

NATIONAL SURVEY OF BANGLADESH

September - October 2025



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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 a local research firm.
- Data was collected between September 13 and October 12, 2025 through CAPI-administered in-person interviews.
- The sample consists of n=4,985 adults 18 years of age and older from all 63 out of 64 districts (Rangamati district was not selected with the PPS sampling) and all eight divisions of Bangladesh. It is representative of voting age adults nationally.
- The multi-stage probability sample was distributed into 500 primary sampling units (PSU) and stratified by division and urbanicity. PSUs were defined as *villages* in rural areas and *mahalla* in urban areas and were selected using the Probability-Proportionate-to-Size (PPS) method. In each PSU, after identifying a centrally-located starting point, a skip pattern was used to select the appropriate households. Within each household a respondent was selected using the Kish Grid. Male enumerators interviewed male respondents and female enumerators interviewed female respondents.
- The sample was weighted by gender and age using the results of the 2022 census.
- Where noted, selected questions were administered by secret ballot, with participants responding on a tablet without the interviewer being able to view their response. All other questions were administered orally.
- The overall response rate was 46 percent.
- The confidence interval for the national sample is ± 1.4 points at the midrange with a confidence level of 95%.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

Disaggregate	Category	Base
Age Brackets	Age 18-25	n = 1,234
	Age 26-35	n = 1,284
	Age 36-55	n = 1,658
	Age 56+	n = 809
Gender	Men	n = 2,410
	Women	n = 2,575
Location	Urban	n = 1,577
	Rural	n = 3,408
Occupation	Students	n = 536
	All other categories	n = 4,449
Education	Primary or less (Class 1-4)	n = 878
	Junior Secondary (Class 5-9)	n = 1,553
	Higher Secondary (SSC/Dakhil, HSC)	n = 1,975
	Higher	n = 572
Cited bases are weighted. Margin of error will vary with sample size n.		

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Disaggregate	Category	Base
Division	Barishal	n = 281
	Chattogram	n = 1,002
	Dhaka	n = 1,327
	Khulna	n = 530
	Mymensingh	n = 366
	Rajshahi	n = 620
	Rangpur	n = 531
	Sylhet	n = 329
Financial Situation (self-assessment of present income)	Living comfortably	n = 486
	Getting by	n = 1,431
	Finding it difficult	n = 1,414
	Finding it very difficult	n = 1,509
	Don't know/Refused	n = 145
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General Outlook



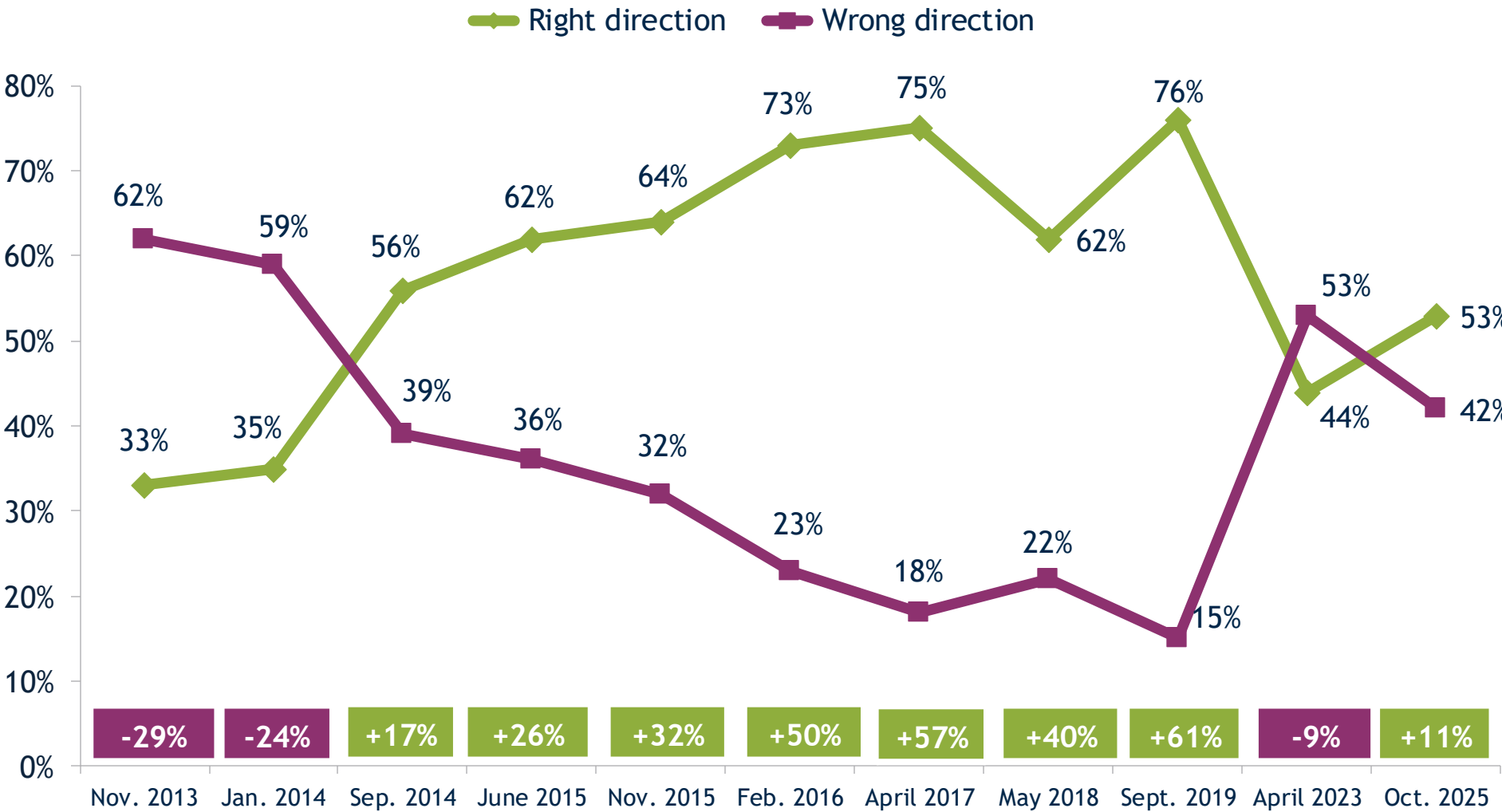
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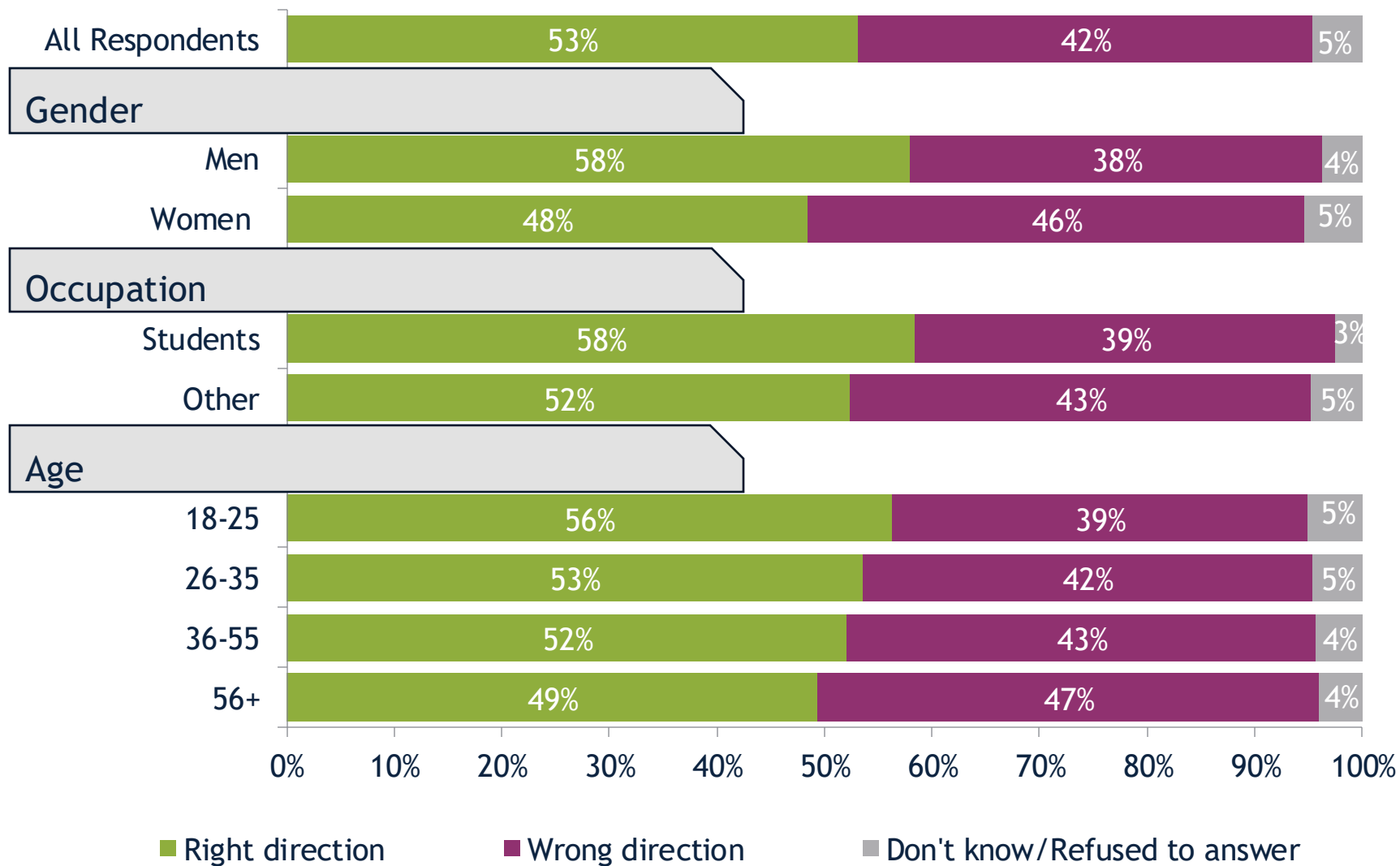
In general, would you say that things in Bangladesh are heading in the right direction or are they heading in the wrong direction?

(Don't know/Refused responses excluded)

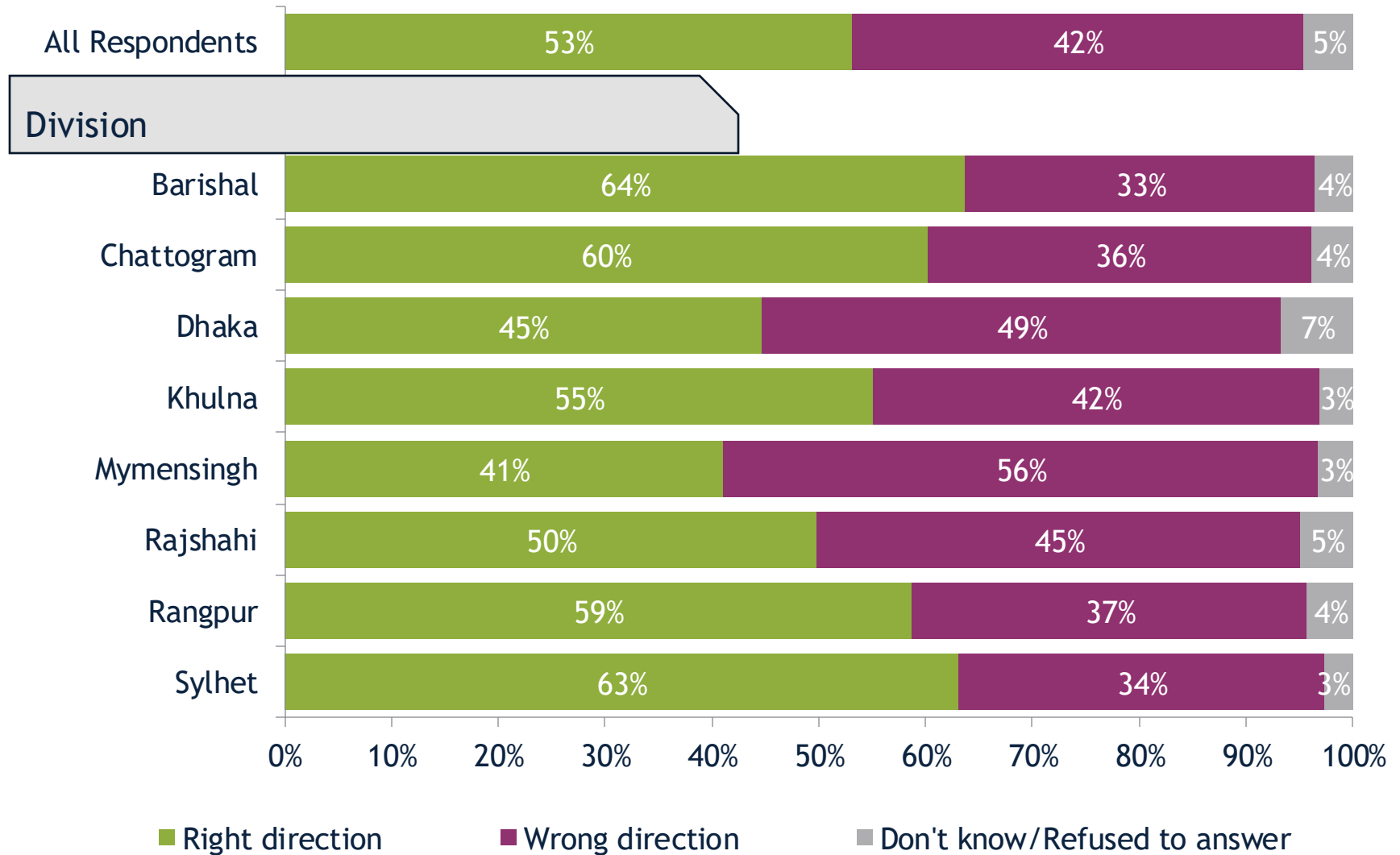


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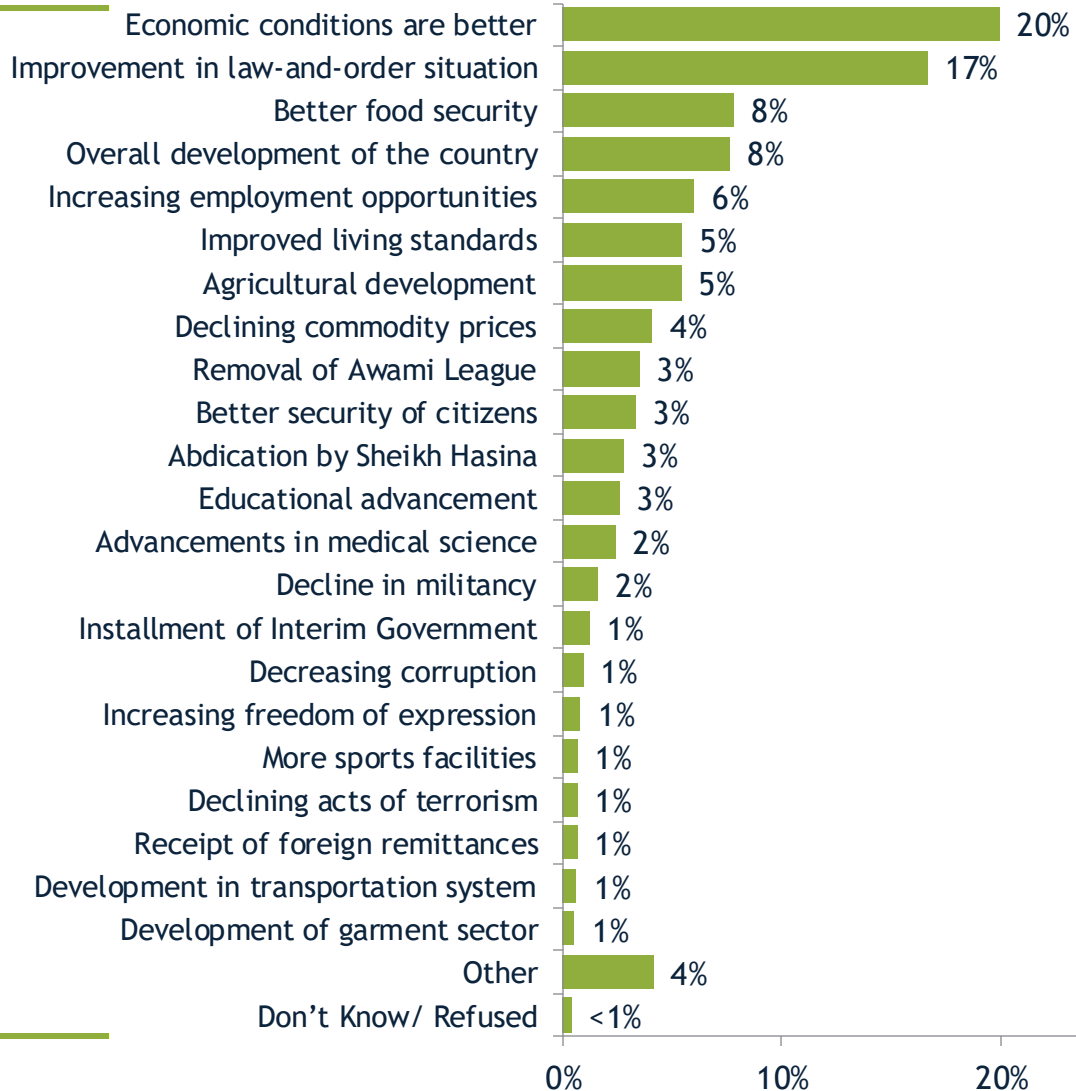
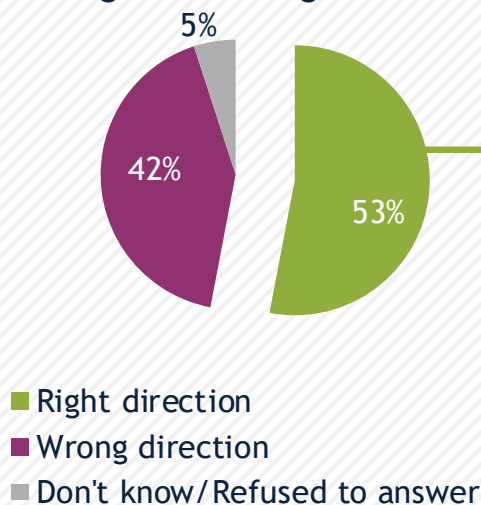




In general, why do you think that things are heading in the right direction?

(Among those who declared “right direction”, n=2,644; spontaneous response)

In general, do you think things in Bangladesh are heading in the right direction or are they heading in the wrong direction?



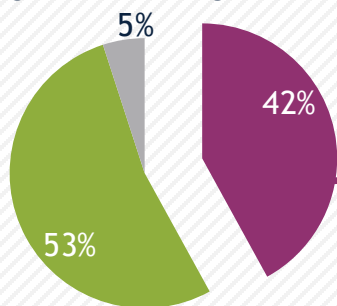
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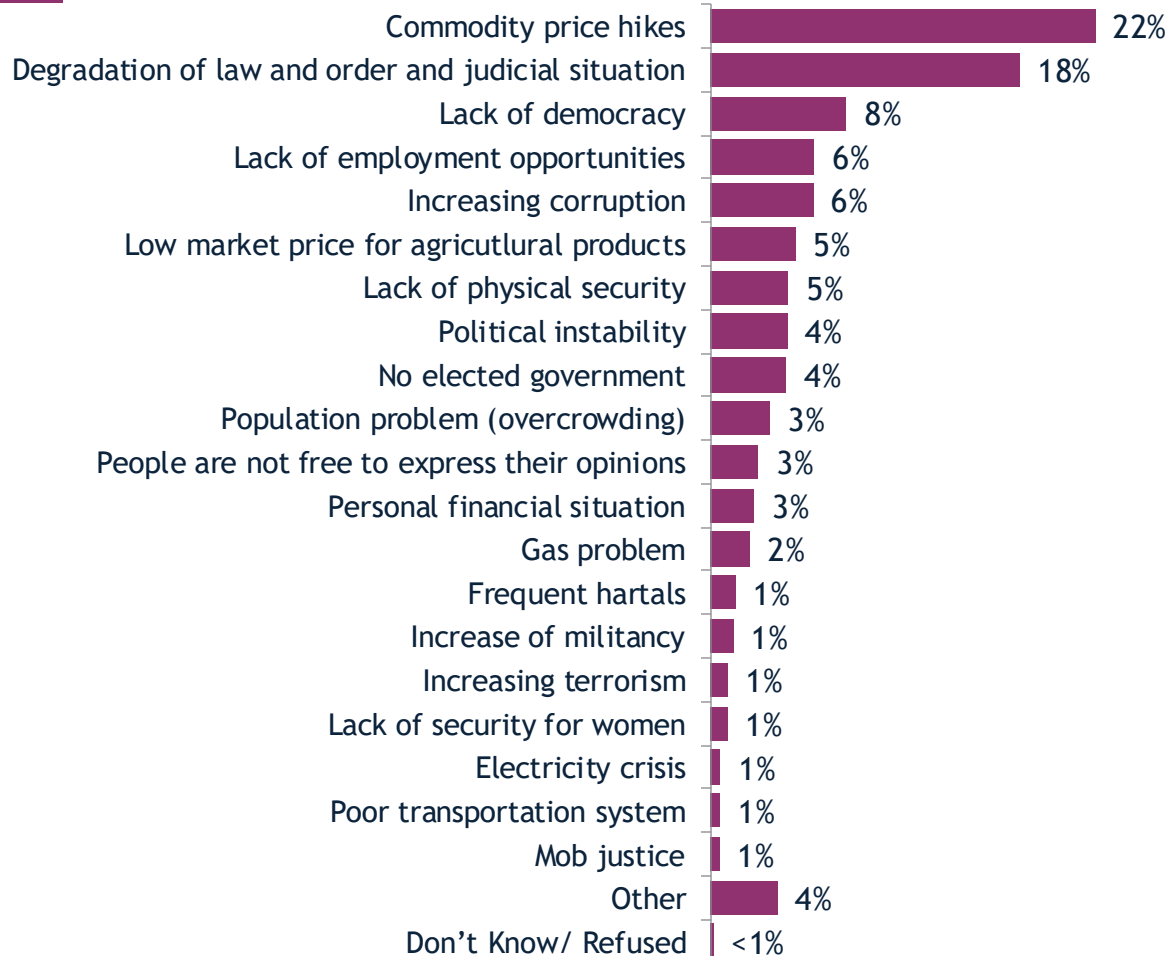
In general, why do you think that things are heading in the wrong direction?

(Among those who declared “wrong direction”, n=2,112; spontaneous response)

In general, do you think things in Bangladesh are heading in the right direction or are they heading in the wrong direction?

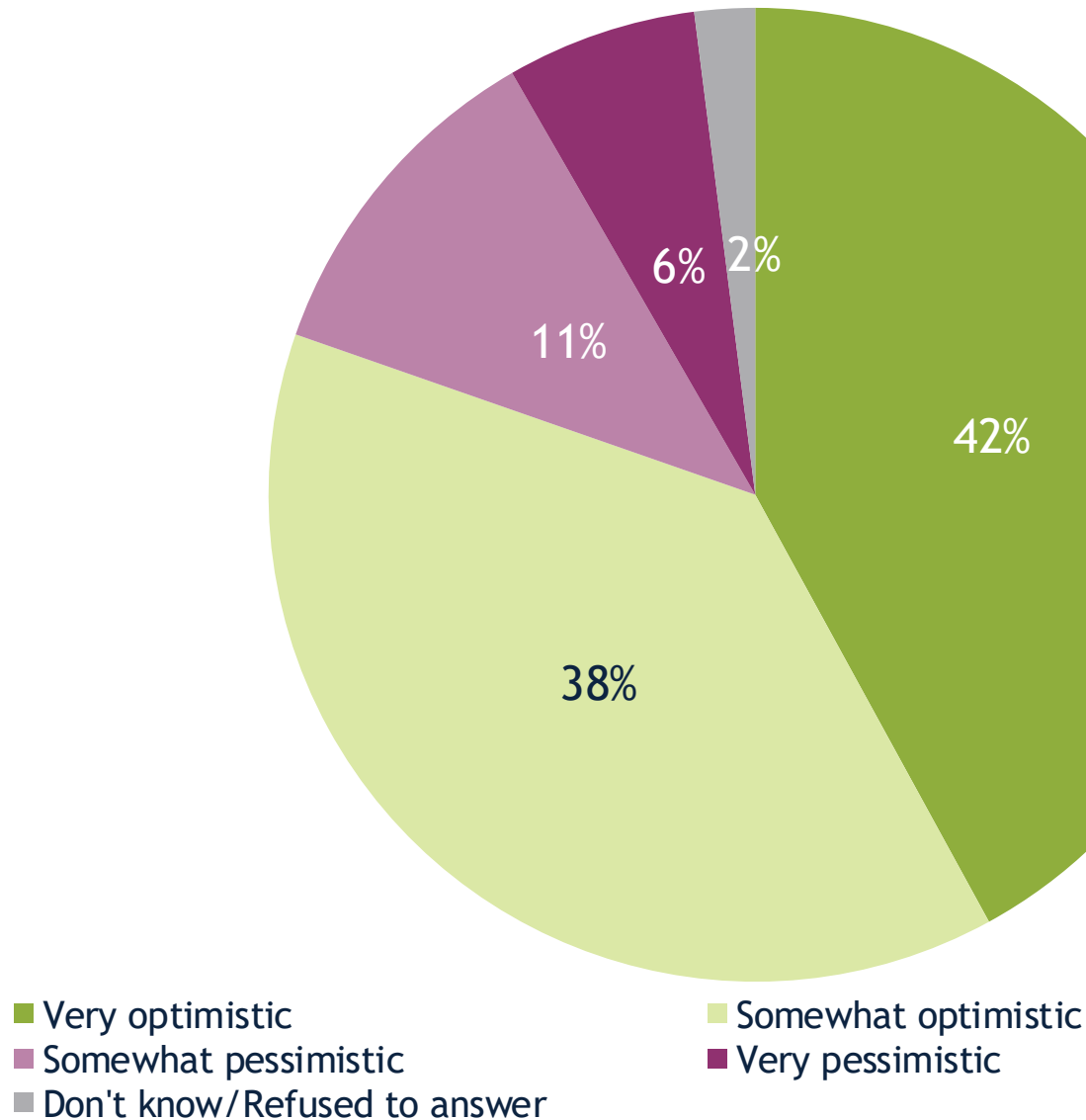


■ Wrong direction
■ Right direction
■ Don't know/Refused to answer



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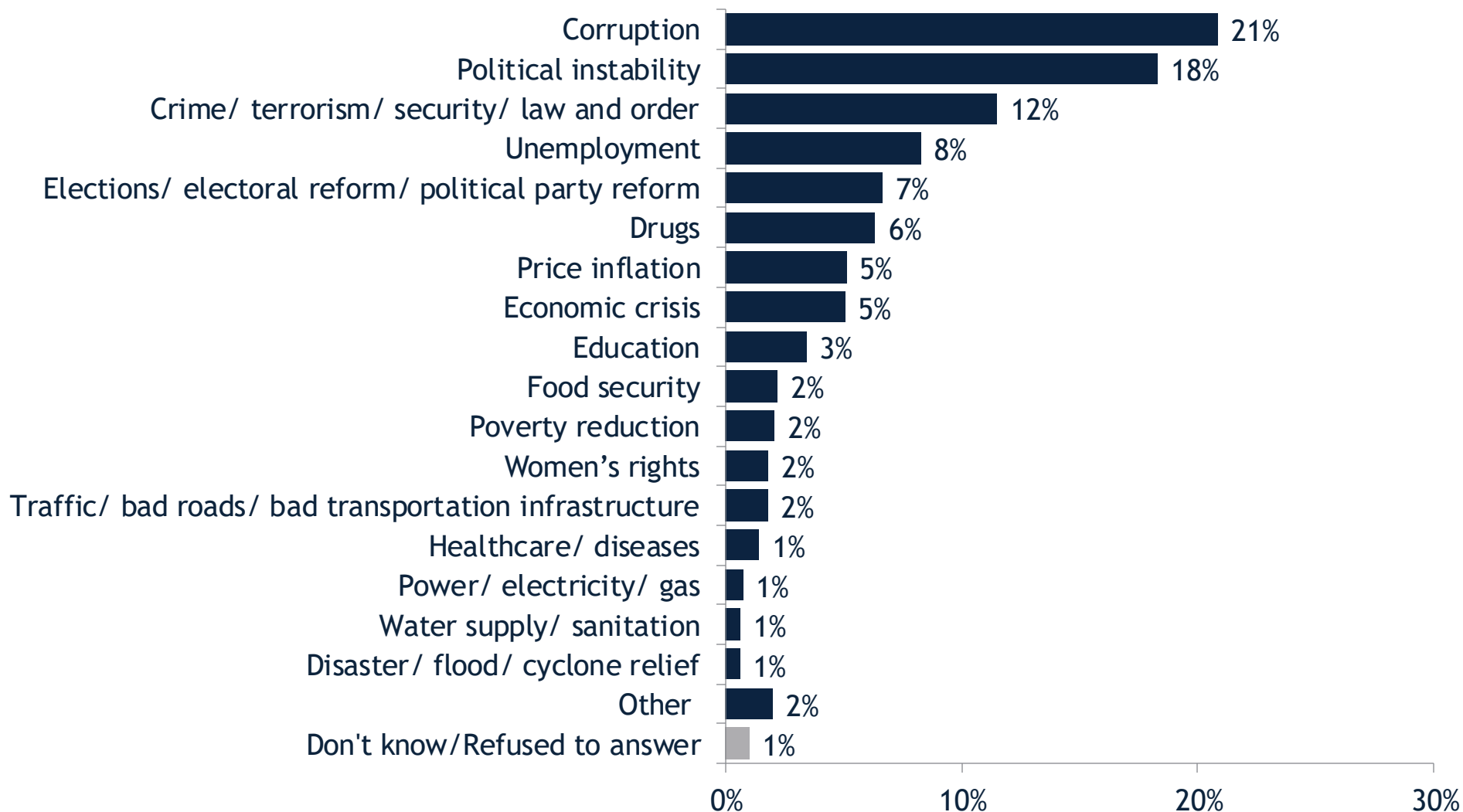
Generally speaking, to what extent are you optimistic or pessimistic about Bangladesh's future?





