

# NATIONAL SURVEY OF ALBANIA

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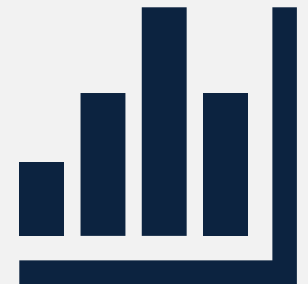
## Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute's [Center for Insights in Survey Research](#) by [IDRA Research & Consulting](#).
- Data was collected between November 17 - December 12, 2023, through the Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) technique, administered through face-to-face interviews in respondents' homes.
- The total sample consisted of n= 1,798 Albanian citizens, aged 18 and older. The total sample includes oversamples in Durres (n=390), Tirana (n=400) and Elbasan (n=400).
- A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a nationally representative sample. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by a random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. The random route method was applied to select households and the 'last birthday' method was used to select respondents within households. A predefined age quota was applied to keep sample representativeness. The sampling frame was based on the Albania Census 2011 data.
- The national sample was weighted for age groups, region, gender, and urbanicity according to the 2011 Census parameters. The national weight brings the oversamples into national proportions. The oversamples in Durres, Tirana, and Elbasan were weighted for county-level urbanicity, gender and age groups according to county-level statistics from the 2011 Census.
- The response rate was 54 percent. The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed  $\pm 2.8$  points at the 95% confidence level. The margin of error for each oversampled county does not exceed  $\pm 5.0$  points at the 95% confidence level.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

## Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

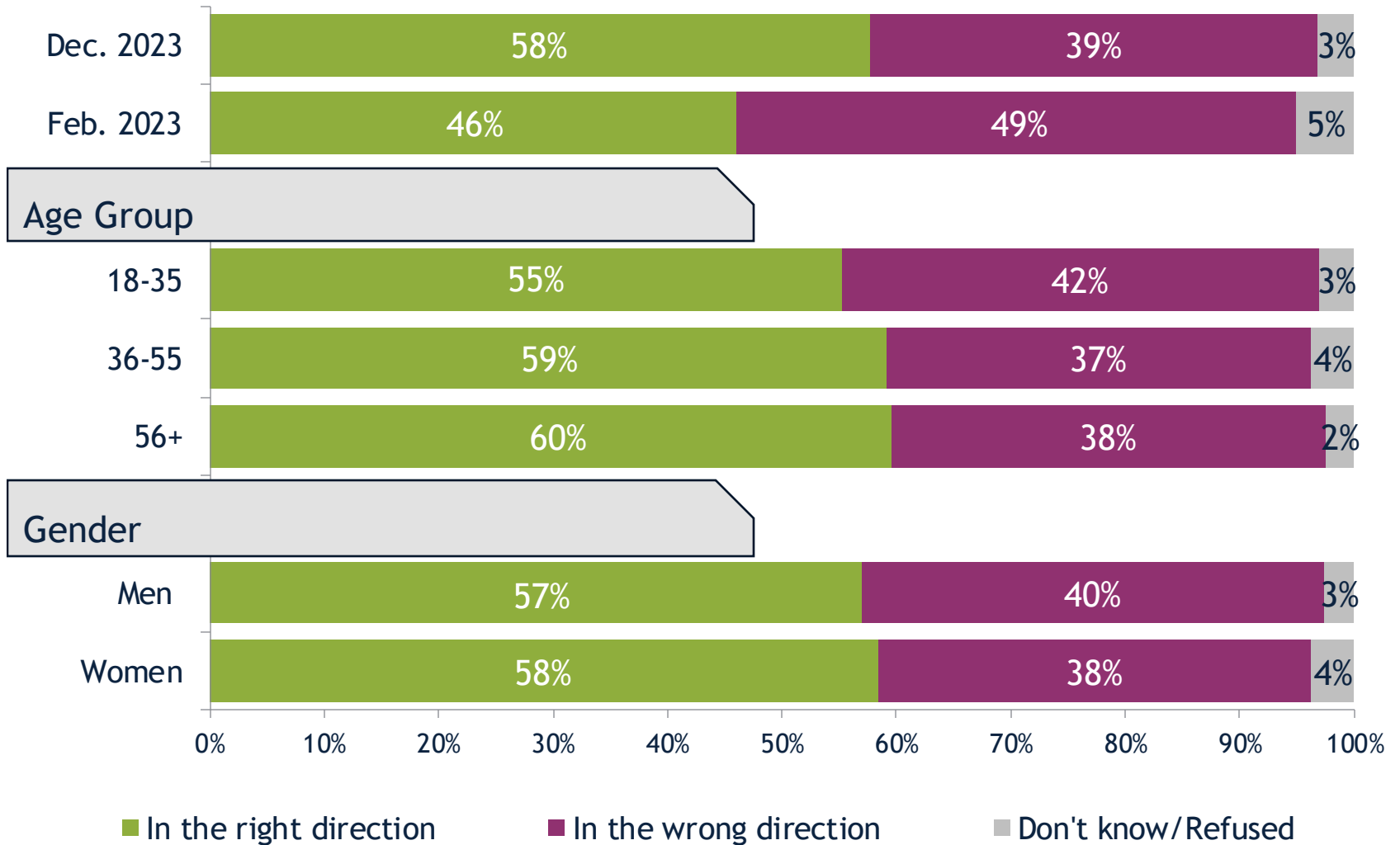
Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Group	18-35	n = 717
	36-55	n = 616
	56+	n = 465
Gender	Men	n = 929
	Women	n = 869
Region	<b>South-West</b> (Fier, Vlore, Berat)	n = 408
	<b>South-East</b> (Korce, Gjirokaster)	n = 199
	<b>North</b> (Shkoder, Kukes, Lezhe, Diber)	n = 344
	<b>Central</b> (Durrës, Tirana, Elbasan)	n = 846
Municipal Election Party Preference	Democratic Party	n = 304
	Socialist Party	n = 839
	Other (Social democratic Party, Republican Party of Albania, Freedom party)	n = 97
	Would not vote/Spoiled ballot	n = 232
<p><i>Respondents were asked the following: If municipal elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote?</i></p> <p><i>*Those responding 'Don't know' or who refused to answer (n=326) are not displayed.</i></p>		
<p><i>Margin of error will vary with sample size n. Cited bases are weighted.</i></p>		

# General Assessment and Outlook



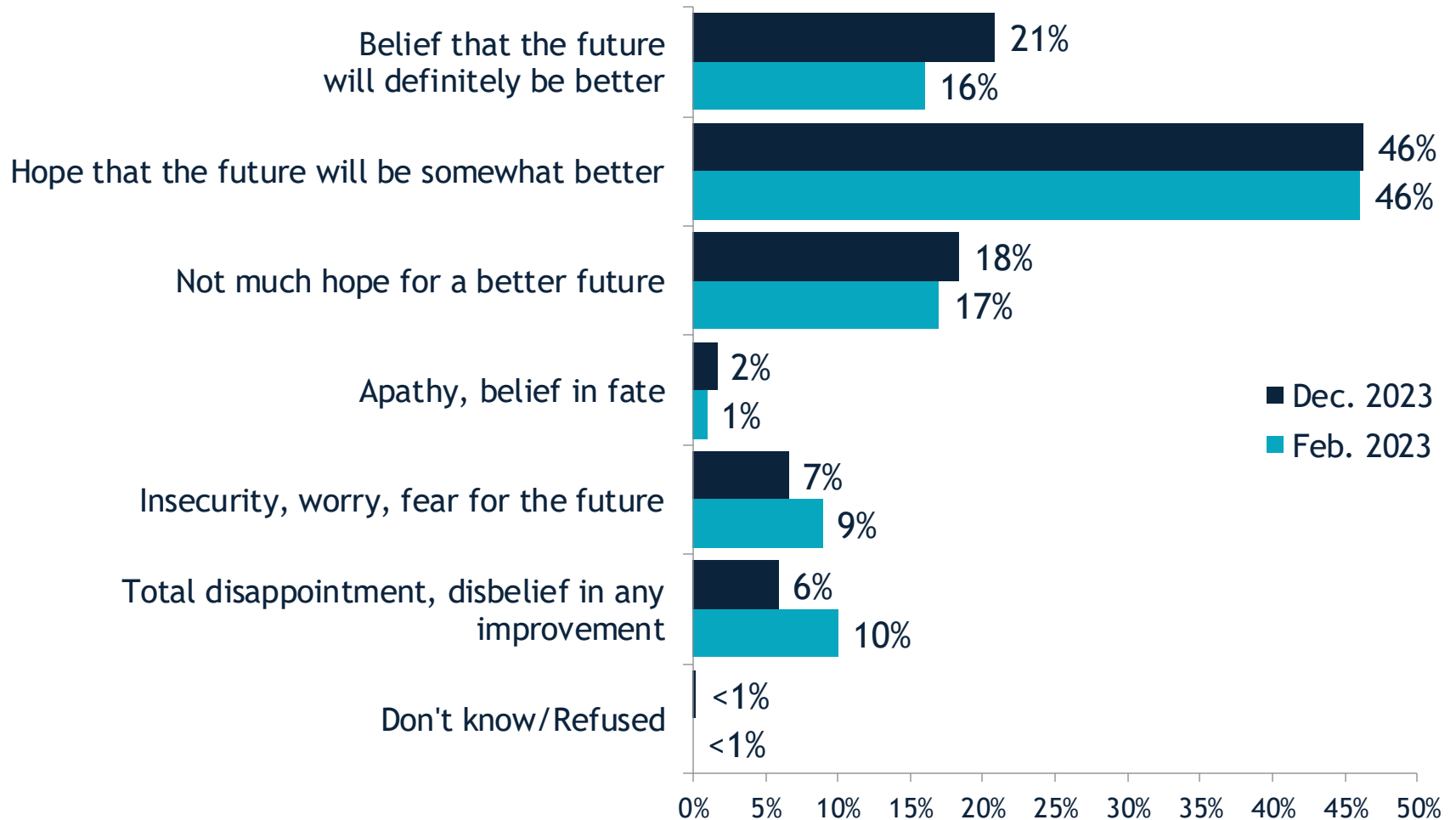


# In general, would you say that our country is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?





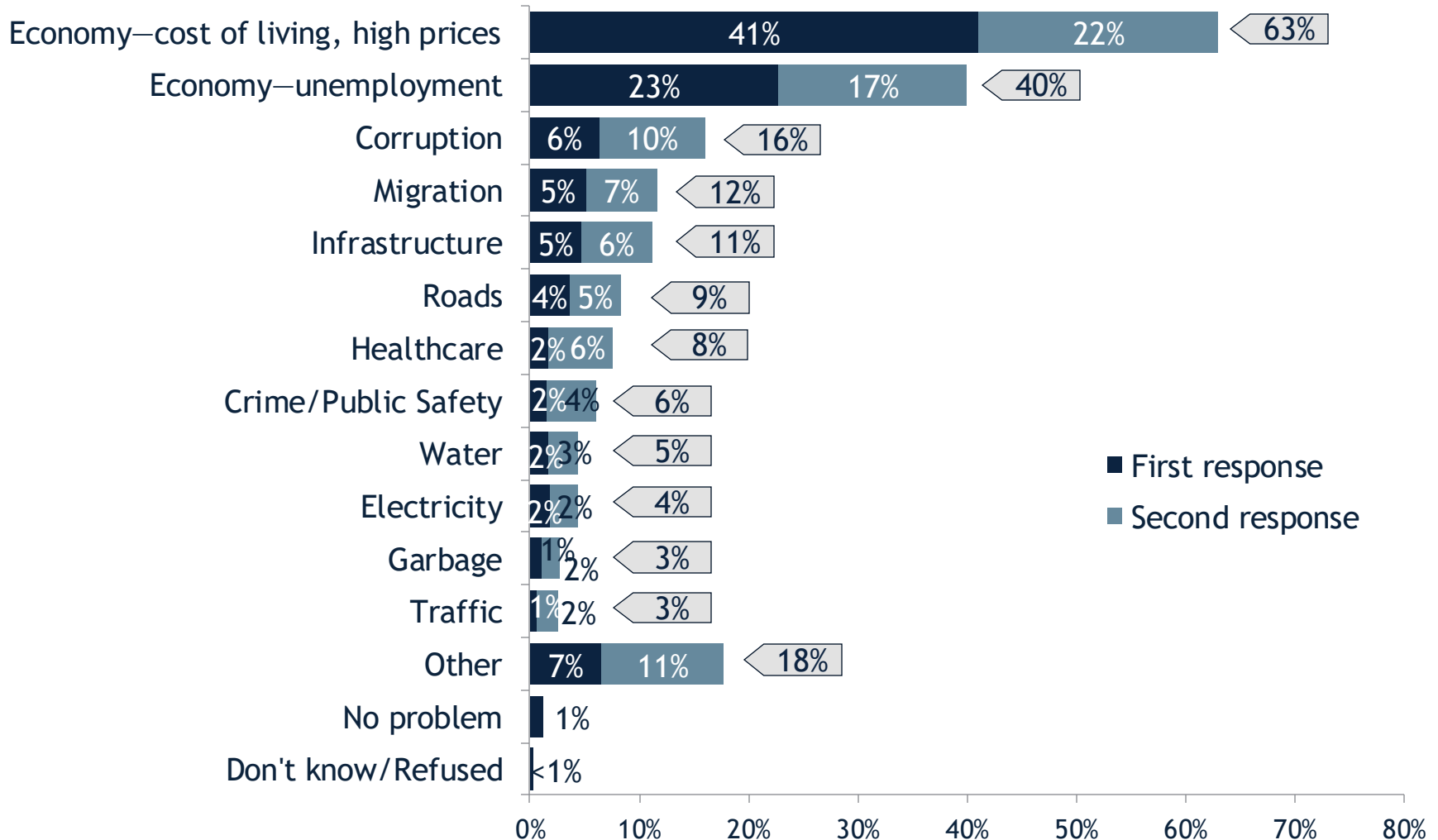
# How would you evaluate the prevailing mood of our country's population?





# What is the most important problem facing your MUNICIPALITY today? And what is the second most important?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses allowed)

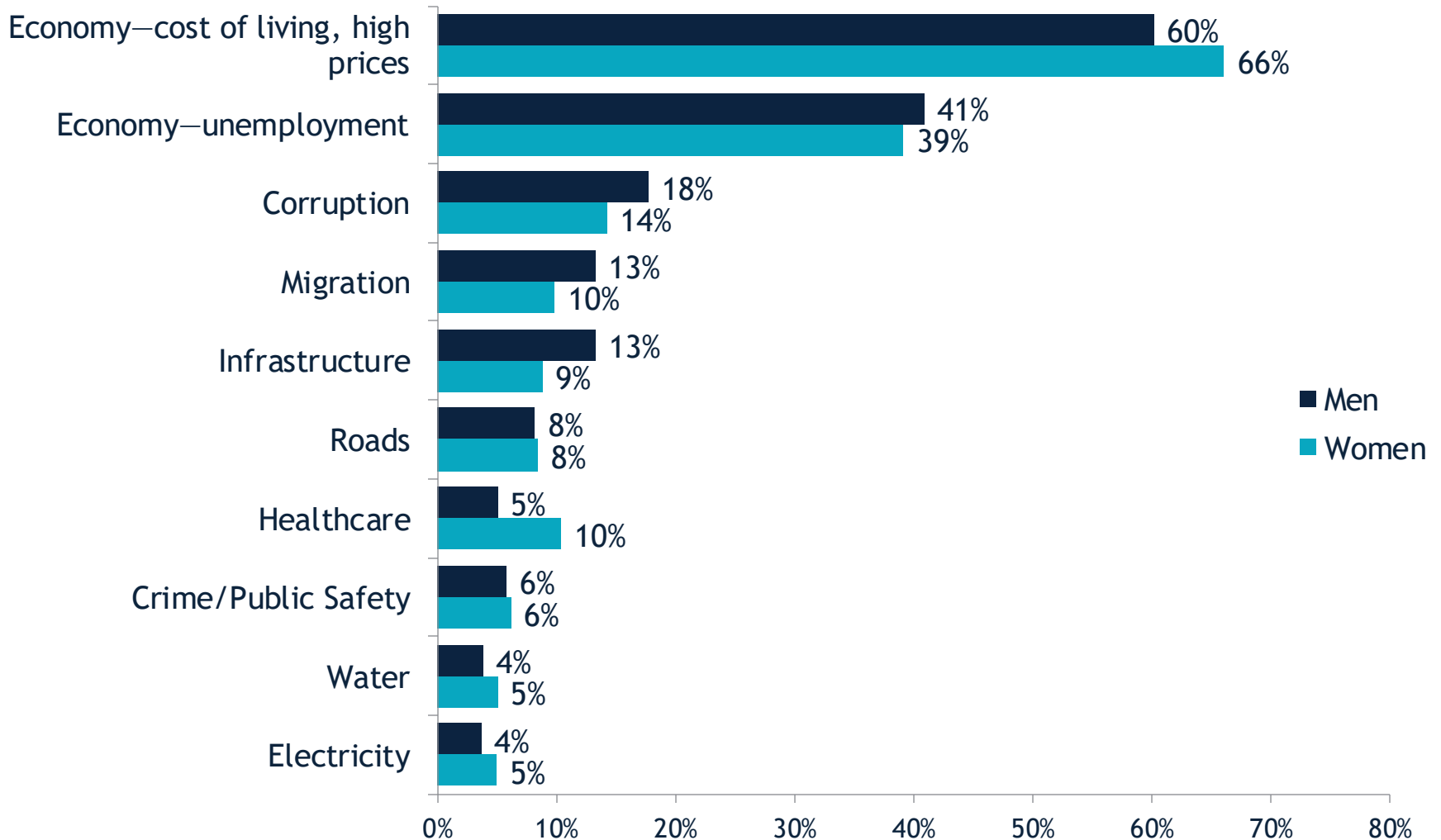


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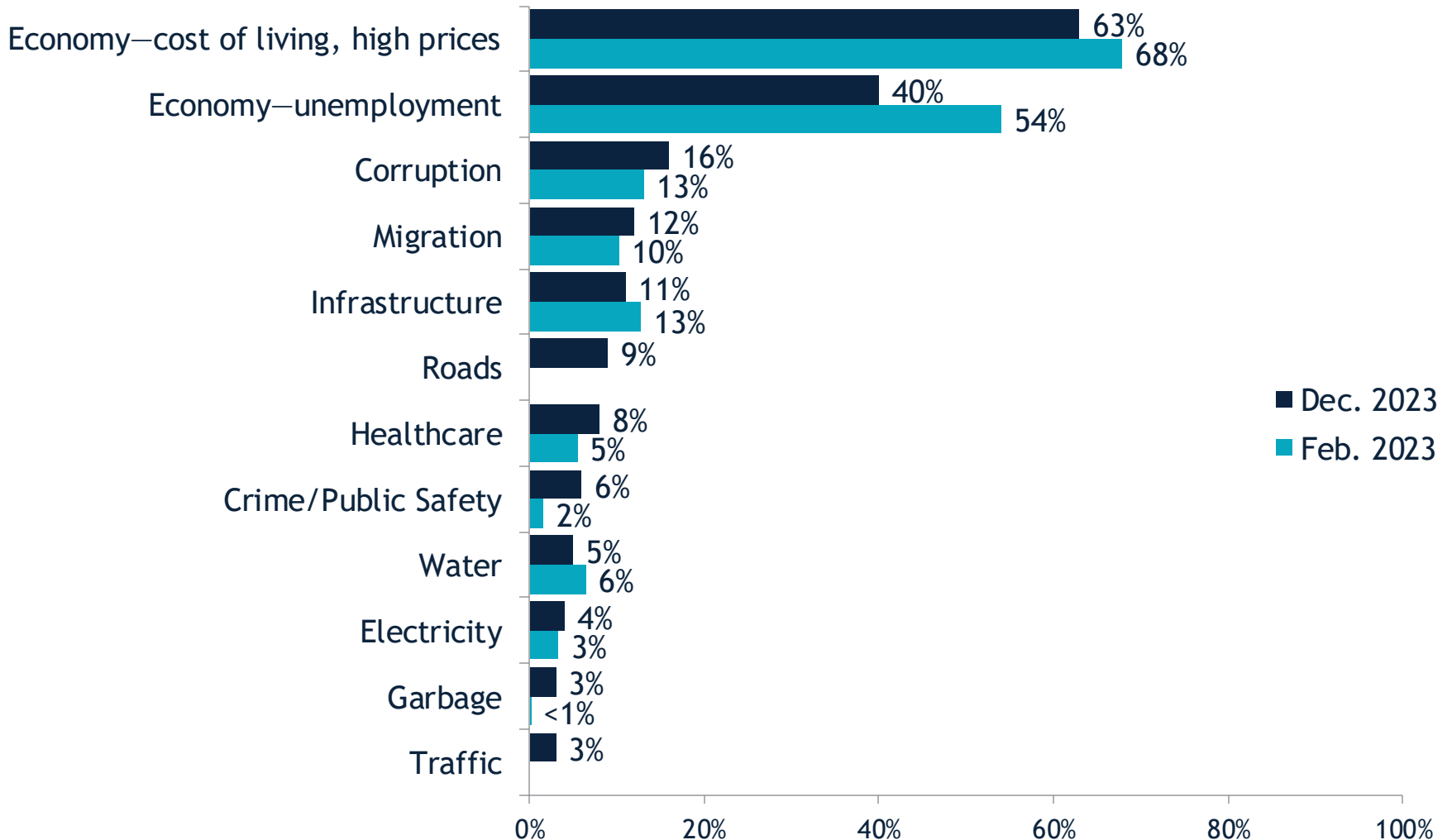






