

# Public Opinion Survey Residents of Georgia

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September 2022



# Detailed Methodology

- The fieldwork was carried out by the [Institute of Polling & Marketing](#). The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene of the public and market research company [Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization](#) on behalf of the [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#).
- Data was collected throughout Georgia between September 13 and October 2, 2022, through face-to-face computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Georgia aged 18 and older and eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, region and settlement size.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used with a “random route” protocol to select households and the “last birthday” method to select respondents
  - Stage one: All districts of Georgia are grouped into 10 regions. All regions of Georgia were surveyed (Tbilisi city - as a separate region) except for Abkhazeti and Samachablo (South Ossetia), which were excluded due to the political situation.
  - Stage two: selection of the settlements - cities and villages.
    - Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a particular type of settlement in each region.
  - Stage three: primary sampling were randomly drawn within each stratum.
- Data were weighted by gender, age, size of the settlement and region. National Statistics Office of Georgia data “Demographic Situation in Georgia, 2019” was used as a source.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.
- The response rate was 74 percent.
- 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
Party preference**	United National Movement - United Opposition Strength in unity	n=187
	Georgian Dream - Democratic Georgia	n=376

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

\*\*Respondents were asked the following question: *If parliamentary elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote?*

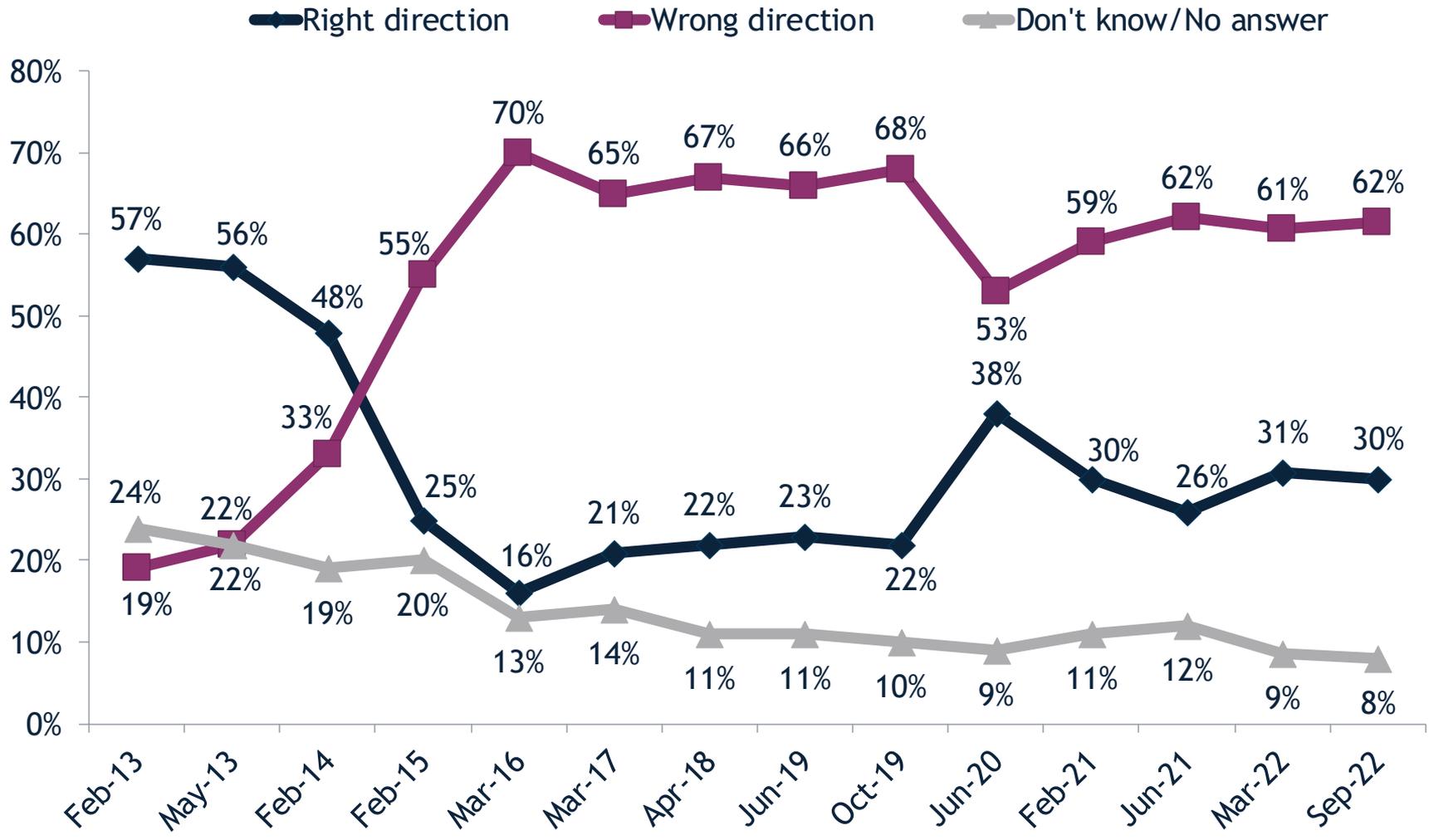


# National Outlook

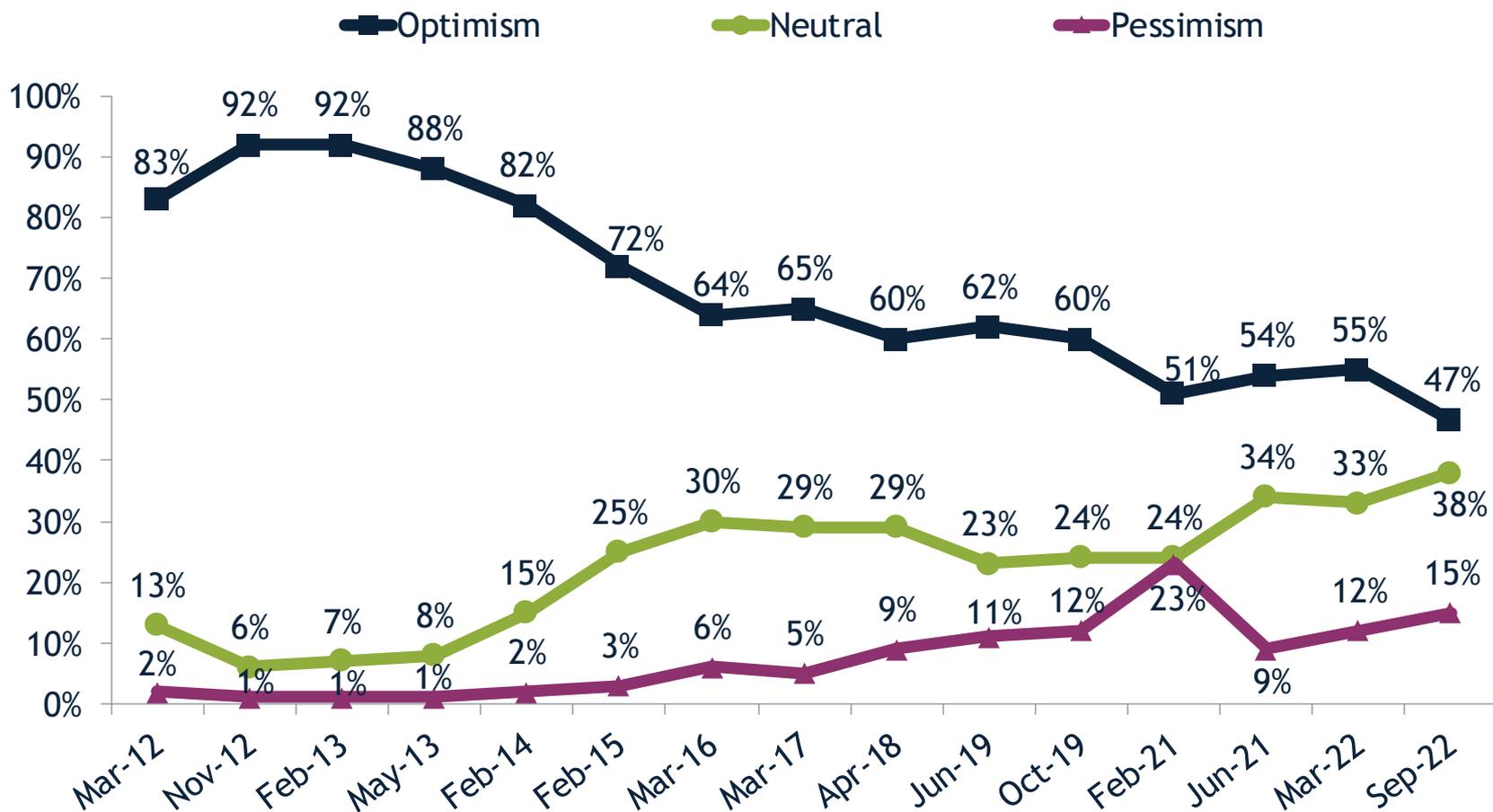
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# In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?



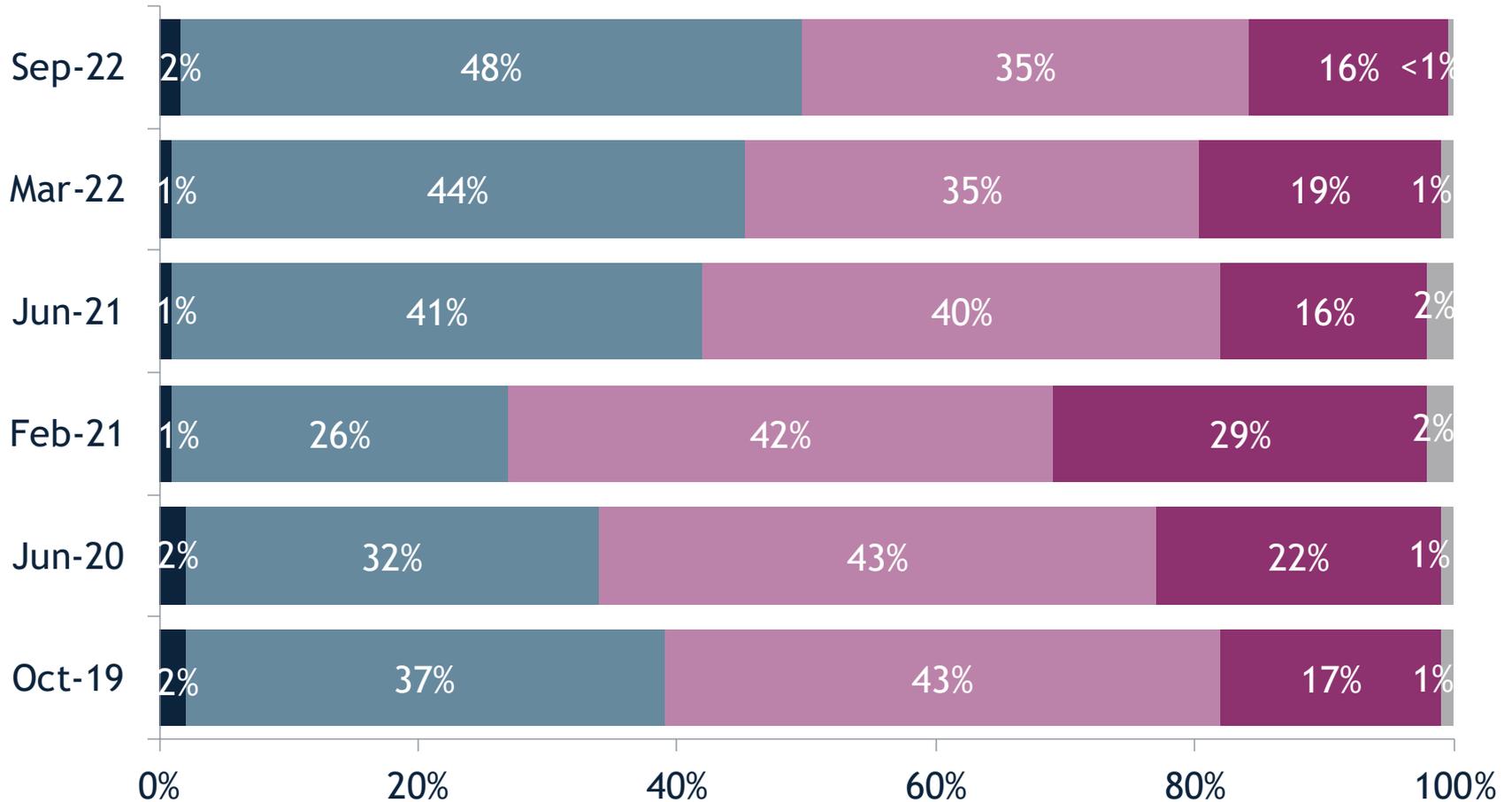
# How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Georgian population?\*



\* Under “Optimism,” responses “Belief that the future will definitely be better” and “Hope that the future will be somewhat better” are combined. Responses “Not much hope for a better future” and “Apathy, belief in fate” are grouped under “Neutral.” Responses “Insecurity, worry, fear for the future” and “Total disappointment, disbelief in any improvement” are combined under “Pessimism.” Don’t know/No answer is not displayed.

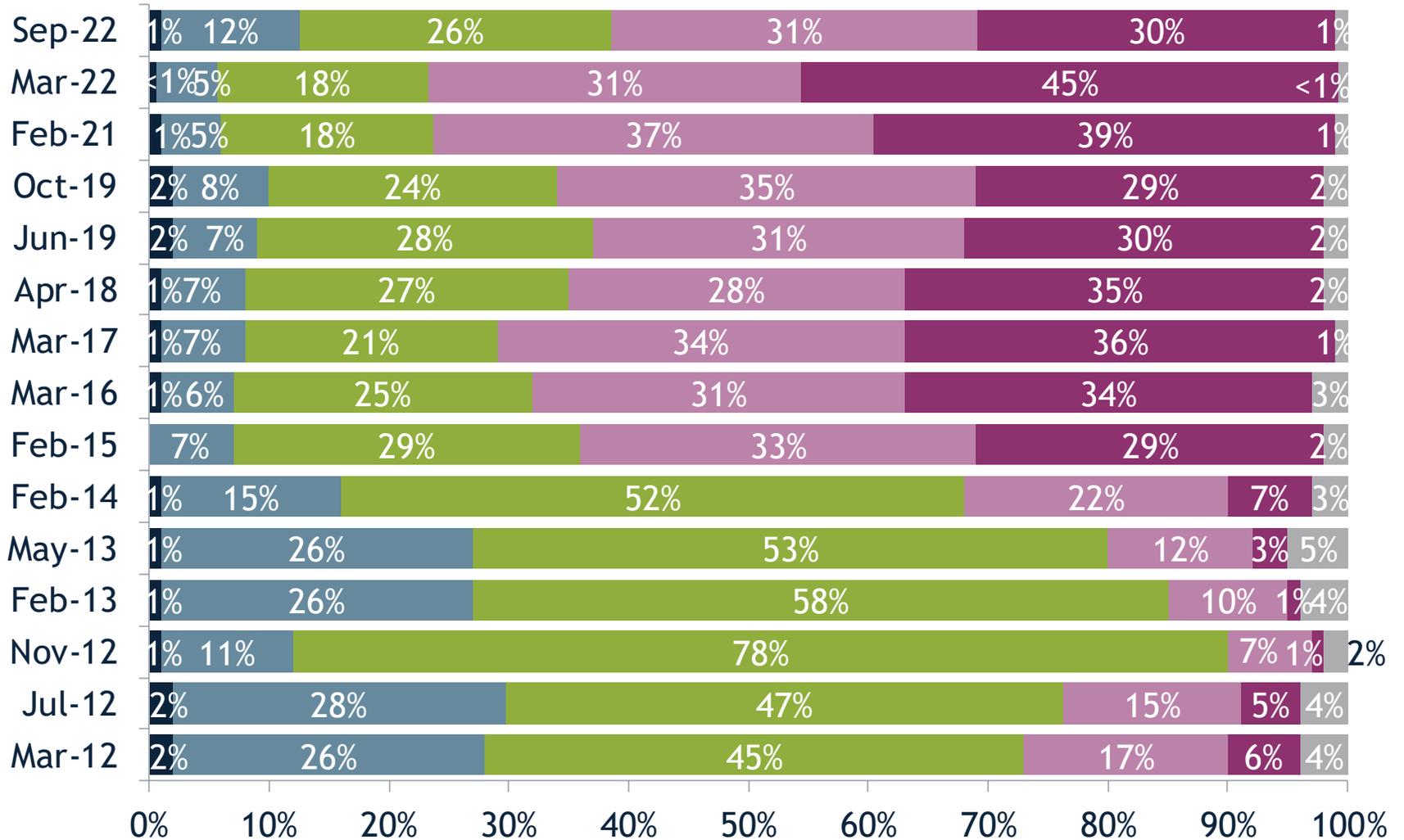
# How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

Very good   Somewhat good   Somewhat bad   Very bad   Don't know/No answer



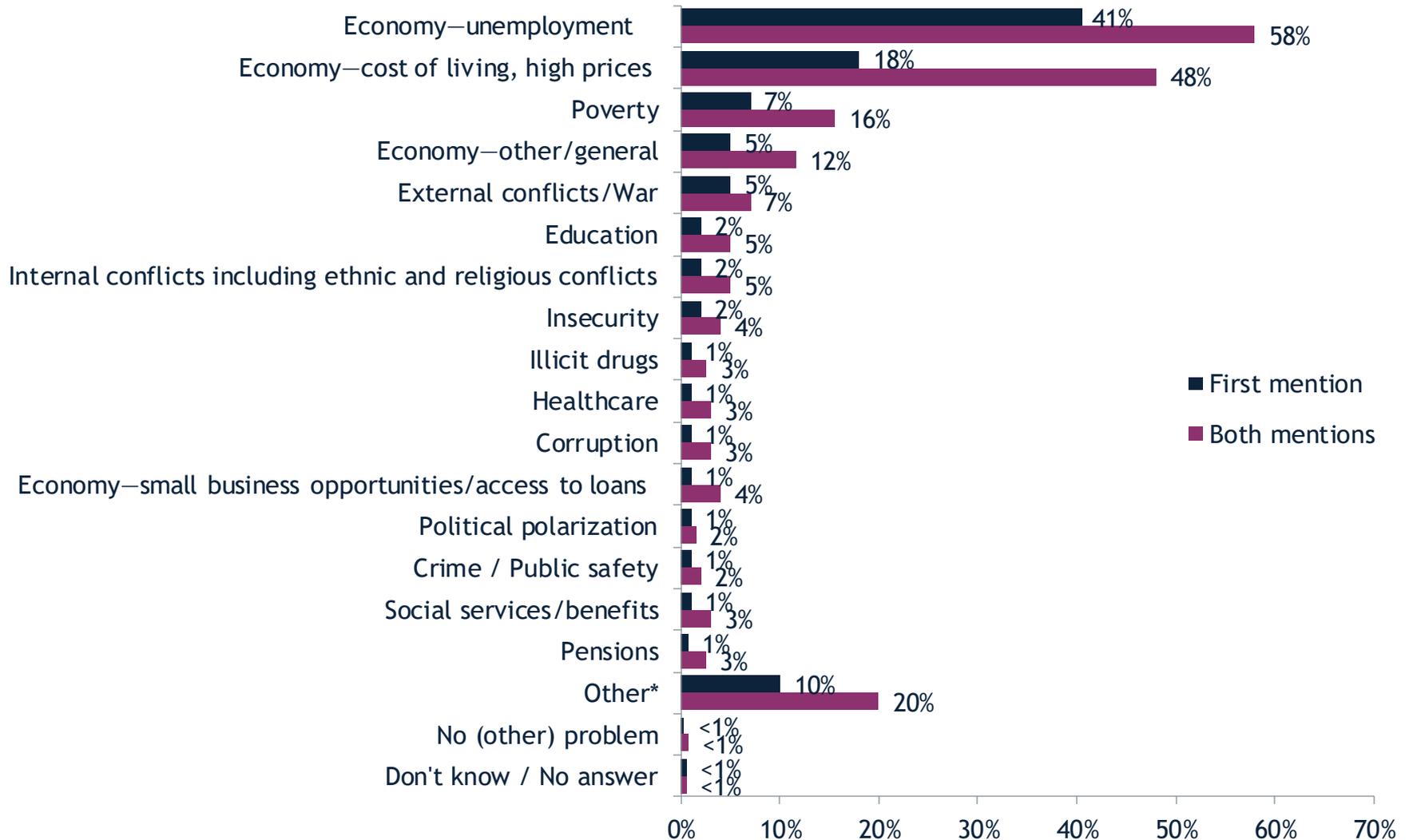
# Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Georgia changed?

Improved a lot
  Improved somewhat
  Stayed the same
  Worsened somewhat
  Worsened a lot
  Don't know/No answer



# What is the most important problem facing our country today?

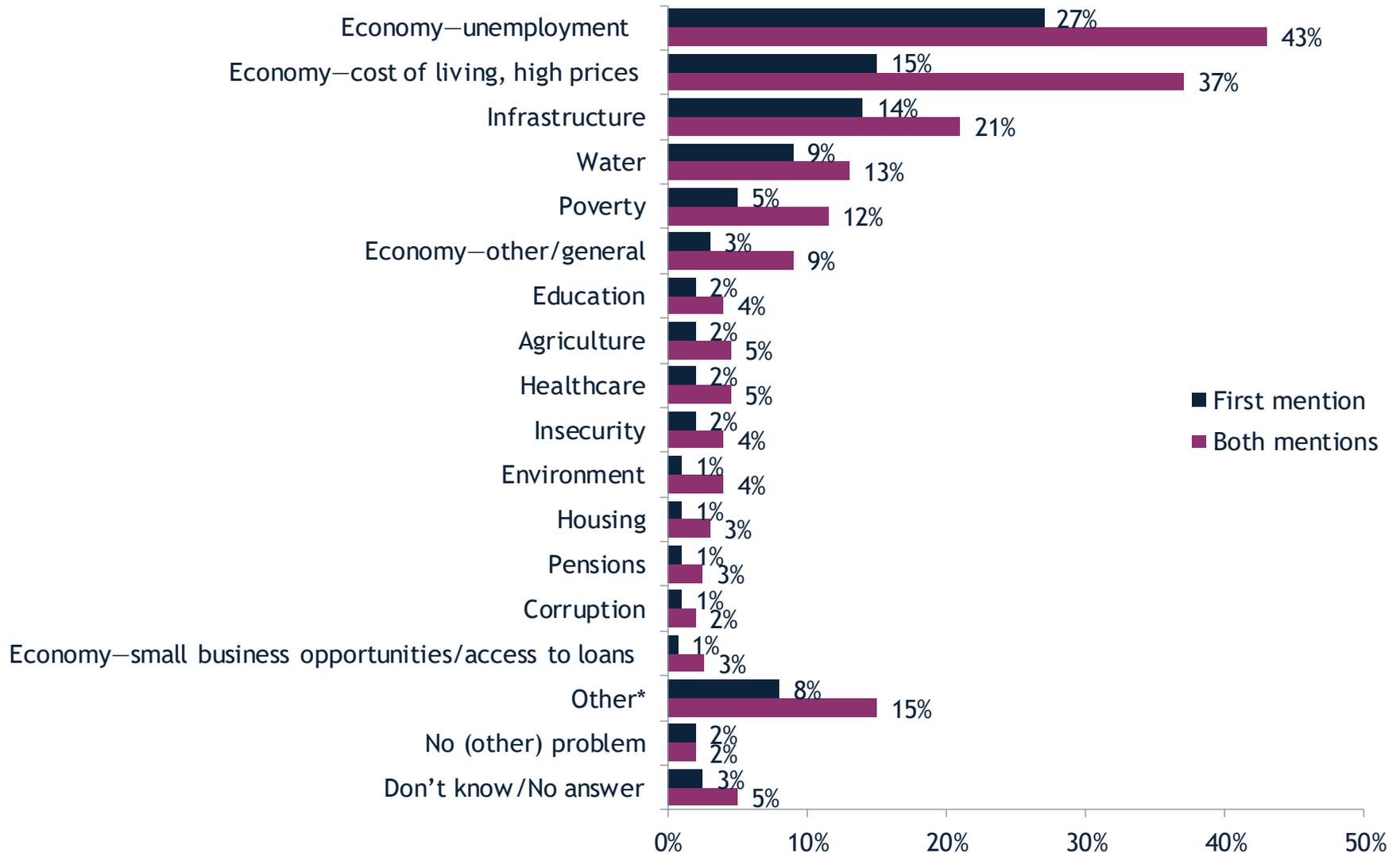
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# What is the most important problem facing your town/village today?

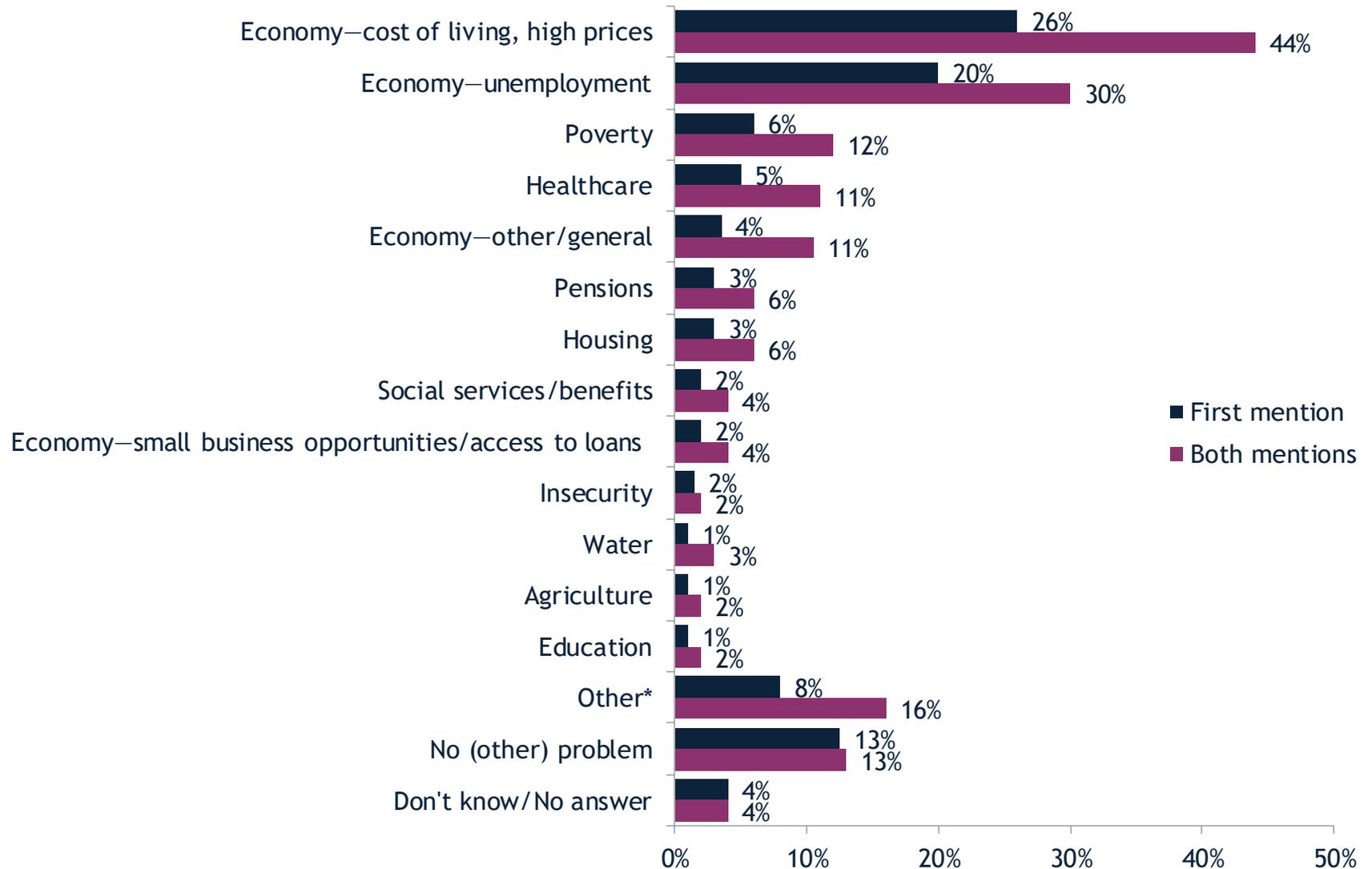
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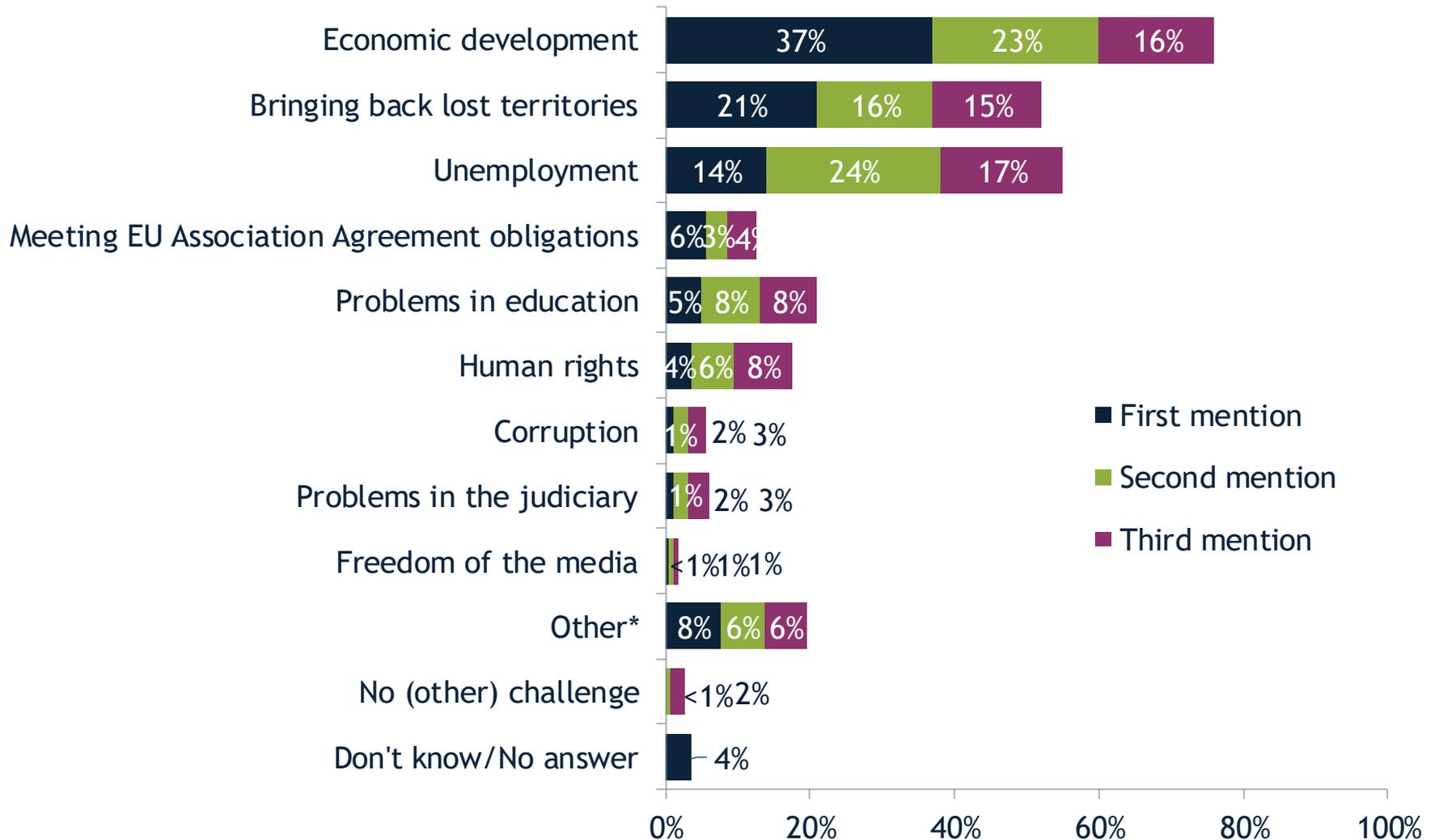
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# What do you think are the three biggest challenges for Georgia's democratic development and future?

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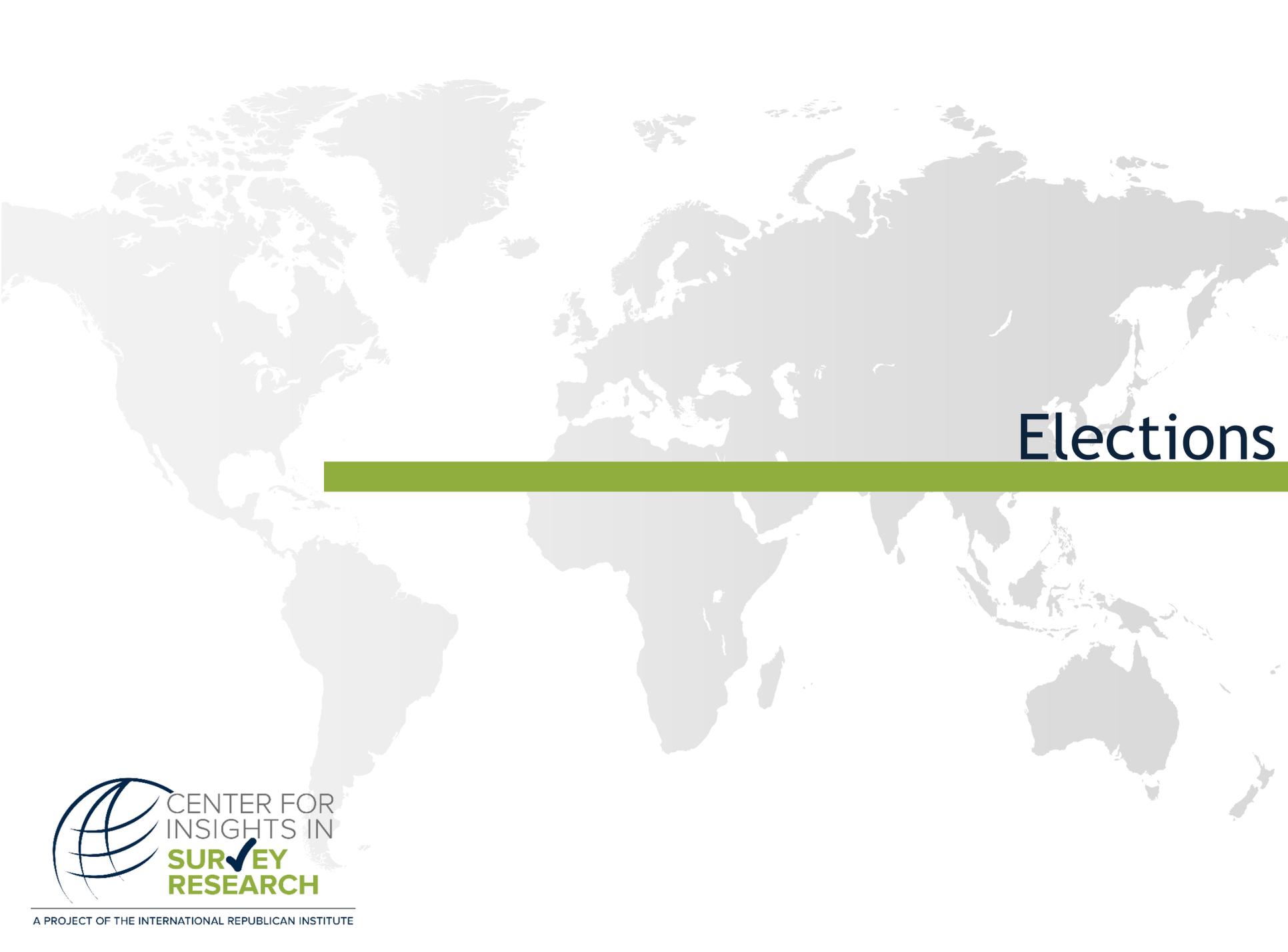
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# How do you feel about the direction of each of the following issues? Have they progressed or regressed over the past year?

■ Progressed\*   
 ■ Neither progressed nor regressed   
 ■ Regressed\*   
 ■ Don't know / No answer



\*Responses for “progressed a lot” and “progressed” are combined under progressed. Responses for “regressed” and “regressed a lot” are combined under regressed.