What is the single most important problem facing Bangladesh?

(Spontaneous response)

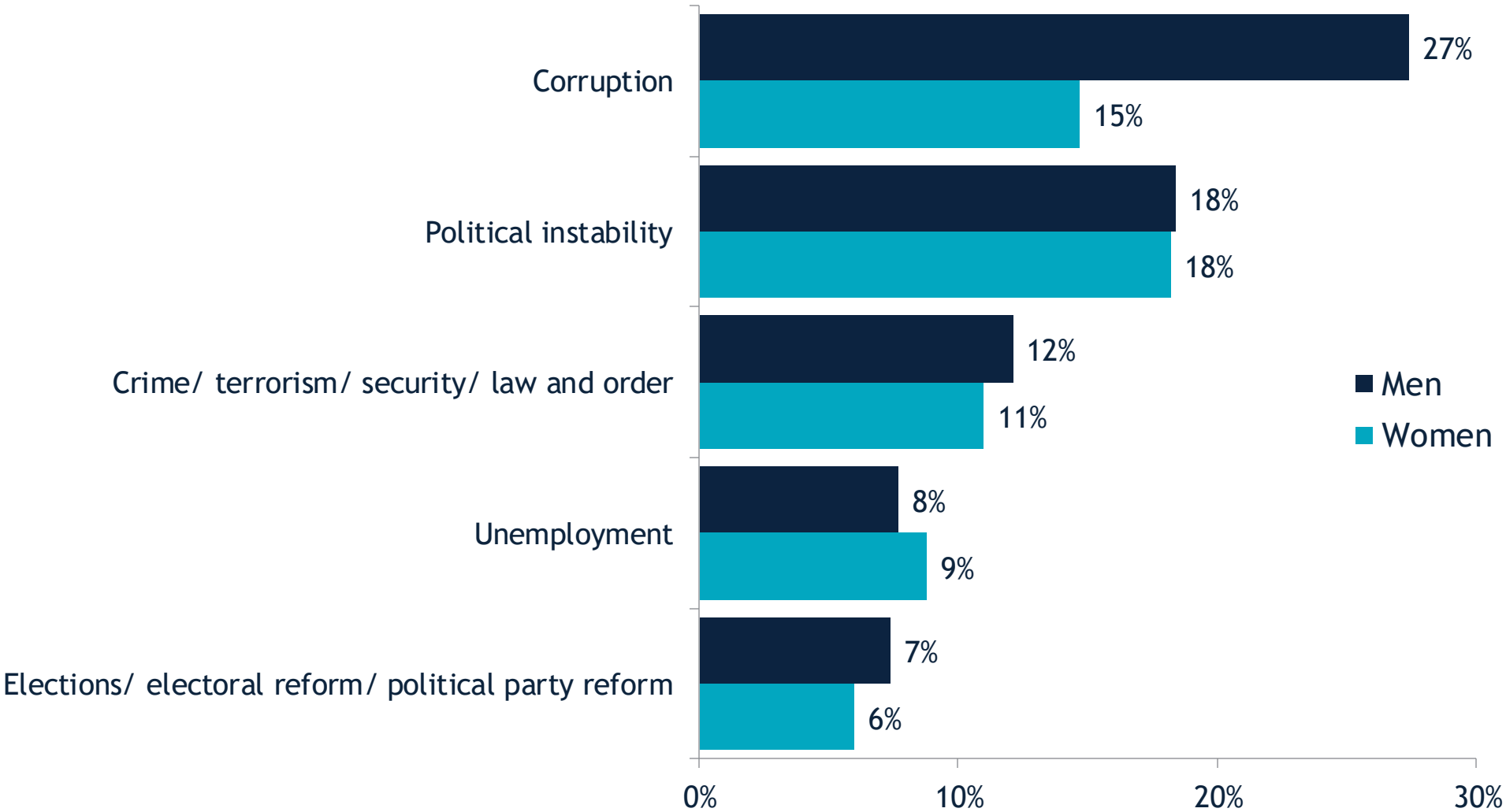


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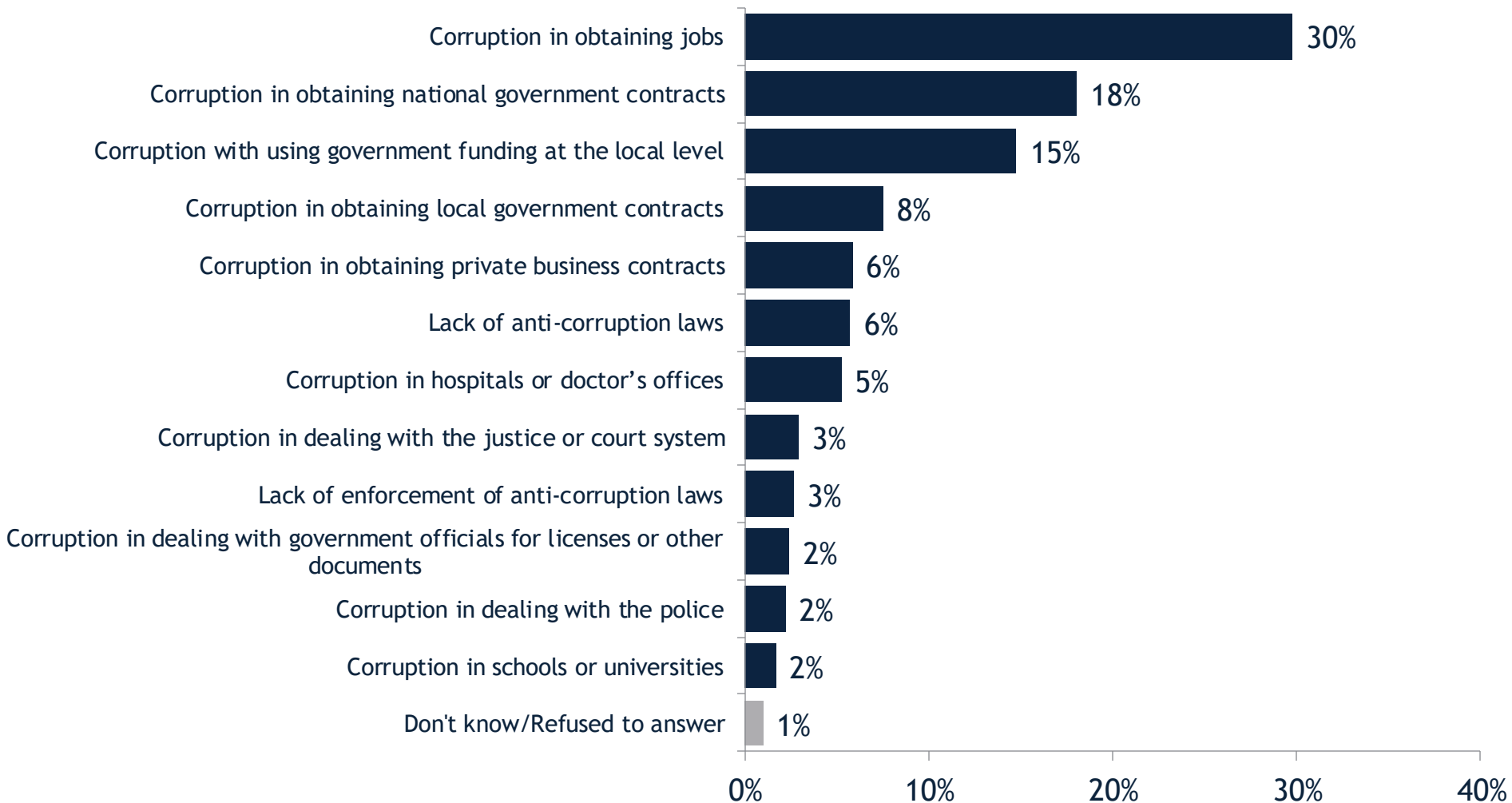
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(Spontaneous response, top 5 responses displayed)



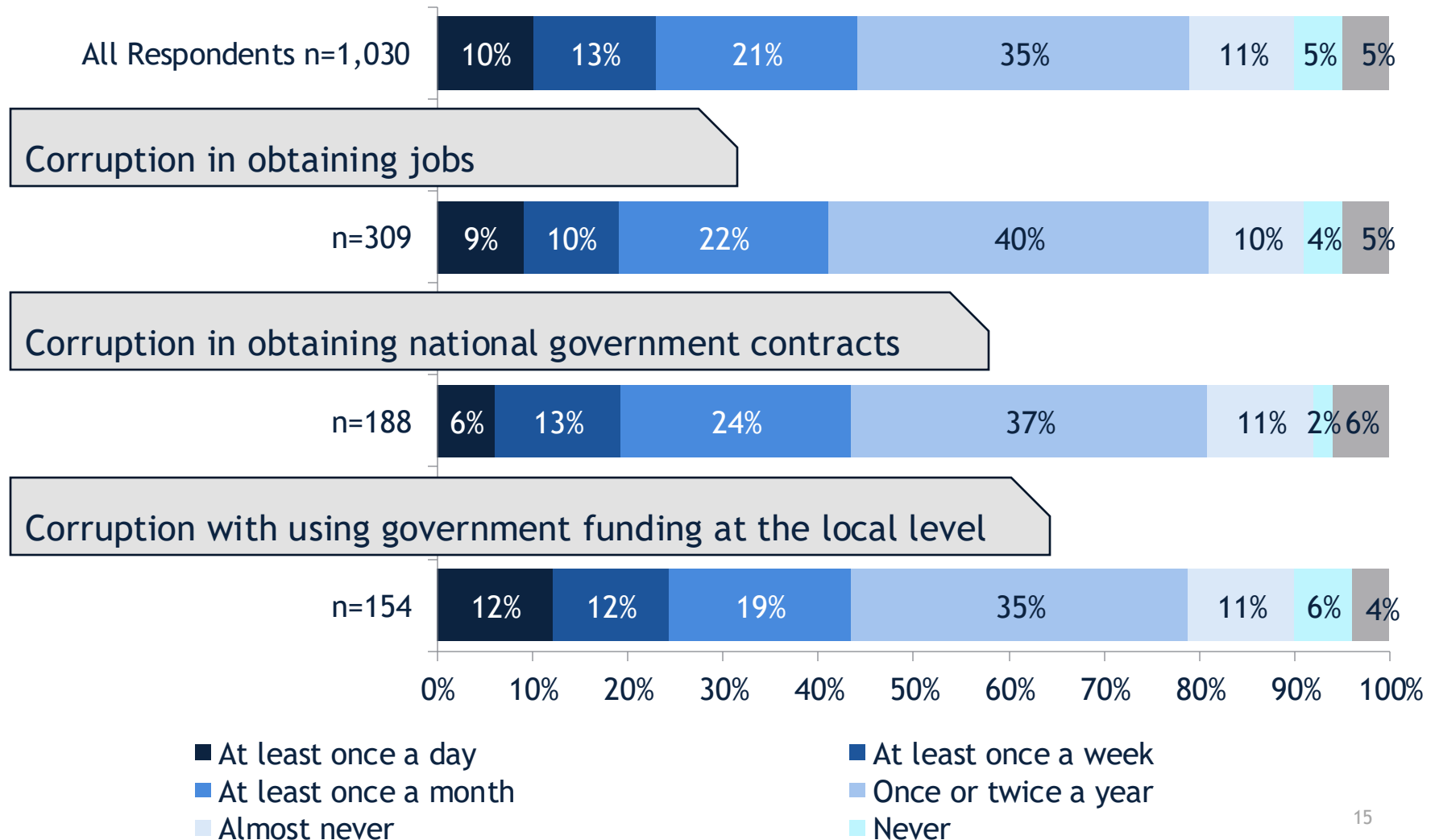
You mentioned corruption as one of the most important problems in Bangladesh. Which aspect of corruption is most important?

(Asked of those who name corruption as top problem, n=1,039; spontaneous response)

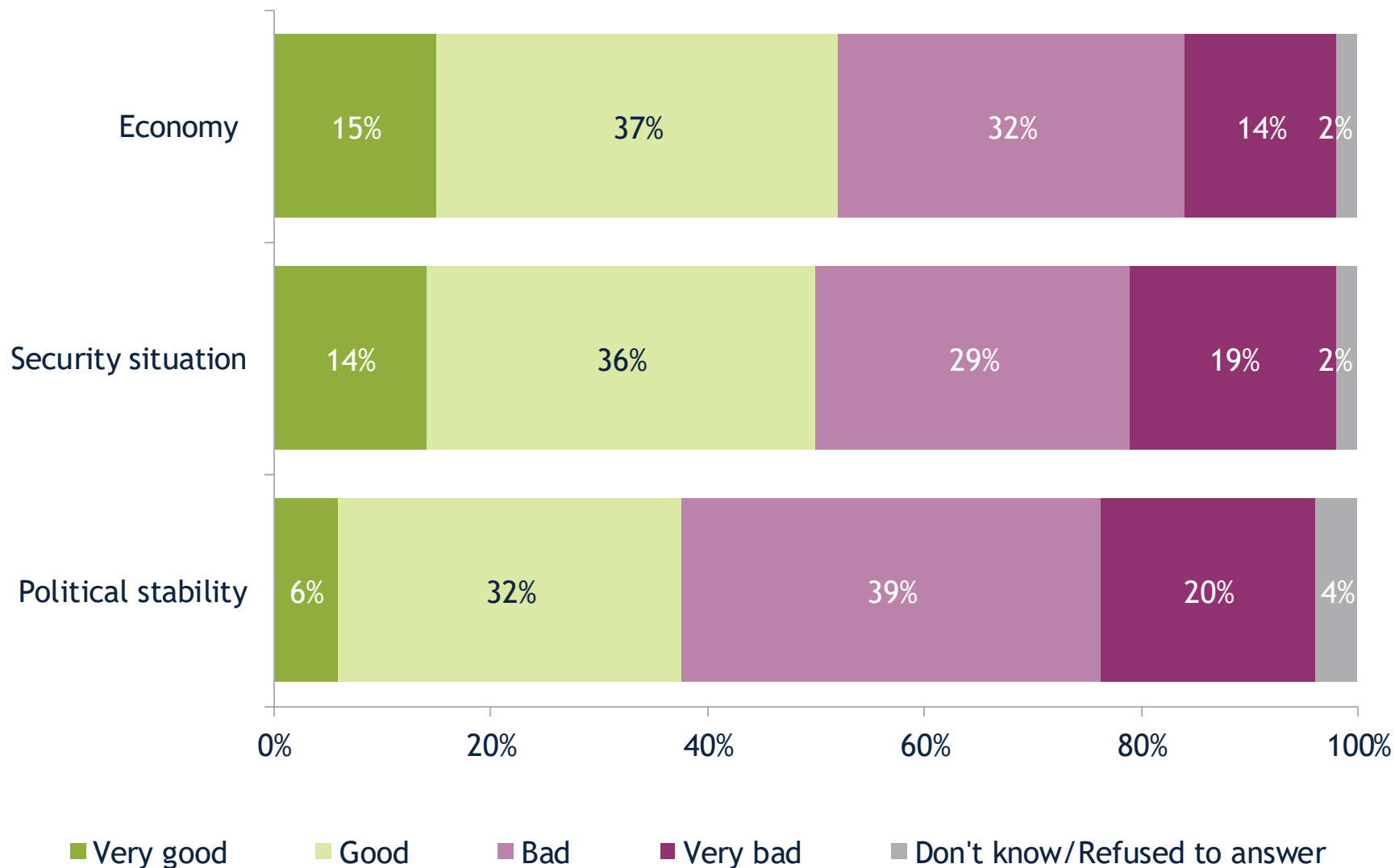


Regarding the aspect of corruption you just mentioned, how often, if at all, does this type of corruption impact you?

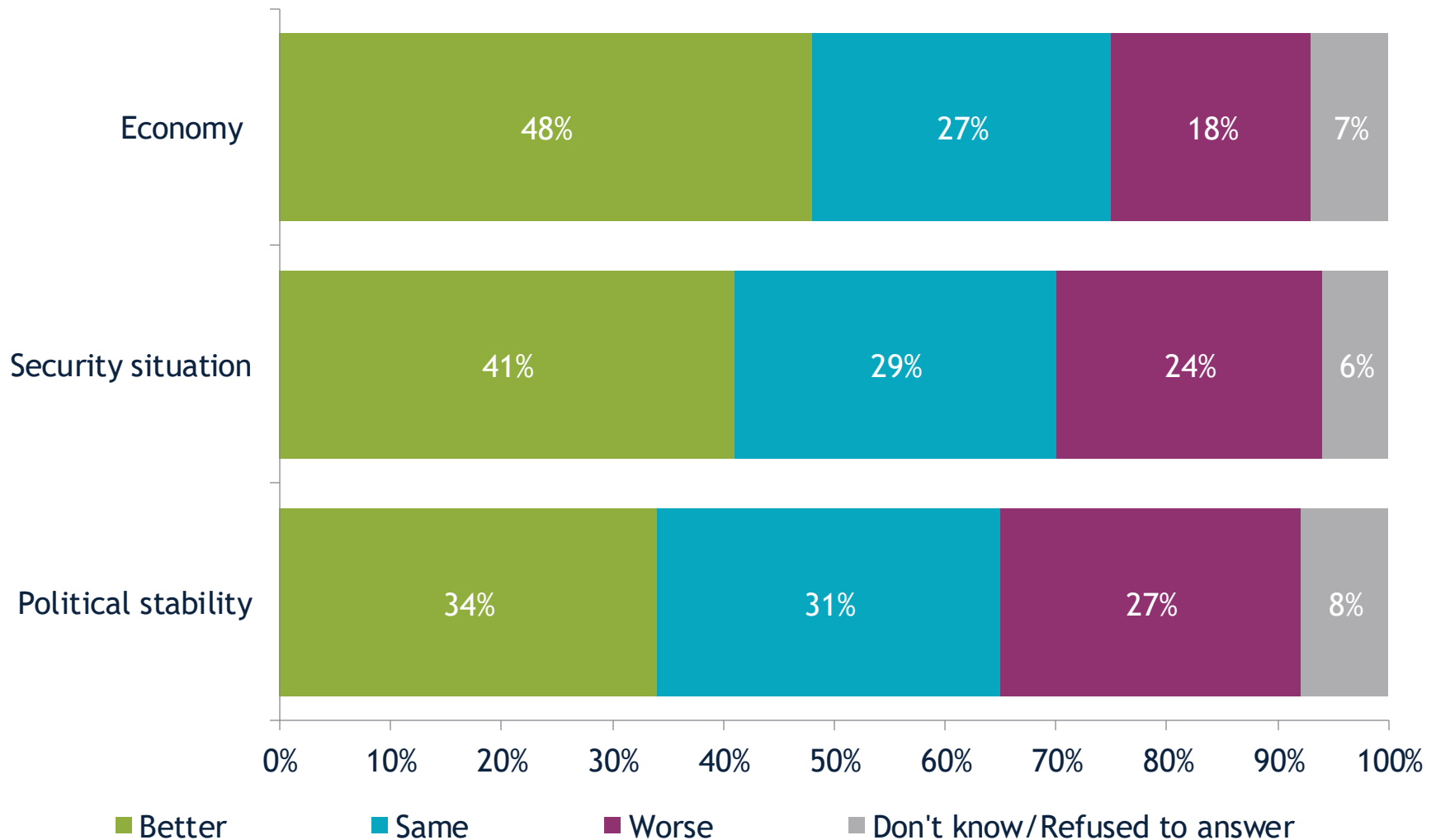
(Asked of those who named an aspect of corruption; spontaneous response)



Thinking now about the following, would you rate the situation with each as good or bad? And would you say very good or very bad?

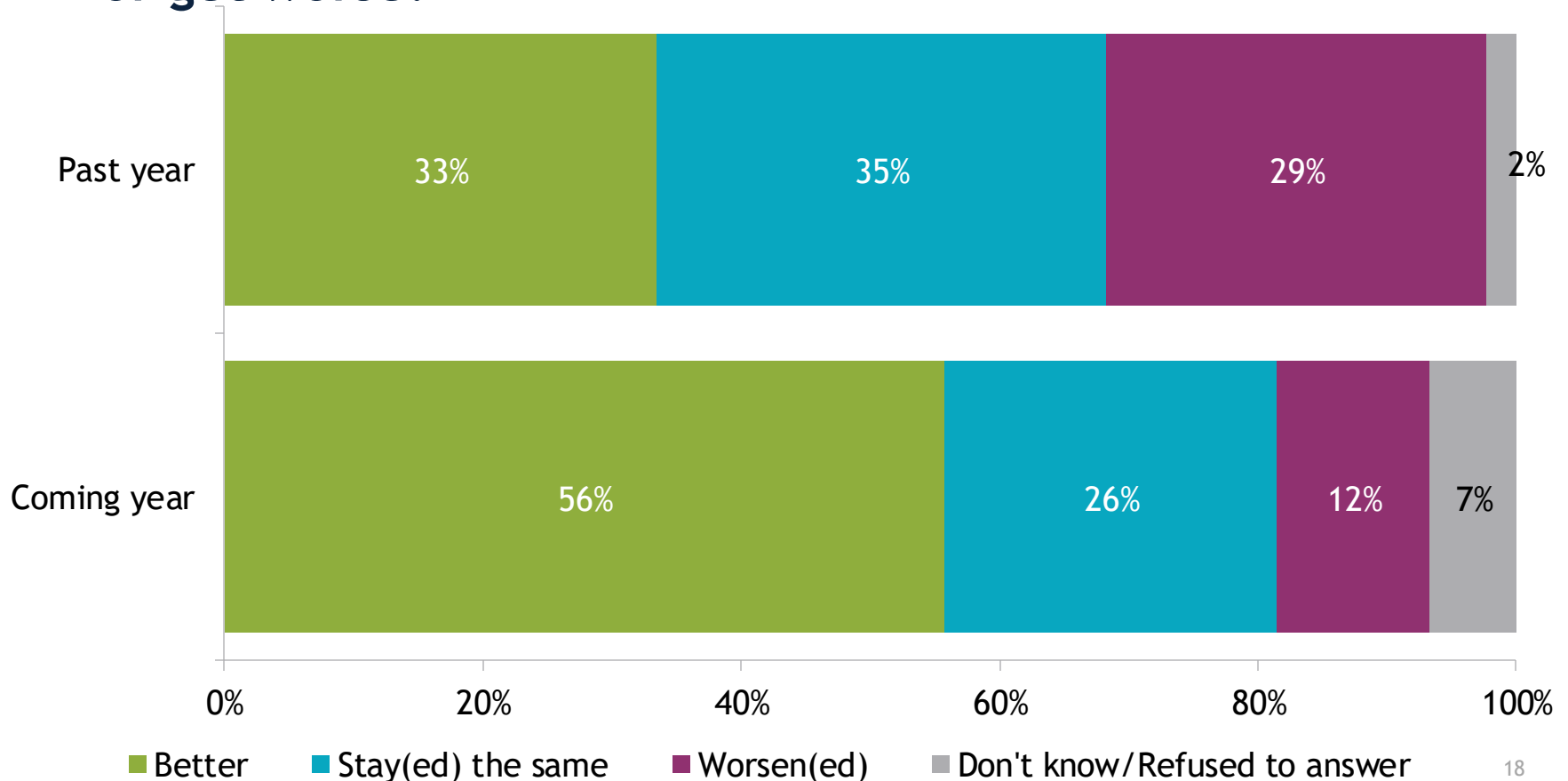


Thinking more about this, in the coming year, do you think that the situation with each is going to get better, worse, or stay the same?

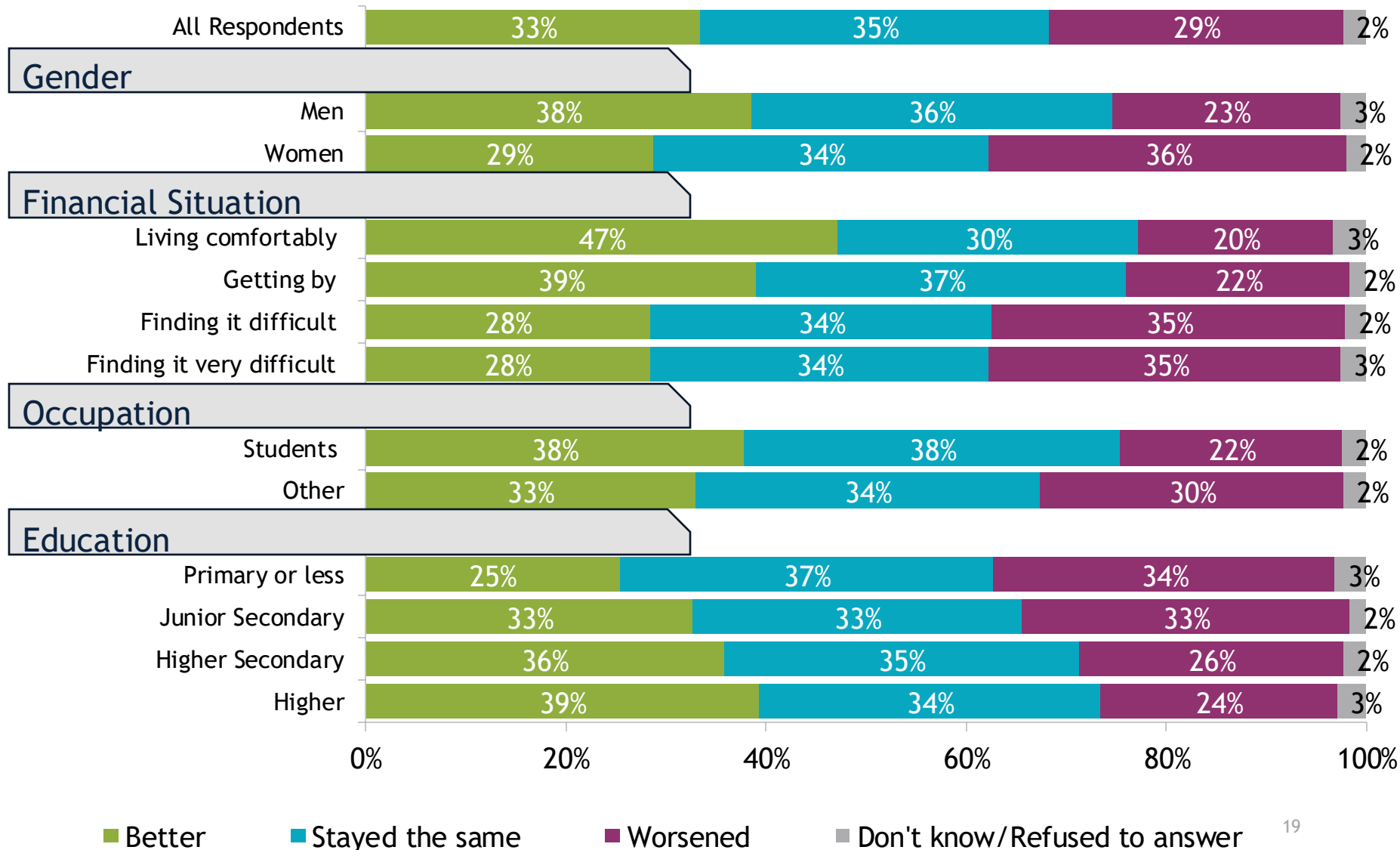


Thinking now about your personal economic situation for you and your family, over the past year has it gotten better, stayed the same, or worsened?

