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NATIONAL SURVEY OF TIMOR-LESTE

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Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's Center for Insights in Survey Research by INSIGHT LTD.
- Data was collected between February 21 and March 16, 2023, through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of n=1,500 residents of Timor-Leste aged 17 and older. Government workers, political party employees, police and enlisted military personnel were excluded.
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample of Timor-Leste as per the 2015 population census. The sample was stratified by district and by urban/rural residency using a Probability Proportionate to Size (PPS) approach, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Sucos served as PSUs within each stratum. Aldeias were selected within each selected Suco. Aldeias served as sampling points.
- Households were selected by random walk, and respondents were selected by Kish grid while observing a gender quota.
- The achieved sample was weighted for age, gender, municipality, and educational attainment as per the 2015 census of Timor-Leste. The samples for polls conducted prior 2018 are not weighted.
- The margin of error for the mid-range full sample does not exceed ± 2.5 points at the 95%level of confidence.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Brackets	17-35	n = 832
	36-55	n = 668
Gender	Men	n = 752
	Women	n = 748
Urbanicity	Urban	n = 503
	Rural	n = 997

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

Previous IRI Timor-Leste polls

Poll	Fieldwork Dates	Total Sample Size
National Survey of Timor-Leste Public Opinion	November 4 – November 24, 2016	n = 1,200
National Public Opinion Survey of Timor-Leste	April 17 – May 14, 2017	n = 1,200
National Public Opinion Survey of Timor-Leste	October 23 – October 30, 2018 November 5 – November 12, 2018	n = 1,500

About the Center for Insights In Survey Research (CISR)

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Research and qualitative and quantitative public opinion data is a cornerstone of IRI's approach to programming. Our data ensures citizens' needs are at the center of the political debate and guide our projects' goals. **To date, IRI has conducted more than 1,000 polls in over 100 countries, surveying more than 1.5 million people and measuring community attitudes on a wide range of issues.**

IRI's research approach integrates CISR's methodological polling best practices protocol and field partner in-depth knowledge of the local research environment. This close collaboration begins at project design, with carefully calibrated sampling and instrument development, and continues throughout the entire fieldwork cycle to ensure the collection of reliable qualitative and quantitative data.

← For more of IRI's public opinion research, see CISR's content.

General Outlook

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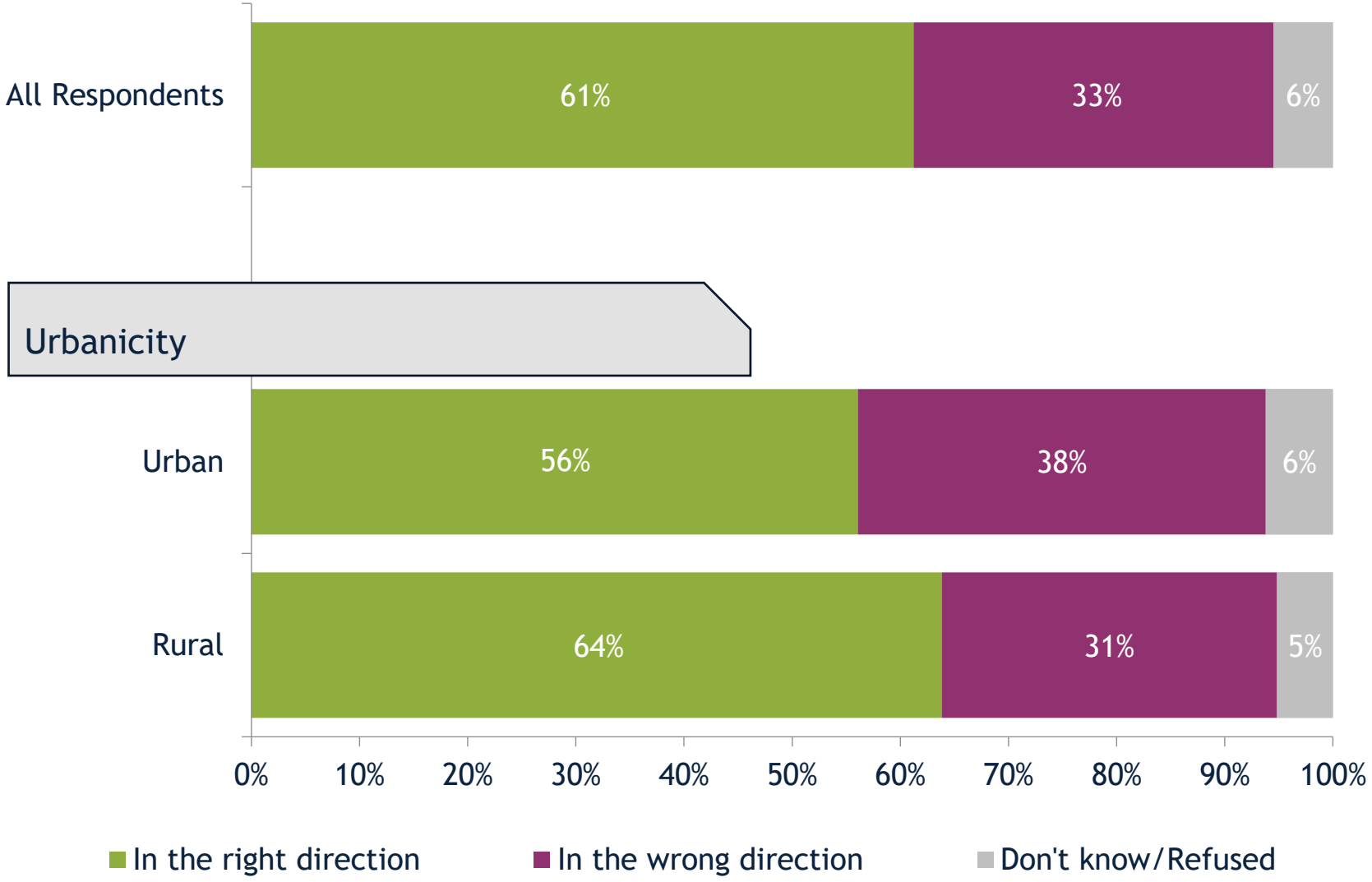
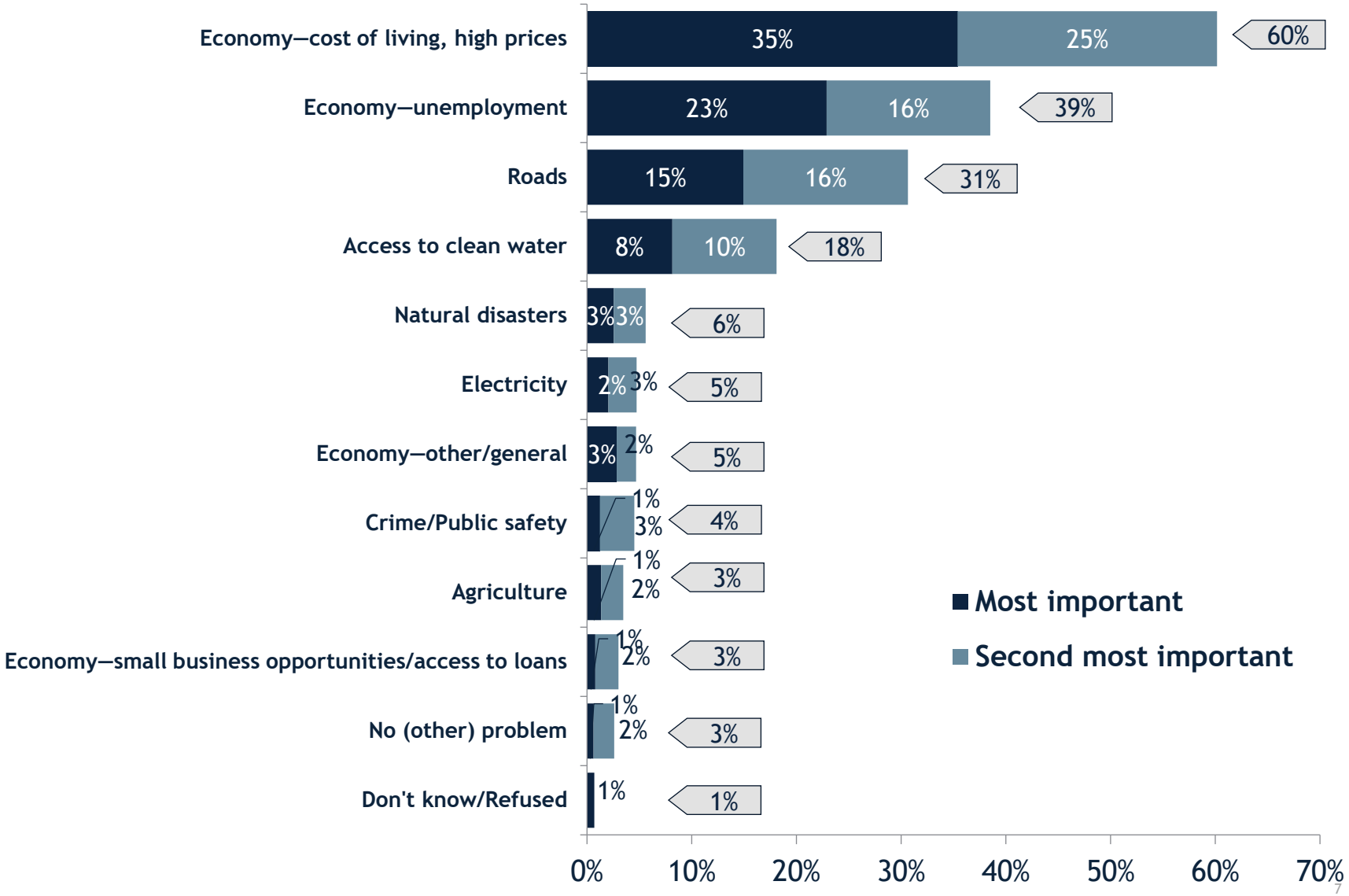
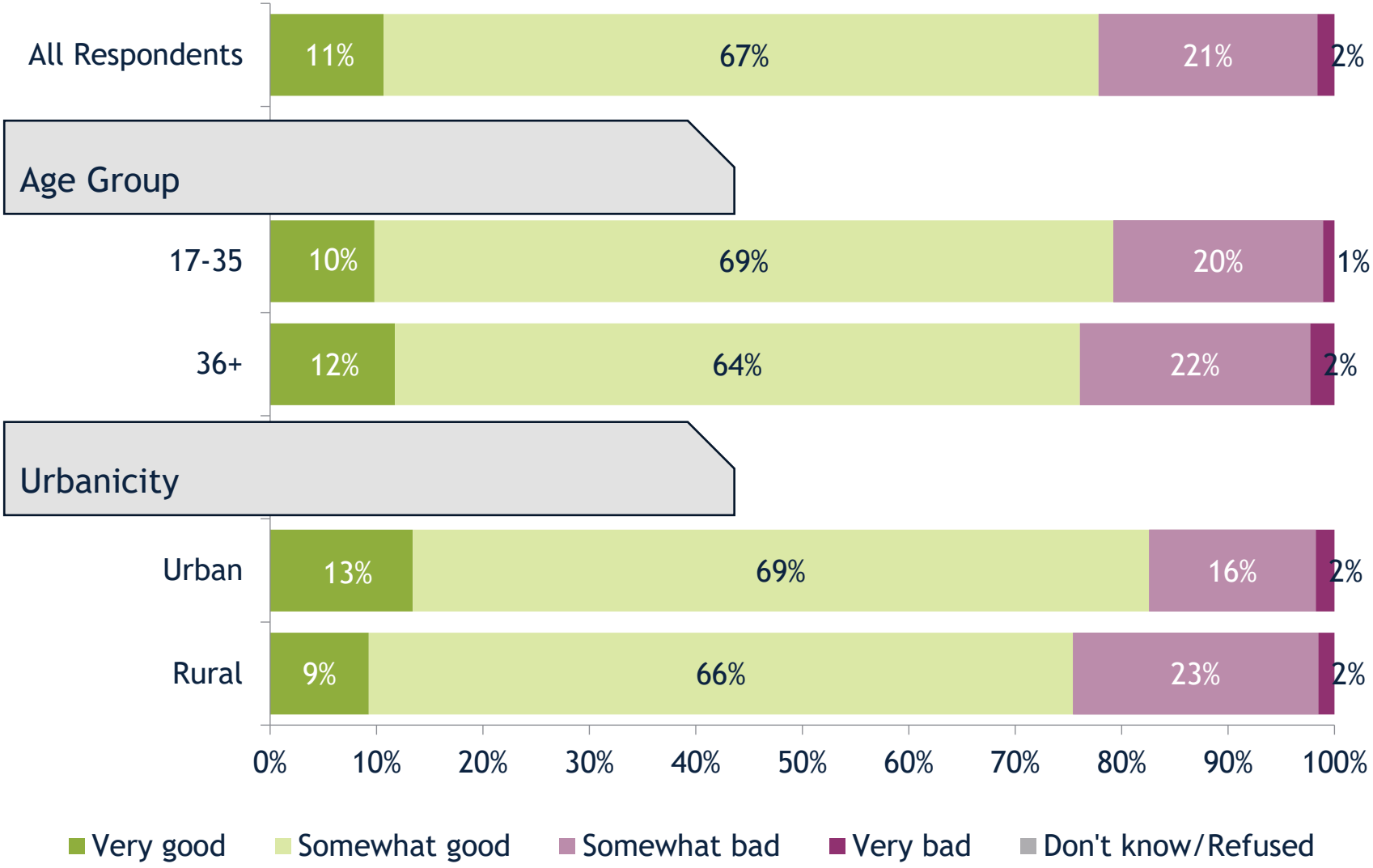


What is the most important problem facing our country today? And what is the second most important problem?

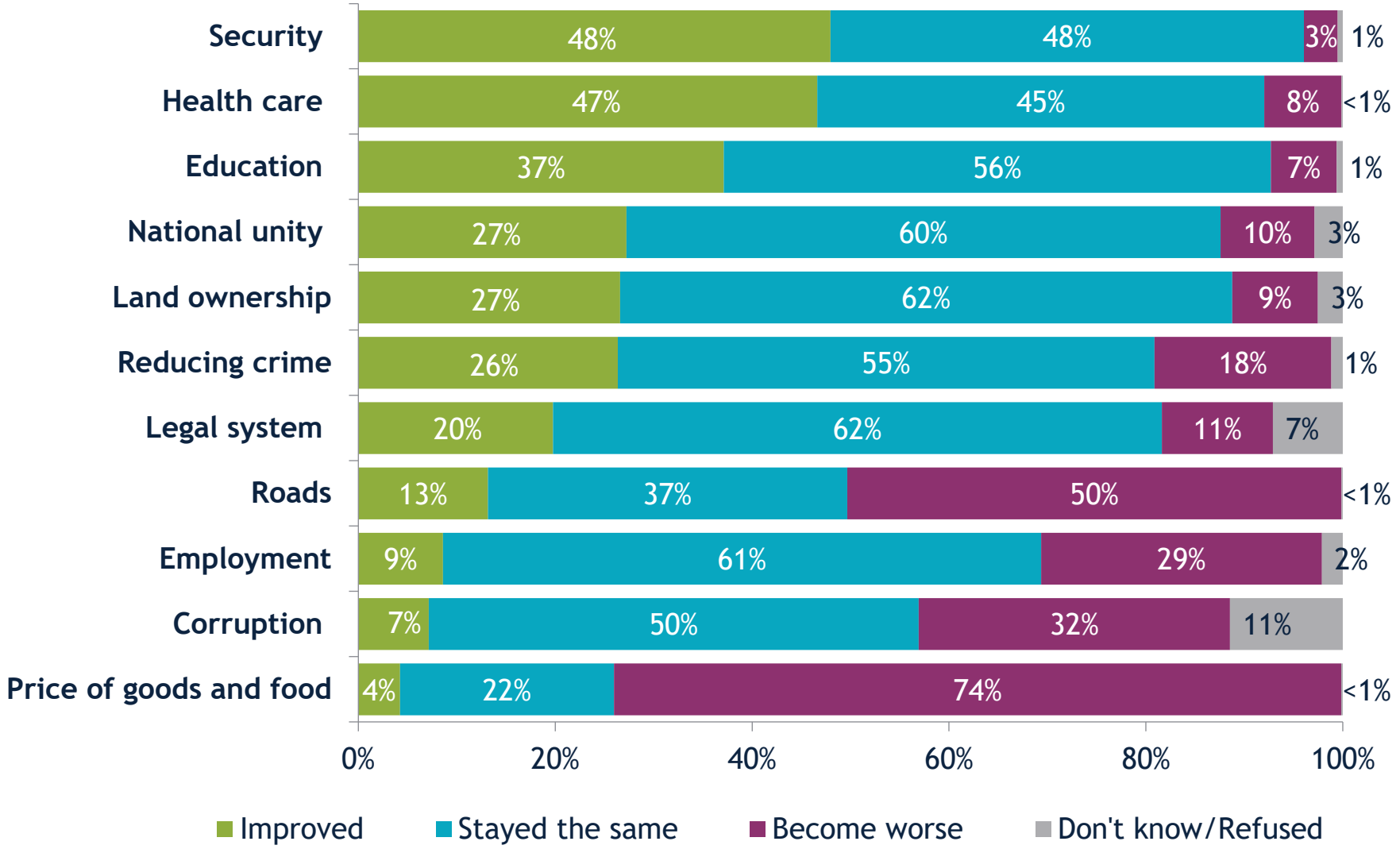
Spontaneous response, top ten responses displayed



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



Now, I'm going to read you a list of issues, and for each one, please tell me whether you feel that the situation has improved, stayed the same, or become worse in the last year?



Elections

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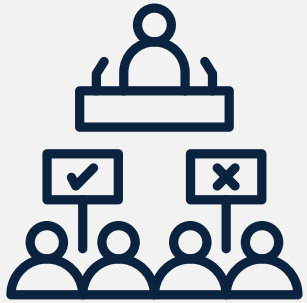
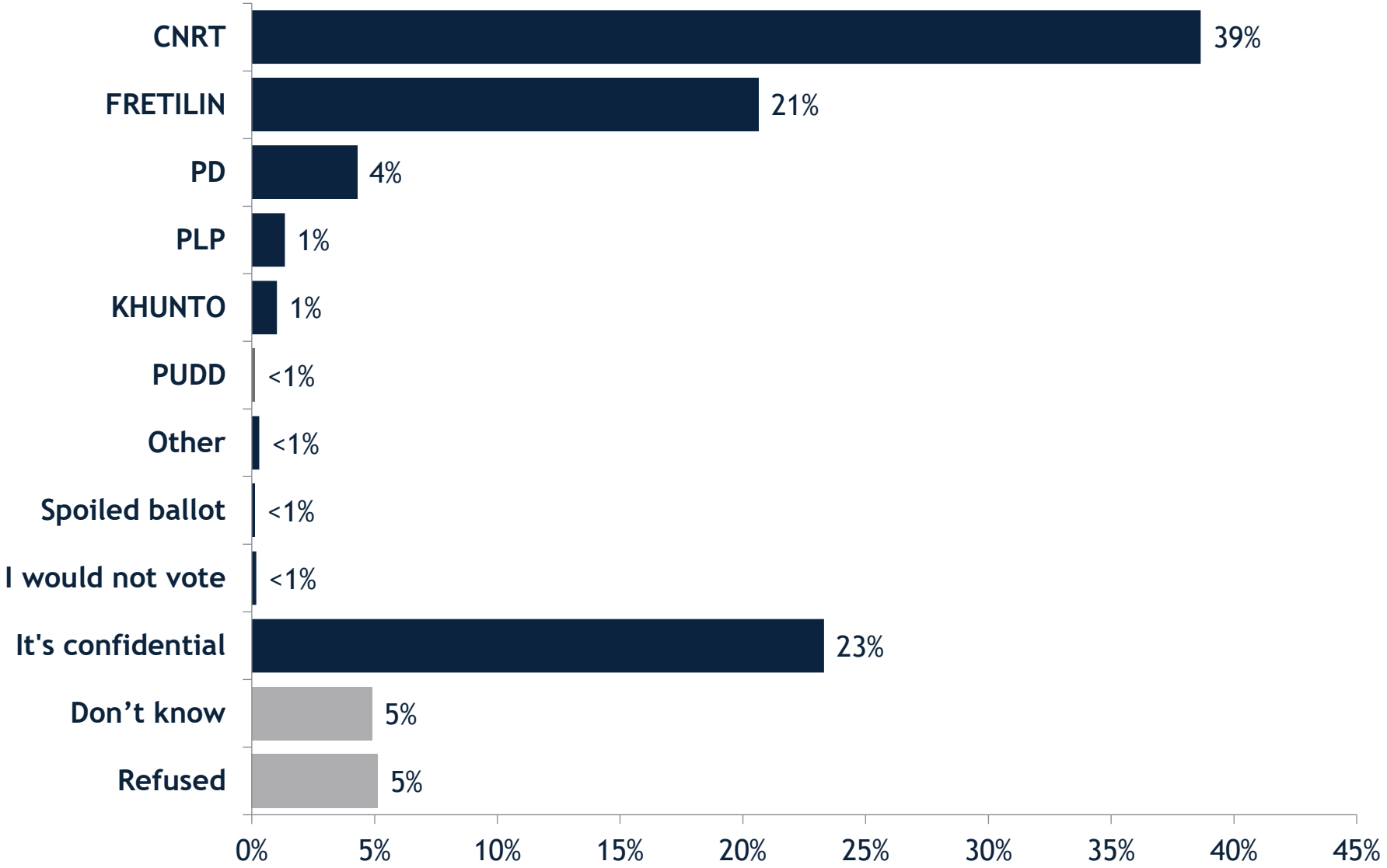


