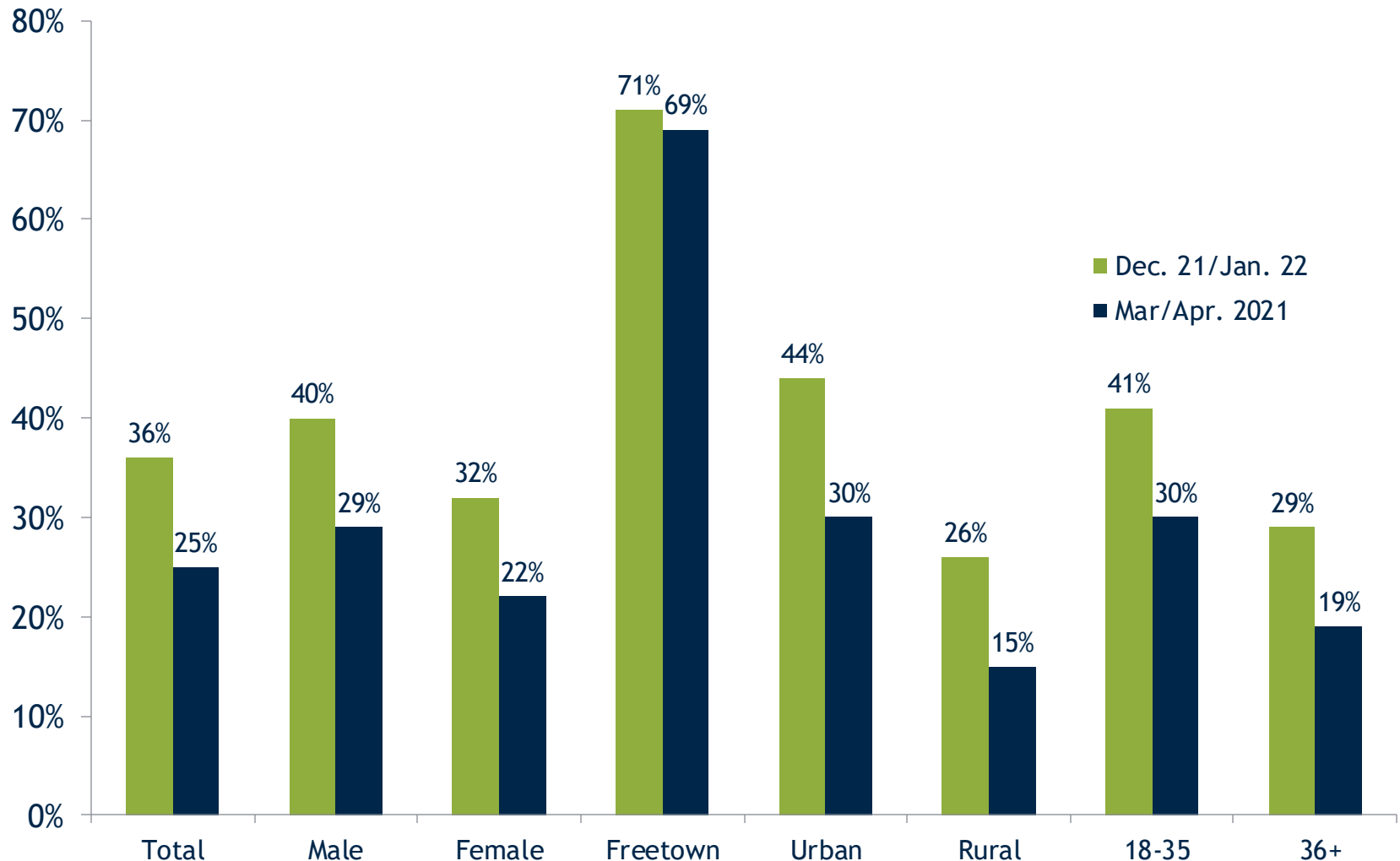
Sources of Information



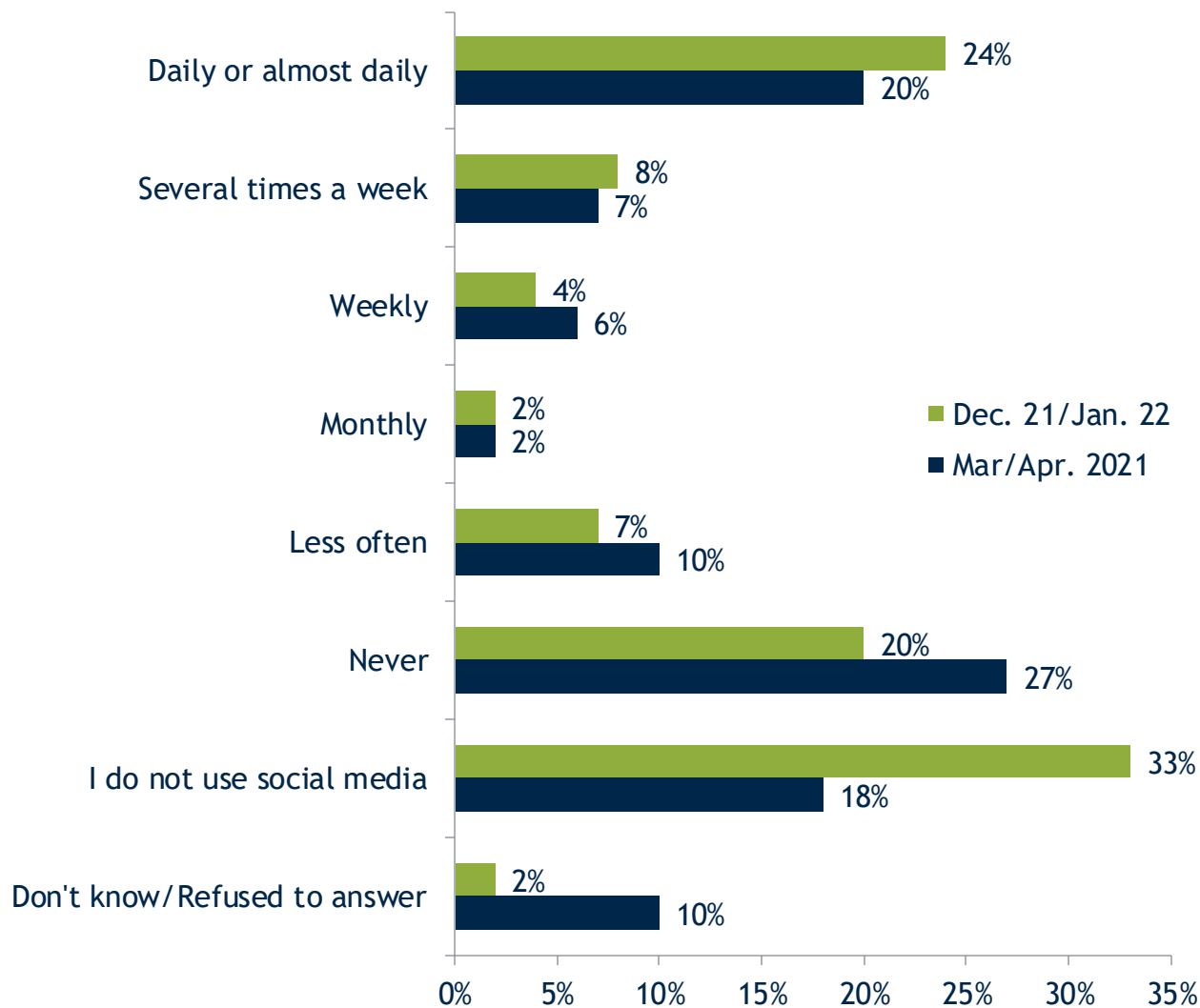
In the past 7 days, have you used social media, for example