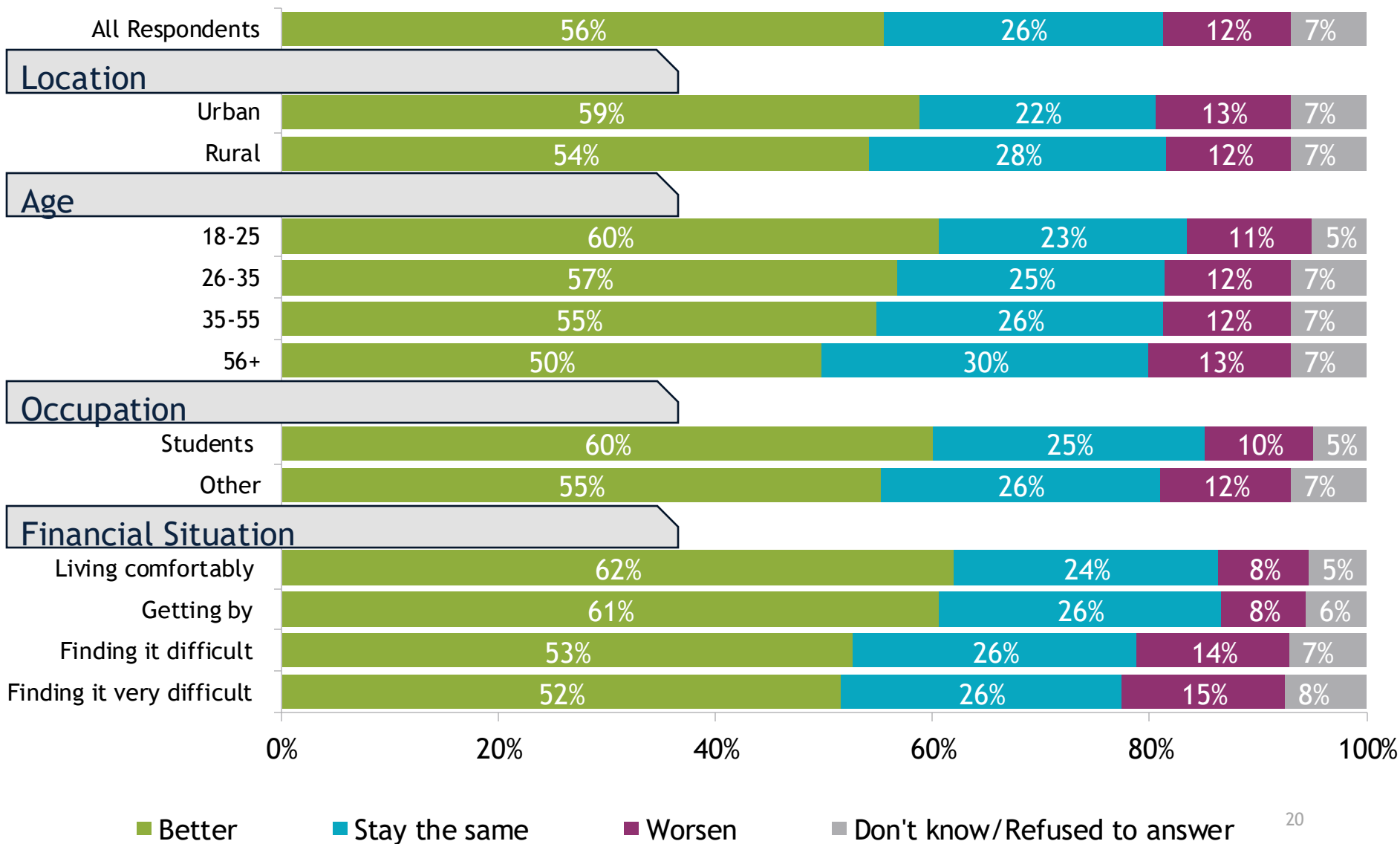
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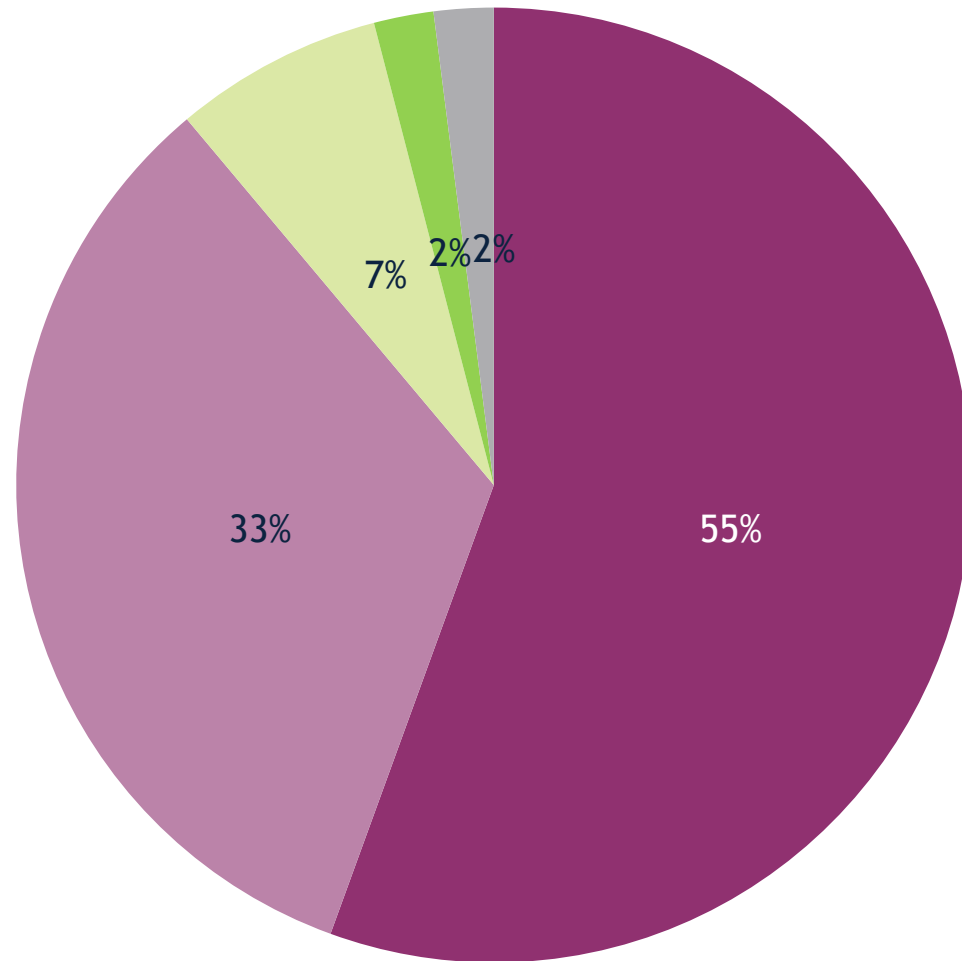
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Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
The gap between the rich and the poor in Bangladesh is growing larger.



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

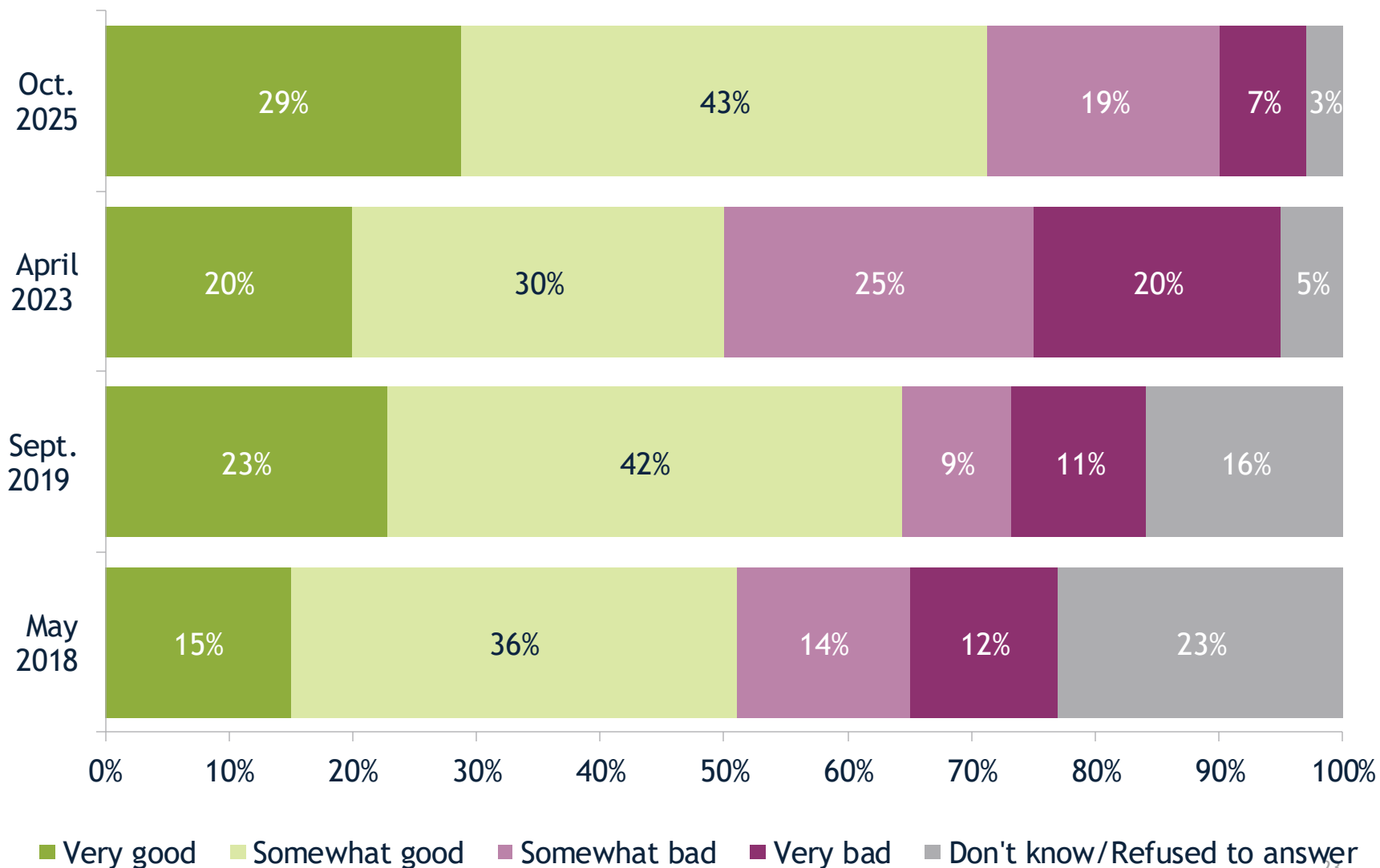
Democracy



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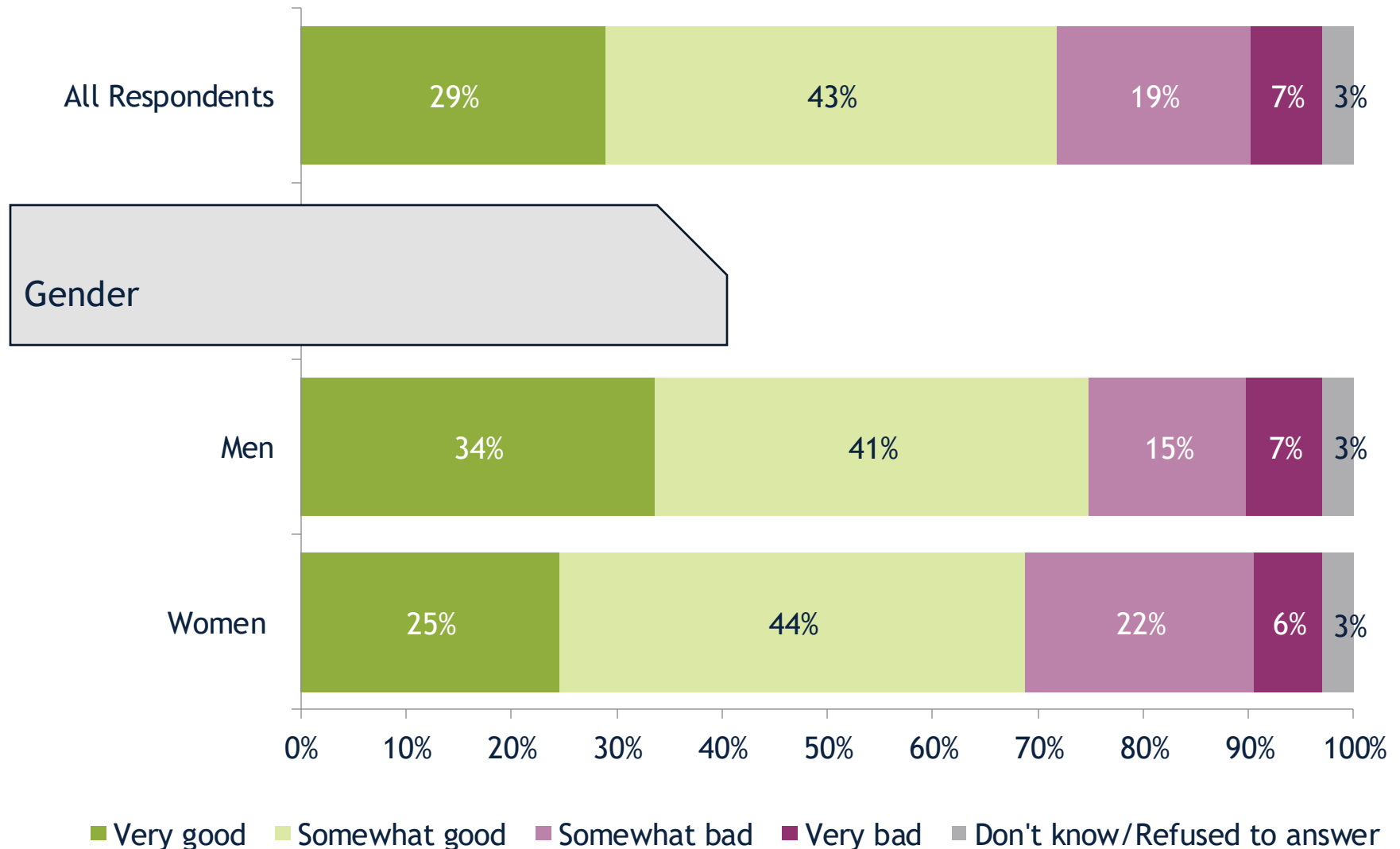
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How would you rate the current state of Bangladesh's democracy, would you say it is good or bad? And would you say that it is very or somewhat good/bad?



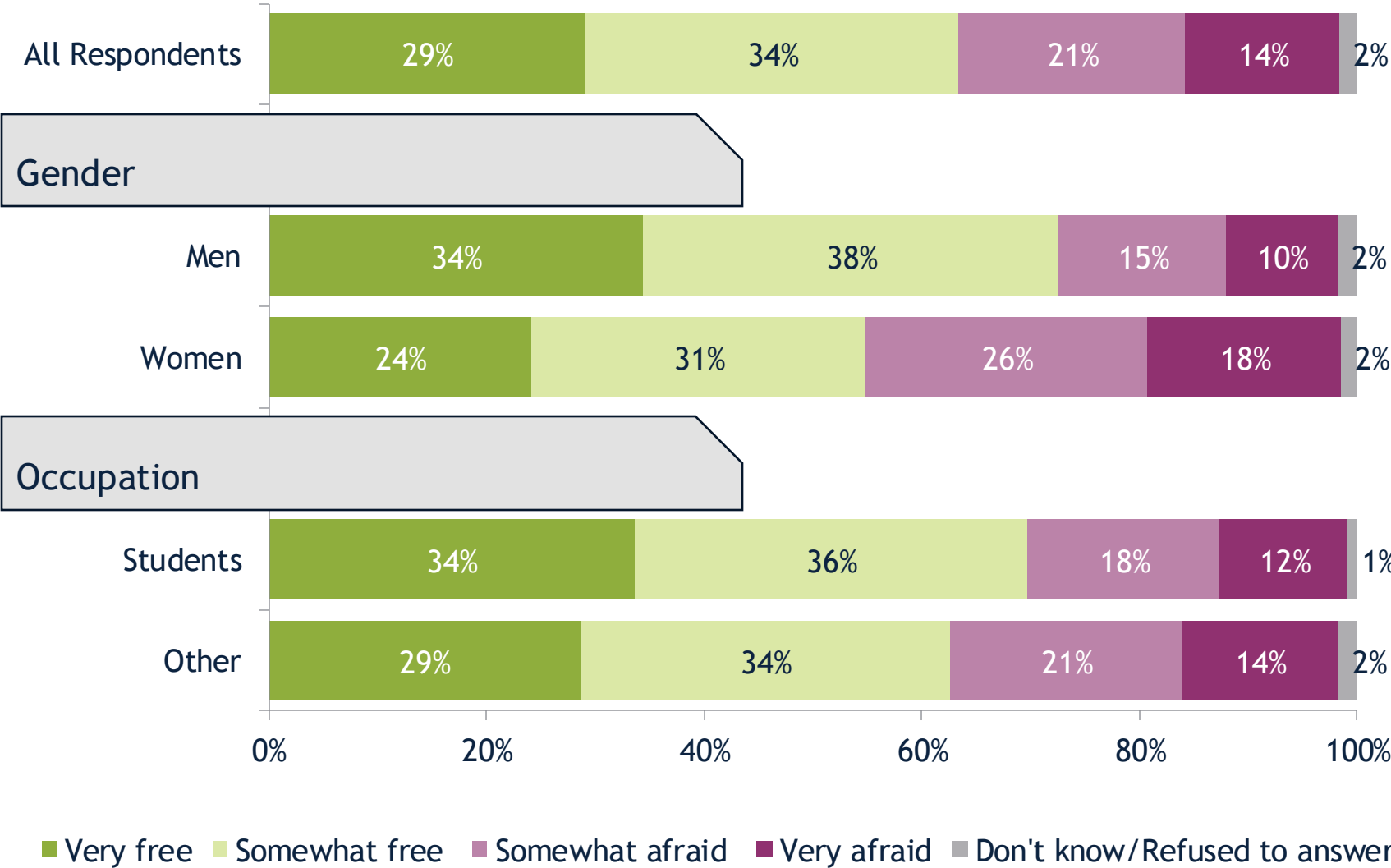
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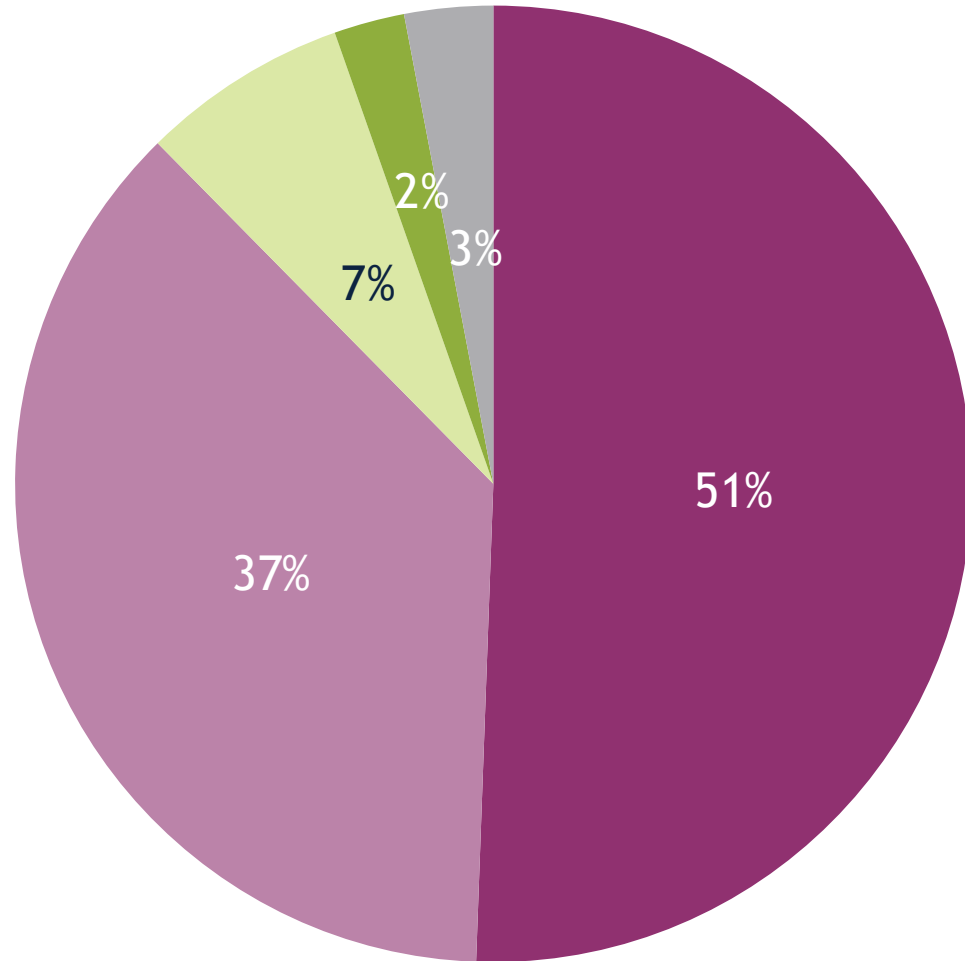




Do people in our country feel free to openly express their political opinions or are they afraid?

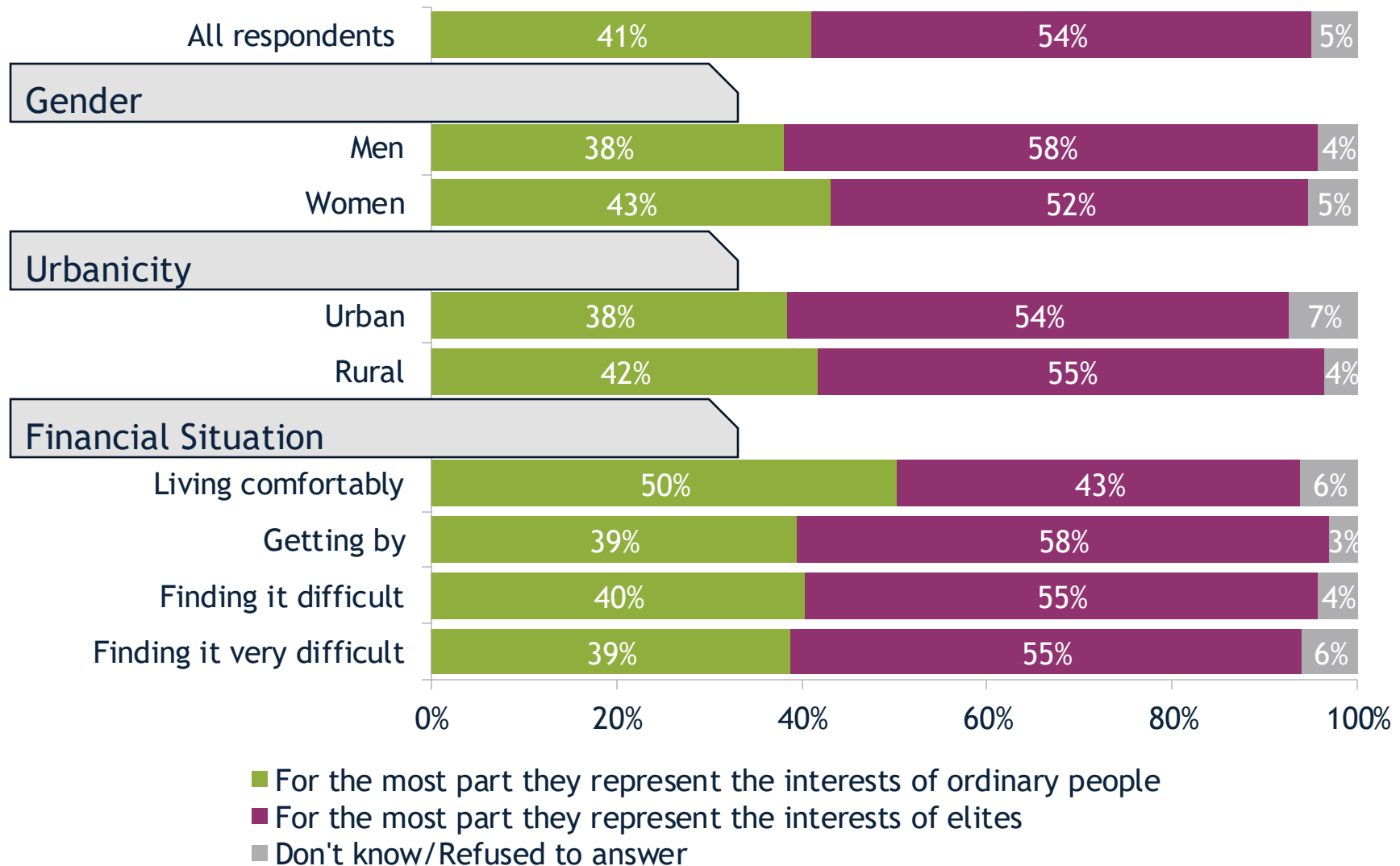


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
There is a large gap between political elites and the people.



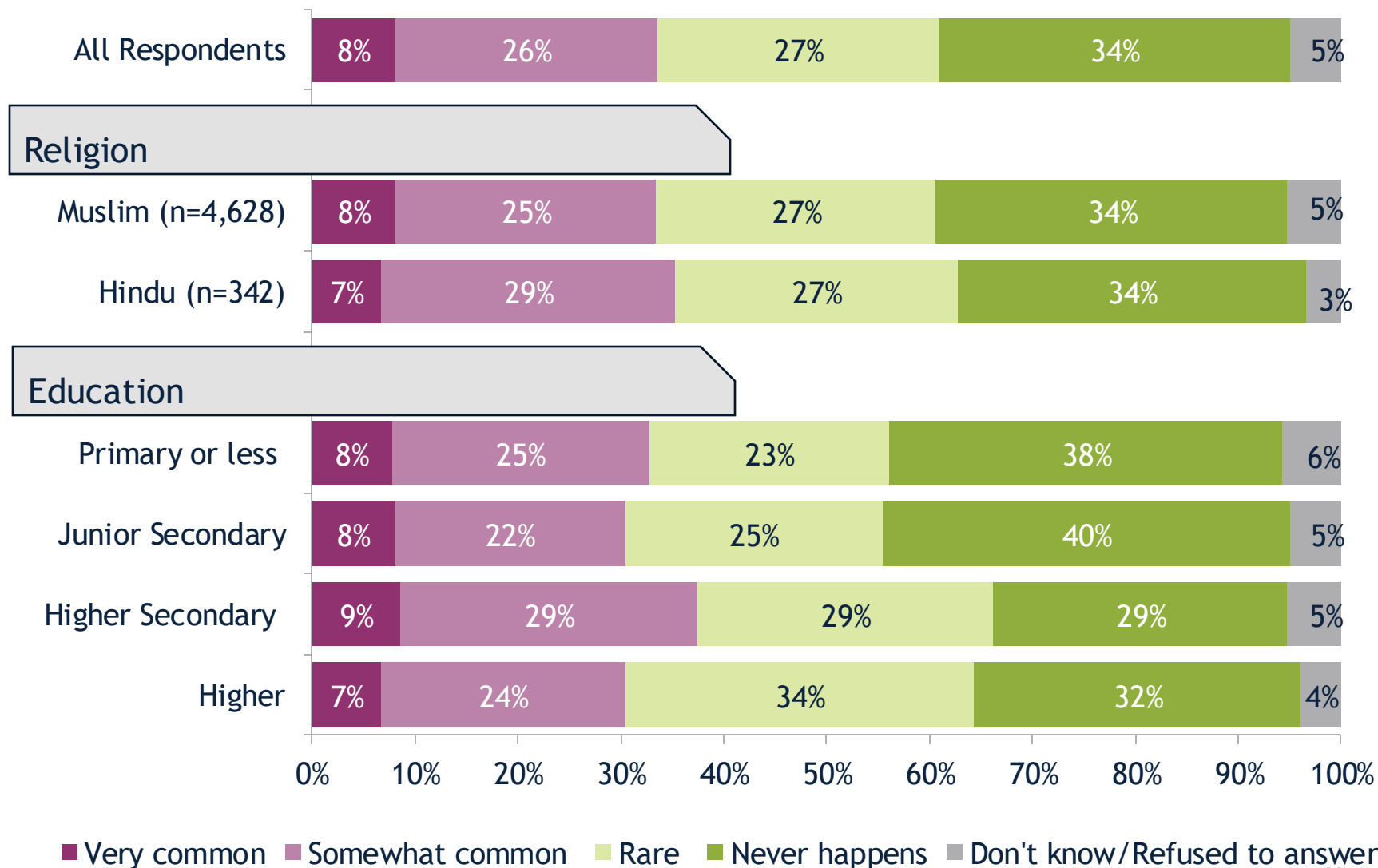
- Strongly agree
- Somewhat agree
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In your opinion do you think civil society organizations* for the most part represent the interests of ordinary people or do they mostly represent the interests of the elites?

