Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Moldova

October- November 2022



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Detailed Methodology

- The survey was coordinated by Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene from <u>Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization</u> on behalf of the <u>Center for</u> <u>Insights in Survey Research</u>. The fieldwork was carried out by <u>Magenta Consulting</u>.
- Data was collected throughout Moldova (with the exception of Transnistria) between October 1 and November 15, 2022 through face-to-face interviews in respondent's homes.
- The main sample consisted of 1,233 permanent residents of Moldova aged 18 and older and eligible to vote and is representative of the general population by gender, region and settlement size (*urban/rural*), according to the Moldova Statistical Databank from 2019.
- The sample of residents of Chisinau Municipality consists of 714 permanent residents of Chisinau Municipality aged 18 and older. It is representative of the Chisinau Municipality population by gender and settlement size (*urban/rural*), according to the Moldova Statistical Databank from 2019. It is made up of 299 interviews from the main sample and 415 oversample interviews.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used, with random route household selection and next birthday respondent selection procedures.
 - Stage one: All districts of Moldova are grouped into 11 groups; all regions (with the exception of Transnistria) were surveyed.
 - Stage two: Selection of the settlements (cities and villages).
 - Settlements were selected at random.
 - The number of settlements selected in each region was proportional to the share of population living in the particular type of settlement in each region.
 - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.

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- The main sample was weighted for gender, region, and urbanicity and the Chisinau sample was weighted for gender and urbanicity according to the Moldova Statistical Databank from 2019. Unlike the previous 5 IRI surveys, which also included an age group weight for the national sample, it was determined not to implement an age group weight due to a potential distortionary effect linked to international labor migration. Direct comparison to the Dec 2019-Mar 2022 data may be affected by the different weighting scheme.
- The margin of error of the main sample does not exceed plus or minus 2.8 percentage points. The response rate in the main sample was 62 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- The survey was funded by the <u>United States Agency for International Development</u>.

Frequently Cited Disaggregates*

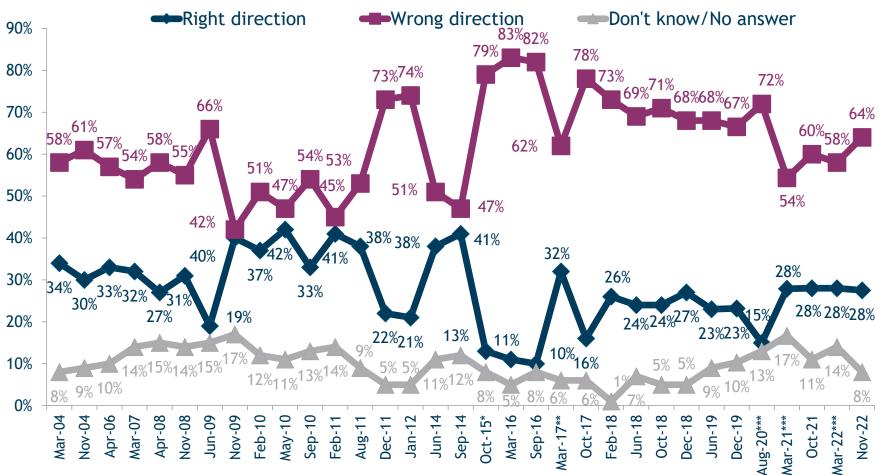
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Sample	Moldova (main sample)	n=1,233				
	Chisinau	n=714				

Mood of the Country



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

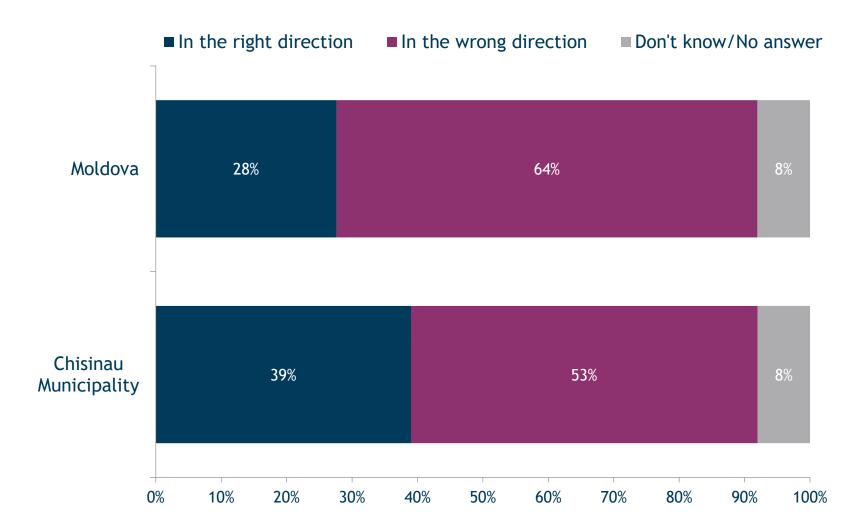


*In December 2014, news broke of a major banking scandal involving nearly \$1 billion missing from three state banks. The scandal is often referred to as "the stolen billion."

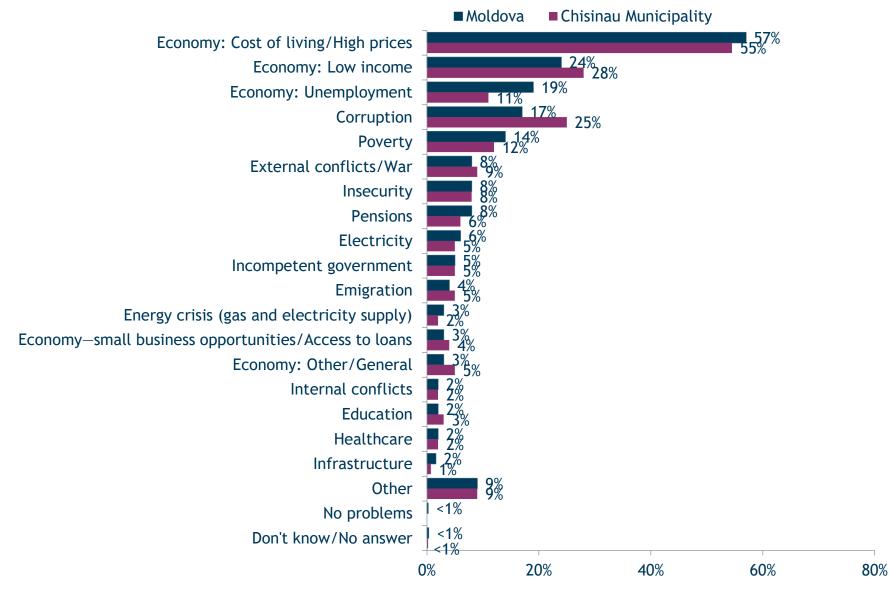
**In 2016, Moldova conducted the first popular presidential election since 1996. Igor Dodon was elected in the second-round contest on November 13, 2016.

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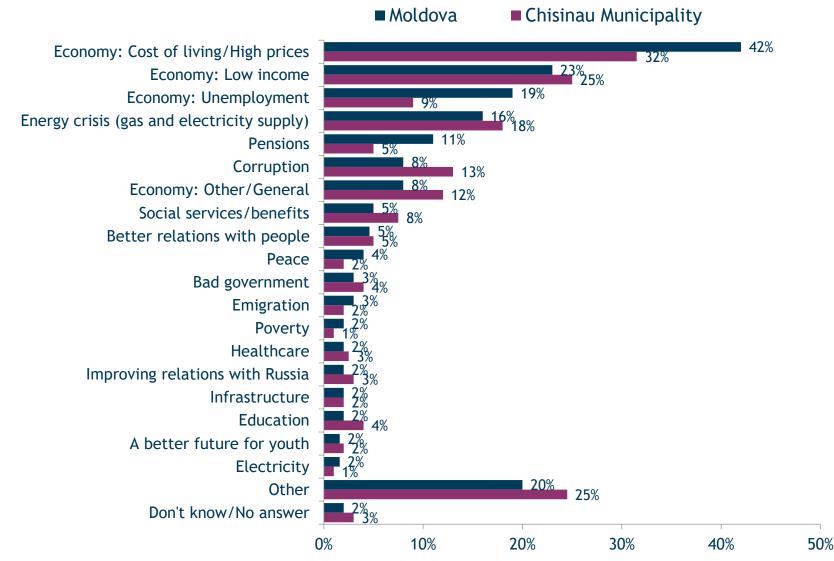
What is the most important problem facing Moldova today? And what is the second most important problem? (Respondents permitted to supply two spontaneous answers)



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

(Respondents permitted to supply two spontaneous answers)



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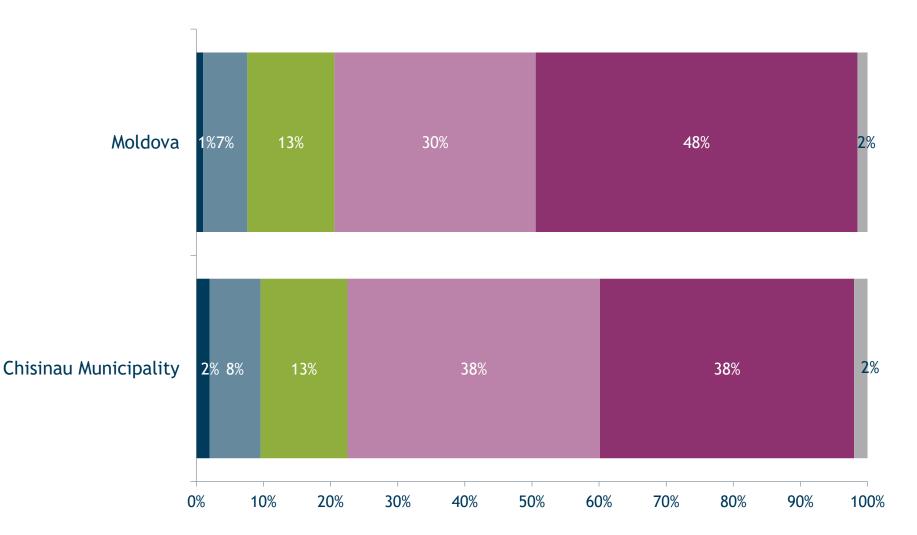
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■ Improved a lot ■ Improved somewhat ■ Stayed the same ■ Worsened somewhat ■ Worsened a lot ■ Don't know/No answer