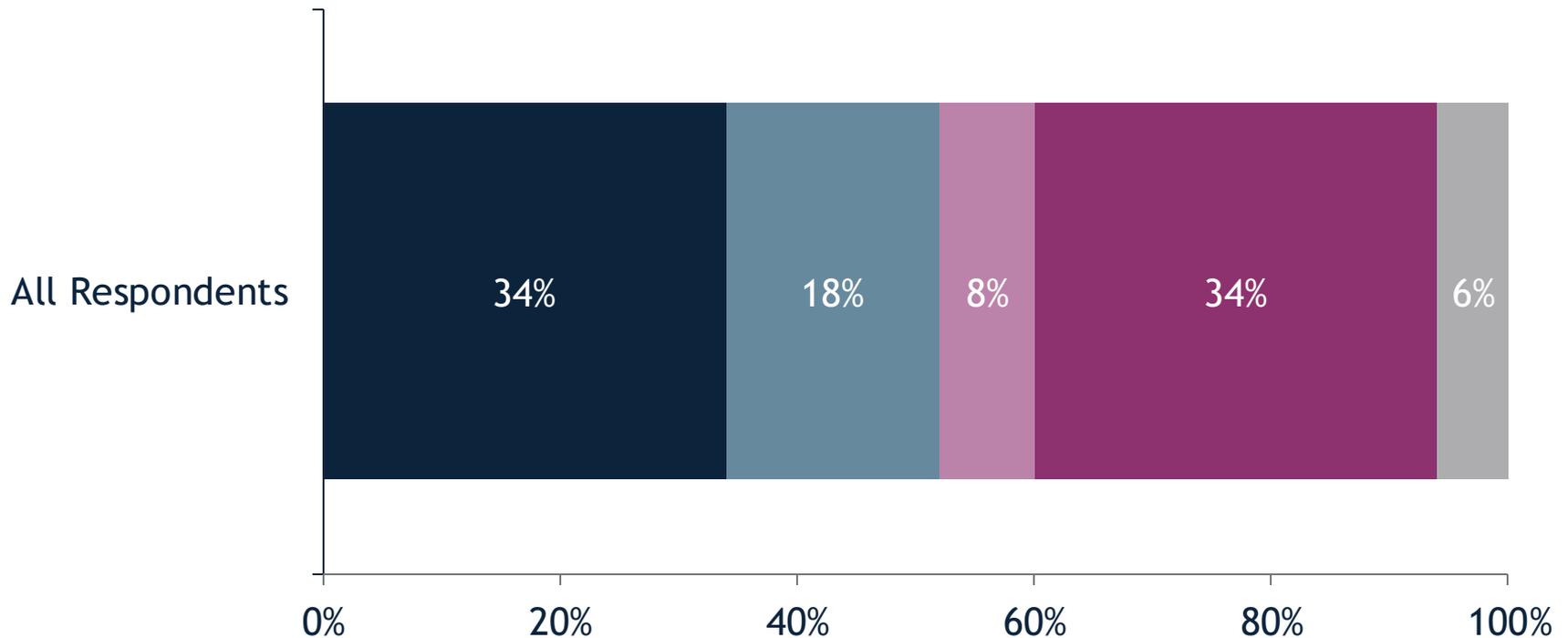
# Elections

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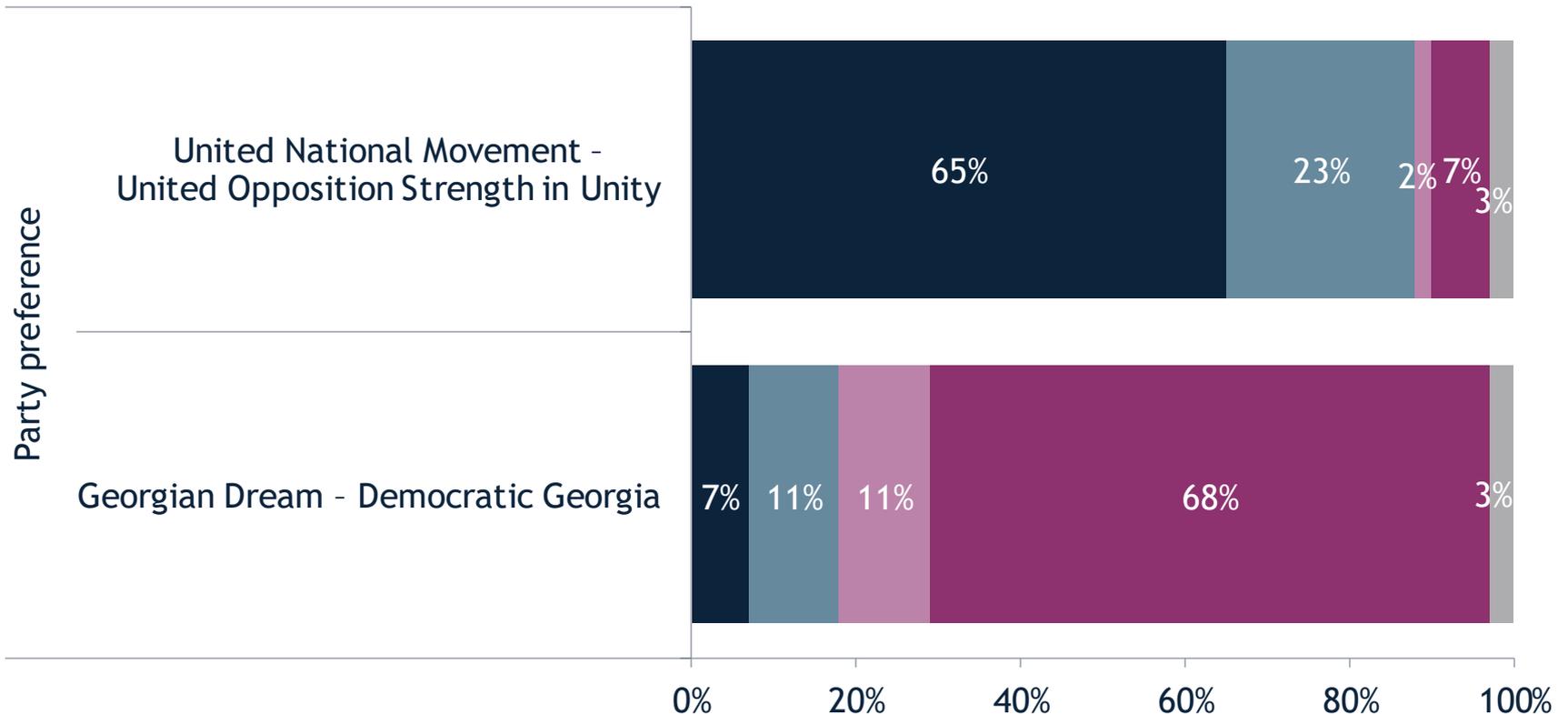
# Do you support or oppose the opposition demand for snap parliamentary elections in Georgia?

- Definitely support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat oppose
- Definitely oppose
- Don't know/No answer



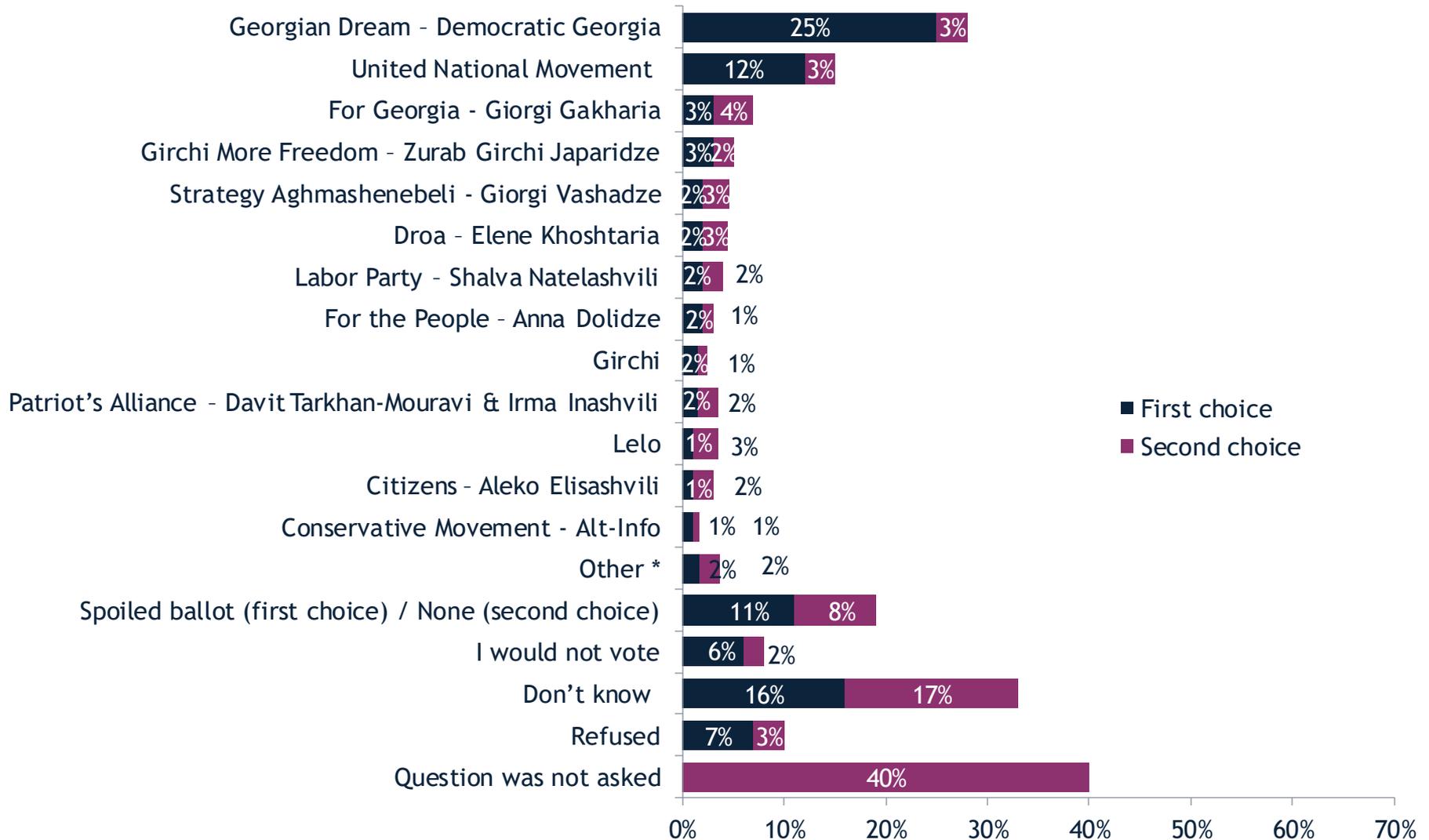
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# If Parliamentary Elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote? (First choice)

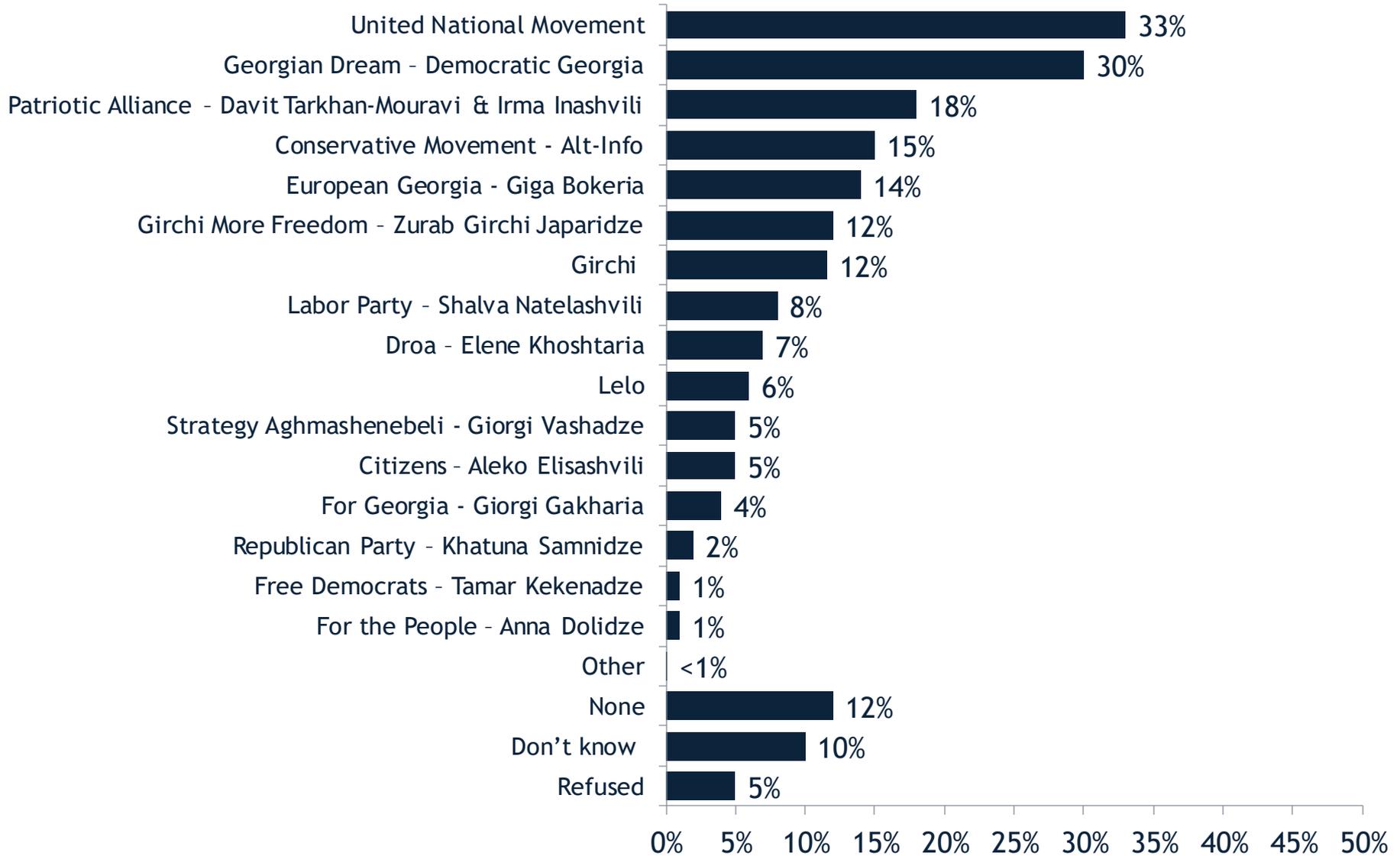
## If your first-choice party would not be on the ballot, who would you vote for instead? (Second choice)



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# Which parties, if any, would you not vote for under any circumstances?

(Respondents permitted to provide up to three spontaneous answers)



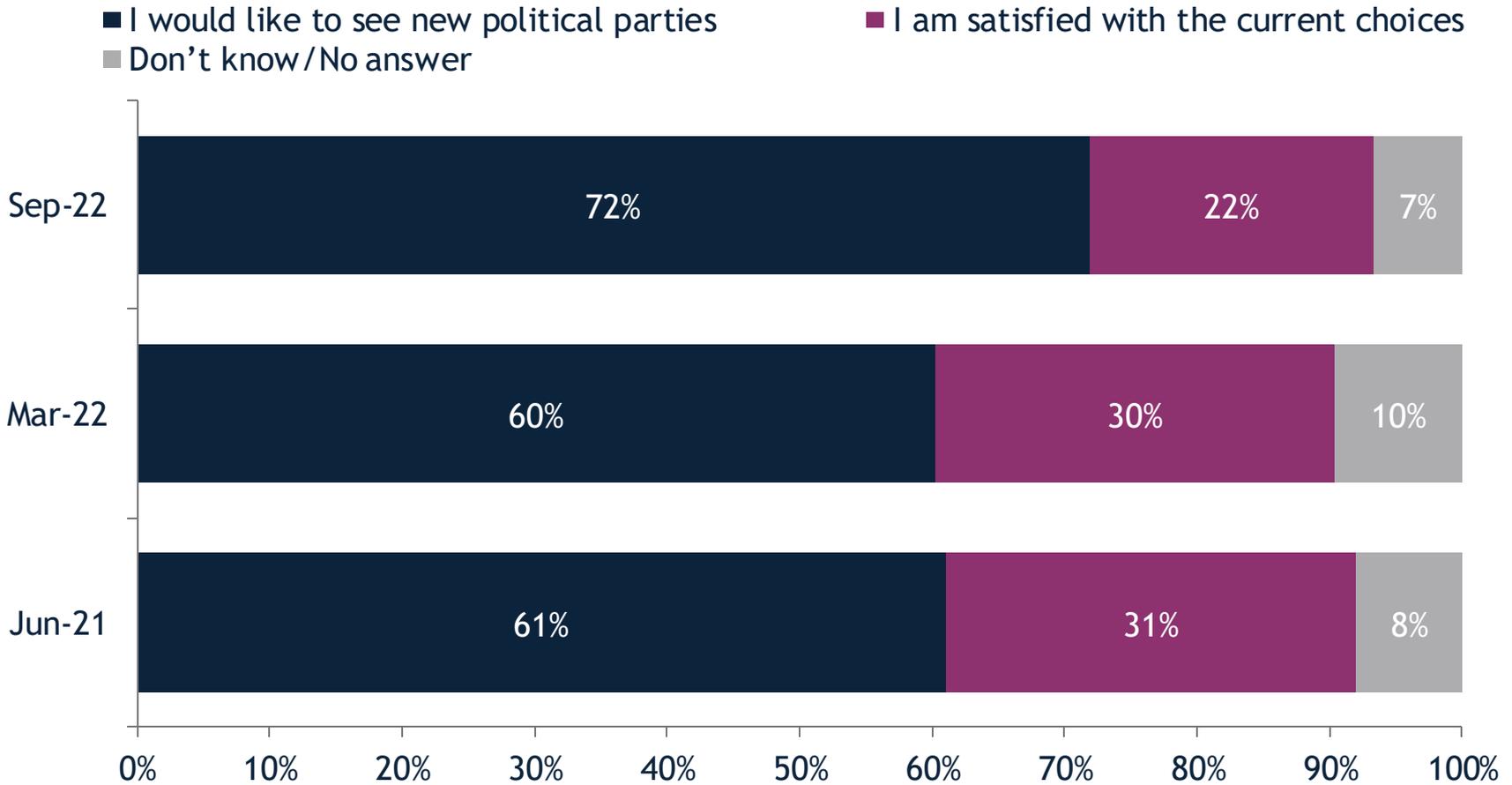


# Political Parties

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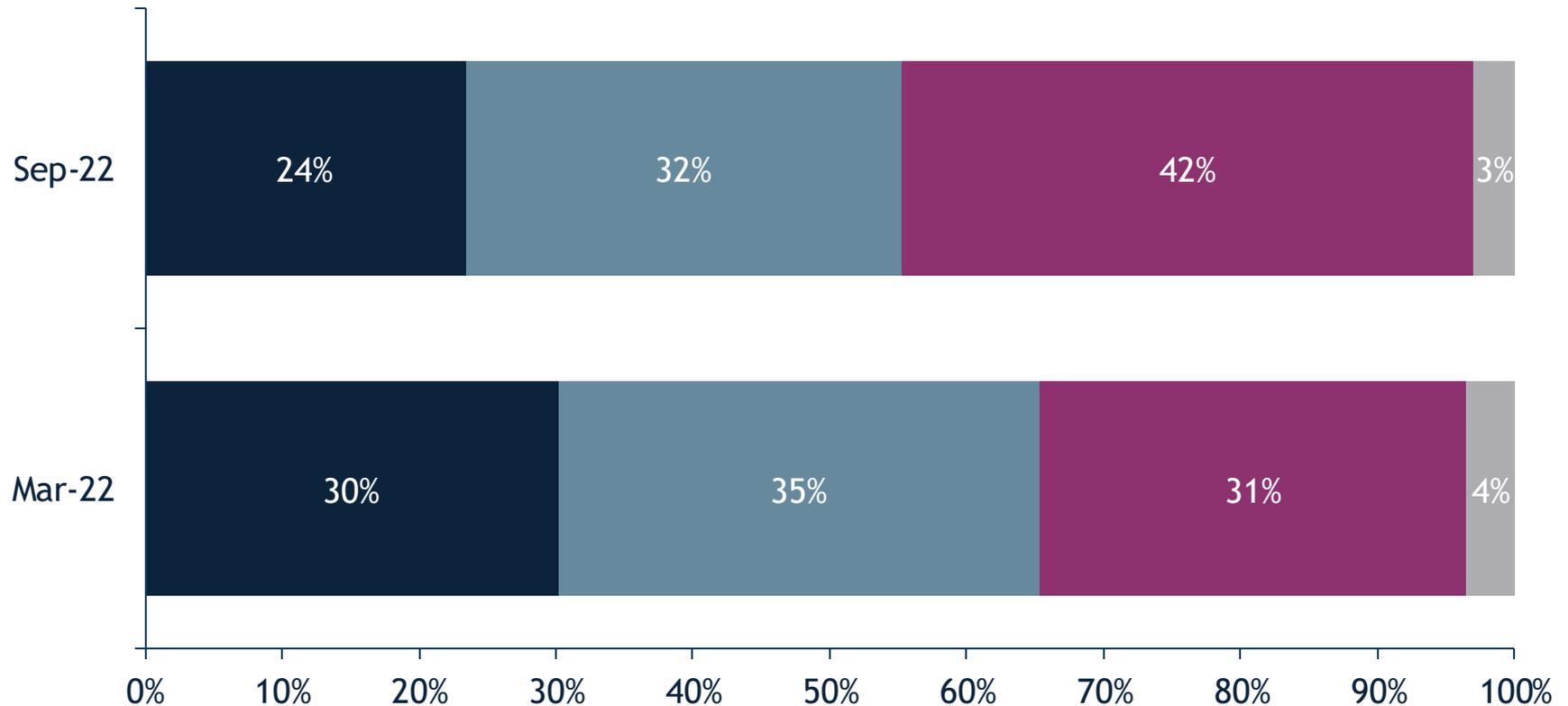


# Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?

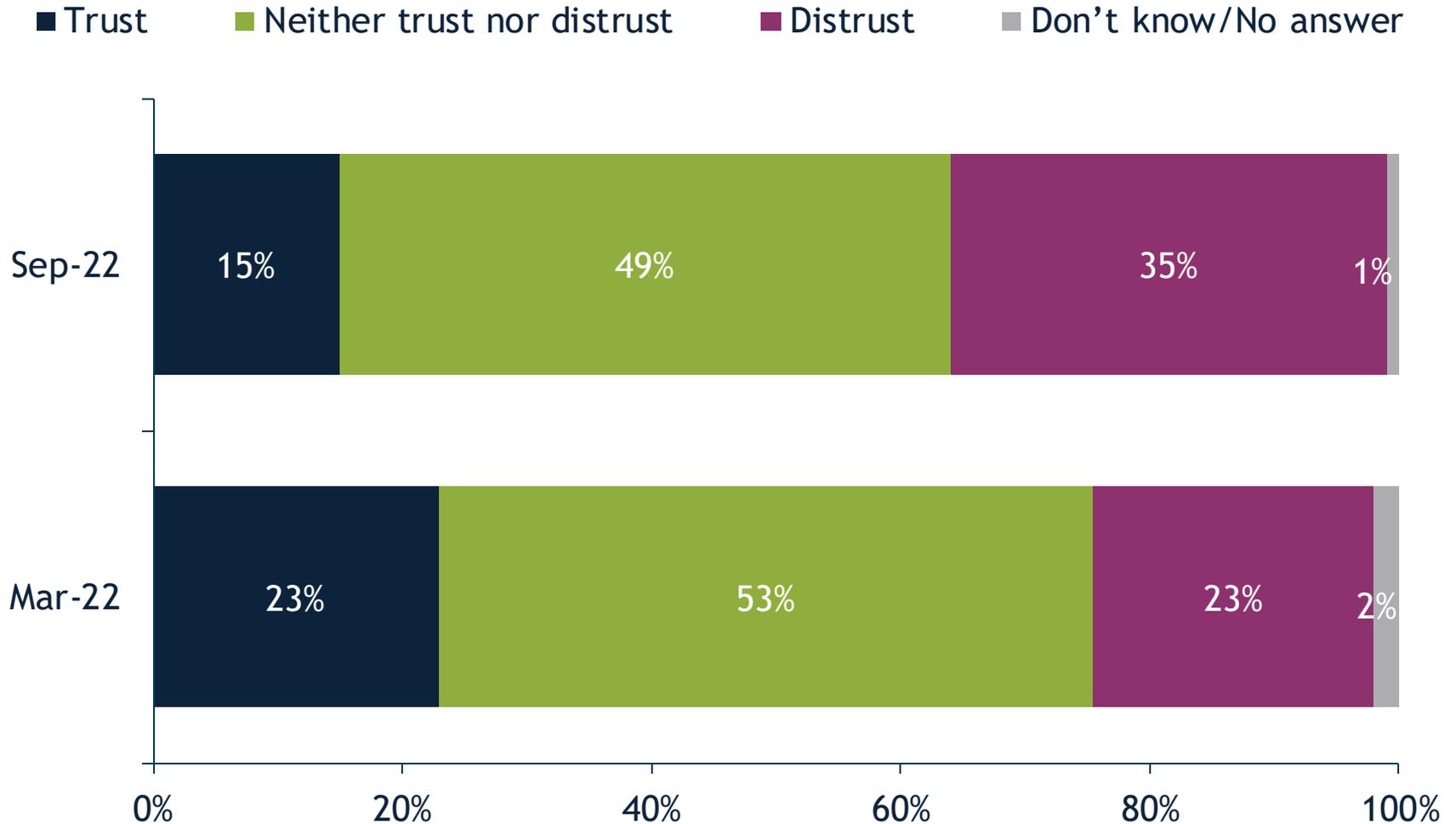


# Do you believe that at least one political party in Georgia represents your interests?

- Yes, there is at least one party that fully represents my interests
- Yes, there is at least one party that more or less represents my interests
- None of the parties represents my interests
- Don't know/No answer

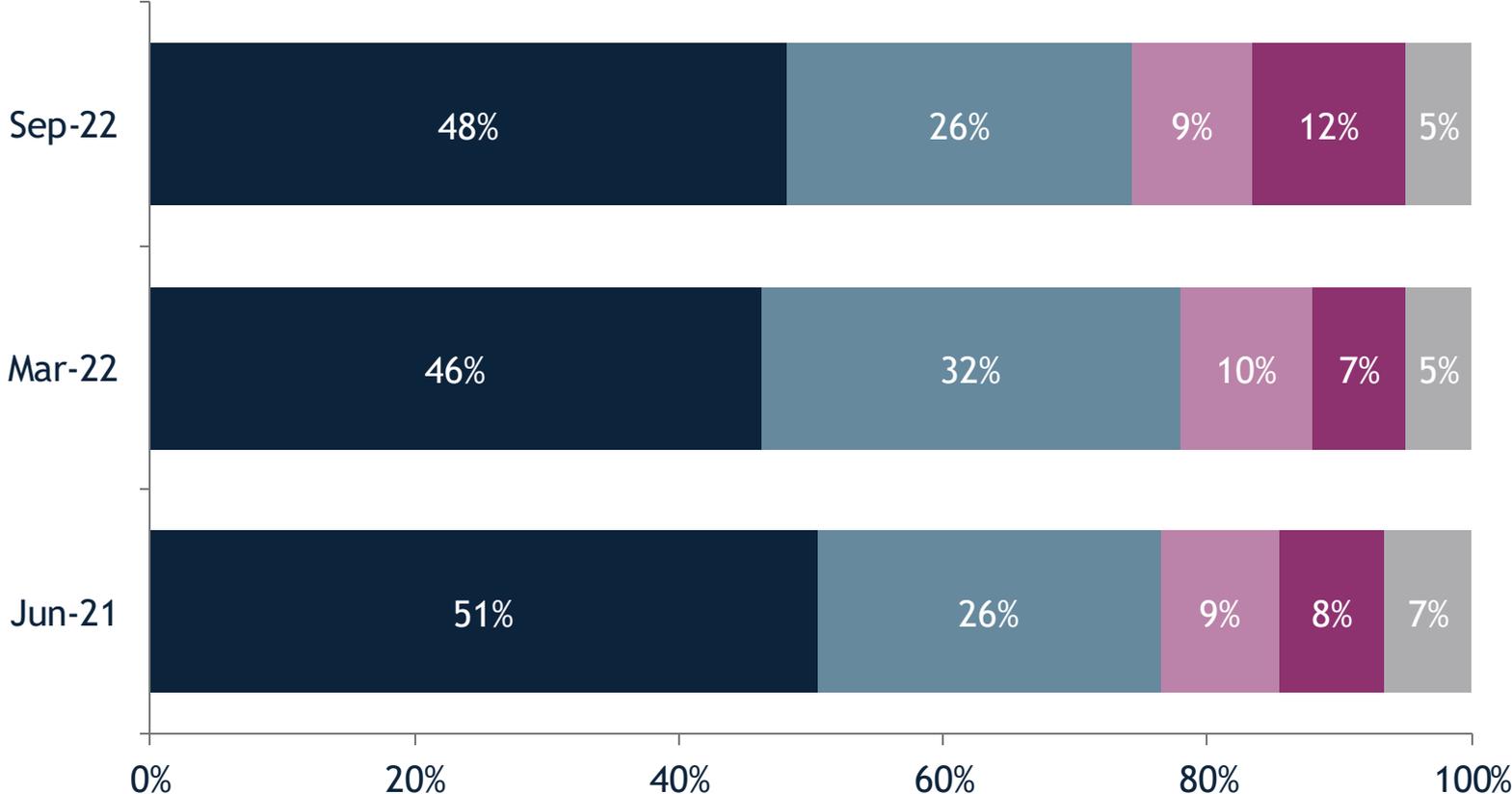


# Please tell me: Do you trust or distrust Georgia's political parties?

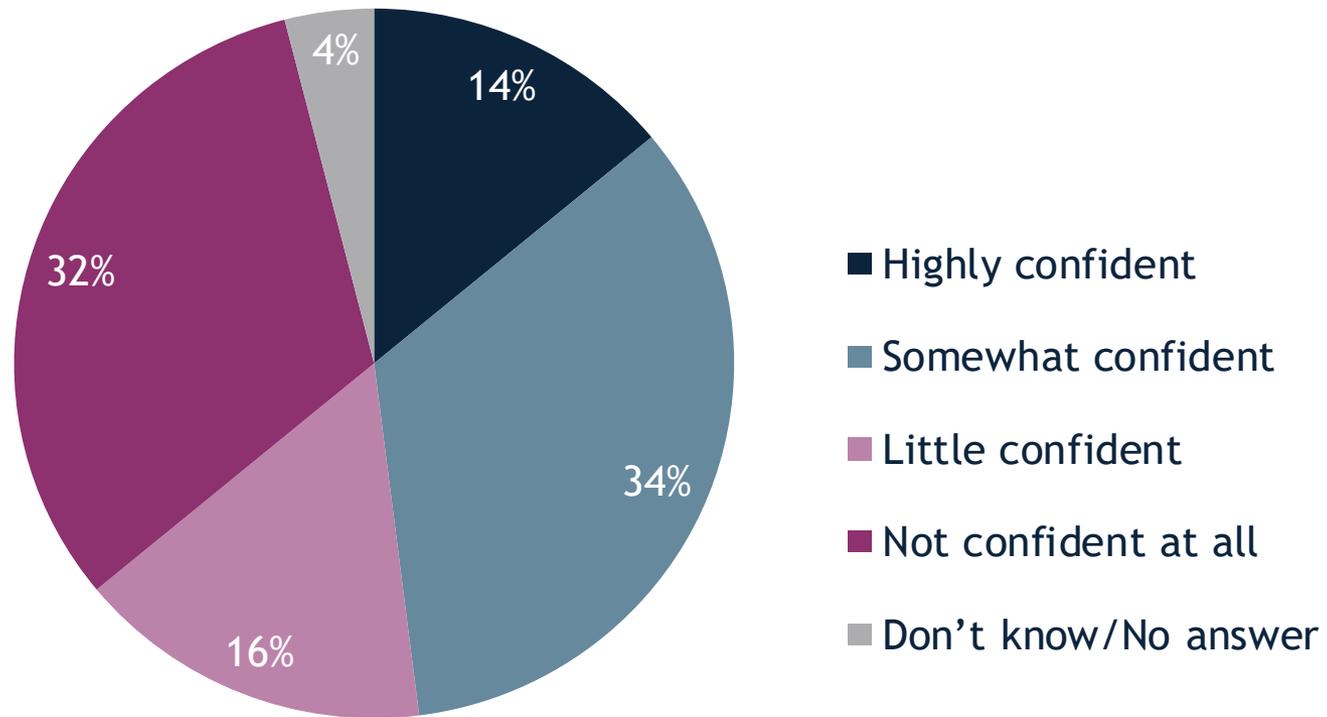


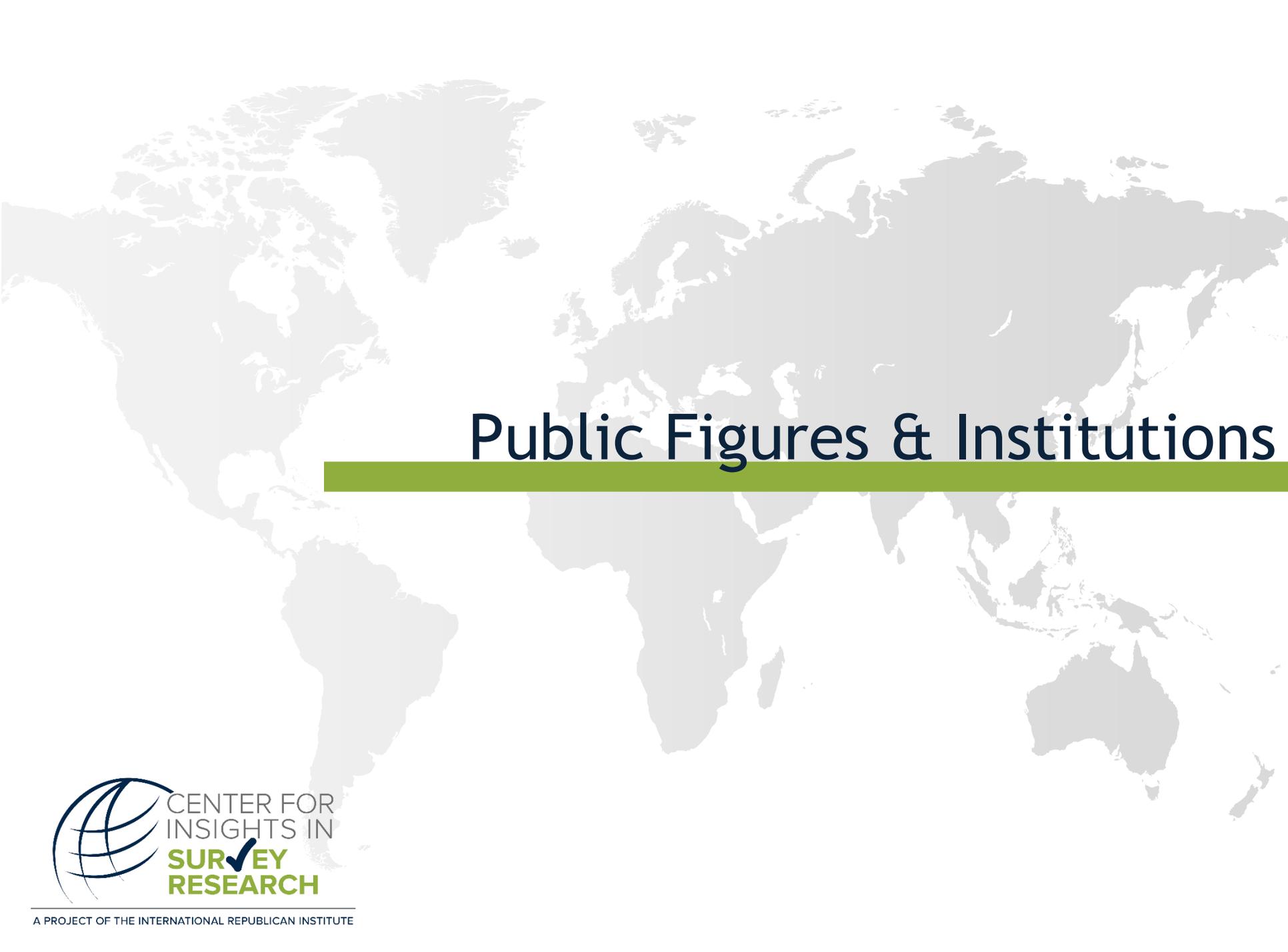
# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “It is healthy for Georgia’s democracy to have multiple parties in power”?

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don’t know/No answer



As you may know, the Central Election Commission, also known as CEC or CESCO, is the body responsible for conducting national elections in Georgia. How confident, if at all, are you in the Central Election Commission's ability to organize and supervise credible elections?