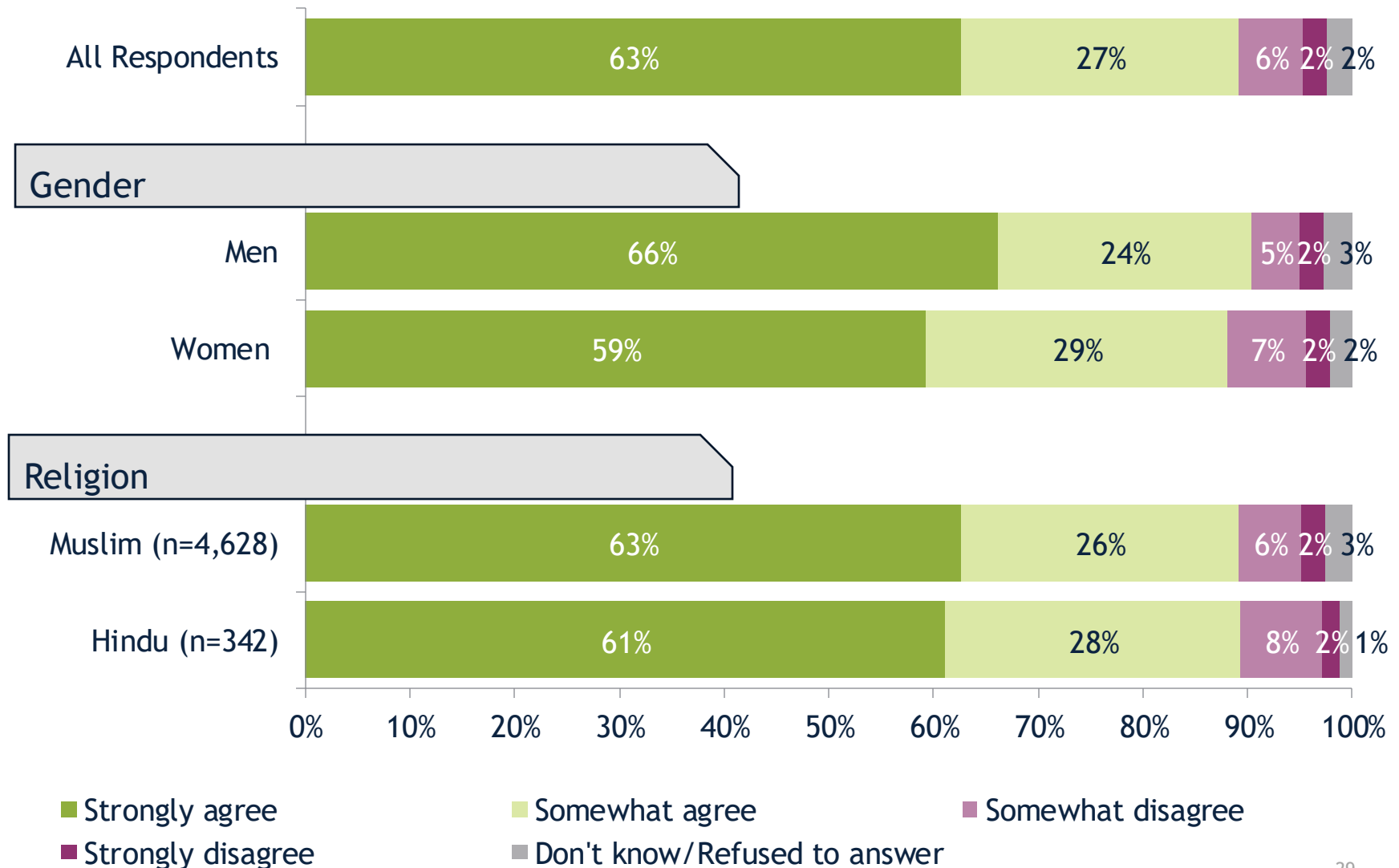


*Definition of CSO provided to respondents prior to this question: "When I say civil society organizations, I mean a local, national or international group of people who organize to support a particular interest, group or issue."

In your experience, how common is discrimination based on religion or ethnicity in your neighborhood?

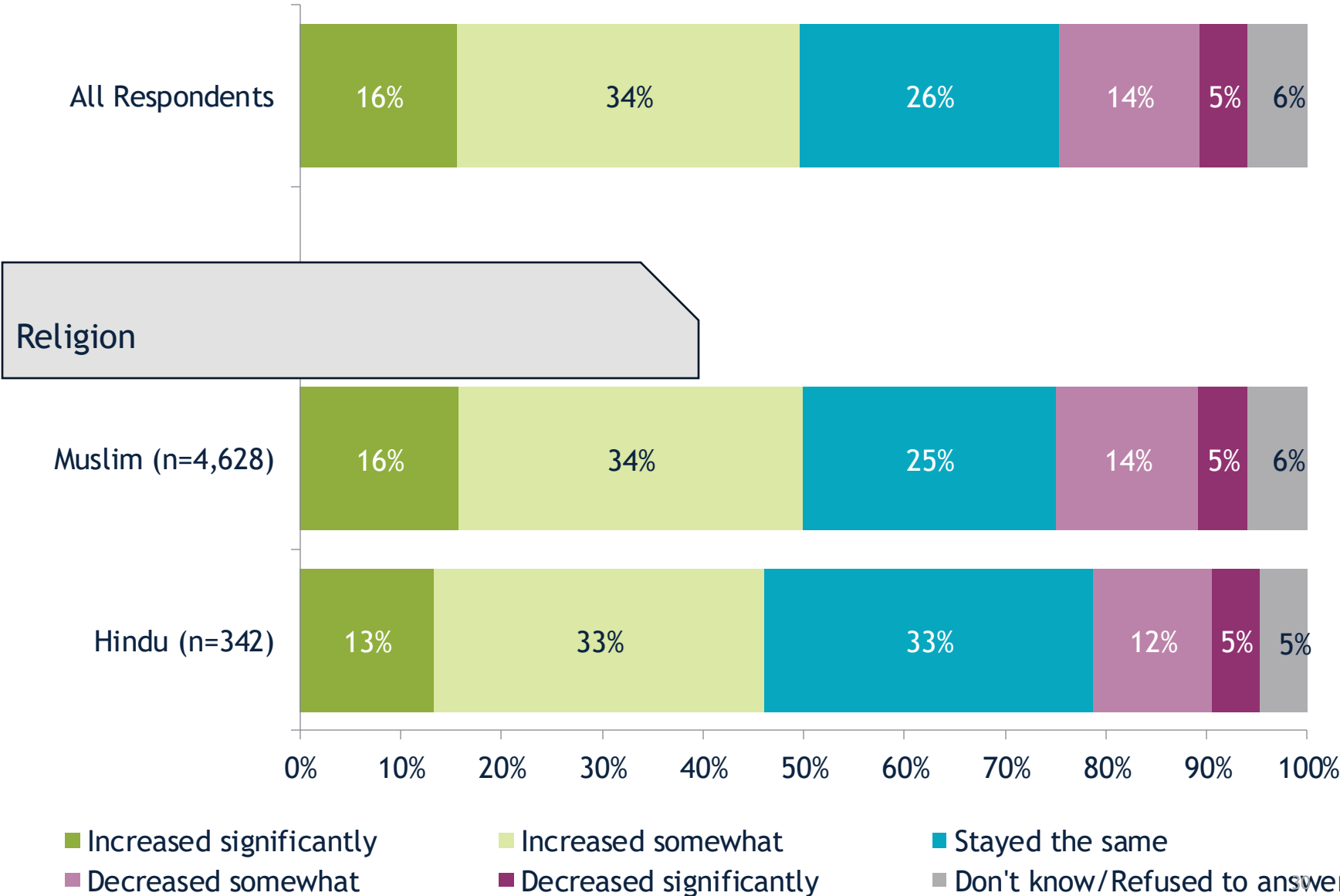


How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: All citizens, regardless of religion or ethnicity, should have equal rights and opportunities in Bangladesh.





In your view, has the influence of religion in politics increased or decreased in the past year?



Approval Ratings

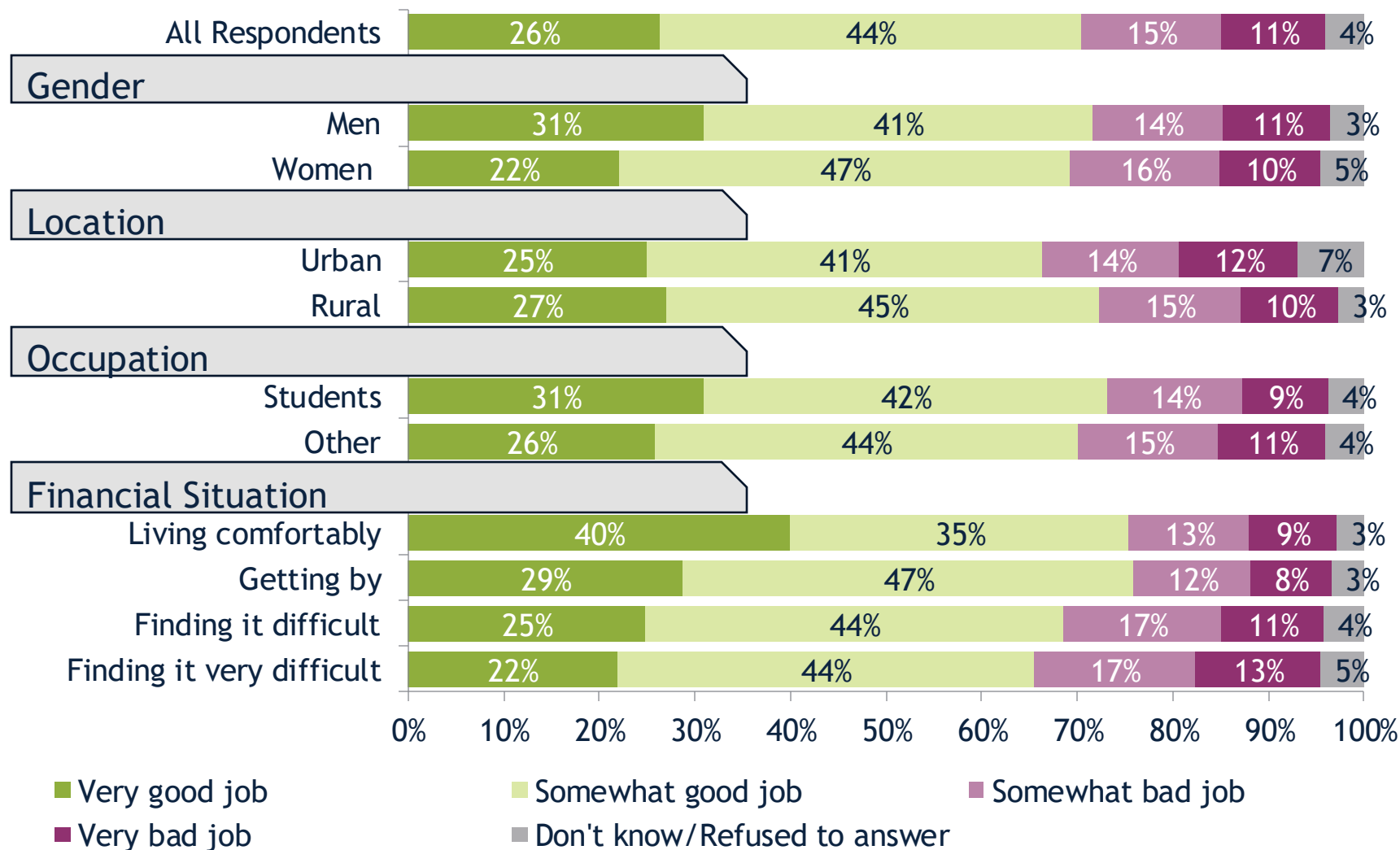


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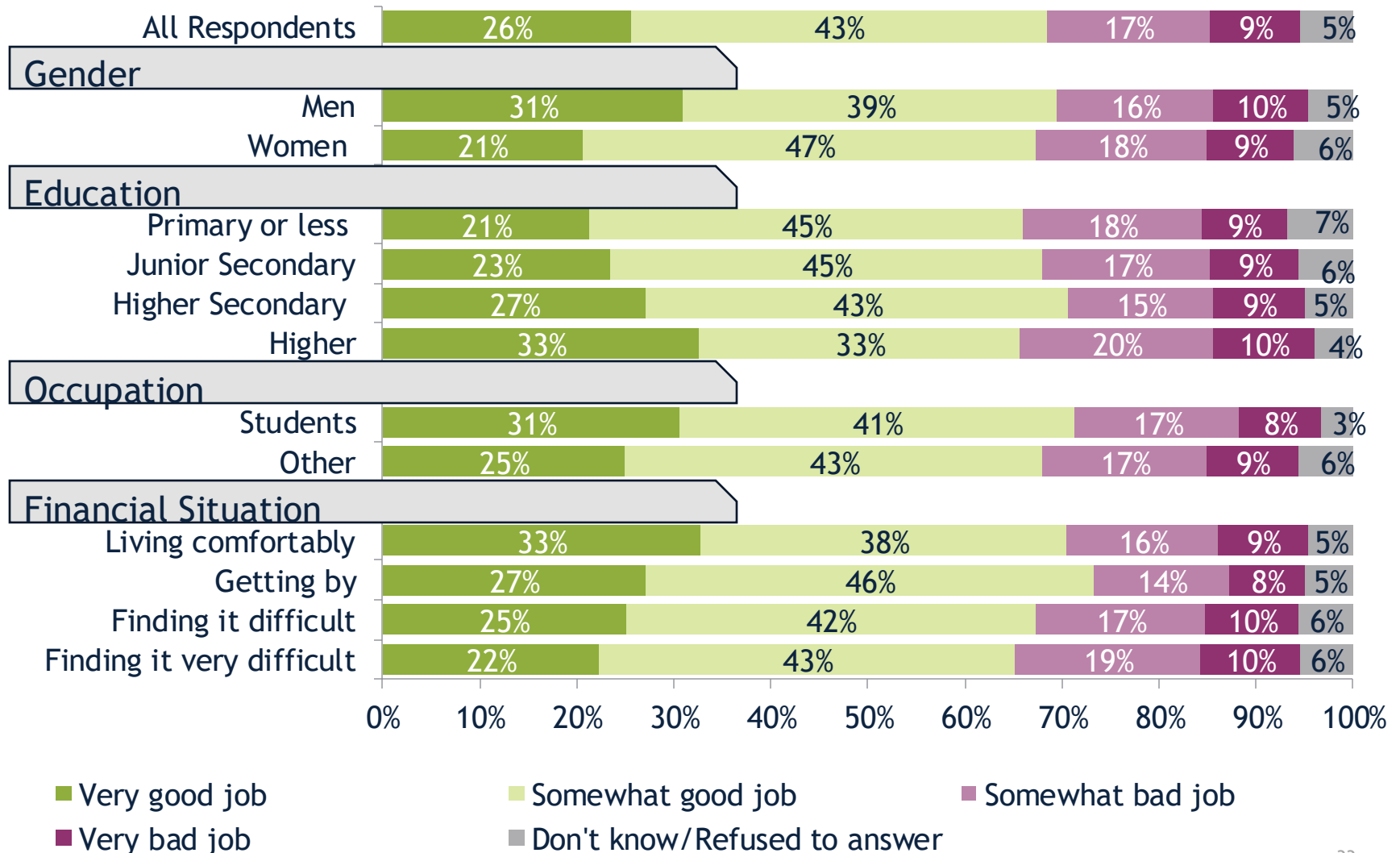


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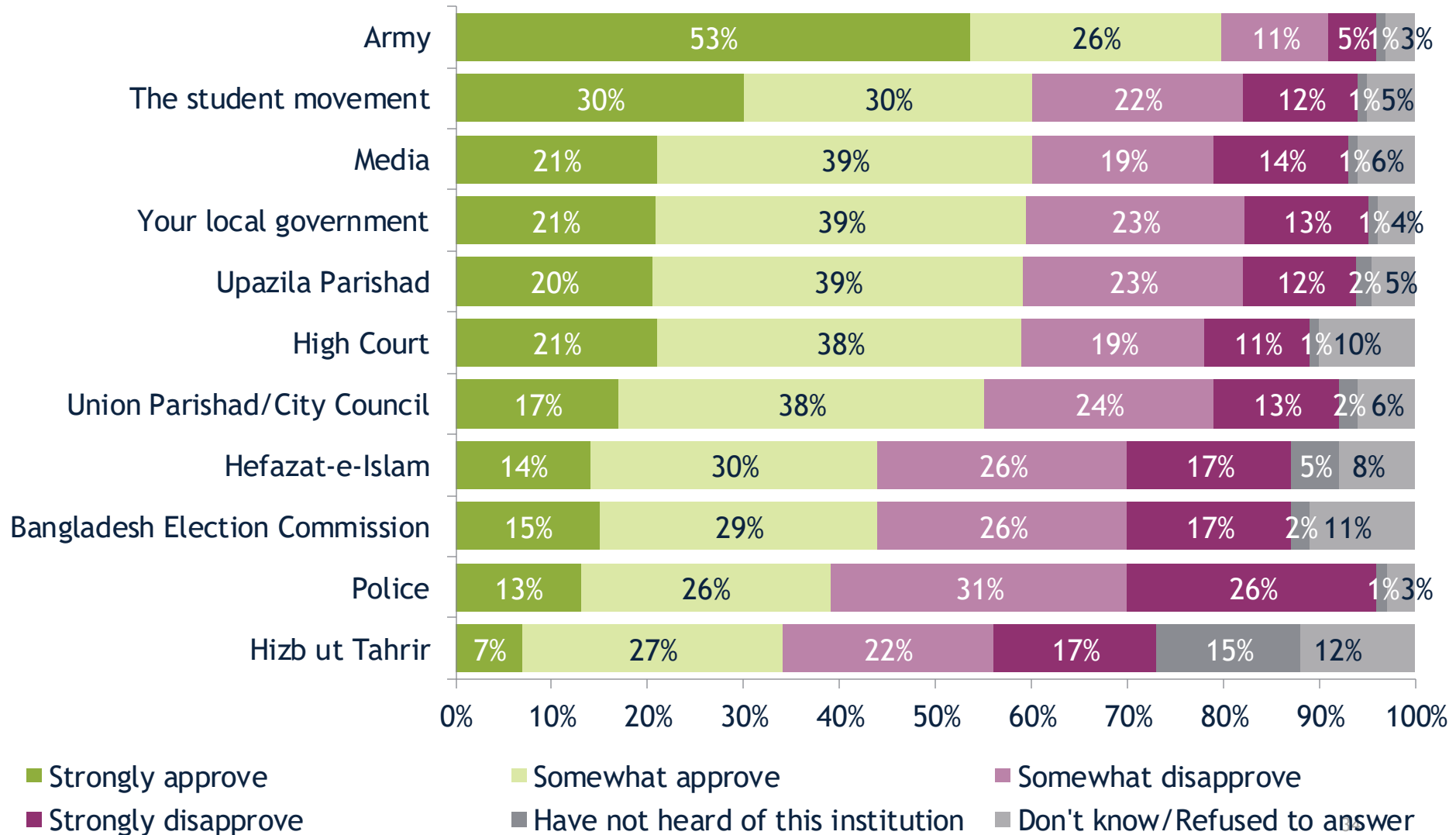
Do you think that the new Interim Government is doing a good job or a bad job? Would you say they are doing a very good job, a somewhat good job, a somewhat bad job, or a very bad job?



Thinking now about Muhammad Yunus, Chief Adviser to the Interim Government, do you think he is doing a good job or a bad job? And is that a very or somewhat good/bad job?

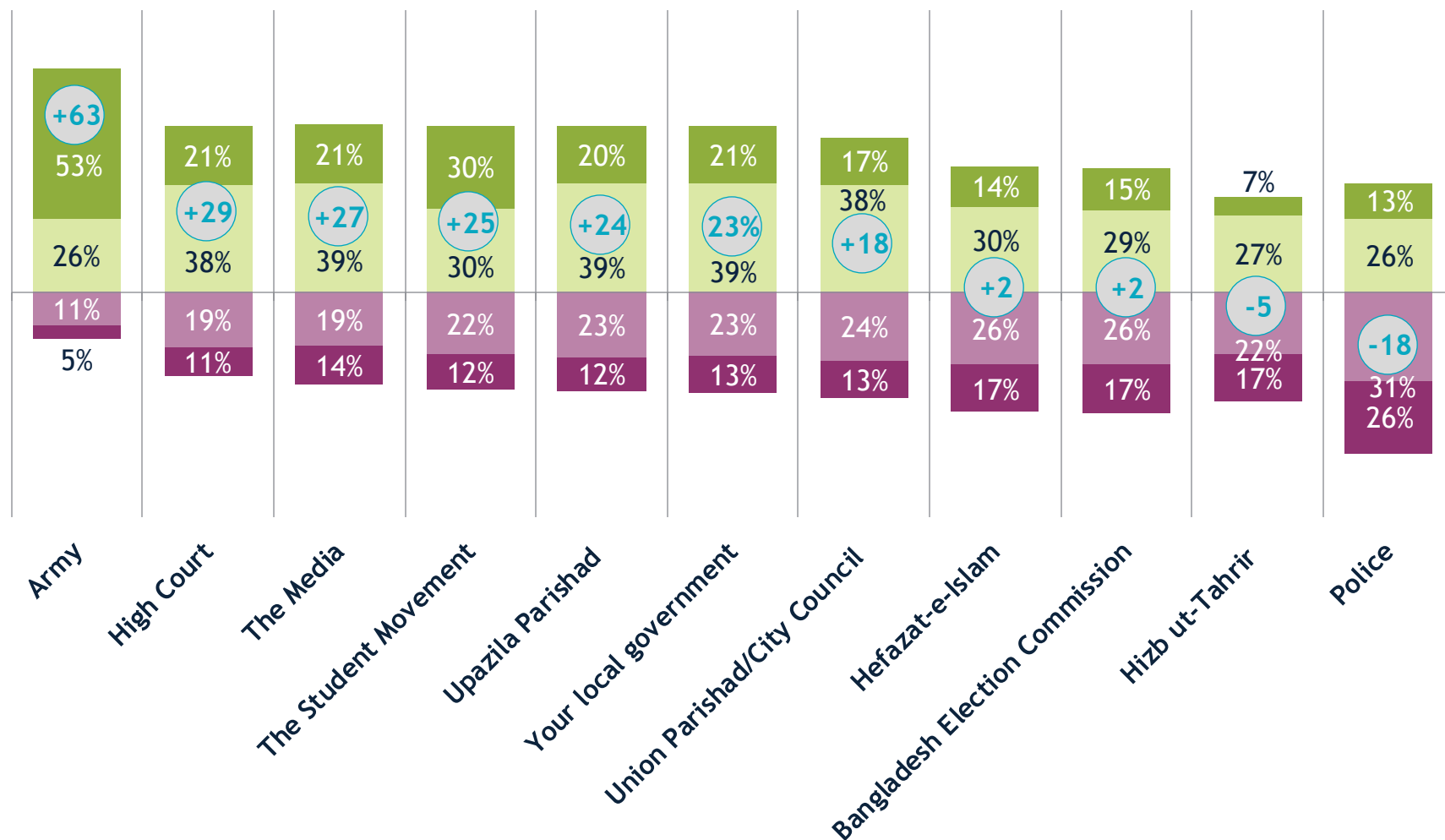


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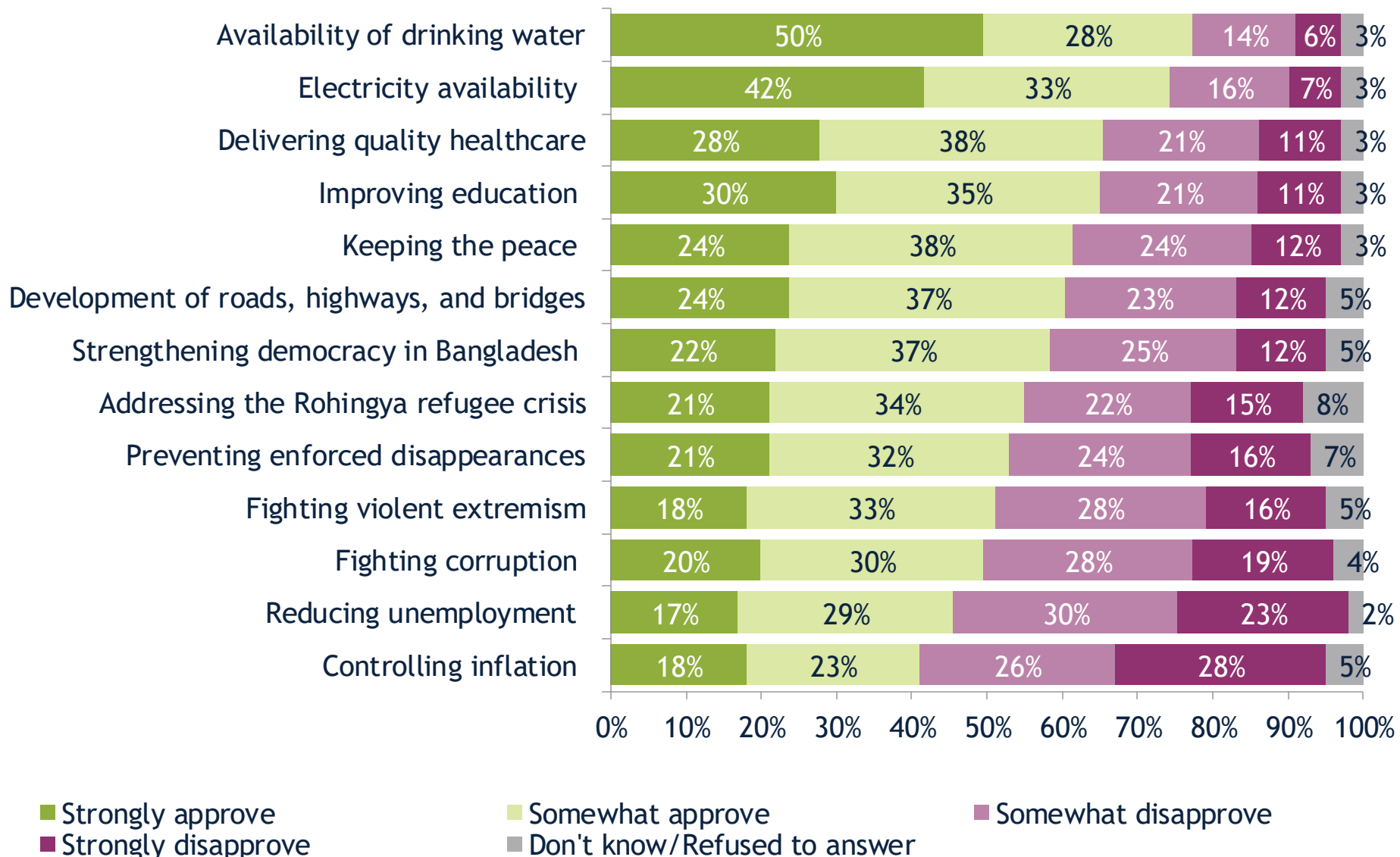
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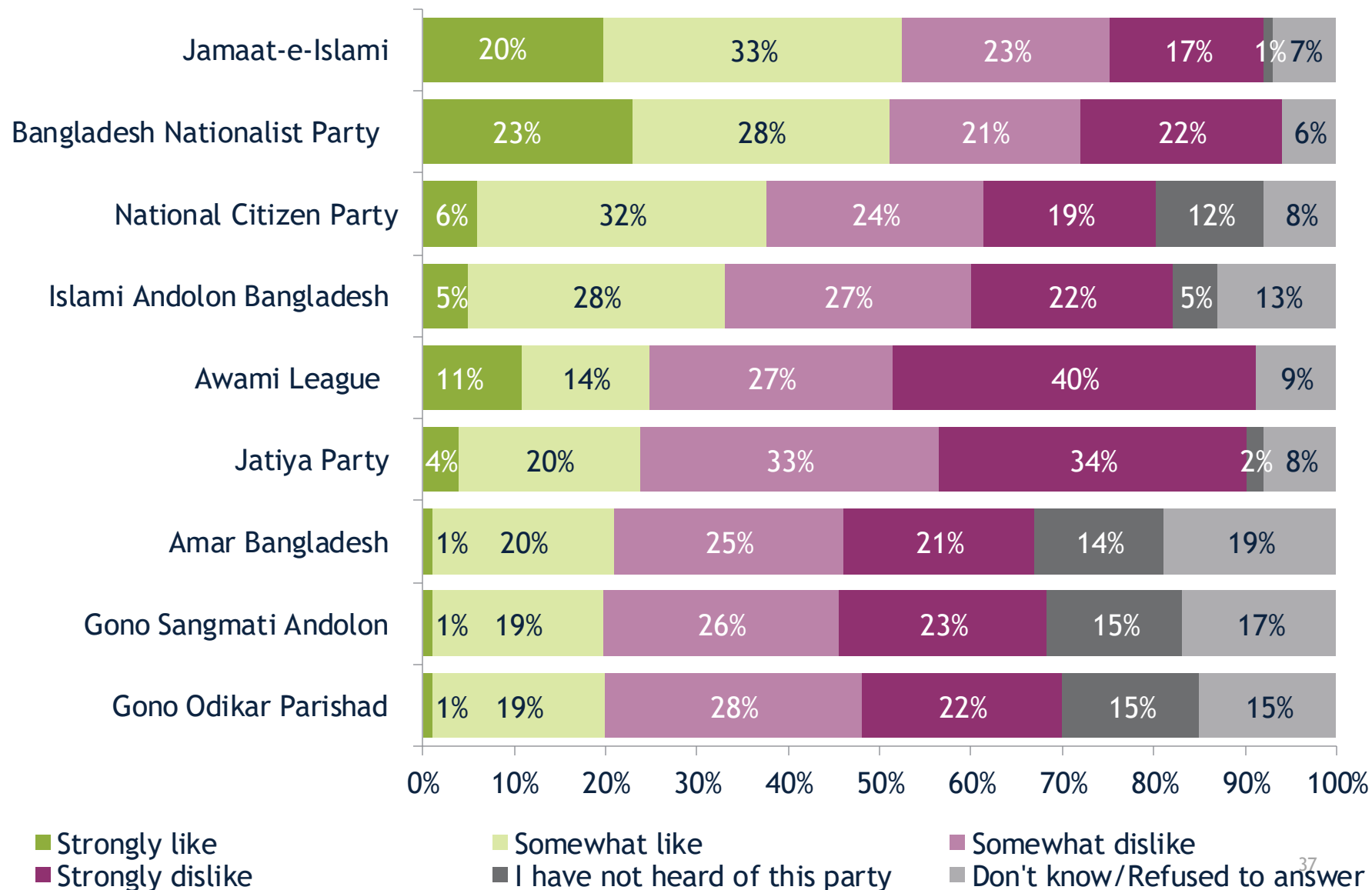
Highly favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Highly unfavorable

*Net favorability may differ from implied difference due to rounding.