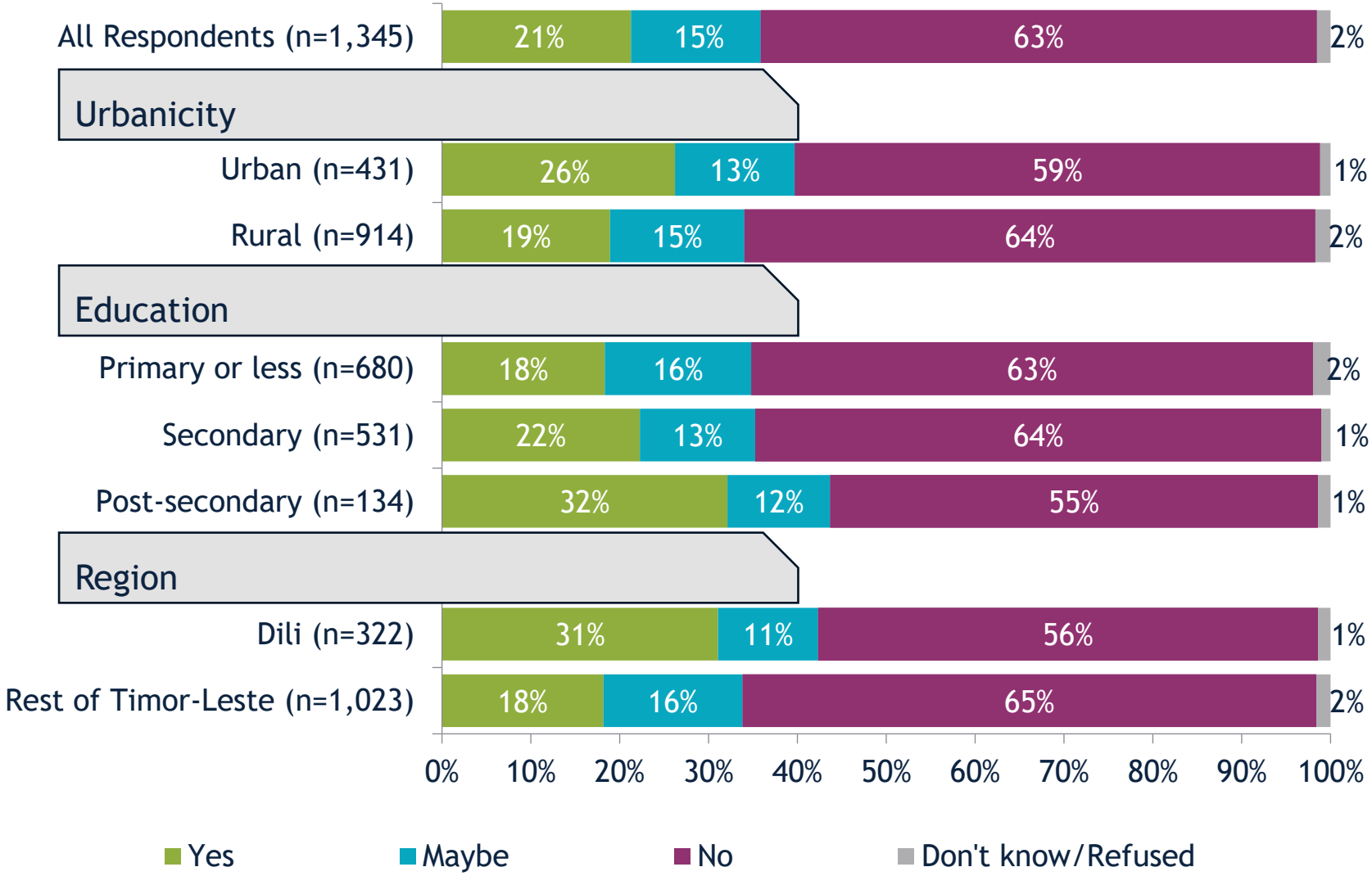
If elections were held this coming Saturday, for which party, if any, would you vote?

Spontaneous response



Would you consider voting for other political parties in future elections?

Among those who would vote for a party in upcoming elections



Governance

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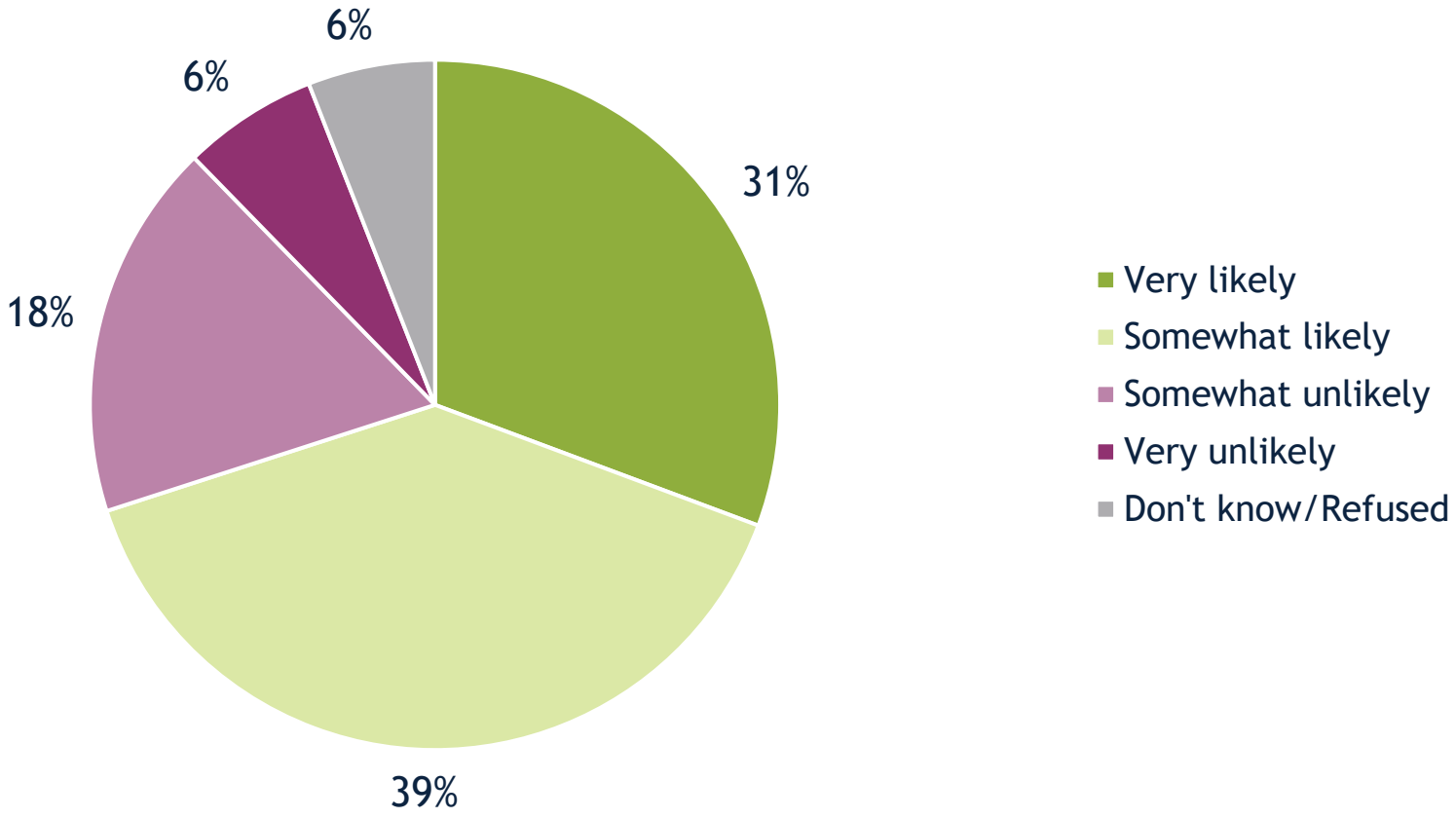

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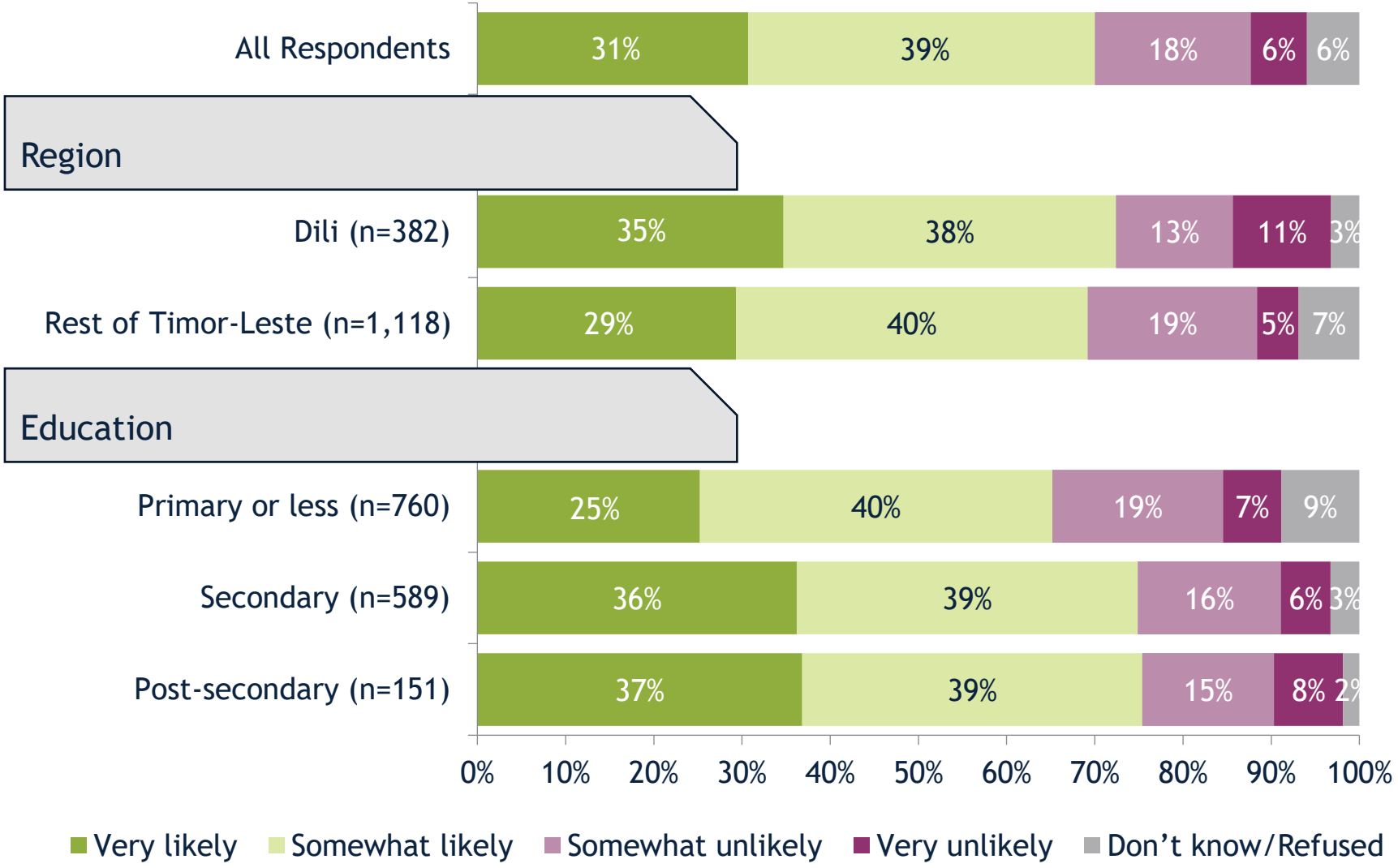
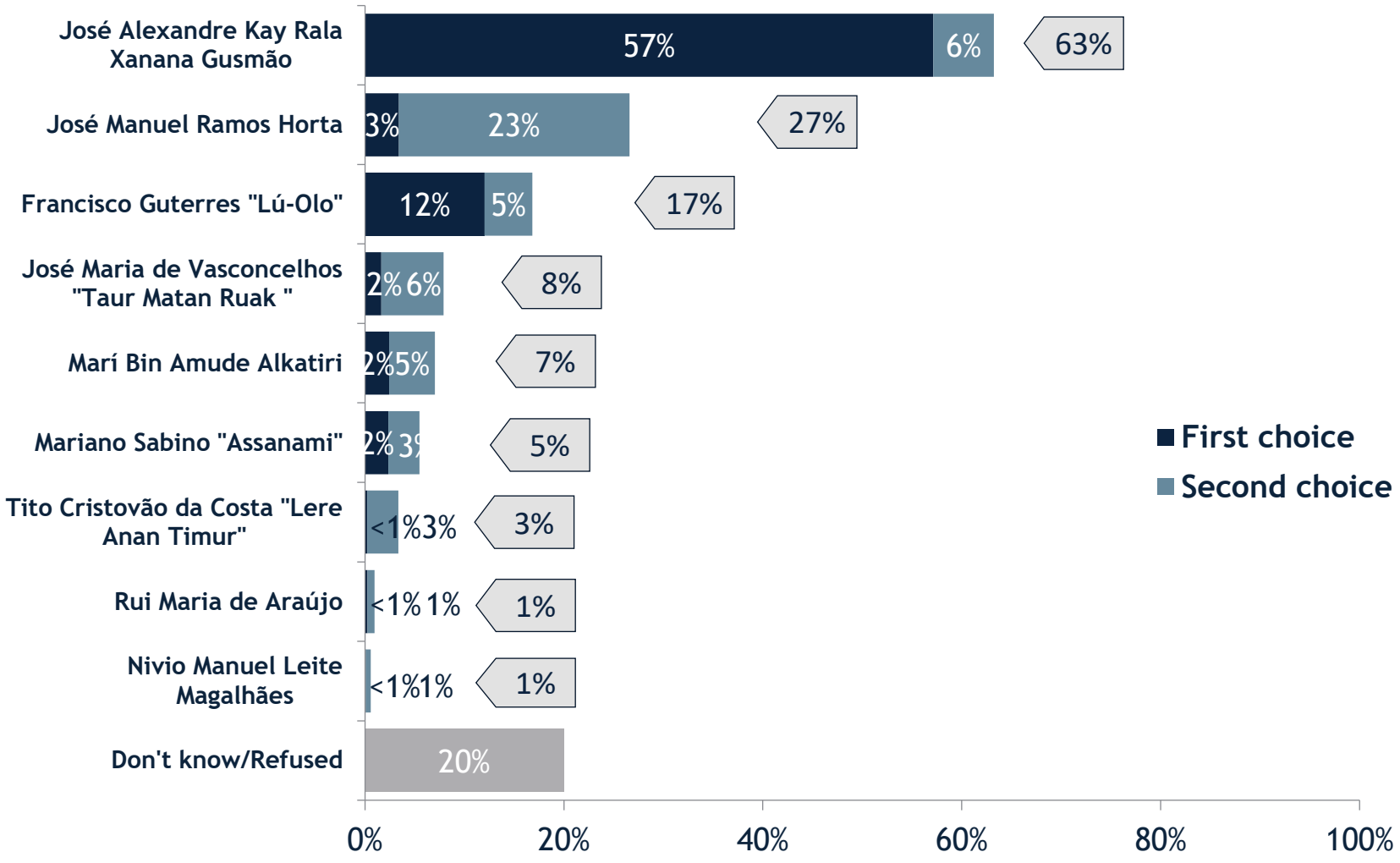


In your opinion, who are the top two best political or government leaders in Timor-Leste?

(Spontaneous response, up to two responses accepted)



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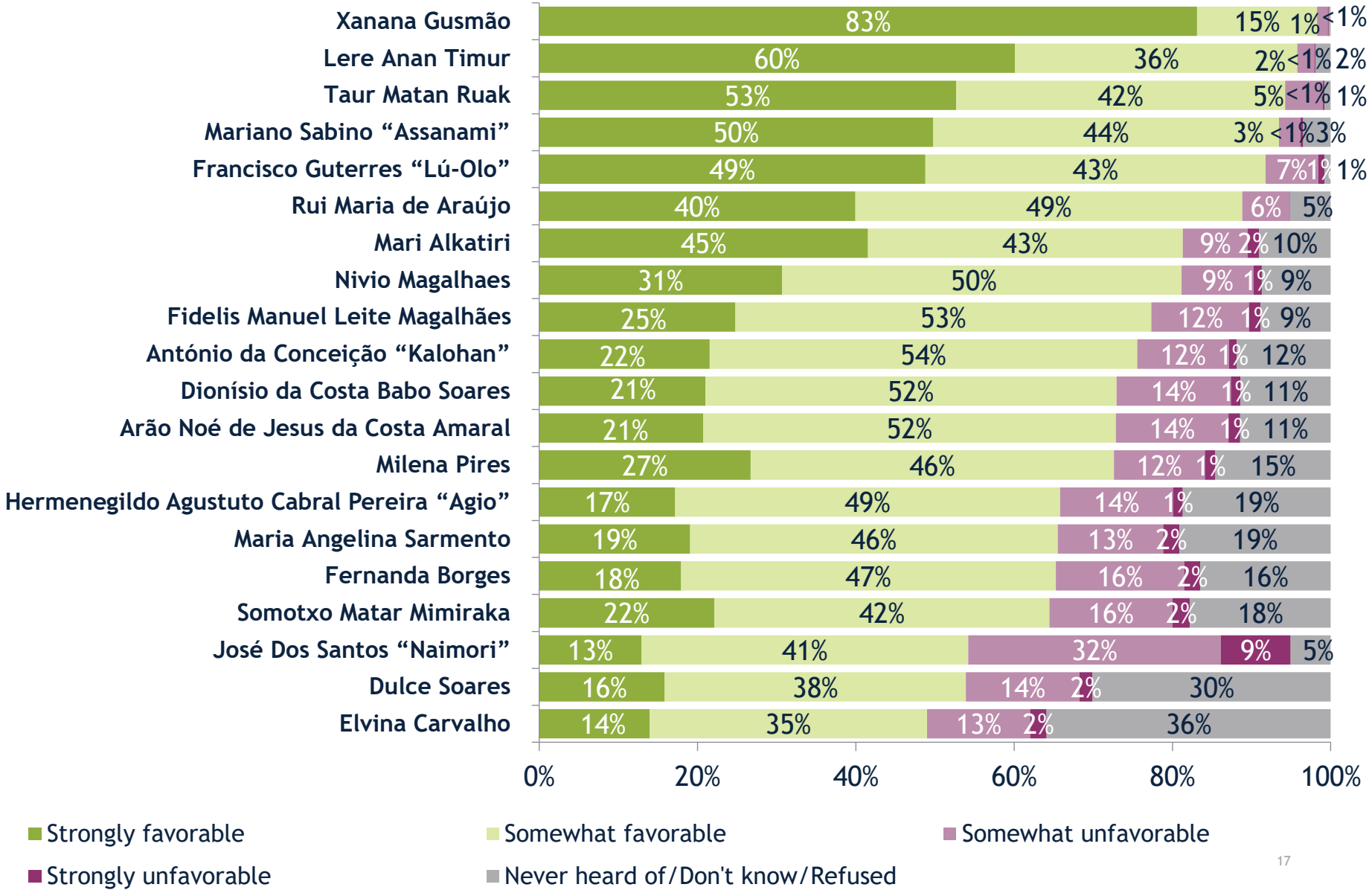
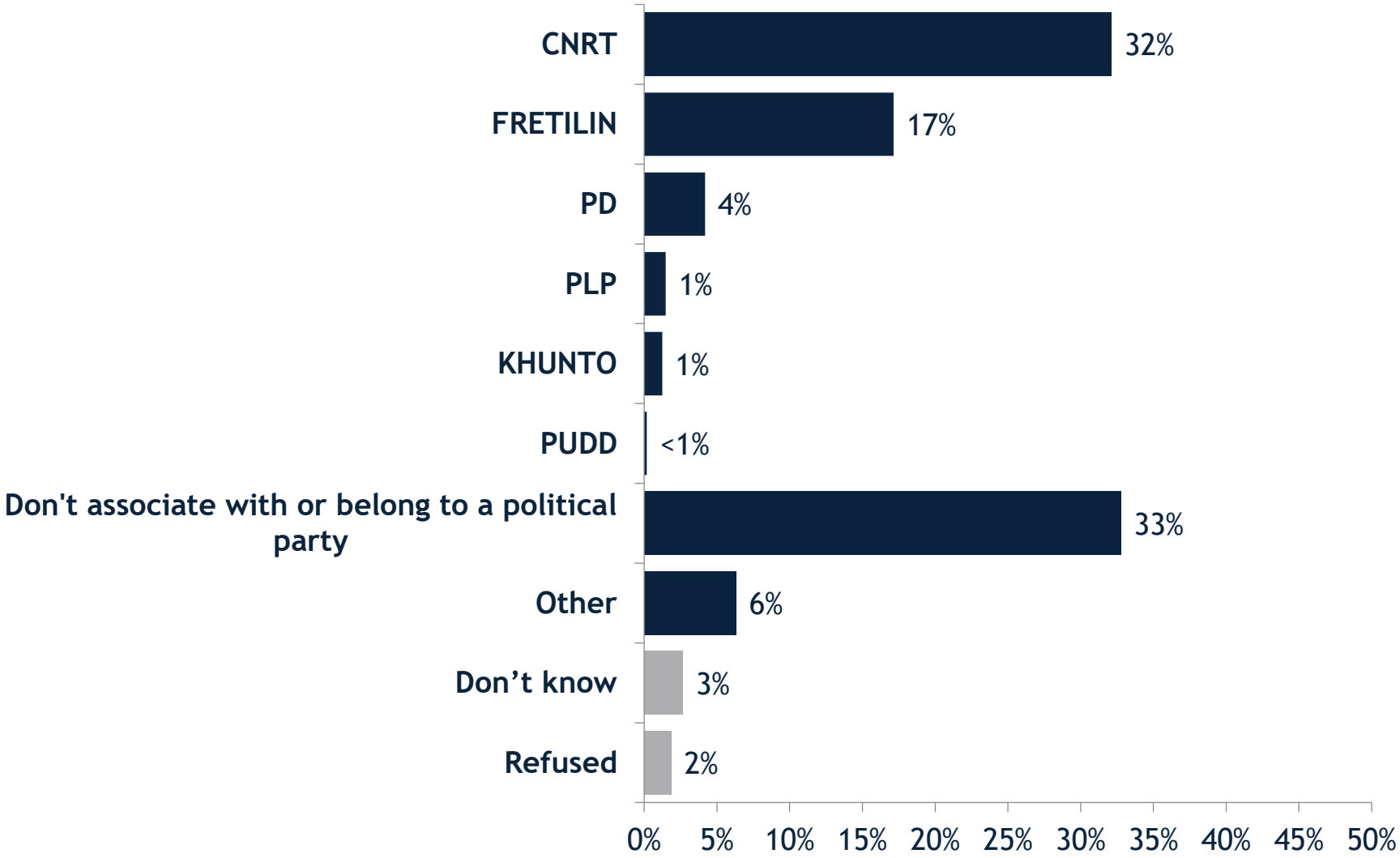


Which political party do you associate with or belong to, if any?