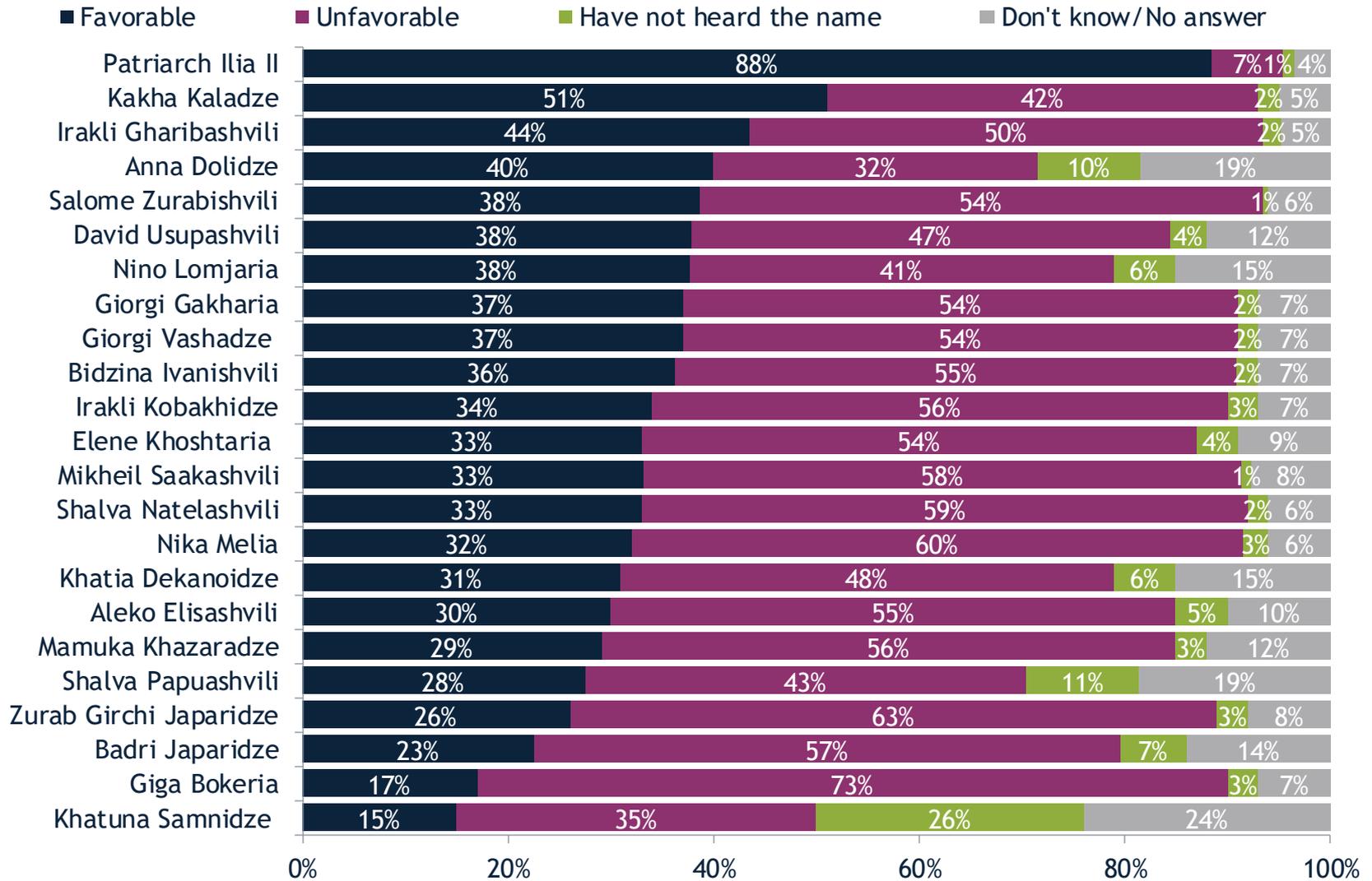




# Public Figures & Institutions

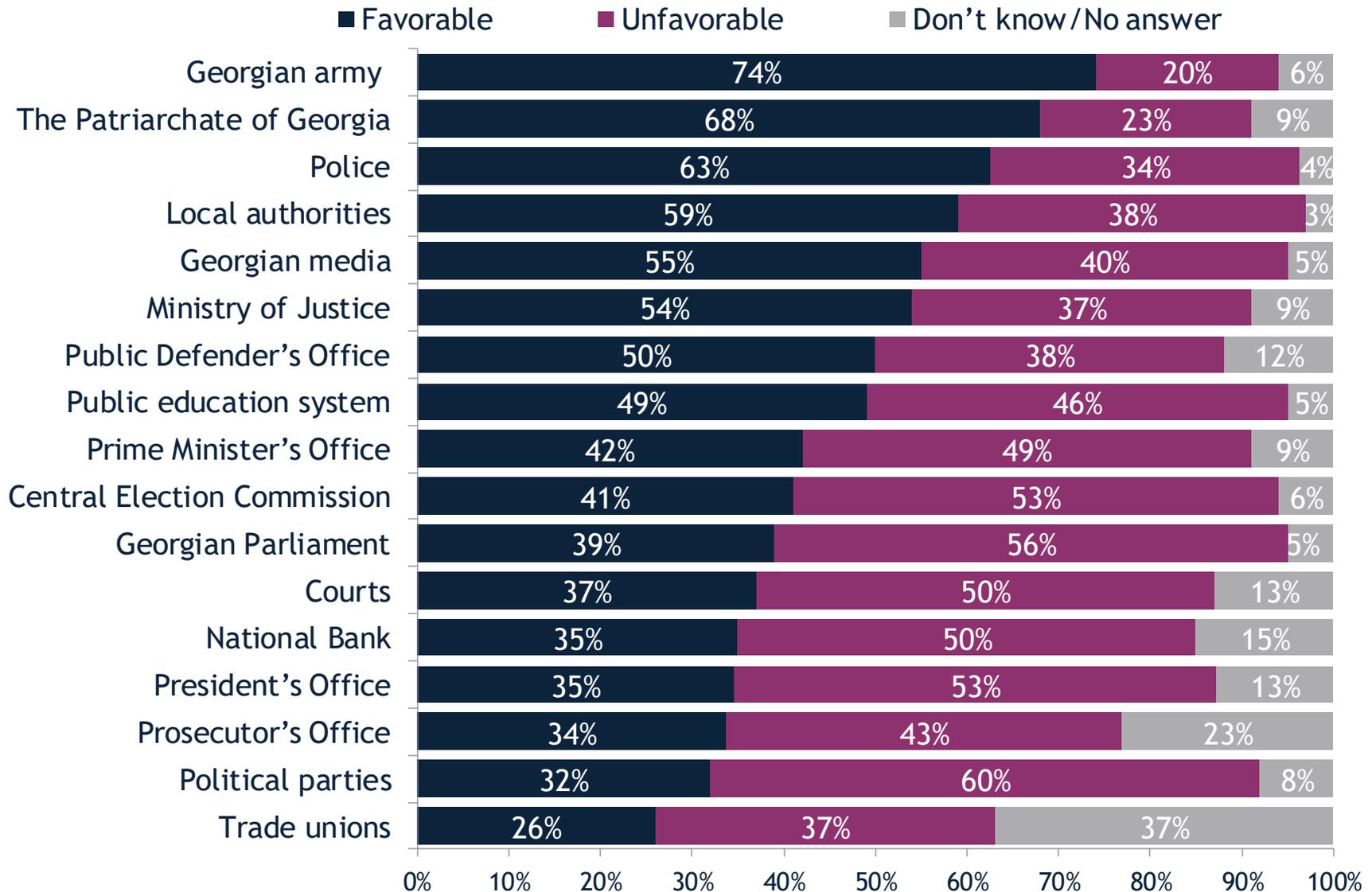


I will read you a list of names. For each, please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or highly unfavorable opinion of this individual. If you have not heard of this person, please tell me.\*

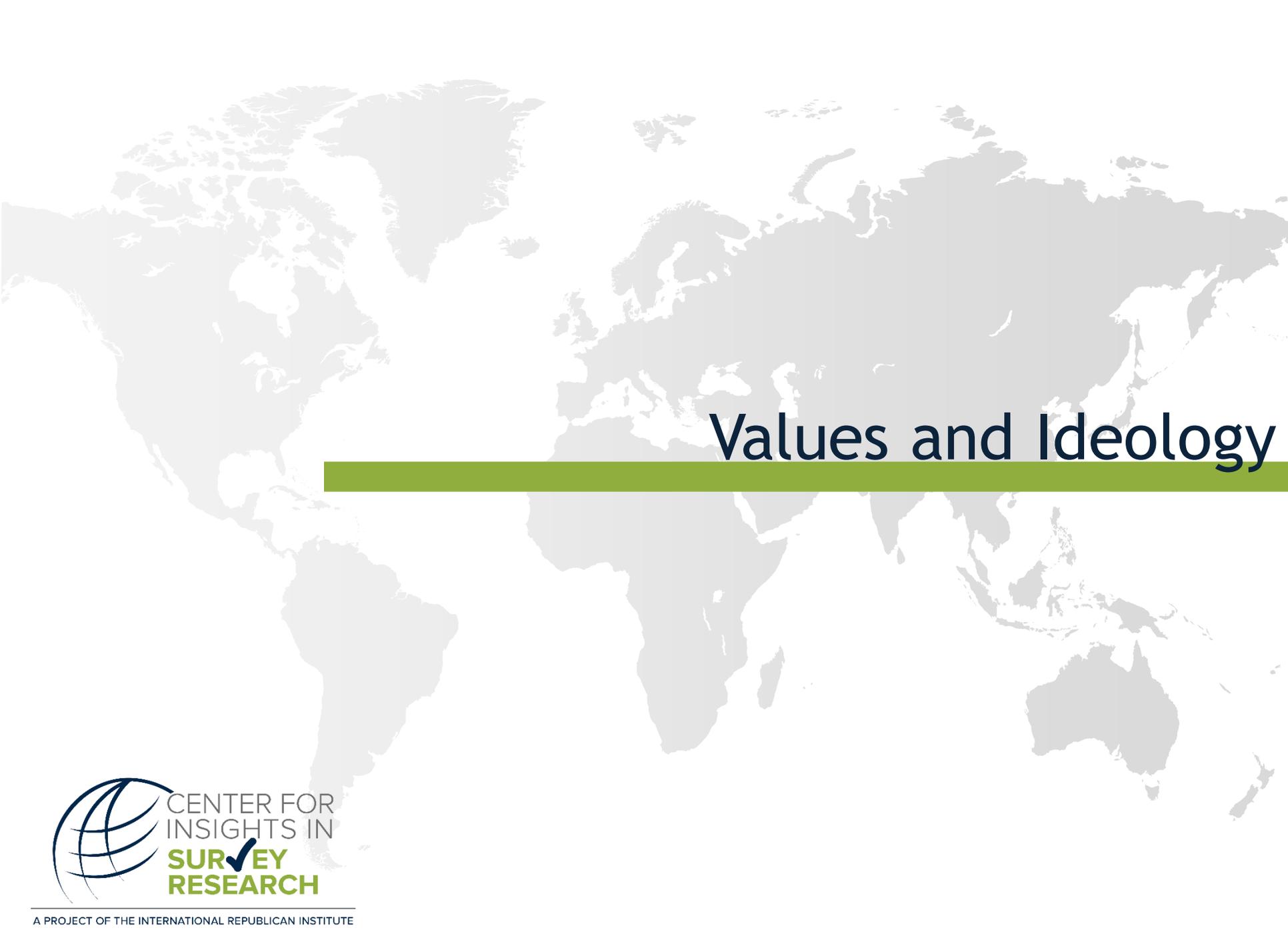


\*Responses "Very favorable" and "Somewhat favorable" combined under "Favorable." Responses "Very unfavorable" and "Somewhat unfavorable" combined under "Unfavorable."

# What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?\*



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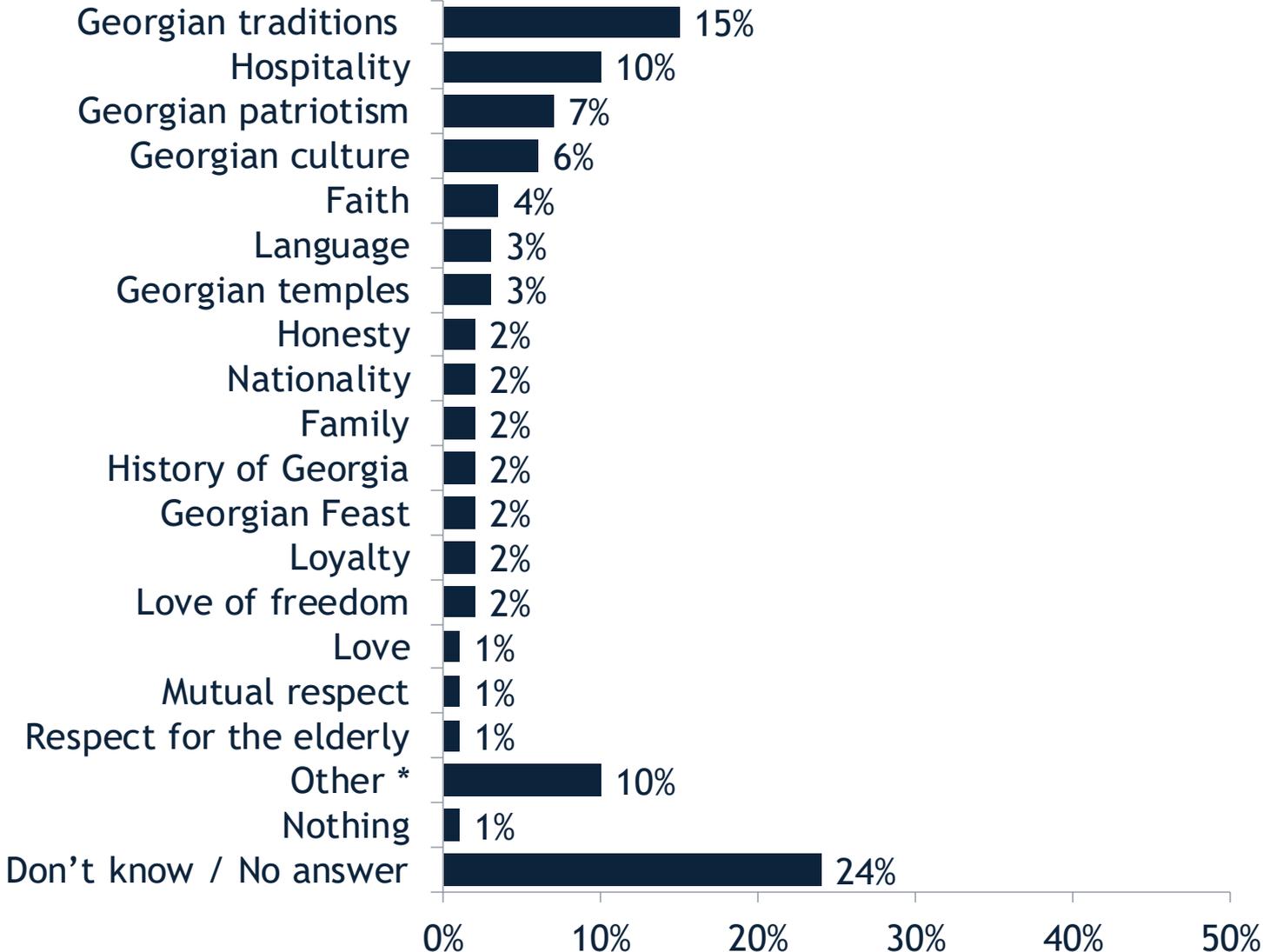
# Values and Ideology

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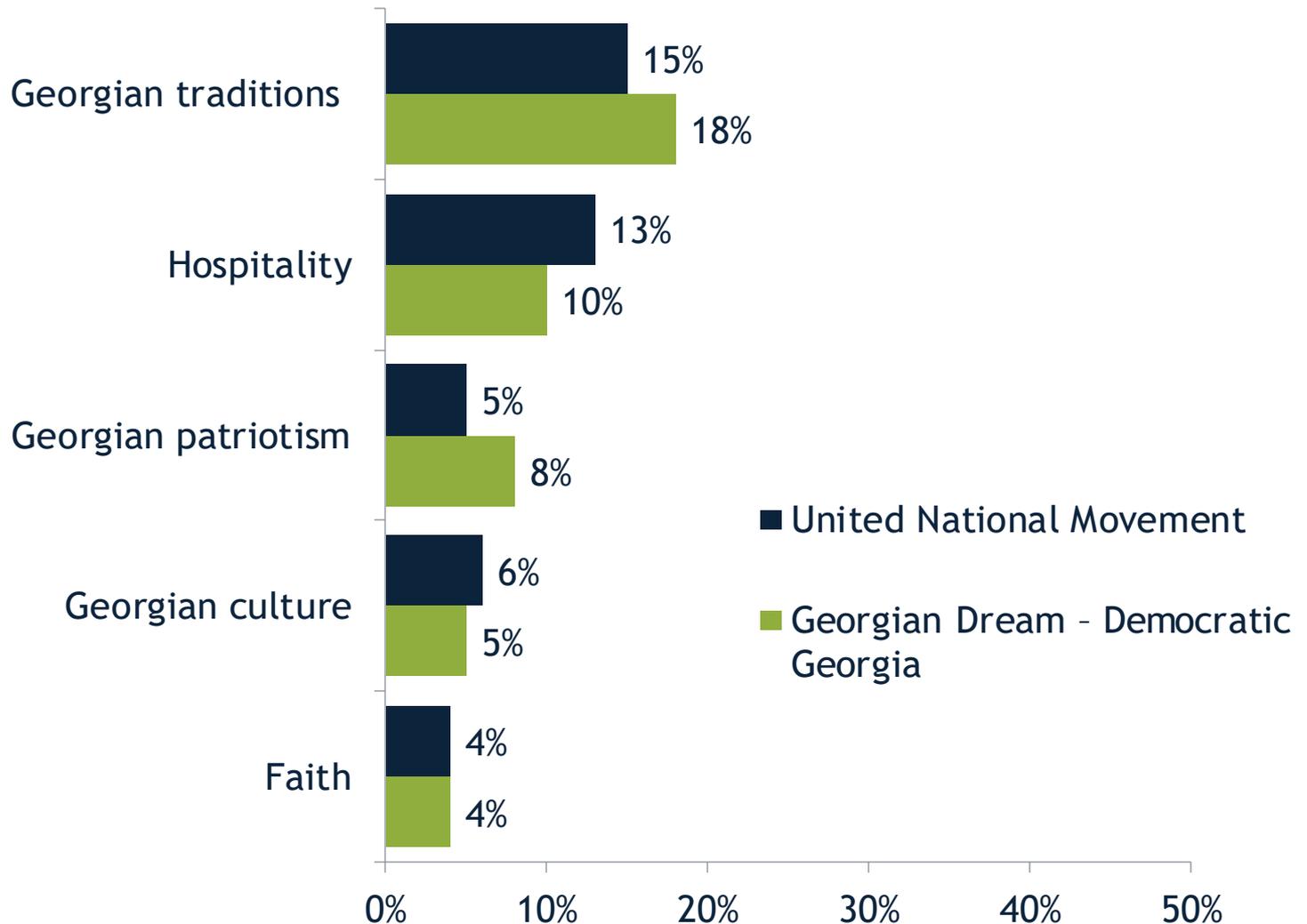
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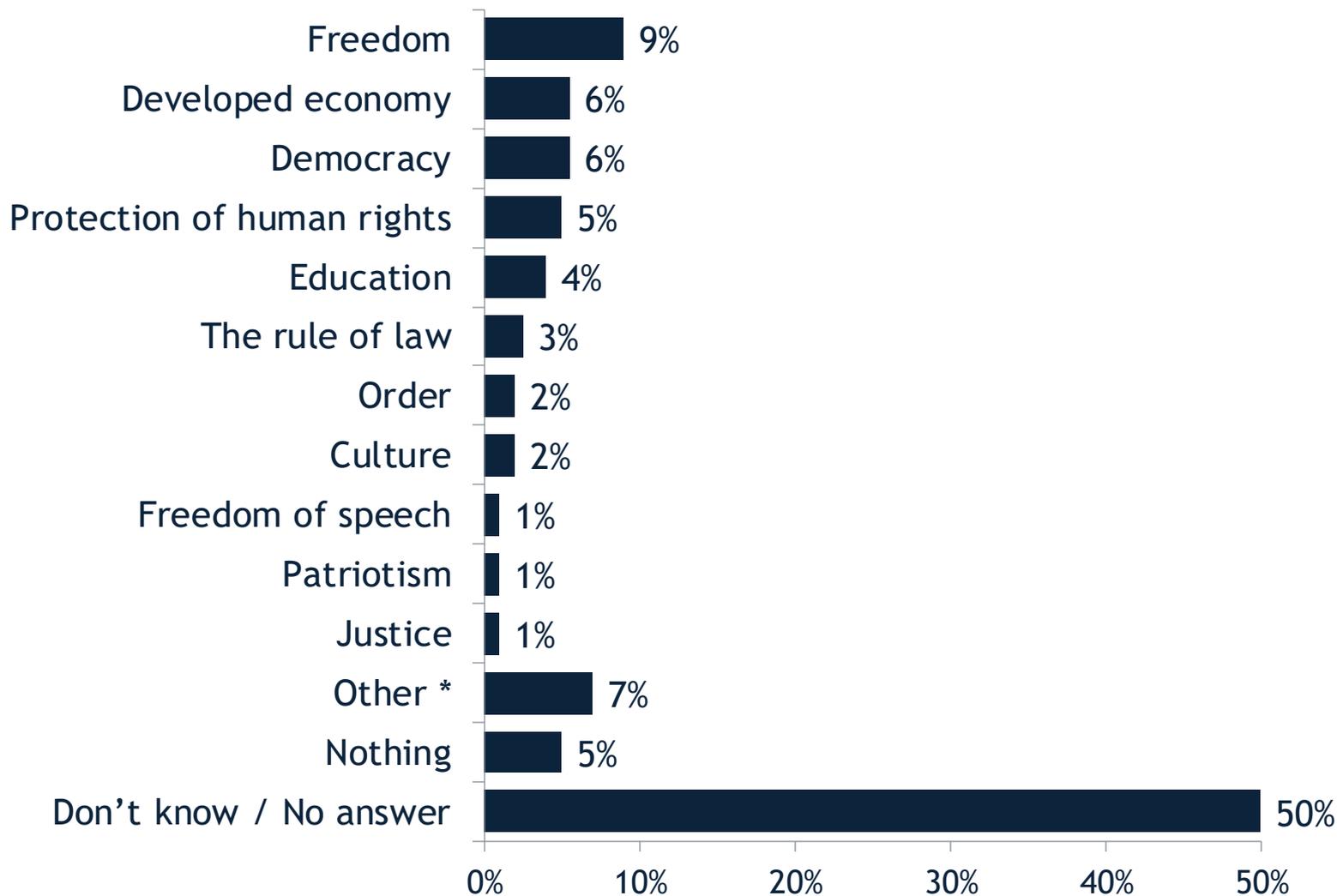
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(Respondents permitted to provide one spontaneous response, 5 most often mentioned, disaggregated by party preference)



# When you think about European values, which value comes to your mind first?

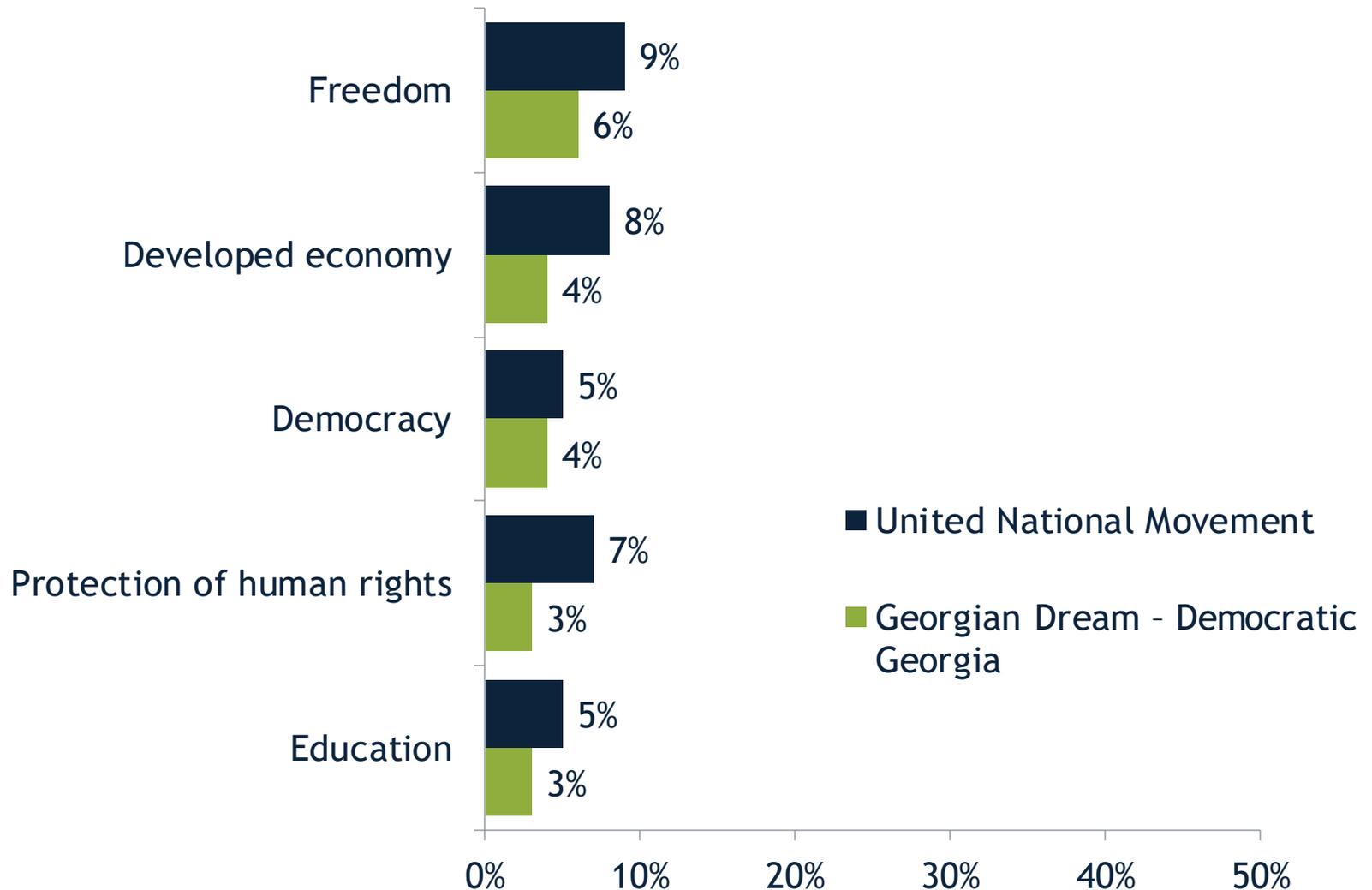
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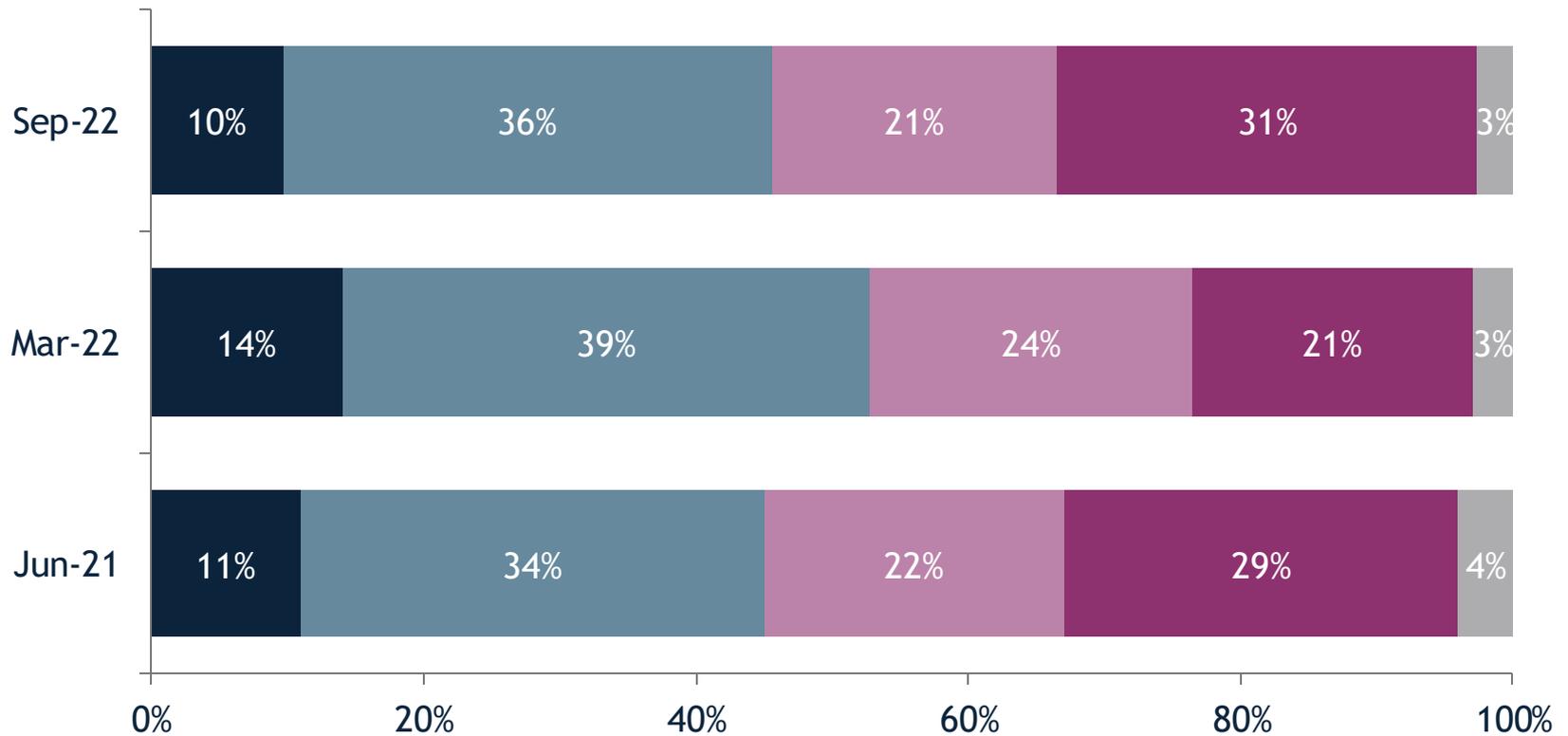
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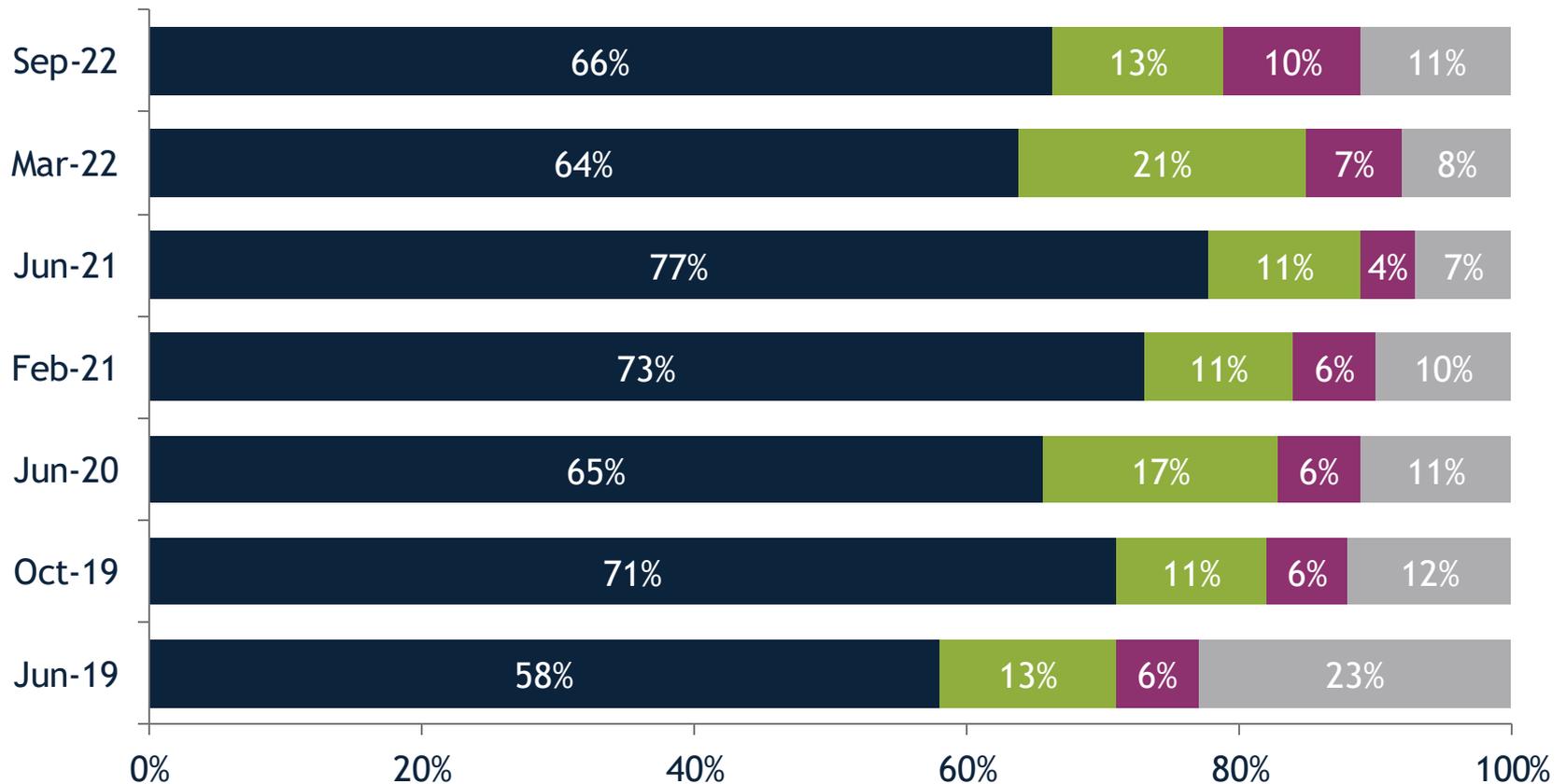
# Tell me how you feel about the following statement: “I am satisfied with the current state of democracy in Georgia.”

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know/No answer

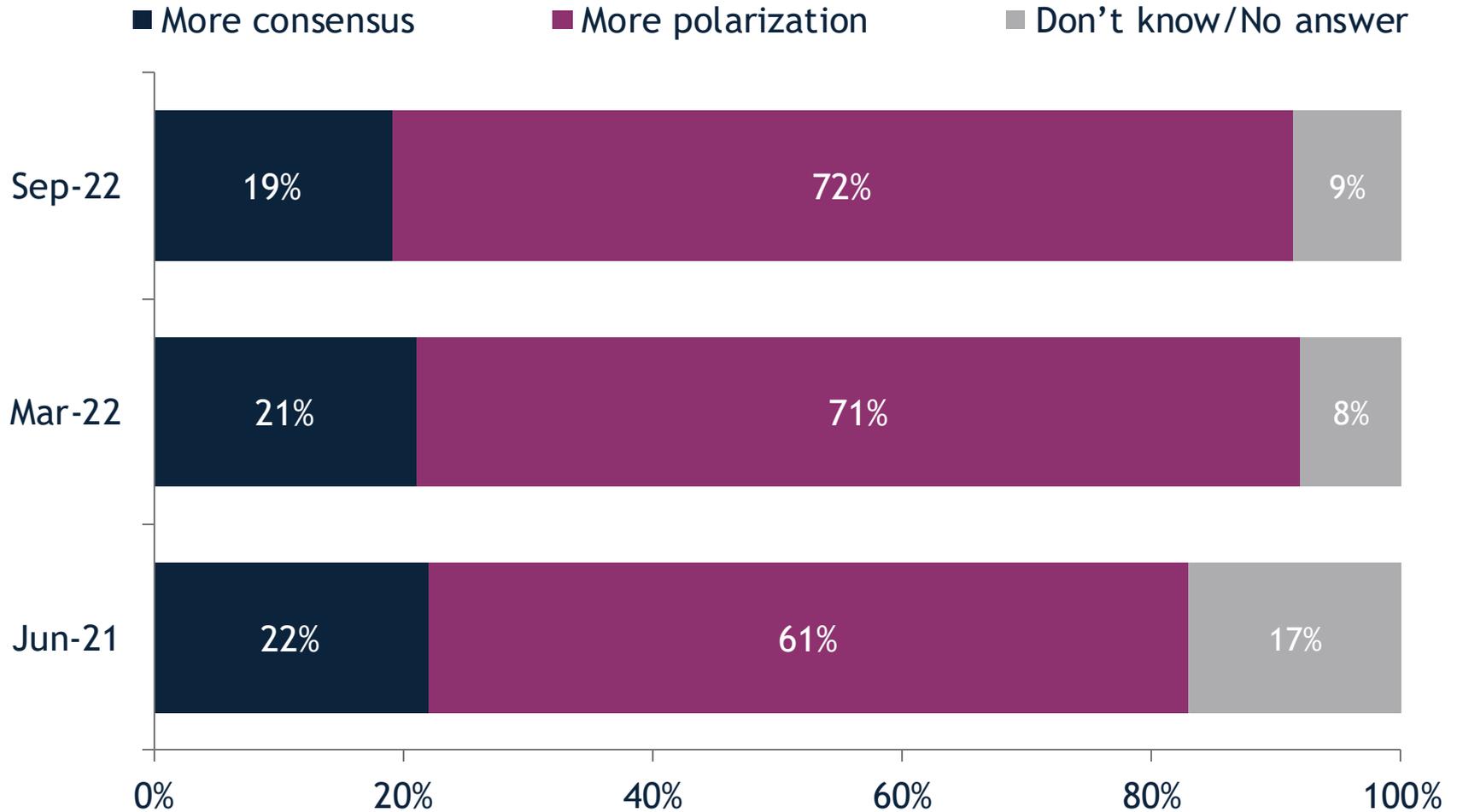


# Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country?