Now I am going to read various issues. Please rate the Interim Government's performance on each one.



Thinking now about the following political parties, would you say that you like or dislike them? And would that be strongly or somewhat like/dislike?



Elections

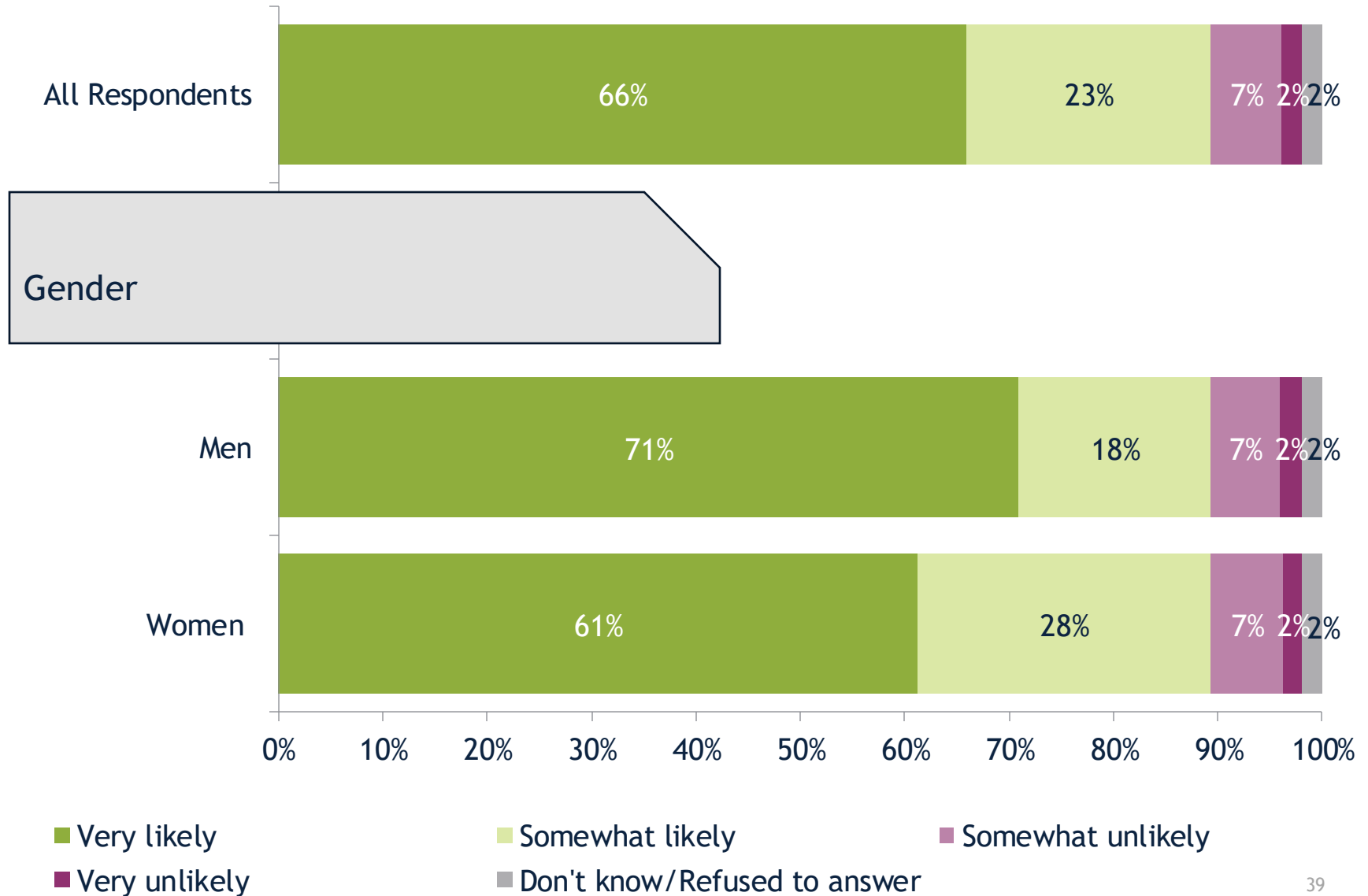


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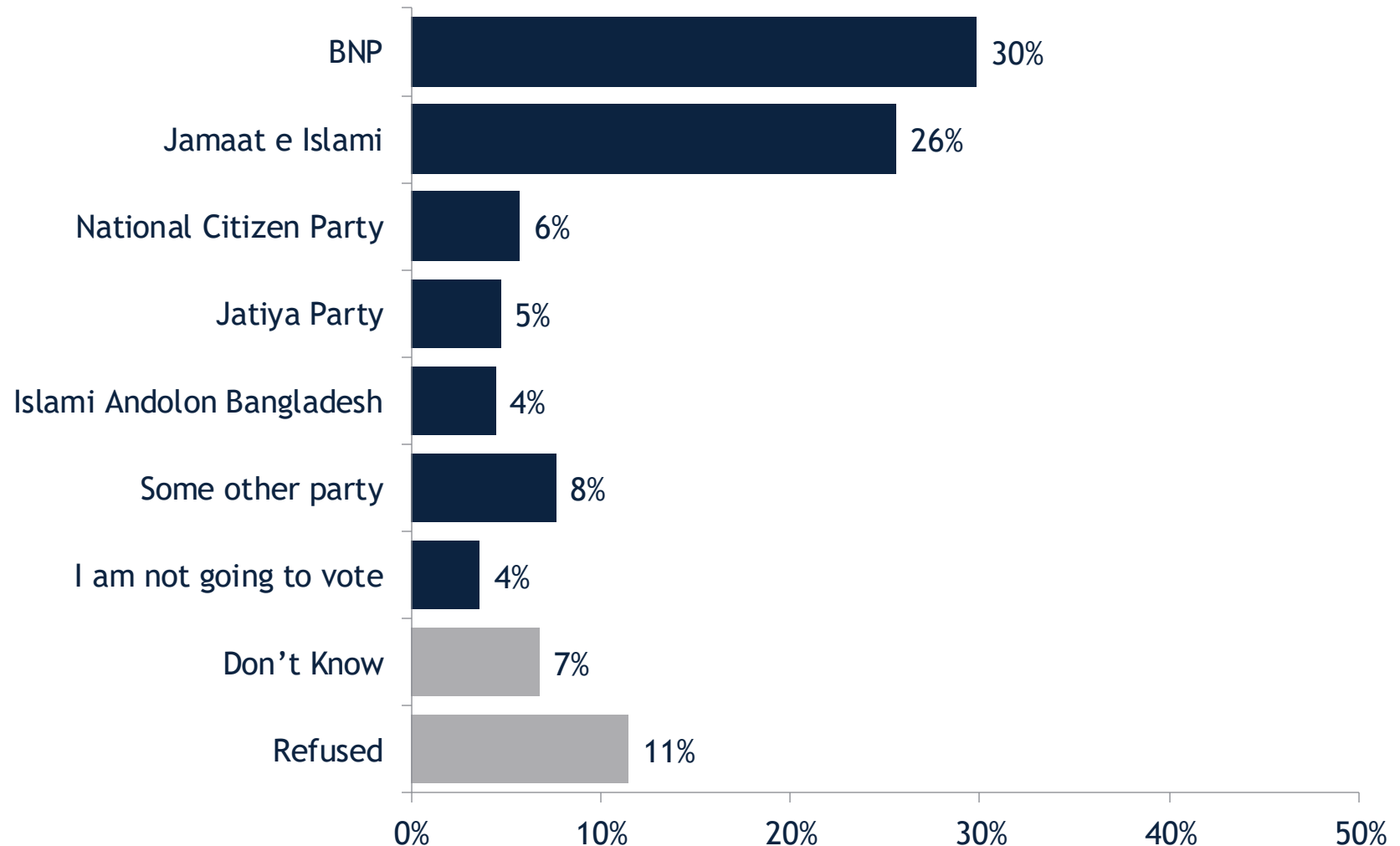


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How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next parliamentary elections?

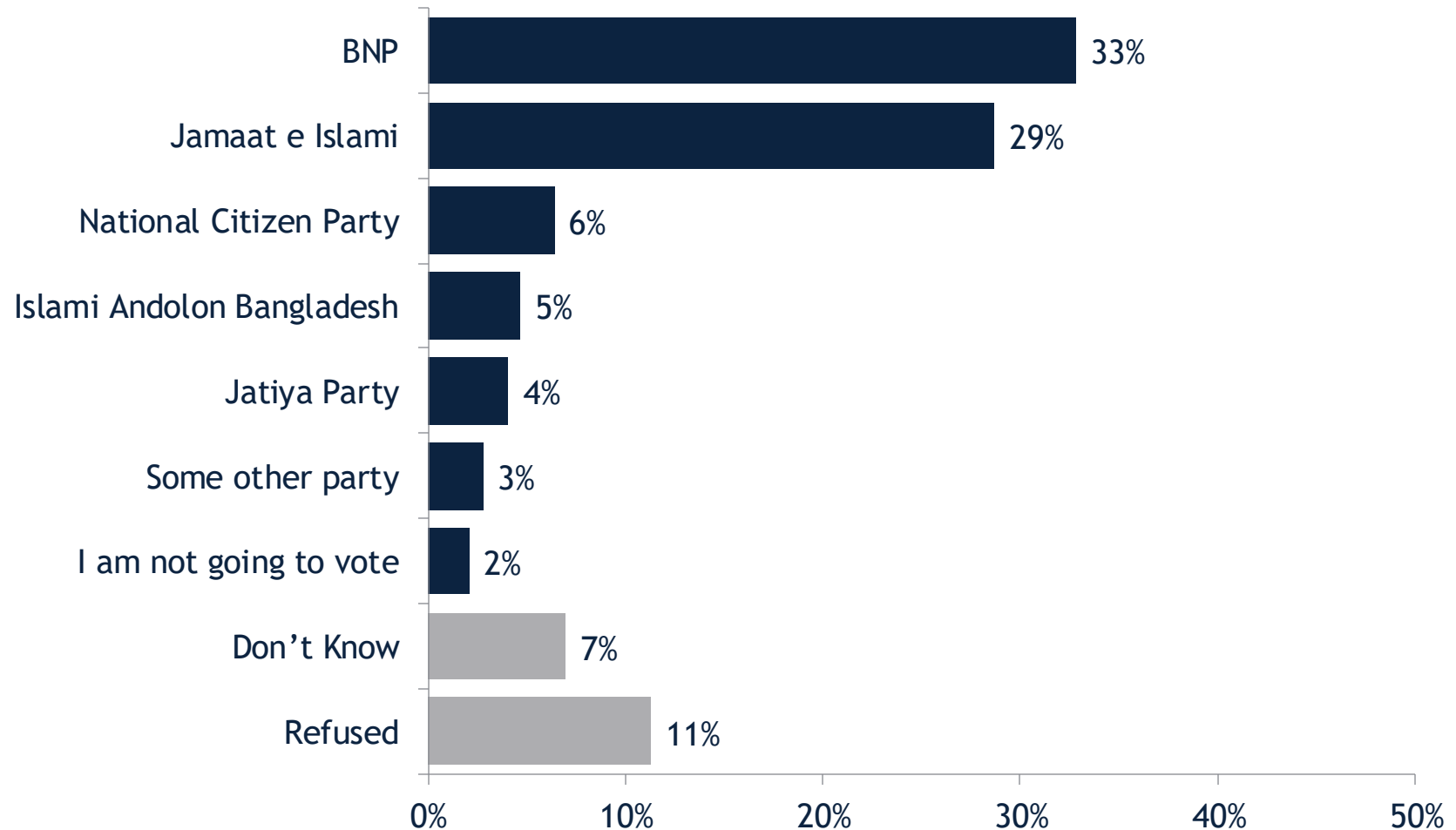


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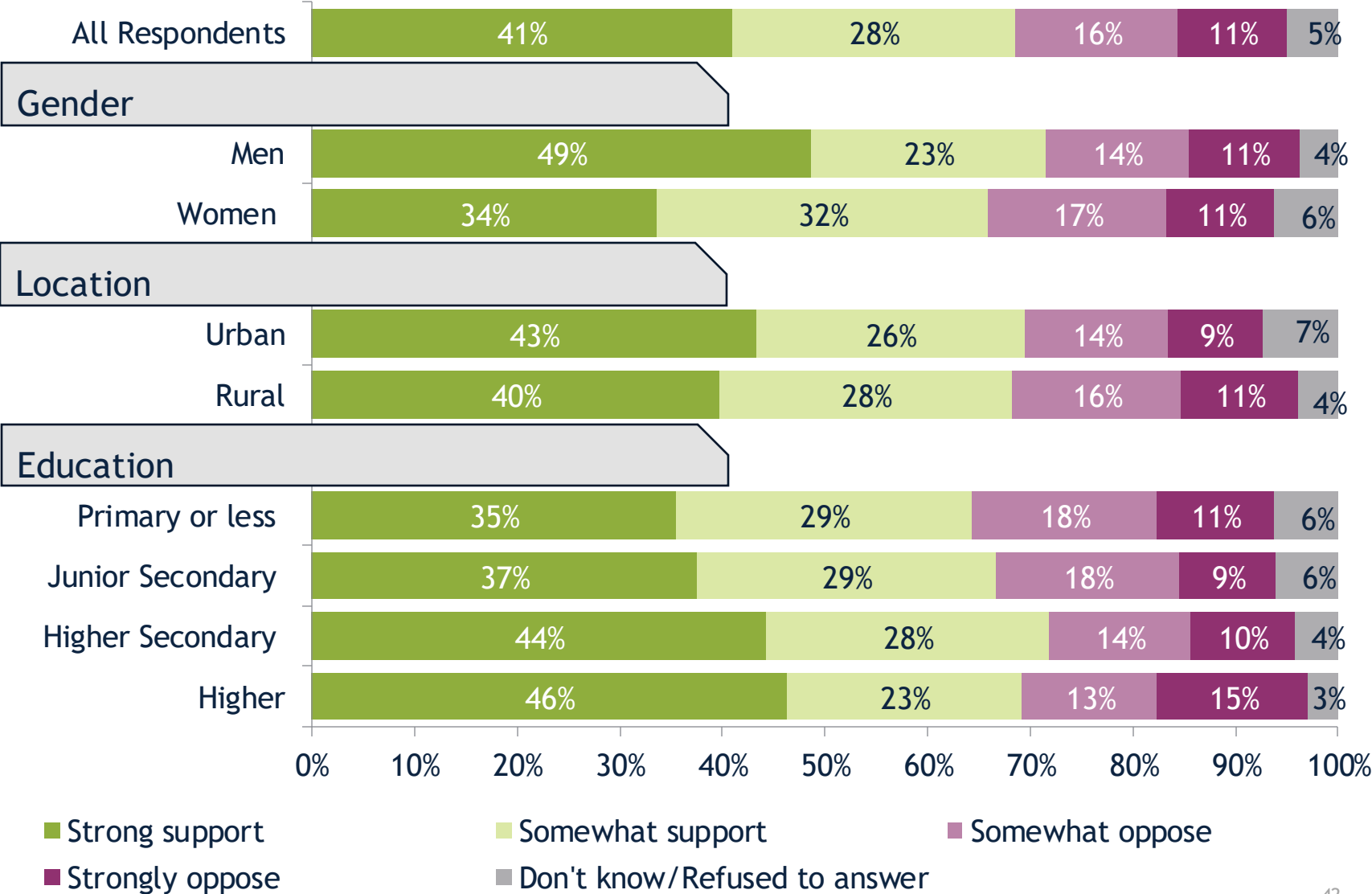
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(Among “very likely” voters, n=3,270)



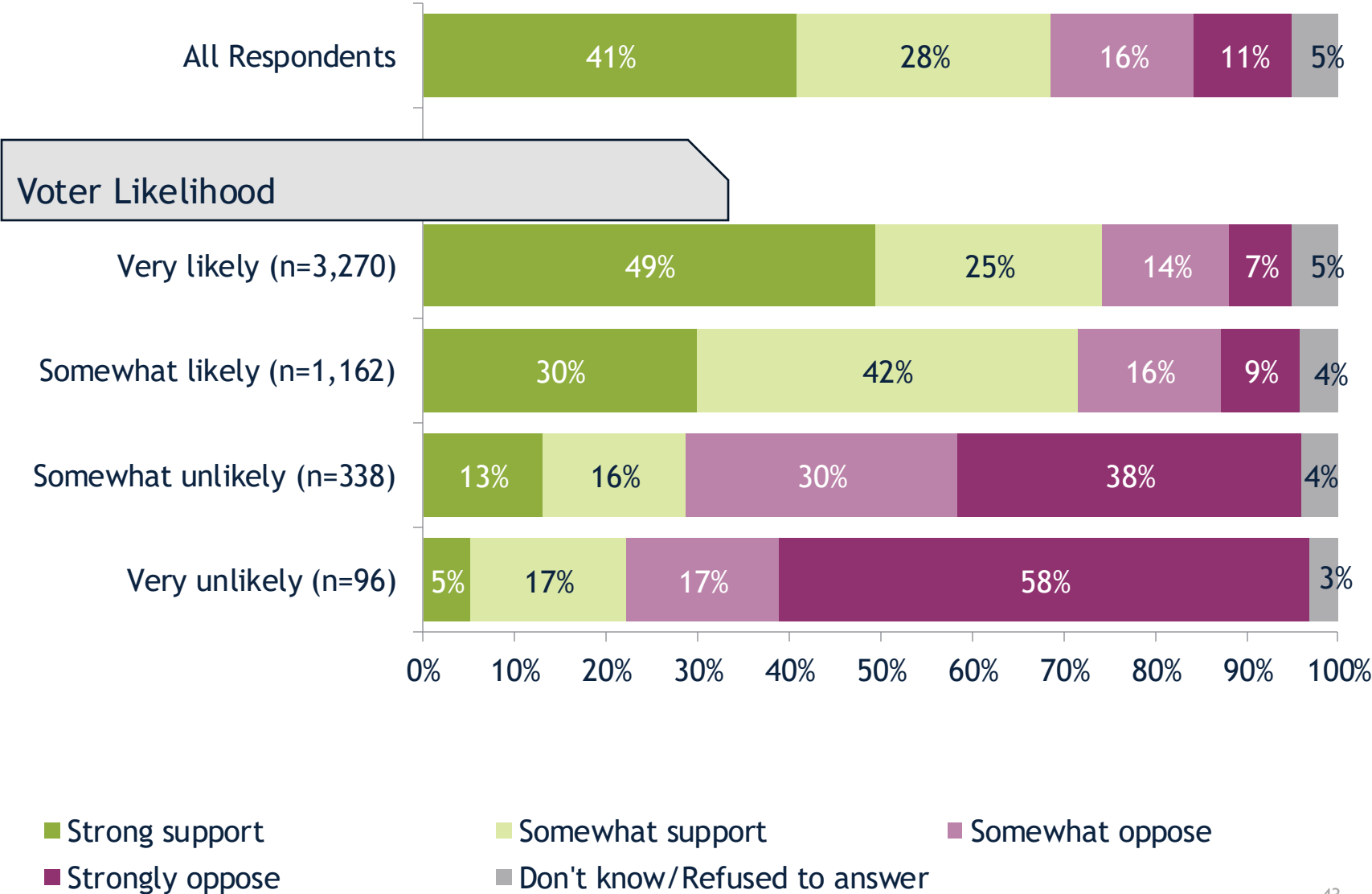


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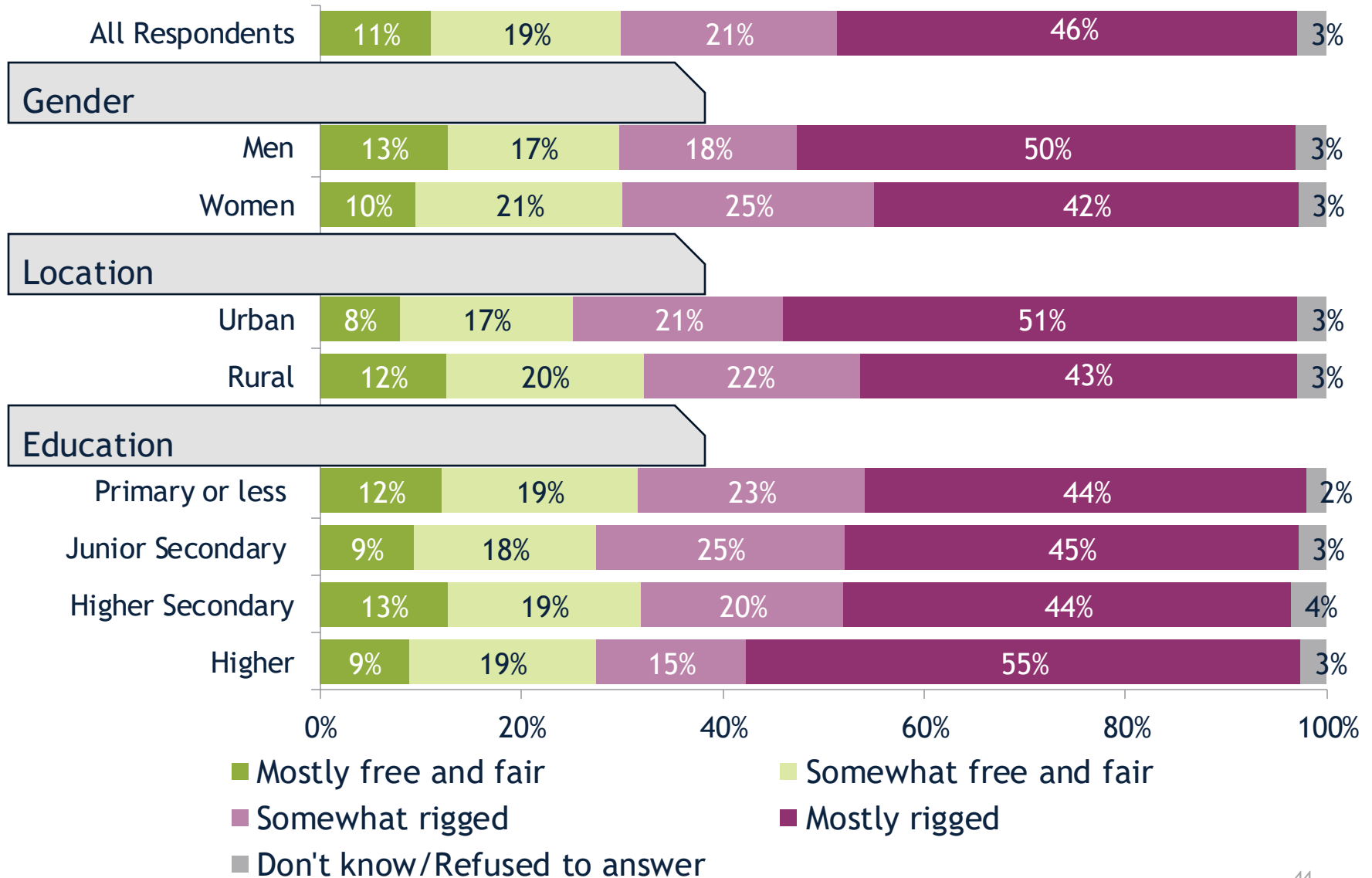




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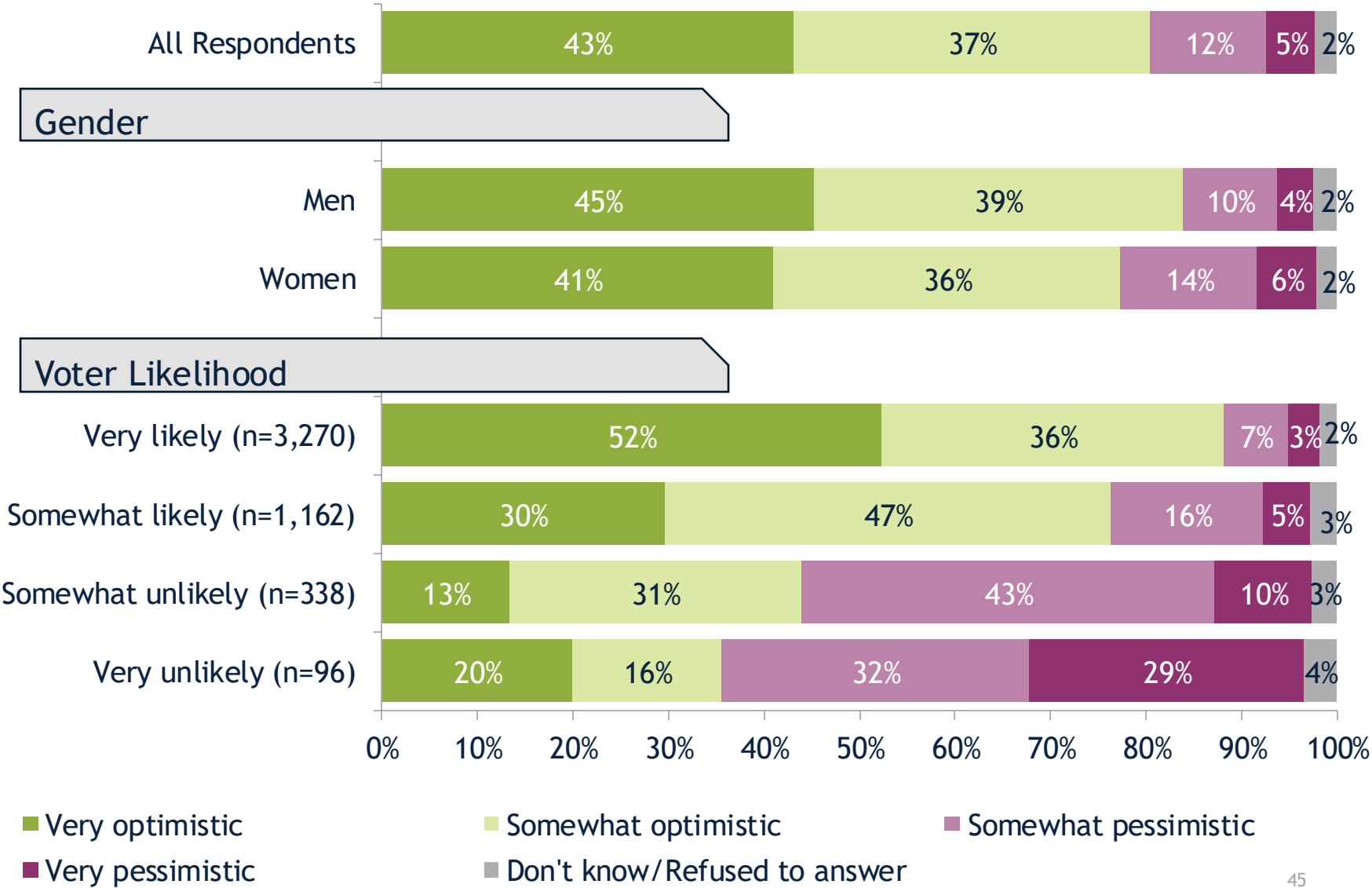


Generally speaking, do you think past elections in Bangladesh have been free and fair or were they rigged?