Spontaneous response



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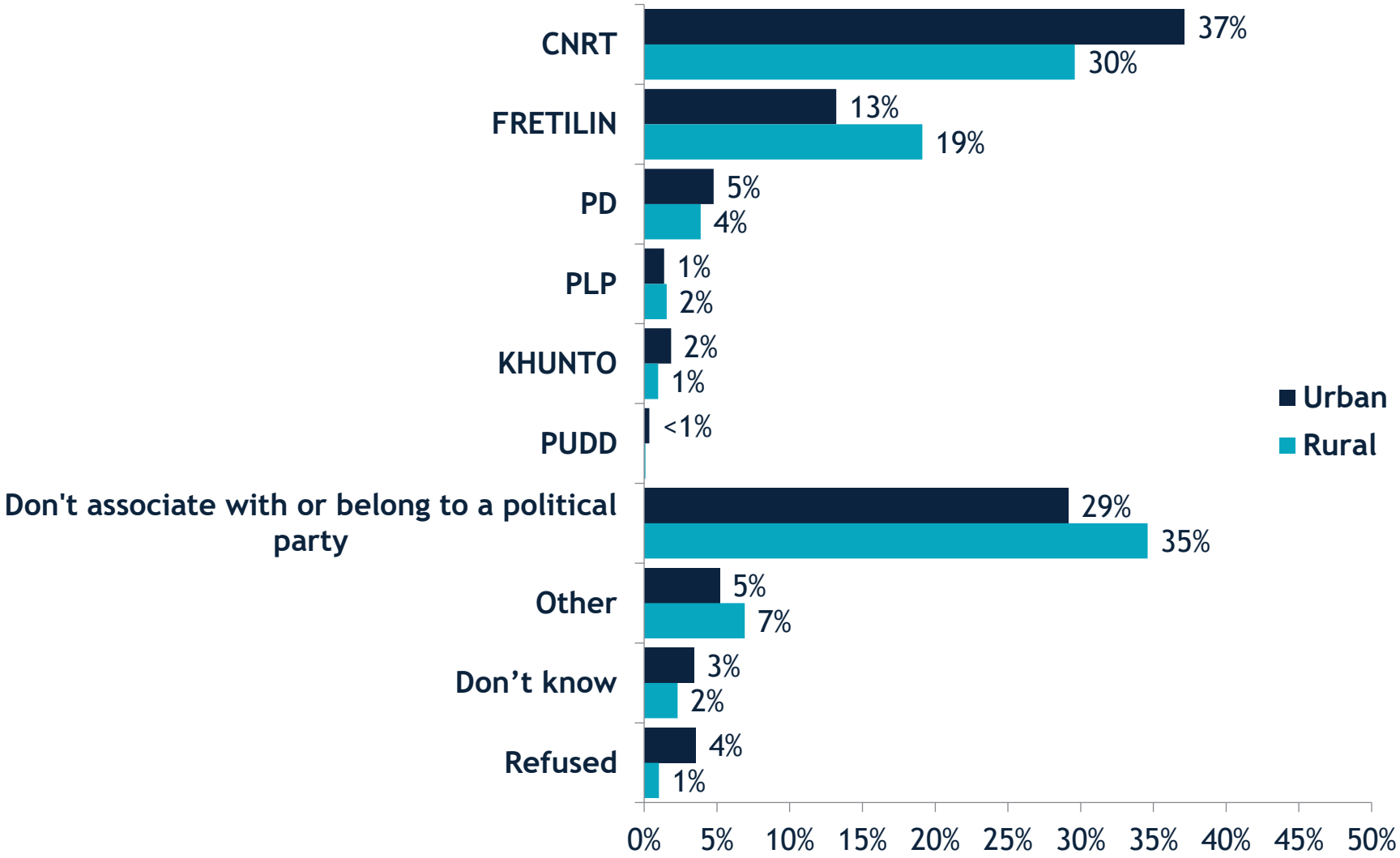
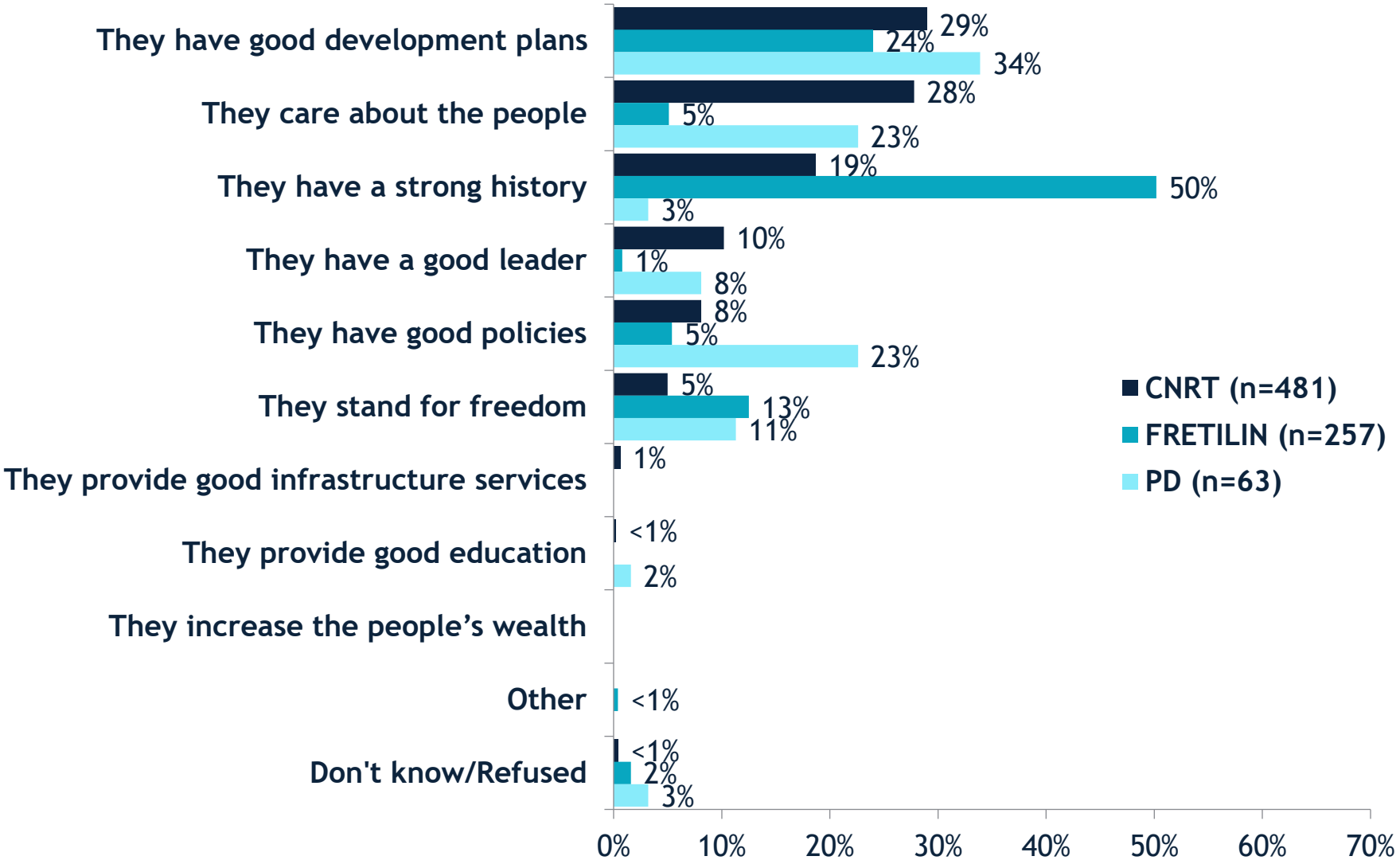


What is the main reason that you associate with or belong to this political party?

Among those who associate with a political party, disaggregates for top 3 parties displayed



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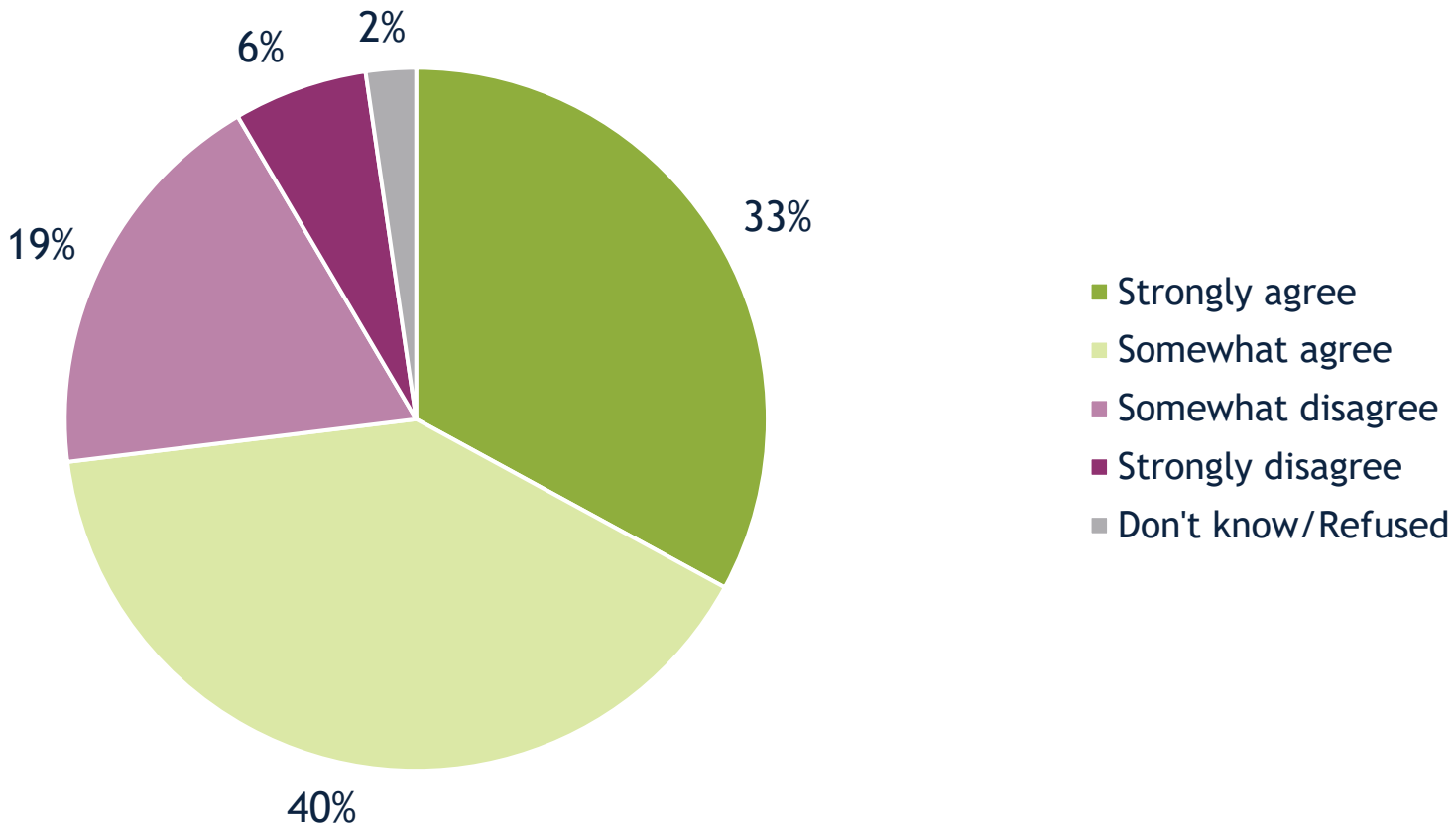

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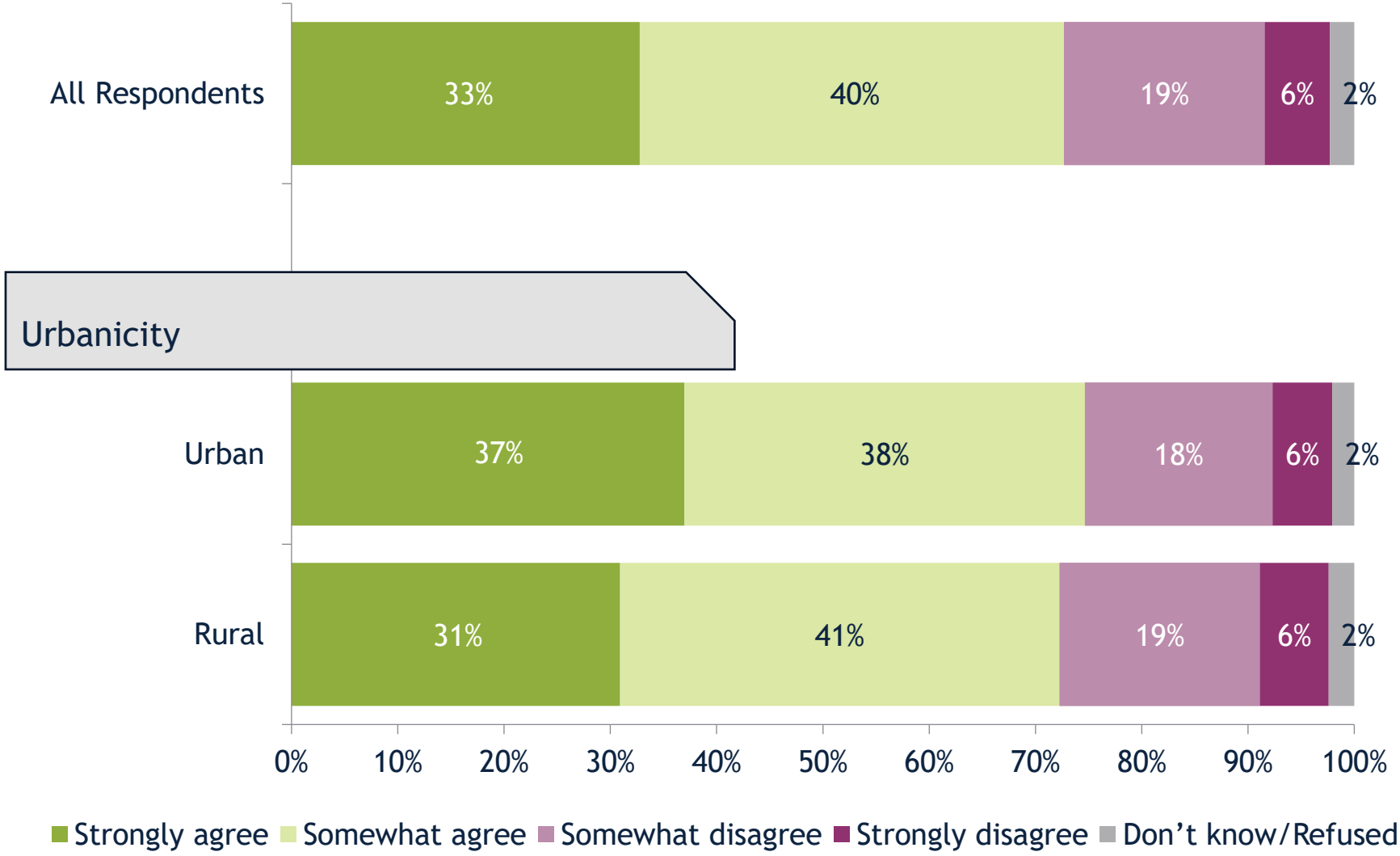