WhatsApp or Facebook? ("Yes" answers displayed)



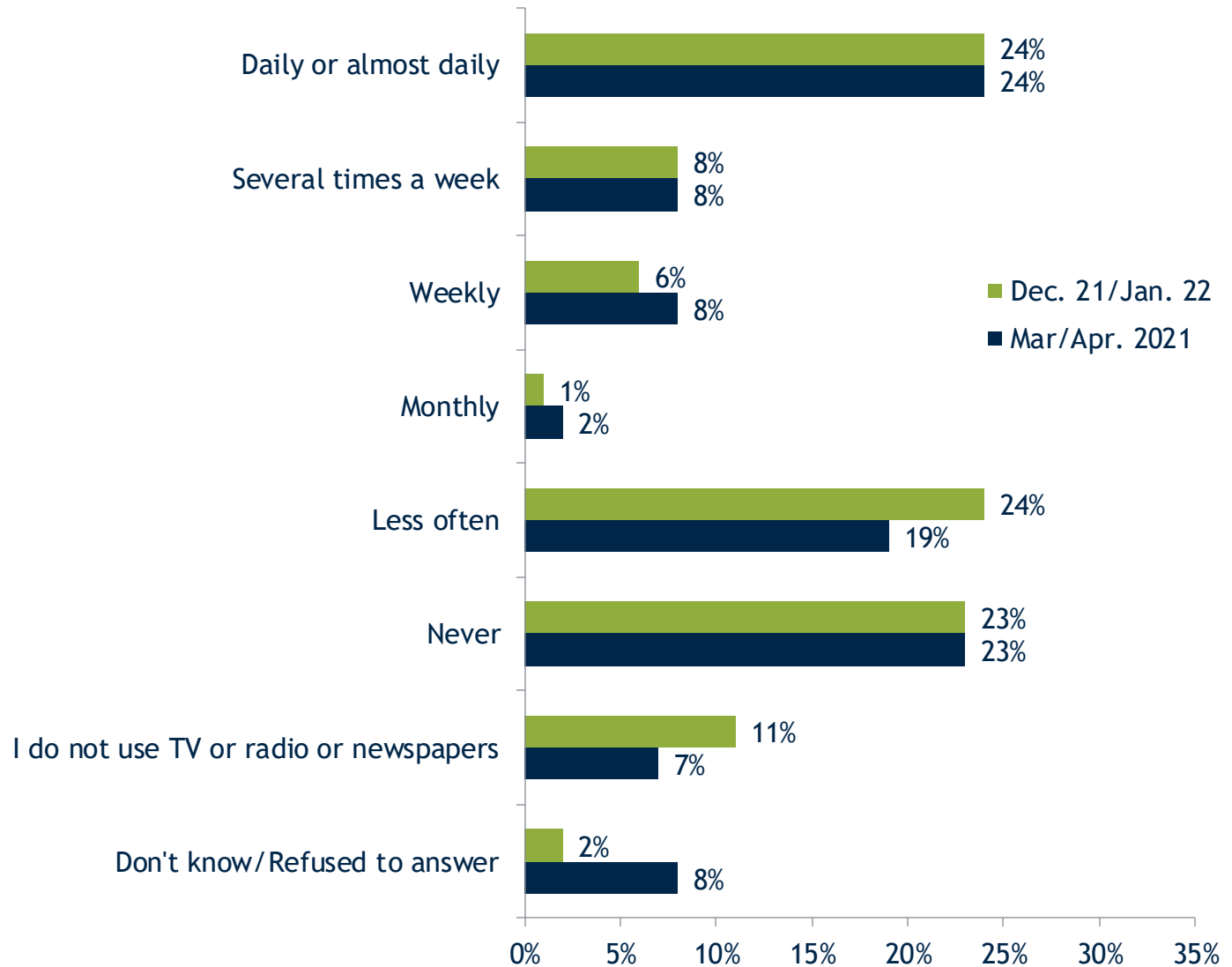
Do you own a smartphone, which is a mobile phone that allows you to access the