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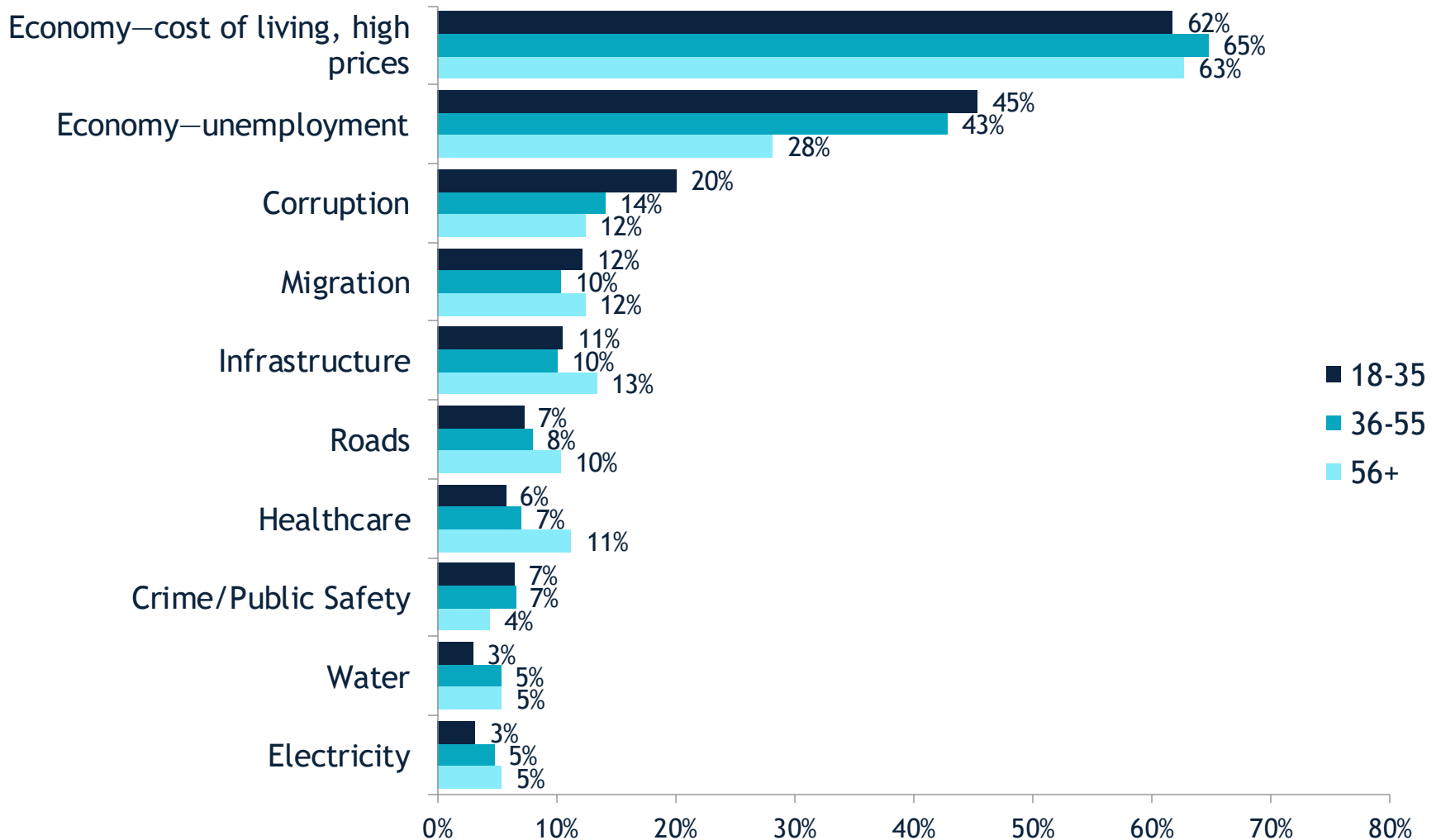


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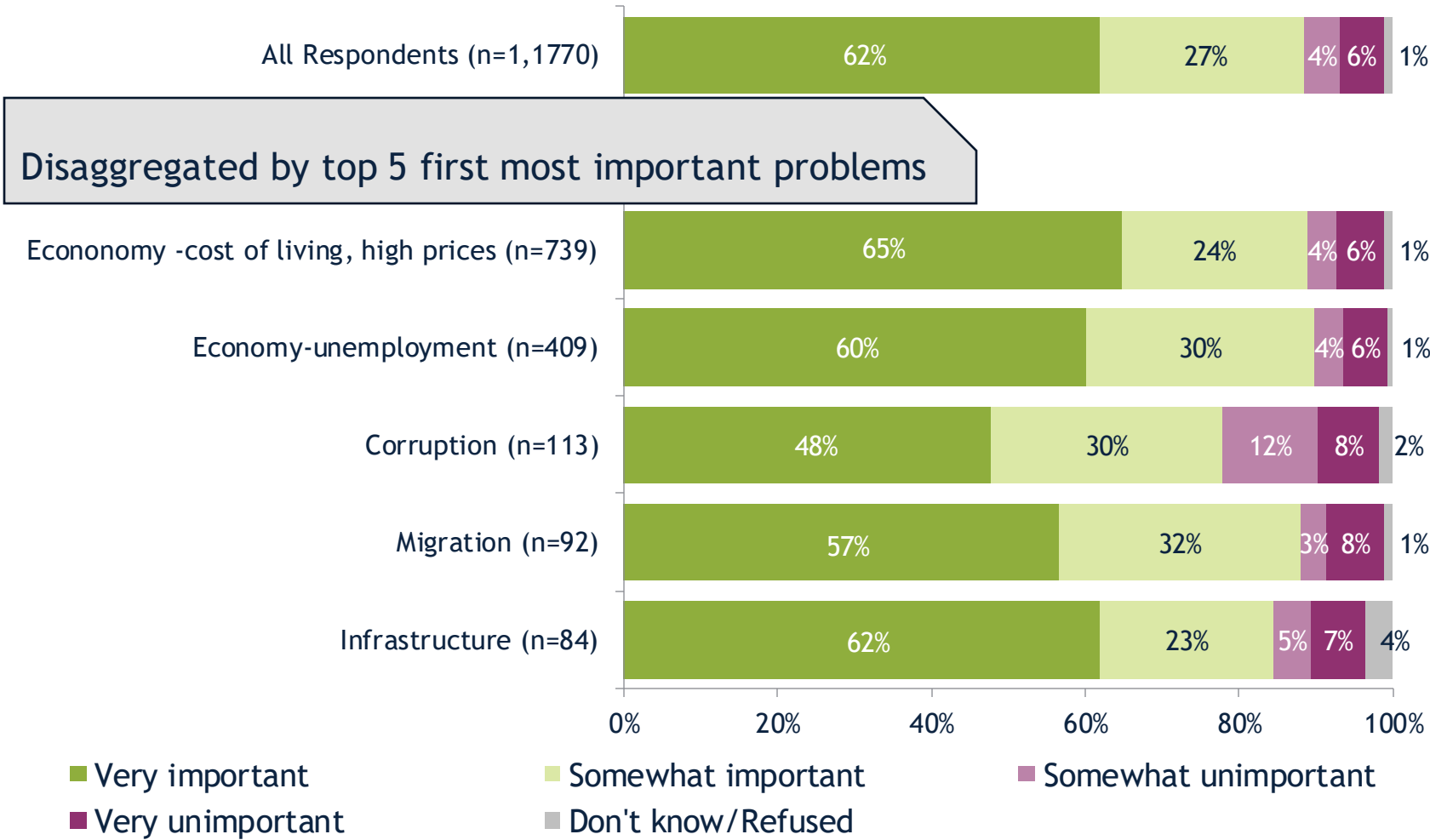
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses allowed)

Disaggregated by Party Preference	All Respondents	Democratic Party	Socialist Party	Other	Would not vote/Spoiled ballot
Economy—cost of living, high prices	63%	65%	65%	45%	64%
Economy—unemployment	40%	38%	38%	35%	39%
Corruption	16%	17%	10%	21%	28%
Migration	12%	9%	12%	17%	9%
Infrastructure	11%	14%	13%	17%	9%
Roads	9%	6%	9%	20%	6%
Healthcare	8%	10%	7%	4%	8%
Crime/Public Safety	6%	9%	4%	3%	7%
Water	5%	6%	5%	2%	3%
Electricity	4%	5%	5%	3%	2%

Top 10 responses displayed. Total mentions displayed.

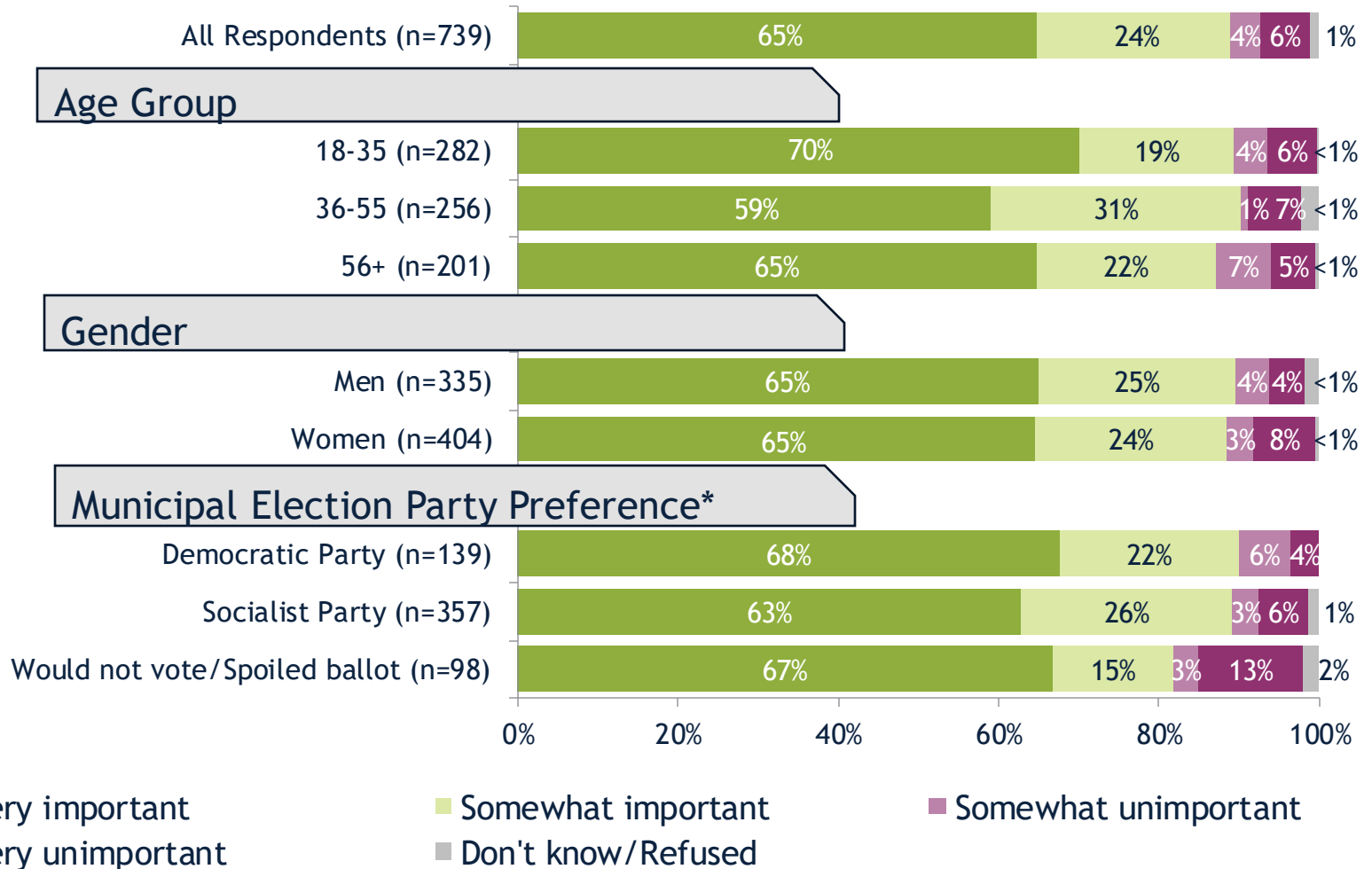
# You said that [ITEM] was the most important problem facing your municipality today. If municipal elections were being held today, how important would this issue be in determining who you would vote for Municipal Council?

(Among those who listed one of the top five most mentioned problems facing their municipality)



You said that **economy-cost of living, higher prices** was the most important problem facing your municipality today. If municipal elections were being held today, how important would this issue be in determining who you would vote for Municipal Council?

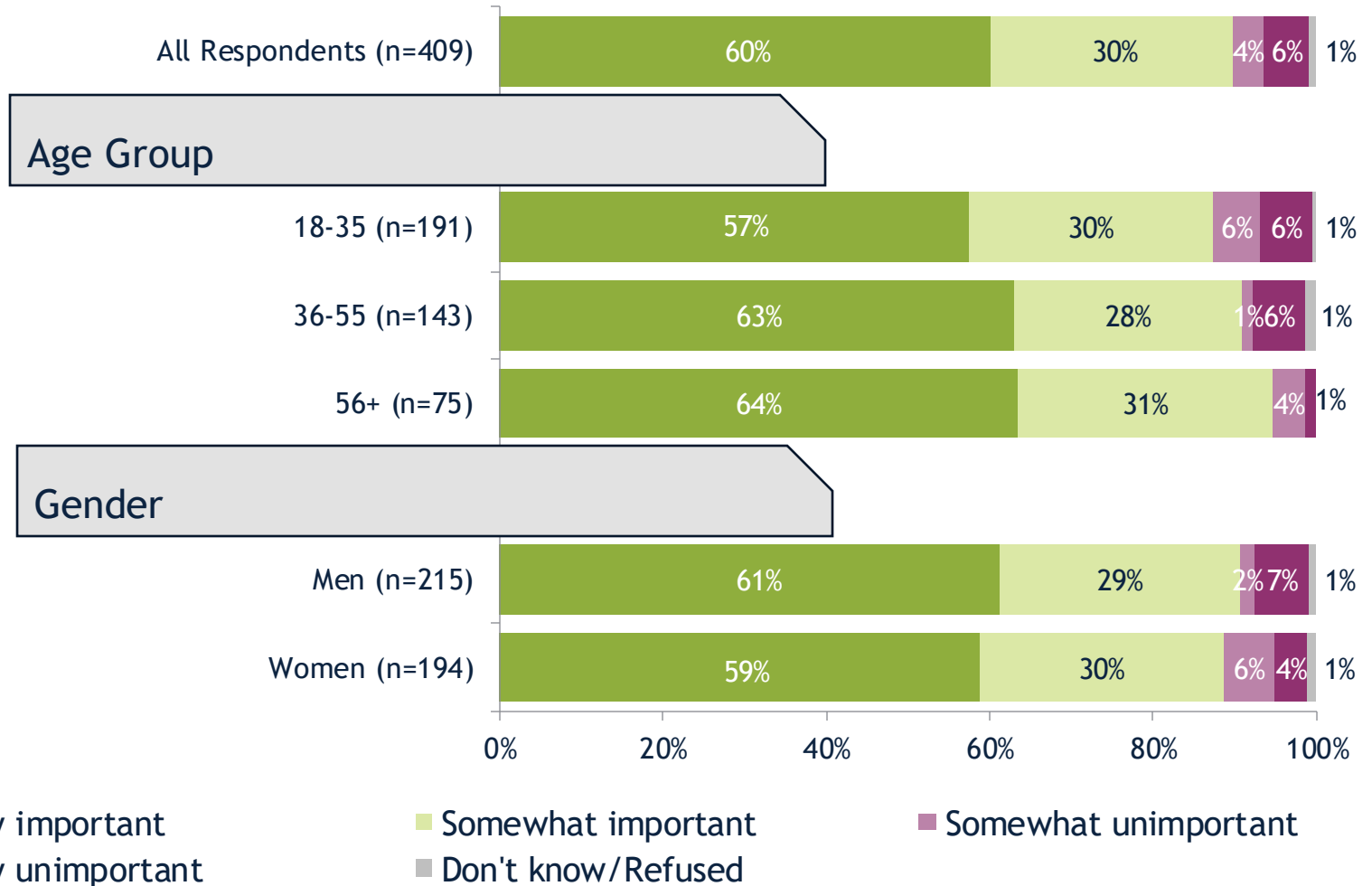
(Among those who said that the cost of living and higher prices were the most important problems facing their municipality)



\*Party disaggregates with n < 50 are not displayed.

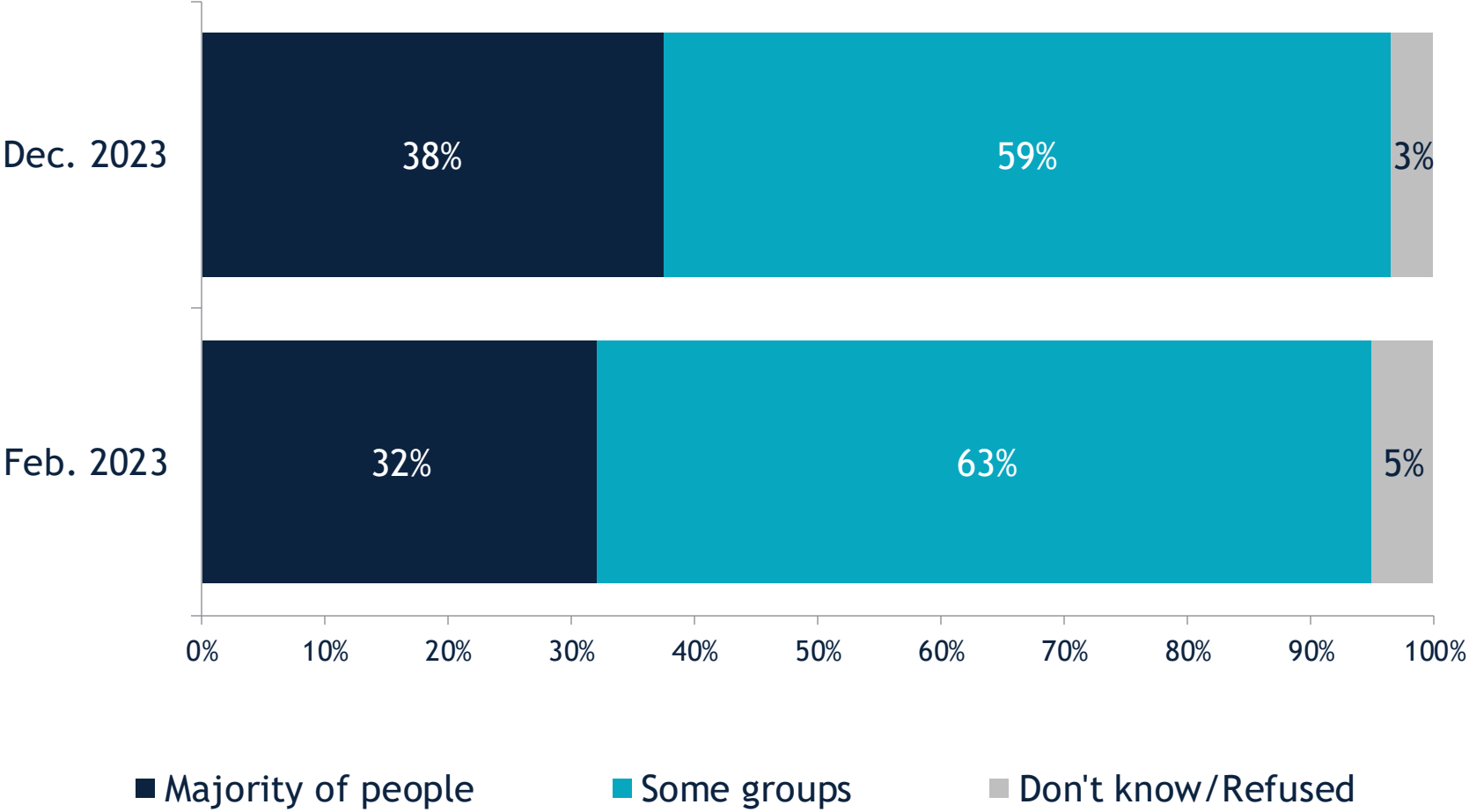
You said that **economy-unemployment** was the most important problem facing your municipality today. If municipal elections were being held today, how important would this issue be in determining who you would vote for Municipal Council?