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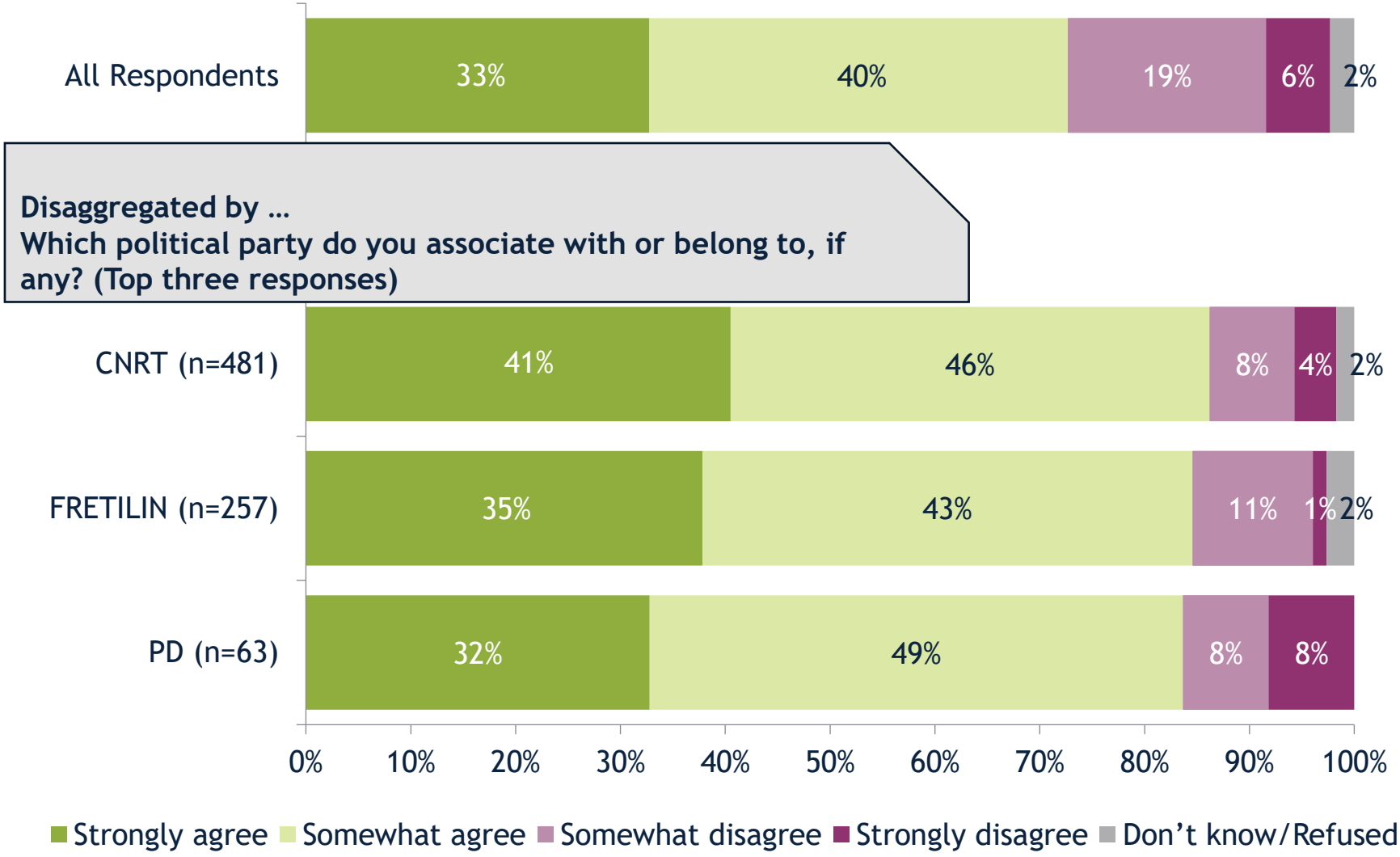
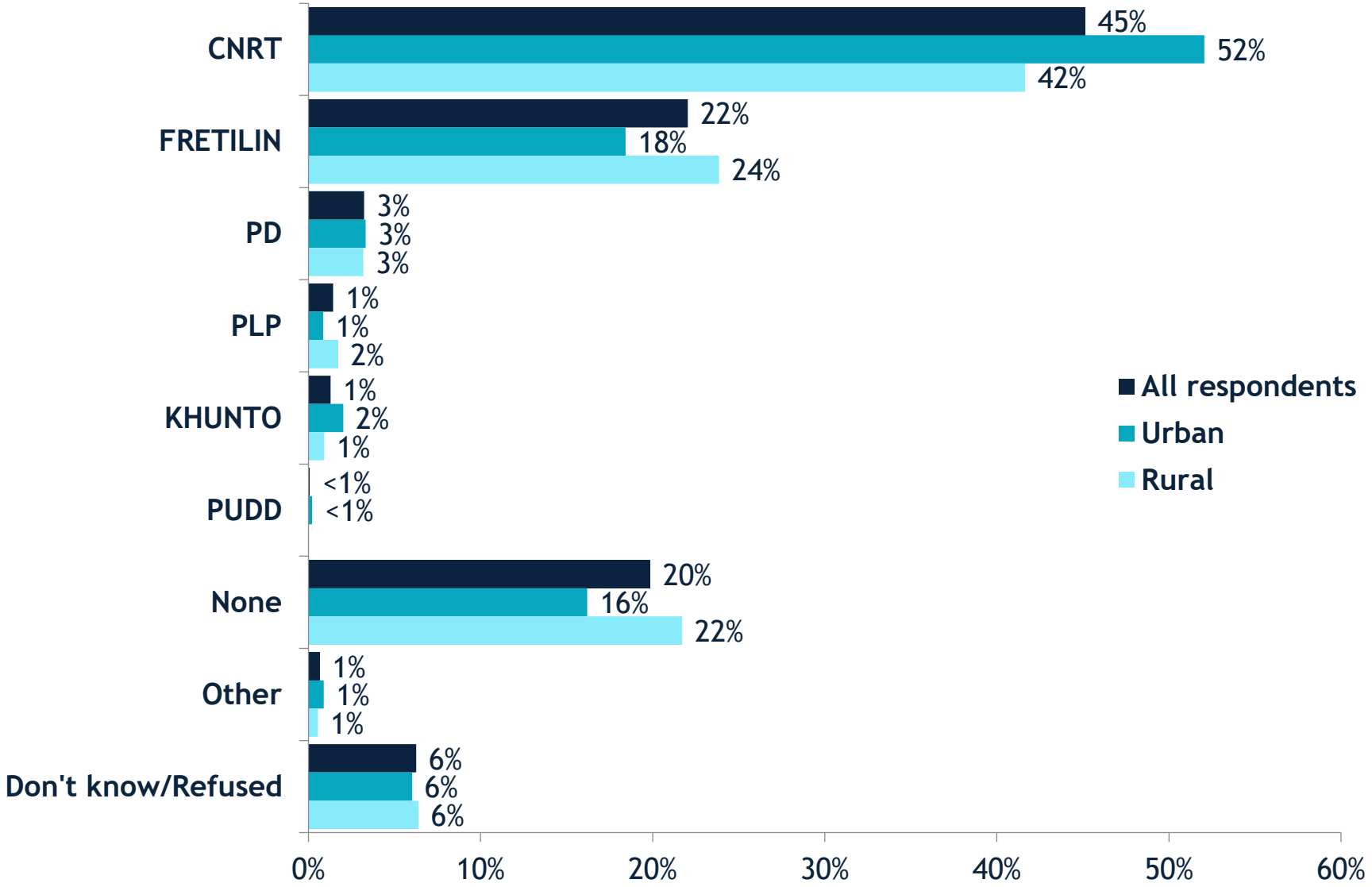


Which political party is most active in your neighborhood?

Spontaneous response



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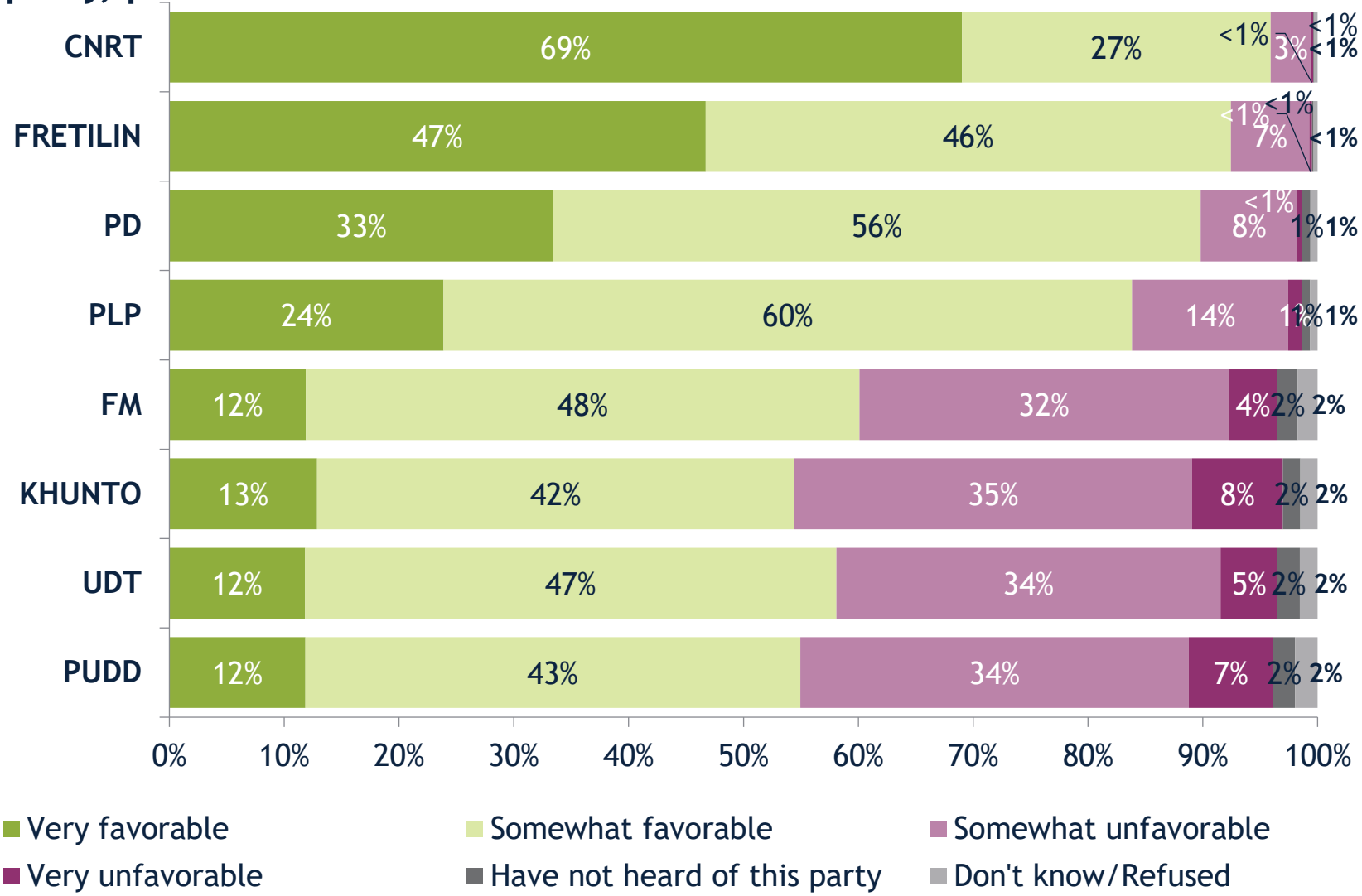

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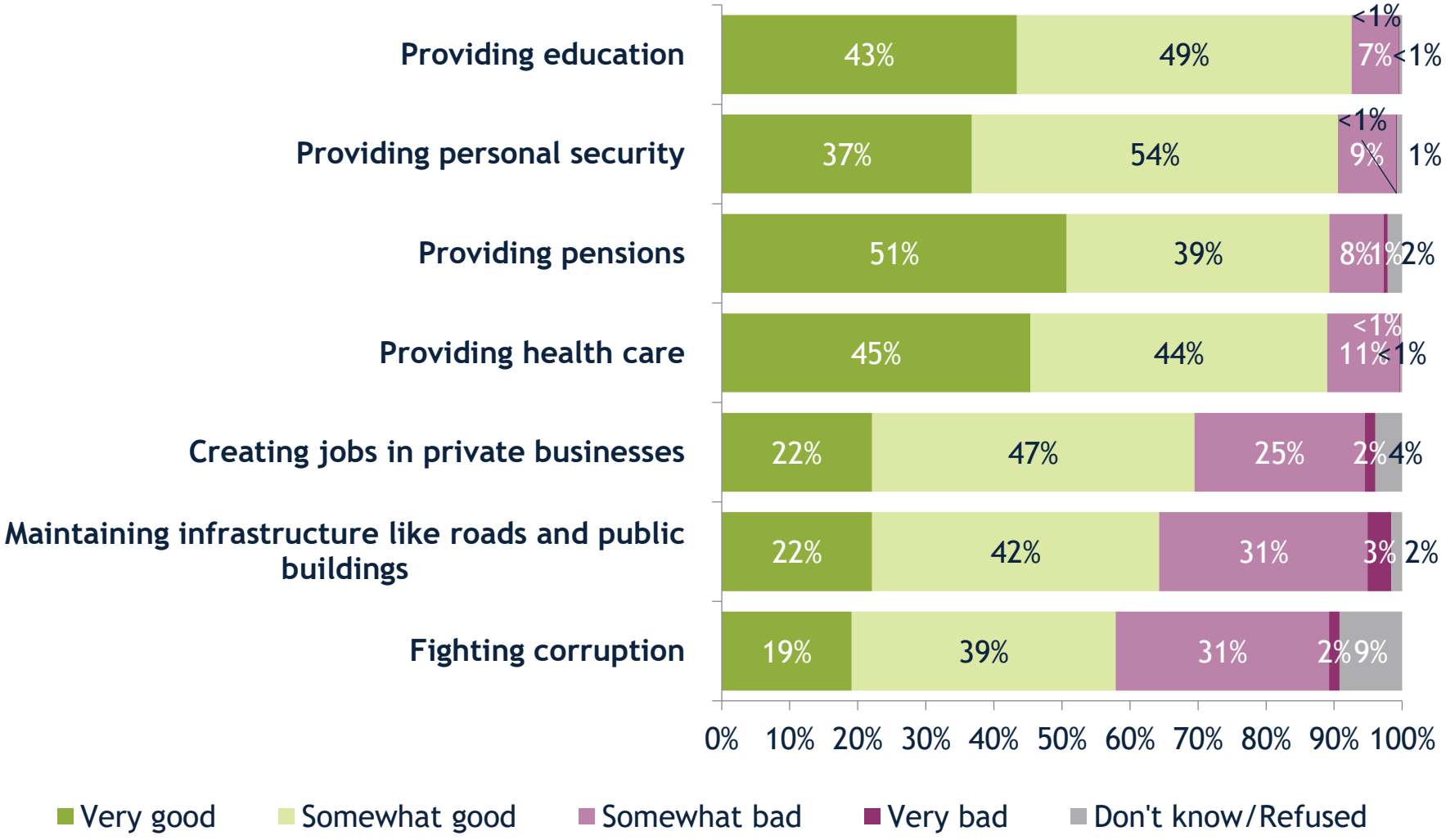

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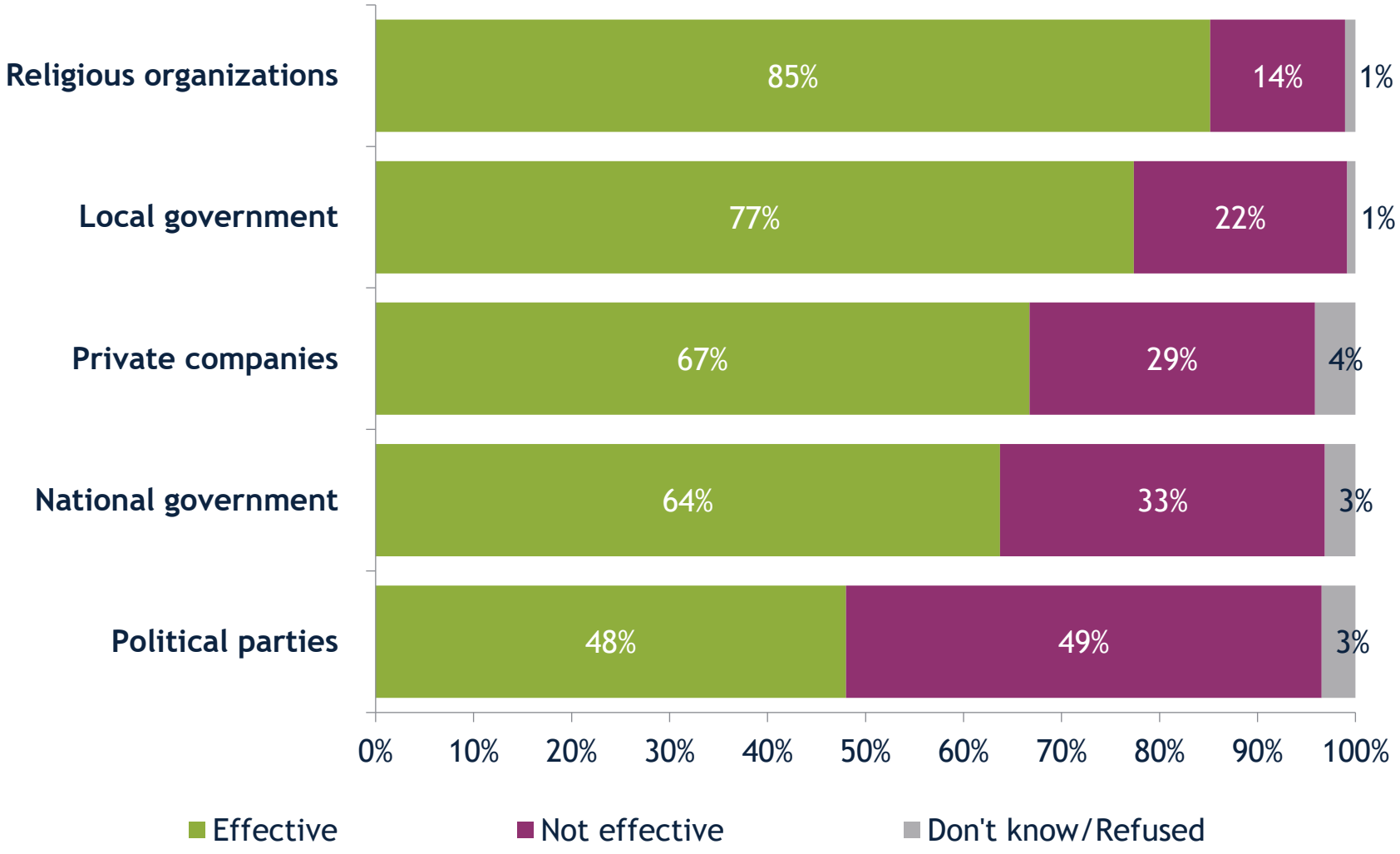
(Total for very good and somewhat good responses shown)

	Age Group		Gender		All Respondents
	17-35	36+	Men	Women	
Providing education	91%	95%	92%	93%	92%
Providing personal security	90%	91%	90%	91%	91%
Providing pensions	90%	89%	88%	92%	90%
Providing health care	87%	92%	89%	90%	89%
Creating jobs in private businesses	69%	70%	69%	70%	69%
Maintaining infrastructure like roads and public buildings	65%	63%	64%	65%	64%
Fighting corruption	56%	59%	59%	56%	58%

Do you consider each of the following organizations effective or not effective in addressing challenges our country and community may face?