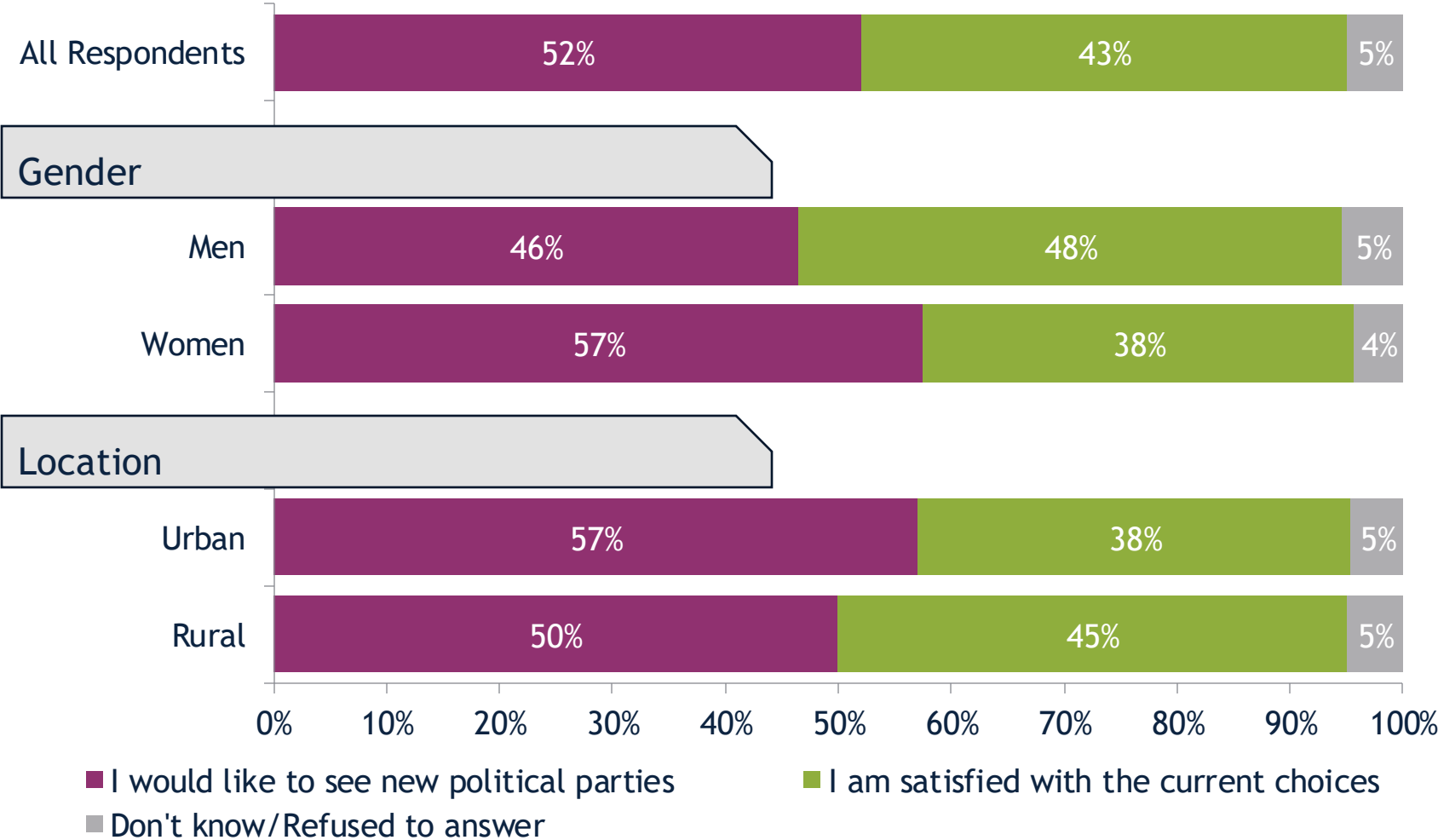


Thinking now about future elections, are you optimistic or pessimistic that elections will be free and fair?

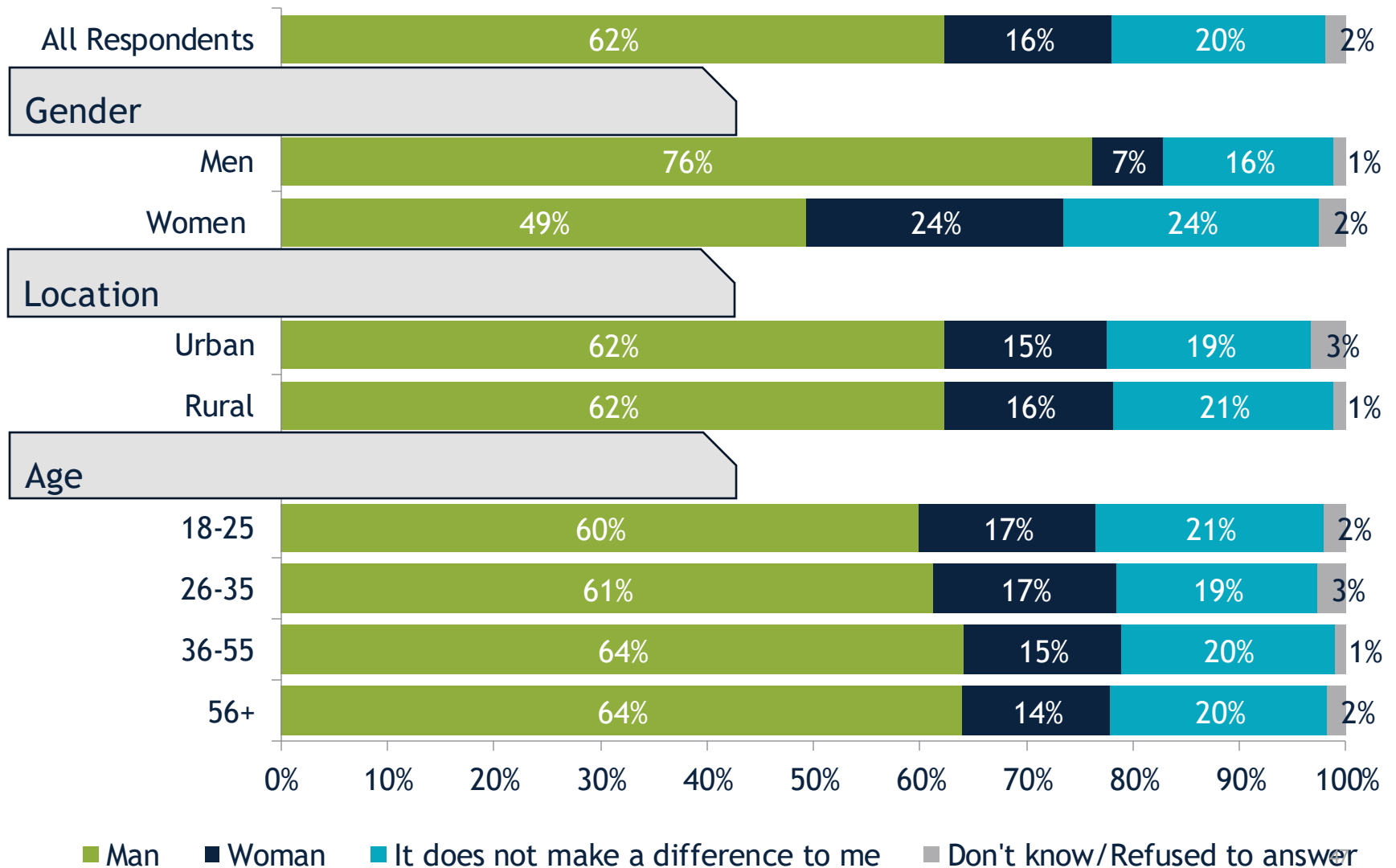




Would you like to see new political parties in future elections or are you satisfied with the current choices?

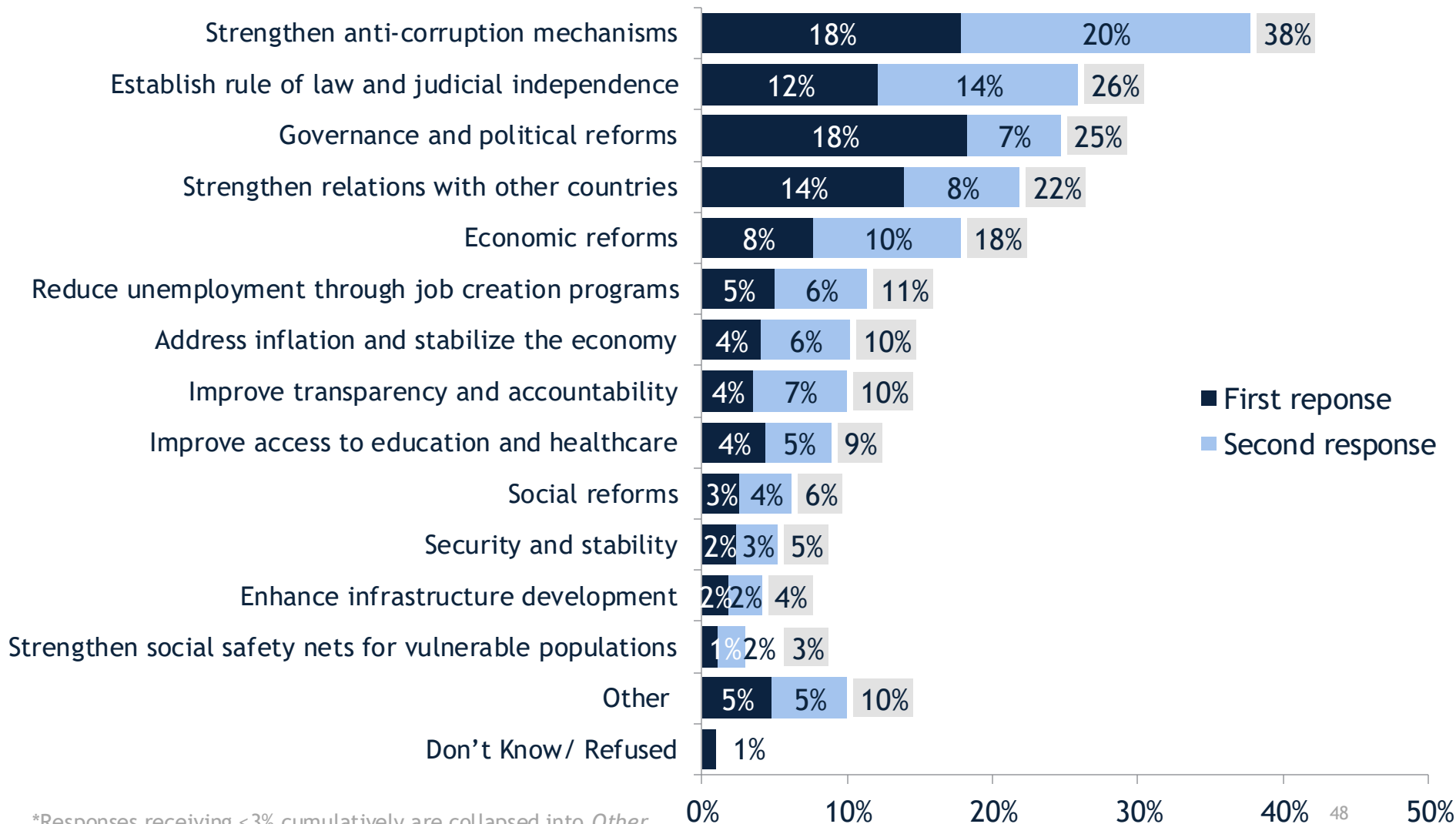


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



Once a new government has been elected, what is the most important issue the new government should focus on? And what is the second most important issue the new government should focus on?

(Spontaneous response)



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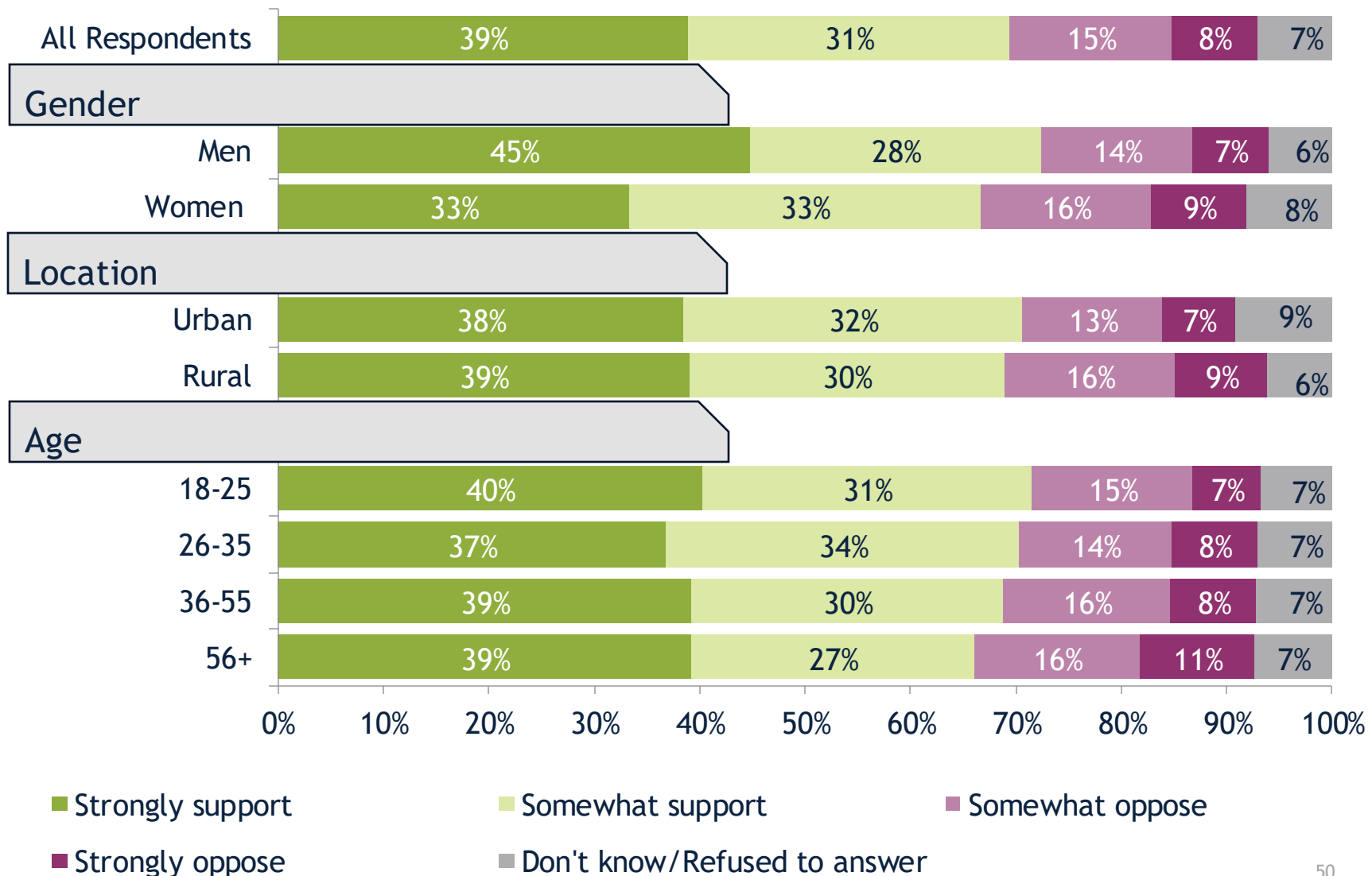
Interim Government and Reforms



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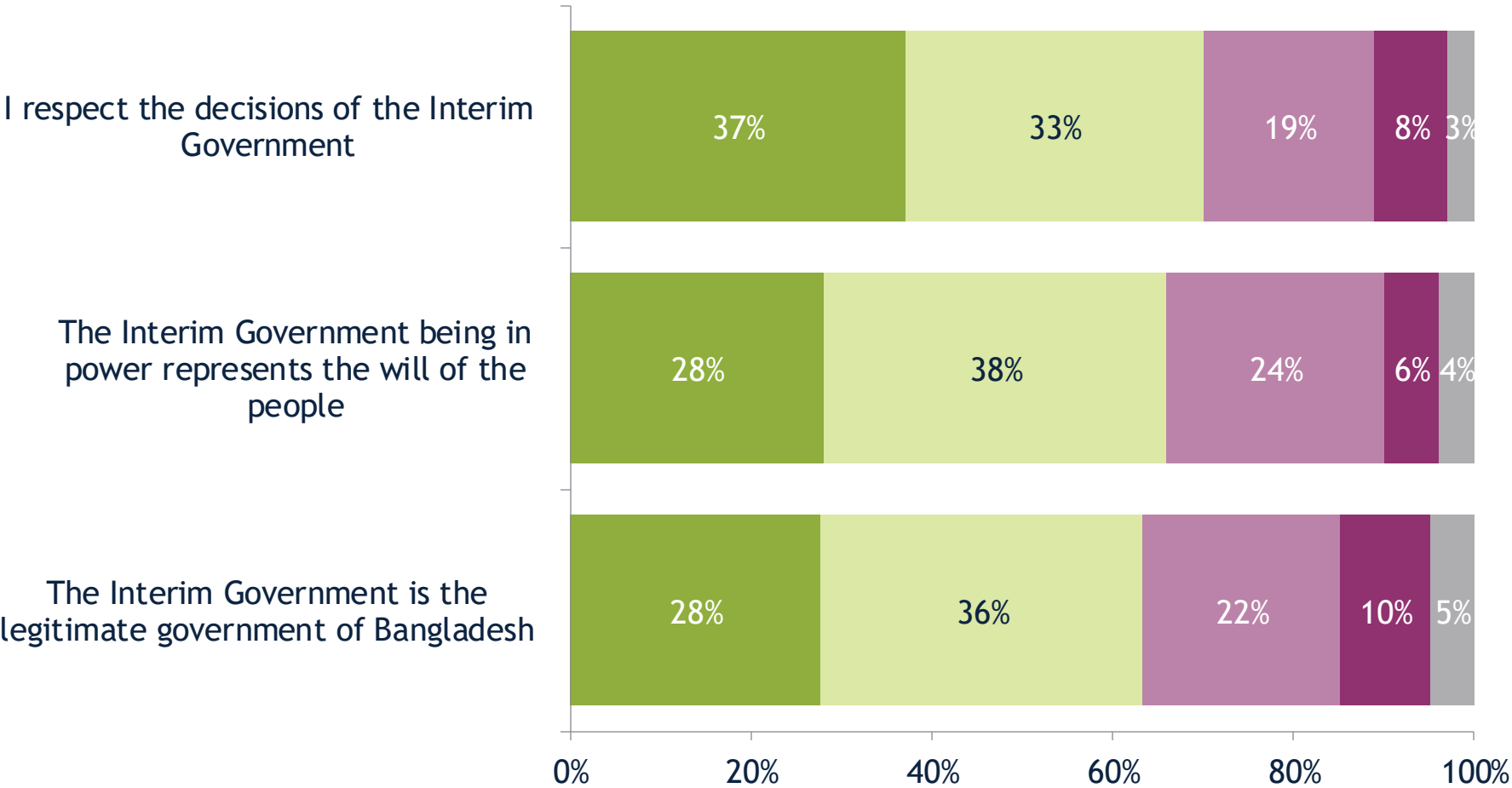
"Student leaders [...] with head of the government Muhammad Yunus"
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Do you support or oppose the protests that led to the overthrow of the Awami League government?





Would you say you agree or disagree with the following statements?

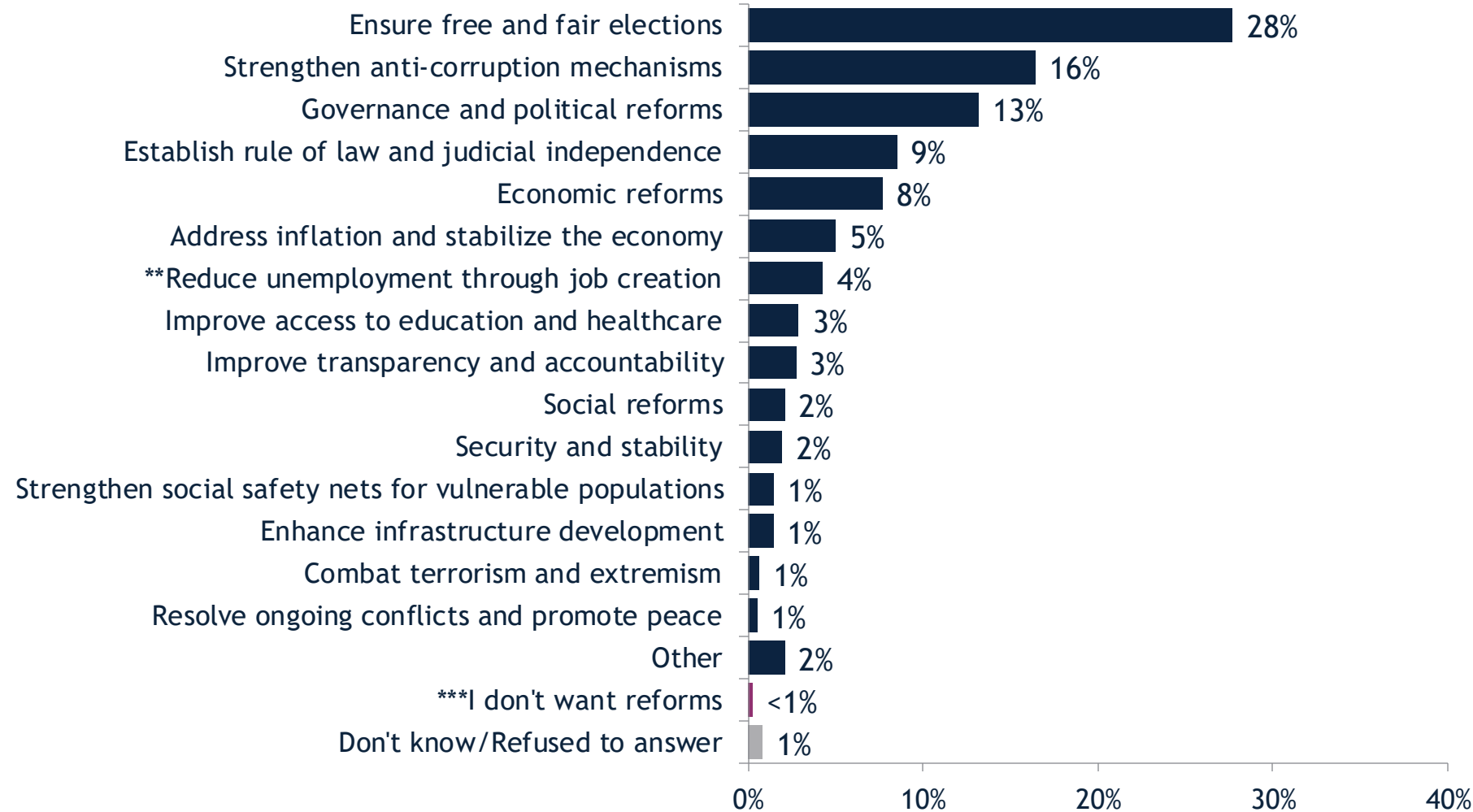


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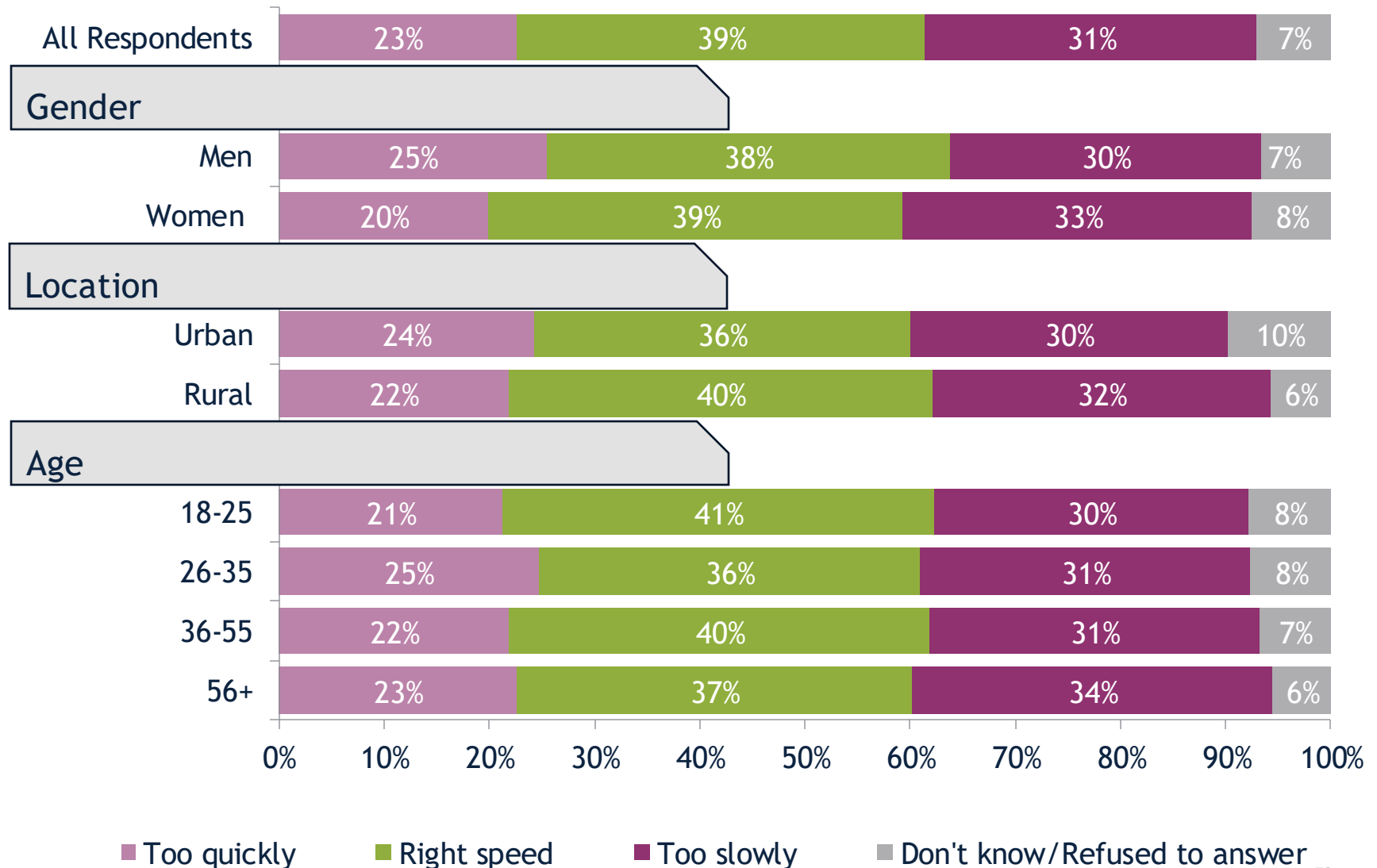
What is the most important reform you want the Interim Government to implement?