(Among those who said that unemployment was the most important problem facing their municipality)



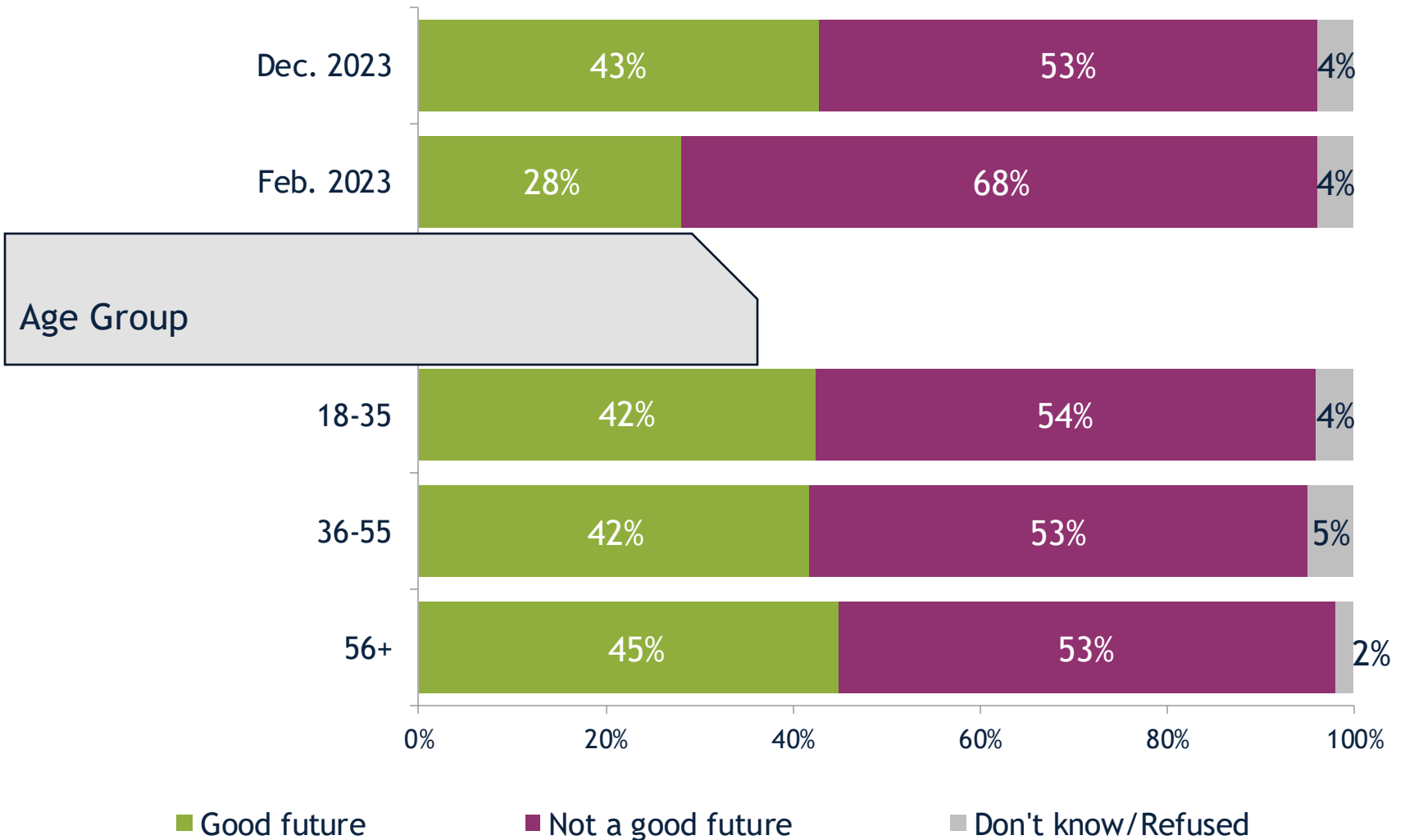


# Do you consider our country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or in the interest of some groups?





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

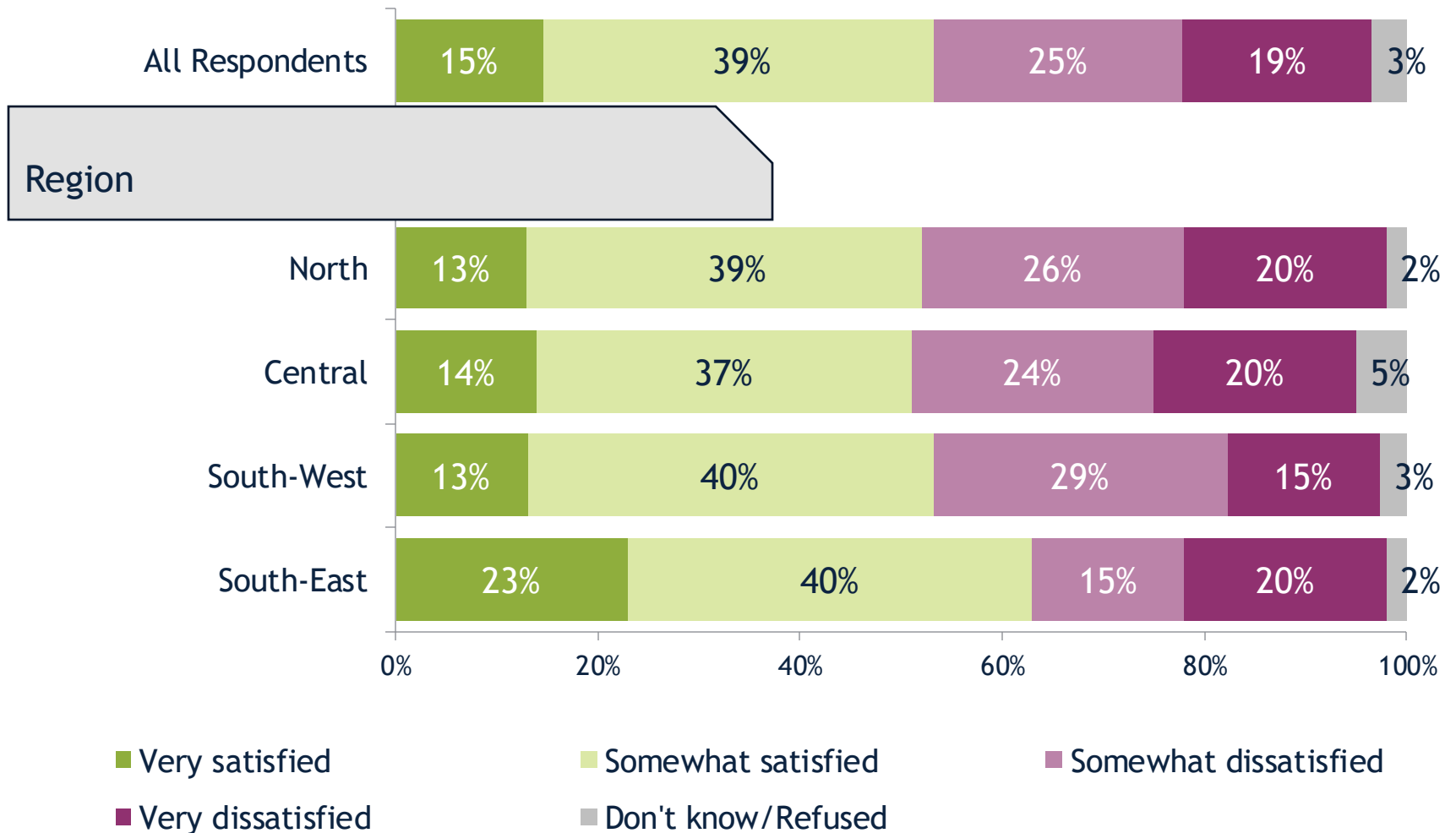




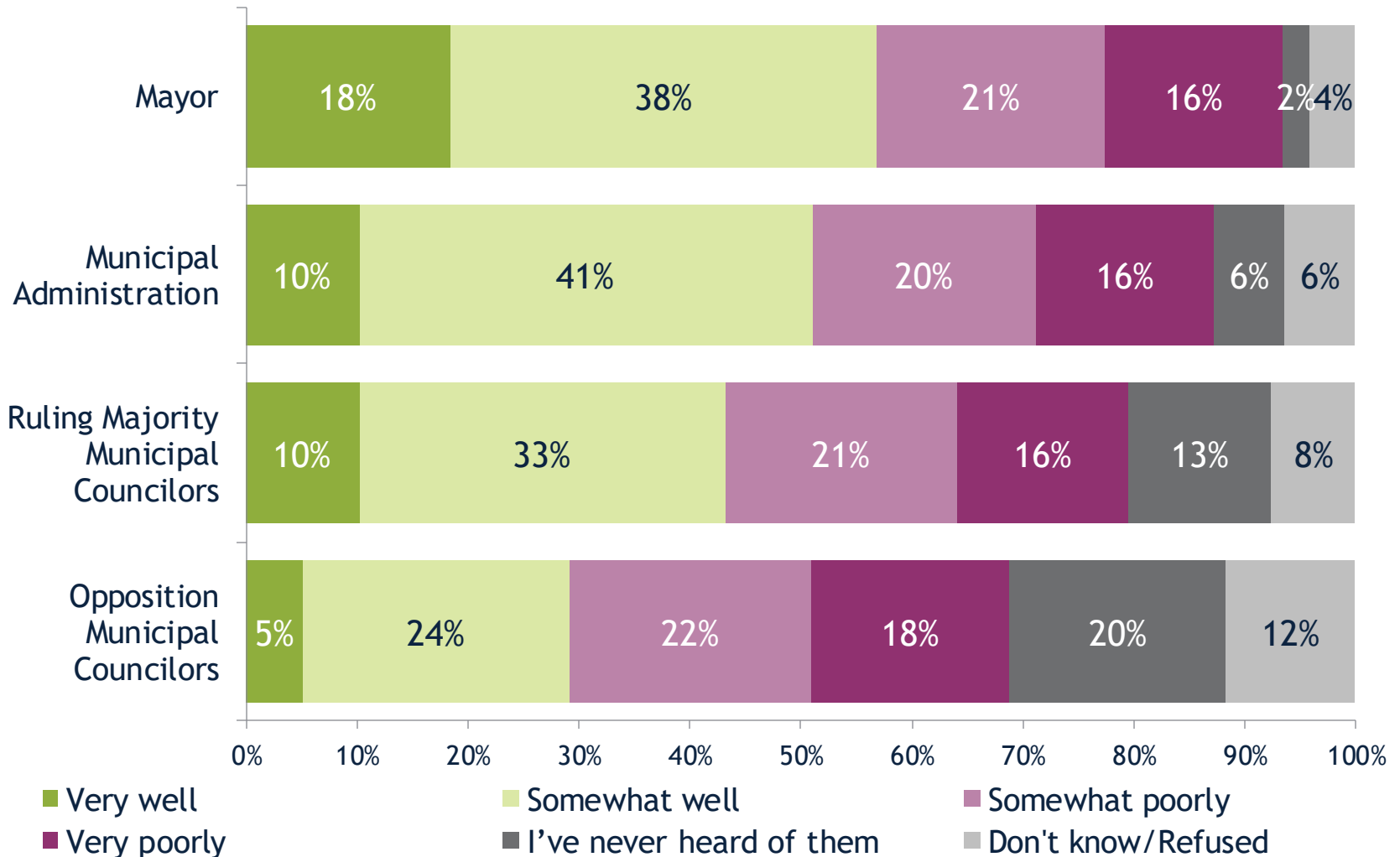
# Municipal Government



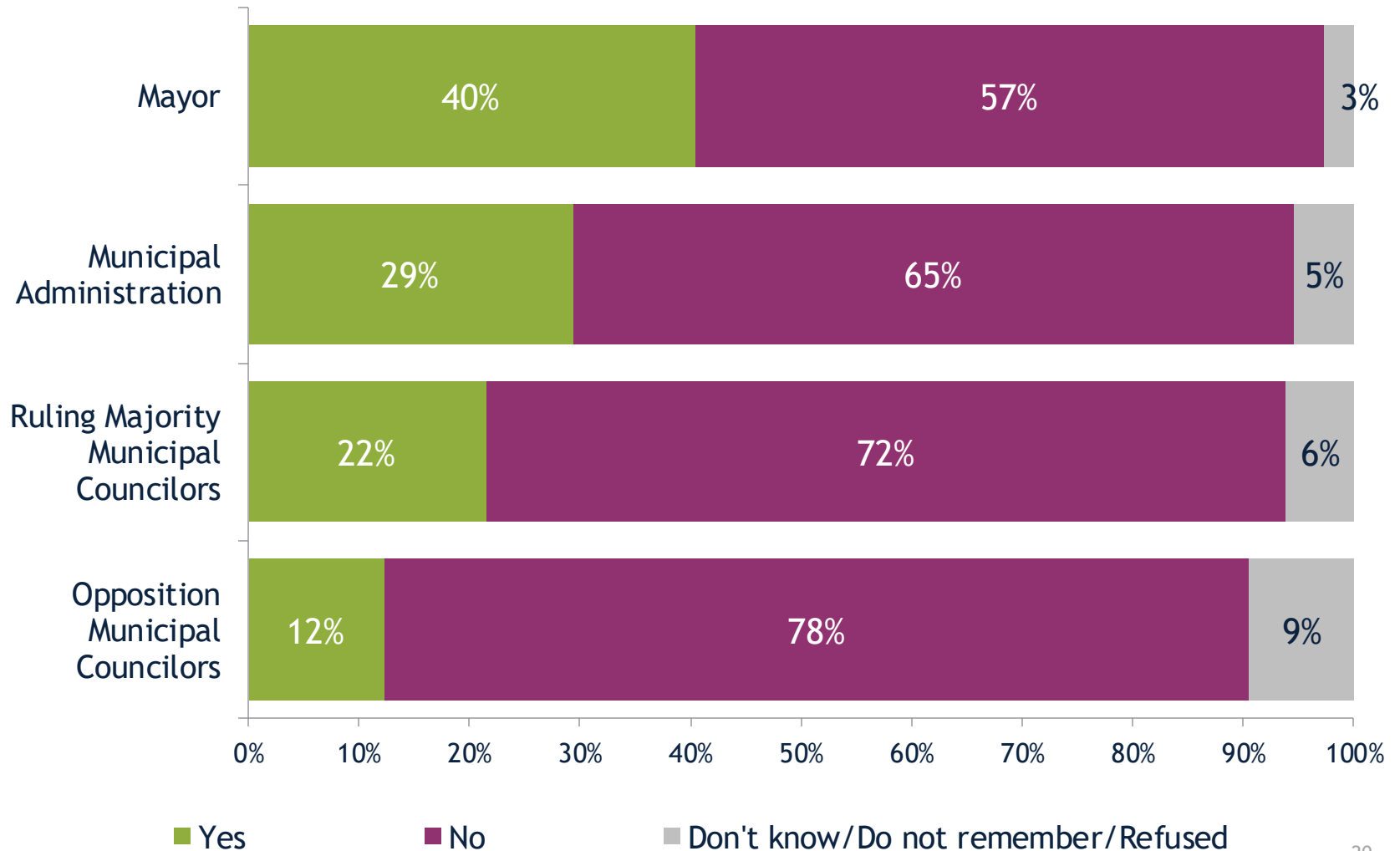
On May 14, 2023, municipal elections were held. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the performance of your municipal government prior to the elections?



When thinking about the following individuals or groups in your municipal government prior to the May 2023 election, how well or how poorly do you think they represented the interests of the citizens living in your municipality?

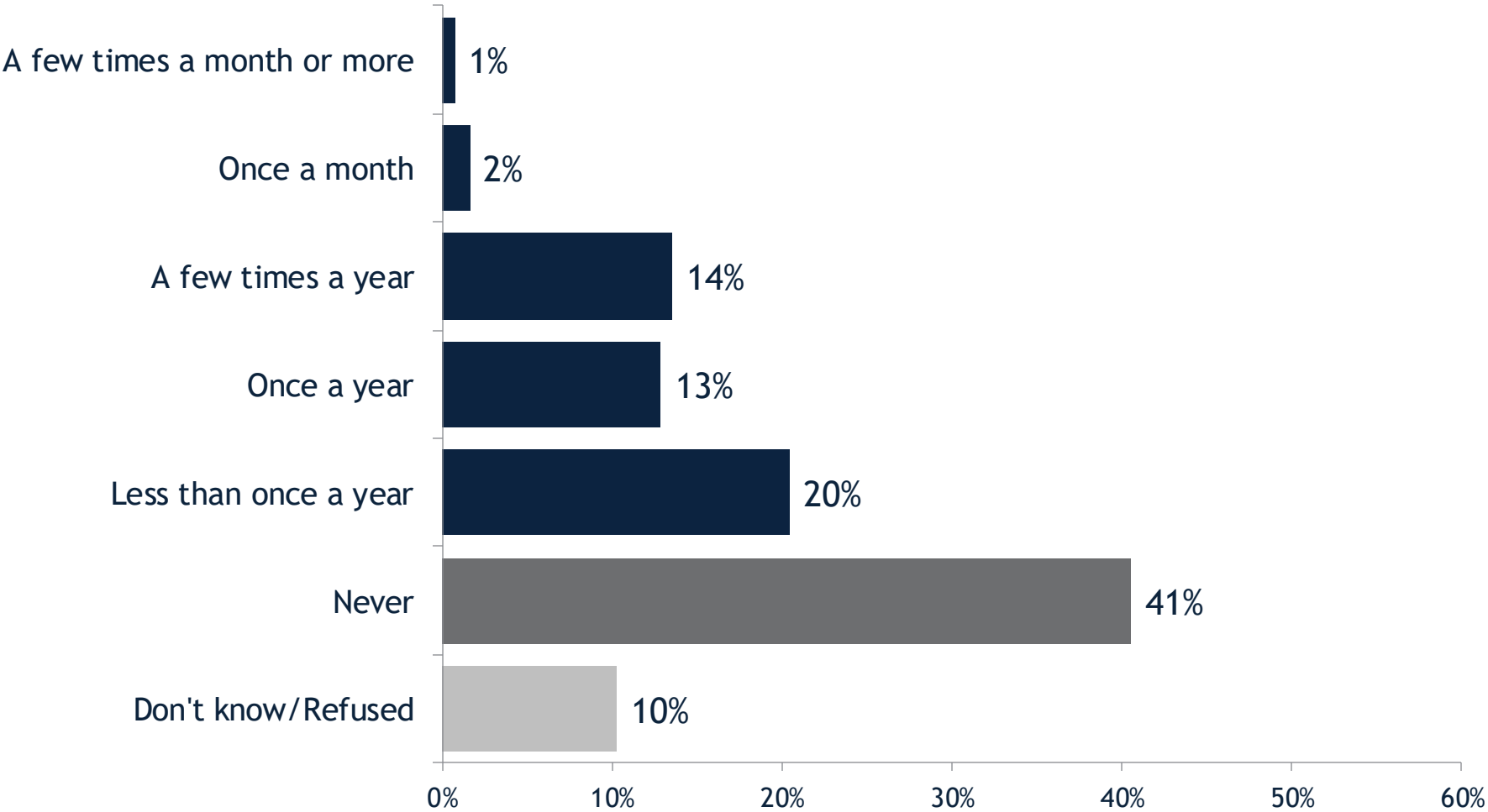


Since the municipal election on May 14, 2023, have you received or seen any form of communication from the following about their goals for your municipality? This might include things like a personal visit, an email, or a social media post that talks about their goals.



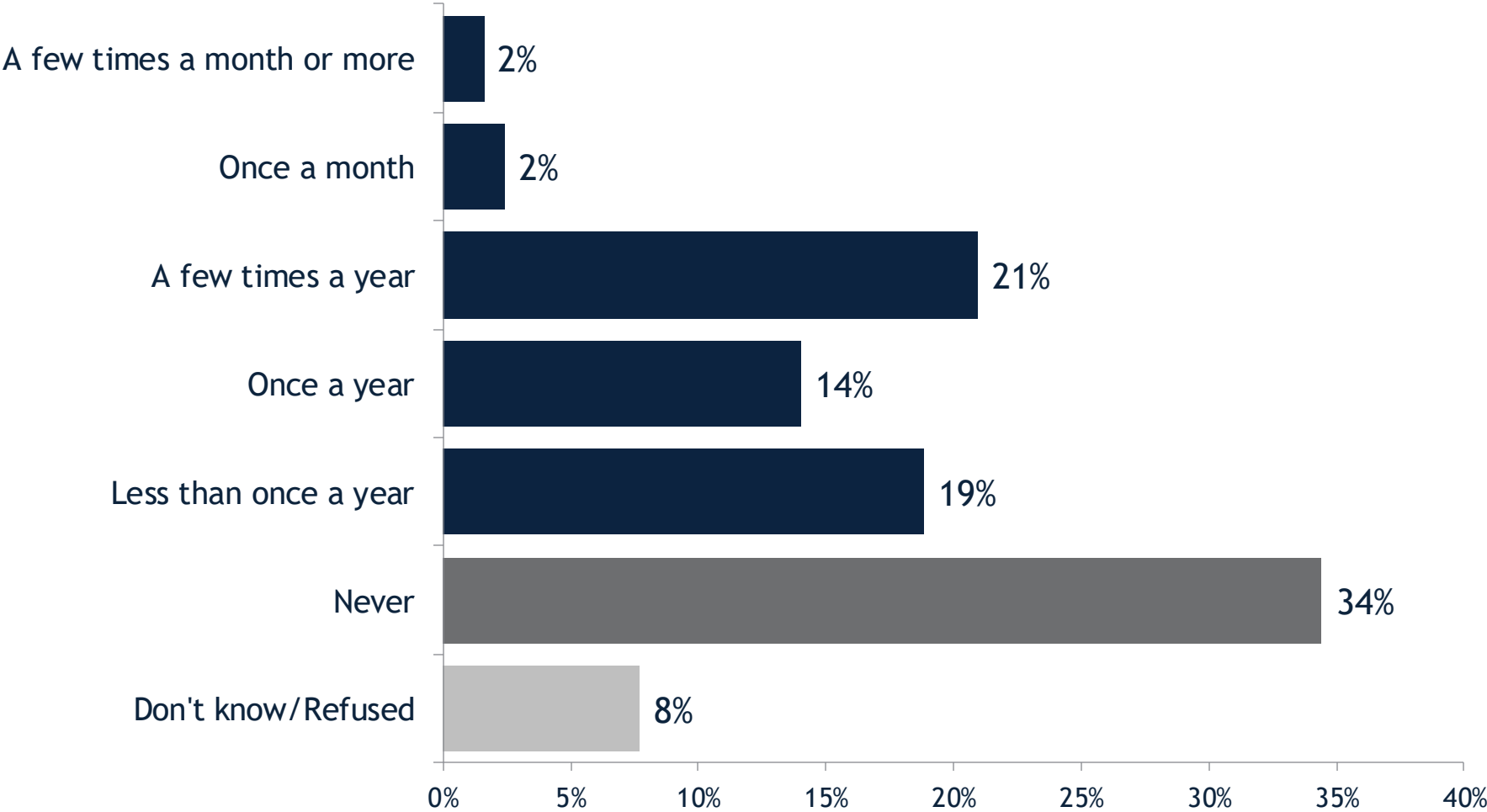


# Thinking about the time outside of election periods, how often do the **opposition party members** of the municipal council communicate with citizens about their work on the council?