- 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/No answer

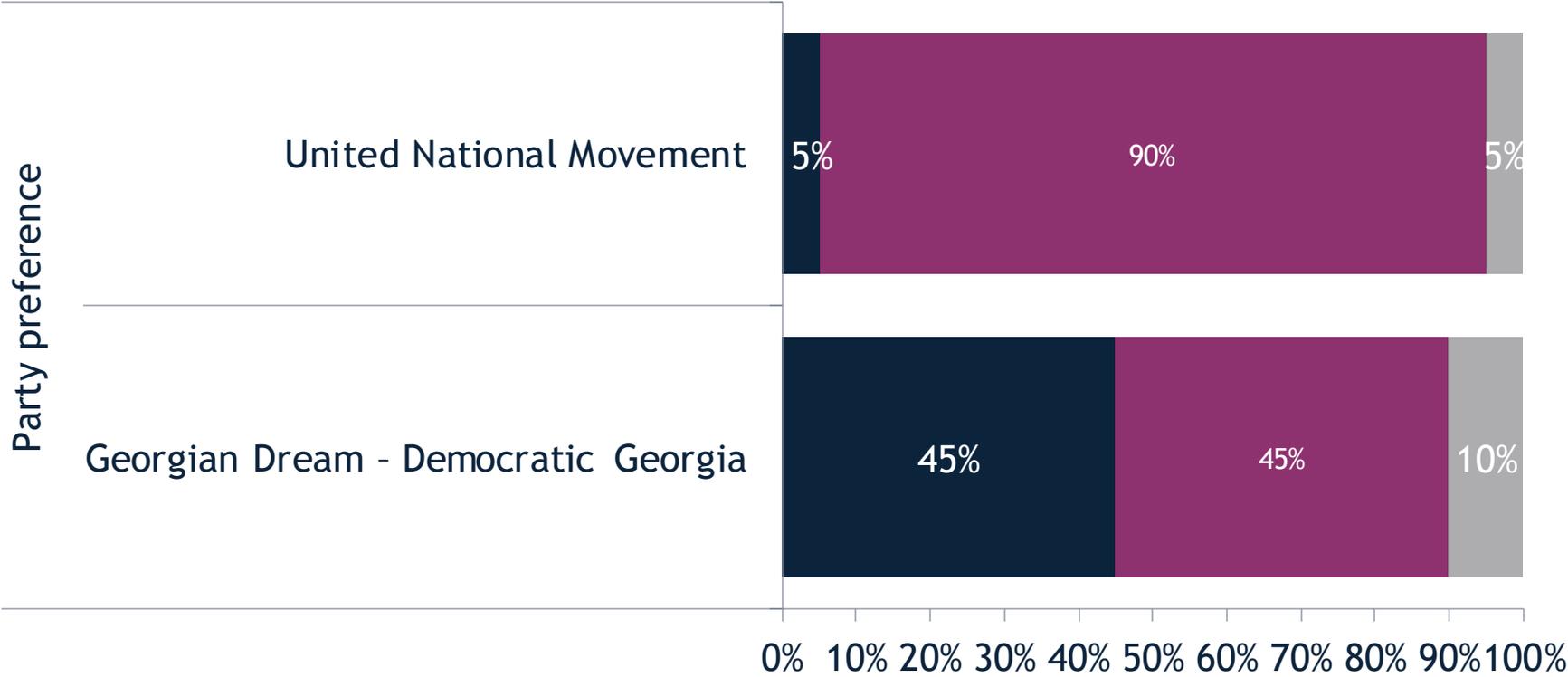


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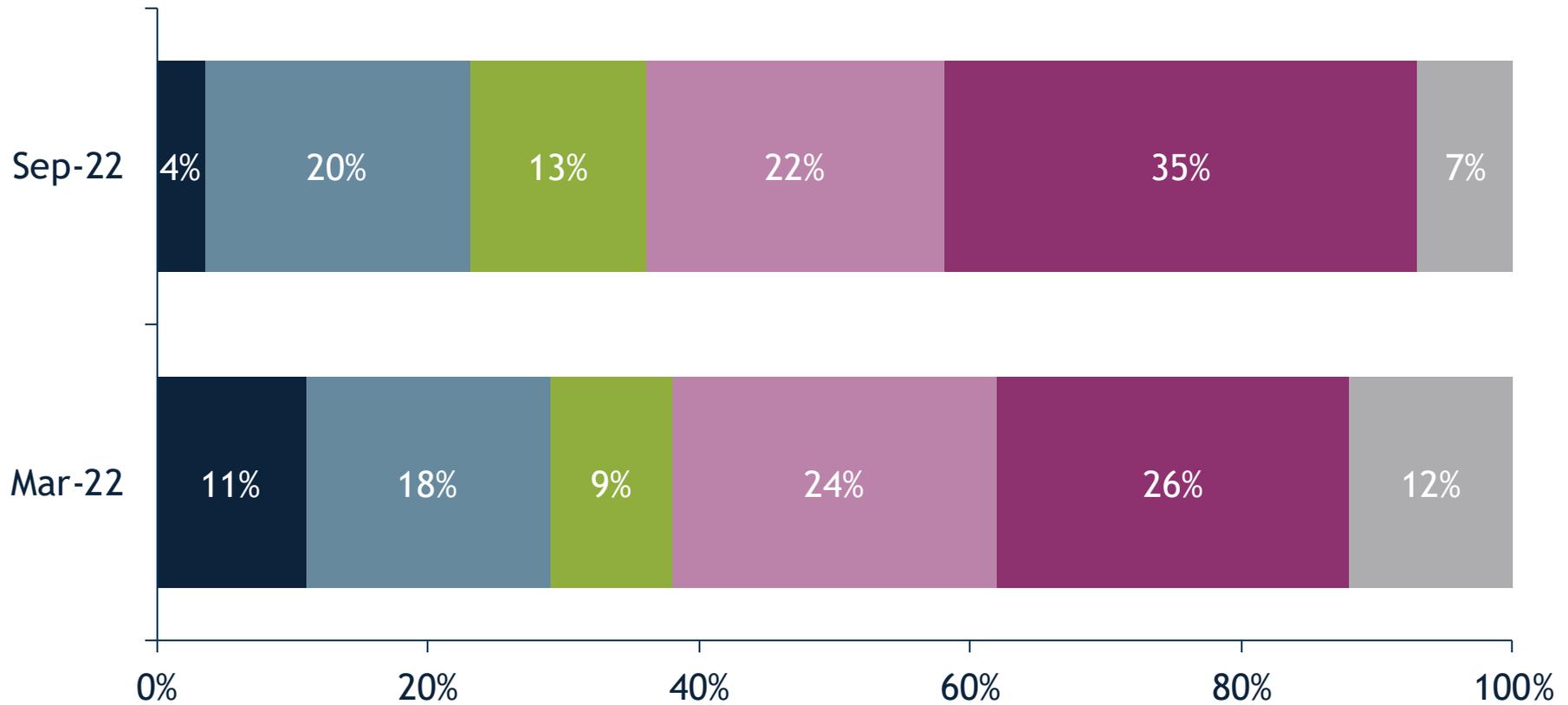
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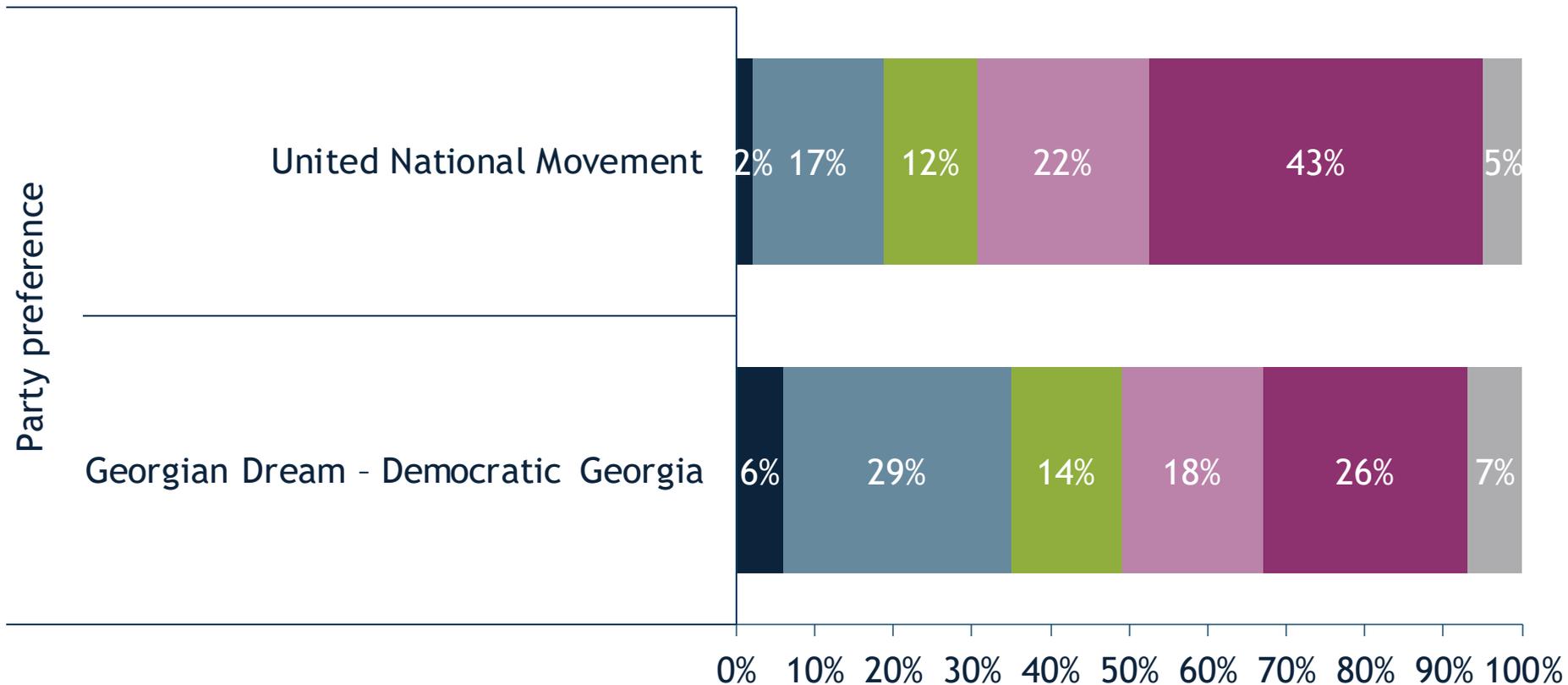
# How likely is lasting reconciliation - where the ruling party and opposition parties find mutual ground for continuing to govern - to occur in Georgia?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
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- Very unlikely
- Don't know/No answer



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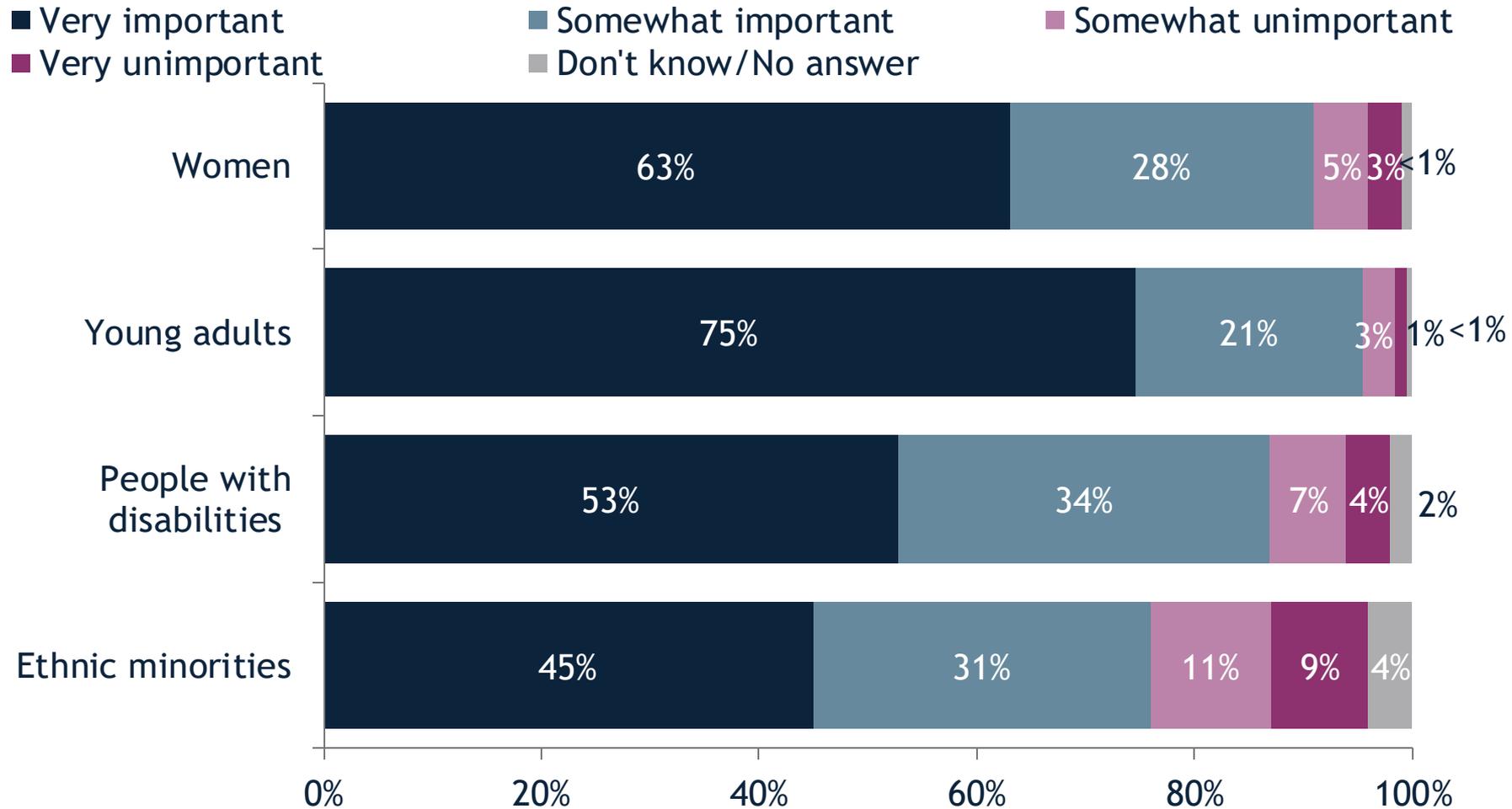




# Inclusion and Civic Engagement

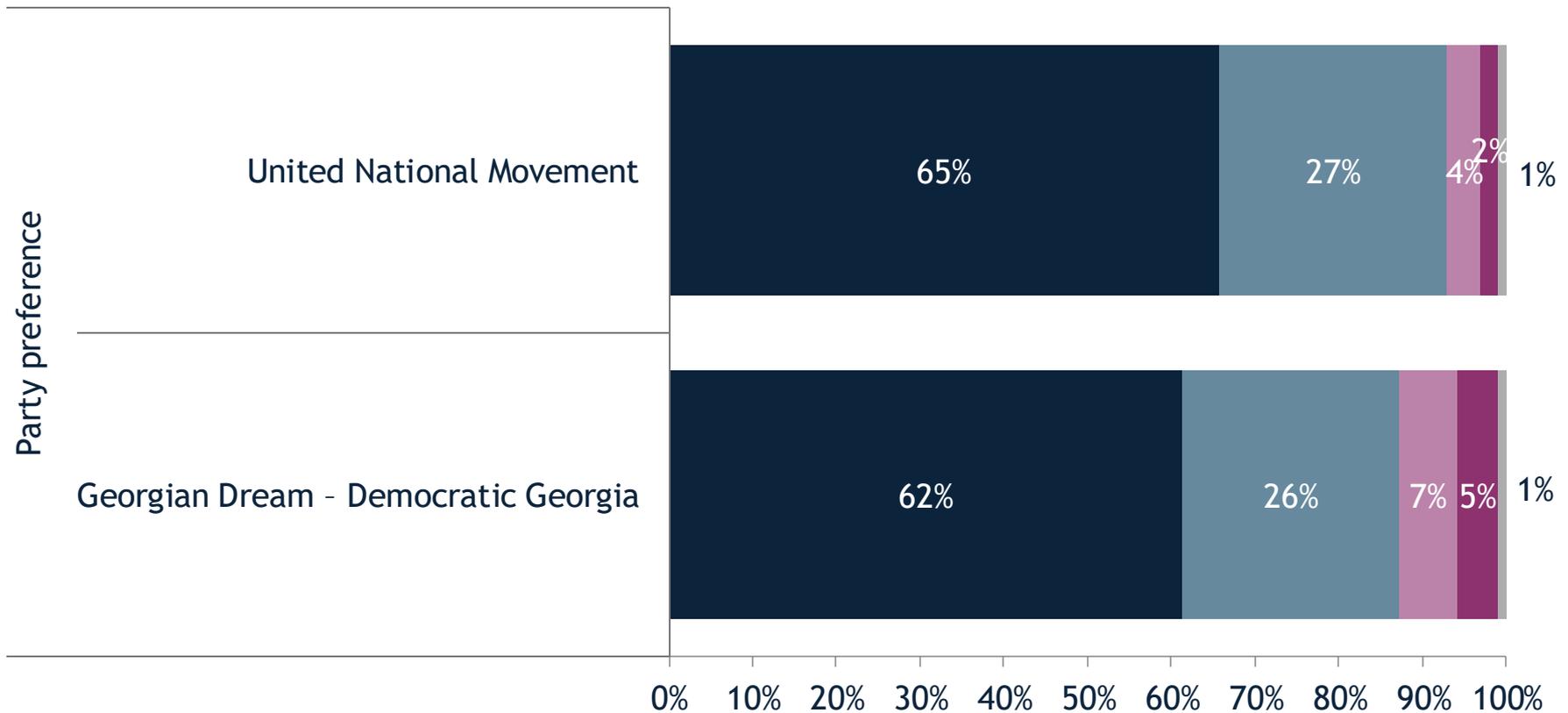


# How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country's adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, people with disabilities and etc. are included in political decision making?



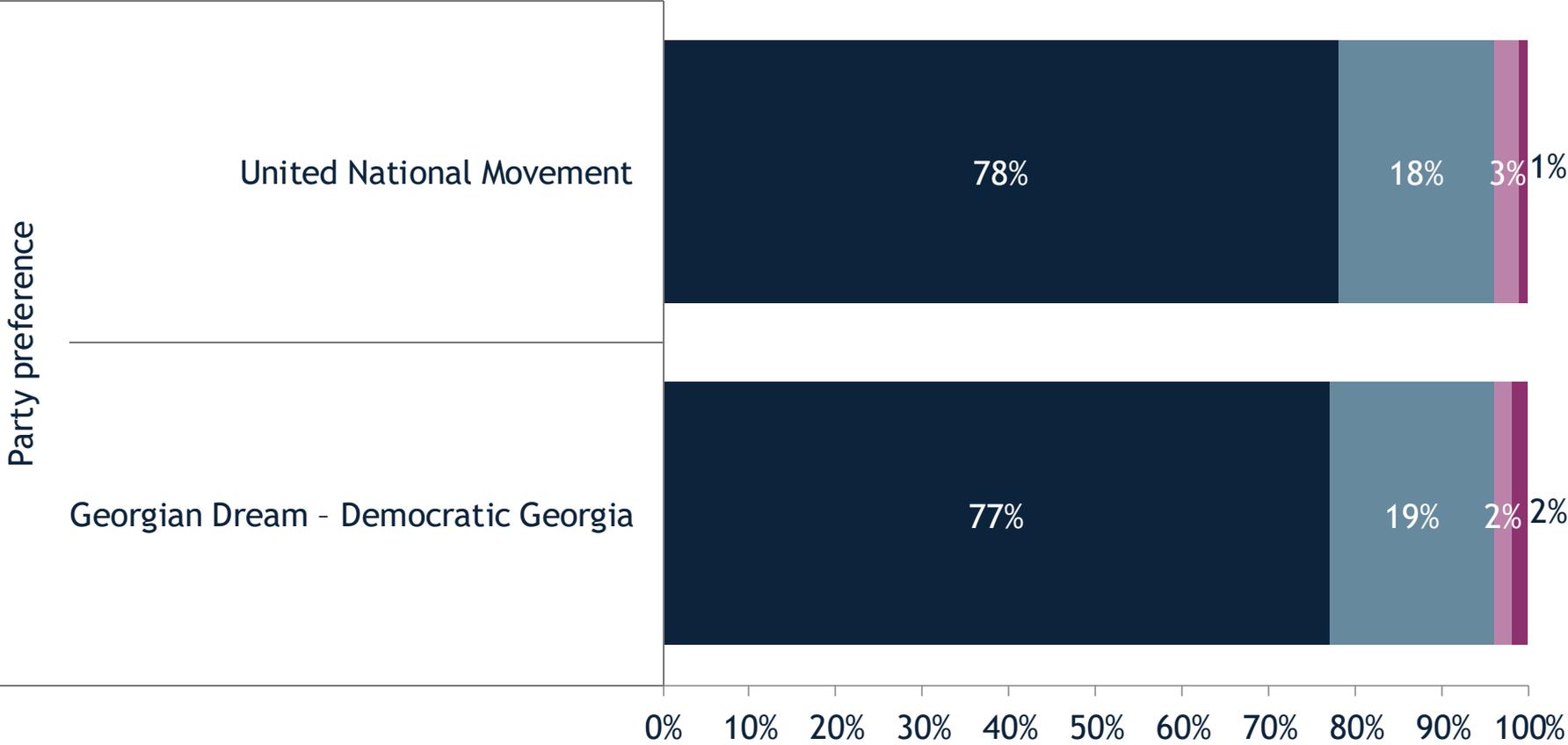
# How important or unimportant is it that women are included in political decision making?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Somewhat unimportant
- Very unimportant
- Don't know/No answer



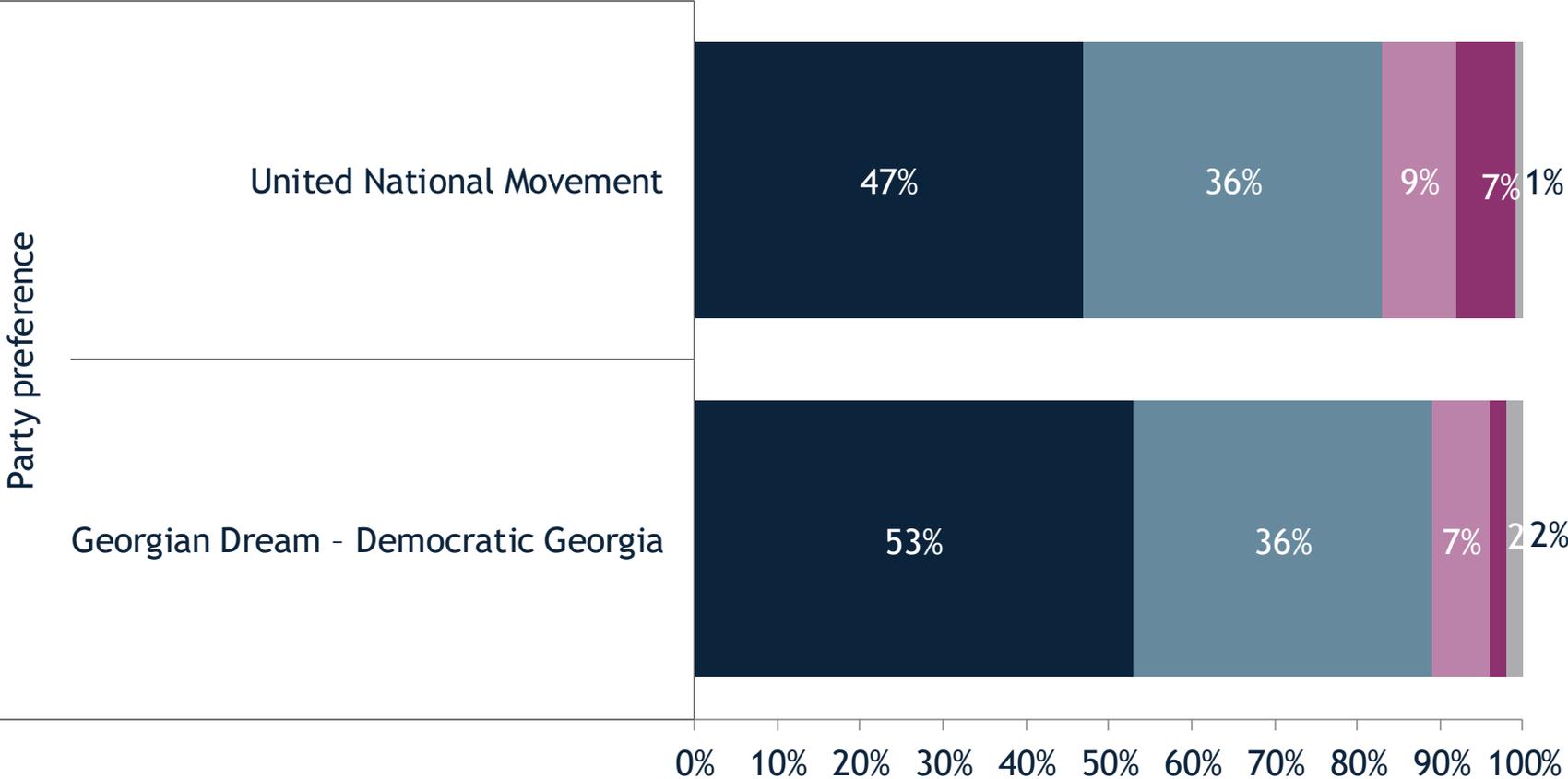
# How important or unimportant is it that young adults are included in political decision making?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Somewhat unimportant
- Very unimportant
- Don't know/No answer



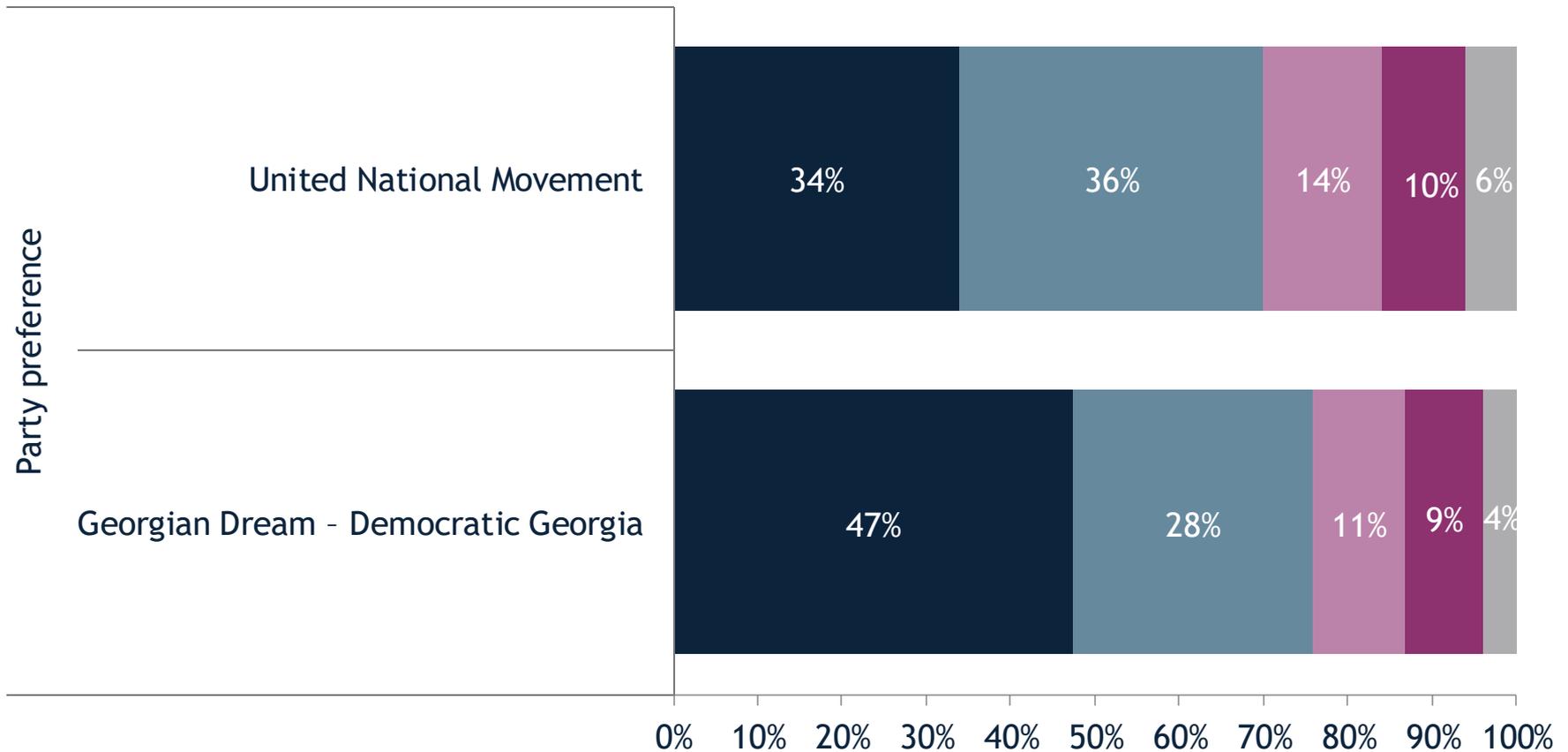
# How important or unimportant is it that people with disabilities are included in political decision making?

- Very important
- Somewhat important
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- Very unimportant
- Don't know/No answer



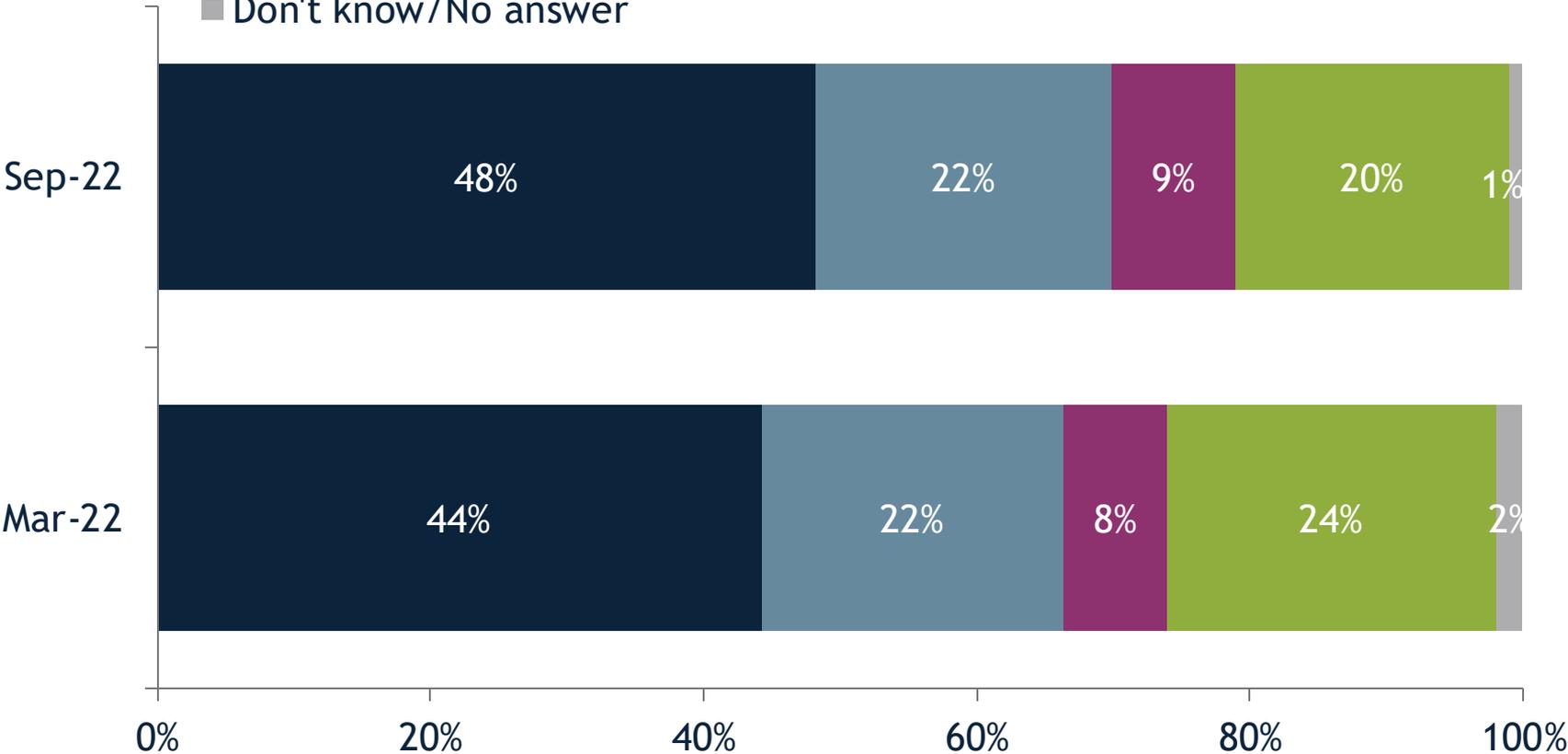
# How important or unimportant is it that ethnic minorities are included in political decision making?