(Spontaneous response)

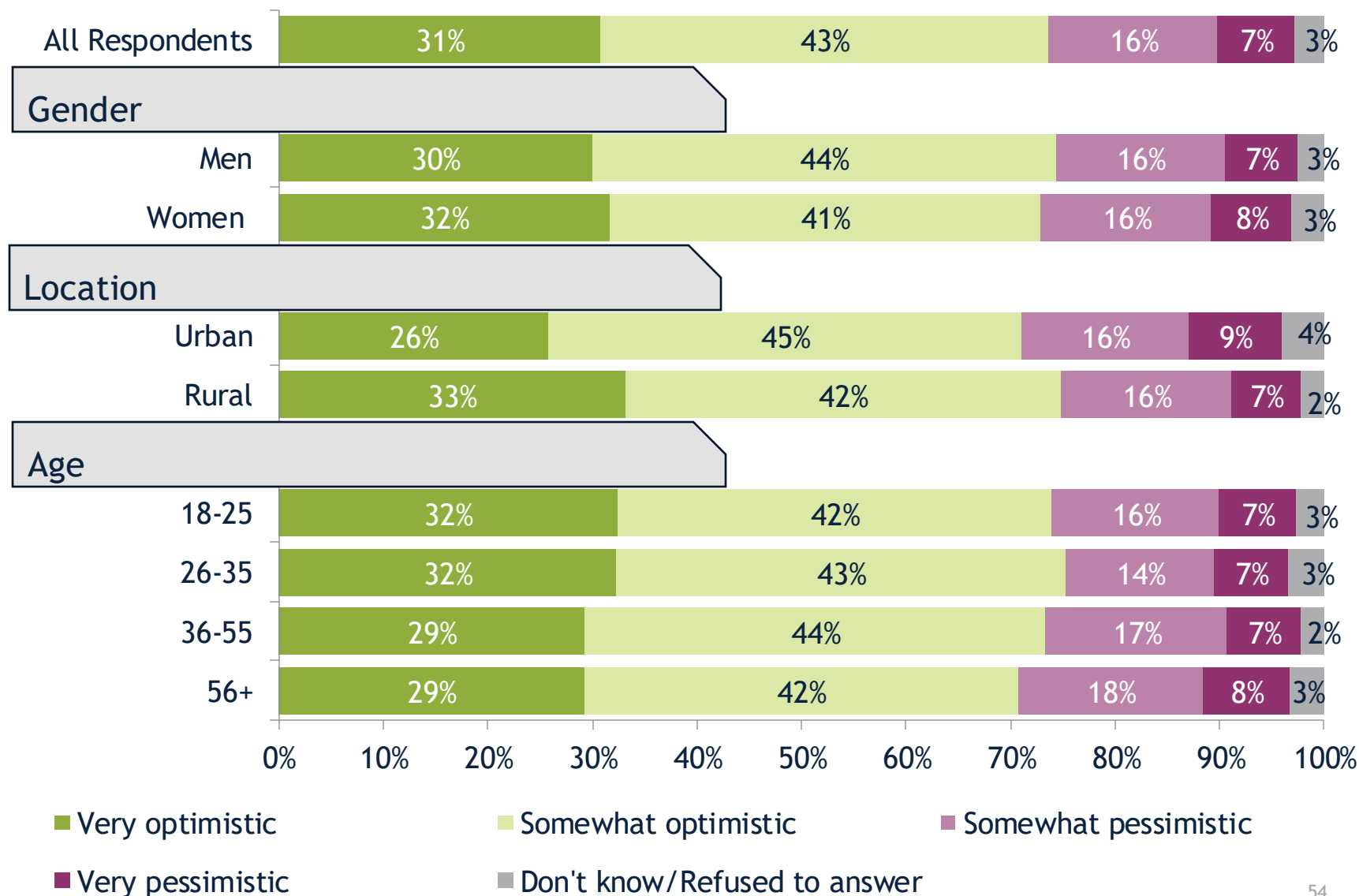


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**Reduce unemployment through job creation programs
***I don't want the interim government to implement reforms

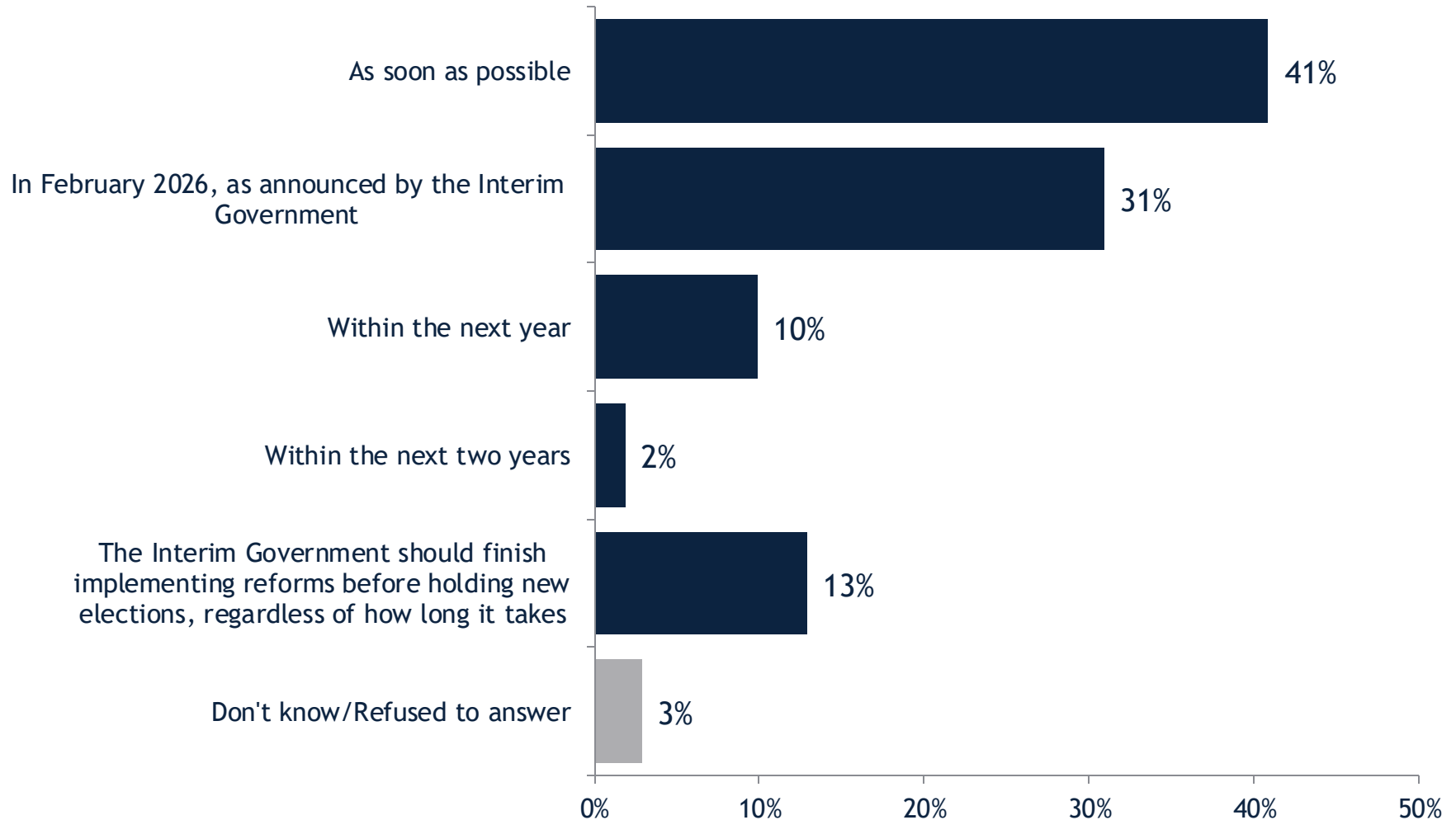
When it comes to implementing reforms, would you say that the Interim Government is moving too quickly, at the right speed, or too slowly?



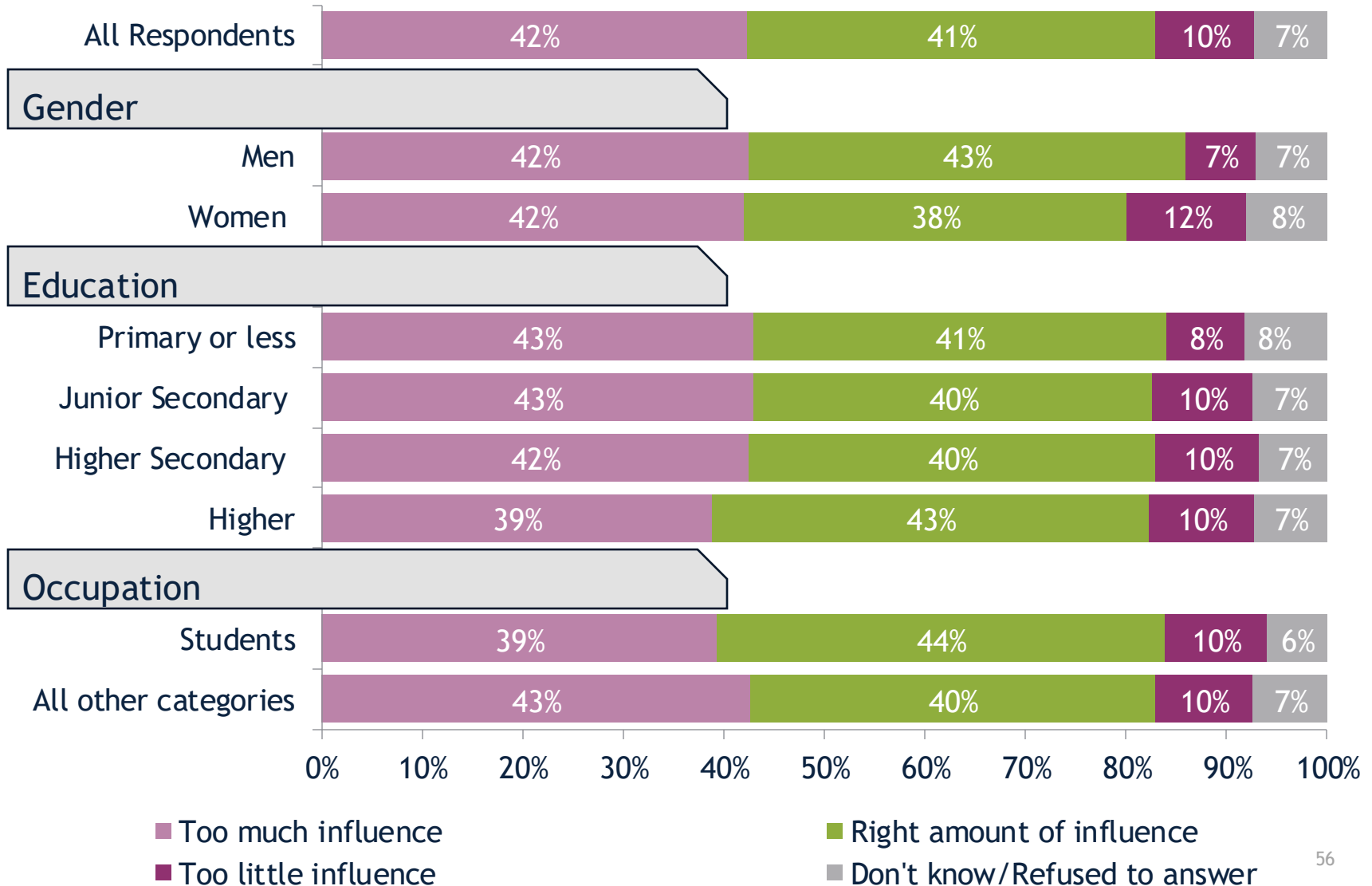
When it comes to implementing reforms, how optimistic are you that the Interim Government will successfully implement reforms?



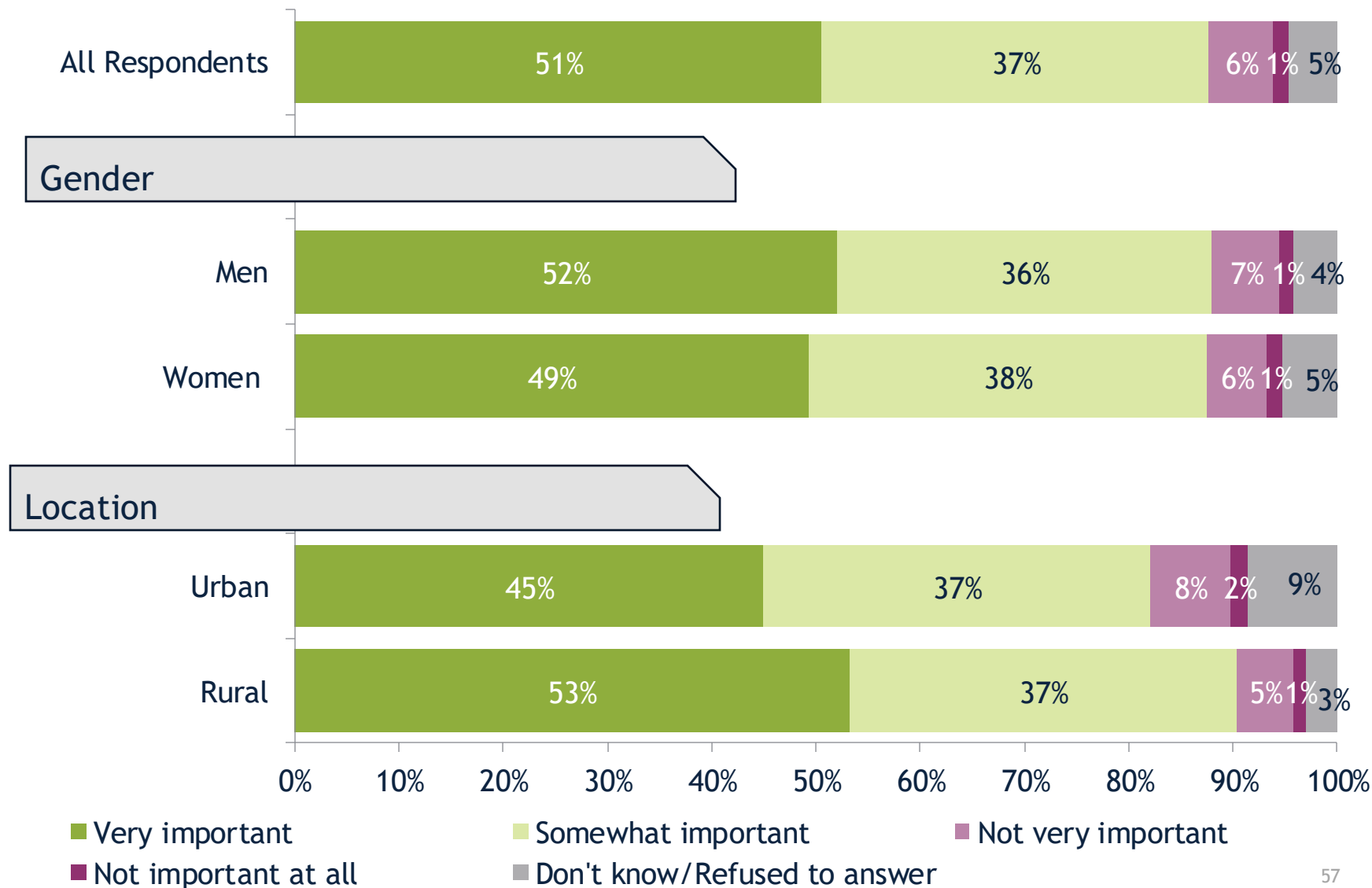
When do you want the Interim Government to hold new parliamentary elections and pass power to an elected government?



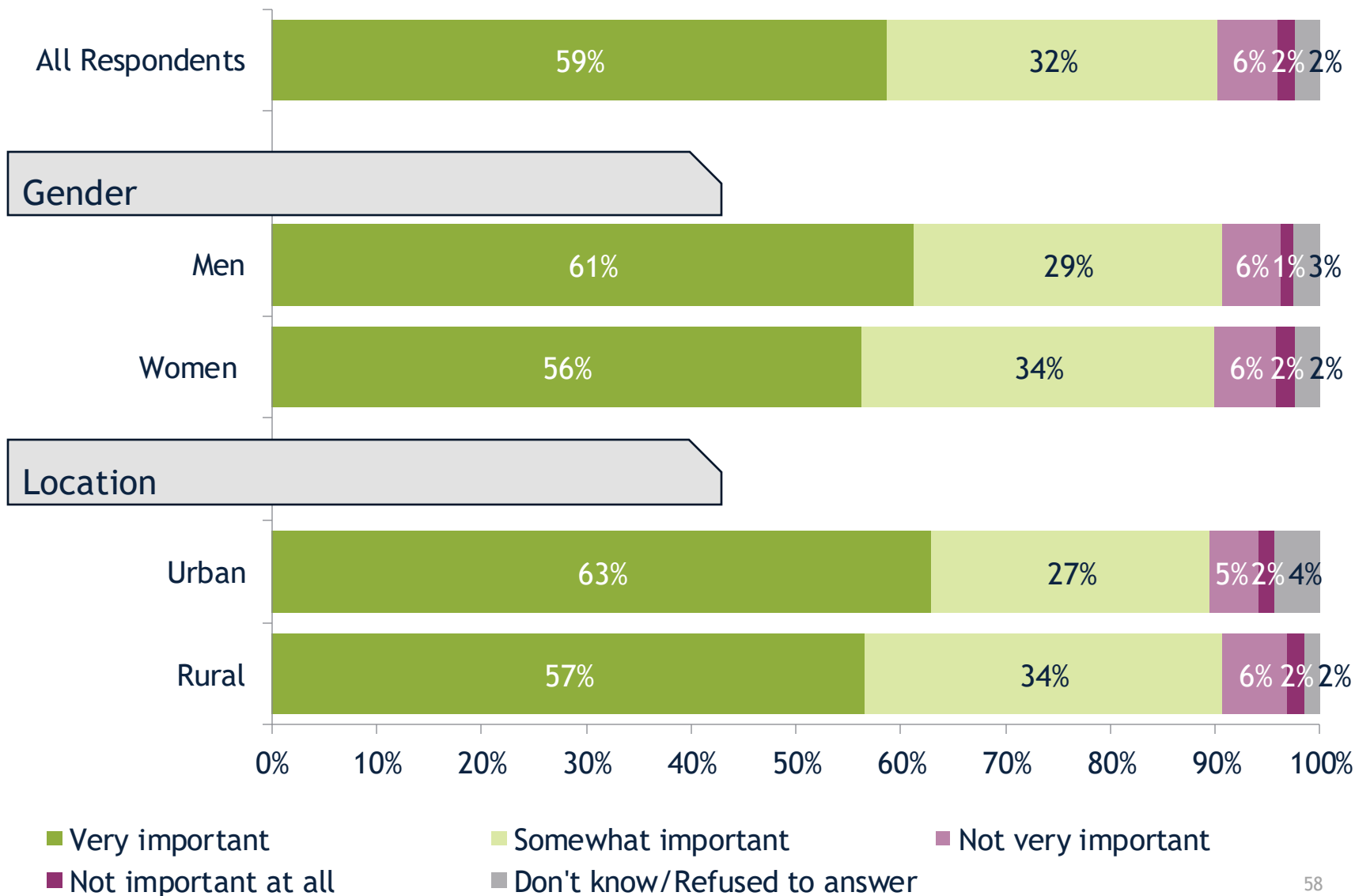
When it comes to the amount of influence the student movement has on the Interim Government, would you say it has too much influence, the right amount of influence, or too little influence?



How important is it to you that the Interim Government seek input regarding reforms from political parties and include them in the decision-making process?



How important is it to you that the Interim Government seek input regarding reforms from citizens and include them in the decision-making process?



Foreign Relations



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I am now going to read you a list of countries. For each one, please tell me if you think that country is having a positive or negative impact on Bangladesh, and whether that is a very or somewhat positive/negative impact.



Media



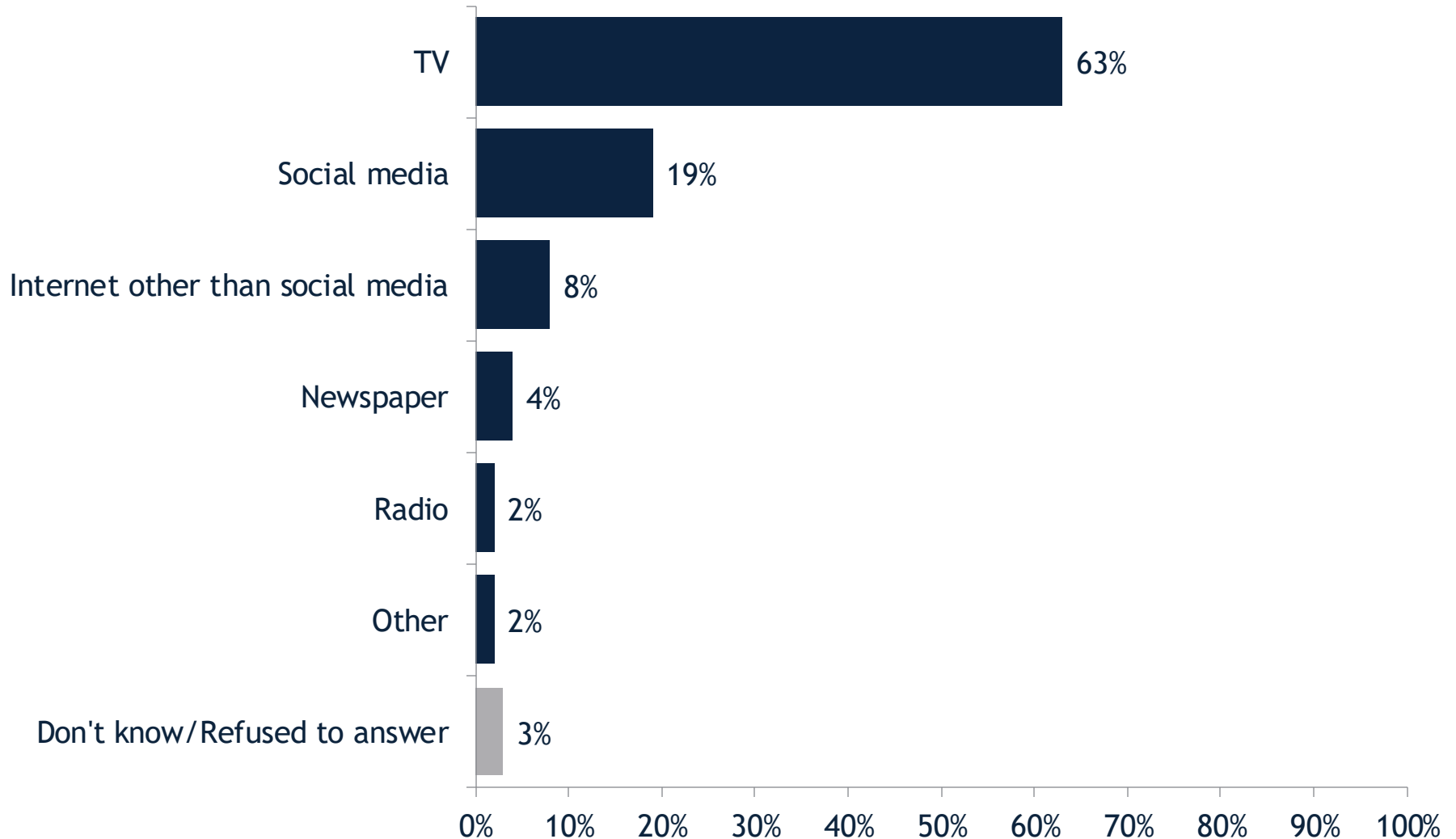
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Thinking now about your media habits, from which type of media are you most likely to get your news?

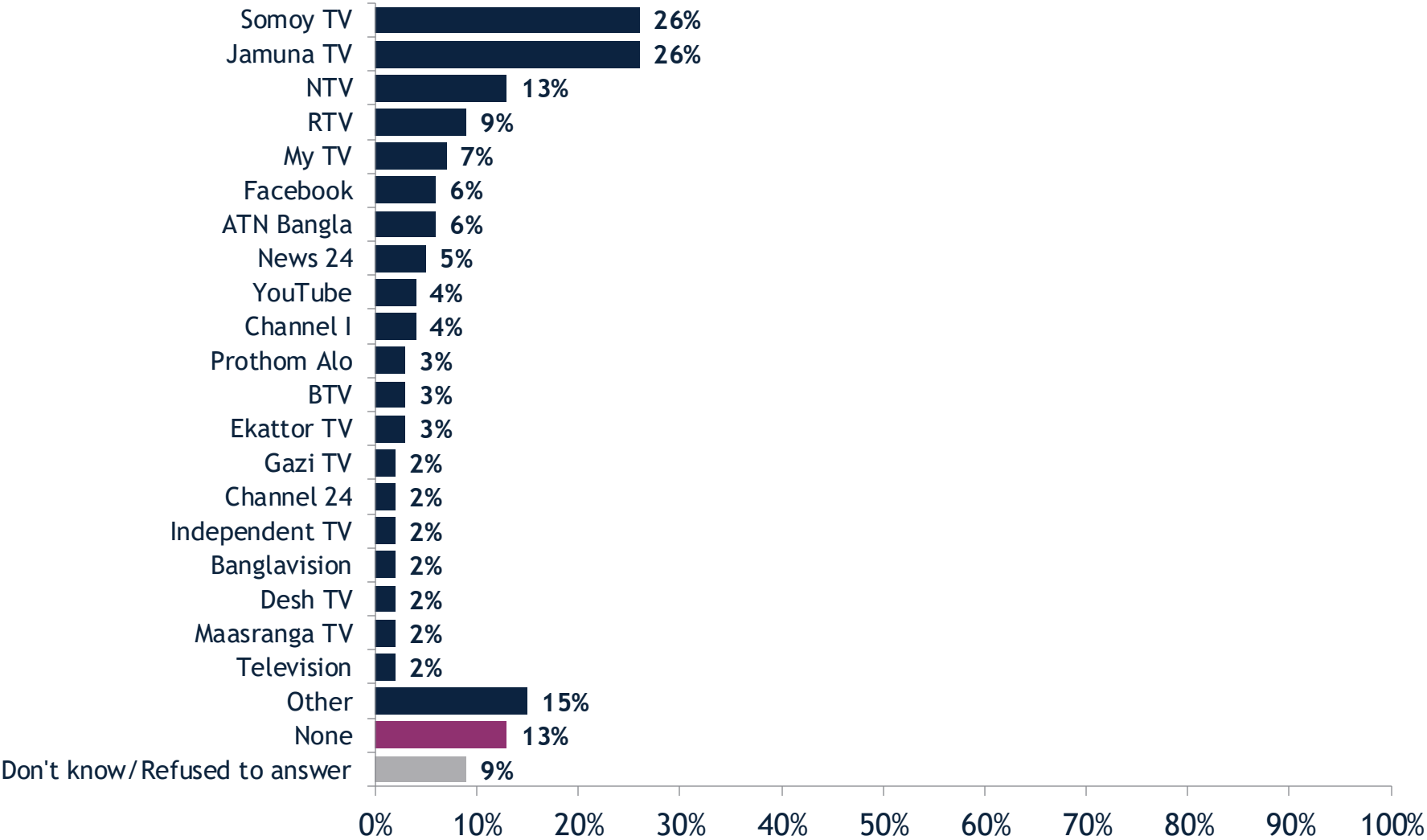


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Which specific media outlet, such as a specific TV channel, radio station, newspaper, website, etc., do you consider most trustworthy for political news and information?

(Spontaneous response; up to 3 responses permitted)

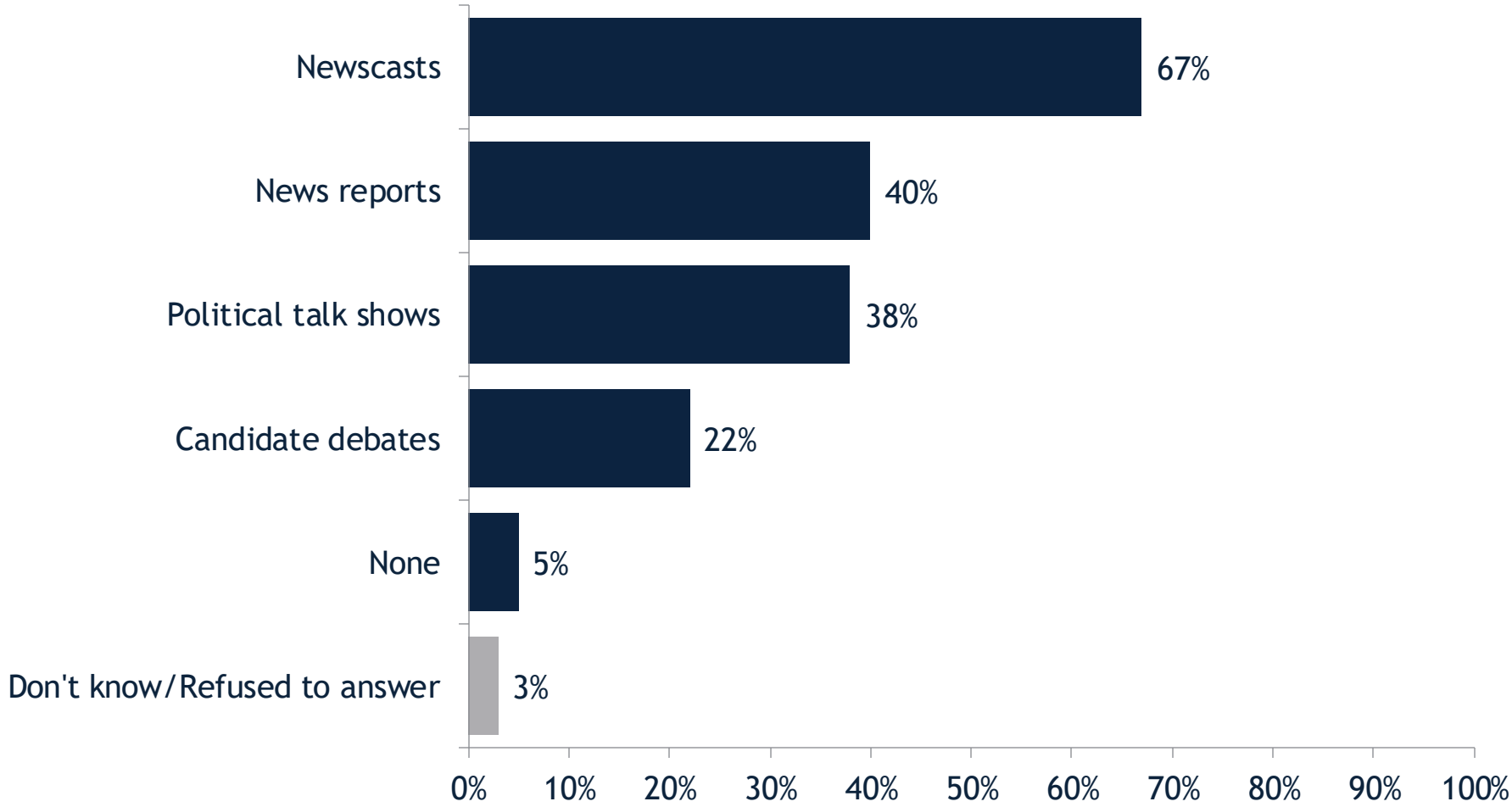


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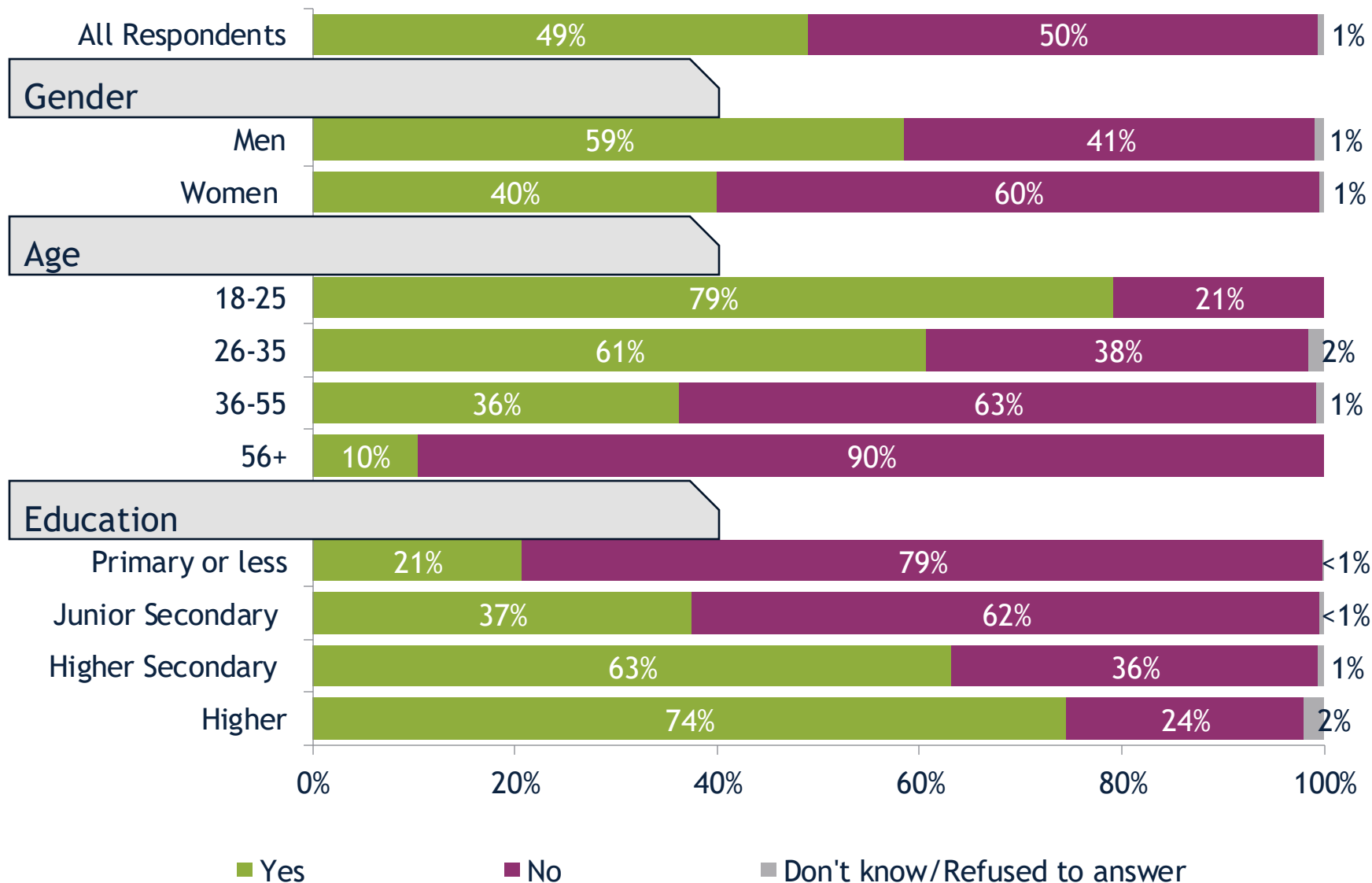


Which of the following news and political television programs do you watch to get election information?