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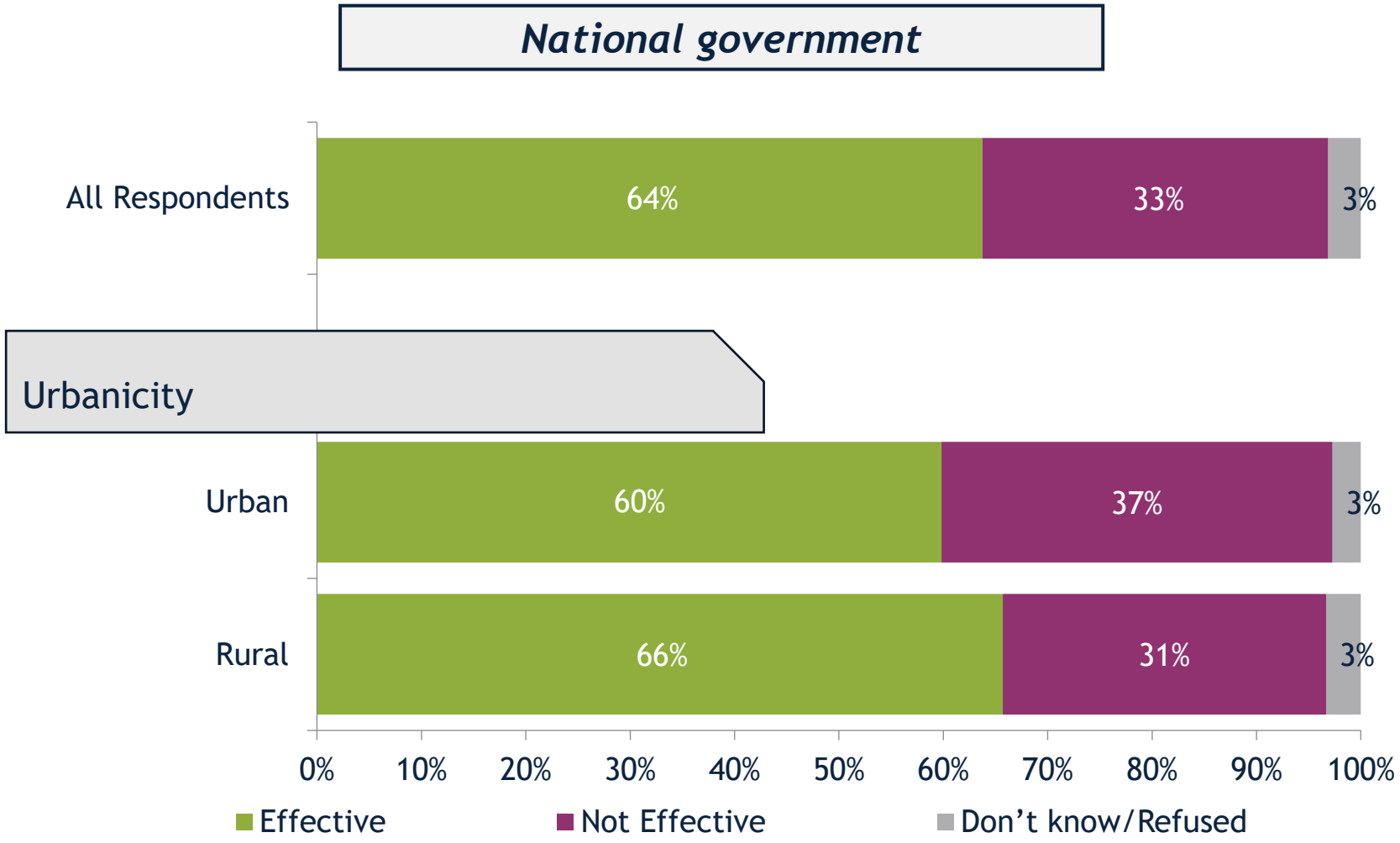
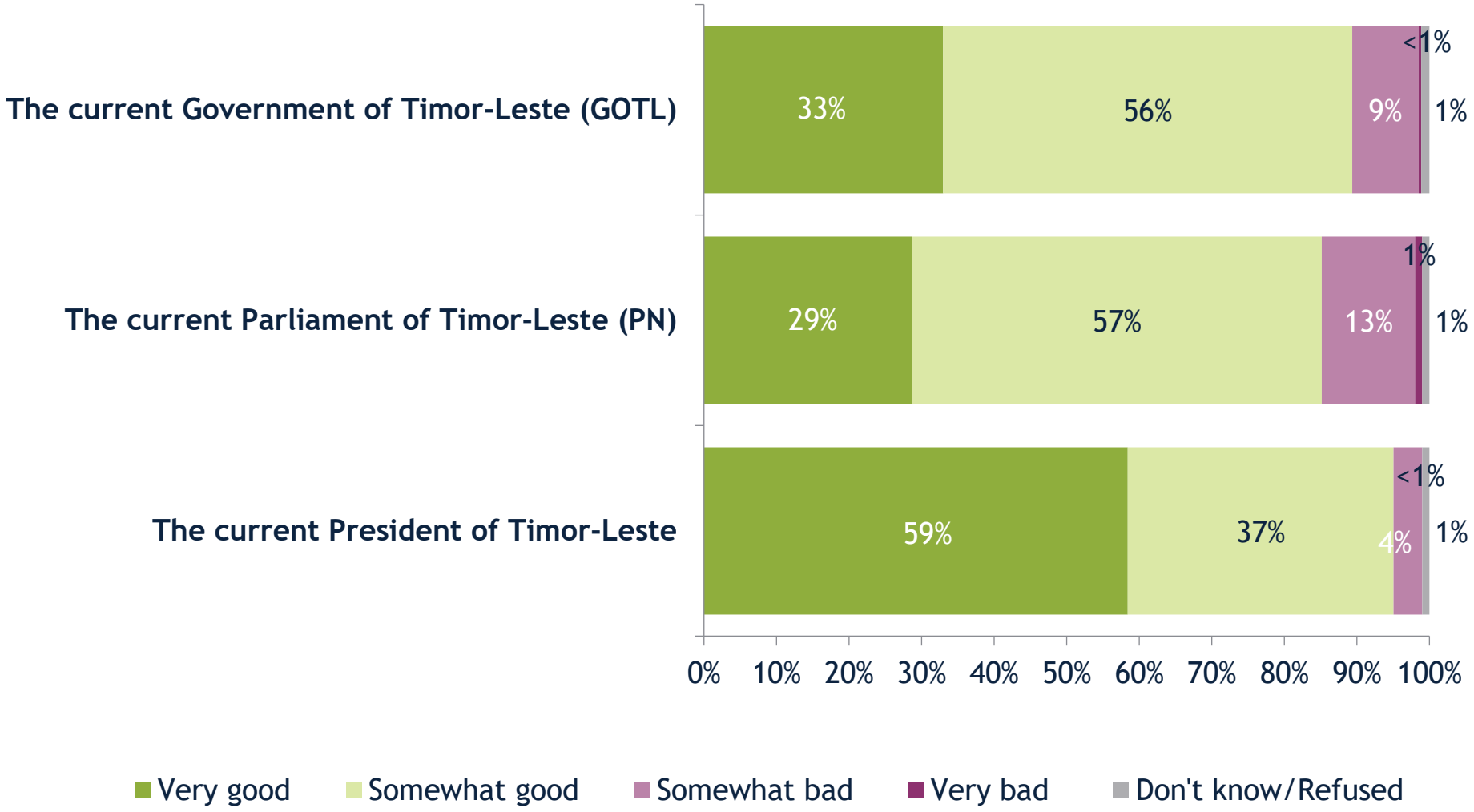
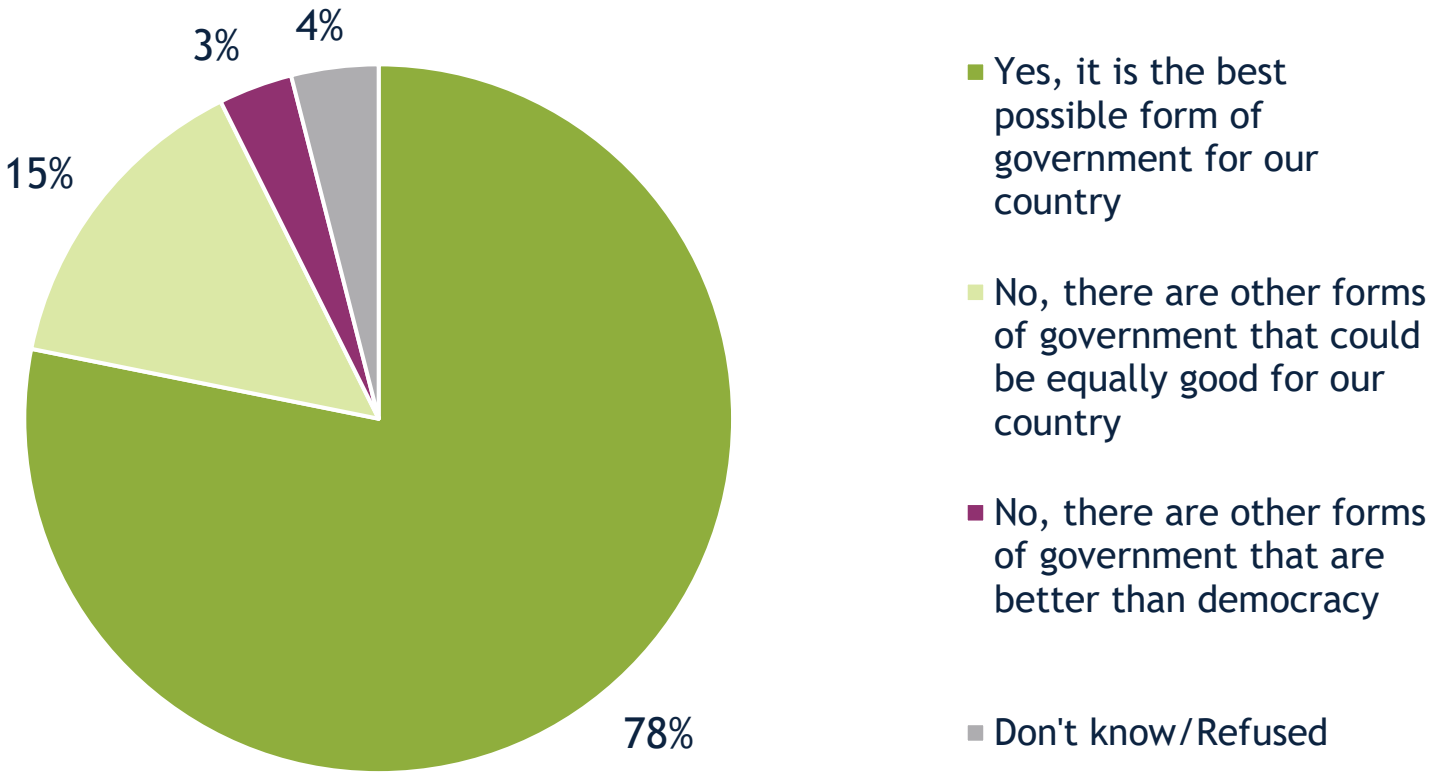


How would you rate the performance of…?



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



Inclusion

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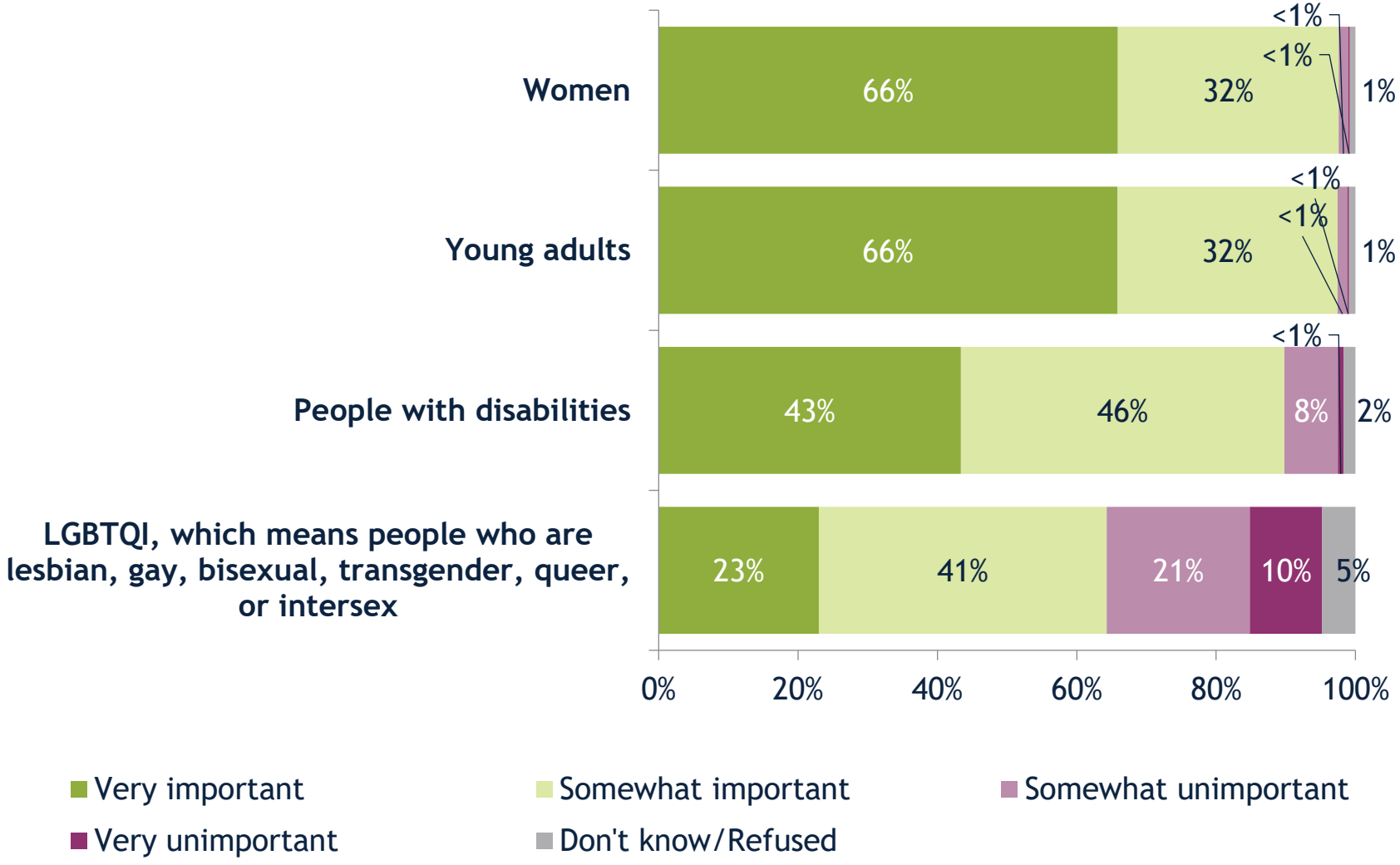
How important or unimportant is it that […] are included in political decision making?



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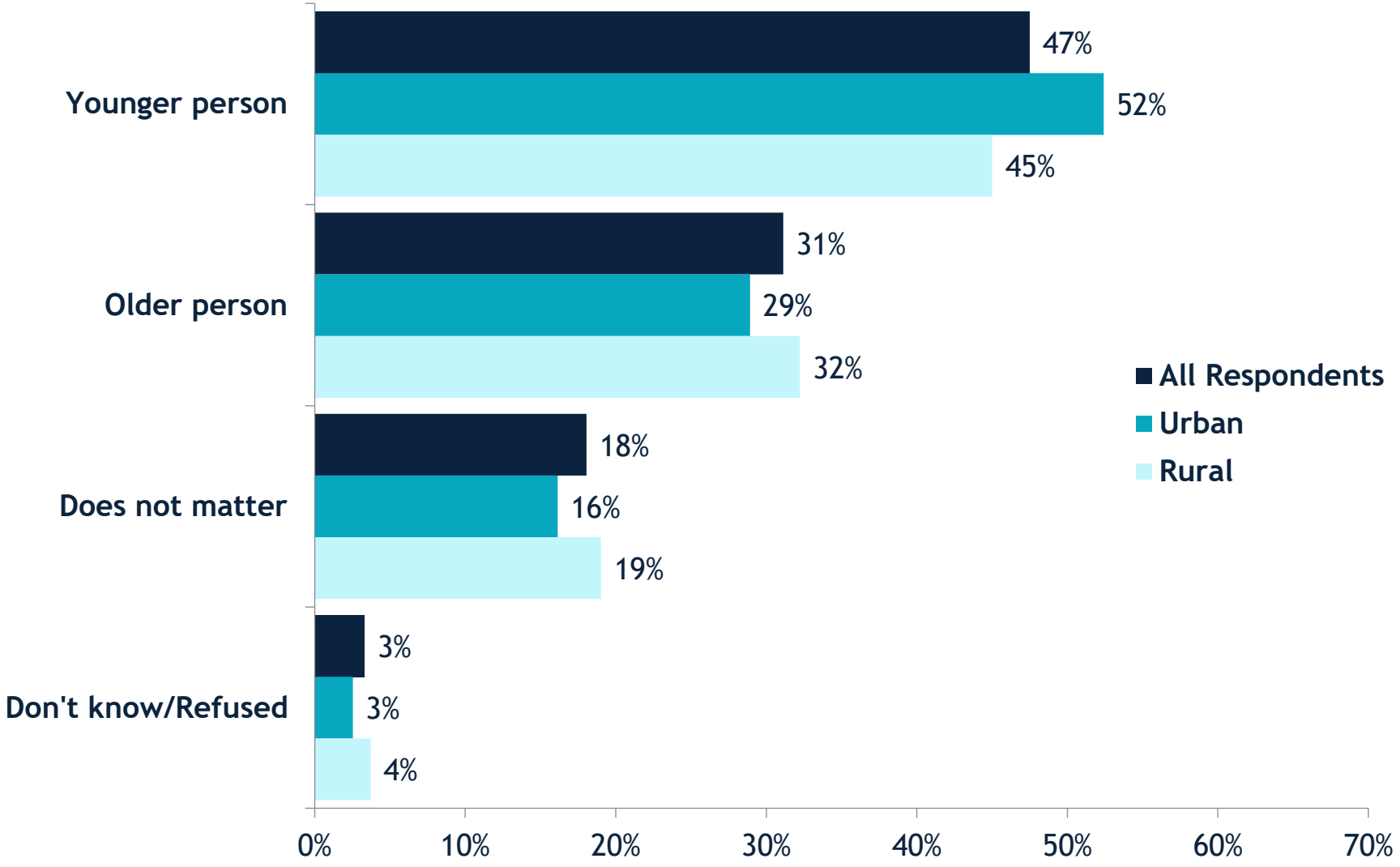

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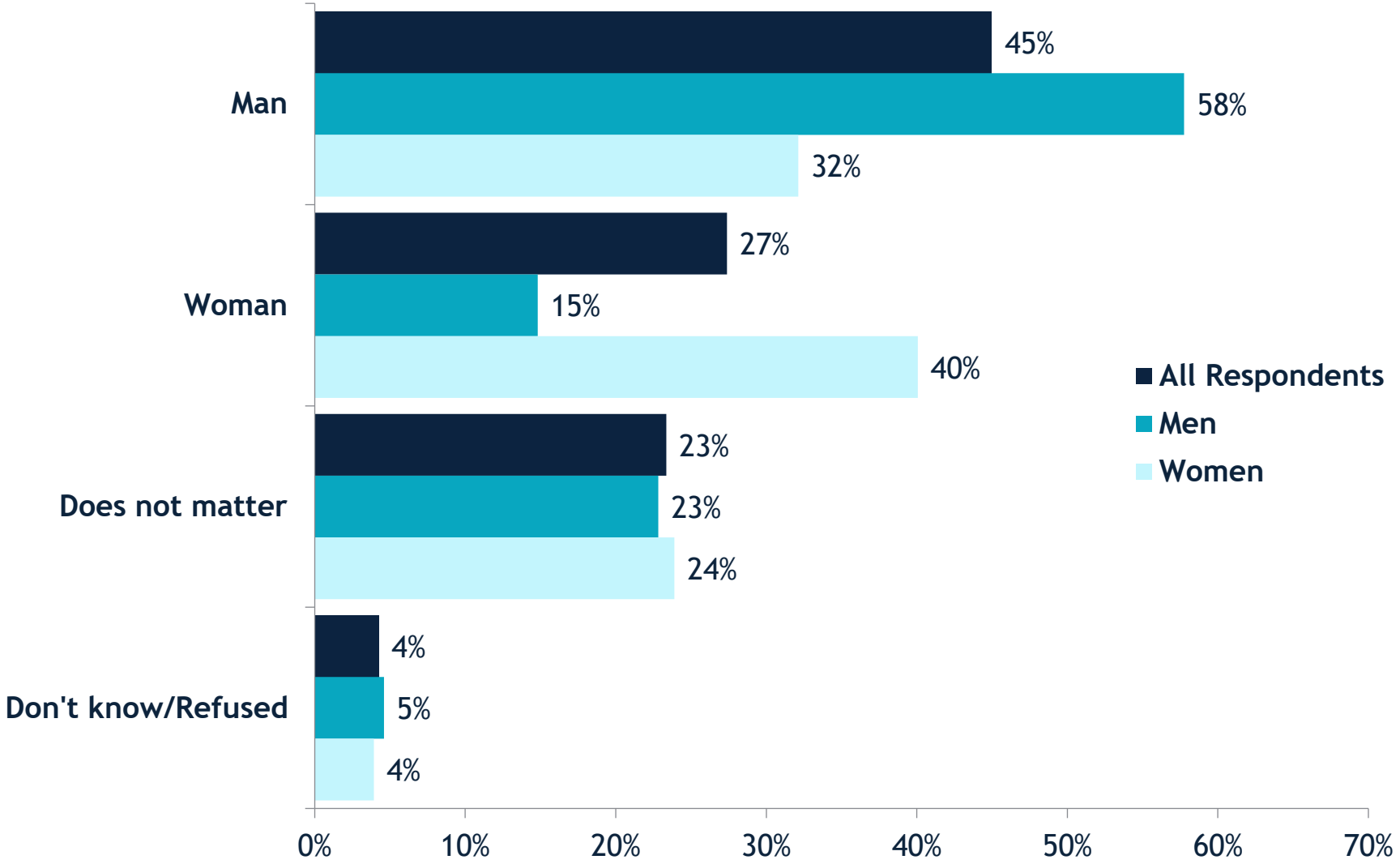

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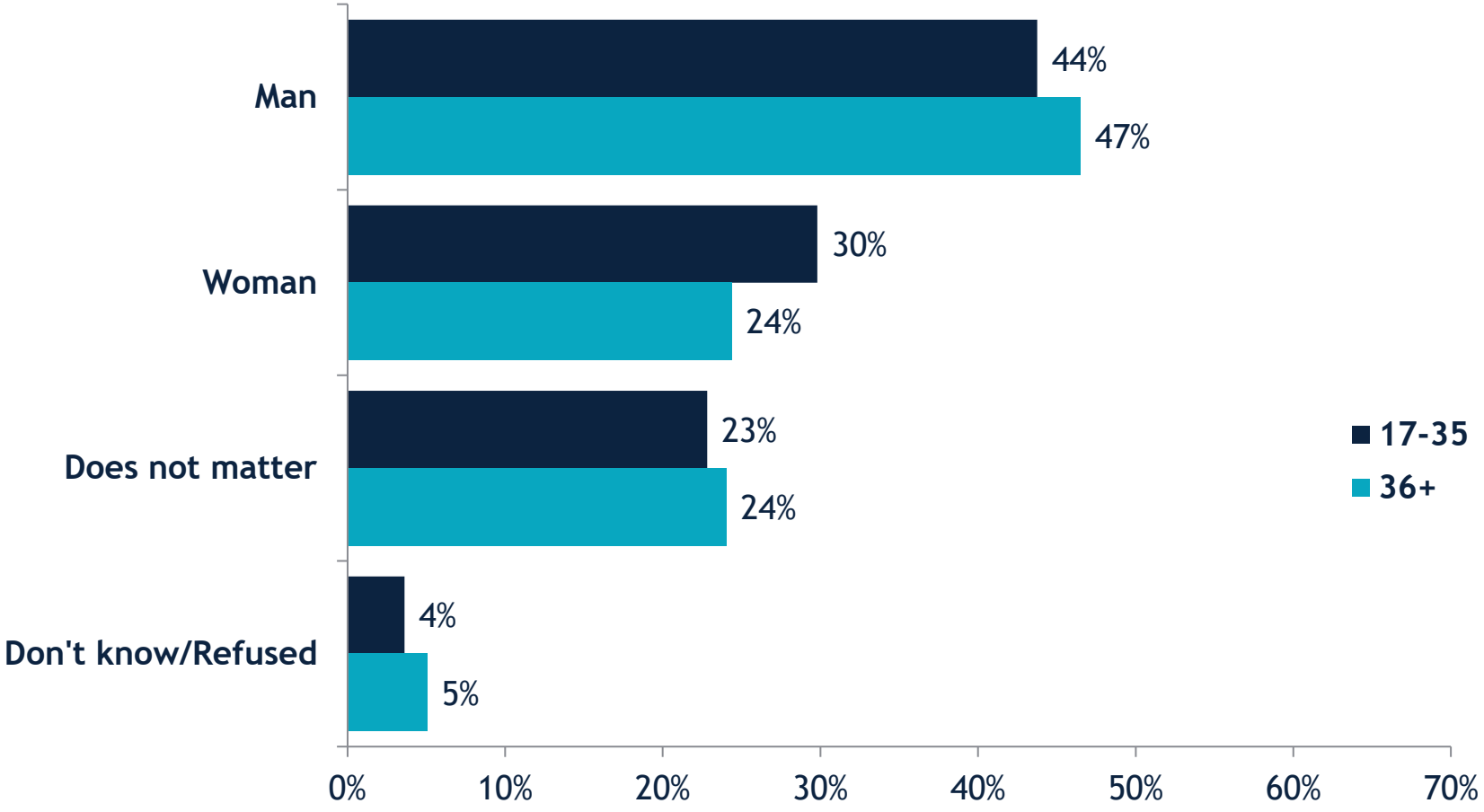