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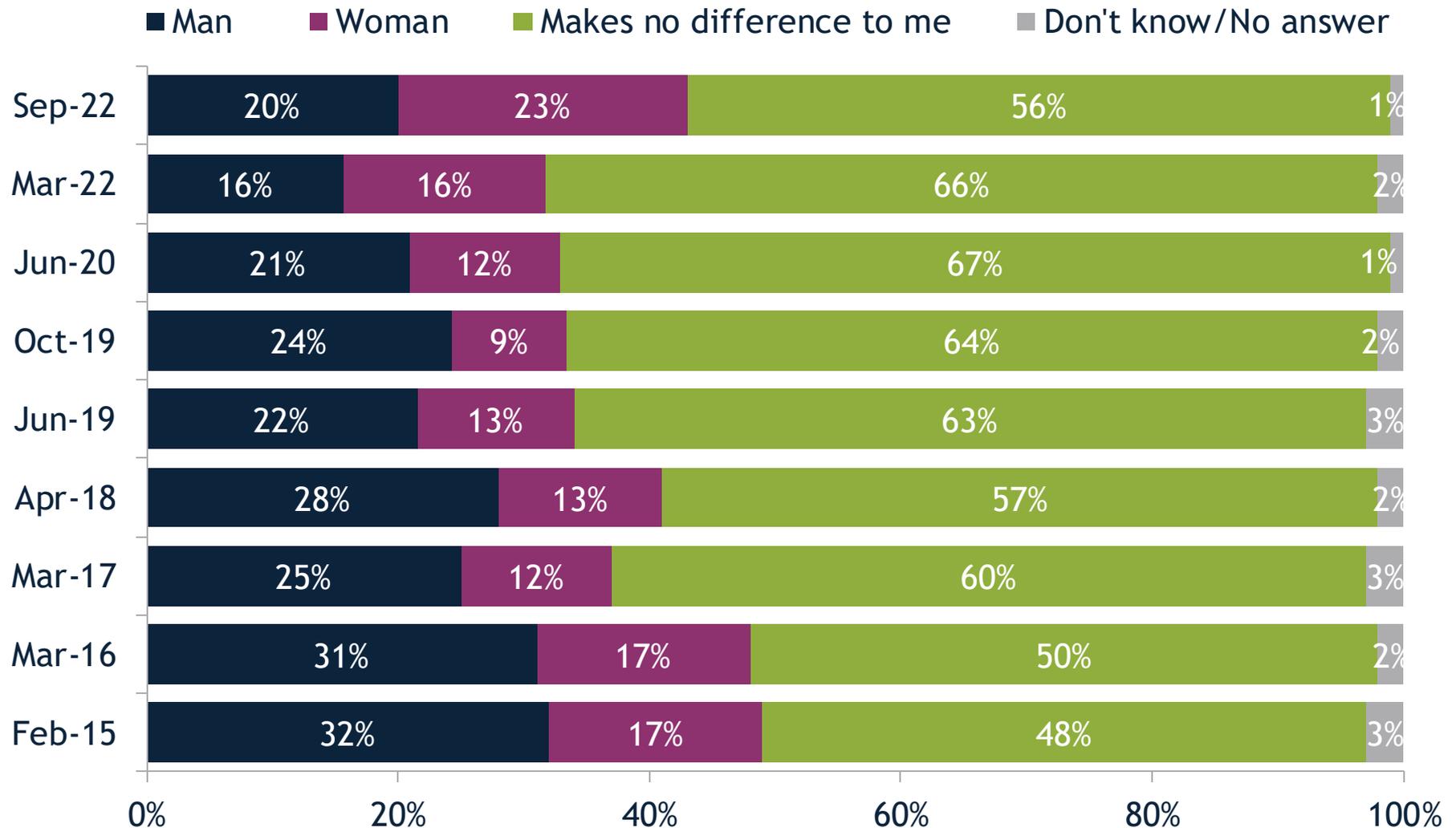


# In your opinion, should there be more women in Georgian politics?

- Yes, there should be more women in Georgian politics
- There should be the same level of women as there currently is
- No, there should be fewer women in Georgian politics
- Quantity does not matter
- Don't know/No answer

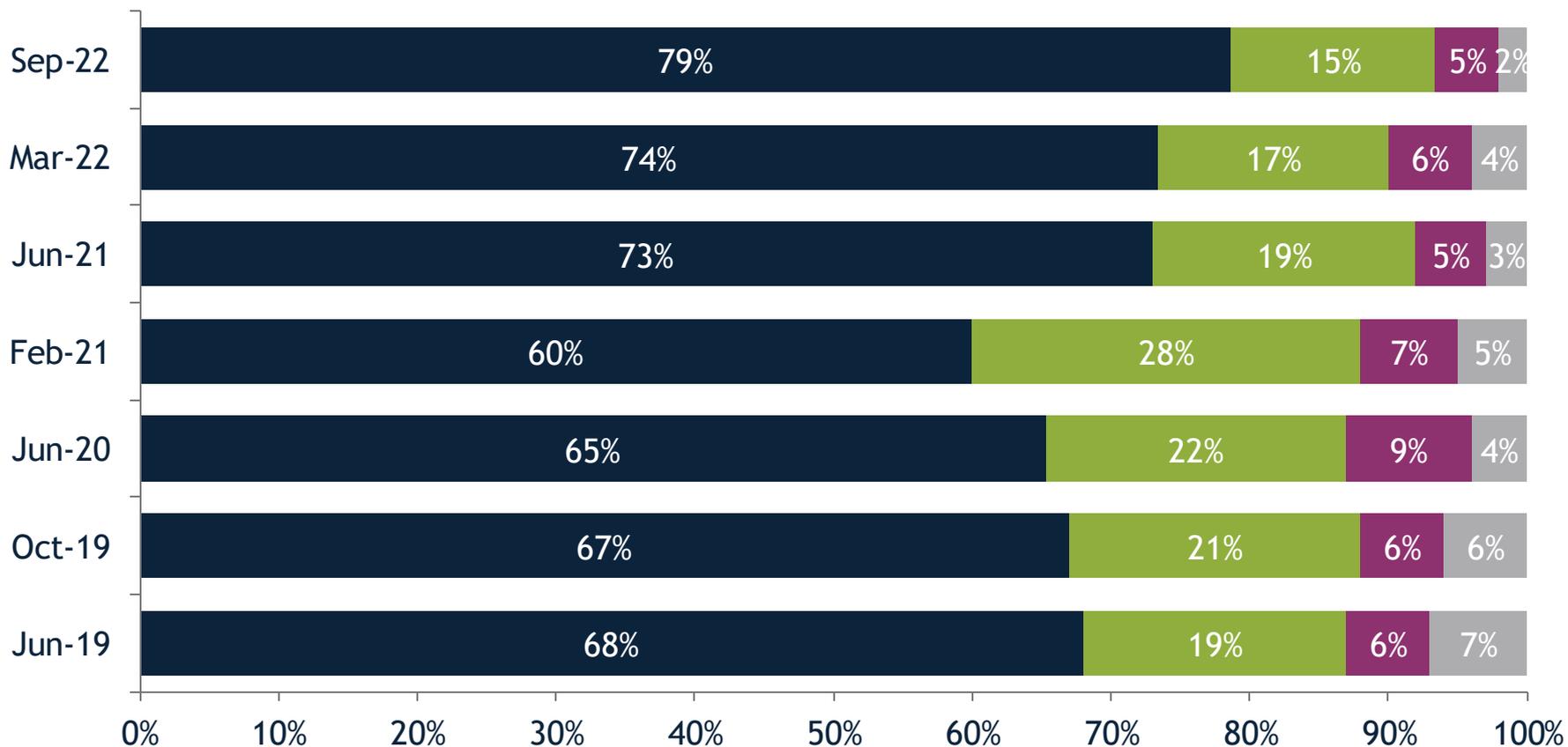


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



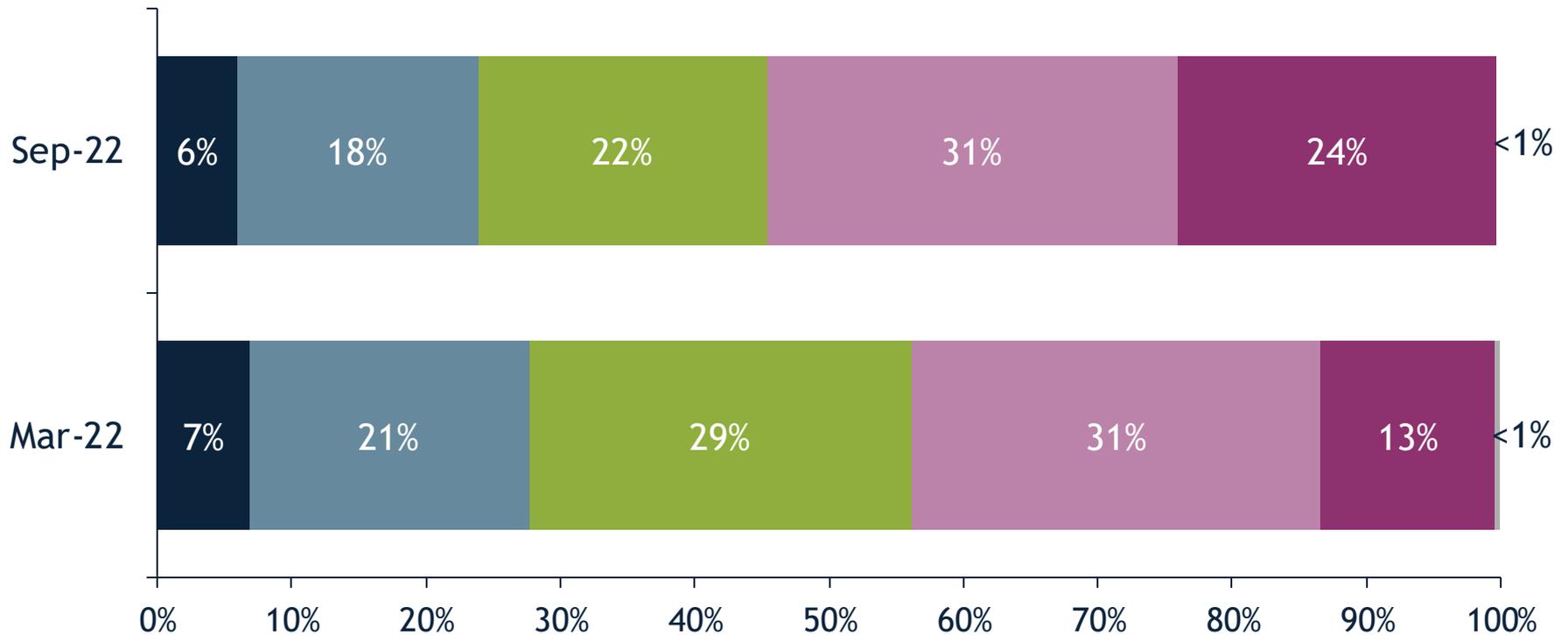
# In your opinion, should there be more youth in Georgian politics?

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- Don't know/No answer



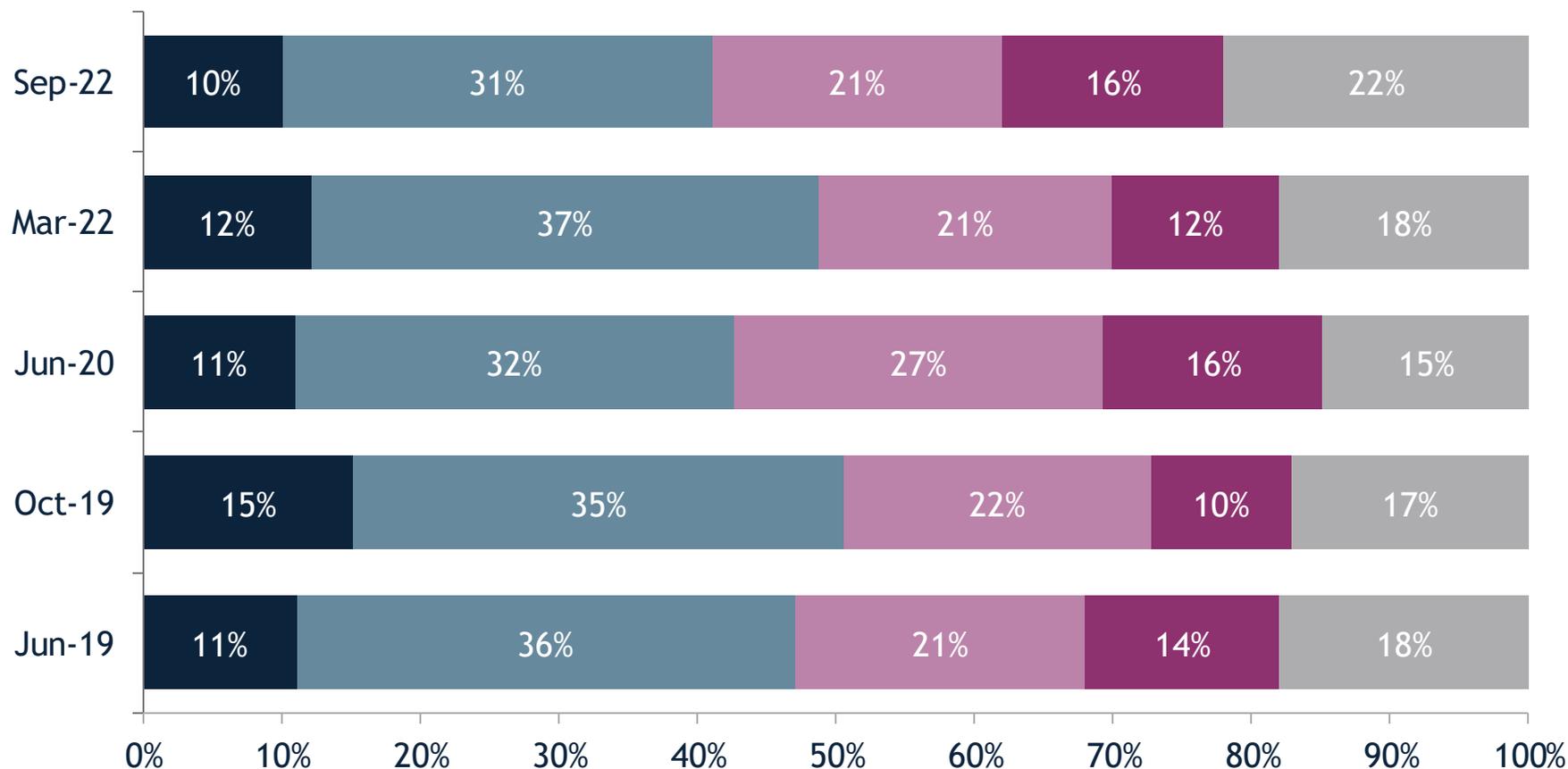
# When you get together with your close relatives and friends, how often do you discuss politics and current affairs?

■ Always   ■ Often   ■ Sometimes   ■ Rarely   ■ Never   ■ Don't know/No answer



# What is your perception of the level of impact of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Georgia?

- NGOs have a great impact on government policy
- NGOs have some impact on government policy
- NGOs have little impact on government policy
- NGOs have no impact on government policy
- Don't know/No answer





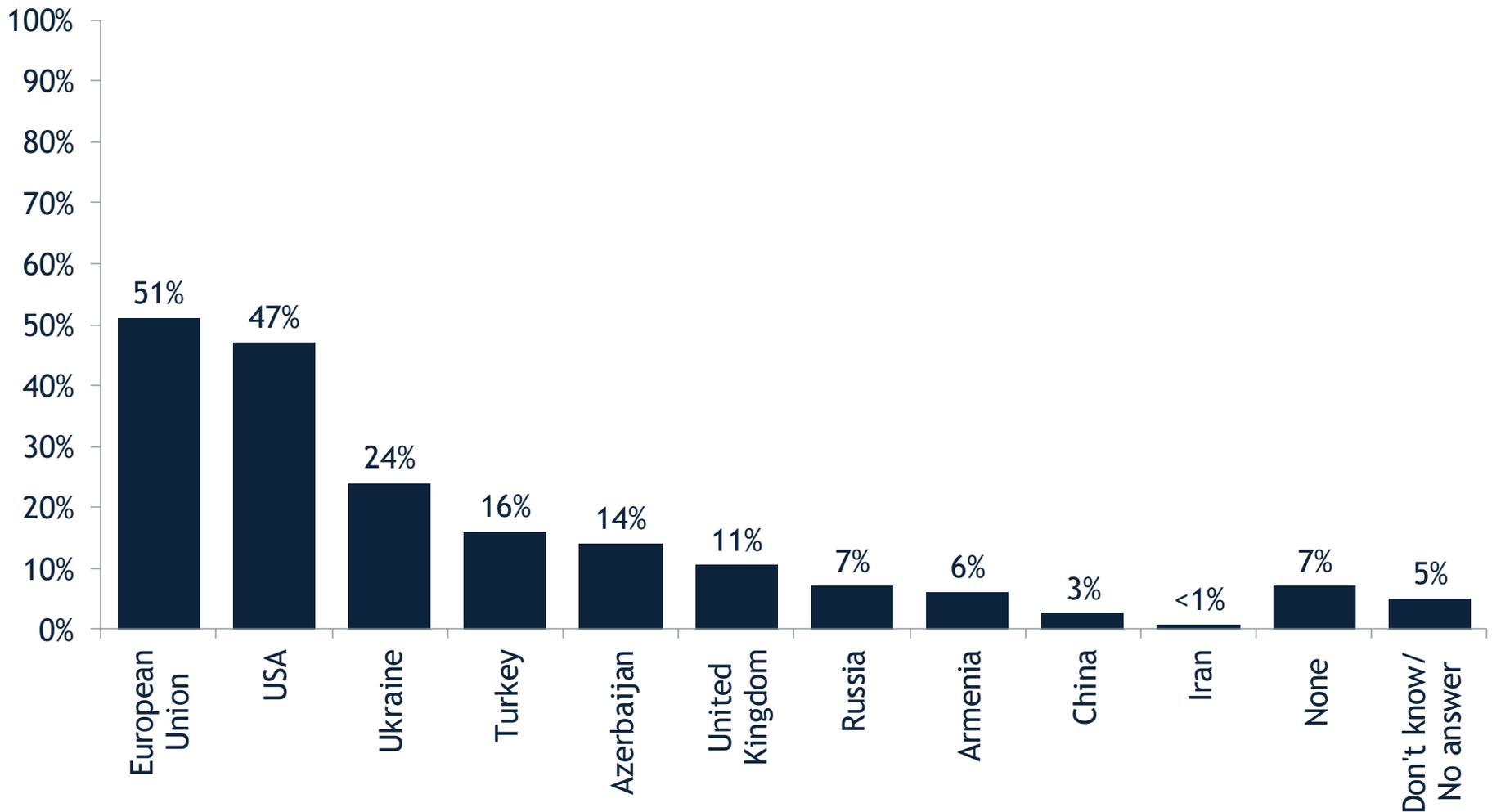
# International Relations

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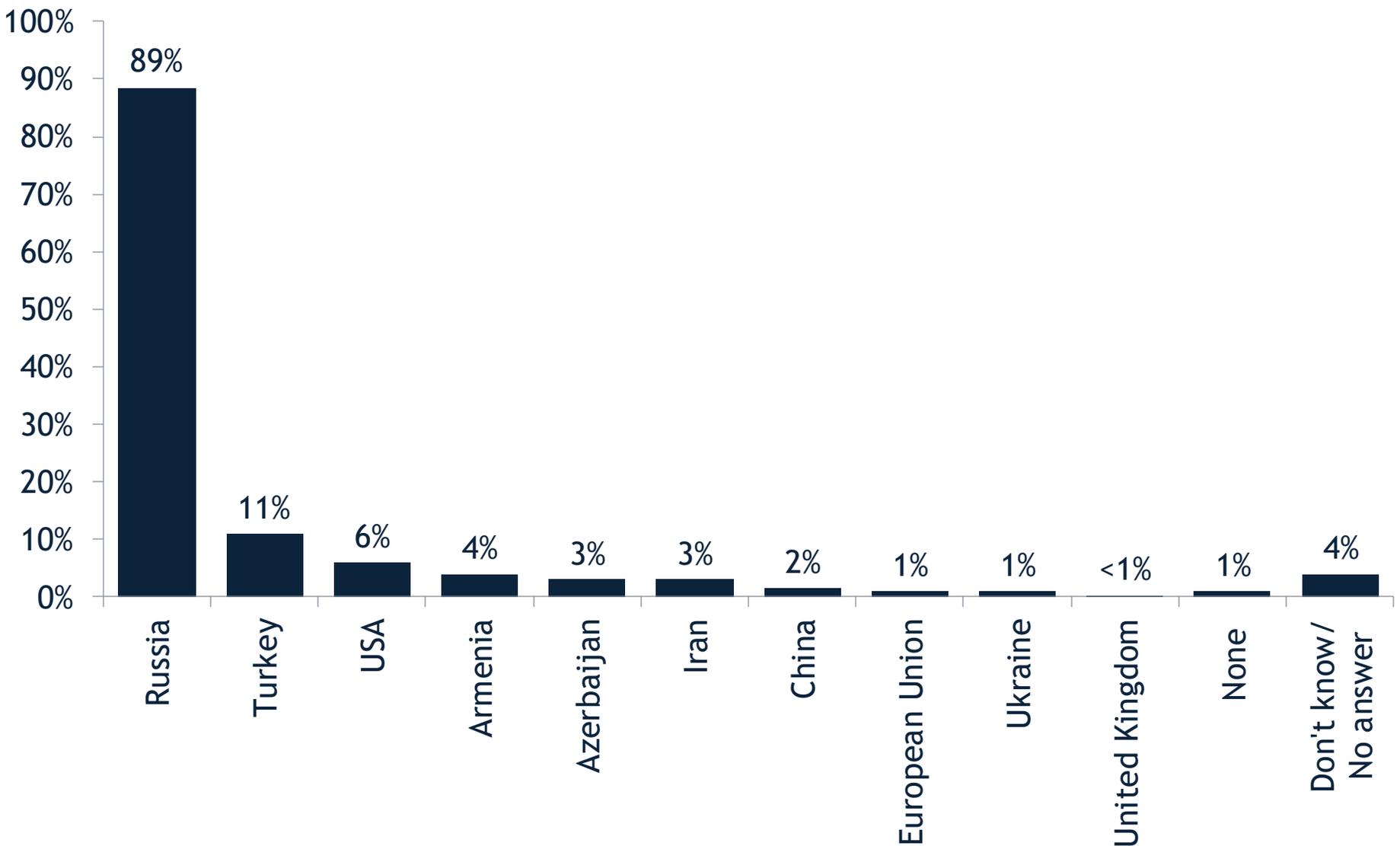
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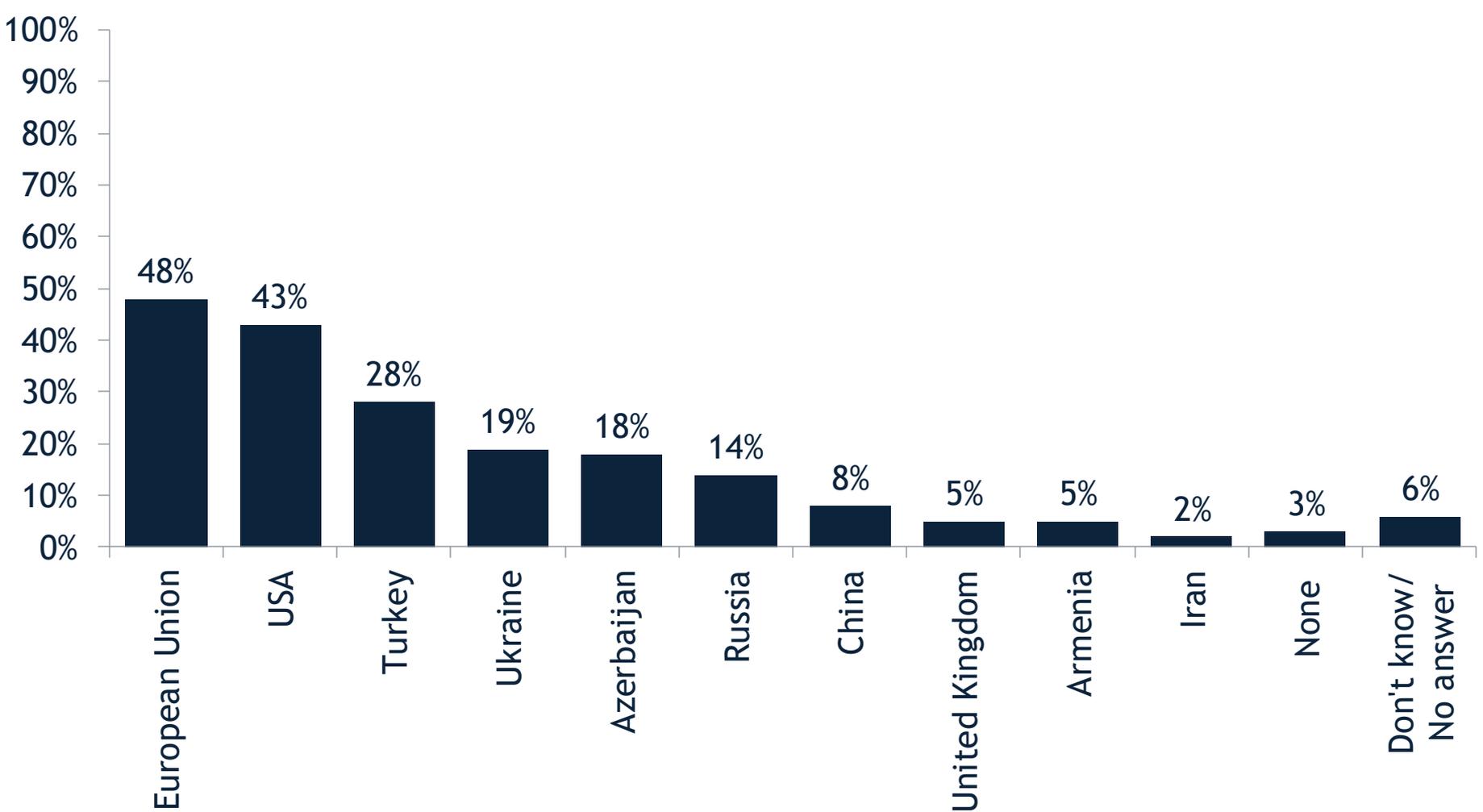
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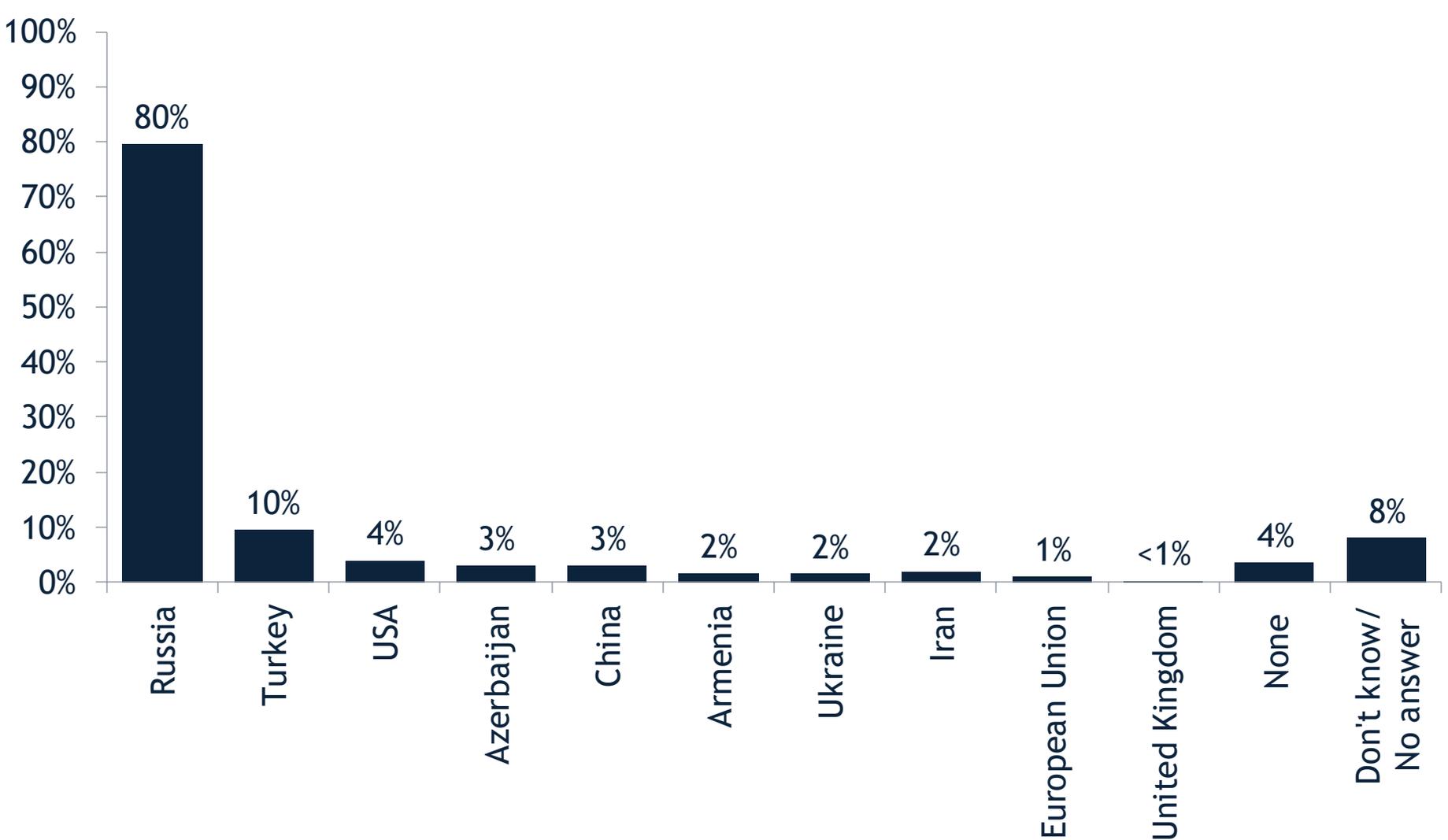
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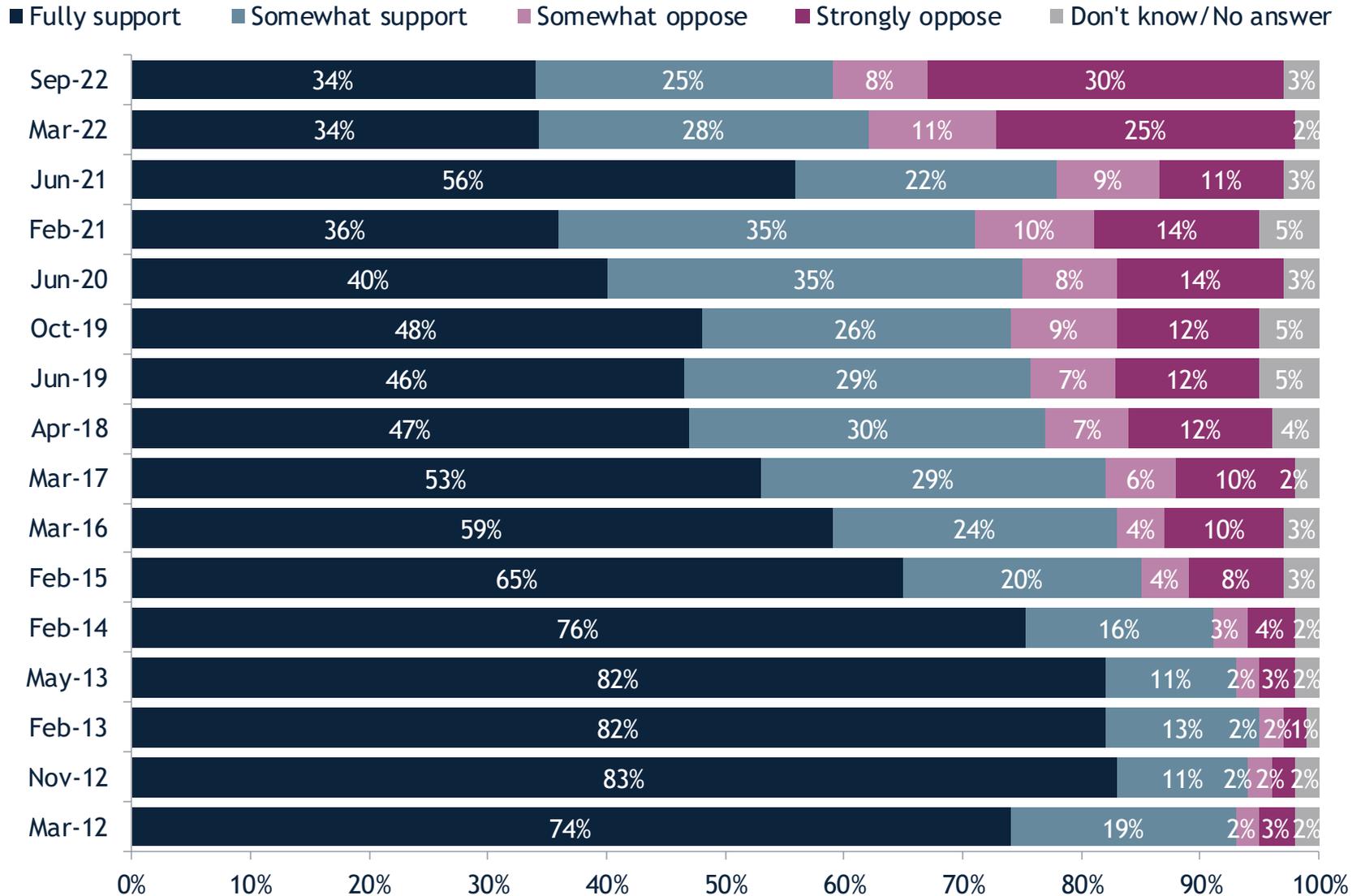


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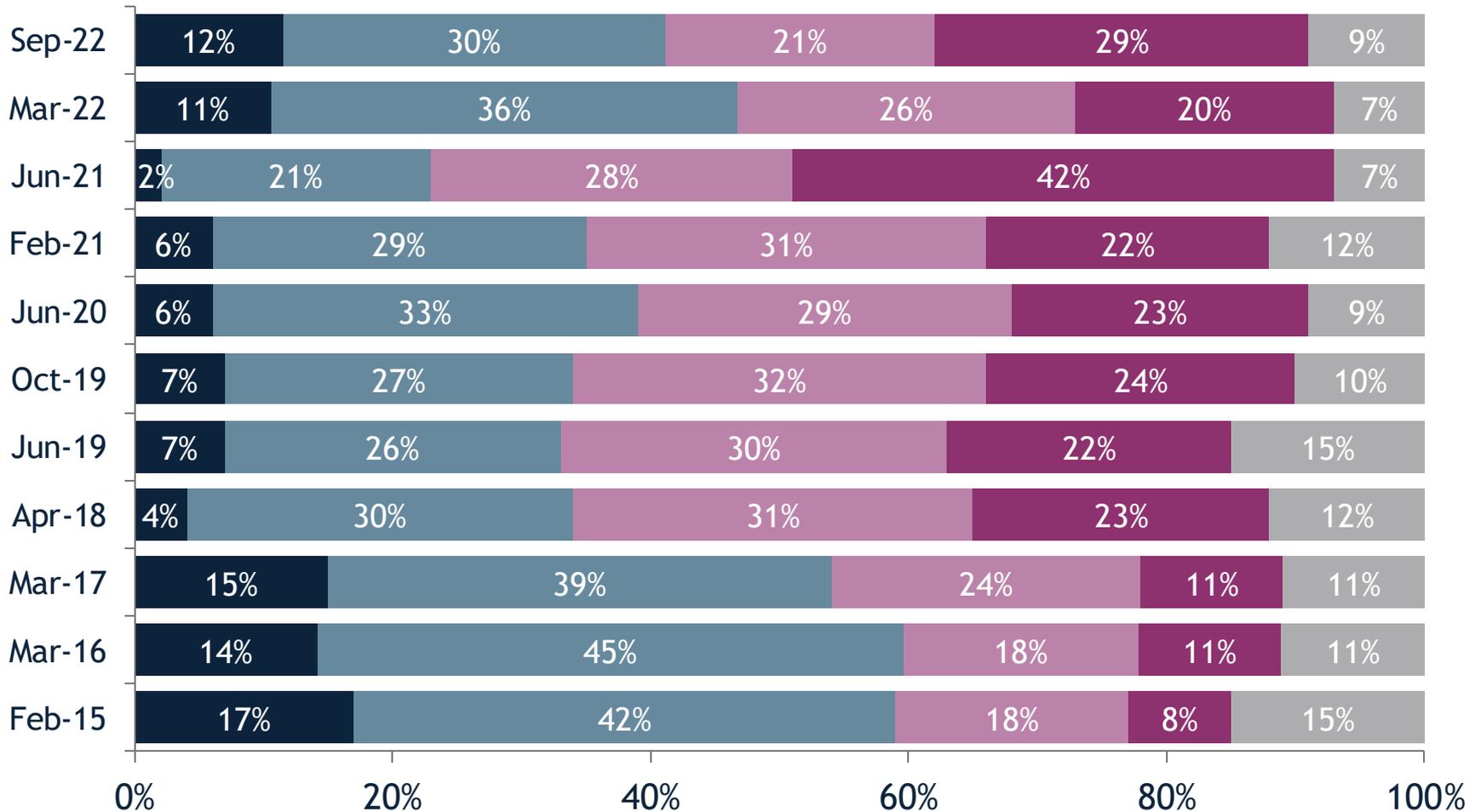