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October 2021	1% 10	0%	25%	25% 35%			5% 2			26%	4%
December 2019	1%	15%			52%				18%	9 %	5%
June 2019	1%	18%		3	5%			25%		19 %	3%
December 2018	3%	20%	0		40%			2 1	1%	14%	<mark>2</mark> %
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June 2018	1%	18%	45 %				-	22%	10%	4%	
February 2018	1%	16%		42%				24%		14%	3%
October 2017		15%			45%			21%		16%	3%
March 2017	1%	16%		35	5%			29 %		15%	3%
September 2016	<mark>1%6</mark> %	6	25%		30%			35%		%	3%
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October 2015	4%	16%			34%			4	42%		4%
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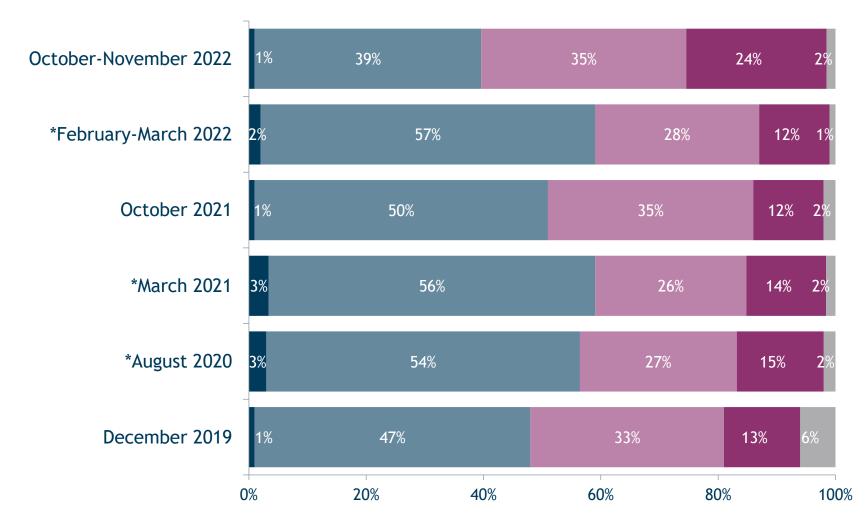
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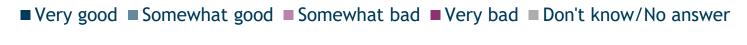
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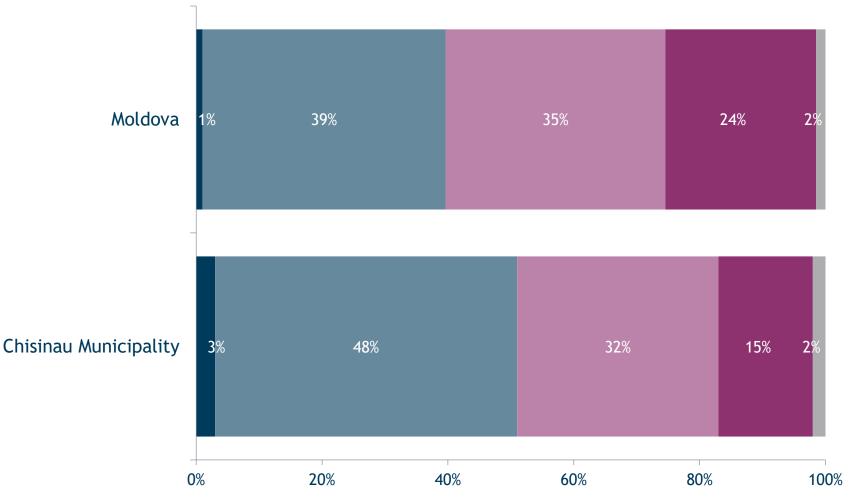
■ Very good ■ Somewhat good ■ Somewhat bad ■ Very bad ■ Don't know/No answer



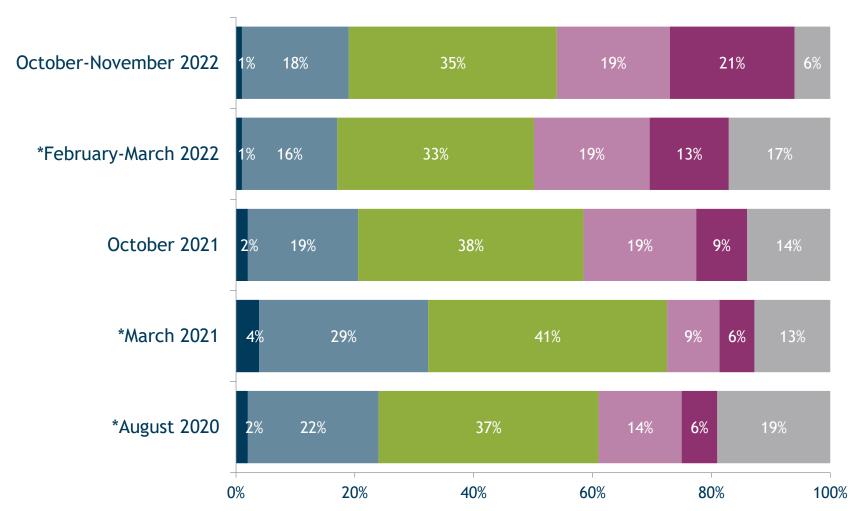
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In the coming 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation of your household to change?

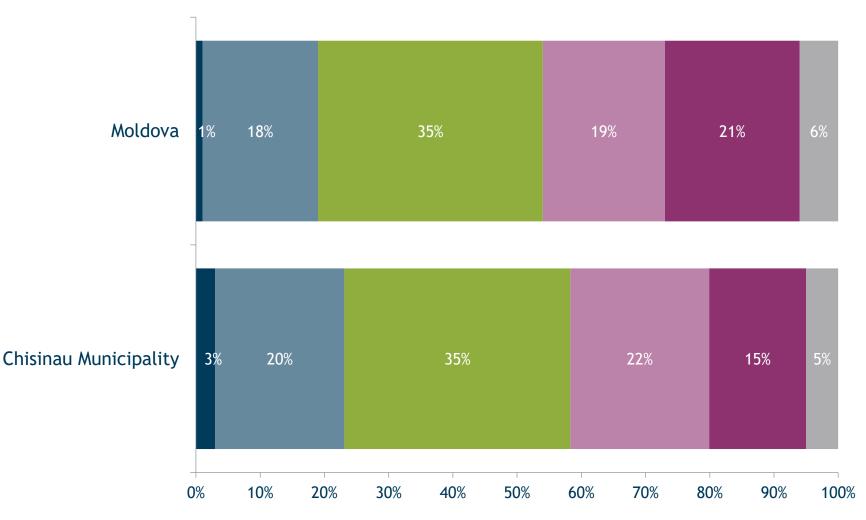


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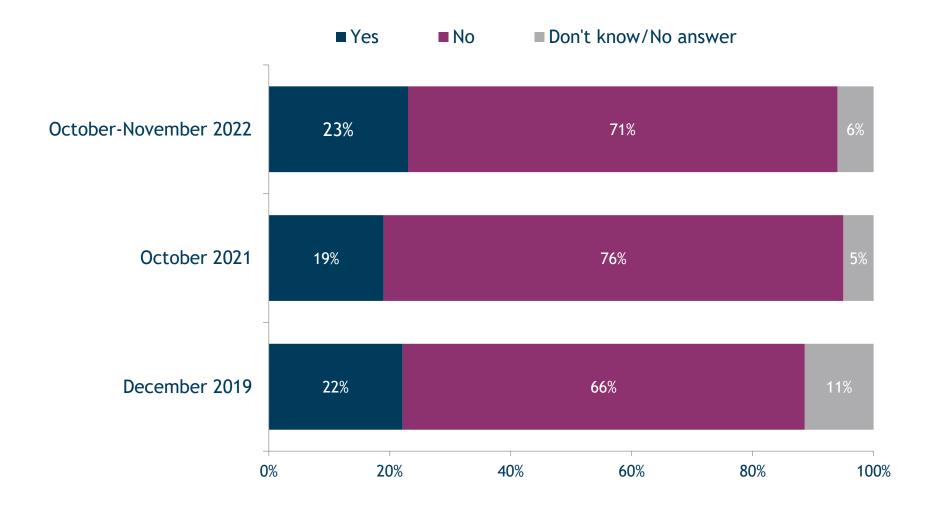
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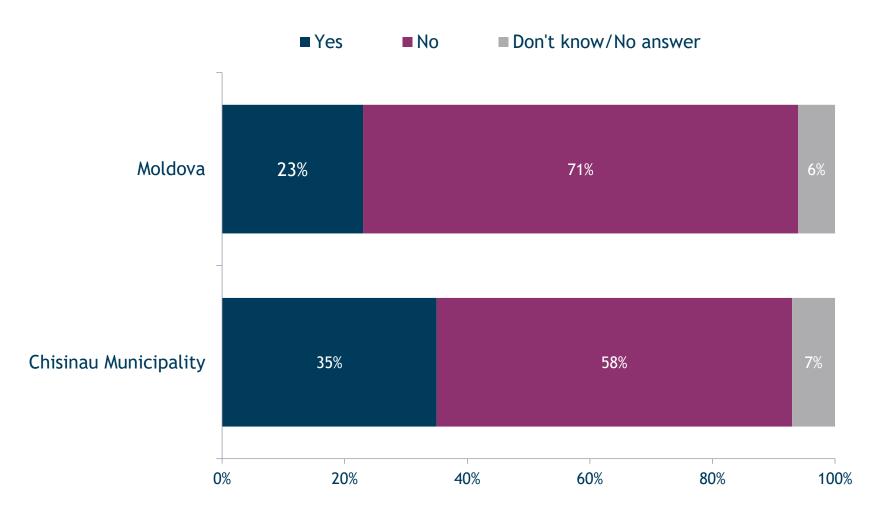
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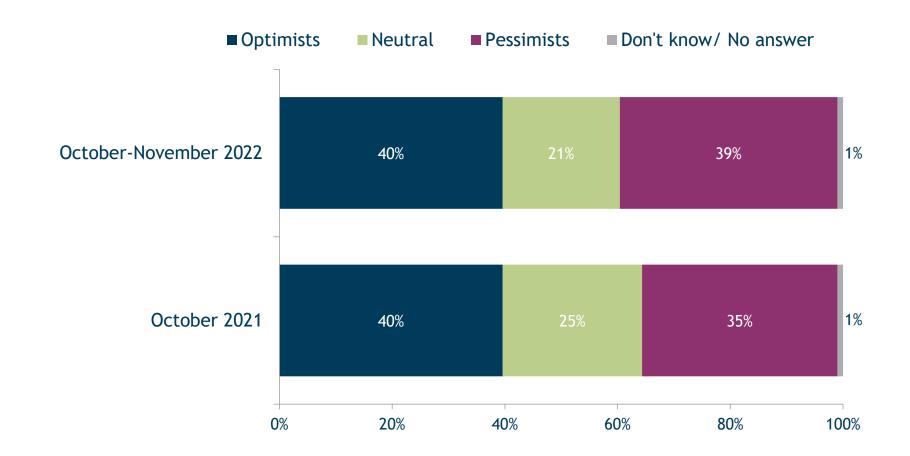
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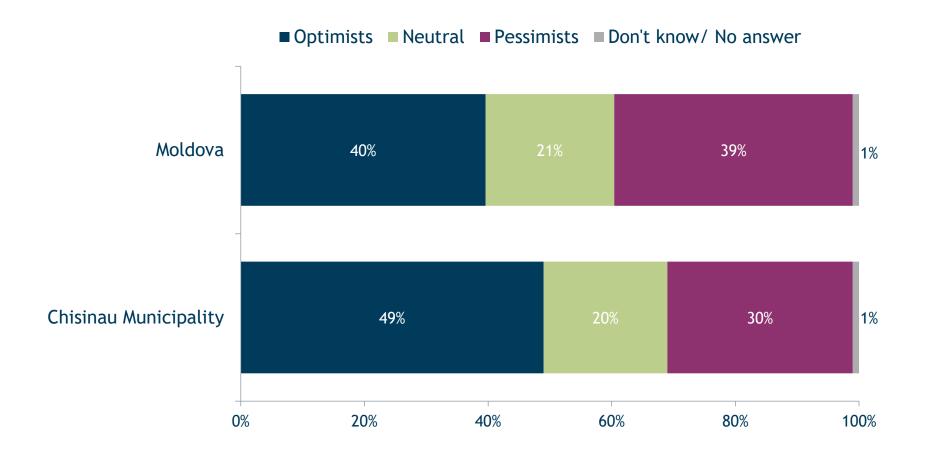