internet and use social media such as WhatsApp and Facebook? ("Yes" answers displayed)



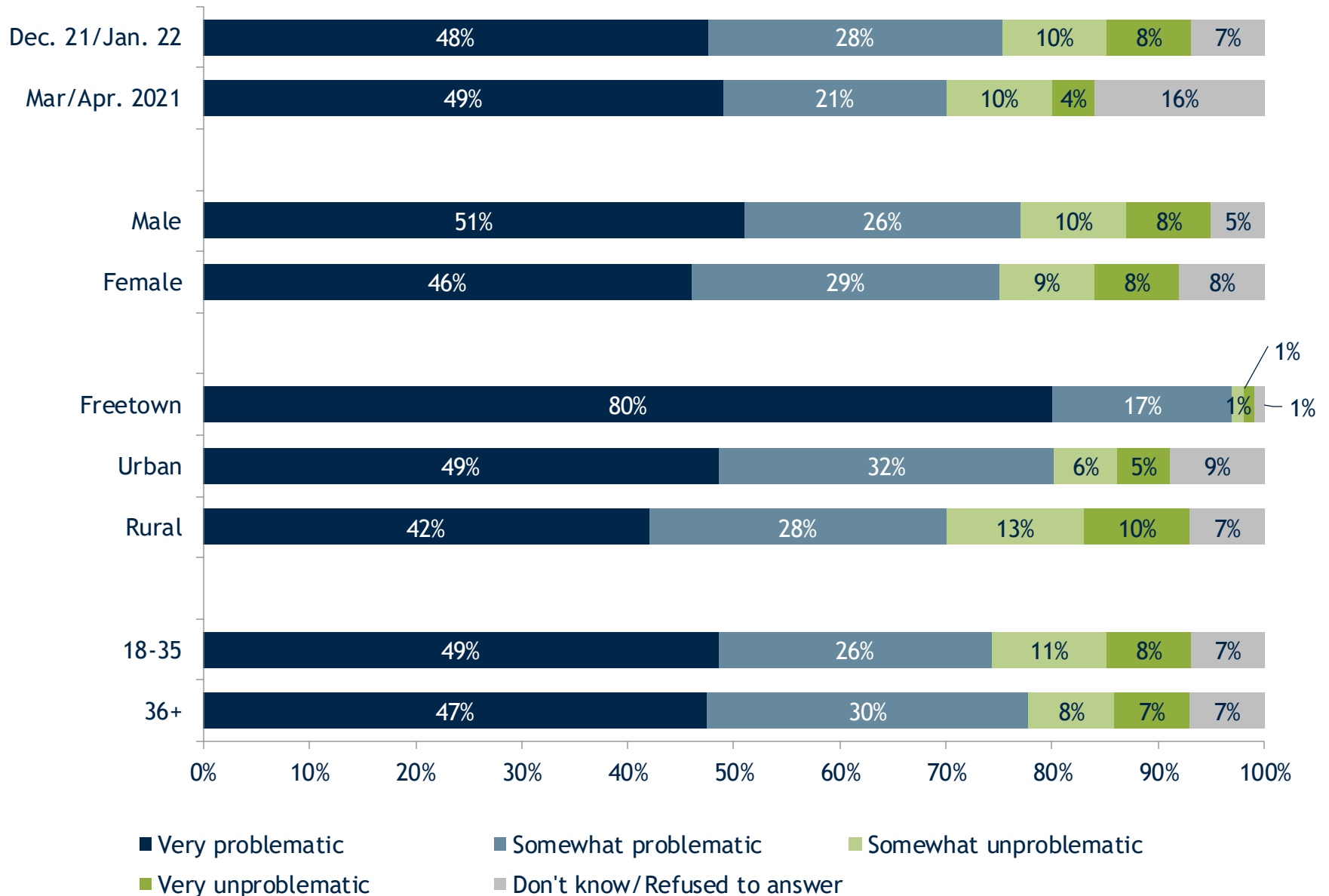
How frequently do you encounter information