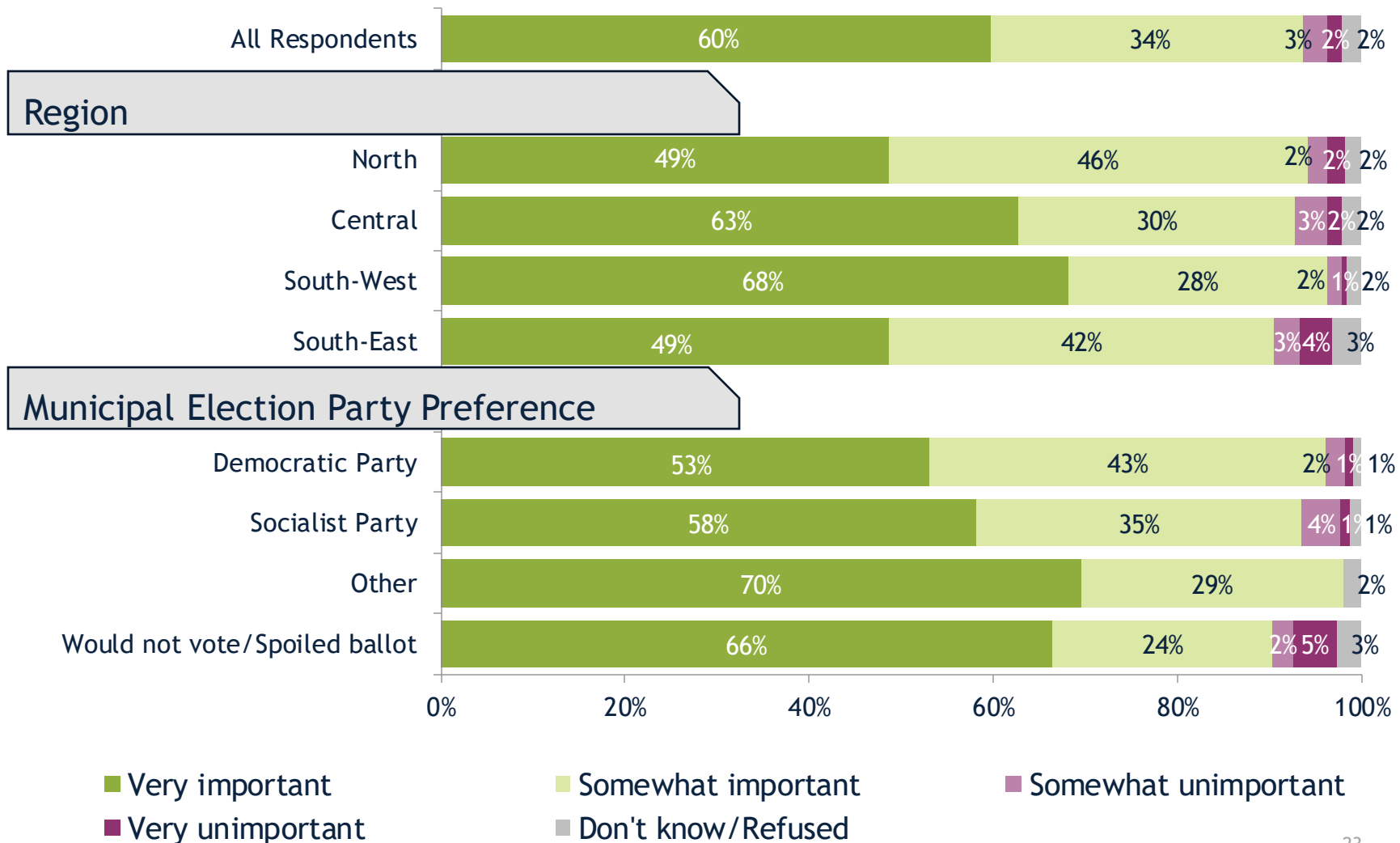




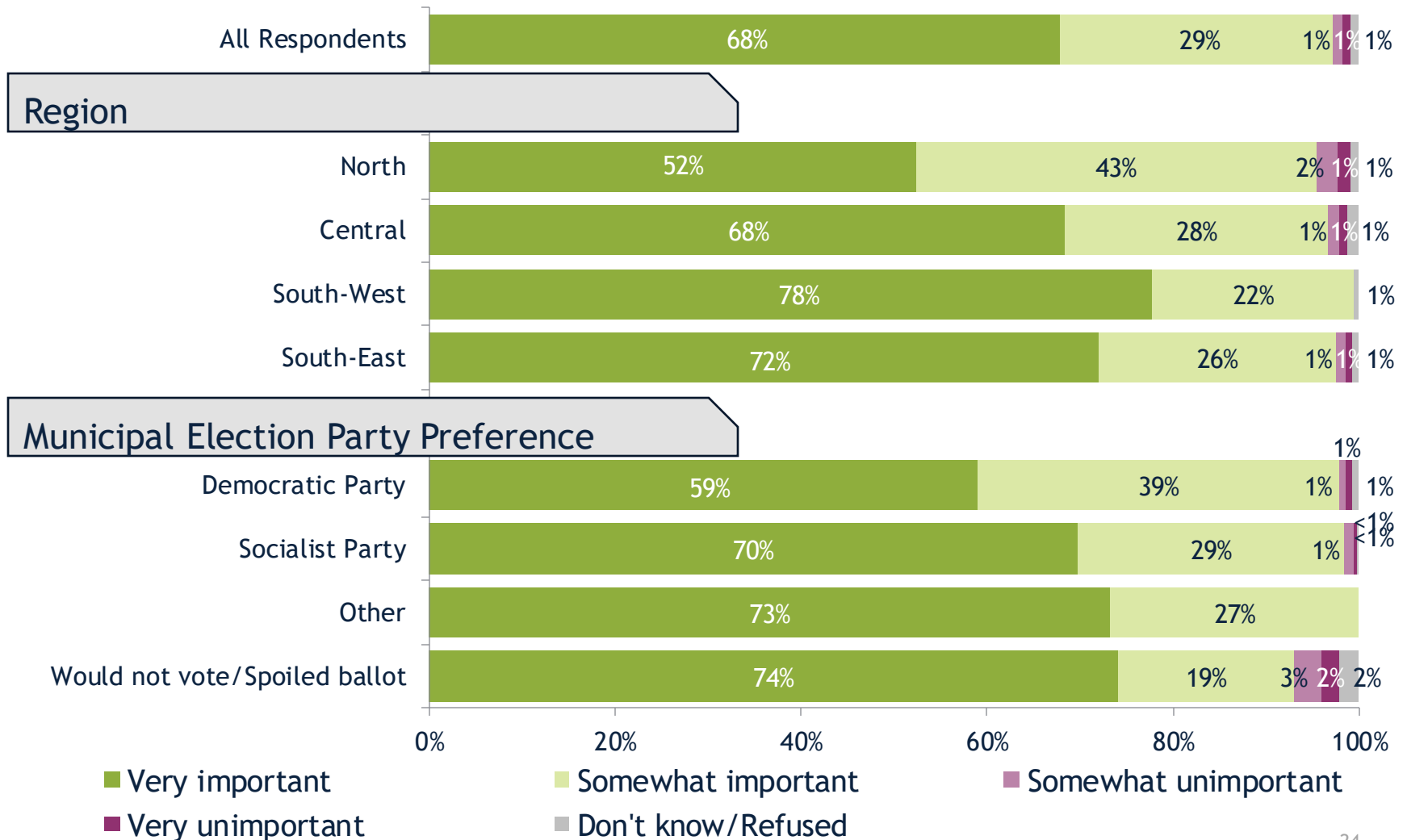
# Thinking about the time outside of election, how often do **ruling party members** of the municipal council communicate with citizens about their work on the council?



# How important do you think it is for **opposition members** of the municipal council to communicate to the community about their positions on key issues?

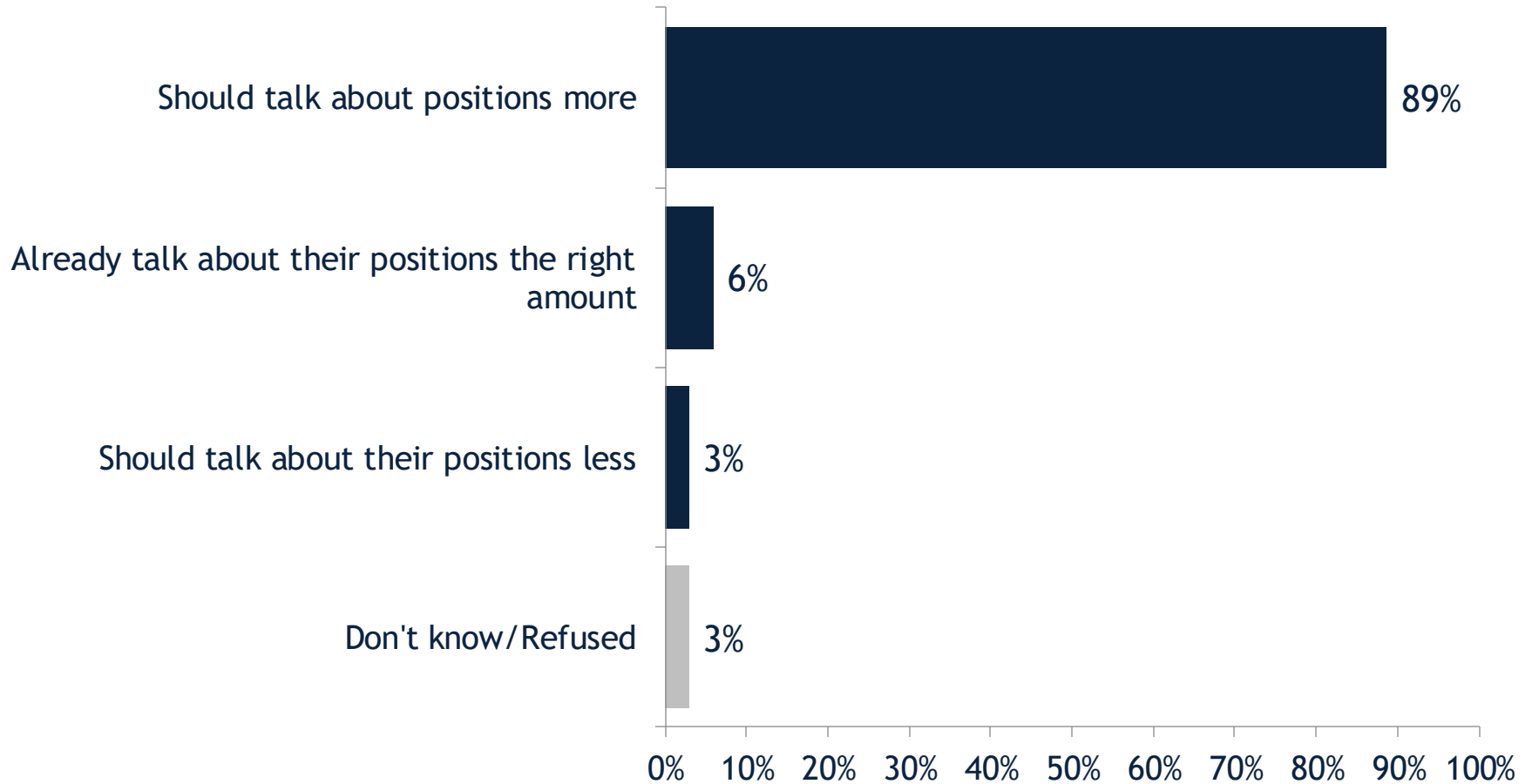


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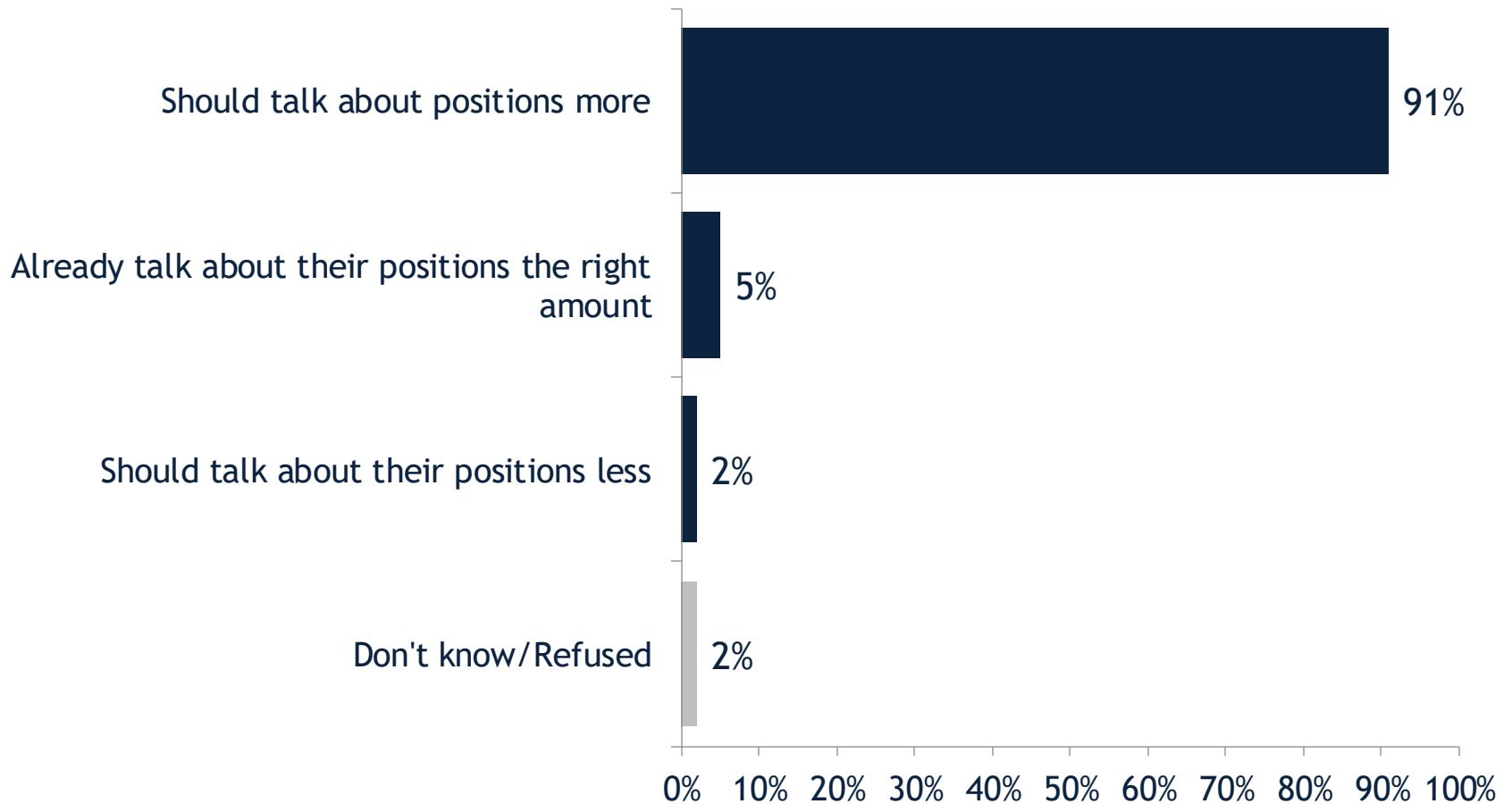




Do you think that **opposition members** of the municipal council should talk to your community about their positions on key issues more than they do currently, less than they do currently, or do they talk about their positions in the right amount?



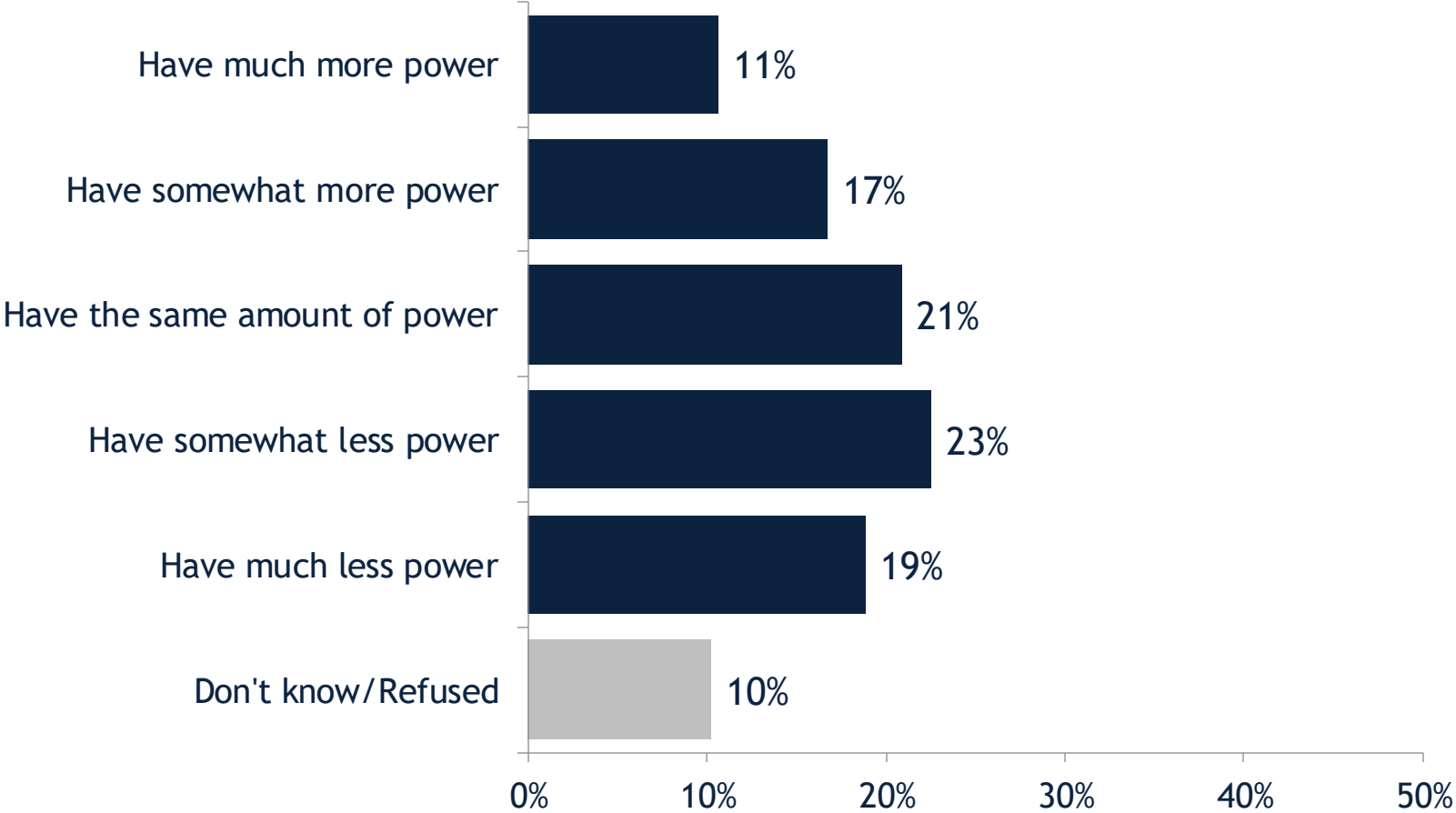
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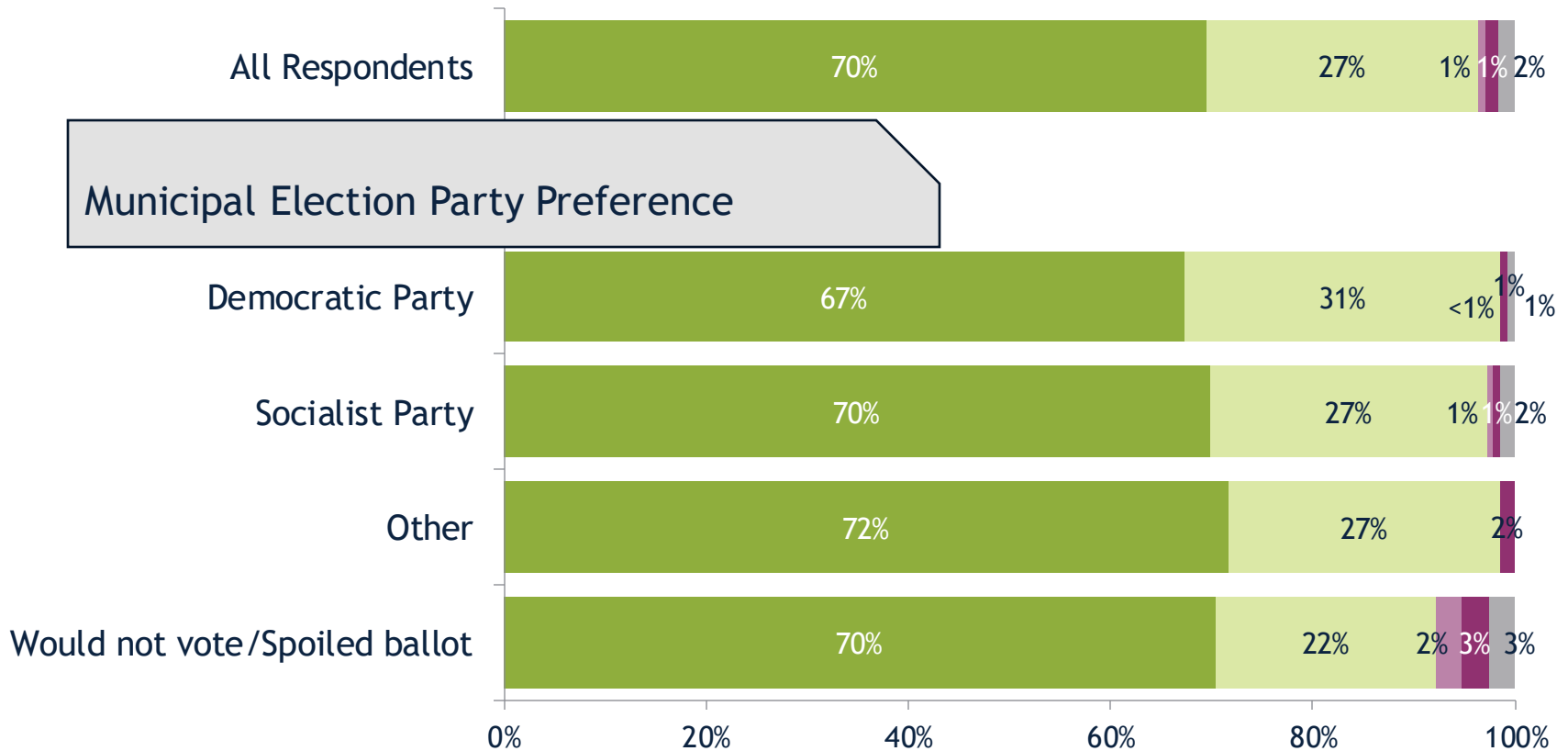
# Would you say that municipal councils have more power, less power, or the same amount of power as mayors in municipal government?

Municipal councils...



Now, I'm going to read you a few statements. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement?