How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of the Moldovan population?



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Elections

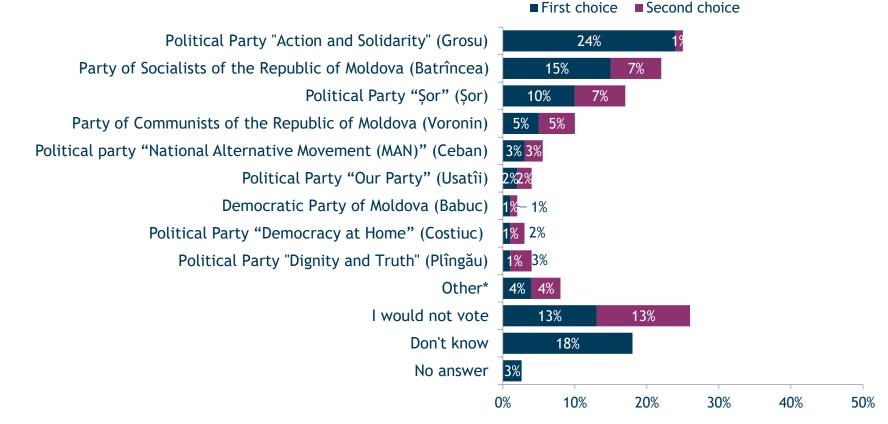


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MOLDOVA

If parliamentary elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote? If parliamentary elections were held this coming Sunday, and the party you mentioned is not on the list, for which party, if any, would you vote?

(Respondents provided a spontaneous response)

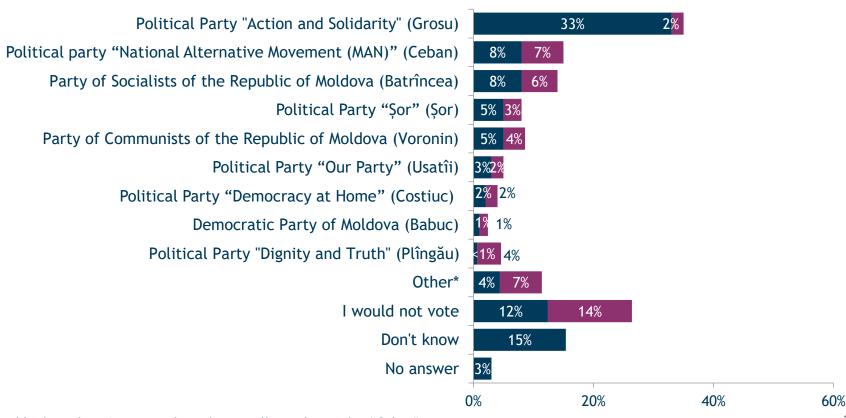


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CHISINAU MUNICIPALITY

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■ First choice ■ Second choice

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Parties and government

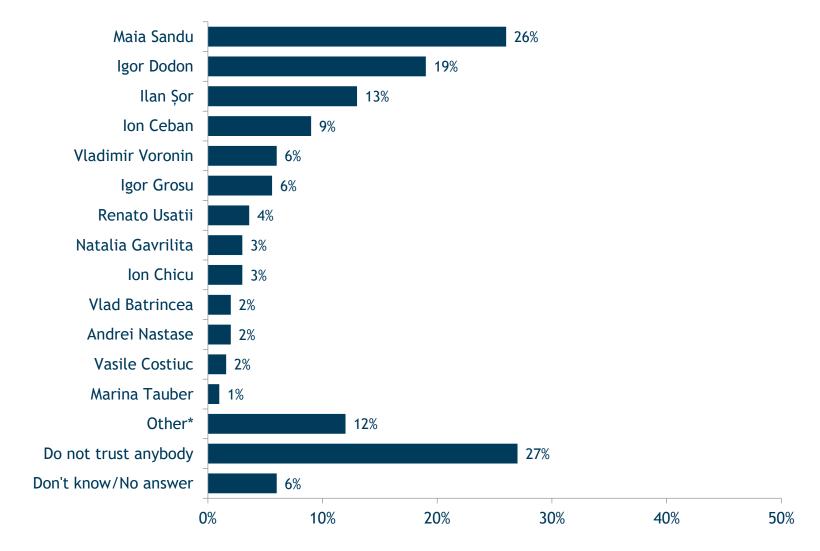


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Which politician or public person do you trust the most? And the second most?

(Respondents permitted to supply two spontaneous answers)

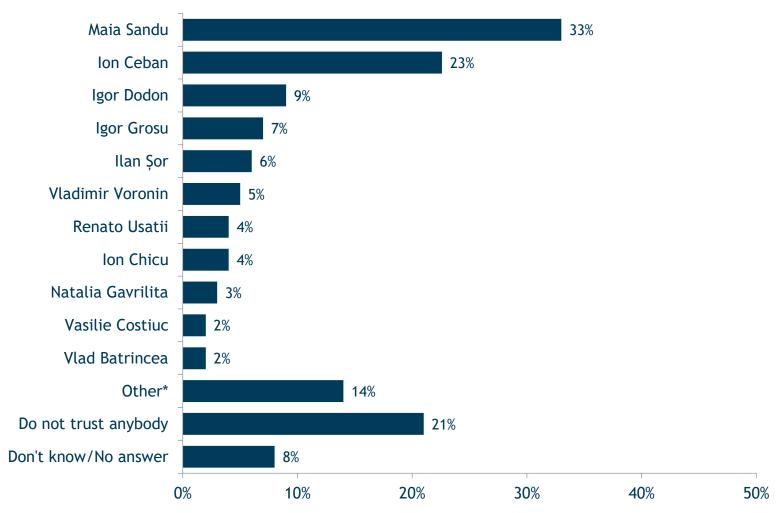


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MOLDOVA

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.

	Favorable	Unfa	avorable	■ Ha	ve not h	eard	Don't	know/	No ans	wer	
Ion Ceban			61%				2	7%	3%	9%	
Igor Dodon			50%				5%				
Maia Sandu 🗌		42%					55%		3%		
Ilan Shor		41%			52%				< <mark>1</mark> %6%		
Irina Vlah		35%			28 %		20	%	17%		
Marina Tauber 🗍		34%				51%			6% 9%		
Igor Grosu		34%			40%	/)		12%		15%	
Natalia Gavrilita 🗍	3	1%				63%				<mark>2%</mark> 5%	
Vlad Batrancea	30	0%		29	%		23%		1	8%	
Ala Nemerenco 🗍	30)%			40%			15%		15%	
Vladimir Bolea 🗍	29	%		25%			28%		19	9%	
Andrei Spinu	27%	/ 0			52%	/)			11%	9%	
Ana Revenco	25%			31%	31% 2.		23%	20%		%	
Nicu Popescu	24%		21%	6	34%			22%			
Mihai Popsoi	23%			27%		3	0%		20	%	
Marcel Spatari	22%		18%		38%				21%	0	
Sergiu Litvinenco	22%		2	7%		3	1%		20	%	
Anatolie Topala	21%		20%			37%			22%)	
Oleg Serebrean	18%		18%			42%			22%)	
Dinu Plingau	17%		18%		47	2%			24%		
Anatolie Nosatii	16%		20%		4	41%			23%		
Sergiu Prodan	14%	15%			46%				24%		
Sergiu Gaibu	13%	17%		46%			24%				
Iurie Turcanu	12%	15%			46%				27%		
Dumitru Budianschi	11%	14%			51%			24%			
Iuliana Cantaragiu	10%	20%			46%				25%		
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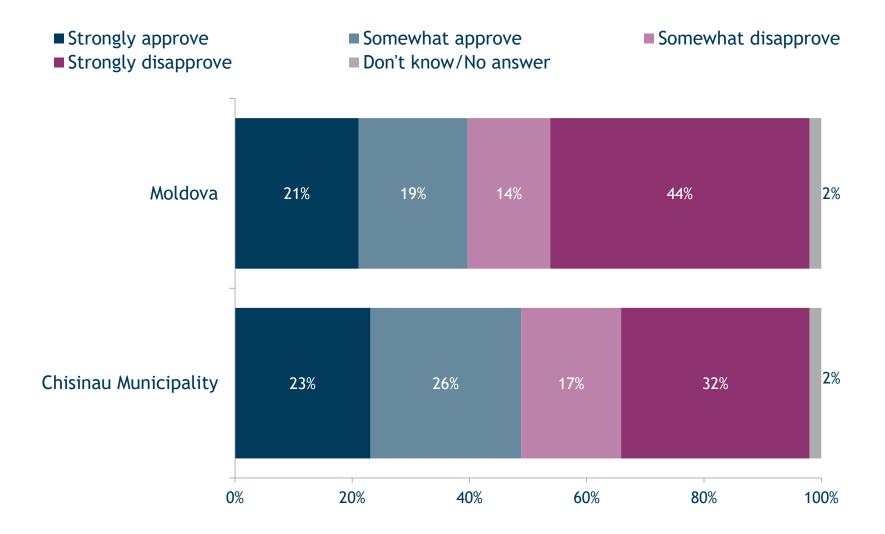
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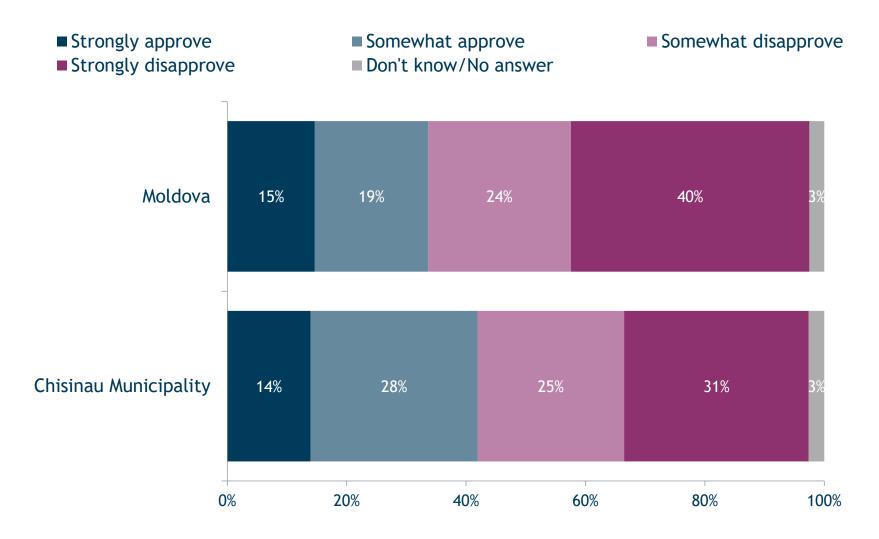
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Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the President of Moldova, Maia Sandu?