in social media, for example WhatsApp or Facebook, that you believe is misleading or false?



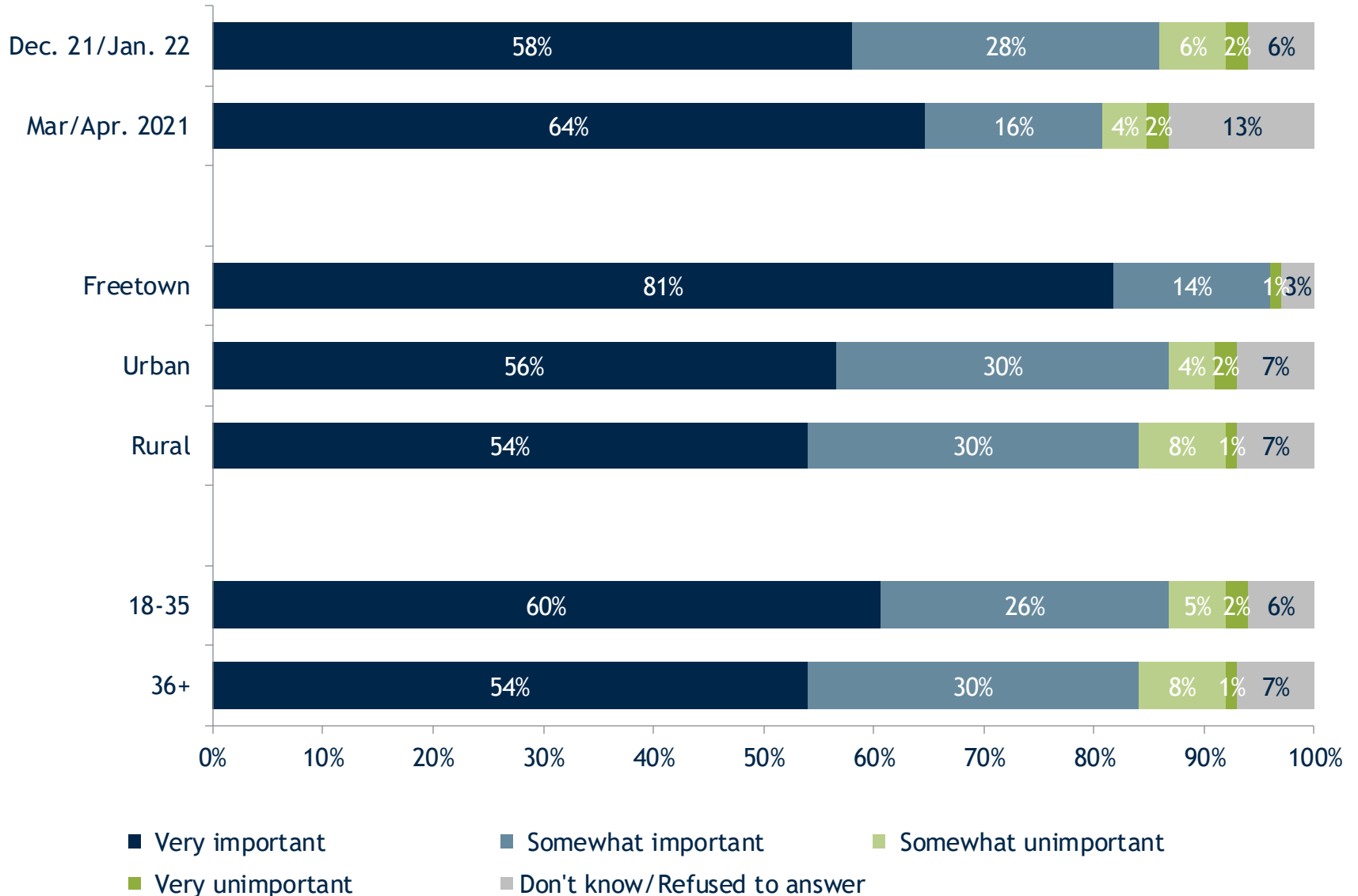
How often do you see or hear information