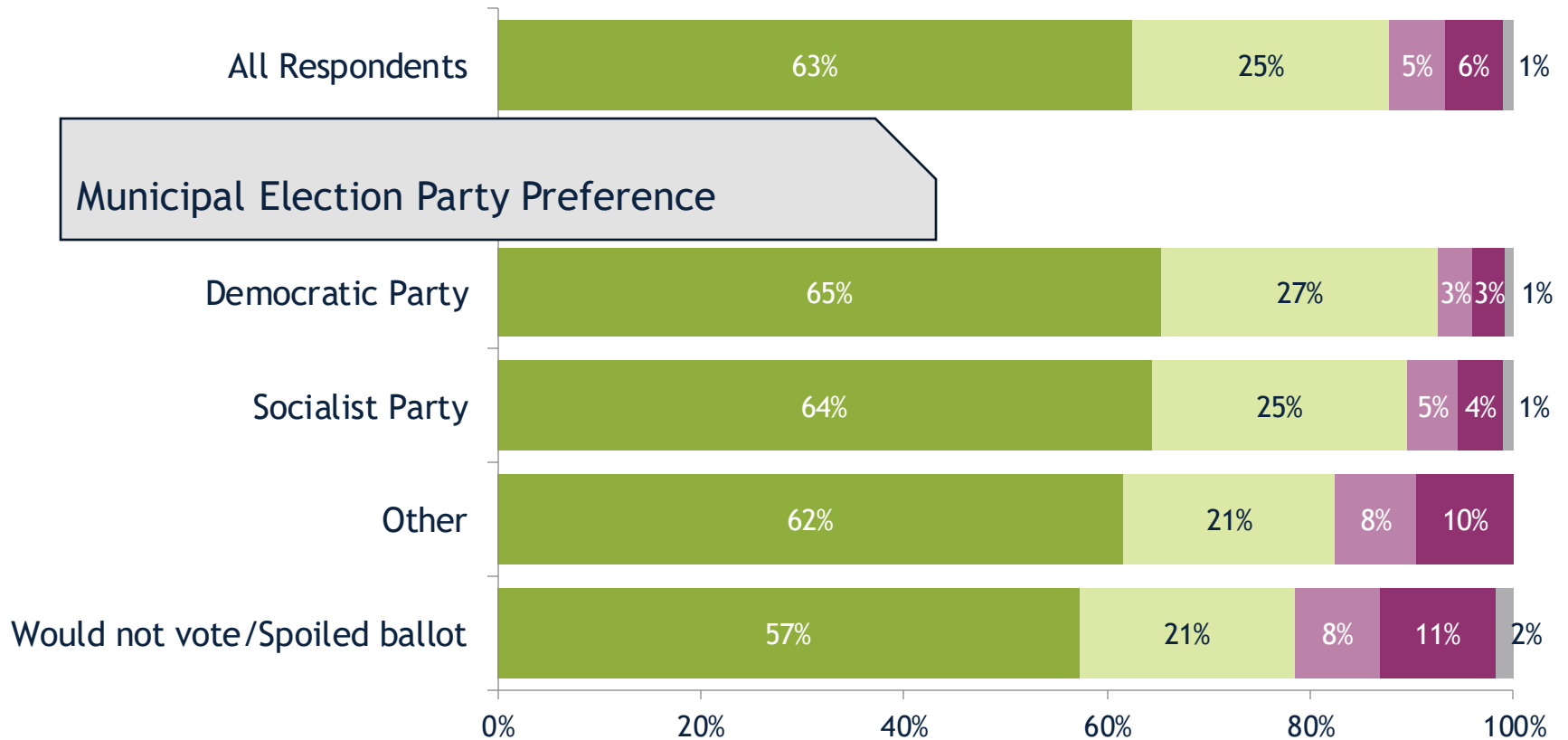
*Municipal political parties should be active outside of election times*



■ Strongly agree 
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 ■ Somewhat disagree 
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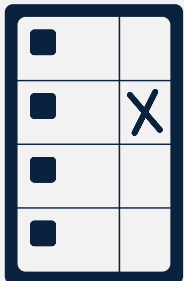
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*Albanian citizens who live outside the country should be allowed to vote in Albanian elections*

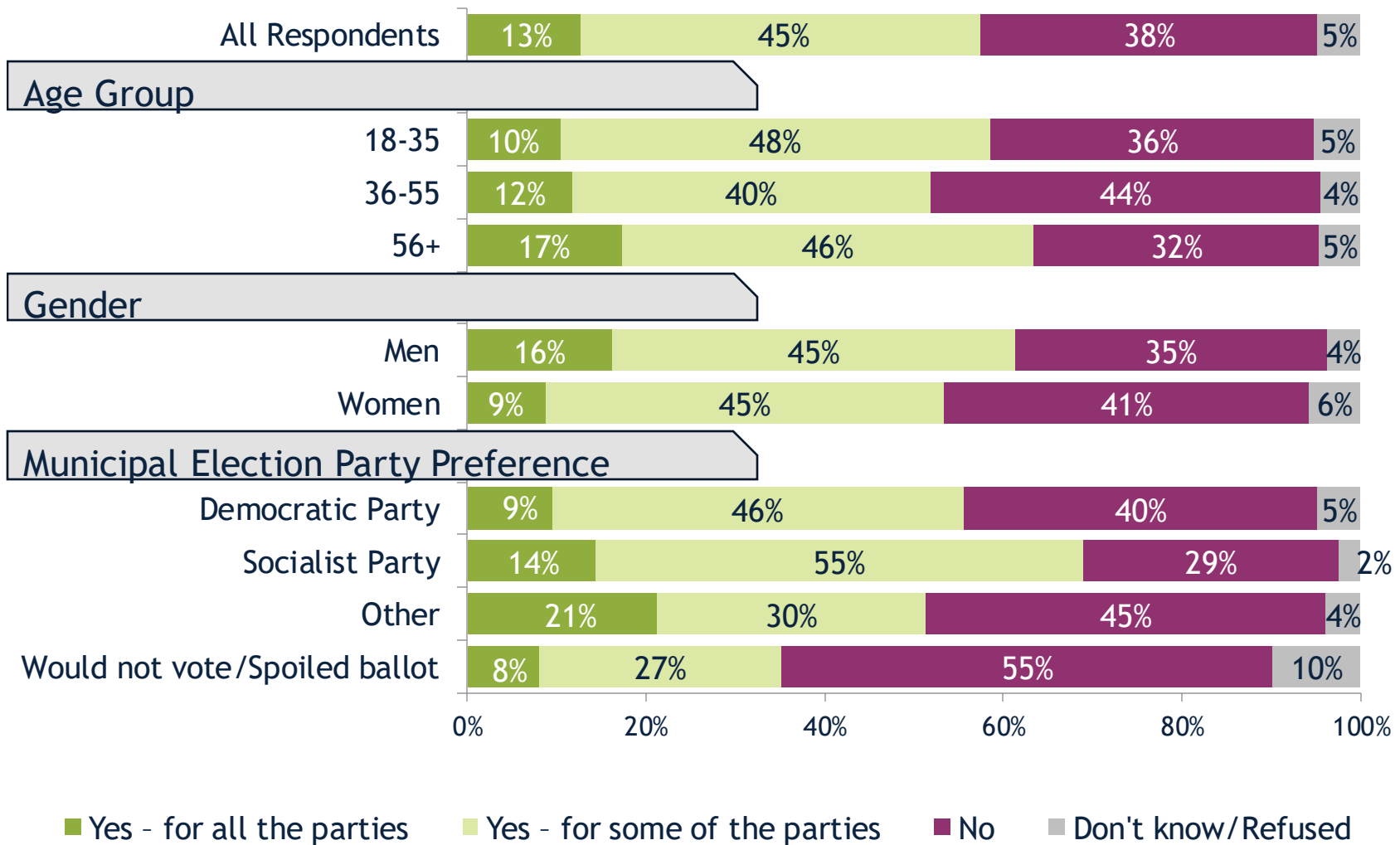


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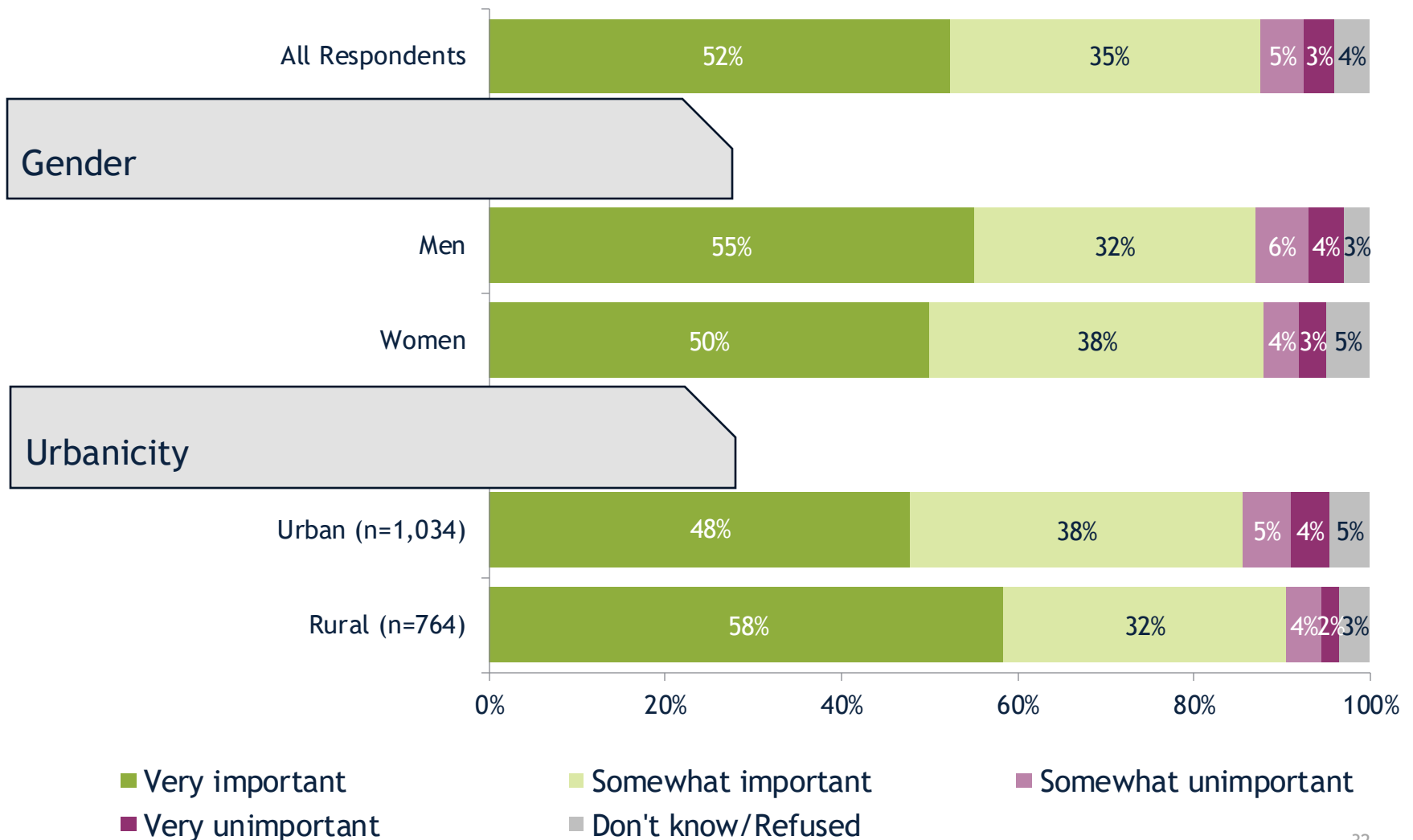
# Municipal Political Parties



# Thinking about the political parties in your municipality, would you say you have a clear understanding of the political positions and policy priorities each party has?

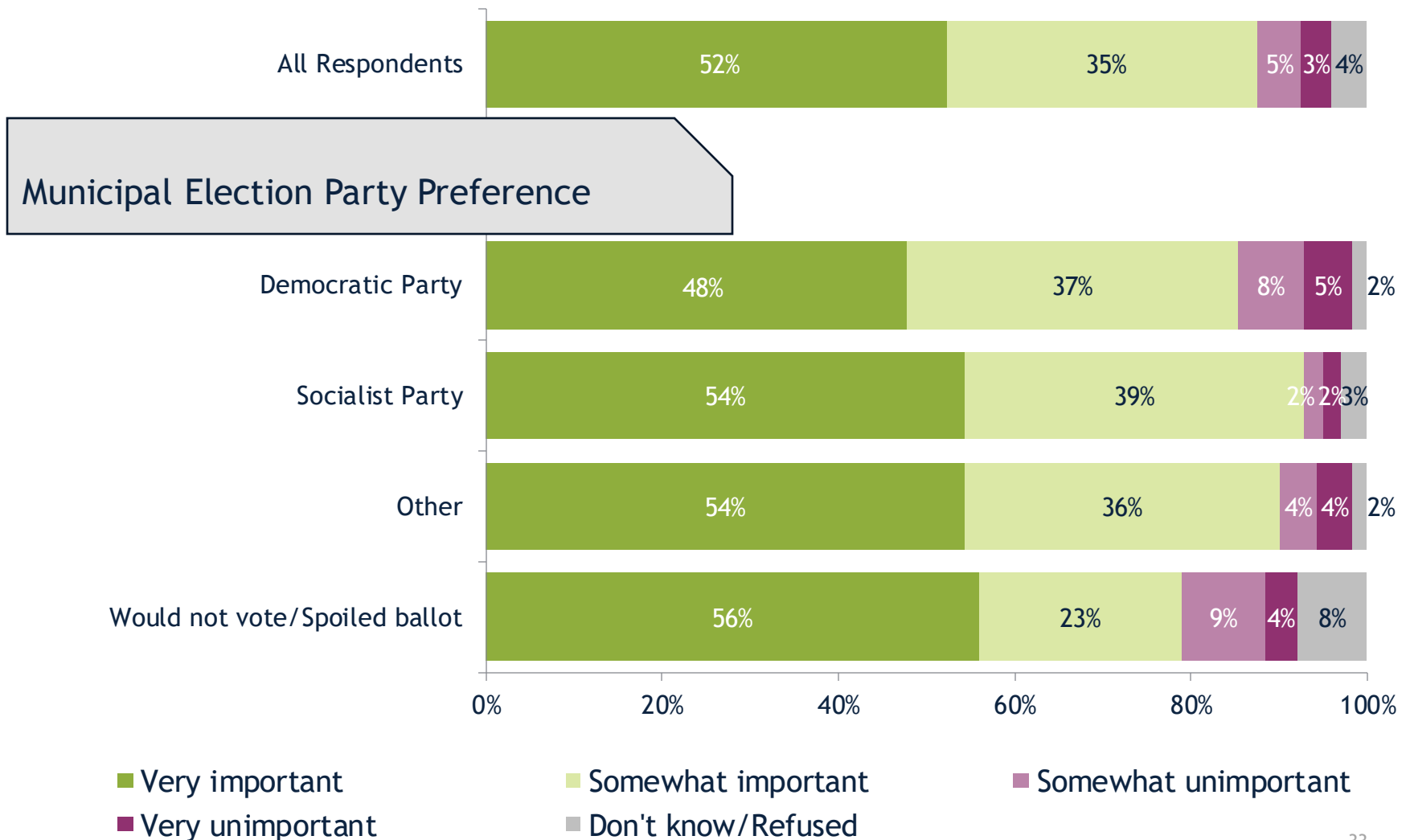


# How important would you say it is for municipal political parties to talk about municipal issues rather than national issues?