Do you approve or disapprove of the activities of the Government of Moldova?



MOLDOVA

What is your opinion of each of the following institutions?

■ Positive	e Negati	ve Do	on't know	'No ansv	ver	
Local authorities		74%		22%	4%	
Moldovan mitropoly	6	%	15%			
Education system	61	%		32%	8%	
Border patrol	59	%	22%	1	9%	
Foreign embassies	58	%	14%	28%		
Bessarabian mitropoly	55%		17%	28%	28%	
International organizations	International organizations 52%					
Police	51%		42 %	0	7%	
Healthcare system	51%	51%			2 9	
Army	50%		33%		8%	
Moldovan media	49%		42%		9%	
Moldovan Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)	40%	40% 21%		38%		
President's Office	39%		56%		5%	
Central Electoral Commission	37%	3	7%	26%	/ D	
Prime Minister's Office	34%		61%		5%	
Parliament	33%			6%		
Prosecutor's Office	32%	32% 51% 25% 56%			17%	
Courts of justice	25%				8%	
Political parties	25%	6	2%		13%	
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* Responses "Very positive" and "Somewhat positive" combined under "Positive". Responses "Very negative" and "Somewhat negative" 29 combined under "Negative"

CHISINAU MUNICIPALITY

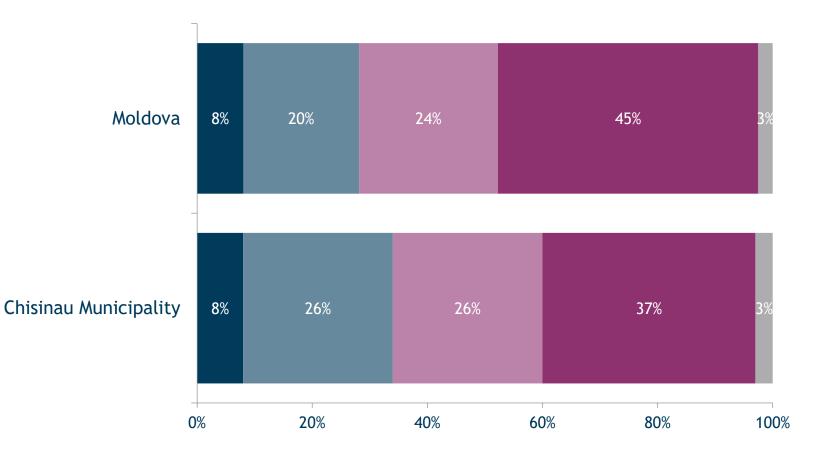
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Border patrol		61%		25%		
Education system		59 %		36%		
International organizations		57%	21	21%		
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Central Electoral Commission	4	0%	41%		18%	
Prime Minister's Office	3	9%	57	%	4%	
Parliament	3	9%	58	8%	3%	
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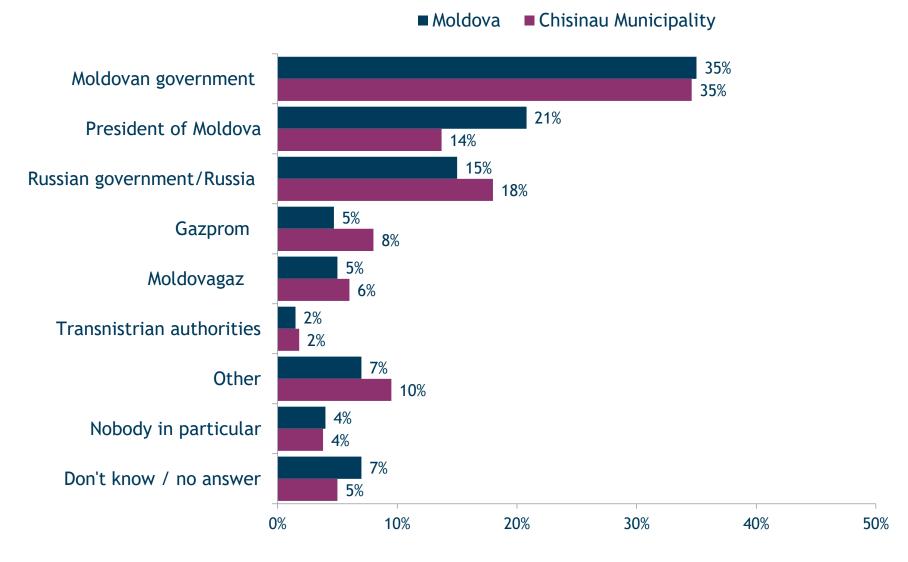
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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "The government is taking enough actions to manage the rising cost of energy in Moldova."

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



Who do you believe is mainly responsible for the rising cost of energy in Moldova? (Respondents provided a spontaneous response)

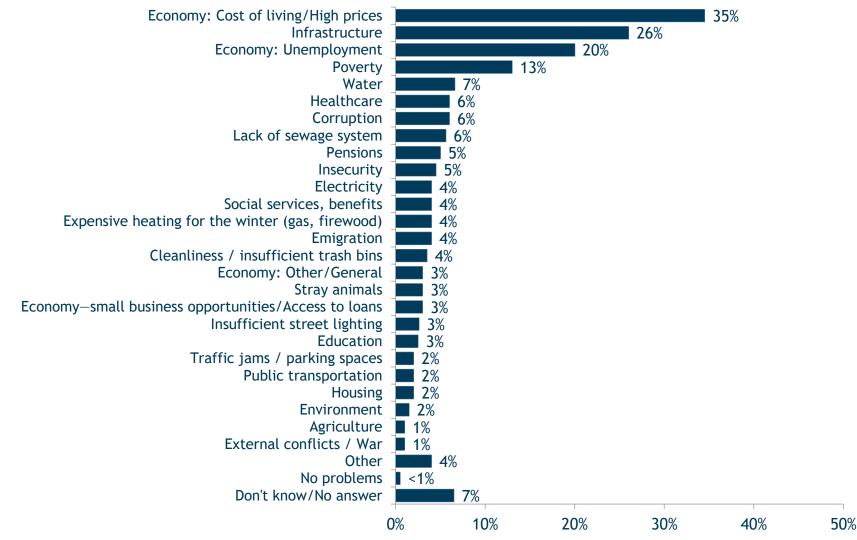


Local elections



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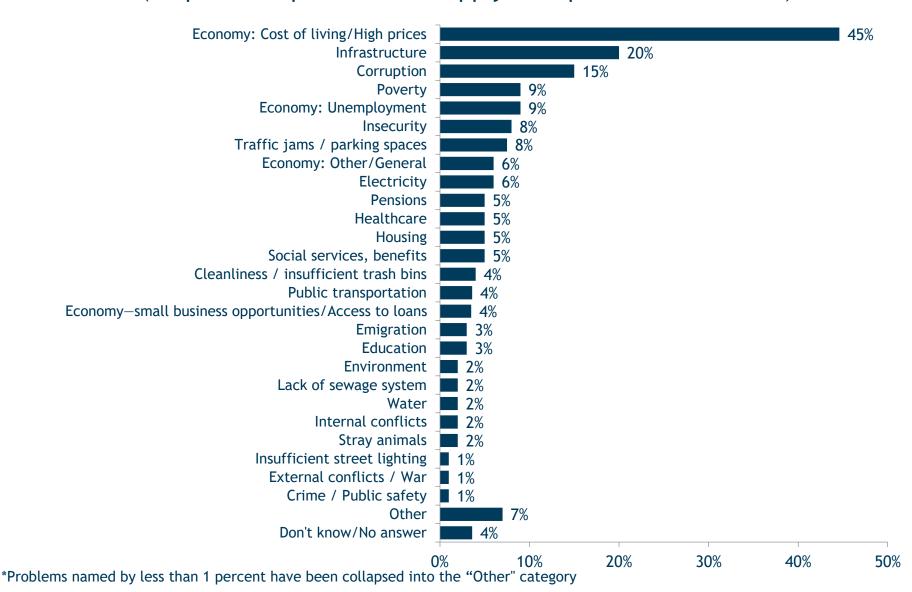
What is the most important problem facing your town/village today? And what is the second most important problem? (Respondents permitted to supply two spontaneous answers)