(Multiple responses allowed; percentage shown is the total share of respondents naming each item)



Do you use Facebook?



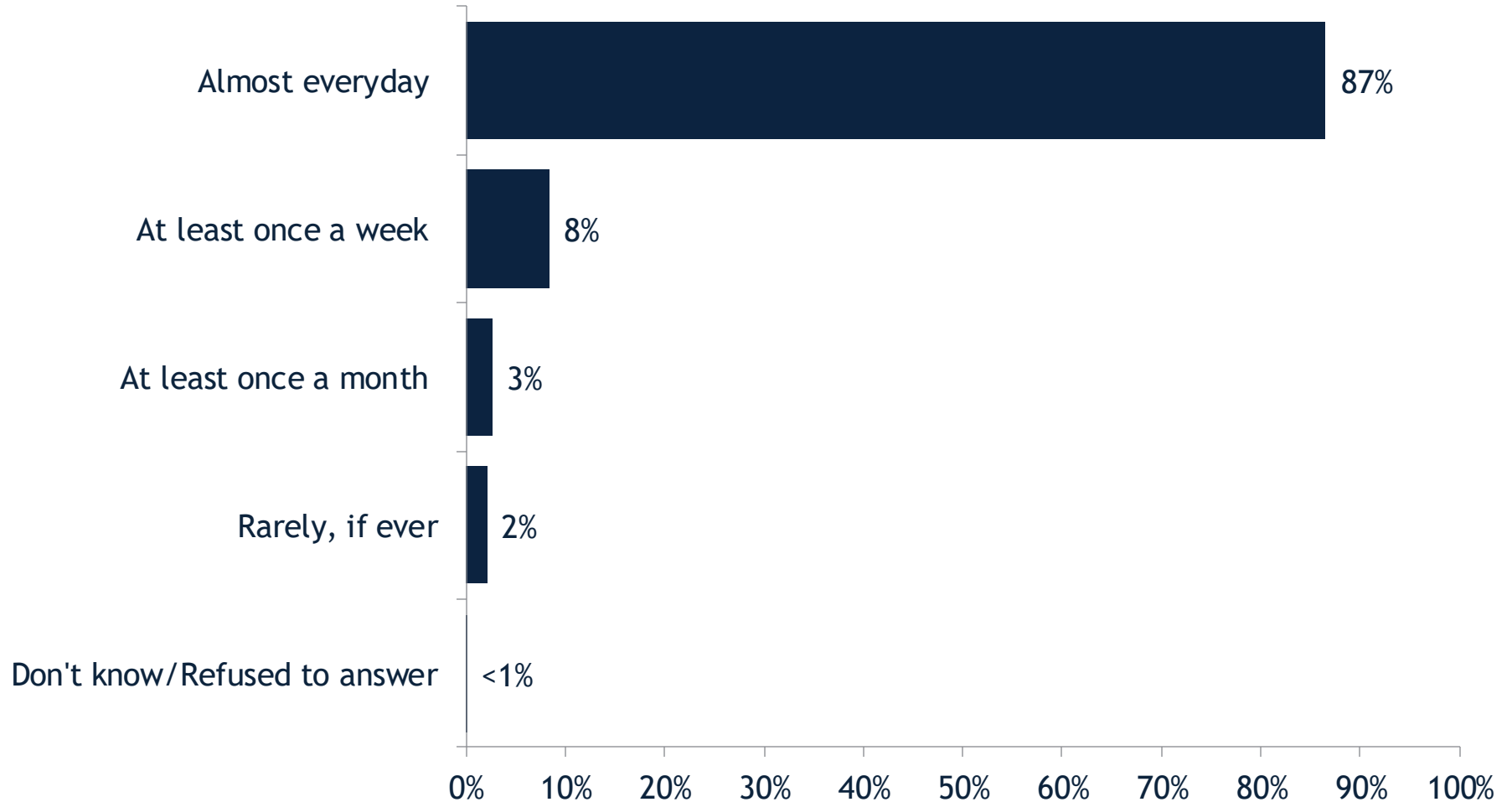
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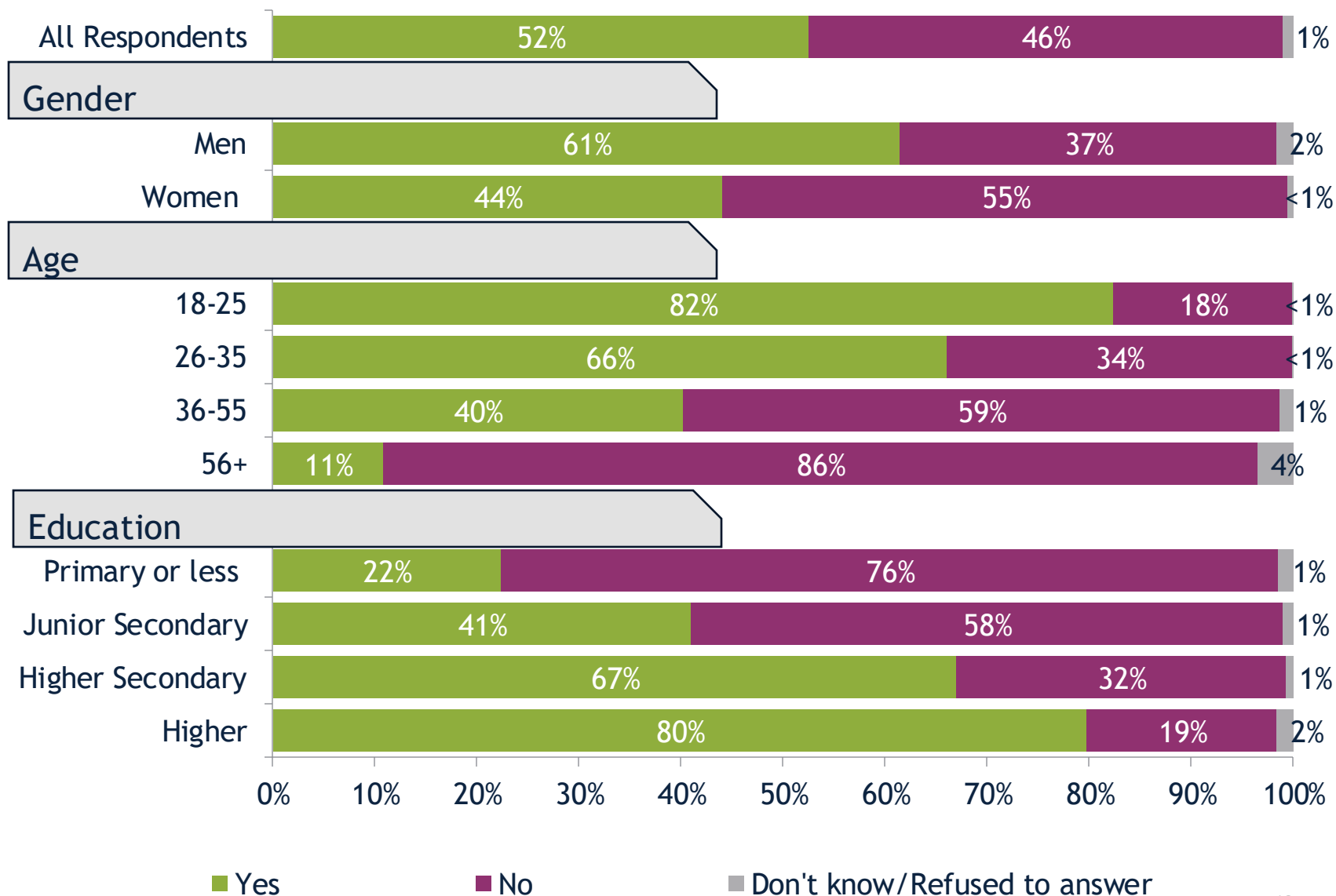


How often do you use Facebook?

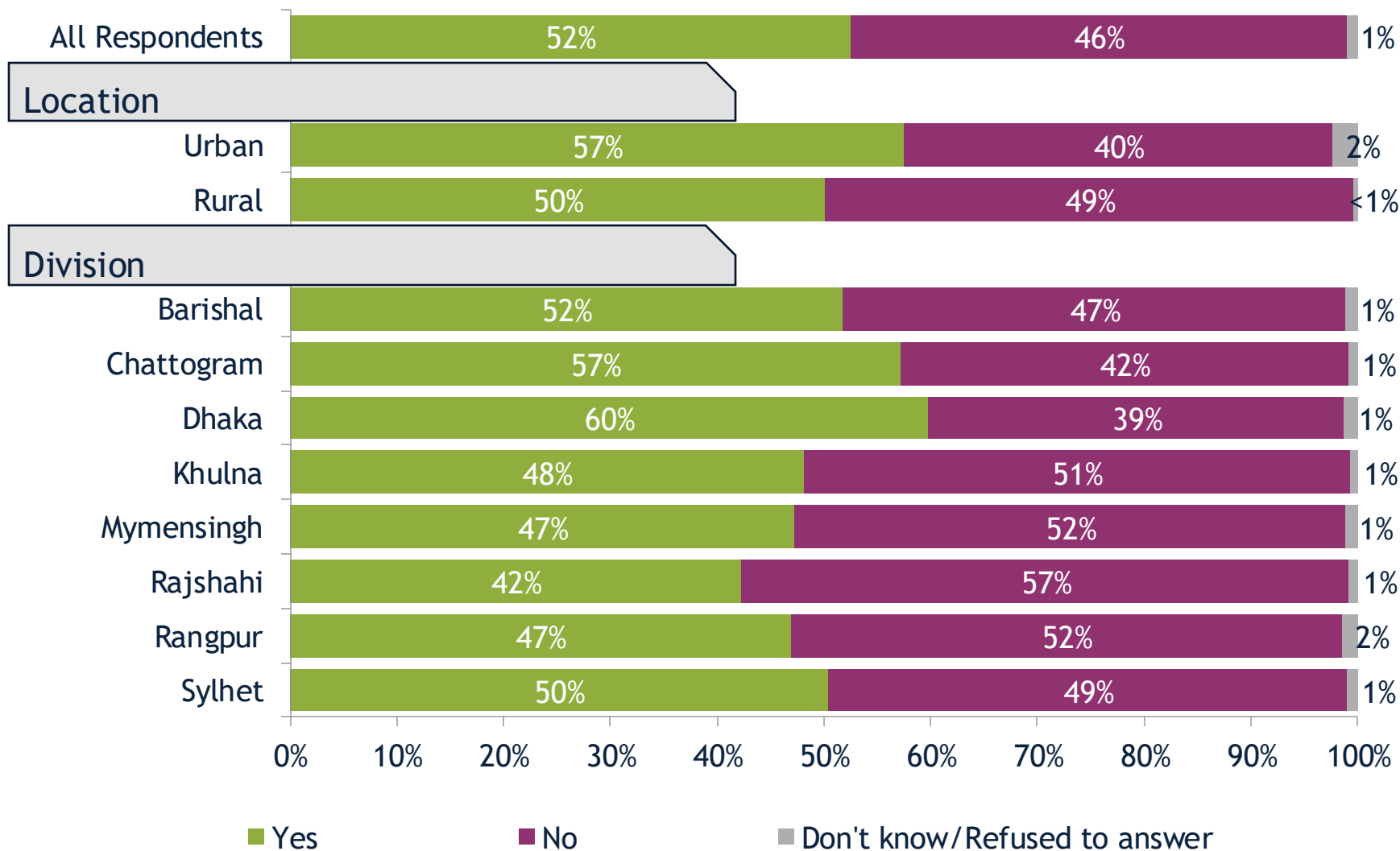
(Asked of those who responded that they used Facebook; n=2,438)



Do you have access to the Internet, either on a phone or a computer?



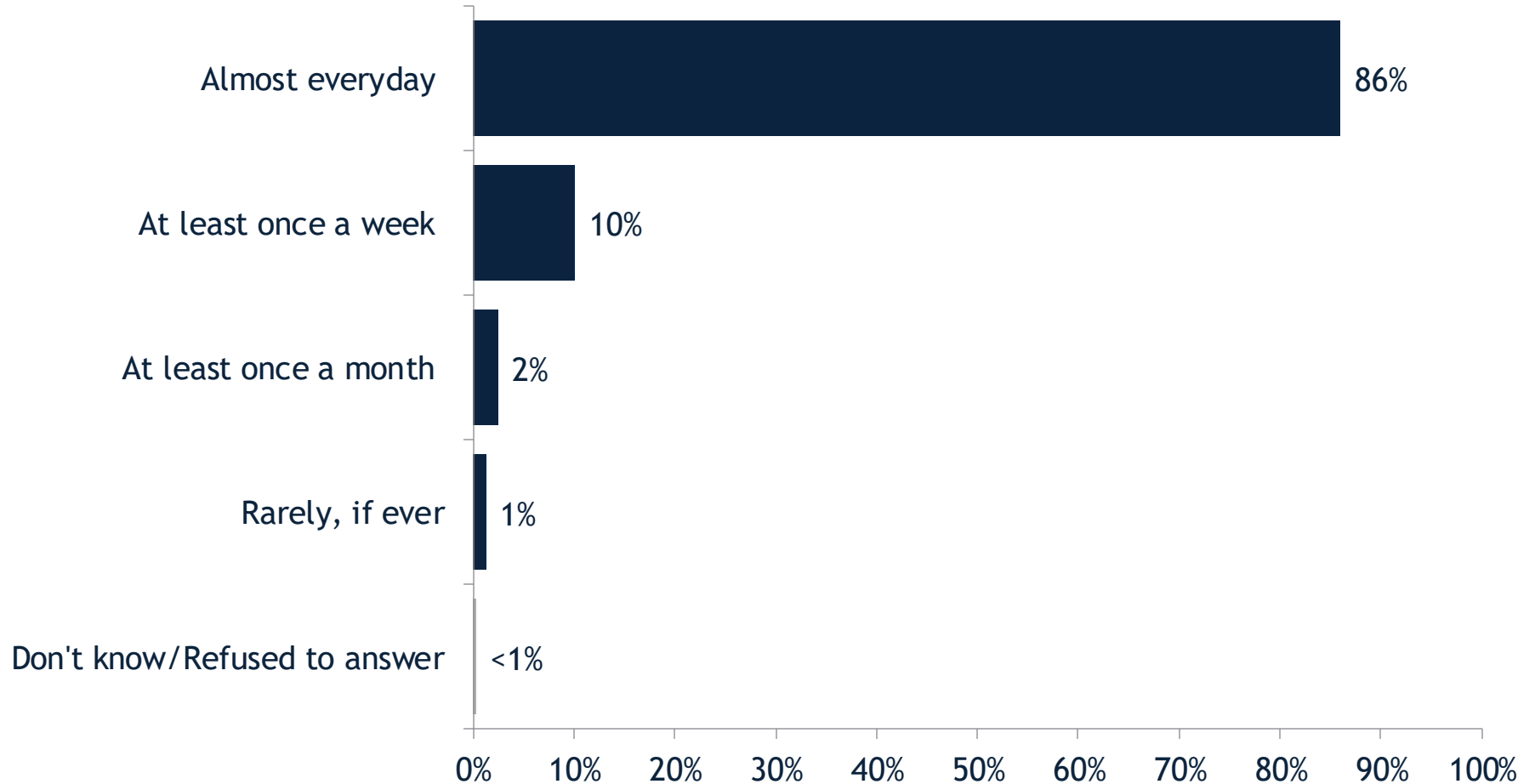
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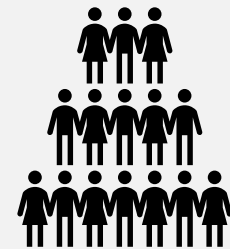


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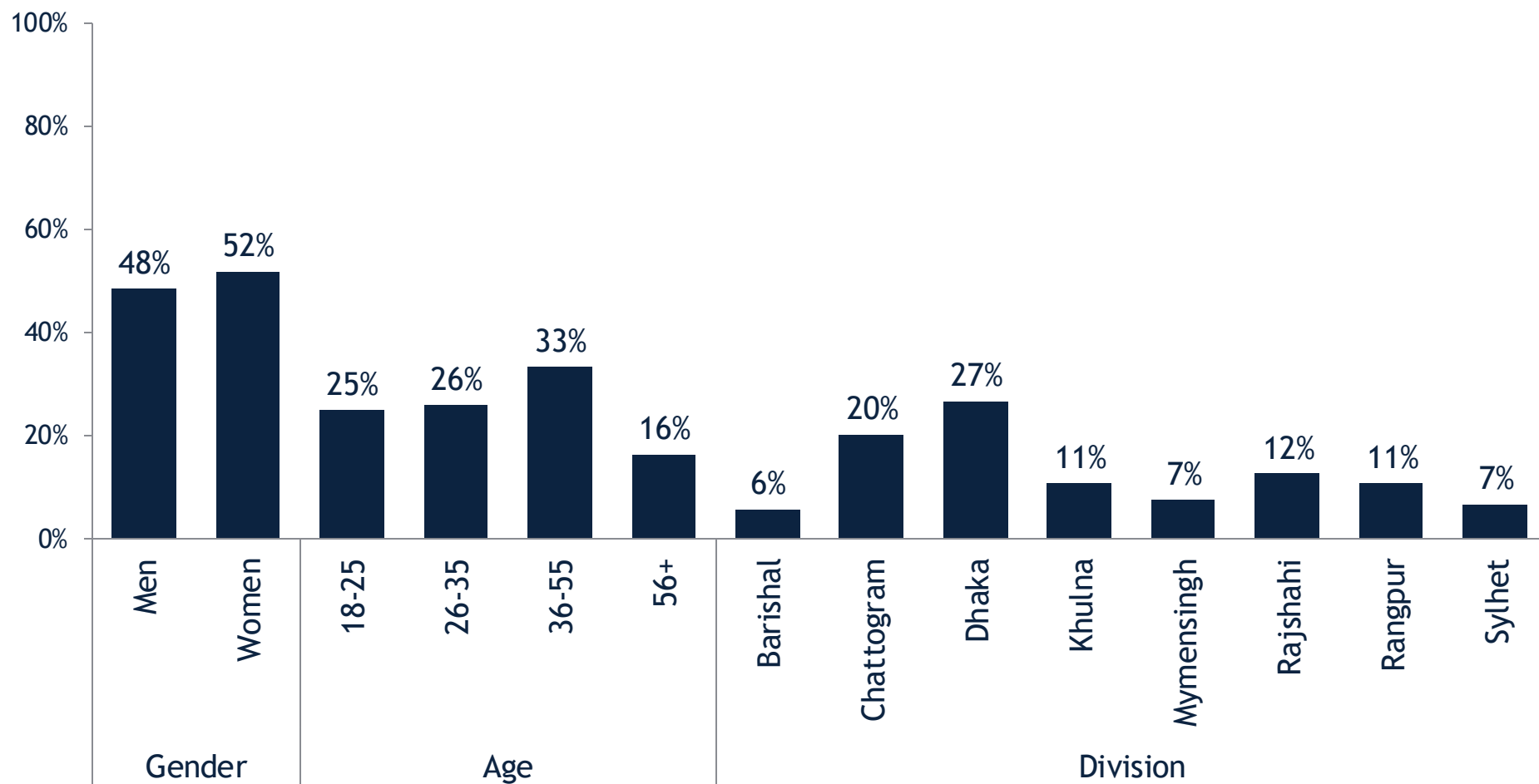
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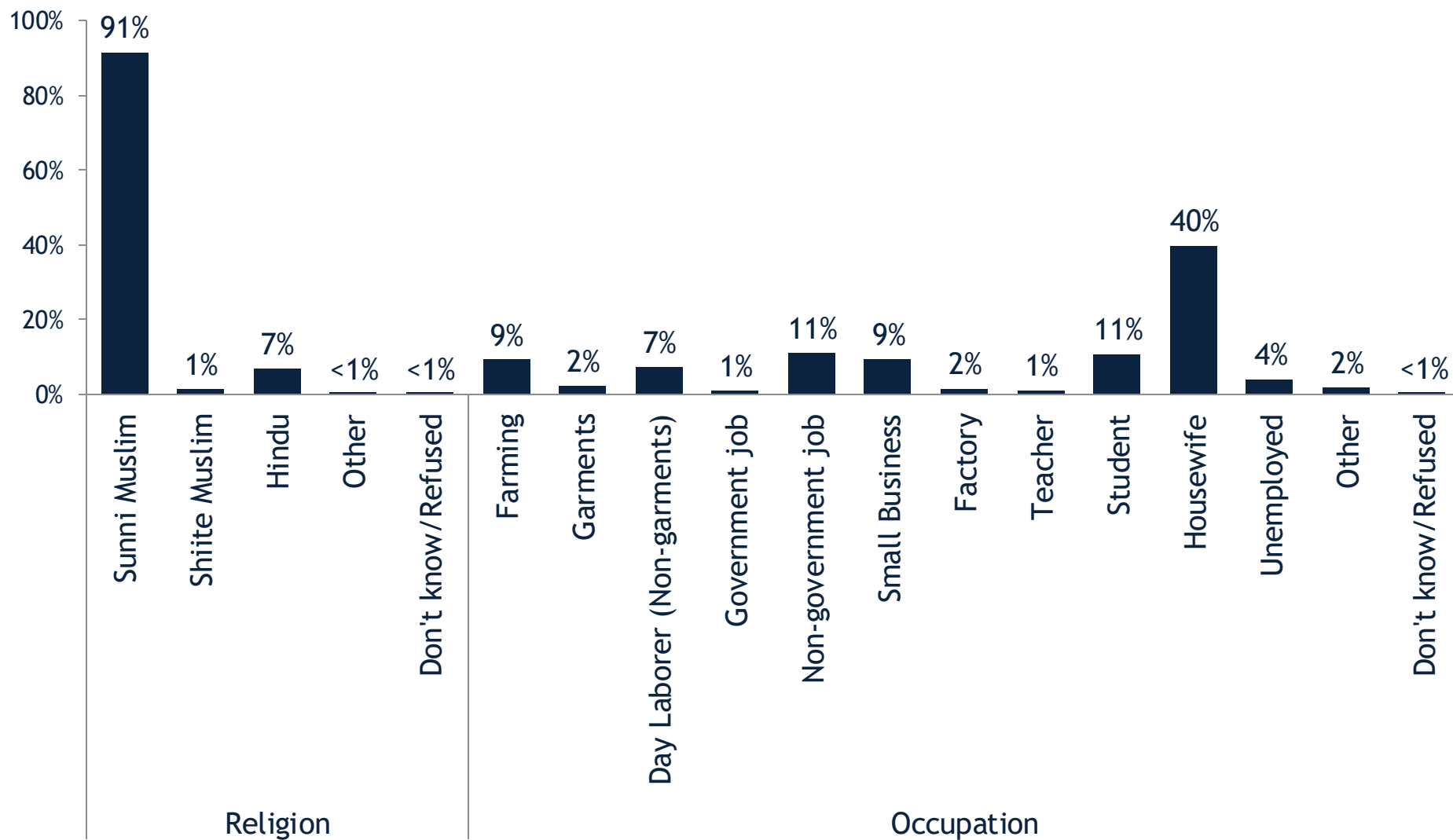
Demographics



Demographics I.

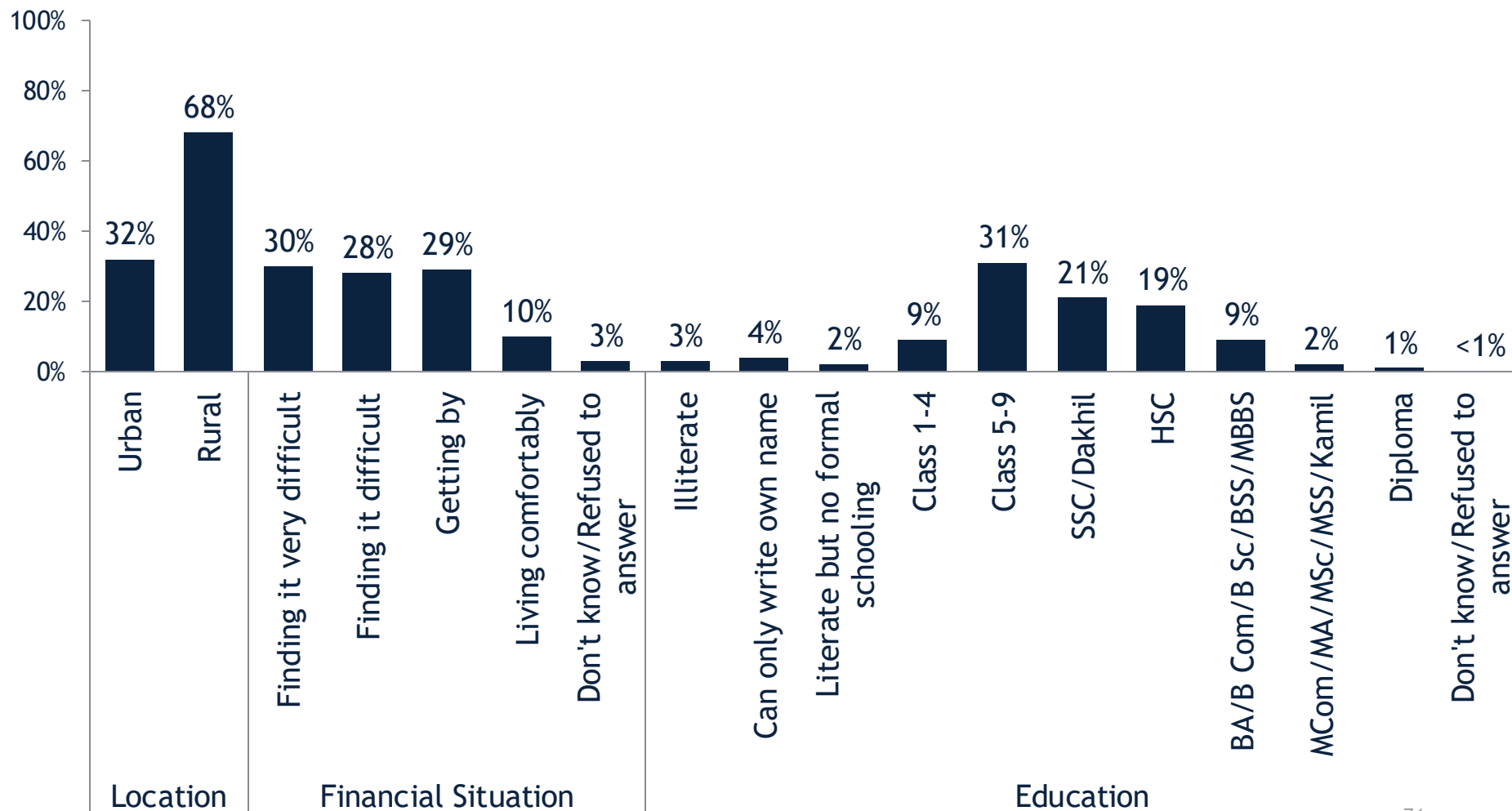


Demographics II.



*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into *Other*

Demographics III.



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