on TV, the radio, or in newspapers, that you believe is misleading or false?



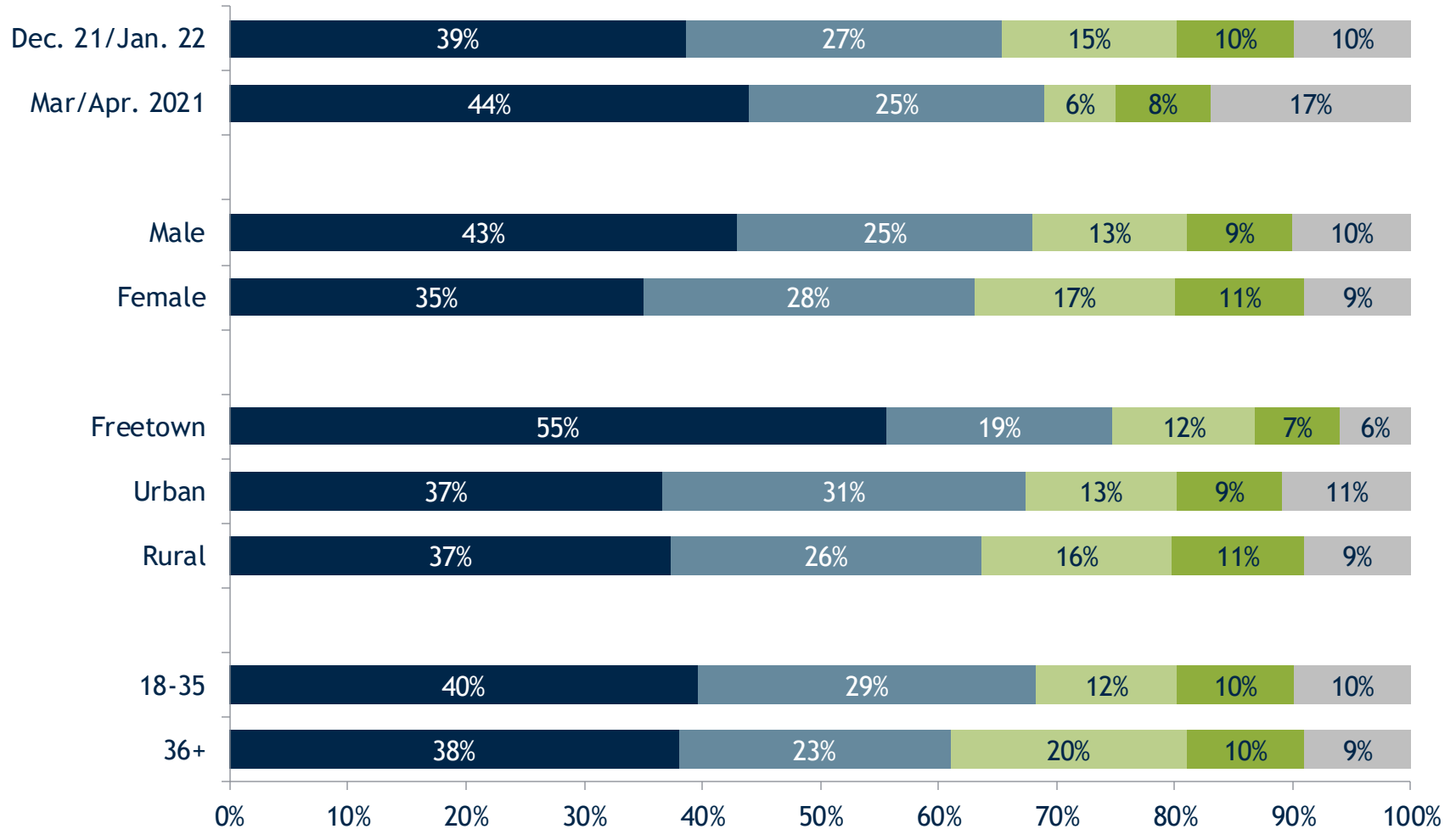
To what extent is misleading or false information