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MOLDOVA

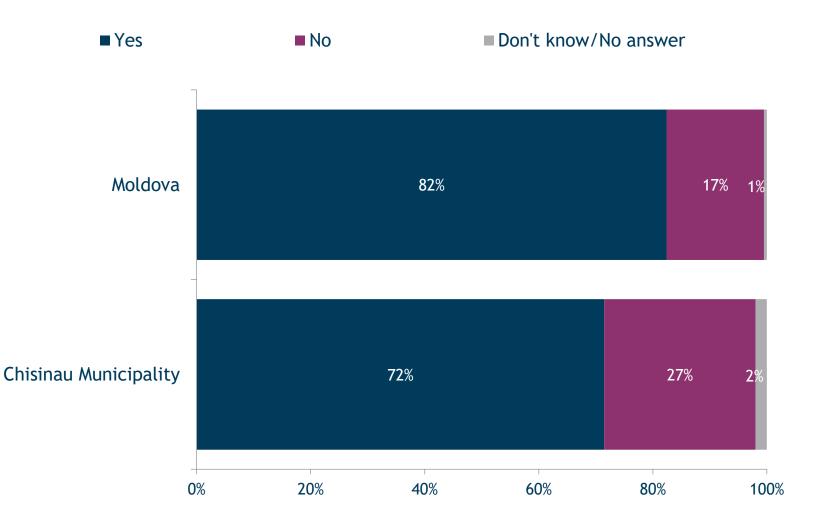
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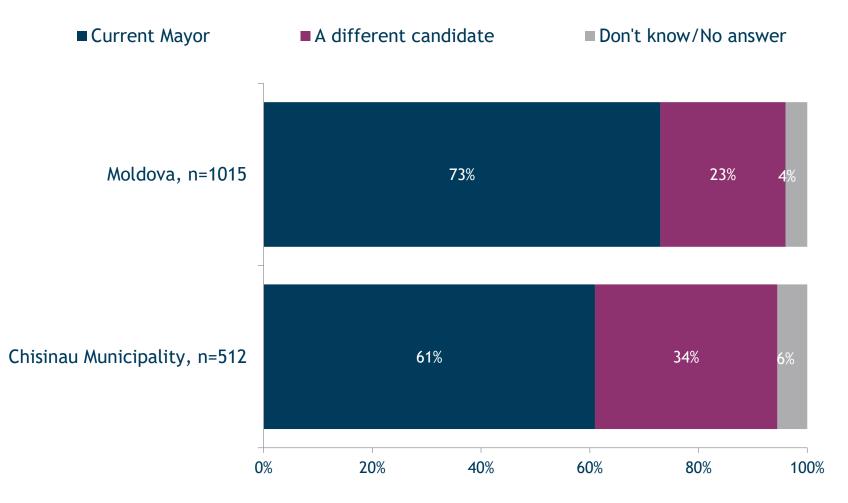
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Did you vote in the last local elections in October 2019?

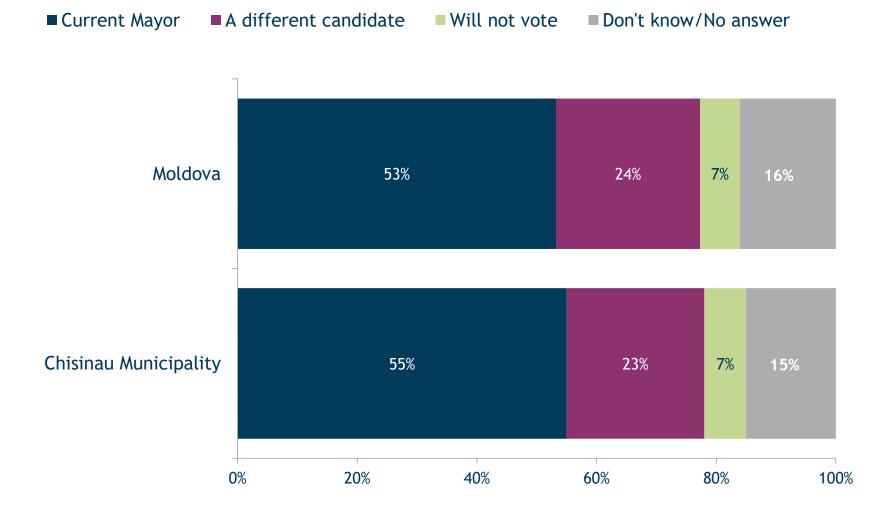


Did you vote for your currently elected mayor or a different candidate in the last local elections?

(Among respondents who voted in the last local elections in October 2019)



In the upcoming local elections, would you vote for your current mayor or a different candidate?



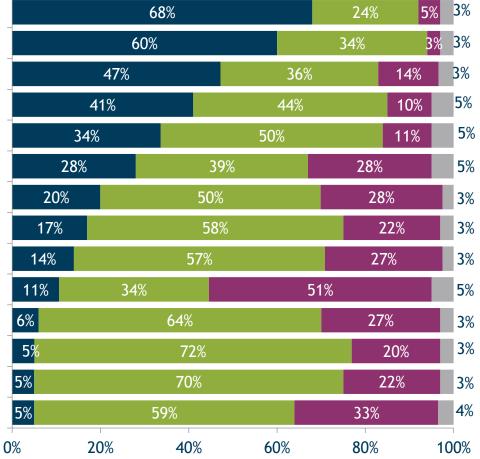
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I will read you a list of several attributes a candidate running for office may have. For each attribute, please tell me if it would make you more likely or less likely to vote for the candidate, or if it would not matter?

More likely to vote for the candidateLess likely to vote for the candidate

Candidate has experience in politics and management The candidate is from my city/village Candidate has experience in business Candidate is a well-known national political leader Candidate is independent Candidate is from the party in power in Parliament Candidate is 35 years old or younger Candidate is female Candidate is a Russian speaker Candidate has never held office before Candidate has a different ethnic background than me Candidate is unmarried Candidate is without children Candidate has different religious beliefs than me

It would not matterDon't know/No answer

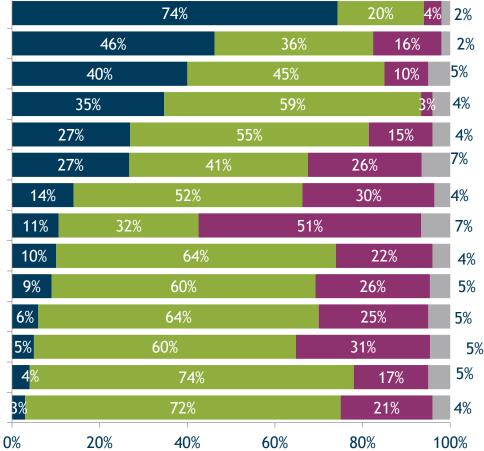


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International Relations

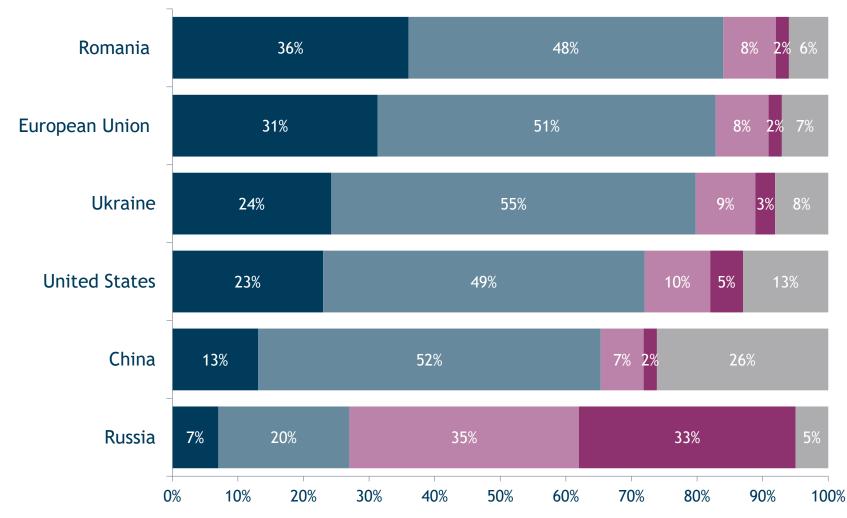


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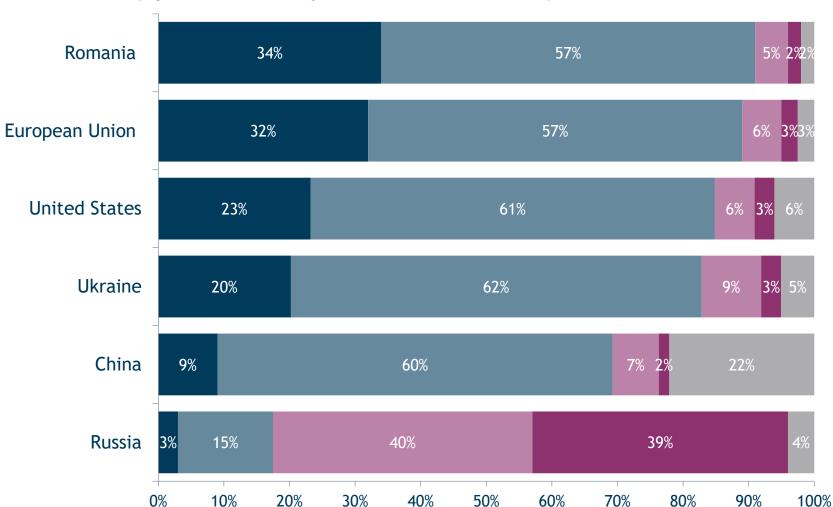
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How would you rate the current relations between Moldova and ... ?





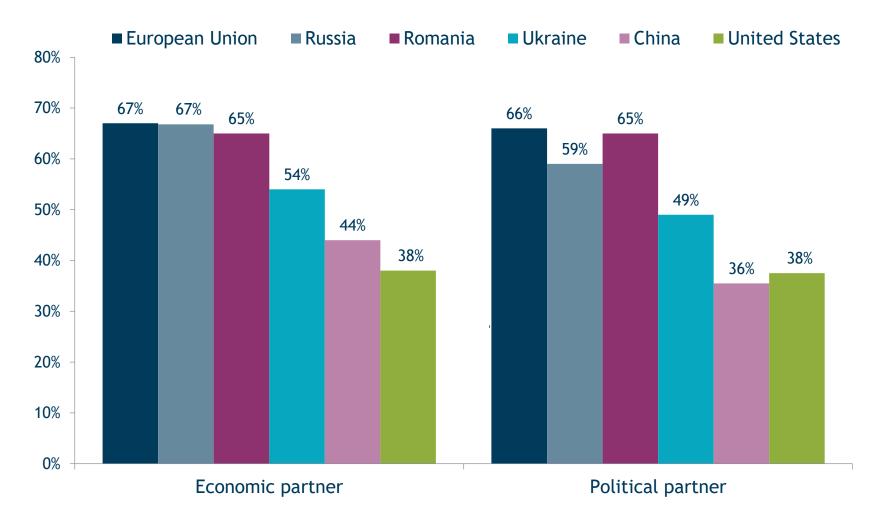
How would you rate the current relations between Moldova and ... ?