# Do you support or oppose further dialogue with Russia?

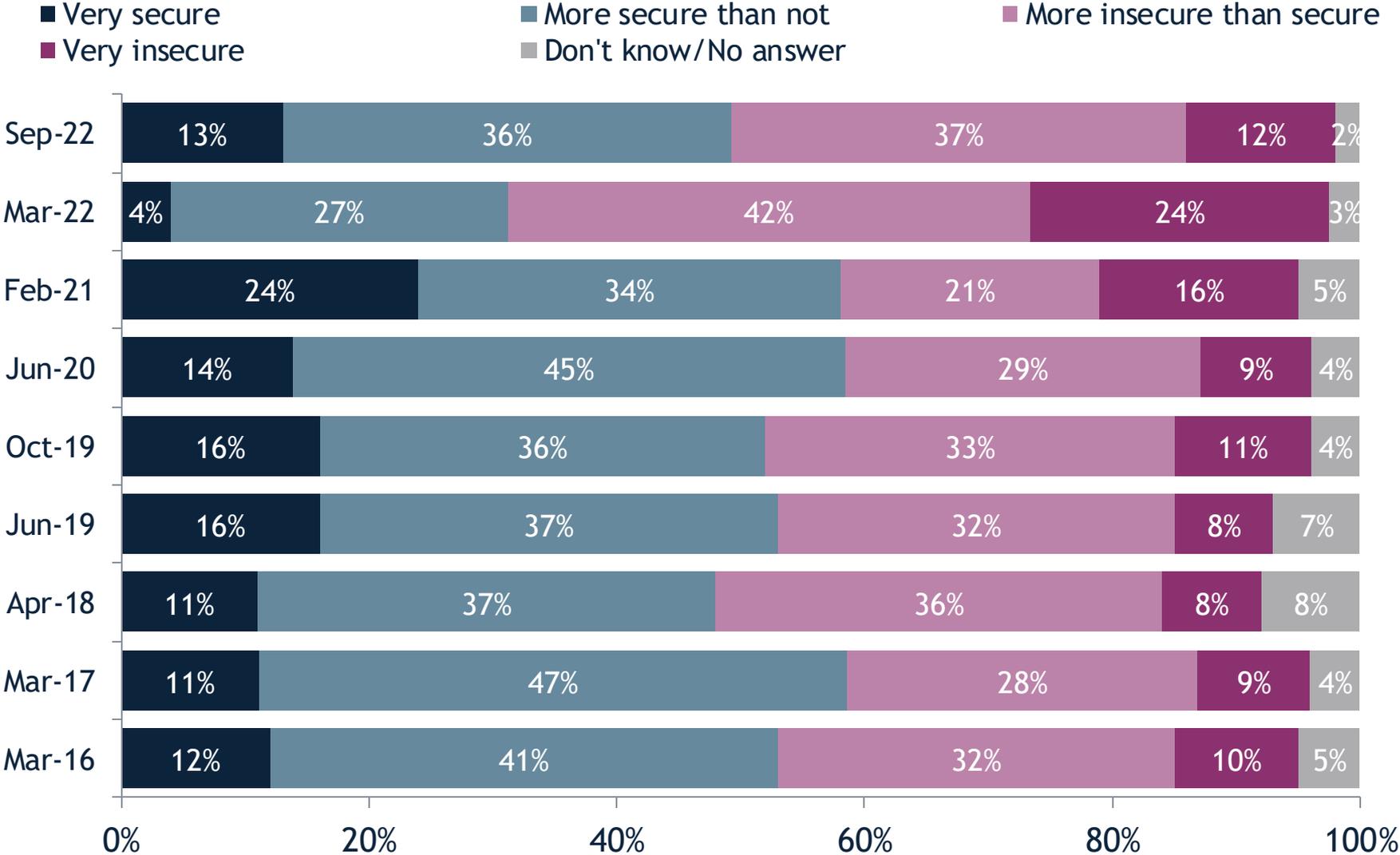


# How do you rate the current government's handling of Georgia's relationship with Russia?

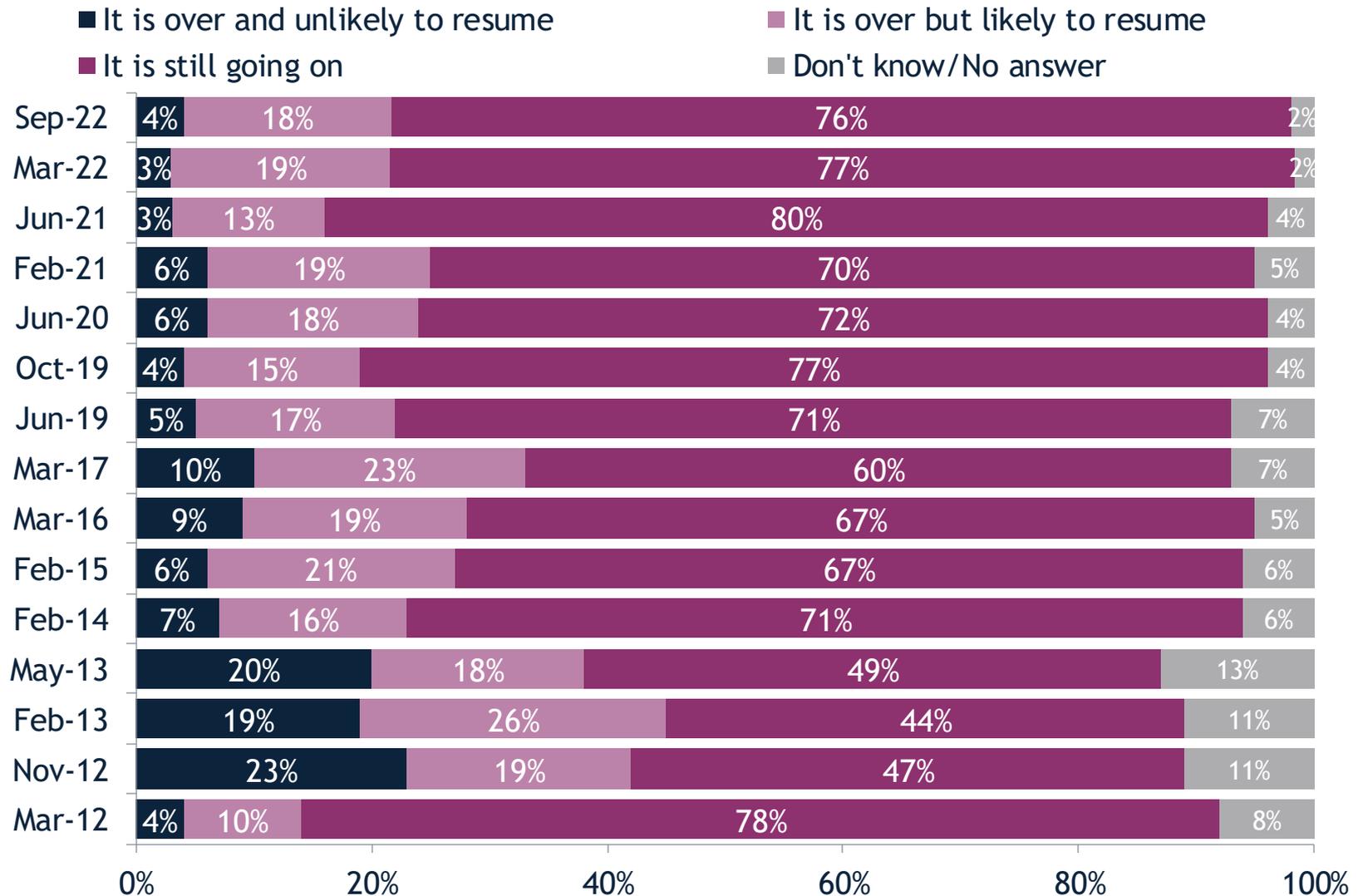
Very positively
  Somewhat positively
  Somewhat negatively
  Very negatively
  Don't know/No answer



# Given the current state of Georgia's relationship with Russia, how secure do you feel living in Georgia?

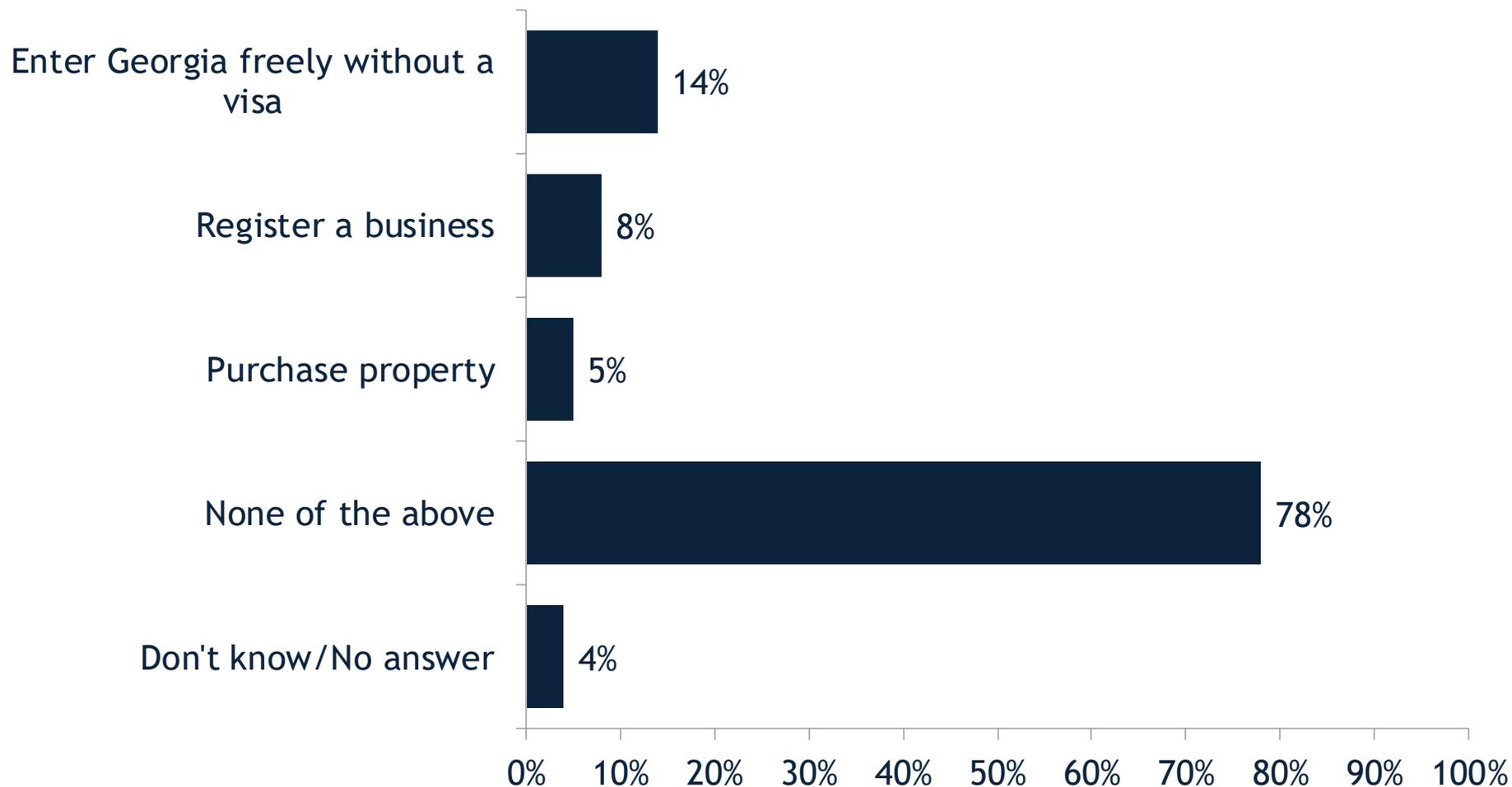


# Do you think that Russian aggression towards Georgia is over or is it still going on?



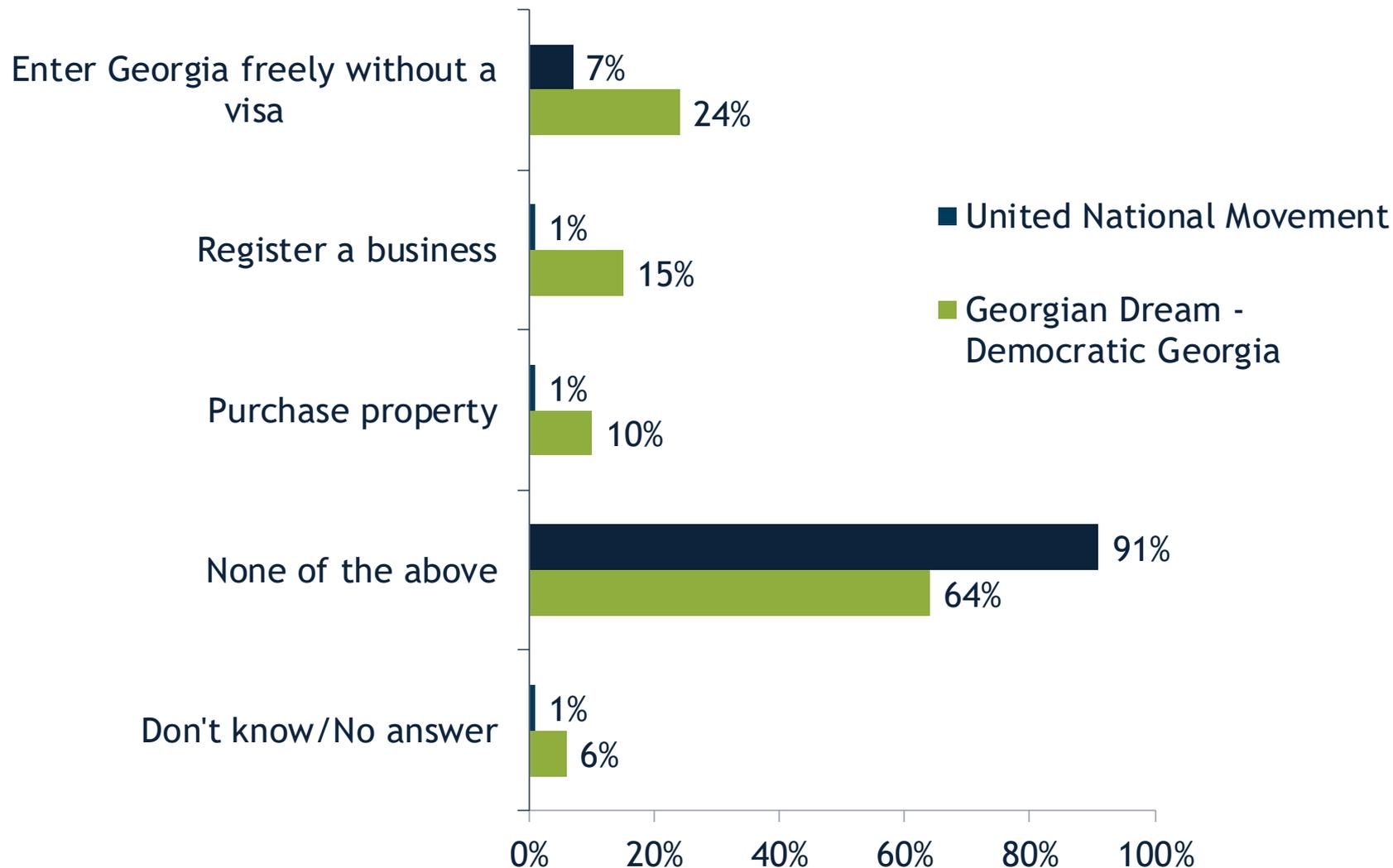
# Do you support allowing Russian citizens to do any of the following:

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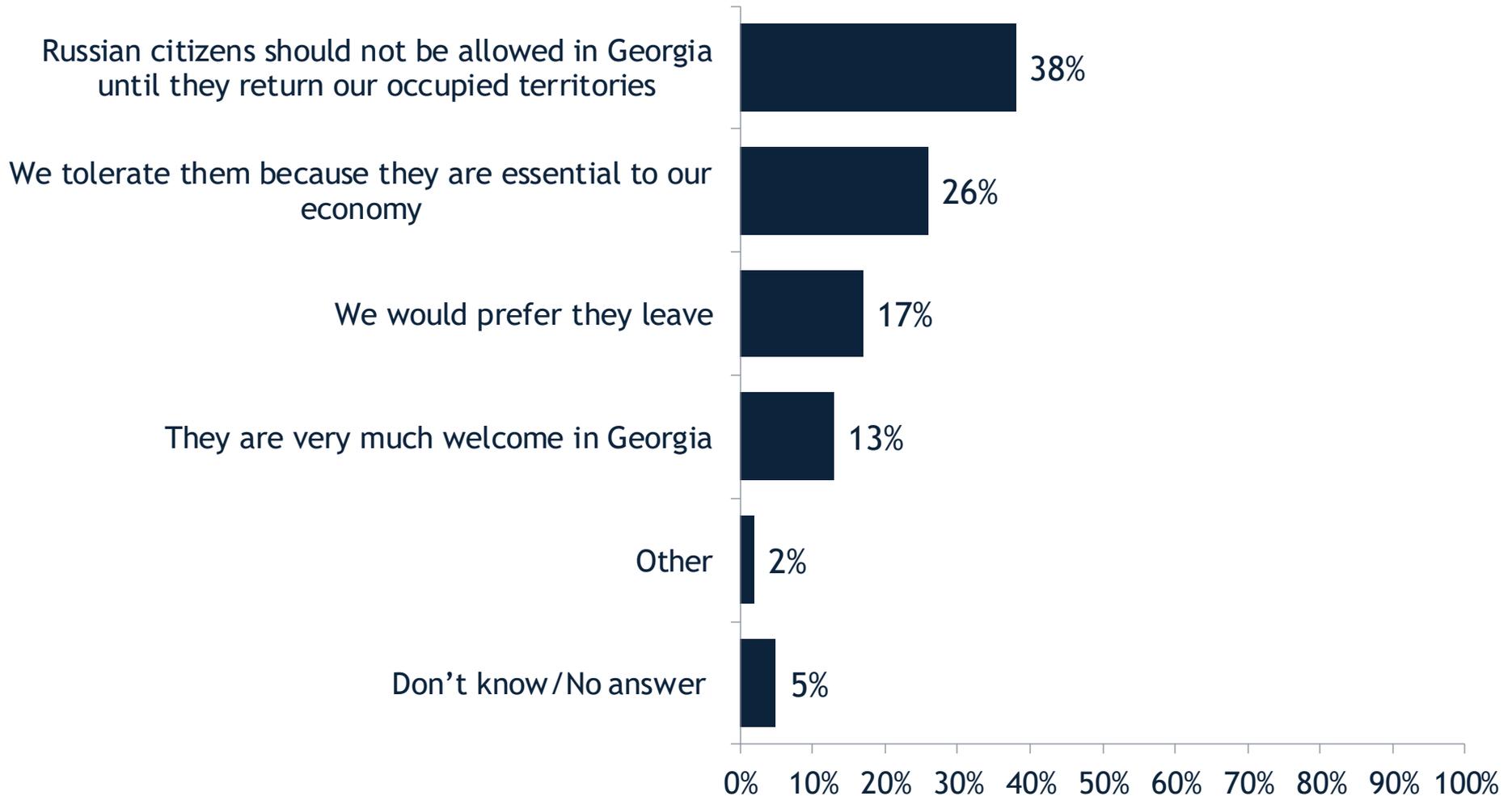
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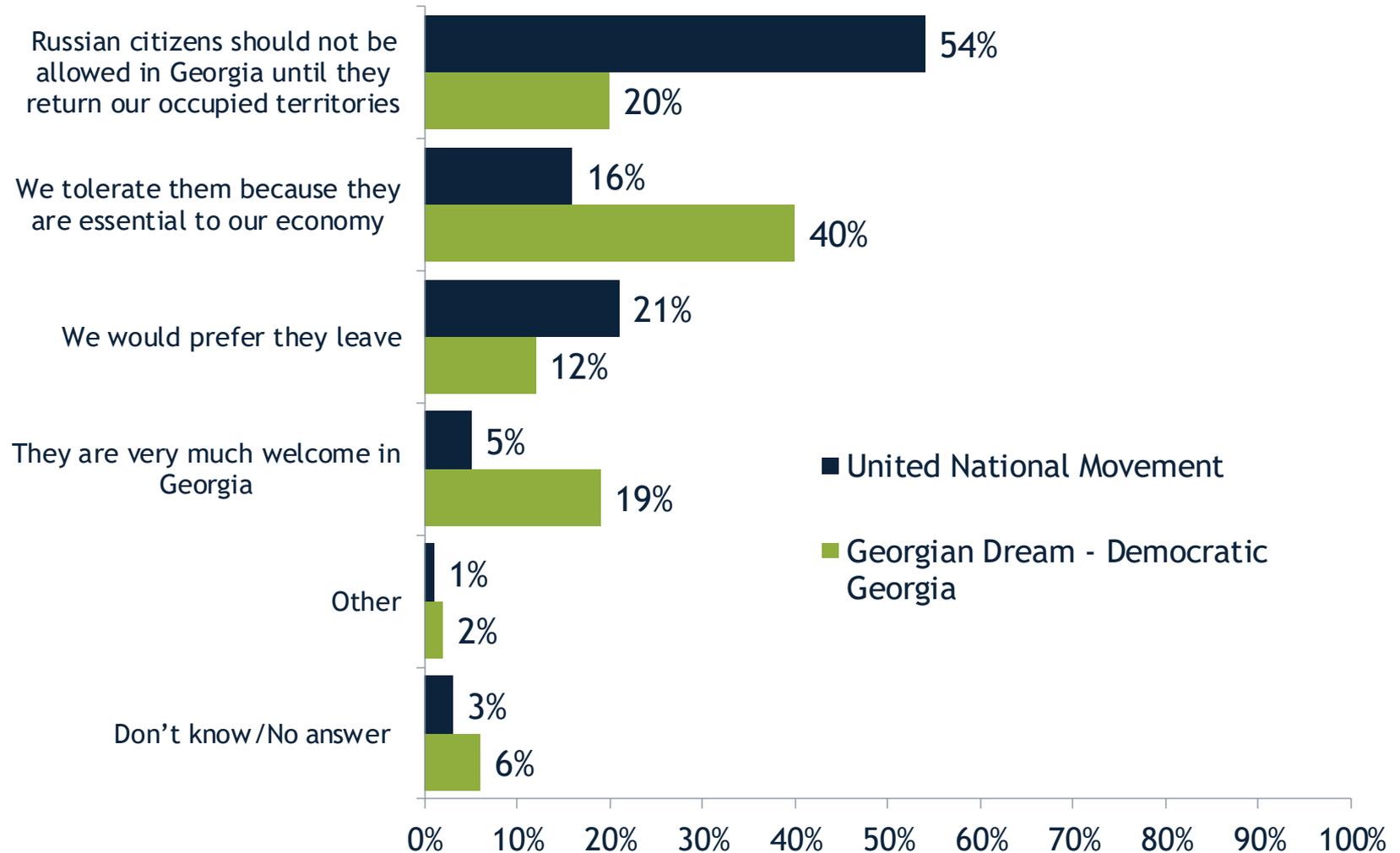
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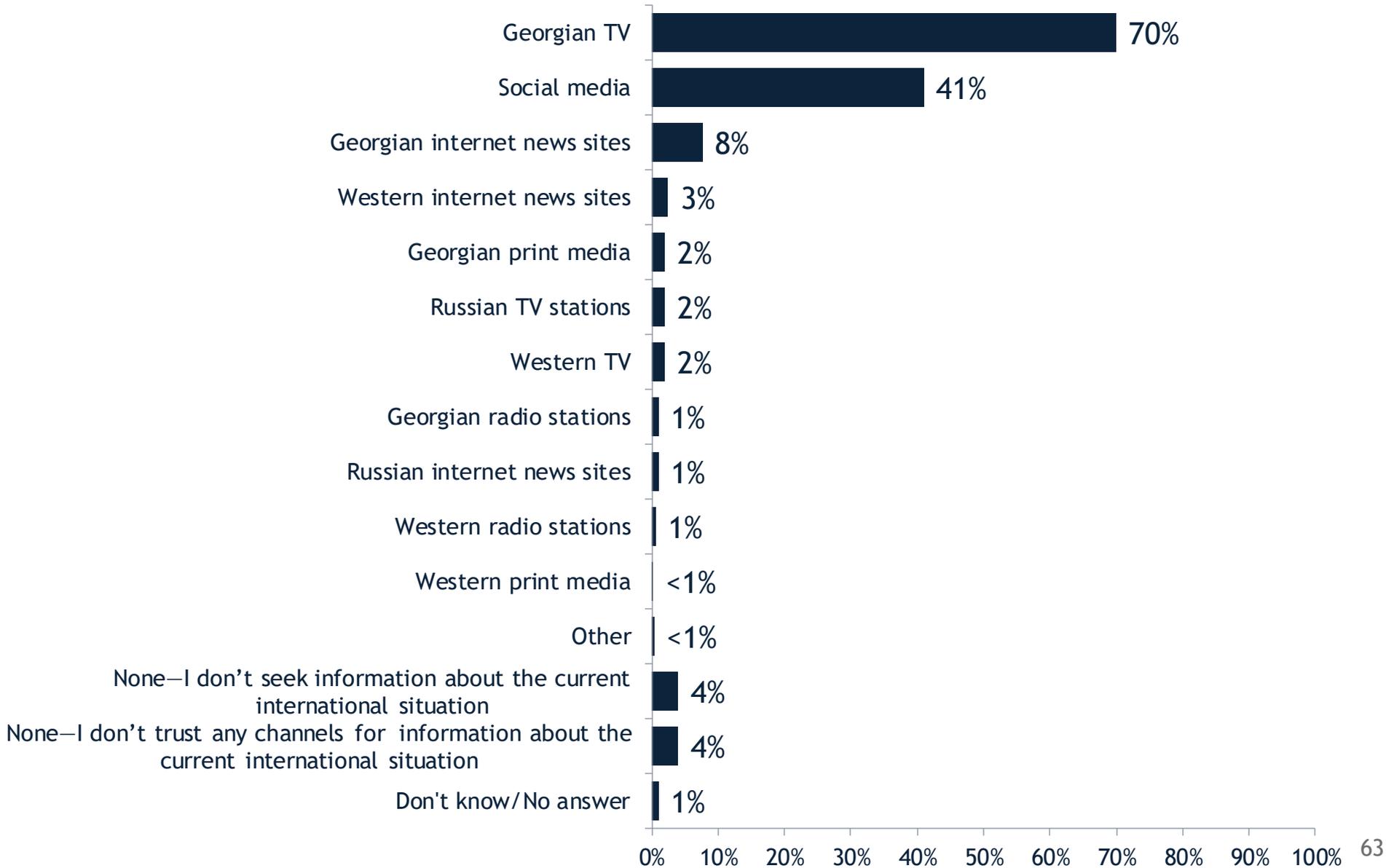
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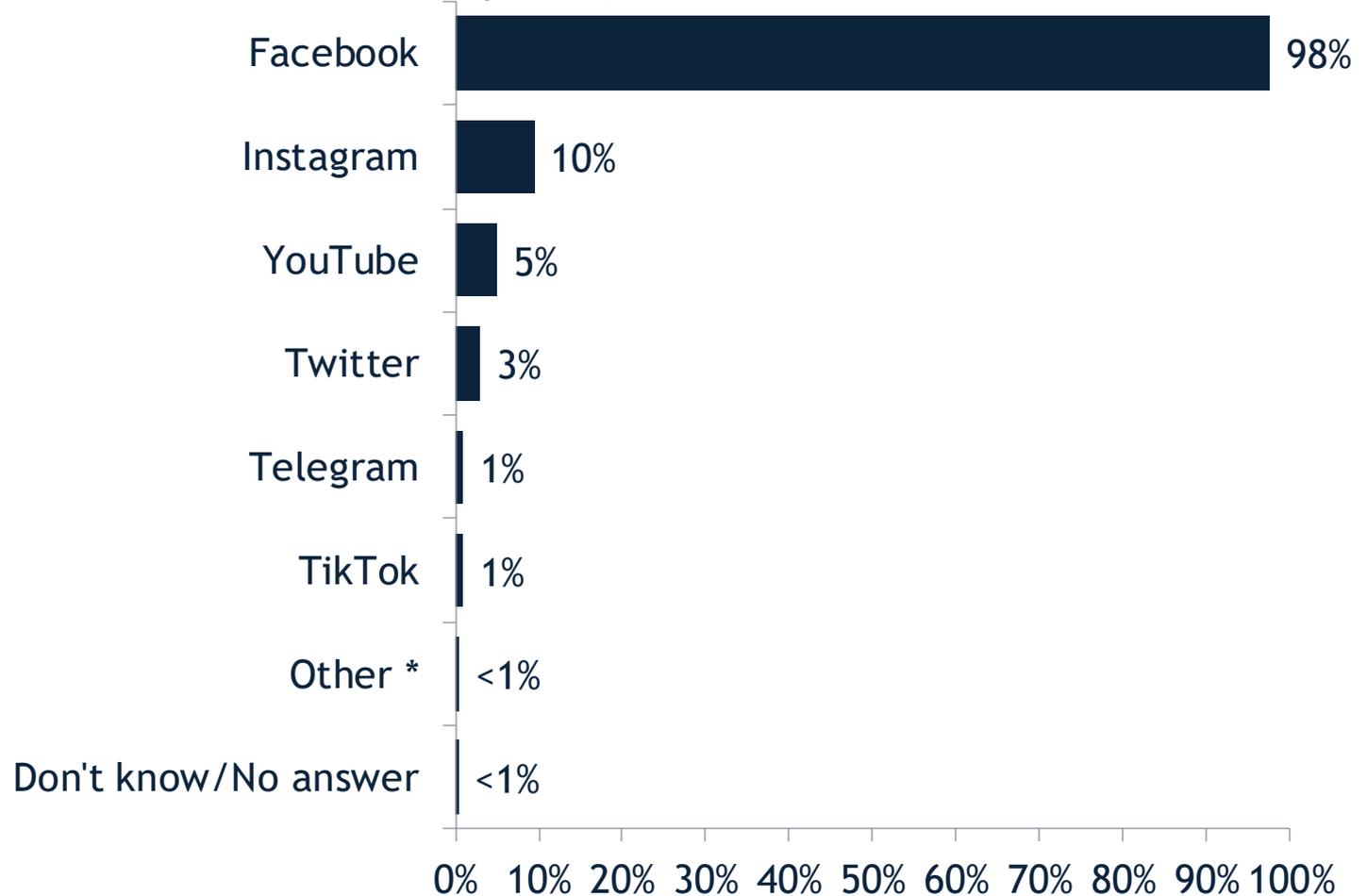
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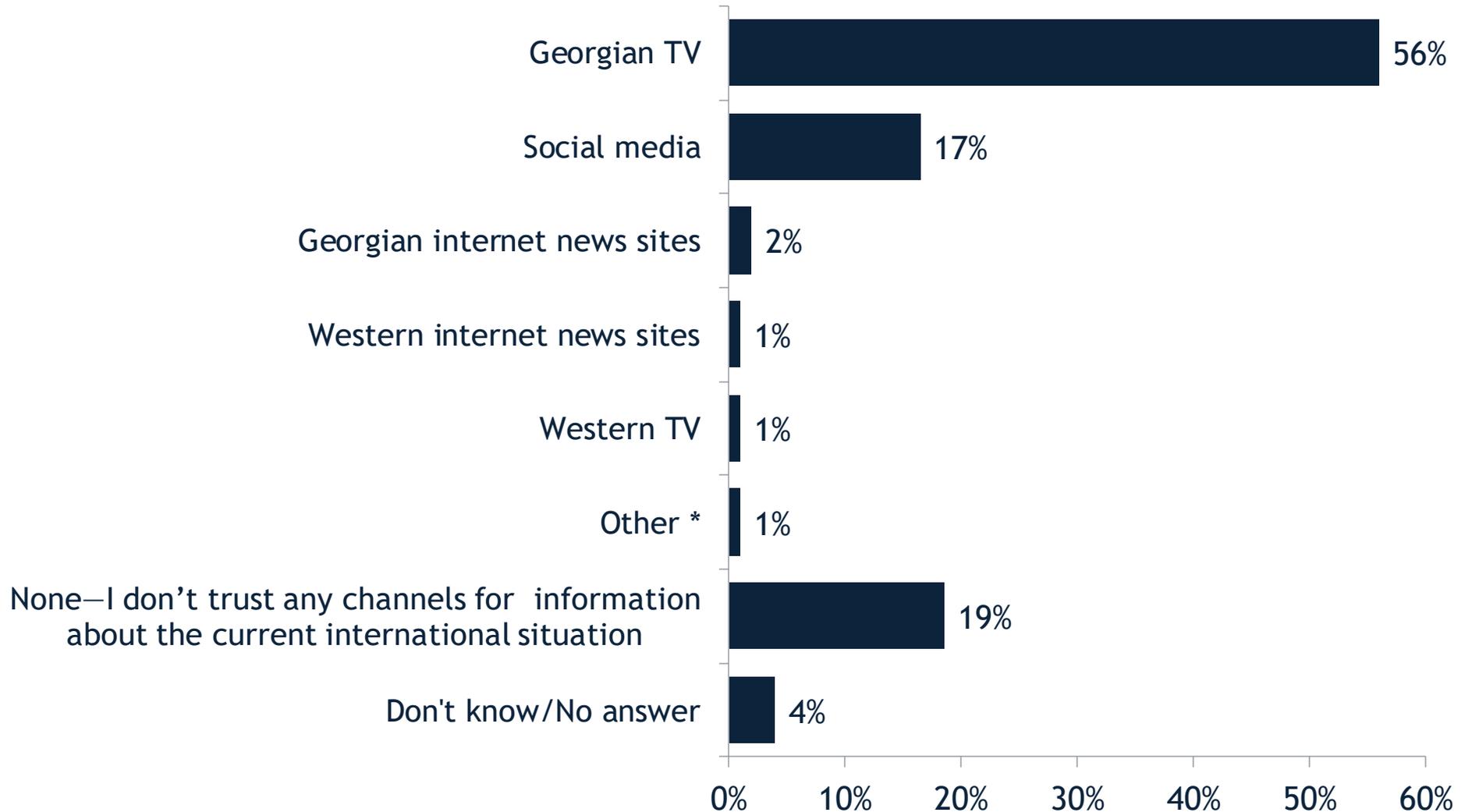
(Users of social media, n=620, respondents permitted to provide multiple responses)



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# Which of these information channels do you trust most for information about the current international situation?