in the media problematic for our country?



How important or unimportant is it for elected officials and candidates to participate in public debates?



How likely or unlikely would you watch or listen to such public debates?



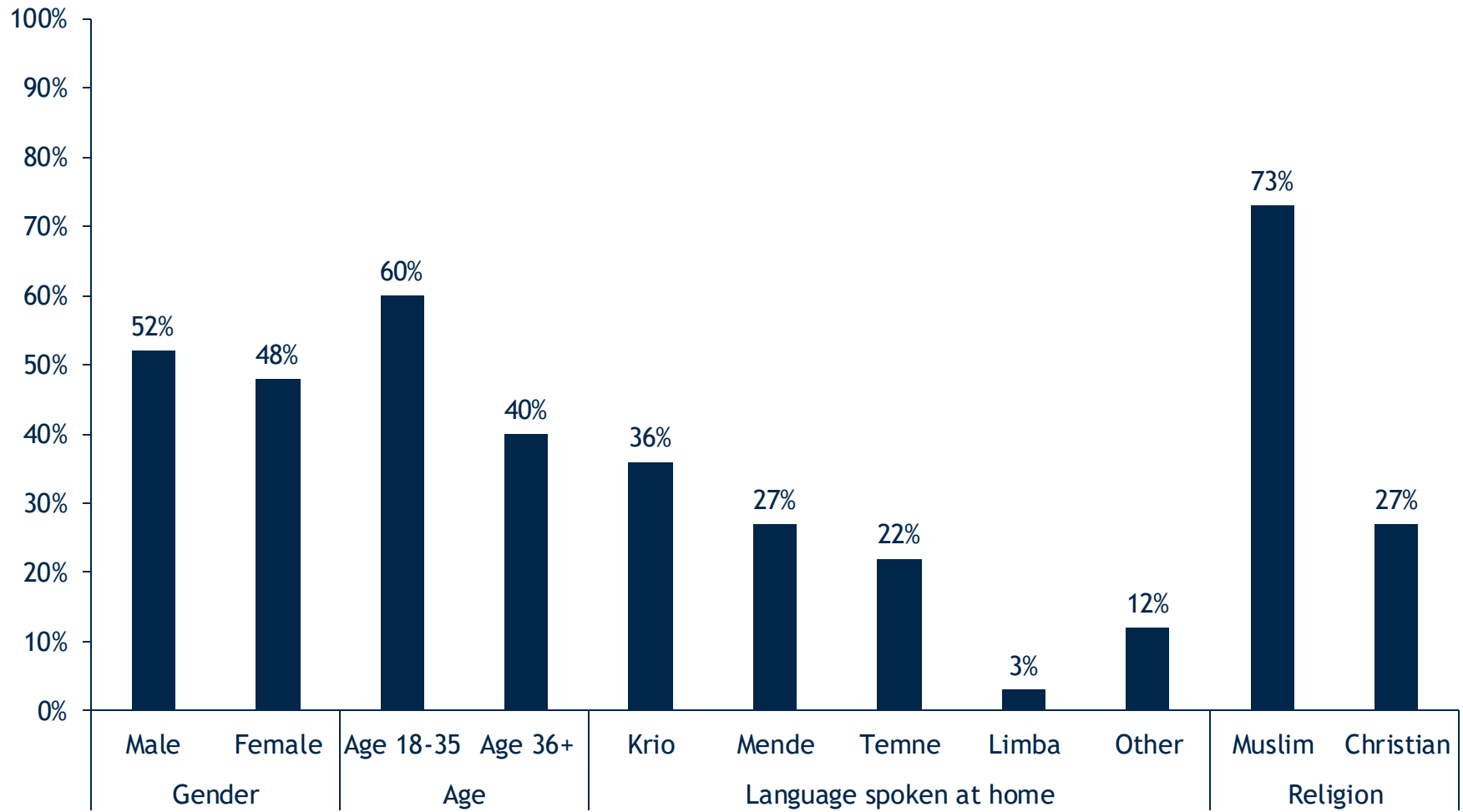
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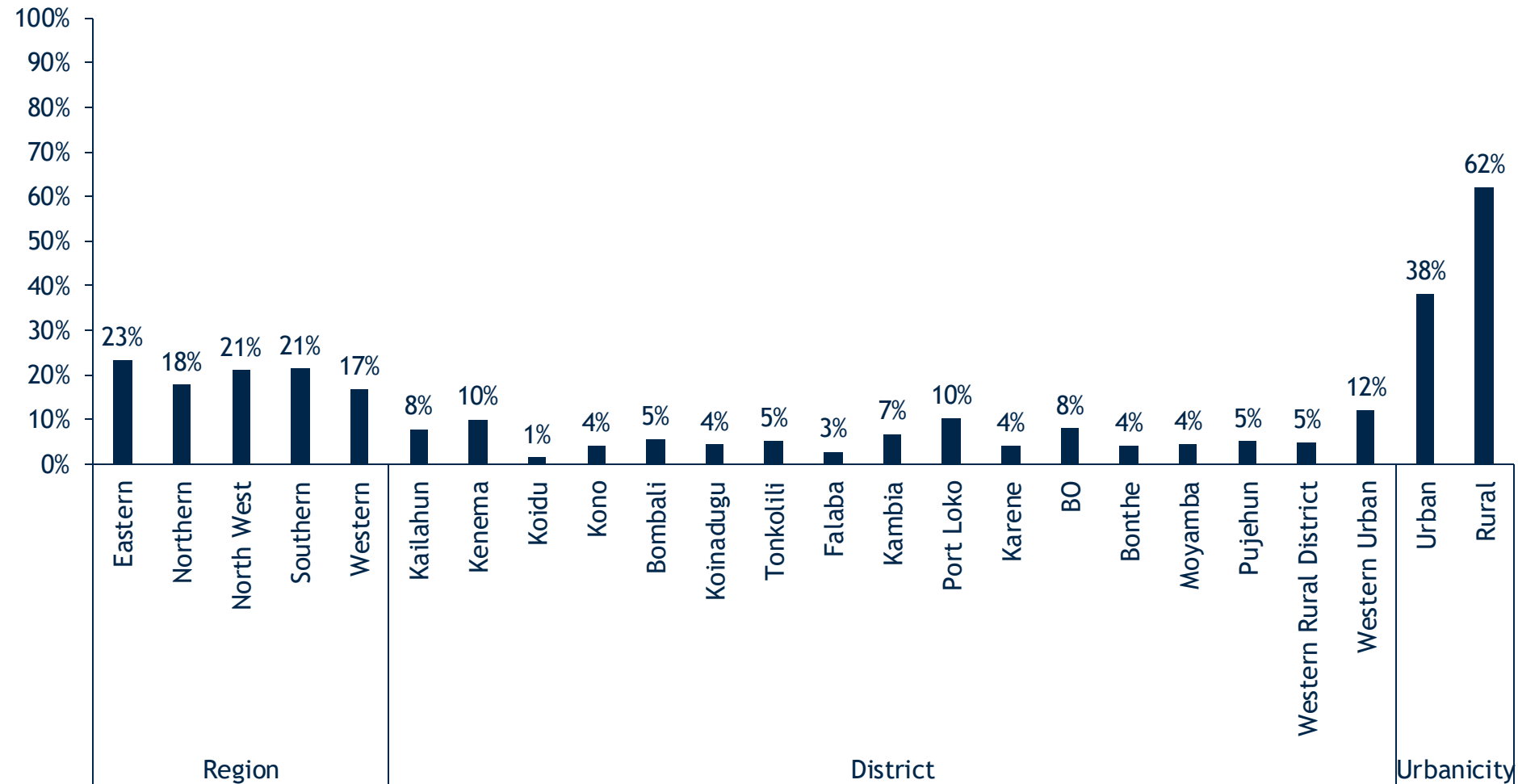