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

Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner(s) and political partner(s) for our country?

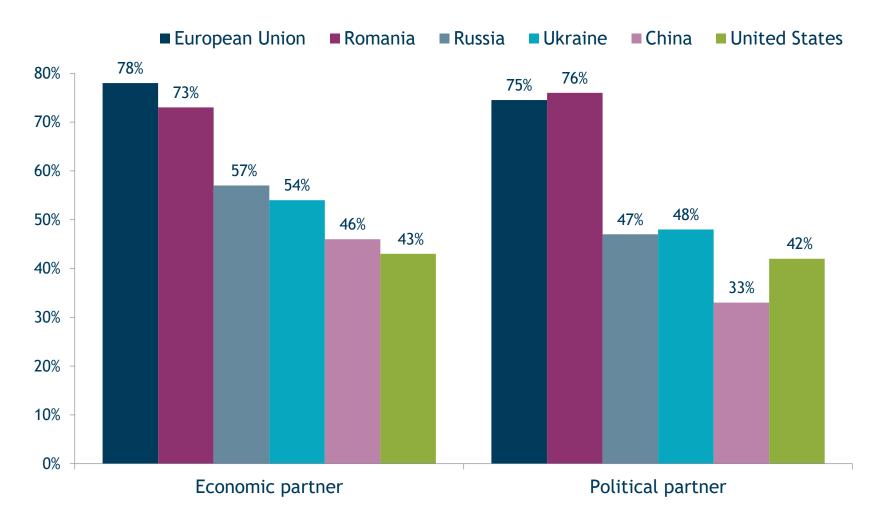
(Respondents evaluated each country/organization separately as to whether they were among the most important or not; multiple responses are accepted)



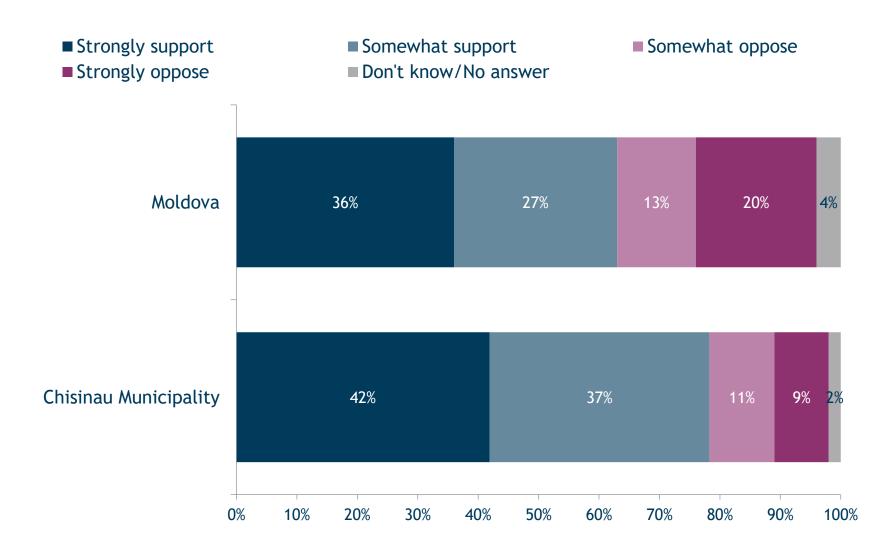
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Which of these countries do you consider to be the most important economic partner(s) and political partner(s) for our country?

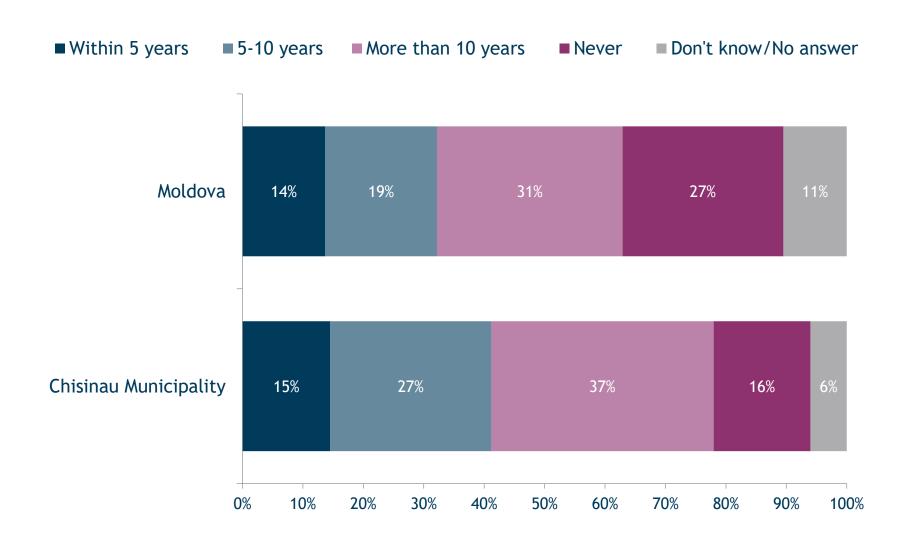
(Respondents evaluated each country/organization separately as to whether they were among the most important or not; multiple responses are accepted)



Do you support or oppose Moldova becoming a member of the European Union in the future?

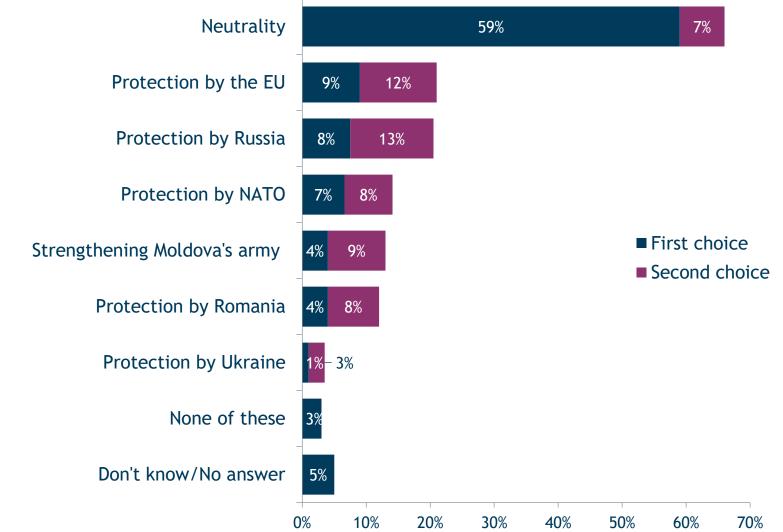


How many years do you think it would take Moldova to become a member of the European Union?



In your opinion, which of these options can best guarantee Moldova's security?

And which can second best guarantee Moldova's security?

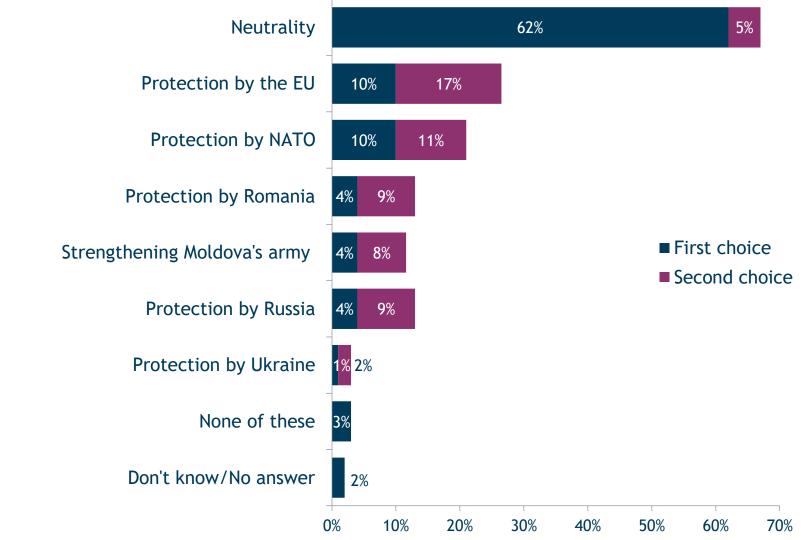


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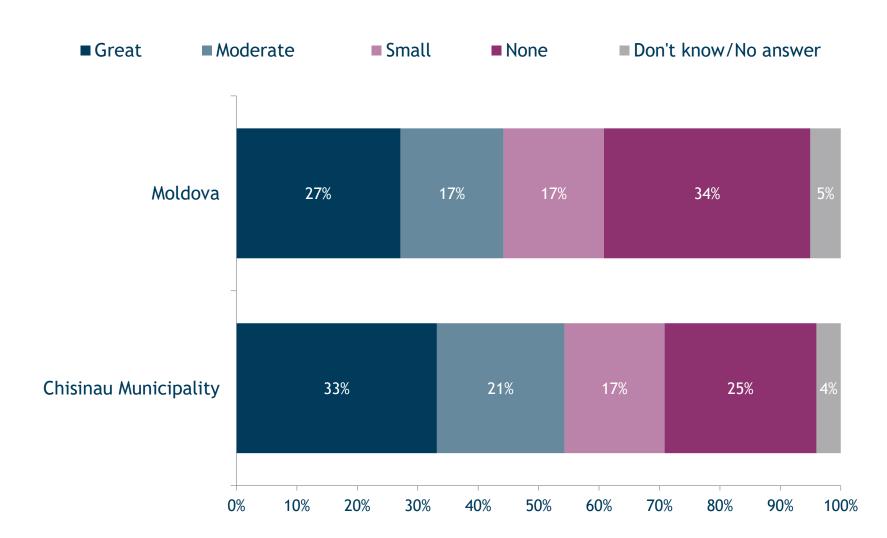
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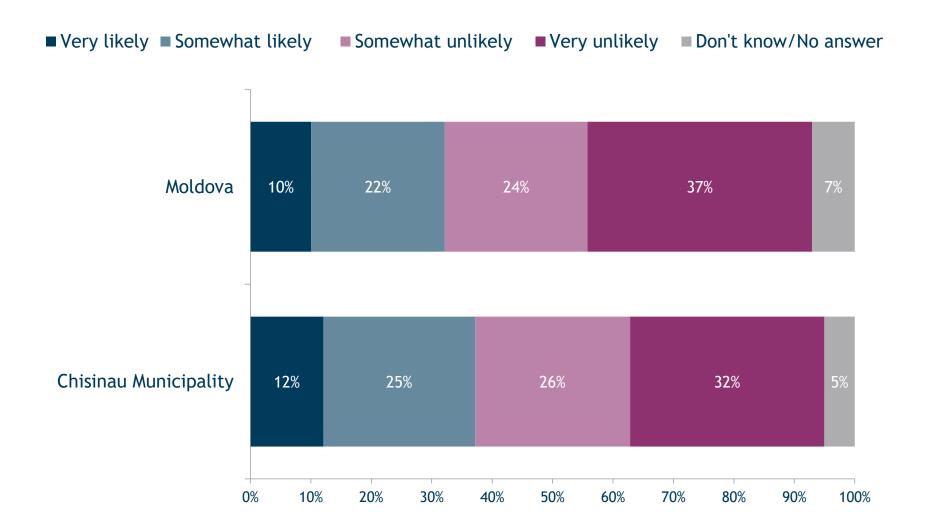
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How much of a threat is Russia to Moldova?