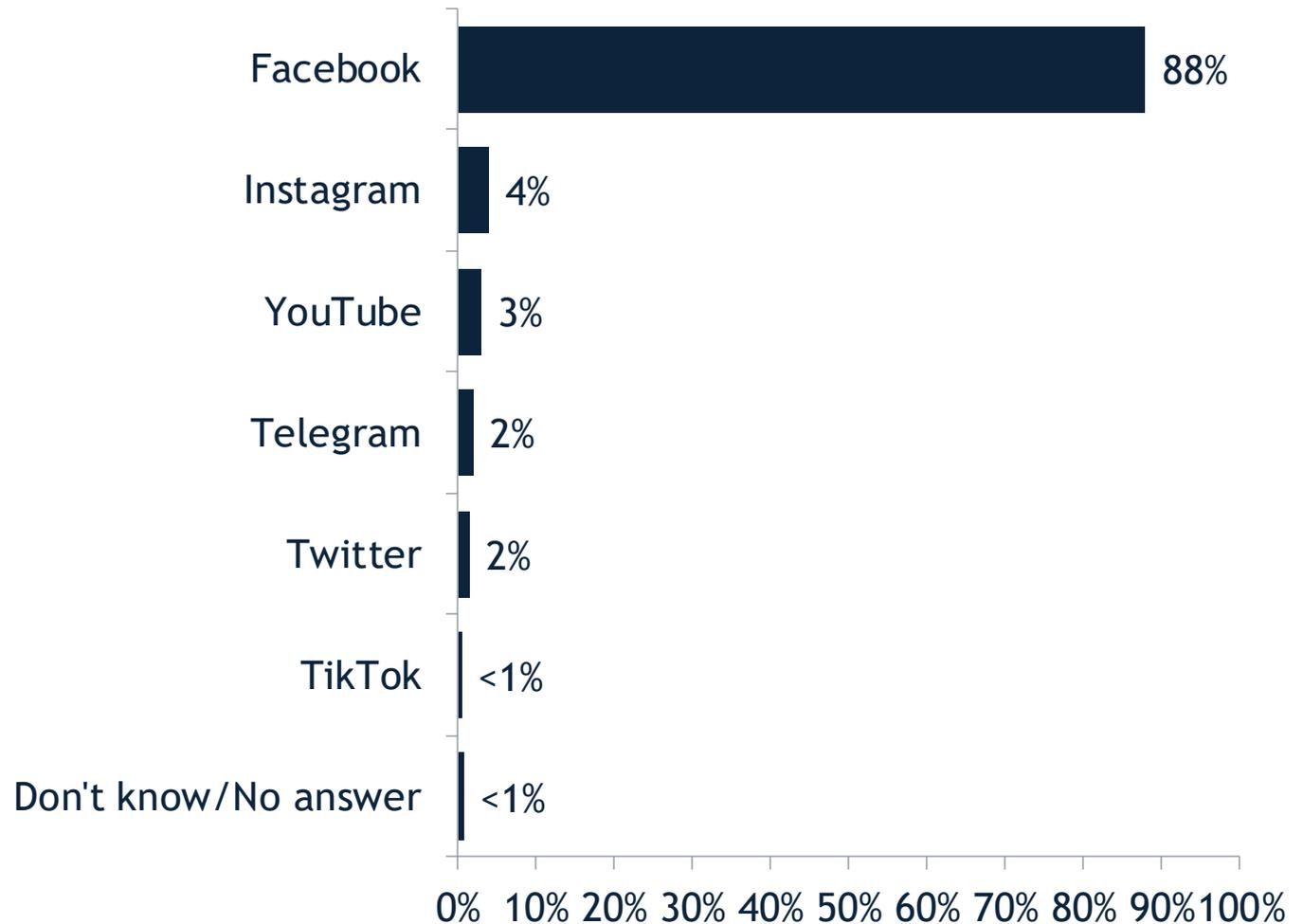
(Users of media, n=1,380)



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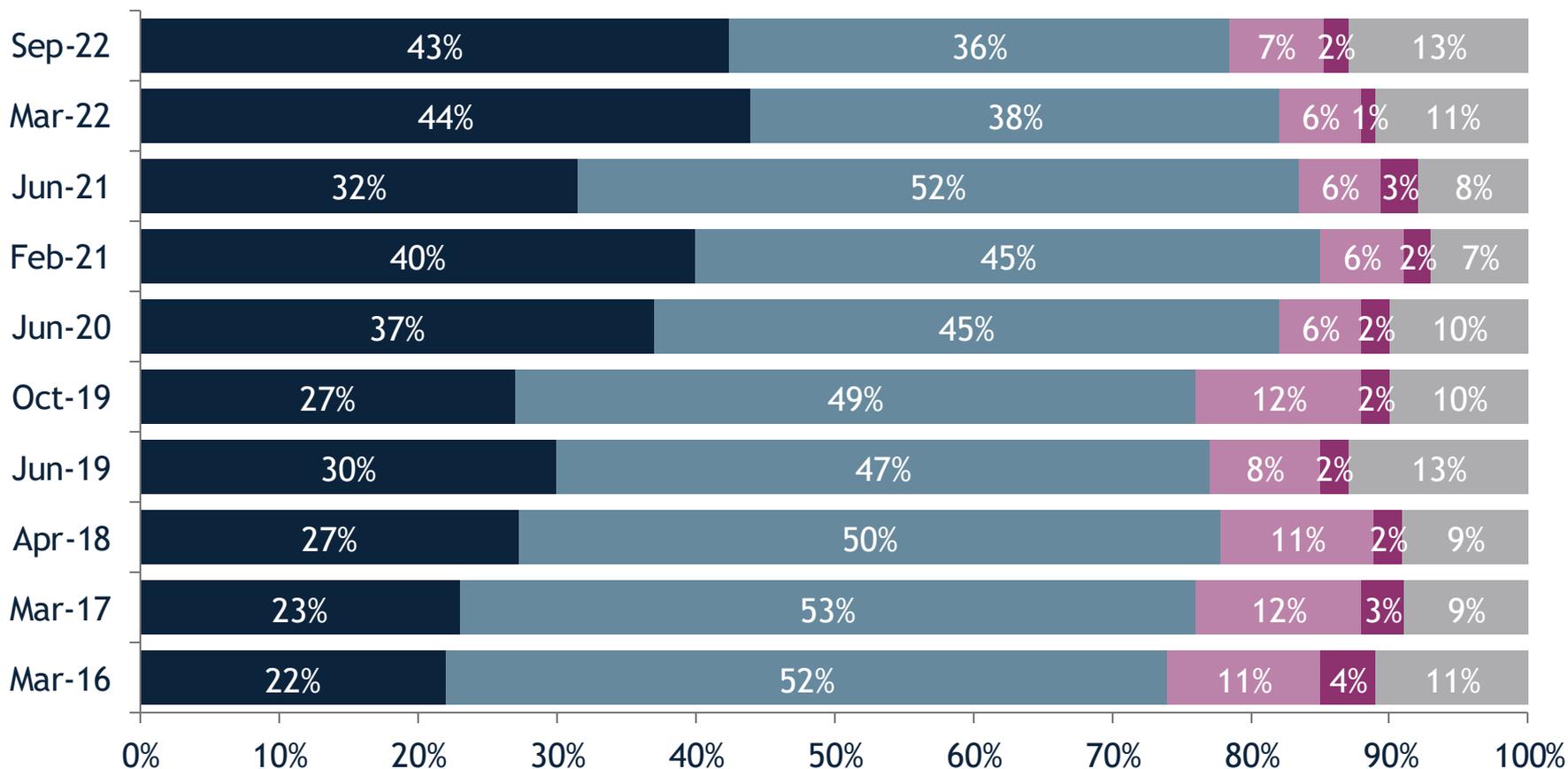
(Most trusted social media channels specified by respondents who trust social media as an information channel for international news , n=228)



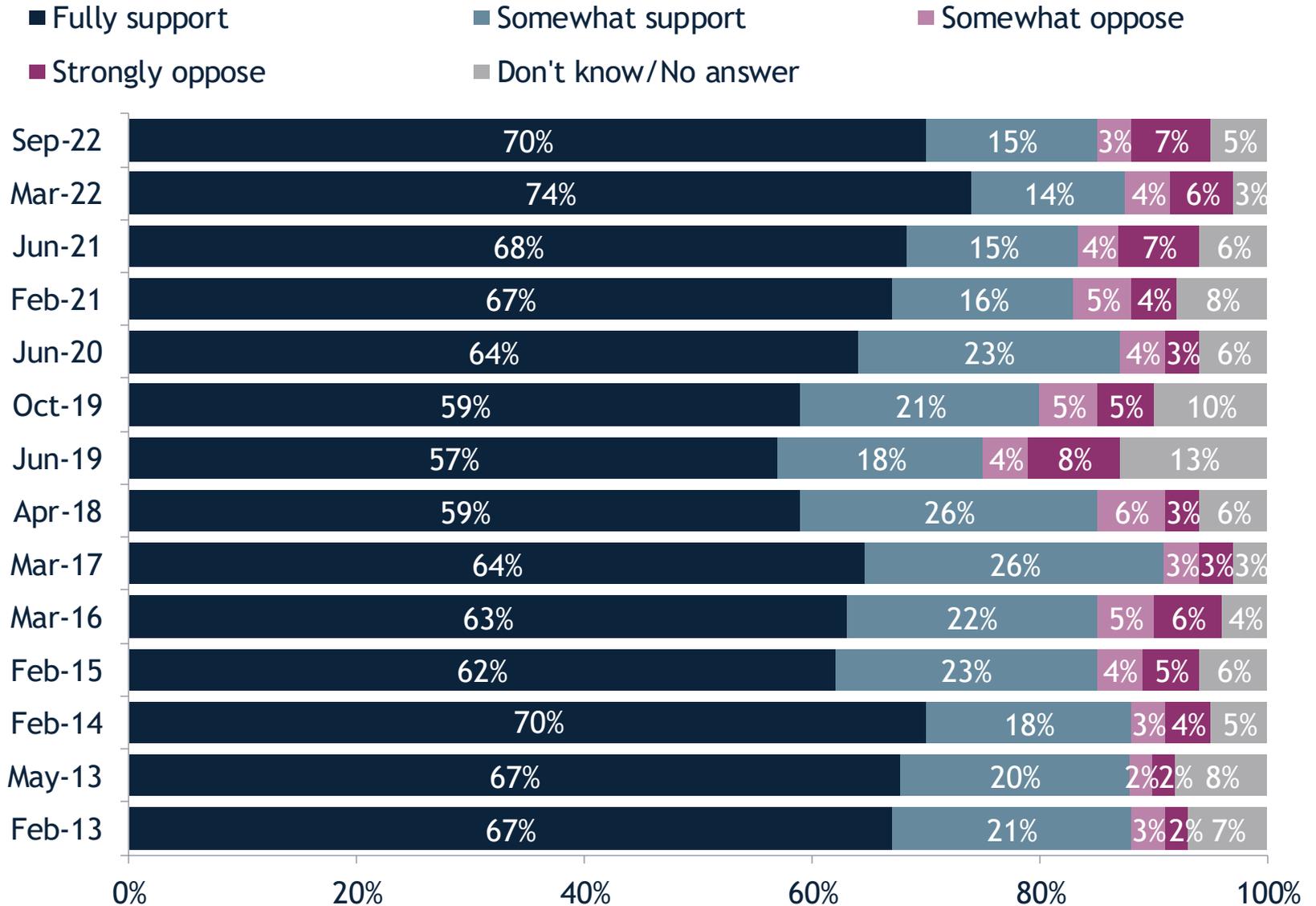
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# In your opinion what should Georgia's foreign policy course be?

- Only pro-European Union and the West
- Pro-Western but keep up relations with Russia
- Pro-Russian but keep up relations with the European Union and the West
- Only pro-Russian
- Don't know/No answer

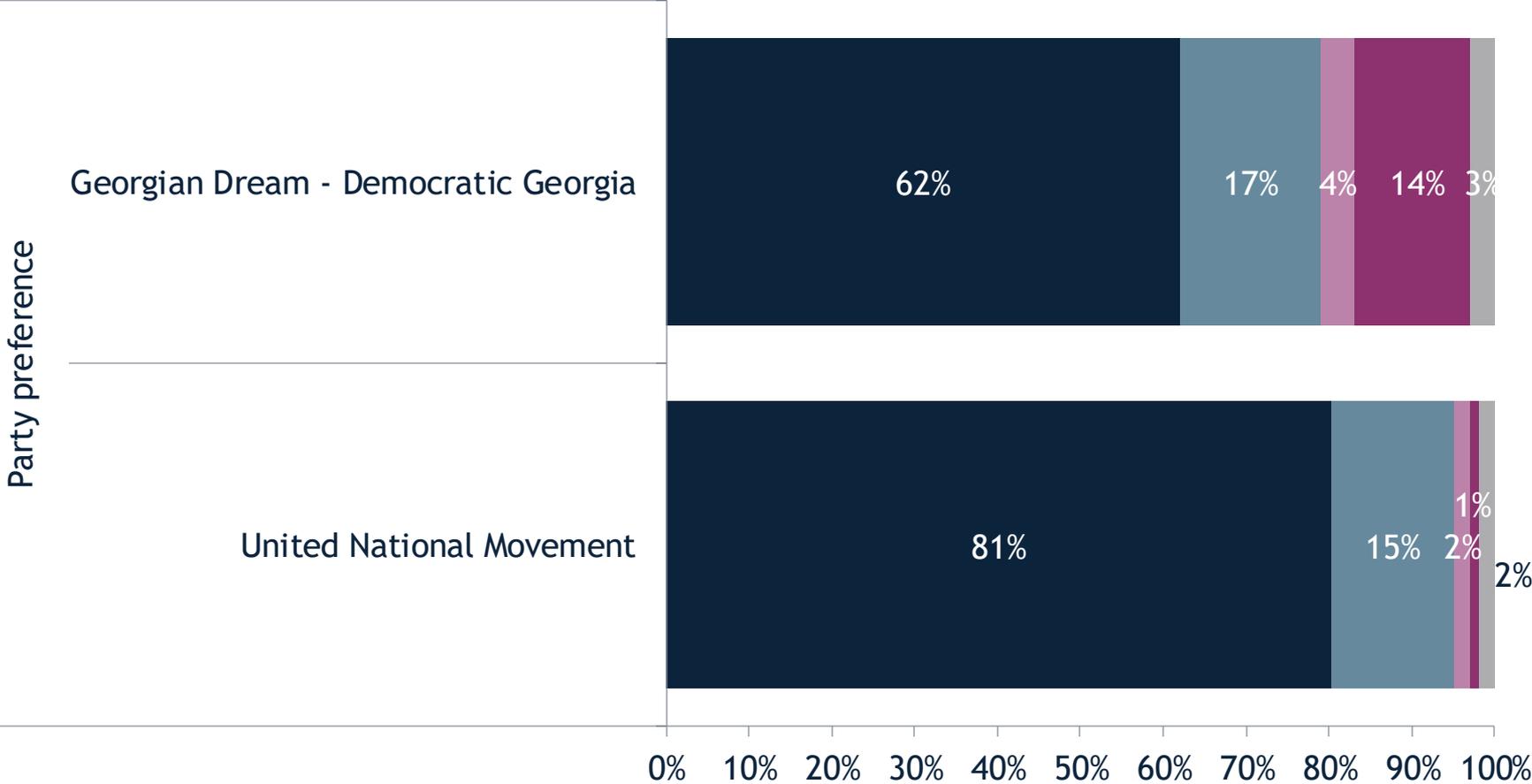


# Do you support or oppose Georgia joining the EU?



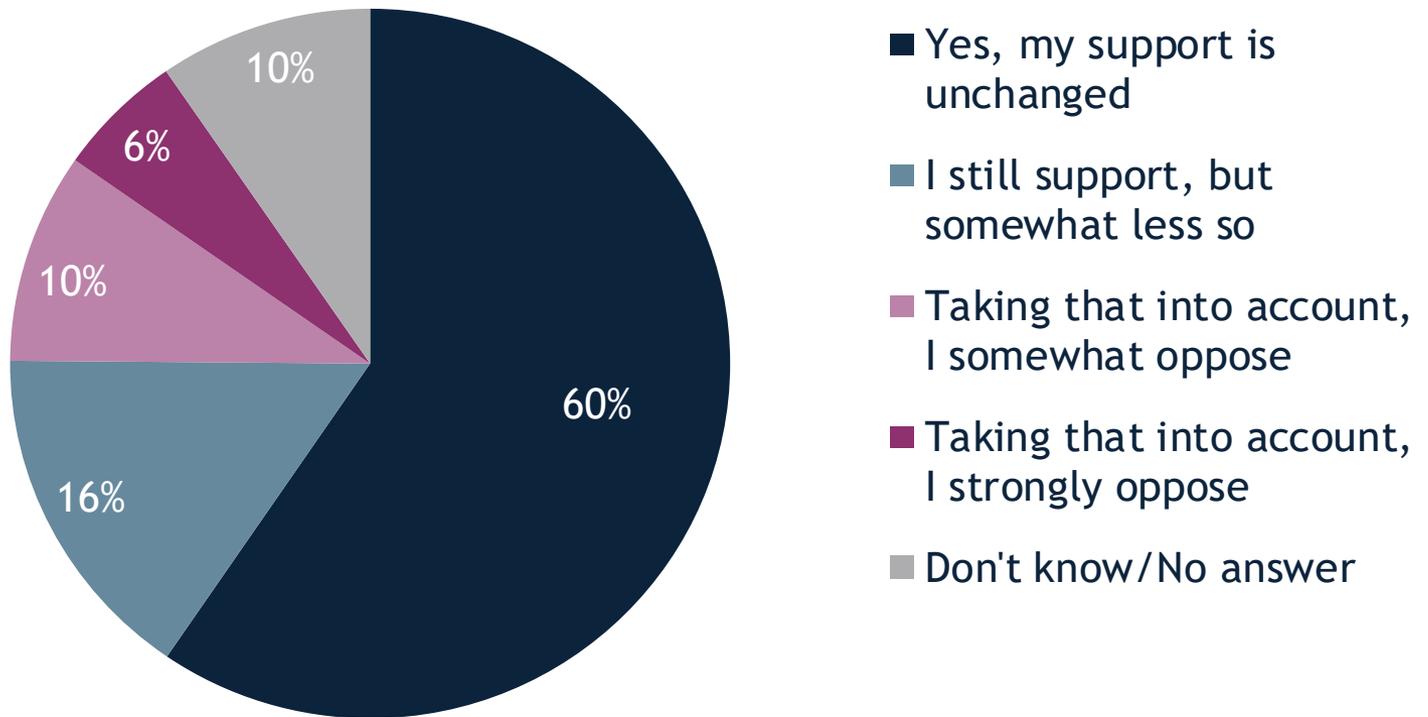
# Do you support or oppose Georgia joining the EU?

- Fully support
- Somewhat support
- Somewhat oppose
- Strongly oppose
- Don't know/No answer



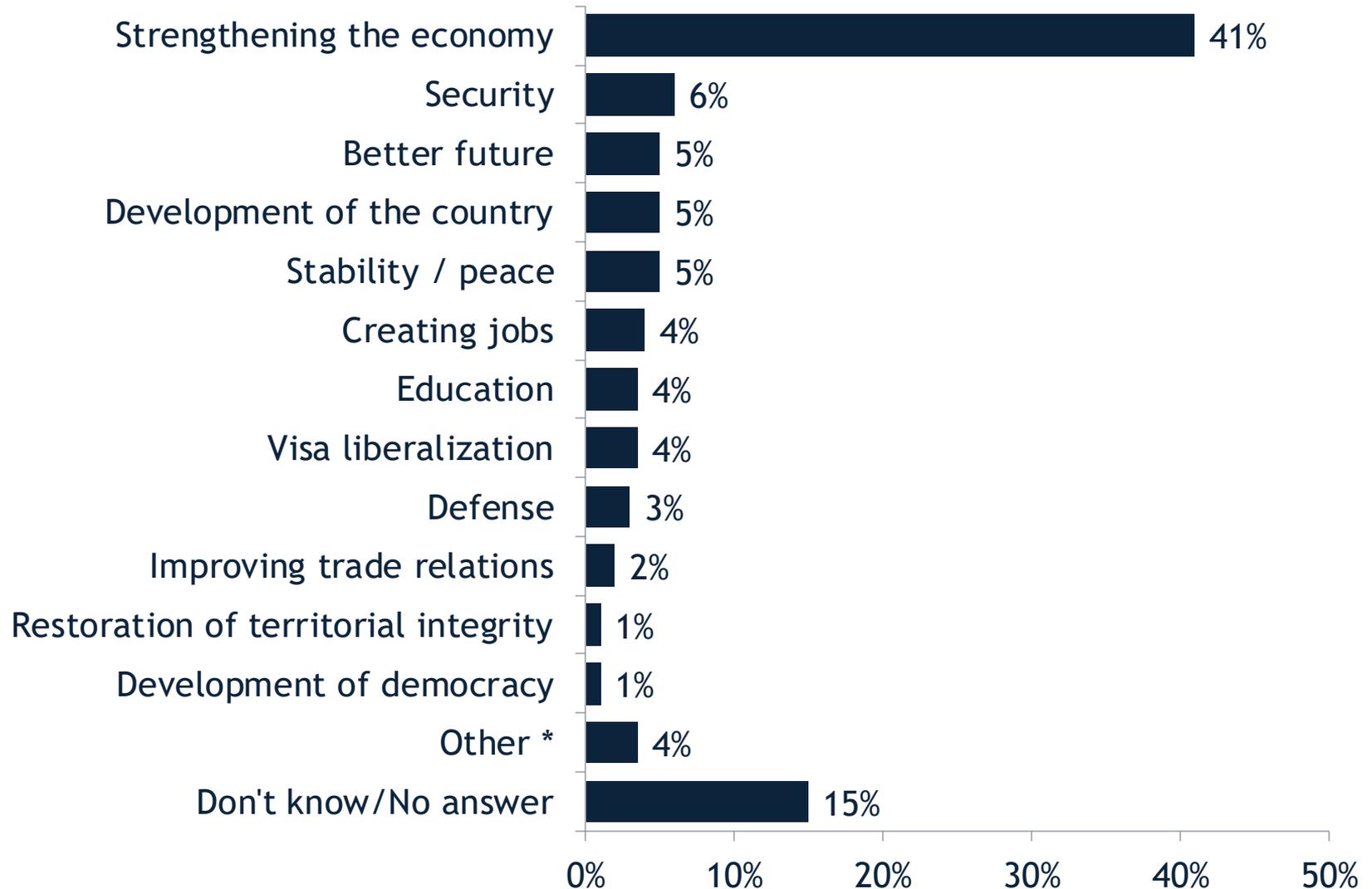
# If you support joining the EU, would you still support this if it meant cutting trade relations with Russia?

(Respondents supporting Georgia joining the EU, n=1,274)



# If you support joining the EU, what is the main benefit of joining the EU?

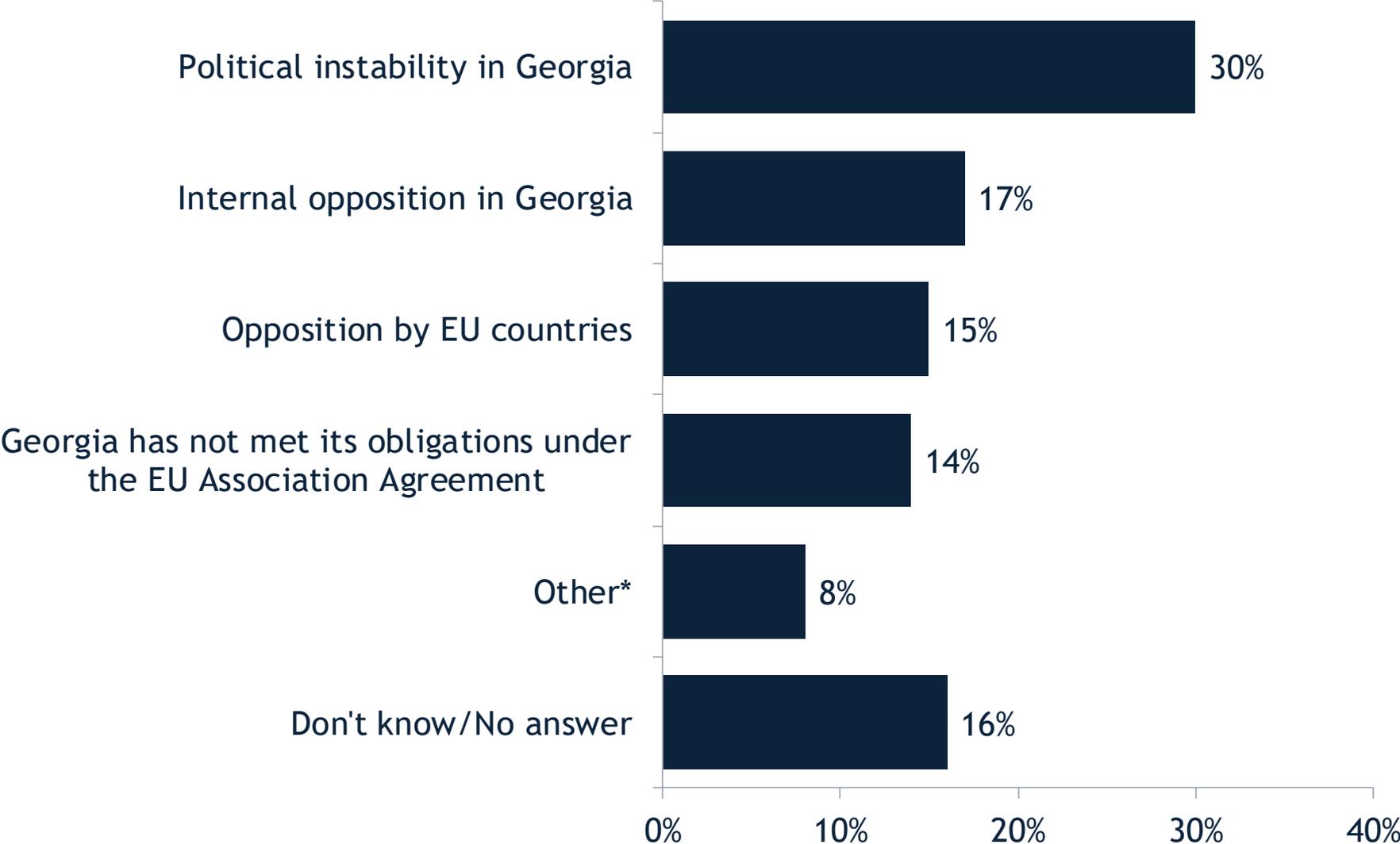
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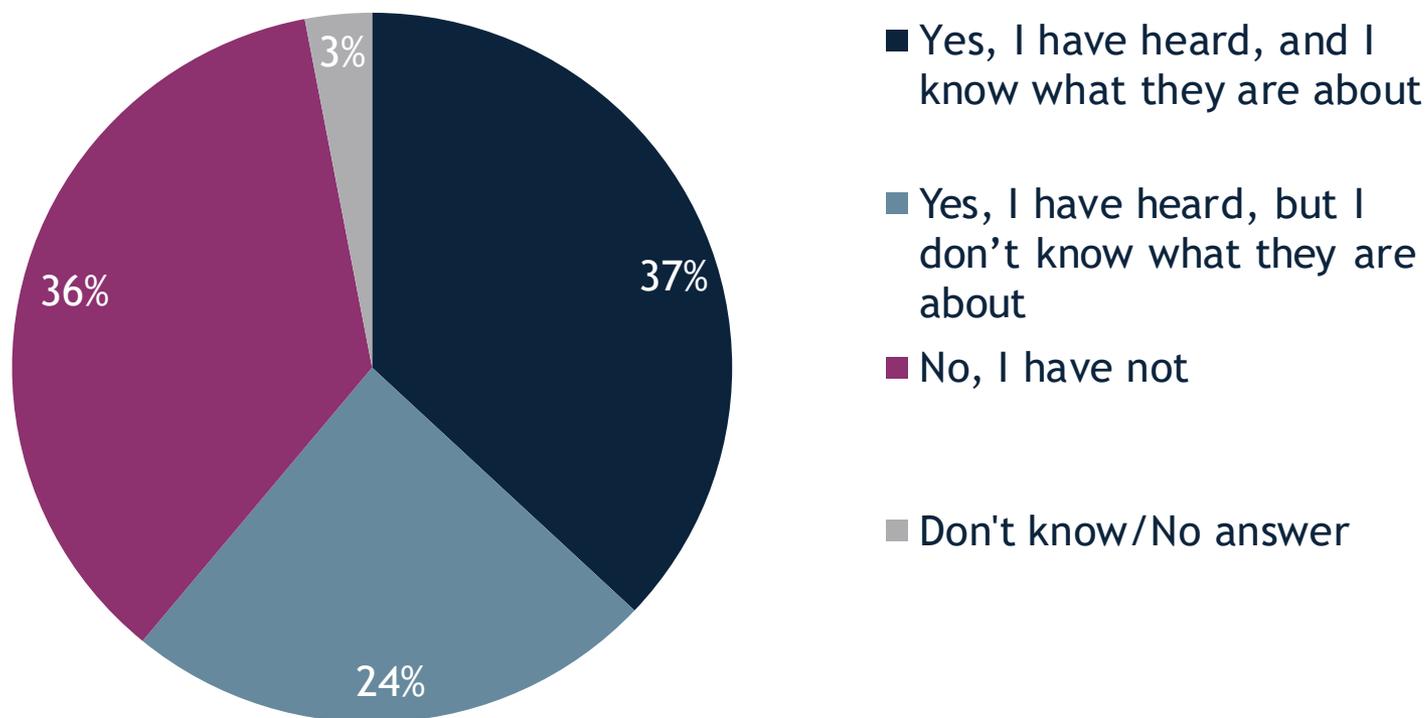
# What is biggest obstacle in the way of Georgia joining the EU?

(Spontaneous response)



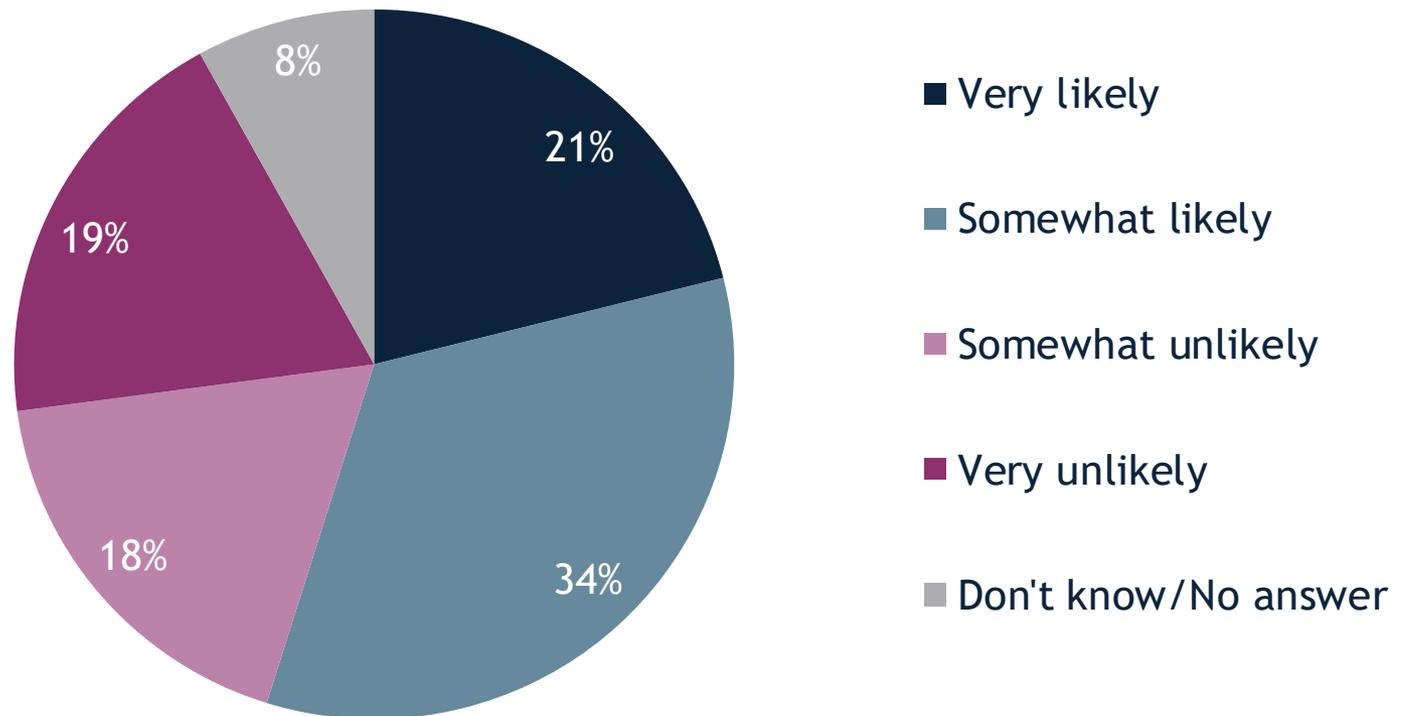
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# Have you heard about the EU's 12 recommendations to Georgia, including preconditions for becoming a candidate for EU membership?

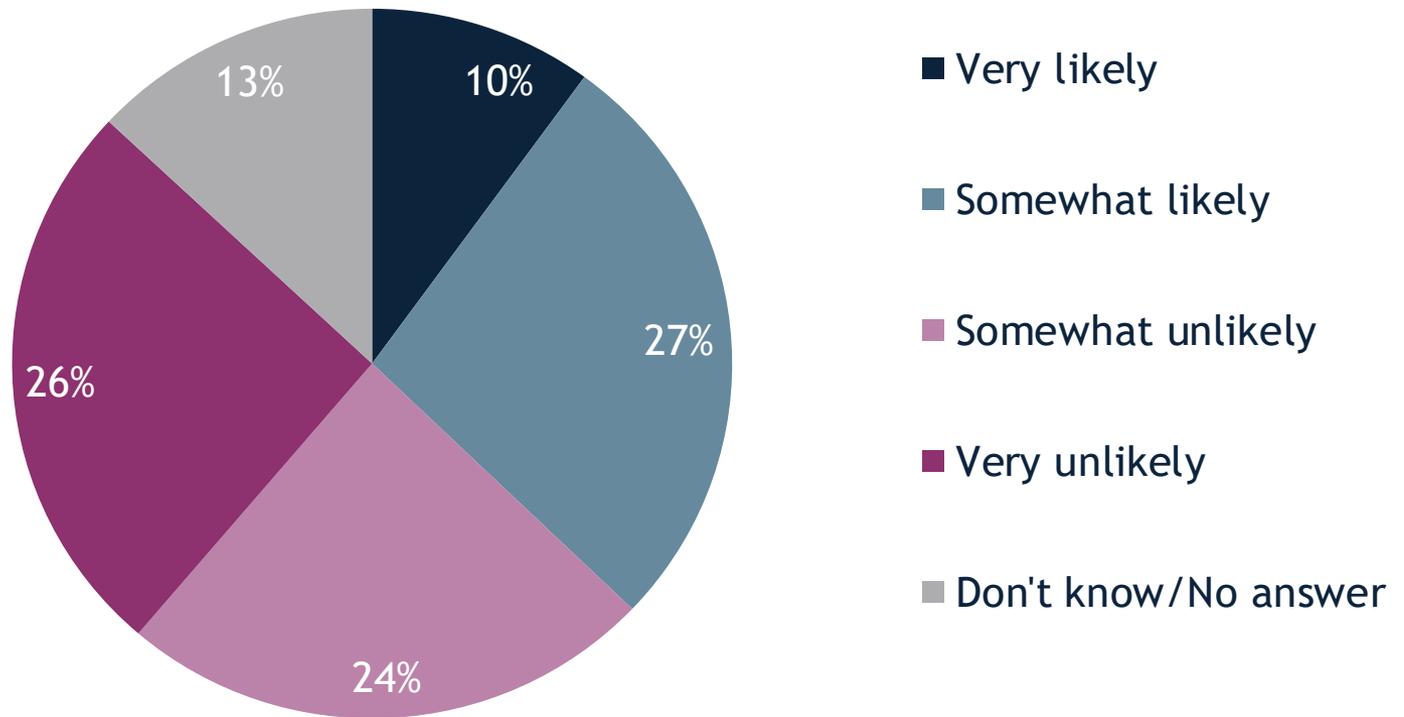


# If yes, how likely or unlikely is it that Georgia will fulfill the 12 recommendations given by the EU?

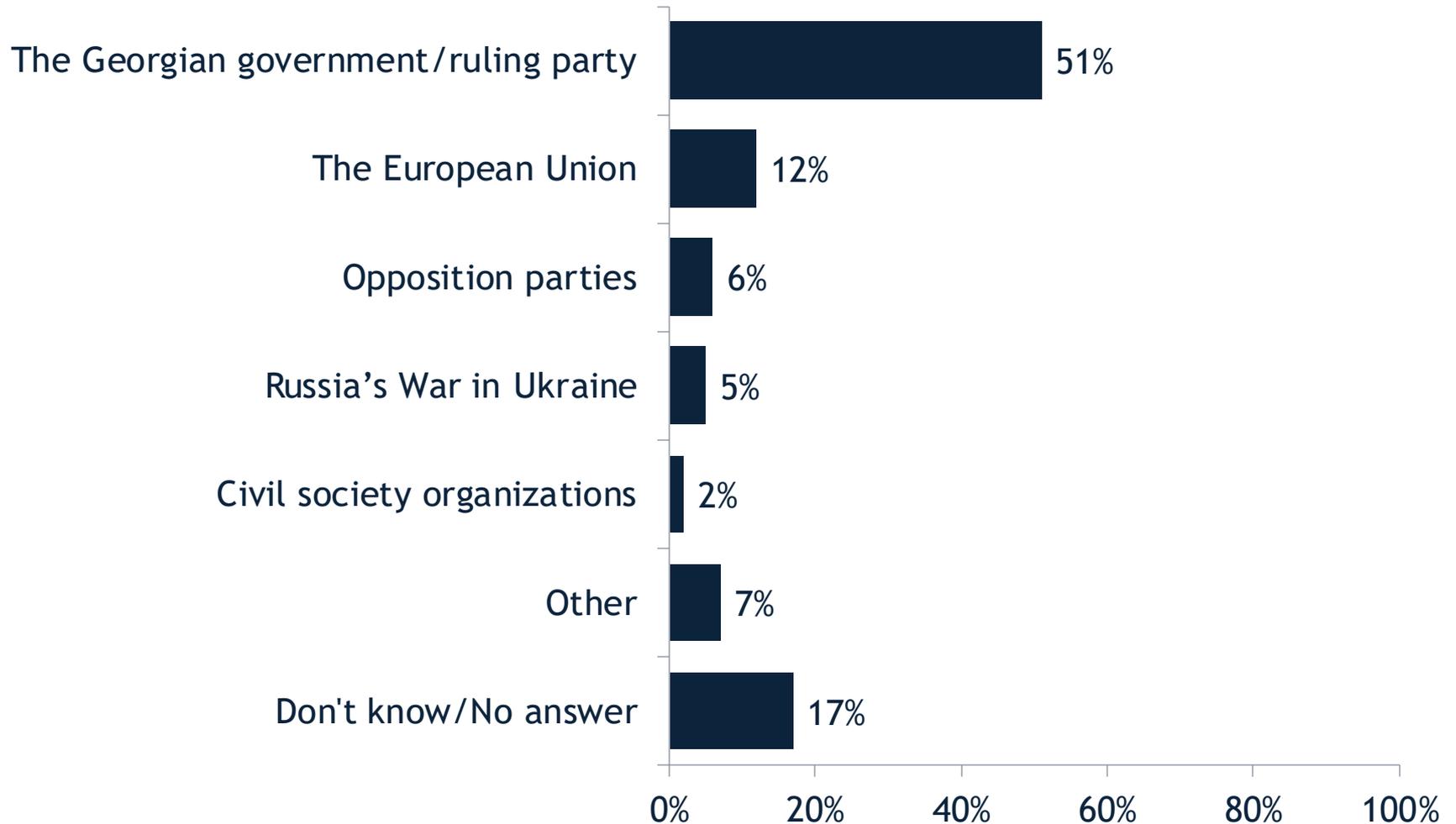
(Respondents aware about the EU's 12 recommendations to Georgia, n=554)