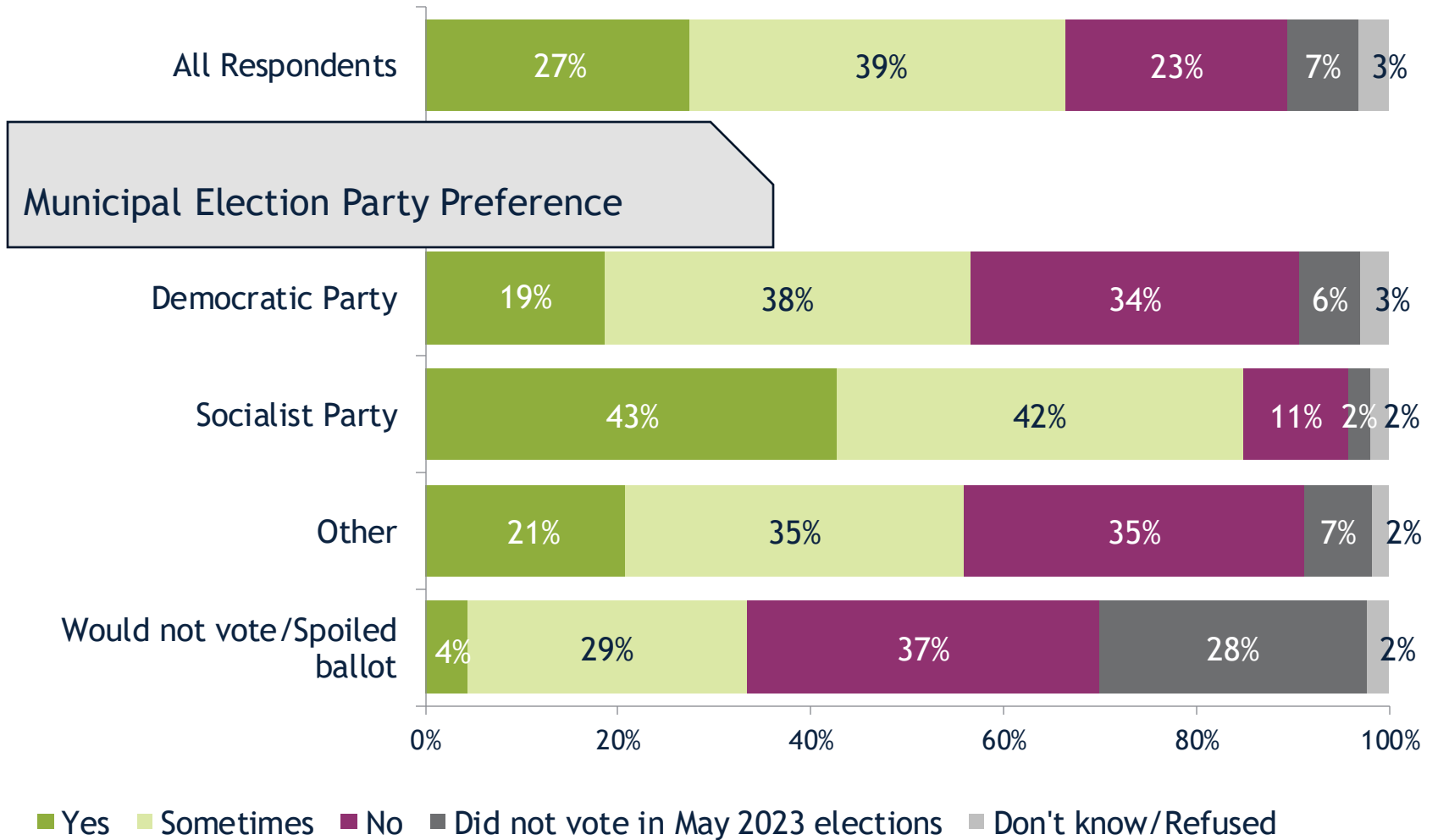




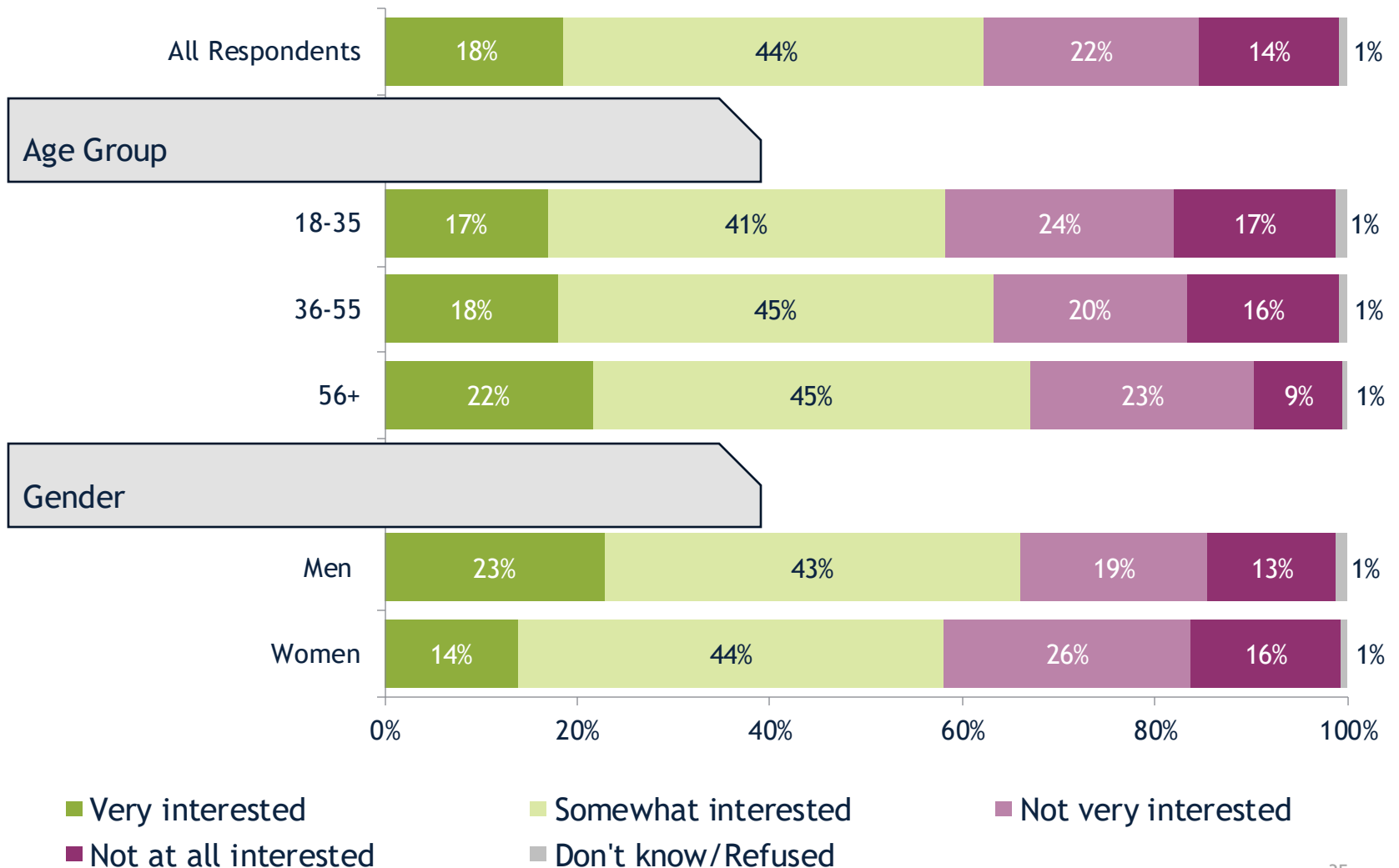
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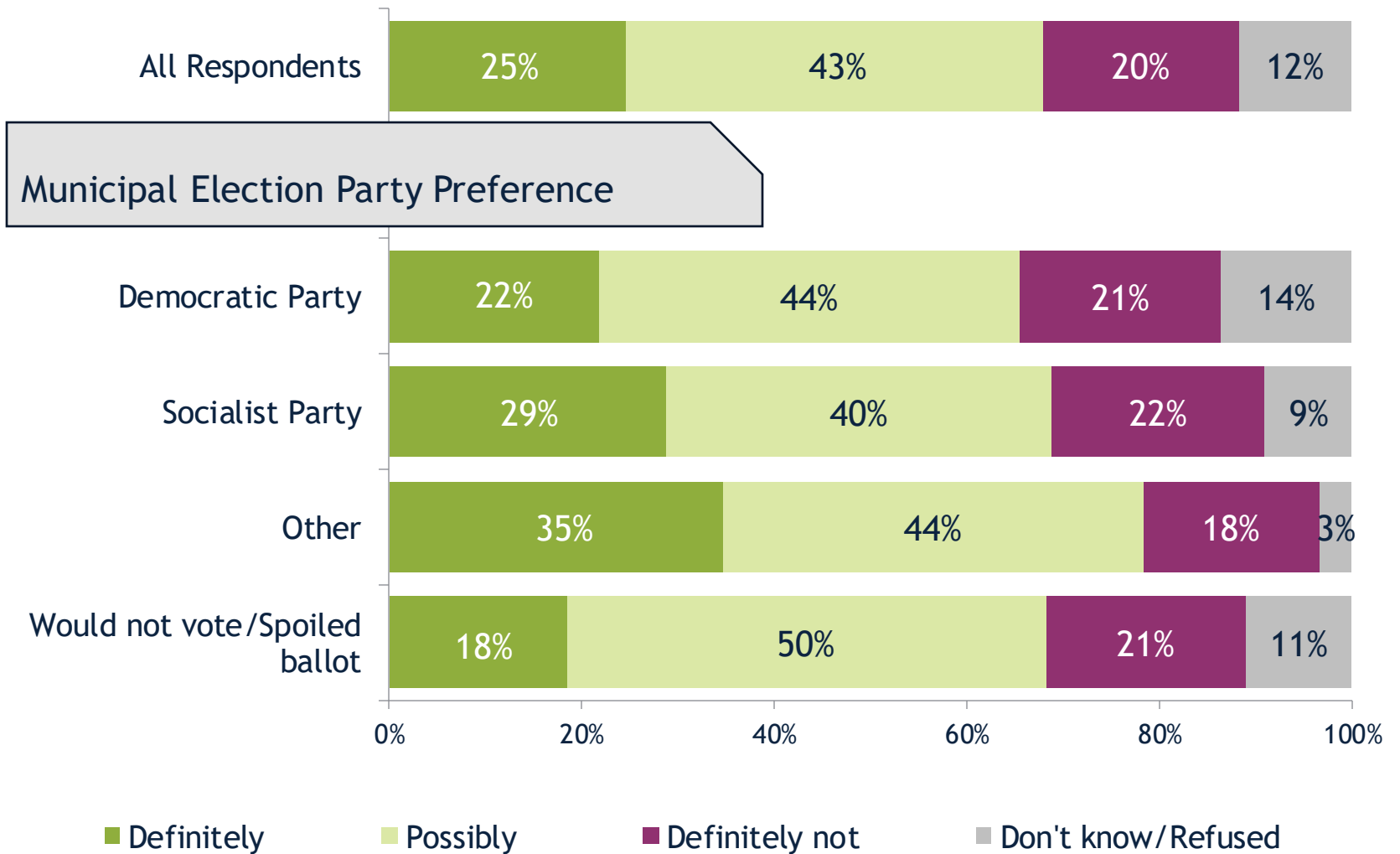
# Thinking of the political party that you voted for in the May 2023 elections, do you feel this political party communicates effectively with citizens about its vision for your municipality?



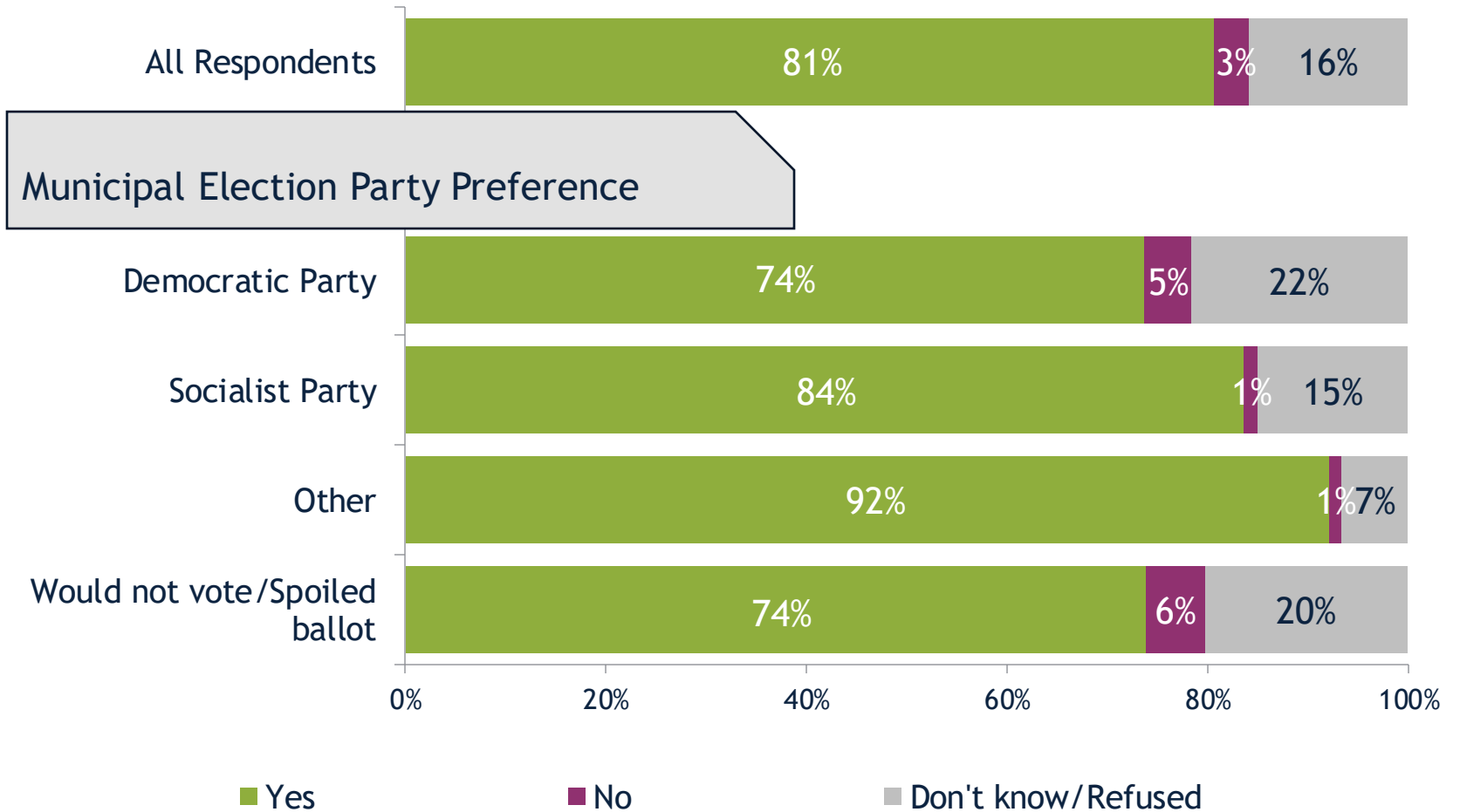
# How interested would you be in receiving information about policy goals and objectives from political parties in your municipality?



**If a political party that you don't currently support were to communicate with you about their policy goals and objectives, would that help the party to earn your vote?**

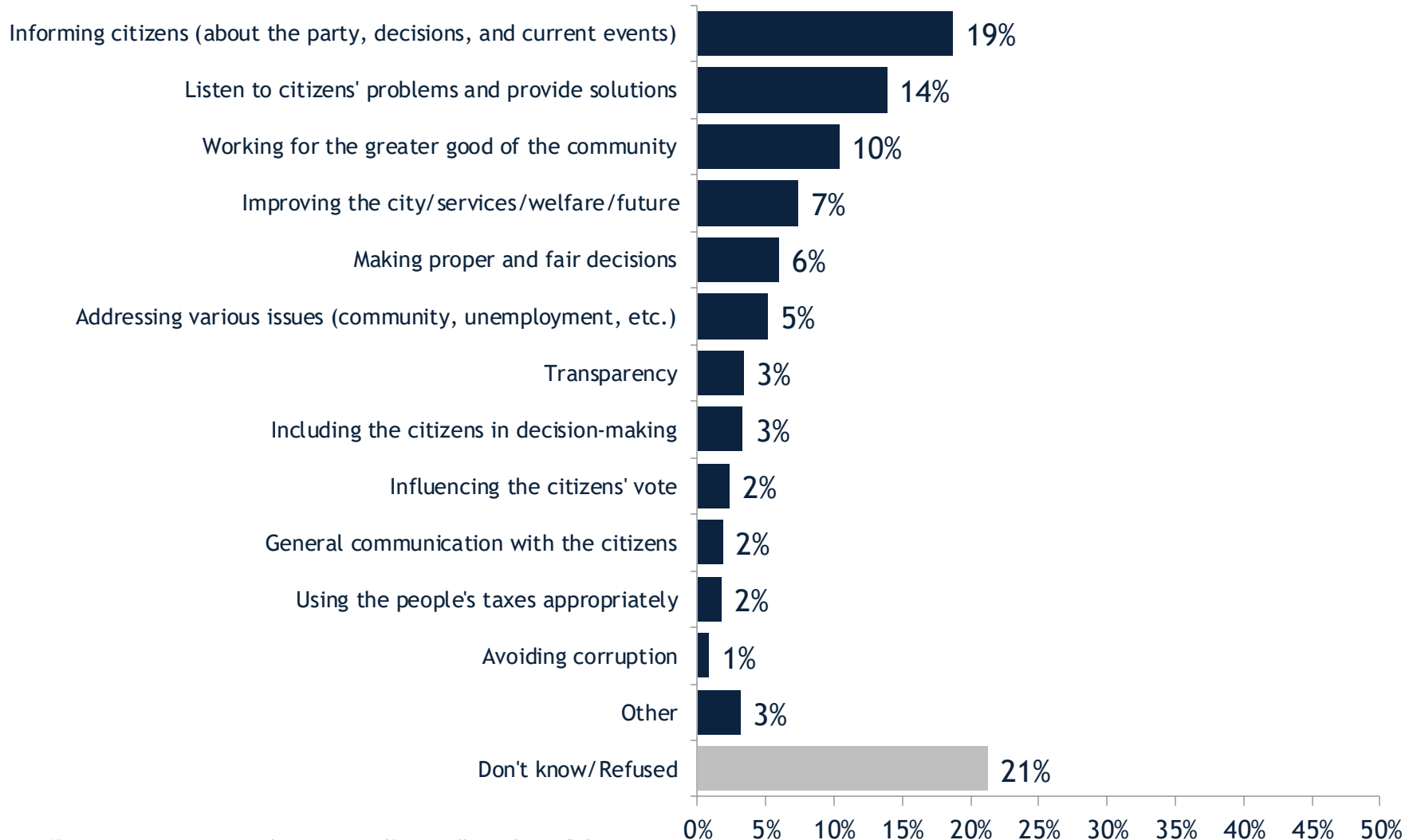


# Do you think that a municipal political party should coordinate with their party members on the municipal council to help inform citizens about their priorities for your municipality?



# Why do you think municipal political parties should coordinate with their party members on the municipal council to inform citizens about their priorities?

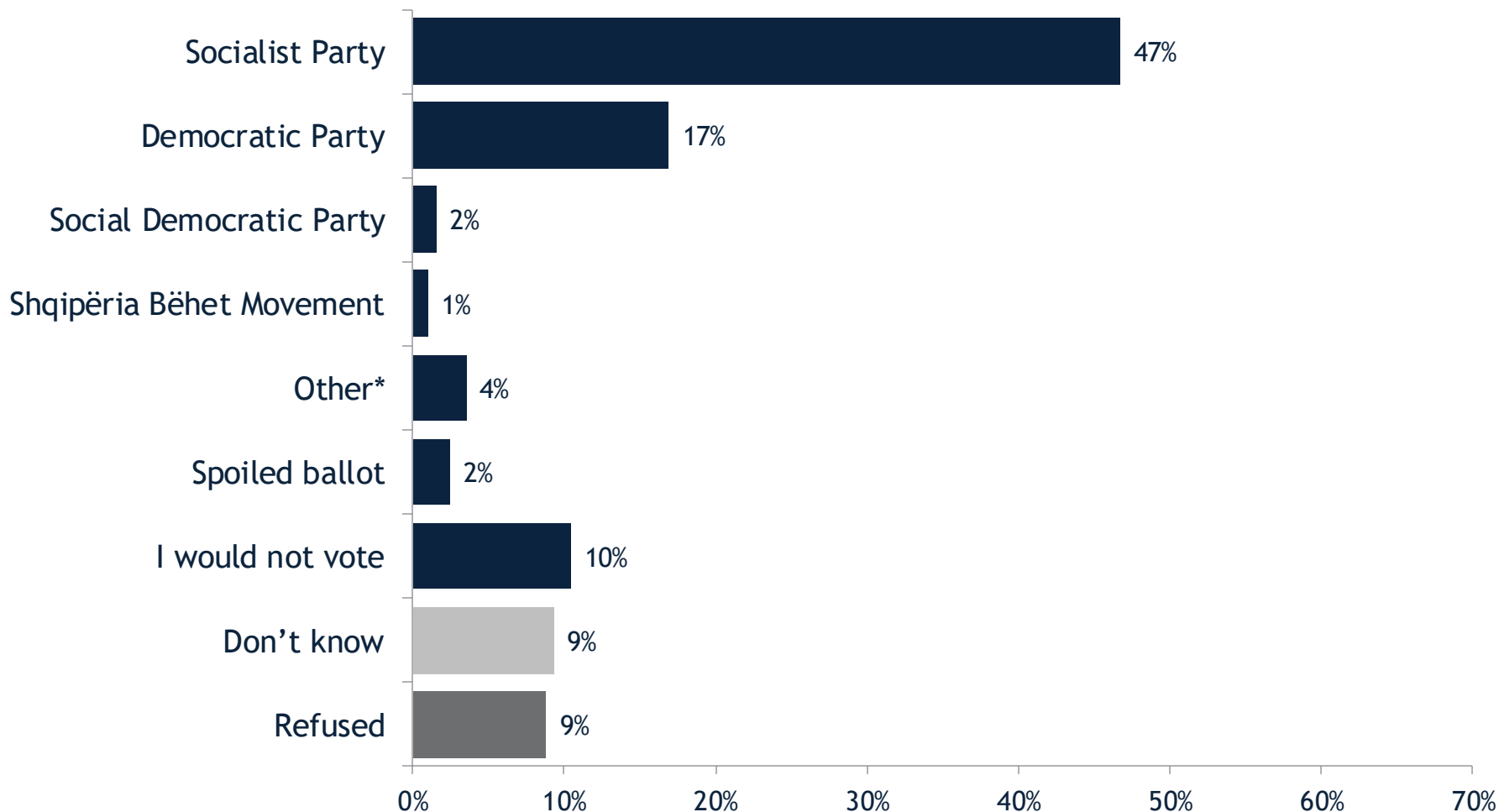
(Among those who said a municipal party should coordinate with their members to inform citizens about their priorities, n=1,451; Spontaneous response)



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# If municipal elections were held this coming Sunday, for which party, if any, would you vote? I would like to remind you that your response is confidential.

(Spontaneous response)



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# Corruption

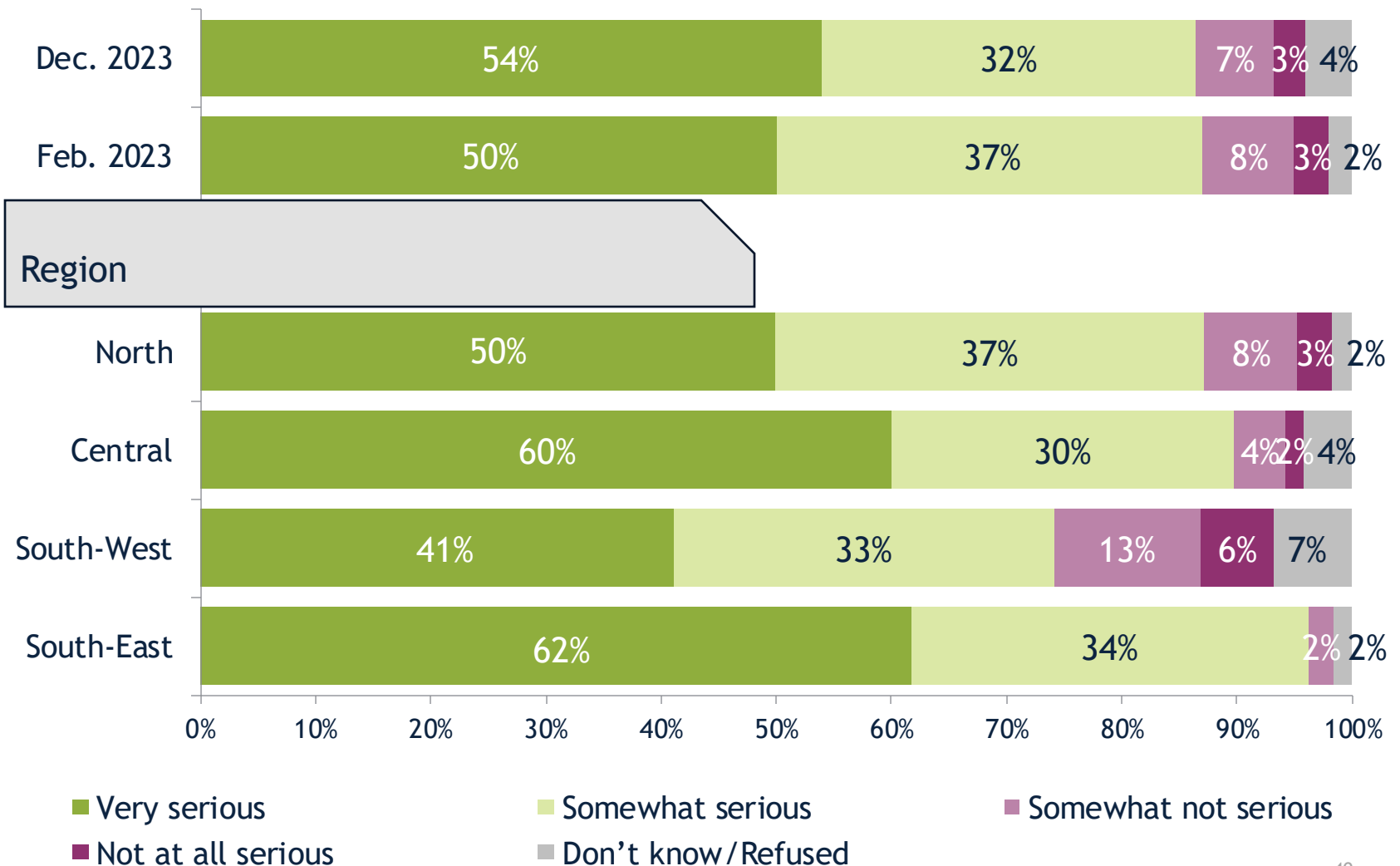


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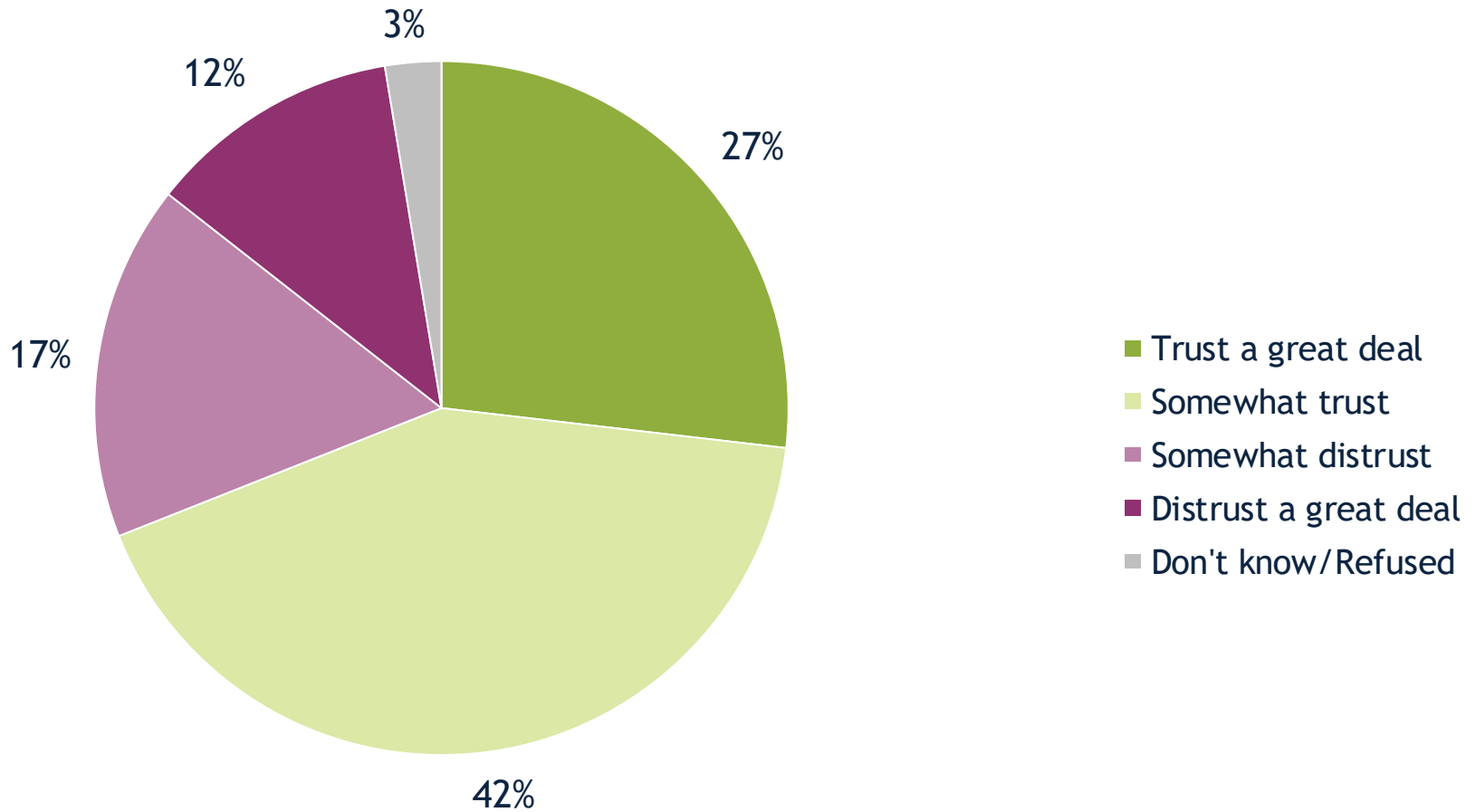