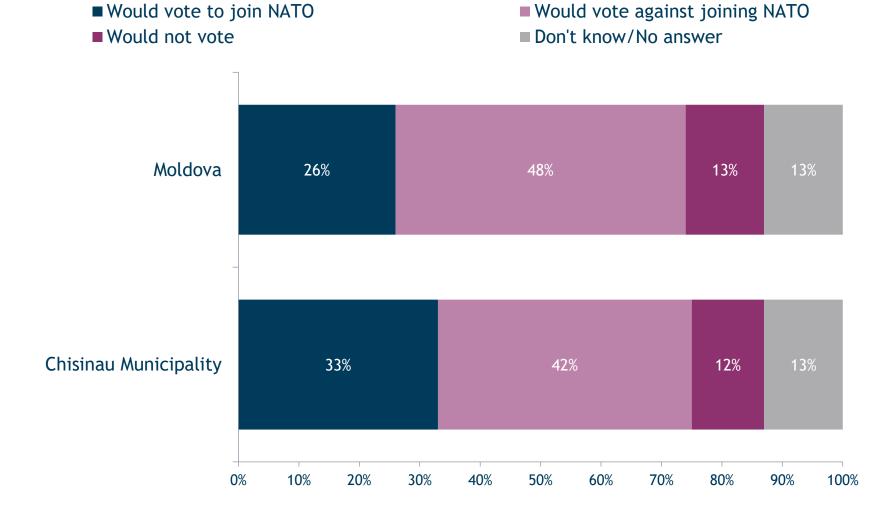
In your opinion, how likely or unlikely is direct military action from Russia in the Republic of Moldova in the next 12 months?



In your opinion, are NATO member states more or less secure than countries that do not belong to NATO? NATO member states are ...

■ Much more secure Somewhat more secure Somewhat less secure Much less secure Don't know/No answer Moldova 28% 24% 12% 13% 24% Chisinau Municipality 29% 28% 13% 8% 22% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

If a referendum were held today on Moldova joining NATO, how would you vote?

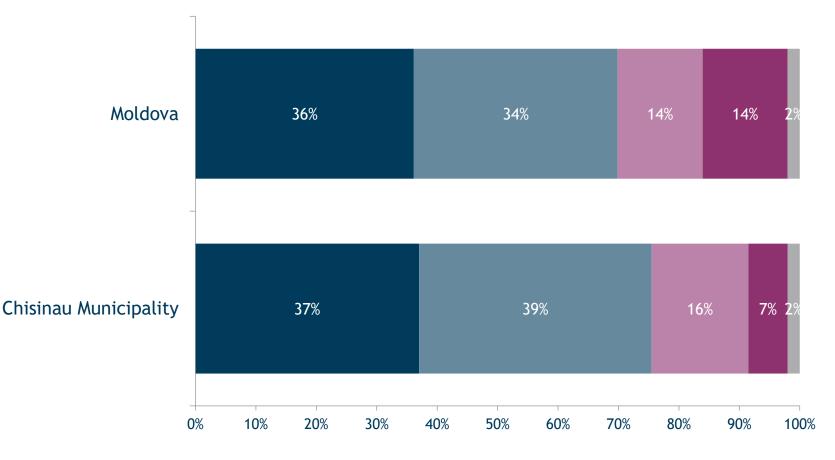


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Moldova should continue to provide support to Ukrainian refugees in Moldova."

Strongly agreeStrongly disagree

Somewhat agreeDon't know/No answer

Somewhat disagree



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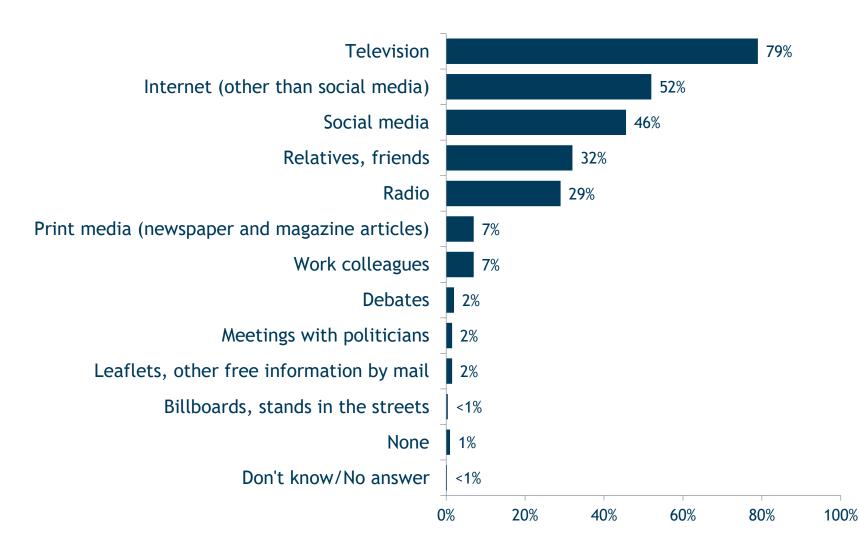


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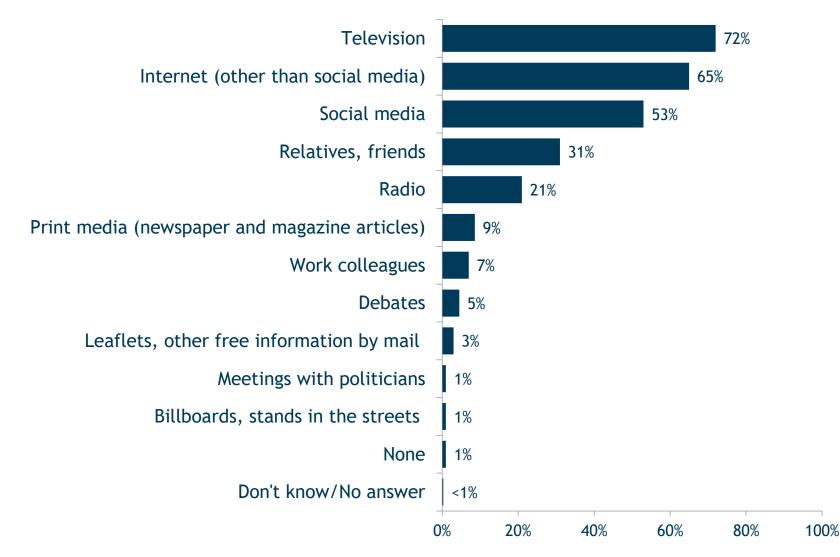
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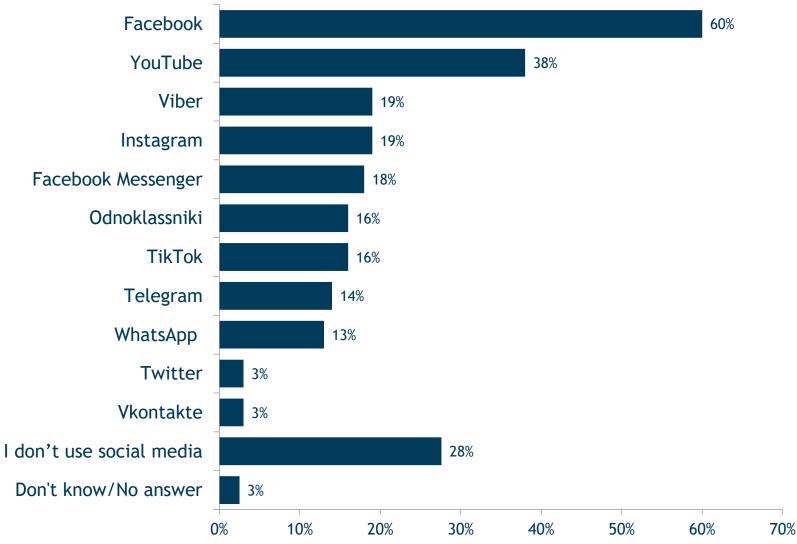
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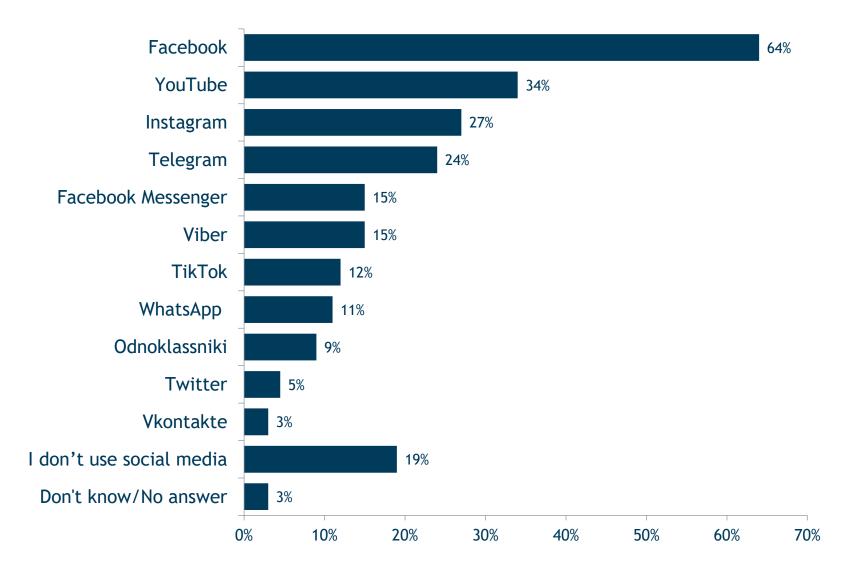
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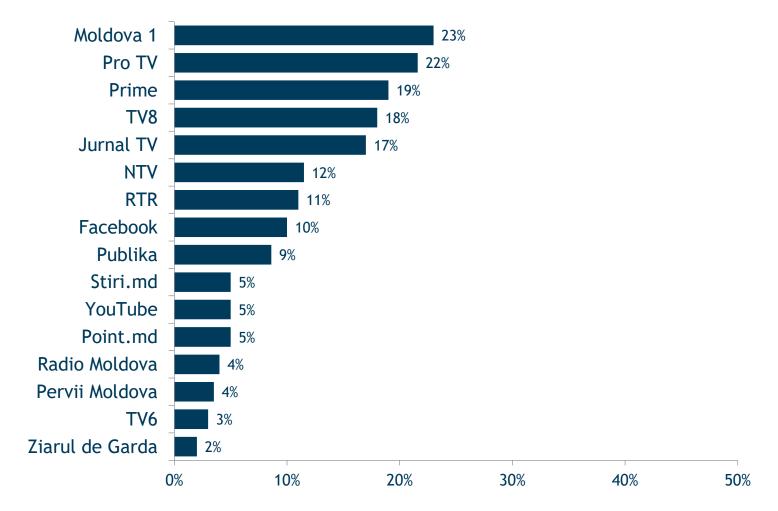
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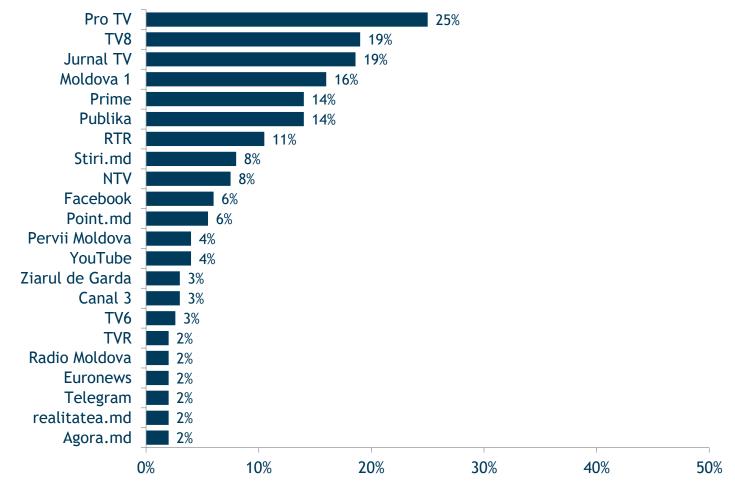