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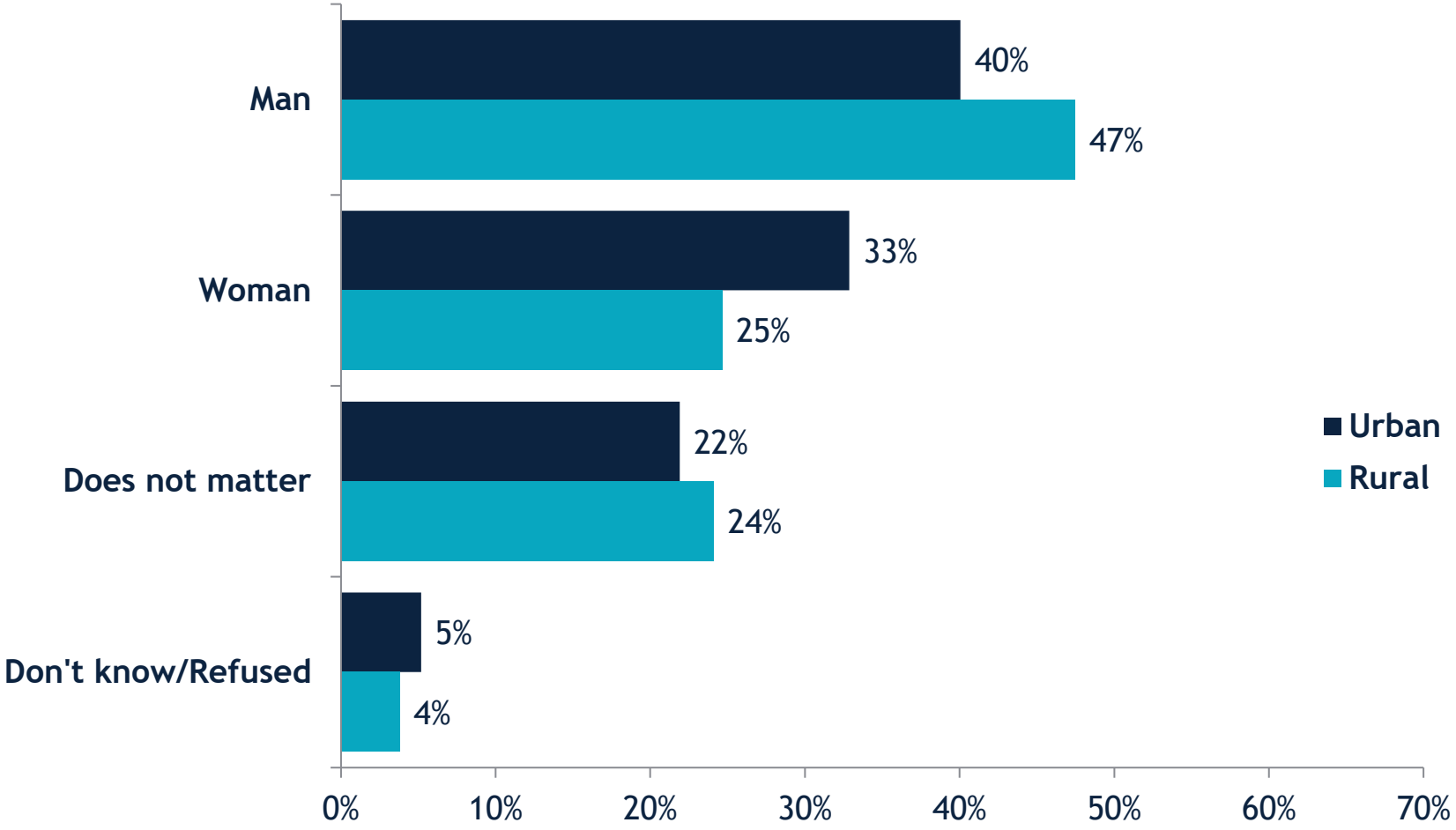
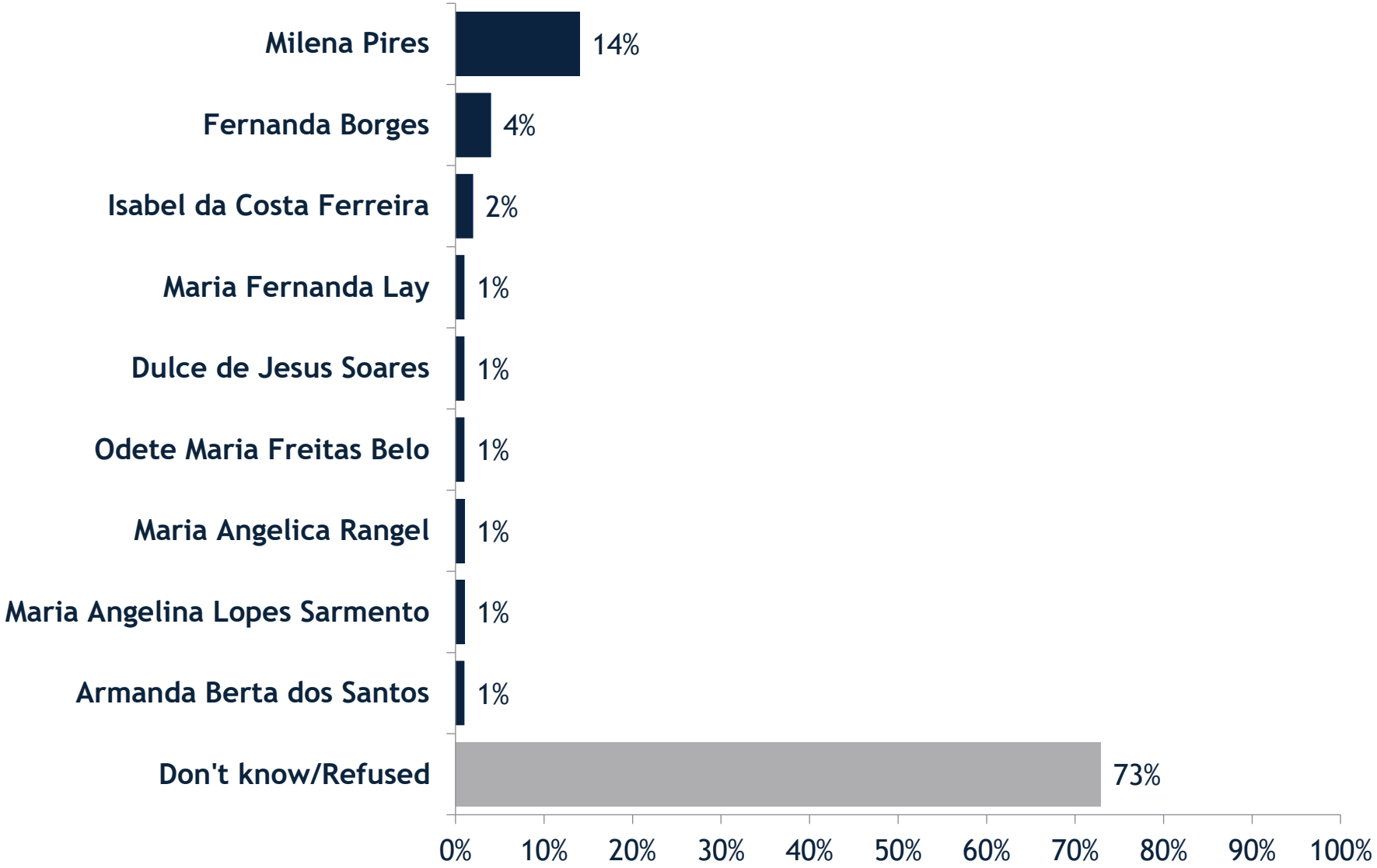


Which woman political leader, if any, do you view most favorably?

Spontaneous response



Corruption

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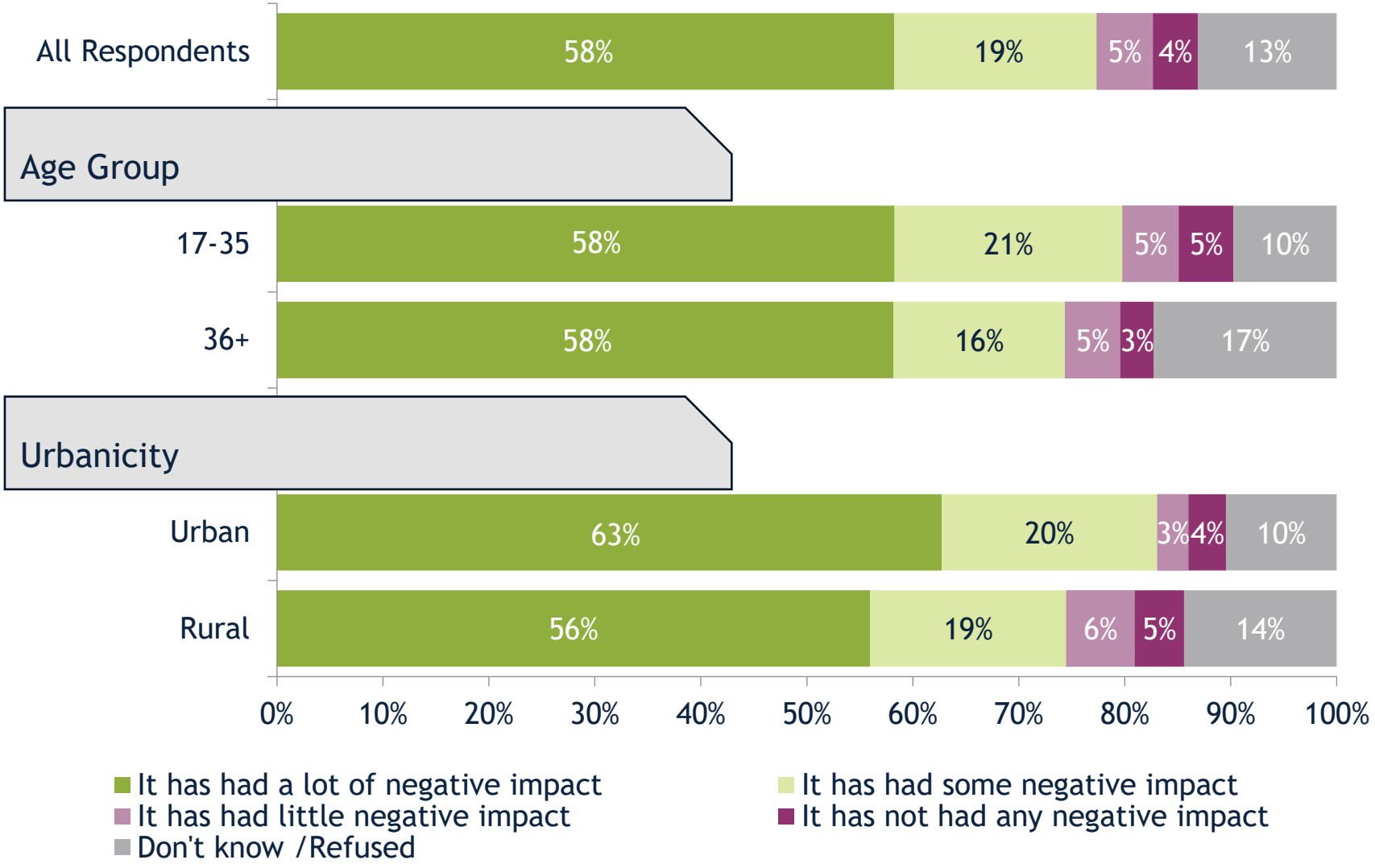
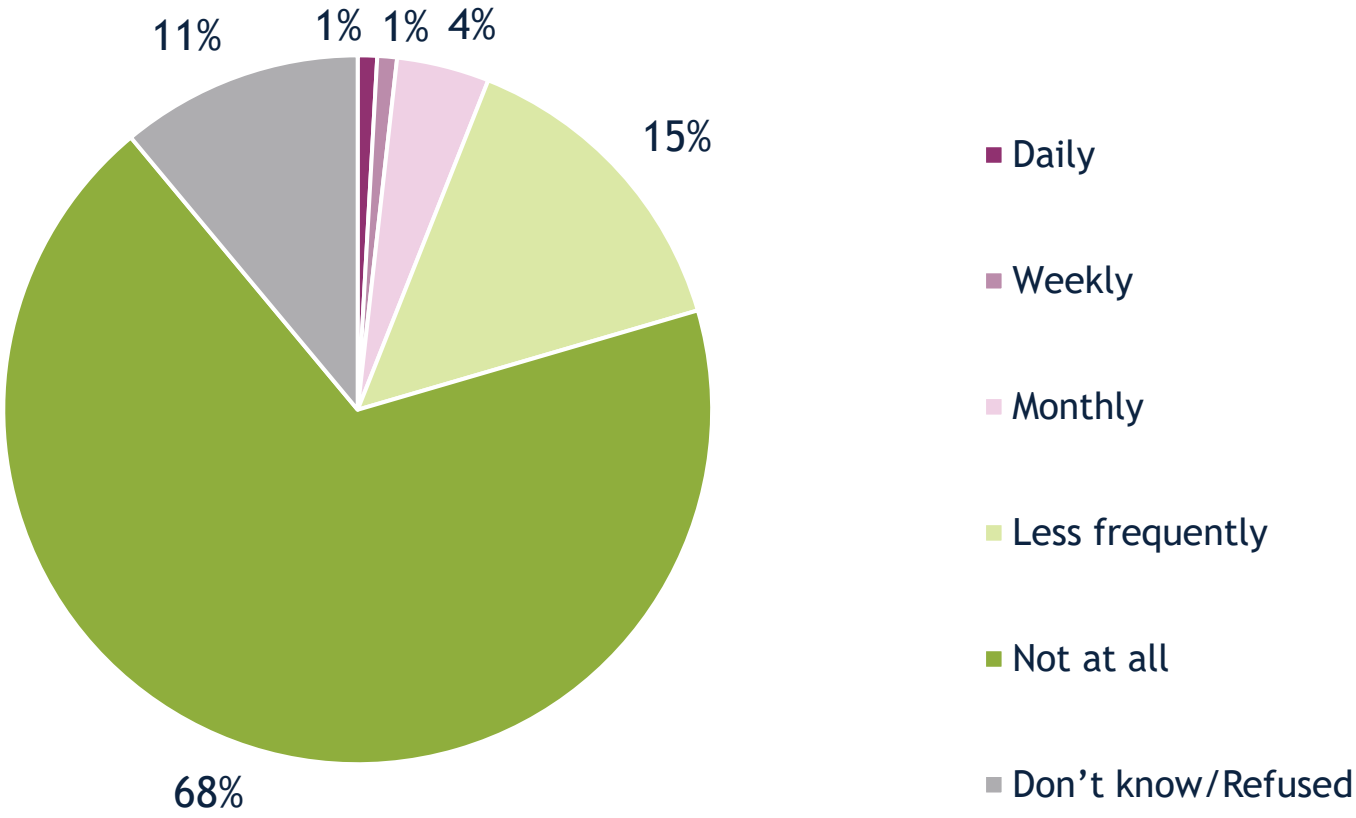
Now I would like to discuss corruption with you. When I say corruption, I mean having to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe because someone misuses their position for personal gains. To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?



In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift or pay a bribe?



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Which country has the biggest influence in our country?

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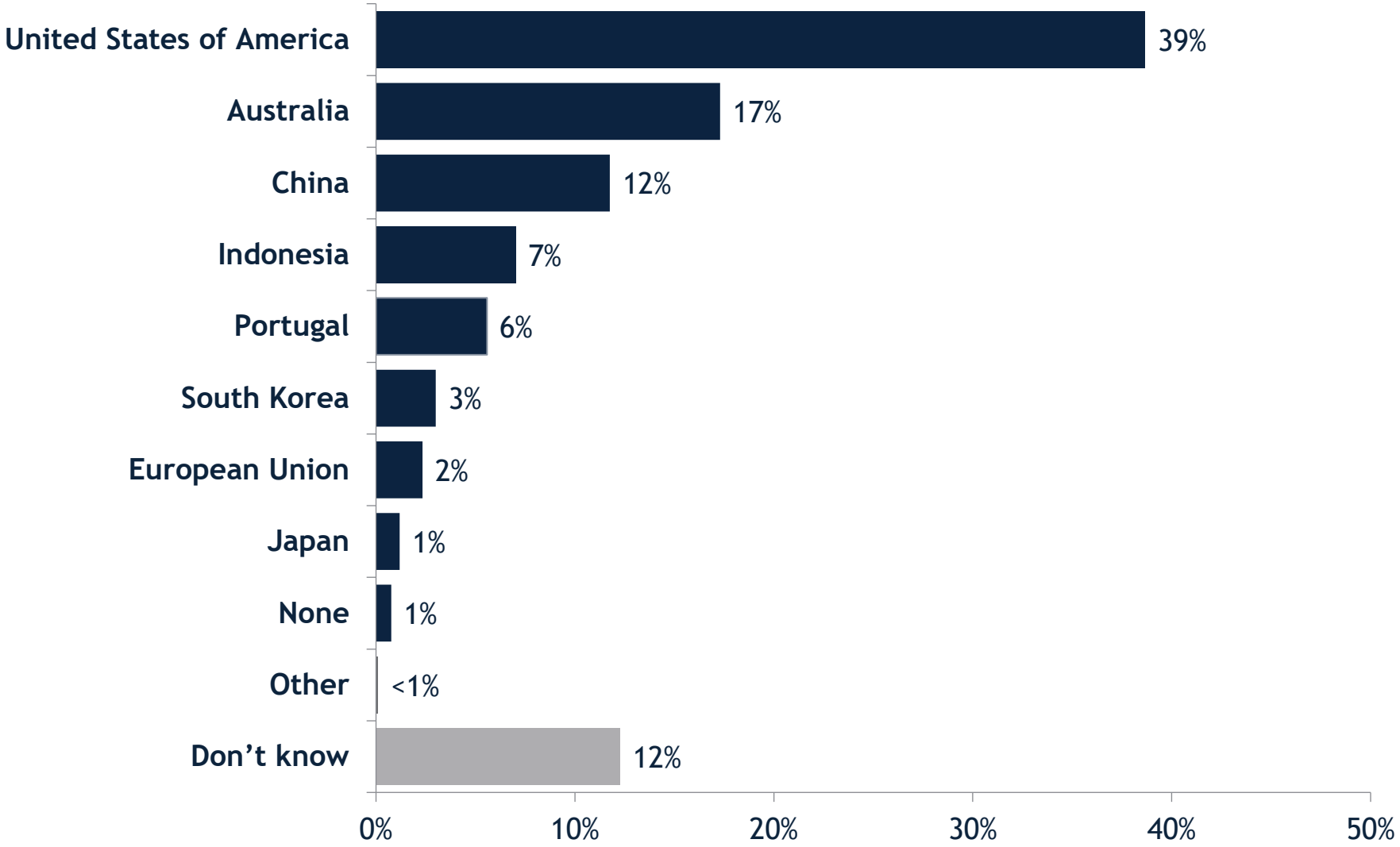
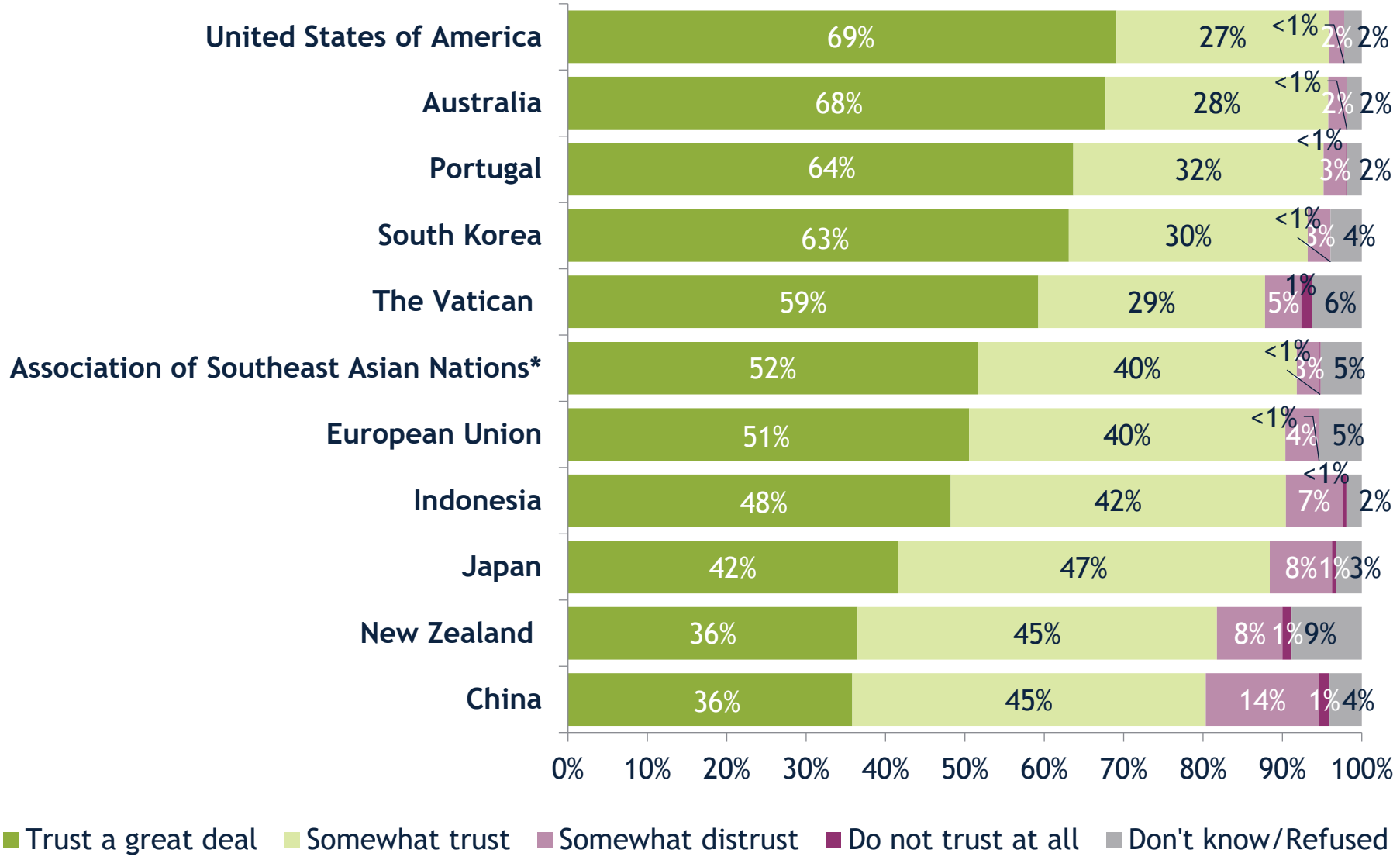