# Do you believe that corruption in our country is a serious problem or not?

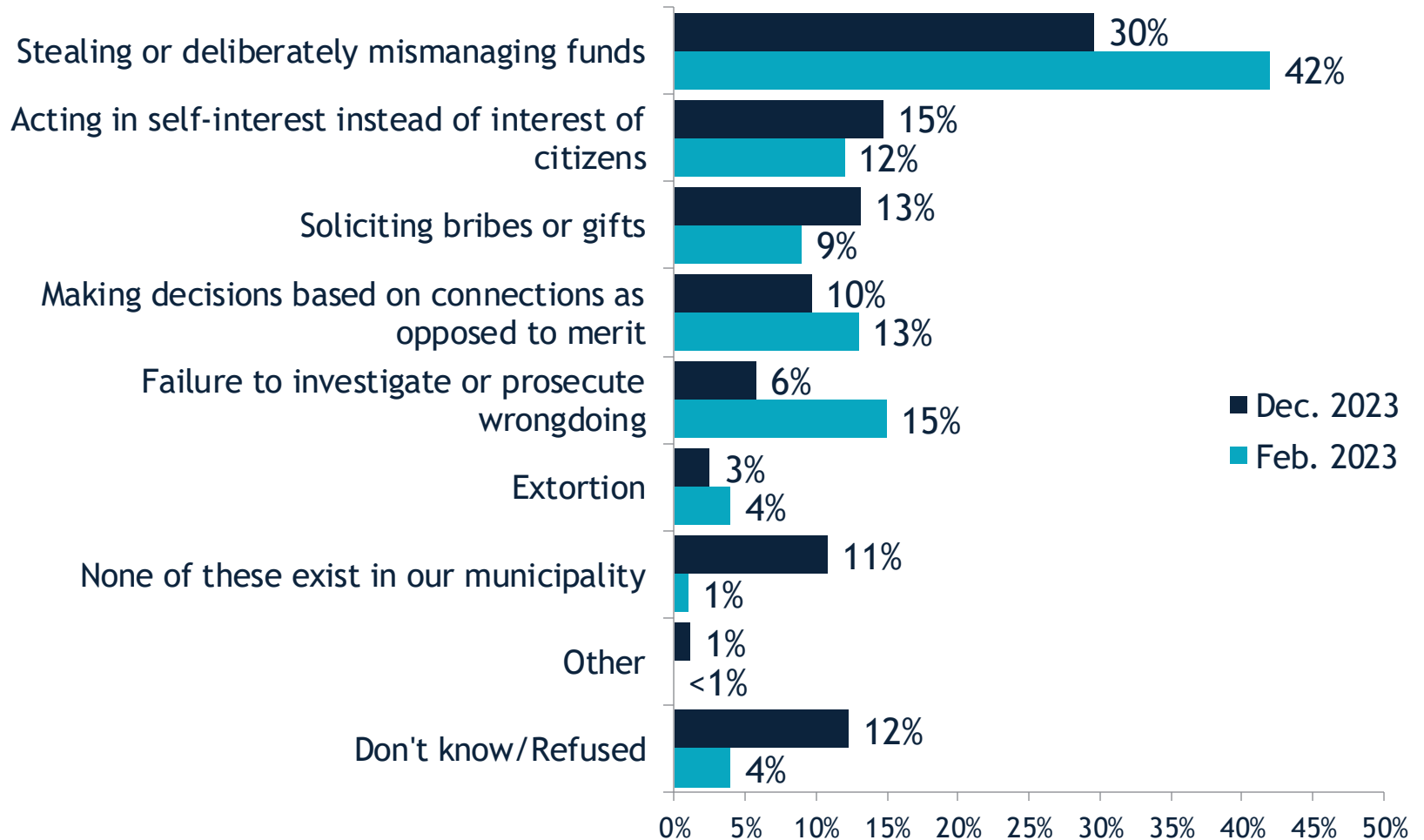


# To what extent do you trust or distrust the Special Anti-Corruption Structure, also known as SPAK, to do its job free from political influence?



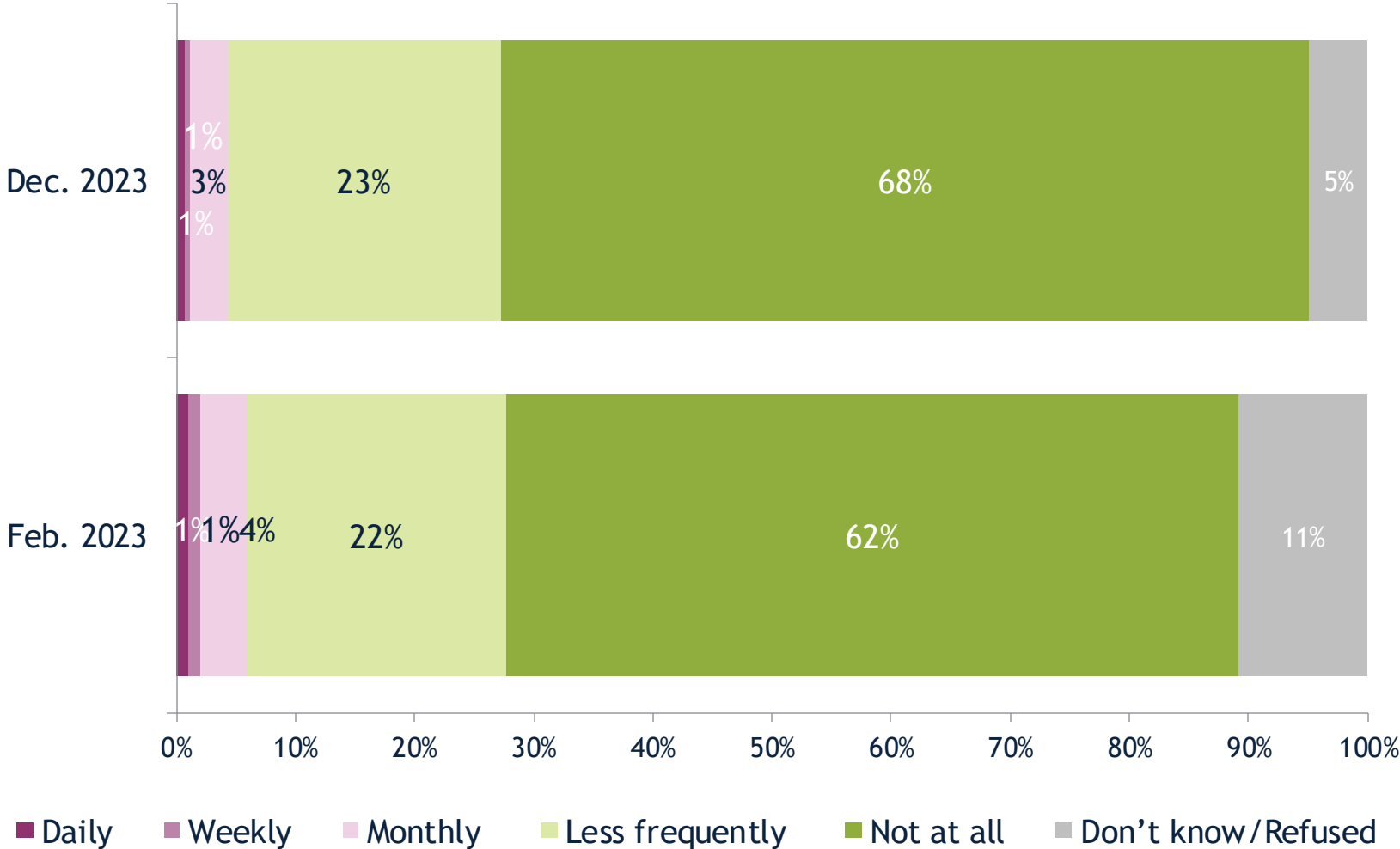
# In your experience, what type of corruption is most common in your municipality?

(Spontaneous response)

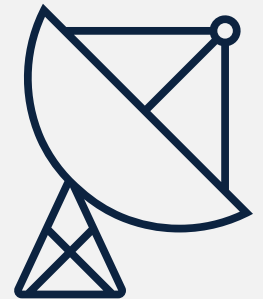




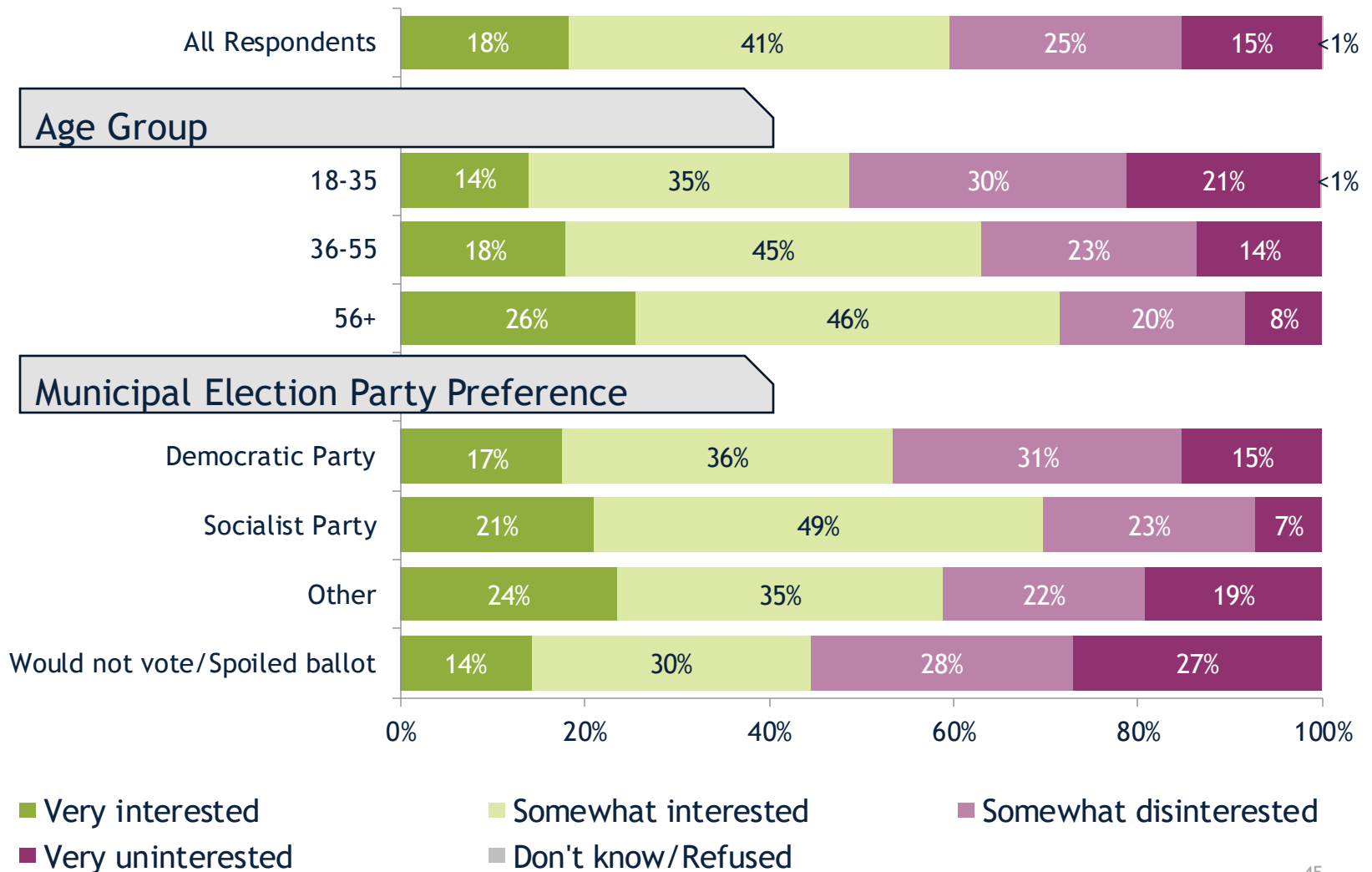
# In the past 12 months, how often, if at all, have you had to do a favor, give a gift, or pay a bribe in your municipality?



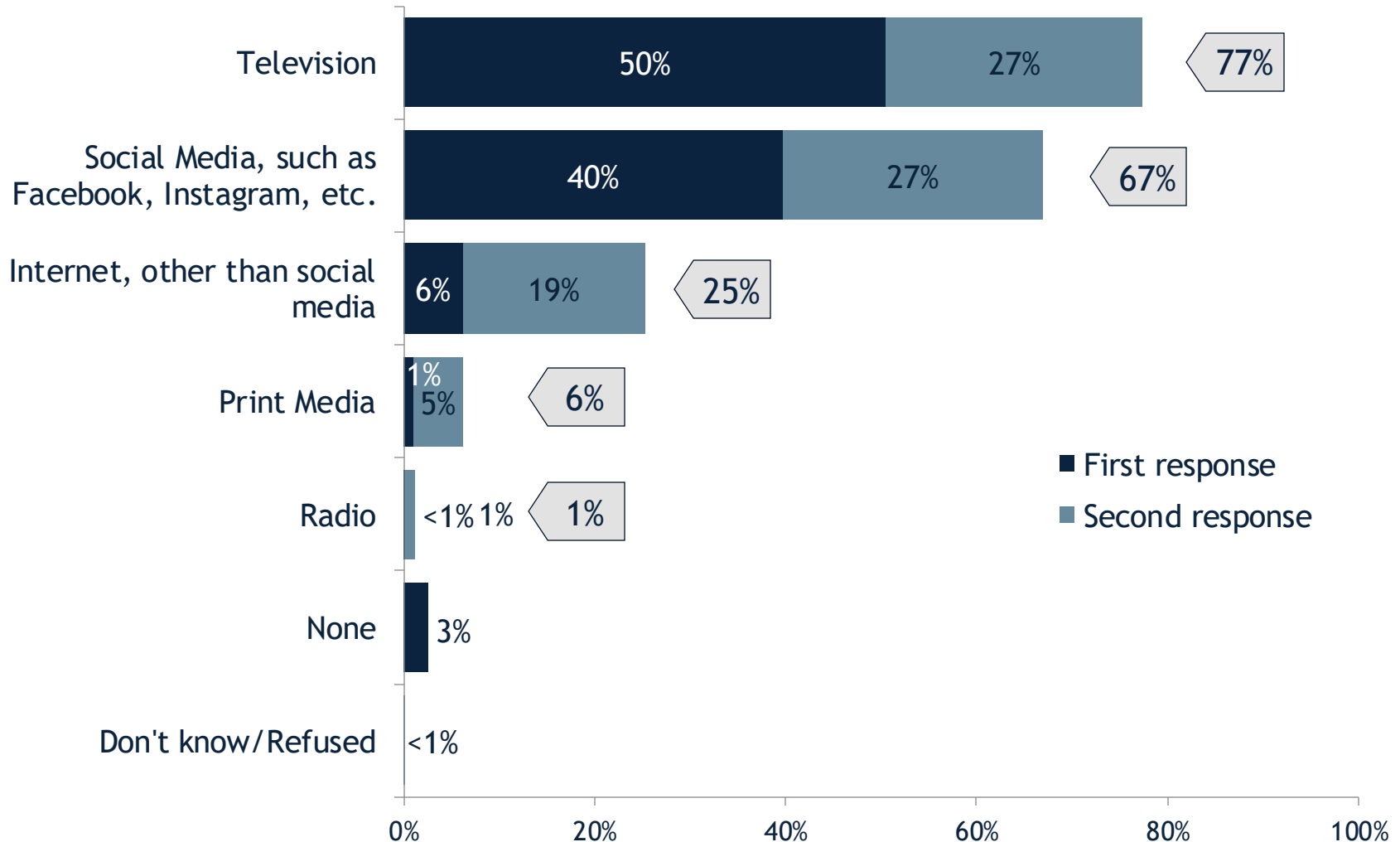
# Sources of Information



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

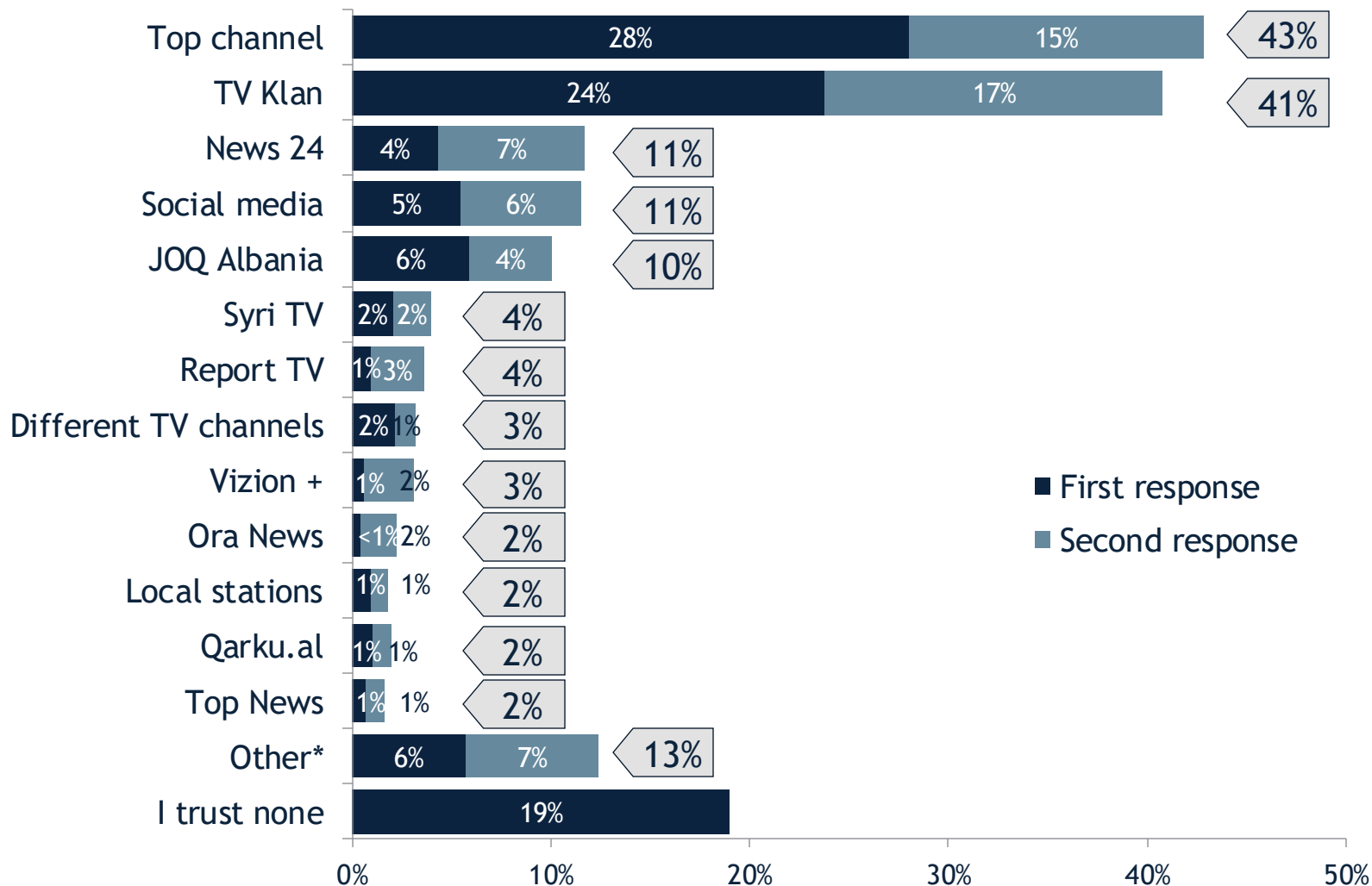


# Which media platform do you use most frequently to gain political news and information? And what is your second most frequently used platform?



# Which specific media outlets, such as a specific TV channel, radio station, newspaper, website etc. do you consider most trustworthy for political news and information? And what is your second most trustworthy media outlet?