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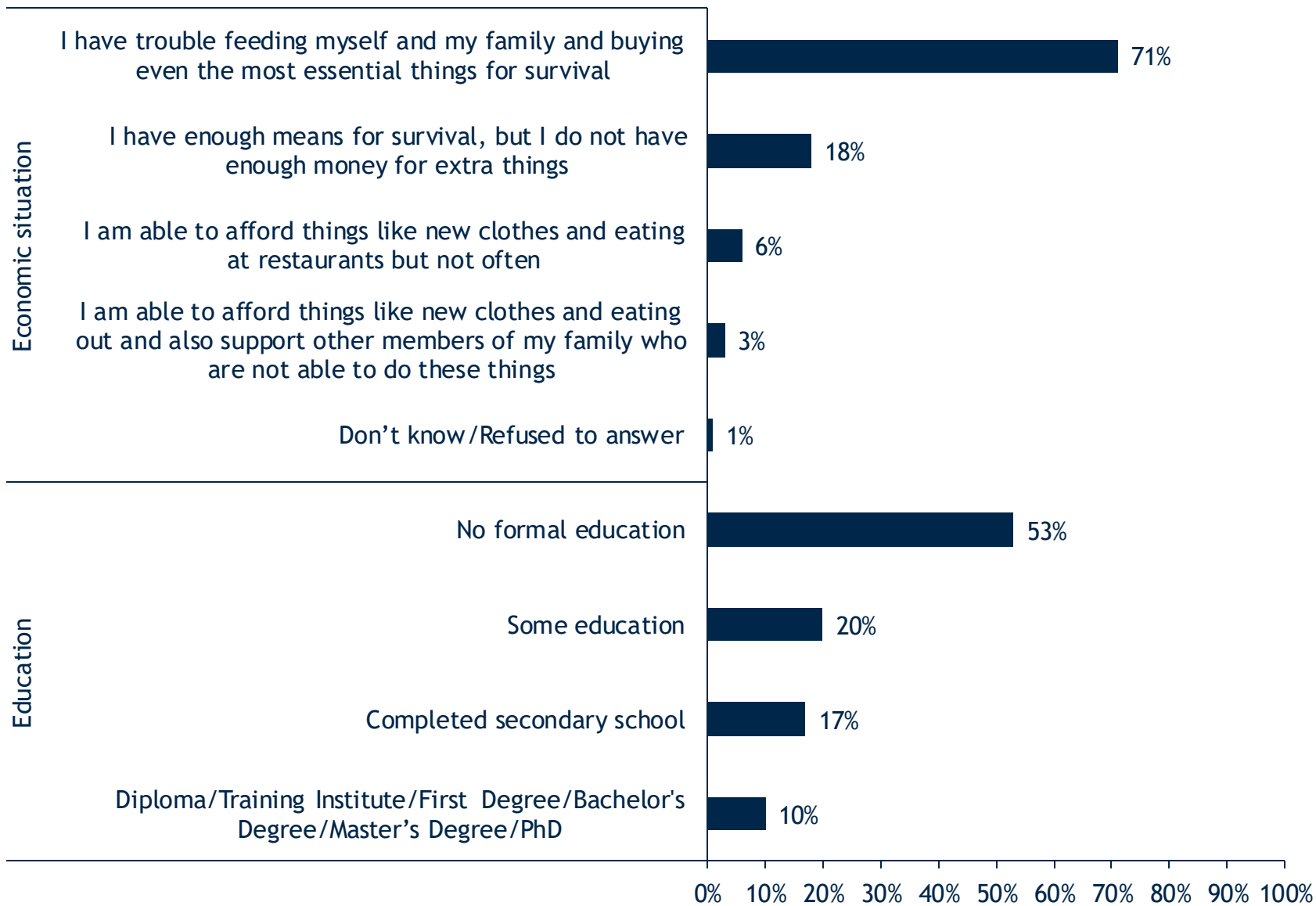
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