Please tell me your level of trust in each of the following countries and entities.



*Also known as ASEAN

Sources of Political News and Information

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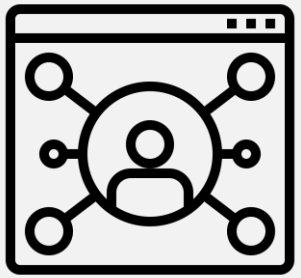

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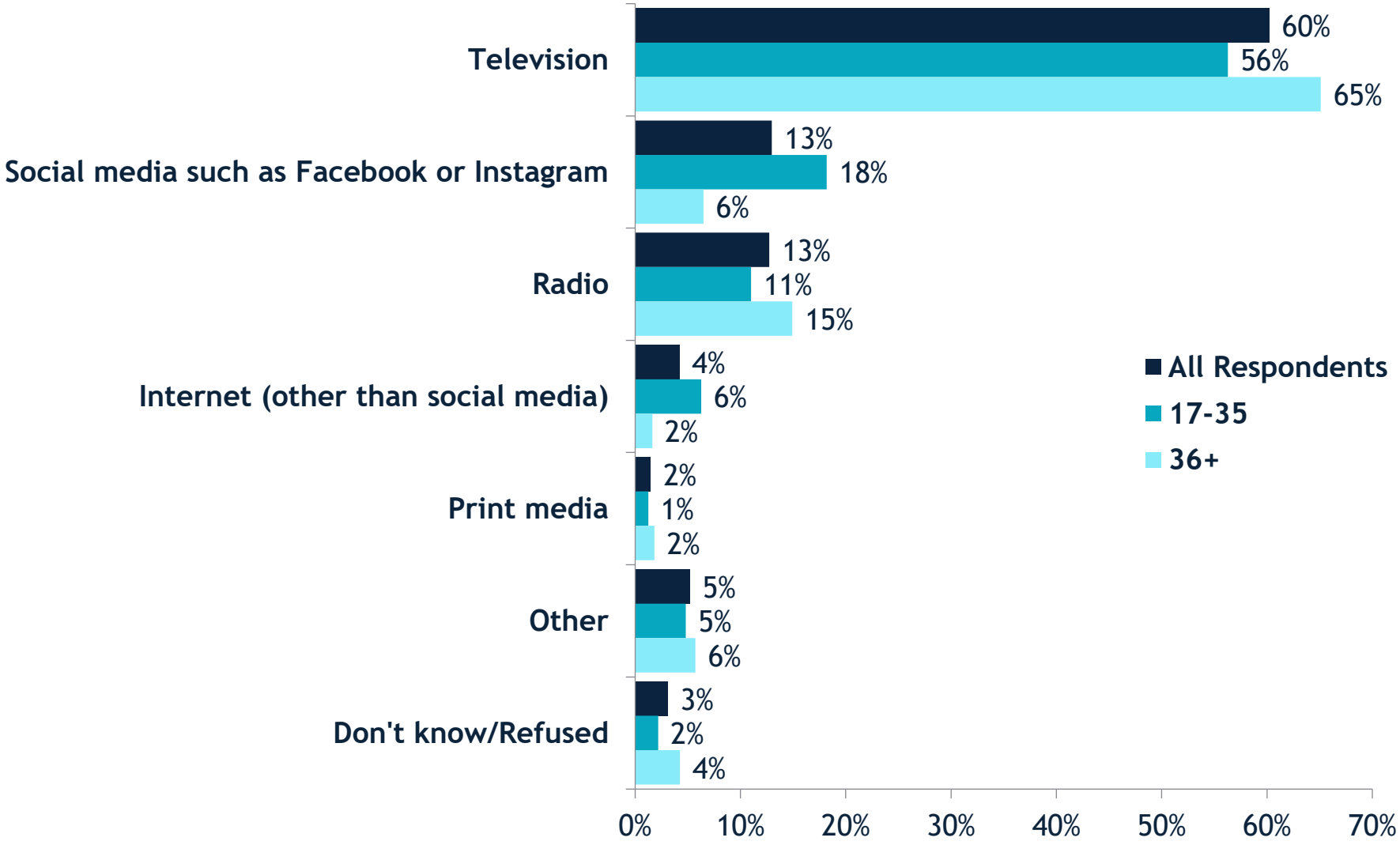

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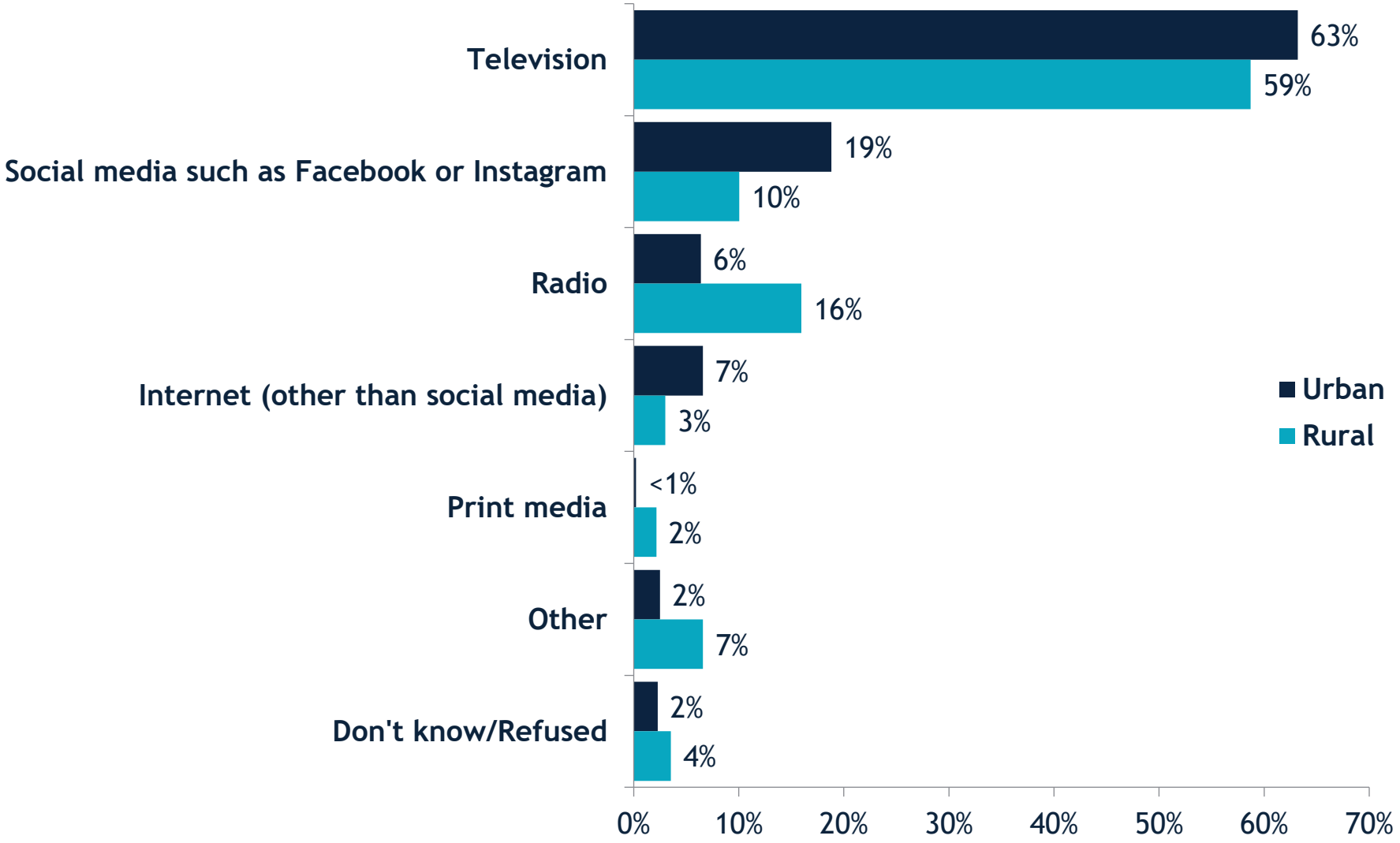

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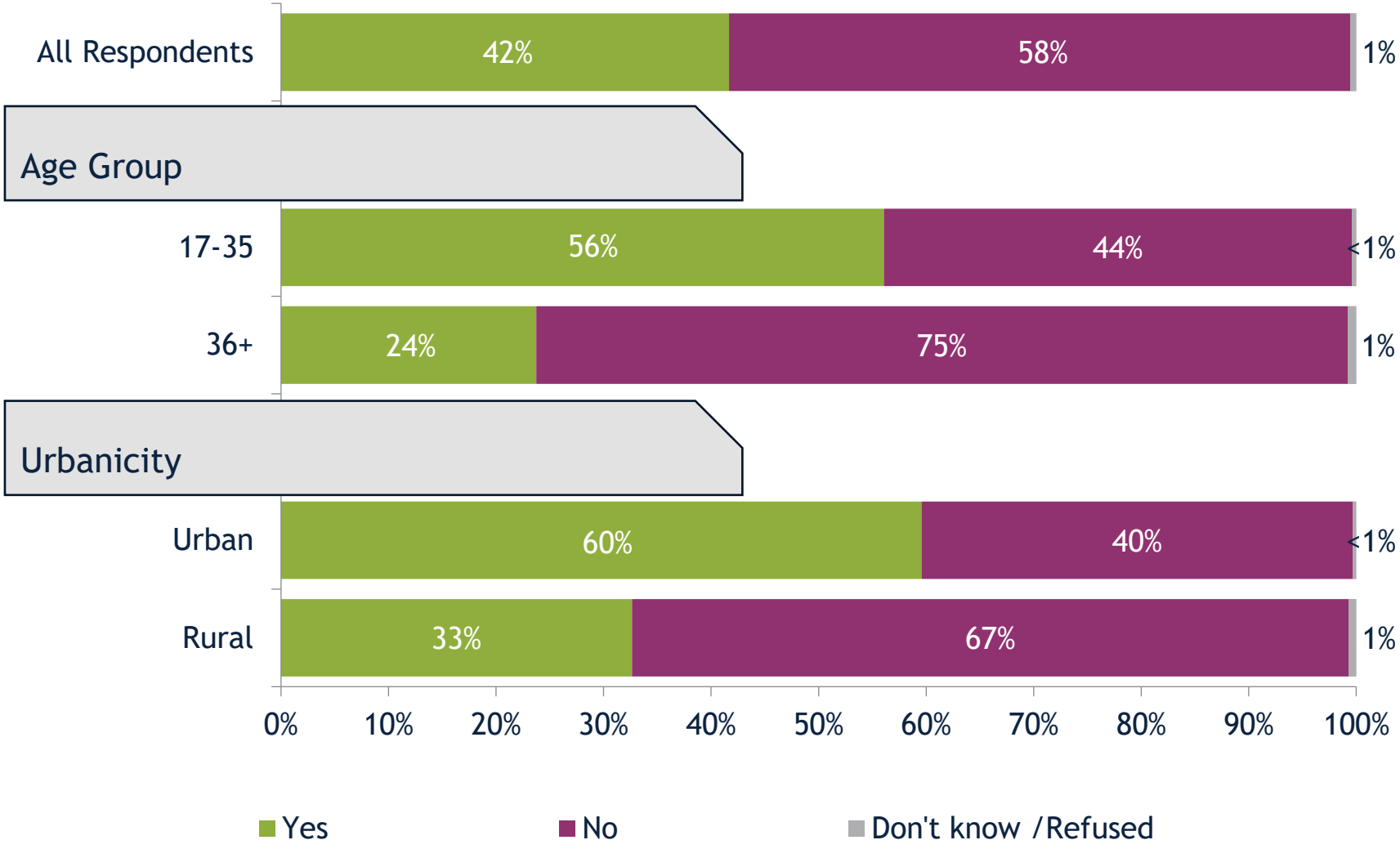
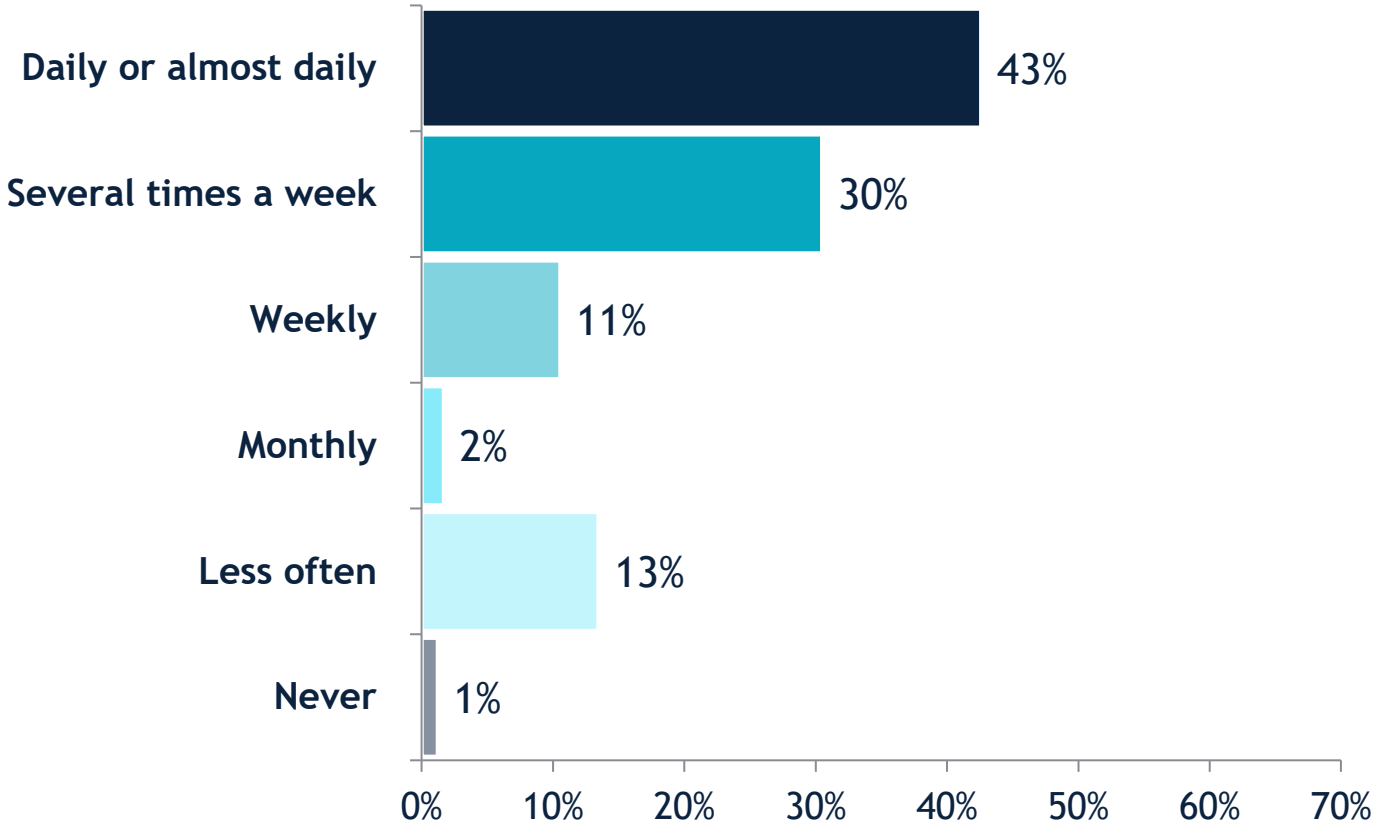


How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?

(Among those who have access to a smart phone, n=625)



Do you use Facebook?