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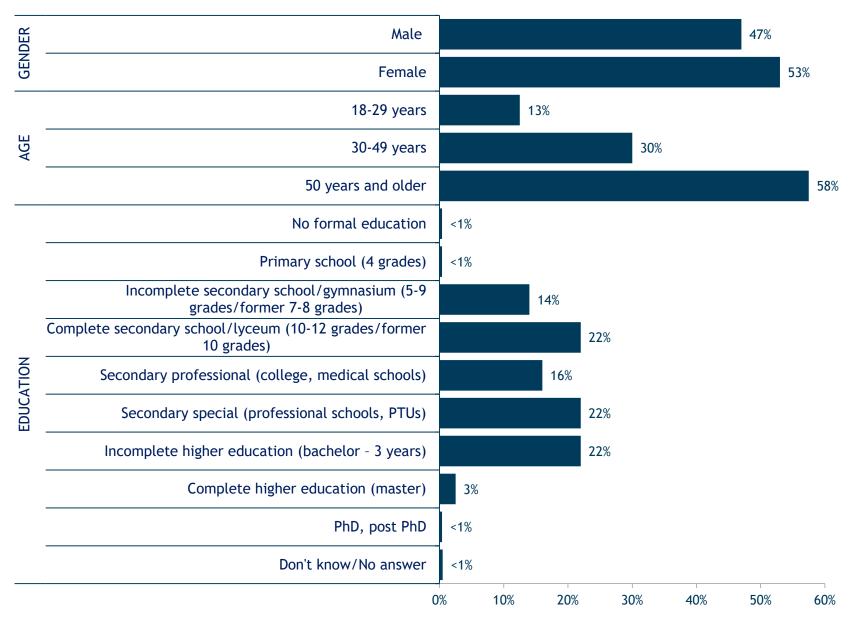
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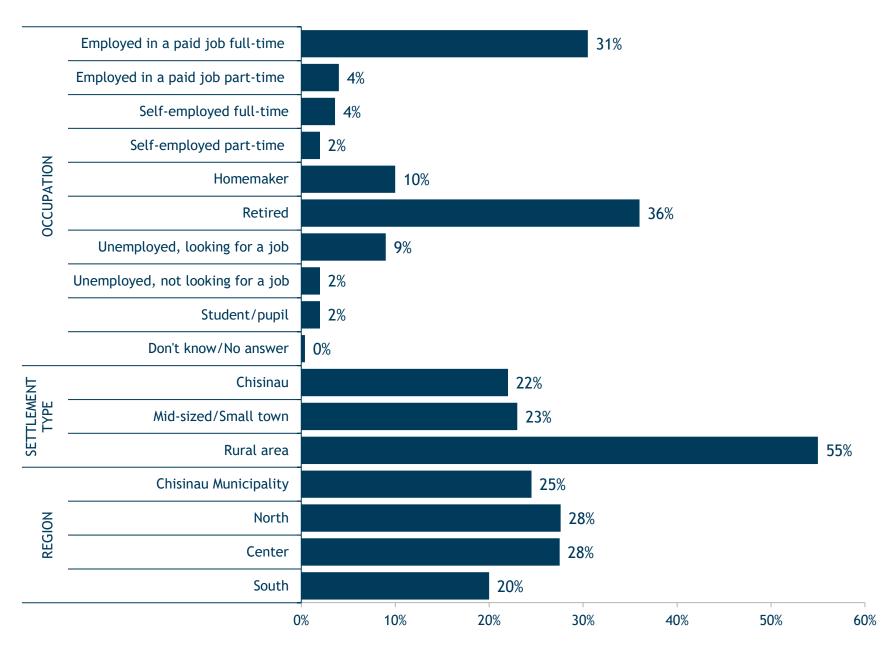
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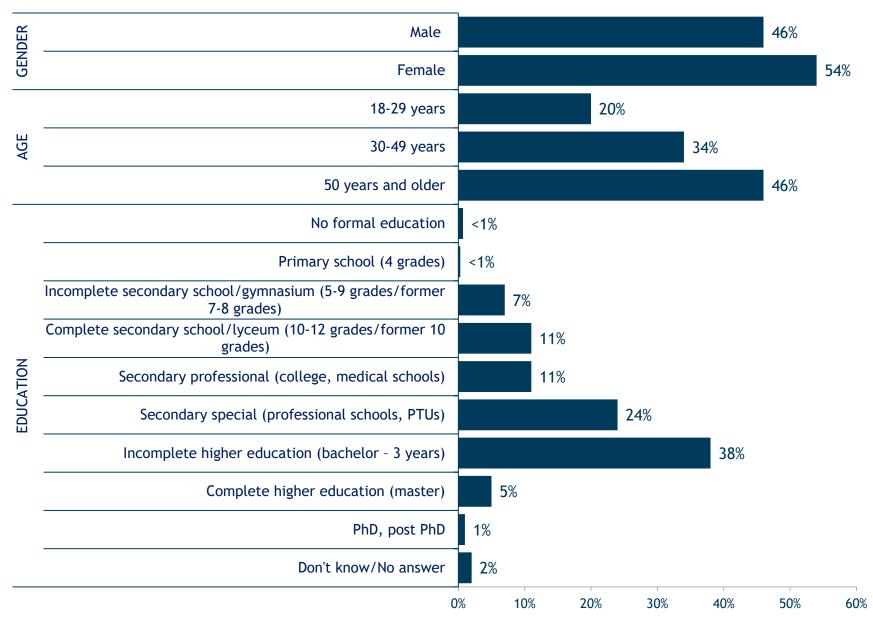
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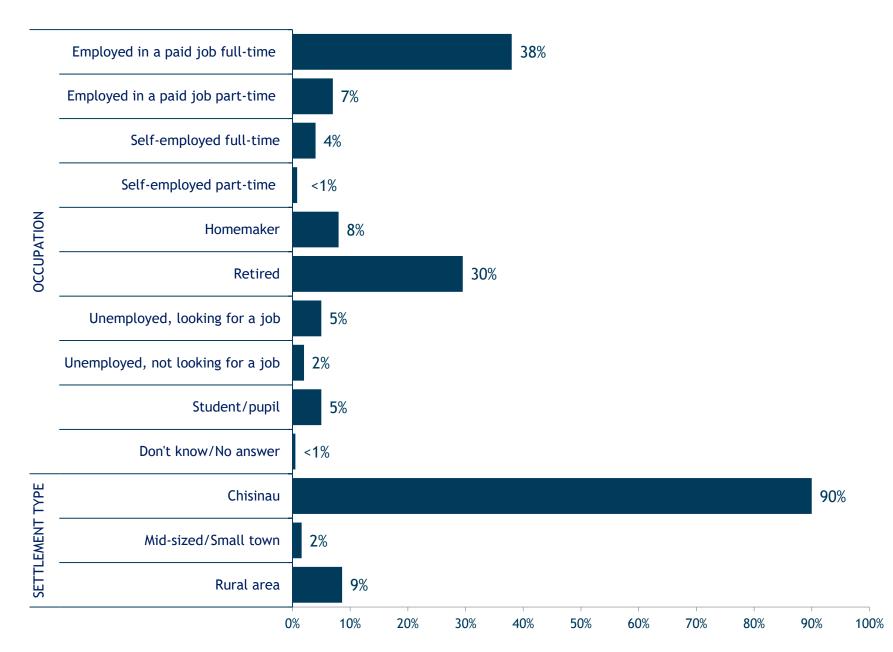


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