# In your opinion, how likely or unlikely is it that Georgia will receive European Union candidate status in 2023?

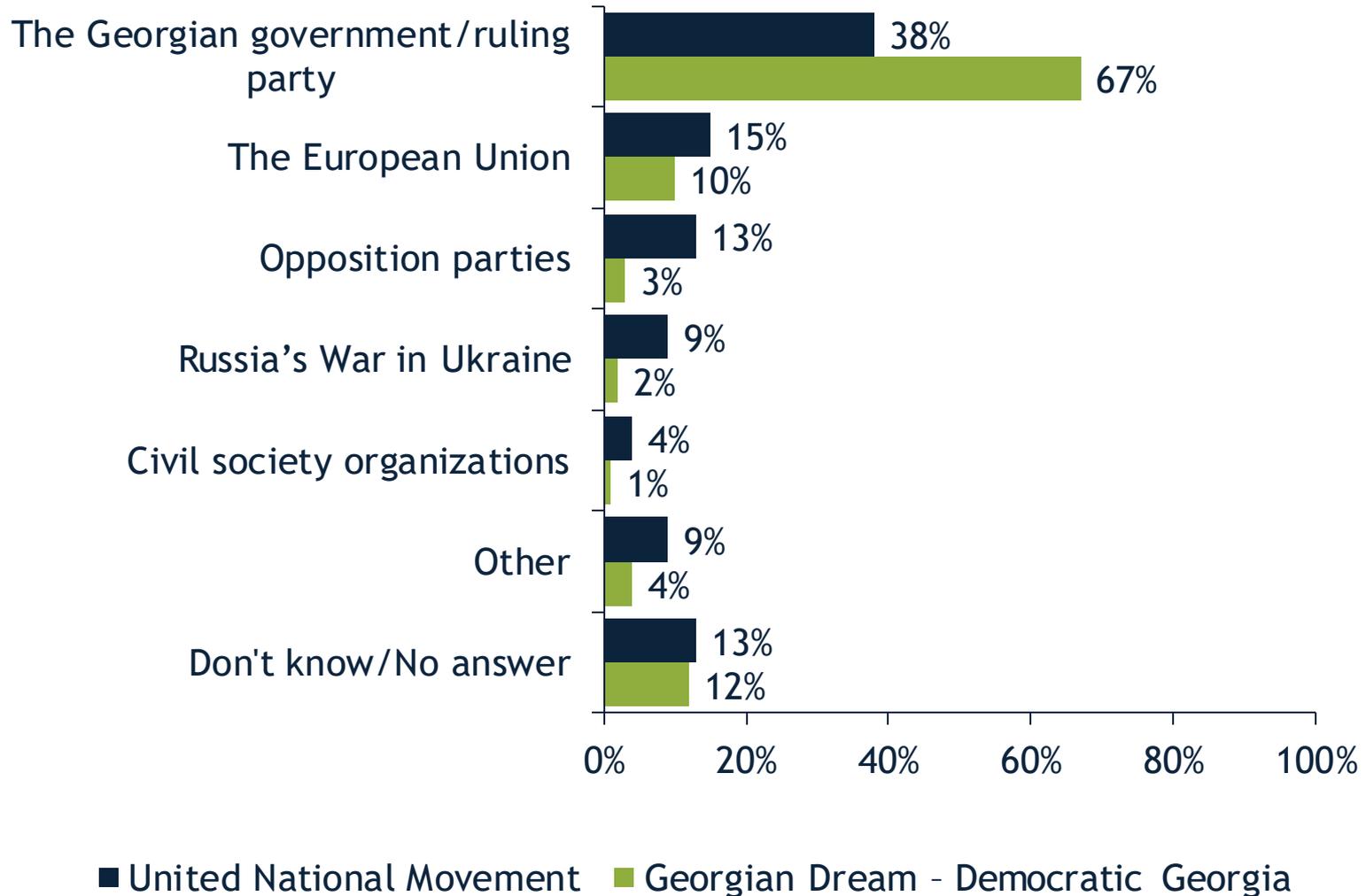


## If Georgia is successful in achieving EU candidate status, who will be responsible for the outcome?

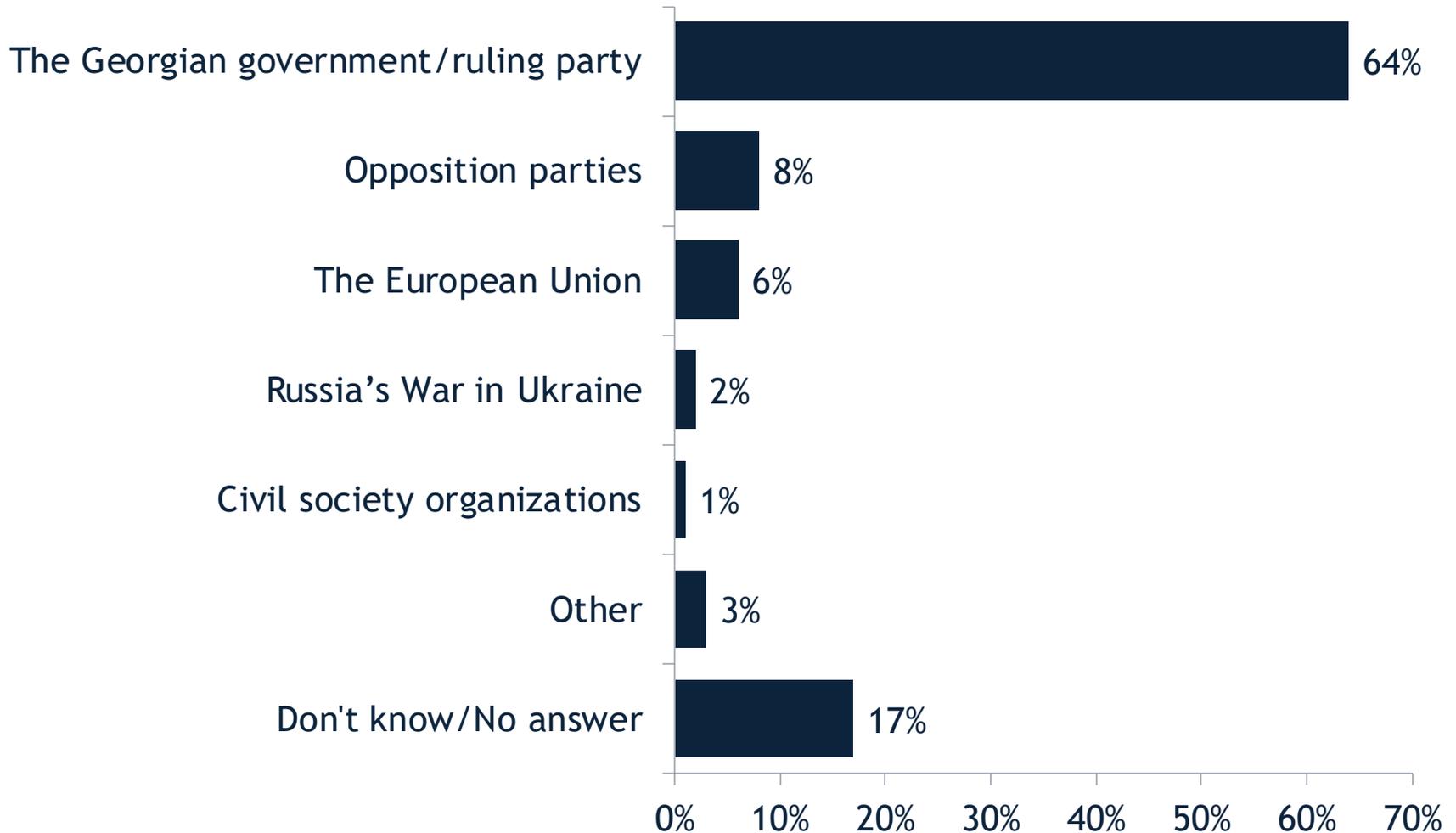


# If Georgia is successful in achieving EU candidate status, who will be responsible for the outcome?

(Disaggregated by party preference)



# If Georgia is unsuccessful in achieving EU candidate status, who will be responsible for the outcome?

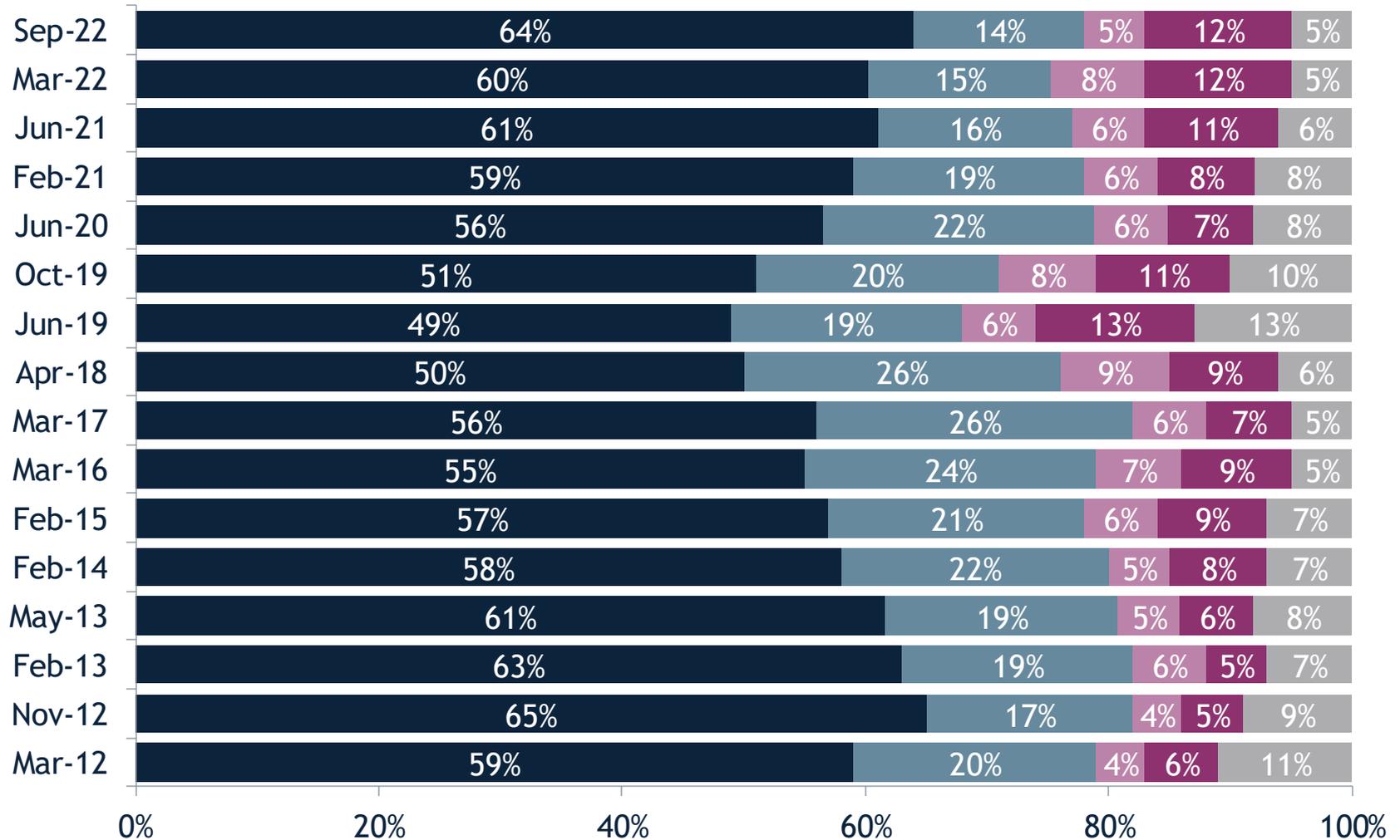


# If Georgia is unsuccessful in achieving EU candidate status, who will be responsible for the outcome? (Disaggregated by party preference)



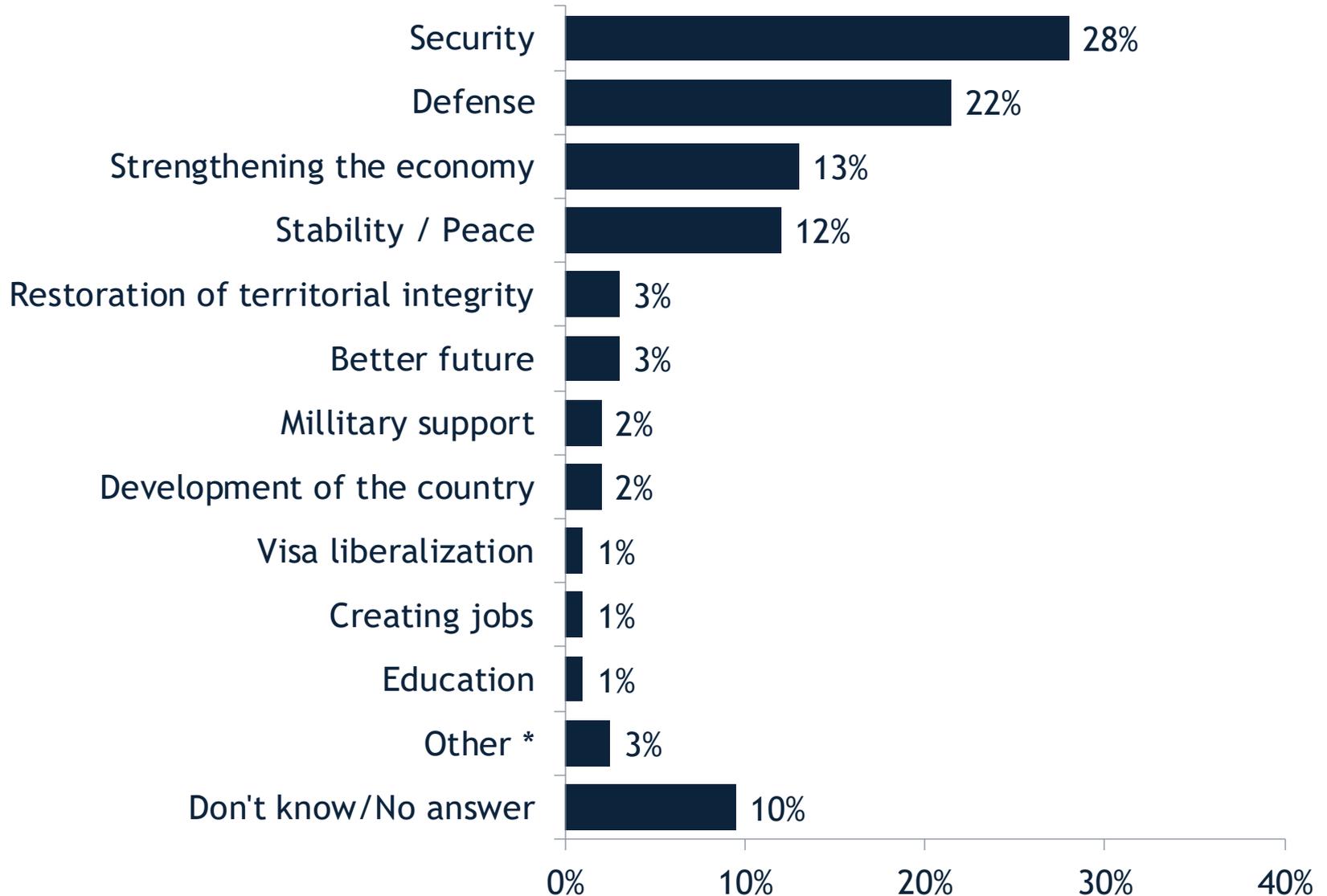
# Do you support or oppose Georgia joining NATO?

■ Fully support 
 ■ Somewhat support 
 ■ Somewhat oppose 
 ■ Strongly oppose 
 ■ Don't know/No answer



# If you support joining NATO, what is the main benefit?

(Spontaneous response, respondents supporting Georgia joining NATO, n=1,172)



\*Responses named by less than one percent merged into "Other."

# What is biggest obstacle in the way of Georgia joining NATO?

(Spontaneous response)



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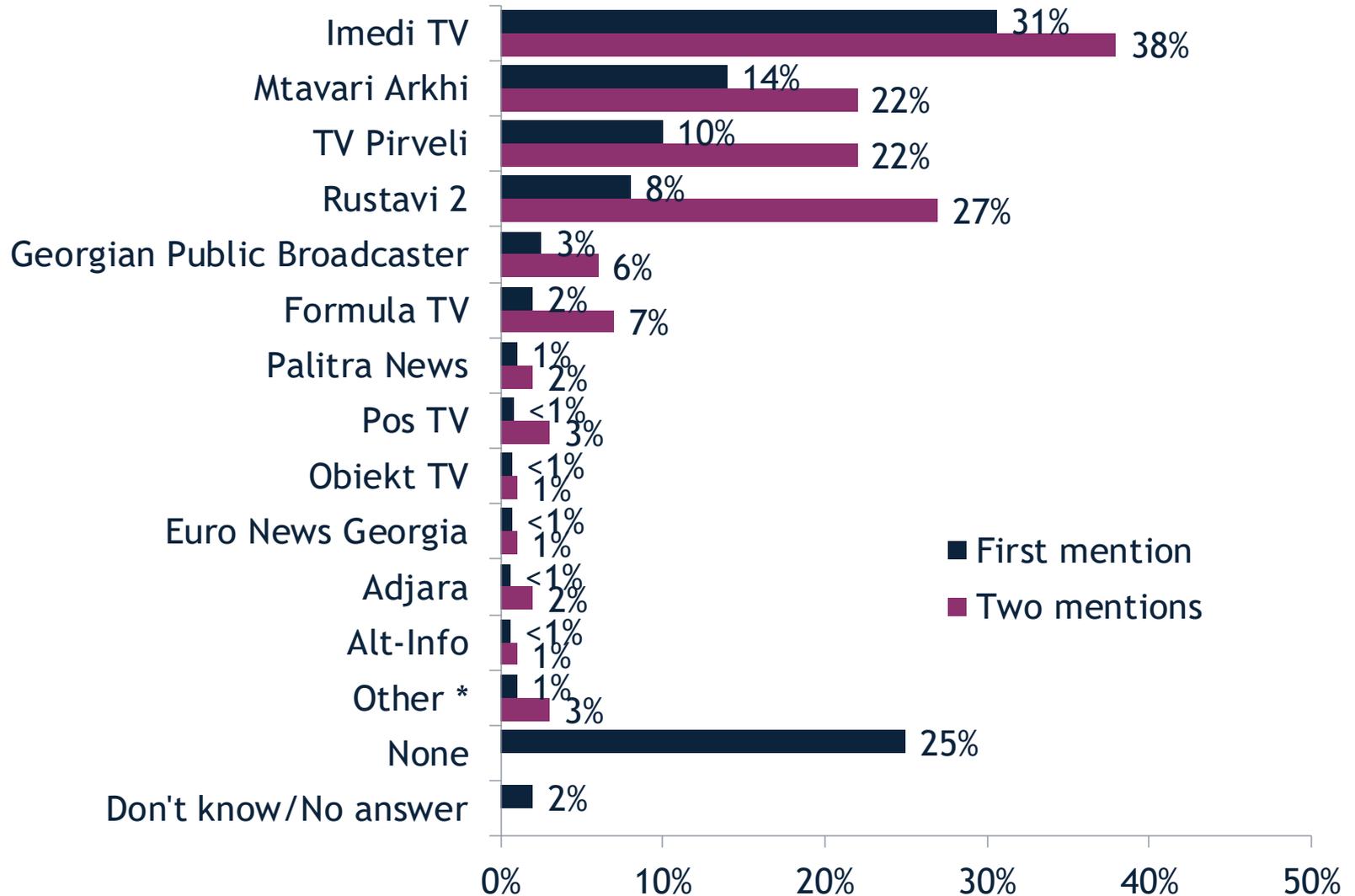


# Media & Sources of Information



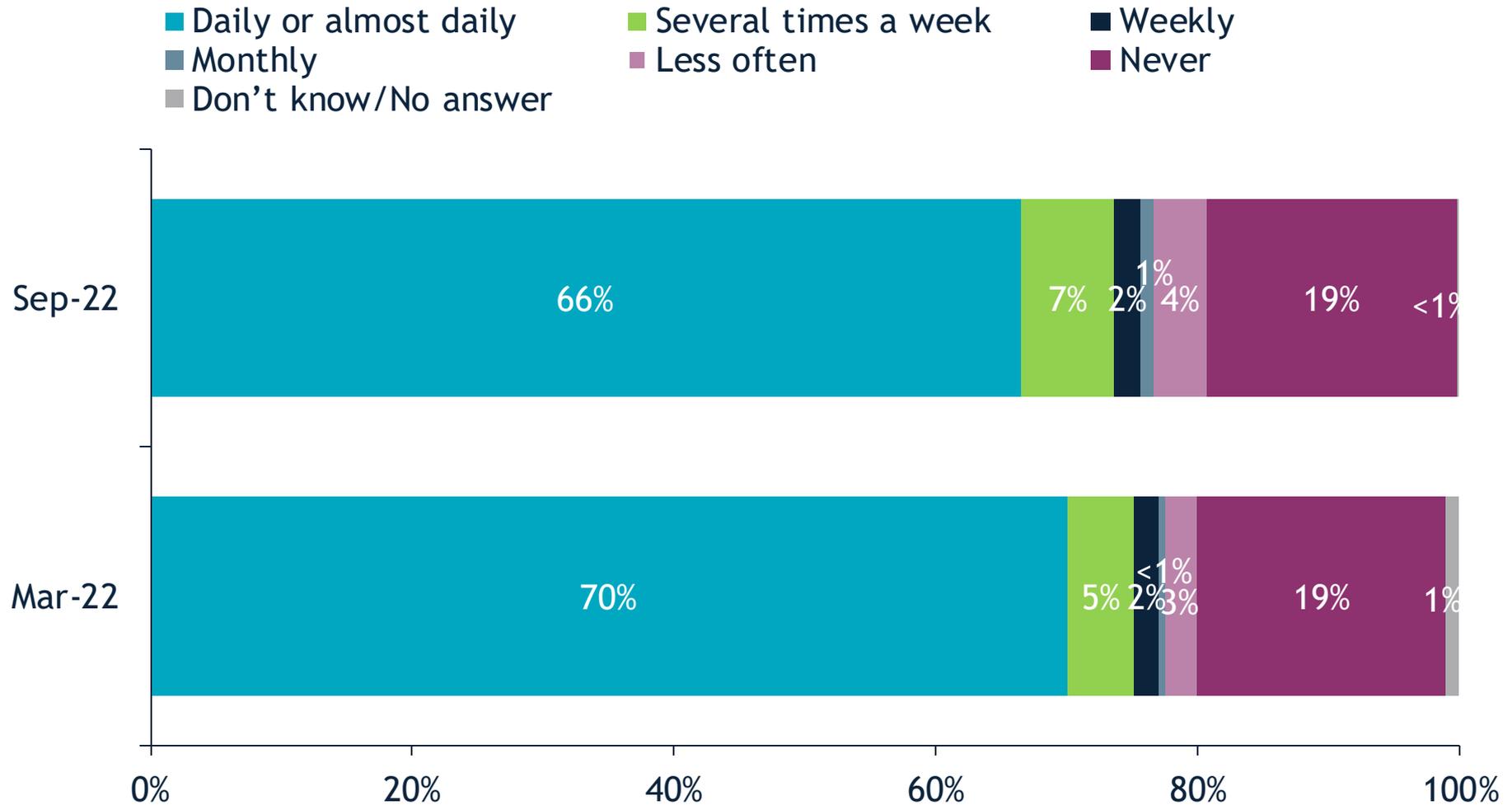
# Which Georgian TV station's news and political information do you trust the most?

(Respondents permitted to provide two answers)



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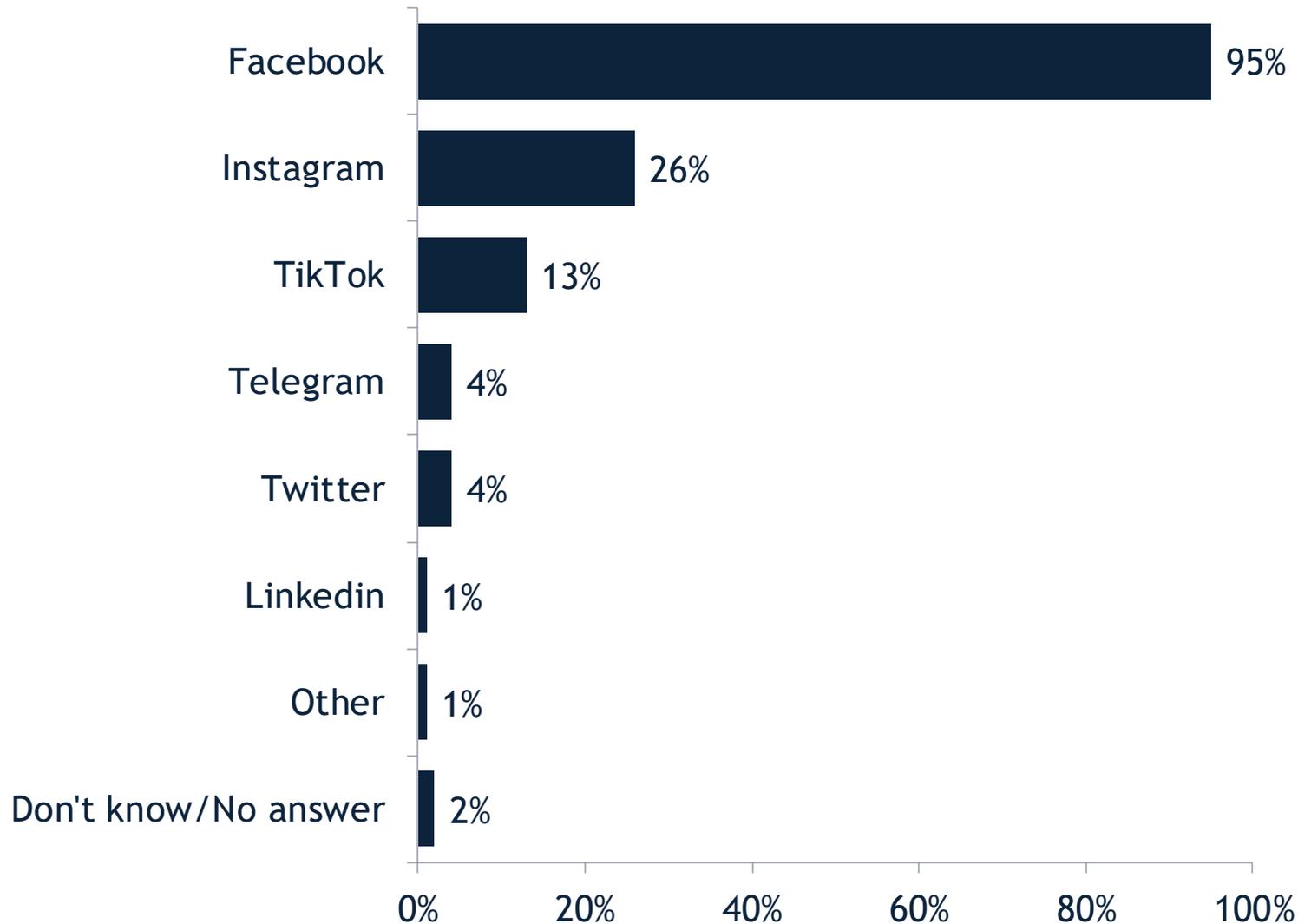
# How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?

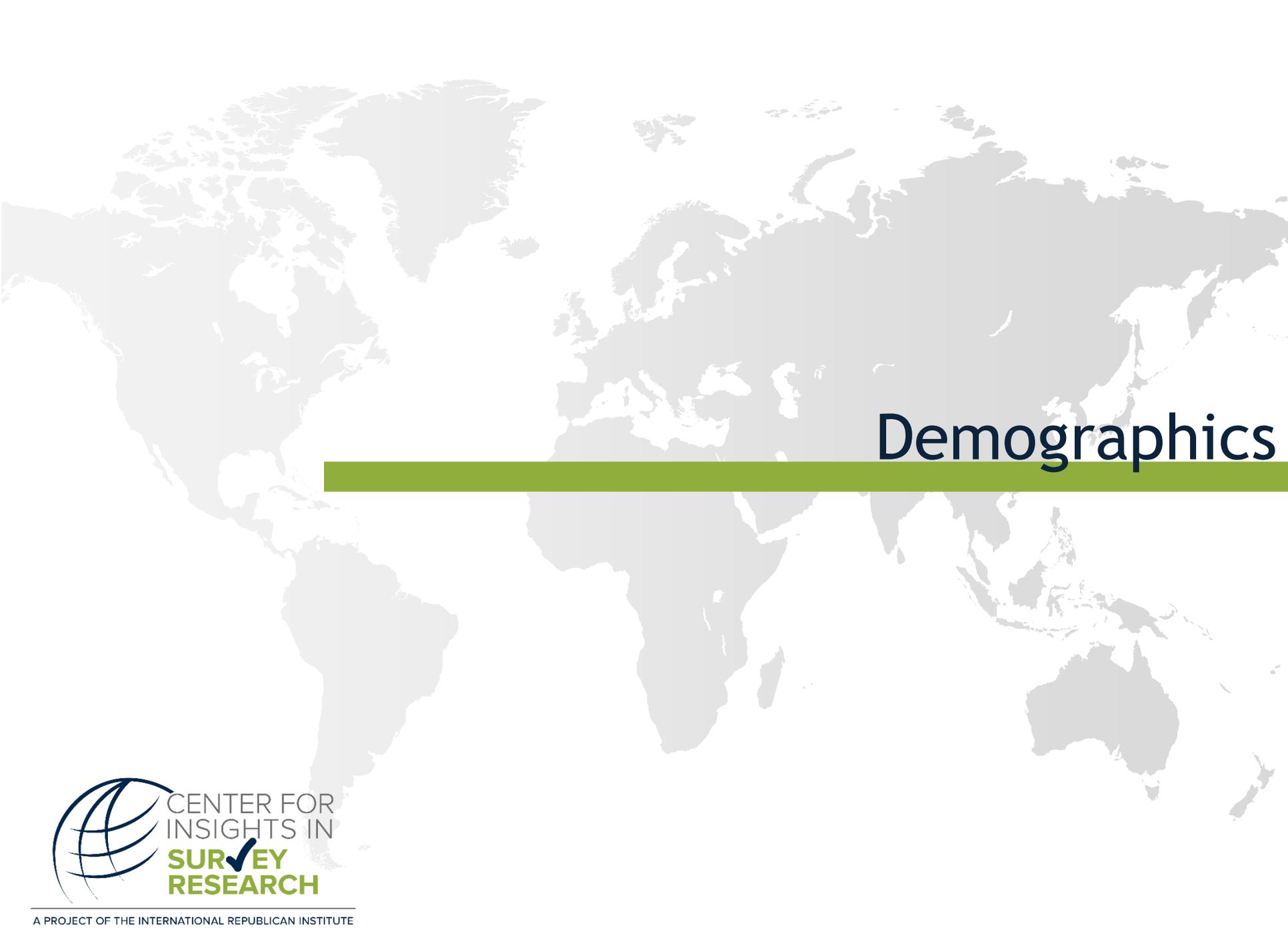


# Which social media sites do you use most often?

(Respondents permitted to provide three spontaneous answers)

(Internet users, n=1,210)



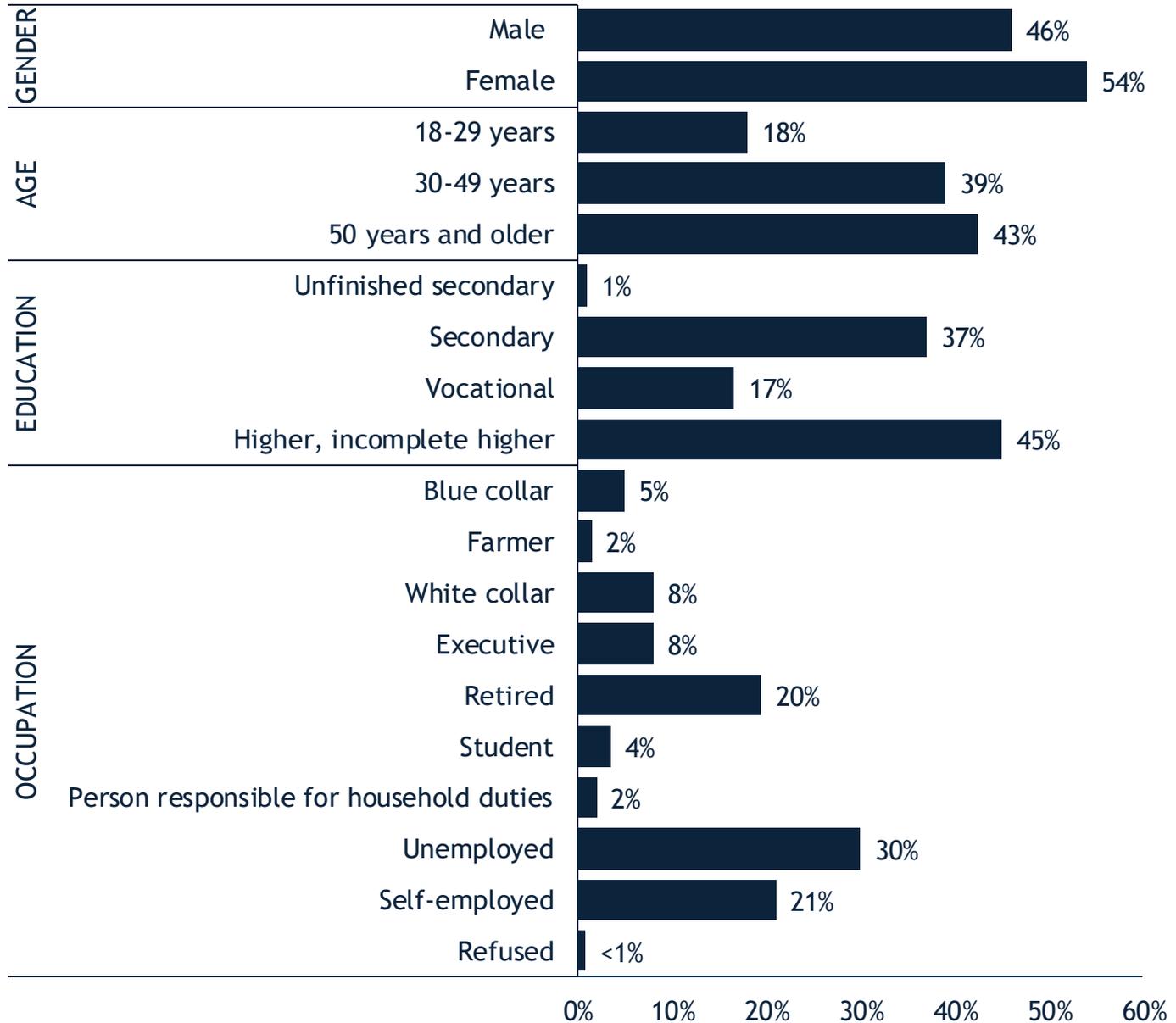


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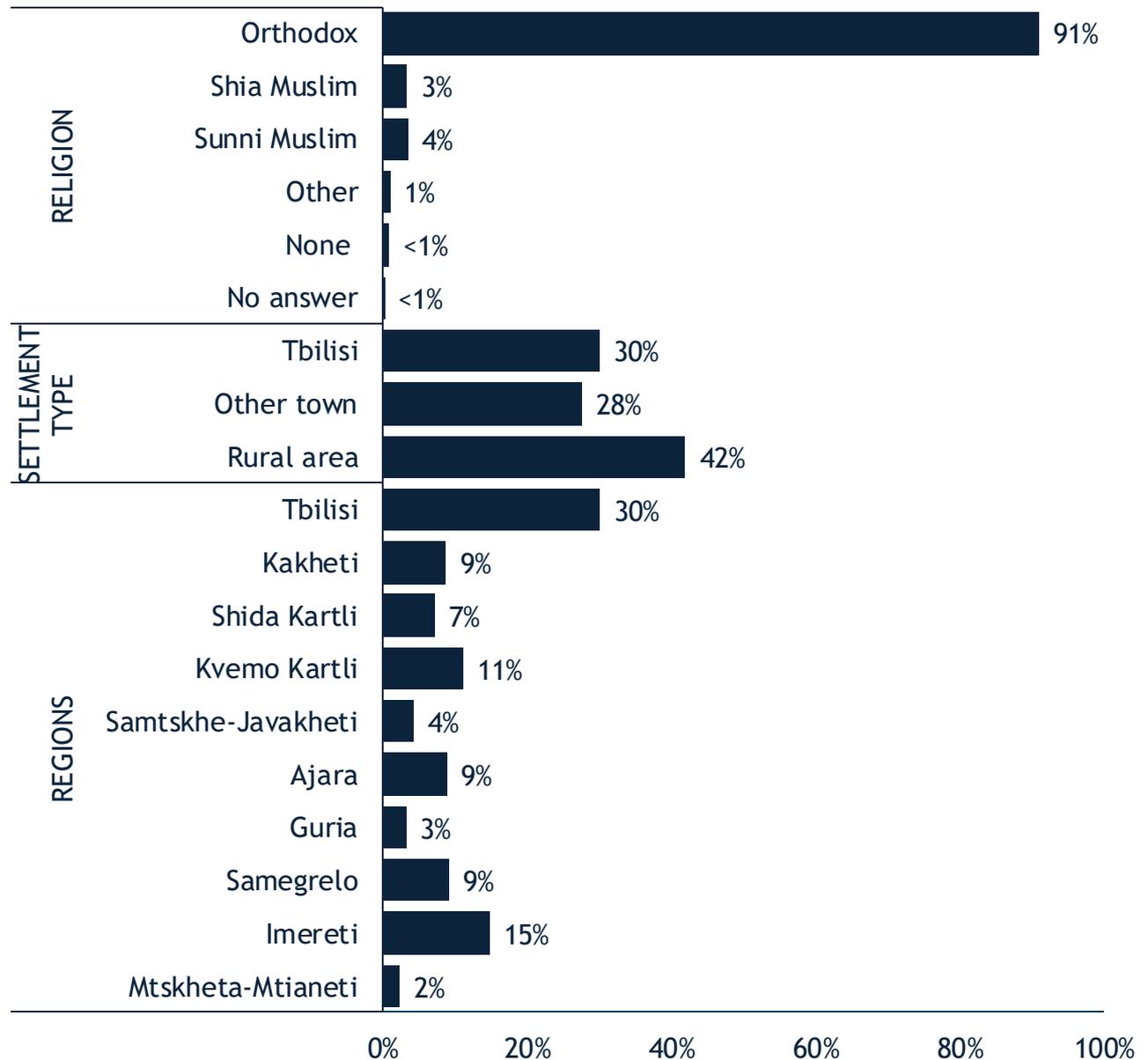
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