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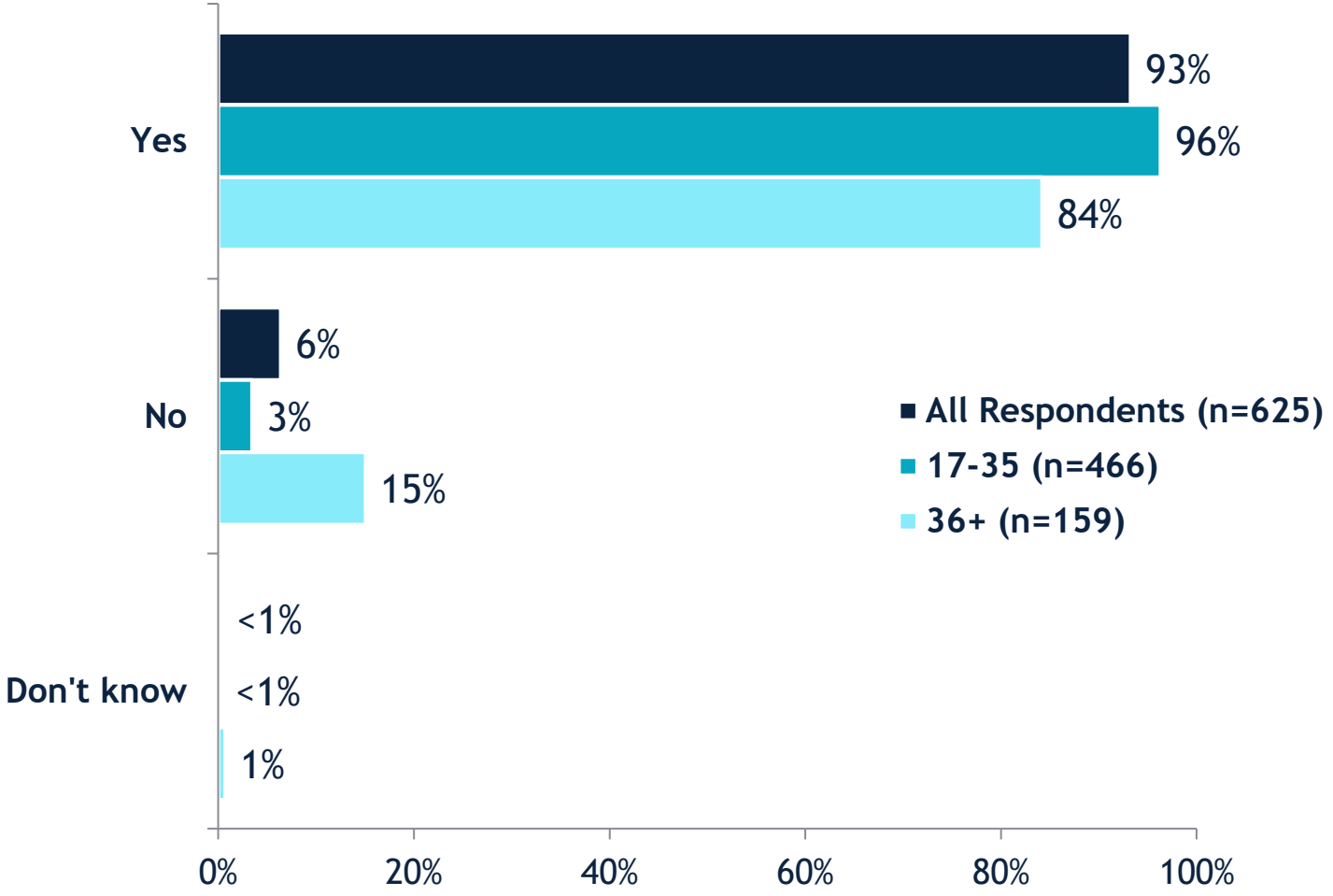

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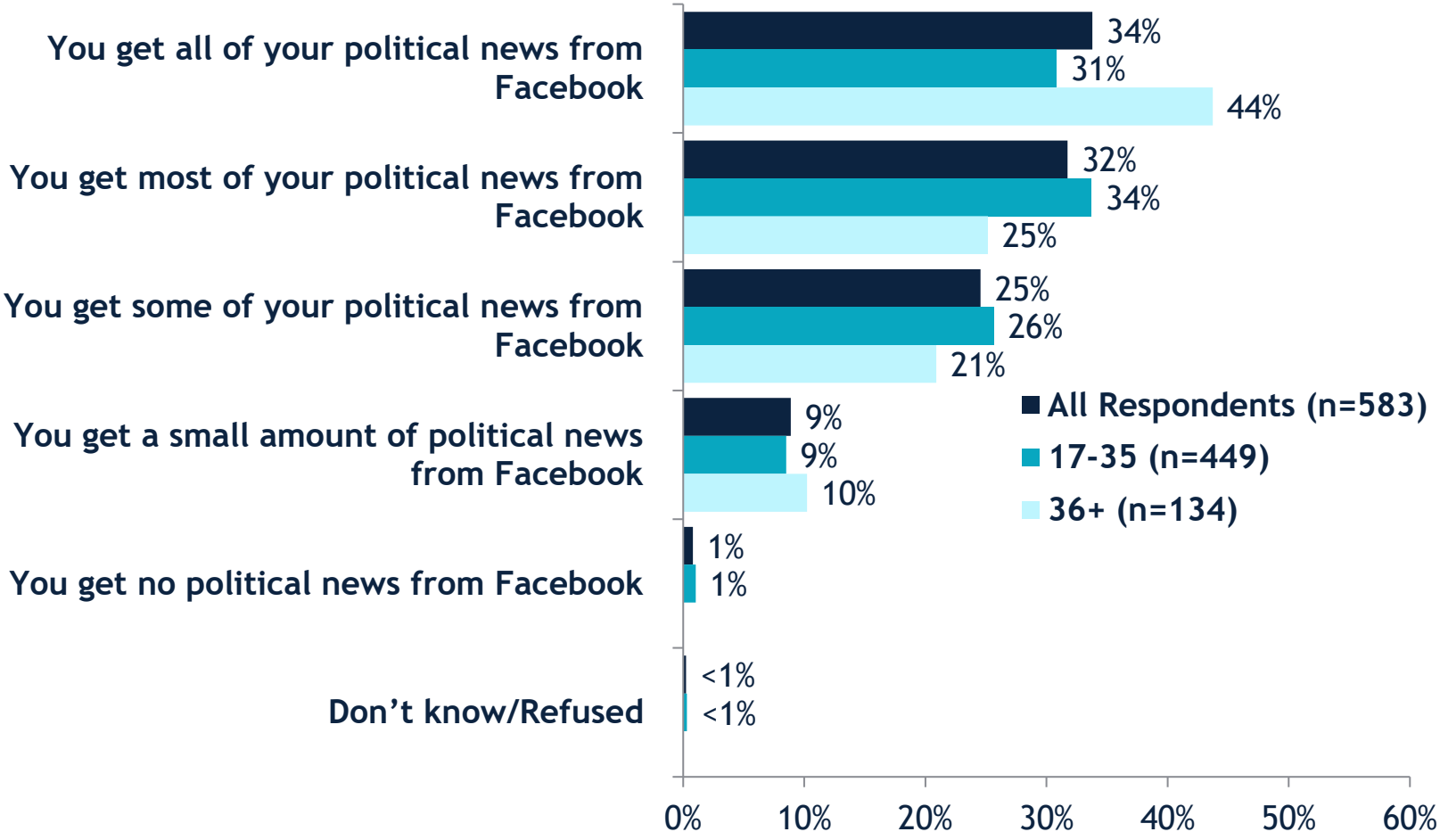
(Among those who use Facebook)



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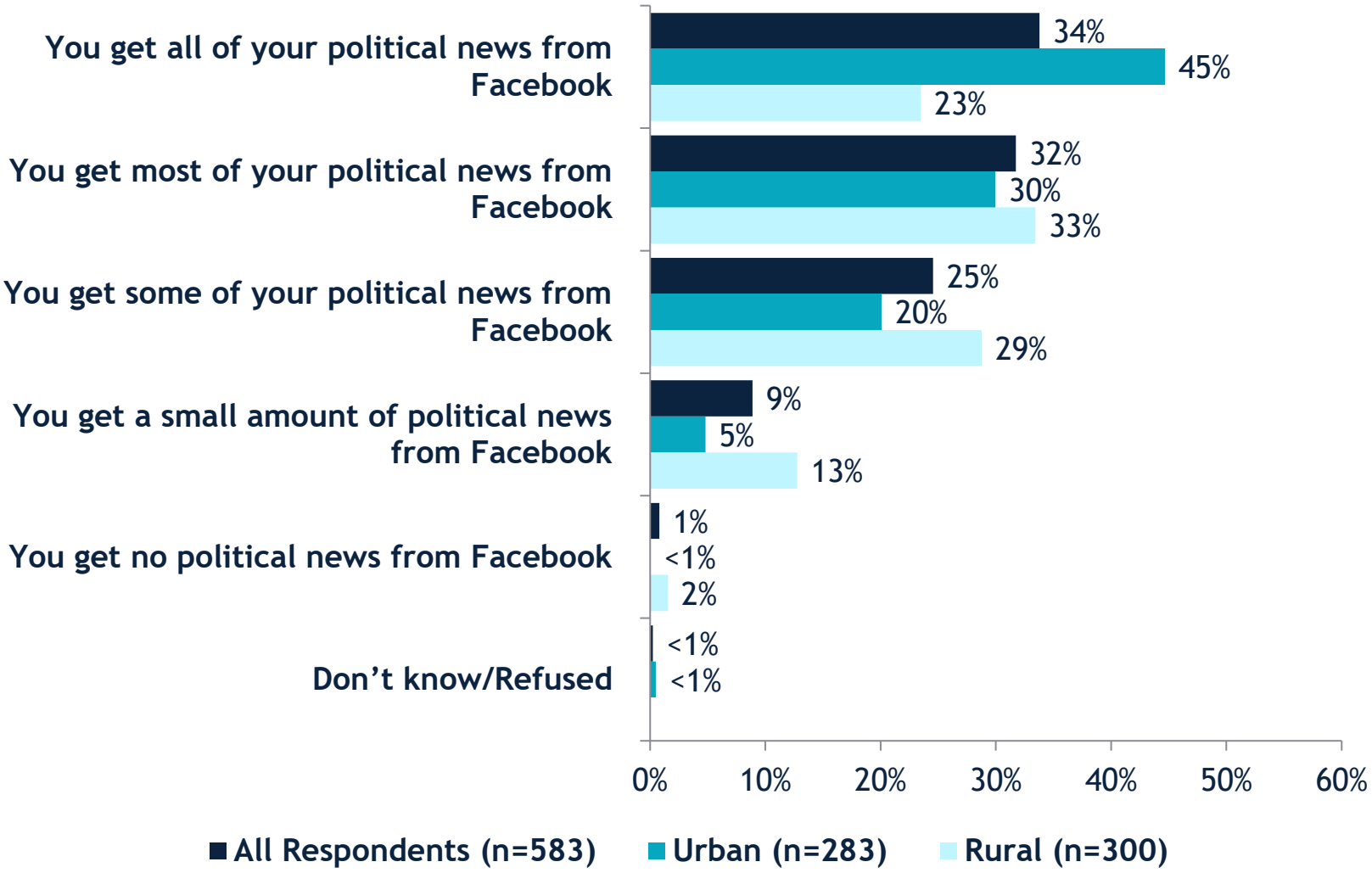

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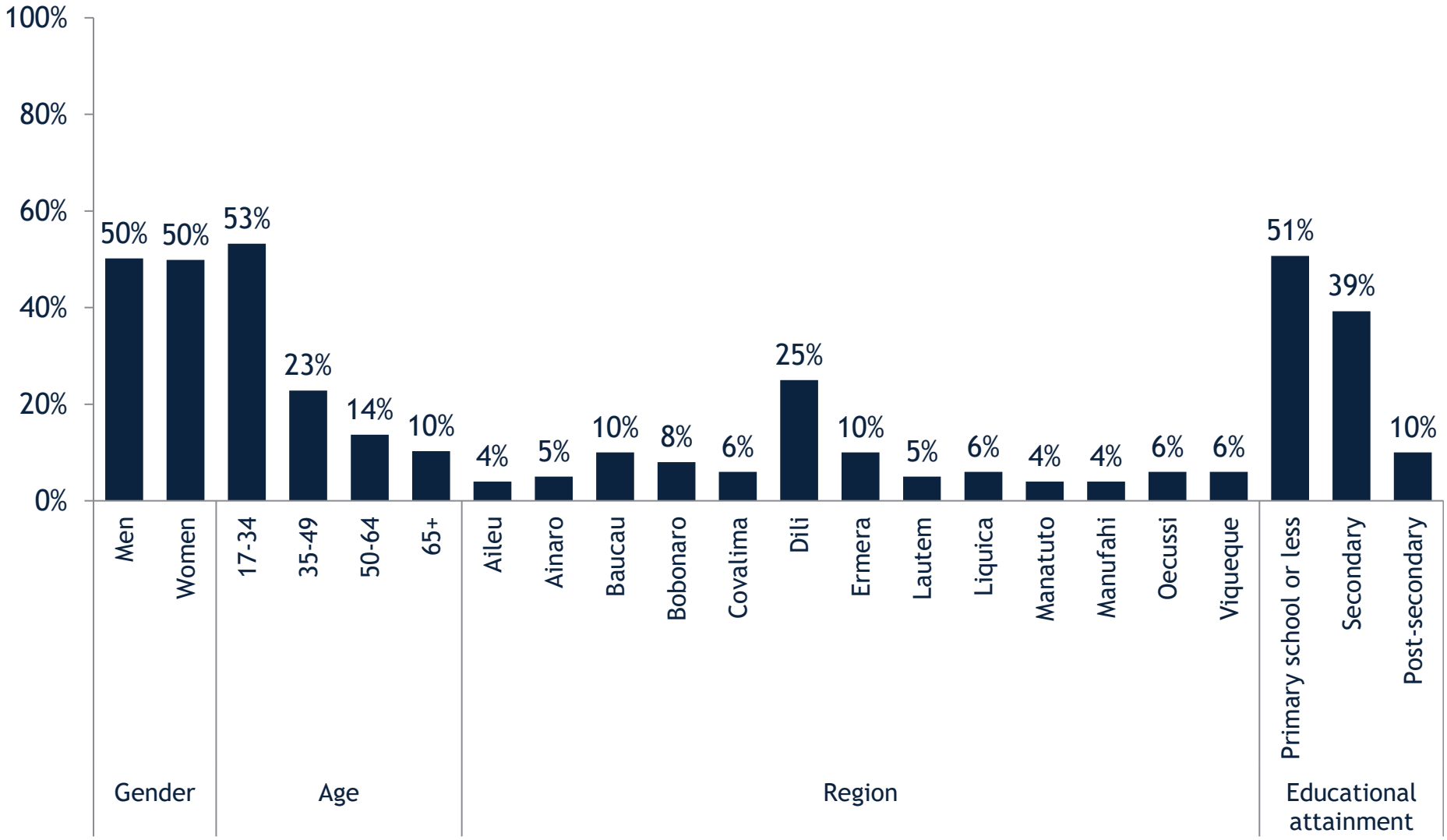

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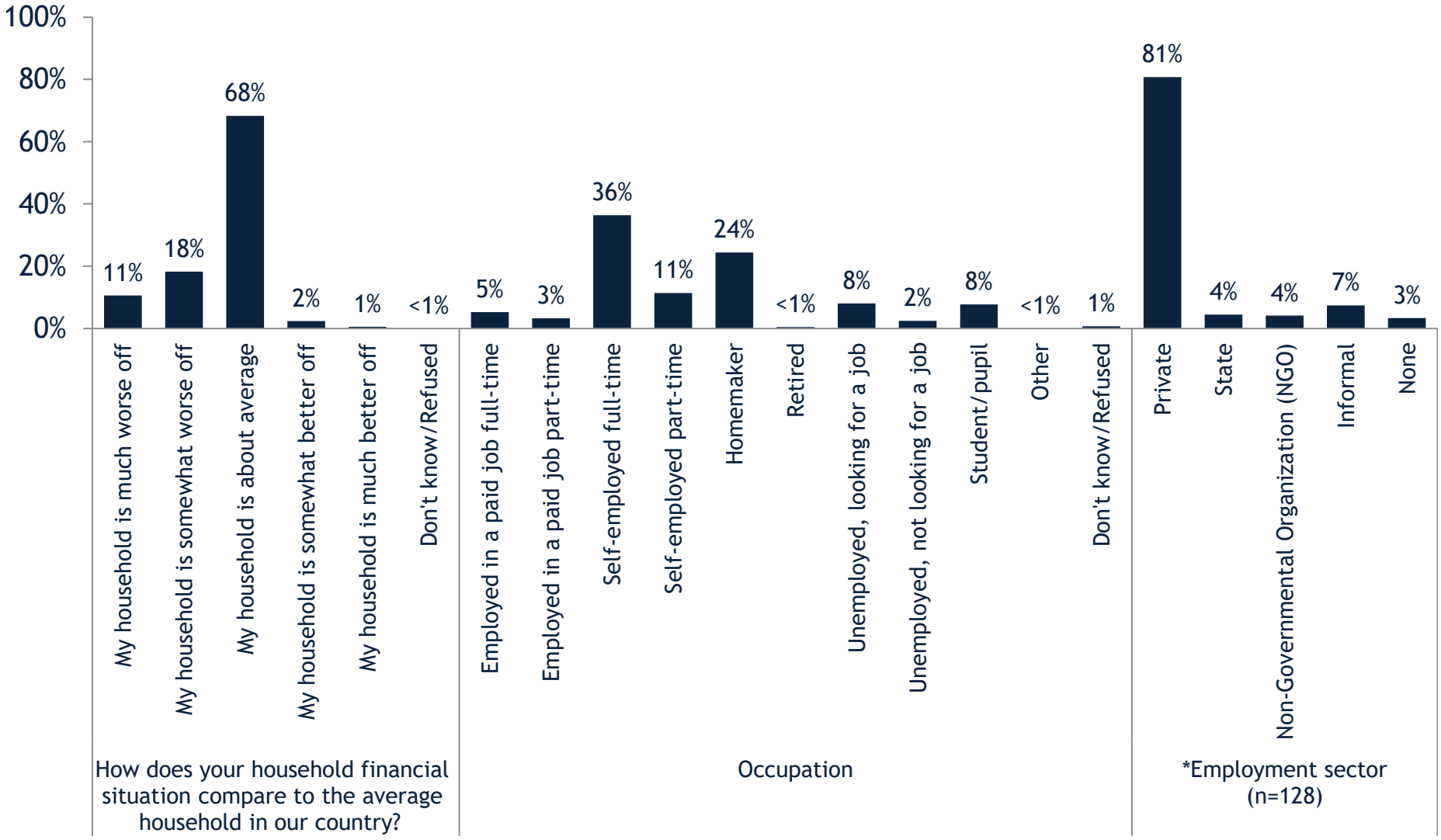
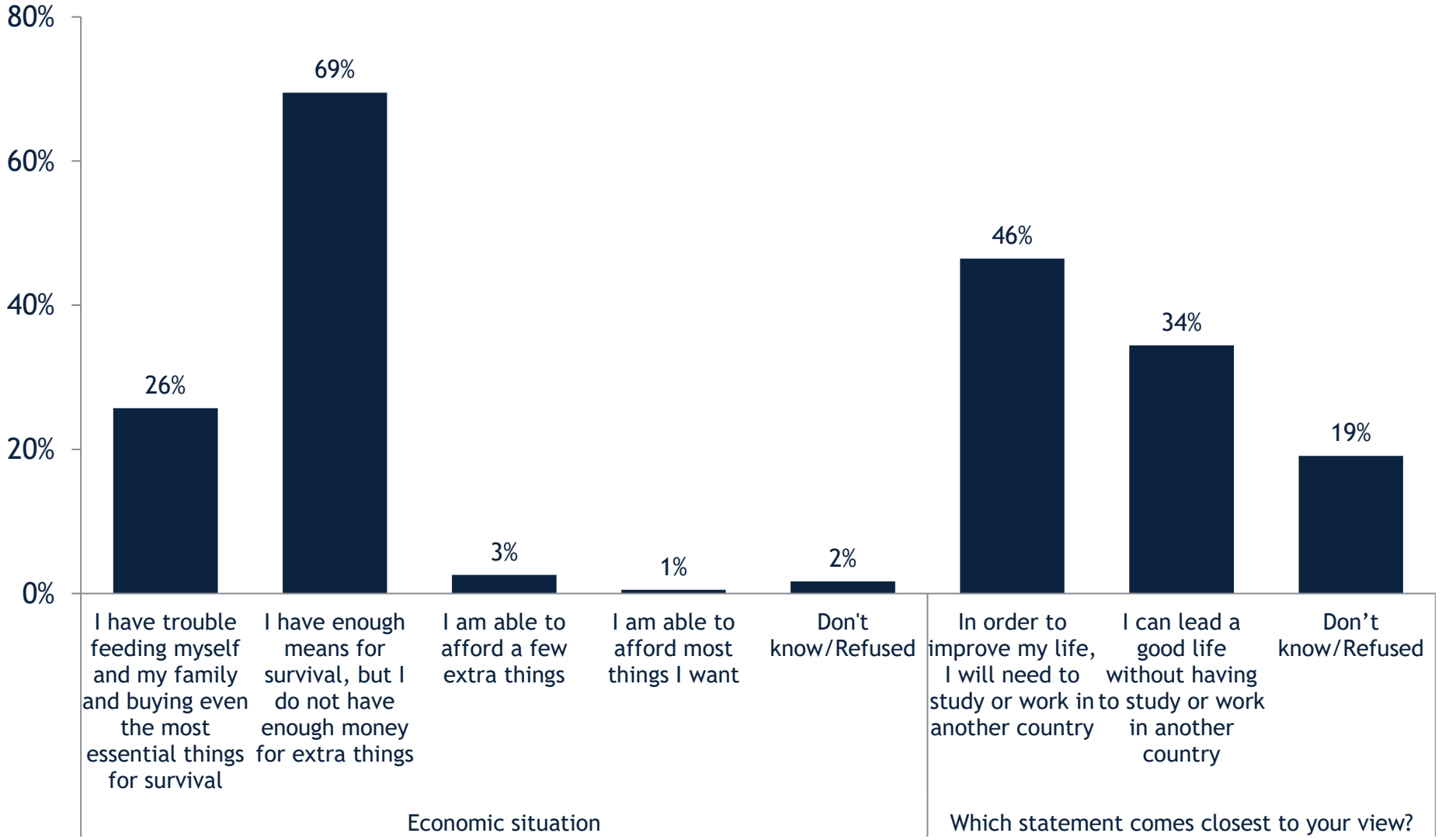
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