(Spontaneous response)

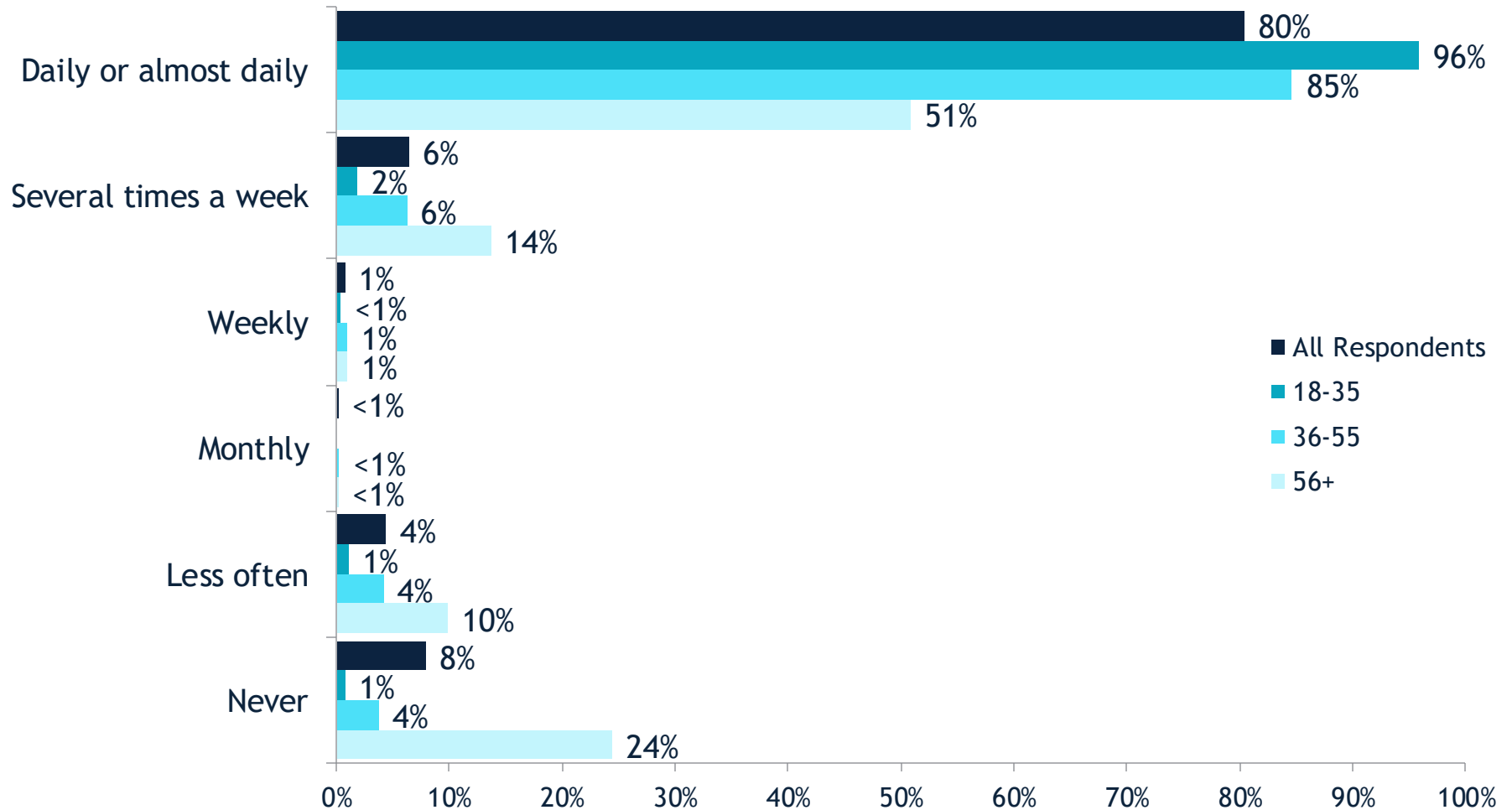


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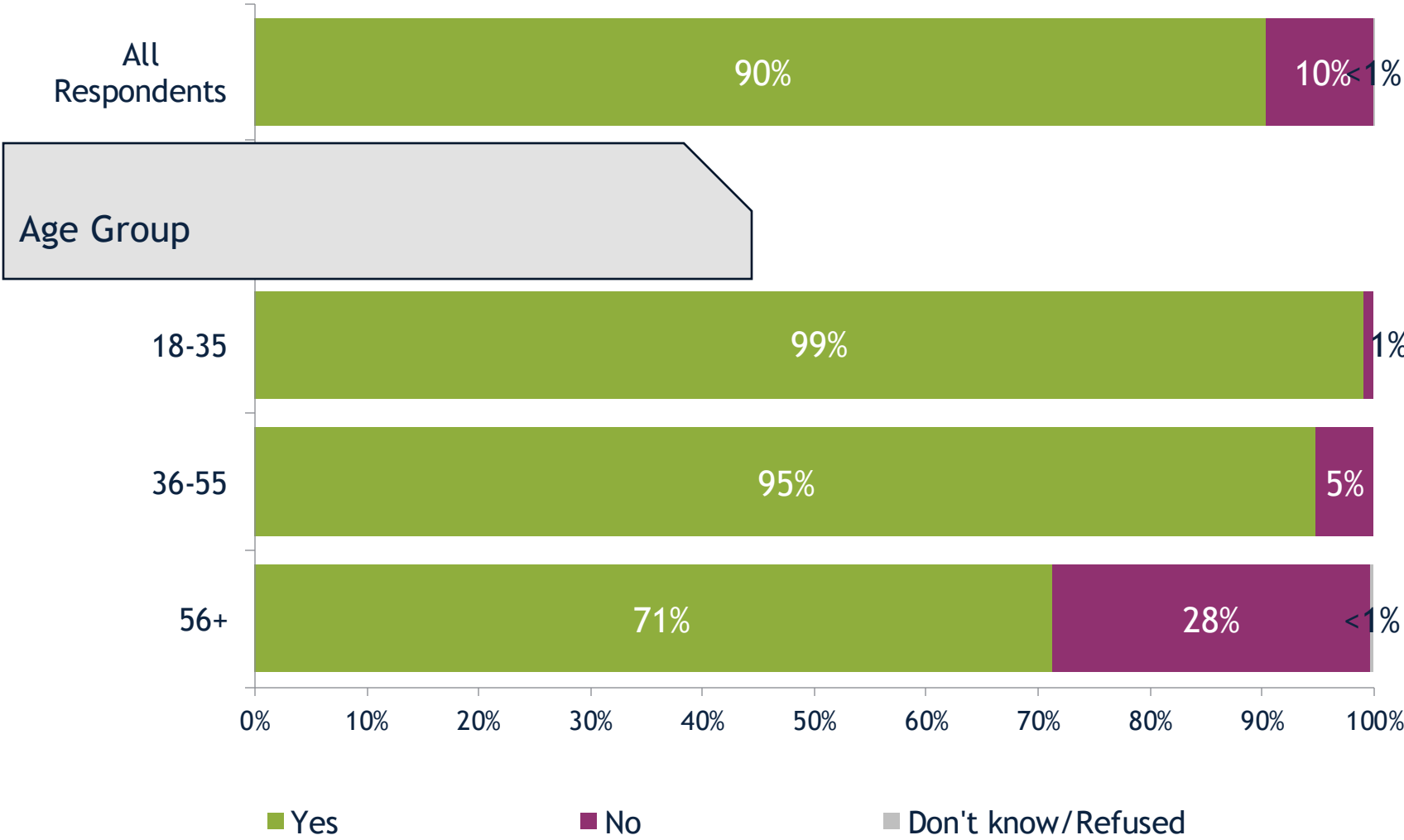


# How often, if ever, do you use the internet or social media?





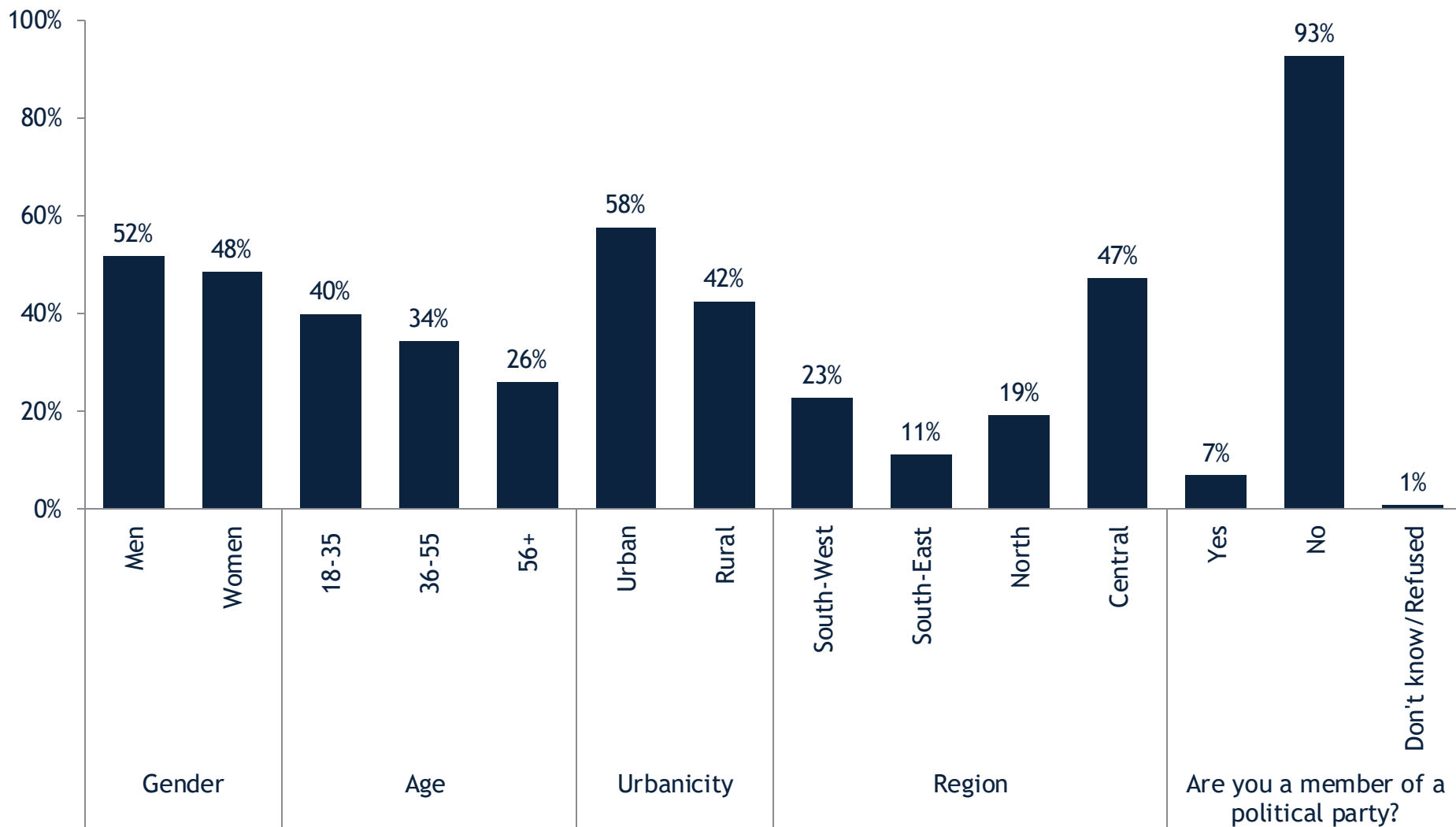
# Do you own a smart phone that you use to access the internet or apps such as Facebook and WhatsApp?



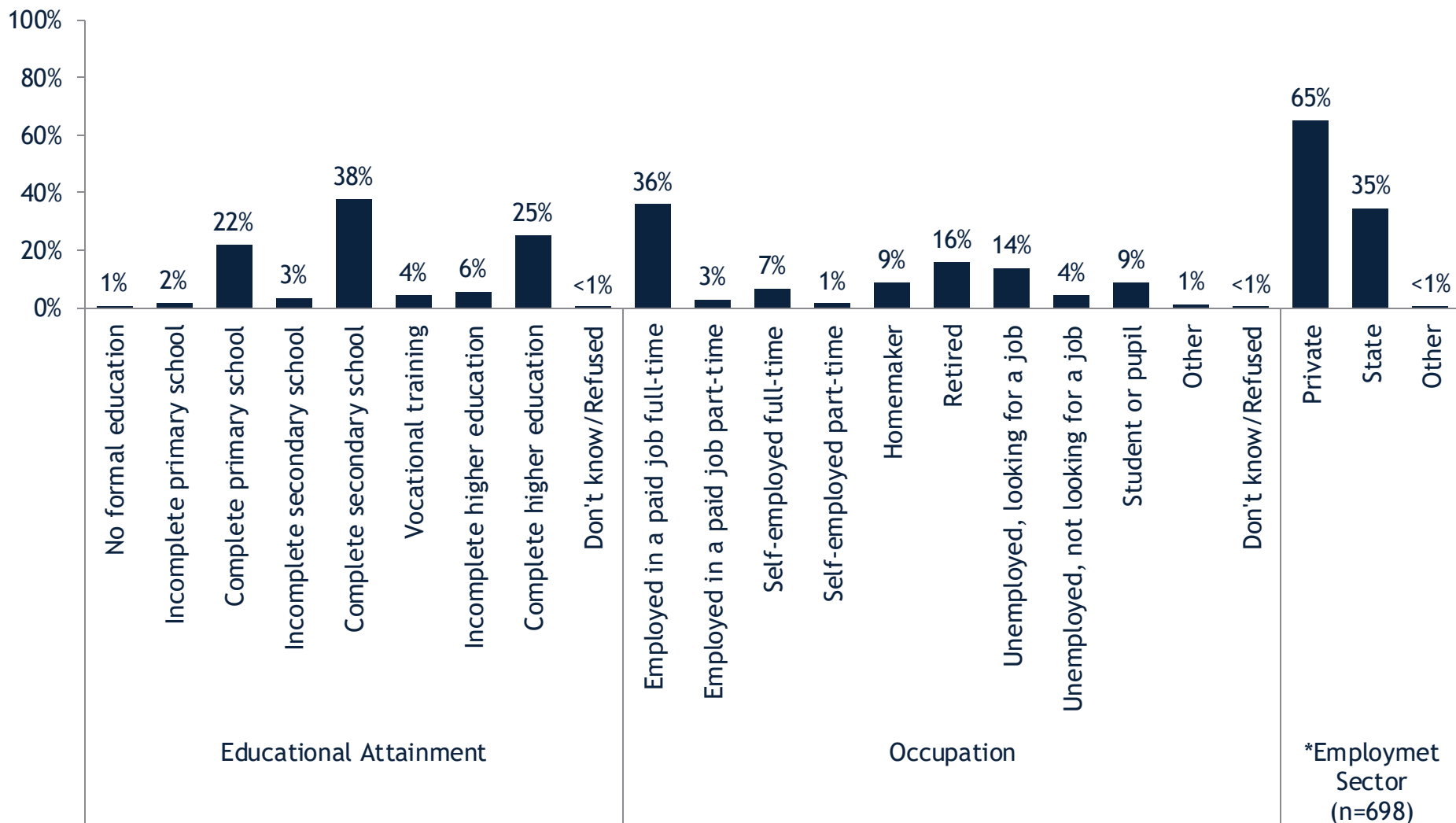
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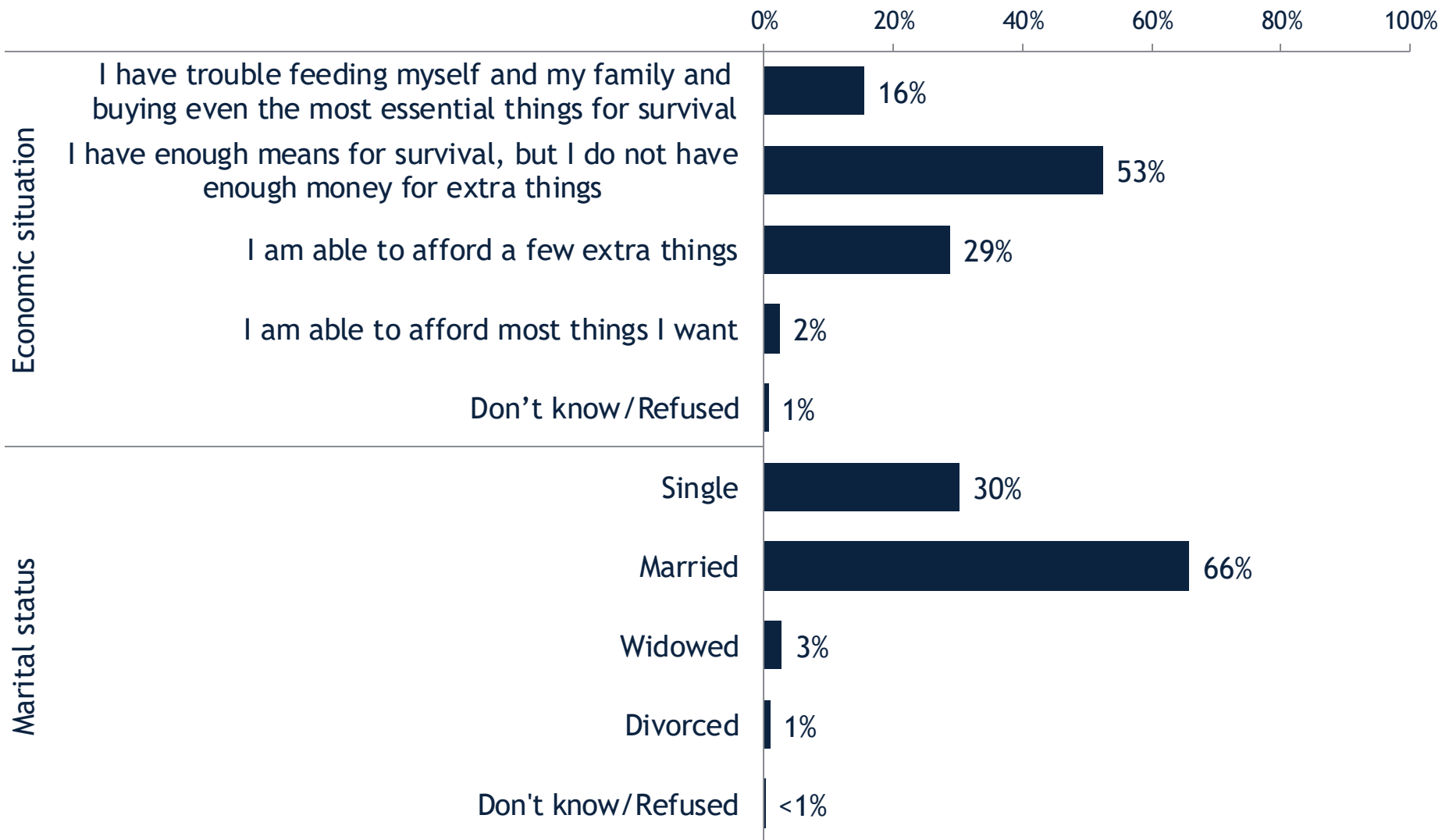


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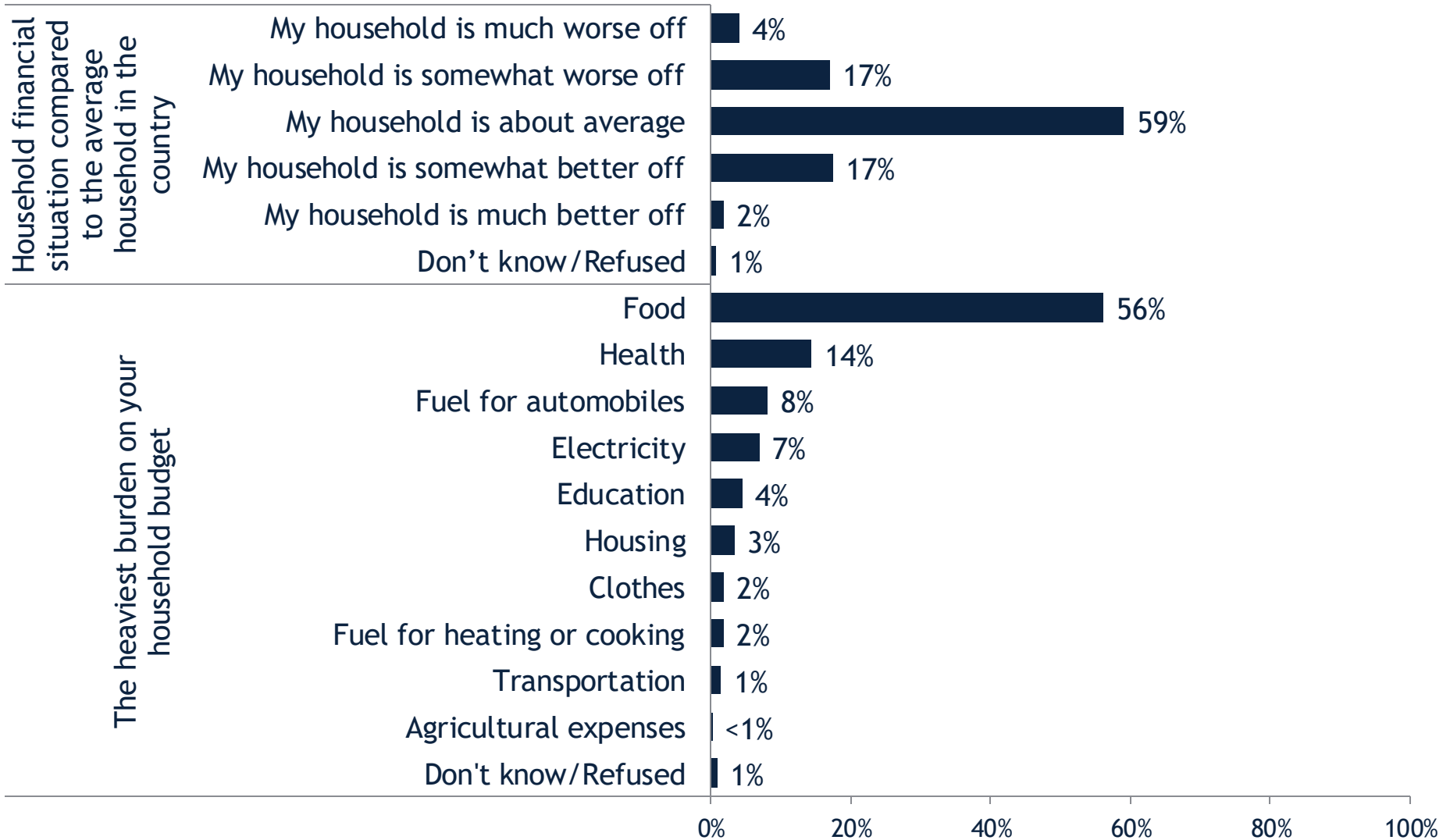


\*Among those employed in a paid job full or part-time.

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